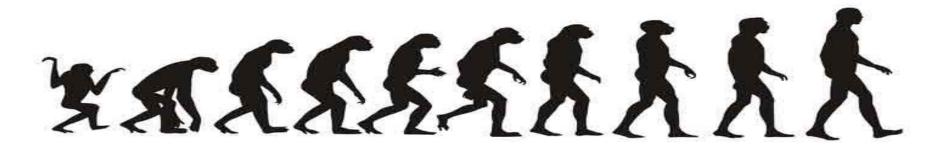
### Pacemaker Leadless: indicazione di nicchia o futuro?



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## Pacemaker's Evolution





## Pacemaker's Evolution

Improved lead desing Tines and active screw Nuclear generator Titanium casing Non-invasive progamming

Biventricular pacing RV pacing minimization Telemonitorina

Demand Circuit A. Leatham G. Davies



1954

1st wearable Devices (Medtronic)



1958

Hg/Zn batteries



1960



1970s

Dual chamber PMs Steroid-eluting leads Rate responsive PM ICD



1980s





2000s

1950-51



1st external PM J. Hobbs P. Zoll

1957



First Battery Operated PM F. Bakken

W. Lillehei

1958



1st implanted device with Ni/Cad batteries E.Elmqvist - A.Senning A.Larsson

1962



1st transvenous implant V.Parsonnet L.Ekstrom

Lithium-Iodine batteries

1975

1990s



Micro-processors-driven algorhithm and PMs Mode switching



2010s

MRI conditional devices





#### The 11th World Survey of Cardiac Pacing and Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillators: Calendar Year 2009–A World Society of Arrhythmia's Project

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# Overall, approximately 1 million pacemakers are implanted worldwide, with 26% of the total being replacement devices

Pacing Clin Electrophysiol 2011:34(8):1013-27.



# Complications after cardiac implantable electronic device implantations: an analysis of a complete, nationwide cohort in Denmark

Rikke Esberg Kirkfeldt<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Jens Brock Johansen<sup>2,3</sup>, Ellen Aagaard Nohr<sup>4</sup>, Ole Dan Jørgensen<sup>2,5</sup>, and Jens Cosedis Nielsen<sup>1</sup>

#### Short-term complications

often related to the procedure include pneumothorax, cardiac tamponade, lead dislodgement, and pocket hematoma.

Long-term complications include insulation breaches, lead fractures, skin erosions, pocket infections, and septicemia.

Transvenous leads can also cause upper extremity deep vein thrombosis, venous obstruction, tricuspid valve insufficiency, and endocarditis.

The incidence of postoperative adverse events has been estimated as high as 10%

Eur Heart J 2014;35(18): 1186-94.



Risk factors for 1-year mortality among patients with cardiac implantable electronic device infection undergoing transvenous lead extraction: the impact of the infection type and the presence of vegetation on survival

Khaldoun G. Tarakji\*, Oussama M. Wazni, Serge Harb, Amy Hsu, Walid Saliba and Bruce L. Wilkoff

Transvenous leads are the most vulnerable components of the system: in addition to insulation defects and fractures, which require reintervention, endocarditis can be a life-threatening complication with mortality rates of 12% to 31%.

Europace 2014;16(10):1490-5.



## Clinically Significant Pocket Hematoma Increases Long-Term Risk of Device Infection





#### **BRUISE CONTROL INFECTION Study**

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Clinically significant pocket hematoma is an important risk factor of infection, which is associated with a greater than 7-fold increased risk of hospitalization owing to infection within 1 year after device implantation

J Am Coll Cardiol 2016;67(11):1300-8.

