



*Stimulation cardiaque  
sans sonde:  
Pour tout le monde??*

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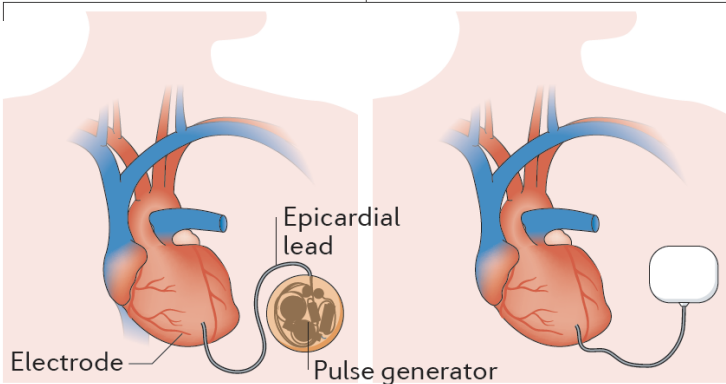


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# Stimulation sans sondes : du simple au double et triple chambre

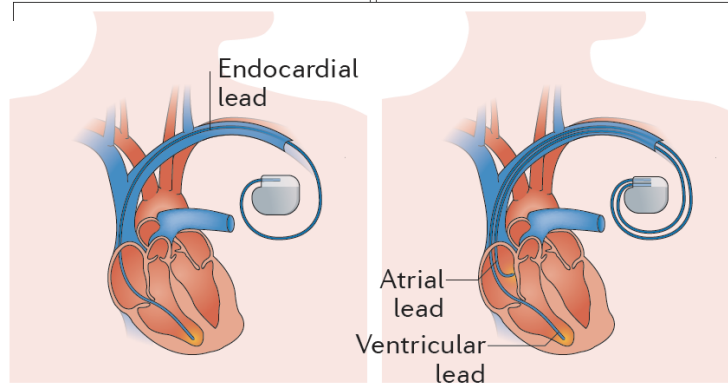
## Asynchronous pacing (VOO)



First implanted devices (Sweden)

1958

## Synchronous pacing (VVI or DDD)



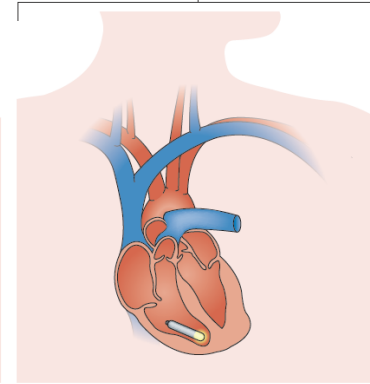
Single-chamber devices

1986

Dual-chamber devices

1990

## Leadless



Leadless pacemakers

2016

>2022

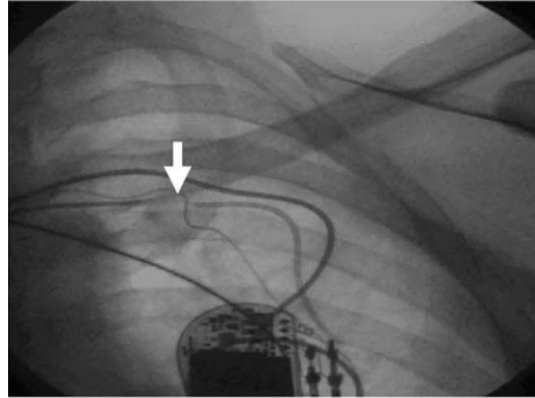
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# Why leadless? Unmet needs in cardiac pacing

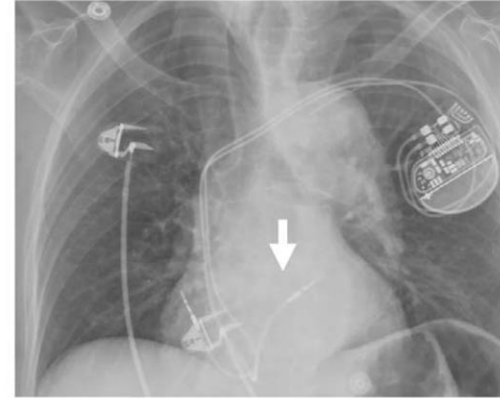
## Complications of transvenous pacing

### ➤ Acute complications/ access issues

- Pneumothorax
- Hematoma
- Venous access issues (dialysis, congenital heart disease)



Lead fracture



Lead dislodgment

### ➤ Long-term complications

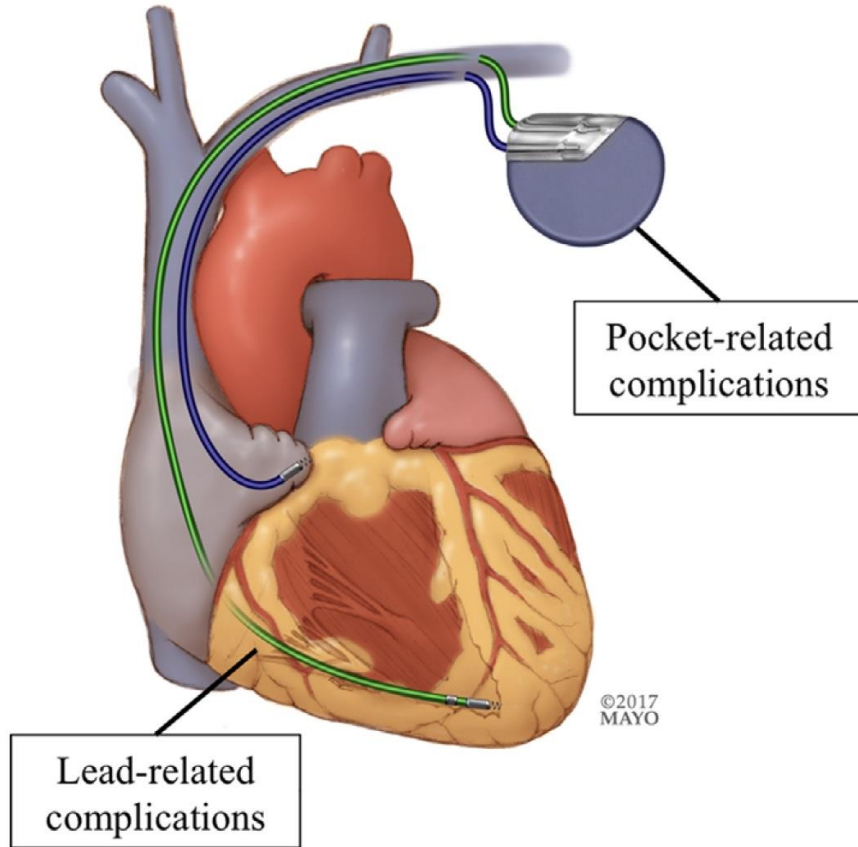
- Lead reliability (fracture, insulation)
- Device pocket (erosion, discomfort)
- Tricuspid regurgitation
- Infection



Pocket infection



Hematoma



Transvenous pacemaker complications	Rate (%)
<b>Immediate complications</b>	
Pneumothorax	0.6-0.9 <sup>3, 24</sup>
Cardiac perforation	0.1 - 0.3 <sup>3, 27</sup>
Hematoma	0.2 – 0.7 <sup>3, 26</sup>
<b>Intermediate complications</b>	
Lead dislodgement	0.4 – 1.7 <sup>3, 25</sup>
Pocket revision because of pain	0.4 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Late complications</b>	
Lead-related re-intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conductor fracture</li> <li>• Insulation break</li> </ul>	1.7 - 2.4 <sup>3, 25</sup>
Pacemaker infections	1.8-1.9 per 1000 pacemaker years <sup>4, 5</sup>

# Pacing implantations / CHU Grenoble Alpes

➤ 1<sup>st</sup> Implantation : November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

➤ **Total : 63 Nanostim/  
390 Micra /  
10 EBR Wyse CRT  
7 AVEIR/ 10 AVEIR DR**

**Total = 633 implantations**

➤ Complications :

- **1 tamponade with Nanostim :  
pericardiocentesis only**

- **1 tamponade with Micra :  
sternotomy/ RV apical repair (2016)**

**<0,2%**

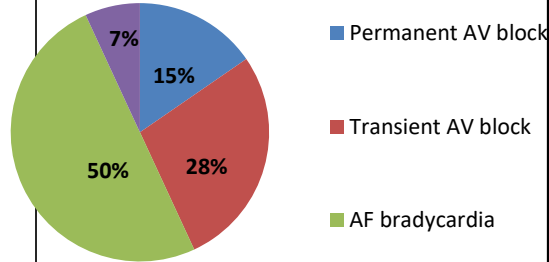
		2019	2020	2021	2022	
PM	VVI	PRIMO-IMPL	65	67	29	31
		Changement Boit	9	6	8	
		MICRA	25	45	101	
		<b>sous total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>145</b>	
	DDD	PRIMO-IMPL	200	191	190	161
		Changement Boit	46	64	77	
		<b>sous total</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>267</b>	
	CRT	PRIMO-IMPL	60	69	85	10
		Changement Boit	6	12	74	
		WISE	3	0	0	
		<b>sous total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>159</b>	
	EPI	PRIMO-IMPL	0	0	1	
		Changement Boit	0	0	0	
		<b>sous total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>414</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>572</b>	

Micra 161  
AVEIR DR : 10

130 pts

- 84 ± 5.6 years old, male 66.2%
- Fluo : 4.3±2.9 minutes
- Number of device deployments 1.5±1 (1-7)
- Threshold : 0.5±0.4 at 0.24ms (only 4 pts (3%) threshold >1.0 V).
- Complications:
  - 1 myocardial perforation among the first implantations/ apical device position multiple comorbidities.
  - 1 cardiogenic shock/very fragile patient
- Total rate of major complications: 2.3%
- 1 femoral complication

Indications



Choice for Leadless system pacing	(%)
Transvenous pacemaker extractions	20%
Active systemic infection	20%
Complex conventional approach	21.6%
Severe tricuspid valve disease	1.5%
Clinical frailty	22.3%
Shortly after TAVR	8.5%

- Median time from implantation to discharge : 5±6.5 D (55.6% ≤72 hours)
- Follow-up : 17± 15 M / mortality rate of 12.3%:
- 92.2% of pts : thresholds <1V during FU;
- No infections;
- No device dislodgement

**Conclusion:** Elderly pts are at higher risk of complications; our experience confirms their clinical frailty and underlines the favorable safety profile of leadless system pacing with a low rate of complications and stable pacing thresholds.

