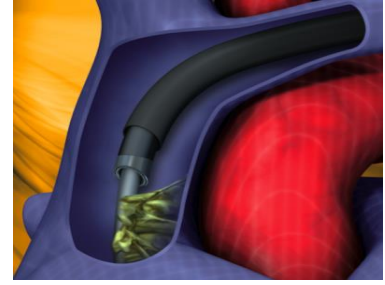


# *Extraction de matériel : Son développement Son avenir*



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**36%**

Mechanical dysfunction  
36%

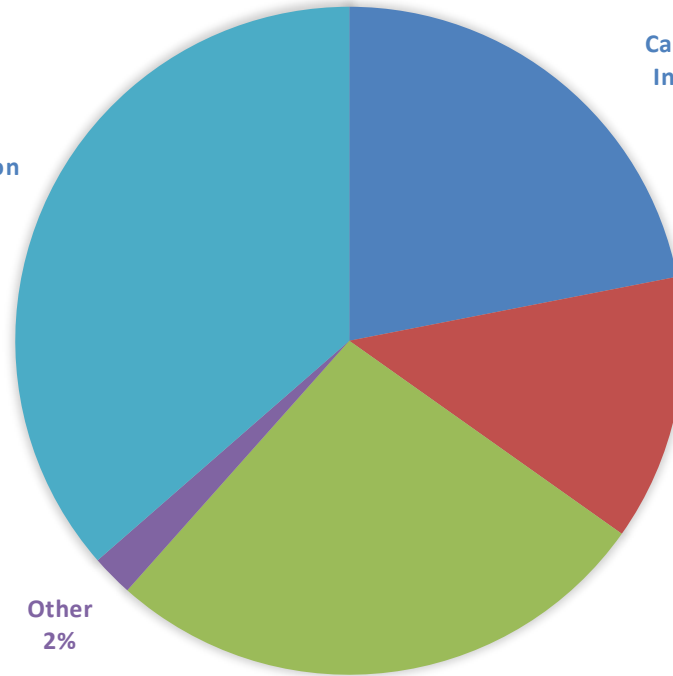
Cardiac Device-Related  
Infective Endocarditis  
22%

Ocult infection  
13%

**64%**

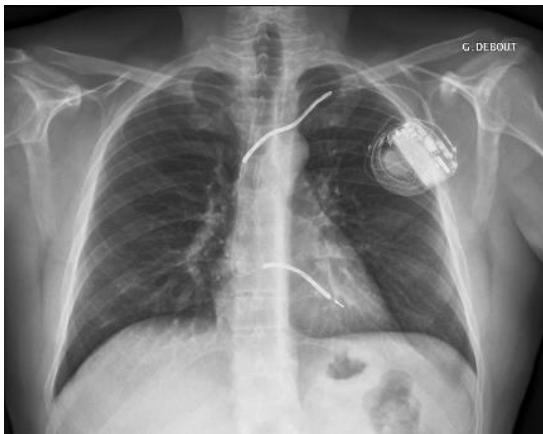
Other  
2%

Local infection  
27%

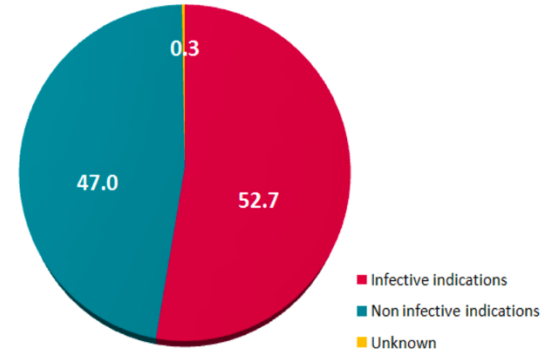


**Extraction indications  
2002-2022  
520 patients  
Dwelling time >2 years**

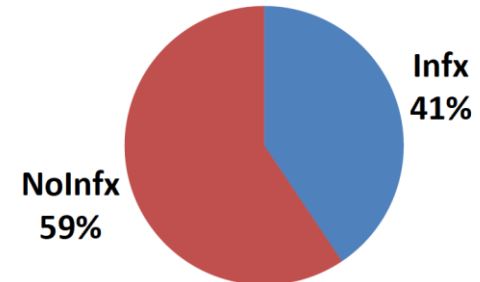
# Extraction indications



Indications (%)



Electra , EHJ 2017



ProMet study, Starck C, Europace 2020

**Population :**  
**20 years**  
**2002-2022**  
**Dwelling time > 2 years**  
**520 patients**

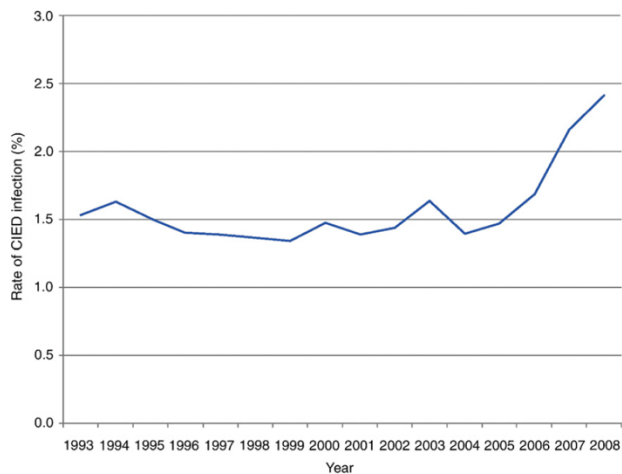
<b>Age (mean±SD)</b>	<b>68±15 yo</b>
<b>Men</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>BMI (Mean±SD)</b>	<b>27±13</b>
<b>LVEF&gt;50%</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>Creatinin</b>	<b>116µM/l</b>
<b>Diabetis</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Prosthetic valve</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Pace maker</b>	<b>48%</b>
- VVI	12%
- DDD	74%
- CRT-P	13%
<b>ICD</b>	<b>52%</b>
- VVI	26%
-DDD	35%
- CRT-D	40%
<b>Origin</b>	
- Grenoble U H(%)	48
- Other centers(%)	52
<b>Dwelling time (months)</b>	<b>60,5(extreme : 372)</b>



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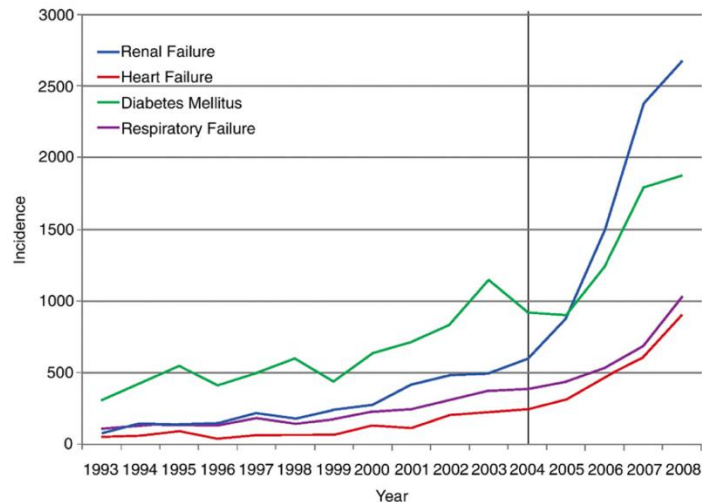
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Rate of CIED Infection

# Risk factors for infections



Incidence of Comorbidities in Patients With CIED Infection

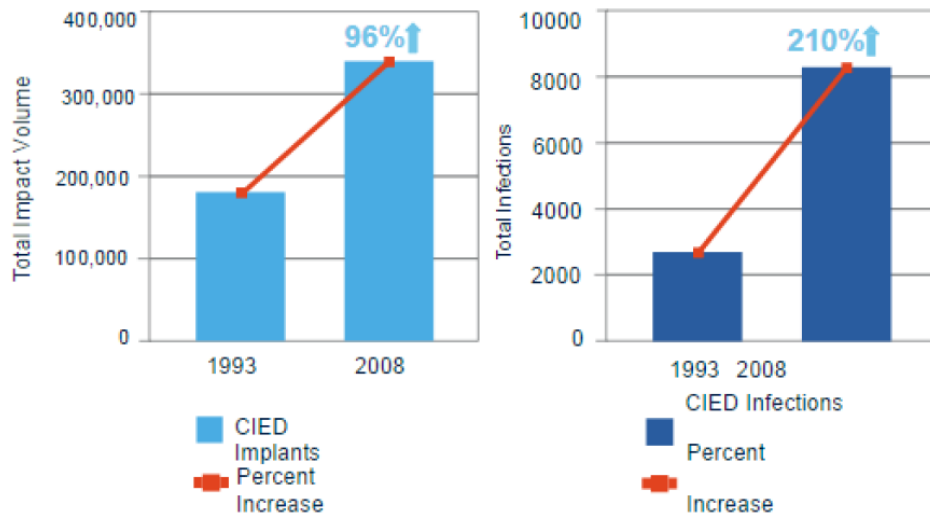
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## Infections increasing at faster rate than implants



### Contributing factors for increase :

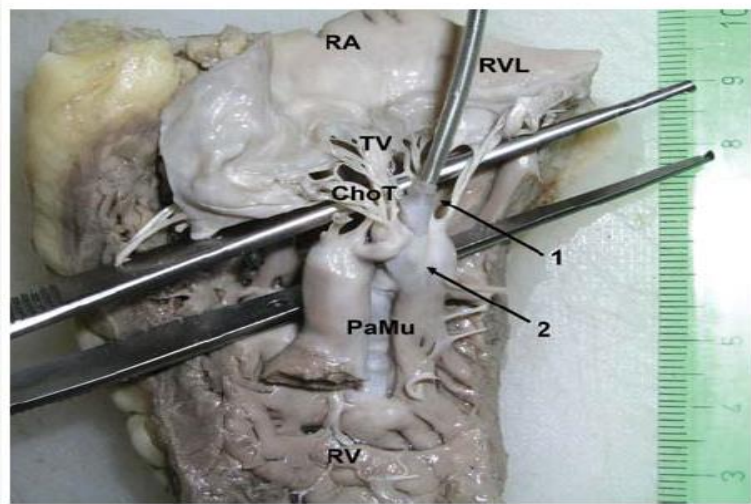
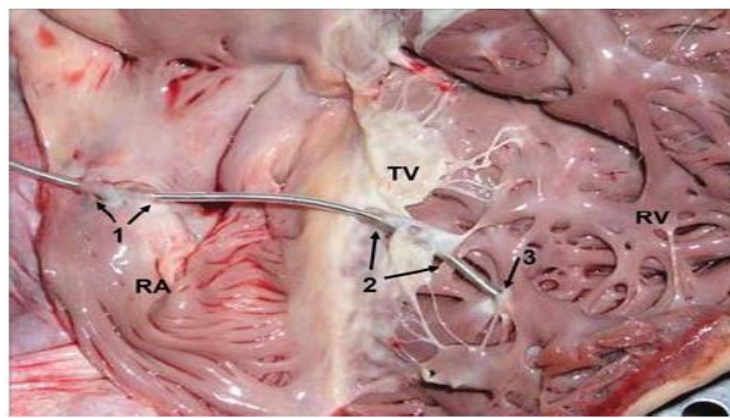
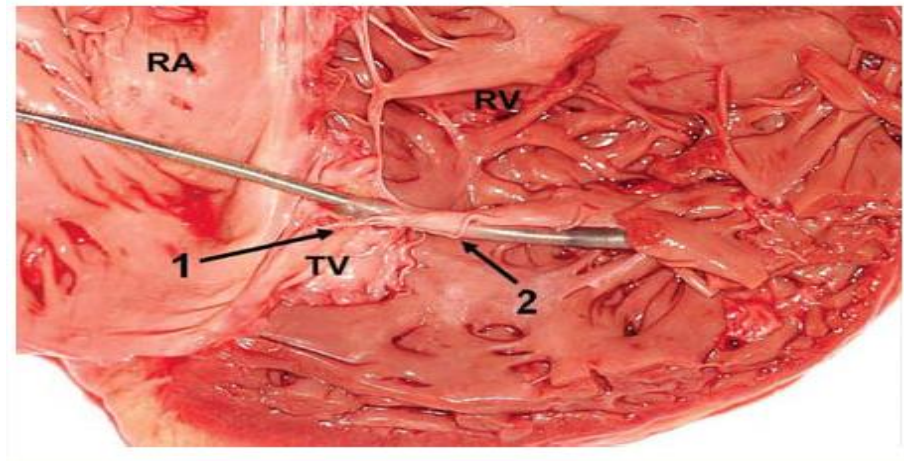
- Older pts receiving devices
- More pts comorbidities
- Longer procedures
- Changing mix of CIEDs
- Increasing number of replacements /upgrades
- Revisions
- More resistant *S aureus* coag-
- Staph species (e.g. *S epidermidis*)

**CIED implants and infections between 1993-2008**

**Greenspon A, JACC 2011; 58:1001-6**

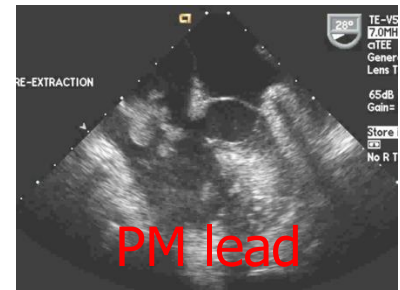
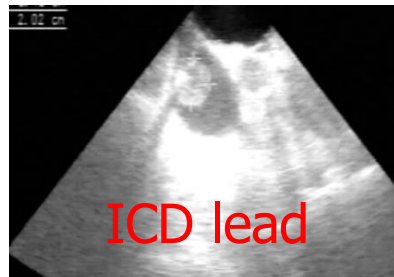
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I B-NR

**Complete device and lead removal is recommended for all patients with definite CIED system infection.**

169-171

Early diagnosis of CIED infection and performing lead extraction within 3 days of diagnosis is associated with lower in-hospital mortality.<sup>169</sup> A multivariate analysis found a 7-fold increase in 30-day mortality if the CIED was not removed. Although CIED removal resulted in fatal complications, the mortality associated with a delay in removal was even higher.<sup>170</sup> Therefore, CIED-associated infections are the strongest indication for complete CIED system removal and should not be delayed, regardless of the timing of the start of antimicrobial therapy.<sup>1,171</sup>

I B-NR

**Complete device and lead removal is recommended for all patients with valvular endocarditis without definite involvement of the lead(s) and/or device.**

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Complete CIED removal should be performed when patients undergo valve replacement or repair for infective endocarditis, because the CIED could serve as a nidus for relapsing infection and subsequent seeding of the surgically treated heart valve.<sup>153</sup>  
 A recent study has shown that complete CIED removal appears curative for patients with CIED infection in the presence of prosthetic heart valves and thus might prevent repeat valve surgery.<sup>169</sup>





***Erosion of any part of the CIED indicates contamination of the entire system, and complete device removal should be performed***



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## When to refer to lead extraction : infections








I	B-NR	<b>Complete device and lead removal is recommended for patients with persistent or recurrent bacteremia or fungemia, despite appropriate antibiotic therapy and no other identifiable source for relapse or continued infection.</b>	153,165
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Persistent or relapsing bacteremia or fungemia after a course of appropriate antibiotic therapy when there is no other identified source for bacteremia or fungemia suggests CIED and lead infection. In this scenario, the retained intravascular leads are very likely to be the source of infection. Complete removal of hardware is recommended to eradicate the infection.<sup>153,165</sup>

**European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA) international consensus document on how to prevent, diagnose, and treat cardiac implantable electronic device infections—endorsed by the Heart Rhythm Society (HRS), the Asia Pacific Heart Rhythm Society (APHRS), the Latin American Heart Rhythm Society (LAHRS), International Society for Cardiovascular Infectious Diseases (ISCVID) and the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) in collaboration with the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)**

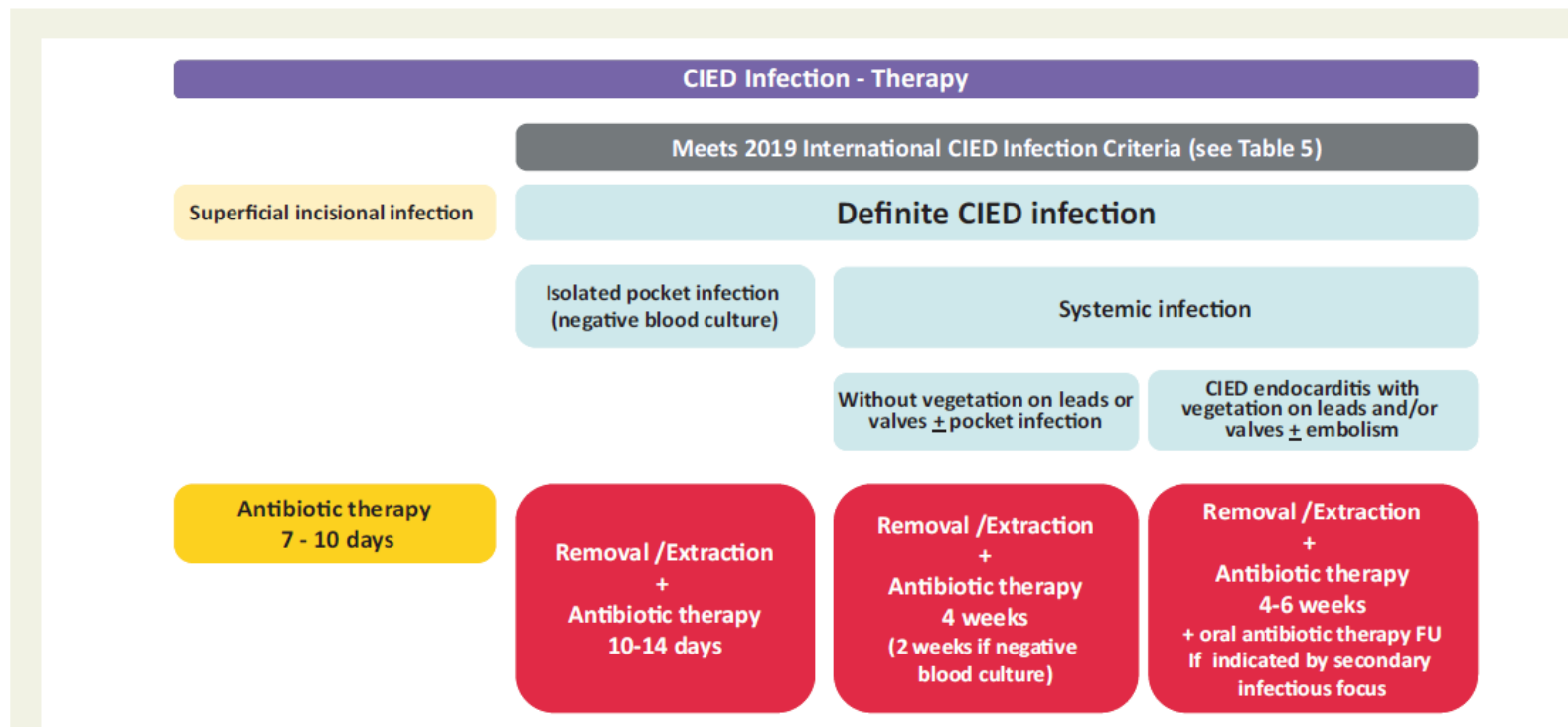
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**Table 8 Recommendations for device and lead removal**

Consensus statement	Statement class	Scientific evidence coding
In patients with definite CIED infection (systemic and local), complete device removal is recommended (including abandoned leads, epicardial leads, and lead fragments)		O
After diagnosis of CIED infection, the device removal procedure should be performed without unnecessary delay (ideally within 3 days)		O
The recommended technique for device system removal is percutaneous, transvenous extraction technique. Epicardial leads require surgical removal		O
Complete CIED removal is indicated in bacteraemia or fungaemia with <i>S. aureus</i> , CoNS, <i>Cutibacterium</i> spp., and <i>Candida</i> spp		E
In bacteraemia with alpha- or beta-haemolytic <i>Streptococcus</i> spp. and <i>Enterococcus</i> spp., a complete CIED removal may be performed as first-line treatment or in case of recurrent/continued bacteraemia despite appropriate antibiotic therapy as a second step therapy		E
In case of bacteraemia with non-pseudomonal/Serratia Gram-negative bacteria or <i>Pneumococcus</i> spp., CIED removal should be performed in the case of recurrent/continued bacteraemia despite appropriate antibiotic therapy when there is no other identifiable source for recurrence or continued infection		E
Complete CIED removal is recommended in patients with infective endocarditis with or without definite involvement of the CIED system		E

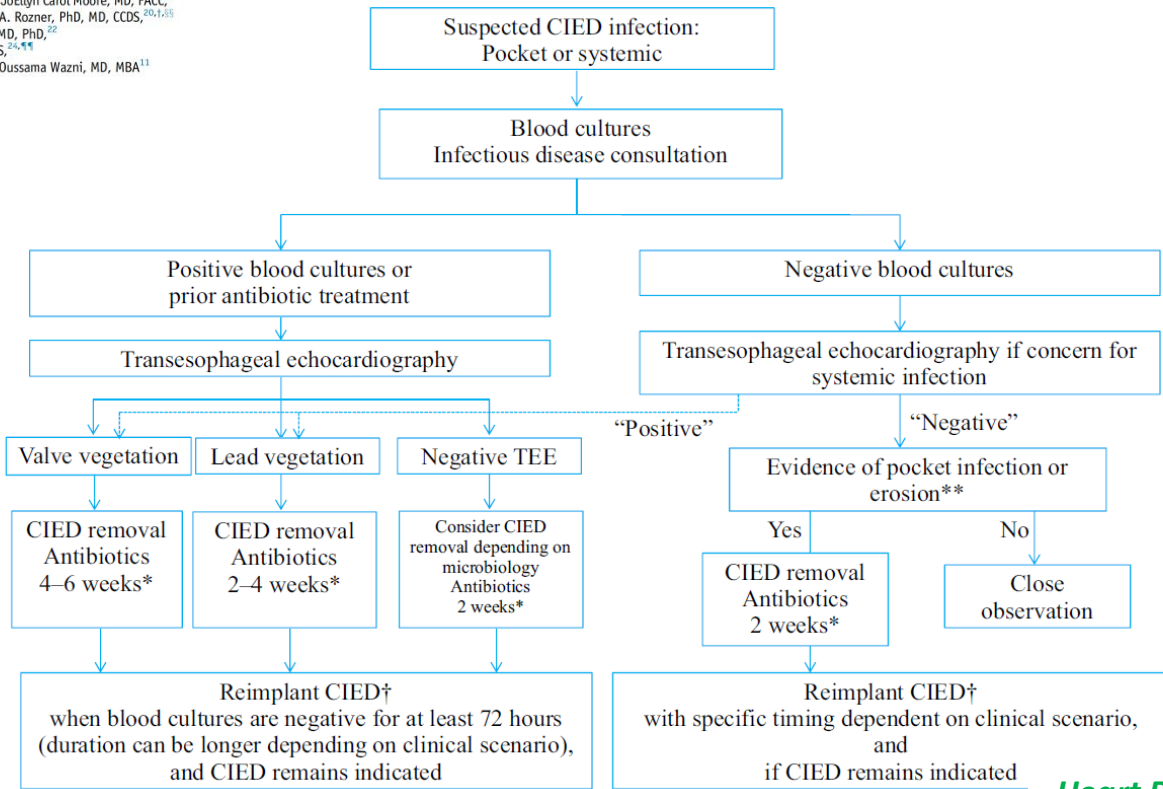


## If CIED infection what are the recommendations?



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## If CIED infection what are the recommendations?



