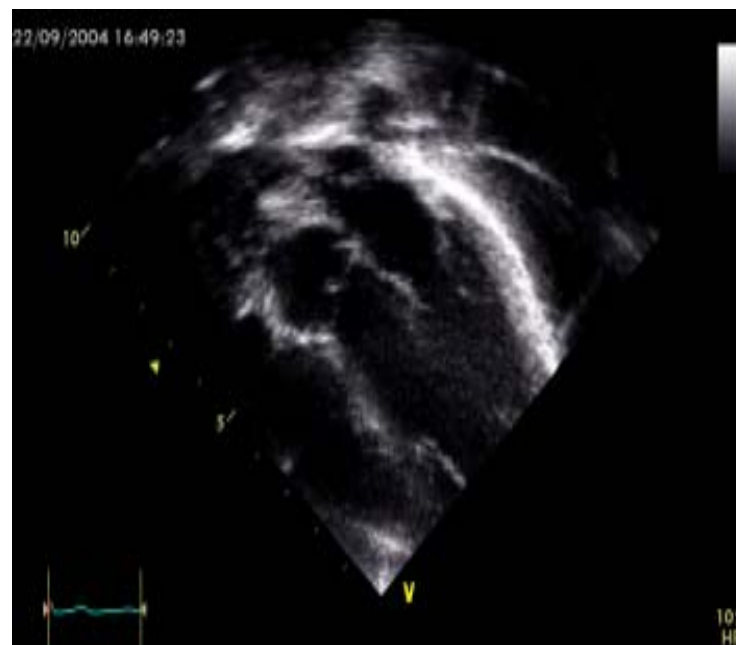
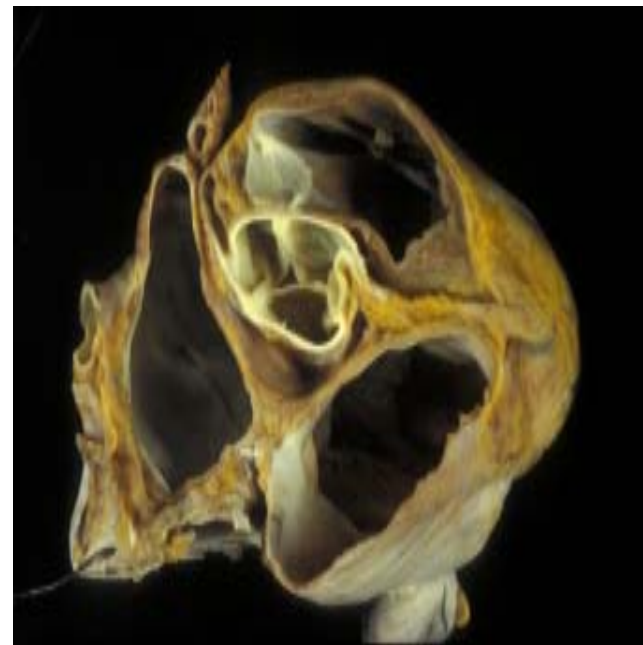


The left heart valves;
normal anatomy and
physiology
echo-correlation

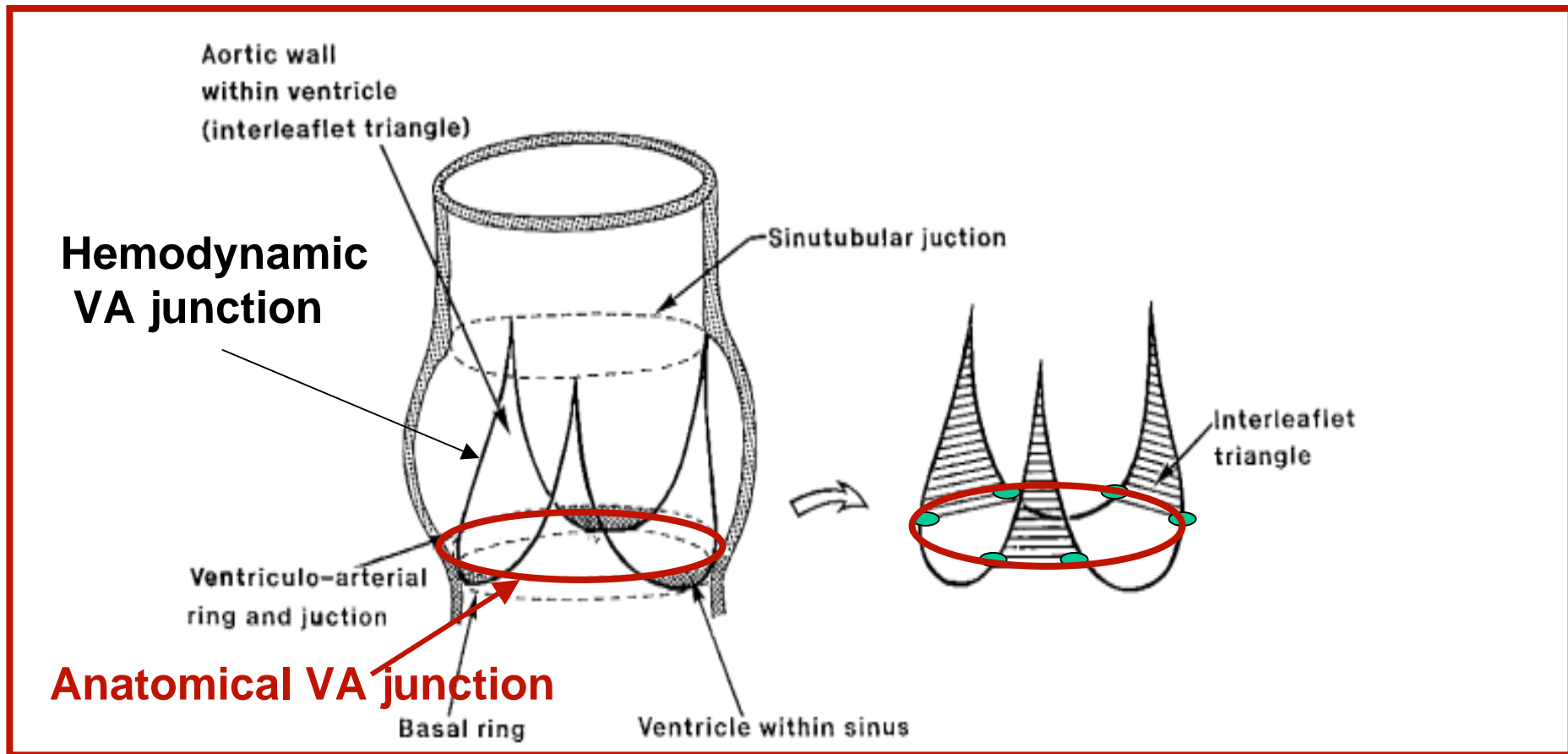


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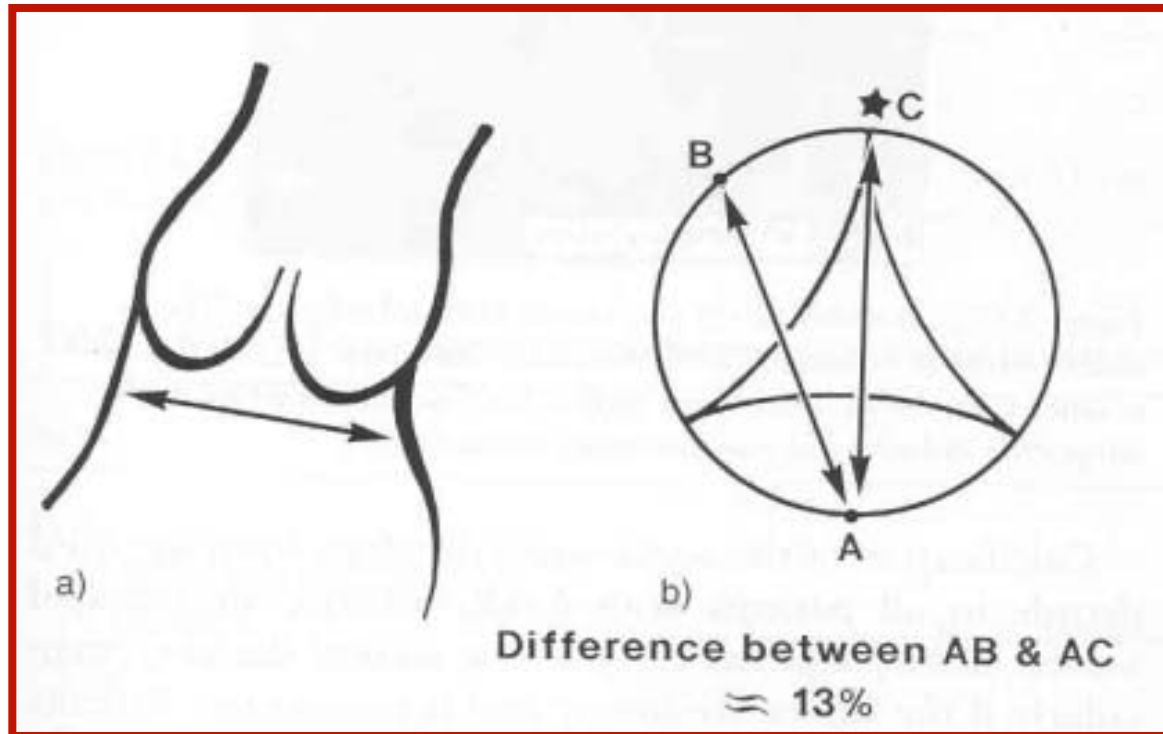
Structure of aortic root and aortic valve

