

# **THE E-XL AORTIC STENT AS EXTENSION IN COMPLICATED DISSECTIONS AFTER FROZEN ELEPHANT TRUNK PROCEDURES**

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# Background - Chronic Type I Aortic Dissection

***St.p. prox. ao. repair for acute Type I AD***

***Patent false lumen distally ~ 70 - 89%***

- ***Aortic growth***
- ***Aortic rupture***
- ***Malperfusion***

***Redo Surgery at 5 - 12 yrs: 16 – 39%***

Glauber, Murzi 2010

Park 2009, Ishihara 2009

Zierer 2007

Geirsson, Bavaria 2007

Kirsch 2002



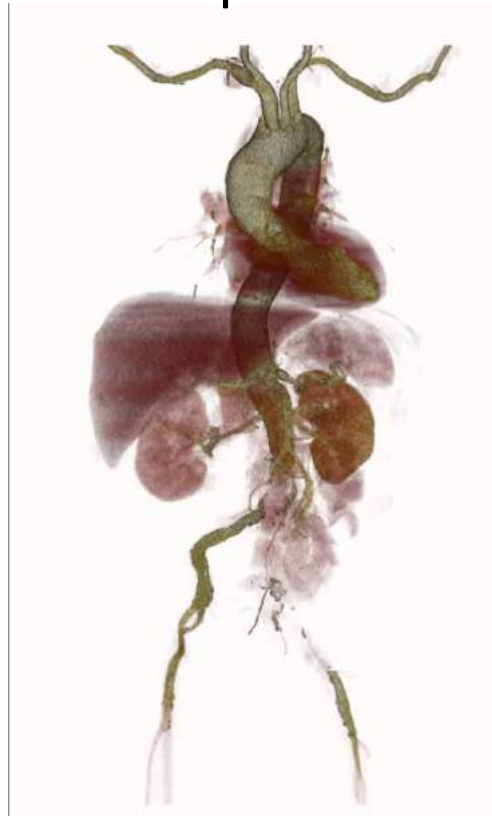
# Malperfusion in acute Type A (AAD)

## Malperfusion in Type I AD - Case Examples

Cerebral



Peripheral



## Potential End – Organ Ischemia

Type I



Cerebral



Heart



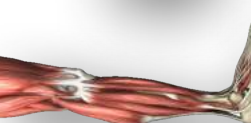
Spinal Cord



Visceral



Renal



Extremities

## Malperfusion in AAD - Mortality

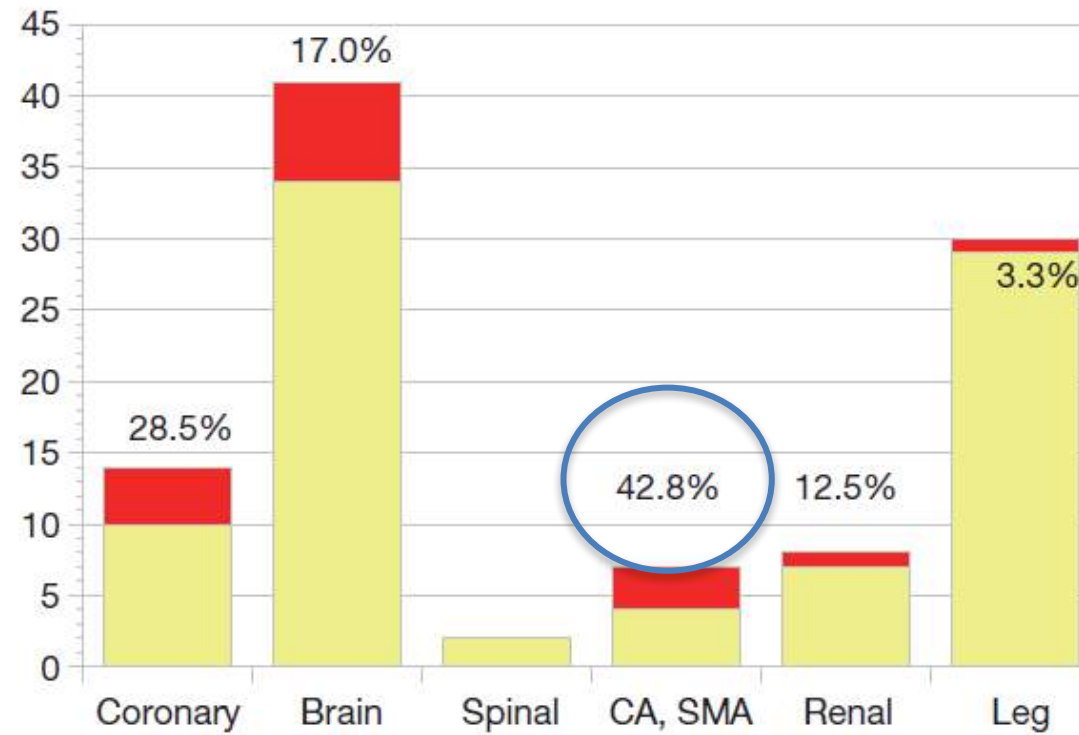
### Outcome according to malperfusion extent in acute Type A AD

Malperfused system	Total N (%)	Mortality (%)
0	1420 (66.4)	12
1	494 (23.1)	21
2	139 (6.5)	31
3	53 (2.5)	43

*Czerny et al, Am. Coll. Cardiol. 2015  
GERAADA Results*

# Visceral Malperfusion

The major Killer among malperfusion sites



*Okita et al, Ann Cardiothorac Surg 2016*

# Standard Treatment in acute AAD does not consider visceral/peripheral Malperfusion

## Delay to specific malperfusion treatment (standard approach)

Onset of symptom to diagnosis

Proximal aortic repair

Re-evaluation of malperfusion

Malperfusion treatment

>15  
hours

Classic approach (CT only) may

- result in delayed detection/treatment of visceral/peripheral malperfusion
- worsen ischemia severity and end-organ failure
- augment reperfusion injury  
(Delay+CPB+HCA)

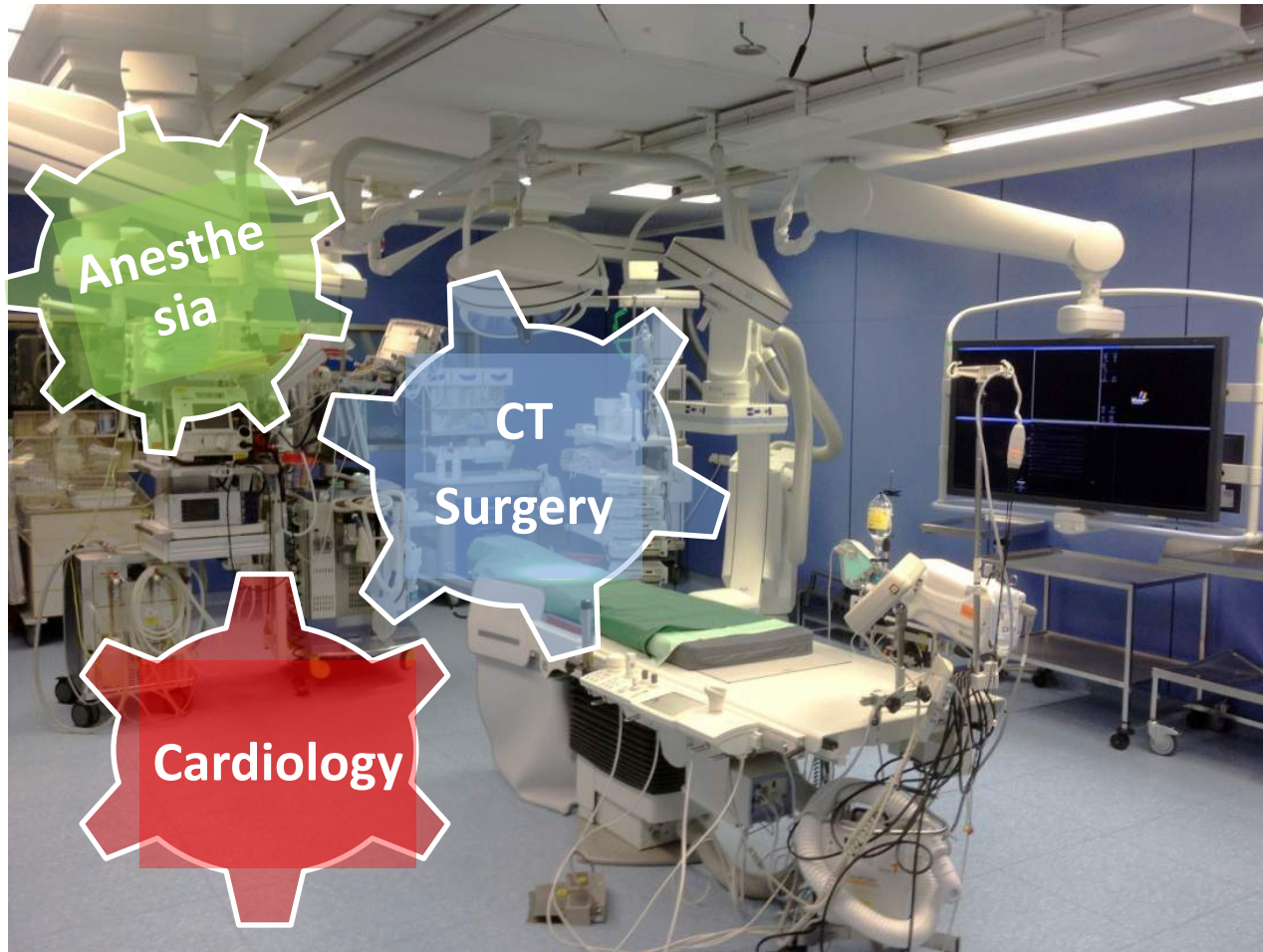
## Acute AD in Essen – Clinical Status at Presentation

