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# *Introduction to Coronary / Cardiac CTA*

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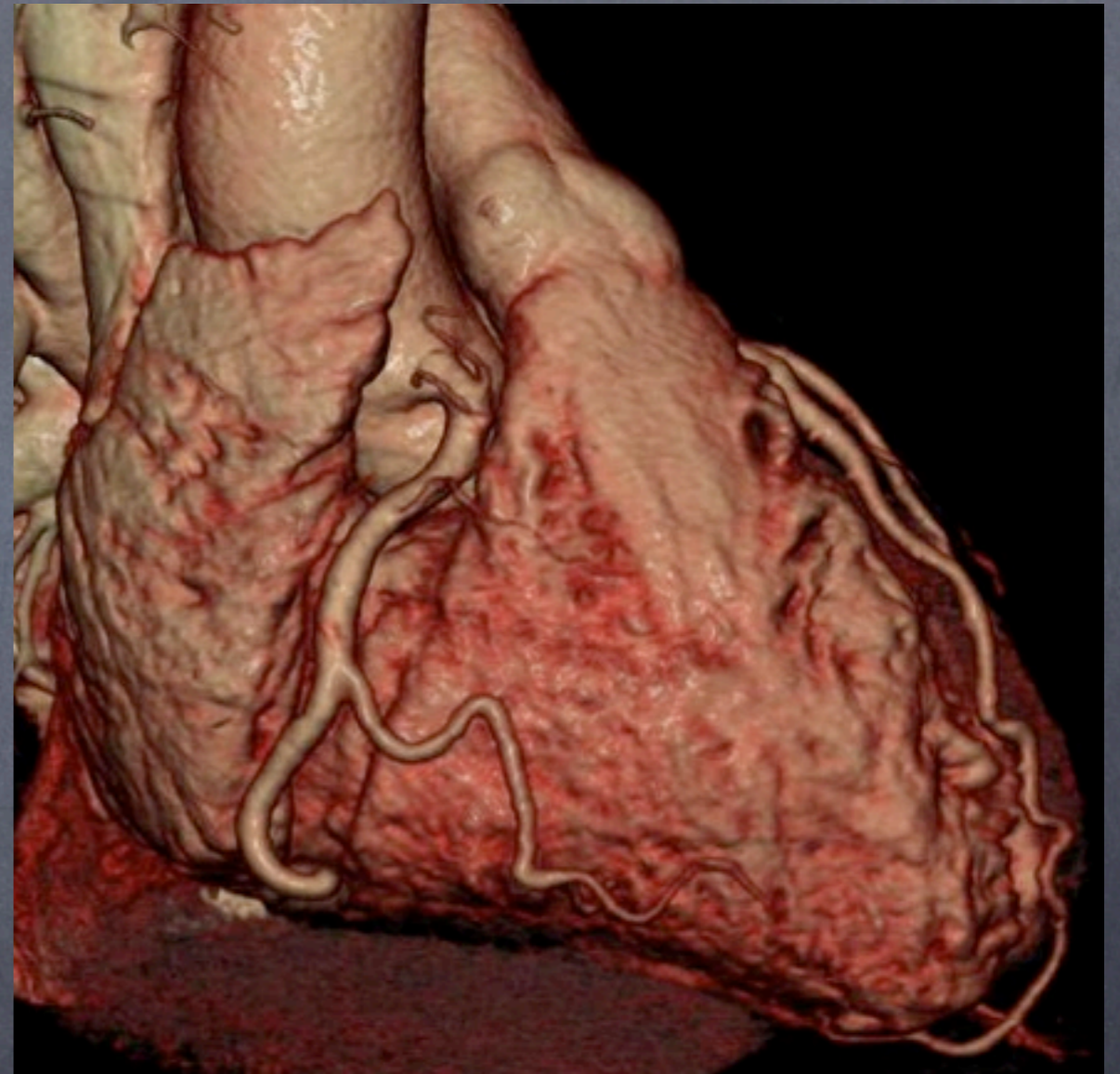
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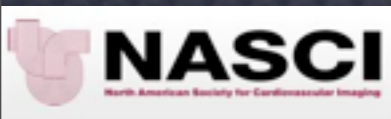
# Overview

- > CCTA Technique
- > Indications /  
Appropriateness
- > Coronary Anatomy
- > Cases



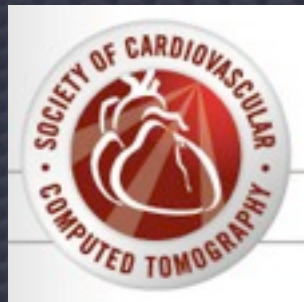
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# More Information:



North American Society for Cardiovascular Imaging

<http://www.nasci.org>



Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography

<http://www.scct.org>



ACR Certificate of Added Proficiency (CoAP) in Cardiac CT

<http://www.acr.org/secondarymainmenucategories/acr-education/coap.aspx>

# ***CCTA Technique***

***Patient Screening***  
***Patient Preparation***  
***Scan***  
***Reconstruction***  
***Interpretation***





# Pre-CCTA Screening

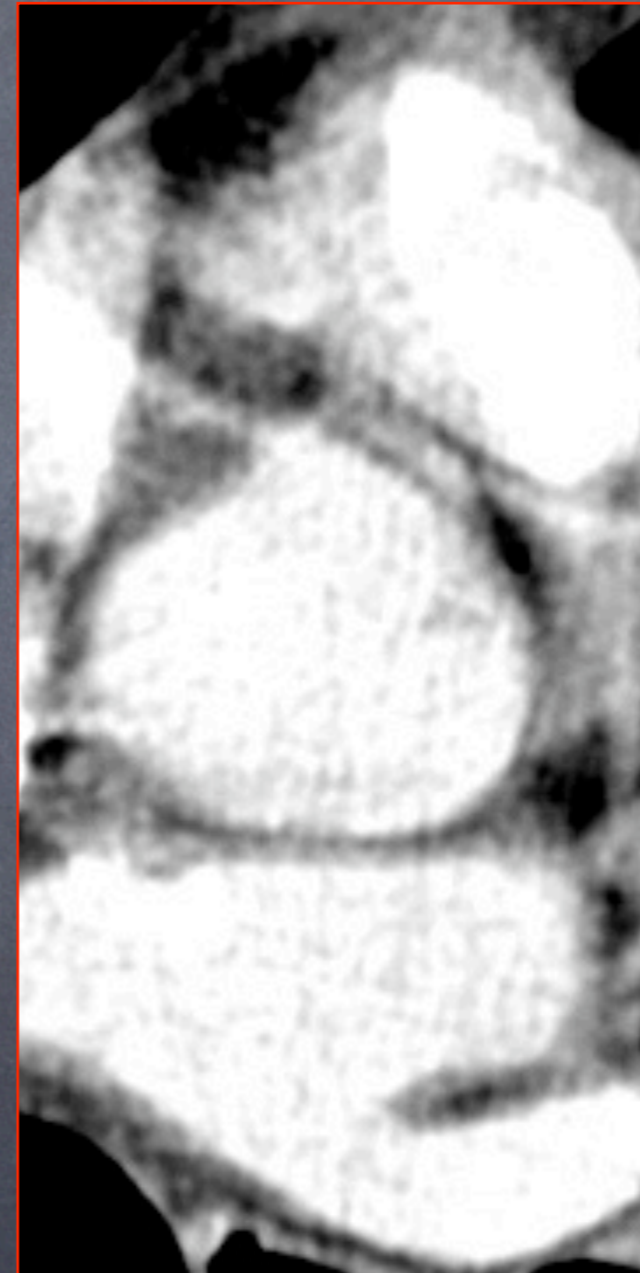


Medication	$\beta$ Blockers ( $\beta$ 1 selective Blocker) i.e. Atenolol, Metoprolol	CA Channel Blocker i.e. Verapamil, Diltiazem	Nitroglycerin
<b>Heart</b>			
Sick sinus syndrome	++	++	0
Severe bradycardia	++	++	0
2nd / 3rd degree heart block	++	++	0
Hypotension (systolic BP < 100 mm Hg)	++	++	++
Severe aortic stenosis	+	+	+
Early myocardial infarction	+	+	++
Obstructive cardiomyopathy	0	+	++
Constrictive pericarditis	+	+	+
High doses of other agents depressing SA and AV nodes (digoxin, anti-arrhythmica)	++	++	0
<b>Lung</b>			
Asthma	++	0	0
Bronchospams	++	0	0
Severe COPD	++	0	0
<b>Other</b>			
Severe anemia	0	0	++
Increased intracranial pressure	0	0	++
Migraine sensitive to nitrates			++
Peripheral arterial occlusive disease	+	0	0
Hypersensitivity	++	++	++
Erectile dysfunction treated with nitrate based medications i.e. Viagra®, Sialis®, Levitra®			++
Pulmonary arterial hypertension treated with nitrate based medications, i.e. Viagra®			++
Glaucoma			++

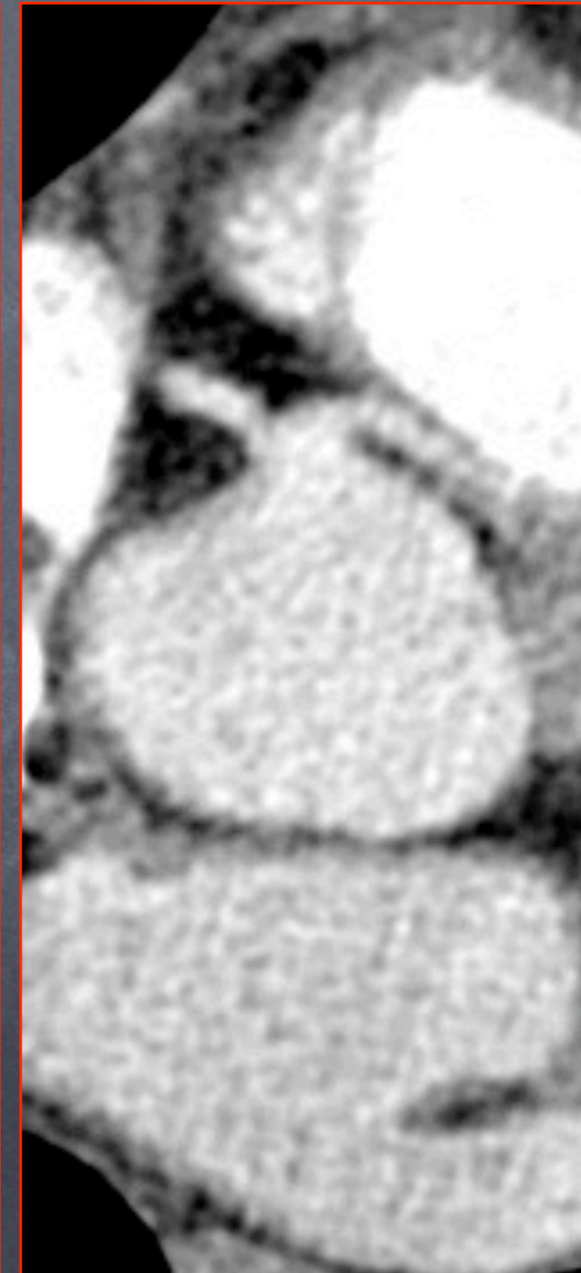
Note: ++ absolutely contraindicated; + relatively contraindicated; 0 not contraindicated

# ***Patient Preparation***

- > Good IV (prefer RIGHT)
- > 50 - 100 mg Metoprolol PO  
~1 hr before CT
- > 5-20 mg Metoprolol IV ~5  
minutes before CT
- > NTG on scanner ~ 3-5  
minutes before contrast
- > Calcium Score



**82 bpm**



**65 bpm**

*Ch. Becker, Munich, Germany*

# *Scan Technique*

- > Test inject saline first
- > Practice breathing instructions
- > Double barrel injector
- > 80 - 120 cc IV contrast
  - > 30/70 chaser (R heart)
  - > 30-50 mL saline chaser
- > Bolus track / timing bolus



# Reconstruction Technique

- › Reconstructions:
  - › ~ 1mm overlapping MPR
  - › CPR, slice through display
  - › Thin slab MIP
  - › 0-90% R-R if retrospective (function)
- › Review: 3D workstation, PACS



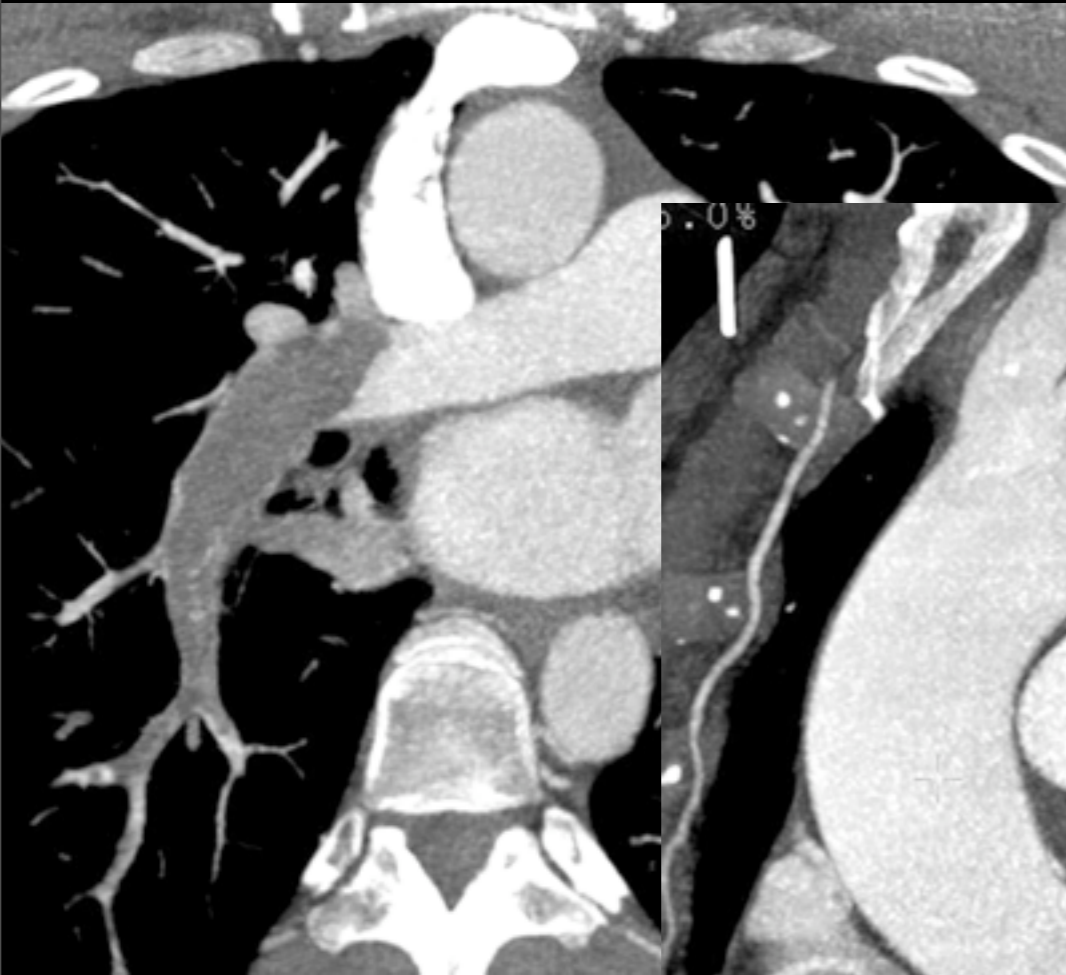
# Post-CCTA Instructions

- > Outpatients:
  - > Observe ~30 min
  - > No driving, etc. x 3 hr
- > Inpatients:
  - > Monitor on floor
- > ED:
  - > Disposition per ED rules



