

# Treatment of Complex Intracranial Aneurysms: Clips, Coils, Bypass, and Stents

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# Definitions

- Ruptured Aneurysms
- Unruptured Aneurysms
- **Simple Aneurysms** =  $\leq 1\text{cm}$  Size  
and....Dome/ Neck Ratio  $\leq 1.5$
- **Complex Aneurysms** =  $>1\text{ cm.}$  size  
Dome/ Neck Ratio  $> 1.5$   
Fusiform Aneurysms  
Branches arising from Sac  
Atherosclerotic/calcified/thrombosed/coiled sac  
Blister /Dissecting / Mycotic Aneurysms

# Recommendations Based on

- UW Experience with More than 1300 Aneurysms 2005 - 2012
- Outcomes Analysis of Our Own Patients
- ISAT Trial and Follow Up (some flaws)
- Brat Trial (some flaws)
- Innovations Taking Place in Aneurysm Management, including Personal Surgical Innovations

# Ruptured Aneurysms

- **Simple Aneurysms**

Age  $\geq$  50 years, H&H  $>$  3 = Coiling  $\pm$  Balloon Assistance

Age  $<$  50 years, H&H  $\leq$  3 = Clipping

- **Complex Aneurysms**

Dome/Neck Ratio  $\geq$  2, Age  $\geq$  50 years = Coiling

All Others = Clip Reconstruction, or Bypass with Trapping

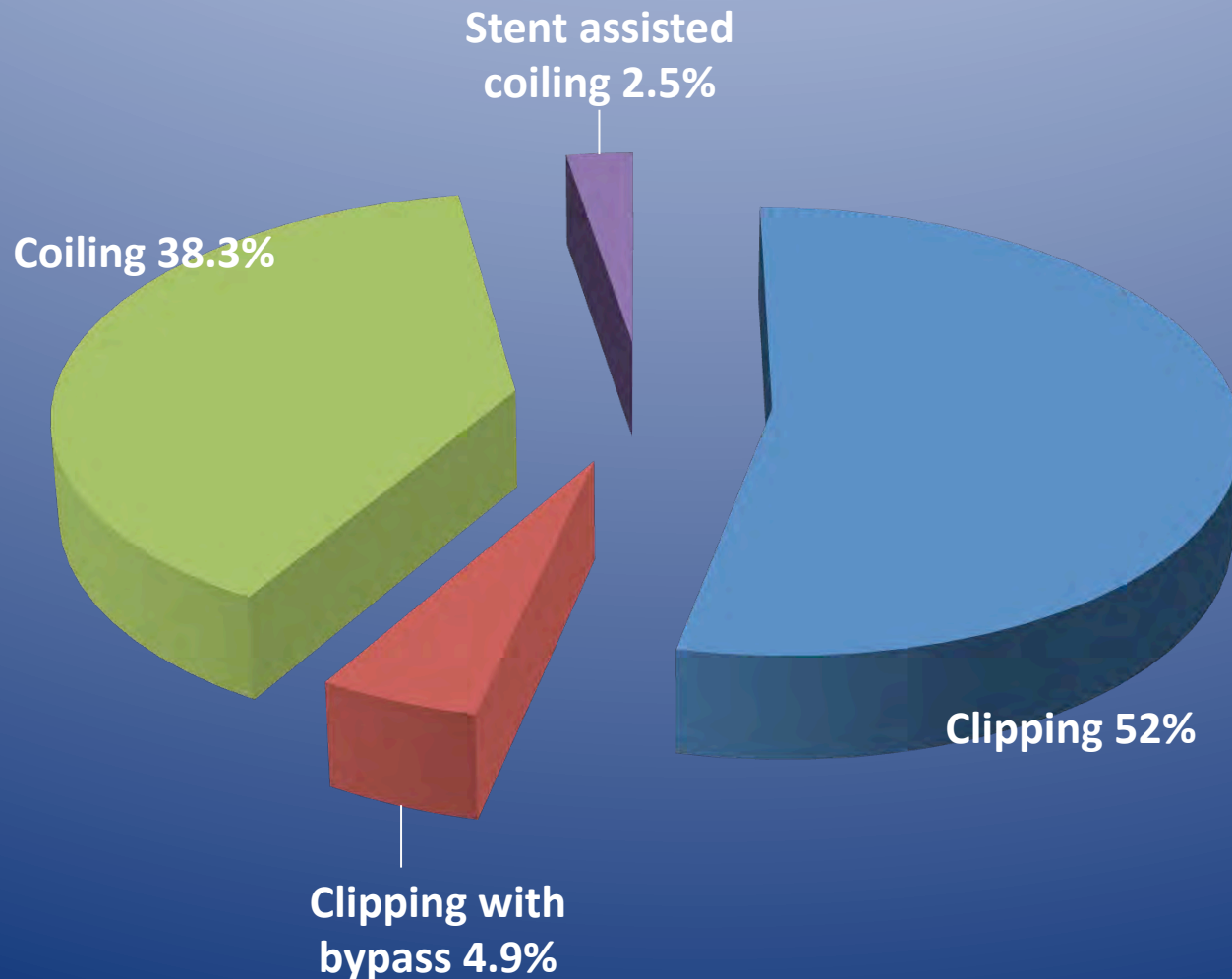
# Unruptured Aneurysms

- Consider Natural History, Patient's preference, and Patient's age in Deciding Treatment
- Simple Aneurysms: Coiling, and Clipping are Both Options
- Complex Aneurysms:  
Cavernous, Paraclinoid, Ophthalmic = Pipeline Stent, unless Patient prefers Microsurgery  
ACOM = Clip Reconstruction  $\pm$  A3/A3 Bypass

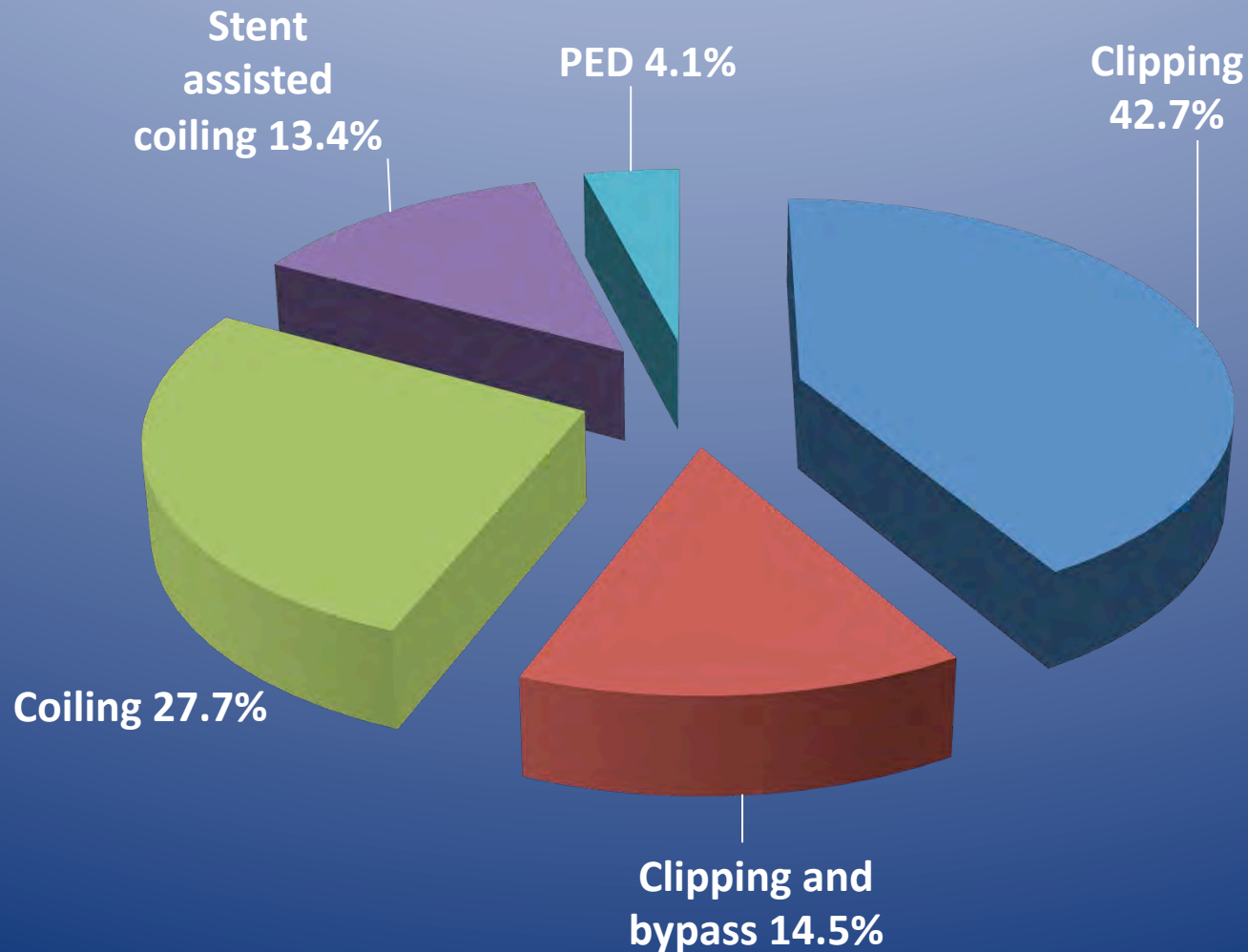
# Complex Unruptured Aneurysms

- ICA distal to Pcom = Clip Reconstruction, Bypass, Pipeline Stent, Stent + coils all Possible
- MCA Aneurysms = Clip Reconstruction, Bypass
- BA Tip Aneurysms = Stent Assisted Coiling, Clip Reconstruction, Bypass to PCA + BA Occlusion
- Mid Basilar Aneurysms = Bypass + Trapping, stent + coiling, ? Pipeline Stent?
- Vertebral, and PICA Aneurysms = Clip Reconstruction, Bypass + Clipping, ? Pipeline Stent

# Ruptured Aneurysms Treated at HMC 2005 – 5/2012 (N= 840)



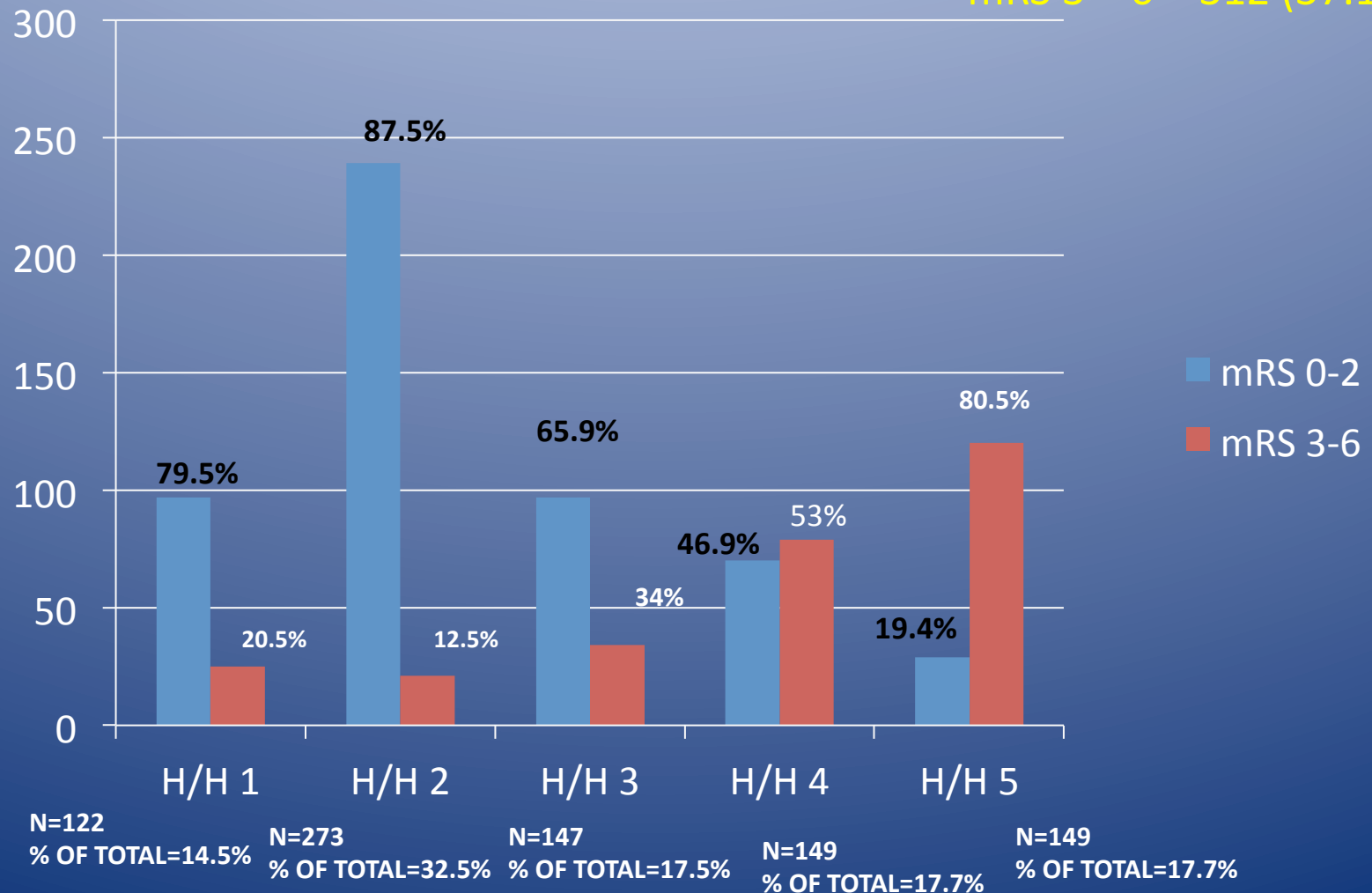
# Unruptured Aneurysms Treated at UW – HMC 2005 to 5/2012 ( N =454)



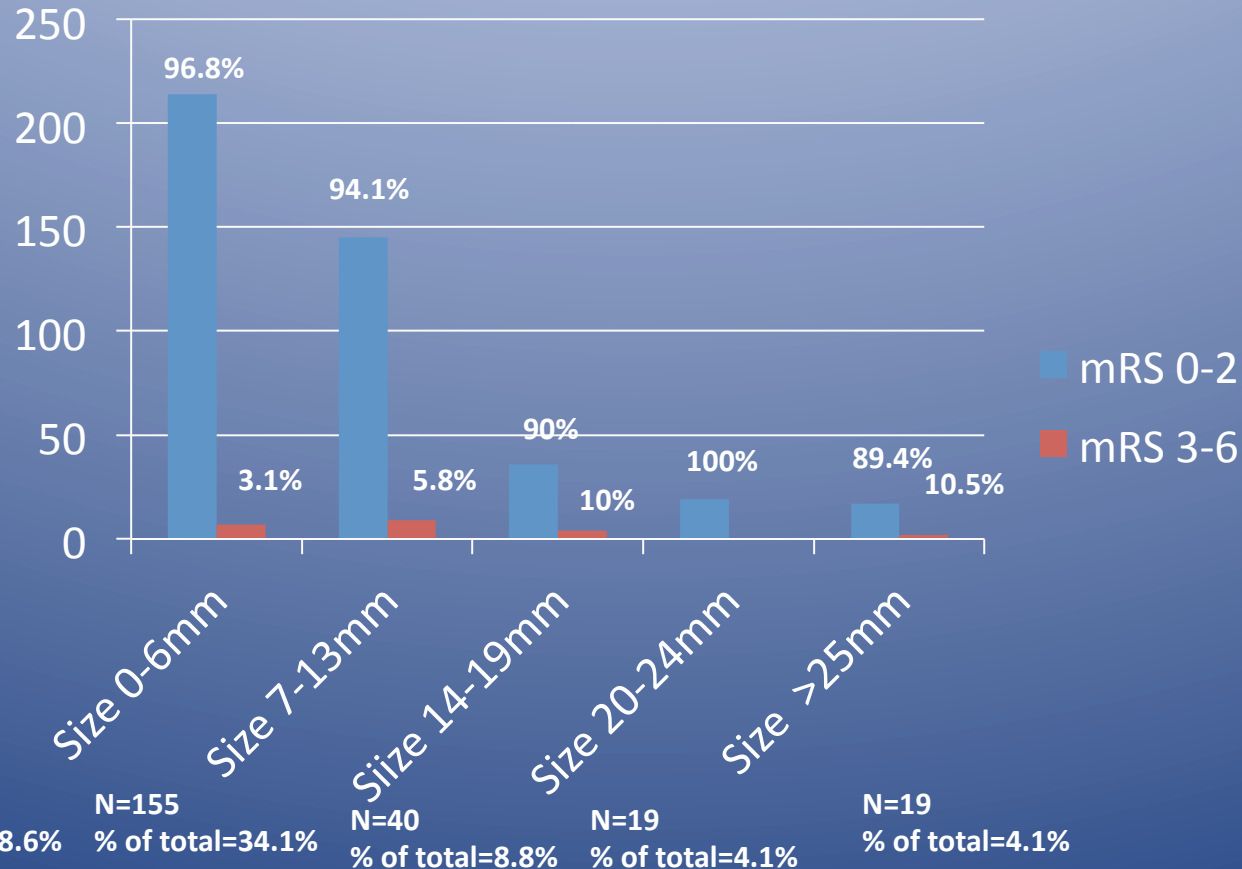


# Outcome of ruptured aneurysms based on admission Hunt And Hess grade: Total =840

All Patients: mRS 0 - 2 = 528 (62.8%)  
mRS 3 - 6 = 312 (37.1%)



# Outcome of Unruptured aneurysms in Relation to size Total patients = 454



Outcome of All Patients at 3 months: mRS 0 - 2 = 429 (94.4%)  
 mRS 3 - 6 = 27 (5.5%)

No definite Trends noted; Further analysis is needed

# Methods of Treating Complex Aneurysms

- Clip Reconstruction
- Bypass with Proximal Occlusion/ Trapping
- Balloon Assisted Coiling
- High Porosity Stent and Coils
- Flow Diversion Stent (+ coils in some cases)

# Microsurgical Clip Reconstruction

- Often requires temporary clipping or trapping for  $\pm$  15 minutes
- Burst Suppression, Monitoring, and Induced Hypertension (for Unruptured Aneurysms) during Temporary Occlusion
- Aneurysm Neck Calcification, Severe Atherosclerotic Changes, and Excessive Thrombosis May preclude such Clipping
- Preparations must be made for bypass in some cases
- Intraoperative angiography and/or ICG Angio + Doppler is mandatory to check the flow thro all branches
- Intraoperative MEP monitoring may also be used to assist in decisions
- When in doubt, do a bypass procedure

# Clip Reconstruction

- Temporary Proximal Occlusion or Trapping
- Careful Dissection of all branches
- Opening of Aneurysm and removal of atheroma, thrombus, etc. may be needed
- Clipping often involves: **Fragmentation technique, Tandem Clipping, Encircling Clips, Booster Clips, Nub Clips**
- Some part of the neck may need to be left behind in order to preserve a branch or the parent vessel
- In some patients, delayed thrombosis of the arteries may occur
- Aspirin 325 mg. should be administered preoperatively, if Bypass is a possibility

# Clip Reconstruction Techniques

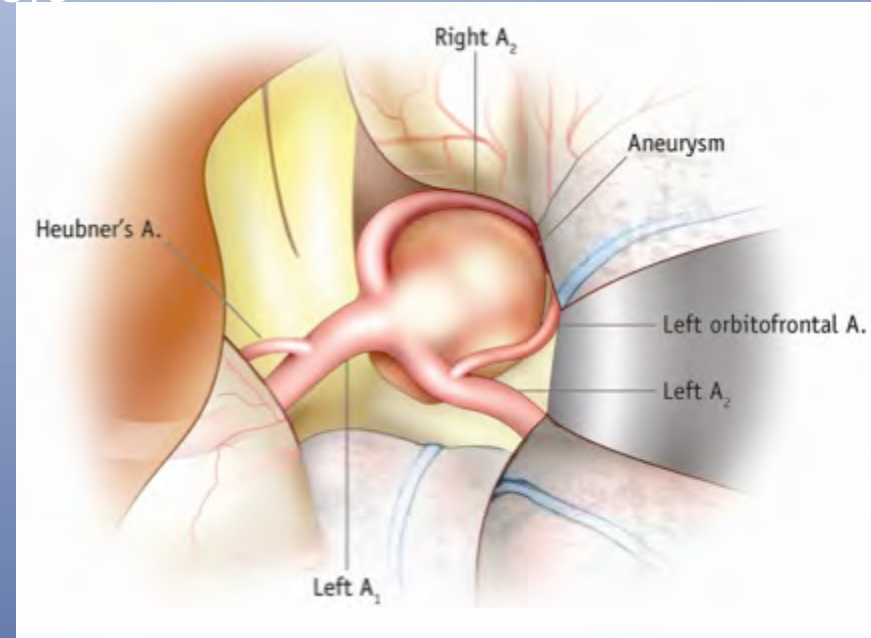
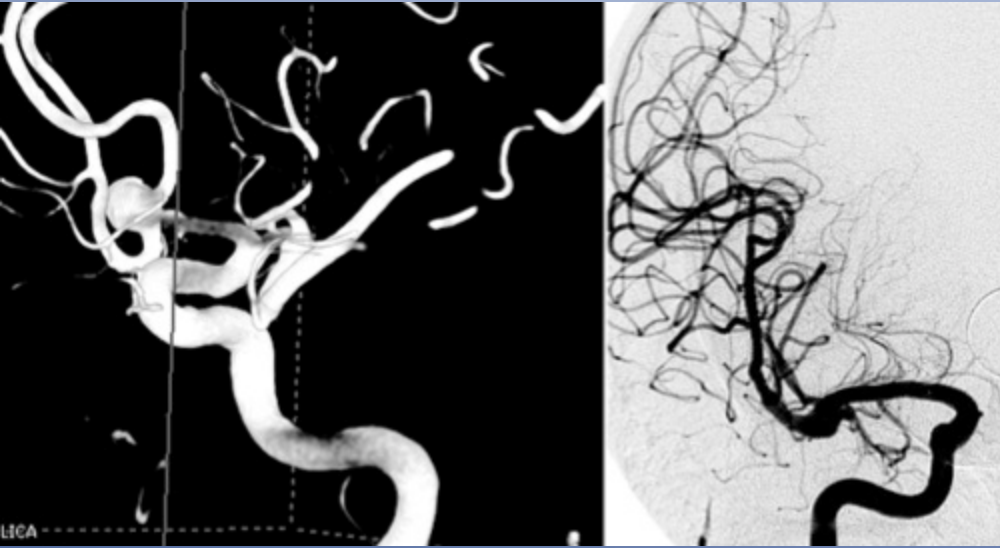
- **Fragmentation:** Aneurysm Neck and Sac are fragmented into different segments
- **Tandem Clipping:** Addition of Clips in a tandem manner to provide additional closure of the aneurysm, or to preserve arteries
- **Encircling Clips:** A New Arterial Shape is Created; Or a stronger closing force at the tip of the Aneurysm
- **Booster Clips:** Providing Additional Closing Force, to eliminate leak thro the Clip into the sac
- Surgeon's Intraoperative Imagination is important

# Pros and Cons of Clip Reconstruction

- Pro: Shorter time of temporary Occlusion  
Less Complicated than Bypass
- Con: Aneurysm May Recur, making the second operation more complex  
Branch may clot in a delayed fashion  
Stenosis of Branch, resulting in Ischemia

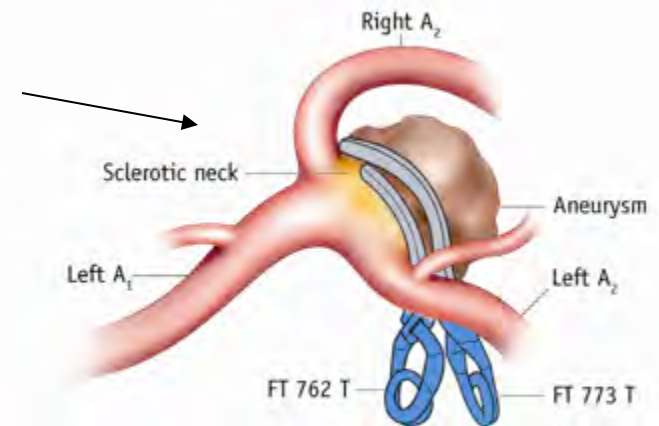
# 63 F with Unruptured ACOM aneurysm

Atherosclerotic neck, Endoscopy was used to preserve hypothalamic perforators



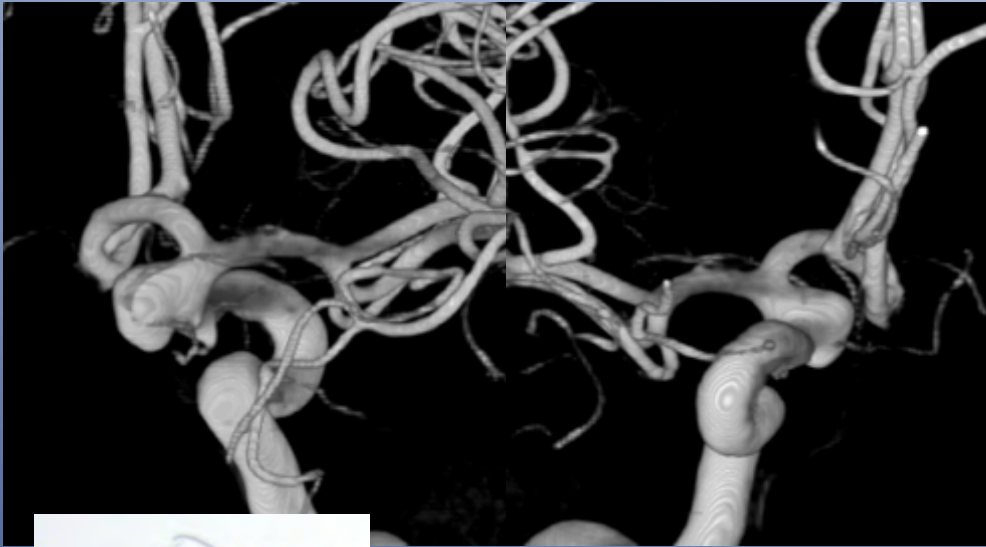
Leaving a portion of neck to save the branch

Patient:  
Transient Arm Weakness  
Complete recovery



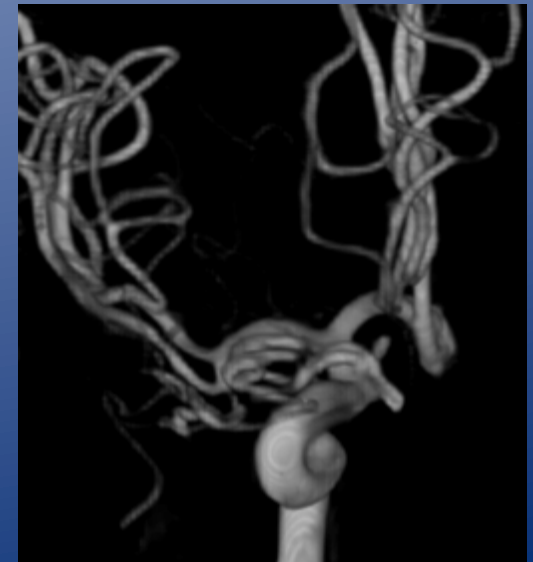


# 63/F, Unruptured Superior Hypophyseal ICA Aneurysm 8x9 mm, neck 6 mm H3061717



Preparation for Bypass with  
SVG Exposure,  
Cervical ICA Exposure  
Not Used

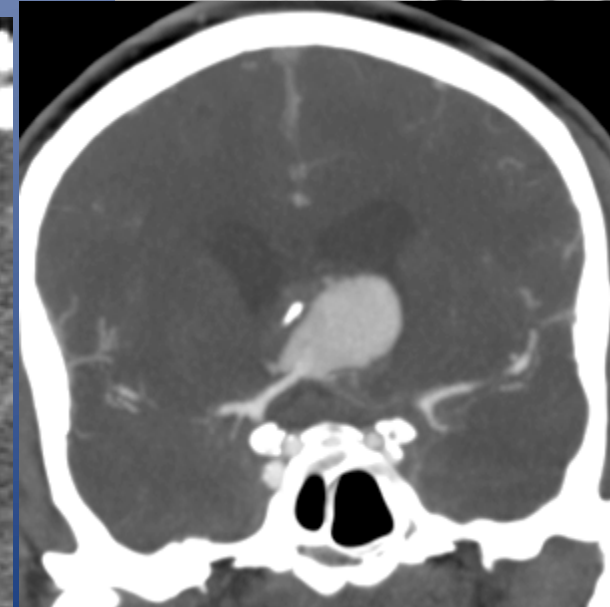
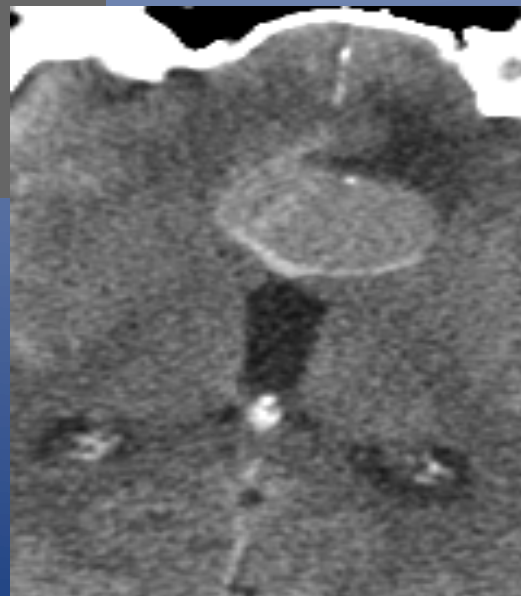
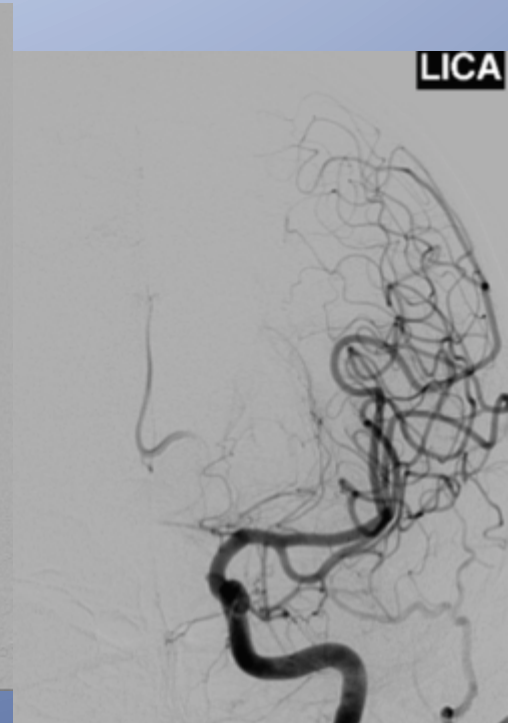
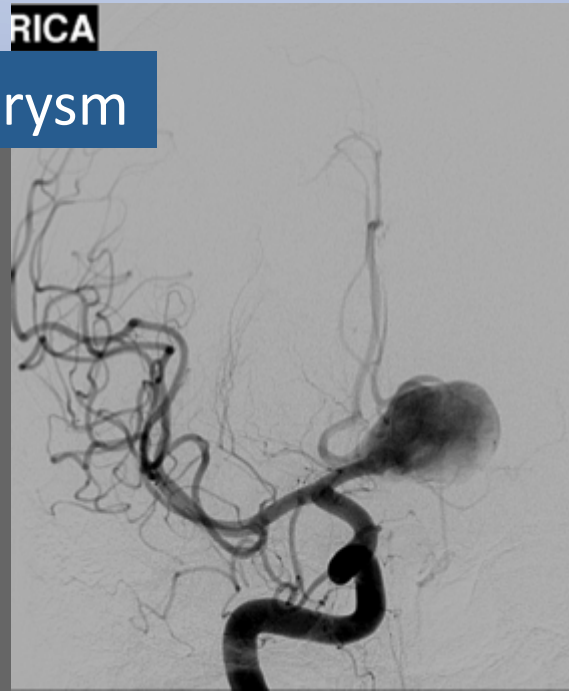
Interlocking Fenestrated Clips  
to Reform the Artery



# Ruptured Giant ACOM Aneurysm

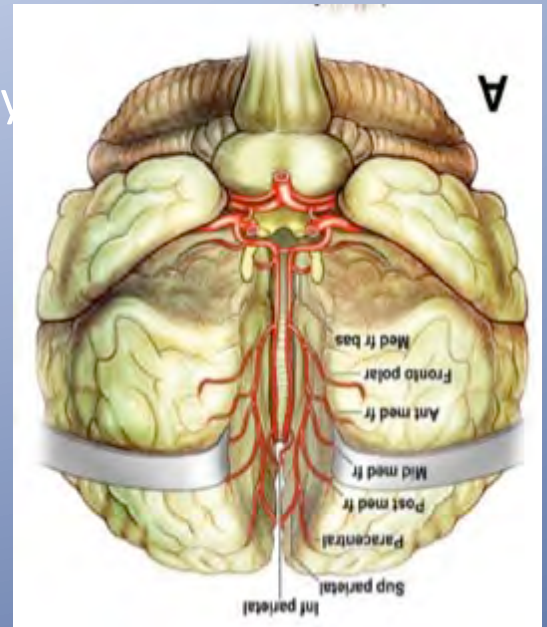
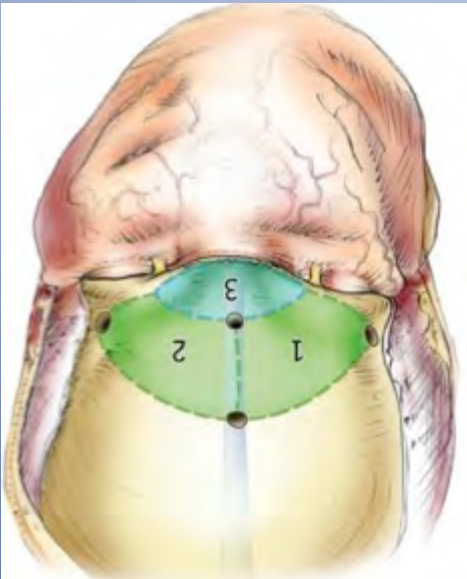
RICA

LICA



2.8 cm Giant Aneurysm  
Partially Calcified  
Patient H/H 4, Fisher 3

Bifrontal Craniotomy & Orbitotomy  
 Interhemispheric Approach  
 Temporary Trapping  
 Aneurysm Excision  
 Aneurysmorrhaphy, & Clipping



Right Frontopolar A

Left Heubner A

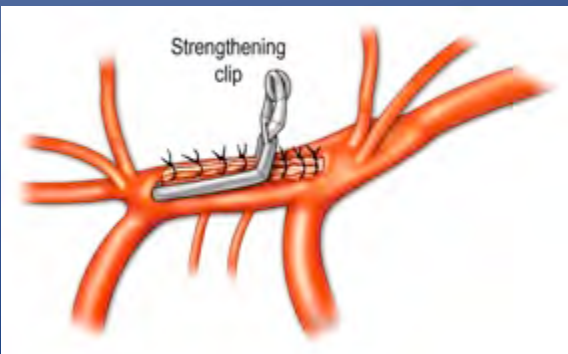
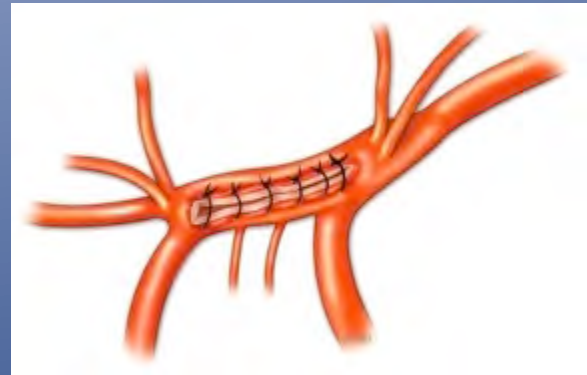
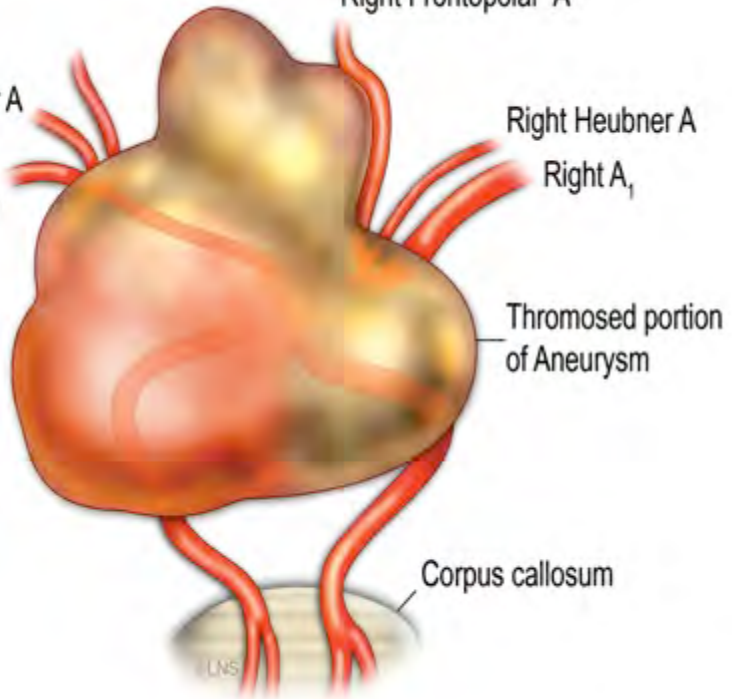
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Thromosed portion of Aneurysm

