

LONG CTO AND DRUG ELUTING BALLOON: THE NEW FRONTIER?

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PATENT HISTORY

- 75 year old patient, angina CCS III, severe ischemia involving infero-postero-lateral wall at myocardial scintigraphy;
- Previous percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) on right coronary artery and unsuccessful attempt of circumflex chronic total occlusion (CTO) treatment (02/22);
- Referred to us for complete revascularization of circumflex CTO because persistence of angina CCS III (06/22);
- Minor stroke while was waiting for our call (07/22);
- Was admitted the 10/22 after neurologic evaluation and clearance;

CORONARY ANGIOGRAPHY



RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY

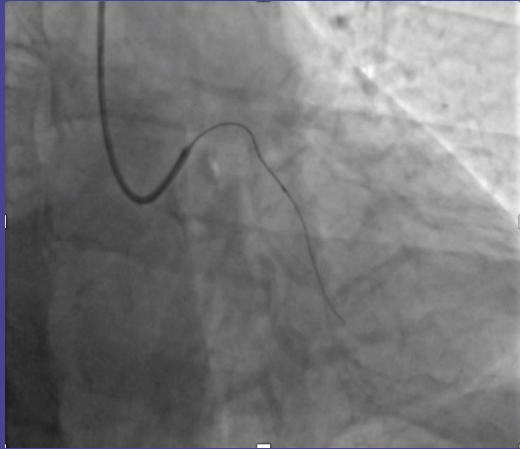
Good result of the previous PCI on mid tract and moderate atherosclerosis at the level of the crux and mid PL



LEFT CORONARY ARTERY

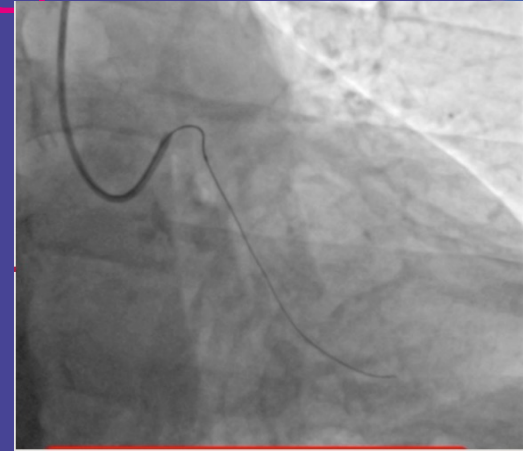
Tortuosity and moderate stenosis in the first tract of the circumflex followed by long CTO (6 cm) starting immediately after the origin of the first and most important obtuse marginal branch that is affected by a critical stenosis at the ostium and first tract. Diffuse irregularity in the descending anterior artery

PROCEDURE I



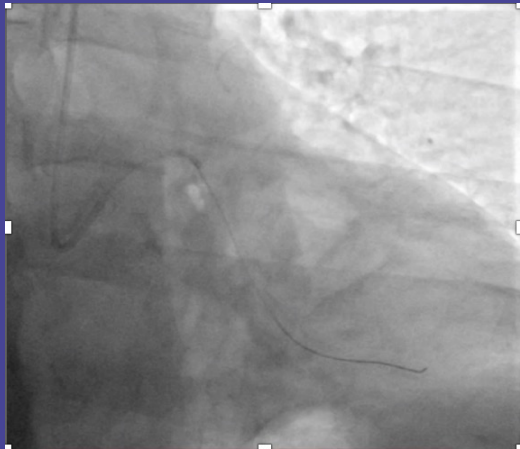
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Guide EBU 6fr 4
Micro Corsair Pro XS
Sion blue to bring the micro
through the tortuosity and
Giaia third to puncture the
proximal cap.
Down grading to gladius EX
to navigate the plaque in the
subintimal space



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Re-entry in the through
lumen with giaia third



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Corsair XS got stuck and a balloon
attempt dilatation with 1,2x8 was
unsuccessful due to undeliverability,
also with the support of Guide
Extension (Mother in Child technique)
Finally the CTO was successfully
crossed with a Caravel 135 and an
extrasupport wire could be positioned
at the distality of the III marginal
branch.

