

Evidence for Mechanical Thrombectomy For Acute Ischemic Stroke

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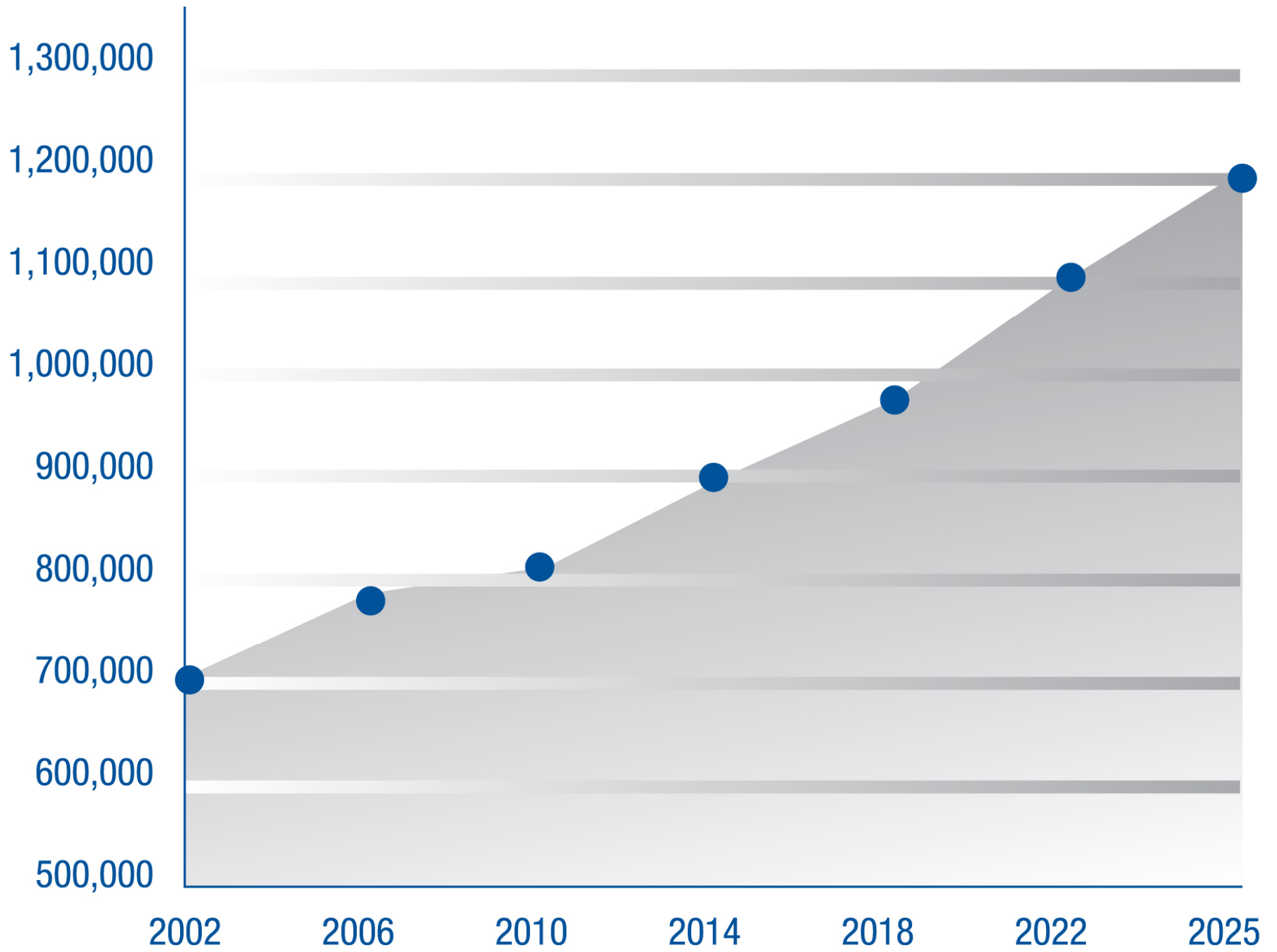
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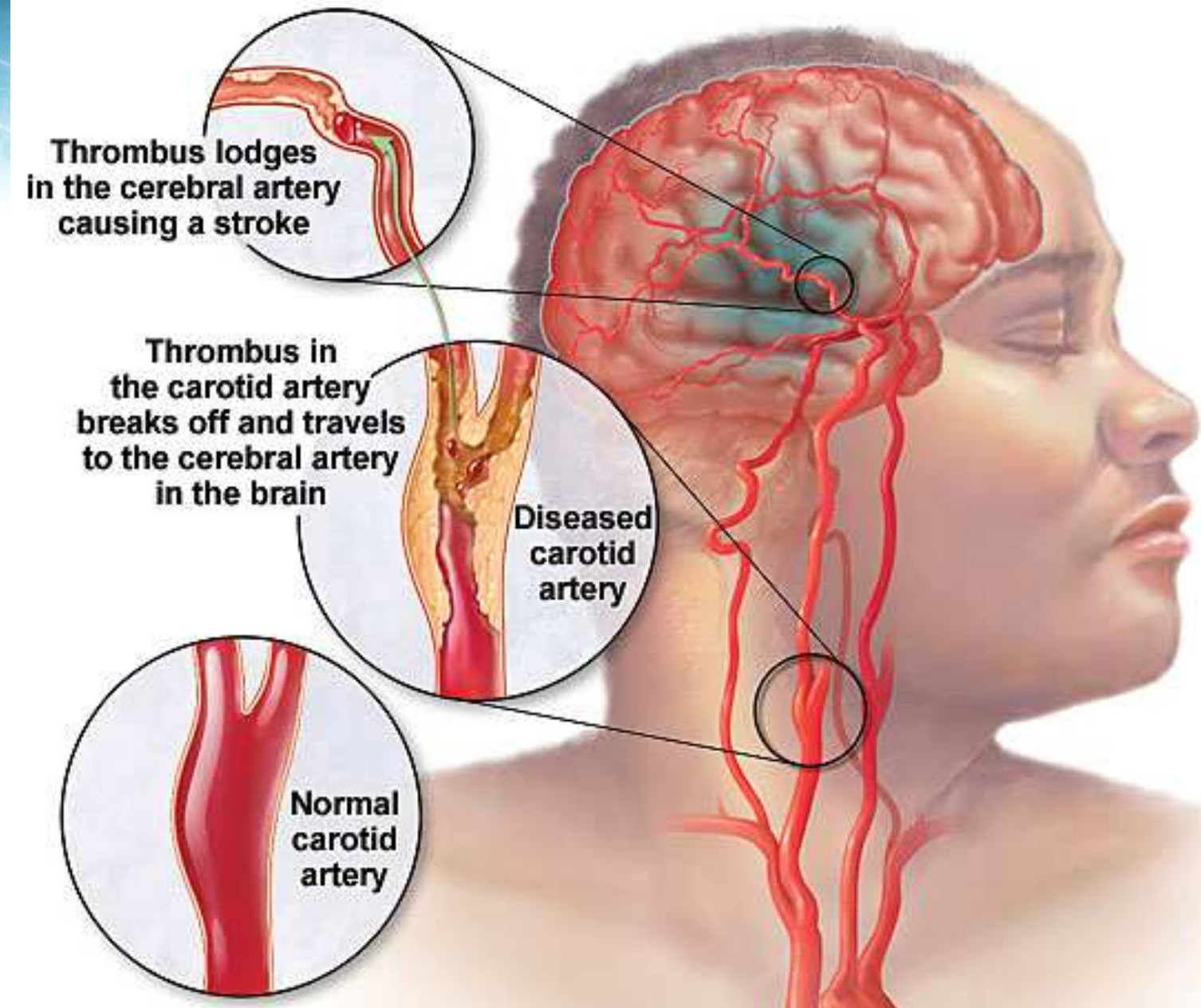
Public Health Impact of Stroke

Amazing Parallels with AMI

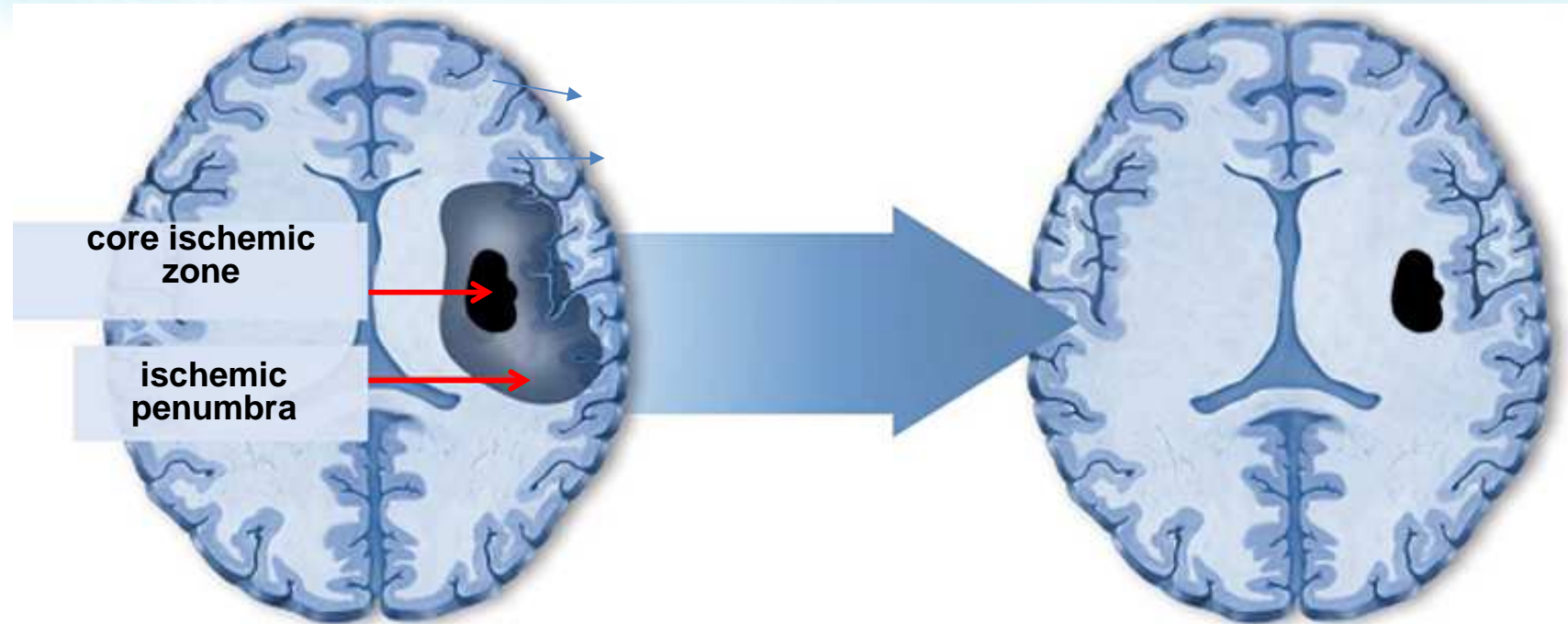
- 4th leading cause of death in US, 2nd worldwide
- Leading cause of long-term care disability
 - Most prevalent neurologic condition
 - Most common discharge diagnosis to nursing homes
 - Most common diagnosis treated in rehab
 - \$70 Billion Annually in US



