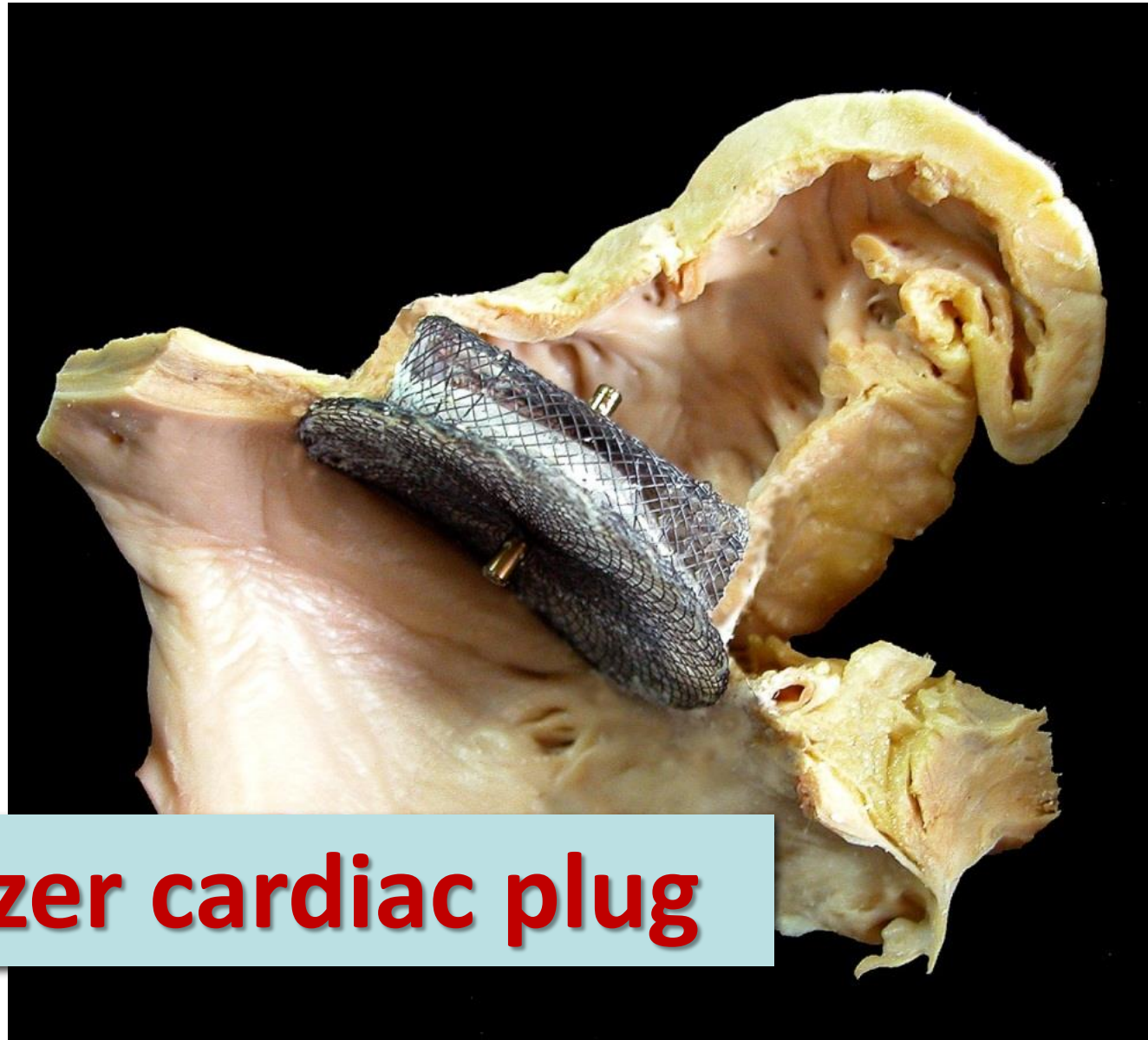
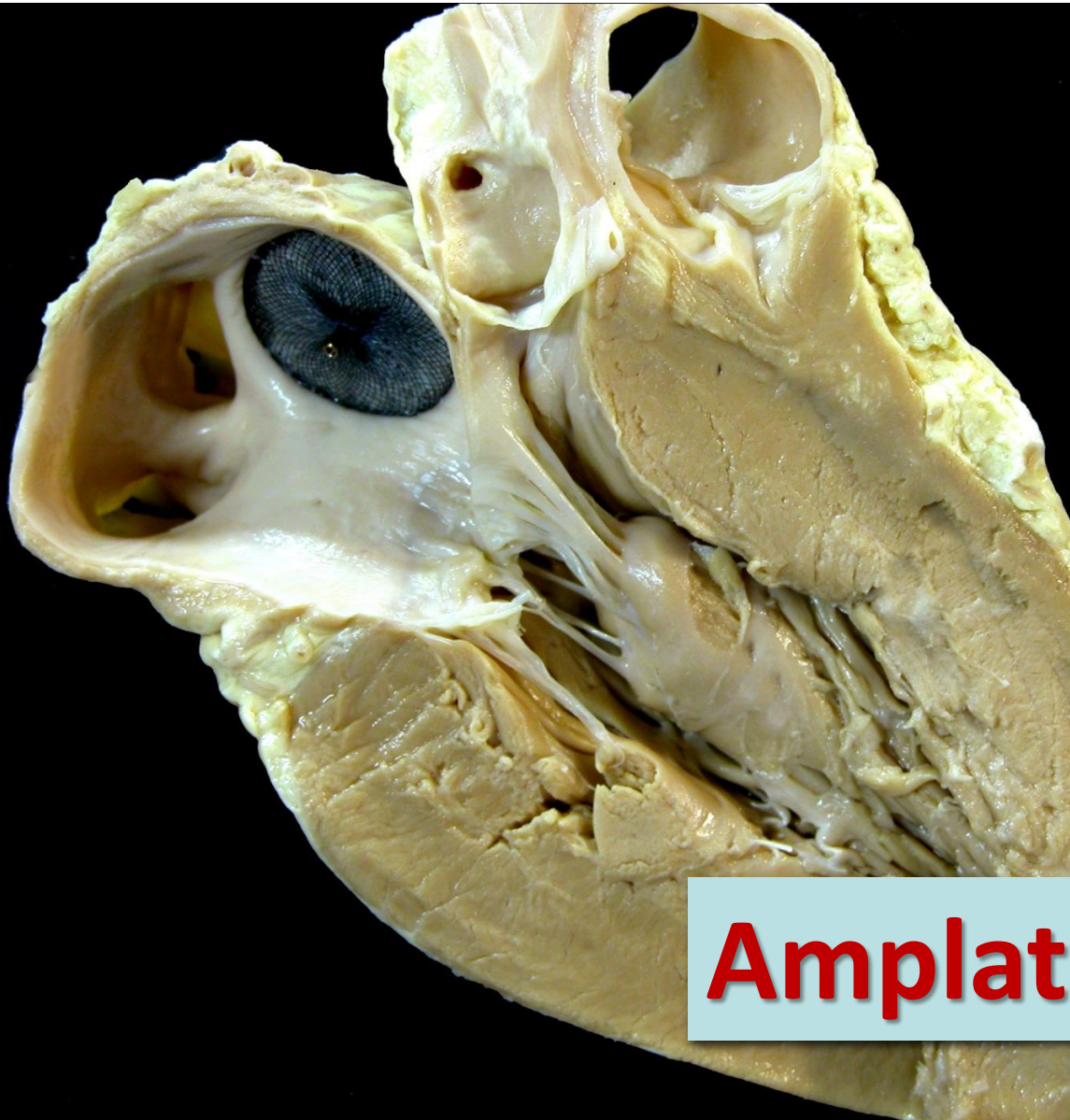




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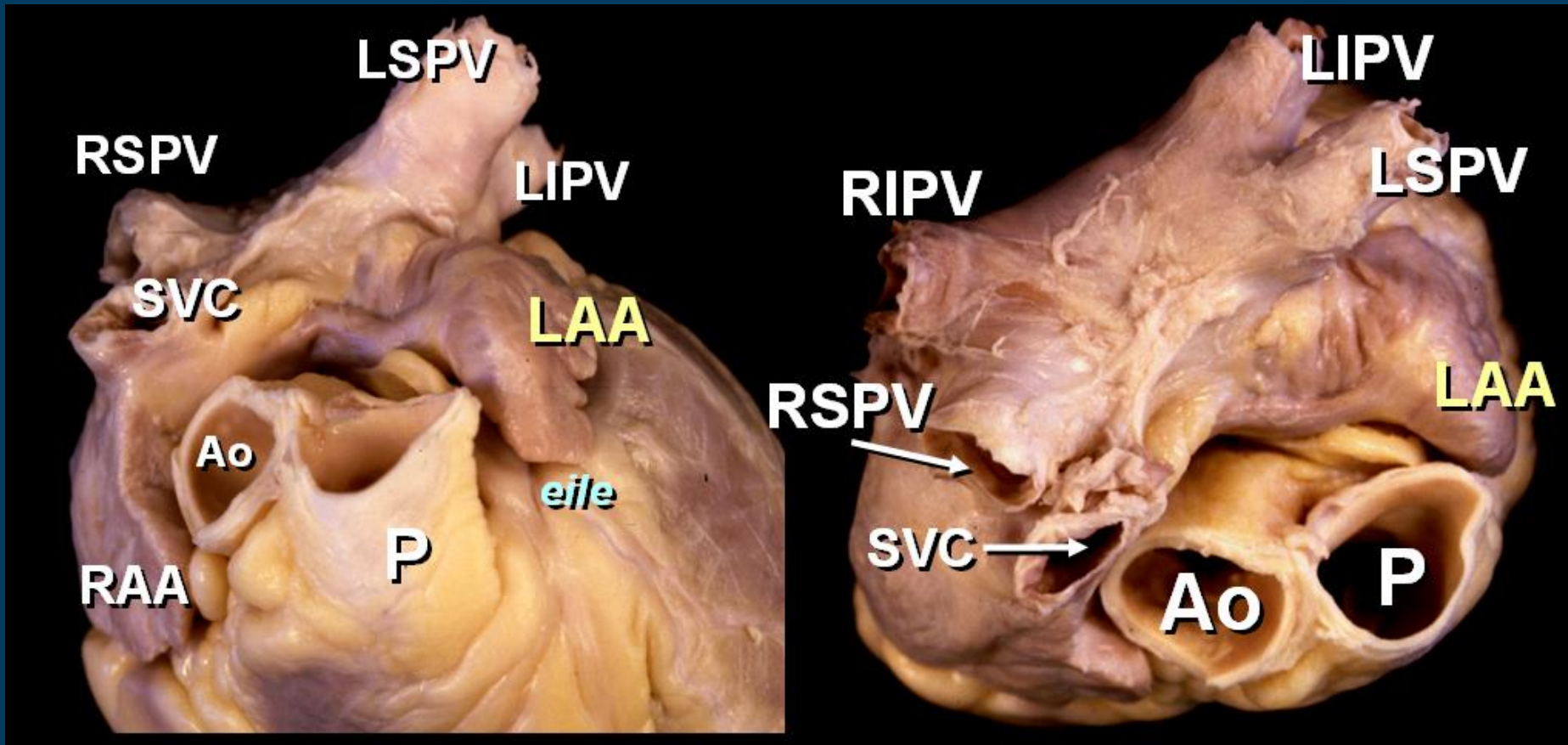
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LAA occlusion: preprocedure

Anatomic variability / complexity

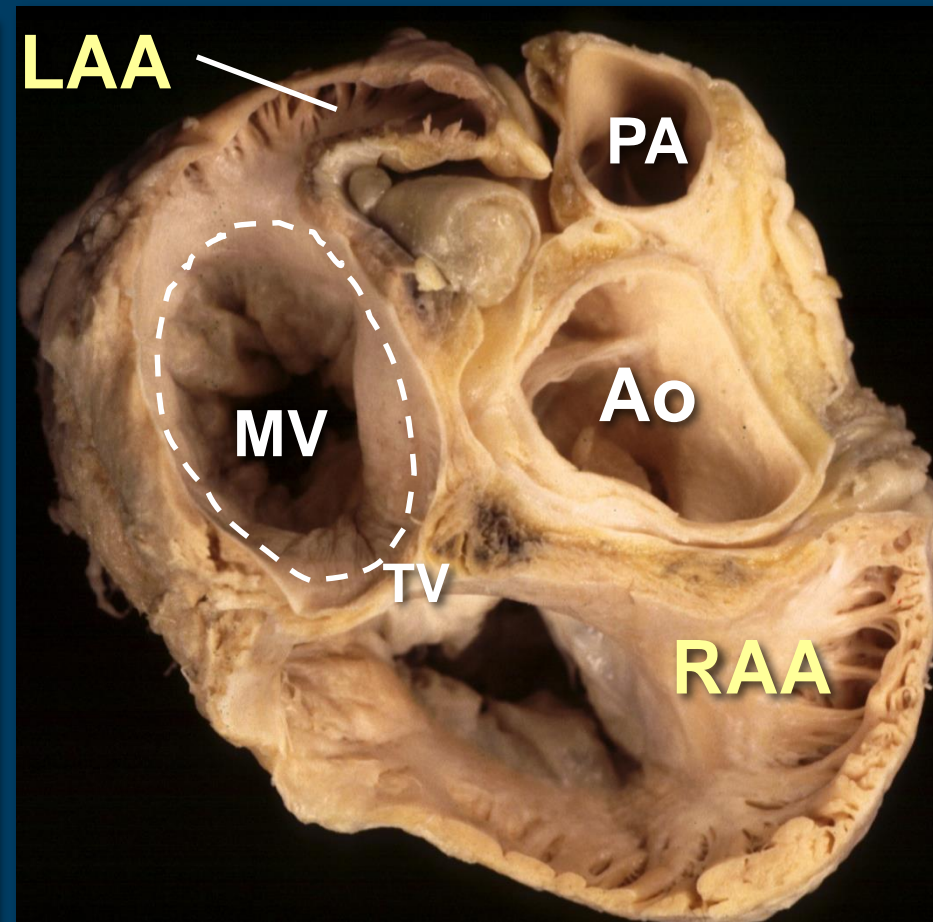
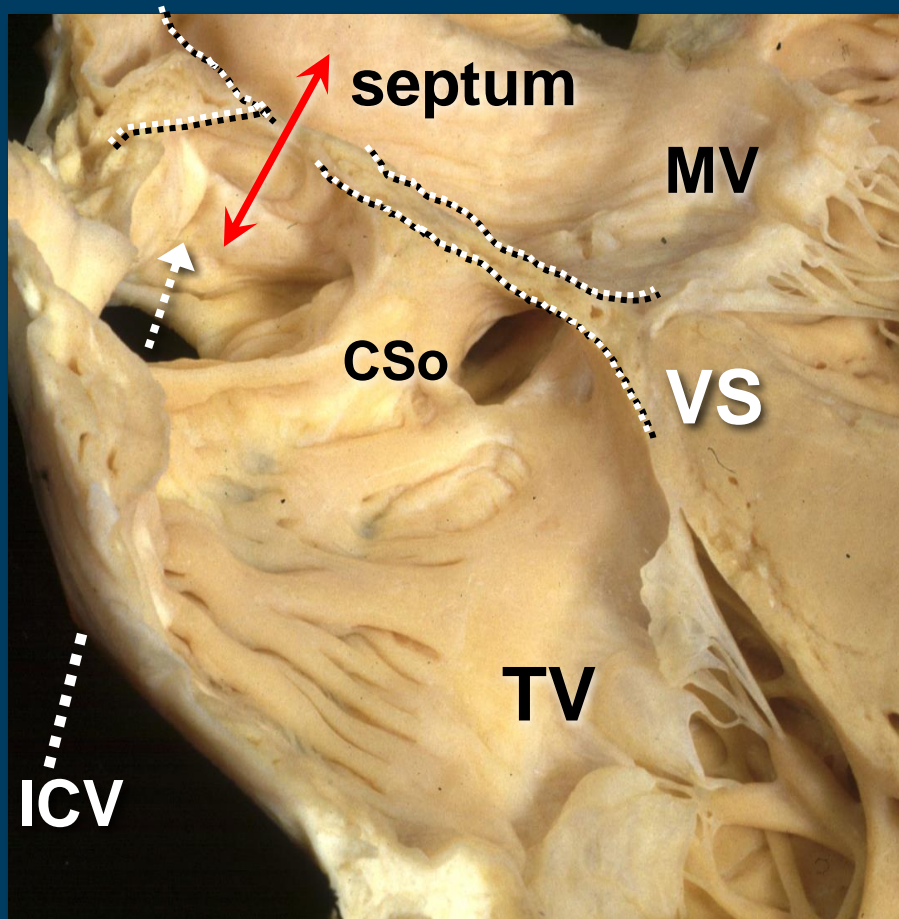
Morphology and dimensions of the LA & LAA





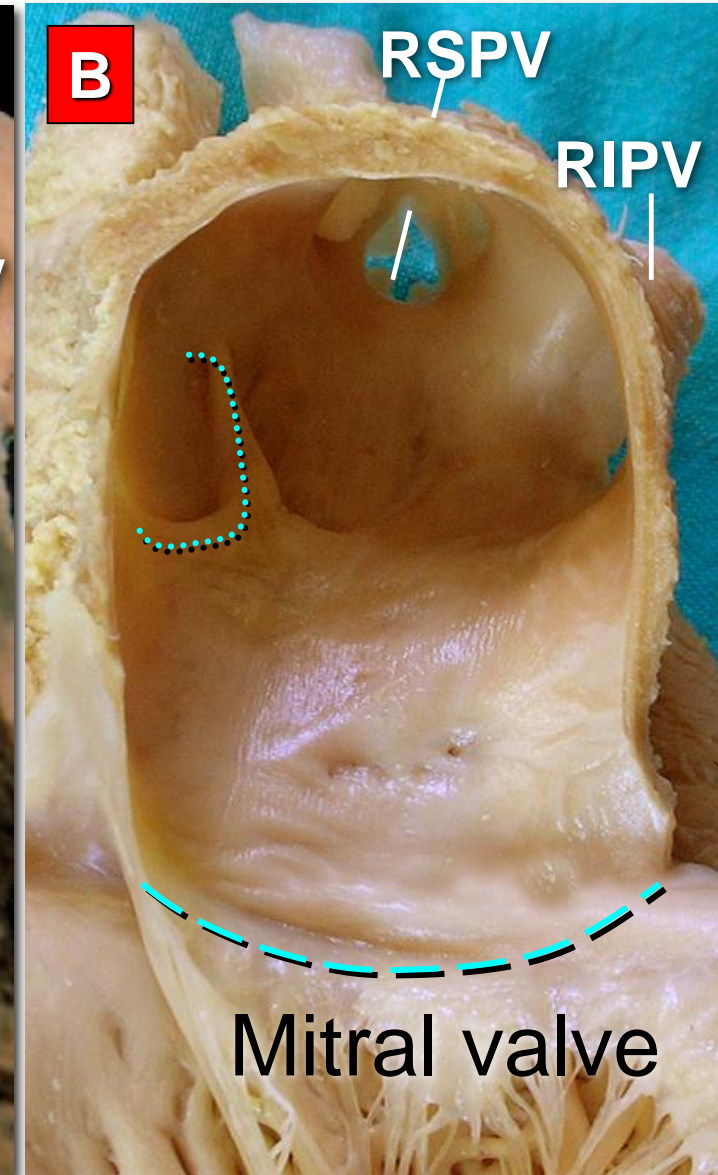
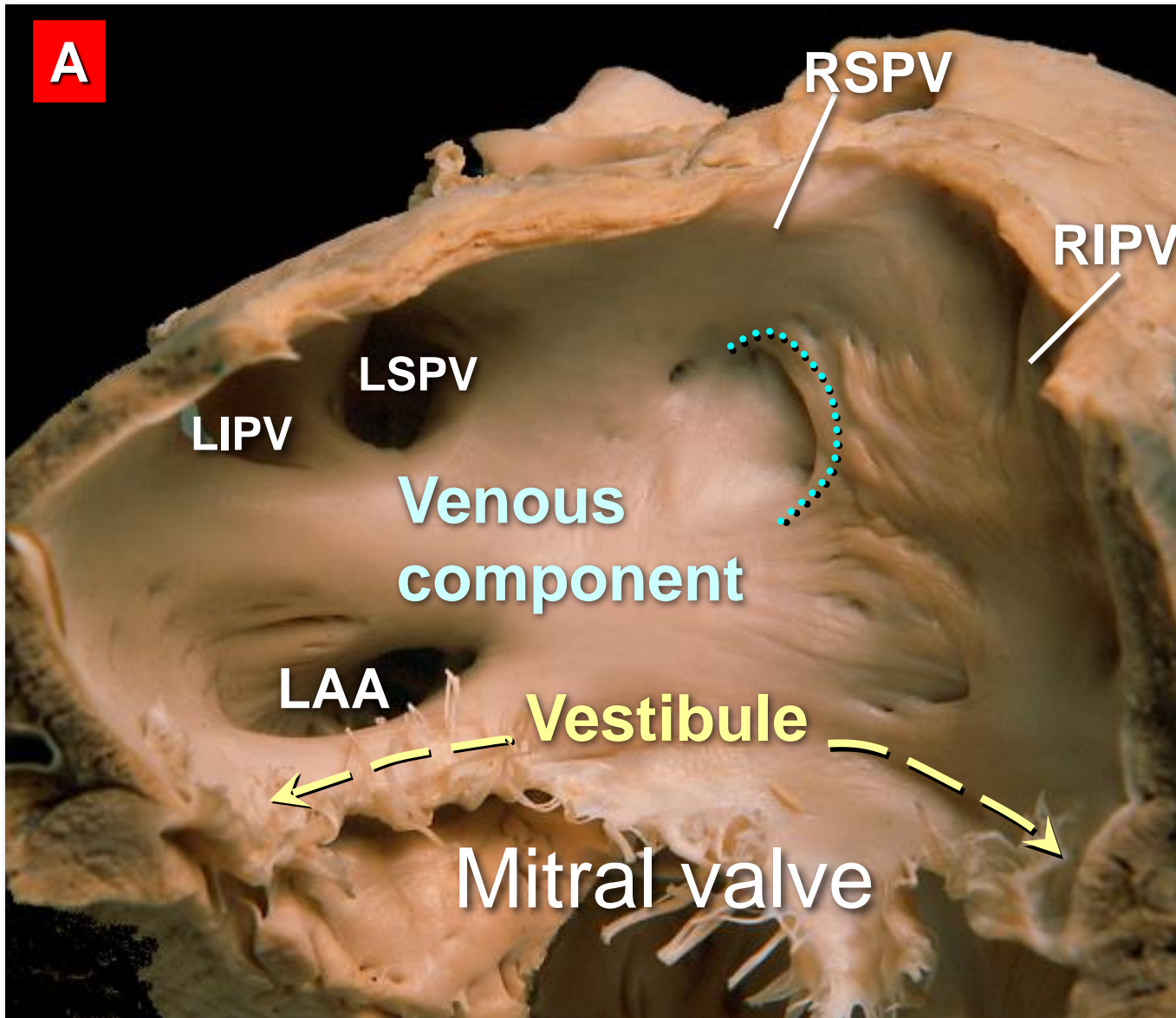
LAA occlusion: preprocedure

septum & venous component appendage & vestibule





Components of the LA





Determinants of the LA

Left atrium

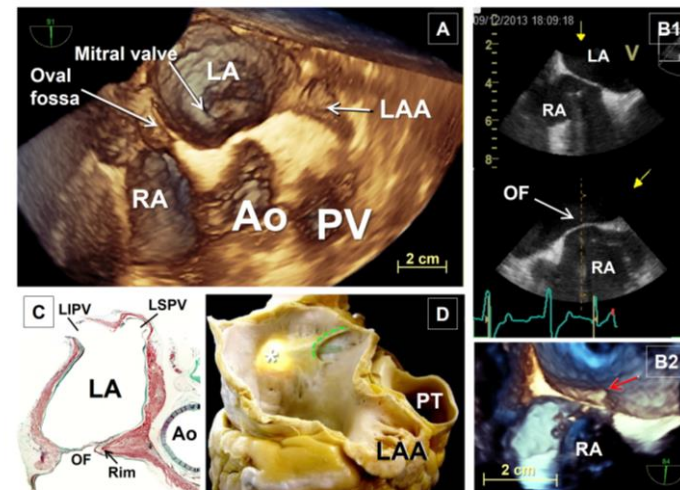
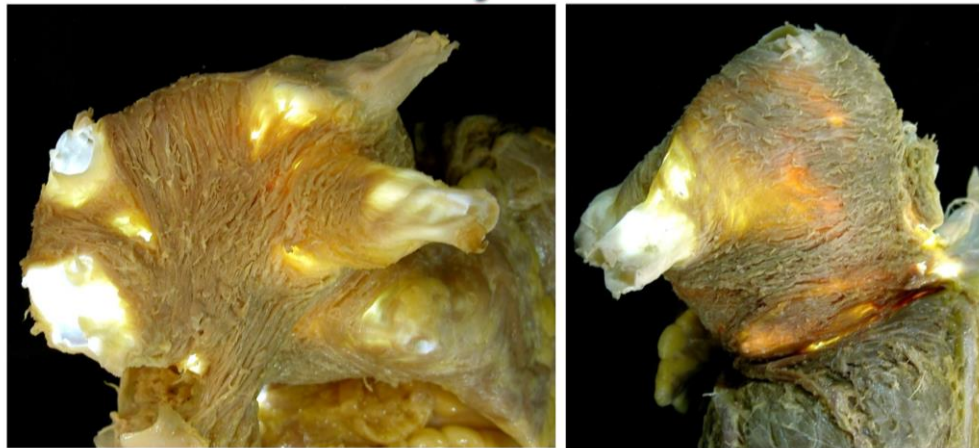
Dimensions of the LA: for all devices

