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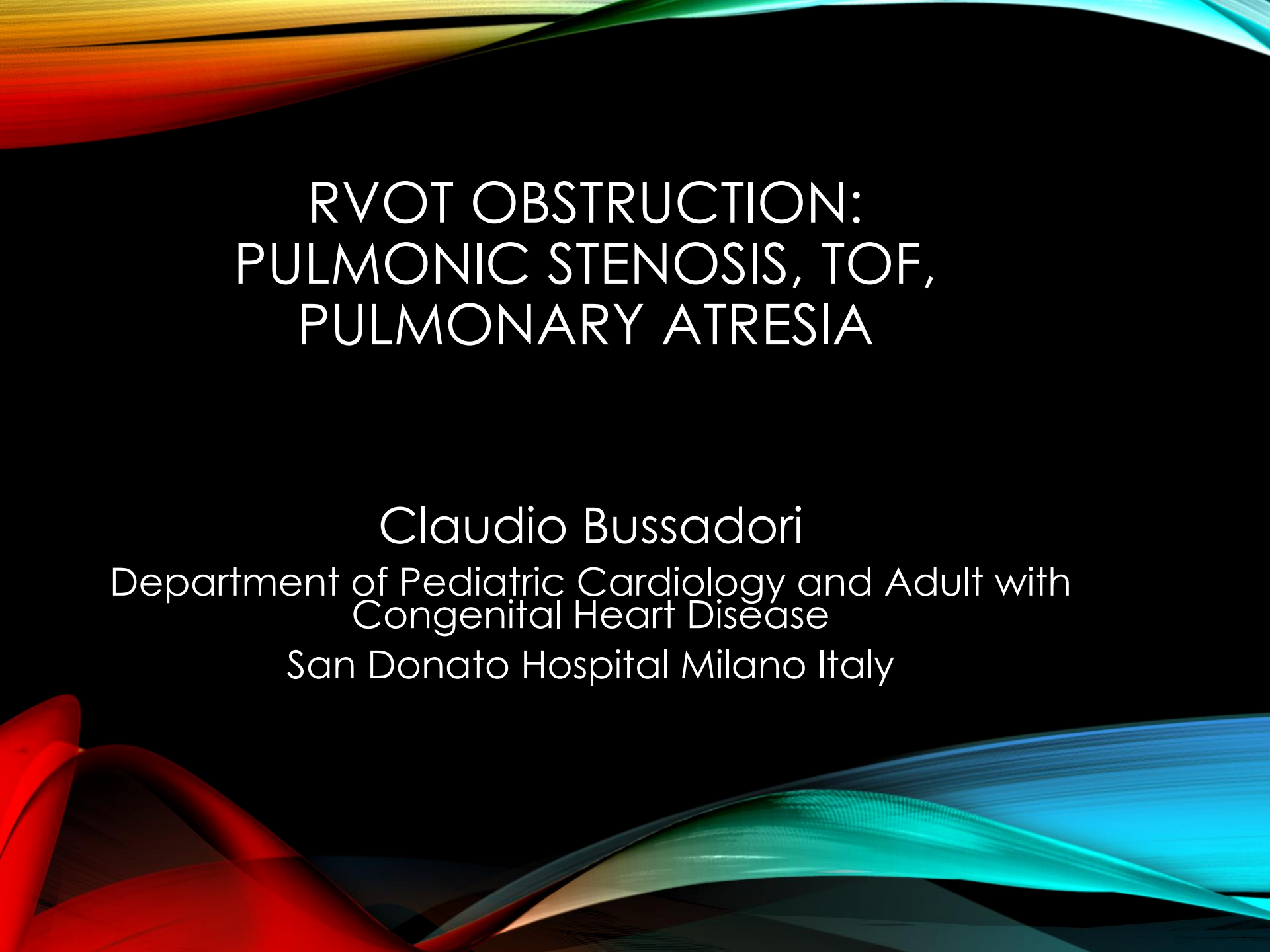


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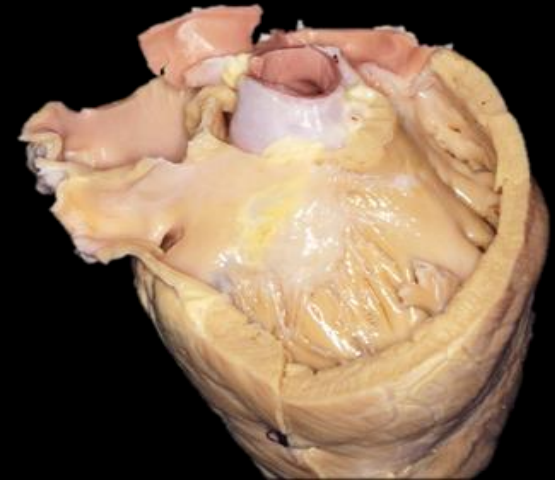
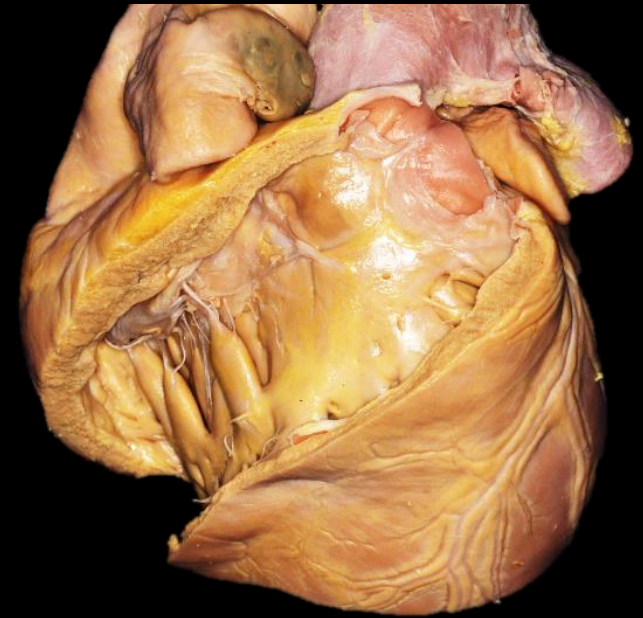
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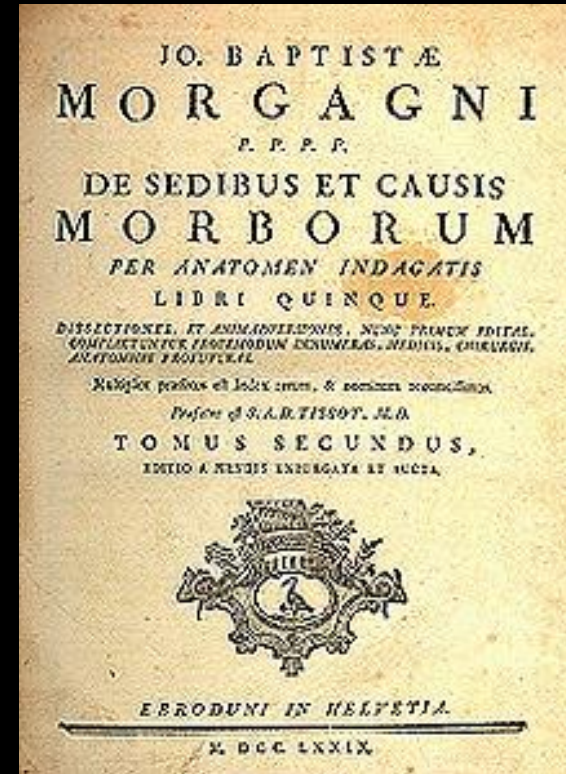
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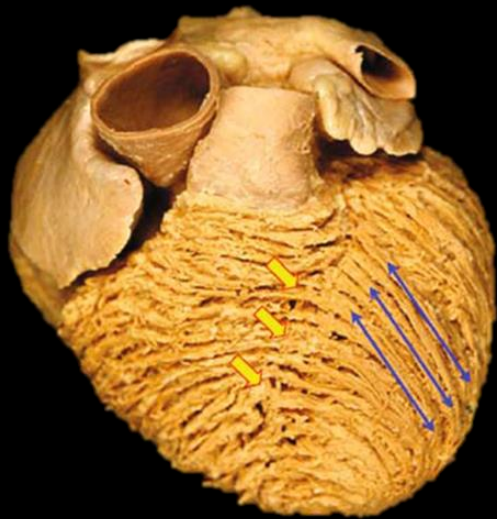
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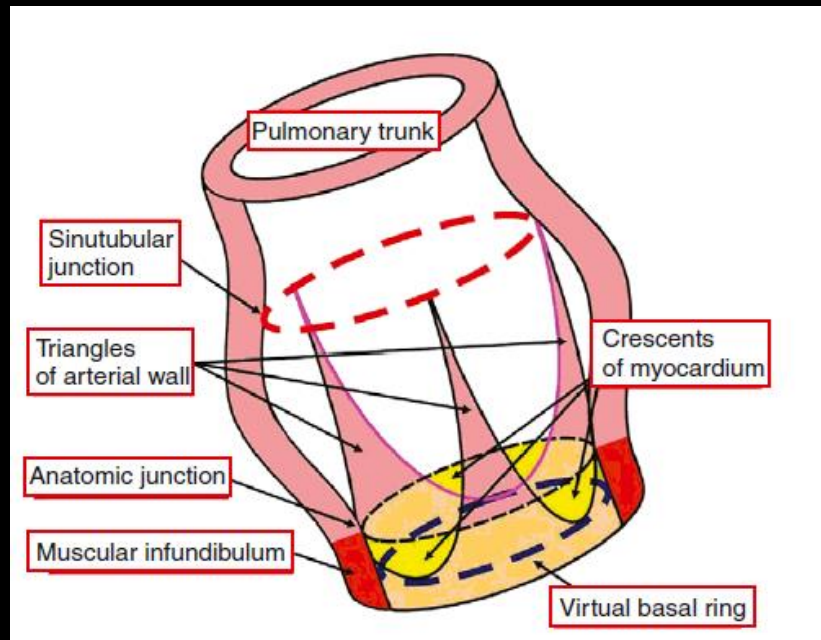
PULMONIC STENOSIS



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PULMONARY VALVE ANATOMY



Pulmonary
Valvular
Movement

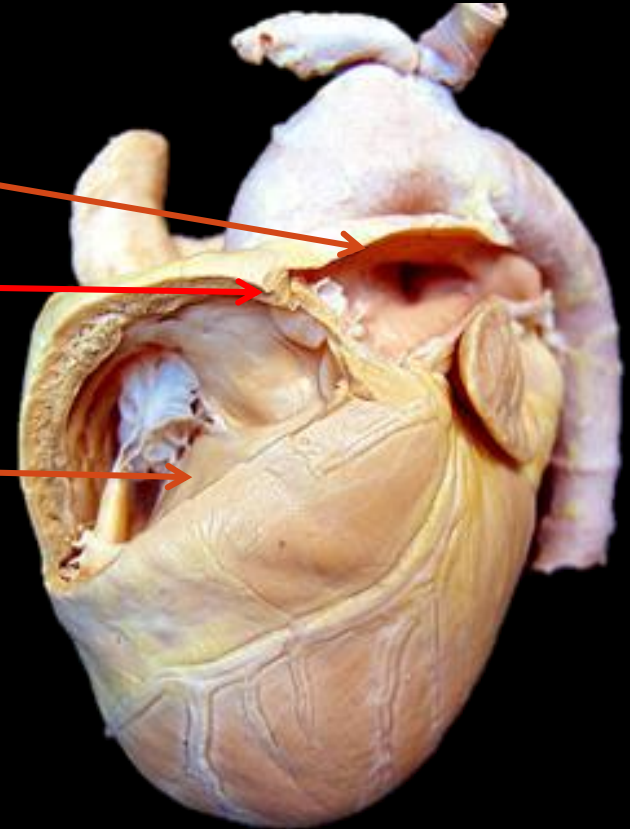
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LOCATION OF PS

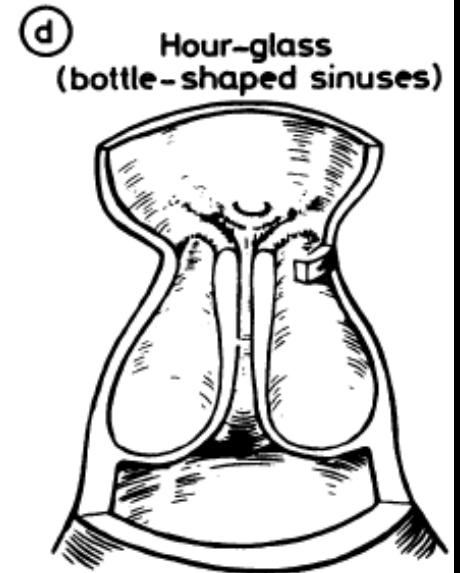
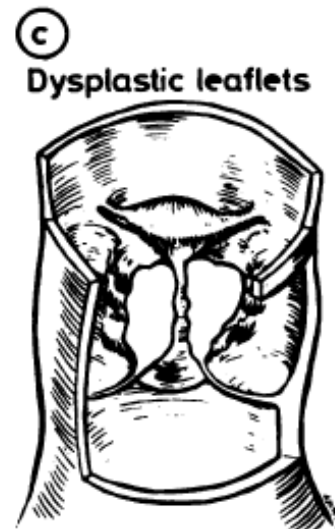
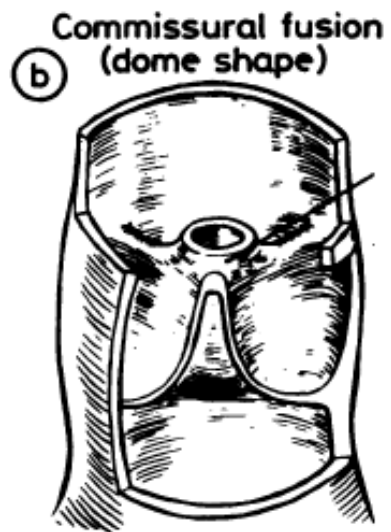
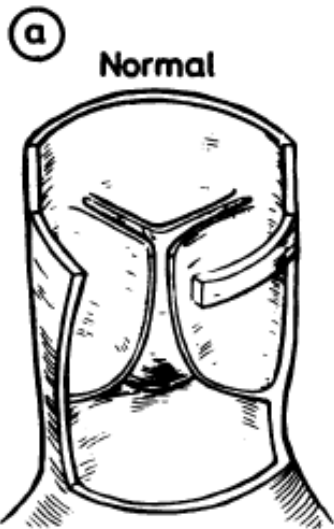
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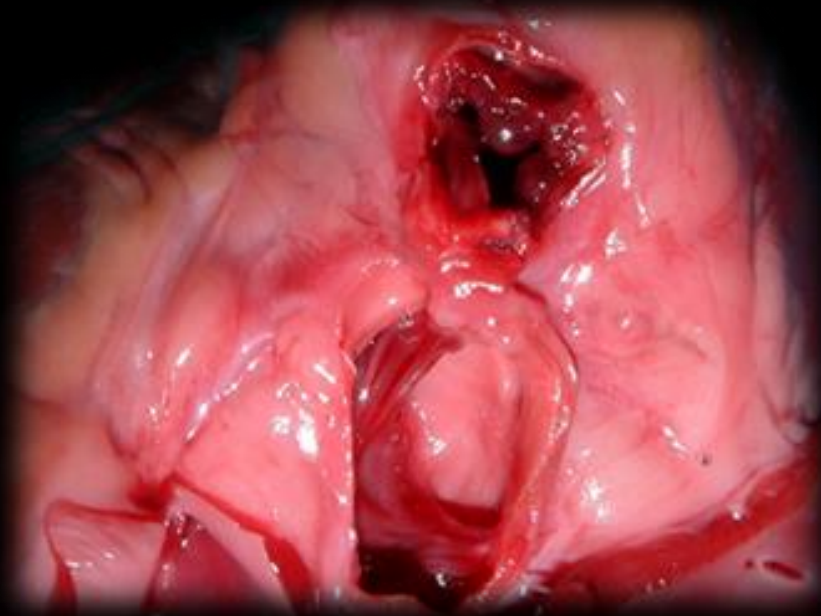
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MORPHOLOGY OF THE STENOSIS



VALVULAR PATHOLOGY

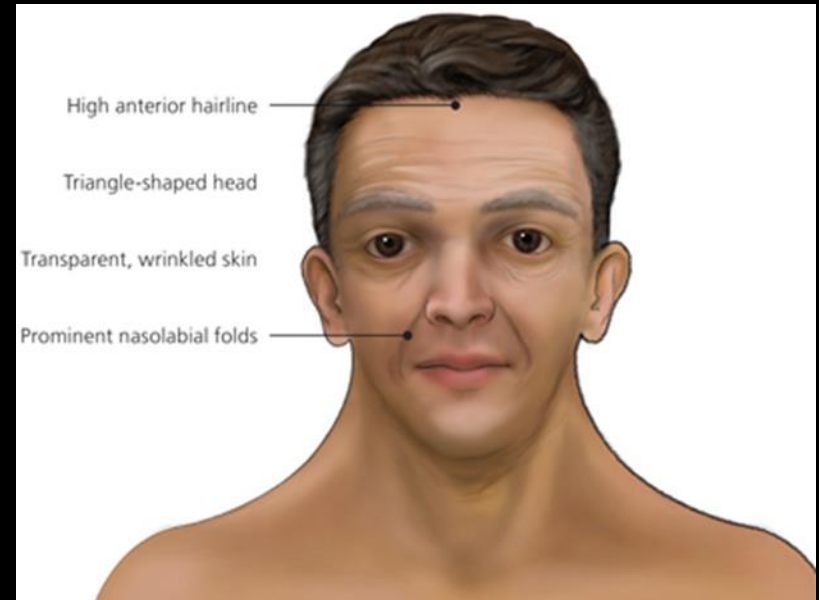
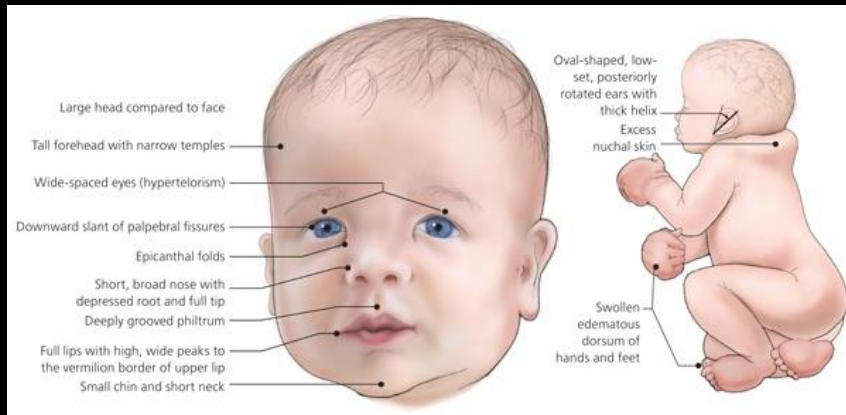