# Modification: "Triple Rule Out"

**PE**



**DSX**

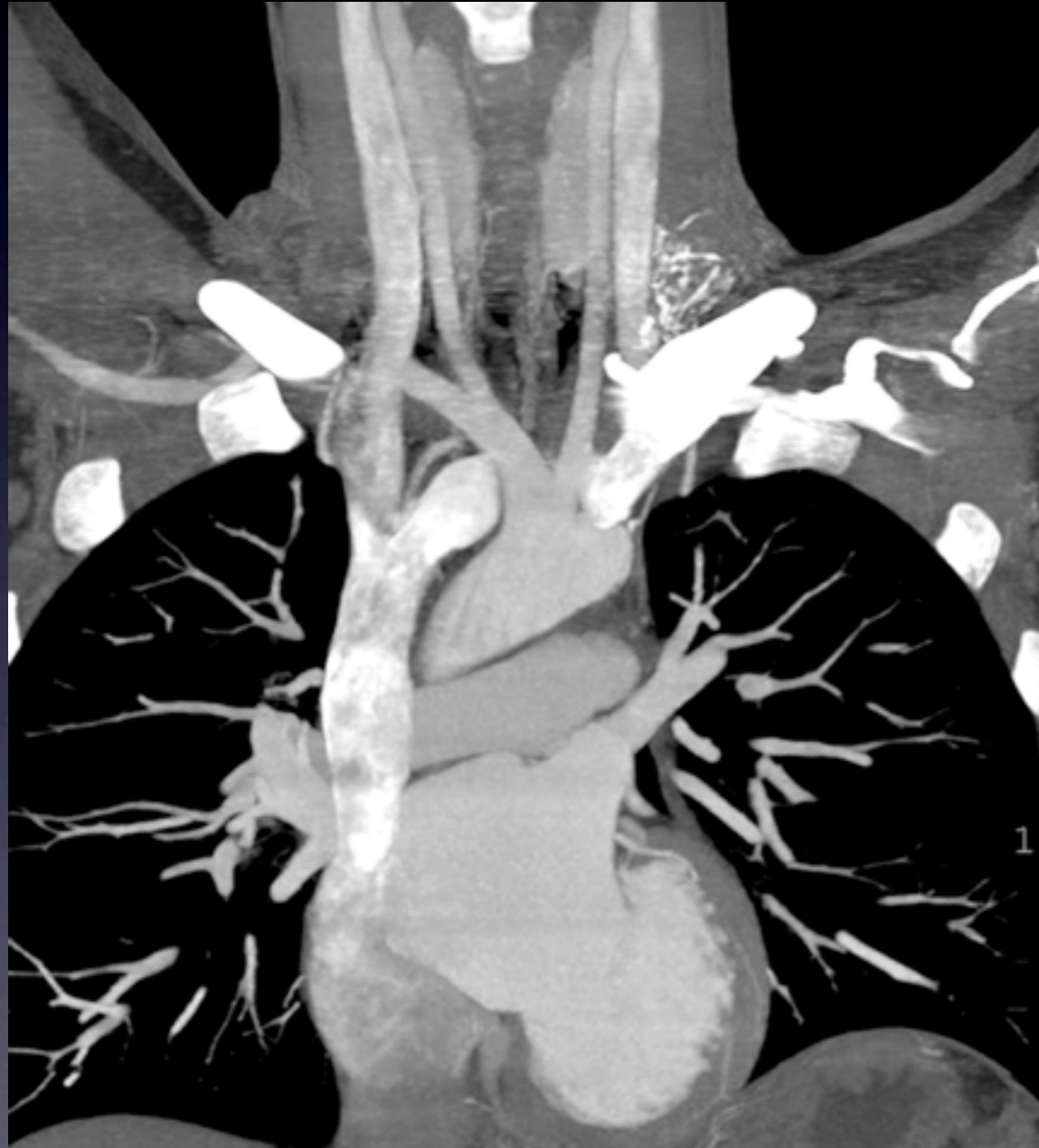


**Coronaries**





# Triple Rule Out: Technique



Beta-blocker  
NTG

Longer Acquisition  
Larger FOV

A little more contrast  
A little more radiation



# To Review



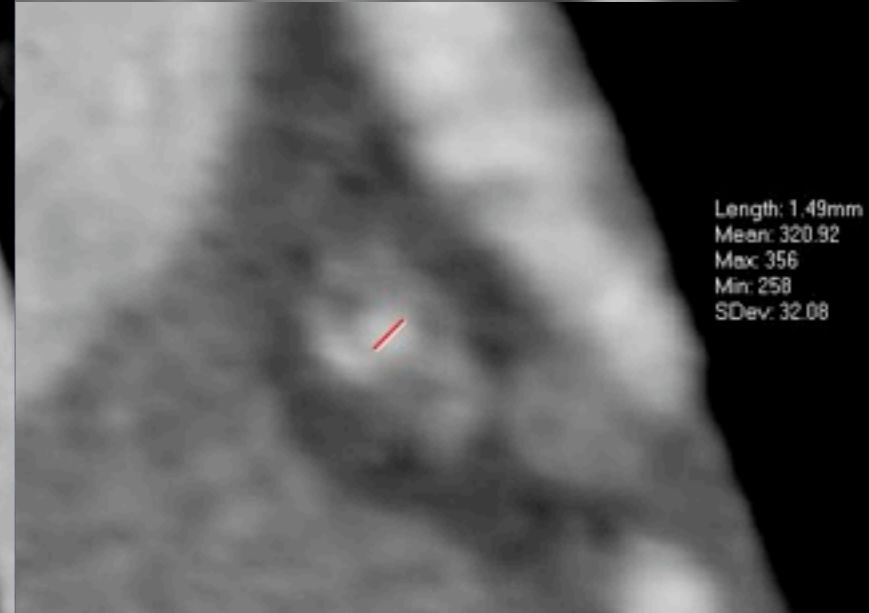
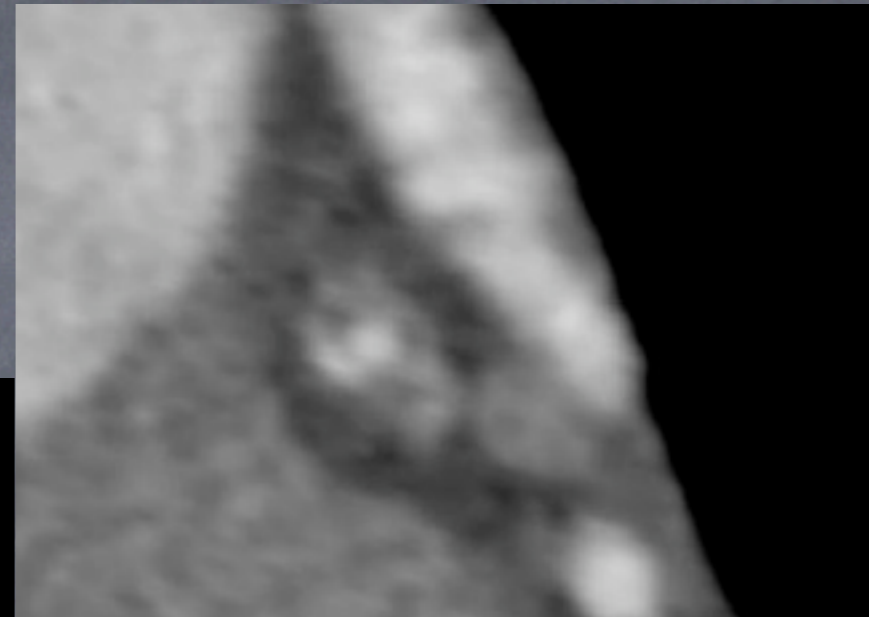
Purpose	Decrease HR and R-to-R variability	Alternatives
Goal	Steady heart rate of 50-65 beats per minute (bpm)	

A	Questionnaire Obtain baseline HR & BP	rule out contraindications if HR ≤ 65 bpm --> [D] if HR > 65 bpm --> [B]	<b>CA Channel Blockers</b>  Oral Diltiazem (Cardizem®, regular release): 30 mg p.o. or doubling oral dose for patients currently taking oral calcium channel blockers  OR  if systolic BP>100 and HR>60 Intravenous Diltiazem (Cardizem Monovial ®): 10 mg i.v. over 2 min repeat 10 mg i.v. in every 10 min to maximal dosis of 40 mg
B	<b>Oral Atenolol (Tenormin®)</b>	100 mg p.o. 1-2 hour before cardiac CT if HR ≤ 65 bpm --> [D] if HR > 65 bpm --> [C]	
C	<b>Intravenous Metoprolol (Lopressor®)</b> injection with patient on the scanner table  wait 3-4 min	5 mg i.v. slow injection over 1 min  if HR ≤ 65 bpm --> [D] if HR > 65 bpm --> repeat [C] up to two times at 3-4 min interval maximal dosis: 15 mg Metoprolol (Lopressor®)  if HR ≤ 65 bpm --> [D] if HR > 65 bpm --> [D] regardless of HR	

Purpose	coronary artery dilatation for better visualization	
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D	Questionnaire <b>Sublingual nitroglycerin (NitroQuick ®)</b>	rule out contraindications 0.4 mg tablet	Sublingual nitroglycerin spray (0.4 mg/L)
E	wait 5 min	--> [E]	
F	Scan	--> [F]	
	Post scan monitoring HR & BP Recommendations	outpatients: for 30 min inpatients: on ward outpatients: 3h not operate machinery, i.e. driving car	

# CCTA Results



## Heart Rate

$< 70$ : 97% sens, 95% NPV  
 $\geq 70$ : 88% sens, 83% NPV

## Calcium Score

$\leq 100$ : 94% sens, 95% NPV  
 $\geq 400$ : 93% sens, 67% NPV

## Obesity

$BMI \leq 25$ : 100% sens, spec, PPV, NPV  
 $BMI \geq 30$ : 90% sens, 86% NPV



# Appropriateness

## ACCF/SCCT/ACR/AHA/ASE/ASNC/NASCI/SCAI/SCMR 2010 Appropriate Use Criteria for Cardiac Computed Tomography

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# Appropriateness for CCTA: New Guidelines 2010

Previous: Hendel RC, et al. JACC 2006 48(7): 1475-97

Score 7 to 9

Appropriate test for specific indication

Score 4 to 6

Uncertain for specific indication (test may be generally acceptable and may be a reasonable approach for the indication).

May need more research

Score 1 to 3

Inappropriate test for specific indication

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# Symptomatic Patients

## Detection of CAD in Symptomatic Patients Without Known Heart Disease Symptomatic—Nonacute Symptoms Possibly Representing an Ischemic Equivalent

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|----|--|-------|
| 1. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECG interpretable AND</li> <li>• Able to exercise</li> <li>• Intermediate pretest probability of CAD</li> </ul> | A (7) |
| 2. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECG uninterpretable or unable to exercise</li> <li>• Low pretest probability of CAD</li> </ul>                  | A (7) |
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## Detection of CAD in Symptomatic Patients Without Known Heart Disease Symptomatic—Acute Symptoms With Suspicion of ACS (Urgent Presentation)

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| 6. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal ECG and cardiac biomarkers</li> <li>• Low pretest probability of CAD</li> </ul>                          | A (7) |
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# Detection of CAD in other scenarios

Detection of CAD in Other Clinical Scenarios—New-Onset or Newly Diagnosed Clinical HF and No Prior CAD		
13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced left ventricular ejection fraction</li> <li>• Low pretest probability of CAD</li> </ul>	A (7)
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Detection of CAD in Other Clinical Scenarios—Preoperative Coronary Assessment Prior to Noncoronary Cardiac Surgery		
15.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coronary evaluation before noncoronary cardiac surgery</li> <li>• Intermediate pretest probability of CAD</li> </ul>	A (7)
Use of CTA in the Setting of Prior Test Results—Prior ECG Exercise Testing		
20.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal ECG exercise test</li> <li>• Continued symptoms</li> </ul>	A (7)
21.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prior ECG exercise testing</li> <li>• Duke Treadmill Score—intermediate risk findings</li> </ul>	A (7)
Use of CTA in the Setting of Prior Test Results—Sequential Testing After Stress Imaging Procedures		
22.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discordant ECG exercise and imaging results</li> </ul>	A (8)
23.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stress imaging results: equivocal</li> </ul>	A (8)

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# Detection of CAD in other scenarios

## Use of CTA in the Setting of Prior Test Results—Evaluation of New or Worsening Symptoms in the Setting of Past Stress Imaging Study

29. • Previous stress imaging study normal A (8)

## Risk Assessment Postrevascularization (PCI or CABG)—Symptomatic (Ischemic Equivalent)

39. • Evaluation of graft patency after CABG A (8)

## Risk Assessment Postrevascularization (PCI or CABG)—Asymptomatic—Prior Coronary Stenting

43. • Prior left main coronary stent with stent diameter  $\geq 3$  mm A (7)

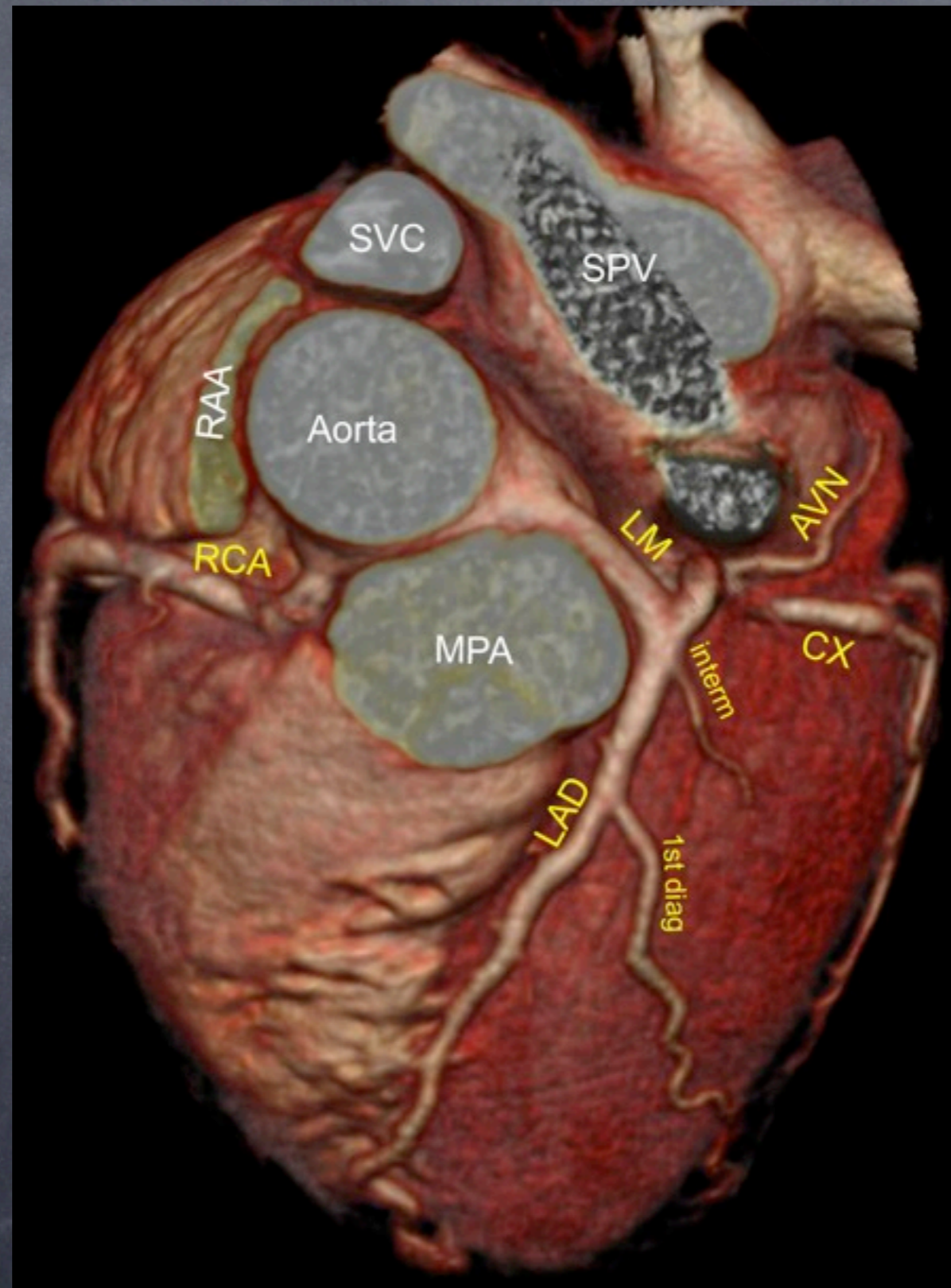
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# Cardiac Structure and Function

