

# PFO closure what is New?

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## Disclosure:

I have nothing to disclose

**ASD****PFO**

- A PFO occurs when the opening between the LA and the RA does not close. This opening can allow blood to pass from the right to the left atrium
- Many times the PFO is not discovered until adulthood, and linked to a variety of medical conditions

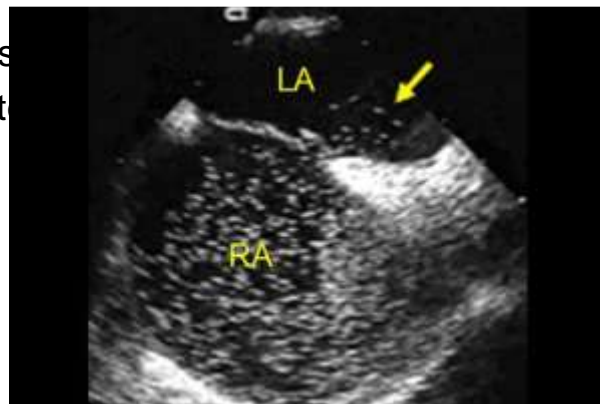
## Conditions/Pathology Associated with PFO

- *Cryptogenic Stroke*
- *Decompression Illness*
- *Transient global amnesia*
- *Paradoxical arterial embolism*
- *Obstructive sleep apnea*
- *Migraine*
- *Varicose veins/complications*
- *Liver transplant complications*

## •PFO Diagnosis

- ***Bubble Study:***

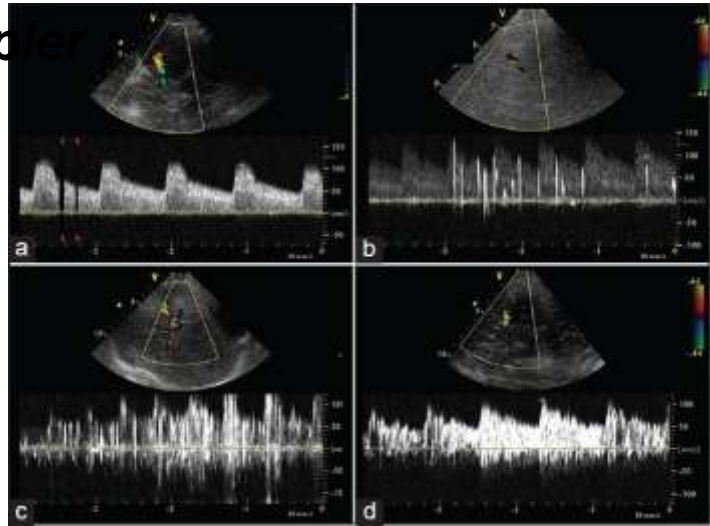
- Ultrasound-based imaging modalities used in the detection of R to L shunt
- Transthoracic echo with agitated saline
- Transesophageal echo with agitated saline
- Small shunt: 1 -10 bubbles in LA
- Medium shunt: 10 -30 bubbles
- Large shunt: > 30 bubbles



