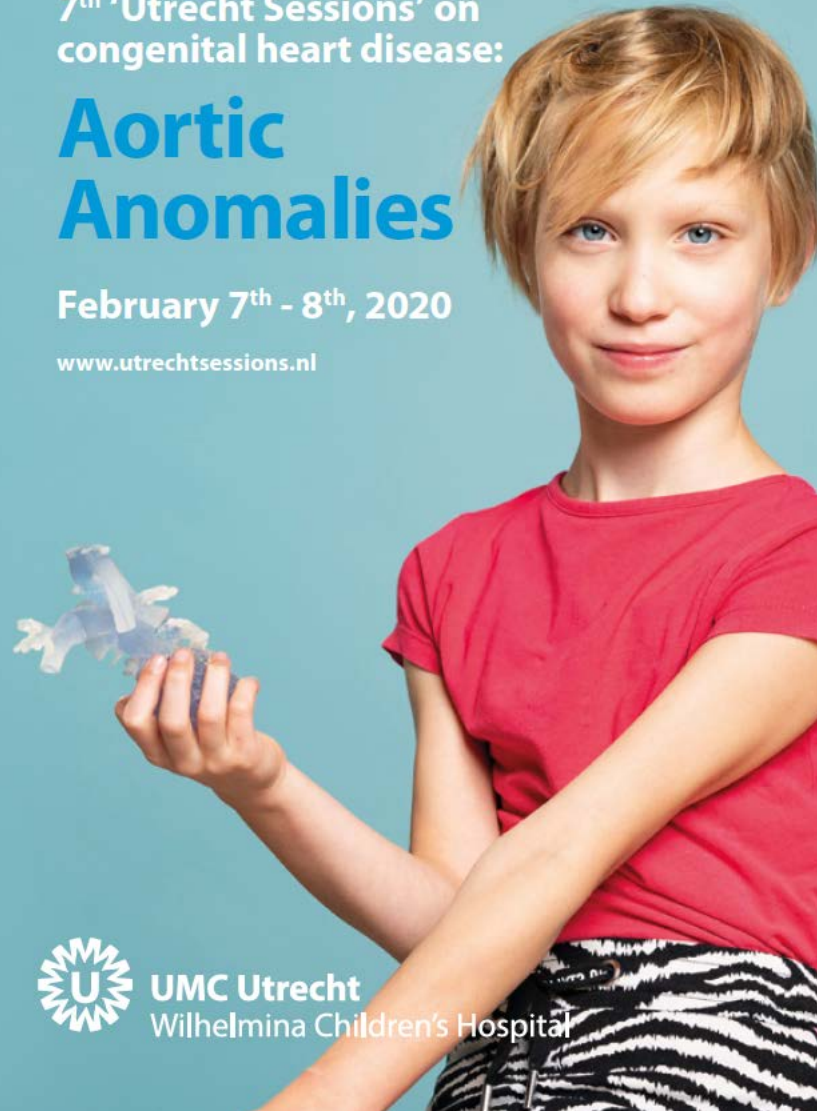


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# **Early re-CoA: when and how to treat?**

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## First surgical repair: 1944

- ✓ Crafoord C, Nylin G: Congenital coarctation of the aorta and its surgical treatment. *J Thorac Surg* 1945; 14: 347-361.

## First percutaneous angioplasty:1982

- ✓ Singer MI, Rowen M, Dorsey TJ: Transluminal aortic balloon angioplasty for coarctation of the aorta in the newborn. *Am Heart J* 1982; 103: 131-132.

## First stent implantation: 1991

- ✓ O'Laughlin MP, Perry SB, Lock JE, et al: Use of endovascular stents in congenital heart disease. *Circulation* 1991; 83: 1923-1939.
- ✓ Ebeid MR, Prieto LR, Latson LA: Use of balloon expandable stents for coarctation of the aorta: Initial results and intermediate term follow-up. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 1997; 30: 1847-1852.

**OVER 35 yrs of experience in percutaneous treatment of Aortic Coarctation**

### Early recoarctation problem

- ✓ Re-coarctation is rather common (up to 30%) after surgical repair performed in infancy
- ✓ When to treat?
  - \* Clinical criteria (signs of cardiac failure)
  - \* Hemodynamic criteria (hypertension, pressure gradient, LV function)

**Early recoarctation**

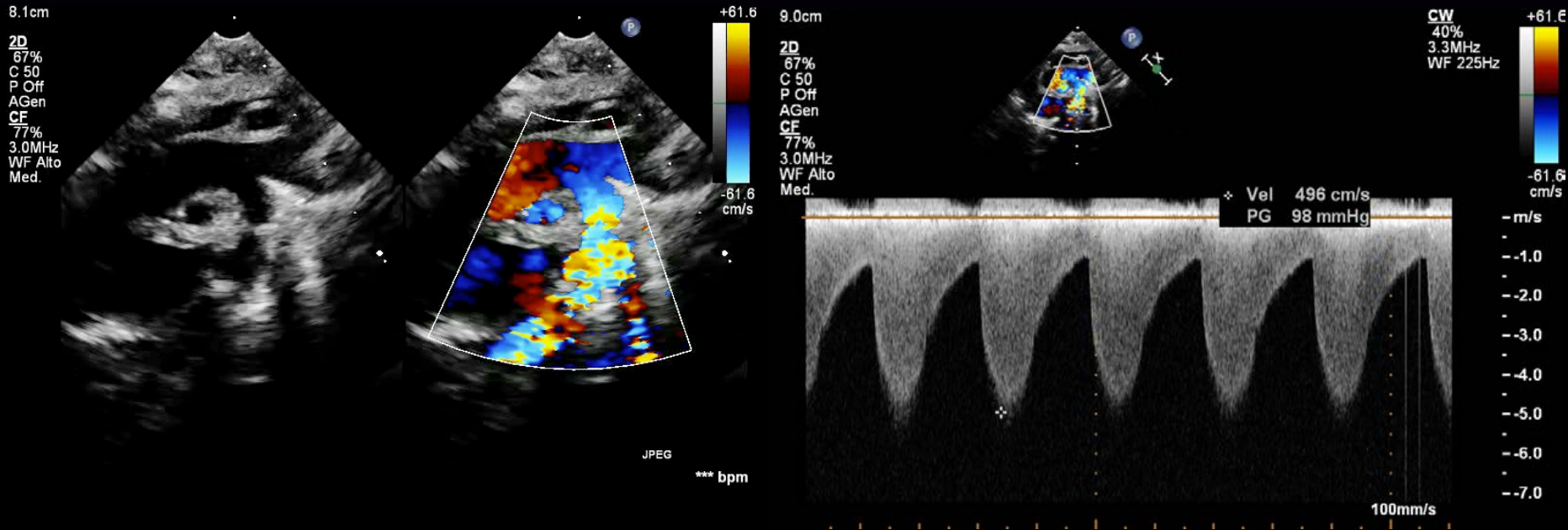
- \* “good” clinical conditions**
- \* Upper/low extremities < 25 mmHg**
- \* Doppler: high velocity but no diastolic run-off**
- \* Preserved LV function**



**No invasive treatment – follow-up**

# Early Recoarctation: when to treat

## Echo assessment: indication to treat






*Aortic arch morphology*

*Doppler: High velocity + diastolic run-off*

# Early Recoarctation: when to treat

## How to treat

<i>Redo surgery</i>		<i>Uncommon</i>
<i>Angioplasty</i>		<i>Most common</i>
<i>Stenting</i>		<i>In selected pts</i>

# Catheter intervention



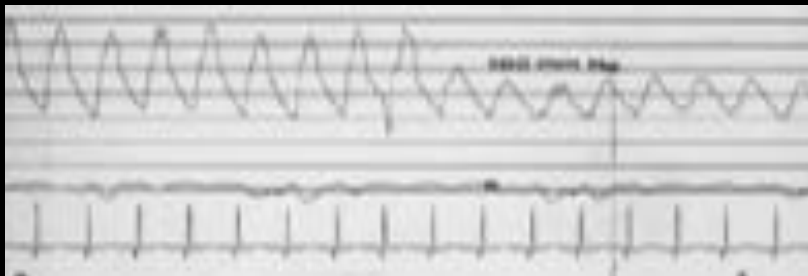
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**Vascular access:** Femoral artery  
Carotid or axillary (< 4 Kg)

**Angiography:** multiple projection (PA/LL/LAO)  
3DRDA if is possible  
Evaluation of aortic arch, coarctation segment



**Hemodynamic assessment:** pressure recording Asc/Desc Ao  
pull back across aortic coarctation



MPA2 4 Fr-0.014 guide  
wire for pull back pressure

**Indication to treat:** peak to peak systolic pressure gradient more than 20 mmHg  
across aortic coarctation.

**Guide wire:** 0.014 inch (BMW, Choice, etc)  
0.021 inch j tipped

**Balloon:** Coronary no comp. balloon (0.014)  
Mini Ty-Shak (0.014)  
Ty-Shak II  
Wanda

## **Balloon size:**

- ✓ two or more times size of the coarcted segment
- ✓ no larger than the size of the descending aorta at level of the diaphragm
- ✓ no larger than the size of aortic arch

**Warning:** guide wire should always be left in place across the coarctation segment and all angiographic and balloon dilatation catheters should be exchanged over the guide wire.