Aortic valve; 3 semilunar valves

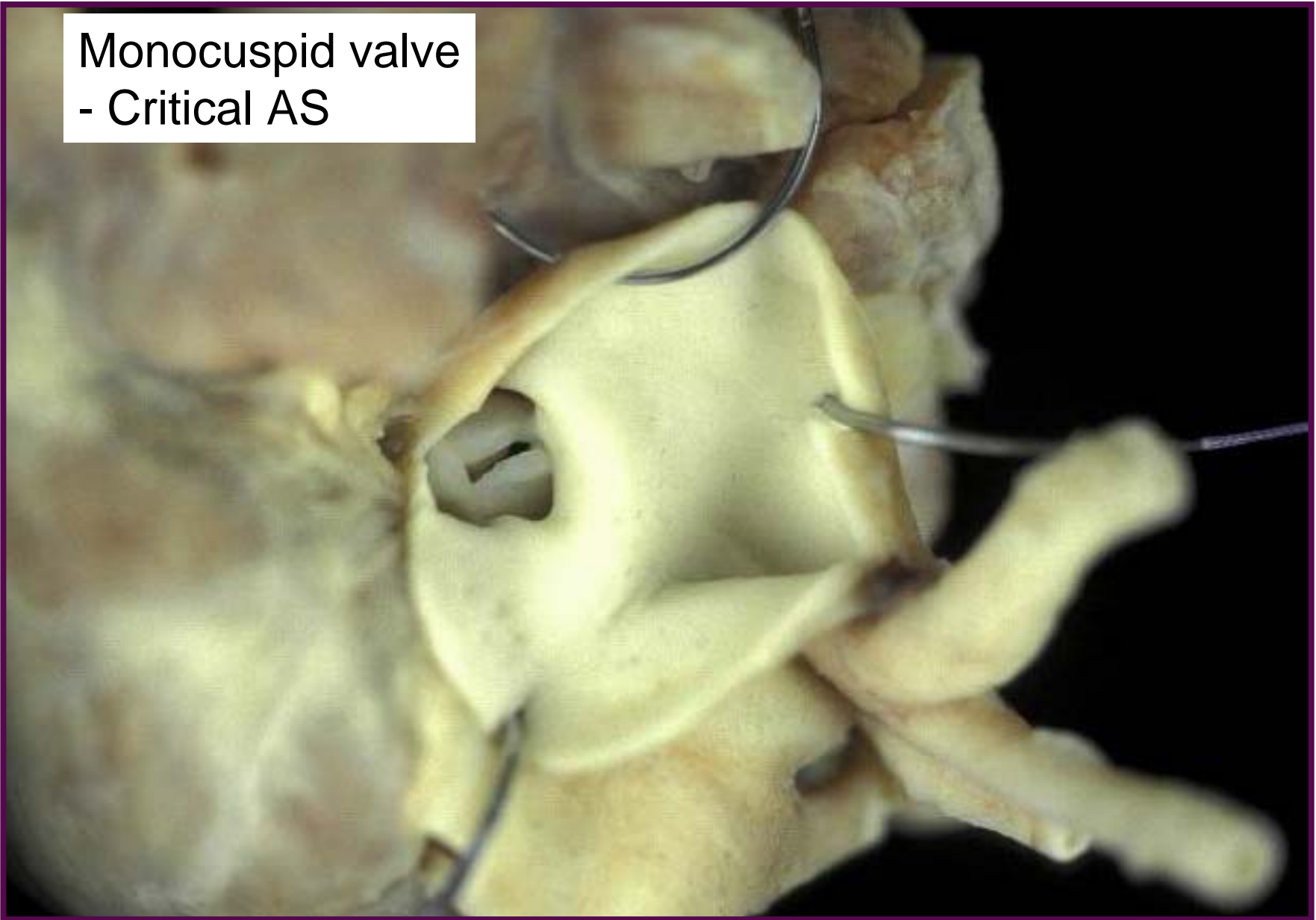
Valve attachment site; looks like crown, not circular



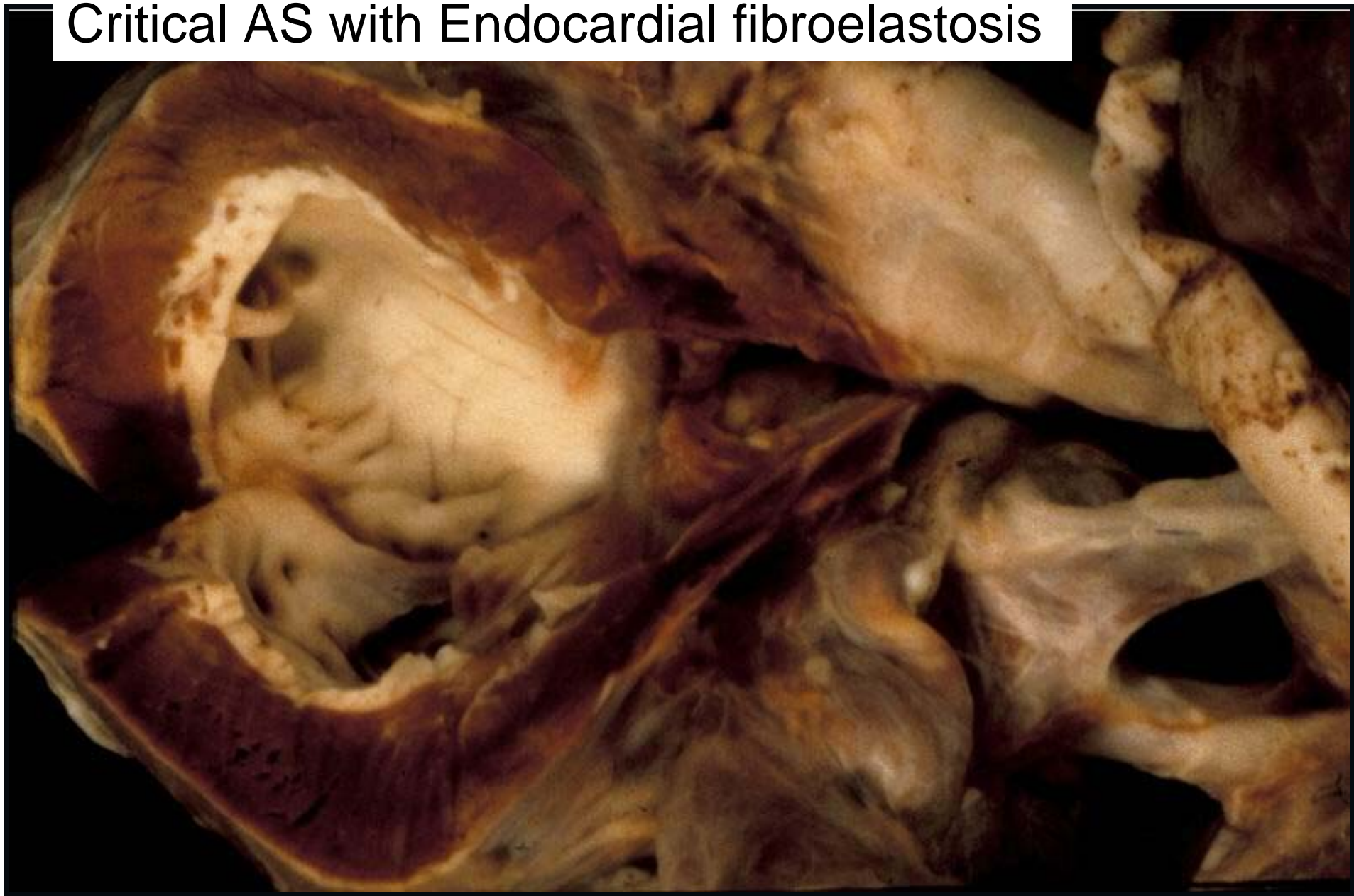
Inaccurate measurement of aortic annulus