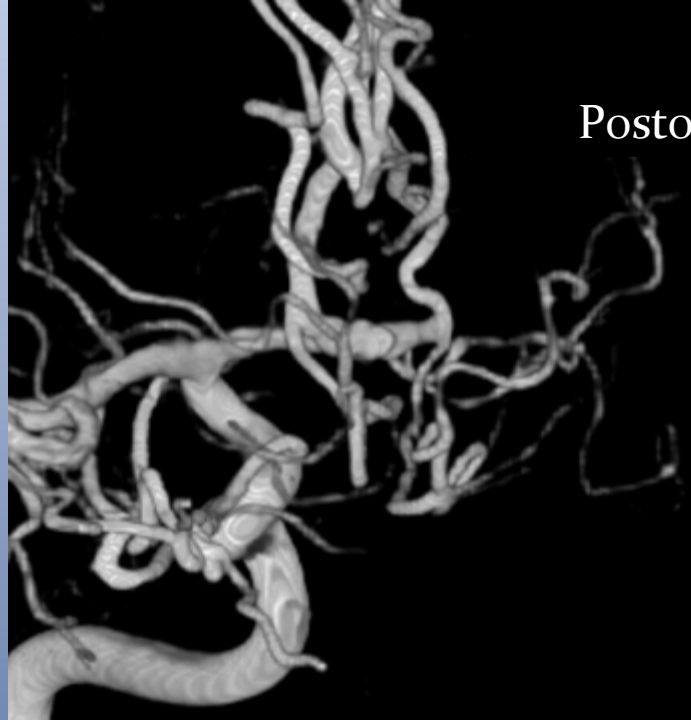
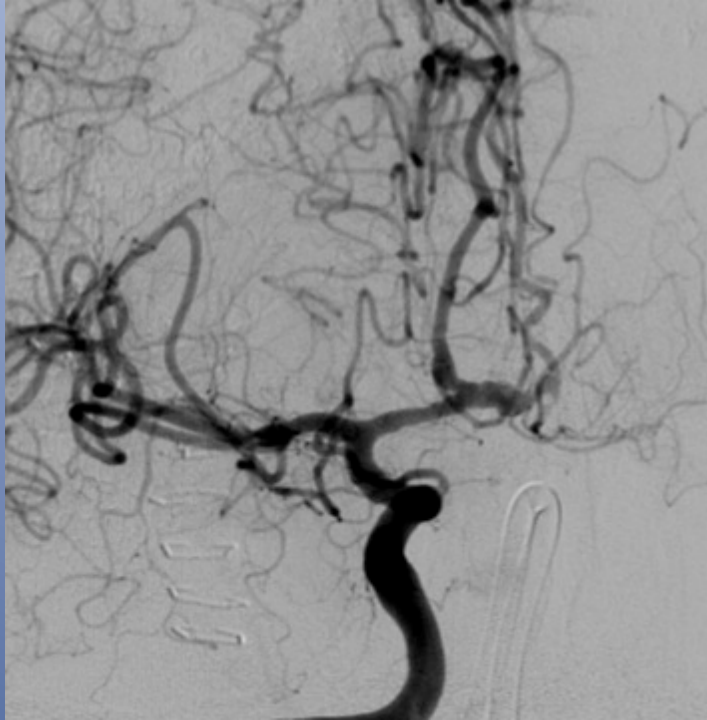
Corpus callosum



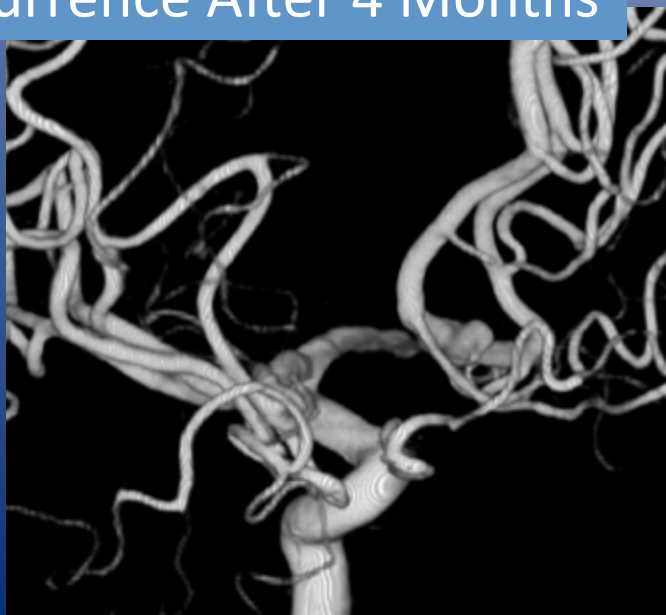
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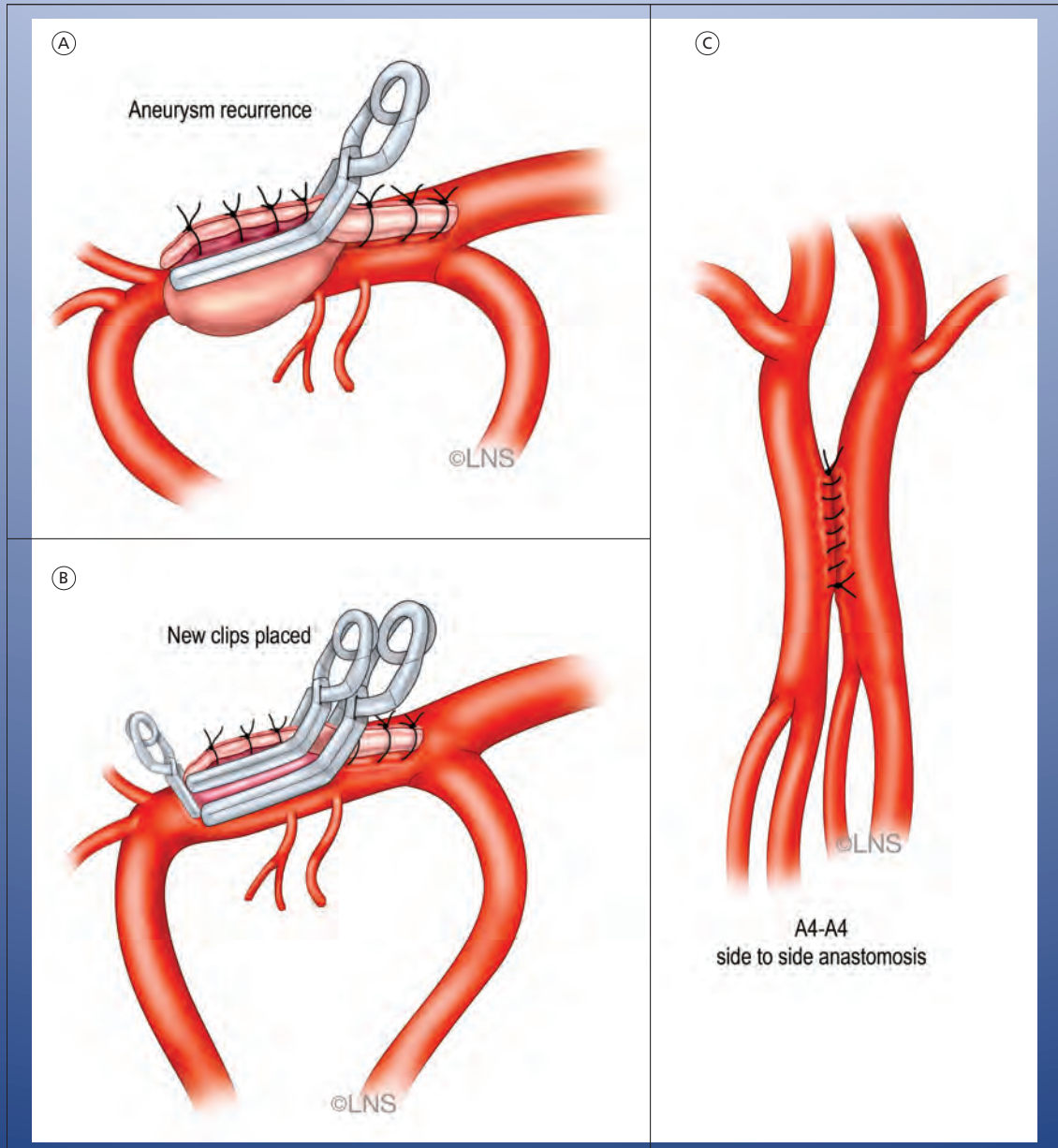


## Postoperative Angiograms



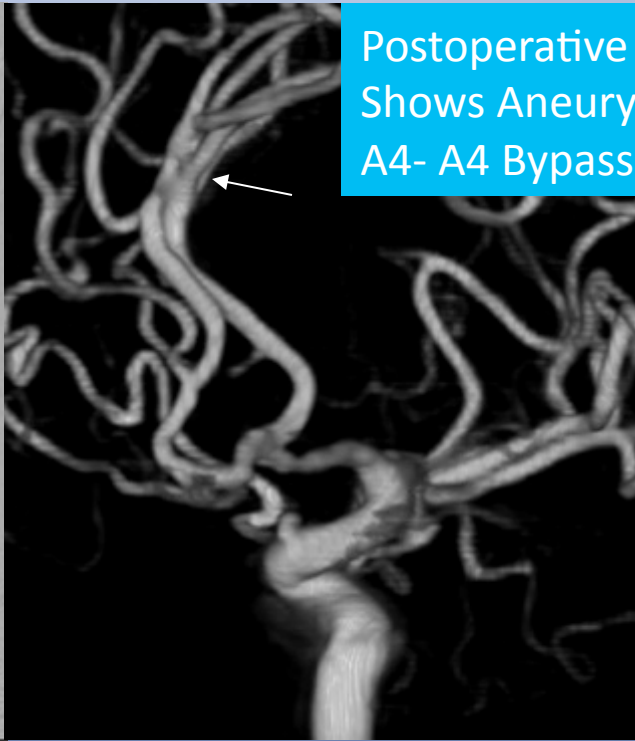
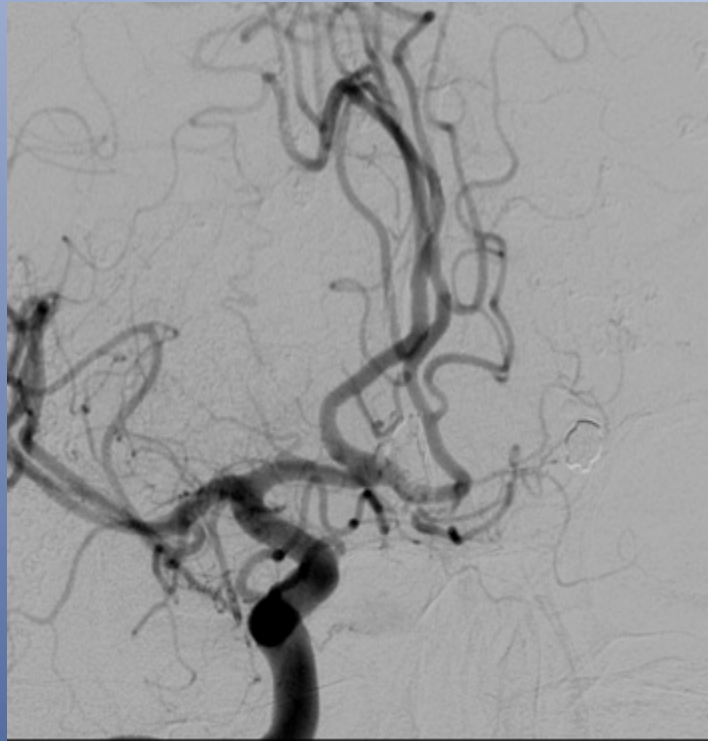
## Recurrence After 4 Months





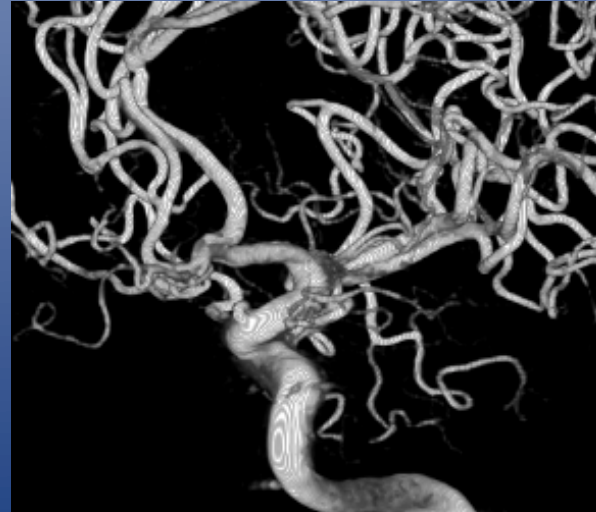
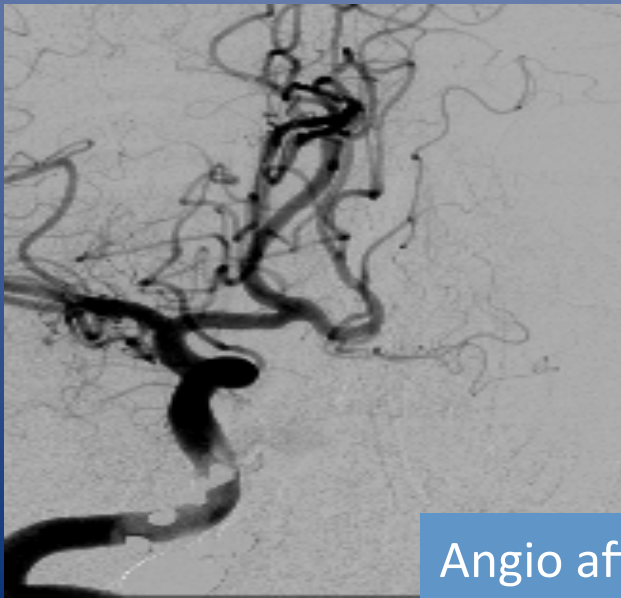
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Re explored; Aneurysm Clipped, A4 to A4 Bypass



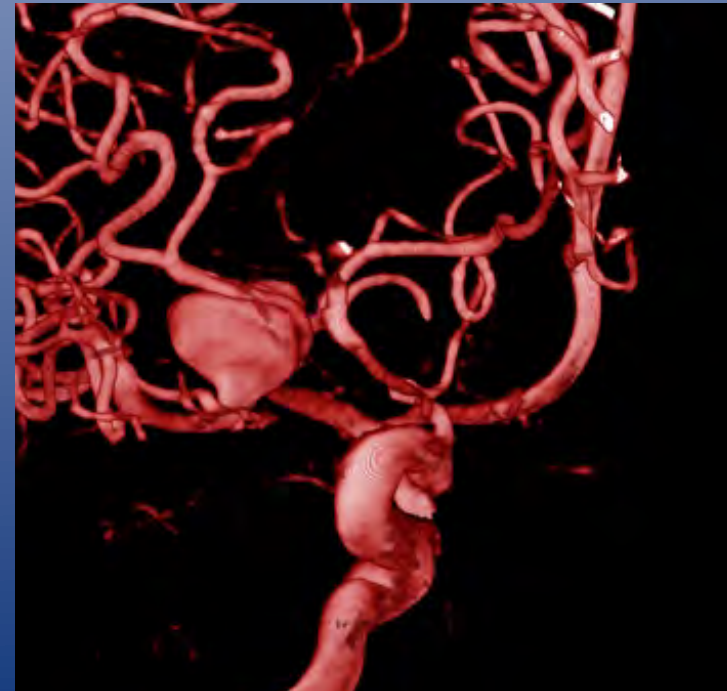
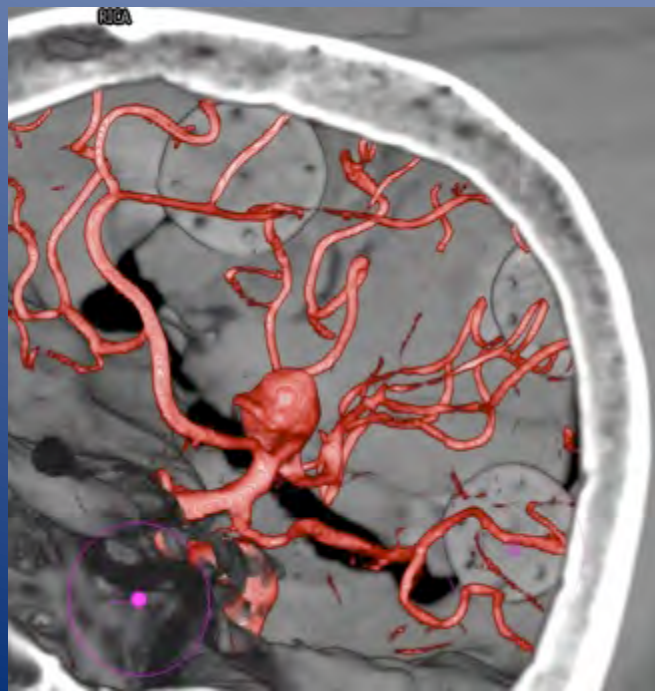
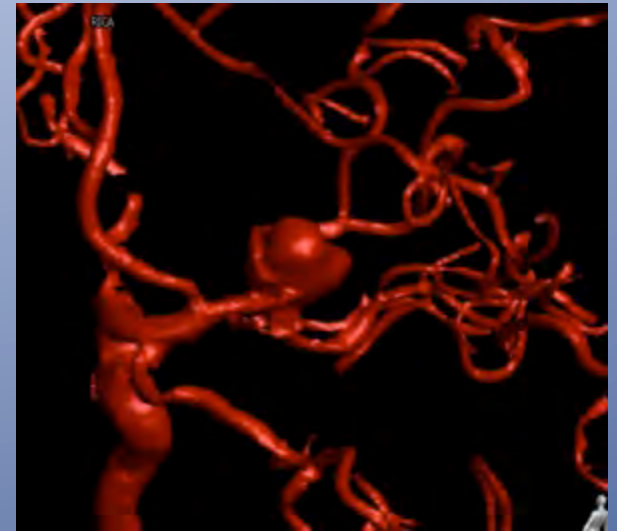
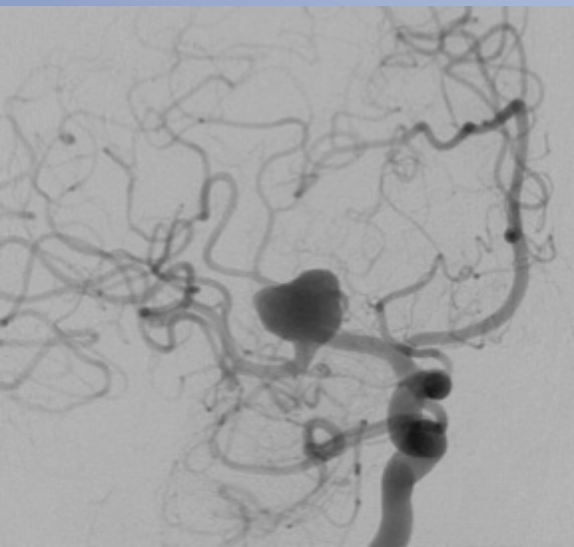
Postoperative Angiogram 11/30/2011  
Shows Aneurysm Clipped  
A4- A4 Bypass

Complete Recovery  
No new deficits



Angio after 1 year; No Recurrence

# 59/f, Sentinel Bleed, Explored and Wrapped, Transferred for further Treatment

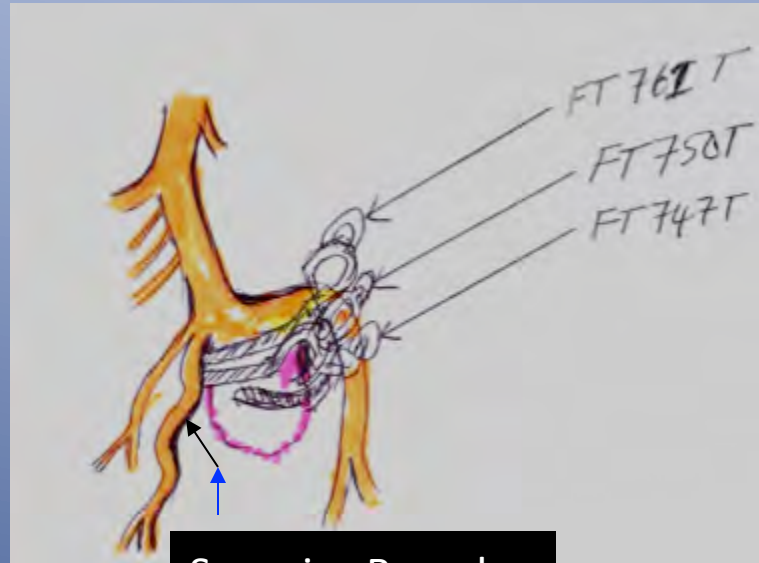




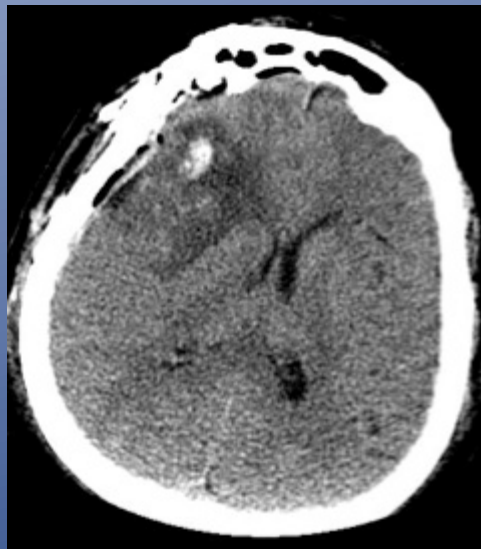
# FT – Orbital Approach, RAG Prepared, Clip Reconstruction, Concern About Middle M2 Branch, Side to Side Anastomosis Not Done



Superior Branch Occluded on Postoperative Angiogram Despite Good Flow on ICG Angio



Superior Branch



Patient recovered Independent, but Memory Problems mRS 2

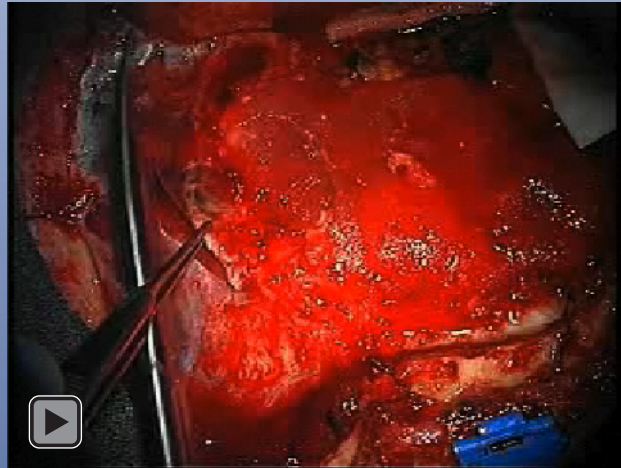


Postop



Preop

Video 2:



# Brain Bypasses For Aneurysms

- Replacement of a Branch or Parent Artery when it cannot be Preserved
- To completely Eliminate the Aneurysm
- To Prevent a Postoperative Stroke
- To Prevent Long Term Complications of Parent Vessel Occlusion :
  - Increased Stroke incidence
  - Increased Incidence of Flow Related Aneurysms
  - Reduced Cerebrovascular Reserve

# Bypass with Occlusion vs. Only Occlusion for Major Vessels

- Bypass versus Occlusion?

**Universal** (all occluded vessels) vs. **Selective** (based on flow measurement after test occlusion) Approaches – I prefer the universal approach

Ref : Sekhar LN, Patel SJ: Permanent occlusion of the internal carotid artery during skull - base and vascular surgery: is it really safe, an editorial. *The American Journal of Otolaryngology* 14 (5):421 - 22, 1993.

- In **Cases of Unplanned Arterial Occlusion**, the safest choice is to Revascularize, even if there is no change in monitoring parameters

# Bypasses and Reconstruction For Aneurysms

- Replacement of :1)Parent vessel  
2)Branch vessel  
3)Both Parent and Branch, or 2 Branches
- Types of Bypass : a) Local Bypass
  - Side to side Anastomosis
  - Interposition Graft
  - Direct resuture
  - Patch Graft

b) Extra Intracranial Bypass

  - Low Flow (STA-MCA, OC-PICA, OC-SCA)
  - High Flow (RAG, SVG)

# What Type of Bypass?

- If a “Local bypass” is adequate, it is preferred to an EC –IC Bypass, but the price of failure is higher (two vessels at risk).....
- **Collateral Circulation**: Poor collaterals require a High Flow Bypass  
*Charbel* makes decisions based on preoperative NOVA, and Intraoperative Doppler Flow Measurements
- **Size of the Vessel** : the vessel implanted should be the same size to about twice larger size
- **Availability of Donor Vessel**: Radial Artery, Saphenous Vein, large STA, etc.
- An unplanned arterial occlusion is better managed by an in situ bypass, when it is possible

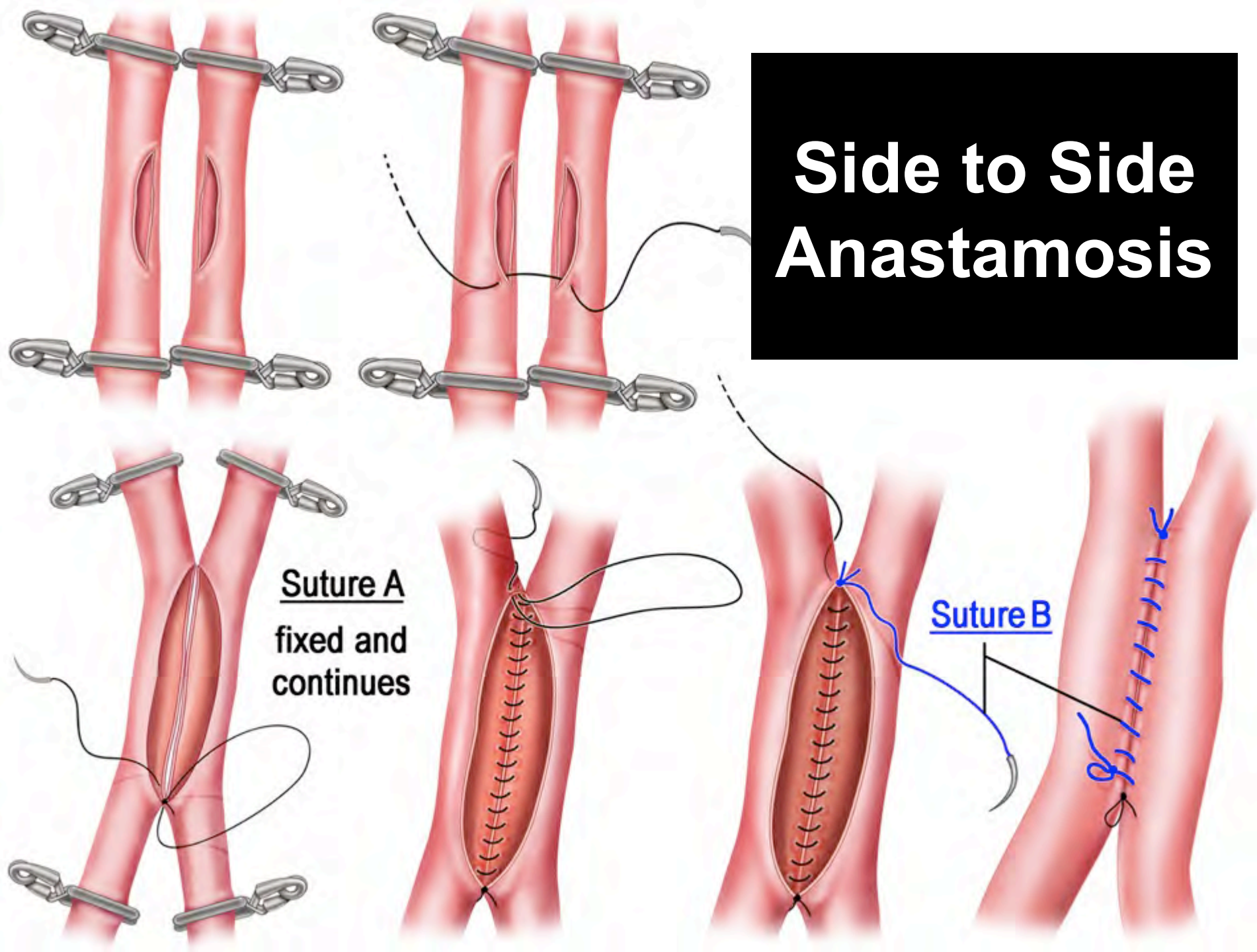
# Anesthesia and Brain Protection During Bypass Procedures

- Anesthesia for Bypass Procedures Requires a Higher Level of Skill than Standard Neurosurgical Anesthesia
- Balanced Total Intravenous Anesthesia
- Monitoring of SEPs, MEPs, and EEG
- During temporary occlusion, BP raised 20% for unruptured aneurysms, kept normal for ruptured aneurysms
- Propofol induced “burst suppression”
- If MEP or SEP changes during temporary occlusion, Raise BP further, or Release temporary clip for a short time (if possible)
- Preoperative and Postoperative ASA 325 mg p.o
- During Bypass, Heparin 2500 units, ACT >250

# Local Bypasses



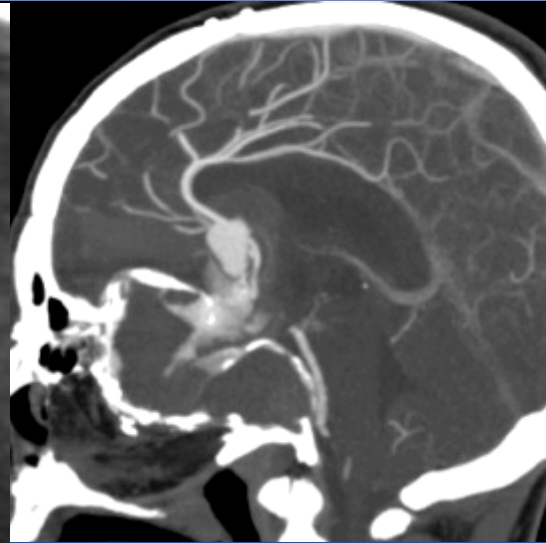
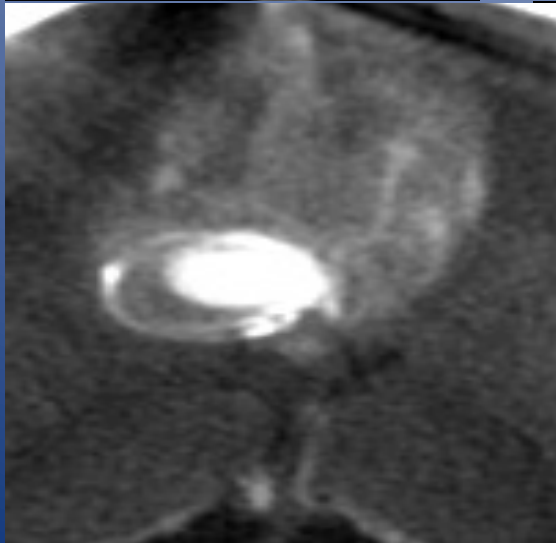
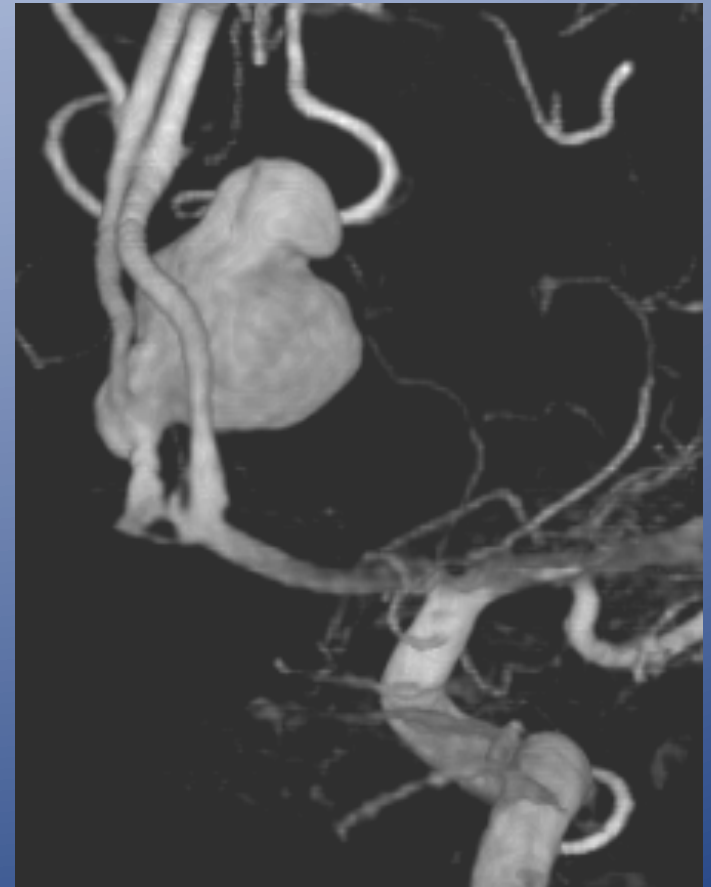
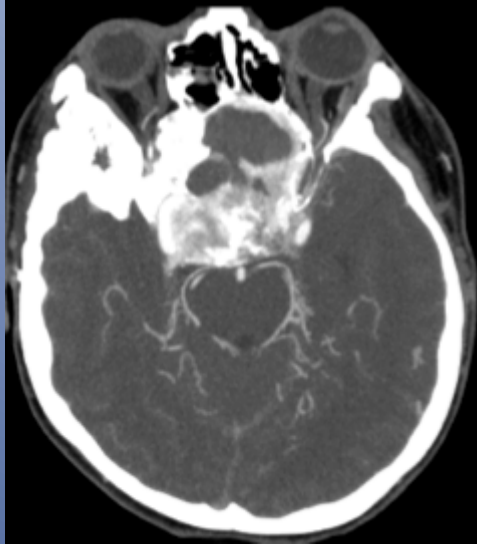
# Side to Side Anastomosis



Suture A  
fixed and  
continues

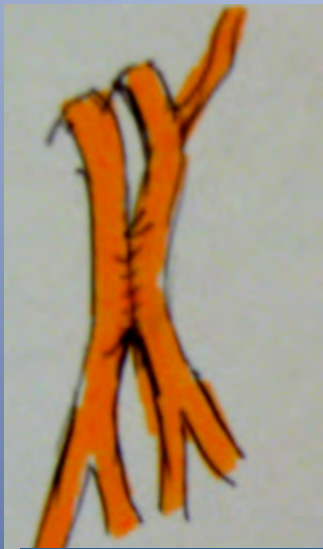
Suture B

26/F, Prior Fibrous Dysplasia Operation, SAH, Rebleed, HH3,  
Fisher 4, Giant A2 Aneurysm H3079358

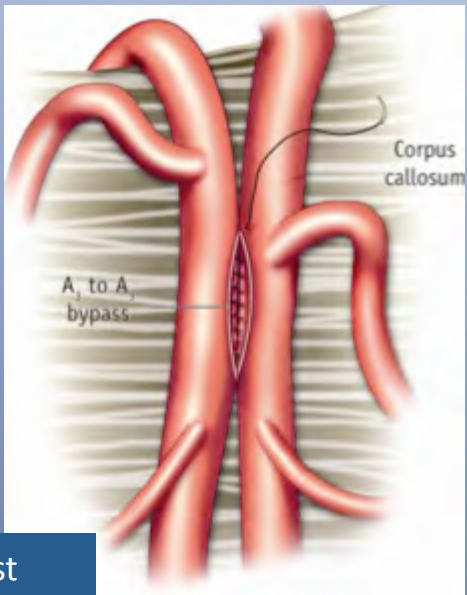


Aneurysm almost Fusiform, Clip Reconstruction failed

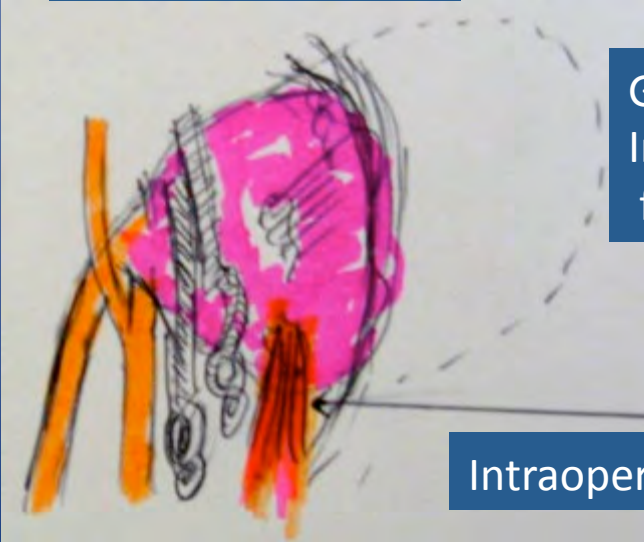
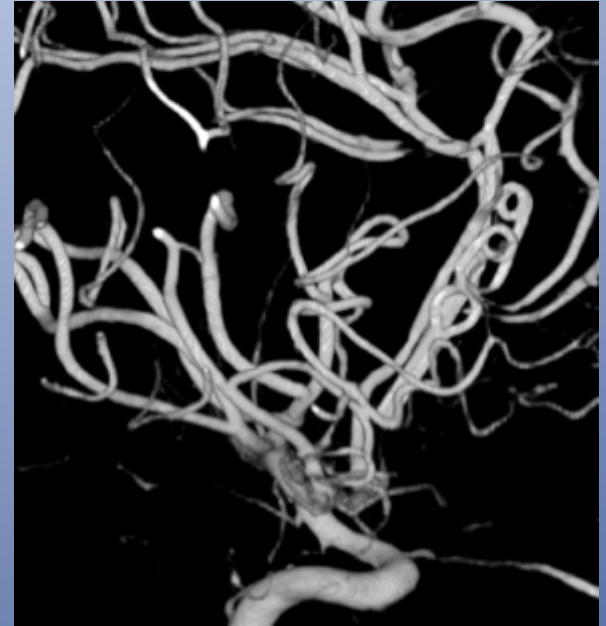
# Interhemispheric & Pterional Approach



