



Thoracoabdominal complications

# Branch separation in long term follow up, how do I fix it? *Luca Bertoglio*

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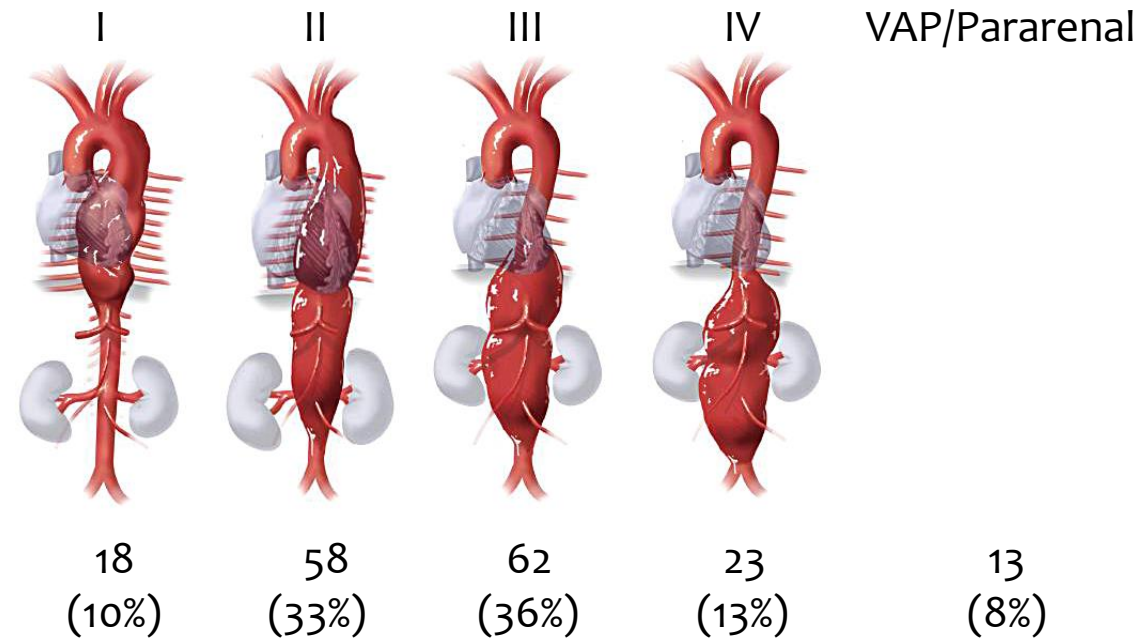
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# TAAA B/FEVAR San Raffaele Experience

174 cases (Jan. 2013 – December 2021)

Age (years)	73 (IQR 68 – 78)
Male	72%
Hypertension	92%
Smoking	74%
Hyperlipemia	64%
Diabetes	12%
<b>CAD <math>\geq 1</math> (SVS/AAVS)</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>COPD <math>\geq 1</math> (SVS/AAVS)</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Renal <math>\geq 1</math> (SVS/AAVS)</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Renal stage <math>\geq II</math></b>	<b>86%</b>
II (GFR 60-89 mL/min)	39%
III (GFR 30-59 mL/min)	43%
IV (GFR 15-29 mL/min)	5%
V (GFR < 15 mL/min)	4%

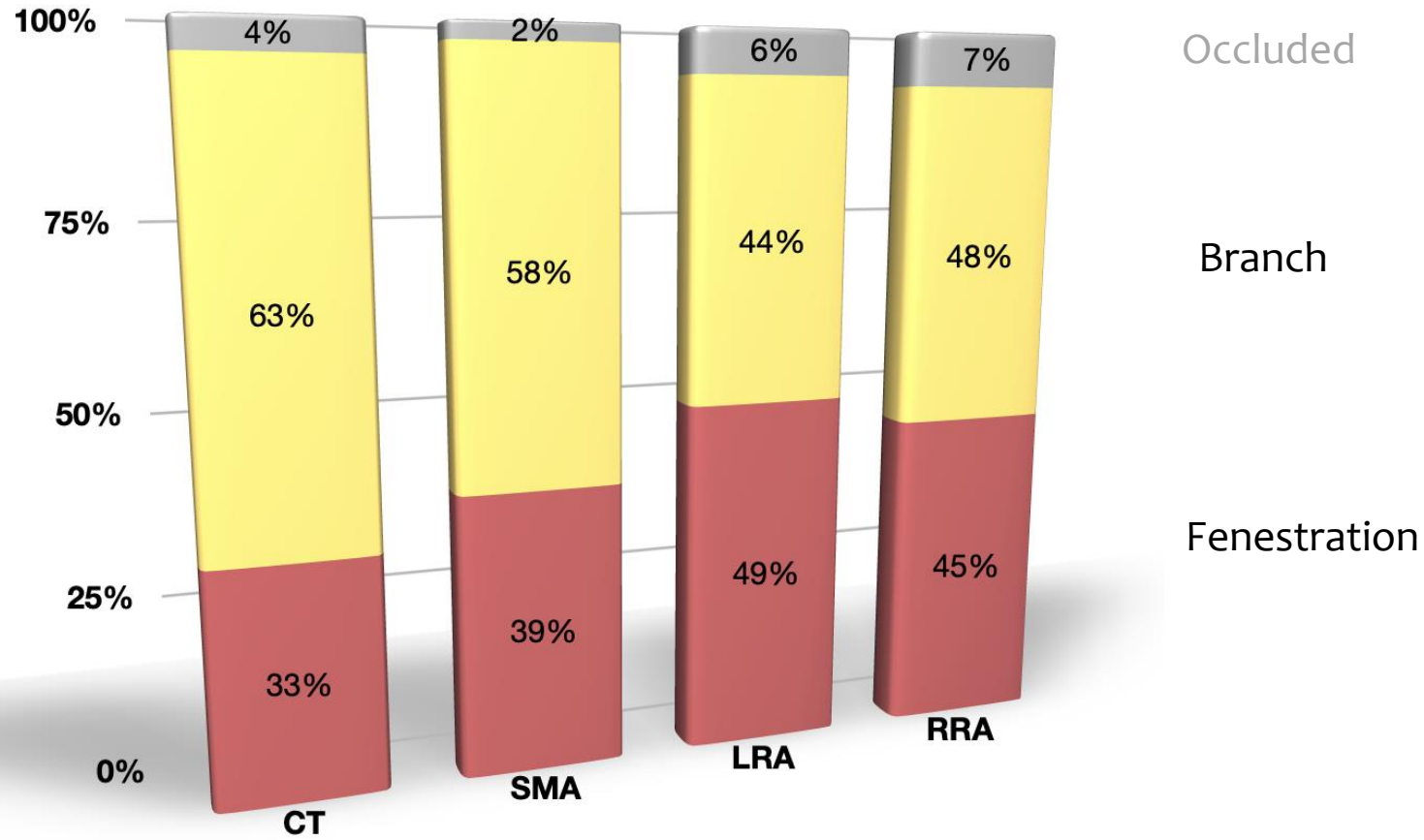
Crawford Classification



Mean diameter: 62 (IQR 56-70)  
Post-dissecting= 36 (21%)  
Urgent / emergent= 13 (8%)