Monocuspid valve
- Critical AS

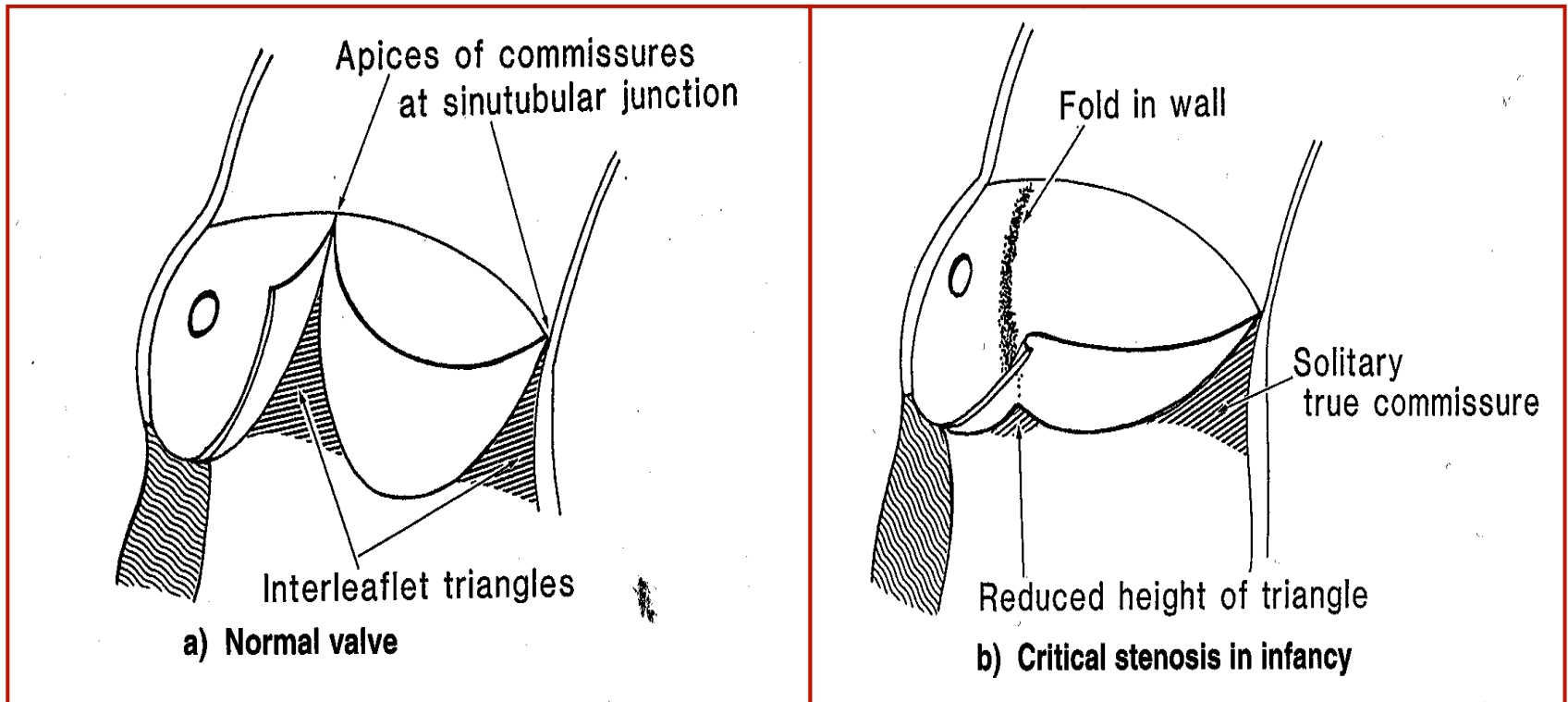


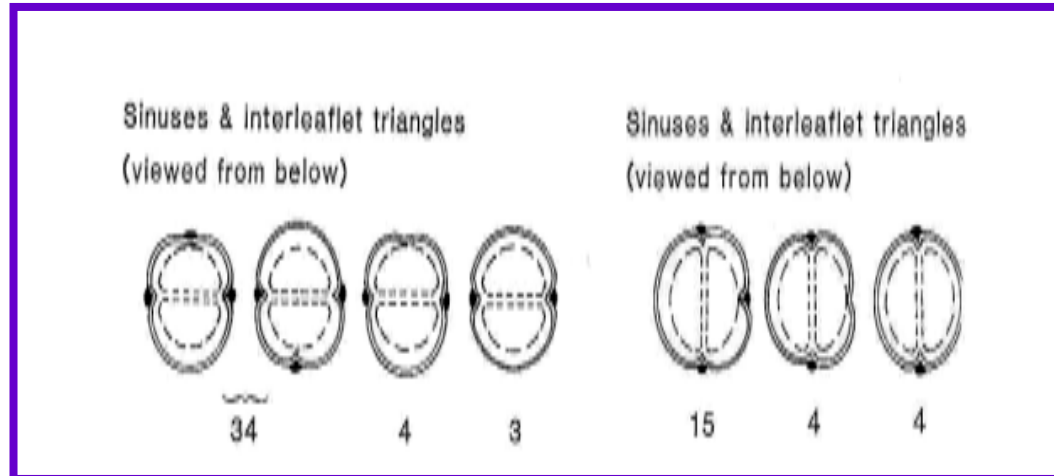
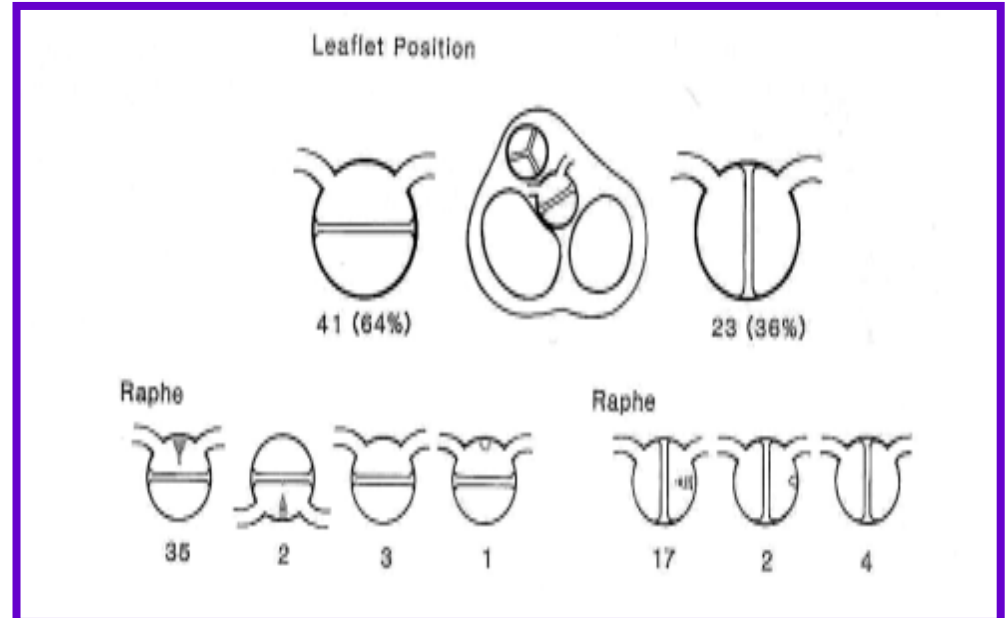
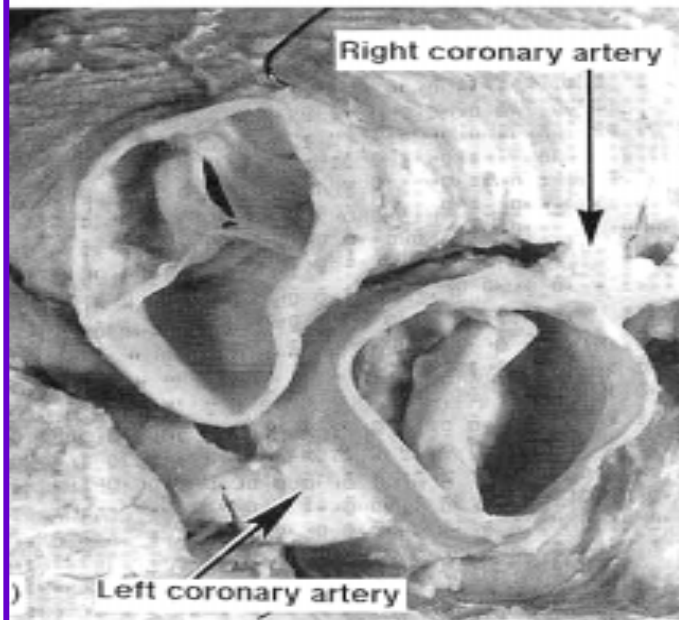
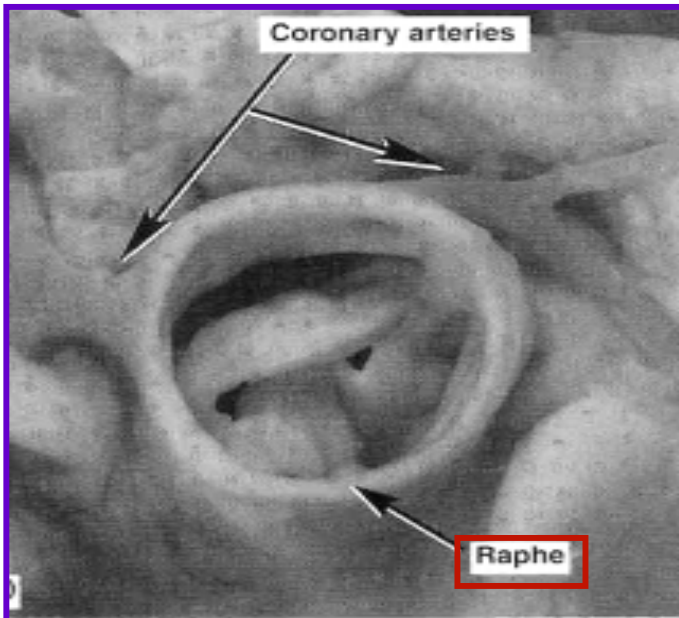
Critical AS with Endocardial fibroelastosis



