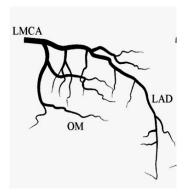
How to Review Coronary Angiogram in Preparation for CABG

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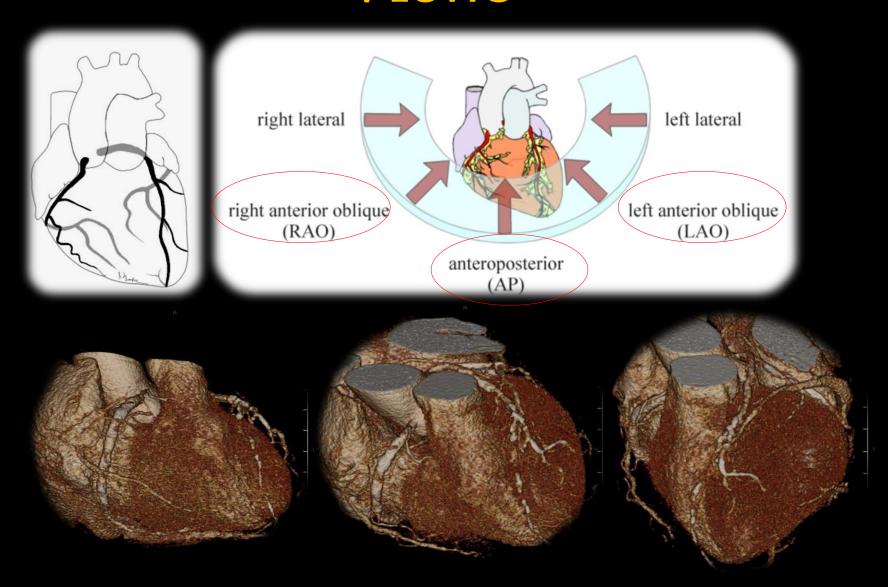
Planning of CABG

- Determine target vessel & attack (anastomosis) site.
 - Surgeon's viewpoint ≠ interventionist's view point
 - Identification of target
 - Location, course and tortuosity
 - Branching pattern
 - Relationship with adjacent branches



- Determine type, number, length, configuration of conduit.
 - Save time and unnecessary incision.
- Predict the technical difficulty and duration of anastomosis.
 - Location & quality of vessel
 - → technical difficulty and duration of ischemia
- Prepare plan B.
 - Alternative conduit and/or graft configuration
 - CPB (or PCPS=EBS) stand-by needed?

Views



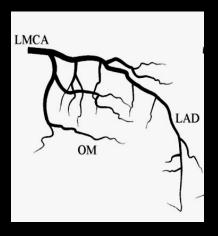
Left coronary artery

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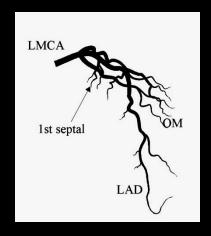
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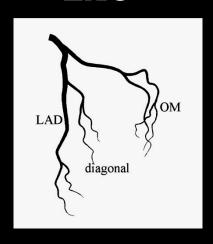
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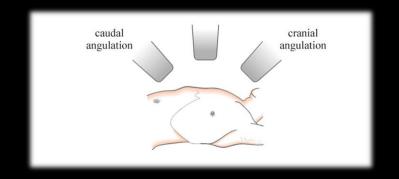
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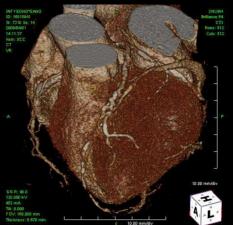
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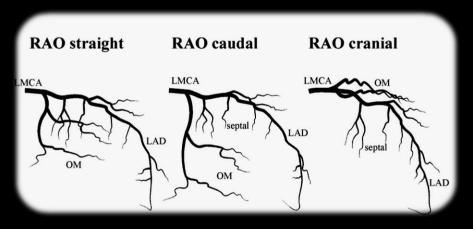


