

How Best to Augment Pulmonary Blood Flow in the Newborn with Congenital Pulmonary Obstruction?

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Disclosures

- None

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Criteria for decision-making

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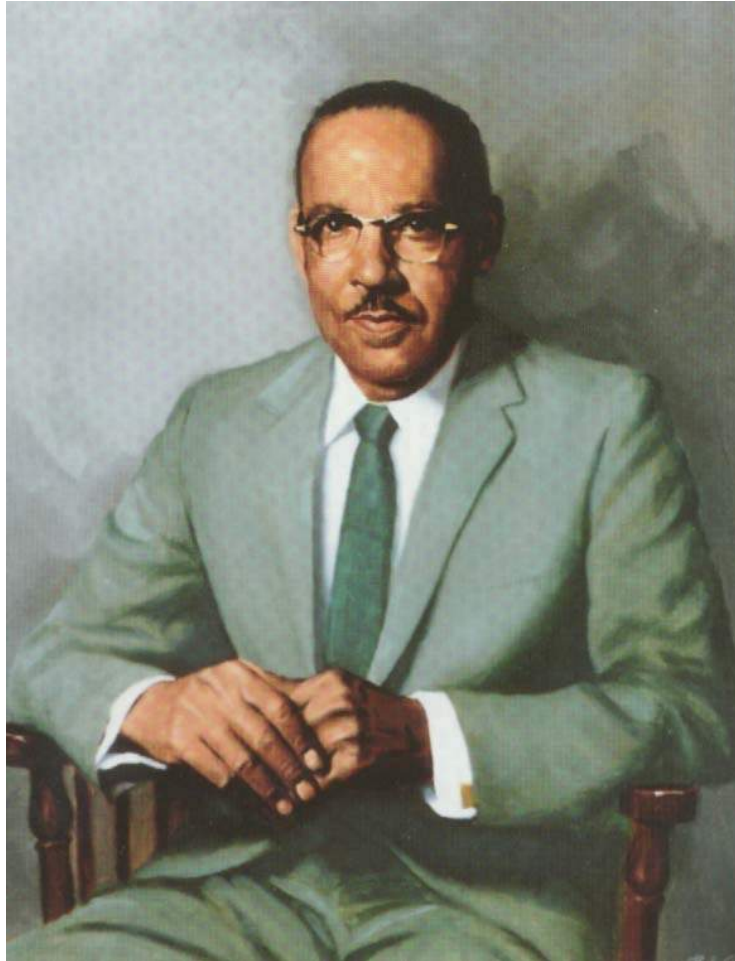
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B-T-T Shunt



