

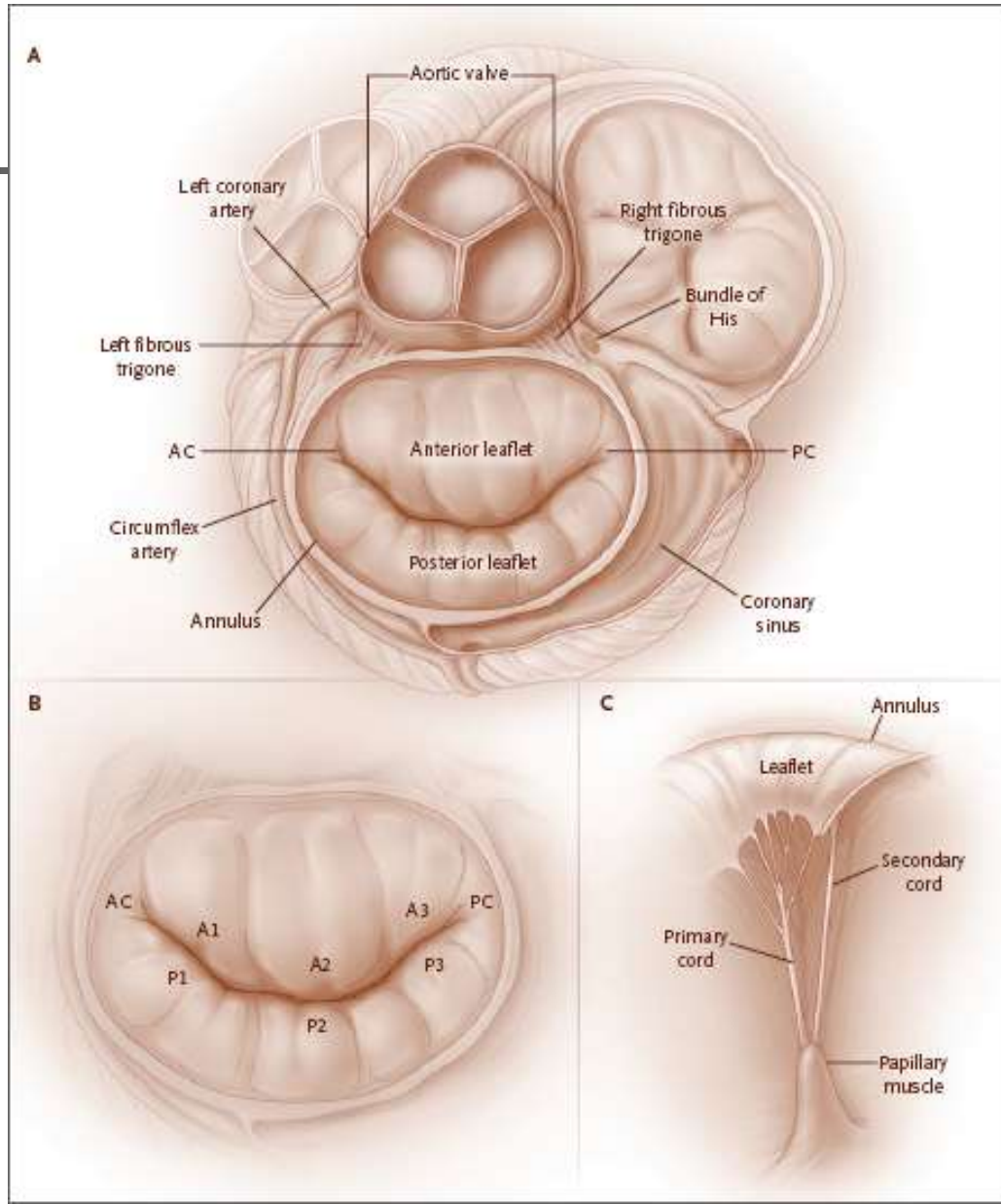


# Percutaneous Treatment of Mitral Insufficiency

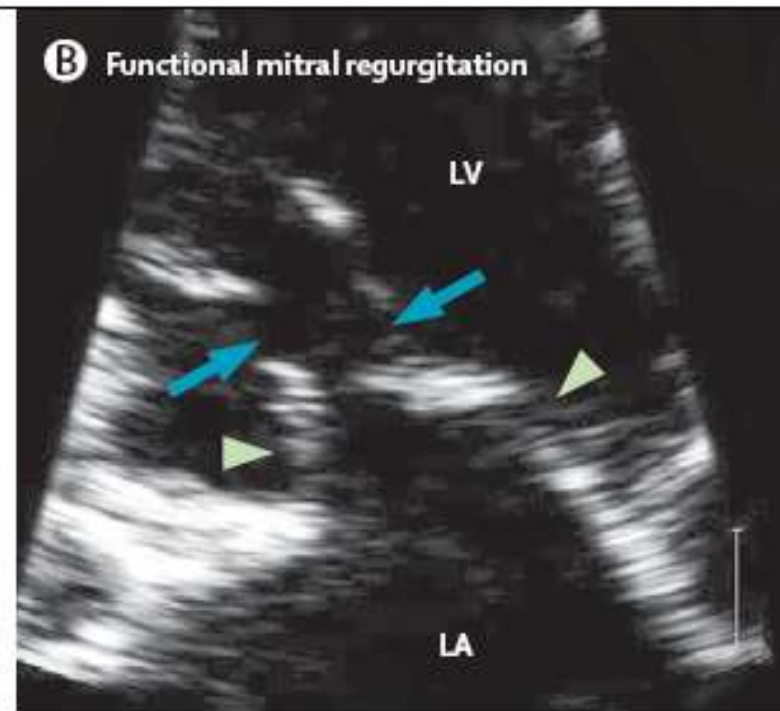
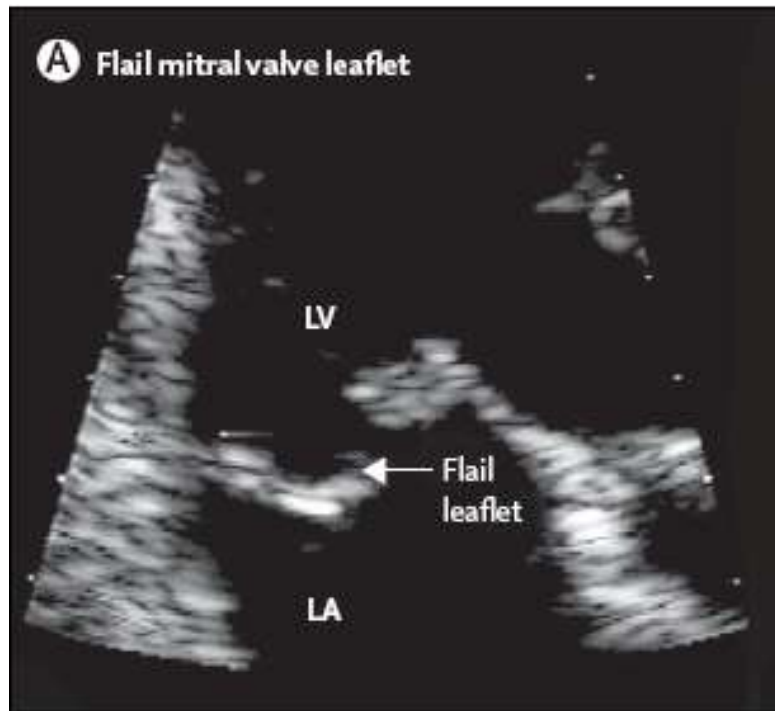
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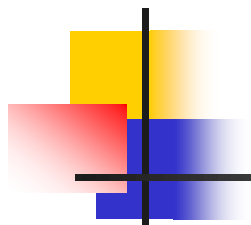
# The Mitral Valve



# Echocardiographic Appearance of the Two Anatomical Types of Mitral Regurgitation



# Gradation of Mitral Regurgitation by Doppler Echocardiography



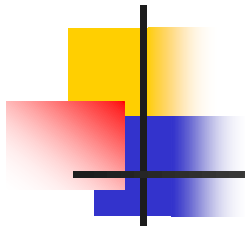
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|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| Specific signs              | Small central jet <4 cm <sup>2</sup> or <10% of LA, vena contracta width <0.3 cm, no or minimum flow convergence        | MR more than mild, without any criteria for severe MR | Vena contracta width ≥0.7 cm with large central MR jet (area >40% of LA) or with a wall-impinging jet of any size; large flow convergence; systolic reversal in pulmonary veins; prominent flail leaflet or ruptured papillary muscle |
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| Quantitative variables      |   |   |   |
| RVol (mL per beat)          | <30   | 30-44; 45-59  | ≥60   |
| RF                          | <30%  | 30-39%; 40-49%  | ≥50%  |
| ERO area (cm <sup>2</sup> ) | <0.20   | 0.20-0.29; 0.30-0.39                                  | ≥0.40   |

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**Table 2: Gradation of mitral regurgitation by doppler echocardiography**

# Mitral Regurgitation

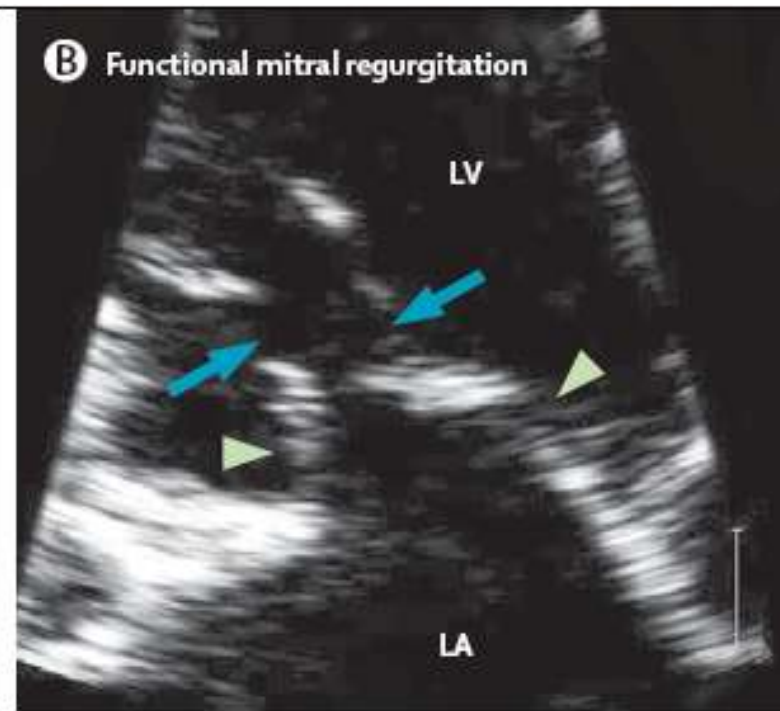
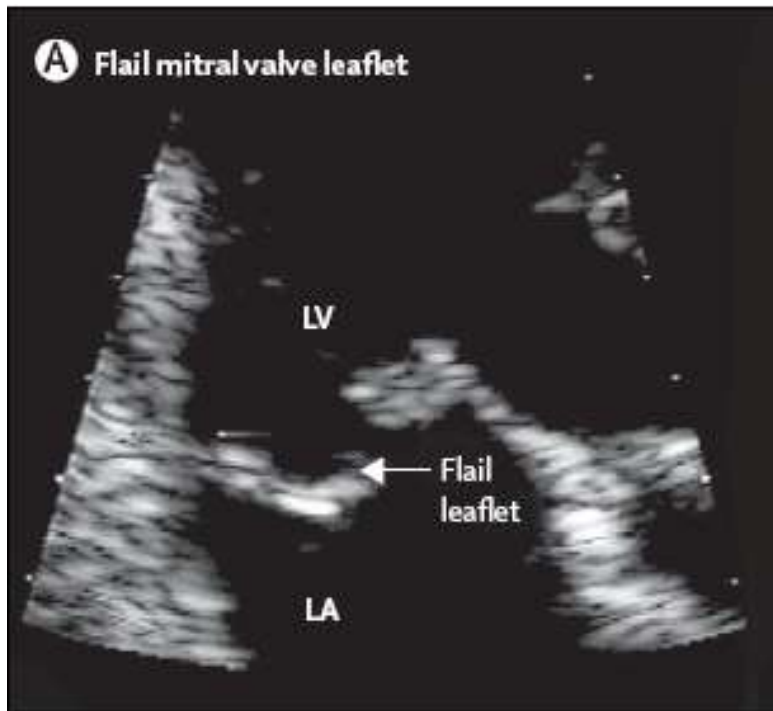
## Causes and Mechanisms of Mitral Regurgitation



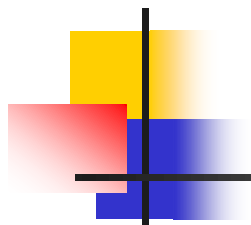
|               | Organic   |   |  | Functional  |
|---------------|---|---|--|---|
|               | Type I*   | Type II†  | Type IIIa‡   | Type I*/Type IIIb‡  |
| Non-ischaemic | Endocarditis (perforation);<br>degenerative (annular<br>calcification);<br>congenital (cleft leaflet) | Degenerative (billowing/flail<br>leaflets);<br>endocarditis (ruptured chordae);<br>traumatic (ruptured Chord/PM);<br>rheumatic (acute RF) | Rheumatic (chronic RF);<br>iatrogenic (radiation/drug);<br>inflammatory (lupus/anticardiolipin,<br>eosinophilic endocardial disease,<br>endomyocardial fibrosis) | Cardiomyopathy;<br>myocarditis;<br>left-ventricular;<br>dysfunction (any cause) |
| Ischaemic     | ..  | Ruptured PM   | ..   | Functional ischaemic  |

MR=mitral regurgitation. PM=papillary muscle. RF=rheumatic fever. \*Mechanism involves normal leaflet movement. †Mechanism involves excessive valve movement.  
‡Restricted valve movement, IIIa in diastole, IIIb in systole.