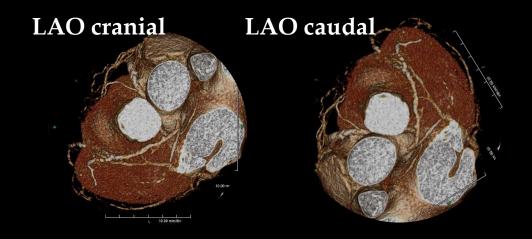
Cranial vs. Caudal view



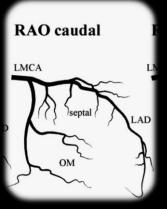


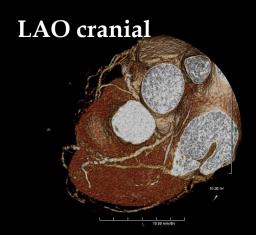






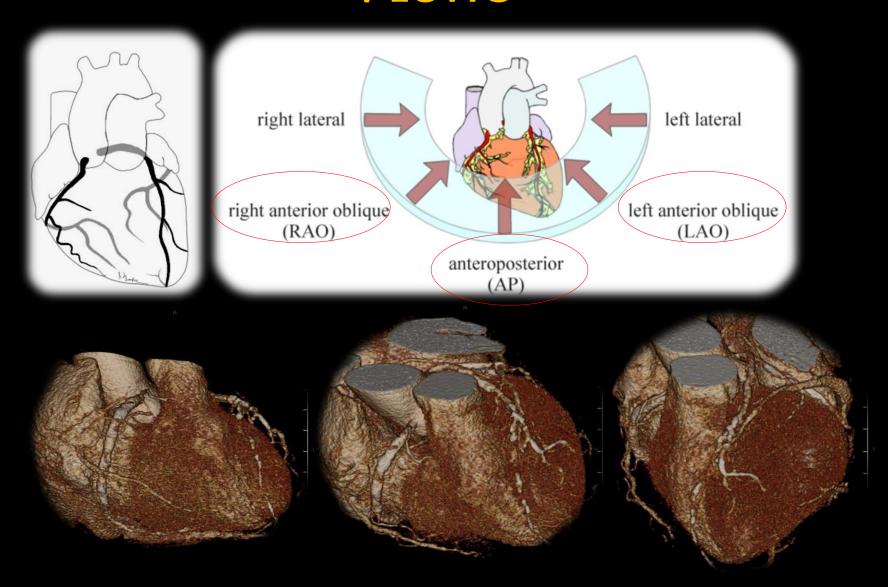
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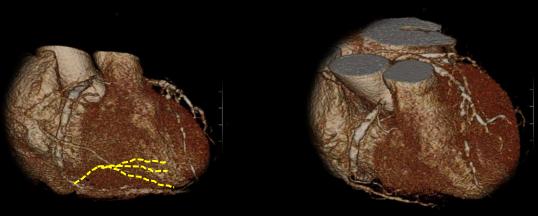


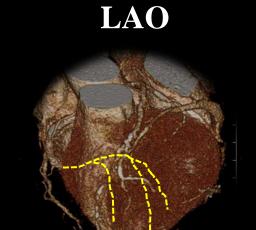
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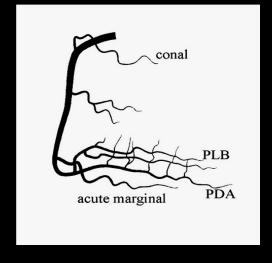


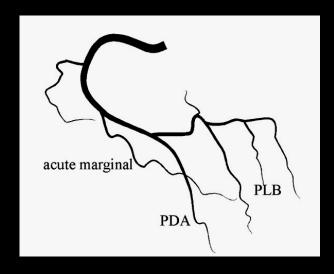
Right coronary artery

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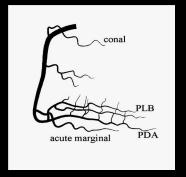