**Immediate results:** good result in over 80% of patients with Re-coarctation  
significant reduction of the gradient across the coarctation  
Increased diameter of aortic segment

## **Complications:**

aortic dissection

aortic rupture

development of aneurysm

Vascular access damage

# Clinical case1

**Age:** 3 months

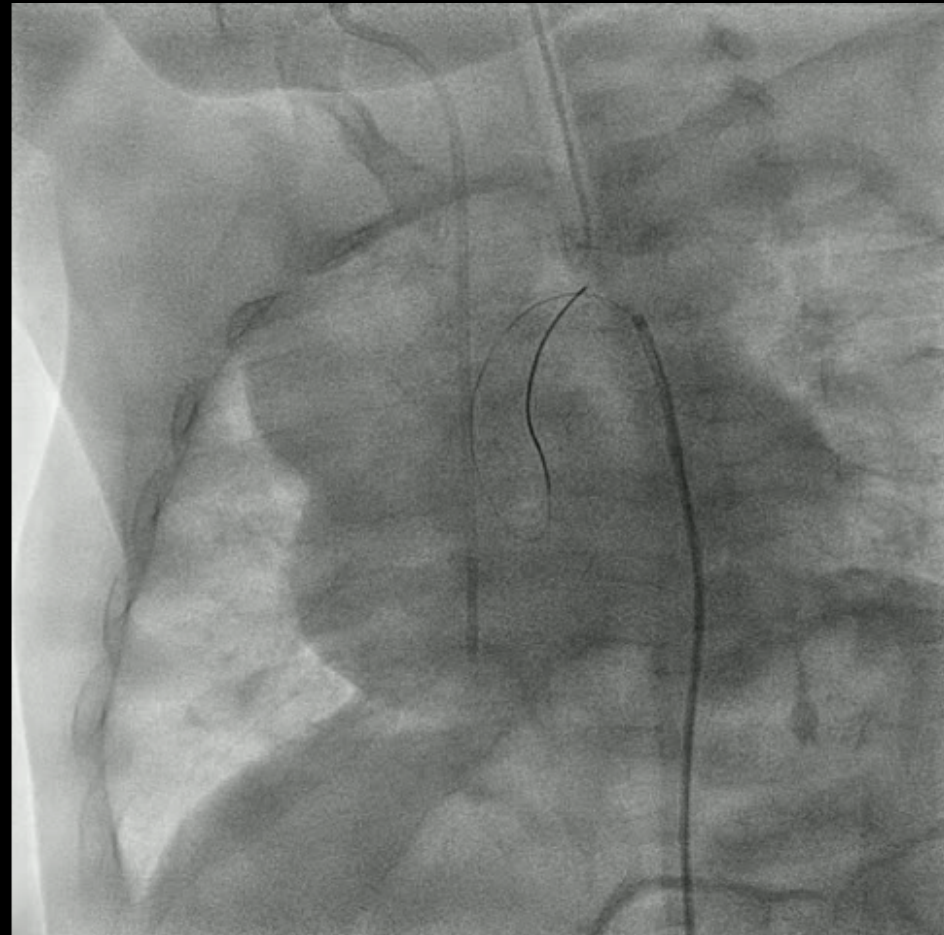
**Weight:** 5.5 Kg

**Diagnosis At birth:** large VSD and CoA

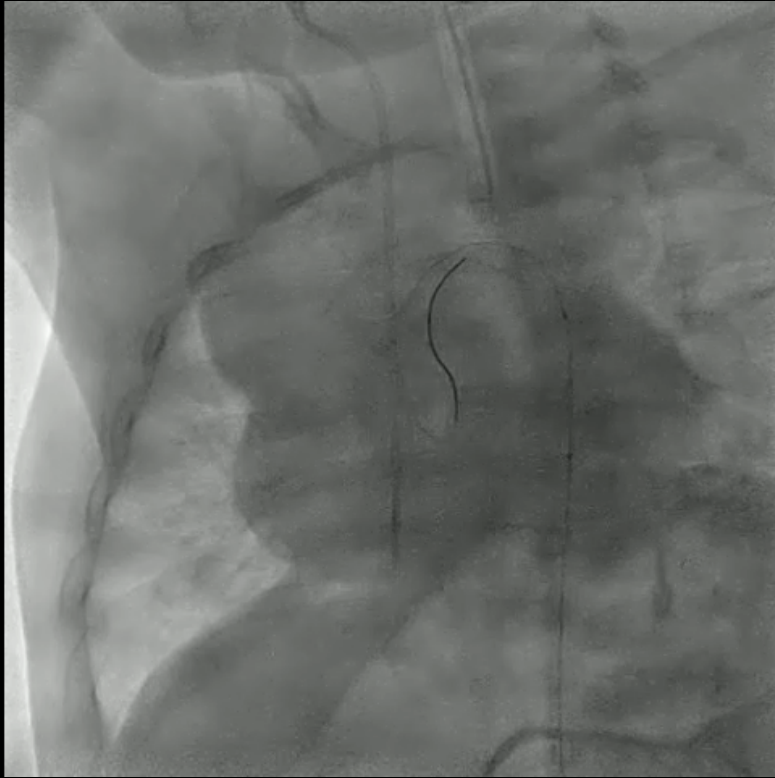
**3 days of life:** aortic de-coarctation with end to end anastomosis and pulmonary banding.

**Admitted in hospital:** for Heart failure

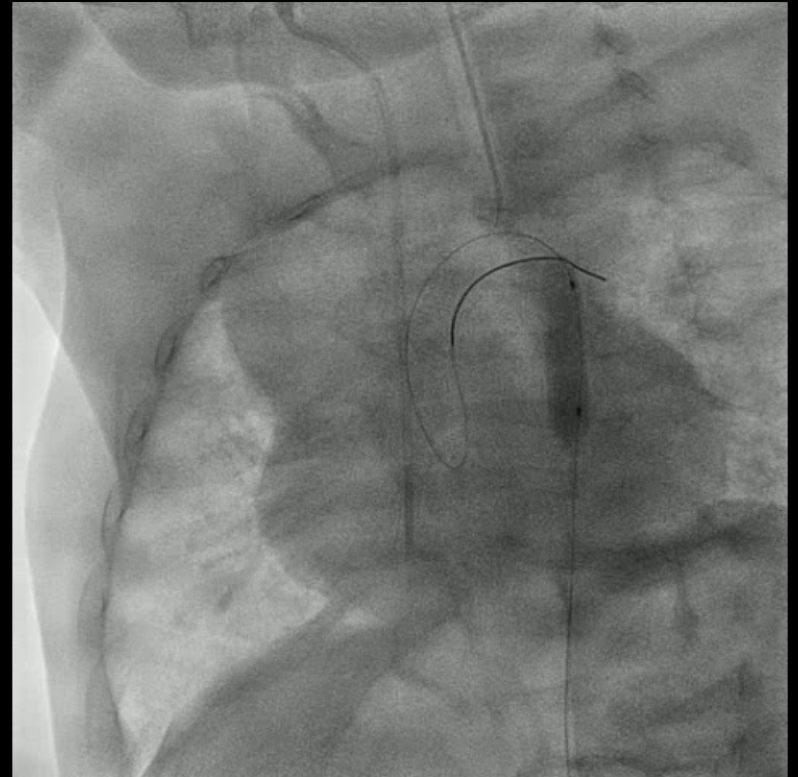
**Hemodynamic assessment:**  
peak to peak gradient: 50 mmHg



# Clinical Case 1



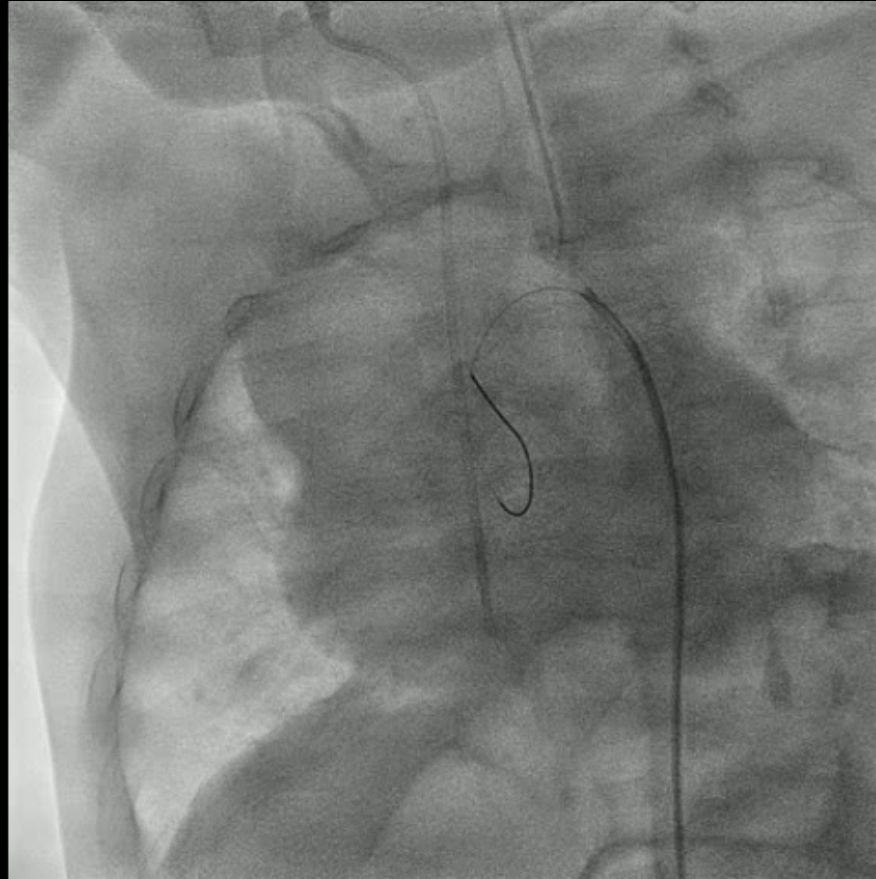
**Coronary balloon: NC 4x20 mm 10 ATM**



**TyShak II balloon: 6x20 mm**

## Clinical Case 1

**Good result:** peak to peak gradient 10 mmHg



**Balloon angioplasty is the treatment of the choice for recoarctation in infancy**

## Advantages of stent

- less recoil
- less vessel injury
- less risk of aneurysm

## Disadvantages of stent

- need of large sheath**
- risk of stent migration
- in-stent restenosis
- failure to adapt to growth**

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## The carotid arterial approach for balloon dilation of critical aortic stenosis in neonates—immediate results and follow-up

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# Carotid approach

Table 1. Details of 20 patients undergoing balloon dilation of aortic valve.

Patient No	Age (days)	Weight (kg)	Heart failure	Associated lesions	LV-Ao gradient (mm Hg)		Percent gradient reduction	Diameter (mm)		Post-BD AI
					Pre-BD	Post-BD		Annulus	Balloon	
1	3	3.0	+	-	80	30	62	7	6	++
2	14	3.0	+	AI, PAD, PHT	63	15	76	7	8	++
3	6	2.1	+	-	125	65	48	5	4	-
4	20	4.0	+	MS, PAD, PHT	55	30	45	6	6	-
5	8	3.0	+	-	50	0	100	6	6	-
6	2	3.4	+	-	95	15	84	8	8	+
7	3	2.7	+	MI, PAD	25	10	60	6	6	+
8	9	3.0	+	-	70	15	79	6	6	+
9	5	3.0	+	-	70	40	43	7.5	6	++
10	2	3.3	+	-	48	27	44	6	6	++
11	9	3.3	+	VSD, AoCoarc, PAD	30	0	100	6	5	+
12	10	4.0	+	-	70	20	71	6.5	6	-
13	1	2.8	+	MI	100	65	35	6	6	++
14	1	3.1	+	Ao hypoplasia	30	0	100	4	5	-
15	7	3.4	-	-	65	30	54	6	8	-
16	2	2.5	+	AoCoarc, HLV	130	50	62	6	5	-
17	14	3.5	-	-	75	20	73	7	7	-
18	9	3.5	-	-	100	30	70	8	7	-
19	25	3.5	-	-	165	65	61	7	7	++
20	5	3.1	-	-	160	20	87	6	6	+

AoCoarc: aortic coarctation; Ao hypoplasia: aortic hypoplasia; AI: aortic insufficiency; Ao: aorta; BD: balloon dilation; HLV: hypoplastic left ventricle; LV: left ventricle; MI: mitral insufficiency; MS: mitral stenosis; PAD: patent arterial duct; PHT: pulmonary hypertension; VSD: ventricular septal defect.

