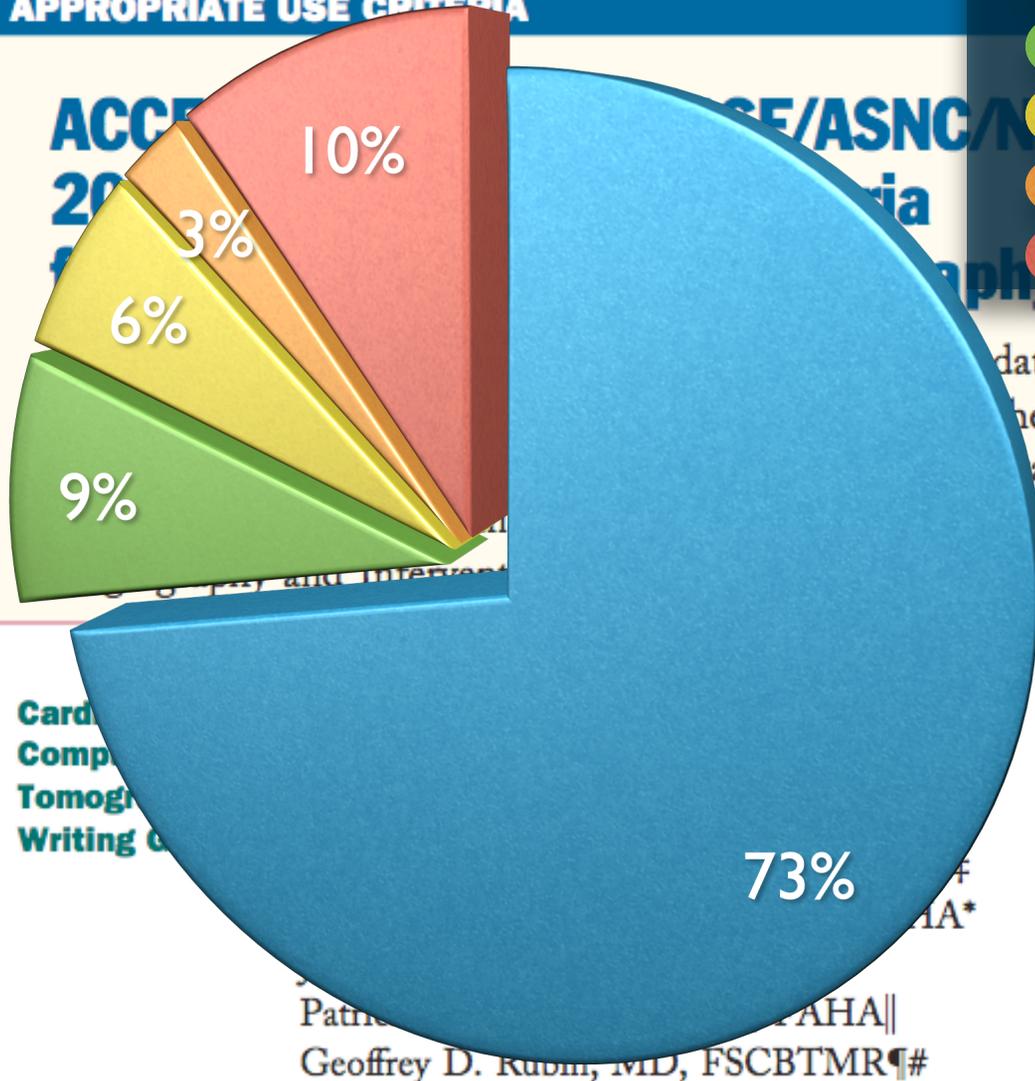


Non-Coronary Applications for CT of the Heart

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APPROPRIATE USE CRITERIA



- CAD Detection
- Post CAD Revascularization
- Myocardial Function
- Congenital Heart Disease
- Everything Else

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Why not MR?

- Pacemakers & defibrillators
- Calcium detection
- Improved spatial resolution
- Faster exam time

Why CT the Heart?

- Quantitation of myocardial function
- Myocardial viability
- Congenital heart disease
- Pericardium
- Myocardial masses
- Cardiomyopathy
- Left atrial characterization
- Cardiac valves & perivalvular regions

Technique

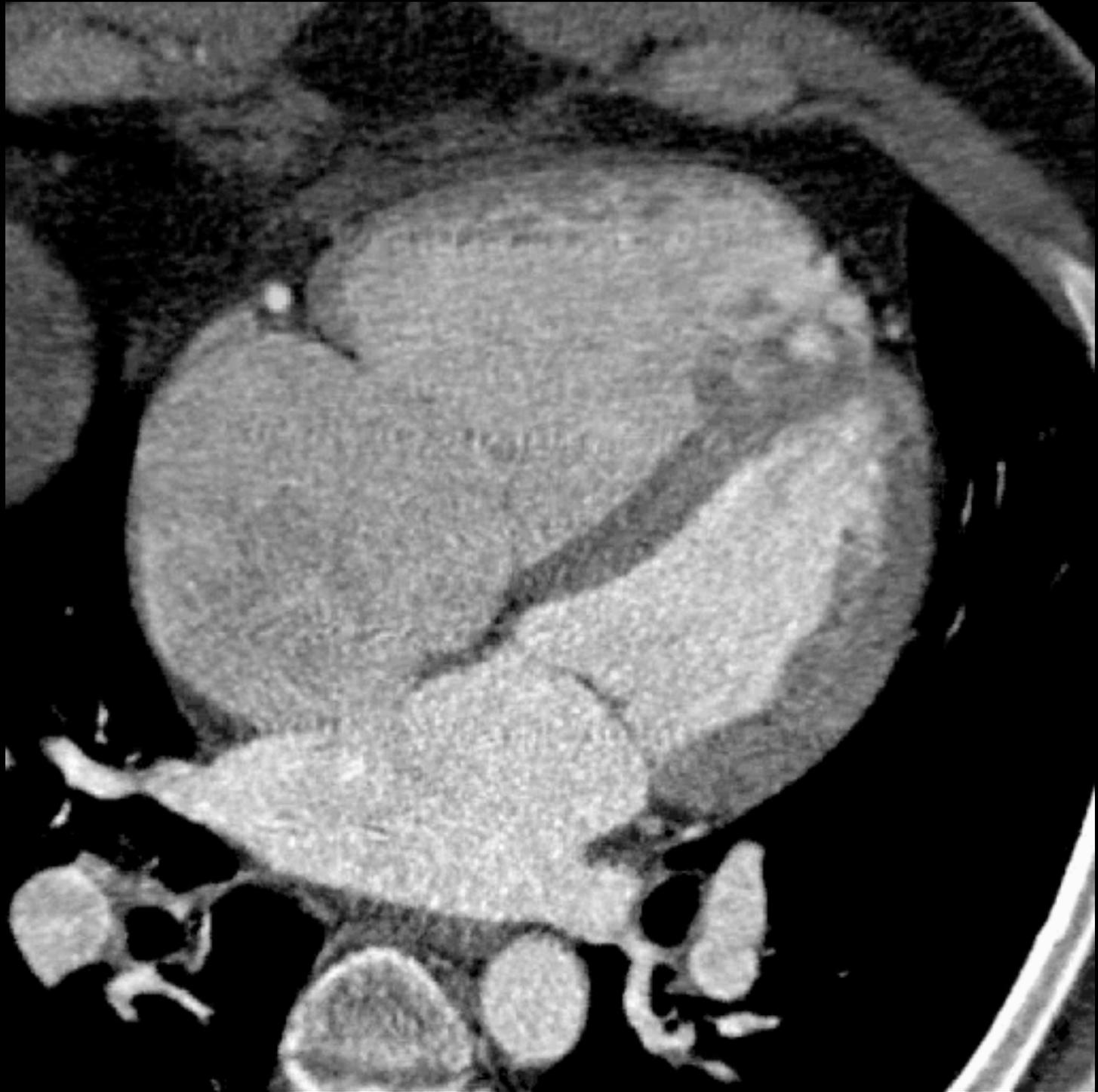
- ≥ 16 row MDCT
- Retrospective ECG gated acquisition, consider ECG pulsing
- Dual chamber injector
- Reconstruction of 10 cardiac phases
- 4D capable workstation
- Software modules for quantitation of myocardial function

Myocardial Function

- Little rationale to perform independent of coronary CTA

Evaluation of Ventricular Morphology and Systolic Function		
48.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial evaluation of left ventricular function• Following acute MI or in HF patients	I (2)
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50.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quantitative evaluation of right ventricular function	A (7)

- Can underestimate end systolic volume
 - ~ *papillary muscle exclusion using thresholding*
- Automated software tools are available but need validation
- Important to review adequacy of segmentation

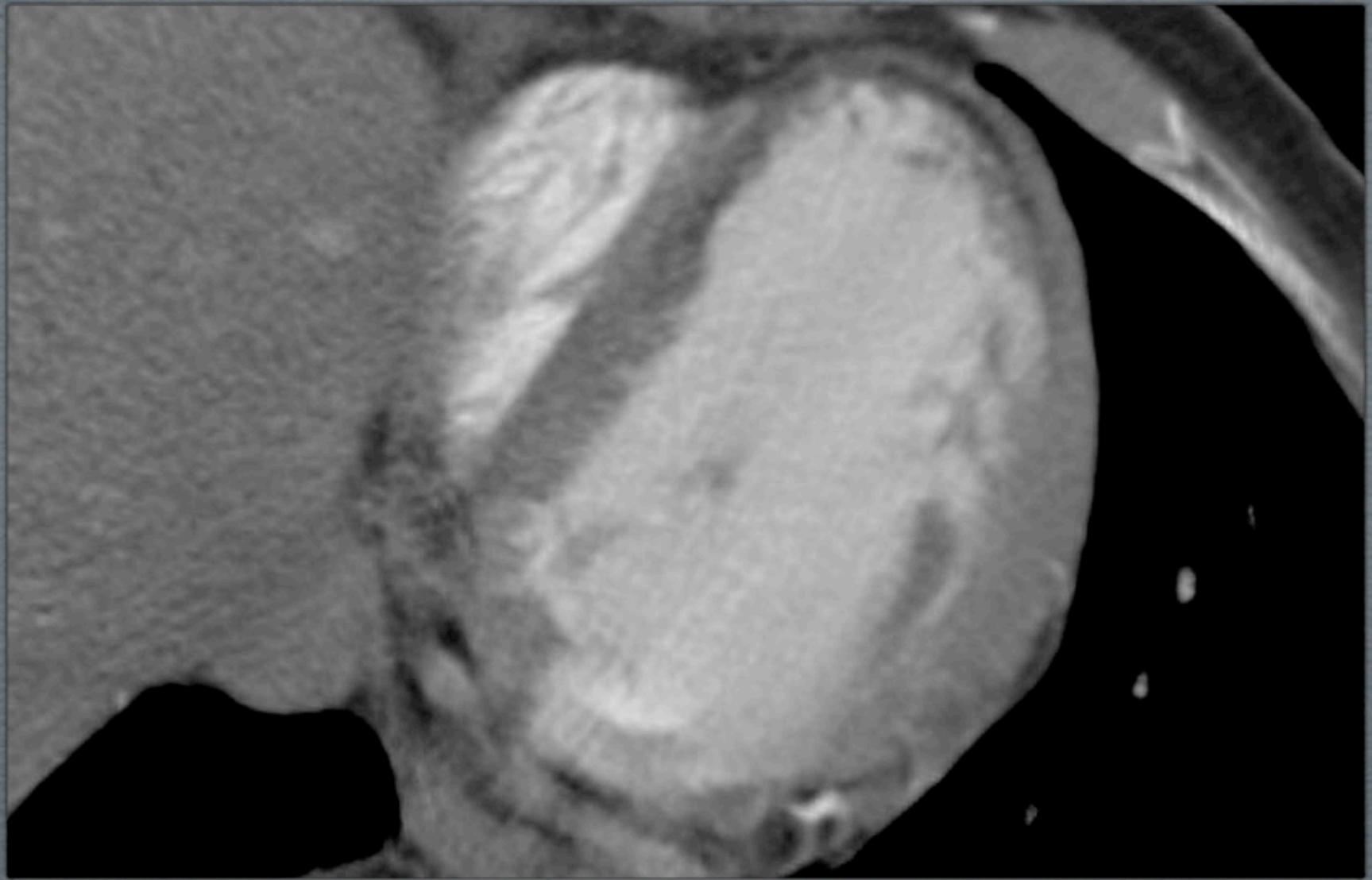


Myocardial Infarction

- Acute
 - Hypo-enhancement
 - Impaired function
- Chronic
 - Myocardial thinning
 - Calcification or fatty metaplasia
 - Hypo or akinesis
 - Delayed enhancement