Aortic valvular stenosis

- Bicuspid

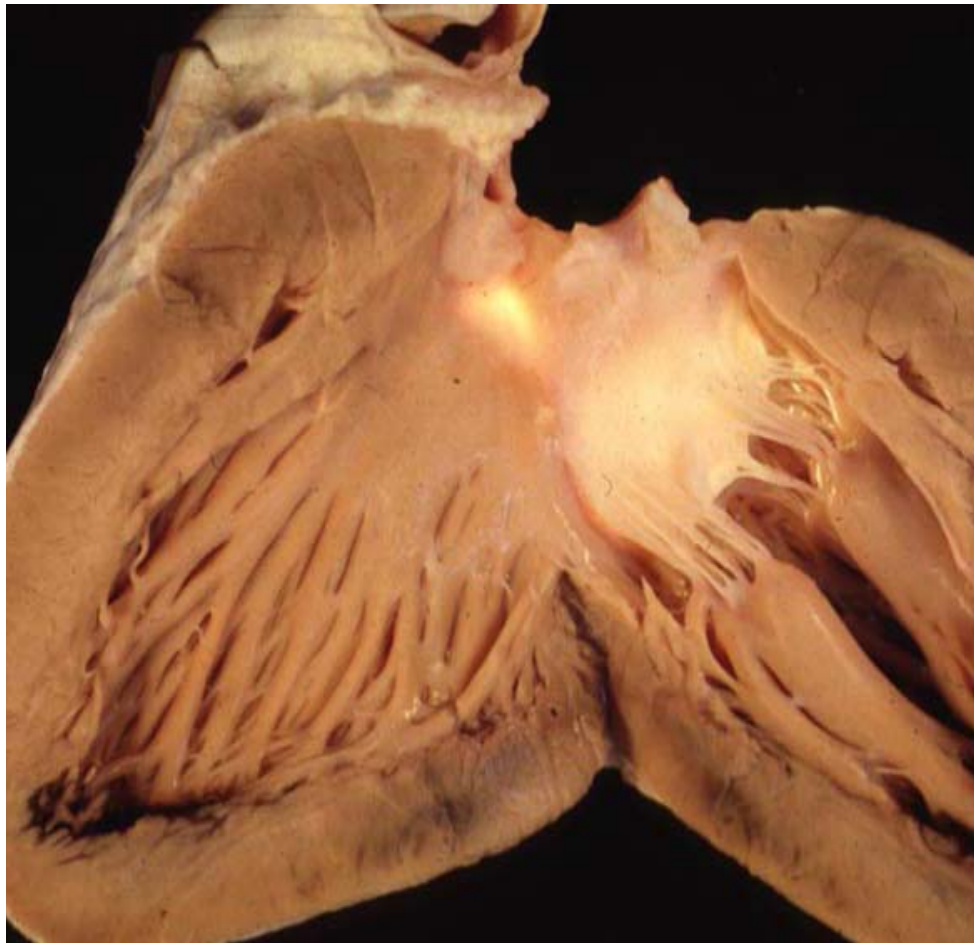




Subvalvar structure

Anterior; muscular support

Below NCC, LCC; fibrous continuity to AMV



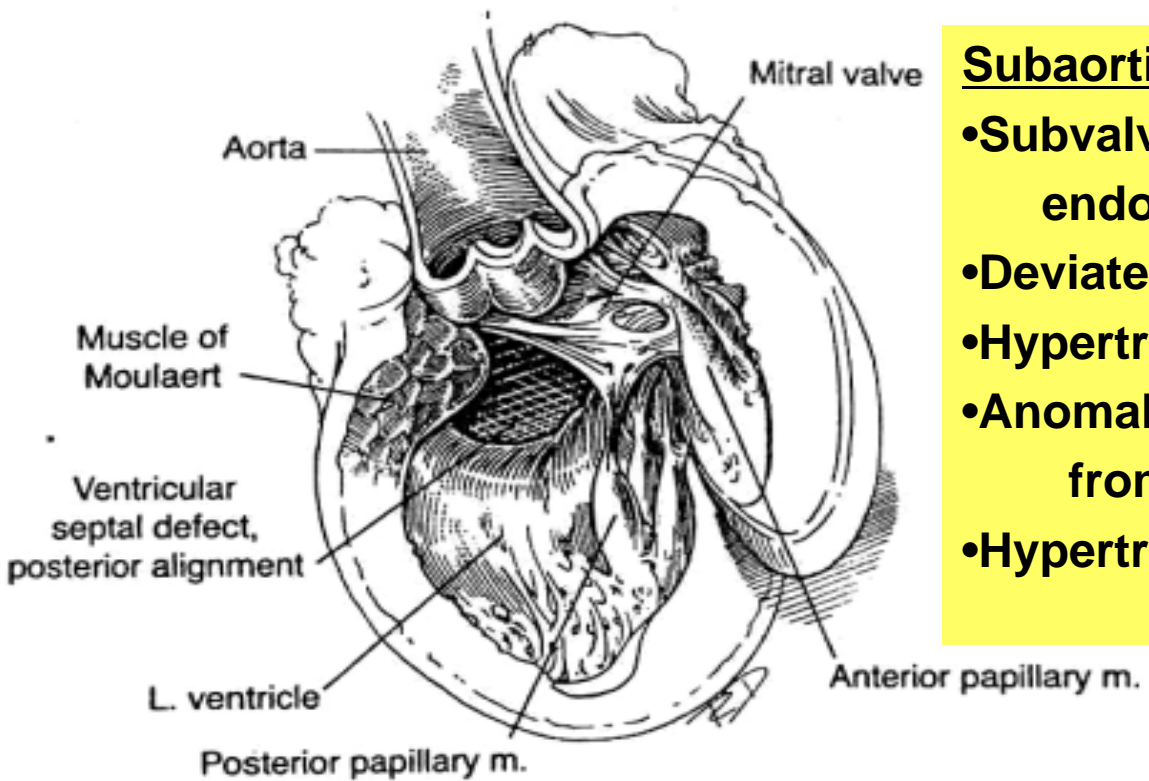
Subvalvar LVOT ring

Outlet muscular
septum

Anterior LV
free wall

Membranous
septum

Anterior
MV leaflet

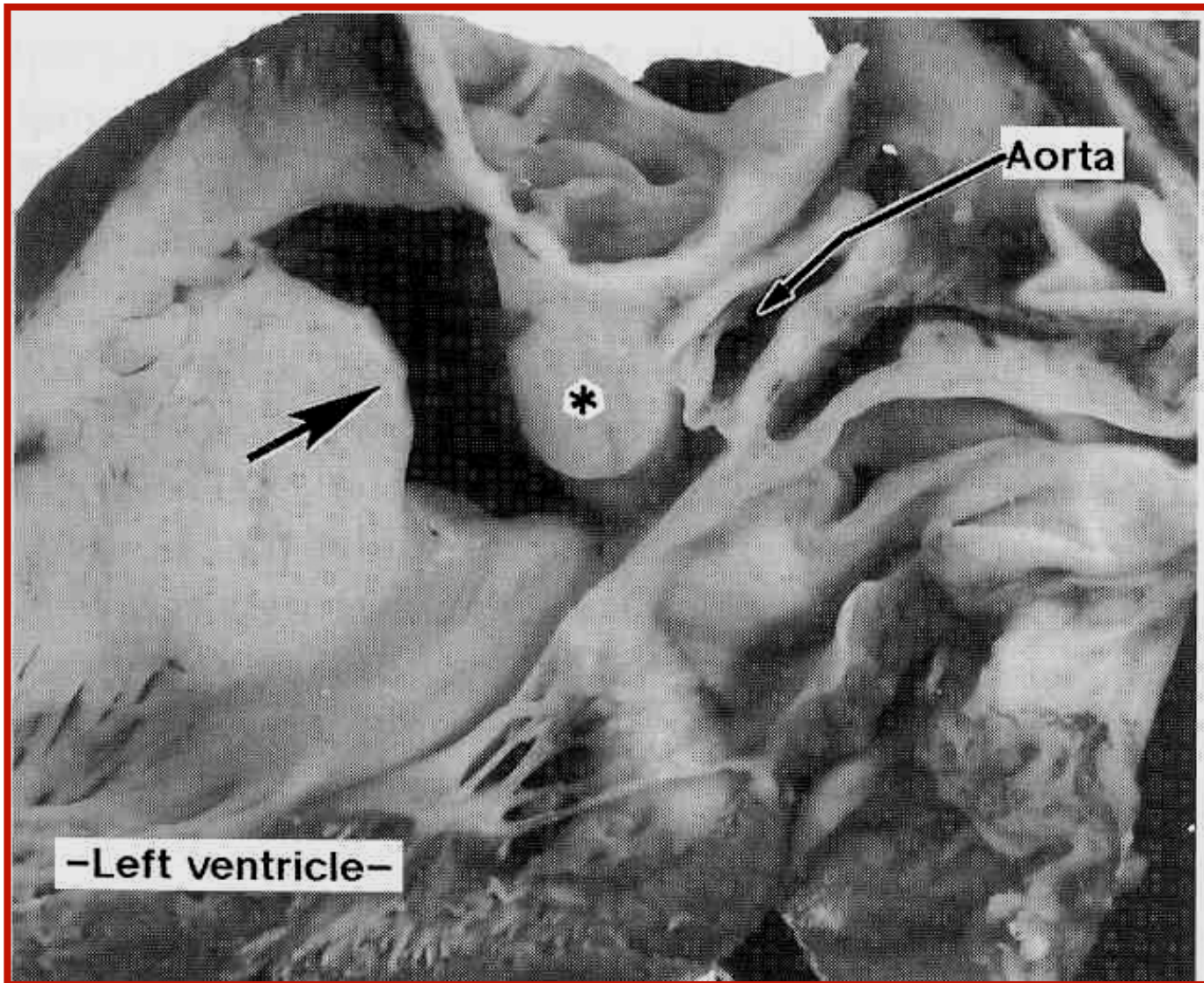


Subaortic stenosis

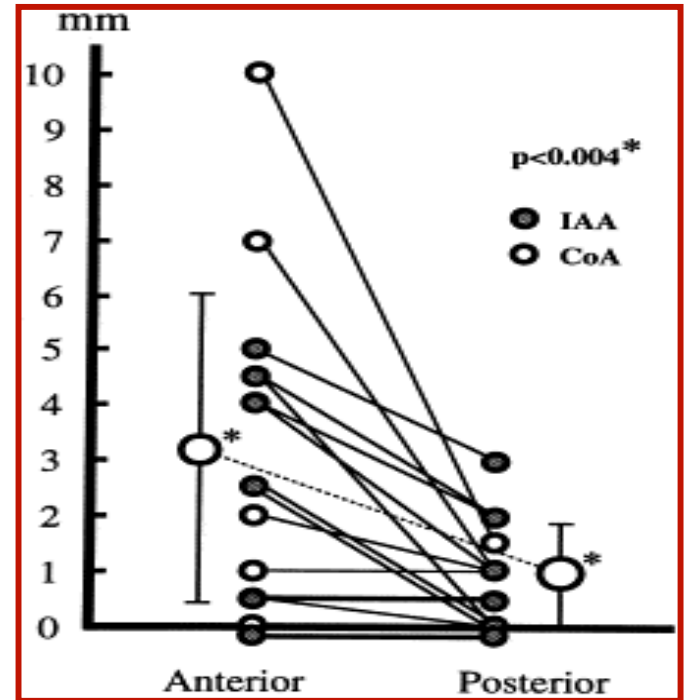
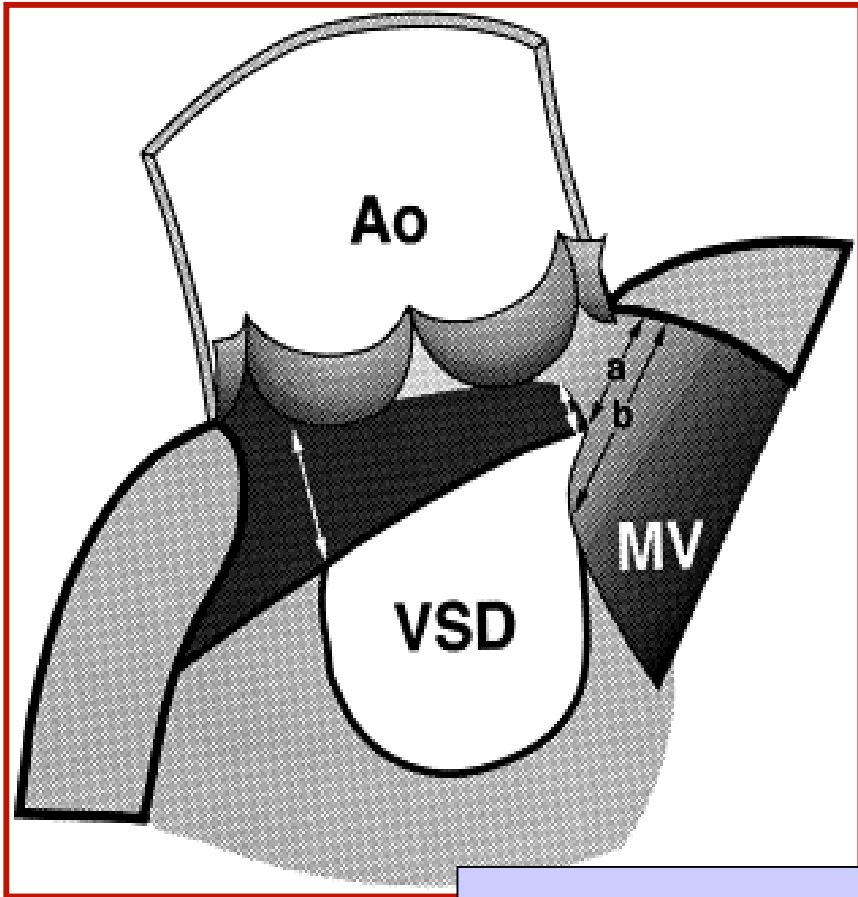
- Subvalvar ridge;
 - endothelial fold ~ fibromuscular ridge
- Deviated muscular outlet septum
- Hypertrophied ALM of Moutaert
- Anomalous tissue tag
 - from membranous septum or AV valve
- Hypertrophied IV septum

■ Terminology

- Outlet septum; muscular shelf separates the subaortic outflow tract from RV
- Ventriculoinfundibular fold (VIF);
 - muscle separating AV valve from arterial valves, inner curvature of the heart
- Anterolateral muscle;
 - muscular trabeculation extending along anterolateral wall of LVOT



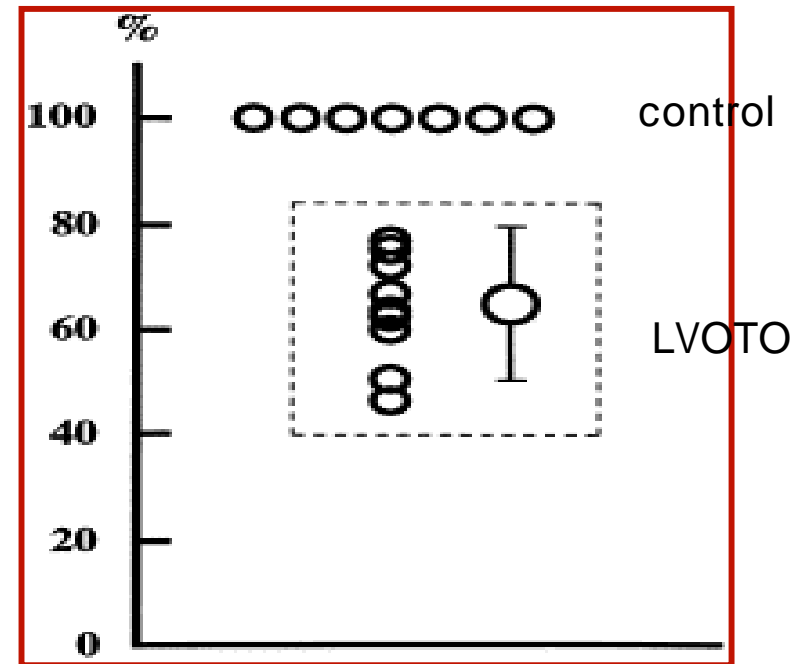
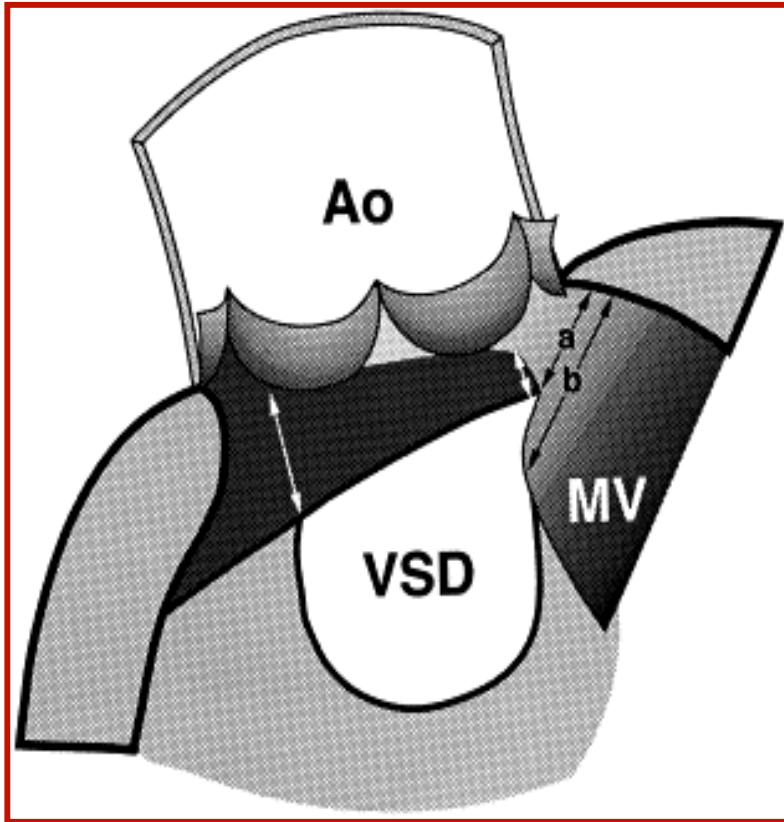
Superoinferior length of outlet septum