Plaque Rupture (AMI) vs Embolus



Rapid Reperfusion May Reduce Neurologic Deficit *Just Like AMI*



- Reperfusion of the ischemic penumbra may reduce the extent of damage and improve recovery of function
- Time is Brain

Goal of Acute Stroke Treatment

Just Like AMI

- Restore blood flow to salvageable brain
- Reduce infarct volume
- Improve clinical outcomes

The Rumor

- Many called for the end of Endovascular Stroke therapy after the publication of 3 negative trials in NEJM in 2013
 - IMS III
 - SYNTHESIS
 - MR RESCUE
- These trials concluded that there is no difference between standard medical therapy and endovascular therapy

What did we learn

- Large Vessel occlusion = best target
- Stroke intervention is safe
- Modern Clot retrievers are effective
 - **Only 5% of patients had modern therapy in these trials**

The Truth

Stroke Intervention Works

Just Like AMI

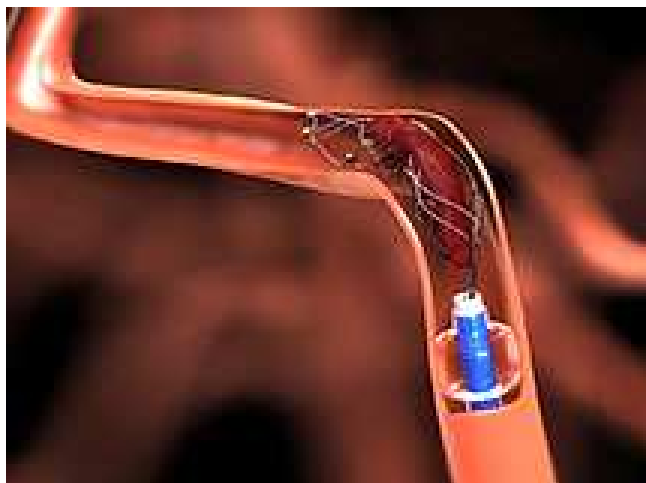
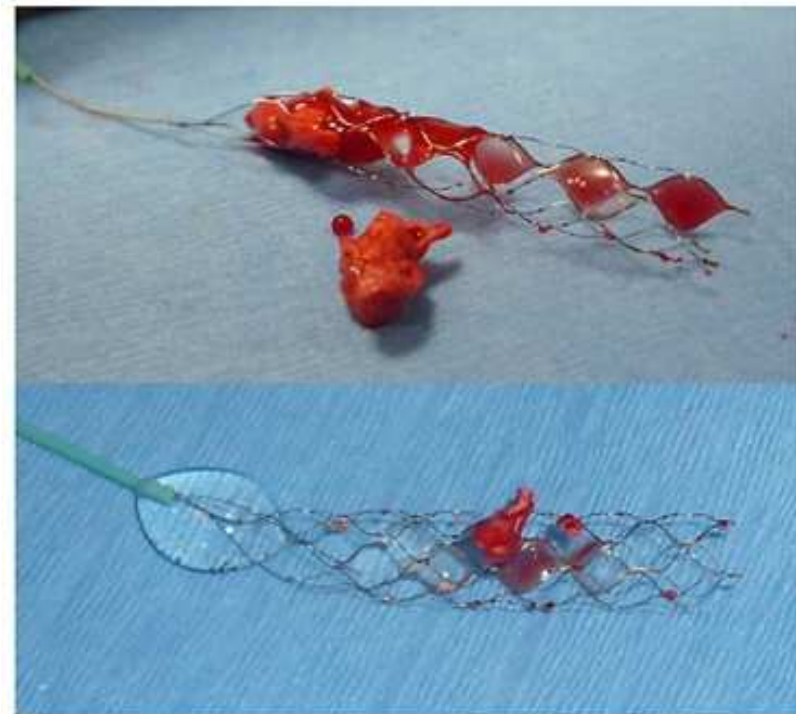
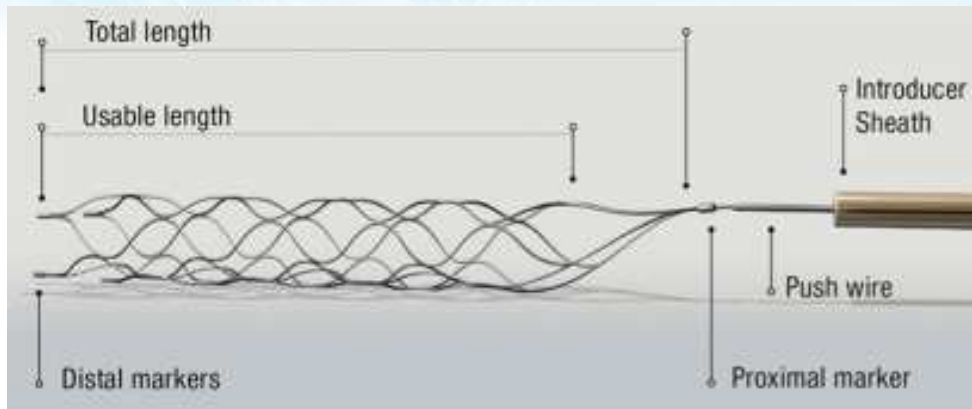
- This year has seen the publication of 5 major studies evaluating the role of endovascular therapy in stroke treatment
 - MR CLEAN
 - EXTEND-IA
 - ESCAPE
 - SWIFT PRIME
 - REVASCAT
- ALL 5 trials stopped because of significant benefit in the Endovascular arms

Interventions in Cardiology

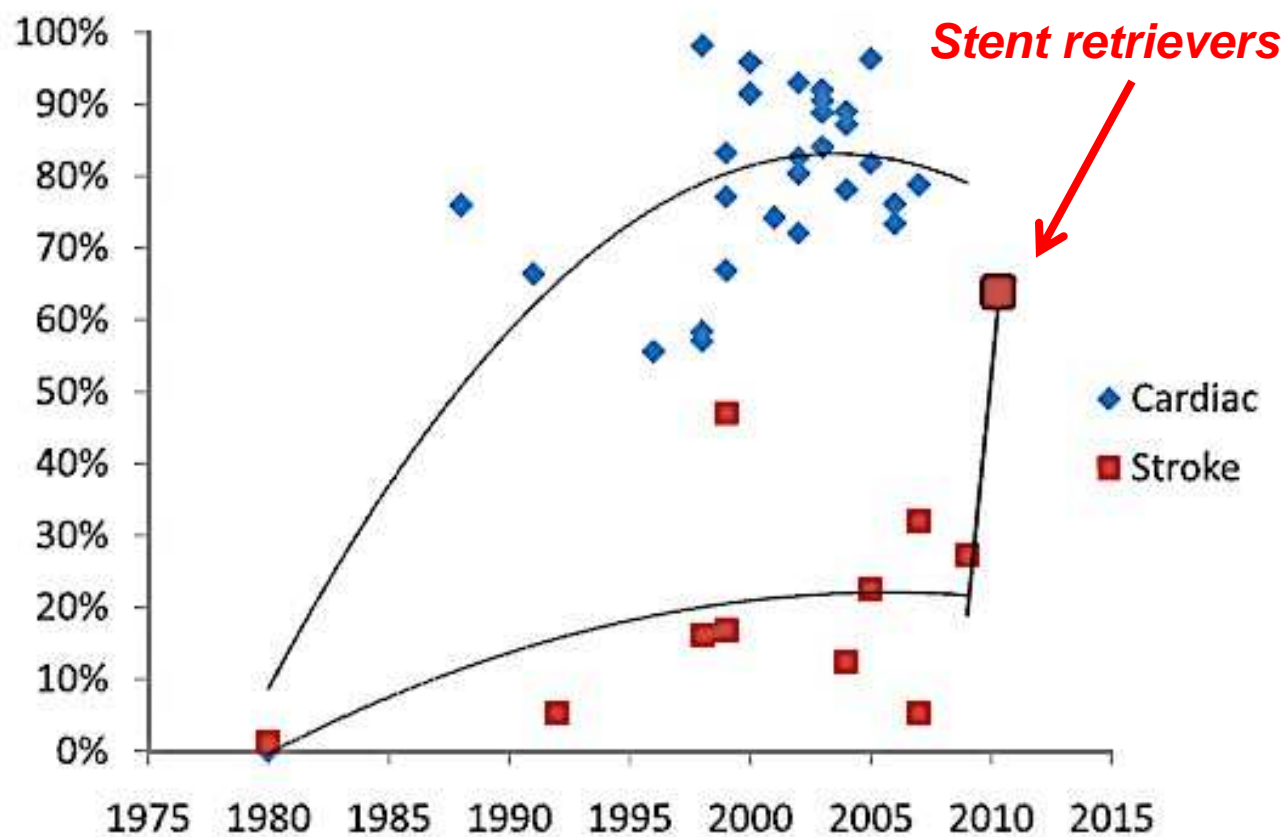
- Current status of stroke neurointerventions reminiscent of the evolution of PCI procedures **for AMI**
- Thrombolysis evolved to PCI as...
 - **Technology improved**
 - **Data showed efficacy**
 - **Cardiologists adapted to change**

What is a Stentriever?

A Stent Attached to a Wire



Why it matters



What Made These Trials Different?