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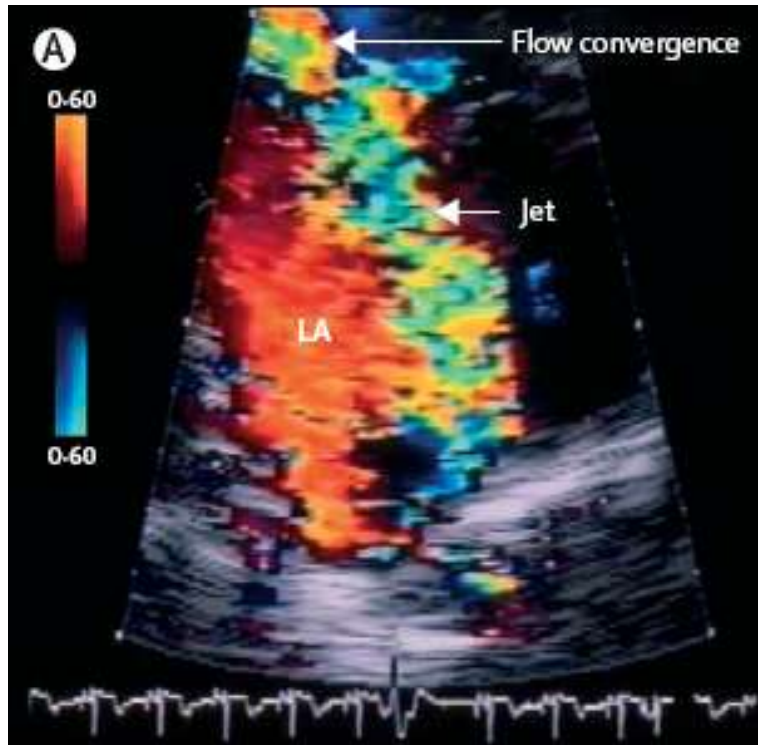


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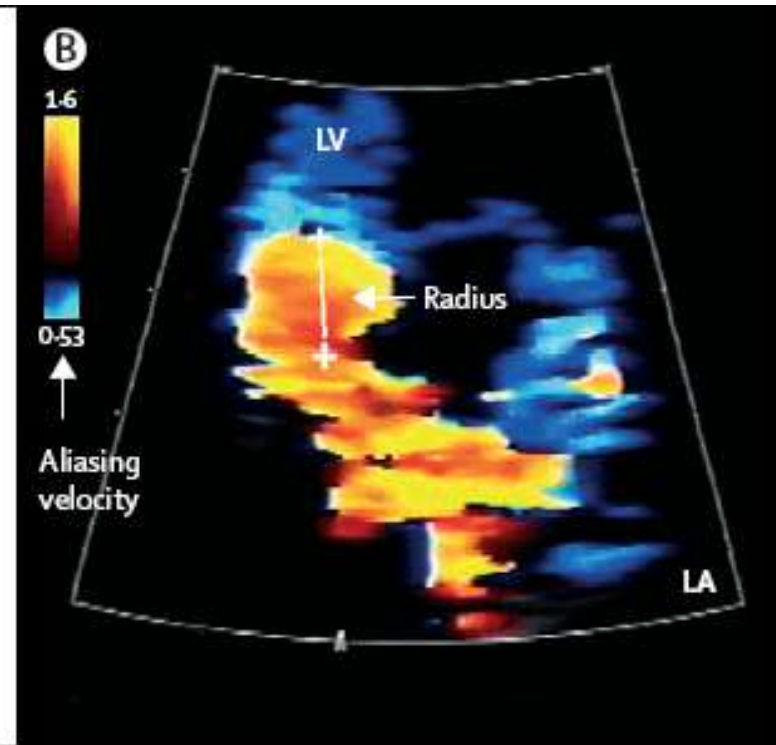
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# Use of Color-Flow Imaging for Assessment of Mitral Regurgitation



Vena Contracta



Proximal Isovelocity Surface Area (PISA)

# Clinical Outcome of Organic Mitral Regurgitation Under Medical Management

|                                       | Number of patients | Symptoms | MR cause           | MR severity                                | Age (years) | LV diameter (mm) | Study specifics              | Yearly mortality                    | Yearly cardiac events | Relative risk (95% CI) with surgery |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|--|-------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Enriquez-Sarano, et al <sup>88†</sup> | 129                | 0        | Organic            | Moderate (ERO area 20–39 mm <sup>2</sup> ) | 65          | 56               | Quantitative; prospective    | 3%‡                                 | 8%                    | ..                                  |
| Rosenhek, et al <sup>89*</sup>        | 132                | 0        | Degenerative       | Moderate to severe                         | 55          | 56               | Referral centre; prospective | 1%                                  | 6%                    | ..                                  |
| Avierinos, et al <sup>93*</sup>       | 153                | 0        | MVP                | Moderate to severe                         | 60          | 58               | Community based              | 6%                                  | 14%                   | ..                                  |
| Ling, et al <sup>84§</sup>            | 229                | 19%      | Flail leaflets     | Severe                                     | 66          | 64               | Cause specific               | 6.3% overall; 4.1% without symptoms | 10–11%                | 0.29 (0.15–0.56)                    |
| Grigioni, et al <sup>67§</sup>        | 360                | 19%      | Degenerative in SR | Severe                                     | 65          | 60               | Cause specific               | 6%                                  | 10–11%                | ..                                  |
| Rosen, et al <sup>90§</sup>           | 31                 | 0        | Organic            | Severe                                     | 52          | 65               | Prospective with exercise    | ..                                  | 10%                   | ..                                  |
| Enriquez-Sarano, et al <sup>95†</sup> | 198                | 0        | Organic            | Severe (ERO area ≥40 mm <sup>2</sup> )     | 61          | 61               | Quantitative; prospective    | 9%                                  | 15%                   | 0.28 (0.14–0.55)                    |

ERO=effective regurgitant orifice. LV=left ventricle. MR=mitral regurgitation. MVP=mitral valve prolapse. SR=sinus rhythm. \*Data for patients with exclusively or mostly moderate MR (as shown by slight ventricular enlargement or quantitative measures), showing average yearly mortality of about 3%. †Mortality computed during the first 3 years of follow-up. ‡Part of the same study of 456 asymptomatic patients with quantified MR. §Data for patients with exclusively or mostly severe mitral regurgitation (as shown by substantial ventricular enlargement or quantitative measures), showing average yearly mortality of about 6%. Outcome after surgery was markedly improved, mortality decreased by about 70%.

**Table 3: Clinical outcome of organic mitral regurgitation under medical management**

# Indications for Surgery in Chronic Mitral Regurgitation

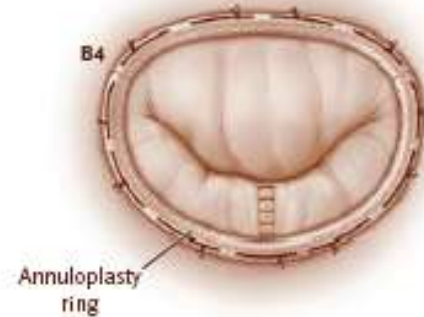
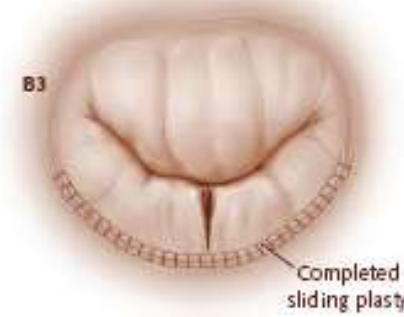
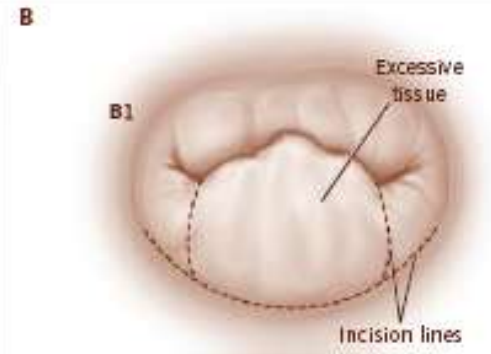
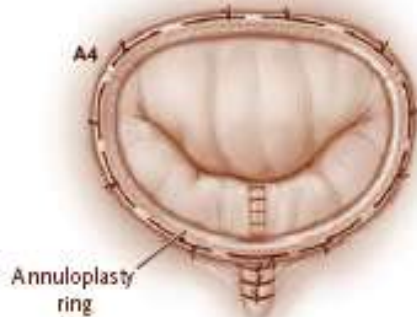
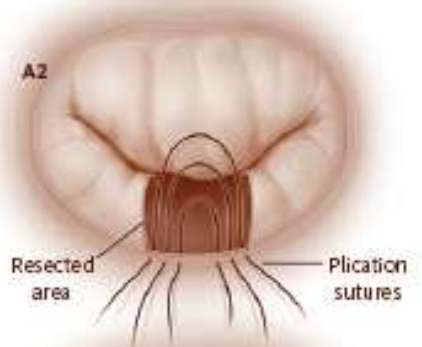
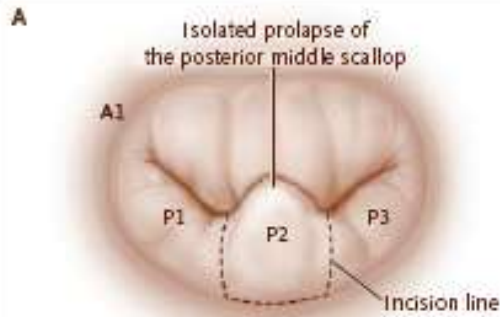
**Table 8** Indications for surgery in severe chronic organic mitral regurgitation

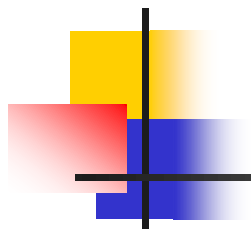
|  | Class |
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| Symptomatic patients with LVEF > 30% and ESD < 55 mm   | IB    |
| Asymptomatic patients with LV dysfunction (ESD > 45 mm <sup>a</sup> and/or LVEF ≤ 60%)   | IC    |
| Asymptomatic patients with preserved LV function and atrial fibrillation or pulmonary hypertension (systolic pulmonary artery pressure > 50 mmHg at rest)                  | IIaC  |
| Patients with severe LV dysfunction (LVEF < 30% and/or ESD > 55 mm) <sup>a</sup> refractory to medical therapy with high likelihood of durable repair, and low comorbidity | IIaC  |
| Asymptomatic patients with preserved LV function, high likelihood of durable repair, and low risk for surgery  | IIbB  |
| Patients with severe LV dysfunction (LVEF < 30% and/or ESD > 55 mm) <sup>a</sup> refractory to medical therapy with low likelihood of repair and low comorbidity           | IIbC  |

**Table 9** Indications for surgery in chronic ischaemic mitral regurgitation

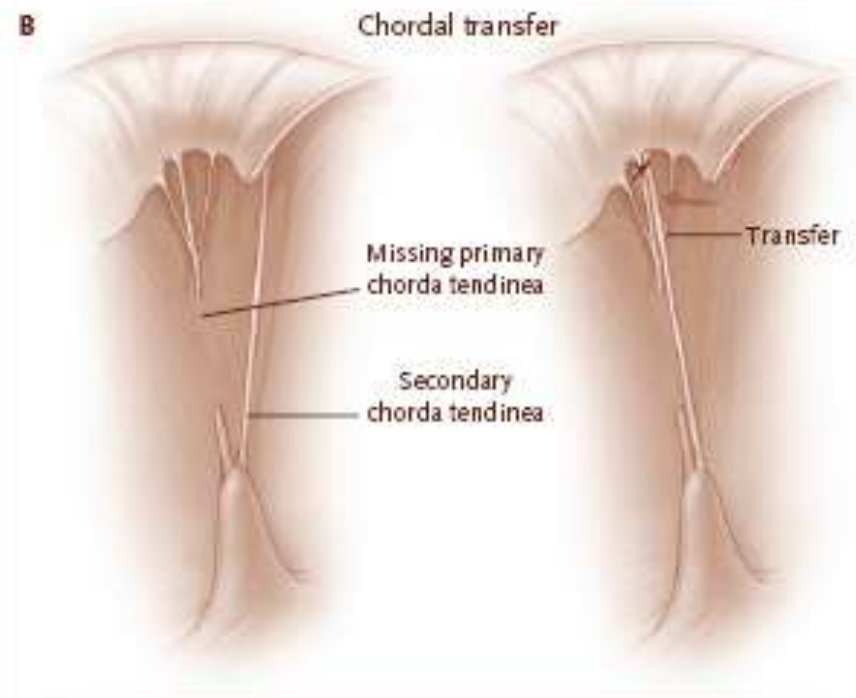
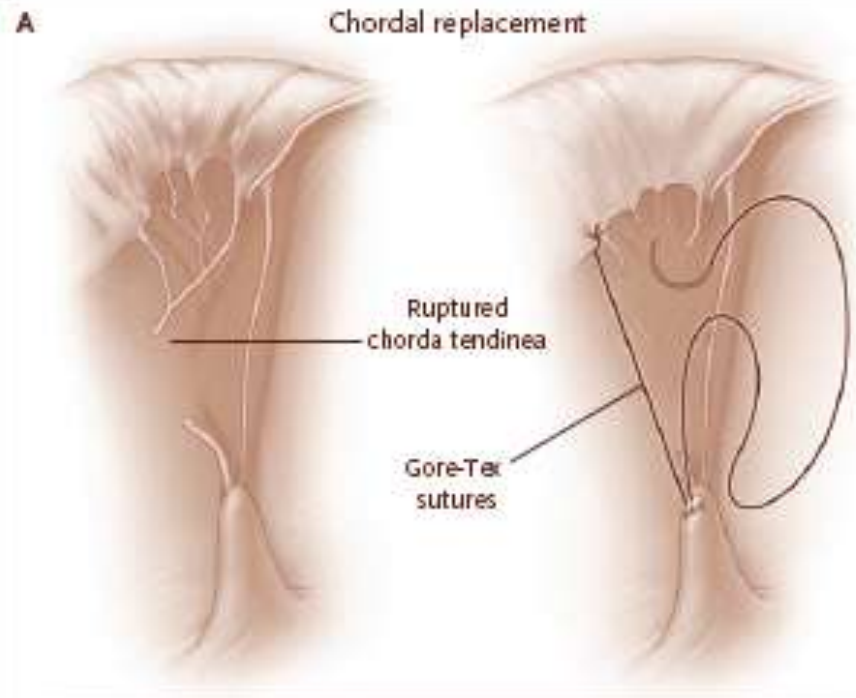
|  | Class |
|--|-------|
| Patients with severe MR, LVEF > 30% undergoing CABG  | IC    |
| Patients with moderate MR undergoing CABG if repair is feasible  | IIaC  |
| Symptomatic patients with severe MR, LVEF < 30% and option for revascularization   | IIaC  |
| Patients with severe MR, LVEF > 30%, no option for revascularization, refractory to medical therapy, and low comorbidity | IIbC  |