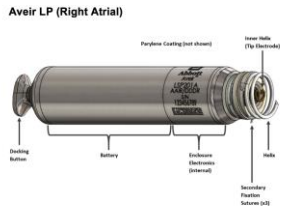
# Leadless pacemakers

## LCP™ Nanostim/Abbott

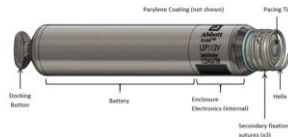


41 mm

December 2011



Aveir LP (Right Ventricular)



January 2021  
Aveir/38 mm

## Micra™ Medtronic



25 mm

December 2013

Micra AV™ 2020

## WICS™ EBR



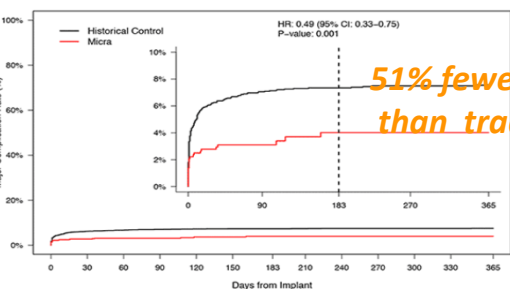
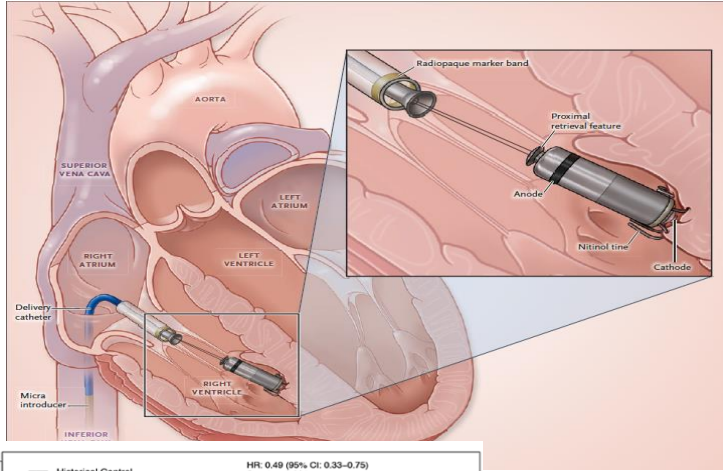
9mm

May 2011

## A Leadless Intracardiac Transcatheter Pacing System

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## 725 patients Micra TPS study



**51% fewer major complications than traditional pacemakers**

*N Engl J Med 2016*

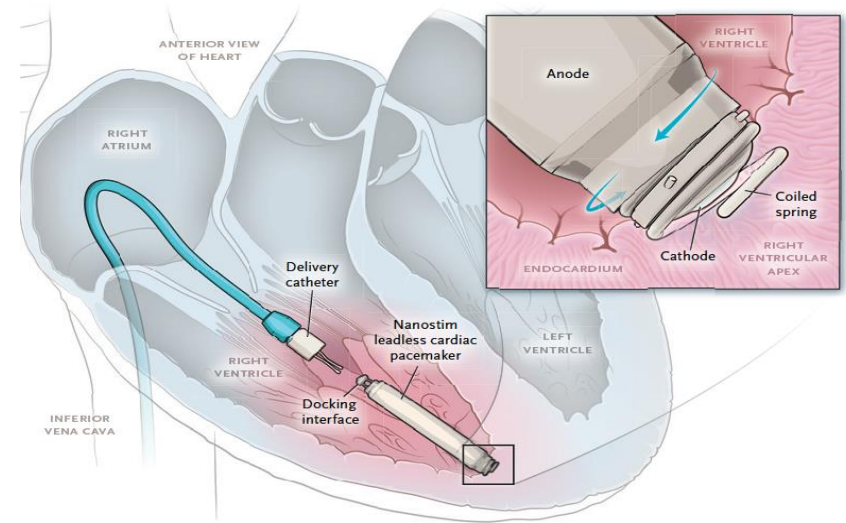
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Percutaneous Implantation of an Entirely Intracardiac Leadless Pacemaker

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## 526 patients

## Leadless II



*N Engl J Med 2015*

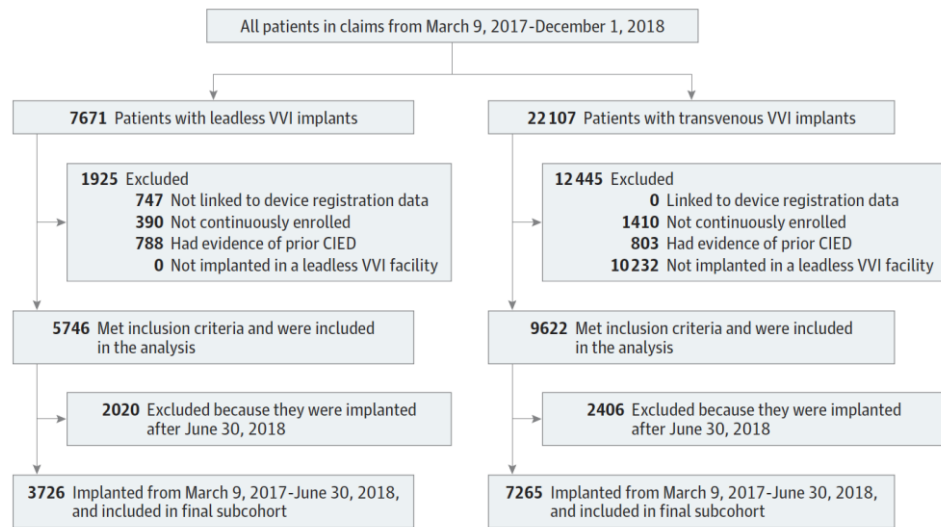


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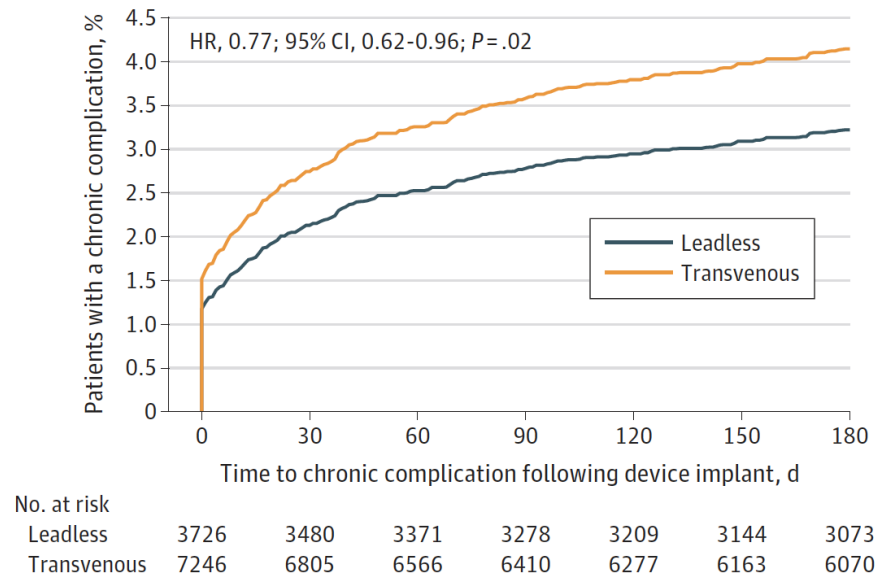
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**33% lower rate of chronic complications / transvenous VVI**

Figure 1. Cohort Formation Flowchart



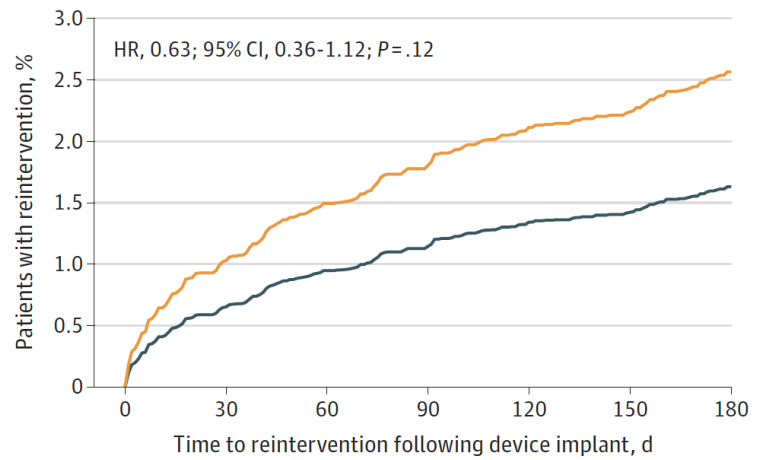
A 6-mo Complication



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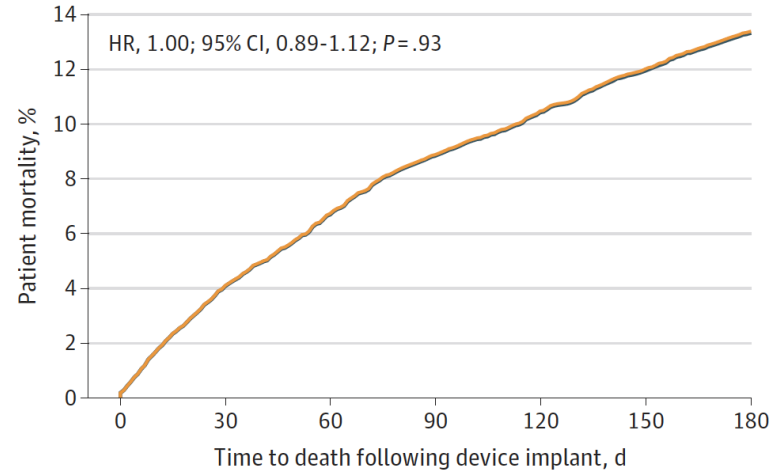
**B** 6-mo Revision



No. at risk	0	30	60	90	120	150	180
Leadless	3726	3536	3430	3335	3266	3202	3131
Transvenous	7246	6914	6670	6501	6371	6251	6149

**38% lower rate of reinterventions**

**C** Patient mortality rates



No. at risk	0	30	60	90	120	150	180
Leadless	3726	3564	3459	3365	3295	3234	3166
Transvenous	7246	6972	6767	6615	6507	6393	6311