A3 to A3 Bypass First

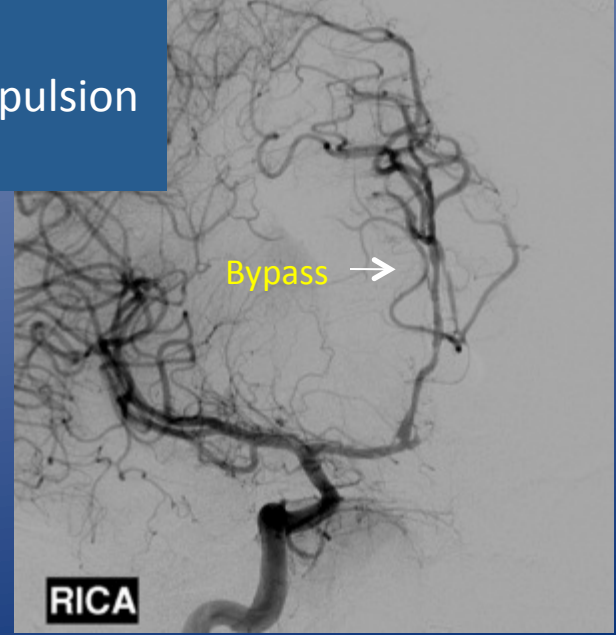


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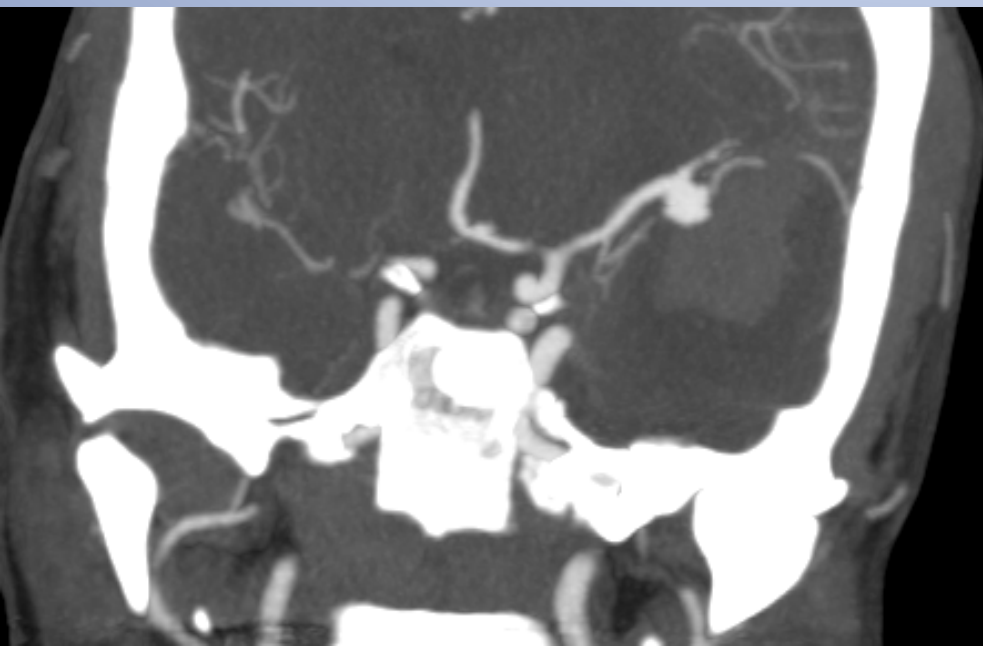


Intraoperative Rupture

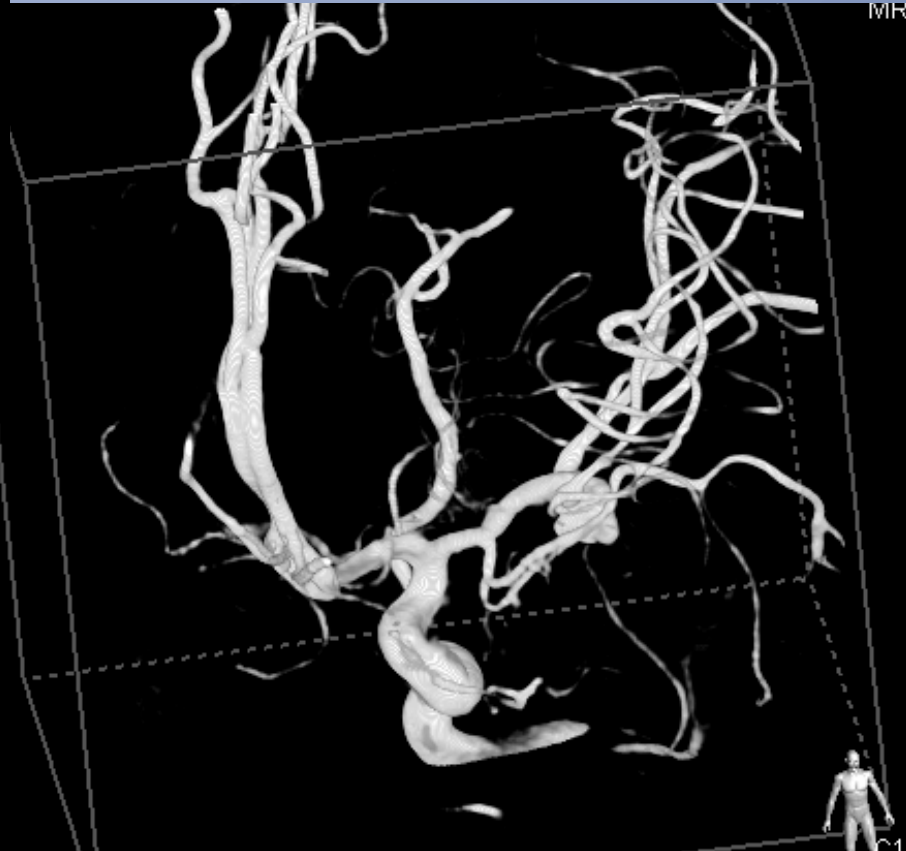
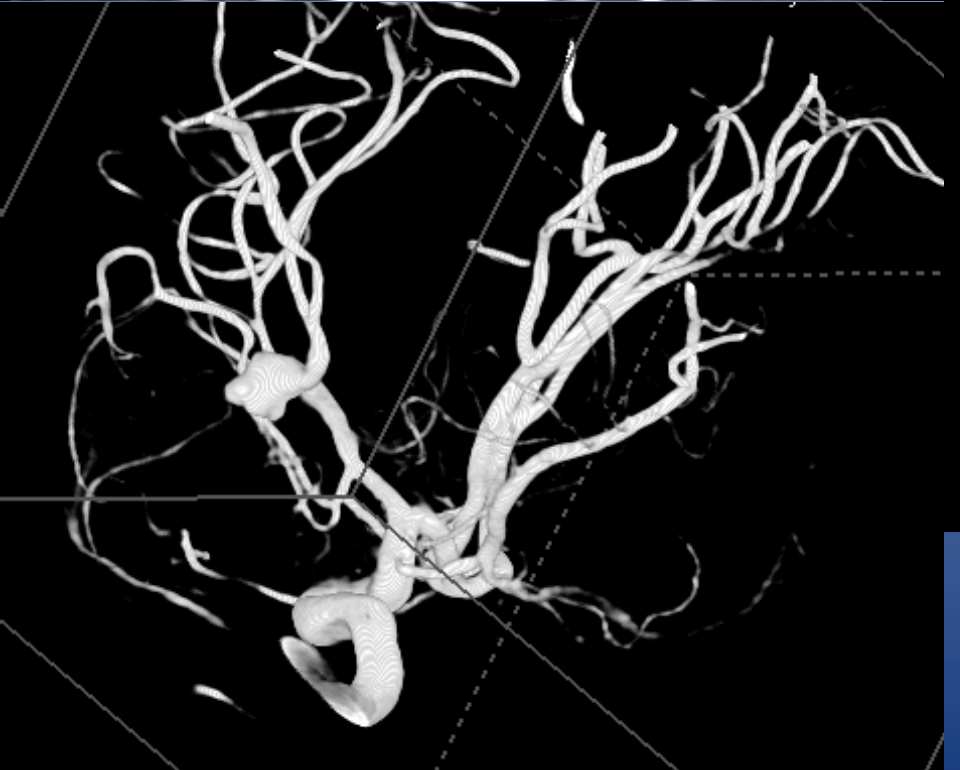
Good Recovery after Intra aortic Balloon Counterpulsion for Vasospasm Treatment



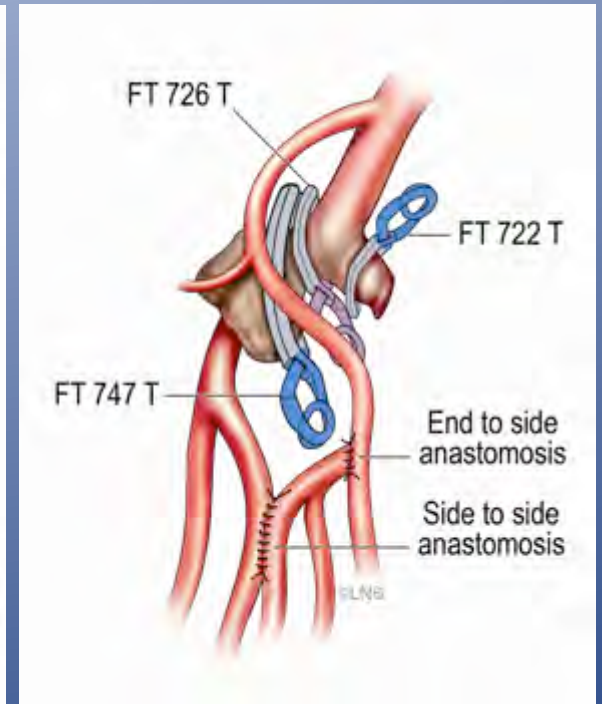
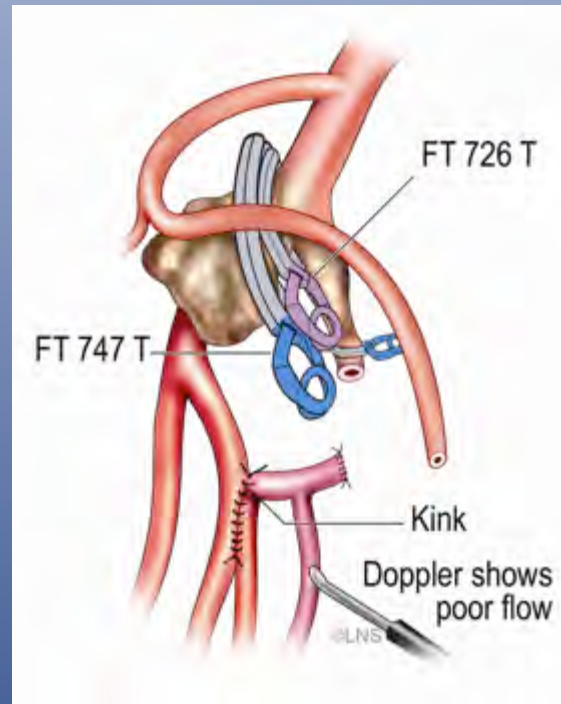
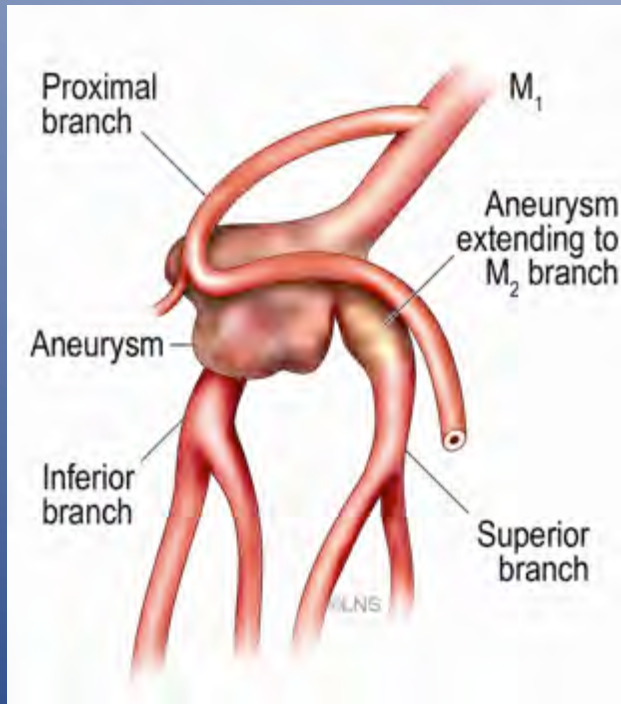
RICA



39/Woman, SAH H/H 3  
? Drug Use  
Possible Rebleed

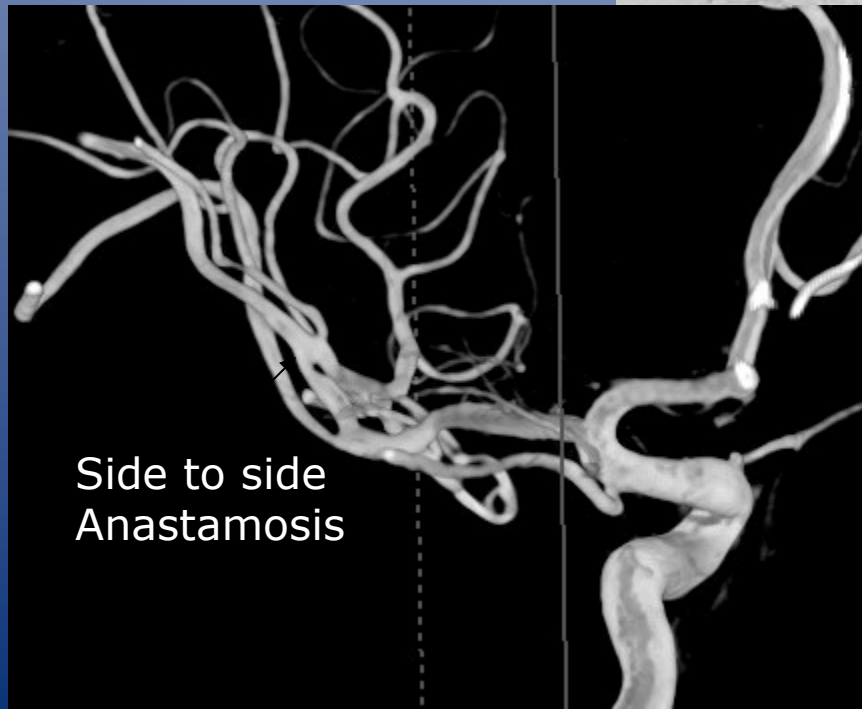
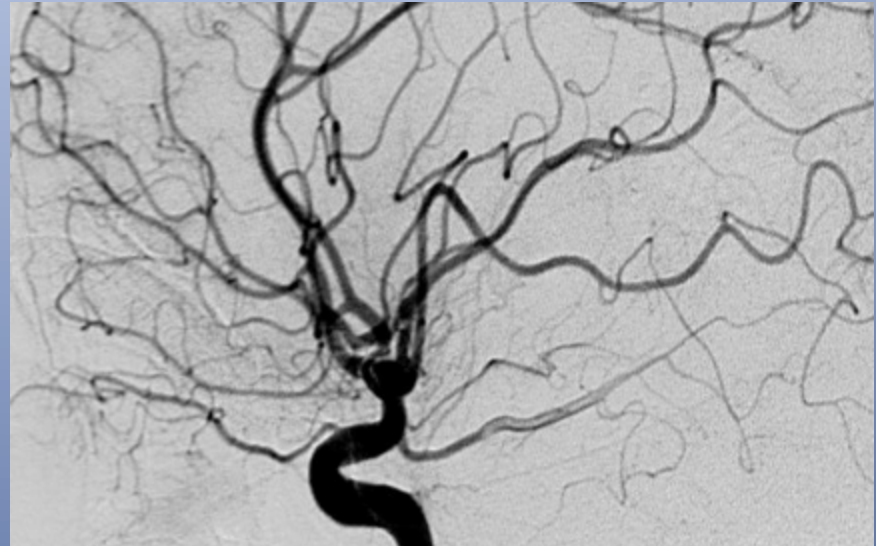


Microsurgical clipping; MCA M2 branch end to side anastomosis  
Anastomosis caused kinking, and micro Doppler flows were inadequate;  
So, an additional reimplant was done from M1 to anterior temporal branch



Postoperative Course-  
Angioplasty for spasm M1

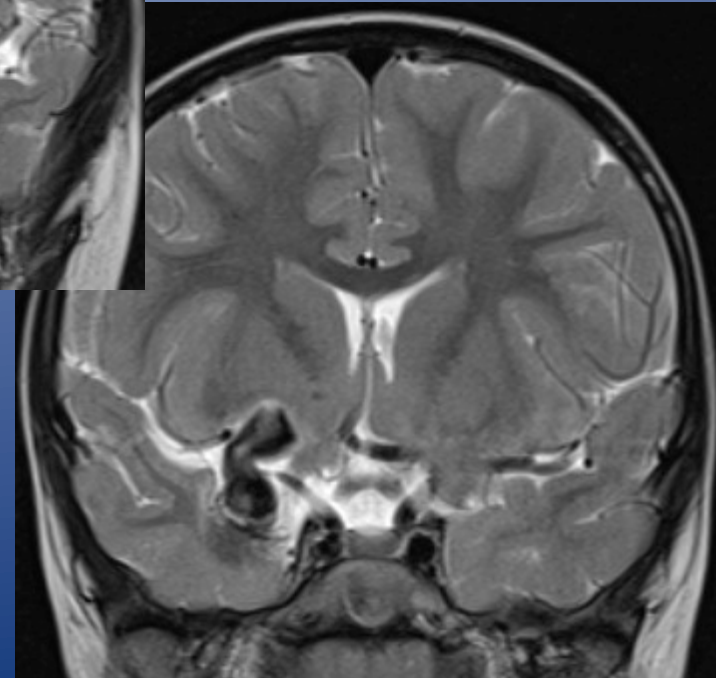
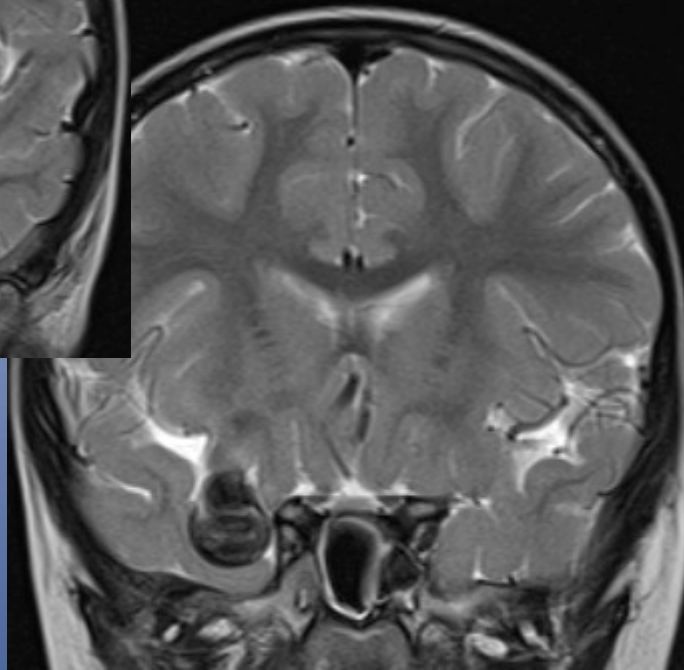
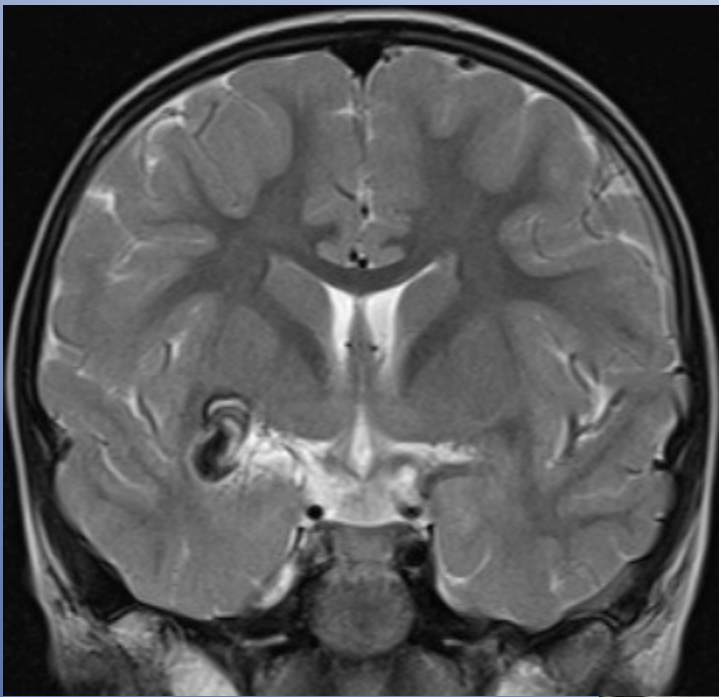
**6 month Follow Up:** Completely recovered, mRS



# Interposition Graft Technique

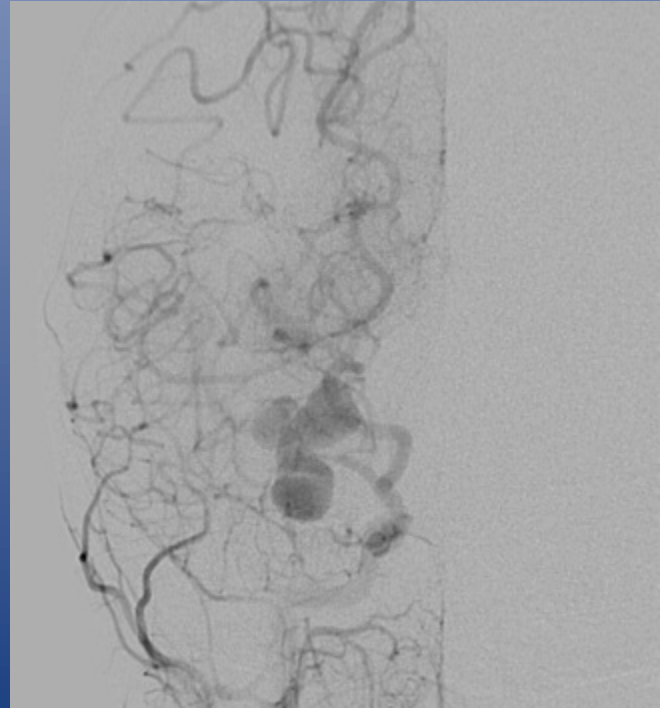
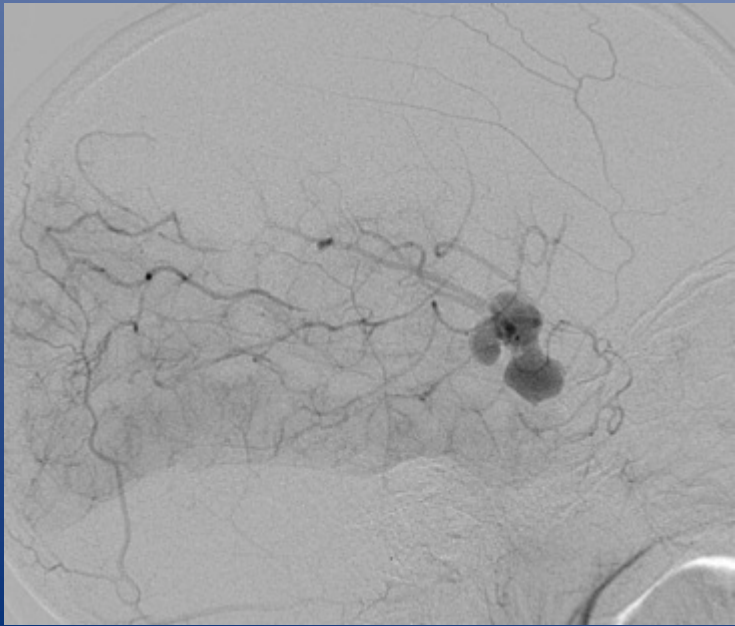
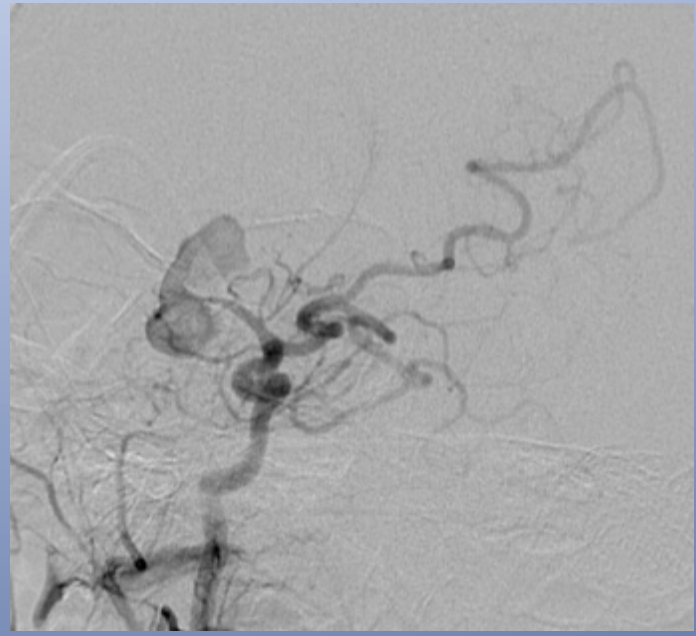
- A variety of vessels may be used- (e.g.) STA, Superior thyroid or lingual A. , Radial A., Saphenous Vein etc.
- Interposition is done when the gap is more than 1 cm and the vessels cannot be approximated without tension
- Interposed graft should be slightly longer than the gap
- End to end Anastamosis, with fish mouthing of one side

4 yr/ Girl, with Episodes of Severe Headaches x 2

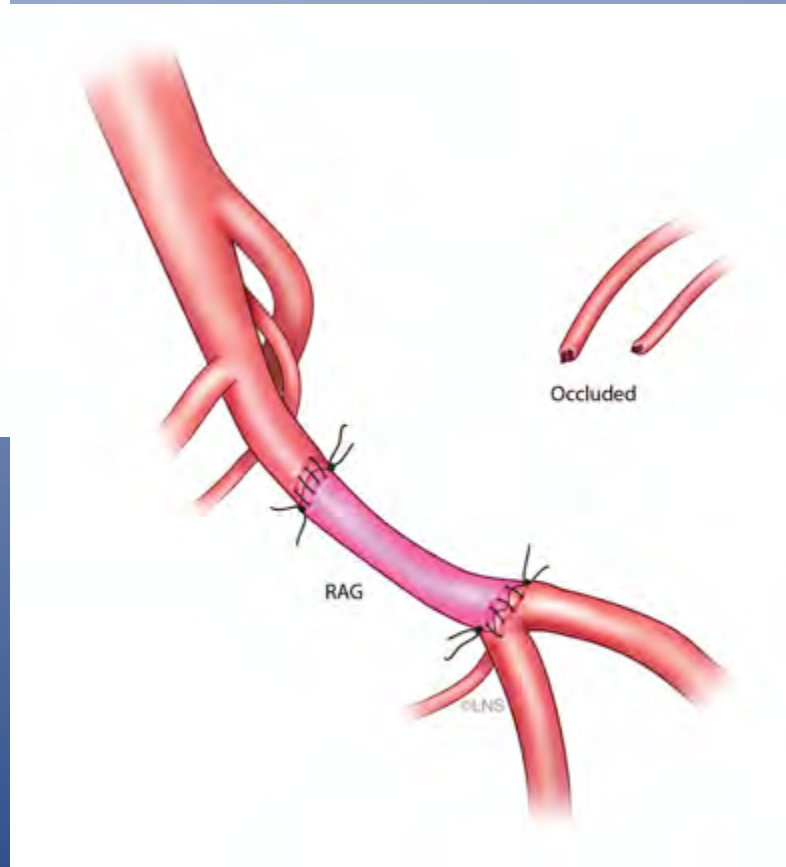
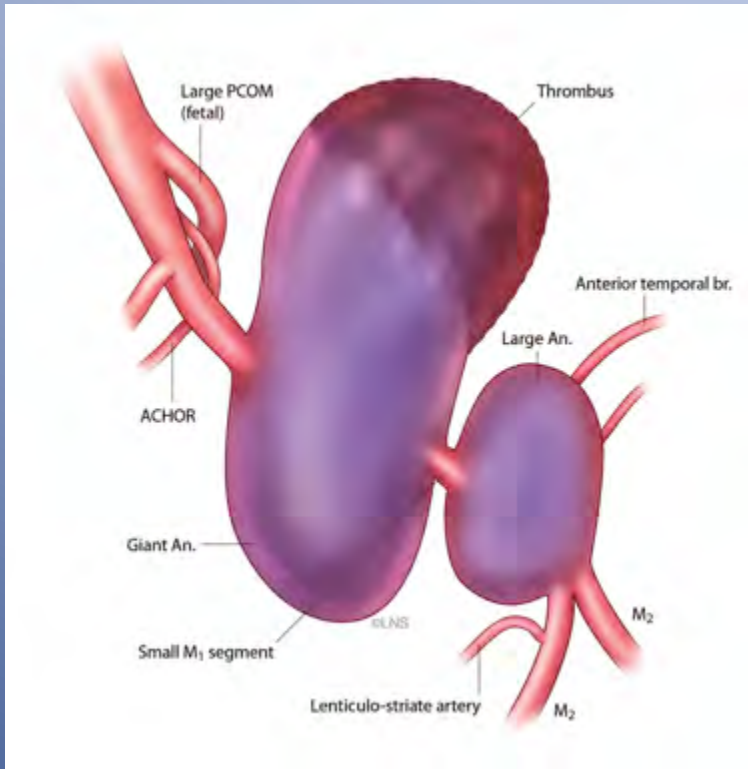


Large and Giant M1 Aneurysms  
Sentinel Bleeds

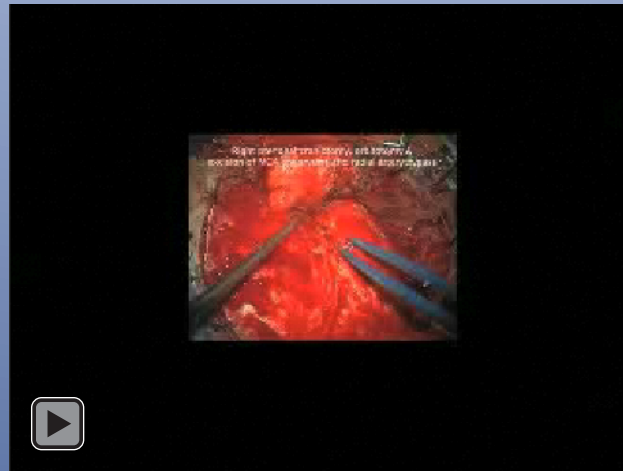




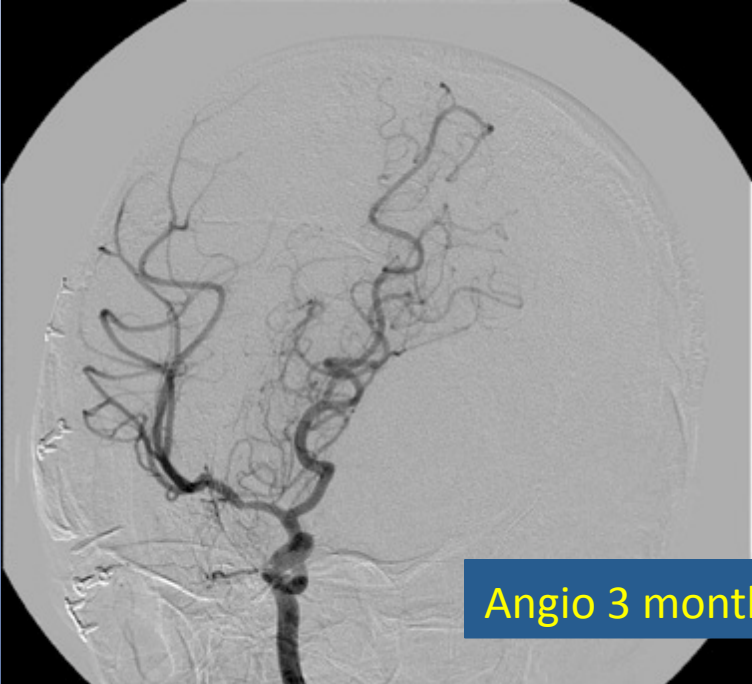
Frontotemporal Craniotomy  
Orbitotomy  
Aneurysms Resected  
RAG Interposition Graft  
Radial Artery repaired with SVG



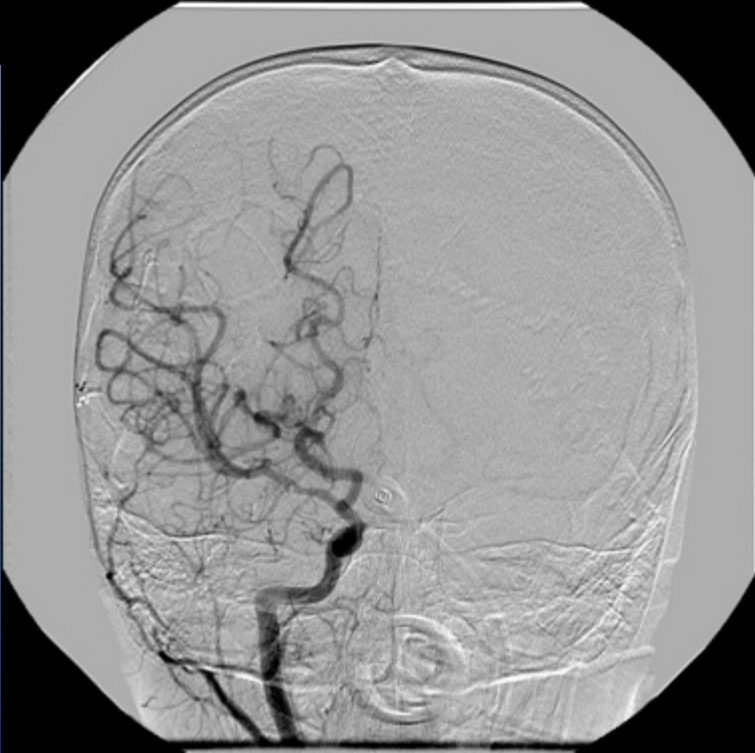
# Video 3:



6 months Postoperative



Angio 3 months

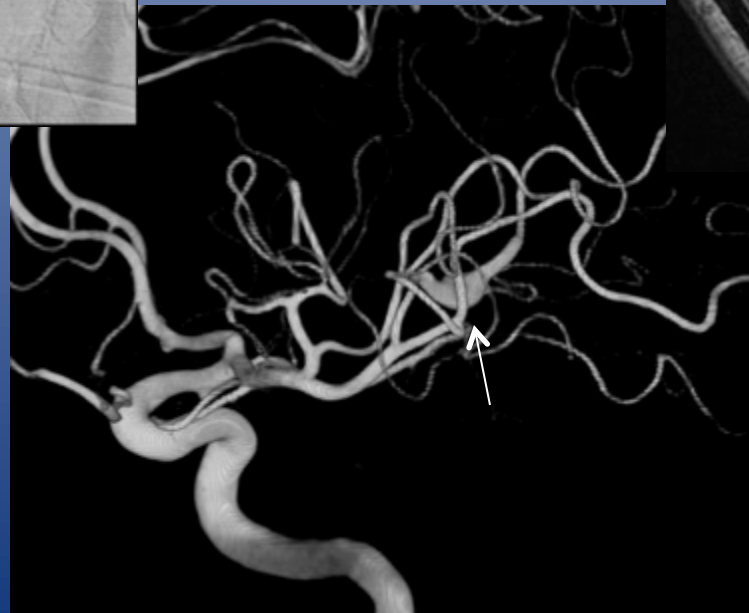
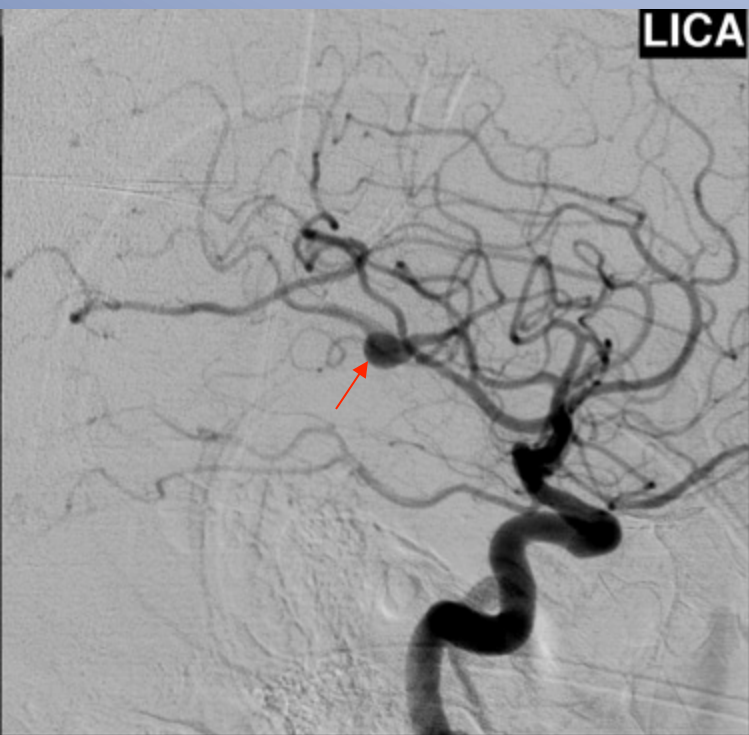


# STA- MCA Bypass

- Useful, particularly for M3, M4 aneurysms
- A large STA to MCA bypass can replace the ICA, if other collateral are present
- The STA is dissected thro a regular craniotomy incision, which allows the harvesting of both frontal and parietal branches , if needed
- It is anastomosed to the largest MCA vessel possible (usually M3 or M2 branch)
- **Caution:** Bypass may not be adequate to prevent a stroke

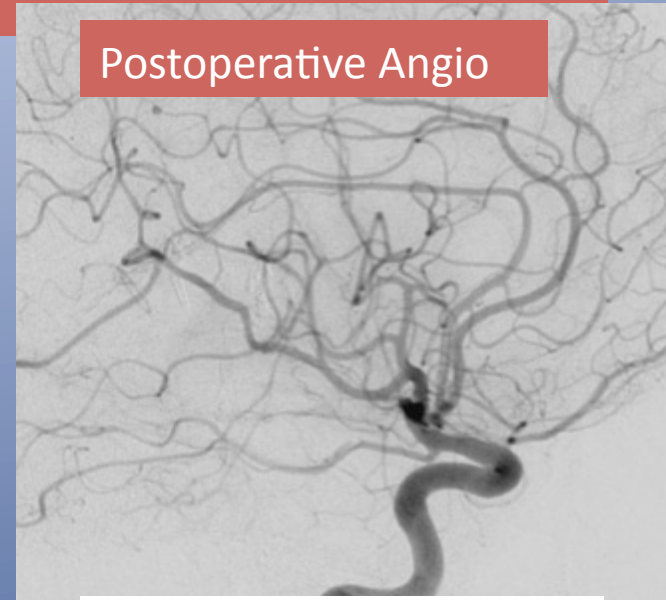
Spasm of the artery or compression due to brain swelling may have devastating consequences

37 yo male presented with severe head ache and seizures due to SAH- ruptured aneurysm