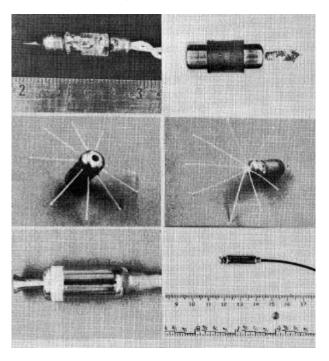


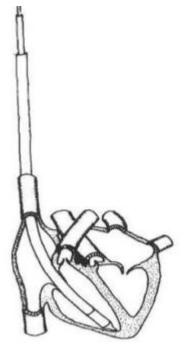
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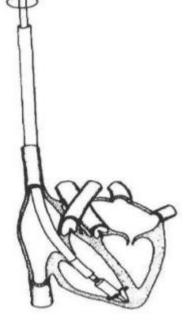
## Special Article

## Totally Self-Contained Intracardiac Pacemaker\*

J. WILLIAM SPICKLER, PH.D., NED S. RASOR, PH.D.†, PAUL KEZDI, M.D. S. N. MISRA, M.D., K. E. ROBINS, P.E., AND CHARLES LeBOEUF, P.E.











#### NANOSTIMTM - SJM



Awating for FDA Approval

#### MICRATM - MEDTRONIC



Approved CE April 2015



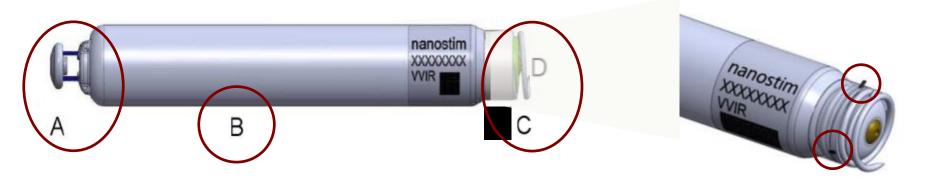
## Nanostim<sup>TM</sup> Leadless Pacemaker



- Self-contained intracardiac device
- Length: 42 mm, maximum  $\varnothing$ : 6 mm
- Weight: 2 g, volume: 1 cm<sup>3</sup>
- VVI / VVIR Pacemaker
- Temperature based rate-sensor



## Nanostim<sup>TM</sup> Leadless Pacemaker



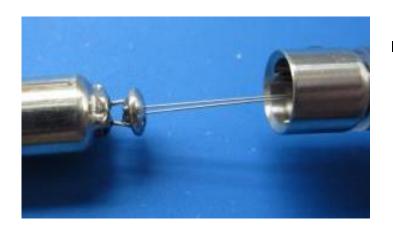
- A. Docking feature for delivery, repositioning, retrieval
- B. Chemical lithium battery cell Longevity  $\rightarrow$  2.5 V, 500  $\Omega$ , 60 bpm, pacing 50%: 14.5 y
- C. Helix provides 1 ary fixation, tines add 2 ary fixation
- D. Steroid-eluting electrode tip (dexametahasone)



## Nanostim<sup>TM</sup> Delivery Catheter

- Single-operator design
- 18 French introducer
- Steerable delivery catheter





 Tethered connection to maintain device during measurements



#### **Arrhythmia/Electrophysiology**

#### Permanent Leadless Cardiac Pacing Results of the LEADLESS Trial

Vivek Y. Reddy, MD; Reinoud E. Knops, MD; Johannes Sperzel, MD; Marc A. Miller, MD; Jan Petru, MD; Jaroslav Simon, MD; Lucie Sediva, MD; Joris R. de Groot, MD, PhD; Fleur V.Y. Tjong, MD; Peter Jacobson, BS; Alan Ostrosff, MS; Srinivas R. Dukkipati, MD; Jacob S. Koruth, MD; Arthur A.M. Wilde, MD, PhD; Josef Kautzner, MD, PhD; Petr Neuzil, MD, PhD



Circulation 2014;129(14):1466-71.