Alfred Blalock



Vivien Thomas

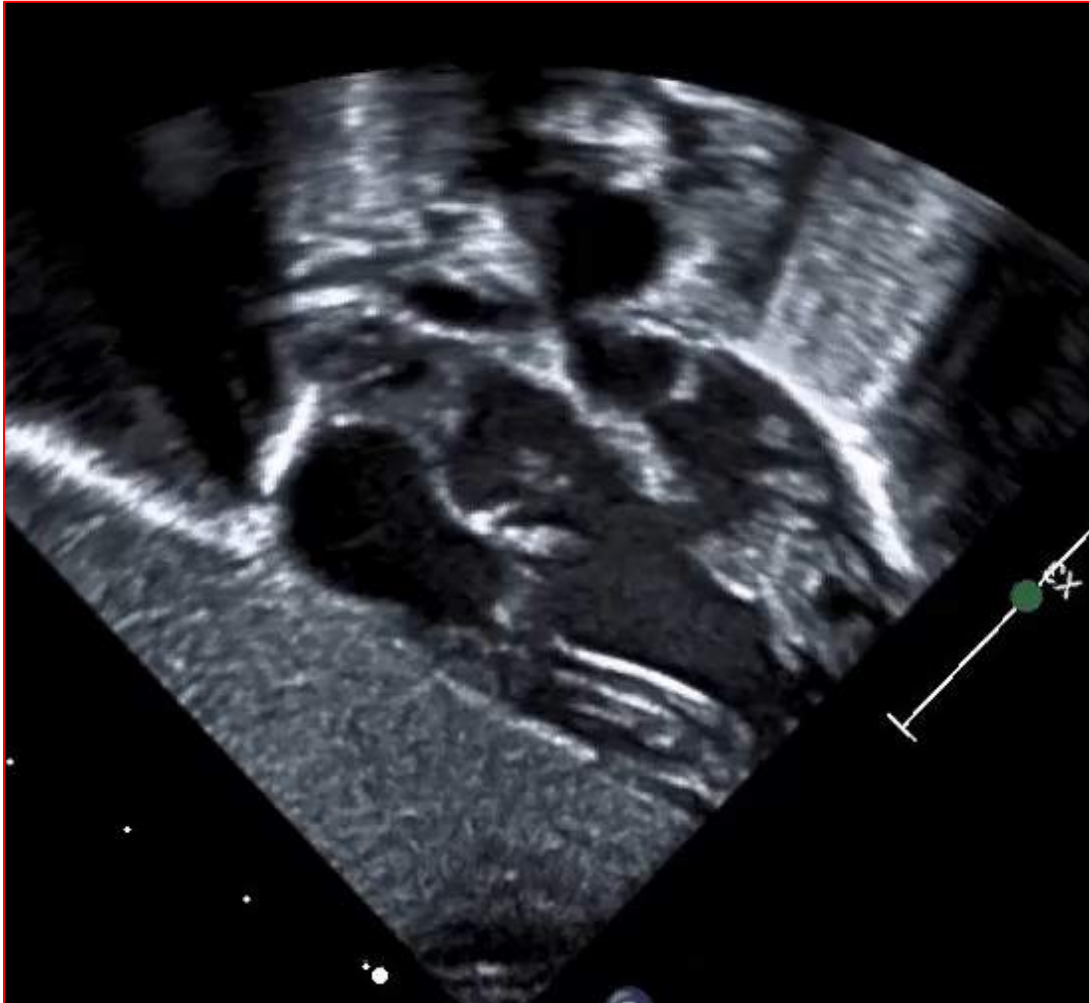


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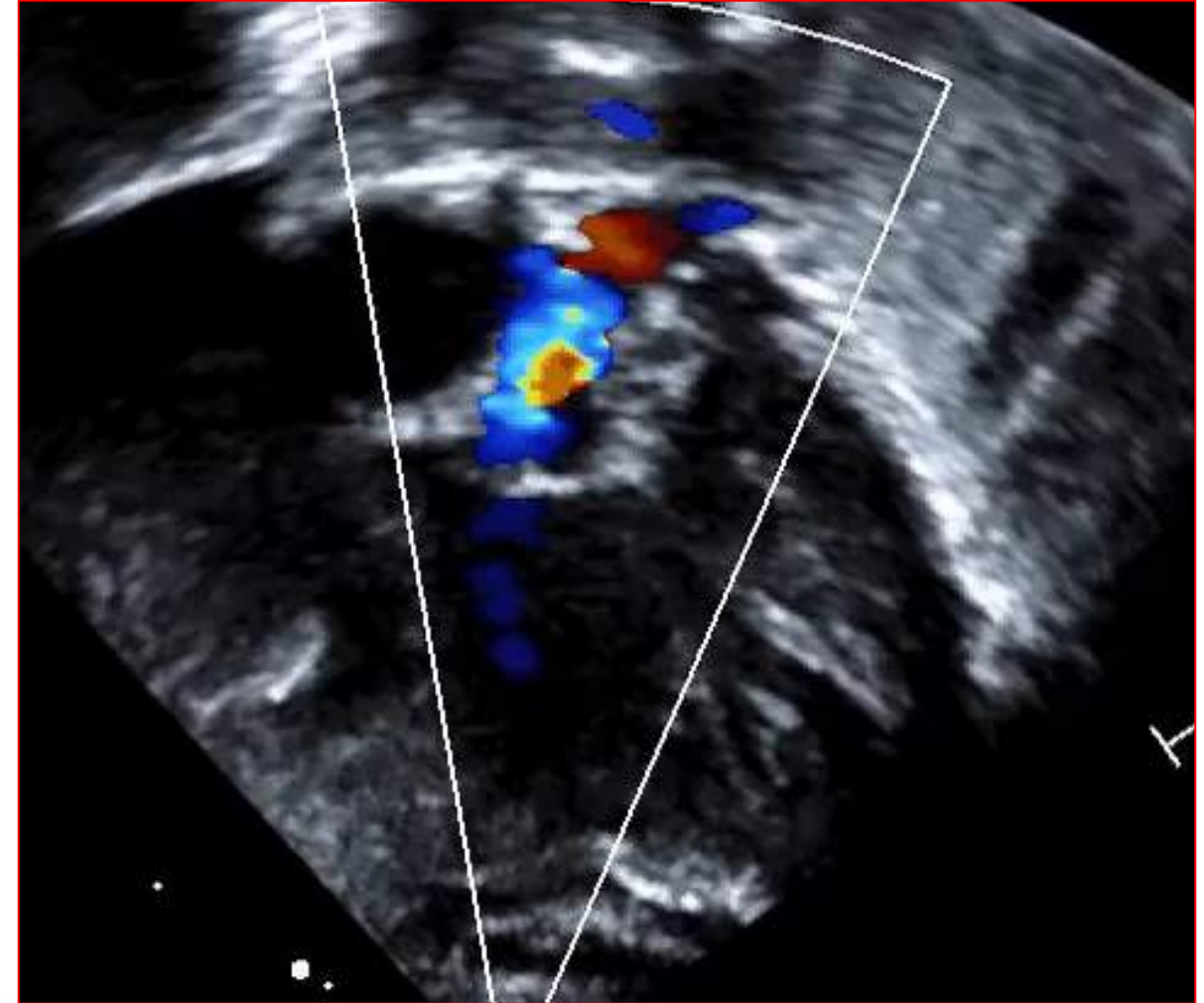
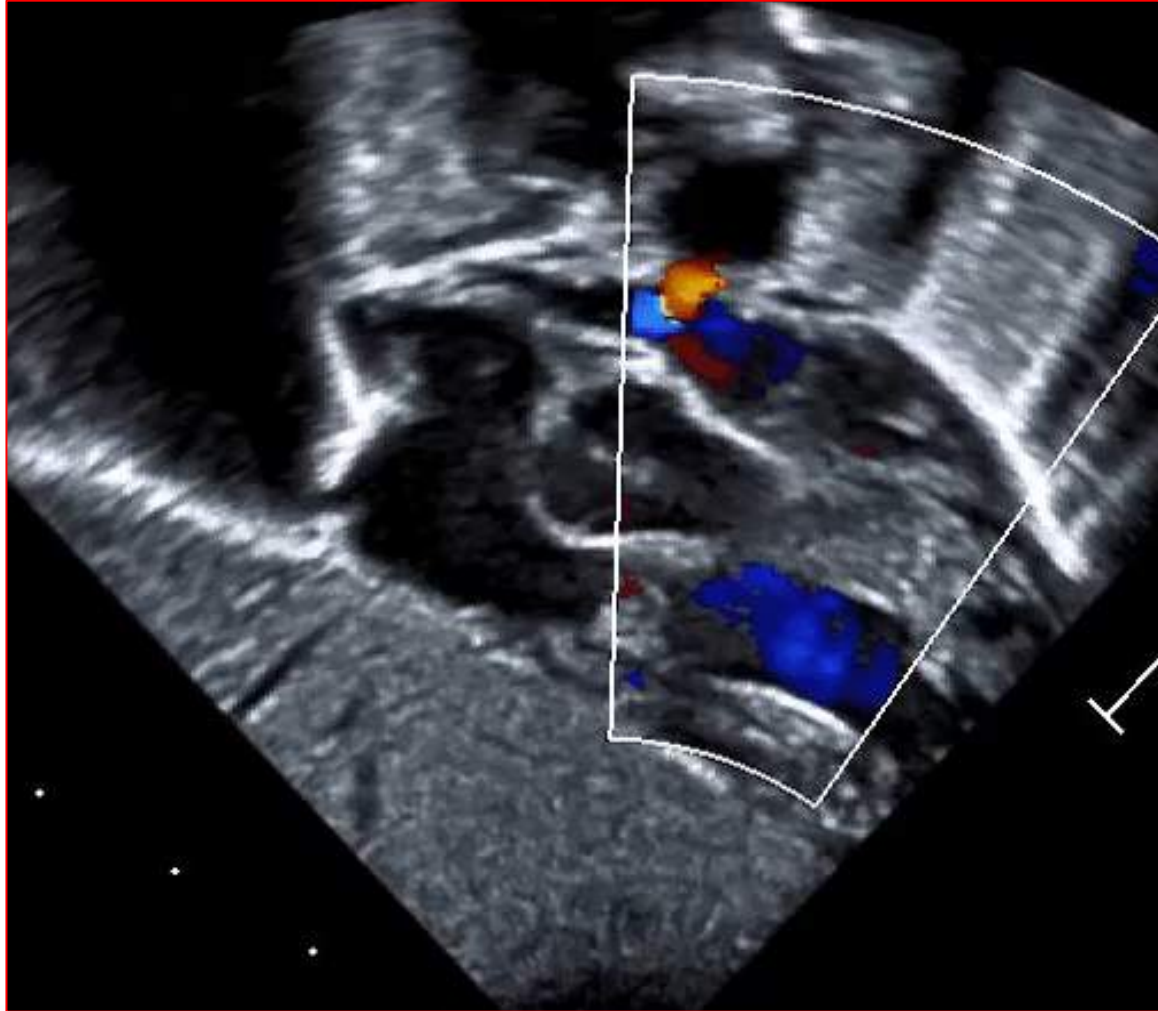
Transcatheter Options

- Overall appeal
 - Reduced exposure to neonatal bypass, anesthesia, ICU morbidities
 - First sternotomy is for complete repair or “stage 2”
- Pulmonary outflow tract interventions
 - Balloon pulmonary valvuloplasty
 - RVOT stenting
- PDA stenting

