Paravalvular leakage can necessitate removal of a CorValve. Stent-tips, however, can damage the aorta during removal. After aortotomy, stent wires are bluntly dissected from the wall while gradually enlarging access (Fig. 1). The suture is passed through all tip-triangles in purse-string fashion and tightened (Fig. 2). The valve is then pulled out.

Fig. 1. Ascending aorta opened, stent wires with membranous neo-intima formation are visible.

Fig. 2. Stent tips secured and tightened with braided 2-0 purse-string ligature and tourniquet.