# Early Versus Delayed Lead Extraction in Patients With Infected Cardiovascular Implantable Electronic Devices

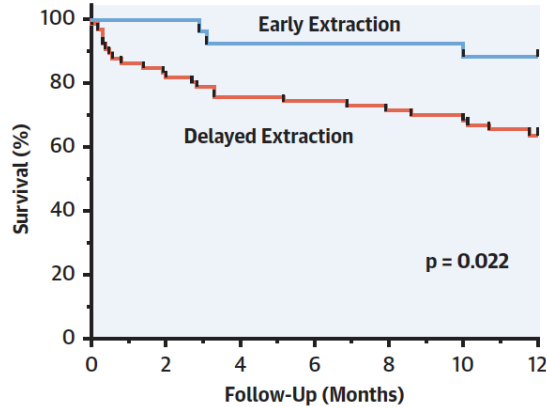


## Kaplan-Maier 1 year survival of pts undergoing early vs delayed CIED extraction

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< or > 7 days

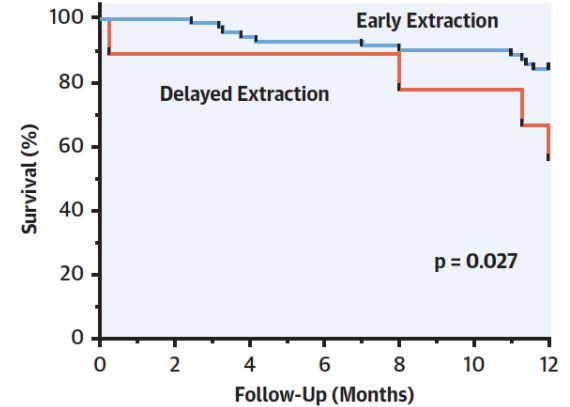
**A**



Number at risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12
— Early	33	28	25	25	25	24	23
— Delayed	94	66	61	58	52	50	43

**B**

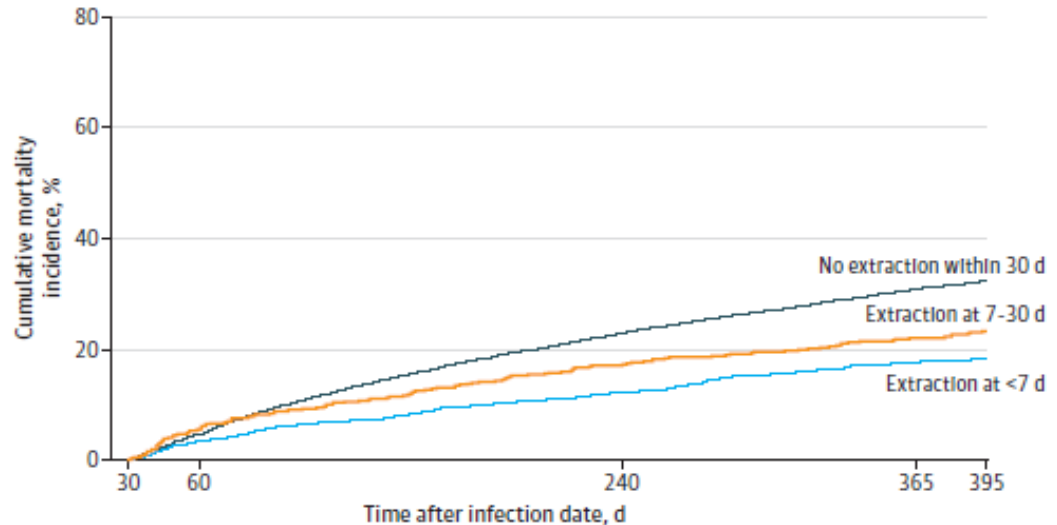


Number at risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12
— Early	90	82	77	74	71	71	63
— Delayed	16	11	11	10	9	9	6

Patients with (A) bacteremia and (B) isolated pocket infection. Patients with delayed cardiovascular implantable electronic device extraction have lower survival rate at 1 year.

# Lead extraction and mortality among patients with CIEDs infection



No. at risk	30	60	240	365	395
No extraction within 30 d	8777	8307	6288	5377	5199
Extraction at <7 d	1475	1415	1199	1056	1036
Extraction at 7-30 d	580	542	445	388	373

Outcomes are restricted to patients with at least 30 days of follow-up after cardiac implantable electronic device infection.

# Lead Extraction of Infected Cardiovascular Implantable Devices

The Sooner, the Better?\*

Pascal Defaye, MD,<sup>a,b</sup> Adrien Carabelli, MD<sup>a,b</sup>

*One should prompt cardiologists to optimize diagnosis, avoid transfer delays, and minimize waiting times before an extraction procedure.*



## Low utilization of TLE in CIEDs infections

- Low utilization of TLE in these patients
  - Between 2016 to 2019 :11.5%
    - Increase 7.6% in 2016 to 14.9% in 2016
- Reduction in mortality with TLE OR: 0.47 ; 95% CI: 0.37-0.6

FIGURE 2 Outcomes With CIEDs and Infective Endocarditis

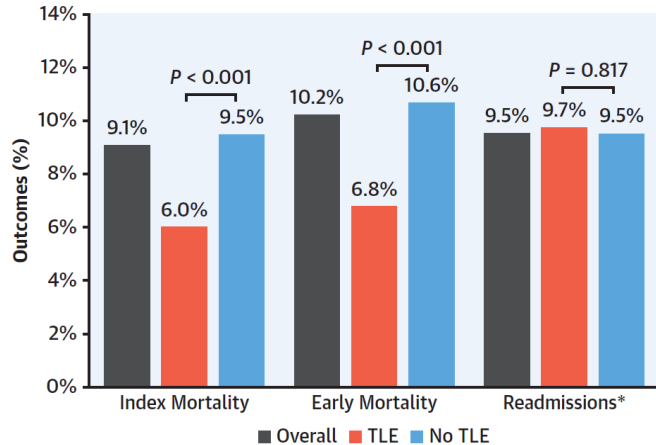
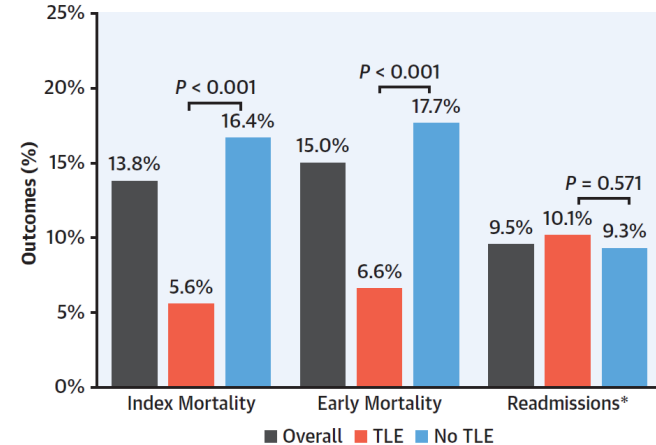


FIGURE 3 Outcomes With CIEDs and *S. aureus* Endocarditis

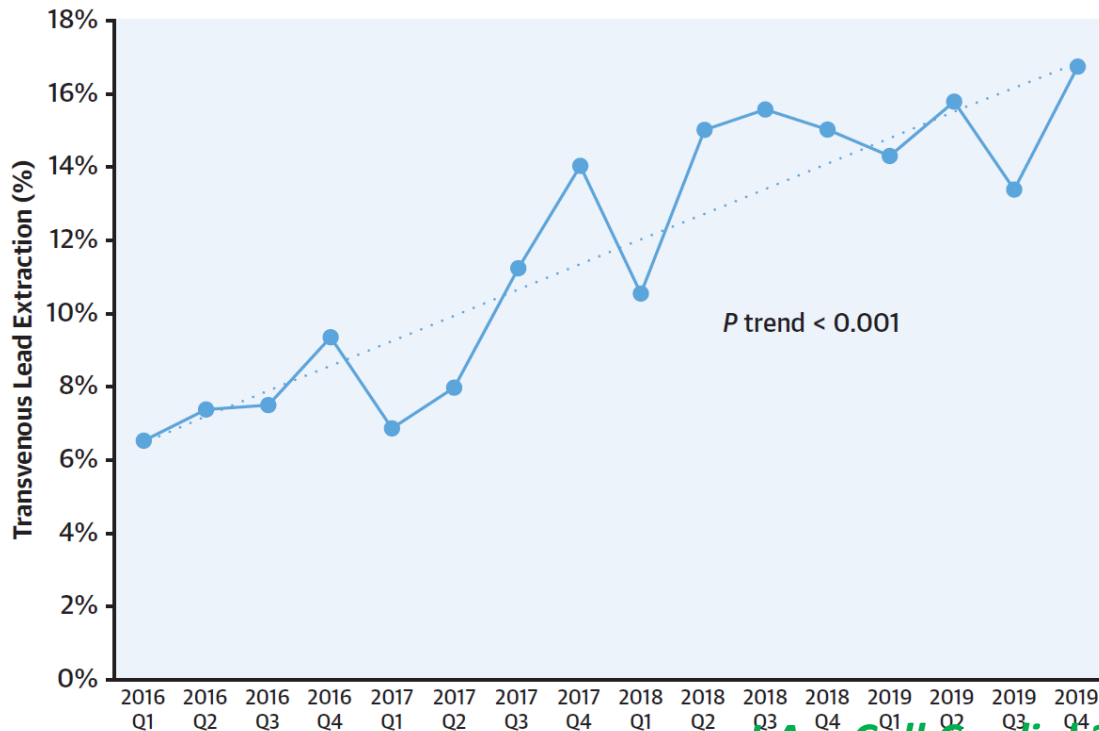




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# Low utilization of TLE in CIEDs infections

FIGURE 1 National Trends in TLE and Removal

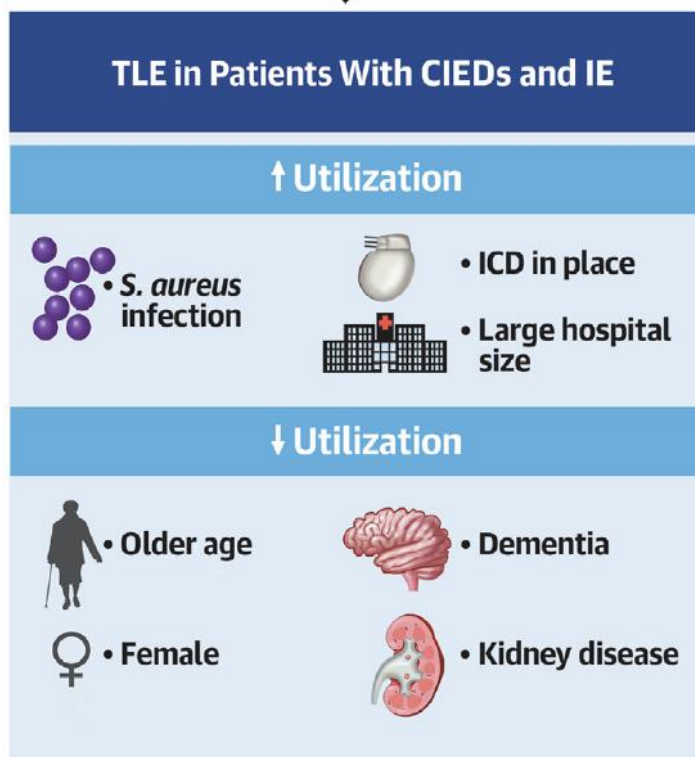






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## Factors of underutilization of TLE in CIEDs infections



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## *When to refer to lead extraction : chronic pain*

IIa	C-EO	<b>Device and/or lead removal can be useful for patients with severe chronic pain at the device or lead insertion site or believed to be secondary to the device, which causes significant patient discomfort, is not manageable by medical or surgical techniques, and for which there is no acceptable alternative.</b>
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Chronic pain at the device site or lead insertion site is an infrequent indication for lead extraction.<sup>187,188</sup> The scope of this problem has not been well defined and is likely multifactorial, ranging from indolent infection to musculoskeletal conditions.<sup>117,189–193</sup> An individualized treatment plan is clearly necessary, but removal of the device and lead extraction are reasonable for patients with severe chronic pain in which alternative management strategies are not available or have failed.

*Very rare indication , unusual*

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## When to refer to lead extraction : thrombosis/vascular access



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**Lead removal is recommended for patients with clinically significant thromboembolic events attributable to thrombus on a lead or a lead fragment that cannot be treated by other means.**

Clinically significant thromboembolic events related to transvenous leads occur infrequently, but have been reported and are of particular concern in patients with intracardiac shunts.<sup>194–196</sup>

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**Lead removal is recommended for patients with SVC stenosis or occlusion that prevents implantation of a necessary lead.**

Lead-induced venous thrombosis can occur early or late after implantation of a transvenous pacemaker.<sup>197</sup> Thrombosis can cause an occlusion of the SVC, making placement of additional transvenous leads difficult. Under these circumstances, removal of an existing lead is recommended to gain access and allow for placement of the necessary lead.

I	C-EO
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**Lead removal is recommended for patients with planned stent deployment in a vein already containing a transvenous lead, to avoid entrapment of the lead.**

Percutaneous stent implantation has now become first-line treatment for pacemaker-induced SVC syndrome.<sup>197,198</sup> Existing leads should be removed prior to stent placement, thus preventing entrapment of these leads behind the stent.

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**Lead removal as part of a comprehensive plan for maintaining patency is recommended for patients with SVC stenosis or occlusion with limiting symptoms.**

Although lead-related venous thrombosis occurs relatively commonly, the incidence of pacemaker-induced SVC syndrome has been reported to be less than 0.1%.<sup>197,198</sup> However, patients who do become symptomatic might have debilitating symptoms requiring treatment. Lead removal and subsequent stent placement have emerged as the most effective treatment and should be part of the overall treatment strategy.

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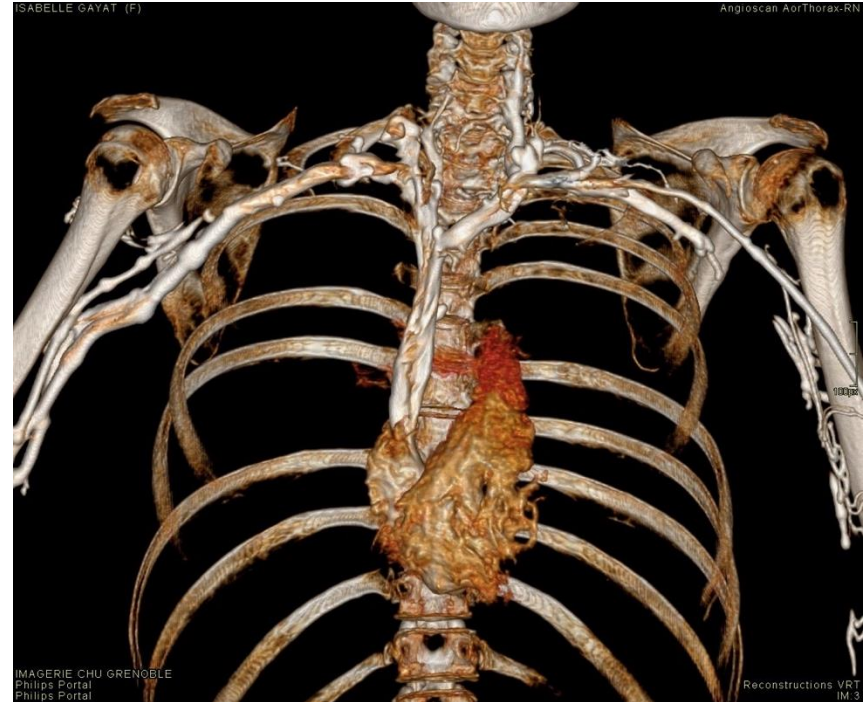
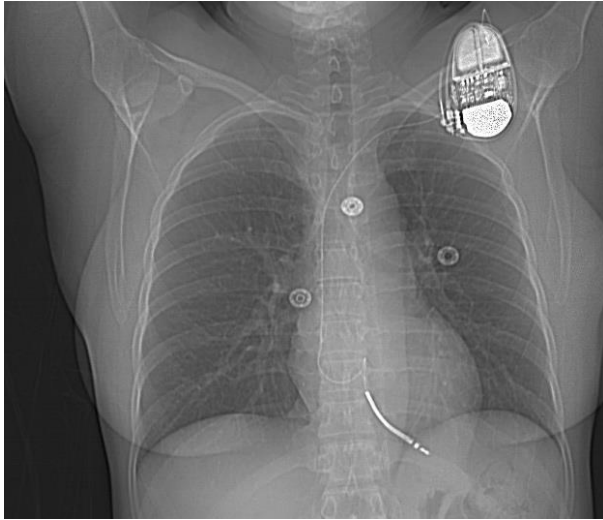
**Lead removal can be useful for patients with ipsilateral venous occlusion preventing access to the venous circulation for required placement of an additional lead.**

<sup>199,200</sup>

In the context of a device upgrade or requirement of an additional lead, venous access can become an issue due to venous occlusion of the desired venous access point. Management options include contralateral lead implantation with tunneling across the chest, extraction of a redundant lead, or subclavian venoplasty. An individualized approach should be taken based on operator and center expertise. Use of extraction as a first-line approach to device upgrades for patients with venous occlusion is well described and can be a useful strategy in experienced centers.<sup>199,200</sup>



- **Not so rare**
  - **Mrs G... Isabelle, born in 1969**
    - Erythema of the face
    - Progressive swelling of the face and arms
    - Edema of the face, neck, both arms,
    - Distended jugular veins
    - Dizziness with position change
    - Impossibility to practice sport : running
    - **VVI ICD 20 years before** for ARVD?? (no MRI)  
VT during tennis game
- Retrospectively : benign infundibular VT...**



