

**Violent coronary flow collision injuring the  
intima and starting atherosclerotic plaques:  
New evidences from the cardiac laboratories**

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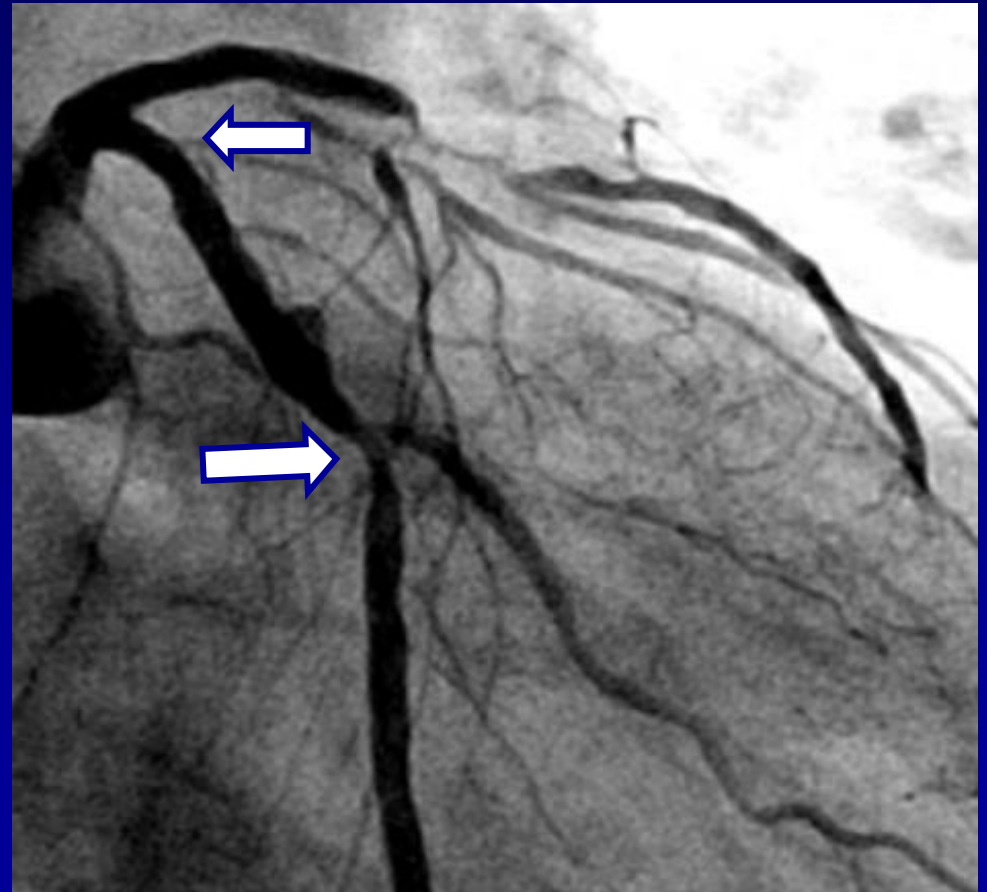
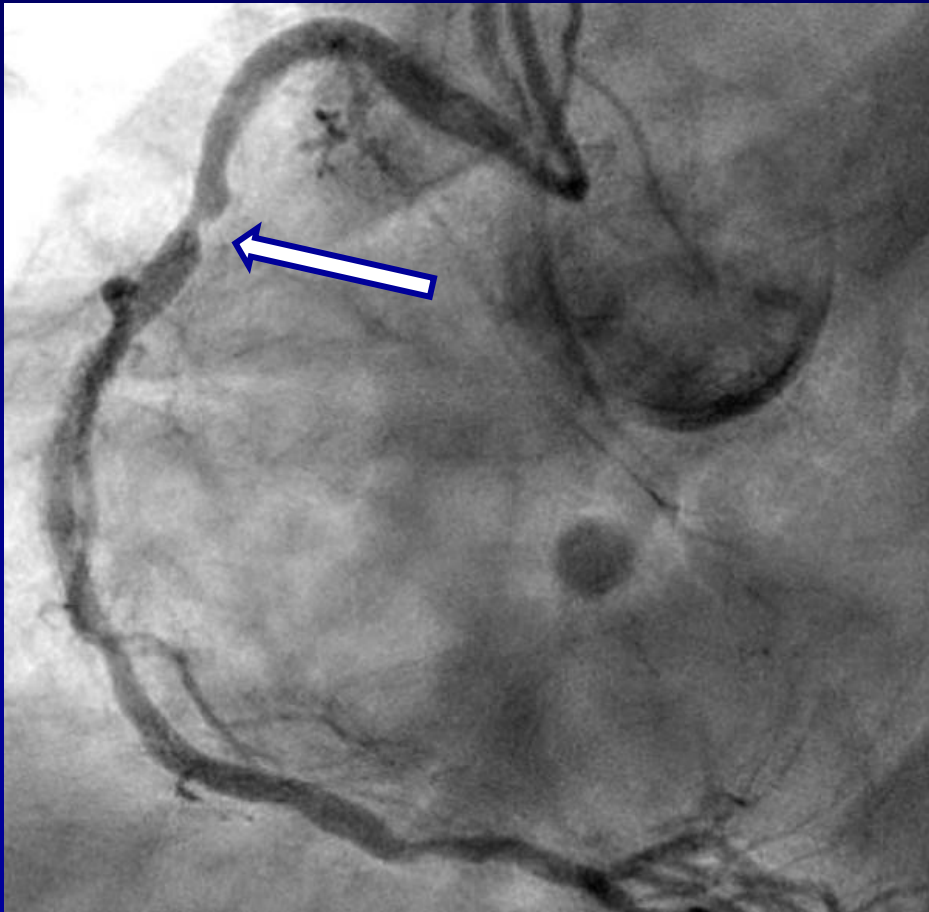
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# OUTLINE

1. What are the mechanisms of injury (non medical and medical)?
2. Where is the evidence of injury to the intima?
3. What is the role of LDL cholesterol and other conventional risk factors?
4. Applications and ongoing research

- QUESTIONS:**
1. Why do they appear?
  2. Why at the mid segment?
  3. Why the lesion in the mid LCX is more severe than the lesion at the ostium of LCX?



# **Background 1**

**How to create an animal model for atherosclerosis?**



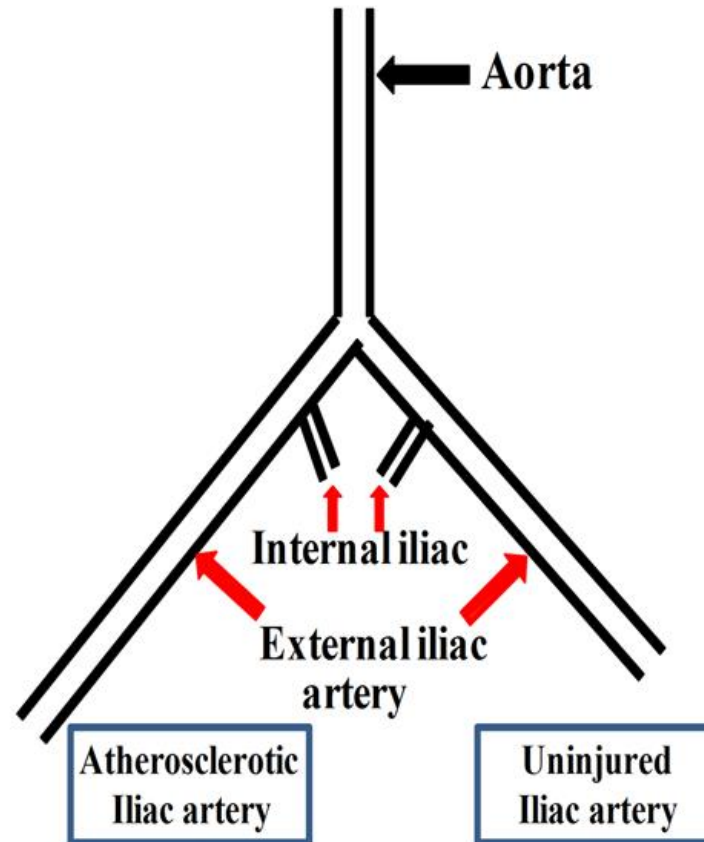
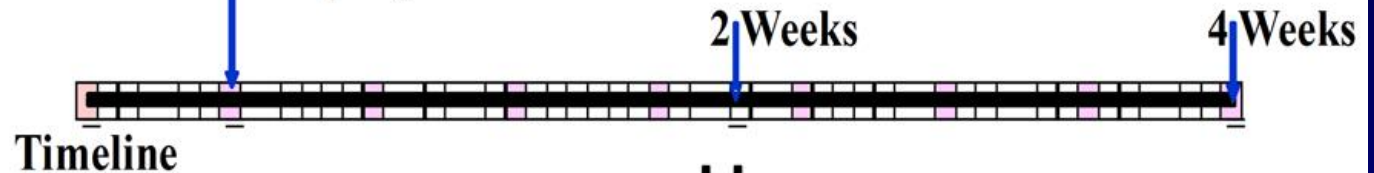
Male NZW rabbits

## Atherogenic Diet

high fat (8.6%) and high cholesterol (1%) diet

**ATHEROSCLEROTIC LESION DEVELOPMENT**

Balloon injury at 1 week



# Background 1

It starts with a mechanical injury or

1. Transplantation
2. Needle puncture,
3. Freezing,
4. Heat,
5. Exposure to electron radiation,
6. Induced hypertension, etc

# Background 2: Plumbing Repair at Home



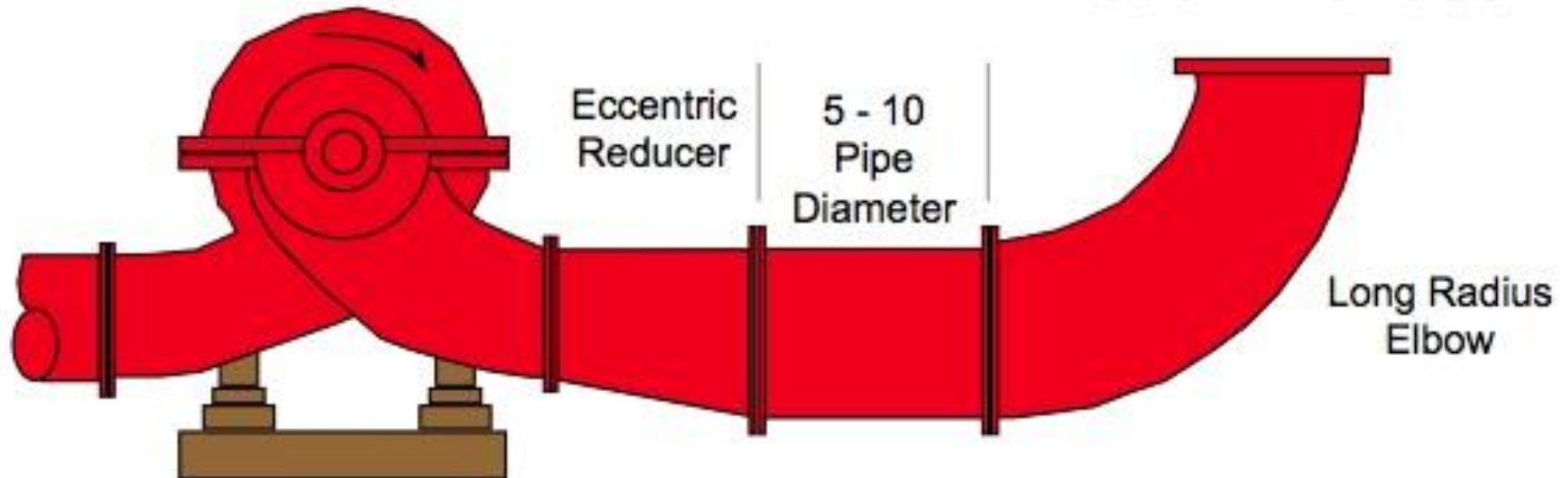
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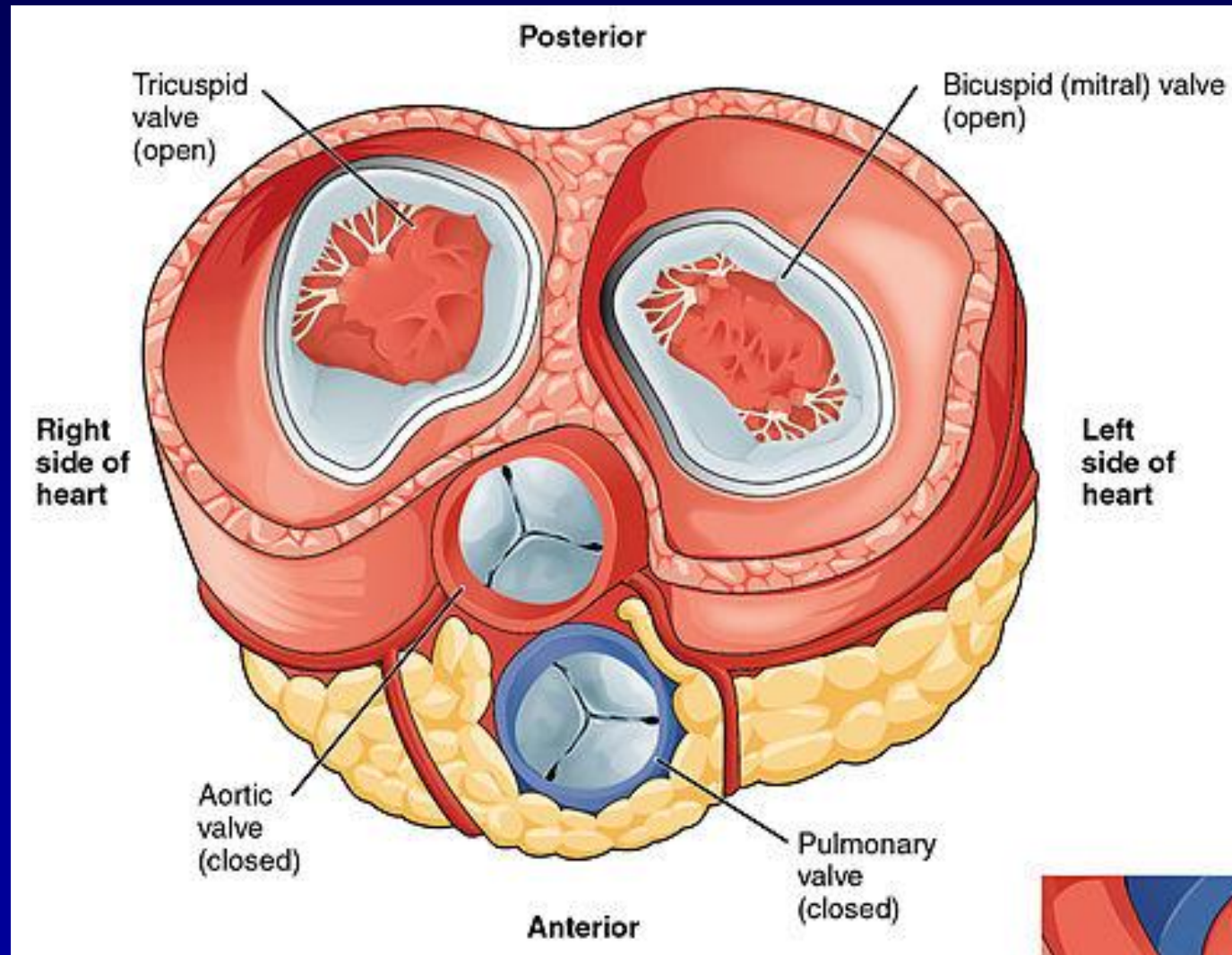
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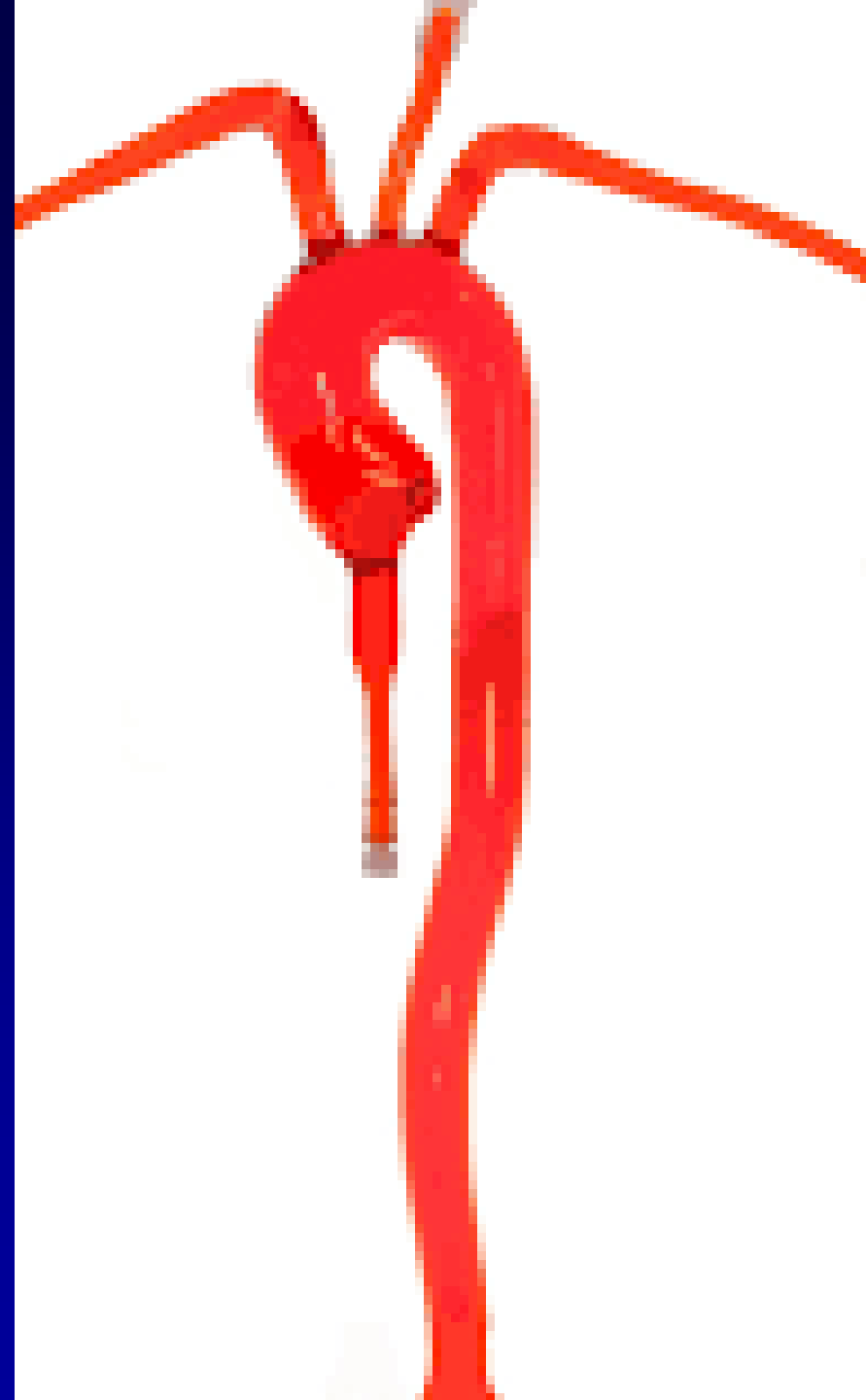


# Challenging QUESTIONS

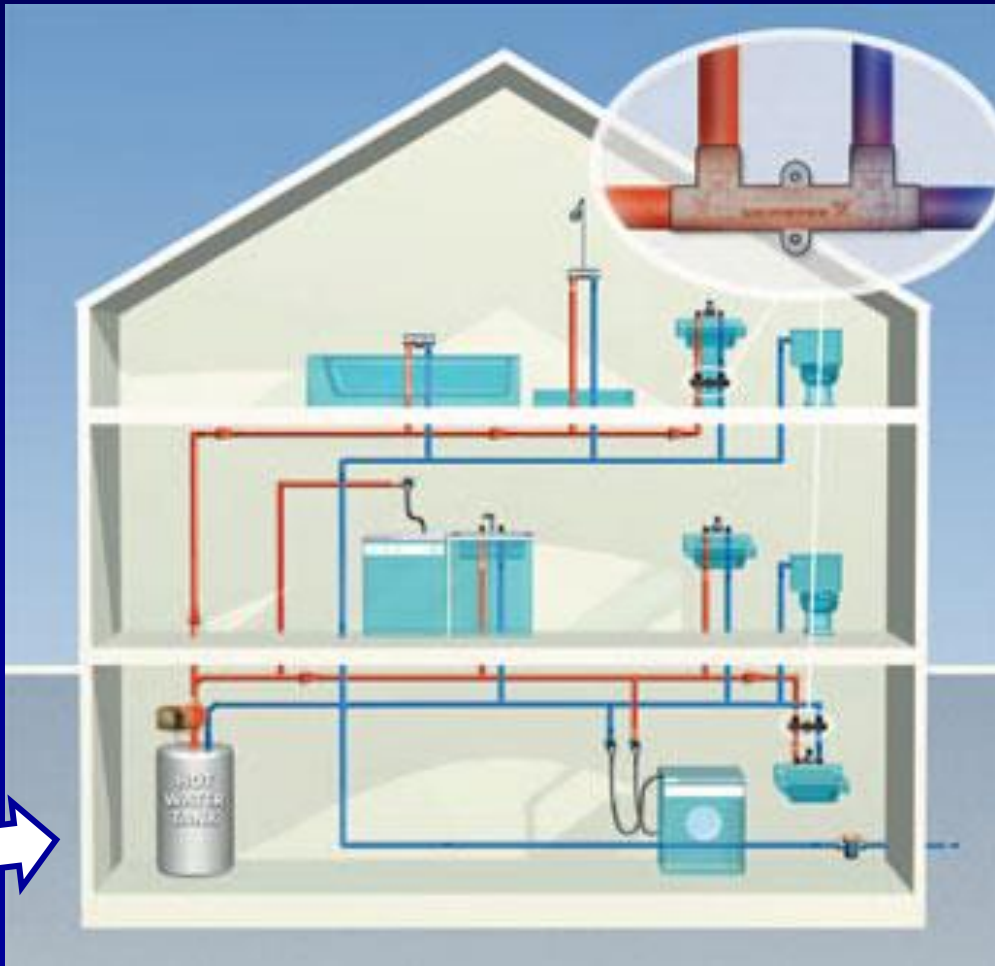
# Why the Mitral Valve area (MVA) is larger than the Aortic Valve area (AVA)?



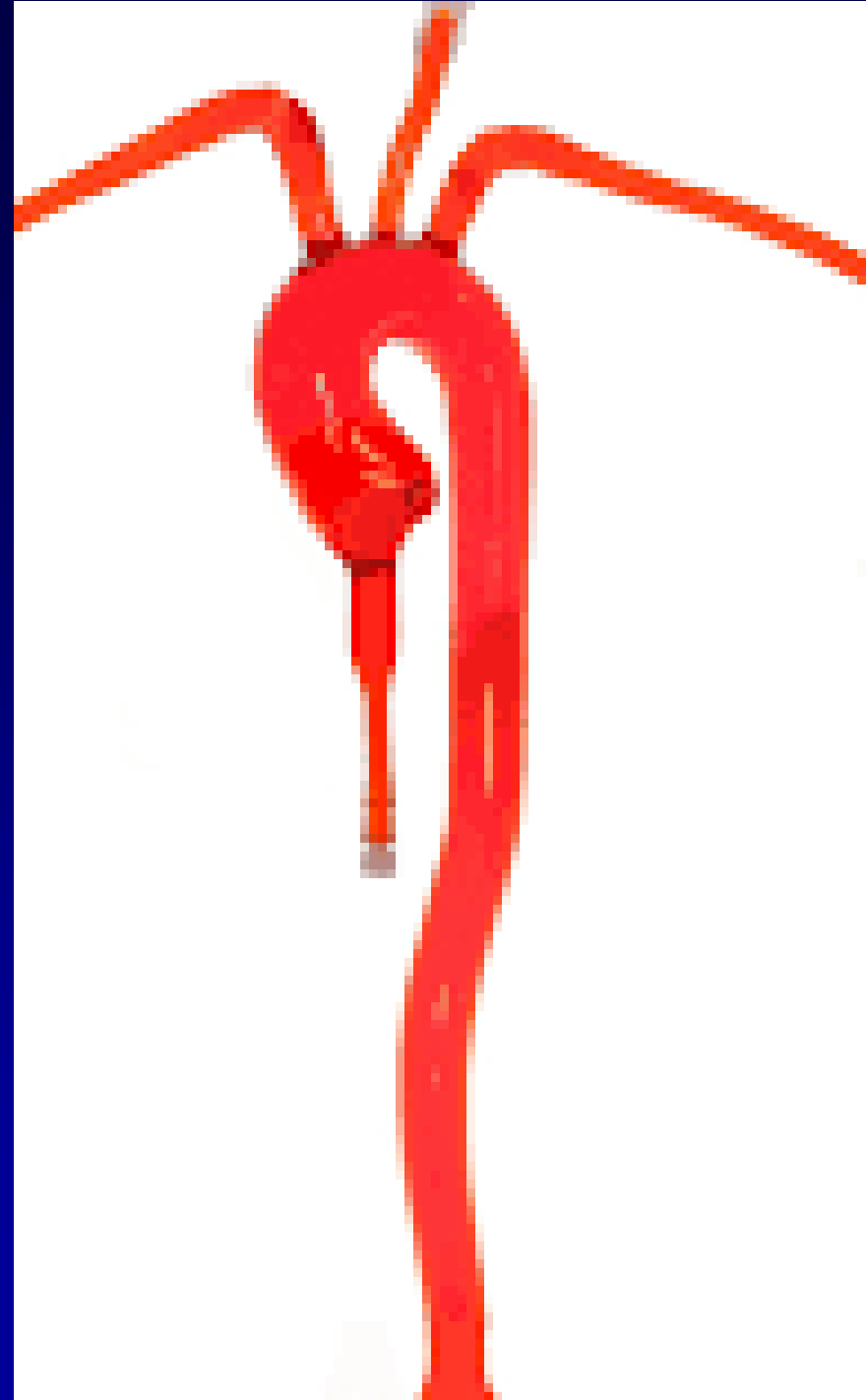
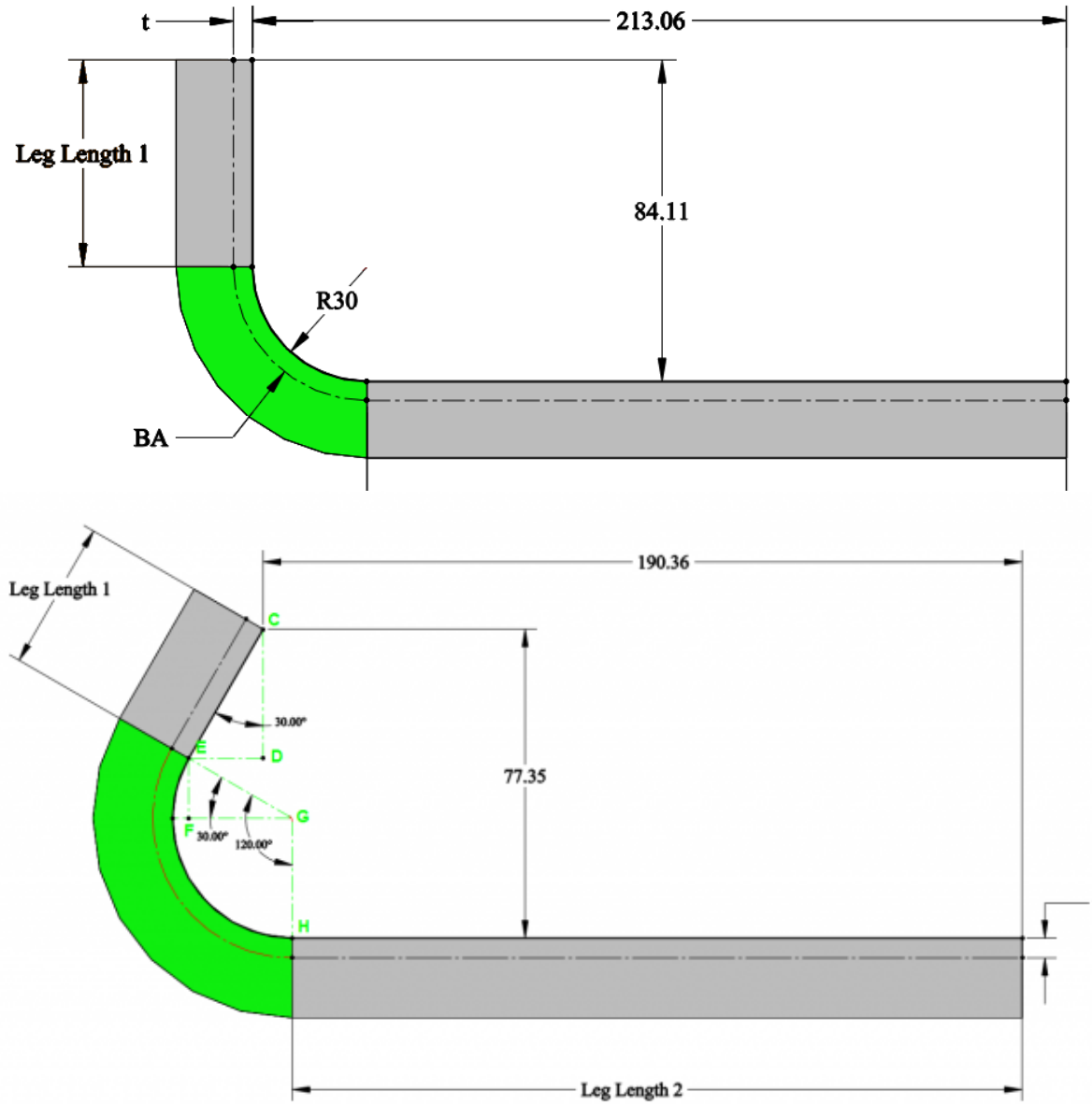
# 3 Questions



# Location of water pump in a house



# Angle of the aortic curvature



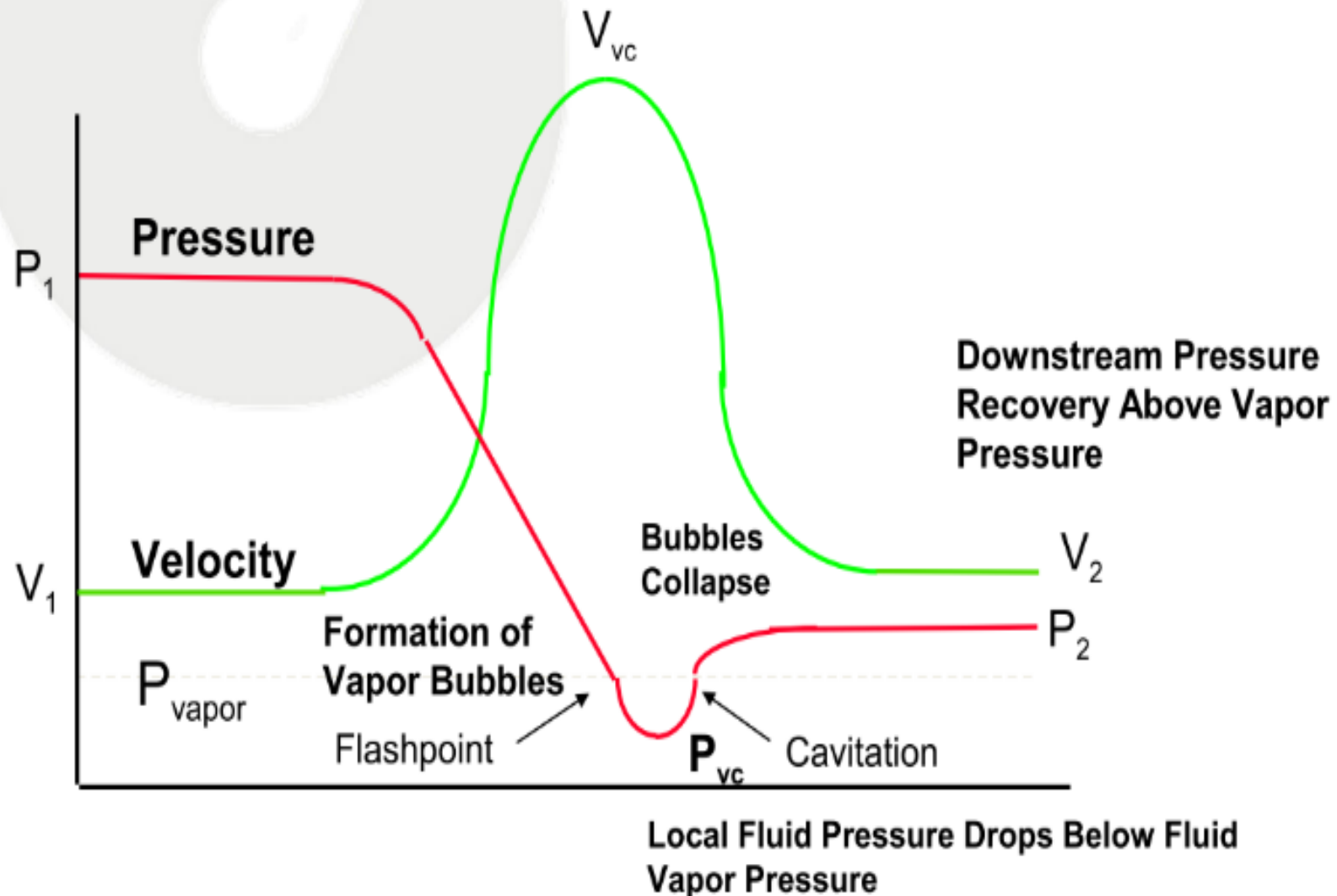




# Real Life Observations : Damage of the copper pipe by air bubble rupture (cavitation)

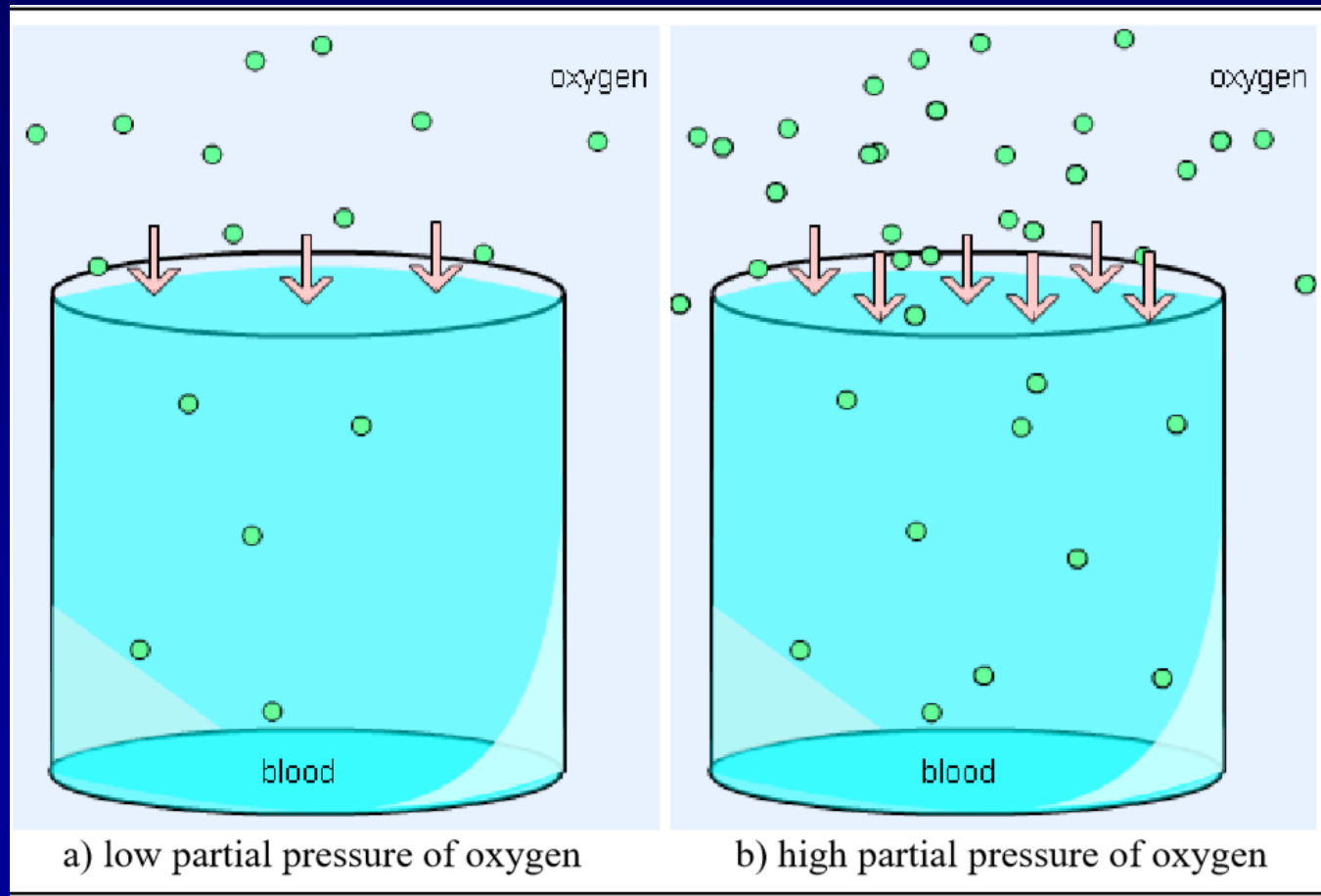


# Cavitation Phenomena



# Henry's Law: Solubility of Air in Water

- The amount of air dissolved in a fluid is proportional to the pressure in the system

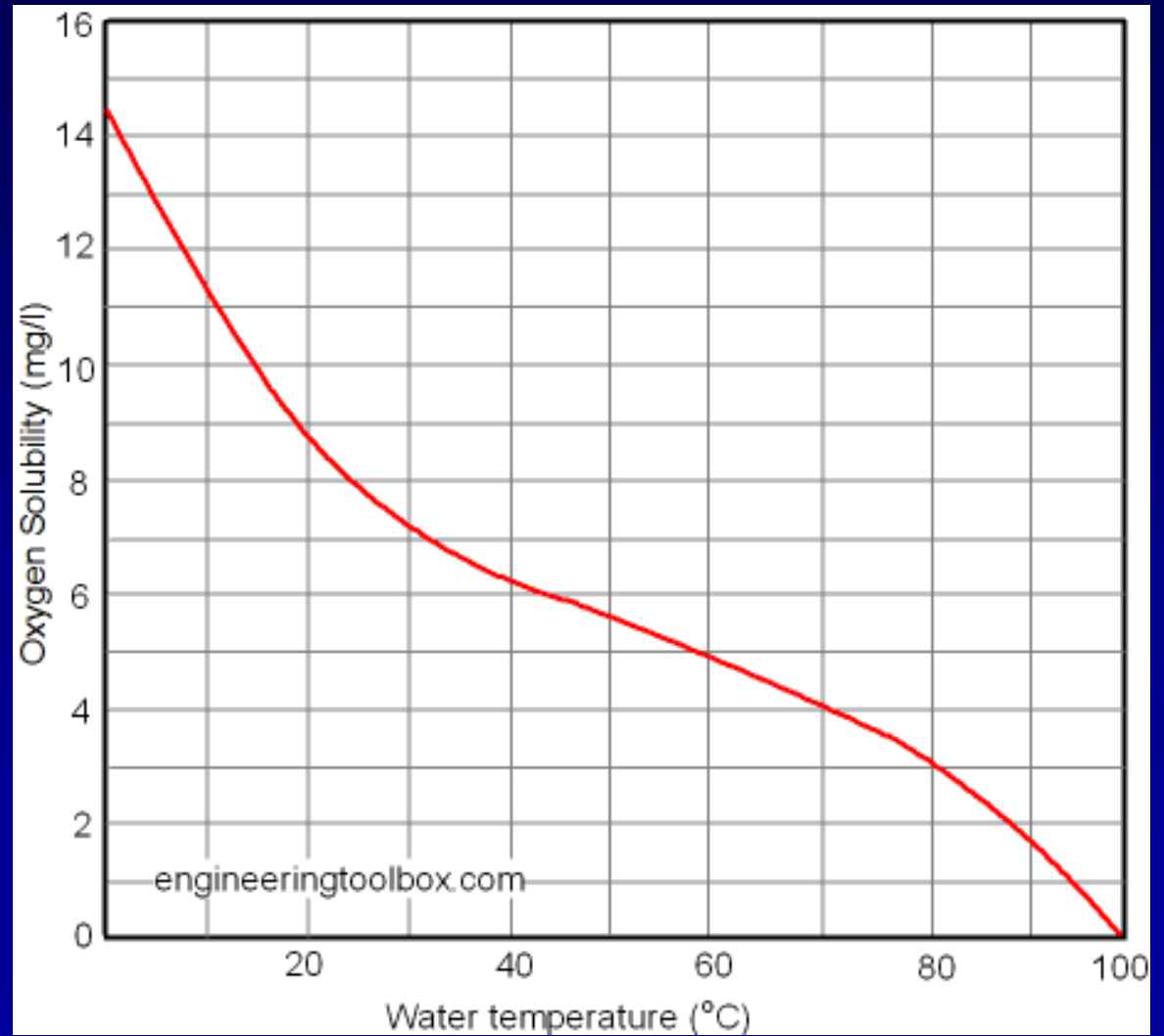


# **Real Life Observations**

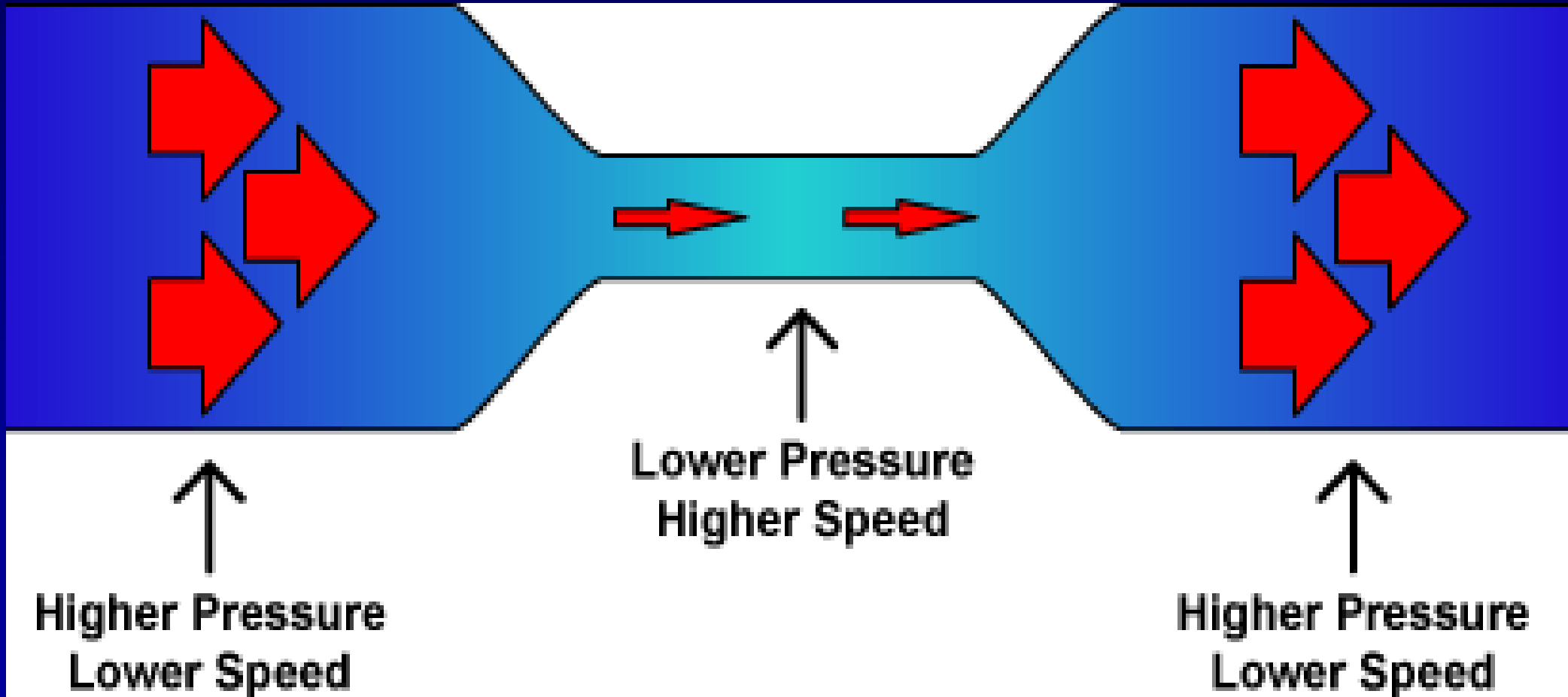
# Patient on ventilator: Calculating the $P_{O_2}$



# Boiling water



# Correlation between Pressure and Speed according to the Conservation of Energy (Bernoulli's) Equation

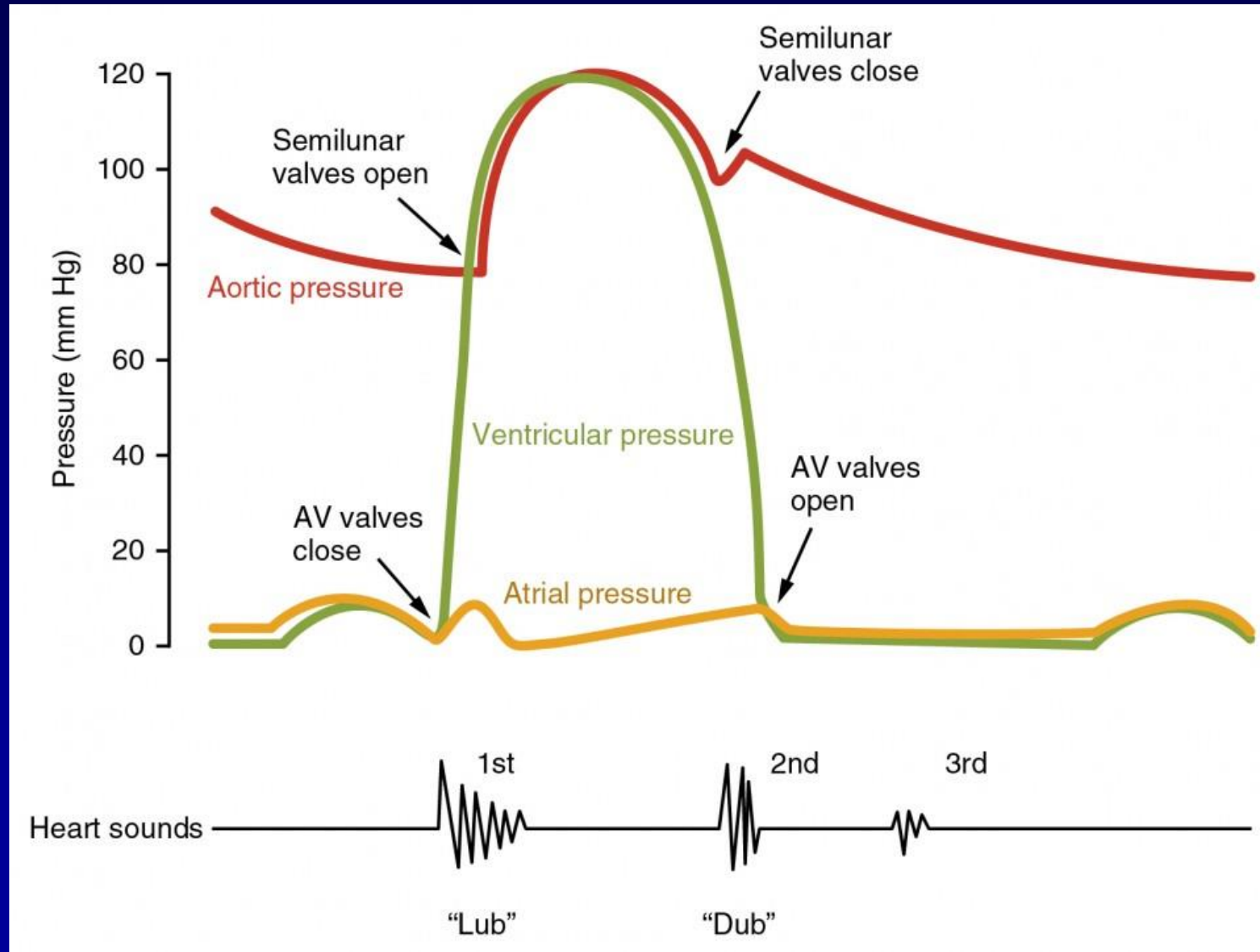


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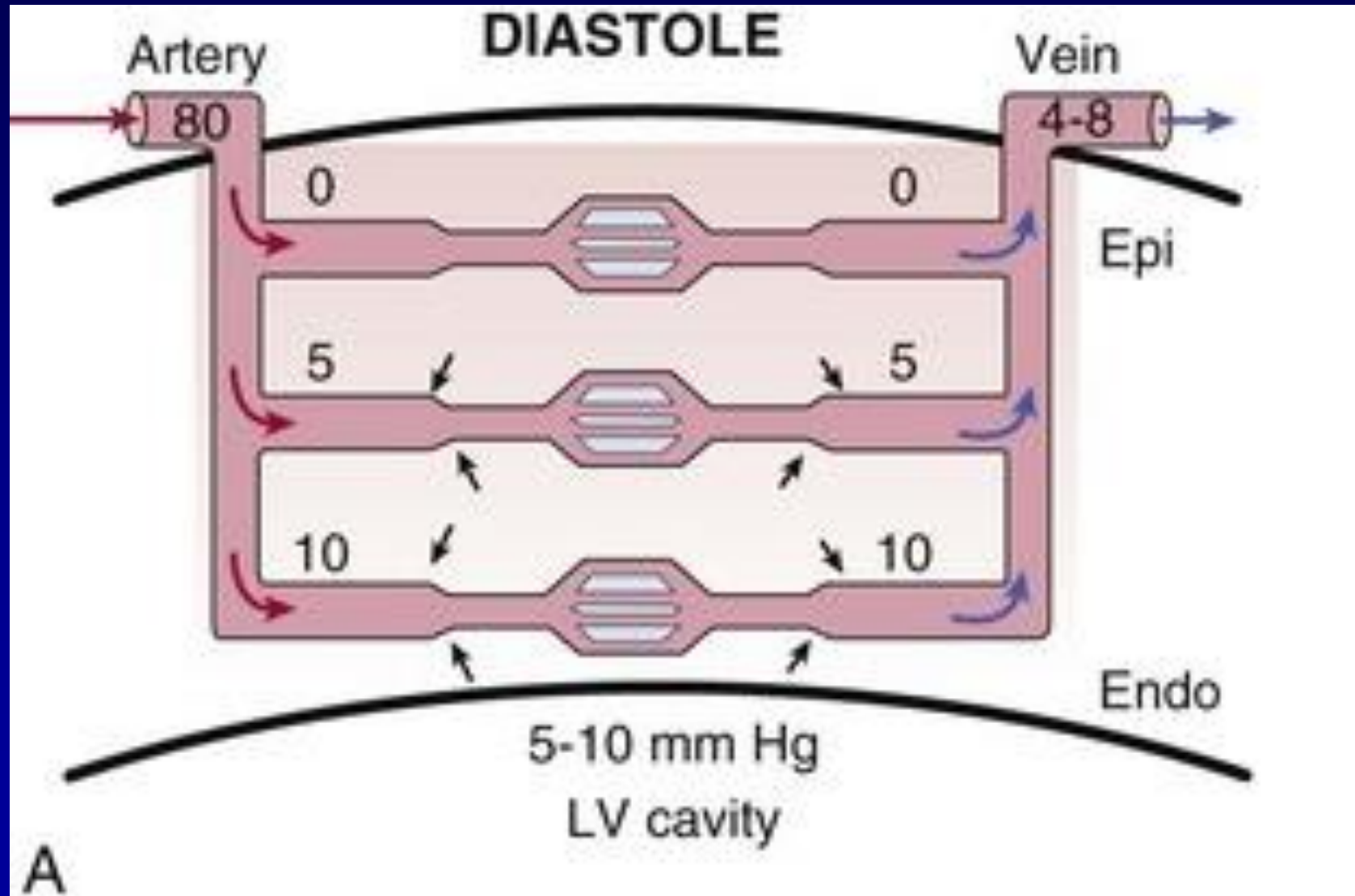