Myocardial thickness: anterior wall and venoatrial junctions may be very thin

Distance from the OF to the LAA ostium: for all devices

Interatrial septum: should be a low posterior transseptal puncture . OF dimensions, rim thickness, proximity to the aortic root, PFO, patches, occluder devices and septal aneurysm

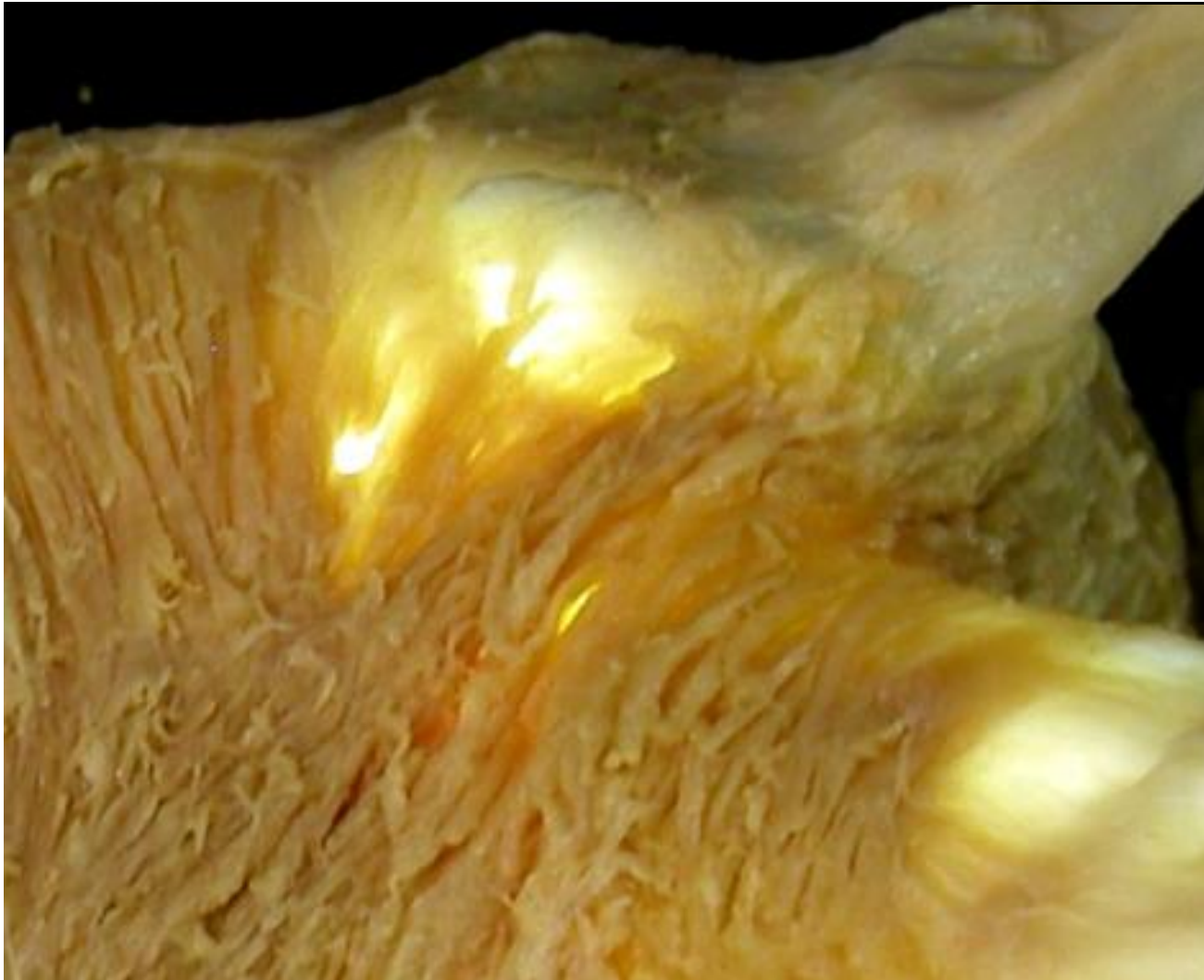
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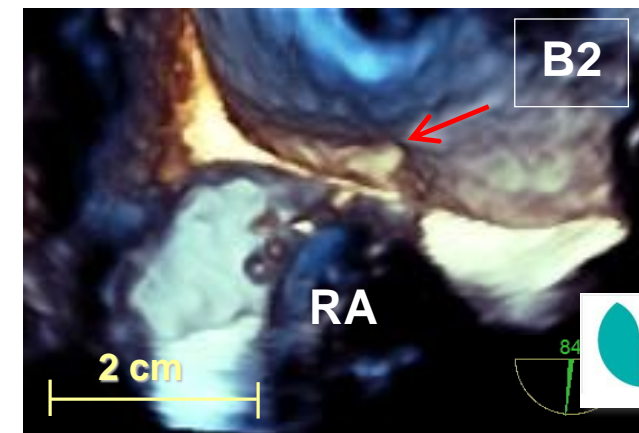
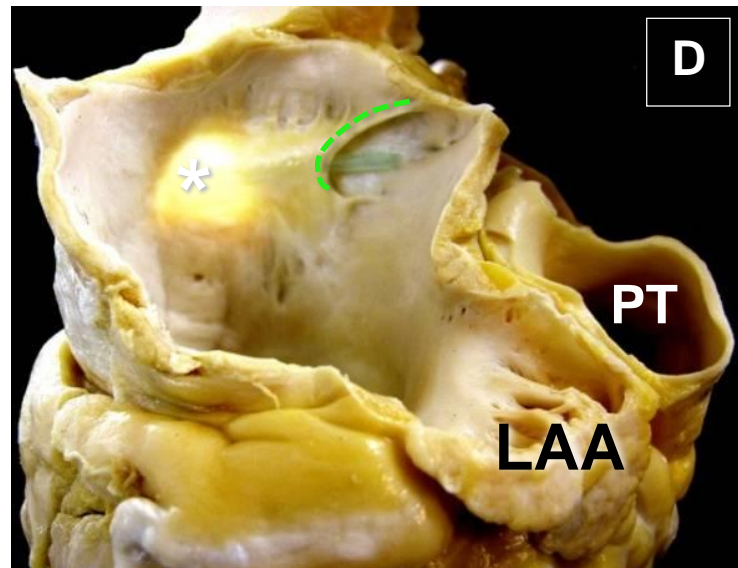
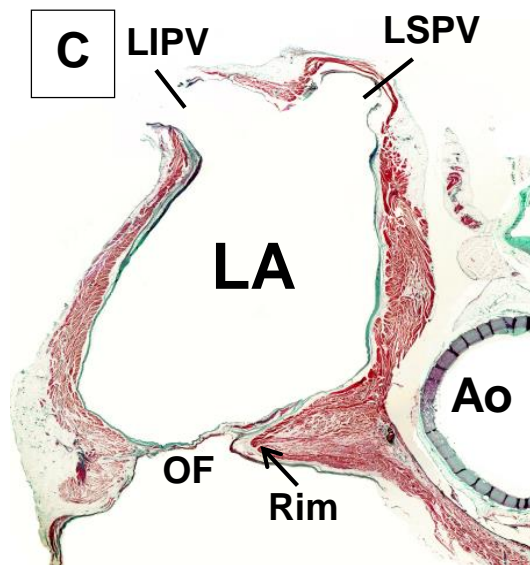
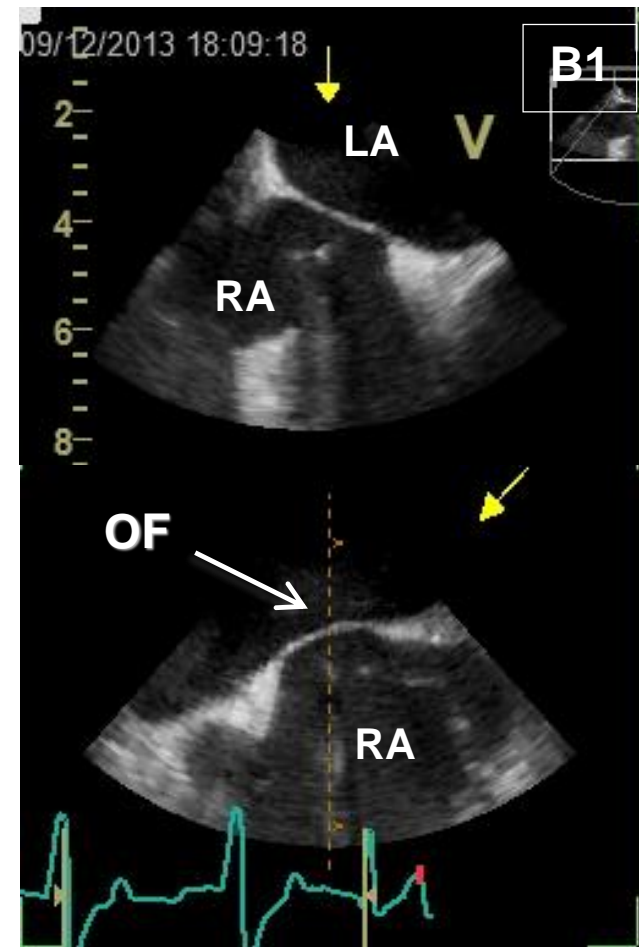
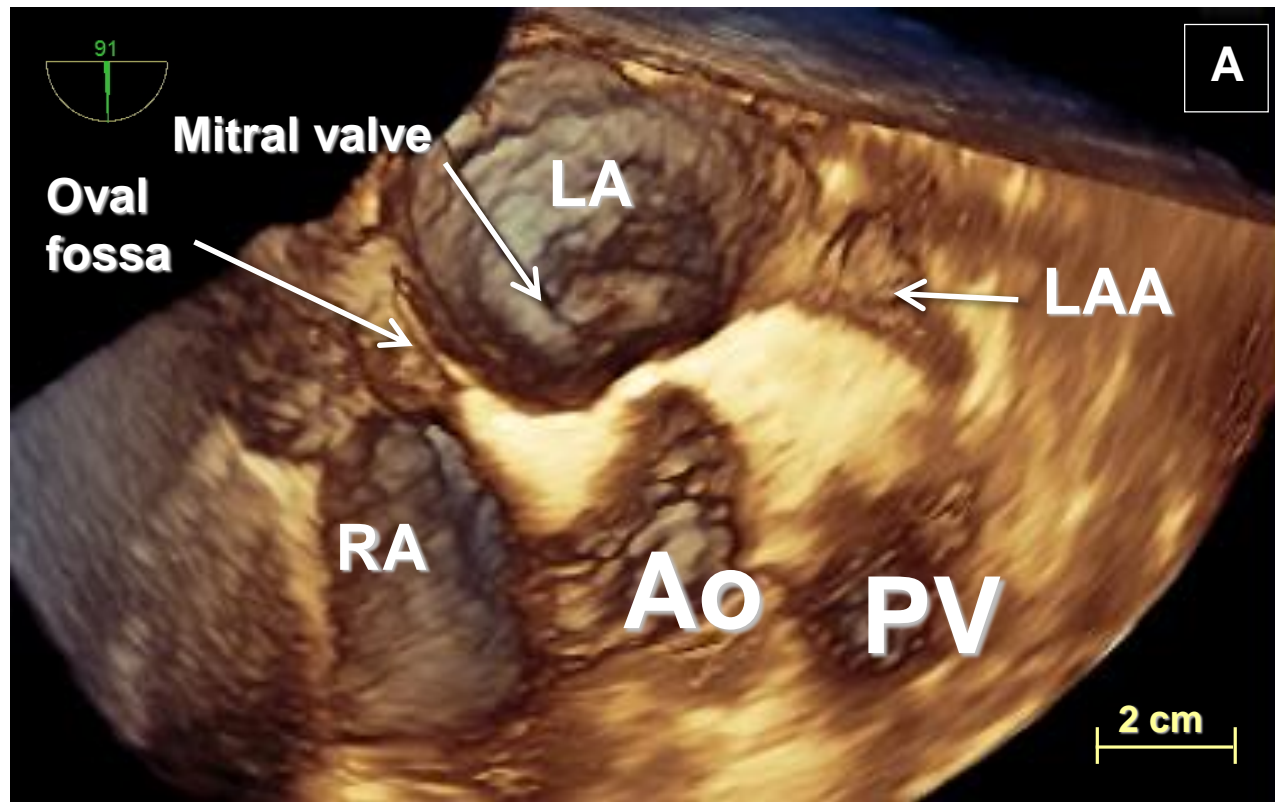




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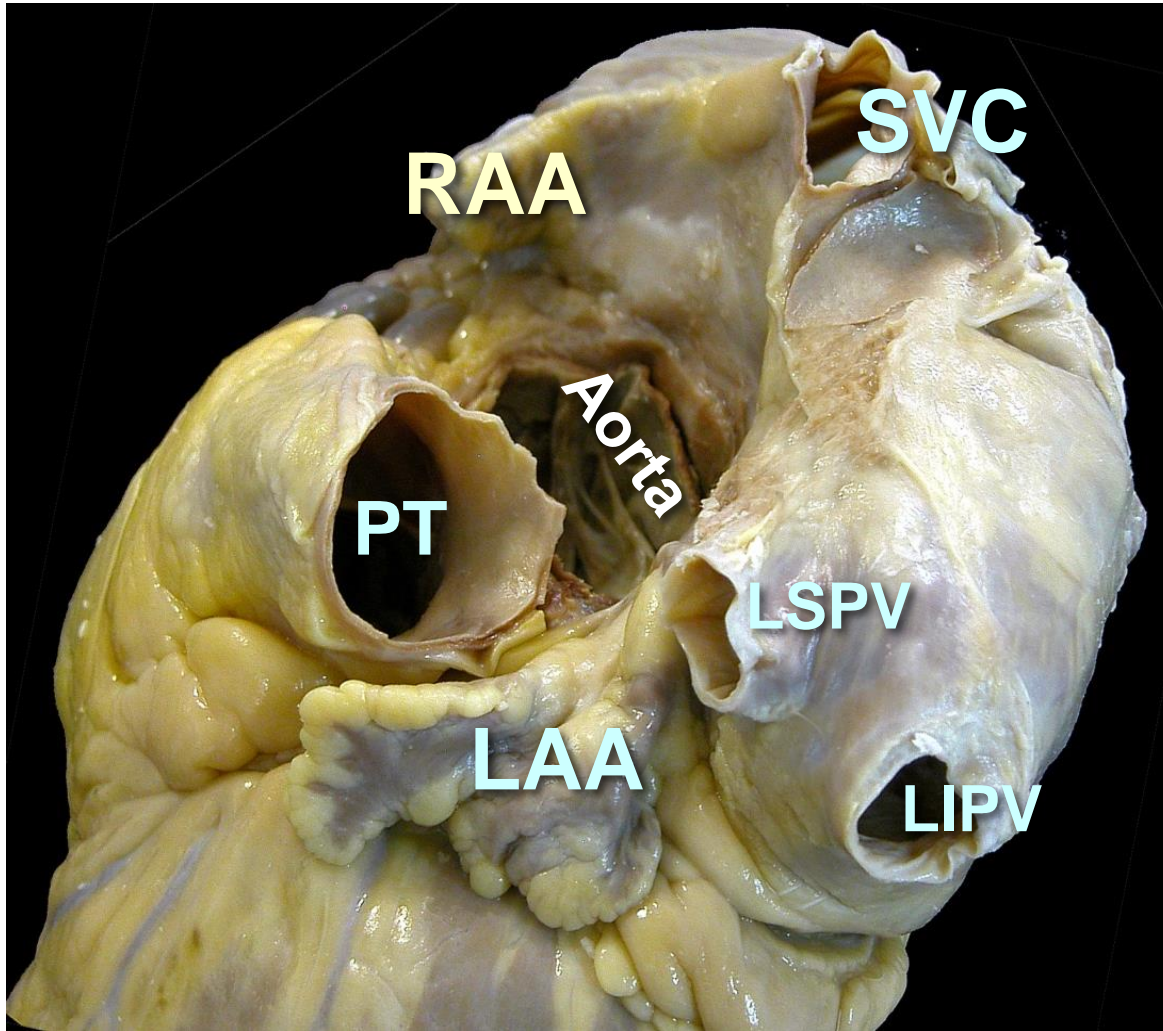
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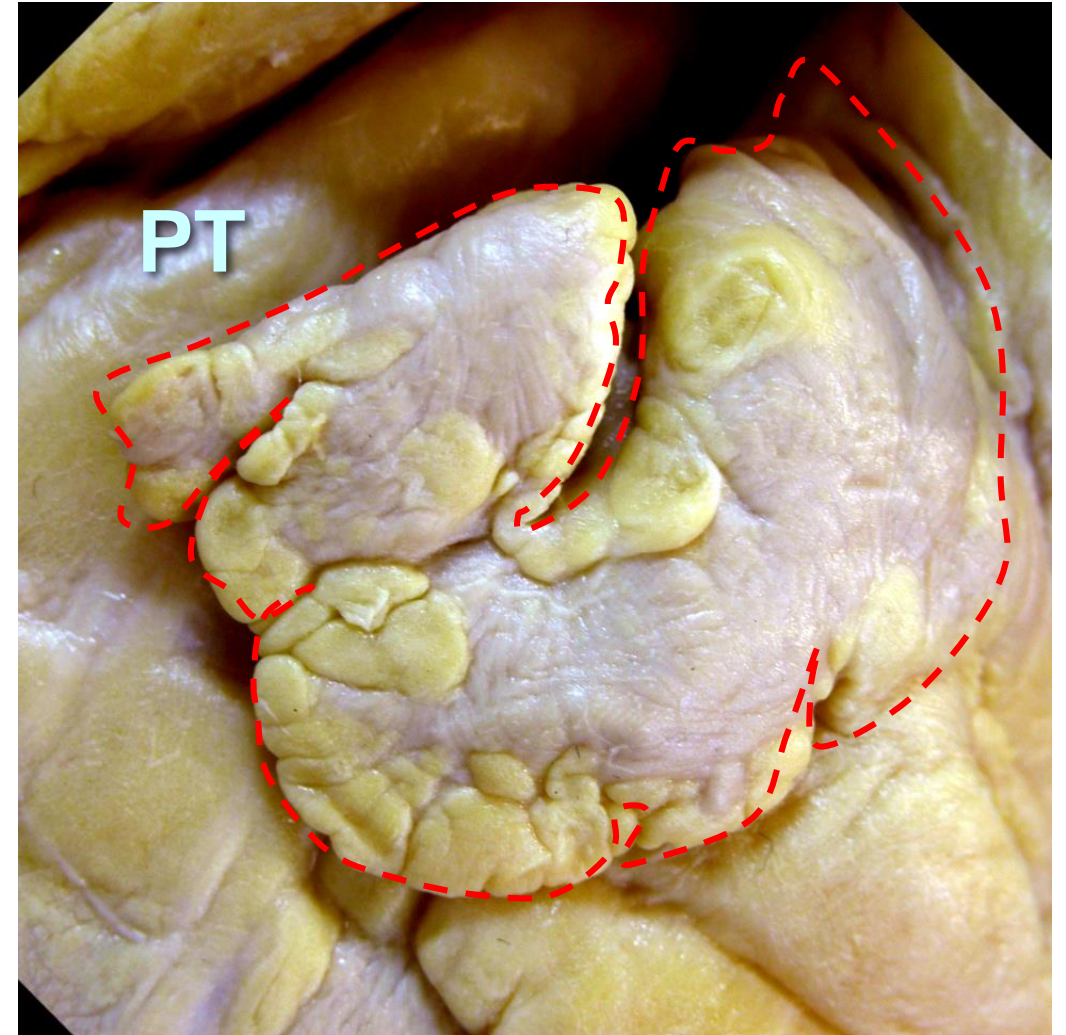




