

ICD leads evolution

**NEARLY HALF A CENTURY OF
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: WHAT'S STILL NEEDED?**

What can the implanter do to avoid lead extraction or to make it easier?

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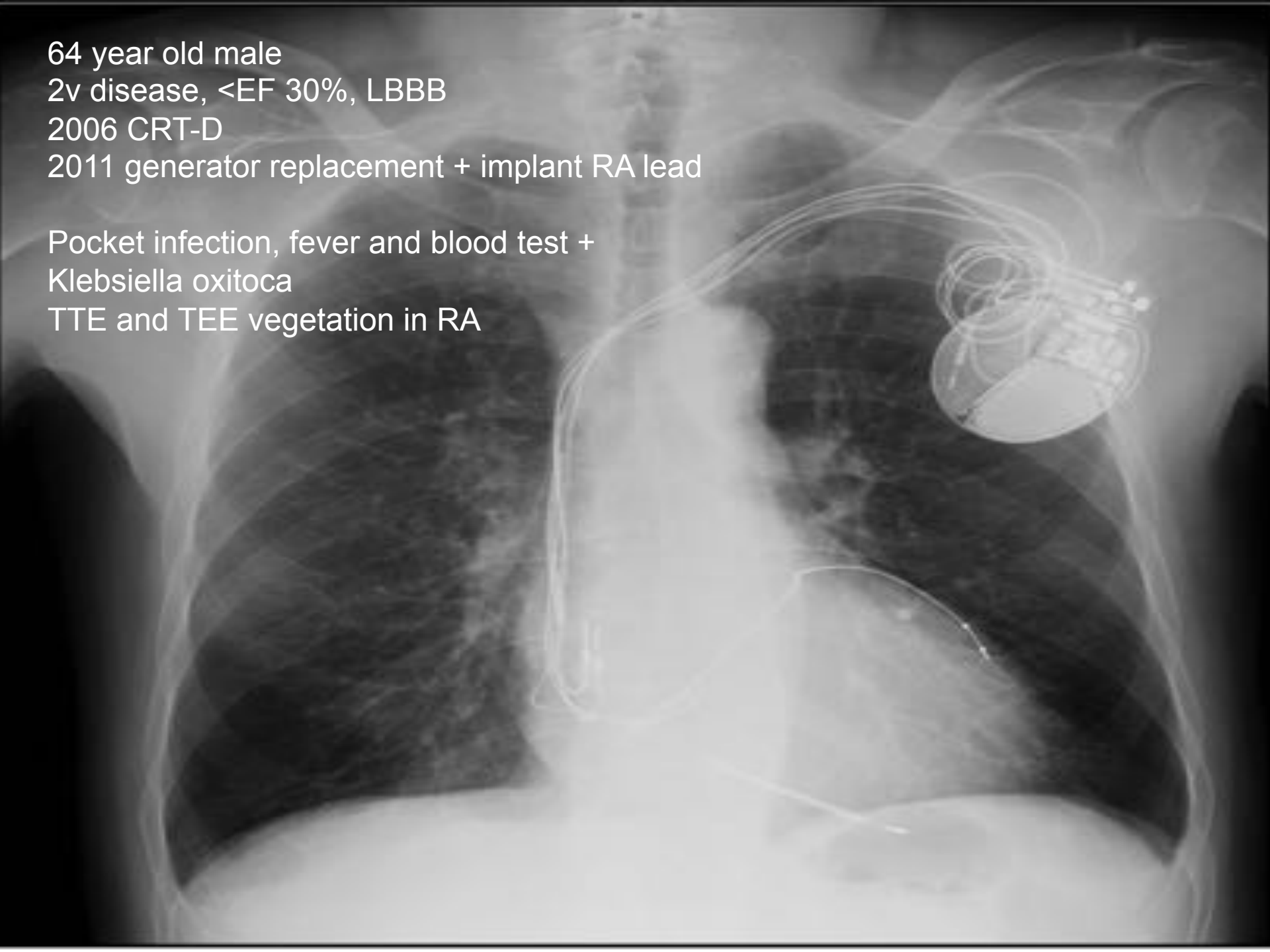
**NO CONFLICT OF
INTEREST TO
DECLARE**

What can the implanter do to avoid lead extraction or to make it easier?