## Transcranial Doppler

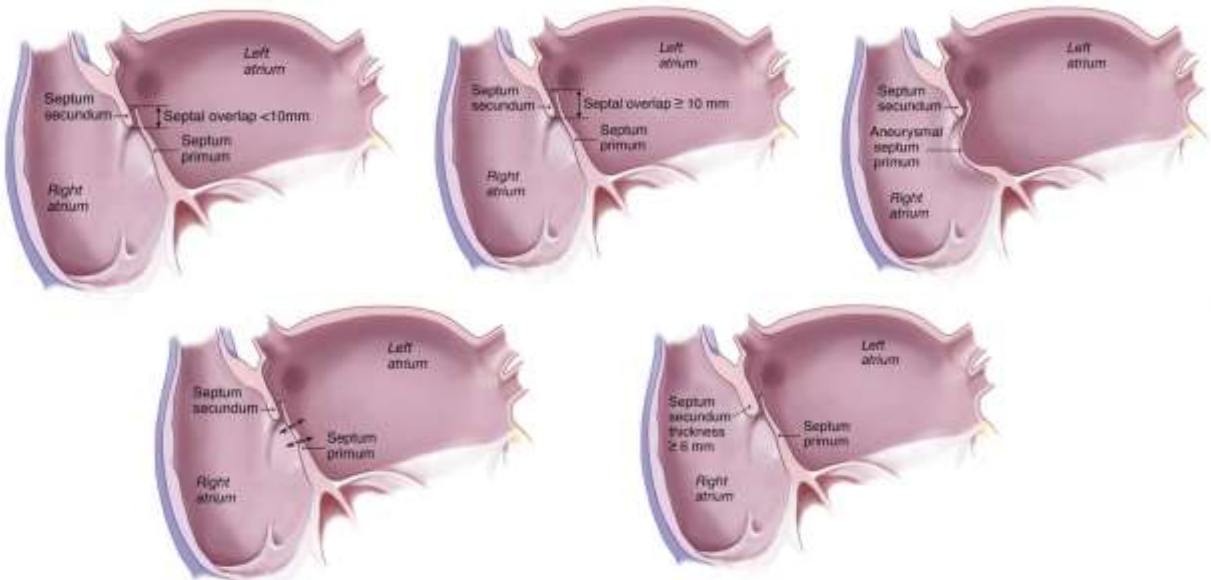
Paradoxical shunt quantification by contrast transcranial Doppler (TCD) based on the number of microembolic signals (MES):

- a) 0 MES, no shunt;
- b) 0-10 MES, small shunt;
- c) 10-20 MES, medium shunt;



- d) >20 MES, large shunt
- How to understand patent foramen ovale clinical significance: Part I  
Falanga Gabriella, et al journal of cardiovascular echocardiography, Year : 2014 |  
Volume: 24 | Issue Number: 4 | Page: 114-121

## PFO anatomy variable



# ***Devices for PFO closure***

*PFO closure devices have underwent a major evolution during the last decades*

## ***AMPLATZER PFO Occluder***

Percutaneous trans catheter device

- Self-expanding, double-disc design
- Nitinol wire mesh with polyester fabric/thread
- Radiopaque marker bands
- Sizes: 18, 25, 35 mm
- Recapturable and repositionable



***Now FDA approved***

## Device Performance

Procedural Outcomes	n/N (%)
Technical success <sup>1</sup>	460 / 464 (99.1%)
Procedural success <sup>2</sup>	444 / 462 (96.1%)
Effective closure <sup>3</sup>	244 / 261 (93.5%)

Maximum Residual Shunting at Rest and Valsalva at 6 Months  
 Grade 0: 72.7%  
 Grade 1: 20.8%  
 Grade 2-3: 6.5%

1. Defined as successful delivery and release of the device for subjects in whom the delivery system was introduced into the body

2. Defined as successful implantation with no reported in-hospital serious adverse events

3. Defined as complete obliteration or trivial residual shunting (Grade 0 or I at rest and Valsalva) at 6

## Amplatzer Like Devices

**Occlutech® Figulla Flex II PFO device**



A special oxidation process that creates a layer of titanium oxide gives the

**Life tech CeraFlex**



Nitinol wire frame coated with Titanium Nitride (TiN)

Sizes: 18, 25, 30, 35

**Nit-Occlude**



Nit-Occlud® PFO is knitted from a single Nitinol wire, making protruding fixation-clamps obsolete. Nit-Occlud® PFO's unique single-layer distal disc, reduces the metal used

**others**

Ex:  
 Hyperion™ PFO  
 Occluders (there are two types: with hub and without hub)

## Gore Septal Occluder

Nitinol frame with ePTFE membrane in overlapping petal conformation

- 11Fr sheath
- Easy to deploy, retrievable
- No need for long sheath in LA
- Very soft and compliant
- Currently been assessed in REDUCE trial of patients with CS