The left atrial appendage



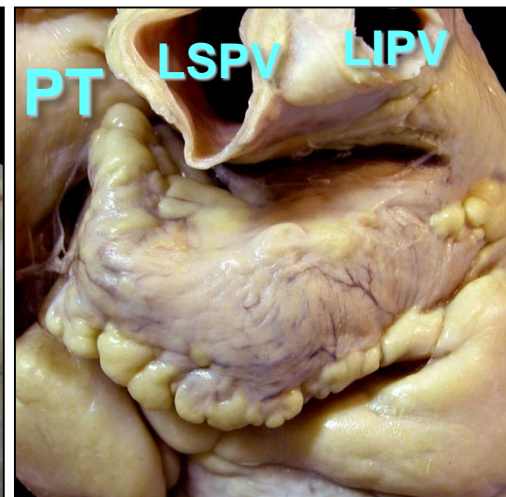
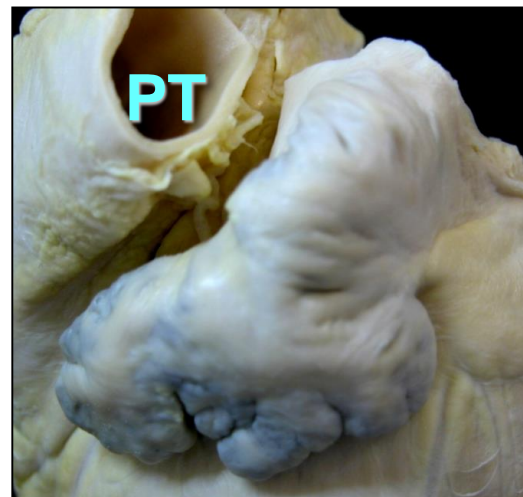
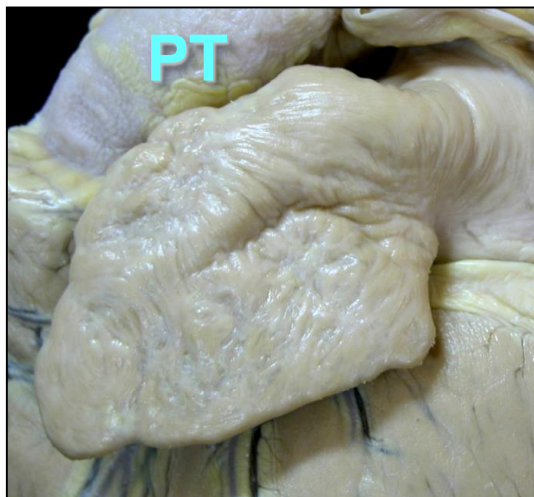
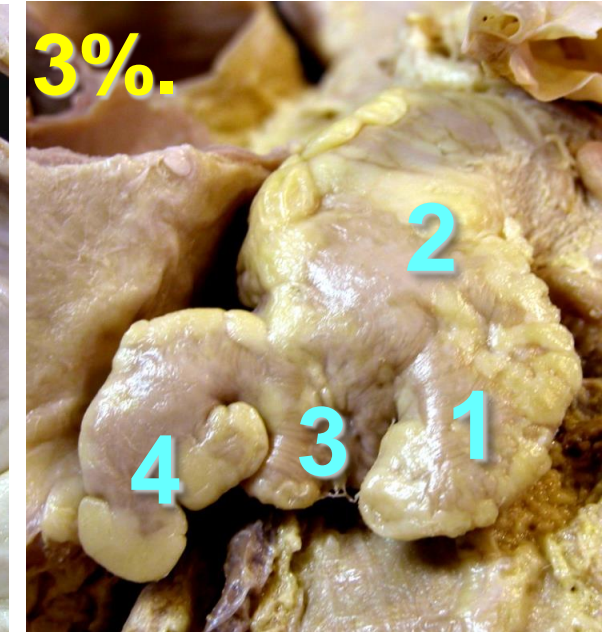
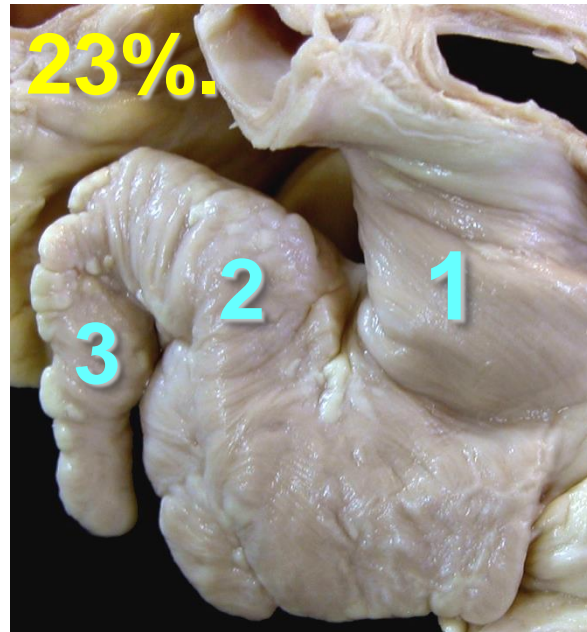
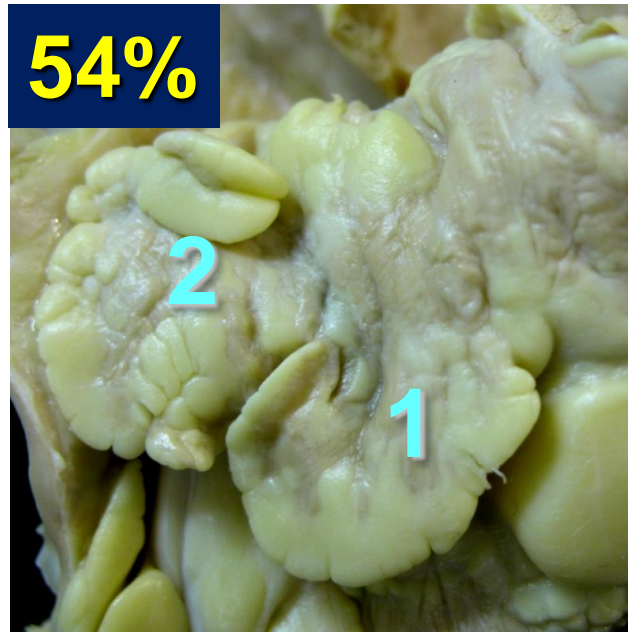
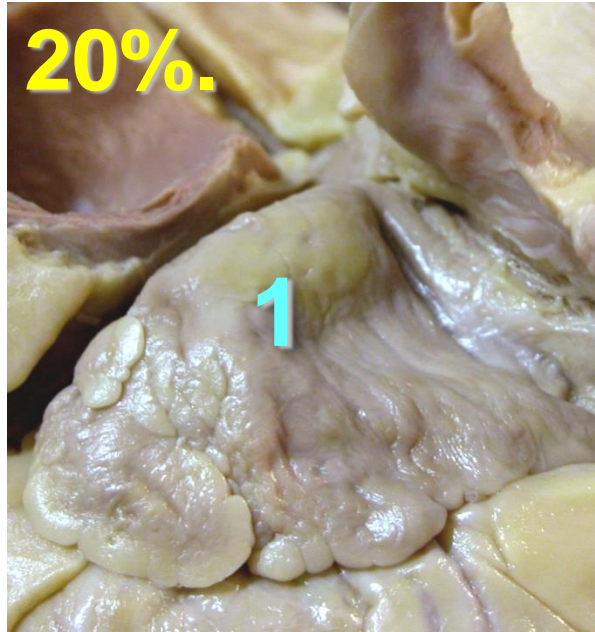
Left supero-lateral view



Left lateral view

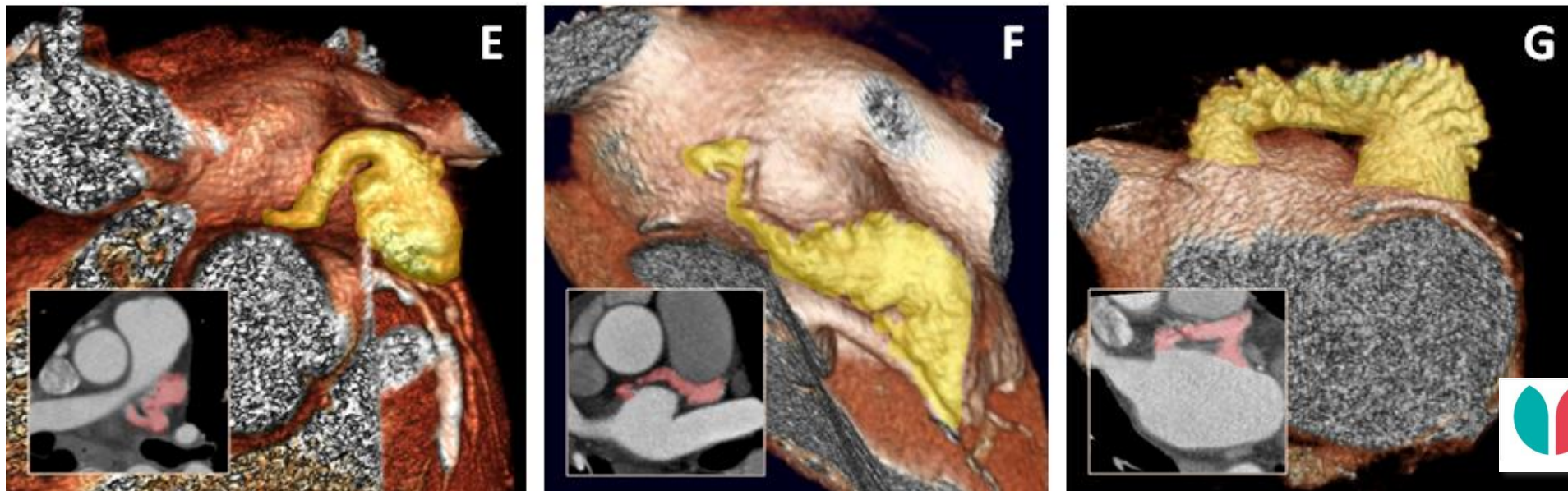
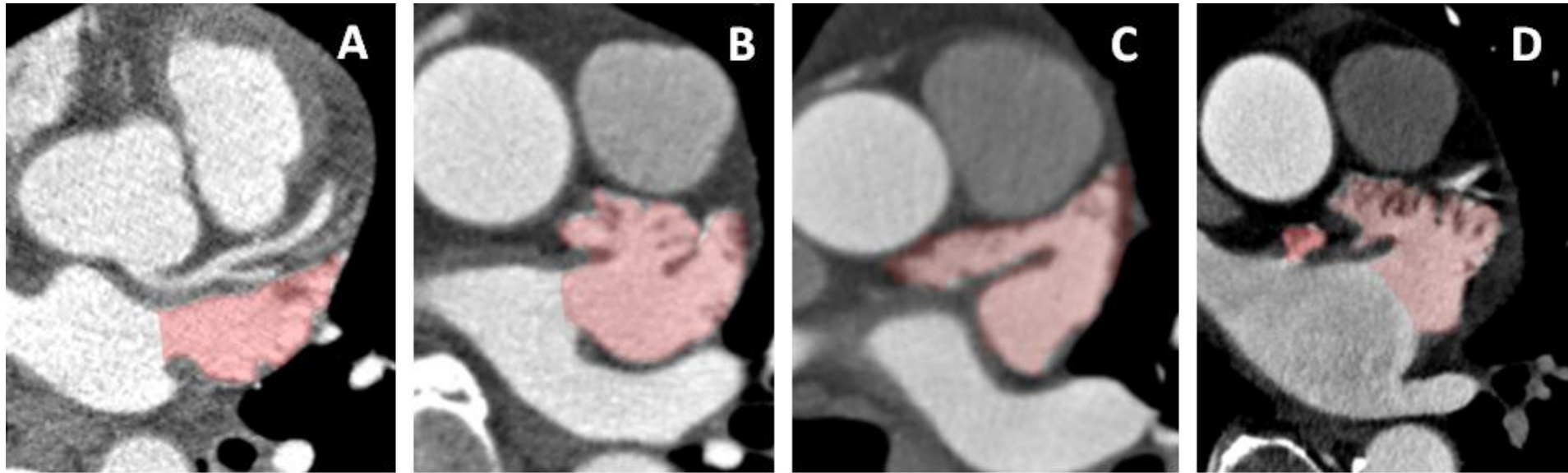


LA appendage morphologies





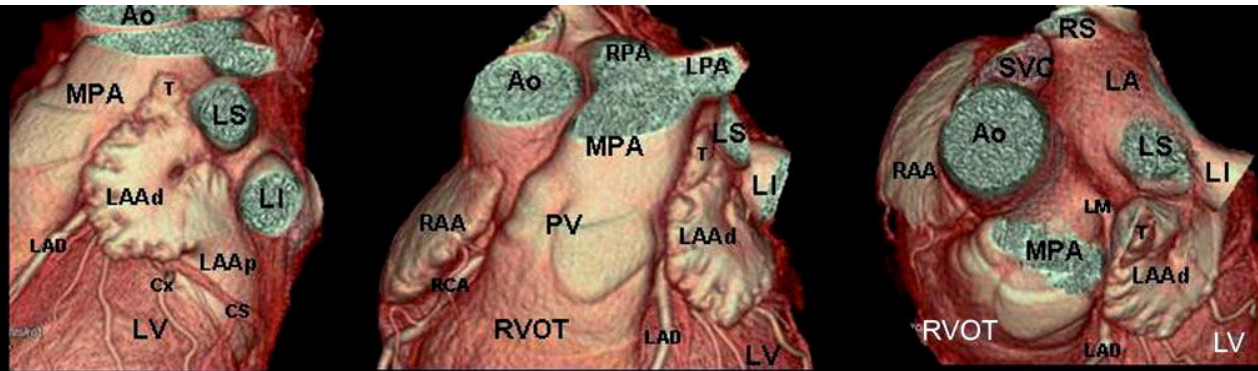
Imaging studies of the LAA





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Type I



Type II



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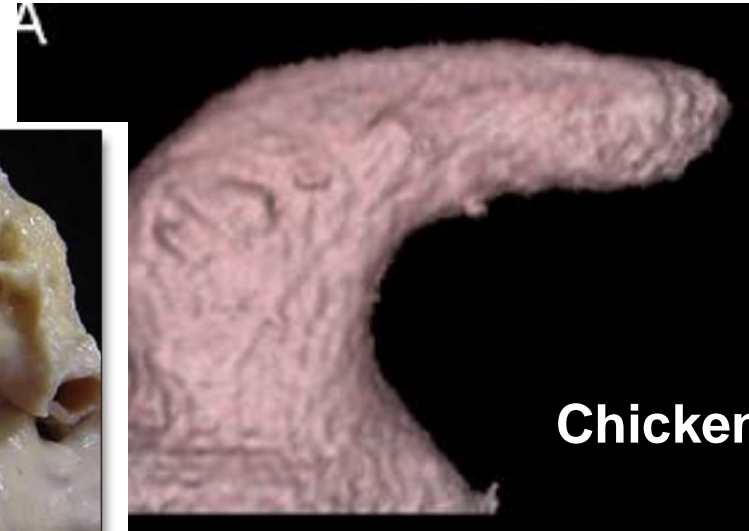
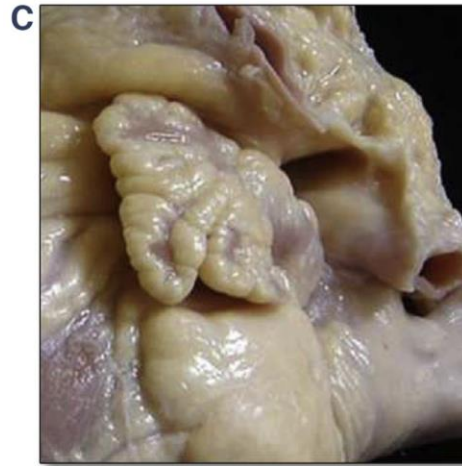
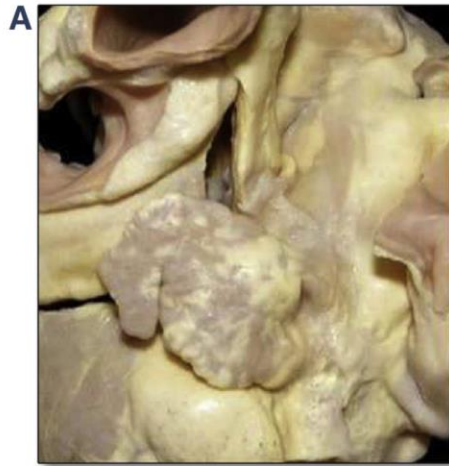




LAA morphology & risk of stroke

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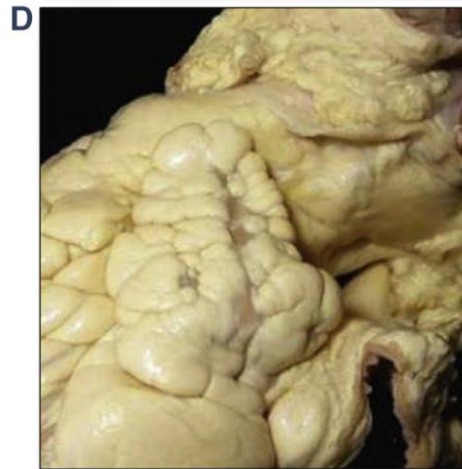
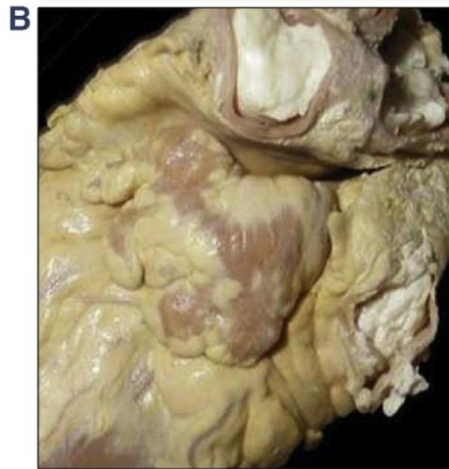
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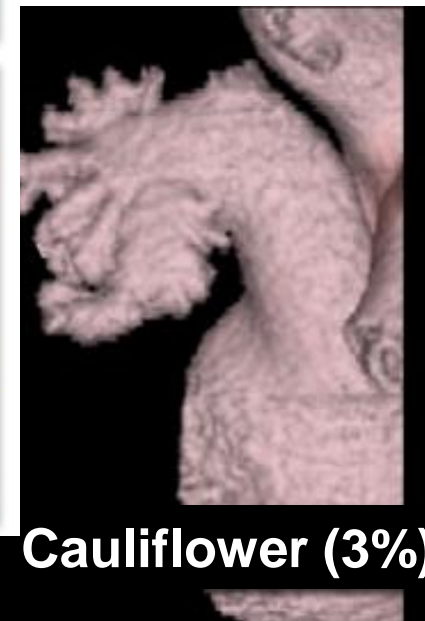
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Cactus (30%)



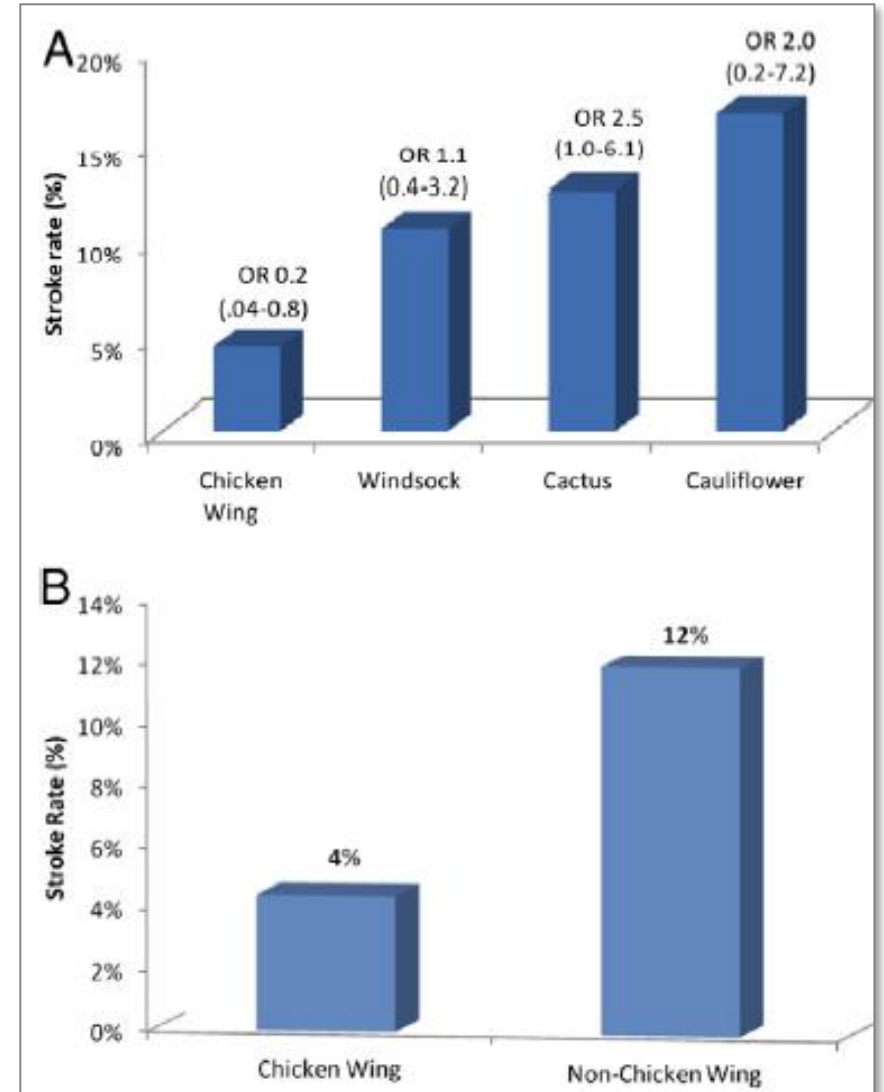
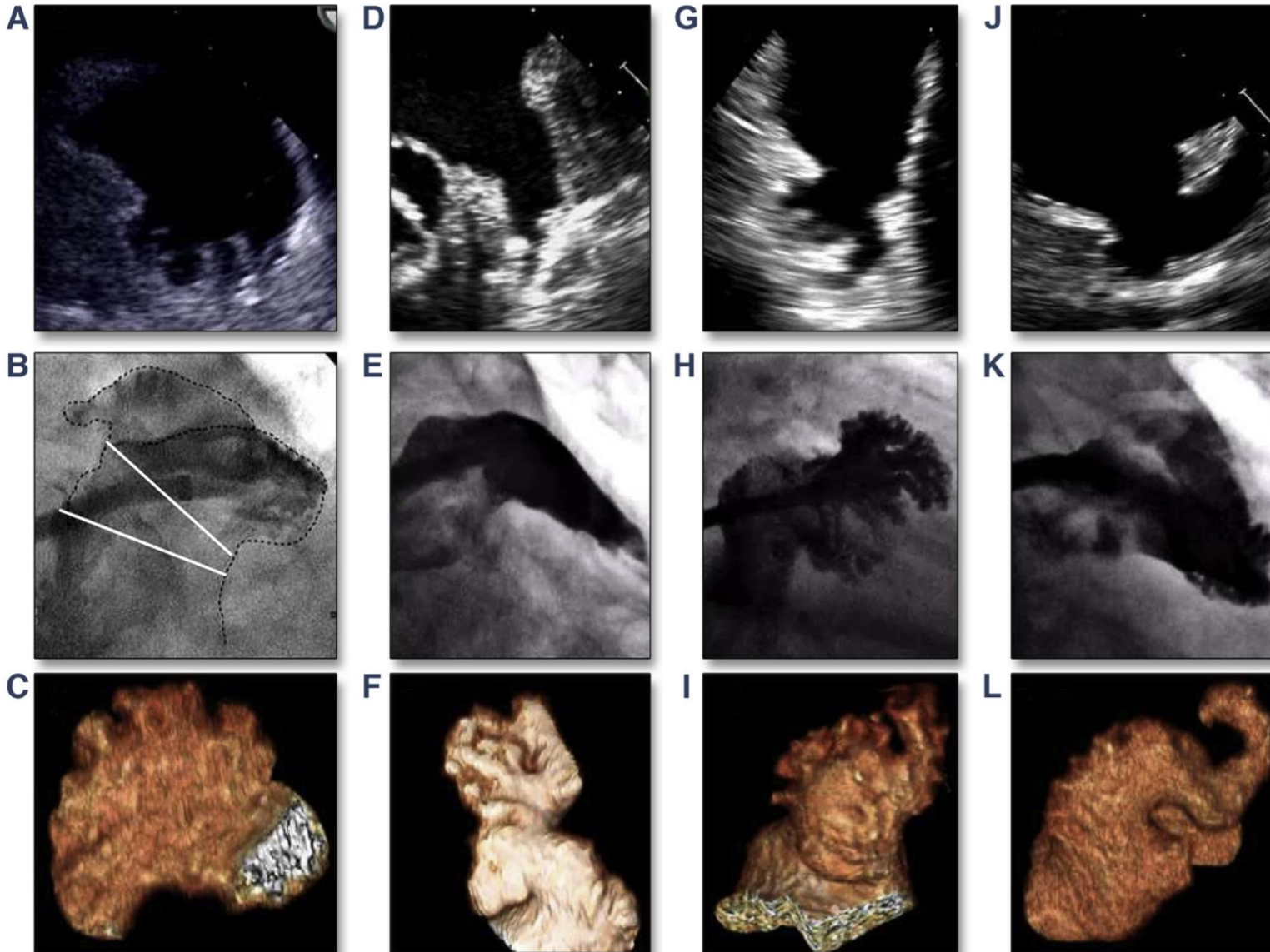
Winsock (19%)



