

## Surgical and interventional treatment of Tricuspid Regurgitation

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### Tricuspid Valve Surgery

- Concomitant tricuspid surgery at the time of left-side valve surgery
- Isolated tricuspid valve surgery:
  - late TR after left-side surgery
  - «Atrial» TR due to annular dilatation
  - organic or iatrogenic TR
  - endocarditis

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### TR is a progressive condition

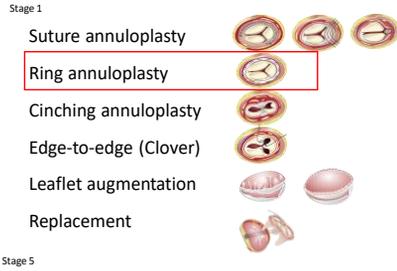
Prepared classification of TR stages and potential treatment options

Heterogeneity of TR Population

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
Persistence treatment	No	Potential future target for percutaneous options as potentially invasive option could change natural history with minimal risk	Potential candidates for isolated TR surgery who could be enrolled in upcoming RCTs	Current group of patients being treated in RCTs of high-risk for surgery. May require combination of percutaneous and surgical treatment	High-risk and potentially fatal. Palliative procedures may be considered in highly selected patients
	<b>Early</b> R1: Initial dilatation S1: Subsequent initial dilatation		<b>Progressive</b> R2: Progressive dilatation S2: Progressive dilatation - lack of sufficient compensation		<b>Late</b> R3: Progressive dilatation and subsequent further aortic leaflet ballooning

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### Improved surgical techniques



Disease specific rings, adjunctive procedures, beating heart, minimally invasive approach

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### Isolated tricuspid valve surgery



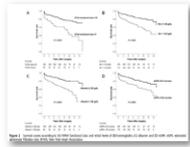
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### High surgical risk

#### Why is Isolated TV Surgery High Risk?

449 consecutive patients who underwent TV surgery (397 repairs and 52 replacements) due to severe TR between 1997 and 2010.

- Cox-regression analysis revealed independent determinants of mortality:
- Age (HR=1.03; 95% CI 1.03 to 1.05)
  - Male gender (HR=1.96; 95% CI 1.29 to 2.99)
  - NYHA functional class IV (HR=2.08; 95% CI 1.31 to 3.30)
  - Liver cirrhosis (HR=2.51; 95% CI 1.11 to 5.68)
  - Preoperative levels of hemoglobin (HR=0.89; 95% CI 0.80 to 0.99)
  - Albumin (HR=0.52; 95% CI 0.33 to 0.81)
  - GFR (HR=0.86; 95% CI 0.78 to 0.95)
- WE OPERATE TOO LATE!!**
- Kim JB, Jung S-H, Choo SJ, et al. Heart 2013;99:183-187.



Procedural type was not predictive of mortality ( $p=0.58$ ) or causes of TR ( $p=0.97$ )

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Early indication

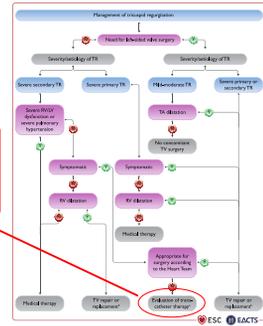
Recommendations for Intervention on Secondary Tricuspid Regurgitation ESC/EACTS 2017	
<b>CLASS I (Level of Evidence C)</b>	
1. Surgery is indicated in patients with severe secondary tricuspid regurgitation undergoing left-sided valve surgery	
<b>CLASS IIa (Level of Evidence C)</b>	
1. Surgery should be considered in patients with mild or moderate secondary tricuspid regurgitation with a dilated annulus ( $\geq 40\text{mm}$ or $> 21\text{mm/m}^2$ by 2D echocardiography) undergoing left-sided valve surgery	
2. After previous left-sided surgery and in absence of recurrent left-sided valve dysfunction, surgery should be considered in patients with severe tricuspid regurgitation who are symptomatic or have progressive RV dilatation/dysfunction, in the absence of severe RV or LV dysfunction and severe pulmonary vascular disease/hypertension.	
<b>CLASS IIb (Level of Evidence C)</b>	
1. Surgery may be considered in patients undergoing left-sided valve surgery with mild or moderate secondary tricuspid regurgitation even in the absence of annular dilatation when previous recent right heart failure has been documented.	