20 newborns



No procedure related death

# Carotid approach

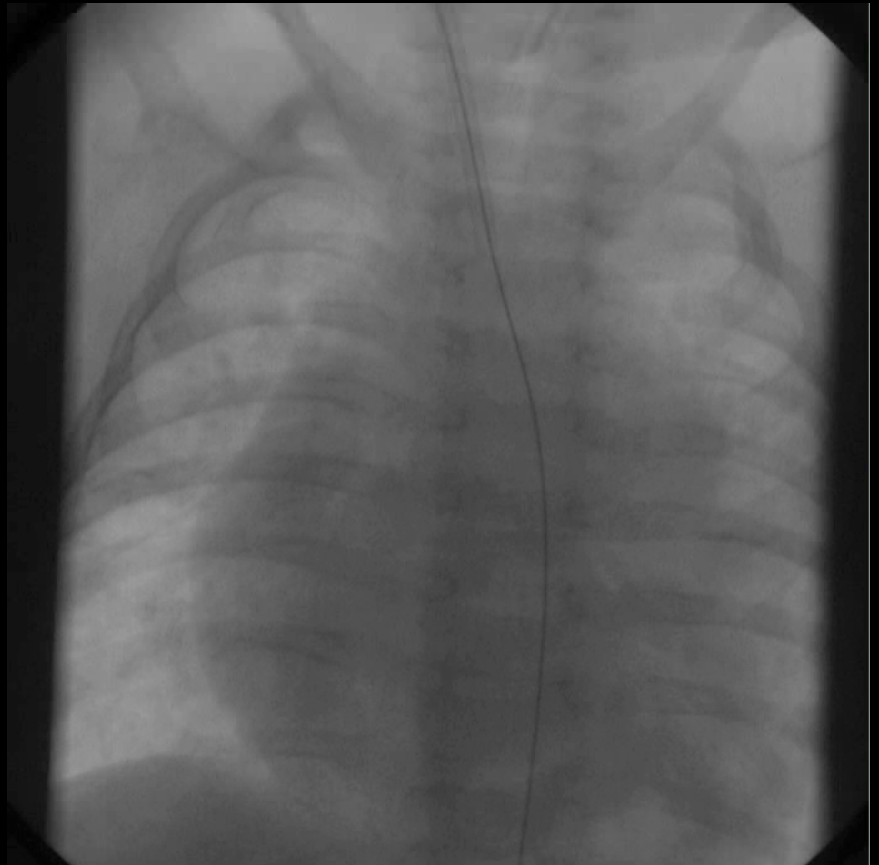
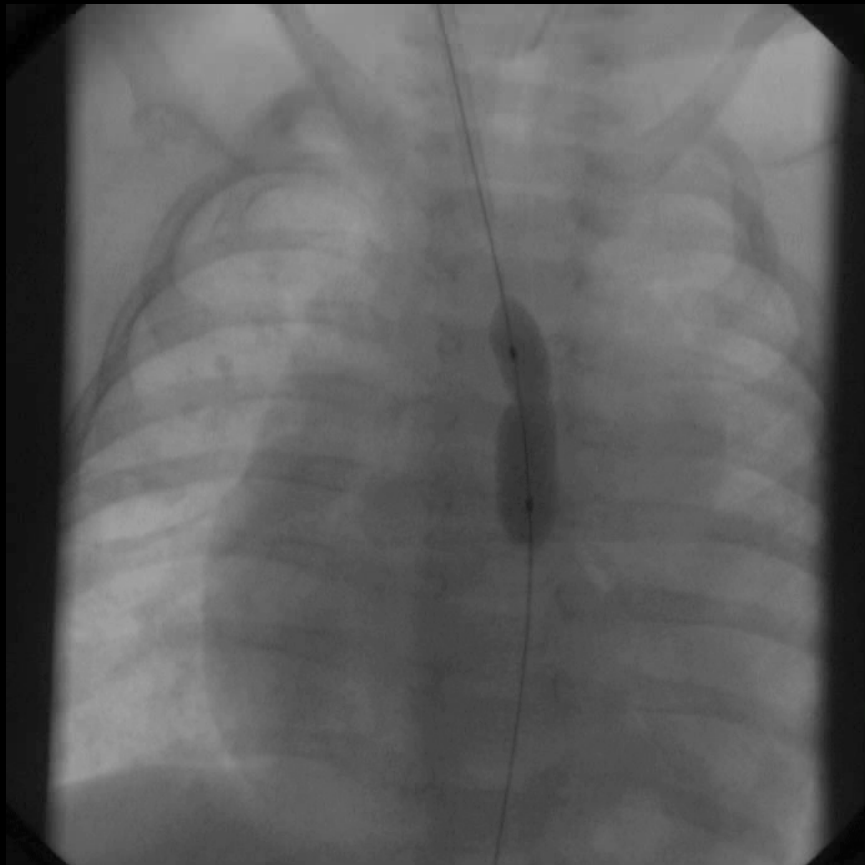
*Severe recoarctation in 2 Kg. baby*



# Carotid approach

*Easy crossing of stenotic site*

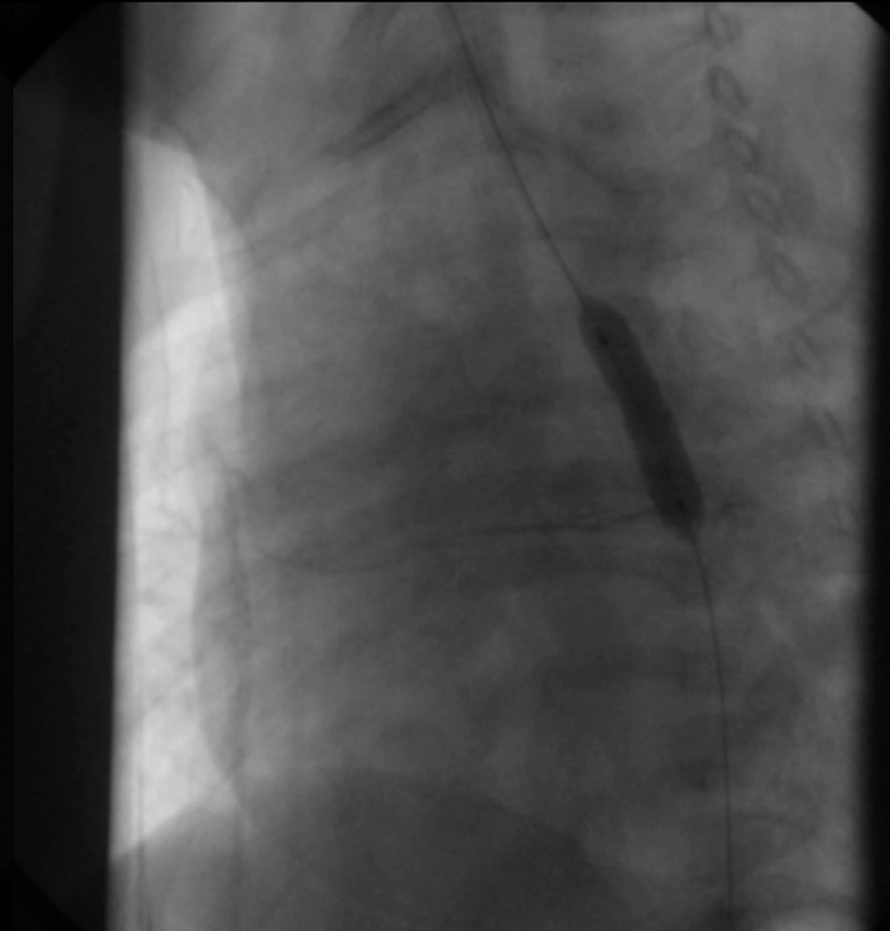
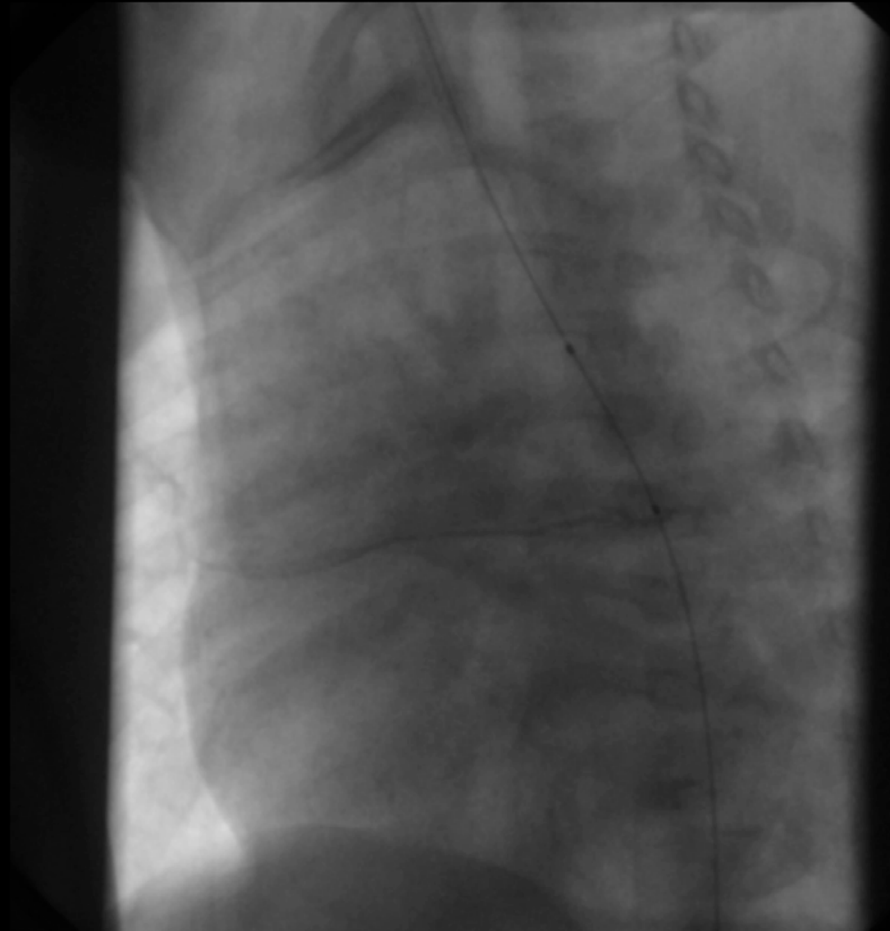
*Immediate check angio  
no need of exchange catheter*