- All preventive measures of device infection (Skin antiseptic agents, antibiotic prophylaxis, postoperative antibiotics, Antibacterial envelope, sub-pectoral implants, decolonization of nasal carriers of S aureus, Topical antibiotics)
- Avoid the medial subclavian vein approach
- Isodiametric lead with active fixation leads
- Reduce the number of leads (VDD ICD?)
- Leads with Gore-tex insulation
- Single coil-ICD lead
- Use of transvenous leadless devices: S-ICD, leadless pacemaker

64 year old male
2v disease, <EF 30%, LBBB
2006 CRT-D
2011 generator replacement + implant RA lead

Pocket infection, fever and blood test +
Klebsiella oxitoca
TTE and TEE vegetation in RA



Result after 1st attempt

Successful extraction of both
RA leads

ICD lead and CS lead fractured
and retained

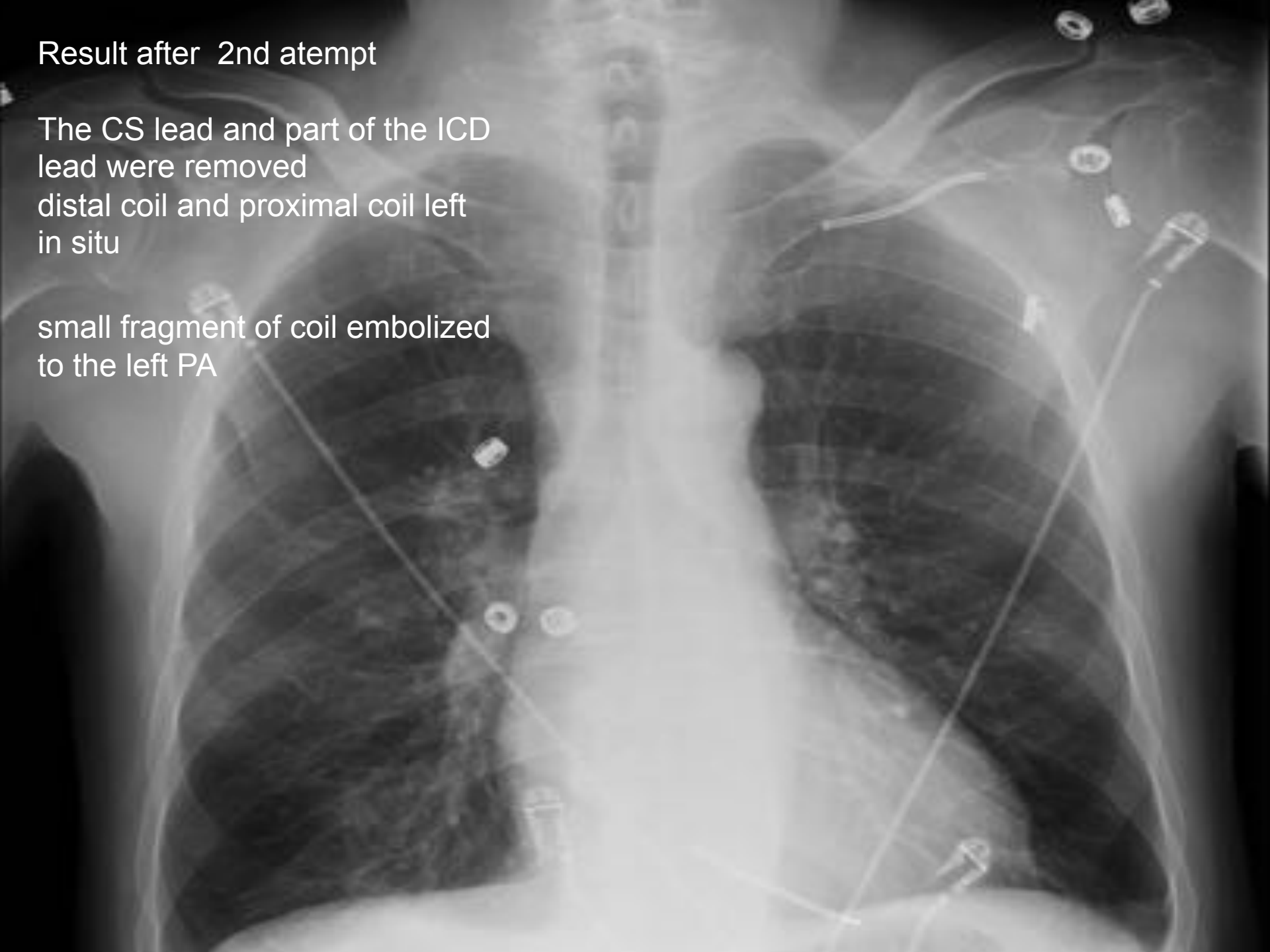
Distal coil remained in place
and proximal coil retracted to
subclavivular area