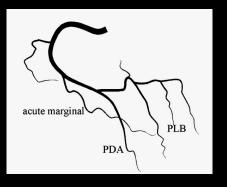


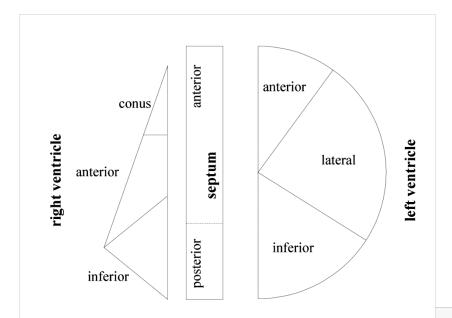
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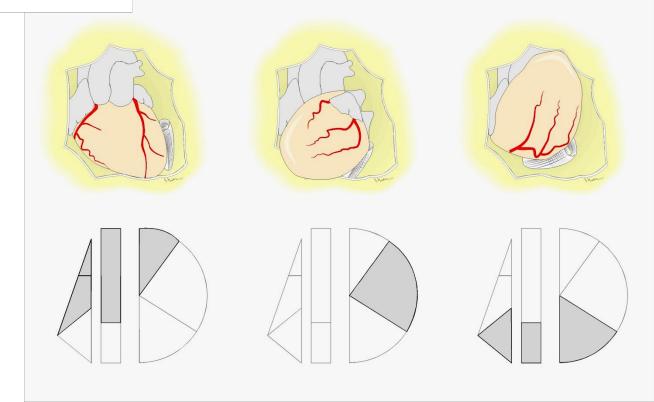
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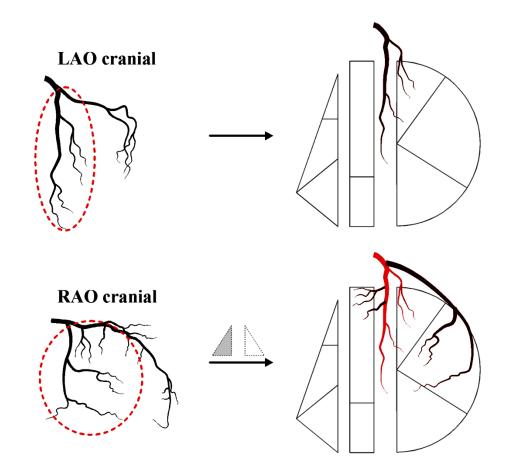


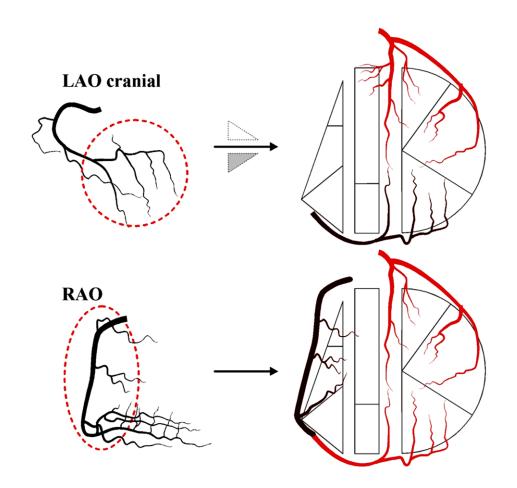
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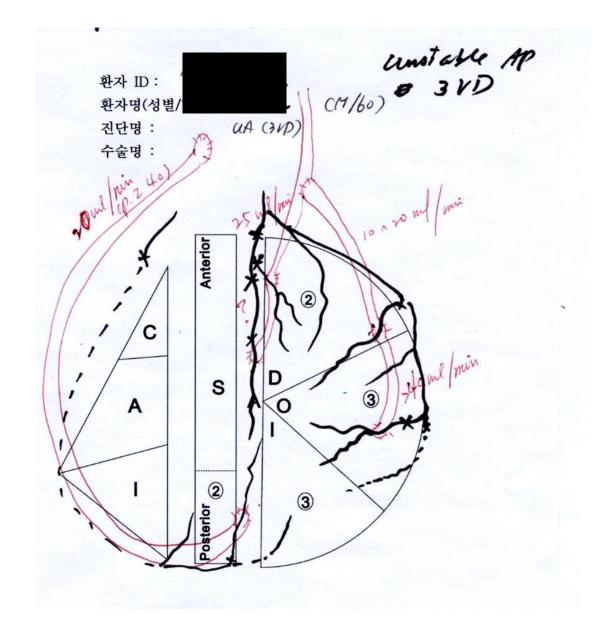