**DO NOT WAIT FOR RV FAILURE SYMPTOMS!!!**

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**2021 ESC/EACTS Guidelines for the management of valvular heart disease**  
 Developed by the Task Force for the management of valvular heart disease of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)

Transcatheter treatment of symptomatic secondary severe tricuspid regurgitation may be considered in inoperable patients at a Heart Valve Centre with expertise in the treatment of tricuspid valve disease.



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3 Devices are CE-Approved

• Triclip



• Pascal



• Cardioband



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TRICLIP™ SYSTEM CONCEPTS

- TriClip System facilitates the reconstruction of an insufficient tricuspid valve through tissue approximation
- Repair creates a tissue bridge



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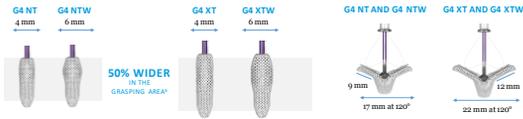
### TriClip™ G4 TVRS | Two Additional Sizes

**FOUR IMPLANT SIZES**

Tailors therapy to individual patients rather than tailoring the patient to the device

**WIDER IMPLANT SIZES**

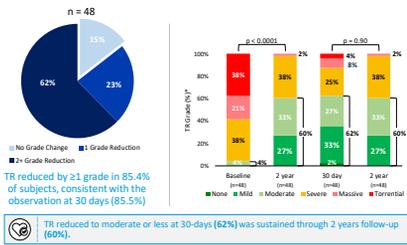
To further reduce TR with a single implant\*



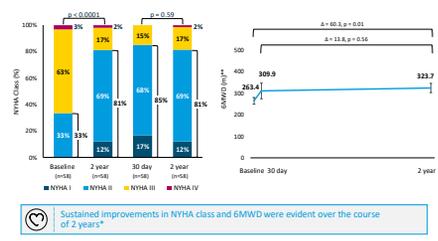
### Percutaneous Edge-to-edge Repair for Tricuspid Regurgitation: 2-year Outcomes from the TRILUMINATE™ Trial

Ralph Stephan von Bardeleben MD, Philipp Lurz MD PhD, Marta Sitges MD, Paul Sorajja MD, Jörg Hausterler MD, Shih-Wa Ying MSc, Megan Heitkemper PhD, Gilbert H. L. Tang MD MSc MBA, Rebecca T. Hahn MD and Georg Nickenig MD

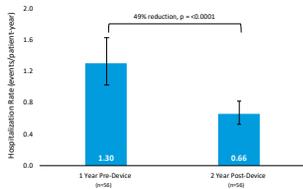
### Sustained TR Reduction



### Functional Status Improvement



### Reduction in Hospitalizations



**A significant reduction in hospitalization rate was seen at 2 years (49%)\***

\*Owing to death, withdrawal, missed visits

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### Real-world Outcomes for Tricuspid Edge-to-Edge Repair: Initial 30-Day Results from the TriClip™ bRIGHT Study

Philipp Lurz, Robert Schueler, Bjoern Goebel, Helge Moellmann, Georg Nickenig, Raffi Bekeredjian, Rodrigo Estevez, Iskandar Atmowihardjo, Alexander Schmeisser, Erwan Donal

TriClip™ bRIGHT Study is sponsored by Abbott

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**PRIMARY ENDPOINT**  
Acute procedural success was achieved in 90% of subjects, successfully meeting the primary endpoint performance goal of 75% (p < 0.0001).

**PROCEDURAL OUTCOMES**

METRIC	N=200
Implant Success	98%
Acute Procedural Success	90%
Device Time (min)	78 ± 42
Total Procedure Time (min)	106 ± 52
Average Clips per Subject	2.0 ± 0.8



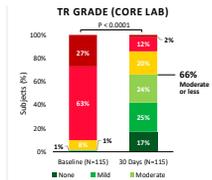
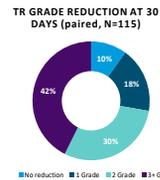
\*TriClip™ G4 recently integrated into bRIGHT, only available for 7% (4/200) of cases.