Length of outlet septum
Anterior > posterior

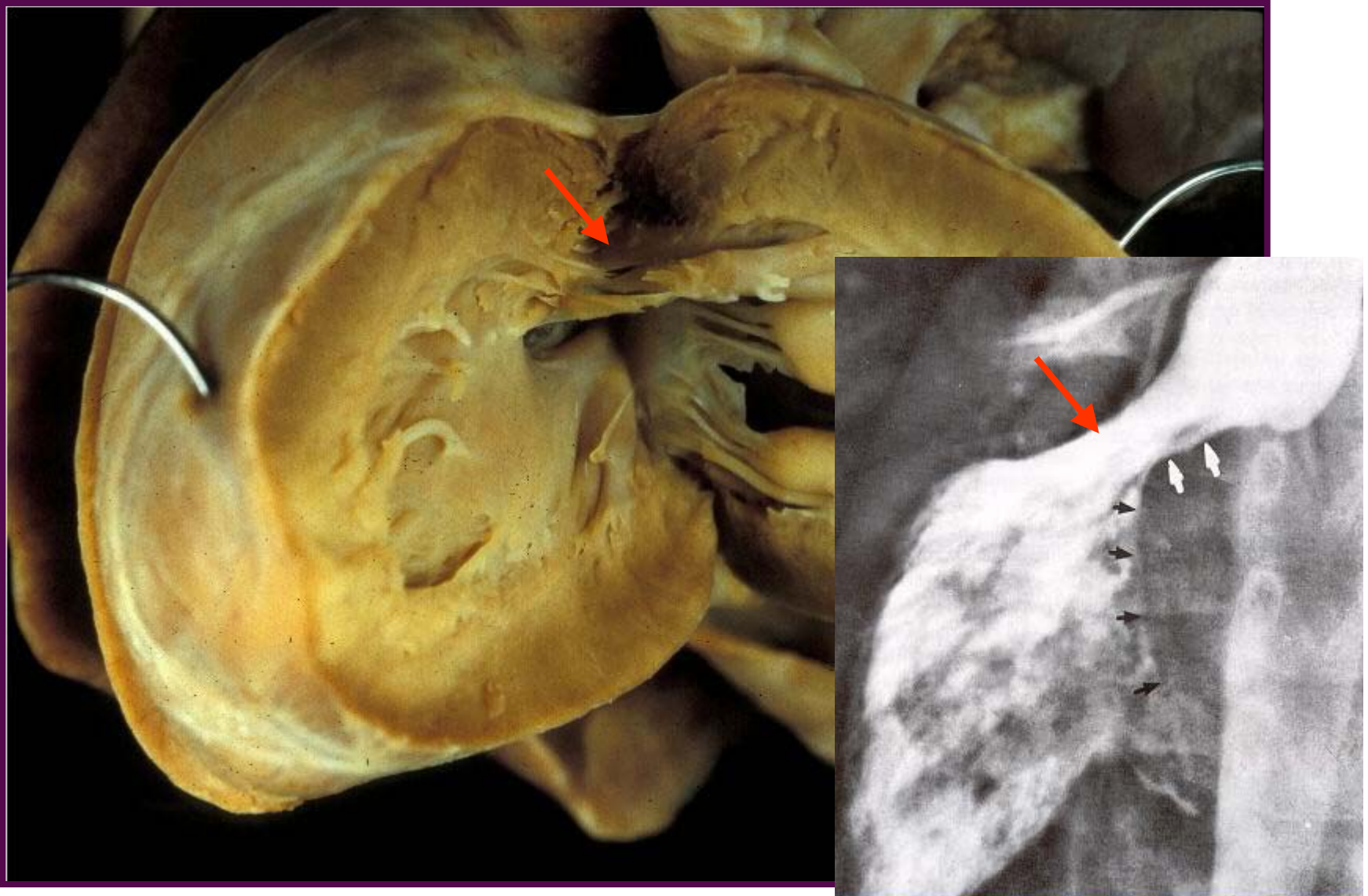
(ATS 1998)

Percent width of Ao- mitral fibrous continuity



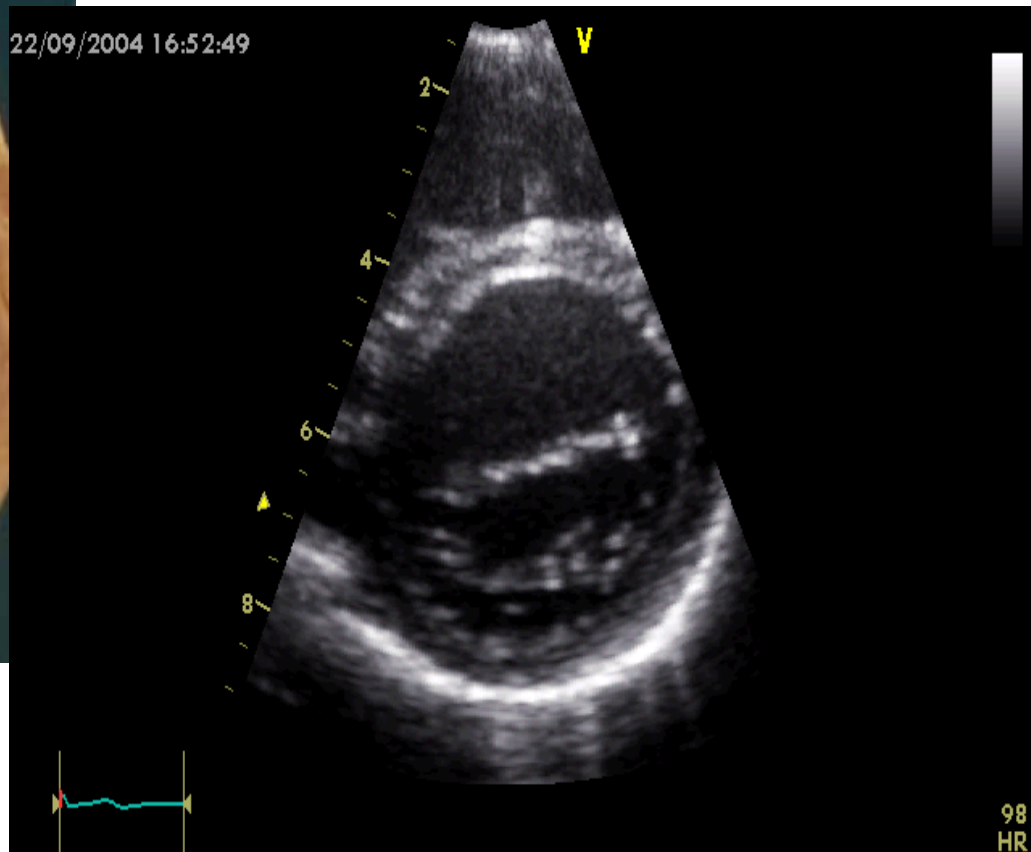
Marked reduction of MV component of LVOT
Abnormal insertion of AMV into outlet septum
(ATS 1998)

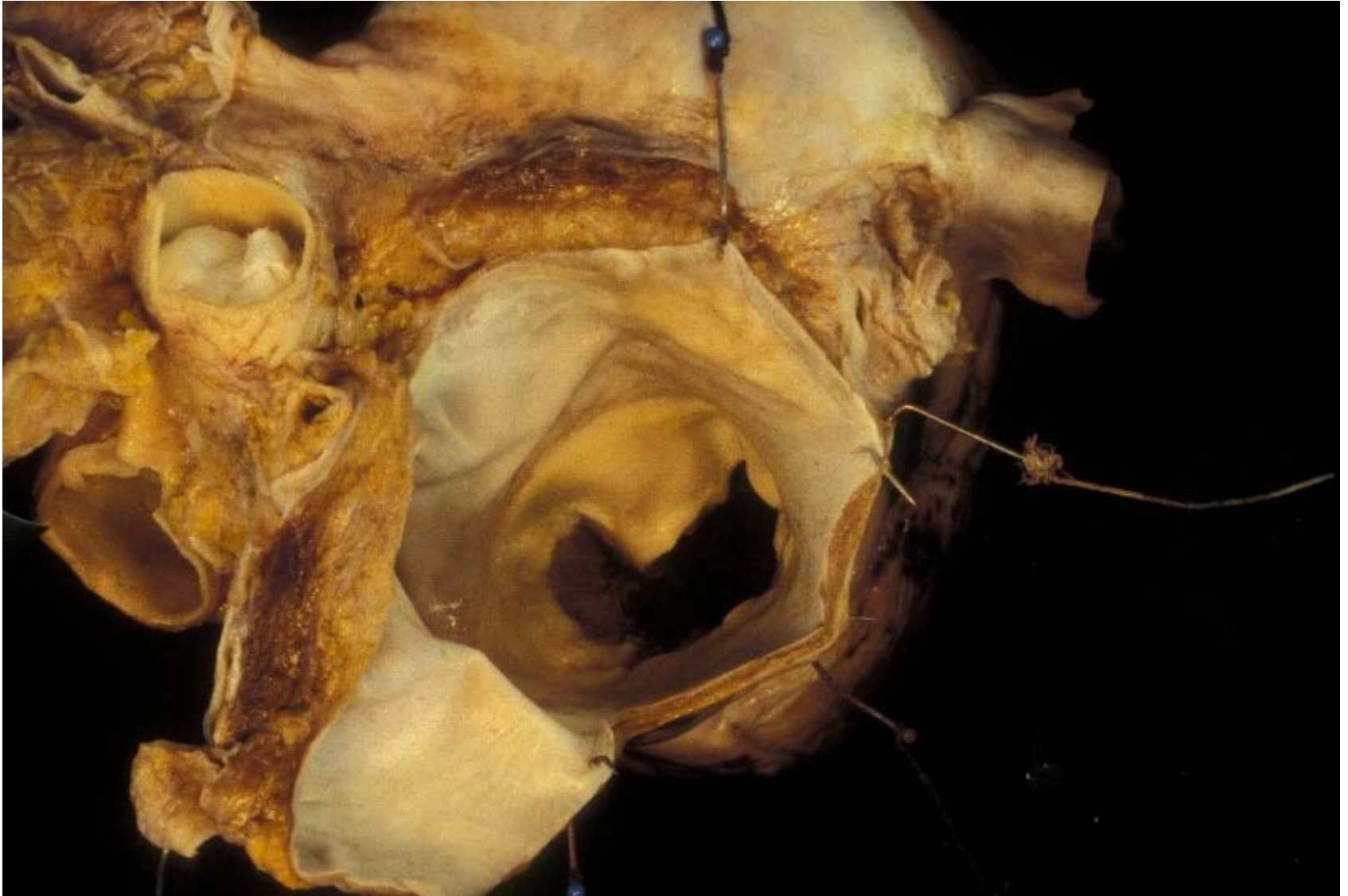
Subaortic stenosis by abnormal MV leaflet; AVSD