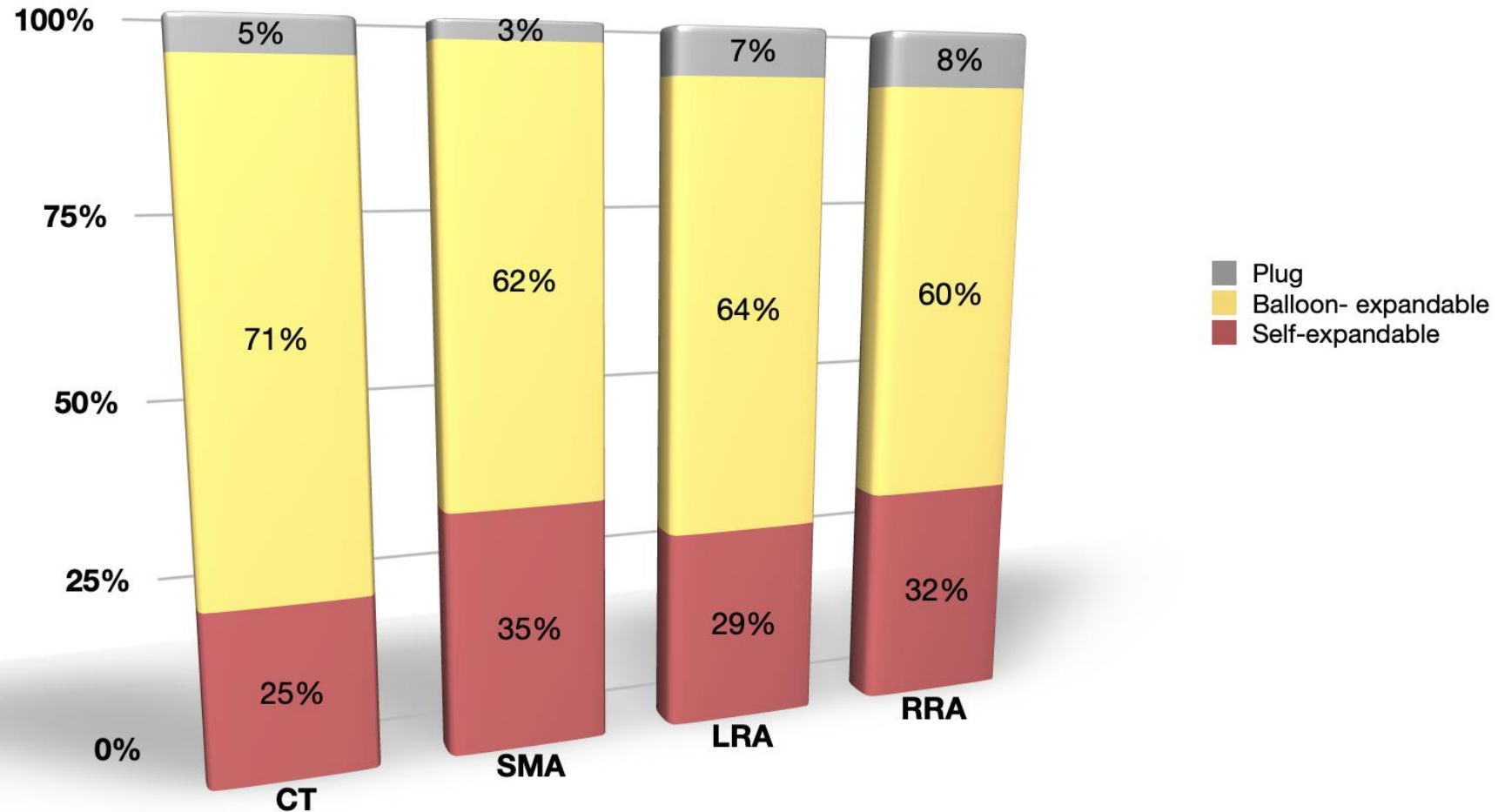
# Visceral vessels design

Branch: 53% - Fenestration: 42% - Occluded: 5%



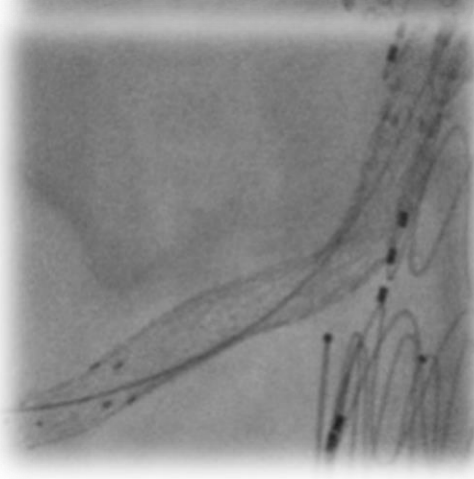
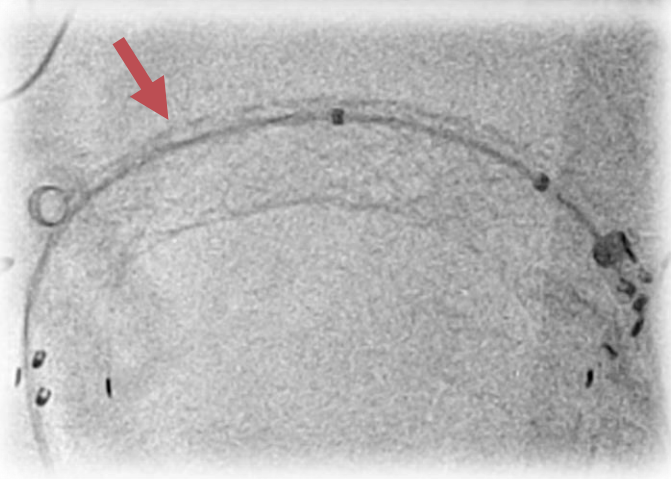
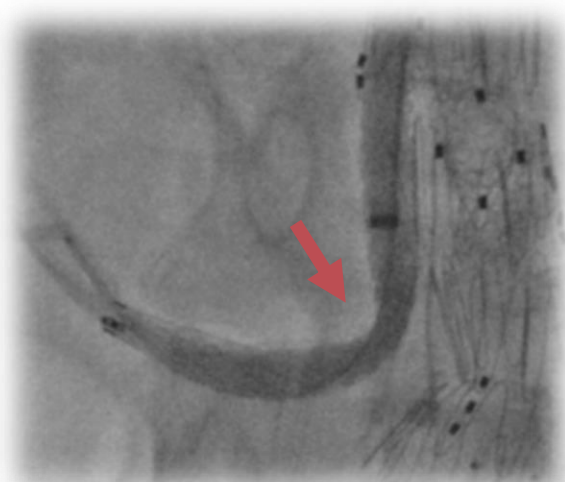
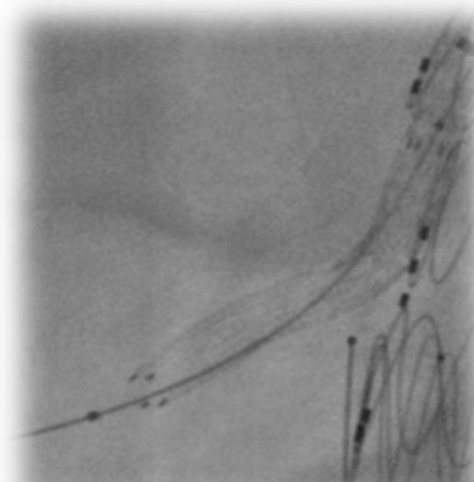
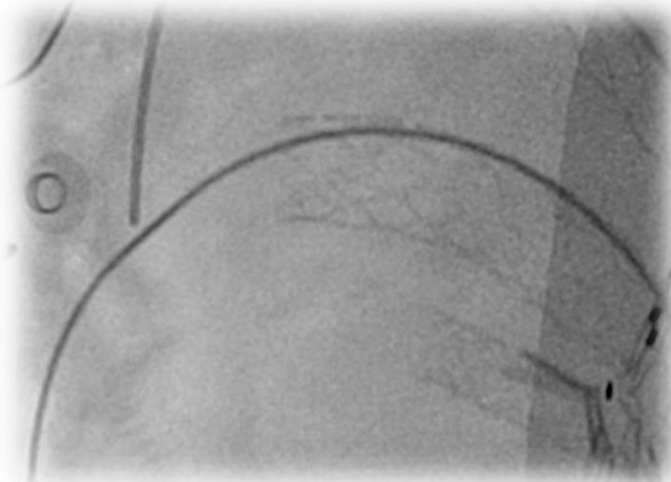
# Covered stent employed

Self-expandable: 30% – Balloon-expandable: 64% - Plug: 6%



# Bare reinforcement

n=164 (27%)



Distal shaping

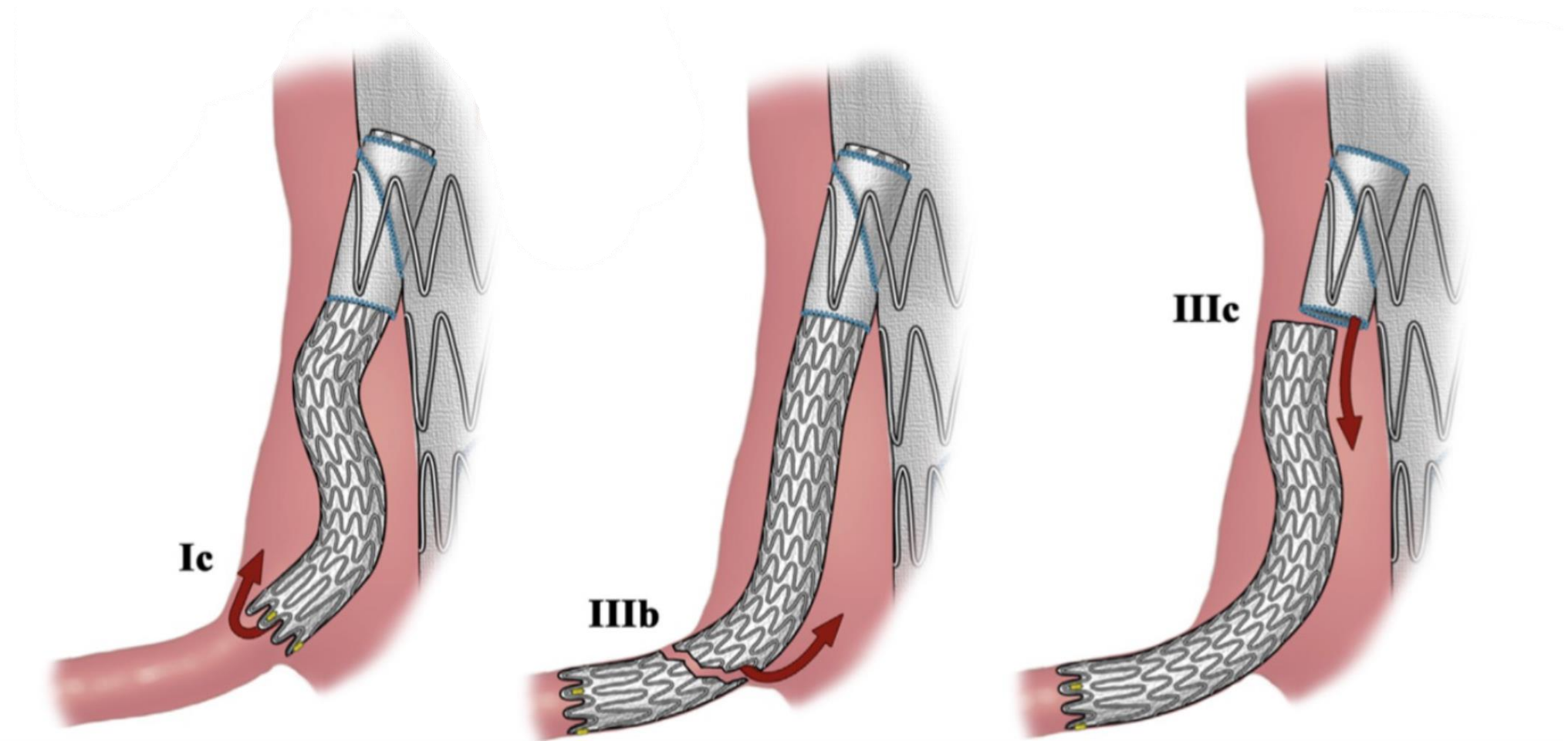
Relining

Ostium transition



# Long-term branch separation: OSR experience

4 / 346 branched vessels: 1.2%



No case at long-term

3 cases  
(Bentley standard with CT branch)

1 case

# Type IIIB endoleak (OSR case #1)

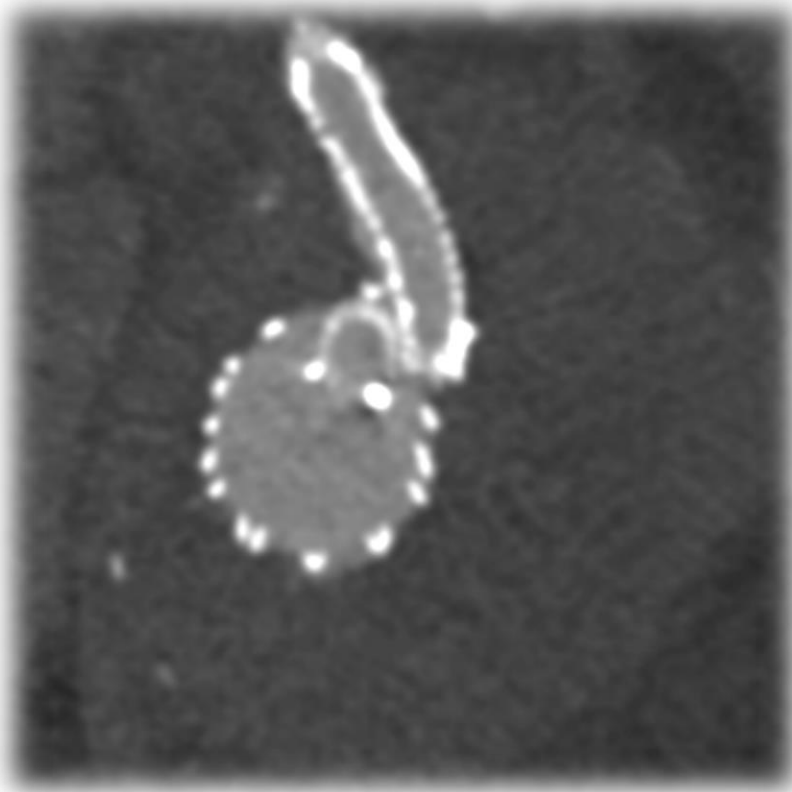
81-year-old man with successful visceral aortic patch aneurysm exclusion