- Confirmation of large vessel occlusion
- Use of retrievable stents in the majority of patients



MR CLEAN

Netherlands

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ENDOVASCULAR THERAPY

- Proximal anterior circulation occlusion
- Randomized to endovascular therapy or usual care within 6 hrs of symptom onset (90% received IV tPA)
- RESULTS:
- Endovascular showed improvement in functional independence at 90 days
 - 32.6% vs 19.1% (95% CI, 5.9 to 21.2)
- No significant difference in mortality
- No significant difference in symptomatic ICH

ESCAPE

Canada

- Proximal anterior circulation occlusion
- Randomized to endovascular therapy or usual care within 12 hrs of symptom onset
- RESULTS:
- Endovascular showed improvement in functional independence at 90 days
 - 53% vs 29.3% (P<0.001)
- Improvement in mortality in endovascular group
 - 10.4%, vs. 19.0% (P=0.04)
- No significant differences in the occurrence of symptomatic ICH

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EXTEND-IA

Australia

- Proximal anterior circulation occlusion
- Randomized patients who received IV-tPA to undergo endovascular therapy with Solitaire or continue receiving IV-tPA alone
- RESULTS:
- Endovascular showed improvement in functional independence at 90 days
 - 71% vs 40% (P = 0.01)
- No significant differences in mortality or the occurrence of symptomatic ICH
- NNT = 3



SWIFT PRIME

Medtronic- US

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- Proximal anterior circulation occlusion
- Randomized patients who received IV-tPA to undergo endovascular therapy with Solitaire or continue receiving IV-tPA alone
- RESULTS:
- Endovascular showed improvement in functional independence at 90 days
 - 60.2% vs 35.5% , $P < 0.001$
- No significant differences in mortality or the occurrence of symptomatic ICH
- NNT = 4

REVASCAT

Medtronic- Spain

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- Proximal anterior circulation occlusion
- Randomly assigned patients within 8 hrs of symptom onset to receive medical therapy alone or endovascular therapy with Solitaire retrievable stent
- RESULTS:
- Endovascular showed improvement in functional independence at 90 days
 - 43.7% vs. 28.2% (95% CI, 1.1 to 4.0)
- No significant differences in mortality or the occurrence of symptomatic ICH

What's the point?

- Documented large vessel occlusion
- Use of contemporary (and successful/reliable) endovascular techniques
- Intervention works...Just Like AMI !!

Critics

Additional imaging &
endovascular
evaluation delays
treatment



Endovascular Triage and Therapy Does Not Delay Treatment Initiation

Study	From symptom onset to IV tPA*		From symptom onset to groin puncture	From groin puncture to recanalization
	Endovascular	IV tPA Alone		
MR CLEAN ³⁰	85 (67-110)	87 (65-116)	260	30
EXTEND-IA ³³	127 (93-162)	145 (105-180)	210	43
ESCAPE ³¹	110 (80-142)	125 (89-183)	185	56
SWIFT PRIME	110.5 (85-156)	117 (80-155)	224	24
REVASCAT	117.5 (90-150)	105 (86-137.5)	269	59

SUMMARY

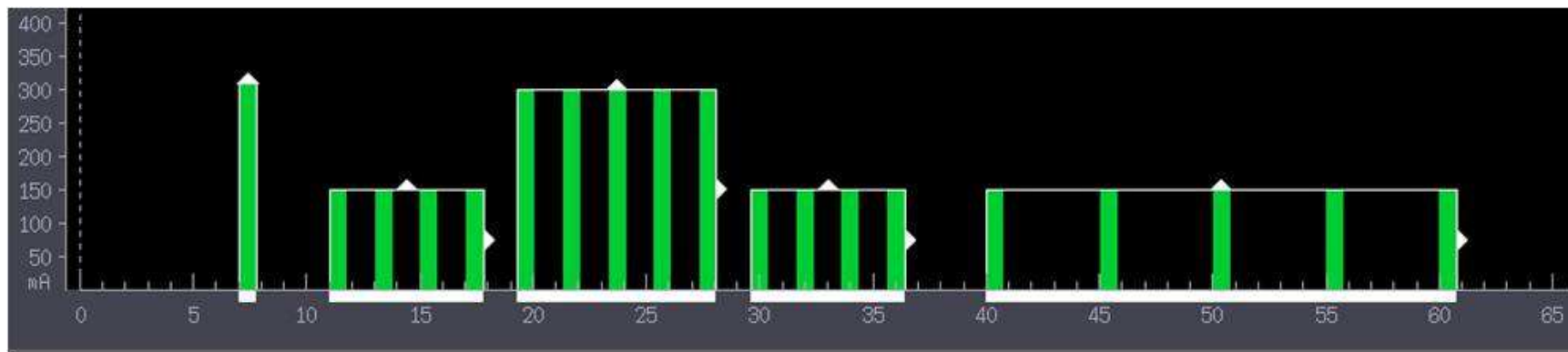
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- The Challenge:
 - To rapidly offer endovascular treatment to all eligible stroke patients
 - WE NEED HELP
 - Physiologic Imaging so that we can increase eligibility for treatment
 - Improved Speed to recanalization

What are Perfusion Studies?

- Dynamic Studies – not single snap shot
- Physiology: Transit Time, Blood Flow, Blood Volume
- Ability to distinguish core (infarcted tissue) from penumbra (salvagable tissue)
- Individualize stroke treatment

Neuro One Protocol

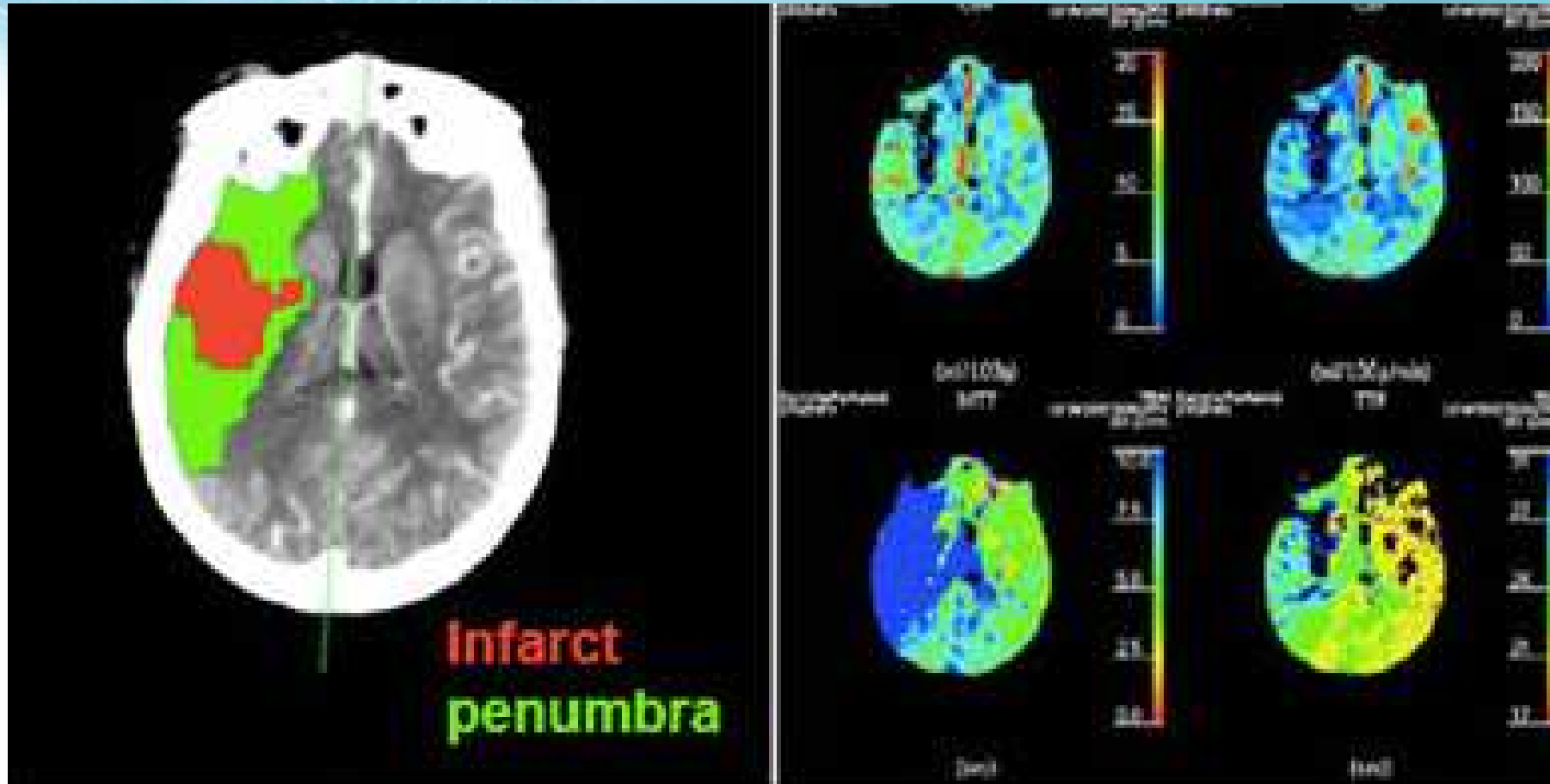
- Perfusion
 - 50 cc at 5cc/s 19 volumes
- Equivalent to 1.5 NCCT Rad Dose



Condition	rTTP	rCBF	rCBV
None	Normal	Normal	Normal
Art stenosis/ occl with comp	Prolonged	Normal	Normal or Increased
Oligemic	Prolonged	> 60%	> 80%
Tissue at risk	Prolonged	> 30%	> 60%
Dead tissue	Strong prolonged	< 30%	< 30-40%

