

OCT Findings in Vasospastic Angina

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Clinical Presentations

Sudden collapse, AM 07:30

AED: shockable rhythm,

Defibrillation & Chest compression for 12 mins

→ ROSC

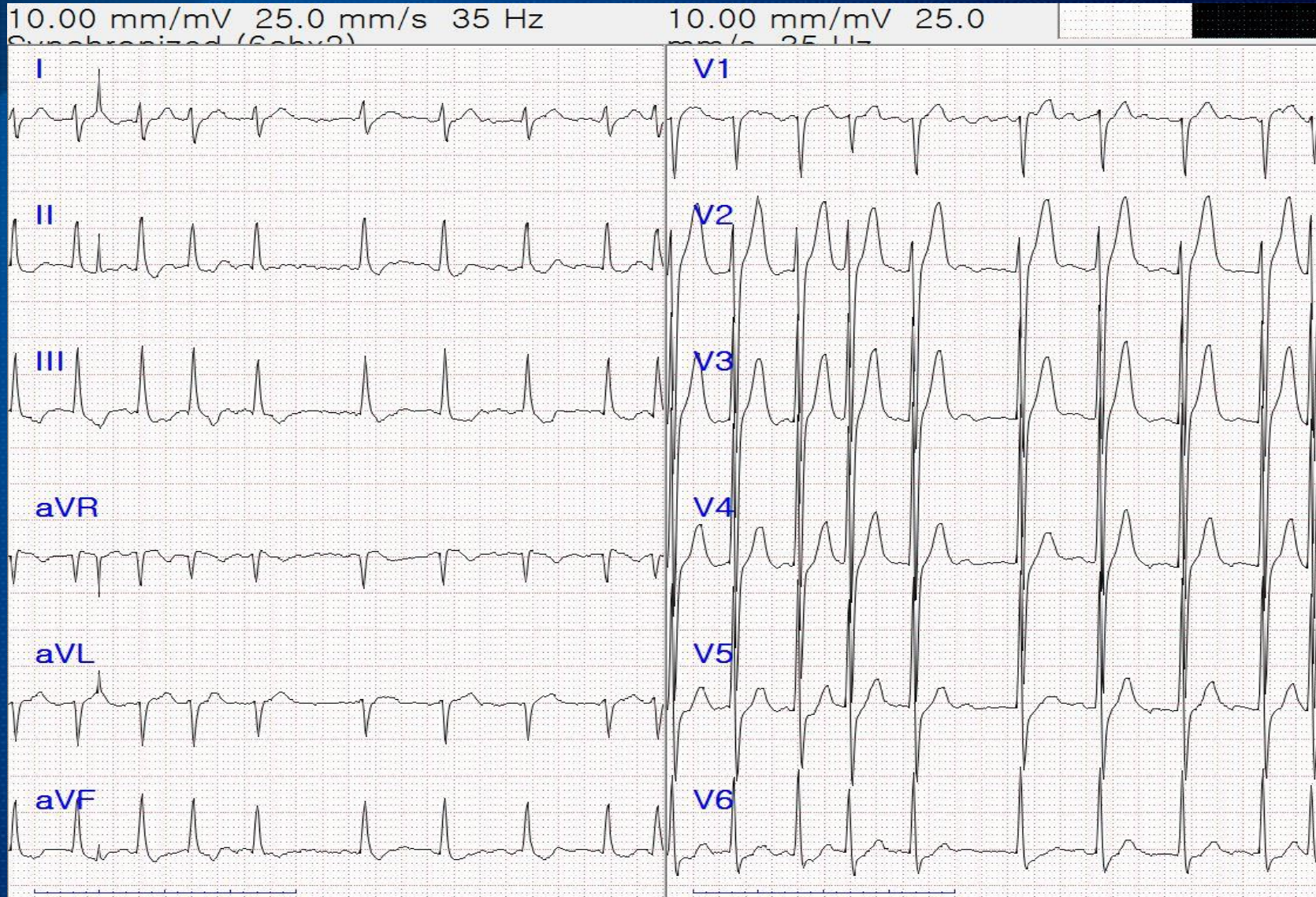
Patient Demographics

Risk factors: Hypertension (-), Diabetes (+)

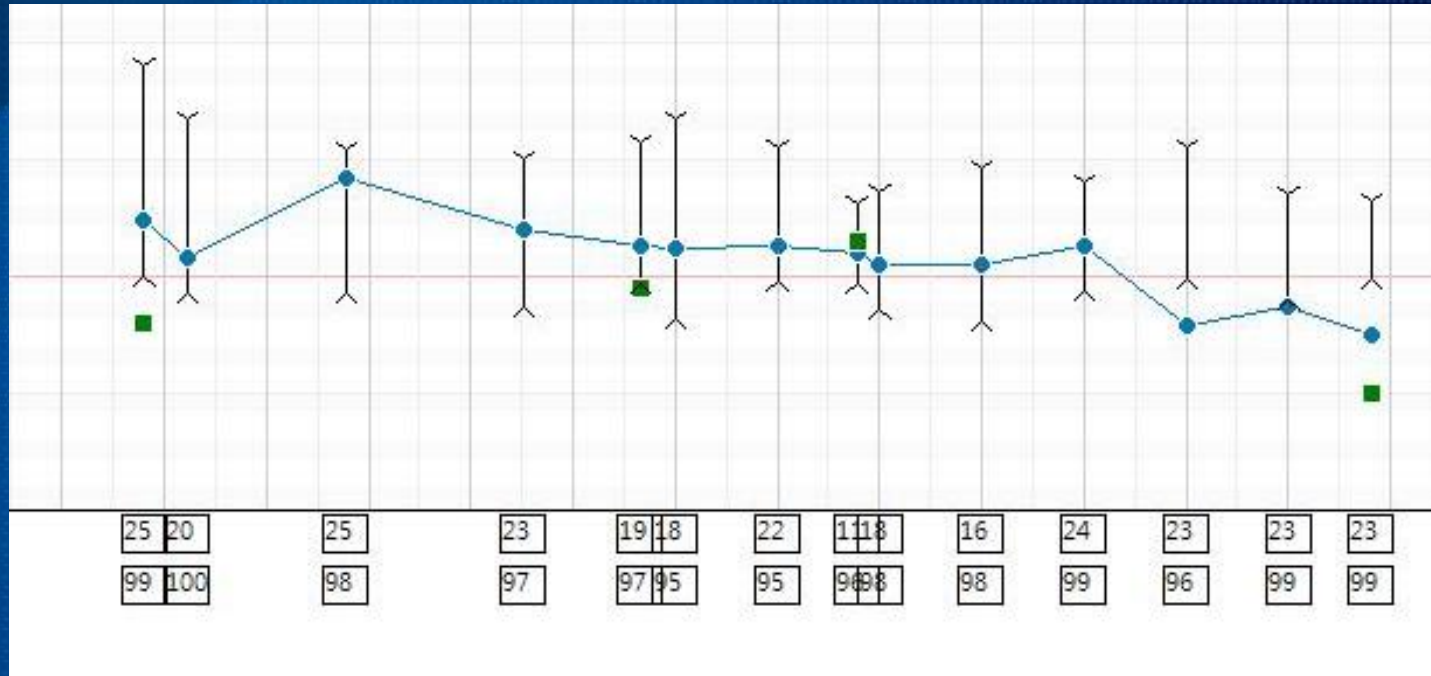
Dyslipidemia(-), Current-Smoker(+)