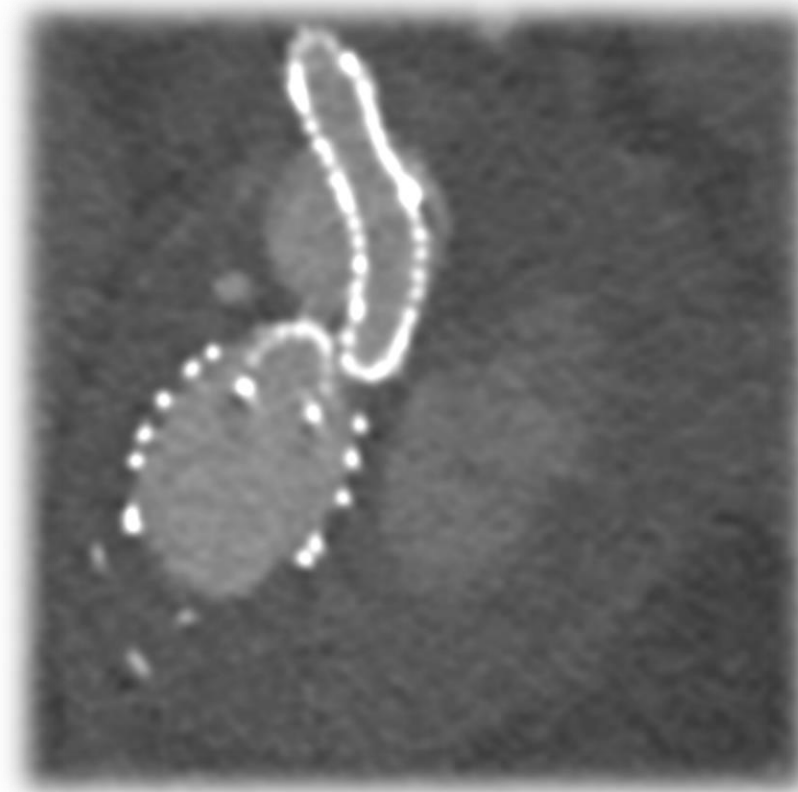


# Type IIIB endoleak

BE graft Bentley stent for the CT



Pre discharge CT scan



16 months follow-up

# Type IIIB endoleak

BE graft Bentley standard stent for the CT



From distal -> No type IC



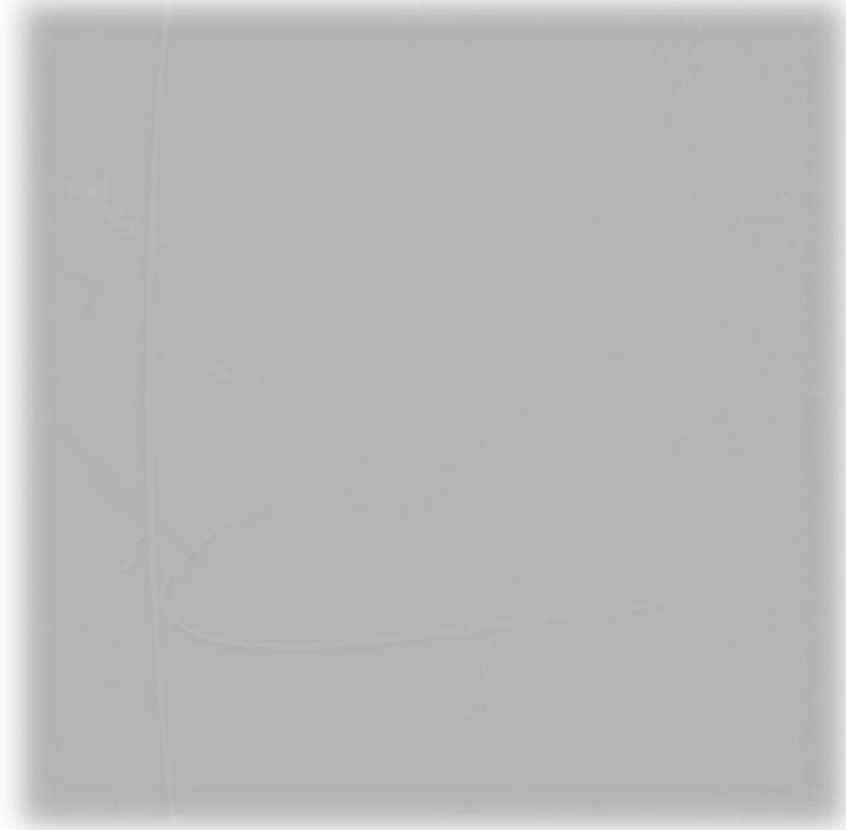
Balloon inflated -> No type IA

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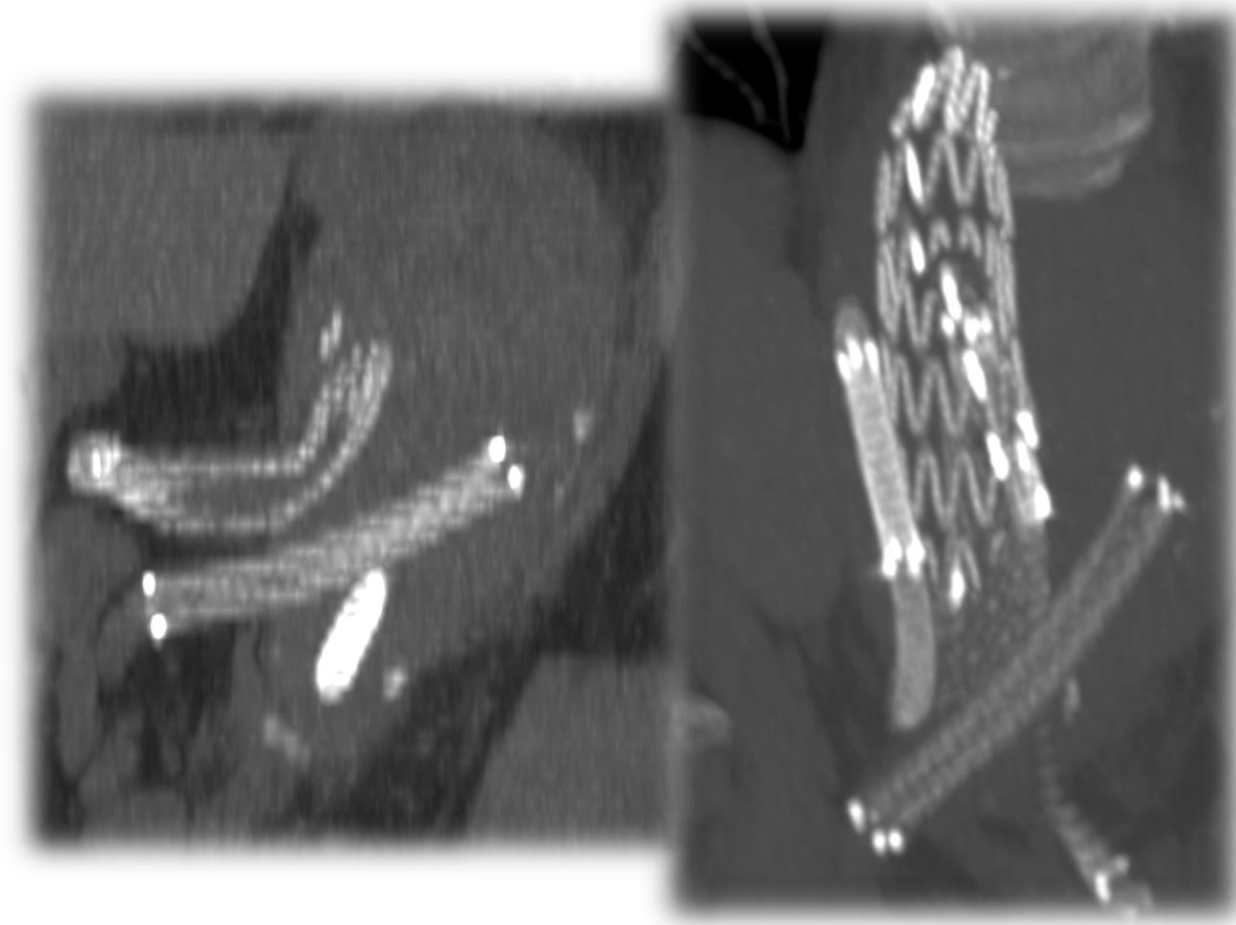
Type IIID – stent graft tear?