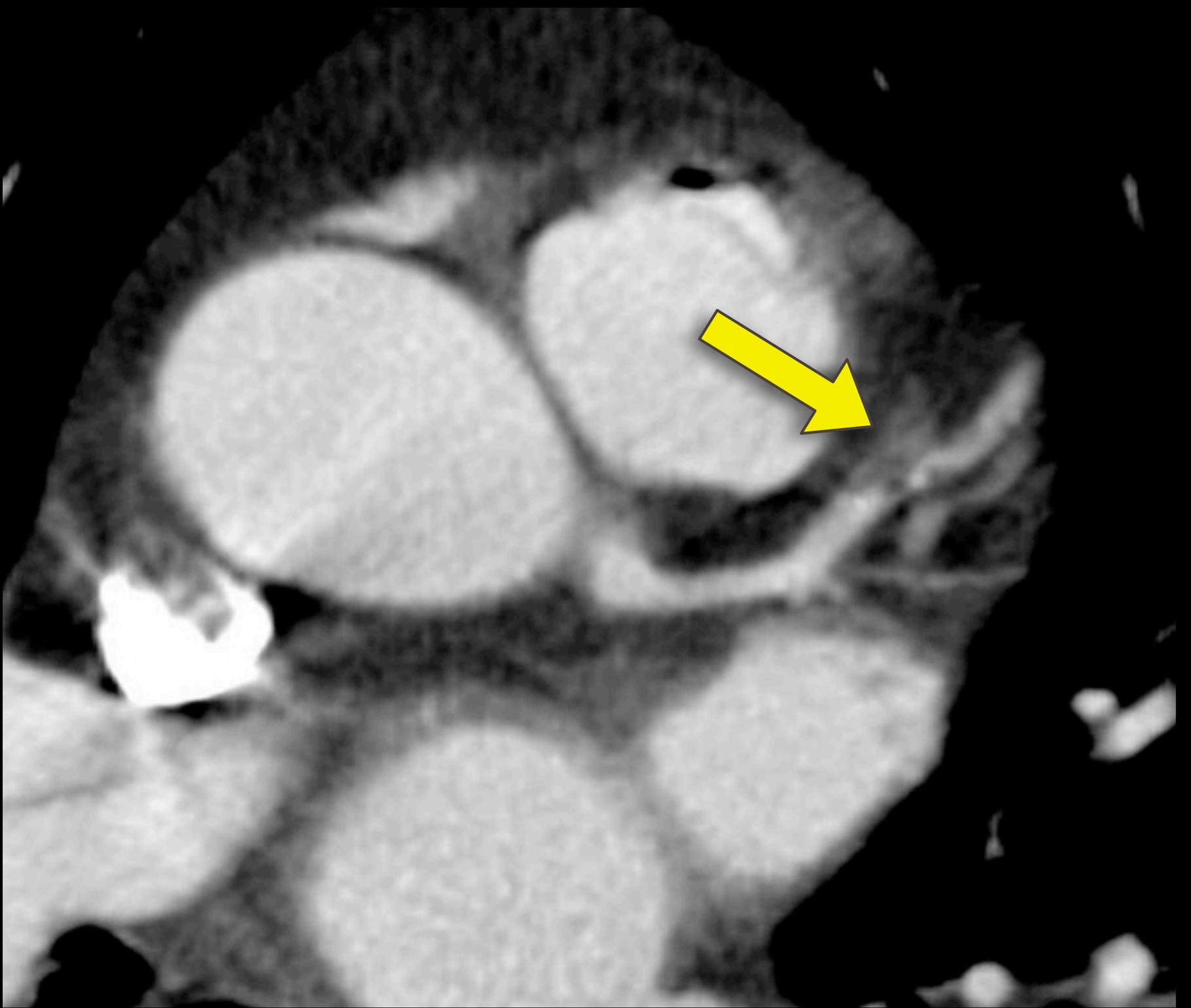
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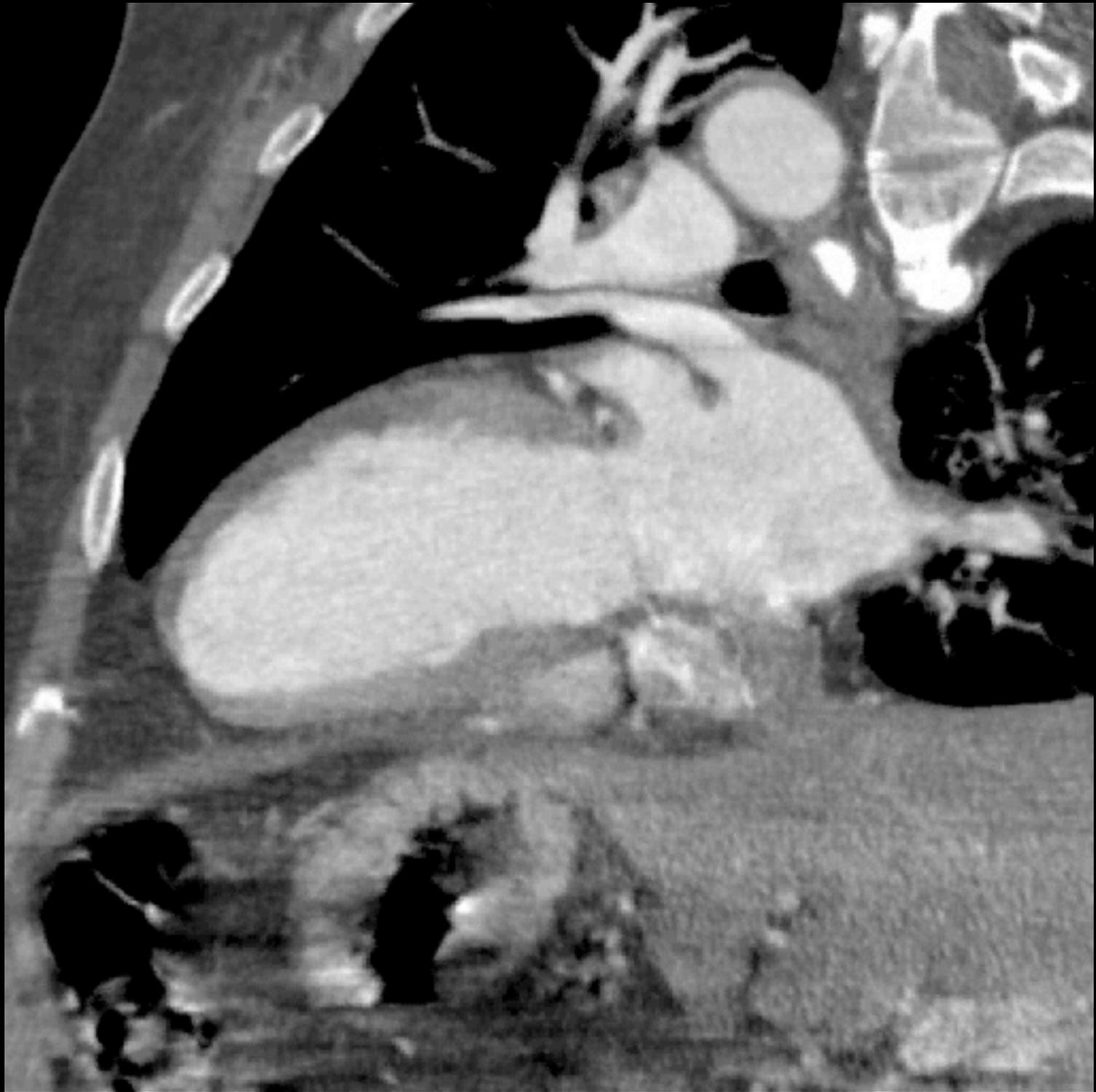
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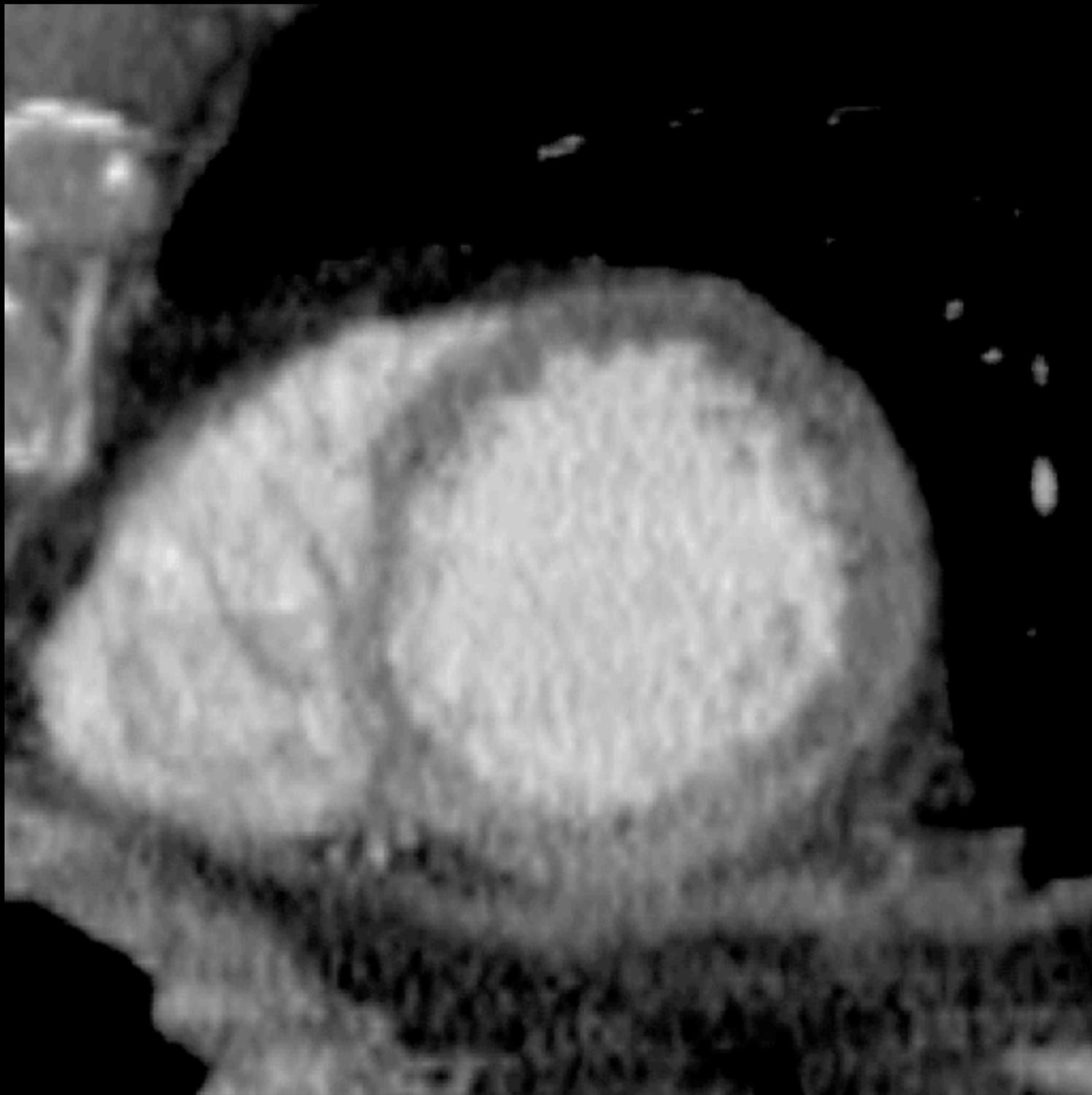












Post Ascending Ao Repair

Acute Type A Dissection



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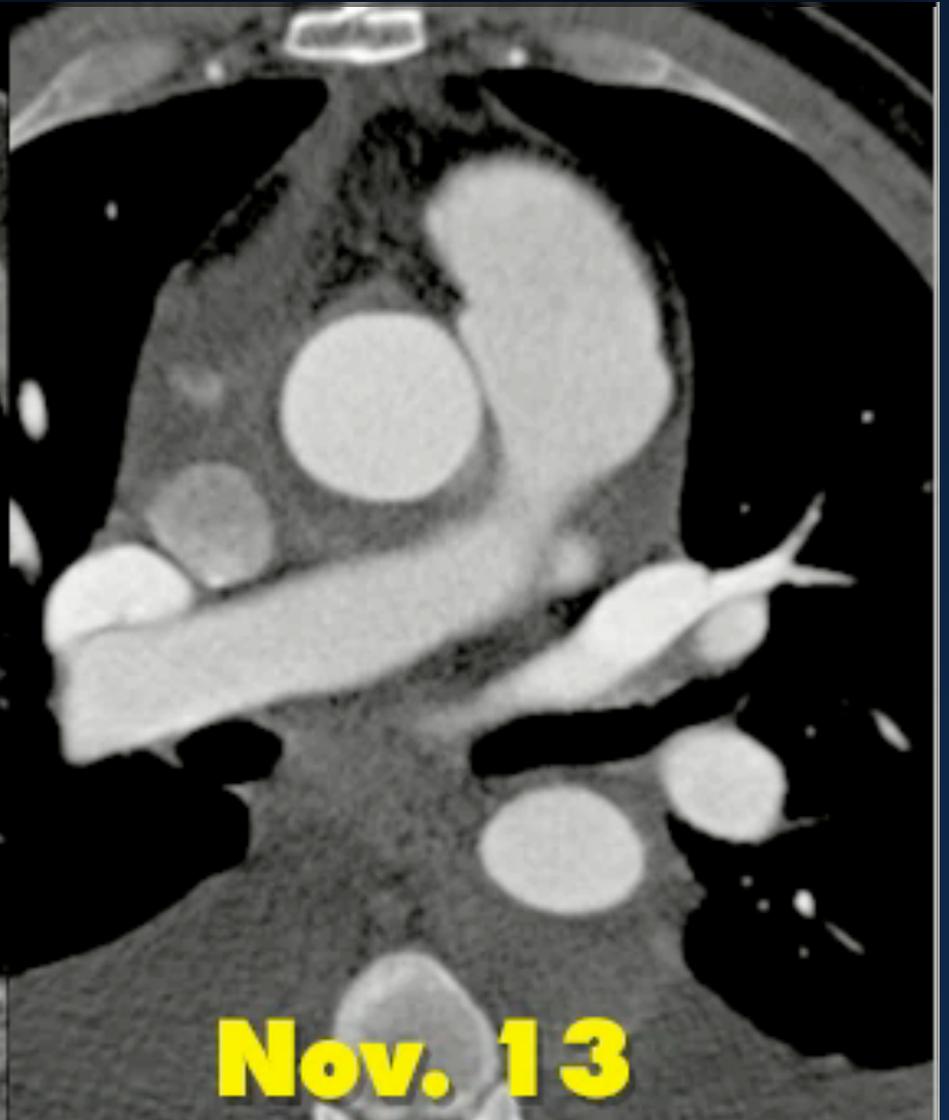
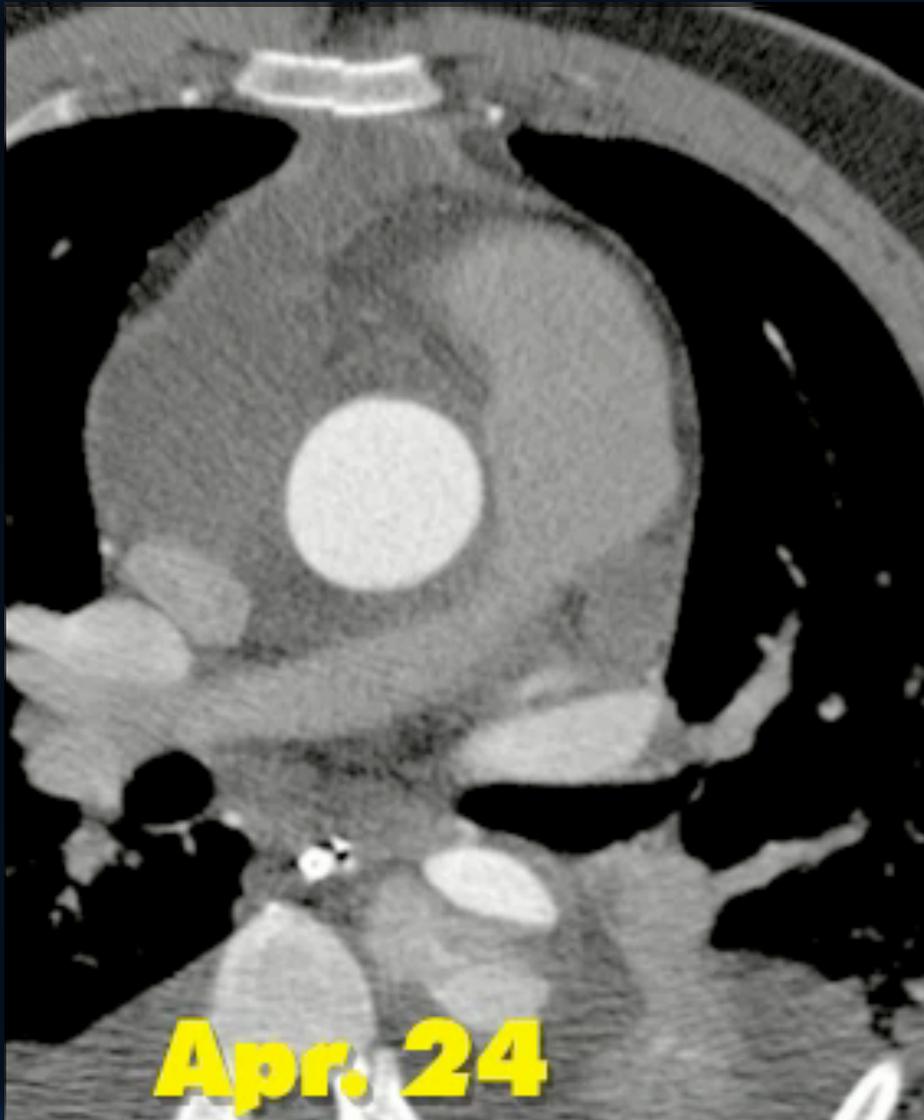