# Carotid approach

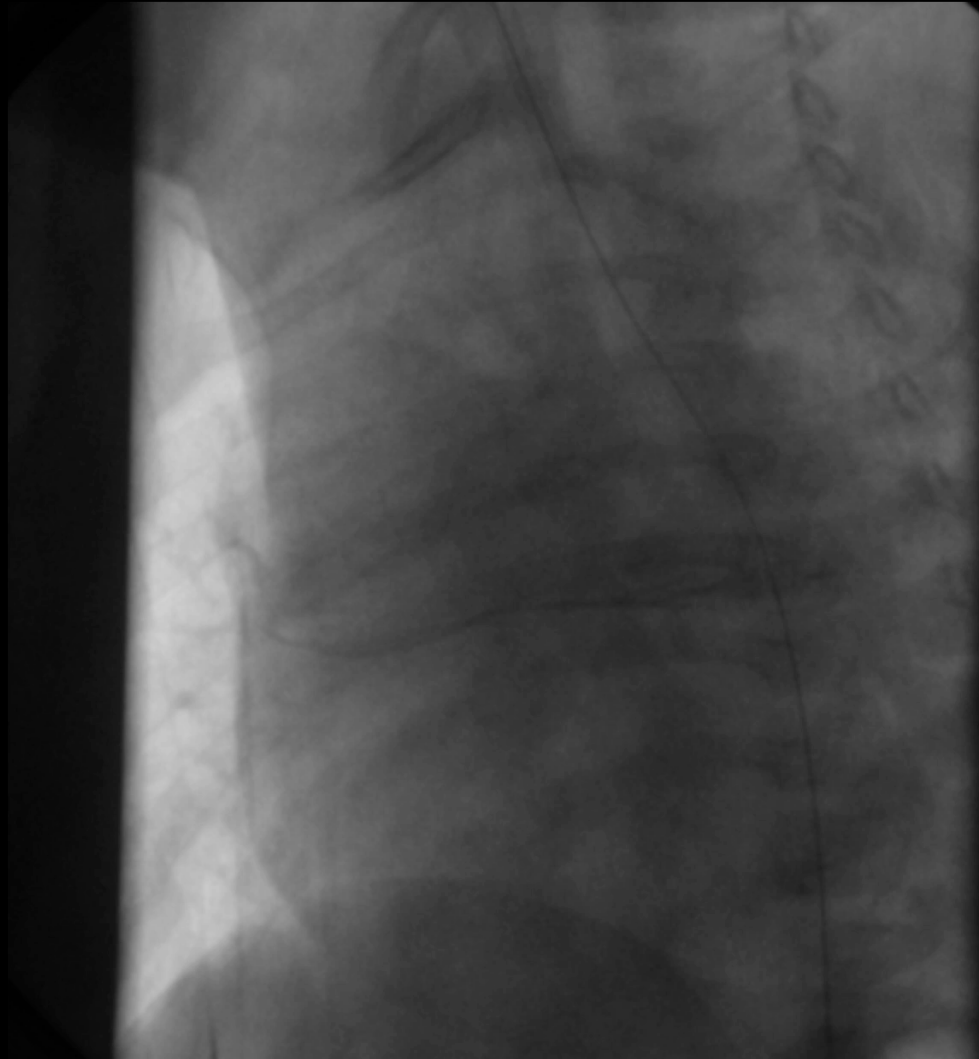
*...If the result is suboptimal.....*

*...very easy to exchange to a larger balloon...*



# Carotid approach

*Excellent result*



# Clinical Case: 2

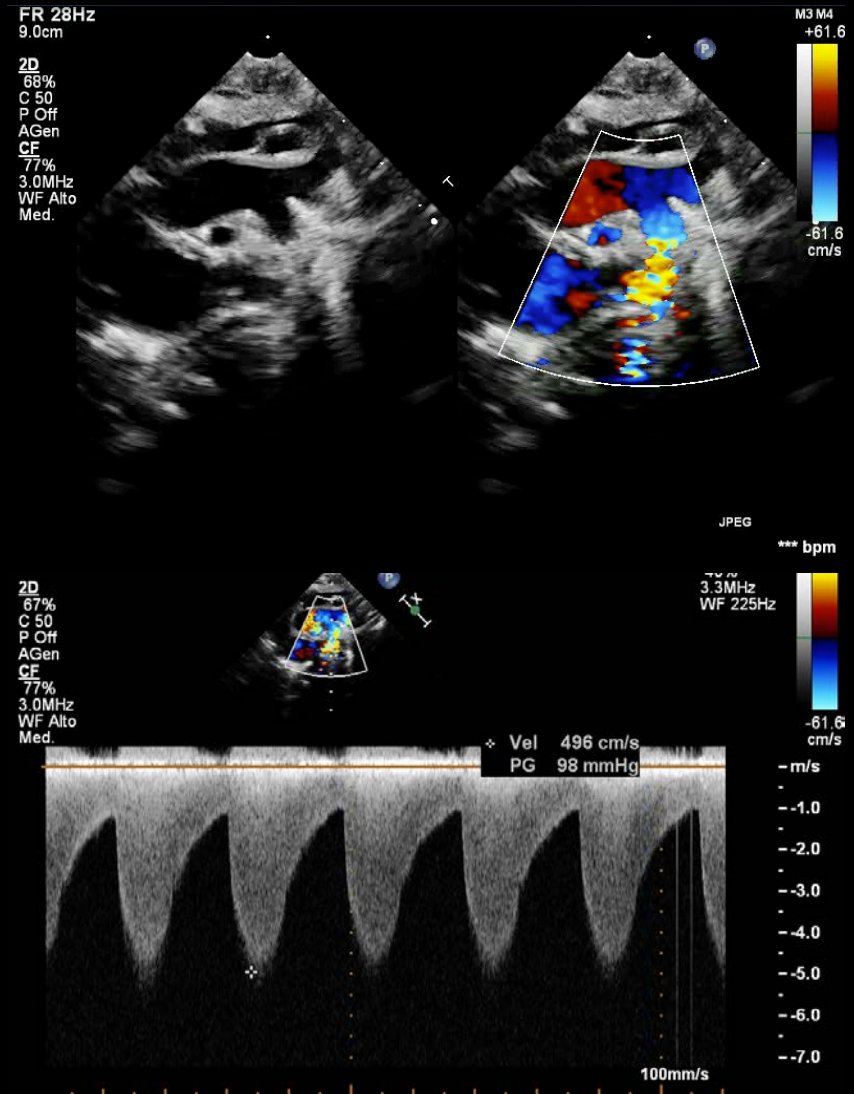
**Age:** 1 months

**Weight:** 4 Kg

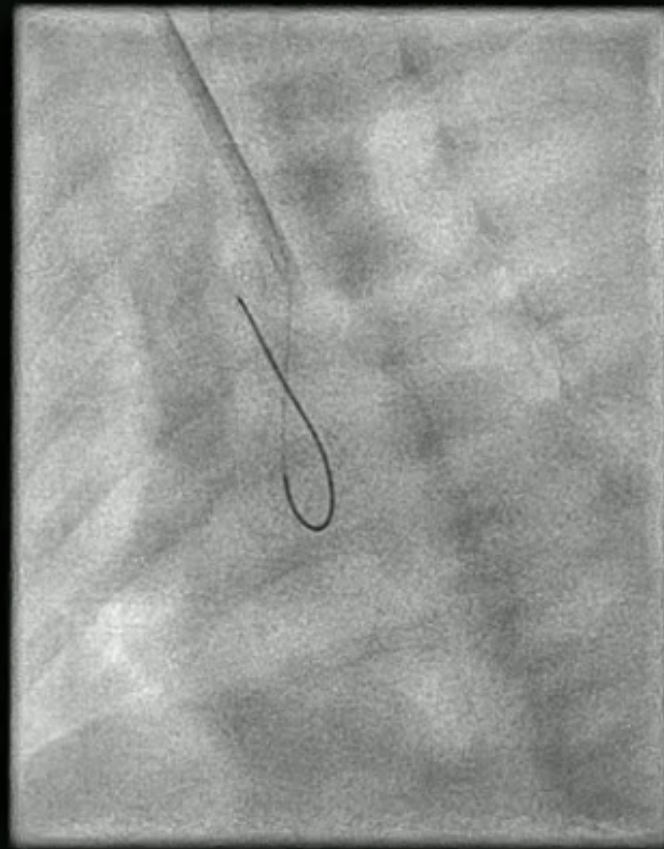
**At birth diagnosis:** severe aortic coarctation of a persistent fifth aortic arch with atretic fourth homolateral arch.

**3 days of life:** resection of the atretic left fourth arch and reconstruction of the left fifth aortic arch through an end-to-end anastomosis

**Hospital admission:** severe aortic recoarctation (maximum gradient 100 mmHg with prominent olodiastolic tail) one months after the surgery.