Tomandl, 2003; Mayer 2000; Koenig
2001

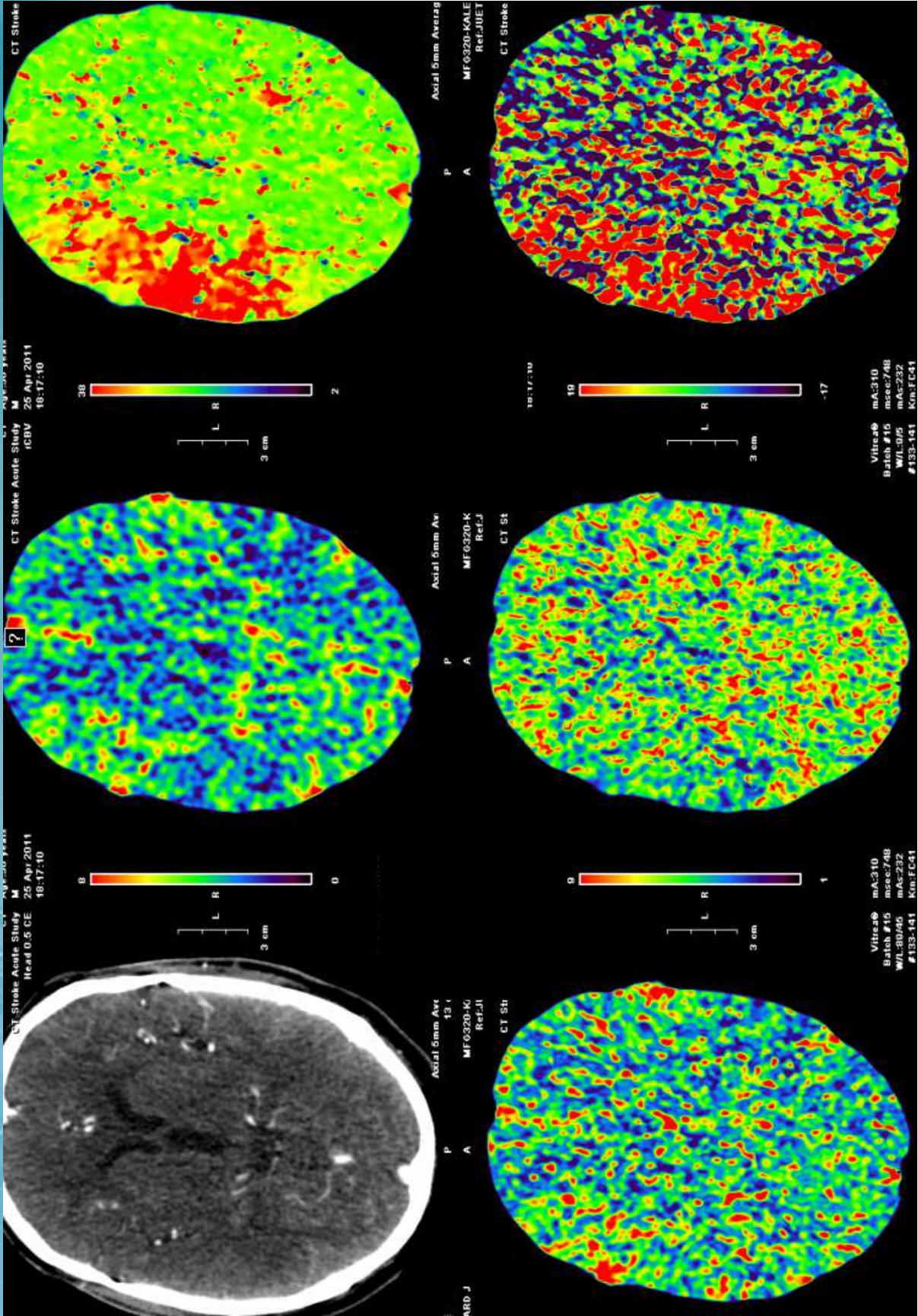
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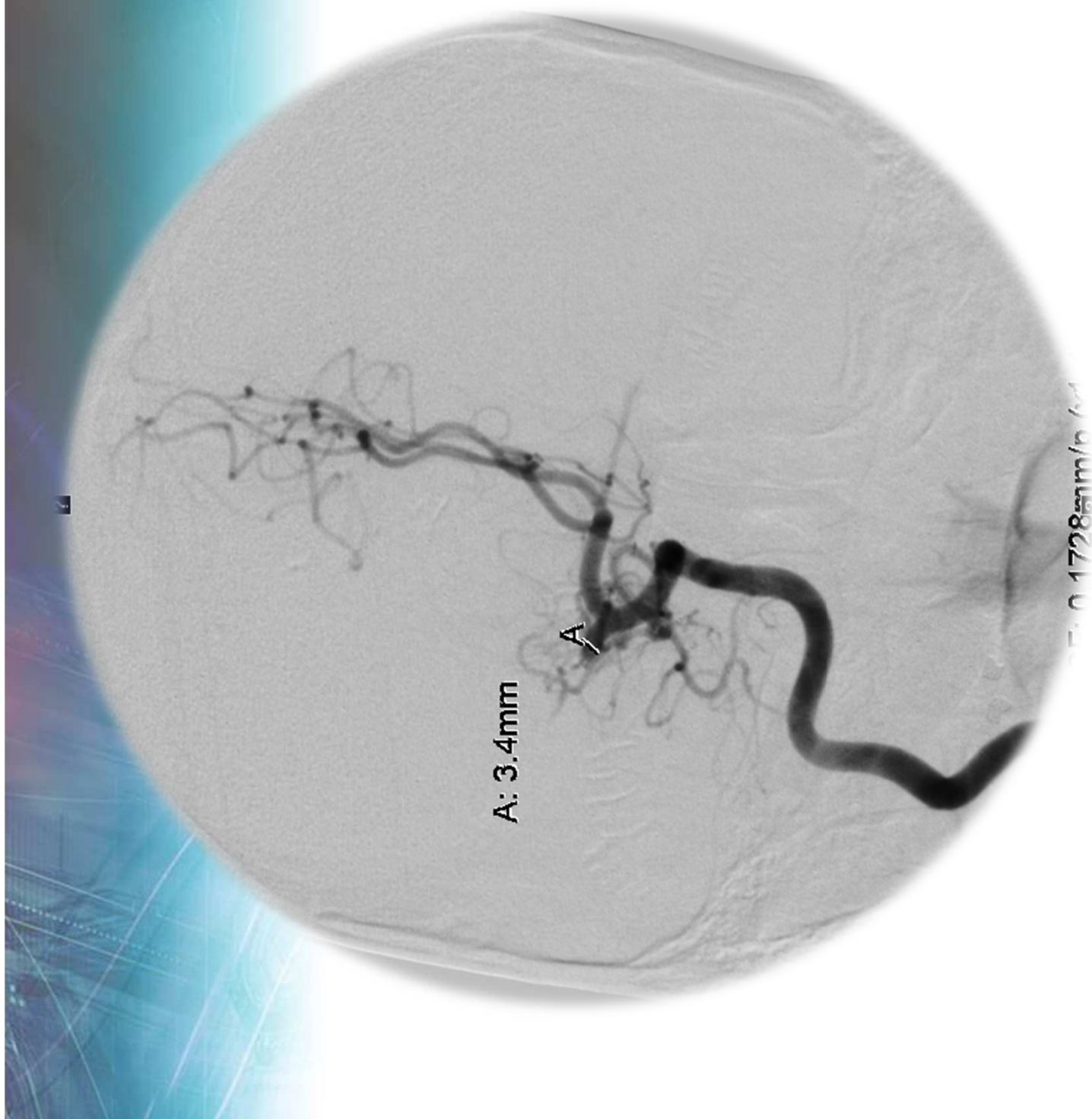


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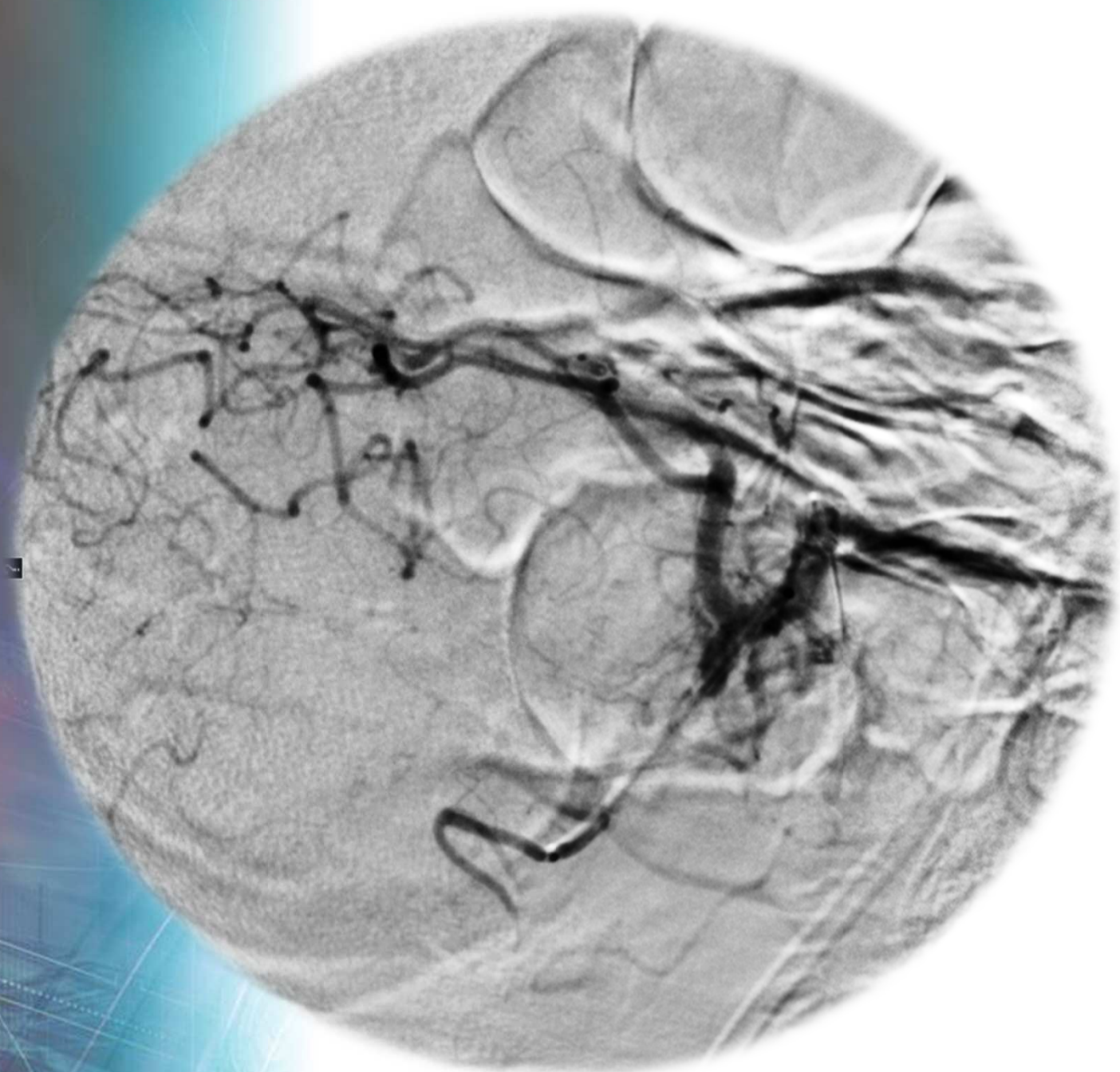
- 50 yo who woke up with with left hemiplegia, dysarthria, and facial droop.
- NIHSS = 16.