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90% of subjects had TR reduced by at least 1 grade at 30 days with the majority (66%) reduced to moderate or less.



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Strong Safety Profile

Only 1% of subjects experienced a major adverse event through 30 days, confirming the safety of the TriClip™ procedure.

EVENT	N=200	EVENT	N=200
Major Adverse Event (MAE) through 30 Days	1.0% (2)	Other Clinical Safety Endpoints through 30 Days	
Cardiovascular Mortality	0.5% (1)	All-cause Mortality	0.5% (1)
Myocardial Infarction	0% (0)	Tricuspid Valve Re-intervention or Re-operation	1.5% (3)
Stroke	0.5% (1)	Major Bleeding	7.0% (14)
New Onset Renal Failure	0% (0)	New Onset Liver Failure	0% (0)
Non-elective CV Surgery, TVIS Device-related AE	0.5% (1)	New Onset Atrial Fibrillation	0.5% (1)
		Single Leaflet Device Attachment*	7.6% (15)
		Embolization**	0% (0)
		Tricuspid Valve Mean Gradient $\geq 5$ mmHg*	1.7% (3)

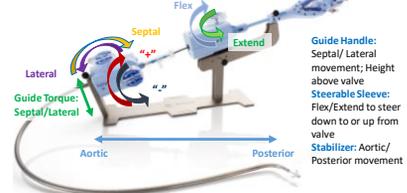
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\*In subjects with a 30-day echo read by the core lab prior to date snapshot.  
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STEERING AND POSITIONING THE TRICLIP™

TRICLIP SYSTEM STEERING FUNCTIONALITY



Note: TriClip System movements may vary based on patient anatomy, due to variations in the non-planar Tricuspid Valve annulus and varying leaflet anatomy/orientation.

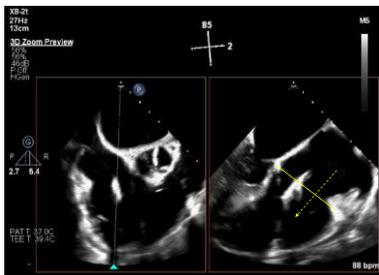
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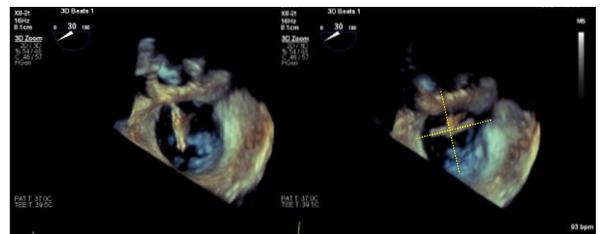
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Key point 1: Trajectory perpendicular to the TV plane → use F/E and S/L



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Key point 2: check the perpendicularity with the coaptation line at the «target»

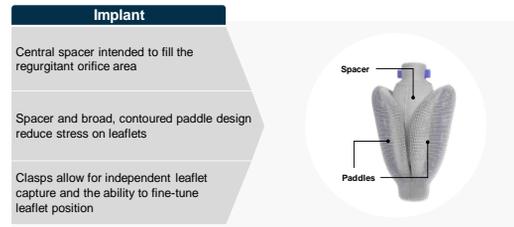


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### Edwards PASCAL Transcatheter Valve Repair System



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First commercial multicenter experience  
with the  
PASCAL transcatheter valve repair system  
for tricuspid regurgitation

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### Baseline Clinical Characteristics

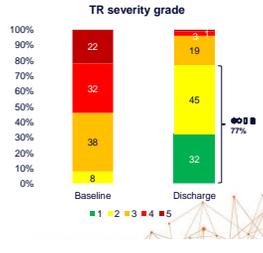
Baseline clinical characteristics (n=181), %	
Female	51
Age, yrs	78 ± 8
EuroSCORE II, %	5.5 ± 5.6
STS-PROM, %	7.7 ± 6.7
Coronary artery disease	42
Atrial fibrillation	93
CIED with transvalvular lead	32
Renal failure (GFR < 60 ml/min)	39
NYHA functional class 0 III / IV	91
6MWD, m	241 ± 123
NT-proBNP, pg/ml	4398 ± 7460

