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# ARCH ENDO REPAIR: THE BOLTON PERSPECTIVE

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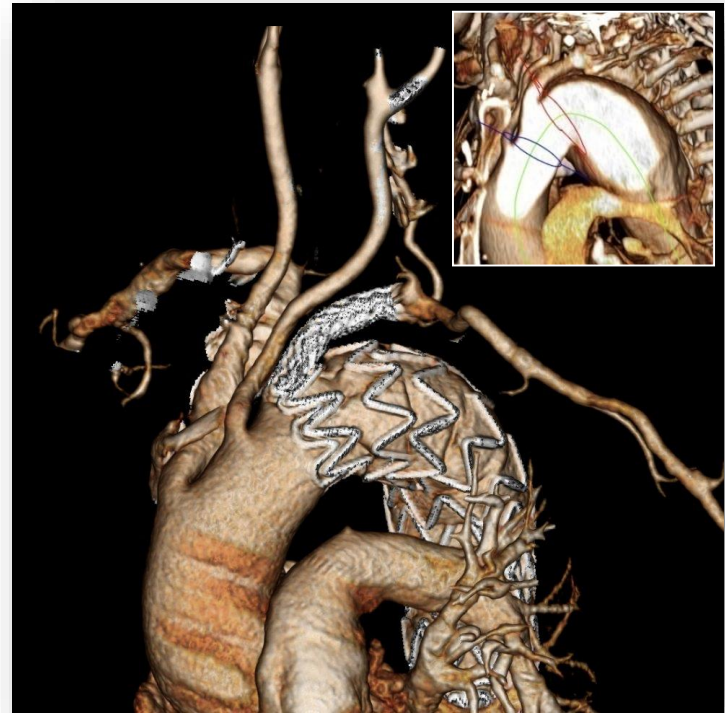
# **Background**

- **Any repair of aortic arch remains demanding and exposes to not negligible mortality and stroke risks**
- **Open repair: gold standard**
- **Hybrid and endovascular repair: valid alternative mostly in high risk patients**

# Debranching technique (Zone 2)



Car – Subcl BP



Chimney on LSA

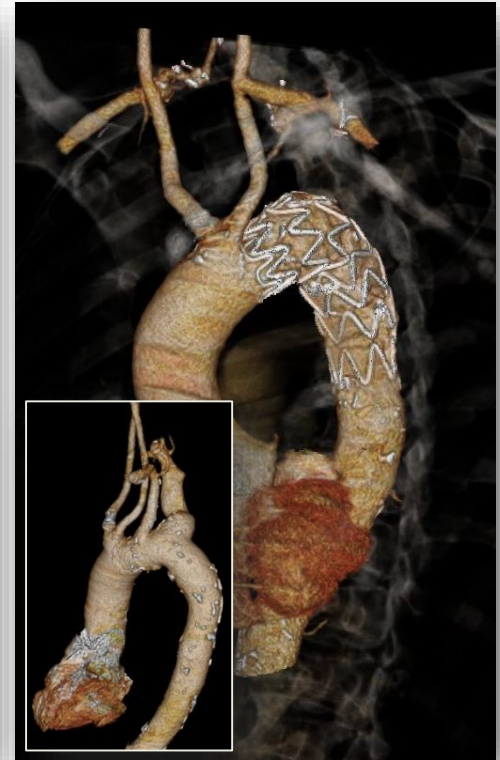
# Debranching technique (Zone 1)



Car – Car – Subcl BP



Car – Subcl BP (Bovine Arch)

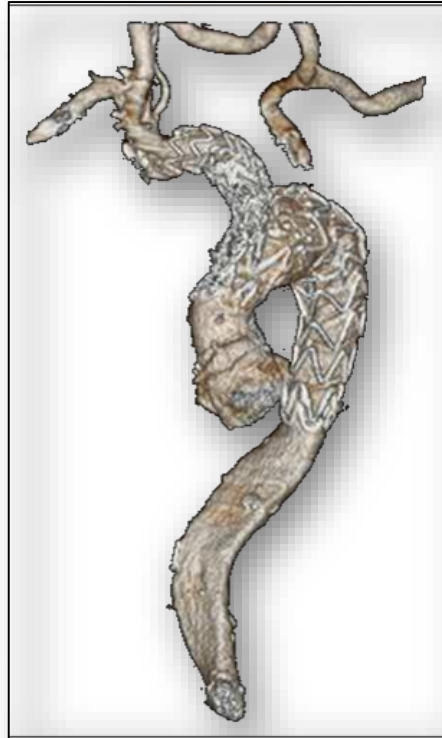


Bilateral Car – Subcl  
BP (aberrant RSA  
aneurysm)