# STA to M4 Bypass and Aneurysm Resection

Postoperative Angio

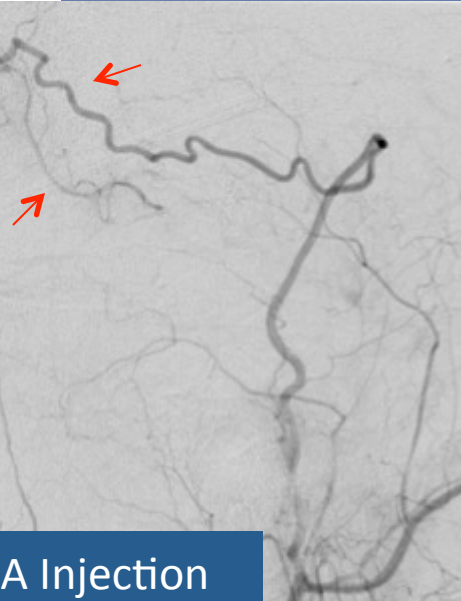
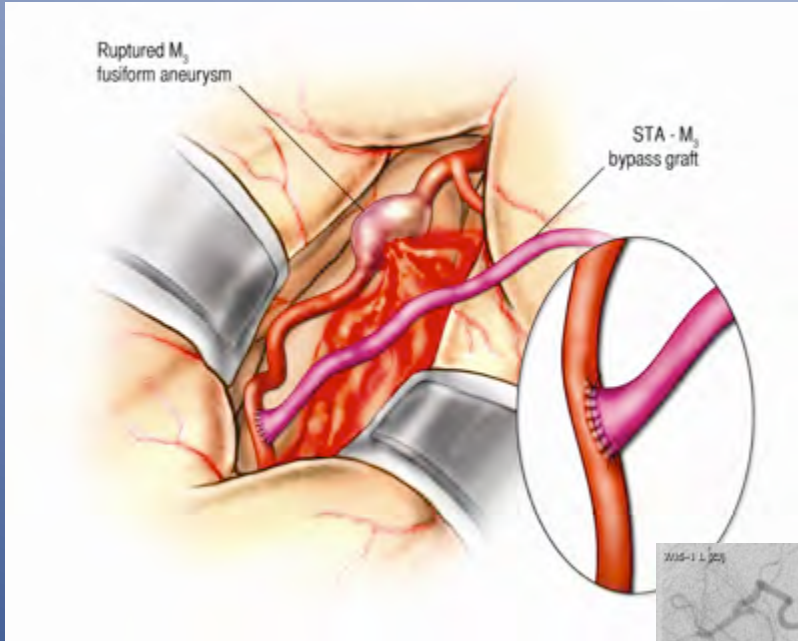


MRA after 3 months



Ruptured M<sub>3</sub>  
fusiform aneurysm

STA - M<sub>3</sub>  
bypass graft



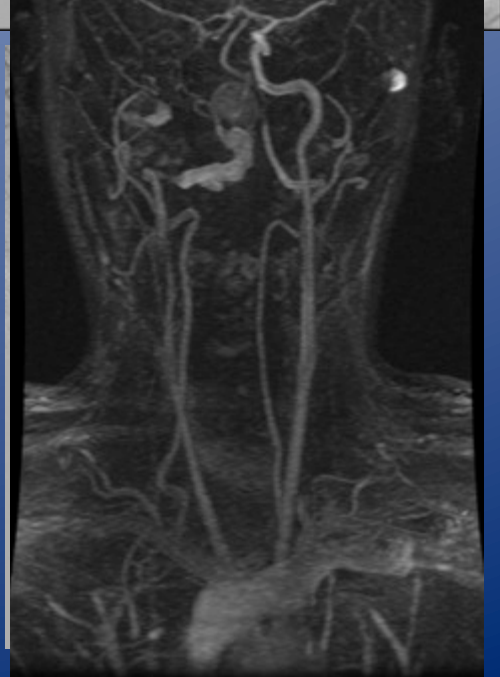
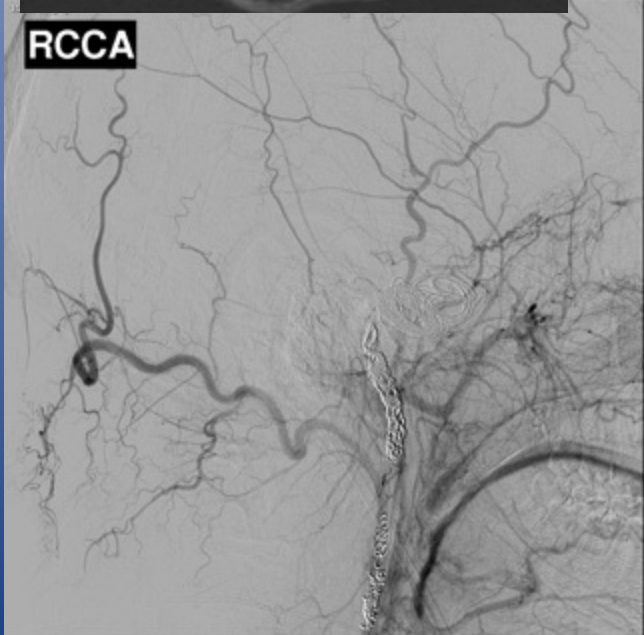
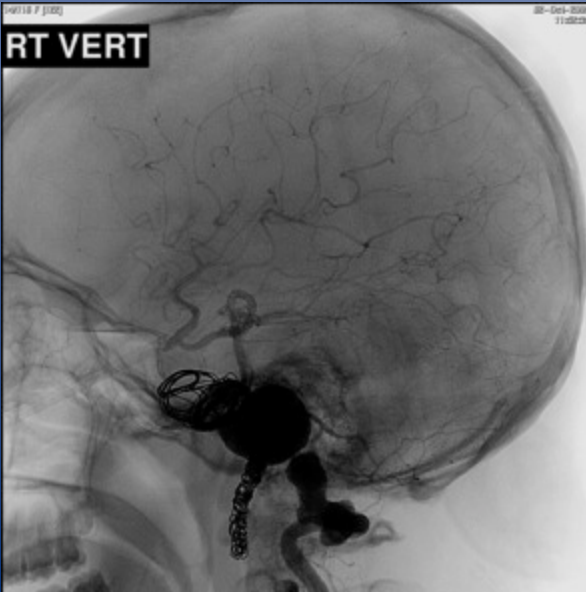
ECA Injection

21 yr old patient presented for evaluation of fusiform aneurysm of vertebral artery. Had previously coil obliterated dissecting ICA aneurysm 9 years ago

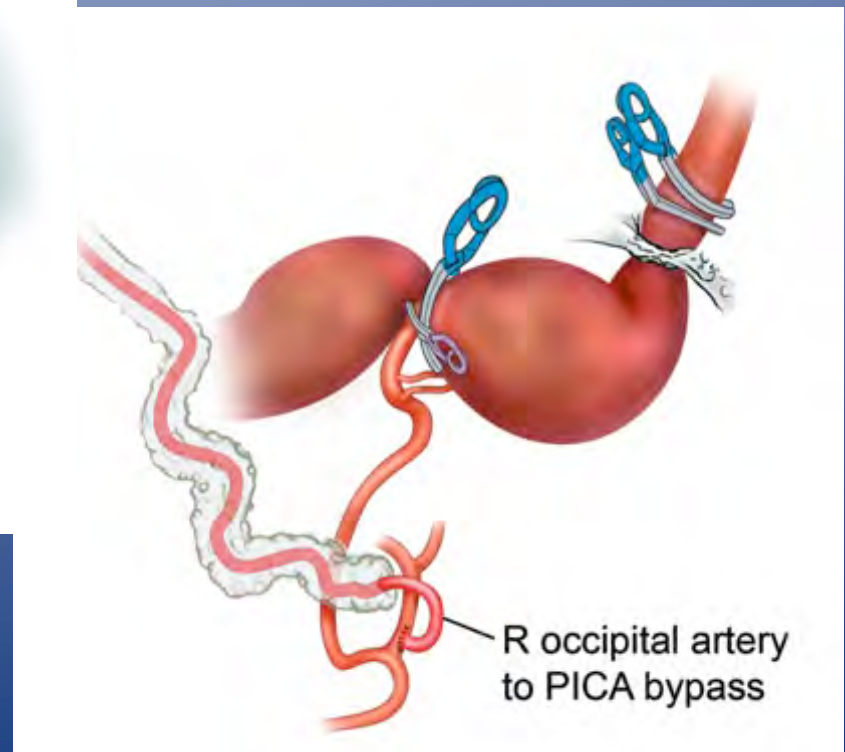
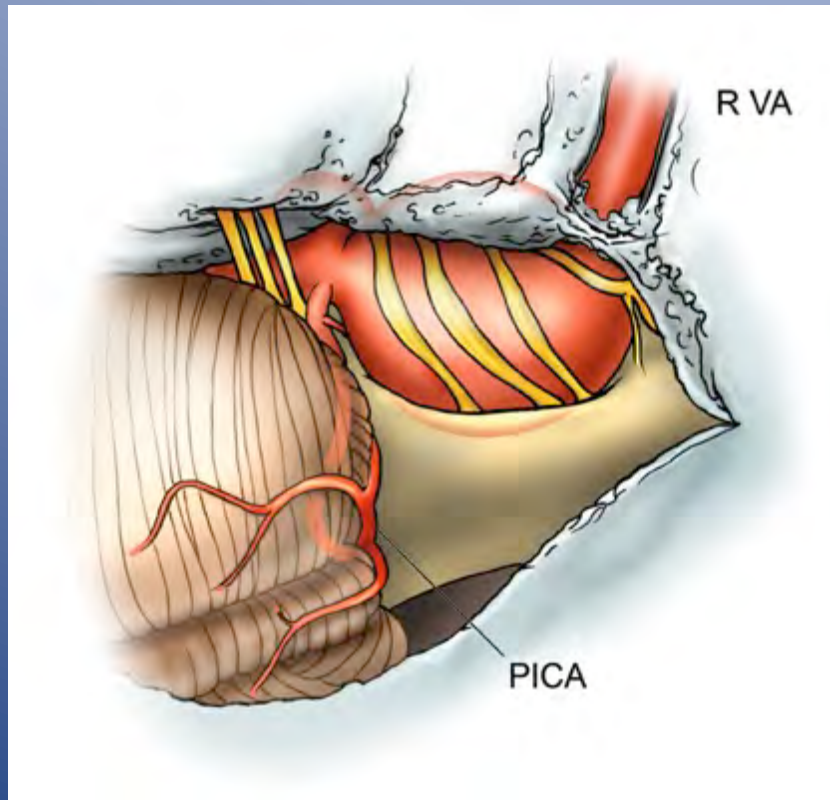




# Pre operative MRI AND Angiograms

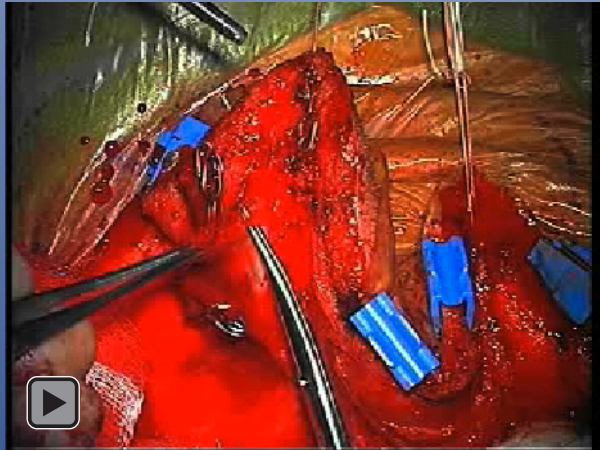


# Far lateral approach, OC-PICA anastomosis Proximal Occlusion, and Clipping of Aneurysm

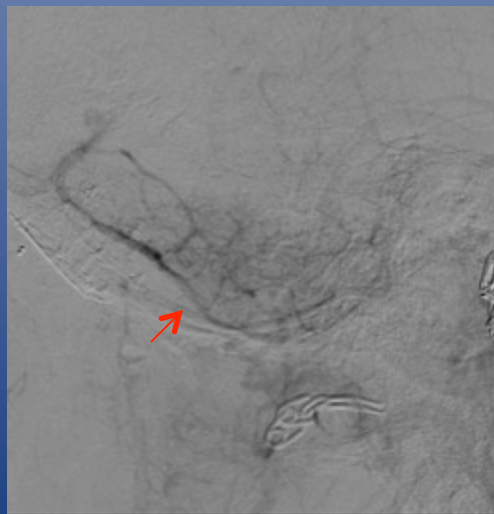
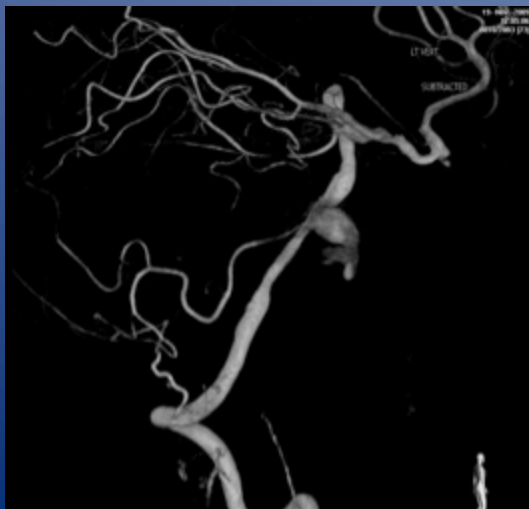
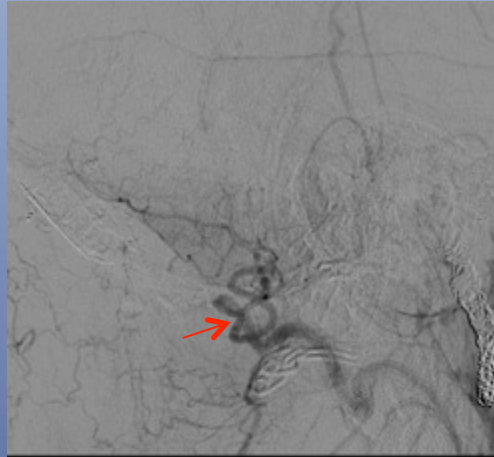


# Far lateral approach with OC- PICA anastomosis

Video 4:



# Post Operative 1



# Second Operation

ECA to R MCA Radial Artery Graft



# High Flow Bypasses

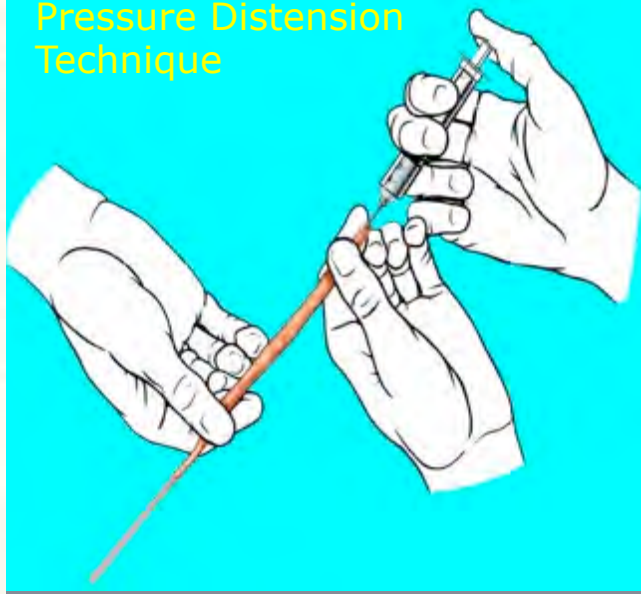
- Are Generally Preferred for the replacement of large Arteries
- Particularly Important if Collateral Circulation is Poor
- A “Temporary Bypass using the RAG” may be useful when prolonged temporary occlusion is planned
- A Higher Level of technical Skill is needed
- “An operation with a 1000 steps”, all of which need to be executed properly
- Preference of Vessels: Radial Artery > Saphenous Vein > Anterior Tibial Artery

# Radial Artery or Saphenous Vein?

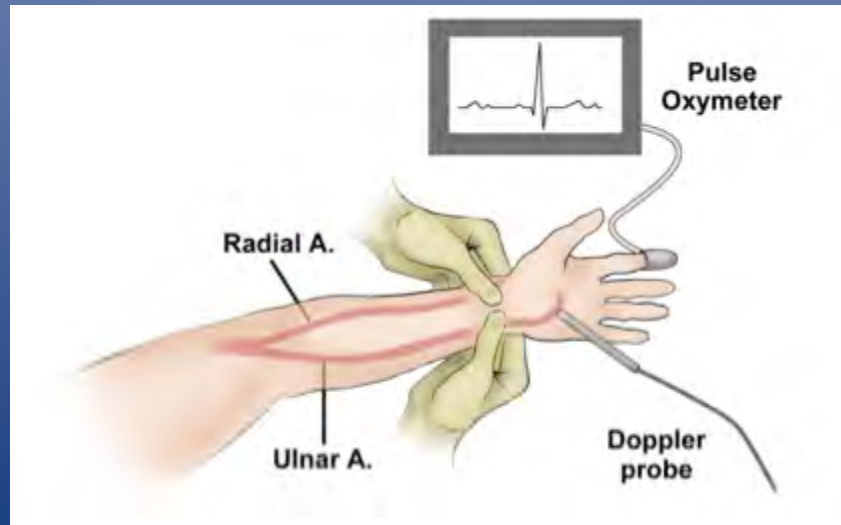
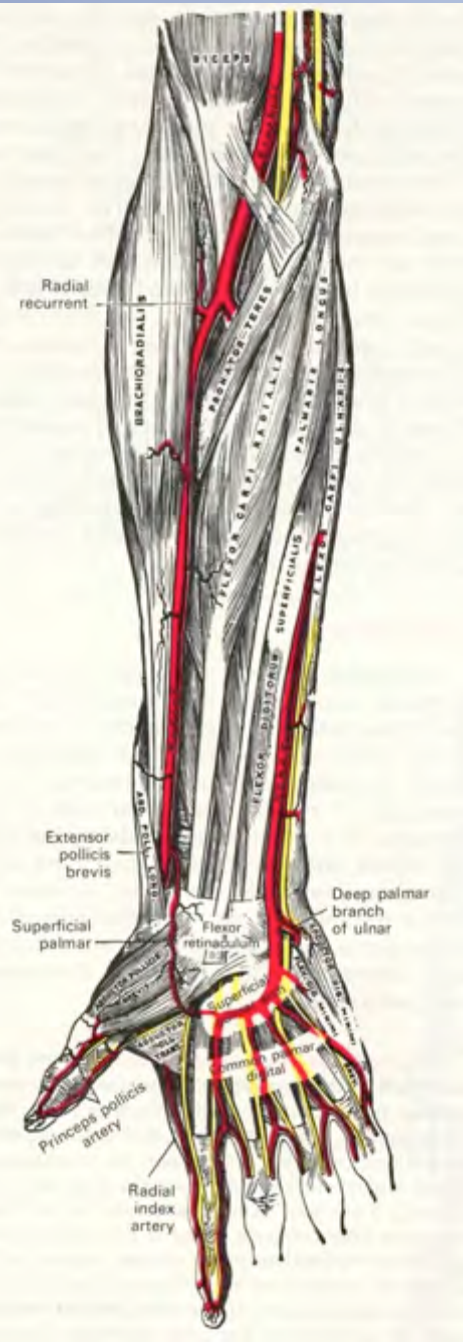
- Preoperative Duplex Scanning
- I prefer RA with at least .20 cm diameter
- I prefer SVG with at least .25 cm diameter, usually  $>.3$  cm over a 20 cm length
- Since the vein is used without reversal, the inferior diameter is important, upper leg to mid thigh usually has a uniform diameter
- Useful to mark the course of vein on the leg and thigh by Ultrasound Exam

# Radial Artery Graft

Pressure Distension  
Technique



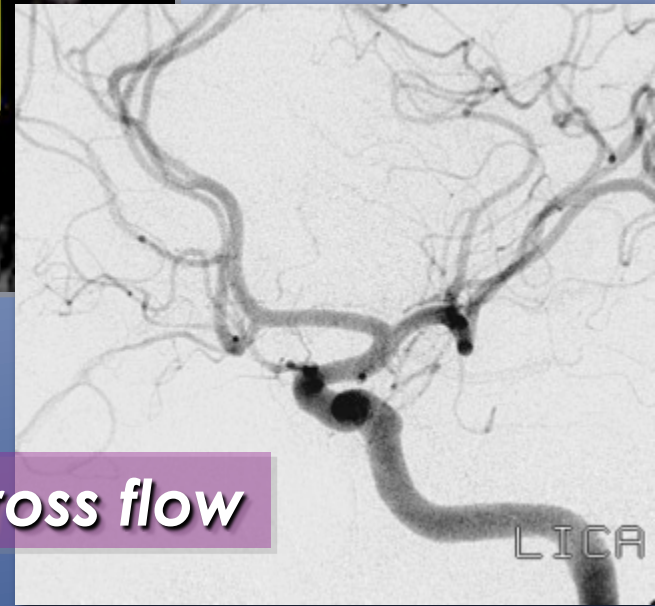
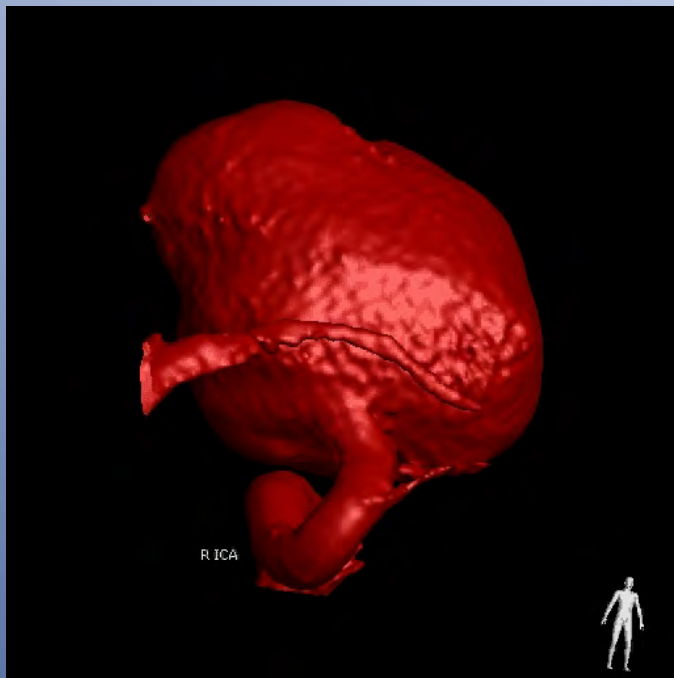
Video 5:



# SVG Exposure

- Vein may be very superficial inferiorly, and can be easily damaged
- Branches are ligated or clipped, slightly away from the main vein
- Left in situ until the extraction
- Endoscopic Extraction May be Used, recent results indicate higher occlusion rates

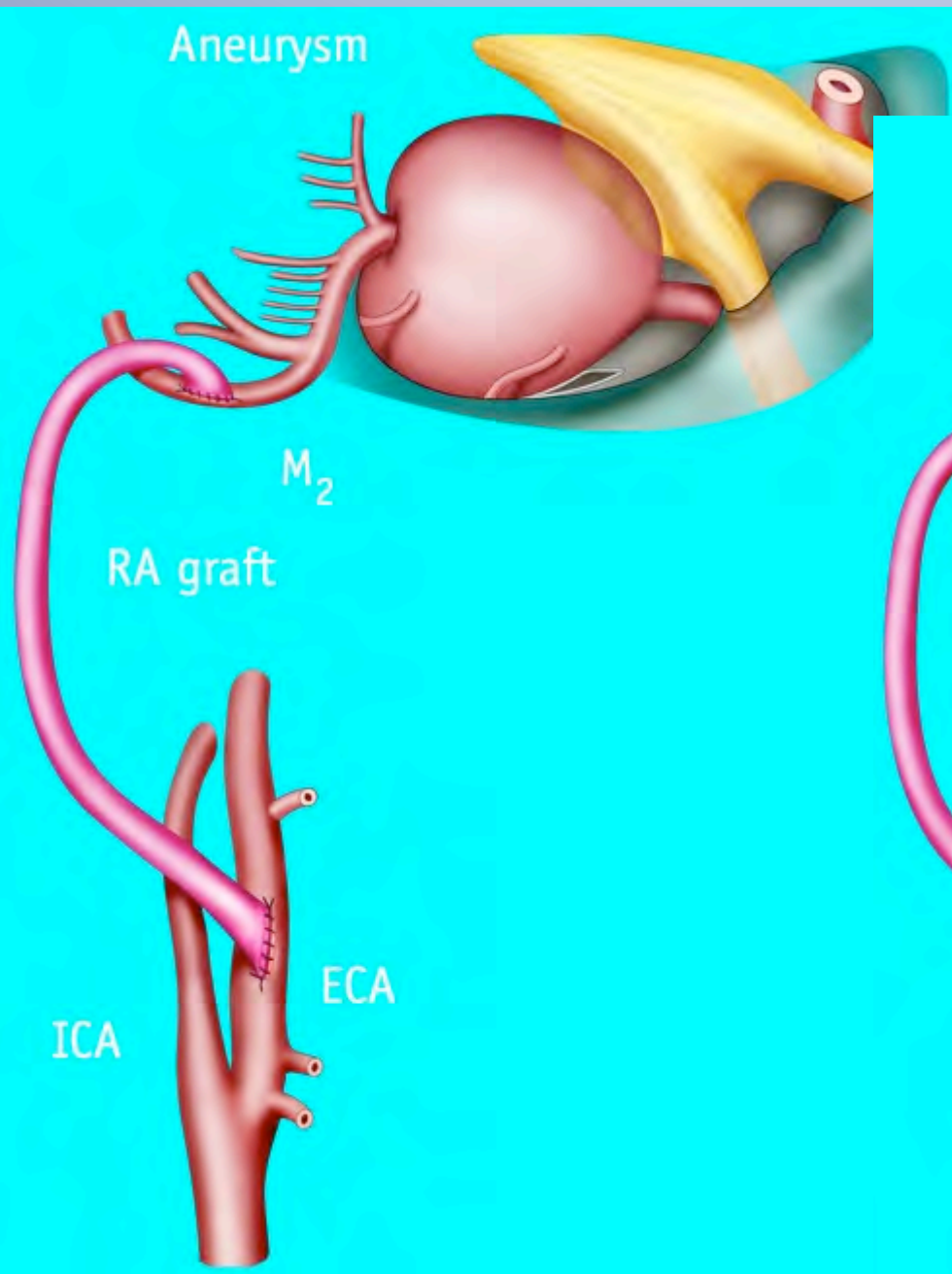




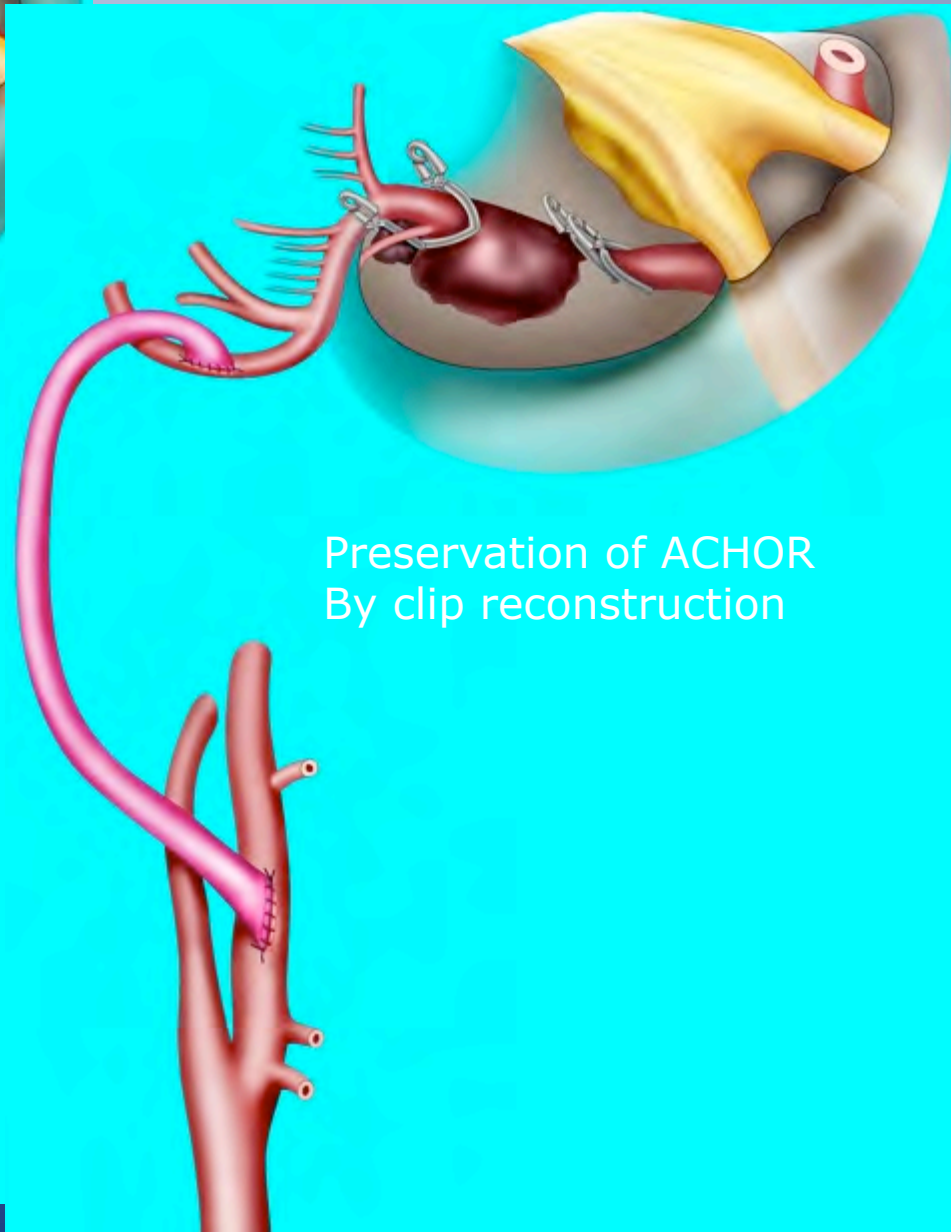
**Poor cross flow**

- 45 yr old Doctor
  - first noted visual problem in 2 weeks earlier
  - MRI led to angiogram
- Exam: Severe Headache
  - Left Hemianopsia

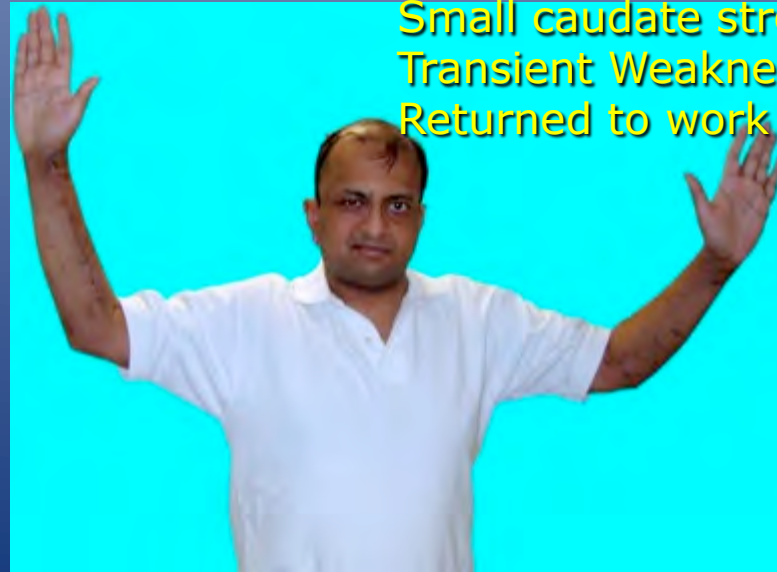
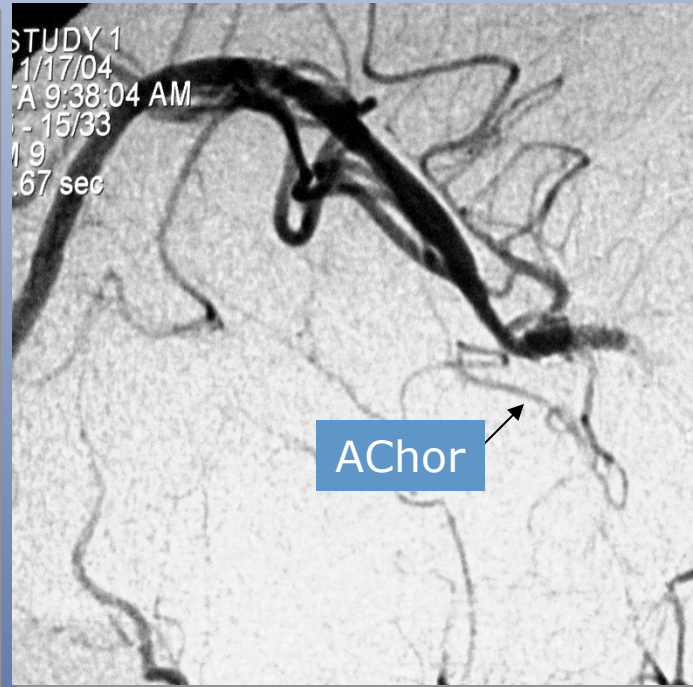
Aneurysm



Preservation of ACHOR  
By clip reconstruction



# Showing the Graft and Anterior Choroidal Artery



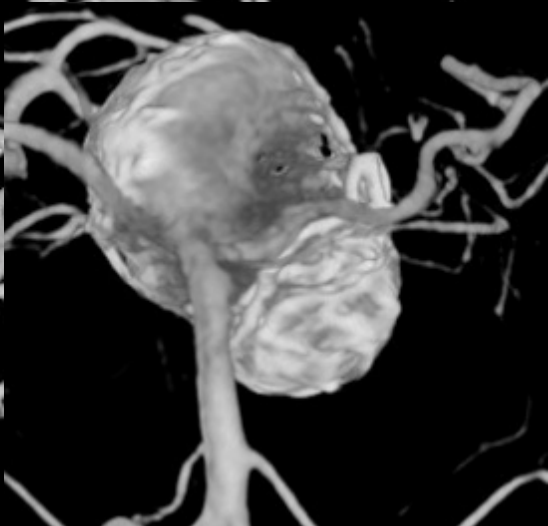
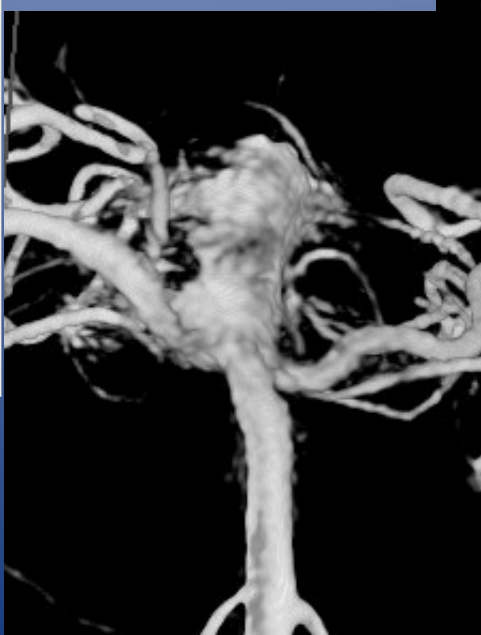
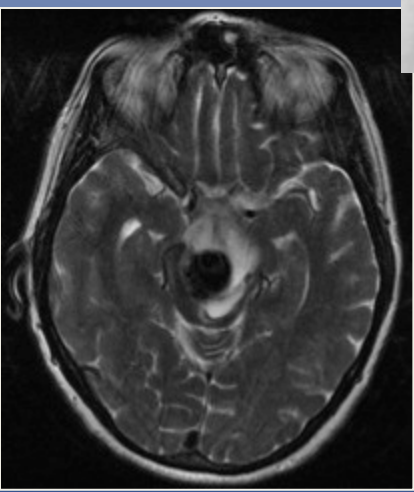
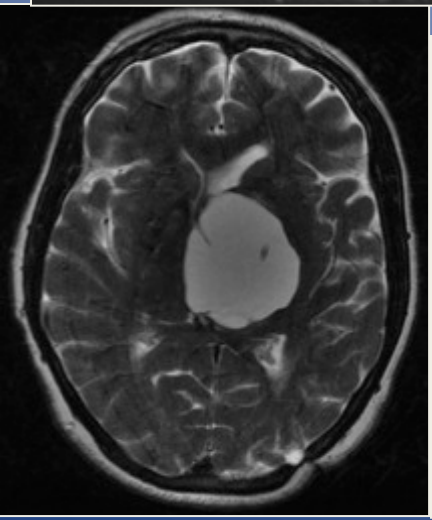
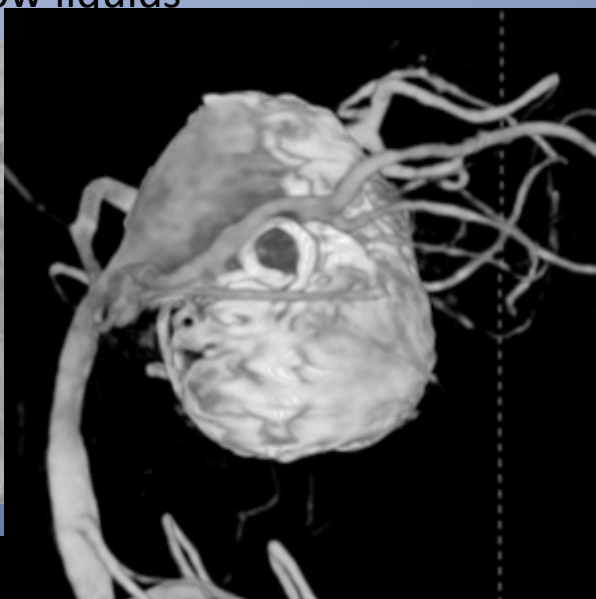
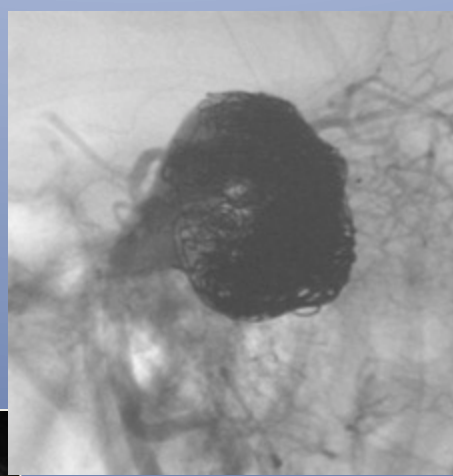
Small caudate stroke  
Transient Weakness for 3 days  
Returned to work after 6 Weeks



After 10 Years



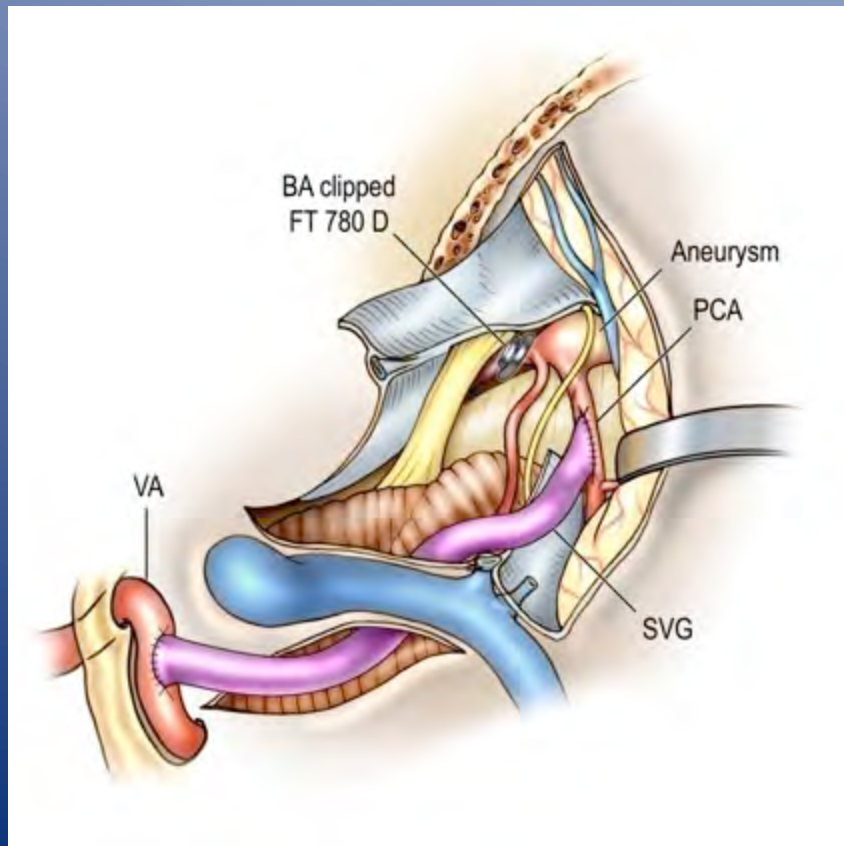
62 year old woman; Giant BA Tip Aneurysm; Unruptured  
Coiled 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005  
Progressively worse  
In a wheel chair, Quadriplegia, Dementia, Aphasia  
Gastrostomy, can only swallow liquids



**Giant Basilar Tip Aneurysm  
Multiply Coiled Previously**

## 7/2008 First Operation Endoscopic Fenestration of Cyst, and Shunt Insertion (RGE)

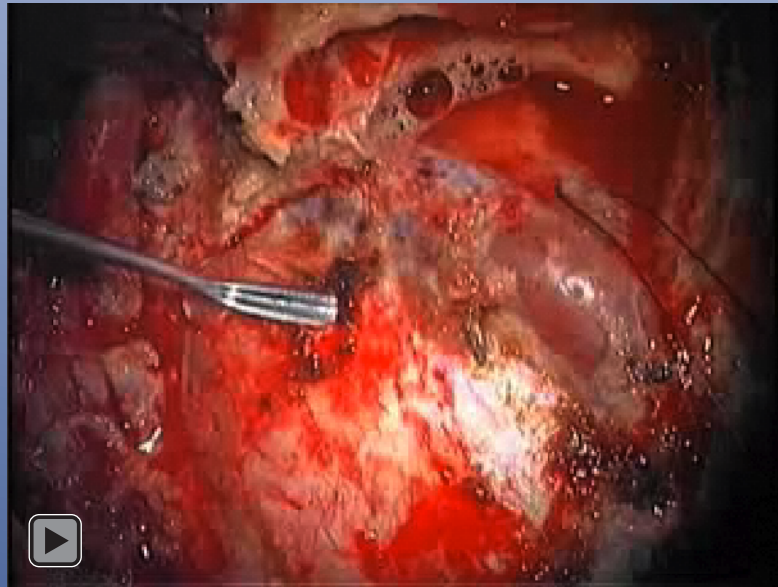
Finding: Coils had migrated into Previous Ventricular Catheter; New VP Shunt Inserted...