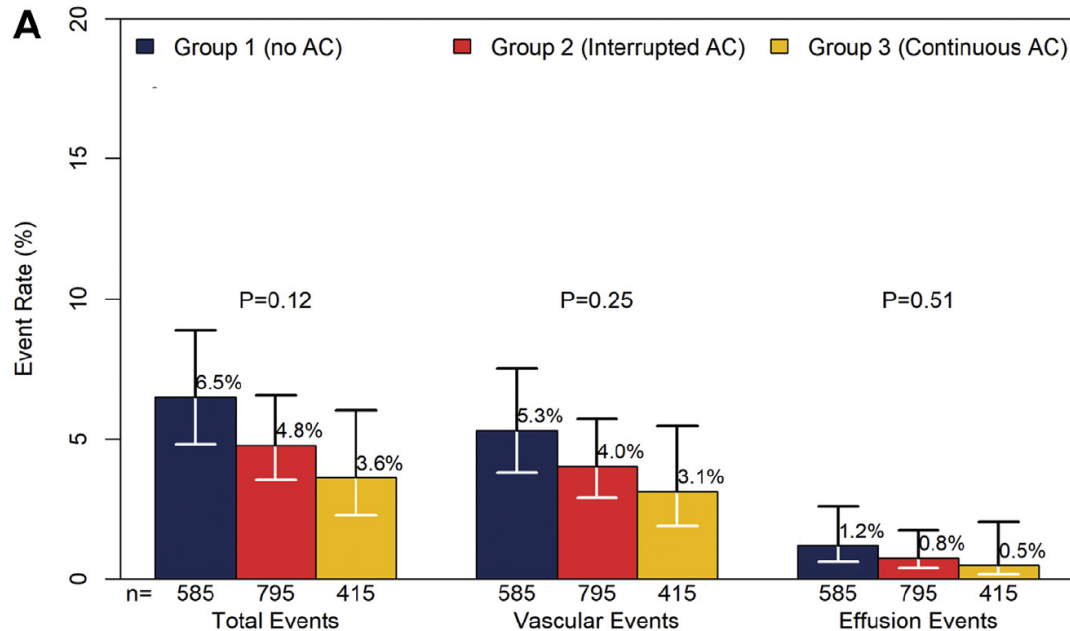
# Leadless pacemaker implant, anticoagulation status, and outcomes: Results from the Micra Transcatheter Pacing System Post-Approval Registry

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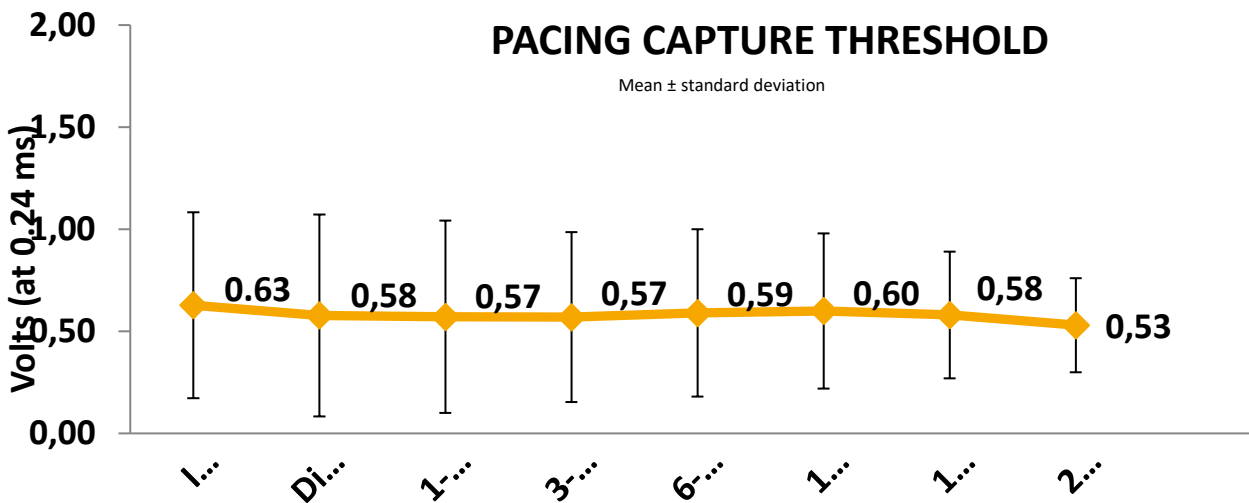
**Table 3** Acute major complications by oral AC strategy

Adverse event	Group 1 (no AC) (n = 585)	Group 2 (interrupted AC) (n = 795)	Group 3 (continuous AC) (n = 415)	Omnibus P value*
Total major complications	19 (18, 3.08)	25 (21, 2.64)	6 (6, 1.45)	.29
Cardiac effusion/perforation	4 (4, 0.68)	2 (2, 0.25)	2 (2, 0.48)	.52
Events at groin puncture site	2 (2, 0.34)	7 (7, 0.88)	1 (1, 0.24)	.38
Thrombosis	0 (0, 0.00)	2 (2, 0.25)	0 (0, 0.00)	.62
Pacing issues†	8 (7, 1.20)	8 (8, 1.01)	1 (1, 0.24)	.36
Cardiac rhythm disorder	0 (0, 0.00)	0 (0, 0.00)	1 (1, 0.24)	.46
Infection	1 (1, 0.17)	3 (3, 0.38)	0 (0, 0.00)	.64
Other‡	4 (4, 0.68)	3 (3, 0.38)	1 (1, 0.24)	.62

**Implant of Micra is safe and feasible regardless of an interrupted or continued periprocedural oral AC strategy, with no increased risk of perforation or vascular complications.**



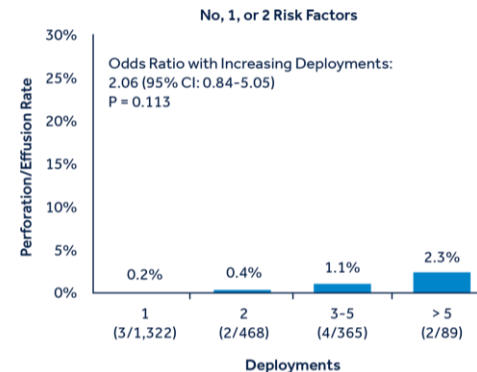
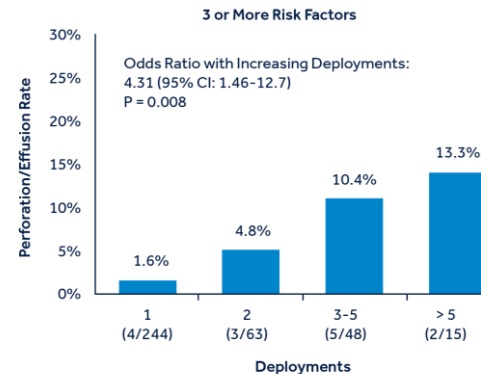
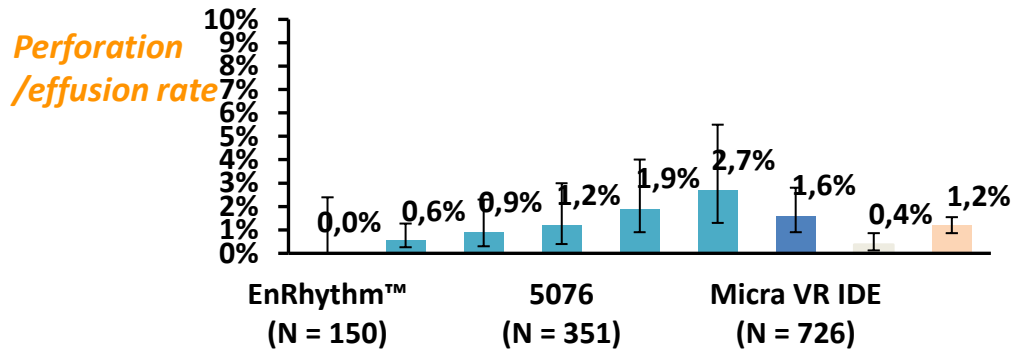
Estimation of the battery longevity : 12.1 years



# All patients Micra™ VR with Perforation/Effusion : $\geq 1$ risk factor

## Known risk factors for complications of transvenous leads

Patients characteristics	No pericardial effusion (n = 712)	Pericardial effusion (n = 13)	P value
Mean age (years),	75.8 ± 11.0	81.7 ± 8.6	0.053
BMI	27.6 ± 5.3	24.5 ± 4.0	0.032
Woman, n (%)	290 (40.7%)	9 (69.2%)	0.048
Chronic lung disease, n (%)	203 (28.5%)	8 (61.5%)	0.025



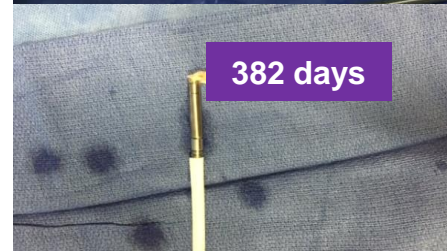
**A worldwide experience of the management of battery failures and chronic device retrieval of the Nanostim leadless pacemaker**

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## Possibility of leadless retrieval (Nanostim™/Aveir™)



### Nanostim Retrieval Gross Pathology



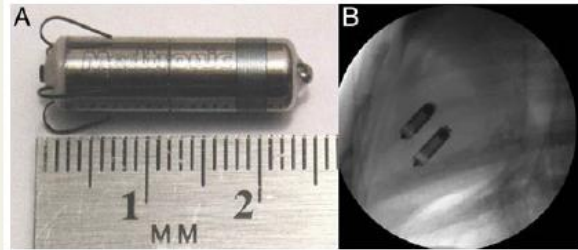
*90.4% success retrieval/implant duration range: 0.2–4.0 years*

# Multiple leadless pacemakers implanted in the right ventricle of swine

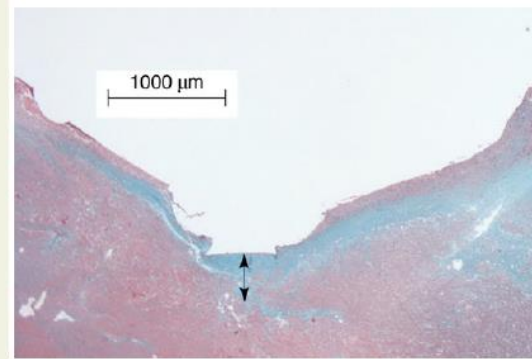
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## Multiple implantations possible

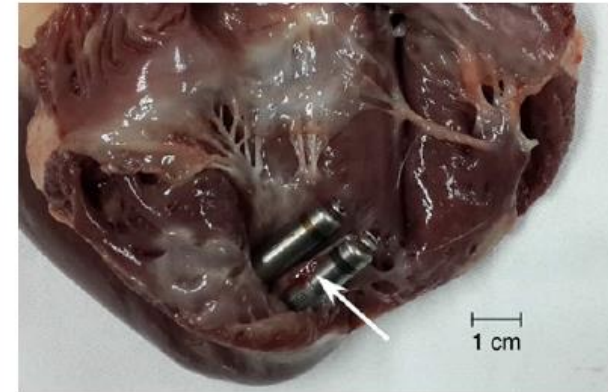
14 mini pigs received 2 leadless  
1month interval between



Micra device and fluoroscopic imaging with Micra devices: (A) an example of the Micra device and (B) fluoroscopic imaging of two Micra devices implanted in the RV.