- PMH - Anxiety disorder, tobacco dependence, alcohol dependence

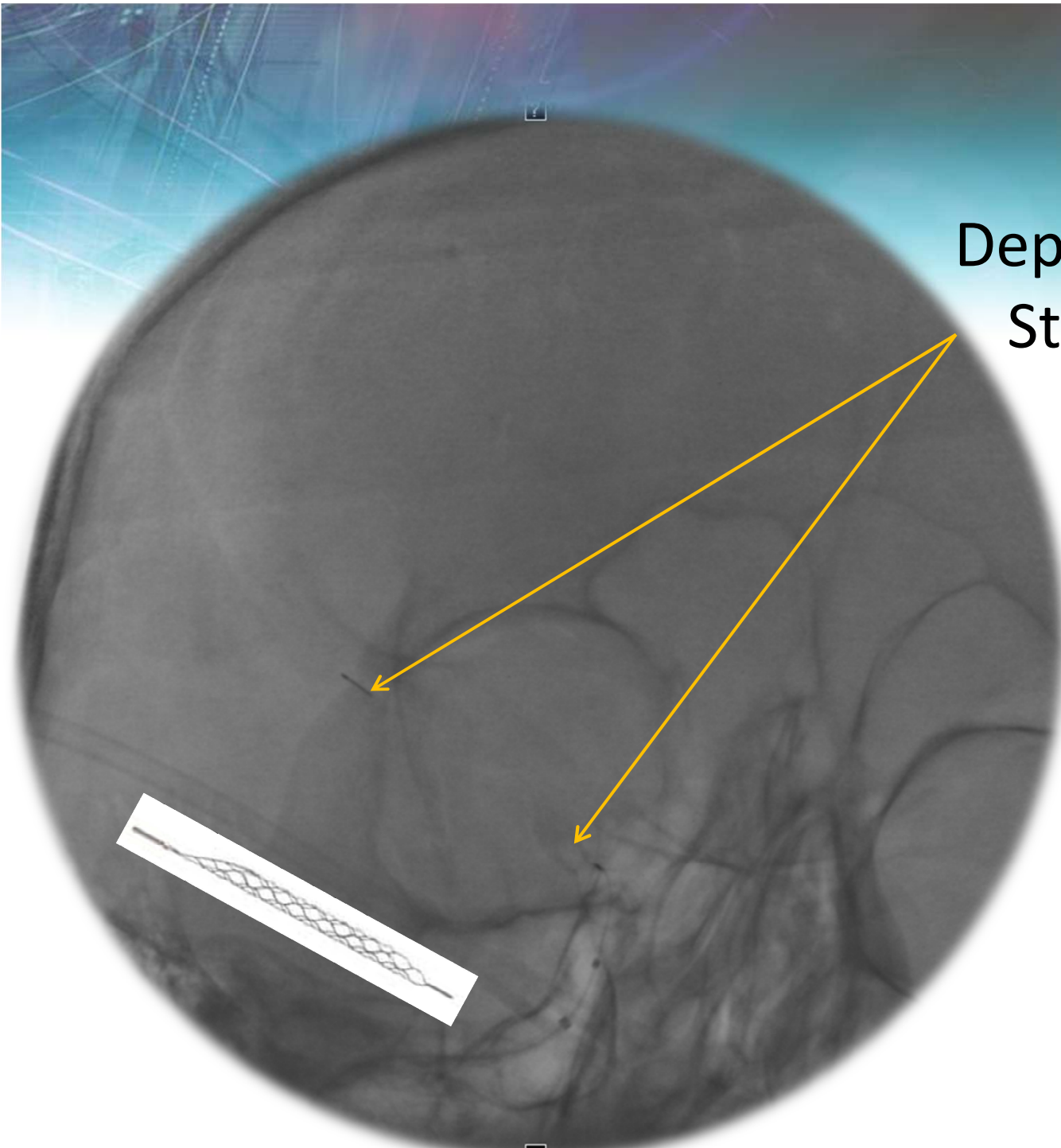




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Deployment of Stentriever

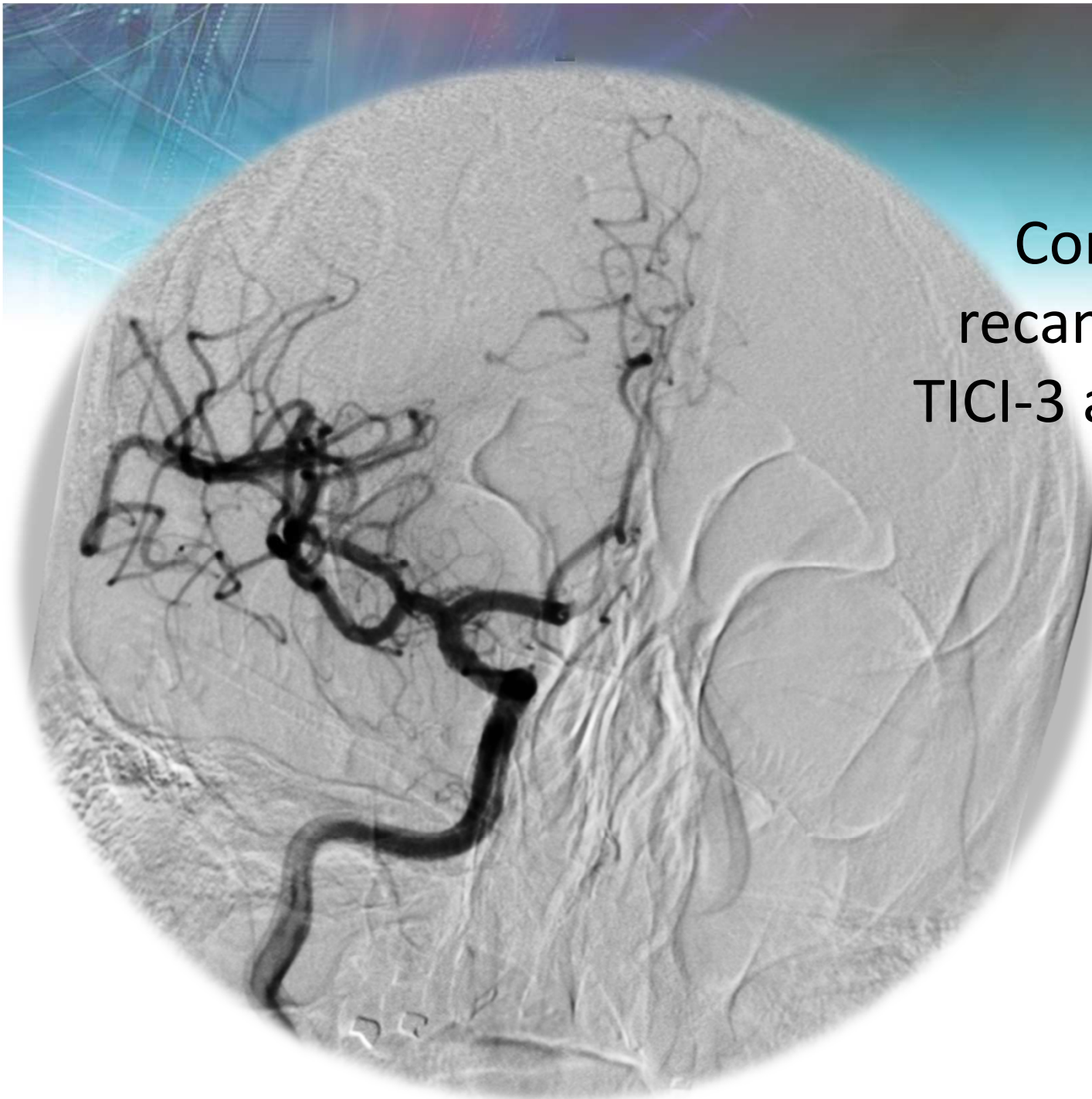




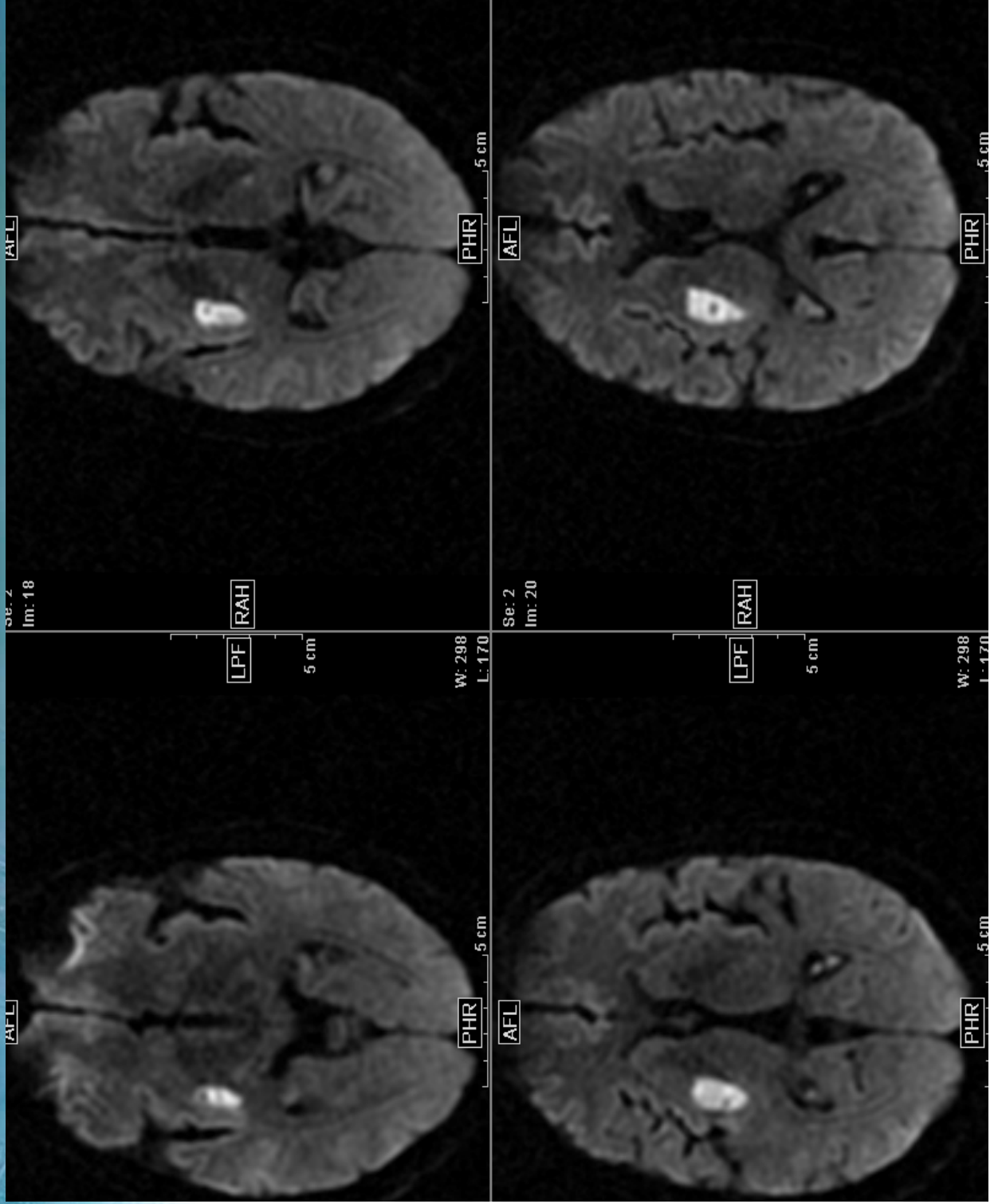
1st pull of the
microcatheter with the