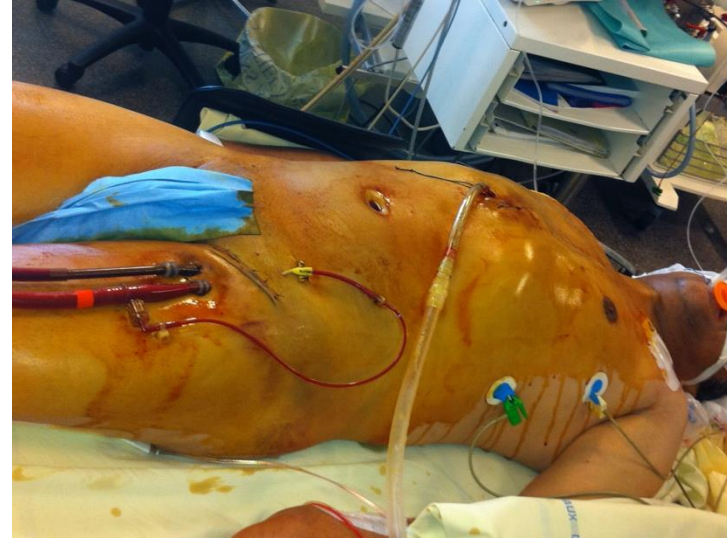
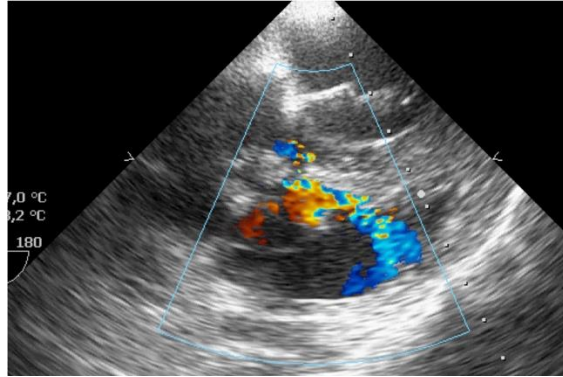
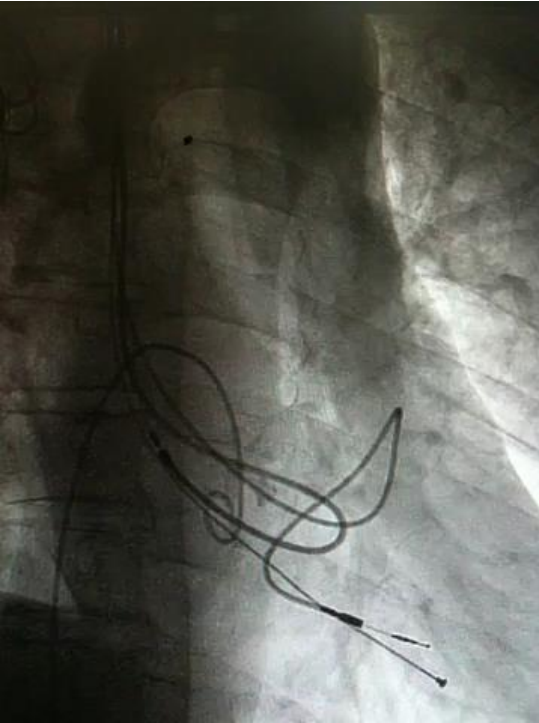
**Mrs G Isabelle,**

- ICD lead implanted in 2007
- CT venography : occlusion of the upper SVC
- Lead extraction Laser 16 F January 2017

**CT venography / 4 years later  
Her symptoms have totally resolved**



*Mr S Guy, severe tricuspid stenosis with right HF due to redondant leads implanated 20 y before*



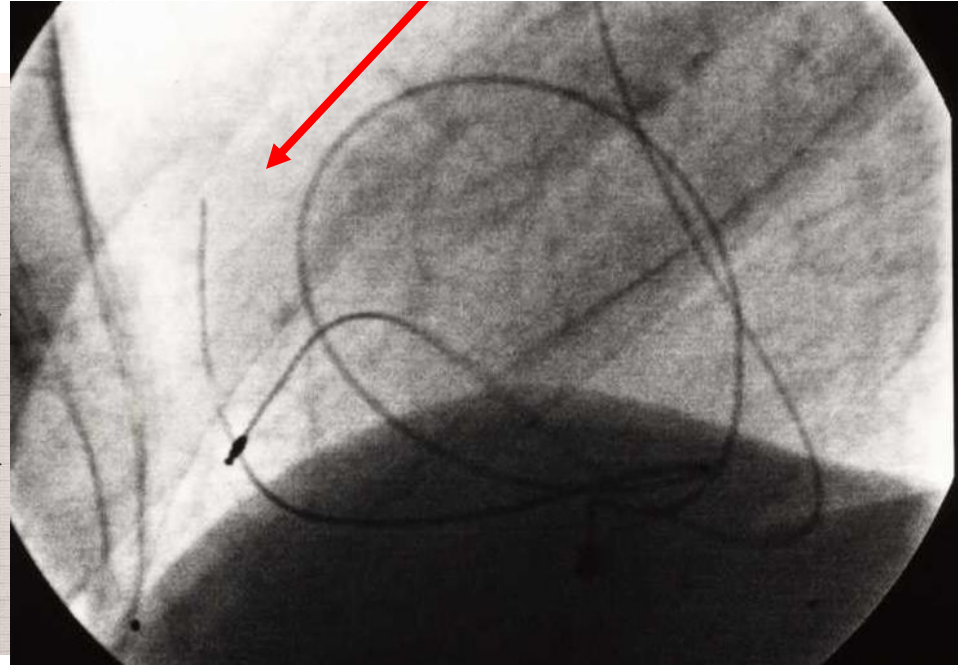
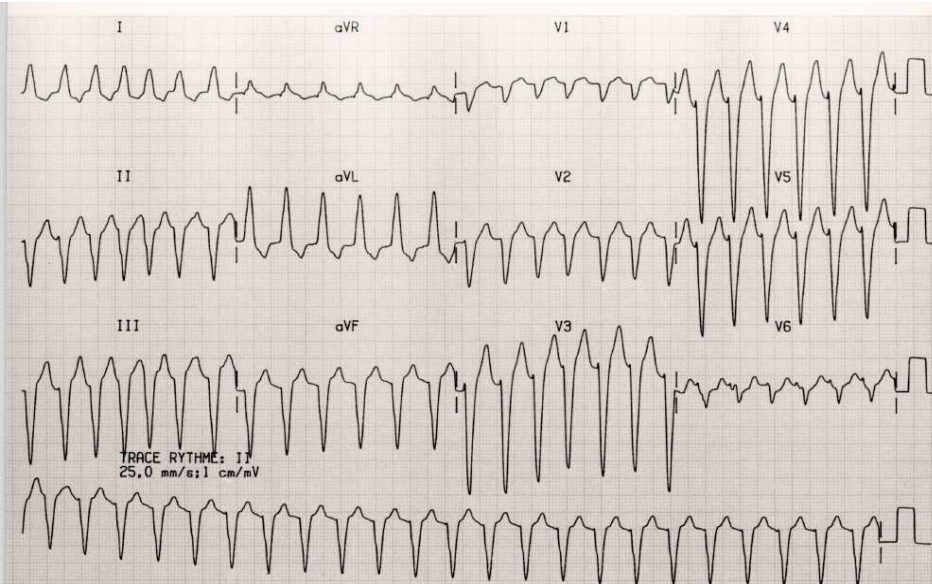
***Extraction under ECMO***



***Alive 14 years after without symptoms, not reimplanated  
Tricuspid valve replacement 2024***

**Lead removal is recommended for patients with life-threatening arrhythmias secondary to retained leads.**

There are reports in the literature of refractory ventricular arrhythmias that occurred after an RV lead placement that resolved with extraction.<sup>201</sup>



*Very rare indication*

*Heart Rhythm,  
December 2017*



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## When to refer to lead extraction : non functional leads

Ila

IIa	C-LD	<p><b>Lead removal can be useful for patients if a CIED implantation would require more than four leads on one side or more than five leads through the SVC.</b></p>	<p>110,193, 200</p>
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Analysis of extraction registries has reported higher complication rates with extraction when there are large numbers of leads that need to be removed.<sup>200</sup> Studies have reported increased shoulder pain and other complications in patients with higher numbers of leads from the same shoulder.<sup>110,193</sup>

# Lead Abandonment or Lead Extraction?

## Weighing the Risks\*

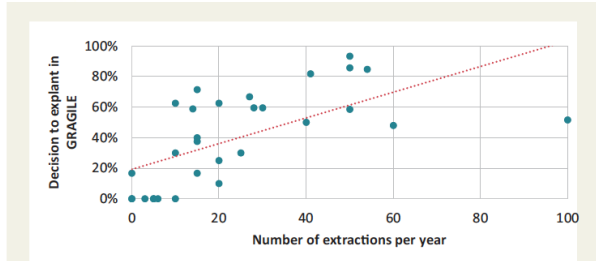
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# FRAGILE: FRENch Attitude reGistry in case of ICD LEad replacement

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- Prospective registry,
- 552 pts/ 32 centers : idem % extracted and abandoned leads.
- Decision to extract or abandon lead mainly influenced by operator experience in LE, patient's age, comorbidities, and lead dwelling time.

➤ **No significant difference in early and 2 years outcomes.**

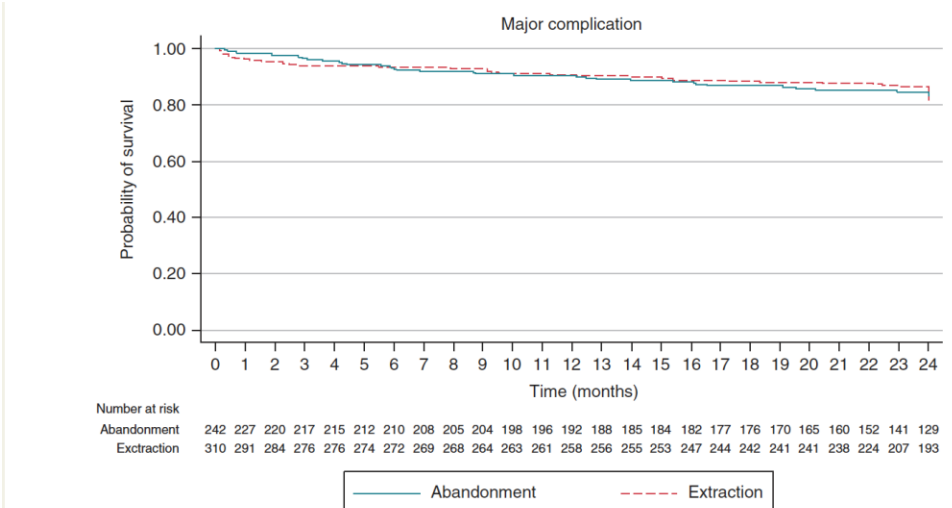


**Figure 2** Correlation between the annual number of extractions in a centre and its percentage of extraction in the FRAGILE registry ( $Rho_{Spearman} = 0.725, P < 0.001$ ). FRAGILE, FRENch Attitude reGistry

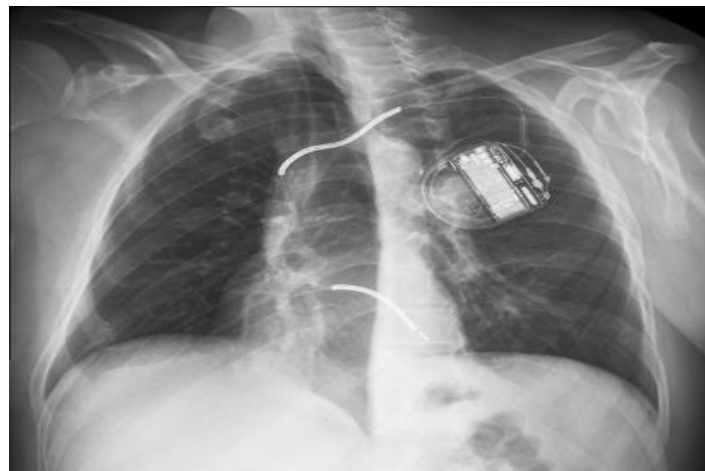
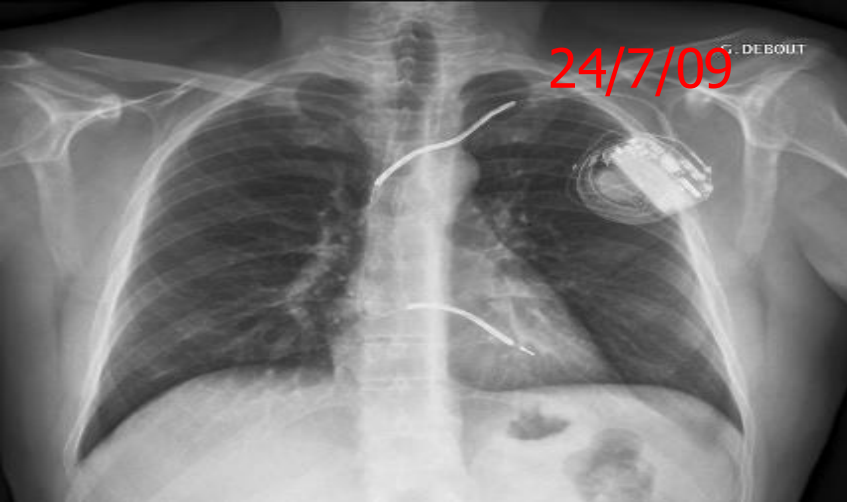
**Table 3** Early complications

	Abandonment	Extraction
Total	19	20
Death	0	1
Tamponade	1	0
Venous injury	0	3
Transfusion	0	3
Other (with no need for reintervention) <sup>a</sup>	18	17

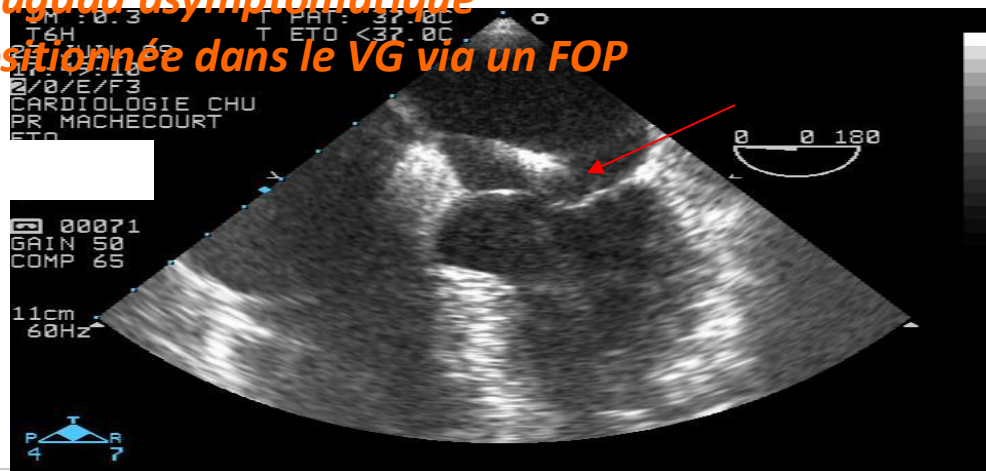
<sup>a</sup>Pocket haematoma, lead dislodgment (other than the explanted RV lead), fever, pneumothorax, heart failure decompensation, and pericardial effusion.



**Figure 3** Kaplan-Meier freedom of major complication in patients with abandoned lead vs patients with extracted lead



**Homme de 43 ans, syndrome de Brugada asymptomatique**  
**Découverte d'une sonde de DAI positionnée dans le VG via un FOP**  
**9 ans après implantation**  
**Conduite à tenir????**



**Defaye P et al. Eur J of Cardiothor Surg 2010**

***Après extraction chirurgicale par vidéo - thoracoscopie***

***Résultat final après extraction transveineuse du coil qq sem. plus tard...***



## *Indications*

- Leads possibly grasped from the PM/ICD pocket
- Vascular occlusion and need for reimplantation

## *Advantages*

- PM/ICD pocket needs to be open anyway
- Allows use of powered sheath
- High rate of success
- Quick procedure

## *Disadvantages*

- You must pass a sheath through the SVC +++
- Powered sheath more expensive

## *Extraction techniques : superior approach*

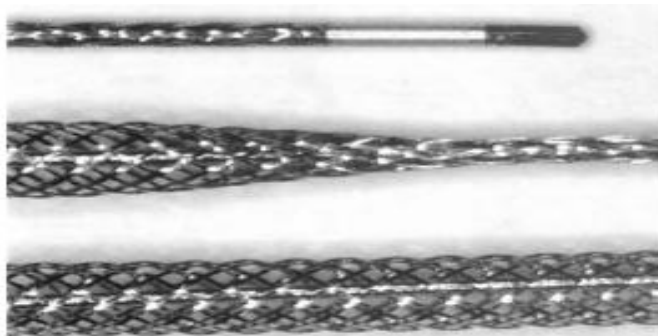
### □ Locking stylet techniques :

- locked in distal tip of the lead
- provide a stable traction platform
- Straighten the lead, allow use of external sheath

- Cook® : Liberator

- Vascomed® : VascoExtor

***Spectranetics LLD® +++***





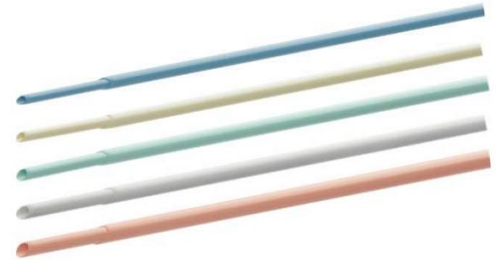
# Superior approach : Dilatation and countertraction sheath