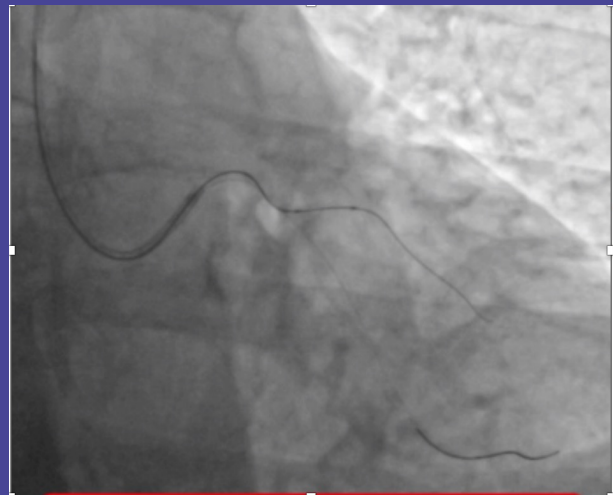
*The movie demonstrate the tension of the system
during the crossing with the catheter and the
extension that are in the aorta*



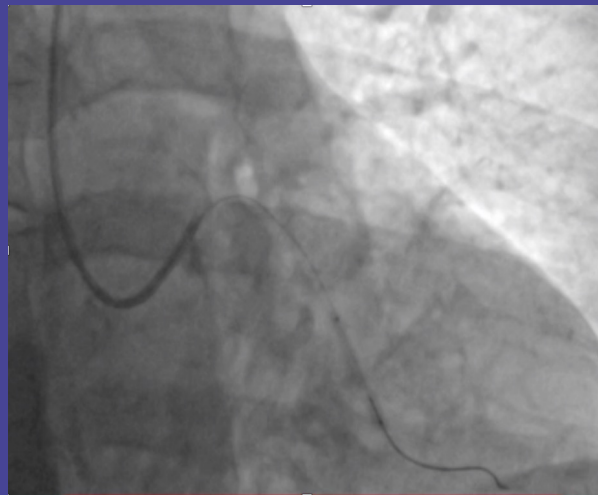
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Granadoplasty with a
2x8 mm balloon was
performed to allow
shockwave balloon to
cross

PROCEDURE II



- 2,5x15 mm NC balloon
- 2,5x12 mm shockwave on marginal and circumflex
- 3x15 mm NC balloon all



- Two 3x27 mm Drug Eluting Balloon (DEB) on prox and mid circumflex
- 2,5x15mm drug eluting balloon on marginal and distal circumflex



- Final result without stenting
- Small non occlusive dissection of the circumflex
- Bifurcation with marginal not compromise
- TIMI III flow in alla branches
- An angiographic control at 3 mounts was planned

CONTROL AT 3 MONTHS



- Angiography demonstrated patency of the artery and TIMI III flow in all branches;
- The vessel is significantly increased in diameter as a result of early remodelling;
- The dissection, resulted from the previous intervention, was more evident, growing with the vessel as part of the vessel healing;
- The patient resulted positive to Covid-19 swab;

CONCLUSION I

✓ Drug Eluting Balloon was successful in the treatment of long and hard CTO that needed granadoplasty and shockwave.

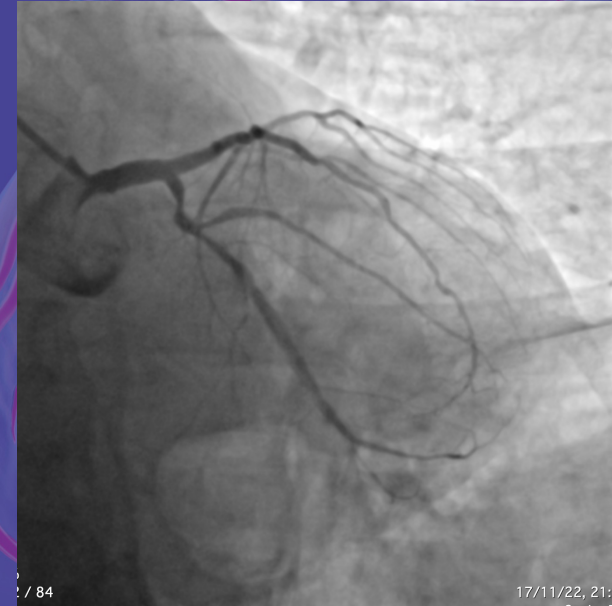
DIAGNOSTIC



PROCEDURAL RESULT AFTER DEB



ANGIOGRAPHY AT 3 MONTHS



CONCLUSION II



- ✓ Drug Eluting Balloons (DEB) are the new frontier of the treatment of long and diffuse coronary stenosis but there is reticence in their use in the context of complex CTO;
- ✓ The approach to long and diffuse coronary disease causing stenosis is a very attractive strategy since allow to the artery to healing and recovery avoiding too much foreign material;
- ✓ We have to take into account this concept also in the CTOs contest!