

3DRA Assessment of Airway Compression in Biventricular Congenital Heart Disease

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Airway Abnormalities and Congenital Cardiac Disease

- Frequently associated
- Trisomy 21
 - 40-50% CHD
 - 75% airway abnormalities
- 22q11 syndromes
 - 50% conotruncal abnormalities
 - 56% tracheal or bronchial stenosis
- Vascular sling
 - Up to 50% complete tracheal rings

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Airway Abnormalities and Congenital Cardiac Disease

- **Extrinsic airway compression**
 - Vascular rings / sling
 - Dilated pulmonary arteries / Absent pulmonary valve
 - Anomalous aortic course
 - Dilated aorta
- **Intrinsic airway disease**
 - Laryngomalacia
 - Tracheomalacia
 - Bronchomalacia
 - Tracheal stenosis / complete tracheal rings



Airway Abnormalities and Congenital Cardiac Disease

- Interventions for CHD may be complicated by or exacerbate airway abnormalities
- Surgical
 - PA bifurcation side-to-side arterioplasty
 - Stage I Norwood
- Interventions
 - Pulmonary artery stent placement
 - Coarctation stent placement / Hybrid Stage I Norwood
 - Pulmonary vein stent placement

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Airway and Cardiac Disease

Iatrogenic Airway Compression

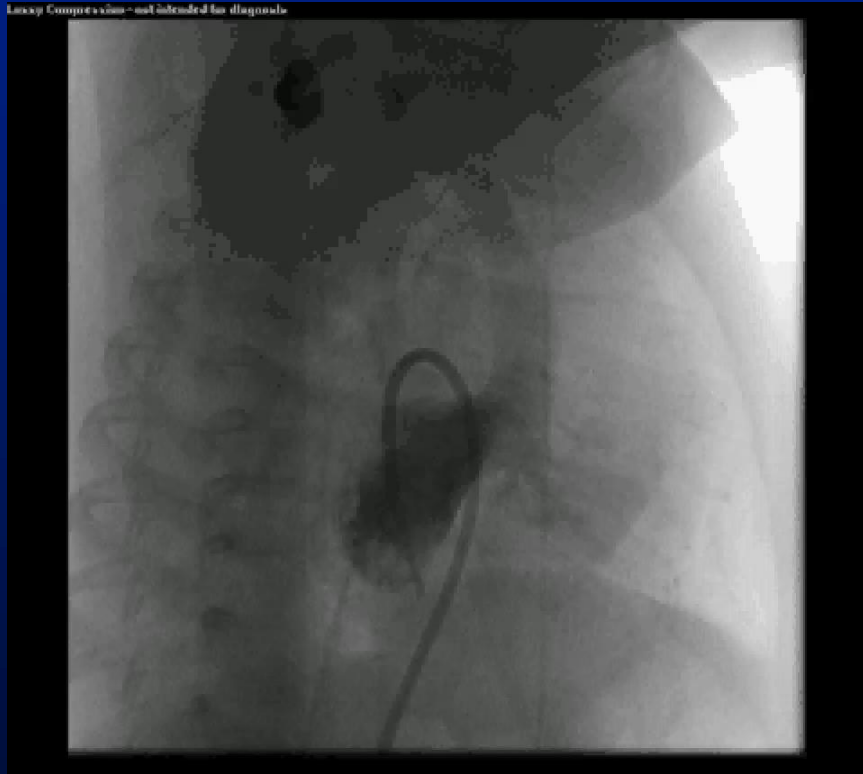
- Can be a significant problem
 - Novel therapies for acute decompensation
- Bronchoscopy
 - Dynamic vascular testing reported
 - High yield described
 - *Invasive*

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Airway and Cardiac Disease Diagnosis

- **Bronchoscopy**
 - High yield
 - Dynamic vascular testing possible
 - Dynamic ventilatory testing possible
 - Invasive
 - Sensitive but not specific
- **CT imaging**
 - High spatial resolution
 - Airway visualization
 - Minimally invasive / rapid
 - Angiography demonstrates vascular/airway
 - Dynamic ventilatory testing possible
 - Dynamic vascular testing not possible