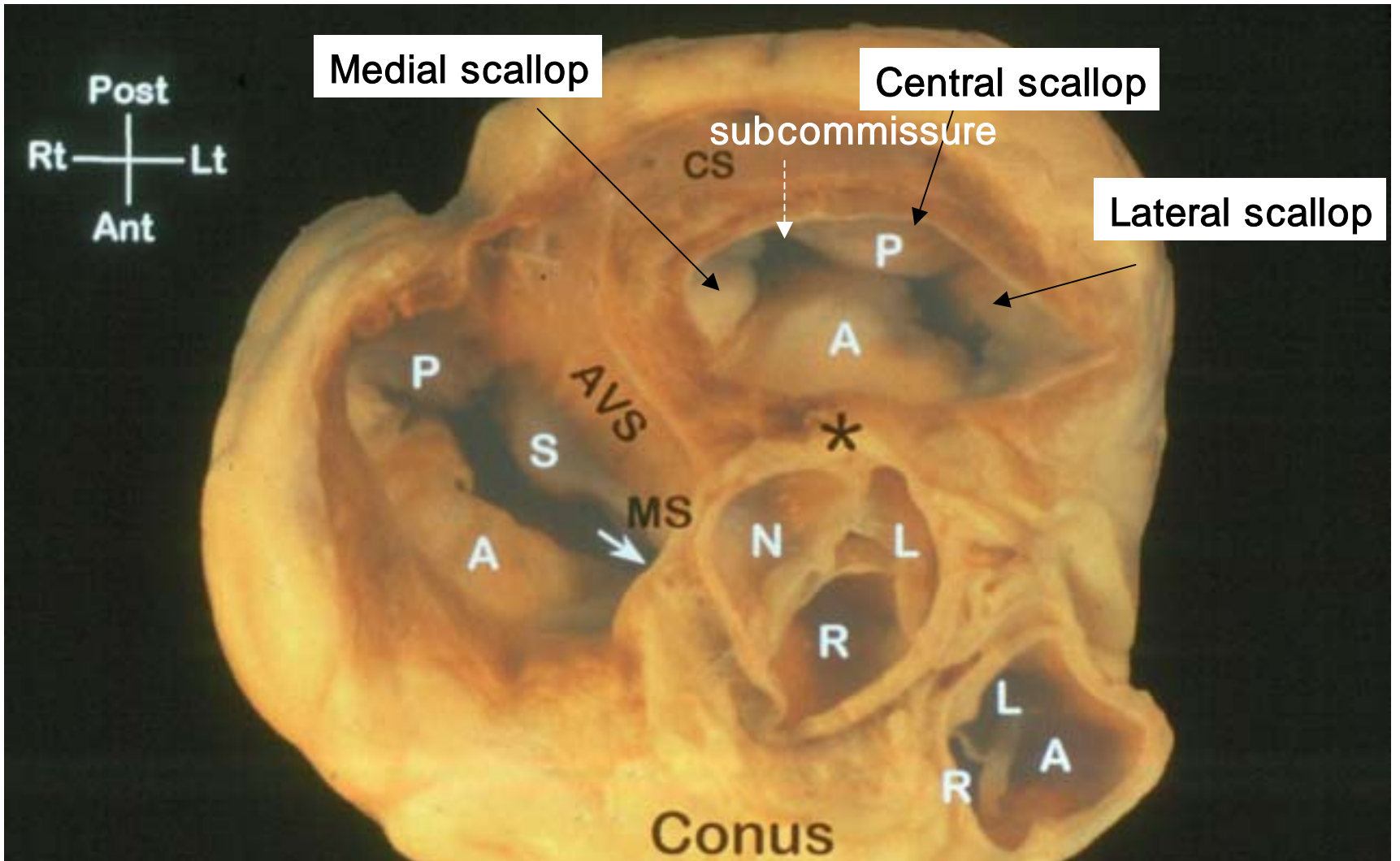


Mitral valve

- Annulus
- Two leaflets
 - Anterior leaflets; aortic leaflets (tall, 1/3)
 - Posterior leaflets; mural leaflets (lengthy, 2/3)
 - 3 Scallops or commissural leaflets
 - Commissures
 - Anterolateral
 - Posteromedial
- Chordae tendinea
- Two papillary muscles



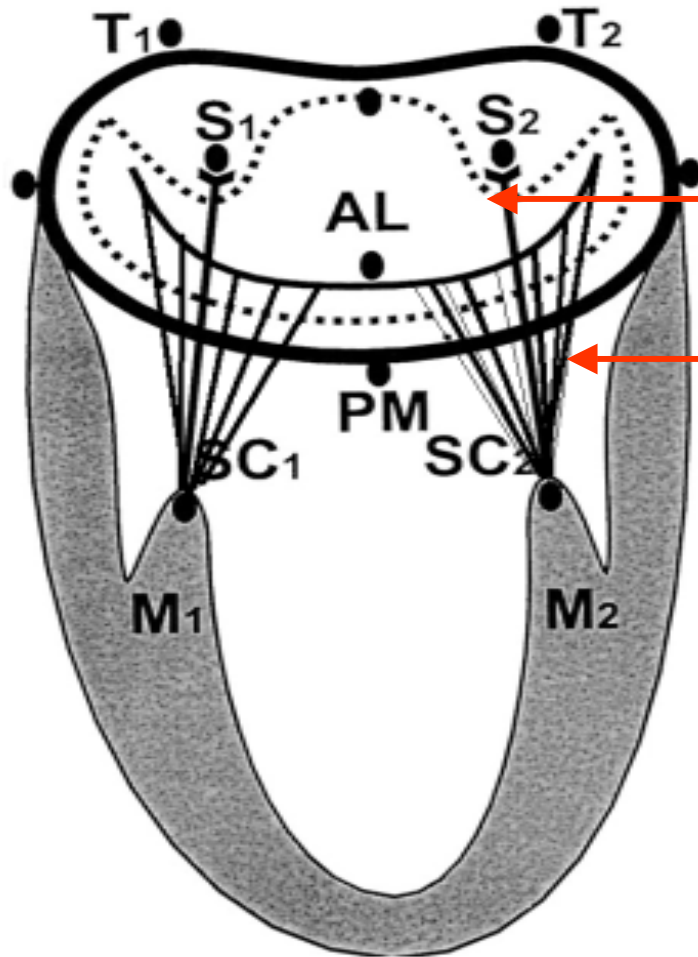




Posterior mitral leaflet inter-scallop malcoaptation during acute ischemic MR (LCX occlusion) (Lai DT et al ; circulation 2002)

Mitral Subvalvar Apparatus

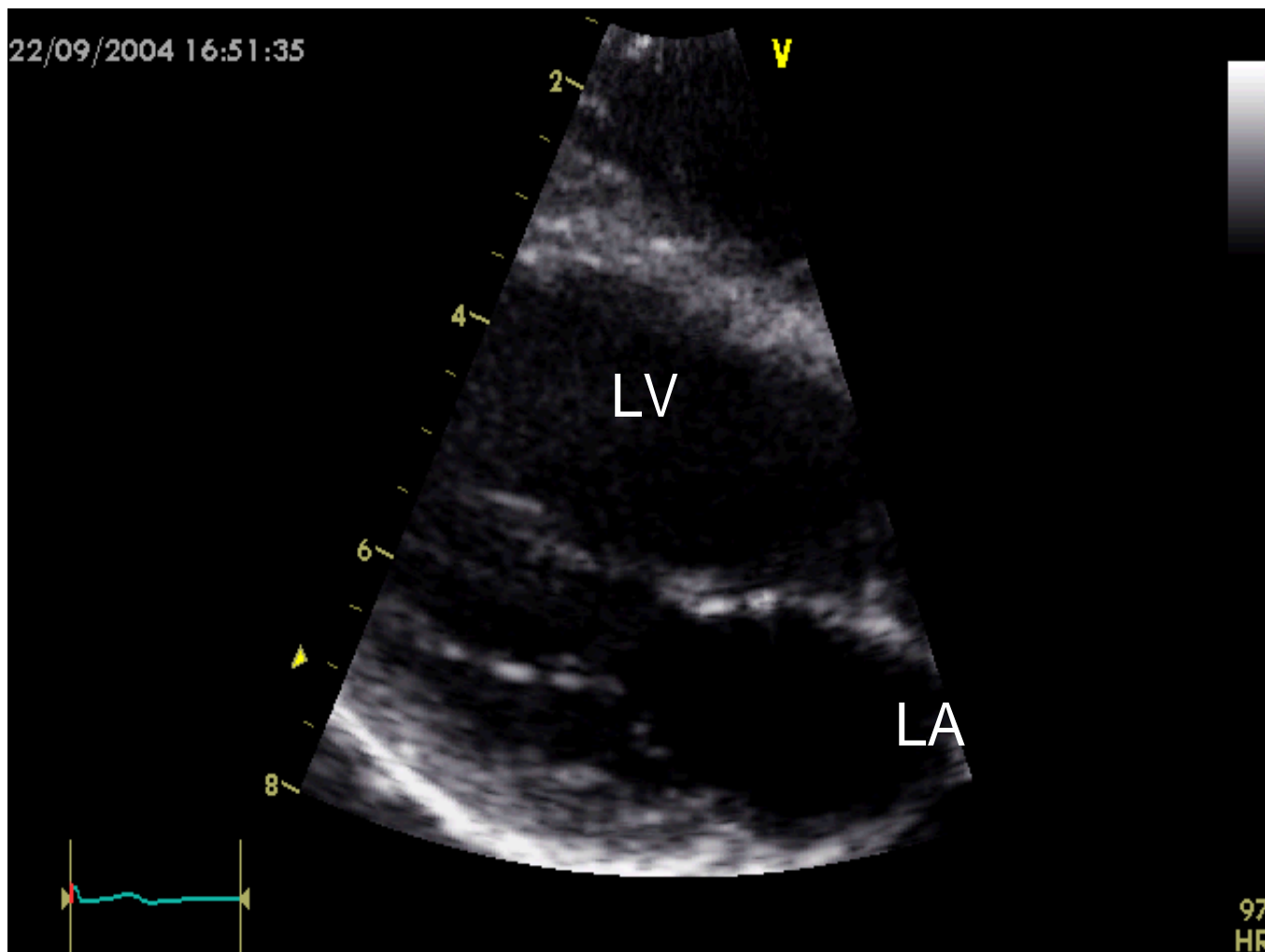
- **Two papillary muscles;** attached to free wall
 - Anterolateral
 - Posteromedial
- **Chordae teninea (tendinous chords)**
 - Primary chords
 - Secondary chords;
 - Strut chords (anterior MV); basal stay chords
 - Basal chords (posterior MV)