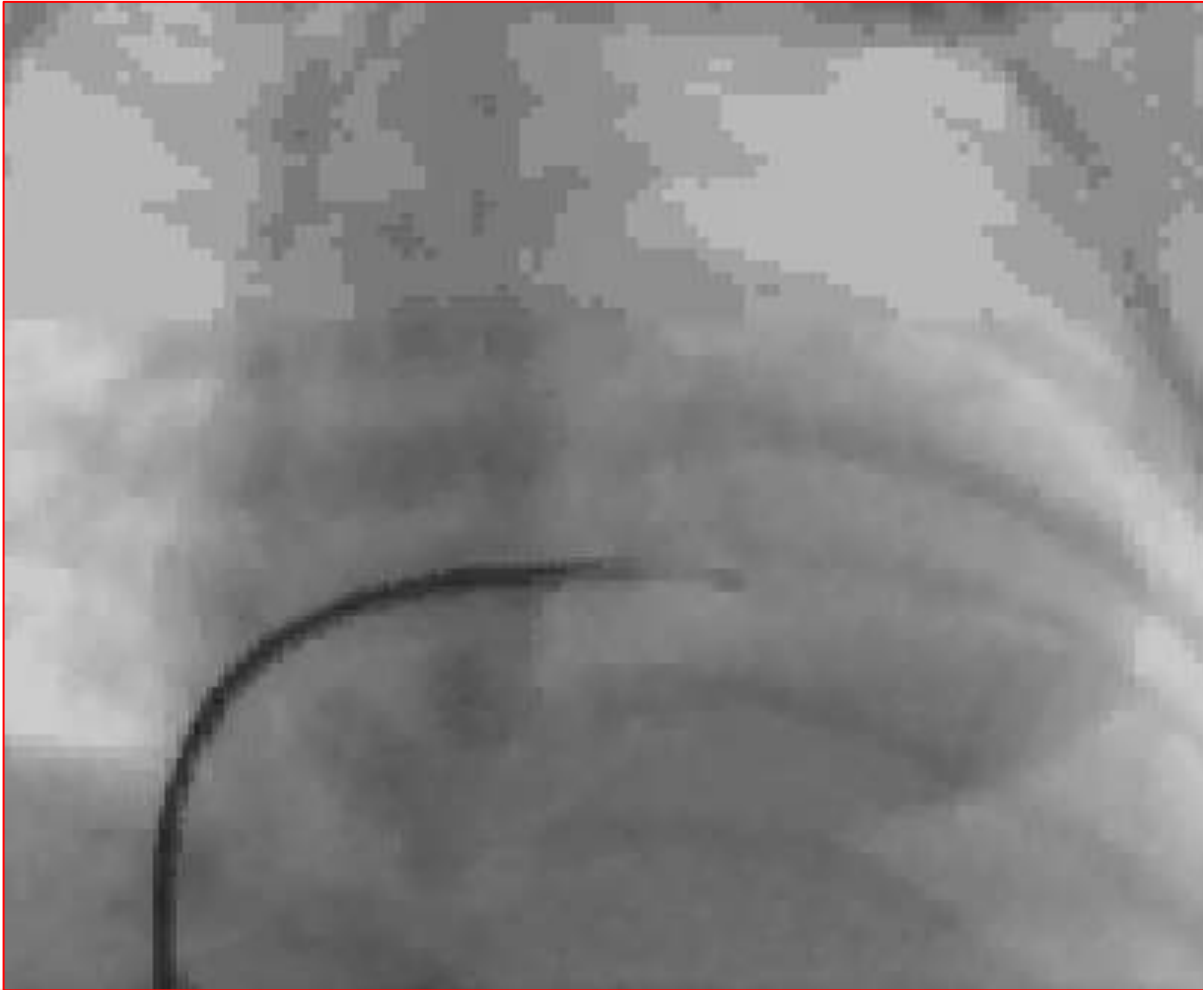
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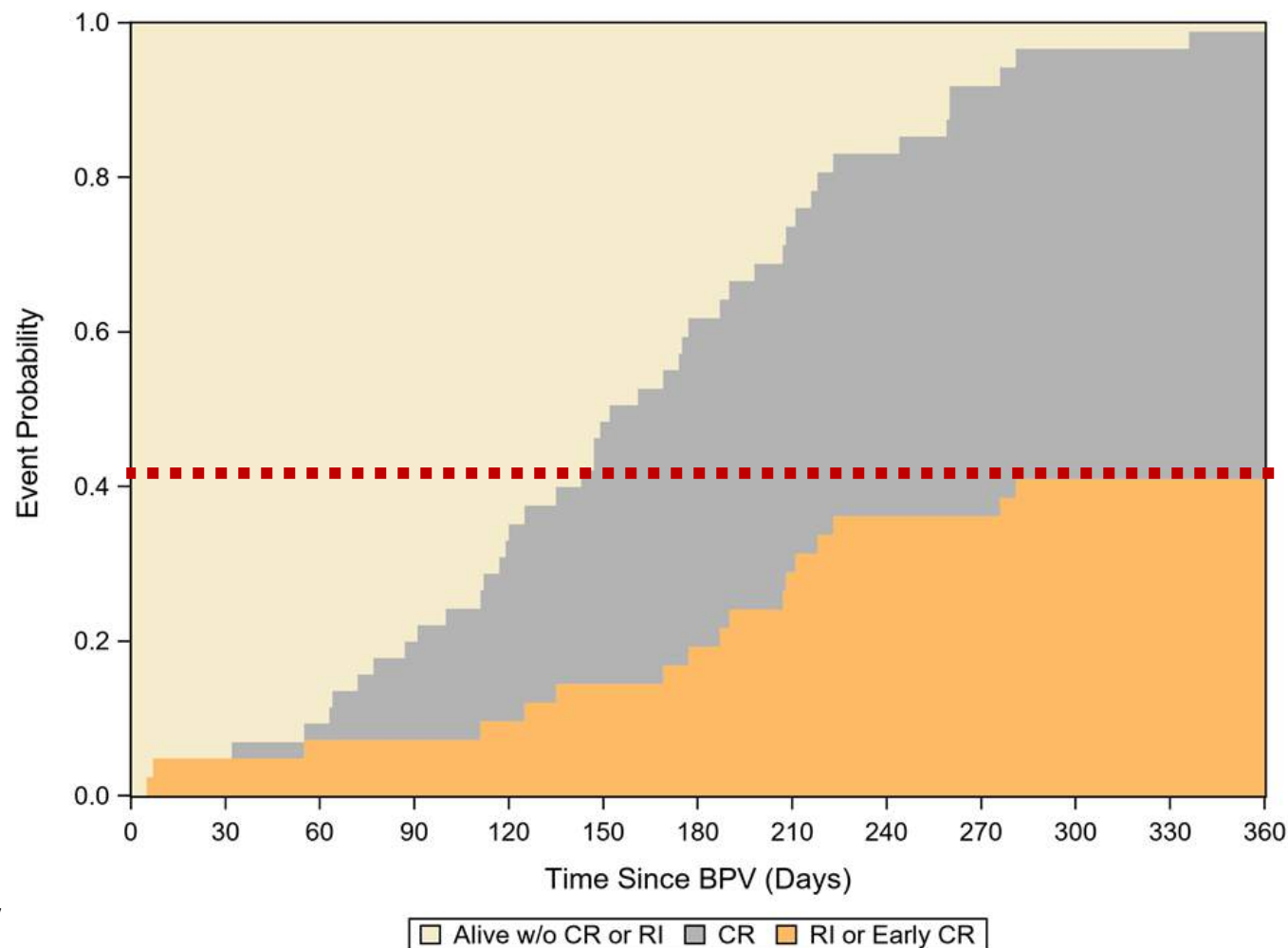
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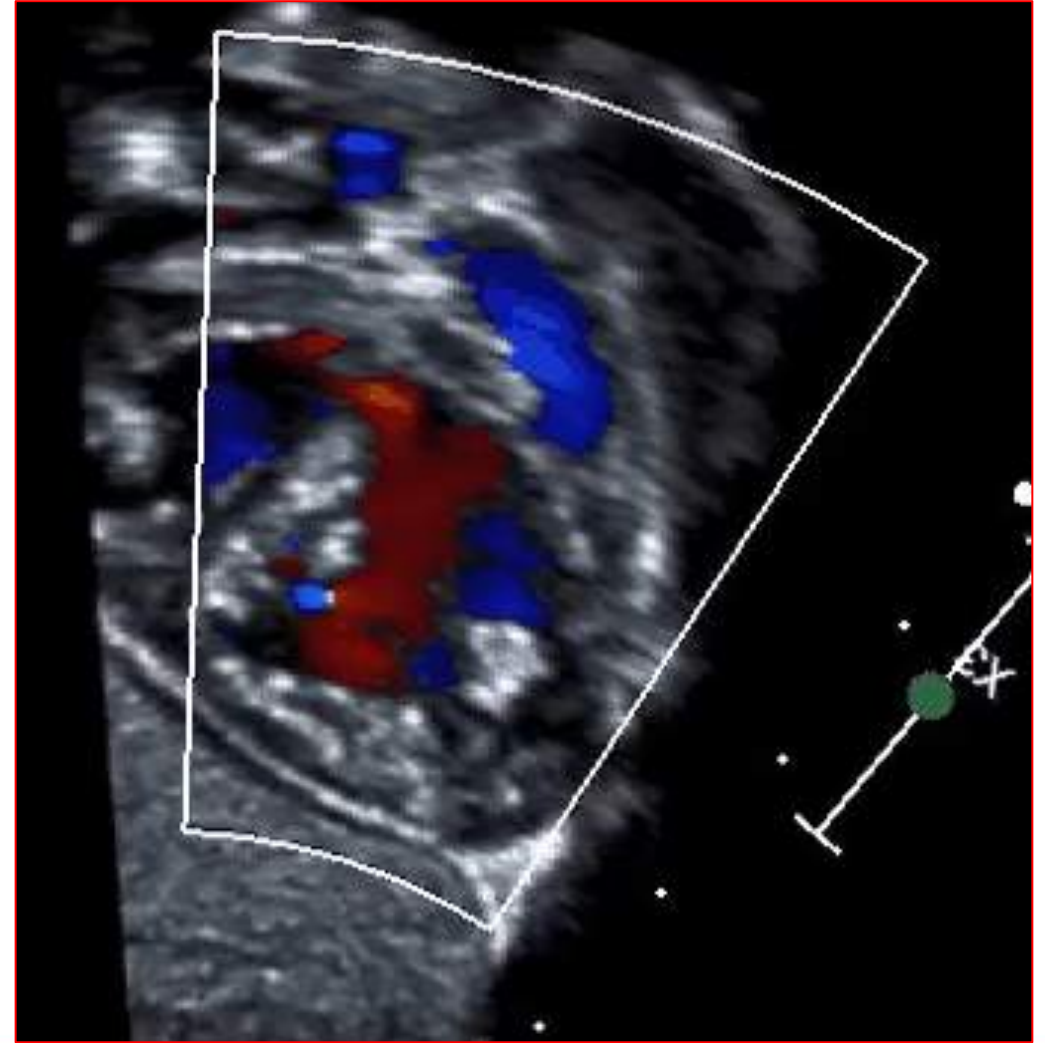
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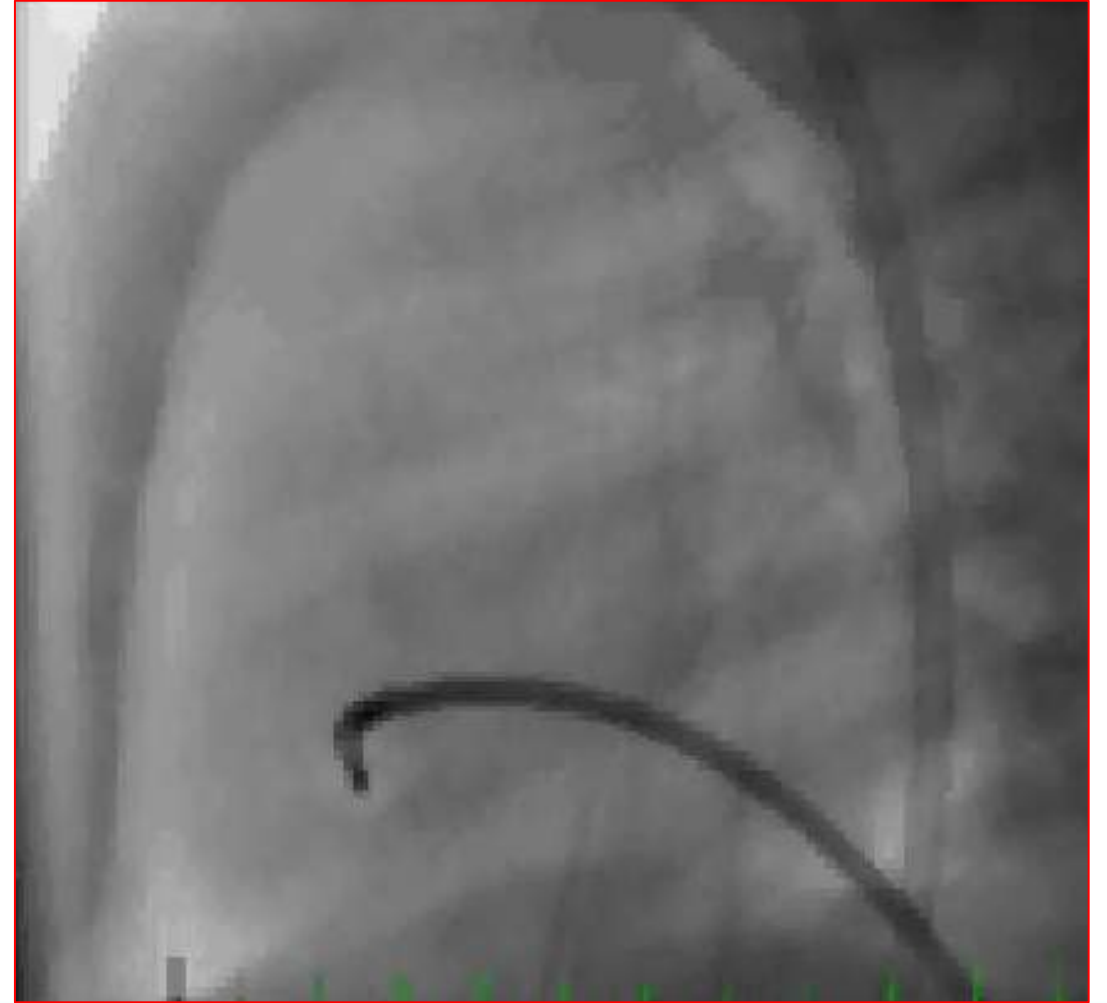
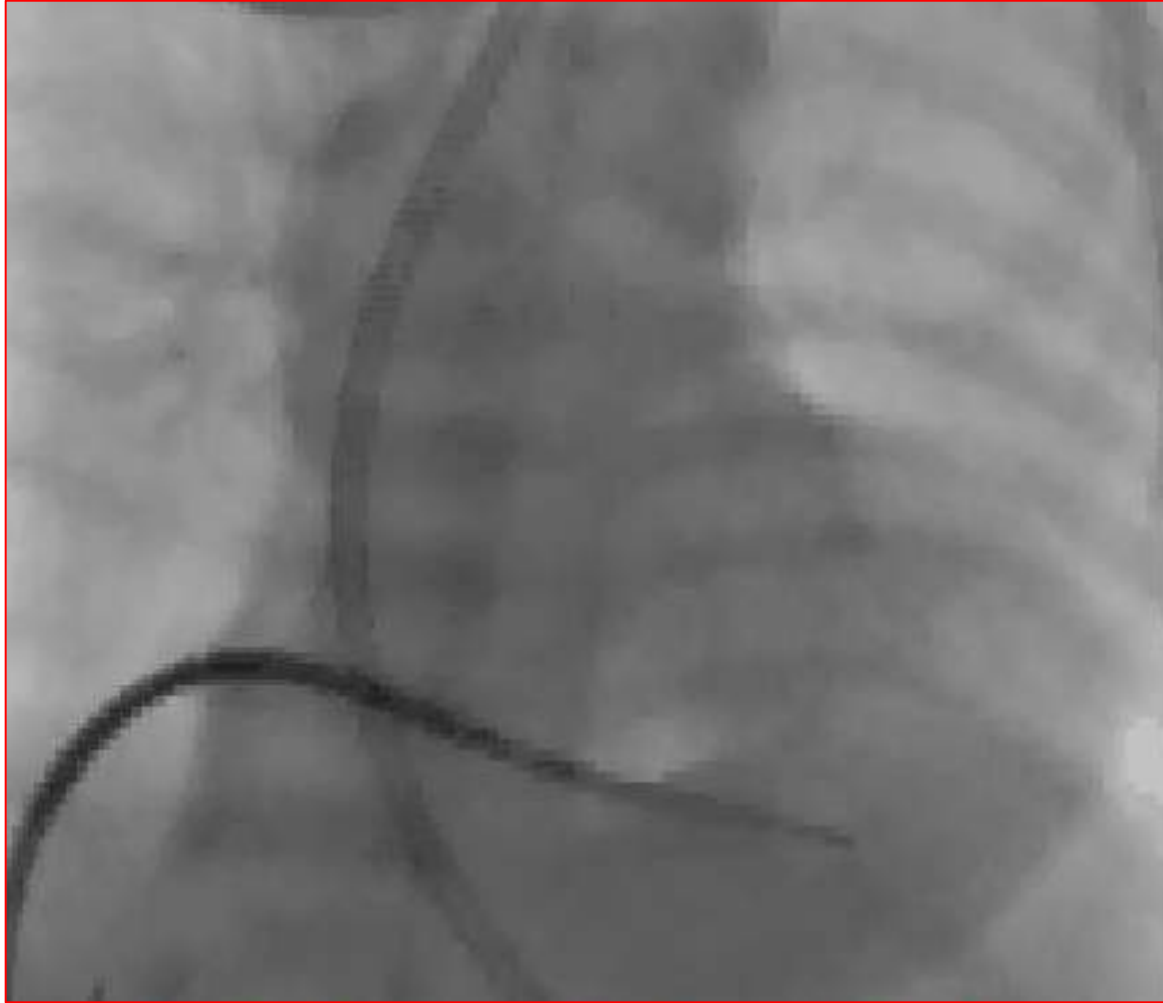
Shahanavaz et al., *Under review*