**mechanical sheath :** *ablates scar tissue holding the lead traction limited to a small diameter*

® **Teflon sheaths**

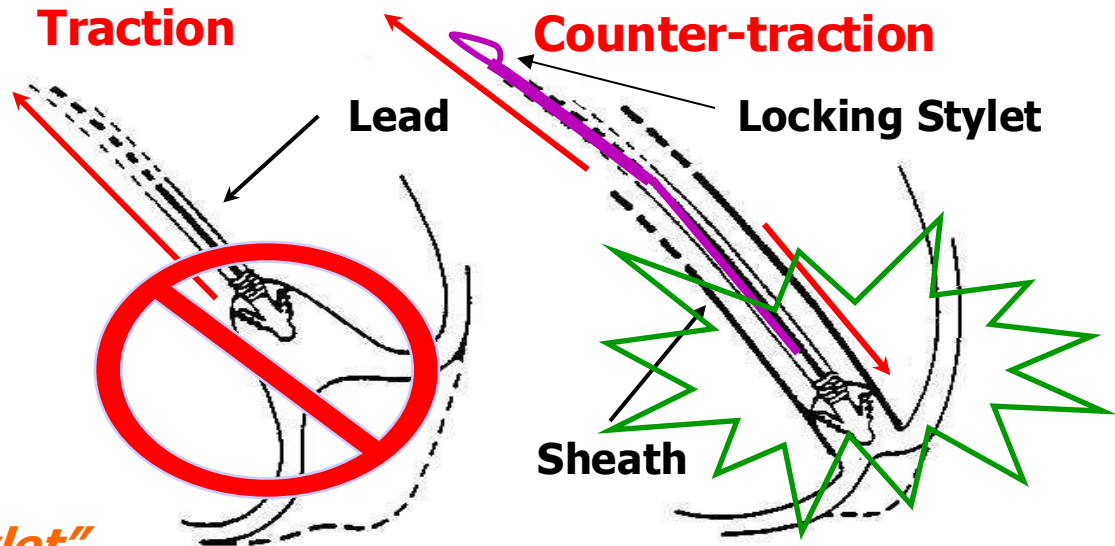


**Polypropilene sheaths**

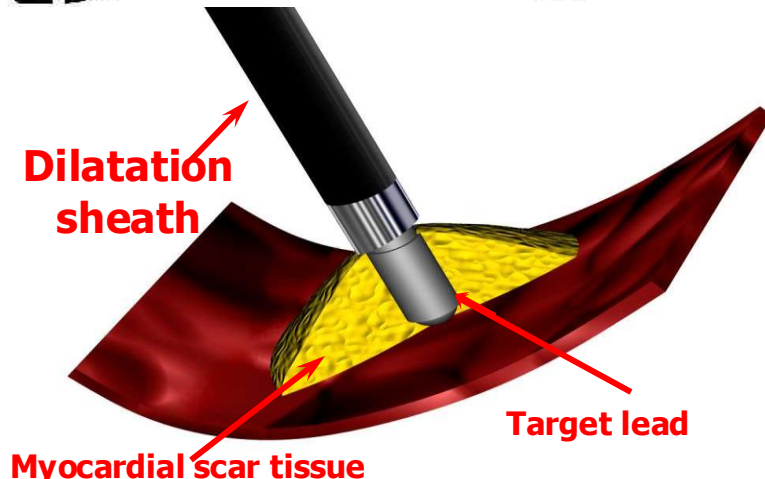


**Spectranetics® SightRail**

*polypropilene: 8,5 to 13 F*

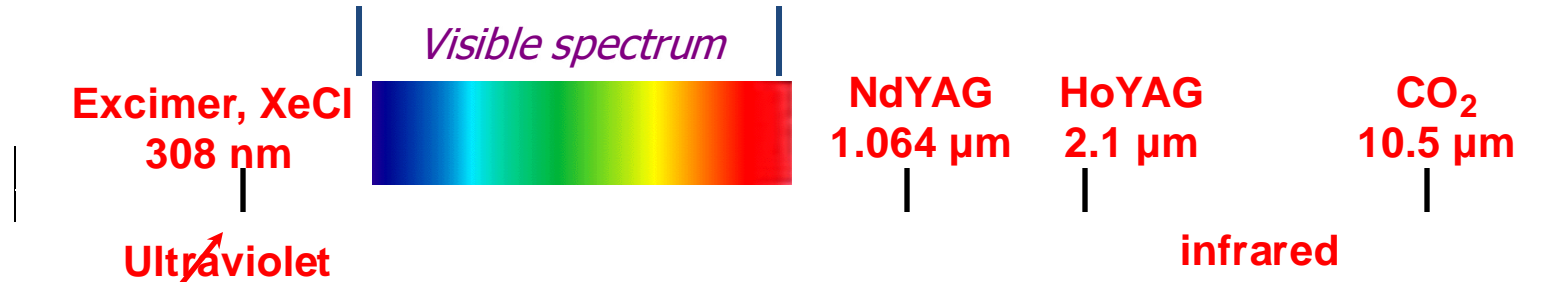


*Mandrin type "locking stylet"  
Et gaine de contre-traction*





## Ultraviolet vs. Infrared

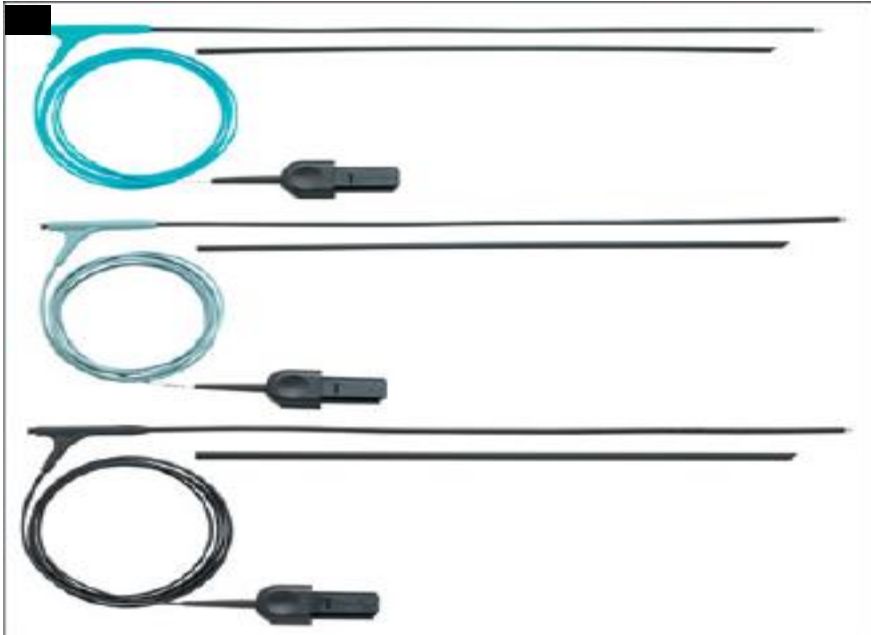


**CVX 300 produces cool laser light in the invisible spectrum**

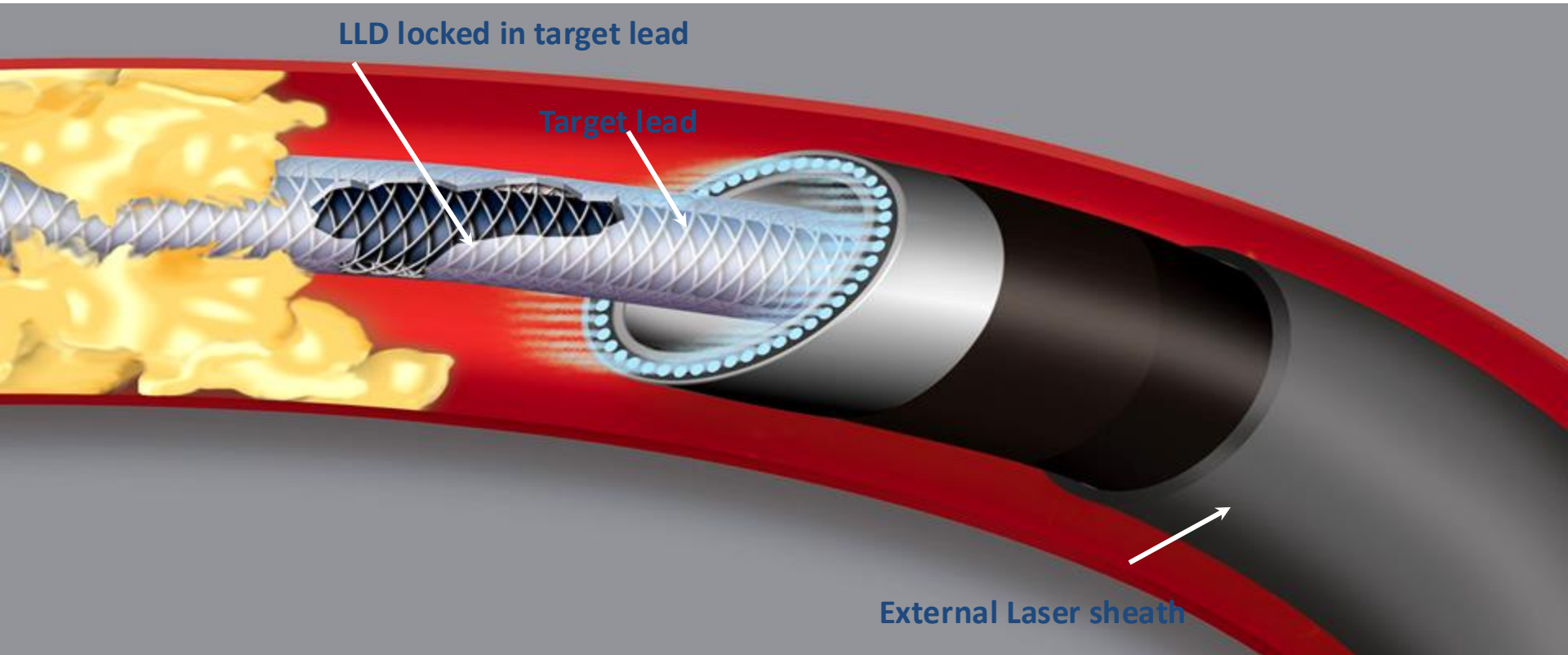
- The Excimer is a cool cutting laser (50°C) with a wavelength of 308 nm.
- The energy is emitted from the tip of a flexible sheath and is absorbed by proteins and lipids,
- 64% of the energy is absorbed at a tissue depth of 0.06 mm, 95% at 0,18 mm

## *Laser sheath size*

***16F, 14F, 12F***

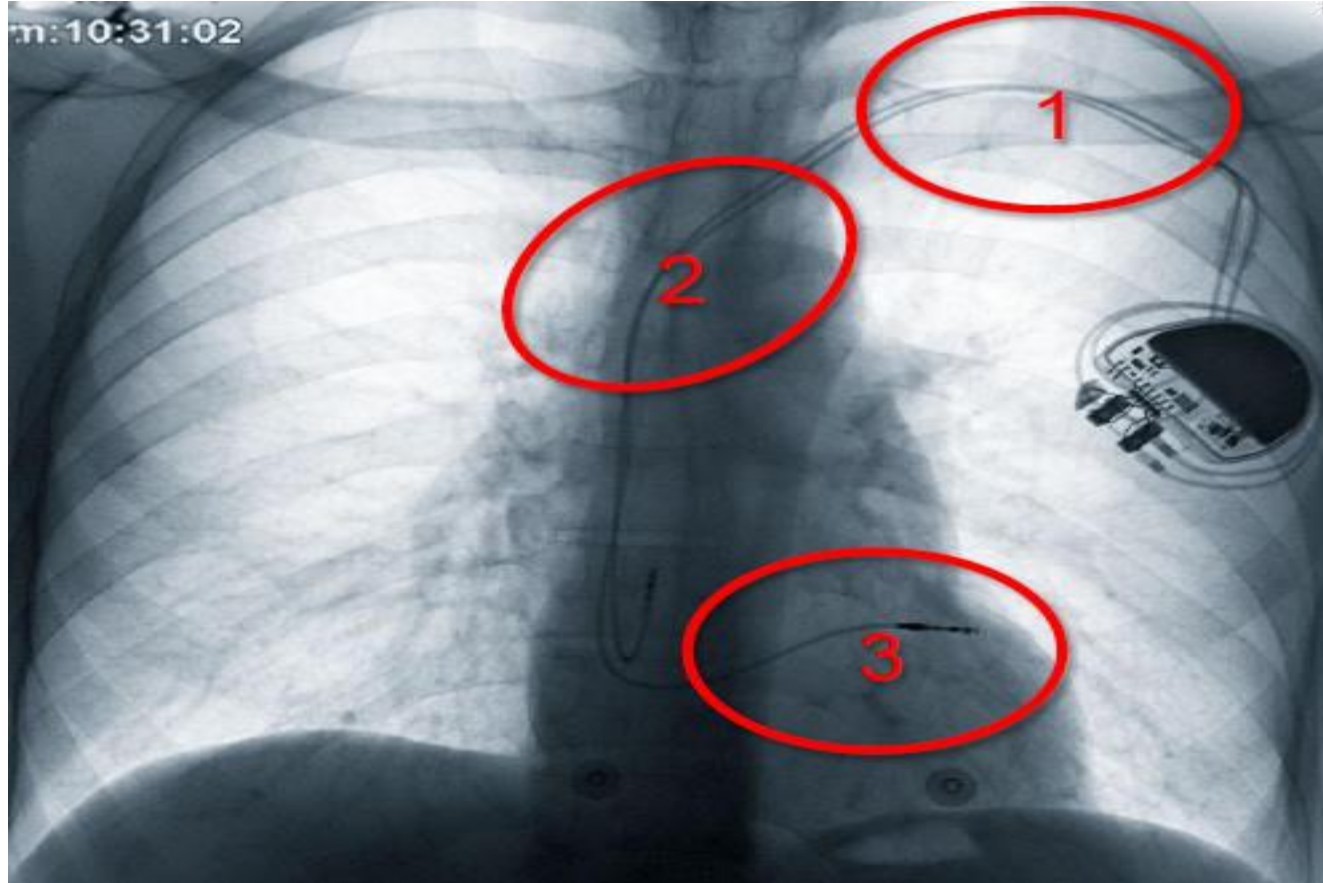


# Gaine Laser et Locking stylet LLD



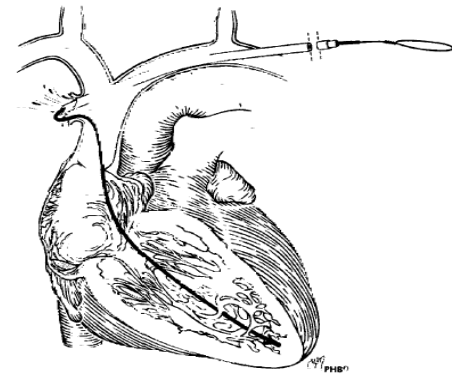


## **3 difficult areas for « powered sheath » : Laser**



1. The entrance under the clavicle and into the subclavian

**2. The brachiocephalica/ cava superior angle**



**« Round the corner... »**

3. Liberating the tip

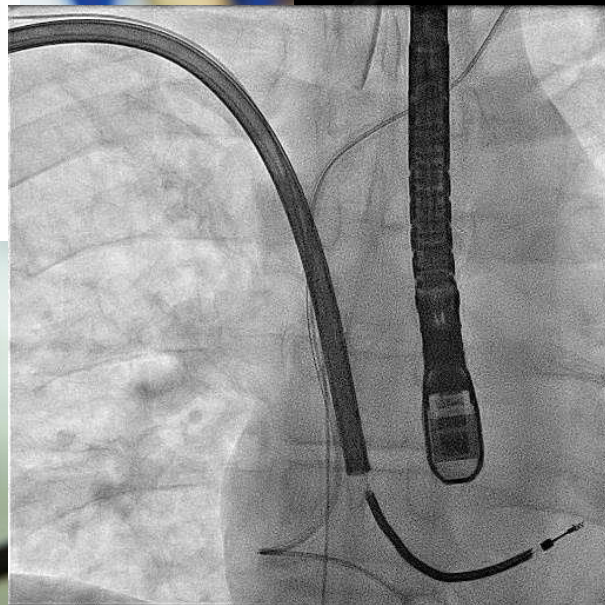
**TightRail™**  
**ROTATING MECHANICAL**  
**DILATOR SHEATH**

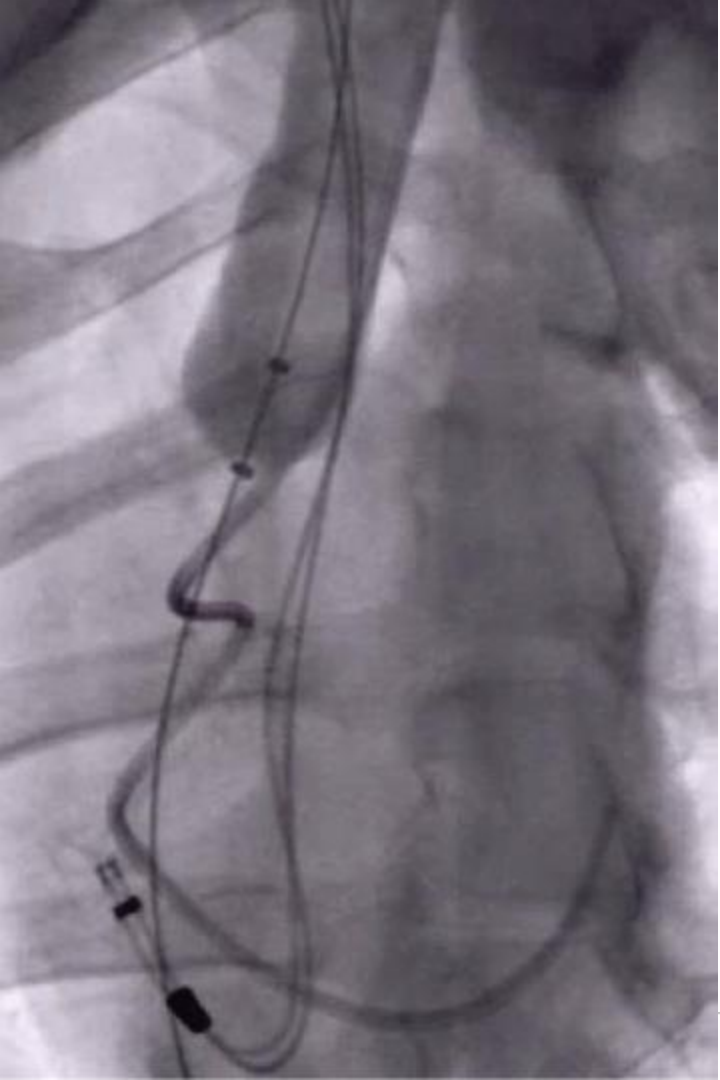
Bi-directional rotation  
287° clockwise  
287° counterclockwise



9F, 11F, 13F internal

**TightRail Mini™**





## *Bridge Occlusion balloon*

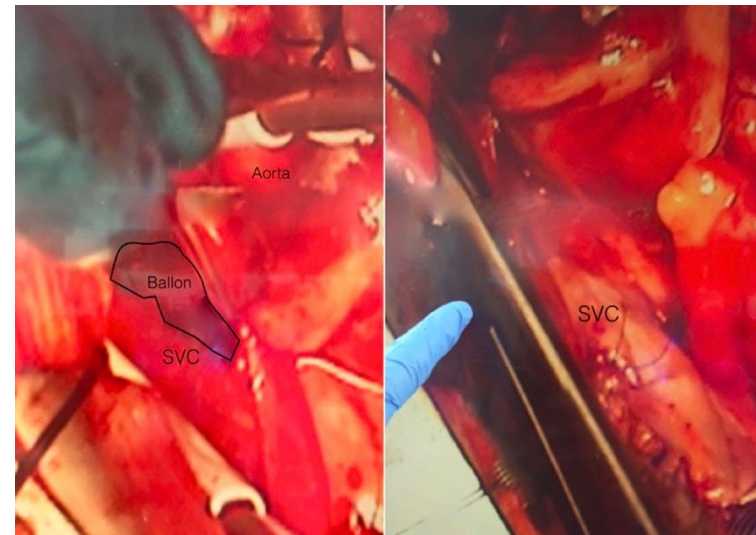
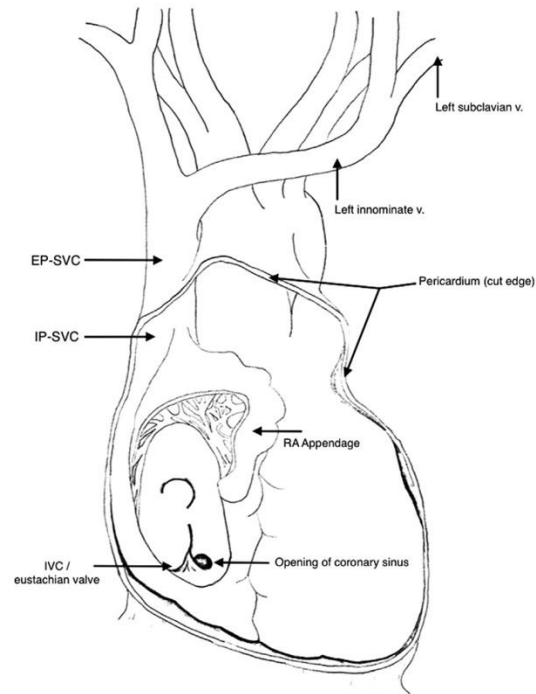
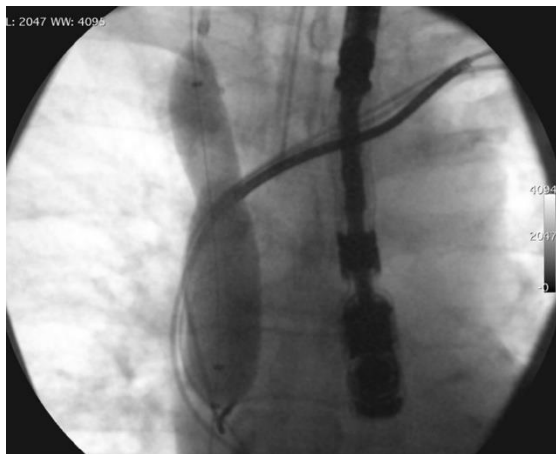
- Low pressure, compliant balloon designed to conform to the SVC
- The Balloon can be deployed in less than two minutes via a pre-placed guidewire
- Maintains acceptable hemostasis for at least 30 mn