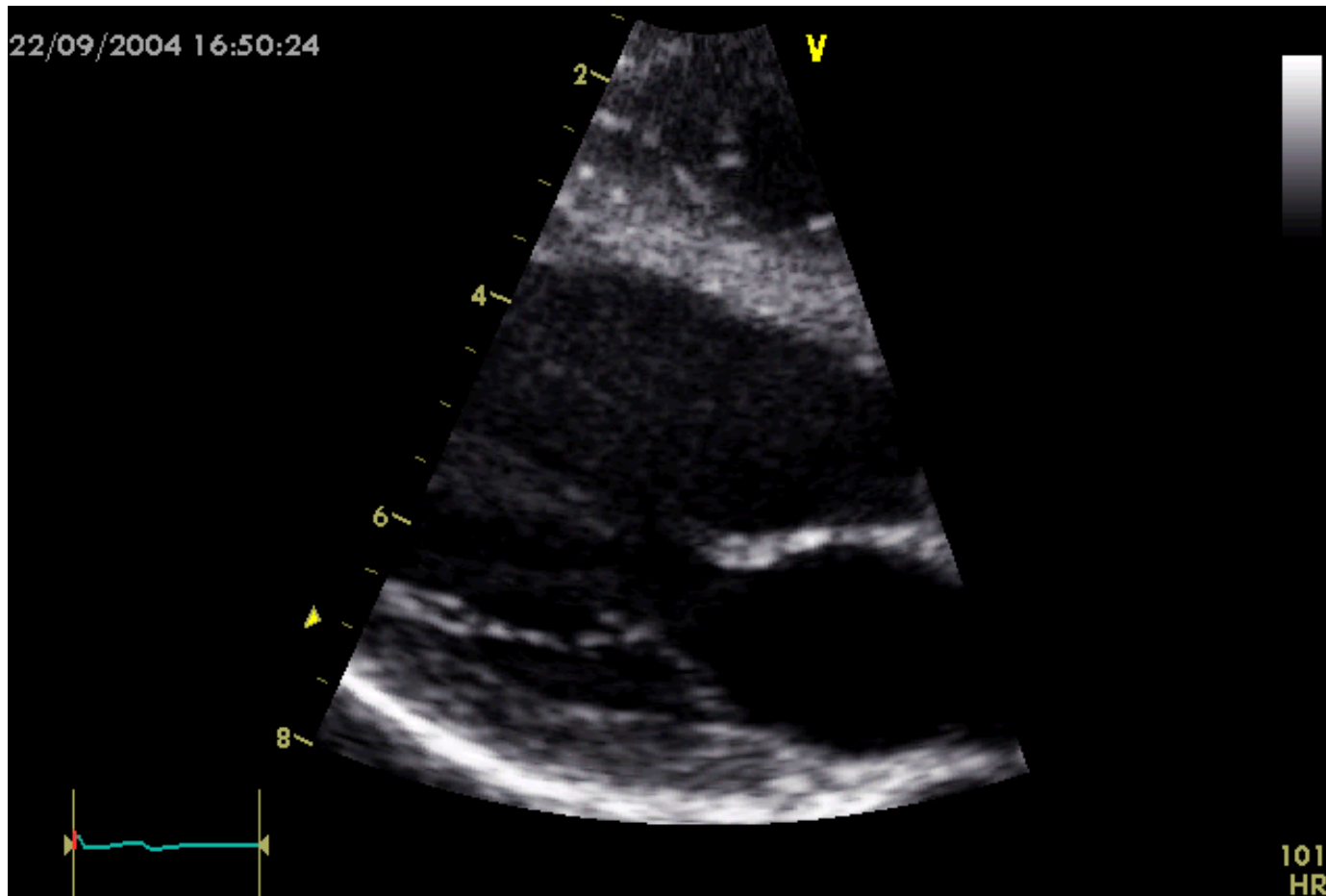
Strut chords

Primary chords

Primary chords

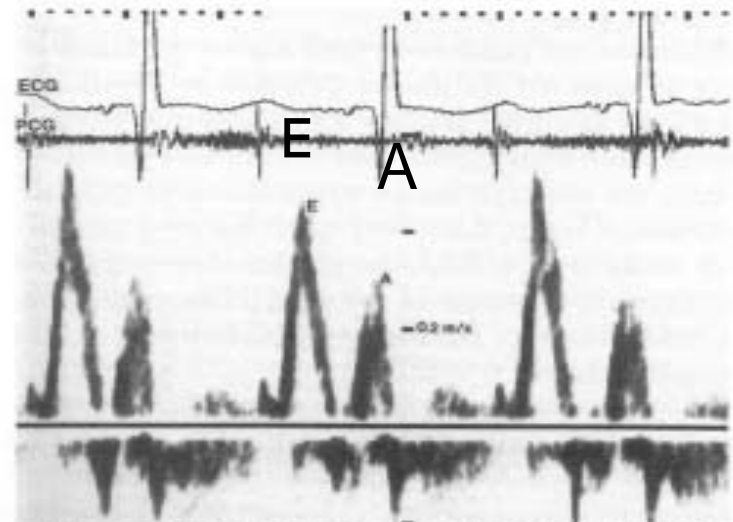
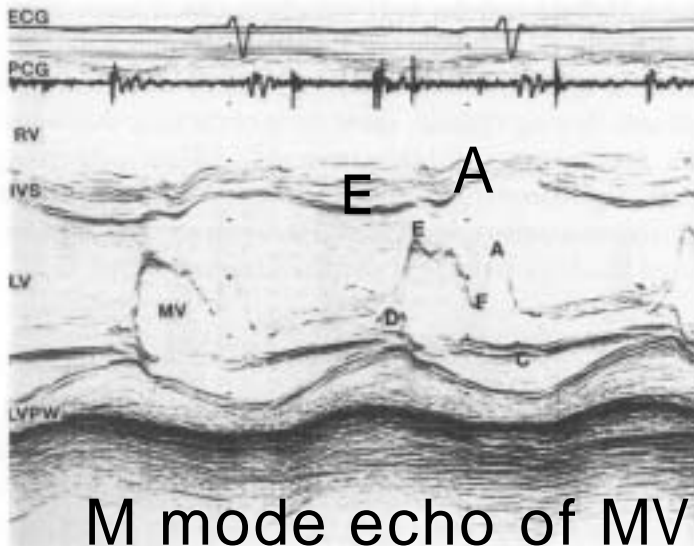


Secondary Chords; Strut chords



Dynamics of mitral valve

- Isovolemic relaxation of LV
- Mitral valve opening
 - Reversal of diastolic pressure of LV and LA
- Mitral inflow; **E wave**
- Passive closure
- Reopening by atrial contraction; **A wave**; 15-20% of C.O.
- Mitral valve closure during ventricular systole
- Annular contraction during ventricular systole, maintain tension of chords



Valvular - ventricular interaction:

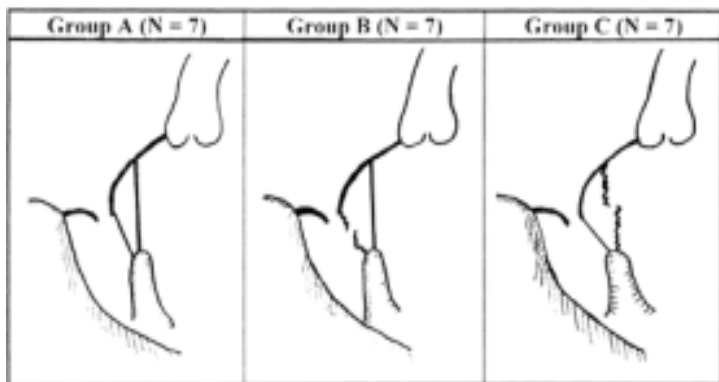
- importance of the mitral apparatus in canine left ventricular systolic performance
;severing all MV chords → dec. LV performance(circulation 1986)
- Randomized Trial of Partial Versus Complete Chordal Preservation Methods of Mitral Valve Replacement (circulation1999)
 - complete retention of the subvalvular apparatus during mitral valve replacement resulted in improved ejection performance and smaller chamber volumes due to reduced systolic wall stress.
- Preserving chordae tendineae during MV surgery ;
improves postoperative LV function and clinical outcome

Mitral Subvalvar Apparatus

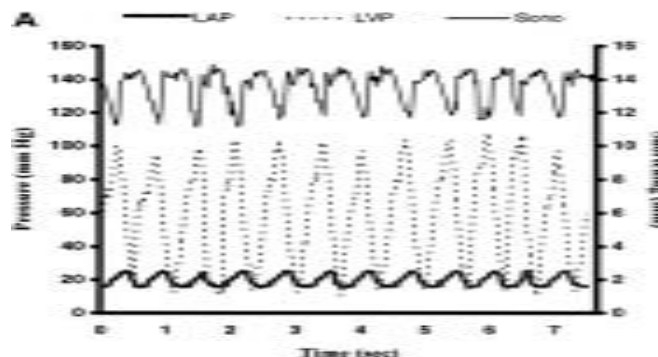
Different functions of primary and secondary chordae

(circulation 1997)

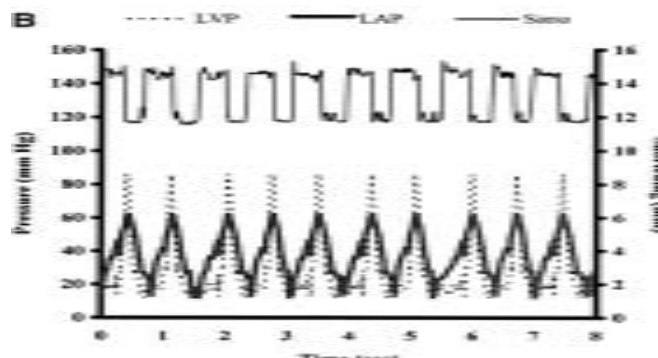
Isolated pig heart model



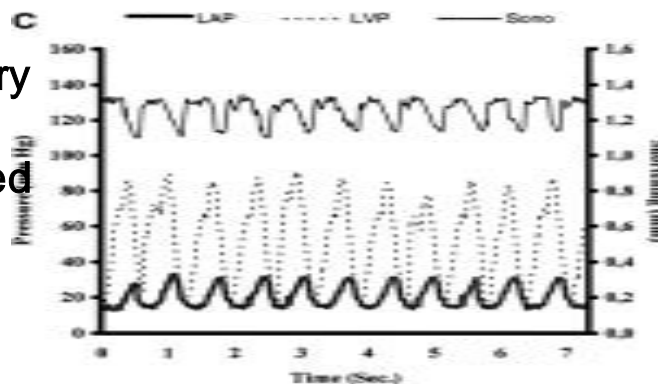
control



Primary chordae sectioned



secondary chordae sectioned



The primary chordae of the anterior leaflet ; mitral valve competence

Secondary chordae in left ventricular geometry and function.

Function of Strut chords

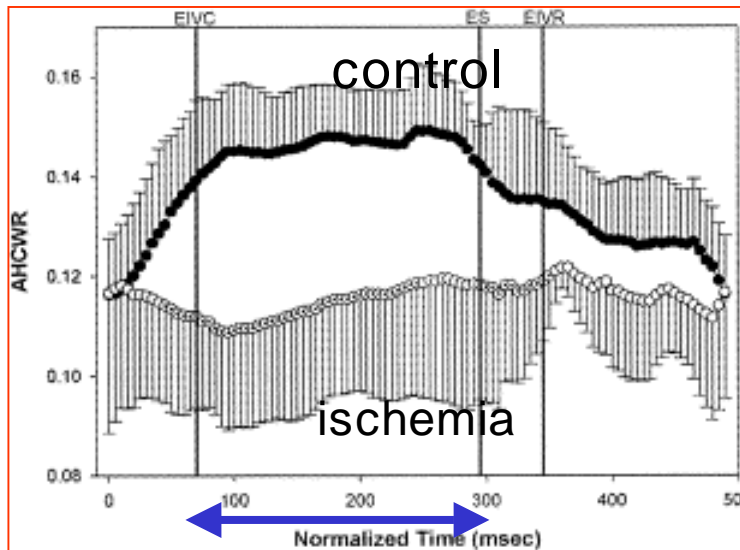
- Surgery on Strut chords
 - Strut chords transposition for AMV prolapse repair (JACC 1995)
 - Cutting strut chords for ischemic MR repair (circulation 2001)
- Strut chords;
 - Limit the lateral movement of AMV leaflet.
 - During diastole, midportion (btw 2 stay chords) unimpaired
 - Studies using sonomicrometric crystal implantation under CPS in sheep model (circulation 2003)
- Cutting strut chords (radio-opaque markers)
 - Don't cause delayed leaflet coaptation or MR (ATS 2001)
 - **Acute regional LV systolic dysfunction** near chordal insertion sites (circulation 2003)

Mitral valve annulus

- Saddle shape; accentuates during systole
- Changes on annular area (3D echo study)
- peak - mid diastole, 20-40% area change (Am J Physiol Heart Cir Physiol, 2004)
- Influenced by inotropic state, not HR (ATS 2004)
- Shortening of MV annulus (J Heart Valve Dis 2003);
AP dimension 6 %, mediolateral plan 13%
- Normal vs functional MR (Am Heart J 2000)
 - At mid-systole in normal annuli, area and perimeter reach a minimum, nonplanarity is greatest
 - FMR had a larger area, perimeter, and interpeak span than in normal subjects (P <.001 for all) and reduced cyclic variation.