%	Acute AD N =131
Penn A no circulatory collapse no malperfusion	33
Penn B malperfusion	40
Penn C circulatory collapse	9
Penn B+C circulatory collapse malperfusion	18



# Hybrid Room Concept in Acute AD

## Endovascular Diagnostics/Treatment + Ao. Surgery



### Equipment

RR Monitoring (3 peripheral arteries)

TEE

NIRS

Cell saver

Thromboelastometry

C-arm floor mounted

Angioscopy

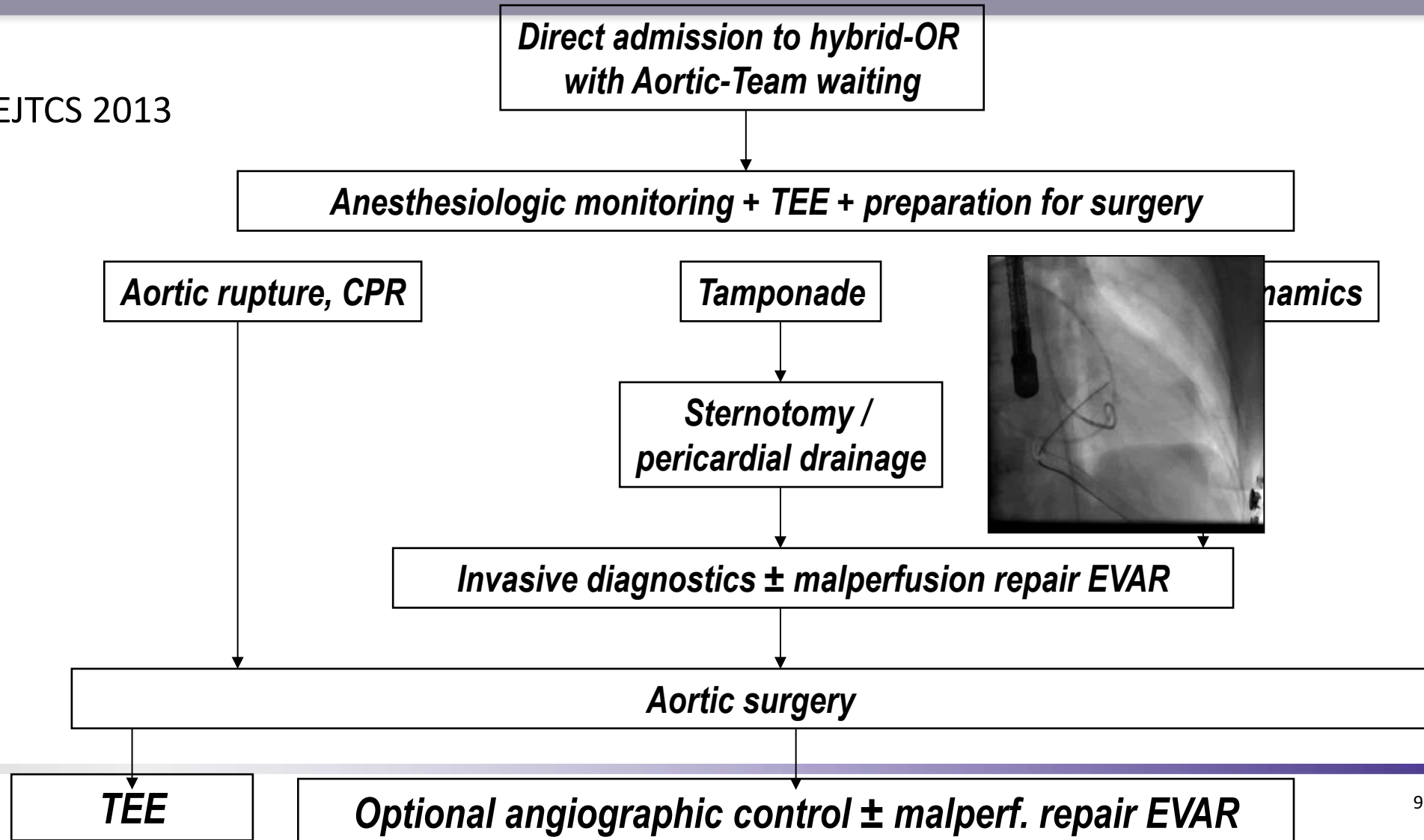
Heart lung machine (2 arterial circuits)

Endo + Surg. on the same table – no patient transport<sup>8</sup>



# Essen Hybrid Concept Algorithm

Tsagakis et al., EJTCs 2013



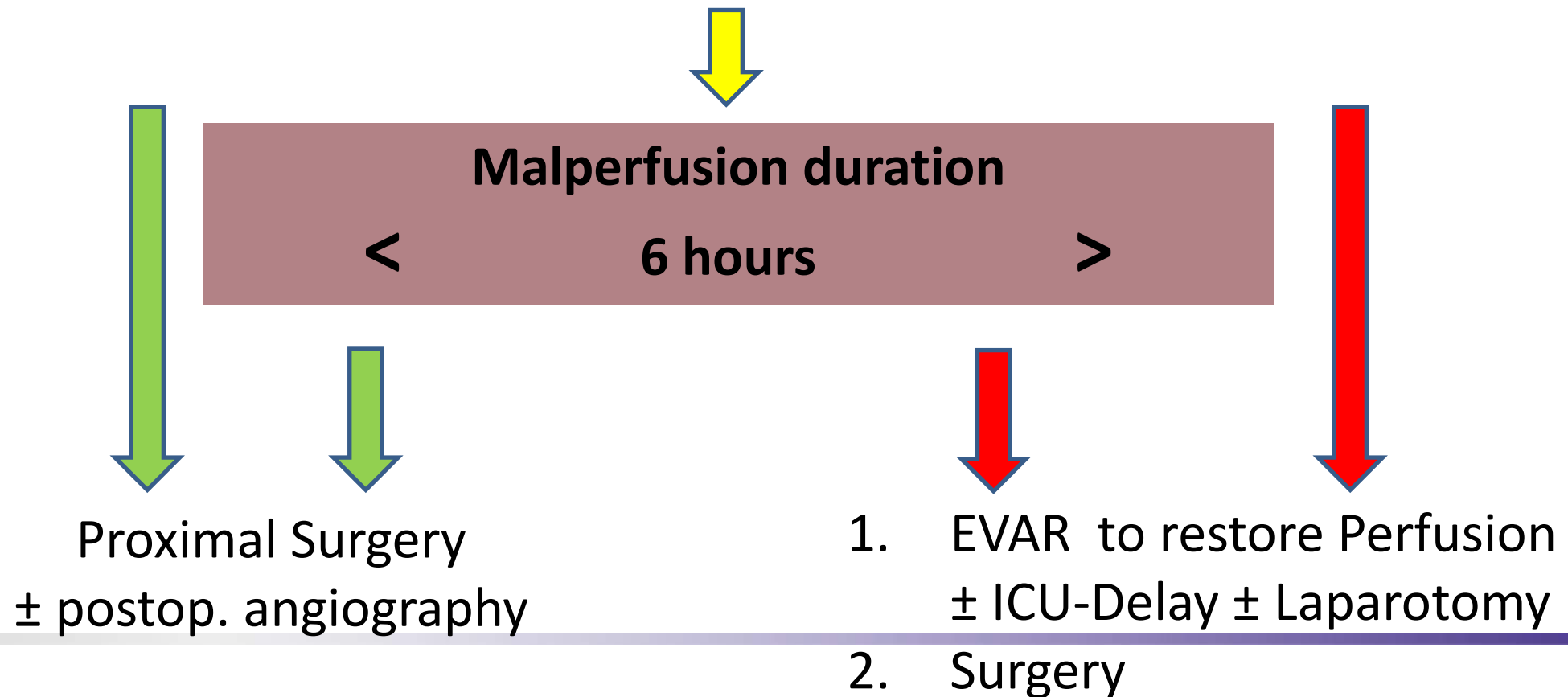
# TL collapse ± visceral malperfusion symptoms