## LEADLESS Trial

- Nanostim Safety & Performance evaluation
- Prospective, non-randomized, single-arm
- Conducted at 3 investigational sites



33 Patients, mean age 76.5 y

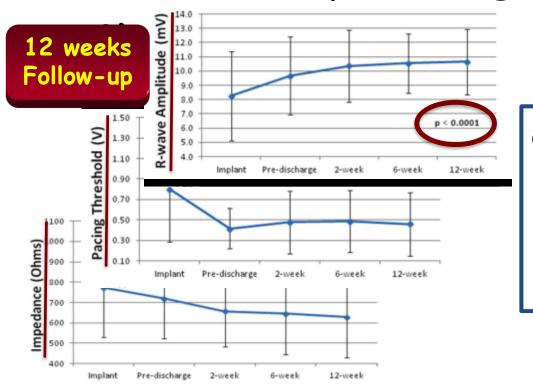
- Permanent AF with AV block 22 (67%)
- SR with 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> degree AV block + comorb. 6 (18%)
- Sinus bradycardia with pauses/syncope 5 (15%)

Circulation. 2014;129:1466-1471



## LEADLESS Trial - Procedural Outcomes

- Implantation success: 32/33 (97%)
- Procedure time: 28 min (range 11 74 min)
- N° catheter repositioning: mean 0.5 (range 0



Complications: 2 (6%)

-1 cardiac perforation

-1 LV positioning

Circulation. 2014;129:1466-1471



#### Percutaneous Implantation of an Entirely Intracardiac Leadless Pacemaker

Vivek Y. Reddy, M.D., Derek V. Exner, M.D., M.P.H., Daniel J. Cantillon, M.D., Rahul Doshi, M.D., T. Jared Bunch, M.D., Gery F. Tomassoni, M.D., Paul A. Friedman, M.D., N.A. Mark Estes, III, M.D., John Ip, M.D., Imran Niazi, M.D., Kenneth Plunkitt, M.D., Rajesh Banker, M.D., James Porterfield, M.D., James E. Ip, M.D., and Srinivas R. Dukkipati, M.D., for the LEADLESS II Study Investigators\*

The leadless pacemaker was successfully implanted in 504 of the 526 patients in the total cohort (95.8%).

At 6 months, device-related serious adverse events were observed in 6.7% of the patients; events included device dislodgement with percutaneous retrieval (in 1.7%), cardiac perforation (in 1.3%), and pacing-threshold elevation requiring percutaneous retrieval and device replacement (in 1.3%).

Device-related serious adverse events occurred in approximately 1 in 15 patients.

N Engl J Med 2015;373(12):1125-35.

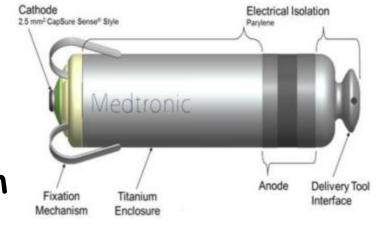


## Micra<sup>TM</sup> Transcatheter Pacing System



- Self-cointained intracardiac PM
- Length: 25.9 mm, max ∅: 6.7
   mm
- Weight: 1.75 g, volume: 0.8 cm<sup>3</sup>
- VVIR Pacemaker
- 3-axes accelerometer sensor

- Active fixation via 4 selfexpanding nitinol tines
- Interelectrode spacing 17 mm



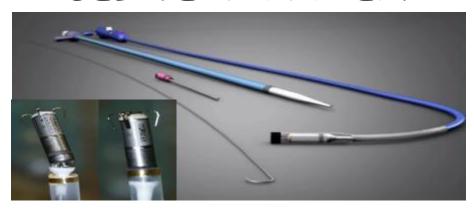


## Micra<sup>TM</sup> Additional Features

#### INTRODUCER



#### DELIVERY SYSTEM



Communication with 2090 programmer



- Battery longevity estimates:
  - 10.1 years @ 1.5 V, 0.24 ms, 500  $\Omega$ , 100% VP