Result after 2nd attempt

The CS lead and part of the ICD lead were removed
distal coil and proximal coil left
in situ

small fragment of coil embolized
to the left PA

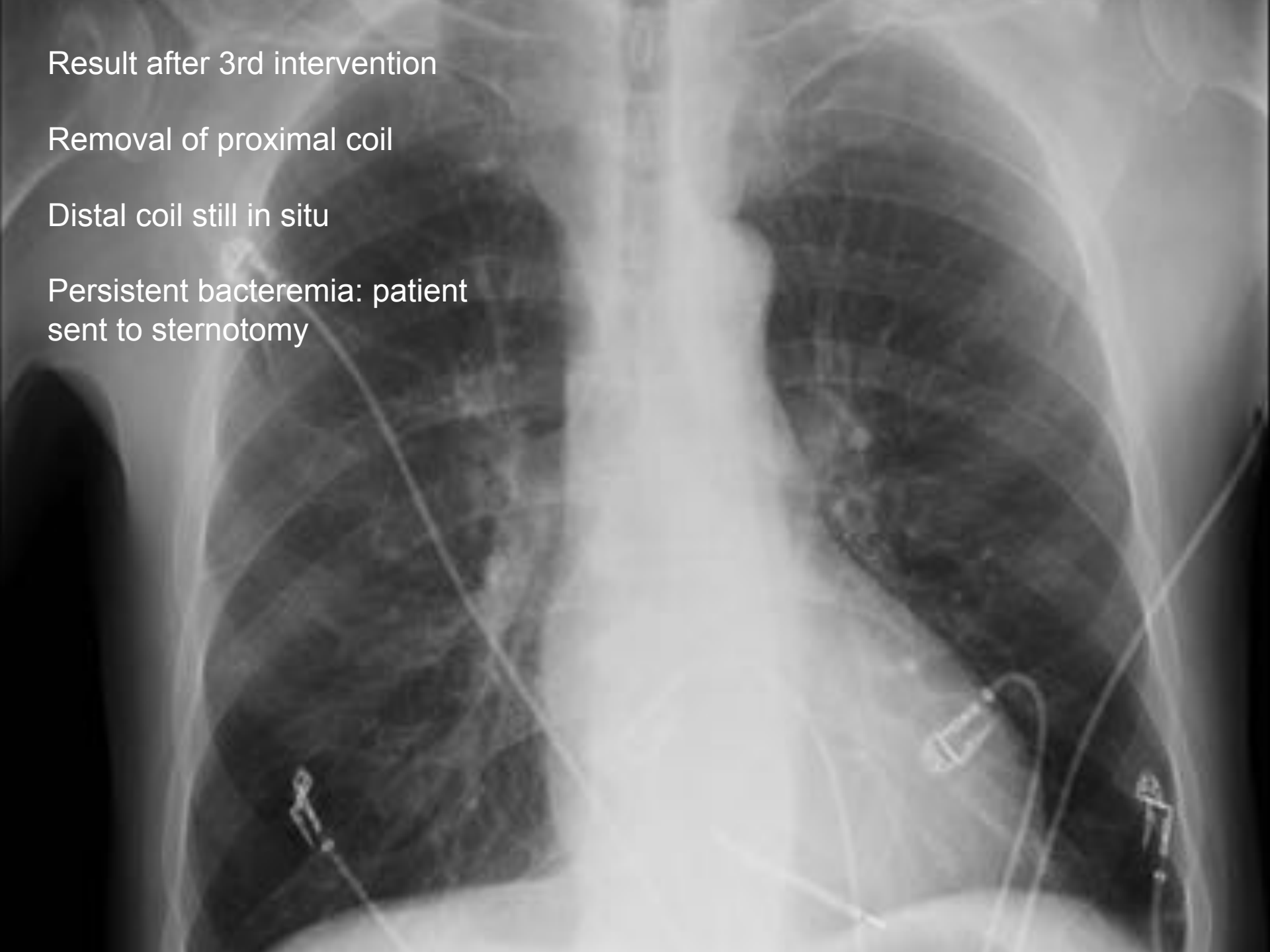