–Data due 2017  
60 patients

Technically successful in 98.3%

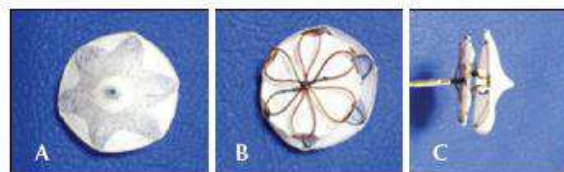
6 mths closure rate was 86.6%

1 year closure 93.3%

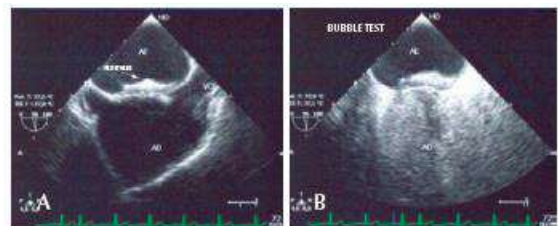
Knerret al CCI 2014; 1144–1151



## Cardia Ultrasept



**Figure 1** – Details of the new version of the CARDIA prosthesis. A, Left surface of the disc. Note the metal completely covered by the Ivalon™ sponges. B, Surface of the right disc, which is smaller than the left one, with the nitinol loops and the central capture pin clearly visible. C, Prosthesis profile view, held by the biptome.



**Figure 5** – Details of the control transesophageal echocardiography, six months after implantation. A, The prosthesis is well-positioned in the atrial septum. B, Bubble test, showing no bubbles passing into the left atrium, confirming the effectiveness of the device.

## PREMERE™ device

### Premere™ PFO Closure System

Flexible, low profile design – Flexible nitinol anchors conform seamlessly to the septal wall

Minimal surface area – Small size minimizes risk of thrombus formation, as well as interference with other atrial structures

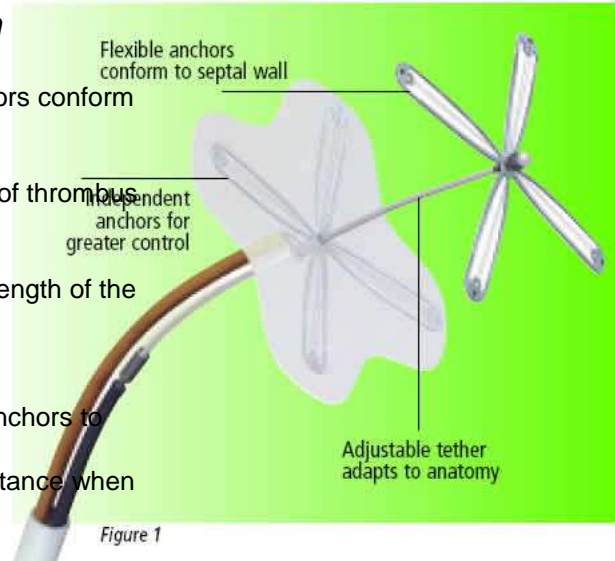
Adjustable length tether – Adapts the interseptal length of the device to the unique anatomy of a person

#### Optimal Placement Control

Easy to reposition – Easily reposition individual anchors to optimize placement

Easy to retrieve – Fully retrievable for the rare instance when retrieval may be necessary

Minimal septal thrombus – Low surface area of left atrial anchor minimizes risk



## Carag Bioresorbable Septal Occluder

PFO/ASD

- 12F sheath
- Implant delivered over an 0.018" guidewire
- Two opposing polyester patches with platinum/ iridium markers
- PLGA (polylactic co glycolic acid)

Framework

- Self centering, with 'LA first' or 'RA first'