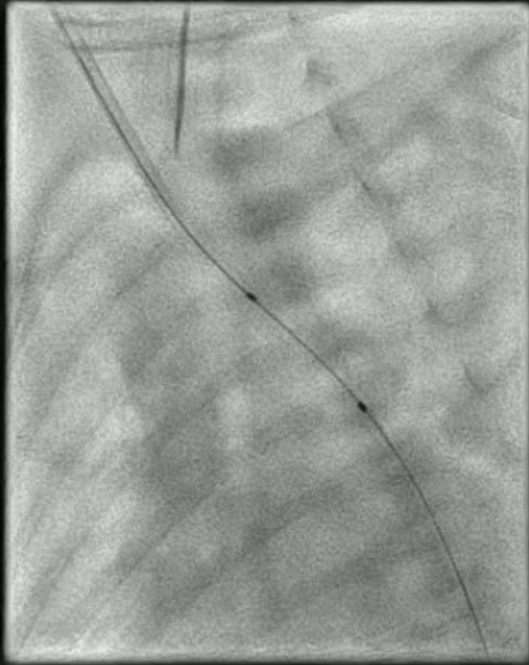


## Clinical Case: 2

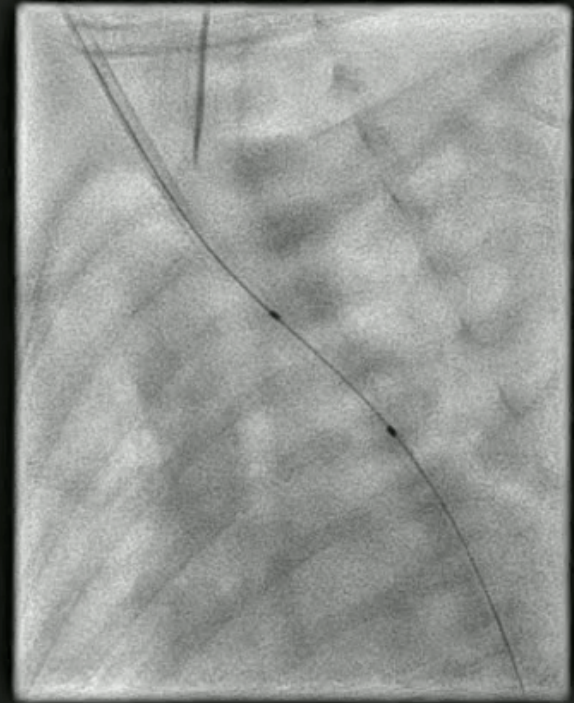


**Right common carotid artery approach**

## Clinical Case:2

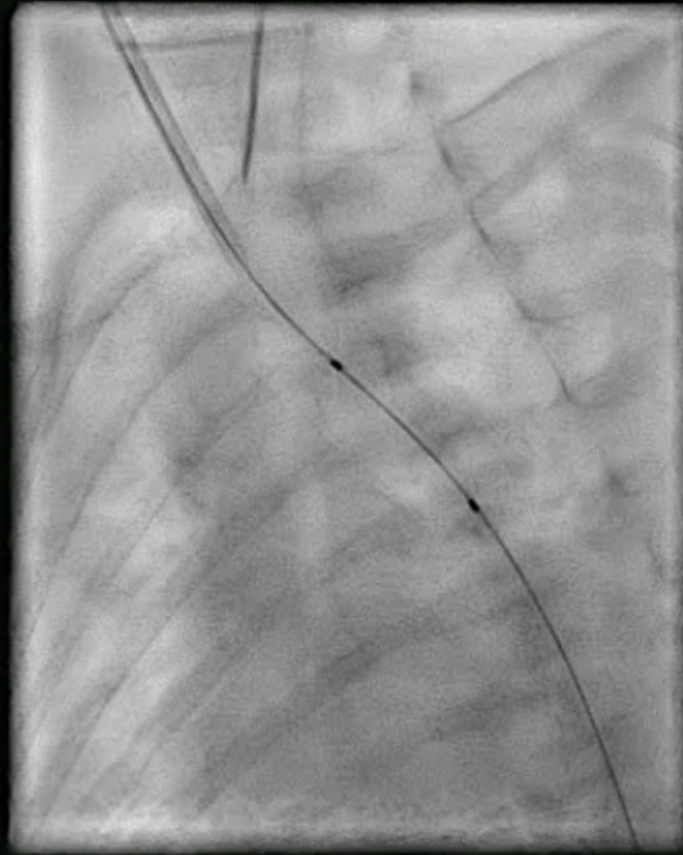


**Mini TyShak balloon: 5x20 mm**



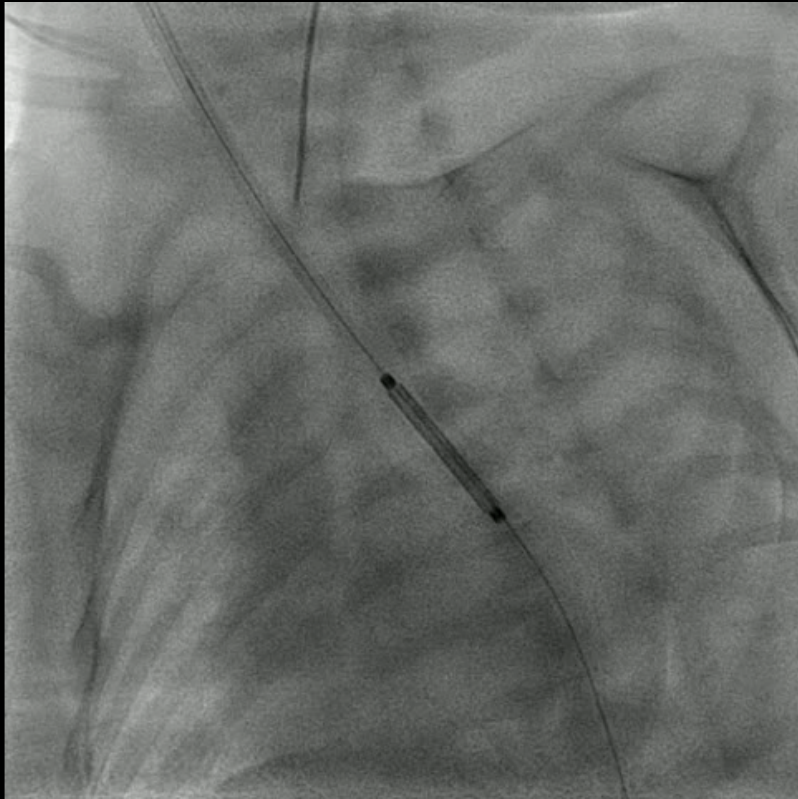
**Mini TyShak balloon: 6x20 mm**

## Clinical Case:2

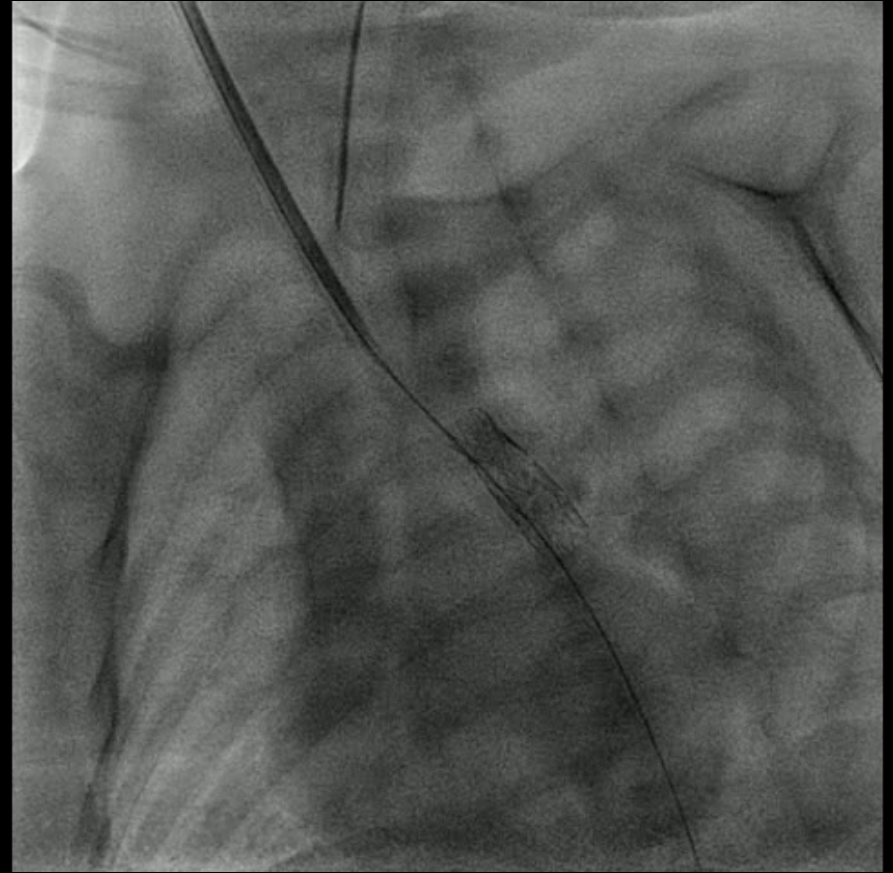


**Post balloon angioplasty** : no significant increase of vessel diameter  
high residual gradient

## Clinical Case:2

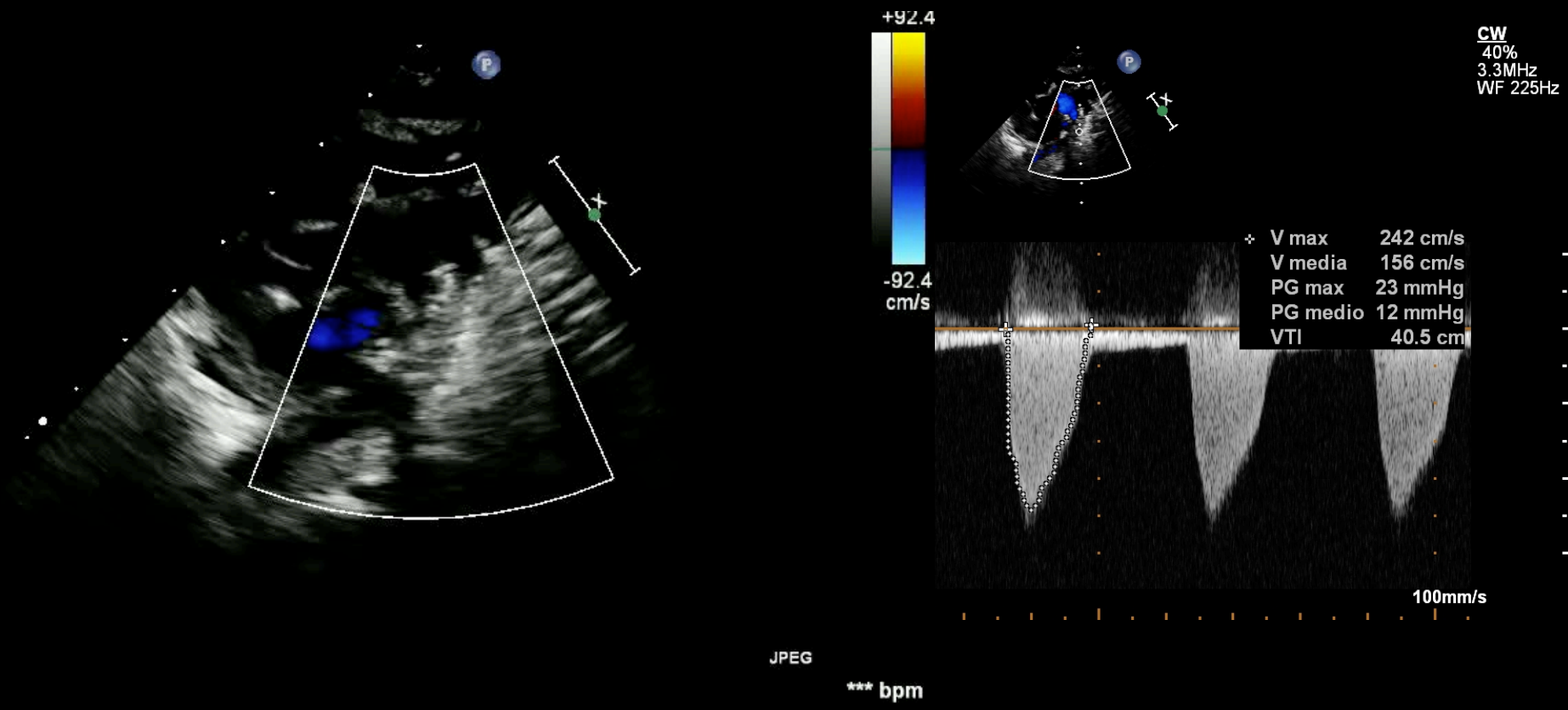