From P. Neuzil ESC 2014 - Barcelona



### A Leadless Intracardiac Transcatheter Pacing System

Dwight Reynolds, M.D., Gabor Z. Duray, M.D., Ph.D., Razali Omar, M.D., Kyoko Soejima, M.D., Petr Neuzil, M.D., Shu Zhang, M.D., Calambur Narasimhan, M.D., Clemens Steinwender, M.D., Josep Brugada, M.D., Ph.D., Michael Lloyd, M.D., Paul R. Roberts, M.D., Venkata Sagi, M.D., John Hummel, M.D., Maria Grazia Bongiorni, M.D., Reinoud E. Knops, M.D., Christopher R. Ellis, M.D., Charles C. Gornick, M.D., Matthew A. Bernabei, M.D., Verla Laager, M.A., Kurt Stromberg, M.S., Eric R. Williams, B.S., J. Harrison Hudnall, B.S., and Philippe Ritter, M.D., for the Micra Transcatheter Pacing Study Group\*

The device was successfully implanted in 719 of 725 patients (99.2%).

N Engl J Med 2015;374(6):533-41.



#### A leadless pacemaker in the real-world setting: The Micra Transcatheter Pacing System Post-Approval Registry @



Paul R. Roberts, MD,\* Nicolas Clementy, MD,† Faisal Al Samadi, MD,‡ Christophe Garweg, MD,§ Jose Luis Martinez-Sande, MD, Saverio Iacopino, MD,¶ Jens Brock Johansen, MD, PhD,\*\* Xavier Vinolas Prat, MD,†† Robert C. Kowal, MD, PhD, FHRS,‡‡§ Didier Klug, MD, PhD, Lluis Mont, MD, PhD,¶¶ Jan Steffel, MD, FHRS,\*\*\* Shelby Li, MD,§§ Dirk Van Osch, MPH,††† Mikhael F. El-Chami, MD, FHRS‡‡‡

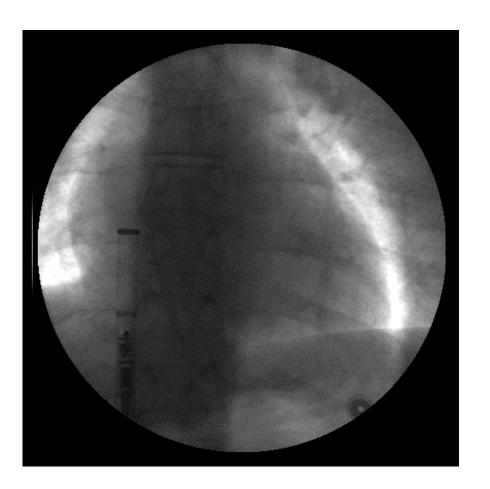
The device was successfully implanted in 792 of 795 registry patients (99.6%)

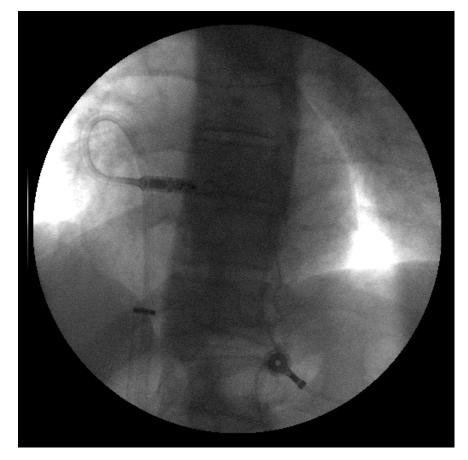
Through 30 days post implant, a total of 13 major complications occurred in 12 patients, for a major complication rate of 1.51%

In particular, the rates of pericardial effusion, device dislodgement, and infection were low, reinforcing the positive results seen in the investigational study