Cauliflower (3%)

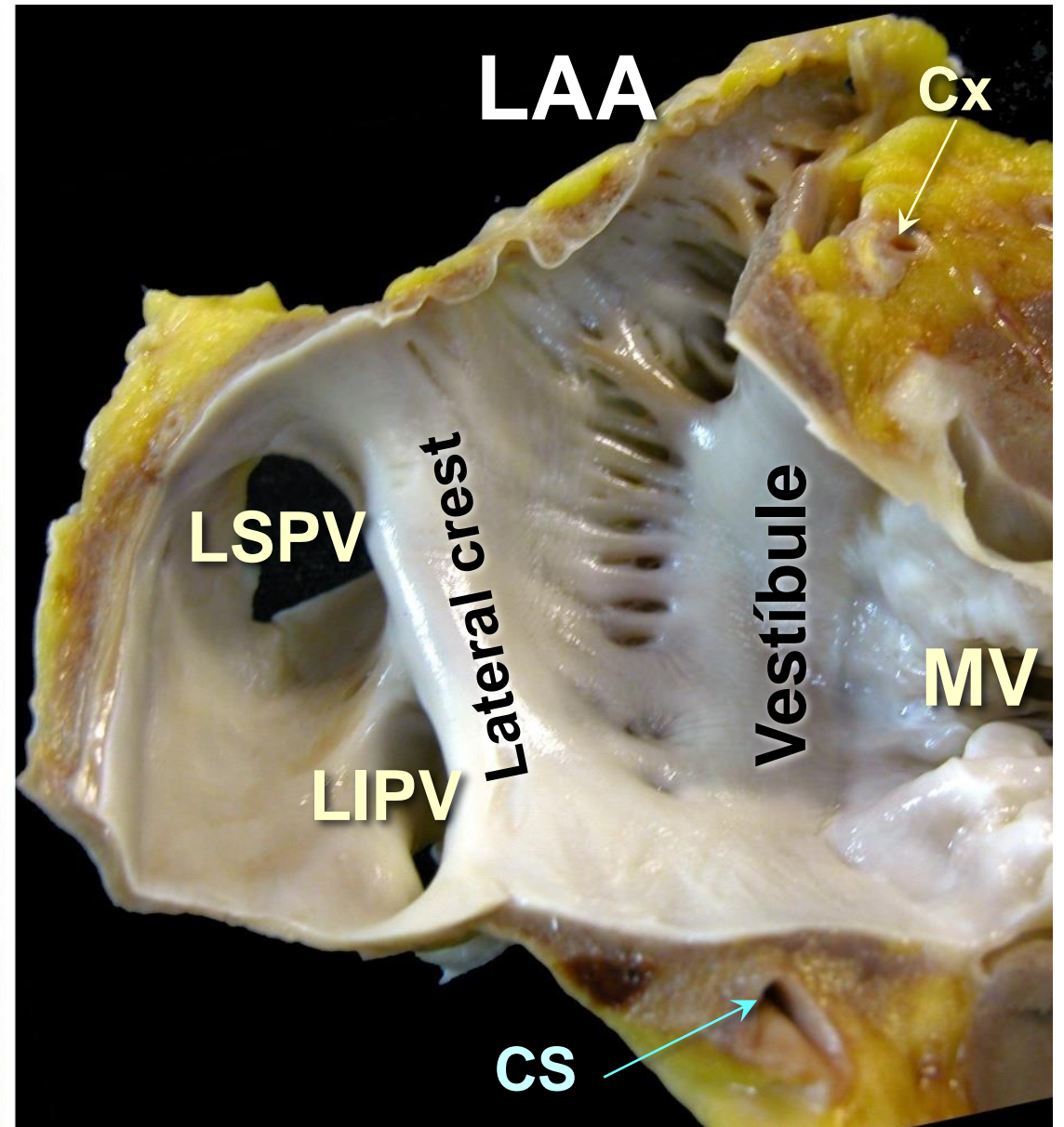
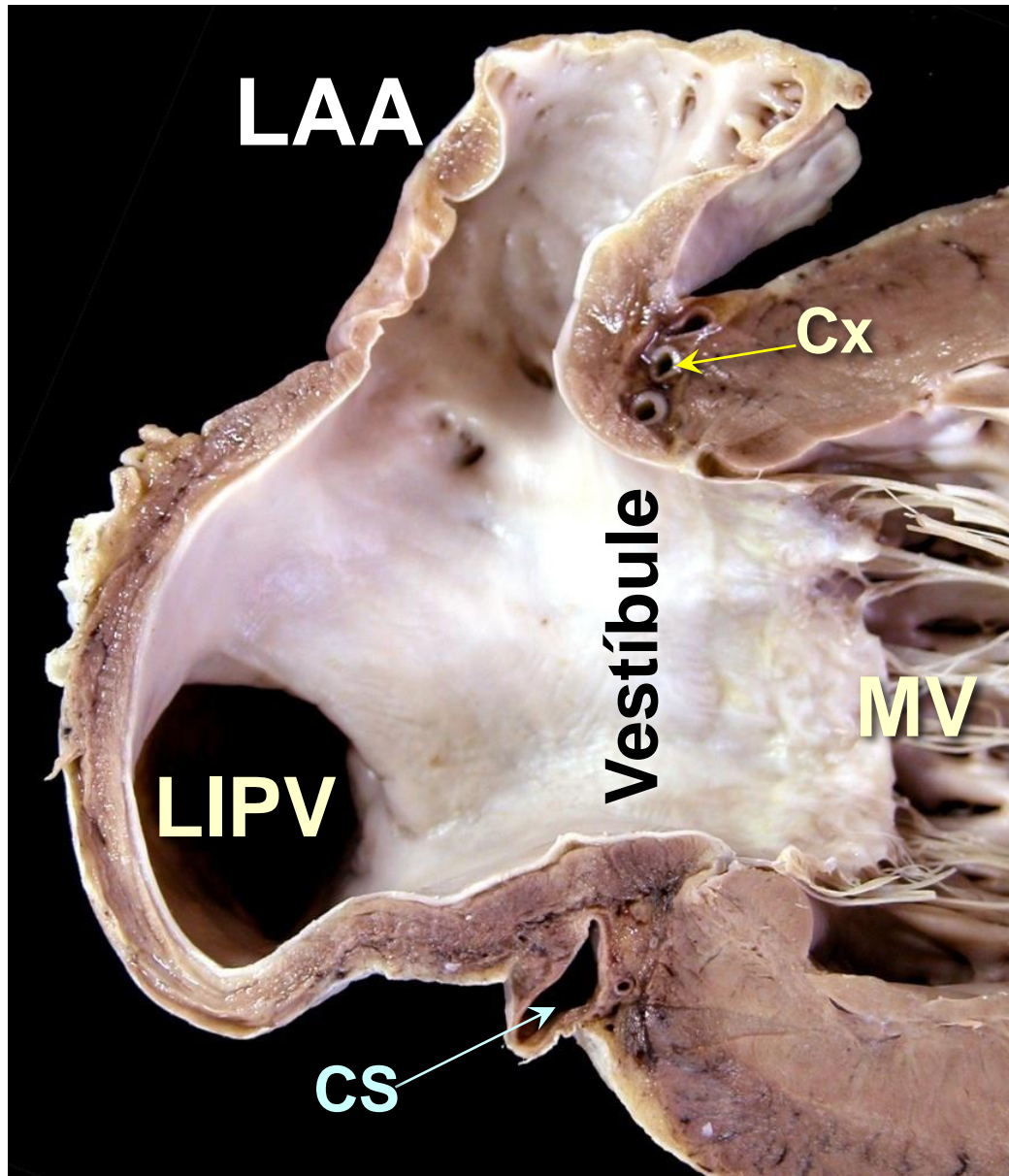


LAA morphology & risk of stroke





LAA occlusion: anatomic determinant





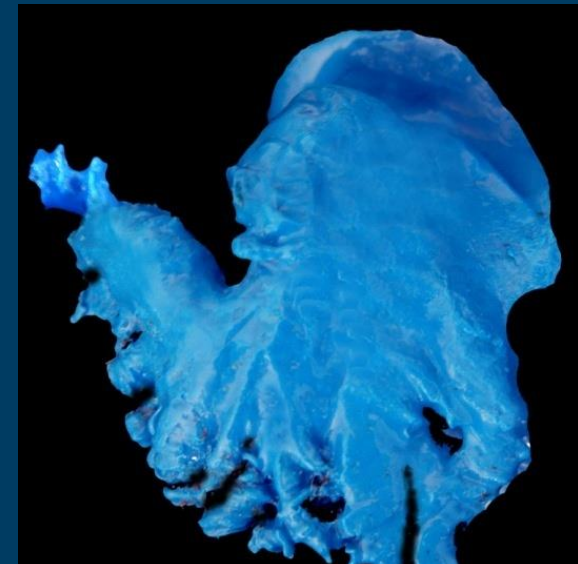
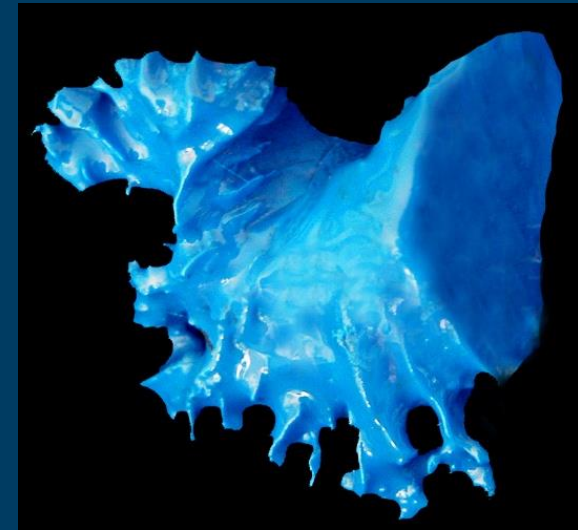
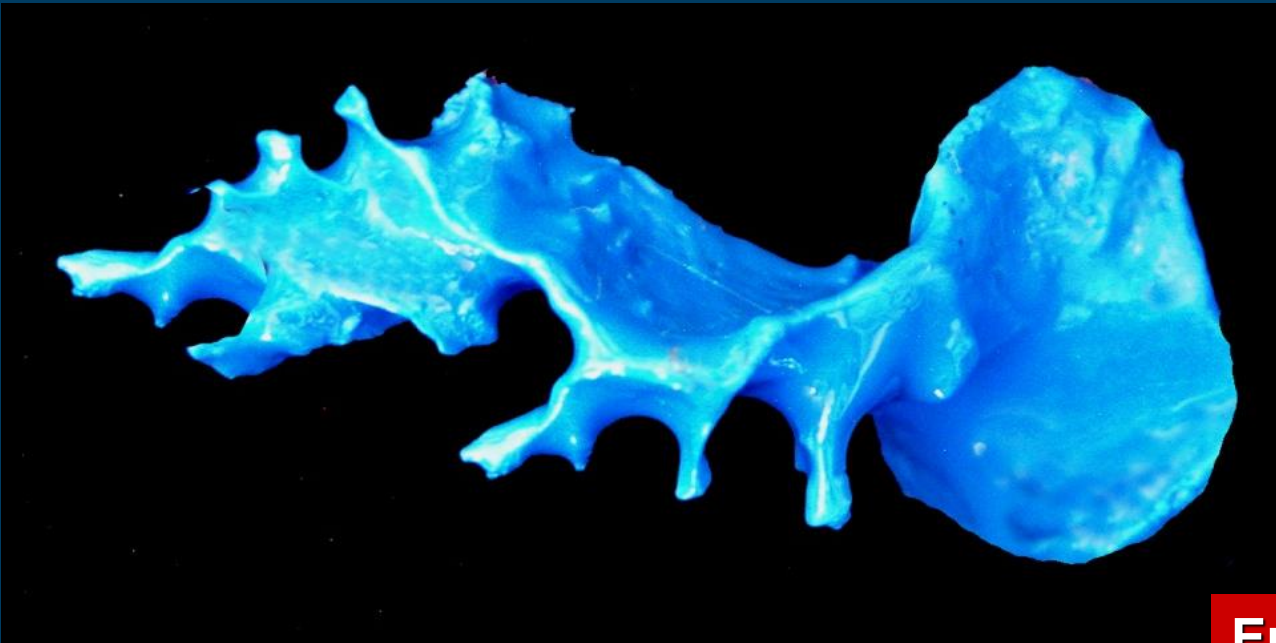
LAA: anatomic examination

LAA volume 0,7 - 19,2 ml

LAA orifice diameter 5 -27 mm

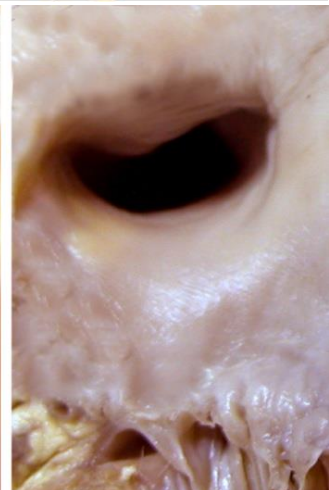
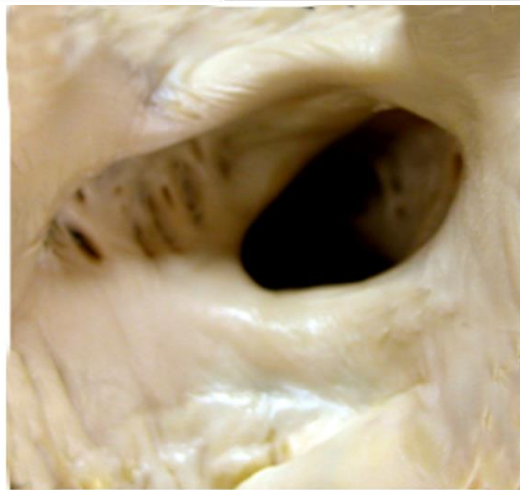
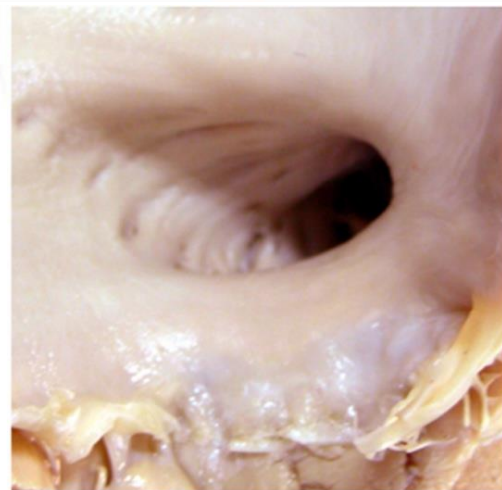
LAA length 16 -51 mm

220 postmortem specimens



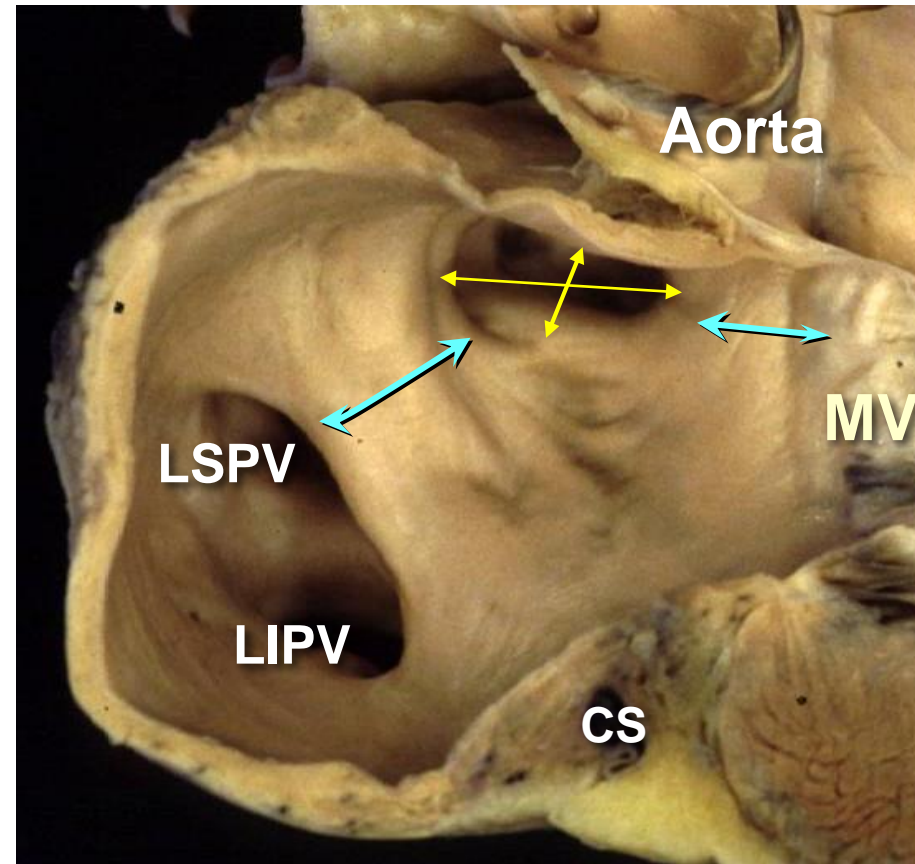
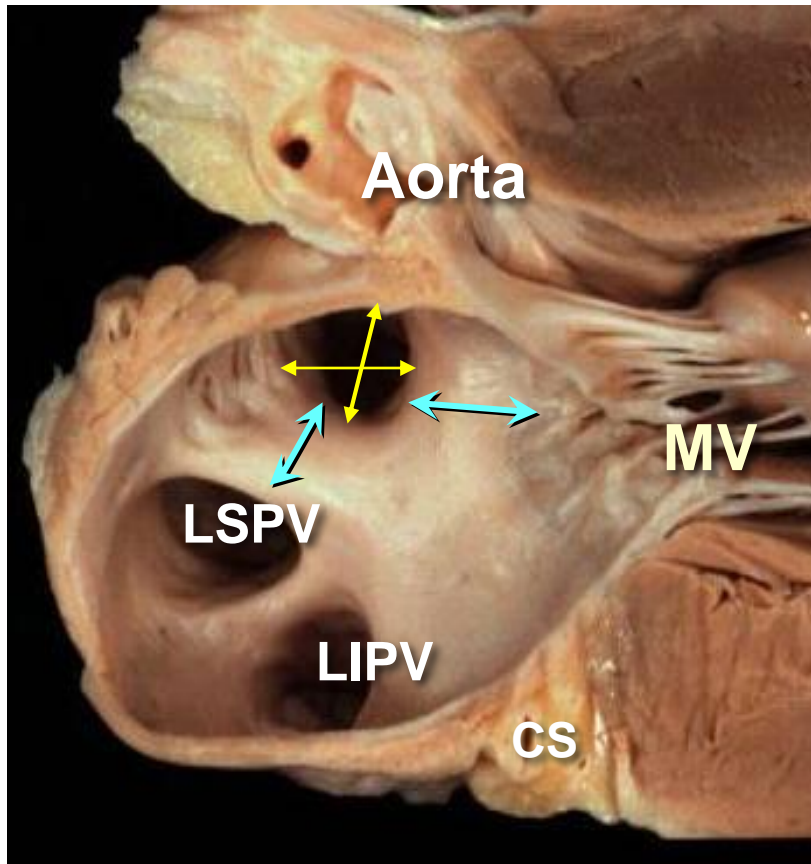