## Decision Making

TL collapse  
No symptoms

TL collapse  
Dynamic malperfusion

TL collapse  
Static malperfusion



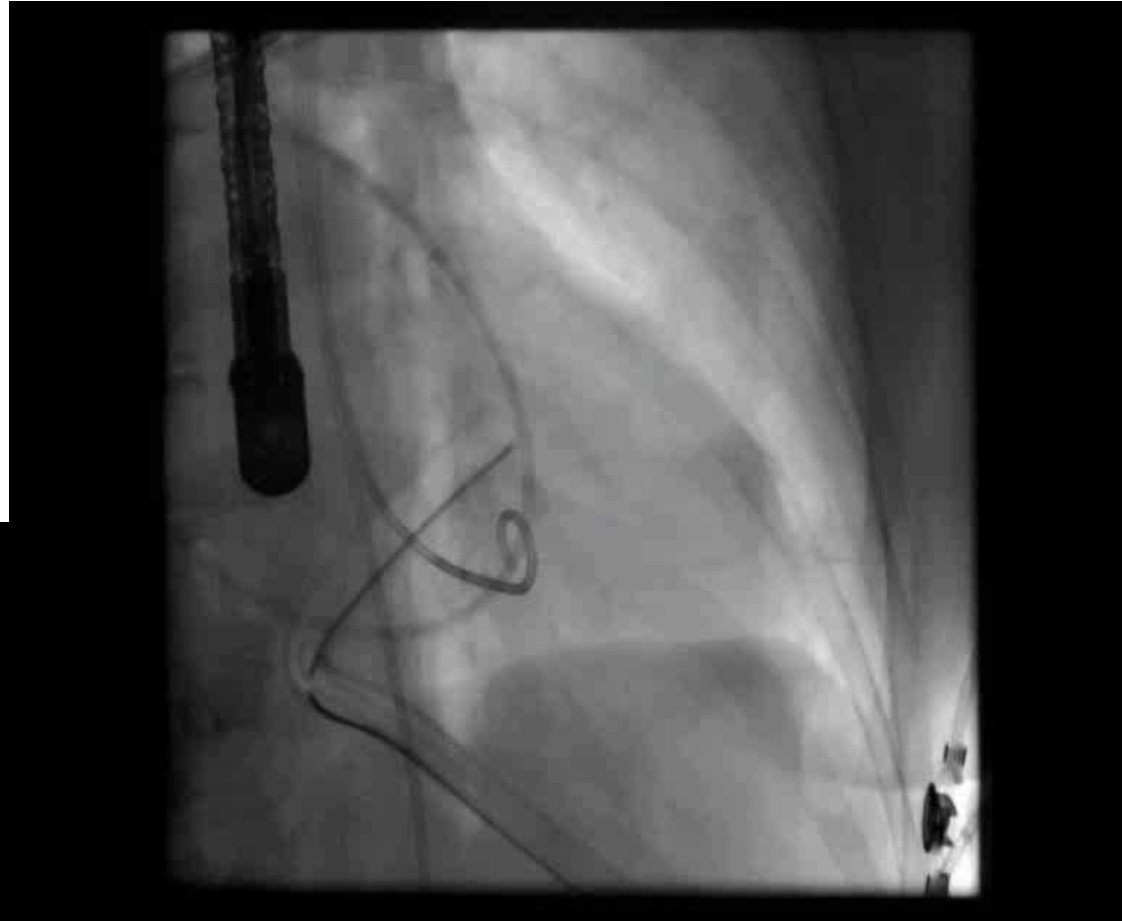
# Case Example – Endovascular First

## Pericardial Drainage + EVAR prior to Surgery

67yrs, female,  
Tamponade, TL  
collapse, Visceral  
+ Peripheral Mal.

### Strategy

1. Sternotomy for tamponade release
2. EVAR for restoration of the distal perfusion
3. Immediate surgery due to severe AV regurgitation
4. Bio-Conduit (bicuspid valve) and 2/3 arch replacement



5 years FU

## Case Example - ICU-Controlled Delay

**64 year old male, 24 h with abdominal pain, delayed CT**

### ICU Controlled Delay Concept

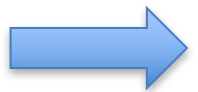
Arrival in Hybrid Room

Intubated + sedated

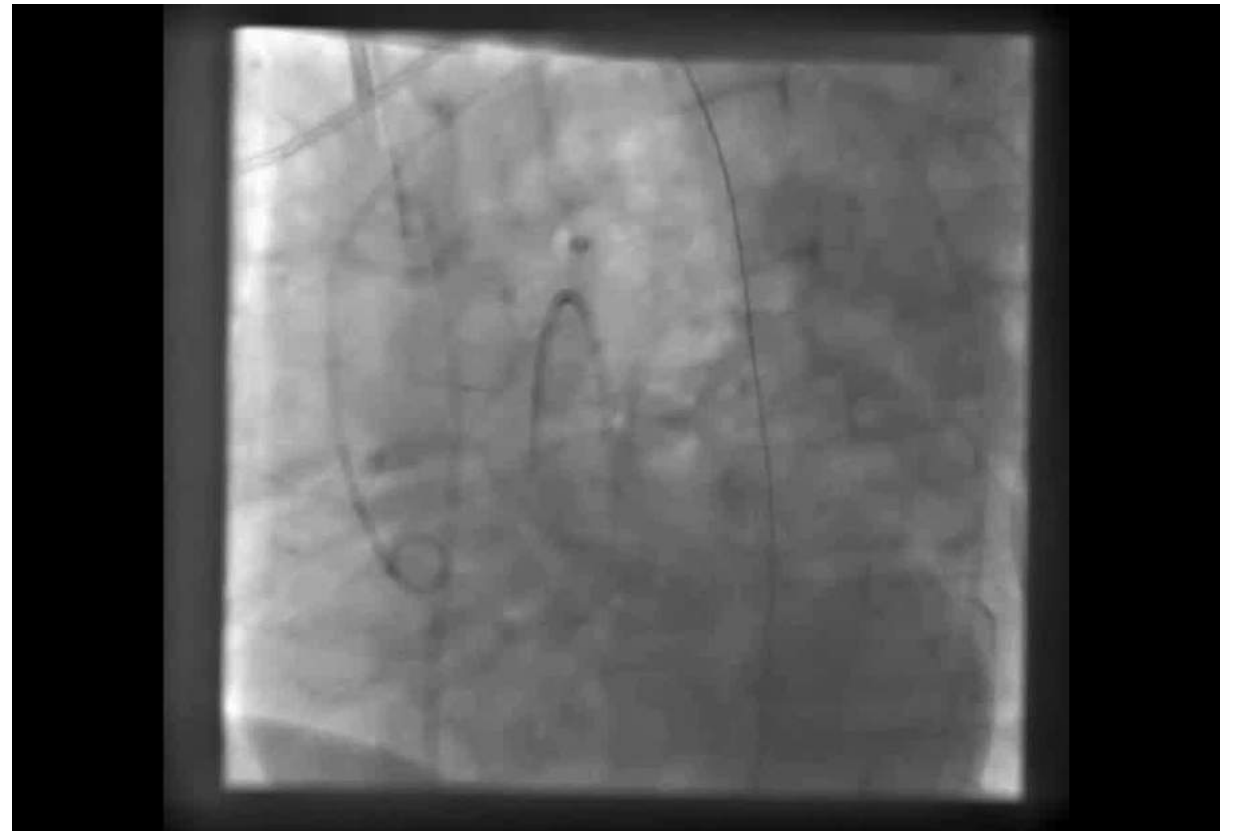
TEE tube in place

3 sites RR-monitoring

RR<120mmHg



Angiography, EVAR with E-xL



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### ICU Controlled Delay Concept

**After restoration of mesenteric perfusion:**

Transfer to ICU, stable

Intubated + sedated

TEE tube on place

**After 24 h: Laparotomy, bowel resection**



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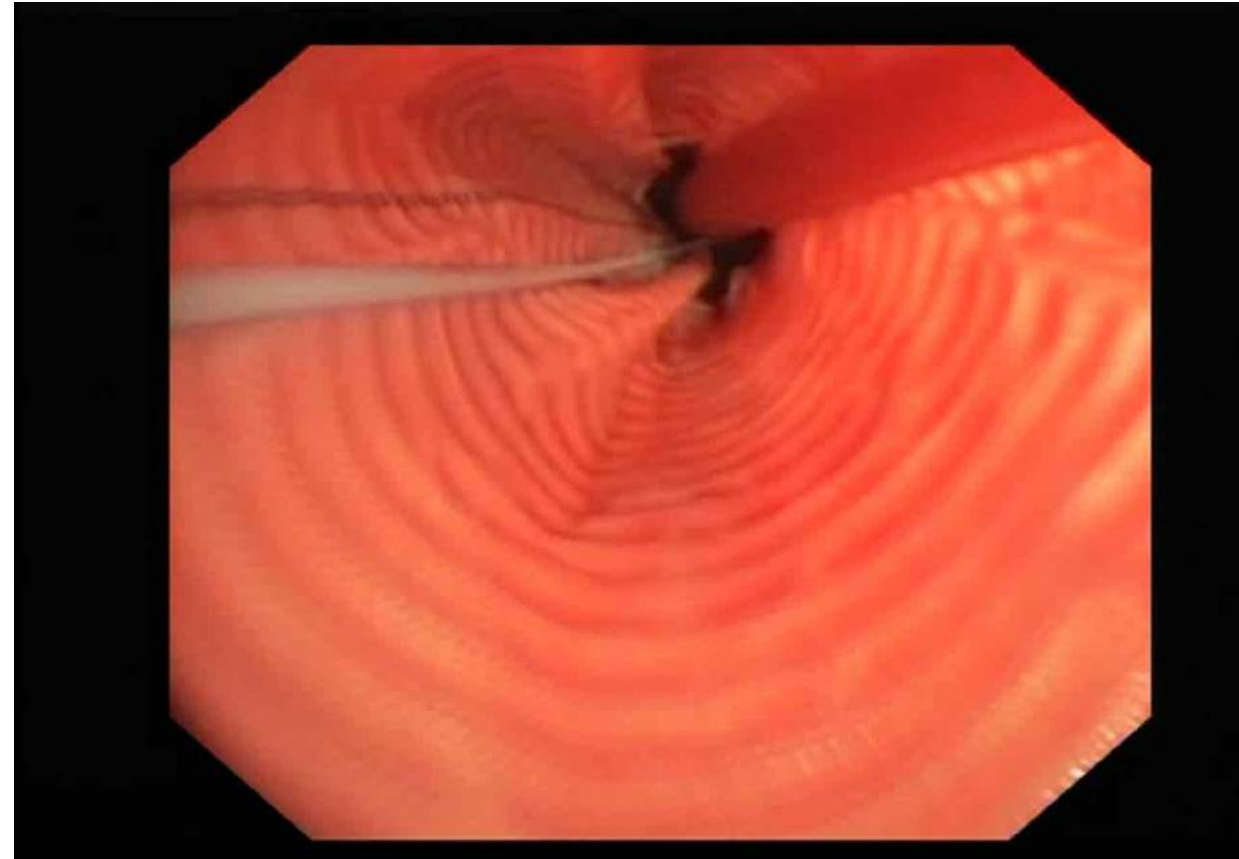
After bowel resection:

Transfer to ICU, stable

Intubated + sedated

TEE tube on place

**After 48 h: Second look, additional bowel resection, immediately thereafter FET (hemodynamic instability)**





## Case Example - ICU-Controlled Delay

**64 year old male, 24 h with abdominal pain, delayed CT**  
**Result**



6 months postop



3 years FU

# Persisting Visceral Malperfusion

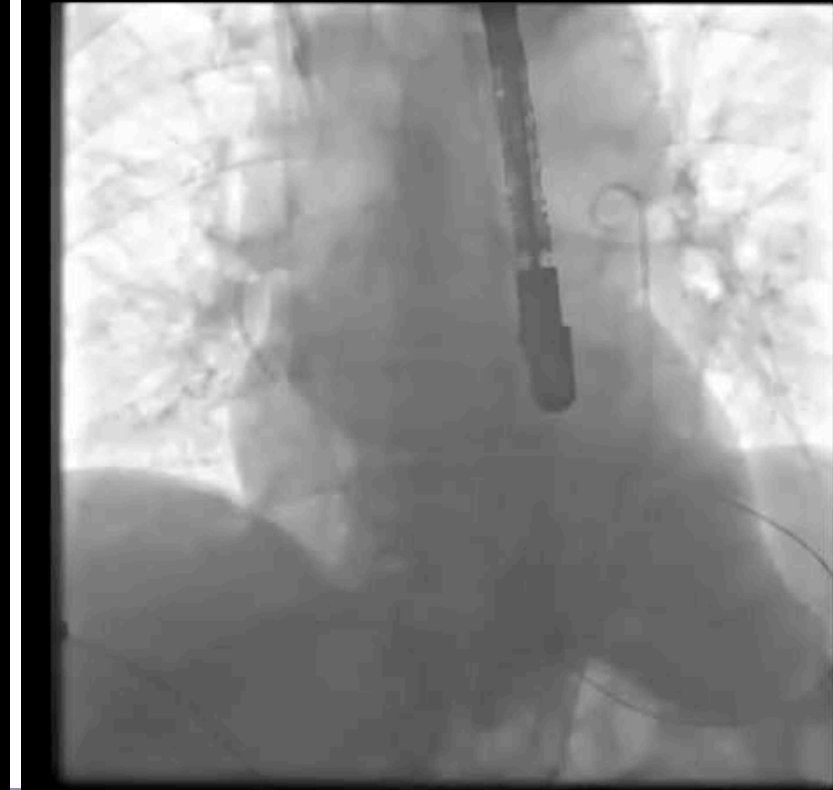
## Intraoperative Solution- Case Example