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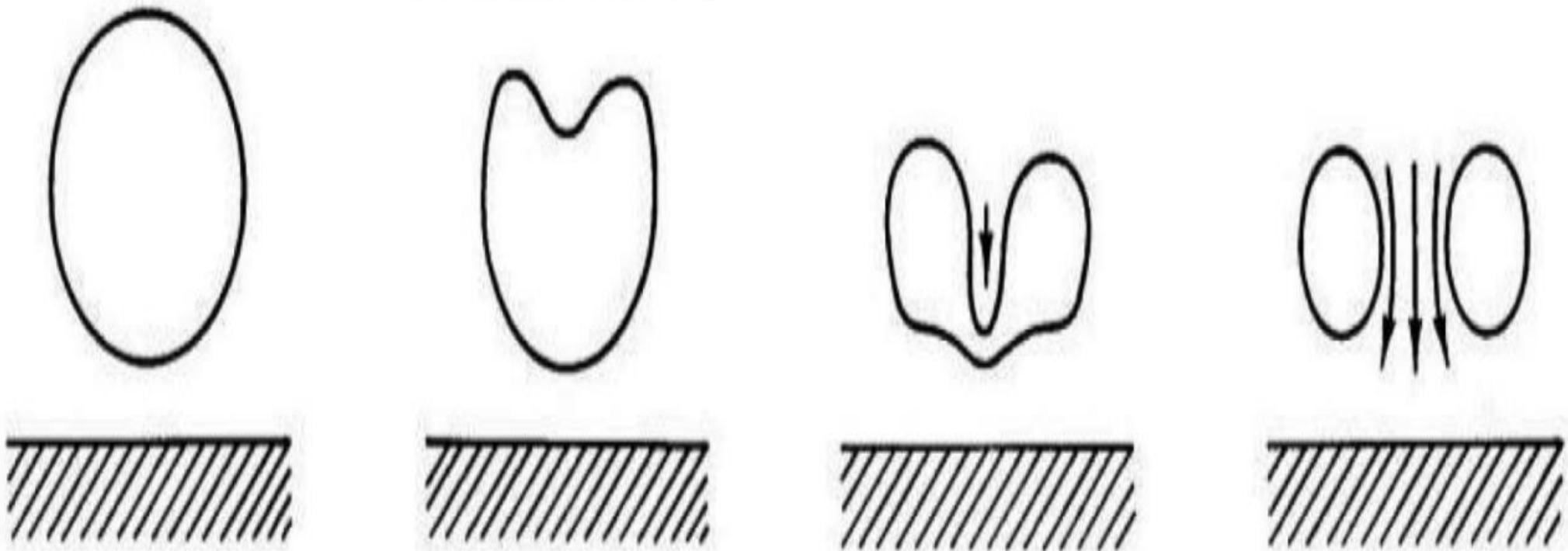


# Where can we find change in pressure?



# Bubble Ruptures Cause Microjet

FLOW DIRECTION →



# **Real Life Observations**

**How does the meat become tender?**



# Washing vegetable with bubbles



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# SUMMARY 1

1. Air is diluted in blood
2. Change of pressure, air forms bubbles
3. Bubbles rupture causes damage





# QUESTION 2

**Where is the mechanical injury?**

# New Method of Recording Angiogram



# Methods

To review the coronary angiogram frame by frame

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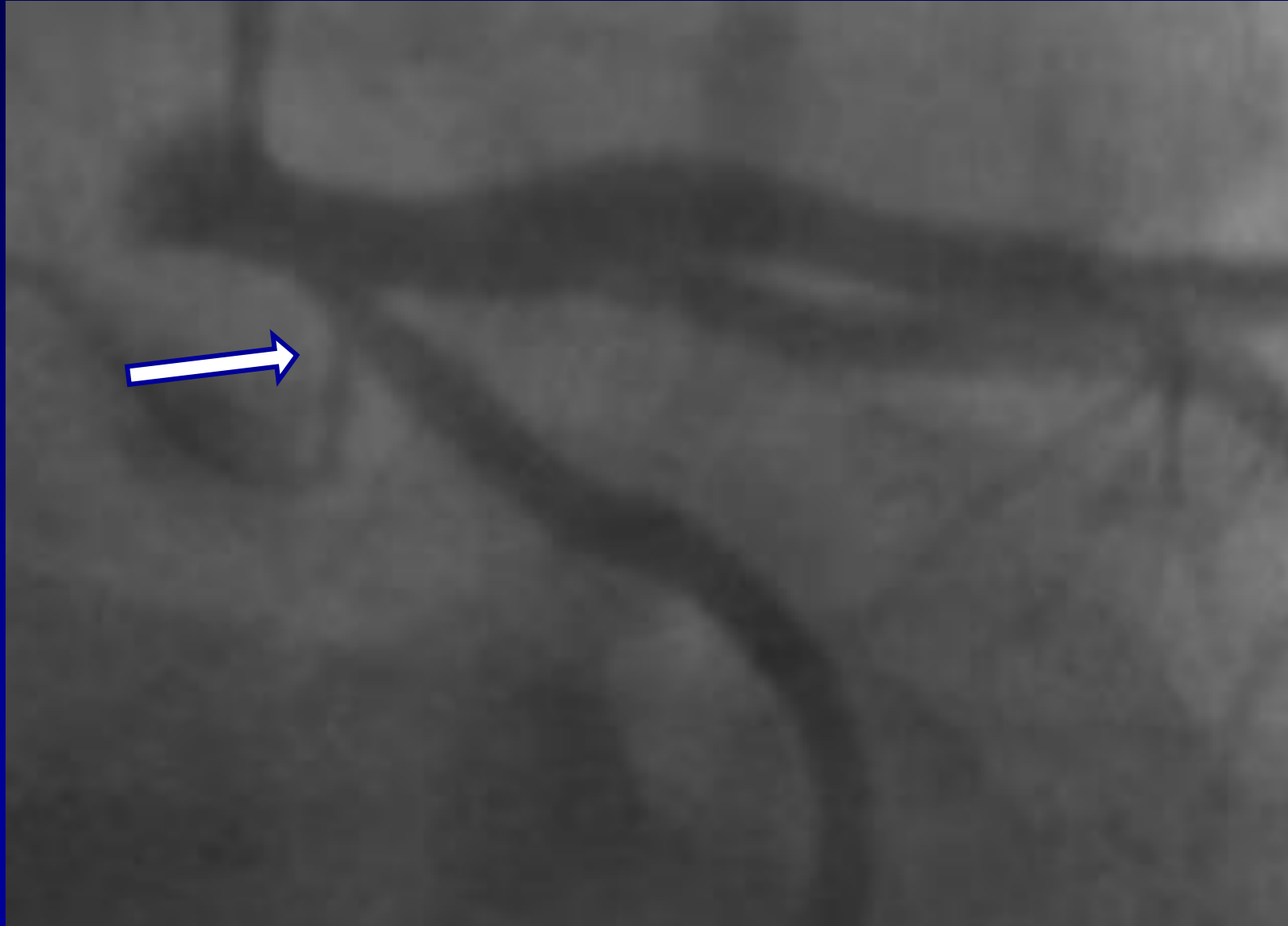
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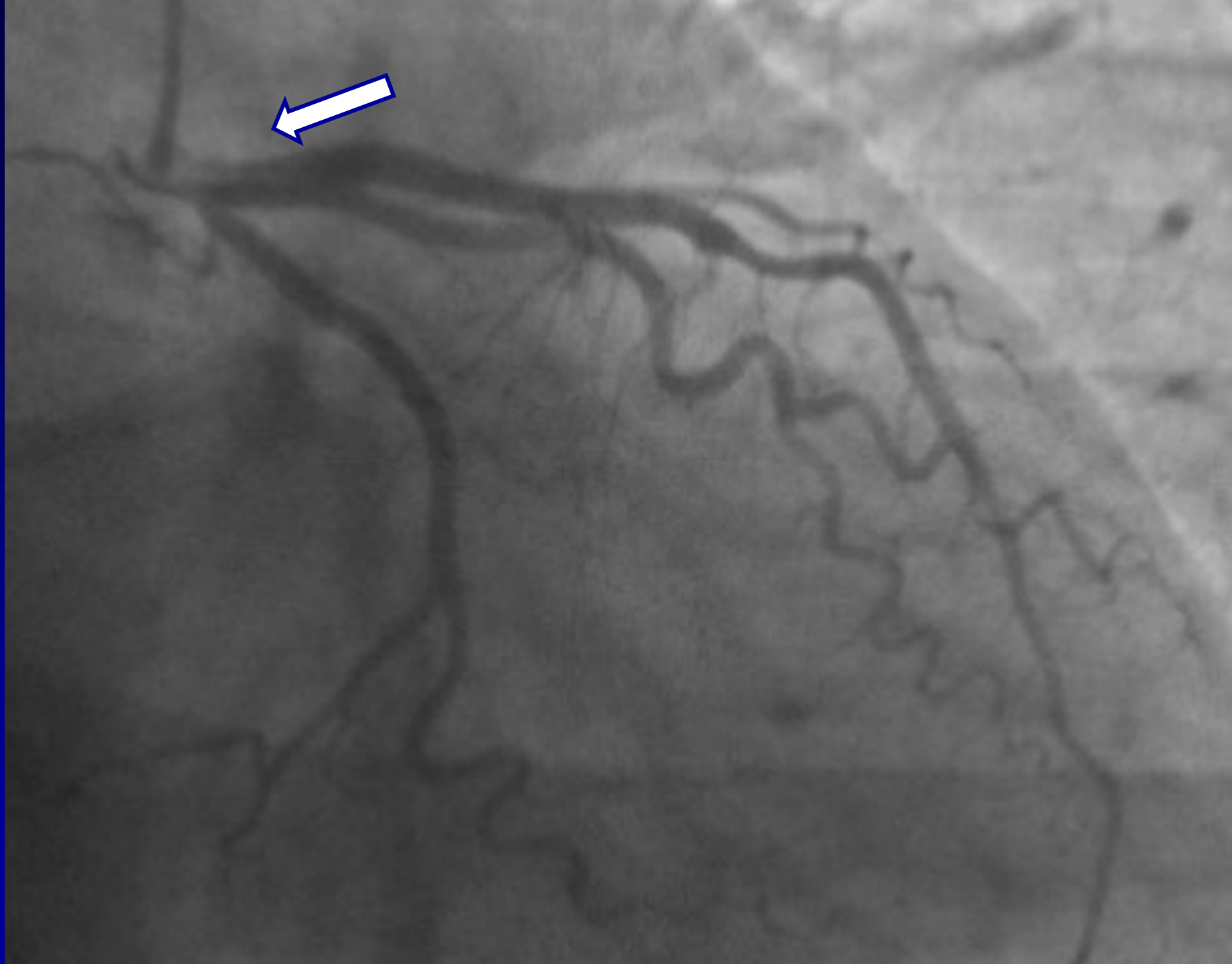
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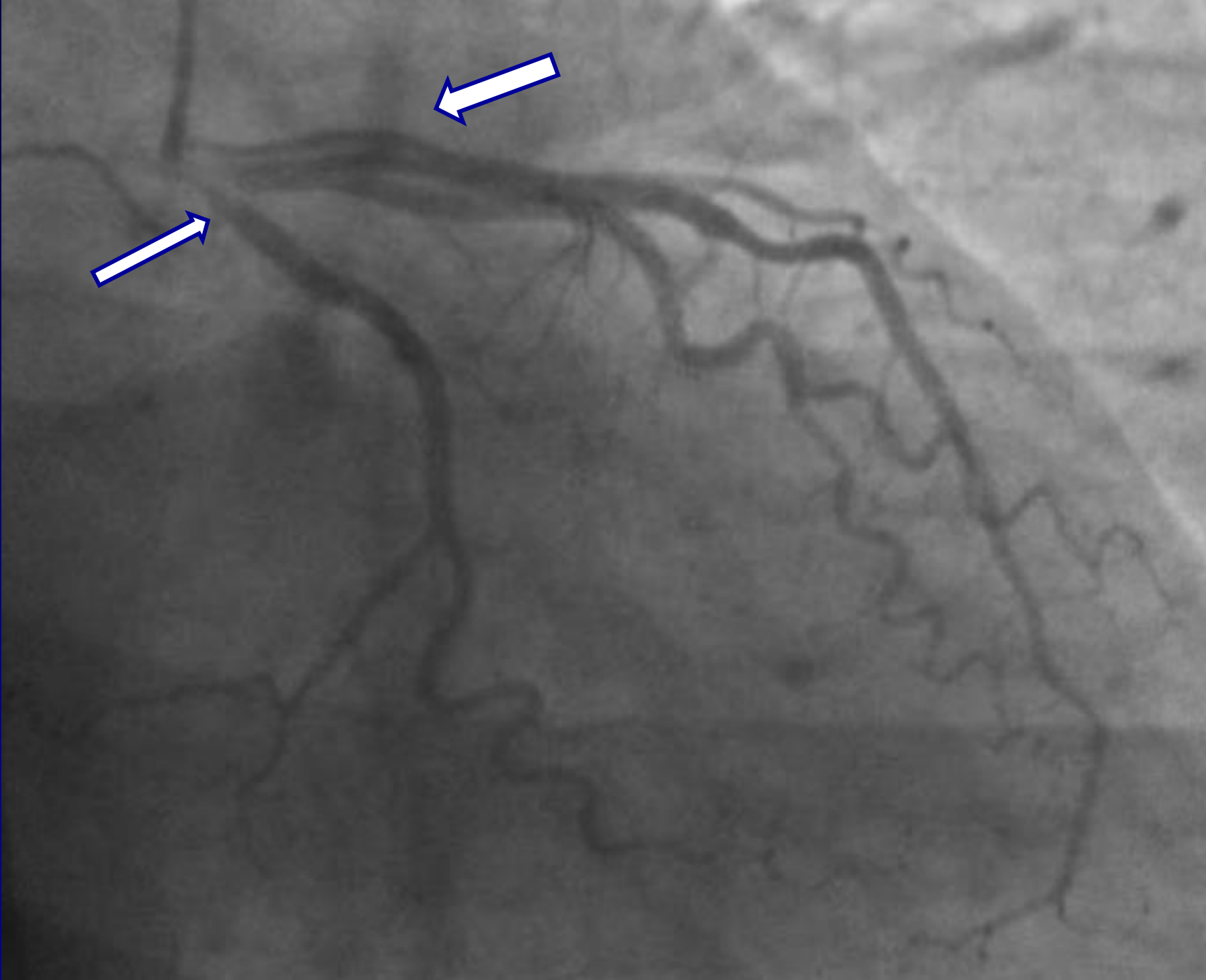
**New way of reading angiogram**