Evaluation of Cardiac Structure and Function— Adult Congenital Heart Disease		
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47.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of complex adult congenital heart disease</li> </ul>	A (8)
Evaluation of Cardiac Structure and Function— Evaluation of Ventricular Morphology and Systolic Function		
49.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluation of left ventricular function</li> <li>Following acute MI or in HF patients</li> <li>Inadequate images from other noninvasive methods</li> </ul>	A (7)
50.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quantitative evaluation of right ventricular function</li> </ul>	A (7)
51.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of right ventricular morphology</li> <li>Suspected arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia</li> </ul>	A (7)
Evaluation of Cardiac Structure and Function— Evaluation of Intra- and Extracardiac Structures		
53.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Characterization of native cardiac valves</li> <li>Suspected clinically significant valvular dysfunction</li> <li>Inadequate images from other noninvasive methods</li> </ul>	A (8)
54.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Characterization of prosthetic cardiac valves</li> <li>Suspected clinically significant valvular dysfunction</li> <li>Inadequate images from other noninvasive methods</li> </ul>	A (8)
56.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluation of cardiac mass (suspected tumor or thrombus)</li> <li>Inadequate images from other noninvasive methods</li> </ul>	A (8)
57.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluation of pericardial anatomy</li> </ul>	A (8)
58.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluation of pulmonary vein anatomy</li> <li>Prior to radiofrequency ablation for atrial fibrillation</li> </ul>	A (8)
59.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noninvasive coronary vein mapping</li> <li>Prior to placement of biventricular pacemaker</li> </ul>	A (8)
60.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Localization of coronary bypass grafts and other retrosternal anatomy</li> <li>Prior to reoperative chest or cardiac surgery</li> </ul>	A (8)

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# CORONARY ANATOMY



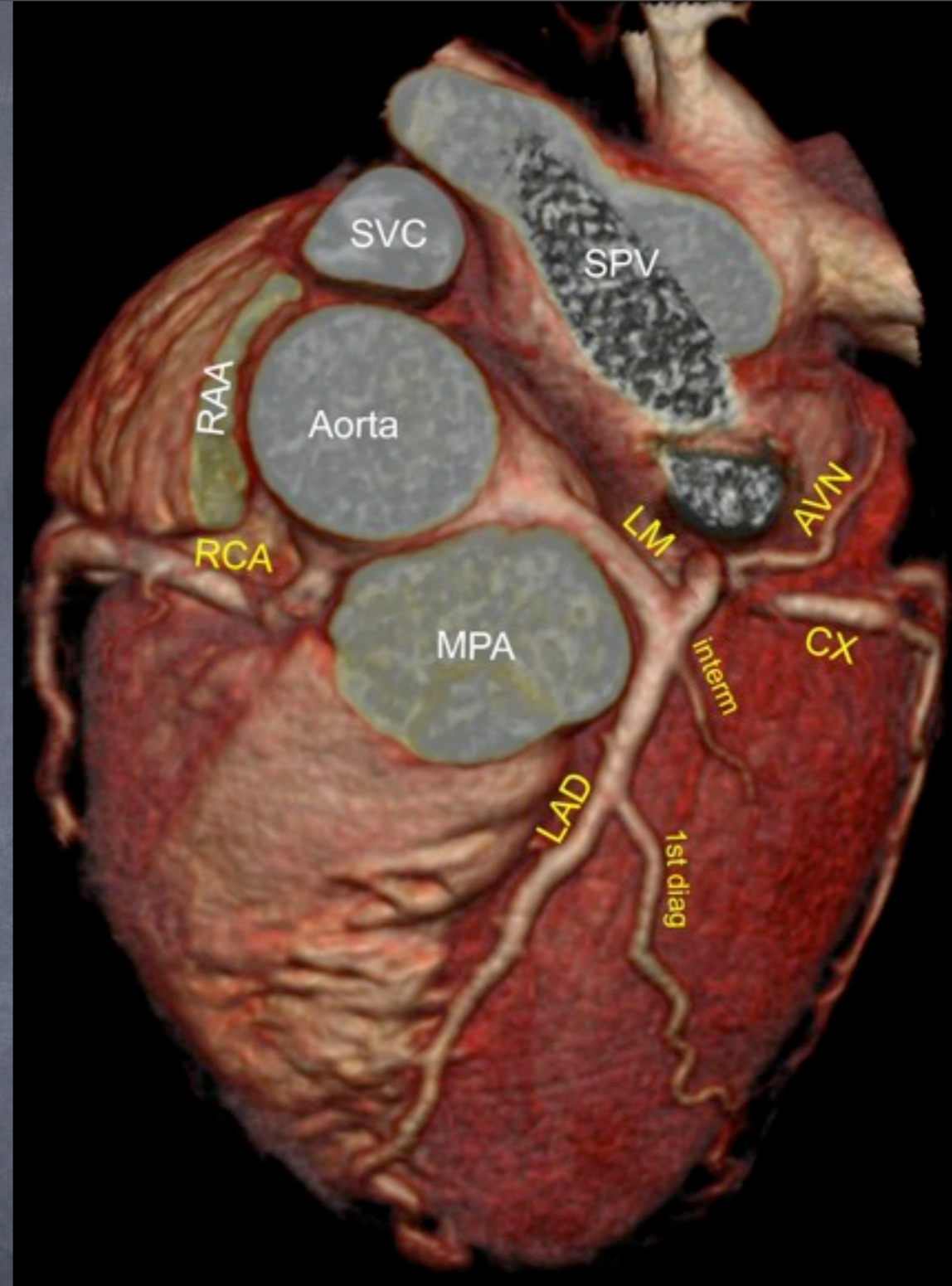
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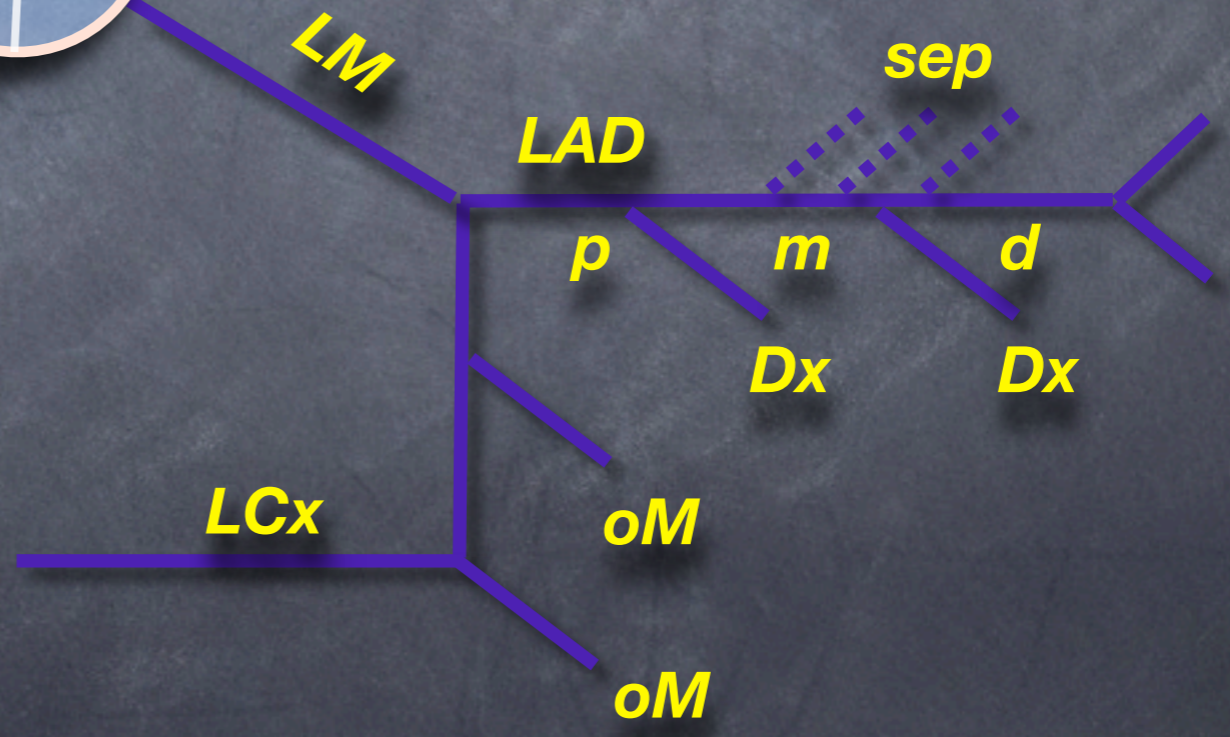
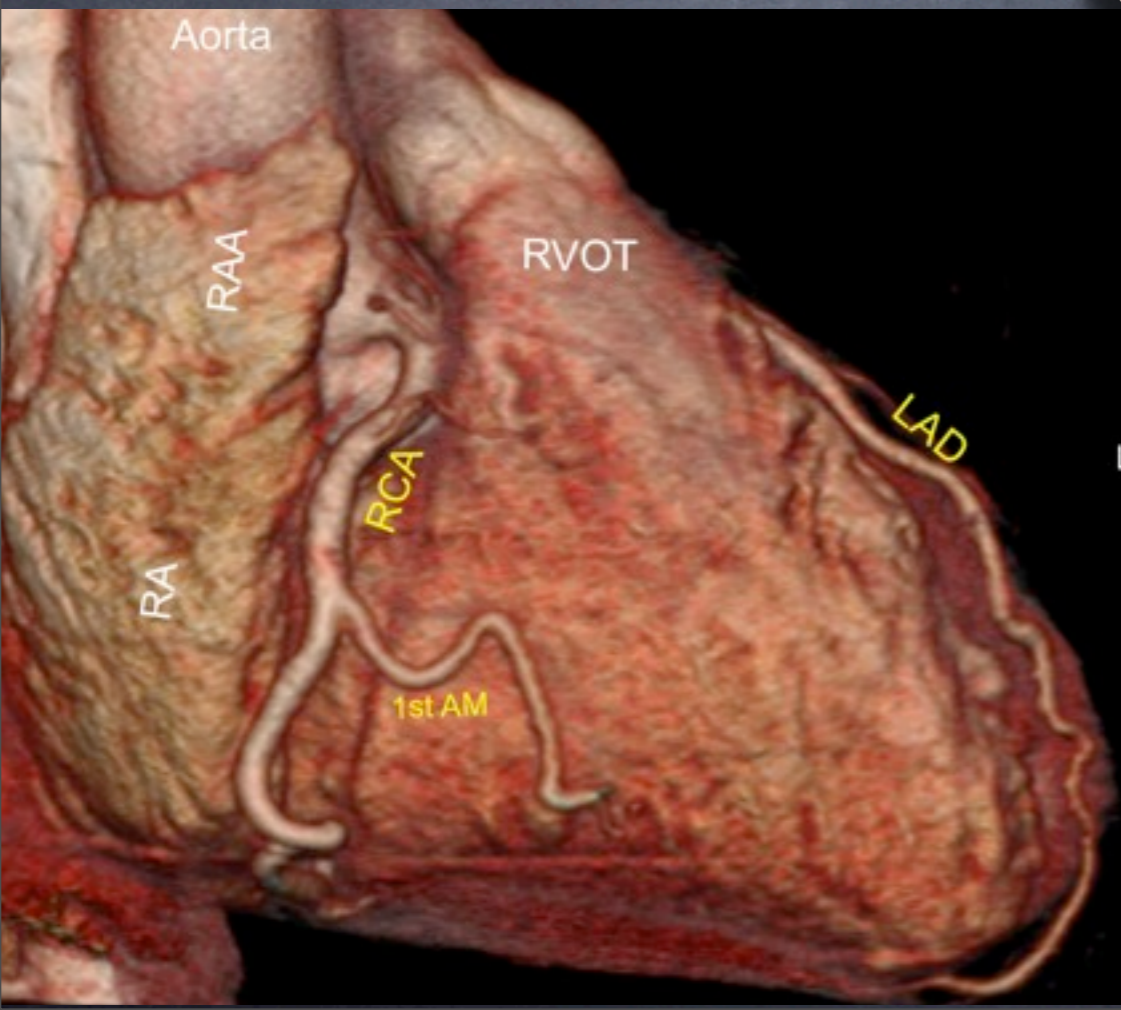
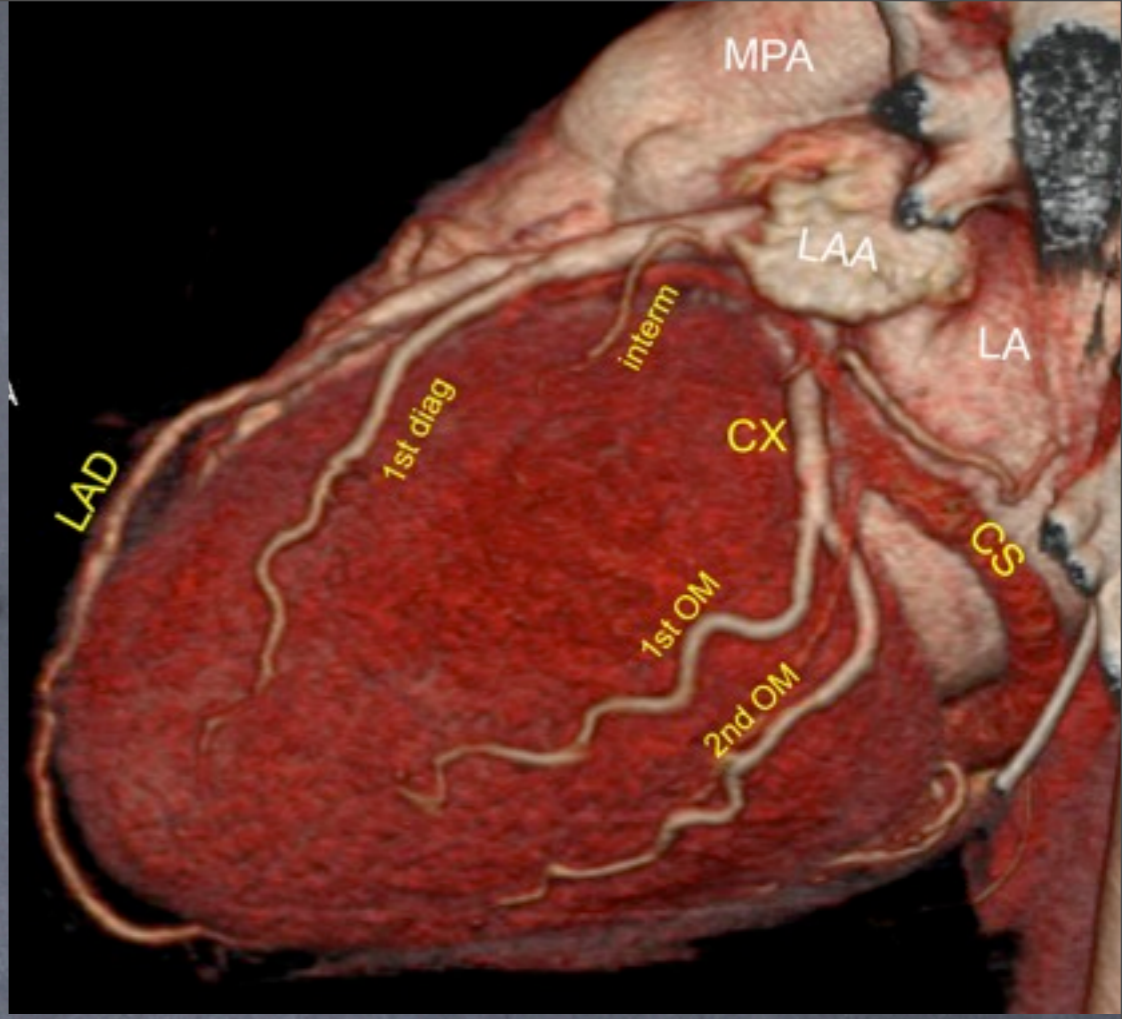
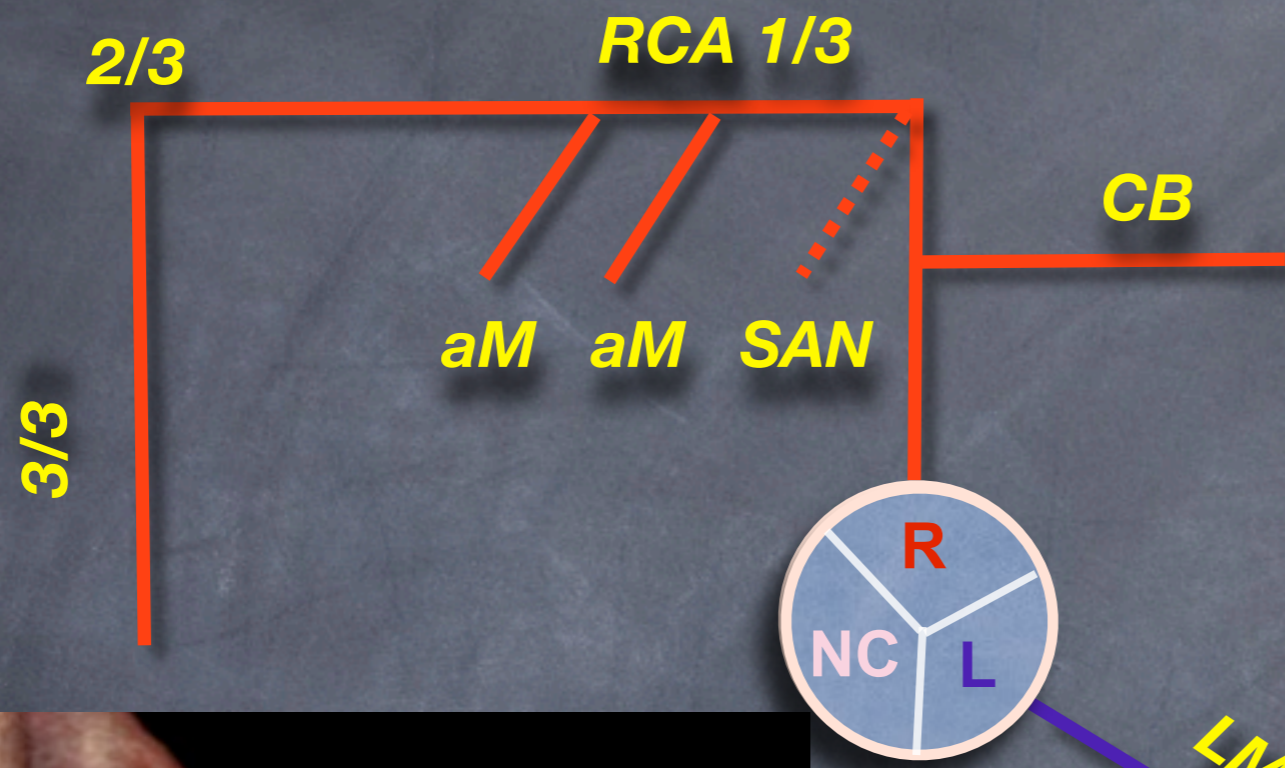
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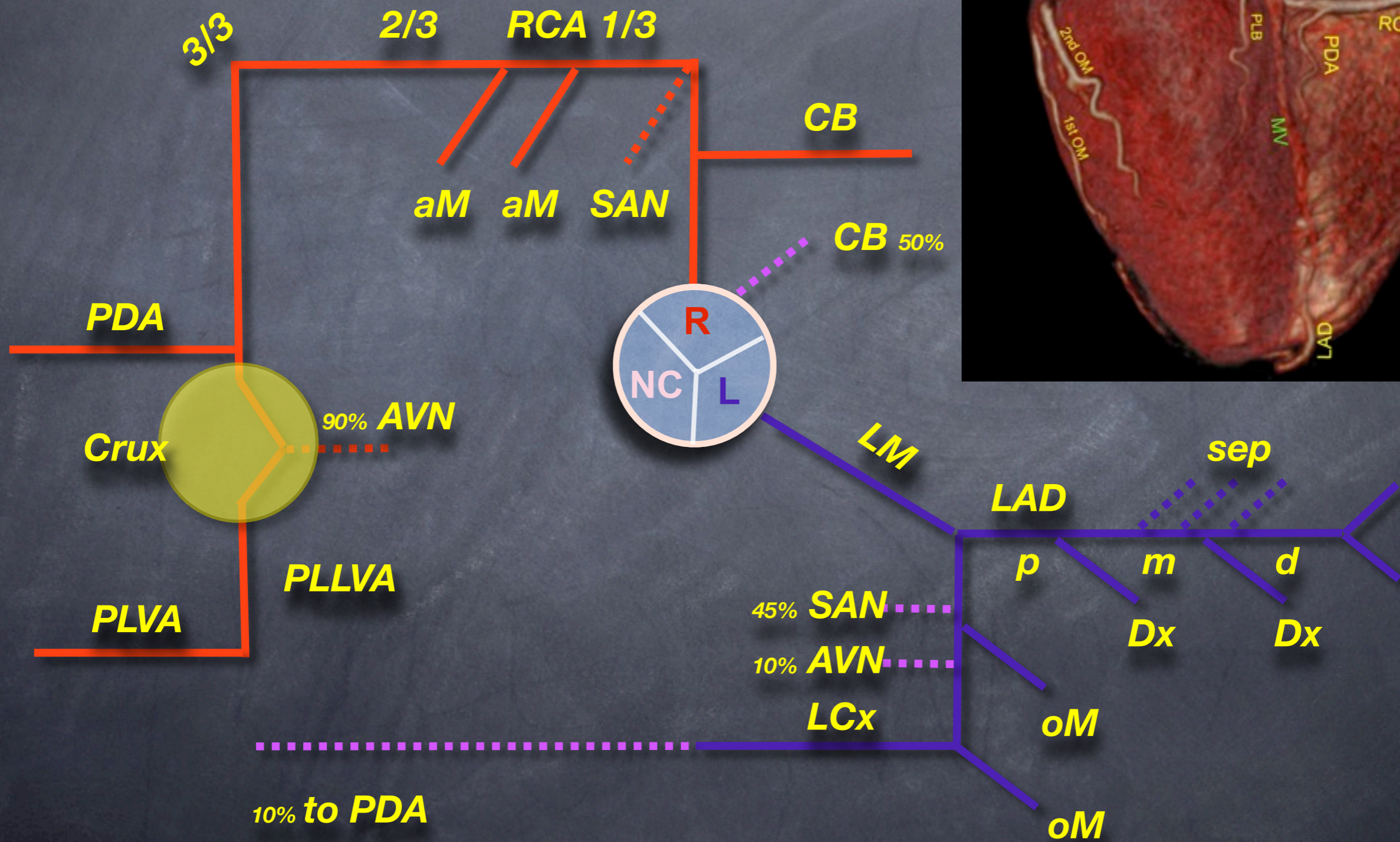
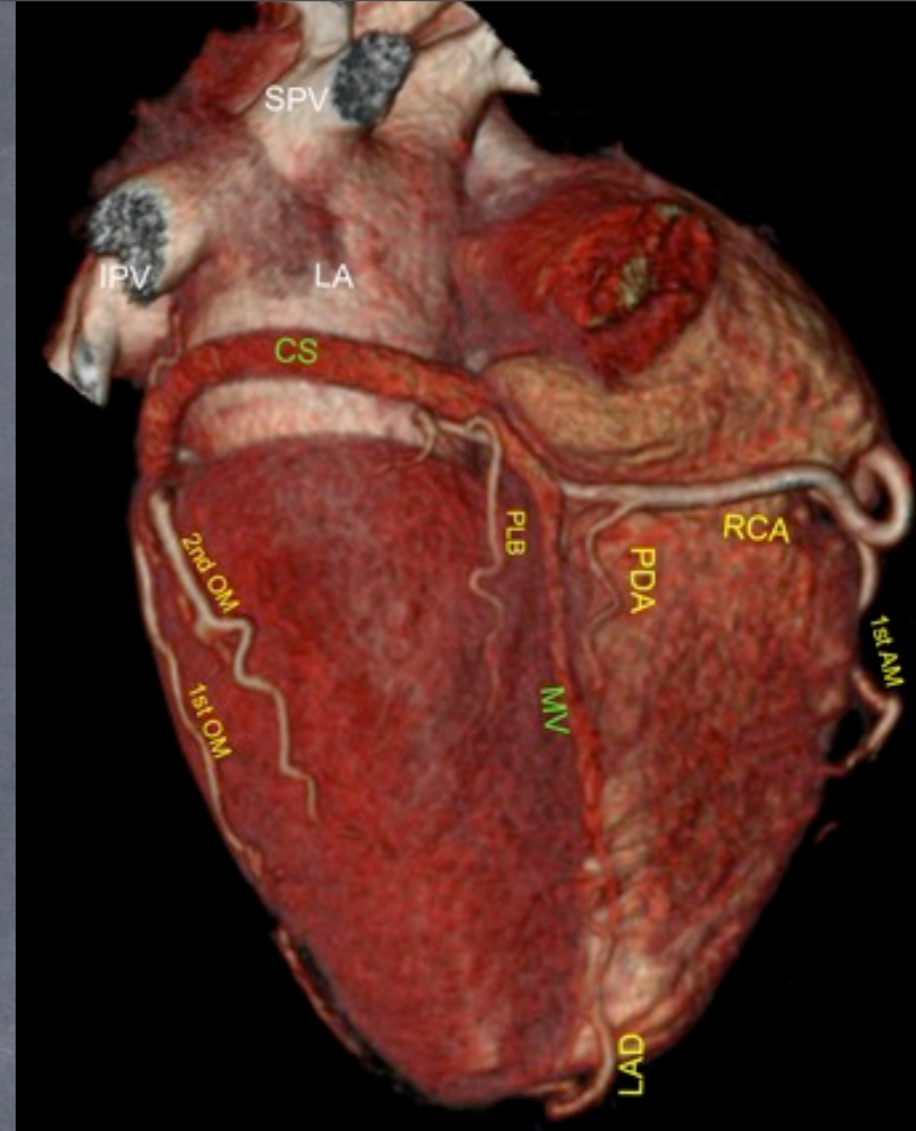
**LAD**