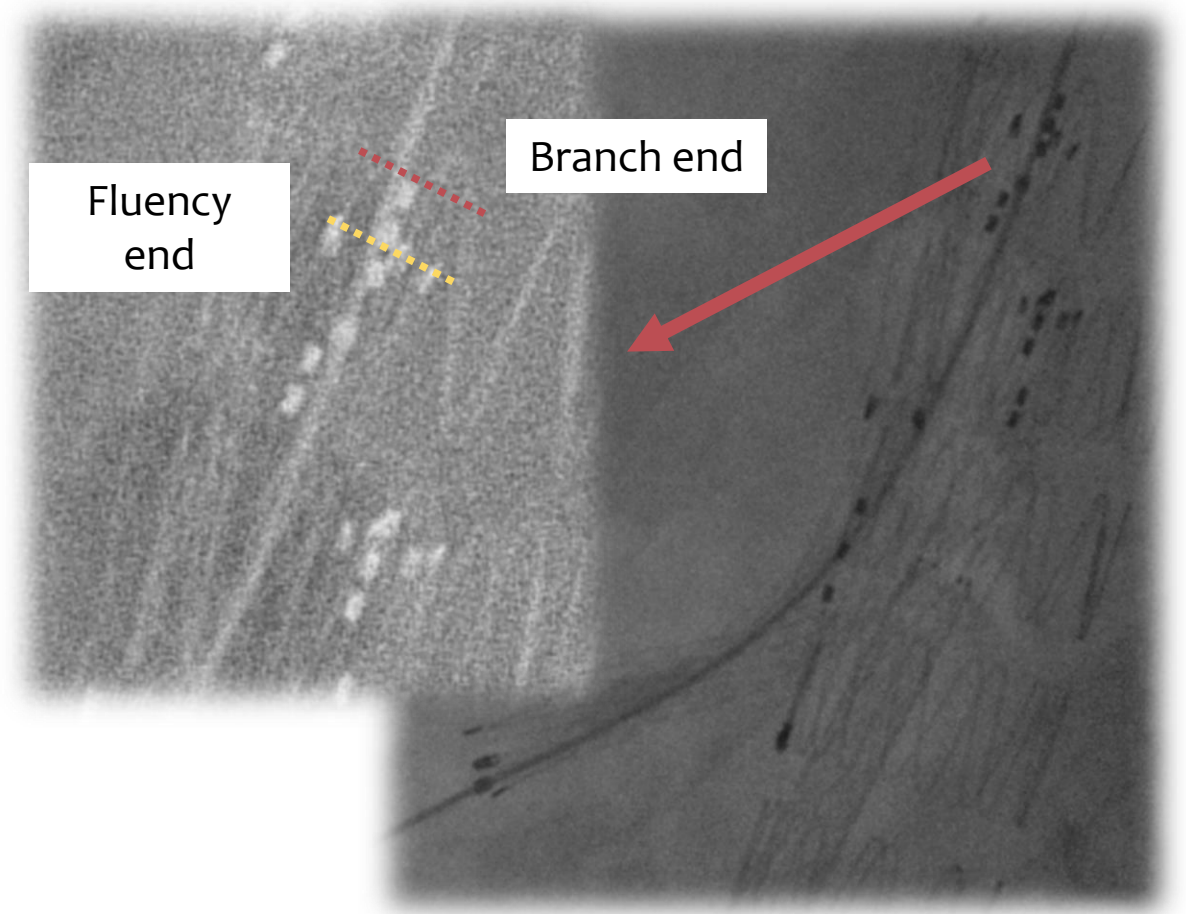
Stent-in-stent -> leak solution

# Type IIIC endoleak (OSR case #2)

Short overlap -> disconnection



After 3 years



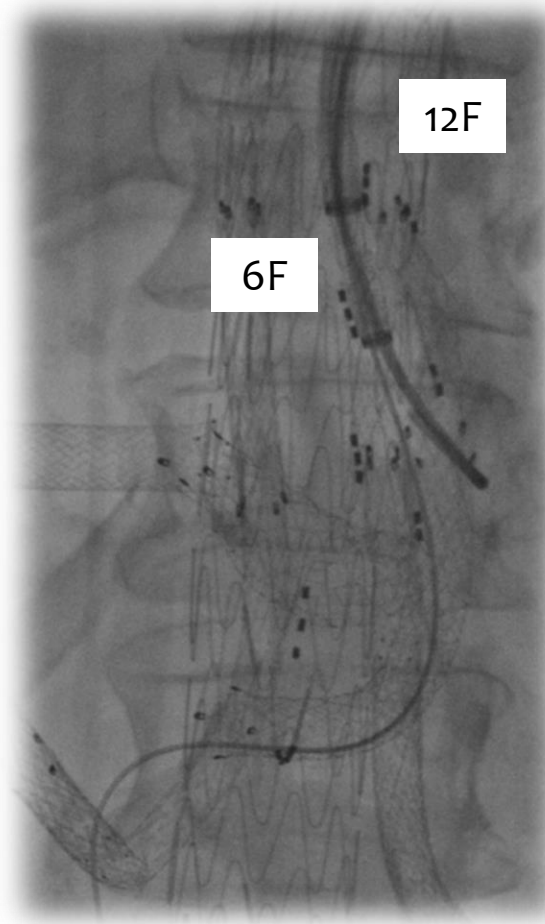
Too short overlap !!

# Type IIIC endoleak

Branch relining



a. Stent hooking with UF cath



b. stent catheterization



c. stiff-wire exchange

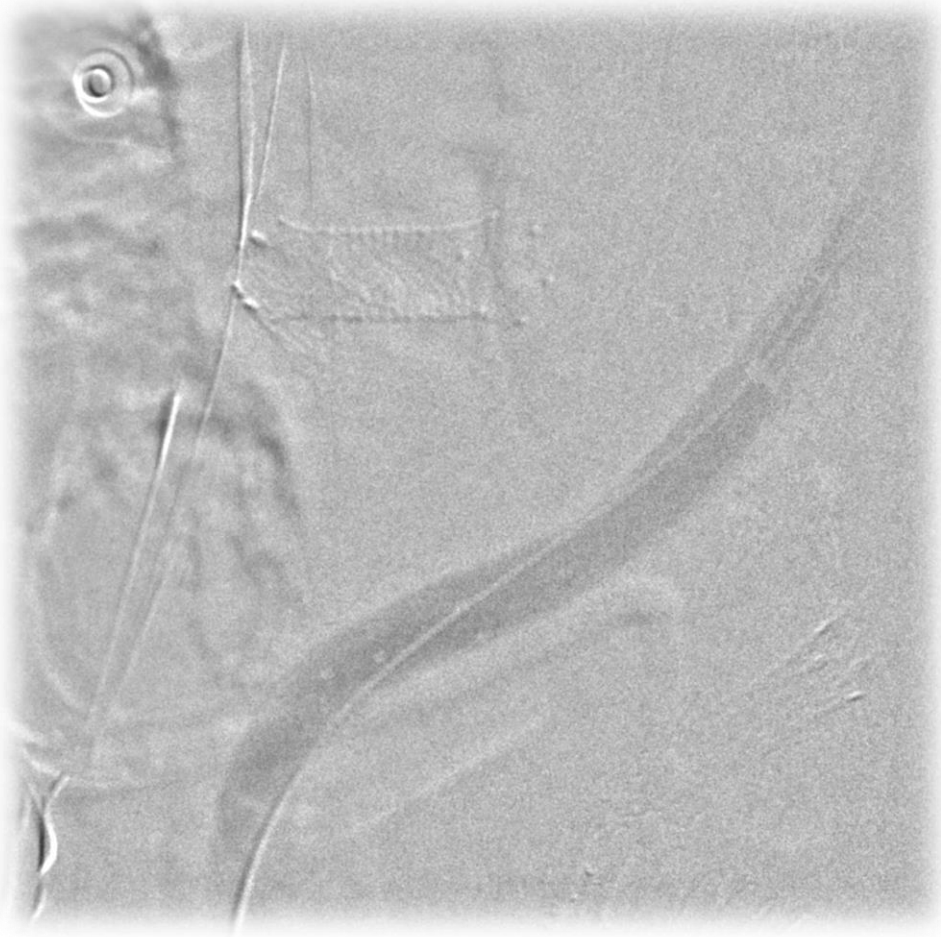


d. Balloon expandable CS



# Type IIIC endoleak

Follow-up: 2 years

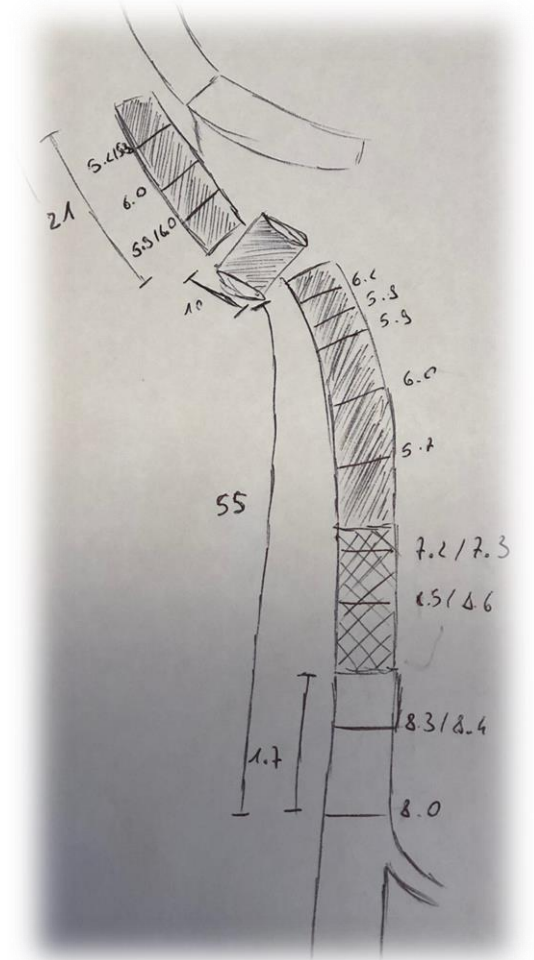
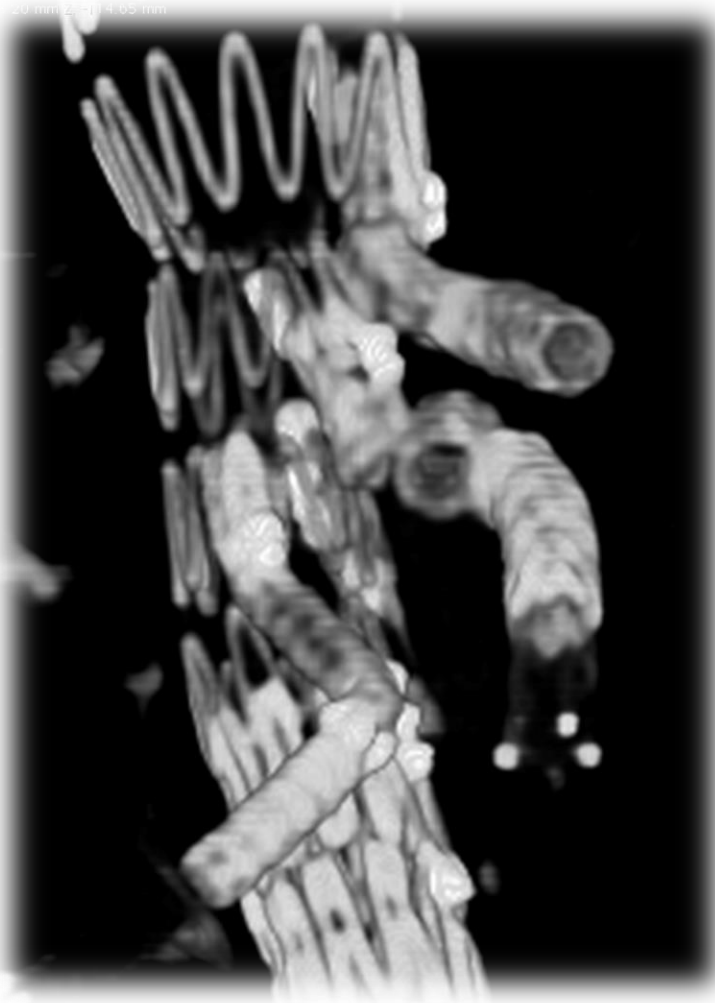