There is a lesion at the ostium LCX

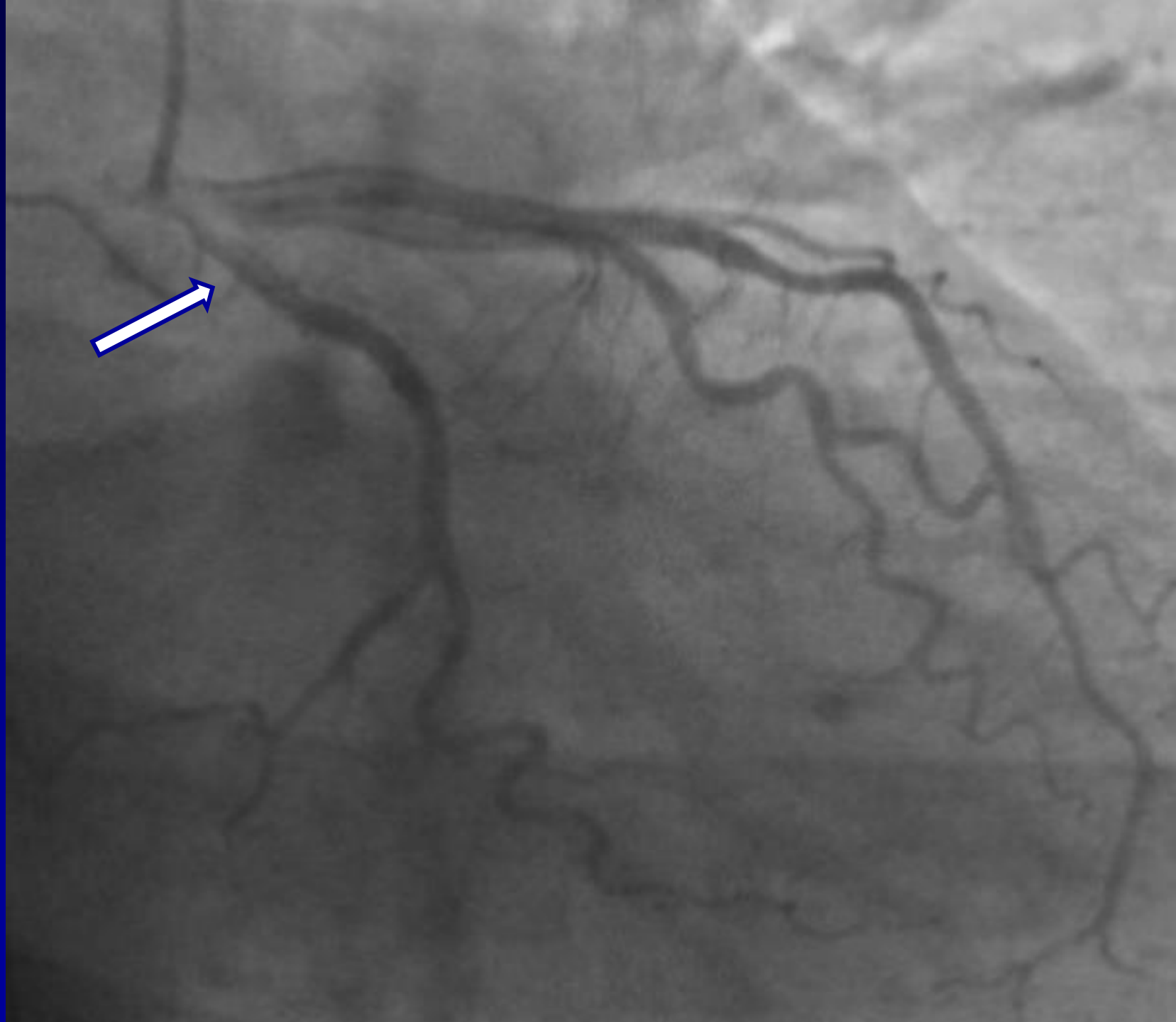


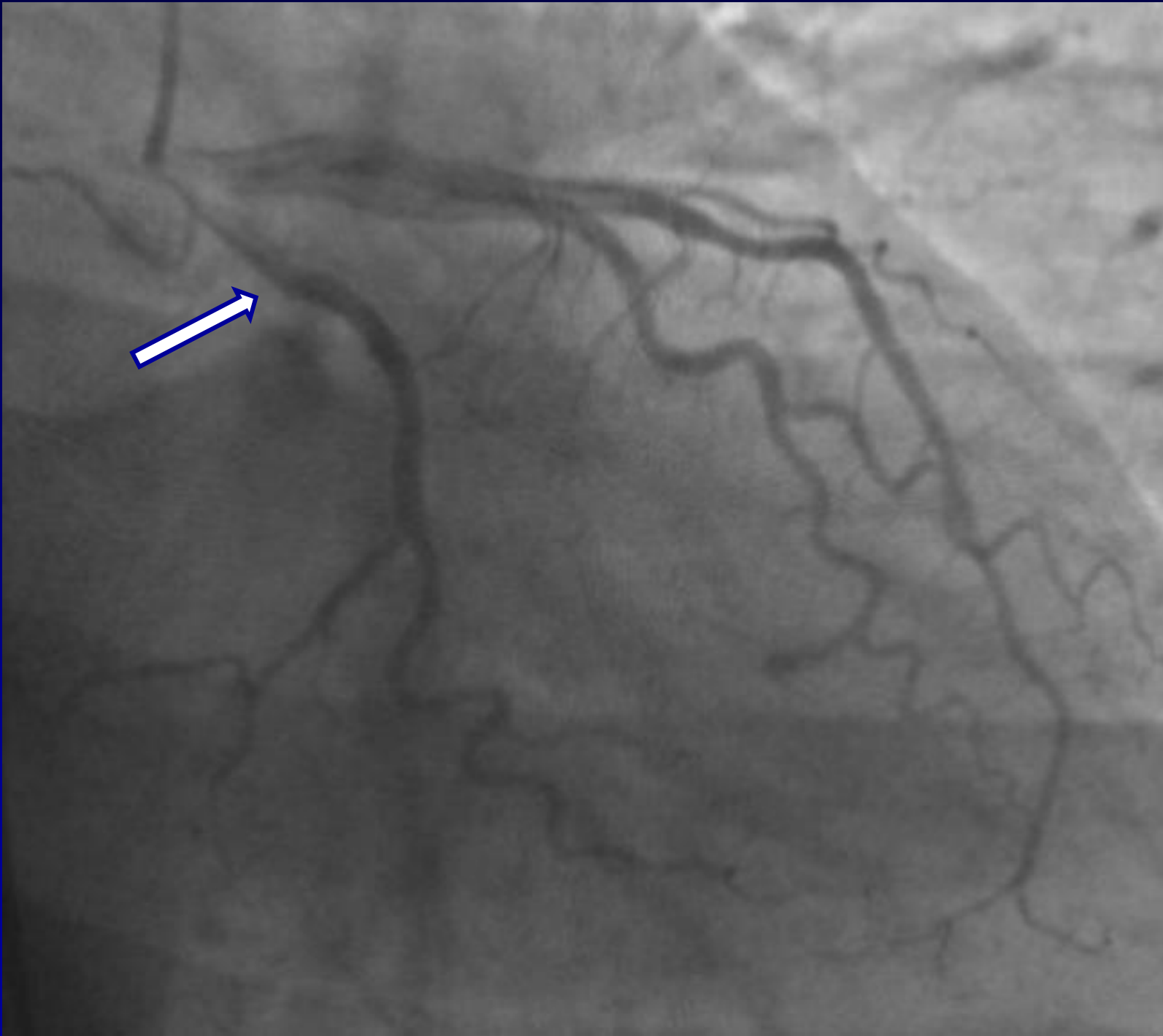


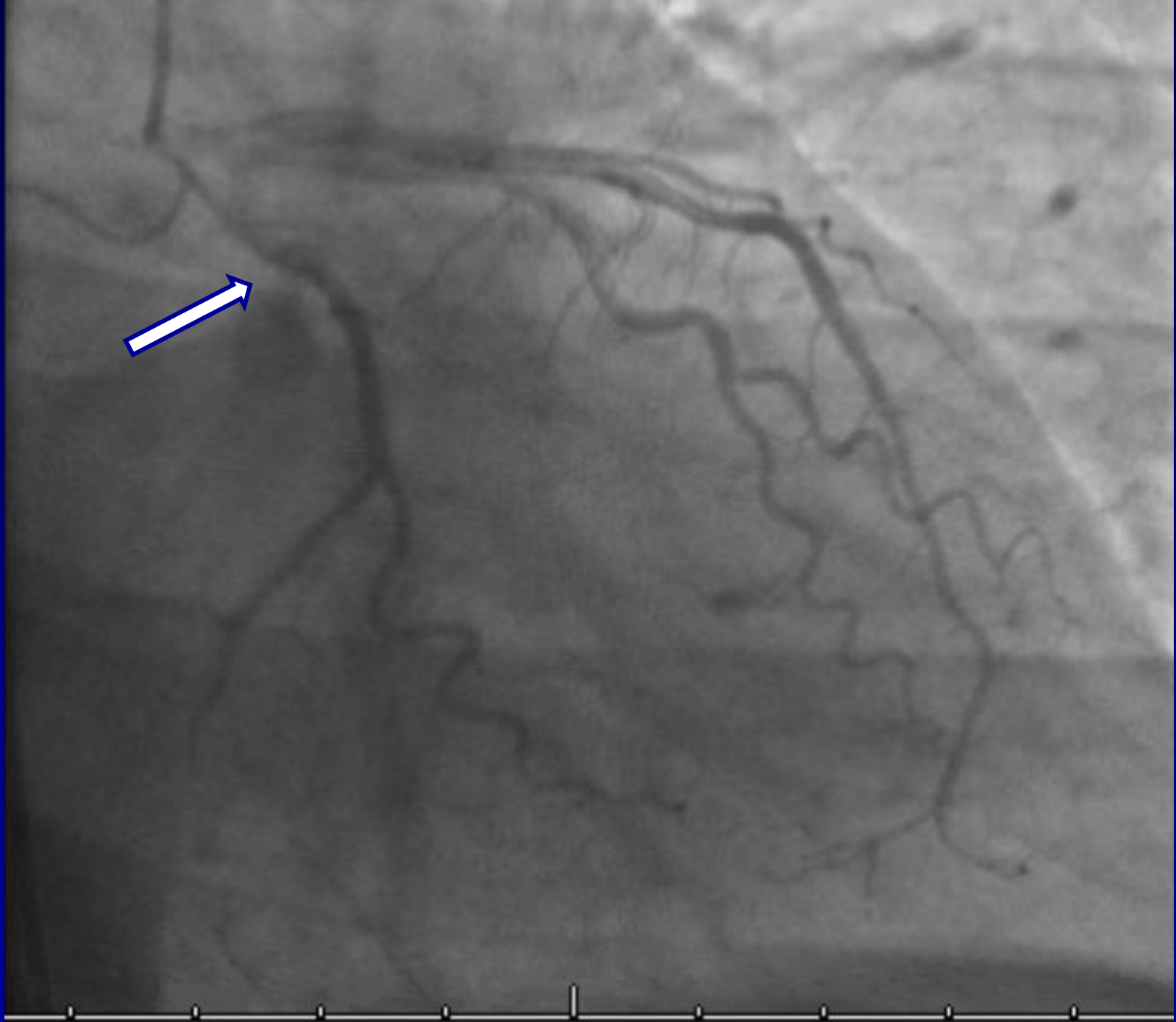


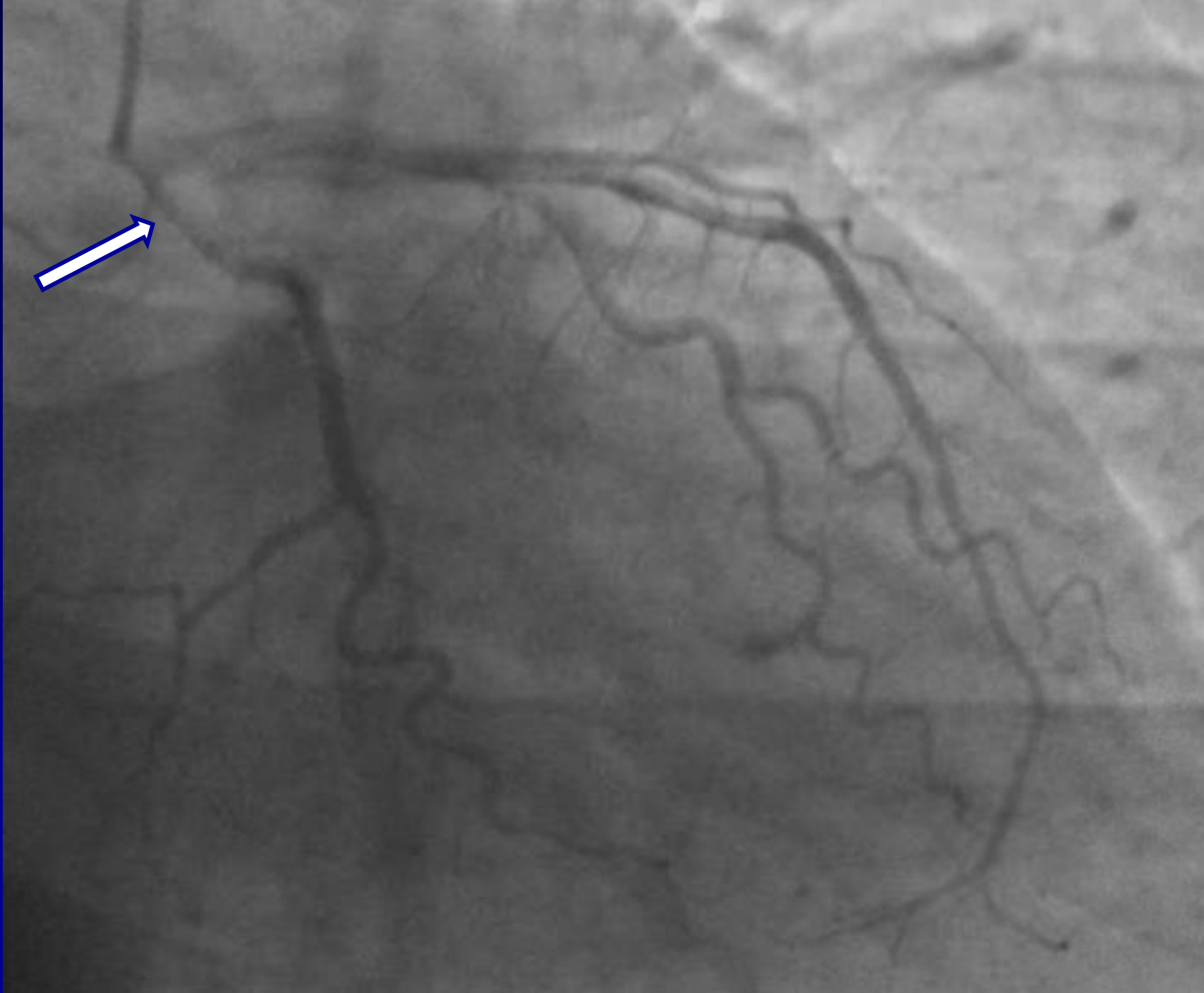


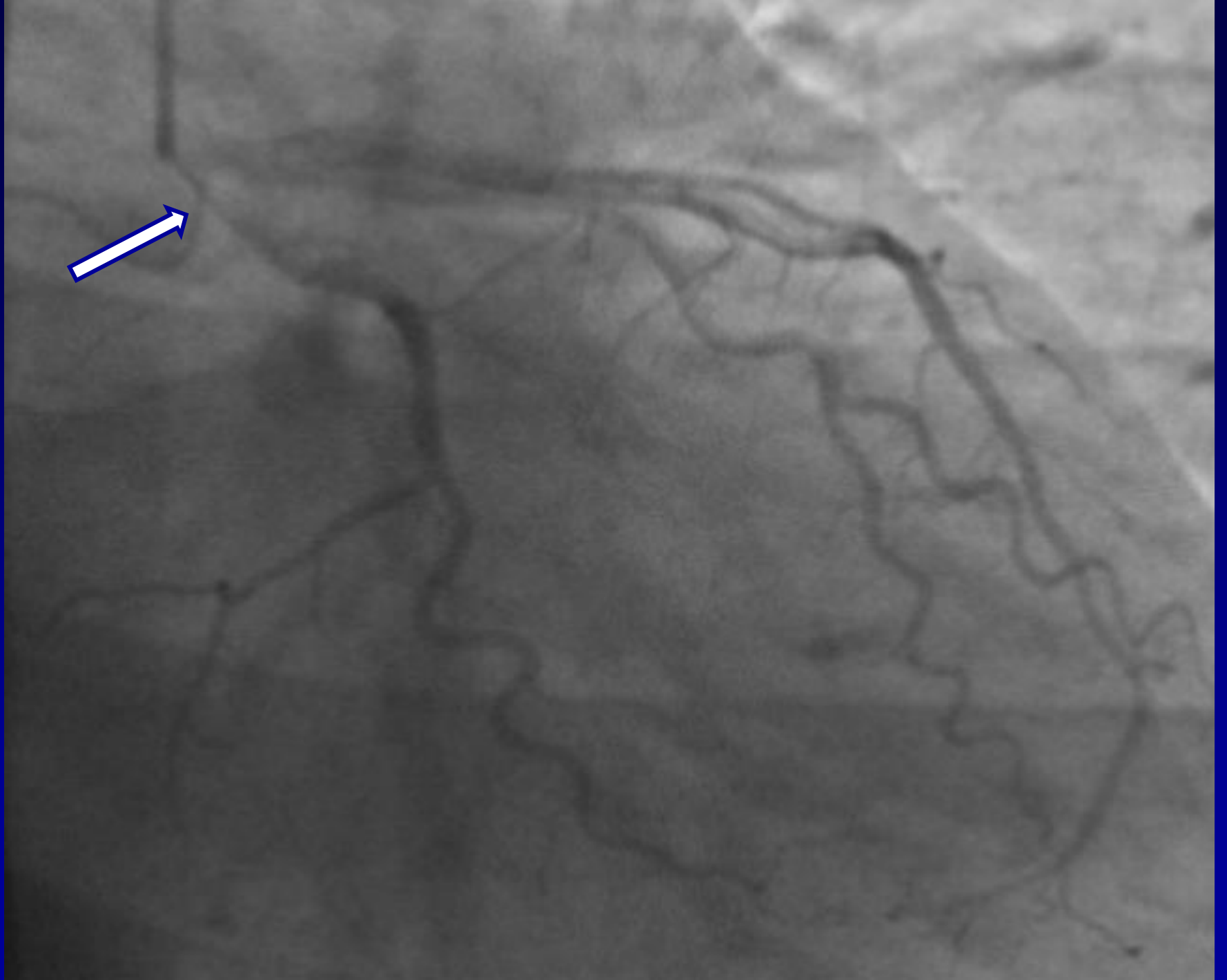


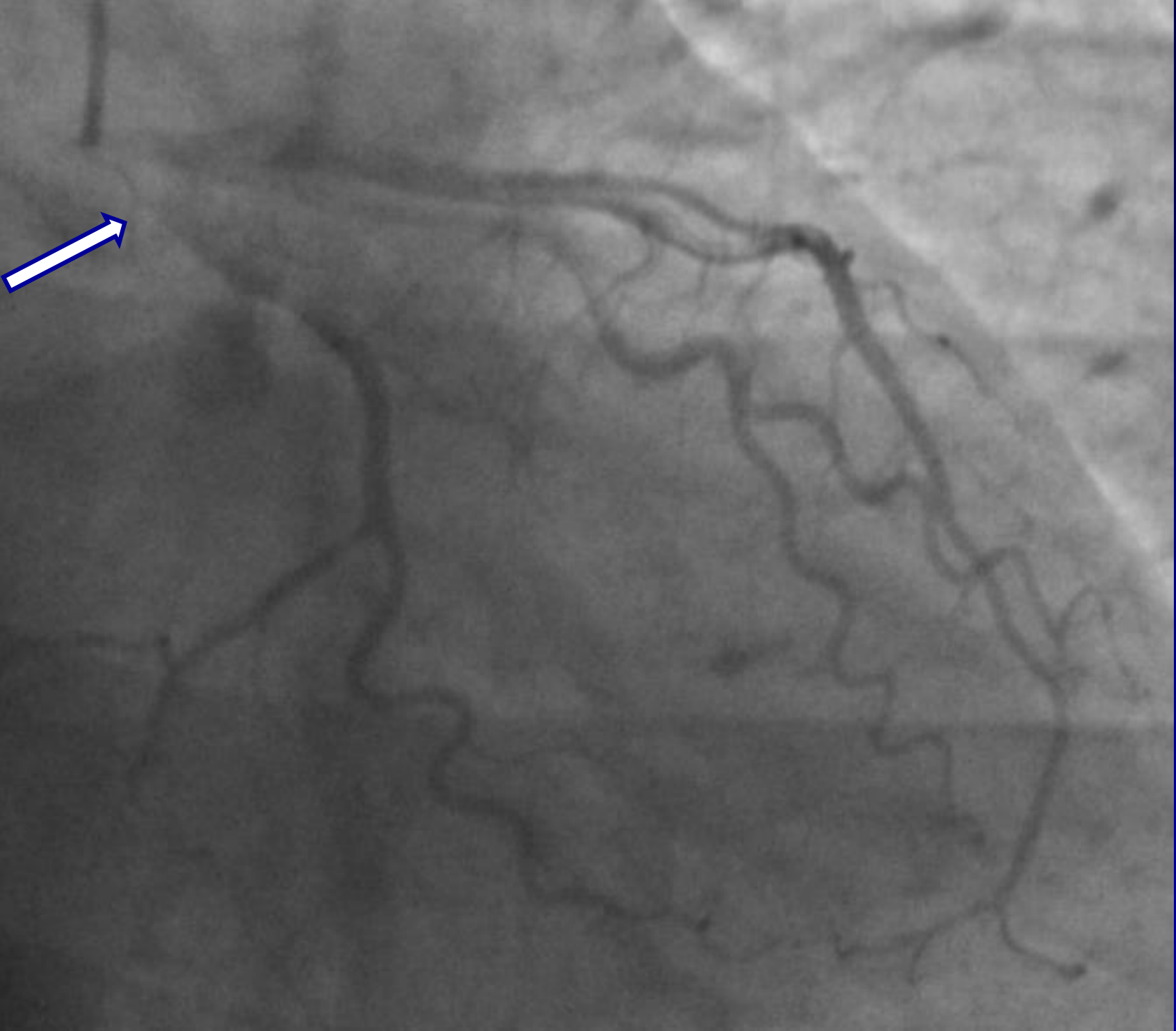


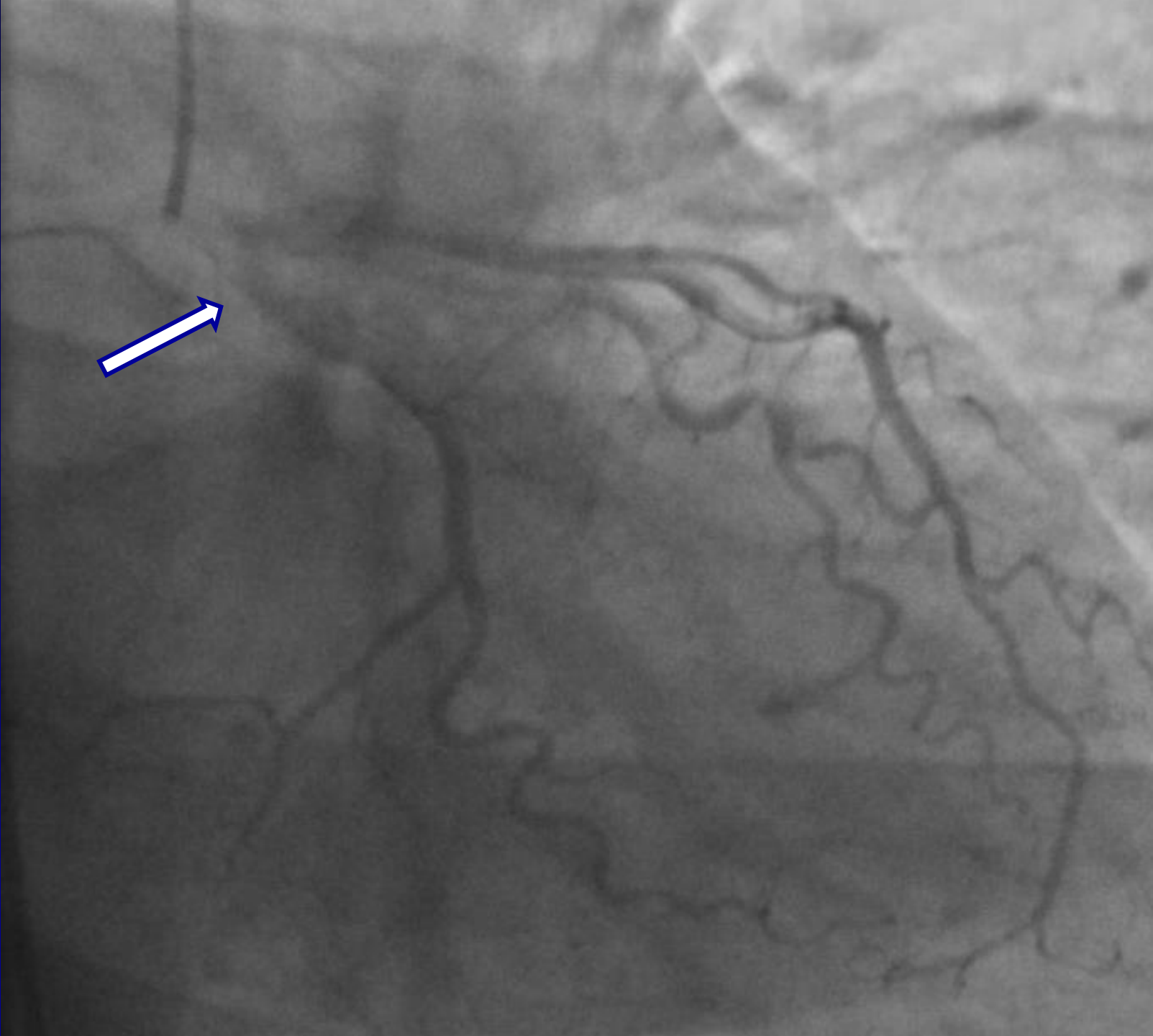


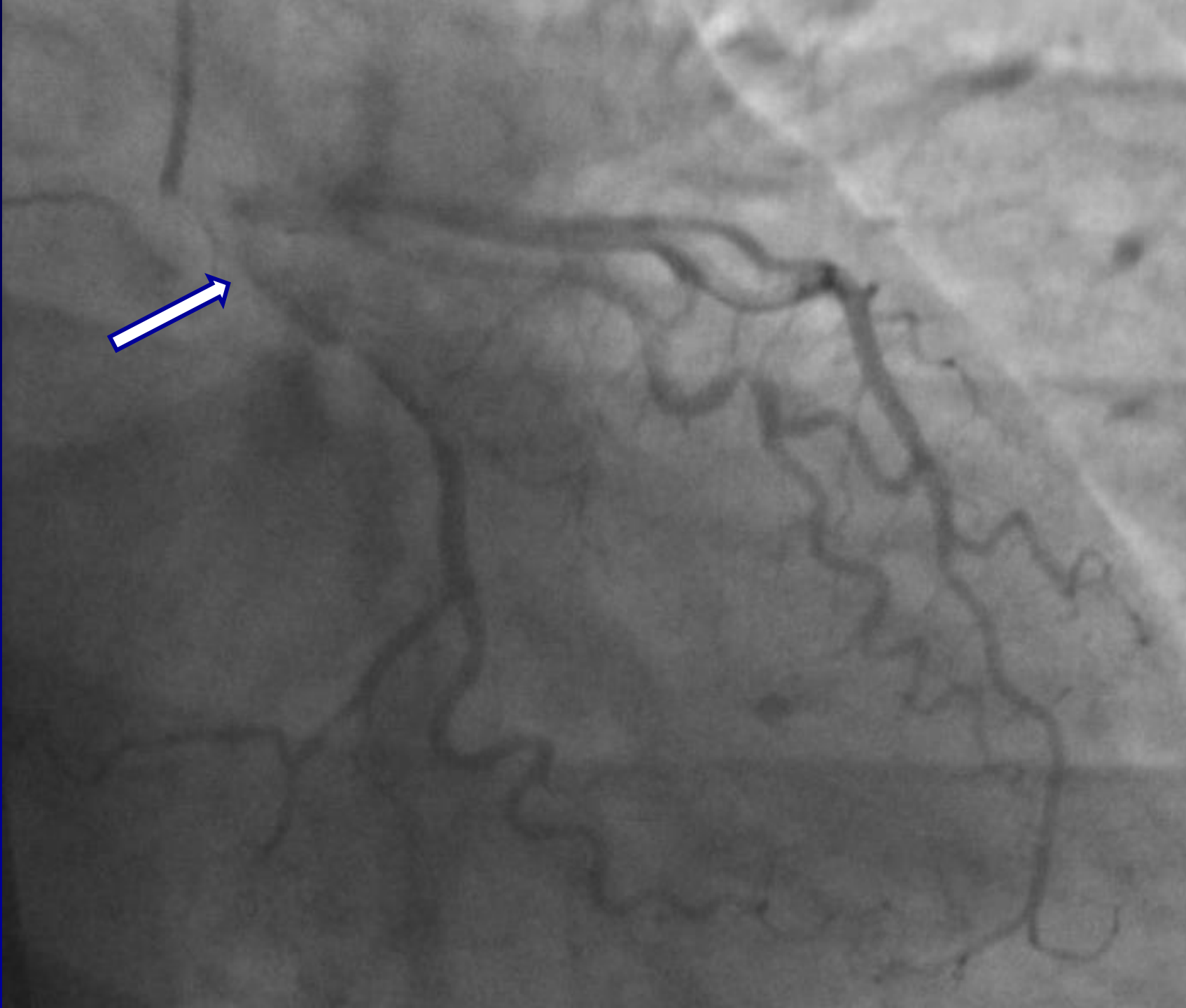




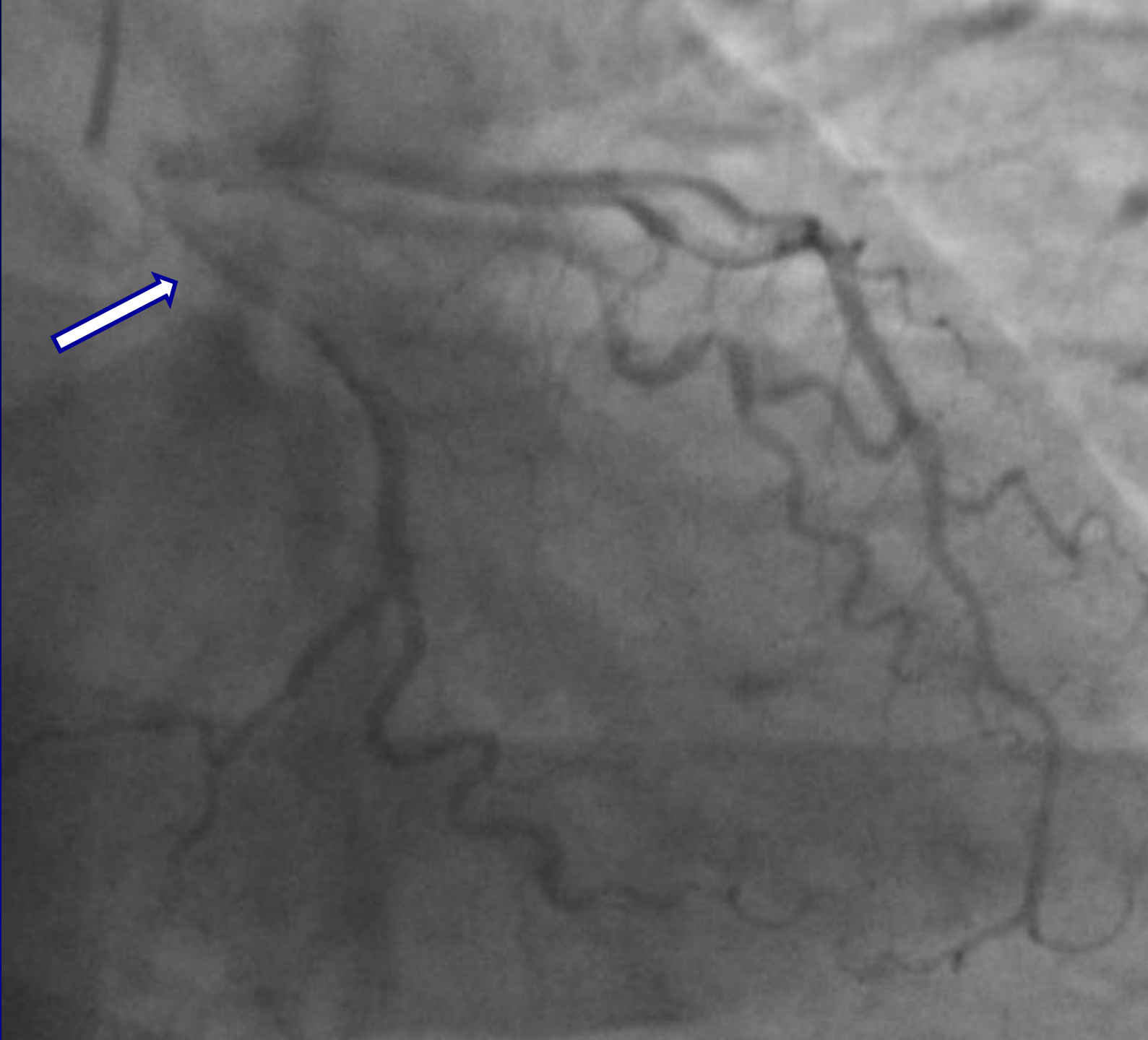


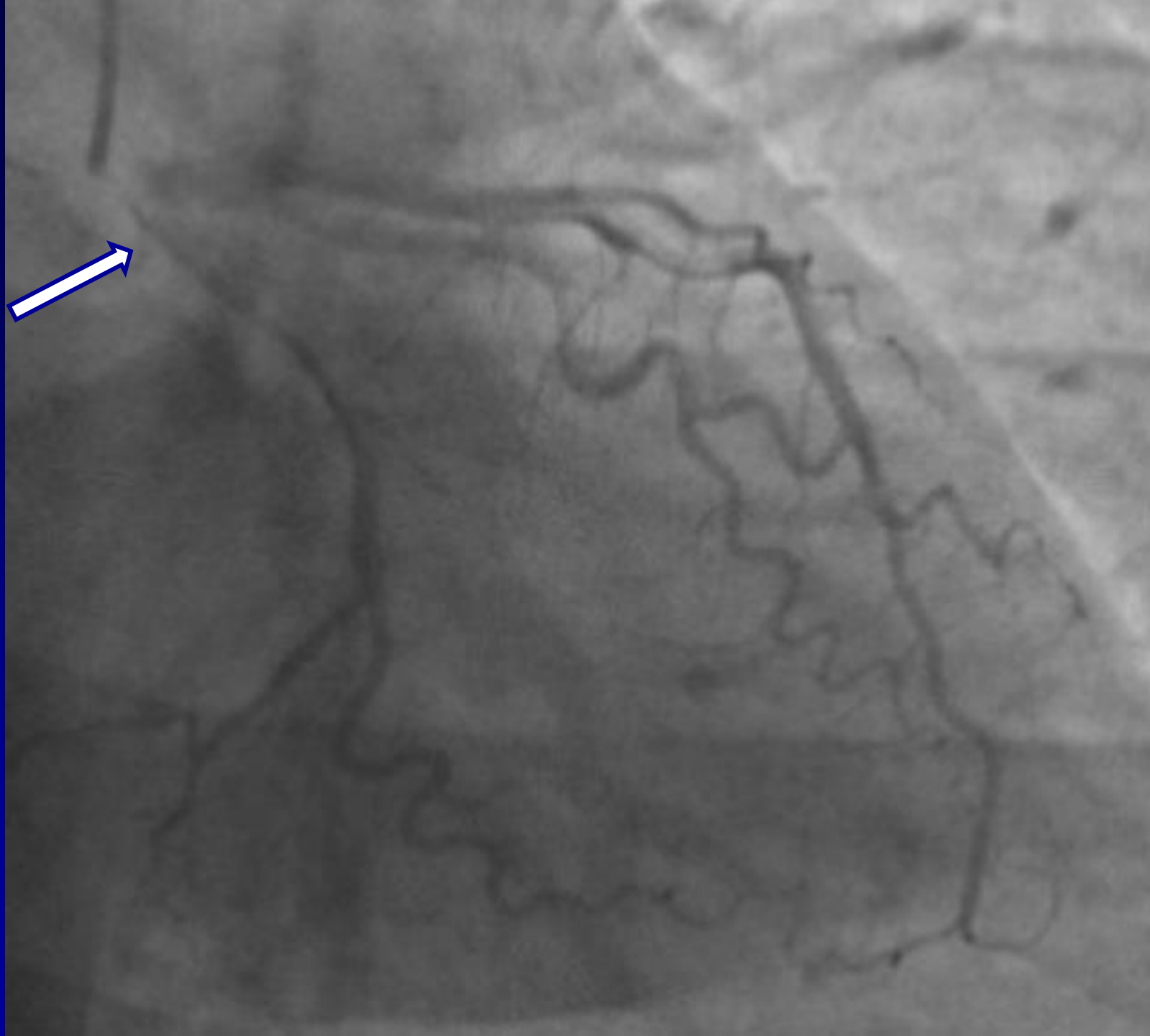




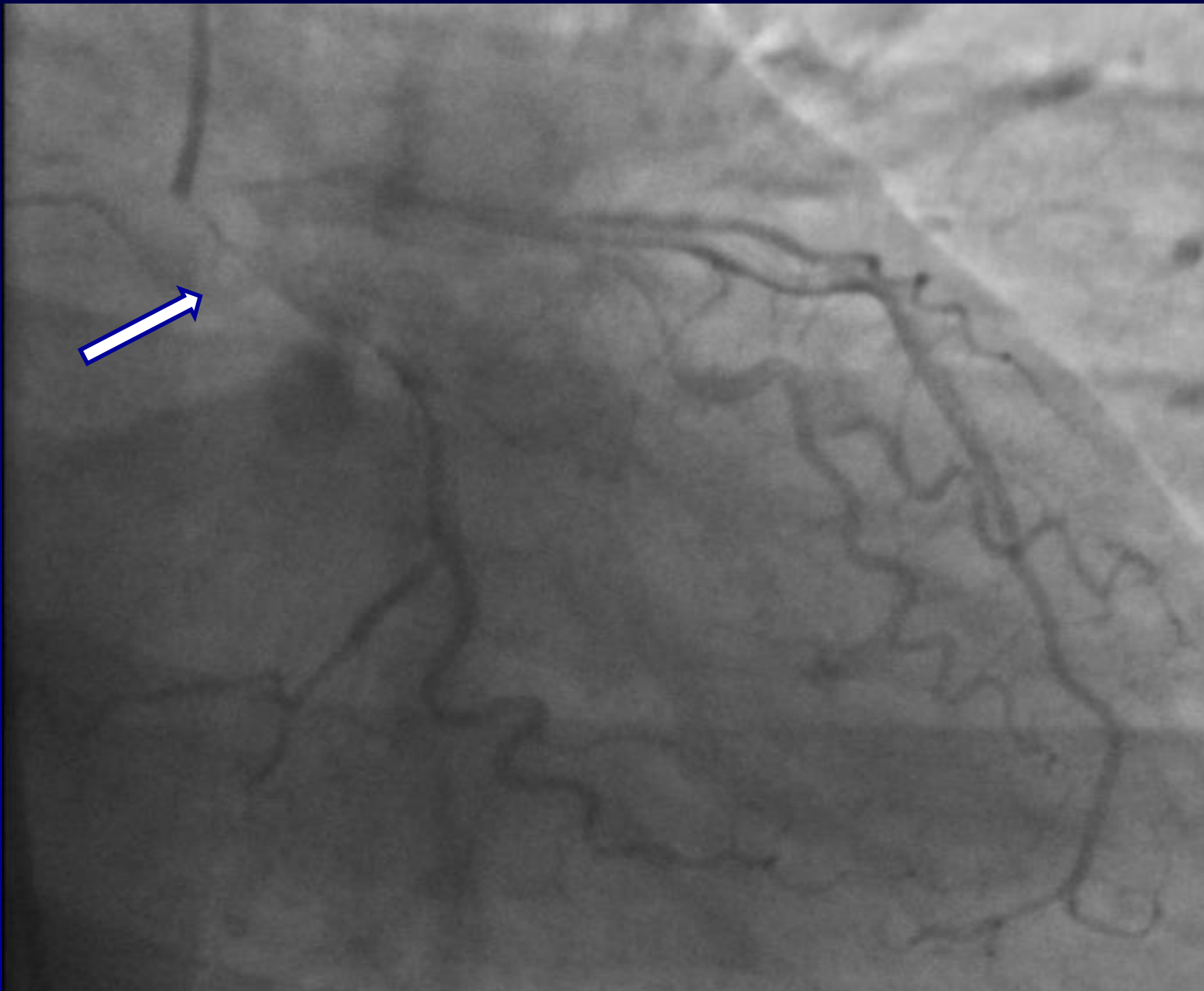


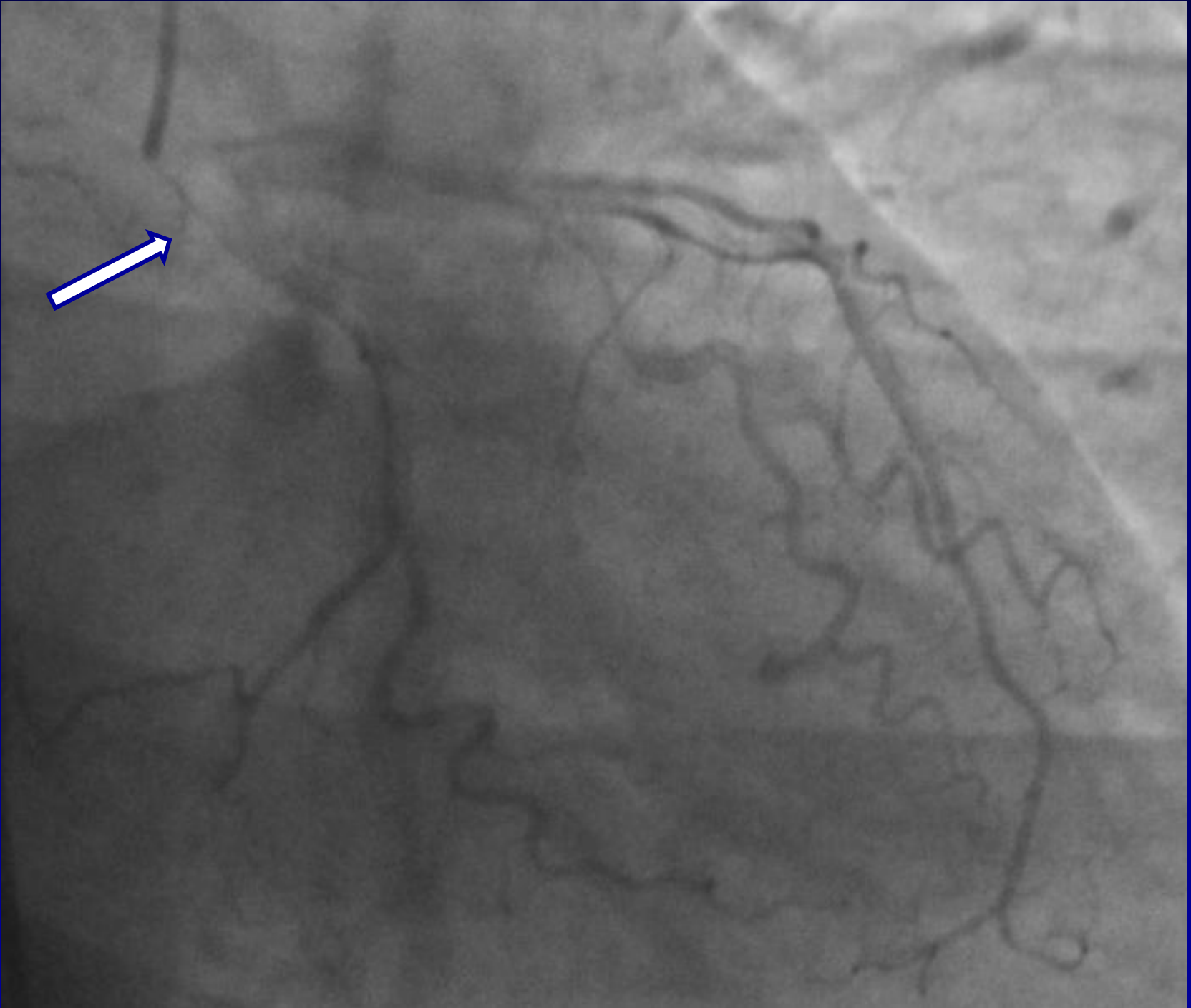


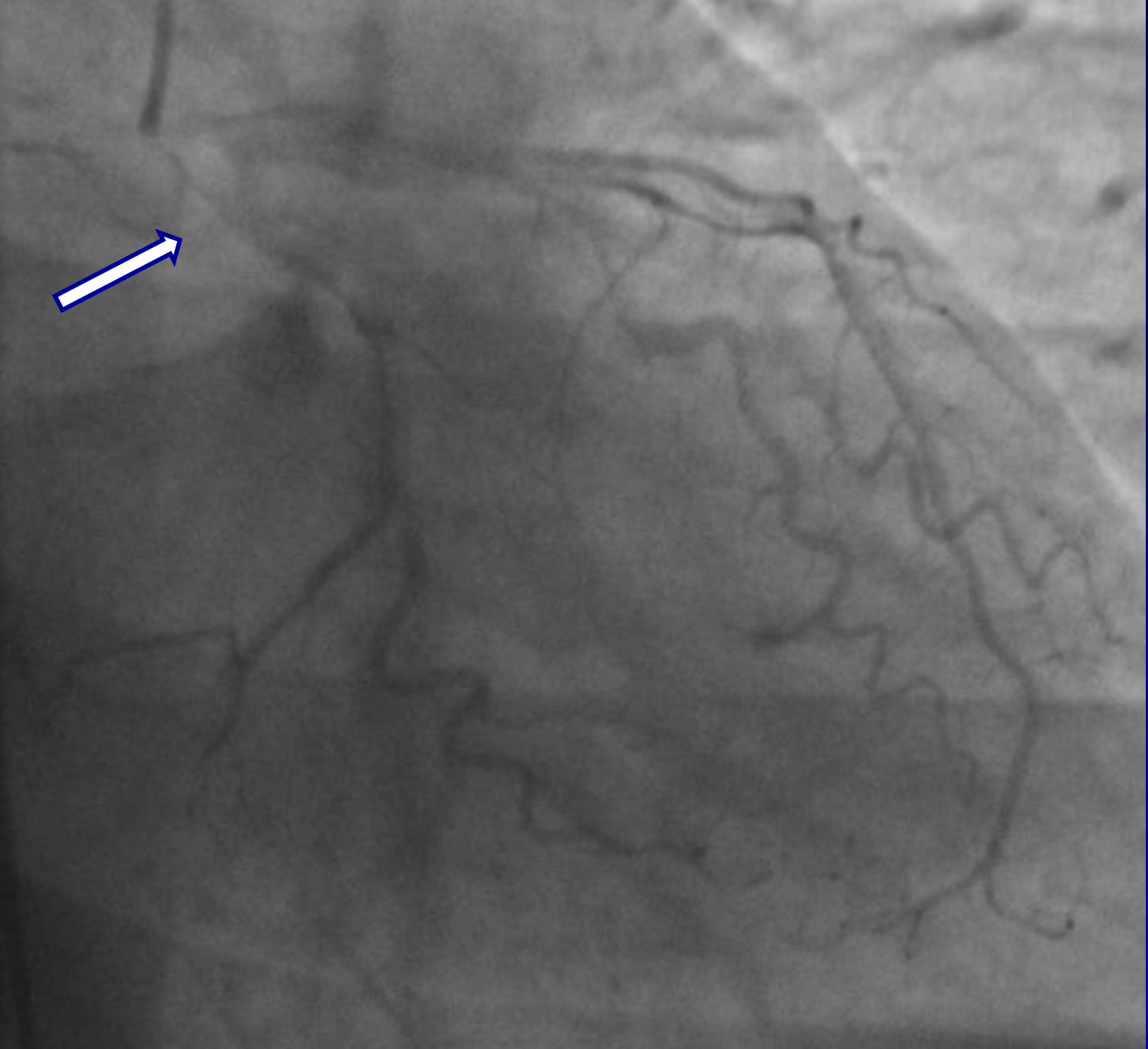


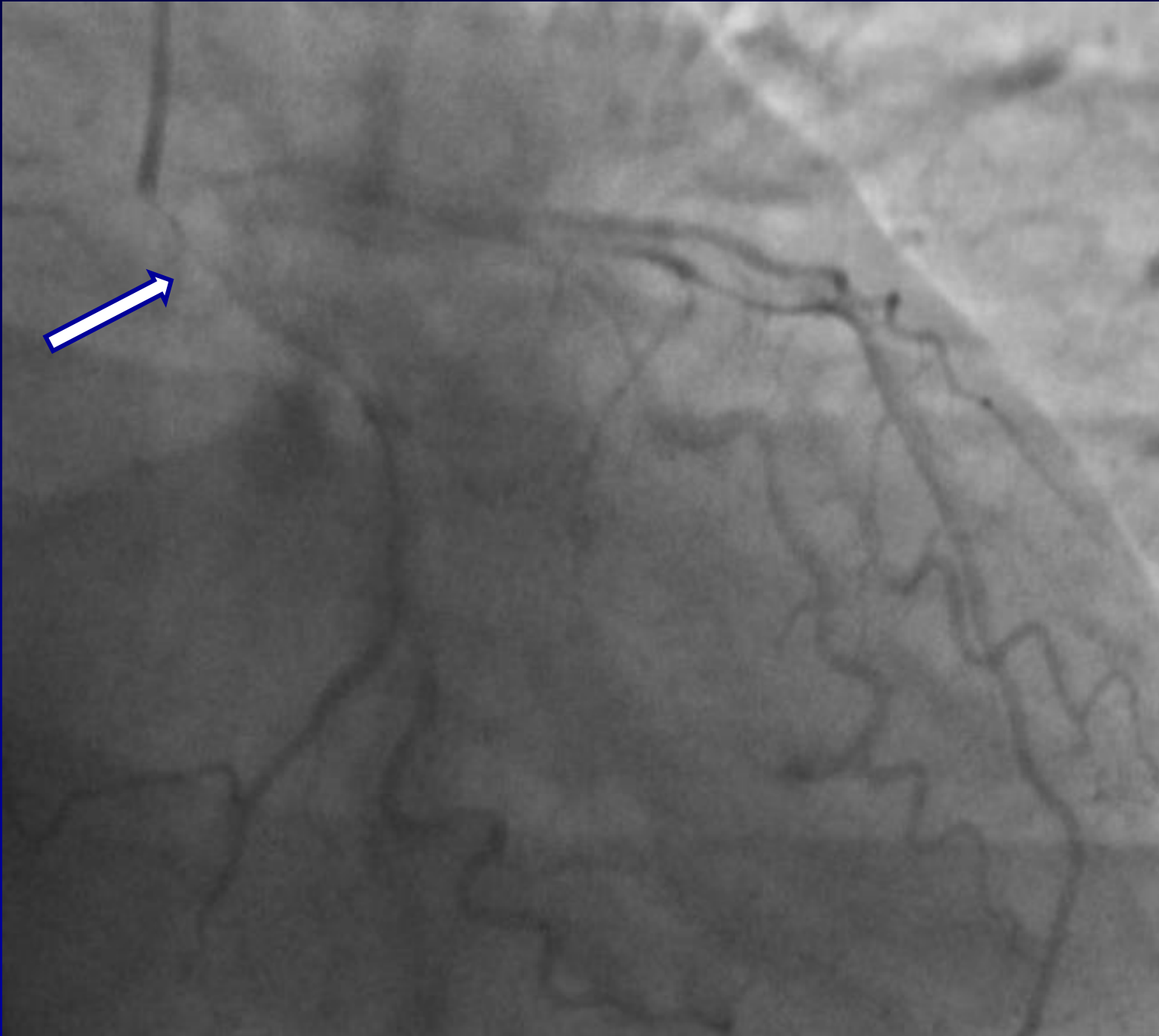


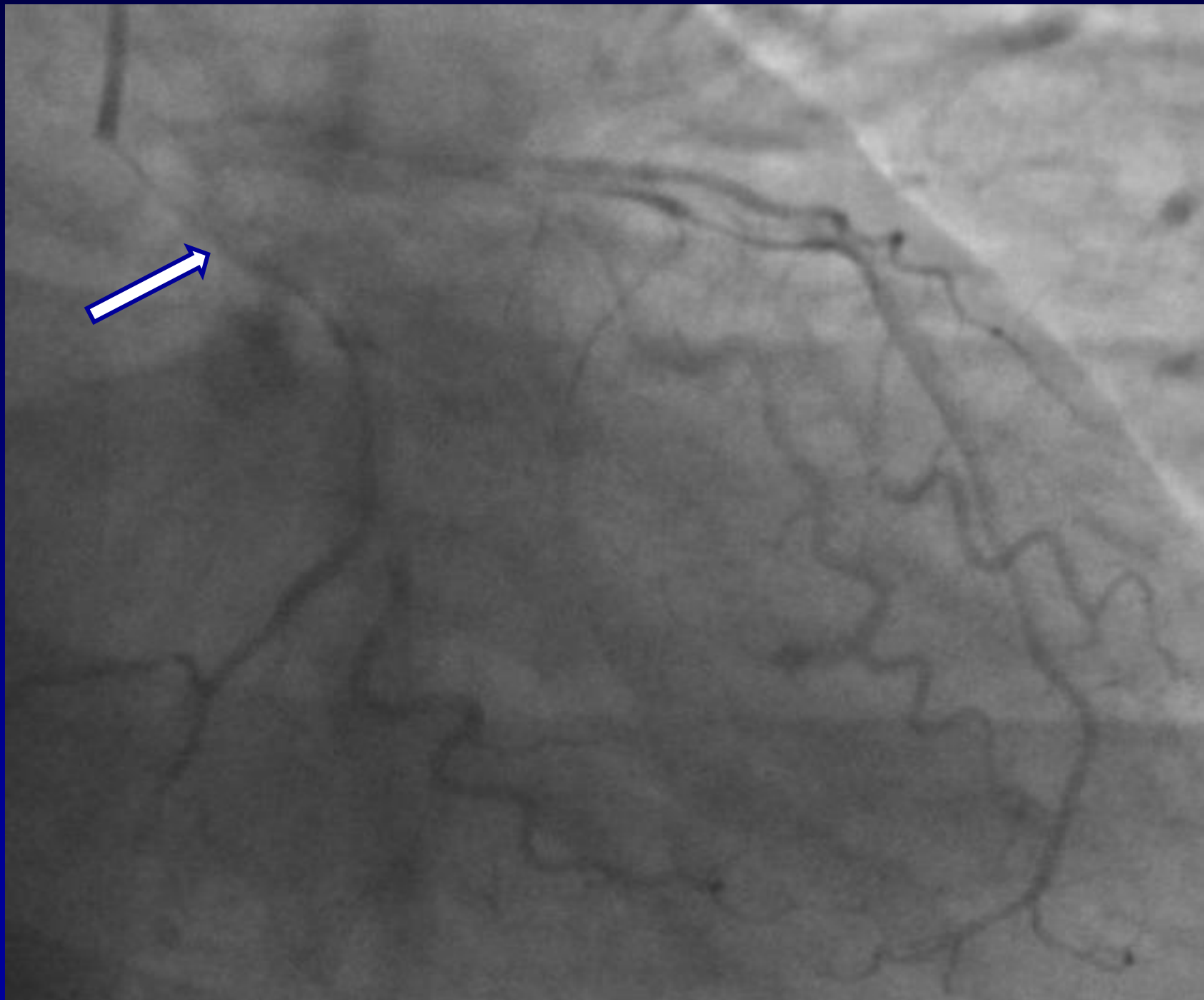




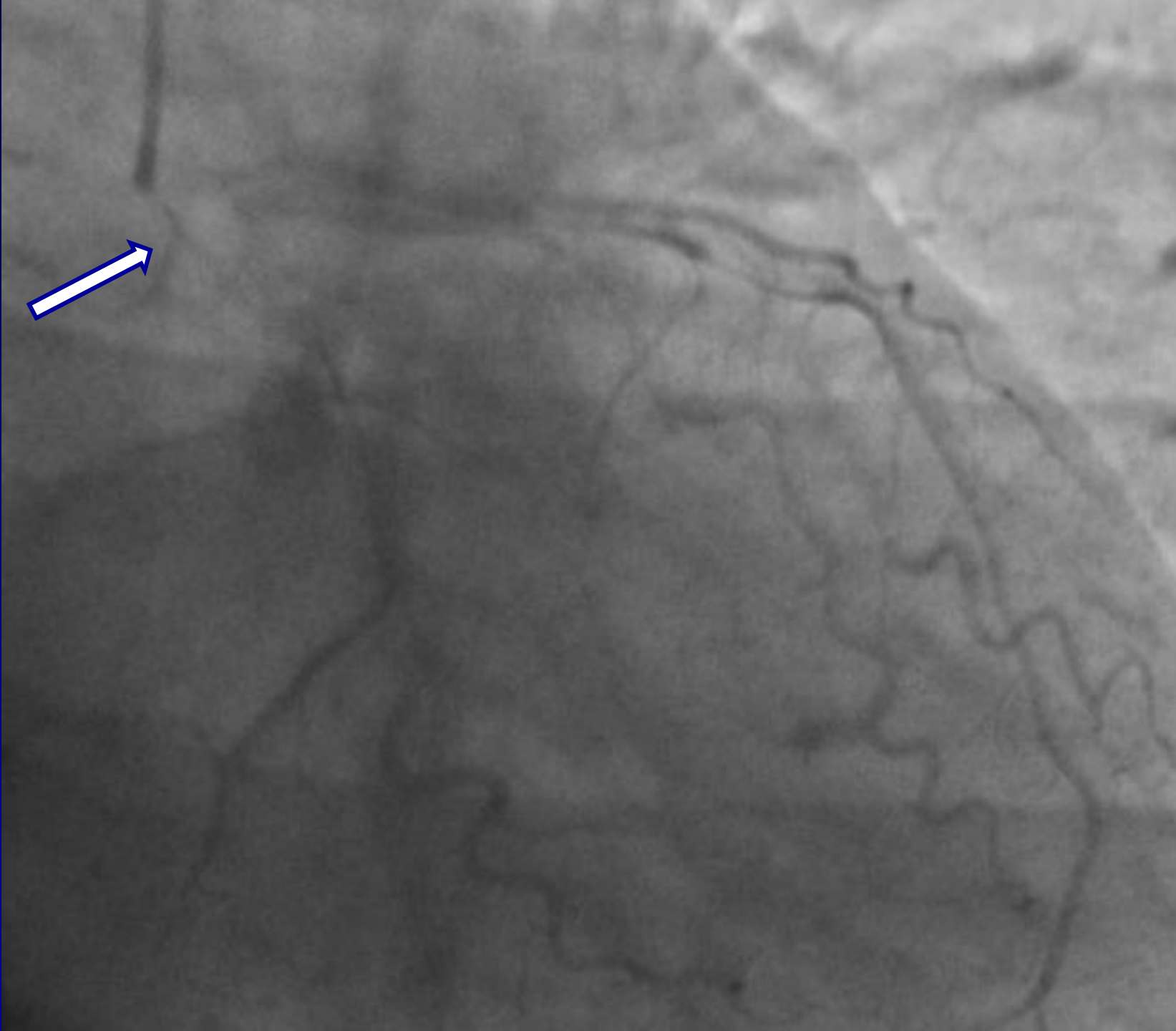


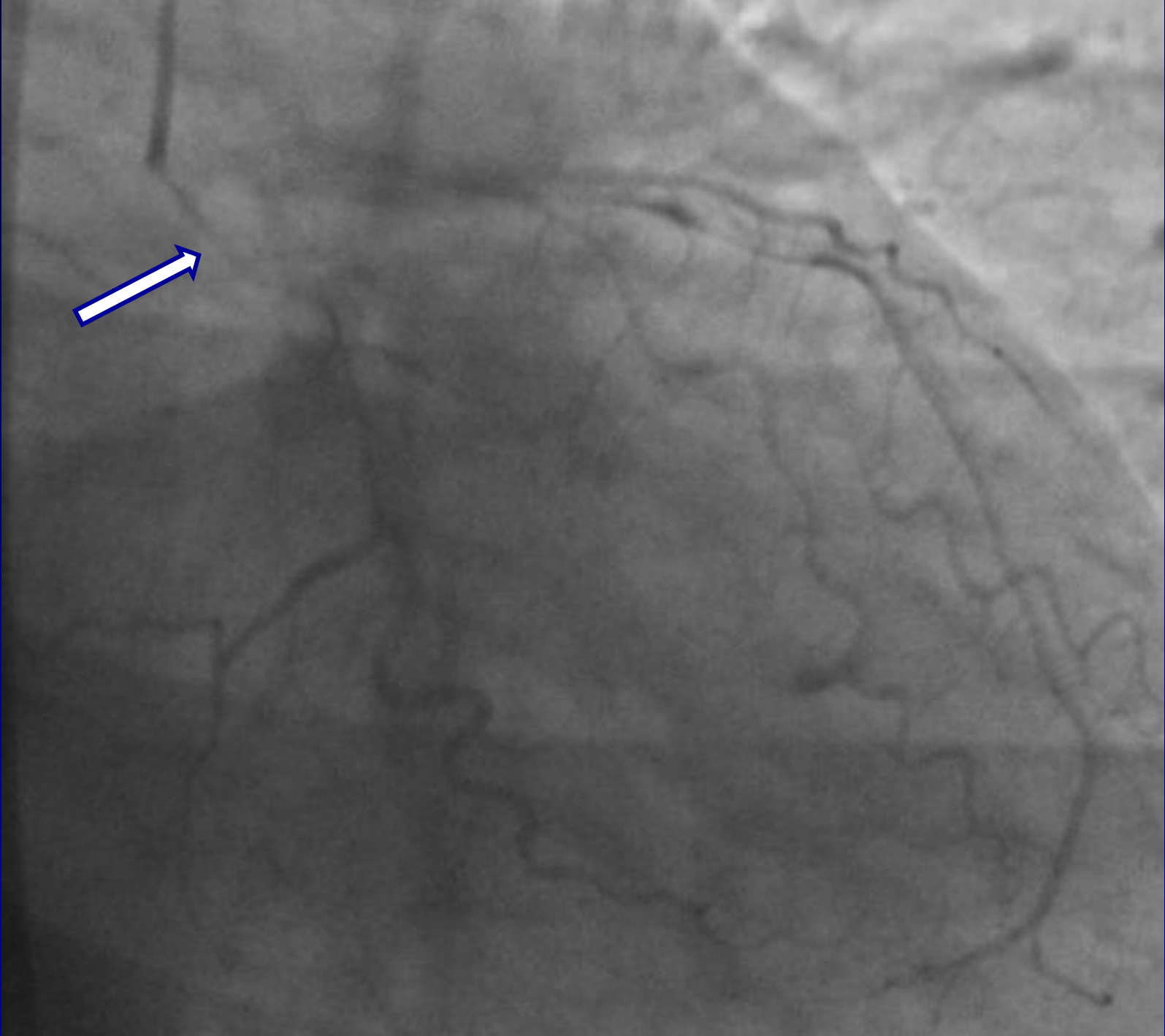


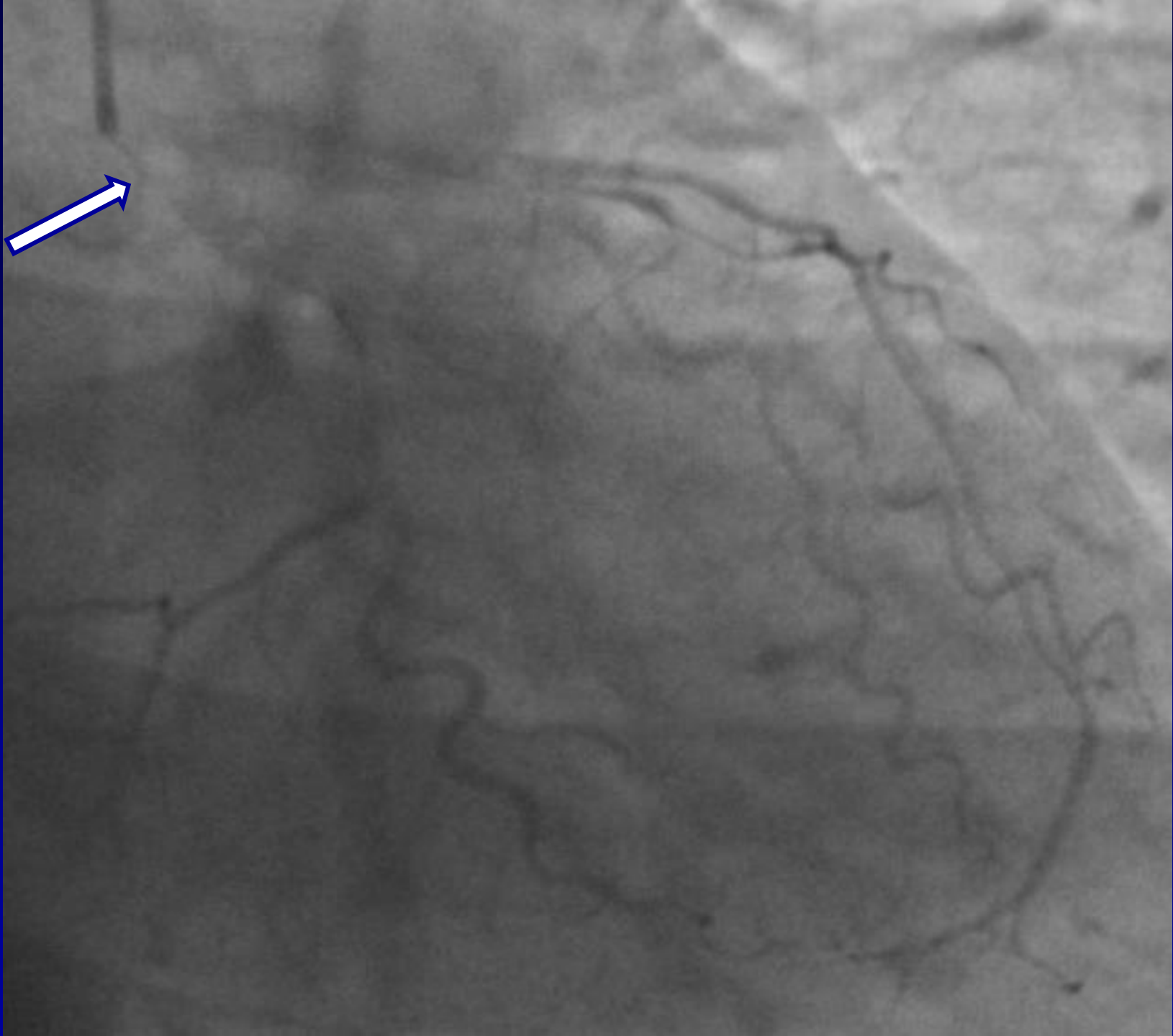








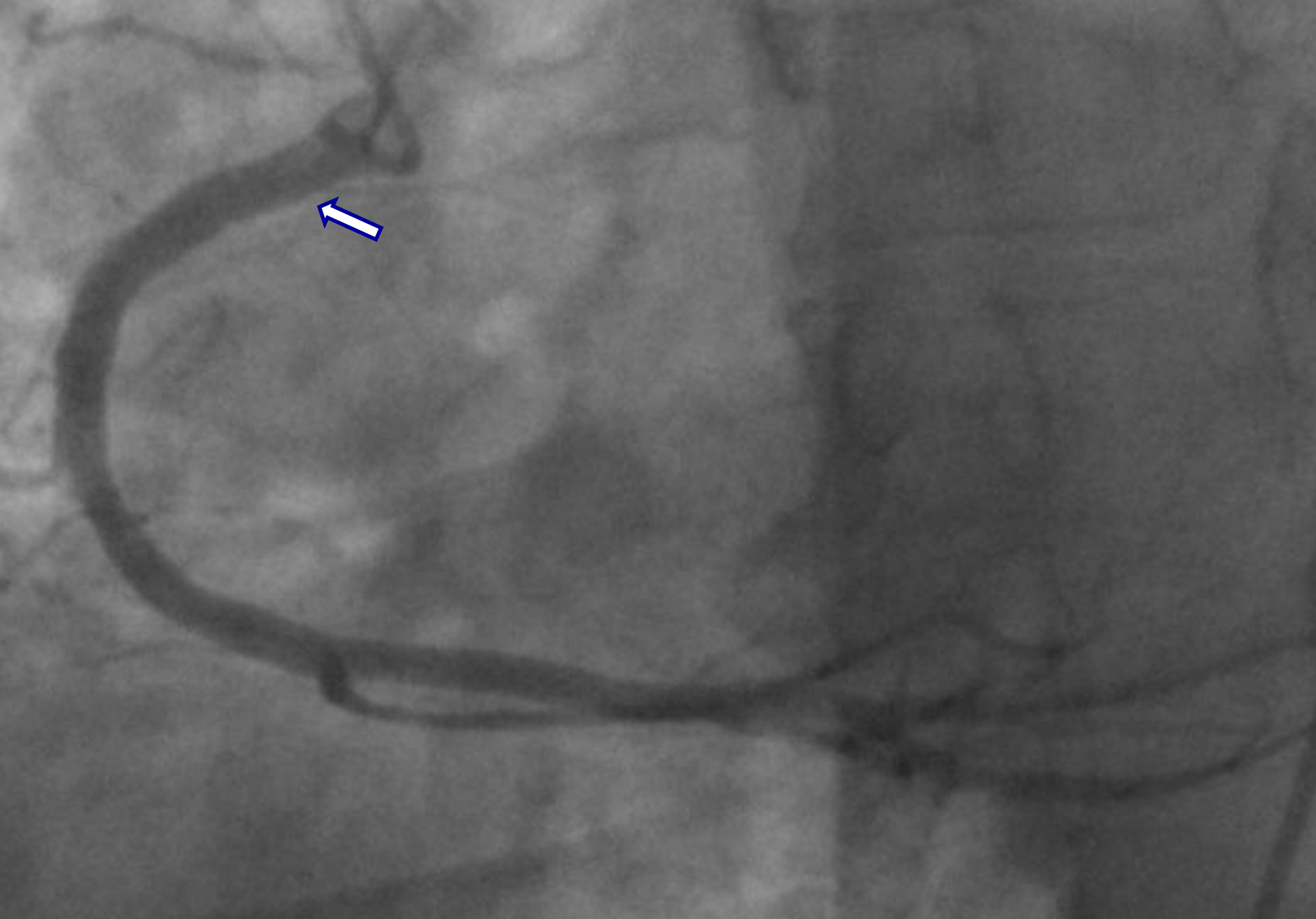


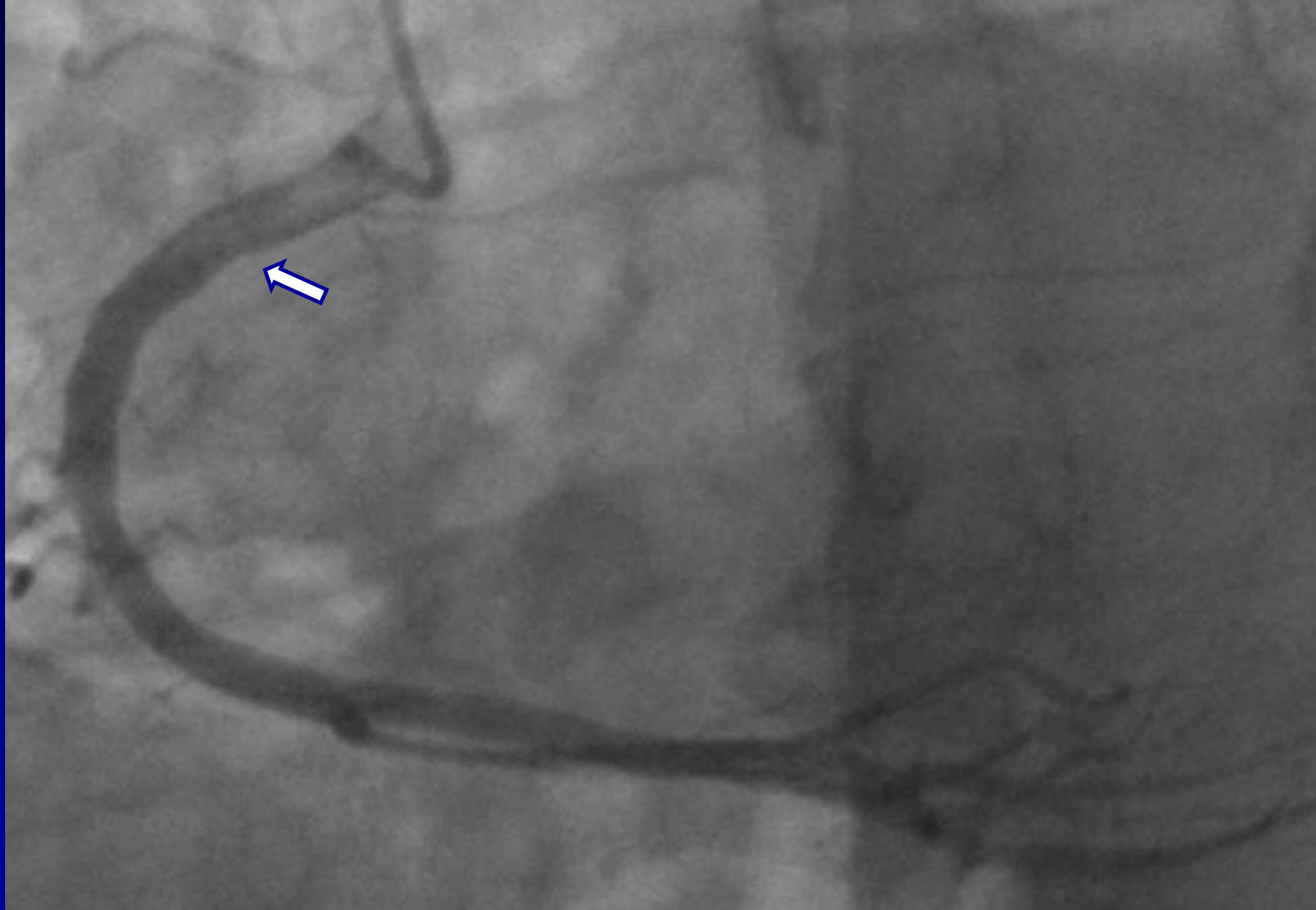


## **Background 2**

**Abnormal flow dynamic = Presence of  
coronary plaque**

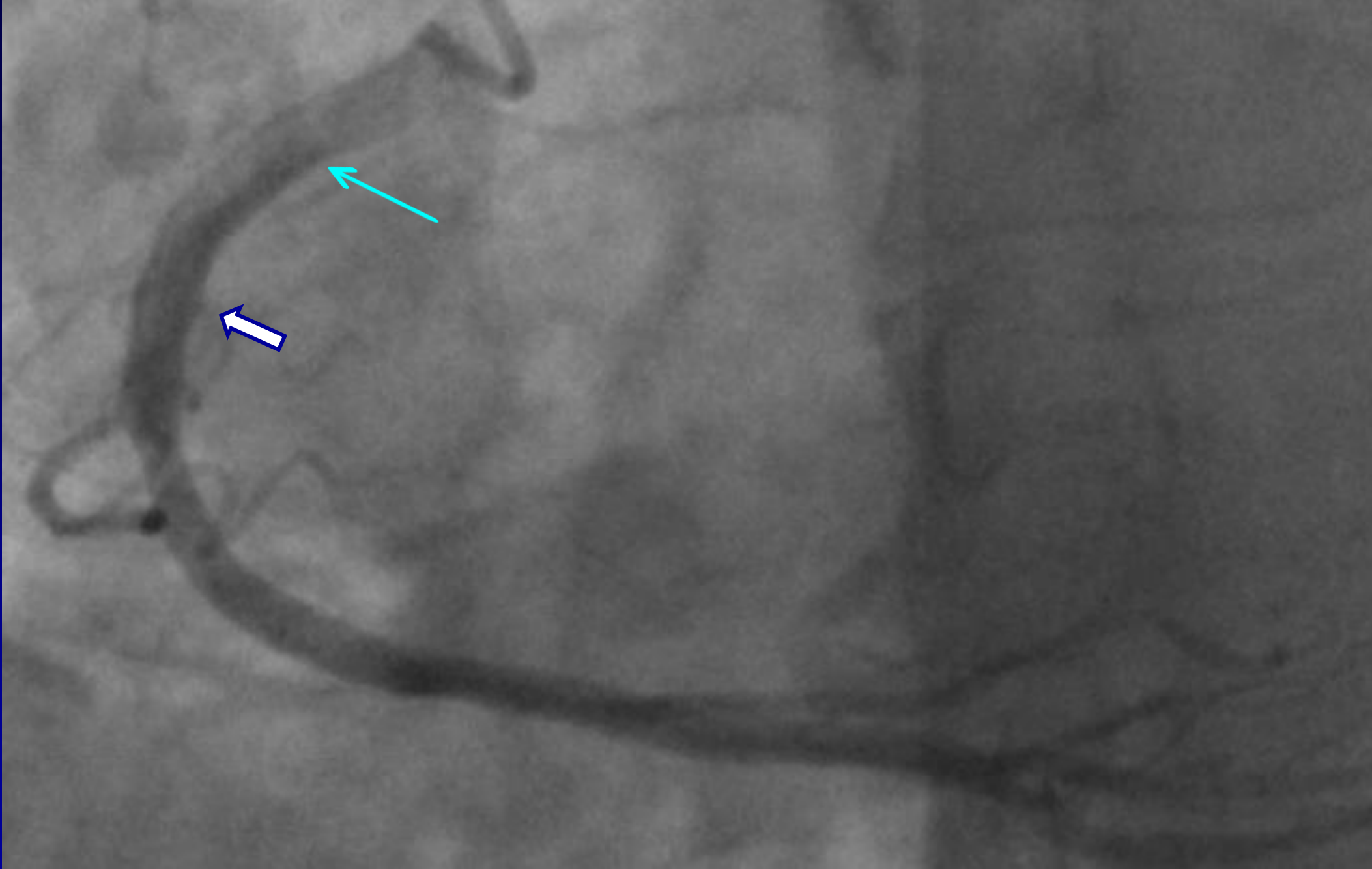


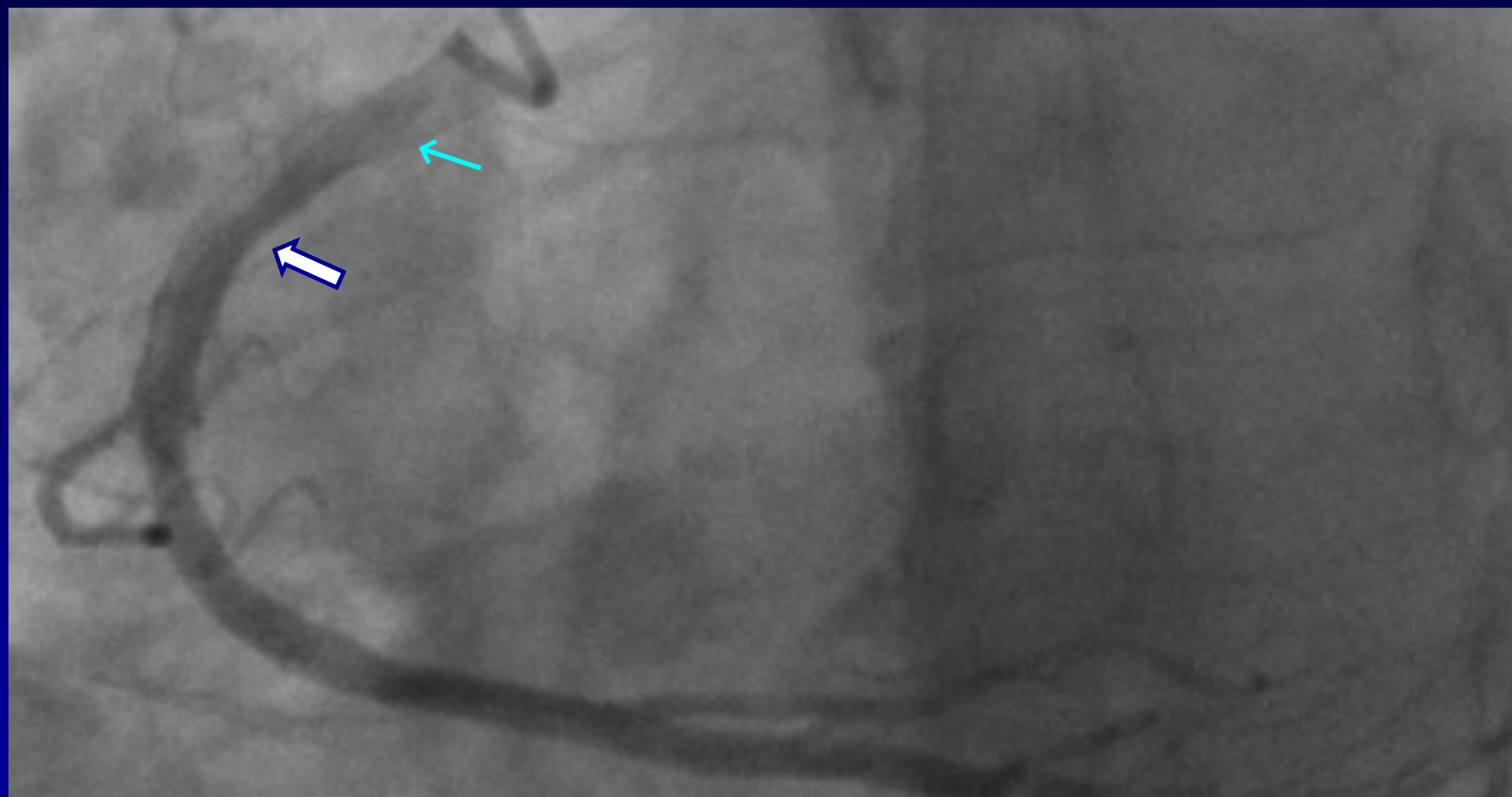


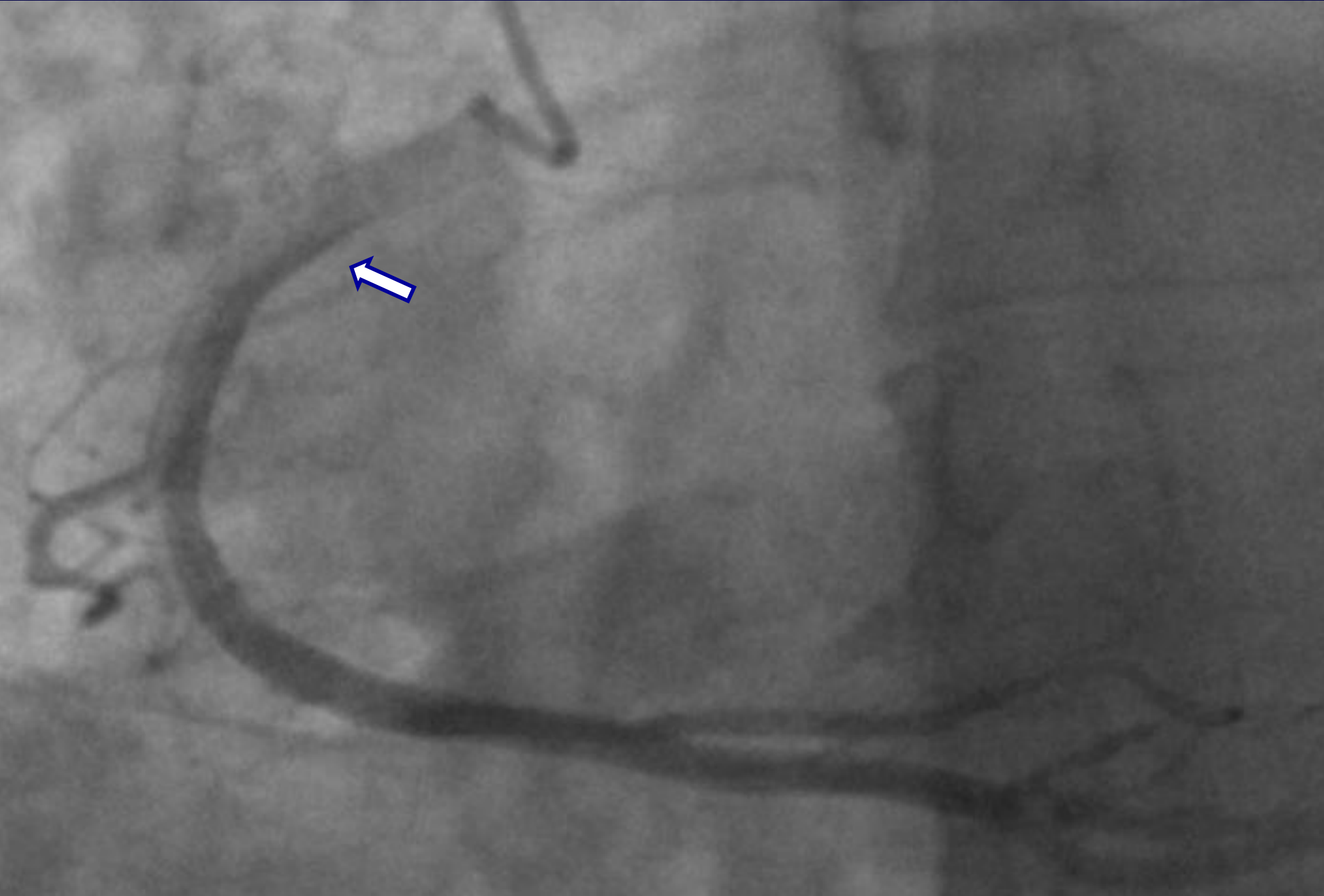




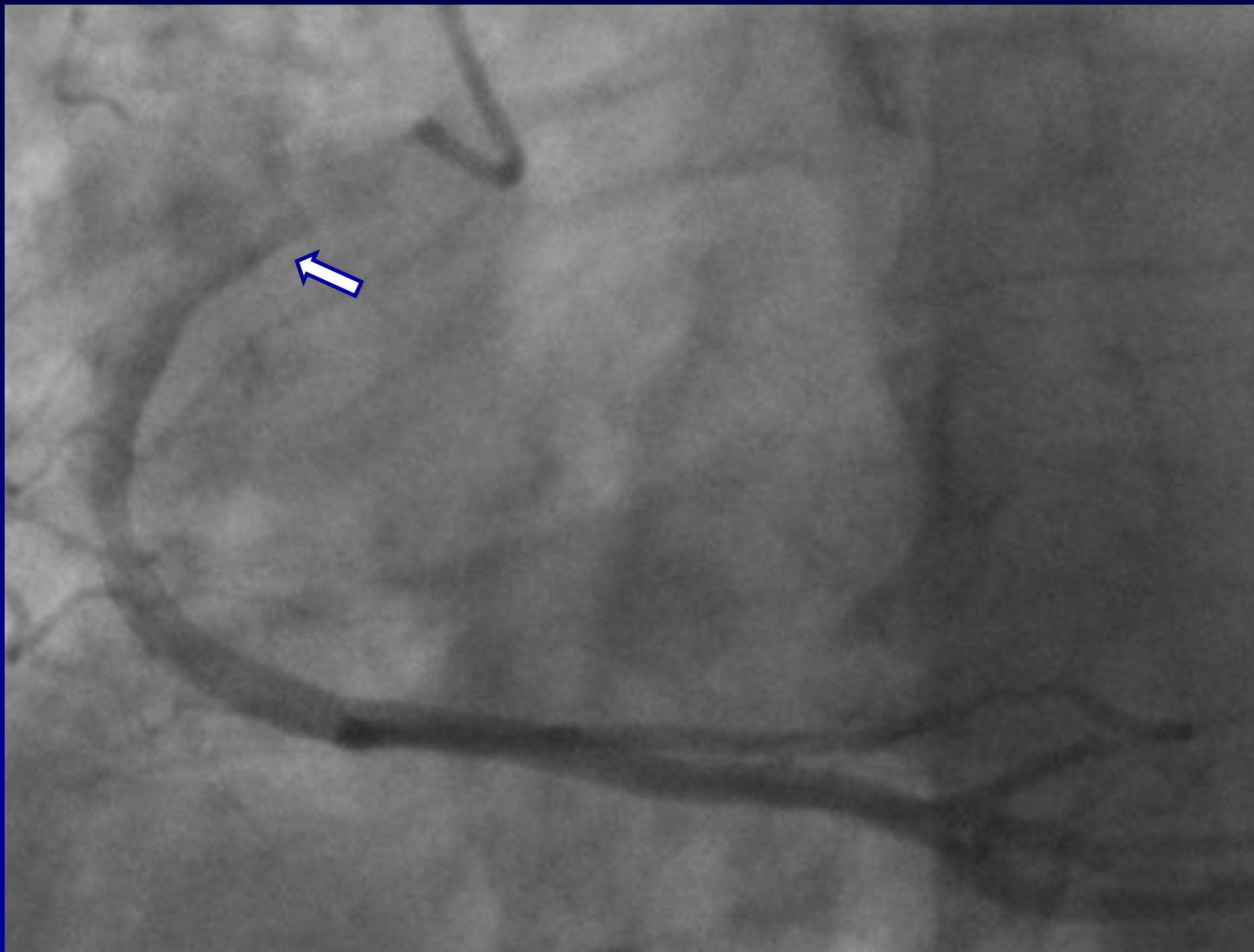


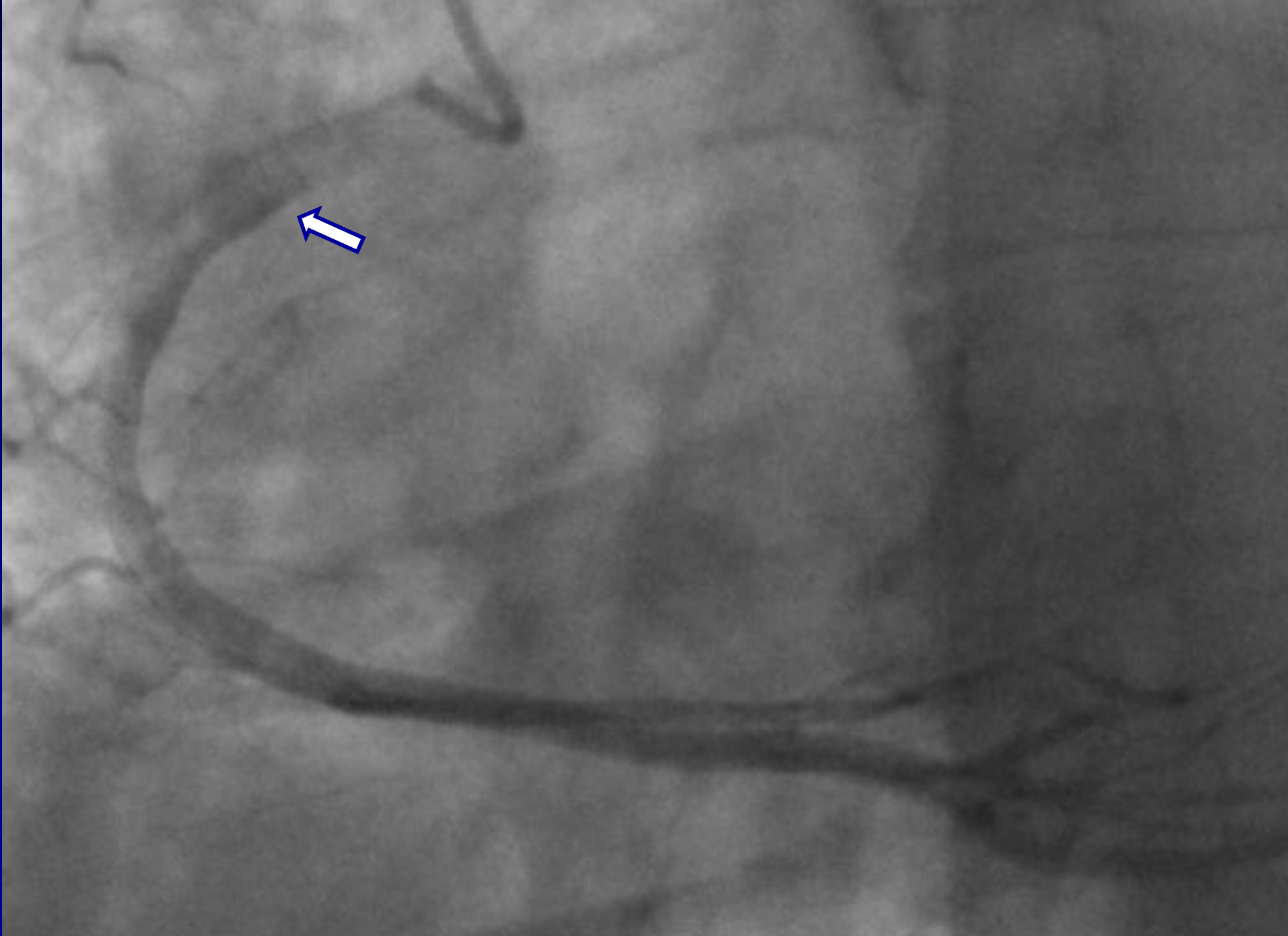




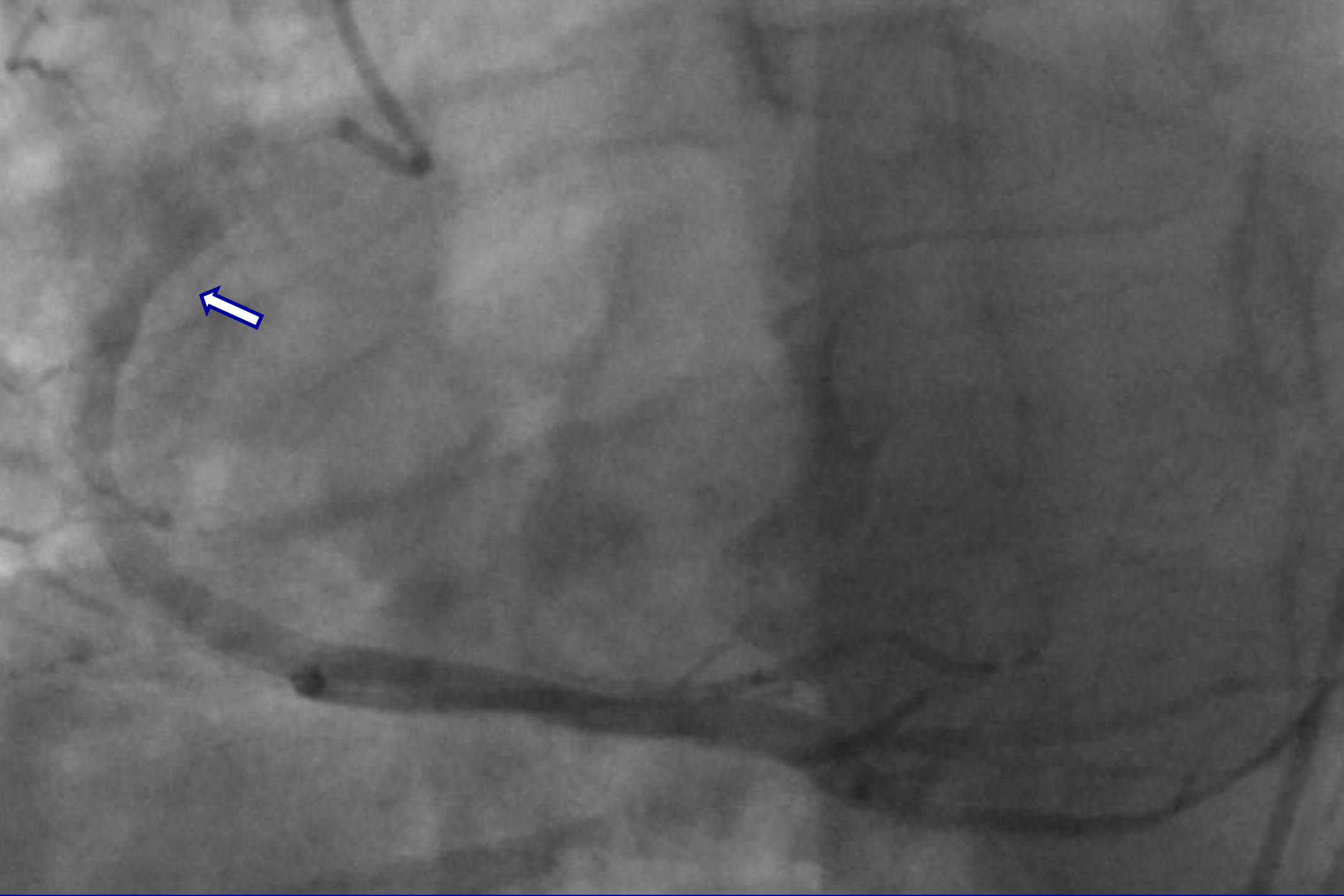




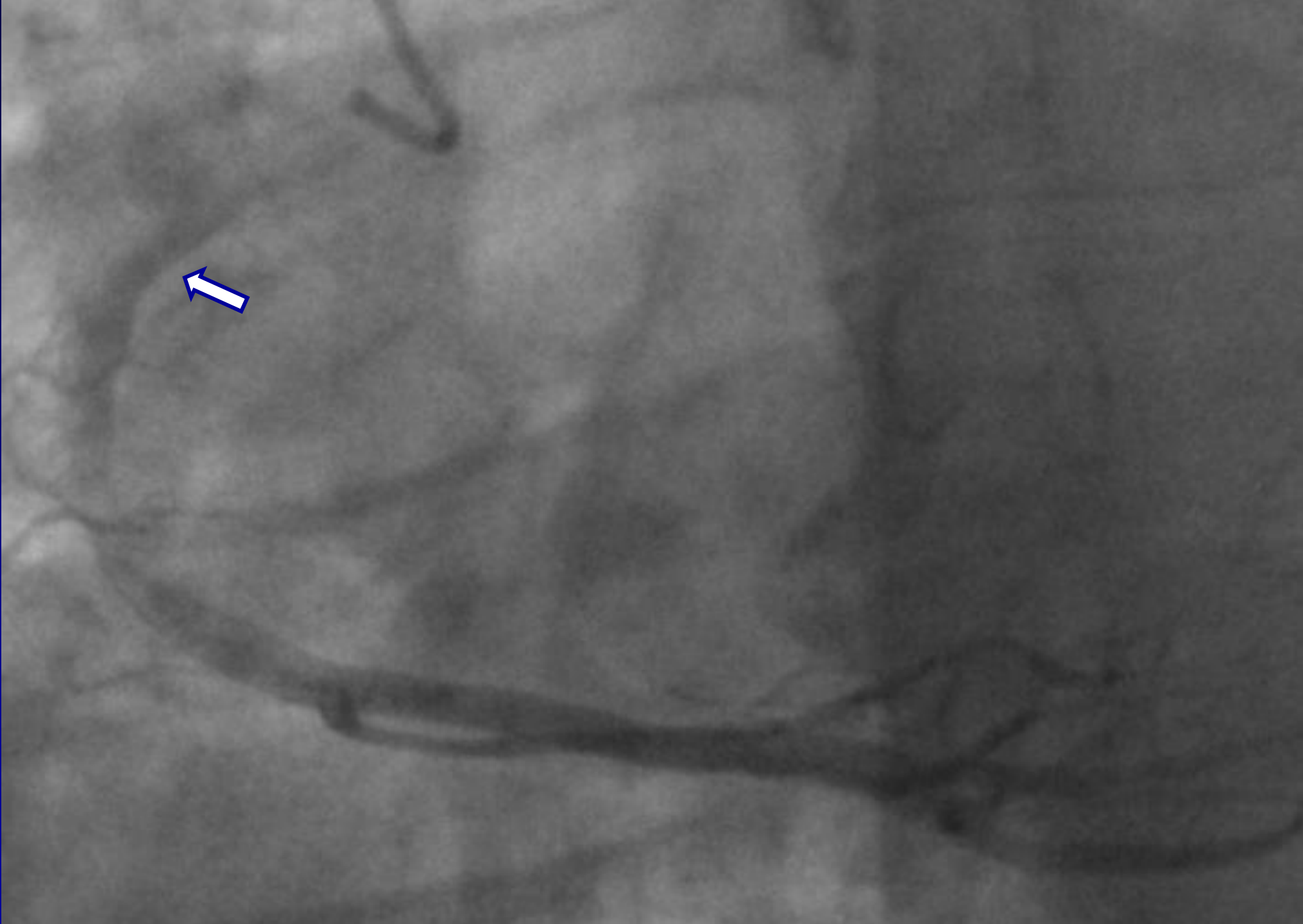


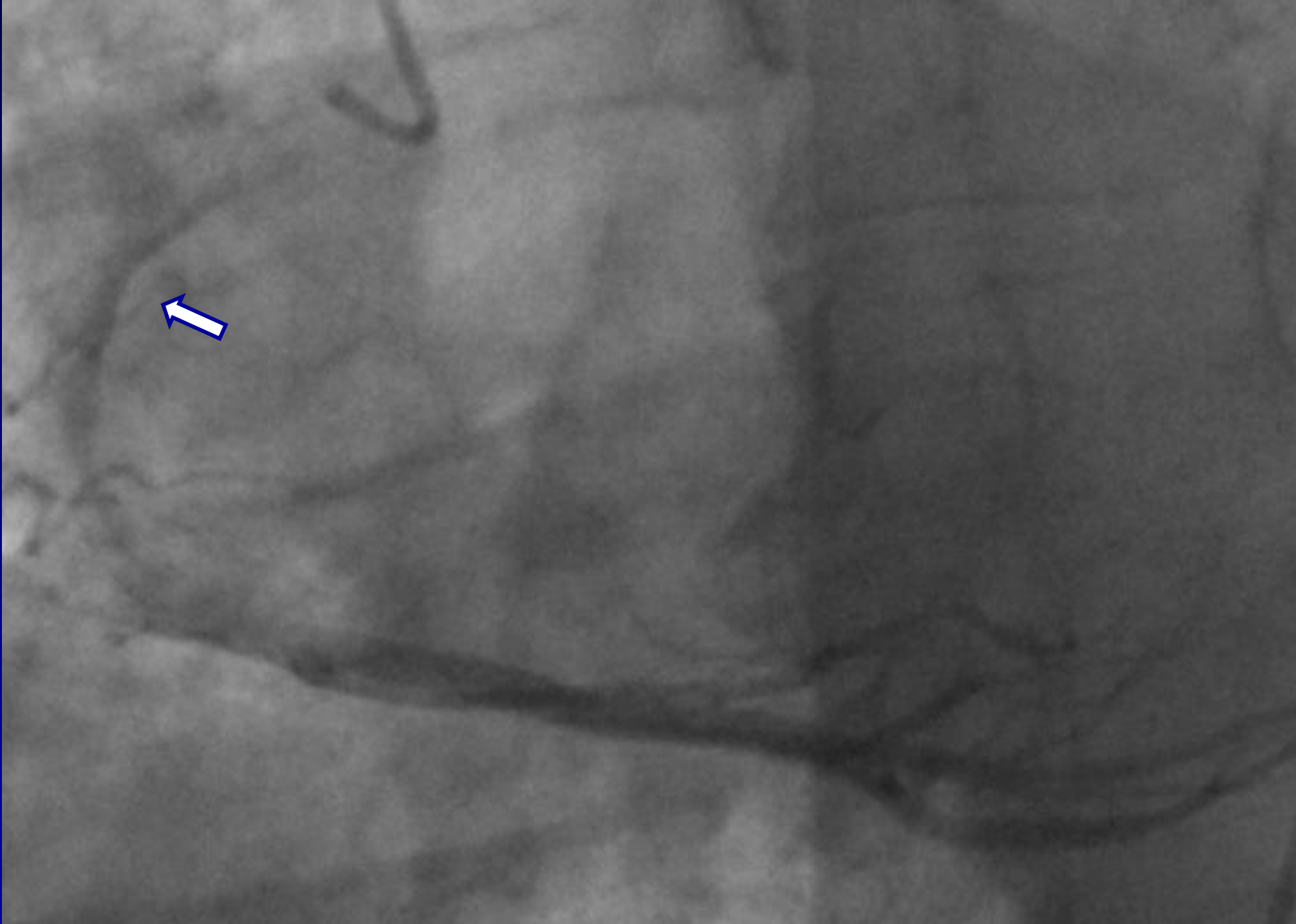


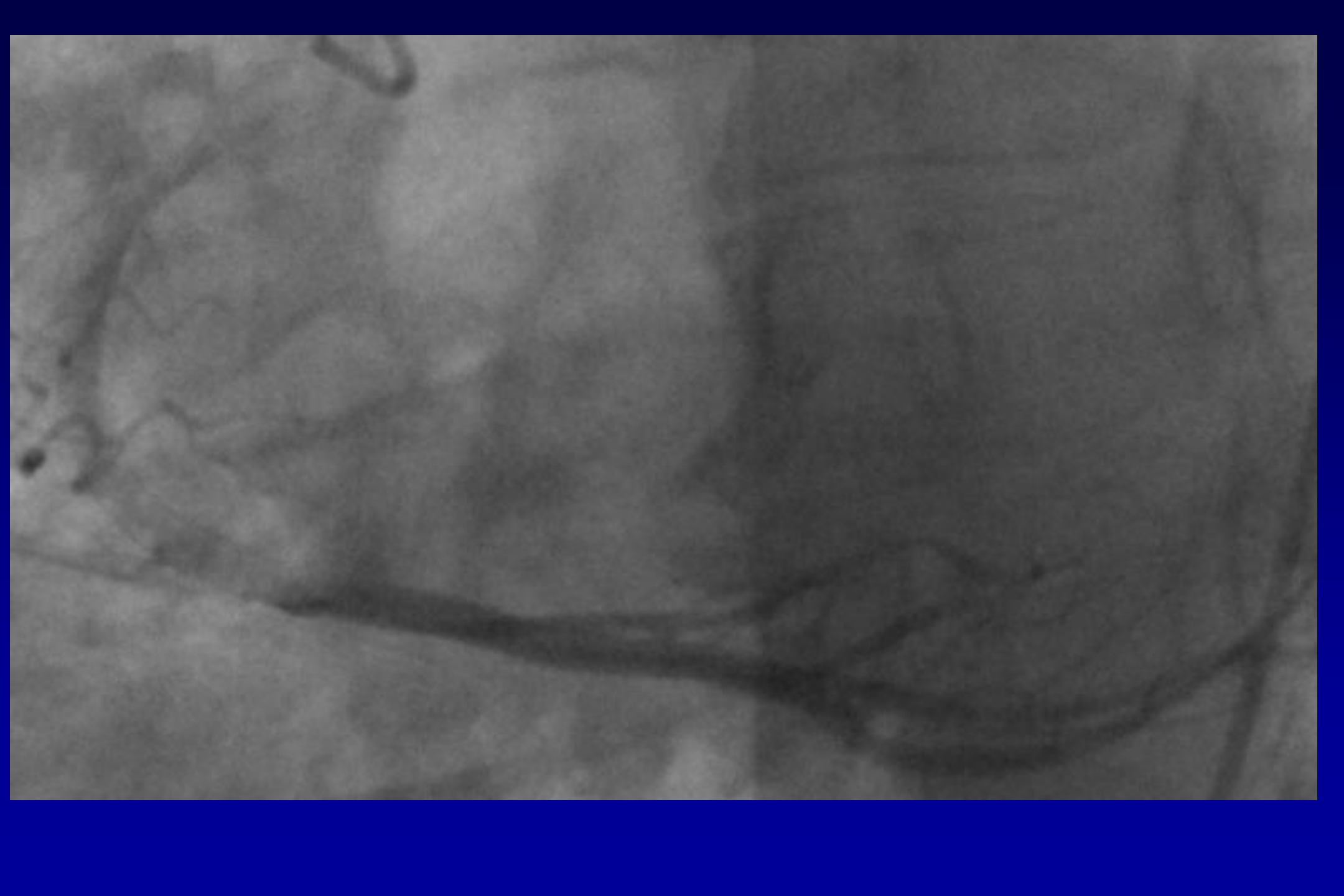
































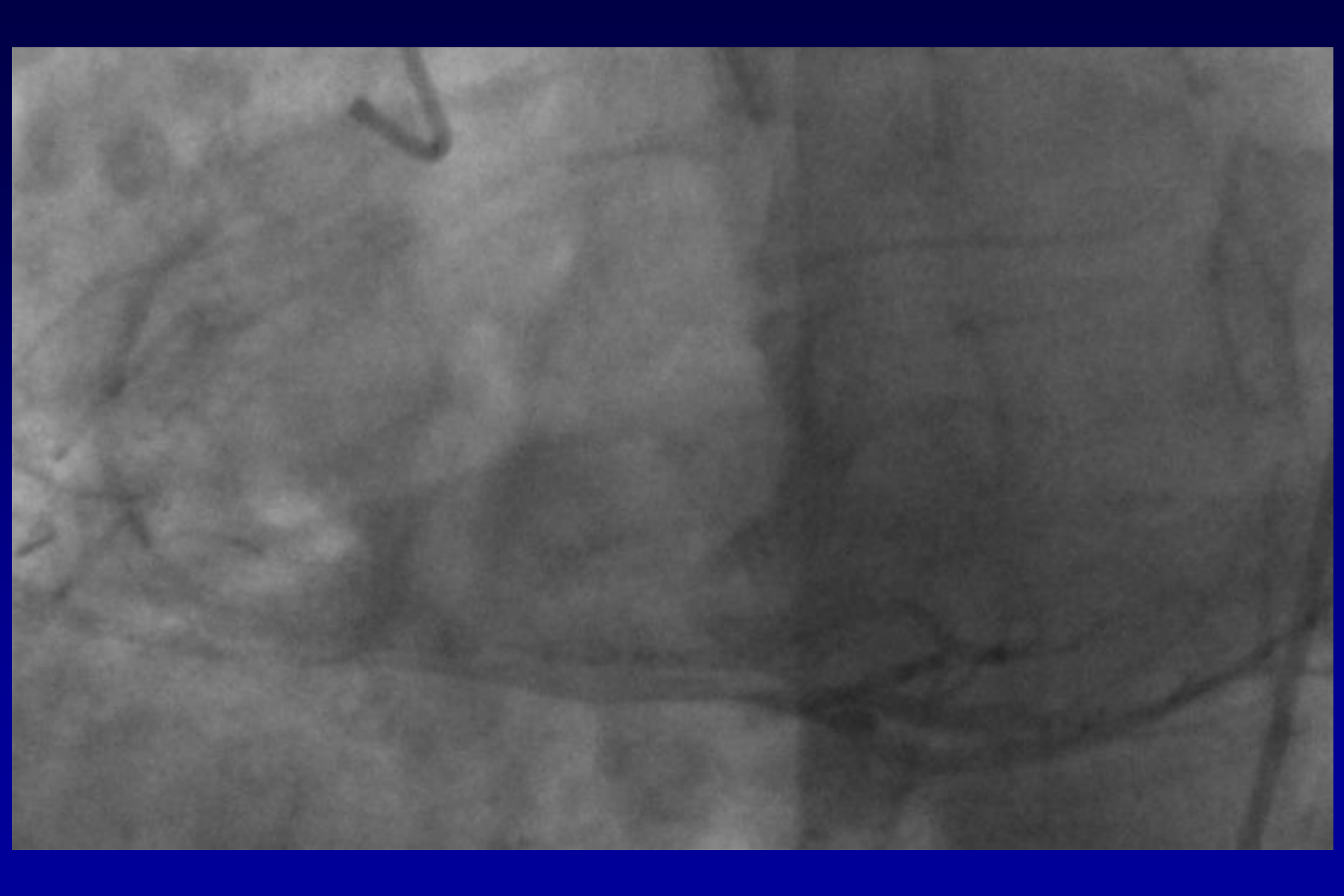




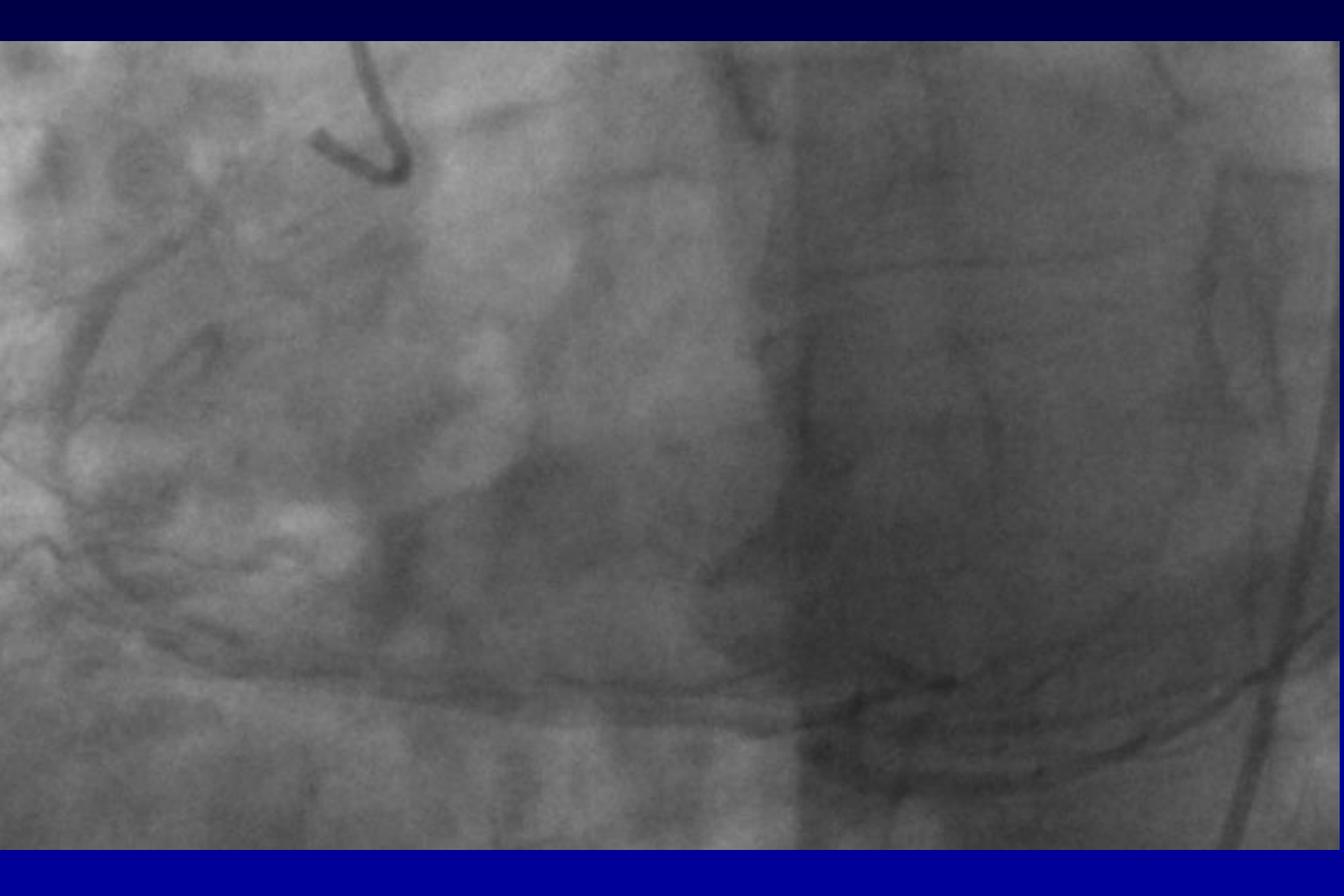


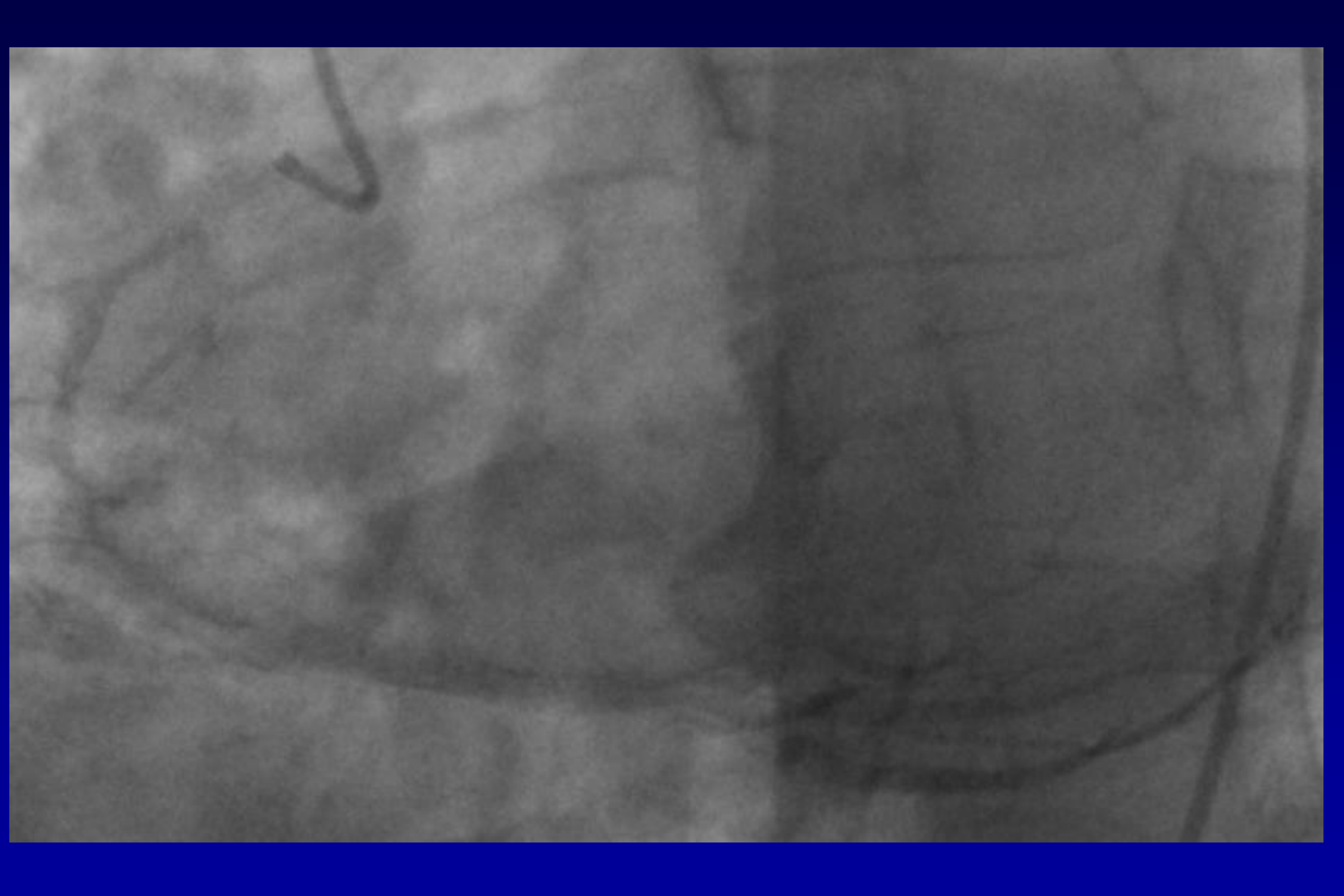


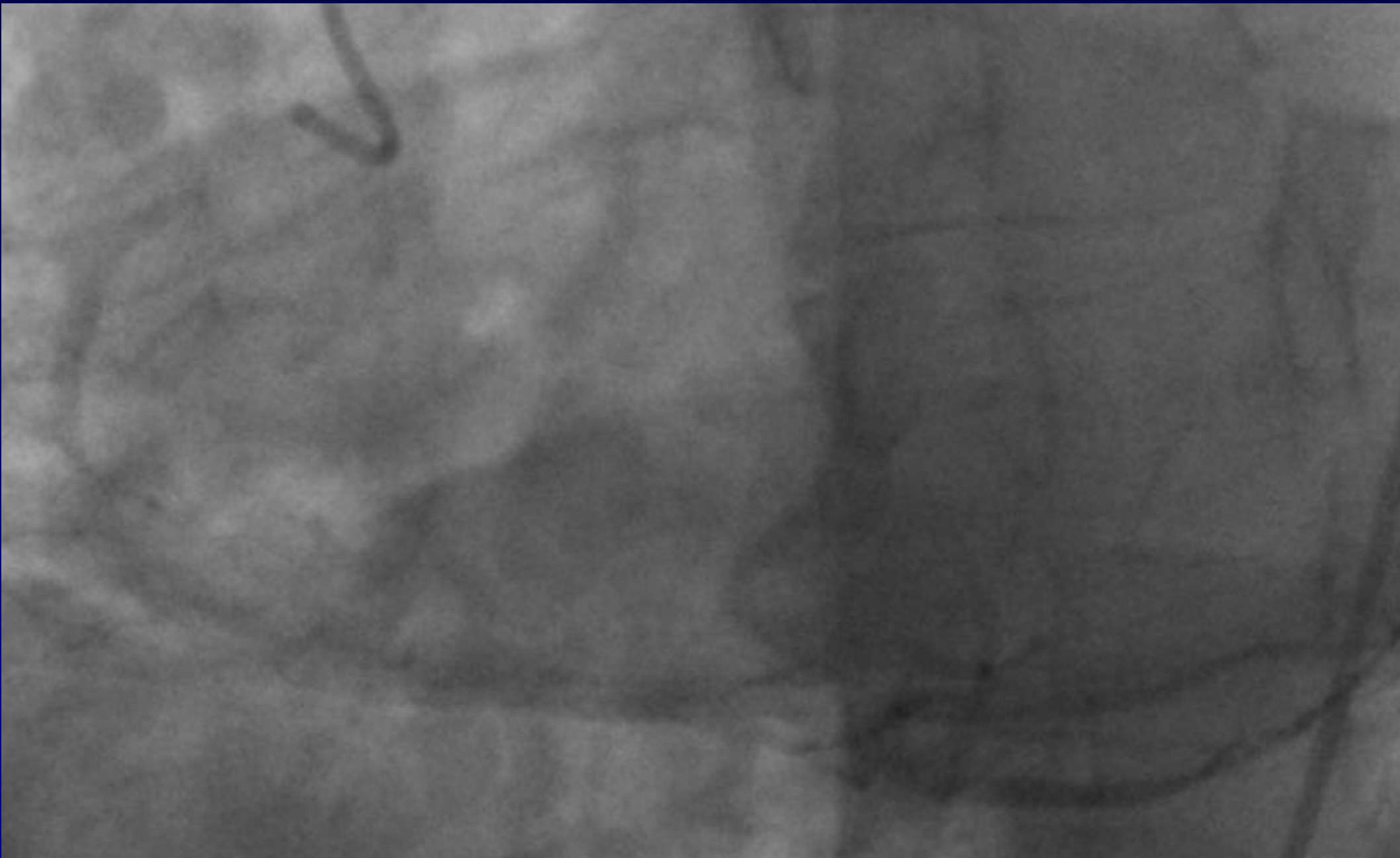




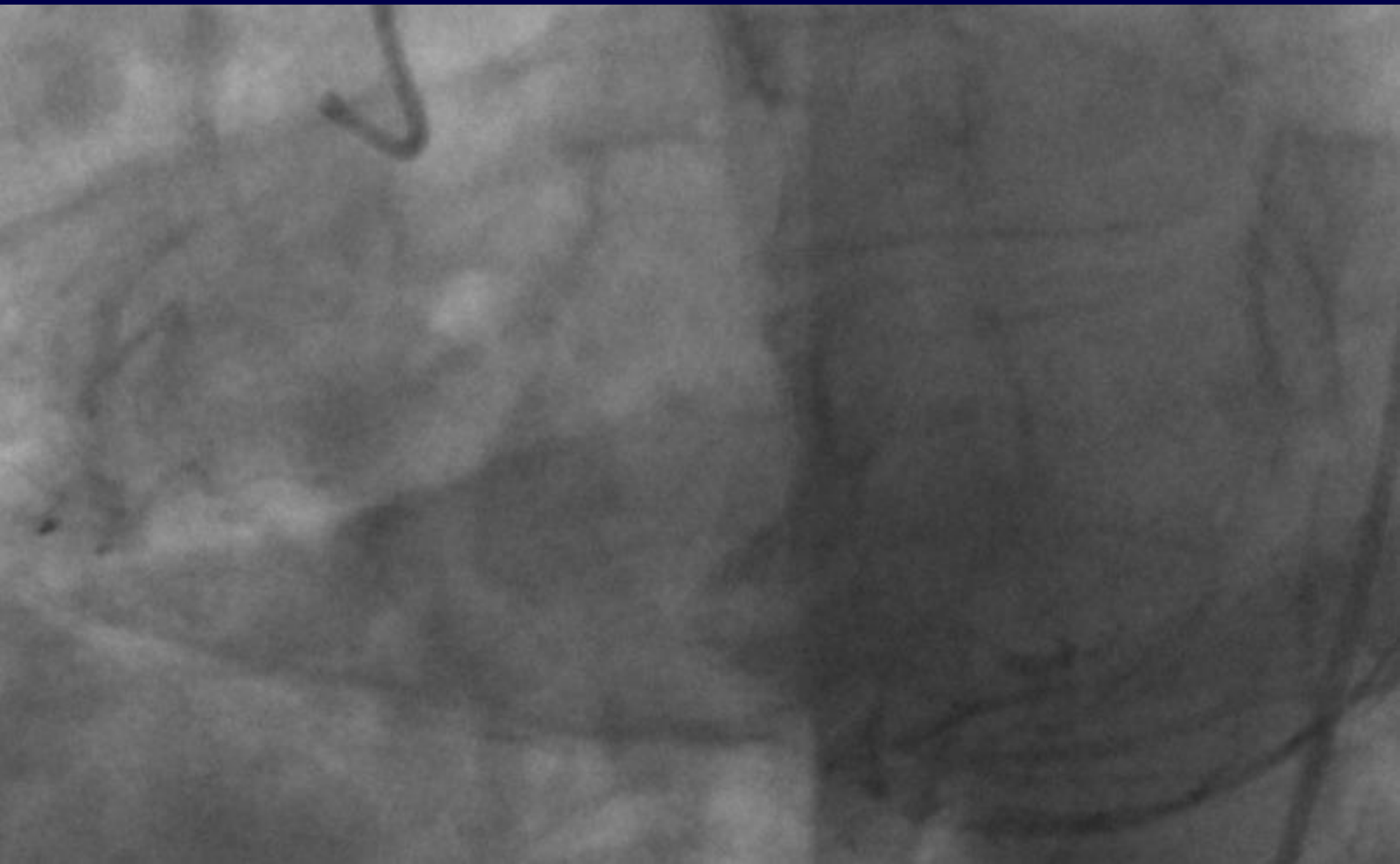


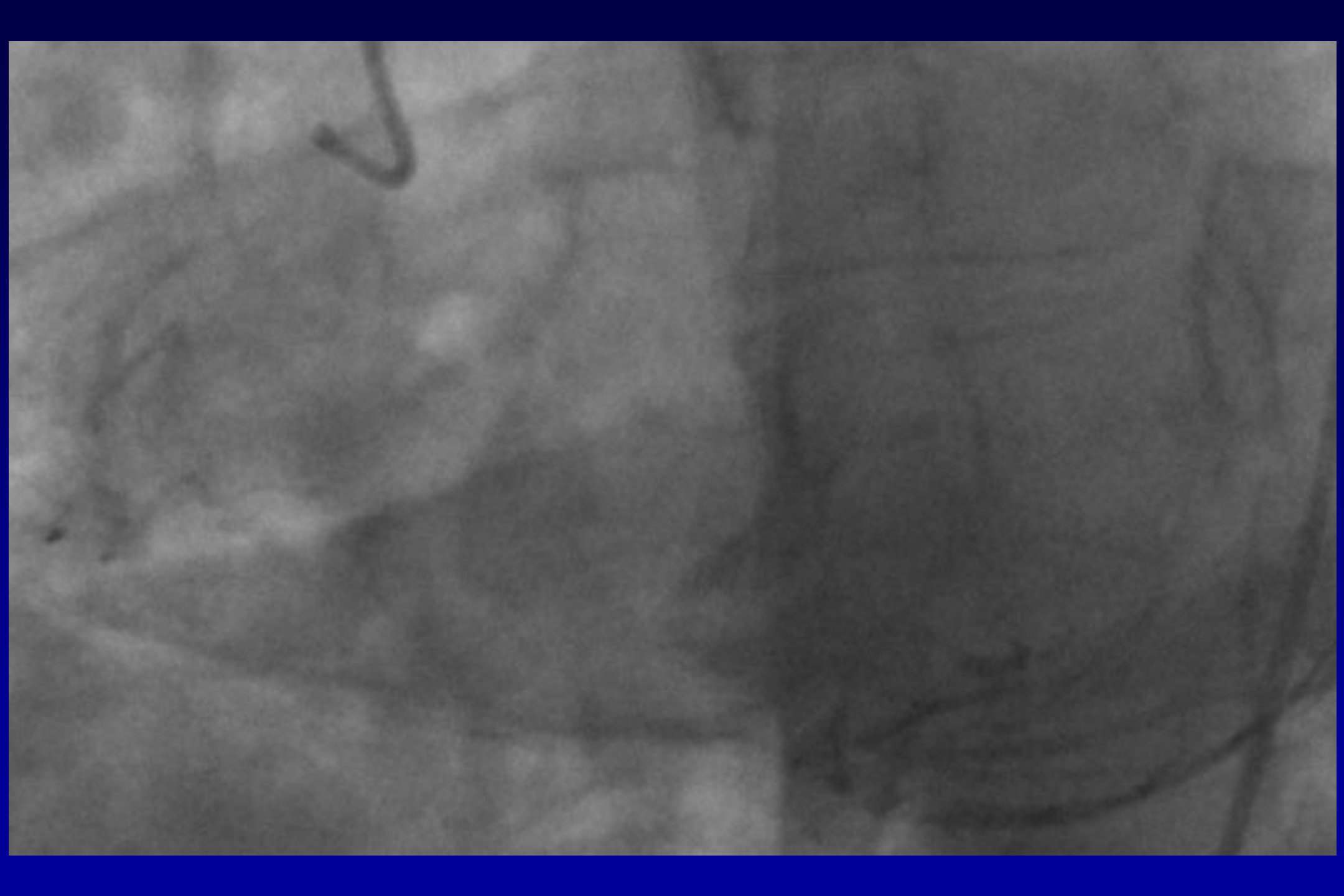




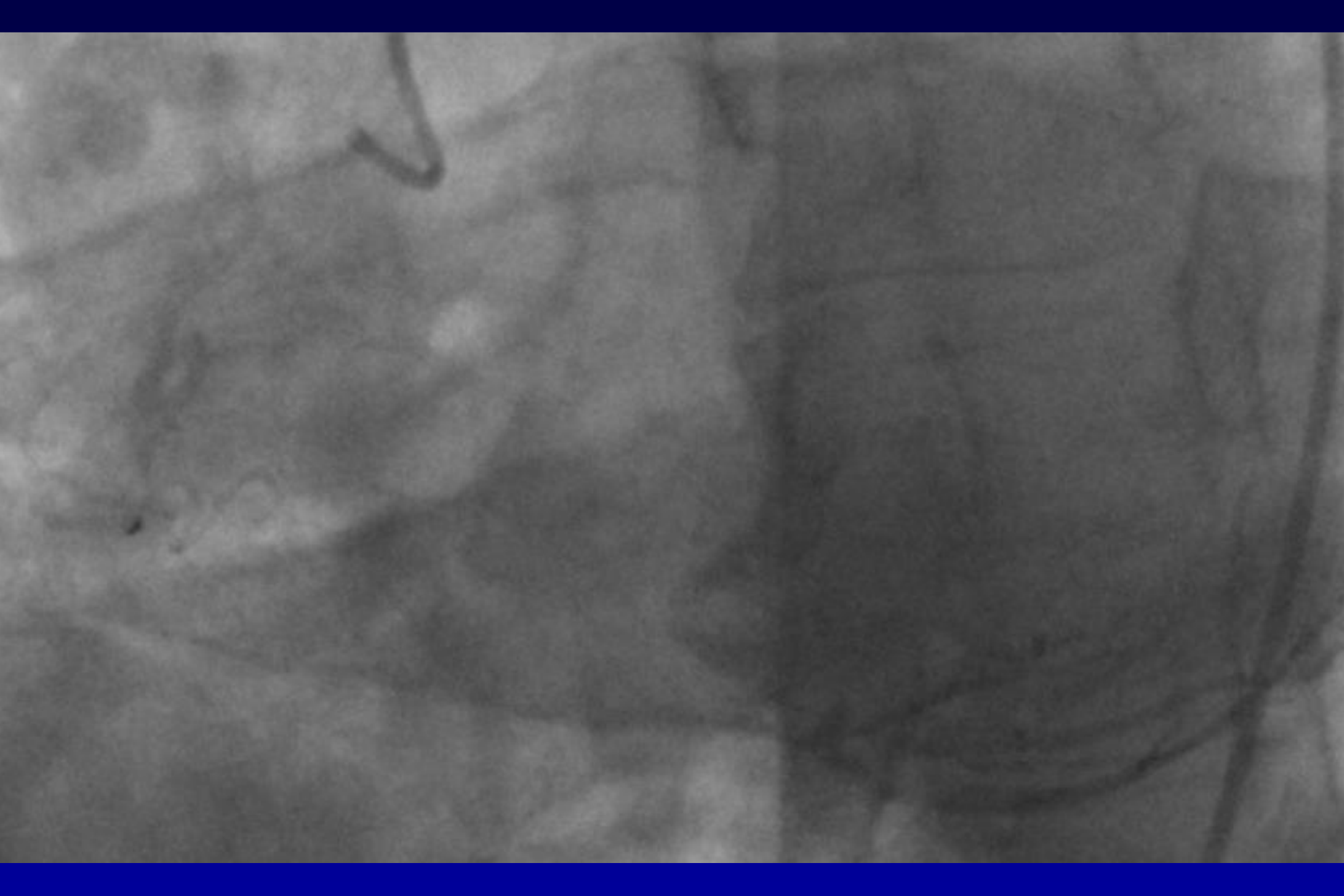






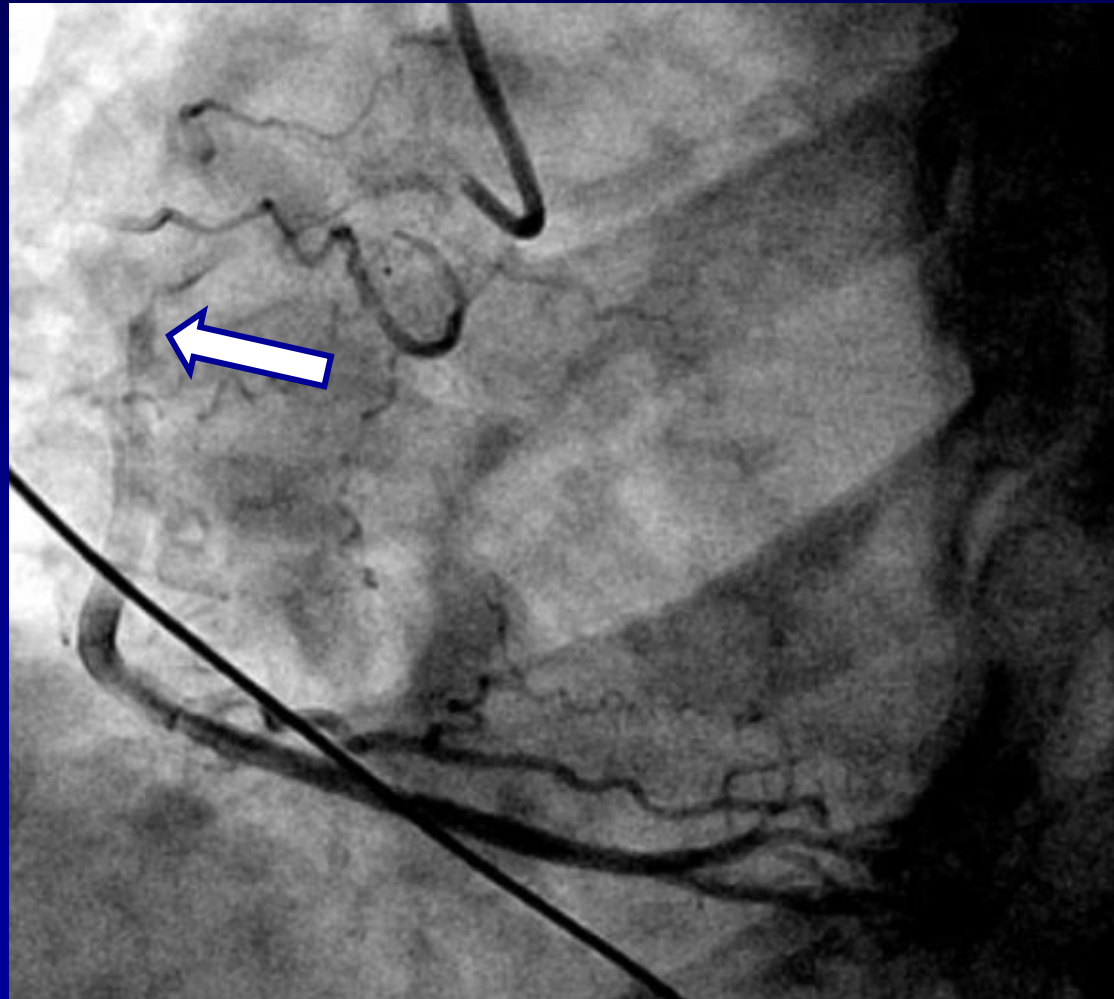




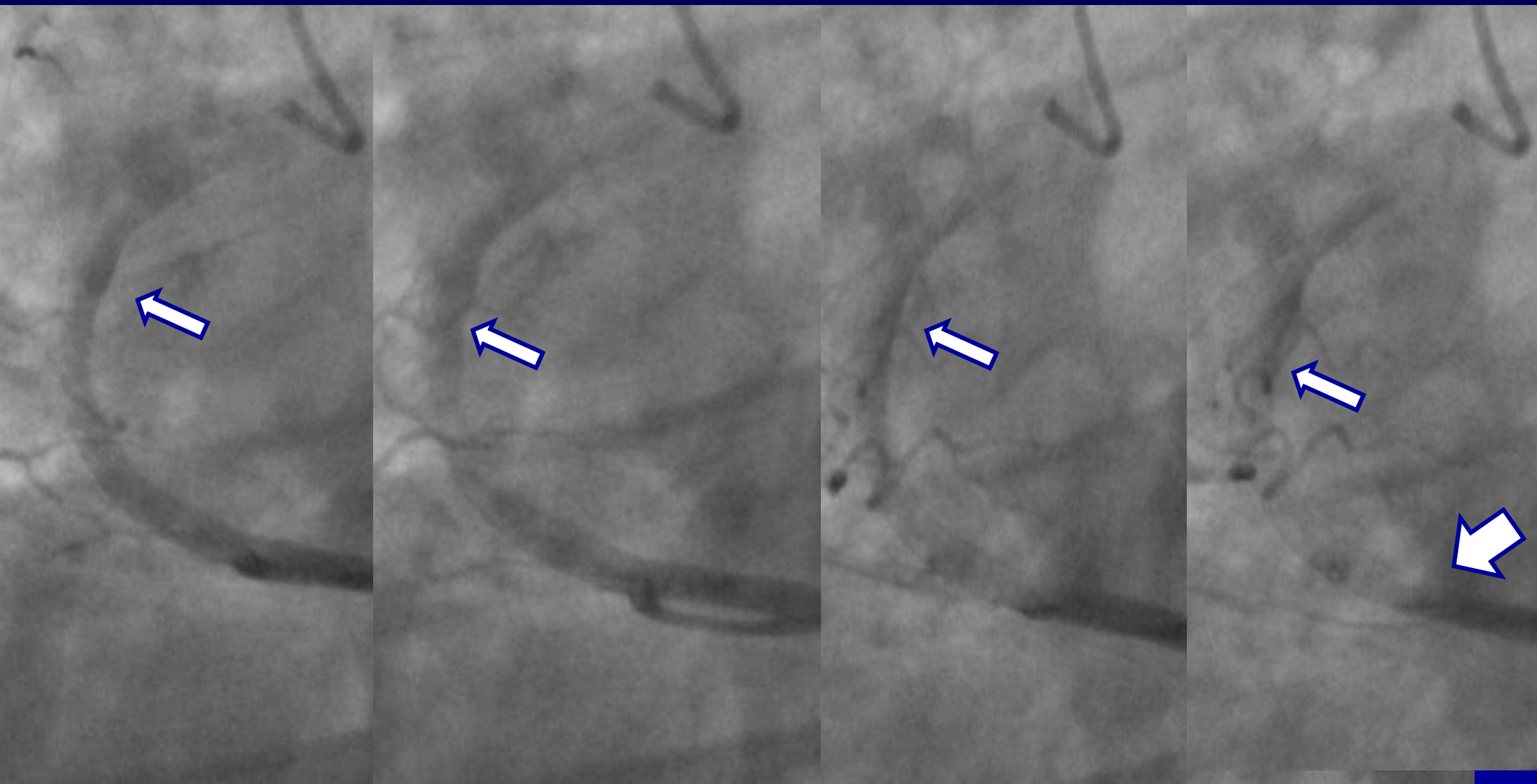


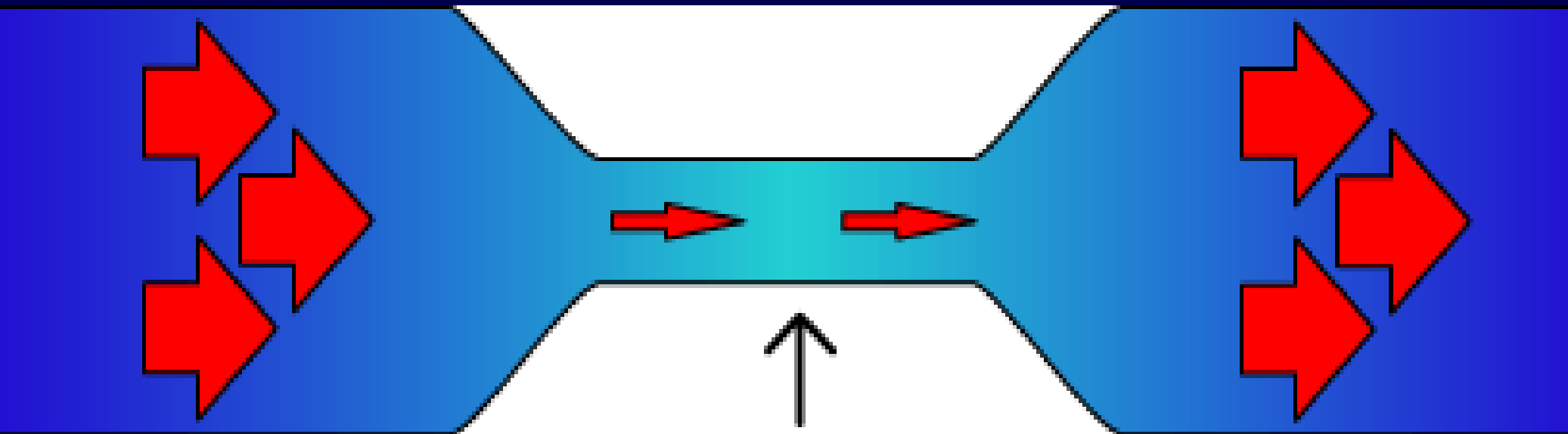


# First Pathological Mechanism: Retention of Flow



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Pathological Mechanism: Reverse flow collides with the antegrade flow





Higher Pressure  
Lower Speed

Lower Pressure  
Higher Speed

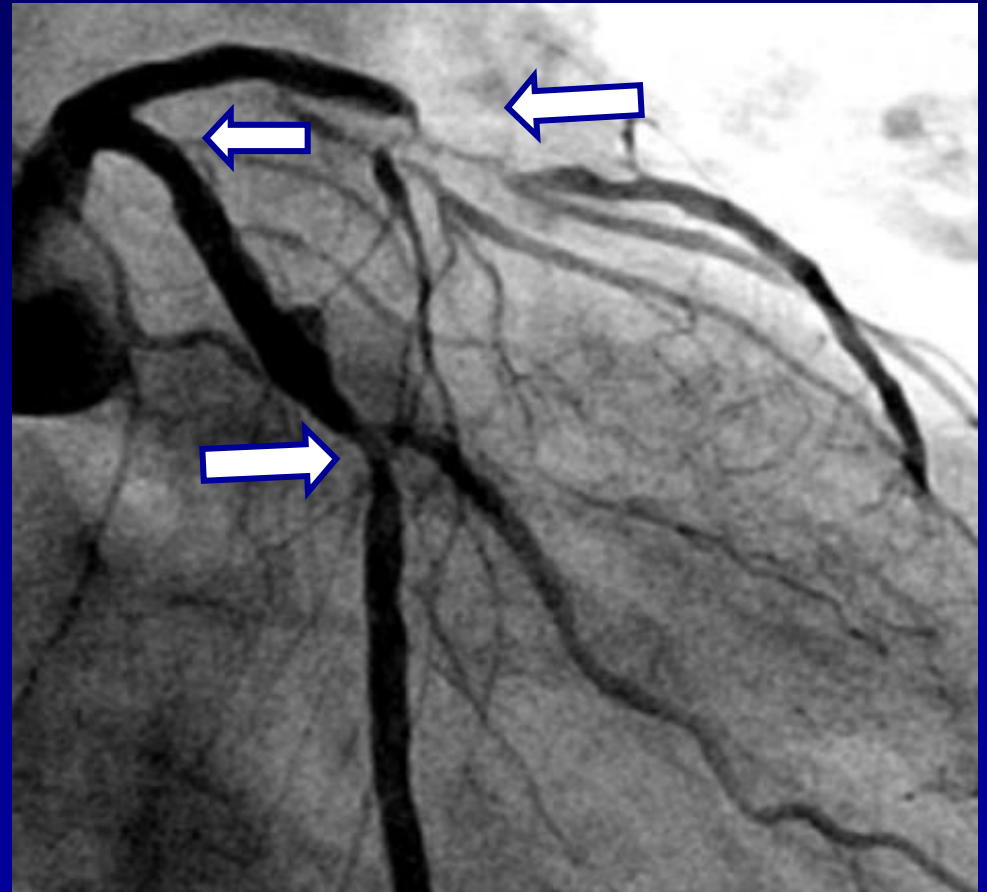
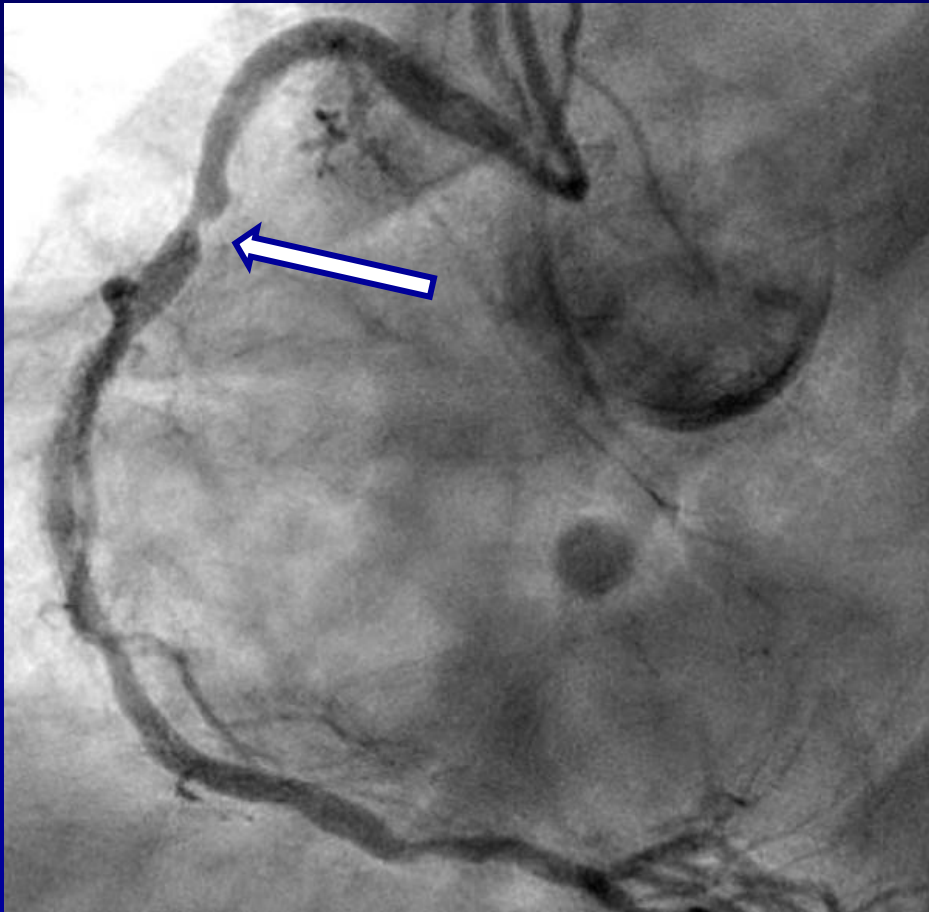
Higher Pressure  
Lower Speed

# **SUMMARY 2**

- 1. STAGNANT FLOW AND TURBULENT FLOW (due to collision of antegrade and retrograde flow) co-localize with the presence of atherosclerotic lesions**