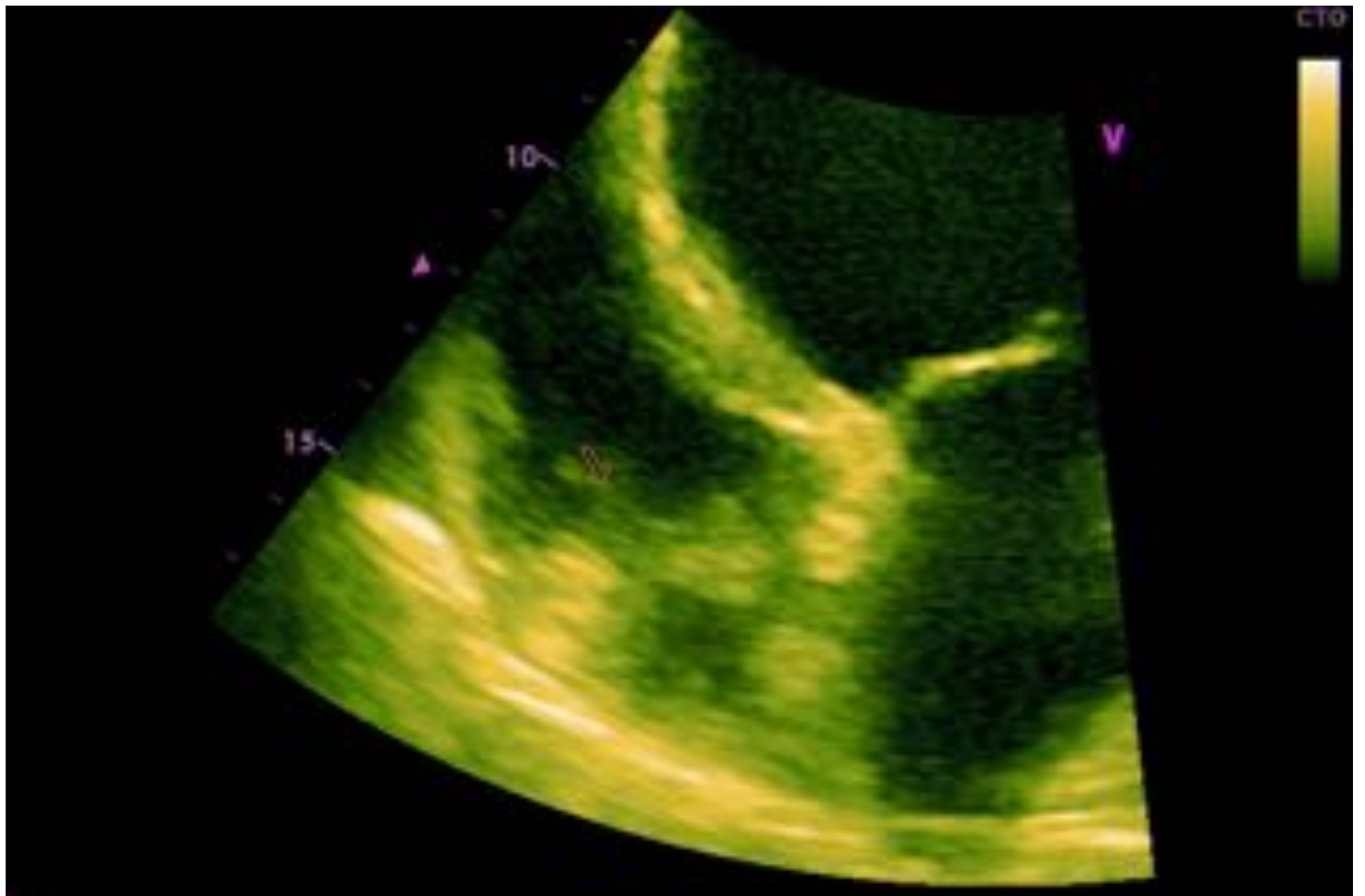
Result after 3rd intervention

Removal of proximal coil

Distal coil still in situ

Persistent bacteremia: patient
sent to sternotomy



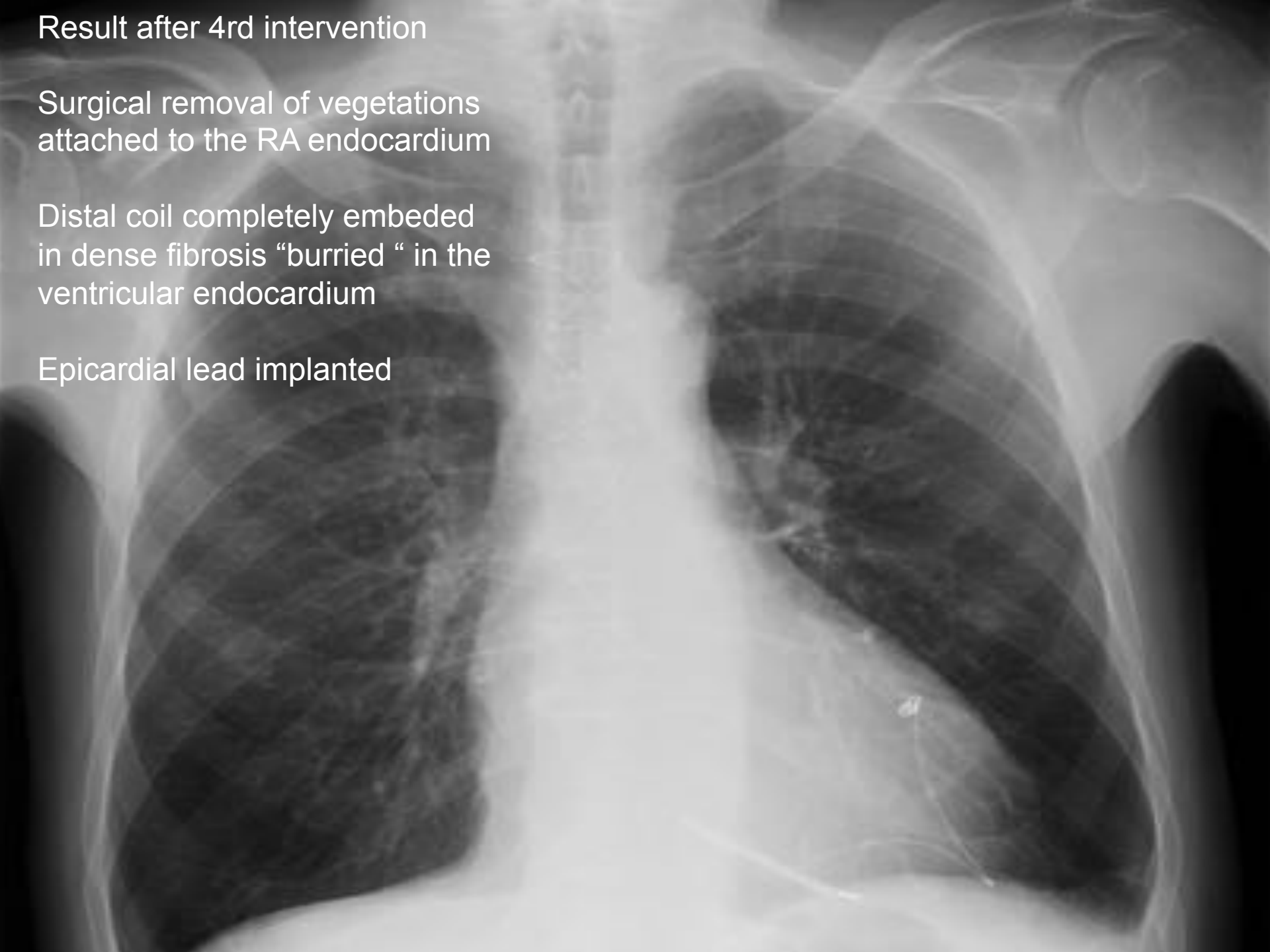


Result after 4rd intervention

Surgical removal of vegetations
attached to the RA endocardium

Distal coil completely embedded
in dense fibrosis "burried " in the
ventricular endocardium

Epicardial lead implanted



Final result: reimplantation of CRT-D