PULMONIC STENOSIS

- 8% of all CHD
- Present in 30-50% of CHD
- More Frequent in Female
- **Genetic Syndrome :**
 - Noonan: present in 39% of the syndromic patients, sometimes associated with periferial PS
 - Williams: 41% of the syndromic patients, Mostly Supravalvular and/or associated with periferial PS
 - Alagille: 53% of the syndromic patients, mostly with periferial PS
 - Rubella Infection may cause supravalvular PS

NOONAN

THE MOST COMMON ASSOCIATION



ECHOCARDIOGRAPHIC PROTOCOL

ANATOMY

What to Study

- Valvular Morphology and Motion
- Annulus Diameter
- Post Stenotic Dilatation
- Infundibulum Morphology and Motion

Sections

- ✓ Short Axis at the base
- ✓ Subcostal

ECHOCARDIOGRAPHIC PROTOCOL

ECHO EVALUATION OF THE RV

What to Study

- Kinetics
- Longitudinal Strain
- Miocardial Doppler
- RV Measure
- TAPSE
- RV Hypertrophy
- Fibroelastosis
- Tricuspid morphology

Sections

- ✓ Apical 4CH
- ✓ Subcostal 4CH
- ✓ Parasternal SAX
- ✓ Subcostal SAX

ECHOCARDIOGRAPHIC PROTOCOL

DOPPLER

What to Study

- Peak and Mean PV Gradient
- Dynamic Subvalvular Gradient
- ASD/PFO
- Tricuspid Gradient

Sections

- ✓ Subcostal
- ✓ Apical
- ✓ Parasternal

ECHOCARDIOGRAPHIC PROTOCOL TO COMPLETE THE MINIMAL DATA SETTING

What to Study

- Tricuspid Valve
- RA
- ASD/ PFO
- Inferior VC
- Ductus Arteriosus

Sections

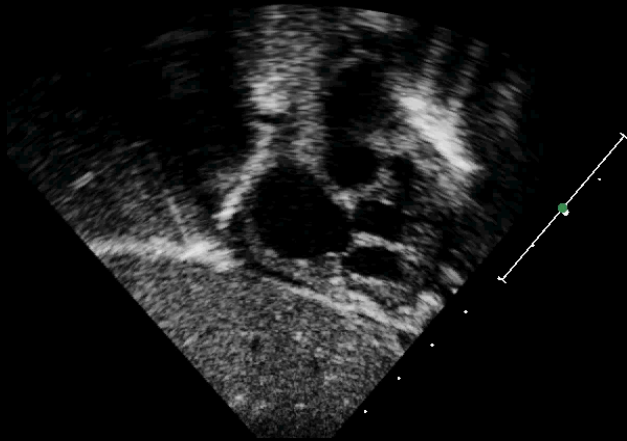
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- ✓ Parasternal SAX



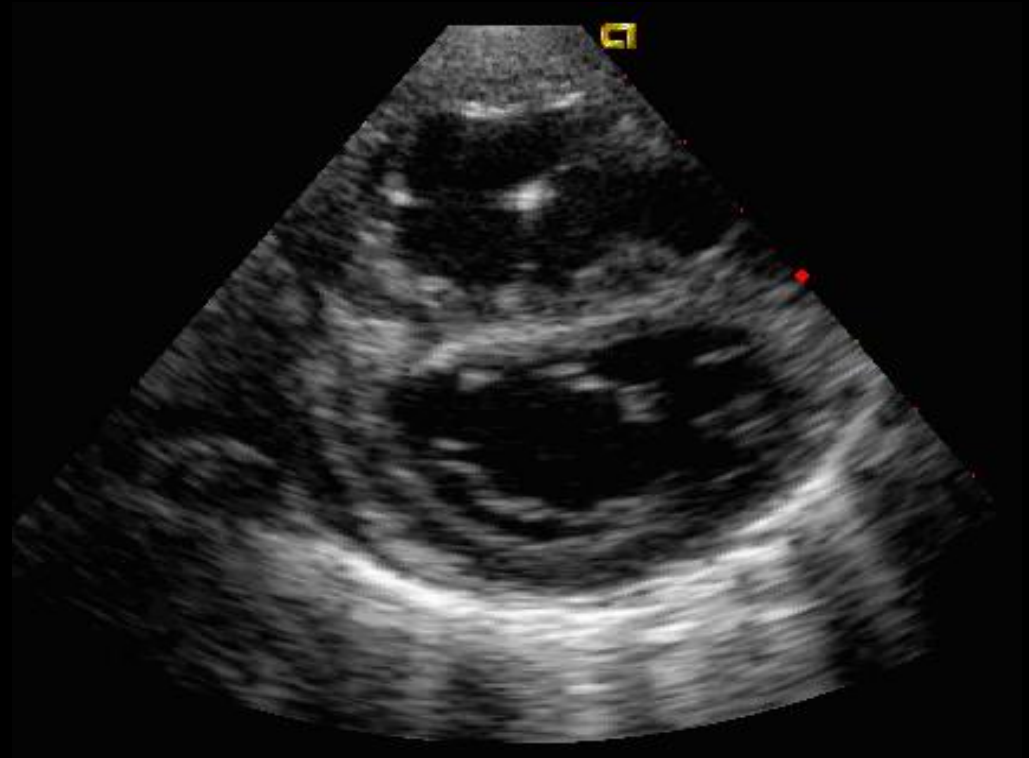
ECHOCARDIOGRAPHIC PROTOCOL STAGING OF SEVERITY

- Mean an Peack Gradient
- Valve and RV Morphology
- RV Function
- Estimated RV Pressure
- Variability of IVC
- Shunt on ASD /PFO

PS WATCH THE PA



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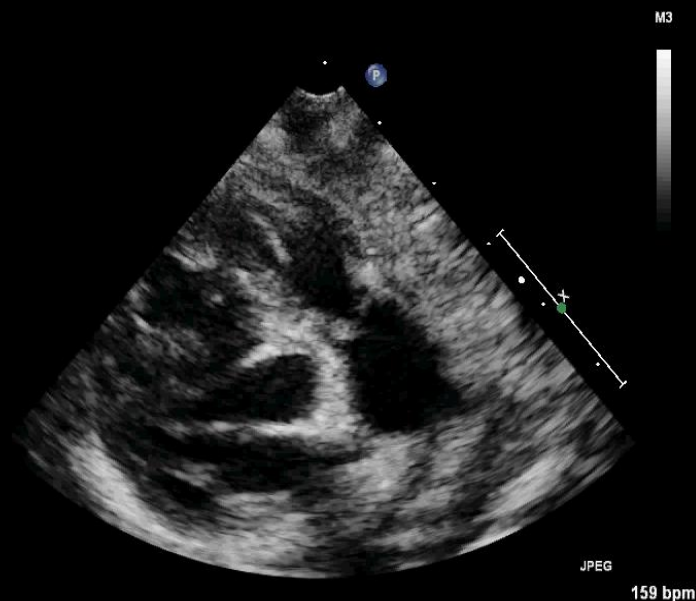


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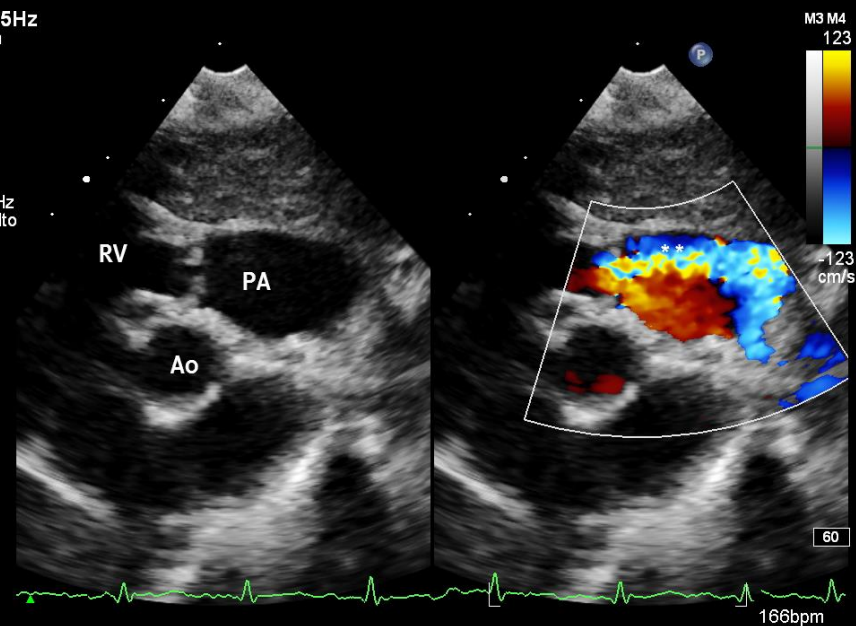
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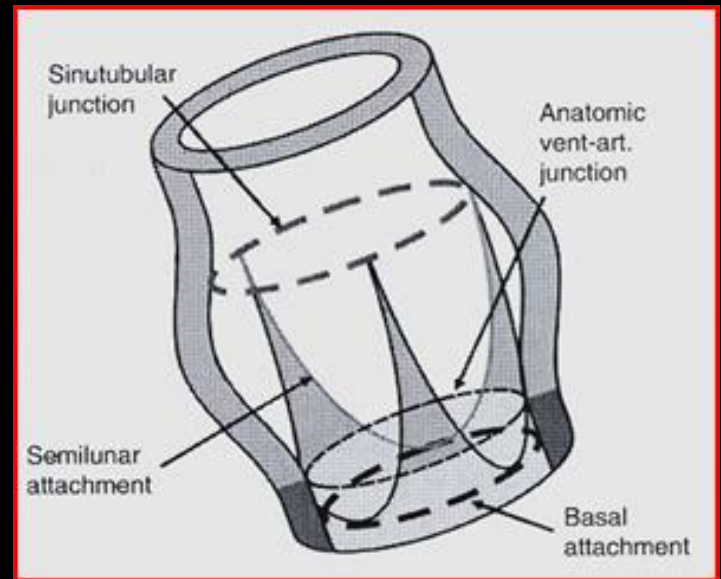
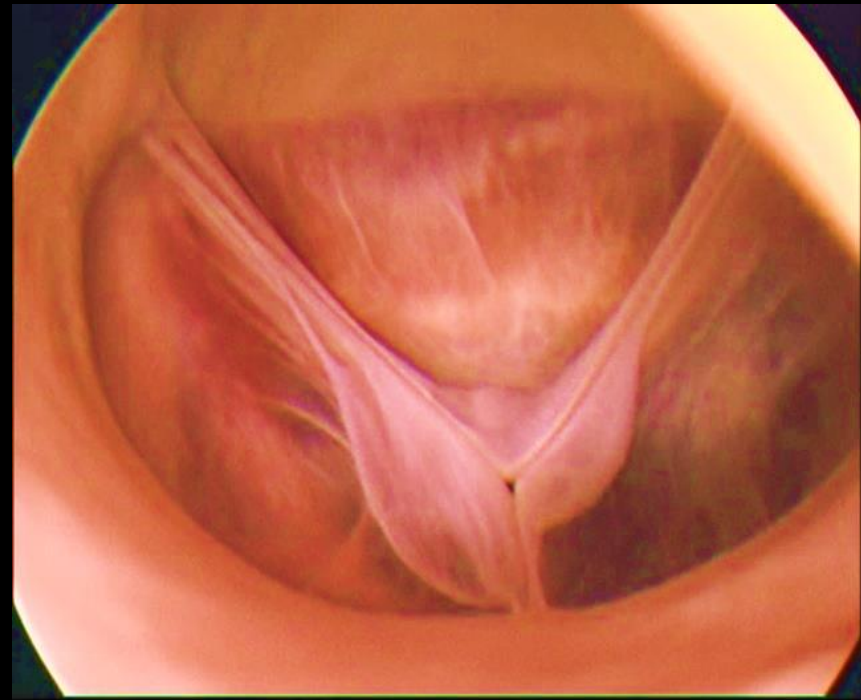
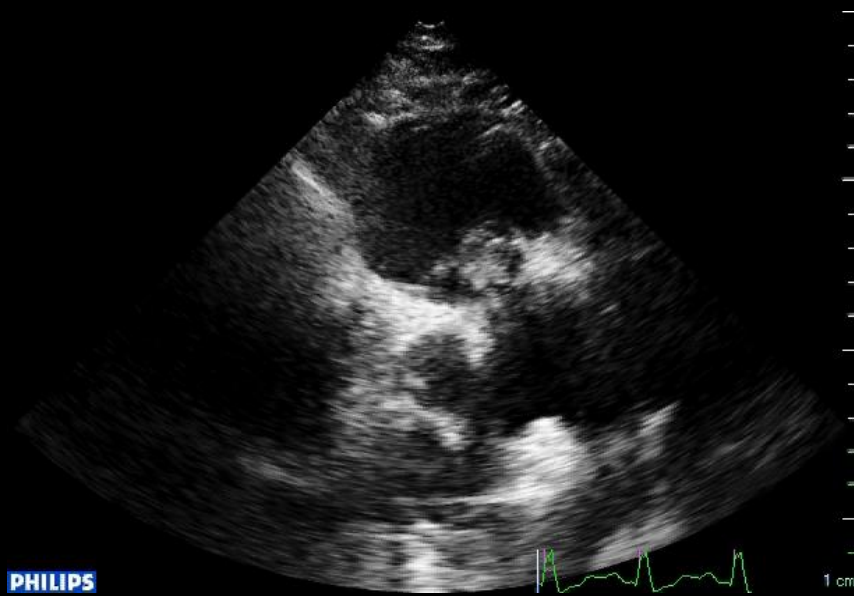


FR 25Hz
7.0cm

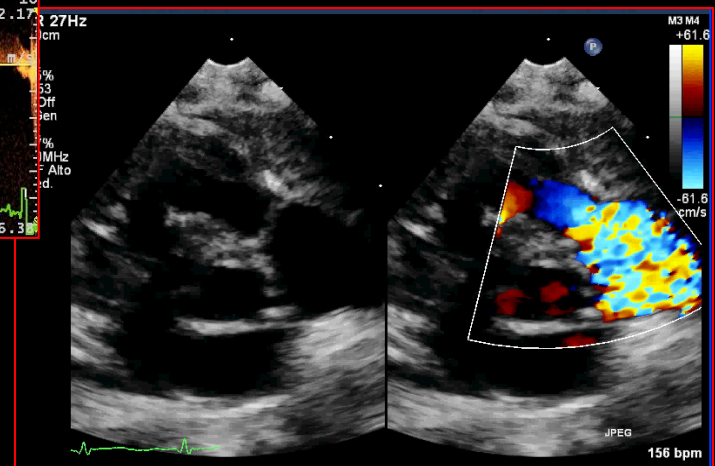
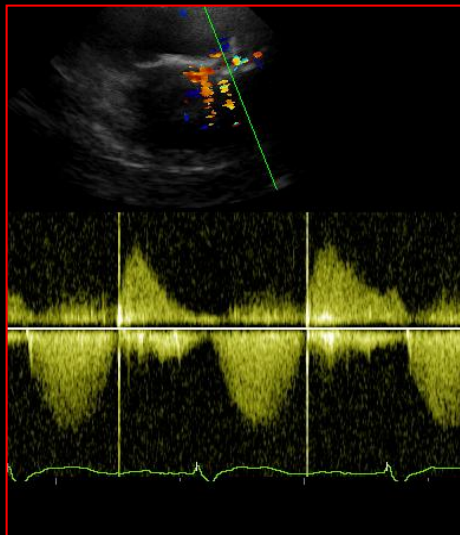
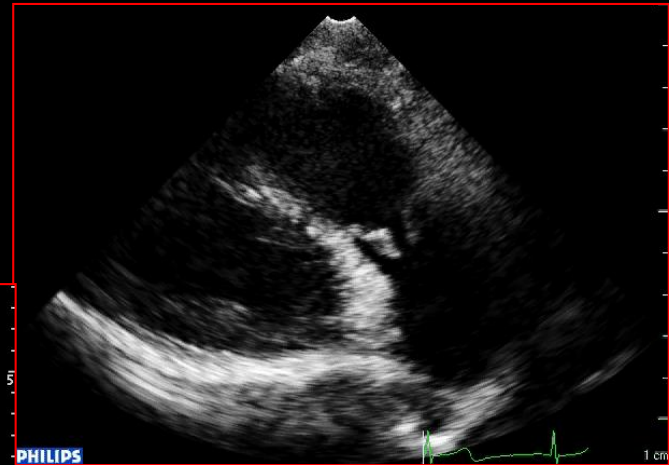
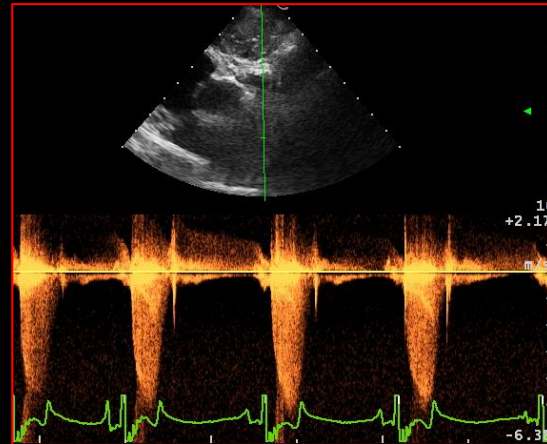
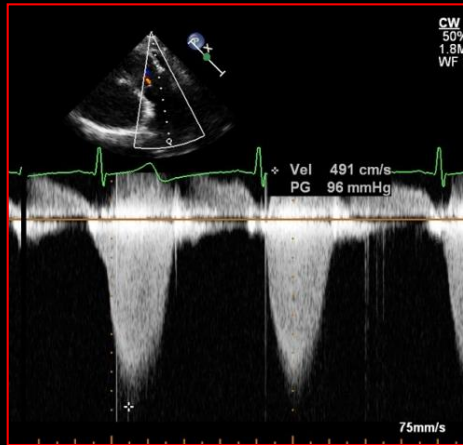
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SP IN AN ADULT