TL collapse - TC occlusion



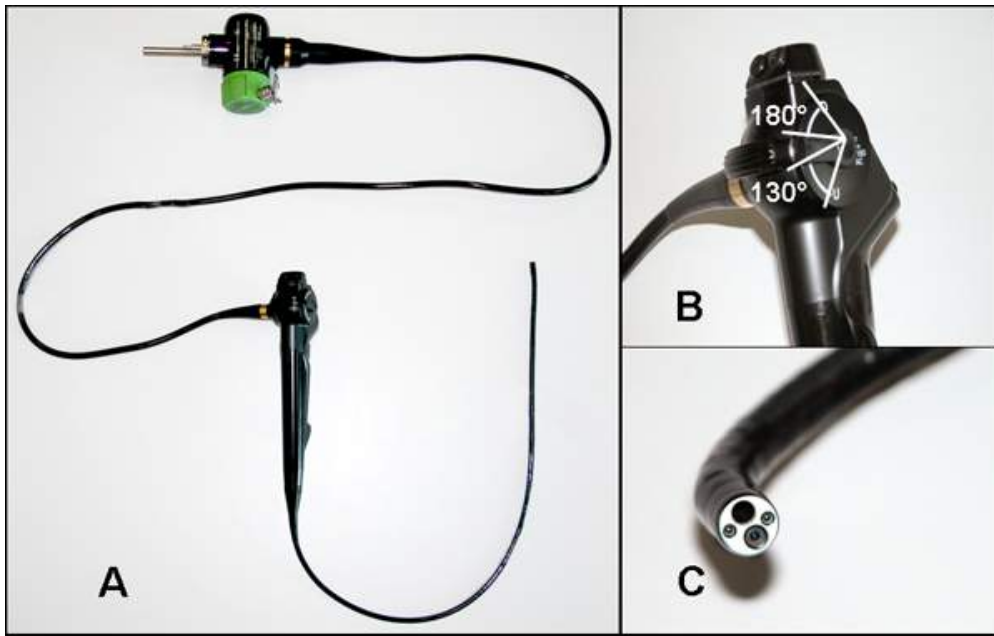
Stent crossed Re-entry

Displacement into FL + SMA occlusion

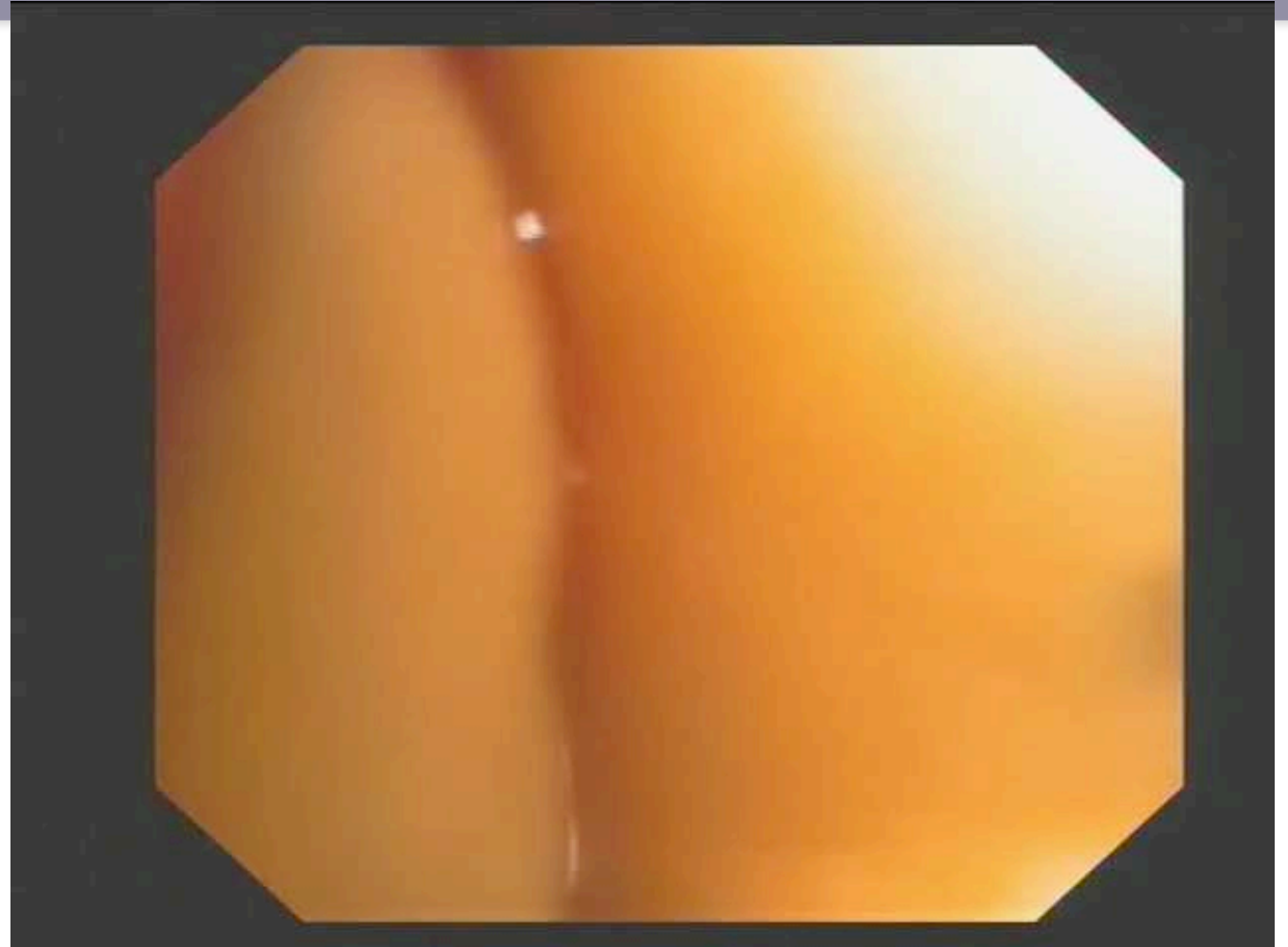


# Persisting Visceral Malperfusion

## Intraoperative Solution - Salvage by Angioscopy



Angioscope  
Autoclavable videoscope



## Antegrade stenting - Result



14 months FU

TL+FL stable

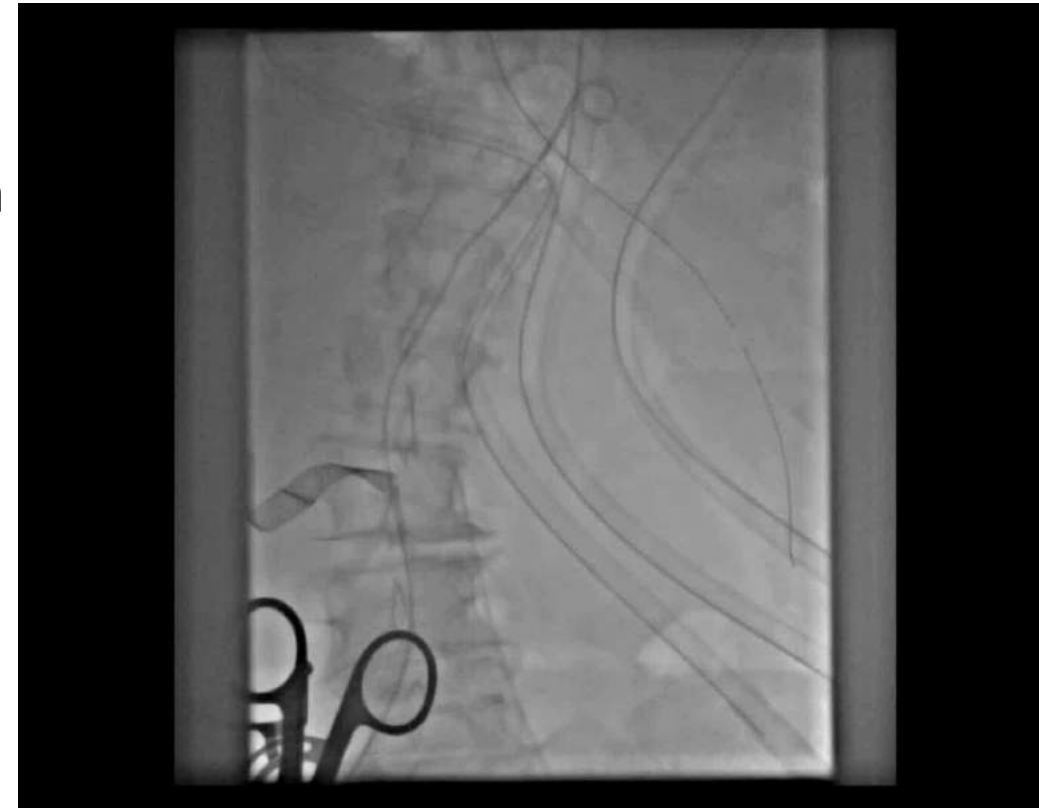
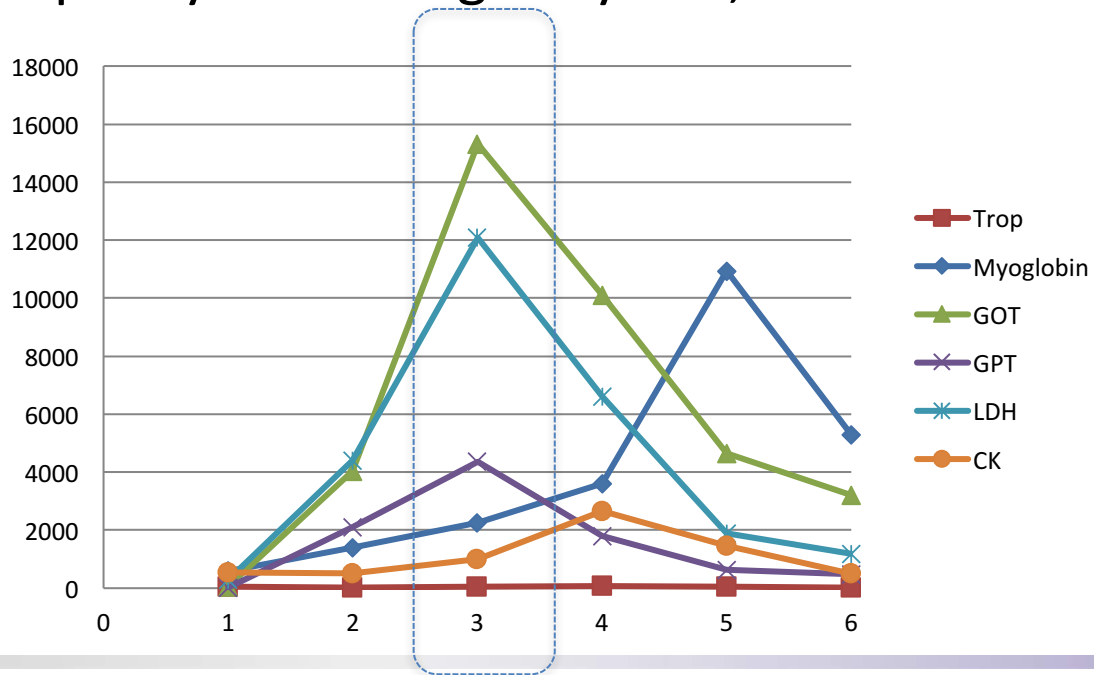
# Postoperative Visceral Malperfusion

77yrs, female, Type I AAD - TL collapse thoracoabd. Level

Surg. FET + RCCA Revascularisation

1<sup>st</sup> postop. day . course uneventful

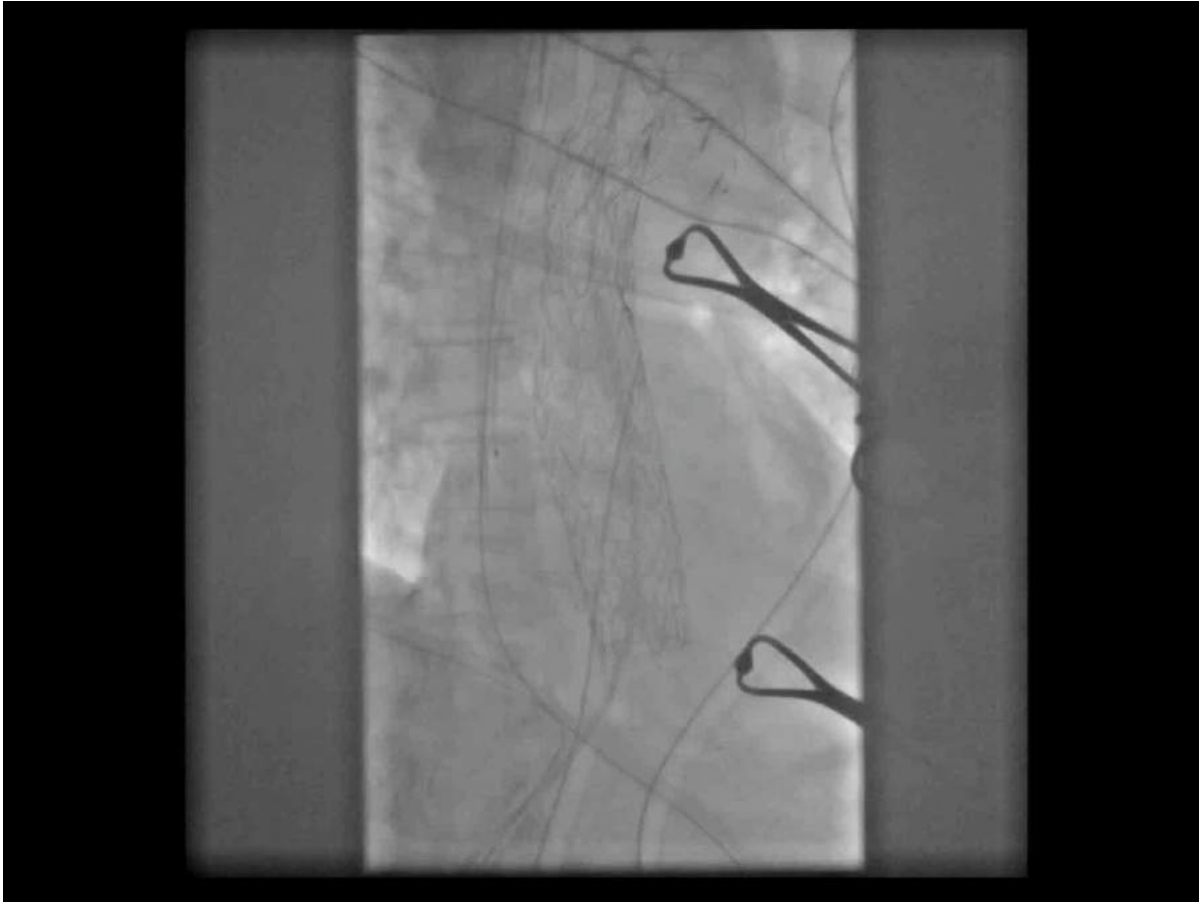
2<sup>nd</sup> postop. day increasing enzymes, distended abdomen





