

# Optical Coherence Tomography



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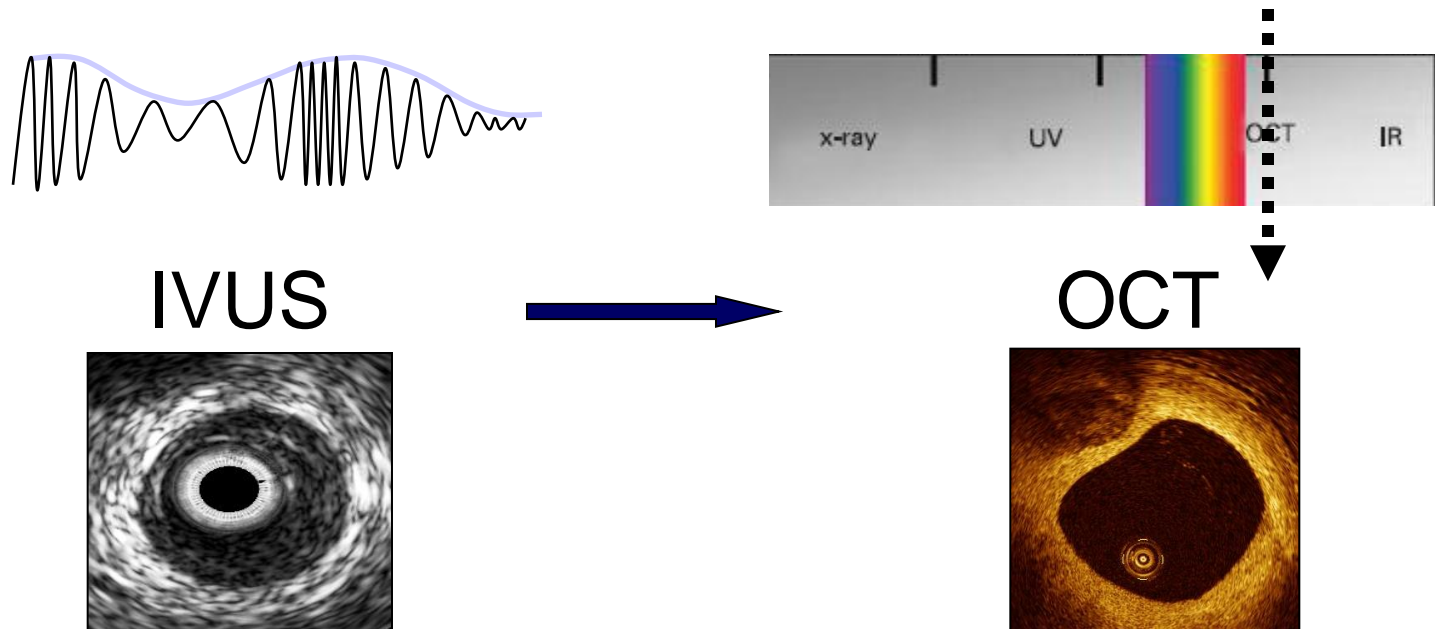
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- Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) is an imaging modality able to provide high-resolution images of vessels *in vivo*
- While intravascular ultrasound (IVUS) uses backscattered ultrasound, OCT uses reflected light to create cross sectional images of the vessel