**Valeo stent 6x18 mm**



**Final Result**

## Echo pre-discharge



# Clinical Case: 3

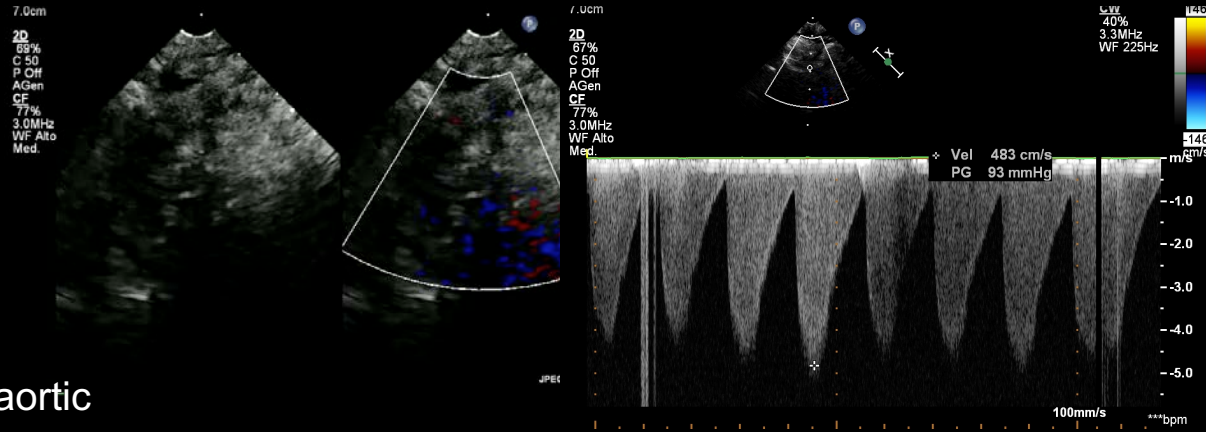
**Age:** 4 months

**Weight:** 5,5 Kg

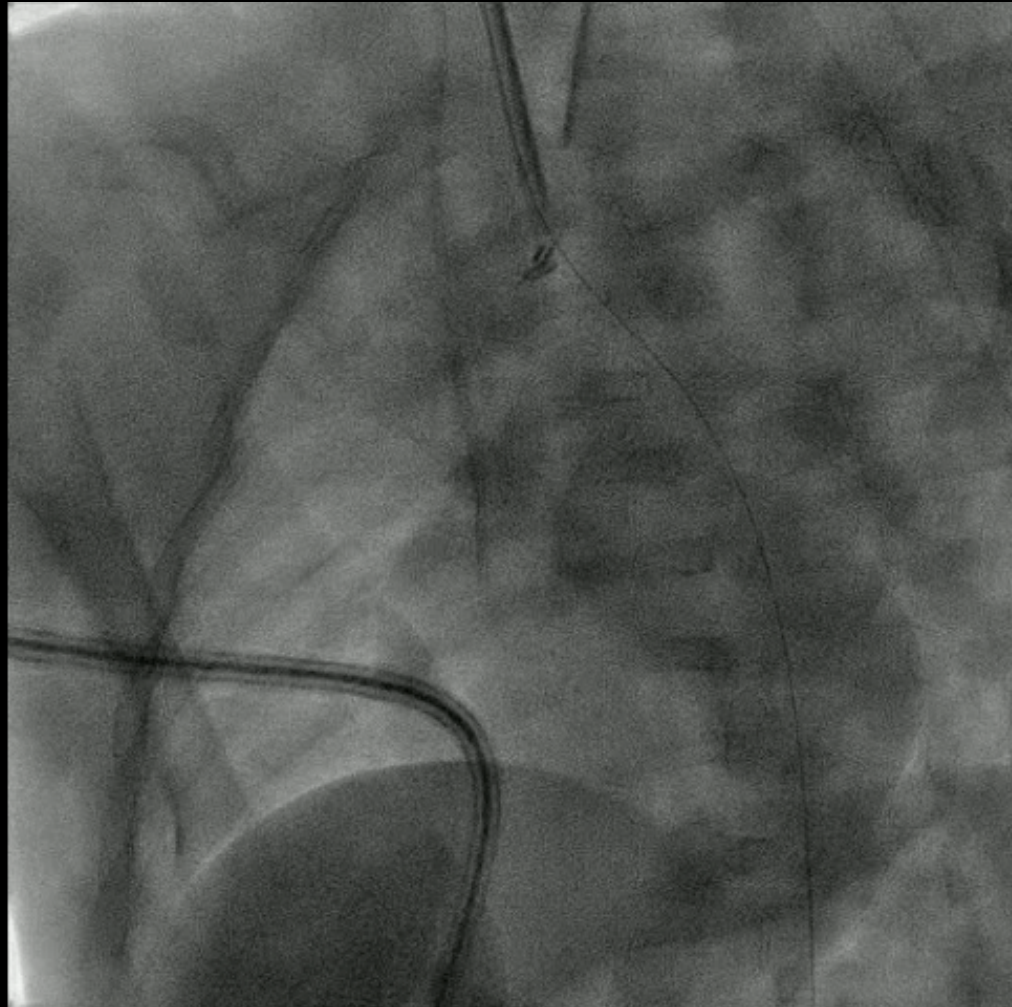
**At birth diagnosis:** Interrupted aortic arch type B. VSD

**8 days of life:** aortic arch reconstruction with anterior patch and VSD closure

**Admitted in hospital:** severe aortic recoarctation (maximum gradient 98 mmHg with prominent oloedialstolic tail four months after the surgery.

