

## Demonstration (crazy arch case) Type A dissection

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## Clinical presentation @ regional hospital

- 57 Y.O. Woman
- History: Hypertension, Turner's syndrome.
- No former heart disease.
- Sudden unset of chest pain that irridated dorsally followed by nausea, paleness and sweating



## Clincal presentation<br/> @ regional hospital

- In the Emergeny Room: EKG with no specific changes but coronary infarction was suspected and aspirine and clopridogel was given
- Acute CTA was performed



# Type A dissection with heart tamponade





## Clincal presentation<br/> @ regional hospital

- Circulatory collapse
- US: beginning heart tamponade

## Initial treatment @ regional hospital

- Subxiphoid pericardial window in the OR
- During transport to the helicopter ramp patient once again suffered circulatory collapse
- Back in the OR a stenotomy was performed
- Pulsative bleeding from the aortic root was controlled by a patch
- Helicopter transport with open chest to the tertiary center

## Treatment @ tertiary center

- At arrival internal heart massage was performed due to ventricular fibrillation
- Support by heart lung machine in 7 minutes
- ECC with deep hypothermia (25°)
- Resection of the ascending aorta and implantation of a short ascending graft



## Postoperative CTA







## Postop care @ tertiary center

- Neurological intact
- Discharged to the regional hospital @ day 8

## Postop care @ regional center

- Deterioration of organ functions
- Need for hemodialysis
- GI bleeding
- Decreased peripheral circulation (Ancle pressure=30mmHg)
- Transported back to tertiary center @ day 21

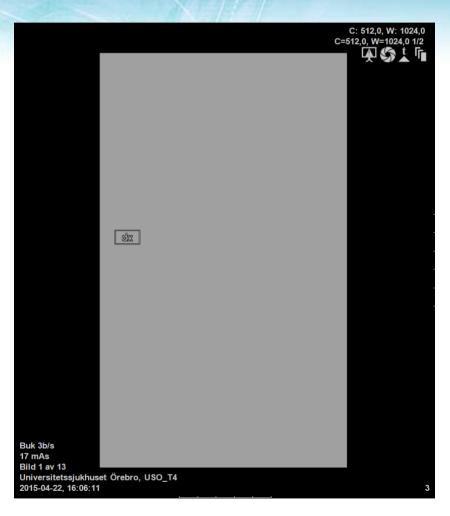


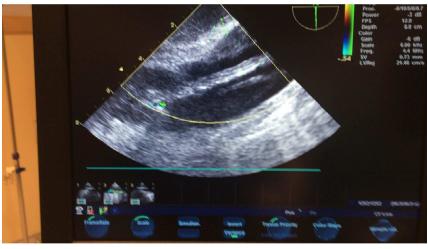
## Preoperative CTA





## Preop angiography and TEE







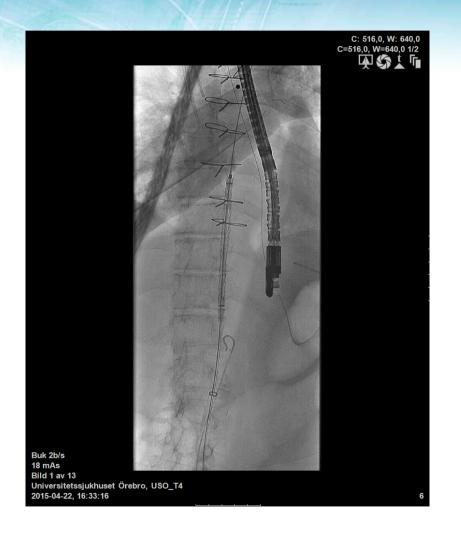
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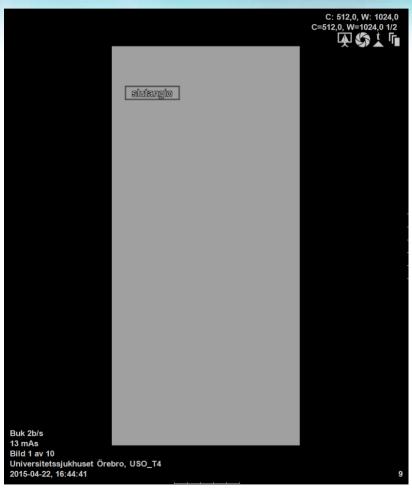
Stupidness = having or showing a lack of ability to learn and understand things