Clip on Circumflex Coronary Artery

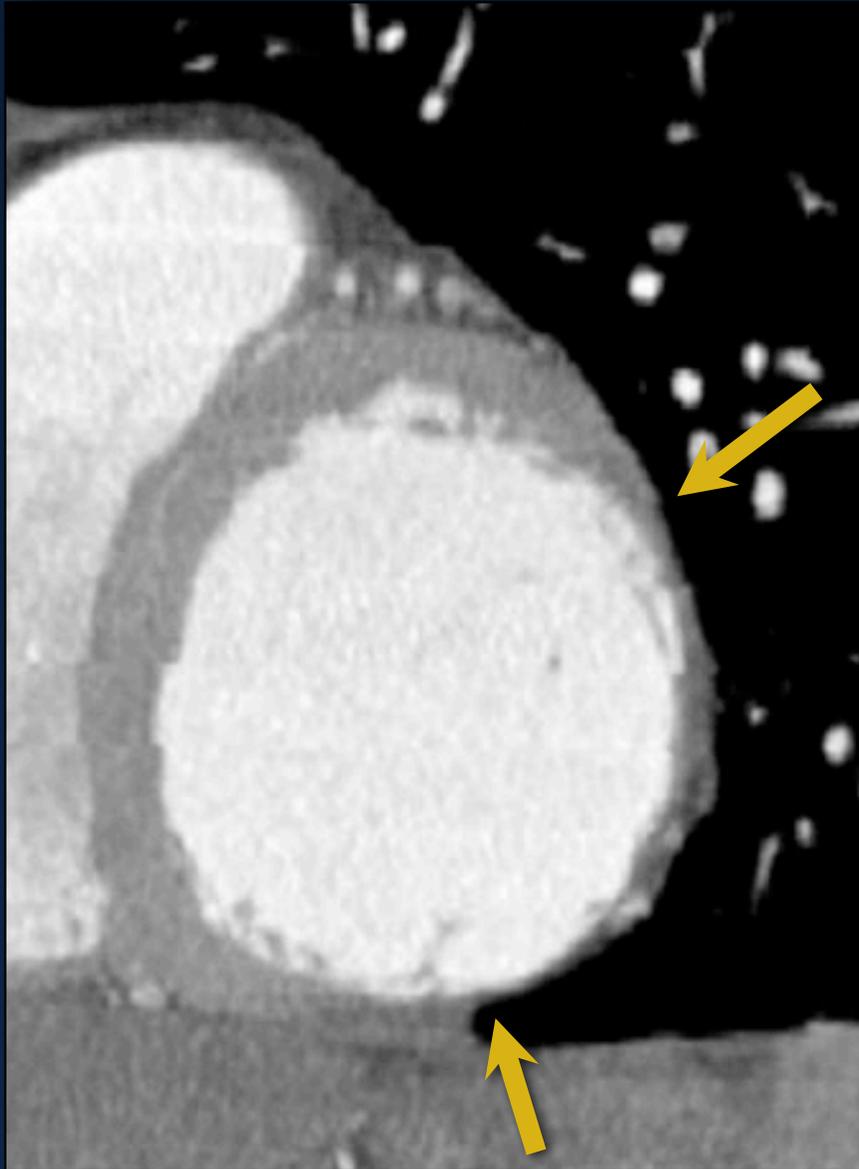


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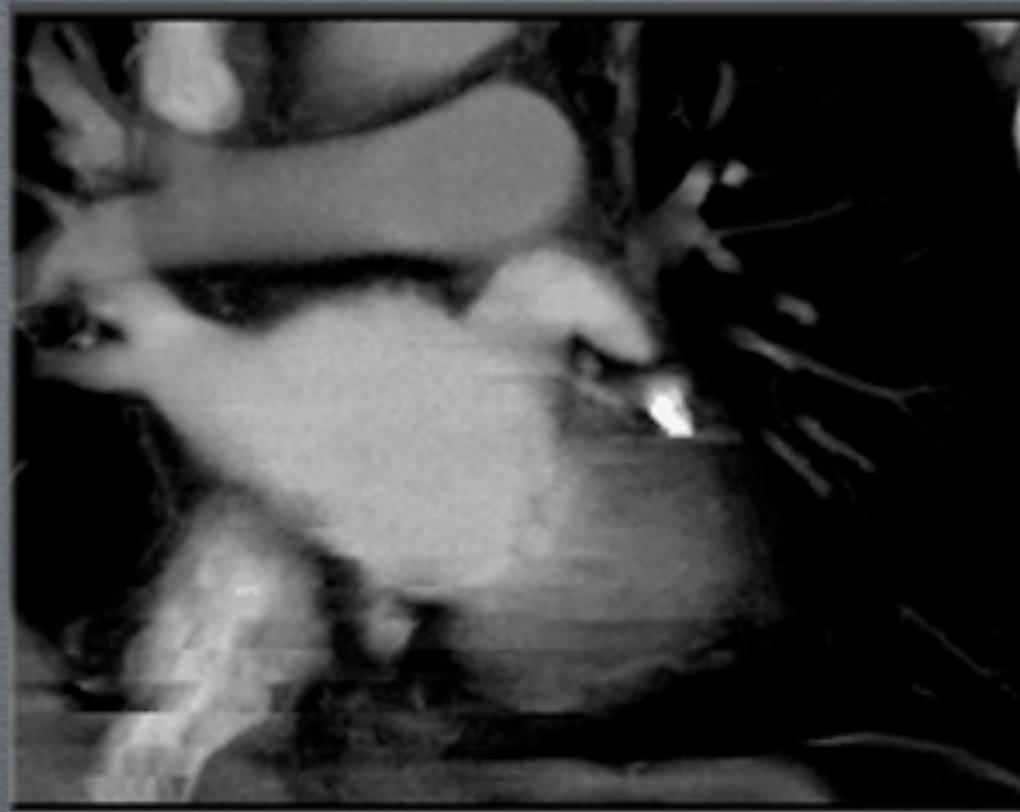


Other Cardiac Structures

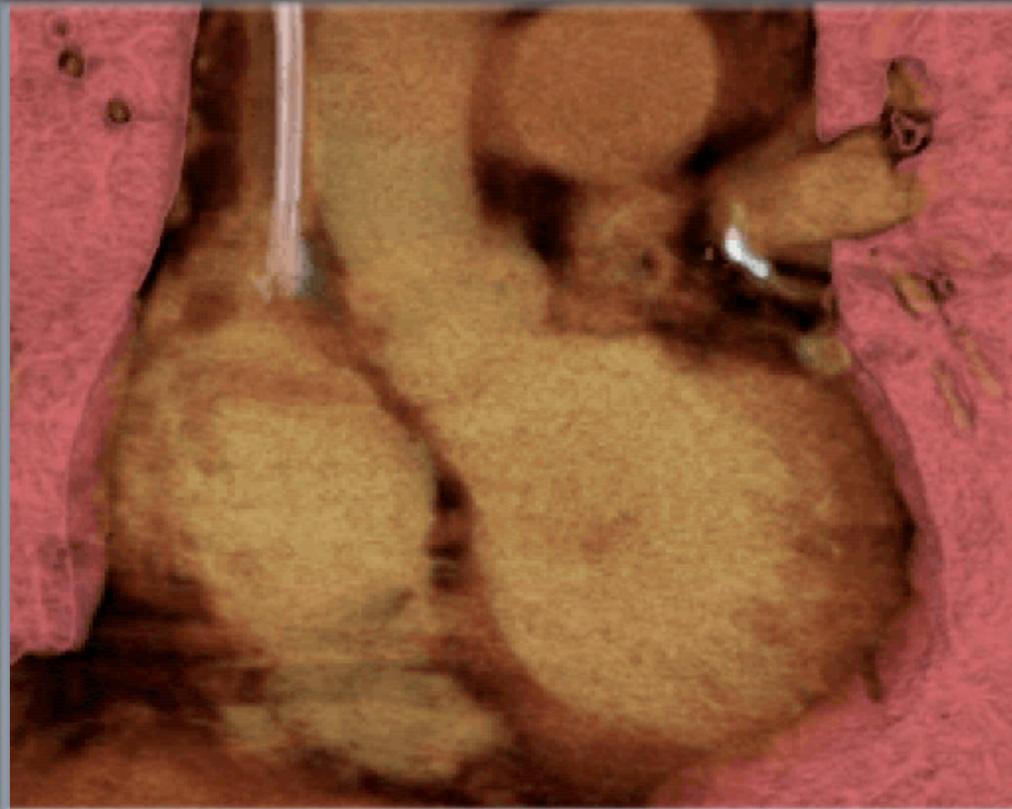
Evaluation of Intra- and Extracardiac Structures		
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57.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluation of pericardial anatomy	A (8)
58.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluation of pulmonary vein anatomy• Prior to radiofrequency ablation for atrial fibrillation	A (8)
59.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noninvasive coronary vein mapping• Prior to placement of biventricular pacemaker	A (8)
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Pericardium

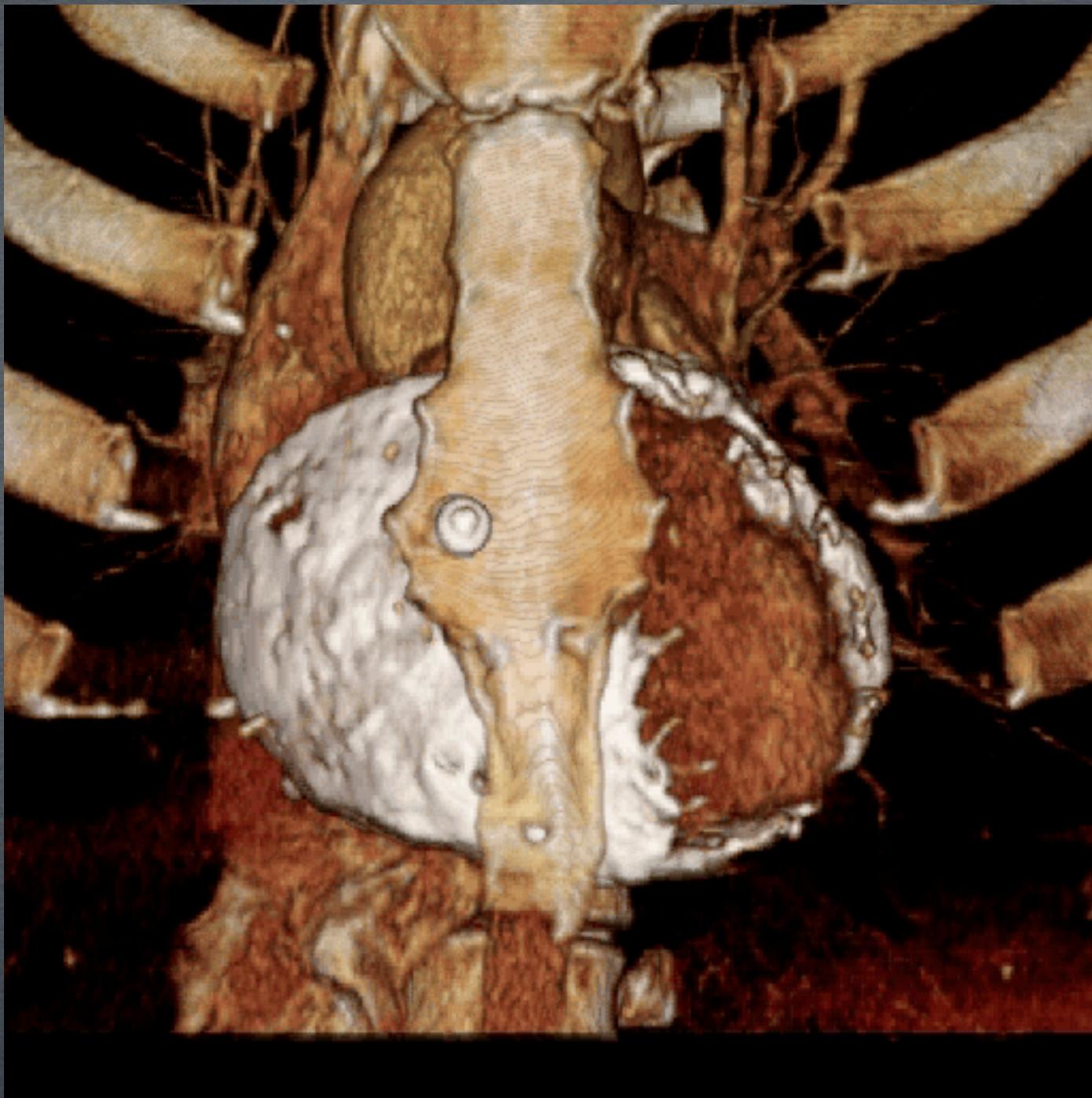
- Normal thickness is ≤ 2 mm
- Up to 50 ml fluid is normal
- Calcium associated with constriction
- Primary malignancy is rare
- Benign masses include hematoma, cyst, proteinaceous debris



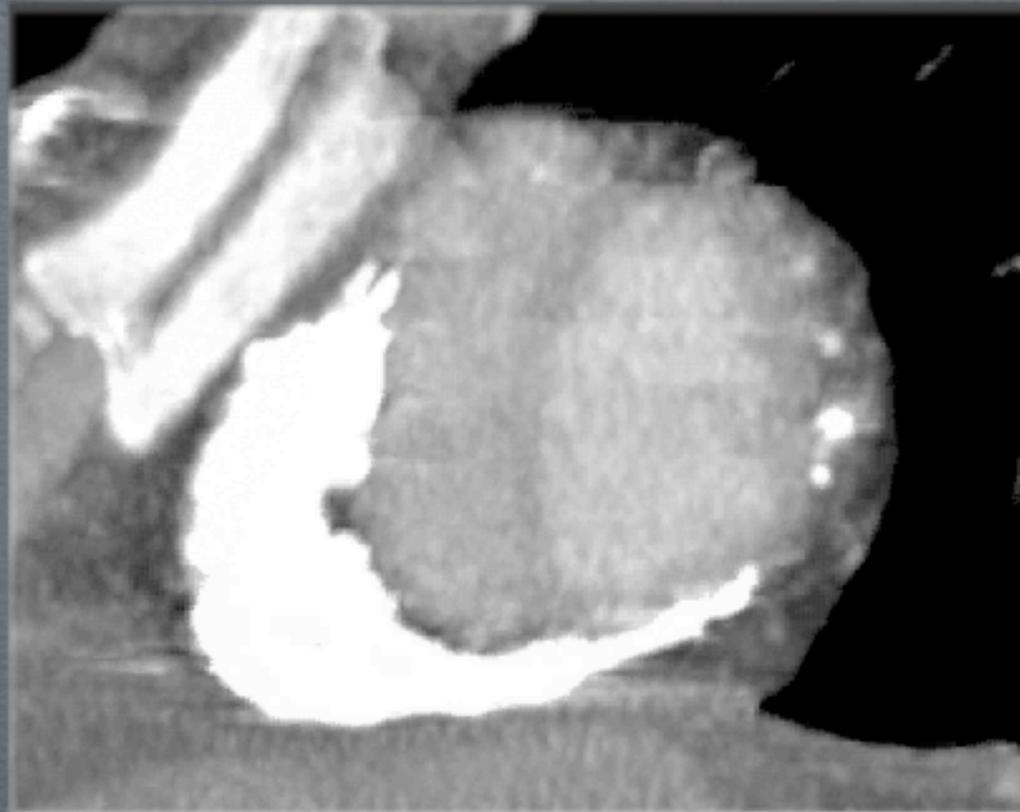
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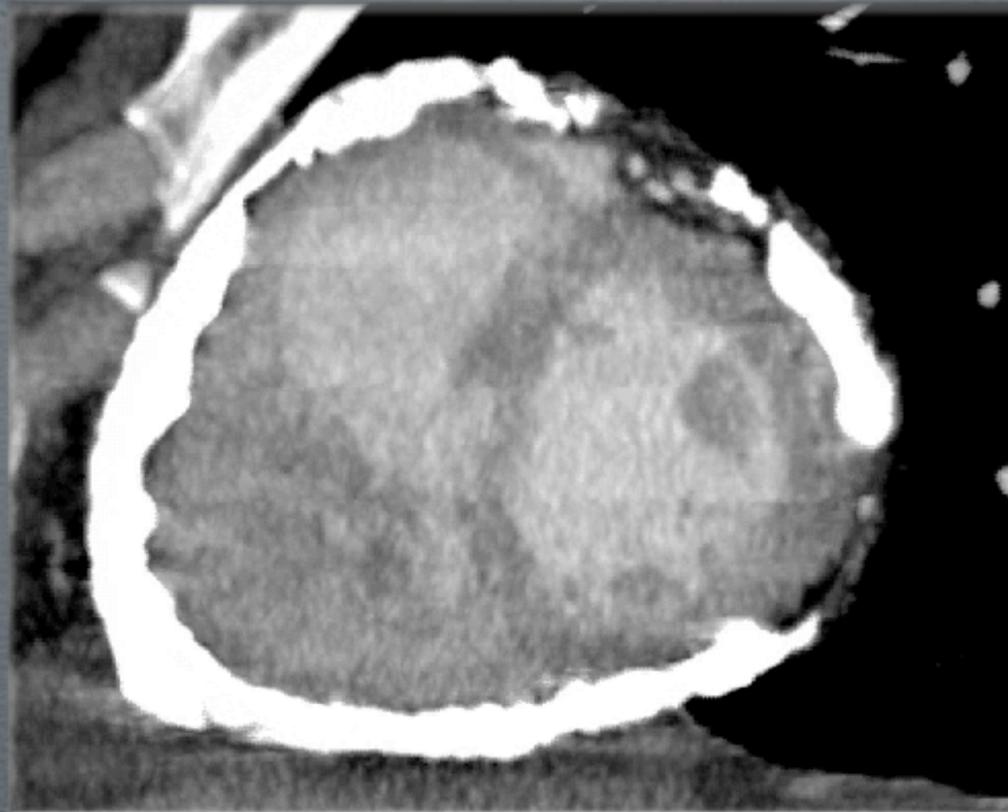
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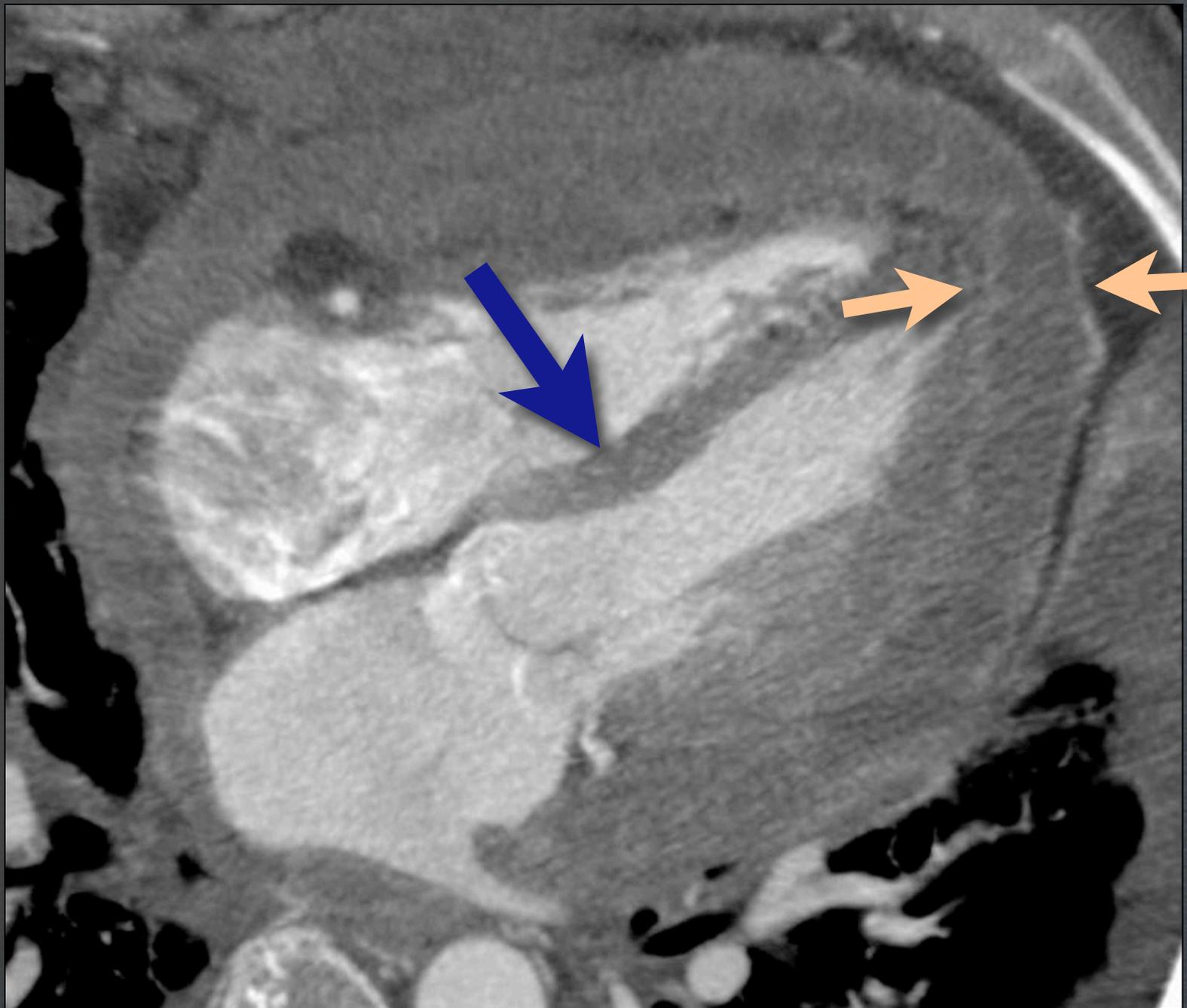
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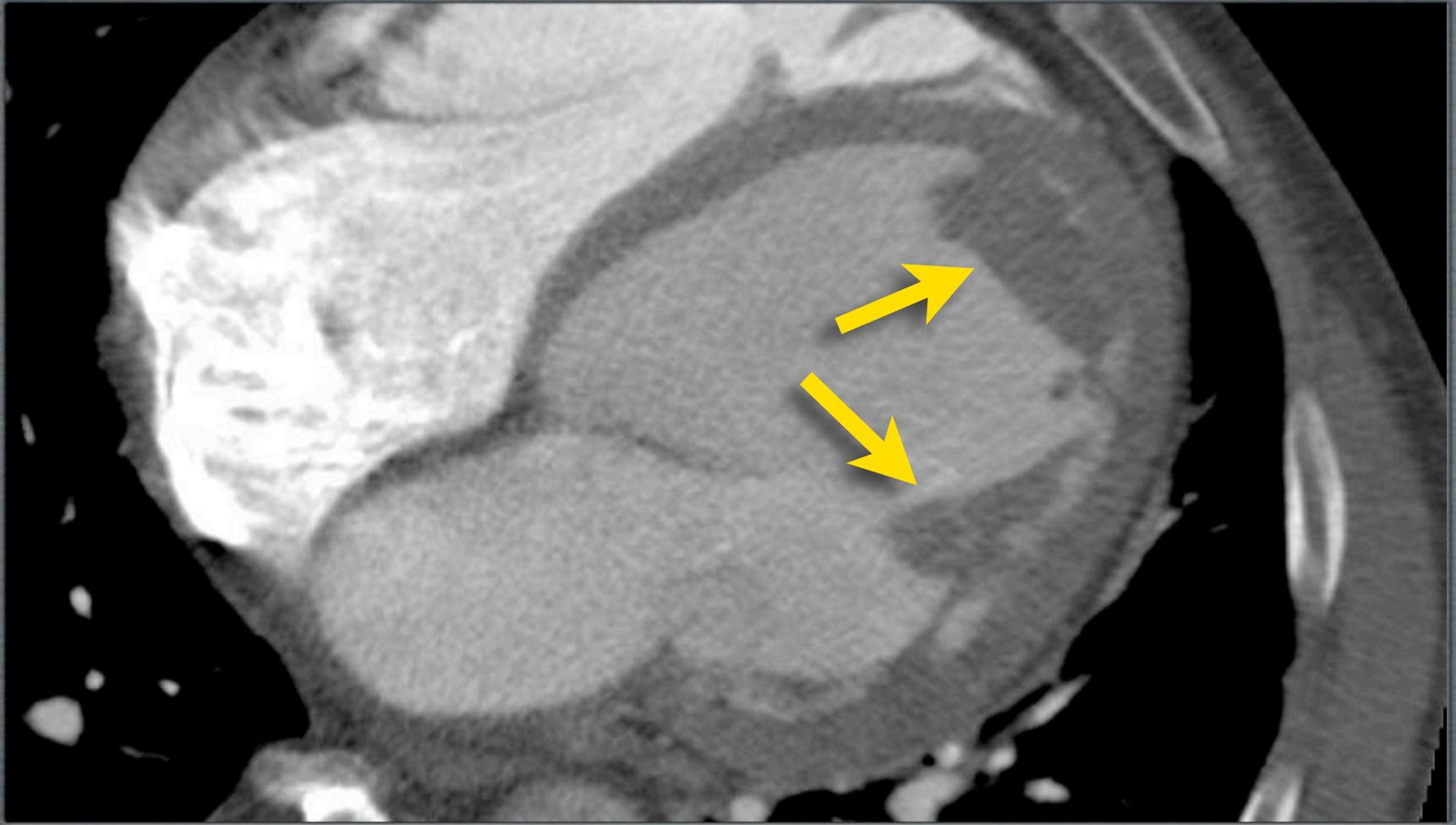
PERICARDIAL METASTASES