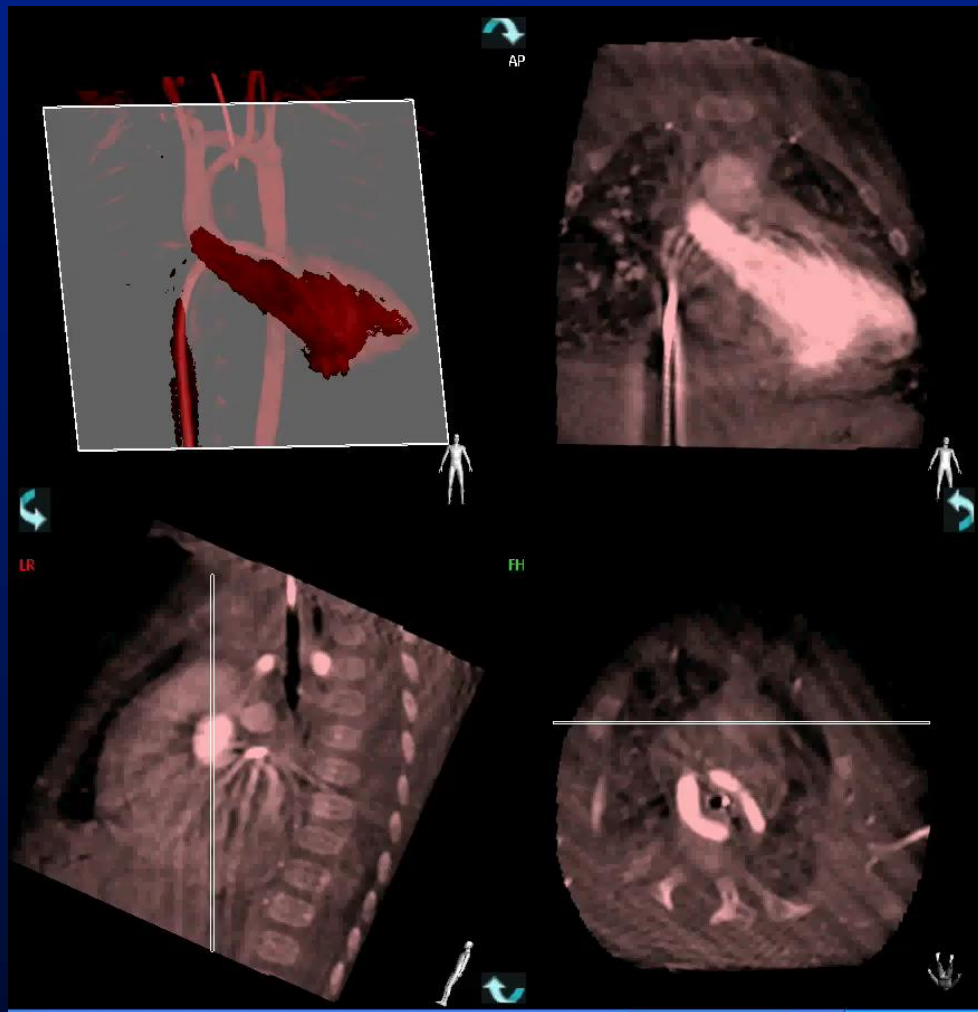
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- Similar attributes as CT imaging
- Protocols same as cardiac 3DRA
 - Multiplanar reformat
 - Post processing minimal
- Dynamic vascular testing possible

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3DRA Multiplanar Reformat



Double Aortic Arch

- 2D slices through 3DRA dataset
- Airway well defined
- Especially in relation to contrast filled vasculature

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3DRA Multiplanar Reformat



- We postulated utility of 3DRA MPR imaging to define vasculature / airway relationship in selected patients referred for cardiac catheterization
- First used 3DRA specifically to define possible airway anomalies in January 2011
- Subsequently performed retrospective review of patients who underwent 3DRA for this indication
- “What was clinical impact of 3DRA MPR”
- Jan 2011 – Nov 2013; 8 patients were identified

