

PROSTHETIC MITRAL VALVE THROMBOSIS

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A 64-year-old woman underwent a mechanical mitral valve implant in 2011. She had stopped taking Coumadin for several days due to epistaxis and subsequently presented to the Houston Methodist Hospital emergency room with a stroke, which

prompted evaluation of her mitral valve prosthesis. Two- and three-dimensional echocardiographic images demonstrated a large thrombus (arrow) on the mitral valve prosthesis. Intraoperative imaging confirmed echocardiographic findings.