Family History (-), Alcohol intake: 2~3 times/week

ECG at admission

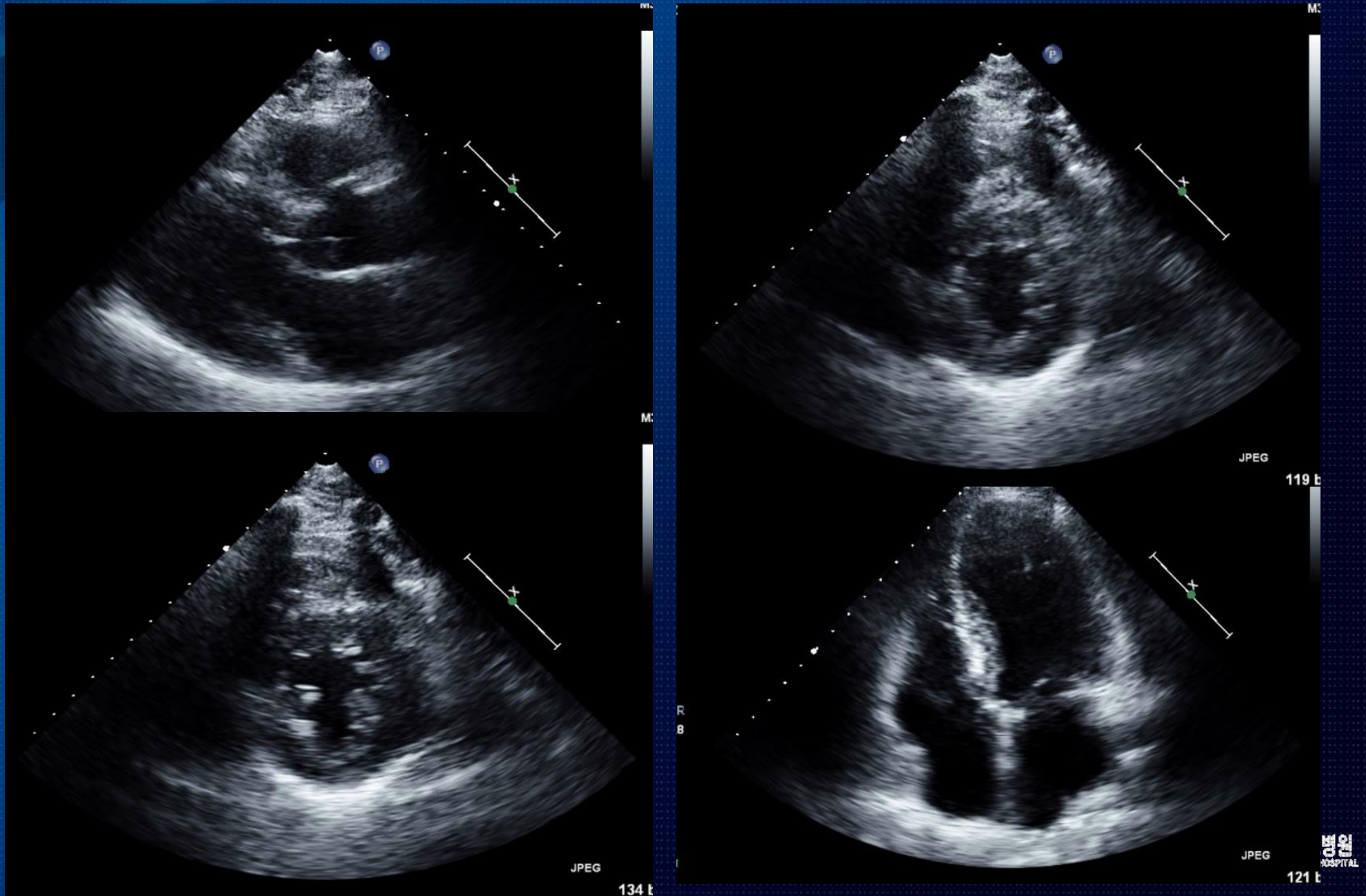


Vital Signs



Conf...	Alert	Alert		Alert	Alert	Alert	Alert	Alert	Alert	Alert	Alert	Alert	
3/3													
+/+													
190	167	154		150	157	167	155	136	146	140	155	135	
100	93	93		87	97	82	98	86	81	94	99	90	
124	108	142		120	113	112	113	105	105	113	79	87	
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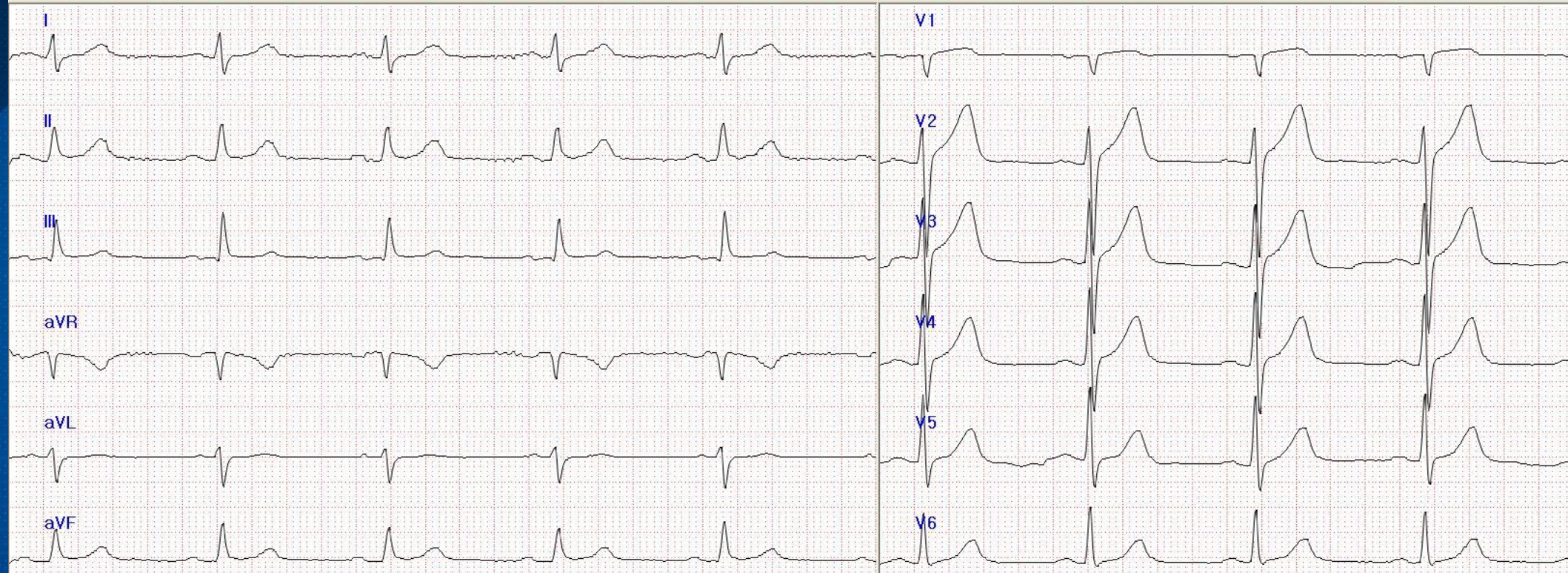
Echocardiogram



ECG HD#2

10.00 mm/mV 25.0 mm/s 25 Hz Synchronized (6chx2)

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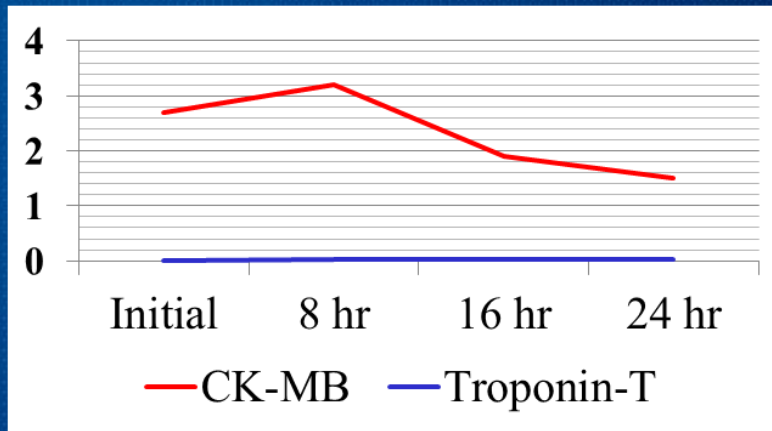


Progress Notes

HD #2

S: “Symptom-free”

O :



A: Aborted Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Paroxysmal Atrial fibrillation

Diabetes

P: Coronary angiography

with Ergonovine provocation test

Diagnosis of vasospastic angina

3 components of Criteria

1. Angiography

: spontaneously or ergonovine provoked
transient total or subtotal ($\geq 90\%$) occlusion of coronary artery

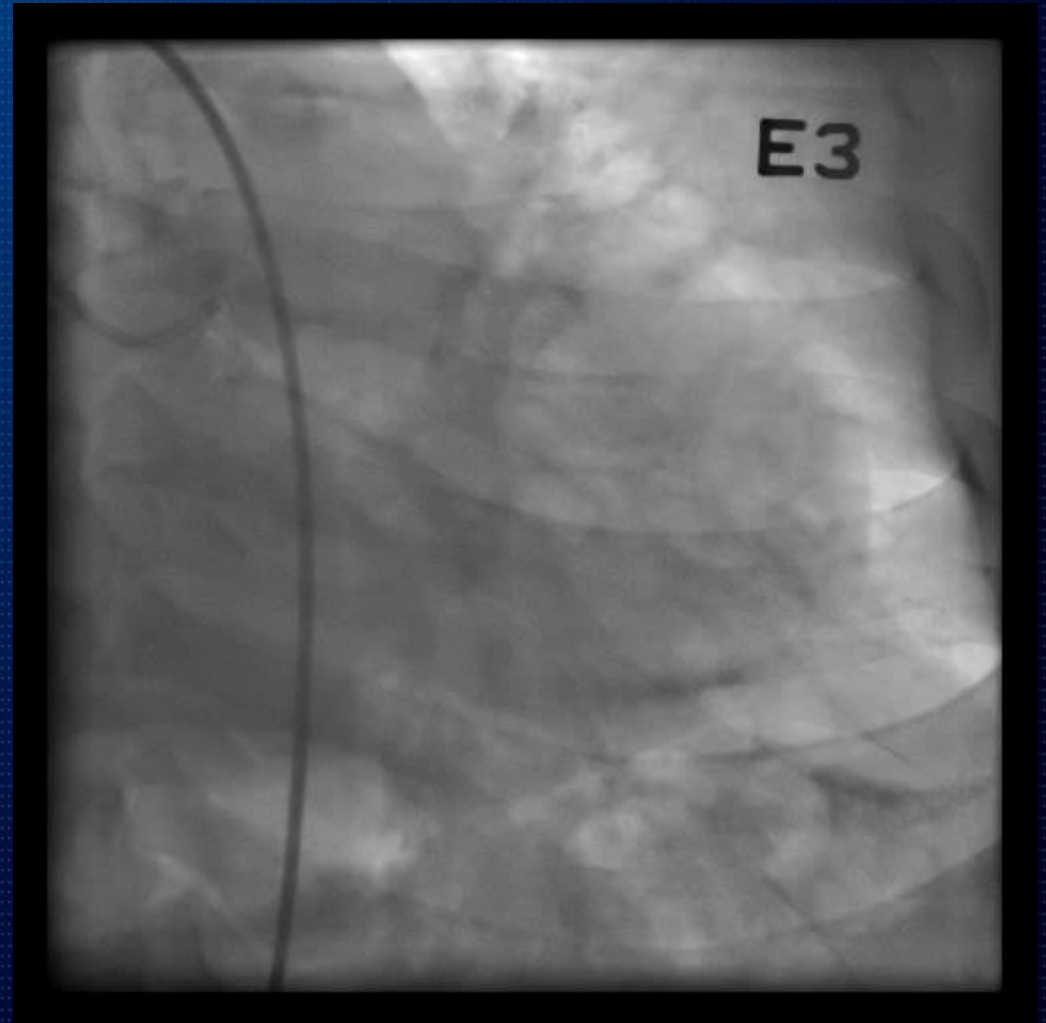
2. Symptom

: chest pain

3. ECG

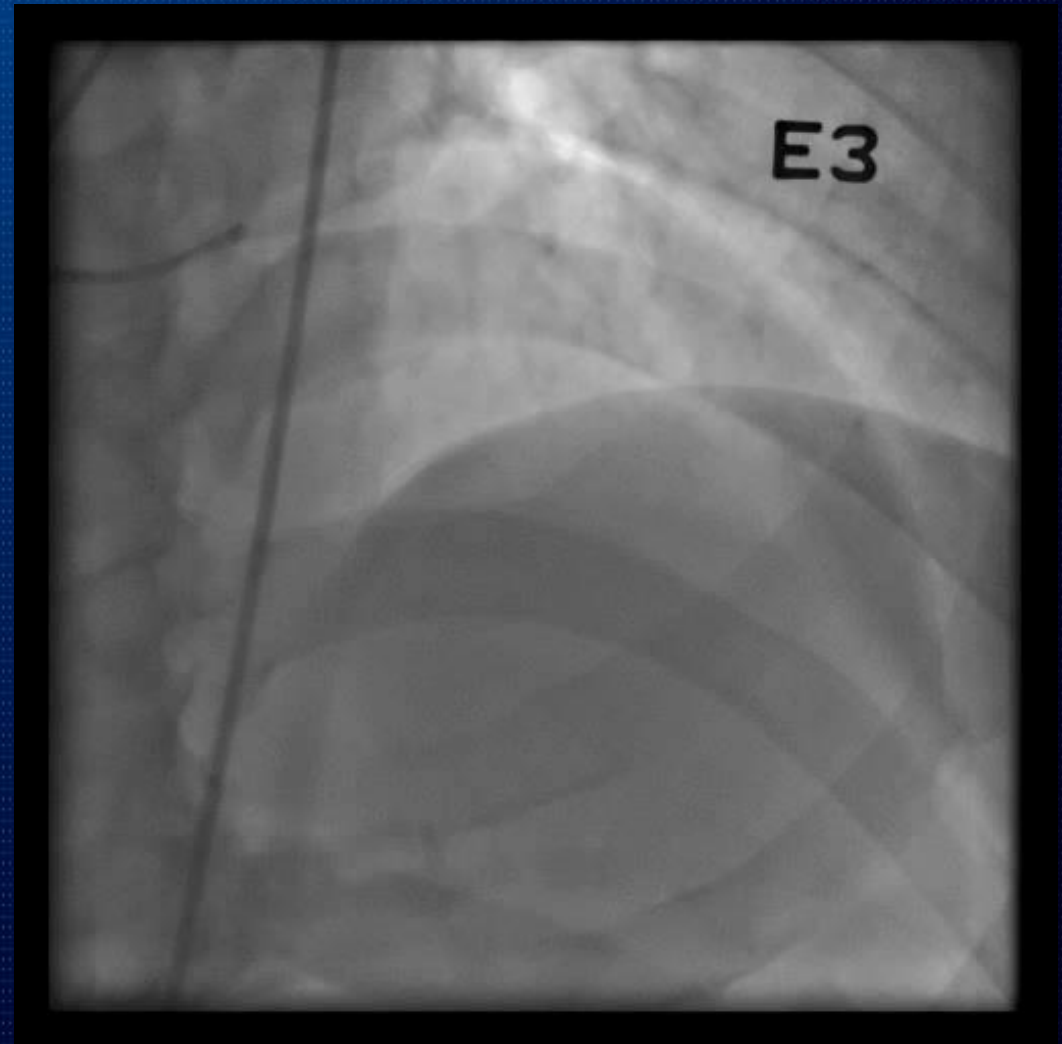
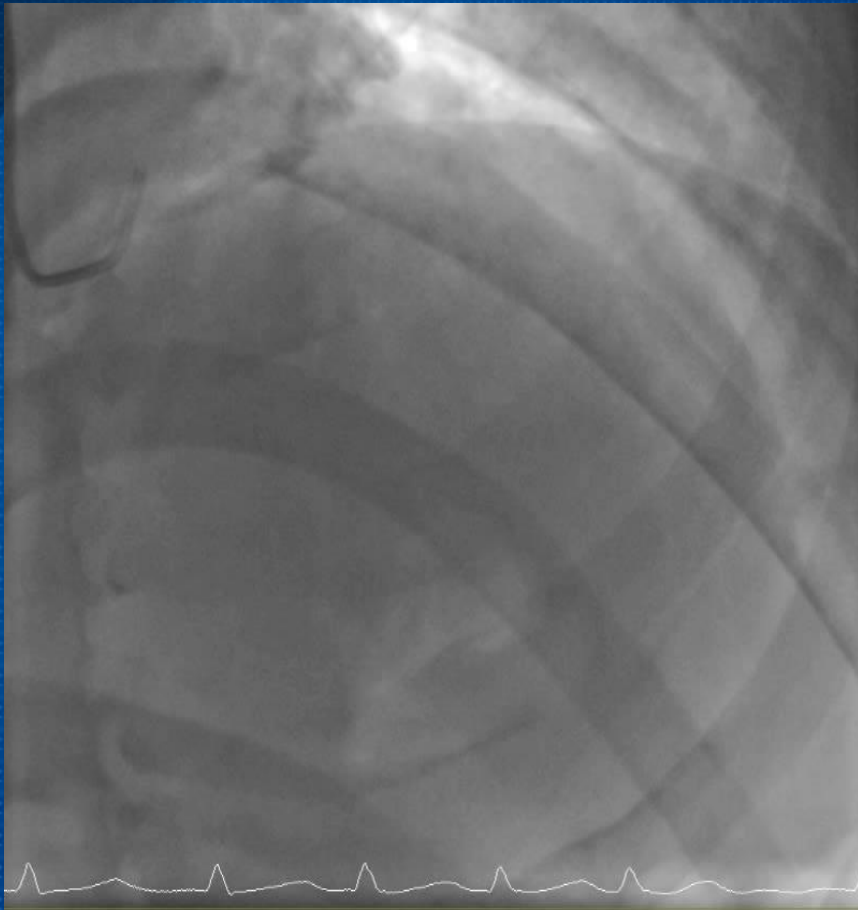
: transient ST segment changes
(elevation or depression ≥ 0.1 mV, at least 2 contiguous leads)