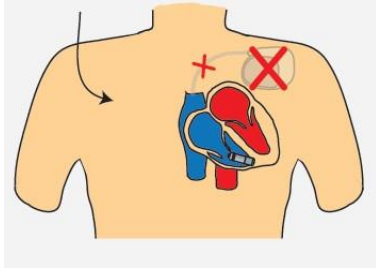


Tissue fibrosis beneath the Micra pacing electrode. Arrow indicates the thickness of the fibrosis measured from the endocardium where the device was placed.

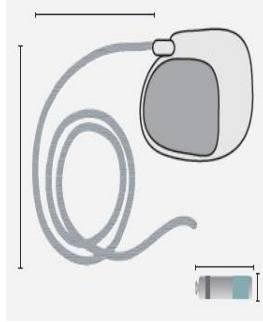


Fibrous tissue attaching around Micra devices observed at necropsy. Arrow indicates the fibrous tissue attachment.

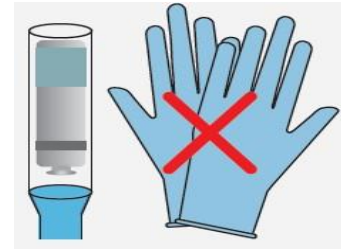
# Low infection rate with leadless PM



No lead, no pocket



Small size



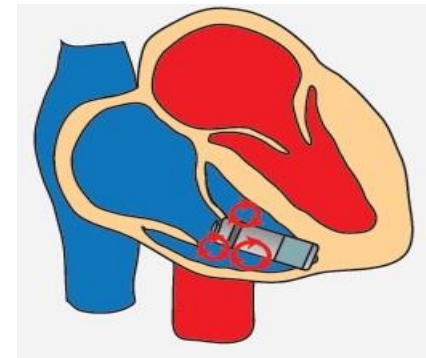
Reduced handling



Encapsulation

Strongest Protection	
Parylene Coated	
Strong Protection	
Polyurethane Coated	
Less Protection	
Bare Titanium	

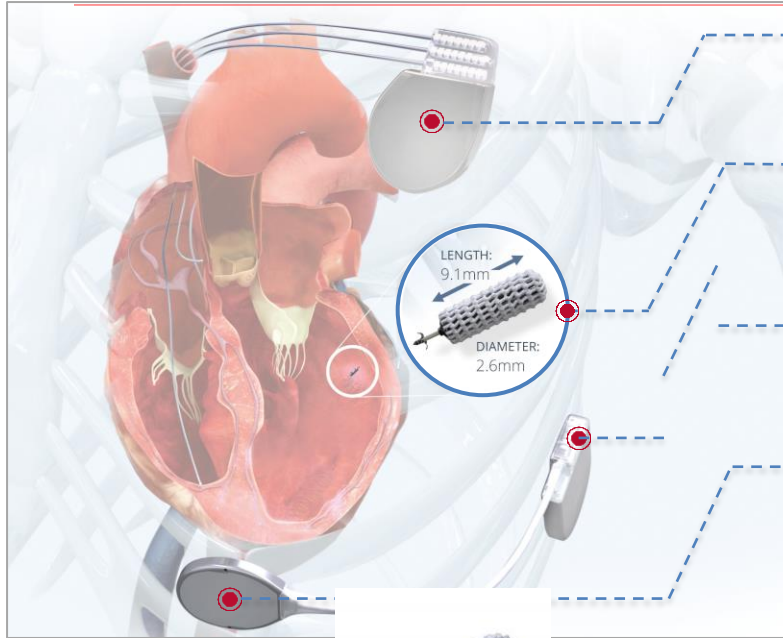
Protective covering



Turbulent flow



**Total : 383 patients worldwide**



### **CO-IMPLANT DEVICE**

Co-implanted pacemaker, ICD or CRT paces the right ventricle.

### **RECEIVER ELECTRODE**

Implanted onto the endocardium, the receiver electrode converts ultrasound energy into electrical energy to pace the left ventricle.

### **BATTERY**

Implanted subcutaneously on the left mid axillary line, powers the transmitter.

### **TRANSMITTER**

Phased array ultrasound transmitter is implanted sub-muscular over a cardiac echo window. Synchronizes with an RV pacing pulse to transmit ultrasound energy to the receiver electrode to provide Bi-V endocardial pacing.

Receiver Electrode

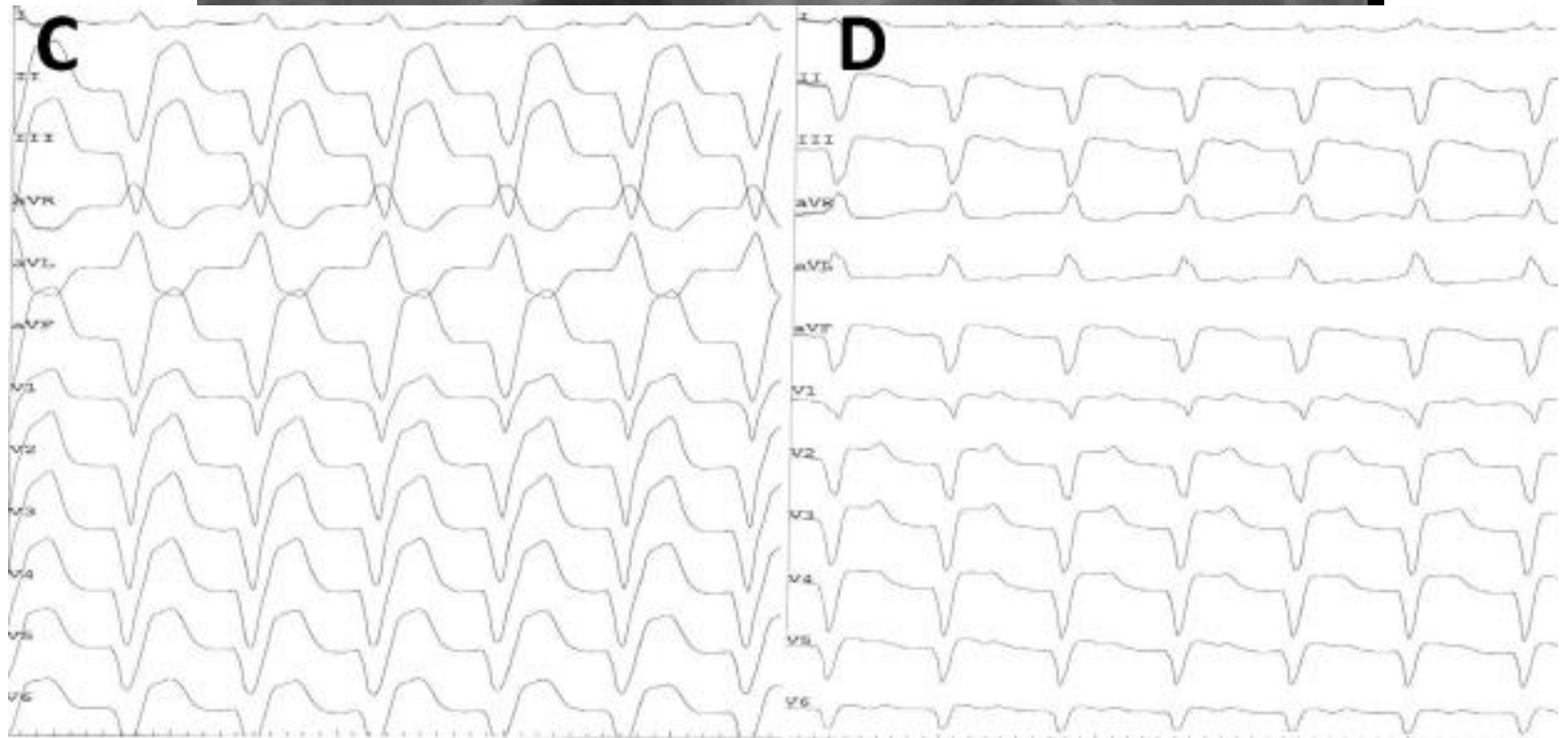
Body  
Diameter:  
2.7 mm



**Very Small: 9.1mm x 2.7mm, 0.05cc (Micra .8cc)**

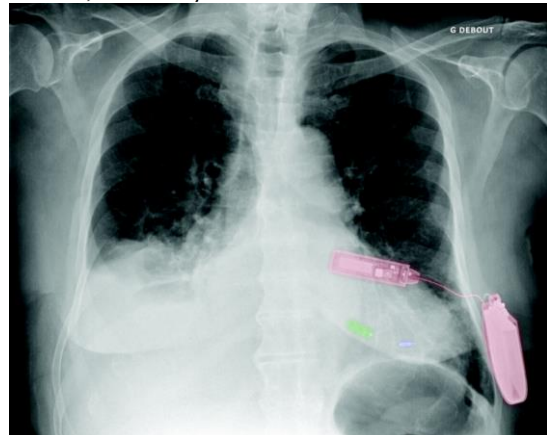
# *“Leadless CRT”*

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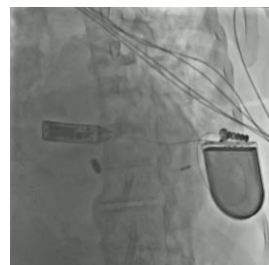