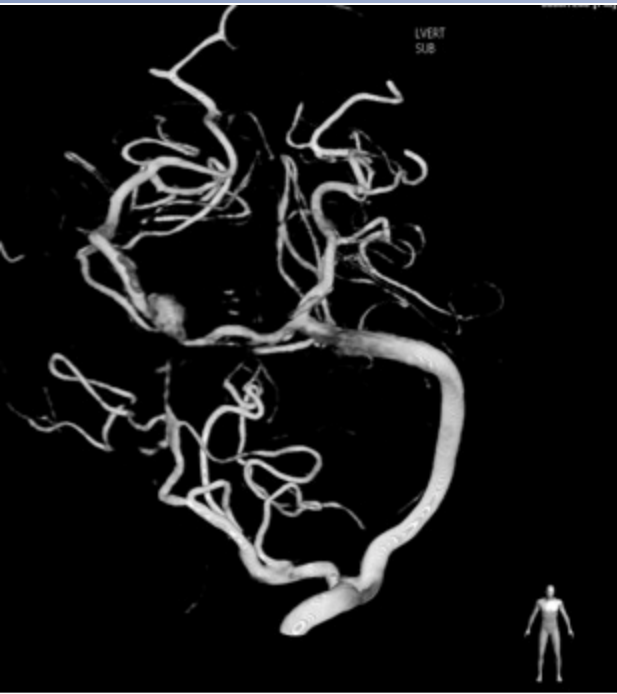
## 7/2008 Second Operation

- Transpetrosal and Extreme Lateral Approach
- SVG Bypass from Left VA (V3) to left PCA ; Occlusion of BA just below the SCA
- Postoperative Course: Transient Deterioration days 2-4, Gradual Improvement over 1 week

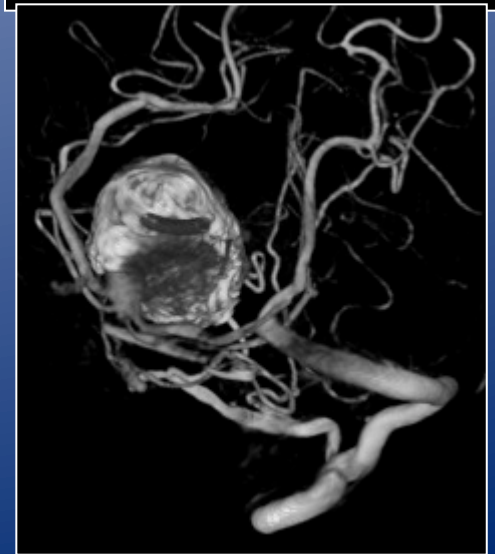
Video 7:



# At 18 month follow up



Graft patent with a small  
Stable aneurysm remnant.  
Both PCAs filling well, one by  
RAG and other by PCOM



Patient much improved,  
Speaking a few words, eating  
By herself, hemiparesis  
improved  
And able to walk with help  
mRS 3

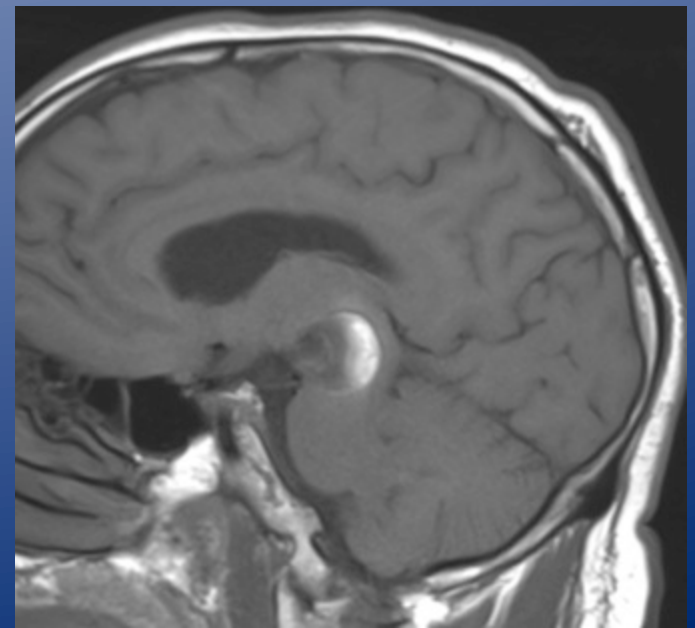
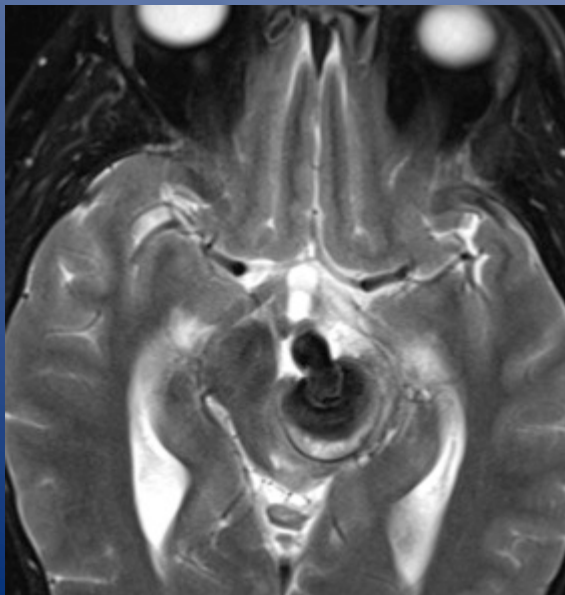
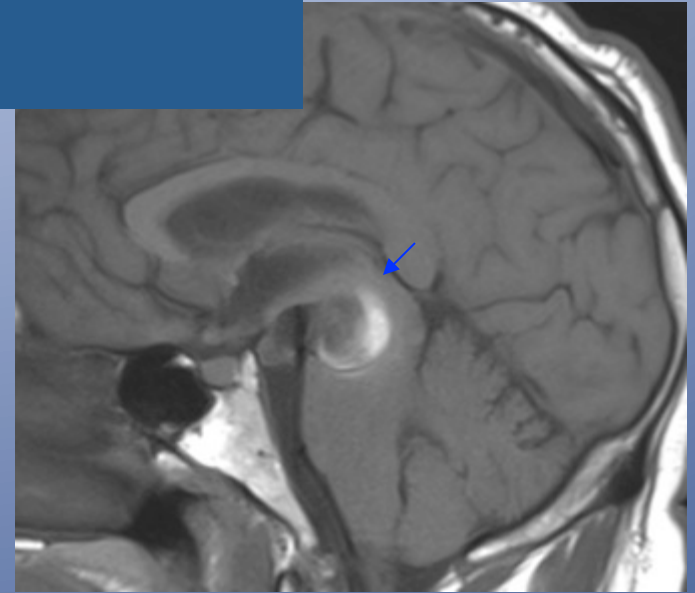


47 years, Male

1 mo progressive R Hemiparesis, R Pronator drift

Intermittent R facial numbness

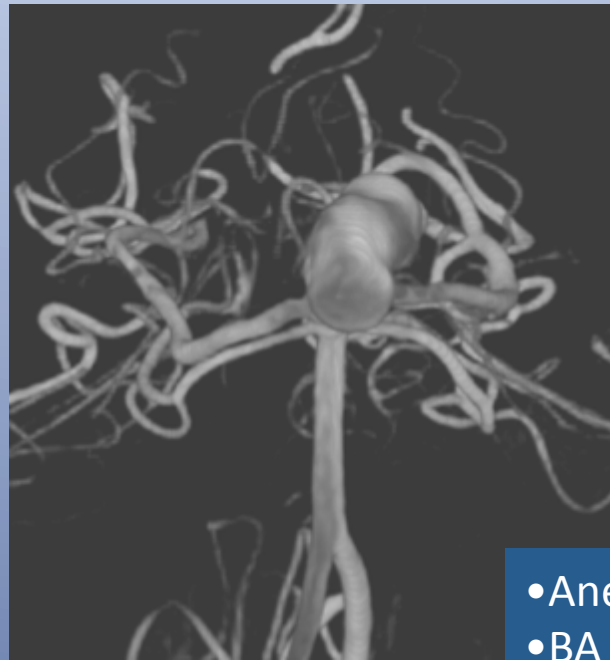
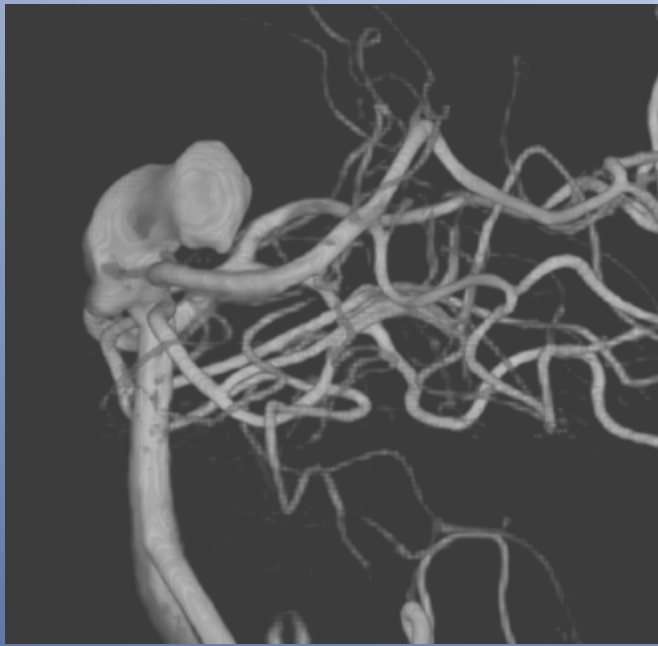
2 mo dizziness



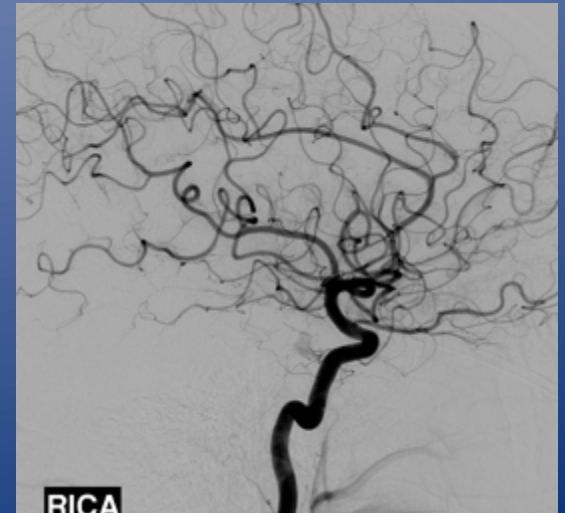
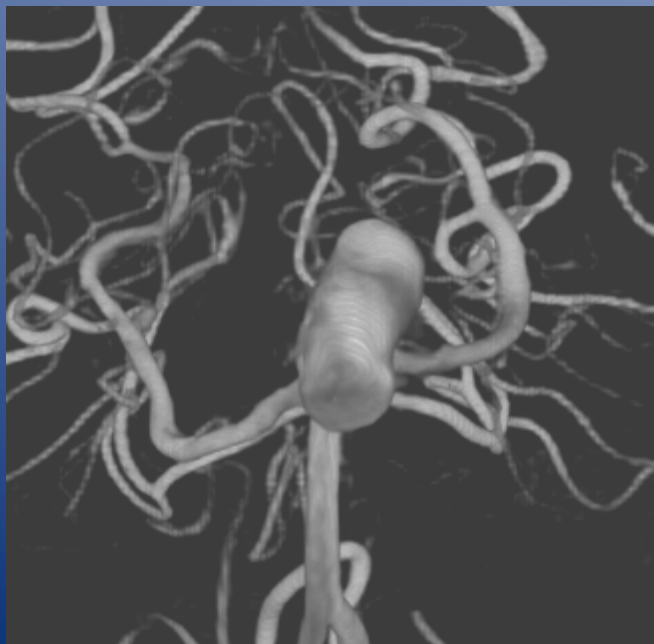
BA Tip Aneurysm

32 x 25 x 23 mm

Unruptured



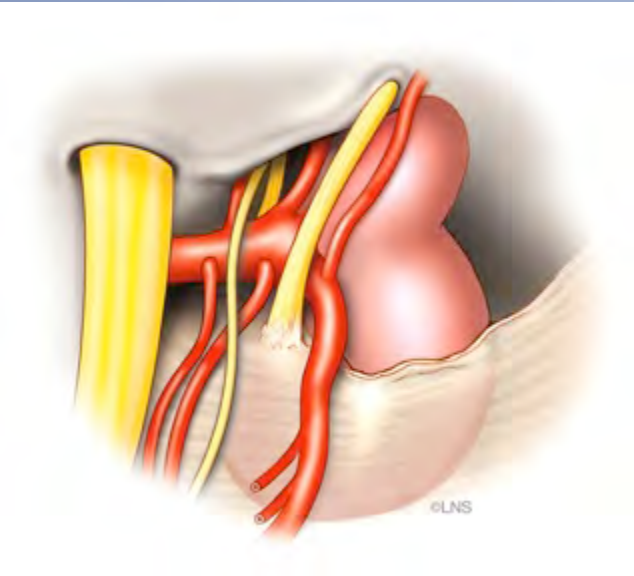
- Aneurysm Fills Partially
- BA Tip is 270° Involved by the Neck



No PCOM Collaterals

# Surgical Plan: Creation of New PCOM, then Proximal BA Occlusion

## Initial View



### Stage I: Approach

Left Presigmoid, Transpetrosal,  
Subtemporal

Aneurysm Had Ruptured Between stages 1 and 2

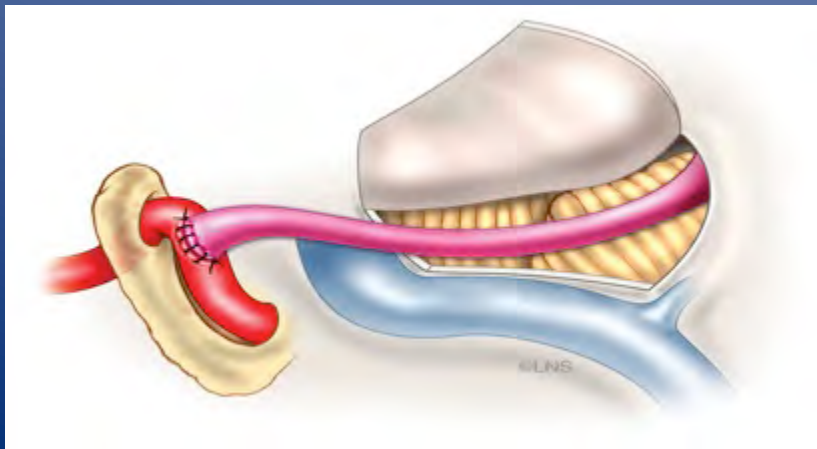
### Stage II: Bypass, and Proximal Occlusion (next day)

Right radial artery harvest

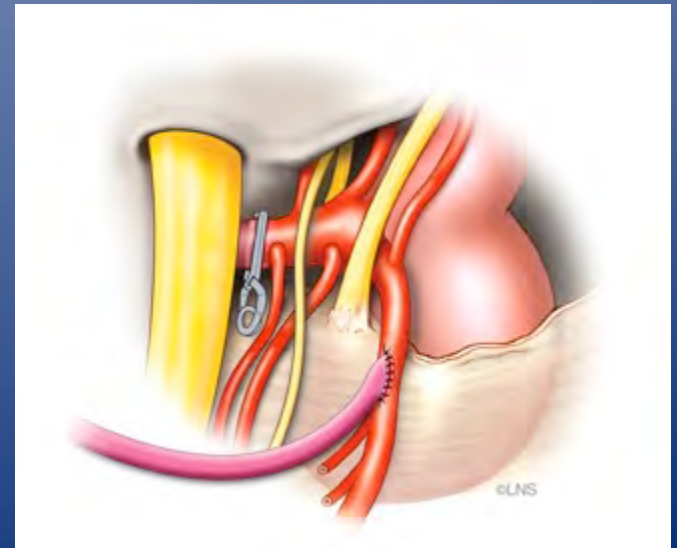
Left V3 to Left PCA Bypass

BA Clip Occlusion Just Below SCA

## Overview of Graft



## BA Occlusion



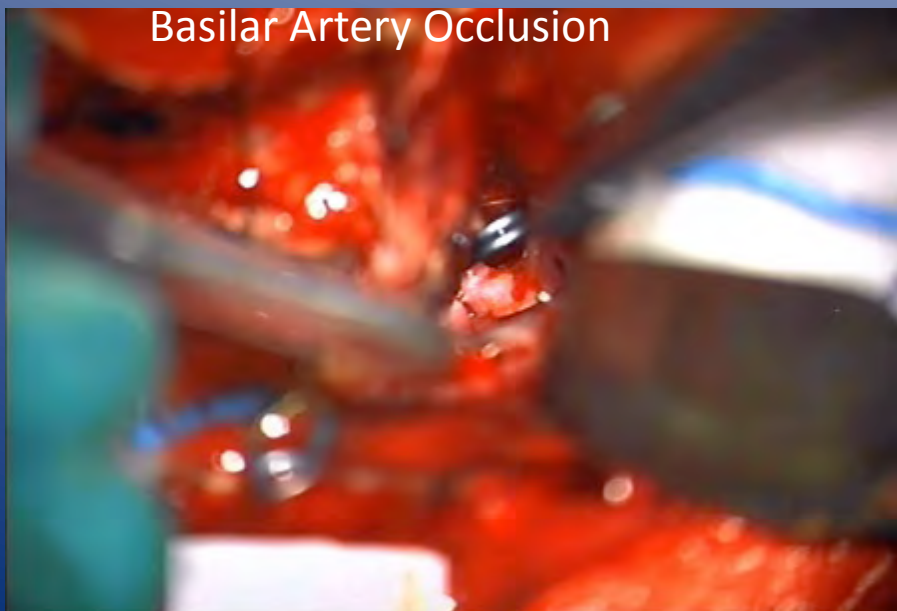
Graft sutured Distally



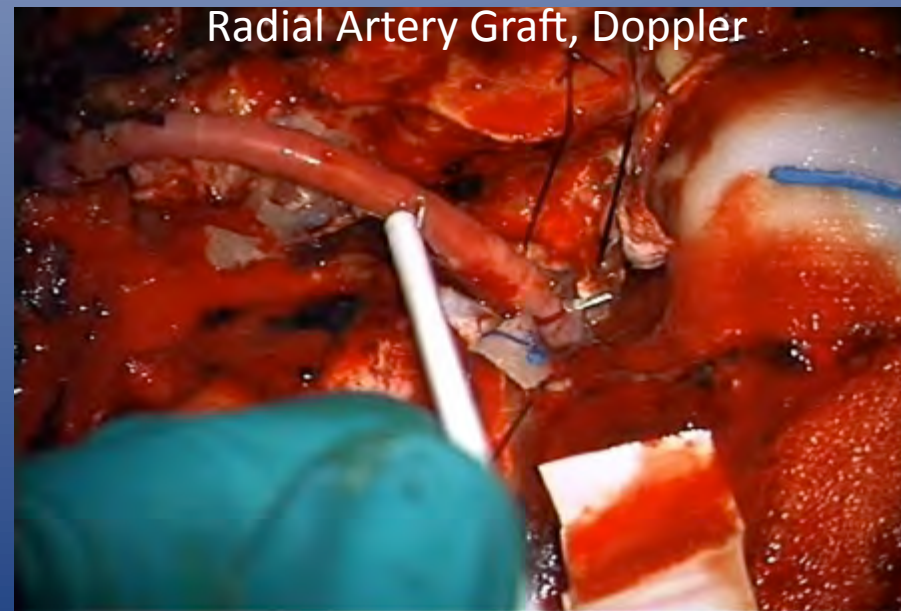
Graft Sutured Proximally

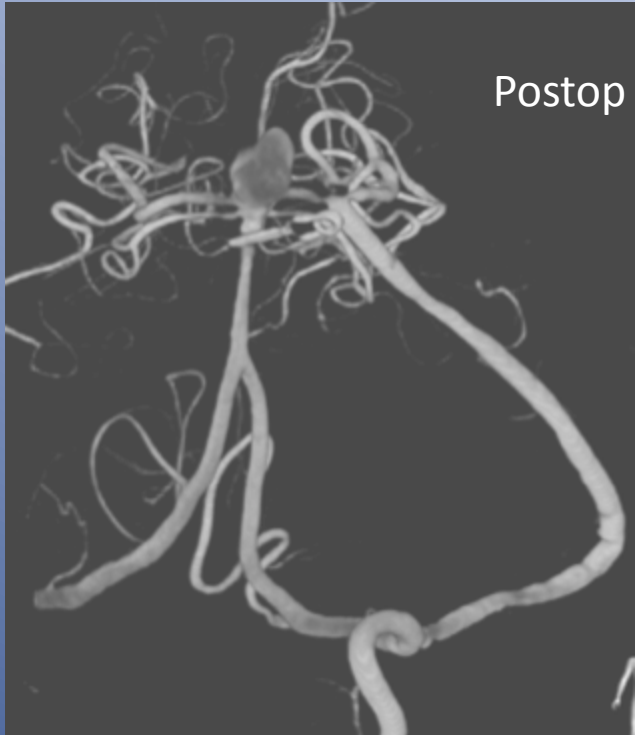


Basilar Artery Occlusion

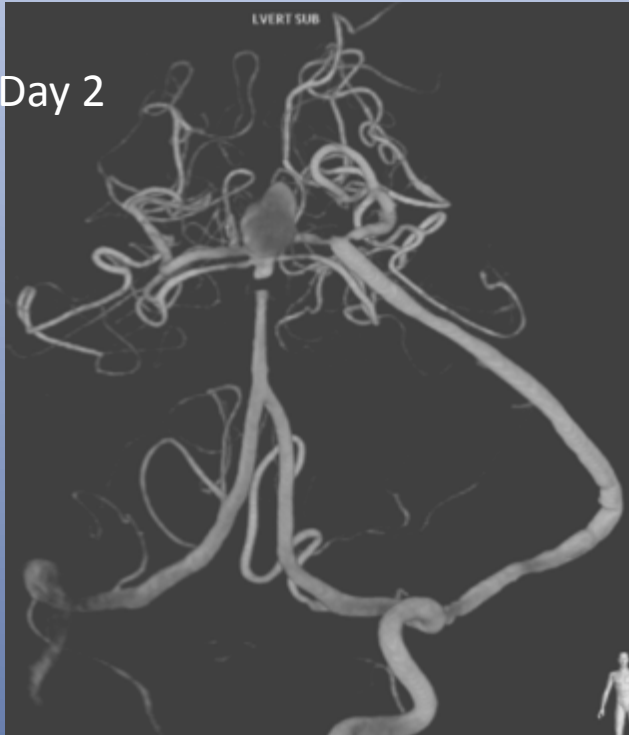


Radial Artery Graft, Doppler





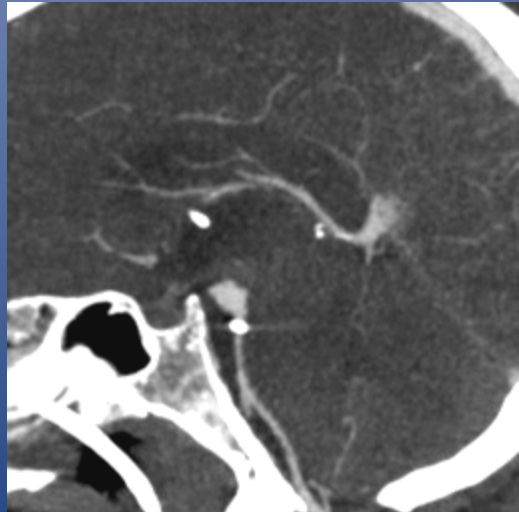
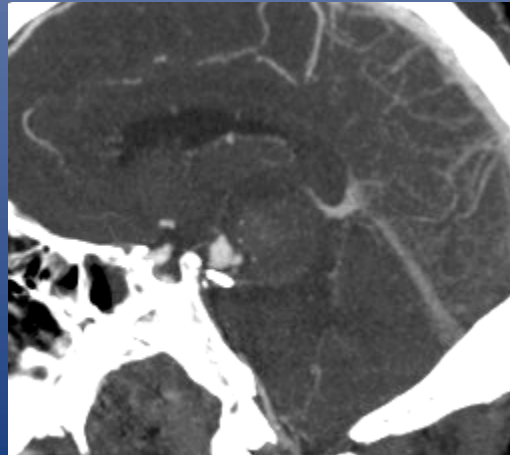
Postop Day 2



Postop Day 7



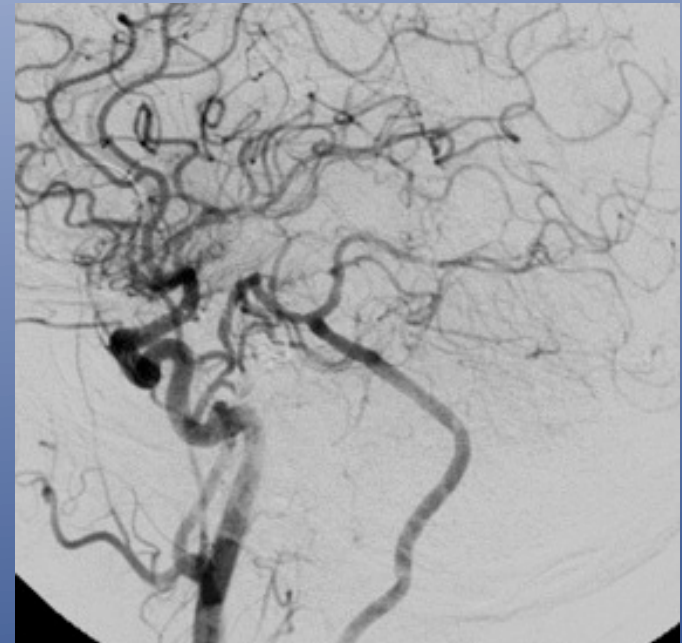
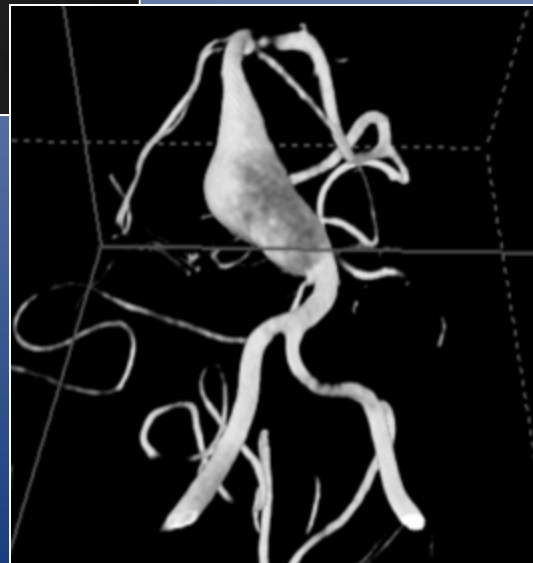
Postop Day 23



Postoperative Course  
Hemiparesis, Obtundation  
Recovered after about 10 days

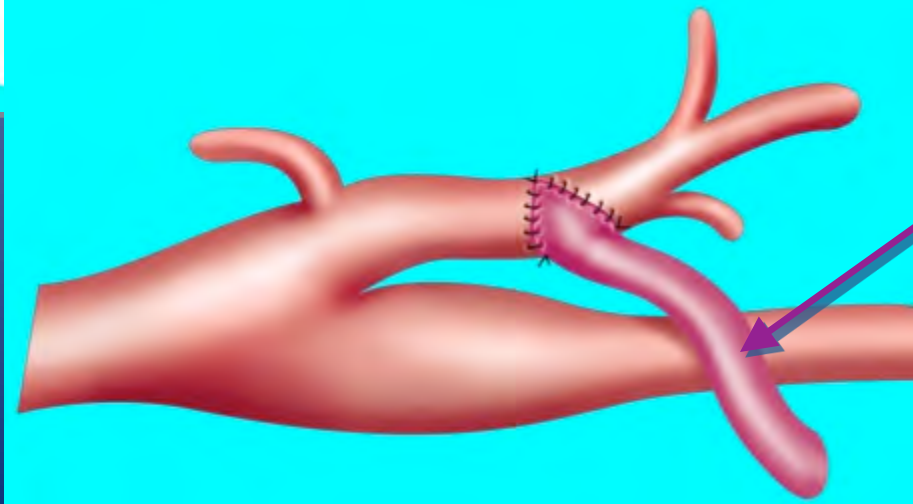
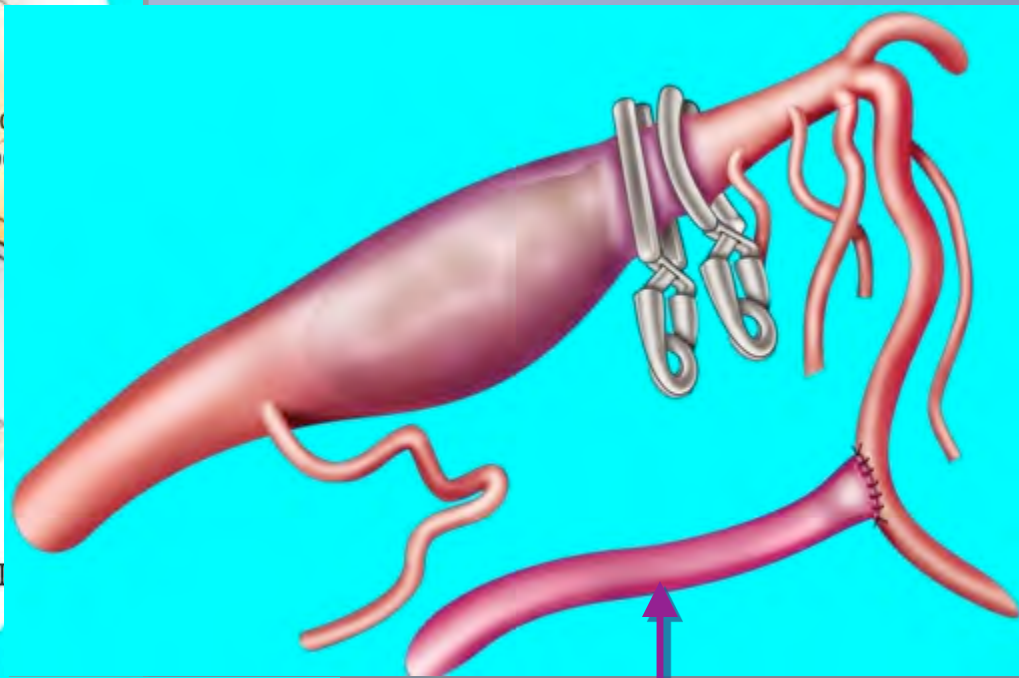
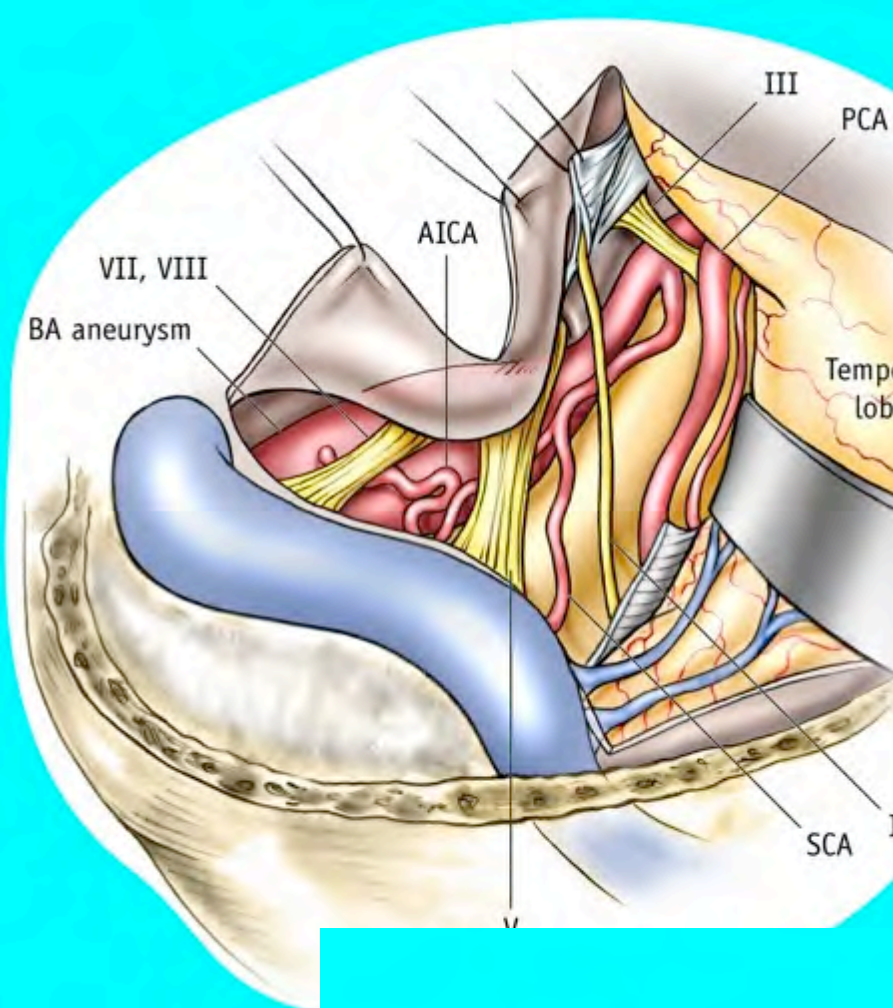
At 6 Months:  
Fluent speech, Normal Cognition  
Ambulates, and Drives  
Mild Left Arm Paresis, mRS 2  
Small Aneurysm Remnant

43 yr old man presented with dizzy spells and passing out episodes.  
Angiogram showed **Fusiform Mid Basilar Aneurysm**



Left ECA to PCA Bypass using  
RAG and **Distal** occlusion of  
mid basilar aneurysm