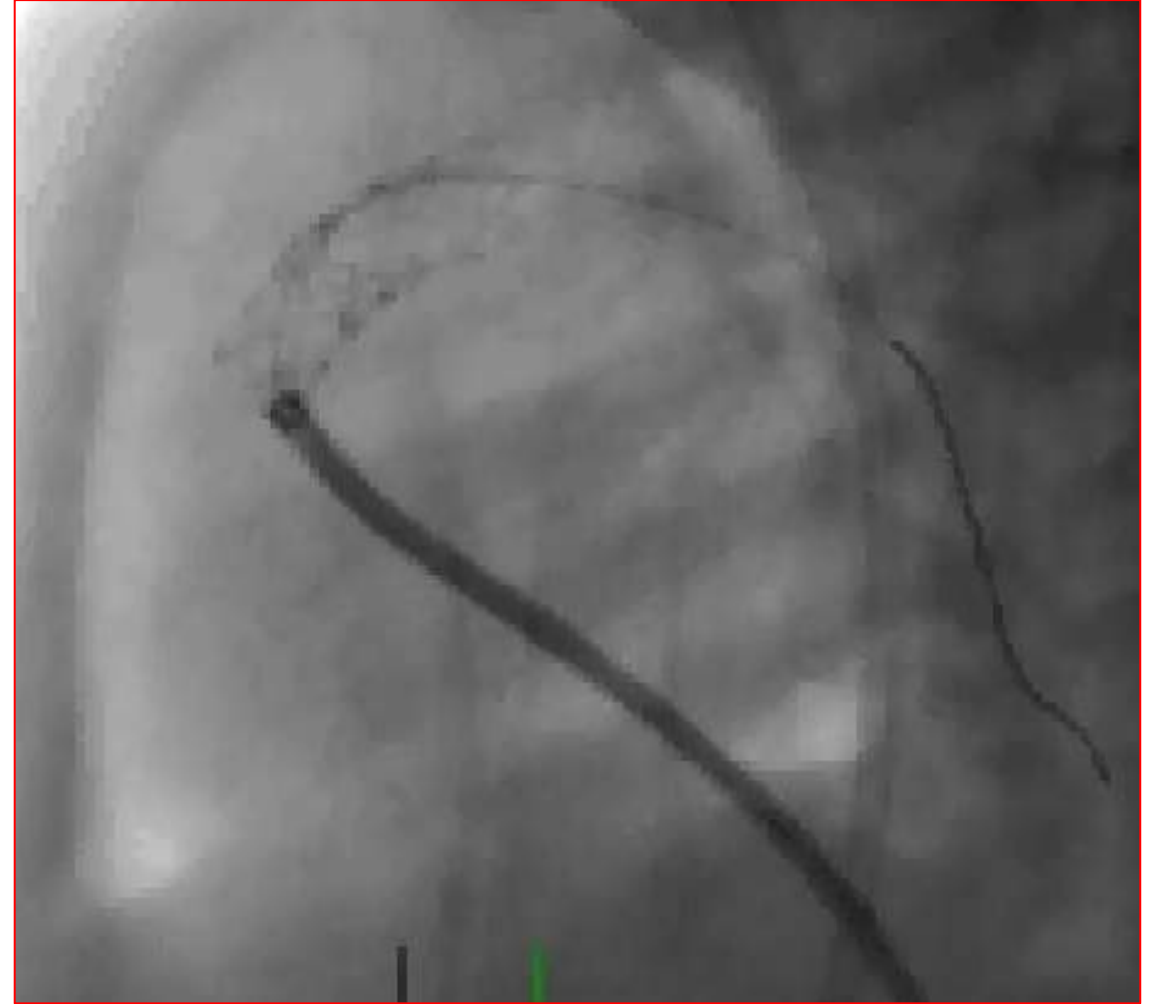
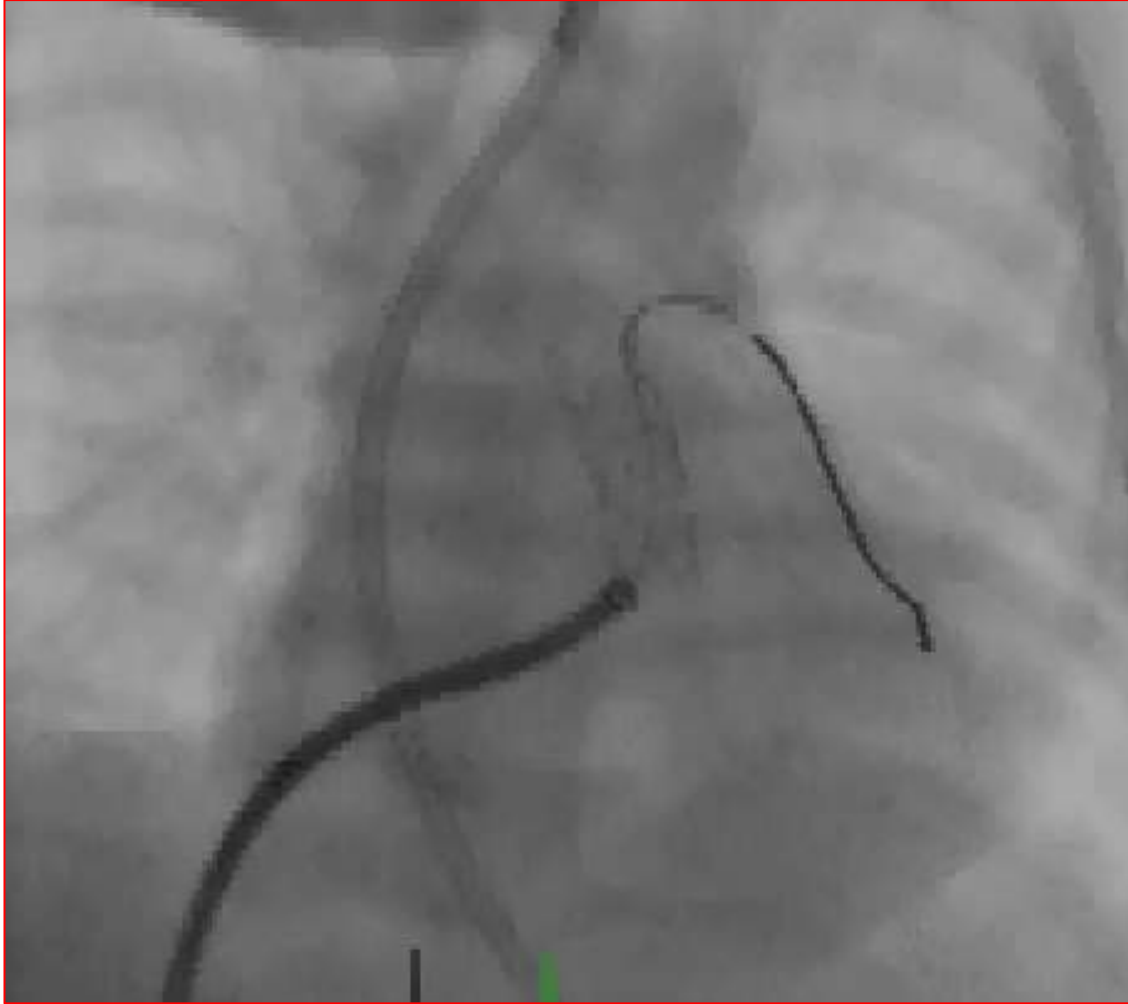
RVOT Stenting