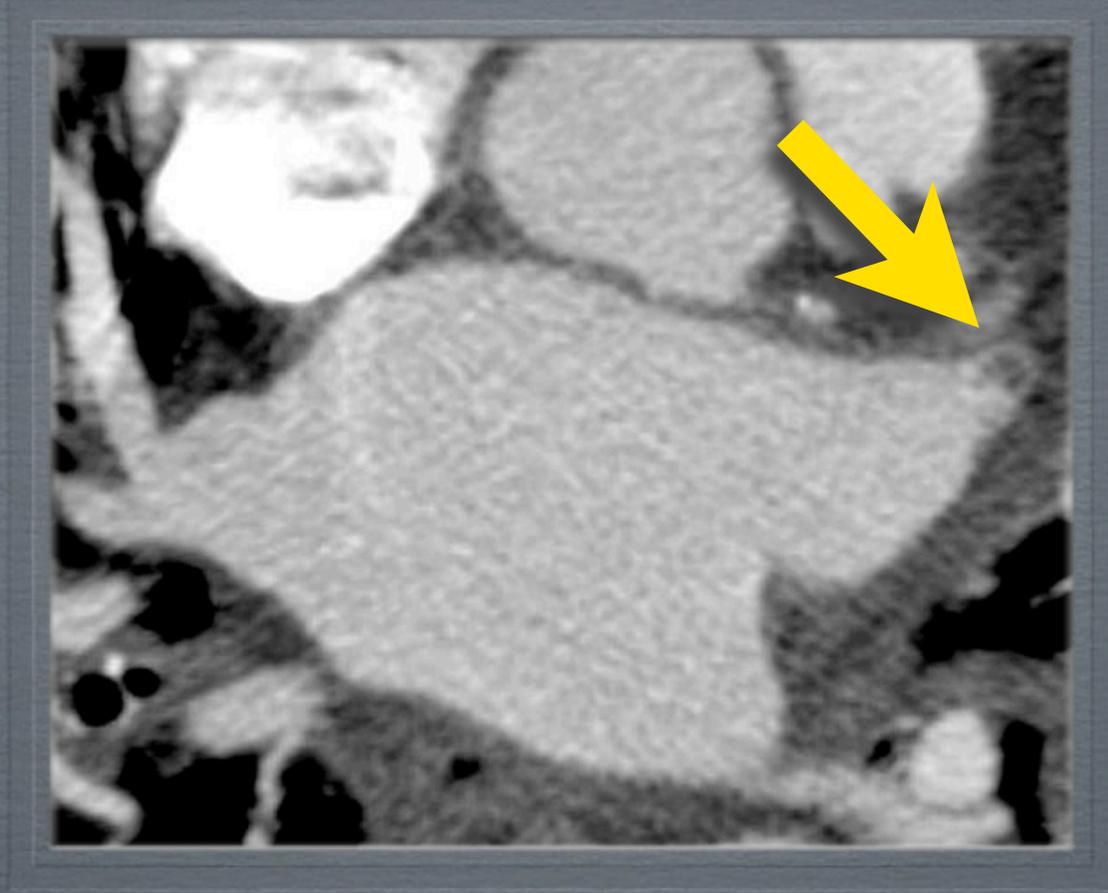
**DELAYED VIEW
PERICARDIAL METASTASES**

Myocardial Masses

- Thrombus most common mass, often associated with infarct or aneurysm
- Metastases are 20-40x more prevalent than primary malignancy
- CT is excellent for delineating calcium and fat in masses



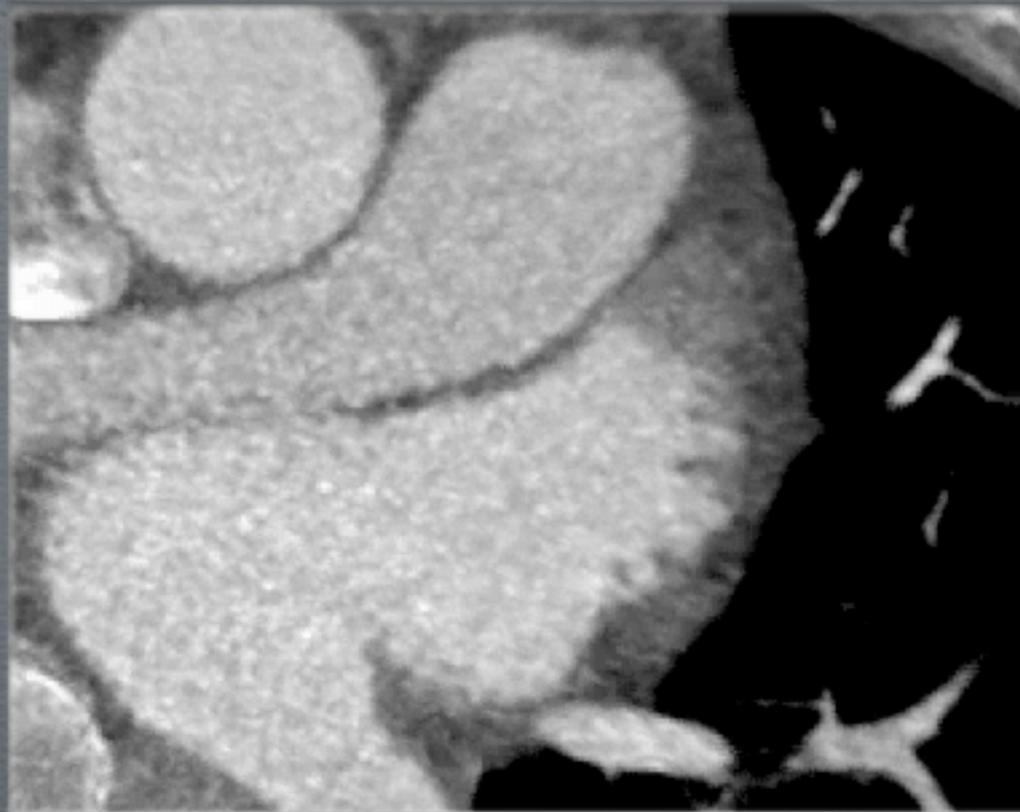
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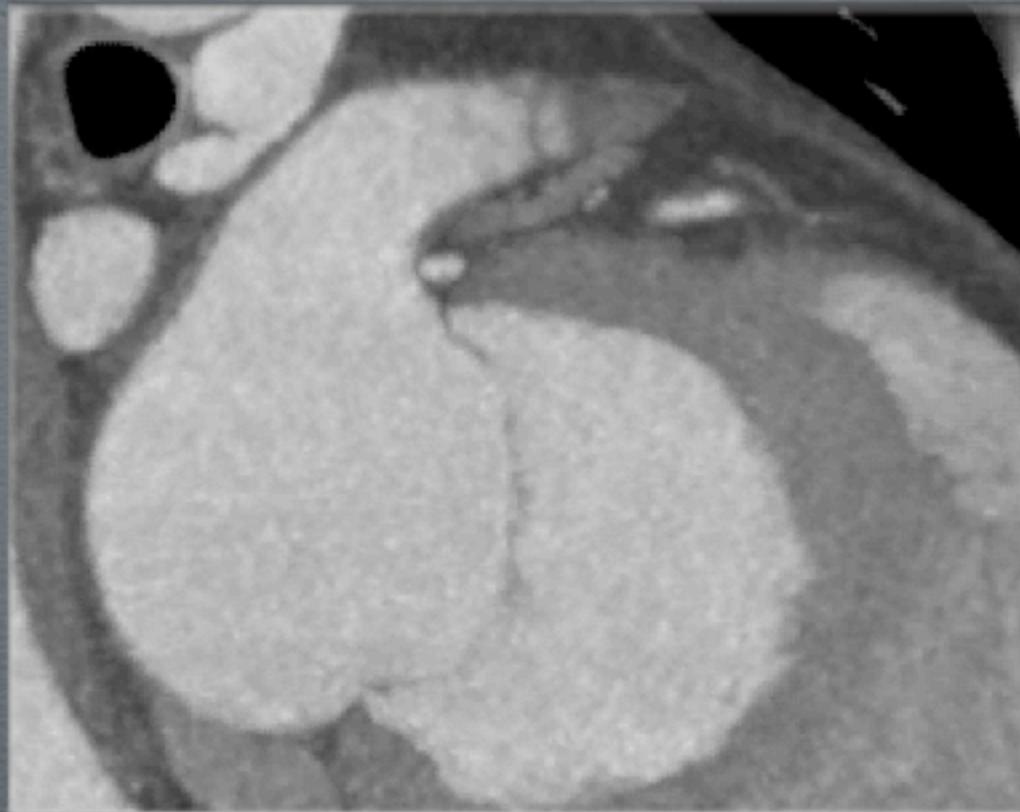
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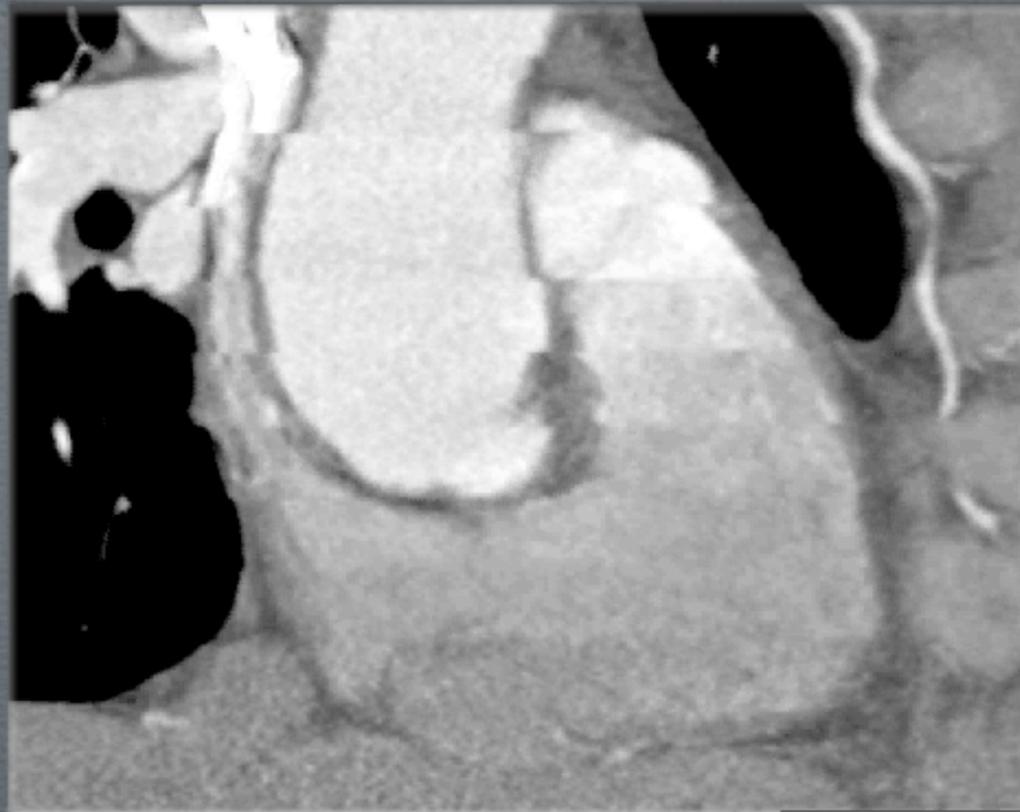
**EMBOLUS TO RIGHT
RENAL ARTERY**



