

Selecting a guide catheter for LCA

Extra back-up curves shapes suit most cases (EBU / XB / Voda / CLS)

Judkins: easy but poor support

LCX lesions: Amplatz might help but tricky



How to engage with EBU shape?

Catheter usually falls into non-coronary sinus

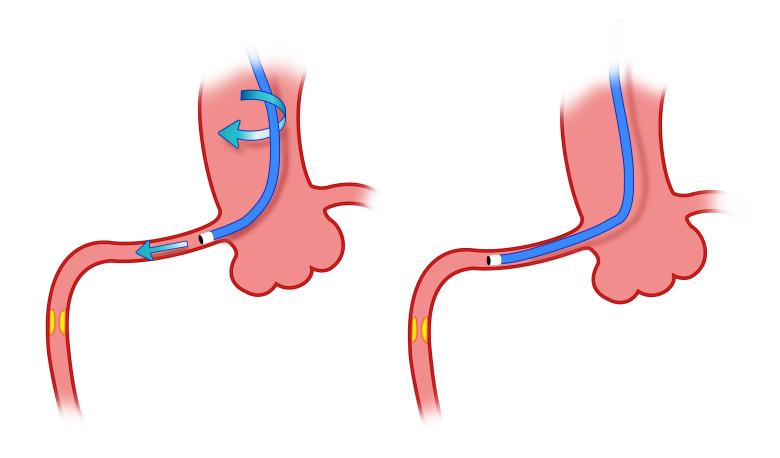
Pull gently, it will fall into the left coronary sinus (asking the patient to take a deep breath helps)

Once the catheter is in the left coronary sinus, turn anti-clockwise and advance



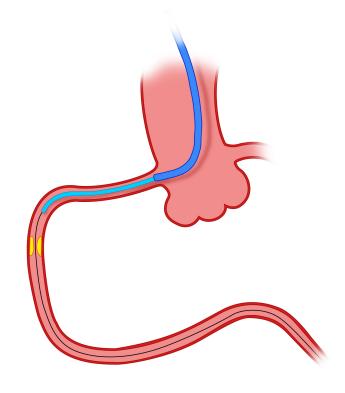
Deep intubation

Deep intubation With JR





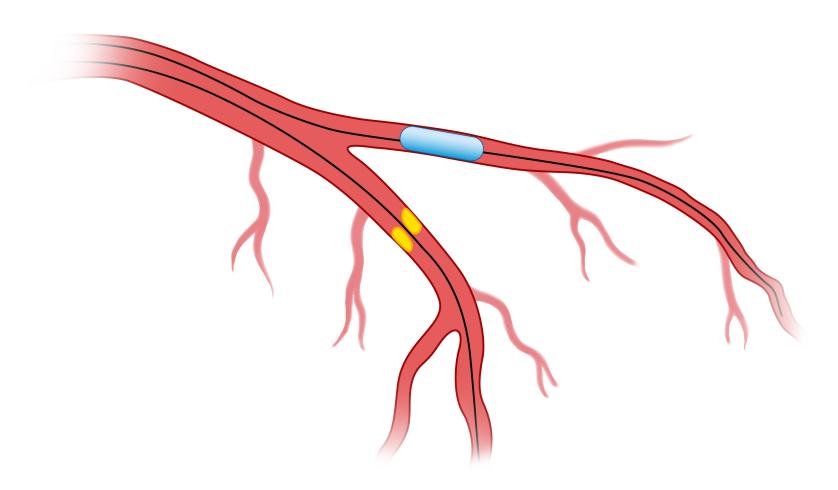
5 in 6





Anchoring baloon

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2 ways how to improve support?

Passive support

Active support

GC with back-up support

Deep intubation

7Fr or 8Fr GC

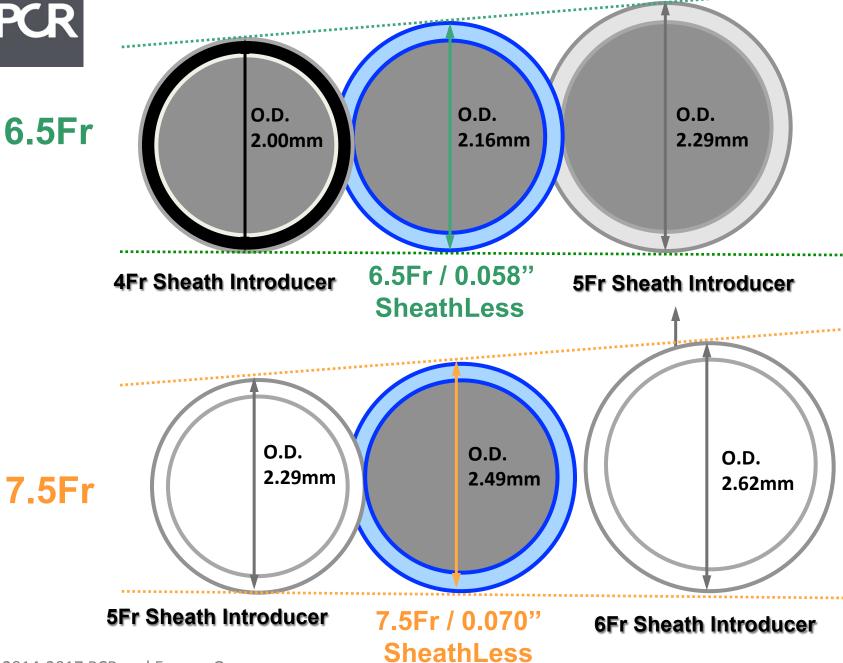
GC extensions: 5 in 6F

Anchoring balloon

Over the wire



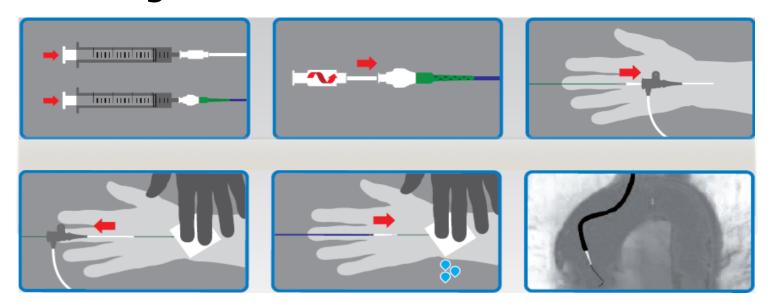
6.5Fr



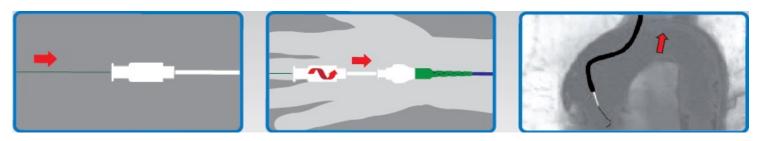


How to use sheathless GC?

Introducing:



Removing:





Key messages – Radial PCI

Similar guiding catheters to femoral PCI, choice based on angiography

Support might be insufficient, especially for the RCA

A few techniques & catheters will help



Guiding catheter choice - summary

Usual guiding catheters, but adapted to have a good support and specific manipulation to ostial cannulation

Right knowledge of tips and tricks to increase support (passive and active)

Sheathless solution in case of small radial artery