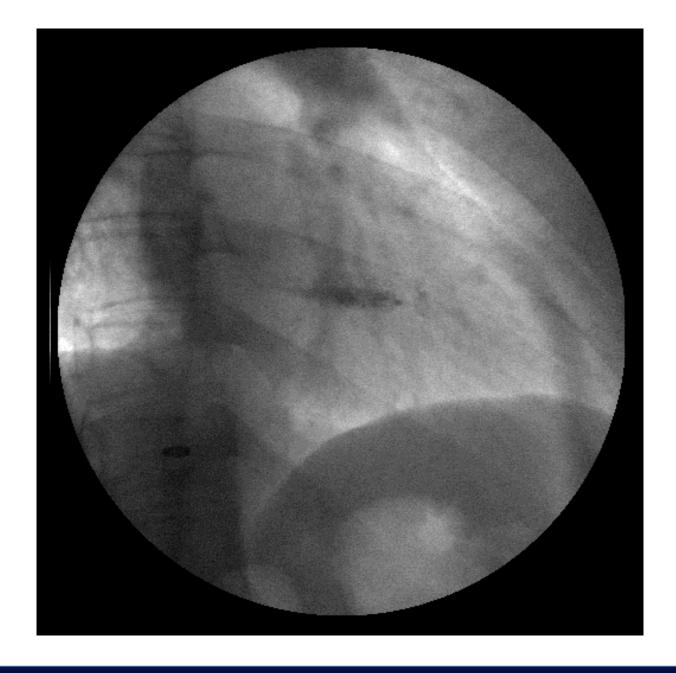
Heart Rhythm 2017;14:1375-1379







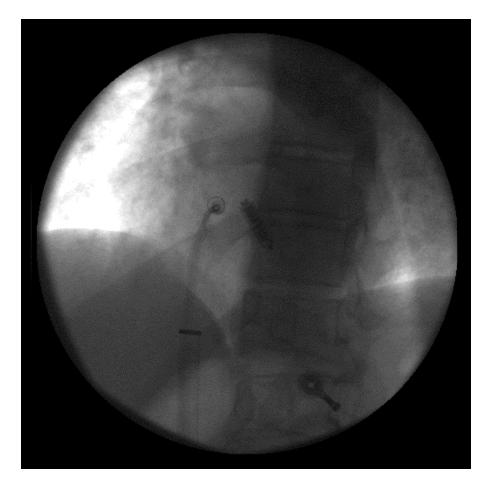


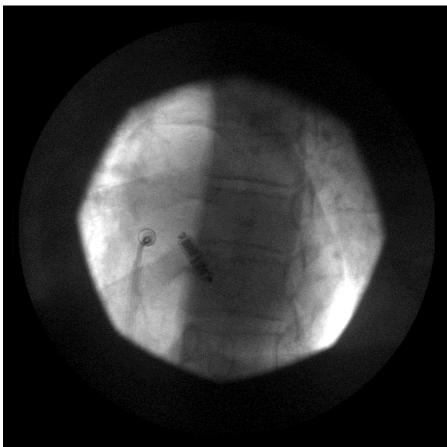




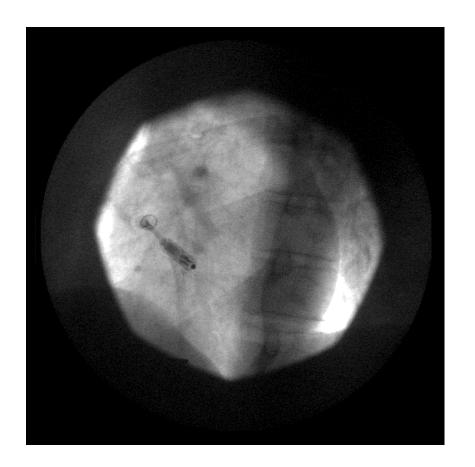


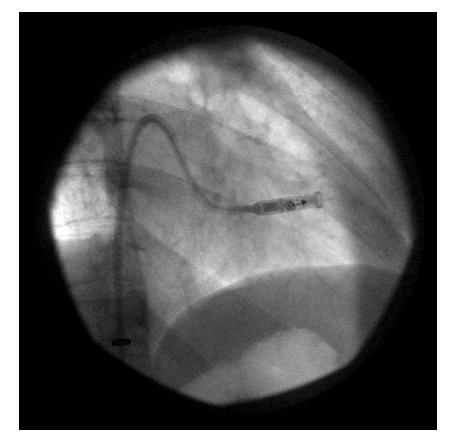




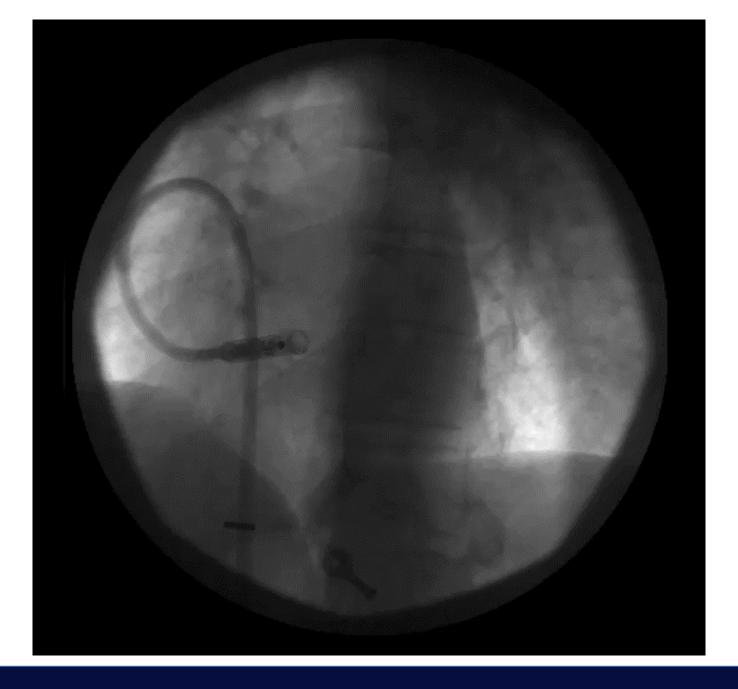




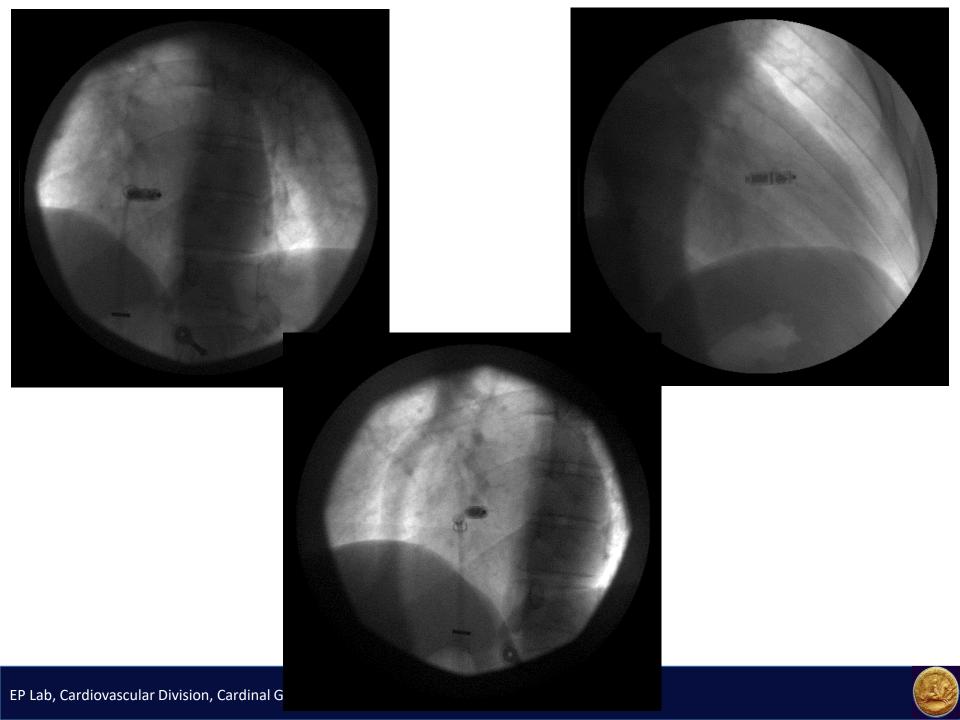


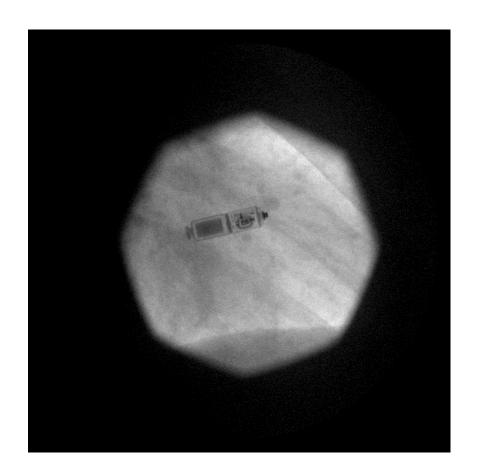


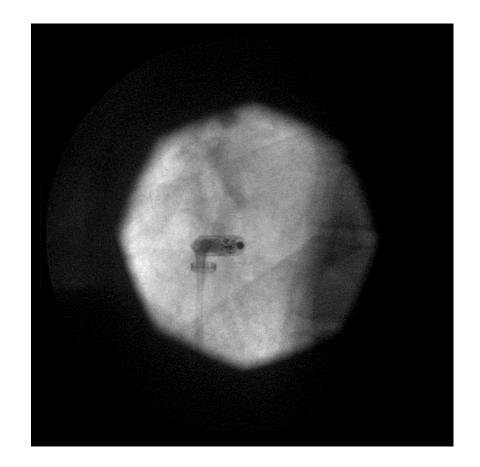