- 2. This is the indirect evidence of the formation of coronary plaques caused by mechanical injury to the endothelium and the birth of coronary plaques.**

**QUESTIONS: 2. Why at the mid segment?**

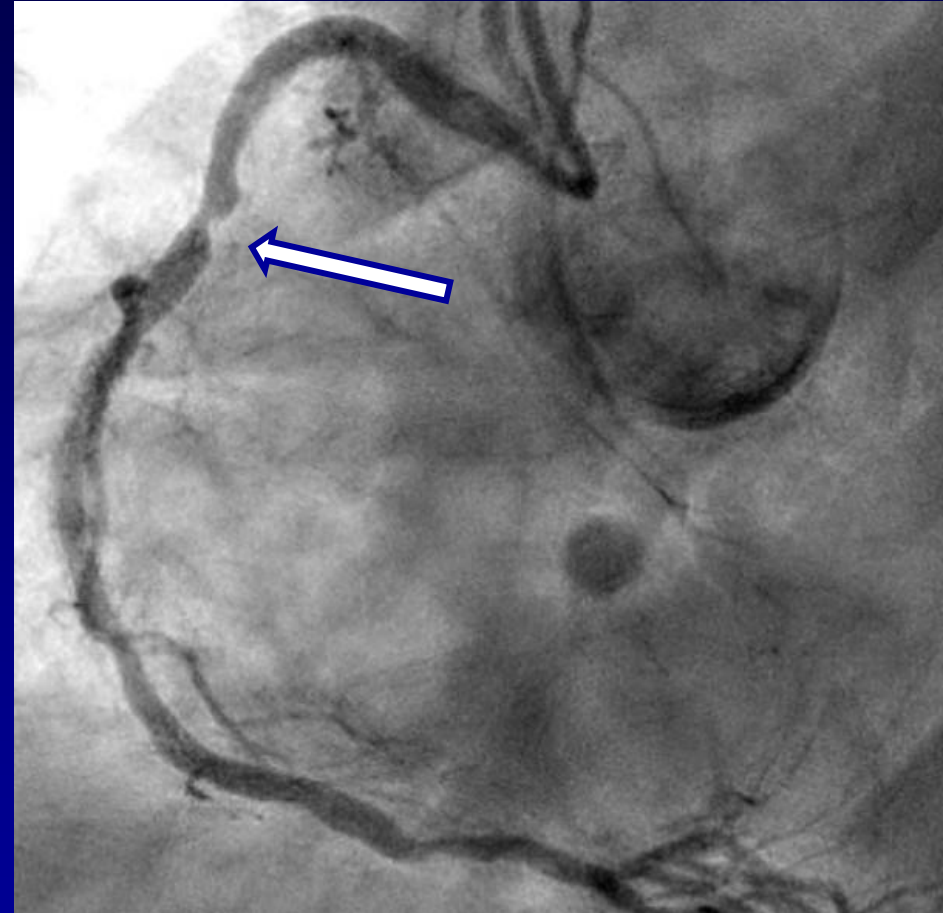
**3. Why the lesion in the mid LCX is more severe than the lesion at the ostium of LCX?**



## **ANSWER : 2. Why at the mid segment?**

Because during diastole, the flow moves forward. After 4 frames (0.06 seconds x 4 = 0.24 seconds), the flow just arrives at the mid-segment, then the systole starts.

At that time, the collision happens and this is where the lesion is seen prominently





**ANSWER : 3. Why the mid segment is more severe than the lesion at the ostium ?**

Because in the ostial lesion, the injury was caused by one single mechanism (Retention of flow)

While at the midsegment, the injuries were caused by 2 mechanisms (A. collision of antegrade and retrograde flow)  
(Retention of flow)





**The architecture of  
the coronary  
arteries predisposes  
the arteries to have  
plaques**

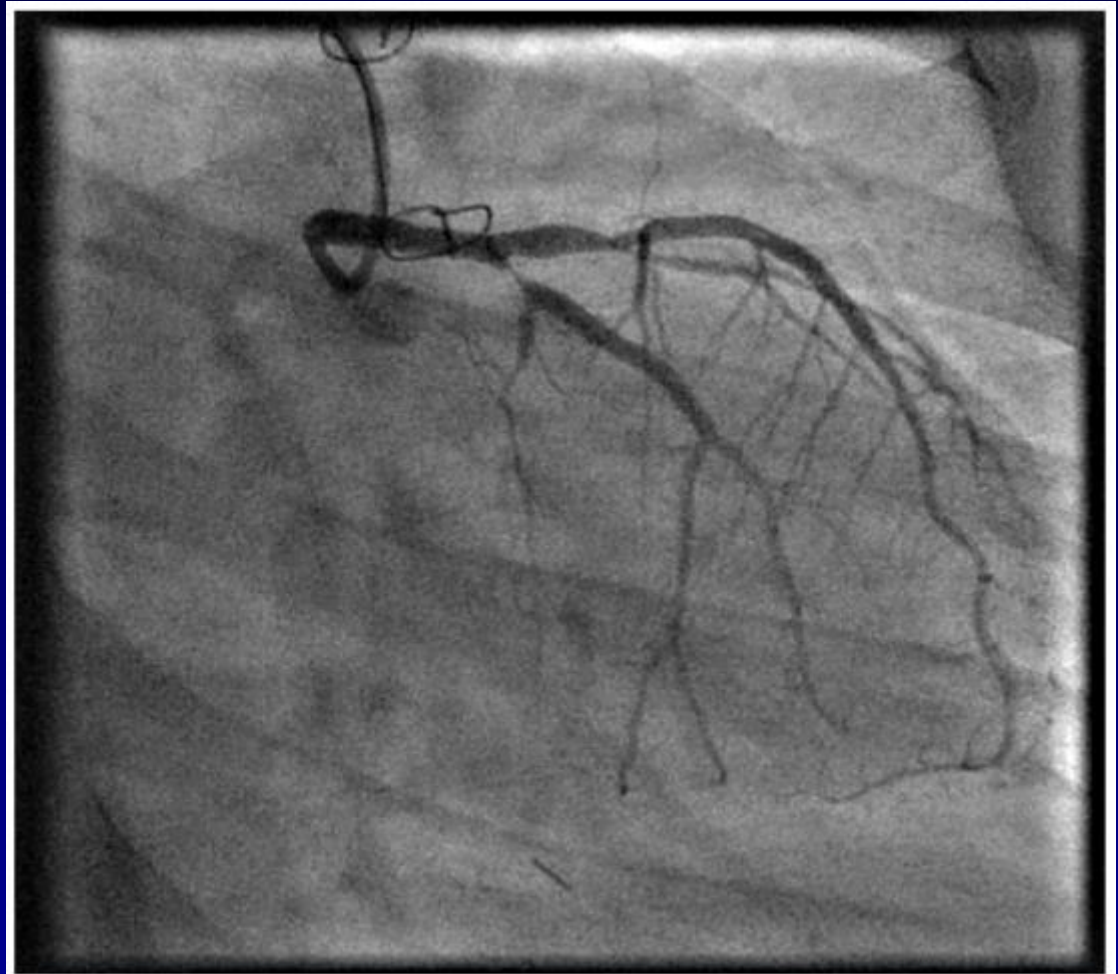


Figure 1. Right anterior oblique caudal view of high-grade ostial circumflex artery and moderate left anterior descending artery stenoses.

<http://www.vascular diseasemanagement.com/content/radial-access-pci-children-obstructive-coronary-artery-disease>

# CAD in Twins

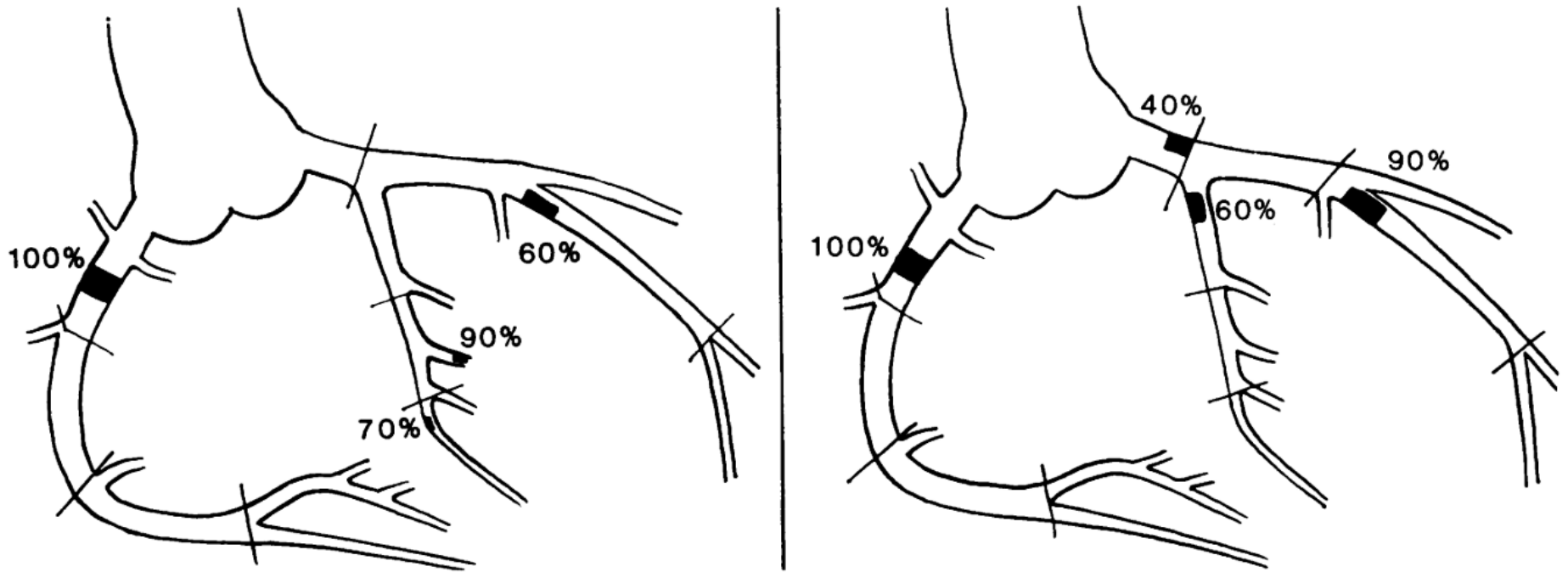
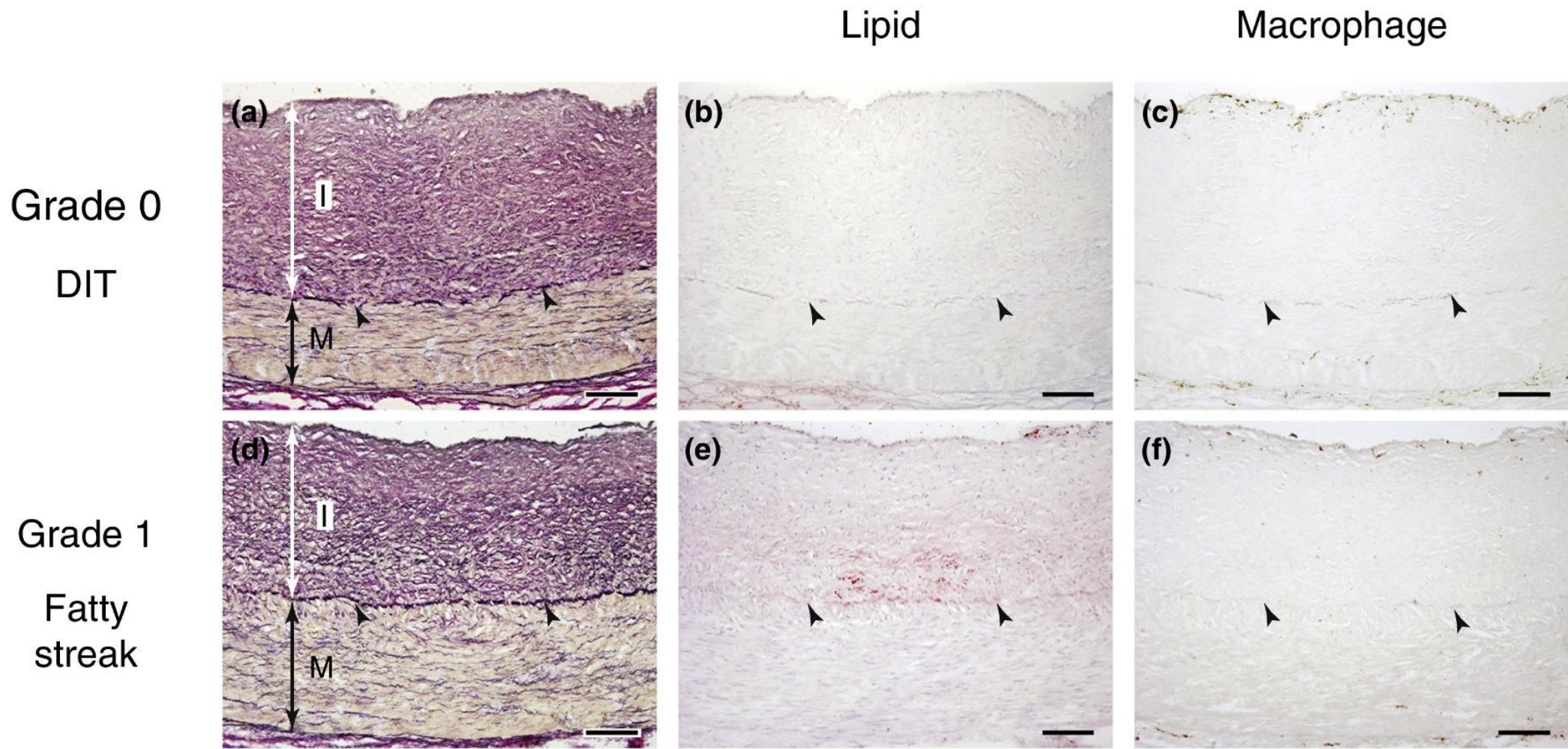


Fig. 2 Schematic representation of coronary anatomy in the second twin pair. Left, case 3. Right, case 4.



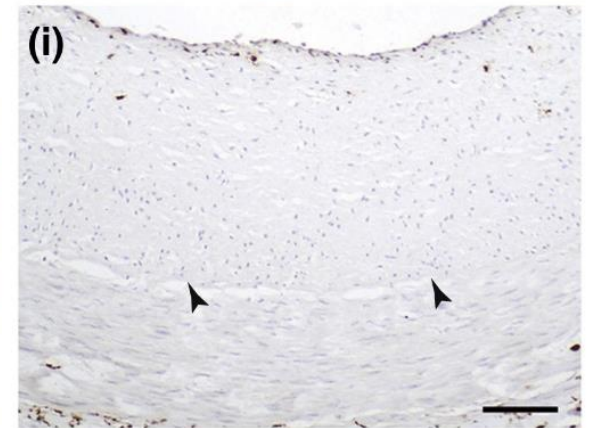
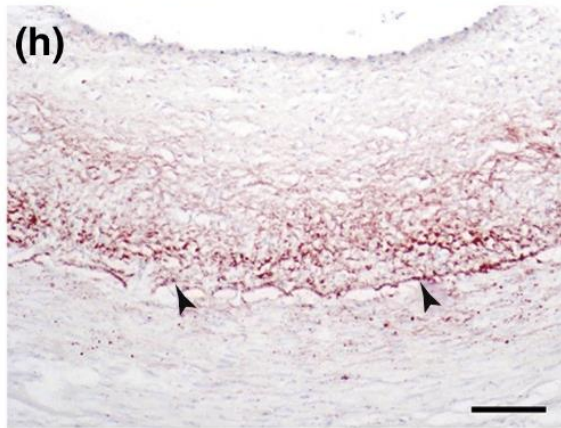
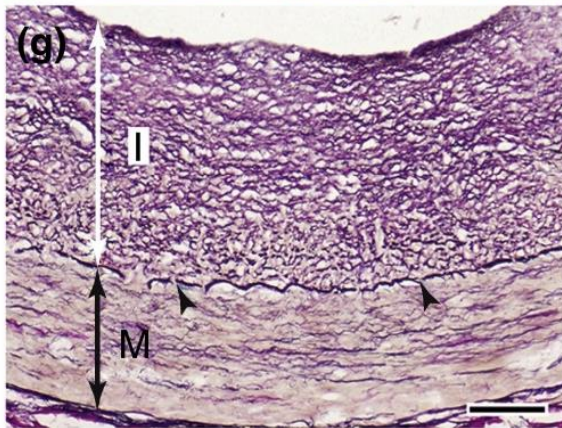
# QUESTION 3

**What is the role of LDL cholesterol and other conventional risk factors?**



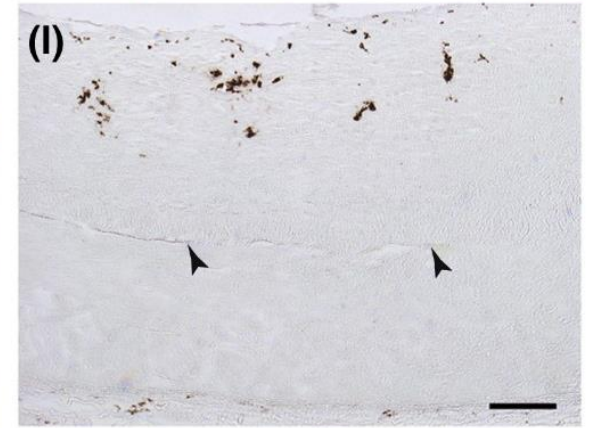
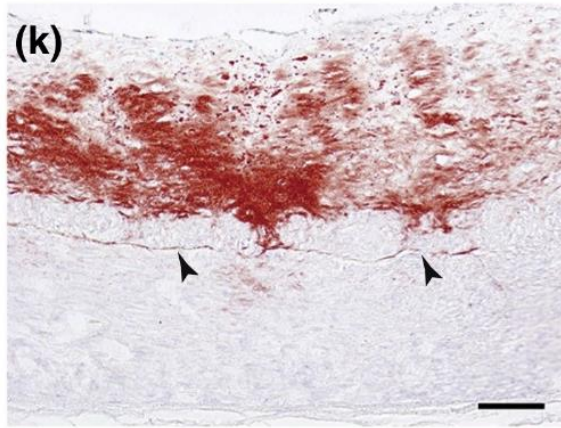
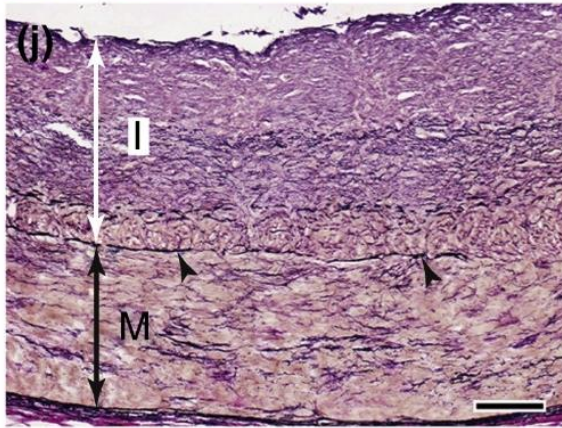
Grade 2

Fatty  
streak



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# QUESTION 4

**If LDL cholesterol is not the first perpetrator, what is the role of other conventional risk factors?**

**How do they contribute to the formation of coronary plaques?**



## Biglycan expression in hypertensive subjects with normal or increased carotid intima-media wall thickness.

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### Abstract