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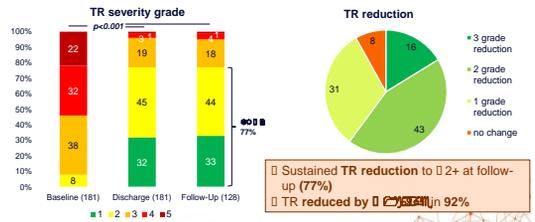
**Procedural & In-Hospital Outcomes**

Procedural outcome, %	
Technical success	98.4
Number of devices, n	1.7 ± 0.6
Procedure time, min	94 ± 43
Concomitant mitral TEER	9
SLDA (n=5)	2
Access site compl.* (n=2)	1
Other adverse event	0

\* one case of bleeding and one AV-fistula, both requiring intervention



**Follow-Up Outcome: TR reduction**

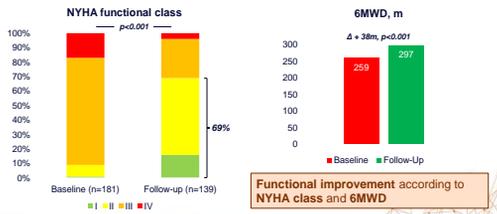


Median 147, IQR 46 – 271 days

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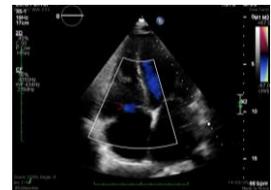
**Follow-Up Outcome: functional status**



Median 147, IQR 46 – 271 days

**M. M. female, 78 yo NYHA III, AFib**

- Severe ("massive") functional Tricuspid Regurgitation
- Annulus dilatation (47 mm antero-septal)
- LV-EF 70%.
- Mild Pulmonary Hypertension (sPAP 30 mmHg)
- Preserved RV Function, mild MR
- Severe Renal Failure (eGFR 22 ml/min)
- Long-standing Afib
- Previous Hospitalizations for right heart decompensation (3x) in 9 months
- Peripheral Artery Disease
- TRi-Score: 22%



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**Exclusions**

- Age > 75 years
- NYHA functional class III or IV
- Right-sided heart failure signs\*\*
- Daily dose of furosemide < 120 mg
- ACEi > 20 mg/day\*\*
- Diuretic resistance\*\*
- Renal dysfunction
- Chronic atrial fibrillation
- Chronic kidney disease

**Inclusions**

The SCORE

80%

Predicted in-hospital mortality

21%

All consecutive adult patients who underwent an isolated  
at 12 French centers by  
TAVI

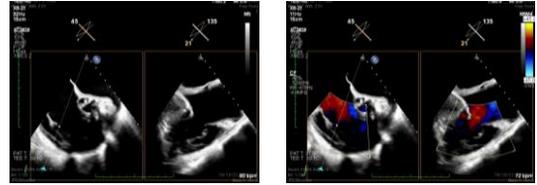
**Risk factors and scoring system  
for in-hospital mortality after isolated transcatheter aortic regurgitation**

Risk factors (not entered from multivariable analysis)	Scoring
Age > 70 years	1
NYHA functional class III or IV	1
Right-sided heart failure signs	2
Daily dose of furosemide < 125mg	2
Glomerular filtration rate < 30 ml/min	2
Elevated total bilirubin	2

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## Pascal Tricuspid



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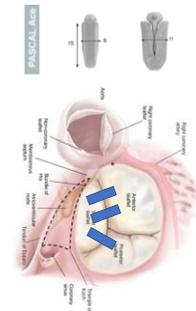
## TEE: transgastric short axis



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## Procedural plan

- Massive functional isolated tricuspid regurgitation
- TEE-Guided transcatheter tricuspid Edge-to-Edge Repair
- PASCAL ACE in AS line of coaptation, 1 or 2 further devices more central
- Preclosure of venous access