## MICRA post approval registry (closed March 2018 mean f-up duration 6.8 ±6.9 m (range0-30m)

1817 implant attempts 300 implanting physicians 179 sites 23 countries

99.1% implant success

### Major complication rate 2.7%

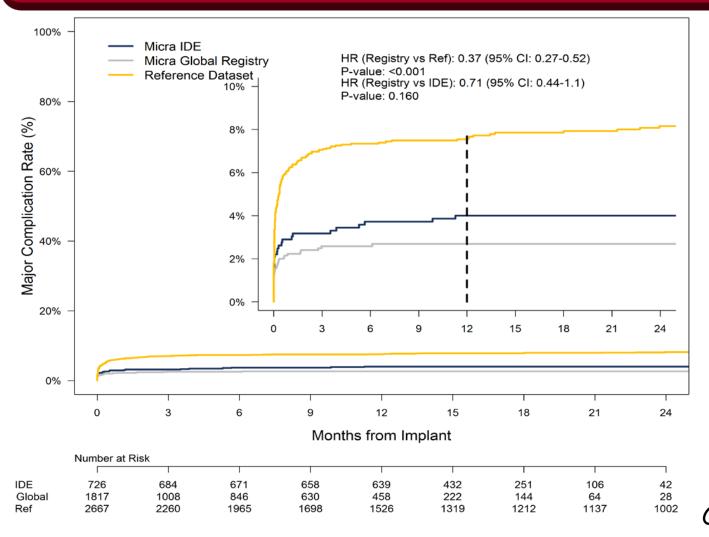
- 14 pericardial effusions (0.44%) 8 requiring drainage, 2 surgical repair
- 1 dislodgement (0.06%)
- 3 procedure-related infections (0.17%) Treated with antibiotics w/o need for Micra removal, none device-related
- 5 procedure-related deaths (0.28%) Pulmonary edema; retroperitoneal hemorrhage; septic shock secondary to cardiac tamponade; cardiac failure; cardiac perforation

No major complications due to battery or telemetry issues

Chami M HRS 2018



## Global Registry Confirms Long-term Safety Profile

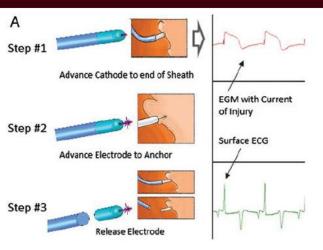


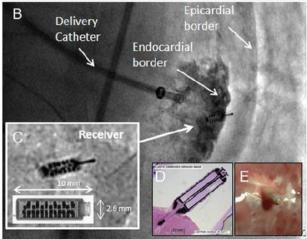
63% reduction in risk for major complications through 12 months relative to transvenous pacemakers