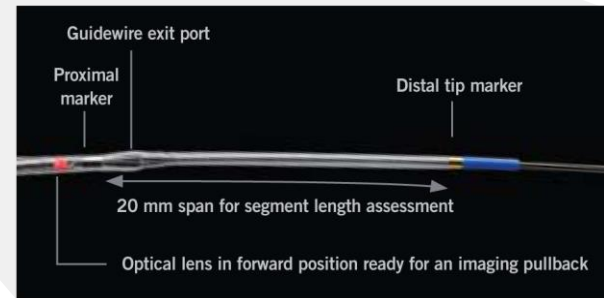
# The C7-XR™ OCT Imaging System

Dual monitors and remote output for multiple sight lines

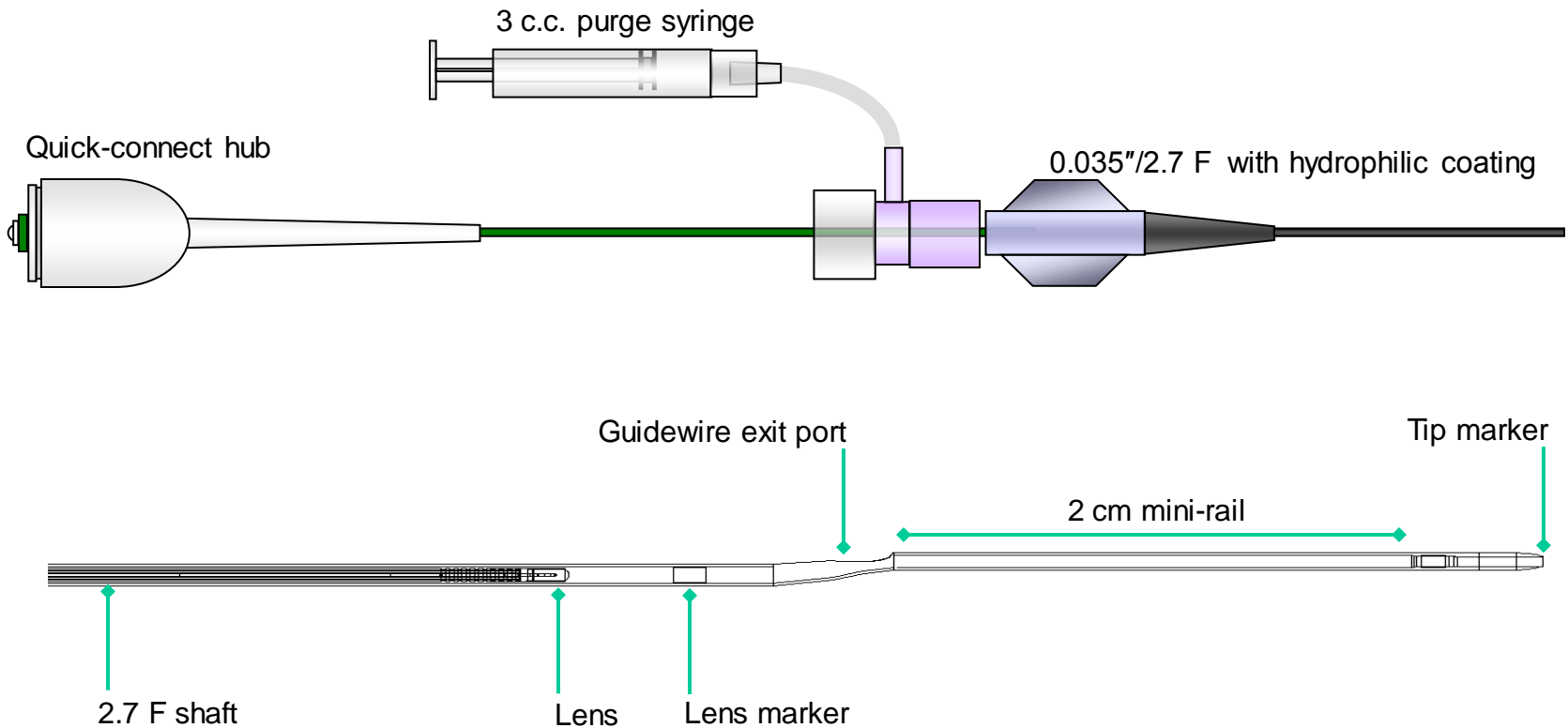
Easy mouse and keyboard control

Multiple export options including RW/DVD

Small footprint for easy placement

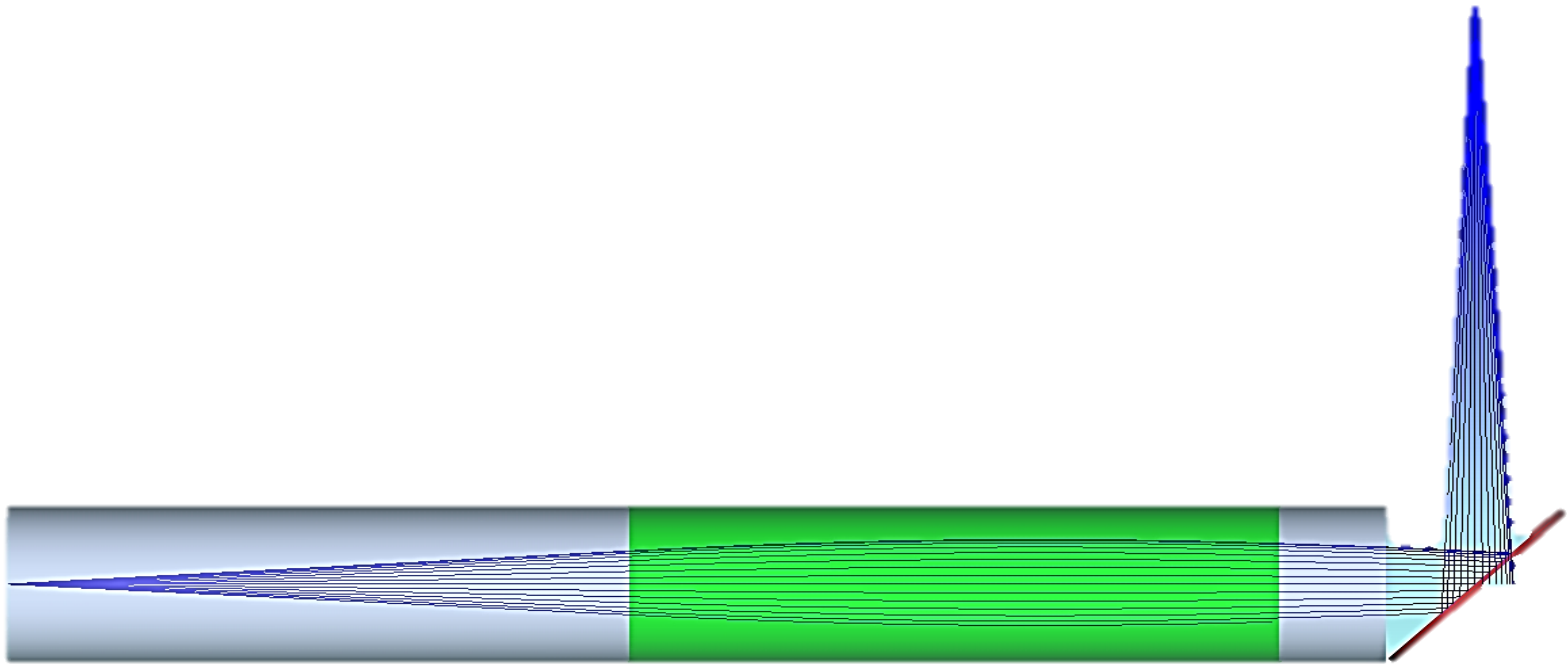


# C7 Dragonfly™ Imaging Catheter



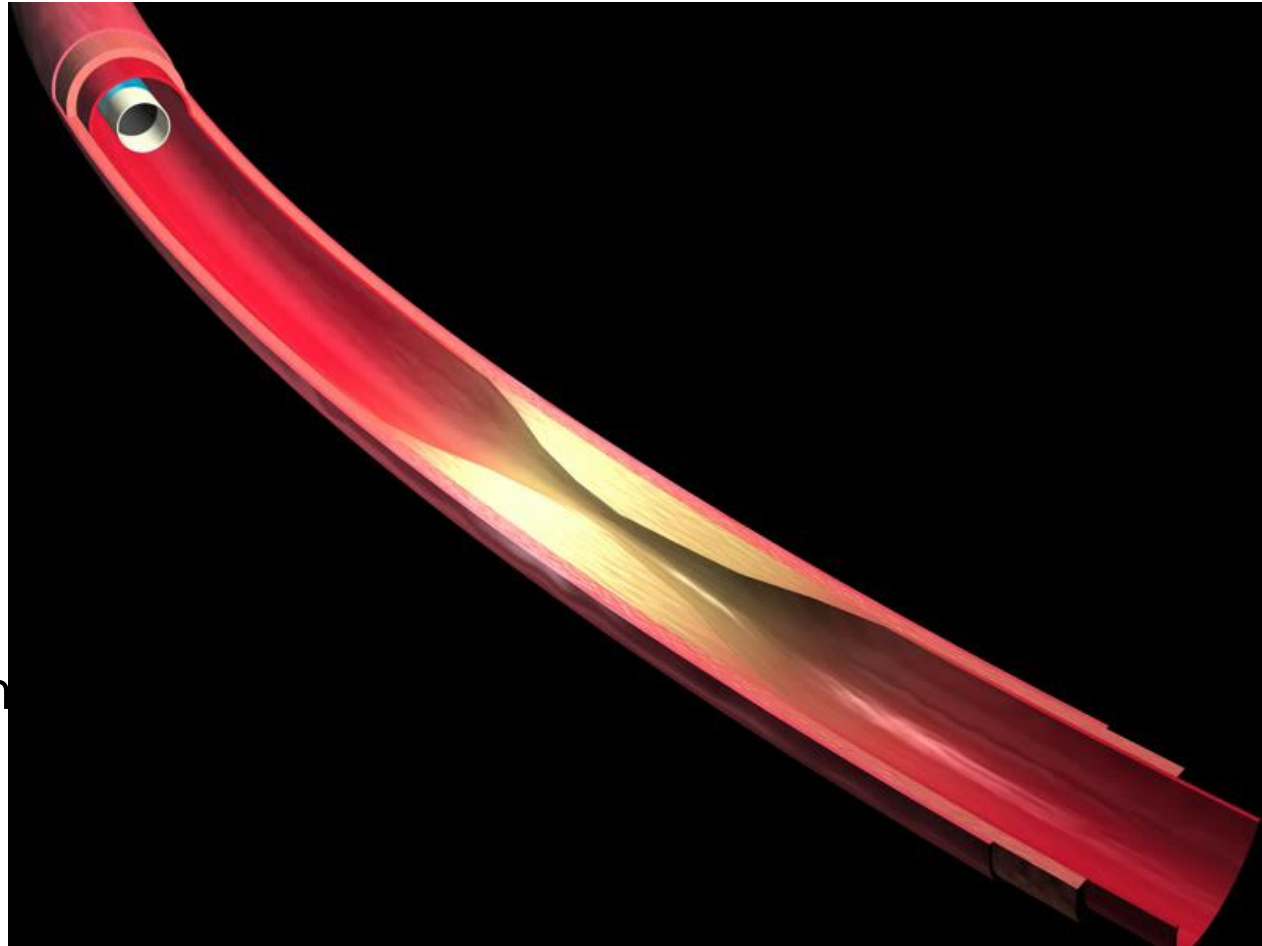
# Imaging Lens

Beam is redirected orthogonal to axis

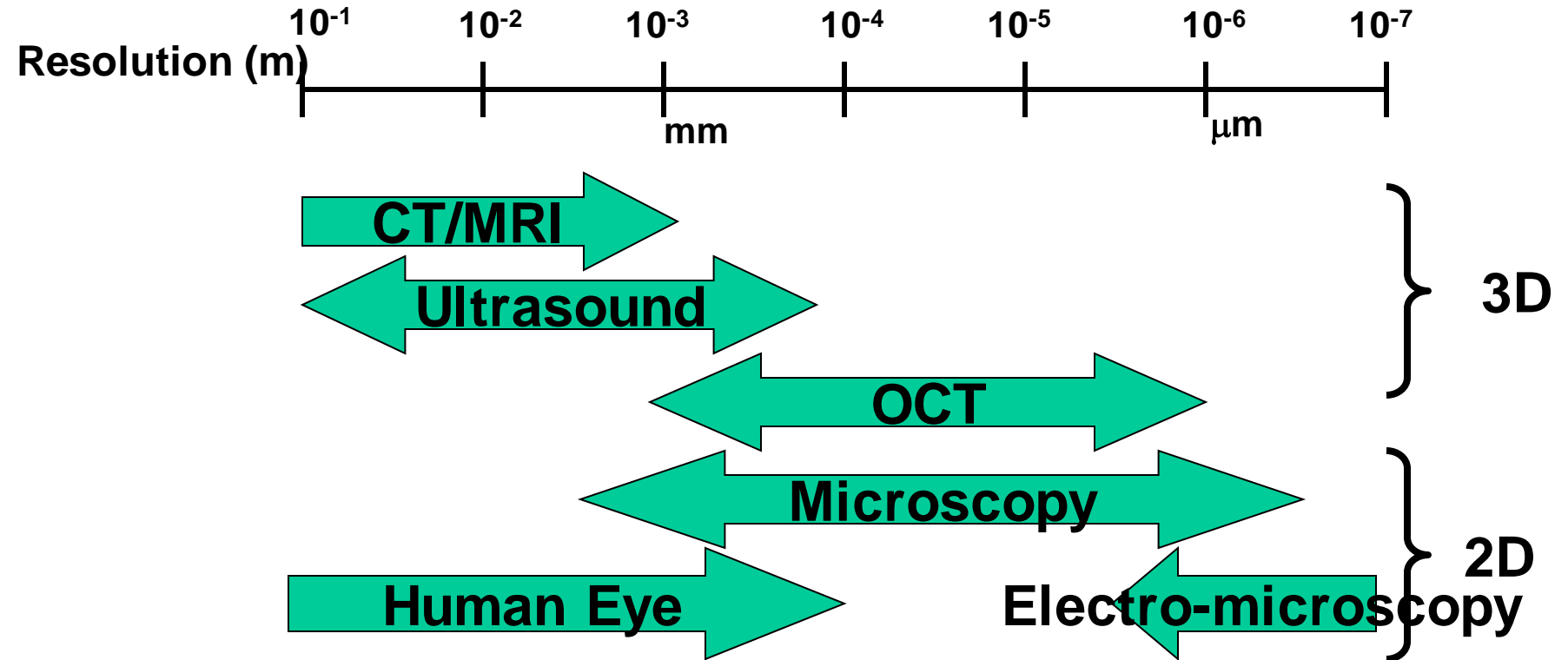


# A Simple and Fast Procedure

- Cross with C7 Dragonfly™ monorail imaging catheter
- Inject 10-12cc of contrast
- The automatically triggered imaging scan is performed in less than five seconds



# OCT in Medical Imaging





# Common Cardiovascular Imaging Modalities

	<b>Mechanism</b>	<b>2D/ 3D</b>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Penetration</b>	<b>Usage</b>
Angiography	X-ray attenuation by contrast	2D	~100 um	All body	Blood vessel narrowing
CT	Tissue x-ray attenuation	3D	~ 500 um	All body	Calcification of vessel wall
Intravascular MR	Tissue hydrogen content. Hydrogen atoms' spin	1D	NA	1-5 mm	Lipid content in vessel wall
Intravascular ultrasound	Sound wave reflection/scattering due to mechanical properties	3D	100-200um	5-10mm	Vessel narrowing, plaque formation and composition, stents
Anigrography	Reflection properties of vessel wall surface	2D	~ 10 um	Surface imaging, need blood clearing	Thrombus, epithelial damage
OCT	Optical scattering, absorption and birefringence of vessel wall	3D	10-20 um	1-2 mm Need blood clearing	Vessel narrowing, plaque formation and composition, thrombus, epithelial damage, stents

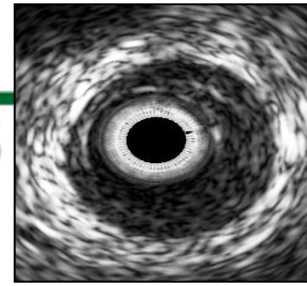
# Comparison of Imaging Modalities

Image Modality	Resolution	Fibrous Cap	Lipid Core	Calcium	Thrombus
IVUS	100µm	+	++	+++	+
Angioscopy	Unknown	+	++	—	+++
OCT	10µm	+++	+++	+++	+
Thermography	.5mm	—	—	—	—
Spectroscopy	not applicable	+	++	++	—
Intravascular MRI	160µm	+	++	++	+

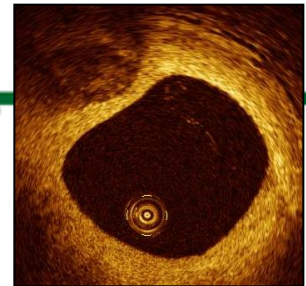
## SENSITIVITY KEY

+++ = >90%      ++ = 80%~90%      + = 50%~80%      — = <50%

# IVUS



# OCT

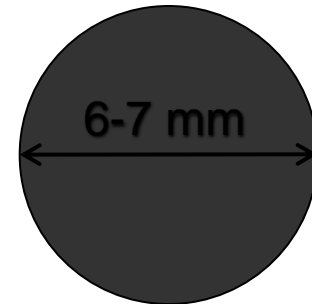
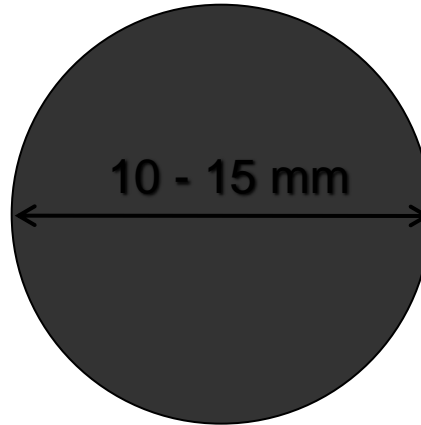


Resolution (axial)  
(lateral)

100 - 150  $\mu\text{m}$   
150 - 300  $\mu\text{m}$

10  $\mu\text{m}$   
25 - 40  $\mu\text{m}$

Scan Area



Penetration depth

4 - 8 mm

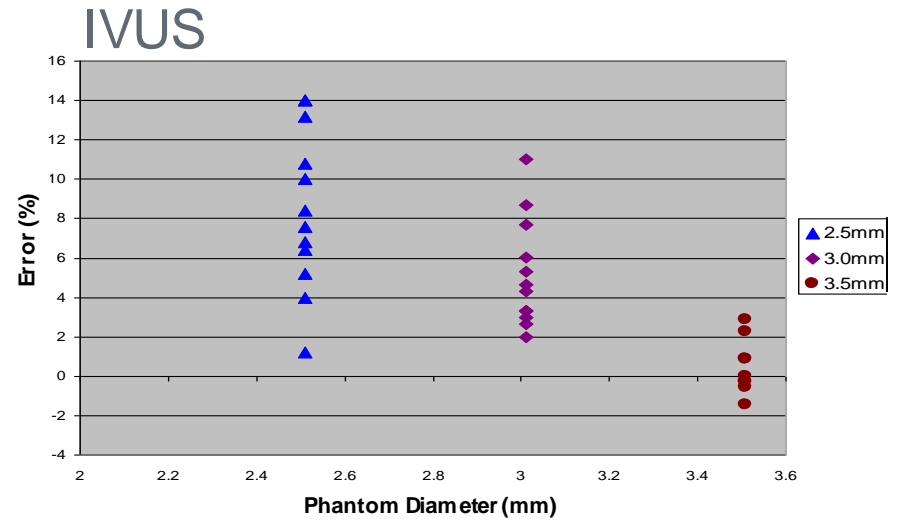
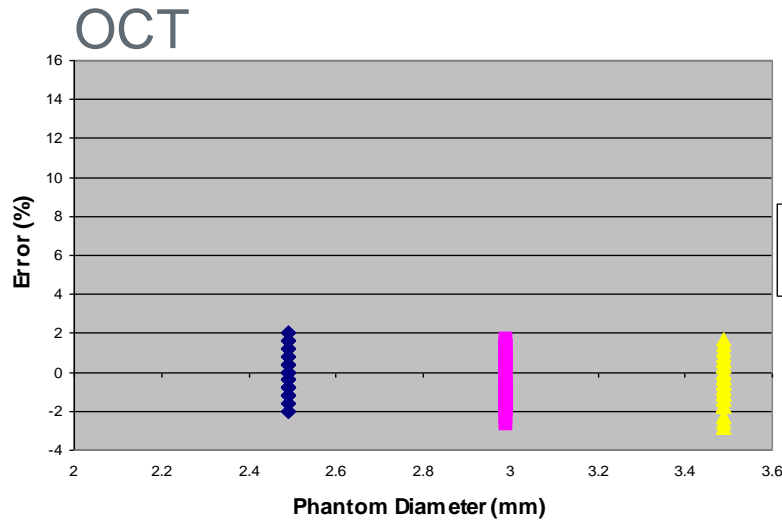
1.5 - 2 mm