Re-shrinkage of the FL



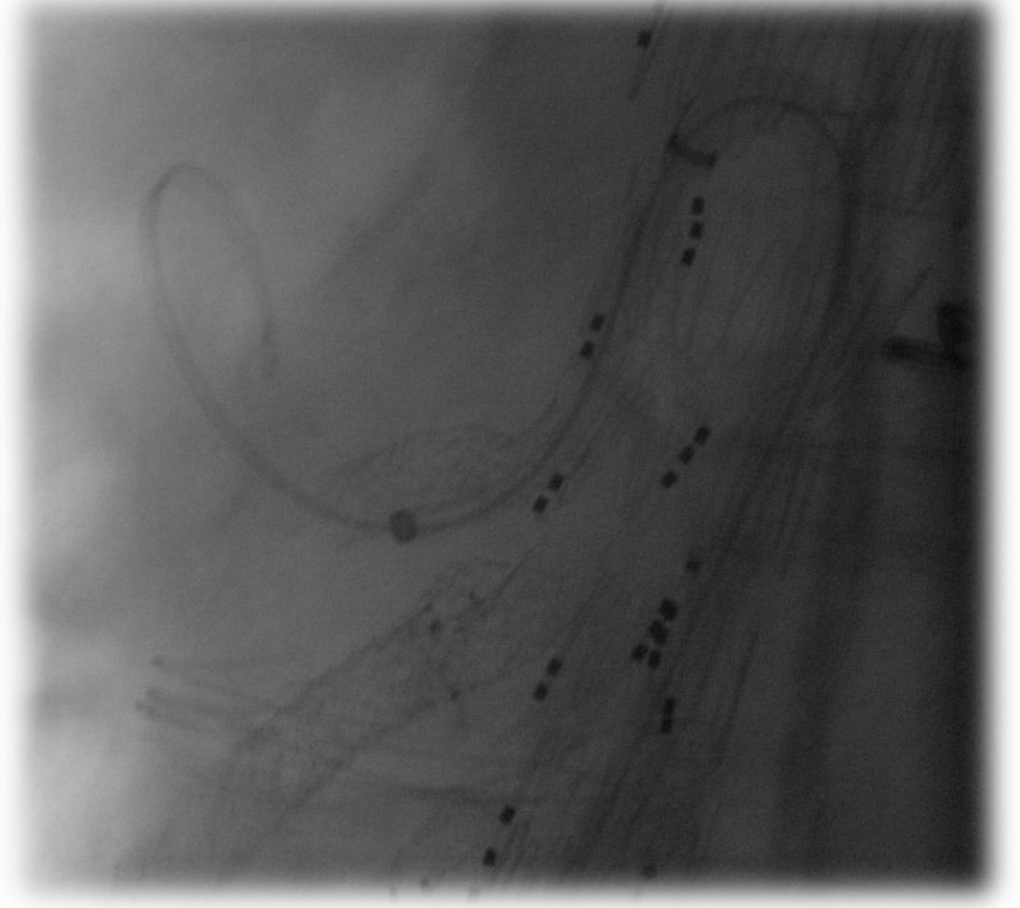
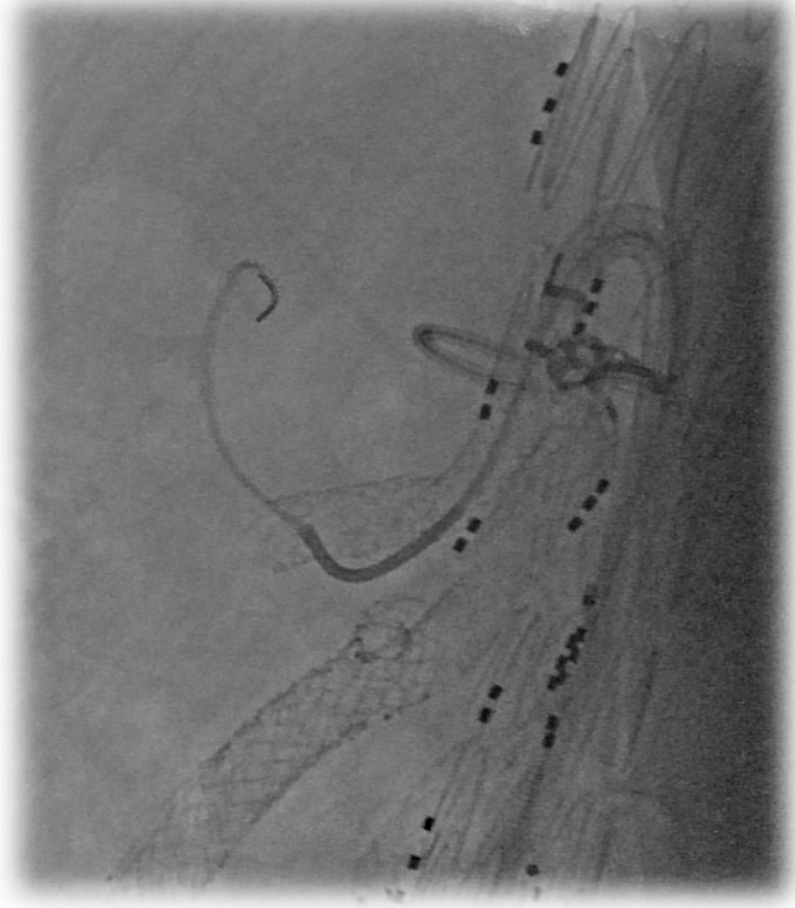
# Type IIIB endoleak (non-OSR case #3)

BE graft Bentley standard stent for the CT



# Type IIIB endoleak

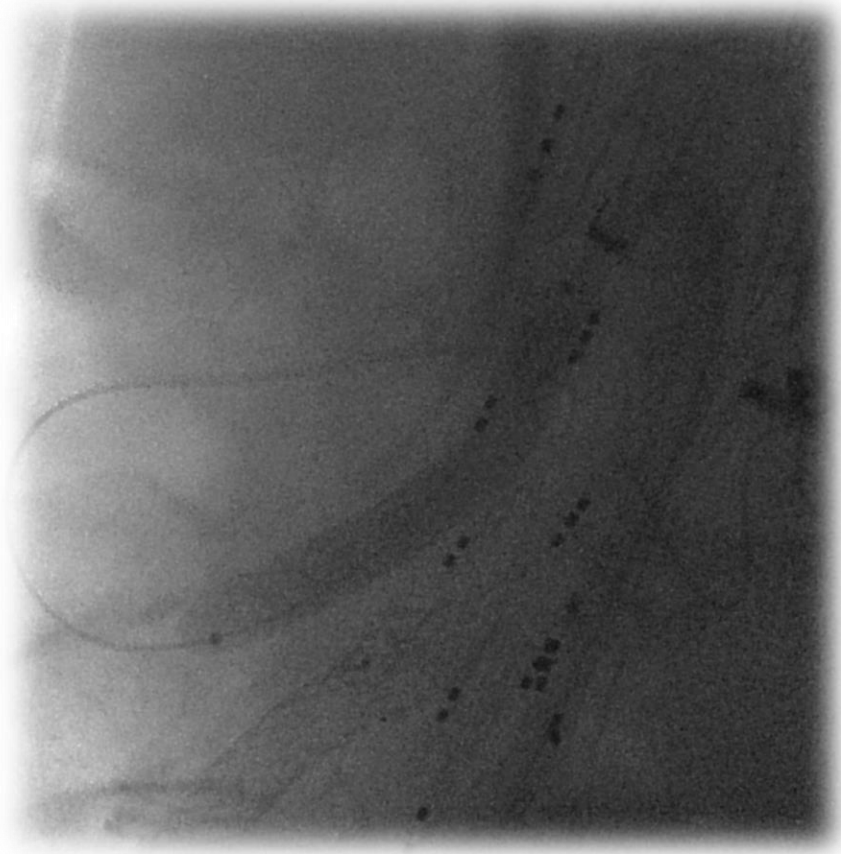
Steerable sheath 16 Aptus transfemoral



In or Out??????

# Type IIIB endoleak

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Balloon expandable stent relining