# Compliant endovascular balloon reduces the lethality of superior vena cava tears during transvenous lead extractions

Reports from July 1, 2016, to December 31  
FDA Database

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Inflated bridge balloon

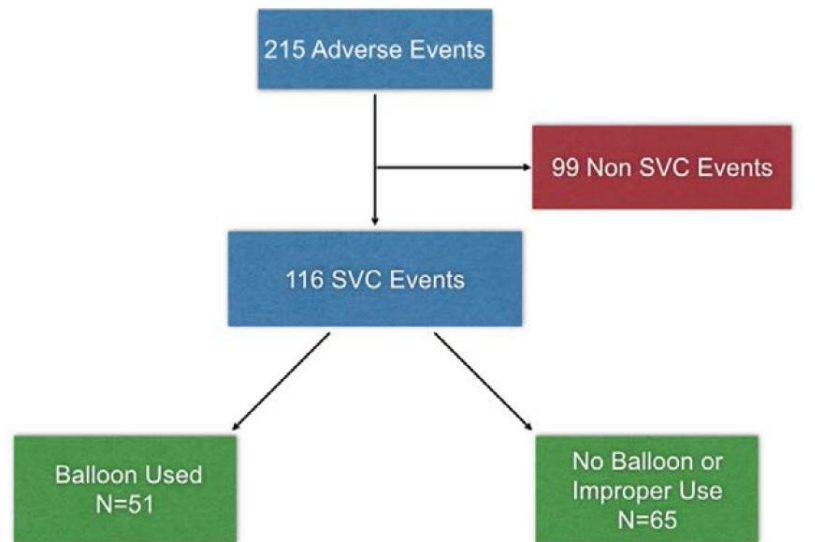
Repaired SVC



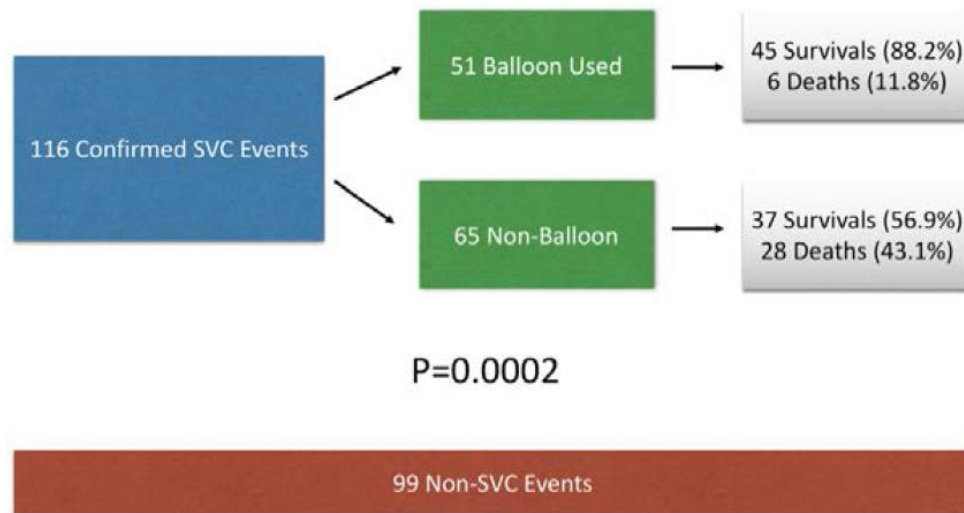
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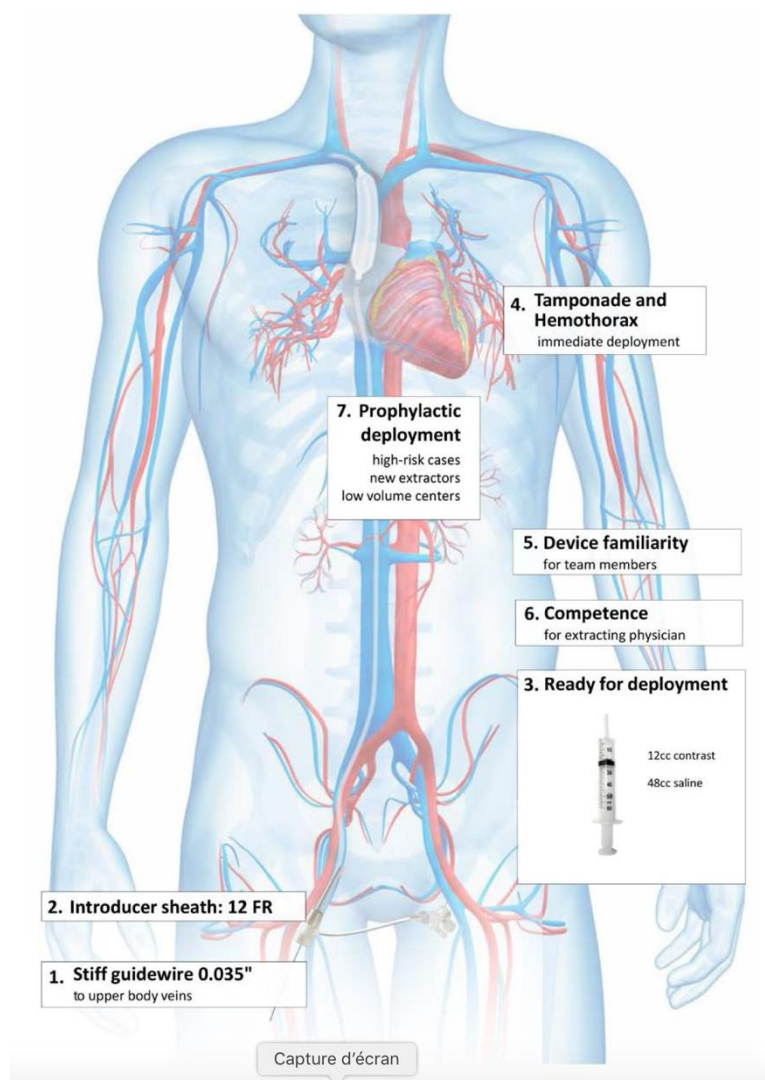
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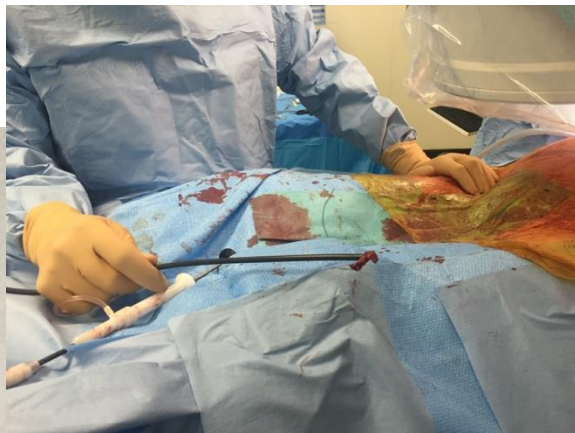
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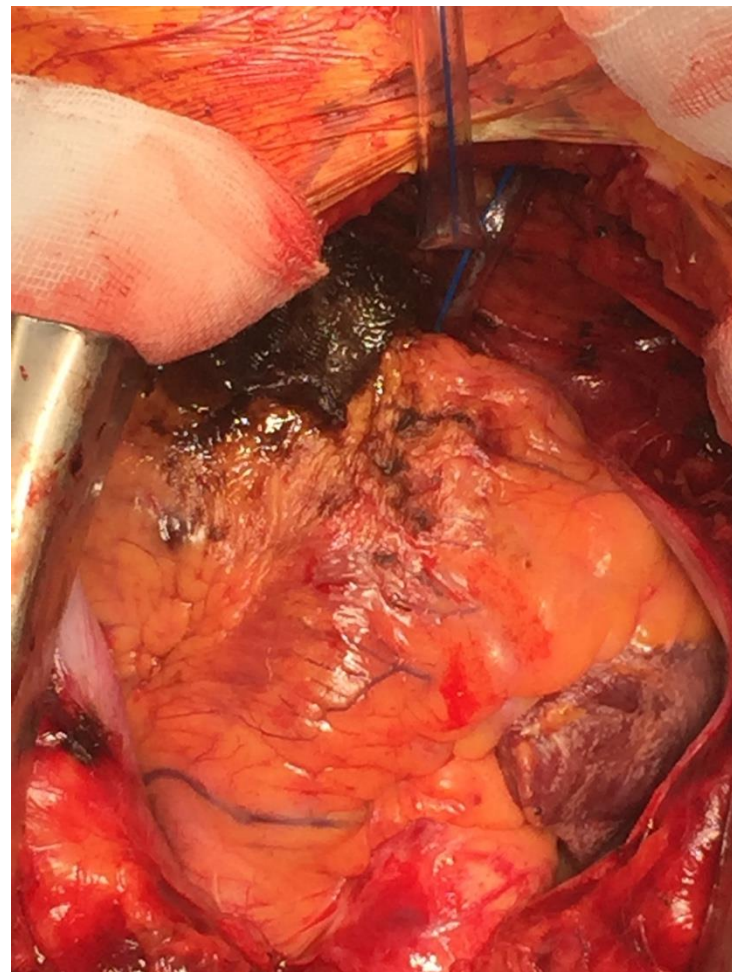
# *Safe removal of leads/avoid severe complications*



***Tamponnade  
Immediate surgery  
After pericardial puncture***

***October 2015  
RV lead extraction (VDD)  
(1995)  
Femoral approach  
Needle eye's snare®***

***Alive  
Complete extraction***



# Femoral approach

## Indications

- Impossibility to grasp the lead from the pocket
- Lead abandoned and cut
- Doubt +++ for an intravascular course

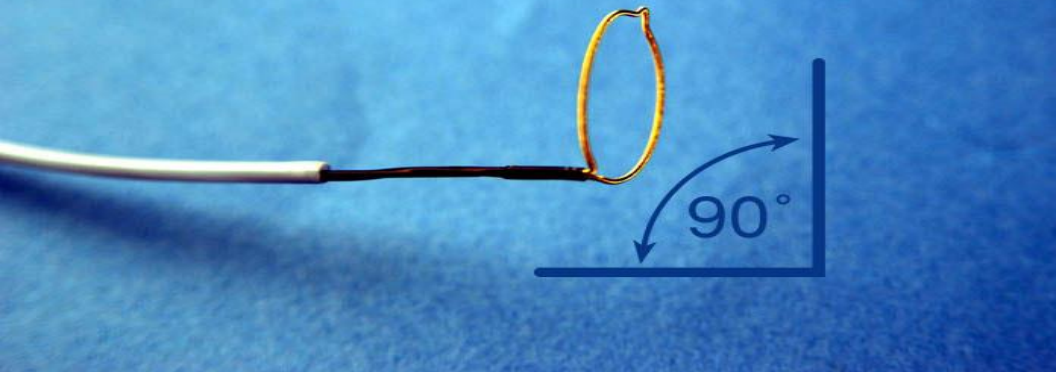
## Advantages

- Less risky for SVC??  
Pulling force more linear with the SVC
- Useful for extraction of lead fragment

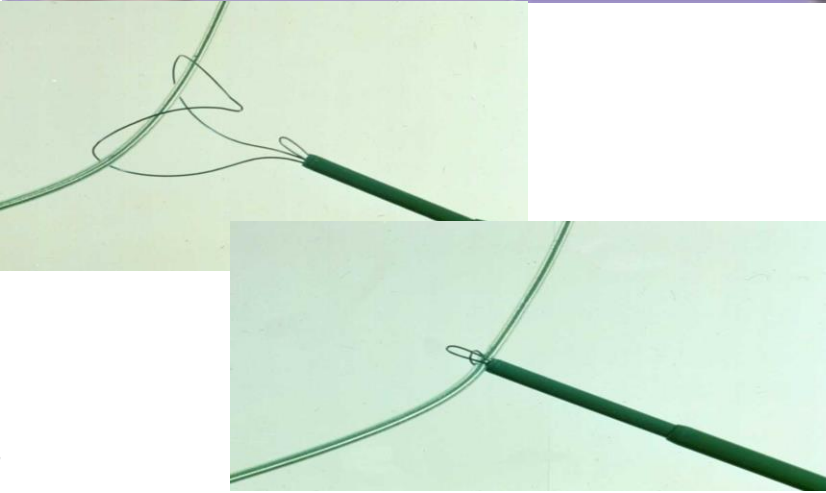
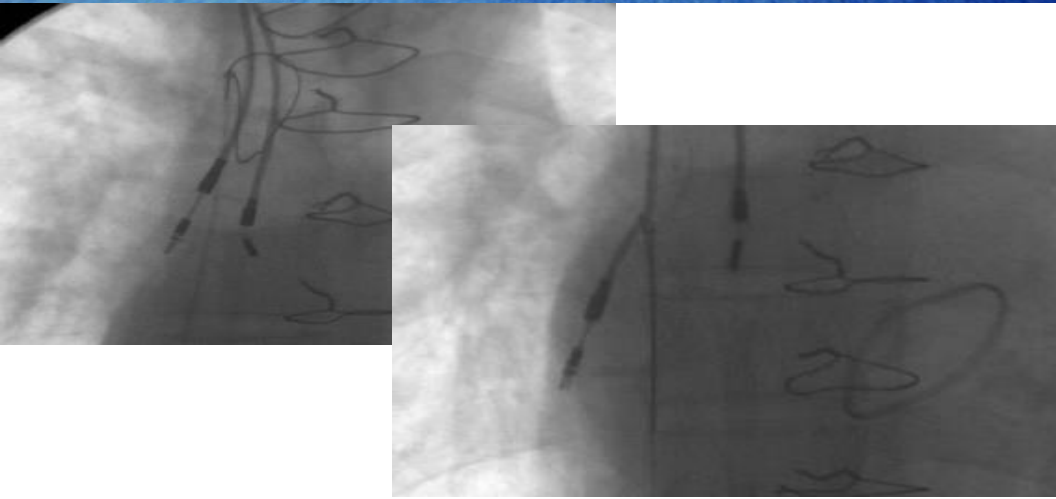
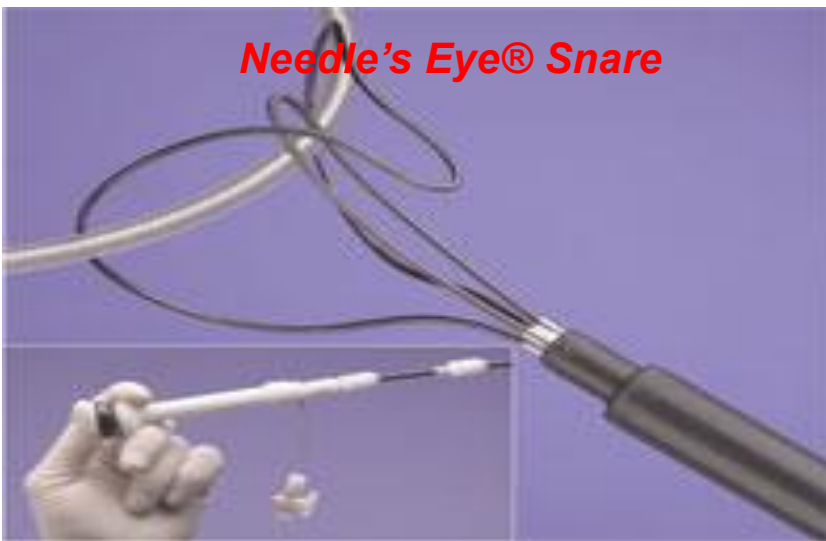
## Disadvantages

- Requires 2 sites : superior and femoral
- No powered sheath approved
- Less frequent complete extraction : Remnants of leads ++ in the RV (counter-traction more difficult)
- Long procedure (X ray consumming)

**Amplatz GOOSE NECK® Snare Kit**



**Needle's Eye® Snare**





***Patient de 69 ans: embolie de la partie distale de la sonde V  
dans l'AP droite***



# New techniques for large vegetations avoiding open chest surgery

- EHRA consensus: Vegetations > 20 mm open chest surgery
- HRS consensus: vegetations > 25 mm open chest

ESC European Society of Cardiology Europeace (2020) 22, 515–516 doi:10.1093/europace/euz246

**EHRA CONSENSUS PAPER**

**Table 8 Recommendations for device and lead removal**

Consensus statement	Statement class	Scientific evidence coding	References
In patients with definite CIED infection (systemic and local), complete device removal is recommended (including abandoned leads, epicardial leads, and lead fragments)		O	81,102,104
After diagnosis of CIED infection, the device removal procedure should be performed without unnecessary delay (ideally within 3 days)		O	104
The recommended technique for device system removal is percutaneous, transvenous extraction technique. Epicardial leads require surgical removal		O	105
In patients with systemic infection and lead vegetations of approximately >20 mm, percutaneous aspiration of vegetations prior to and during transvenous lead extraction or alternatively surgical extraction may be considered		O	105–107
After device removal, meticulous debridement of the generator pocket (complete excision of the fibrotic capsule and complete removal of all non-absorbable suture material) and subsequent wound irrigation with sterile normal saline solution is recommended		E	105

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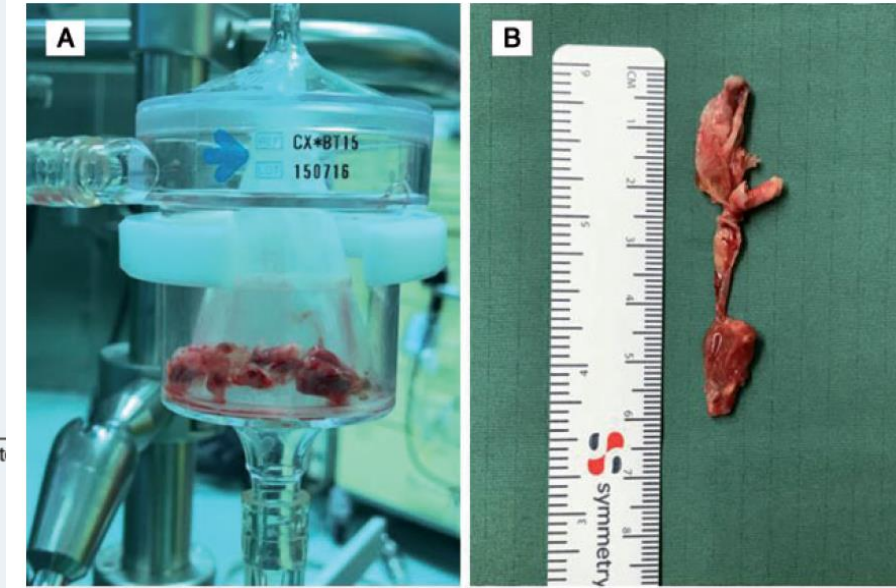
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**Section 12. Recommendation Table 21 — Recommendations for the surgical treatment of right-sided infective endocarditis**

Tricuspid valve repair should be considered instead of valve replacement, when possible.	<b>IIa</b>	<b>B</b>
Surgery should be considered in patients with right-sided IE who are receiving appropriate antibiotic therapy and present persistent bacteraemia/sepsis after at least 1 week of appropriate antibiotic therapy.	<b>IIa</b>	<b>C</b>
Prophylactic placement of an epicardial pacing lead should be considered at the time of tricuspid valve surgical procedures.	<b>IIa</b>	<b>C</b>
Debulking of right intra-atrial septic masses by aspiration may be considered in select patients who are high risk of surgery.	<b>IIb</b>	<b>C</b>

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# Trans-catheter aspiration using extracorporeal circuit



Angio-Sac  
Collection System

Centrifugal  
Pump

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Filtere Terumo

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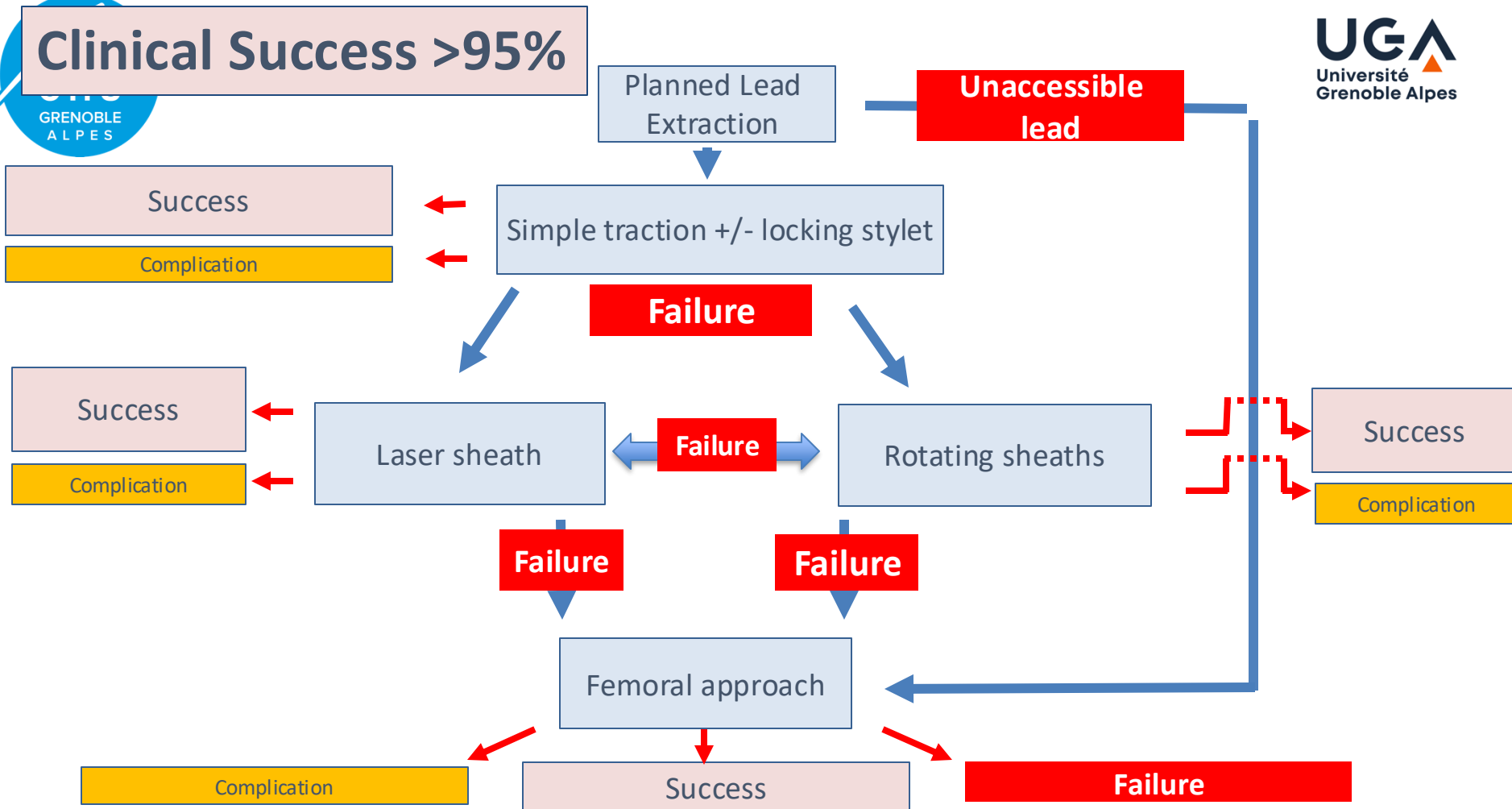
**Table 2 Procedural data and outcomes**