# Debranching technique (Zone 0)



Total Debranching



Single Branched +  
Car – car – subcl BP



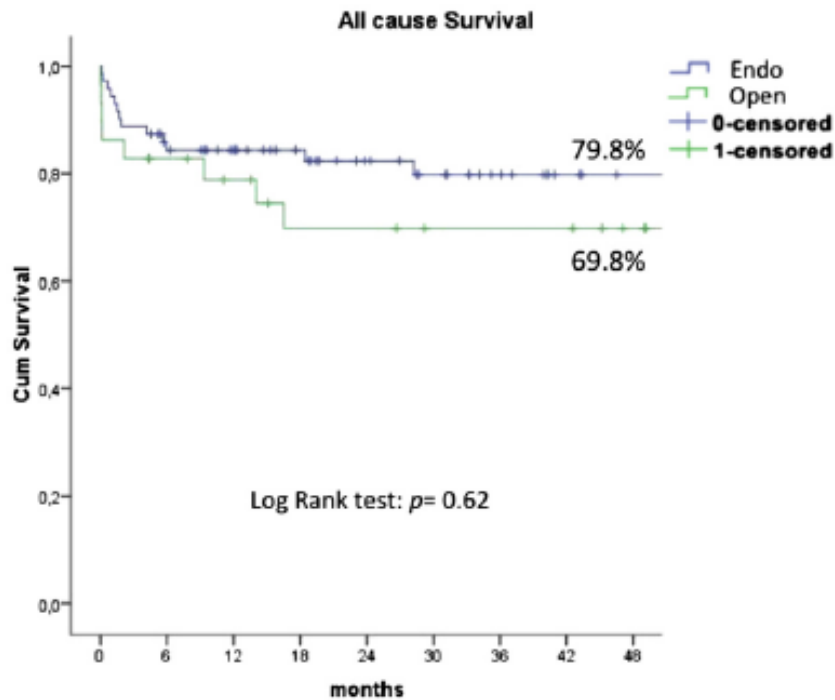
Double Branched +  
Car – subcl BP



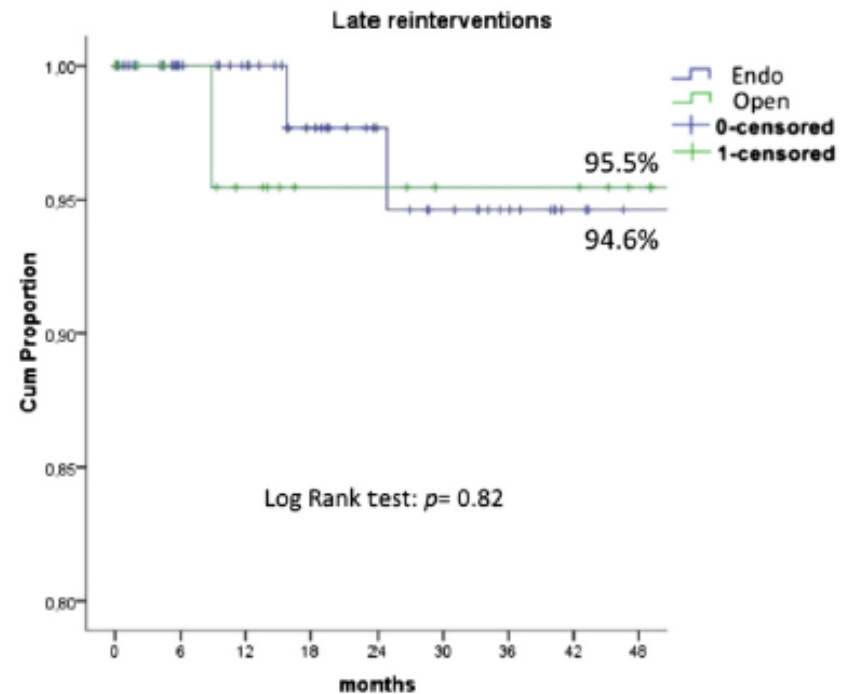
# Perioperative results

	Endo	Open	P
Death	8.5%	13.8%	0.47
Stroke	5.6%	3.4%	1
Spinal cord ischemia	2.8%	0%	0.50

## 5-year results



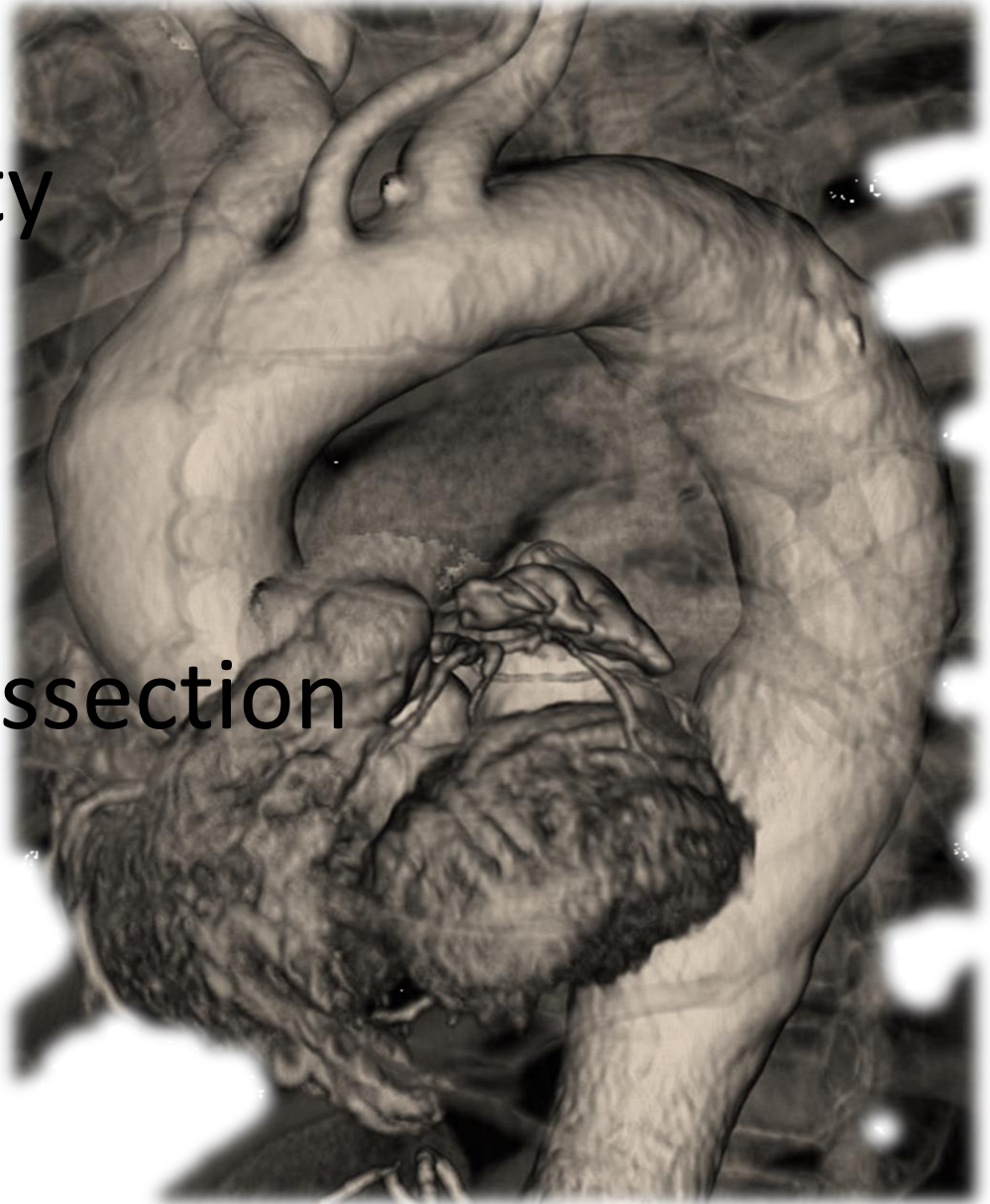
	months	0	12	24	36	48
ENDO	<i>n* at risk</i>	71	49	34	22	14
	<i>st. error</i>	0	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05
OPEN	<i>n* at risk</i>	29	19	14	13	10
	<i>st. error</i>	0	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09