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Insertion and trajectory



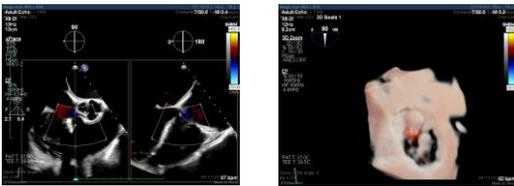
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1<sup>st</sup> Pascal ACE A-S



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Residual central jet



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2<sup>nd</sup> Pascal ACE A-S, more central



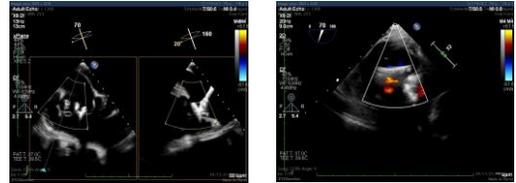
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### Clasping of AS leaflets



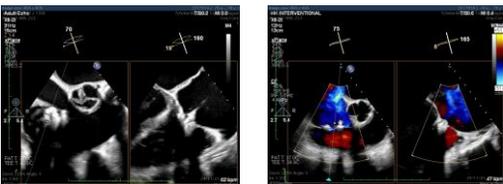
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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Pascal ACE P-S



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### Independent clasping used



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### Final release



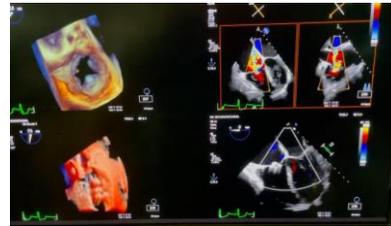
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Final result, Gradient 2 mmHg



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Pre- and post-



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Selection assistance for Tricuspid TEER

	Ideal TE for edge-to-edge repair	Edge-to-edge repair to be considered	Edge-to-edge repair not recommended or edge-to-occluder case
<b>Anatomy</b>	Secondary TE with exclusively normal leaflets	Secondary TE with minimal leaflets or primary TE with leaflet disease (stenosis, thickening or distortion) or very large mitral prolapse	Severe leaflet disease (stenosis, thickening or distortion) or distortion or very large mitral prolapse
<b>Clinic</b>	Severe TR based on the 2-gate scale	Mild to TR based on the 2-gate scale	Terminal TR based on the 2-gate scale
<b>Imaging</b>	Good echocardiographic & transcatheter echocardiographic windows	Moderate echocardiographic & transcatheter echocardiographic windows	Insufficient echocardiographic windows
<b>Imaging</b>	Coaptation deficit < 3 - 4 mm measured at the location of planned clip placement and good leaflet mobility	Coaptation deficit < 7 mm measured at the location of planned clip placement, reduced leaflet mobility	Coaptation deficit > 7 mm measured at the location of planned clip placement or/and severe leaflet tethering
<b>Anatomy</b>	Central TR protruding in the atrio-septal commissure	Central TR jet extending in the posterolateral or anterior-posterior commissure	Not needed in very eccentric jets or jets originating from anterior-posterior commissure
<b>Non-TEER tool</b>		Presence of P2/P3 jet, no significant aortic regurgitation and no posterior connection with clip	P2/P3 jet not reduced by TEER
<b>Clinic</b>	Normal or moderately reduced RV function, normal to moderate P2/P3/aortic regurgitation	Moderately reduced RV function, moderate P2/P3/aortic regurgitation	Severely reduced RV function or severe P2/P3/aortic regurgitation
<b>Non-invasive hemodynamics</b>		Pre-operative pulmonary hypertension	Pre-operative pulmonary hypertension

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Cardioband Tricuspid System Procedure



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### Technical Success

TRI-REPAIR Study

- Successful access, deployment and positioning of the Cardiband device
- Septolateral reduction at intra-procedure and discharge

100% (30/30)

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### 30-Day Safety Profile and Adverse Events Up to 2 Years