**THROMBUS IN LEFT
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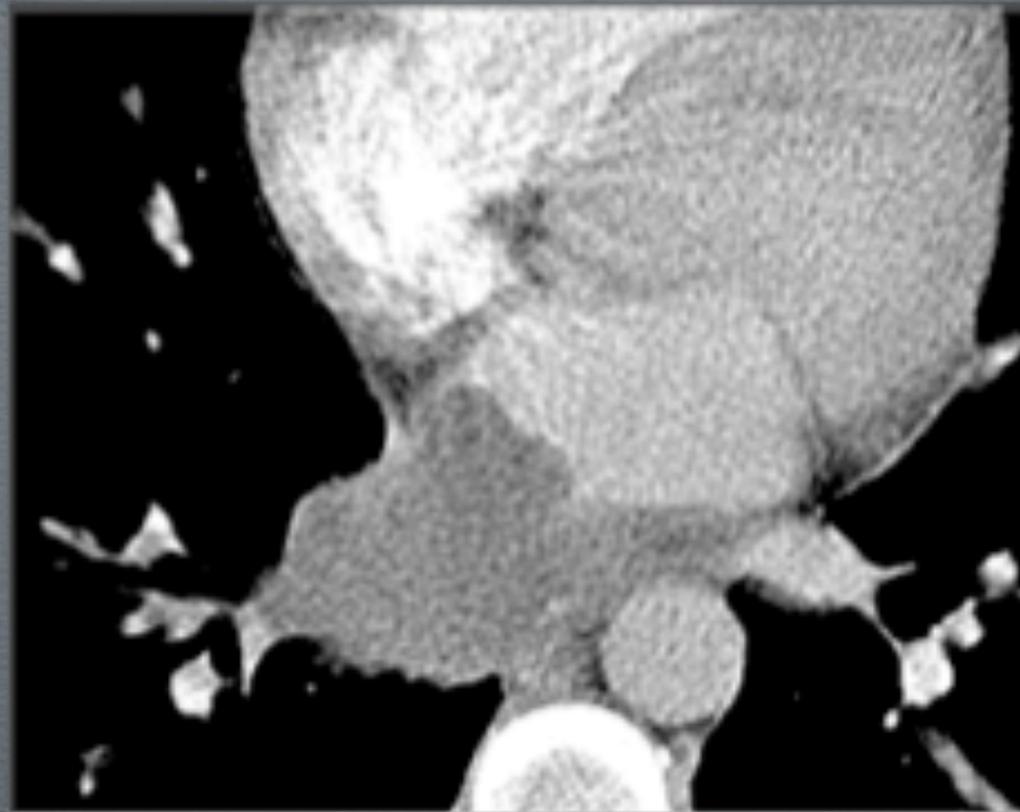


**THROMBUS IN LEFT
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RIGHT VENTRICULAR CARCINOID

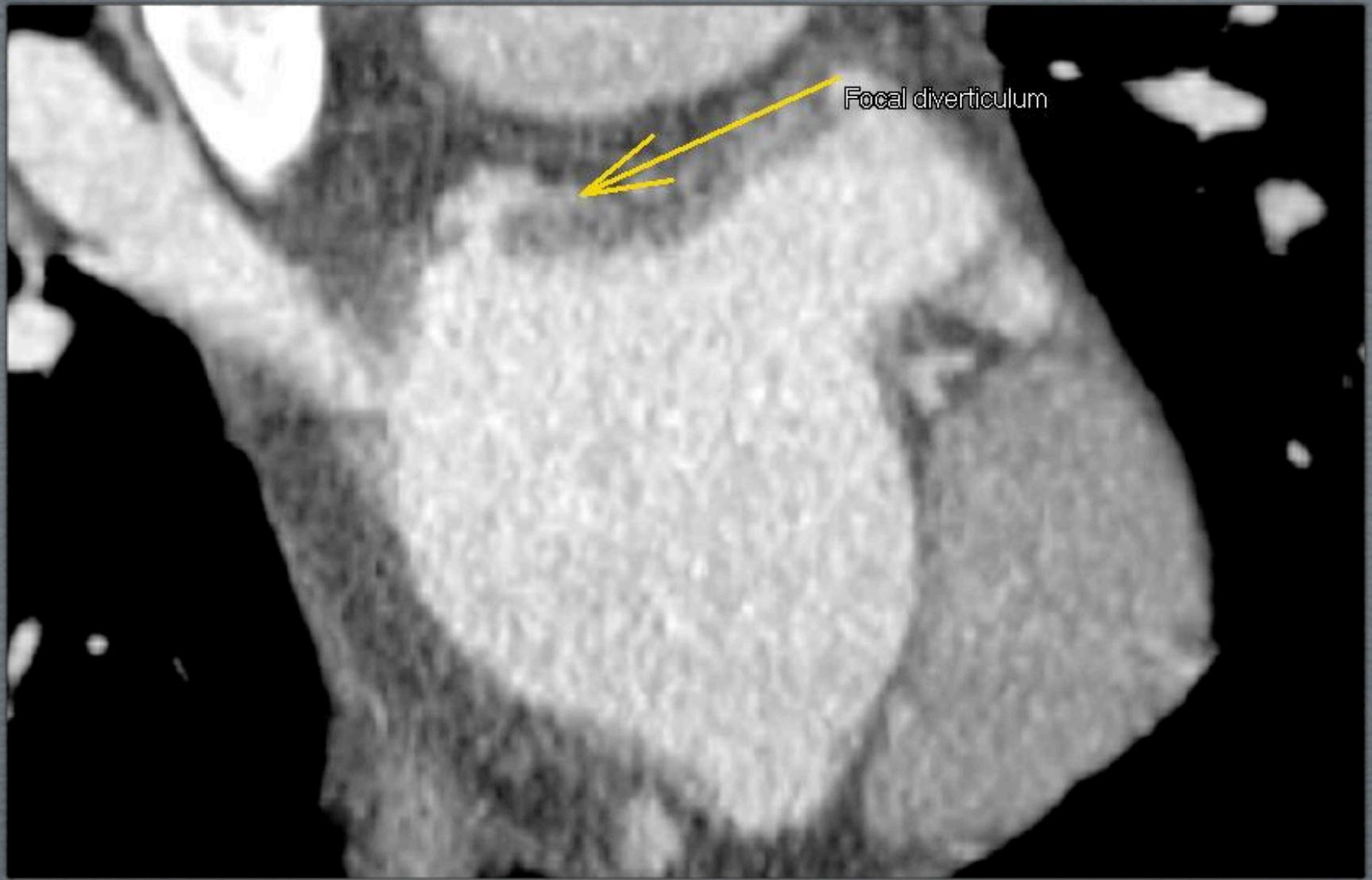




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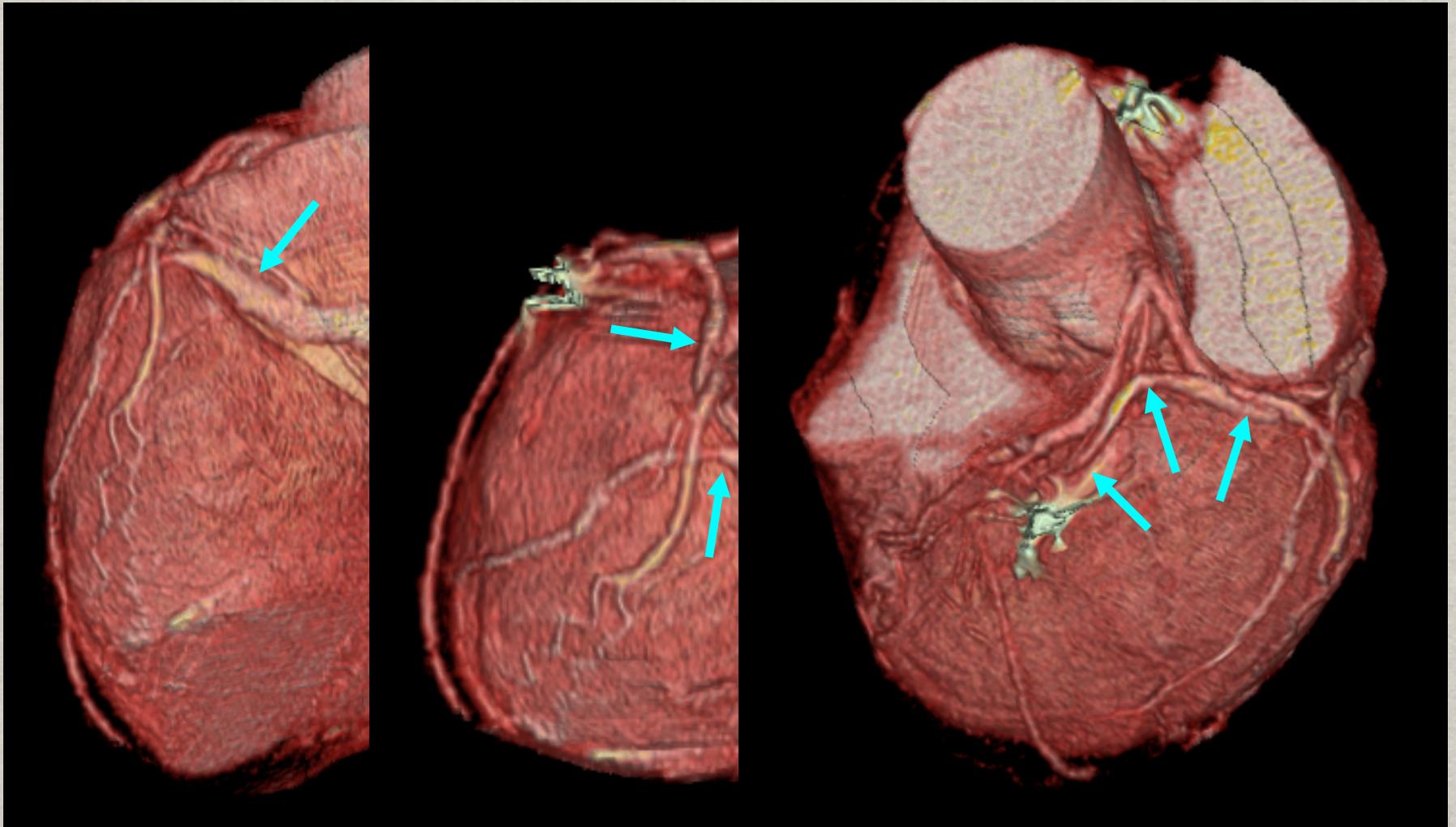
Anatomical Mapping

- Left atrium and pulmonary veins
 - Planning ablation for atrial fibrillation
- Coronary sinus
 - Bi-ventricular pacing for improved contractile synchrony in severe CHF



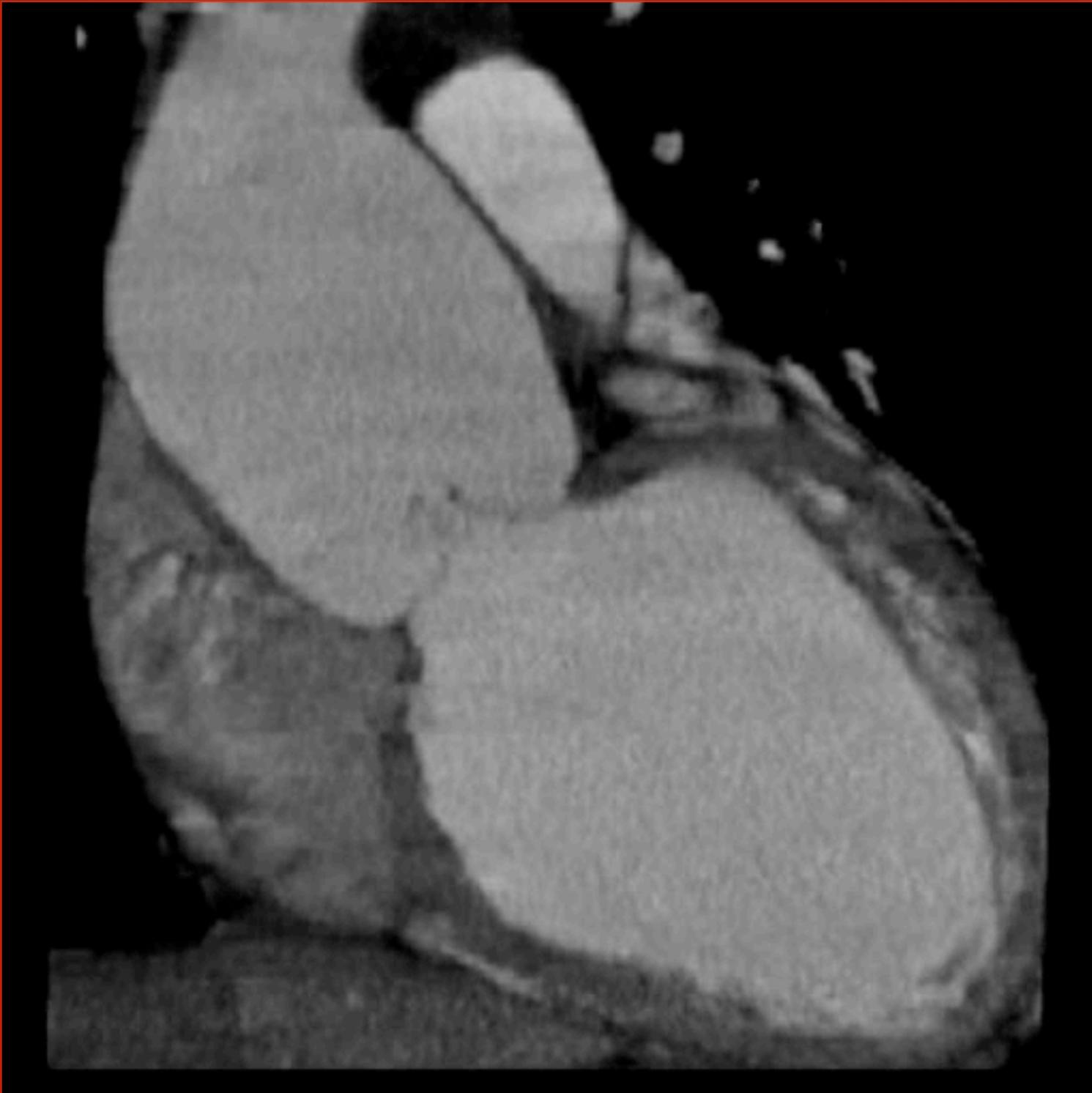
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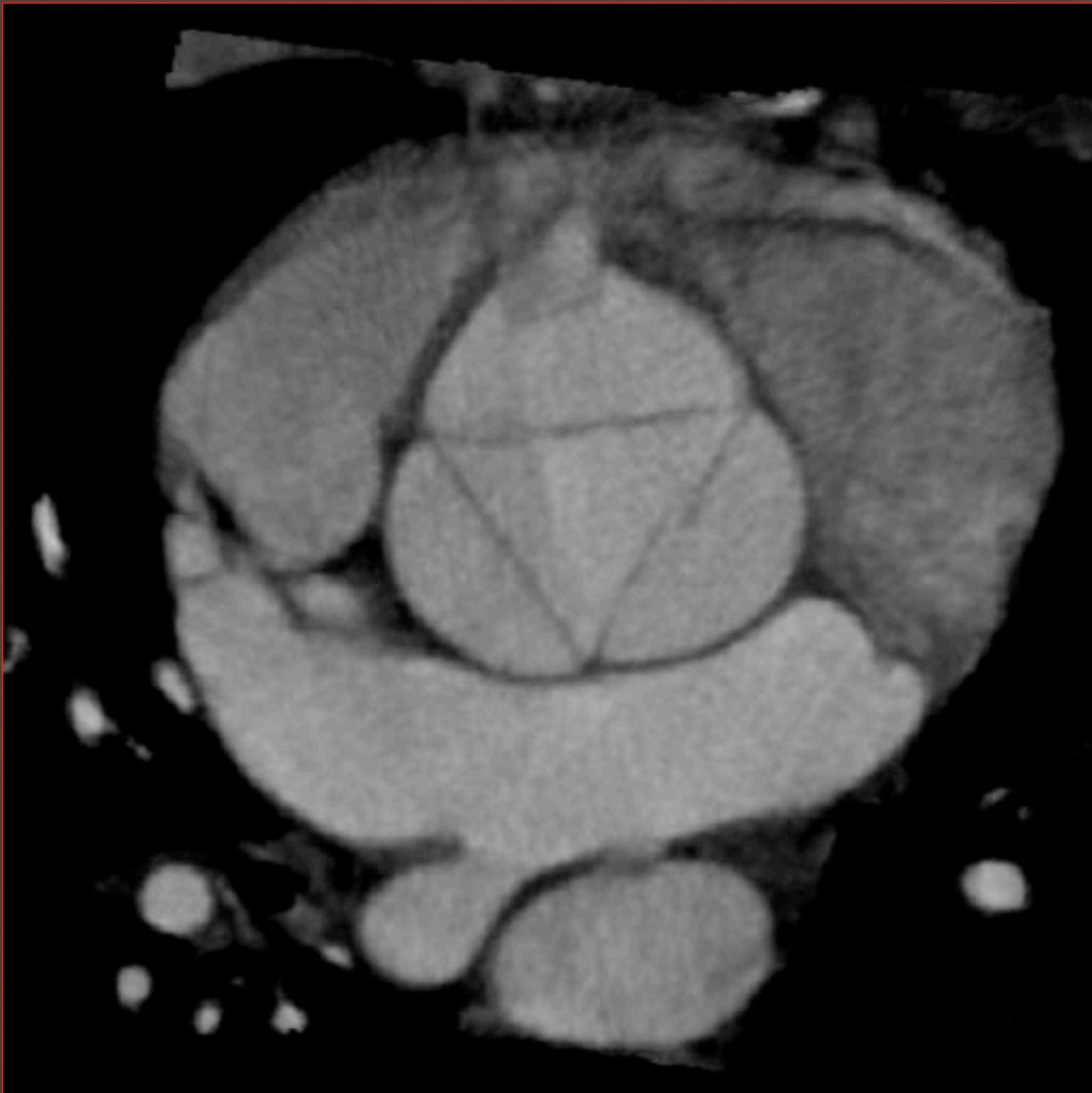
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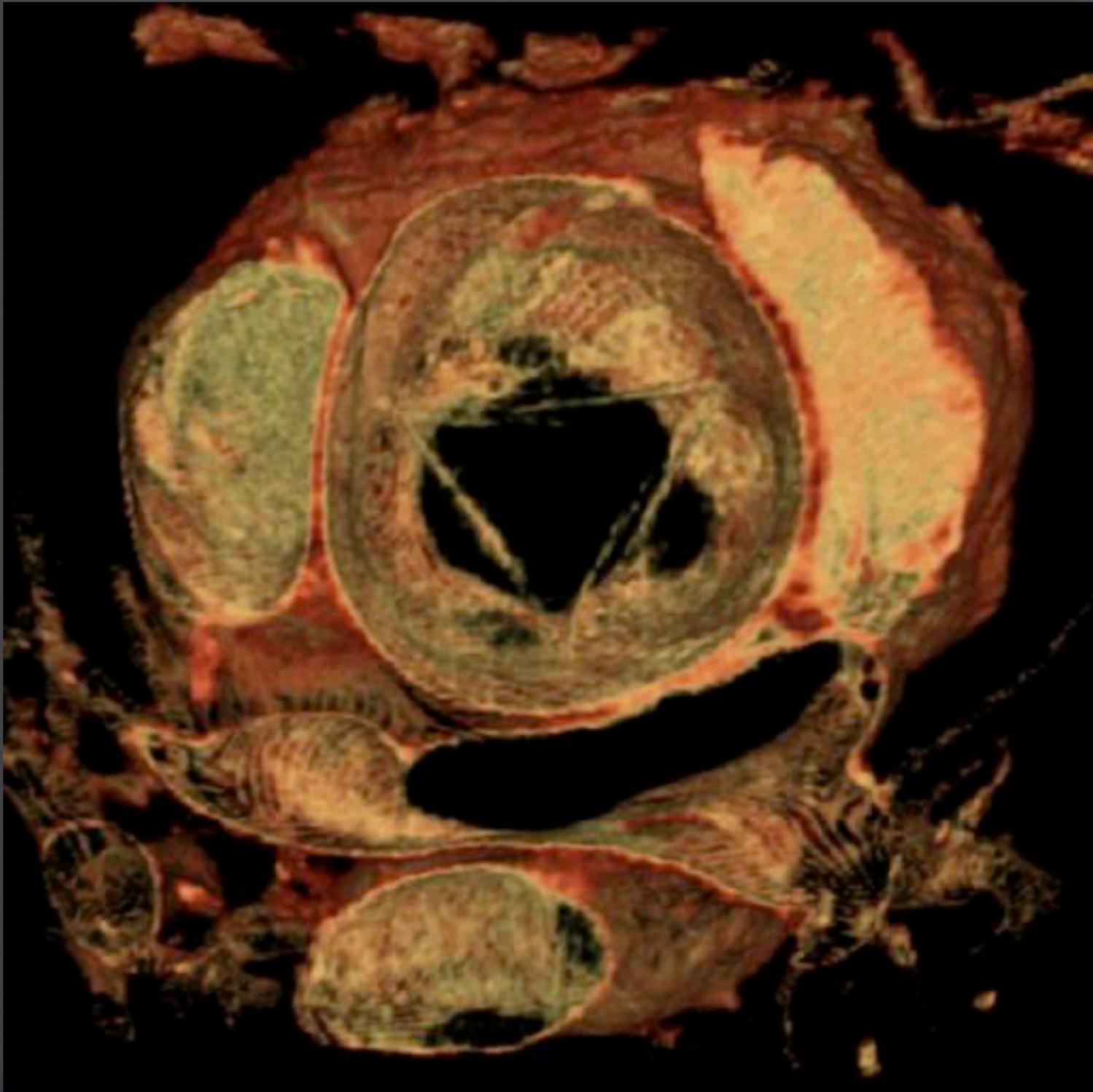