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# Arch TEVAR issues

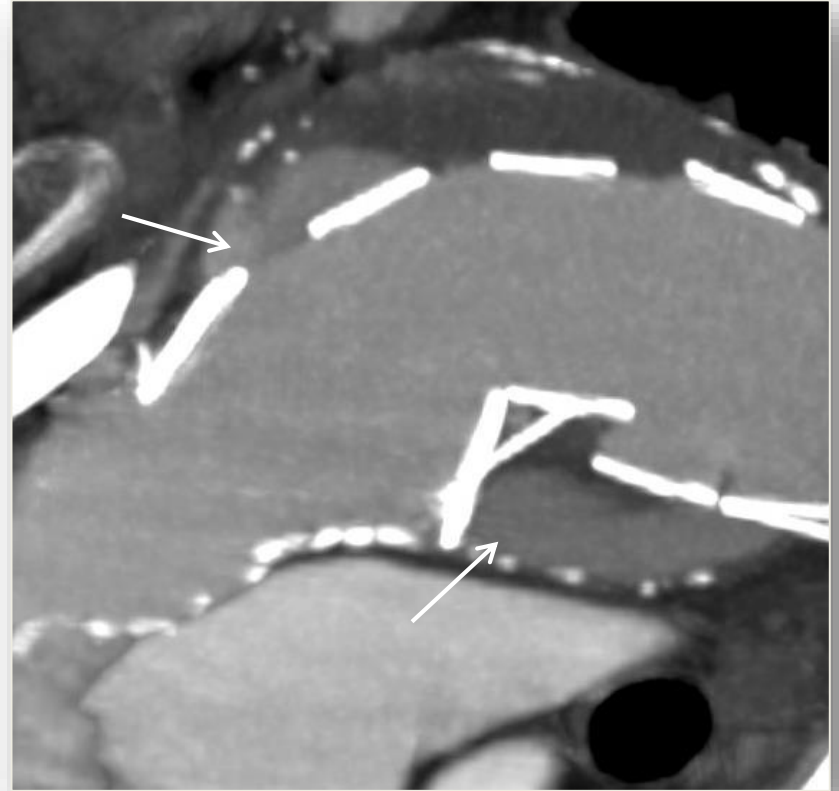
- ✓ Conformability
- ✓ Endoleak
- ✓ Retrograde dissection
- ✓ Stroke