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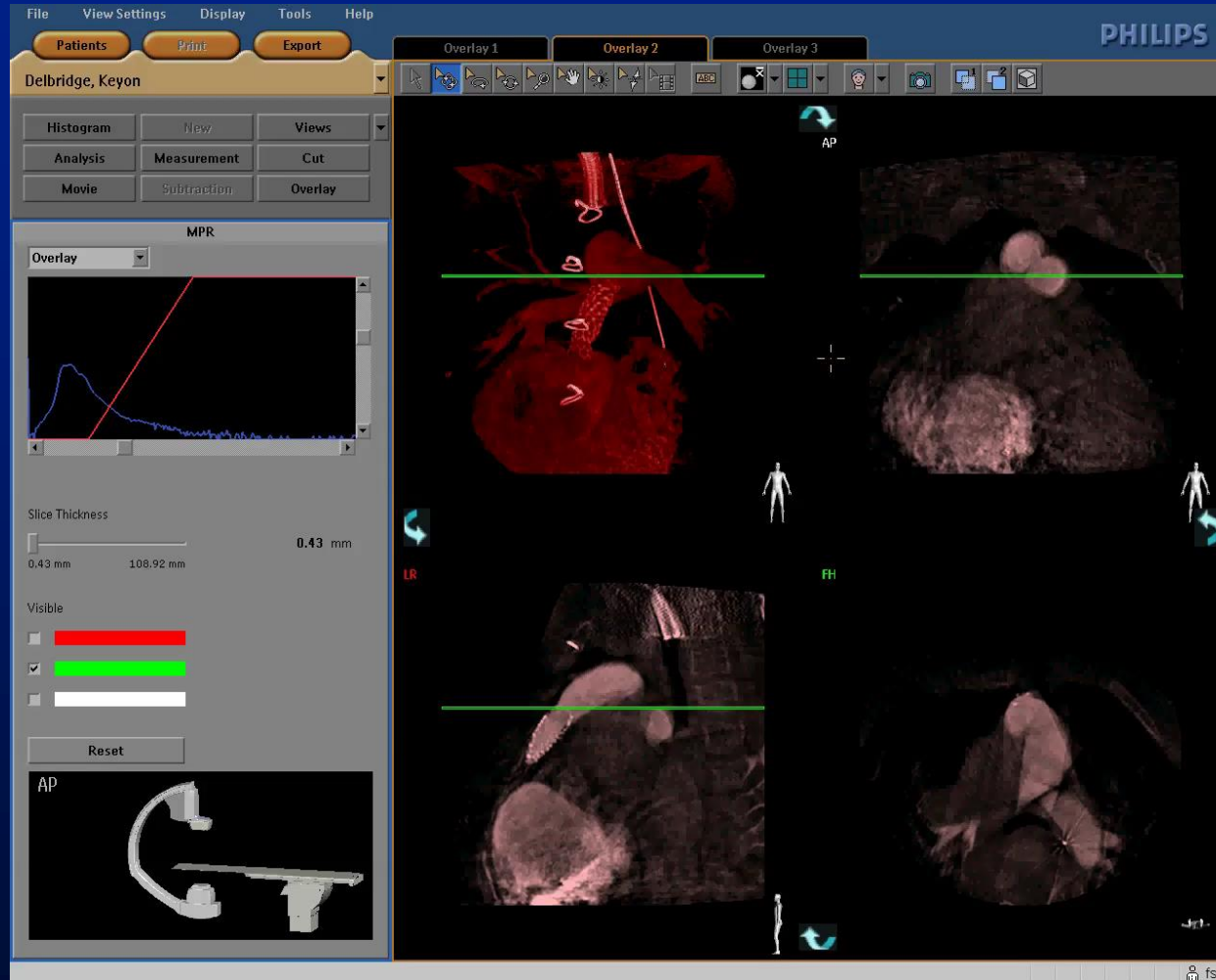
Patient Demographic and Procedural Data.								
Case	Age	Wt	DAP (mGycm ²)	Diagnosis	Treatment History	MPR findings	Branch	Affect on clinical management
Clinical Symptoms								
1	3 y	11kg	1021	IAA-B; Shones; VSD; Resp illnesses	5 major CV repairs	No vascular encroachment on airway; Airway unobstructed	Yes	No*: SVC stented
Surgical Planning								
2	5 w	3.4kg		Double aortic arch; VSD	None	Double aortic arch; no airway compression	No	Yes: No additional imaging prior to surgical repair
3	3 y	15.7kg	850	Truncus arteriosus	RV-PA conduit	Criss-cross branch pulmonary arteries; PAs anterior to trachea	Yes	Yes: Planning for posterior pulmonary arterioplasty
4	7 y	21.4 kg	2249	Truncus arteriosus	RV-PA conduit; LPA stent	Criss-cross branch pulmonary arteries; PAs anterior to trachea	No	Yes: Planning for posterior pulmonary arterioplasty