**LCx**



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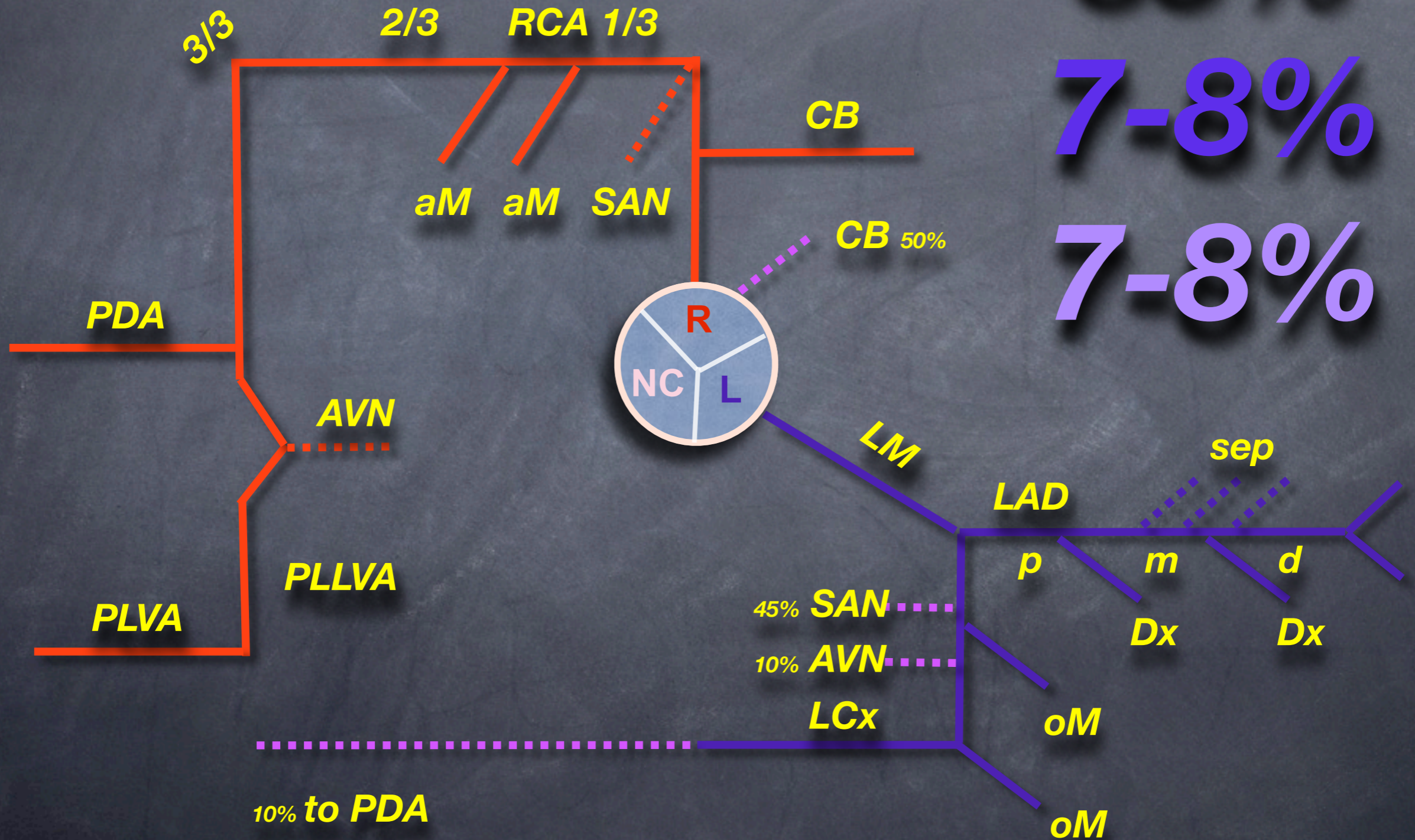