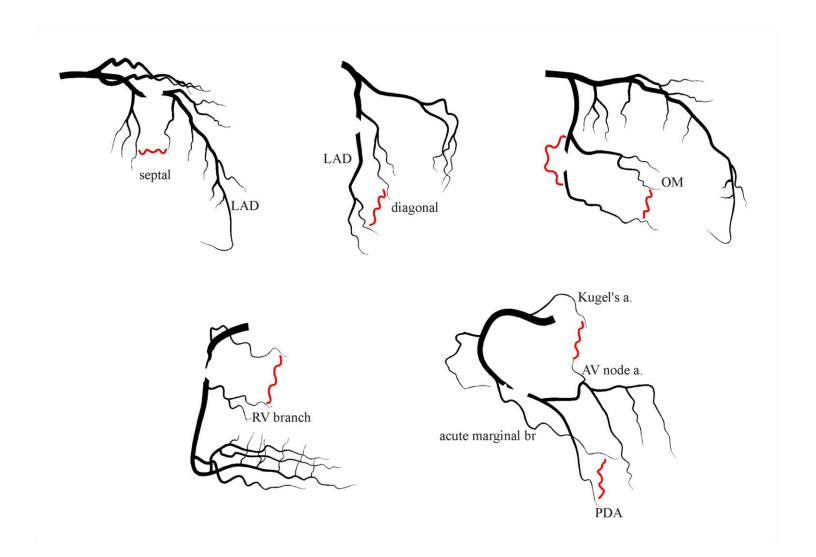




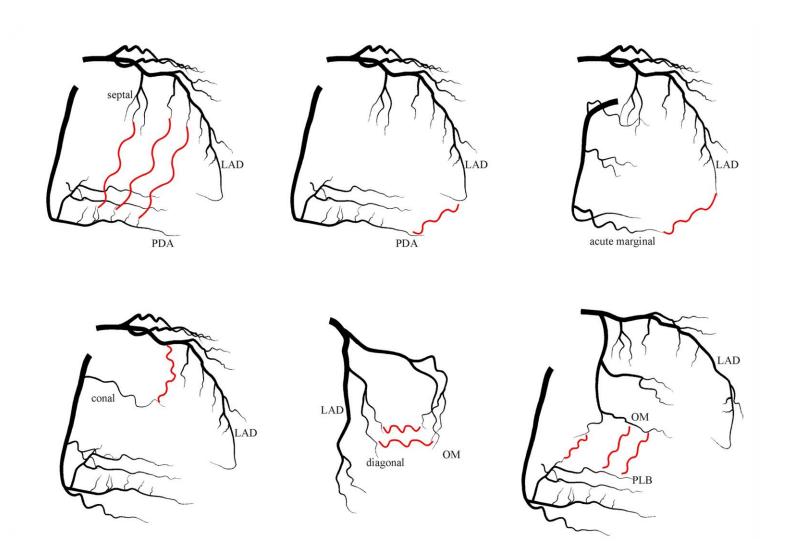
Pitfalls

- Faint or no visualization
 - Truly obliterated lumen vs. patent & graftable lumen
 - RCA: total occlusion vs. left dominancy
- Multiple plaques / plaque at branching point
 - Where and how to make anastomosis?
- Diffuse disease
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- Calcified vessel
 - Calcification vs. contrast enhancement
- Deep-seated or intramyocardial vessel

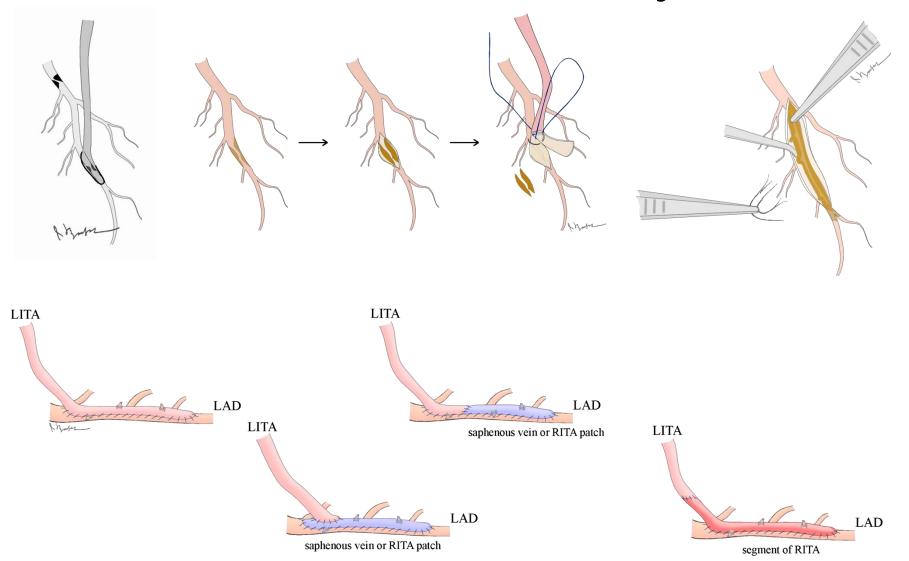
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Intercoronary collaterals