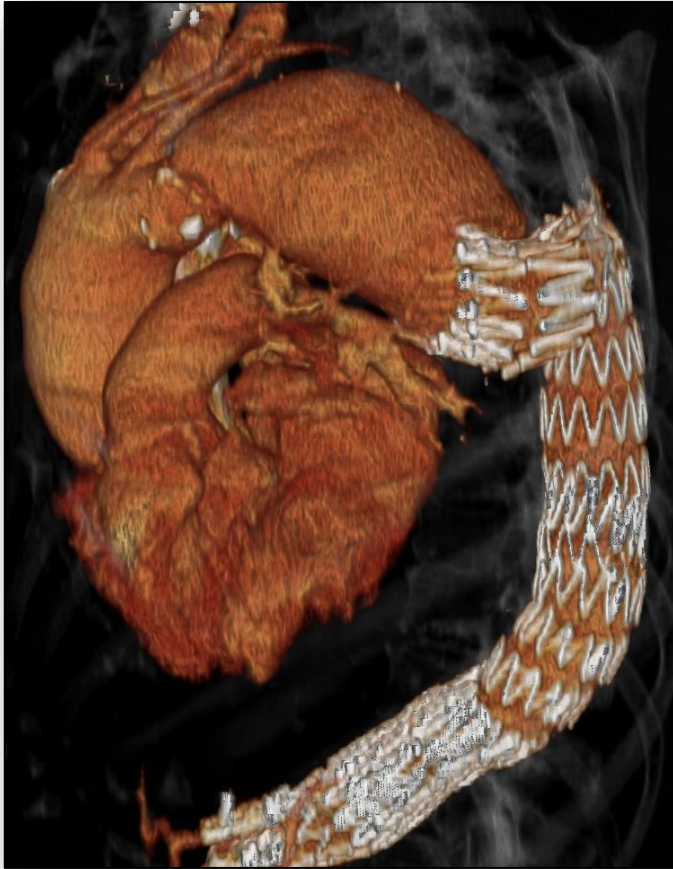
# Conformability

Deployment related issues



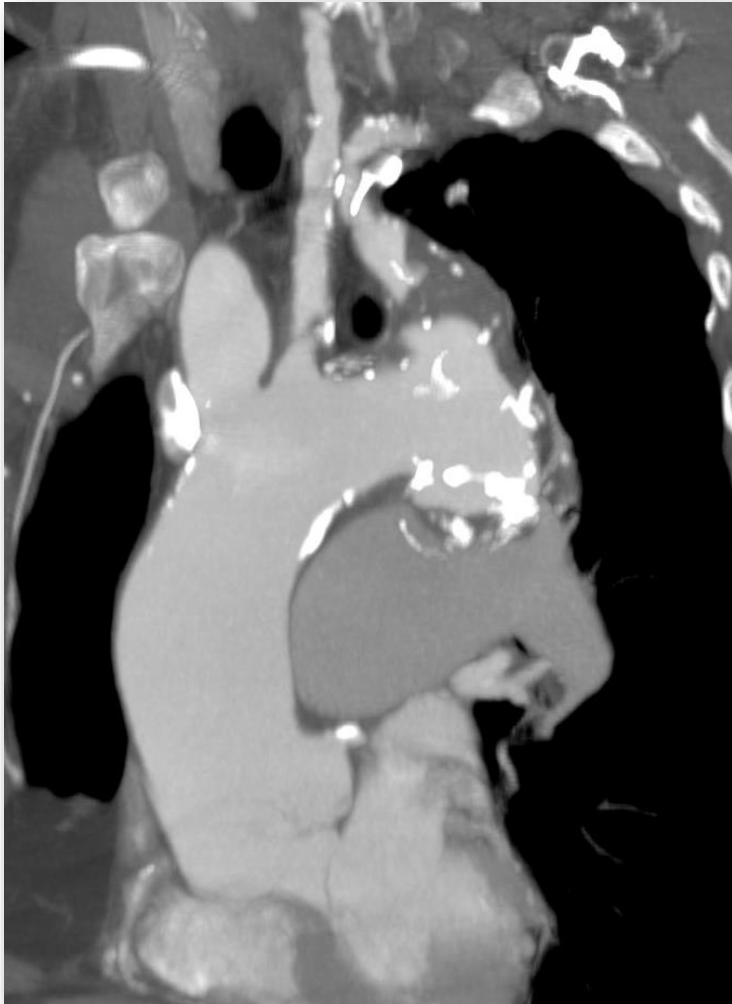
# Conformability

Migration and type I endoleak



# Patients' selection

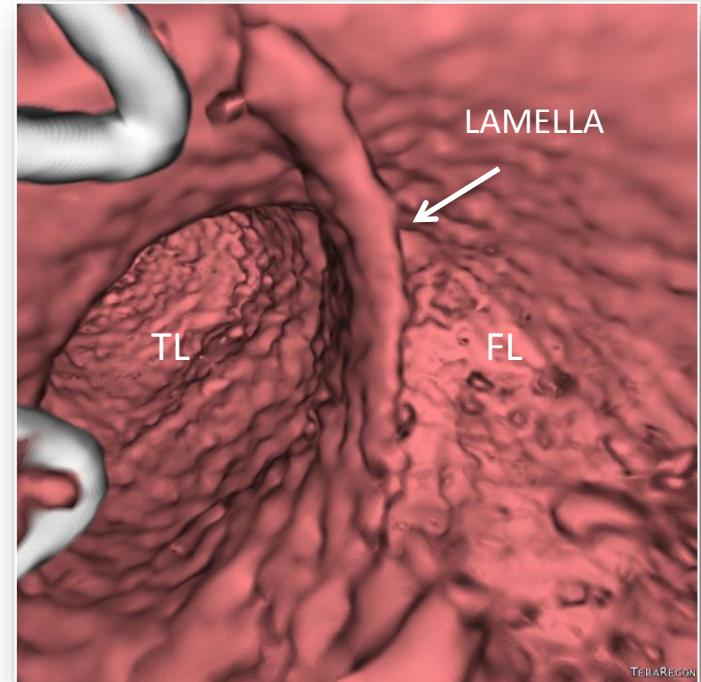
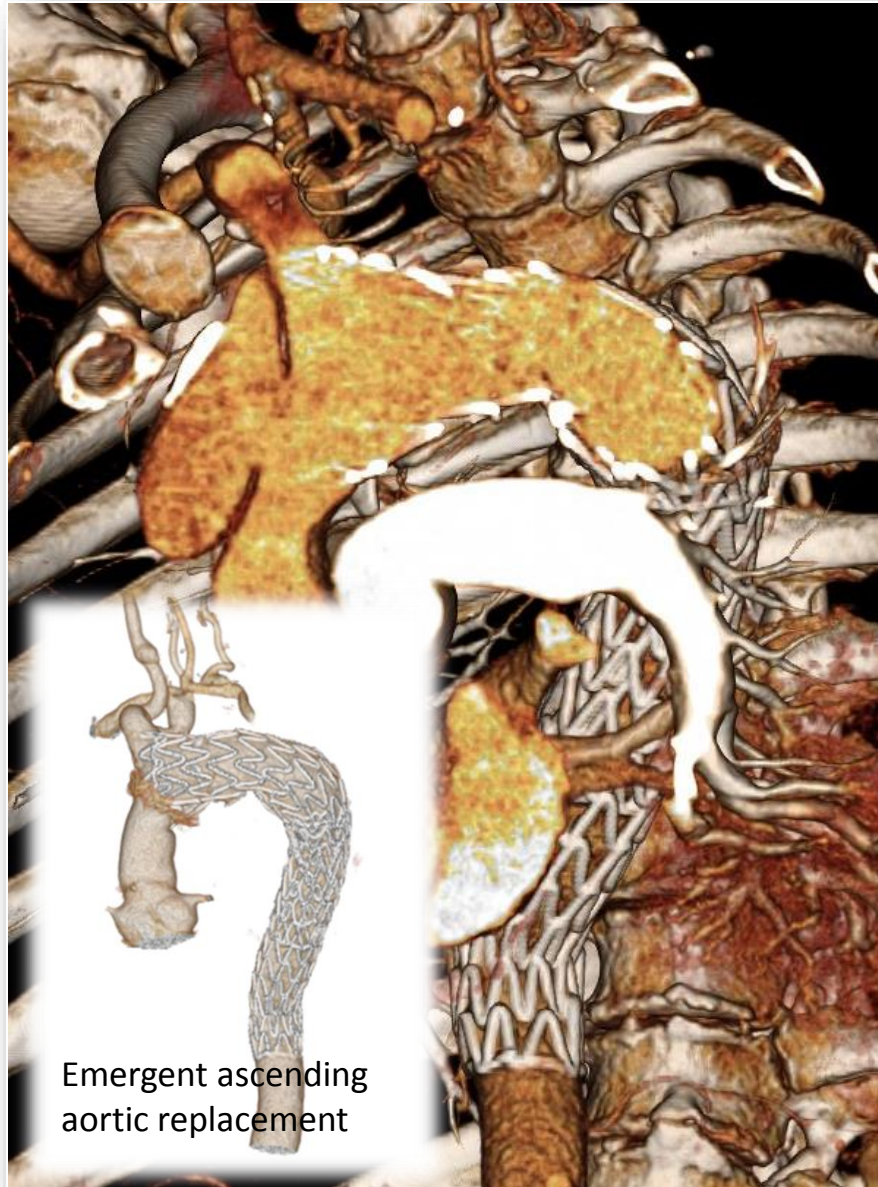
Shaggy" aorta