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## Stentgraft deployment

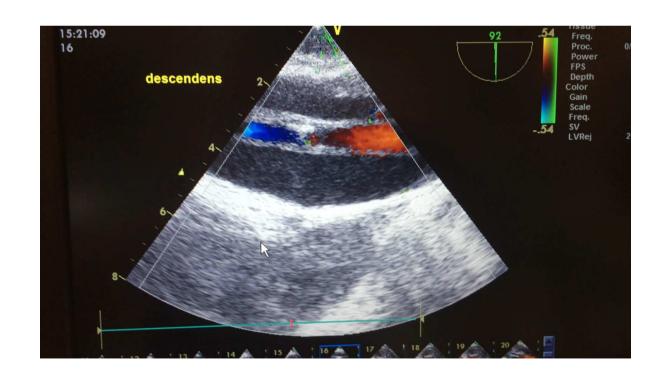






### Postoperative examination

- No permanent increase of ABI
- Continued organ dysfunction @ day 25





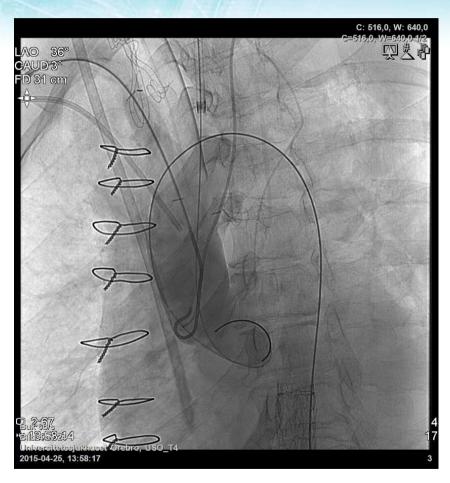
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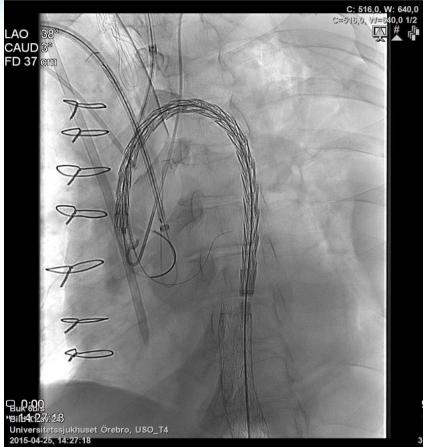
- Aortic arch debranching to cover all entries proximal of the stentgraft
- No additional chest surgery
- Chimney technique to preserve the brachiocephalic trunk and the left carotid
- Left carotid-subclavian bypass