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Patient Demographic and Procedural Data.								
Case	Age	Wt	DAP (mGycm ²)	Diagnosis	Treatment History	MPR findings	Bronch	Affect on clinical management
Interventional Planning								
5	2 y	10.8kg	574	DORV / PA	RV-PA conduit	Posterior compression of the left mainstem bronchus	Yes (CT)	Yes: Conduit balloon angioplasty
6	2 y	10.3kg	756	Absent pulmonary valve	PA repair; LeCompte	Balloon testing: No airway compression	No	Yes: Stent angioplasty
7	2 y	10.4kg	475	Double inlet left ventricle	Complex hybrid paliation; Glenn; LPA stent revascularization	Airway relatively distant to stented LPA	No	Yes: Cutting balloon LPA angioplasty
8	6 y	12.7kg	850	Coarctation of the aorta; Pulmonary sling; Complete tracheal rings	Vascular ring repair; airway reconstruction	Balloon testing: RPA without compression; LPA severely compressed	Yes	Yes: RPA Stent; LPA angioplasty

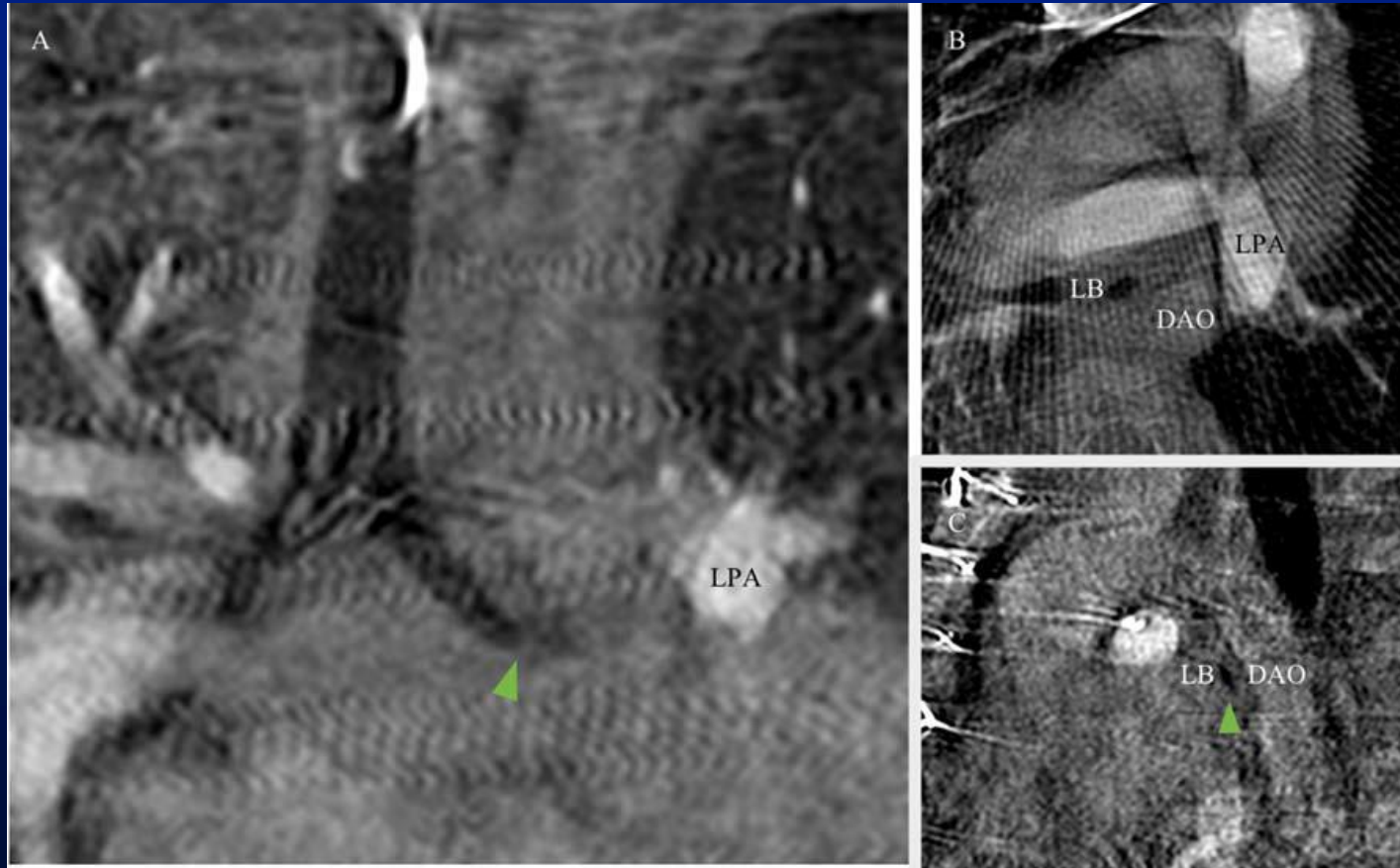
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Truncus Arteriosus; Criss-Crossed PAs