# Retrograde dissection

## Zone 1 repair



**San Camillo Experience  
2009 - 2015**

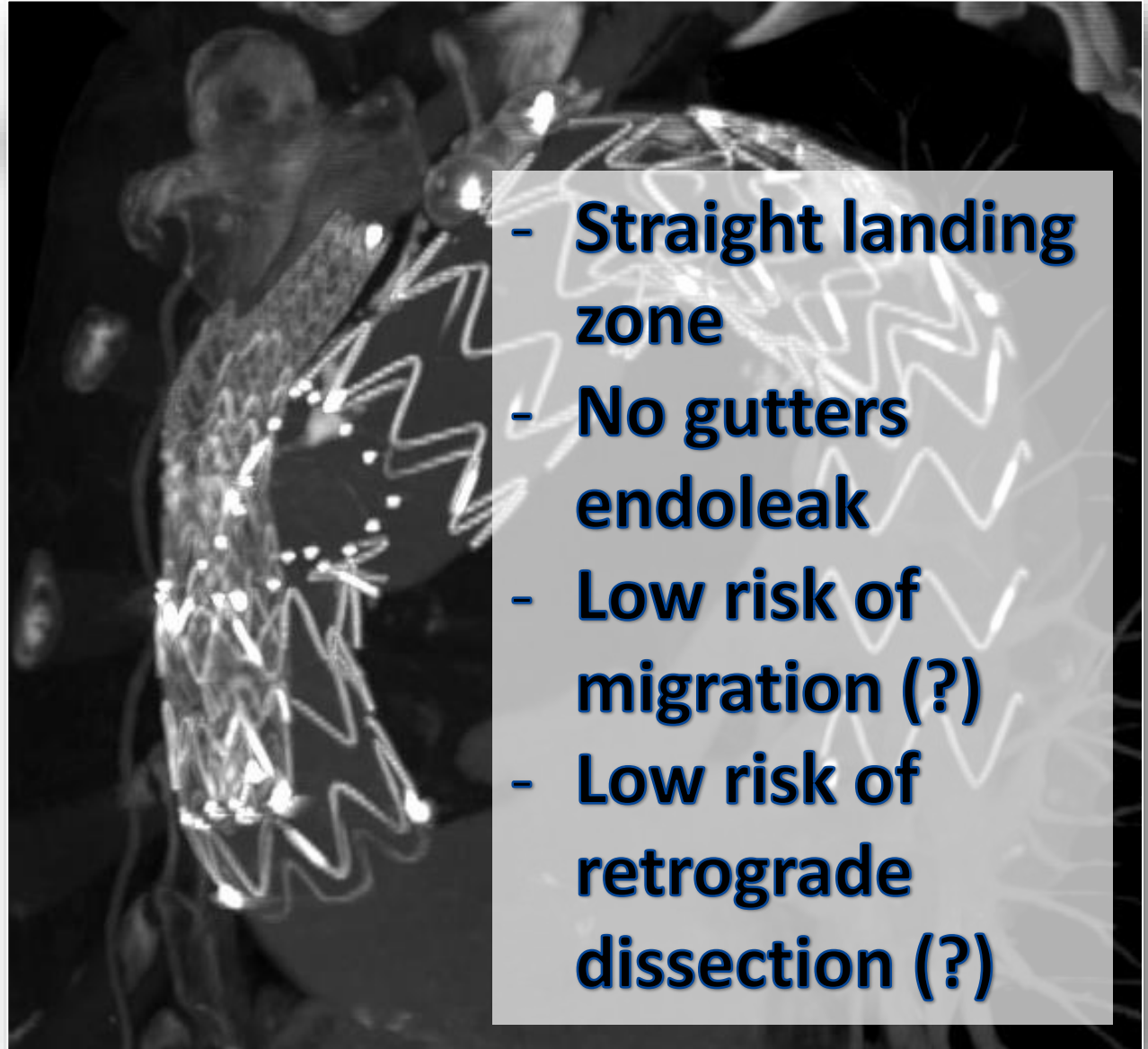
**TEVAR: 483**

**RAD: 7 (1.4%)**

**Zone 0-1: 109**

**RAD in Zone 1 :5.9%)**

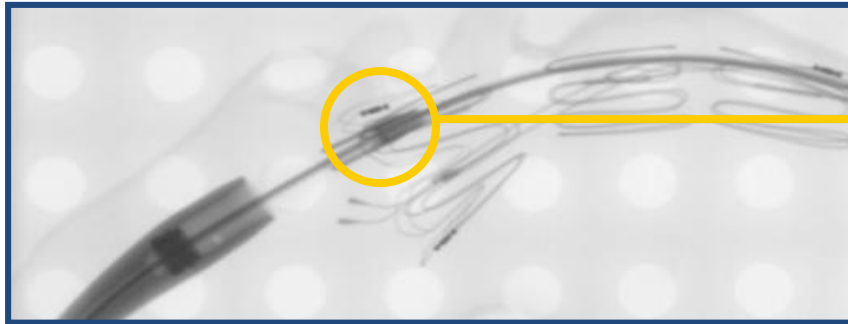
# Potential advantages of Arch Branched stentgrafts



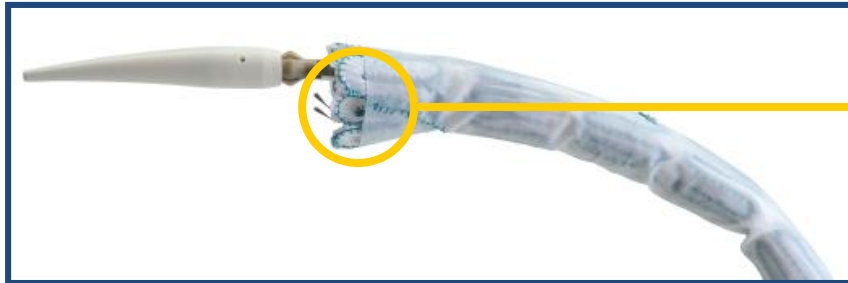
- Straight landing zone
- No gutters endoleak
- Low risk of migration (?)
- Low risk of retrograde dissection (?)

# BOLTON ARCH BRANCHED STENTGRAFT

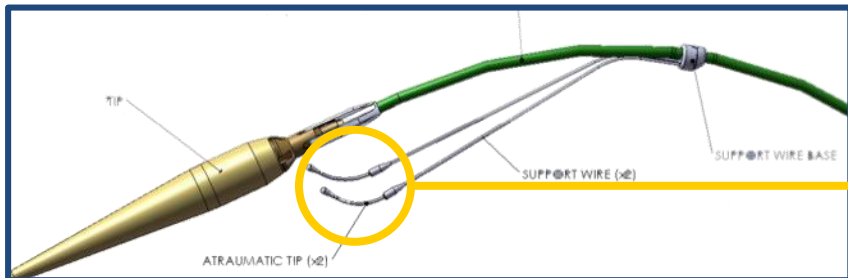
## Delivery System based on Relay NBS PLUS Thoracic Stent-Graft



**Proximal Clasp**ing mechanism to allow stent-graft **repositioning** and **pre-curved guidewire lumen** to allow **self-orientation**