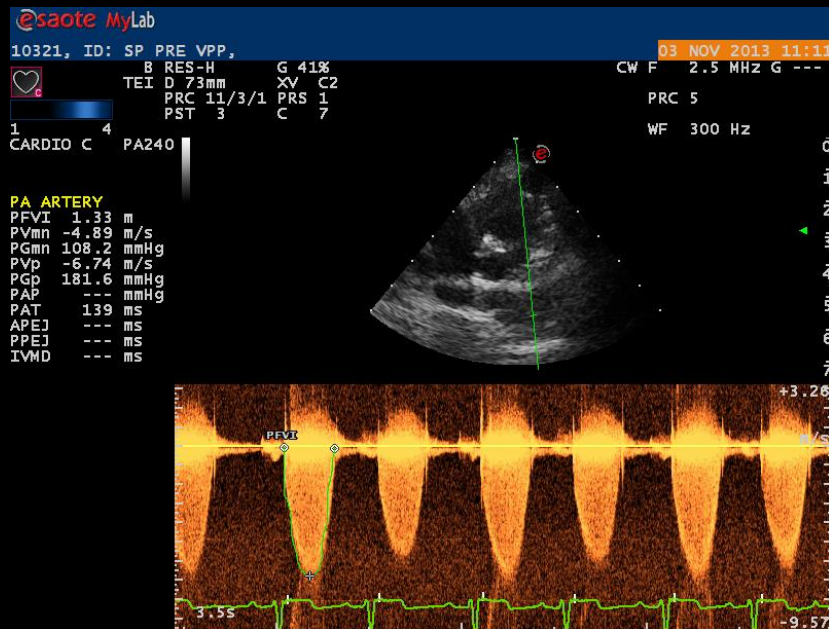


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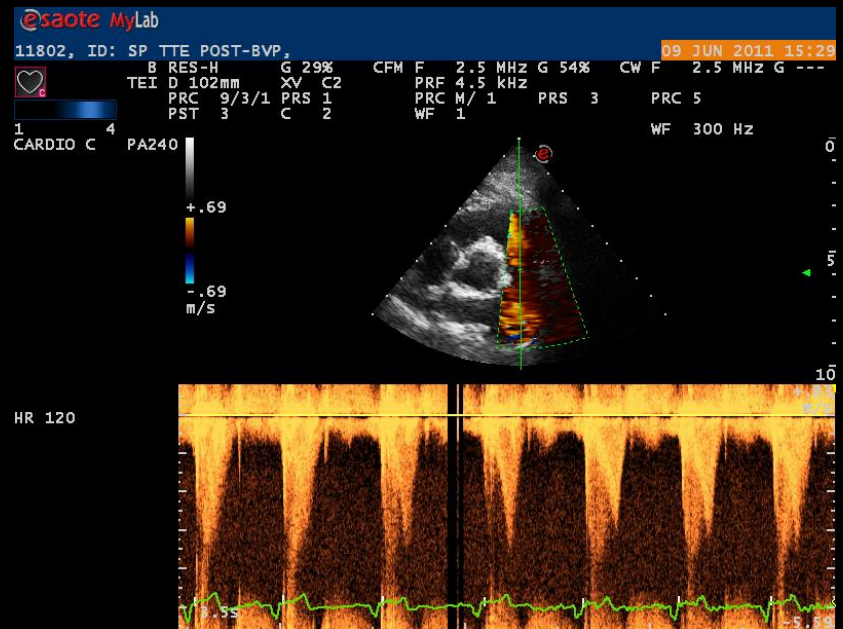


ANTEROGRADE PULMONARY FLOW

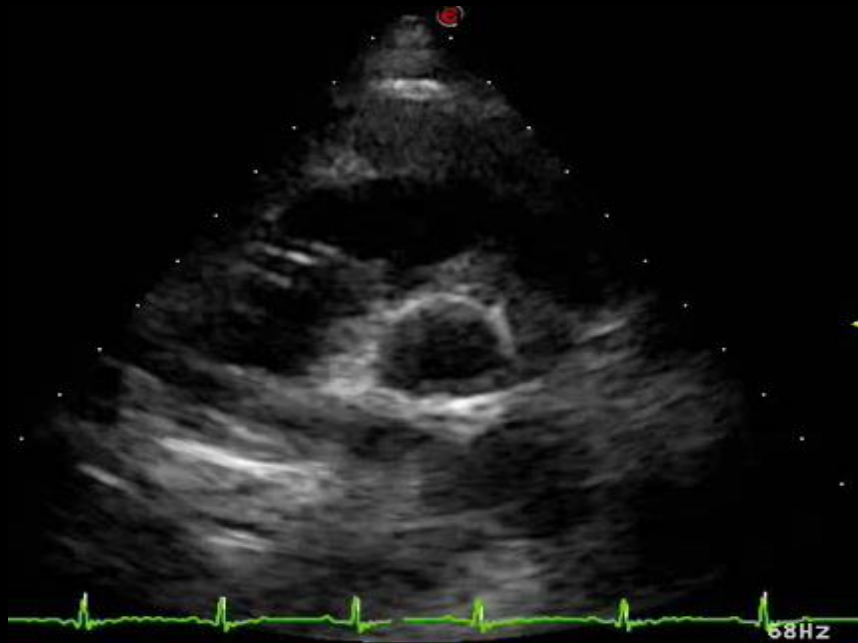
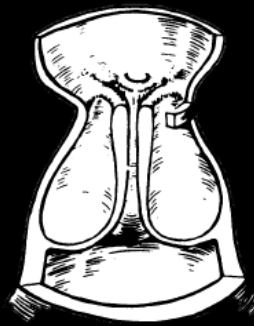
Severe Stenosis



Dynamic Stenosis



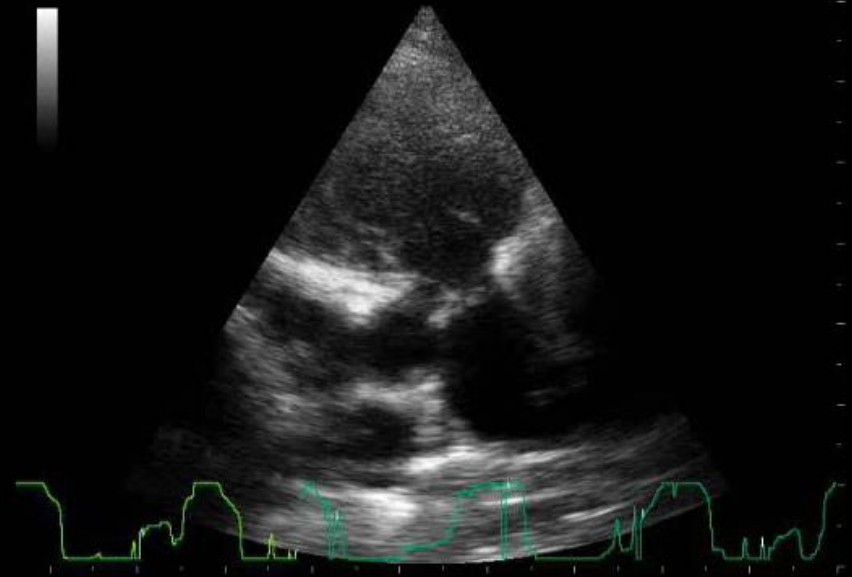
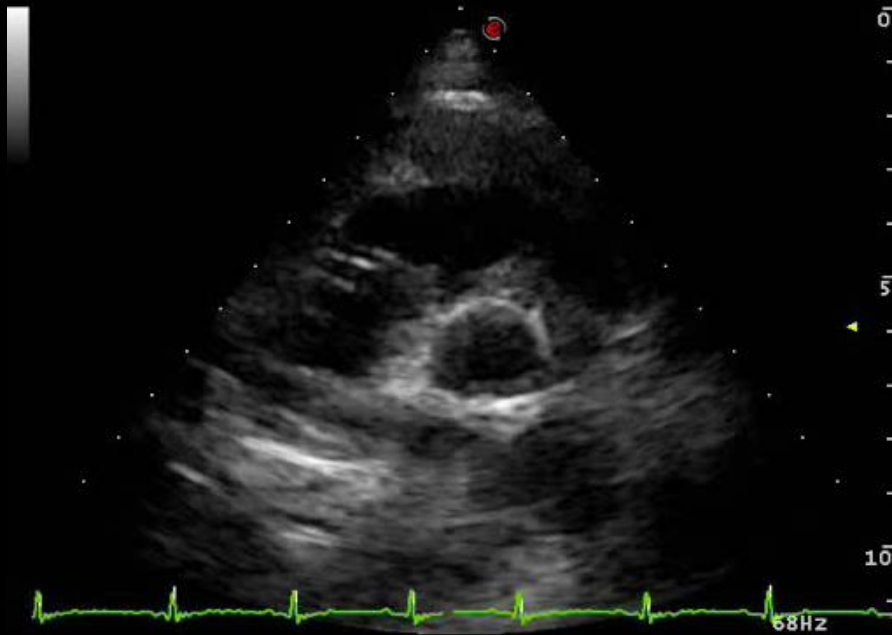
PULMONIC STENOSIS: HOURLASS SHAPE



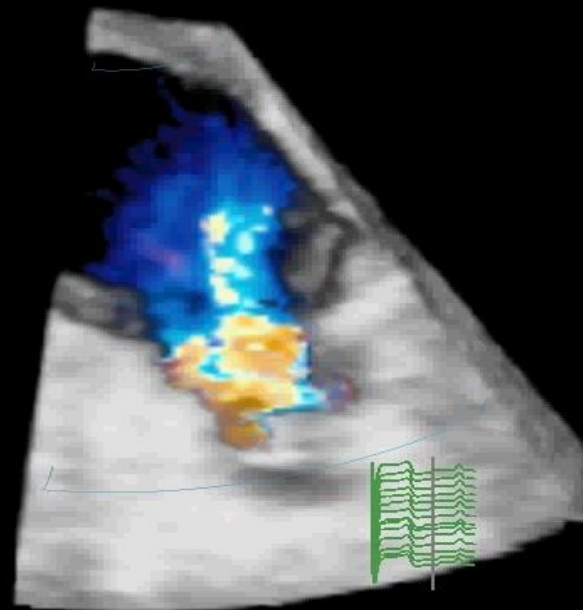
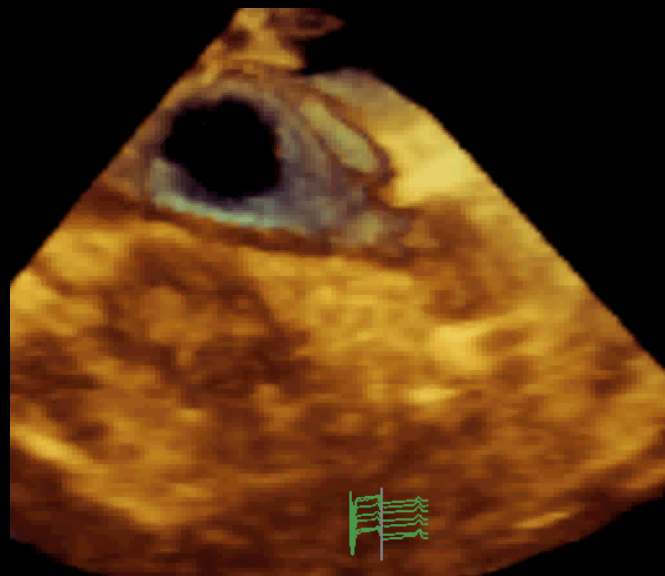
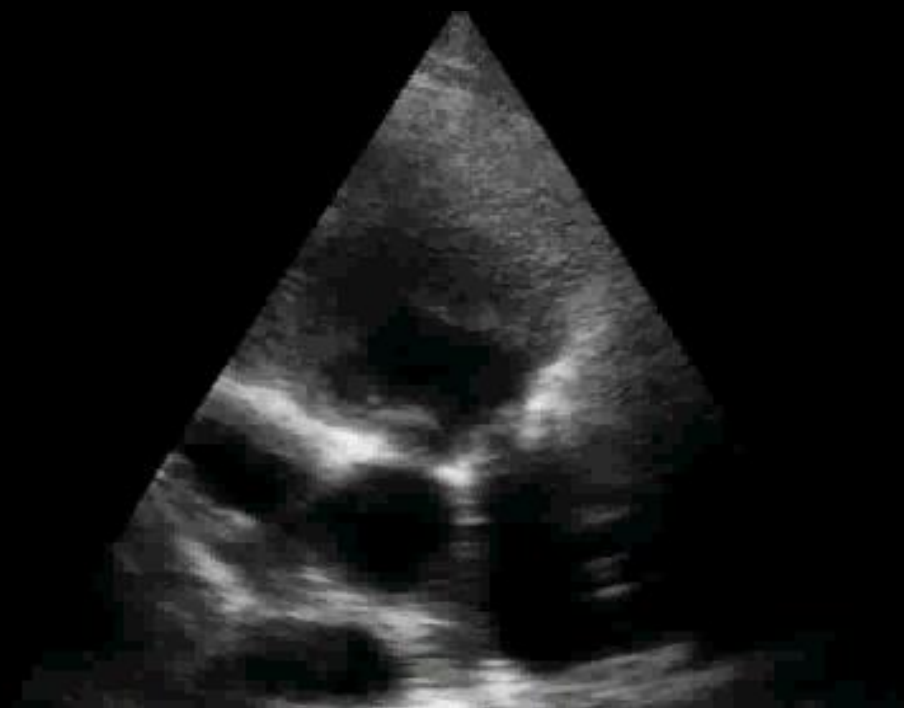
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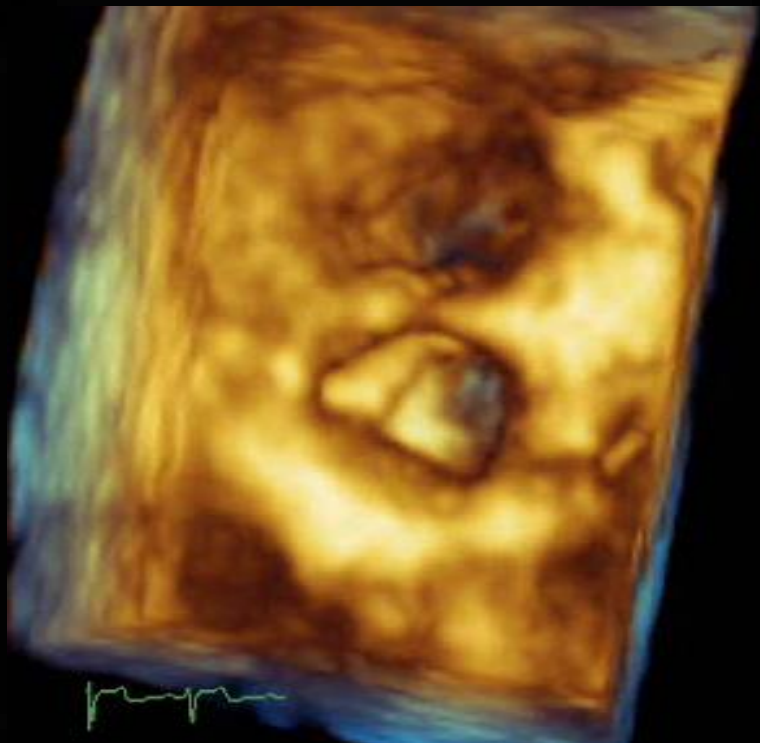
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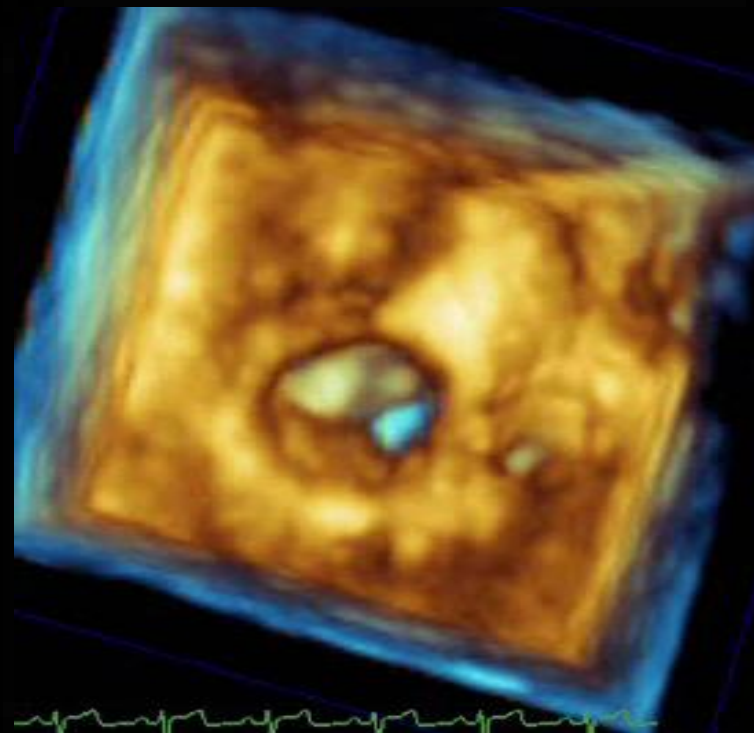
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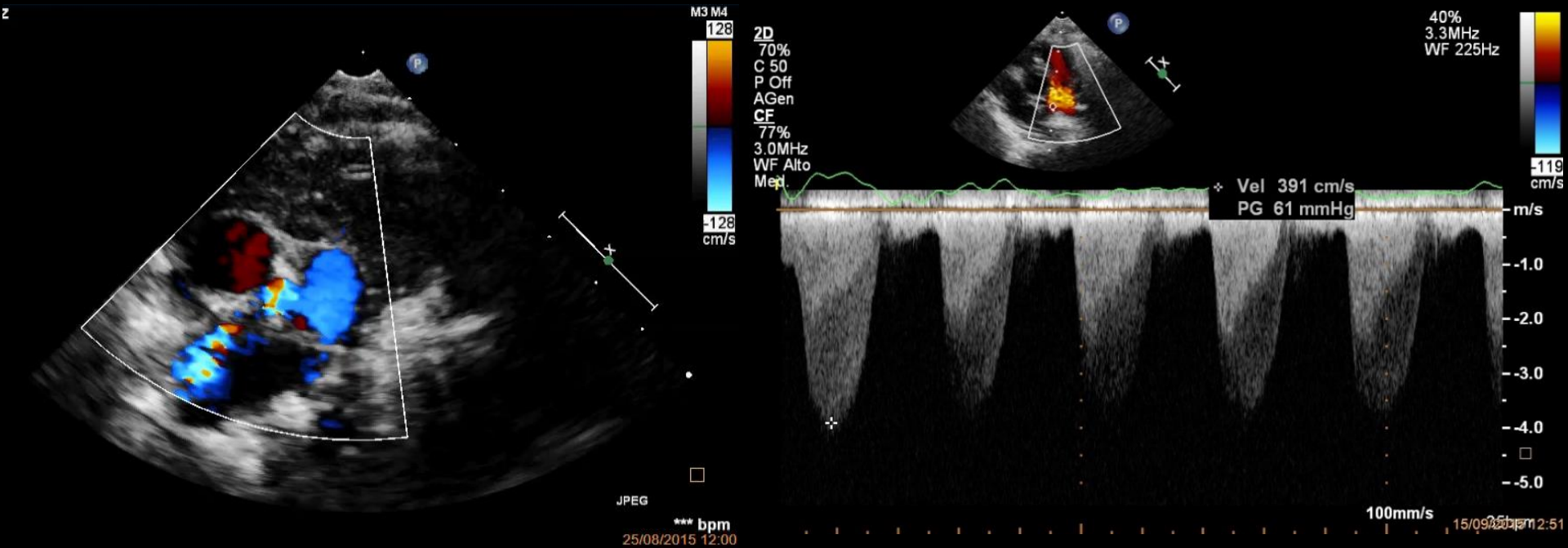
«En face» pre PBV



«En face» post PBV



PERIPHERAL PS



TETRALOGY OF FALLOT

“Blue baby syndrome”