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MPR – Left Bronchus Compressed by D Ao



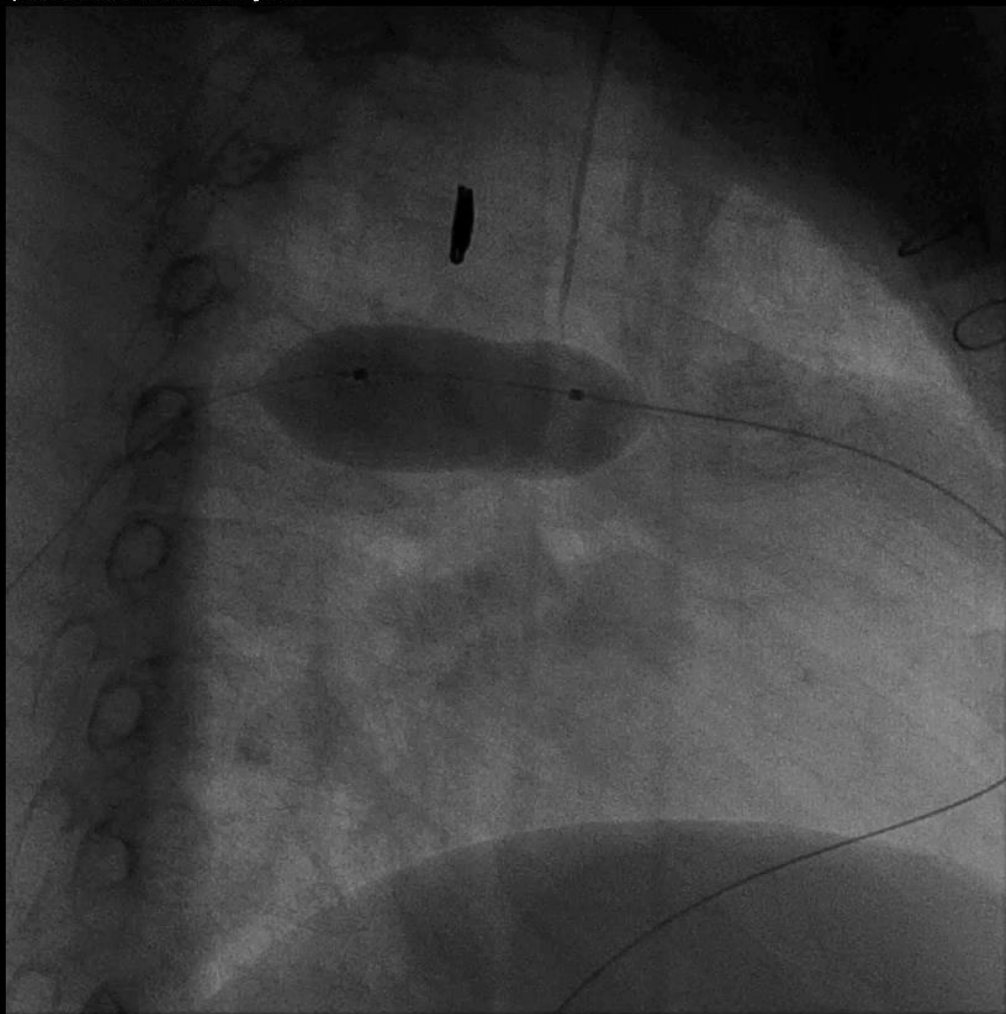
DORV / PA; RV-PA Conduit

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3DRA