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WL: 208 WW: 375



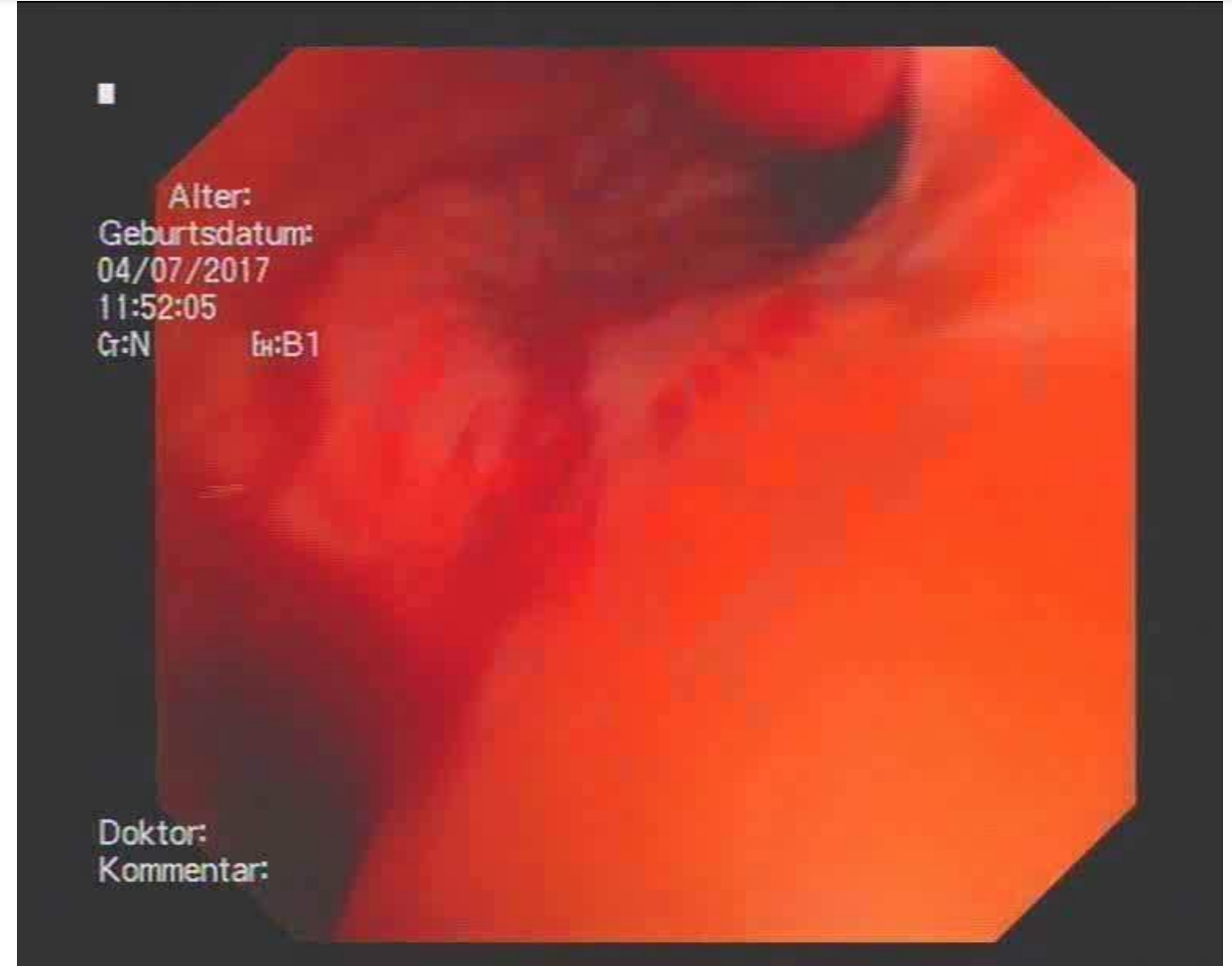
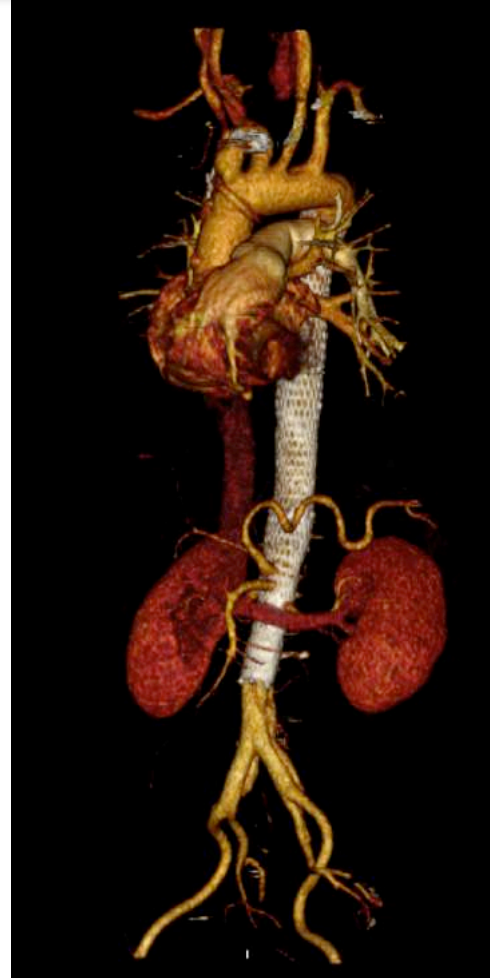
# Longterm Follow up after 3 x E-xL for AAD with visceral malperfusion

## Indication for Re-do Surgery

Pseudoaneurysm Arch  
6 years after prox. repair

-> prox. Arch replacement

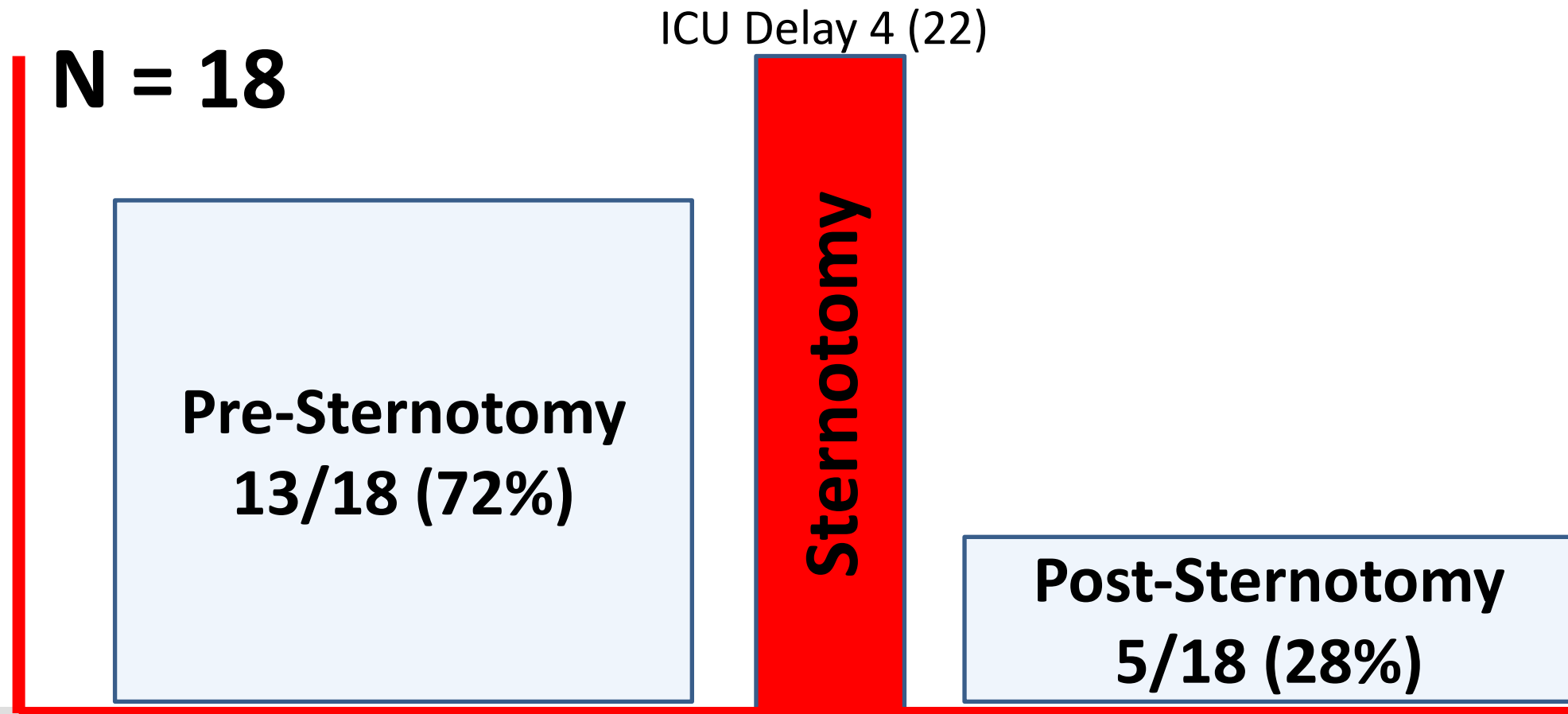
Angioscopy demonstrated  
endothelialization of the stents  
without involving  
artery orificies





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Midterm experience 2008-2017



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Midterm experience 2008-2017