# European experience with a first totally leadless cardiac resynchronization therapy pacemaker system

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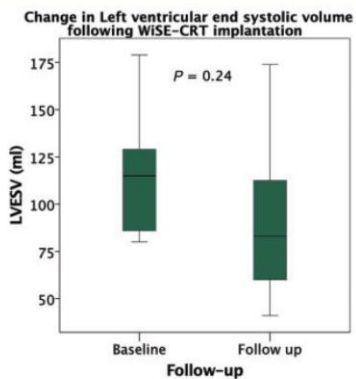
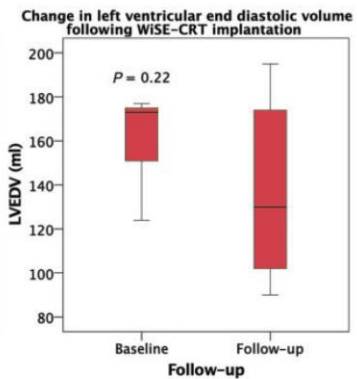
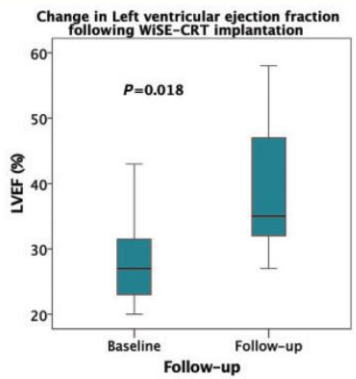
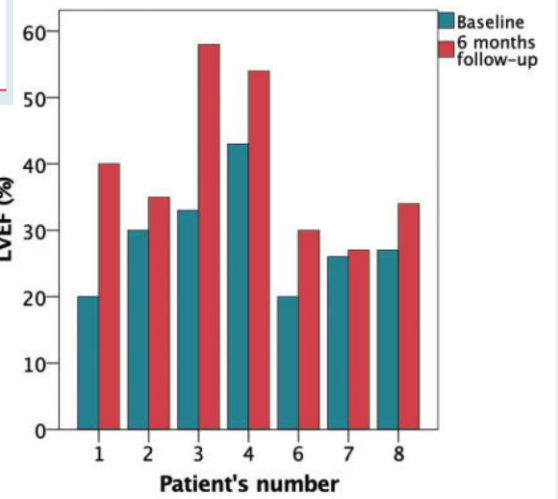
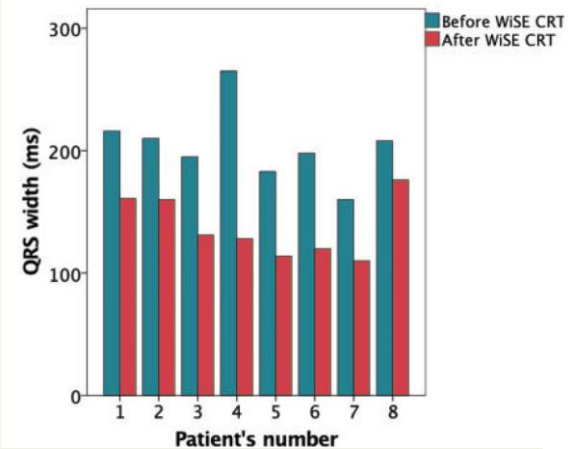


8 patients



**Table 2** Left ventricle function and volumes following WISE-CRT implantation

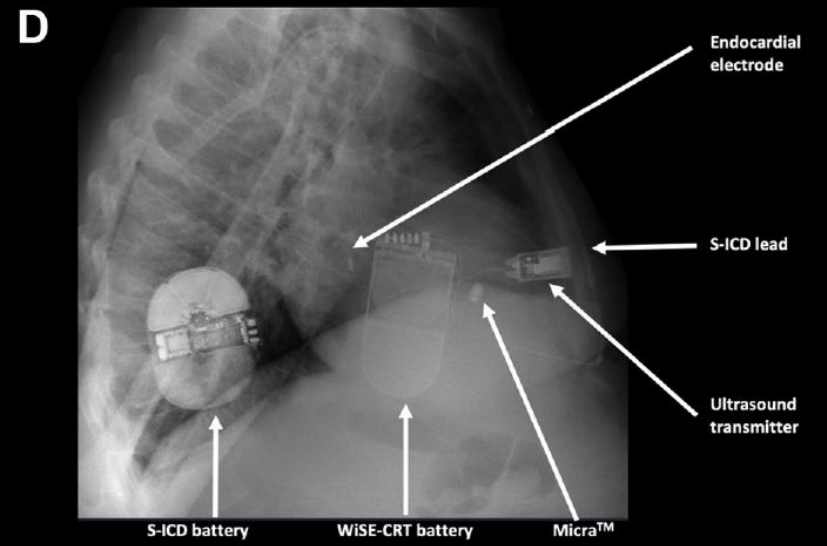
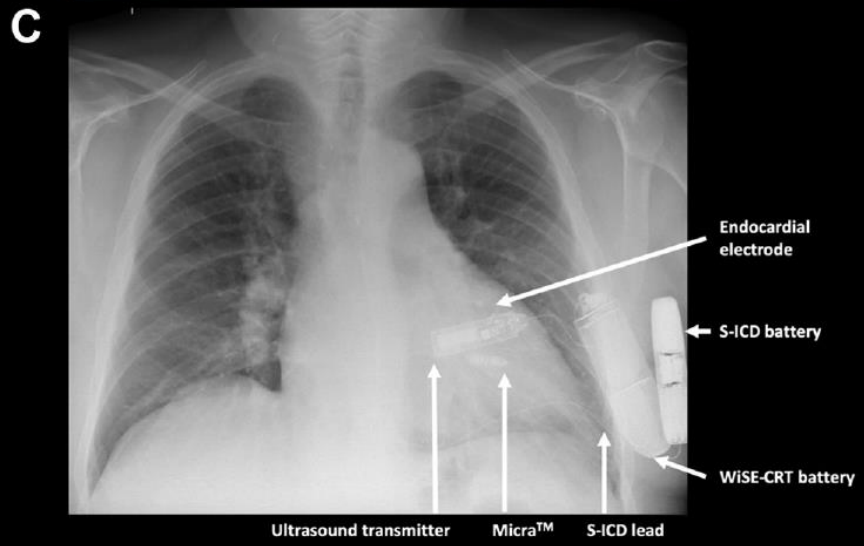
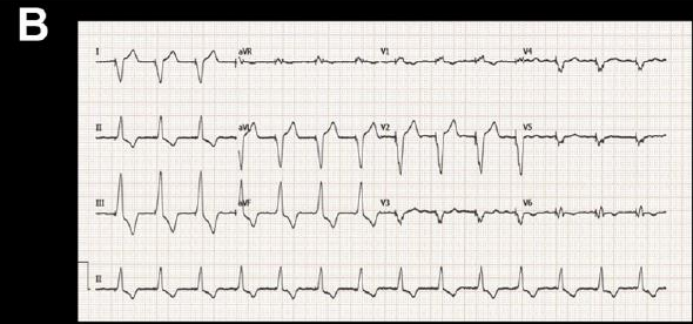
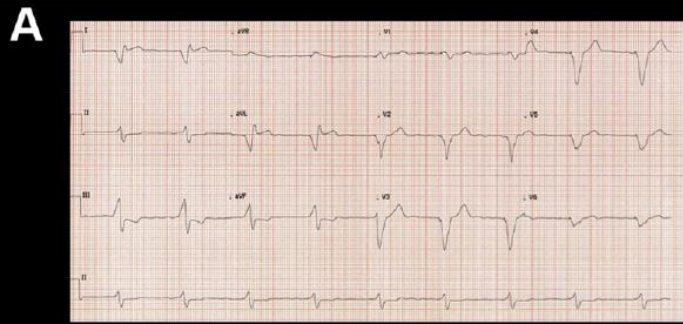
Variables	Before WISE-CRT implantation	After WISE-CRT implantation	Change	P-value
QRS duration (ms)	204.37 ± 30.26	137.50 ± 24.75	-66.88 ± 31.58	<b>0.012</b>
LVESV (mL)	117.33 ± 35.61	91.86 ± 48.43	-23 ± 27.77	0.24
LVEDV (mL)	160 ± 22.69	129.4 ± 40.70	-30.60 ± 29.30	0.22
LVEF (%)	28.43 ± 8.01	39.71 ± 11.89	+11.29 ± 8.46	<b>0.018</b>
NYHA	2.63 ± 0.51	2.29 ± 0.95		0.18



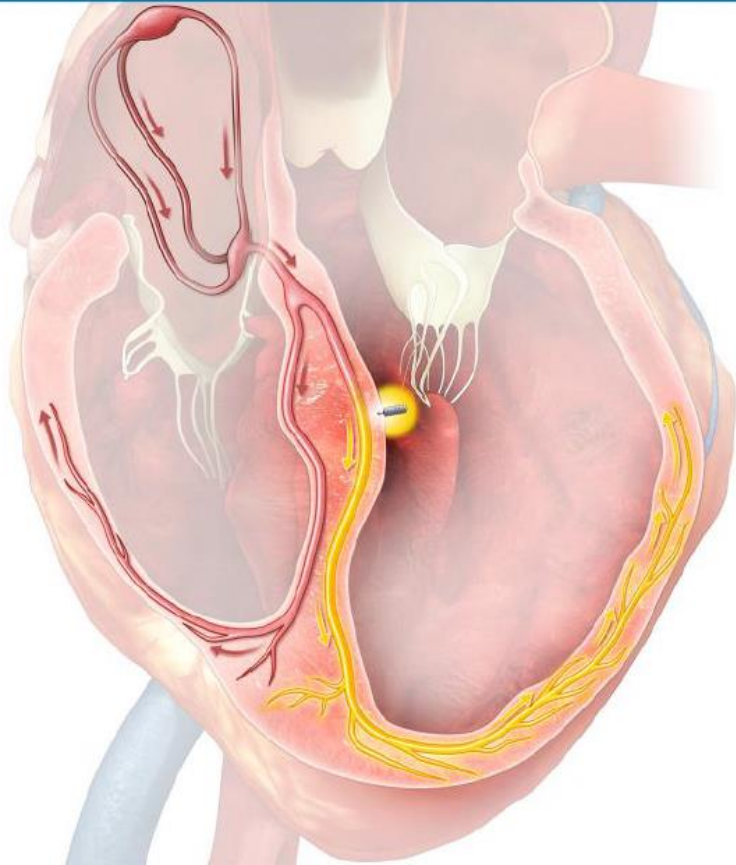
# Completely Leadless Cardiac Resynchronization Defibrillator System

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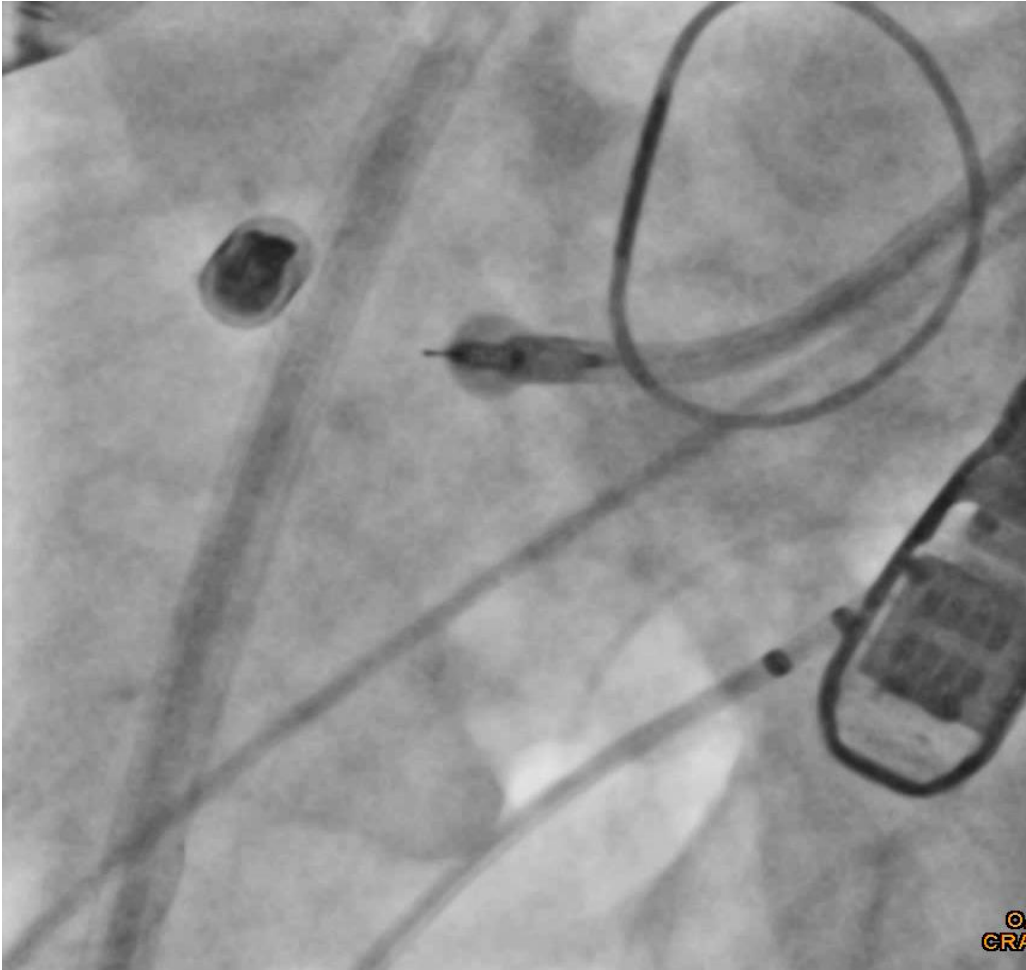