# Mitral Valve Prolapse and Correction

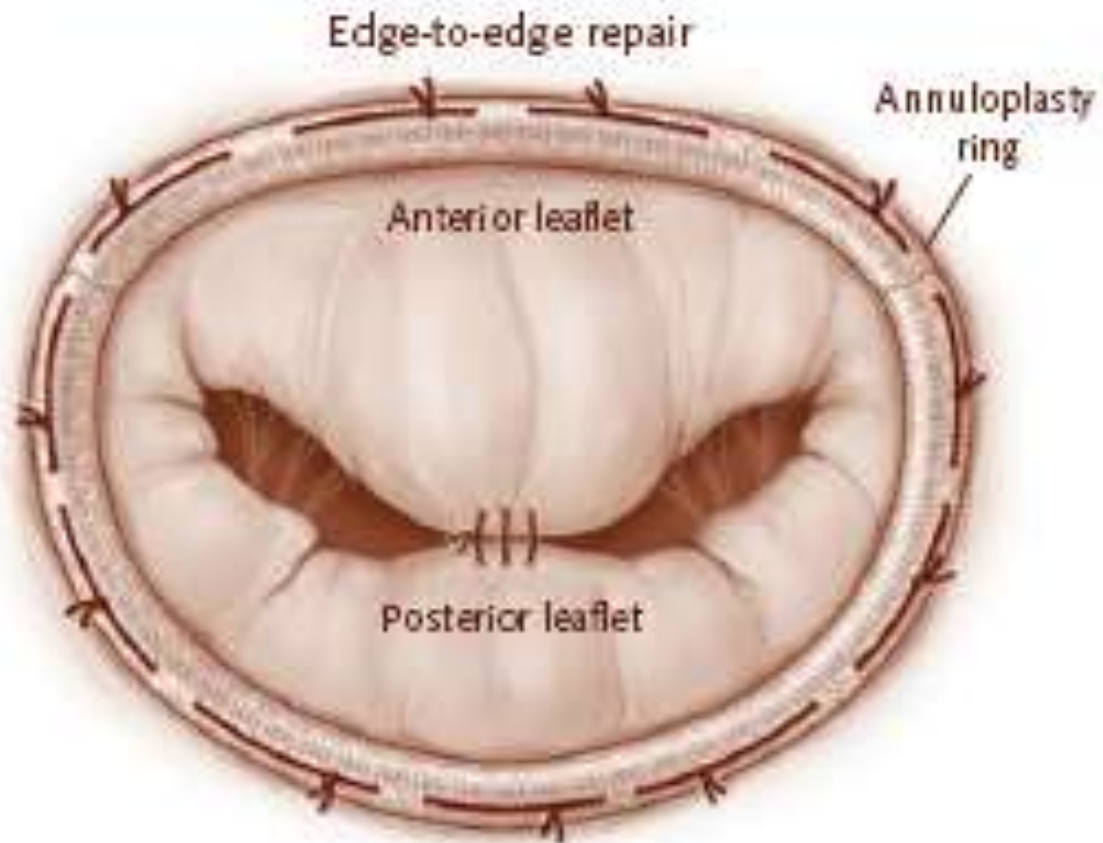




# Repair Techniques



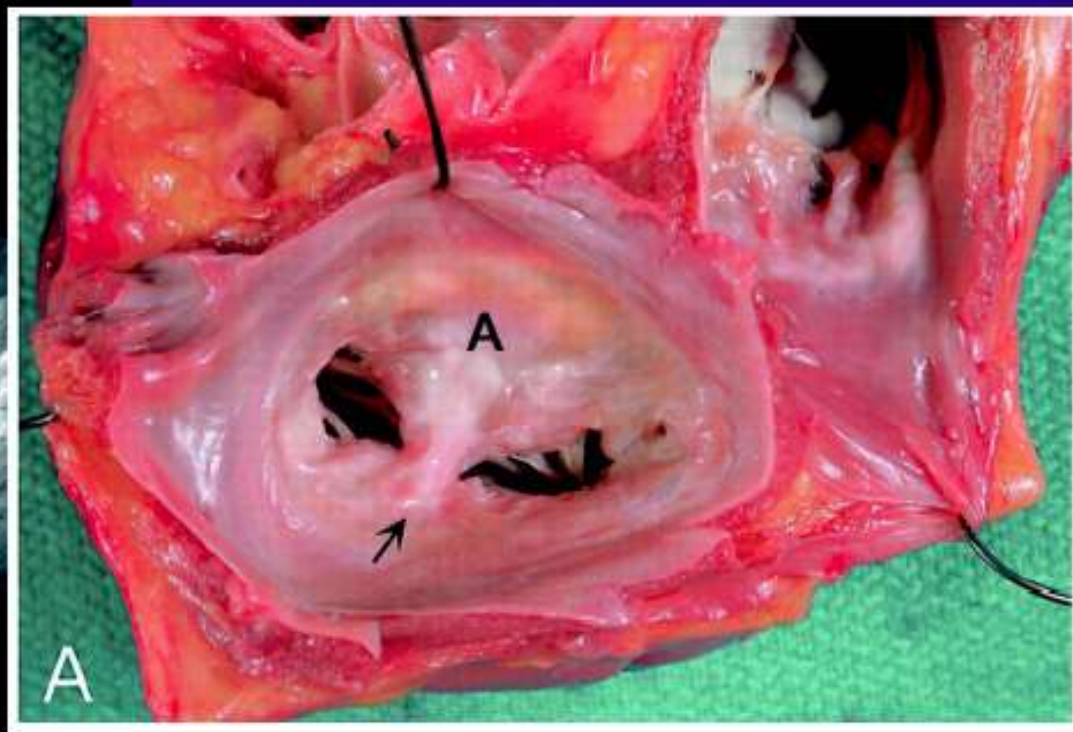
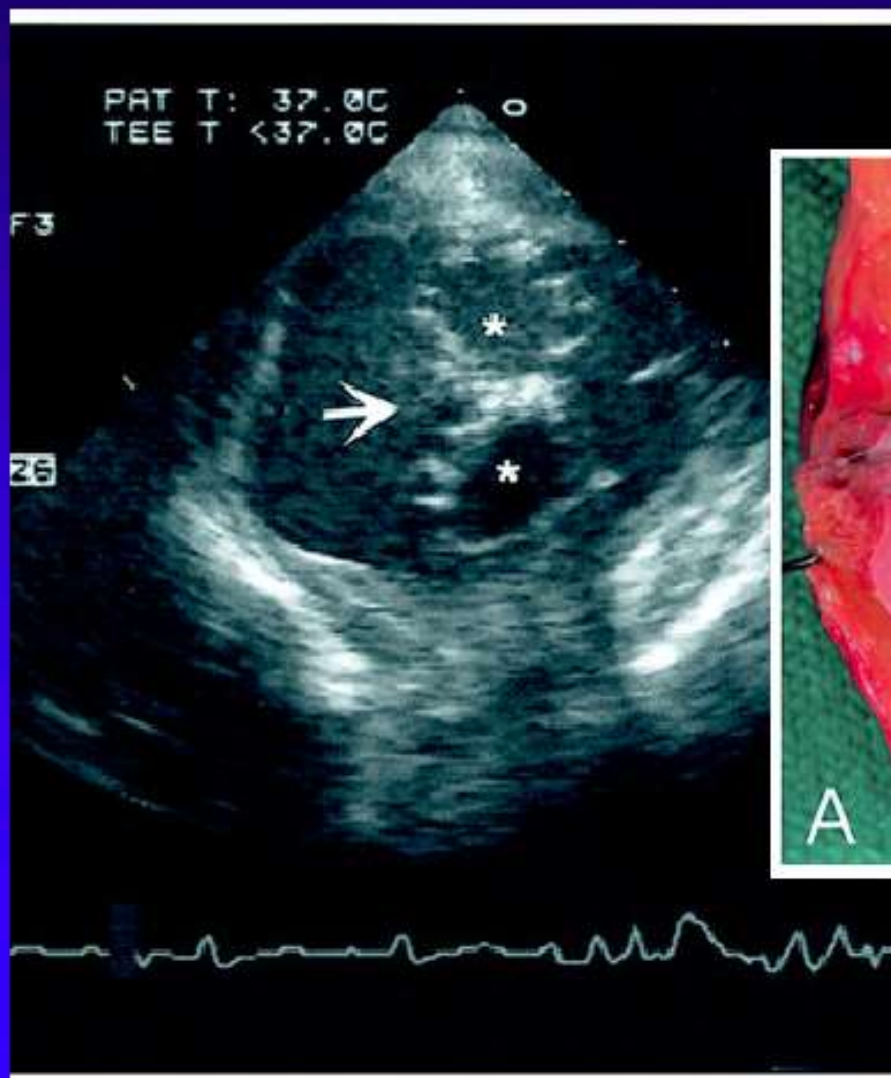
# Edge-to-edge Repair



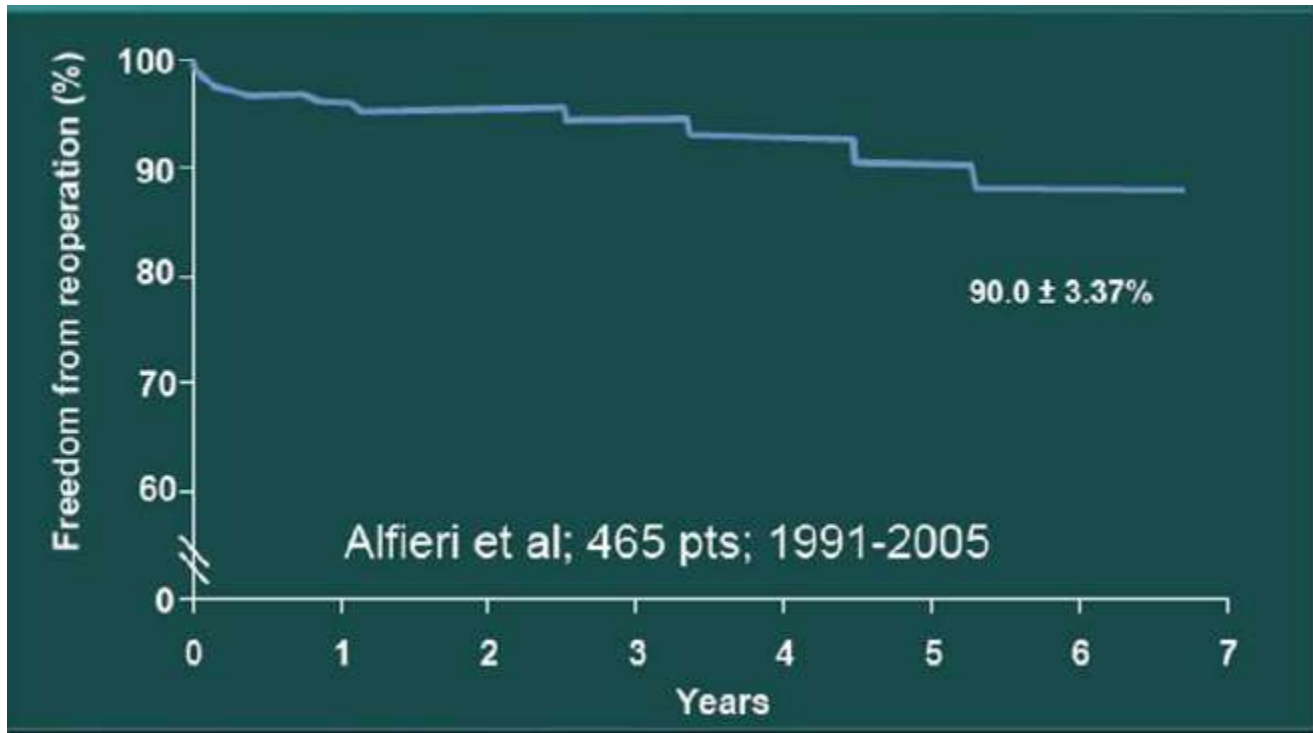
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# Alfieri Mitral Valve Repair

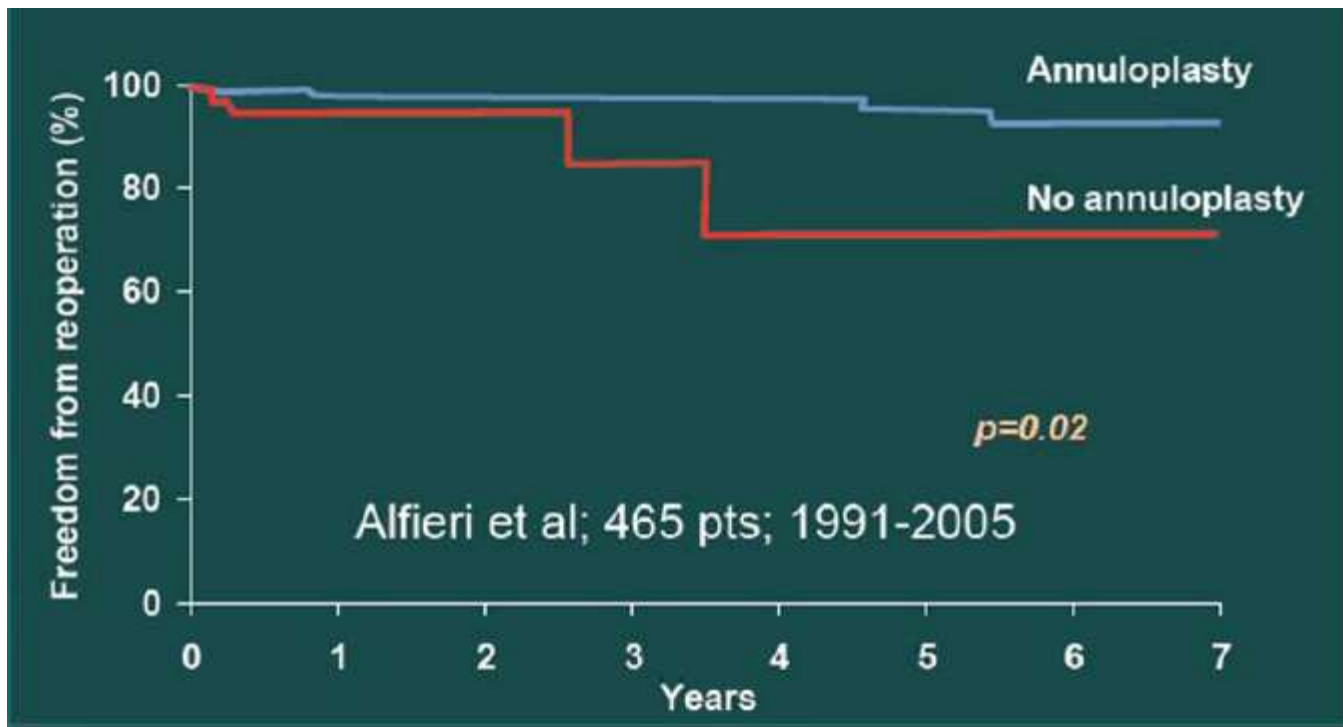
## Clinical Outcome and Pathology



# Alfieri technique. Long-term Follow-up



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# Techniques for Percutaneous Reduction of Mitral Insufficiency

