PFO with an atrial septal aneurysm

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62 year old woman presents with dyspnea and mild hypoxia

- 62 y/o W with a several month history of exertional fatigue
- Initially seen by her PCP and found to by mildly hypoxic (91-93% pulse oximetry)
- Normal serologic work up
- Normal pulmonary work up
- Normal sleep study





Transthoracic Echo

- Normal biventricular size and function
- Mild aortic valve sclerosis
- Normal tricuspid, pulmonic, and mitral anatomy and function
 - Insufficient TR jet to estimate RVSP
- Atrial septal aneurysm bowing leftward with a small right to left shunt identified by color Doppler





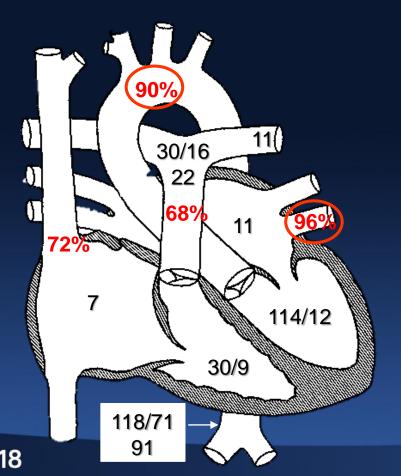
Referred to our ACHD clinic

- Differential diagnosis
 - Obstructive CAD
 - Pulmonary hypertension
 - ASD/PFO with intermittent R to L shunting
- Referred for cardiac catheterization
 - Right heart catheterization
 - Coronary angiography





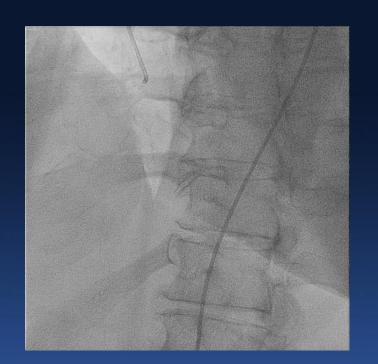
Cardiac catheterization



- Normal CVP
- Normal LVEDP
- Normal PA pressures
- QpQs 0.75
- Systemic CO/CI 7.3/3.6
- PVR 1.9 WU











Intracardiac echocardiography







Saline study

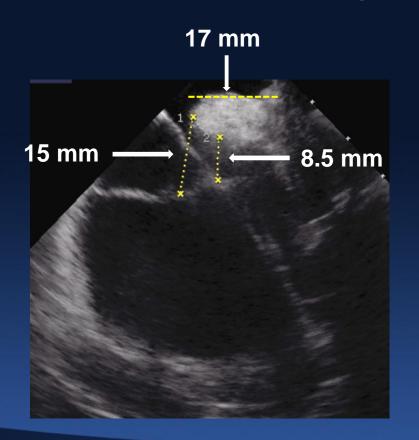


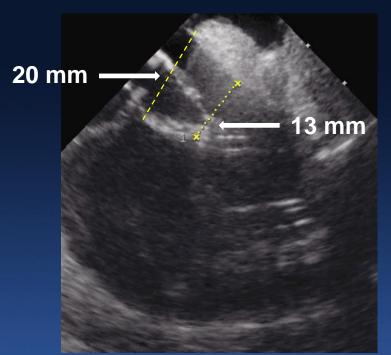






PFO dimensions

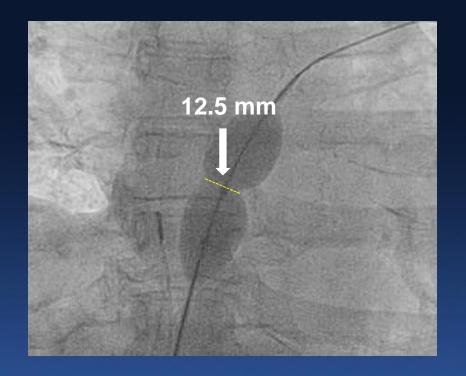








Balloon sizing



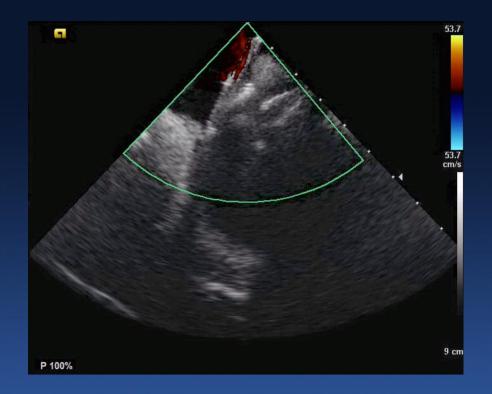


35 mm Amplatzer PFO occluder





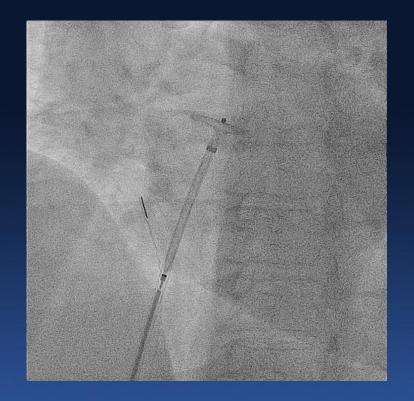








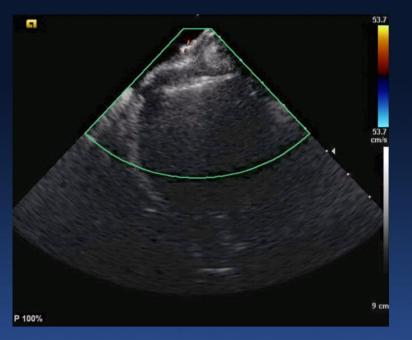
Second 35 mm Amplatzer PFO occluder





















Saline study









1 month follow up

- Patient with improvement in exertional tolerance
- Resting pulse oximetry 96-98%
- Stable device position on TTE





PFO with atrial septal aneurysm

- I have a low threshold to perform balloon sizing
- More frequently upsize my device
 - Accompanied by a long tunnel and/or septal hypertrophy
- Consider placing an atrial septal occluder

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