retrieval device

Total intervention time
~20 min

Complete
recanalization
TICI-3 after 1 pull

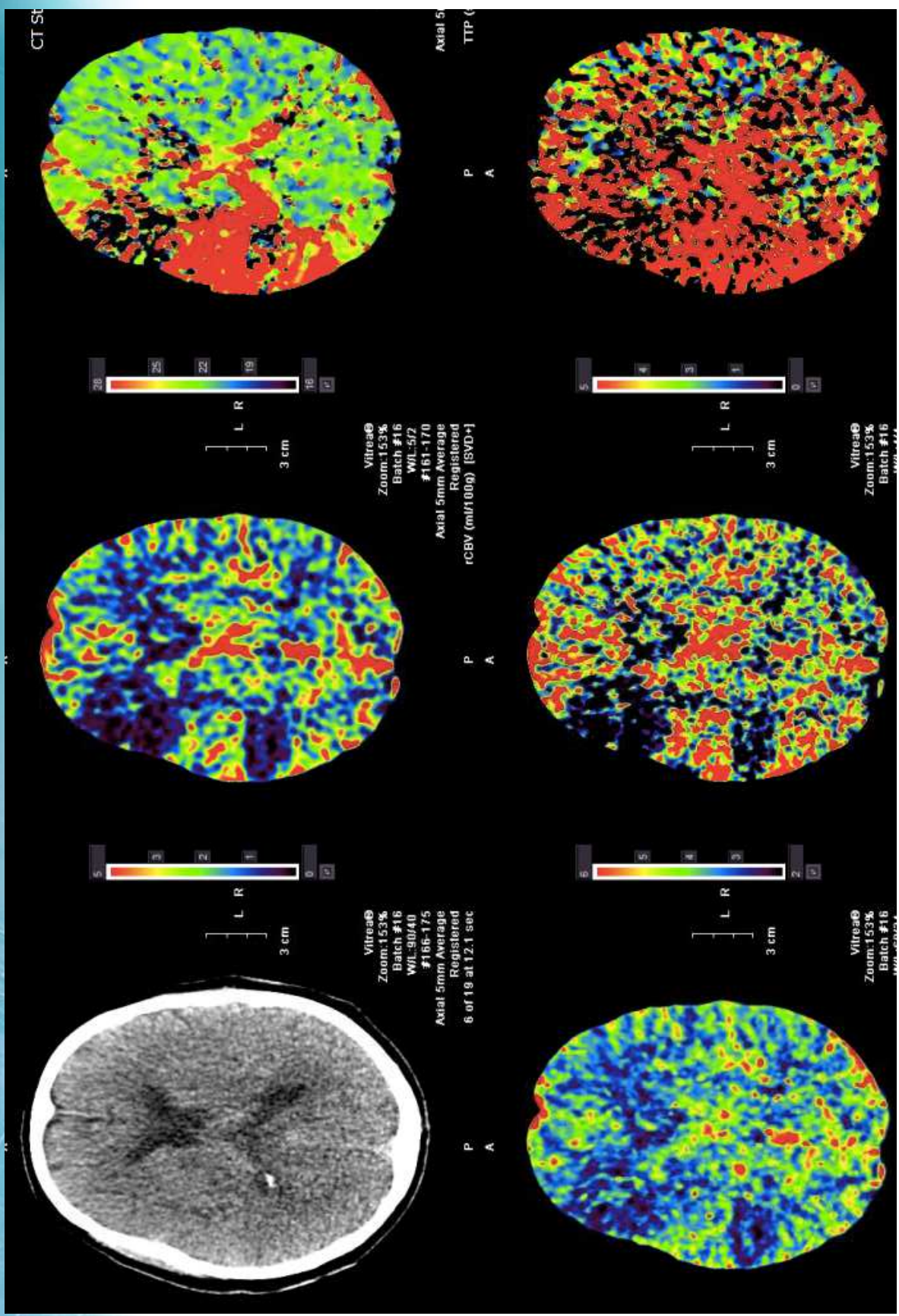


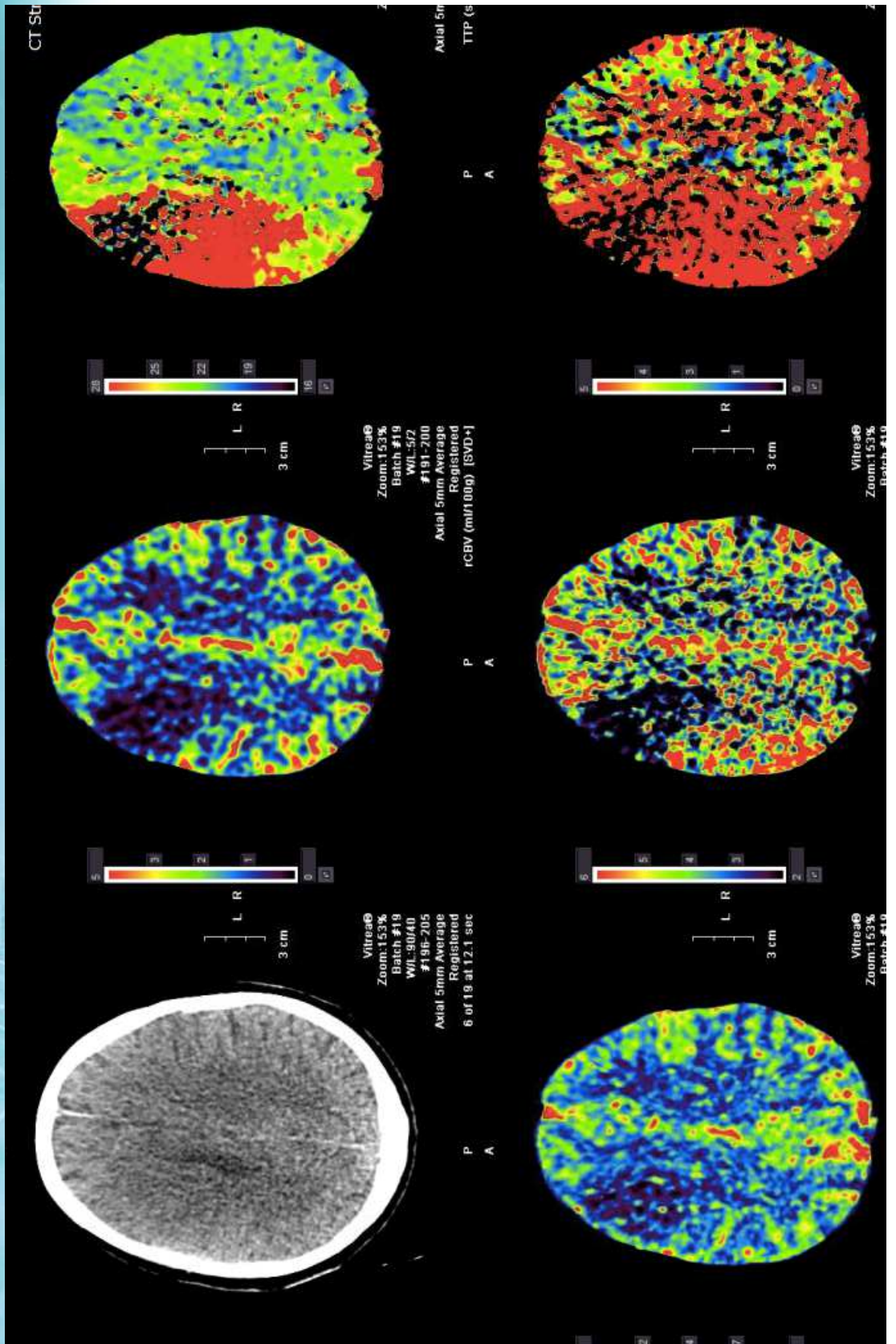
- In the angio suite – the patient could lift his Rt arm antigravity, improved gaze, NIHSS 16 to 5 immediately
- POD#1 NIH -3
- POD#2– NIH -0