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TCT 2016

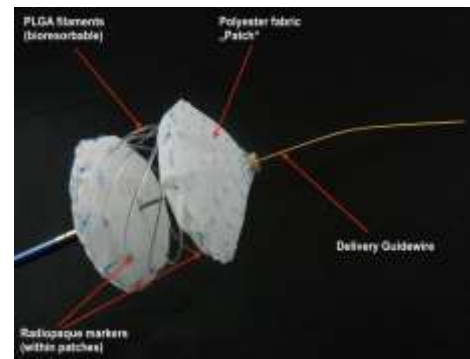
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Prospective single center First In Human (FIH) clinical trial to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of a septal occluder with bioresorbable framework in patients with clinically significant atrial septum defect (ASD) or patent foramen ovale (PFO)

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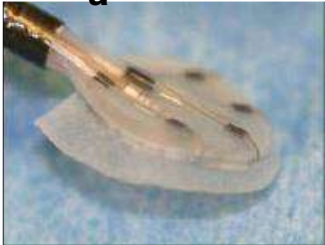
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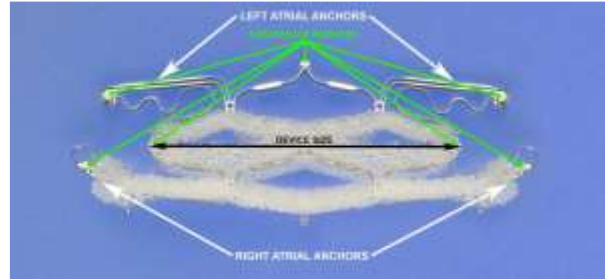


**Non Umbrella Devices  
In-tunnel devices**

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**Coherex FlatStent**



**The SeptRx® Intrapocket PFO Occluder (IPO)**



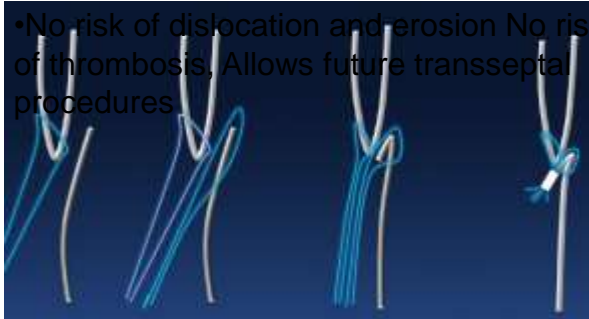
SeptRx® IPO—Intrapocket PFO Occluder

**Noble Stitch**

Novel CE marked PFO suture technology

- 12 Fr system
- Delivers separate sutures to the anterior and posterior septae
- Secured using single polypropylene double knot
- No implanted device. Not required antiplatelet therapy or other medical treatment

•No risk of dislocation and erosion No risk of thrombosis. Allows future transseptal procedures



How it works



Percutaneous Suture Based PFO Closure with the NobleStitch EL Device: Initial Multicentre Clinical Experience

Dr Michael Mullen  
Barts Heart Centre, London

## Percutaneous PFO Closure for Cryptogenic Stroke

Benefits of percutaneous PFO closure in the prevention of stroke has been and remains a controversial topic.

There were multiple retrospective and registries with evidence in both direction During the last years there were 3 landmark RCTs have tried to tackle this

### Question Medical Therapy for Cryptogenic Stroke with Patent Foramen Ovale

Anthony J. Furlan, M.D., Mark Reisman, M.D., Joseph Messeri, Ph.D., Laura Mauri, M.D., Harold Adams, M.D., Gregory W. Albers, M.D., Robert Felberg, M.D., Howard Hammarly, M.D., Sabiel Klar, M.D., Michael Lanzberg, M.D., Albert Rainzer, M.D., and Lawrence Wechsler, M.D. for the CLOSURE 1 Investigators  
*N Engl J Med* 2012; 366:991-999 | March 15, 2012 | DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1009038

**CLOSURE  
Trial -2012**

### Percutaneous Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale in Cryptogenic Embolism

Bernhard Meier, M.D., Bernd Kalesan, Ph.D., Heinrich P. Meier, M.D., Ahmad A. Khatib, M.D., David Hristov-Smith, M.D., Debasis Dutta, M.D., Drethe Andersen, M.D., Rada Ibrahim, M.D., Gerhard Schuler, M.D., Antony S. Walton, M.D., Andreas Wahl, M.D., Stephan Windecker, M.D., and Peter Juni, M.D. for the PG Trial investigators  
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**PC trial -2013**