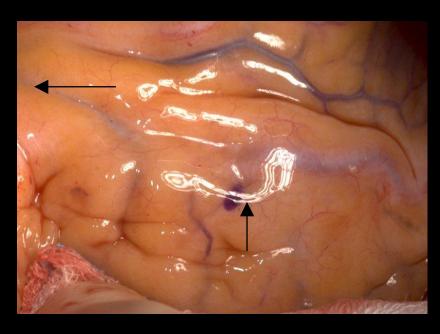
Long angioplastic anastomosis +/- endarterectomy

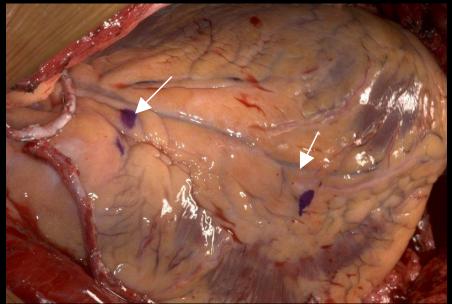


CT angiography after long angioplasty

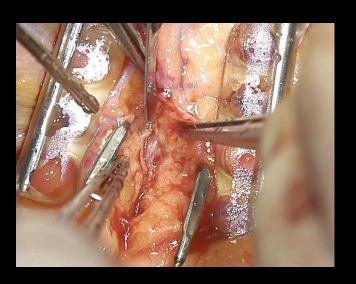


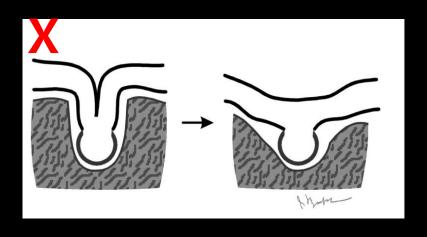
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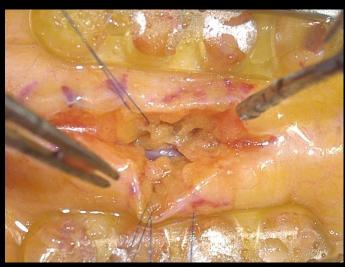


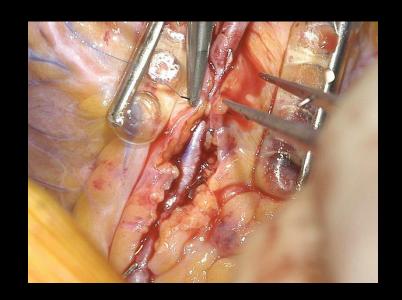


Deep-seated or intramyocardial vessel









LITA should be harvested longer than you think enough.

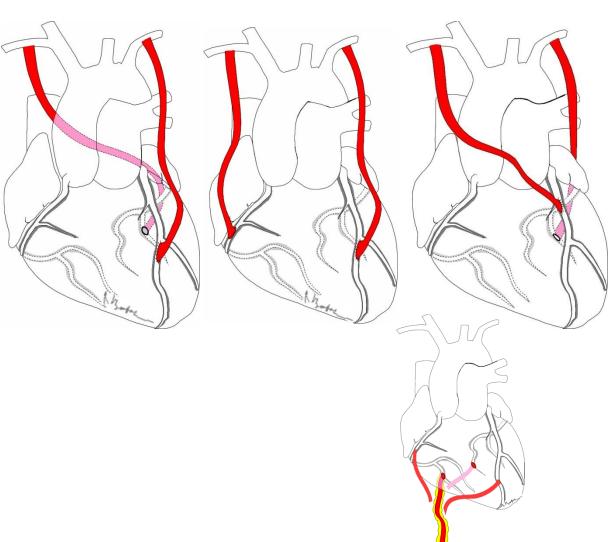


Other things to see in preop. imaging

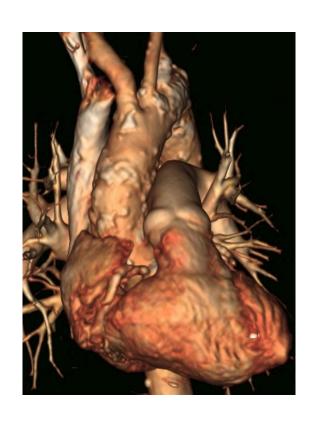
- Internal thoracic arteries (& subclavian arteries)
- Ascending aorta and arch
- Valve calcifications & insufficiency
- Cardiac size