TRI-REPAIR Study

CEC Adjudicated Events	Cumulative Event Rates n (%)		
	30 Days	1 Year	2 Years
Death	2 (6.7)	5 (16.7) <sup>a</sup>	8 (26.7) <sup>a</sup>
Stroke	1 (3.3)	1 (3.3)	2 (6.7)
Myocardial infarction	0	0	0
Device related secondary intervention	0	1 (3.3) <sup>a</sup>	2 (6.7)
Device related cardiac surgery	0	0	0
Bleeding complications <sup>1</sup>	4 (13.3)	6 (20.0) <sup>a</sup>	7 (23.3)
Fatal	1 (3.3)	1 (3.3)	2 (6.7)
Life-threatening	1 (3.3)	1 (3.3)	1 (3.3)
Extensive	2 (6.7)	4 (13.3) <sup>a</sup>	4 (13.3)
Coronary complications	3 (10.0)	3 (10.0)	3 (10.0)
Renal failure	1 (3.3)	1 (3.3)	1 (3.3)
Conduction system disturbance	1 (3.3)	1 (3.3)	2 (6.7)
Ventricular arrhythmia	2 (6.7)	3 (10.0)	3 (10.0)

23/30 patients (77%) had none of the above events at 30 days

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### Sustained TR Reduction at 2 Years<sup>1</sup>

TRI-REPAIR Study

Time Point	n	Mild (%)	Moderate (%)	Severe (%)	Massive (%)	Torrential (%)
Baseline	25	20%	24%	16%	36%	0%
Discharge	22	14%	41%	9%	18%	0%
30 Days	25	24%	44%	8%	16%	0%
1 Year	16	13%	50%	23%	6%	6%
2 Years	11	36%	36%	9%	9%	0%

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### Sustained Functional Status Improvement at 2 Years

TRI-REPAIR Study

Time Point	n	NYHA Class I (%)	NYHA Class II (%)	NYHA Class III (%)	NYHA Class IV (%)
Baseline	30	0%	10%	30%	60%
30 Days	28	11%	32%	39%	18%
1 Year	23	13%	39%	30%	18%
2 Years	17	18%	41%	24%	17%

Time Point	n	No edema (%)	Mild edema (%)	Moderate edema (%)	Severe edema (%)
Baseline	30	0%	33%	33%	34%
30 Days	28	37%	32%	18%	13%
1 Year	23	48%	26%	13%	13%
2 Years	17	59%	24%	12%	5%

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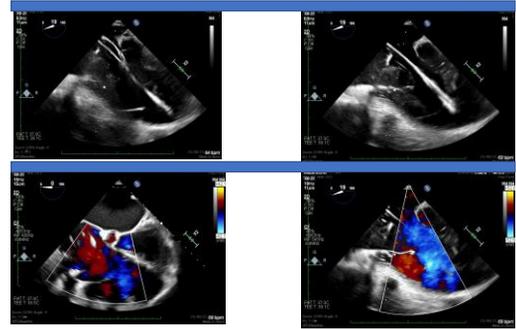


Repair is not always feasible...

Female, 83 yo  
NYHA III, AFib

- Torus-like Tricuspid Regurgitation
- Previous PM implantation, by failing leads, without possibility to extract, both leads implanted twice
- LV EF 50%, mildly depressed RV function
- Mild Pulmonary Hypertension (sPAP 35 mmHg)
- Severe renal failure
- Hepatic congestion, Oedema +++
- Previous hospitalizations for Right Heart Failure
- Prohibitive surgical risk

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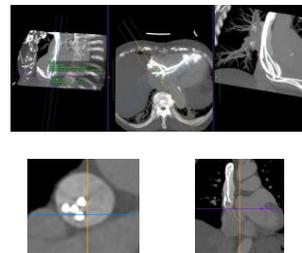


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Heterotopic  
Tricuspid Valve  
Implantation  
(TRICENTO)



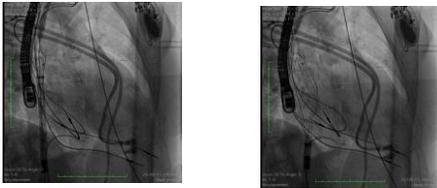
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CT-planning

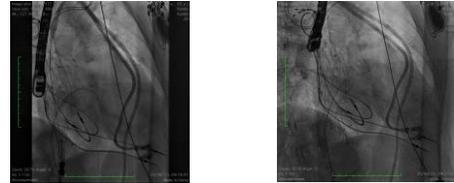
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### TRICENTO Implantation