Ostium of the LA appendage





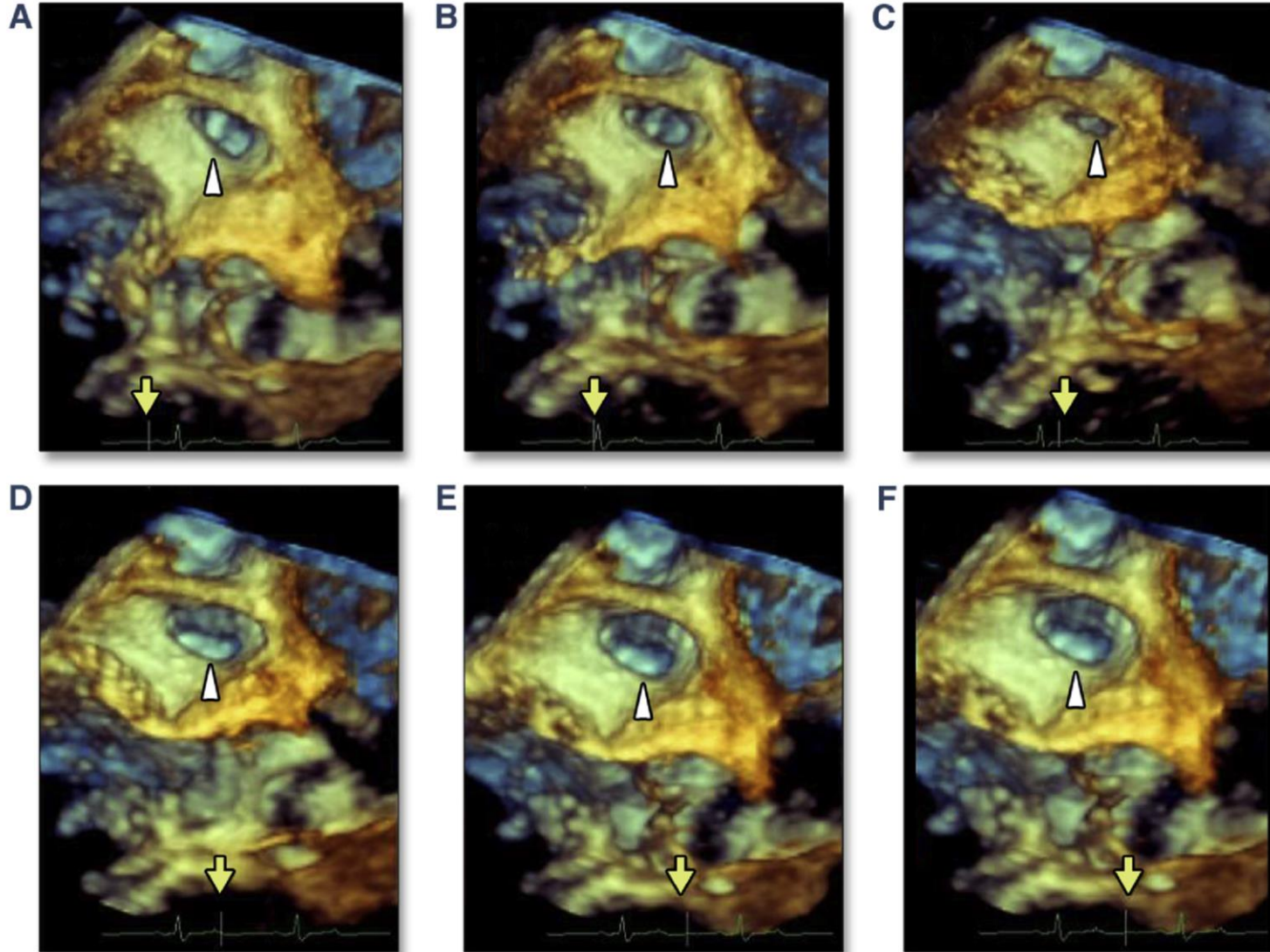
LAA occlusion: anatomic determinant



LAA os diameter (larger)	17,4 ± 4 mm	(10-24,1 mm)
LAA os diameter (shorter)	11 ± 4,2 mm	(5,2-19,5 mm)
Distance LAA & LSPV	12 ± 4,1 mm	(5,8–23,7 mm)
Vestibule length	10,7 ± 2,4 mm	(4,7–14,4 mm)



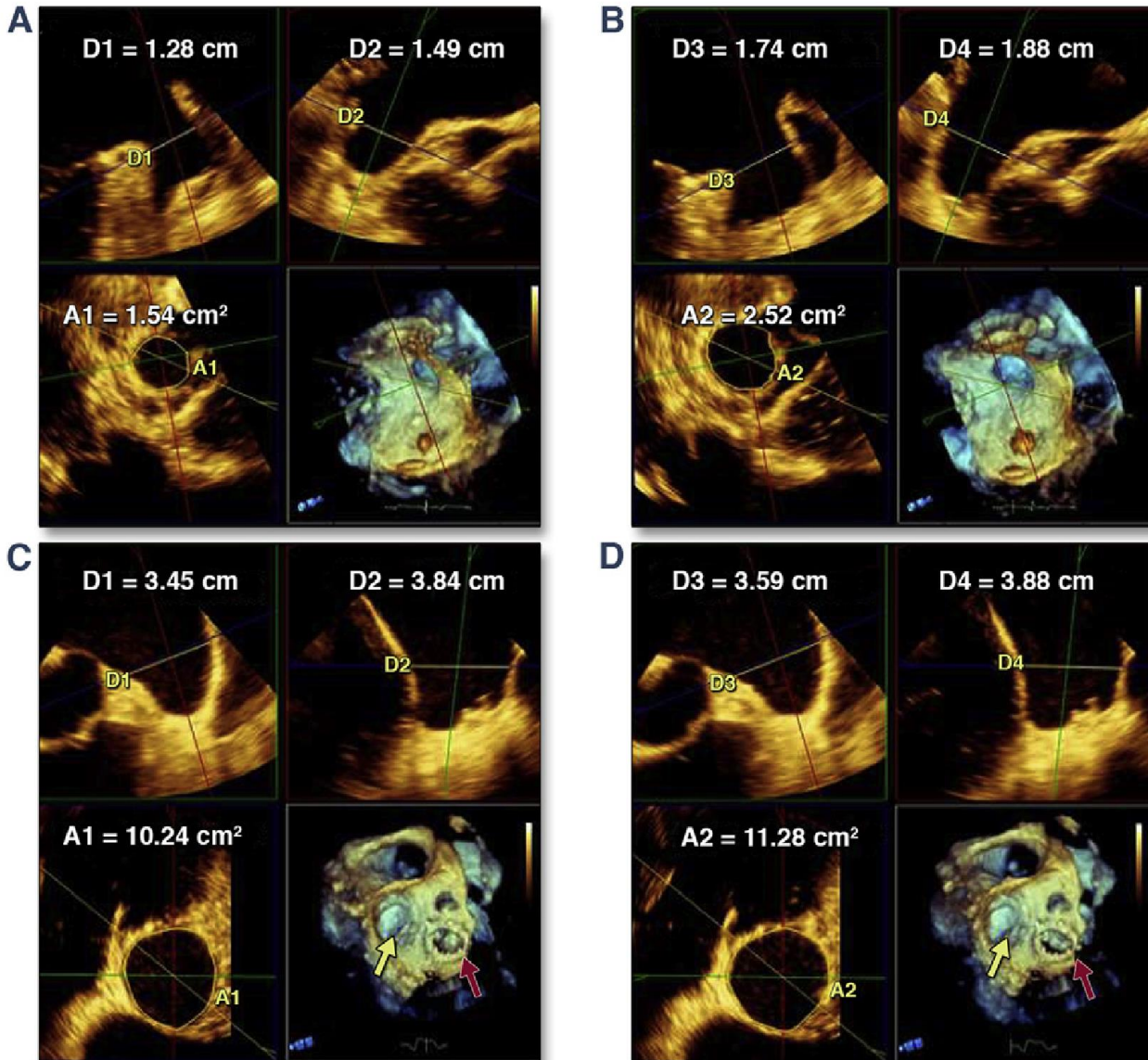
Distance LPN – LAA orifice



Change in size of the LAA during the cardiac cycle in a patient in sinus rhythm



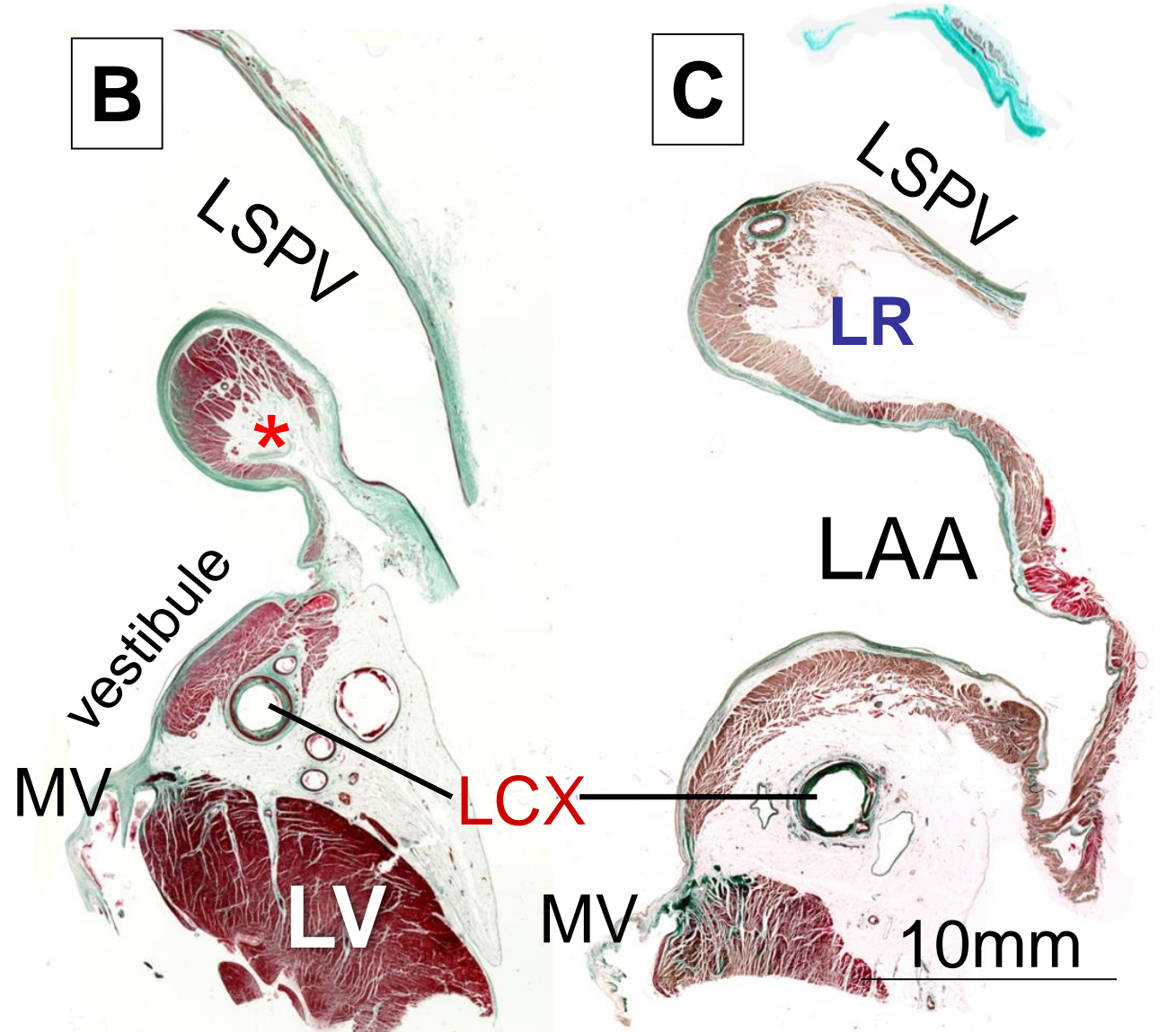
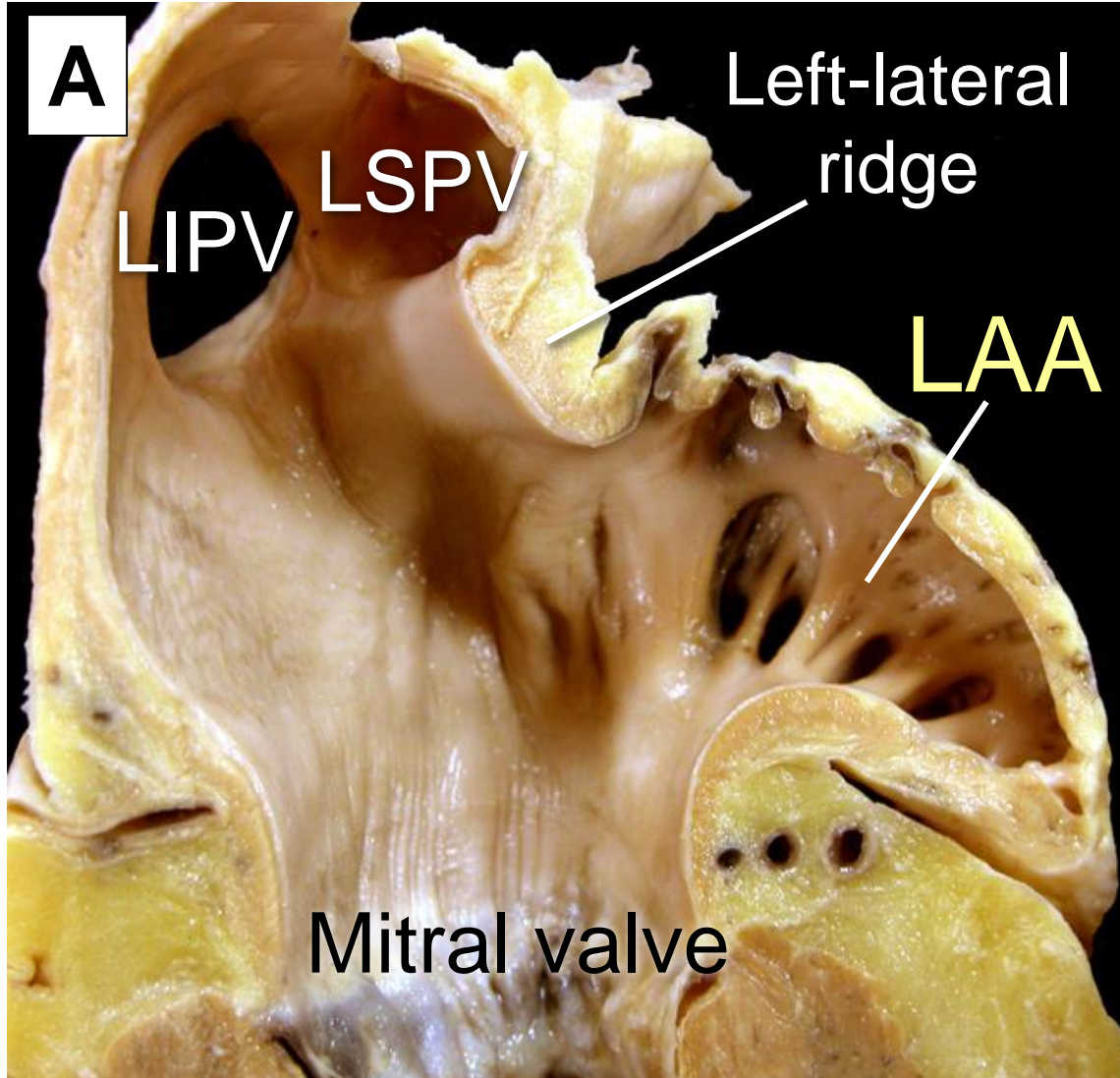
Ostium of the LA appendage



Change in **size** of the LAA during the **cardiac cycle**



Left lateral ridge of the LA





The pectinate muscles

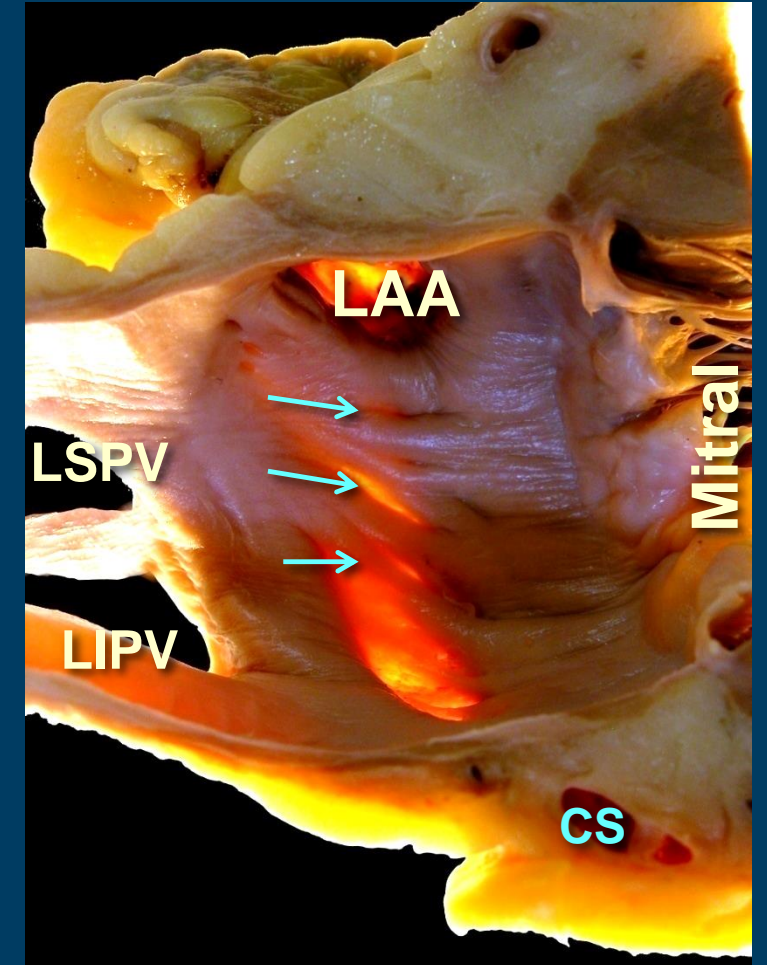
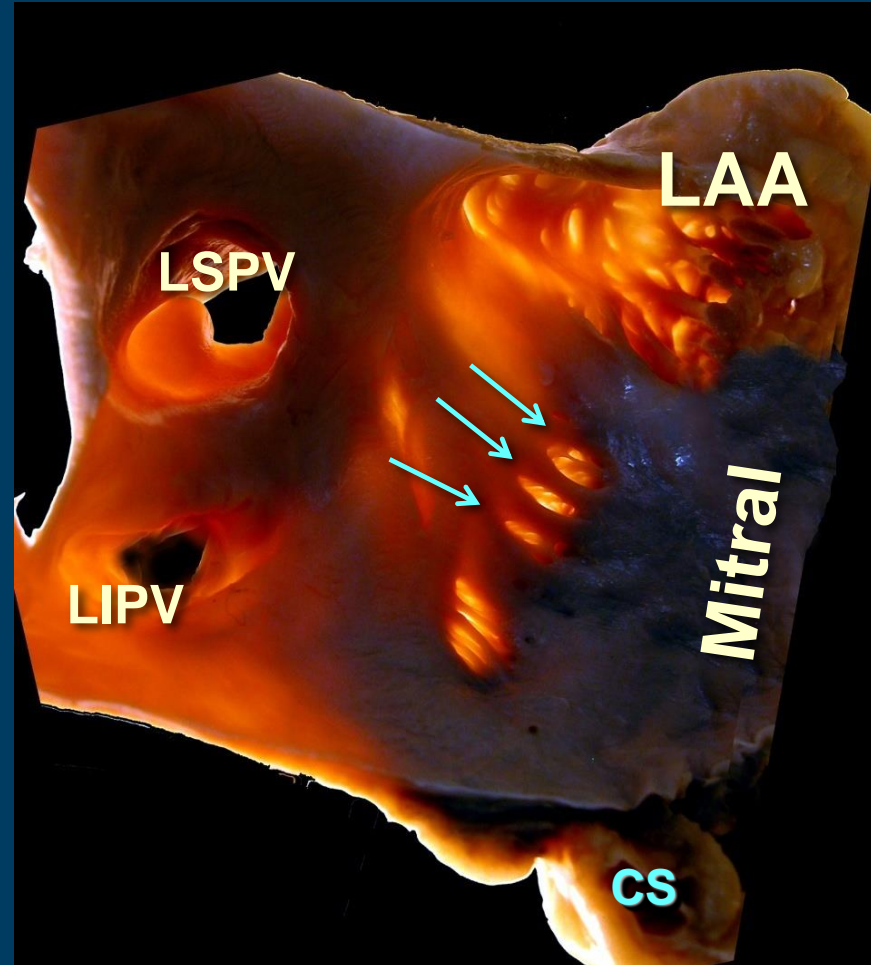
Extra-appendicular pectinate muscles

Width

3.6 mm (0.5–10.3)

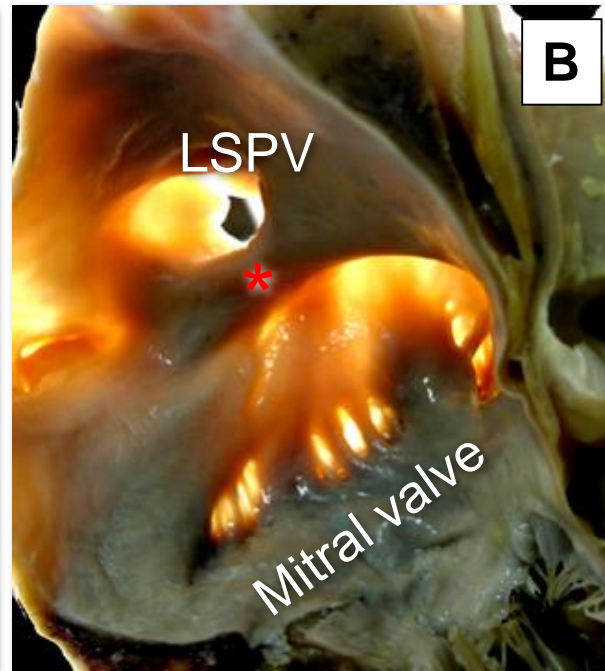
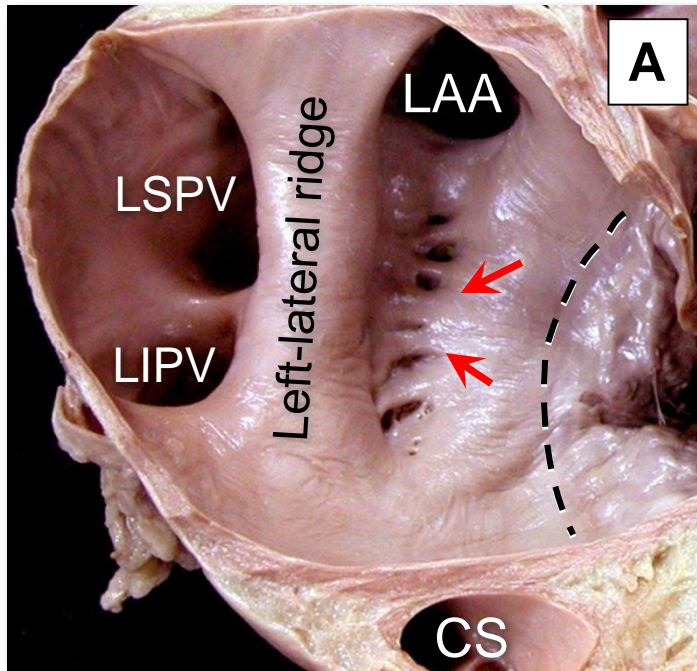
Thickness

1 mm (0.4–1.5)