**BACKGROUND:** Biglycan (BGN), an extracellular matrix proteoglycan, has been shown to convey pro-inflammatory signals. In the present study we investigated BGN expression and its correlation with plasma levels of inflammatory markers in hypertensive subjects with or without alteration of carotid intima media thickness (IMT).

**METHODS:** We evaluated 123 untreated essential hypertensives with no additional risk factors for atherosclerosis nor signs of cardiovascular disease and 40 controls. Hypertensives were classified according to a normal ( $< \text{or } = 1 \text{ mm}$ ) or increased ( $> 1 \text{ mm}$ ) IMT. BGN-mRNA and protein expression were measured in unstimulated, LPS- and Angiotensin II (Ang-II)-stimulated blood monocytes. Plasma concentrations of interleukin-6 (IL-6), tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF-alpha) and high sensitivity-C-reactive protein (hs-CRP) were also measured.

**RESULTS:** We found increased levels of IL-6, TNF-alpha, hs-CRP, and BGN-mRNA and protein in hypertensives vs controls ( $1.72 \pm 0.60$  vs 1 n-fold, and  $3.60 \pm 0.75$  vs 1 n-fold, both  $p < 0.001$ ). However, BGN expression was not significantly different between hypertensives with IMT  $< \text{or } = 1 \text{ mm}$  and  $> 1 \text{ mm}$ . Furthermore, in vitro addition of Ang II enhanced basal BGN-mRNA (in hypertensives:  $3.57 \pm 1.08$  vs  $1.72 \pm 0.60$  n-fold,  $p < 0.001$ ) and protein (in hypertensives:  $4.92 \pm 0.42$  vs  $3.41 \pm 0.75$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) expression in monocytes.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Our data provide evidence of an enhanced expression of BGN in essential hypertension. In addition we suggest that Ang II

# **58 YO male patient just had PCI of RCA a week before**

- 1. No HTN**
- 2. Age 58**
- 3. No diabetes**
- 4. No smoking**
- 5. LDL =58mg%**

**What is the next question to ask?**

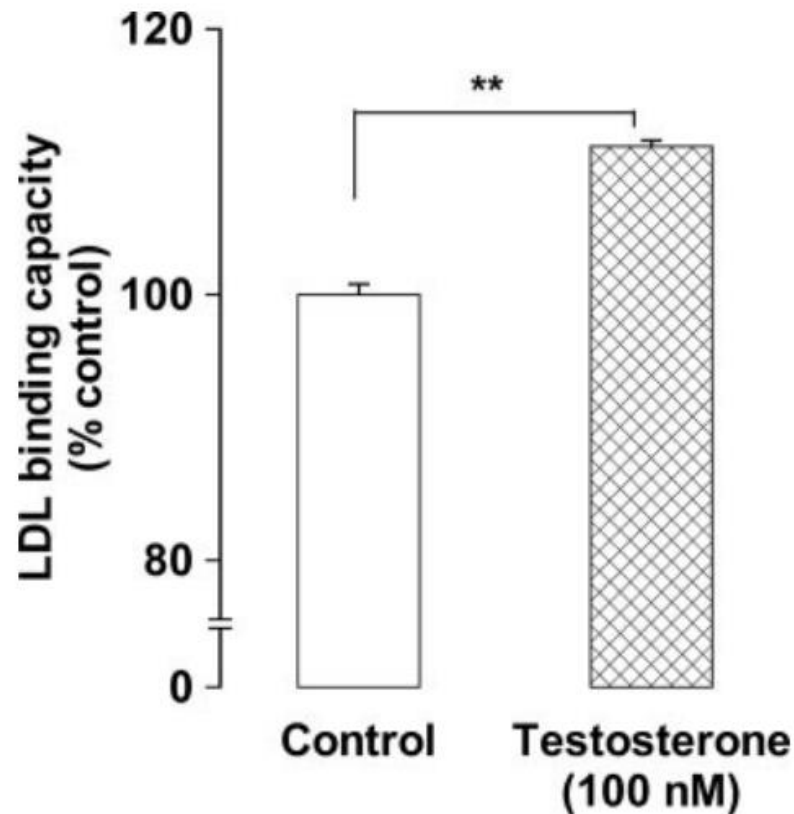


FIG. 5. T-treated VSMCs synthesize proteoglycans with increased binding capacity to LDL. Human VSMCs were treated with and without T (100 nM) and metabolically labeled with [ $^{35}$ S]sulfate. Radiolabeled proteoglycans were applied to separate LDL affinity columns and eluted with 1 M NaCl. The amount of radioactivity eluted from the column was expressed as a percentage of the amount applied to the column. The control was set at 100% LDL binding capacity and proteoglycan-LDL binding from T-treated cells was expressed as a percentage of the control. Data are the mean  $\pm$  SEM of three experiments. \*\*,  $P < 0.01$ .