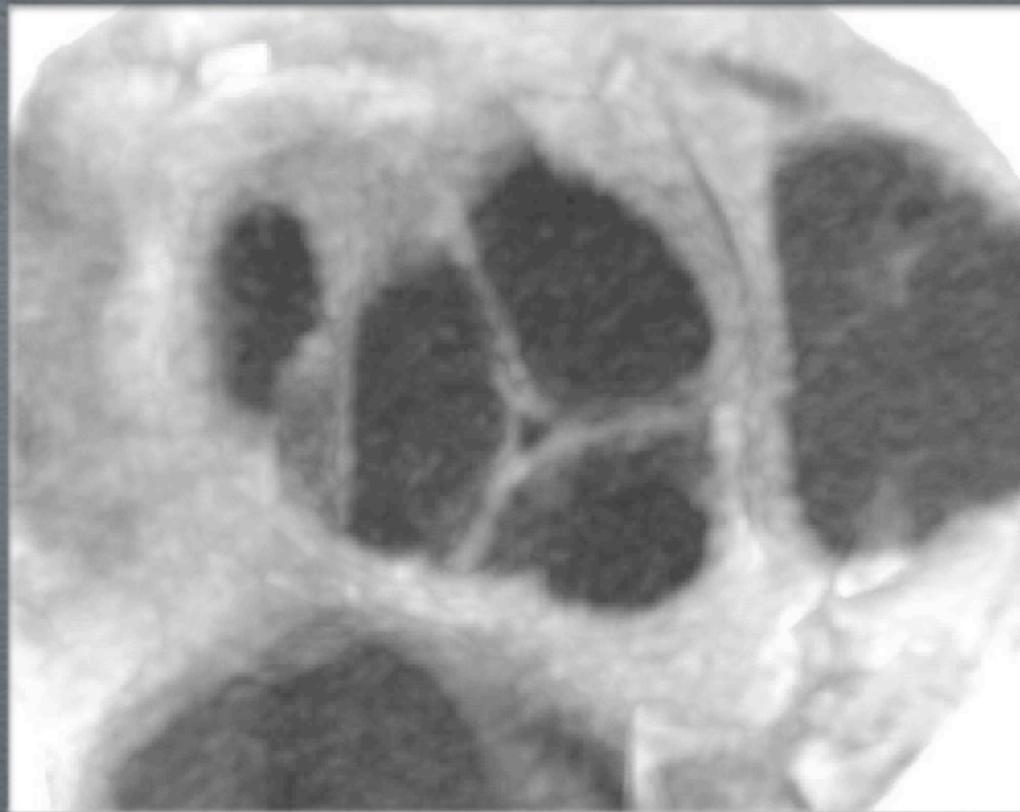
Valvular and Peri-Valvular Disease

- Aortoanuloectasia
- Aortic Valvular Stenosis
- Prosthetic valve assessment
- Acute Aortic Syndromes