1° anatomical description Niels Stensen 1671

1° pathophysiological description Étienne L. A. Fallot 1888

1° Blalock-Taussig-Thomas shunt 1946



Alfred Blalock Vivien Thomas



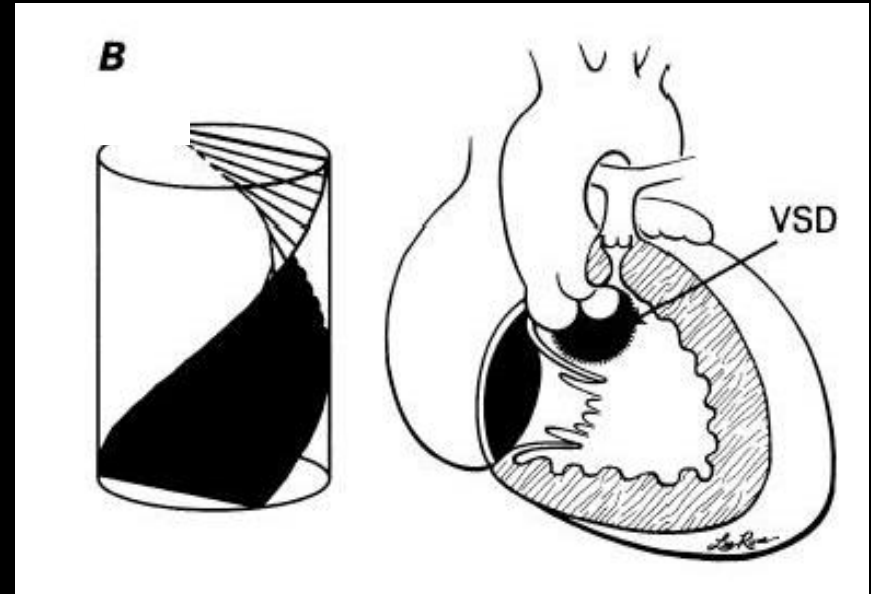
Helen Taussig

E. L. A. Fallot. Contribution à l'anatomie pathologique de la maladie bleue (cyanose cardiaque). Marseille médical, 1888, Sommer et al. Circulation 2008 ; 117 (10) 1340

TETRALOGY OF FALLOT

Cono-truncal Malformation

- Incomplete leftward displacement of the conal derivatives
- Anterior displacement of the complete conal septum that does not align with the interventricular septum which causes a large DIV below an ectasic aorta



Patterson DF, Pexieder T, Schnarr WR, Navratil T, Alaili R. A single major-gene defect underlying cardiac conotruncal malformations interferes with myocardial growth during embryonic development: Studies in the ctd line of keeshond dogs. *American journal of human genetics*. 1993;52:388-397

TETRALOGY OF FALLOT

The physiologic consequences and the prognosis of ToF depend on:

- Degree of pulmonic stenosis
- RVOT morphology
- Systemic vascular resistance
- Pulmonary vasculature
- Associated anomalies

Different phenotype presentation

Overriding aorta is not hemodynamically important

Symptomatic patients presents severe PS and large VSD

TETRALOGY OF FALLOT (SEVERE PS, LARGE VSD)

Systolic pressures in RV, LV, and aorta are identical



The resistance to flow through the VSD and systemic circulation are less than resistance across the pulmonic valve



Deoxygenated blood shunts from RV into LV



Systemic hypoxemia

TETRALOGY OF FALLOT (SEVERE PS, LARGE VSD)

↓↓ Pulmonary blood flow (because of PS)



↓↓ Venous return to LV



↓↓ LV size and Stroke volume



↓↓ oxygenated blood that reaches the circulation

CLINICAL FINDINGS

- Cyanosis (from absent to severe):
 - Symmetrically distributed
 - Absent at rest: may be produced by exercise
 - Present at rest: exercise makes it worse
- Ejection murmur, loudest at left heart base
- Murmure intensity varies inversely with the severity of stenosis
- Polycythemia (↑ blood viscosity)

TETRALOGY OF FALLOT

ASSOCIATED ANOMALIES

Atrial Septal Defect (15-20%)

Left SVC in CS (10%)

Aortic Arch Anomaly

- Right Aortic Arch 25-35%
- Aberrant Subclavia

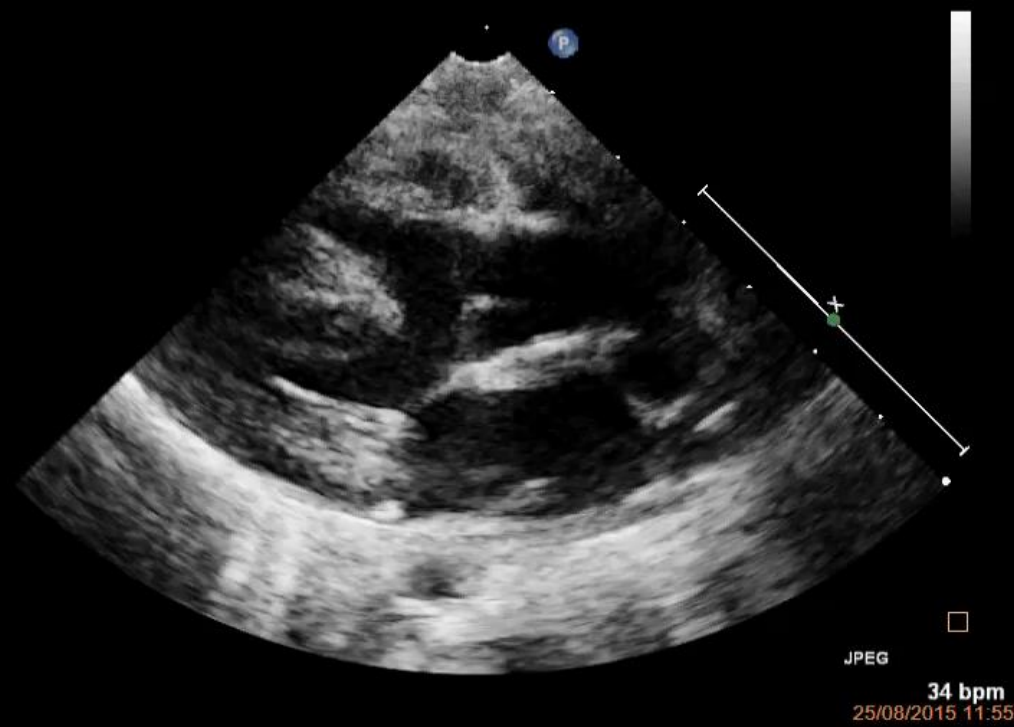
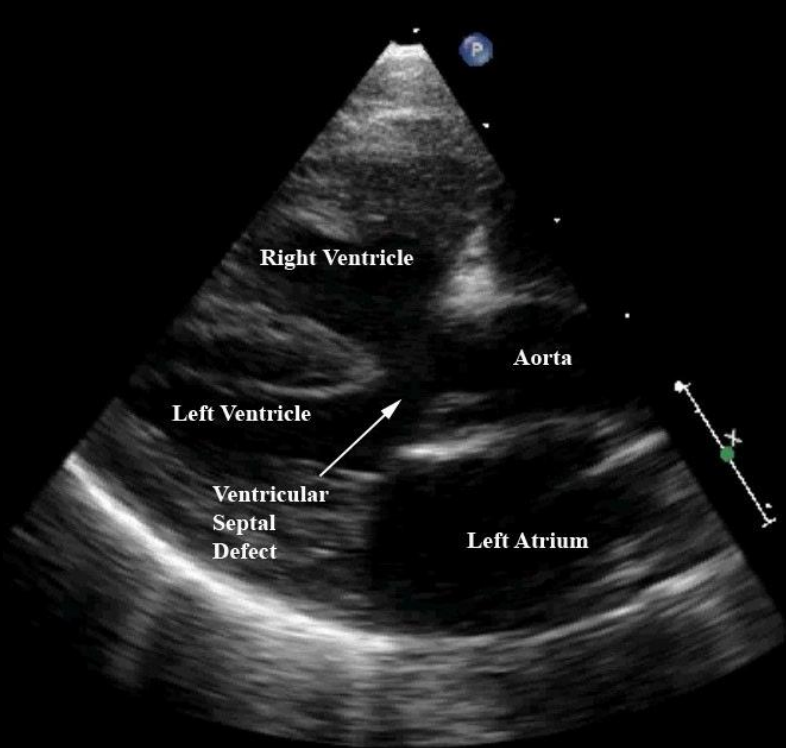
Coronary Anomalies (20-30%)

- LAD arising from RCA (5%)

Atrioventricular Septal Defect

PV Absence → Dilatation of RVOT and MPA and Bronchial Compression

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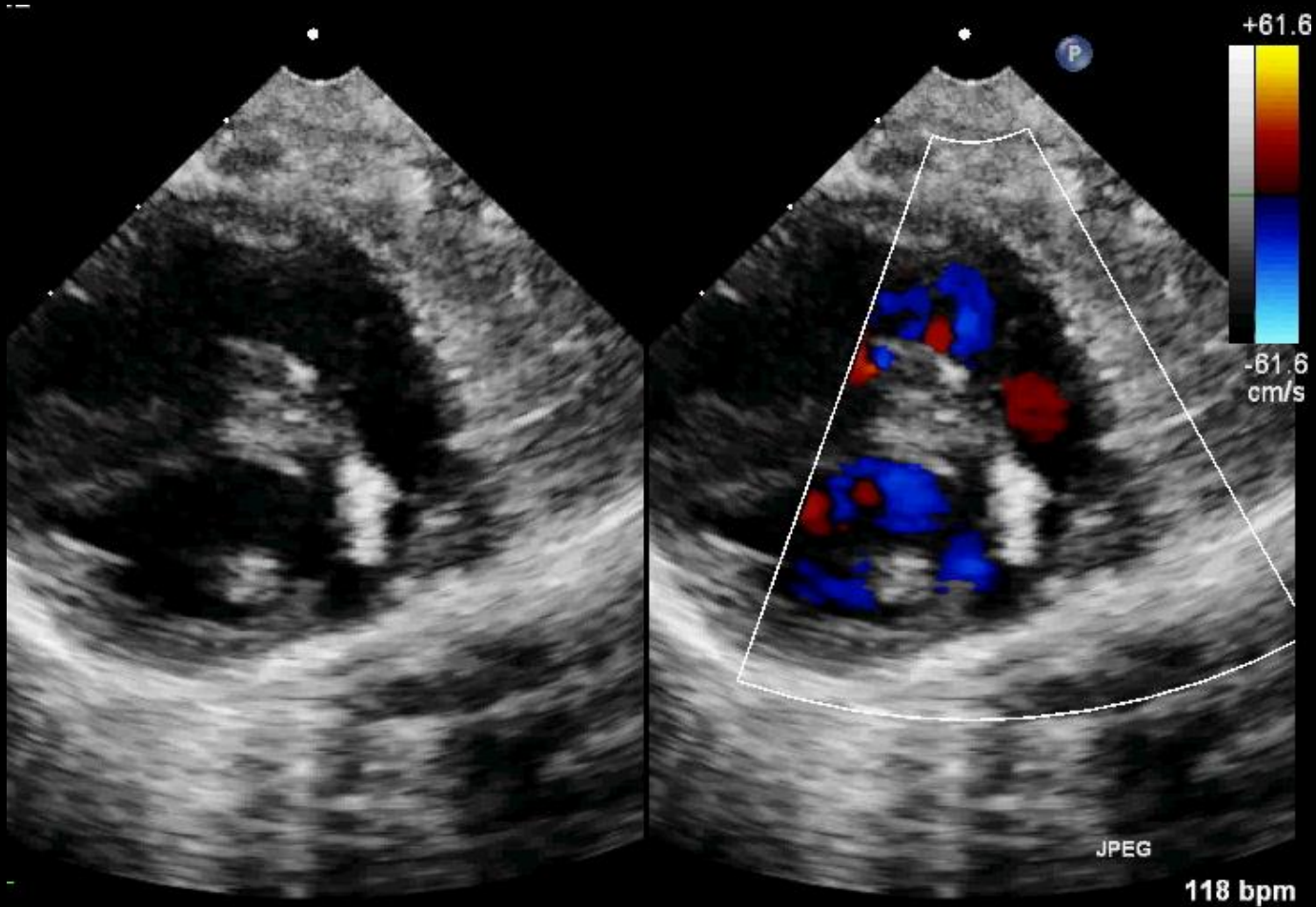


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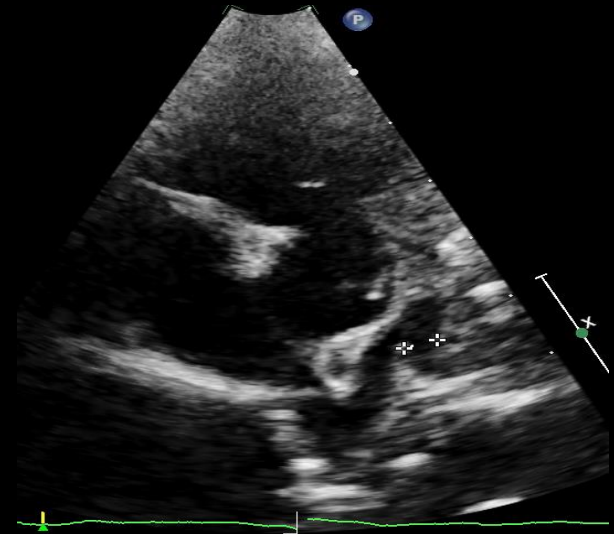
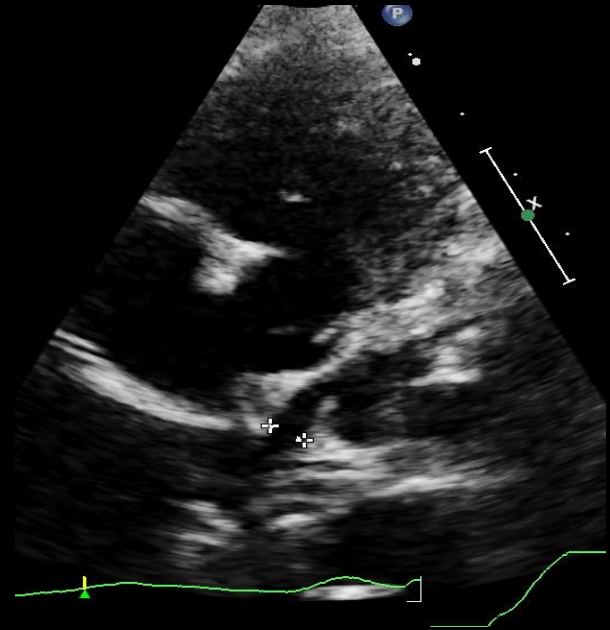
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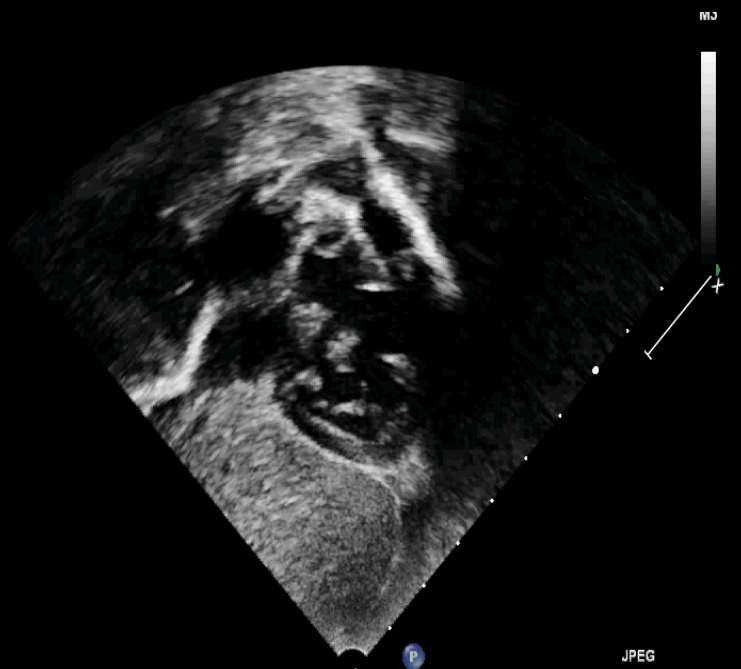