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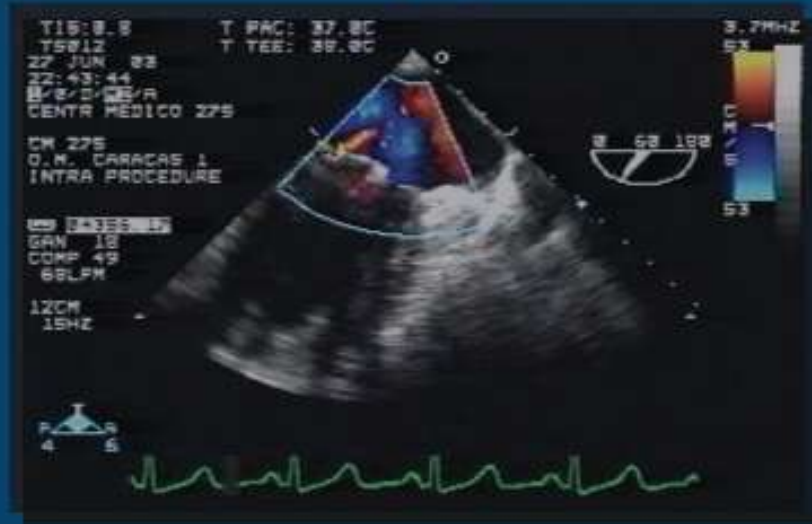
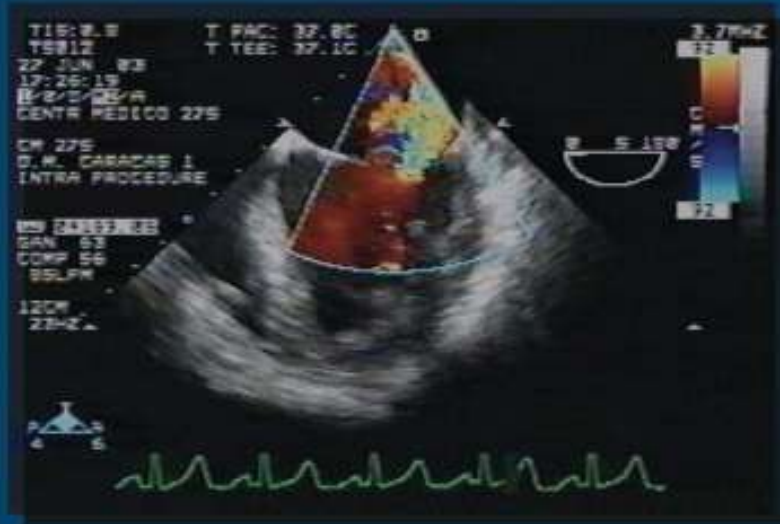
- Edge-to-edge repair
- Coronary sinus annuloplasty
- Transventricular approach

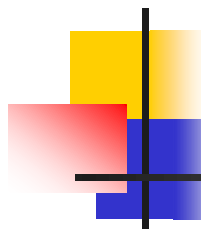
# Percutaneous Mitral Valve Repair

## MitraClip® System

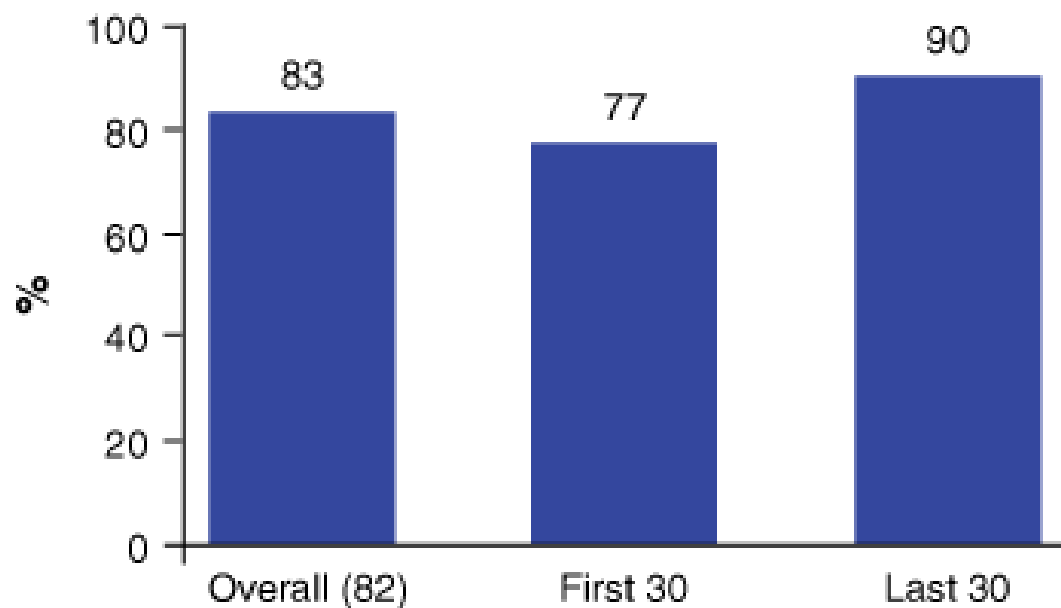


# E-valve. First Case Performed





## Evalve Clip Patients: Acute Procedural Success\* (n = 82)



\*Defined as placement of one or more clips resulting in discharge mitral regurgitation severity of 2+ or less, as determined by core lab

# Study Design

## EVEREST II Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT)

279 Patients enrolled at 37 sites

Significant MR (3+ or 4+)  
Specific Anatomical Criteria

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Randomized 2:1

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**Percutaneous Group**  
MitraClip System  
N=184

↙ ↘  
**Surgery Group**  
Surgical Repair or Replacement  
N=95

↓ ↓  
**Echocardiography Core Lab and Clinical Follow-Up:**  
Baseline, 30 days, 6 months, 1 year, 18 months, and  
annually through 5 years

# Safety Endpoint: 30 Day MAE

## Intention to Treat

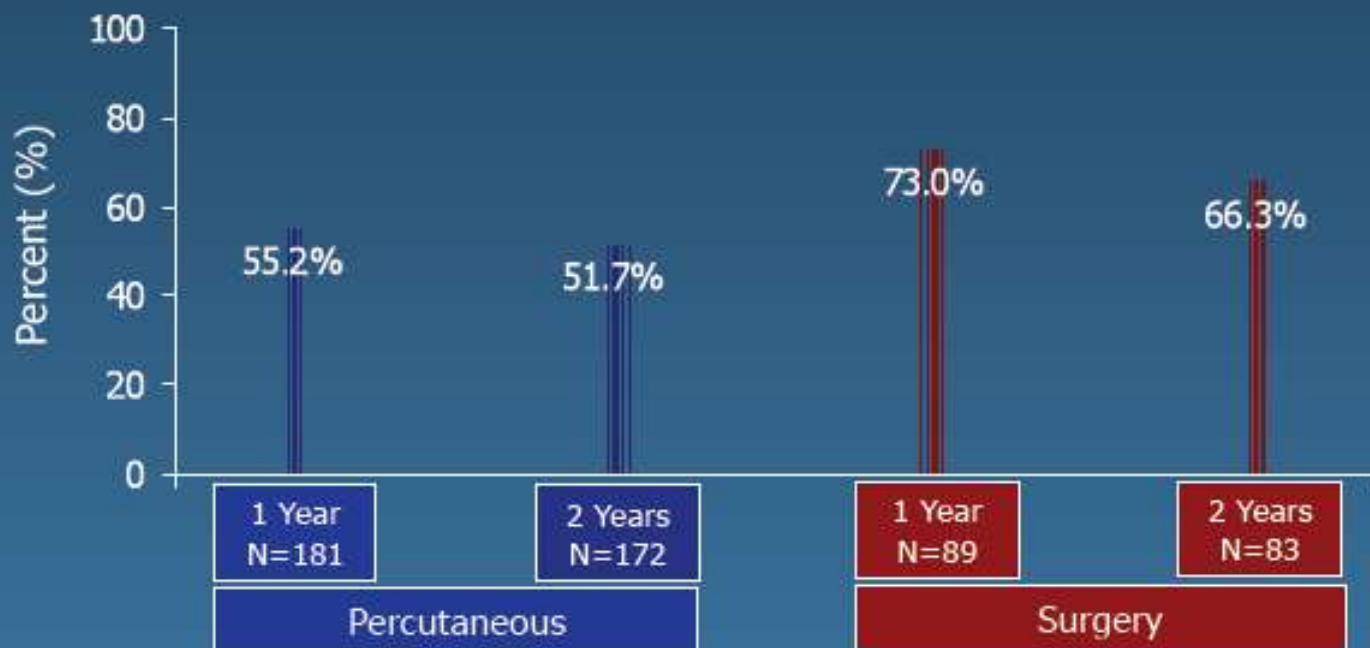
| 30 Day MAE                          | # (%) Patients experiencing event            |                   |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
|                                     | Percutaneous<br>(N=180)                      | Surgery<br>(N=94) |
| Death                               | 2 (1.1%)                                     | 2 (2.1%)          |
| Major Stroke                        | 2 (1.1%)                                     | 2 (2.1%)          |
| Re-operation of Mitral Valve        | 0  | 1 (1.1%)          |
| Urgent / Emergent CV Surgery        | 4 (2.2%)                                     | 4 (4.3%)          |
| Myocardial Infarction               | 0  | 0                 |
| Renal Failure                       | 1 (0.6%)                                     | 0                 |
| Deep Wound Infection                | 0  | 0                 |
| Ventilation > 48 hrs                | 0  | 4 (4.3%)          |
| New Onset Permanent Atrial Fib      | 2 (1.1%)                                     | 0                 |
| Septicemia                          | 0  | 0                 |
| GI Complication Requiring Surgery   | 2 (1.1%)                                     | 0                 |
| Transfusions ≥ 2 units              | 24 (13.3%)                                   | 42 (44.7%)        |
| <b>TOTAL % of Patients with MAE</b> | <b>15.0%</b>                                 | <b>47.9%</b>      |
|                                     | Difference (Percutaneous – Surgery) = -32.9% |                   |
|                                     | p<0.001; (95% CI: -20.7%, -45.0%)            |                   |

# Primary Effectiveness Endpoint

- Effectiveness defined as freedom from death, MV surgery/re-operation or 3+ or 4+ MR
- Two analyses performed:
  1. Intention to Treat
    - Any mitral valve surgery following percutaneous repair was considered an “endpoint” event
  2. Comparison of Treatment Strategies
    - Mitral valve surgery following unsuccessful in-hospital percutaneous repair is not considered an “endpoint” event

# Primary Effectiveness Analyses at 1 and 2 Years Intention to Treat Analysis

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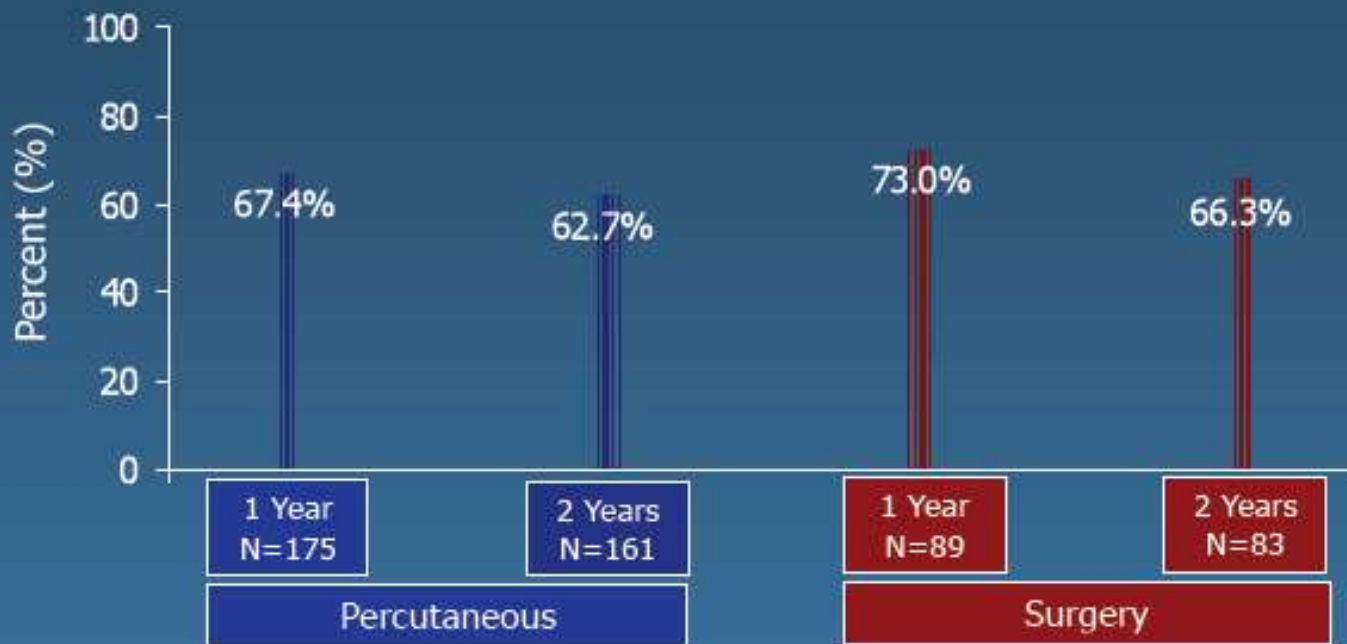