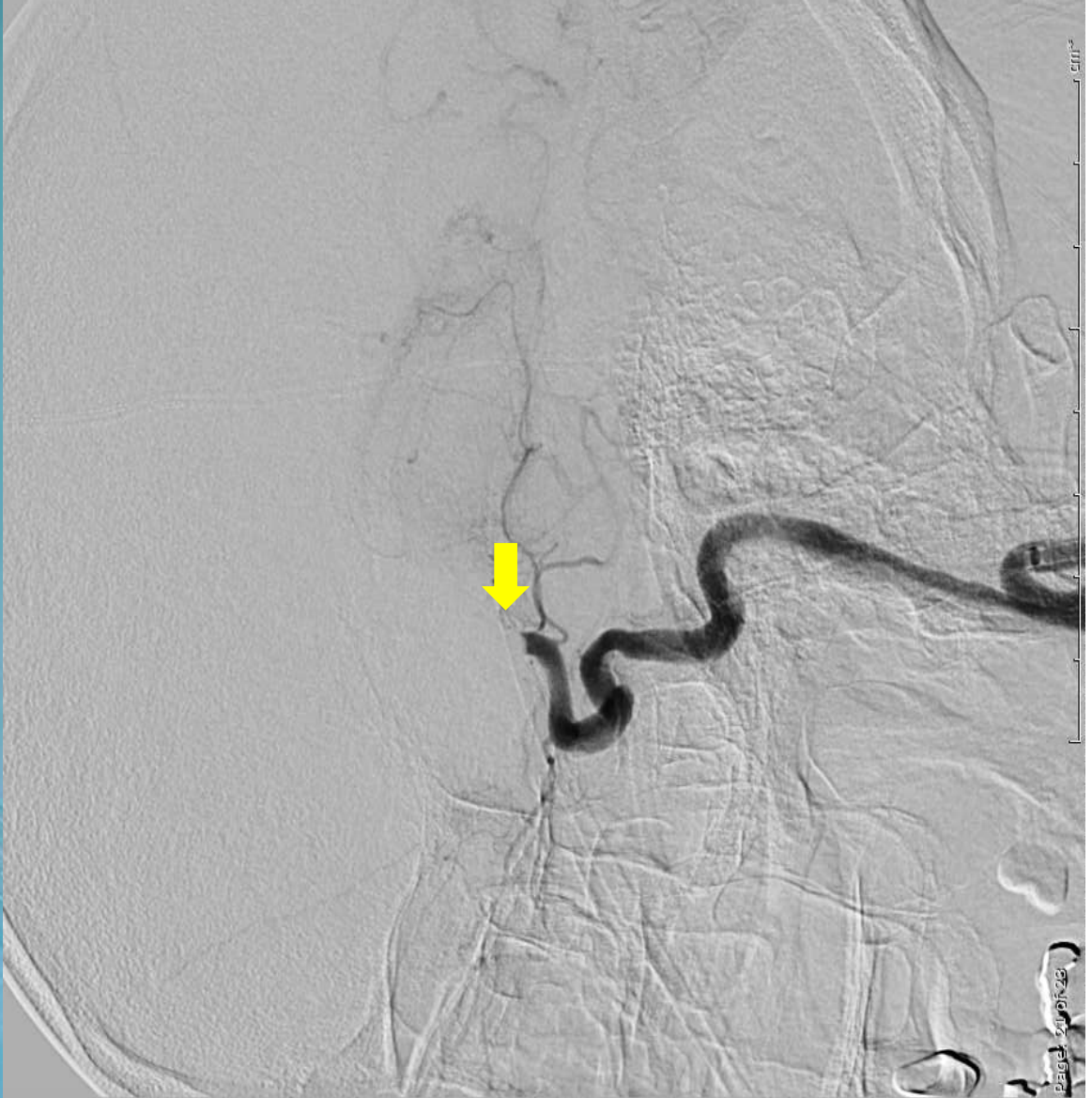


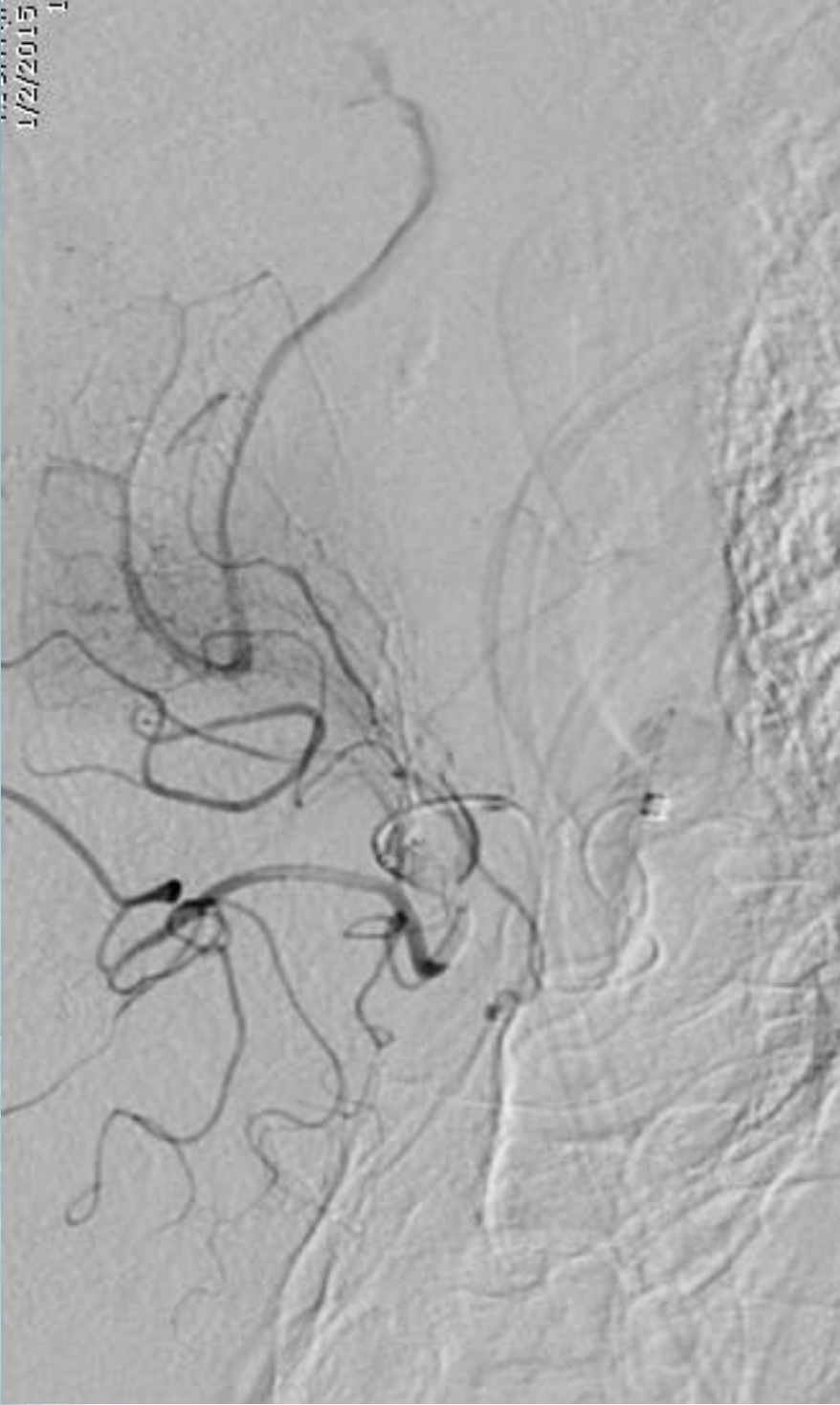
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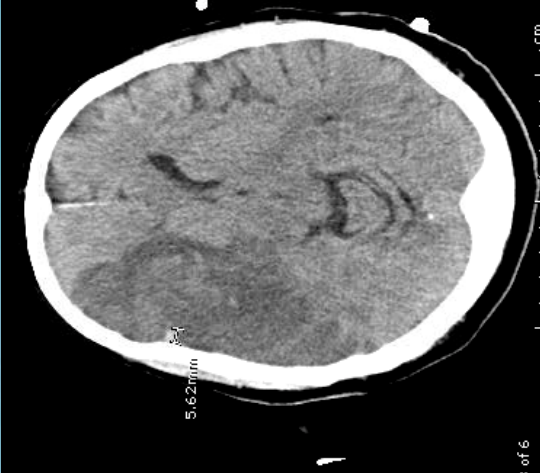
- 75 yo WM last seen normal at 10 pm, ? Issues at 2 am, awoke thrashing at 4 am with Right gaze preference and left HP, arrived at hospital 2 hours later
- NIHSS 18