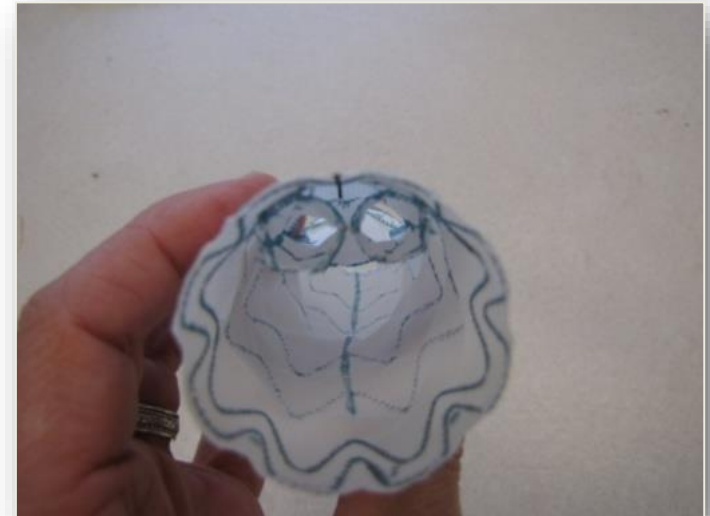
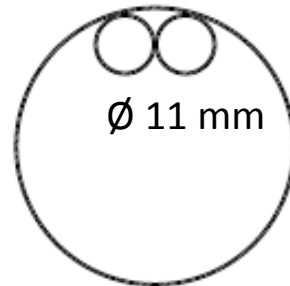
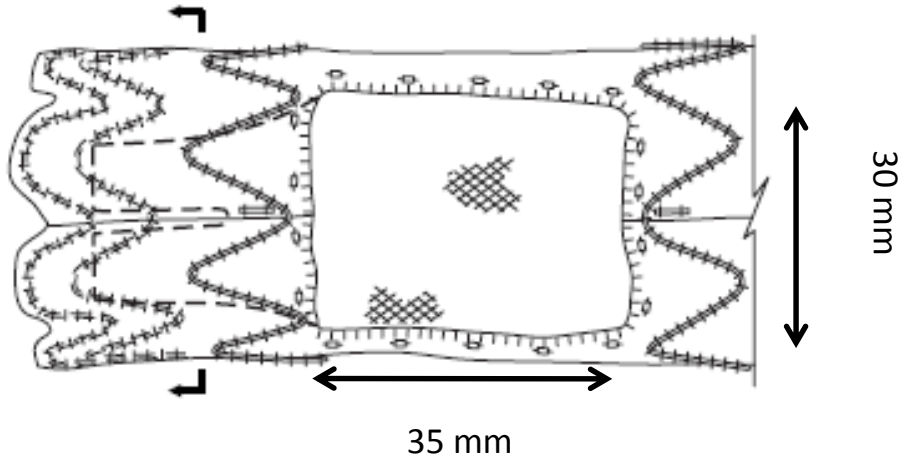
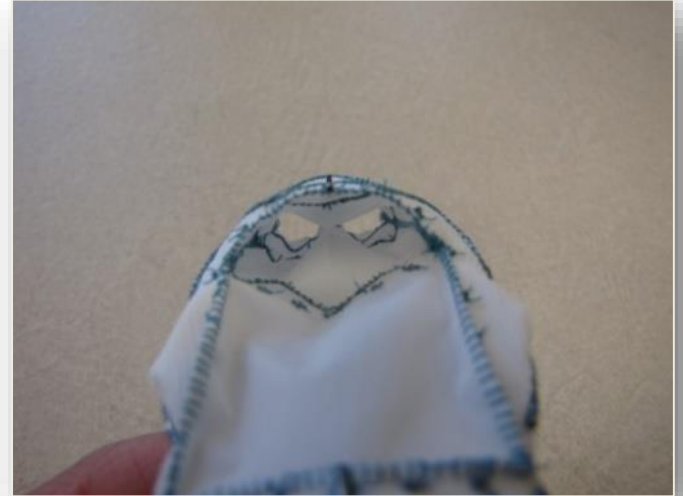
**Secondary sheath** allows easy tracking to zone 0



Atraumatic **Support Wires** to **control the expansion** of the inferior portion of the graft

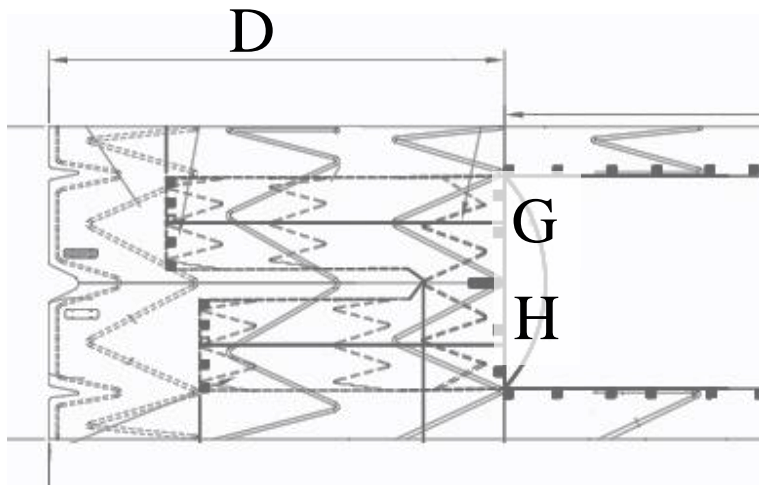


# Bolton Arch Branched Device



# BOLTON ARCH BRANCHED STENTGRAFT

## Main Body – Tunnel length and diameter

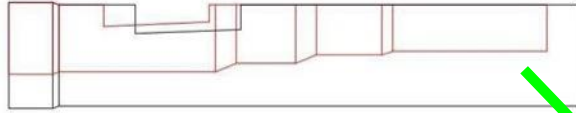


G: Posterior tunnel for *BCT*  
H: Anterior tunnel for *LCCA*

Tunnel Length		
Length D	Length G	Length H
60 mm	44 mm	40 mm
45 mm	34 mm	30 mm

Tunnel Diameter	
Diameter G	Diameter H
12 mm	12 mm

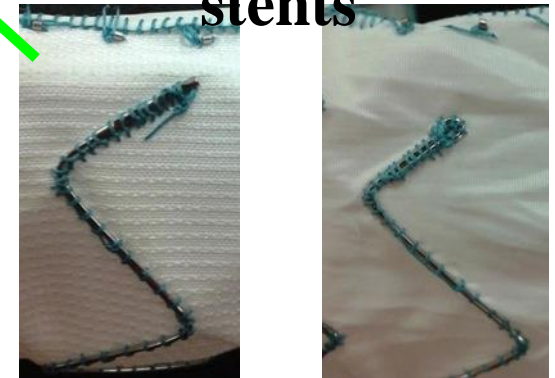
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**Specific tapering  
pattern**