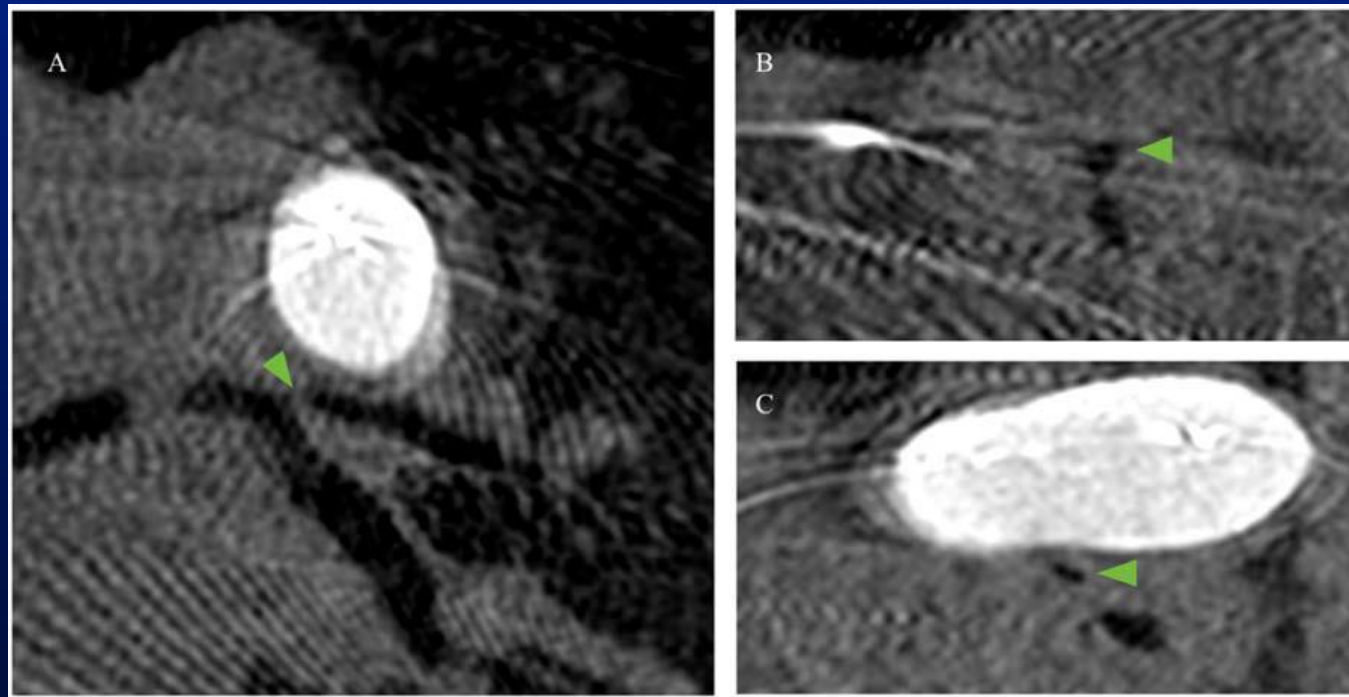
Lossy Compression - not intended for diagnosis



- Dynamic vascular testing
- 3DRA during LPA angioplasty
- Evaluation of airway compression