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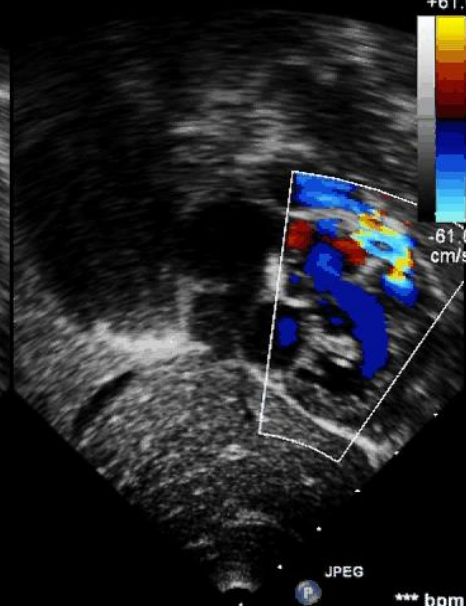
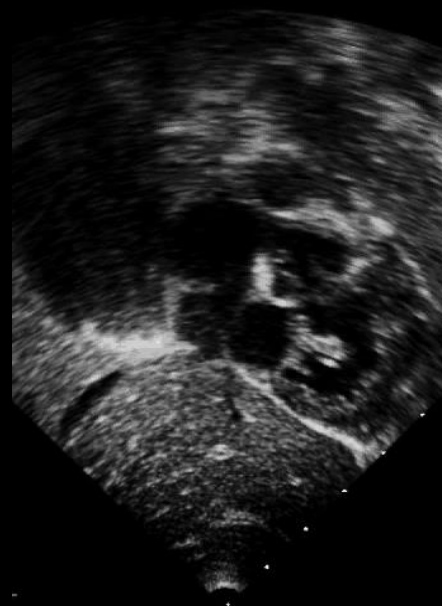
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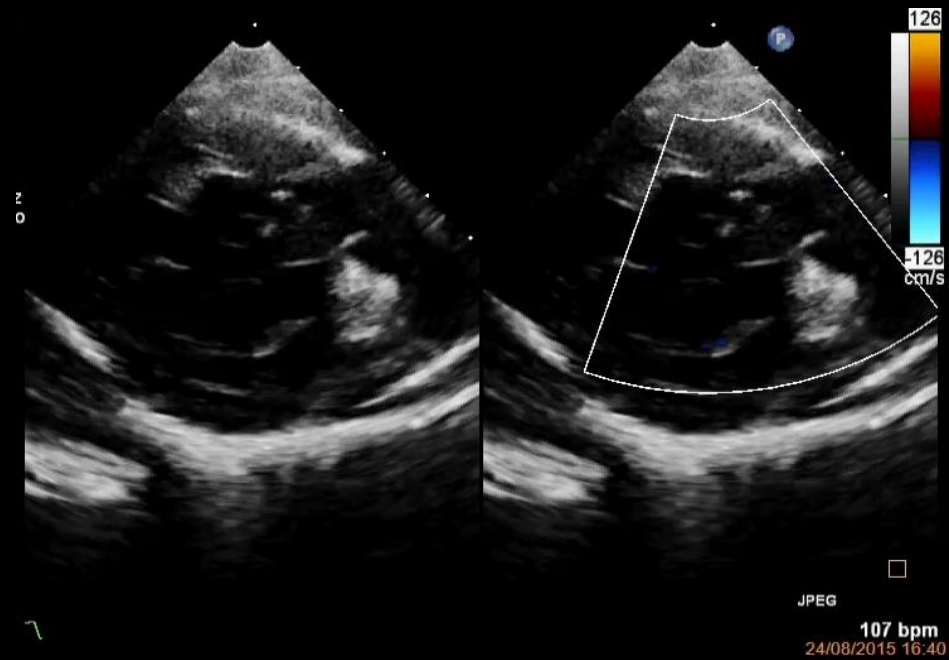
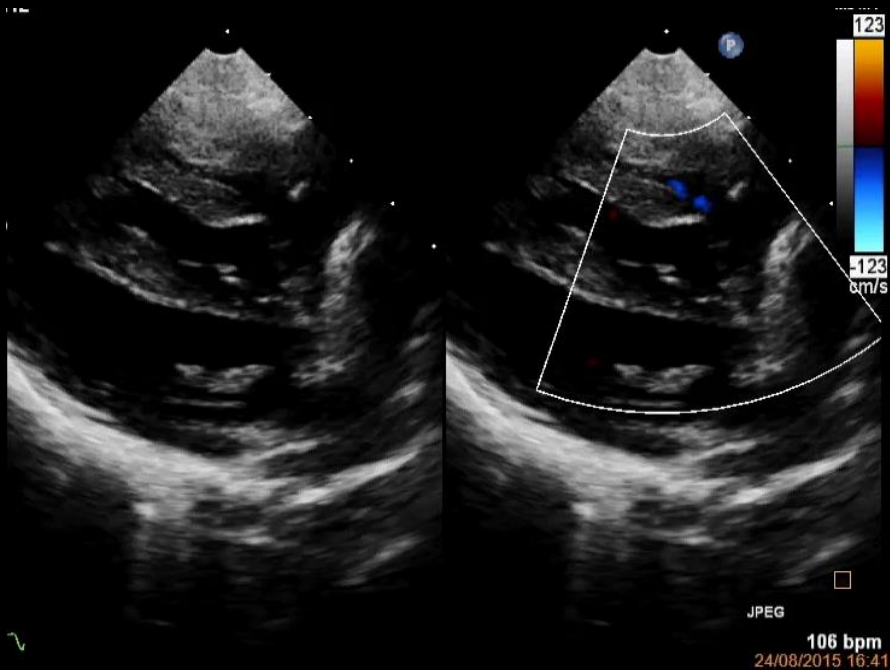
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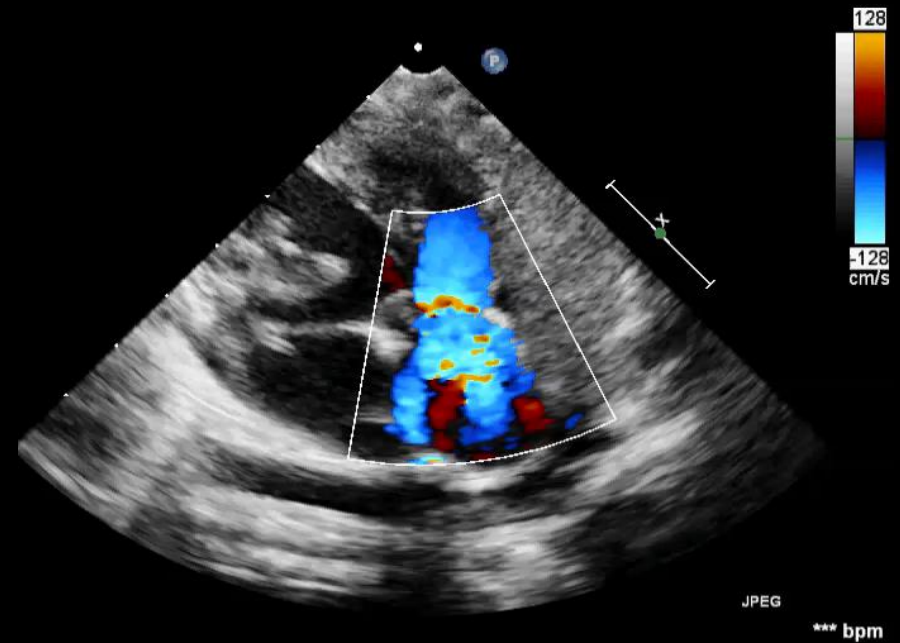
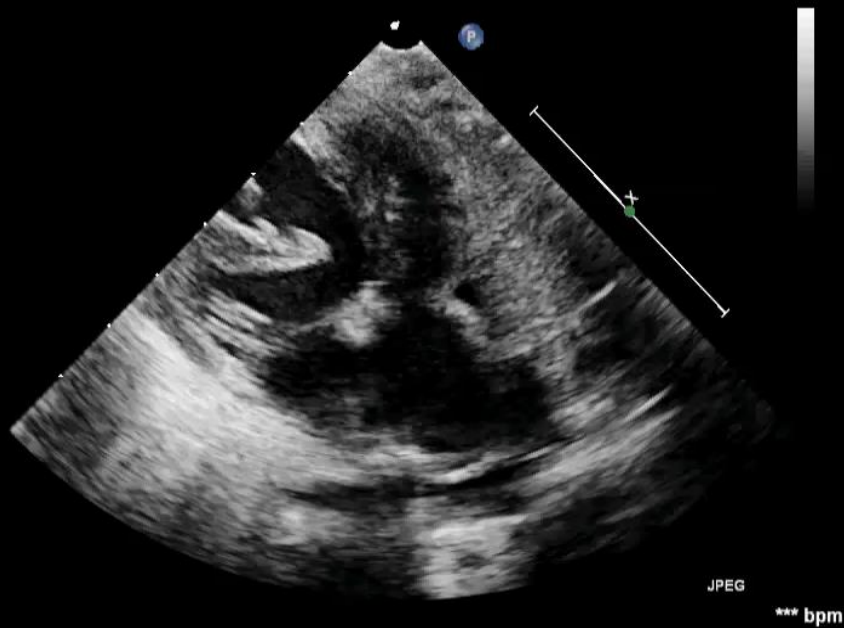
SMALL VSD HYPERTENSIVE RV



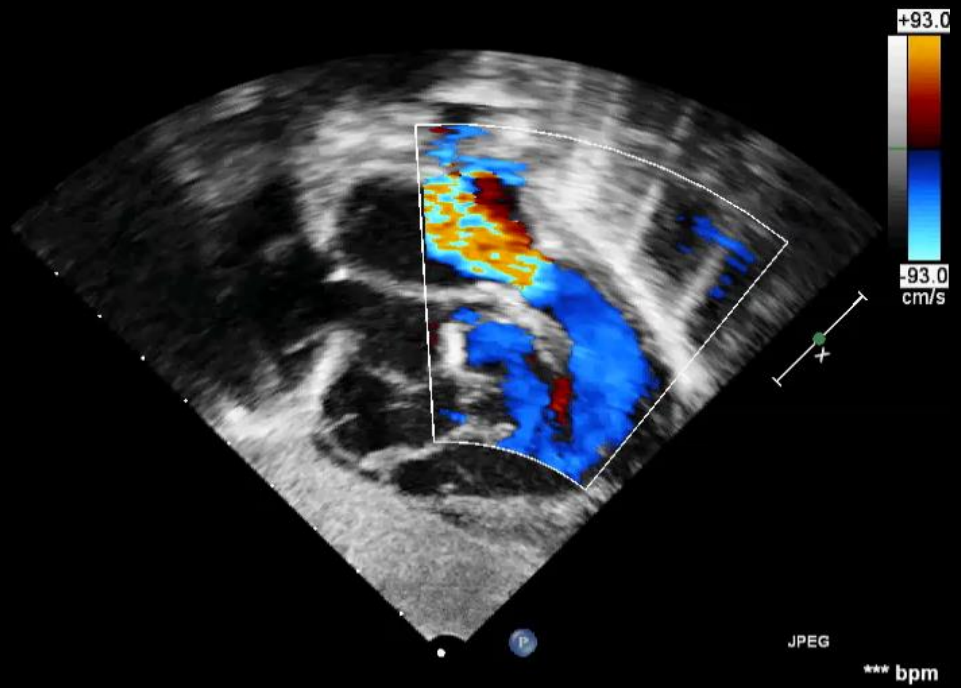
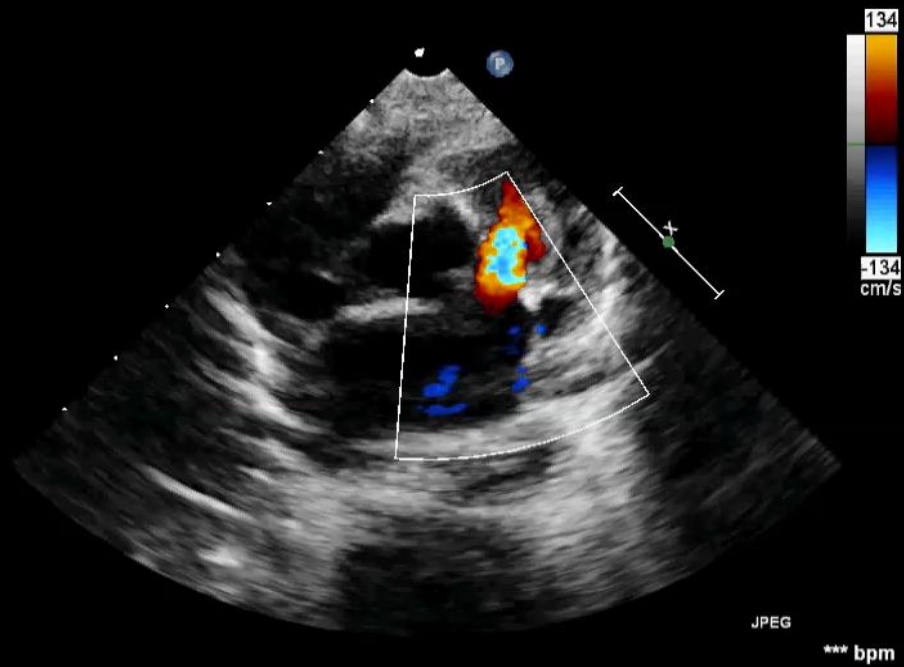
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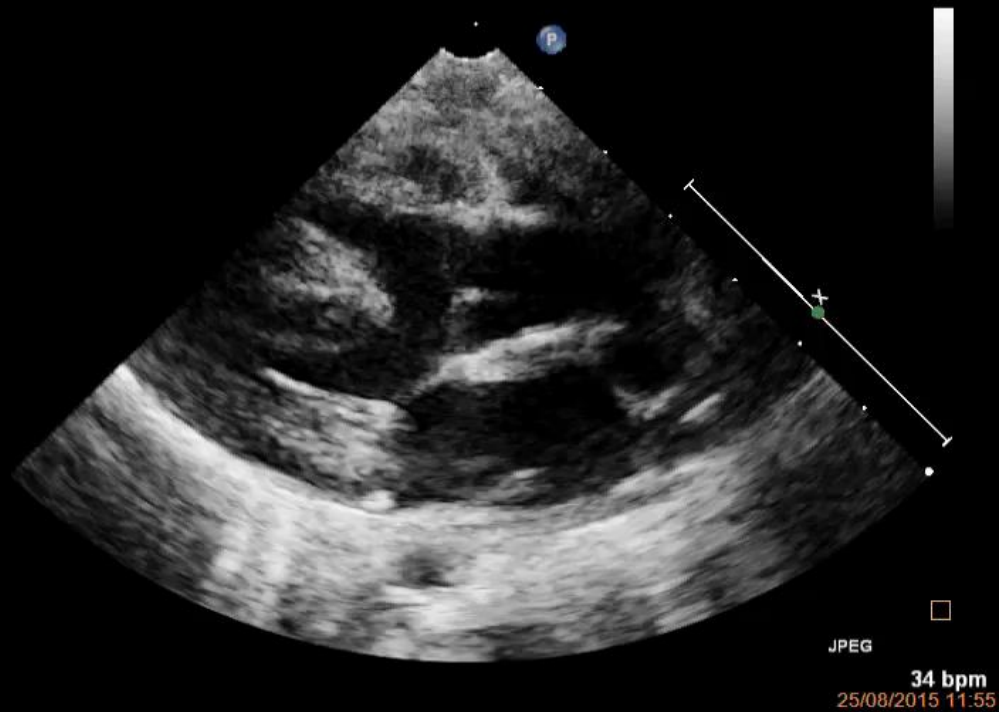
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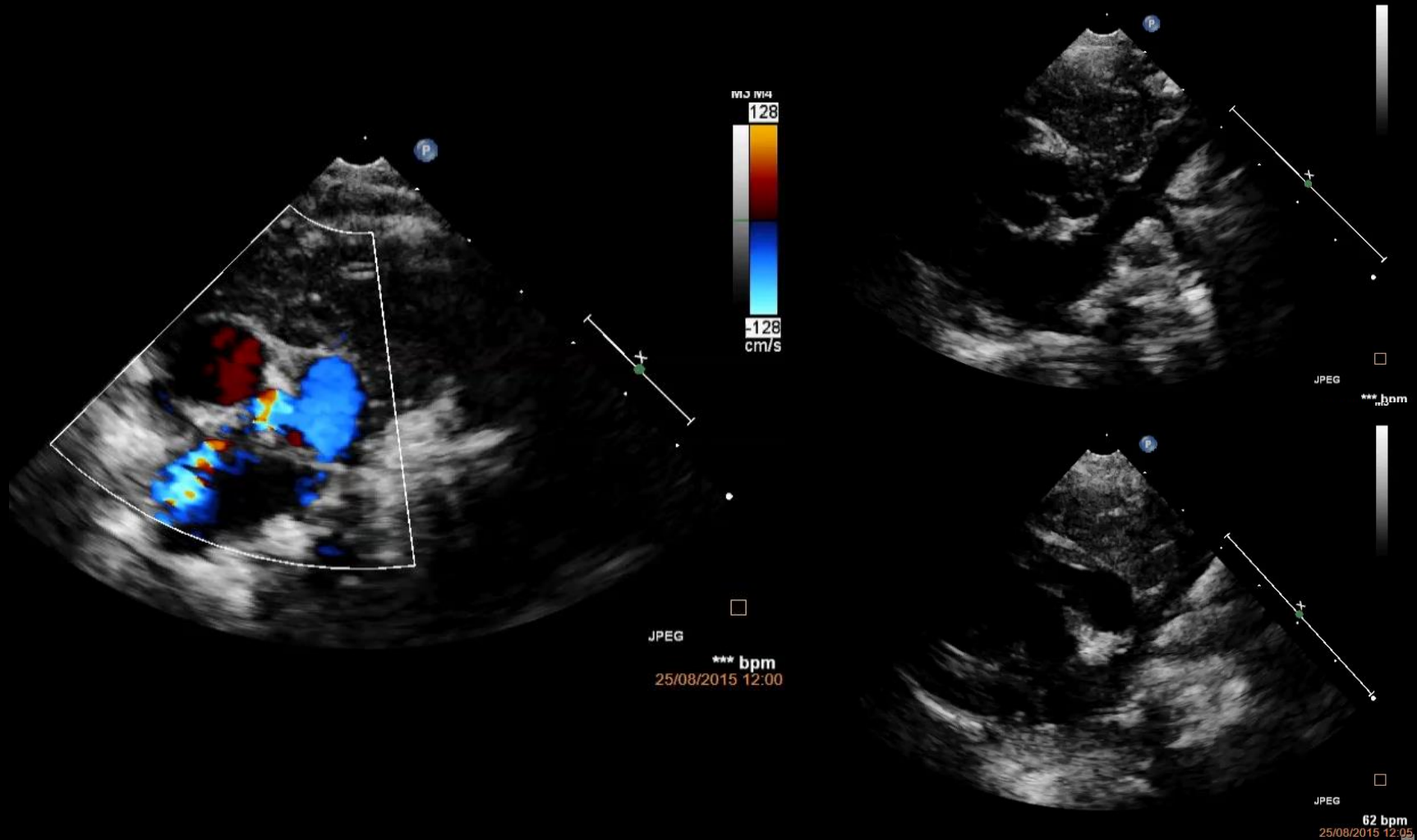
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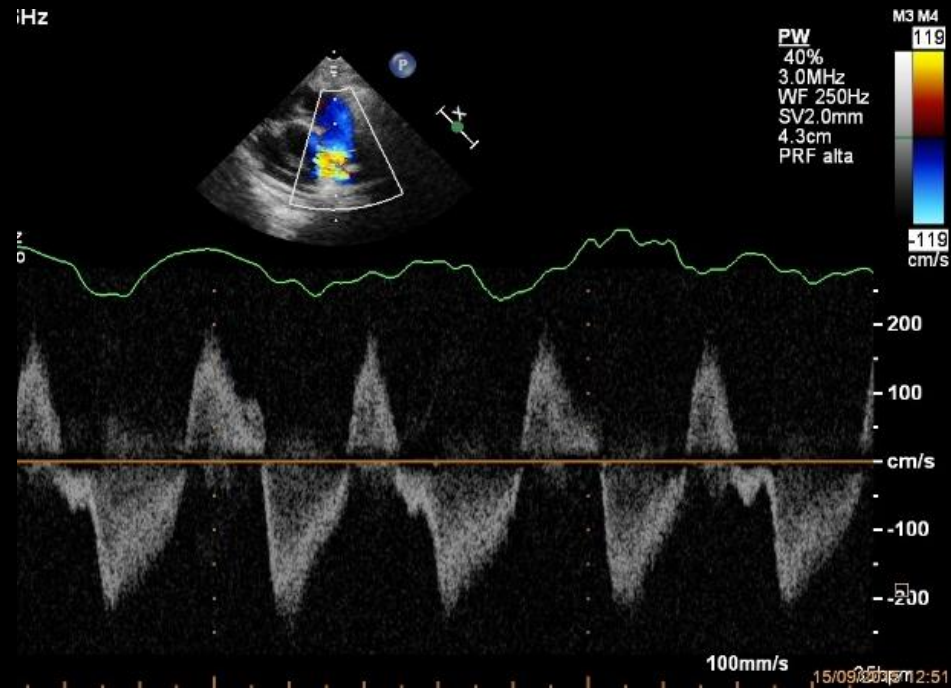
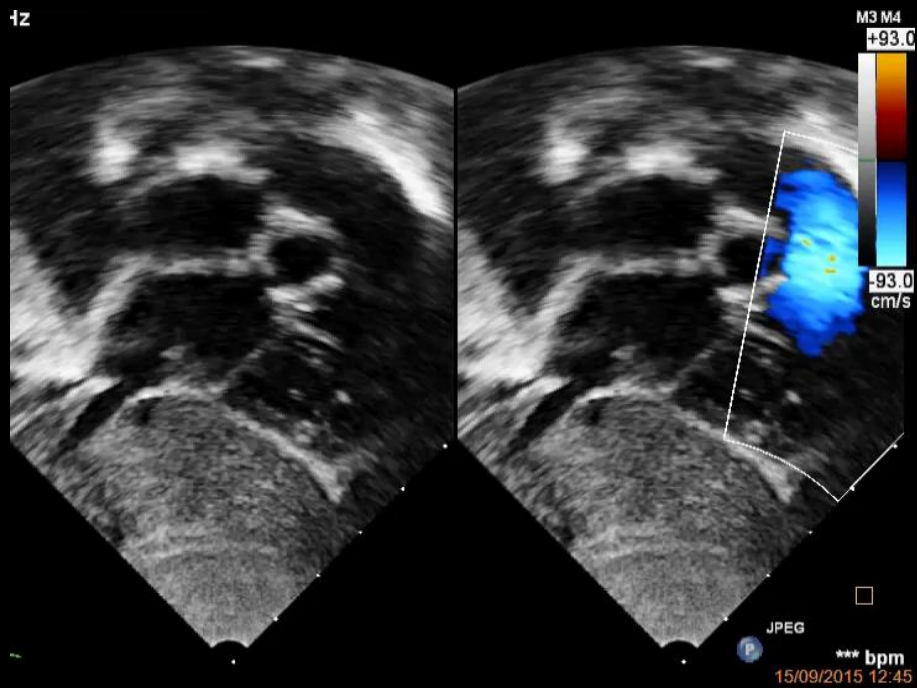
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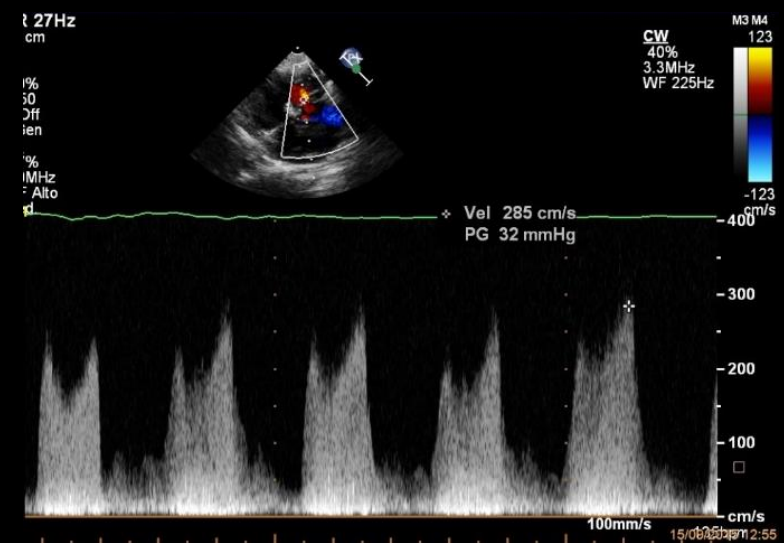
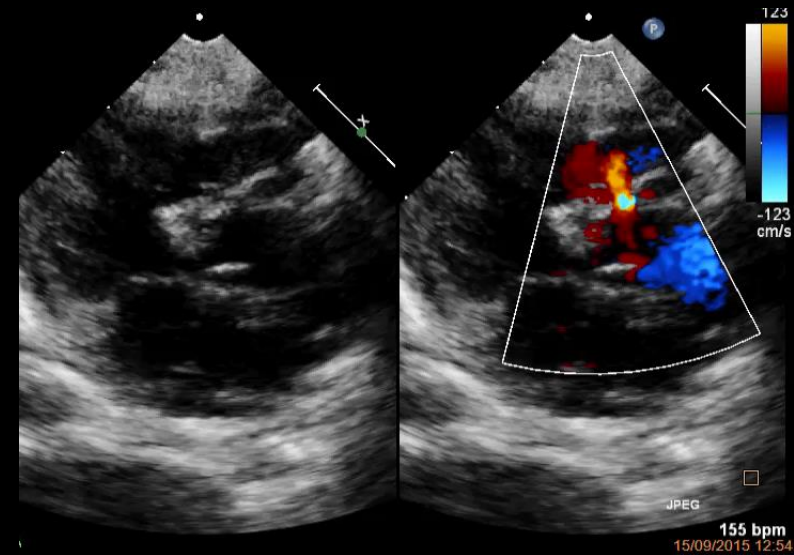
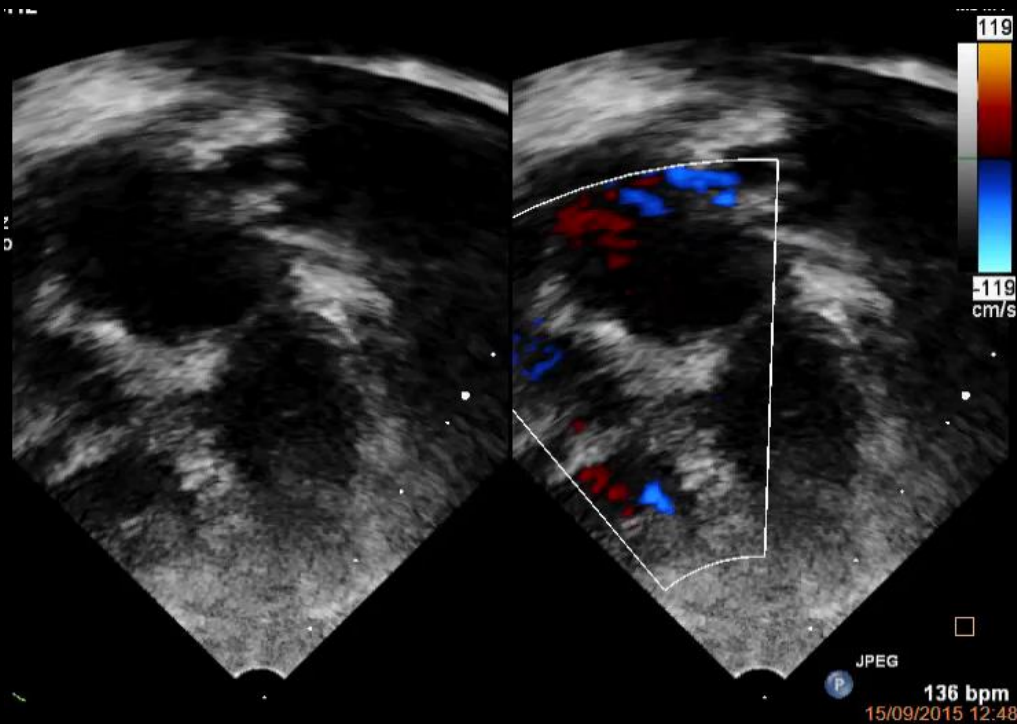
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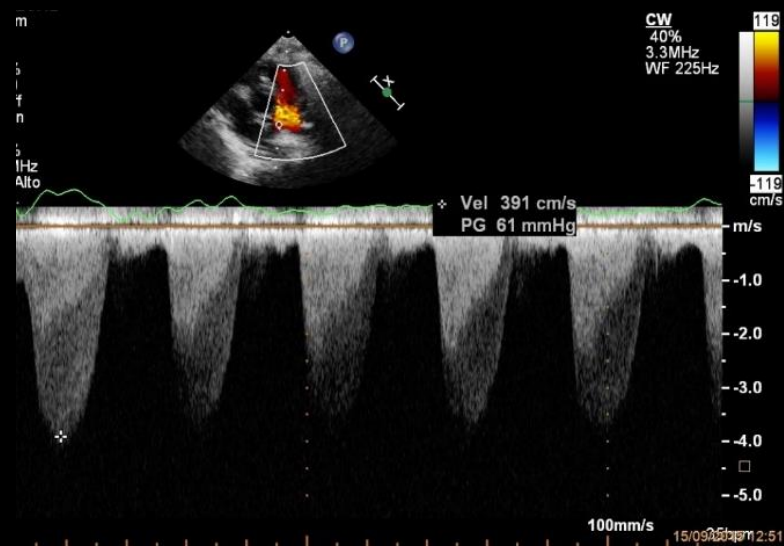
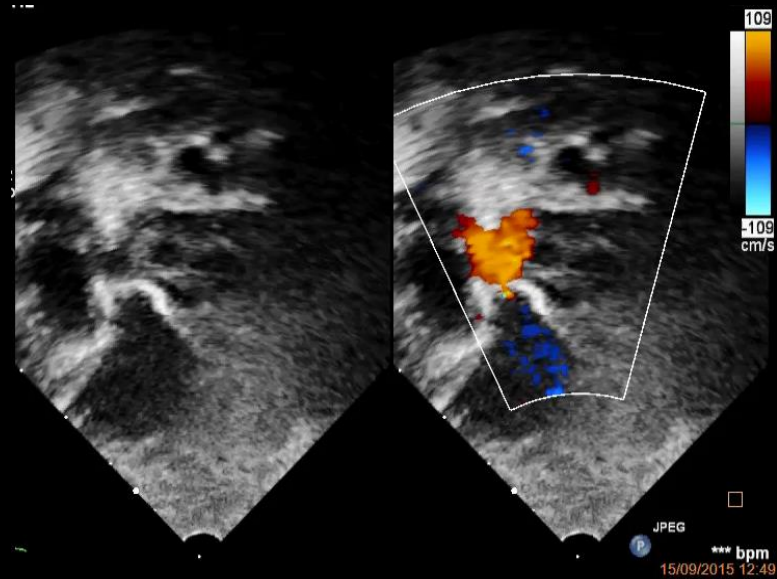
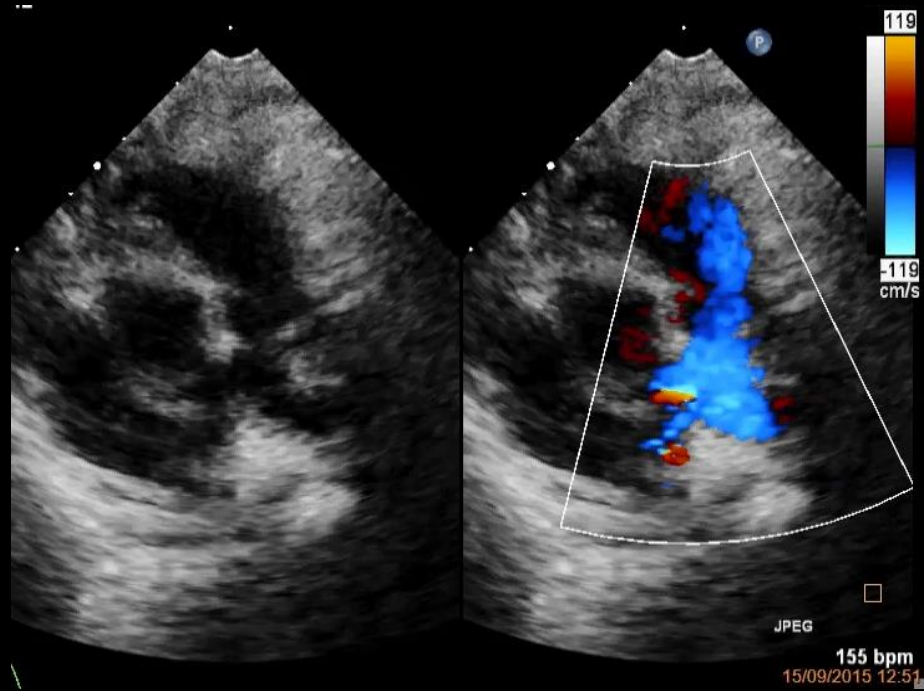