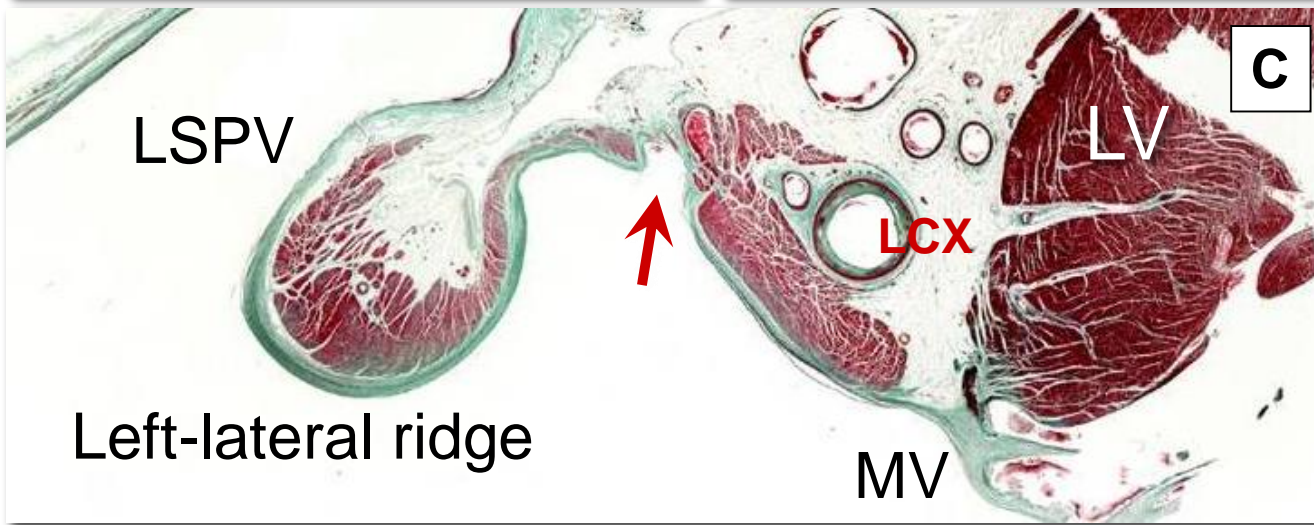
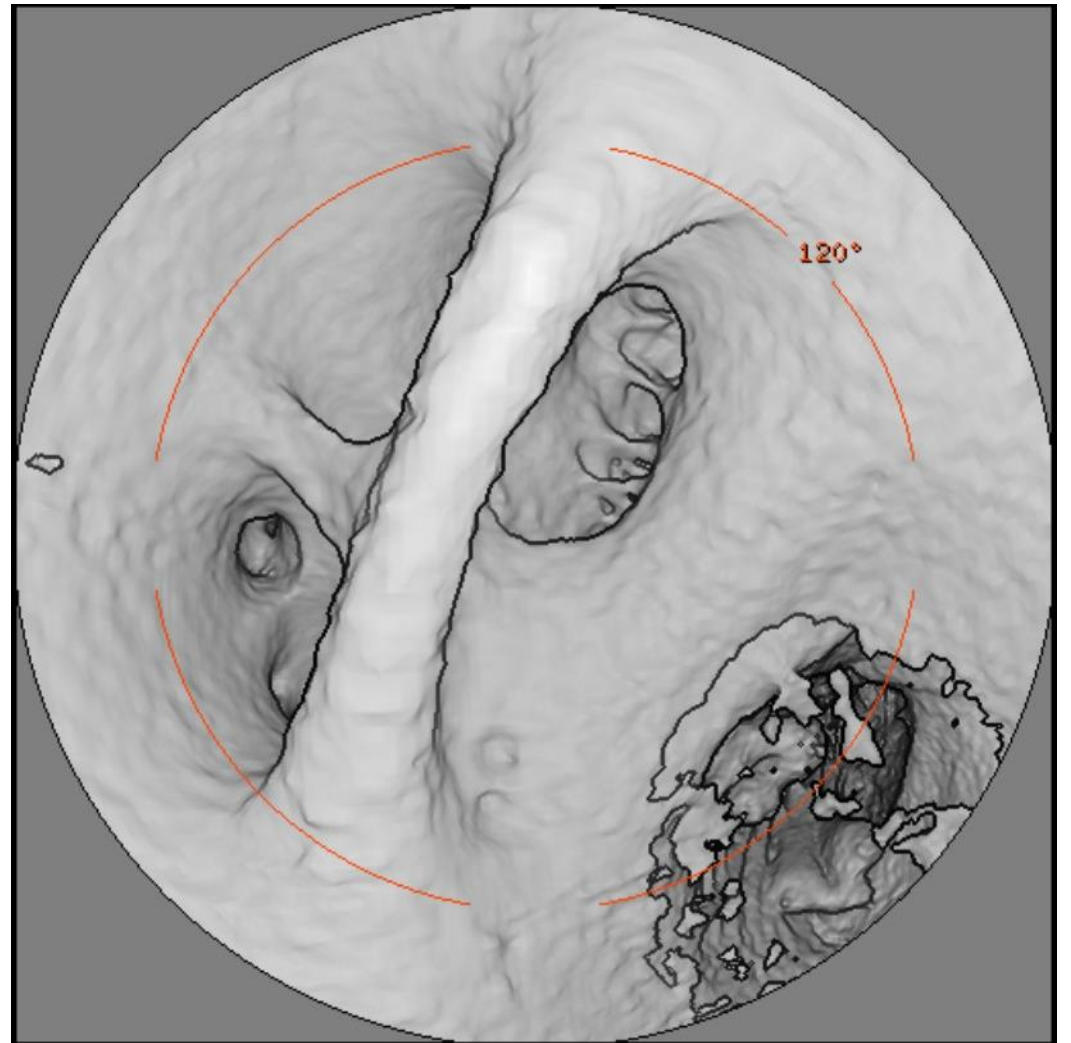




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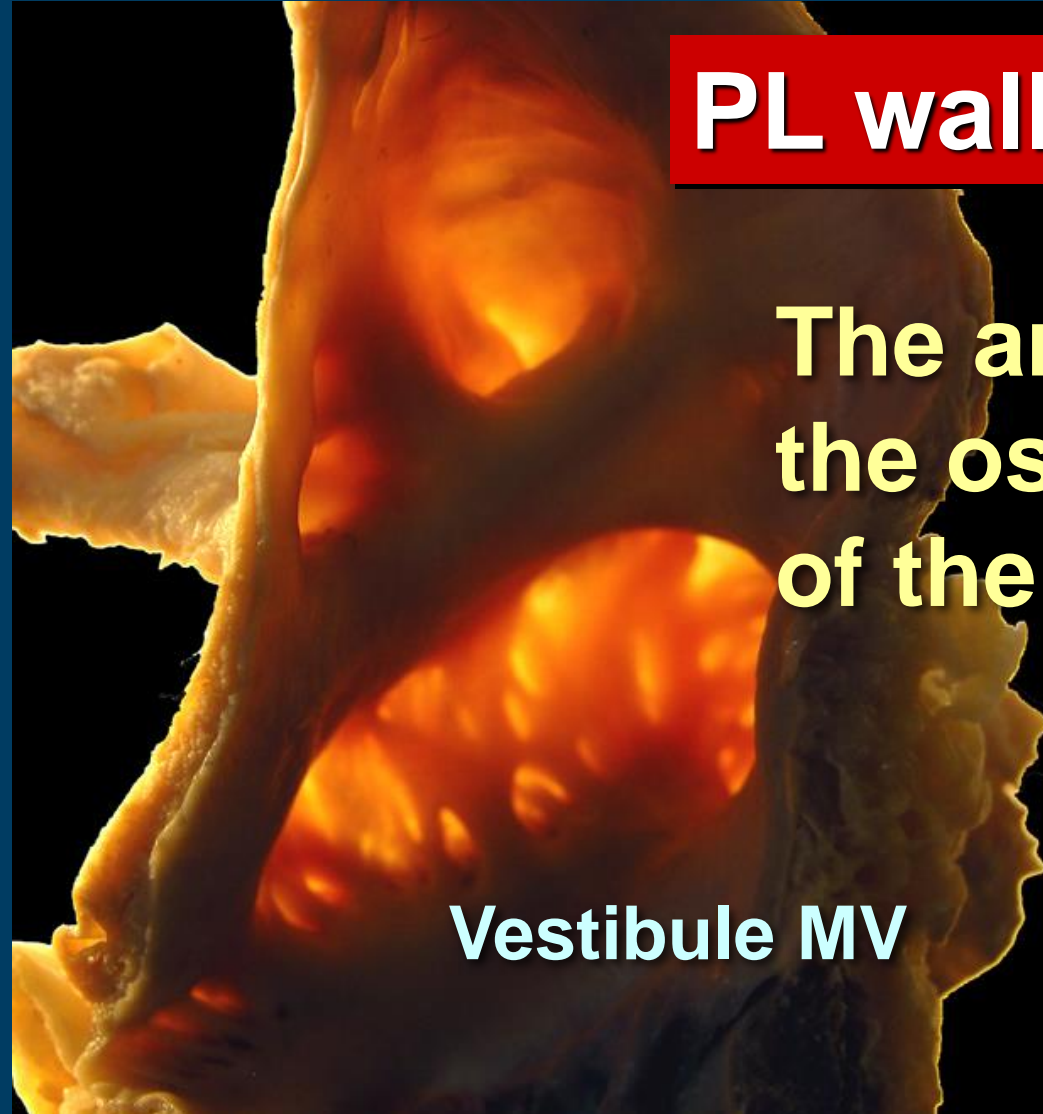
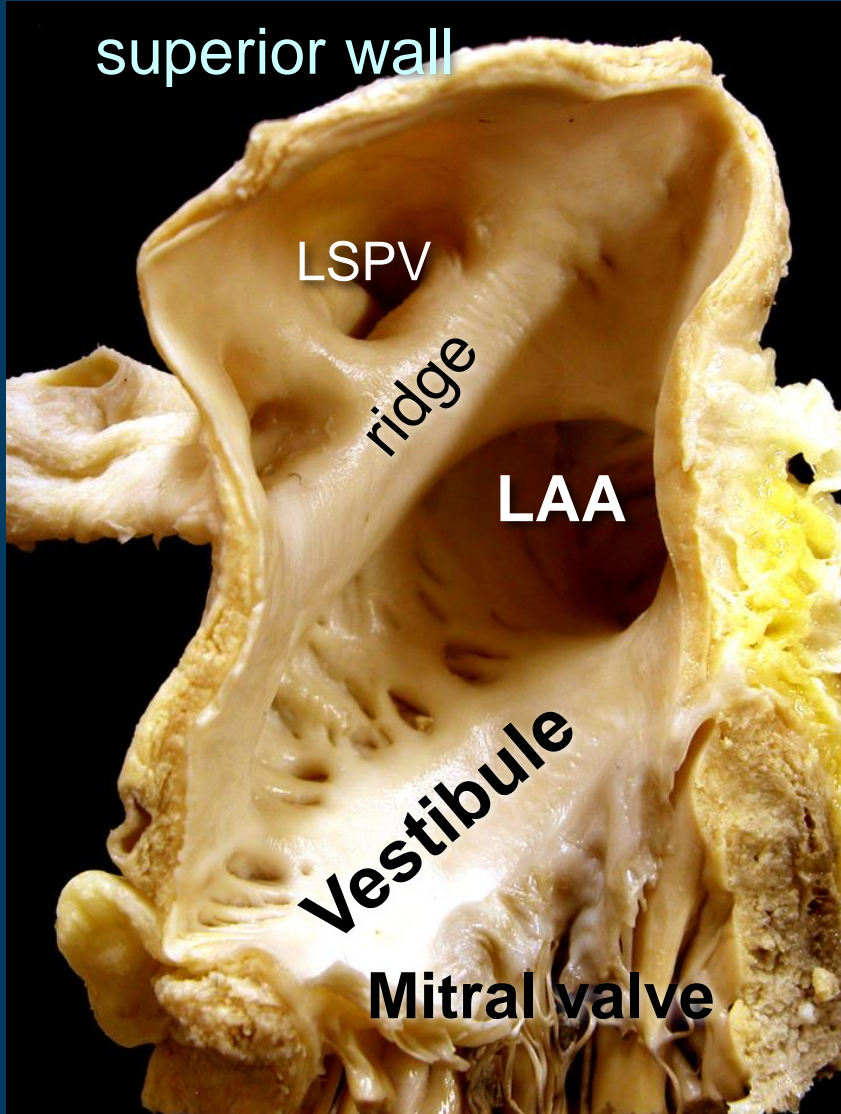


28% of hearts



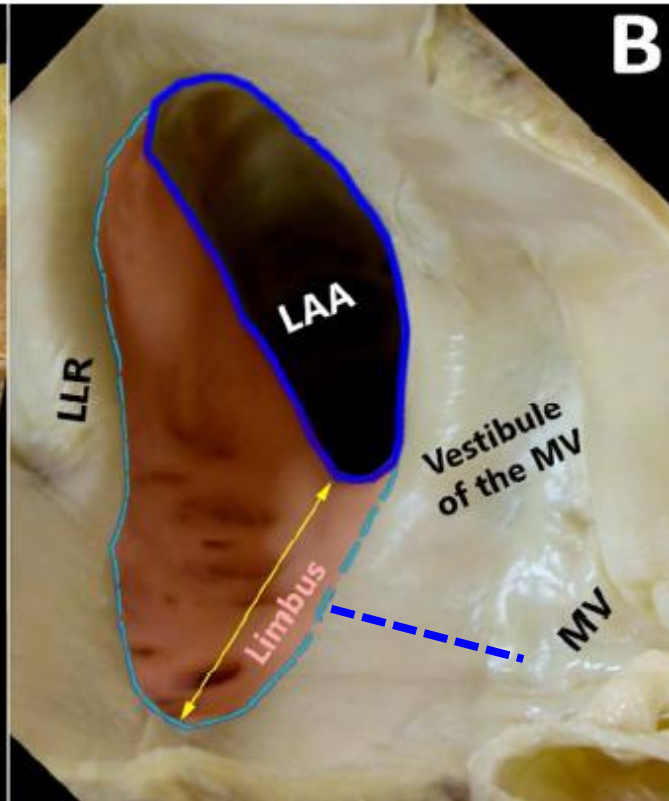
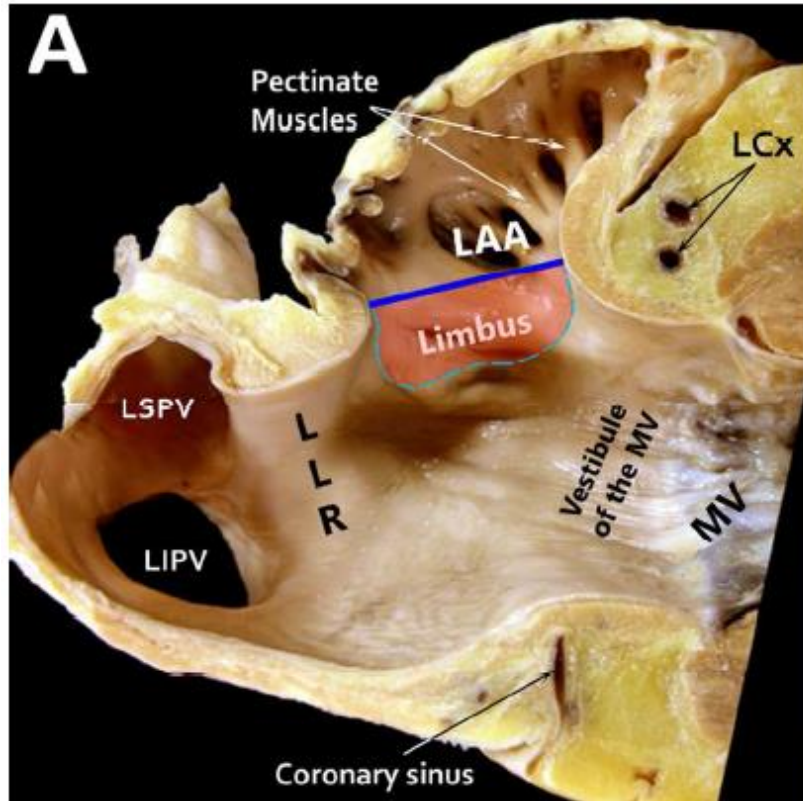


The limbus of the LAA





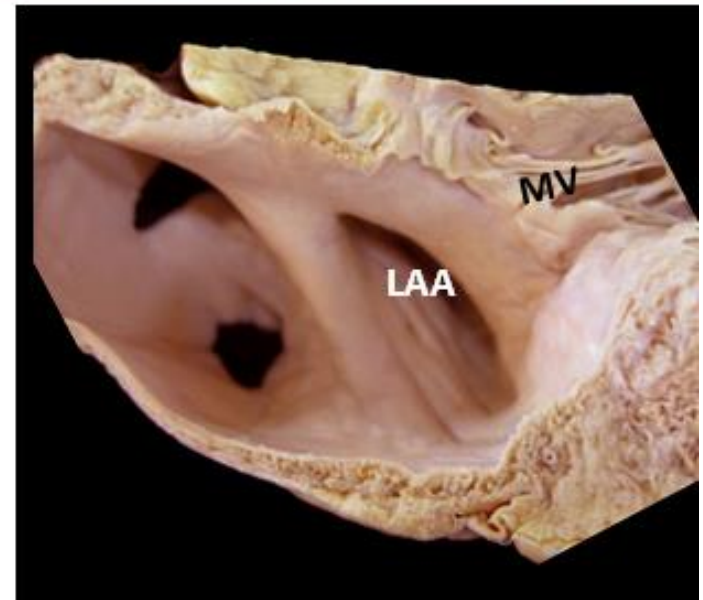
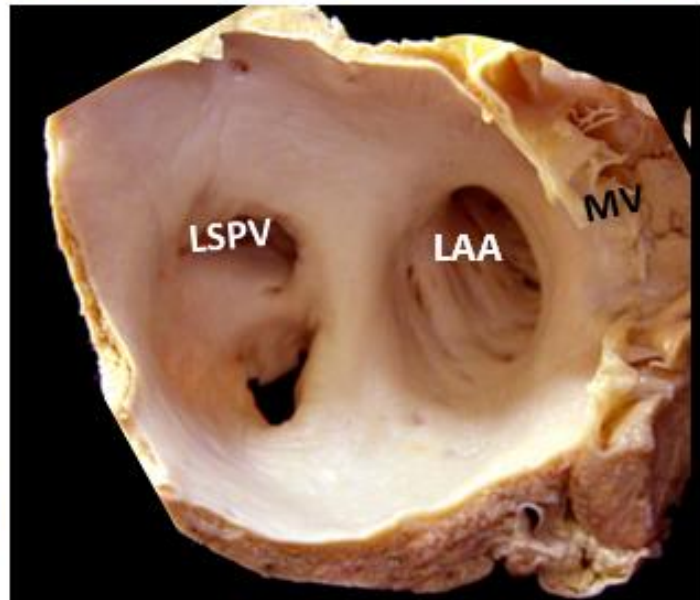
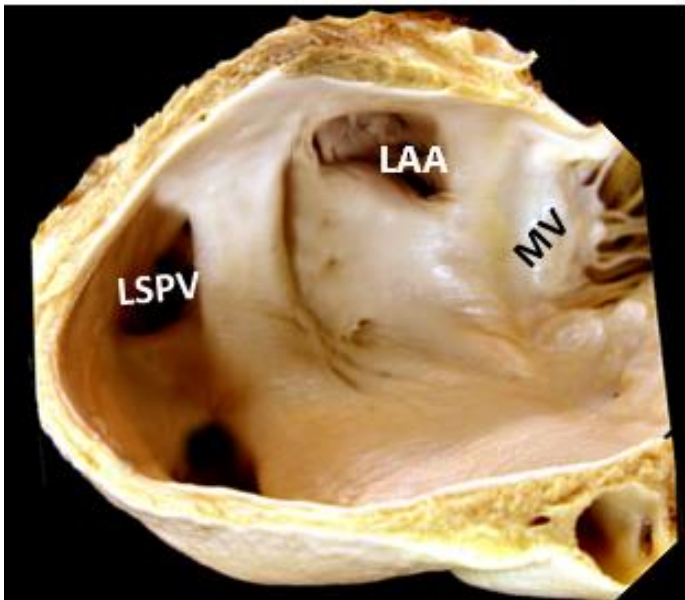
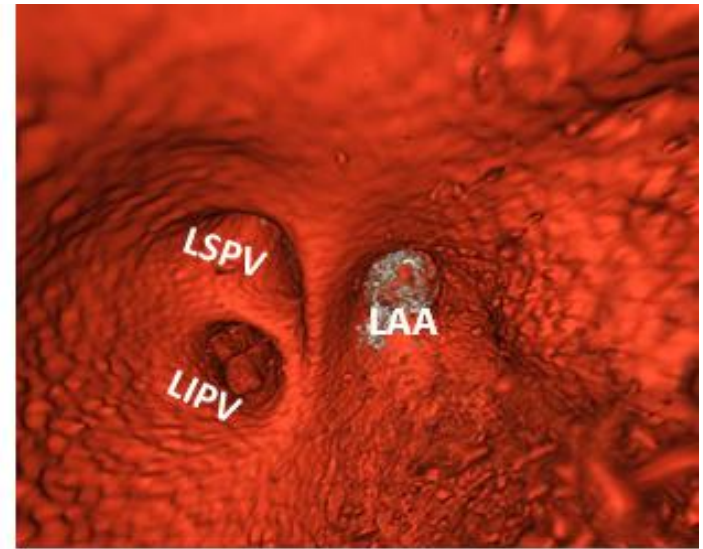
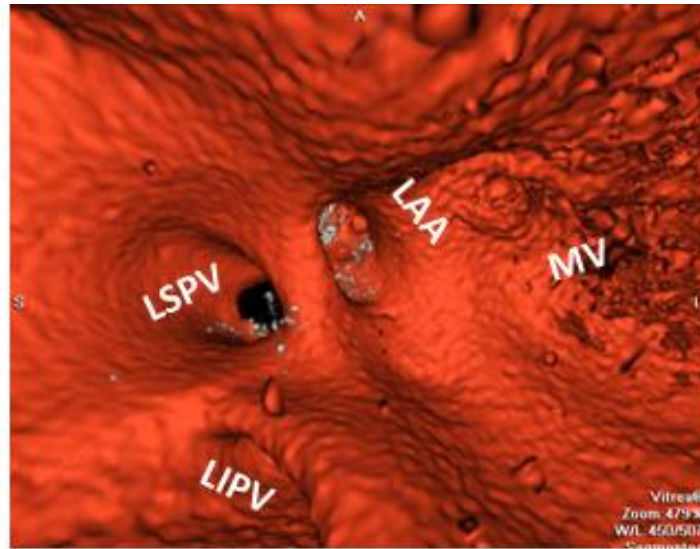
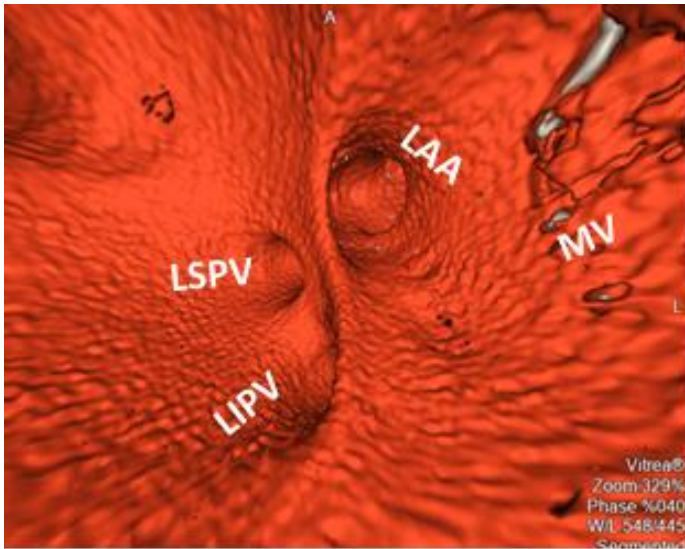
Endocardial anatomic determinant