Blood removal

Not required

Required

# Excellent Measurement Accuracy



## In-vitro phantom study

	OCT	IVUS		OCT	IVUS
Mean diameter error	0.98%	4.75%	Mean area error	1.87%	9.53%
Max diameter error	2.86%	14.00%	Max area error	5.72%	32.18%

# FACT™

## Focused Acoustic Computed Tomography

New Transducer Technology

Design Goals

- Sub 50 micron axial resolution
- Visualization of entire plaque and vessel wall without needing to flush to clear blood



FACT – Animal Study Image

# Why OCT?

## Advantages of OCT

- Highest resolution in all in vivo imaging technology (10-20 $\mu$ m)
- Correlation with histology and other intravascular modalities (IVUS, angiography)
- Lumen contour detection  
Easy, very fast, reproducible

## Clinical demands

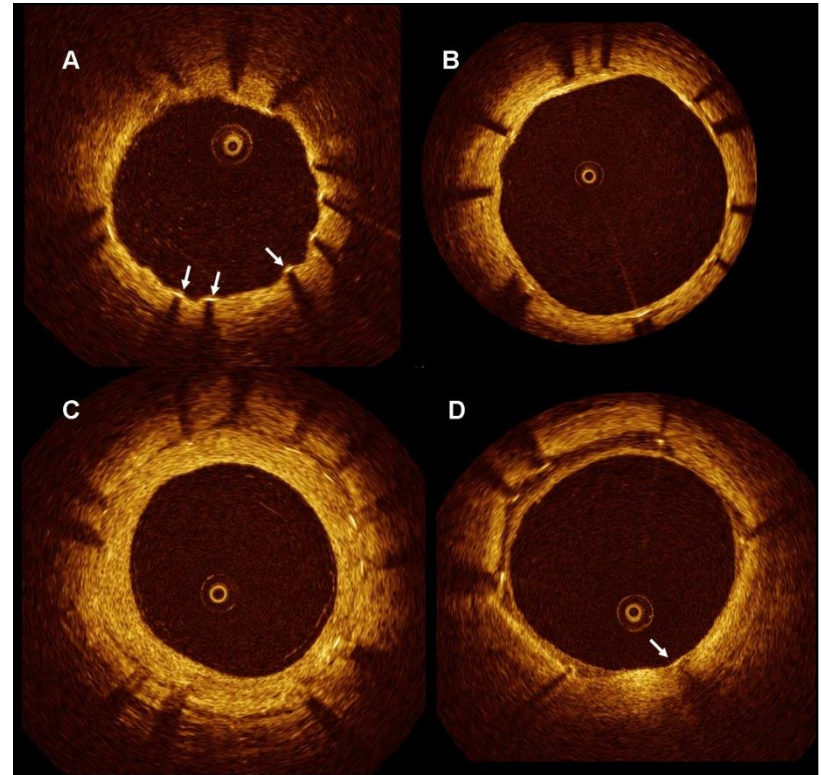
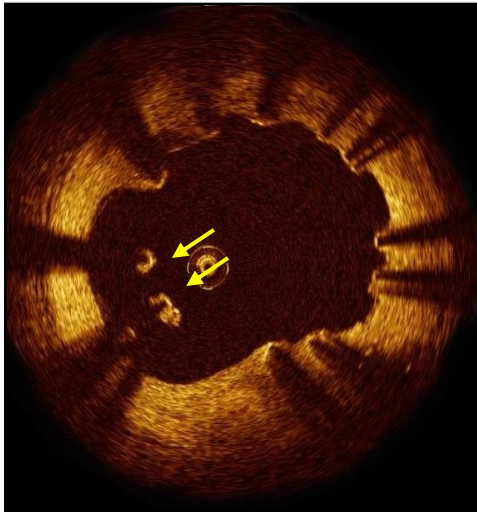
- Stent evaluations
  - Vessel measurement
  - Post stenting evaluation
  - New stent development
  - Stent “healing”
- Vulnerable plaque
  - Thin cap (<65 $\mu$ m)
  - Macrophages
  - Lipid
  - (Macro) Calcification
- Thrombosis detection

# OCT for stent evaluation

Follow up

Strut apposition

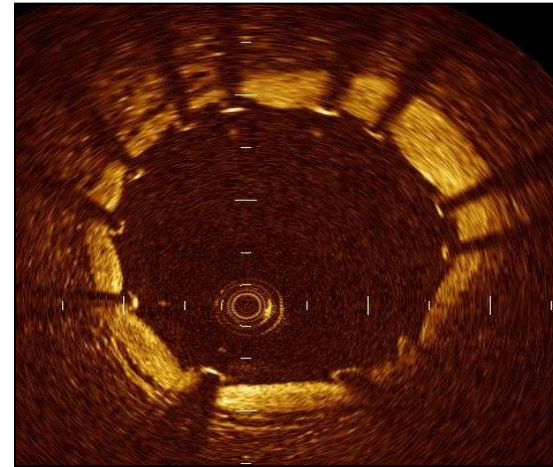
Strut coverage



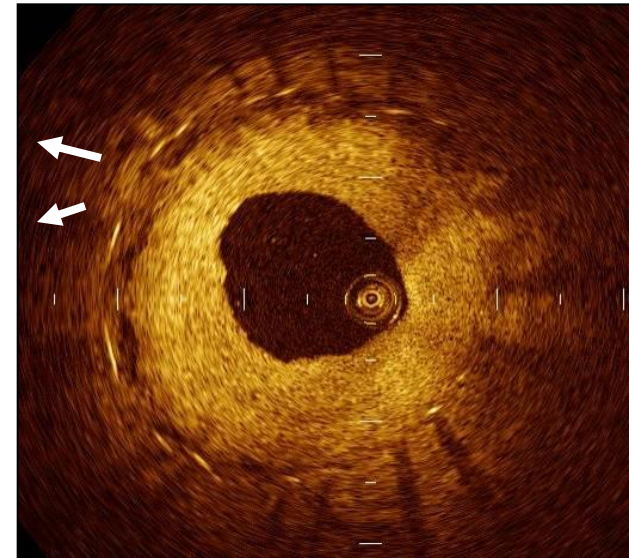
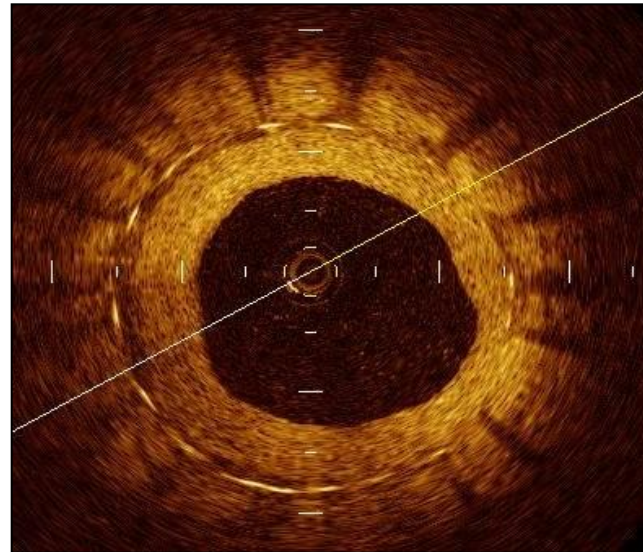


# OCT and Stents

## New implanted stents



## Stent follow-up (neointima growth)





# Side branch detection

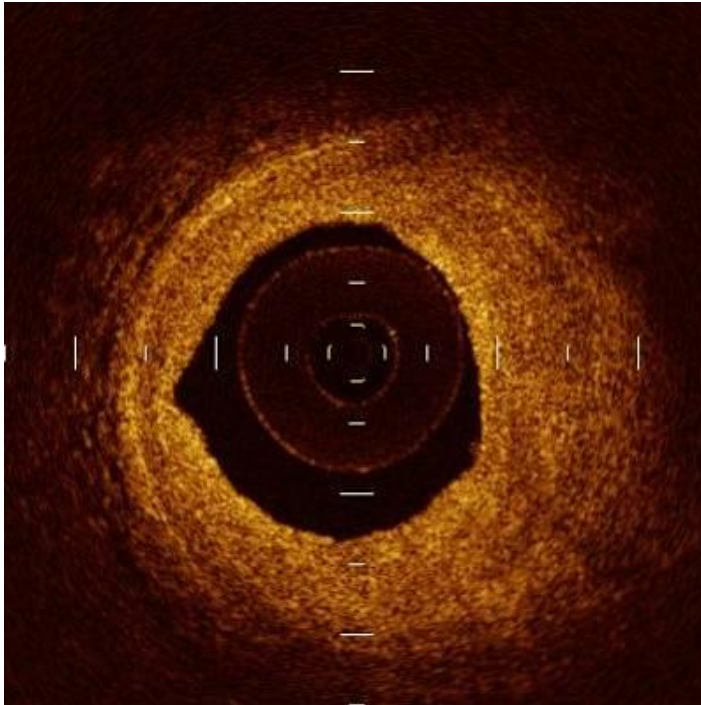


**False lumen**

**Intima tear**



## OCT Tissue Characterization Preliminary Results



### OCT image features:

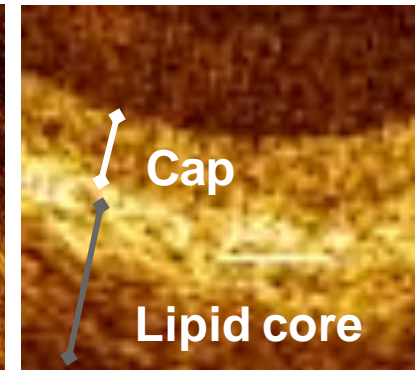
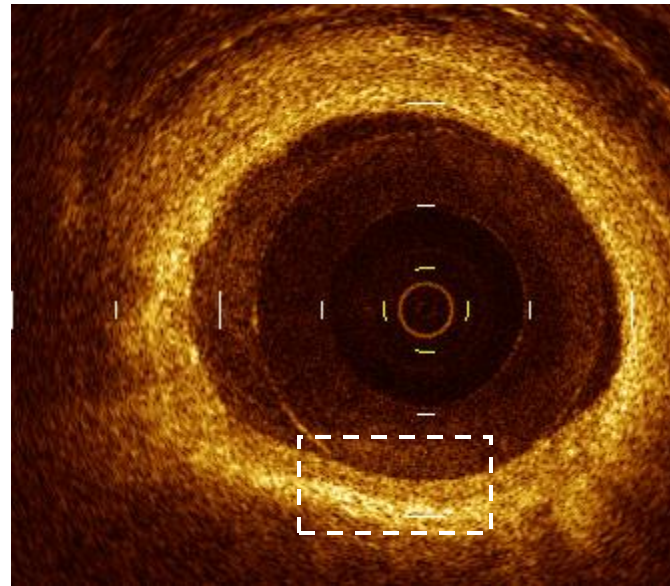
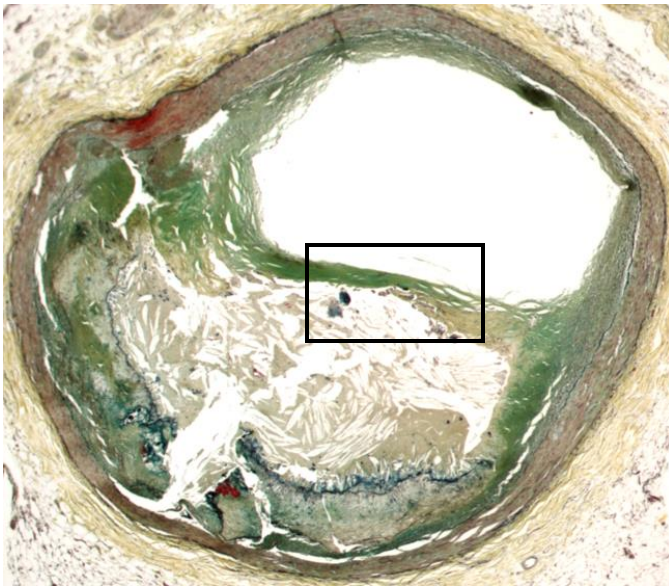
1. Signal intensity
2. Attenuation
3. Edge sharpness
4. Texture