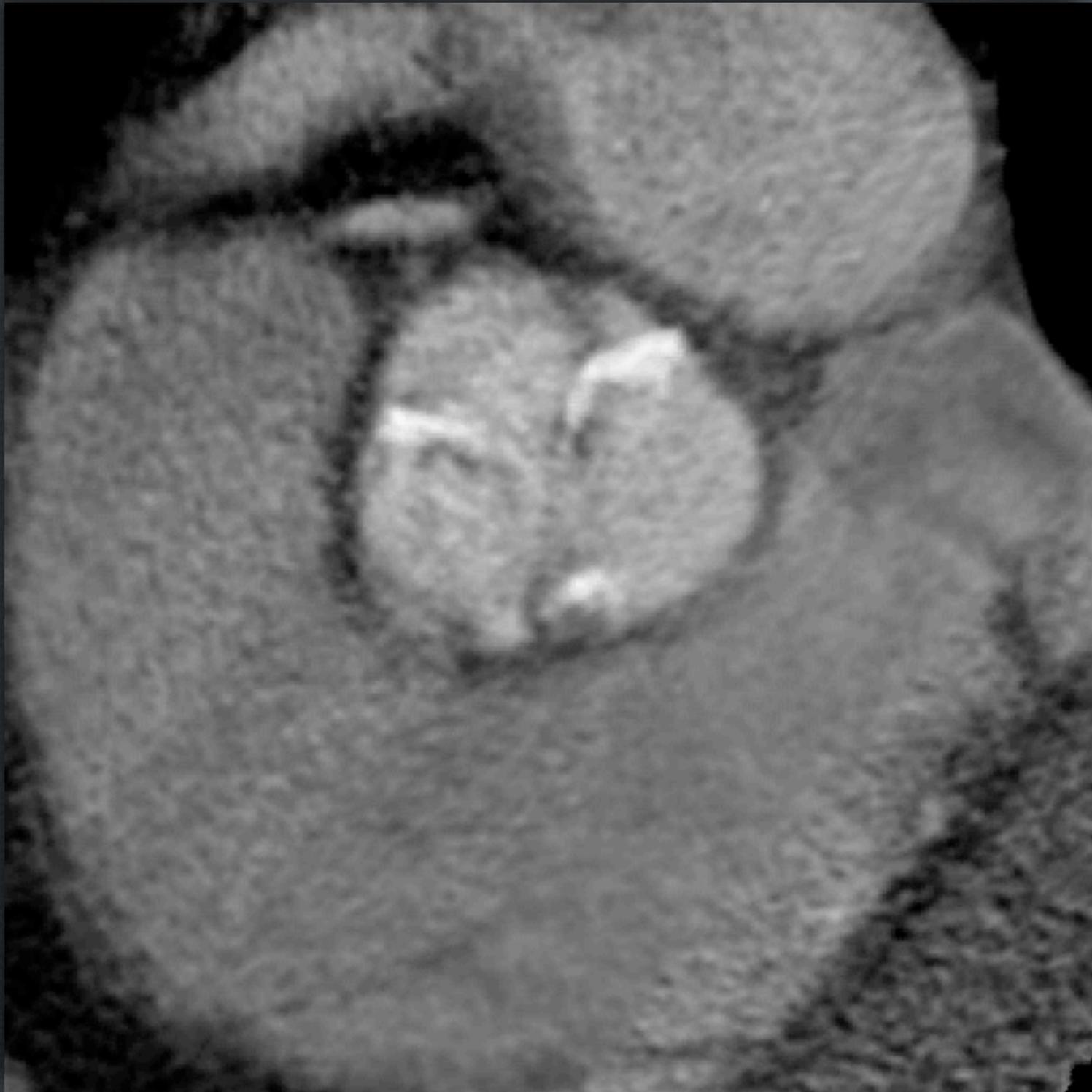


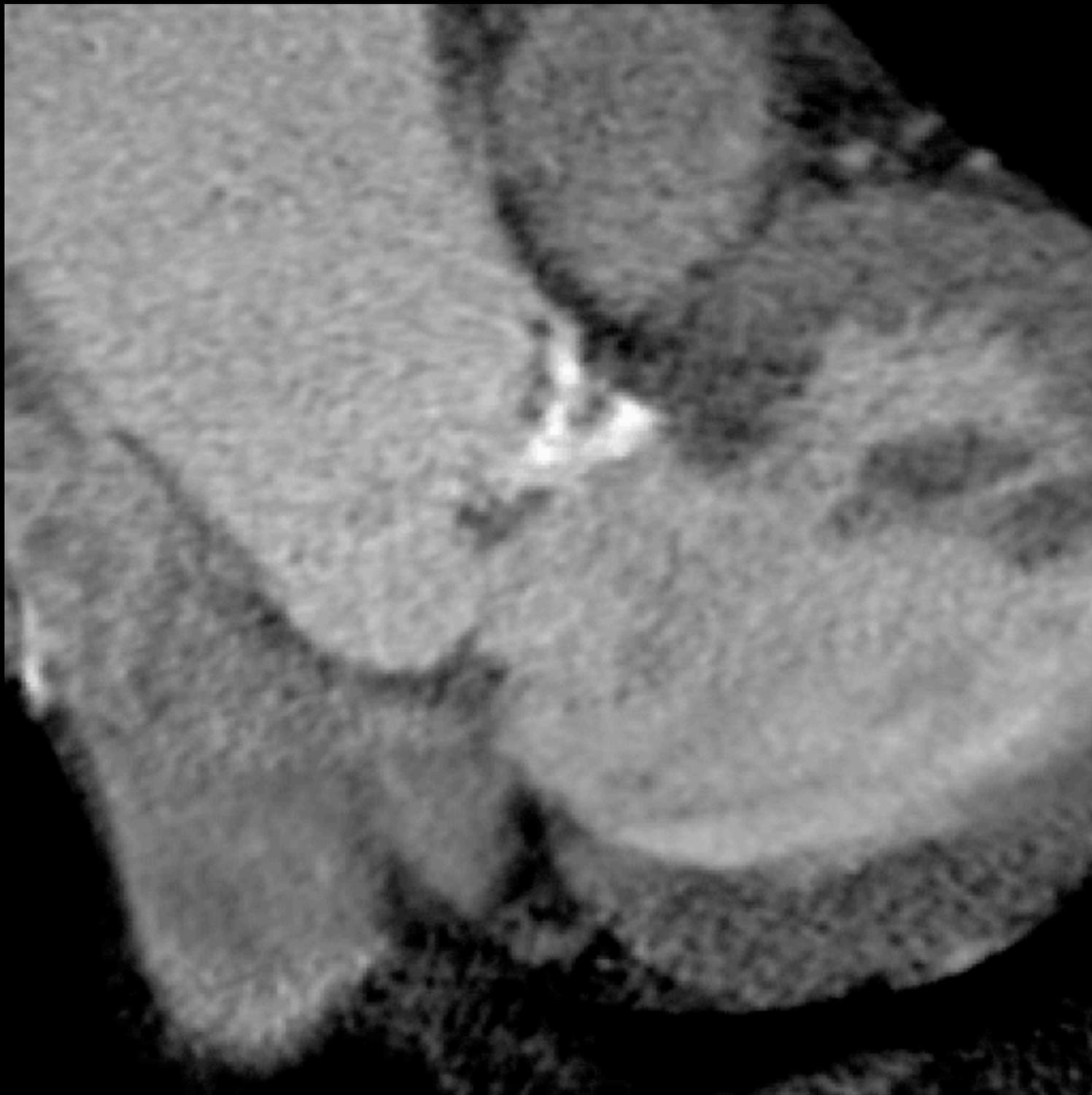


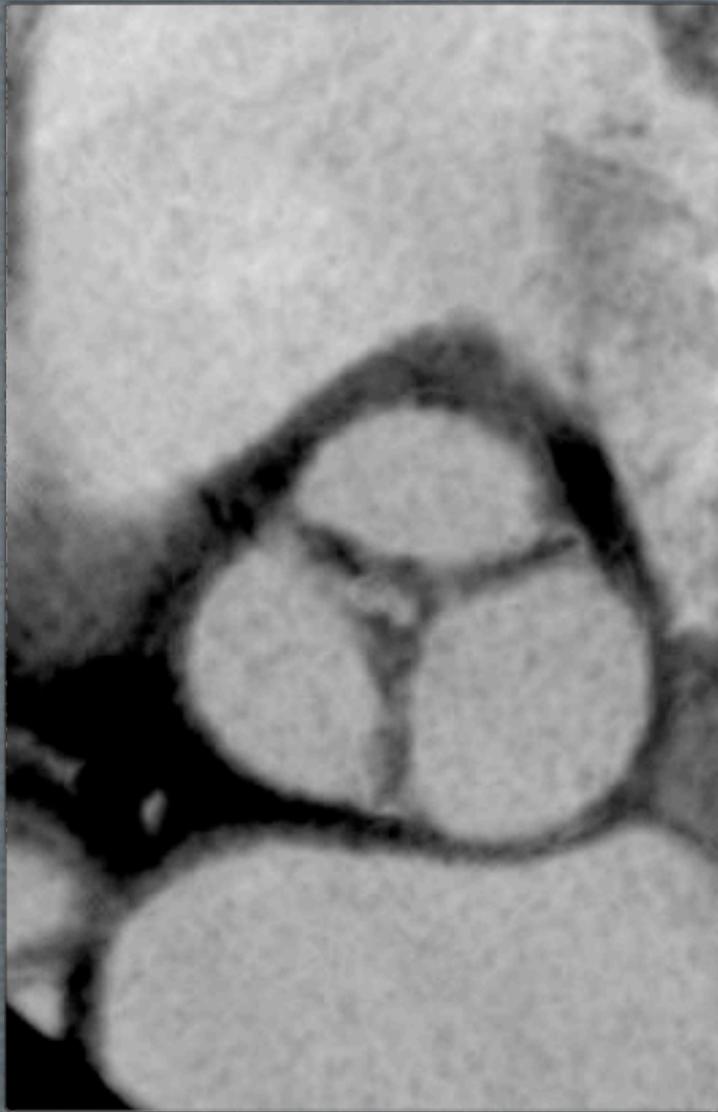




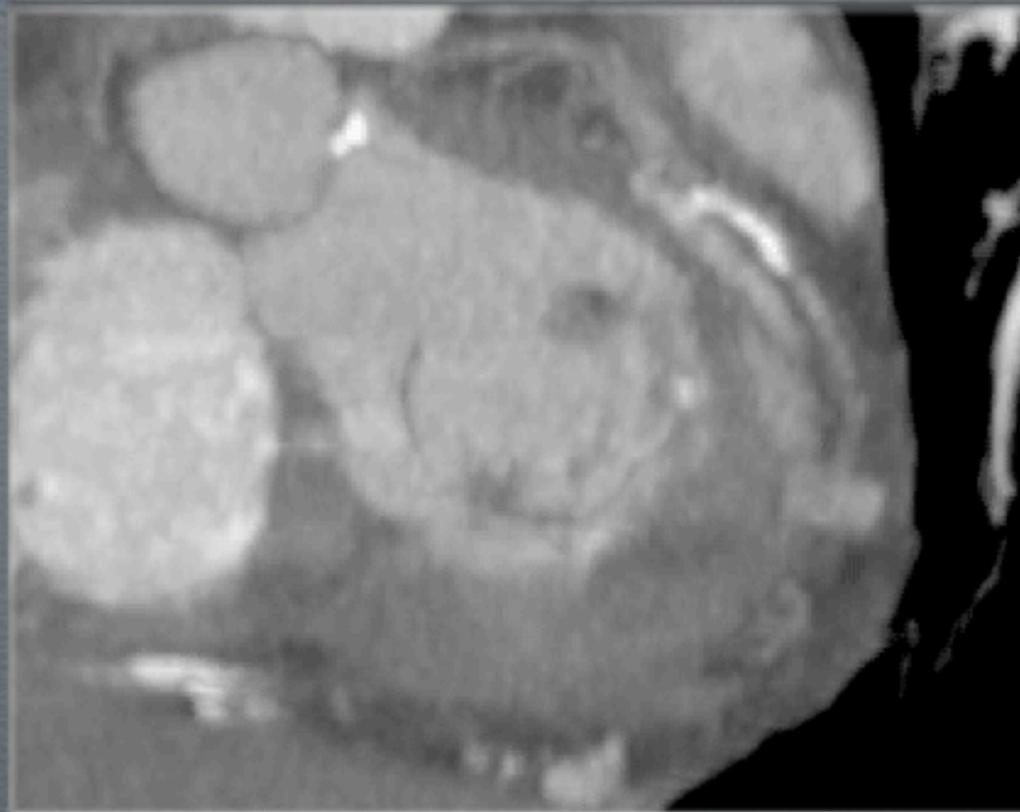
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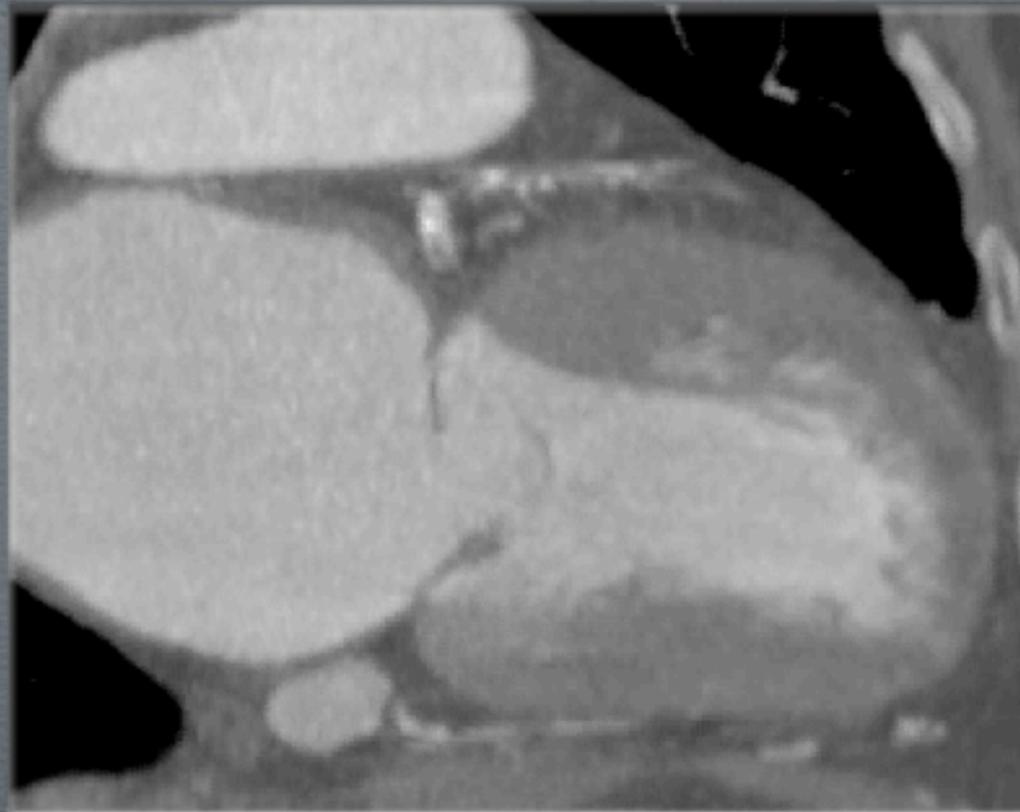




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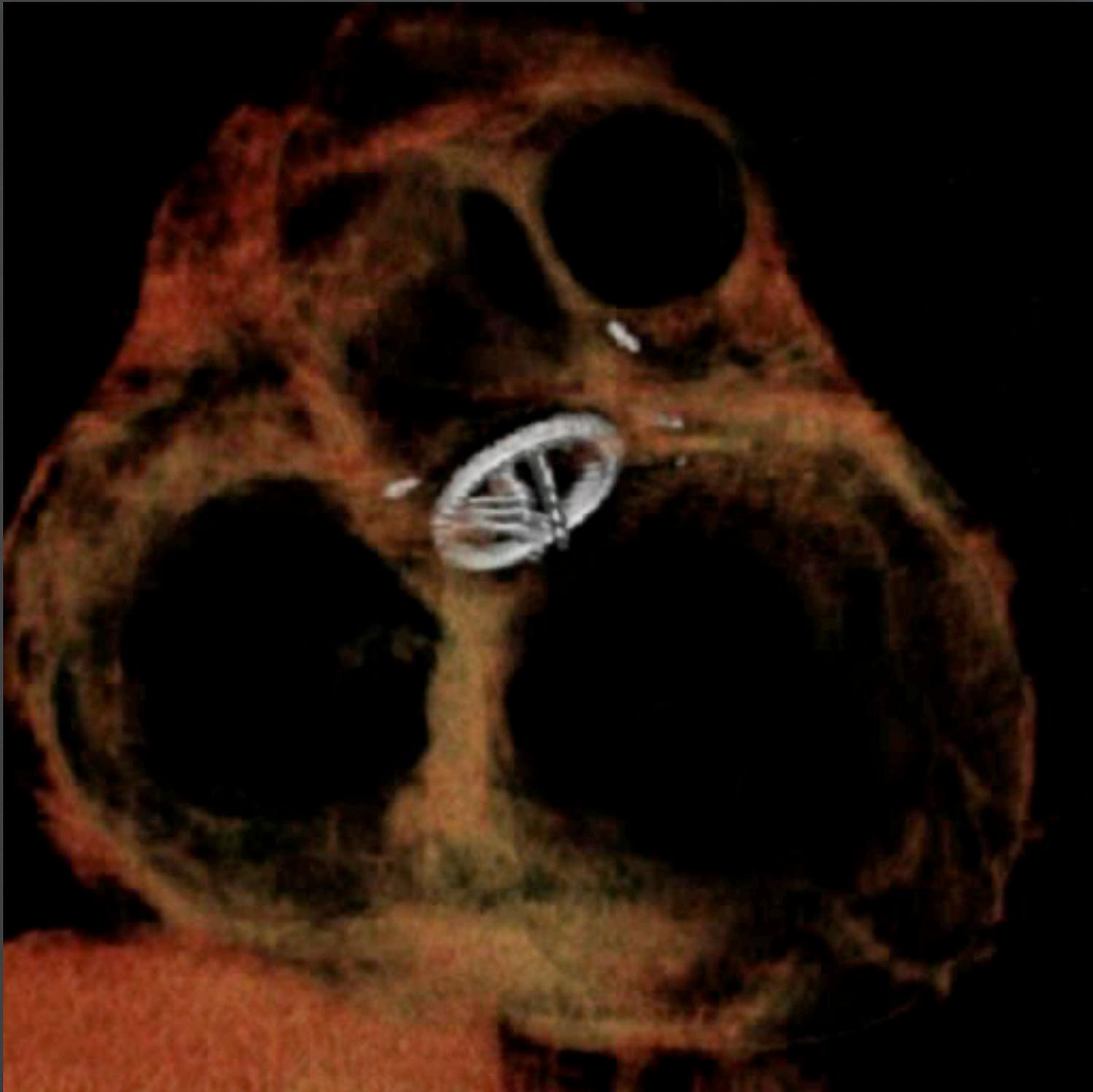


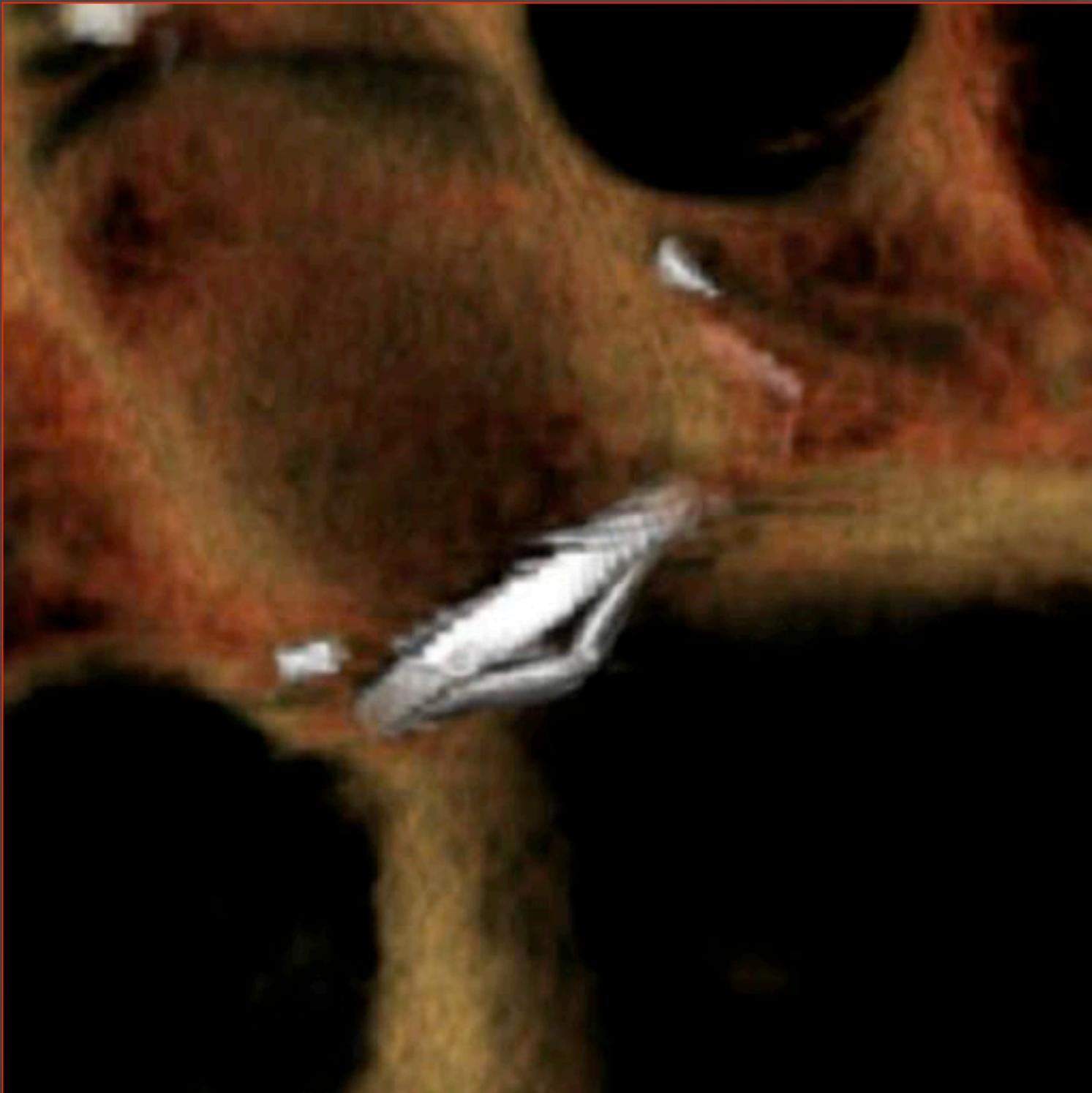
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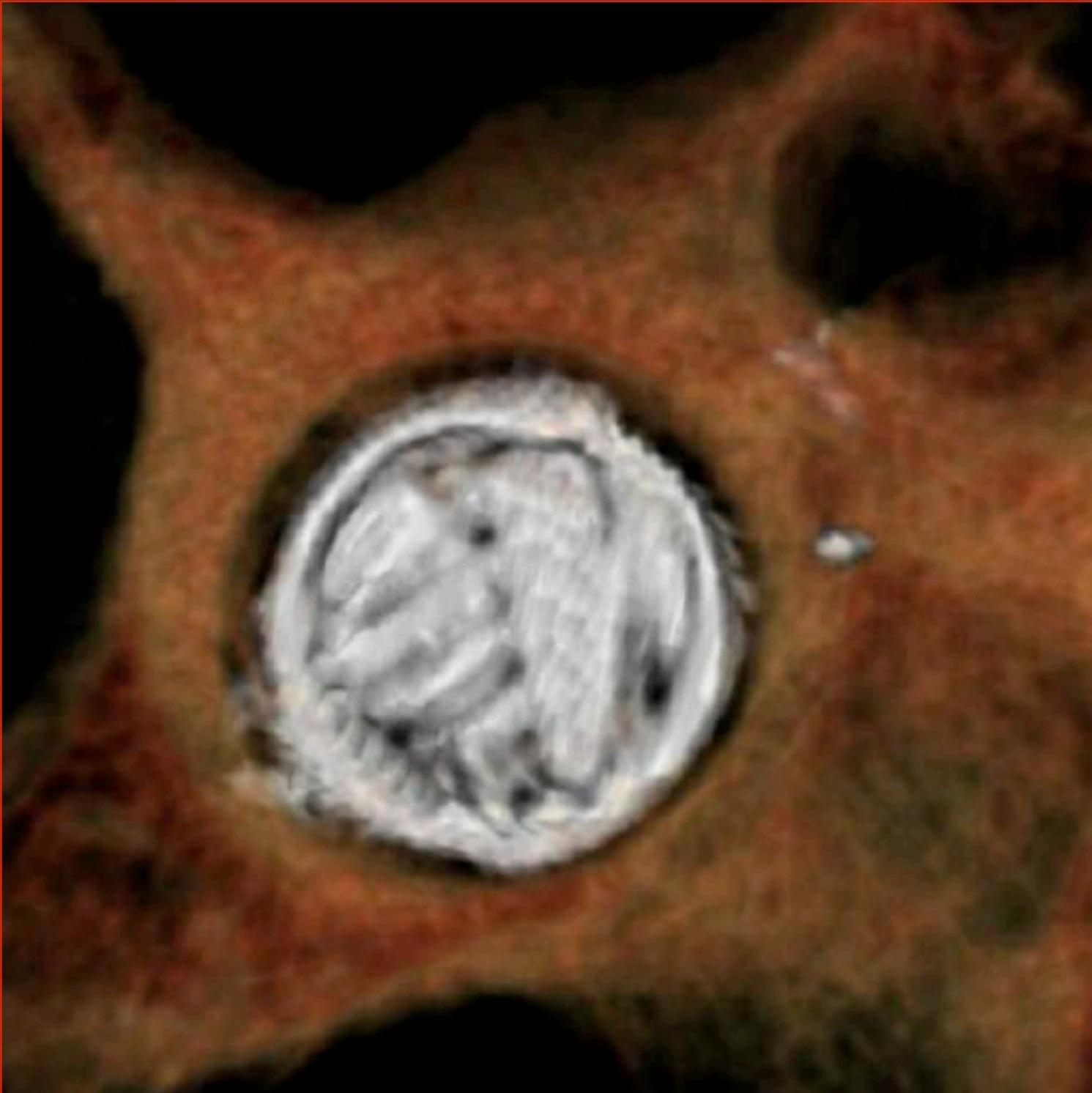