Randomized not treated patients assigned MR 3+ or 4+ at 1 and 2 years  
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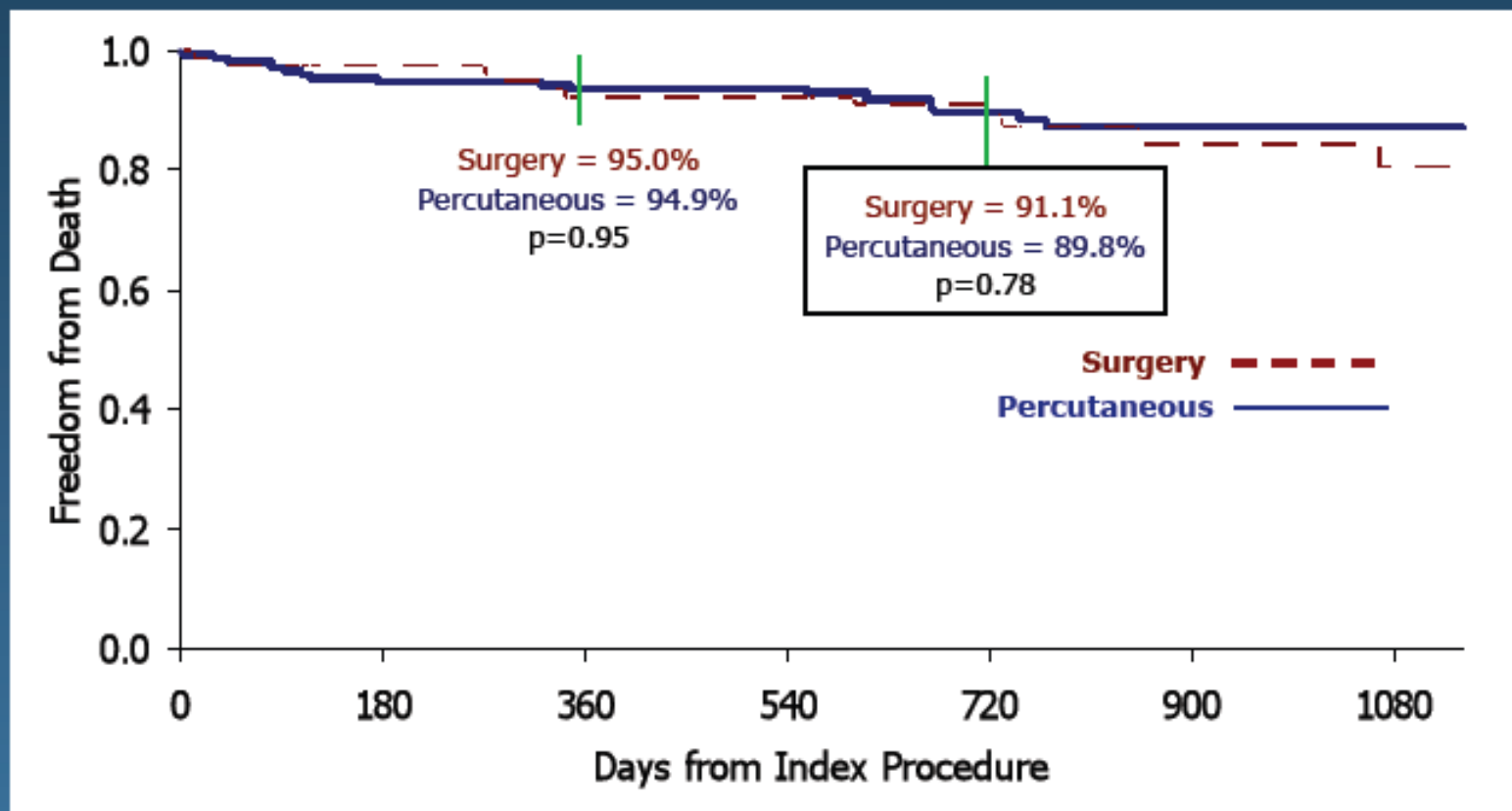
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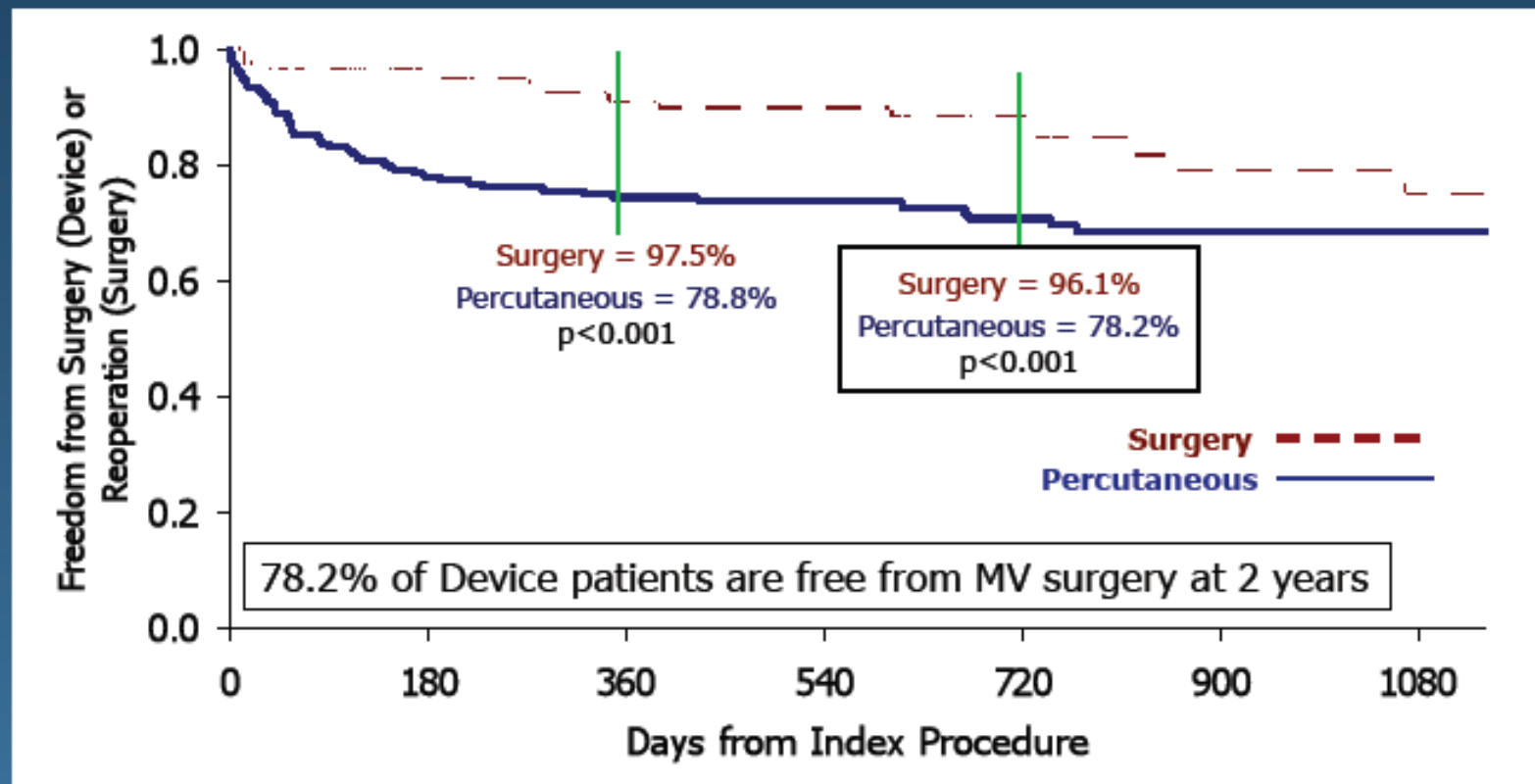
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# Kaplan-Meier Freedom from Death Intention to Treat



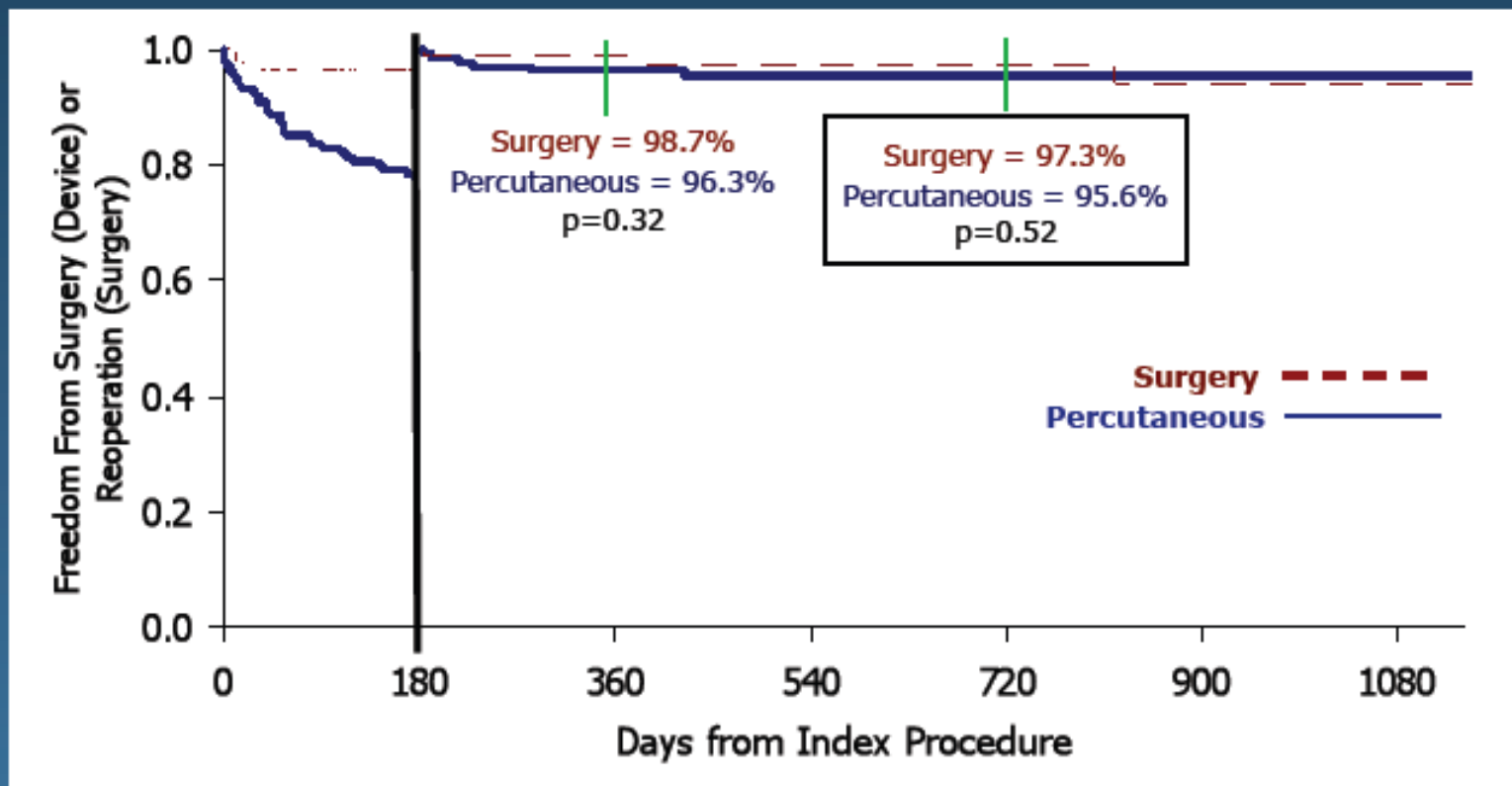
| At Risk:     | 0 Days | 6m  | 1yr | 1.5yr | 2yr | 3yr |
|--------------|--------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|
| Percutaneous | 184    | 166 | 163 | 153   | 133 | 52  |
| Surgery      | 95     | 78  | 74  | 71    | 63  | 25  |

# Kaplan-Meier Freedom from MV Surgery (Device) or Re-operation (Surgery) Intention to Treat



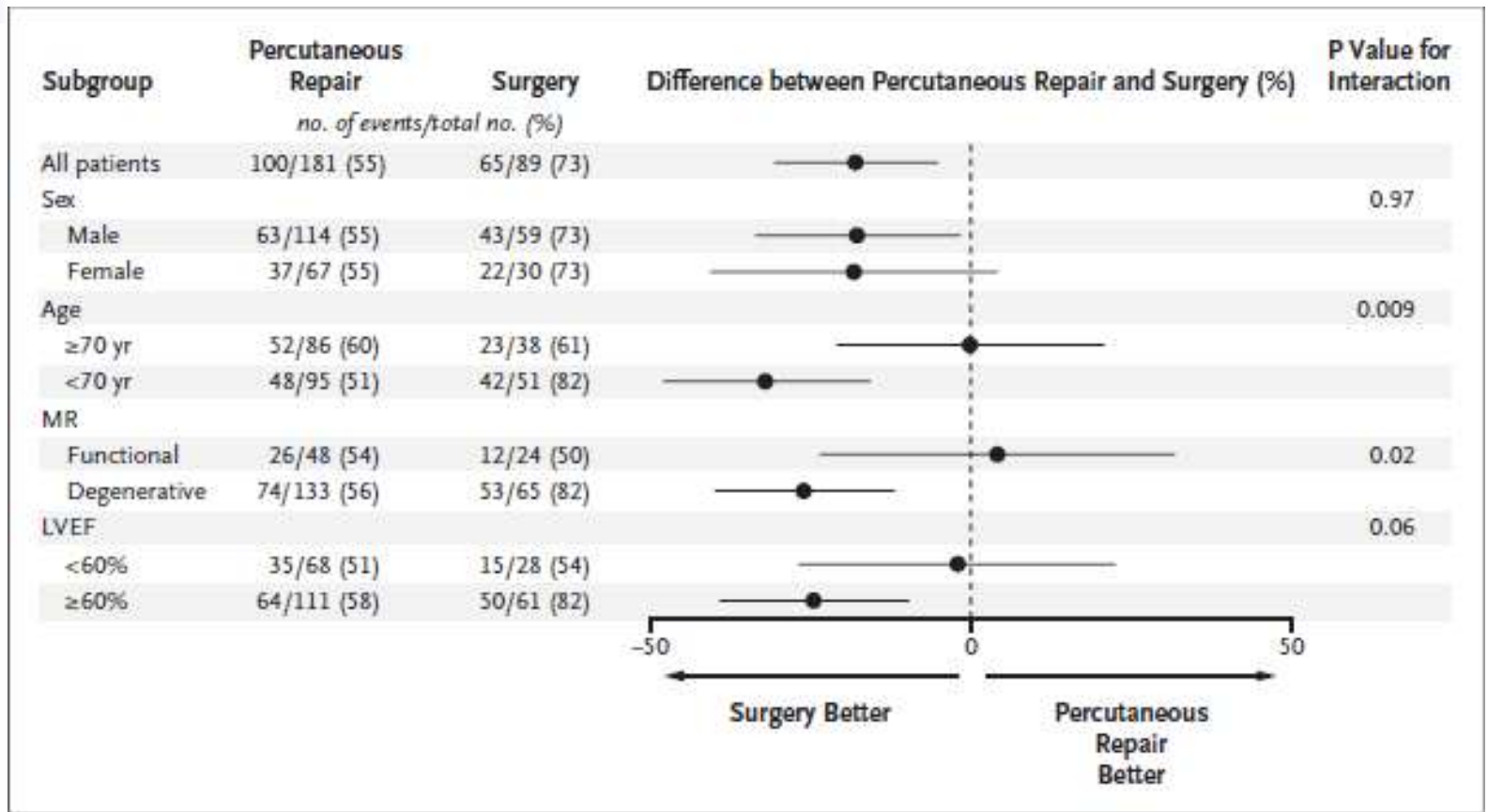
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| Percutaneous | 184    | 138 | 131 | 124   | 109 | 44  |
| Surgery      | 95     | 77  | 72  | 69    | 69  | 24  |