Endovascular Treatment

+ Surgical Treatment

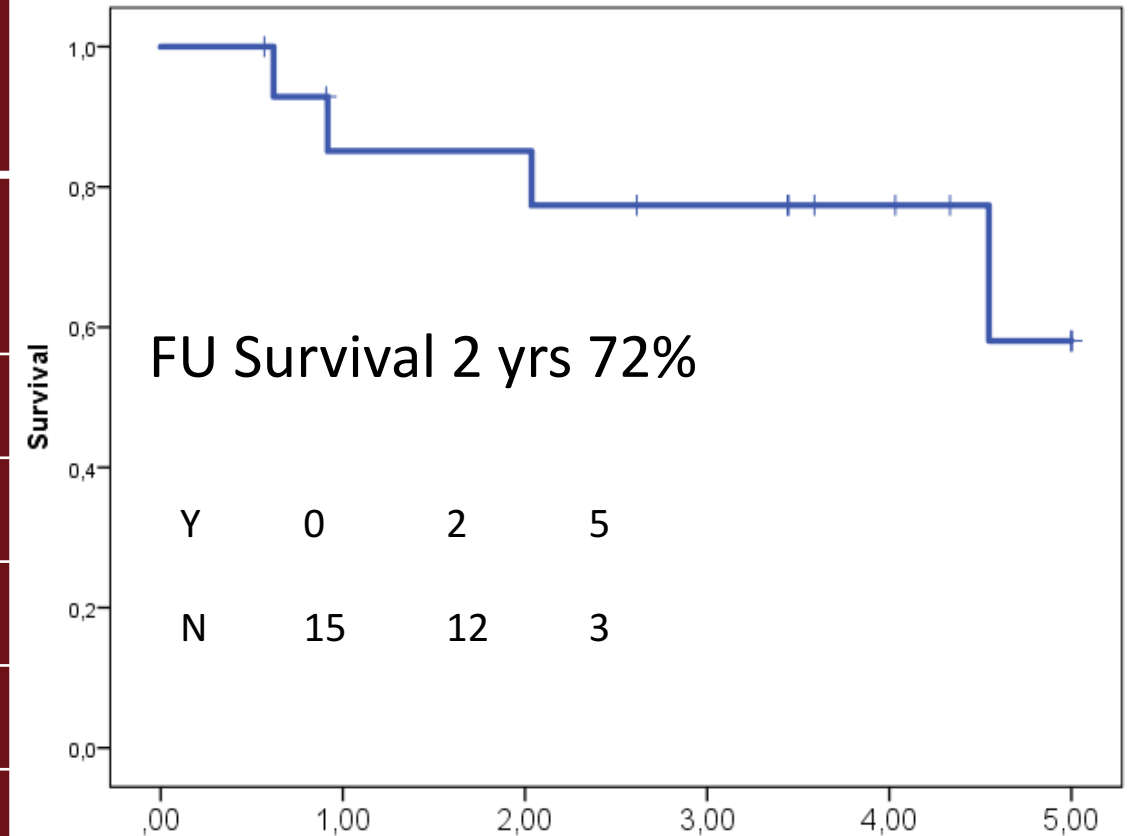
<b>Number of uncovered stents</b>	<b>35</b>
Stent coverage	
Thoracic aorta	5(28)
Thoracoabd.	14 (78)
Abdominal	15 (83)
Stent /Patient	1.9

<b>Patients</b>	<b>N = 18</b>
Ascending	3 (17)
Asc+Arch	3 (17)
Asc+FET	12 (67)
Total root	6 (33)
CABG	6 (33)

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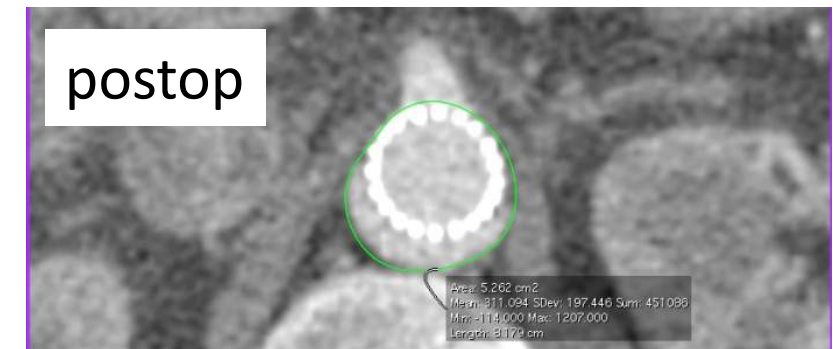
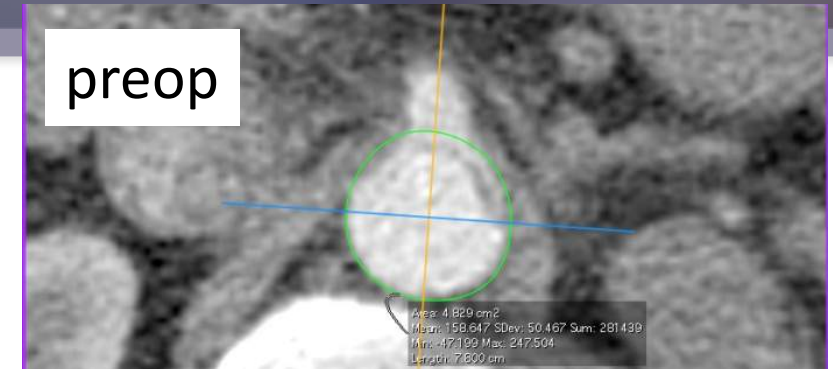
	N = 18
Mortality In-Hospital	3 (16.7)
Residual visceral ischemia	4 (22)
Residual peripheral ischemia	2 (11)
Follow-up	
Re surgery (prox. Aorta/Arch/AAA)	3
Re endo intervention	0



# Fate of abdominal aorta after stenting

No occlusion of visceral arteries occurred

	Abdominal aorta ( mean FU 3.2y)					
	Proximal			Distal		
	postop	FU	p	postop	FU	p
Diameter, cm	2.9±0.5	3.2±0.6	0.005	2.4±0.7	2.6±0.8	0.027
Ratio TL/AL, %	65±19	63±25	0.196	65±23	61±26	0.280



## Conclusions I

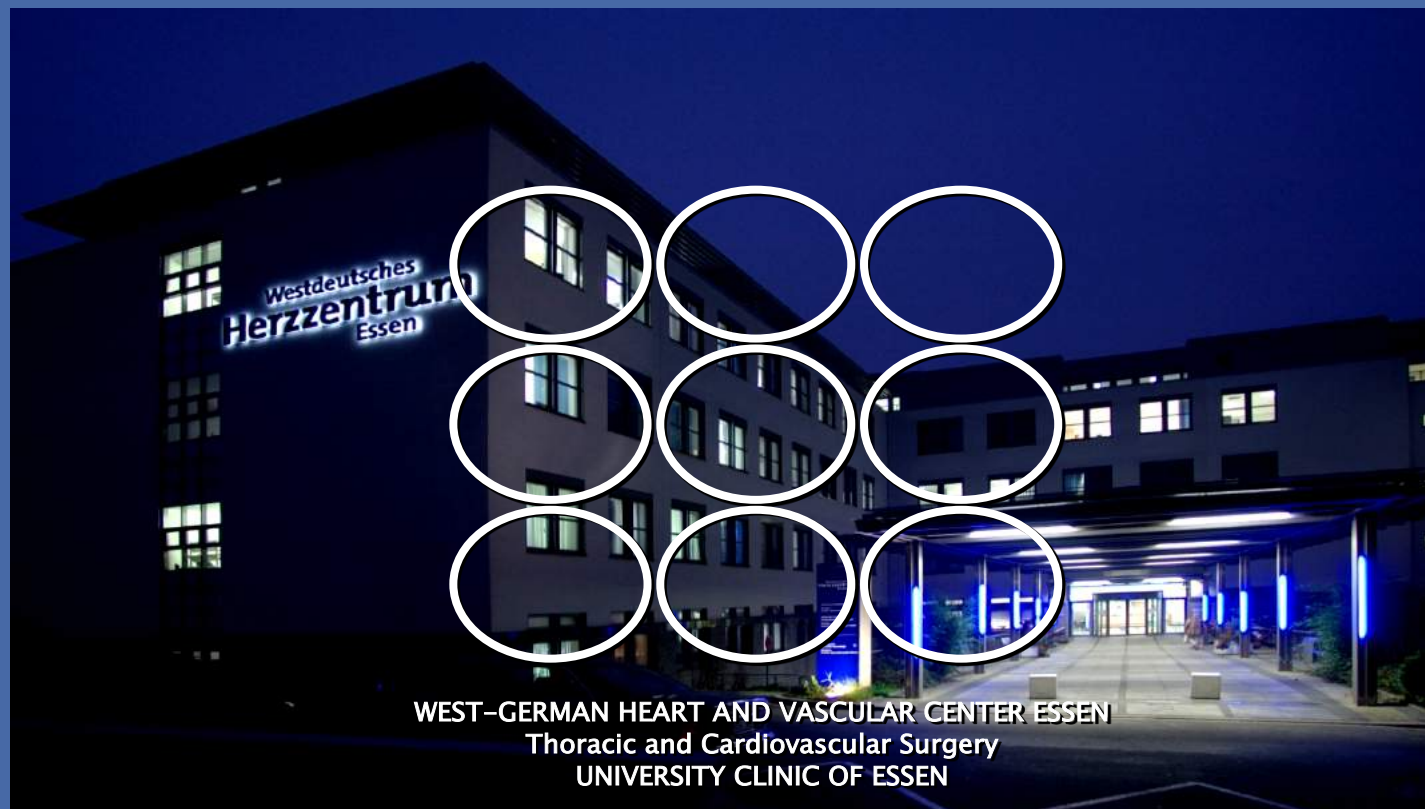
- Angiography allows real time detection of malperfusion providing the option for a patient tailored treatment
- Endovascular treatment of severe visceral and/or peripheral malperfusion in acute type I AD is safe in a hybrid-OR setting
- After release of tamponade, it can be done safely in primary hemodynamically compromised patients