MITRAL VALVE PROLAPSE

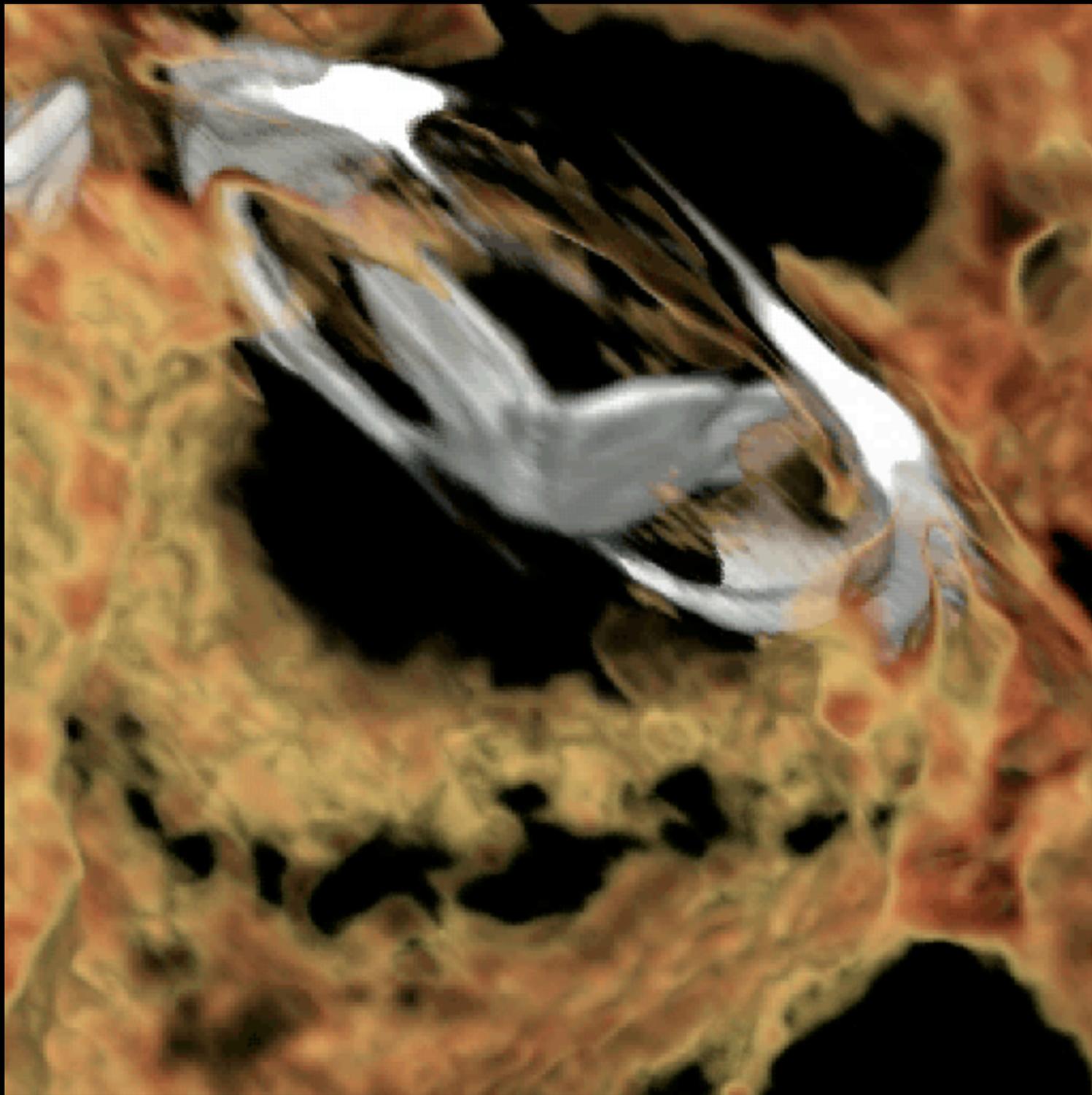


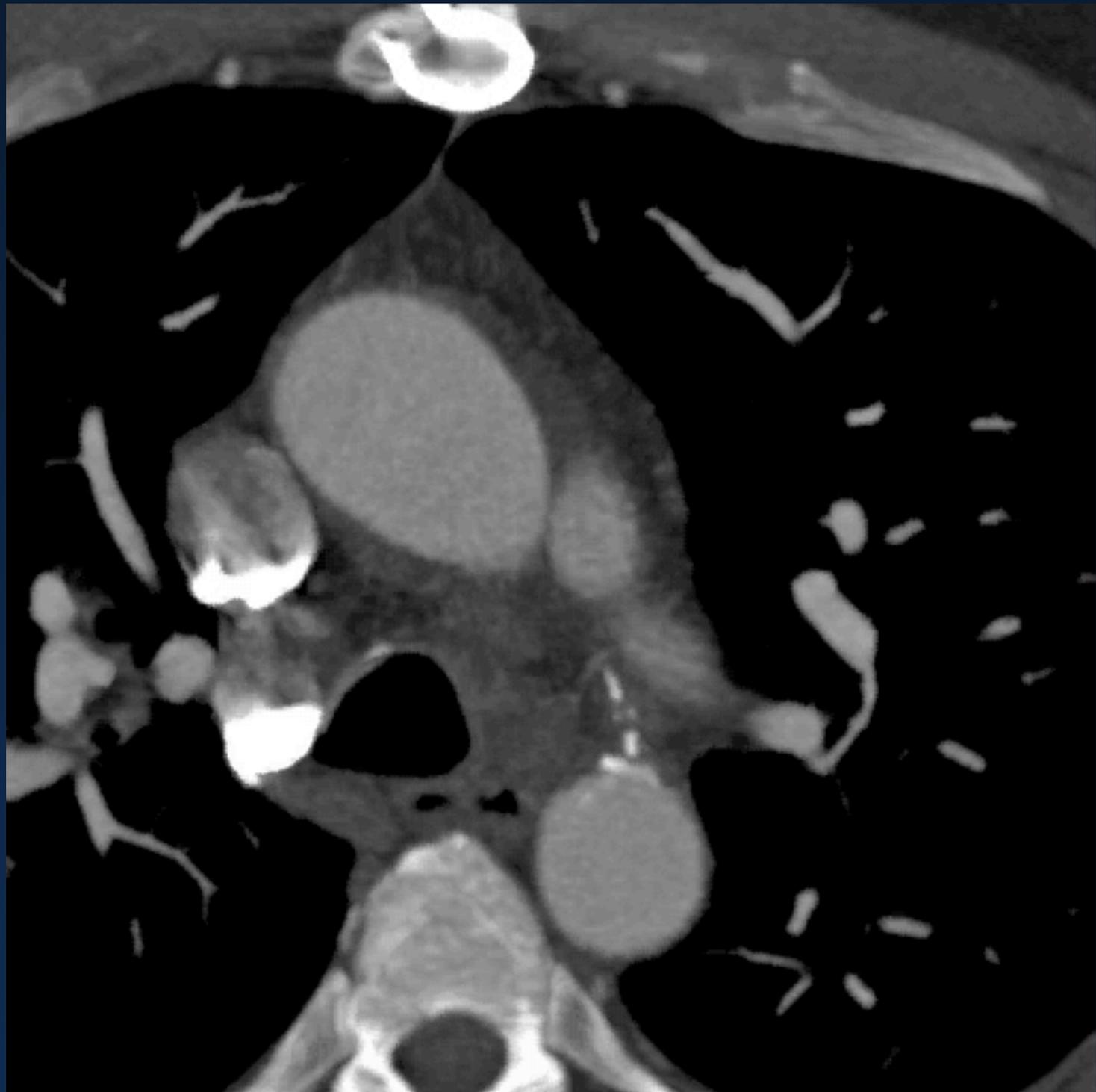


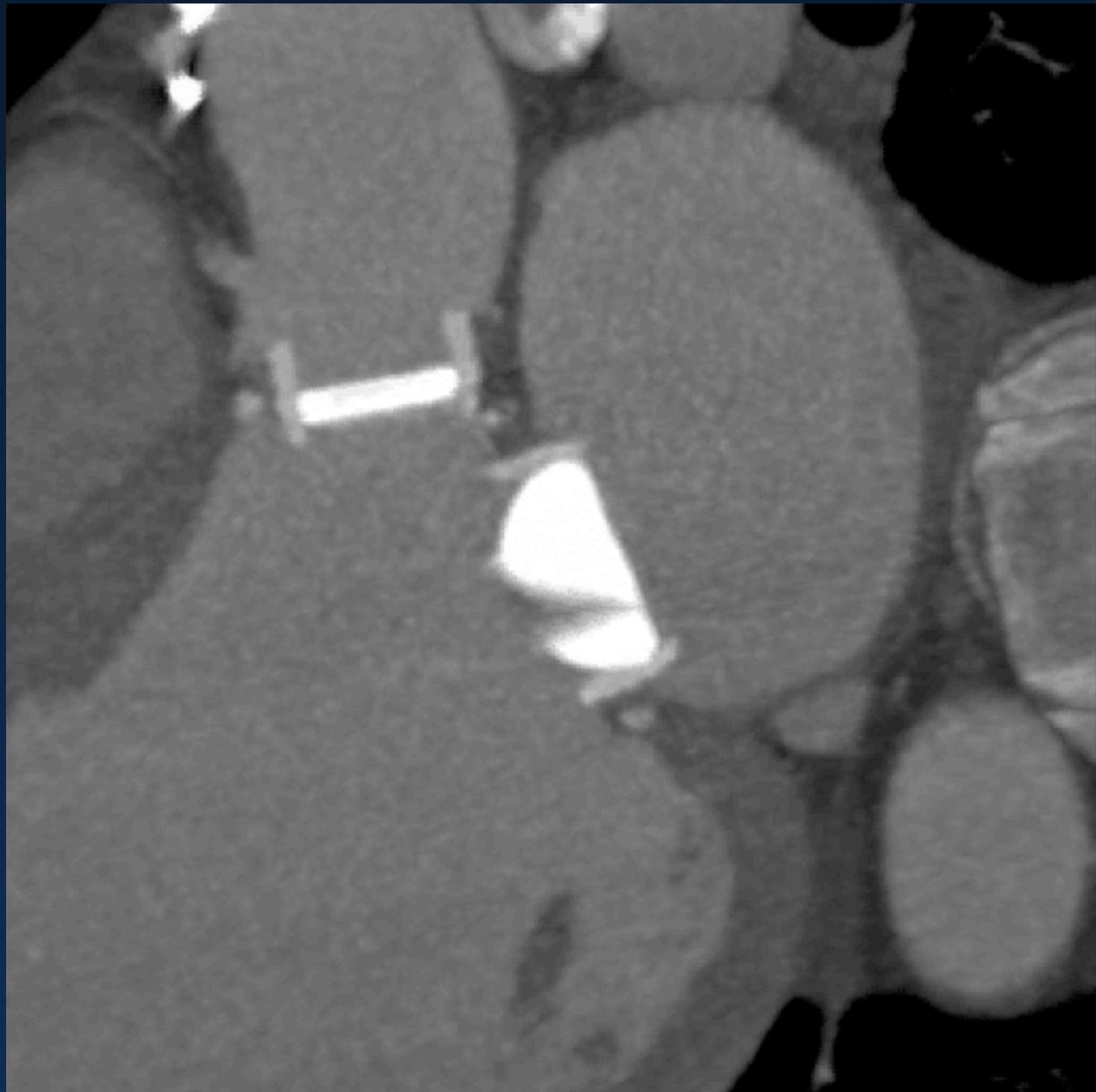


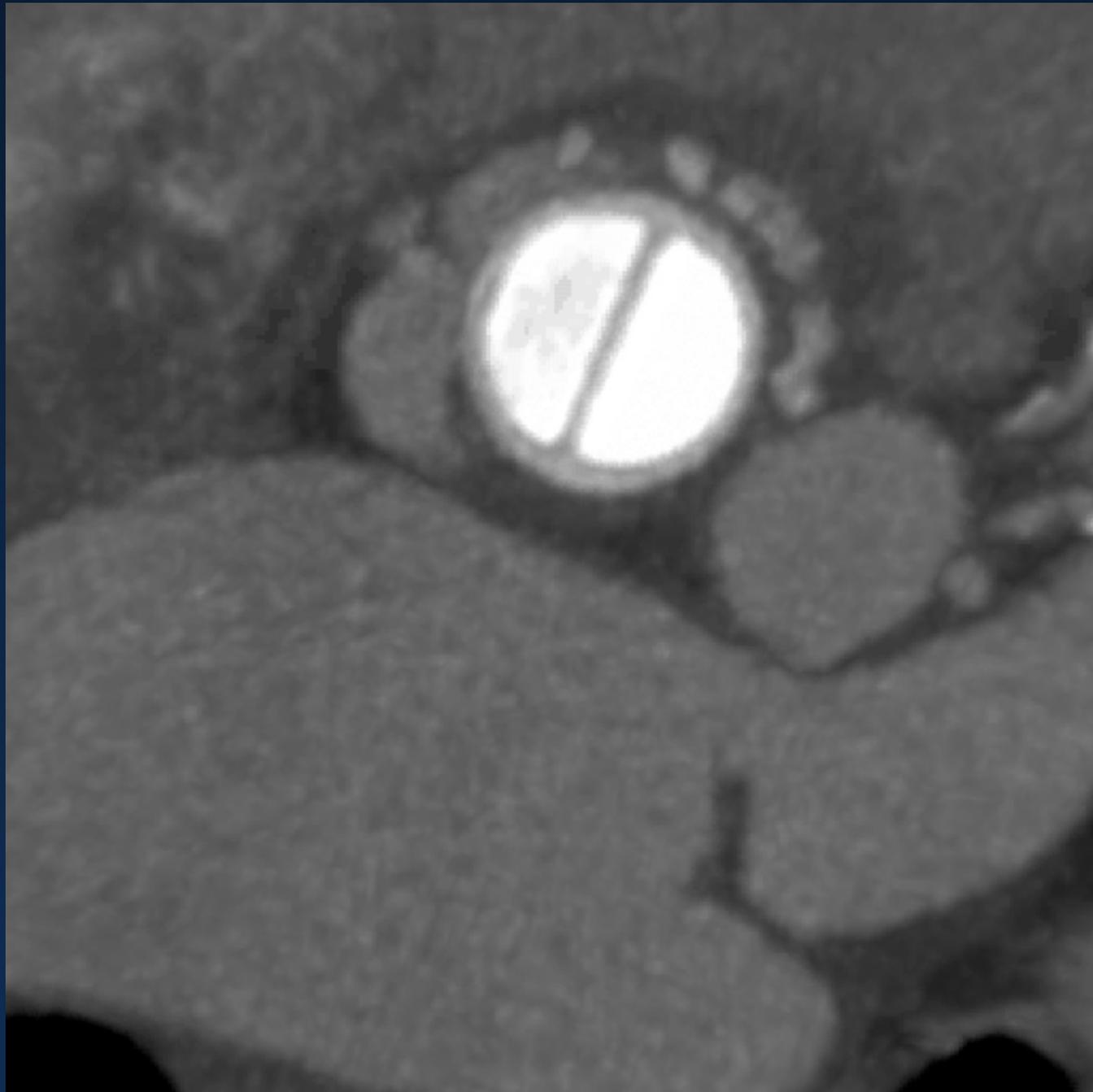














Summary

- MDCT allows rapid and detailed cardiac assessment
- Morphology and function
- Many applications beyond the coronary arteries