Coronary Angiography with Ergonovine provocation test



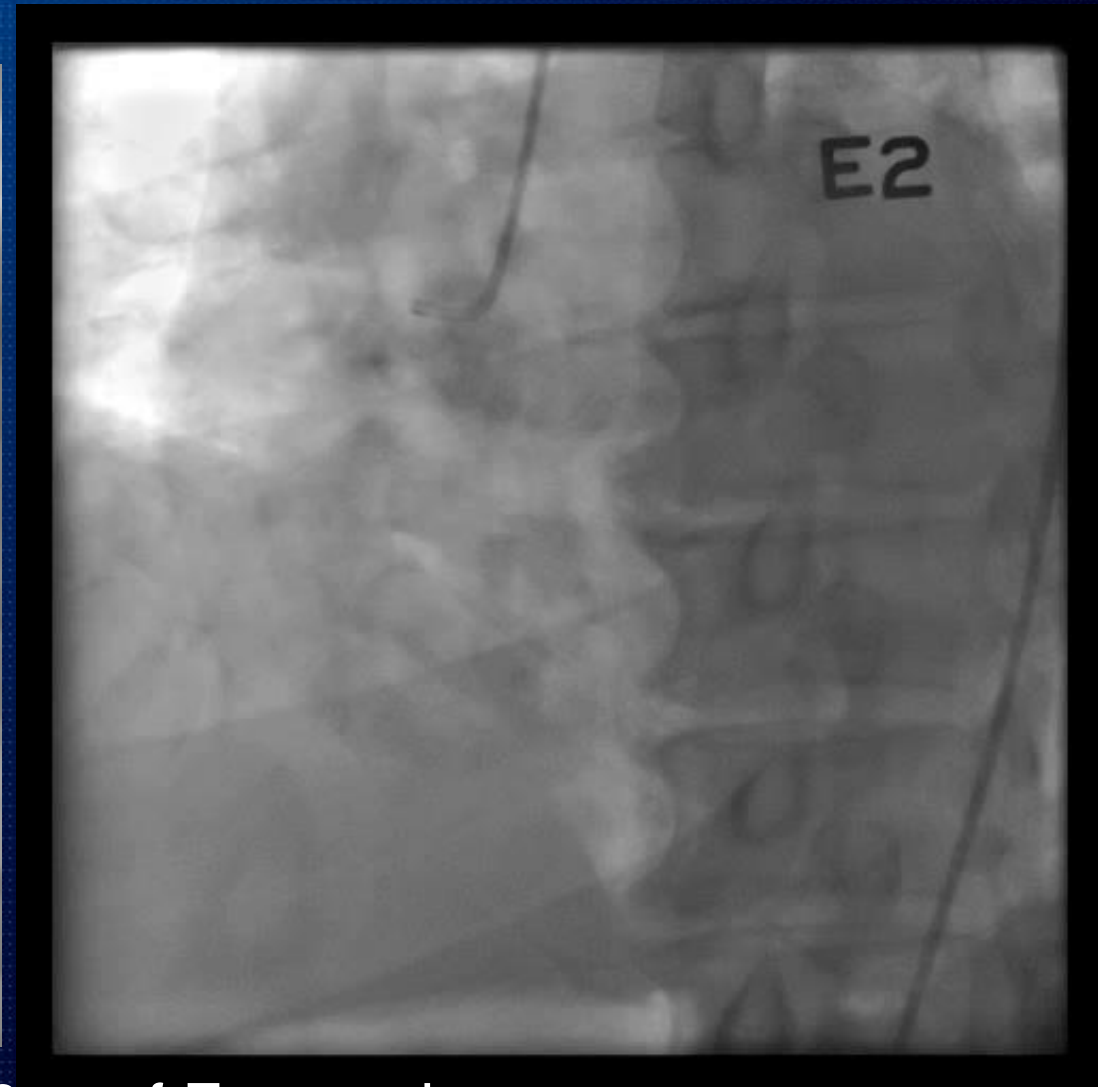
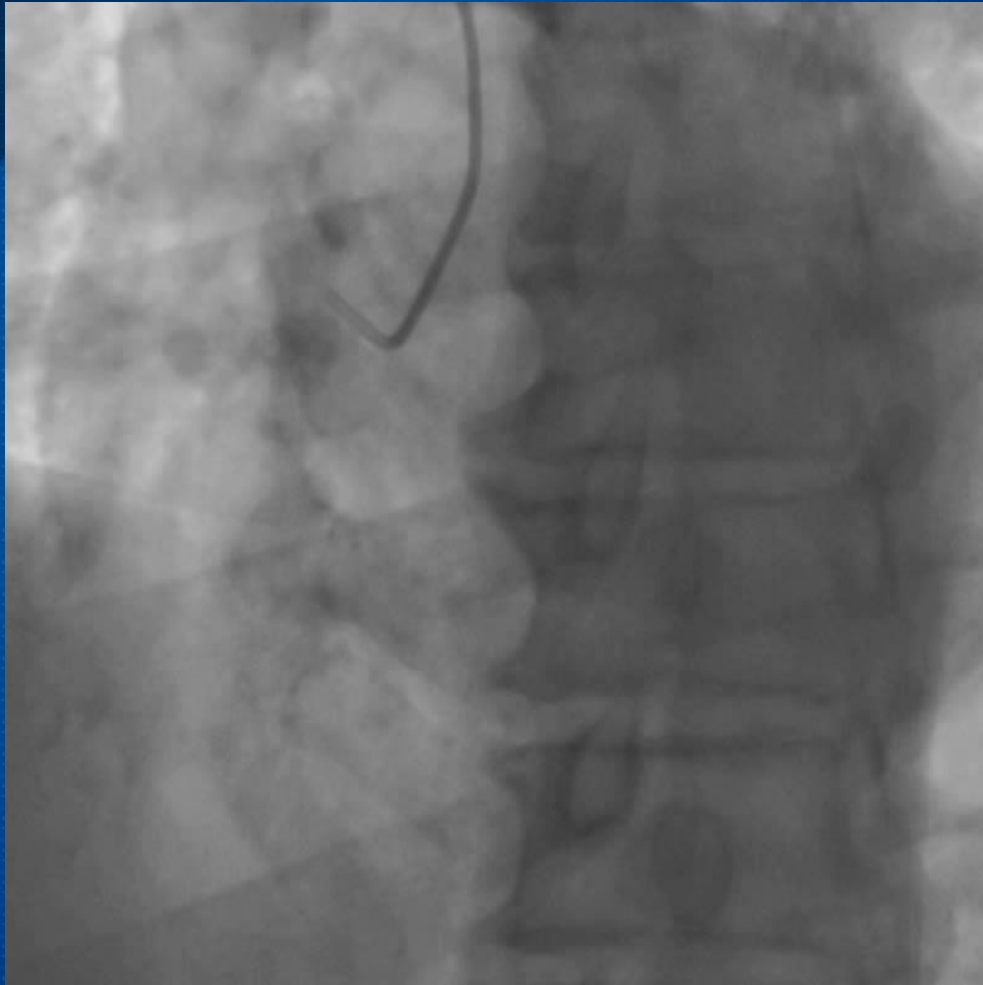
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Coronary Angiography with Ergonovine provocation test