# Dominance

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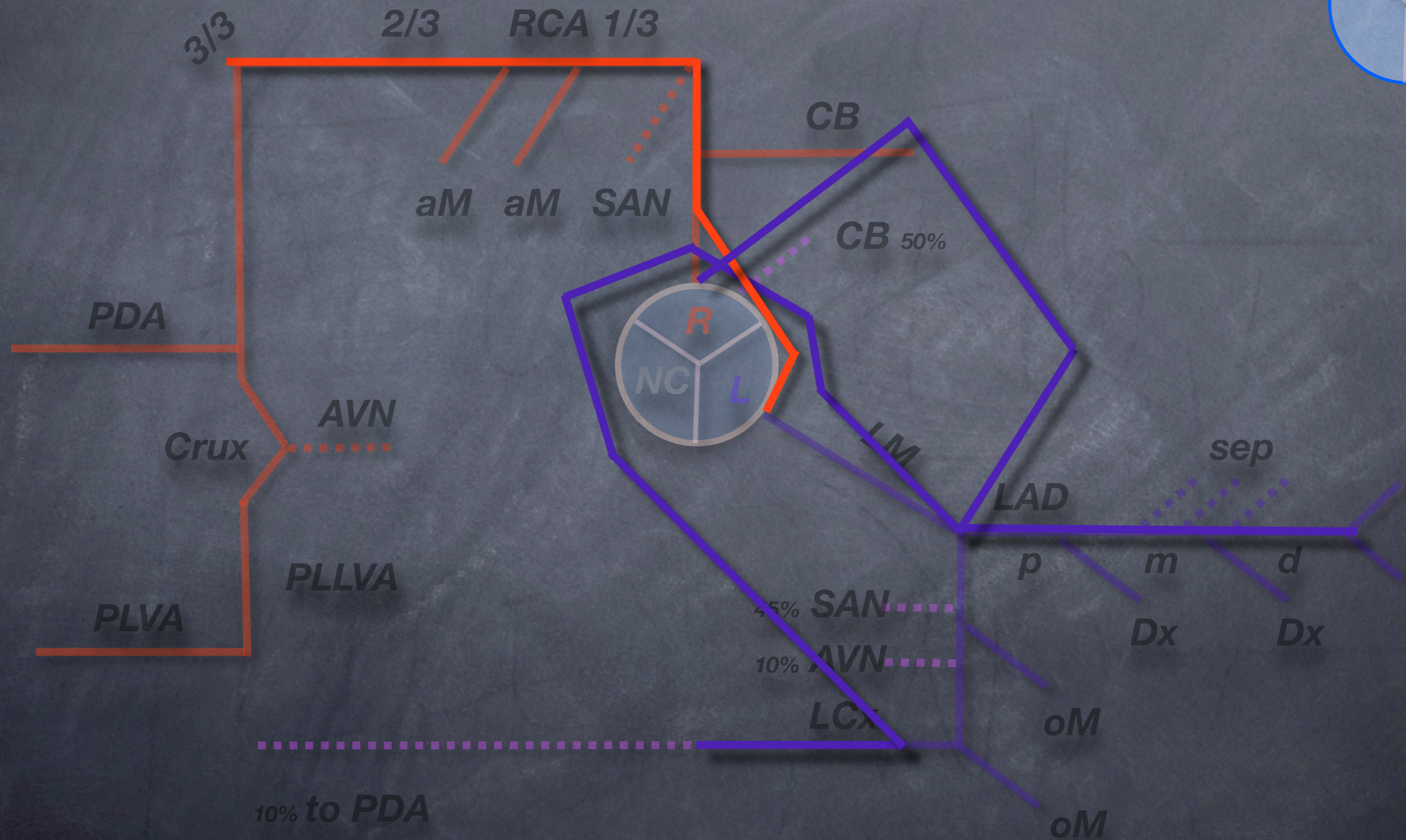
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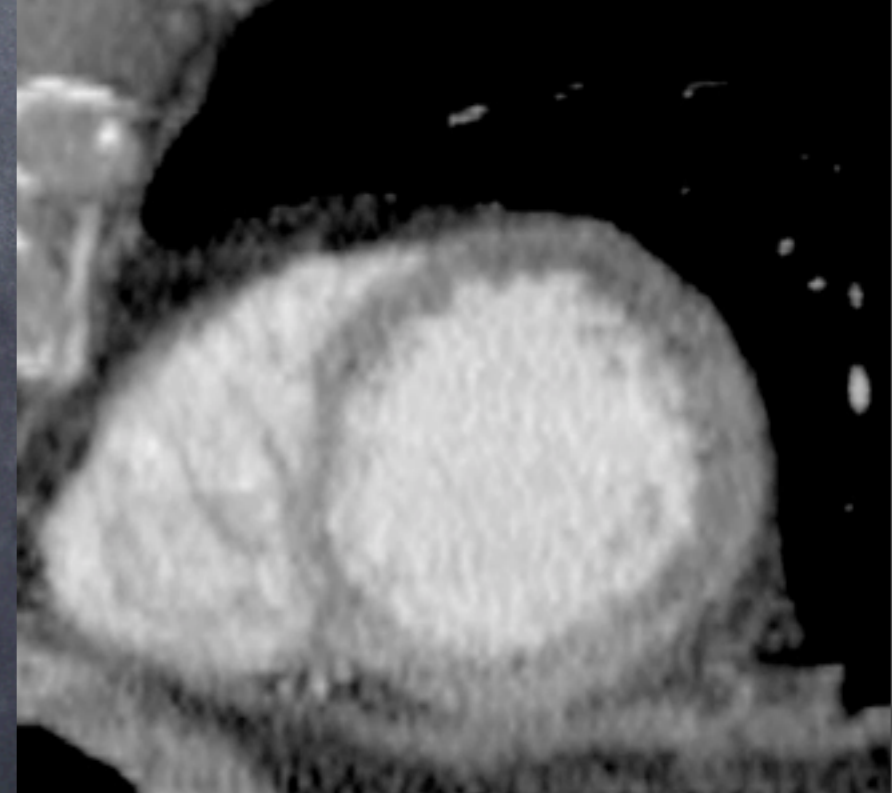
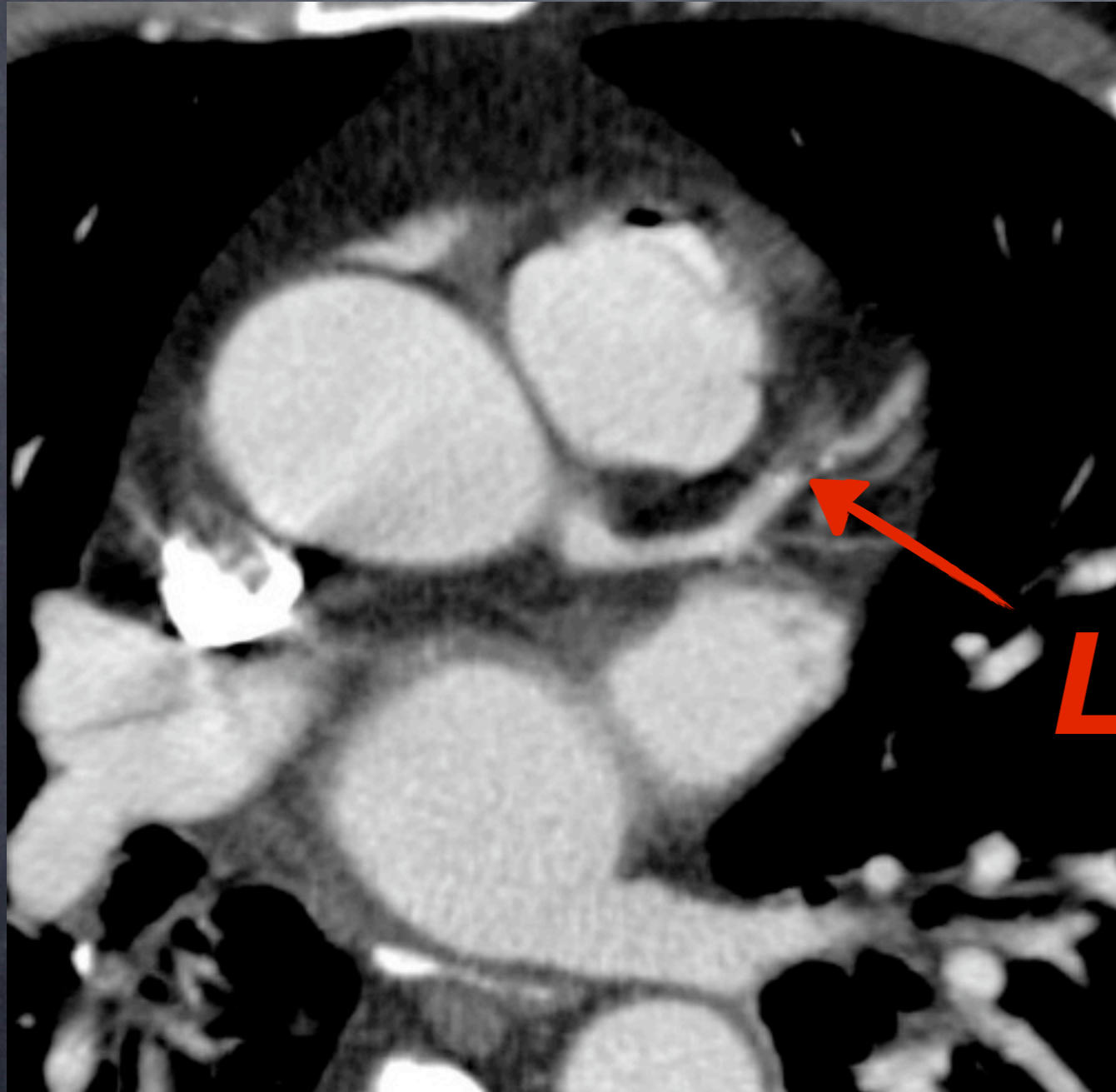
# Anomalous Coronaries