Configuration extracorporeal circuit	
Veno-venous	101 (100%)
Femoro-femoral	98 (97.0%)
Right internal jugular-femoral	3 (3.0%)
Mean heparin dose per patient (IU)	17 296 (3000–40 000)
Mean intraoperative ACT (s)	379.8 (172–917)
Mean extracorporeal circuit perfusion time (min)	30.2 ± 18.3
Outcome percutaneous aspiration procedure	
Complete procedural success	95 (94.0%)
Partial success	5 (5.0%)
Failure	1 (1.0%)
Major complications (device related)	3 (3.0%)
Extraction devices	
No extraction tools used	38 (15.4%)
Locking stylet	158 (64.0%)
Compression coil	149 (60.3%)
Polypropylene extraction sheath	3 (1.2%)
Powered rotational extraction sheath	140 (56.7%)
Evolution RL (Cook Medical, USA)	139 (56.3%)
Tightrail (Spectranetics, USA)	1 (0.4%)
Laser sheath (Spectranetics, USA)	14 (5.7%)
Femoral/internal jugular snare	13 (5.3%)
Outcome TLE procedure	
Complete procedural success (leads)	245 (99.2%)
Clinical success (leads)	247 (100%)
TLE related major complications (patients)	2 (2.0%) (2 TLE related high grade TR)
Mortality	
30-day mortality	3 (3.0%)



Clinical Success >95%

UGA  
GRENOBLE  
ALPES



# The European Lead Extraction ConTrolled (ELECTRa) study: a European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA) Registry of Transvenous Lead Extraction Outcomes

3555 patients

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## ELECTRa

European Lead Extraction ConTrolled Registry

73 centers in 19 European countries

3510 patients with 6493 leads

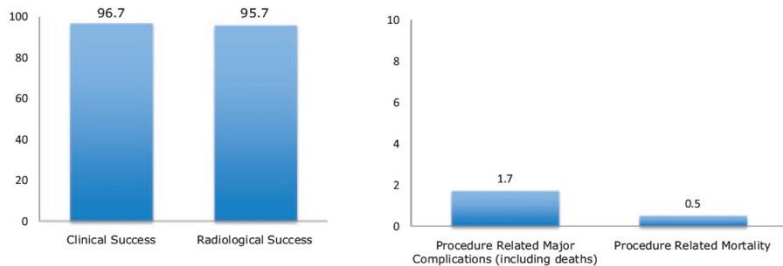
75.7% pacing leads & 24.3% ICD leads

Transvenous Lead Extractions

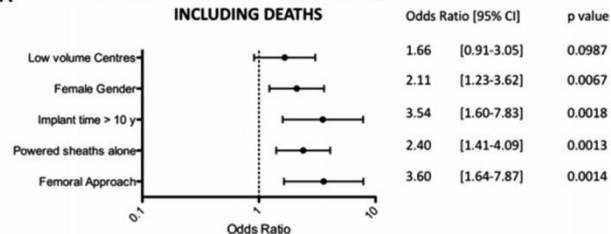
Indications

52.8% infective & 47.3% non-infective

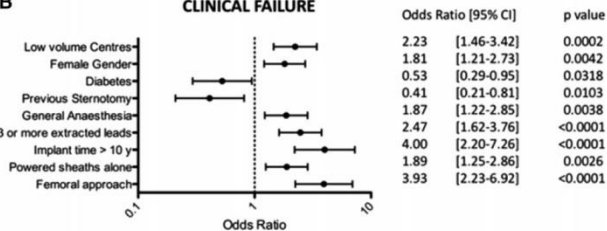
## OUTCOMES



### A PROCEDURE RELATED MAJOR COMPLICATIONS INCLUDING DEATHS



### B CLINICAL FAILURE



### C ALL CAUSE MORTALITY

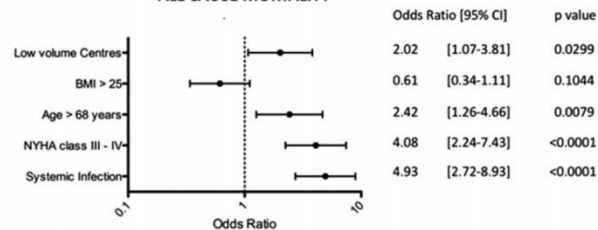
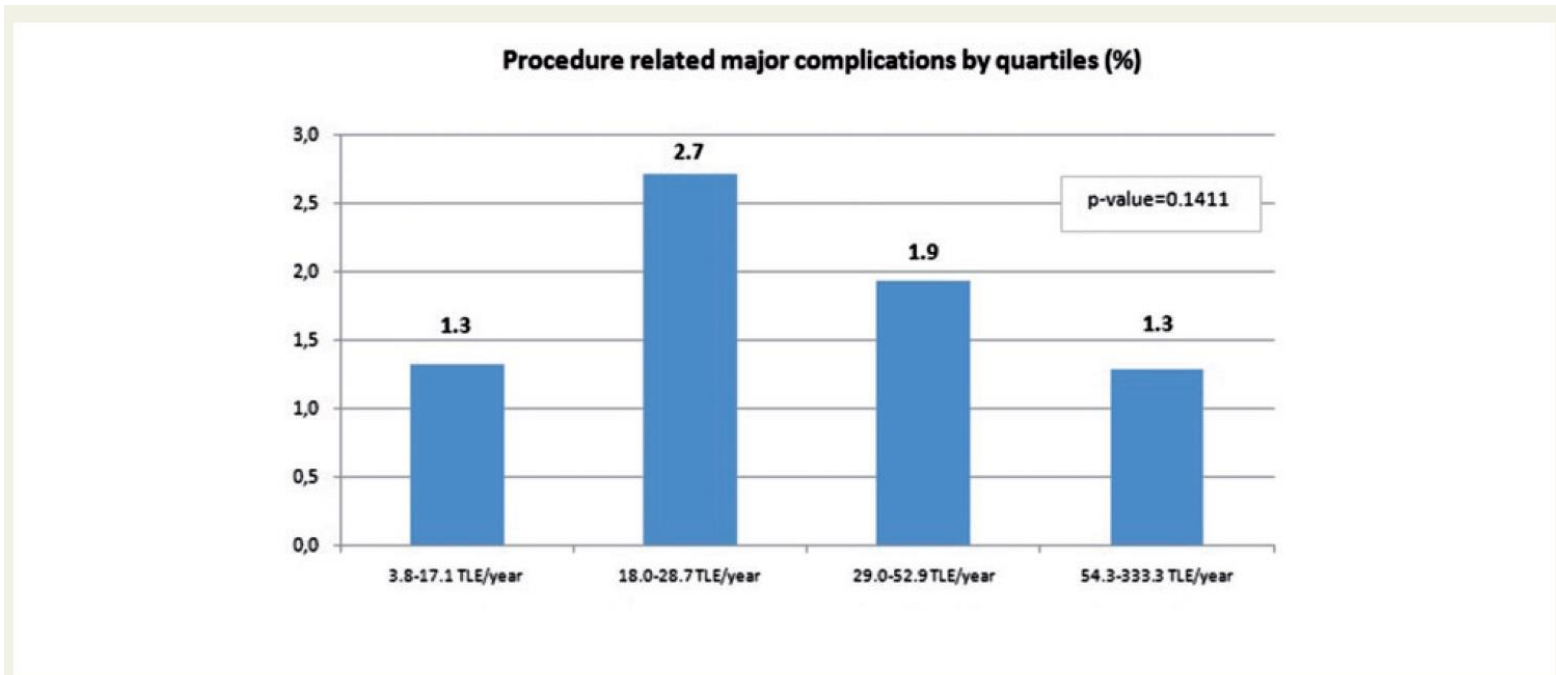


Figure 2 Predictors of procedure related major complications, clinical outcomes and overall mortality.

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**Figure 3** Histograms presentation of procedure related major complications rates stratified for procedures/year per centres in quartiles (figures given on the X axis represent median values).

# Pathways for training and accreditation for transvenous lead extraction: a European Heart Rhythm Association position paper

# EHRA POSITION PAPER

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## *Recommendations on minimum training and volume for lead extractor operators and centres*

Lead extraction status	Minimum number of leads	Minimum number of procedures	Additional requirements
Trainee	40 leads under supervision: 10 ICD leads, 10 leads > 6 years old	30 10 with $\geq 2$ leads	Full qualification in CIED implantation
Primary operator (trained)	20/year	15/year	
Supervisor trainer	75 total	30/year	
Non-training centre	20/year	15/year	1 primary operator
Training centre		30/year	1 supervisor trainer



Intubation ventilation  
ETO  
« draping » type  
CEC

Stimulation temporaire fémorale G  
si nécessaire

- *Patients stimulo-dépendants:  
Stimulation temporaire  
mise en place avant  
l'extraction par voie veineuse  
fémorale G*

- *PM temporaire  
accessible facilement pendant  
la procédure (possibilité  
de déplacement et nécessité de  
repositionnement rapide)*

- *Mise en place du Kit de préparation  
« bridge balloon », Guide 0,035  
Fémoral D jusqu'à V jug D*

## Recommendations on personnel and roles :

### ❑ **Cardiac surgery support :**

-A CT surgeon must be immediately available  
in less than 5/10 minutes : Delays > 5-10 minutes  
are associated with increased mortality

- CT surgeon aware of the procedure mandatory
- CT surgeon aware of LM complications

### ❑ **Anesthesia support :**

-Lead extraction should be performed in an OR  
or a cath lab with general anaesthesia or sedation

- Ability to perform an open-heart surgery is mandatory

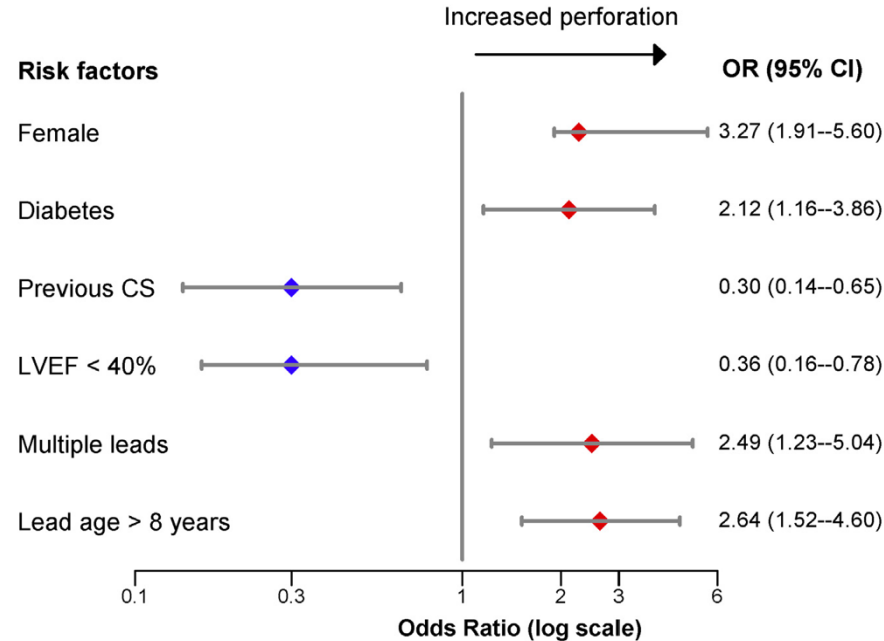




# Predictors of perforation during lead extraction: Results of the Canadian Lead ExtrAction Risk (CLEAR) study

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## Retrospective multicenter study, Canada 2325 consecutive patients/4527 leads

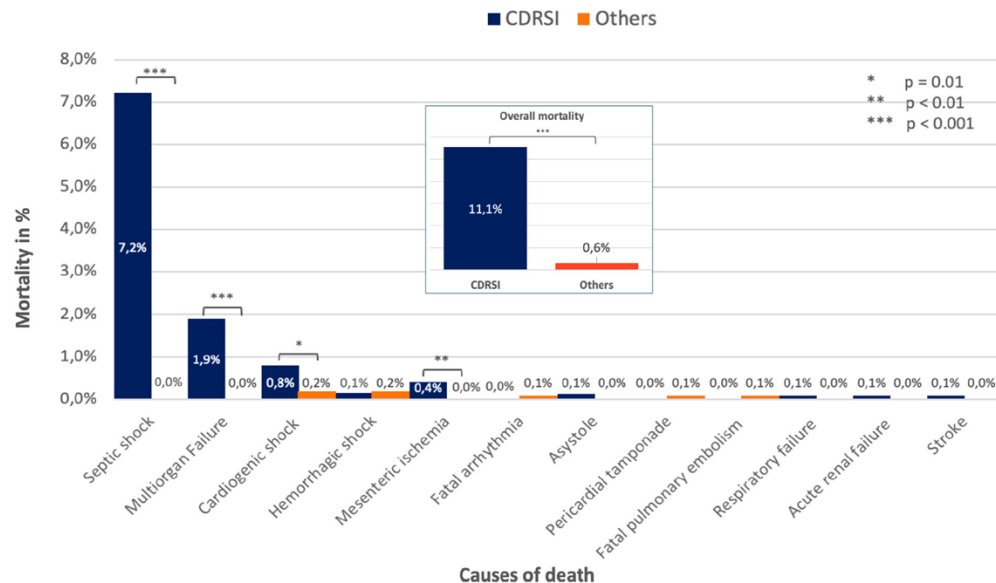
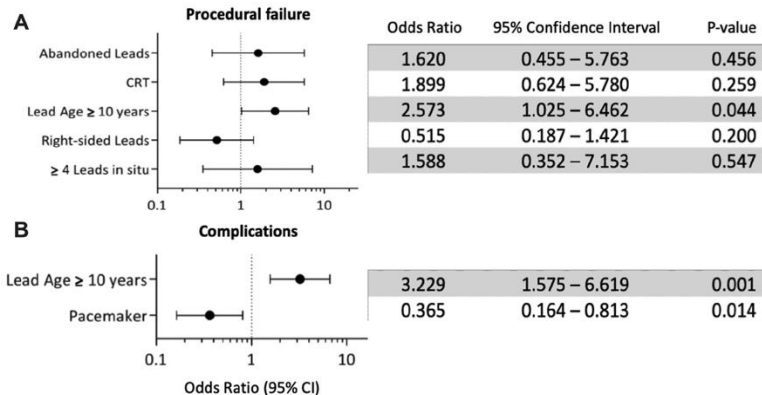


### Risk factors affecting perforation during TLE

# Transvenous lead extraction in patients with systemic cardiac device–related infection—Procedural outcome and risk prediction: A GALLERY subgroup analysis <sup>e</sup>

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## Multivariate analysis

CDRSI : cardiac device–related systemic infection

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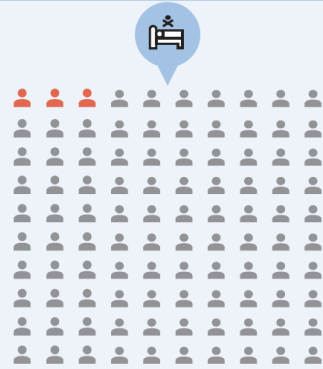
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**Early mortality after TLE**

## Early Mortality (30 Days)

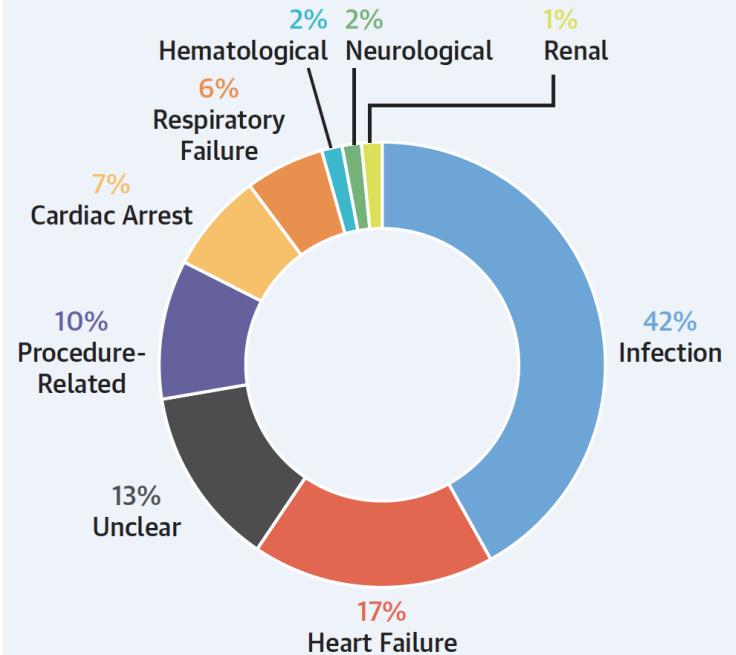


**3%**

## Procedure-Related Early Mortality

**0.3%**

## Causes of Early Mortality



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## Description causes of TLE related mortality

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No.	Procedure	Year	Age, y	Sex	Cause of Mortality and Description	Procedural Details	Days After Procedure
1	Extraction of DC-ICD with the use of laser	2014	35	Male	SVC tear	Bridge balloon was deployed. Sternotomy was performed but failed to control bleeding	0
2	Extraction of CRT-D with the use of laser	2017	78	Female	Innominate vein tear	Bridge balloon was deployed. Sternotomy was performed but failed to control bleeding	0
3	Extraction of DC-ICD with the use of laser	2005	79	Female	Cardiac tamponade caused by RV perforation	Pericardiocentesis was performed but failed due to clotted blood. Sternotomy was performed; hypotension persisted despite prolonged open cardiac massage and successful tear repair	0
4	Extraction of RV lead with the use of laser	2017	75	Male	Cardiac tamponade caused by RV perforation and SVC tear	Sternotomy was performed, and tear was repaired. Persistent mediastinal bleeding despite another emergent sternotomy	1
5	Extraction of DC-ICD with the use of laser	2015	60	Female	SVC tear complicated with postprocedural stroke	Sternotomy was performed, and bleeding was under control. No bridge balloon deployed	7
6	Extraction of DC-ICD with mechanical sheath	2013	70	Male	Retroperitoneal hemorrhage caused by femoral artery injury	Hypotension and right groin hematoma after the procedure. Puncture site was identified in external iliac-common femoral artery. Vascular repair was successful, but condition deteriorated	7
7	Explant of DC-PM with simple traction	2012	76	Female	Delayed cardiac tamponade due to RV perforation after lead explant	Successful explantation of DC-PM. No pericardial effusion on immediate postprocedural echocardiogram	11

## *High success and safety of TLE using excimer laser sheaths in more than 1700 patients: a meta-analysis*

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- From April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2021.
- Results: 17 articles
  - 6 prospective studies
  - 11 retrospective studies
- **TLE procedure success rate per patient : 96.8%**  
per lead : 96.6%
- **Procedure-related death : 0.08%**
- Most common complications :
  - pericardial effusion or tamponade (n=21),
  - hematoma (n=20)
  - cardiovascular injuries (n=18).
- **1,729 patients/ 2,887 leads:**
- **38.5% of leads : infection.**
- **ICDs : 47.9%**
- **2.3 ± 0.3 leads/patients**
- **Lead dwell time = 7.9 ± 3.0 years**

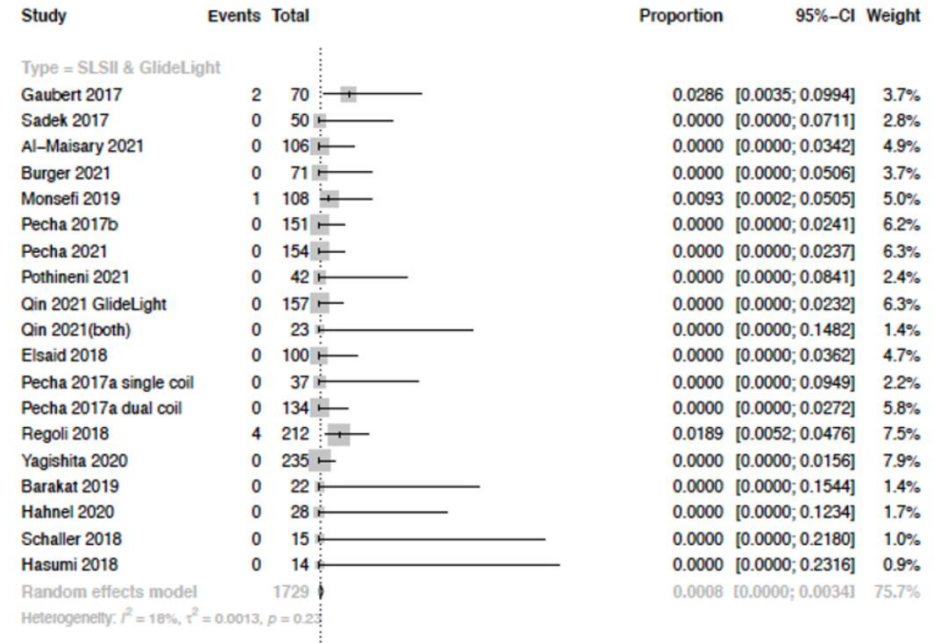
# High success and safety of TLE using excimer laser sheaths in more than 1700 patients: a meta-analysis

Table 1. Outcomes of Lead Extraction Using Excimer Laser Sheaths

Variables <sup>a</sup>	SLS II & GlideLight Weighted Ave.% (#Event/#Sample), 95% CI (L-U)
Procedure-related death rate	0.08% (7/1,729, 17 studies), [0.00% - 0.34%]
Procedure success per patient	96.8% (1,440/1,505, 15 studies), [94.9% - 98.2%]
Clinical success per patient	98.3% (989/1,010, 9 studies), [97.4% - 99.0%]
Procedure success per lead	96.6% (1,447/1,501, 6 studies), [95.1% - 97.7%]

<sup>a</sup>The weighted average of the rate was obtained by performing a random-effects, inverse-variance-weighting meta-analysis using arcsine-square-root transformation.