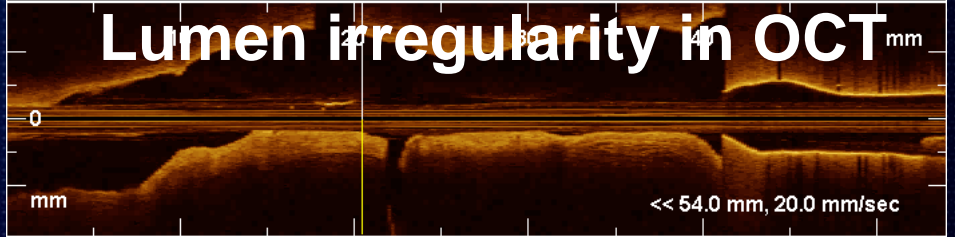
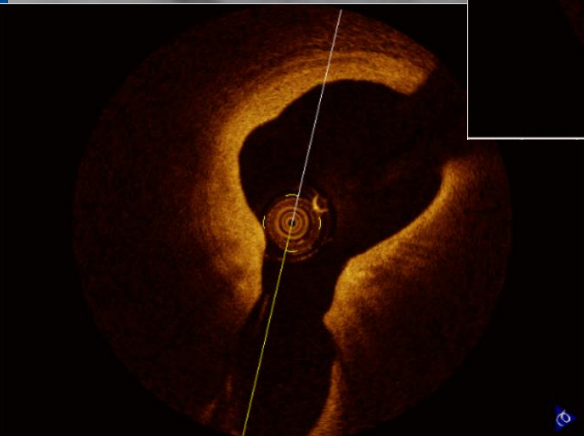
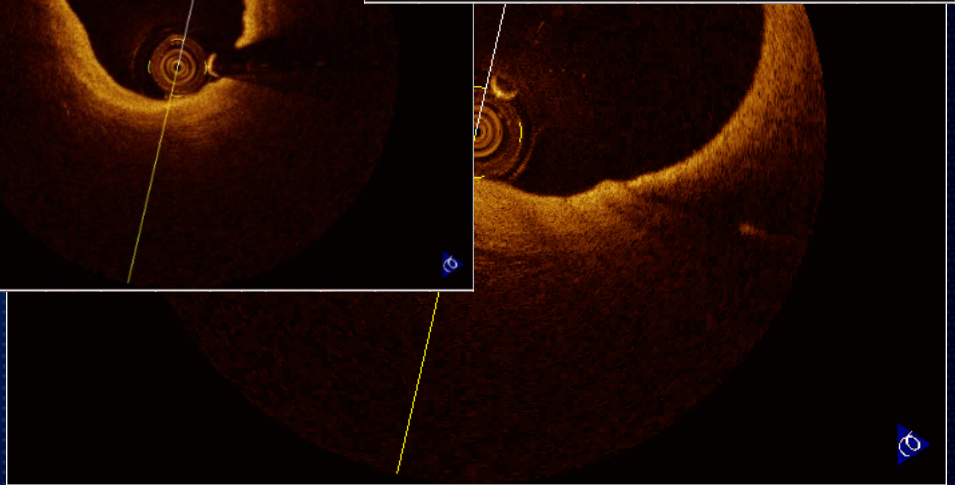
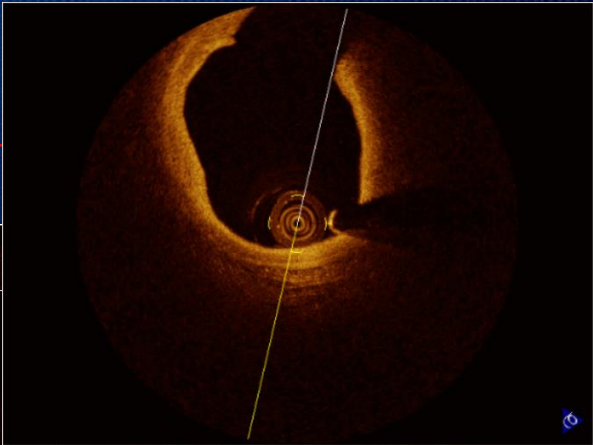
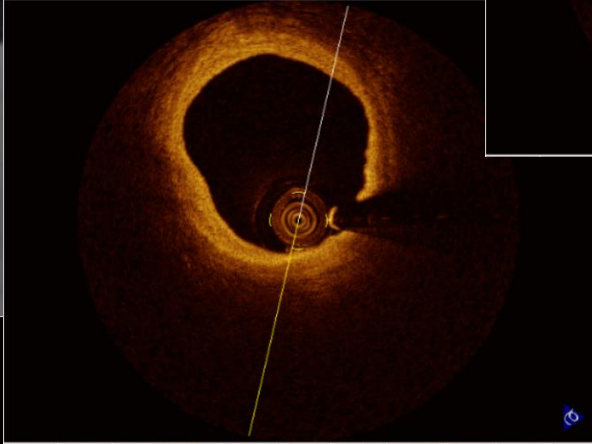
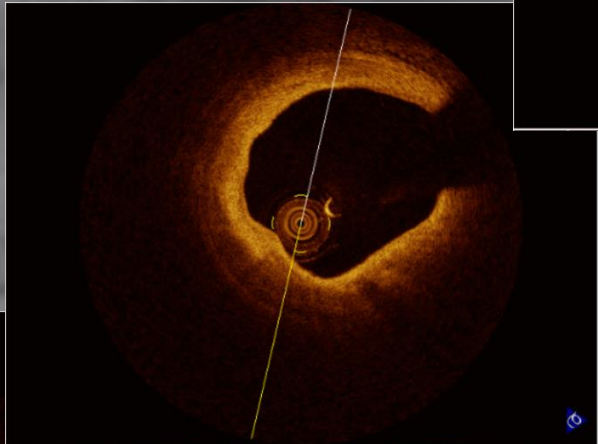
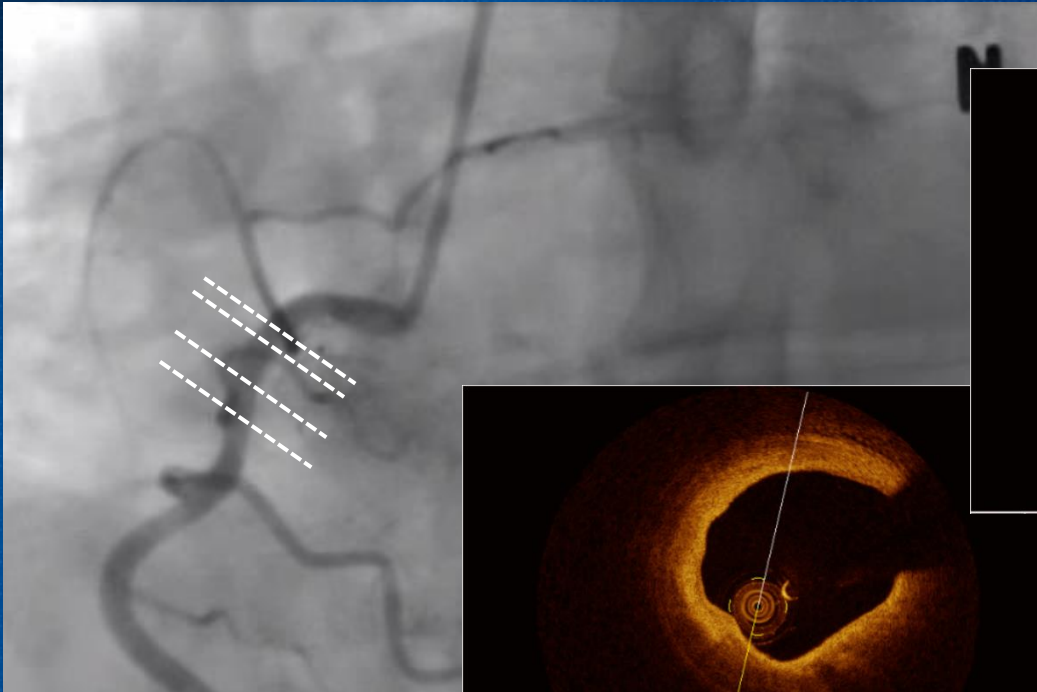
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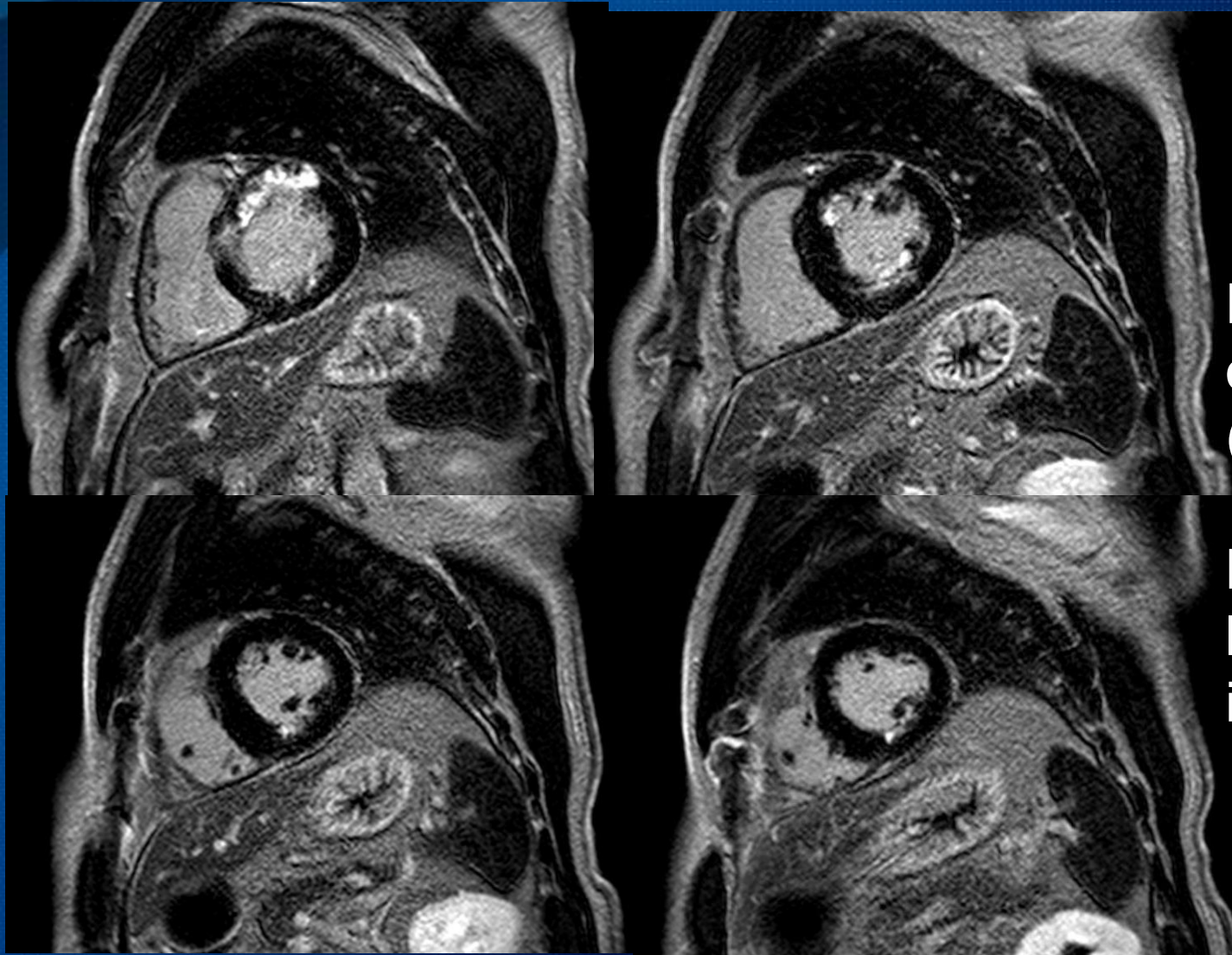


ic injection: 40 μ g of Ergonovine

RCA after NTG



Cardiac MR



Delayed enhancement
of basal anterior wall
(transmural: 75 - 90%)

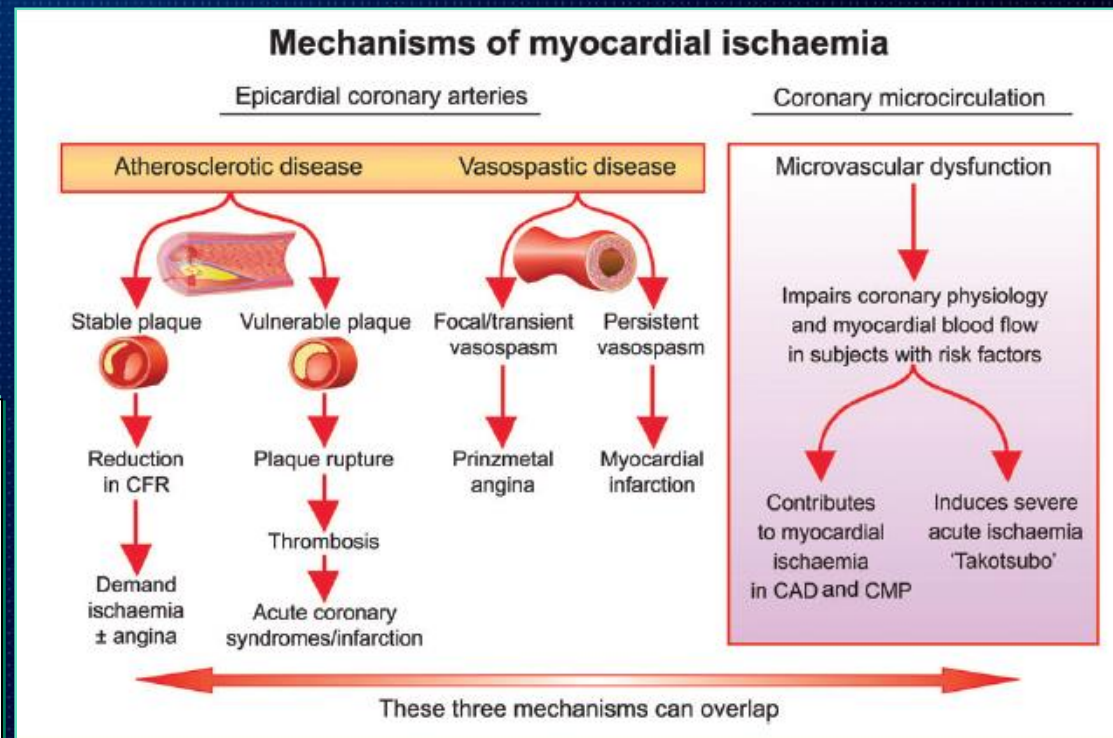
Multifocal small enhancing
lesion
in basal to mid inferior wall

Case Summary

- Resuscitated from Out-of-hospital Cardiac arrest
- Myocardial infarction
d/t Vasospastic angina, documented



Coronary artery spasm plays an important role in the pathogenesis of not only angina but also acute myocardial infarction and even cardiac death.



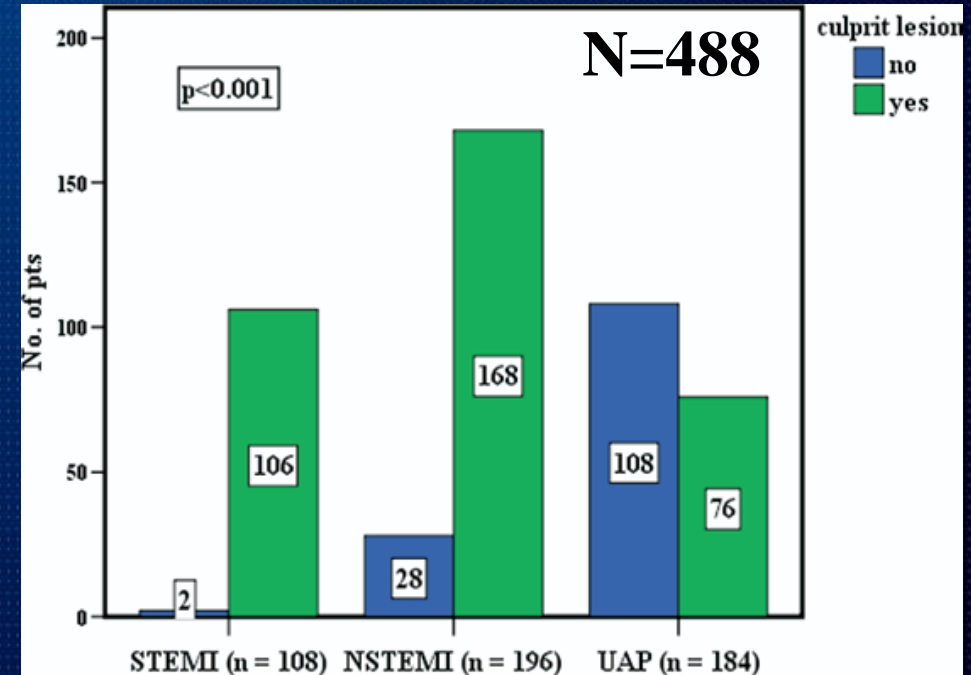
Coronary Artery Spasm as a Frequent Cause of ACS