## Conclusions II

- ICU-controlled treatment delay in case of prolonged visceral ischemia/necrosis is a prerequisite to overcome severe metabolic disorder and to increase the chance for survival
- Angioscopy supports decision making/control intraoperatively
- The E-xL uncovered stent allows tissue ingrowth (neo-endothelialization) without obstructing artery offsprings



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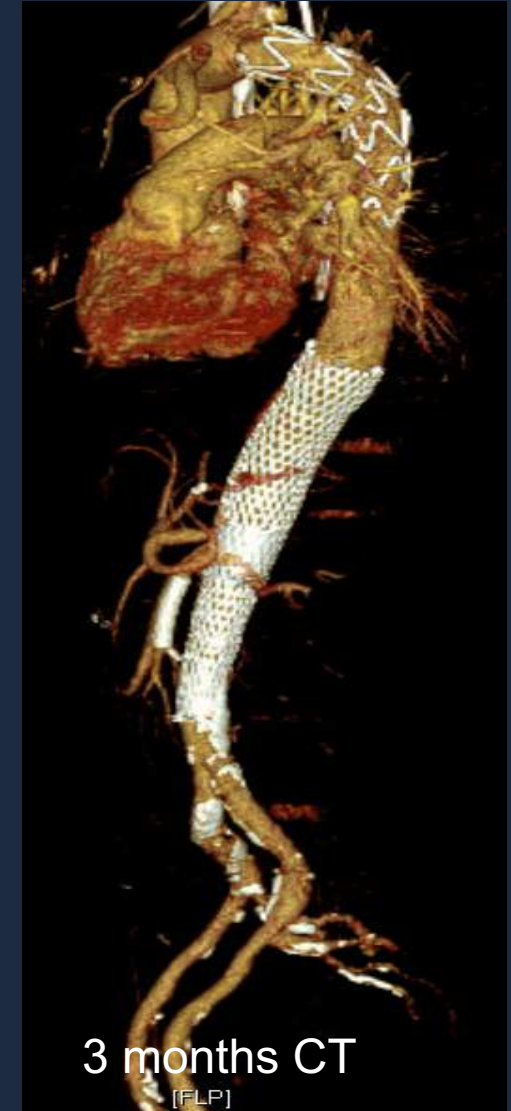


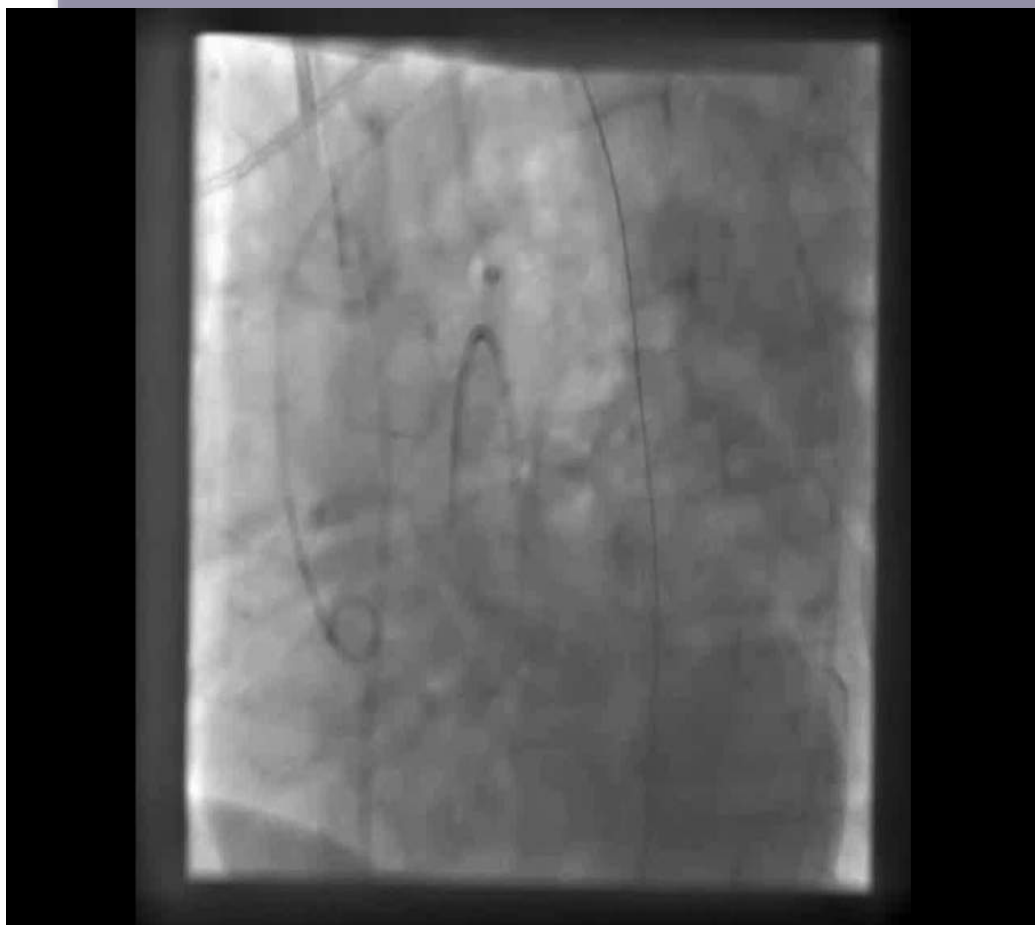
# Hybrid Concept in AAD (Case 2) (64yrs, ♂)



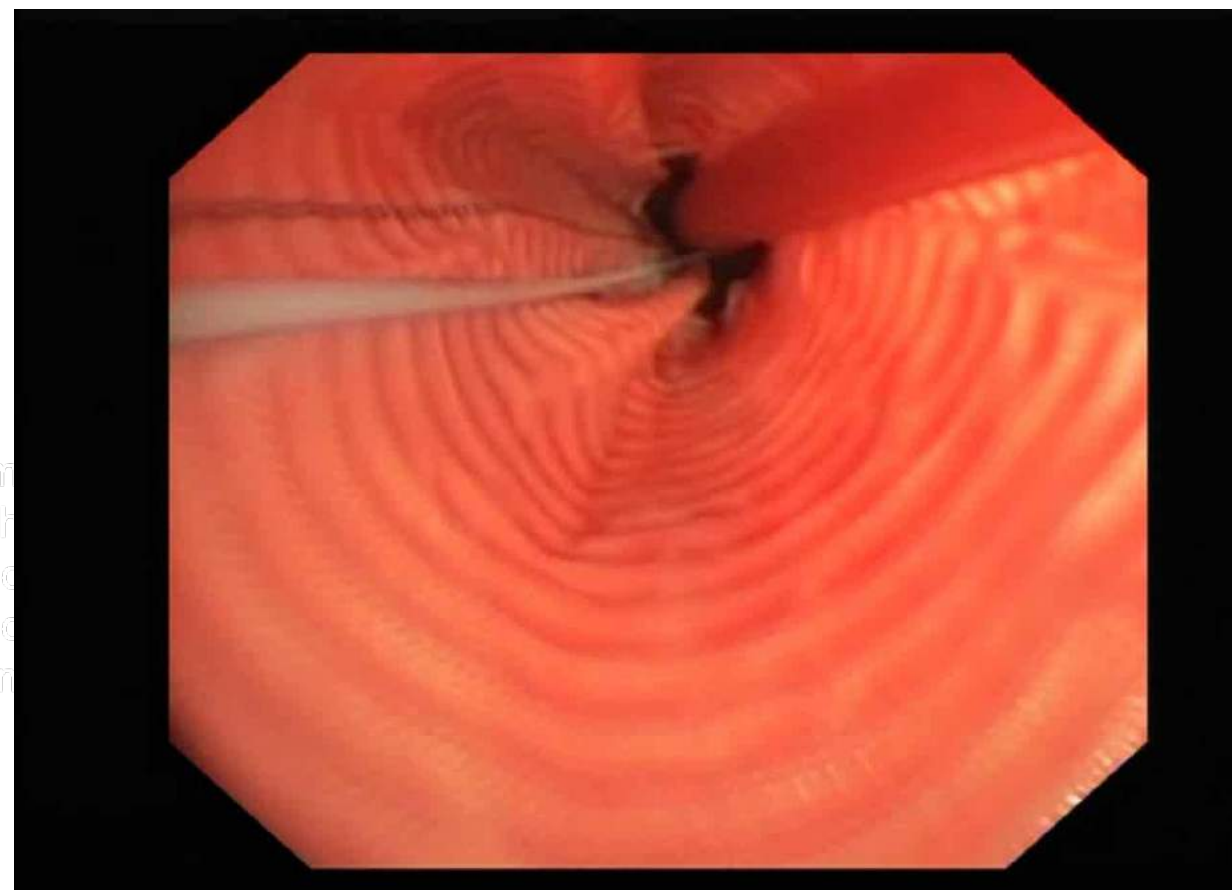
## Strategy

1. EVAR for restoration of mesenteric perfusion
2. \*ICU controlled delay with TEE in place + surgical standby
3. 1. Laparotomy after 24 hours (partial bowel resection)
4. 2. Laparotomy after 48 hours (additional bowel resection)
5. and aortic surgery (Proximal repair + E-vita open)





of n  
/ with  
24 h  
48 h  
Proxim



## Optimed stent