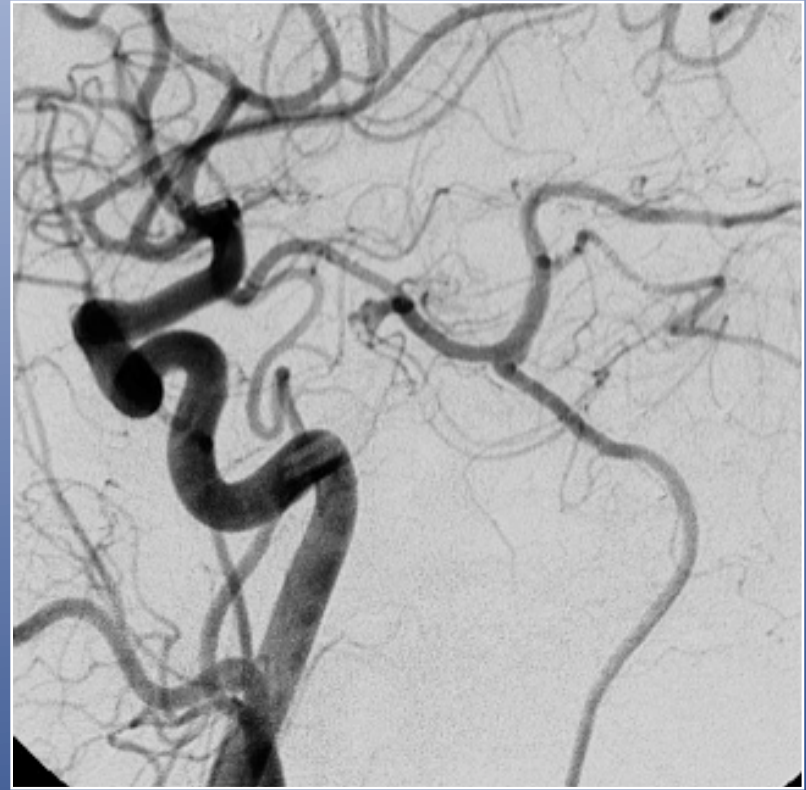
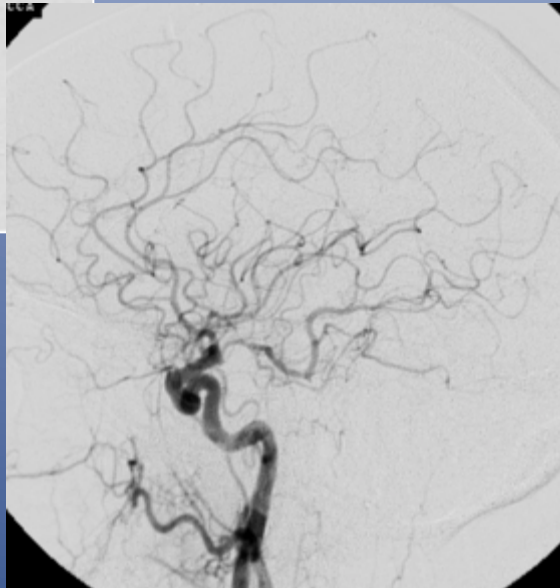
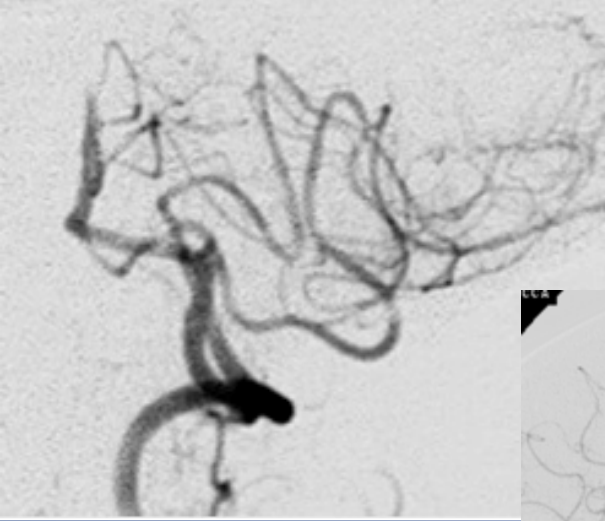
**Basilar artery occluded distally inferior to perforators**



**Radial artery graft**

Aneurysm Occluded

Follow-up



**3 months**

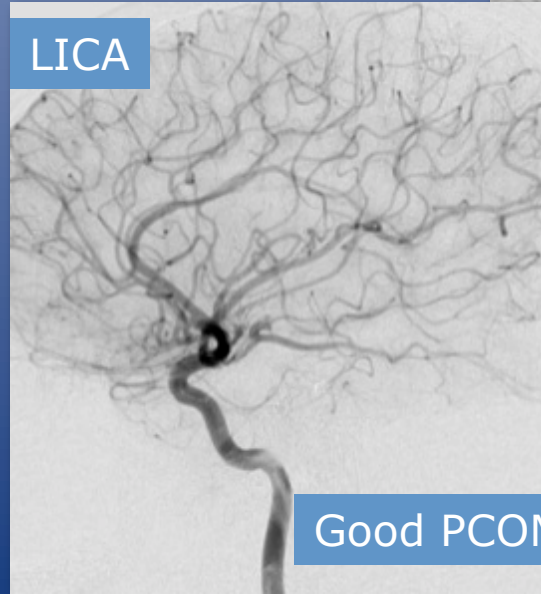
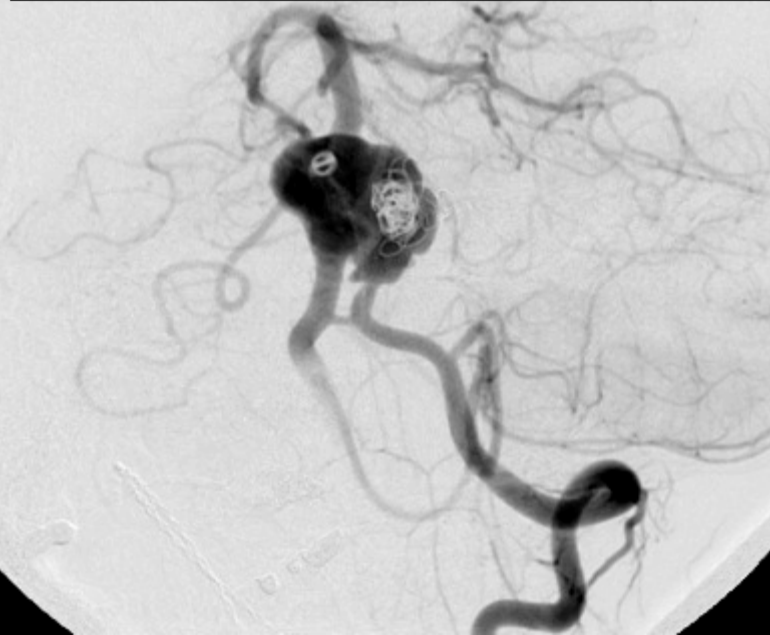
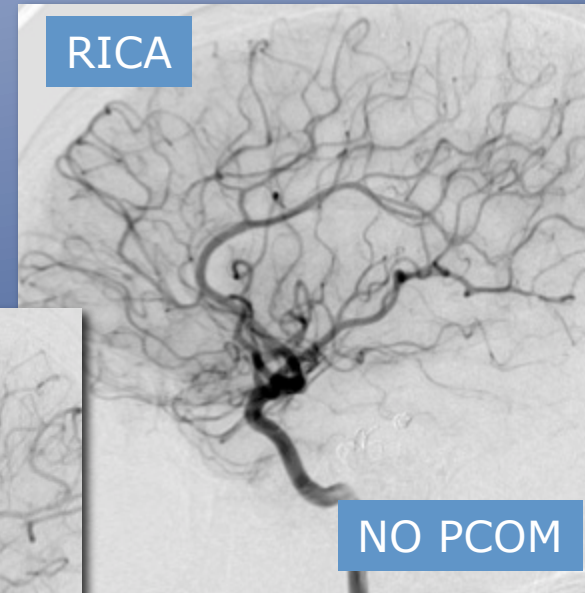
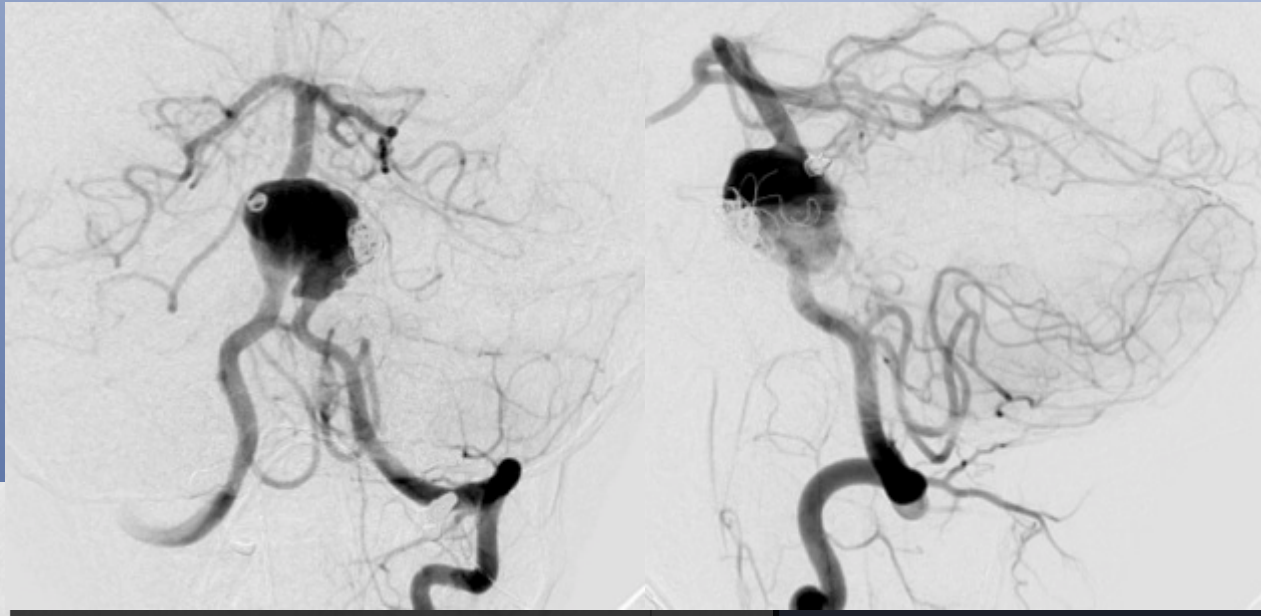
Follow up angiogram showing no graft flow; PCOM enlarged

Widely open graft during the **20 month** follow up, PCOM still large



# Recurrent Complex Lower BA Aneurysm

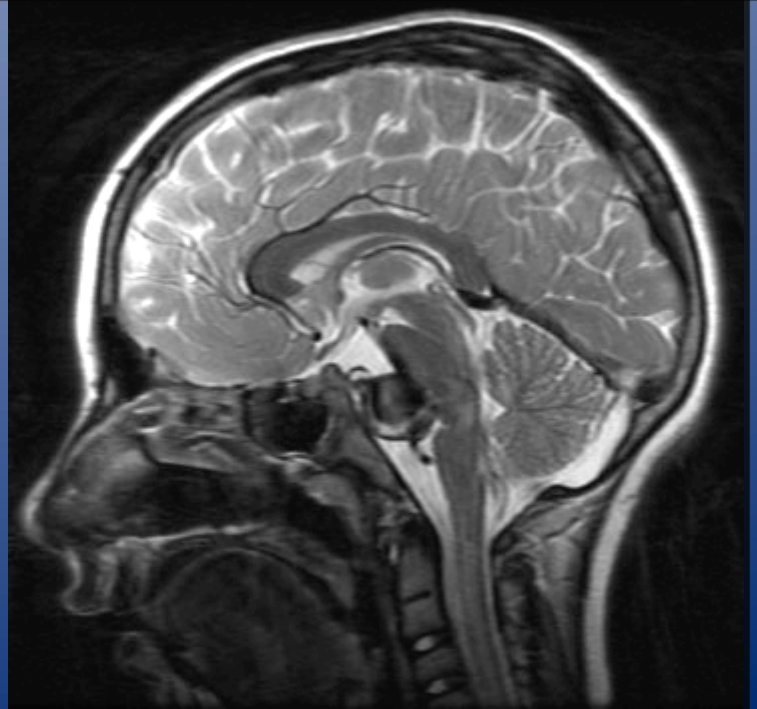
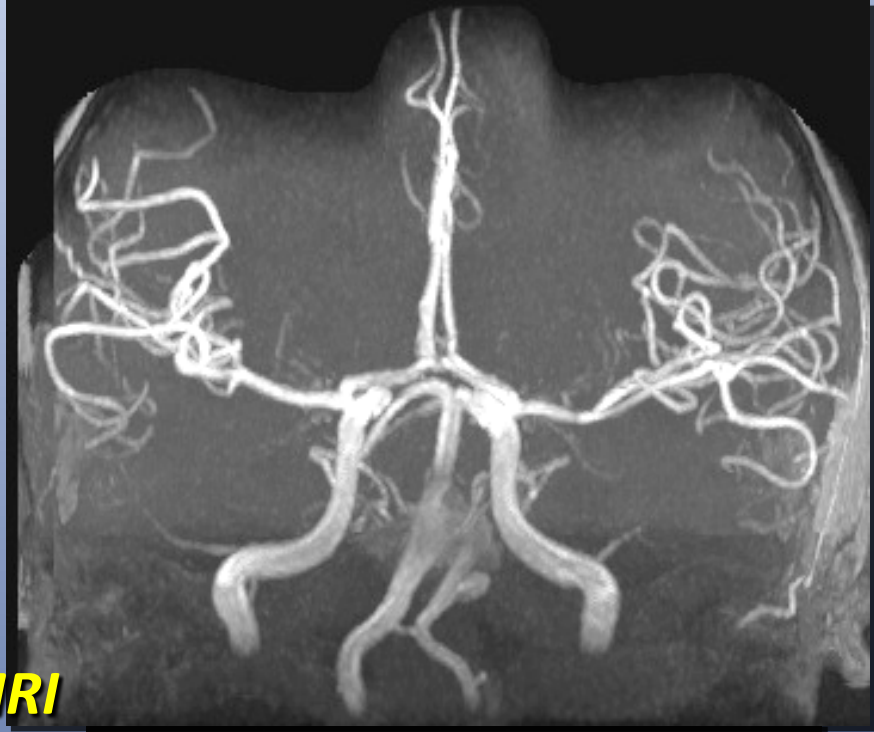
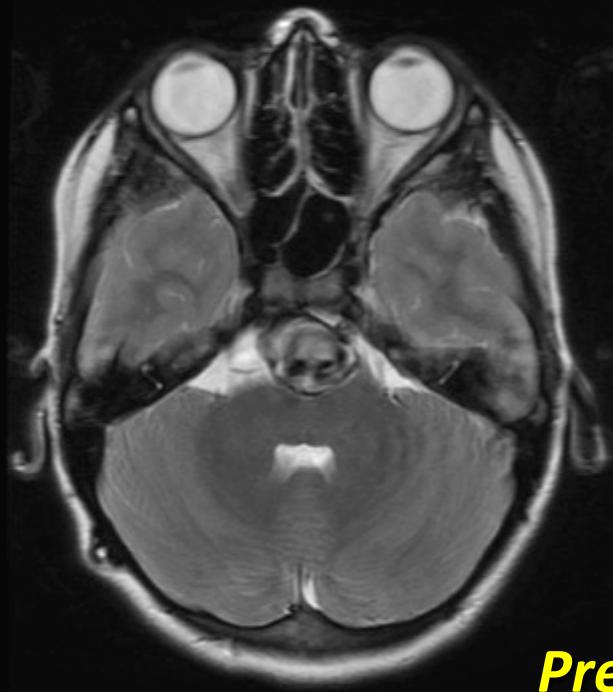
- 10 y.o. boy
  - Complex Vertebrobasilar Aneurysm
  - Failed Coiling X 2



Good PCOM

NO PCOM

*Preoperative MRI*

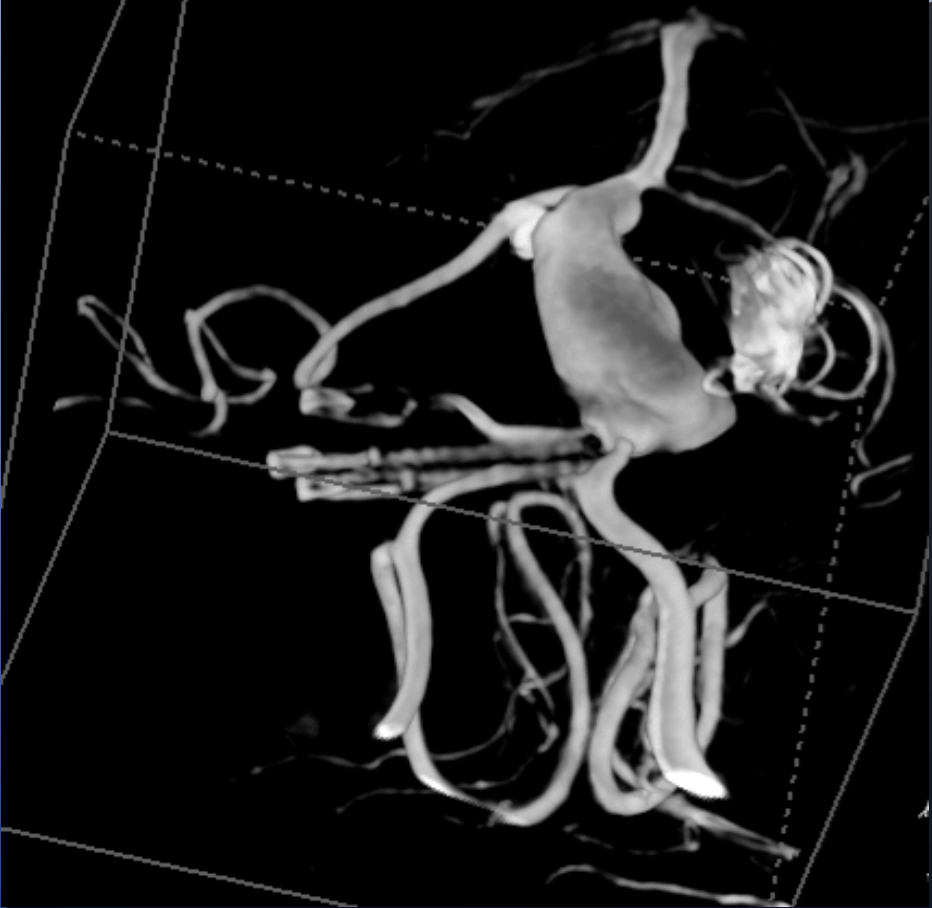
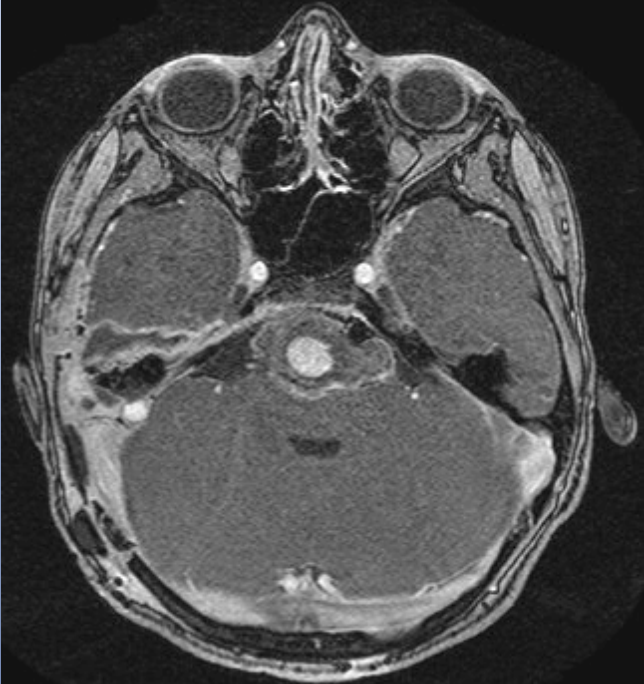


# Right VA Angio – SVG VA to PCA

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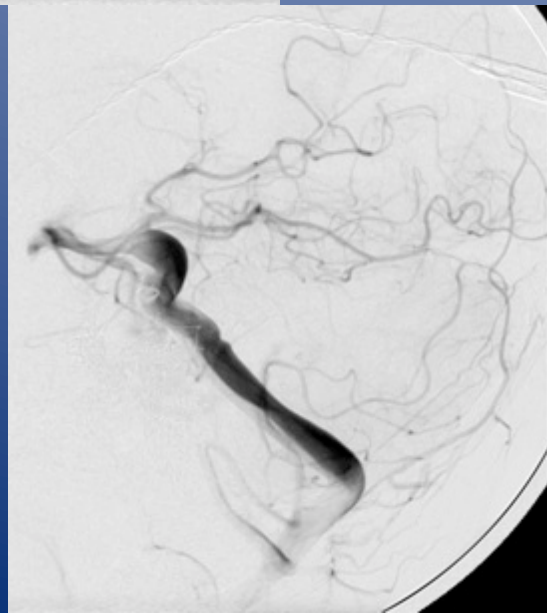
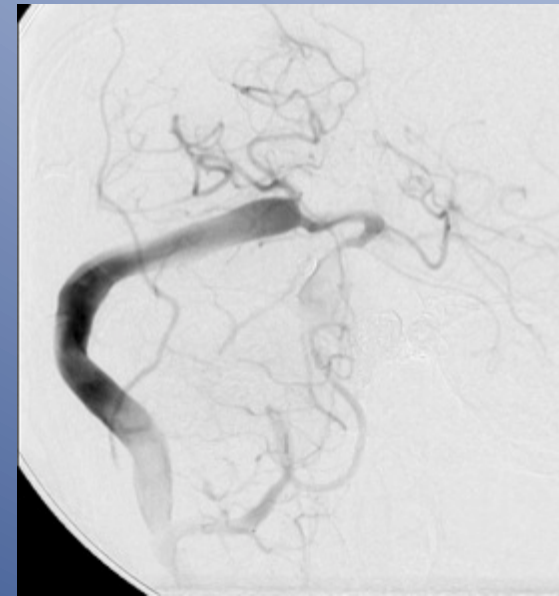


**Postoperative MRI and Angio- Persistent filling of Aneurysm thro Opposite VA**



**Aneurysm fills thro Left VA, stenotic**

# Angiogram at 1 year follow up



# Revascularization 1988 to July 2012

● Total Bypasses	430
● Patients	404
● Aneurysms	204
● Patients	187
● Tumors	142
● Patients	138
● Ischemia	84
● Patients	79

# My Recent Bypass Experience (2005 -2012)

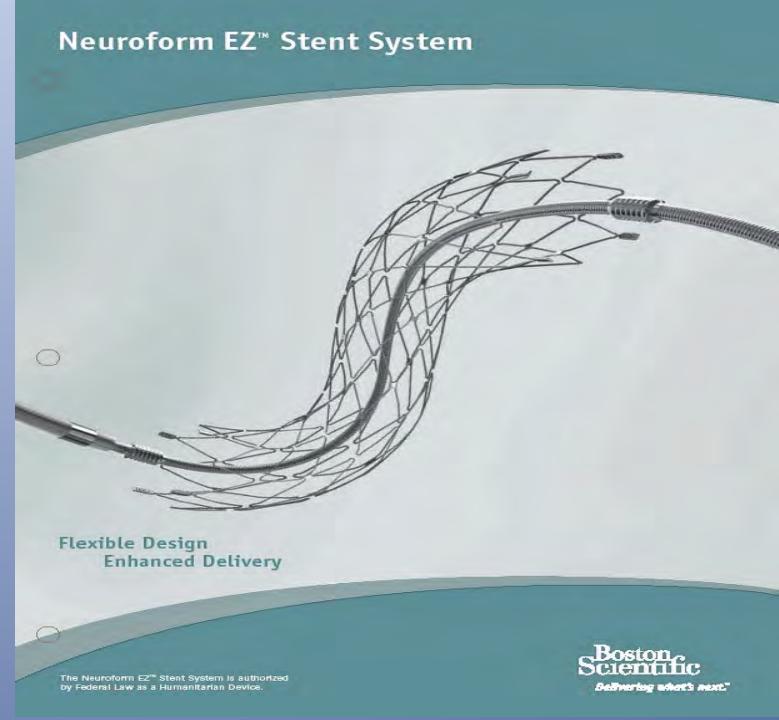
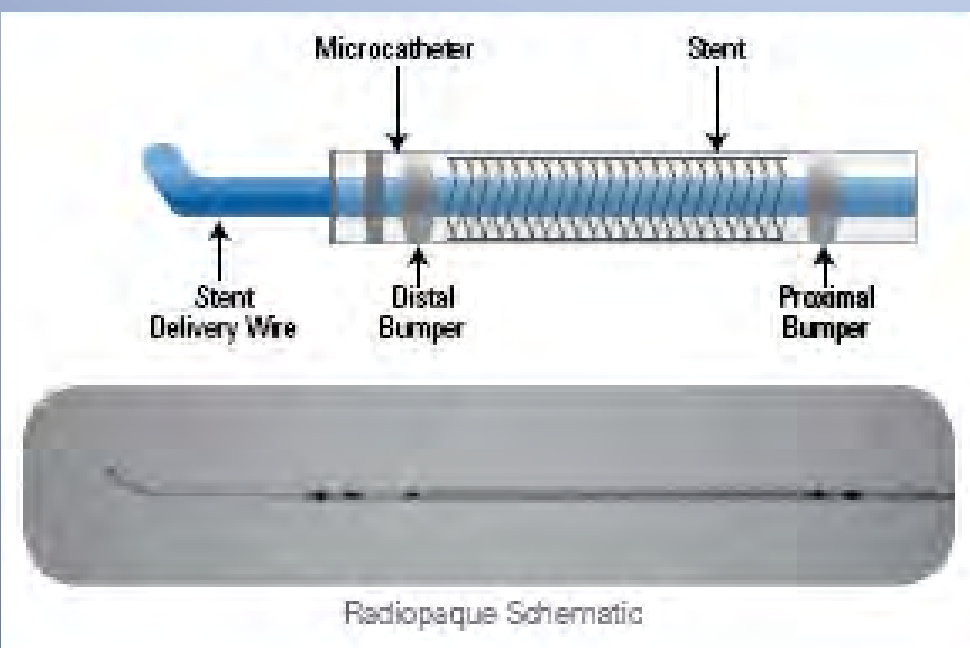
## Total Cases 102

• Ruptured Aneurysms	38 (37%)
• Unruptured Aneurysms	64 (63%)
> Pipeline Eligible	19 (18.6%)
> Not Eligible for Pipeline	45 (44.1%)
Patency Rate (after salvage)	98%
Stroke	8 (7.8%)
Complete recovery	3 (37.5%)
Mortality	5 (5%)
Death Related to bypass	1 (1%)
mRS 0 -3	87(85.2%)
mRS 4- 6	15 (14.7% ) (11 Patients had bad outcome due to SAH)

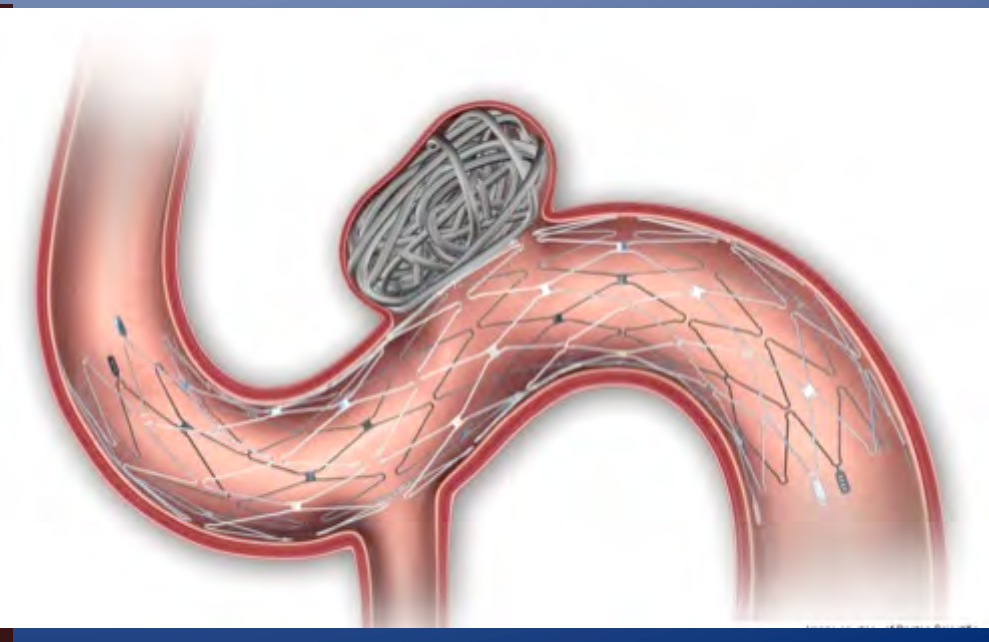
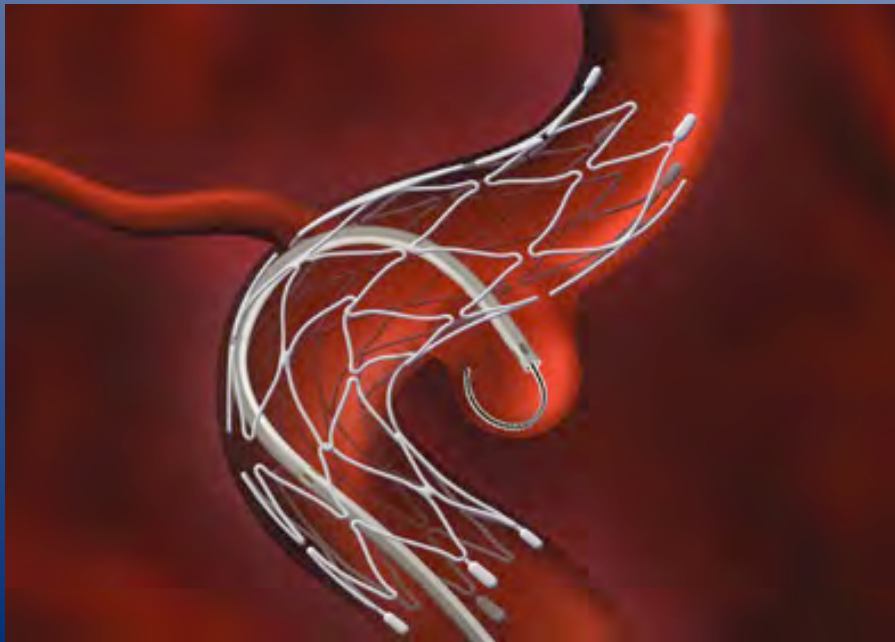
# Intracranial Stents for Aneurysms

- **High Porosity Stents** : Neuroform<sup>®</sup>, Enterprise<sup>®</sup>:
  - > Primary purpose is to keep the coils inside the Aneurysm; used with coils
  - > Ineffective for Fusiform Aneurysms
- Low Porosity or Flow Diversion Stents:
  - Used without coils in On Label Cases
  - Can be used for Fusiform Aneurysms
  - Higher Risk of Hemorrhagic Complications

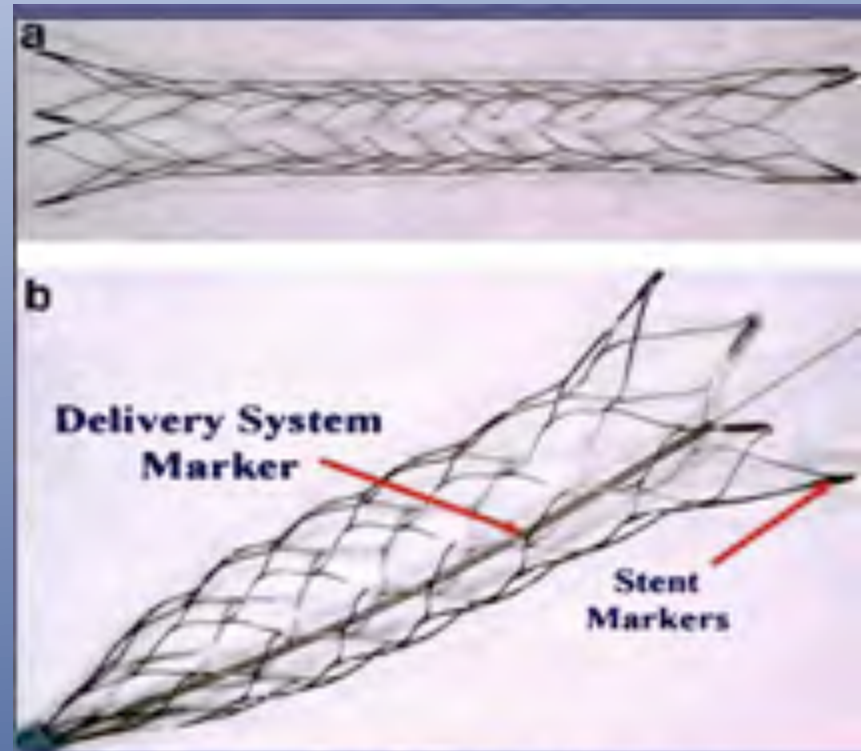
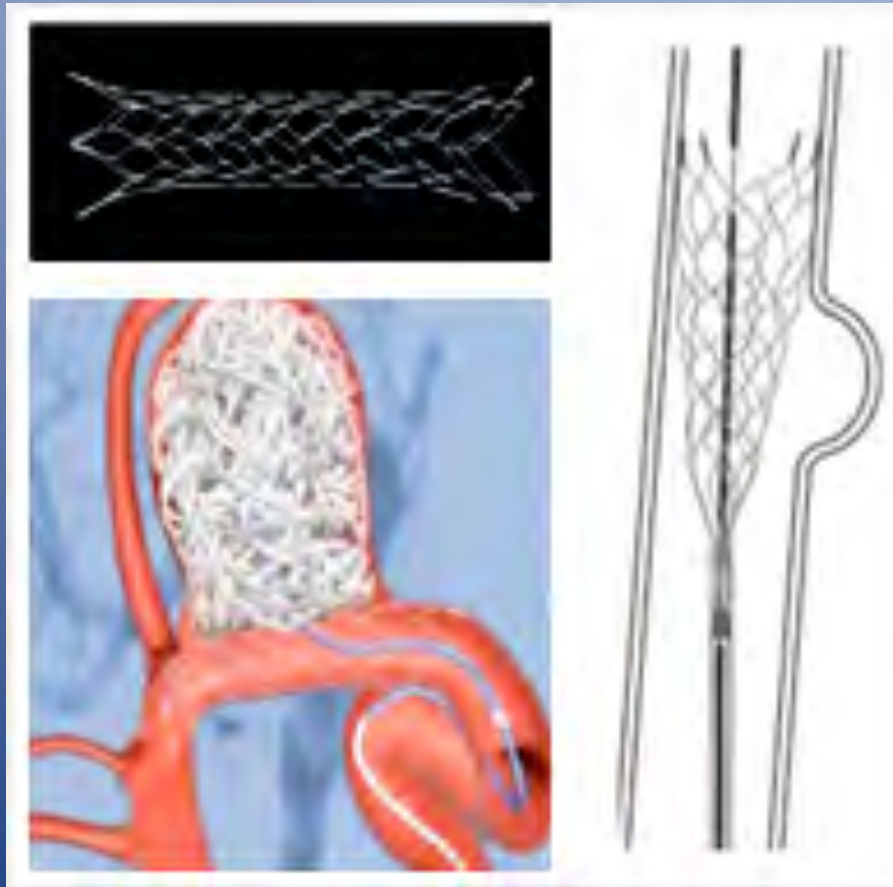




# Neuroform EZ Stent System

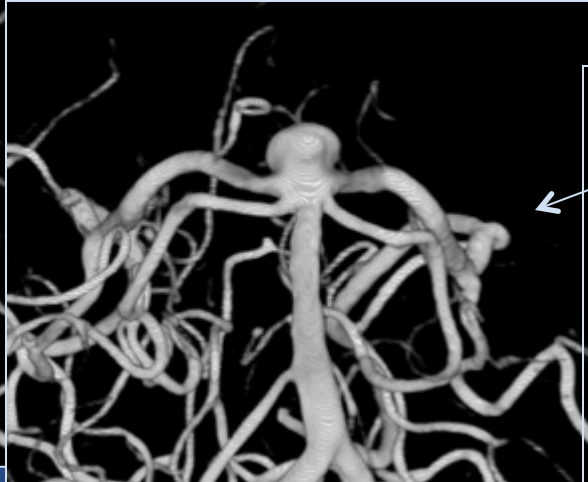
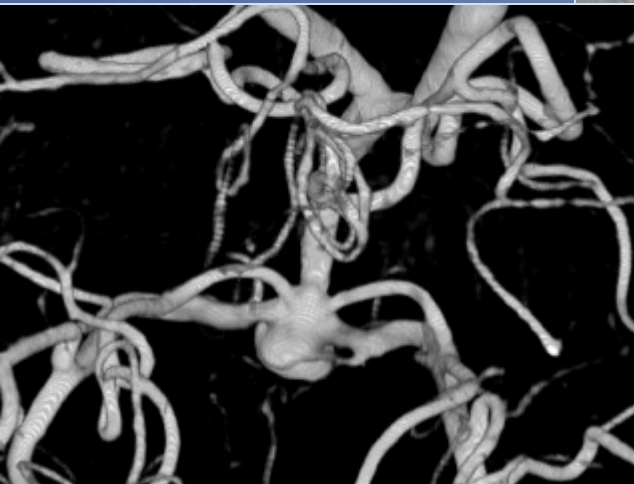
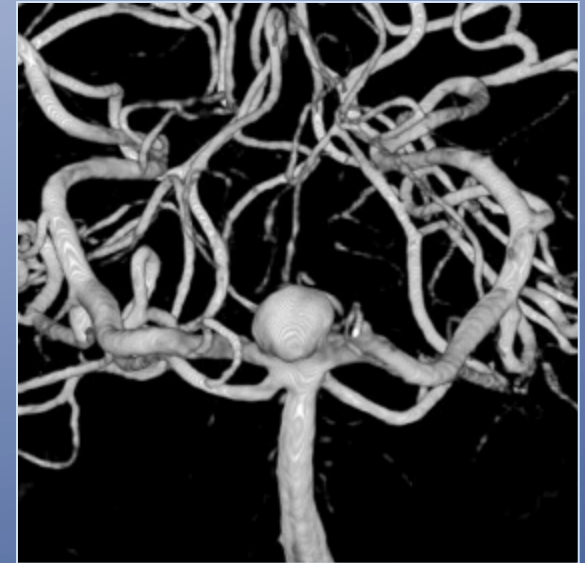
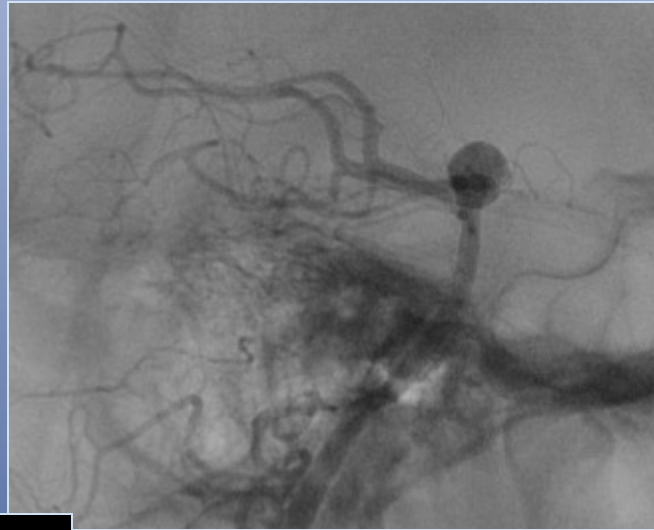
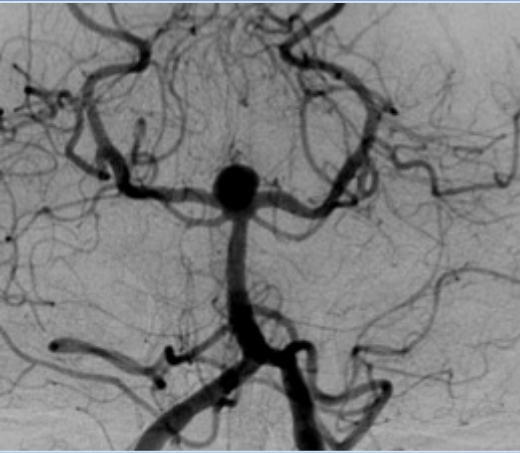