# Landmark Analysis of Kaplan-Meier Freedom from MV Surgery (Percutaneous)/Re-operation (Surgery) Intention to Treat



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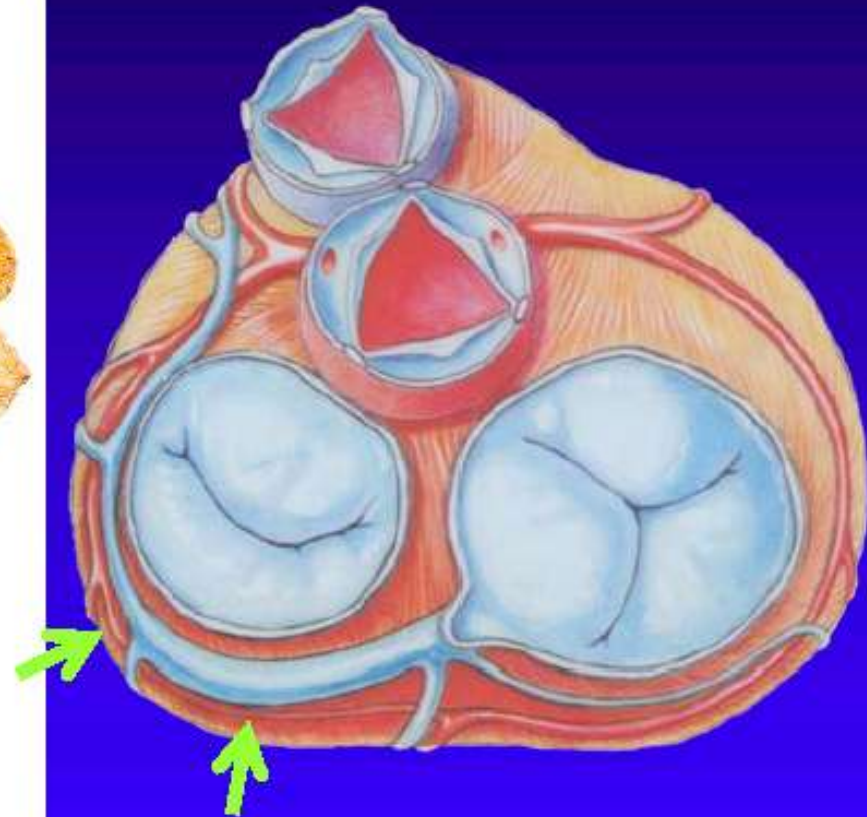
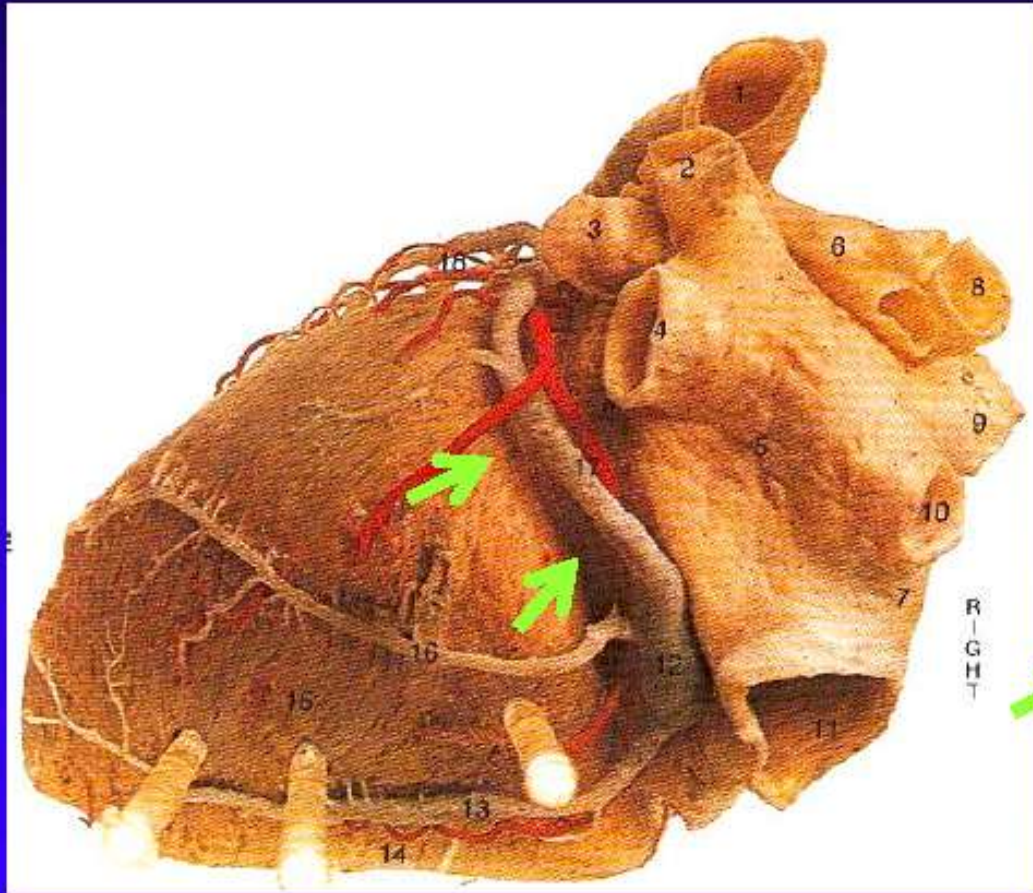


## EVEREST II-Conclusions

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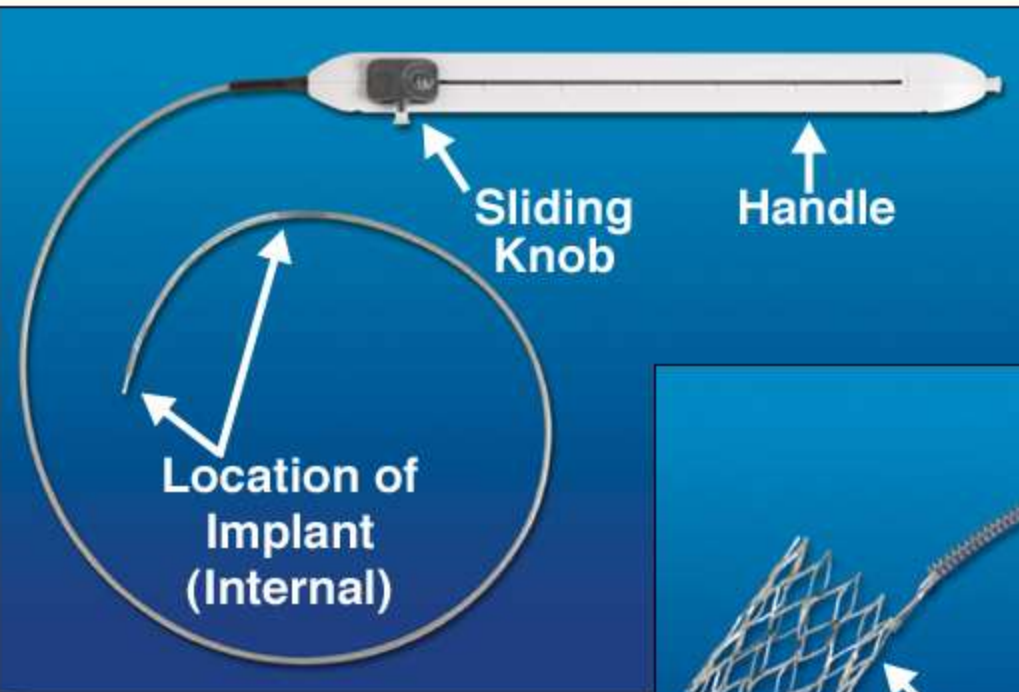
- Percutaneous repair was less effective than surgery in reducing mitral regurgitation before hospital discharge
- However, at 12 and 24 months the rates of reduction were similar
- Percutaneous treatment was associated with increased safety