# ***Examples:***

# ***CAD***

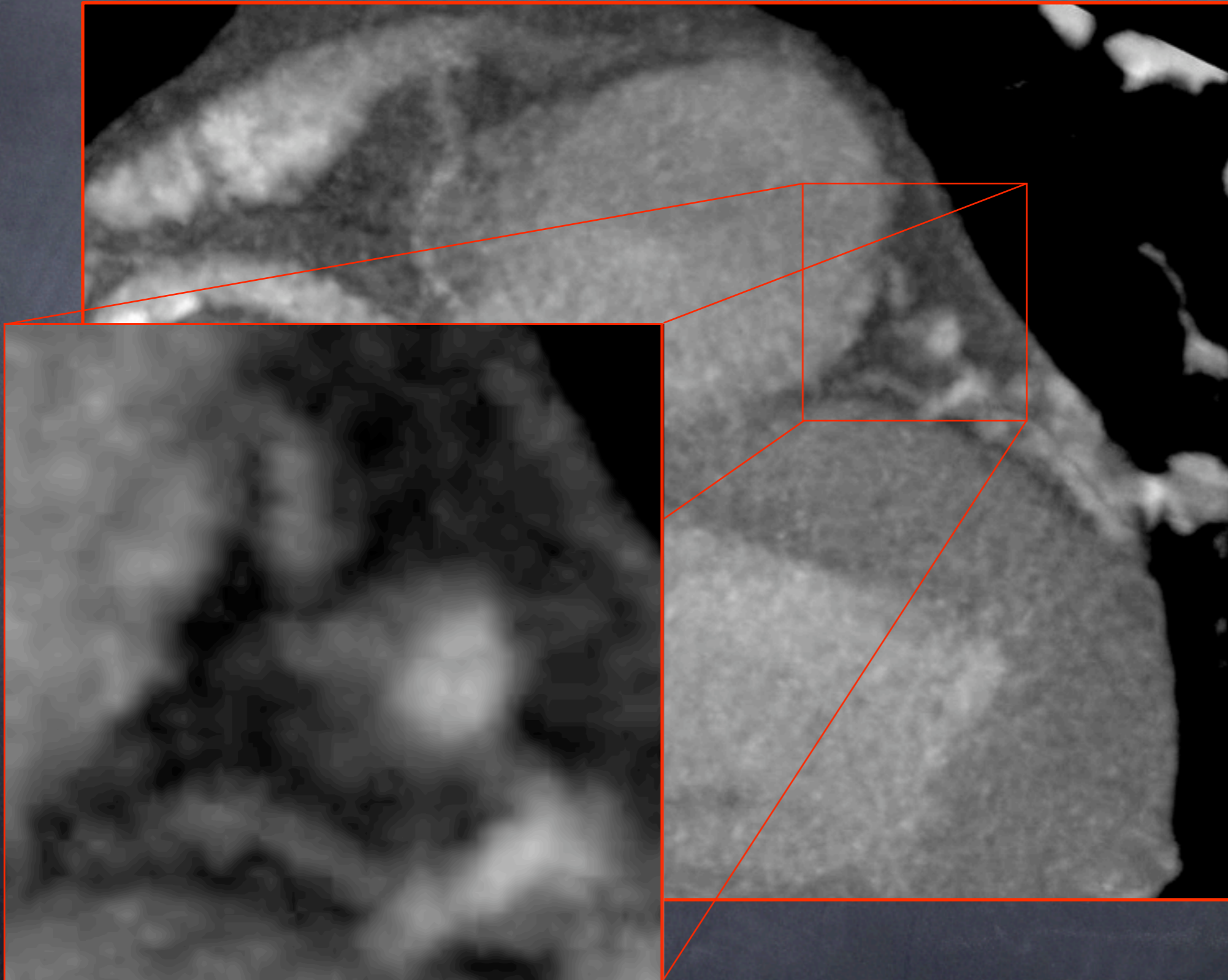
# ED - Chest pain



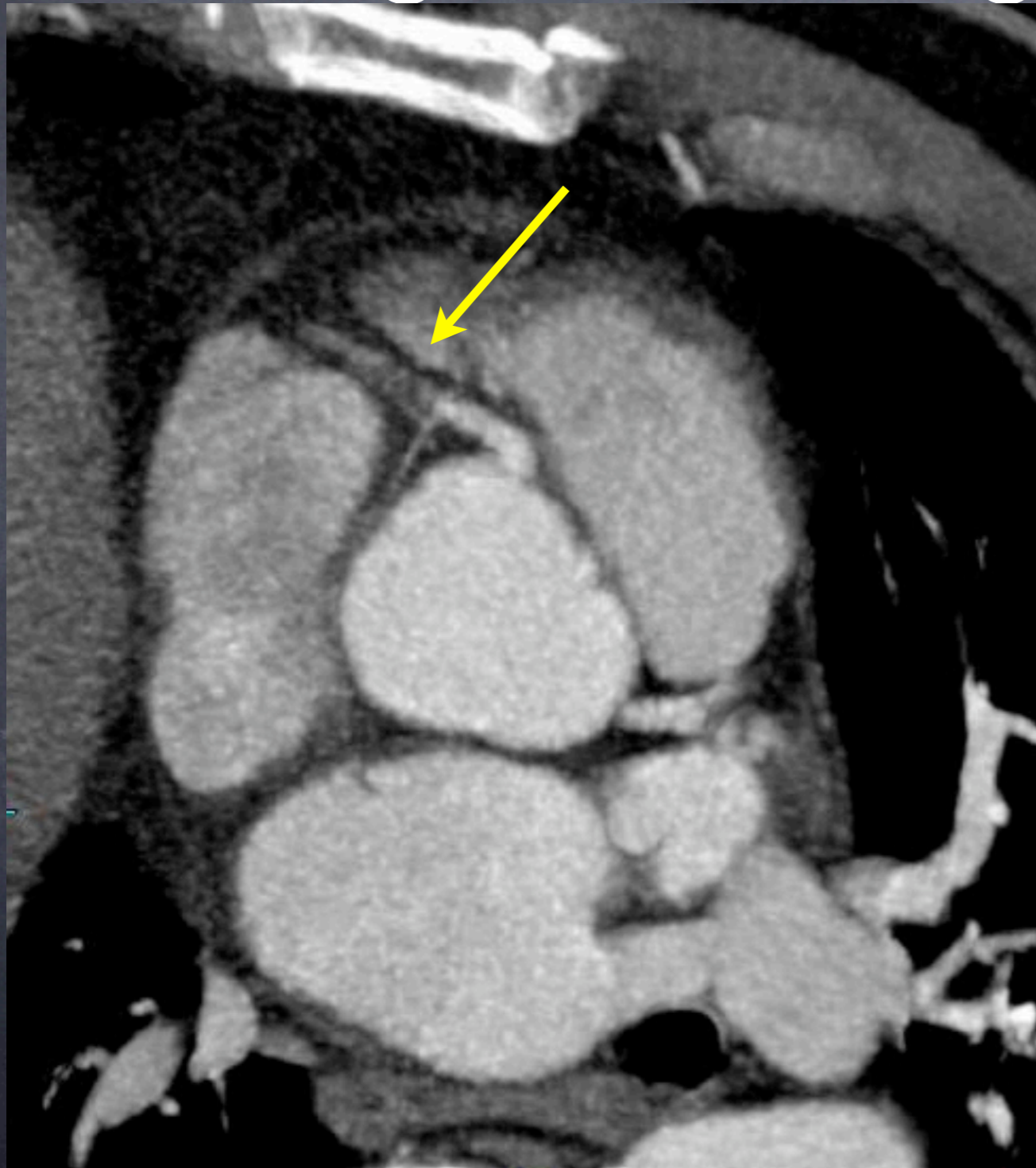
# 38 yo post LAD stent



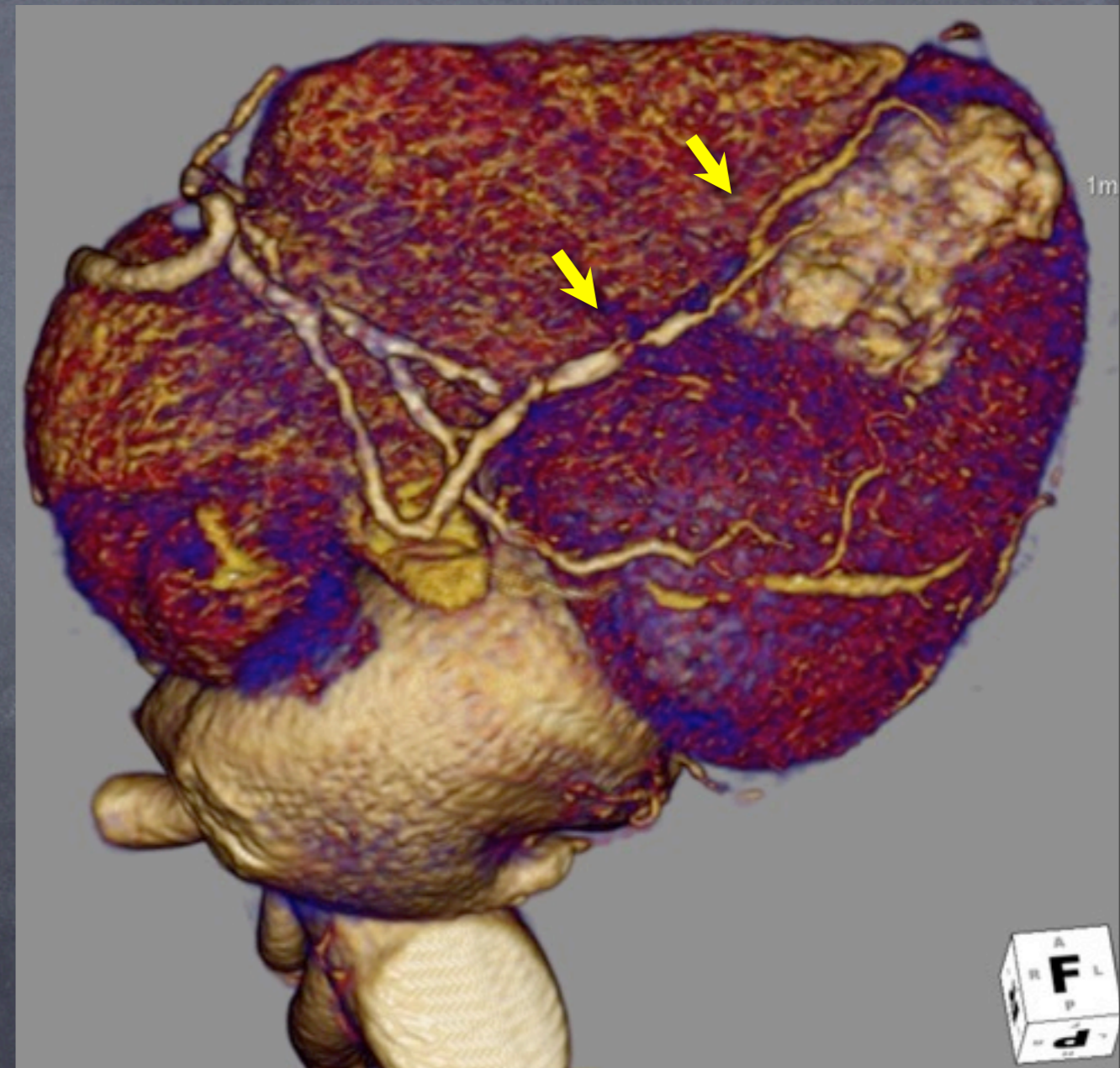
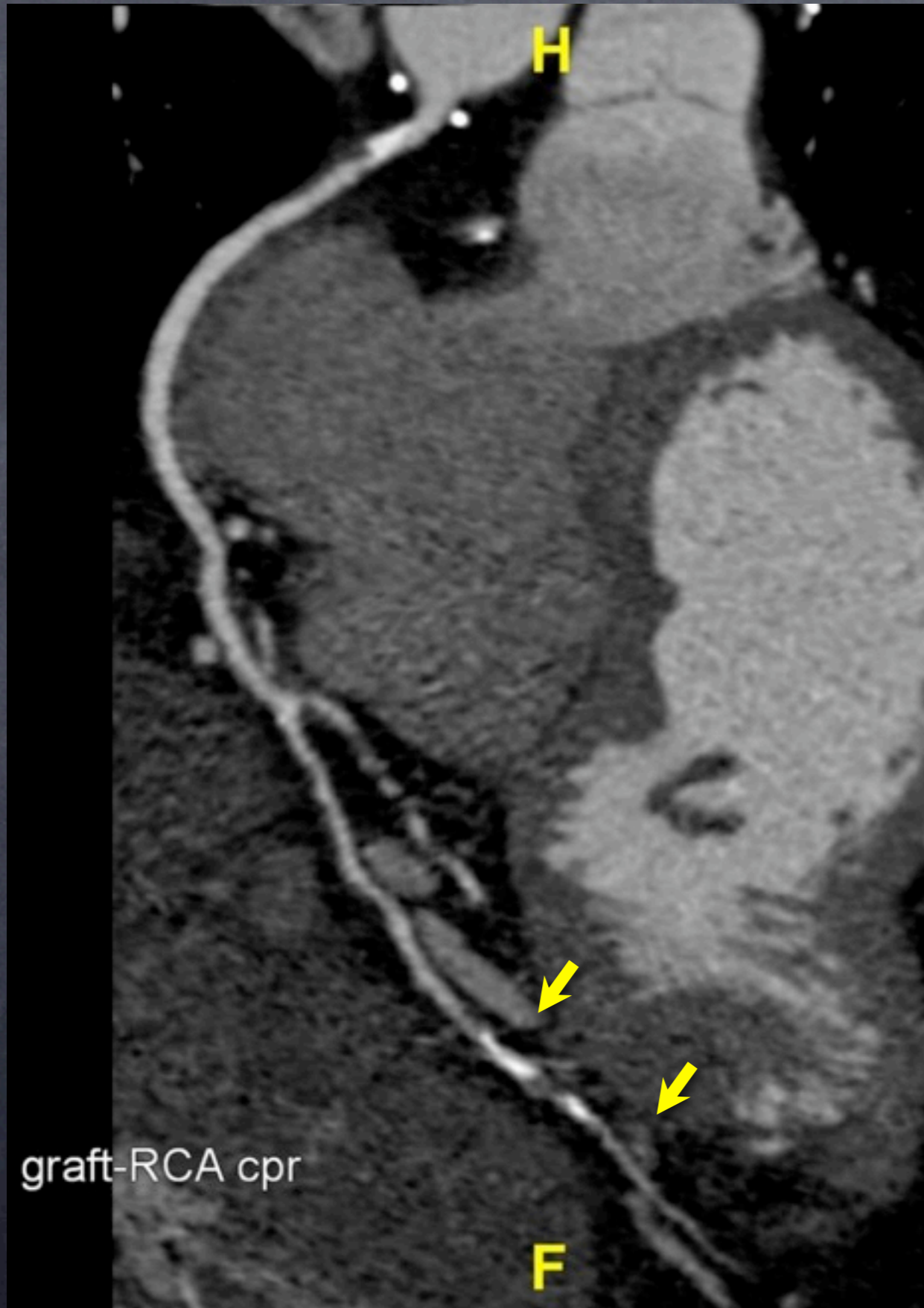
# Soft Plaque in LAD (~ 40% stenosis)



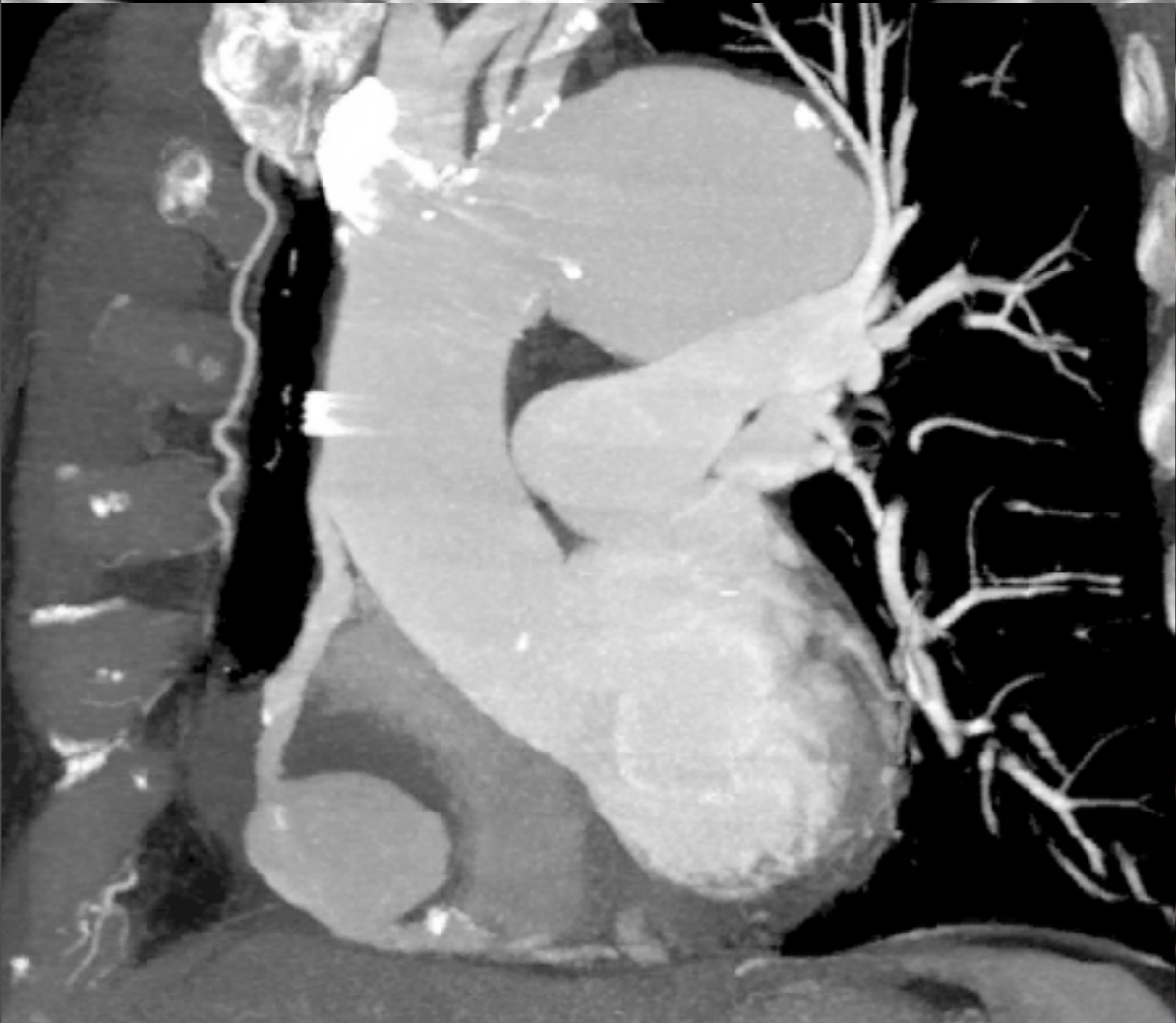
# Proximal RCA Occlusion, High LM origin (at STJ)