# Enterprise Stent



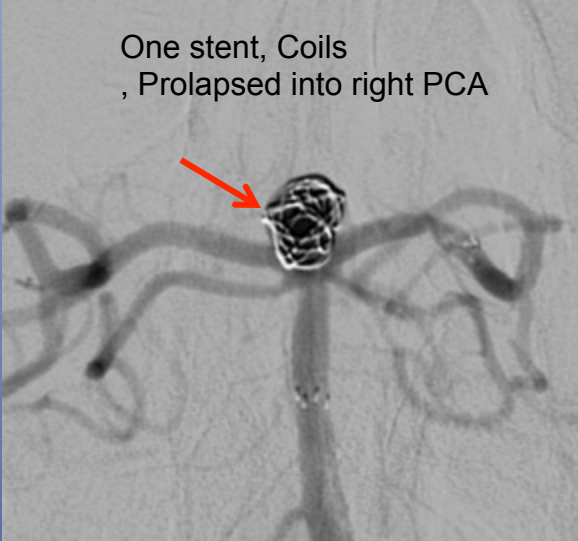
**Enterprise® Stent**  
closed-cell design  
Can be re-sheathed and  
repositioned after partial  
deployment

45 year old presented with migraines, blurred vision and Diplopia for 5 days

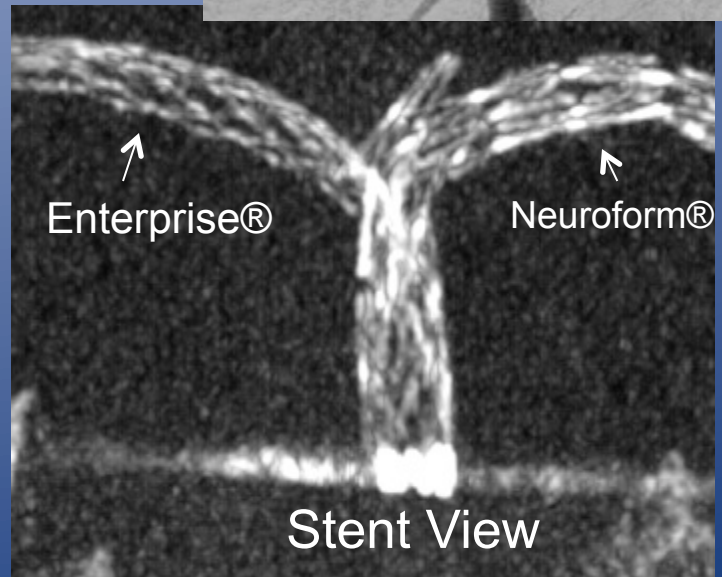
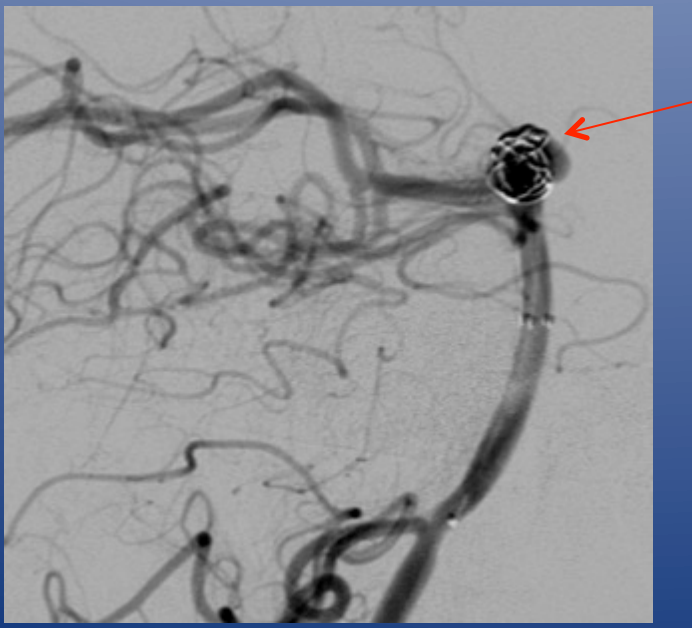
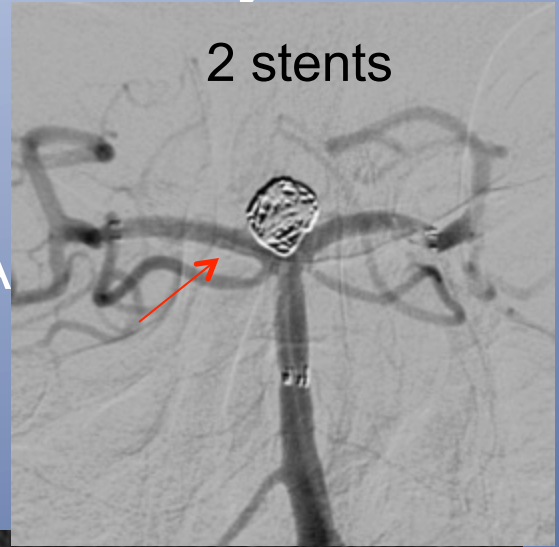


Broad Necked  
Basilar tip aneurysm  
Wide Neck = 8.4mm  
Dome/ Neck = 11mm/8.4mm = 1.3  
Height/Neck = 7mm/8.4mm = 0.83

# Y stent and Coiling of the basilar tip aneurysm



Aneurysm Coiled with Neuroform® stent into left PCA  
Y Enterprise® stent placed to keep coils Out of right PCA



Patient had good outcome  
No recurrence on Follow Up

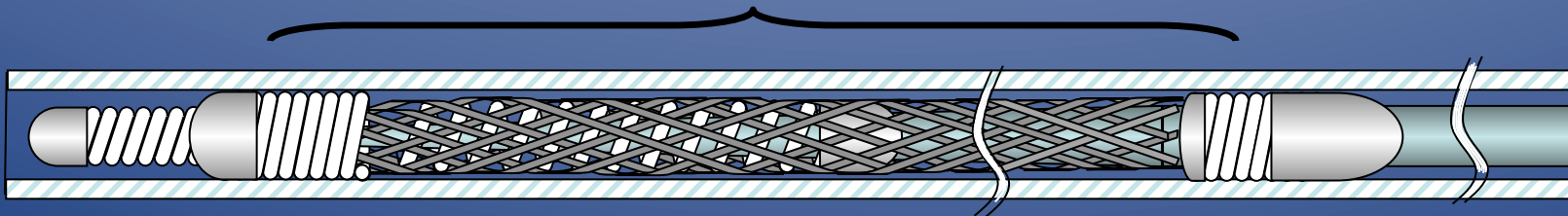
# Types of Flow Diversion Stents

- **“Pipeline Embolization Device”** : Approved in the USA for ICA aneurysms of the Petrous, Cavernous, and Paraclinoid Segments of the ICA .
  - > Off label Uses in Other Areas
- **“SILK Flow Diversion Device”** : Widely used in Europe and Other countries
  - > Not approved for use in the USA
- Other Flow Diverters, and Intermediary Devices Being Developed

# PED

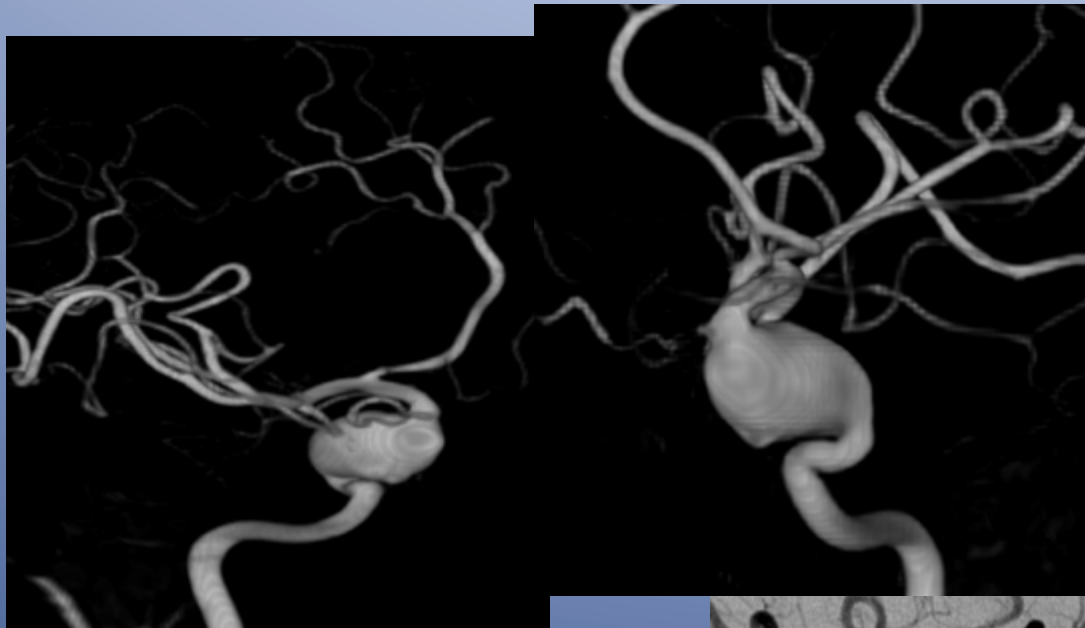


- Microcatheter delivered, microtent, delivered thro 3 F catheter
- Flexible
- 48 strand Cobalt Chromium and Platinum Braid
- Delivered through 0.027" Microcatheter (3F)
  - Marksman (EV3)
- Constrained over a stabilizer microwire within a delivery sheath



Pipeline Embolization Device  
compressed in introducer sheath

# Large Intracavernous Aneurysm 1.4 x 1.8 cm, Unruptured

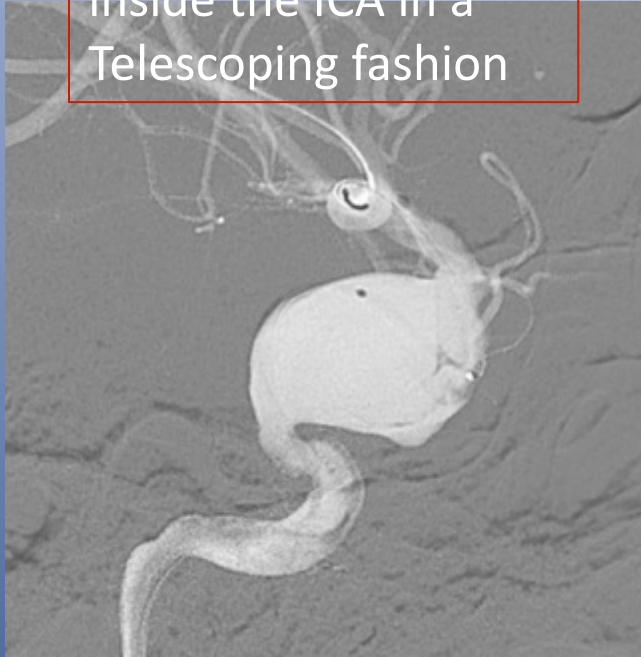


32/ Male

Retro orbital Pain, Photophobia  
Failed Stent assisted Coil Embo

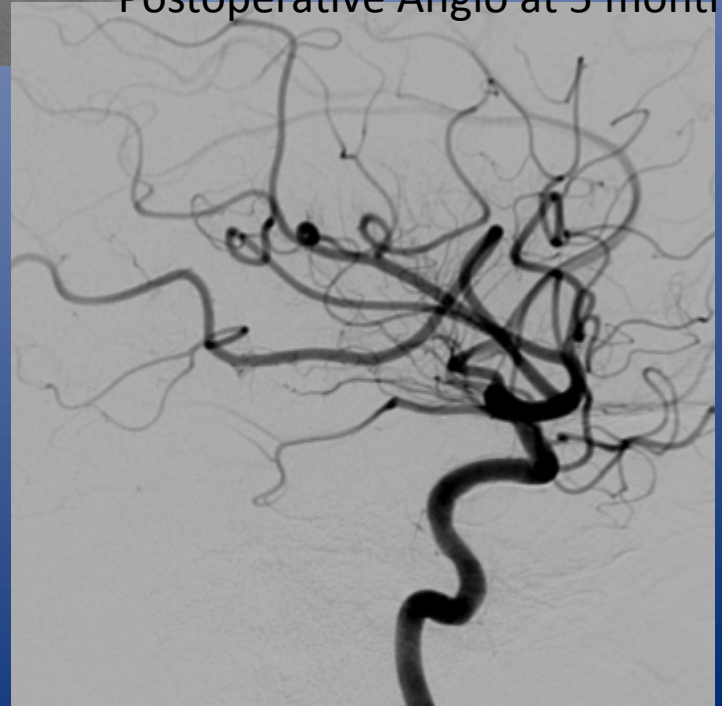
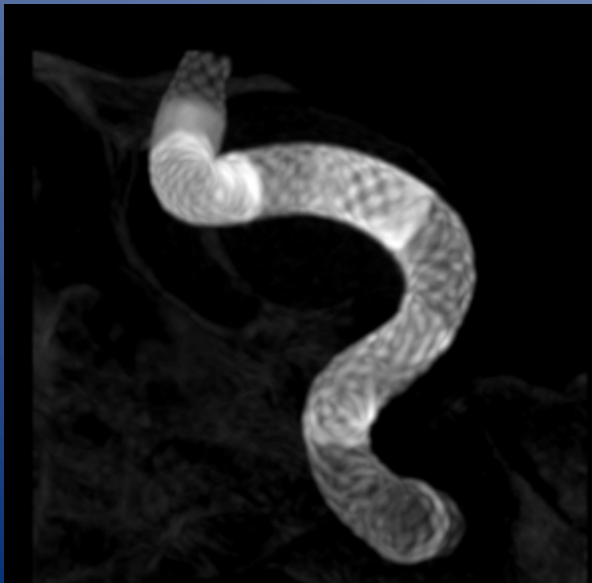


5 stents were stacked inside the ICA in a Telescoping fashion



Post Deployment Shows Flow Stagnation Inside Aneurysm

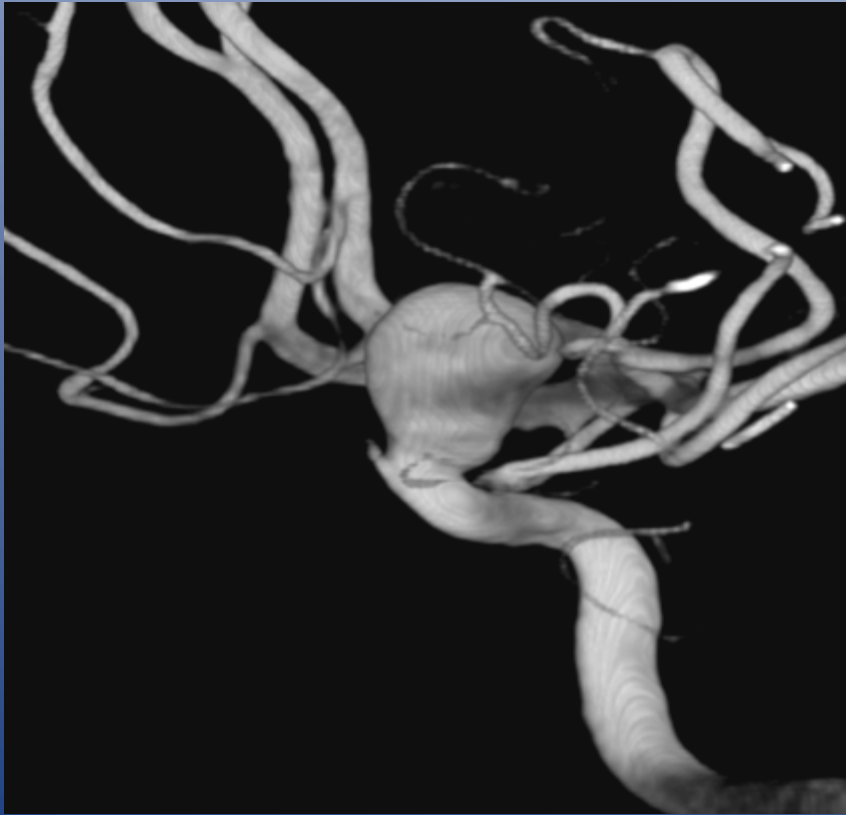
Postoperative Angio at 5 months



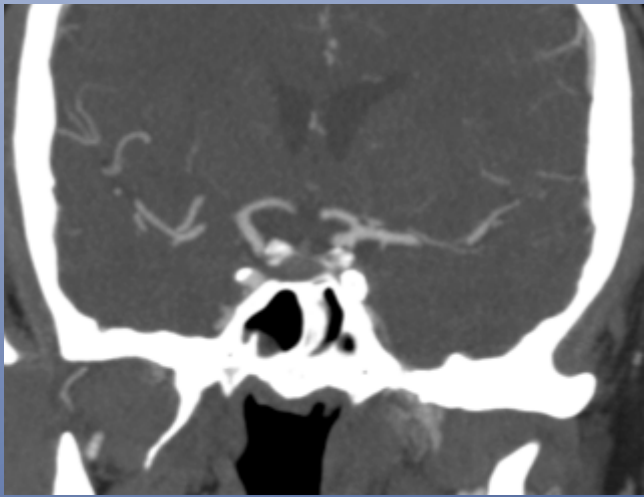
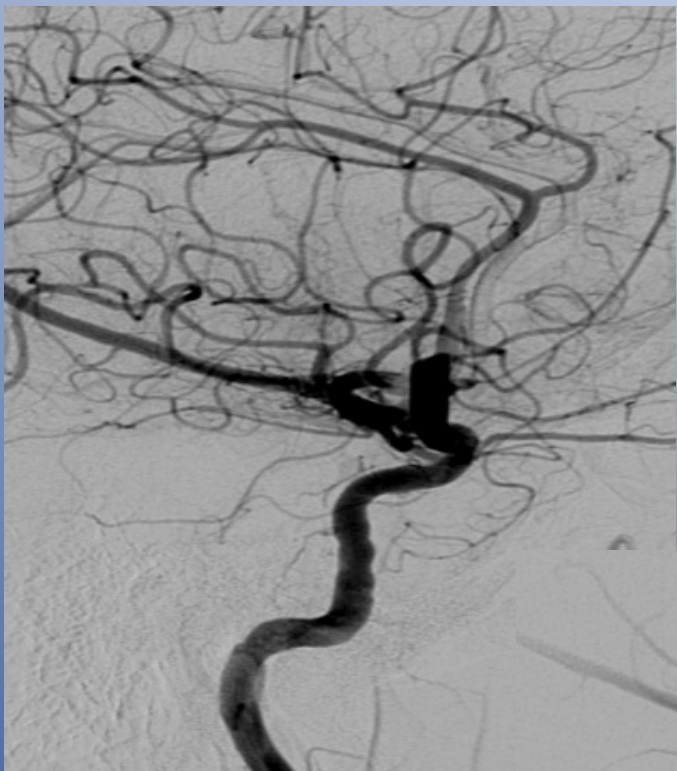


# Paraclinoid Unruptured Aneurysm

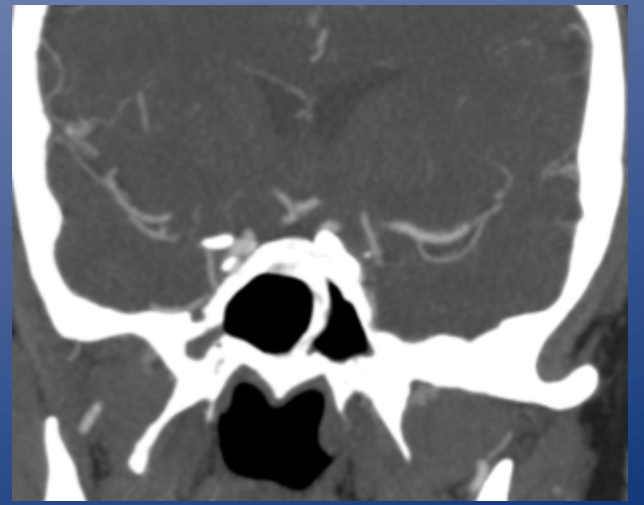
51/ Male, Incidentally discovered. Blurred Vision  
Aneurysm measures 12 x 12 x 13 mm; Neck 8mm,  
Involves 180 ° of ICA circumference



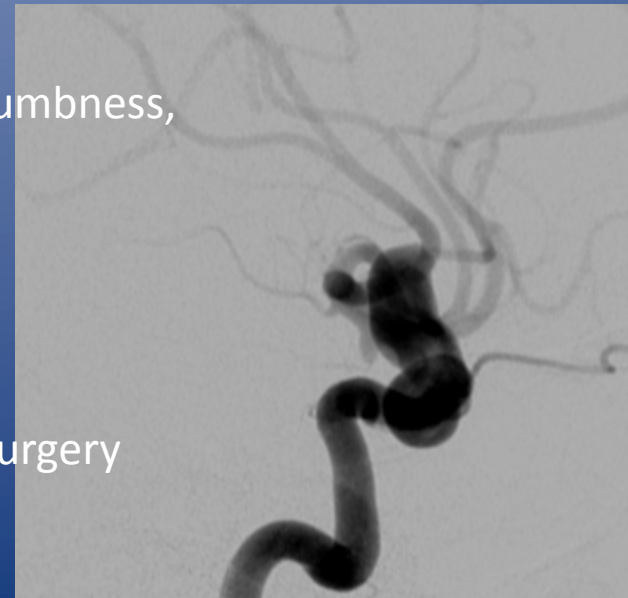
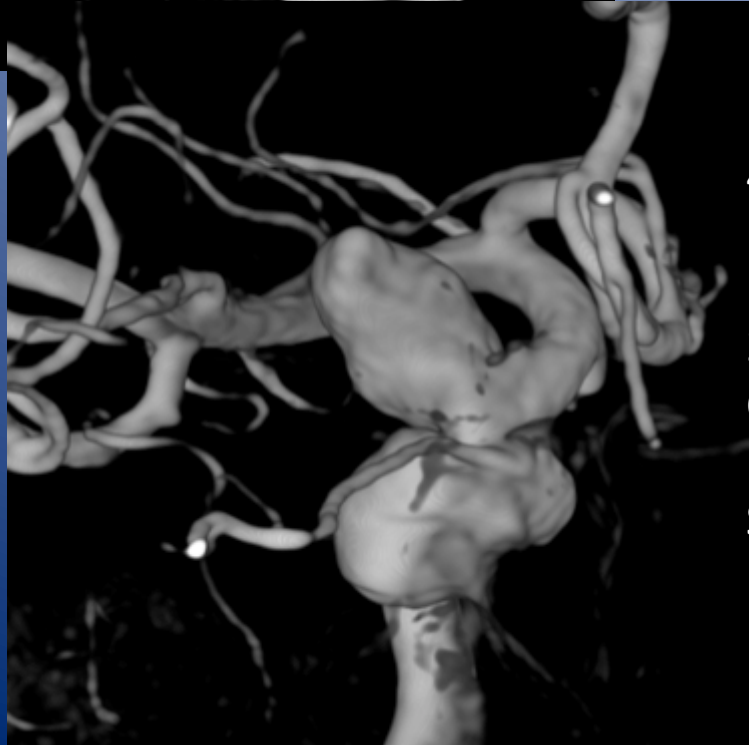
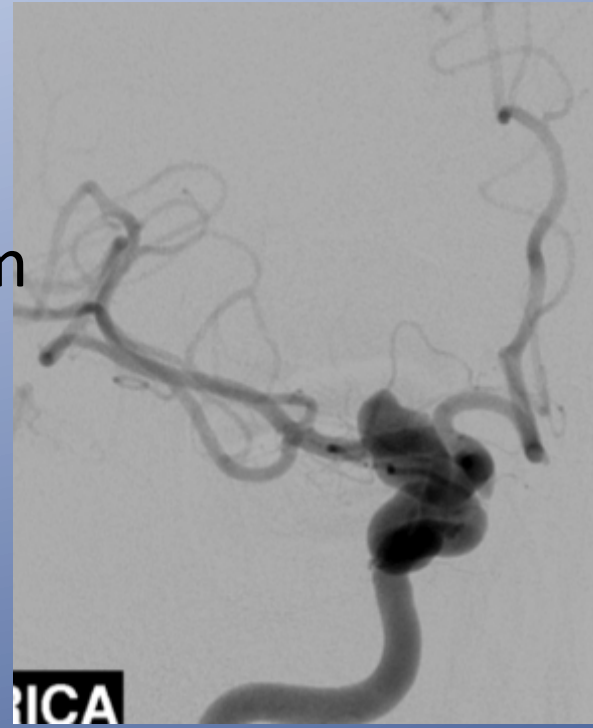
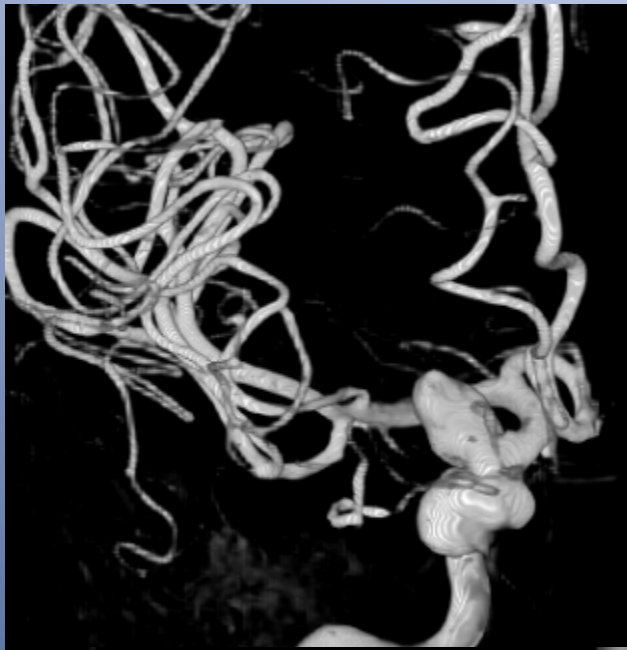
CTA at 4 months



After PED Insertion  
Partial Thrombosis  
of Aneurysm



## Paraclinoid and Cavernous Aneurysm

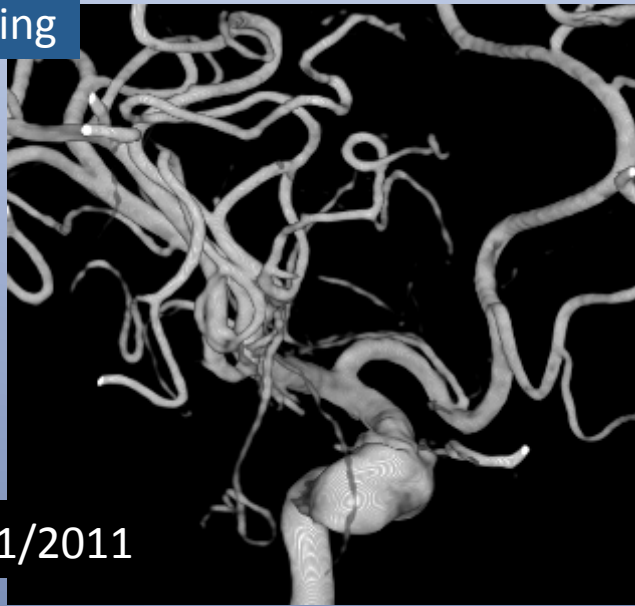


47/ F  
History of Arm and Leg Numbness,  
shaking of arm and leg  
2 Aneurysms  
CS 12.2x 8.2mm  
Neck 6.5 mm  
Sup Hypo 11.9x8 mm  
Neck 5.1 mm; Bigger at surgery

# Treatment

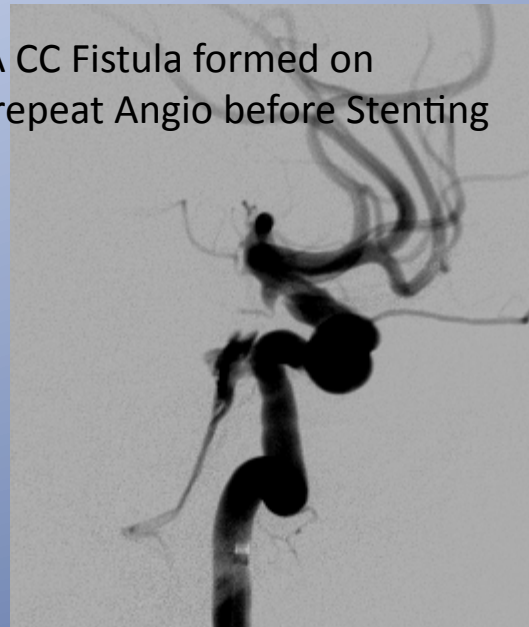
- Superior Hypophyseal Aneurysm was clipped, small residual Neck 10/11/2011
- RAG exposed, not used
- 5 Months Later: Pipeline Embolization Device
- Transient 3<sup>rd</sup> CN Palsy
- At 9 months: CN palsy resolved completely, working Full Time, but has very bad headaches
- Cavernous Aneurysm still filling slightly

Post Clipping



10/11/2011

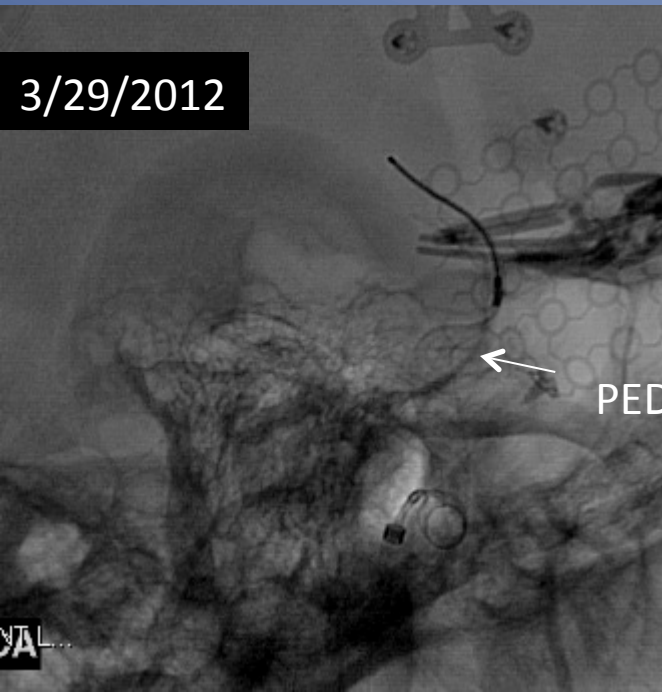
A CC Fistula formed on repeat Angio before Stenting



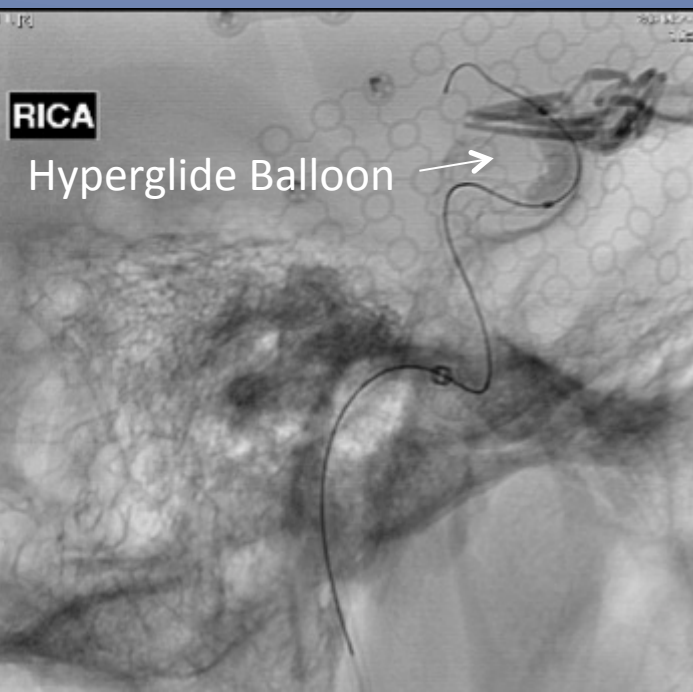
PED Deployment as a Second Treatment

Stent Had to be Opened up with a balloon

3/29/2012



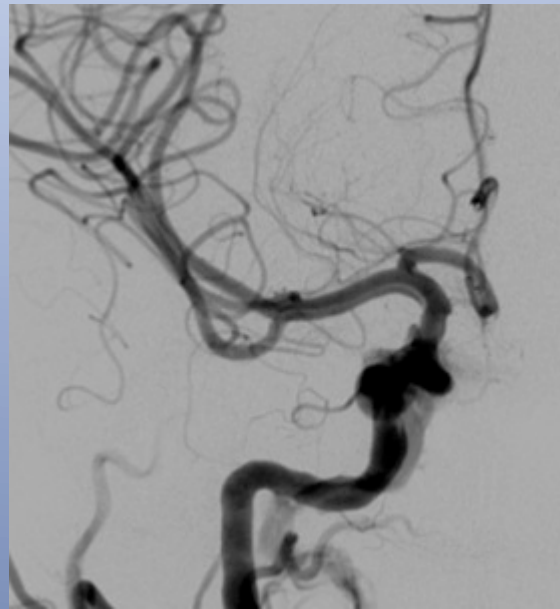
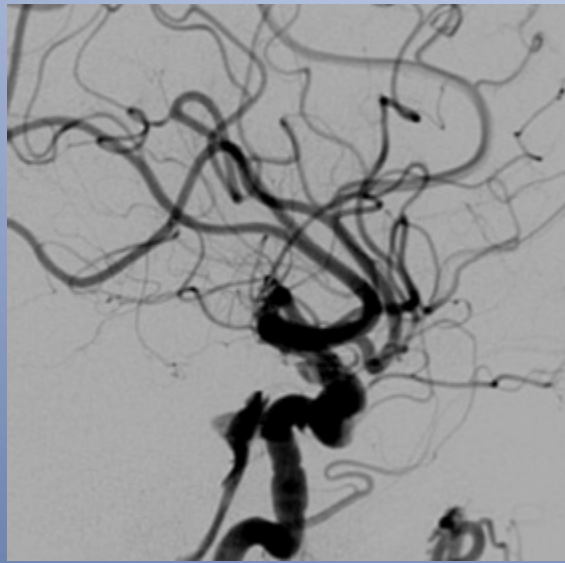
PED



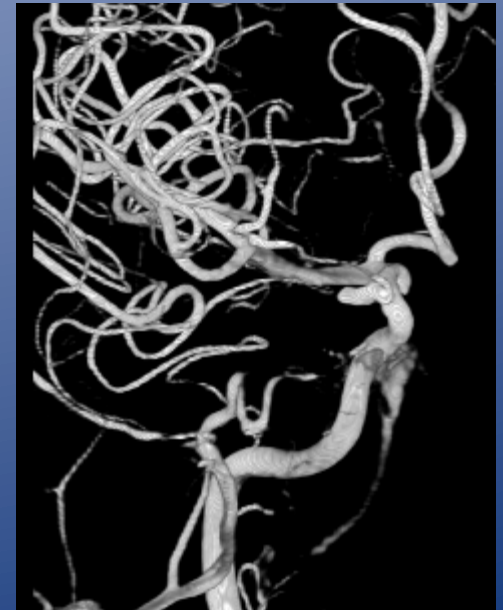
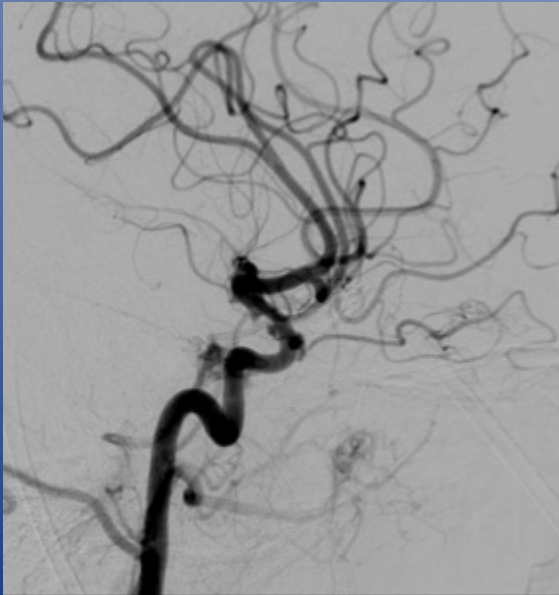
RICA

Hyperglide Balloon





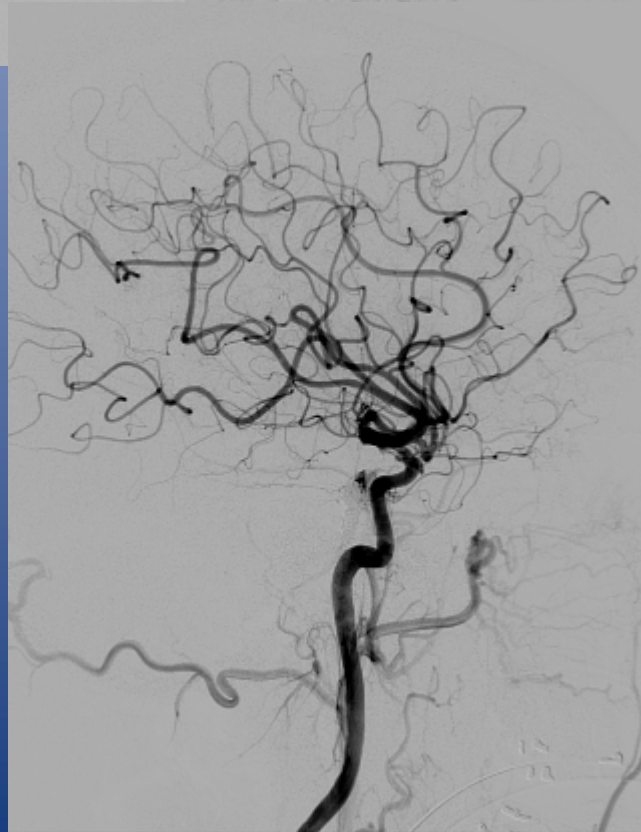
Immediate  
Post-treatment



Small CCF and Residual Aneurysm at 5 months post treatment;  
Patient presented with severe headaches