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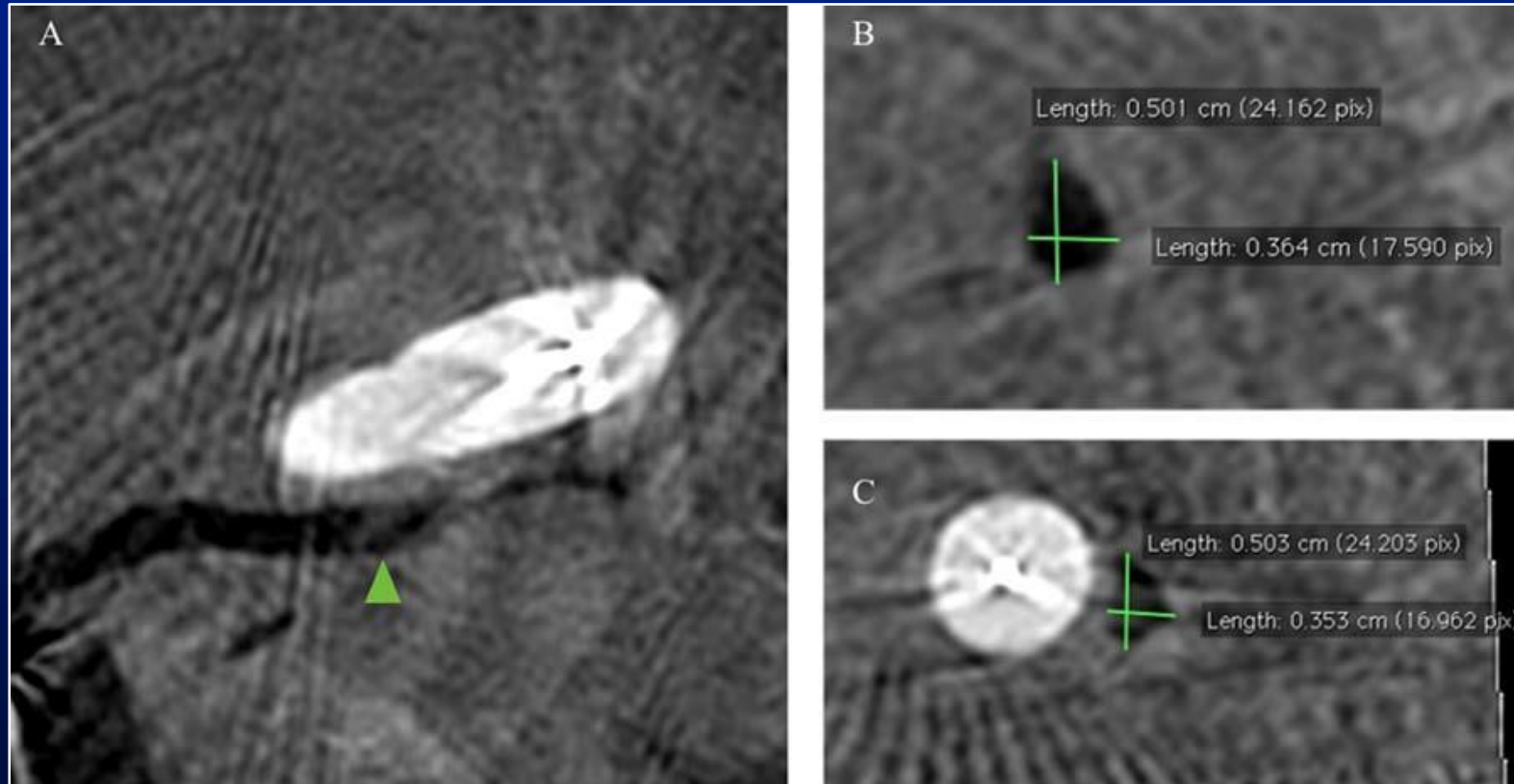
MPR – Balloon Test in LPA