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### Final release and angiogram



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### 2 tricuspid valve "in a series"



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### EVOQUE Tricuspid Valve

**Unique valve design** engages leaflets, chords, and annulus to achieve secure placement



**Atraumatic anchors**  
compatible with pre-existing leads and respect the native anatomy

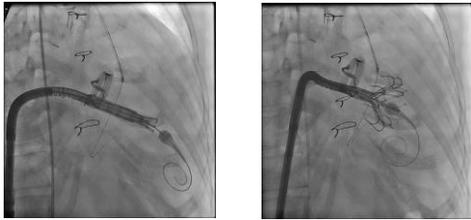
**Conforming frame**  
designed to achieve optimal retention force

**Multiple sizes**  
offer treatment for a broad range of tricuspid pathologies and anatomies

Courtesy of Dr. J. Webb

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### anchors opened and pulled back to valve



Courtesy of Dr. J. Webb

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### CEC Adjudicated Major Adverse Events at 30 Days



Major Adverse Events	N=124 <sup>a</sup> N (%)
Cardiovascular mortality	3 (2.4%)
Myocardial infarction	0 (0%)
Stroke	0 (0%)
Renal complications requiring unplanned dialysis or renal replacement therapy	1 (0.8%)
Severe bleeding <sup>b</sup>	22 (17.7%)
Major access site and vascular complications	2 (1.6%)
Non-elective tricuspid valve re-intervention, percutaneous or surgical	2 (1.6%)
Major cardiac structural complications	1 (0.8%)
Device-related pulmonary embolism	0 (0%)
<b>Composite MAE Rate</b>	<b>27 (21.7%)</b>
Other Events	N=124 <sup>a</sup> N (%)
All cause mortality	4 (3.2%)
Site-Reported Events	N=76 <sup>c</sup> N (%)
New permanent pacemaker	8 (10.5%)

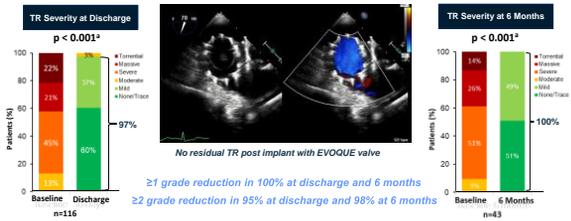
81.5% of patients had no MAEs at 30 days



<sup>a</sup>Denominator for % calculation includes all patients who reached 30 day follow-up as well as any patients who experienced an MAE prior to follow-up.  
<sup>b</sup>Severe bleeding is defined as major, extensive, life-threatening, or fatal bleeding per Mitral Valve Academic Research Consortium (MVARC).

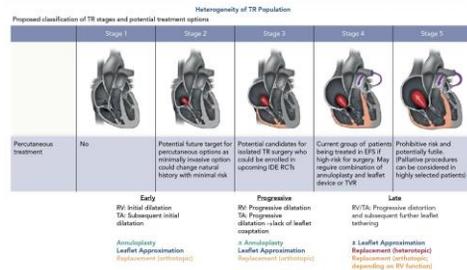
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### Significant Reduction in TR Severity by Core Lab<sup>1</sup> at 6 Months



<sup>1</sup>Core Lab: Baylor Scott and White Research Institute; <sup>a</sup>Wilcoxon signed-rank test; TR, tricuspid regurgitation

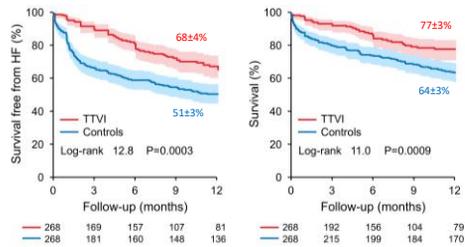
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## Does TTVI improve survival?



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## Conclusions

- TTVI is feasible with different technologies, with a reasonable overall procedural success rate and it is associated with low mortality and significant clinical improvement
- TTVI is associated with greater survival and reduced HR hospitalisation compared to medical treatment alone
- Interventional timing is crucial to achieve prognostic benefit
- Need for better definitions and risk stratification → TVARC

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