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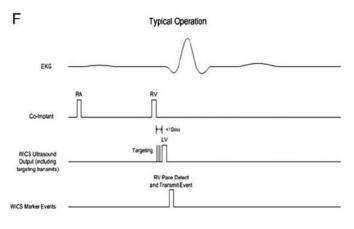
# Wireless Stimulation Endocardially for CRT (Wise-CRT) study

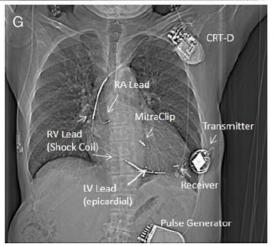






30% no reponder pts





Alternative solution to overcome any limitation related to Cs venous anatomy and lead stability

Auricchio A et al Europace 2014

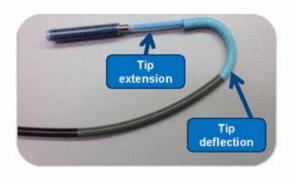


## Other Manufacturers

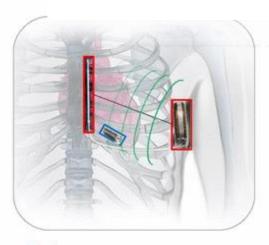


## SORINGROUP

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#### **Program Goals**

- Paired with S-ICD™ (ATP)
- Single chamber
- Dual chamber & CRT applications pending

#### **Key Features**

- Fixation / rate response
- Delivery system with atraumatic tip
- Communication (S-ICD)

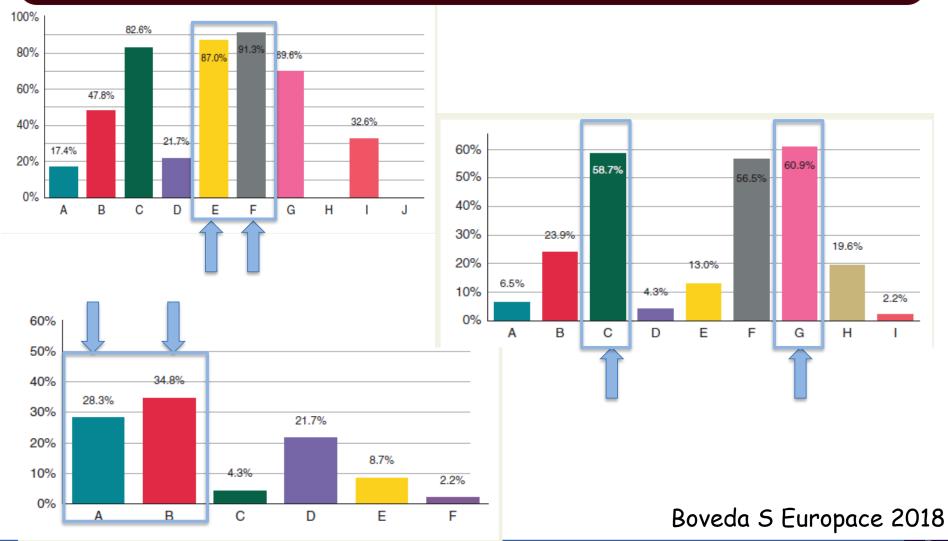
#### Status

- Development phase
- Clinical planning

S-ICD™ System & VVIR development complete 2016E



## Use of leadless pacemakers in Europe: results of the European Heart Rhythm Association survey





## Leadless PM - Conclusions

Leadless right ventricular pacing has been proved feasible, with advantages for selected patients in terms of lead failure and infective complications

Most common procedure related adverse events include risk of cardiac perforation and vascular access complications



## Leadless PM Limitations and Open Questions

Leadless pacing is currently limited to single right ventricular pacing (20% PM candidates)

Dual chamber Pacing? CRT?

Very Long-term reliability data are lacking

How patients should be managed at the time of elective battery replacement?