The effect of regional ischemia on mitral valve annular saddle shape (ATS 2004)

AHCWR; Annular height and commissural width ratio



systole

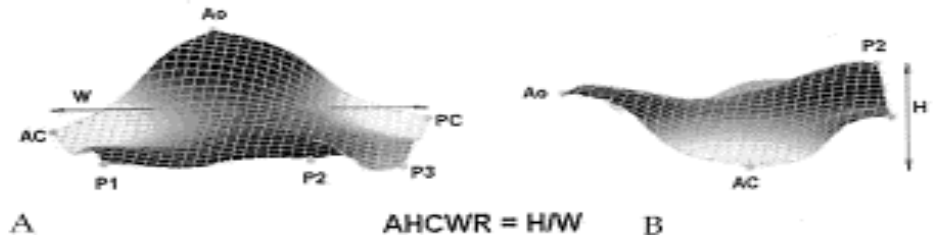


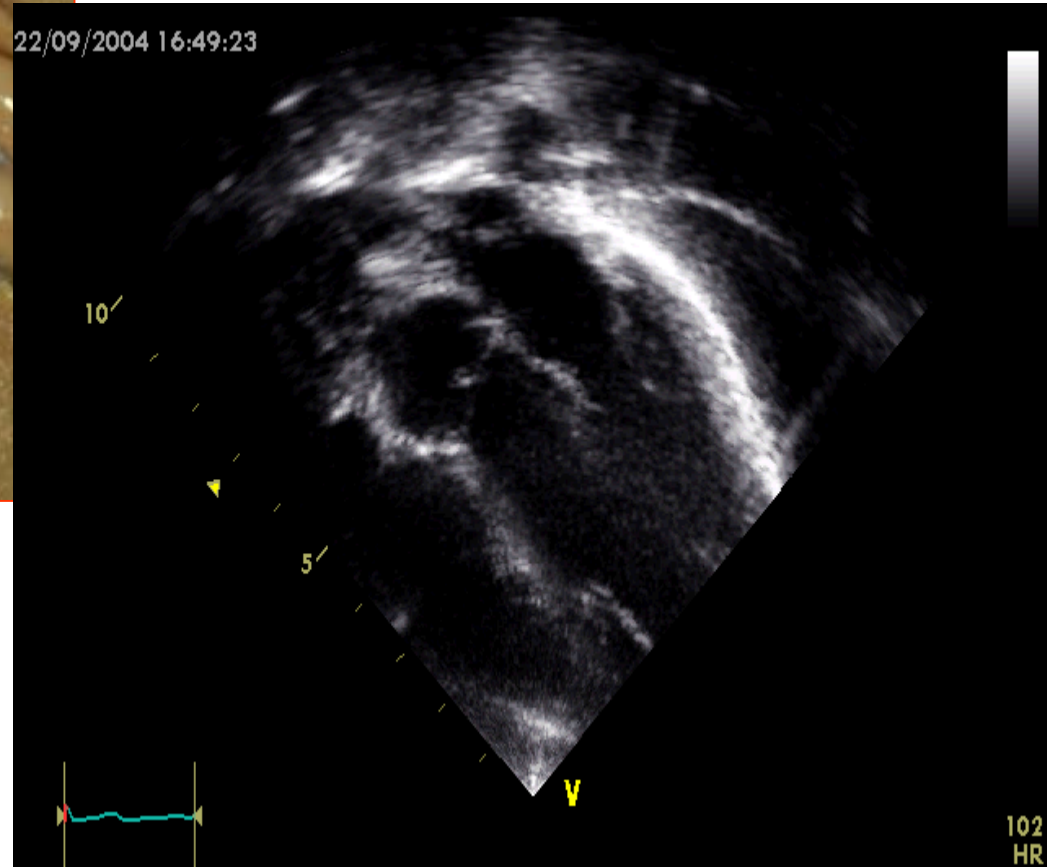
Image of a normal ovine mitral annulus at end systole

Normal annular saddle shape;
 - accentuates during systole
 - eliminated during ischemia ; causes AIMR.

Aorto-mitral continuity



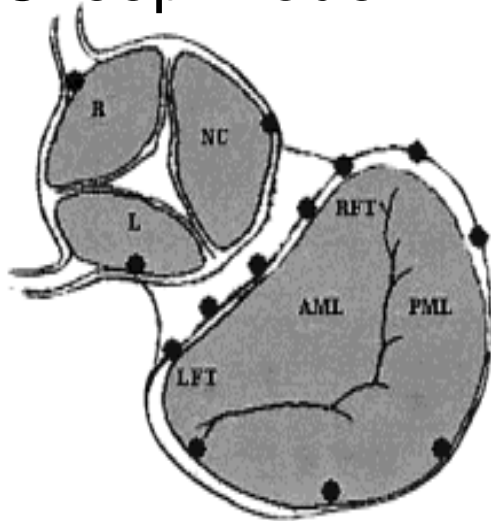
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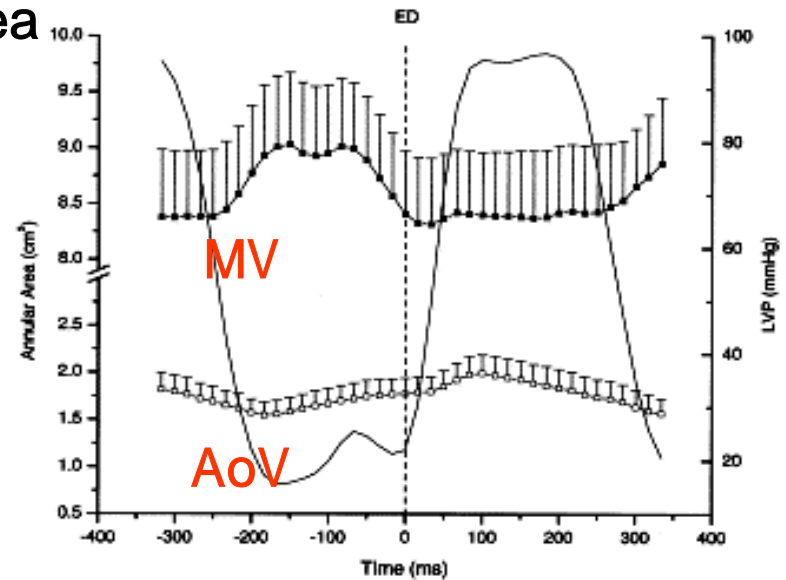
Aorto-mitral annular dynamics

(TimekTA et.al, ATS 2003)

Sheep model



Annular area



- Mitral and aortic area change

Ao annular area; $32 \pm 8\%$

- change of fibrous annulus ; less

Ao $6 \pm 2\%$ vs $18 \pm 4\%$,

- aortomitral angle; $88-97^\circ$,

dynamic annular flexion $8 \pm 2^\circ$, increased by inotropic stimulation

- Aid LV filling and ejection

- common dynamic physiology

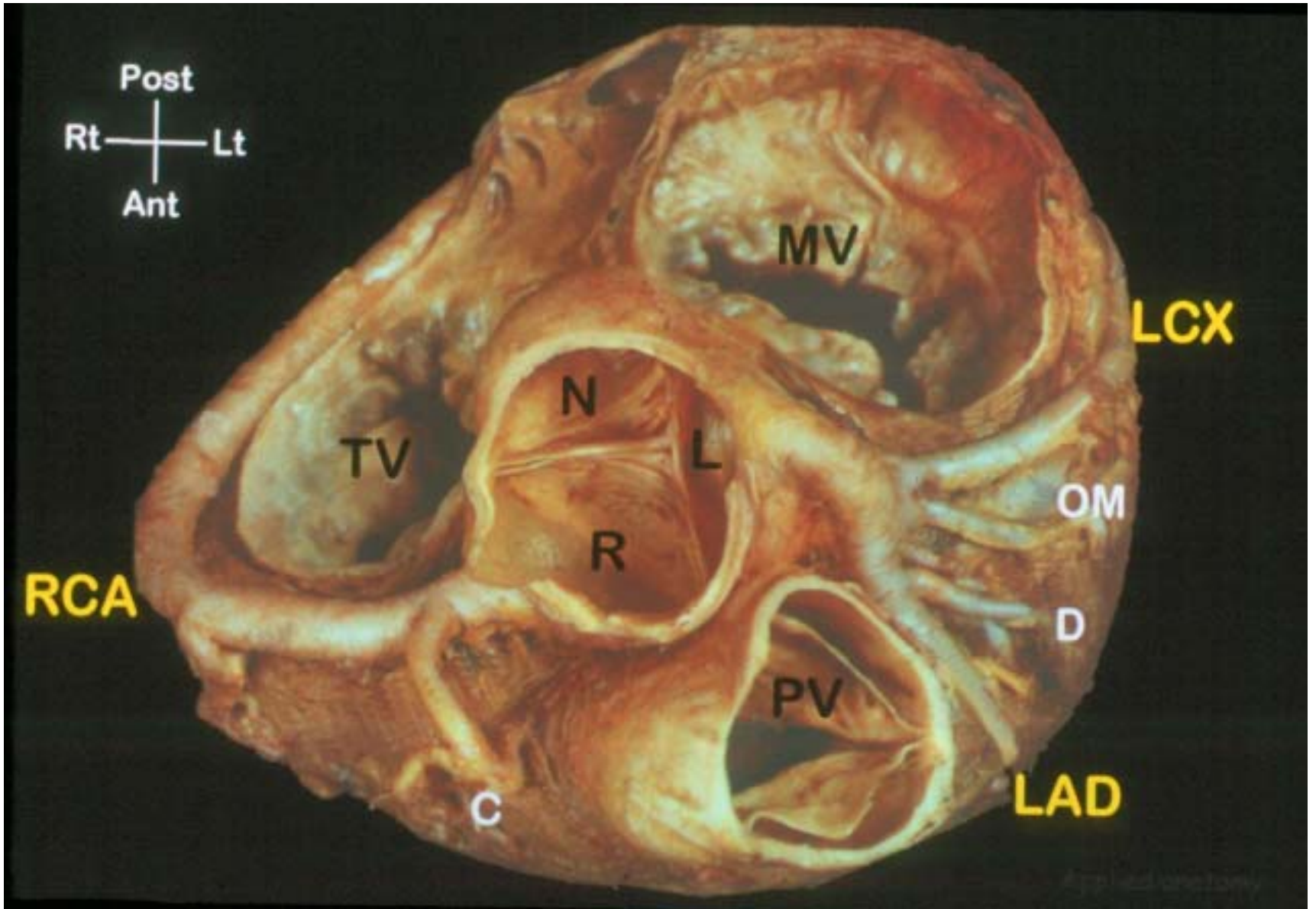
Not mediated by fibrous continuity

- Valvular surgery ;

may have adverse effect on valve function

Summary

- Ao valve and mitral valve anatomy;
 complicated 3 dimensional structures
- Dynamic changes of valve annulus shape,
size, angle; according to cardiac cycle and
inotropic status
- Valvular-ventricular interaction



Deviated muscular outlet septum LVOTO associated with VSD

- Posterior deviation of septum
 - Resection of subaortic muscle; Ao valve injury
- Anterior deviation of septum