### Histology features:

1. Staining colors
2. Cellular morphology



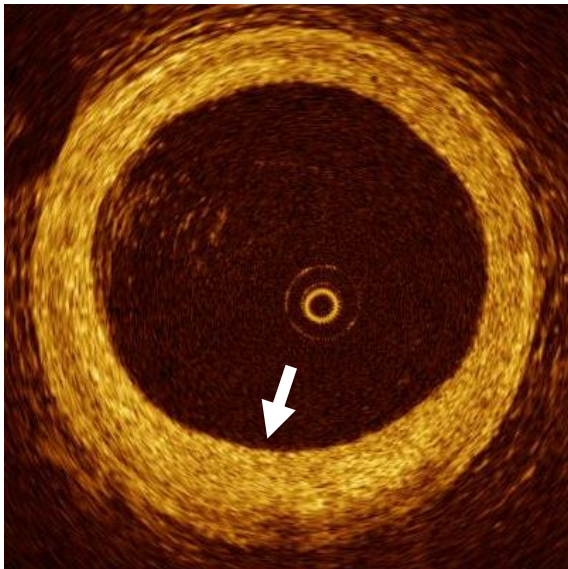
# Thin-cap Necrotic Core



TCFA without macrophage infiltration: Two-layer structure.  
Diffuse boundary formed by the cap and the underlying core

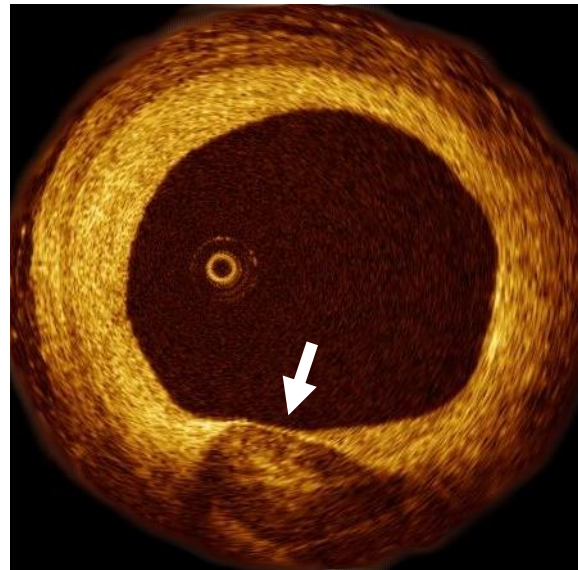
## Fibrous

Homogeneous signal-rich region



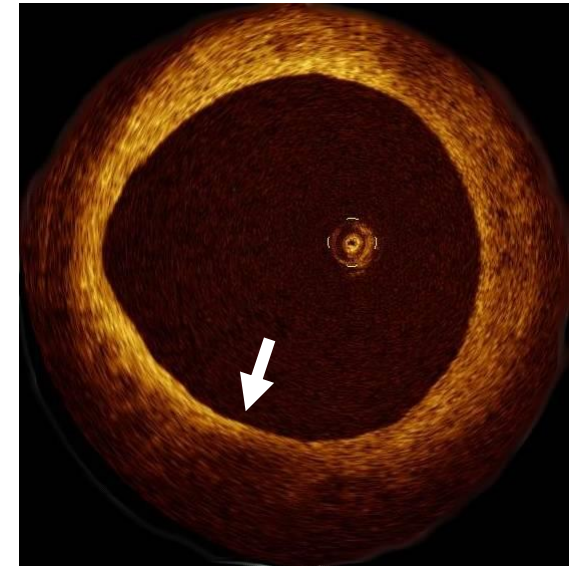
## Fibrocalcific

Well-delineated, signal-poor region with sharp borders



## Lipid-rich

Signal-poor region with diffuse borders



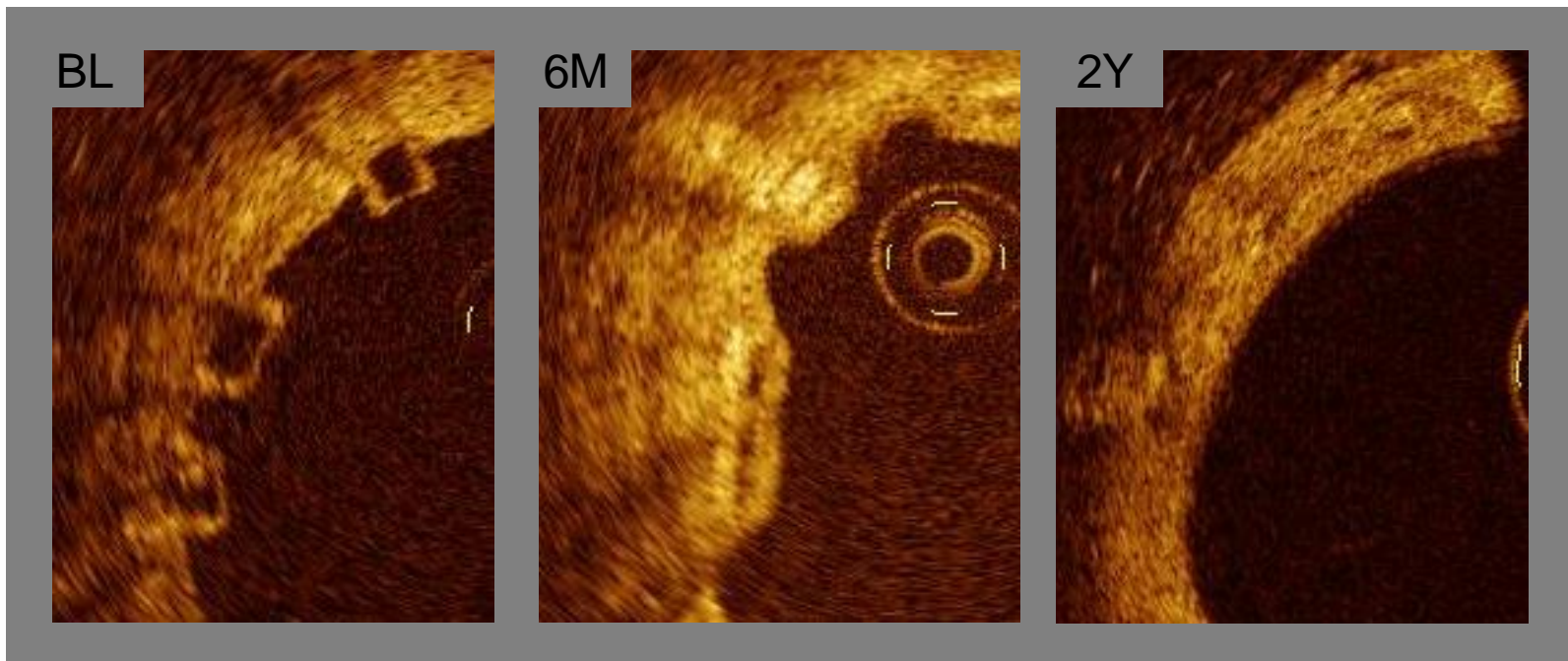
Sensitivity and specificity: 71-79% and 97-98% for fibrous, 95-96% and 97% for fibrocalcific and 90-94% y 90-92% for lipid-rich plaques.



# OCT for the evaluation of new generation stents

## Bioabsorbable stents.

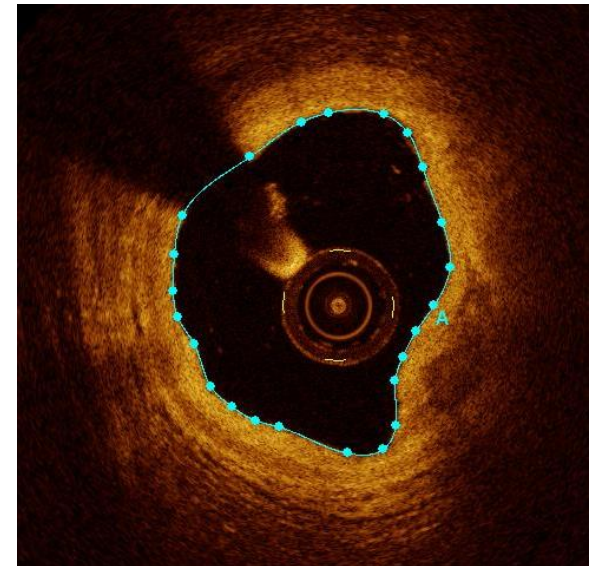
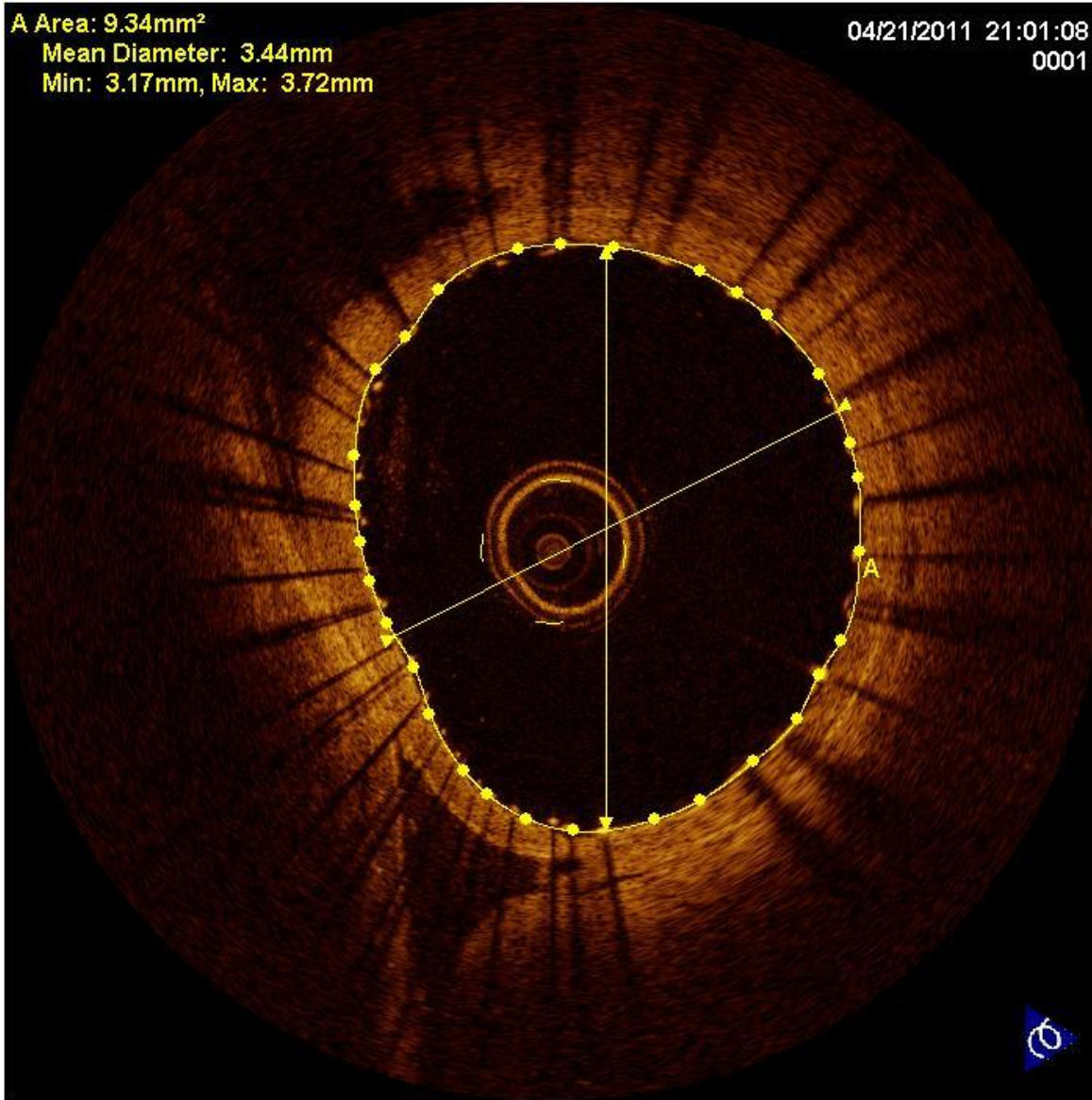
- The prospective, multicenter, ABSORB study evaluated the safety and efficacy of a fully absorbable everolimus eluting stent (BVS\*) for the treatment of de novo single coronary stenosis.
- OCT substudy in Rotterdam after implantation, at 6 months and 2 years.