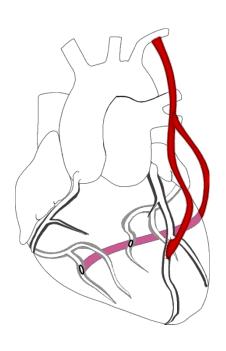
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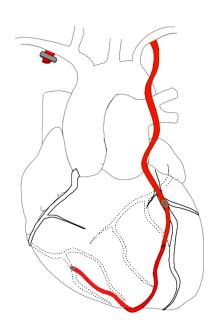




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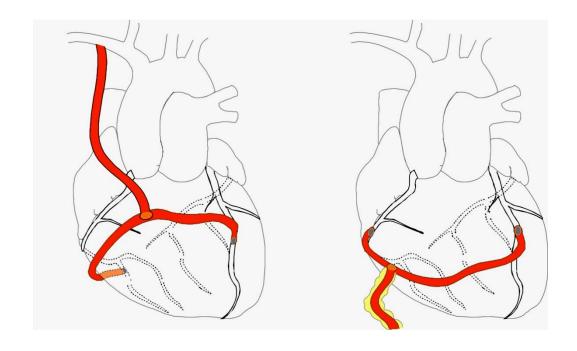




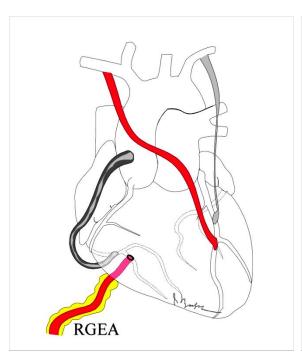


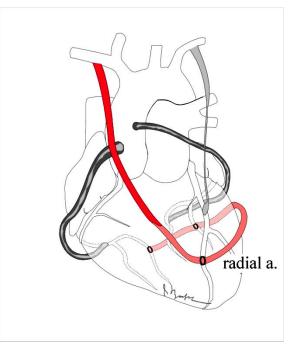
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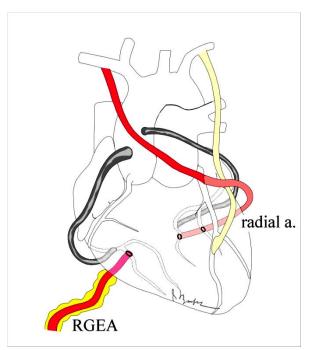




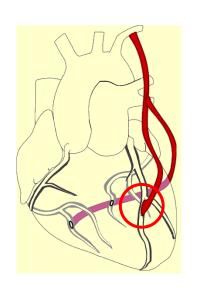
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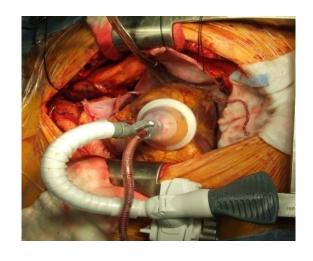