# Relationship of Coronary Sinus to Mitral Valve

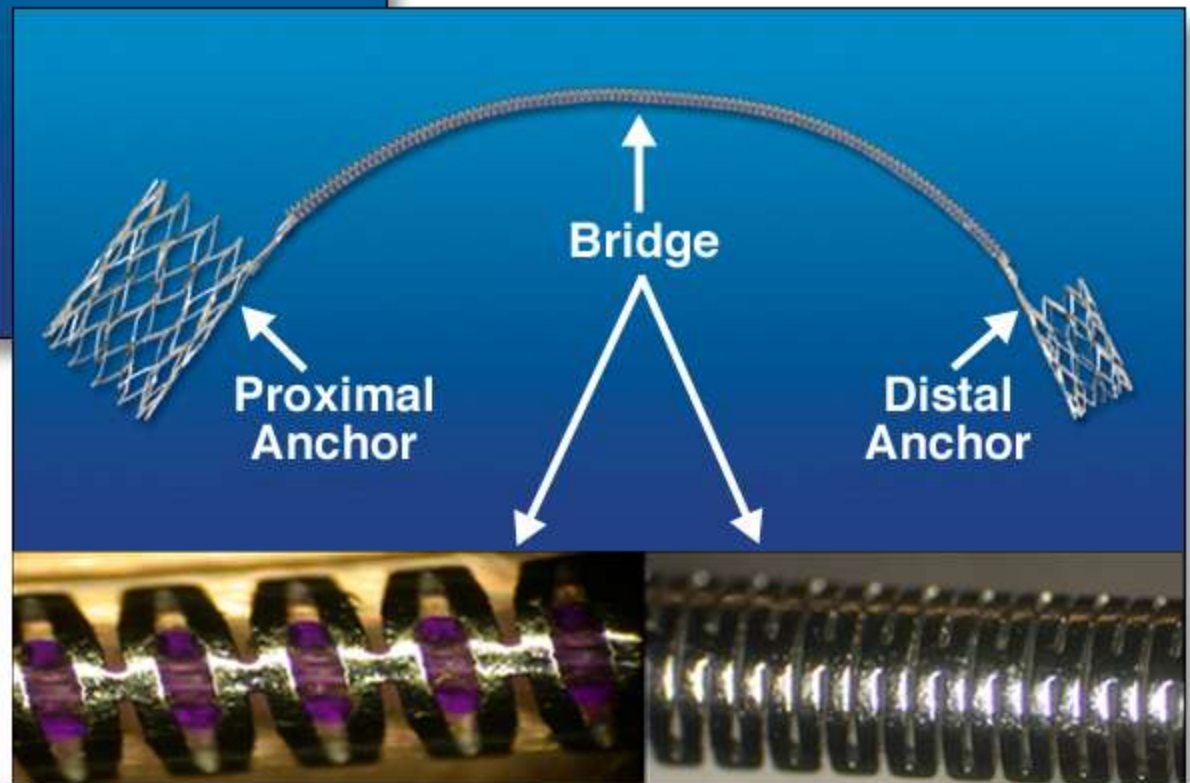


Coronary Sinus Parallels Mitral Valve Annulus

# Edwards MONARC™ System



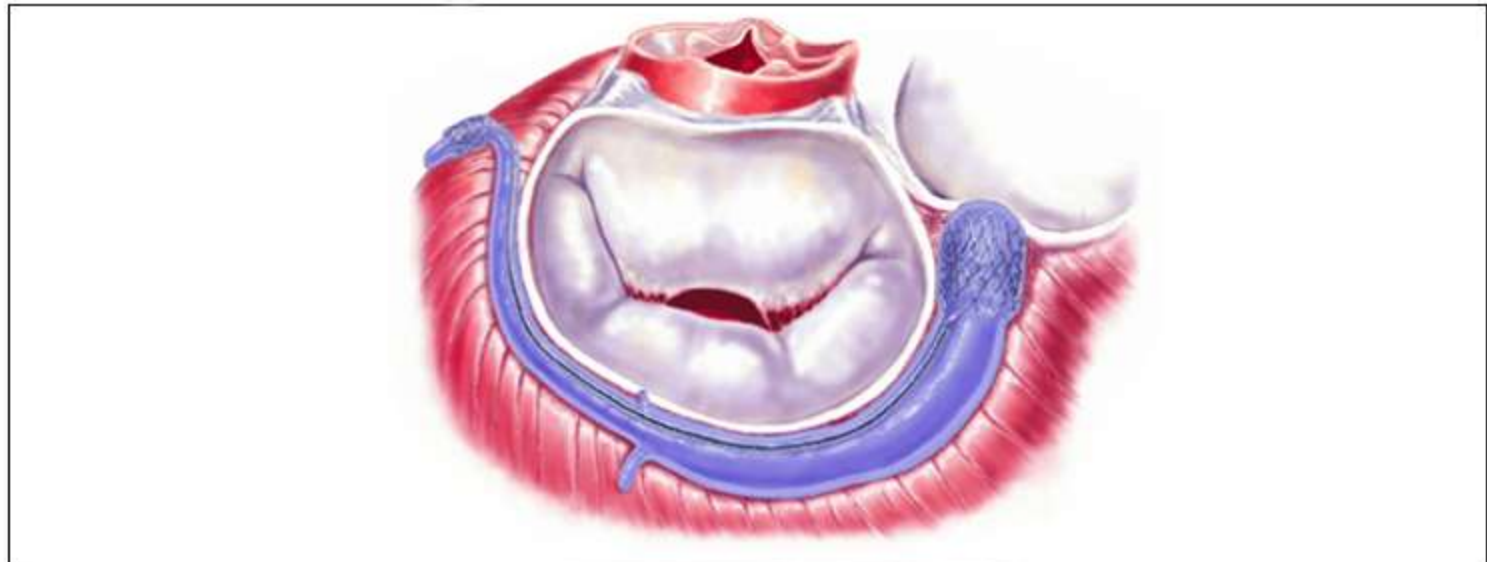
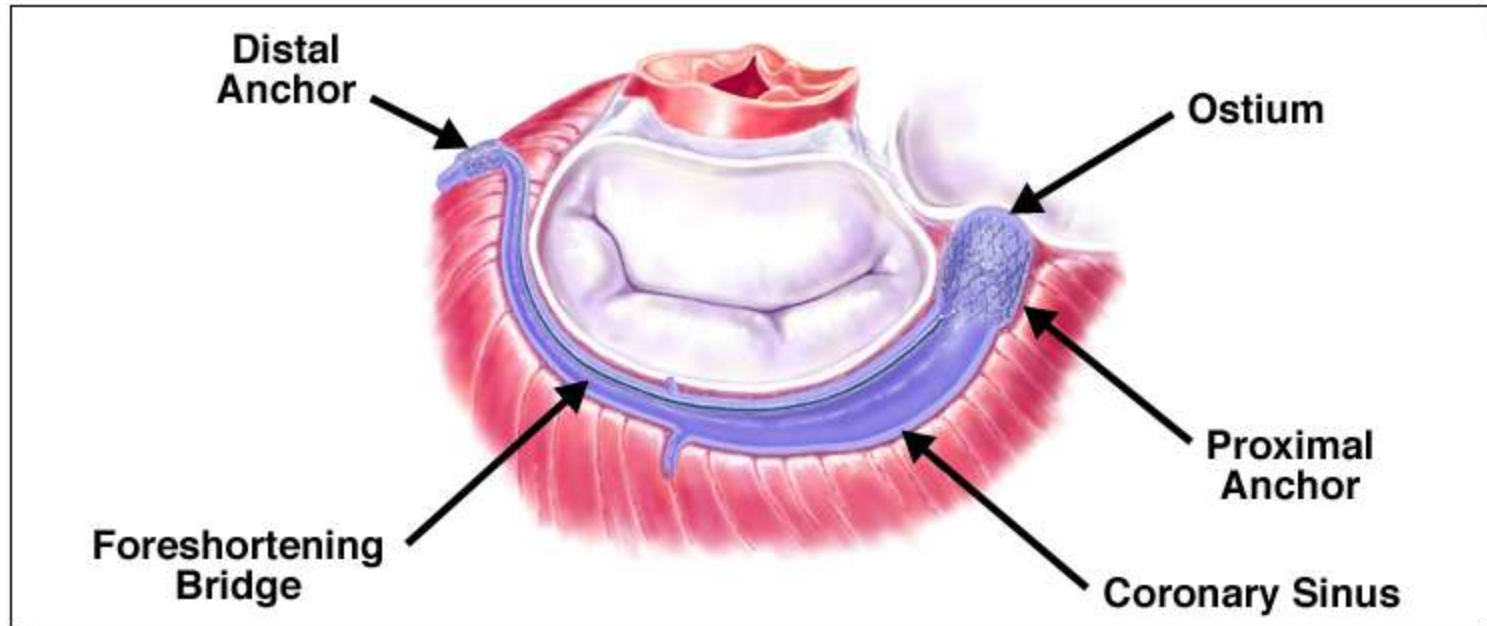
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9F delivery system



Elongated bridge at implant

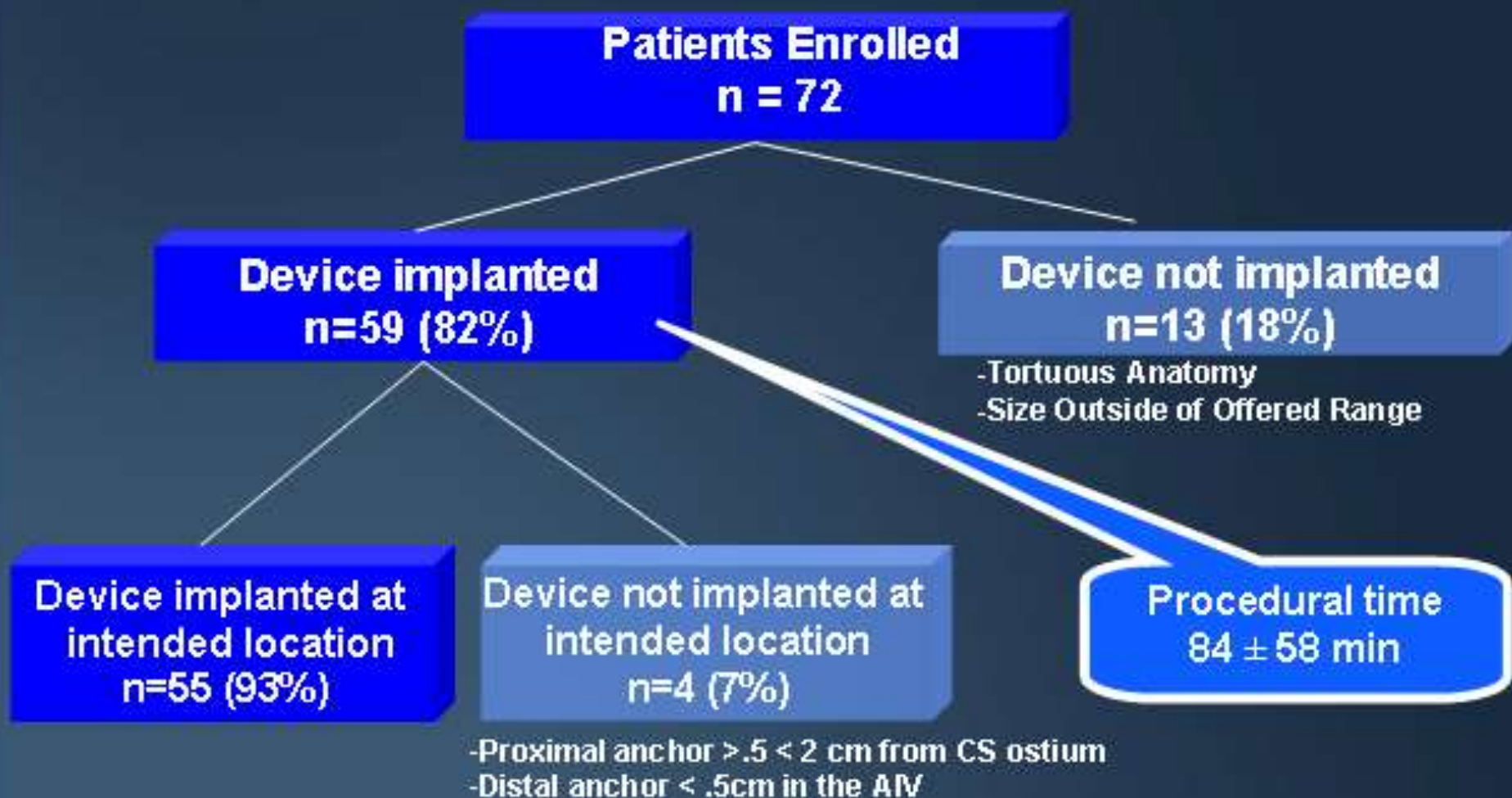
Foreshortened state at ~6 weeks

# The MONARC™ System Is Designed to Gradually Change the Geometry of the Heart



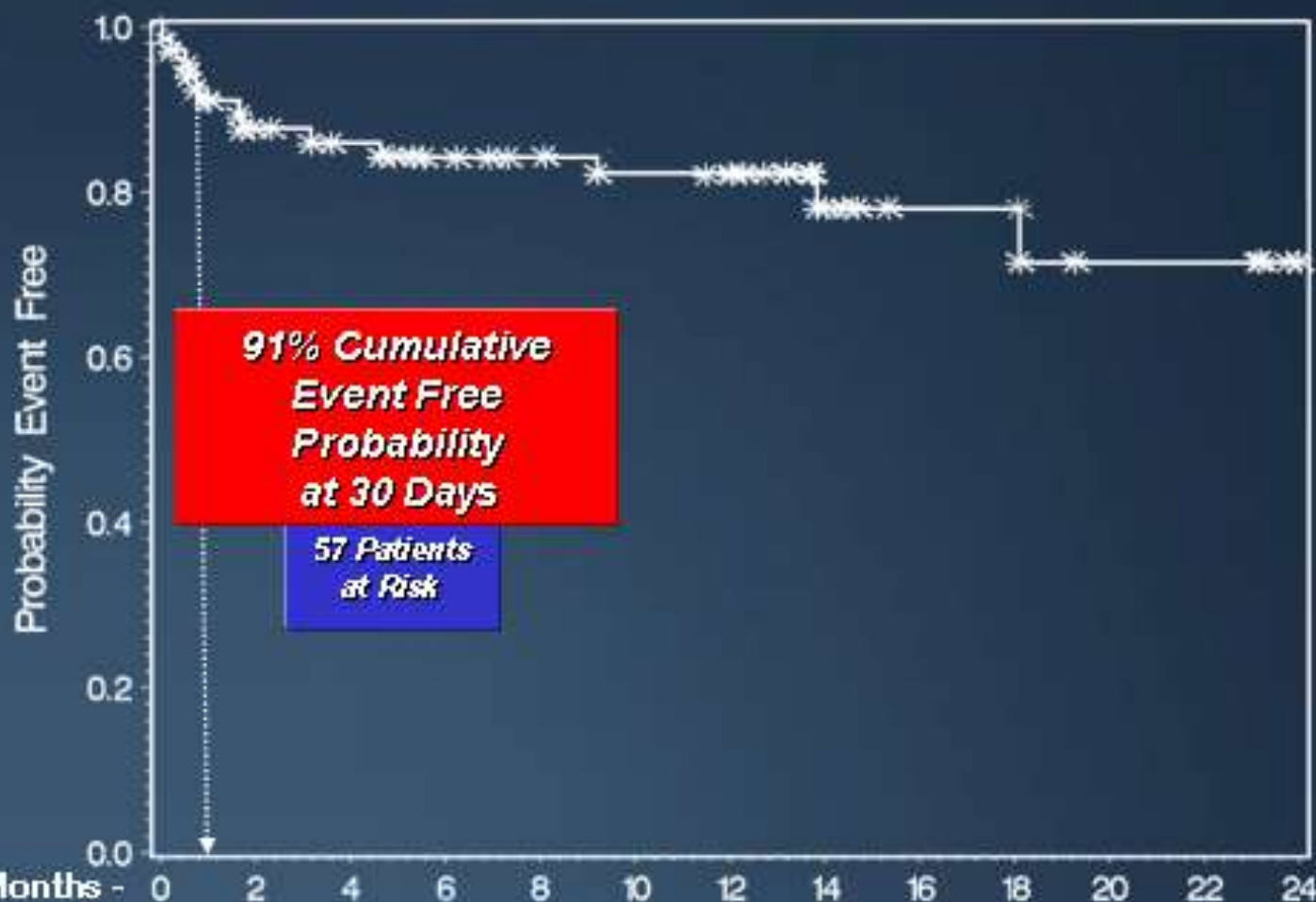
- **Prospective, multi-center feasibility study**
- **Primary objective of the study is to evaluate the acute safety (30d, 90d) of the MONARC system in treating functional mitral regurgitation in heart failure patients**
- **Secondary objective of the study is reduction in MR by at least one grade at 90 days**

# Procedural Success



# Primary Safety

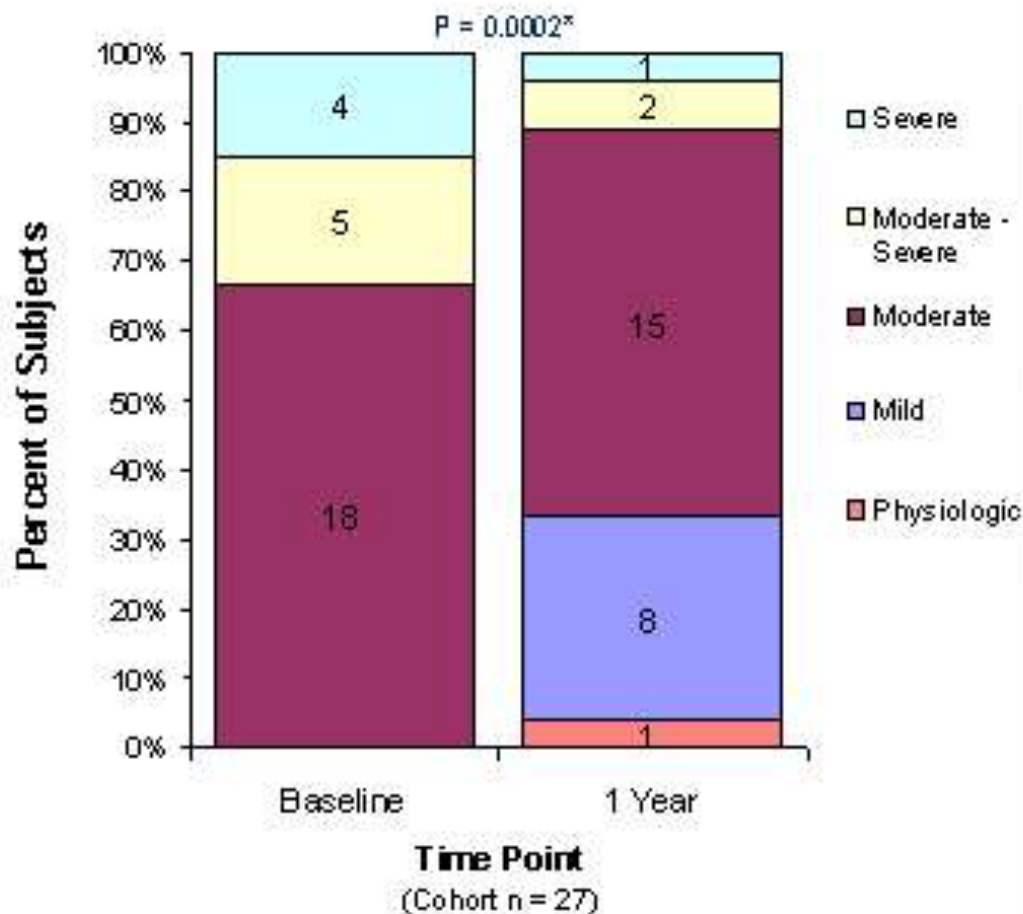
Death, Myocardial Infarction or Cardiac Tamponade



| Months       | 0  | 2    | 4    | 6    | 8 | 10 | 12   | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 24   |
|--------------|----|------|------|------|---|----|------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| N Pts @ risk | 72 | 57   | 51   | 45   |   |    | 35   |    |    |    |    |    | 5    |
| Cum Events   | 0  | 6    | 8    | 10   |   |    | 11   |    |    |    |    |    | 13   |
| Probability  |    | 0.91 | 0.88 | 0.84 |   |    | 0.82 |    |    |    |    |    | 0.72 |

