

# Pseudoaneurysm with Fistula in Metal Aortic Prosthesis and Tubular Prosthesis in Ascending Aorta: Contribution of 3D Echocardiography

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LMMF, 58 years old, female, with metal aortic prosthesis and tubular prosthesis in ascending aorta. Transesophageal echocardiogram showed LVEF = 52%; aortic metal prosthesis with systolic gradient of 18 mmHg, mean gradient of 9 mmHg and presence of a large aneurysmal sac with a diameter of 62 mm located around the aortic valve tubular prosthesis. Images suggest fistula type communication holes in the prosthetic tube in the proximal segment, close to the plane of the metal aortic prosthesis, feeding it with 2 communication holes: one from the prosthetic tube of approximately 4 mm and another to the right ventricle, of 3.9 mm.

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Figure 1 – 3D echocardiography of the metal aortic prosthesis plane and aneurysmal sac.

# Image



Figure 2 – Fistula from the prosthetic tube in the proximal segment, close to the metal aortic prosthesis plane