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RESIDUAL VSD





ADULT POST TOF A NEW PATHOLOGY

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Evaluation of Right Ventricular Function in Adults with Congenital Heart Defects

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Echocardiographic assessment after surgical repair of tetralogy of Fallot

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Timing of pulmonary valve replacement after tetralogy of Fallot repair

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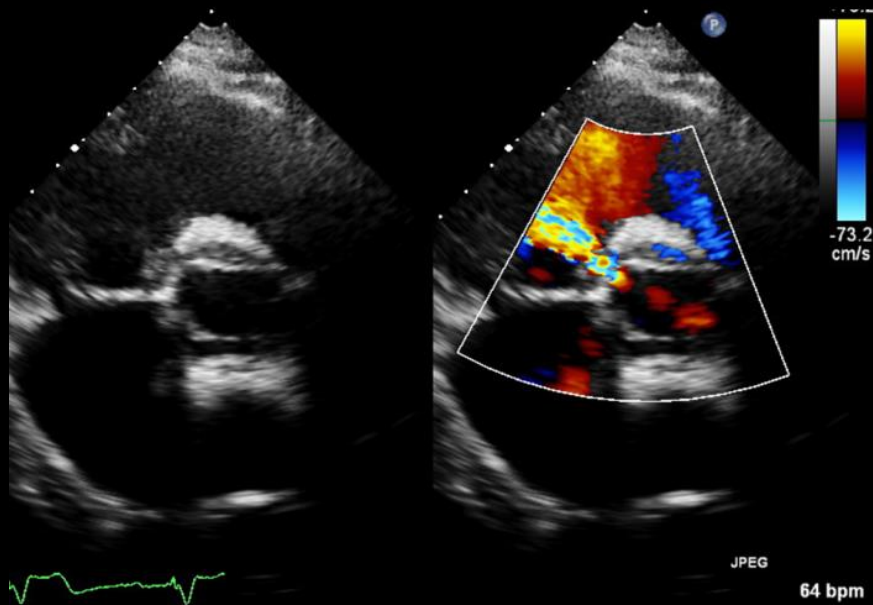
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Tetralogy of Fallot (TOF) is the most common form of cyanotic congenital heart disease. If untreated, it carries a 33% mortality in the first year of life and a 50% mortality in the 3 years of life. Since the introduction of the first open-heart repair by Lillehei and Varco in 1944, surgical management of TOF has evolved to be the primary repair during infancy in the majority of patients. Surgical management of TOF results in anatomic and functional abnormalities in majority of patients, such as chronic pulmonary valve regurgitation and right ventricular dysfunction. Long-standing chronic pulmonary valve regurgitation can result in RV dilatation failure, increasing tricuspid regurgitation, impaired exercise performance and supraventricular ventricular arrhythmias. A timely reoperation may prevent these consequences, with a complete RV-function recovery. This article provides insight into the questions of when to perform pulmonary valve implantation and in whom.

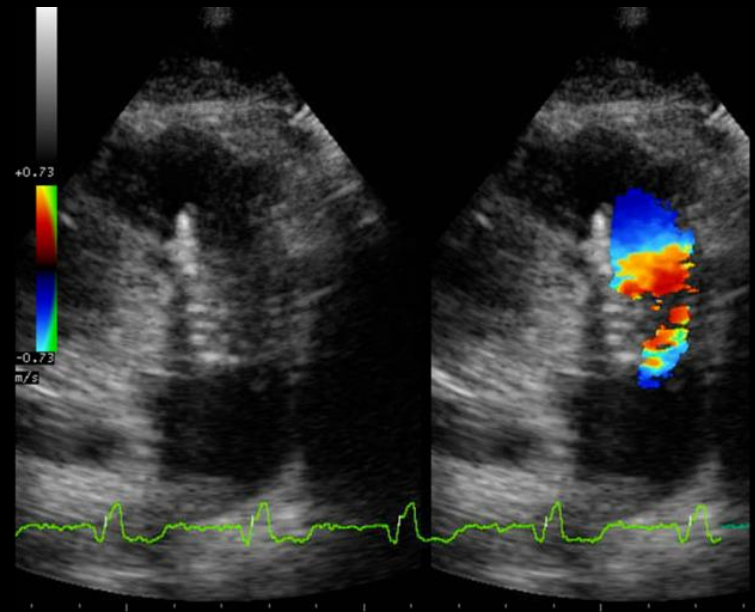
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POST FALLOT

Residual VSD

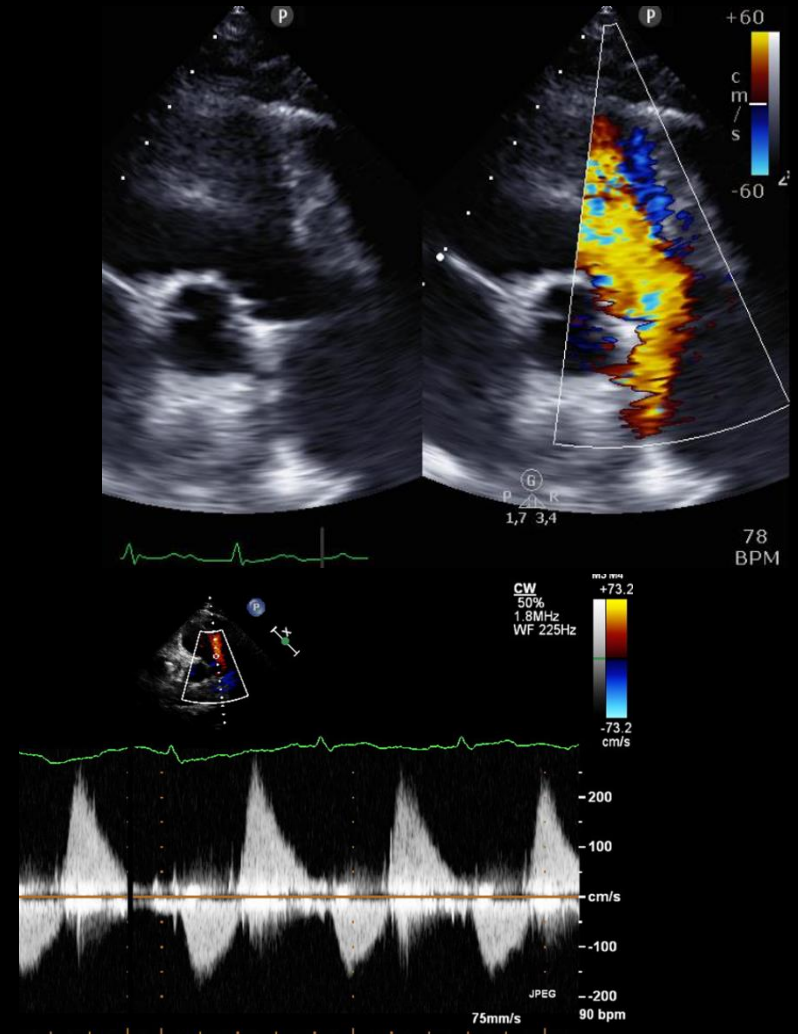


Percutaneous Valve



POST FALLOT

- Pulmonary Insufficiency
 - Conduit Stenosis
 - Restrictive RV
- Index Based on CFM
 - Variability, Setting dependent
 - $PHT < 100$ msec
 - indicative of Severity