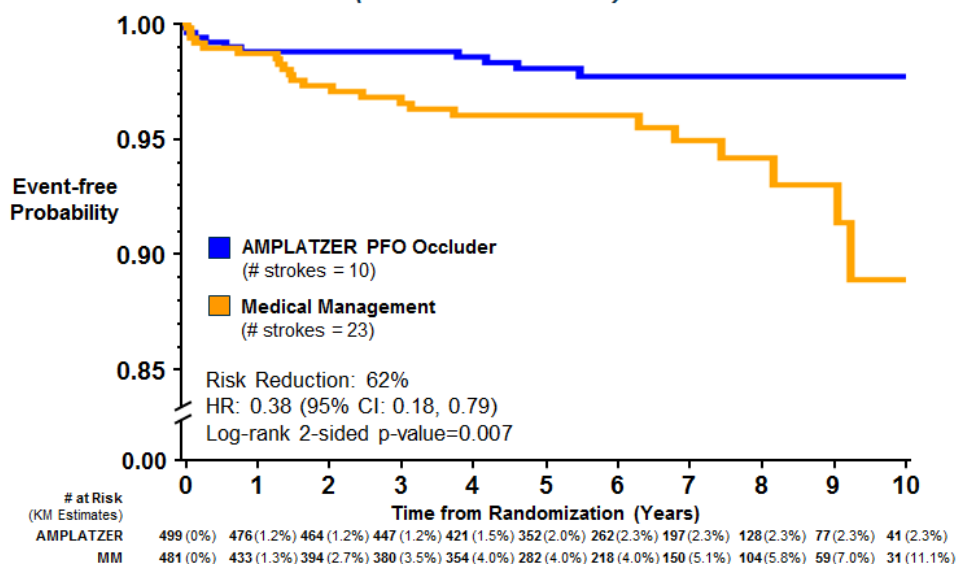
### Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale versus Medical Therapy after Cryptogenic Stroke

John D. Carroll, M.D., Jeffrey L. Sever, M.D., David E. Thaler, M.D., Ph.D., Richard W. Smalling, M.D., Ph.D., Scott Berry, Ph.D., Leo A. MacDonald, M.D., David S. Marks, M.D., and David L. Tirschwell, M.D. for the RESPECT Investigators  
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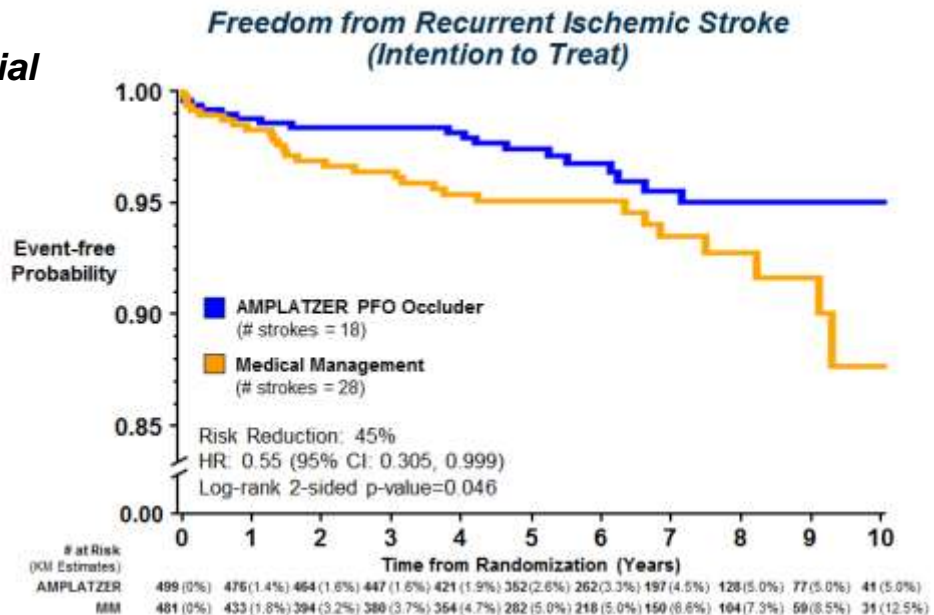
**RESPECT Trial  
2003**