# Leadless left bundle branch pacing

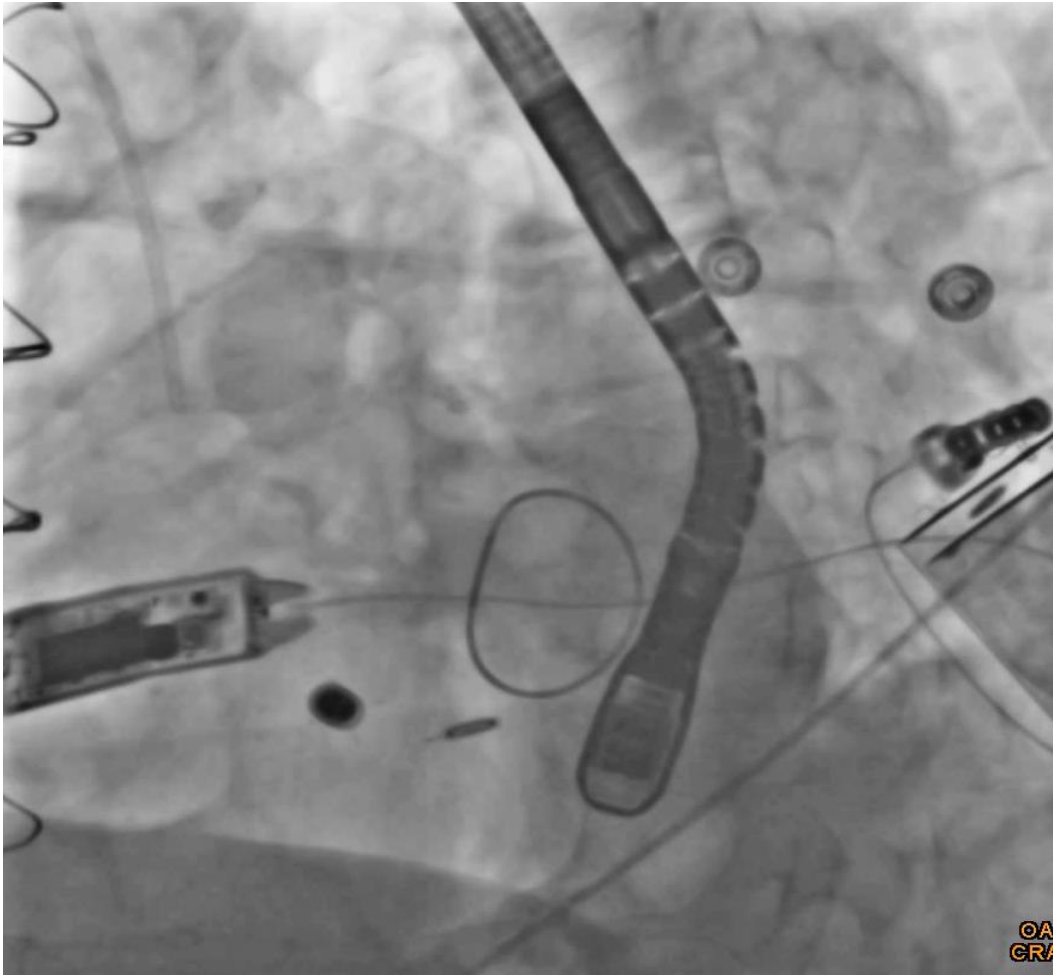


## Potential advantages:

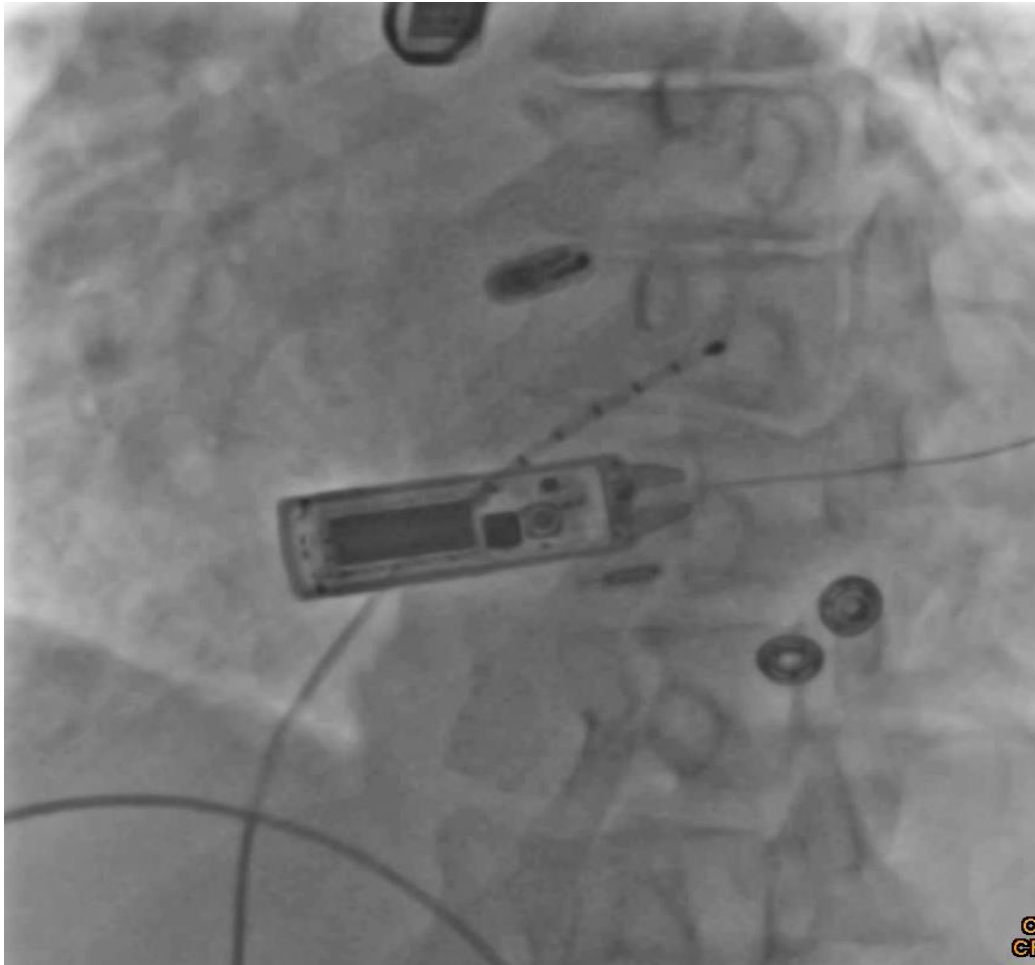
- Physiologic pacing
- Low pacing threshold
- No need for deep penetration into interventricular septum
- Negligible damage to conductive tissue
- Low risk of endocarditis



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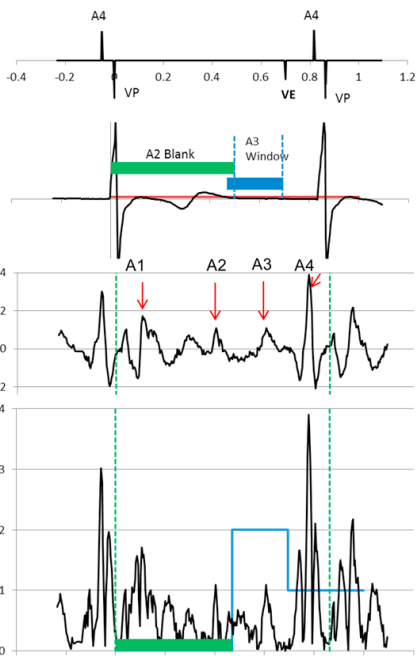
# Atrioventricular Synchronous Pacing Using a Leadless Ventricular Pacemaker



Results From the MARVEL 2 Study

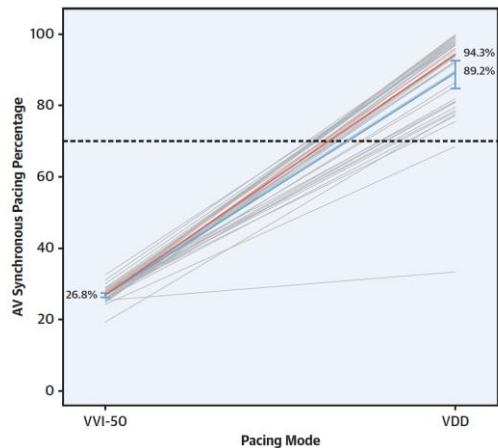
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## AV conduction mode switch



75 patients

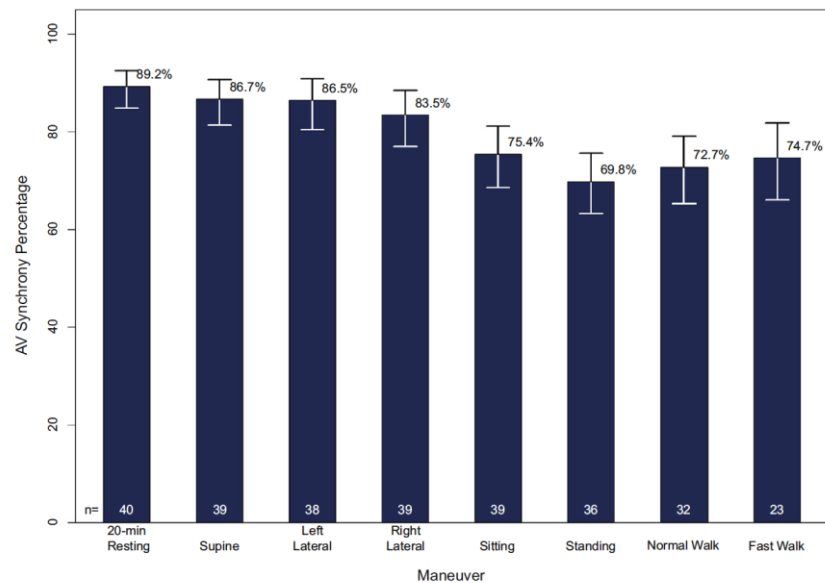
### CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION AV Synchronous Pacing Percentage