CASPAR study

ACS is suspected by :

- Elevation of cardiac markers
- Ischemic ECG
- Resting angina

•In pts with suspected ACS
~ 30%: non-obstructed

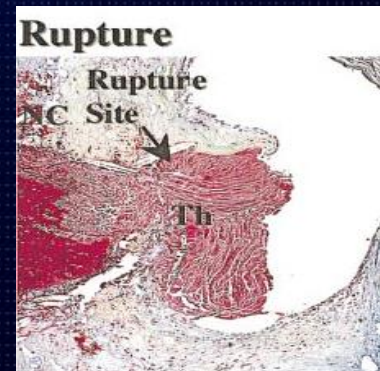
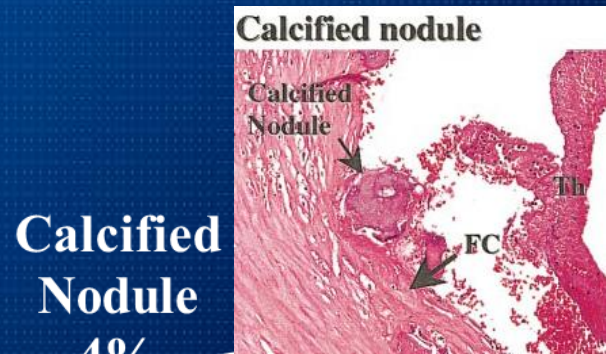


→ intracoronary provocation with acetylcholine (86/138)
: 42 patients, coronary spasm 진단(42/86, 49%)

Peter Ong, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2008;52:523-7

Pathology in Sudden Coronary Death

- Autopsy: Event results from sudden luminal narrowing caused by thrombosis based on plaque rupture, erosion, and calcified nodule.

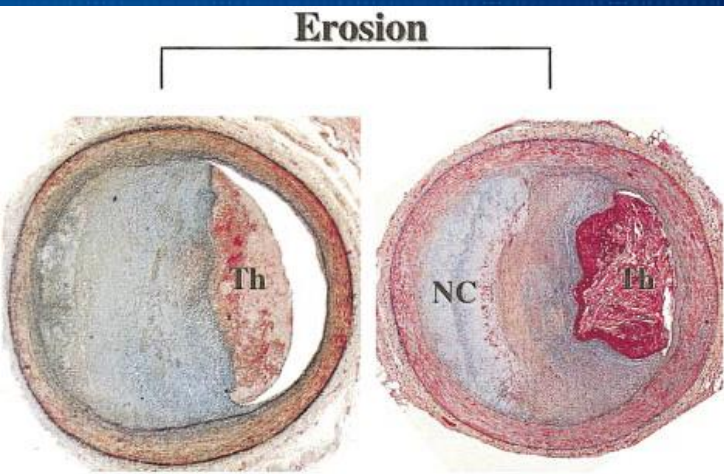


Plaque Erosion
23%

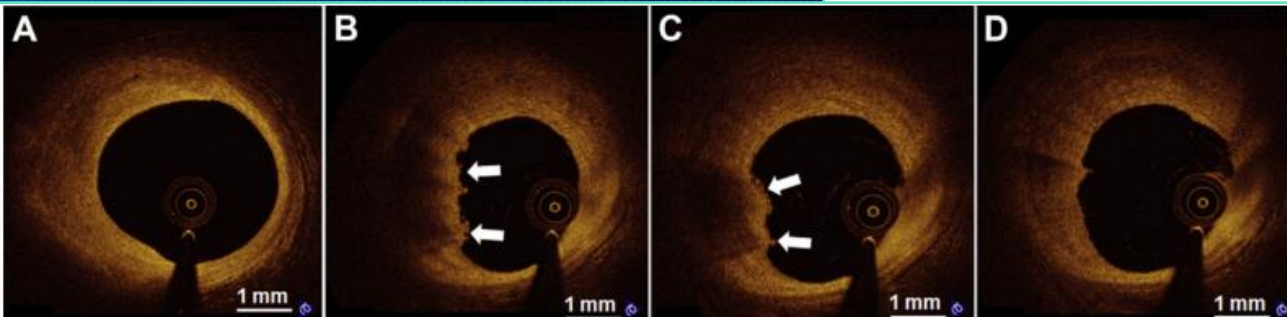
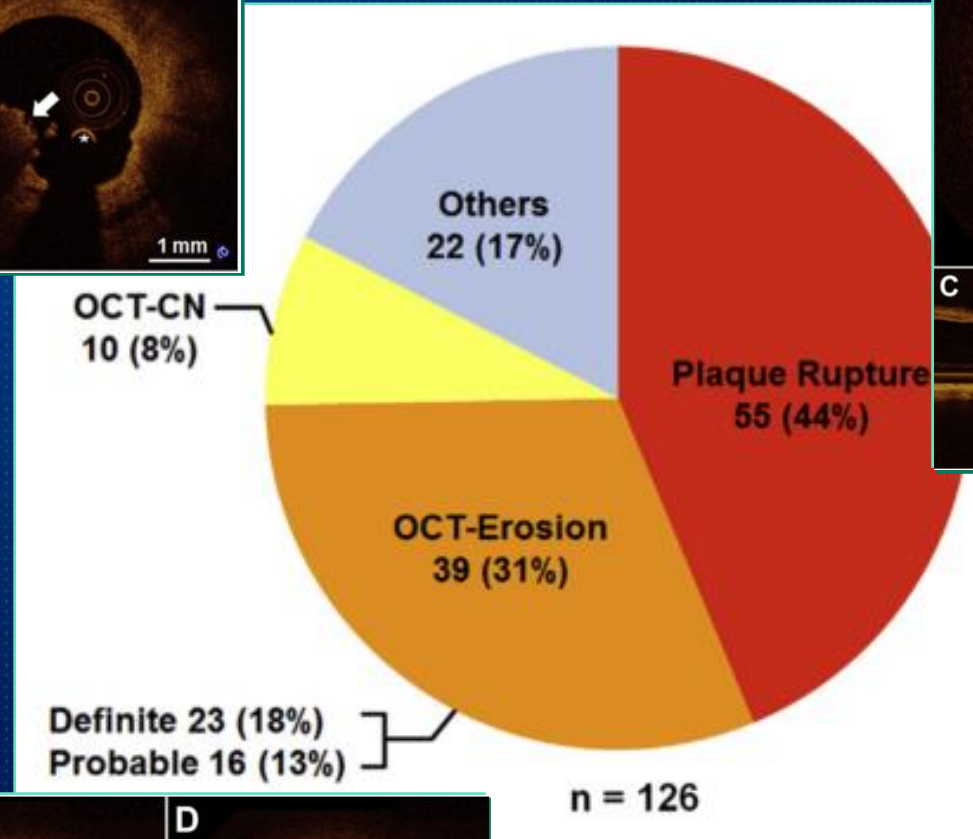
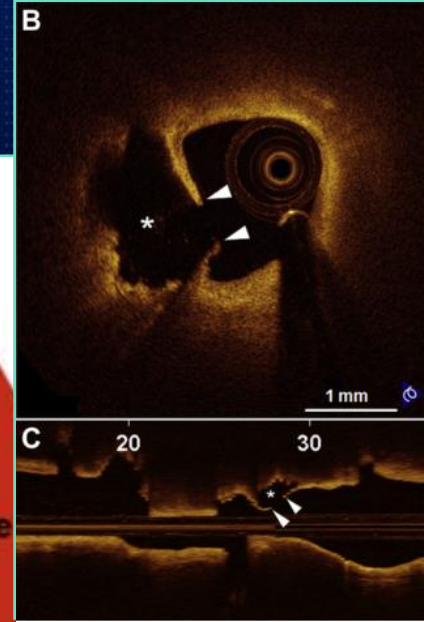
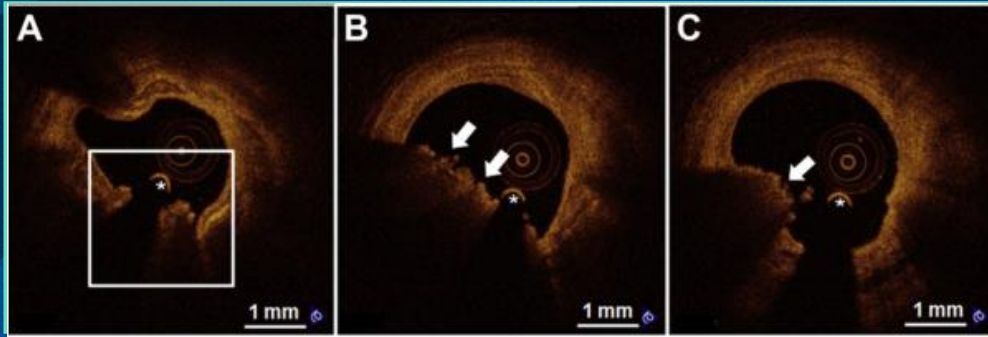
Calcified Nodule
4%

Plaque Rupture
73%

Cause of Thrombosis



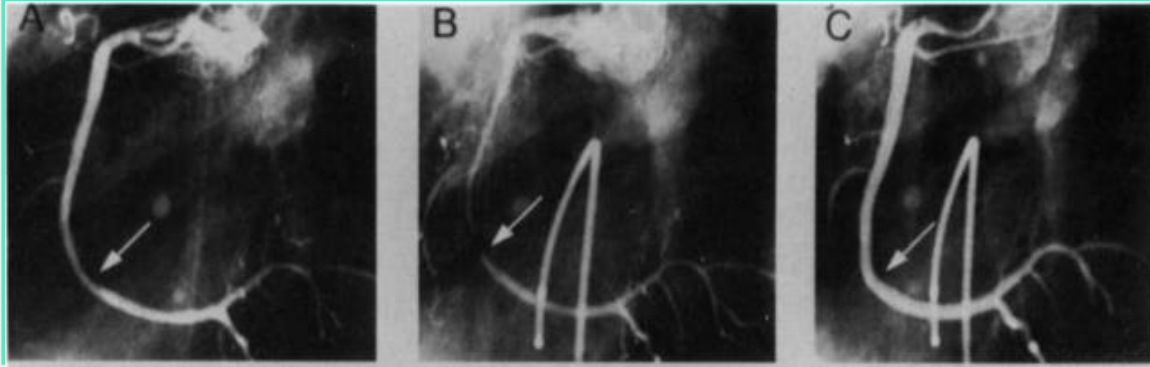
Optical Coherence Tomography in ACS



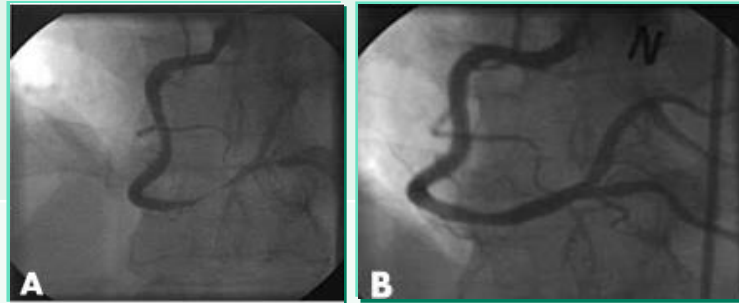
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Optical Coherence Tomography in VSA

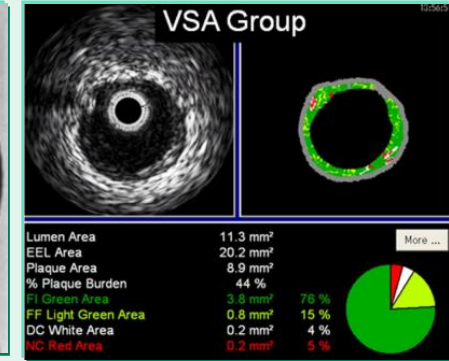
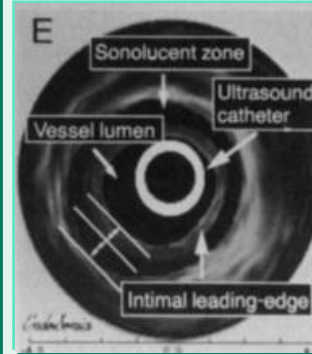
Coronary Angiography



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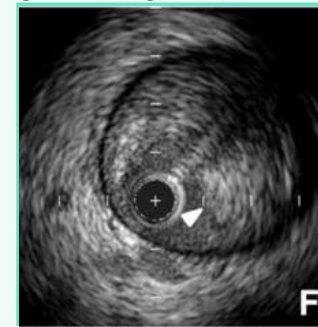
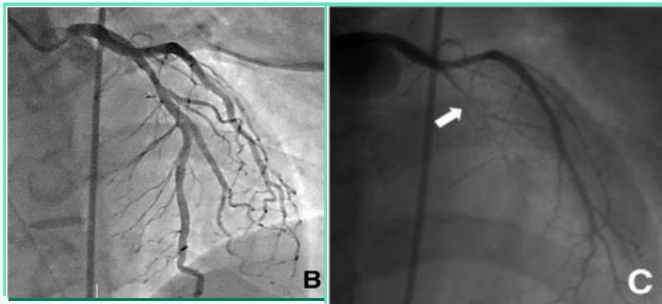
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	Proximal reference	Spasm site	Distal reference
EEM CSA (mm ²)	15.5 ± 4.6	14.1 ± 4.5	15.3 ± 4.7
Lumen CSA (mm ²)	10.0 ± 3.8	6.2 ± 2.7	10.2 ± 3.8
P + M CSA (mm ²)	5.5 ± 1.9	7.8 ± 2.7	5.1 ± 2.0
CSN (%)	36 ± 11	56 ± 10	34 ± 10

Myeong-Ki Hong, et al. Am Heart J 2000;140:395-401.