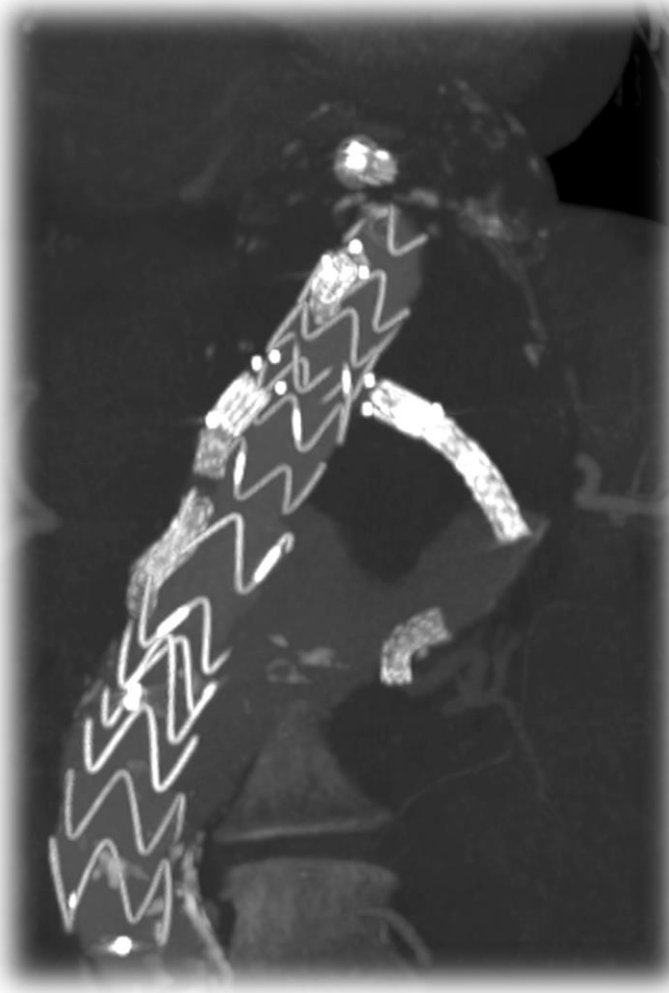


# Type IIIB + IC + IB endoleak (non-OSR case #4)

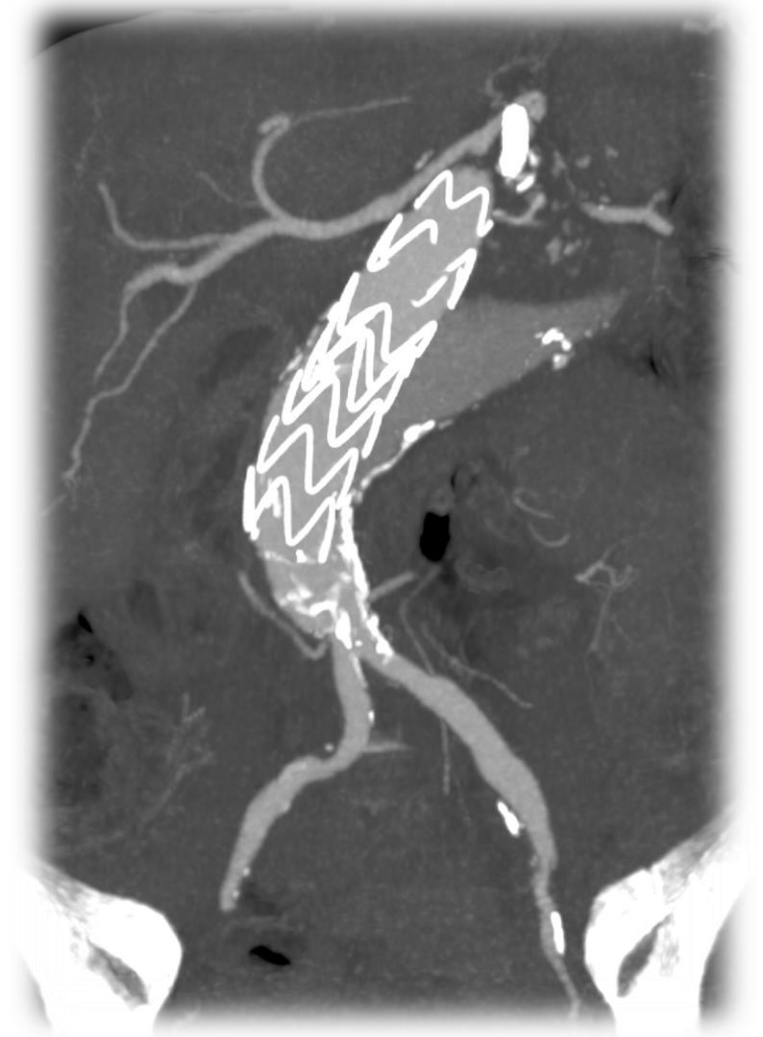
Old Jotec Extra design



RRA IIIB endoleak

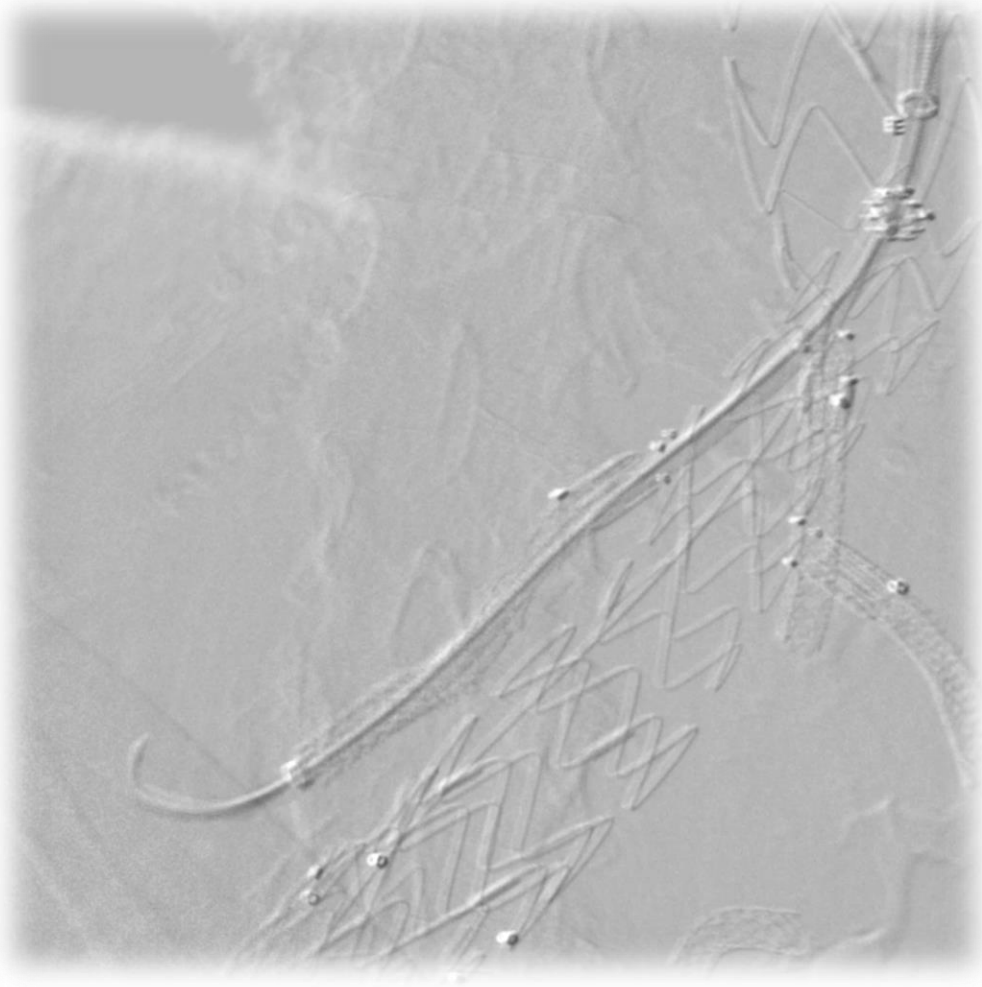


LRA IC endoleak



Aortic IB endoleak

# RRA Type IIIB endoleak



RRA IIIB endoleak



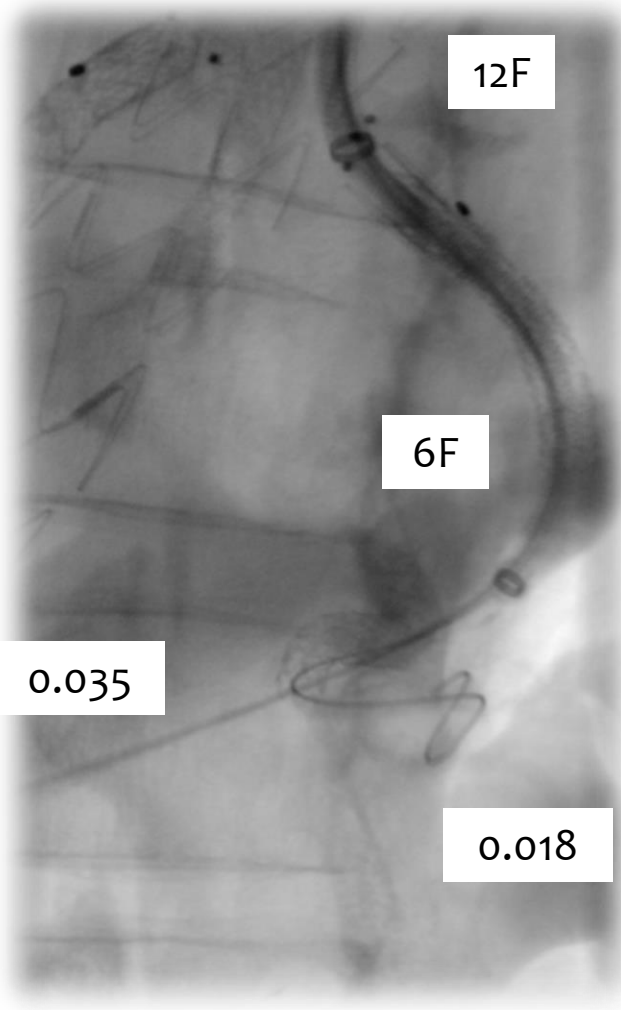
Balloon expandable CS relining



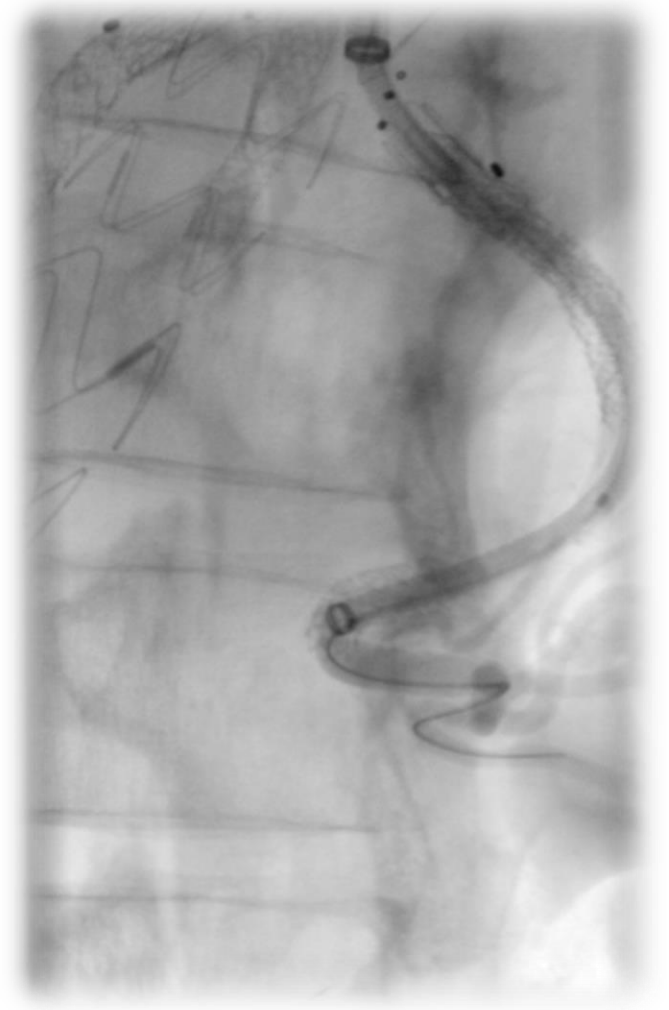
# LRA Type IC endoleak



RRA IIIB endoleak



Telescopic approach