# Precise Vessel Measurement

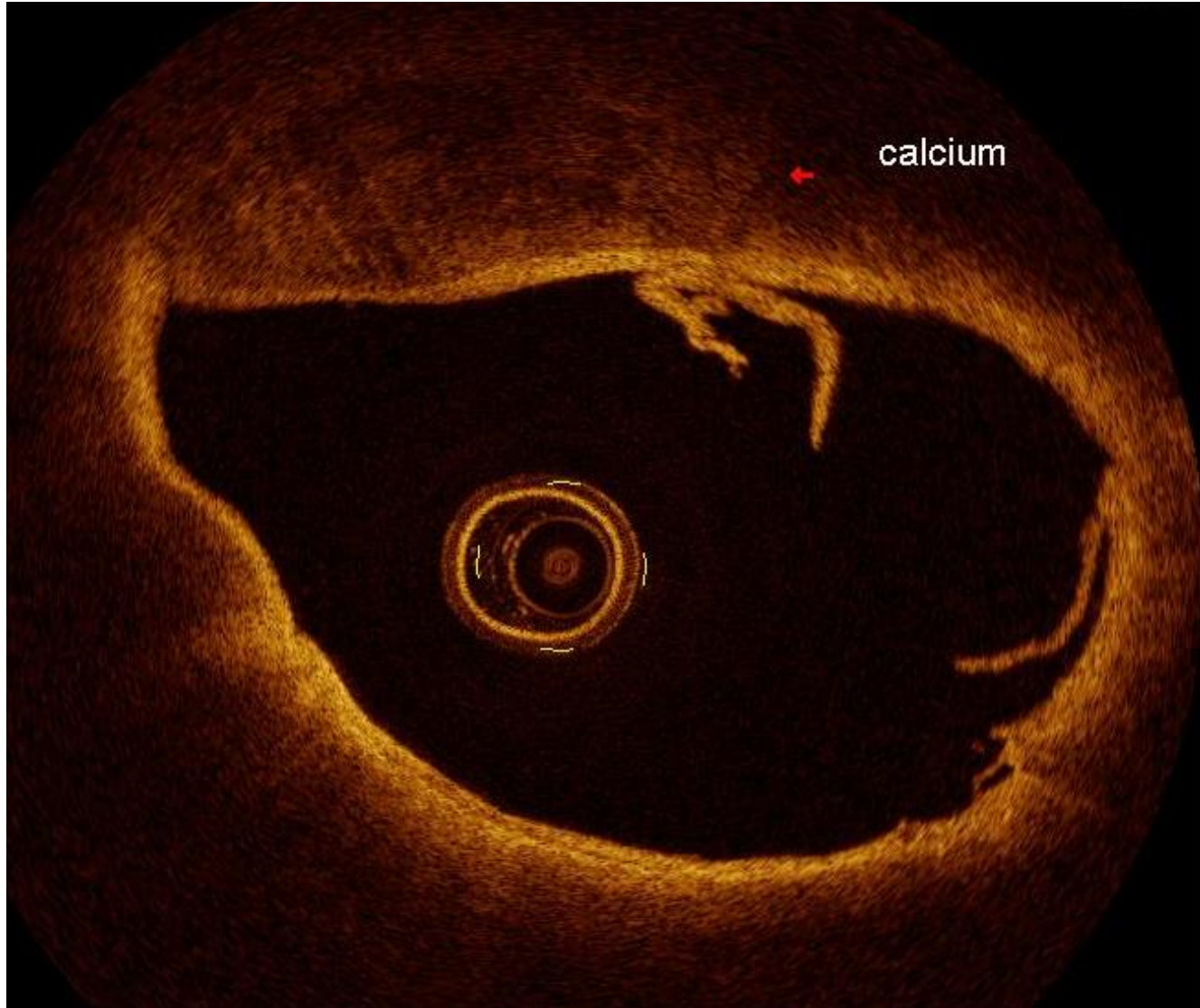
A Area: 9.34mm<sup>2</sup>  
Mean Diameter: 3.44mm  
Min: 3.17mm, Max: 3.72mm

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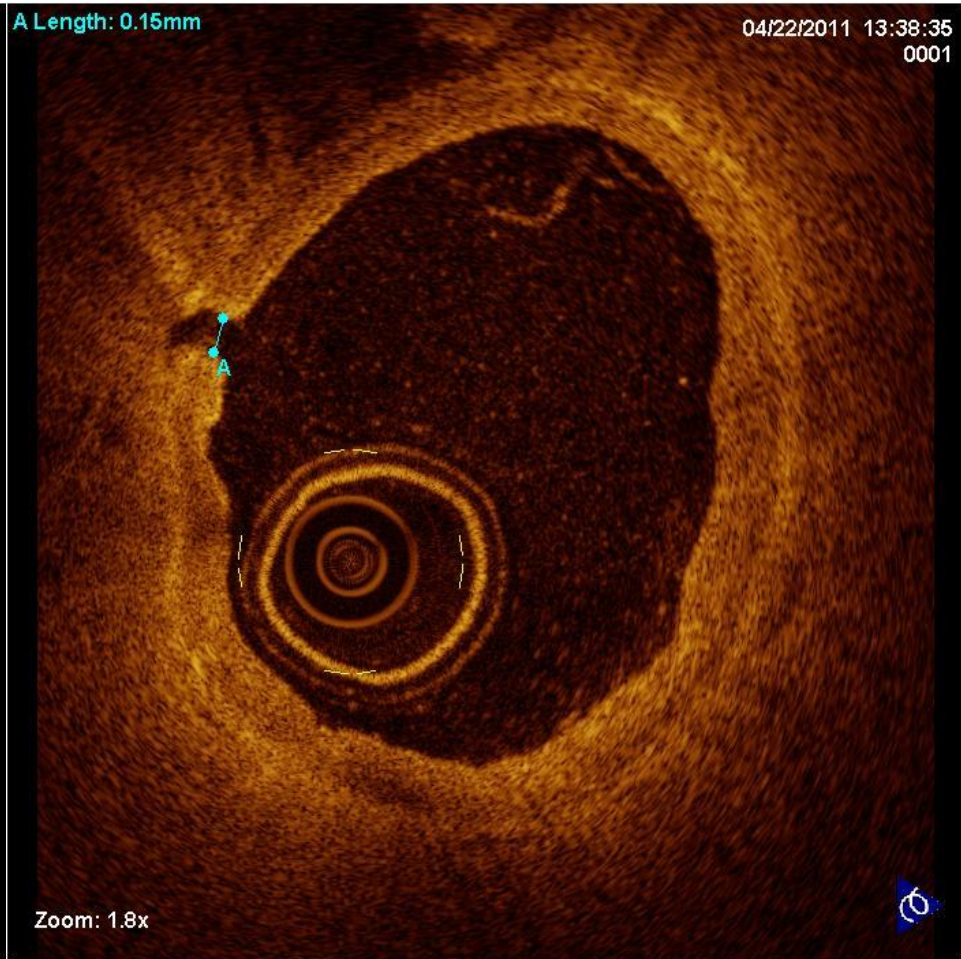
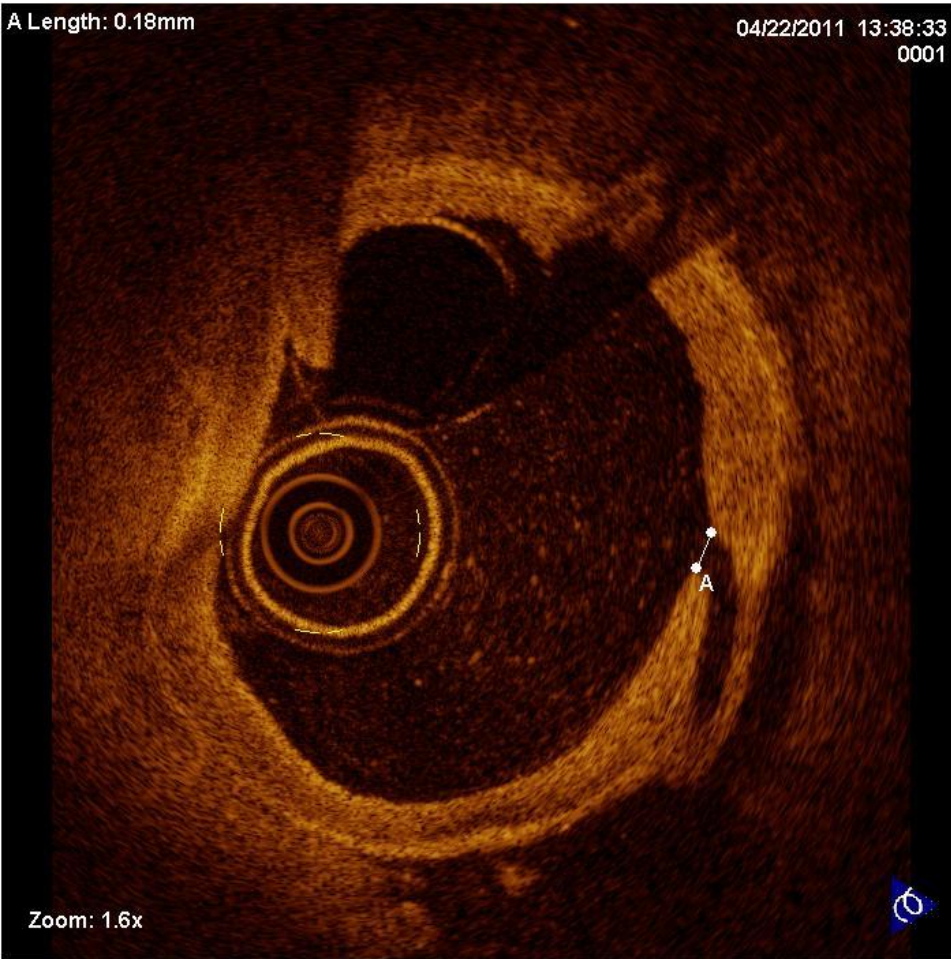