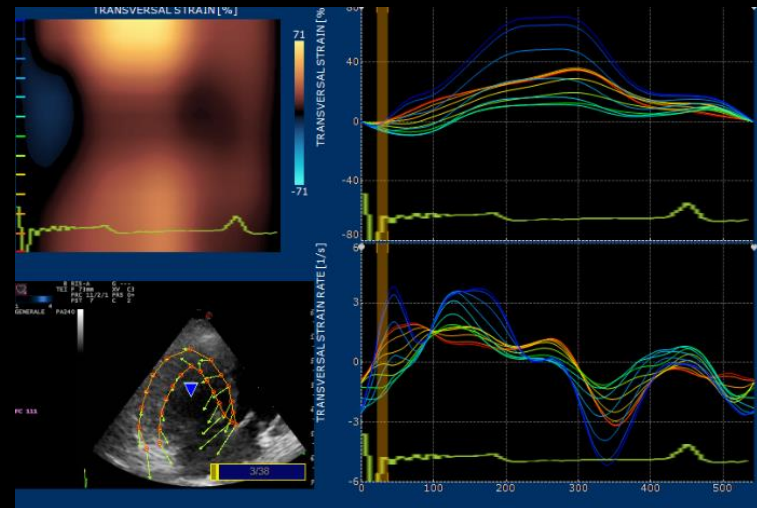
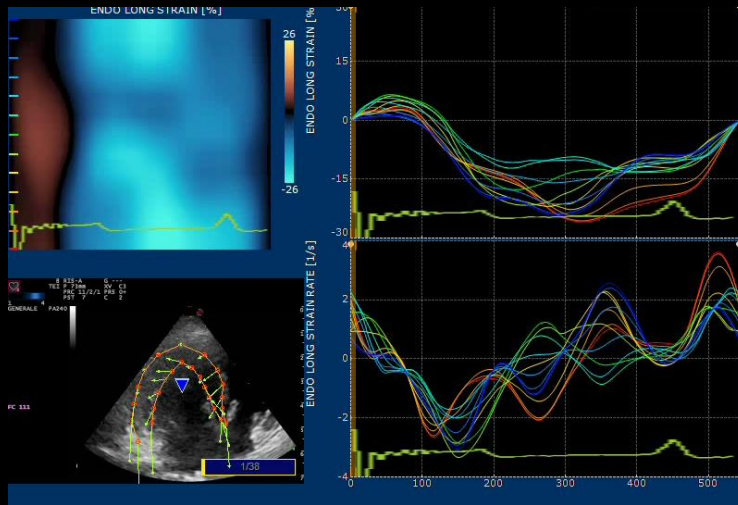
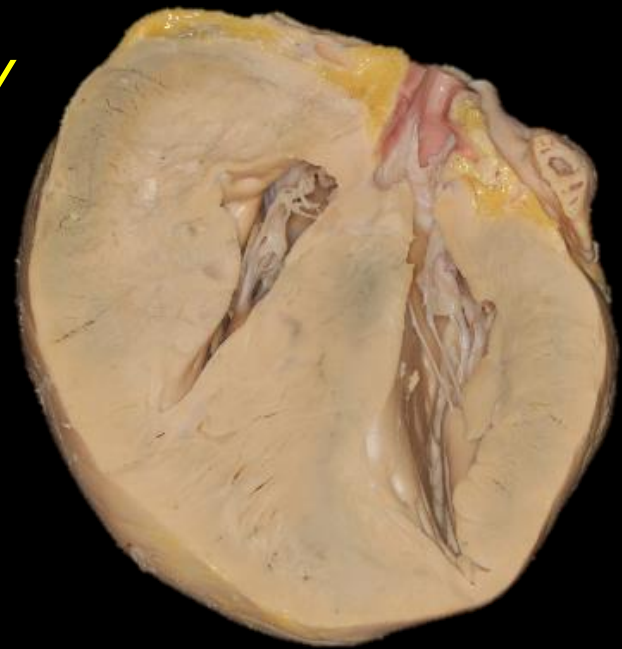


Silversides CK, Veldtman GR, Crossin J, Merchant N, Webb GD, McCrindle BW, Siu SC, Therrien J: Pressure half-time predicts hemodynamically significant pulmonary regurgitation in adult patients with repaired tetralogy of fallot. *J Am Soc Echocardiogr* 2003, 16(10):1057-1062.

RV RESTRICTIVE PHYSIOLOGY

Gross right ventricular hypertrophy, small RV cavity volumes, and fibrosis.

Systolic function become much **more radial** than longitudinal.



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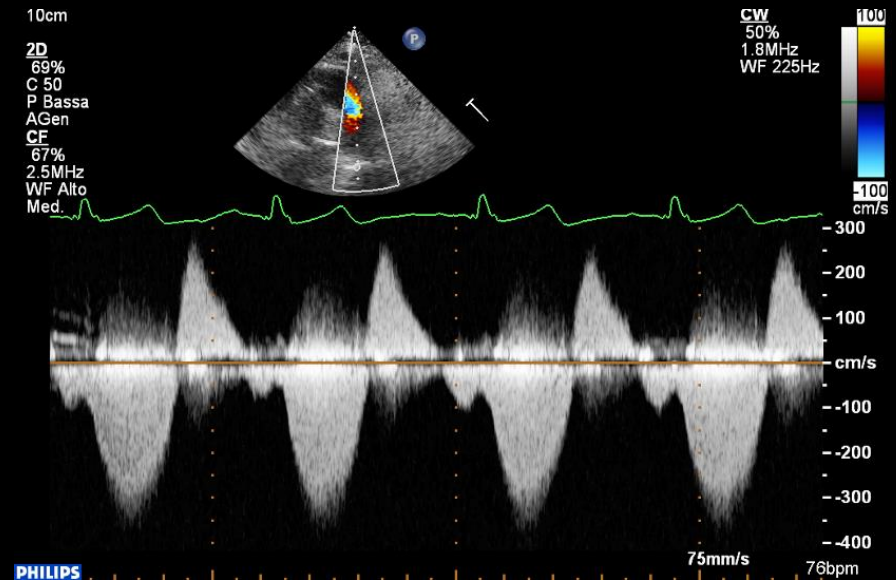
RV RESTRICTIVE PHYSIOLOGY

RAP > of PADP

- Tricuspid flow will be transmitted to the pulmonary artery rather than translating to right ventricular filling.

End Diastolic Forward Flow (EDFF)

- Persistence of antegrade diastolic flow in the pulmonary artery.

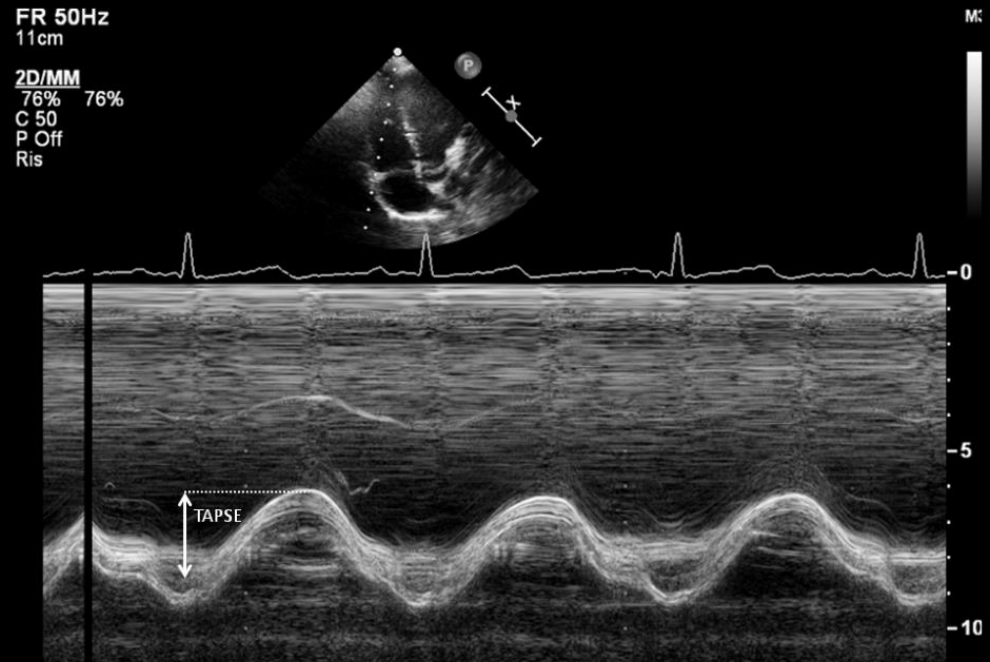


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TAPSE

TRICUSPID ANNULUS PEAK SYSTOLIC EXCURSION

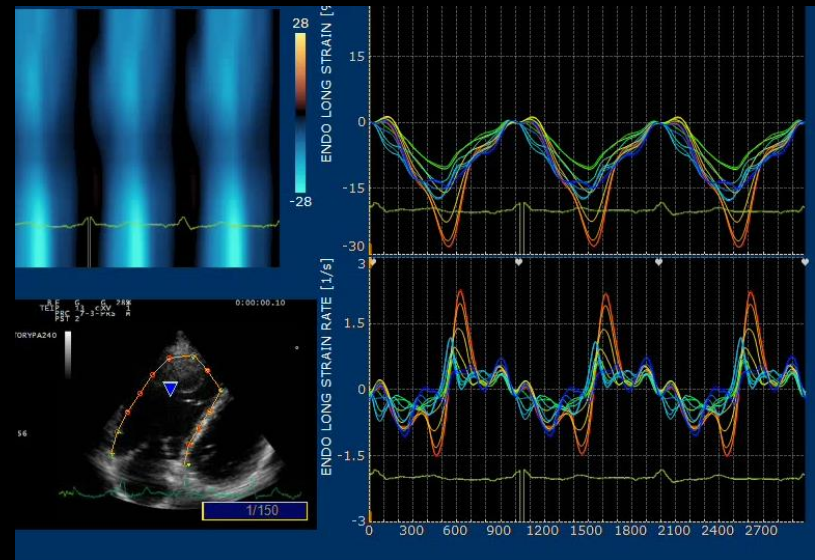
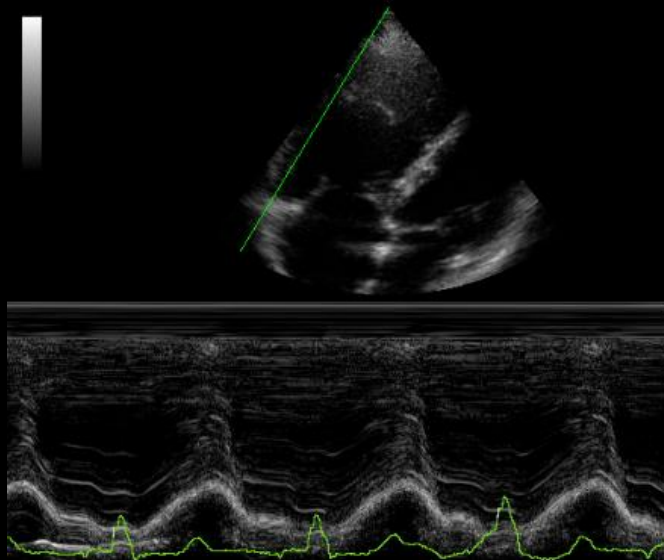
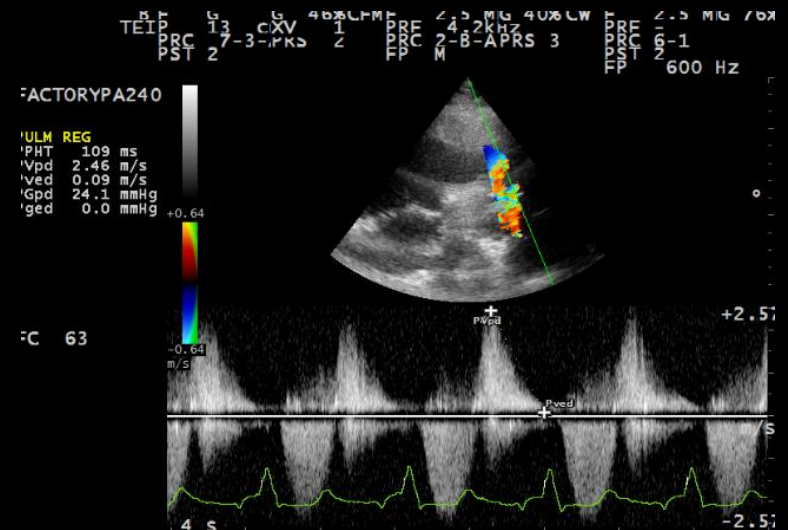
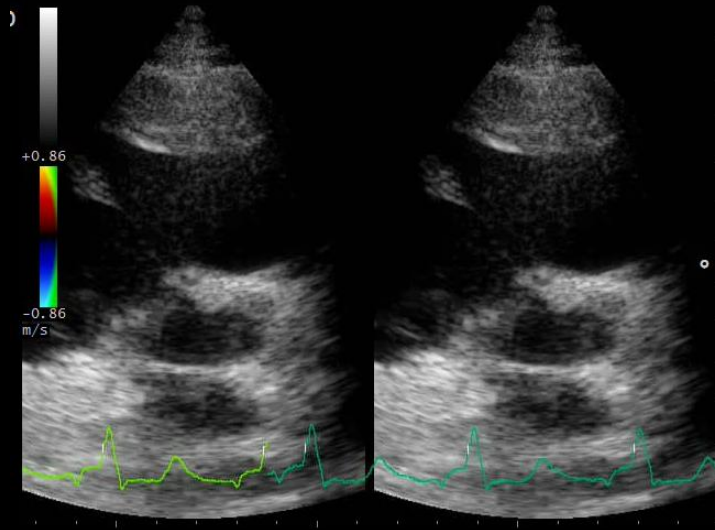
- Widely used to study RV systolic function
- BASED on the ASSUMPTION that displacement of basal and adjacent segments in apical 4-chamber view is representative of the function of the entire RV
- Not valid in the regional RV wall motion abnormalities



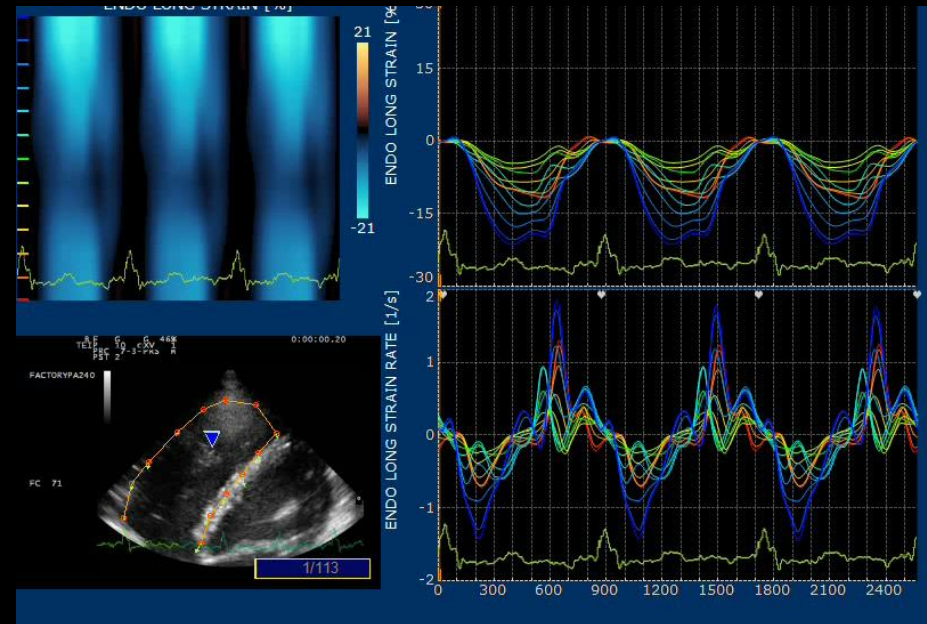
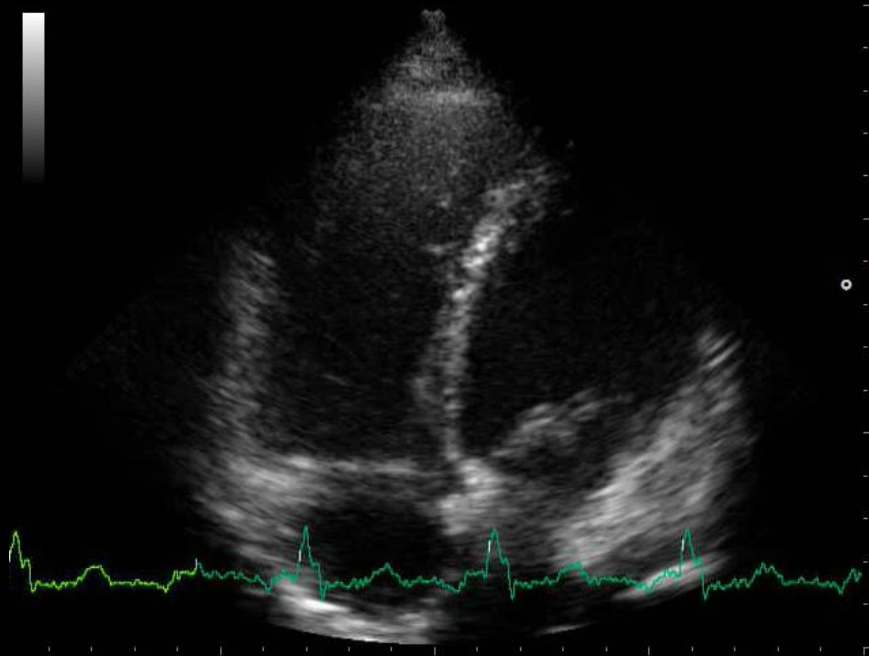
Tricuspid annular motion

Hammarstrom E, Wranne B, Pinto FJ, Puryear J, Popp RL.
J Am Soc Echocardiogr 1991 Mar-Apr4(2):131-9