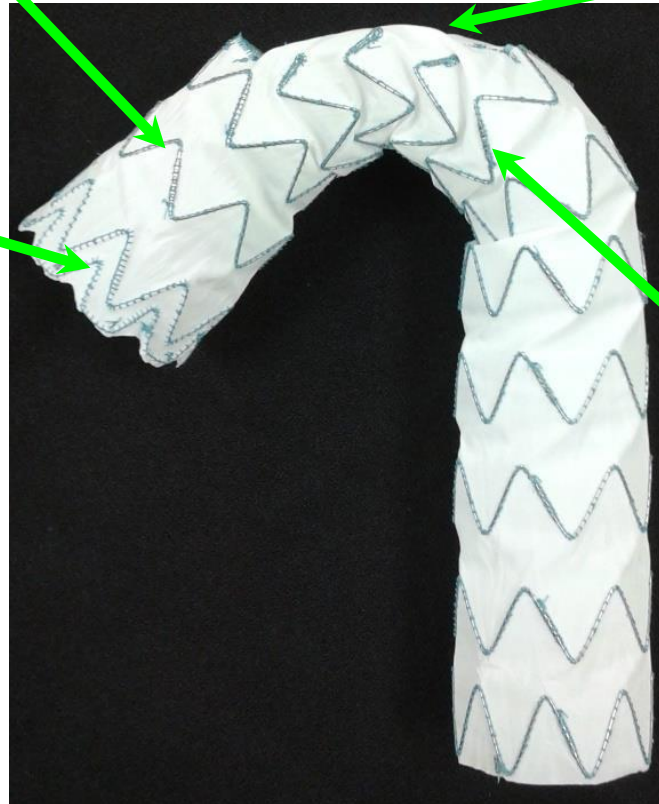
**Redesigned size  
Dedicated  
stents**



**New Hemi  
Stents**

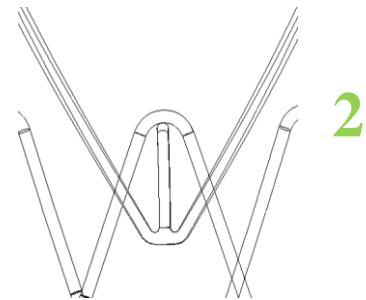
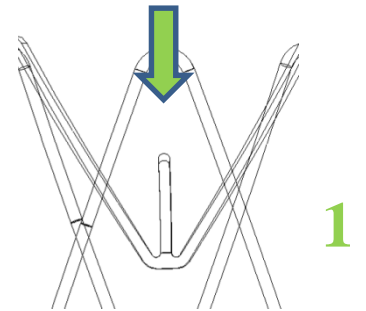
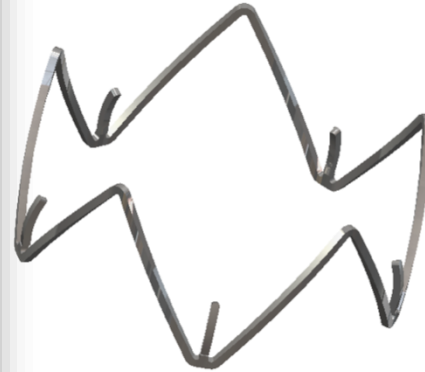
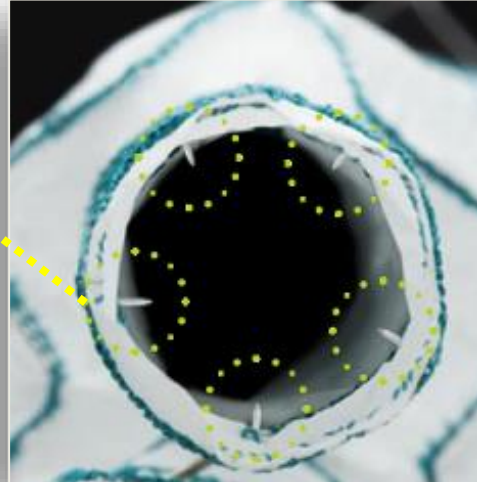
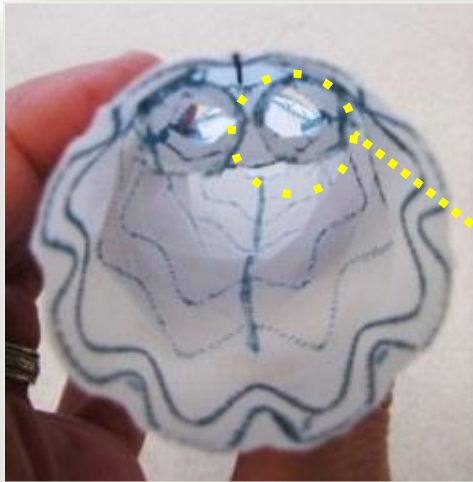
**Low profile  
graft**

**“PRO” delivery system  
(24-25F)**



# BOLTON ARCH BRANCHED STENTGRAFT

Lock stent prevents modular disjunction

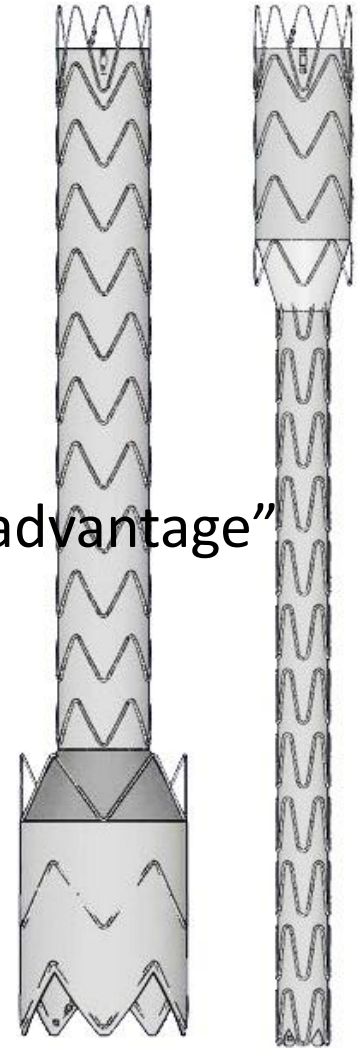


Dull barbs facing towards lumen of the tunnel  
**preventing potential disconnection** of the  
branches

# BOLTON ARCH BRANCHED STENTGRAFT

## Branches

- **Introduction of dedicated bridging stents**
  - 14F O.D. with 45cm long detachable sheath
  - 8-24mm of diameter; 70-140mm of length
  - Controlled deployment through “mechanical advantage”
  - Proximal capture