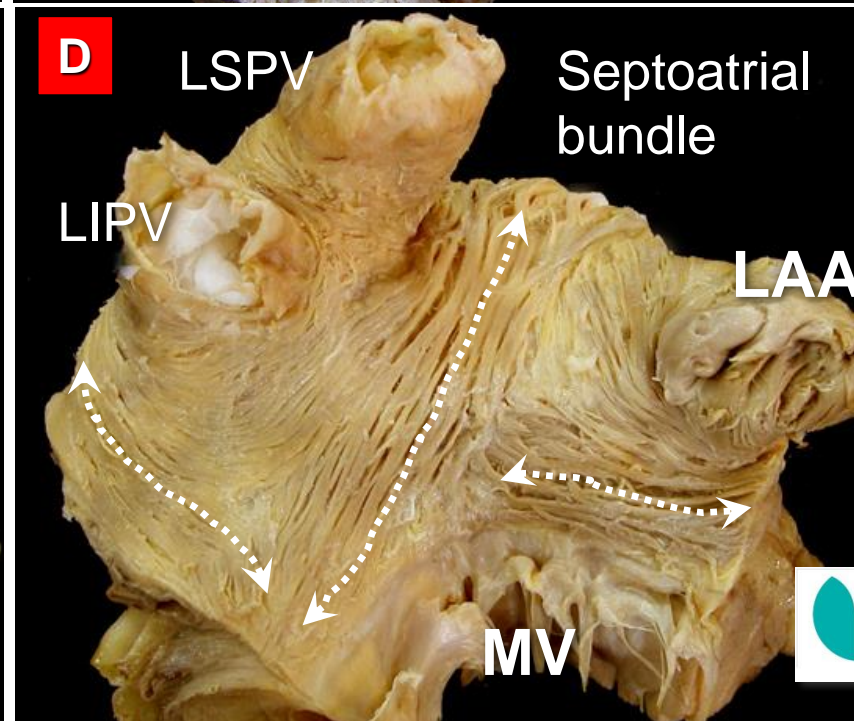
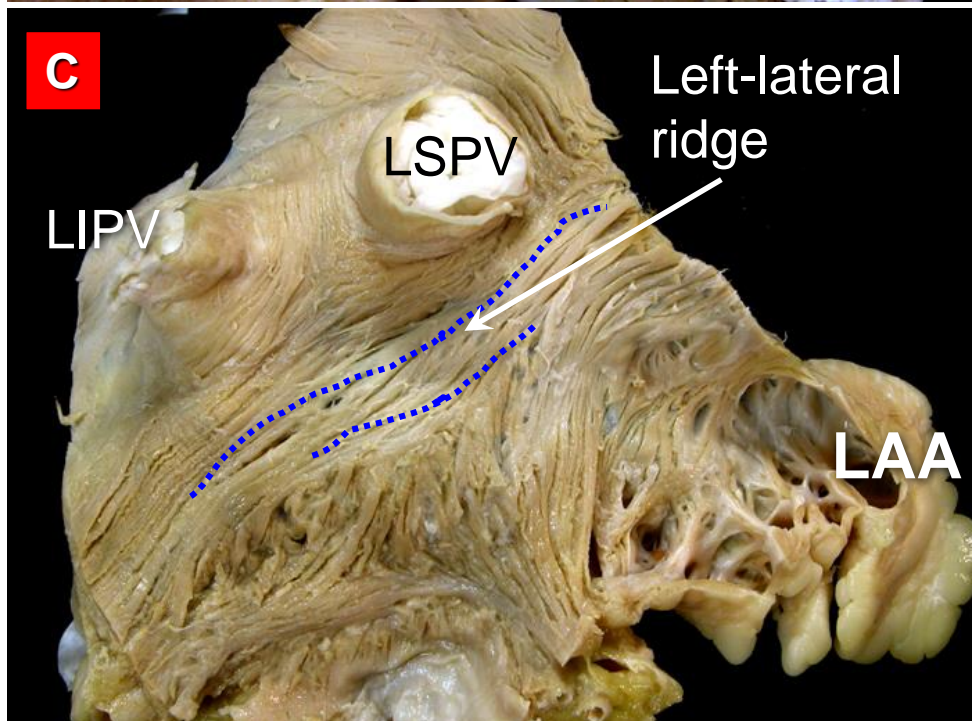
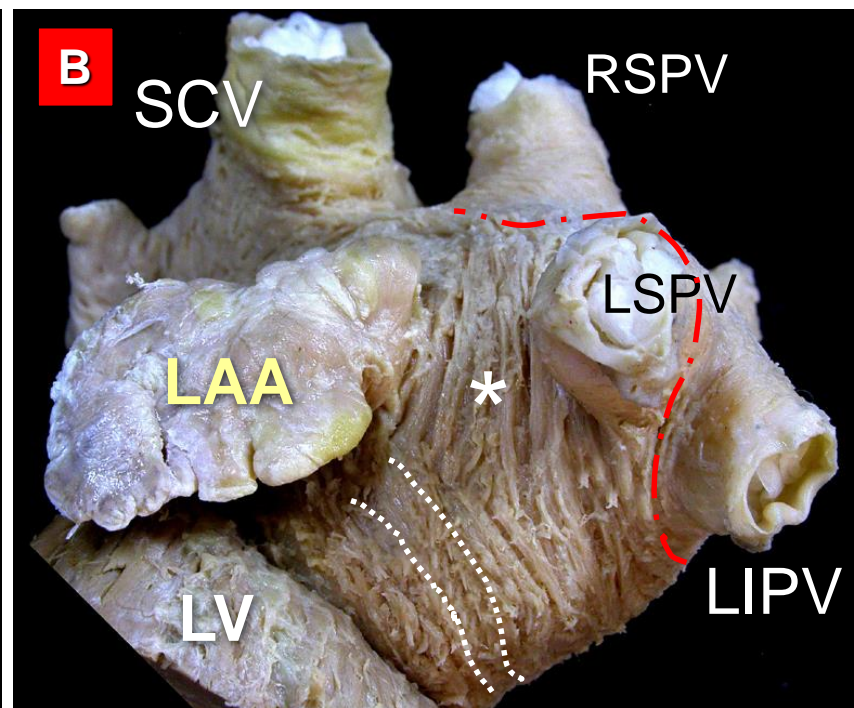
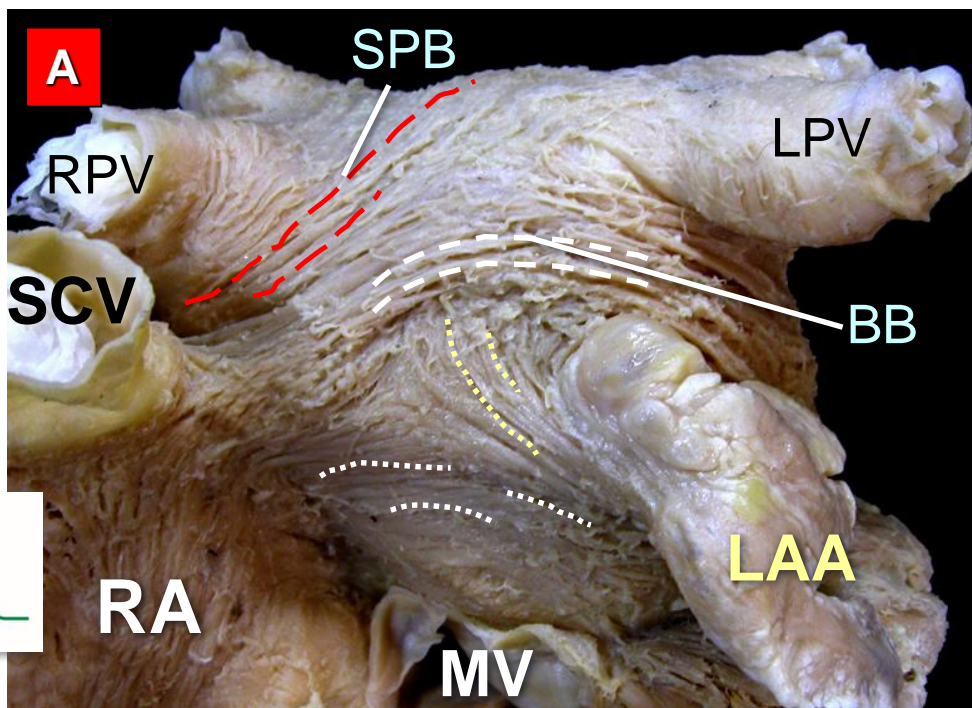


Limbus of the LAA (shaded area) between the left lateral ridge and the vestibule of the mitral valve



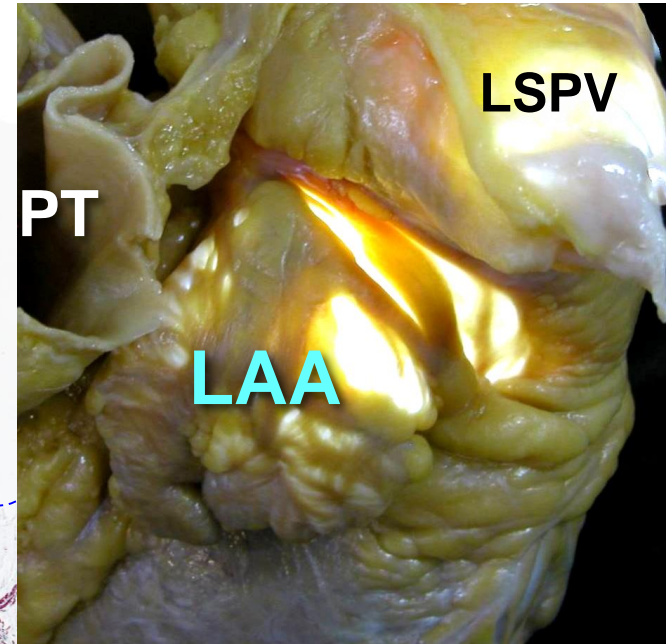
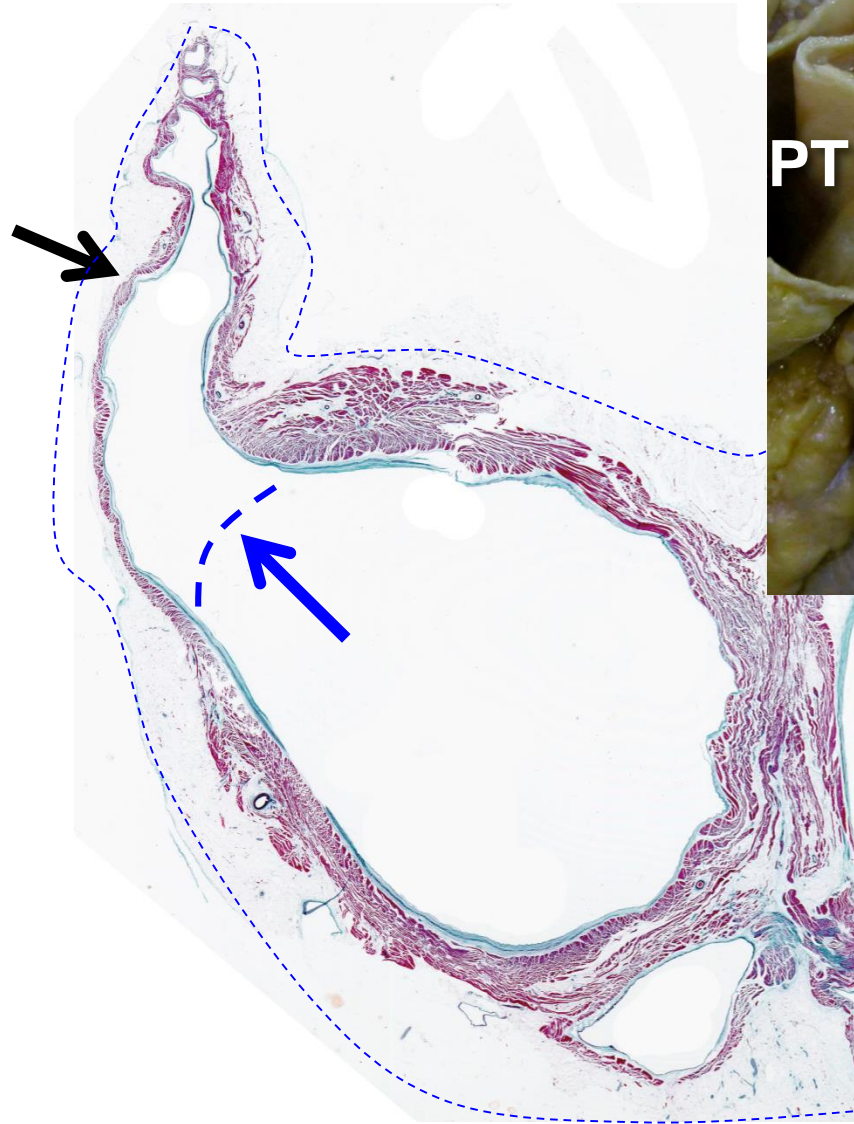
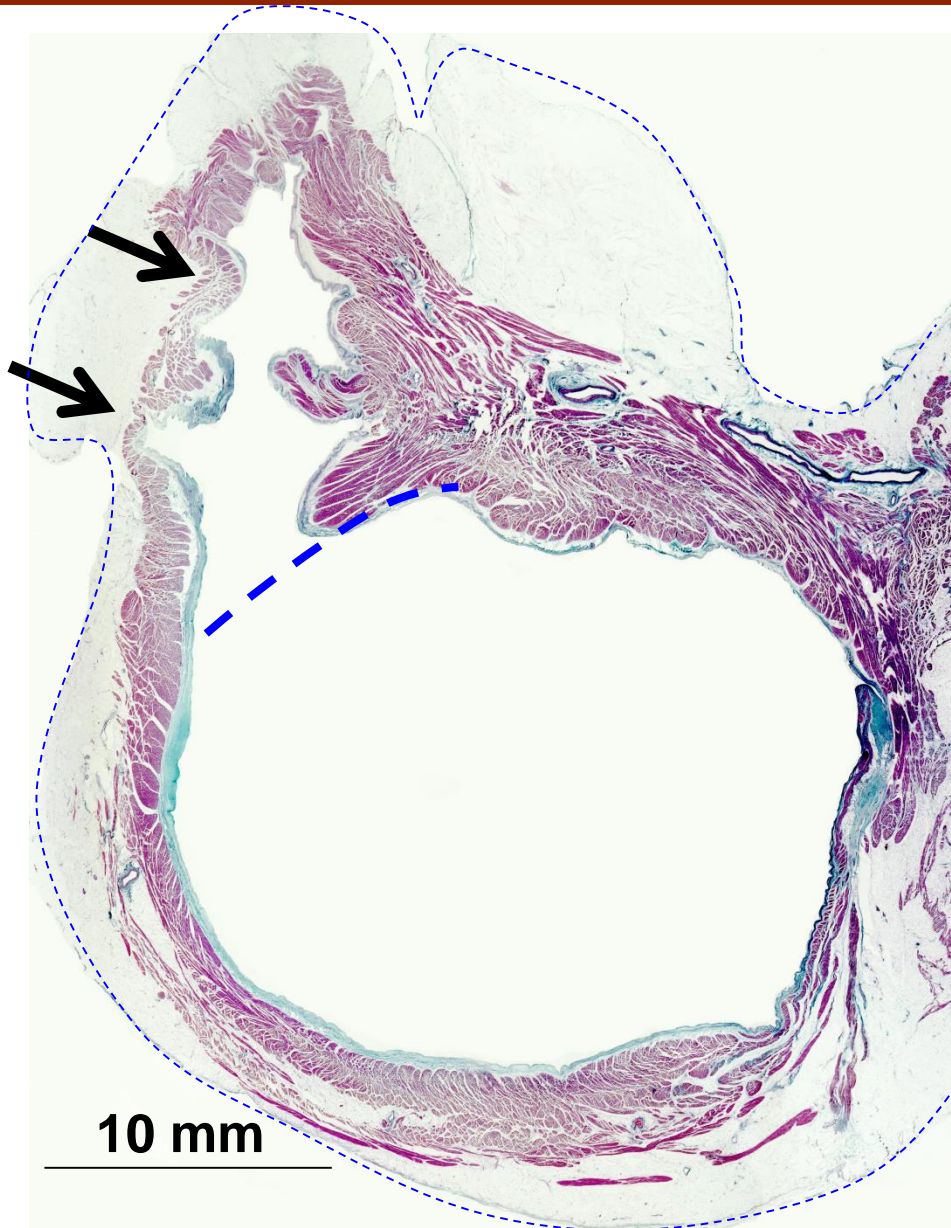
LPVs and LA appendage







The wall of the LA appendage



Myocardial thickness



Determinants of the LAA

Left atrial appendage

Morphological variants: LAA apex directed behind the pulmonary trunk (exclusion criteria for LARIAT)

Ostial diameters / circumference: 17-31mm (Watchman) and 12.6-28.5mm (ACP)

LAA length: LAA width >40 mm (LARIAT), should exceed the maximal ostial diameter (Watchman)

LAA angulation: for all devices, less able to be angled especial concern for the Watchman

Maximal length of dominant lobe: for all devices

Multilobular LAA: multilobed LAA oriented in different planes > 40 mm (exclusion criteria for LARIAT)

Distance from the ostium to the first bend of the LAA: landing zone that exceeds the maximal ostial diameter for the Watchman, landing zone \geq 10 mm for the ACP

Trabeculations (pectinate muscle): should not be mistaken with thrombus

Myocardial thickness: thinner posterior wall and risk of cardiac perforation for all devices

Extra-appendicular trabeculations: risk of cardiac perforation and periprosthetic leaks

Ostial diameters of LSPV

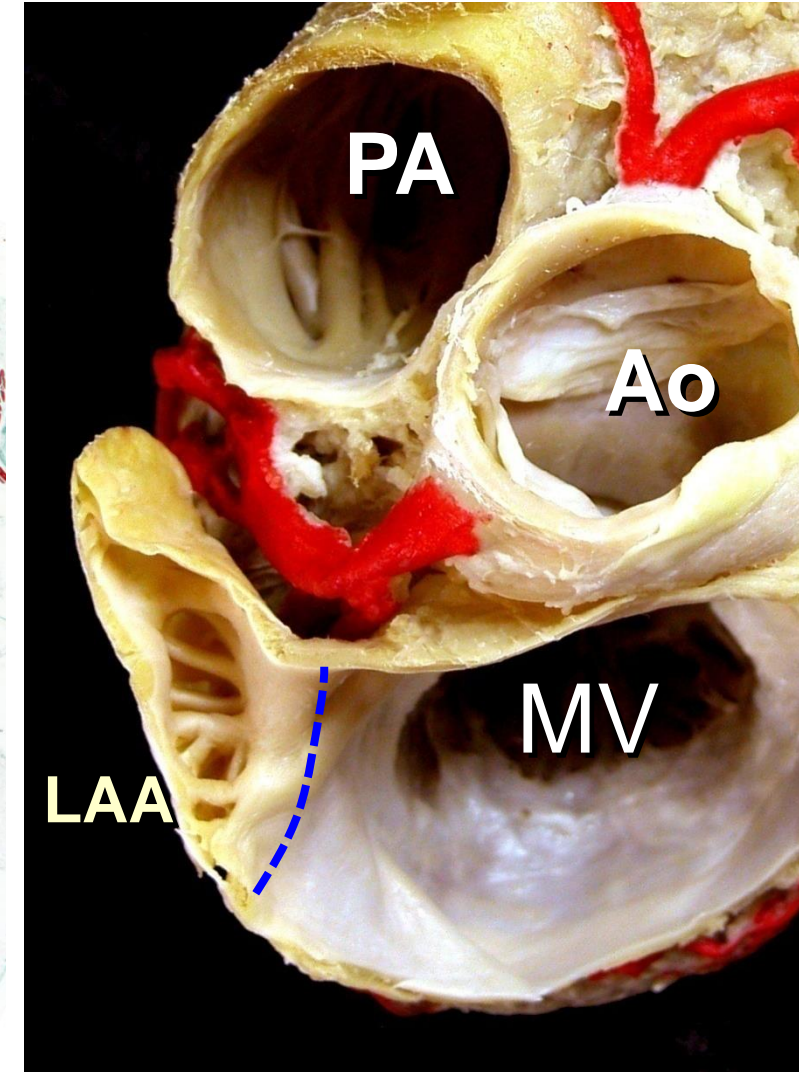
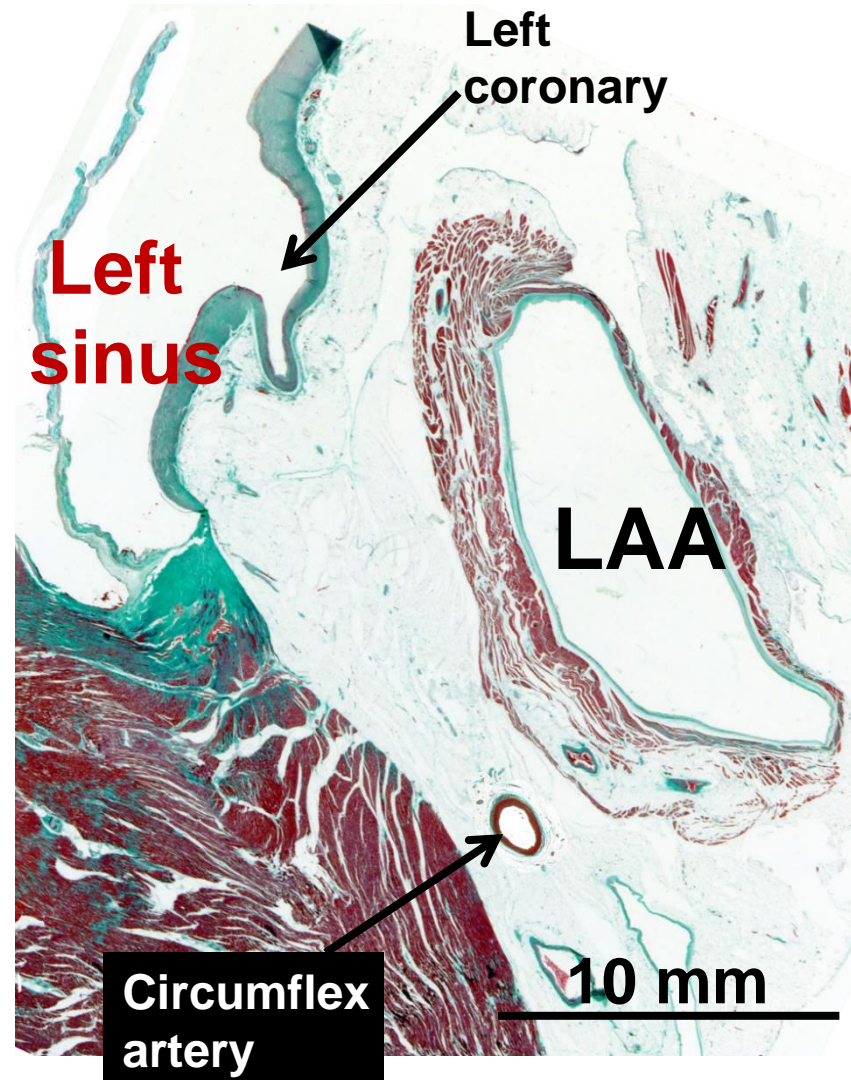
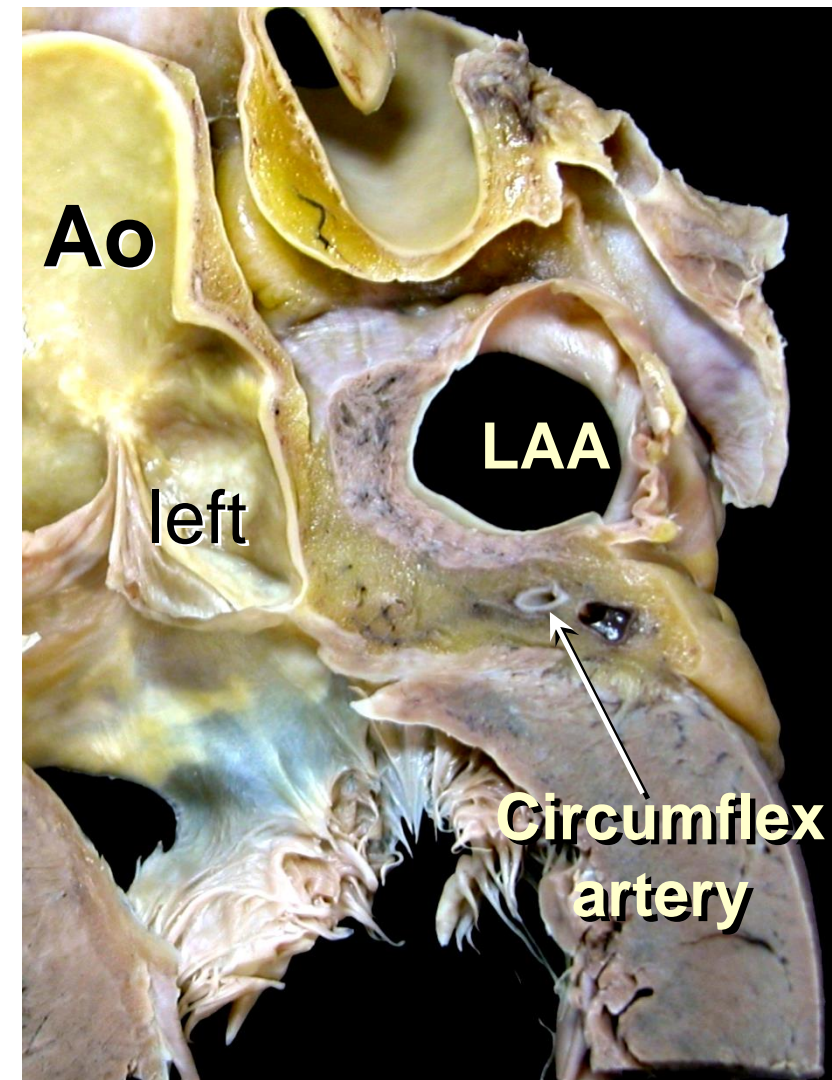
Relation LSPV and LAA orifices: usually at the same level