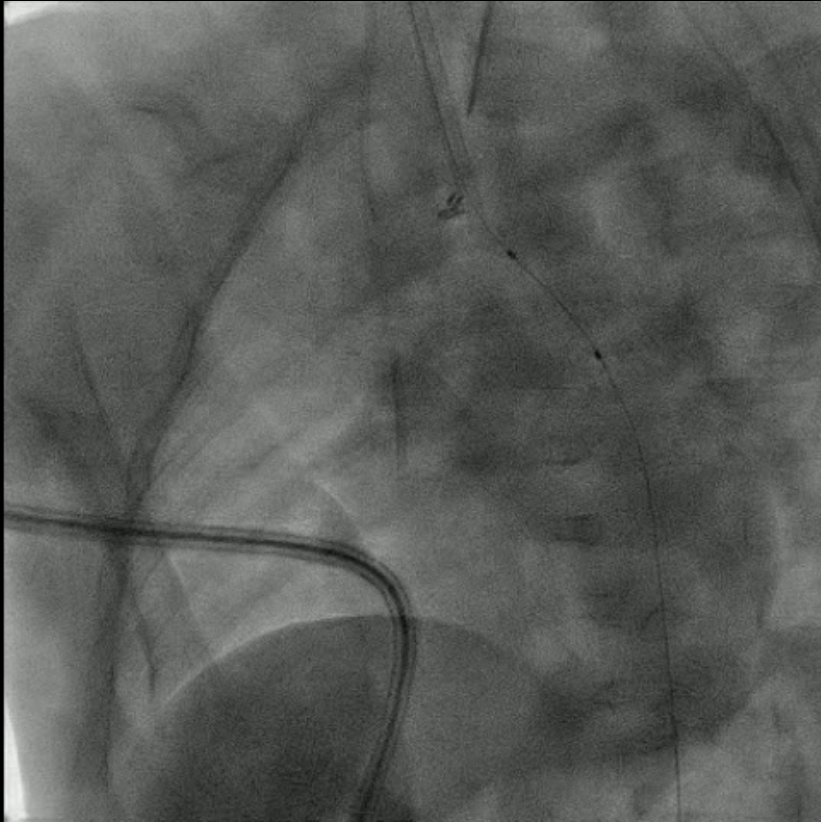


## Clinical Case: 3

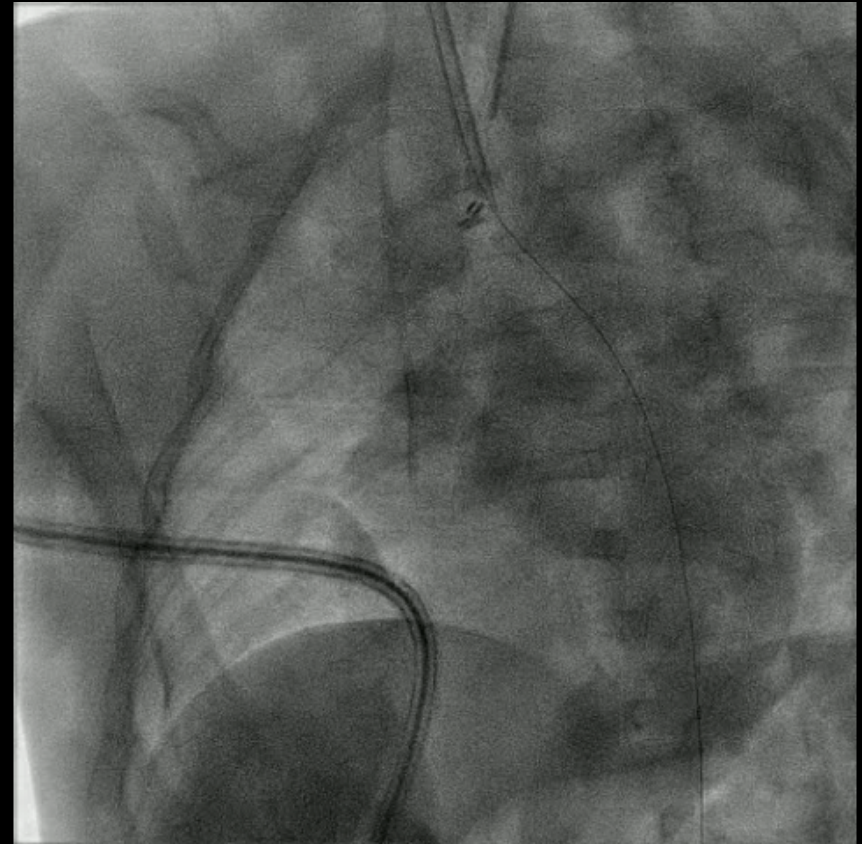


**Right common carotid artery approach  
Peak to peak gradient 80 mmHg**

## Clinical Case:3

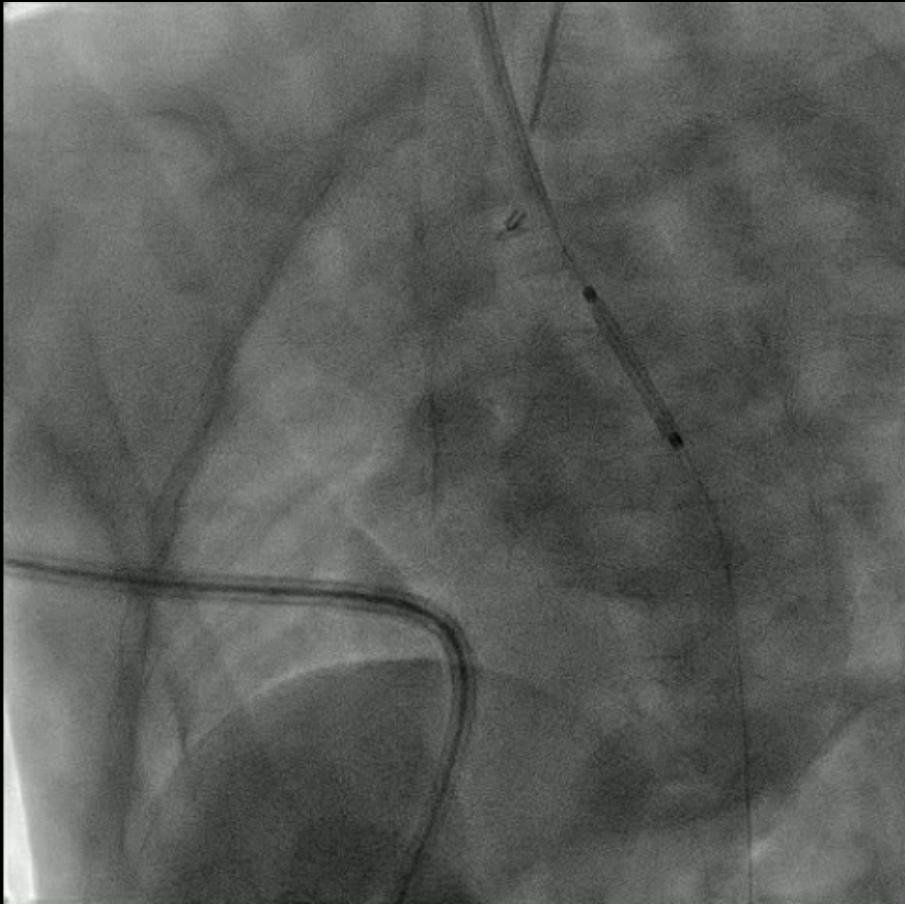


**Mini TyShak balloon: 5x20 mm**

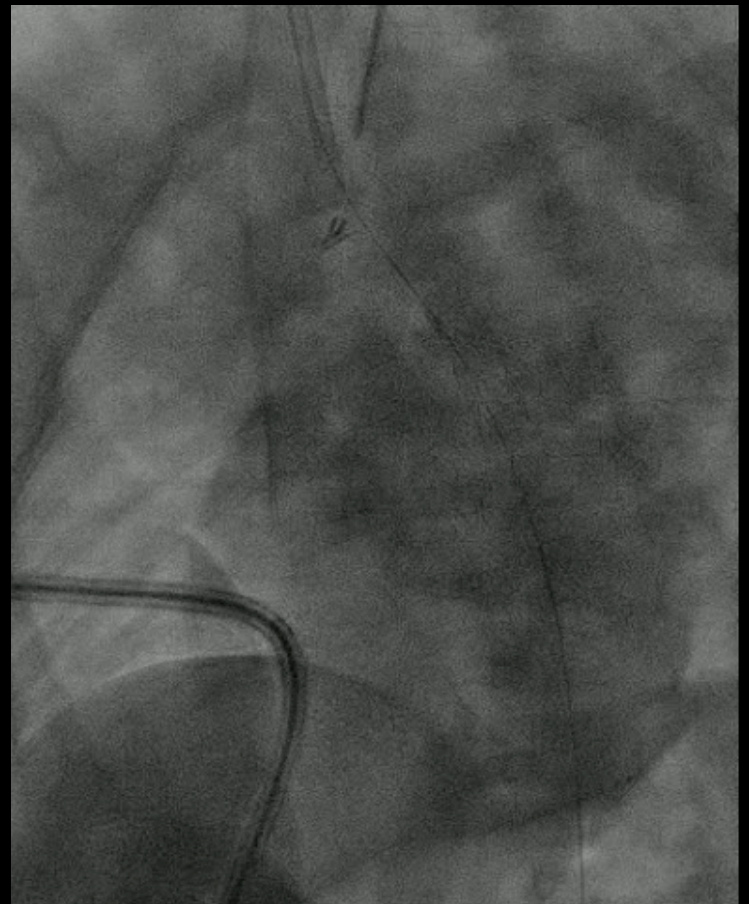


**Post angioplasty**

## Clinical Case:3

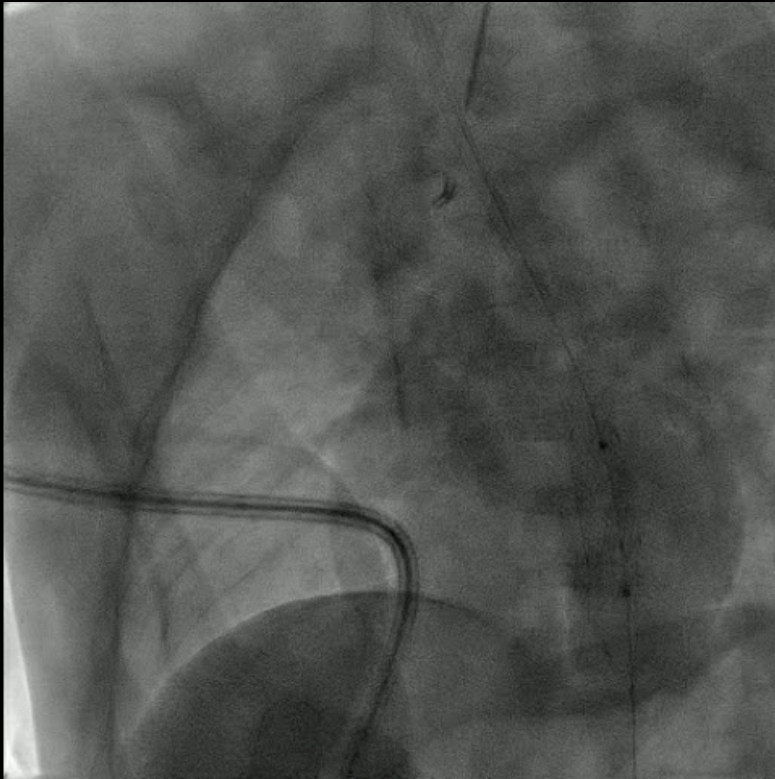


**Valeo Stent 6x18 mm**

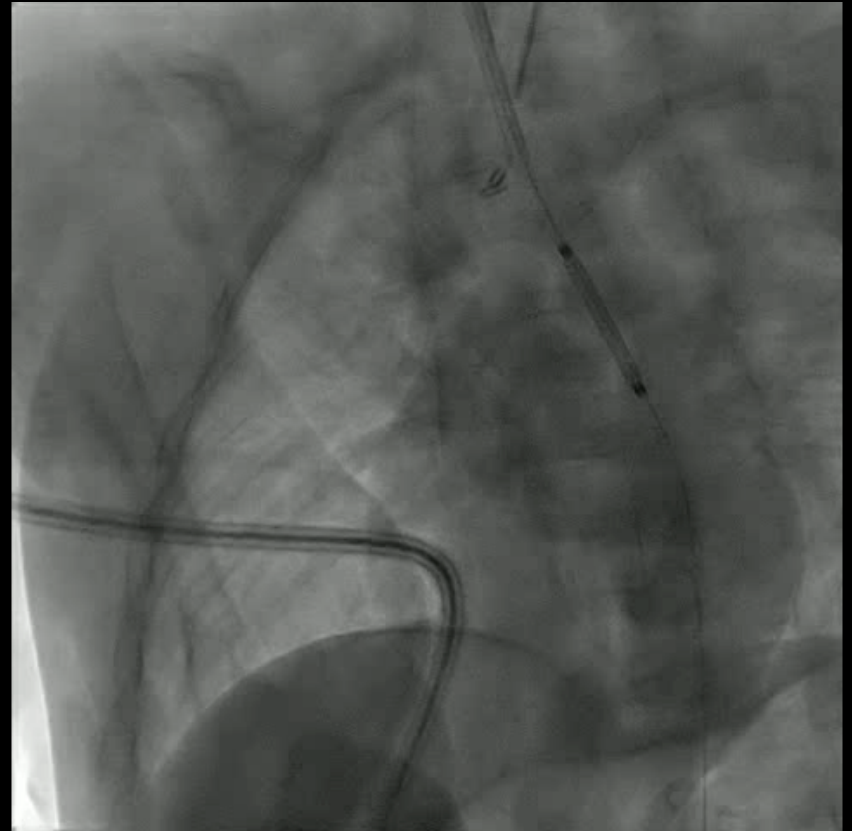


**Post Stenting  
“suboptimal result”**

## Clinical Case:3

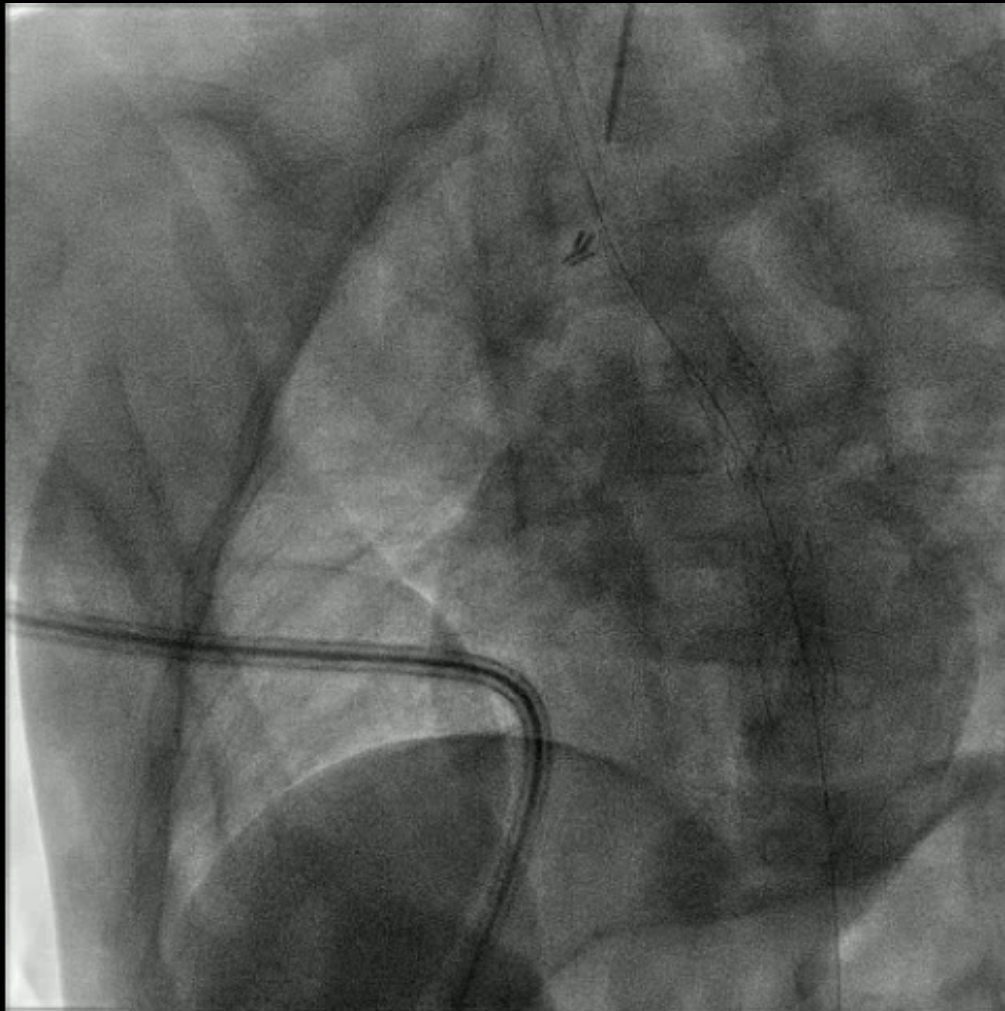


**Stent Dislocation**



**2° Valeo Stent 7x18 mm**

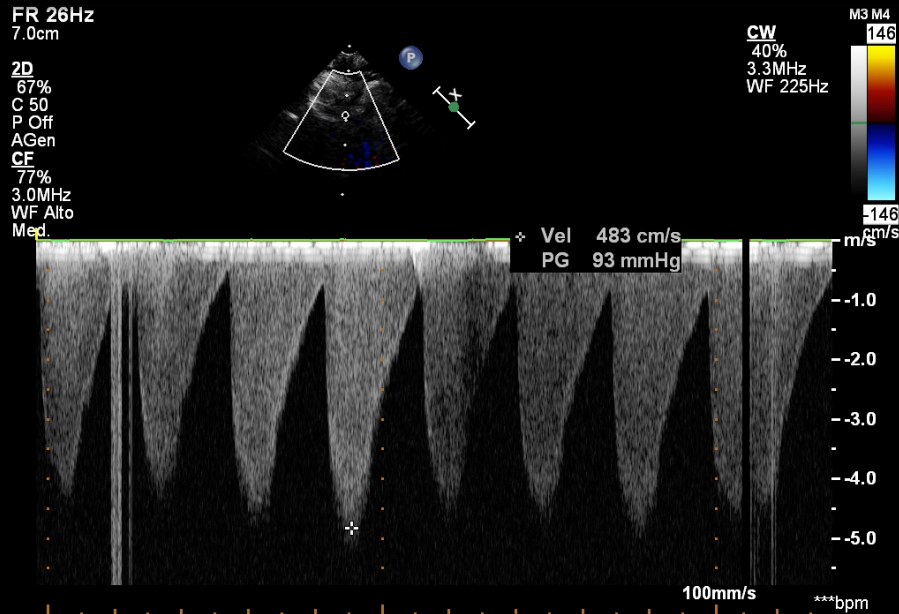
## Clinical Case:3



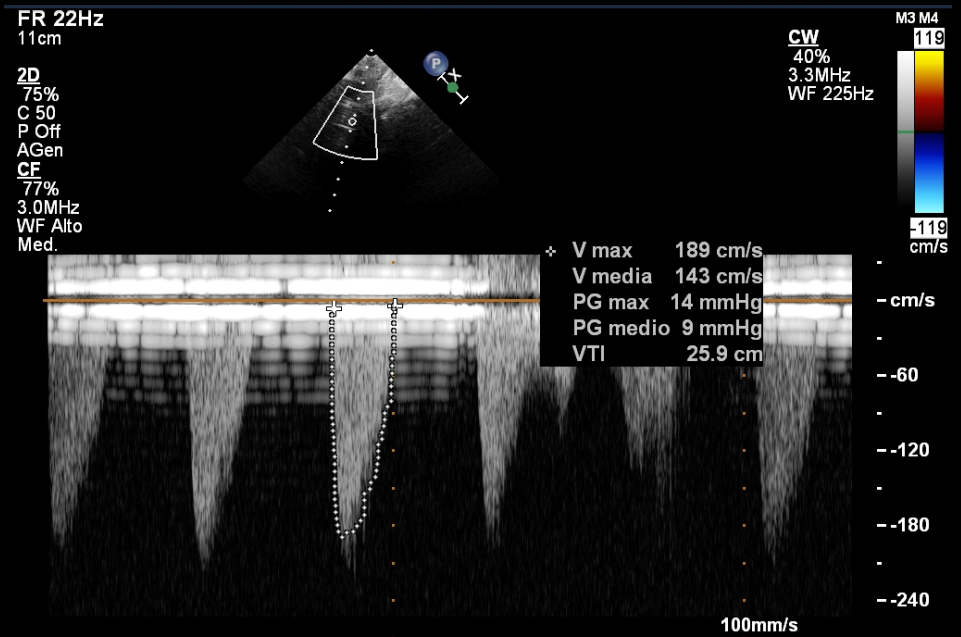
**Final result: no residual gradient**

## Echo doppler evaluation

PRE-