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- 42 infants with RVOT stents compared to:
 - Early (<3 months) primary repair
 - Elective primary repair
- RVOT stents
 - Patients with risk factors for primary repair
 - Durable
 - “Catch up” PA growth
 - Similar clinical outcomes at time of complete repair
 - 95% removed completely



Congenital Heart Disease

Right Ventricular Outflow Tract Stenting in Tetralogy of Fallot Infants With Risk Factors for Early Primary Repair

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Background—Tetralogy of Fallot with cyanosis requiring surgical repair in early infancy reflects poor anatomy and is associated with more clinical instability and longer hospitalization than those who can be electively repaired later. We bridged symptomatic infants with risk factors for early primary repair by right ventricular outflow tract stenting (stent).

Methods and Results—Four groups of tetralogy of Fallot with confluent central pulmonary arteries were studied: stent group (n=42), primary repair (aged <3 months) with pulmonary stenosis (early-PS group; n=44), primary repair (aged <3 months) with pulmonary atresia (early-PA group; n=49), and primary repair between 3 and 11 months of age (surg>3mo group; n=45). Stent patients had the smallest pulmonary arteries with a median (95% credible intervals) Nakata index (mm²/m²) of 79 (66–85) compared with the early-PA 139 (129–154), early-PS 136 (121–153), and surg>3mo 167 (153–200) groups. Only stent infants required unifocalization of aortopulmonary collaterals (17%). Stent and early-PA infants had younger age and lower weight than early-PS infants. Stent infants had the most multiple comorbidities. Stenting allowed deferral of complete surgical repair to an age (6 months), weight (6.3 [5.8–7.0] kg), and Nakata index (147 [132–165]) similar to the low-risk surg>3mo group. The 3 early treatment groups had similar intensive care unit/hospital stays and high reintervention rates in the first 12 months after repair, compared with the surg>3mo group.

Conclusions—Right ventricular outflow tract stenting of symptomatic tetralogy of Fallot with poor anatomy (small pulmonary arteries) and adverse factors (multiple comorbidities, low weight) relieves cyanosis and defers surgical repair. This allowed pulmonary arterial and somatic growth with clinical results comparable to early surgical repair in more favorable patients. (*Circ Cardiovasc Interv*. 2016;9:e003979. DOI: 10.1161/CIRCINTERVENTIONS.116.003979.)

Invited editorial: Glatz, *Circ Cardiovasc Interv*, 2016

RVOT Interventions



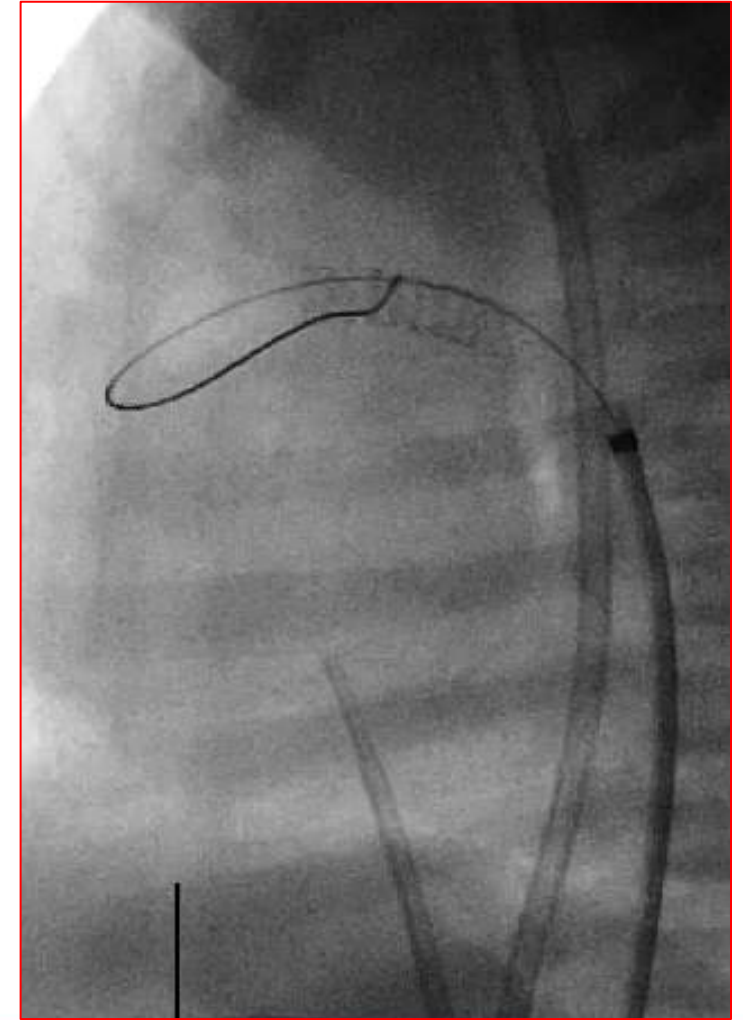
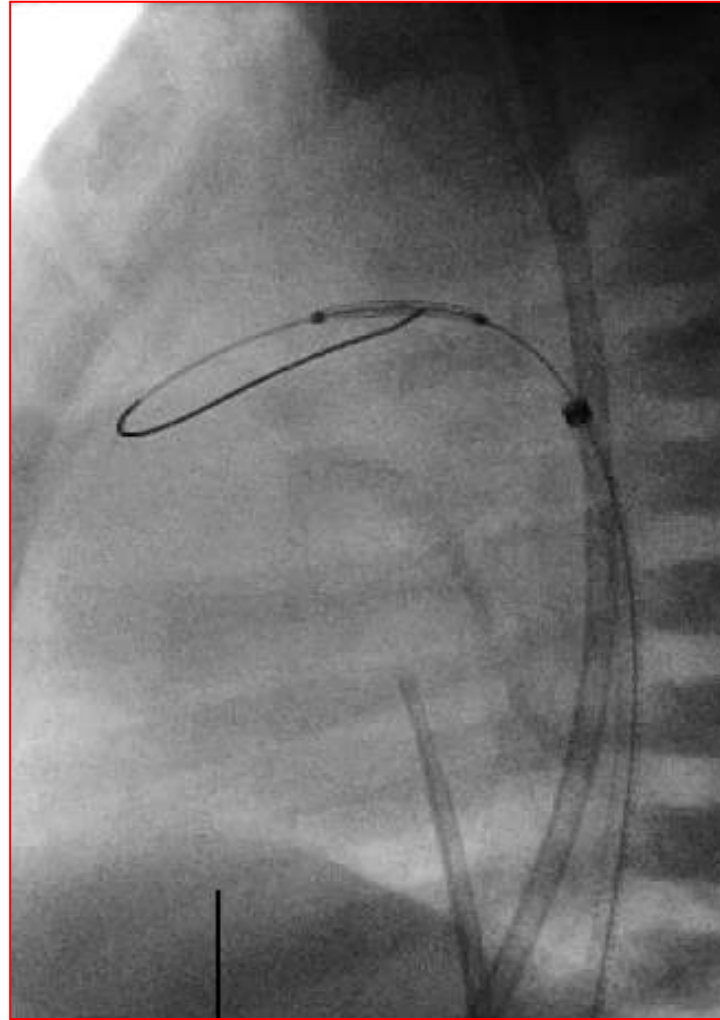
- PROS

- “Physiologic” pulmonary blood flow
 - Better PA growth (?)
 - No diastolic run-off
- Straightforward access

- CONS

- Anatomic restrictions
 - BPV: primarily valvar obstruction
 - RVOT stent: infundibular-MPA continuity
- Durability (BPV)
- May complicate subsequent surgery (RVOT stent)
- Precludes “valve-sparing” repair (RVOT stent)