Lateral ridge orientation and width: poor definition of the orifice limits in ellipsoid LAA

Thrombus: contraindication for ablation

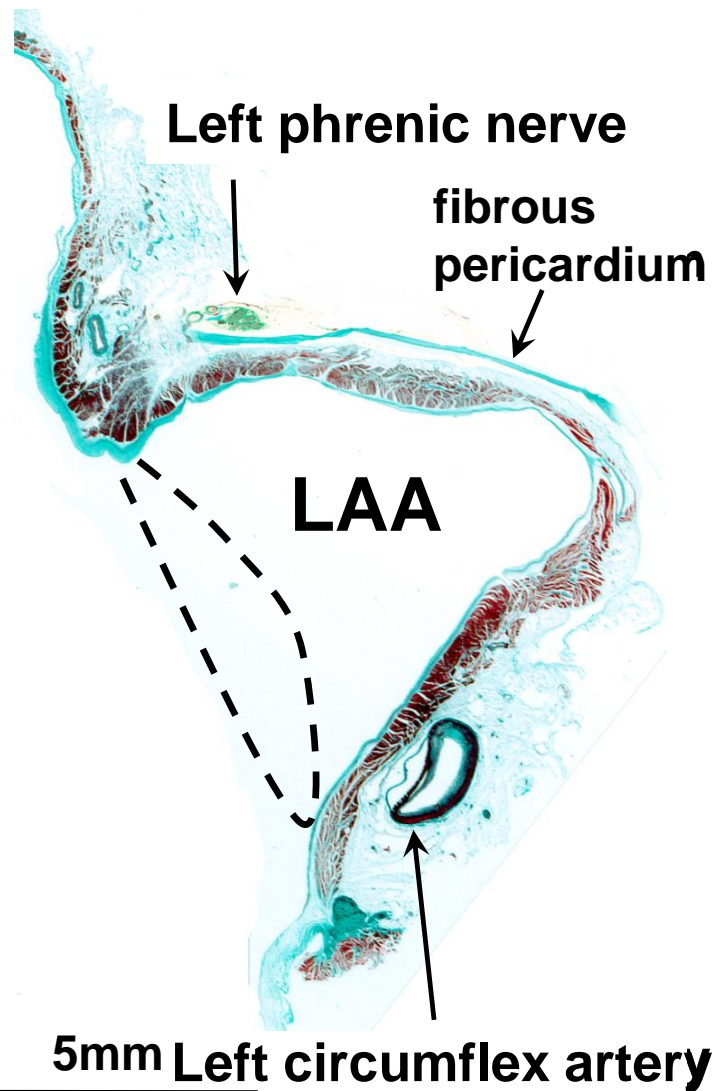
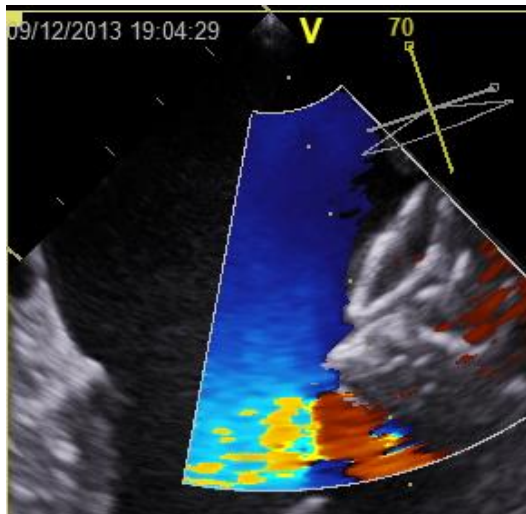
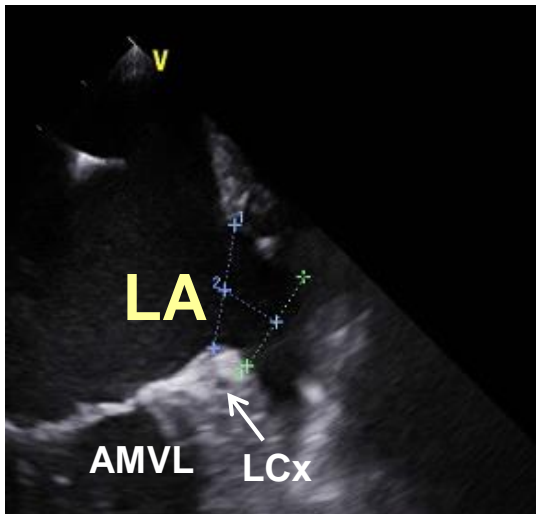
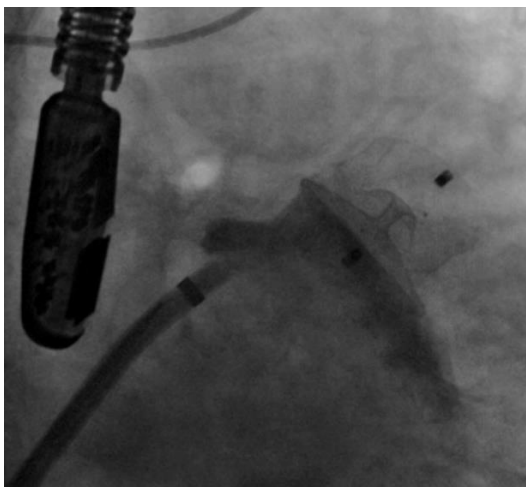


The LAA & CX artery





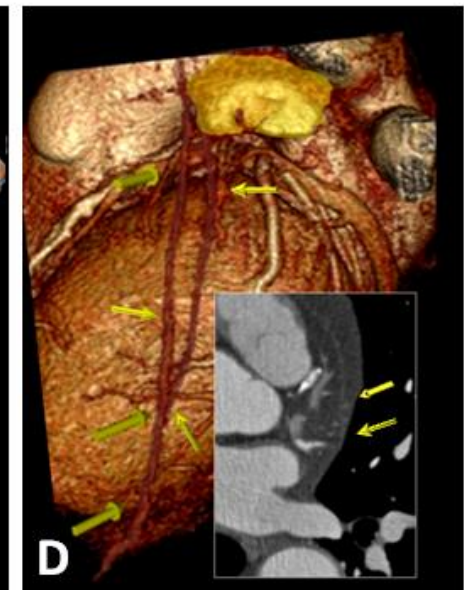
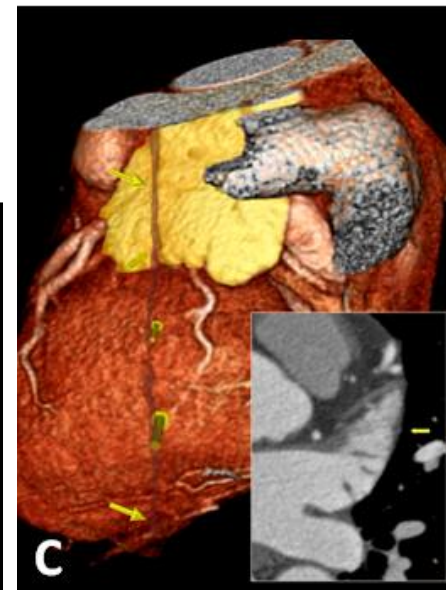
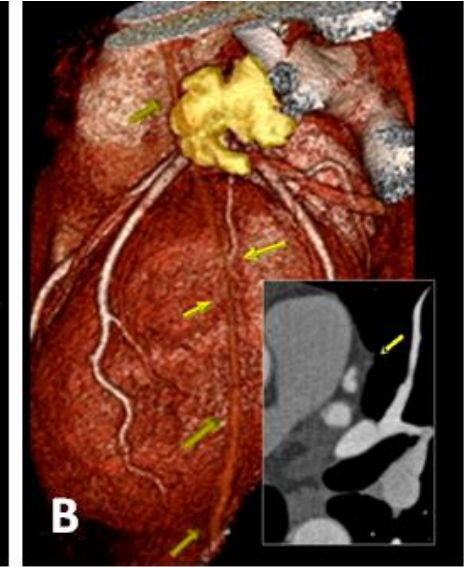
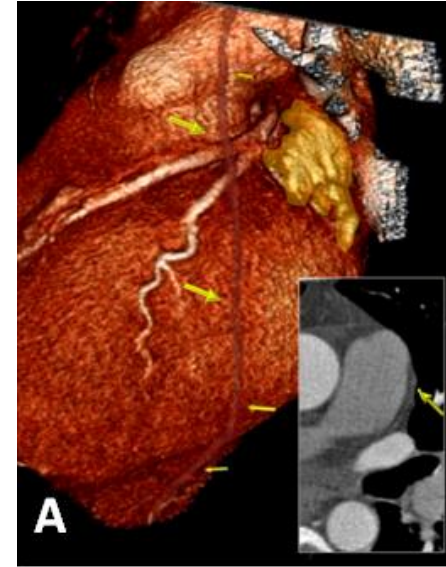
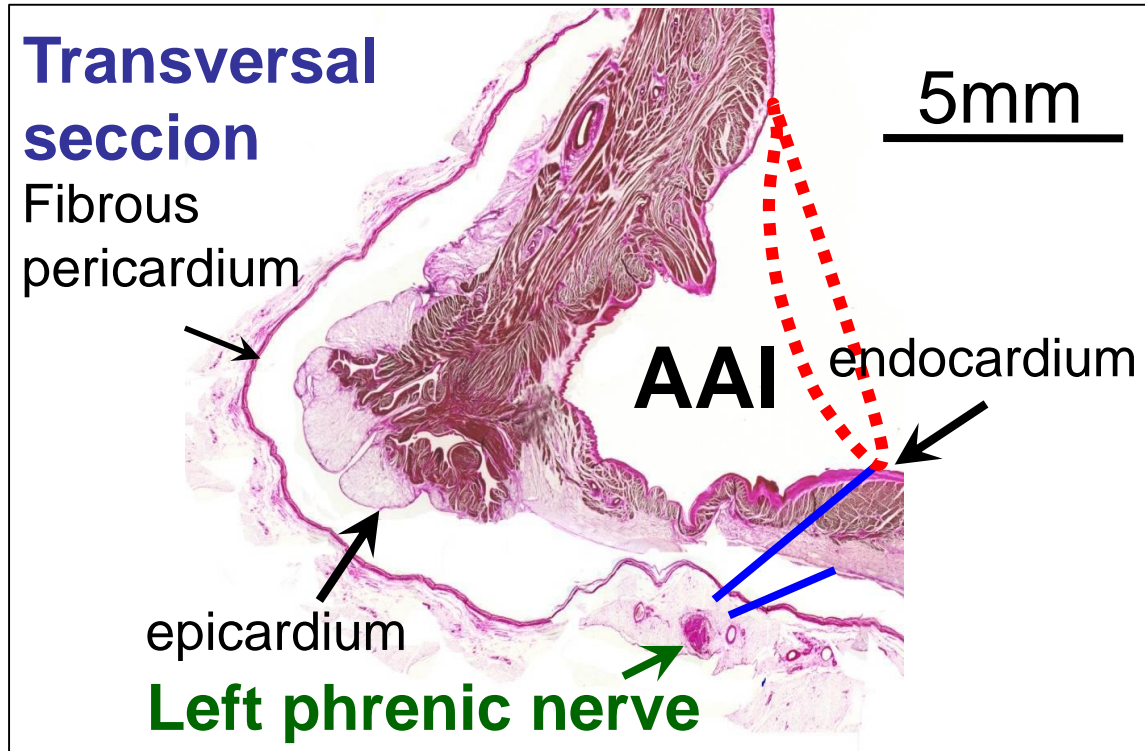
The LAA & CX artery



**Mean distance
Cx & LAA**
 $2,5 \pm 1\text{mm}$
(range 0,5 - 3.8 mm)



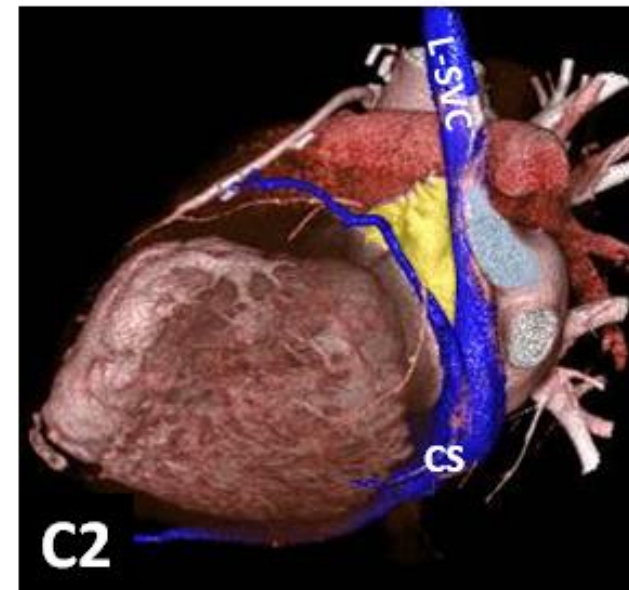
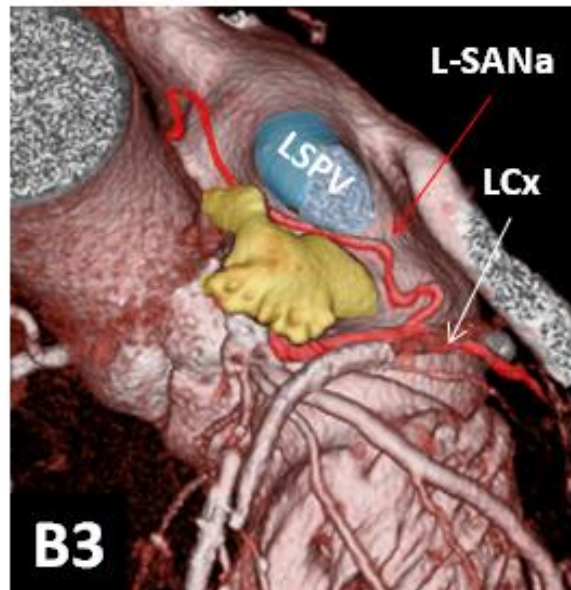
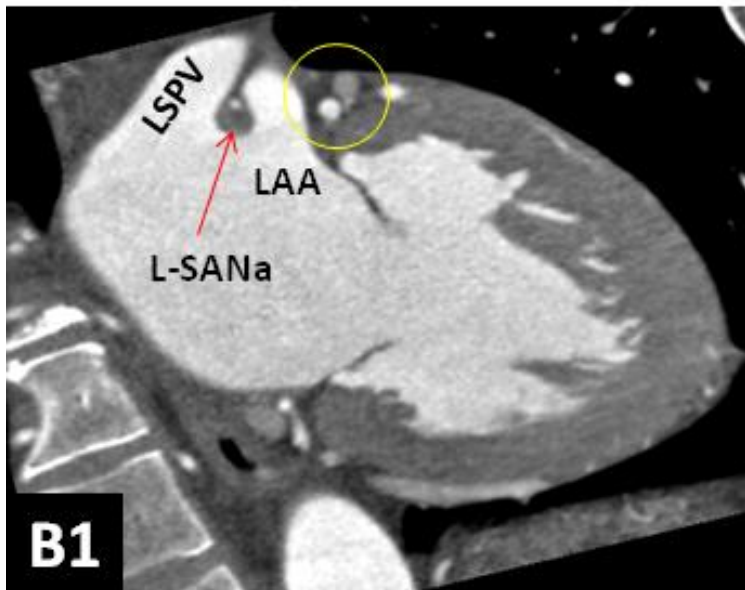
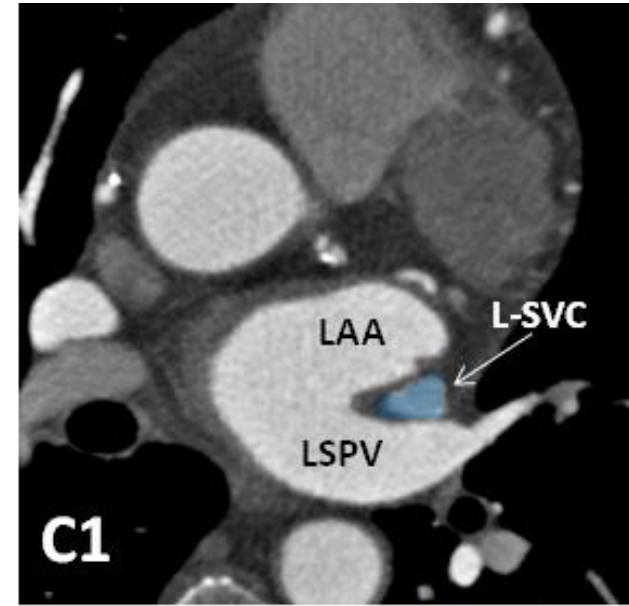
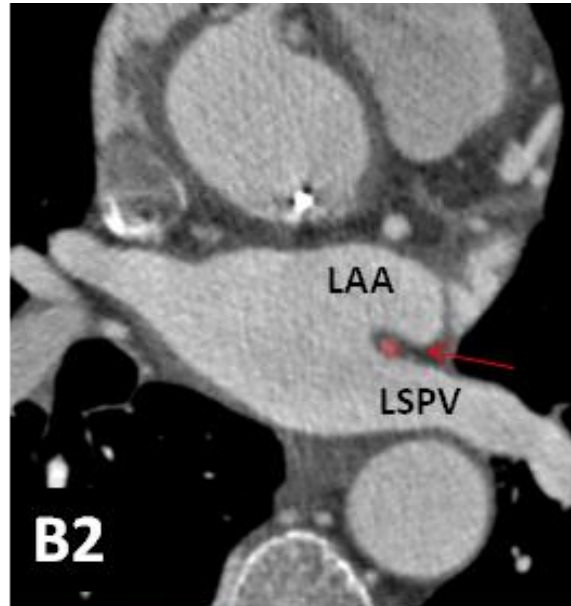
Distance LPN – LAA orifice



mm	LPN- LAA (Endocardium)	LPN-LAA (Epicardium)
Mean \pm SD	8.3 \pm 3.5	4.5 \pm 1.5
Range	2.5 to 14.5	1.5 to 6.8



Extra-appendicular determinants



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Neighboring structures

Left circumflex artery: risk for artery compression between the anchoring lobe and the disc for the ACP

Left SAN artery

Great cardiac vein and obtuse marginal vein

Persistent left superior vena cava

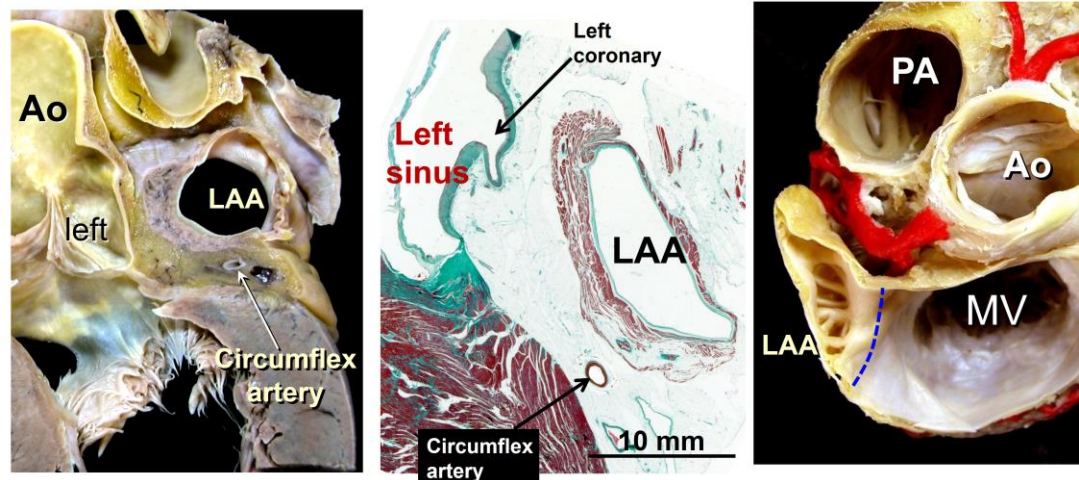
Post CABG venous grafts

Pericardial adhesions: of especial concern for the LARIAT

Left phrenic nerve: of especial concern for the LARIAT



The LAA & CX artery



Distance LPN – LAA orifice