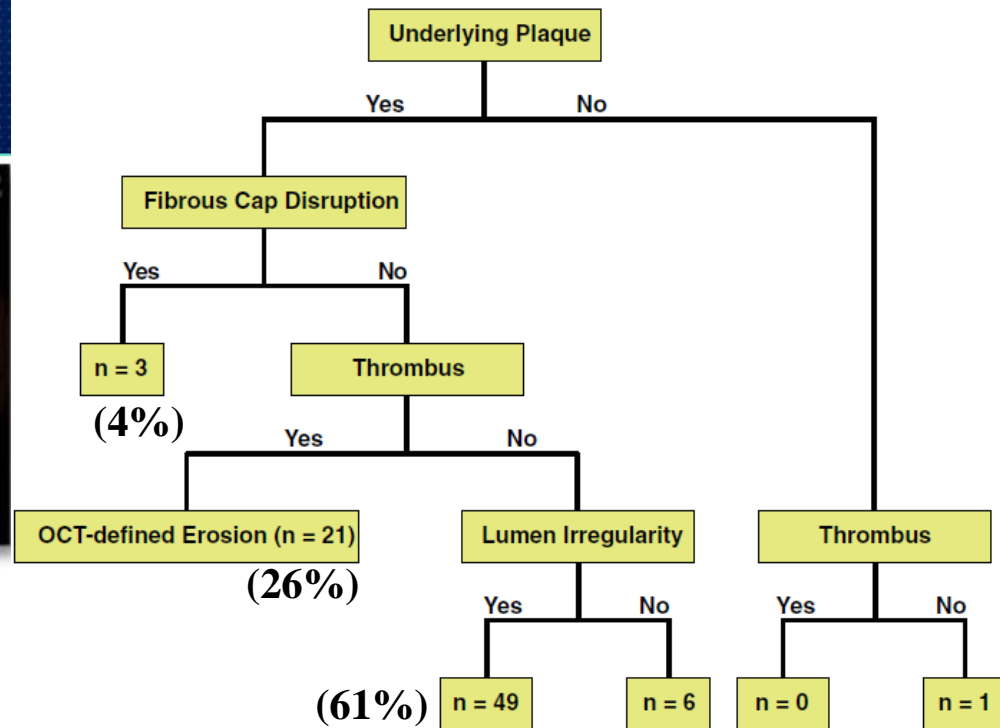
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OCT-Defined Morphological Characteristics of Coronary Artery Spasm Sites in Vasospastic Angina

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69 consecutive VSA patients (80 spasm sites)
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FIGURE 1 OCT-Defined Morphological Characteristics of Spasm Sites in Vasospastic Angina (80 sites)



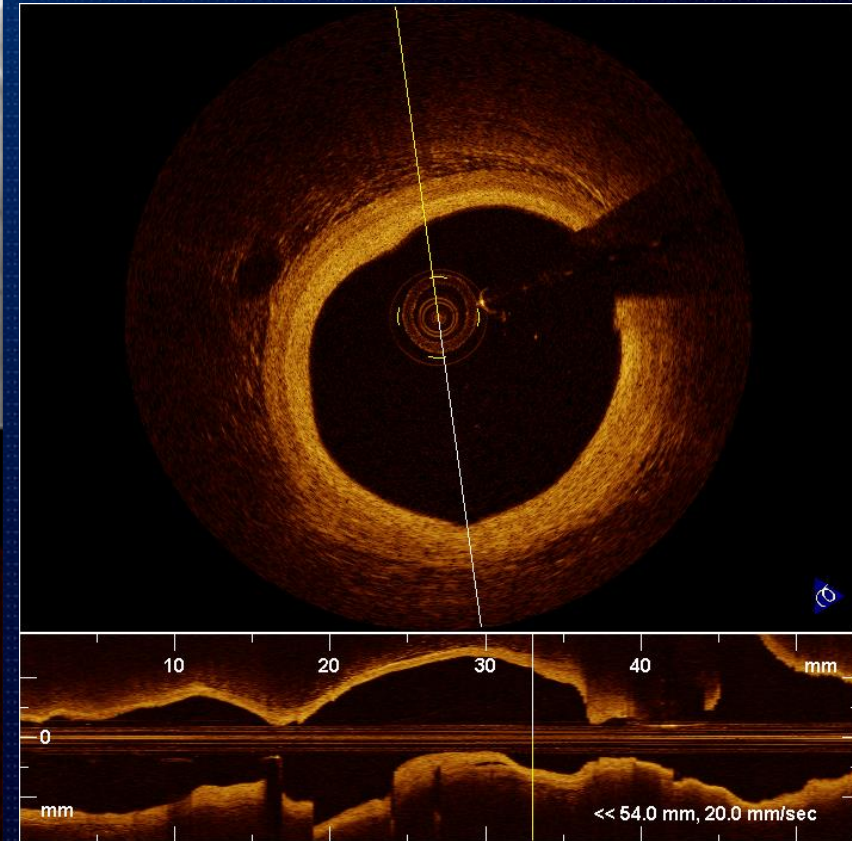
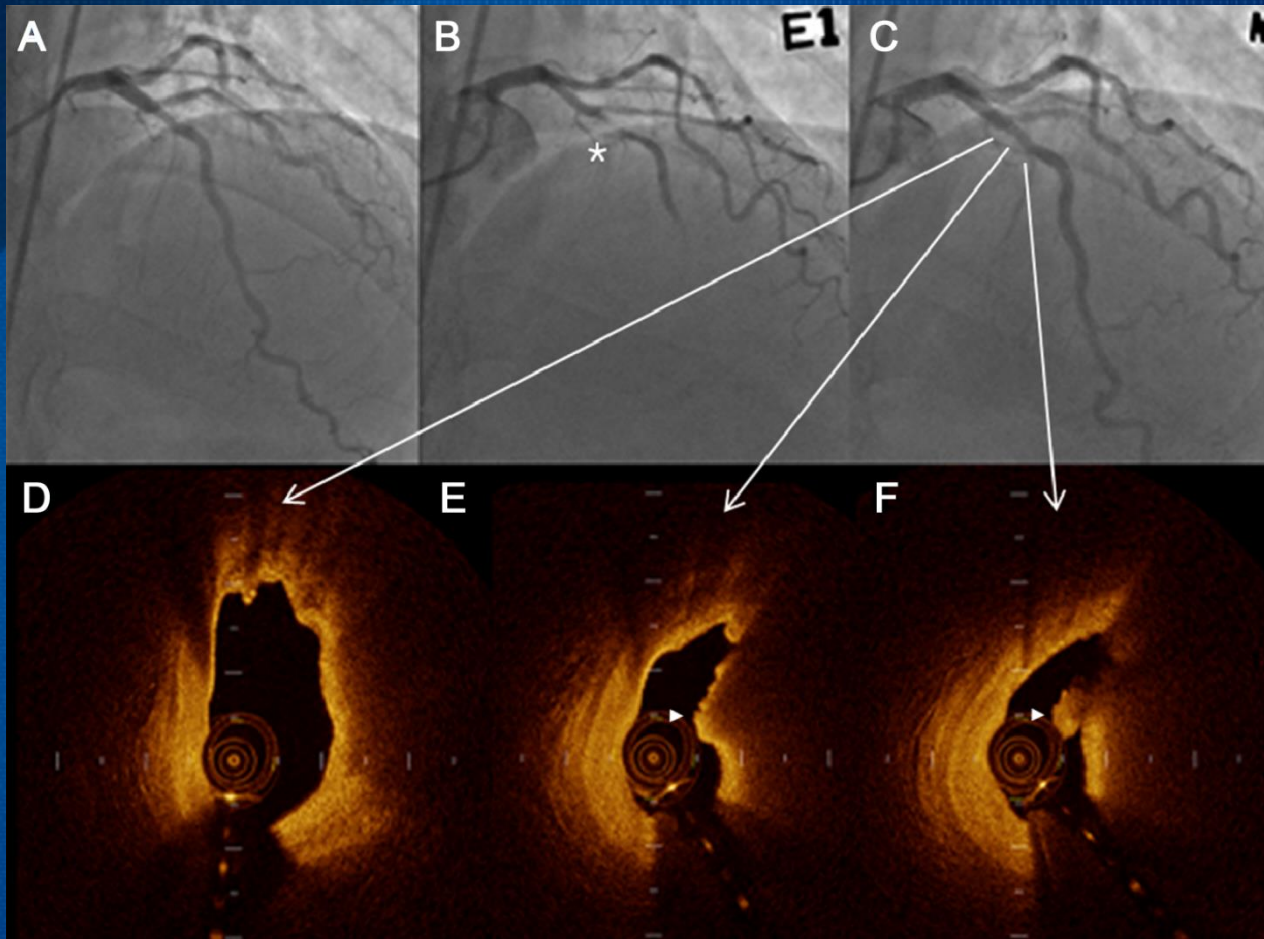
Fibrous Cap Disruption:
 Fibrous cap discontinuity with or without a cavity formed inside the plaque

OCT-defined Erosion:
 Underlying visualized plaque with intact fibrous cap, lumen irregularity and thrombus

Luminal irregularity

Case of Vasospastic angina

57/M



Thrombus+ Intact fibrous cap= OCT defined Erosion

Clinical Manifestations of Fibrous Cap Disruption & OCT-Defined Erosion

Patient #	OCT Findings	Clinical Manifestation	Age (yrs)/Sex	Ergonovine Provocation	Vessel	ECG on Admission	Braunwald Chest Pain Class	Smoking Status	Peak CK-MB (ng/ml)	Peak Trop-T (ng/ml)	Area of Thrombus (mm ²)
1	Fibrous cap disruption	AMI	58/M	-	RCA	ST-segment elevation	-	Nonsmoker	32.6	3.15	-
2	Fibrous cap disruption	AMI	50/M	+	RCA	ST-segment elevation	-	Current	192.1	3.44	0.14
3	OCT-defined erosion	AMI, OHCA	54/M	-	LAD	ST-segment elevation	-	Current	78.0	1.53	0.03
4	OCT-defined erosion	AMI, OHCA	53/M	-	RCA	ST-segment elevation	-	Current	491.6	4.85	0.64
5	OCT-defined erosion	AMI, OHCA	54/F	+	RCA	ST-segment elevation	-	Current	9.4	0.53	0.07
6	OCT-defined erosion	AMI	59/M	-	RCA	ST-segment elevation	-	Current	11.8	0.42	0.07
7	Fibrous cap disruption	UA	46/F	+	LAD	Normal	III	Nonsmoker	1.4	0.04	0.01
8	OCT-defined erosion	UA	59/M	-	LAD	ST-segment depression	II	Nonsmoker	1.3	0.02	1.15
9	OCT-defined erosion	UA	45/M	+	LAD	T inversion	III	Current	0.7	0.05	2.49
10	OCT-defined erosion	UA	76/F	-	RCA	T inversion	II	Current	0.8	0.01	0.03
11	OCT-defined erosion	UA	57/M	+	LAD	Normal	III	Ex-smoker	1.1	0.01	0.23
12	OCT-defined erosion	UA	55/M	-	RCA	Normal	II	Ex-smoker	2.0	0.08	0.20
13	OCT-defined erosion	UA	58/M	-	LAD	Normal	III	Current	0.9	0.01	0.10
14	OCT-defined erosion	UA	61/M	+	RCA	Normal	I	Current	2.5	0.01	0.01
15	OCT-defined erosion	UA	43/M	+	RCA	Normal	III	Current	1.2	0.01	0.06
16	OCT-defined erosion	UA	53/M	+	RCA	Normal	III	Nonsmoker	2.6	0.02	0.08
17	OCT-defined erosion	UA	53/M	+	LAD	Normal	II	Current	0.5	0.01	0.15
18	OCT-defined erosion	UA	49/M	-	LCx	Normal	III	Nonsmoker	NA	NA	0.02
19	OCT-defined erosion	UA	43/M	+	RCA	Normal	II	Nonsmoker	0.6	0.02	0.03
20	OCT-defined erosion	UA	47/M	+	LAD	Normal	III	Nonsmoker	0.9	0.01	0.04
21	OCT-defined erosion	UA	51/F	-	LAD	Normal	II	Nonsmoker	0.4	0.01	0.05
22	OCT-defined erosion	UA	43/M	+	RCA	Normal	II	Nonsmoker	0.7	0.01	0.17
23	OCT-defined erosion	UA	45/F	+	LAD	Normal	III	Current	0.6	0.02	0.83
24	OCT-defined erosion	UA	59/M	+	RCA	Normal	I	Current	NA	NA	0.11