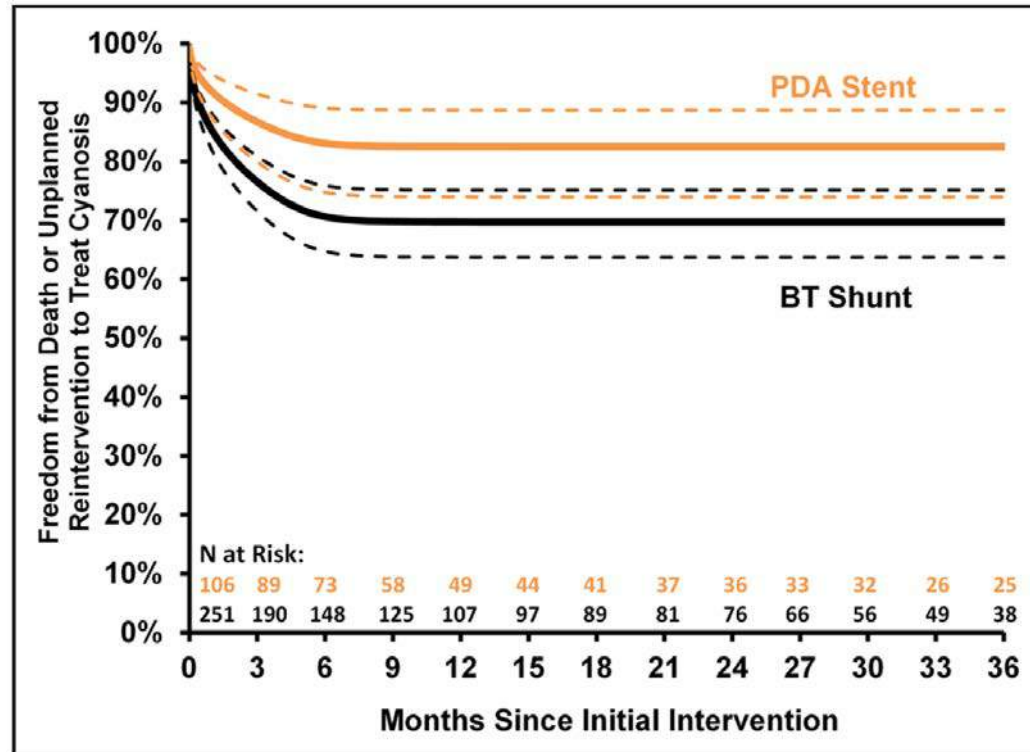
PDA stenting



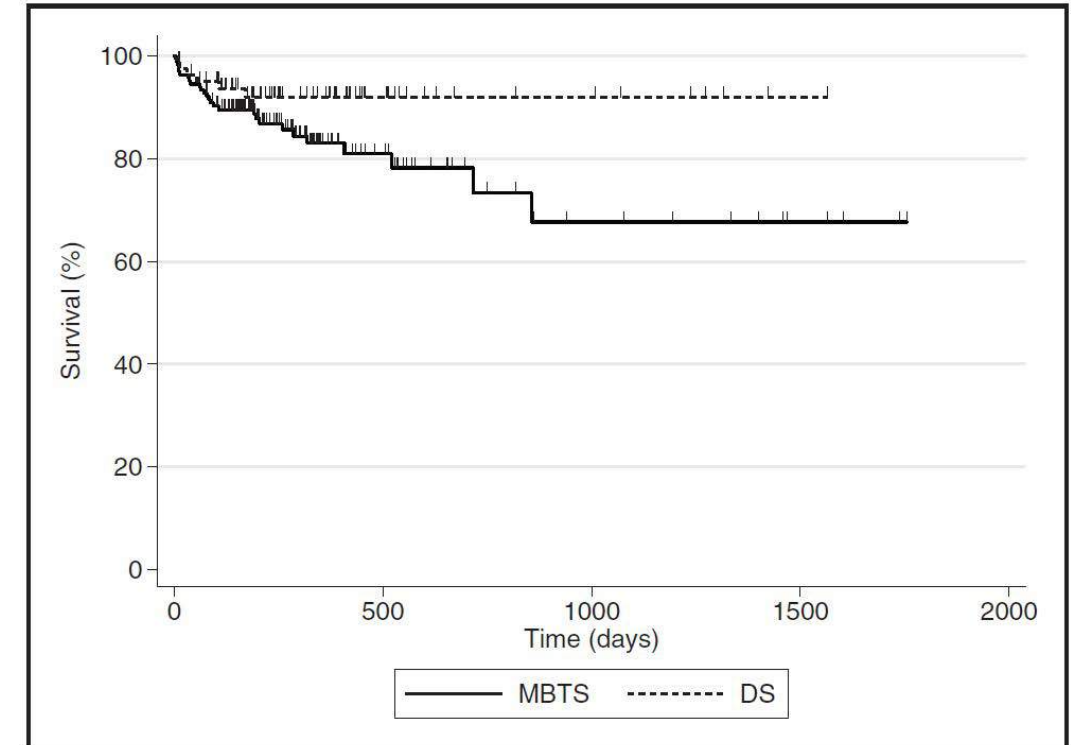
PDA stenting vs. BTTS



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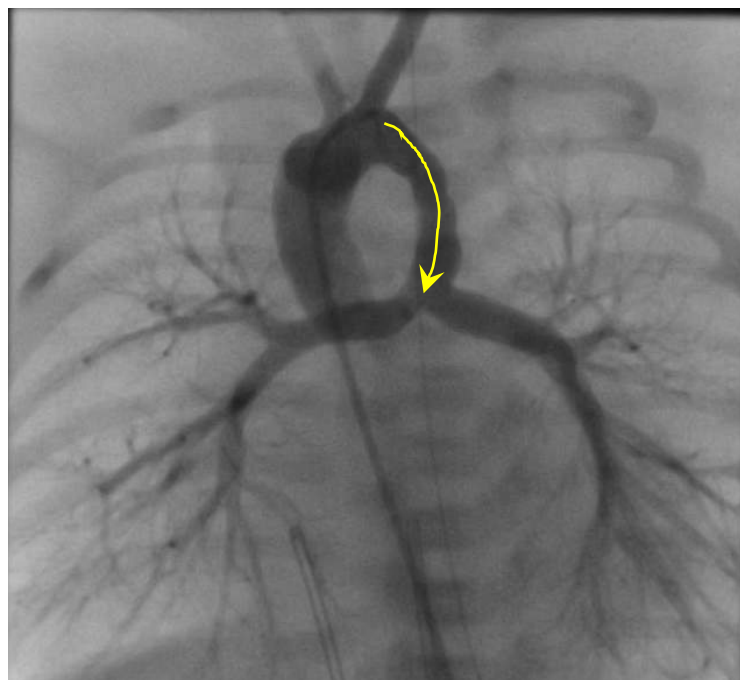


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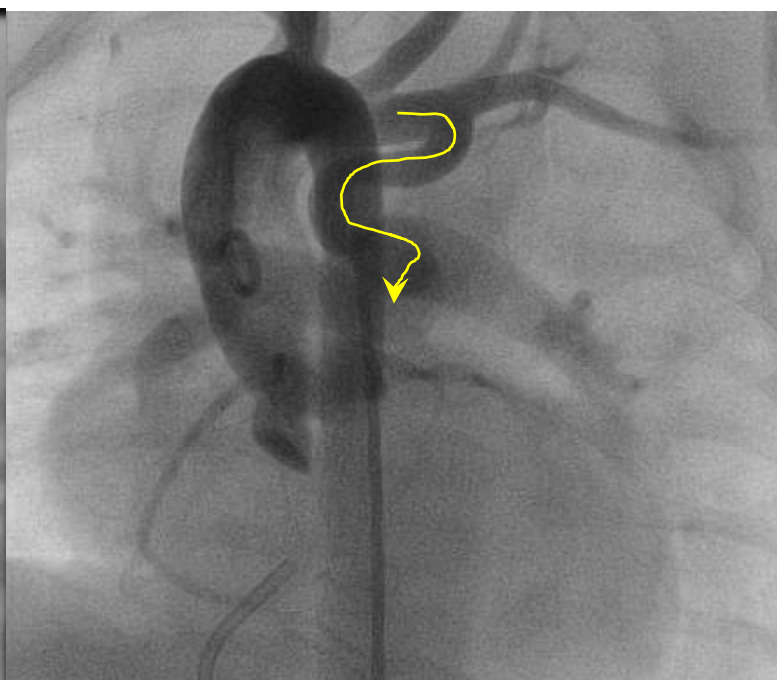


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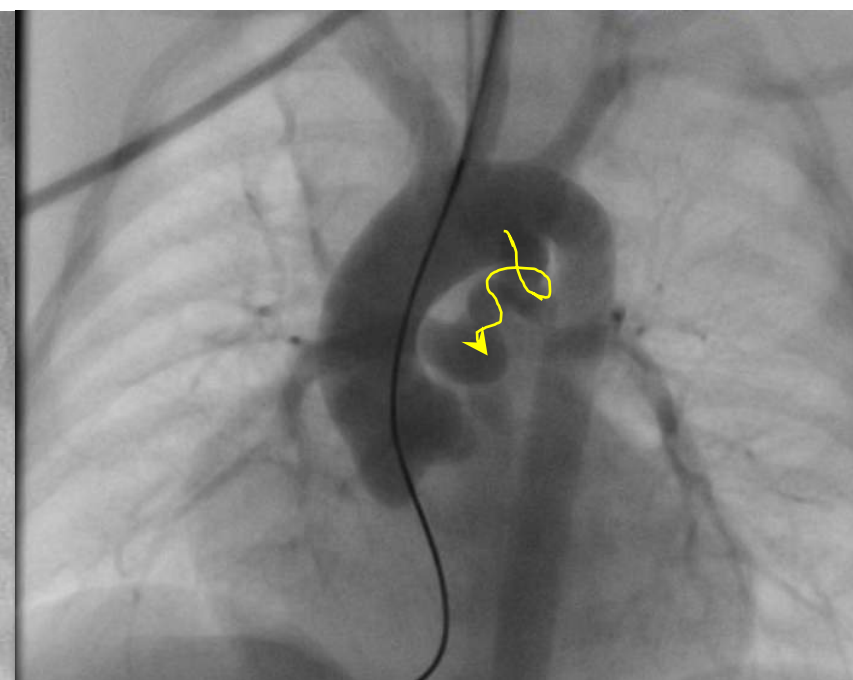
Can (should) all ducts be stented?