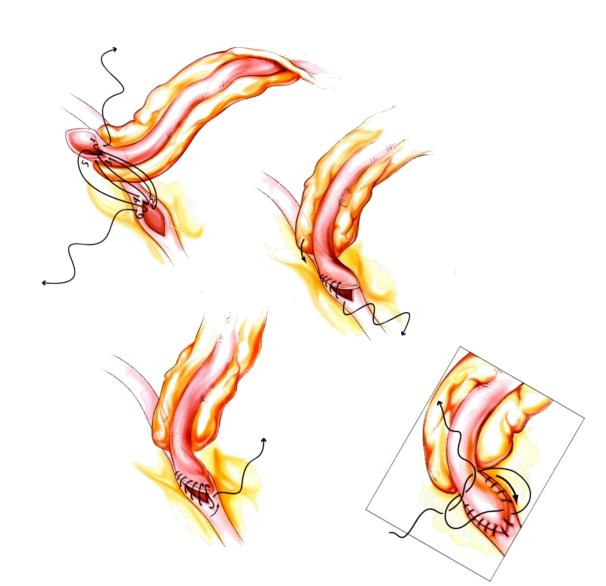




End-to-side anastomosis

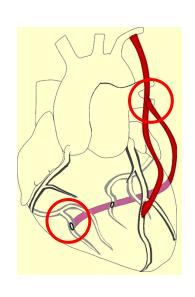


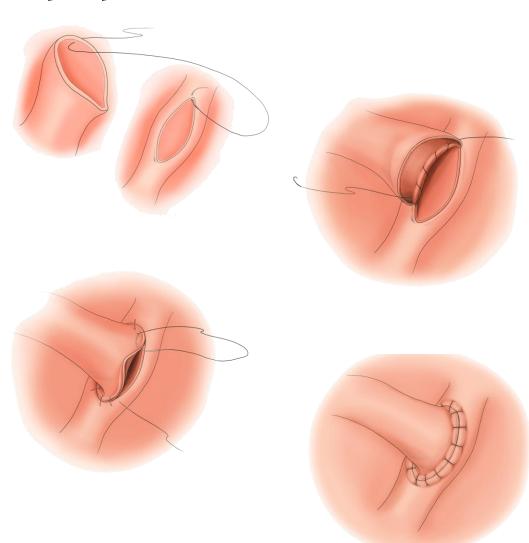




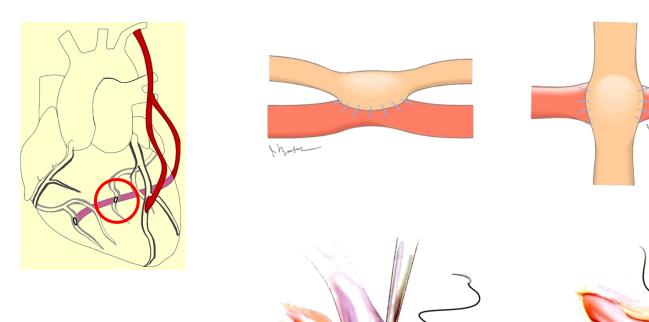
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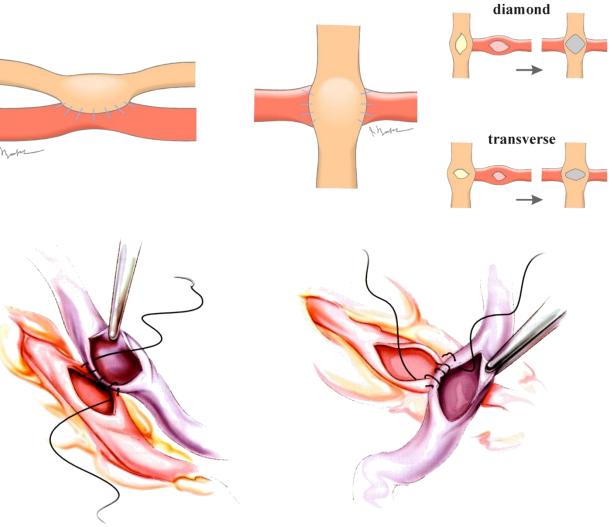
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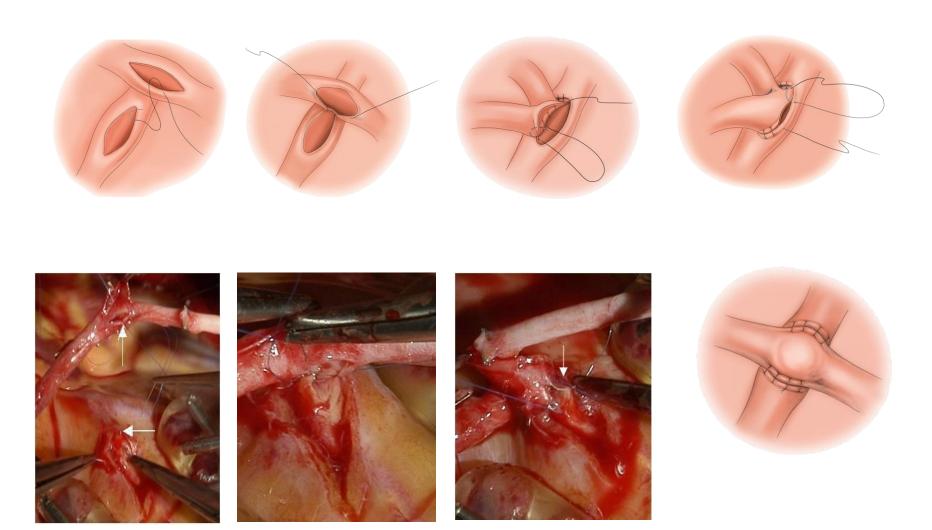