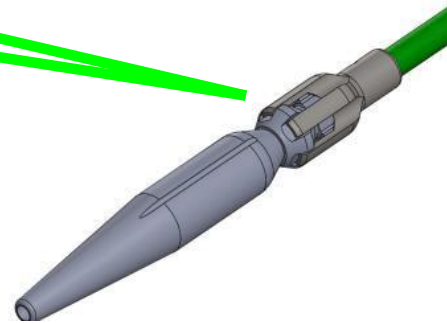
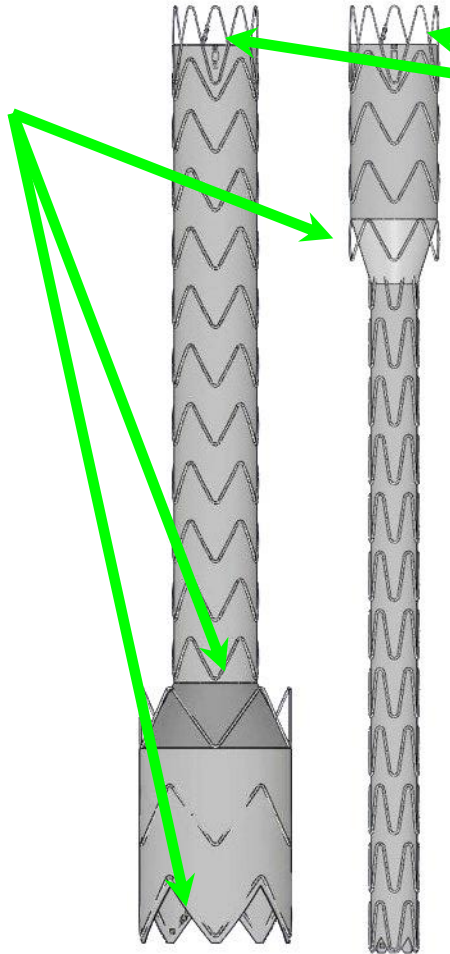




# BOLTON ARCH BRANCHED STENTGRAFT

## Branches optimization

**Dedicated  
design**



**Proximal Clasping &  
short tip**



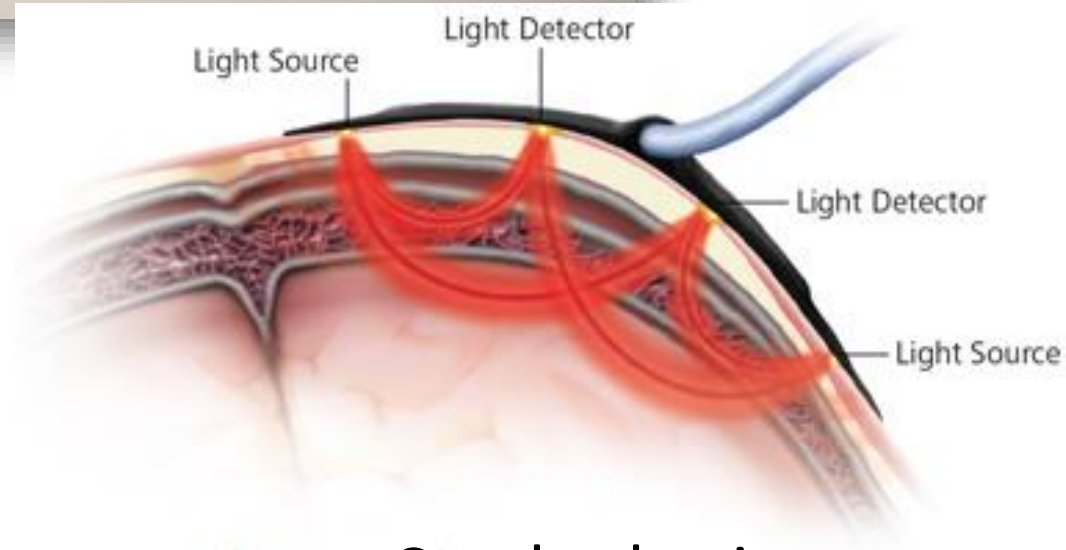
**14F delivery system**



# Intraoperative monitoring



$rSO_2$



Cerebral oximetry sensor

# Prevention of air embolism

## Stentgraft flushing with CO<sub>2</sub> (before flushing with saline)



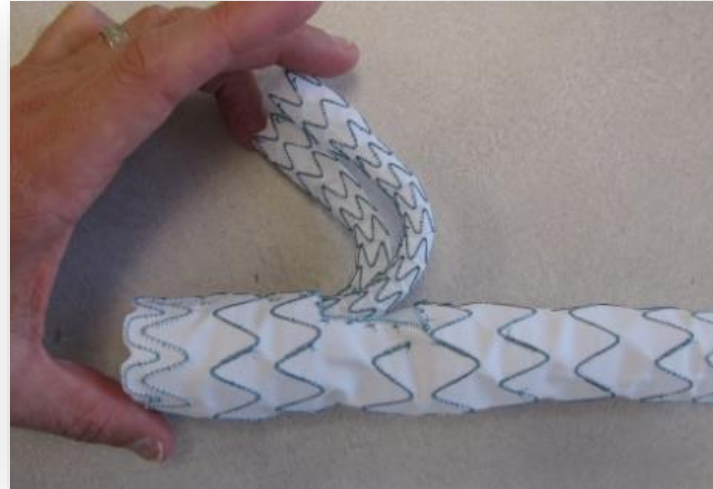
- More effective de-airing  
(higher diffusion of CO<sub>2</sub>)
- Lower risk of air embolism  
(higher solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in the blood)



**AAA + Aortic Arch**



# Limits of Arch Branched stentgrafts



- **Time for customization**
- **Morphological criteria:**
  - Asc Ao diameter
  - Asc Ao length
  - Prosthetic

# Bolton Arch Branched Device

Center	Investigator	City	Country
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St. Mary's Hospital - London	Dr. M. Hamady	London	United Kingdom
Linköping University Hospital	dr. C. Forssell	Linköping	Sweden

	Total
<b>N</b>	<b>26</b>
Male	69,2%
Mean Age	72y
TAA	80,8%
PAU	3,8%
Type B Dissection	15,4%
Procedure completed	100%
Freedom from endoleak	92,3%
Perioperative overall death	11,5%
Perioperative procedure related death	3.8%



# Conclusion

Endovascular approach is a valid alternative to open surgery for all patients **when morphologically feasible**

**Identification of a suitable proximal landing zone** remains a major concern in TEVAR for arch disease

The choice of a straight proximal landing zone, like **ascending aorta**, may prevent deployment related issues, type I endoleak and retrograde dissection

**Branched stentgrafts** might be useful in avoiding arch manipulations and decreasing the risk of major adverse events and should be extended to the most “unstable” areas of the aortic arch (zone 1)