SHOCKWAVE: useful but potentially dangerous

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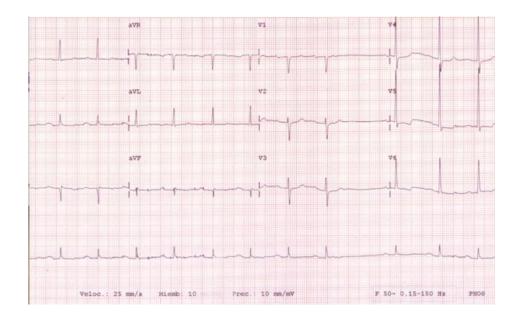




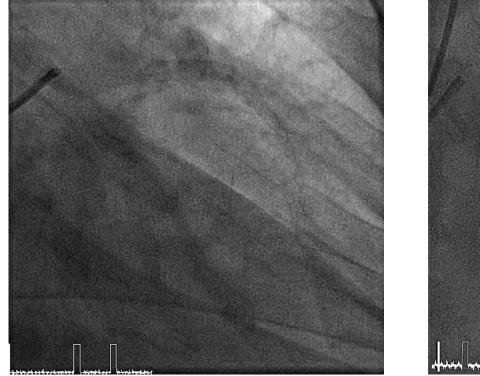
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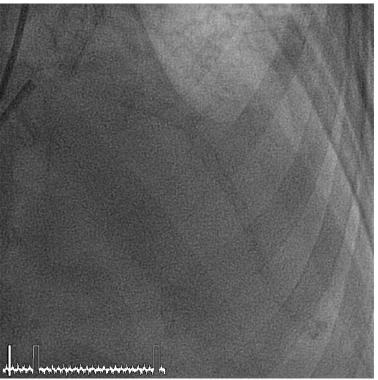
Patient Clinical History

- 73 yo Female with new onset chest pain
- RF: hypertension, hyperlipidemia & diabetes. Sedentary life style



Coronary angiography



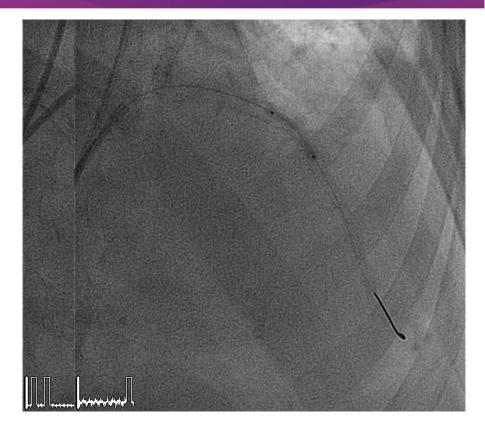


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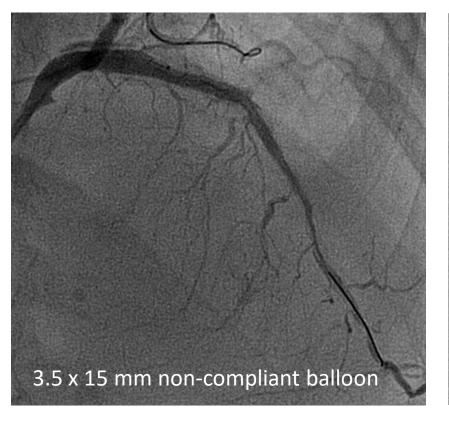


Percutaneous coronary intervention: Lithoplasty procedure

A 3x12 mm lithoplasty-balloon Inflated at 4 atm



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Final result





- Complex and severely calcified coronary lesions (CCL) are now commonly treated with PCI.
- **PCI of CCL** continues to be **challenging**, with high rates of failure, complications and adverse outcomes.
- Intravascular lithotripsy (IVL) is a very useful device. It induces circumferential calcium modification by creating calcium fractures



- Nevertheless, we have to be aware of possible complications while treating CCL, such as balloon rupture.
- If a balloon explodes during lithoplasty it can generate a non-controlled dissection or even a vessel rupture.
- In the absence of more resistant balloons, interventional cardiologists have to be prepared for this lithoplasty-related complication.