CCF was accessed through IPS and coils were placed



# PED Treatment of Aneurysms

## UW Experience 6/2011 – 7/2012

- **Total Patients** 25
- **Age** 54.1 (20 – 77)
- **Male: Female** 10:15
- **Aneurysm Shape: Saccular** 19
- **Fusiform** 6
- **Size**
- **Mean /Range** 10.6 mm (2 -23 mm) (including one 40mm cavernous segment with multiple aneurysm)
- **Locations :**
  - Cavernous** 6 (24%)
  - Paraclinoid/ Ophthalmic** 17 (68%)
  - PCOM segment** 1 (4%)
  - Vertebral** 1 (1%)
- **Number of PEDs**
  - < 2** 18 (72%)
  - ≥ 2** 7 (28%)
- **Resistance to Plavix** 4(16%)



# Complications

- Stroke (Lacunar) 1 (4%)  
Frontal Lobe Hemorrhage 1 (4%)  
Dissection ICA 1 (4%)  
Femoral Artery 1 (4%)  
Visual Loss (partial) 1 (4%)  
Diplopia 1 (4%)  
Bruising/malena due to Antiplatelet 2(8%)  
Stent Displacement,  
Retreatment Needed 1 (4%%)  
Death None
- Total With Post Stent Angiograms 11  
Complete Aneurysm Occlusion 9 /11 (80%)
- Recovery ( $\geq$  mRS 2) 100%

# PUFs Trial was Conducted in the USA to Obtain FDA approval

Total Patients = 108

Location	N (%)
Cavernous	44 (40.7%)
Paraophthalmic	35 (32.4%)
Superior Hypophyseal	10 (9.3%)
Supraclinoid	9 (8.3%)
Petrous	4 (3.7%)
Carotid cave	2 (1.9%)
Lateral clinoidal	2 (1.9%)
Posterior communicating	1 (0.9%)

	Mean	Range
Size, mm	18.2	6.2* - 36.1
Neck, mm	8.8	4.1 - 36.1

\* One subject had size <10 mm

# Safety Endpoint Events

Cause	N
Parent artery thrombosis with stroke	2 (1.9%)
Stenosis with stroke	1 (0.9%)
Hemorrhage (not SAH)	2 (1.9%)
Possible neurologic death	1 (0.9%)
Total	6 (5.6%)

## Secondary End Point: Total Aneurysm Occlusion

- At 180 days: 82%
- At 1 year: 86%

# Major Pipeline Series Reported to Date

Author/year	Total # of pts./ # of an.	Successful Deployed	Location				Complications								An. Occln AT 6 M	Re-t/m
			ICA	MCA	VB	O	Technical issues	Death	Major stroke	Minor stroke	HGE	Dissection		Optic N LOSS		
												Groin	ICA			
Saatci I et al/ 2012	191/ 251	100%	220	7	14	10	4.2% in stent stenosis	0.5%	0%	1	2IPH 1RPH	0%	0%	0%	91.2%	3.2%
Lylyk et al 2009	53/63	100%	53				10% in stent stenosis	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	93%	0%
Szikora et al 2010	18/19	100%	18				5.6% stenosis	5.6%	0%	0%	5.6%	0%	0%	0%	94.4%	0
Nelson et al 2011	31/31	100%	31					0%	3.2%	0%	3.2%	0%	0%	0%	93.3%	0
Fischer et al 2011	88/101	100%	88				2.3% in stent stenosis	2%	0%	0%	4.6%	0%	0%	0%	52%	7.9%

\*O=other miscellaneous aneurysms, RPH=Retroperitoneal hematoma, HGE=Hemorrhage

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McAuliffe et al 2012	54/57	100%	54				3.5% in stent stenosis	0%	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.5%
Rohan Chitale et al 2012	36/42	100%	40	1	1		0%	0%	5.5%	11.1%	11.1%		2.7%	2.7%	85%	0%
Siddiqui AH et al	25	100%	18		7		0%	16%	20%	0%	8% SAH	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
O'Kelly CJ et al	97/97	96%	78	1	15	3	0%	6%	0%	0%	3% SAH, 3% IPH	0%	0%	0%	83%	0%
Colby GP et al	34/41	97%	37		4			0%	3%	2.7%	0%	2.7%	0%	0%	0%	0%
PUFs Trial	104/106								2%	1%	2%				82%	

# Complications

Total Cases = 731

- Death 0.5 -16%
- Major Stroke 3.2-20%
- Minor Stroke 1-11.1%
- Intraparenchymal Hemorrhage 3.2-11.1%
- PED Thrombosis 4%
- Aneurysm Rupture 8%
- Optic Nerve Injury 2.7%
- ICA Dissection 2.7%
- Access Complications (Femoral Artery Dissection, retroperitoneal Hemorrhage 2-5%

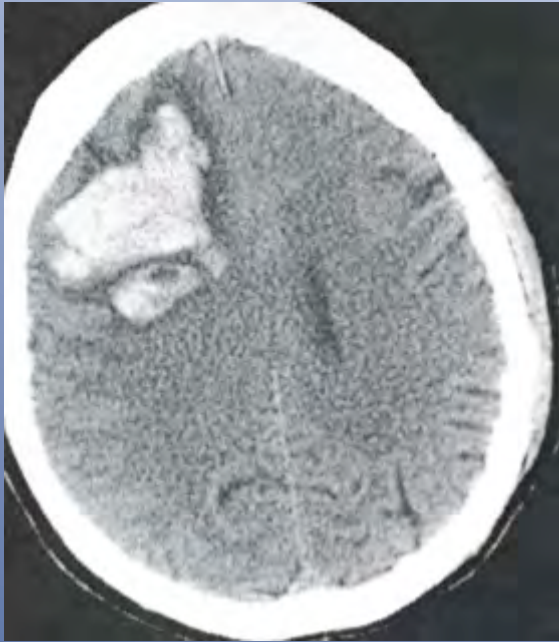
# Complications after PED Embolization

- Rupture of a previously Unruptured Aneurysm
- Intracerebral Hemorrhage (ipsilateral hemisphere, contralateral hemisphere)
- Emboli from the Stent site
- Carotid Dissection
- Femoral Artery Dissection and Thrombosis
- Delayed Stent Thrombosis, stenosis
- Delayed Stent Retraction, with Aneurysm Refilling

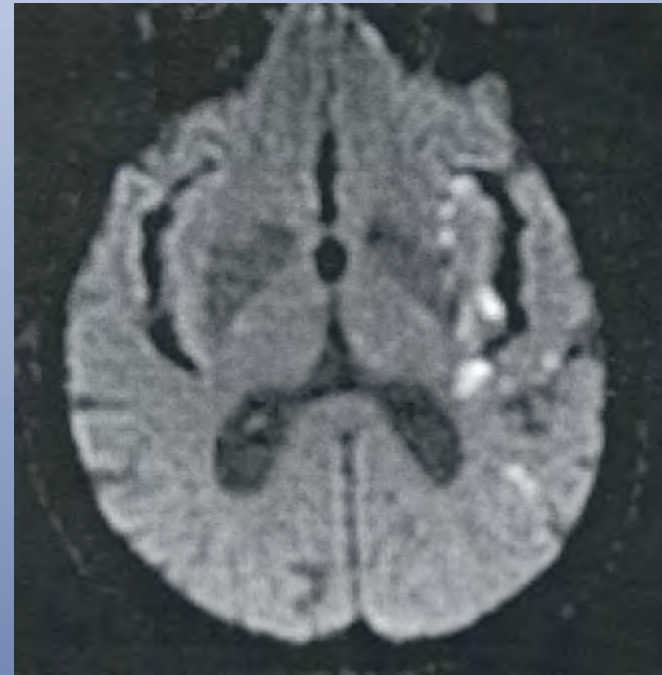


# Hemorrhagic Complications

- Intra parenchymal Hemorrhage: Possibly due to embolic stroke, combined with Antiplatelet activity
- Also occur on the Contralateral Side from the stent
- Aneurysmal Hemorrhage (Unruptured Aneurysms): Due to alterations of flow jet after the PED.
- Some operators are placing a few coils in addition to PED inside supra ophthalmic aneurysms



Right Frontal ICH, 2 days after PED for Cavernous ICA Aneurysm



MRI of patient with post-procedure headache, Showing Asymptomatic Emboli

*\*Single Center Experience with Pipeline Stent: Feasibility, Technique and Complications  
Rohan Chitale, MD et al. Neurosurgery. 2012 Jul 31*

## Autopsy Study of ICH

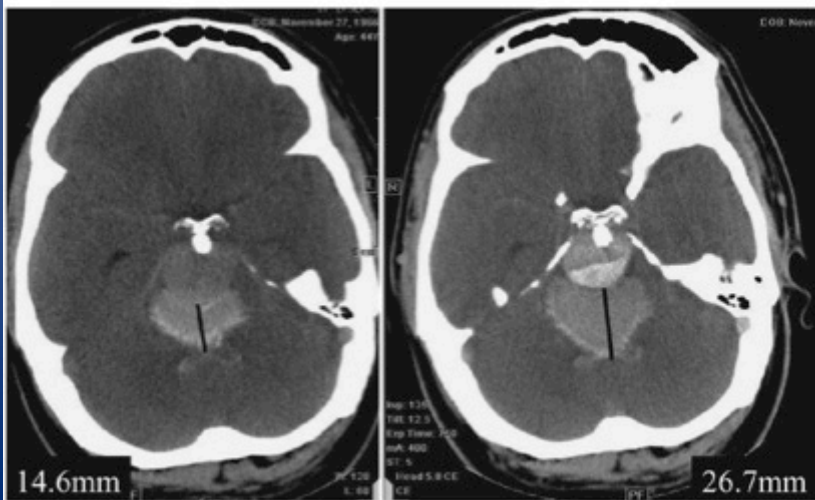
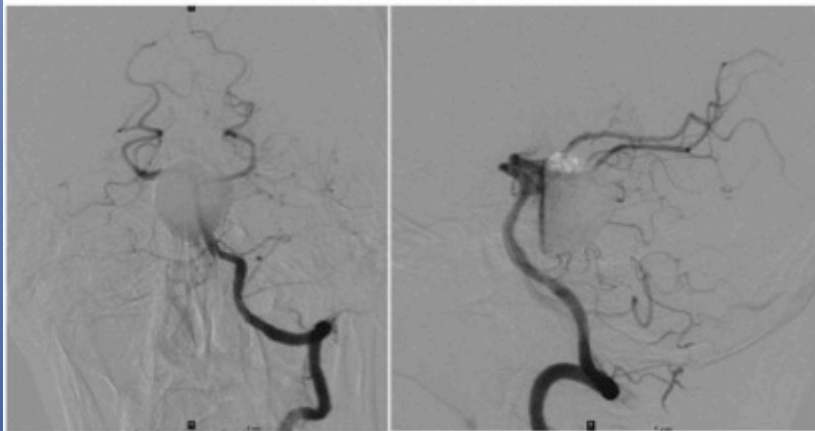
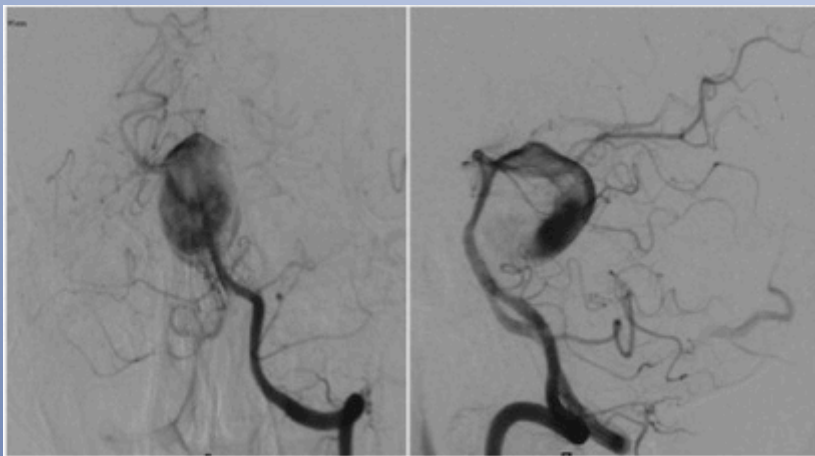
In 3 patients showed Embolic material of foreign bodies inside the Artery, suggesting that the Hemorrhage was induced by a stroke, combined with Significant Antiplatelet activity

*\*Deshmukh V et al. Histopathological assessment of delayed ipsilateral parenchymal hemorrhages after the treatment of paraclinoid aneurysms with the pipeline embolization device. Neurosurgery. 2012 Aug;71 (2):E551-2*

# Off Label Use of Pipeline

- ICA distal to PCOM – No special complications reported, A Choroidal, fetal PCOM arteries preserved
- MCA – Aneurysm Thrombosis reported
- Vertebral Artery – Successful (one of our cases, others, thrombosis reported)
- Mid Basilar Artery (6/7 died or severely disabled)

AH Siddiqui et al. (*\*Panacea or problem: flow diverters in the treatment of symptomatic large or giant fusiform vertebrobasilar aneurysms. J Neurosurg 116:1258–1266, 2012*)

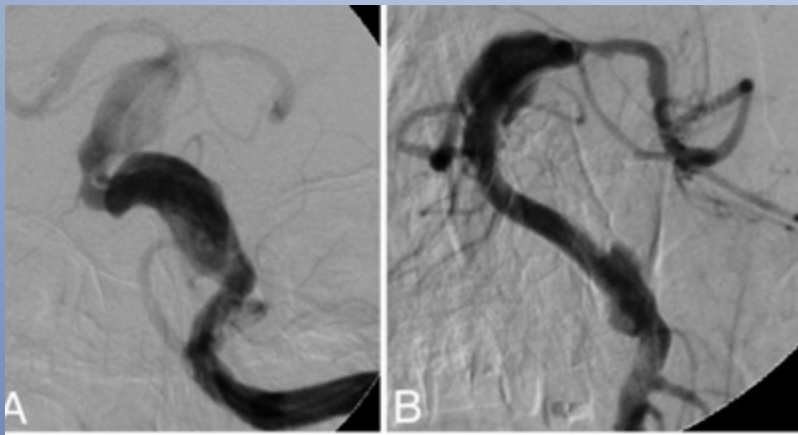


Giant fusiform distal basilar trunk aneurysm.

3 PEDs ( $4.0 \times 20$  mm,  $4.0 \times 12$  mm, and  $3.75 \times 12$  mm) with no coil embolization

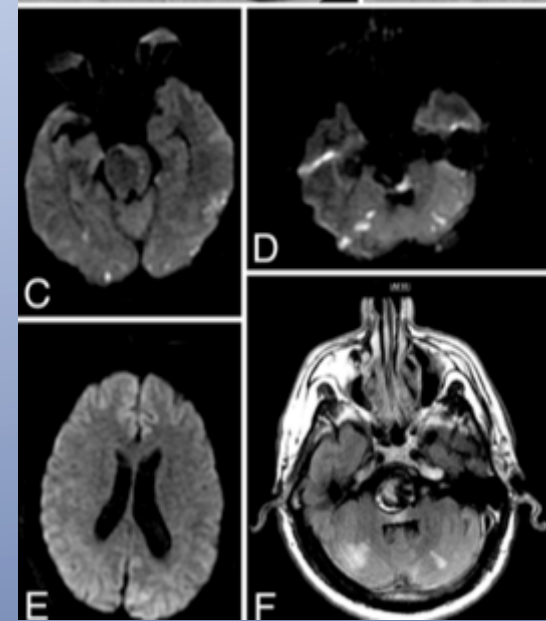
Aneurysm rupture and active extravasation from the dorsal wall of the aneurysm morning after the procedure. The patient quickly progressed to the state of brain death

*\*Complications After Treatment With Pipeline Embolization for Giant Distal Intracranial Aneurysms With or Without Coil Embolization Siddiqui, Adnan H. et al. Neurosurgery. 2012 Aug;71(2):E509-13.*



Left VA angiogram demonstrating a large vertebrobasilar fusiform aneurysm. B: Post-treatment AP angiogram after 9 PED's were placed.

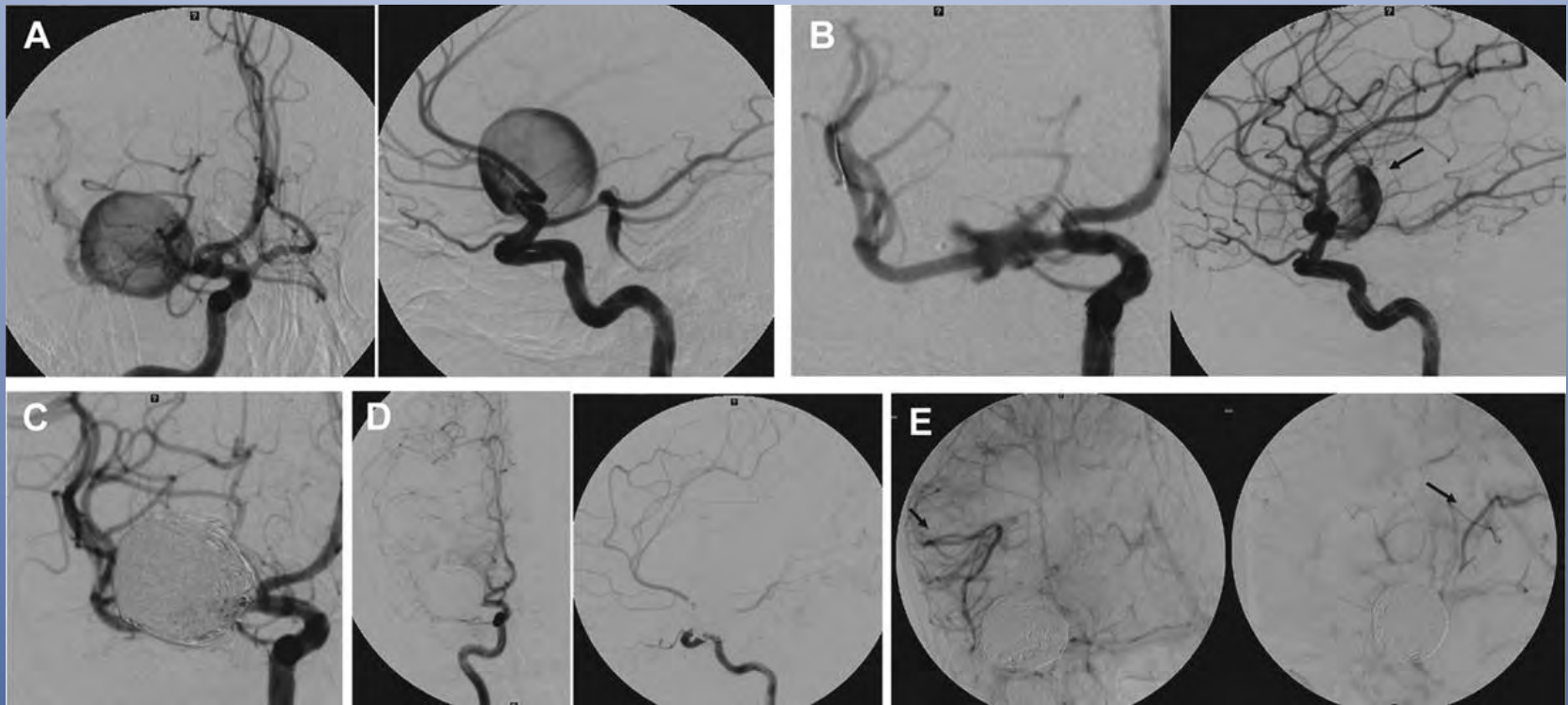
### H-I: Post-treatment angiograms



C–F: Magnetic resonance images demonstrating bilateral cerebellar infarcts and ischemia in the medial left and right occipital lobes

- Patient developed hemiplegia,
- Dysconjugate gaze, was non-verbal
- Dependent on ventilator for 2 weeks
- Discharged to SNF, mRS5.

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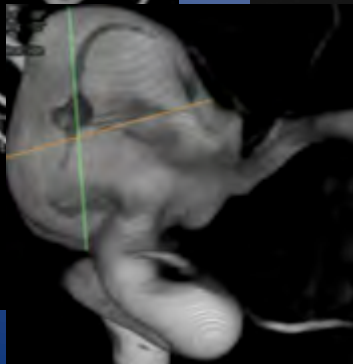
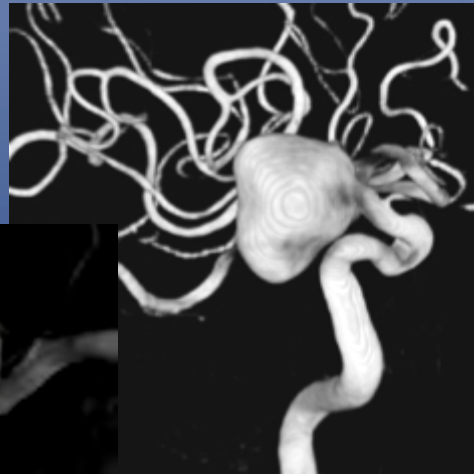
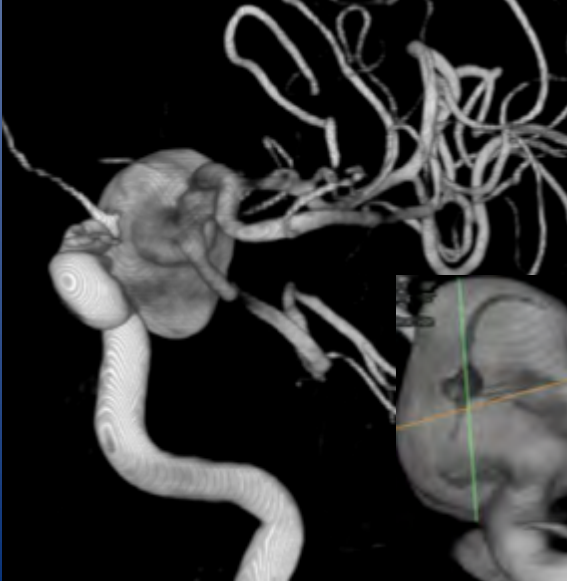
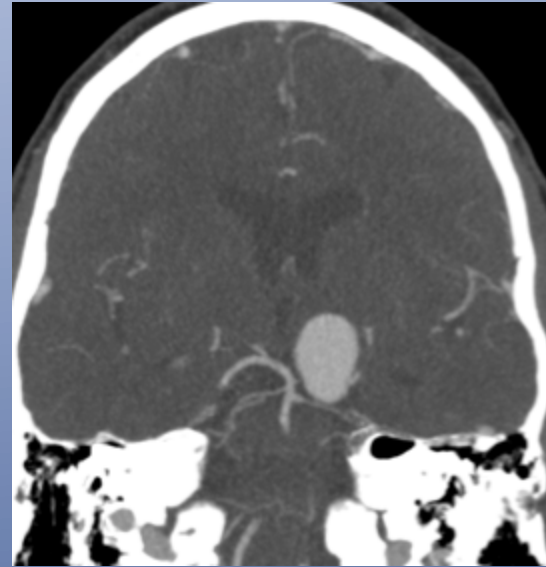
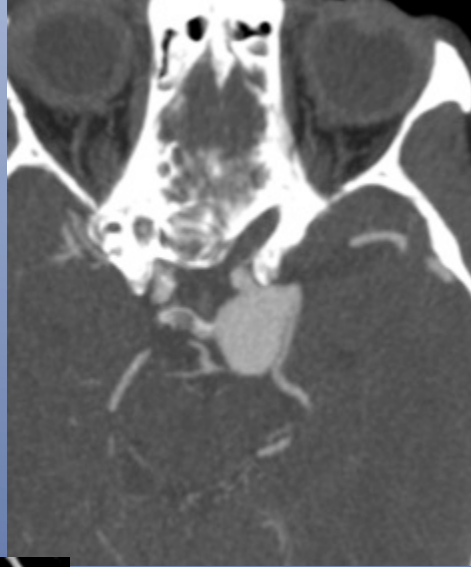
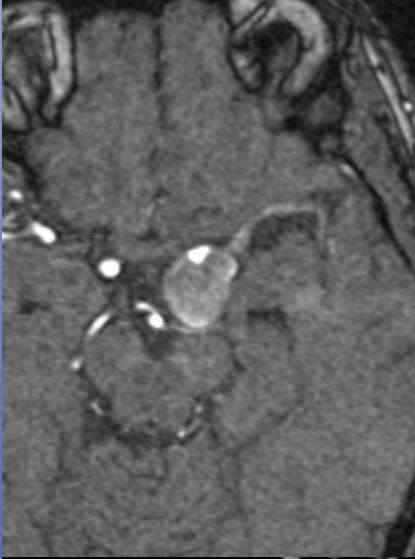


**Giant MCA Aneurysm treated with Coils and PED  
Stent Thrombosis  
Patient had Good Collateral Flow  
Suffered a Stroke, but with good recovery**

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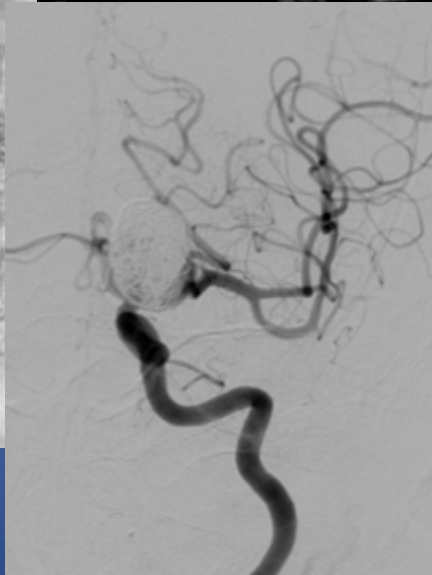
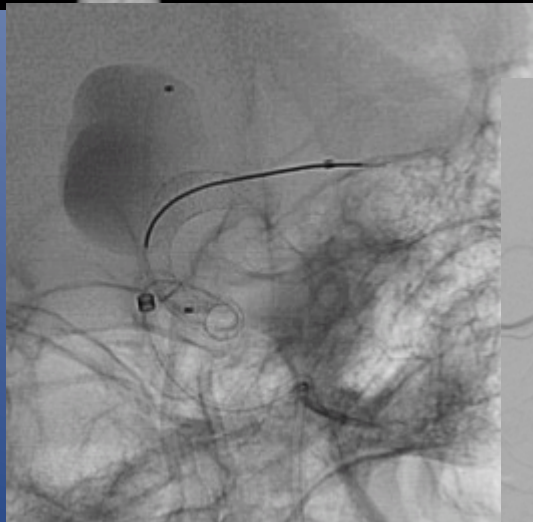
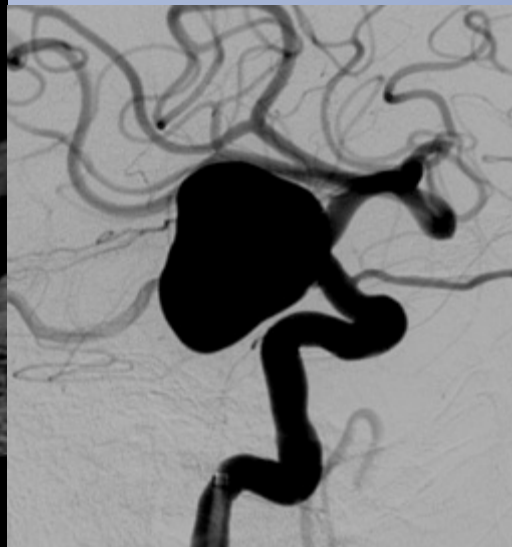
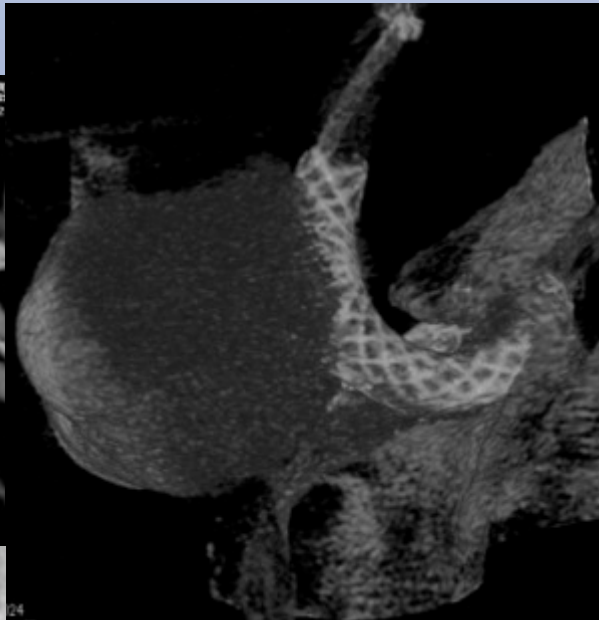
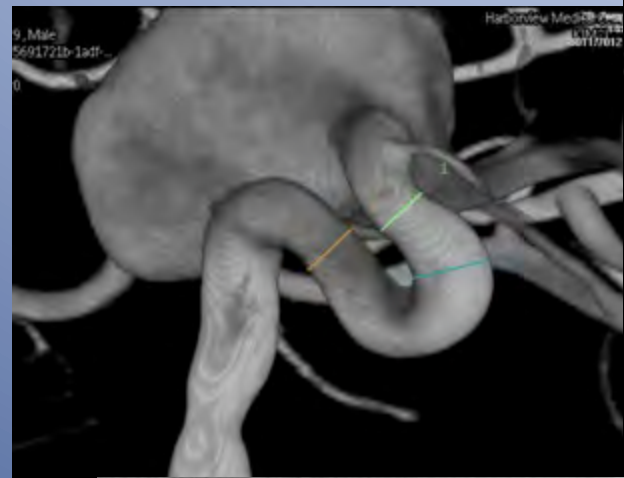
# 75y old man with 1 month Blurry vision, and Partial CN 3 Paralysis

## Large Supraclinoid ICA Fusiform Aneurysm



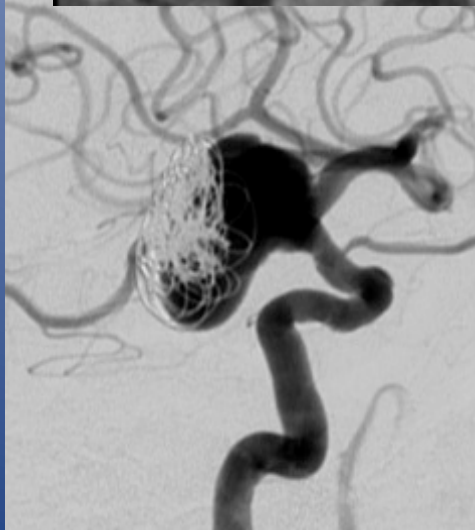
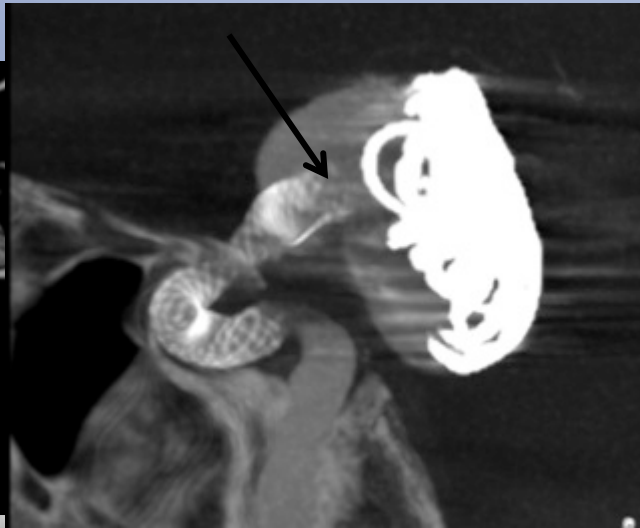
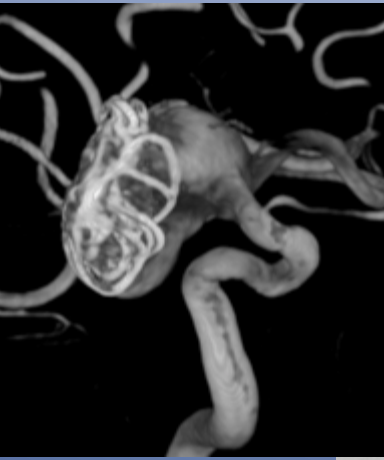
Angiogram revealed:

- 20 x 17 x 12 mm left ICA communicating segment Fusiform aneurysm
- Fetal origin of Lt. PCA
- Patient decided to have PED treatment

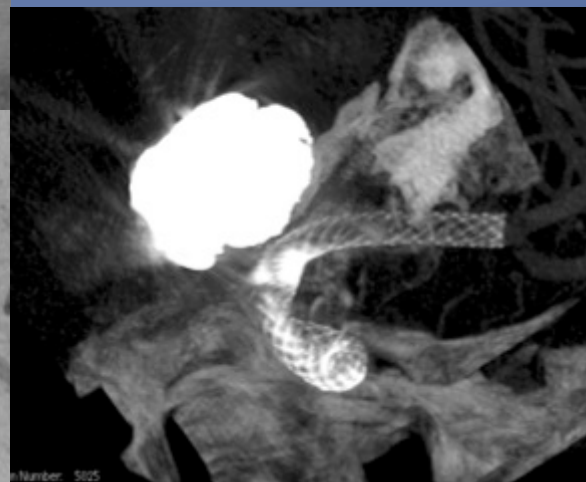
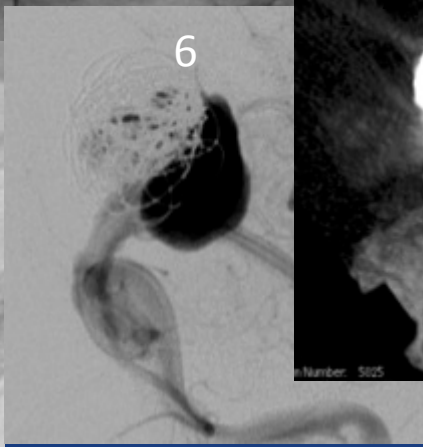
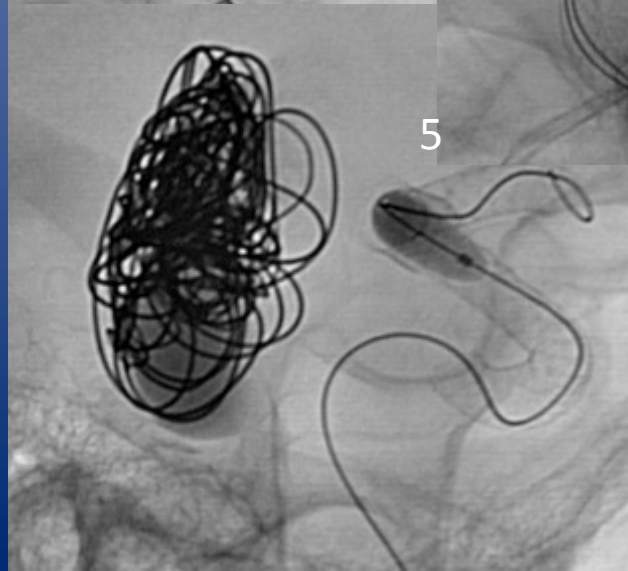
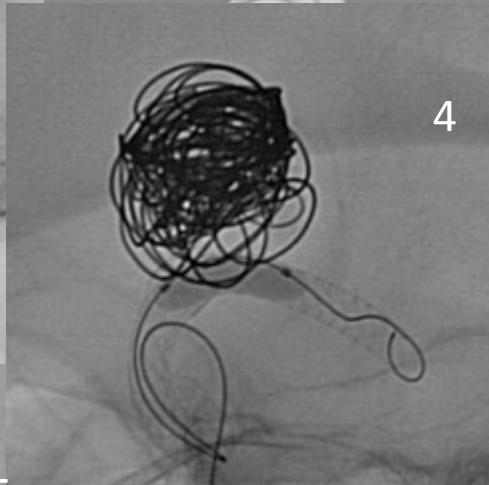
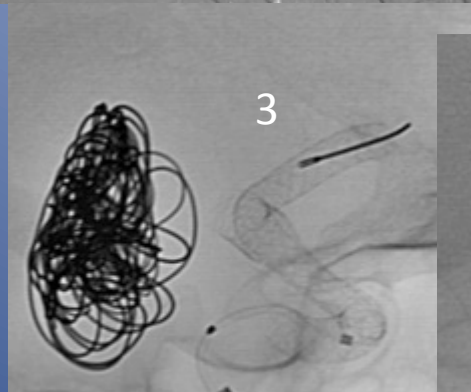


- Pt. underwent placement of PED and Coiling of the aneurysm on 10/2/2012.
- Post-t/m image showed stagnation of blood and no residual.





- Patient returned in 3 months with progressive headache, worsening ptosis and dilated fixed pupil.
- Imaging showed progressive growth of the ICA aneurysm and
- Retraction of the PED into the lumen of the aneurysm



- Marksman microcatheter was placed into the lumen of the MCA.
- Solitaire FR retriever was used to anchor the Marksman catheter.
- Second PED was placed into the prior stent.
- Balloon dilatation of the PED was performed to ensure apposition.
- Stagnation of flow noted at the end of the procedure.
- Pt. developed RUE and RLE weakness on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day post treatment.
- MRI showed multiple punctate areas of restricted diffusion in the L MCA.
- Pt. discharged home with outpatient PT.

# Our Bypass Experience (2005 -2012) was Reanalyzed

- 3 Categories
- Ruptured Aneurysms 38
- Unruptured Aneurysms
  - > Pipeline Eligible 19
  - > Pipeline Not Eligible 45

Total Cases (2005 – 2012) = 102

Location of aneurysms	PED Eligible Unruptured aneurysms	PED non-eligible Unruptured aneurysms	Ruptured aneurysms
<u>ICA</u> Paraclinoid/Ophthalmic Cavernous ICA Others	11 7 1	2(with prior stents)  2	7  2
MCA	0	19	13
ACA	0	8	9
BT	0	6	1
VA	0	3	
Other posterior circulation	0	5	6

# Pipeline Eligible Aneurysms

<b>Total number of patients</b>	<b>19</b>
Age (mean, median, range)	55 (20 – 84)
Complete occlusion of the aneurysm	100%
Graft (RAG/SVG)	14/5
Graft Stenosis	2/19
(1 non-flow limiting, 1 required angioplasty)	
Graft occlusion	0/19
Patency of bypass	100%
Follow-up outcomes 1 YR:	
mRS 0-2	18/19 (95%)
mRS 3	1/19 (5%)
	(Same as Pre treatment)

# Complications

Hematoma	1(5.2%)	(Temporal lobe, evacuated without sequelae)
Infection	1 (5.2%)	(Wrist)

# Conclusions

- The Treatment of Aneurysm is Evolving
- Both Microsurgery and Endovascular Surgery are Important in their Management