Comparison of morphologic findings obtained by optical coherence tomography in acute coronary syndrome caused by vasospasm and chronic stable variant angina

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ACS group

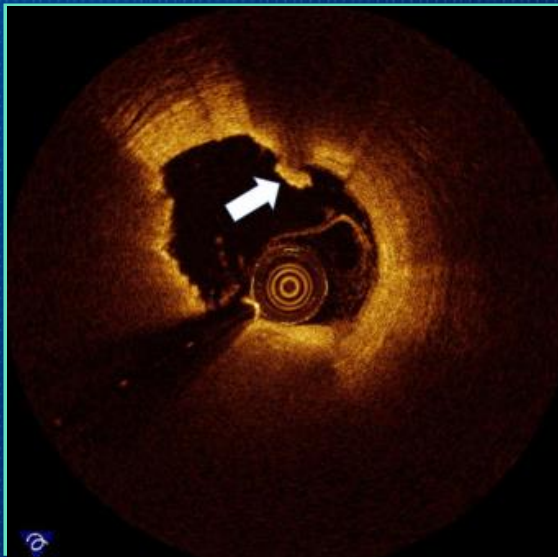
(39 patients visited in emergency clinic)

- (1) Sustained chest pain (≥ 20 min)
- (2) Transient ST elevations at initial presentation
- (3) No significant fixed lesion ($< 50\%$ DS by QCA)
- (4) Ergonovine provocation test

VA group

(41 patients visited in out-patient clinic)

- (1) Elective CAG with Ergonovine provocation test



Variables n (%)	ACS group (n = 39)	VA group (n = 41)	P value
TCFA	17 (44)	6 (15)	0.004
Intima erosion	27 (69)	11 (27)	< 0.001
Intima tear	18 (46)	3 (7)	$< 0.001^*$
Intraluminal thrombi	11 (28)	2 (5)	0.006^*
Calcification	14 (36)	7 (17)	0.056

TCFA thin cap fibroatheroma

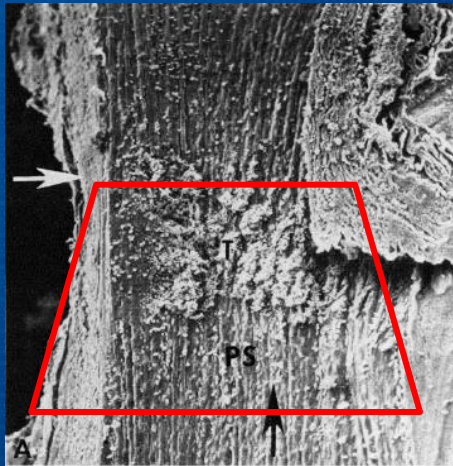
Why do thrombi exist in spasm segment in Vasospastic Angina ?

Uncertainty about the cause-and-effect relationship between the occurrence of vasospasm and the denudation of the endothelium, followed by thrombus formation.

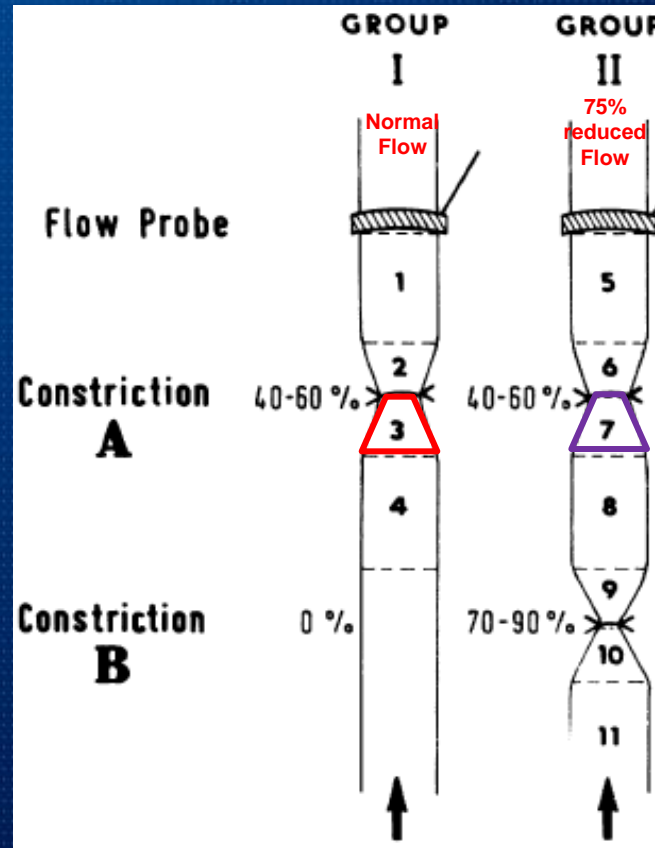
Endothelial cell damage and thrombus formation

15 carotid arteries of rabbits & 4 LAD arteries of dogs
→ 40-60% of luminal reduction by ligation for 1 hour

Electron Microscopy



Microthrombi,
Endothelial
desquamation



No endothelial
damage



Endothelial cell damage and thrombus formation

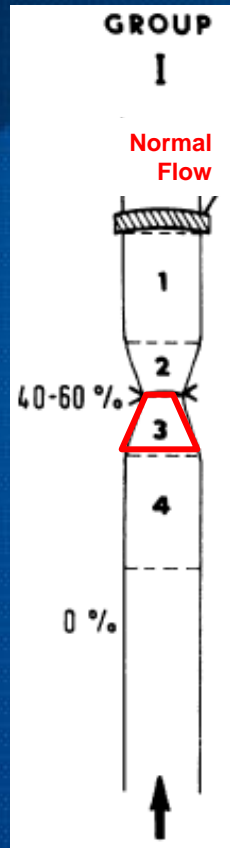
Shear stress (τ , dyn/cm²) by Poiseuille's law
(Assumption: Steady Laminar Flow)

$$\tau = 4Q\eta / \pi r^3$$

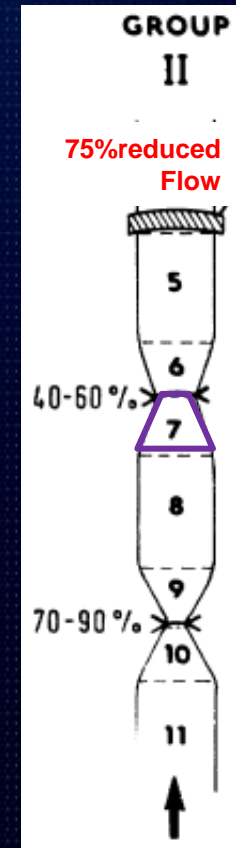
Q: Flow (ml/s)

η : Viscosity in poise (=0.03)

r: radius (cm)



$$4 \times (16.7) \times (0.03) / (3.14) \times (0.05)^3 = \underline{85} \text{ dyn/cm}^2$$



$$4 \times (3.1) \times (0.03) / (3.14) \times (0.05)^3 = \underline{15} \text{ dyn/cm}^2$$

If reduction of diameter is not sufficient to reduce distal flow, coronary vasospasm could result in myocardial ischemia from endothelial damage with microthrombi formation.

S D Gertz, et al. Circulation. 1981;63:476-486

What is the clinical implication of OCT findings in Vasospastic Angina ?

**Potential benefits of anti-platelet therapy
in clinical outcome**

Prognostic Stratification of Patients With Vasospastic Angina

A Comprehensive Clinical Risk Score Developed by the Japanese Coronary Spasm Association

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**Multicenter Registry
(Japanese Coronary Spasm Association)**

Median FU=32months

Table 2

Primary and Secondary Outcomes During the Follow-Up Period (N = 1,429)

MACE	85 (6)
Cardiac death	6 (0.4)
Nonfatal myocardial infarction	9 (1)
Unstable angina	68 (5)
Heart failure	4 (0.3)
Appropriate ICD shock	2 (0.1)
All-cause death	19 (1)

Values are n (%).

ICD = implantable cardioverter-defibrillator; MACE = major adverse cardiac event; other abbreviations as in Table 1.

Table 3 Correlated Factors for MACE in VSA Patients and Assigned Score

	Univariable Analysis			Multivariable Analysis			Assigned Score
	HR	95% CI	p Value	HR	95% CI	p Value	
Age	0.99	0.97-1.01	0.38				
Male	1.07	0.64-1.79	0.79				
Hypertension	0.90	0.58-1.38	0.62				
Dyslipidemia	1.17	0.76-1.79	0.48				
Diabetes mellitus	1.57	0.94-2.61	0.09				
Smoking	1.96	1.21-3.19	0.006	1.71	1.04-2.79	0.034	2
Previous myocardial infarction	2.19	1.10-4.38	0.026				
Angina at rest alone	1.49	0.95-2.35	0.09	1.71	1.08-2.72	0.023	2
ST-segment elevation during angina attack	1.50	0.93-2.42	0.09	1.54	0.95-2.50	0.08	1
History of OHCA	3.98	1.73-9.13	0.001	3.79	1.61-8.94	0.002	4
Significant organic stenosis	2.28	1.39-3.73	0.001	2.24	1.33-3.78	0.002	2
LAD spasm	1.28	0.81-2.02	0.29				
LCx spasm	1.16	0.75-1.80	0.50				
RCA spasm	1.05	0.68-1.61	0.83				
Multivessel spasm	1.51	0.94-2.45	0.09	1.69	1.03-2.78	0.039	2
Calcium-channel blocker	0.73	0.35-1.51	0.39				
Long-acting nitrate	1.35	0.89-2.07	0.17				
Antiplatelet	1.43	0.94-2.20	0.10				
Beta-blocker	2.34	1.08-5.06	0.032	2.00	0.88-4.54	0.09	1

CI = confidence interval; HR = hazard ratio; other abbreviations as in Table 1.

Treatment of Vasospastic angina

- Calcium channel blocker
- Nitrates

In patients with suspected/confirmed vasospastic angina, calcium channel blockers and nitrates should be considered and beta-blockers avoided.