Type I (n=58)



Type II (n=24)



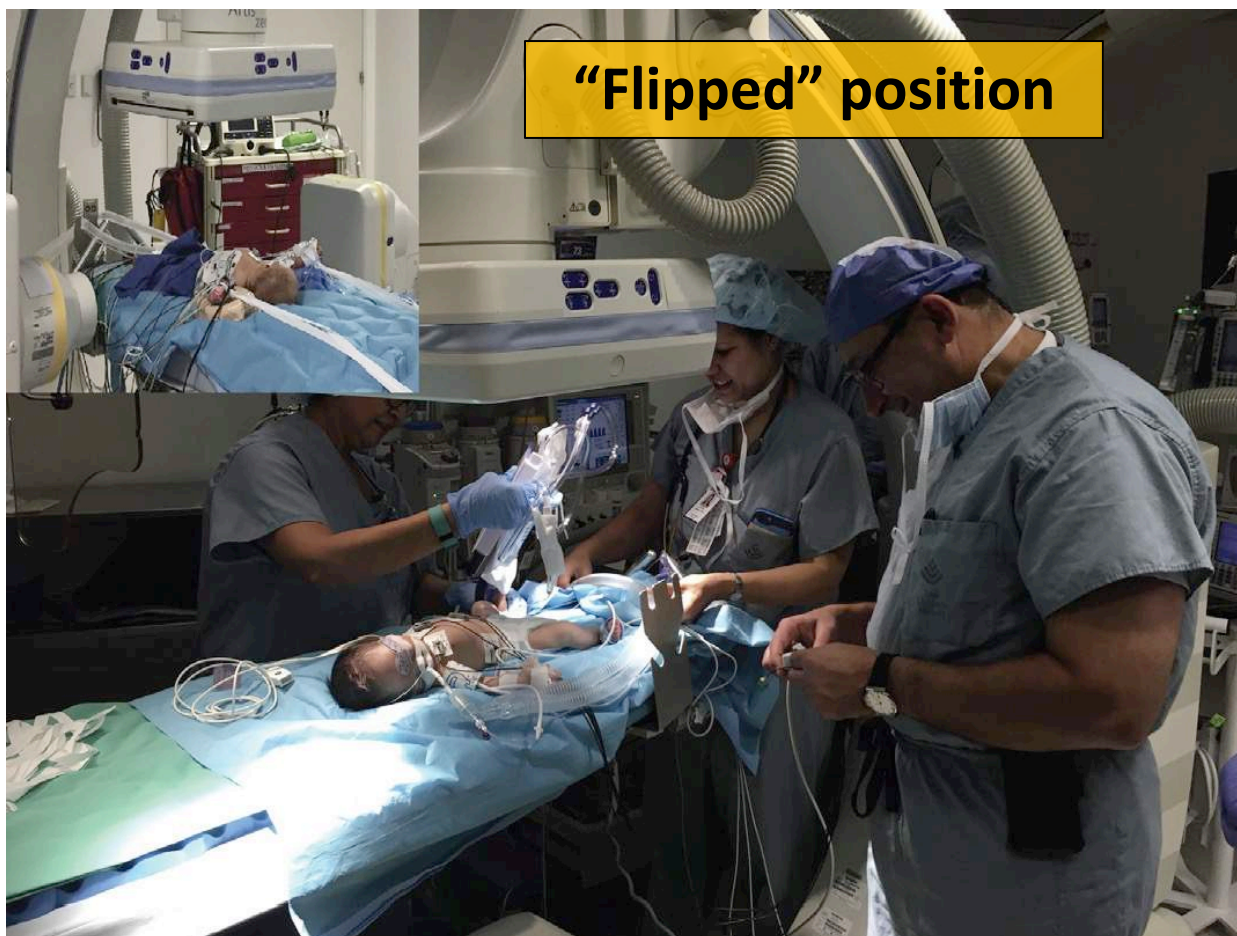
Type III (n=23)

- Higher risk of:
 - PA jailing
 - Reintervention
 - PA plasty

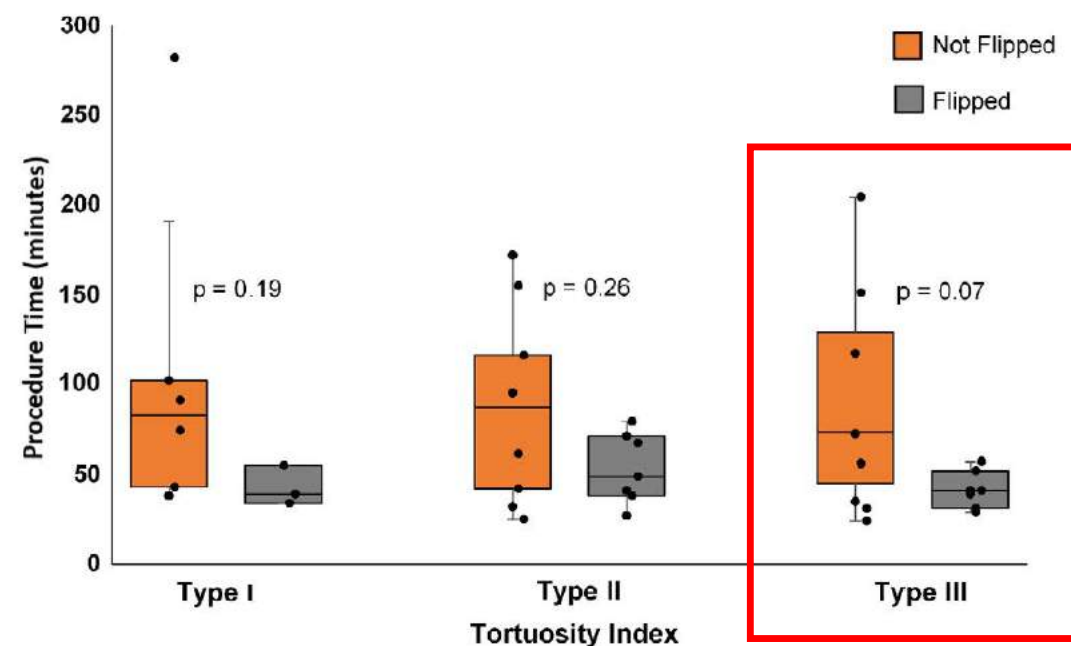
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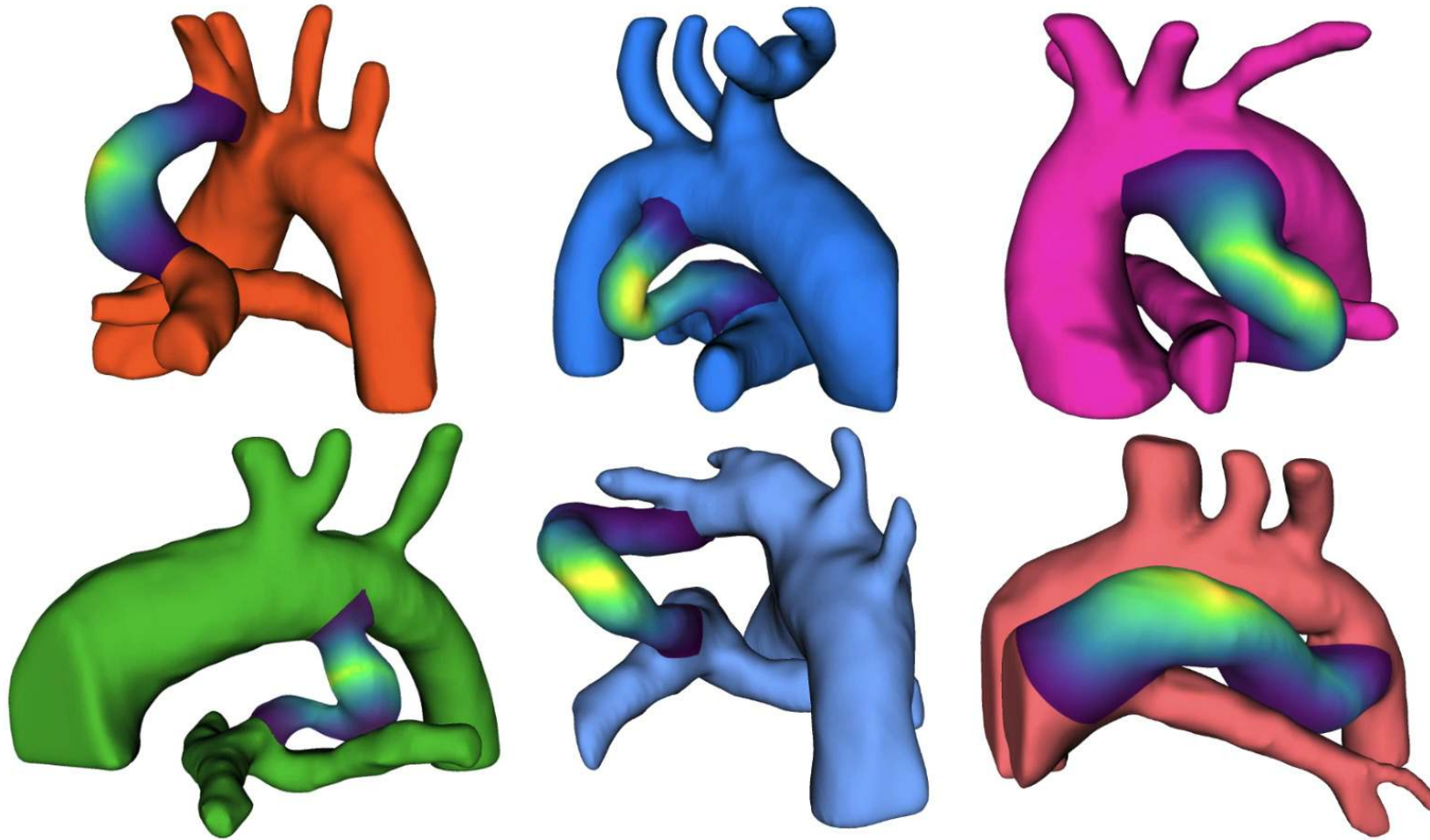
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Bauser-Heaton et al., *JACC Cardiovasc Interv*, 2019