## **APPLICATIONS:**

**What can attenuate the brisk rate of rise  $dP/dT$  of the systolic blood pressure?**



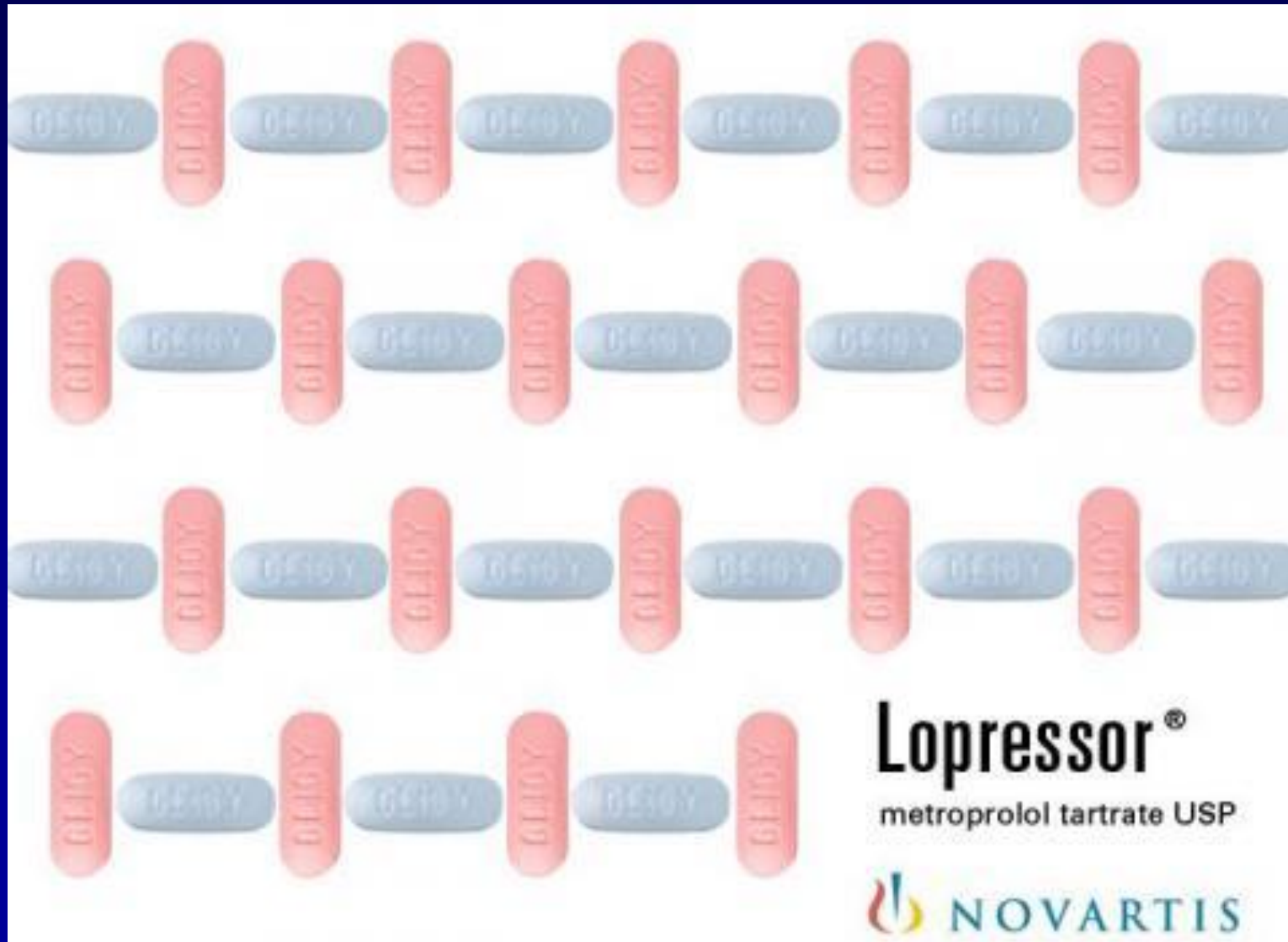
# EXERCISE



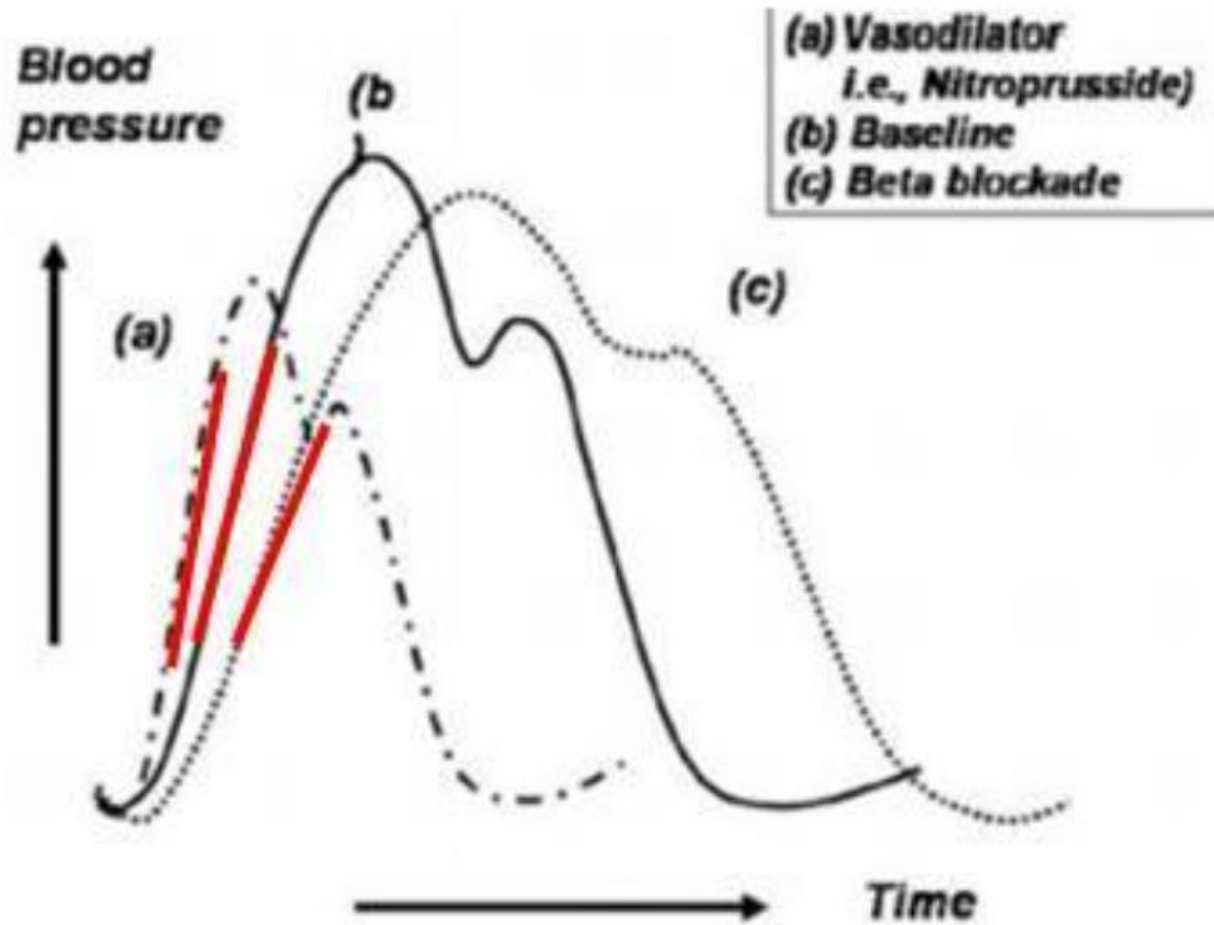
# Perfect Blood Pressure: No large gap between systolic and diastolic BP



# BETA BLOCKERS



# MECHANISM OF BETA BLOCKADE

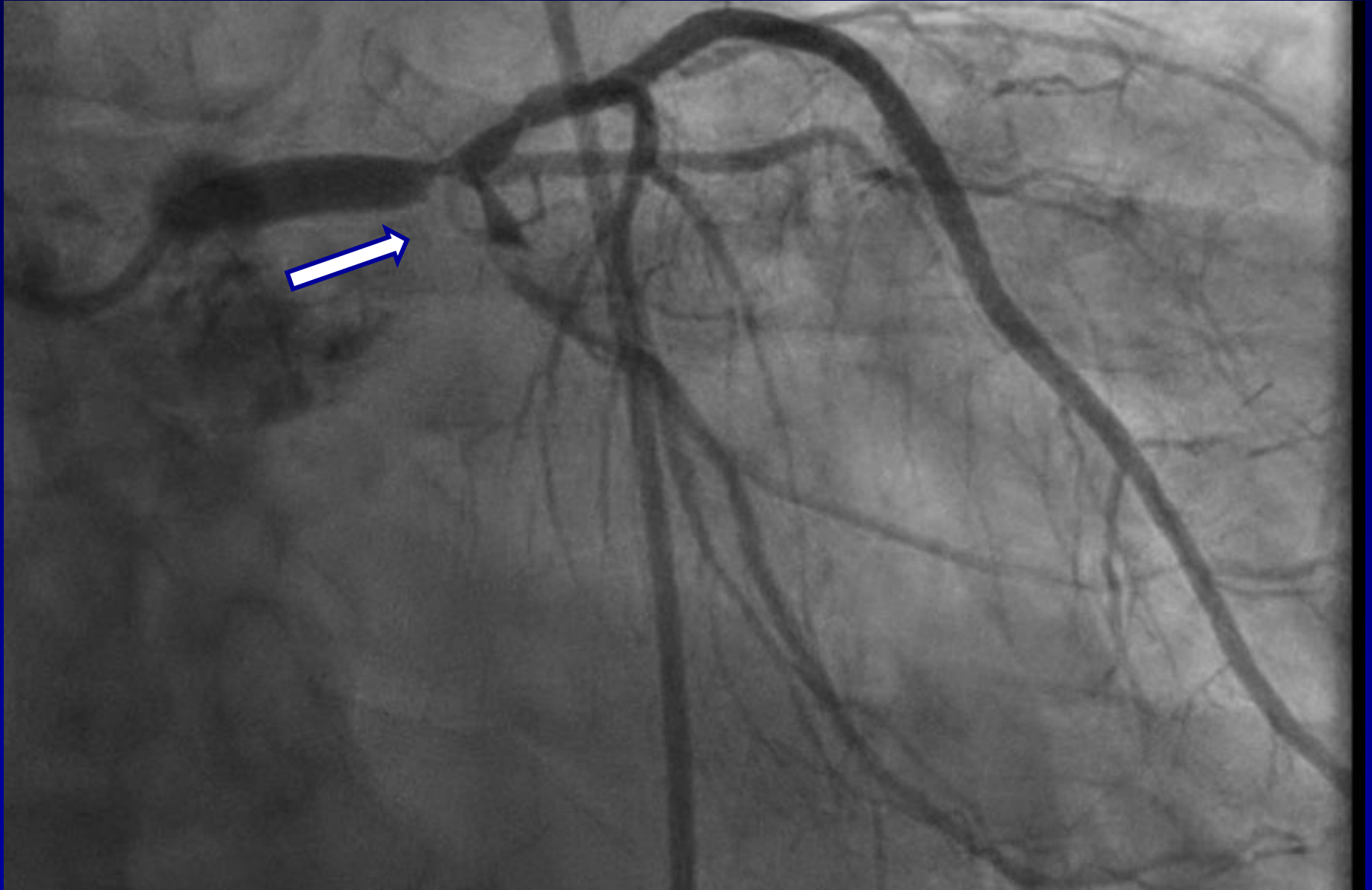


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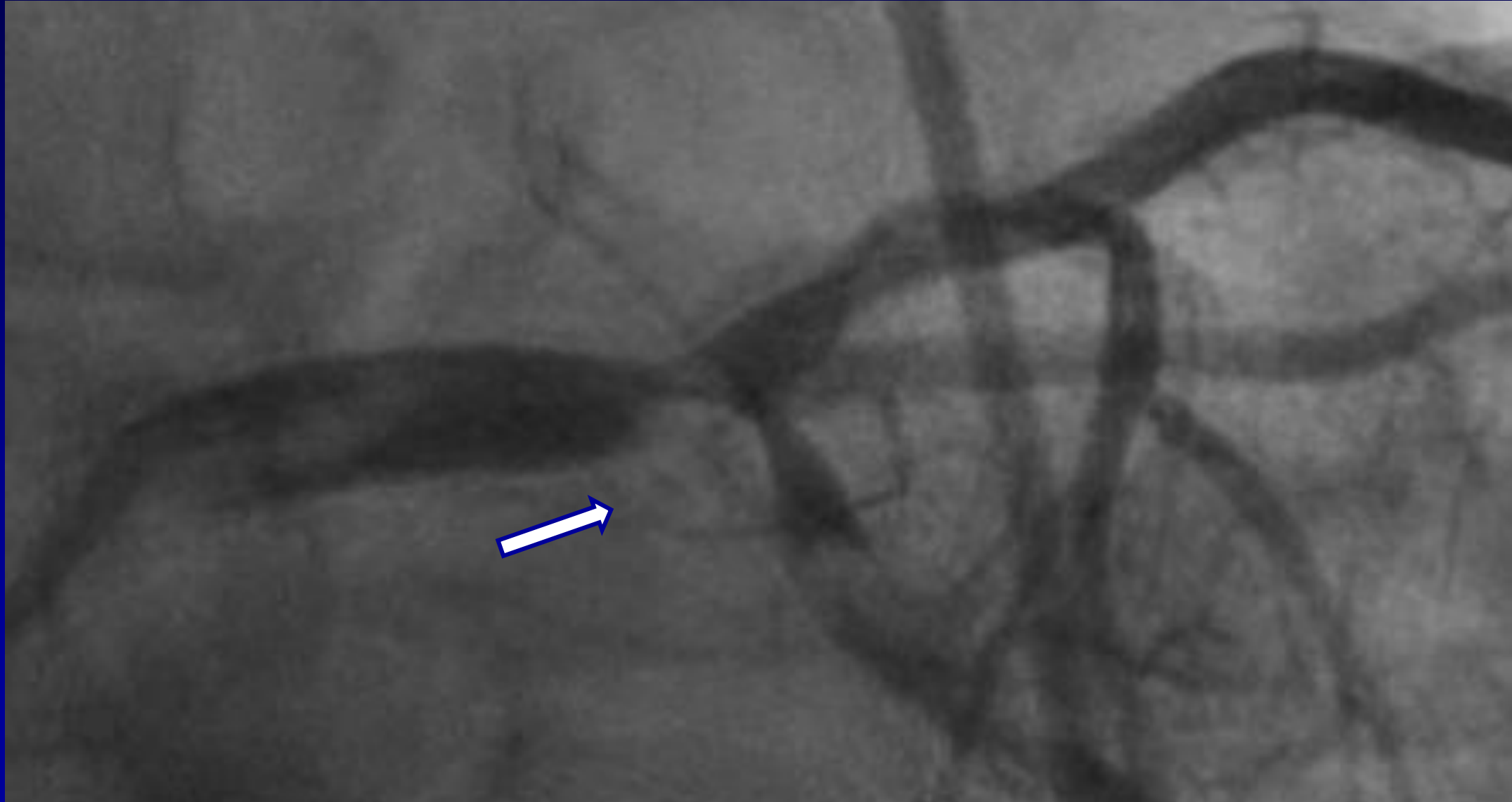


# ONGOING RESEARCH

## Question 4. Will the plaque rupture in a near future?

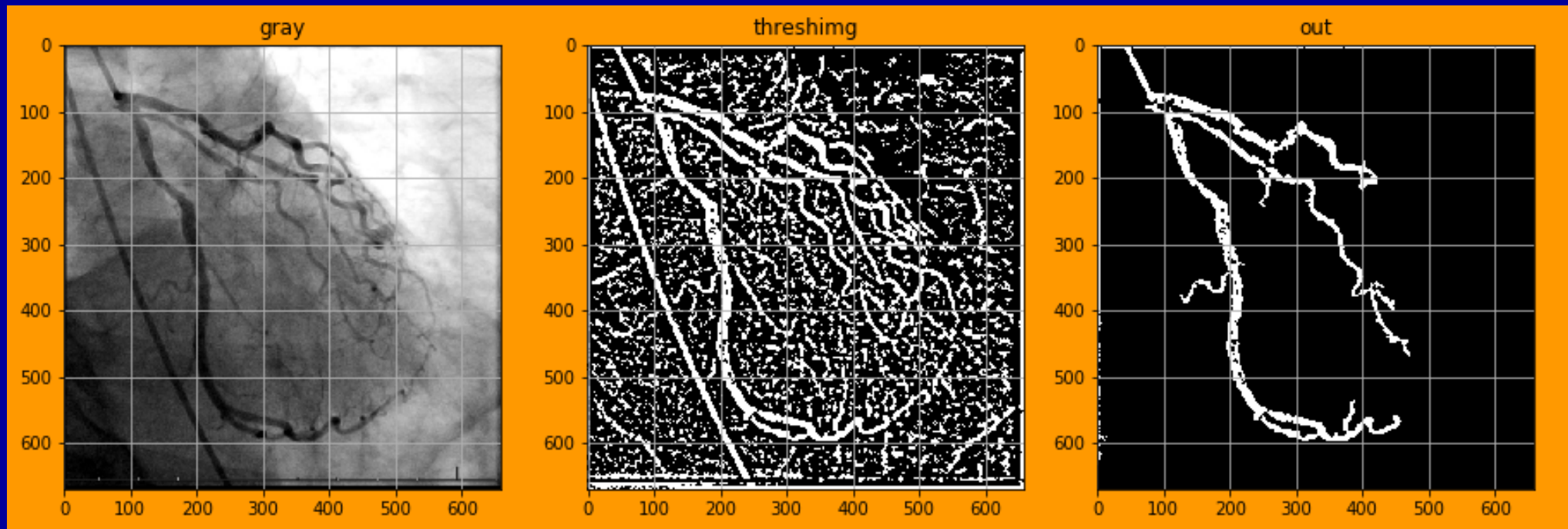


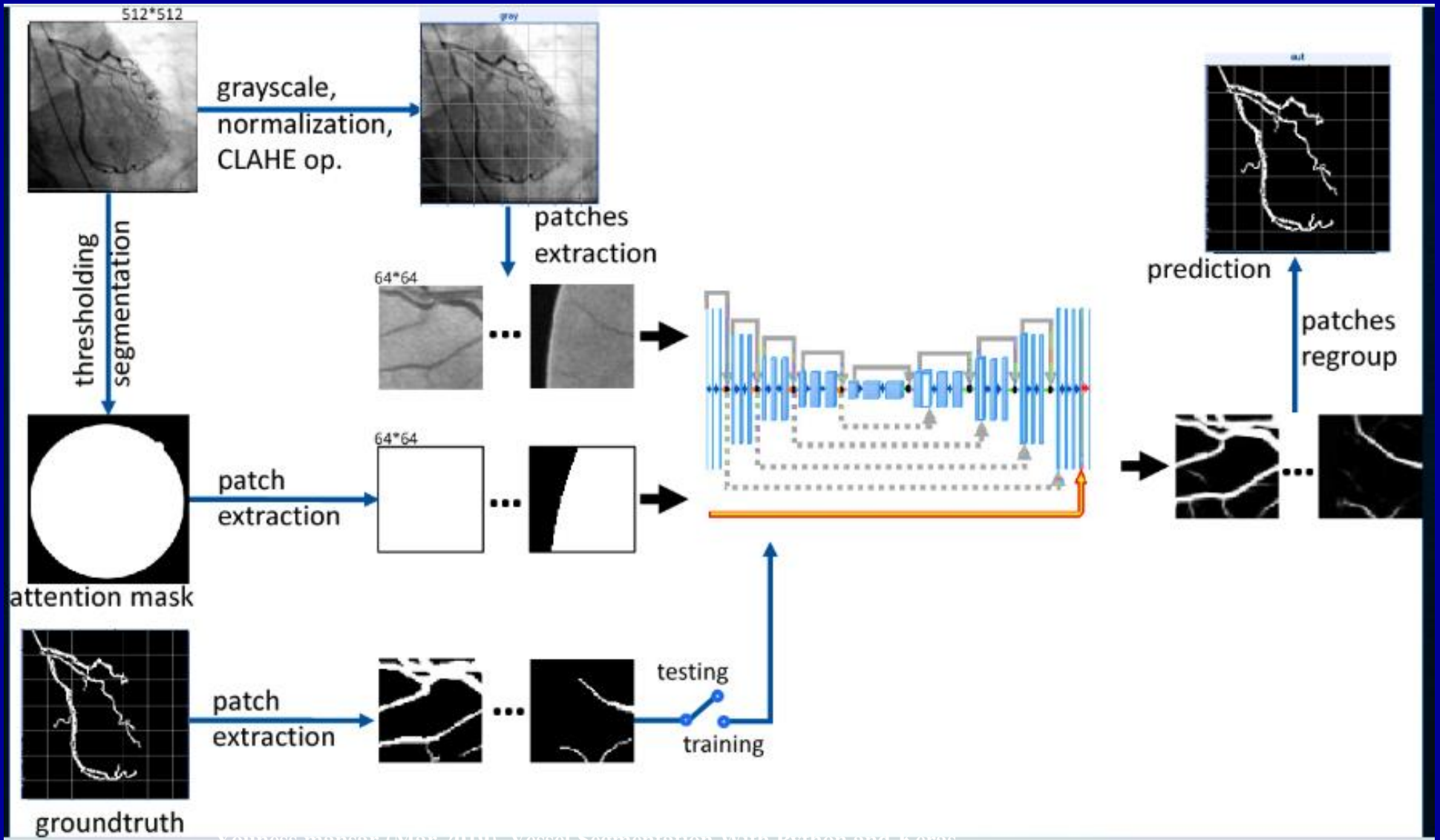
**Answer 4. Is the flow turbulent at the entry slope of the plaque?**





# MEDICAL IMAGING SEGMENTATION



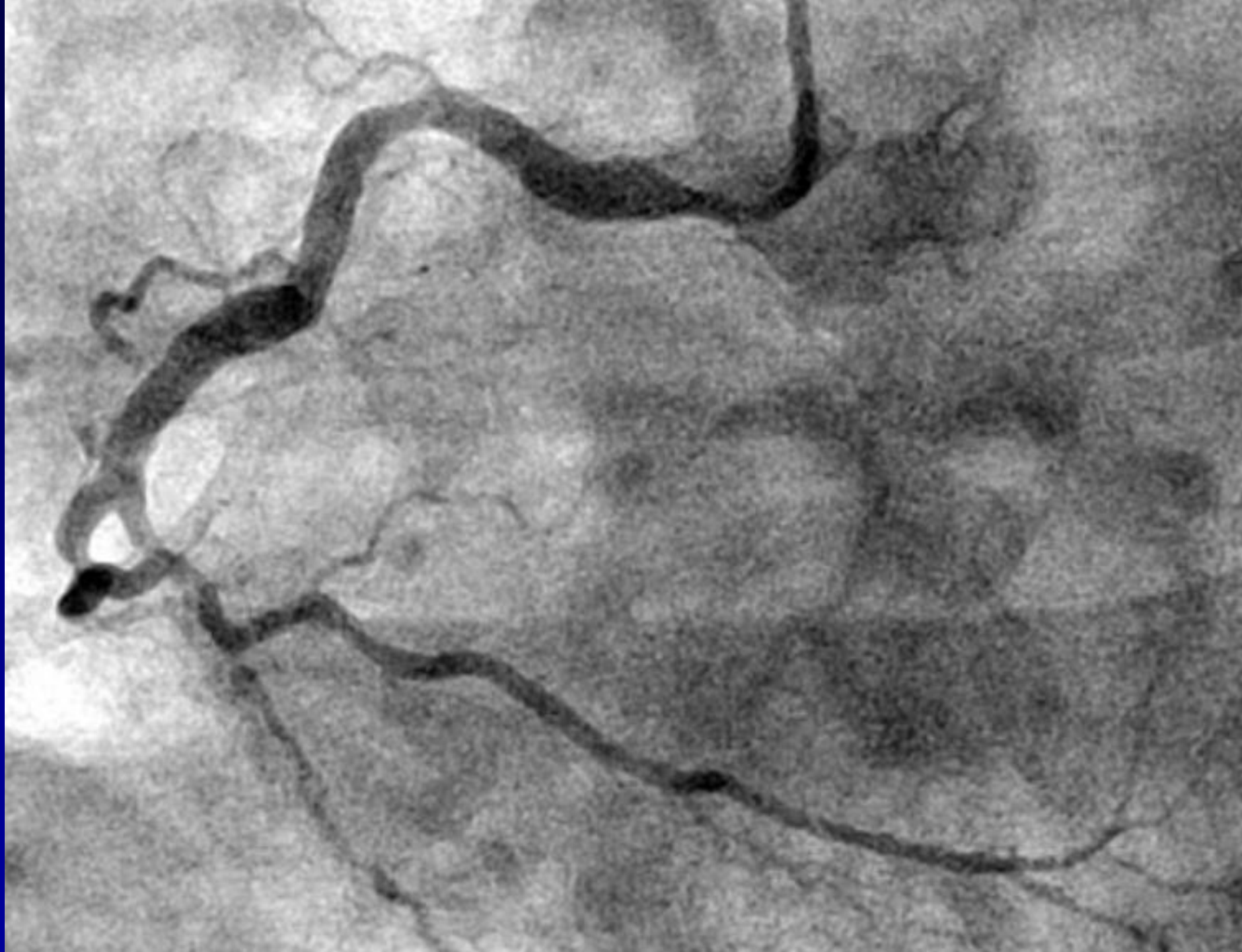


Youness Mansar (Mar 2019), Vessel Segmentation with Python and Keras,  
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**John K**  
**RCA 72 frames before PCI**