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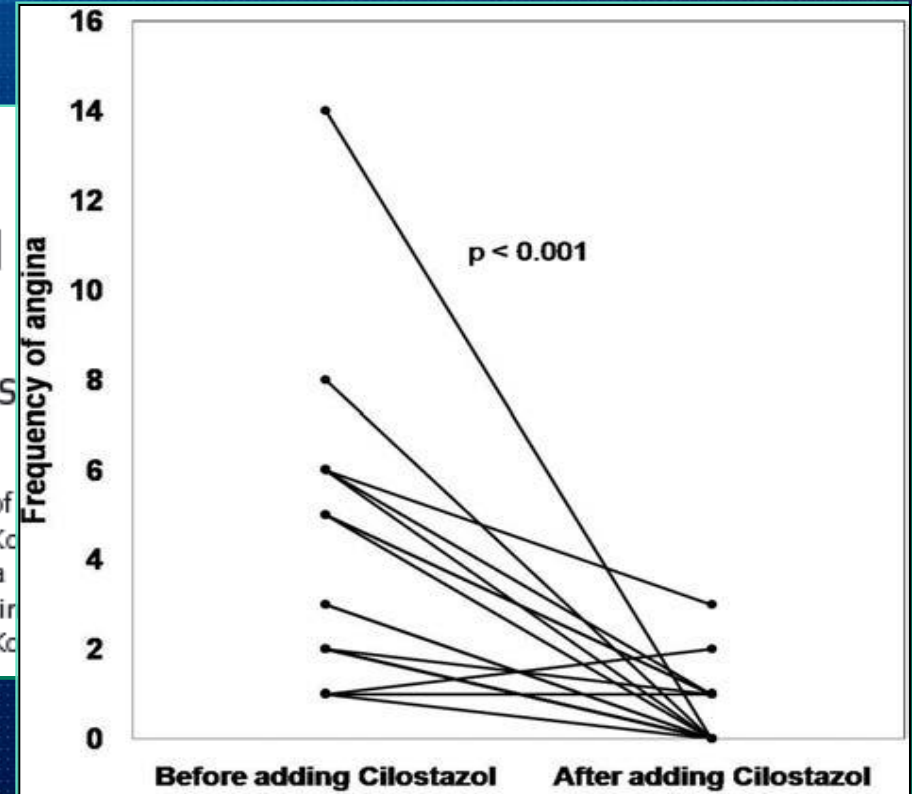
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RESEARCH

Efficacy of Cilostazol on Uncontrolled Angina: A Pilot Study

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* Cilostazol: selective inhibitor of phosphodiesterase -3
→ Intracellular cAMP → Increase in coronary nitric oxide production

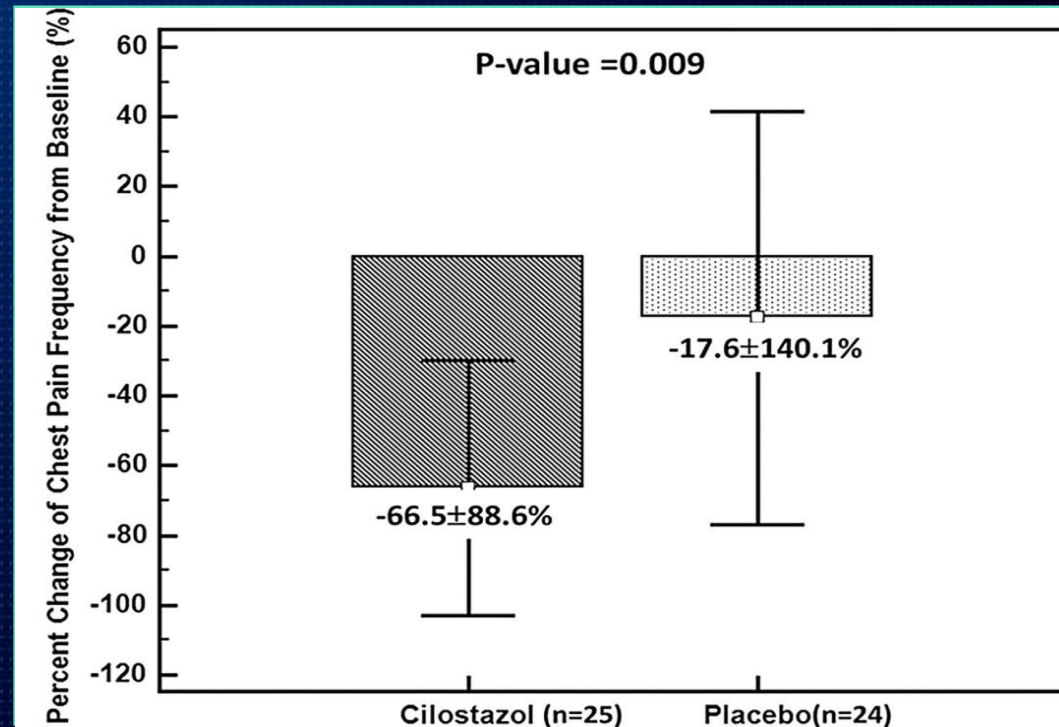
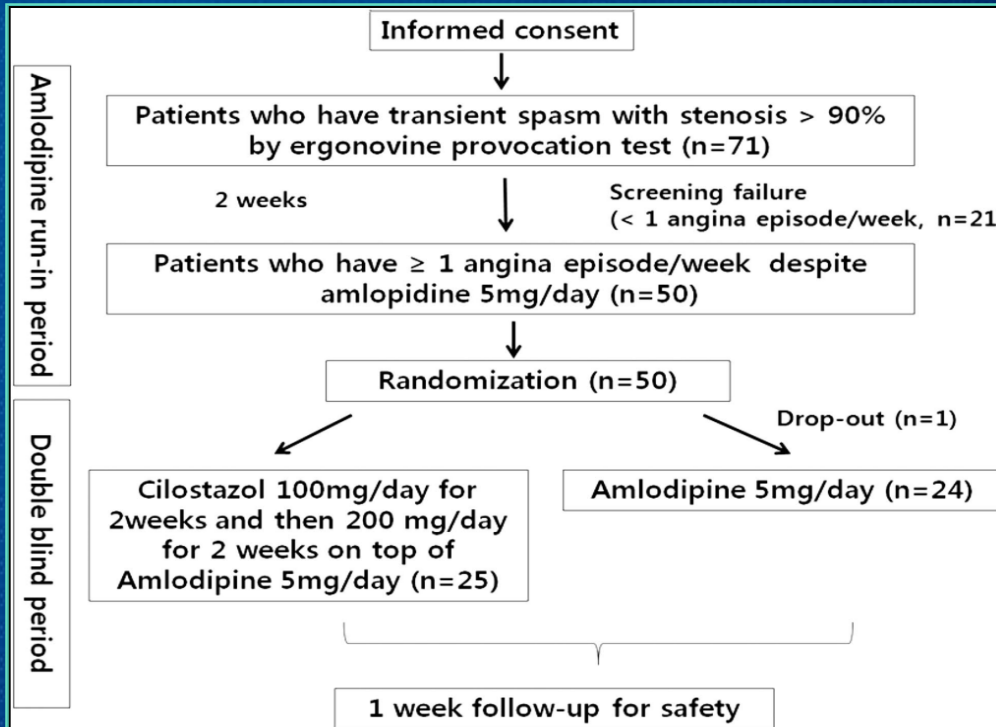
* 21 patients (13 men, 57 ± 9 yearold) with uncontrolled VSA

Conclusion: Cilostazol appears to be an effective therapy in VSA uncontrolled with conventional medical treatment.

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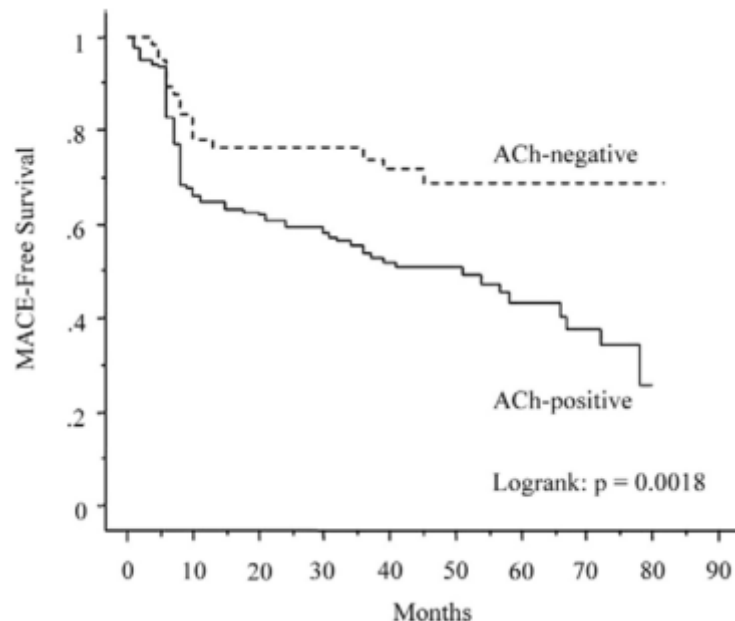
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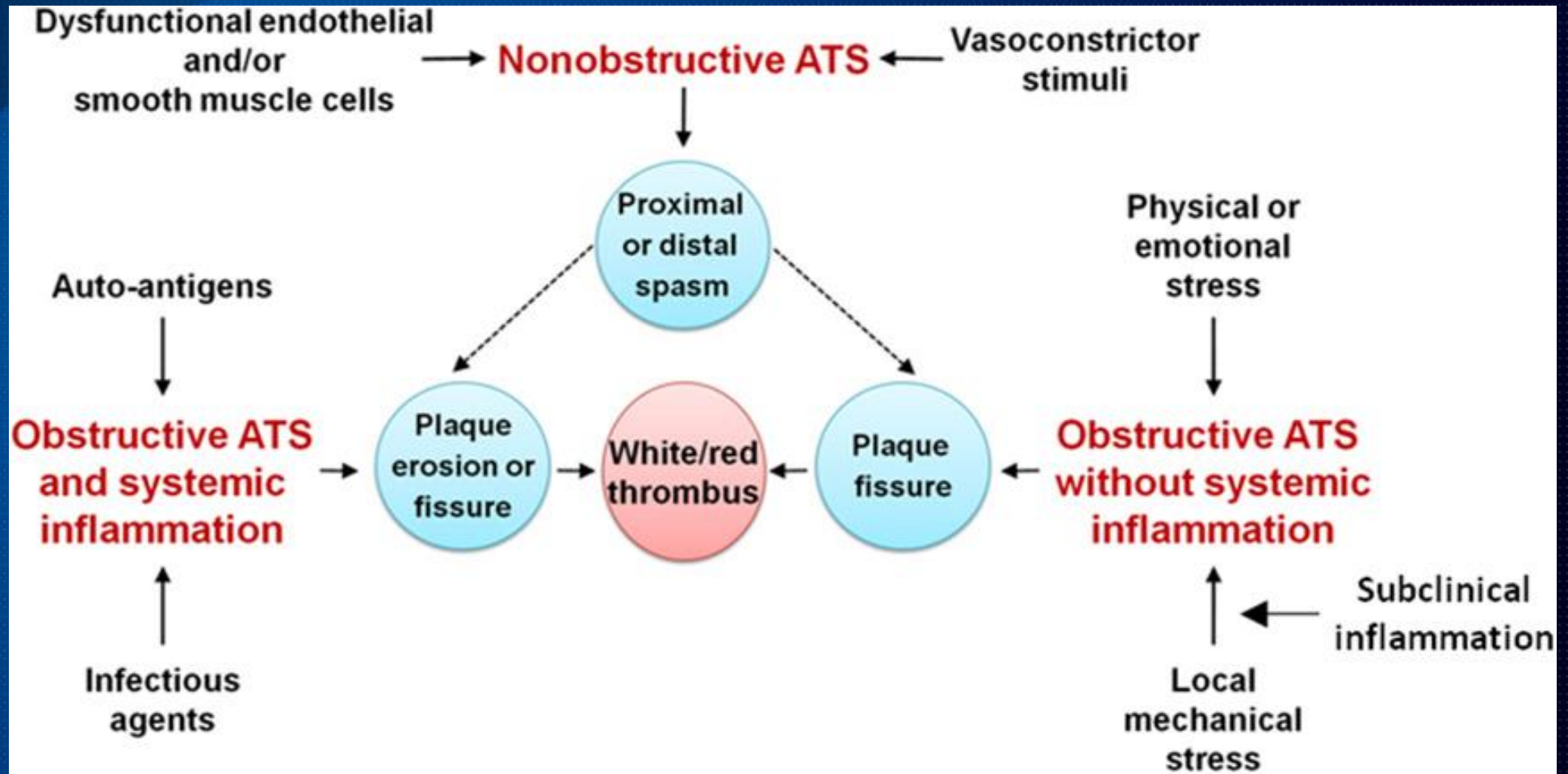
Ach provocation tests: 10~20 days after the onset of AMI

- Ach positive: in IRA and/or non-IRA (72.5%, 174/240 patients)
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Variables	Exp (B)	Hazard Ratio (95% Confidence Interval)	p Value
Provoked coronary spasm	2.632	1.504–4.604	0.0007
3-vessel disease	2.379	1.425–3.971	0.0009
Hypertension	1.694	1.102–2.604	0.0163
Smoking	0.811	0.499–1.316	0.3958
Male gender	1.024	0.597–1.756	0.9310
Nitrates	1.093	0.661–1.808	0.7291

Pathogenetic classification of ACS



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