# Neuro Plaque

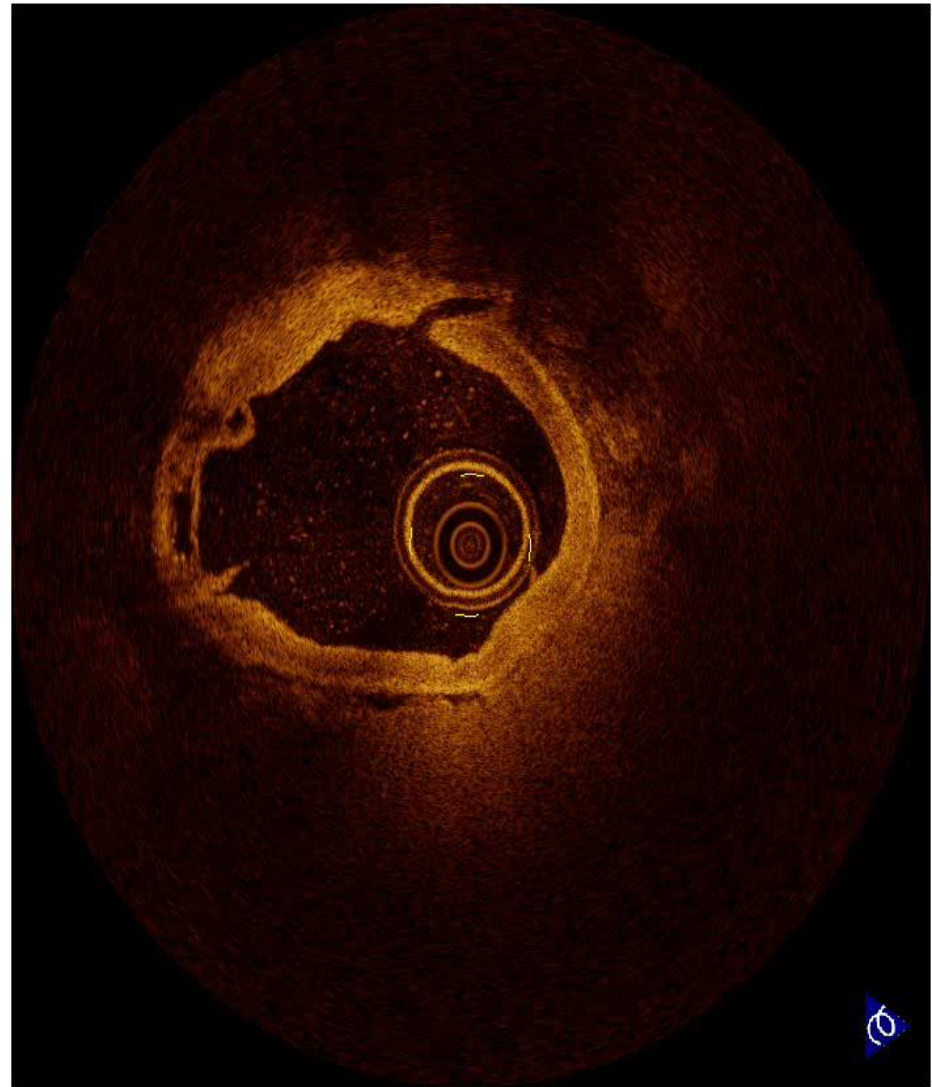
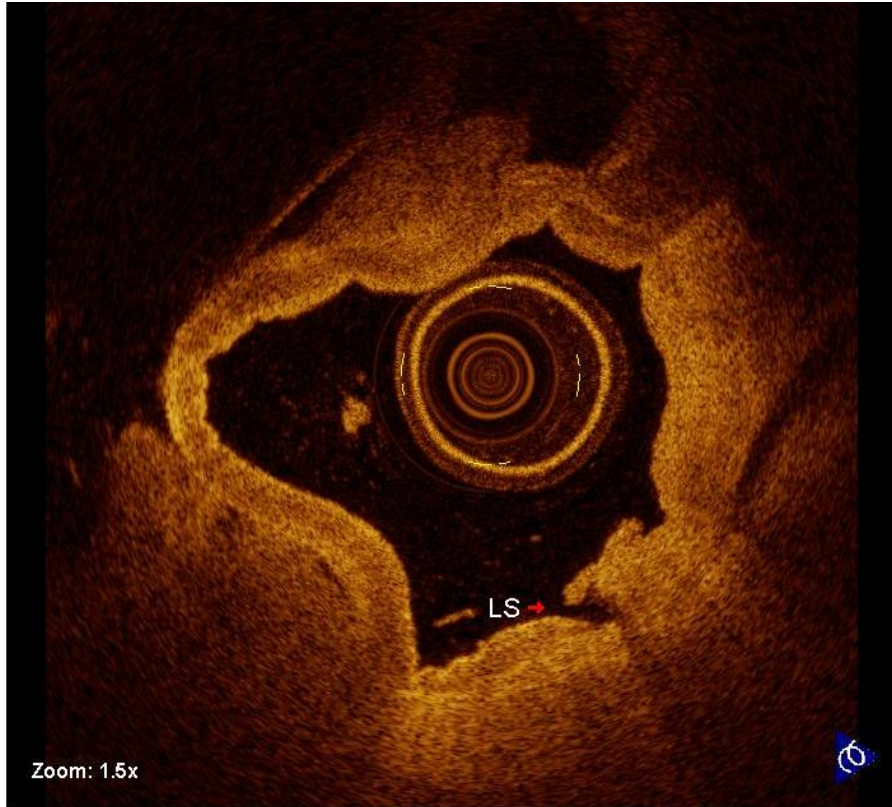


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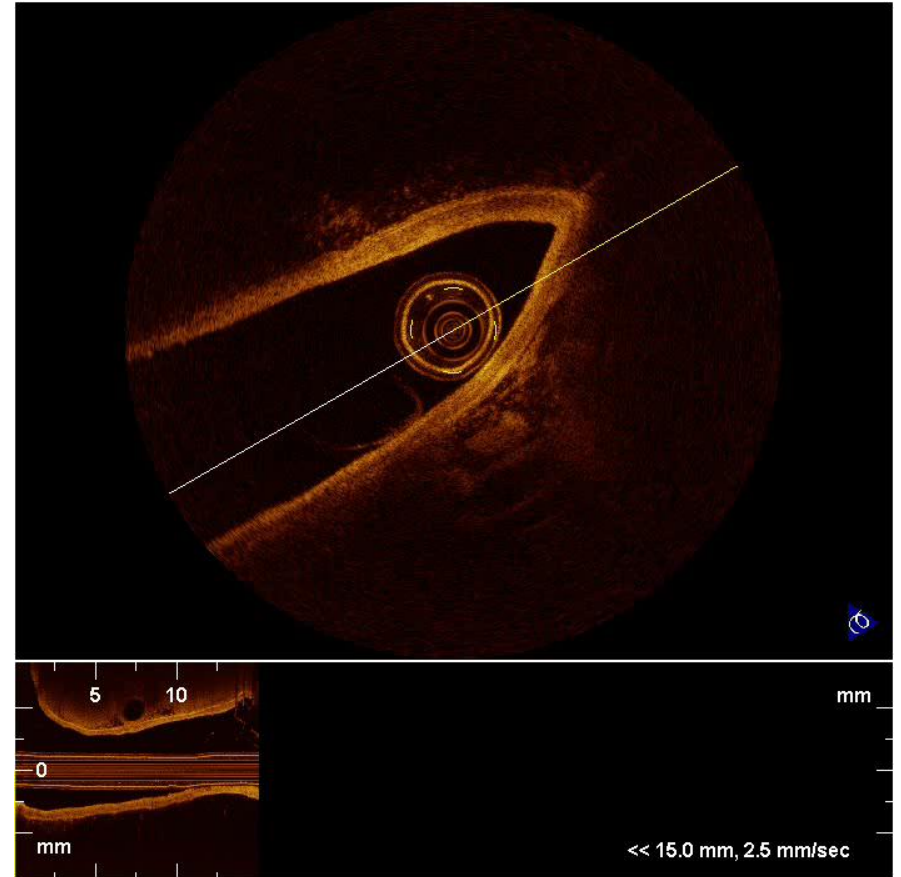
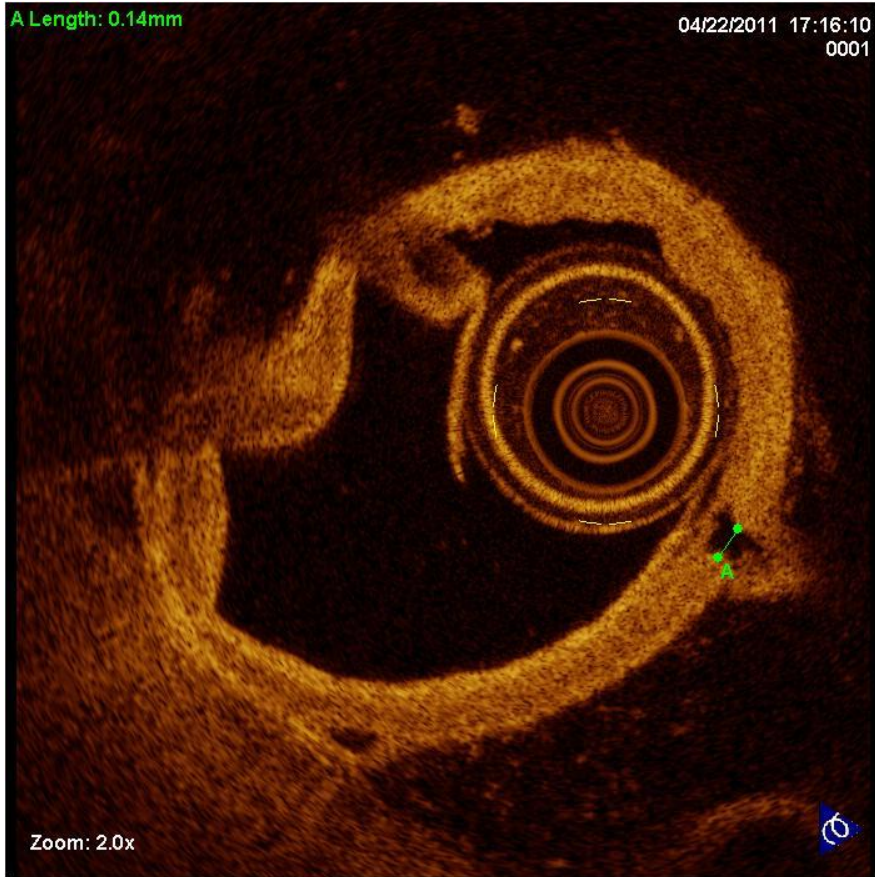