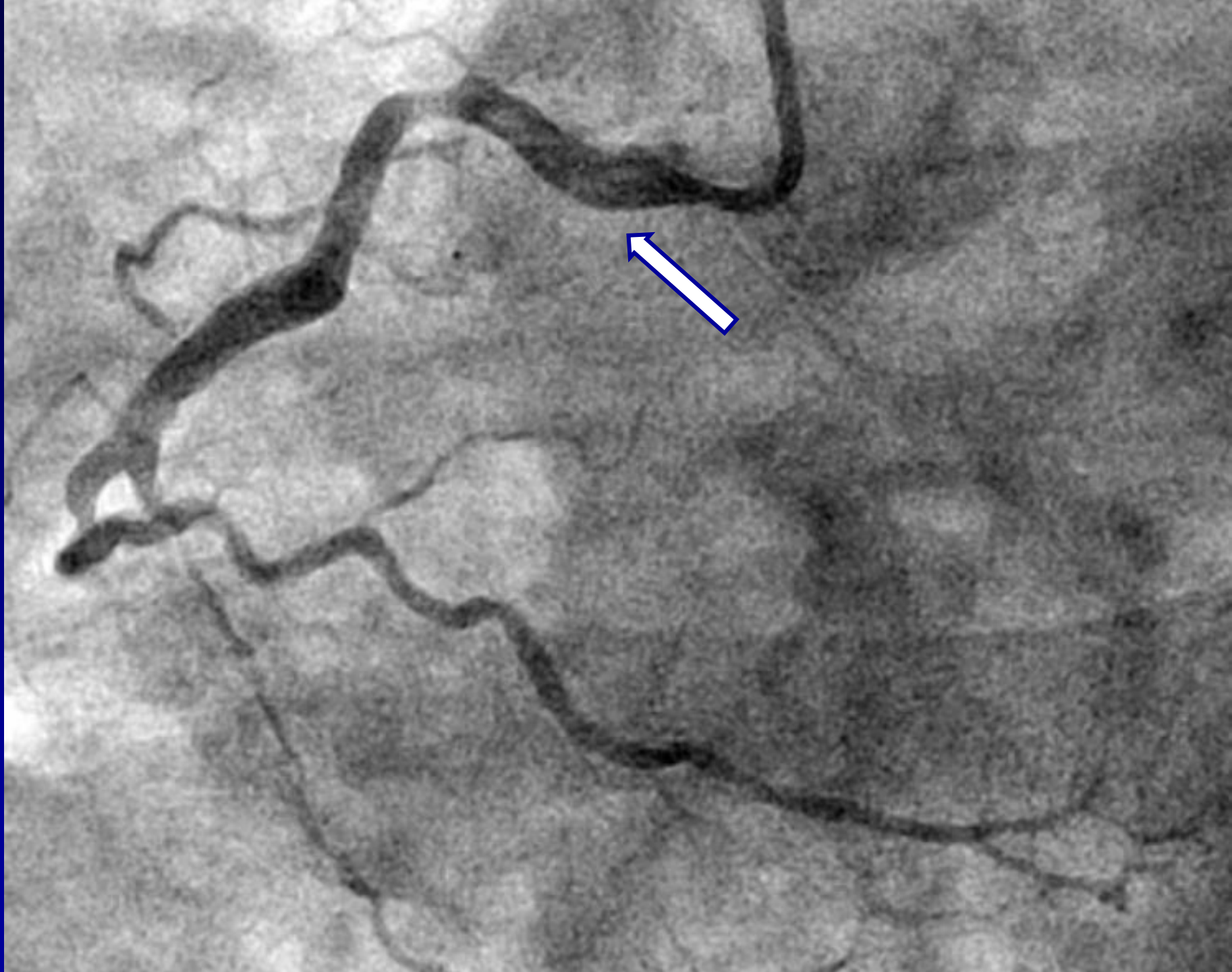


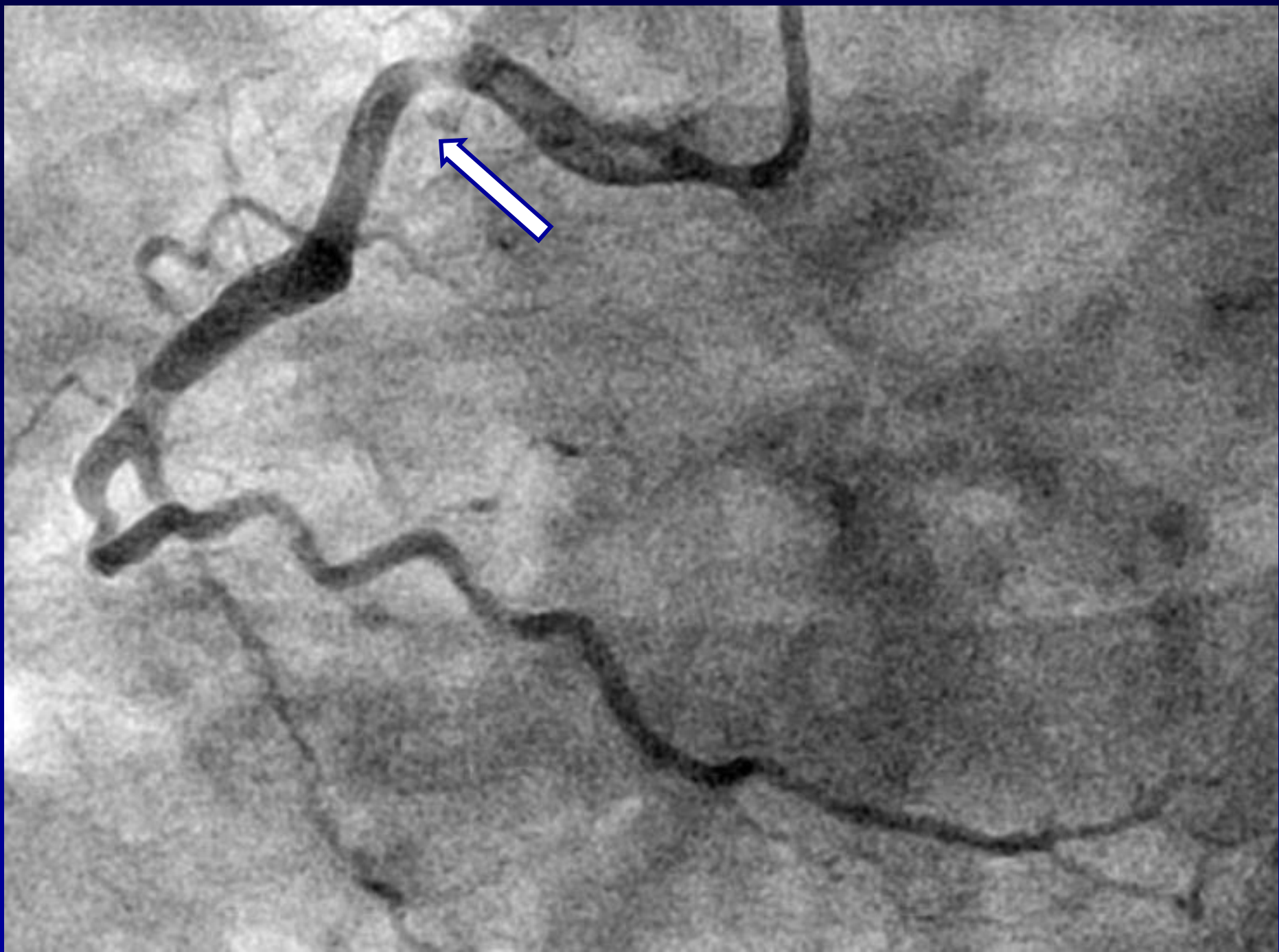


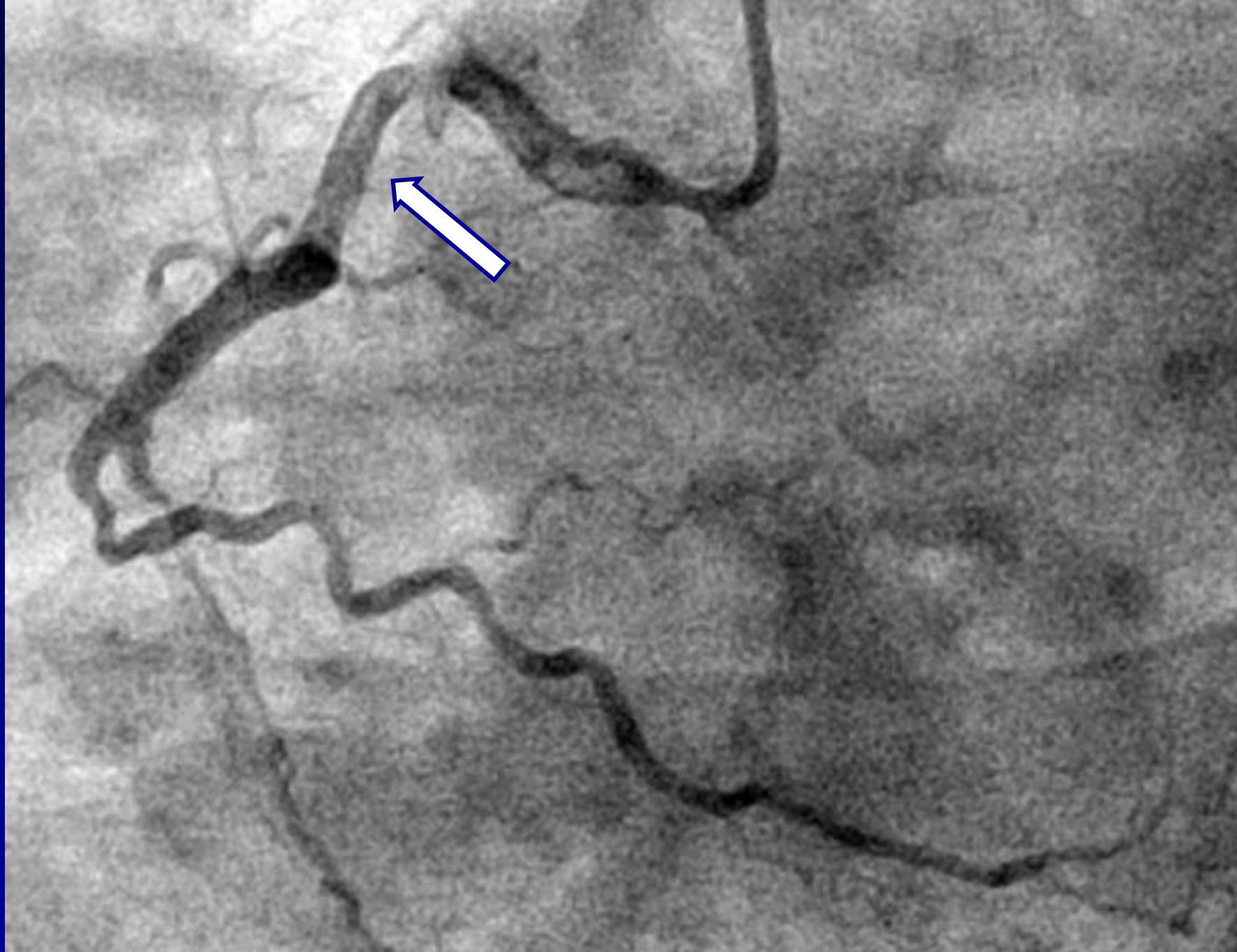


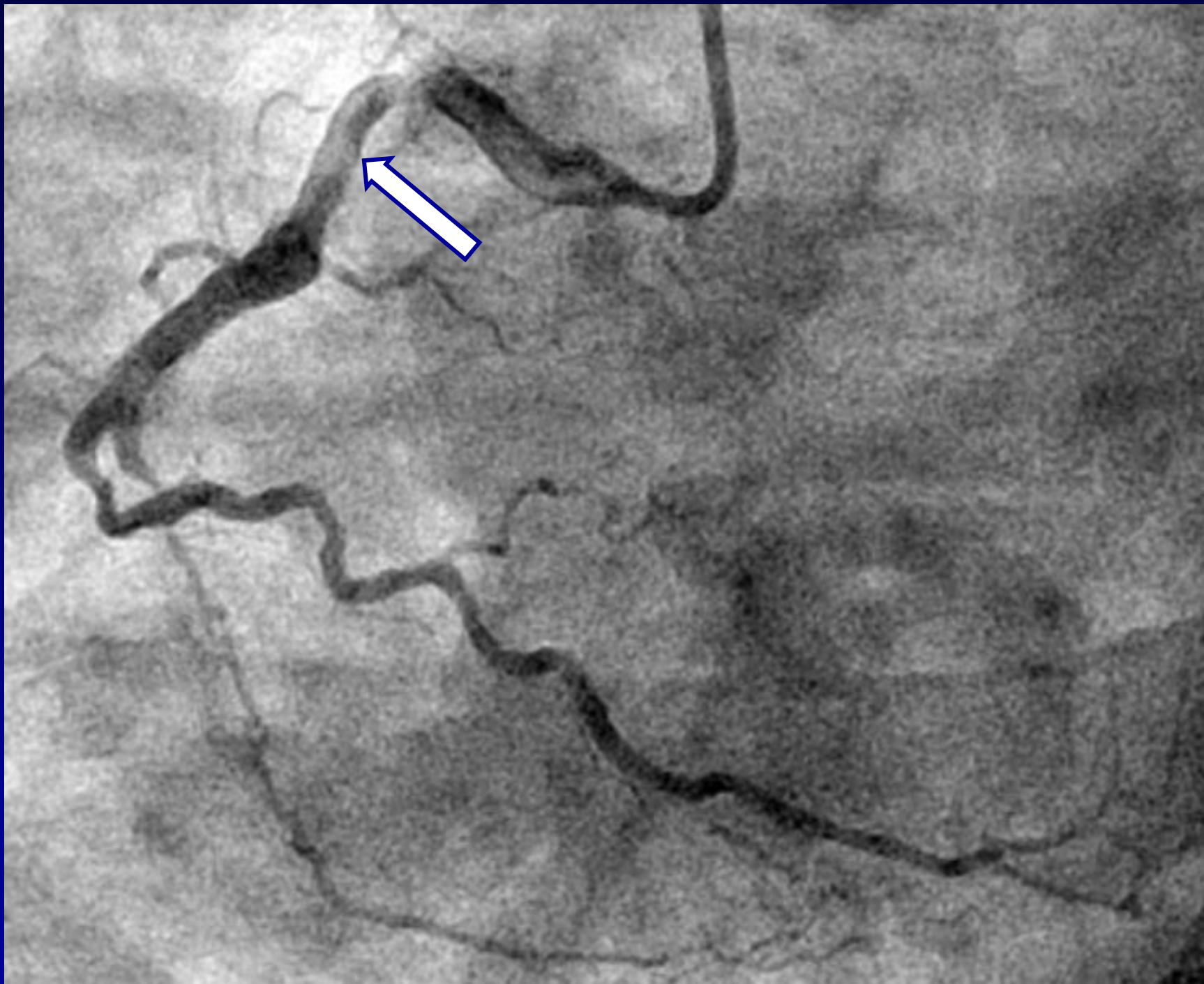




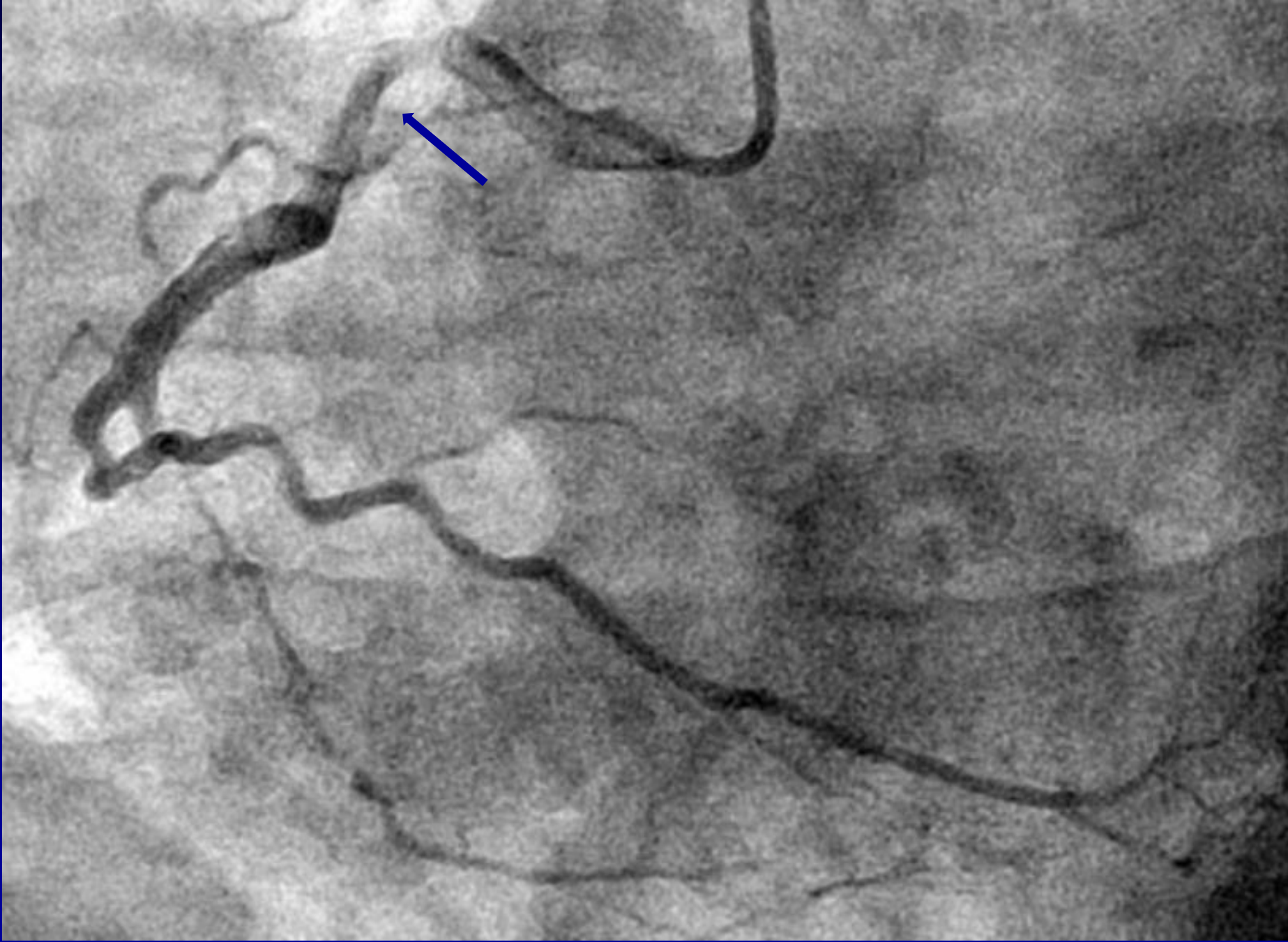


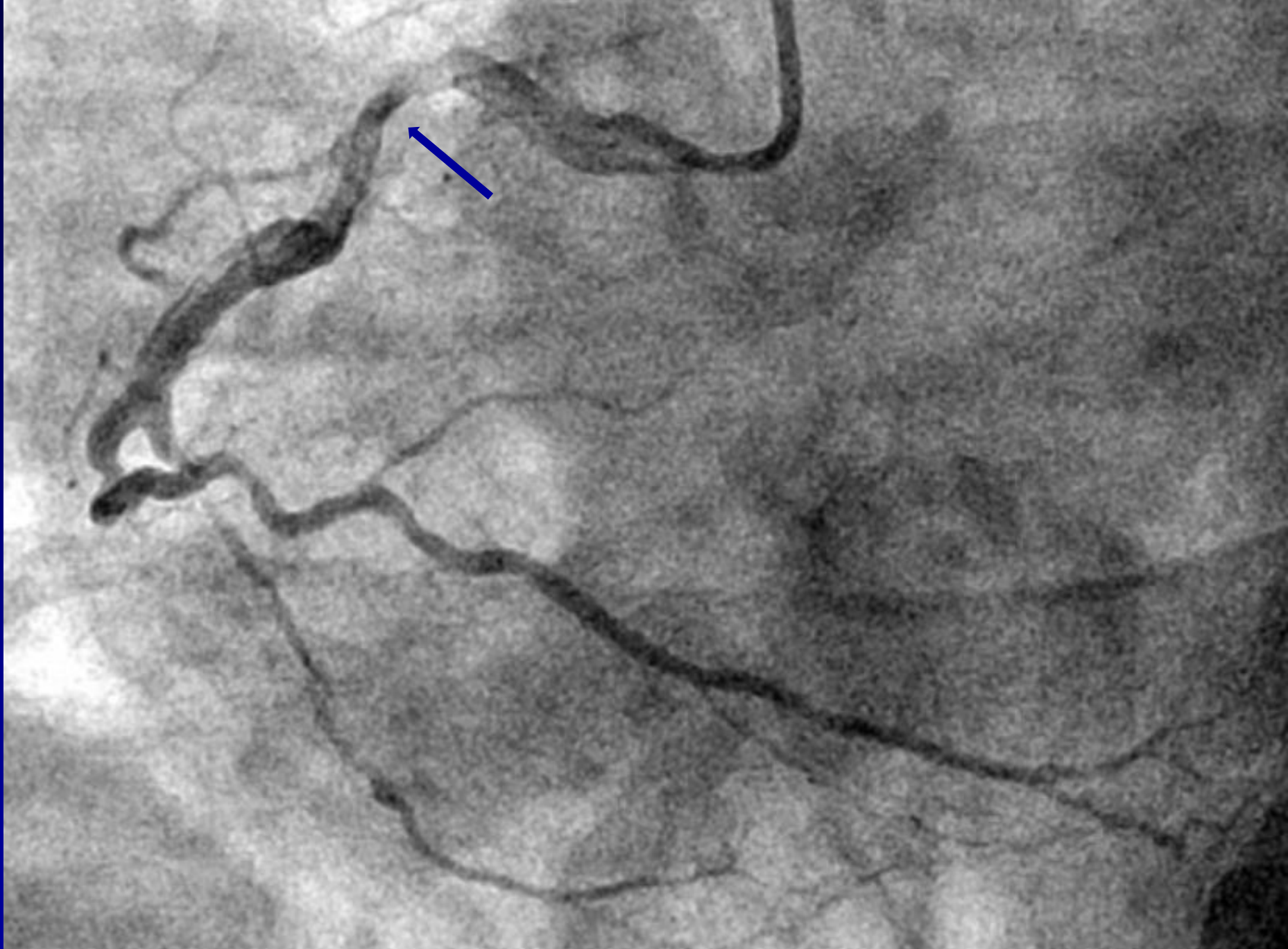






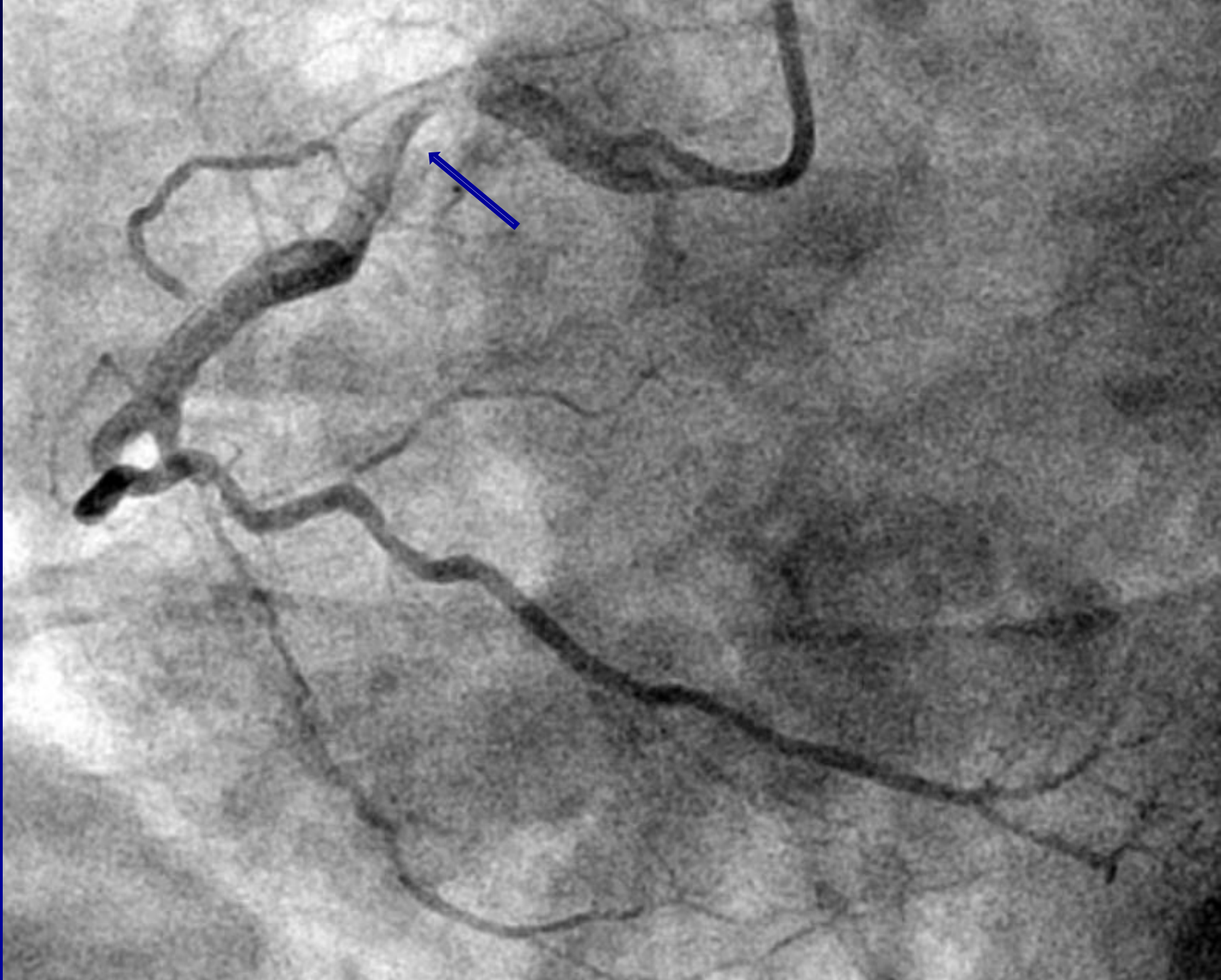


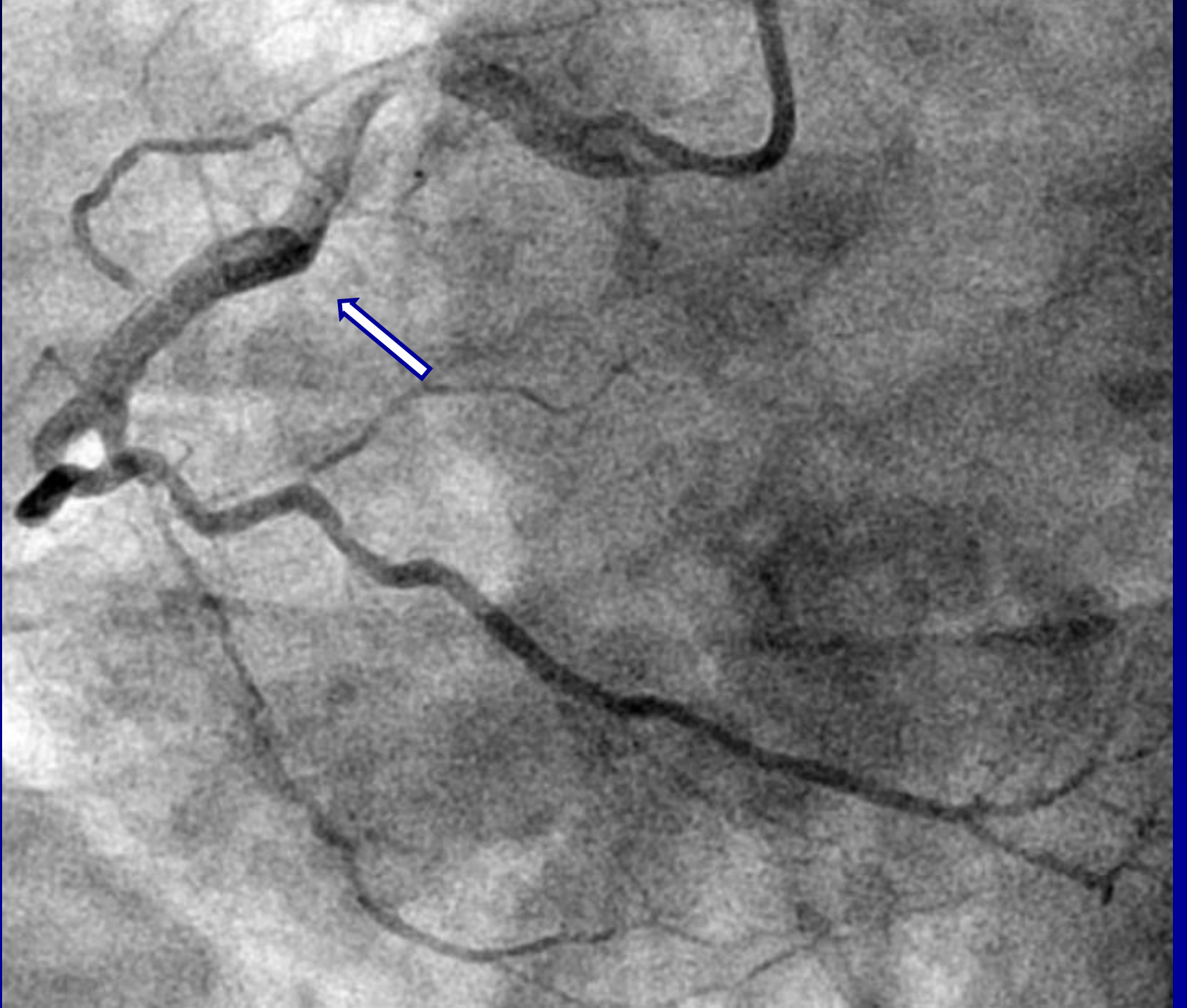


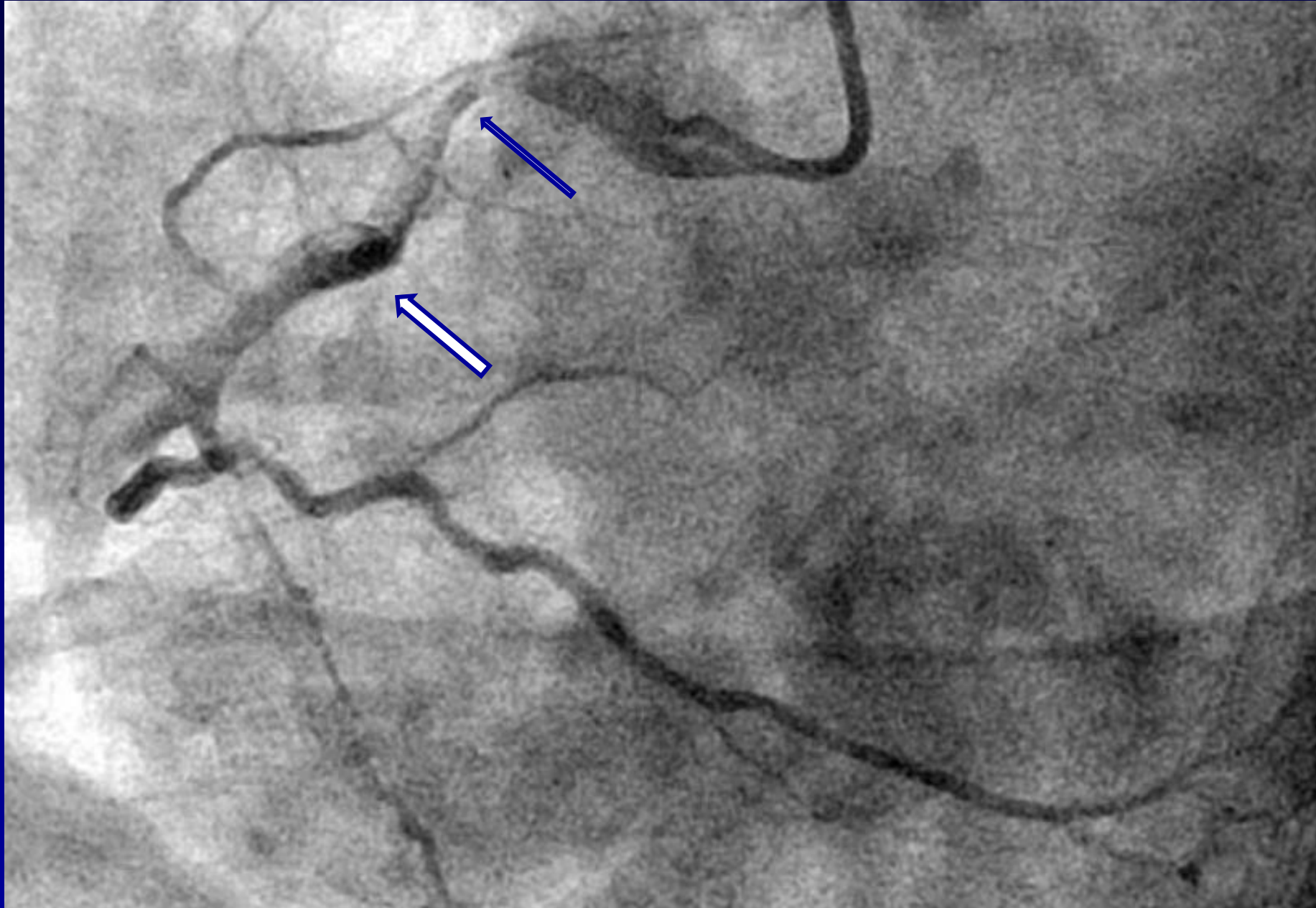


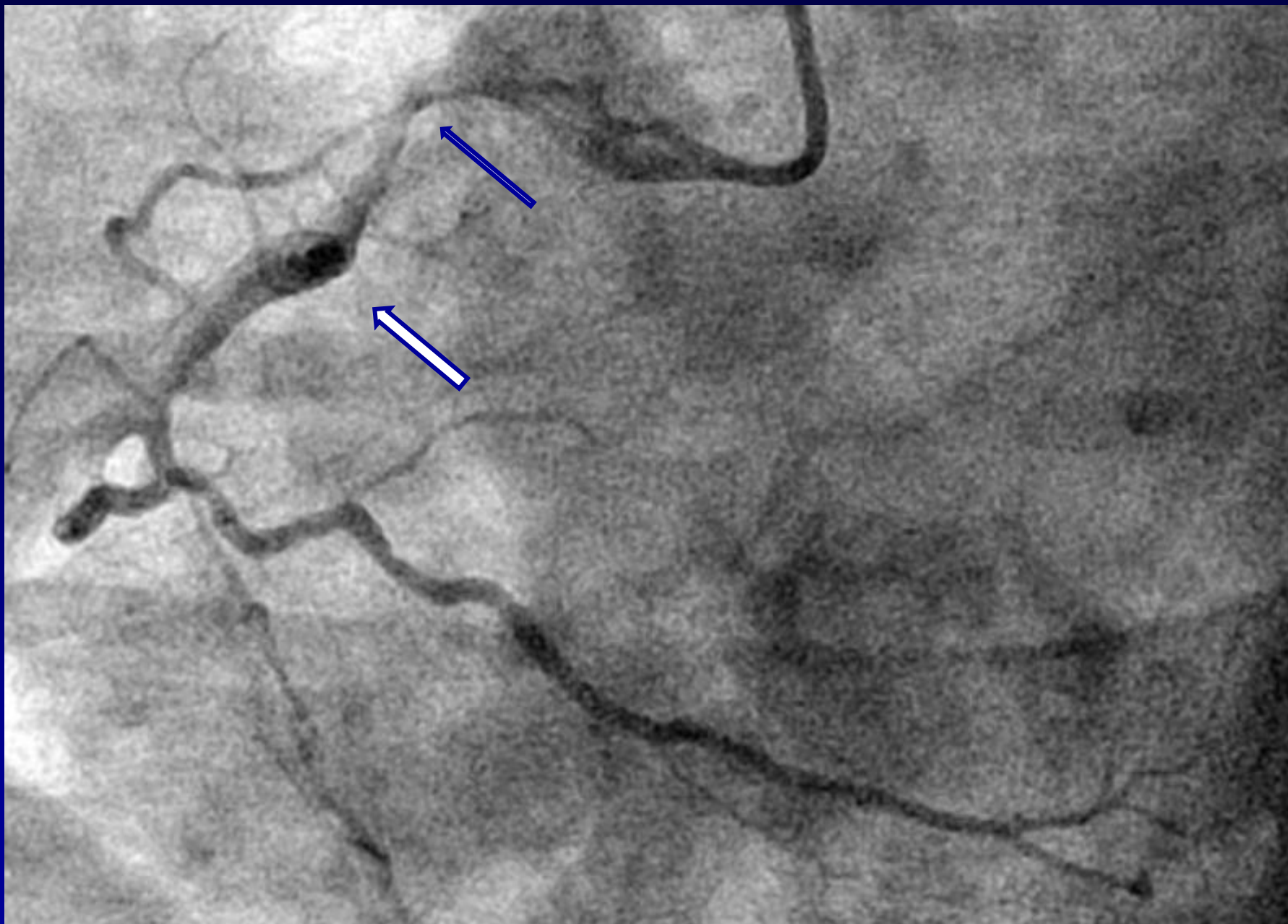


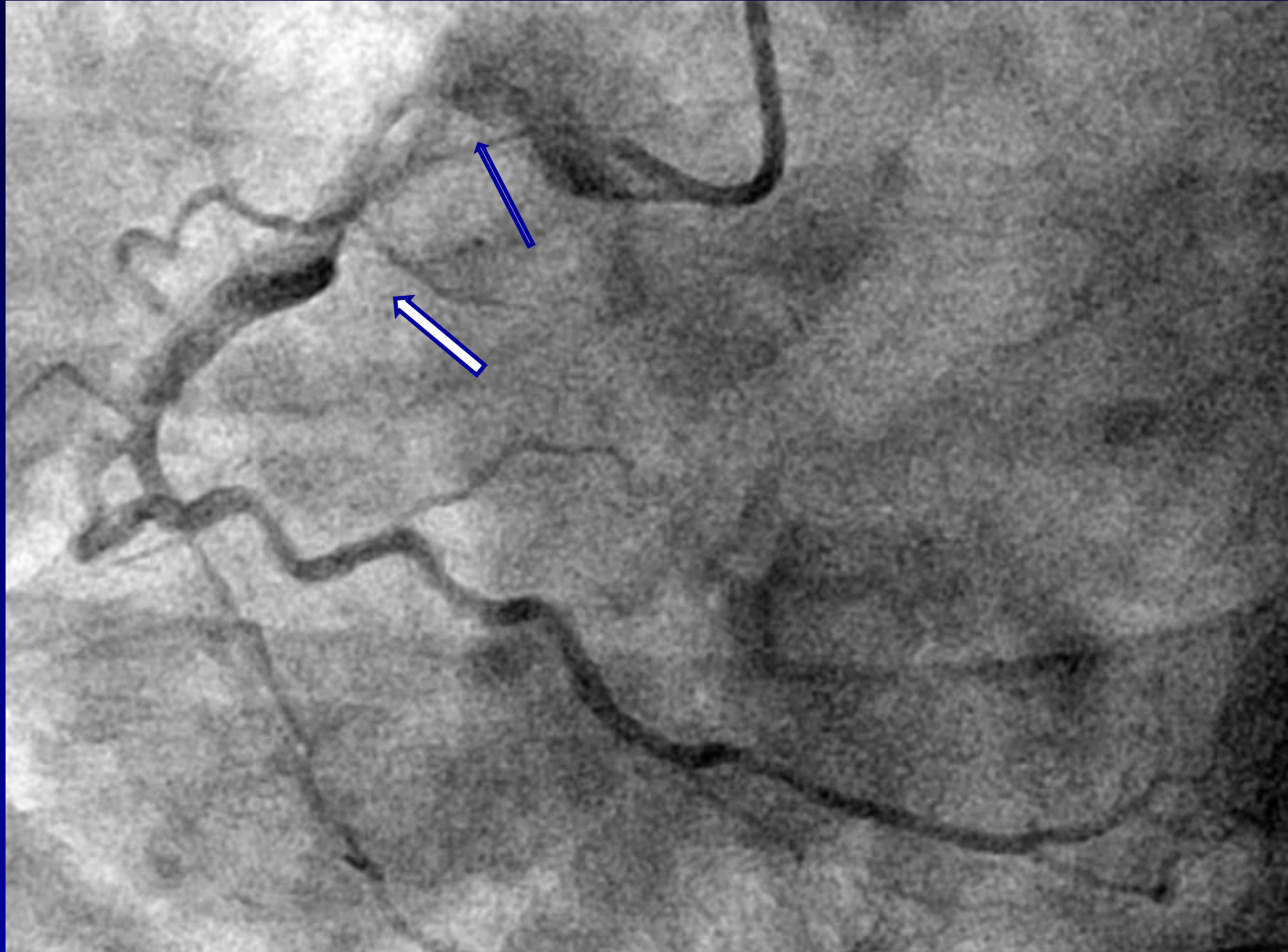


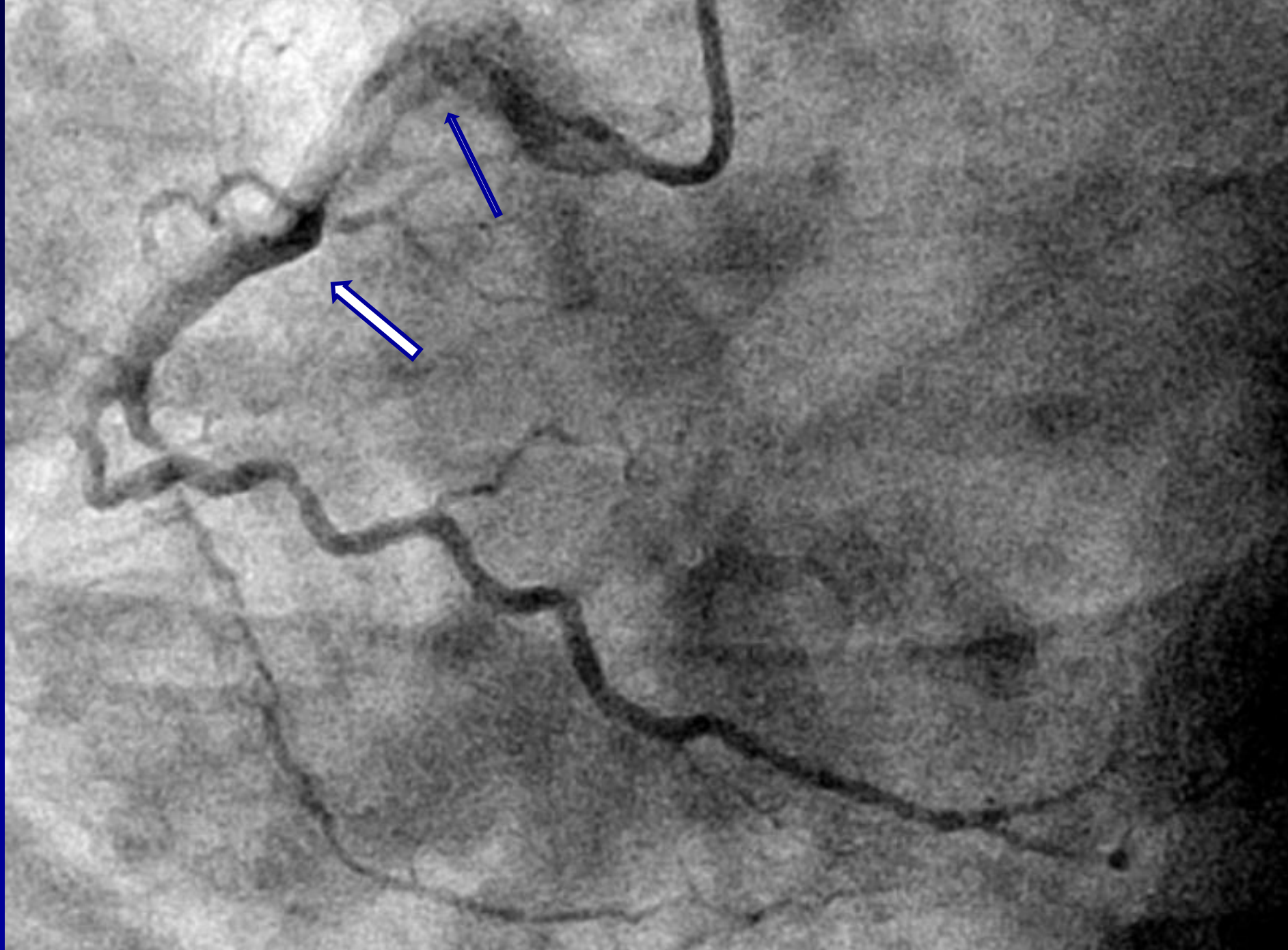


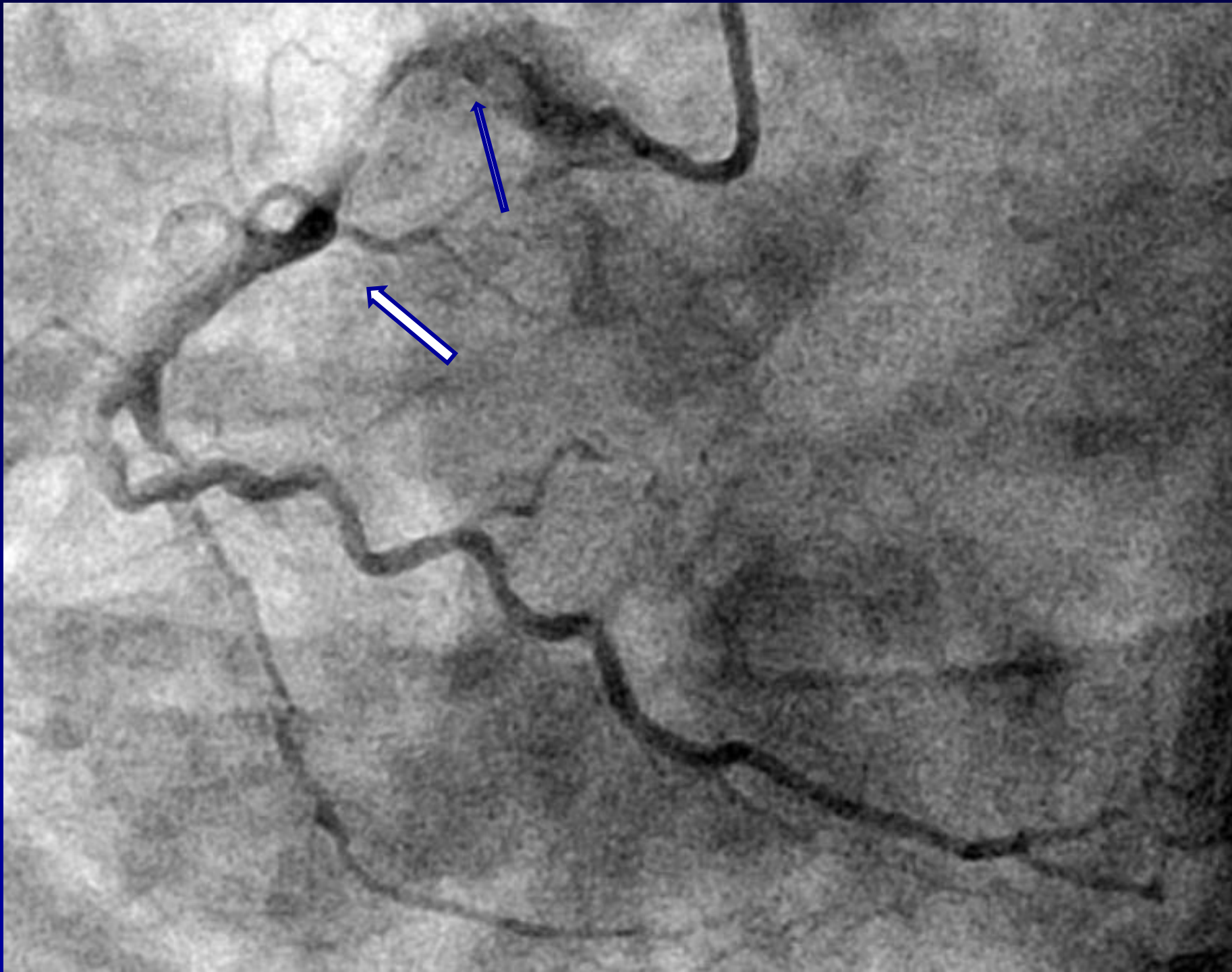






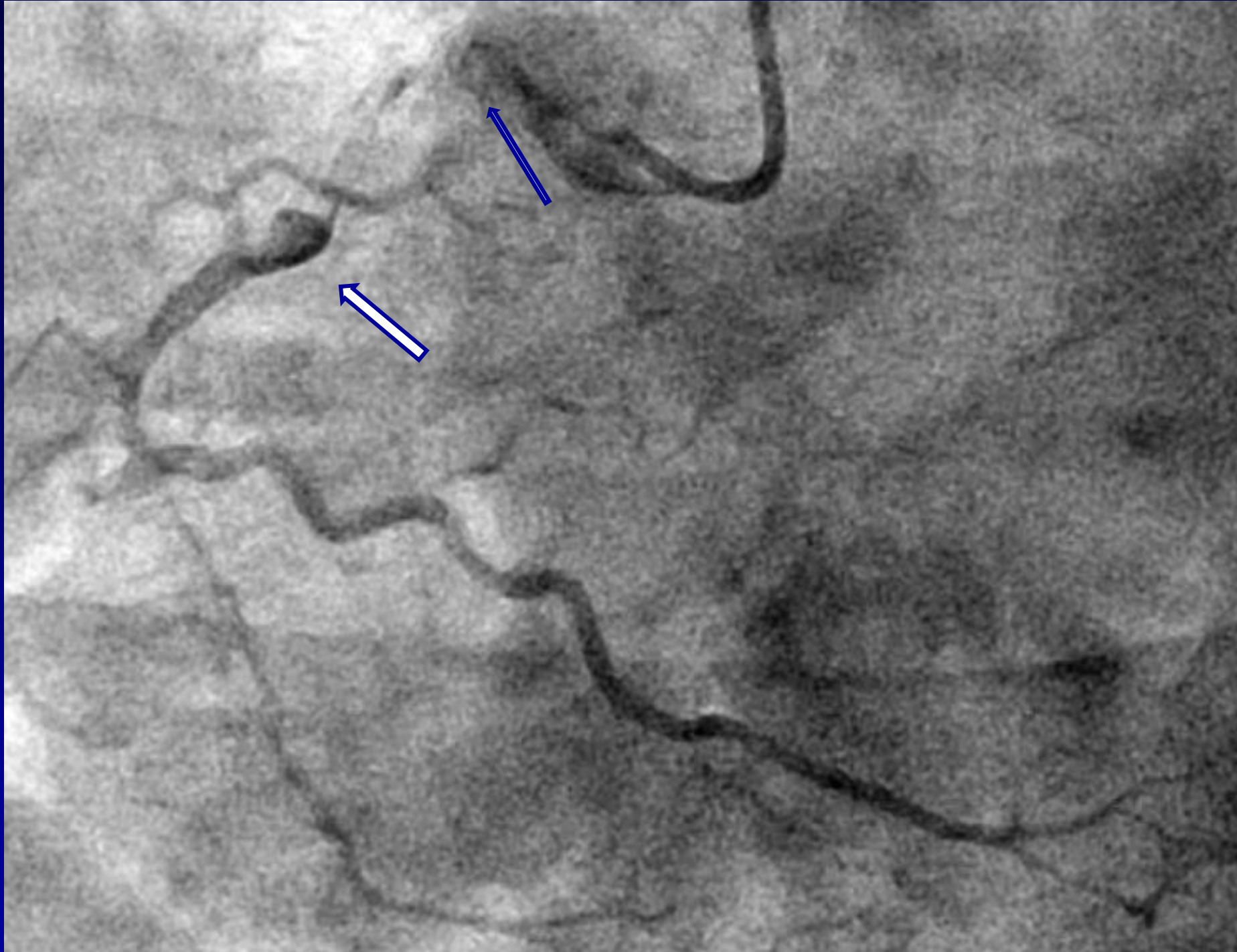


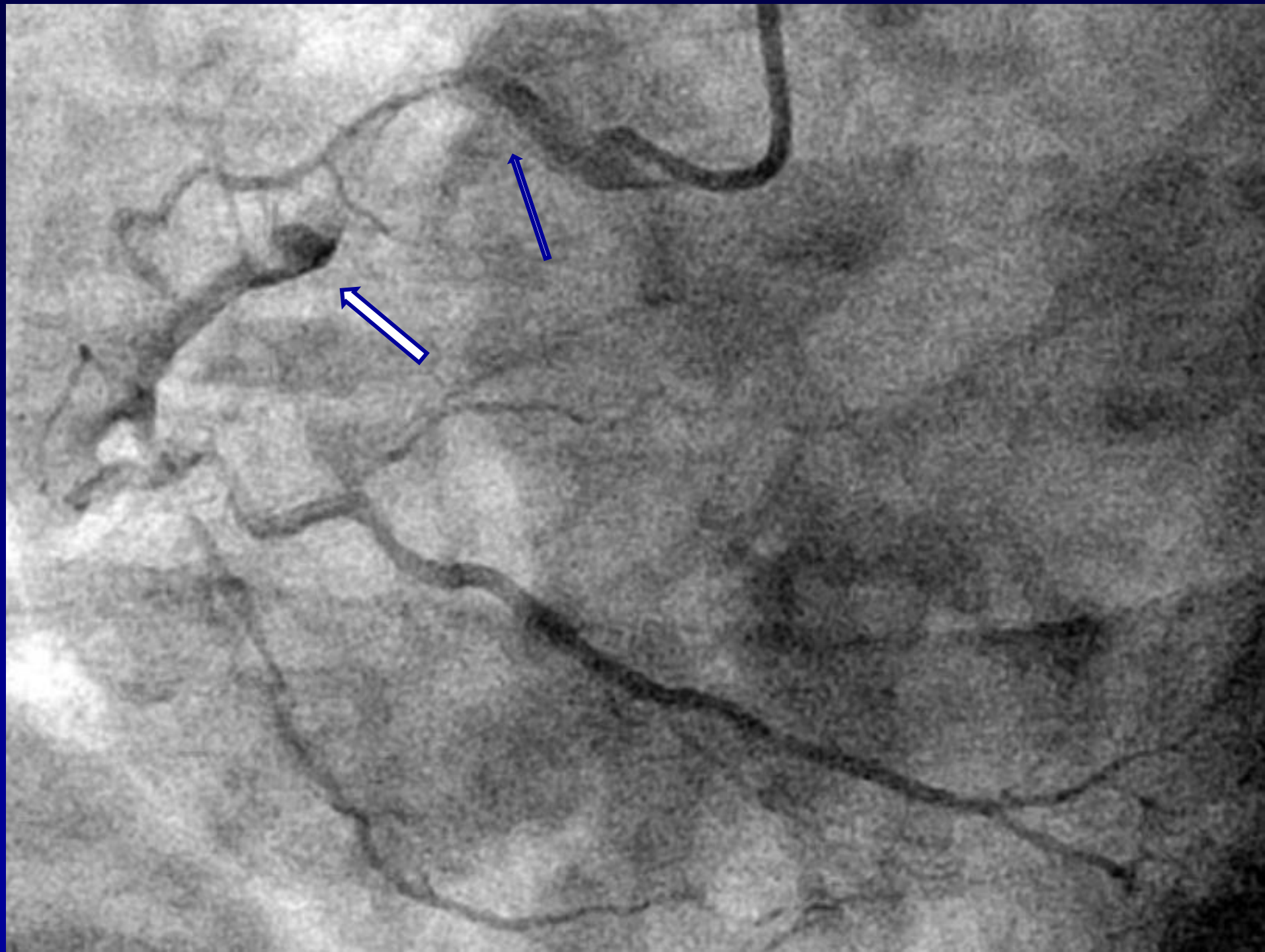


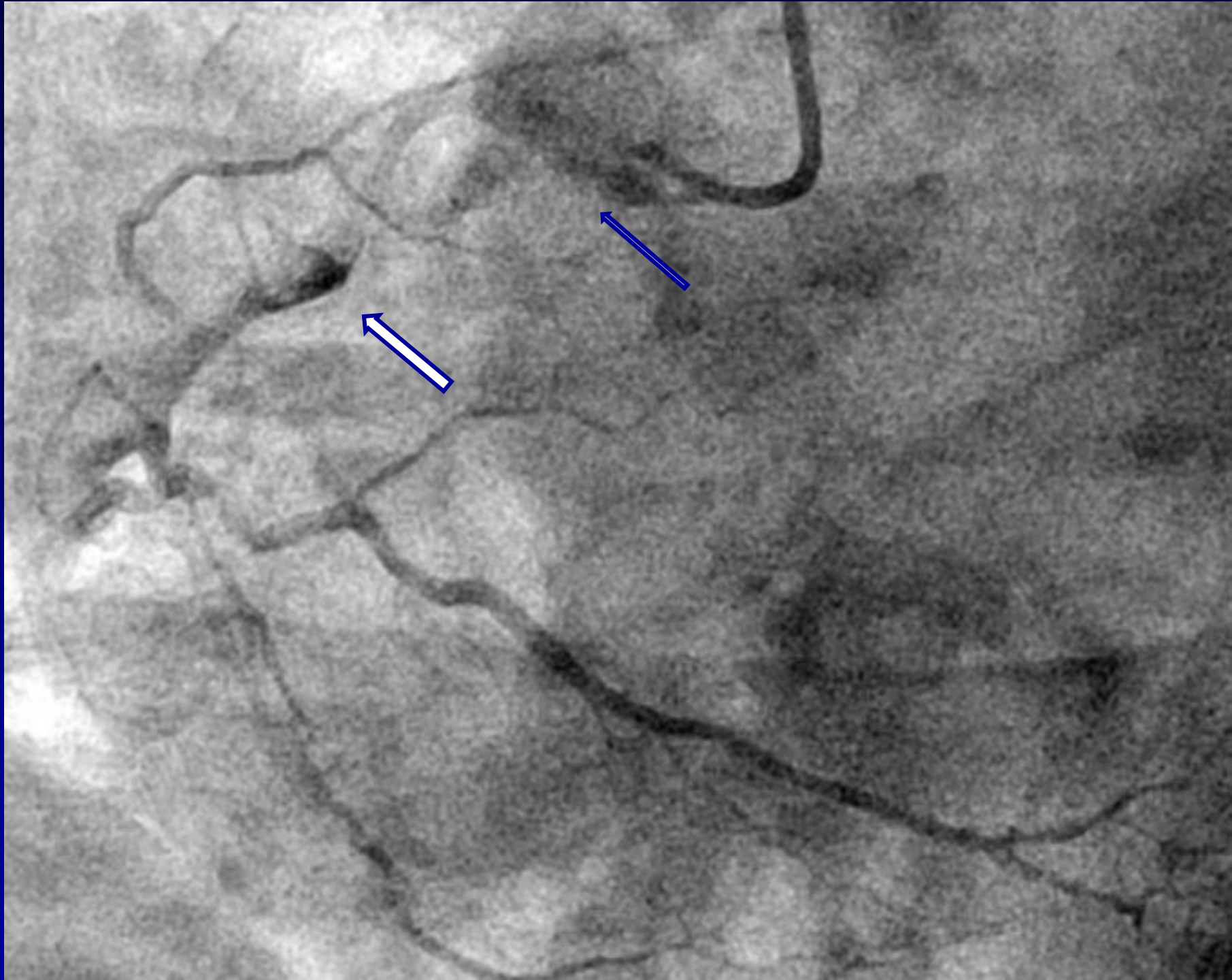


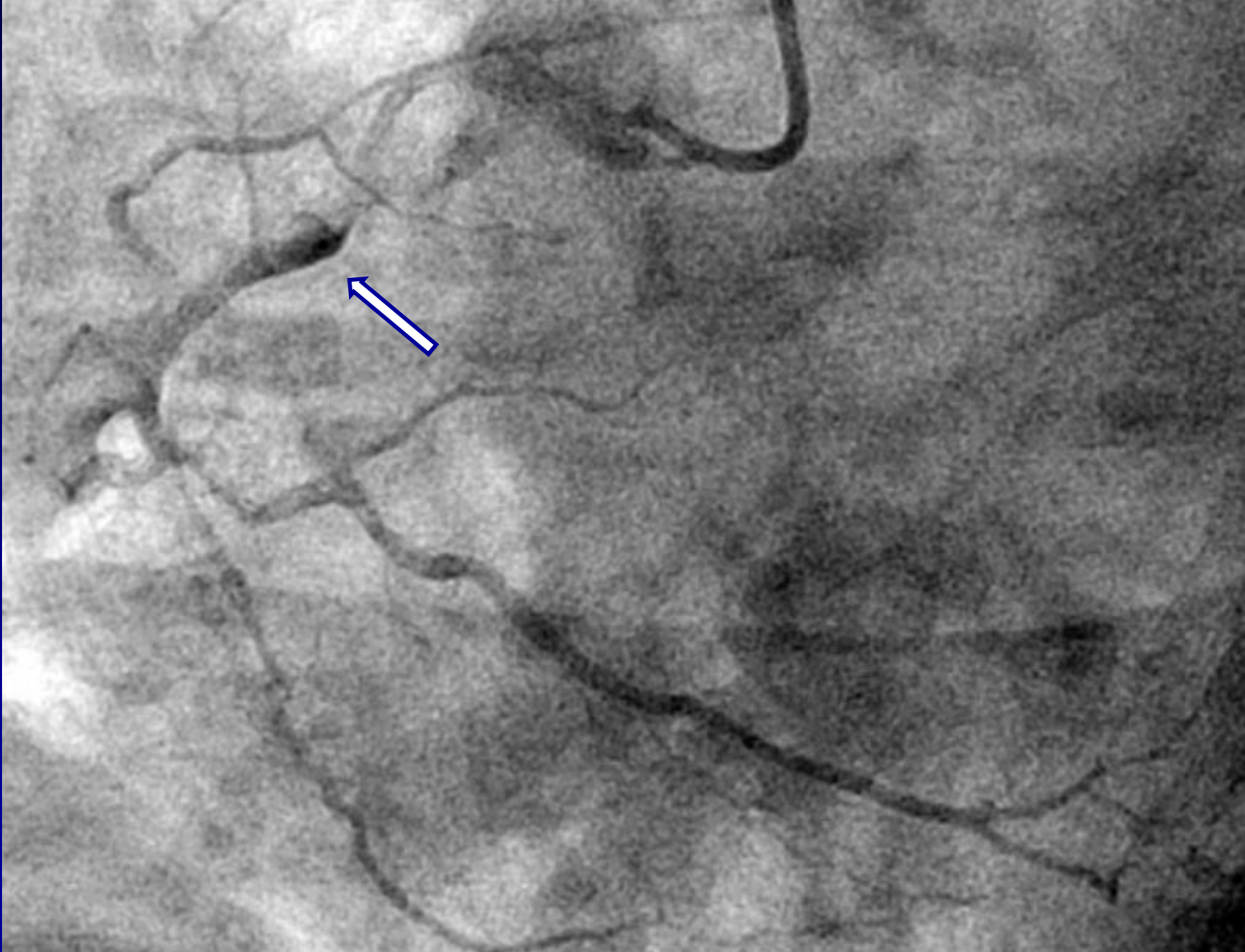


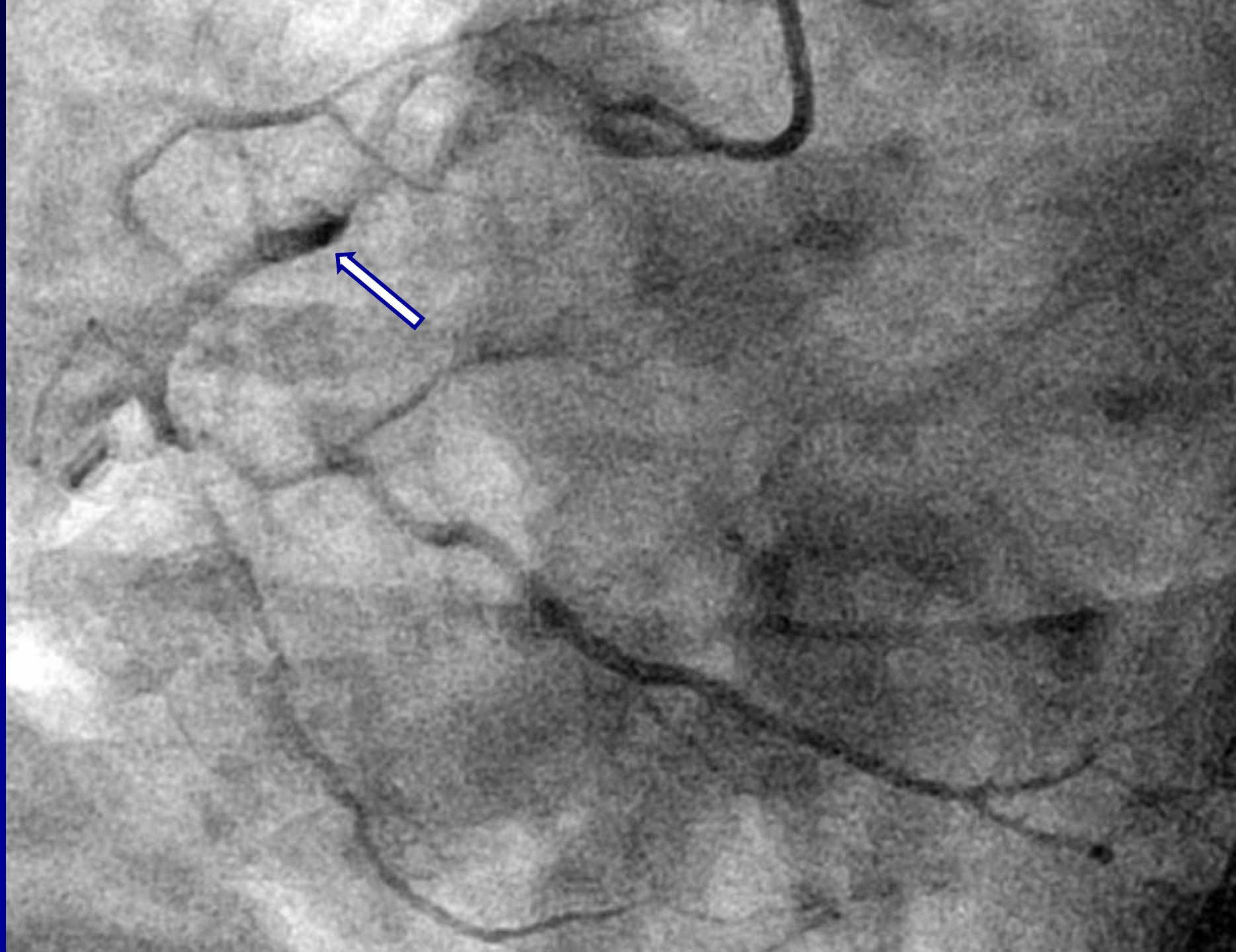


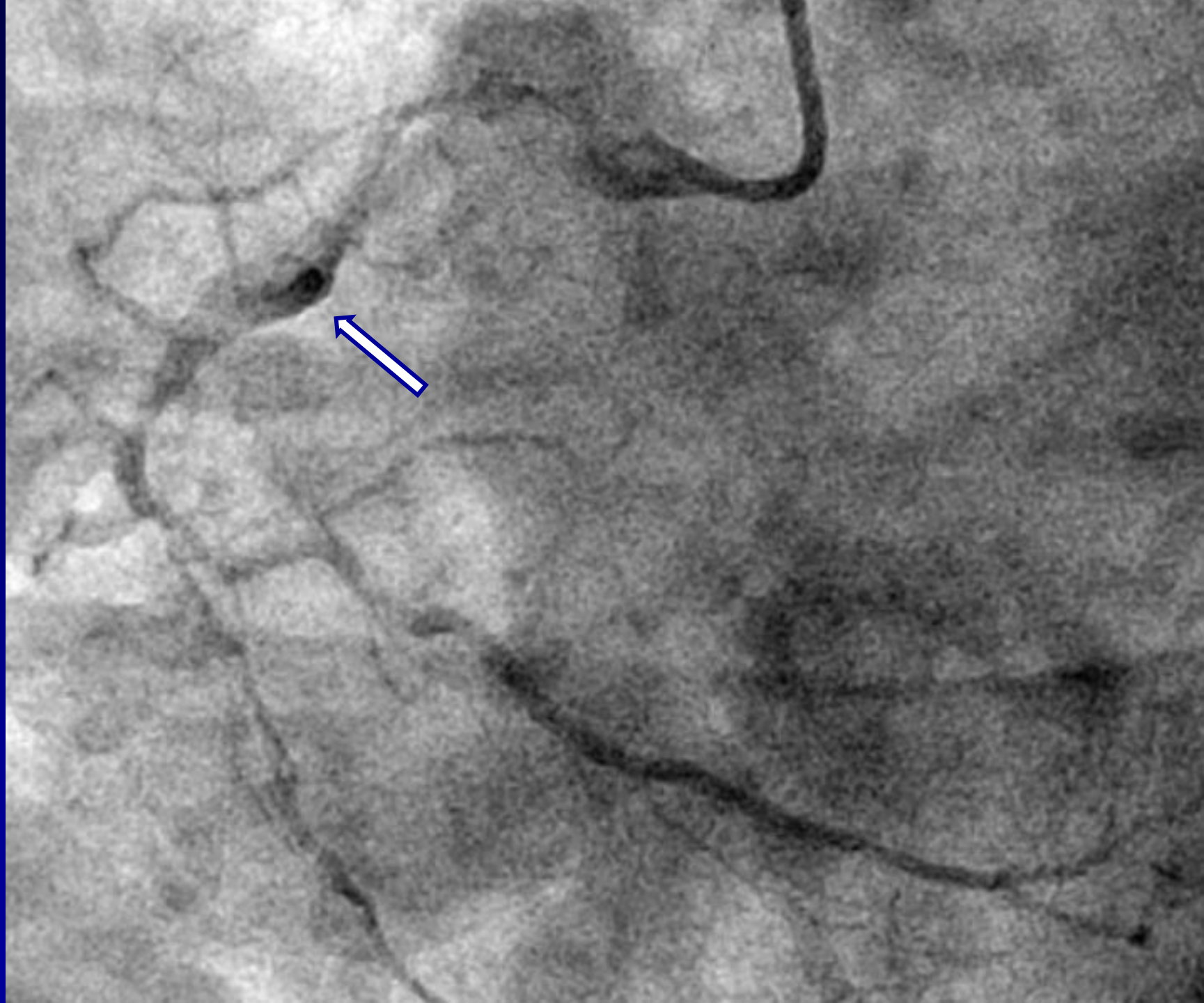


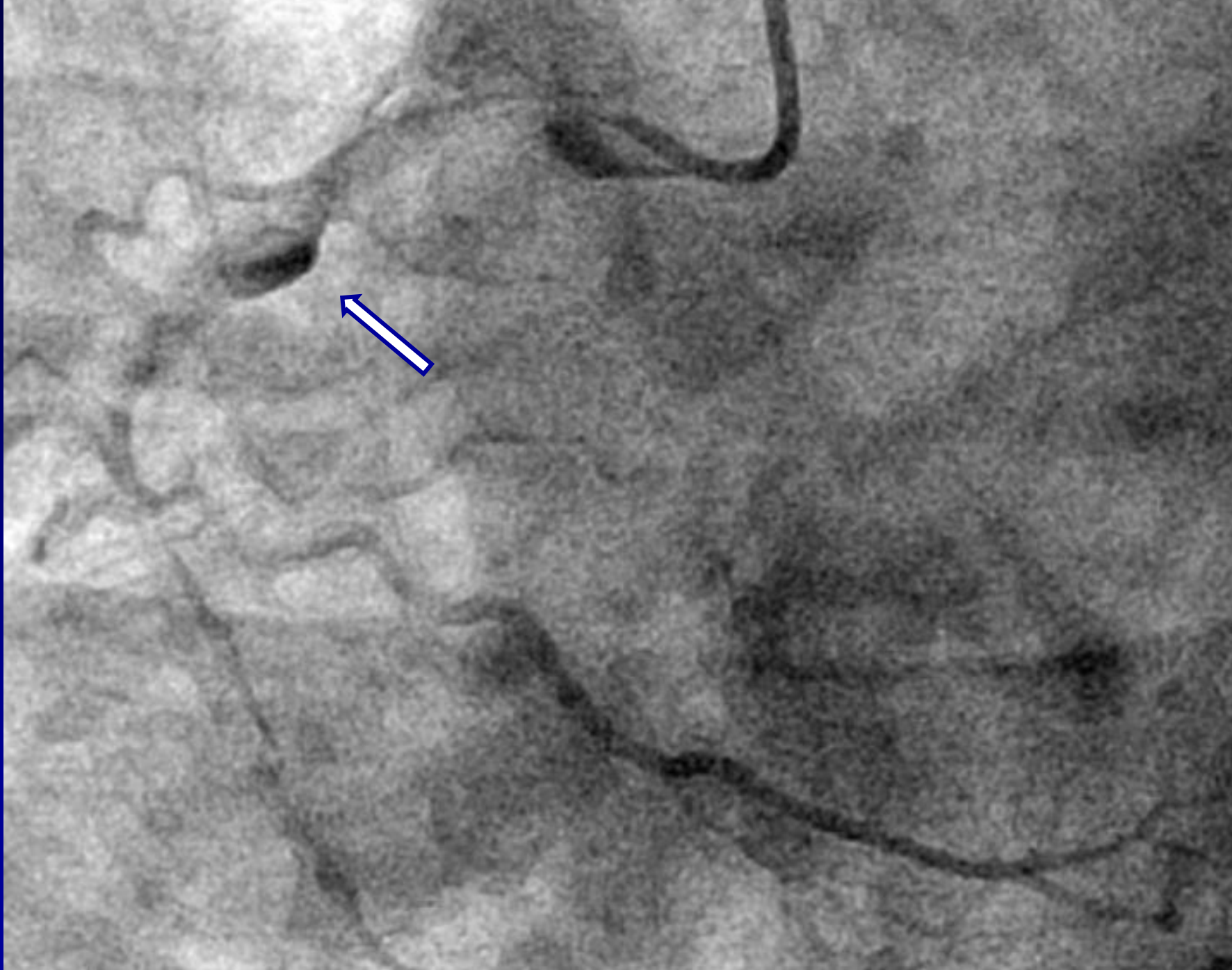










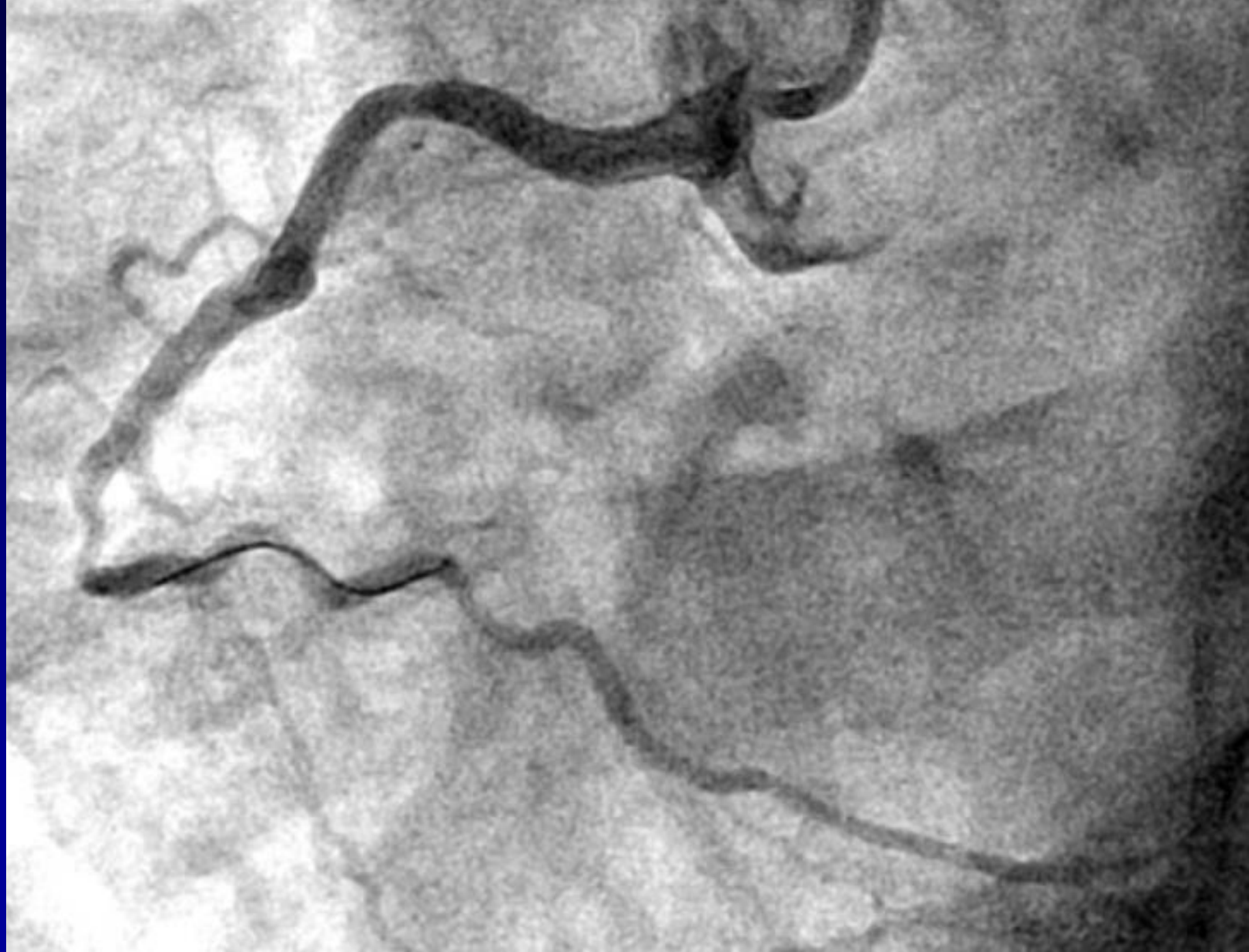


**John K**  
**RCA After PCI**

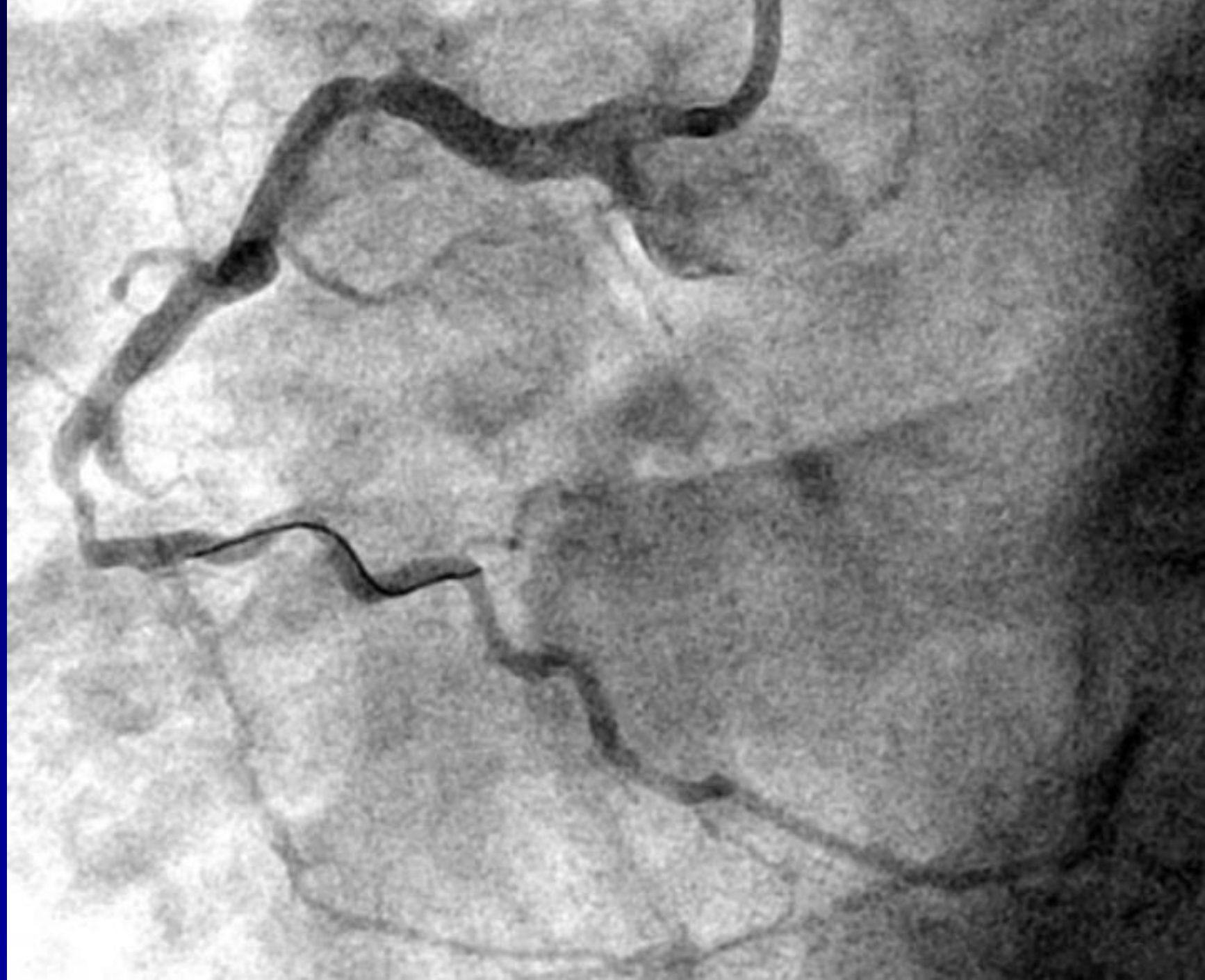