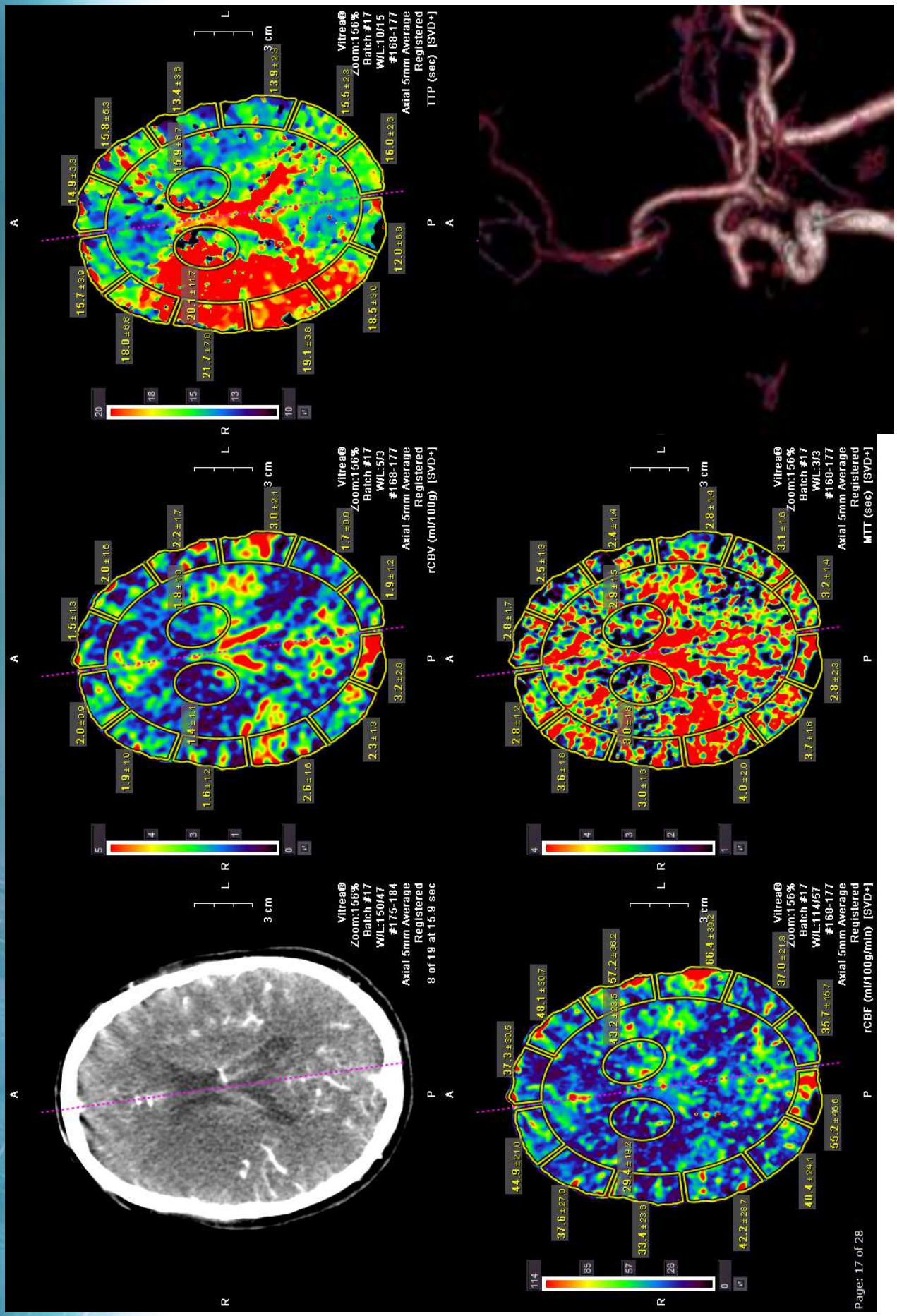


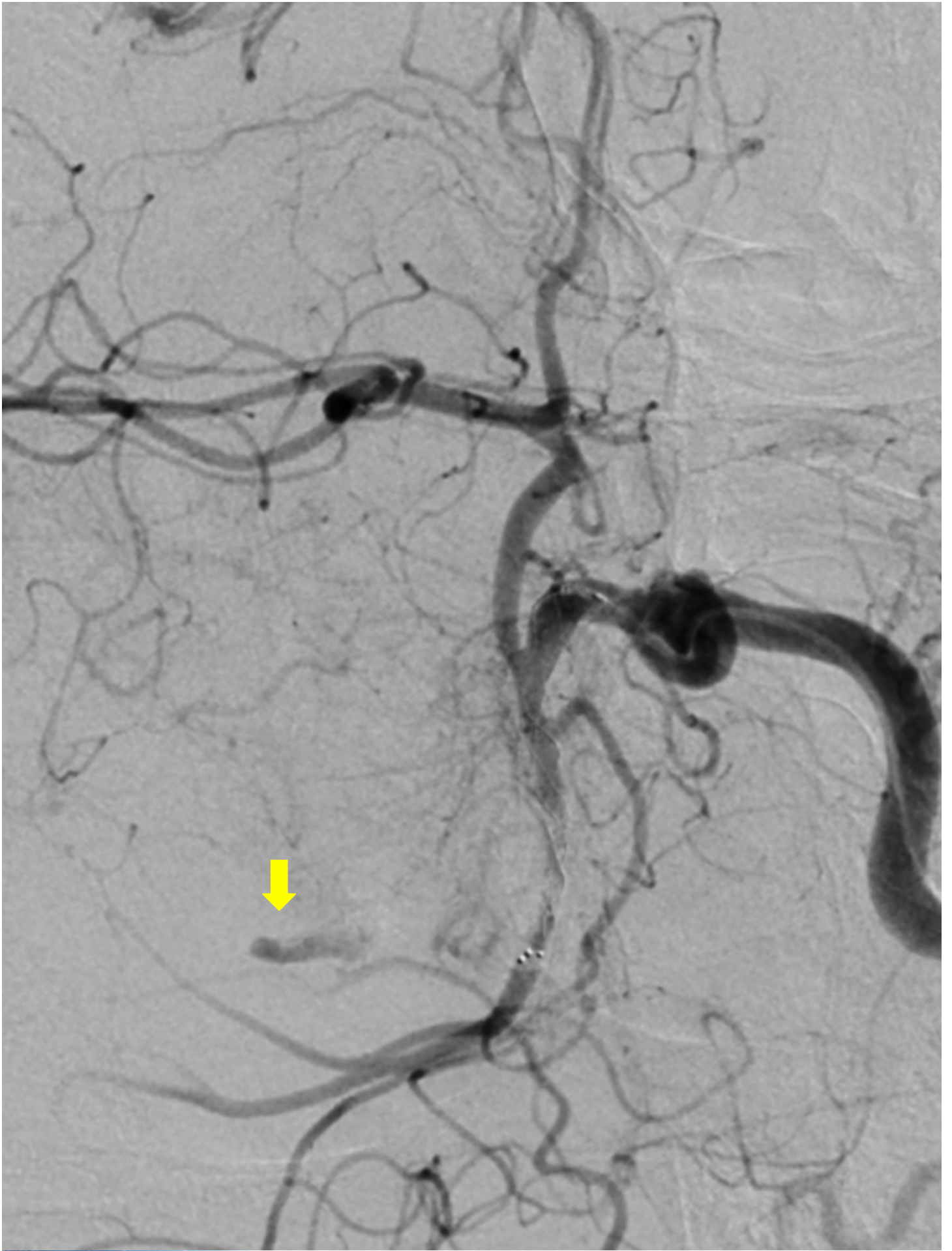


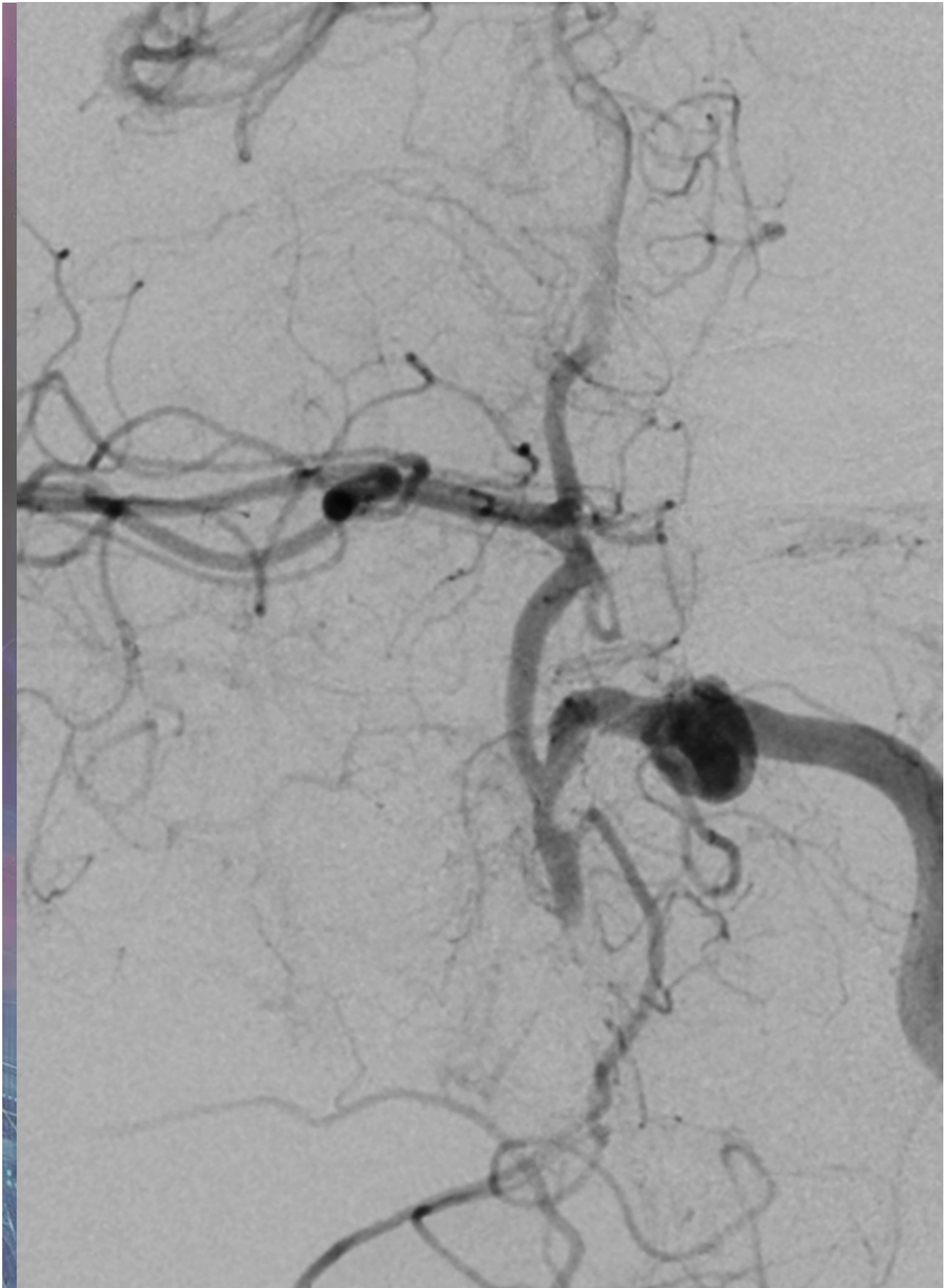














Summary

- Clinical Exam
- Imaging Criteria – No ICH, No EIC, core < 1/3 territory at risk
- We are smarter than a stop watch
- Physiologic Imaging is the next frontier

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Questions?