# SVG to RCA, native PDA disease



# ***BPG Aneurysm***



***Examples:***  
***Coronary Anomalies***

# Anomalous RCA

**RCA**

**Ao**

LEFT MAIN

**RVOT**

LAD

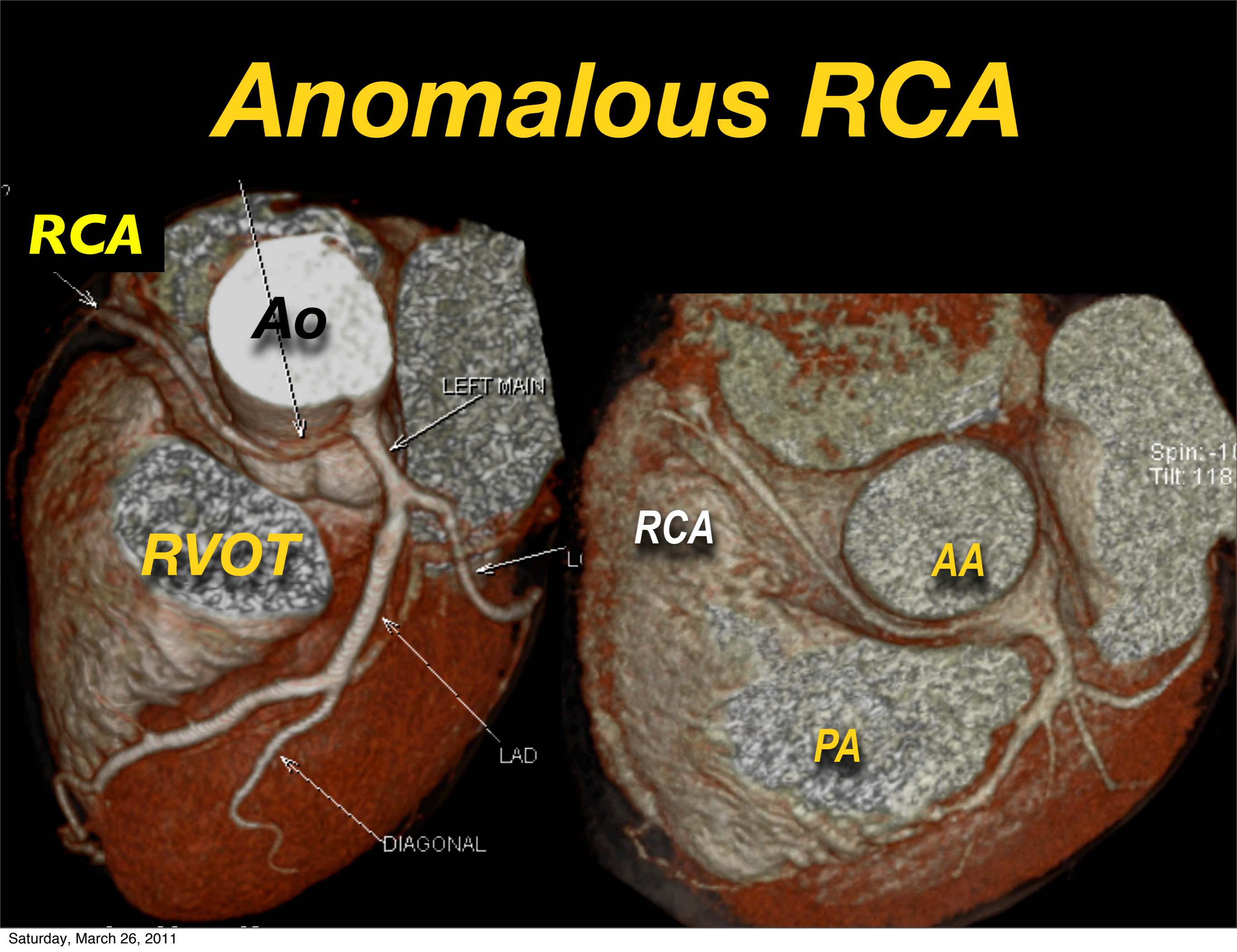
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**RCA**