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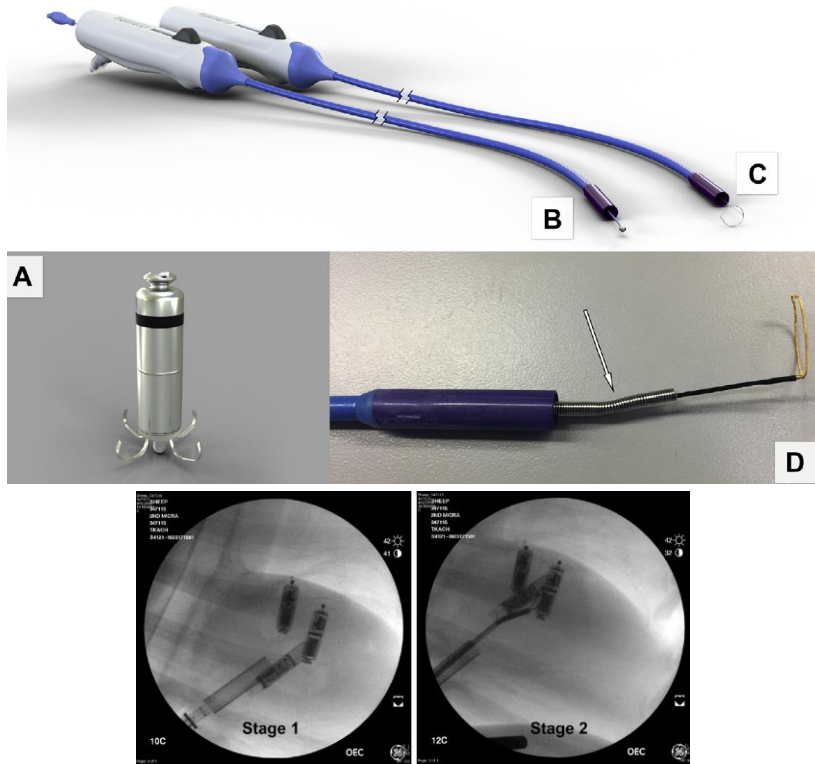


FIGURE 2 AV Synchrony Percentage by Maneuver



# Implant, performance, and retrieval of an atrial leadless pacemaker in sheep

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## Micra AR (AAIR) or DDD (DDDR)

Modular Design provides flexible implant strategies

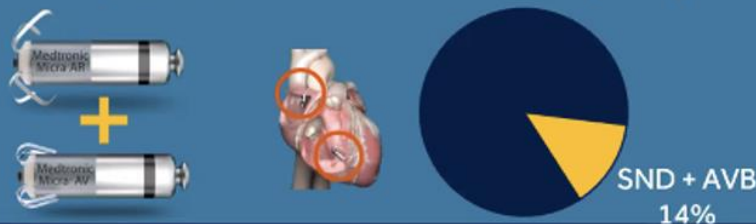
### Single Device Use Case:

- Modular approach allows independent AR implant
- Option to upgrade to DDD later if necessary



### Dual Device Use Case:

Implant Micra AR + Micra AV for DDDR pacing



Focus on safe and effective implant procedure

Focus on optimized workflow for DDD pacing

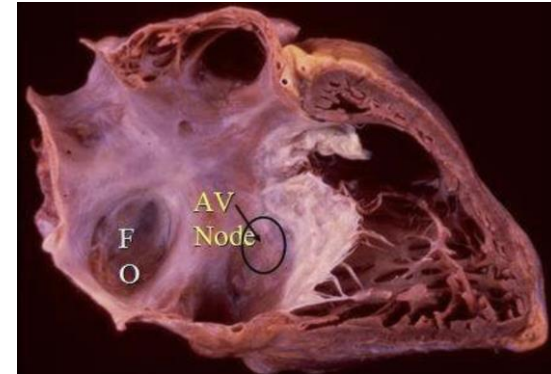
# Dual chamber leadless pacemaker

## Requirements :

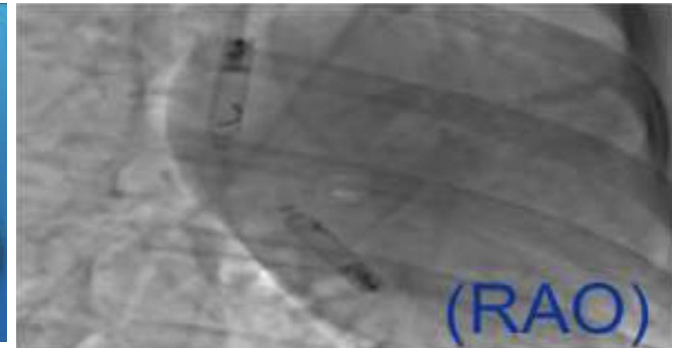
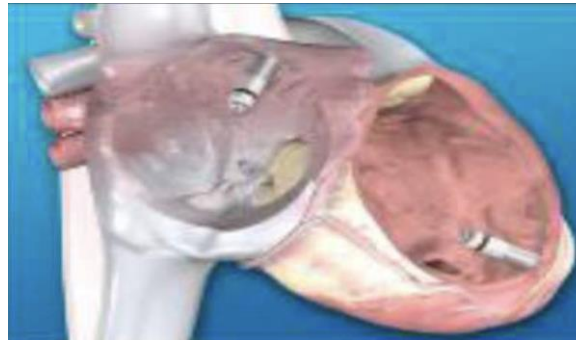
- Safe atrial implant
  - Wall thickness vs fixation mechanism
  - Angle of implant/retrieval
  - >18 F catheter femoral
- Sufficient longevity
- Intrabody communication
  - Beat to beat communication
  - Programmable AV delay
  - Minimize V pacing

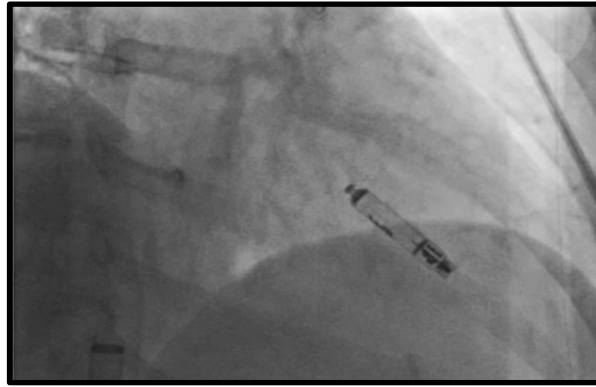
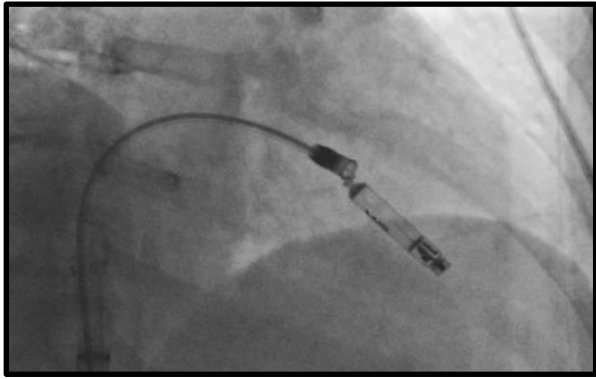
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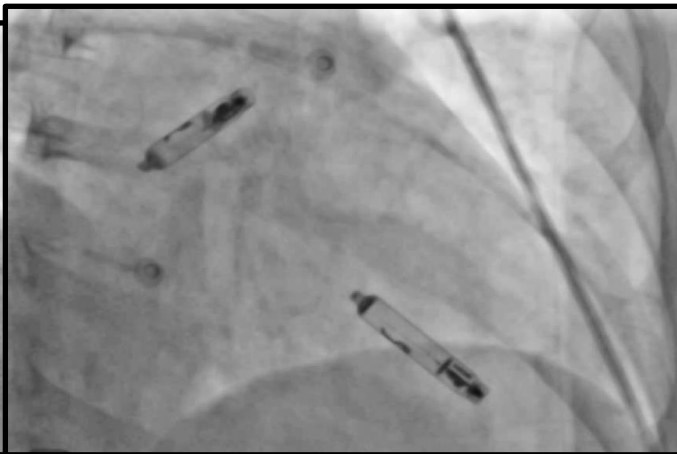
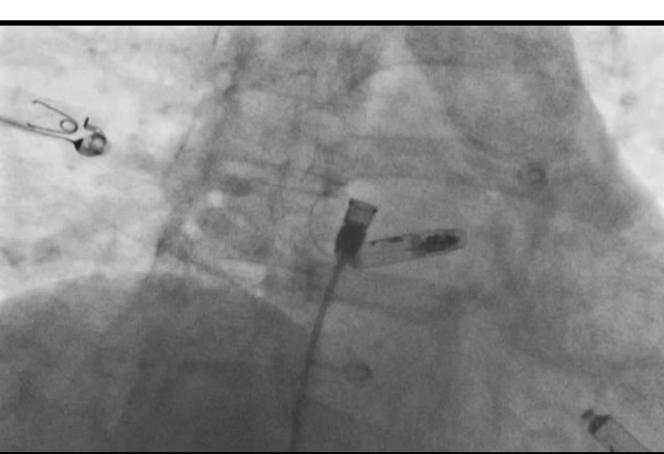


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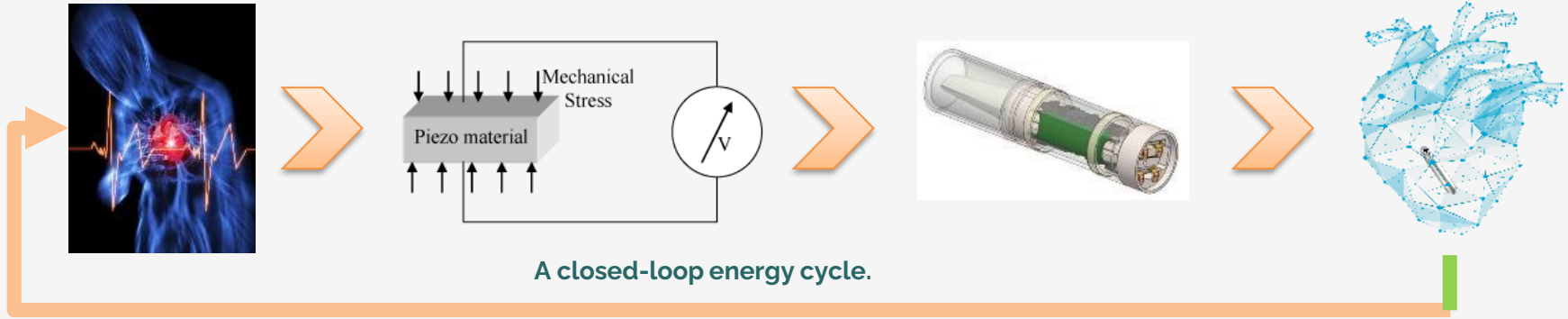




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# Kinetic energy harvesting system.