0.018 wire and 6F flexor



# LRA Type IC endoleak



Viabahn 0.018 distal

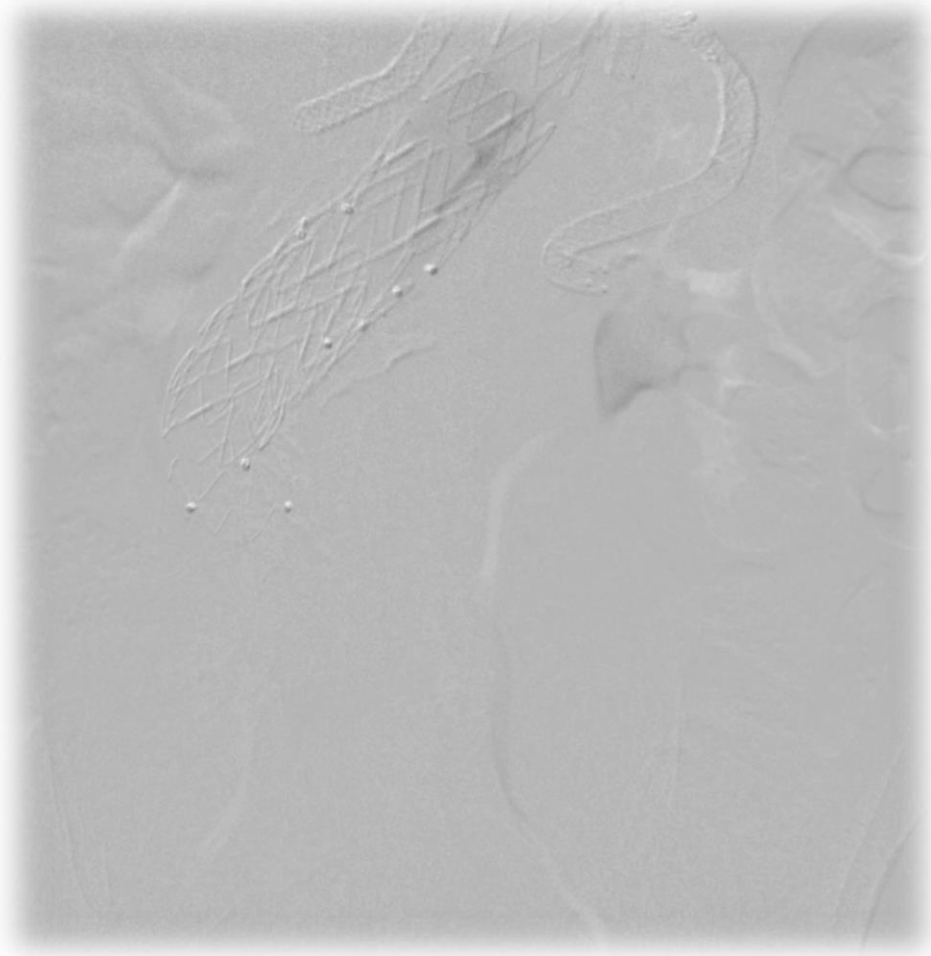


VBX proximal

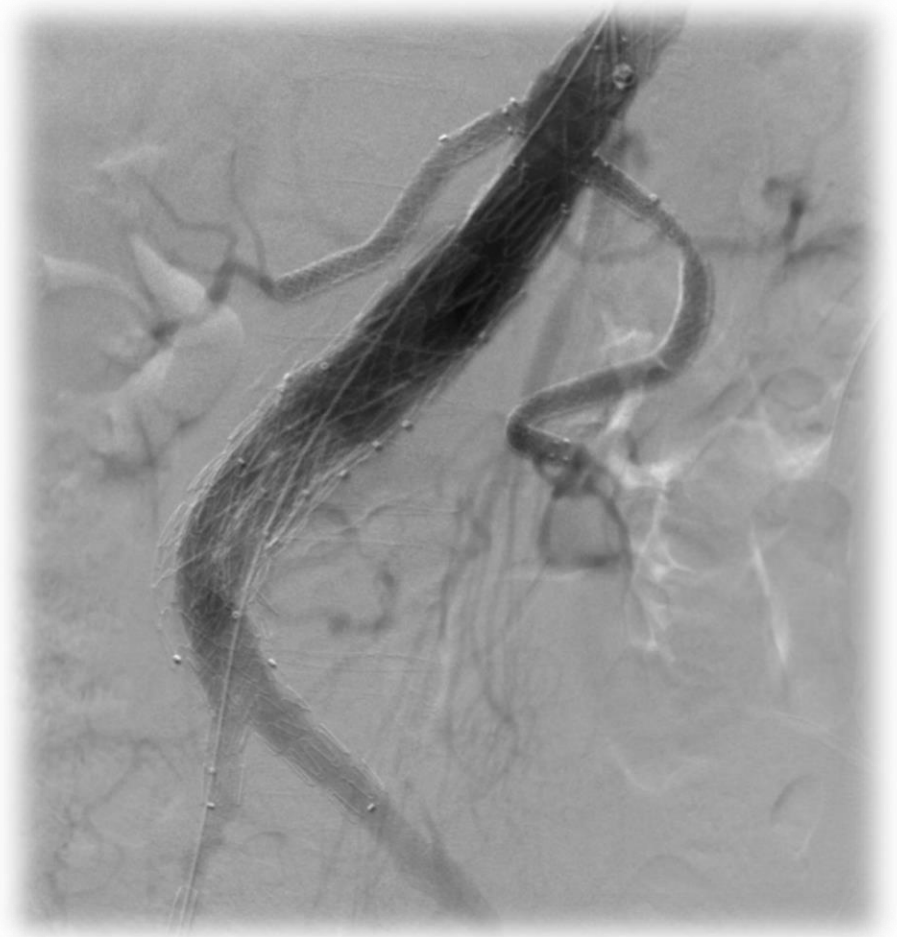


Final angio

# Aortic IB endoleak



Distal IB endoleak



Bifurcated component - Completion angio

Possible other bailouts: retrograde target vessel catheterization



Oikonomou K et al. JEVT 2015



## Translumbur

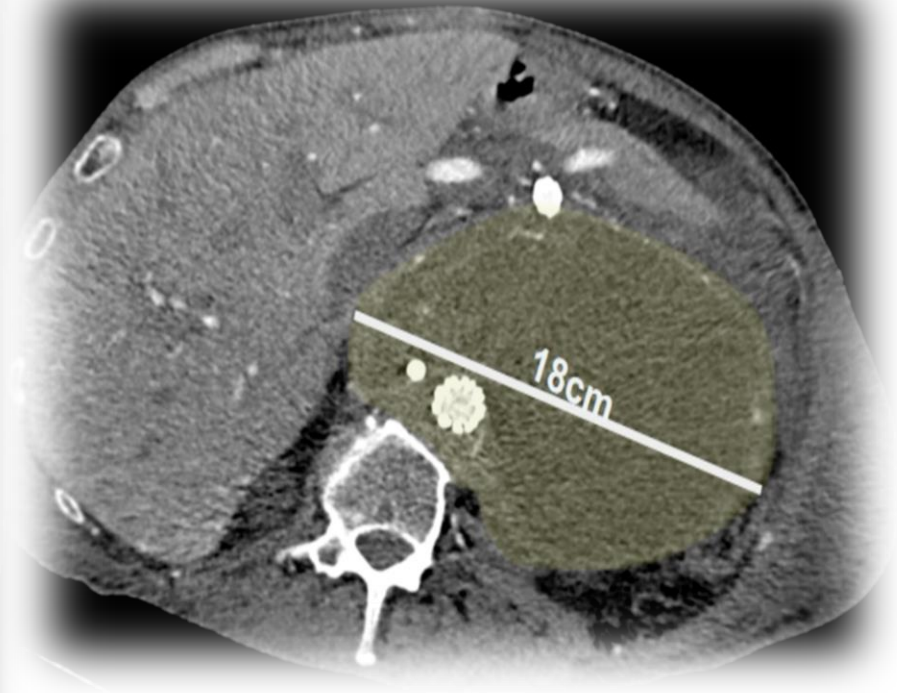
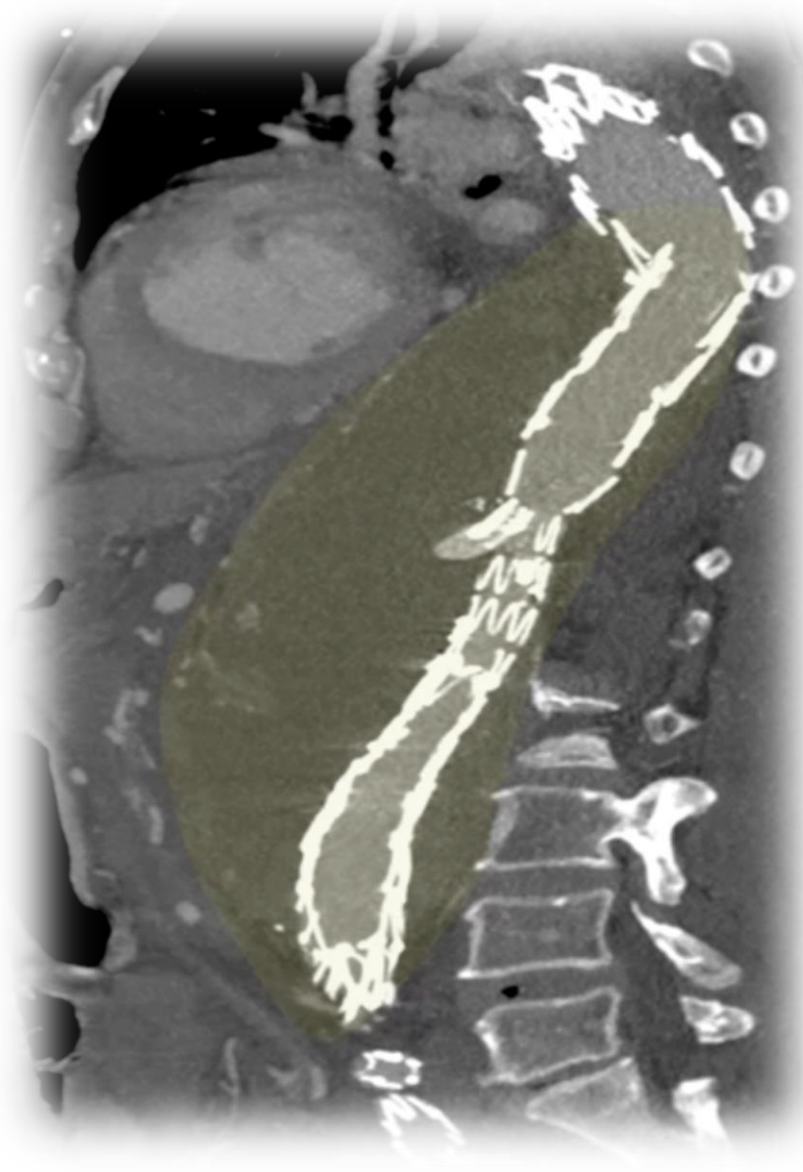
Herault A et al. JEVT 2016