Figure 1. Mortality Rate Forest Plot



**Conclusion:**  
TLE utilizing the excimer laser sheath has high success and low mortality rates



**Results of the Patient-Related Outcomes of Mechanical Lead Extraction Techniques (PROMET) study: a multicentre retrospective study on advanced mechanical lead extraction techniques**

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*Rotational tools/Evolution™*

- **1552 leads (in 992 patients)**
- **Median dwell time : 106 months were extracted.**
- **Complete success was obtained for 95.2% of leads**
- **Procedural mortality rate of 0.4%.**

**Table 4** Comparison of the results of the PROMET study with other published large volume studies

	Patients/leads	Indications	Leads	Implant duration (months)	Success rates	Major complications	In-hospital mortality
PROMET study	2205/3849	46.0% infection	74.8% pacemaker leads	Mean 84.7 ± 61.8	96.5% CPS	1%	1.7% (30-day mortality)
		54.0% non-infectious	24.6% ICD leads	Median 74.0	97.0%		
			0.6% unknown	IQR (41.0–112.0)	CS		
LEXICON study	1449/2405	56.9%	70.0% pacemaker leads	Median 82.1	96.5% CPS	1.4%	1.86%
		Infection	29.2% ICD leads	IQR (0.4–356.8)	97.7%		
		43.1%	0.7% unknown		CS		
		Non-infectious					
ELECTRa study	3510/4917	52.8% infection	75.7% pacemaker leads	Mean 76.8 ± 64.8	95.7% CPS	1.7%	1.4%
		47.3% non-infectious	24.3% ICD leads	Median 60.0	96.7%		
				IQR (24.0–108.0)	CS		

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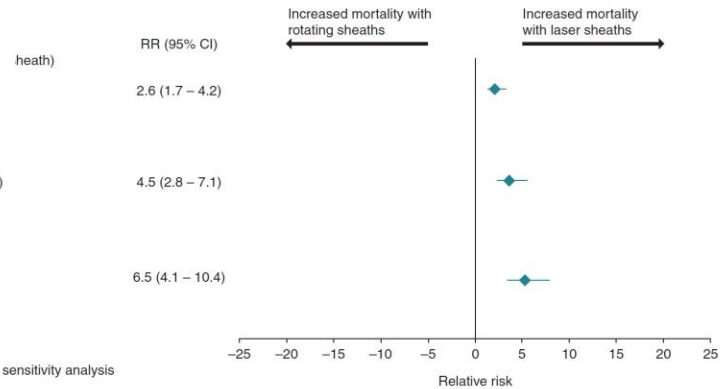
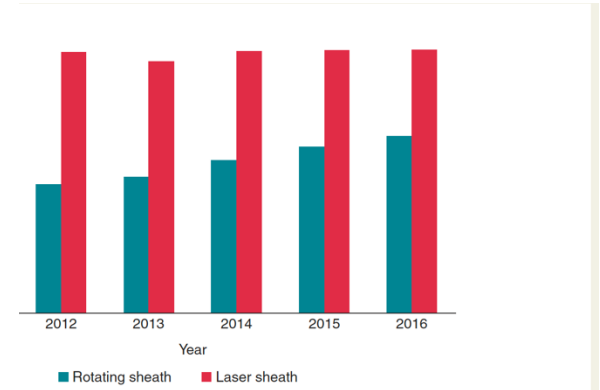
# Mortality during transvenous lead extraction: is there a difference between laser sheaths and rotating sheaths?

**Table 2** Cardiovascular deaths associated with lead extraction

Rotating sheath extraction	
Superior vena cava	
Subclavian vein	
Inferior vena cava	
Right atrium	
Innominate vein	
Right ventricle	1 (7.7)
Unknown	3 (23)
Laser sheath extraction (n = 167 total deaths)	
Superior vena cava	121 (72.5)
Right atrium	42 (25.1)
Innominate vein	33 (19.8)
Subclavian vein	9 (5.4)
Coronary sinus	5 (3.0)
Right ventricle	3 (1.8)
Inferior vena cava	2 (1.2)
Unknown	16 (9.6)









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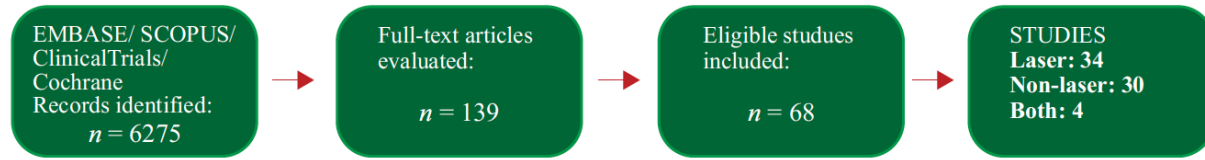
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**Figure 4** Sensitivity analysis 3: attributing deaths involving both tools to the rotating sheath group—11 deaths reported the use of both tools during the procedure. This analysis shows that laser sheaths continued to be associated with an elevated risk of death even after attributing these deaths to the rotating sheath. CI, confidence interval; RR, relative risk.

# Comparison of non-laser and laser transvenous lead extraction: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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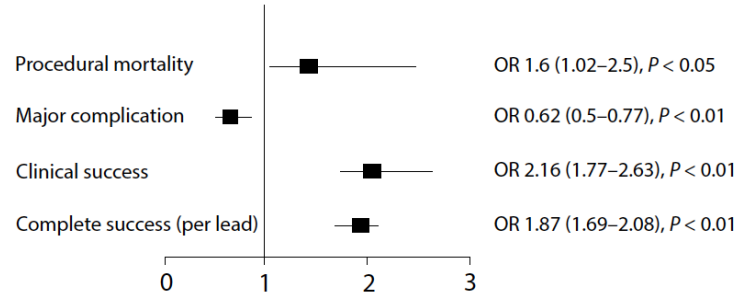


## Non-laser vs. laser

- Laser increased the odds of procedural mortality comparatively to non-laser.

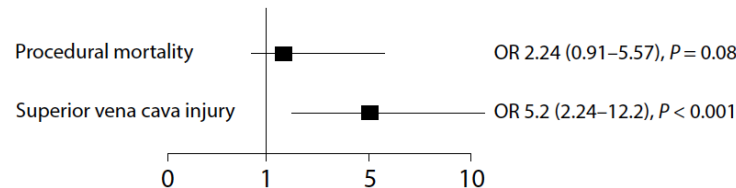
- Non-laser reduced the odds of major complication in comparison to laser.

- Non-laser increased the odds of clinical and complete success (per lead) comparatively to laser.



## Rotational vs. laser

- Laser increased the odds of SVC injury in comparison to the rotational tool.



## What's new?

- This is the largest meta-analysis to date comparing non-laser and laser transvenous lead extraction.
- Non-laser transvenous lead extraction in comparison with laser is associated with better clinical and complete success with a lower complication risk, including superior vena cava injury and procedural mortality.
- Laser sheath extraction potentially carries a five-fold significantly greater risk of superior vena cava injury than rotational sheath extraction.
- Rotational sheath-assisted lead extraction is associated with higher clinical and complete success rate than laser.

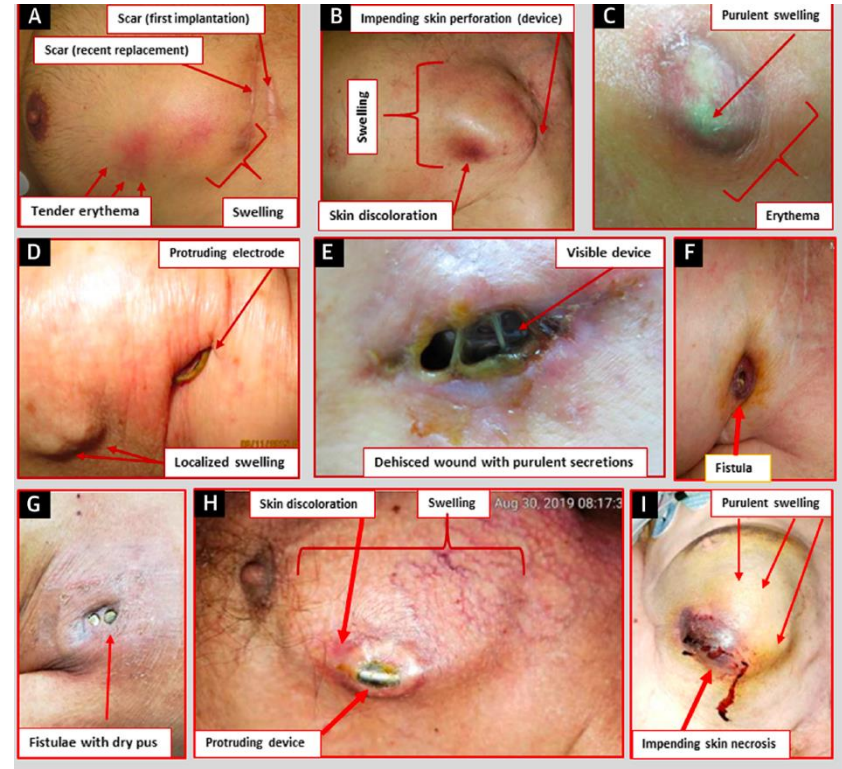
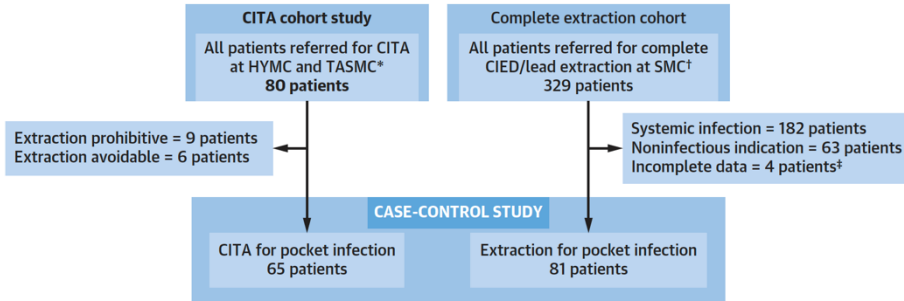
# Regional Antibiotic Delivery for Implanted Cardiovascular Electronic Device Infections



*Continuous, In situ–Targeted, ultrahigh concentration of Antibiotics (CITA) into the infected subcutaneous device pocket*

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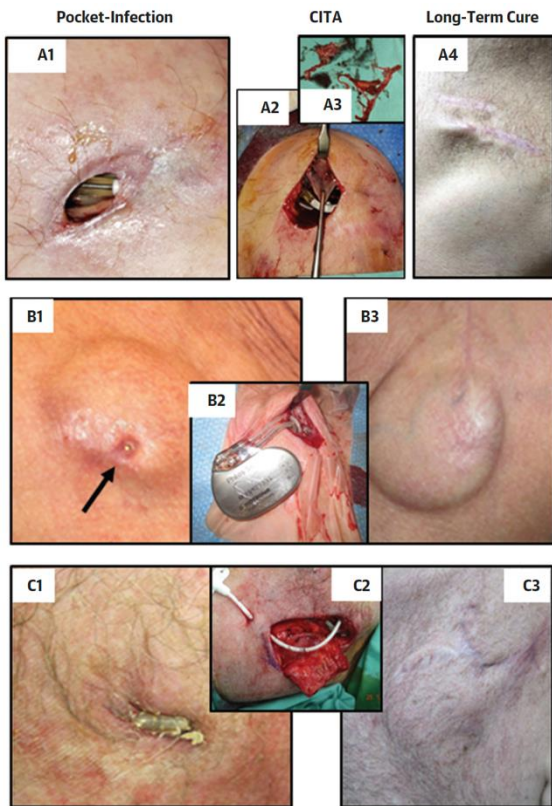
**FIGURE 1** CITA Cohort and Case Control Study (CITA vs Device/Lead Extraction for Pocket Infection)



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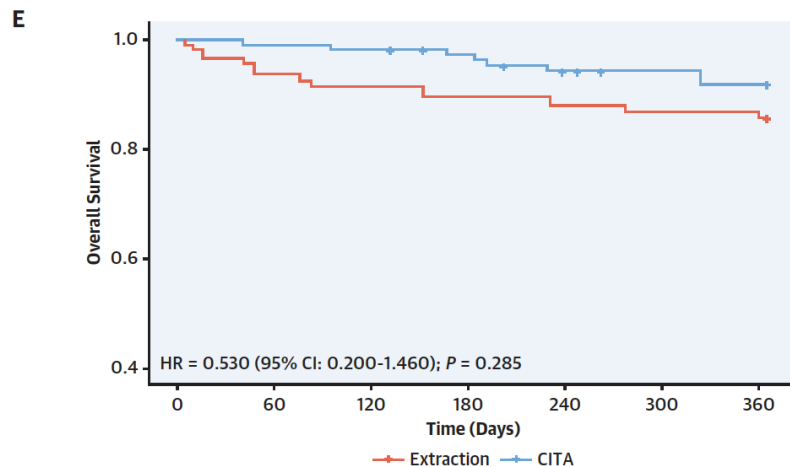
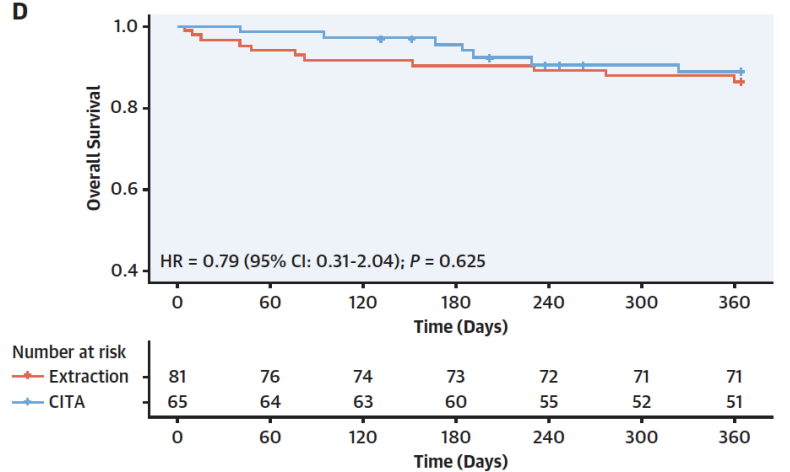


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rates of serious complications after extraction :  
14.8% vs 1.5% /  $P = 0.005$

Extraction was avoided in 90.8% (59/65)

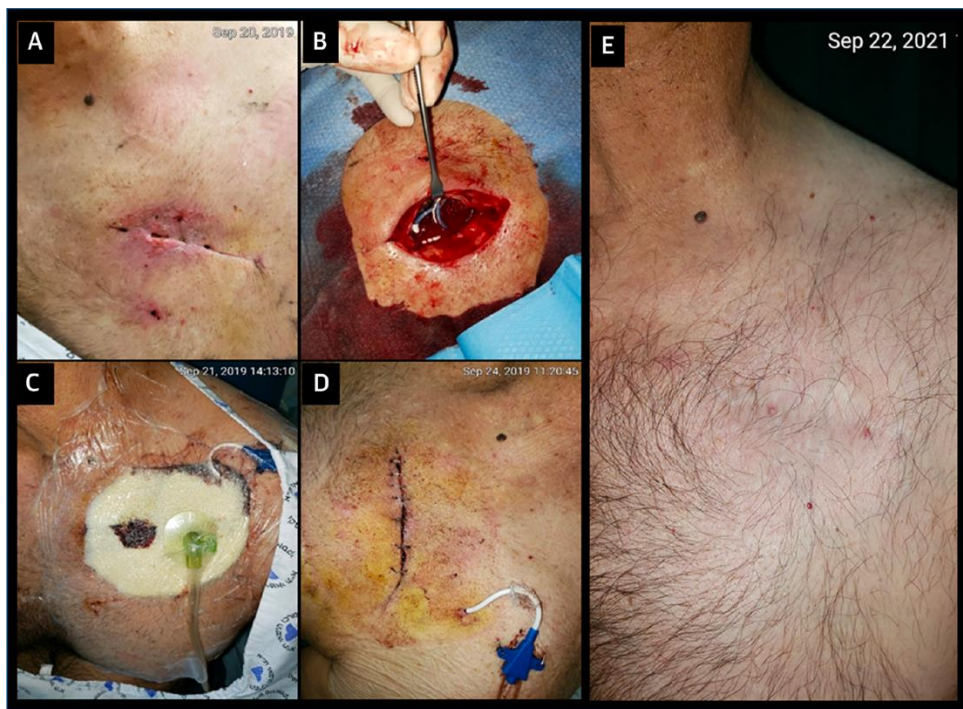




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## CITA Procedure :

- Minimally invasive surgery debridement of wound edges,
- Cleaning of the pocket, and eventual primary closure.
- Wound sealed with sponge dressing and
- Vacuum drainage during continuous inflow of ultrahigh concentrations of antibiotics (for 14 days)

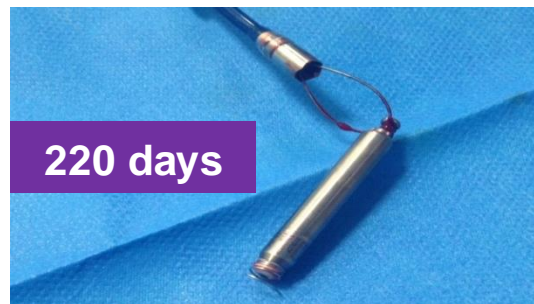
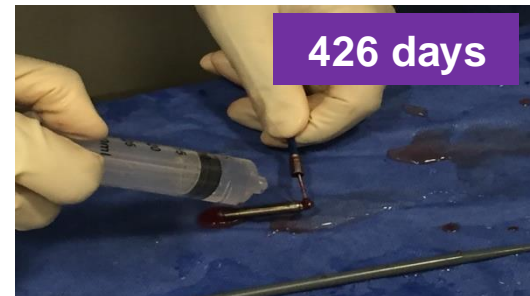


# Retrieval of the Leadless Cardiac Pacemaker A Multicenter Experience

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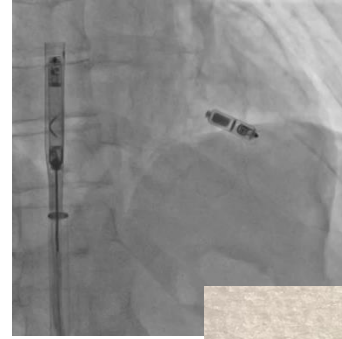
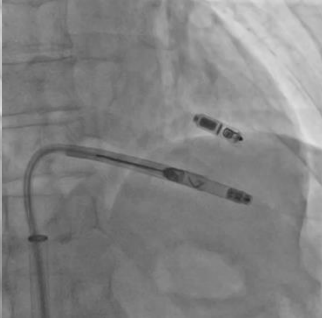
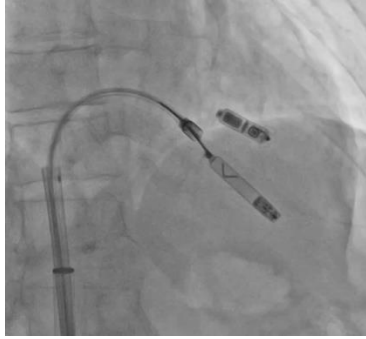
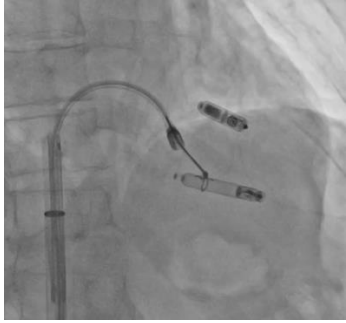
## Nanostim Retrieval