**AA**

**PA**

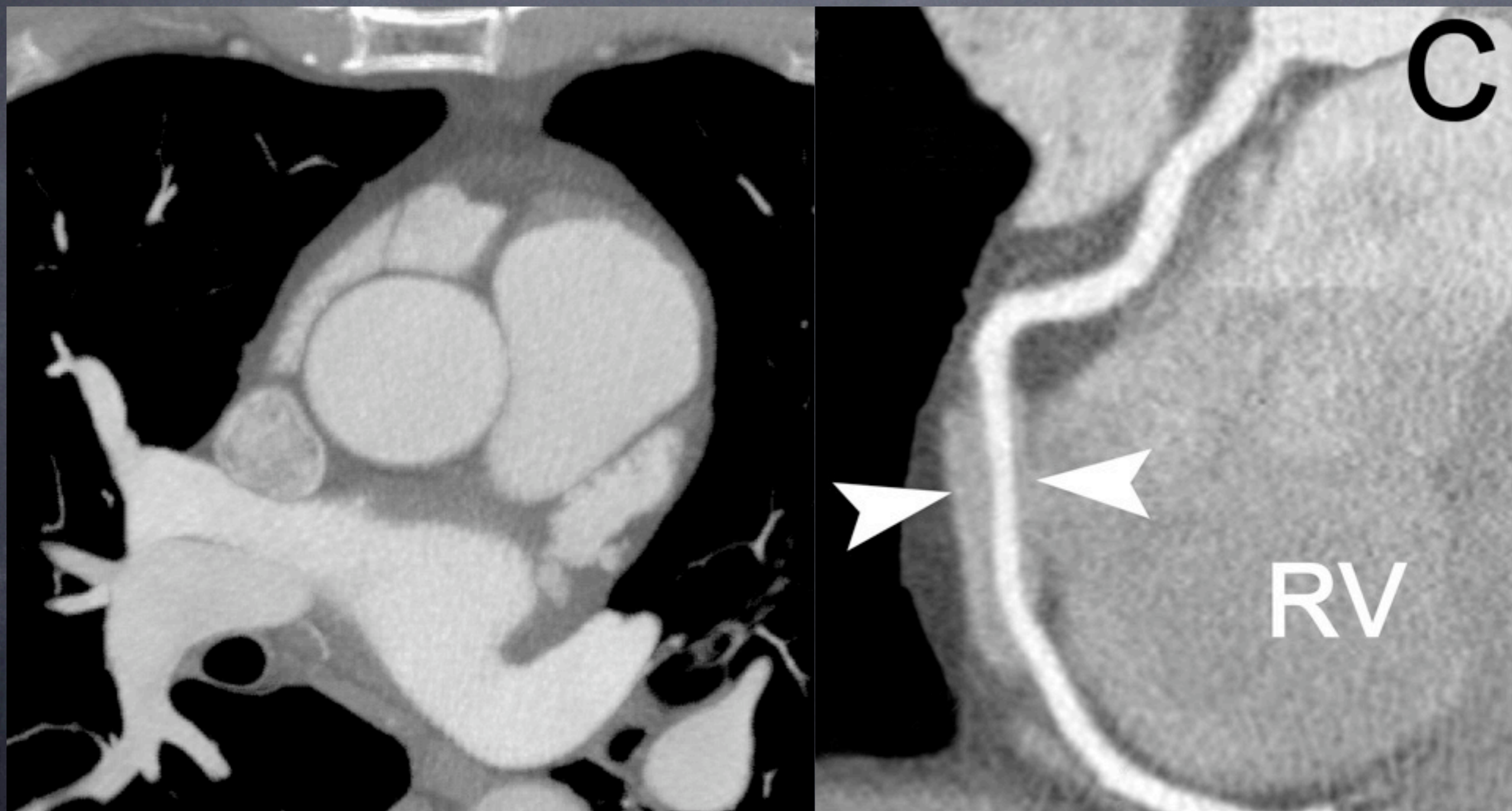
Spin: -10  
Tilt: 118



# ***Anomalous RCA*** ***(malignant anatomy)***



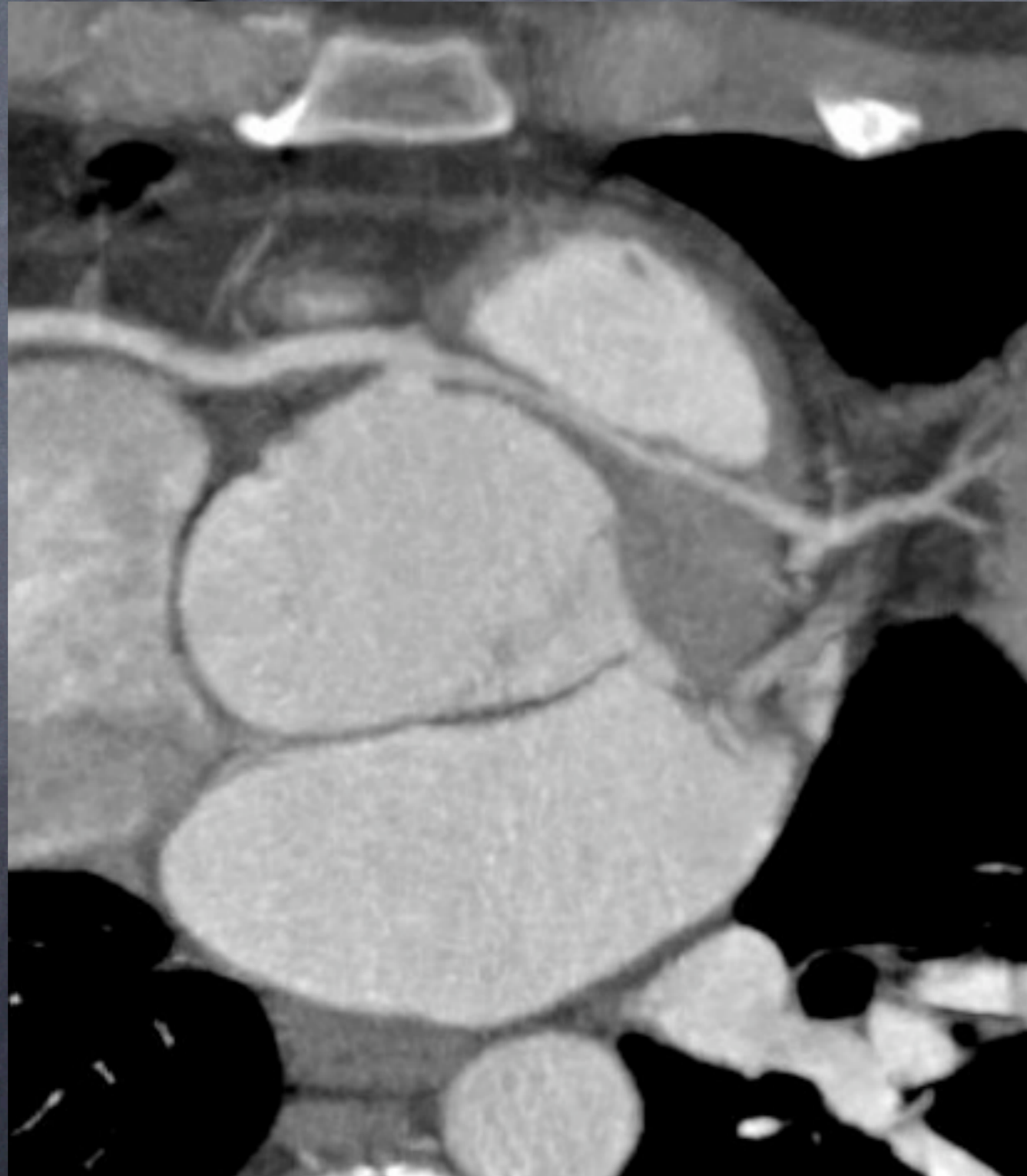
# *Intra-cavitary RCA*



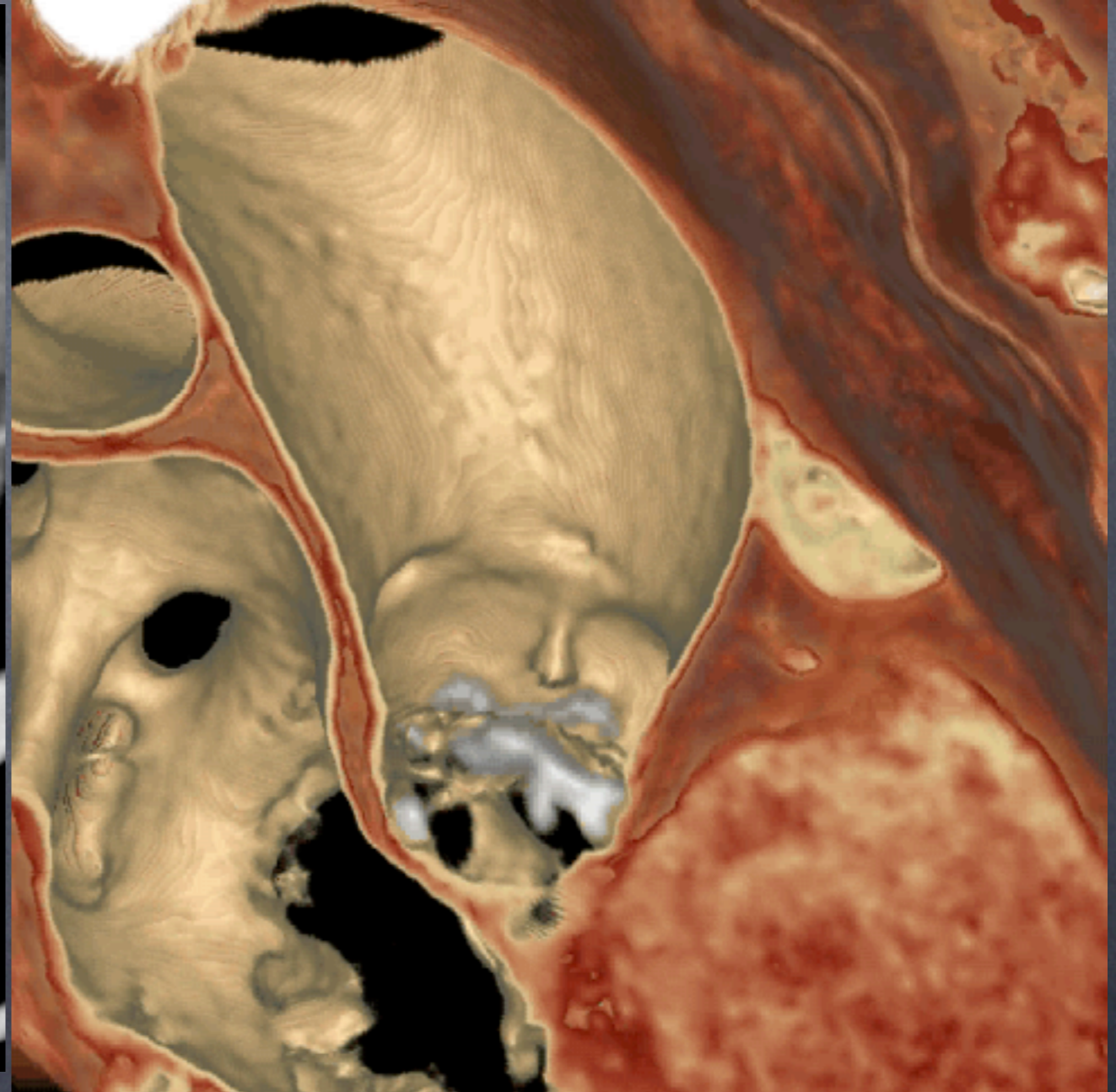
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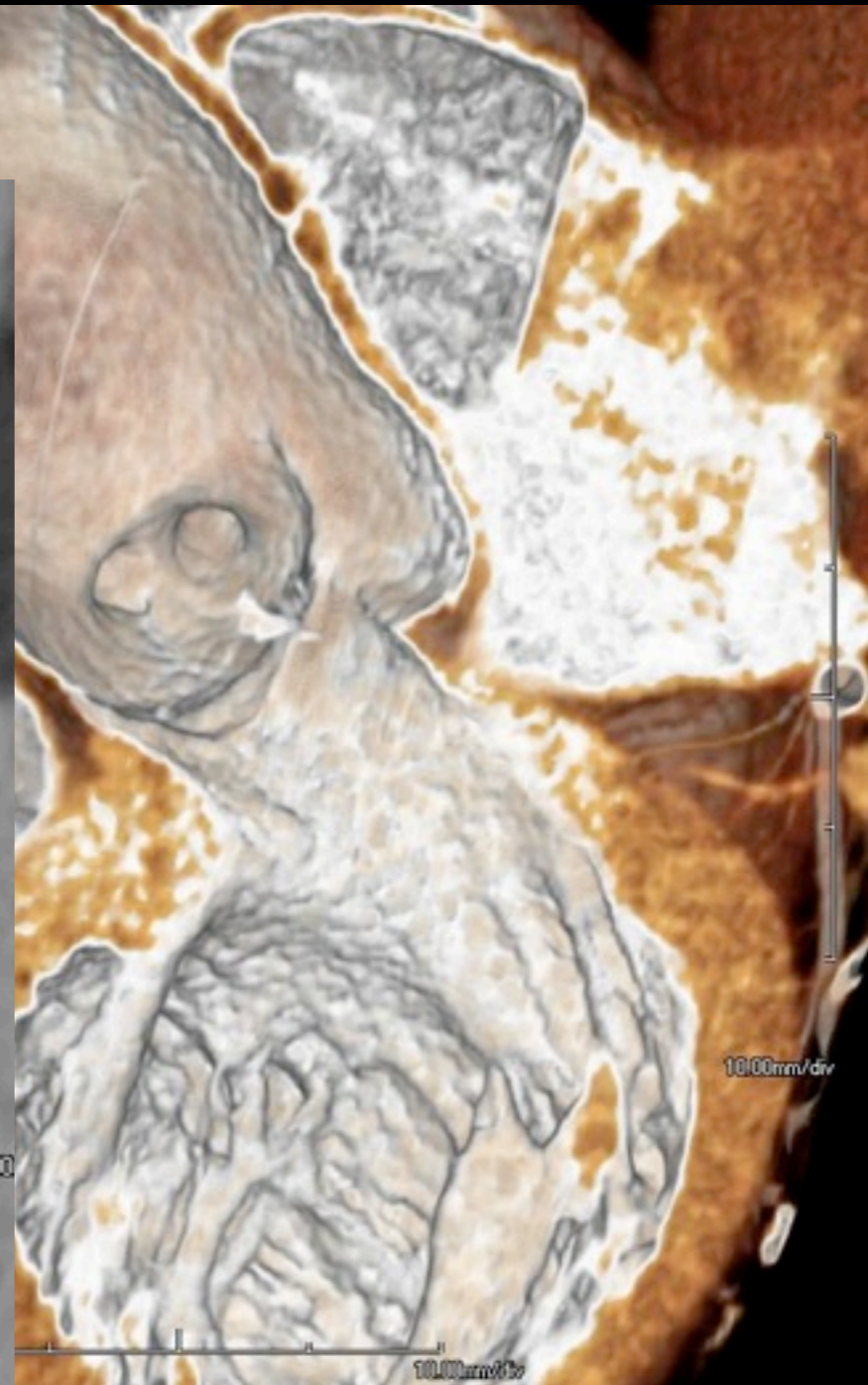
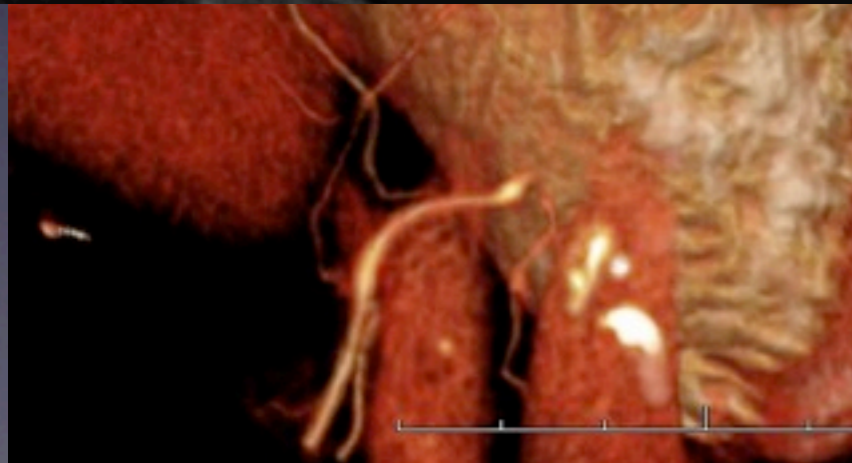
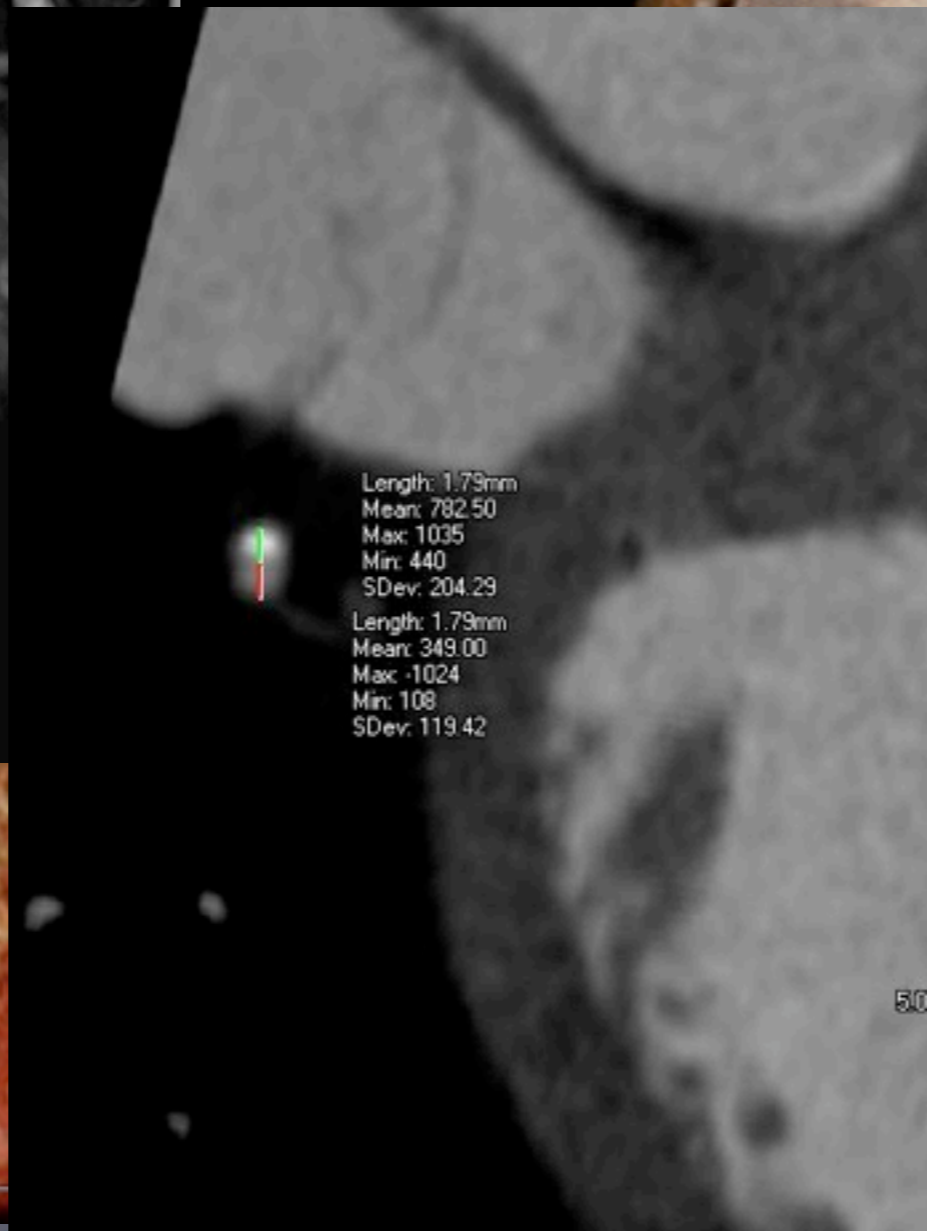
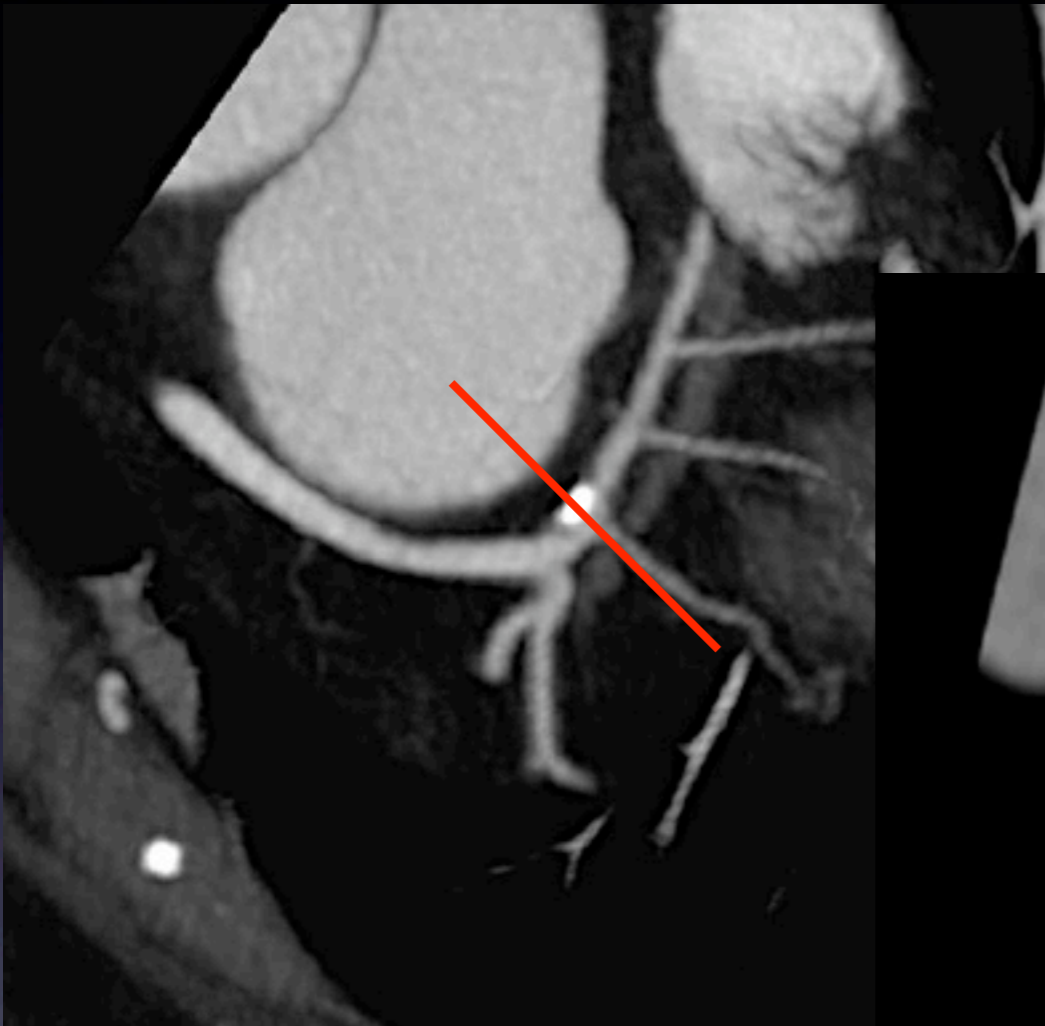
# *Anomalous LM from R, septal course*



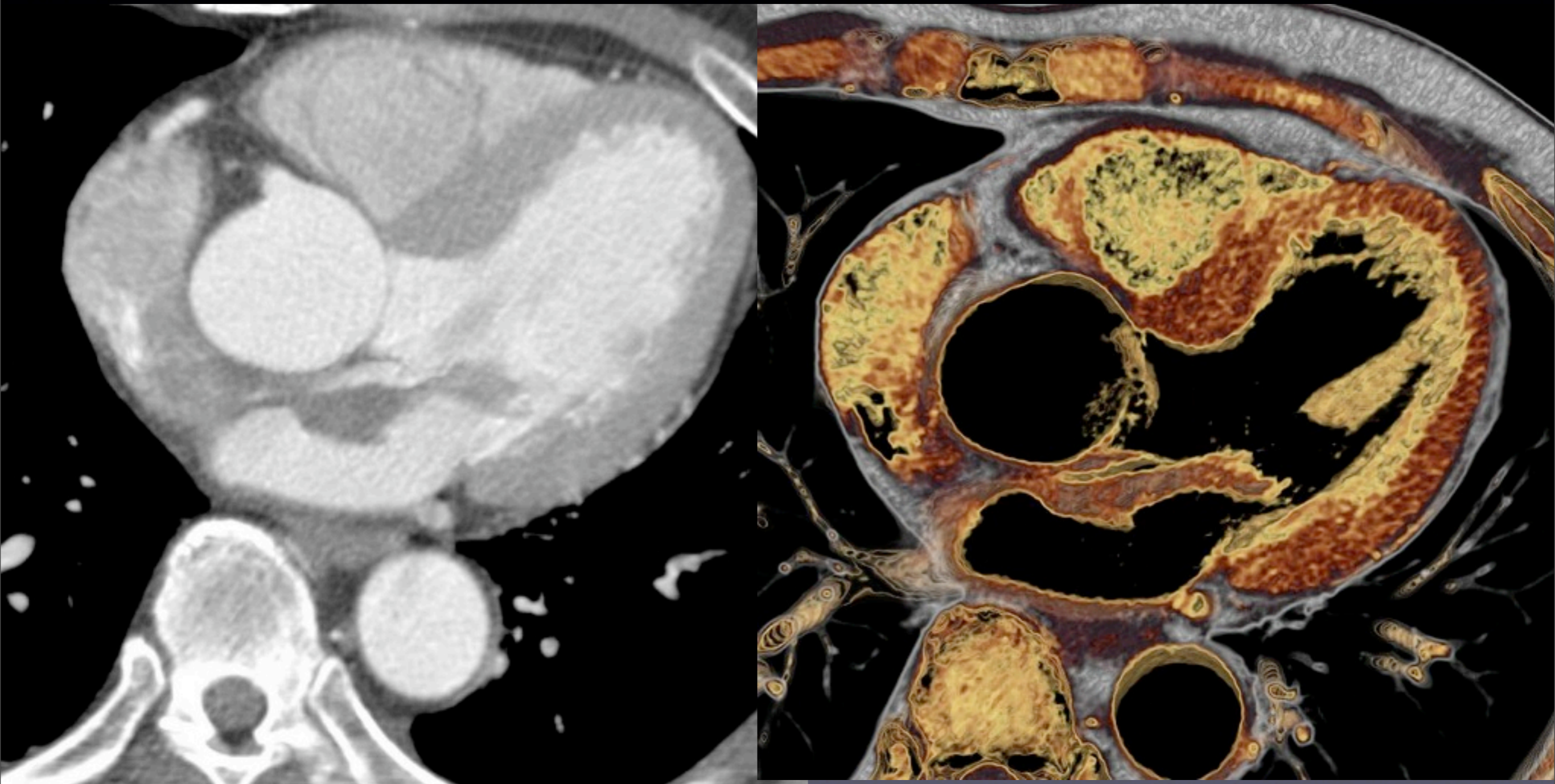
# *Anomalous RCA above fused RL cusps in BAV*



# A “Benign” Coronary Anomaly (?)



# Example: Cardiac Tumor



LA Myxoma

# Conclusions

- ✦ CCTA / TRO are technically dependent exams
- ✦ Coronary CTA can be a robust technique for selected ED and outpatients at **low - intermediate risk by FRS**
- ✦ High NPV of TRO / CCTA exams can be leveraged to **save resources**
- ✦ Useful for wide range of congenital / acquired pathology

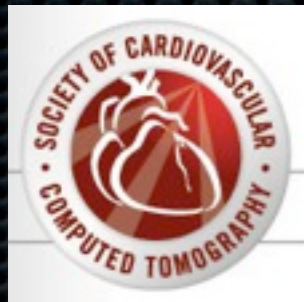
*Handouts and more: <http://stanford.edu/~hallett>*

# More Information:



North American Society for Cardiovascular Imaging

<http://www.nasci.org>



Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography

<http://www.scct.org>



ACR Certificate of Added Proficiency (CoAP) in Cardiac CT

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