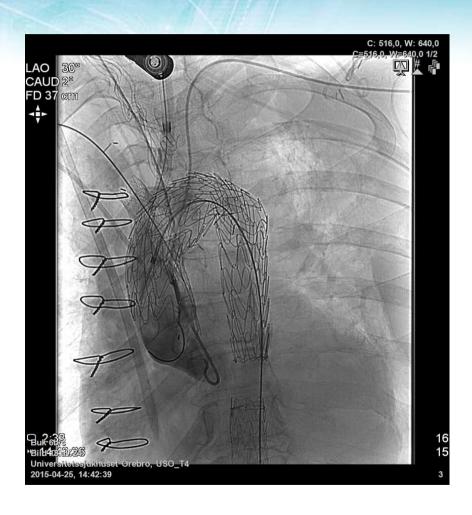


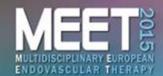


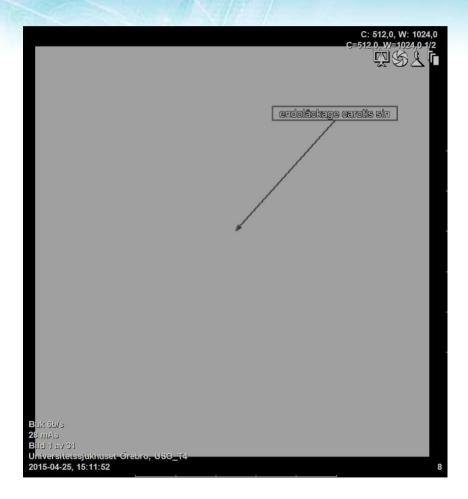


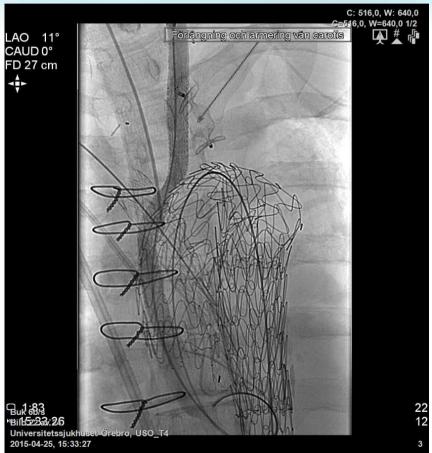




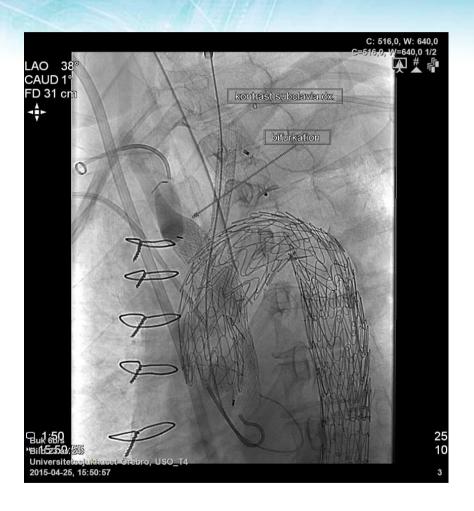






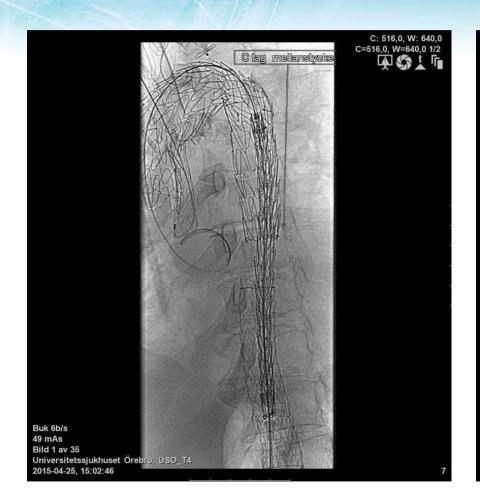






- Reversed Gore limb
   PXE121000 in the trunk
- Gore Viabahn 7x10cm
   with 8x5cm extension in the left carotid







## Postop care @ tertiary center

- Improvement in general condition
- Discharged to the regional hospital @ day 32

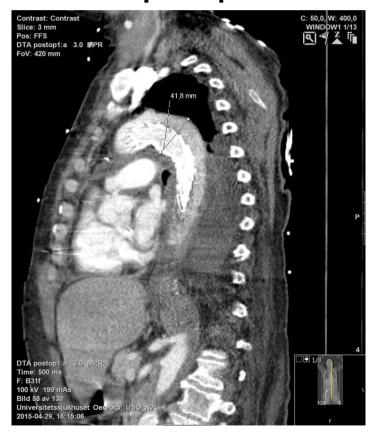
## Postop care @ regional hospital

- Gradually further improvement
- Free from dialysis
- Discharged to a rehab center @ day 51
- Discharged to home @ day 74



## Follow-up CTA

#### postop



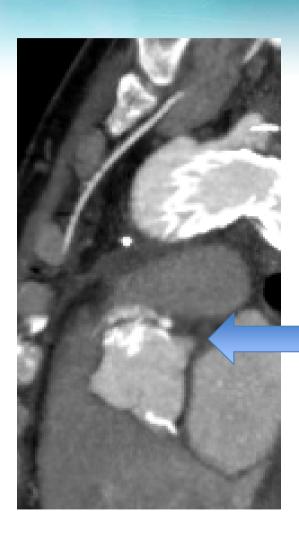
#### 30-day





## Follow-up CTA







#### Conclusion

- Thera are no short-tracks Treat the proximal entry(ies) first
- Chimney technique is a feasible tool but type I endoleak is a problem
- Try to expand the sealing zone by coming close to the coronary ostiums
- The value of team approach