# Branch disconnection + aortic enlargement (non-OSR case #5)



Kinked and disconnected  
renal branch

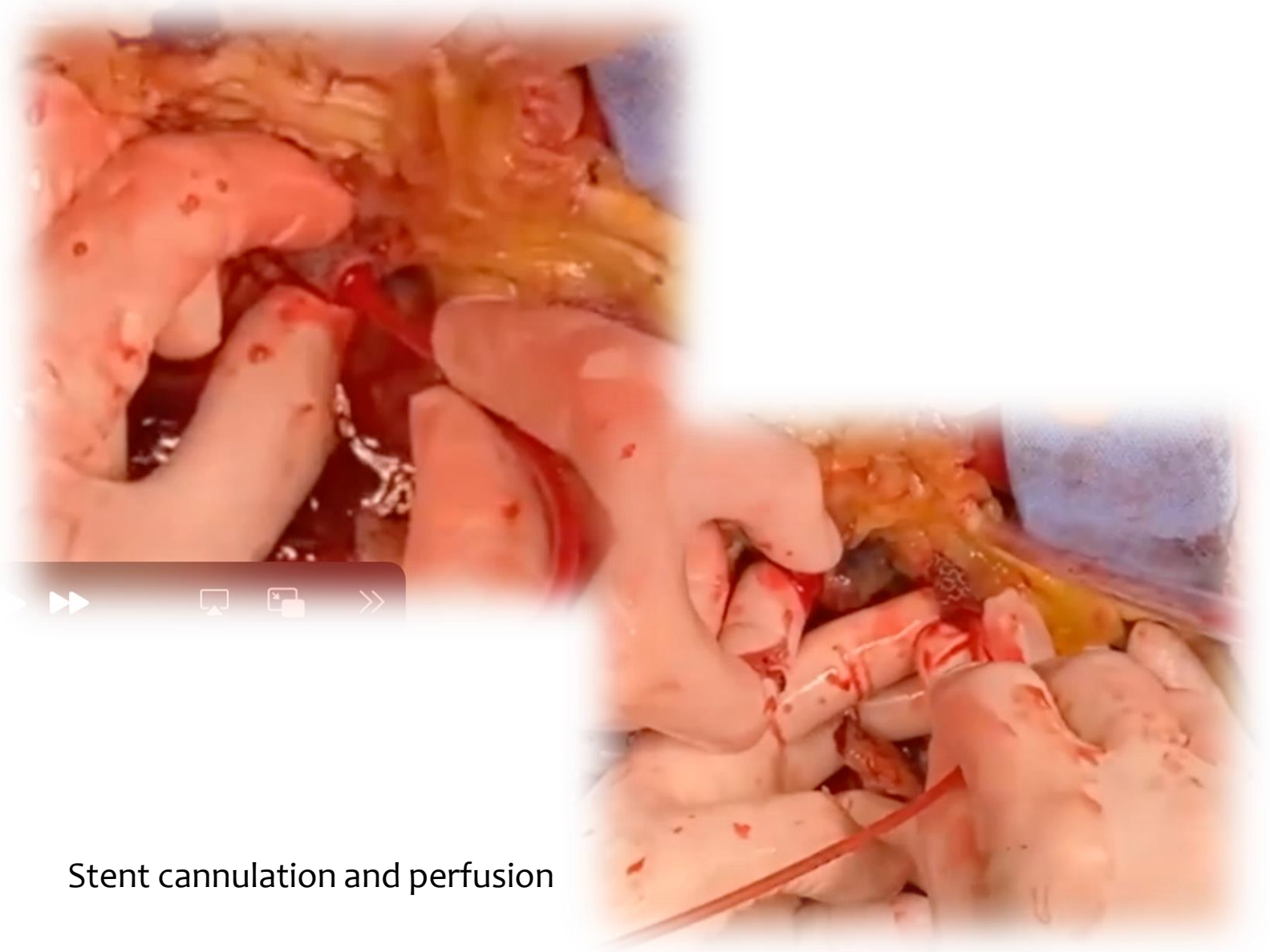


Multiple endo procedures

# Open conversion



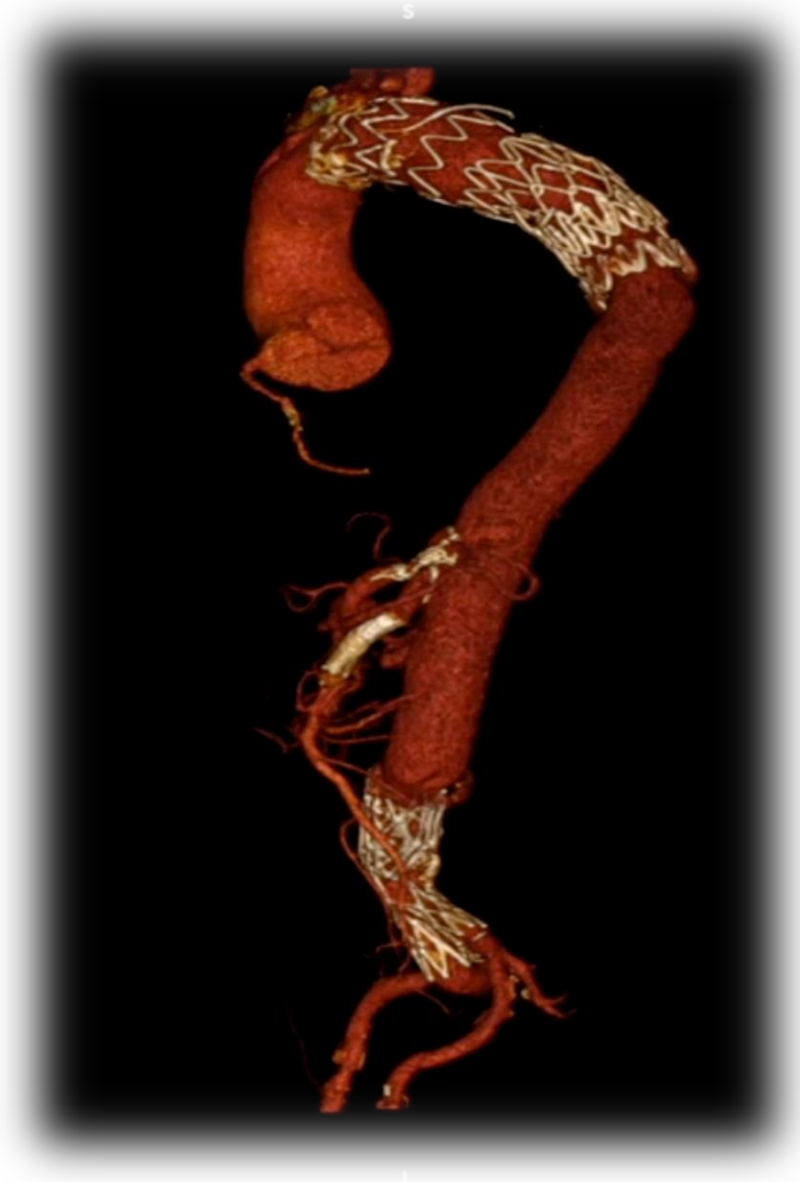
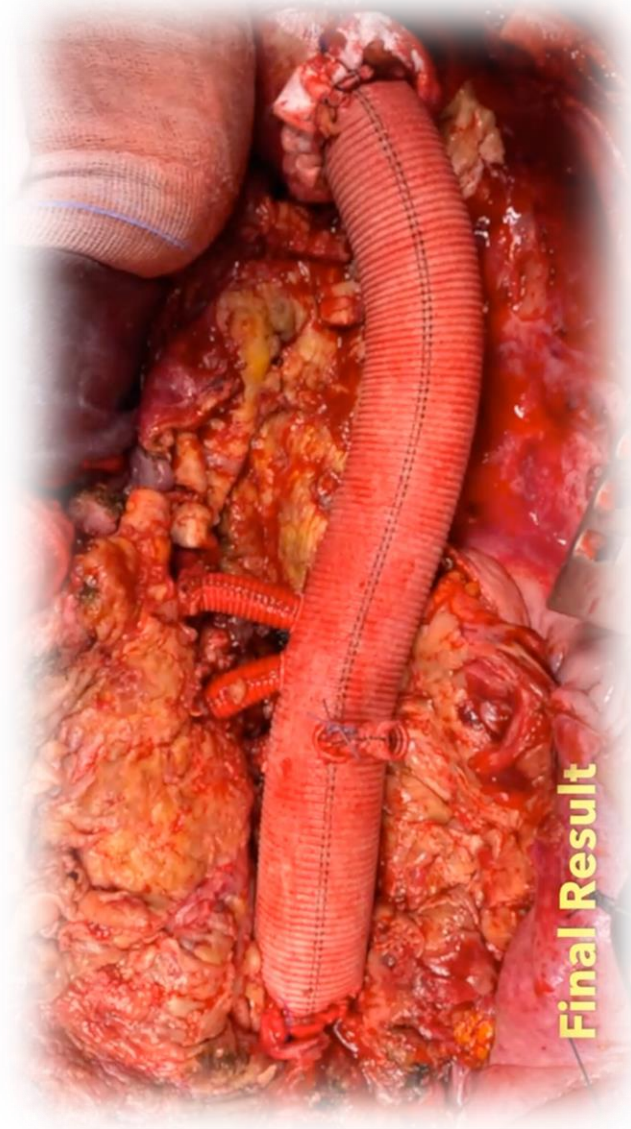
Graft removal



Stent cannulation and perfusion



# Final results





# Conclusion

## Branch disconnection

- Incidence 1-2%
- Type IC ( stent out of the target vessels) -> planning errors
- Type IIIB (stent fractures) -> easily fixable
- Type IIIC (stent disconnection from the branch) -> different complexities
- Associated to enlarged aortas with complex anatomies -> consider open conversion