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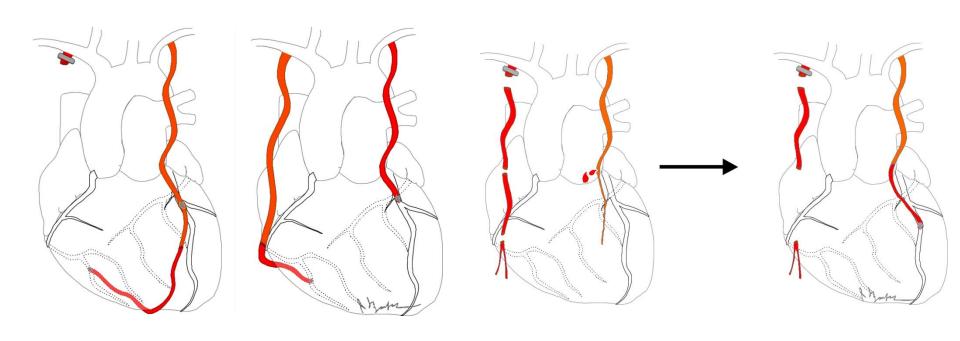


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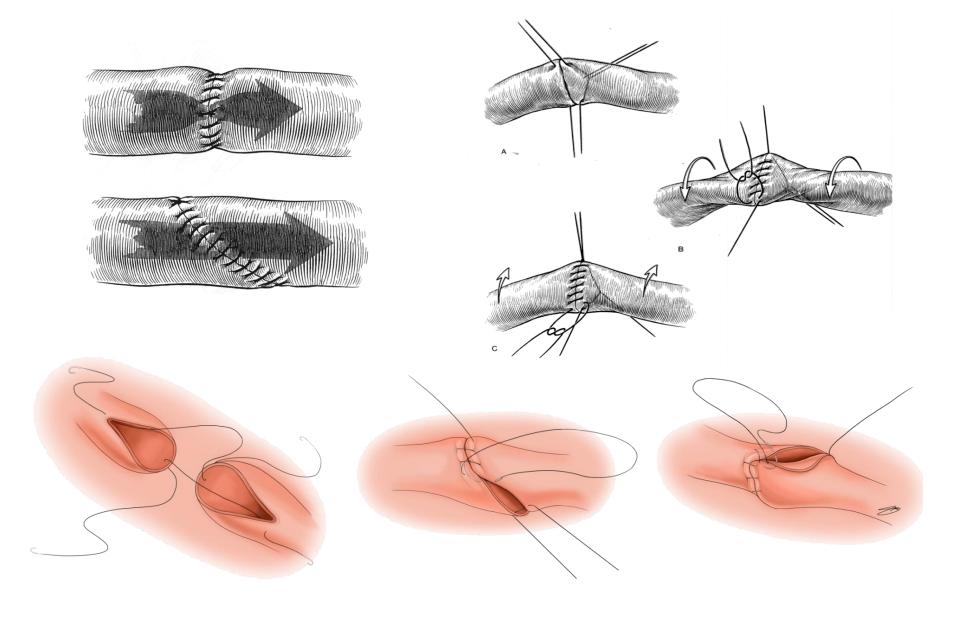


End-to-end anastomosis

- Revision for graft kinking / torsion / redundancy
- Graft extension (I-graft)
- Use of arterial graft injured during harvesting



End-to-end anastomosis



Take-home messages

- Tragedies occur more from wrong planning than from poor execution.
- Seeing angiogram is not just about 'where', it should be also about 'how'.
- There is no royal road to mastering coronary angiogram but practice.
- Drawing by yourself may be the best start.