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PDA stenting (compared to BTTS)

- Pros

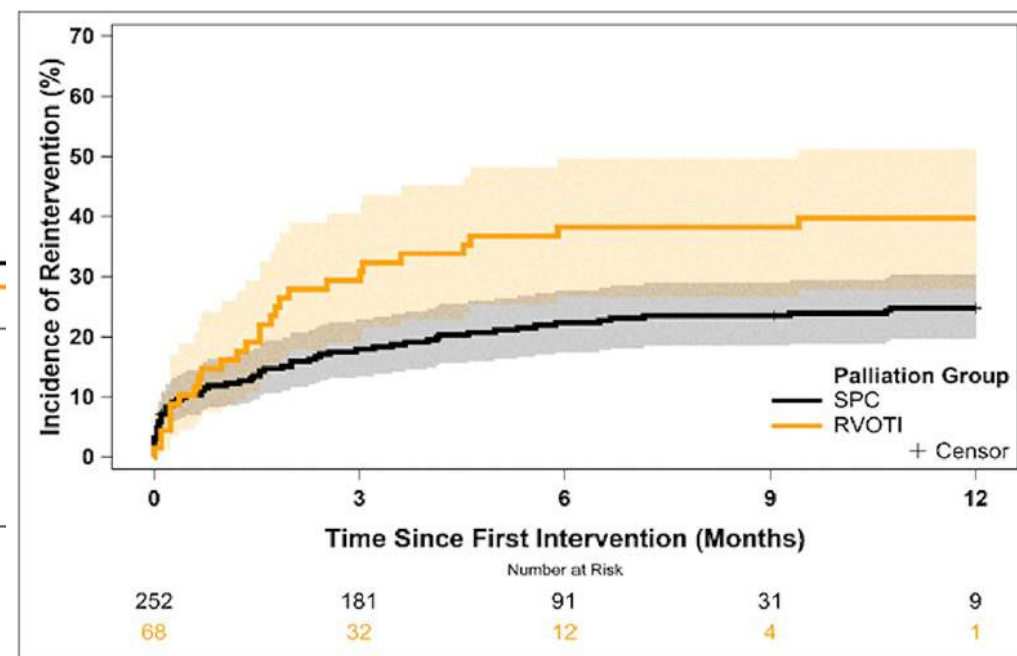
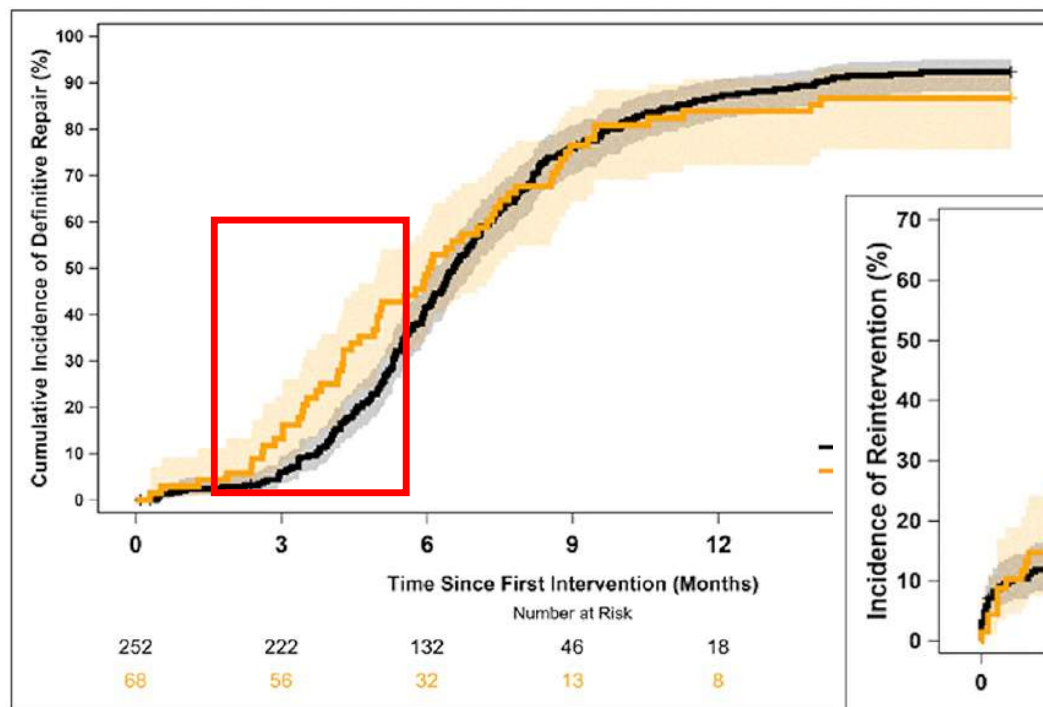
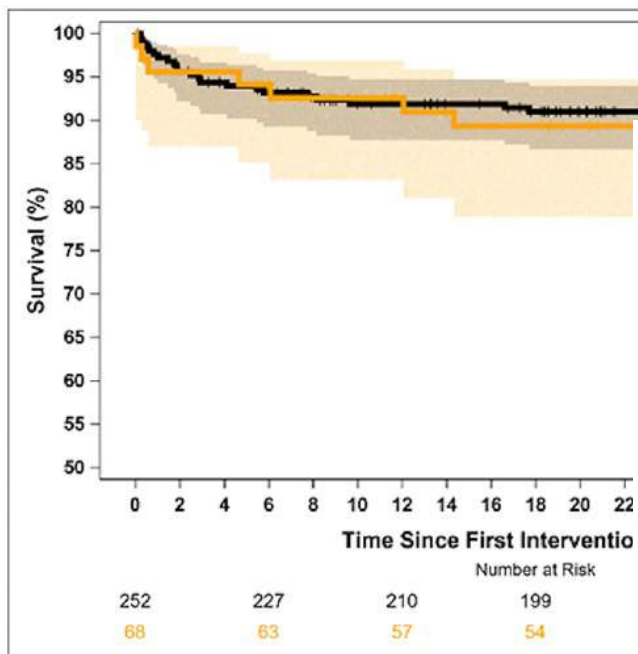
- Minimally invasive
 - Less morbidity and ?mortality
- Better PA growth
- Dilatable

- Cons

- Reintervention
- Anatomic complexity
- Technically challenging

Which physiology is better?

———— BTTS and DAS
 ———— BPV and RVOT stent



Law et al., *Pediatric Cardiology*,

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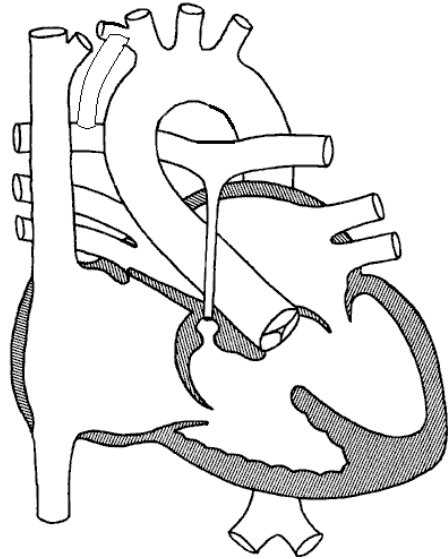
Comparison of Methods for Pulmonary Blood Flow Augmentation in Neonates: Shunt versus Stent



COMPASS Protocol

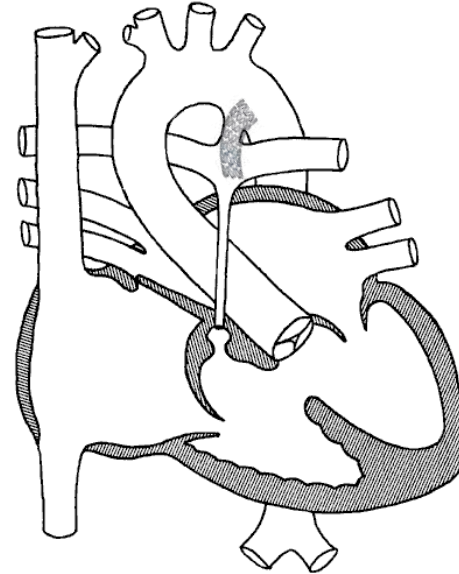


300 neonates with DD-PBF randomized to:



SPS

OR



DAS

2 years enrollment, 12 months follow-up

COMPASS Sites



Prospective Longitudinal Registries



**Ductal-dependent pulmonary
blood flow**



Tetralogy of Fallot



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