Repaired LPA Sling; Tracheal Rings

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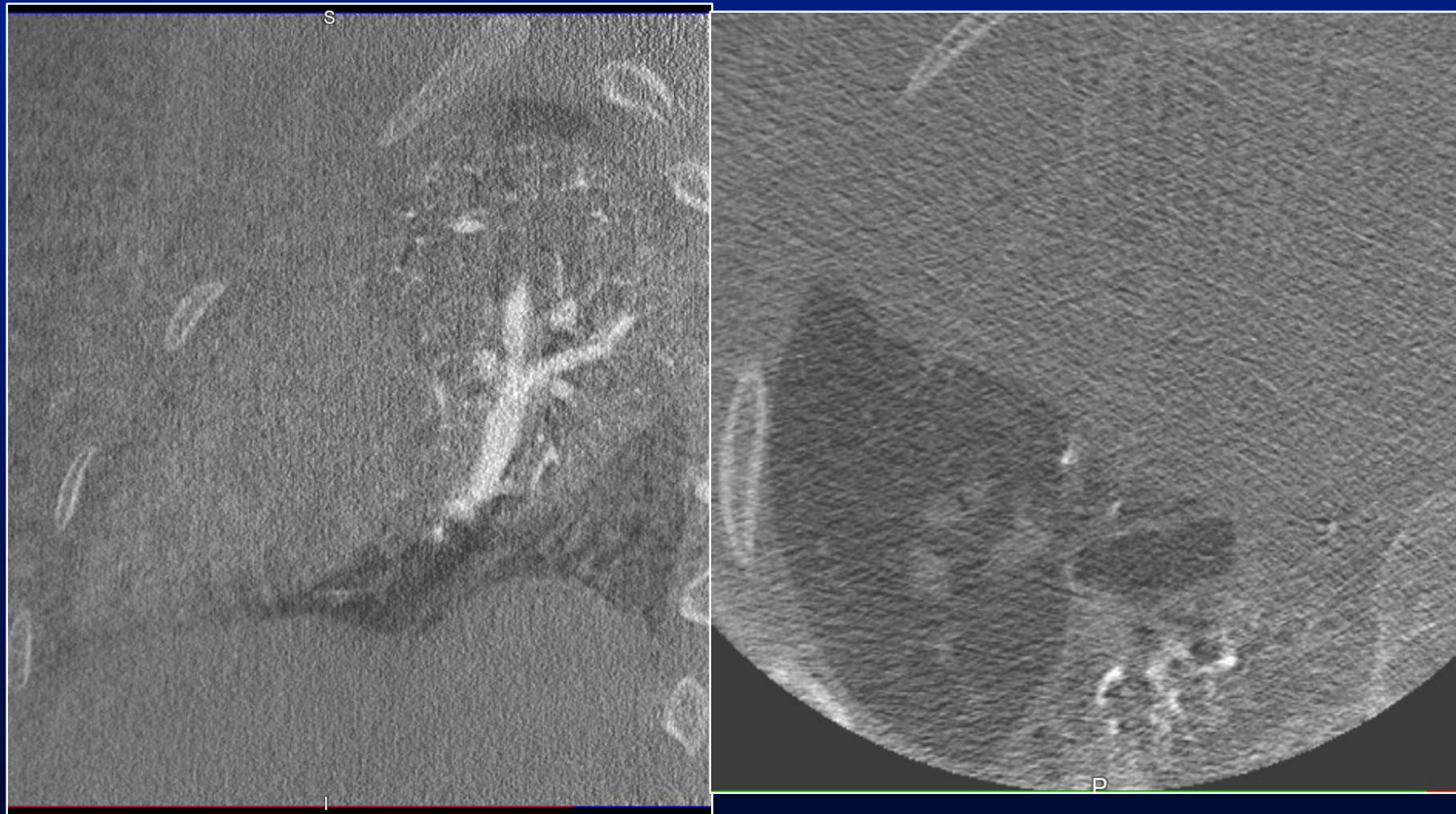
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Pulmonary Sequestration



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Three-Dimensional Rotational Angiography in the Assessment of Vascular and Airway Compression in Children After a Cavopulmonary Anastomosis

Sharon Borik · Sabina Volodina · Rajiv Chaturvedi ·
Kyong Jin Lee · Lee N. Benson

- Initial qualitative evaluation of airway narrowing
- Qualitative airway narrowing: obliteration or a decrease distally of at least 50% compared to the proximal lumen
- Quantitative assessment of PA and airway diameters by MPR

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- Ten cases with LPA stenosis (83%) also had bronchial stenosis
- Qualitative assessment correlated with quantitative MPR bronchial dimensions:
 - Bronchial stenosis = 4.4 ± 1.6 mm
 - Qualitatively normal bronchus 5.9 ± 1.1 (p = 0.009)
- All bronchial stenosis found on LPA
- 4 Confirmed by CT or bronchoscopy
- History of Hybrid Palliation and DKS both risk factors

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Conclusions

- **3DRA MPR assessment of vascular / airway relationships is a useful adjunct to define airway compression**
- **3DRA MPR can be used with acute vascular testing**
 - **Balloon angioplasty pre-stent placement**
- **Less invasive than intraprocedural bronchoscopy**
- **Radiation exposure is present but appears minimal**

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