# F.U. at 1year: MR Severity

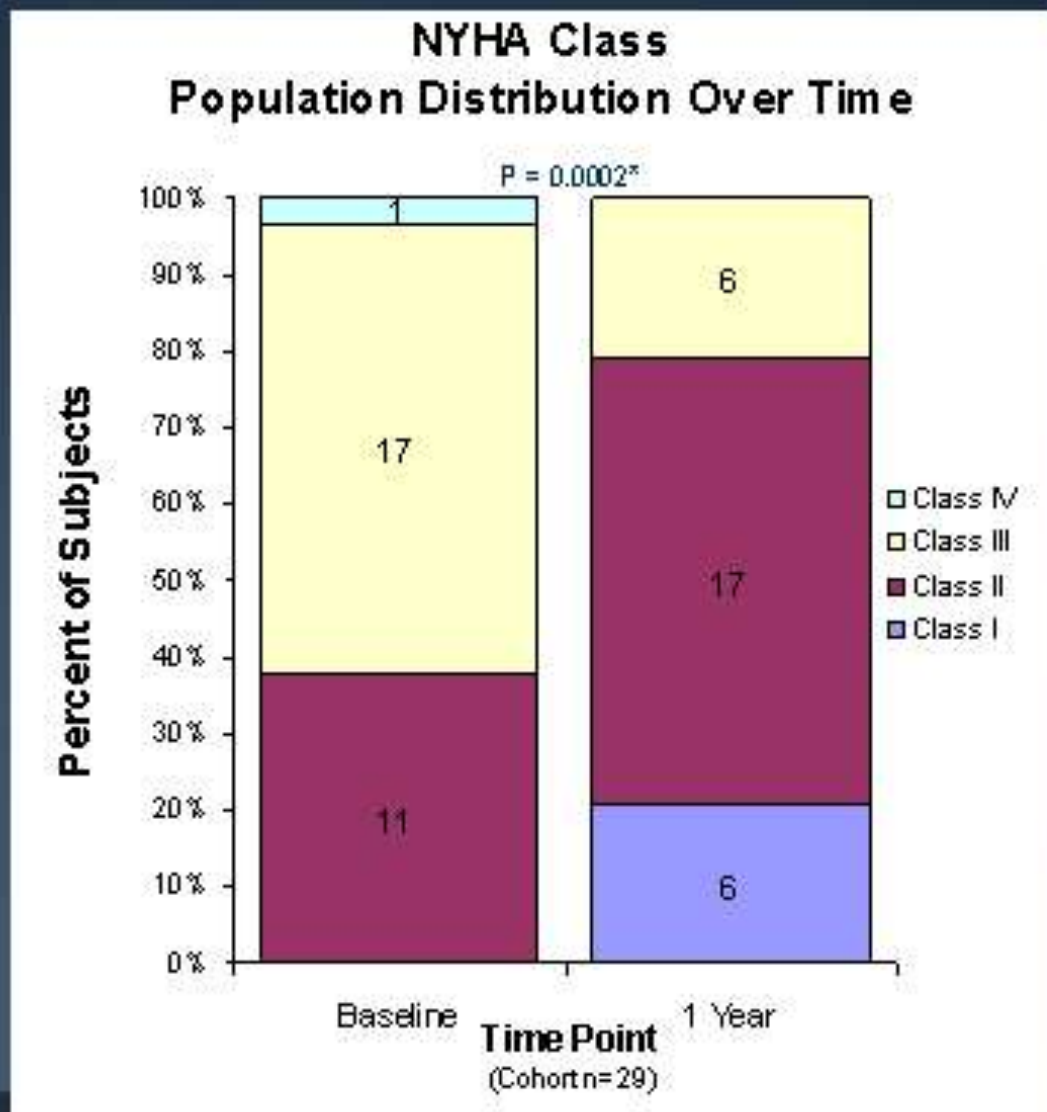
**MR Severity  
Population Distribution Over Time**



|               | <u>Baseline</u> | <u>1 Year</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Mean</b>   | 2.48            | 1.78          |
| <b>Median</b> | 2.00            | 2.00          |

\* P-value calculated using Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test for non-parametric data

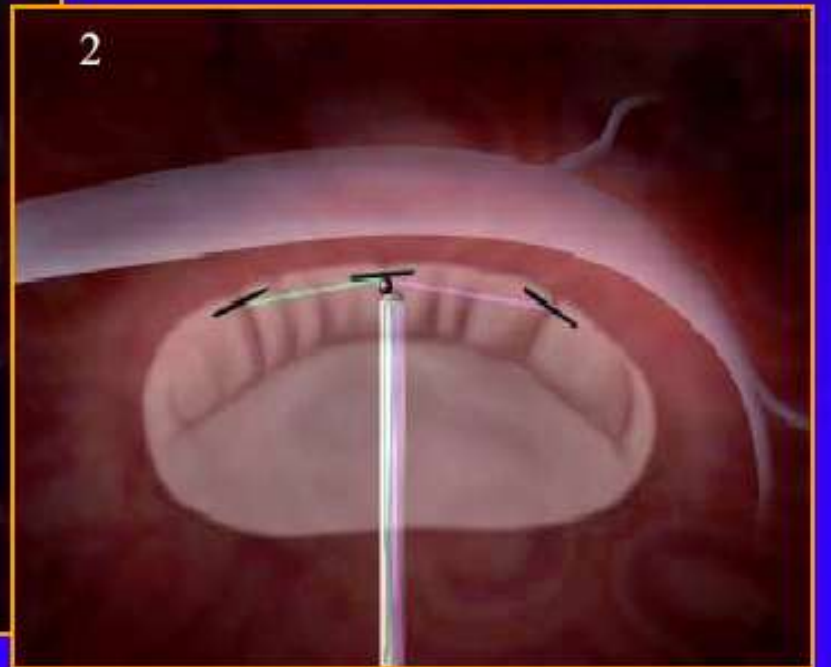
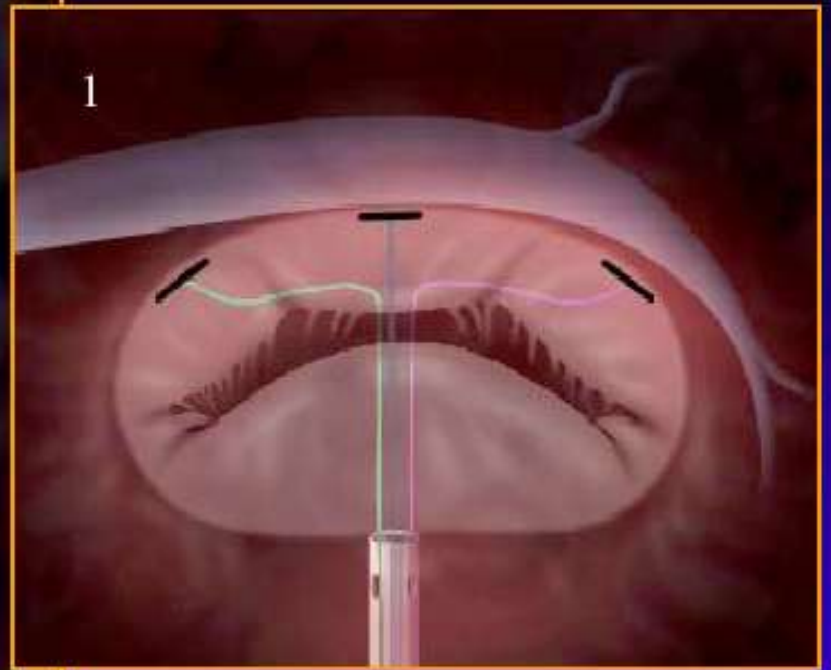
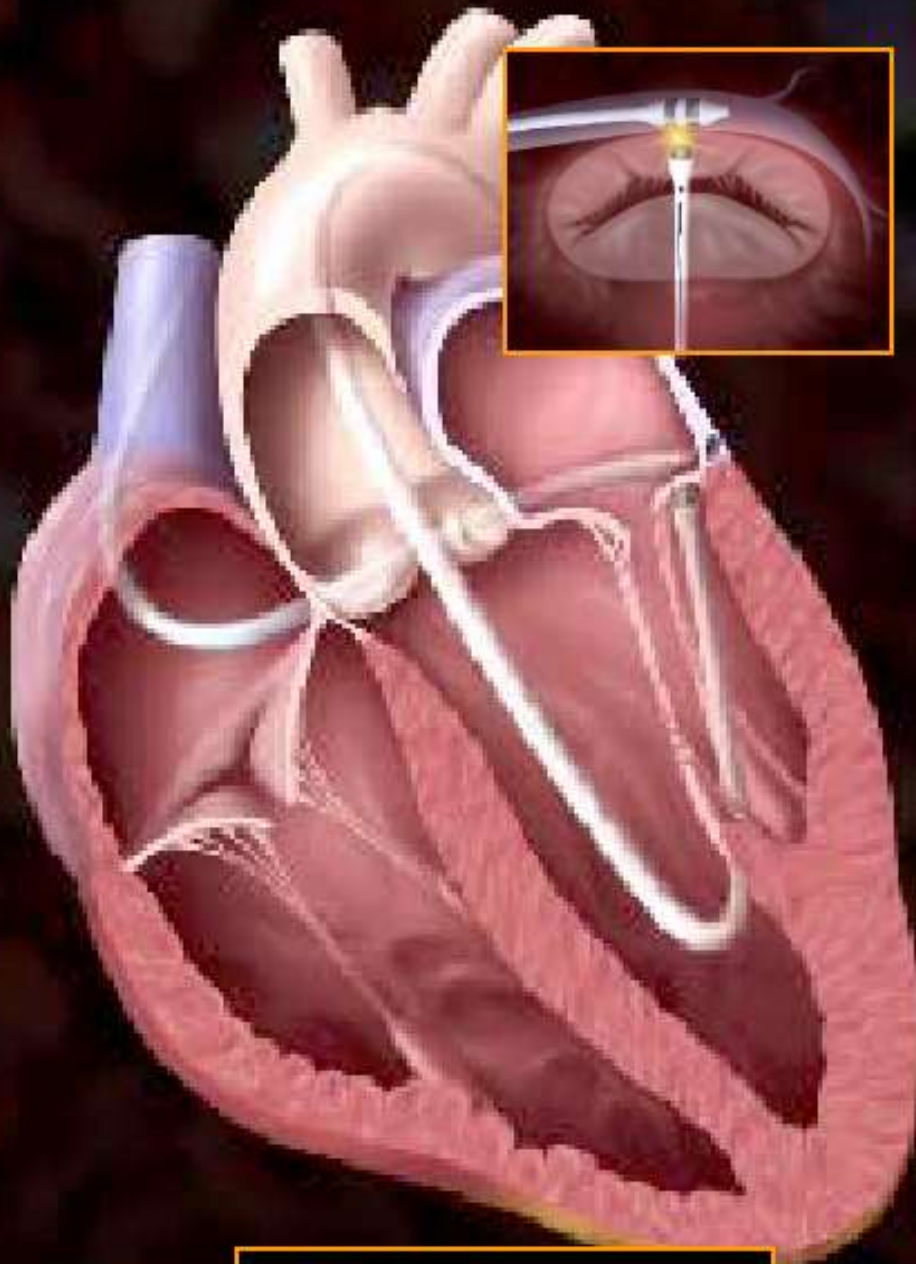
# F.U. at 1year: NYHA Class



|        | <u>Baseline</u> | <u>1 Year</u> |
|--------|-----------------|---------------|
| Mean   | 2.66            | 2.00          |
| Median | 3.00            | 2.00          |

\* P-value calculated using Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test for non-parametric data

- **EVOLUTION interim data with the MONARC system suggests:**
  - Feasibility of implantation in coronary sinus
  - At 12-months, 81% of patients are event-free
  - Encouraging 12-months results in terms of MR reduction and physiological parameters
  - EVOLUTION II will assess functional and clinical outcomes



**MITRALIGN**  
Incorporated



# External Left Ventricular Remodeling

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## Conclusions 1

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1. The benefits of mitral valve surgery in patients with severe mitral regurgitation (MR) are variable and the indications for surgical therapy for MR in patients with diminished LV function are still not well established.
2. Mitral valve repair using a percutaneous edge-to-edge repair has been successfully performed utilizing a clip or a suture-based system. Preliminary outcomes with the Evalve clip have been favorable, with procedural success (reduction in MR to  $\leq 2+$ ) in 73%, and no procedural mortality. The EVEREST II trial has elucidated further the benefit of patients with severe MR randomized to the Evalve clip versus surgical valve repair.



## Conclusions 2

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3. Percutaneous coronary sinus annuloplasty is being actively investigated as an approach for treating MR. The coronary sinus has a variable anatomical relation to the mitral valve annulus and the circumflex artery, and the success and safety of the approach will be strongly influenced by patients' specific anatomy.

4. Other approaches to percutaneous treatment of MR include direct mitral annuloplasty via the LV route and transpericardial systems that achieve septal–lateral wall shortening. These systems are in various stages of development, and extensive human data are lacking



### **Table 1. Necessary Components for the Successful Introduction of Transcatheter Heart Valve Therapy**

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1. Specialized heart centers with experienced multidisciplinary physicians and paramedical personnel
  2. The professional multidisciplinary heart team
    - a. Primary cardiologists
    - b. Cardiac surgeons
    - c. Interventional cardiologists
    - d. Echocardiographers and imaging specialists
    - e. Heart failure specialists
  3. Proper procedure and facilities
    - a. Modified conventional cardiac laboratory
    - b. Hybrid operating room
  4. Development of and participation in clinical databases and registries to evaluate practice patterns, treatment outcomes, and comparative effectiveness
  5. Scientific literature—knowledge of and evaluation of evidence-based medical literature concerning patient selection, procedural performance, and complication management
  6. Specific standardized protocols for management strategies, procedural performance, problem solving, and complication management
  7. Appropriate ongoing personnel training
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