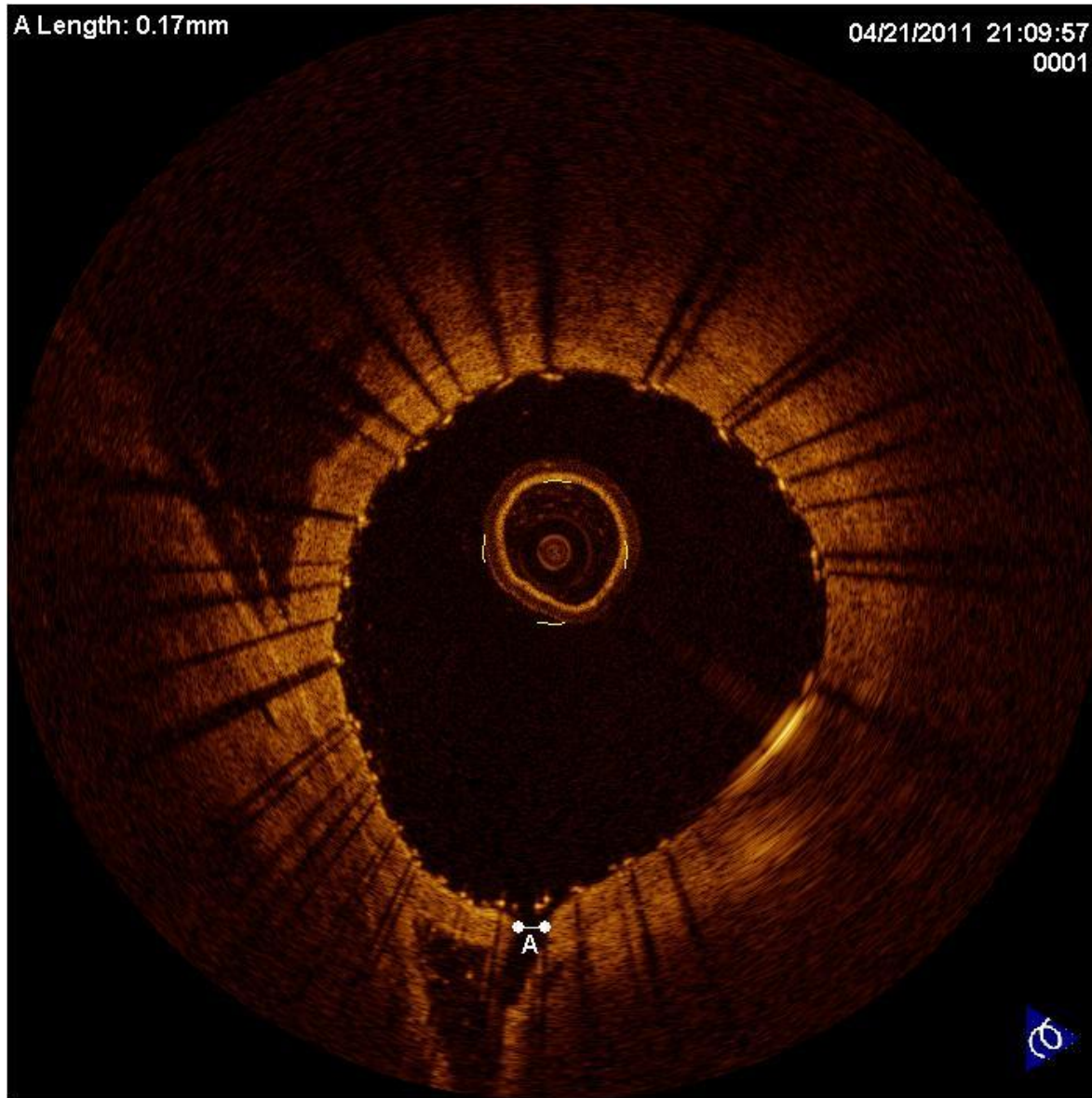
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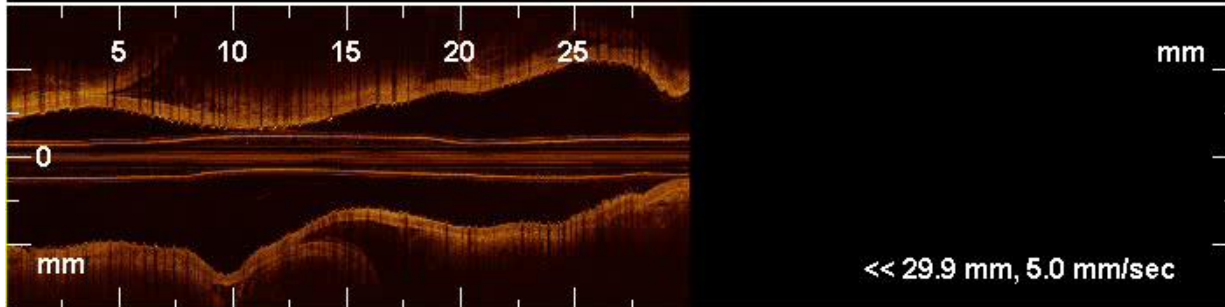
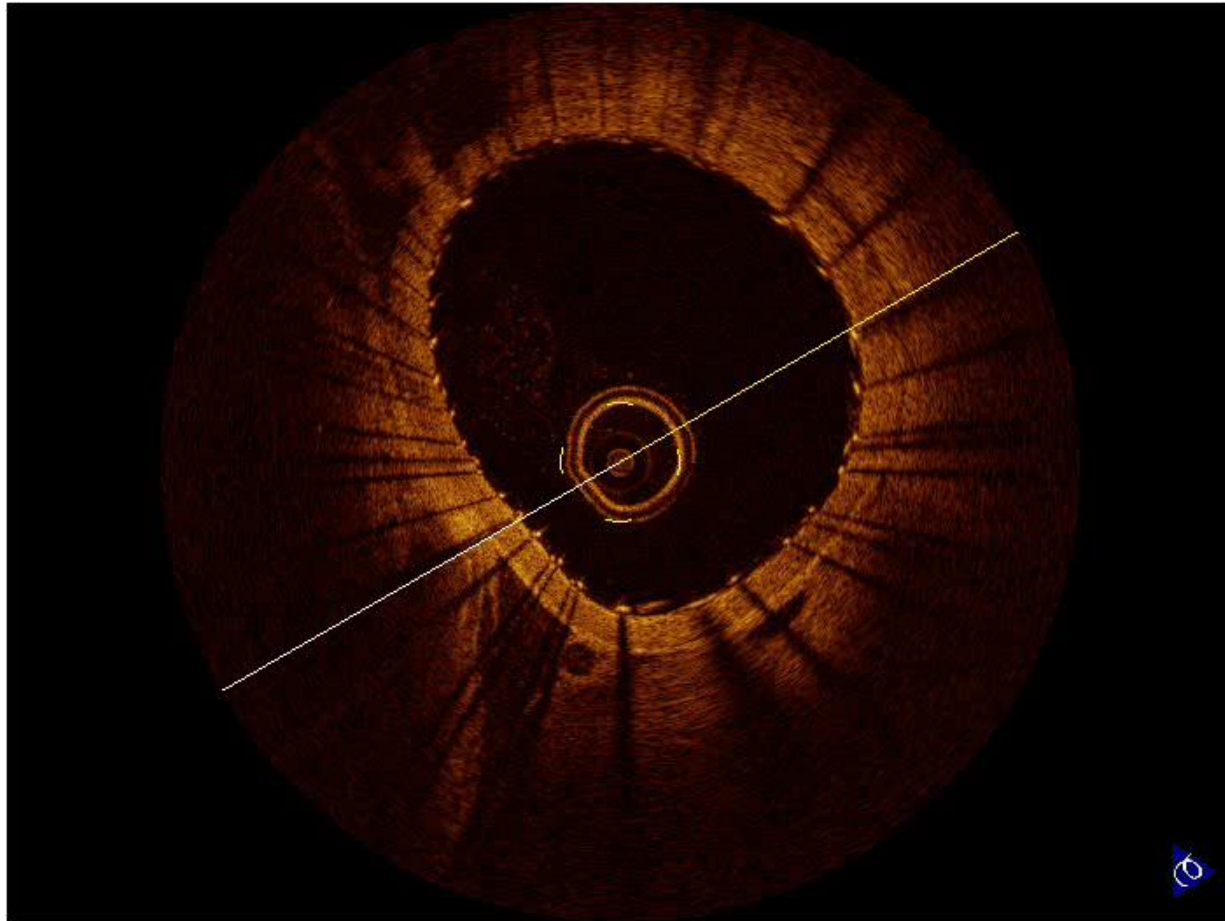
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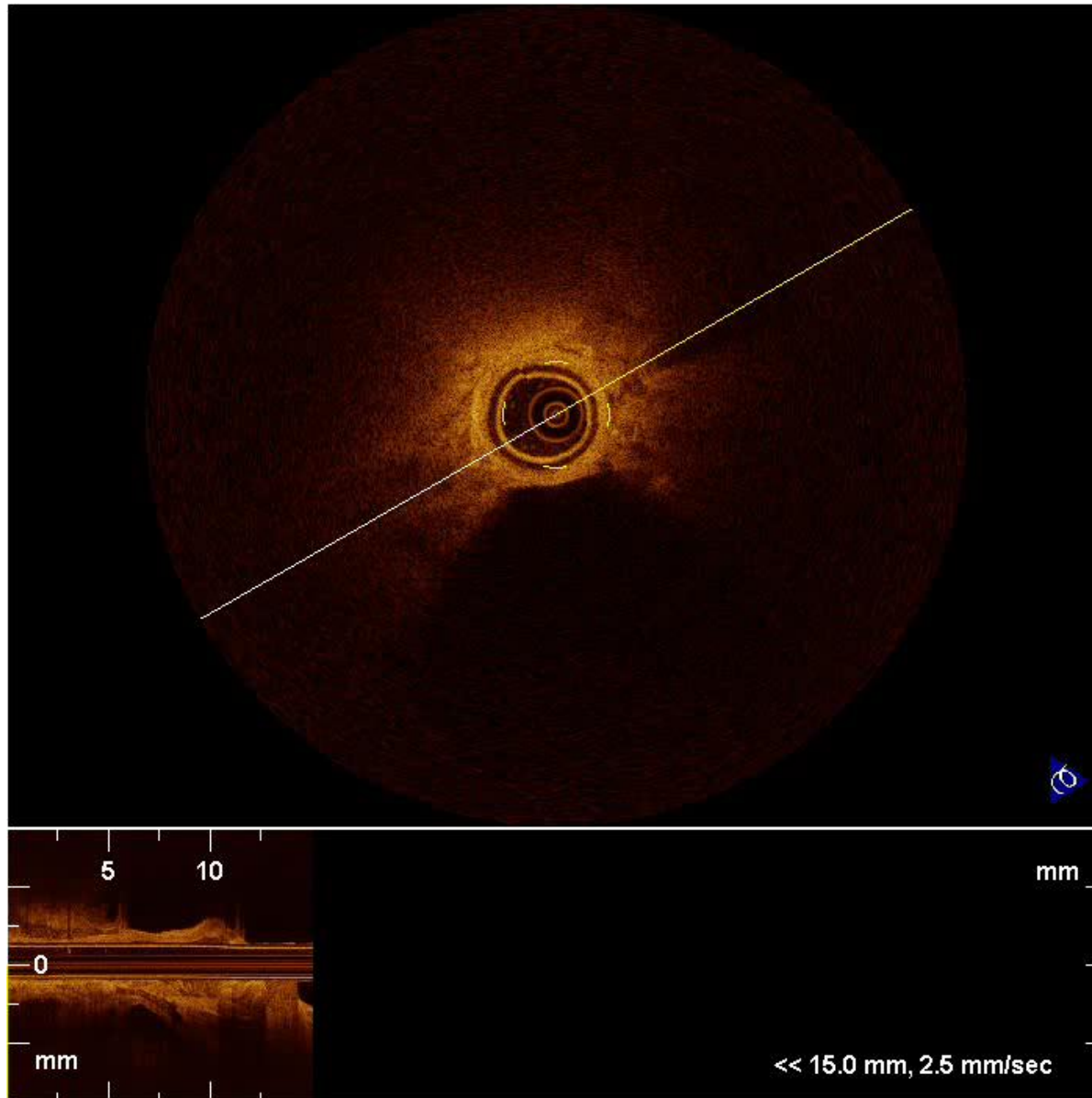