## RESPECT Trial final results

### Freedom from Recurrent Ischemic Stroke of Unknown Mechanism (Intention to Treat)



## RESPECT Trial final results



## Device Indication

FDA Approval 10/28/16

The AMPLATZER™ PFO Occluder is indicated for percutaneous transcatheter closure of a patent foramen ovale (PFO) to reduce the risk of recurrent ischemic stroke in patients, predominantly between the ages of 18 and 60 years, who have had a cryptogenic stroke due to a presumed paradoxical embolism, as determined by a neurologist and cardiologist following an evaluation to exclude known causes of ischemic stroke.



## **RESPECT Post Approval Study**

### **RESPECT PAS: Objectives**

- To demonstrate safety of the AMPLATZER PFO Occluder by assessing the 30-day rate of device-or procedure-related serious adverse events including those that led to death
- To demonstrate that the AMPLATZER PFO Occluder is effective by assessing the rate of recurrent ischemic stroke through 5 years
- To demonstrate effectiveness of the training program for new operators

### **RESPECT PAS: Design**

- Single arm, multi-center study
- Approximately 1200 subjects**
- Total duration of the study is expected to be 10 years**

### **RESPECT PAS: Status**

- Site nominations underway
- Q1 2017 enrollments begin
- Interim completion expected in 2018
- Study complete expected in 2026

## **Summary**

- Umbrella devices remain the leading PFO technology and are generally safe and effective
- Positive outcome from RESPRCT trial presented at TCT 2016 and FDA approval of Amplatzer umbrella likely to stimulate growth and investment in novel approaches to PFO closure

# ***PFO and Migrane***

Randomized Trials  
Effect of PFO Closures

***MIST***

***PRIMA***

***PREMIUM***

All small trials, various designs  
None achieved primary endpoint for headache  
remediation with closure

Results of the PREMIUM trial: patent foramen ovale closure  
with the AMPLATZER™ PFO occluder for the prevention of  
migraine

*Andrew Charles, Jonathan Tobis, Stephen Silberstein, Sherman Sorensen, Brijeshwar Maini,  
John Gurley, Phillip Horwitz  
On behalf of the PREMIUM Investigators*

## ***CONCLUSIONS***

*PFO closure with the AMPLATZER™ occluder in  
migraine patients is generally safe*

*The PREMIUM study did not meet its primary endpoint of  
50% reduction in attack frequency*

## ***The Percutaneous Closure of PFO in Migraine with Aura (PRIMA) trial***

**Aims:** PRIMA is a multicenter, randomized trial to investigate the effect of percutaneous PFO closure in patients refractory to medical treatment.

One hundred and seven patients were randomly allocated to treatment with an **Amplatzer PFO Occluder** or control with medical. **Results of PRIMA**  
The trial was terminated prematurely because of slow enrolment. Eighty-three patients (40 occluder, 43 control) completed 12-month follow-up.

Mean migraine days at baseline were 8 (+4.7 SD) in the closure group and 8.3 (+2.4) in controls.

The primary endpoint was negative with -2.9 days after PFO closure vs. -1.7 days in control group (P 1/4 0.17).

### ***Conclusions: PFO Closure for Migraine***

PFO device closure with the Amplatzer Occluder is safe.  
PFO-migraine studies are challenging to enroll.

The primary endpoint has been missed x2 to reduce migraine days in a broader migraine population.

There are clearly “responders” and non-responders

PFO closure might decrease migraine attacks with aura in patients with predominantly migraine with aura attacks at baseline.

***At present, PFO closure cannot be recommended for prevention of migraine in***

***Thank You***