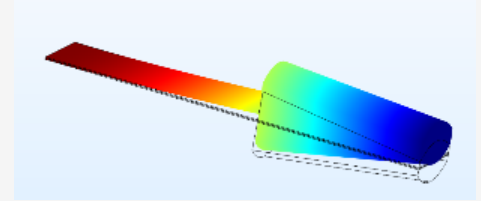
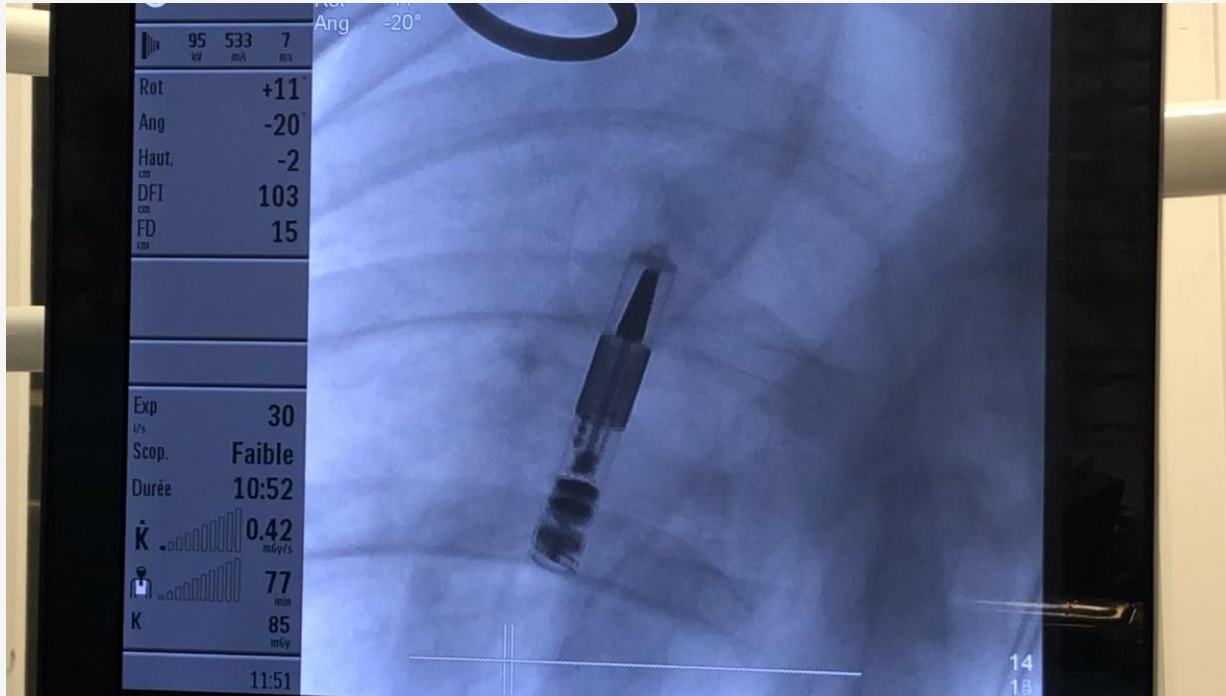
Improving **the patient's conditions** with a unique leadless pacemaker concept.



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The kinetic energy is **HARVESTED** with every heartbeat and **RESTORED** for cardiac stimulation.

## Kinetic energy harvesting system.



- X-ray video of leadless capsule with harvester fixed at the APEX of pig

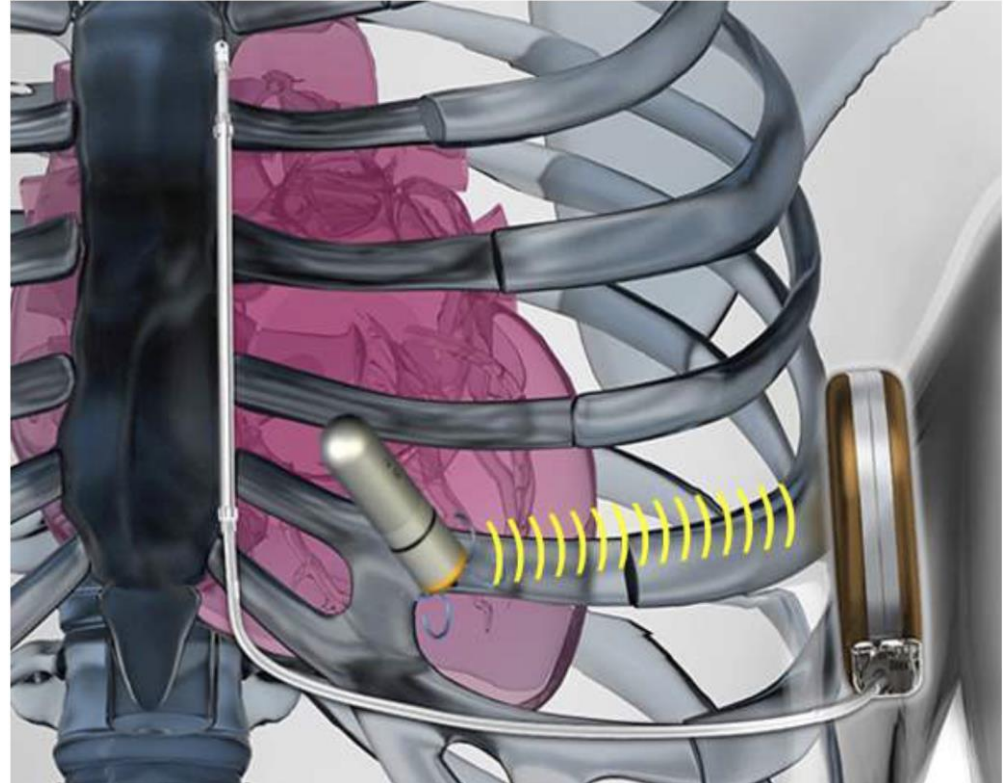
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## Limitations of the S-ICD :

S-ICD patients may develop a need for:

- **Pacing support** (0.06%-2.4%/year)
- **ATP** for recurrent monomorphic VT (0.4%-1.8% /year)

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*J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2015; 65(16):1605–1615  
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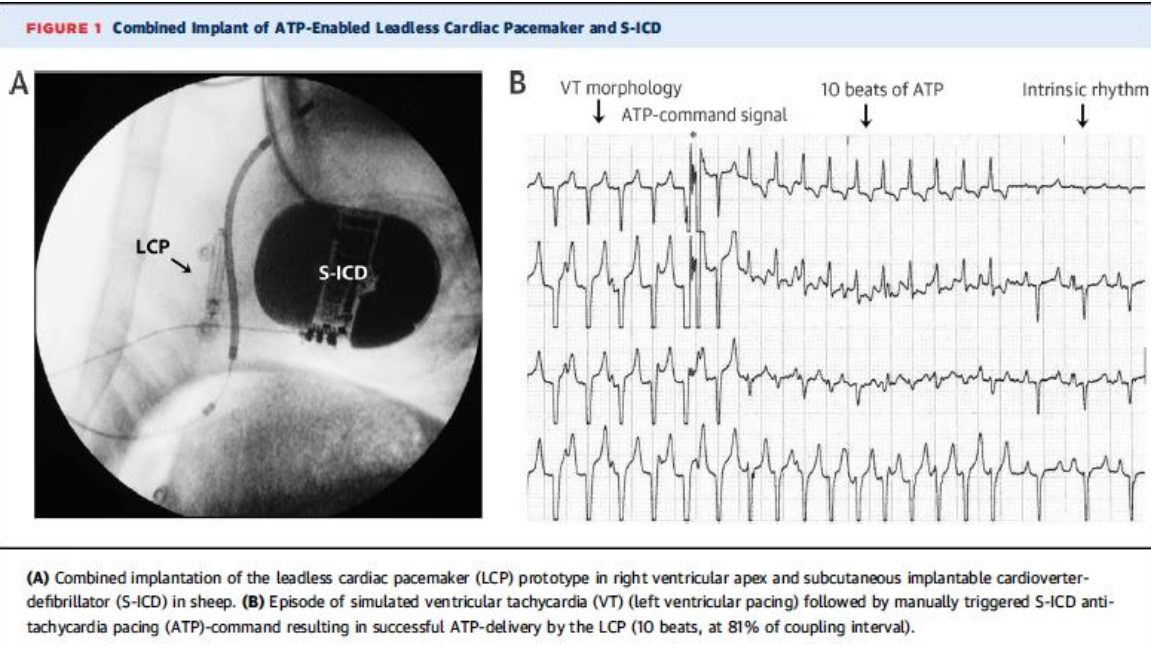


# Communicating Antitachycardia Pacing-Enabled Leadless Pacemaker and Subcutaneous Implantable Defibrillator



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- **December 2021** : first implantation in the **MODULAR ATP clinical trial**  
Evaluation of the safety, performance and effectiveness of the mCRM™ Modular Therapy System
- **EMBLEM™ MRI S-ICD System**
  - and the **EMPOWER™ Modular Pacing System (MPS)**,  
*first leadless pacemaker capable of delivering both bradycardia pacing support and ATP*



- **Undoubtedly, Leadless pacing will become cardiac stimulation of the 3rd millenium**
- **Progressive replacement** of VVIR TV pacing by leadless PM in reference centers
- Today, **expanded indications** to syncope, post-infection, congenital heart disease
- **LPMs provide safe & efficient VVI pacing**
  - Compared to conventional PMs, **50% risk reductions**
  - But : limitations of leadless pacing
    - particularly how to handle the generator at end of system life :  
**Retrieval or multiple implantations??**
- **Future of leadless pacing :**
  - **DDD leadless, leadless CRT...., Harvester..**
  - **Biological pacemakers but still in early development and preclinical phase**

**Role of leadless pacing : overcome the unmet needs in cardiac pacing.....**

