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Left: From The Ross–Yacoub Procedure for Aneurysmal Autograft Roots: A Strategy to Preserve Autologous Pulmonary Valves. Intraoperative view of the autograft root in a patient undergoing root remodeling with valve preservation (Ross–Yacoub procedure). The ascending aorta has been transected at the level of the original autograft–aorta anastomosis. Three stay sutures have been placed at the valve commissures, and the leaflets were retracted to expose the left ventricular outflow tract. Marked dilatation of the sinus of Valsalva segment is apparent.

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Right: Intraoperative photograph after debulking of a metastatic malignant ossifying fibromyxoid tumor that had spread endovascularly and was filling the right axillary vein, jugular veins, braciocephalic veins, and right atrium, and was prolapsing through the tricuspid valve, obstructing flow and causing syncope.