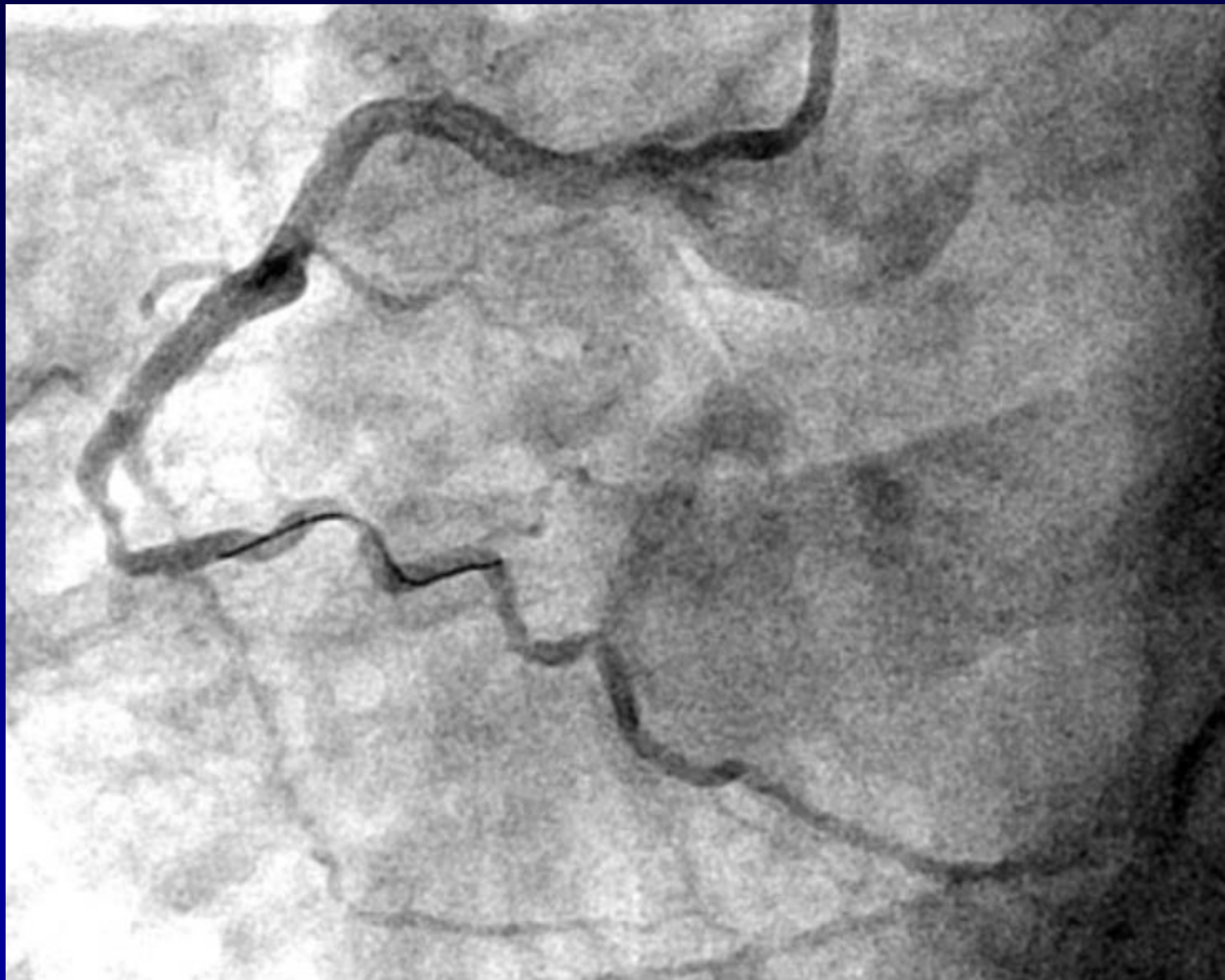


















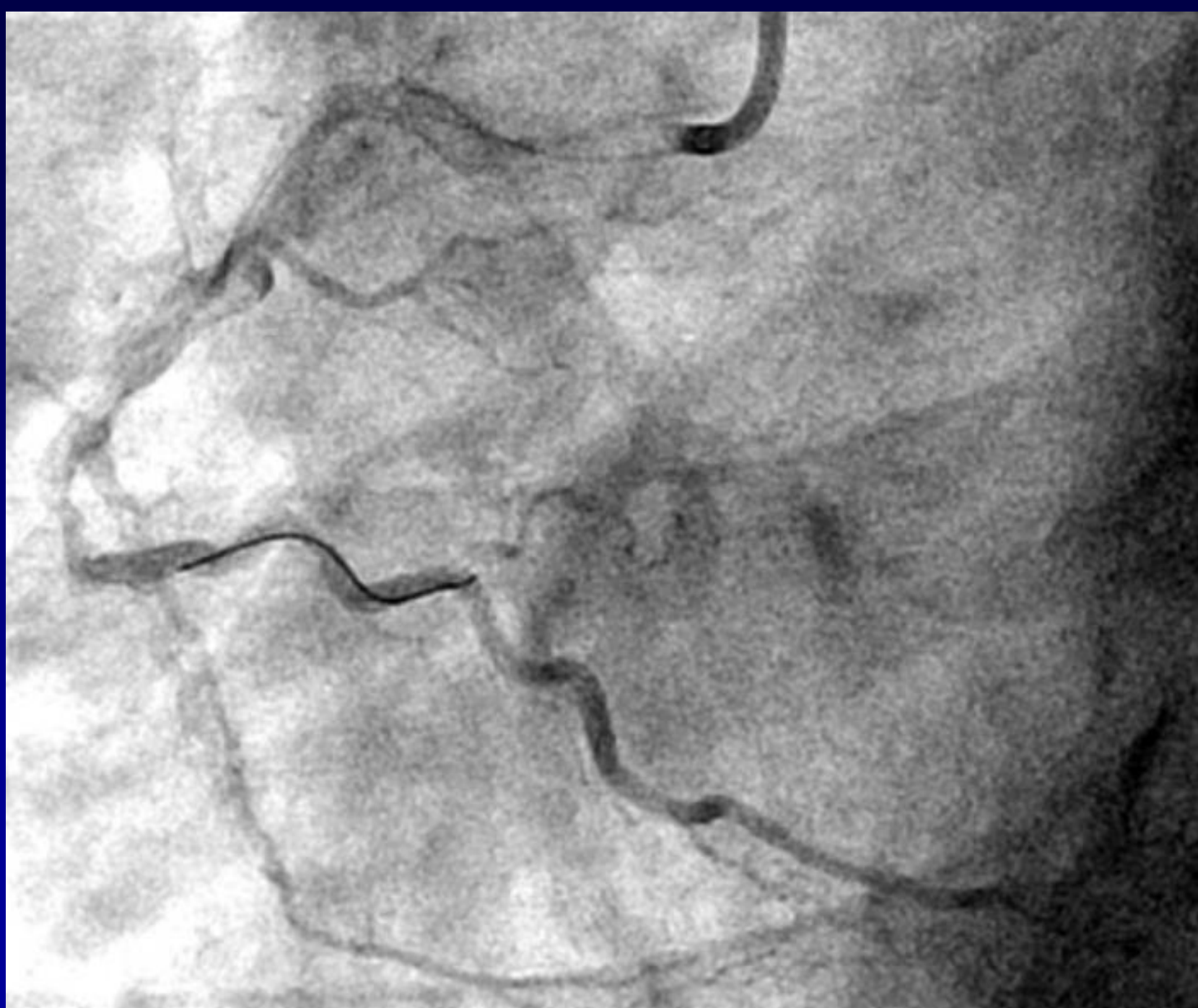












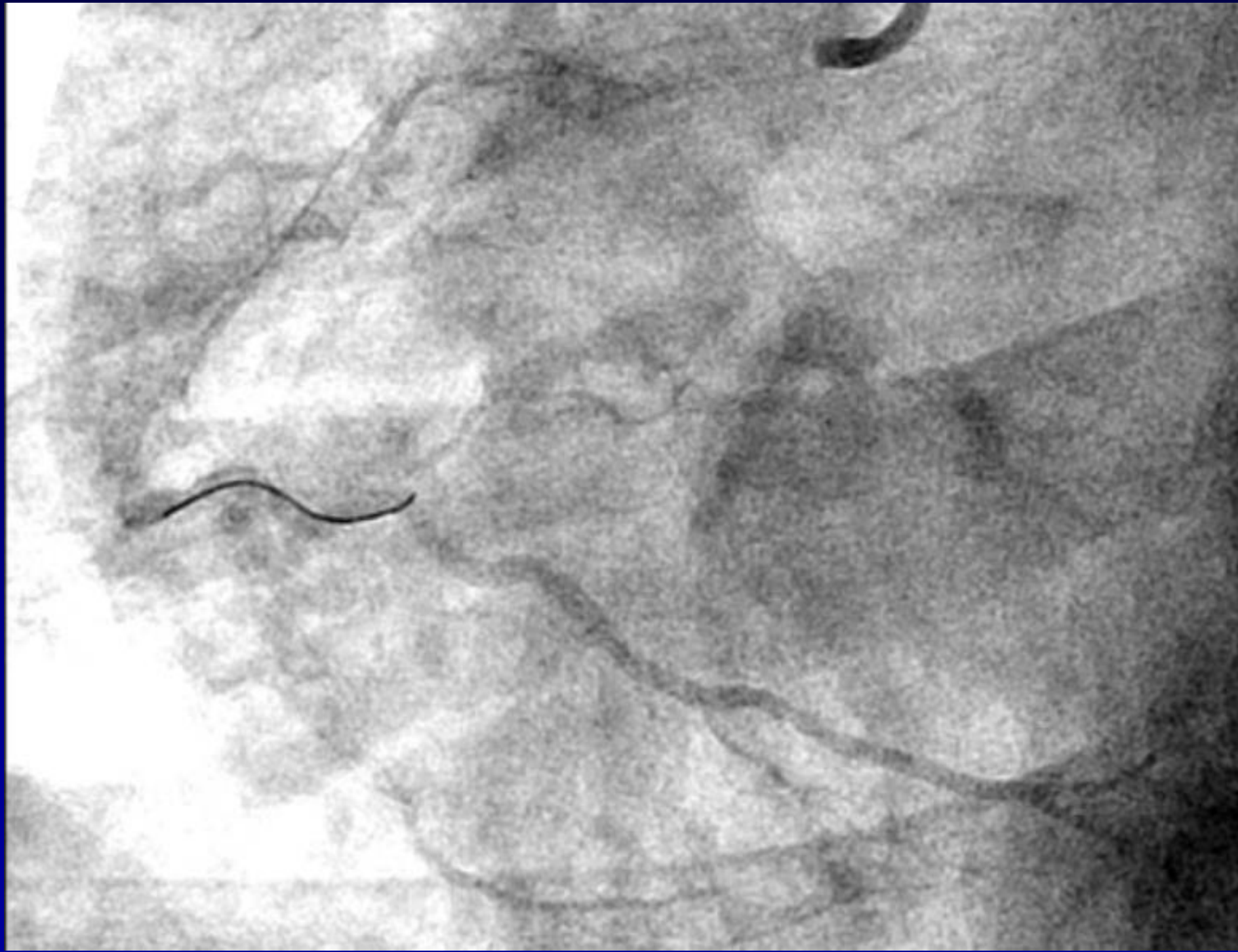


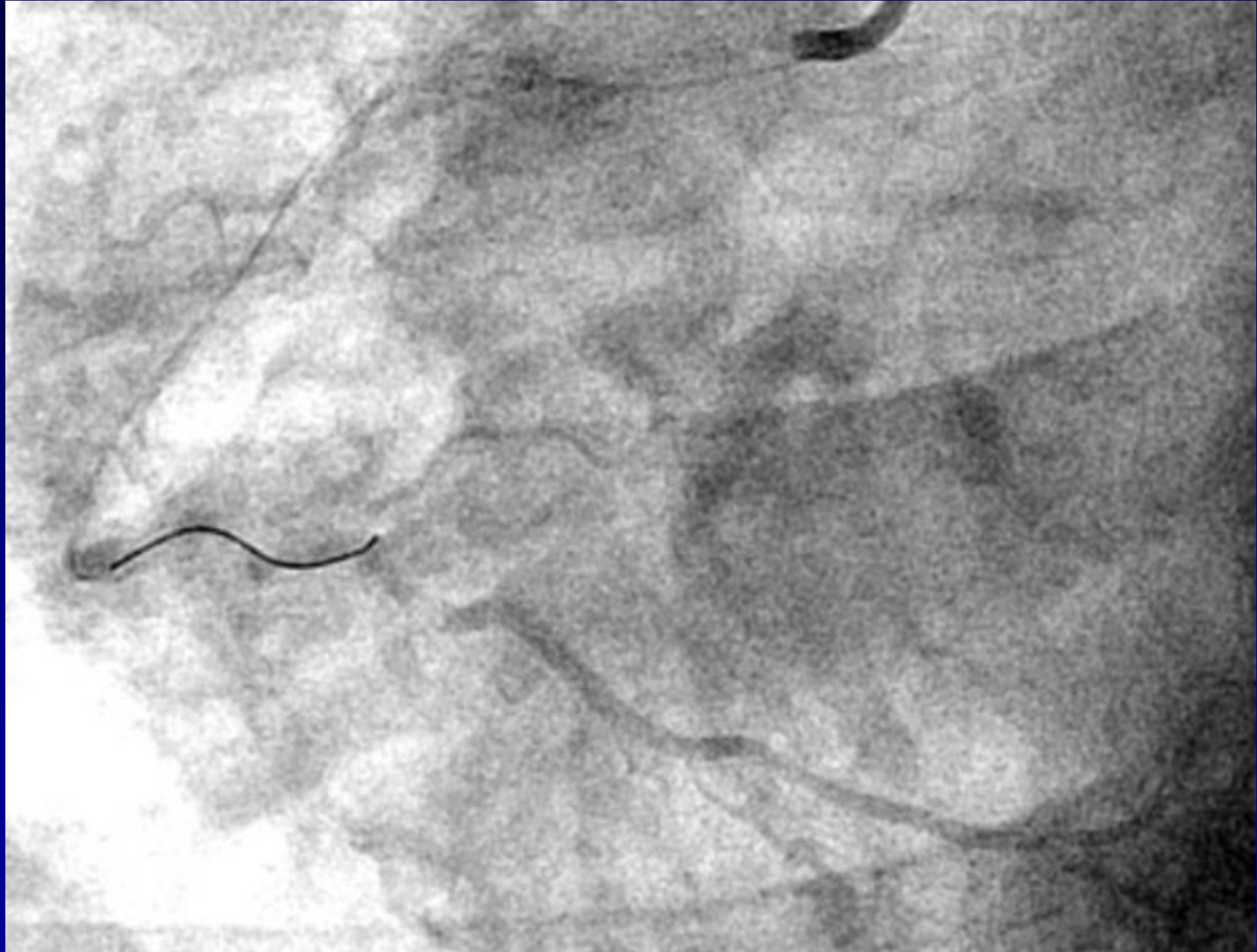


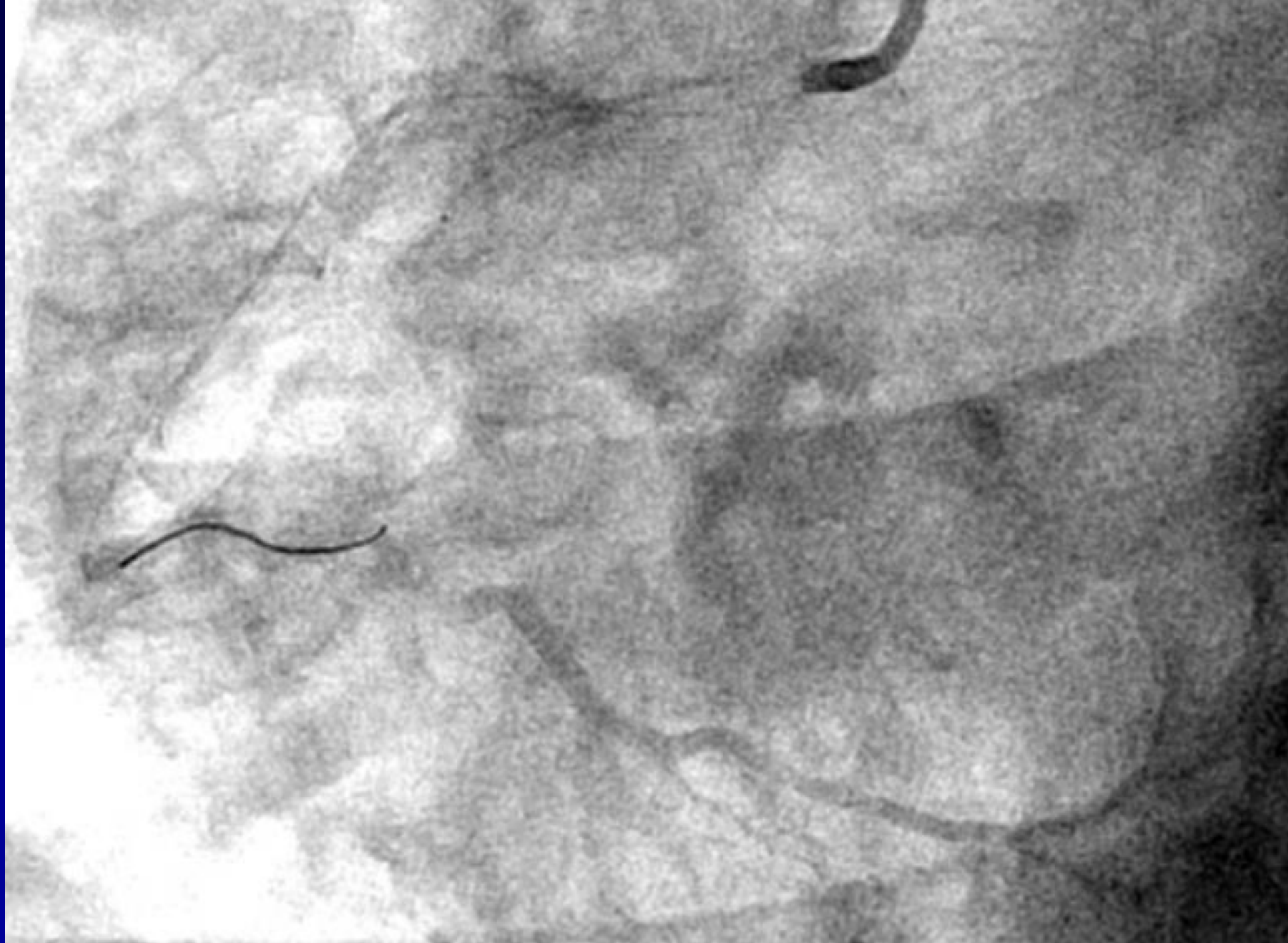










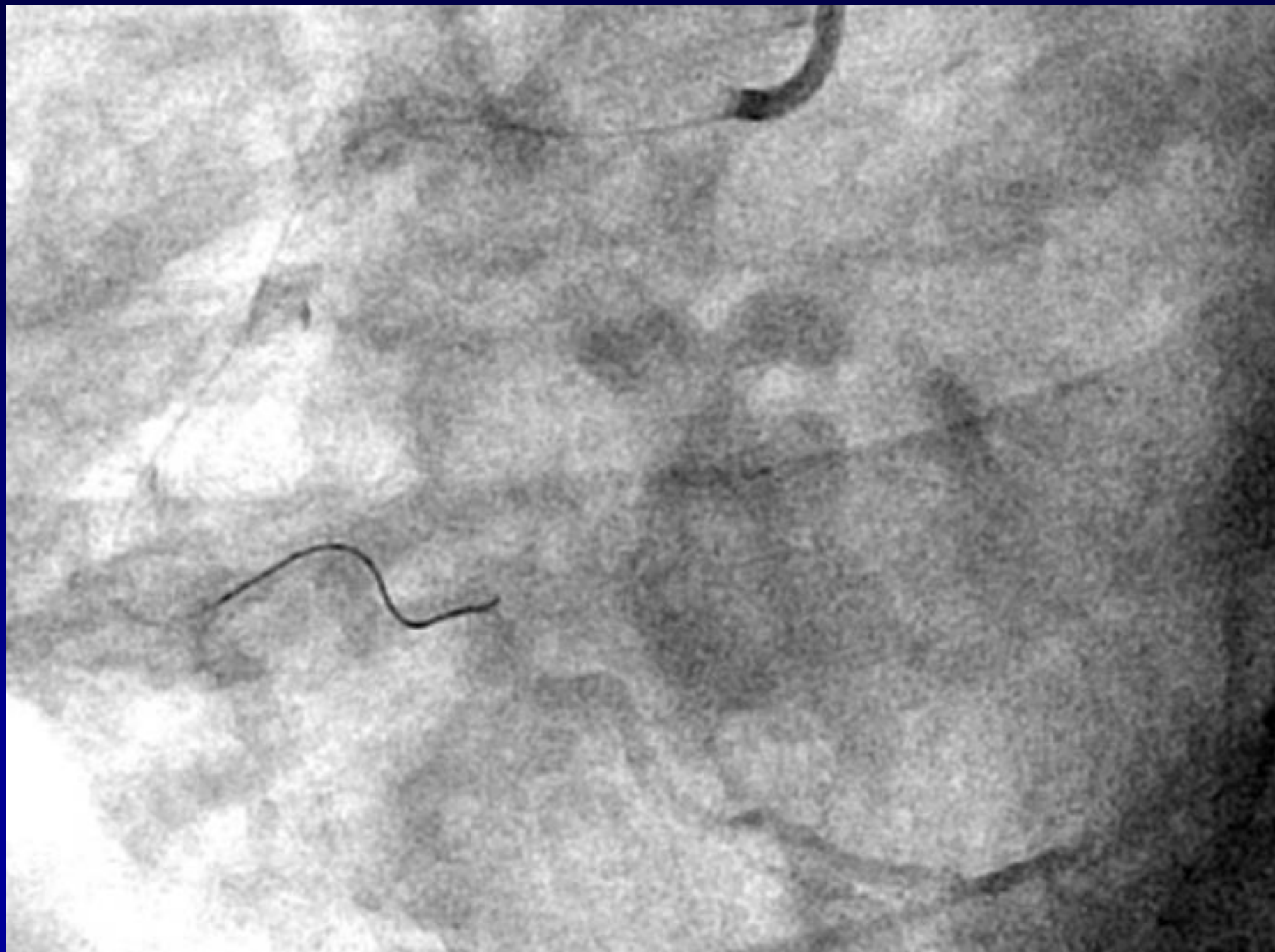










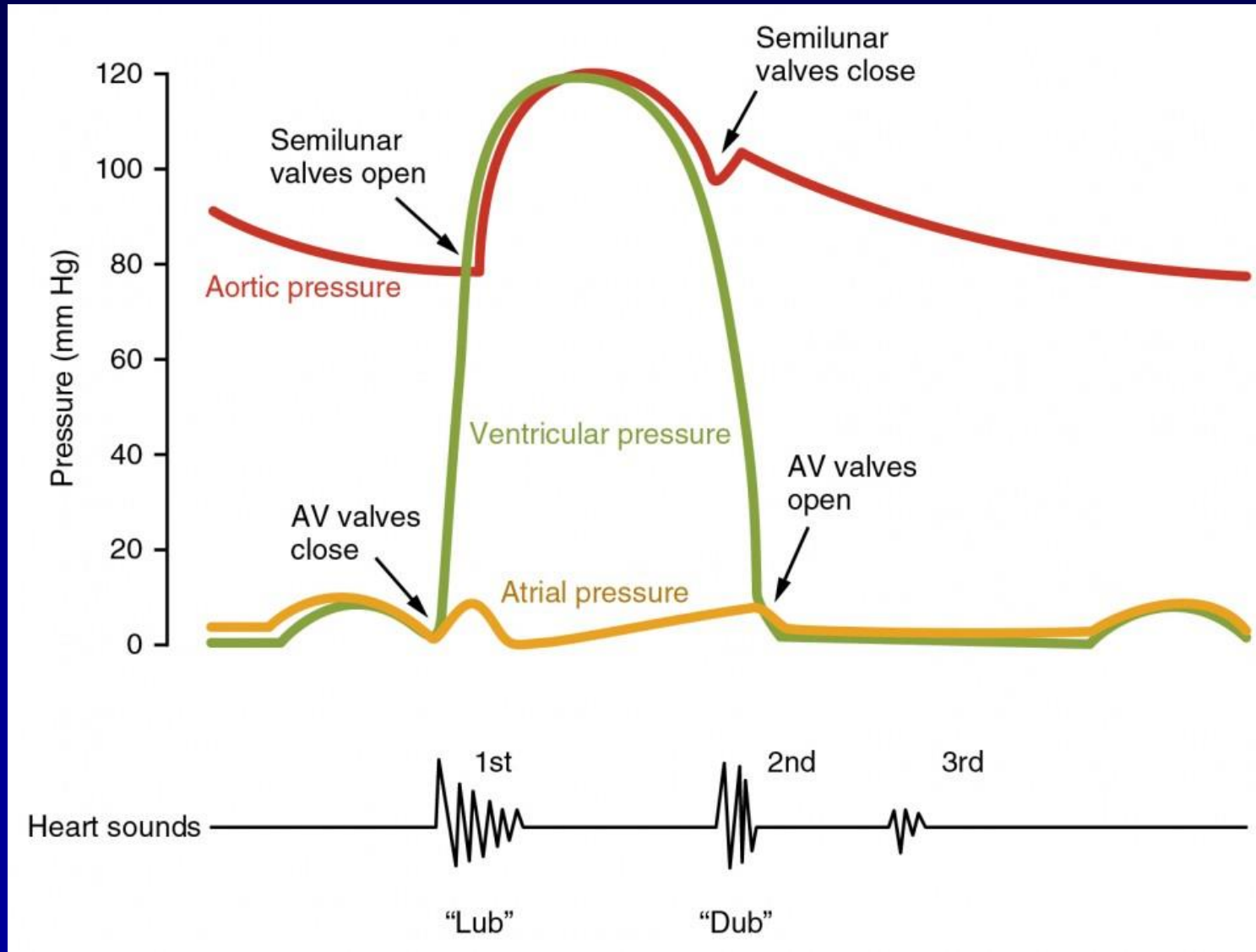


**Does elimination of stagnant flow and reversed flow confirm perfect FFR ?**

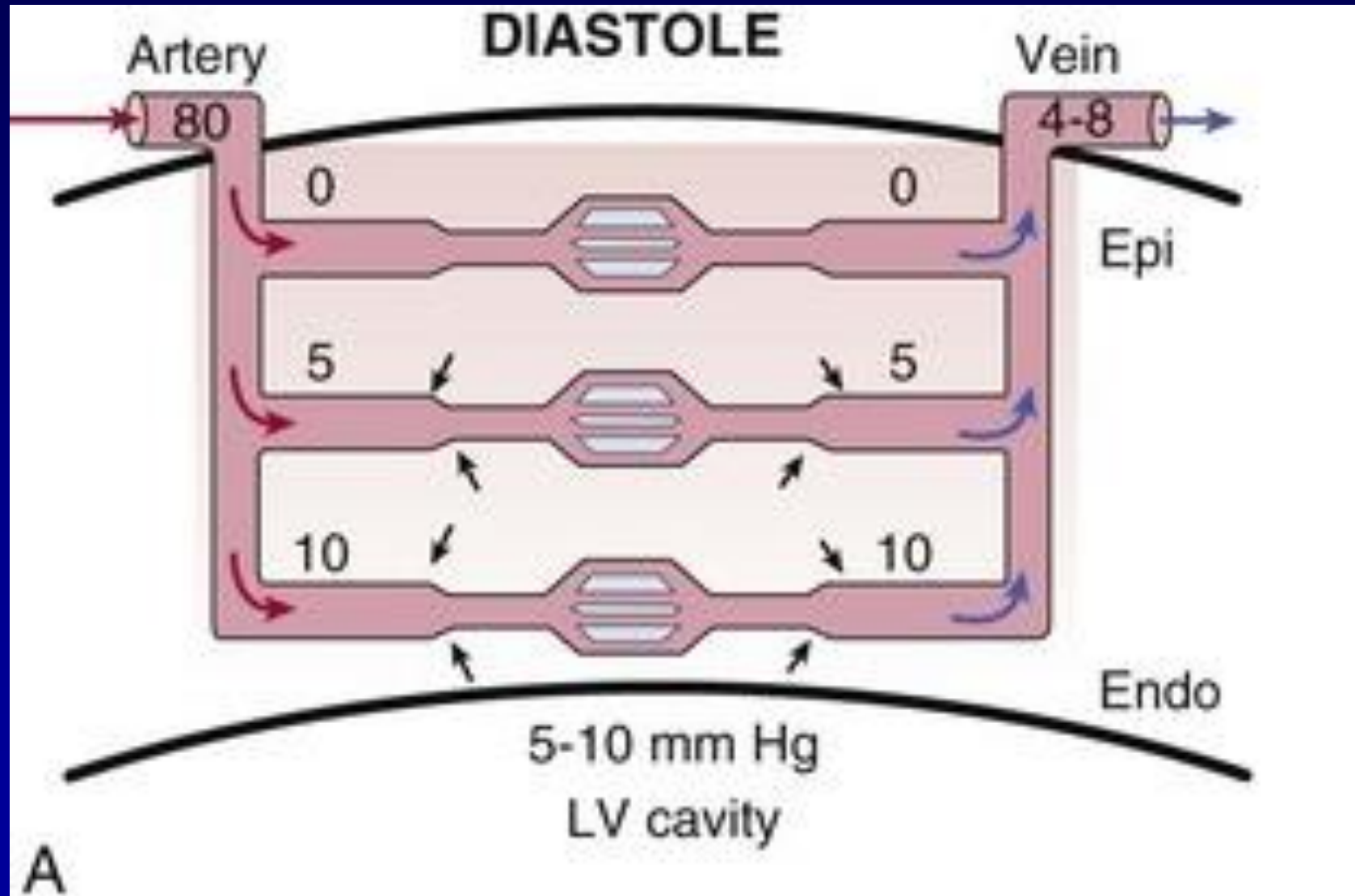


# CONCLUSIONS

# Change of Pressure

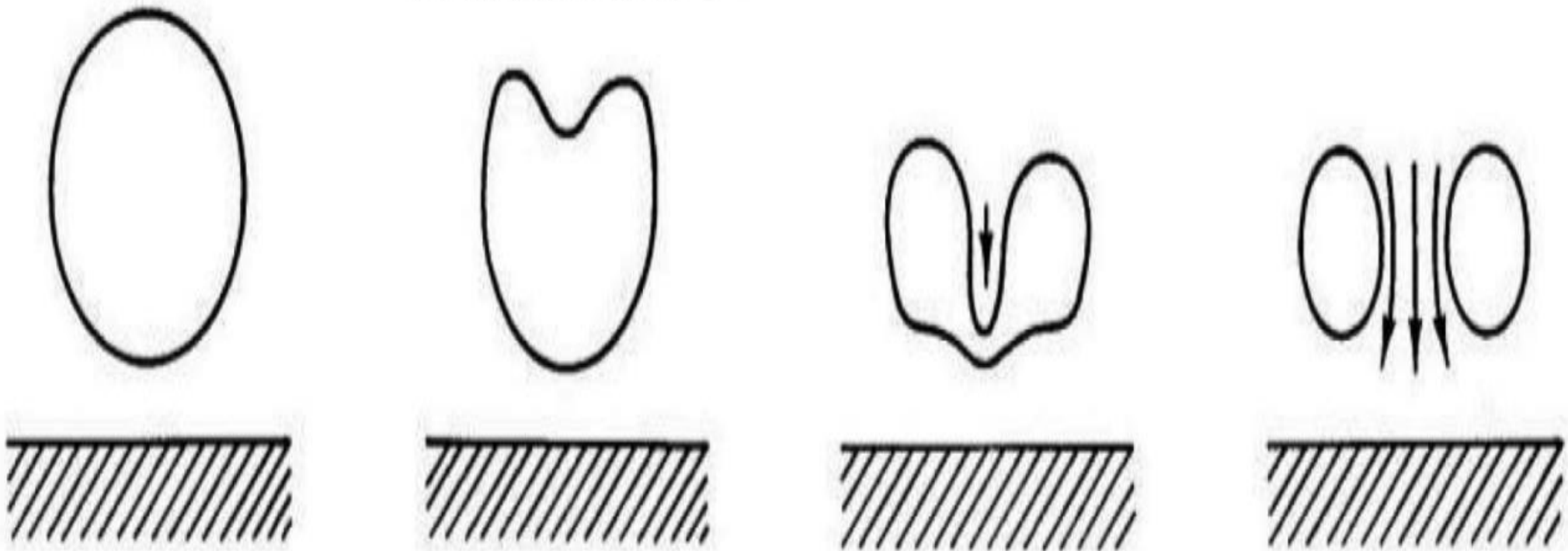


# Change of Pressure



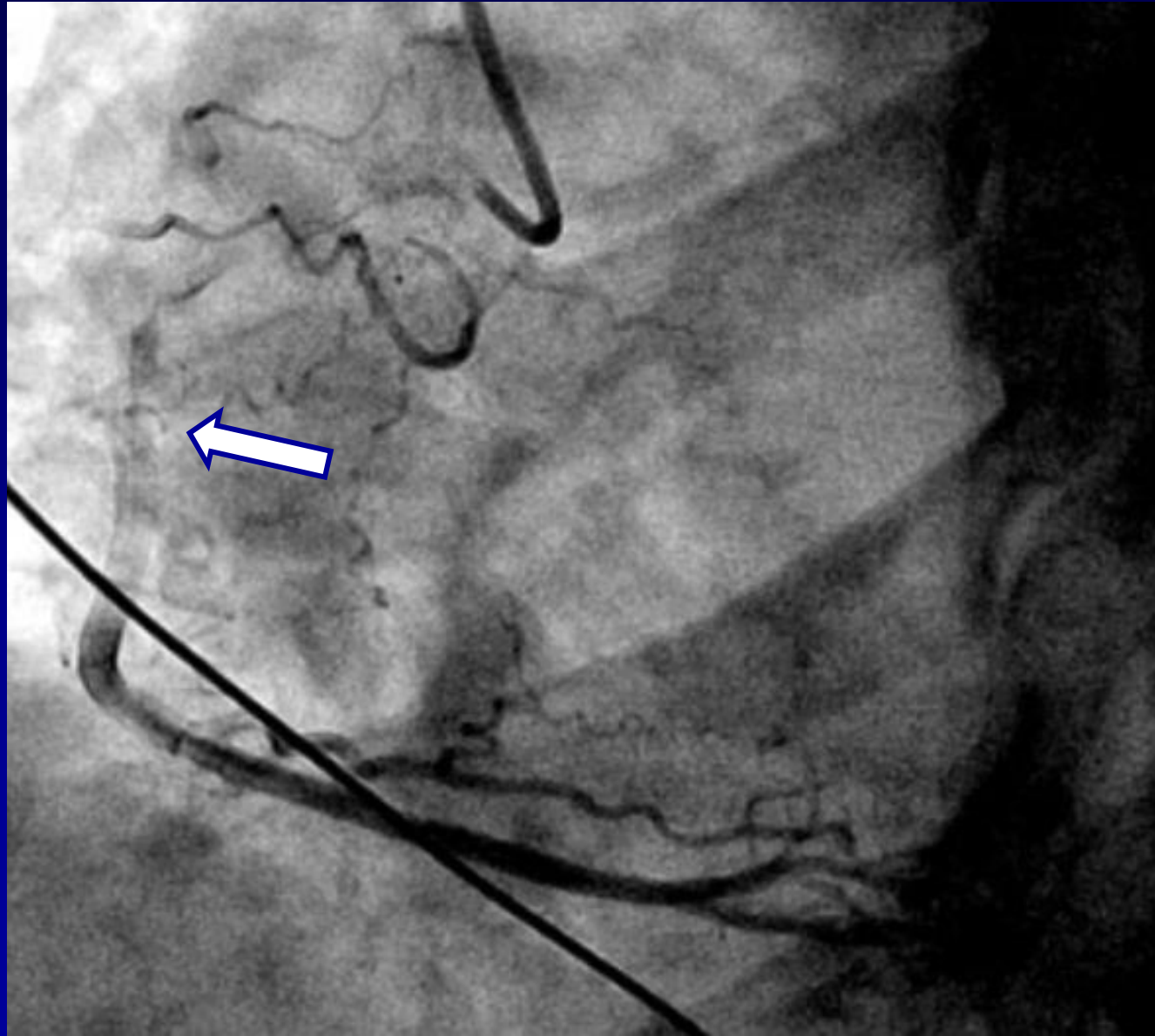
# Bubble Ruptures Cause Microjet

FLOW DIRECTION →

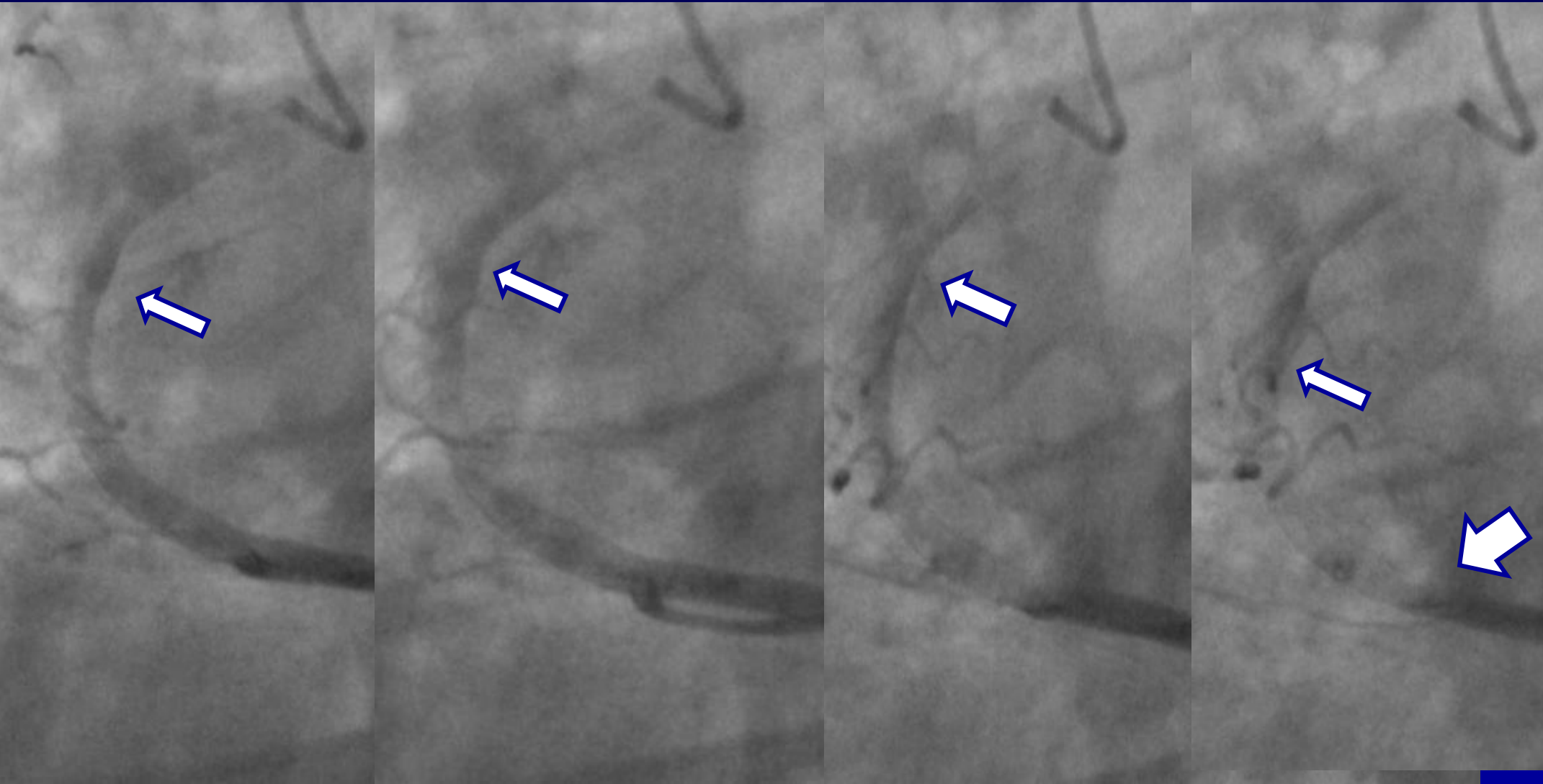




# Stagnant Flow



# Collision of Antegrade and Retrograde Flow



**NO SMOKING**



# EXERCISE



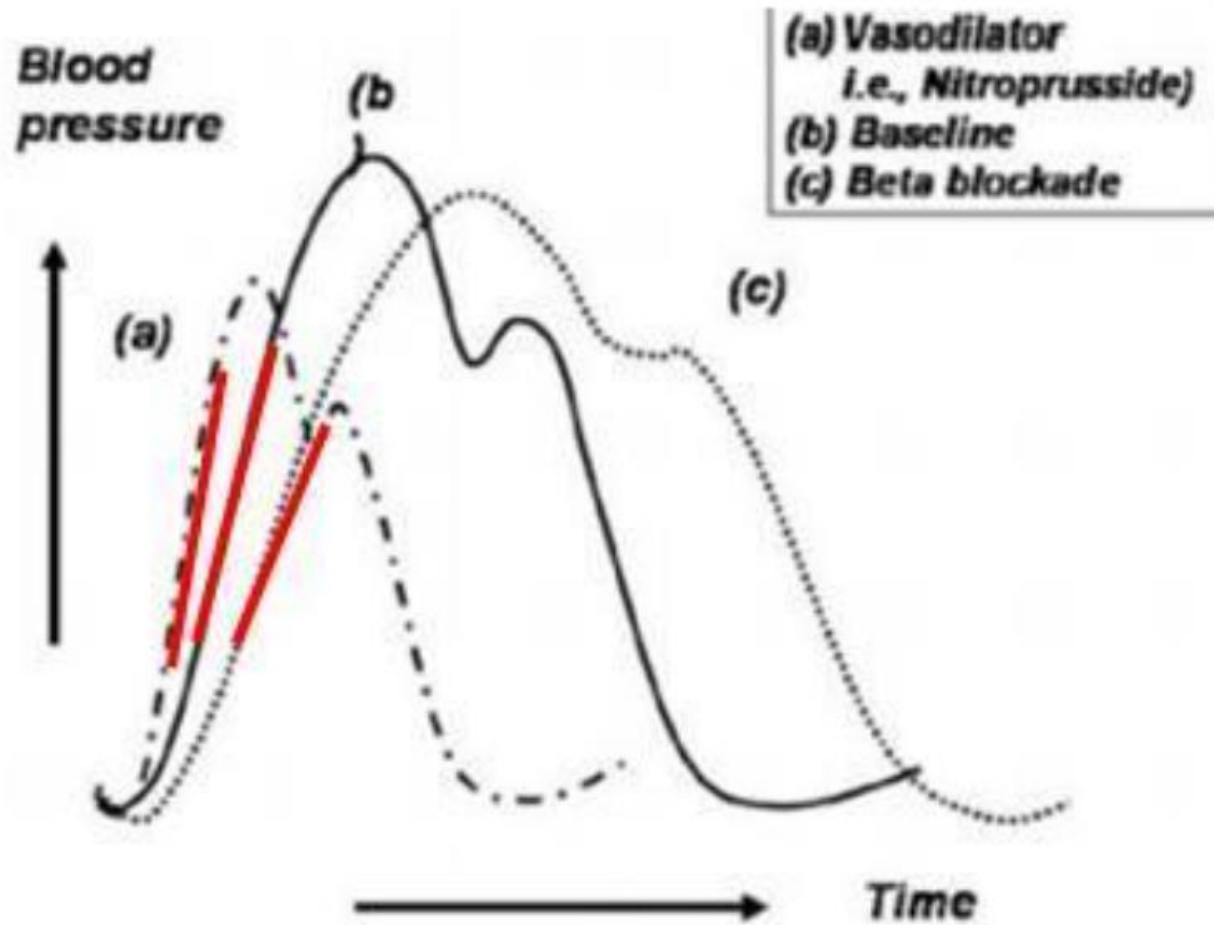
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# STATINS



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