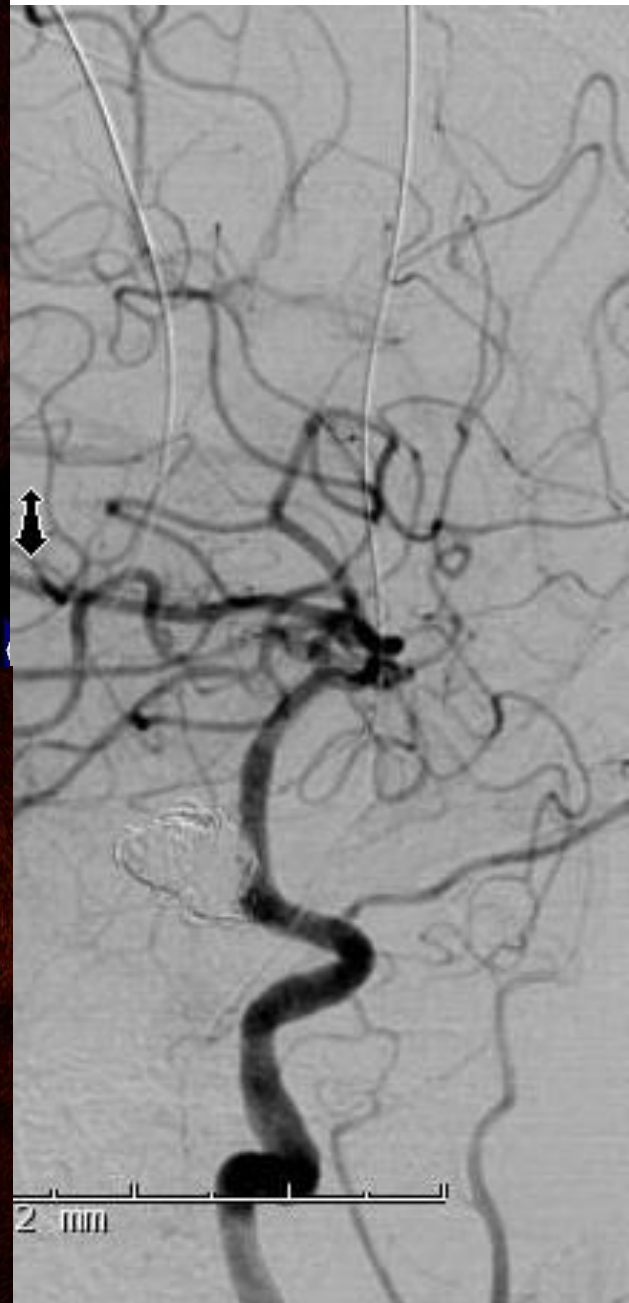
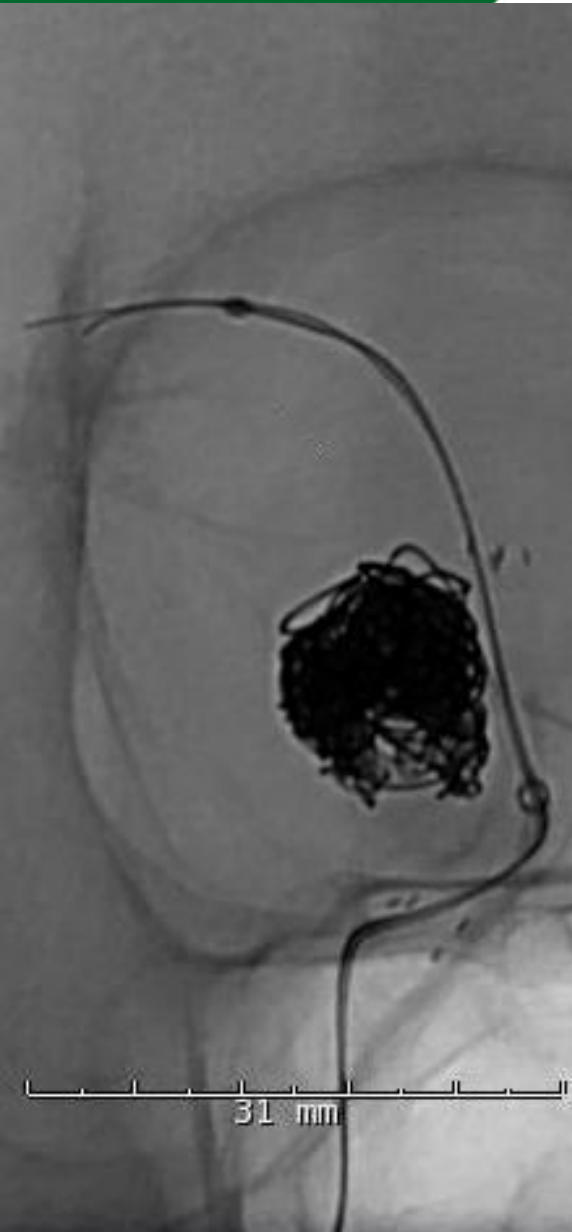
# Basilar post Pipeline



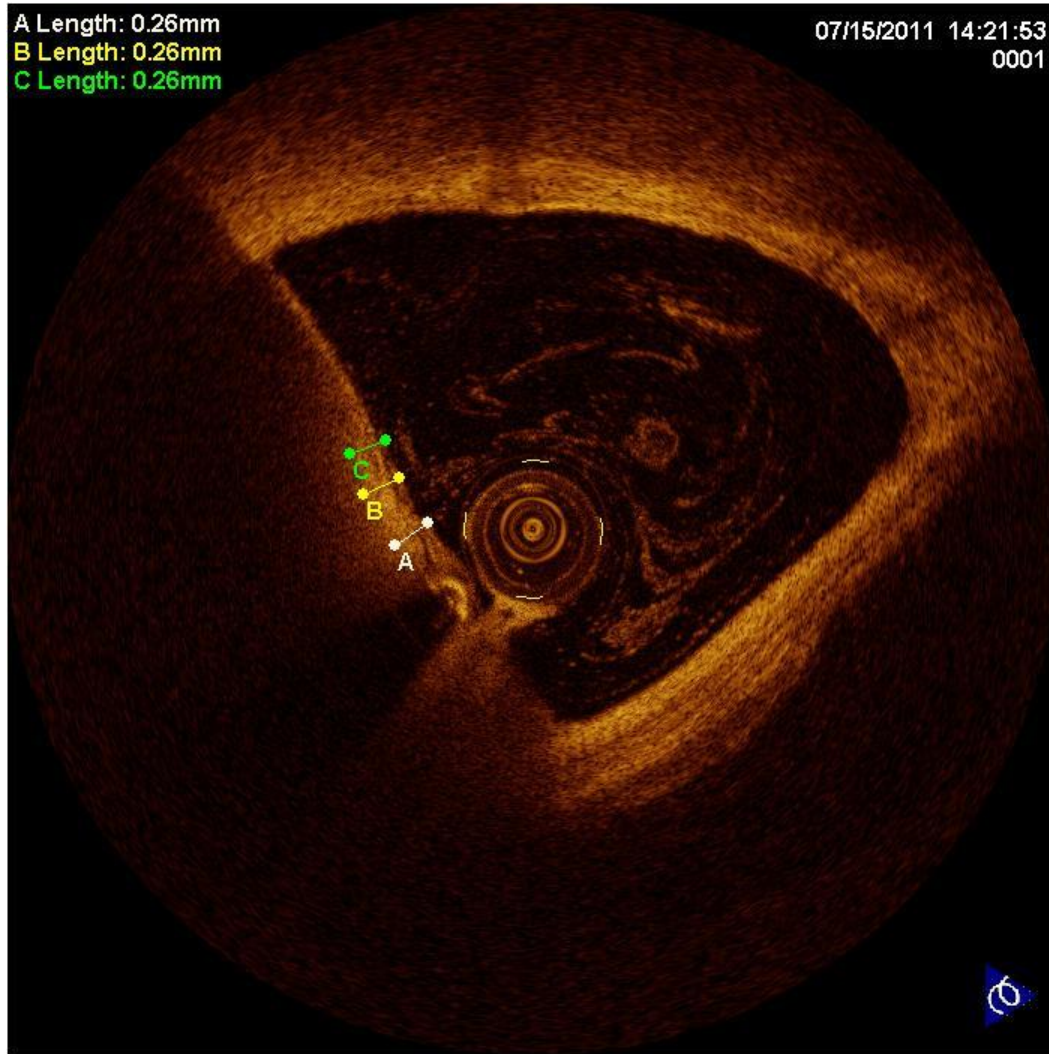
# P-com artery (smallest)







# Transverse sinus imaging



# **Stent endothelialization monitored with intravascular imaging and histology in porcine**



# Results - 4 days

- Endothelialization : FLEX (5 × 12mm) vs. FLEX with Shield (5 × 12mm) vs. Solitare (5 × 20mm) (1Fr.=0.1mm)

10<sup>th</sup> Fr.



100<sup>th</sup> Fr.



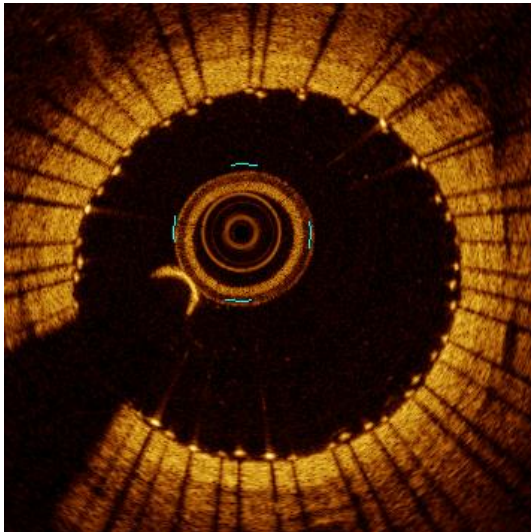
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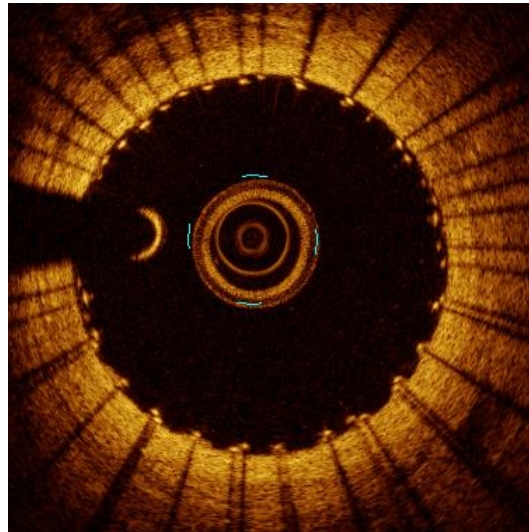
280<sup>th</sup> Fr.



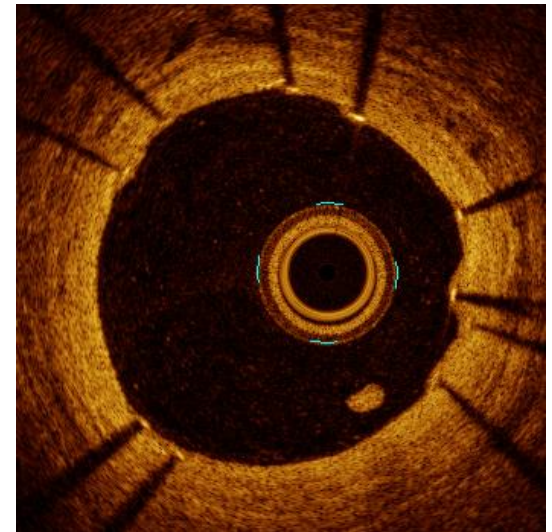
FLEX 1



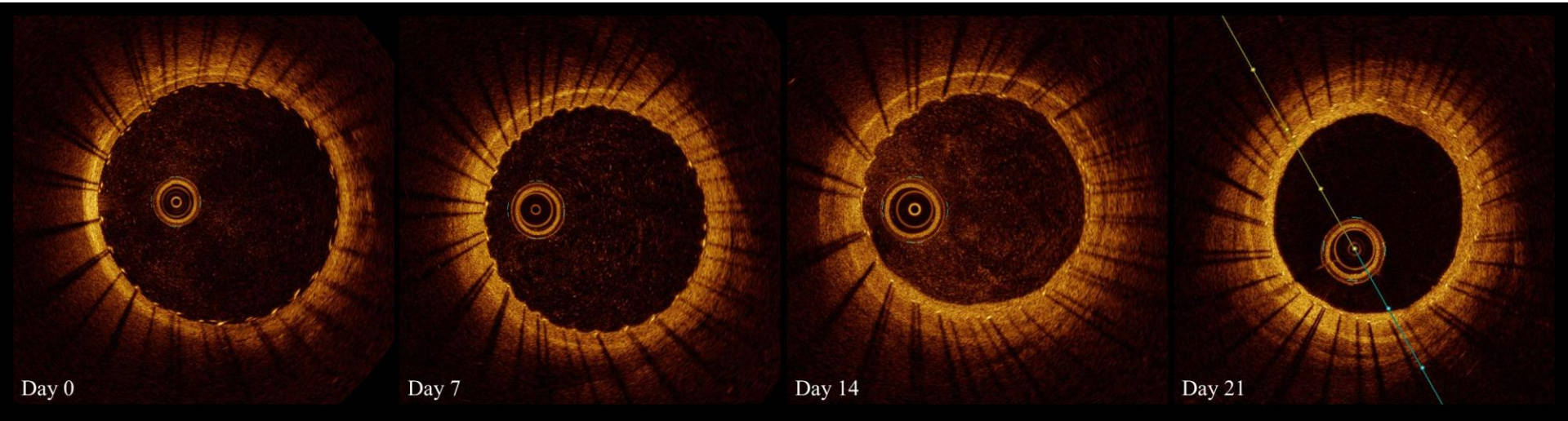
Shield 1



Solitare 1



## Endothelialization of device over time in a porcine model





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