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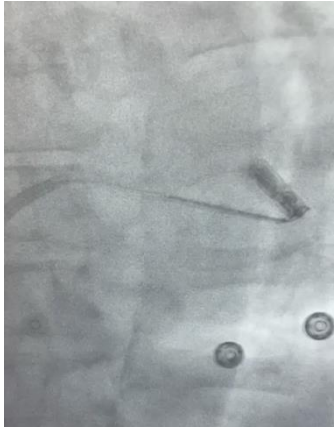


## *New era of extraction : leadless pacemakers extraction*

*Recall of a Nanostim leadless PM (2016) after reimplantation of a Micra AV*

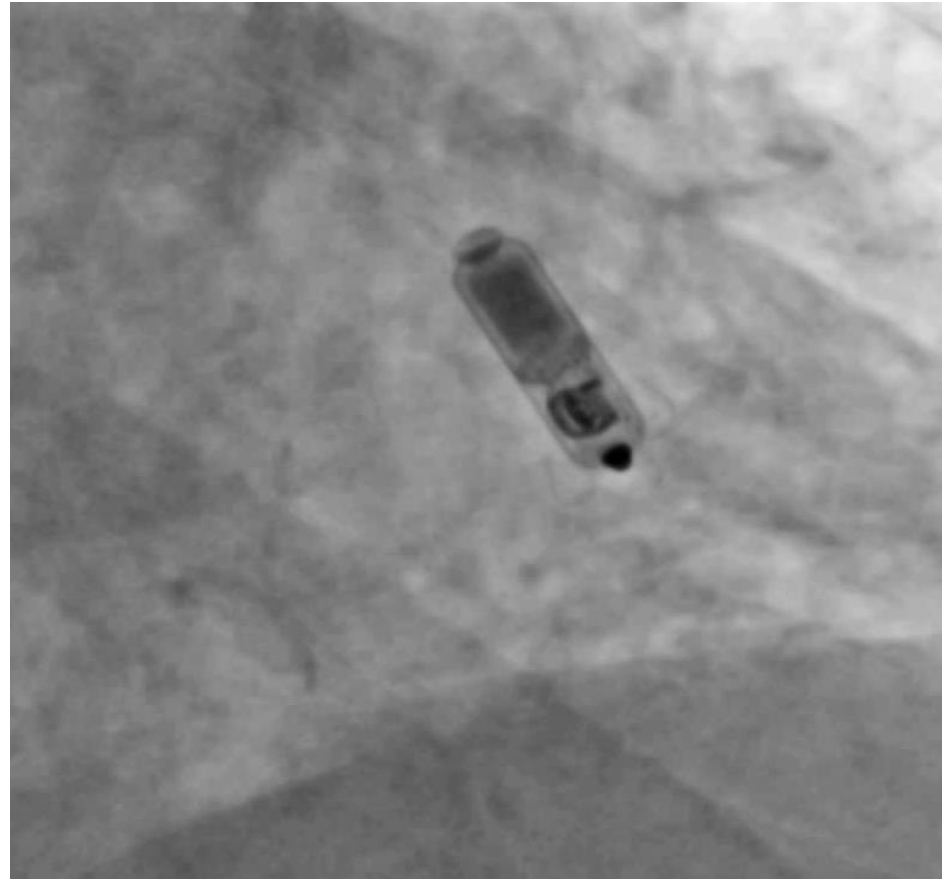


*Removal of the old Nanostim™, 19/2/2021*

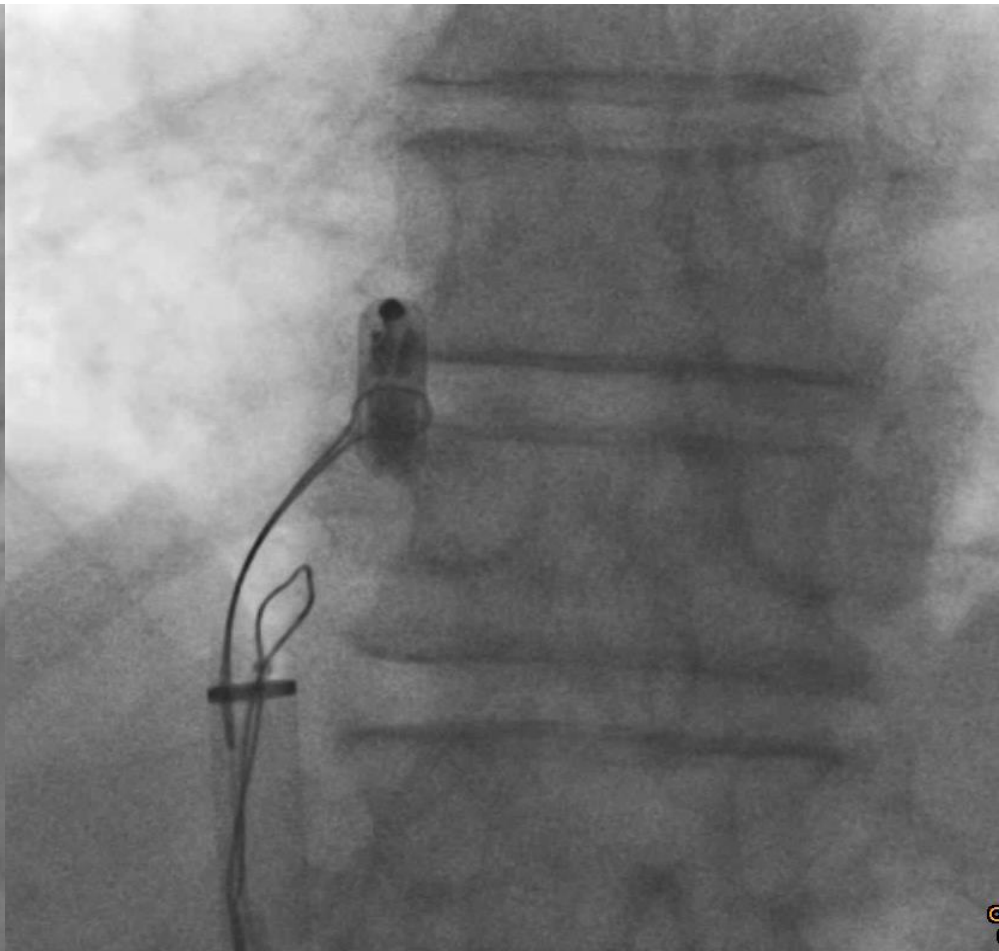


*Early removal of a Micra/ February 2022*

*Micra Removal September 2023*

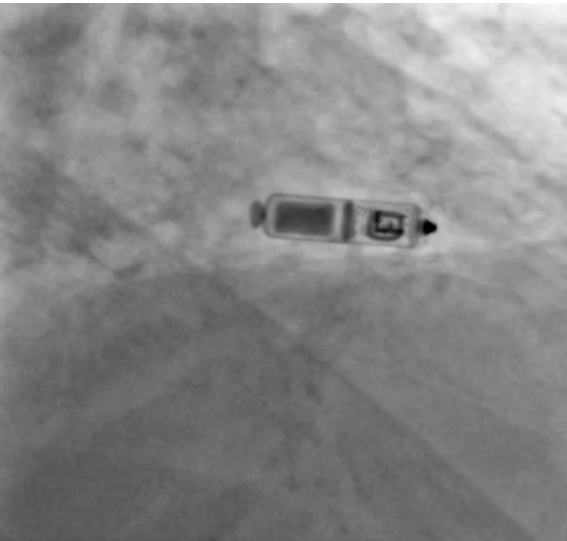
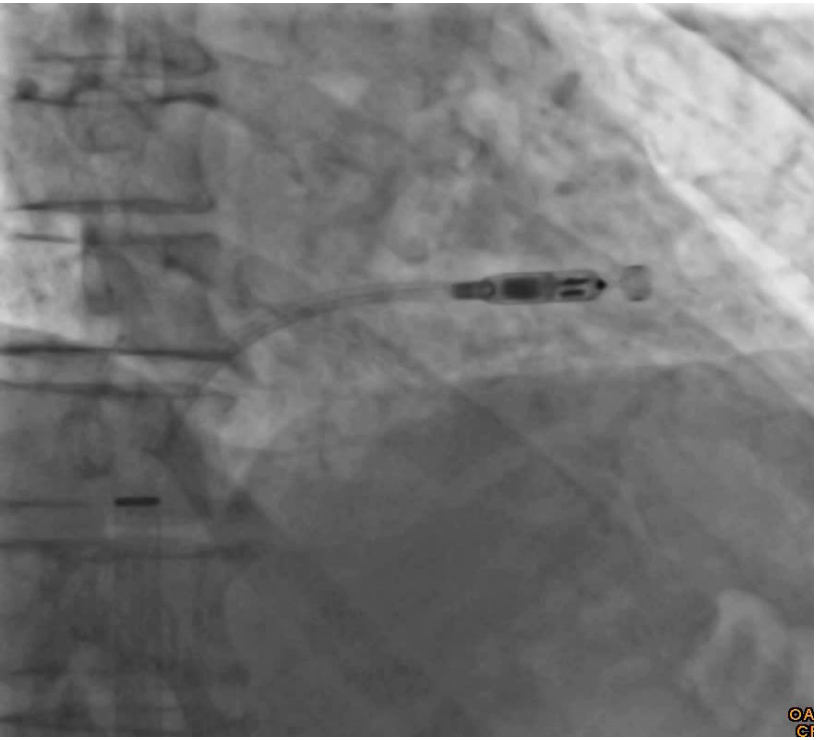


*High threshold due to Micra instability*



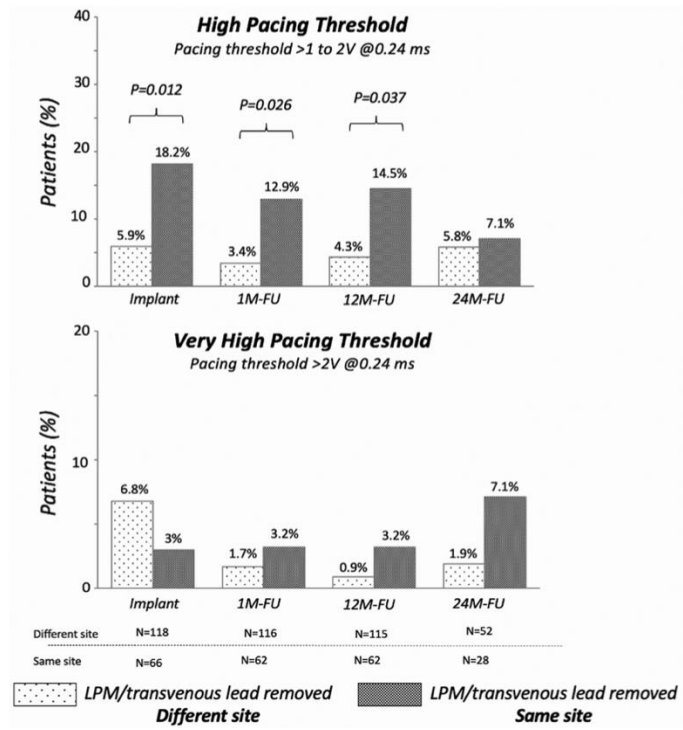
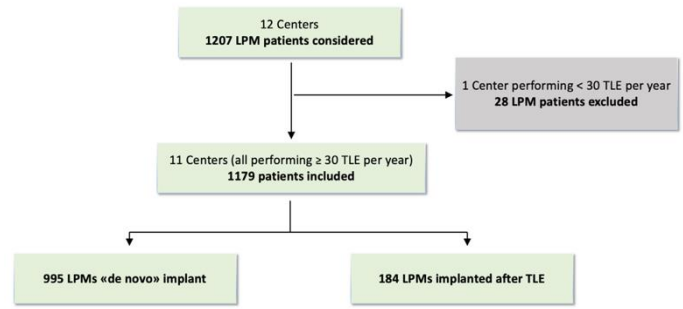


*Micra Removal September 2023 and ré-implantation*



# Outcomes of leadless pacemaker implantation following transvenous lead extraction in high-volume referral centers: Real-world data from a large international registry

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**CONCLUSION** LPMs showed a satisfactory safety and efficacy profile after TLE. Better electrical parameters were obtained when LPMs were implanted at a different RV location than the one where the previous transvenous RV lead was extracted.



## Pacemaker alternatives

VVI Coronary sinus pacing /4polar lead

Epicardial VVI pacing

VVIR leadless pacing (Micra™ or Aveir™)

Next step : Aveir DR

Left ventricular leadless pacing (Wise CRT)  
Associated with Micra™ or Aveir™  
(total leadless CRT)

## ICD alternatives

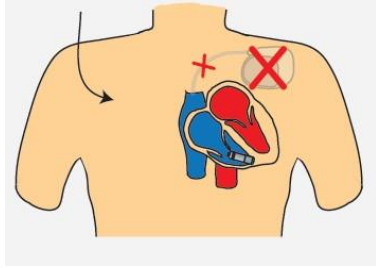
Subcutaneous-ICD (S-ICD)

Extra-Vascular-ICD (EV-ICD)

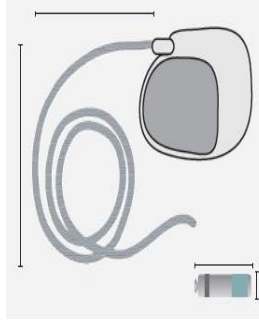
S-ICD + leadless VVIR for ATP and pacing  
(Empower™)

ICD lead in the middle cardiac vein

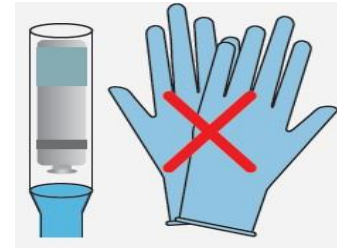
# Low infection rate with leadless PM



No lead, no pocket



Small size



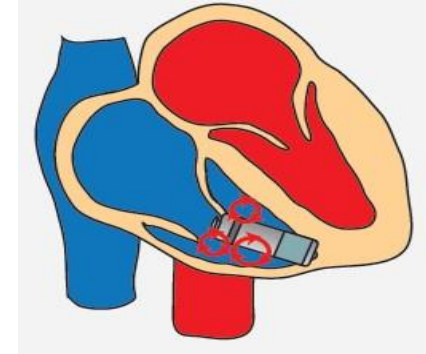
Reduced handling



Encapsulation

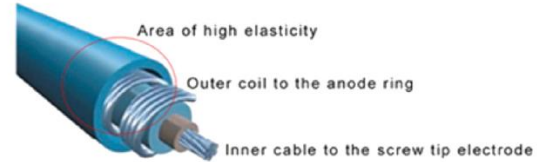
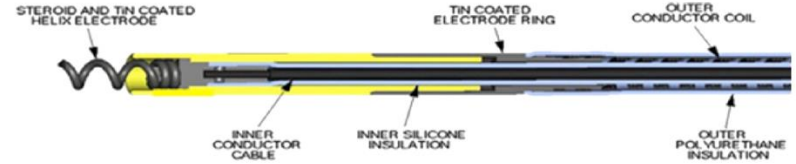
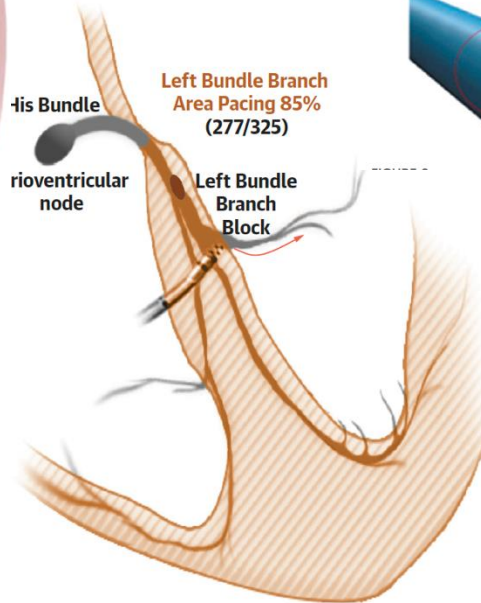
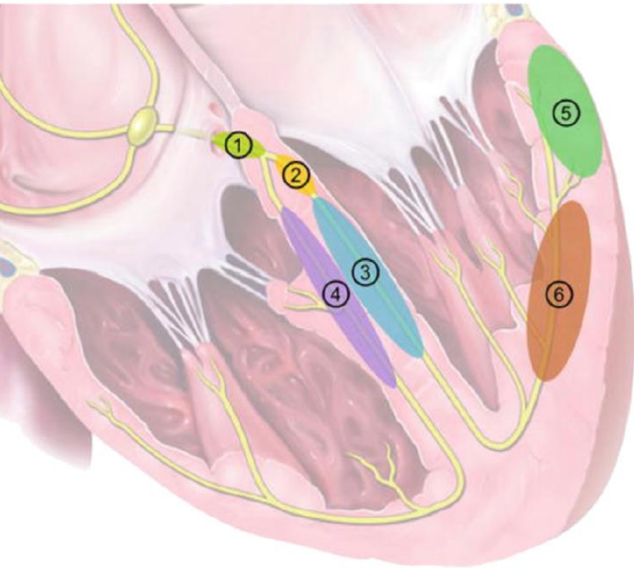
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Parylene Coated	
Strong Protection	
Polyurethane Coated	
Less Protection	
Bare Titanium	

Protective covering



Turbulent flow

# TLE in conduction system pacing



**Medtronic 3830**

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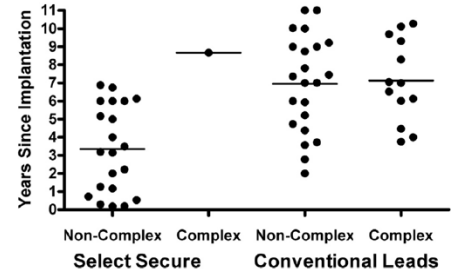
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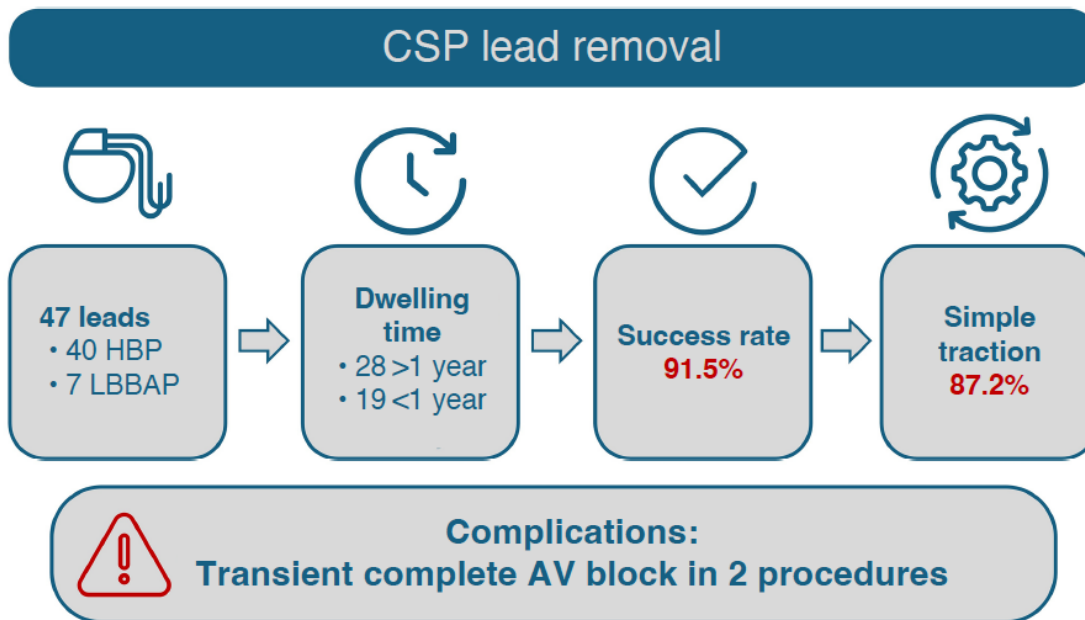


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# Extraction of lumenless pacing leads from the His bundle and left bundle branch area: outcomes of the high-volume centre

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- Increase of infections at faster rate than implants
- Distribution 2/3-1/3 between infective and non-infective indications
- **Infective indications** Class I extraction indications
  - « **The sooner the better** » for **infective indications** : significant ≠ <or > 7 days »/ <3D
- **Non functionnal leads** :
  - Class IIa if **≥ 4 leads on 1 side or 5 leads in the SVC / Others cases IIb**
  - despite very low mortality in reference centers/ rotational TLE lower risk??
- **Others indications** : no so rare : **SVC syndrome/ Lead induced tricuspid regurgitation**
- **Cardiac surgery mandatory** « on site »
- **Rotational sheaths safer than Laser sheaths???** Tailored approach
- **Future and questions pending** :
  - Necessity of retrievability of leadless PM
  - Faisability of extraction of lumenless leads (LBB area pacing)