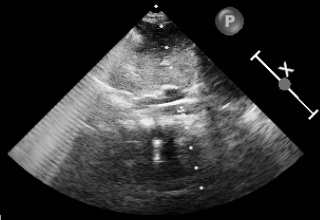
POST-



## Echo doppler evaluation

PRE-

FK 61Hz  
10cm

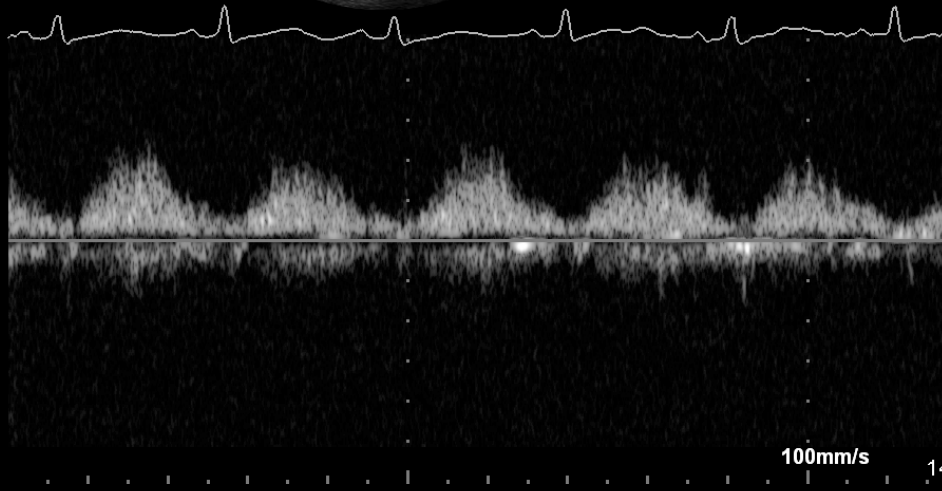


**PW**  
40%  
3.0MHz  
WF 150Hz  
SV 2.0mm  
5.3cm

FK 101Hz  
10cm

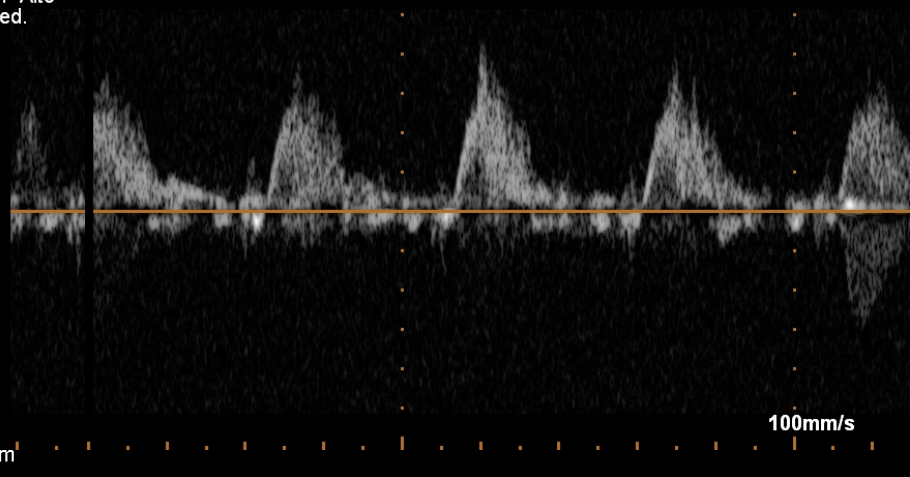
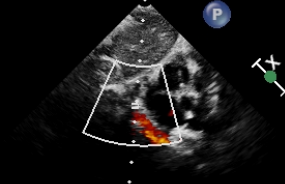
**2D**  
69%  
C 50  
P Off  
AGen

**CF**  
77%  
3.0MHz  
WF Alto  
Med.



POST-

**PW**  
40%  
3.0MHz  
WF 150  
SV 2.0m  
5.2cm



### Conclusions

- \* Early treatment is feasible for early Recoarctation
- \* Angioplasty is the first option
- \* Stent implantation can be adopted if needed
- \* Carotid approach is the key issue for achieving good results and avoiding complications in pts with body weight less than 4 Kg.



Thank you!

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