Case Summary:
We shall have to remain cautious in treating every CAD equally as simple and complex because none can predict when a simple procedure becomes complex.

TCTAP C-019
Multiple Culprit Vessels in Acute Myocardial Infarction
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[Clinical Information]
Patient initials or identifier number:
Mr. KM
Relevant clinical history and physical exam:
47 years male, euglycemic, normotensive, admitted with complaints of chest pain since 1 hour, associated with sweating and giddiness.
O/E:
Pulse: 76/min
BP: 90/60 mHg
SpO2: 98%
CVS: S1, S2 (+)
other systems: NAD
Relevant test results prior to catheterization:
ECG: NSR, ST Elevation in lead II, III and aVF
ECHO: Regional wall motion abnormality present in infero posterior segments. Mild LV dysfunction. No MR
Relevant catheterization findings:
LCA was engaged and lesion in the mid LCX was crossed. Predilatations were done using a 2 x 12 mm trek upto 10 atm for 6 sec. Stent deployment was done using a 2.5 x 28 mm xience v at 14 atm for 8 sec.
Final angiogram showed no residual stenosis with good antegrade flow.
The procedure was uneventful patient shifted with stable hemodynamics.

TCTAP C-020
An Unusual Case of STEMI in a Woman
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[Clinical Information]
Patient initials or identifier number:
CGC
Relevant clinical history and physical exam:
A 64 year-old Chinese woman with no cardiovascular risk factors, presented with 9 months history of breathless on exertion. She was treated as for heart failure by family physician and her symptoms improved with oral frusemide.
Physical examination was essentially normal with no signs of congestive heart failure.
Relevant test results prior to catheterization:
ECG showed poor R wave progression and LVH by voltage criteria with non specific ST-T changes. (Figure 1, bottom panel)
Echocardiography at our centre showed severely impaired LVEF of 25% with regional wall abnormality in the LAD territory and she was advised for coronary angiography to rule out coronary artery disease.
Relevant catheterization findings:
Coronary angiography showed near normal coronary artery with only very mild luminal irregularities. (Figure 1, top panel)
Non ischemic cardiomyopathy was diagnosed.
However, 6 hours after the procedure, she complained of severe central chest pain and diaphoresis in the ward. Her symptoms were not relieved with S/L GTN.
Repeat ECG showed ST elevation in anterior leads. (Figure 2, bottom panel)

[Interventional Management]
Procedural step::
Immediate coronary angiography was performed with a view for primary PCI, which showed complete occlusion of mid LAD at a site which was near normal 6 hours before. (Figure 2, top panel)
The occlusion was not relieved with intracoronary GTN.
Aspiration thrombectomy was performed and large amount of thrombus was aspirated.
TIMI 3 flow was established in the LAD but there was still a significant residual lesion present in the mid LAD.
After given repeated bolus intra coronary GTN, the residual lesion eventually resolved with no significant lesion angiographically. (Figure 3, top and middle panel)
IVUS was performed and confirmed that there was no significant lesion or abnormality at the site of occlusion in the mid LAD. (Figure 3, bottom panel)
6 months after the coronary angiography, the LVEF was 55% with some mild regional wall abnormalities.
16 months later the echocardiography was completely normal.
There may be a possibility that there is an association between coronary spasm and cardiomyopathy.