SEVERE PR POST TOF REPAIR



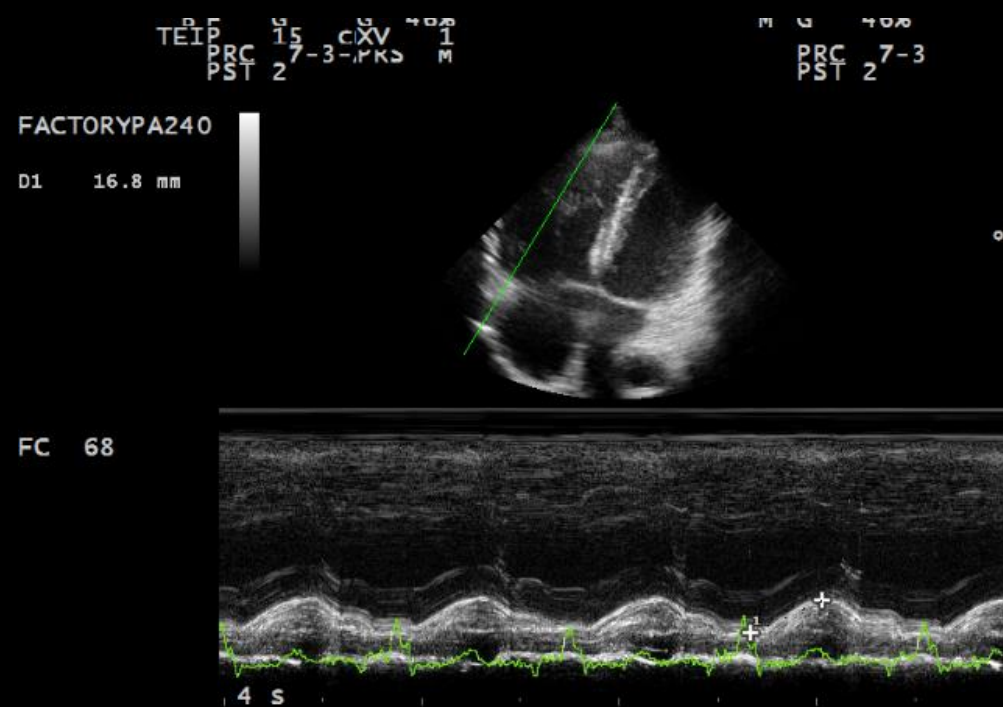
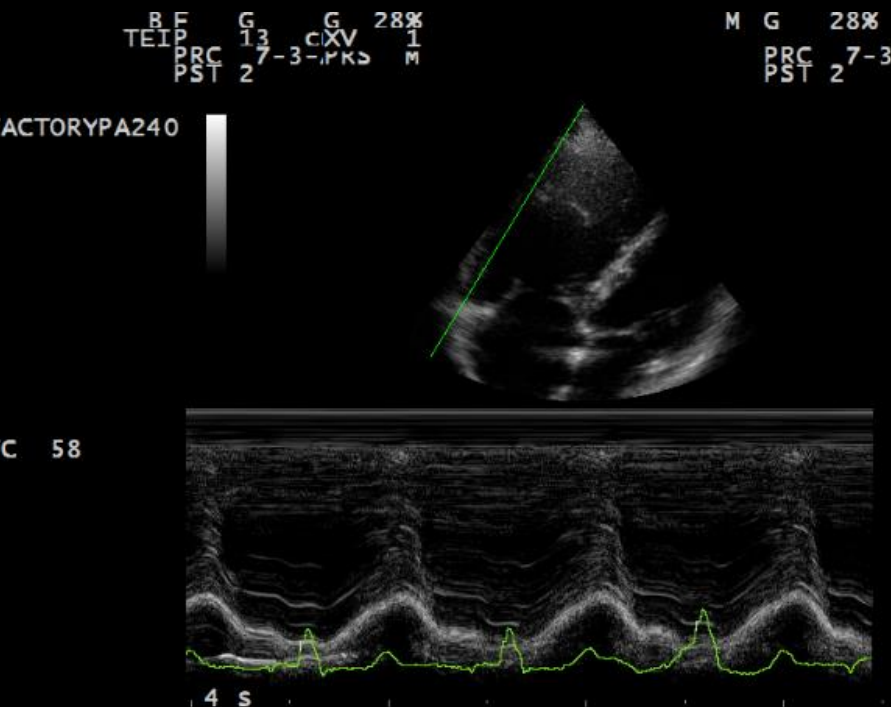
HYPERKINESIS VOLUME OVERLOAD PULMONARY REGURGITATION



PERCUTANEOUS PULMONARY VALVE IMPLANTATION

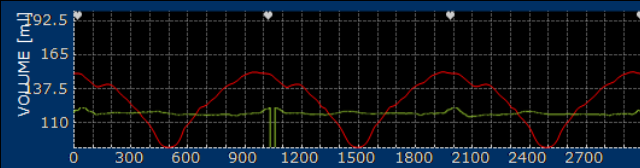
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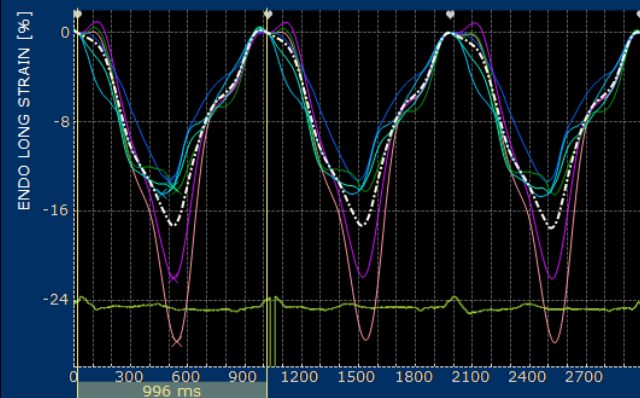


PERCUTANEOUS PULMONARY VALVE

Pre



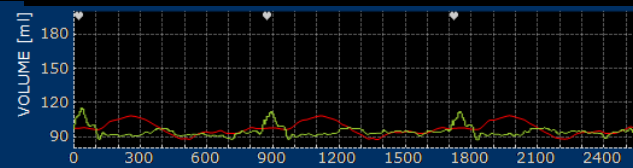
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SSI = 0.63



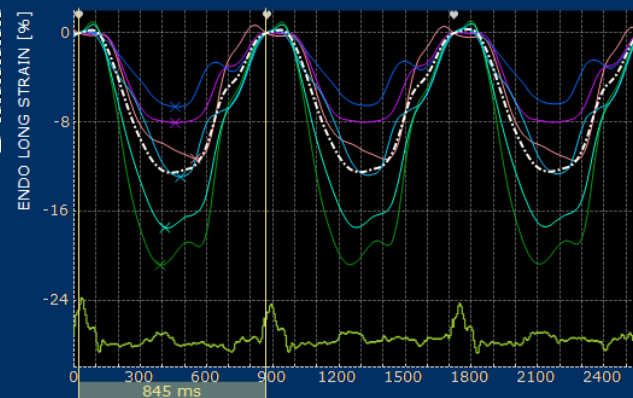
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MID LAT: -13.83 %
BAS LAT: -14.07 %
HR = 60



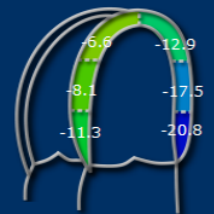
Post



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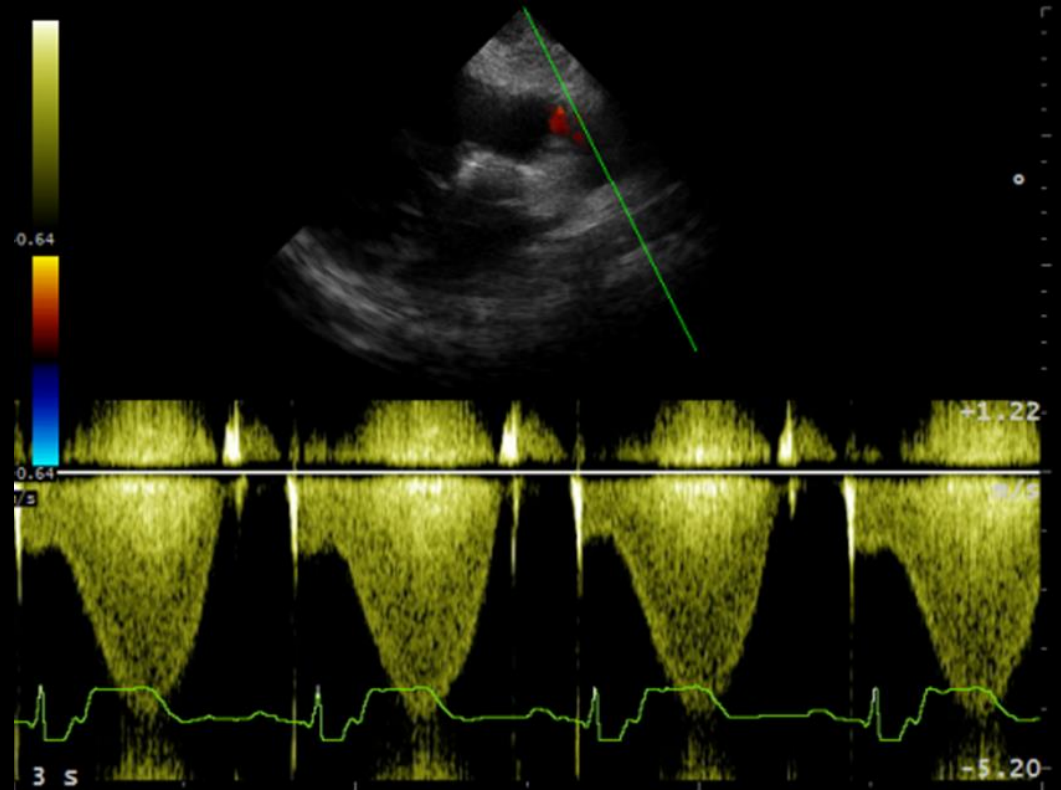
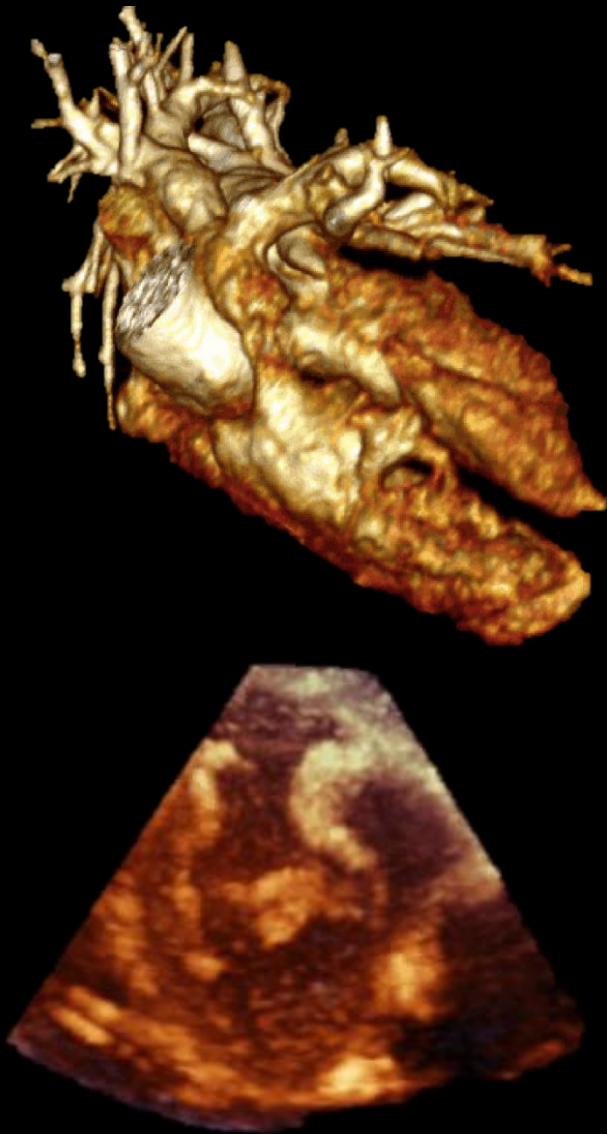


BAS SFP: -11.28 %
MID SFP: -8.06 %
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HR = 70

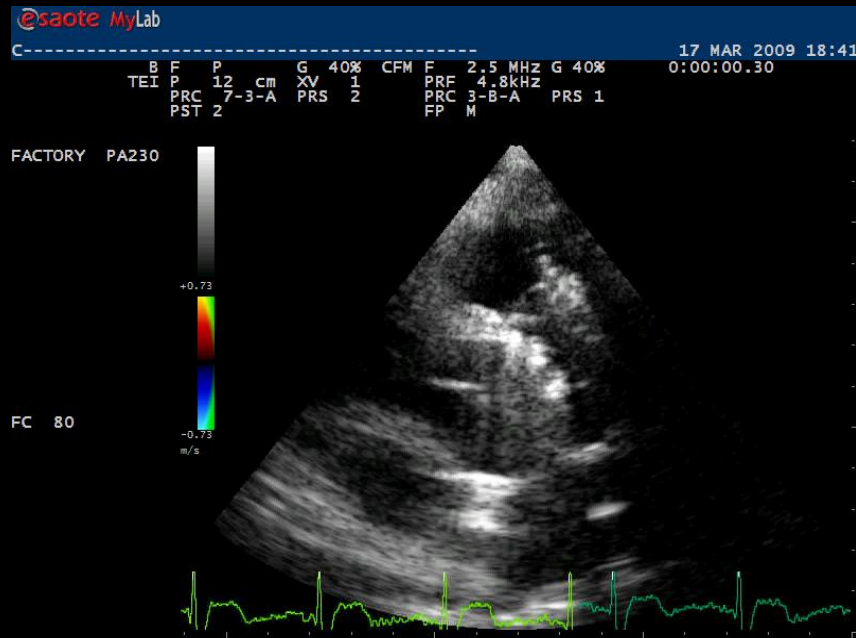


Warning: the provided values are averaged over segments.

PULMONARY CONDUIT STENOSIS



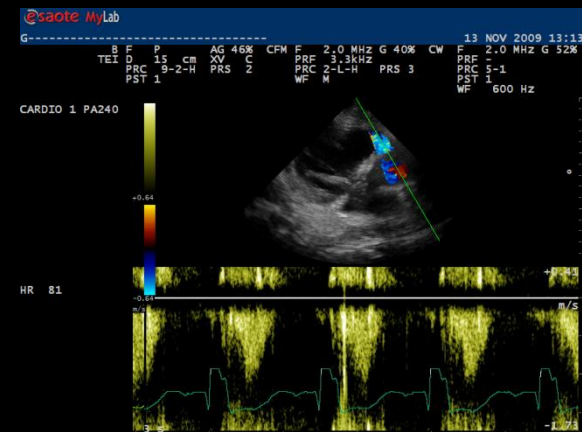
PERCUTANEOUS PULMONARY VALVE



Reduction of Pulmonary gradient result in increase of RV and right septal Strain 24 h after procedure

Moiduddin et al. **Am J Cardiol** 2009

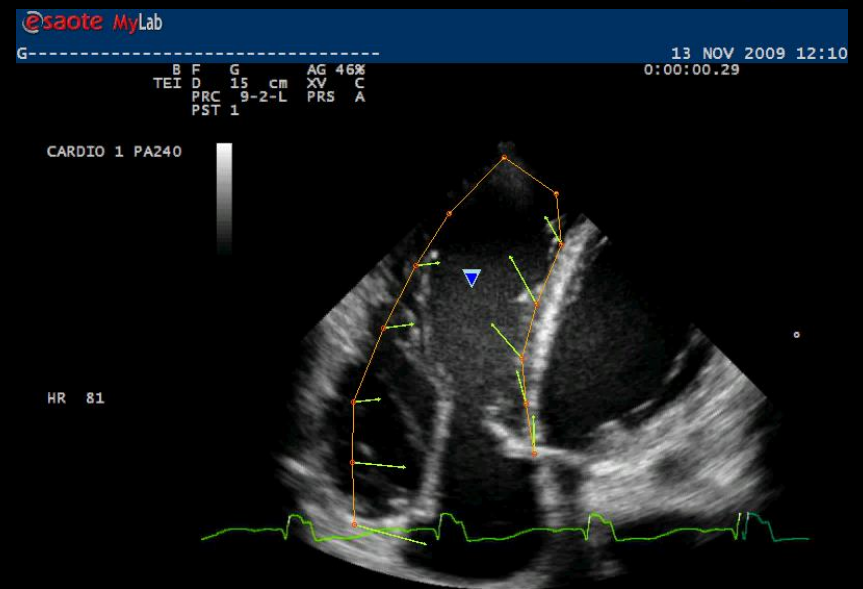
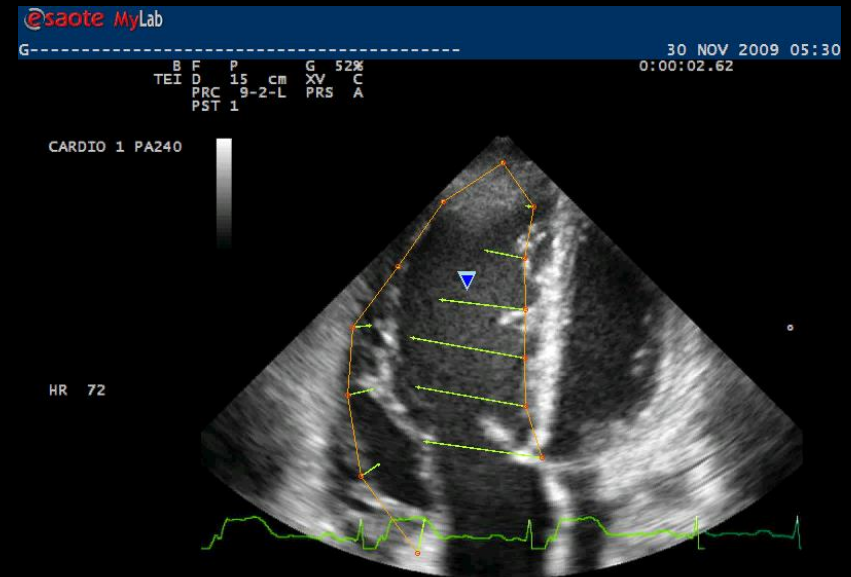
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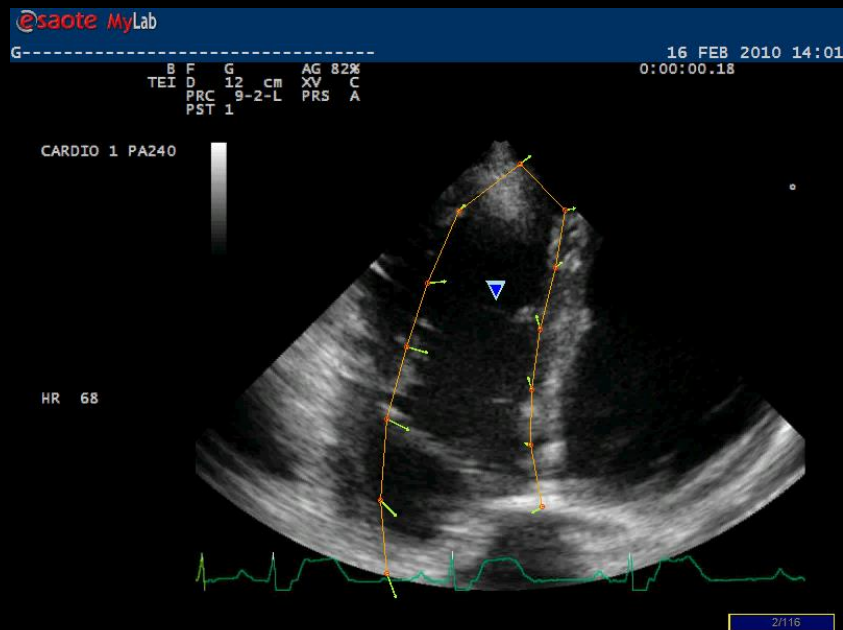
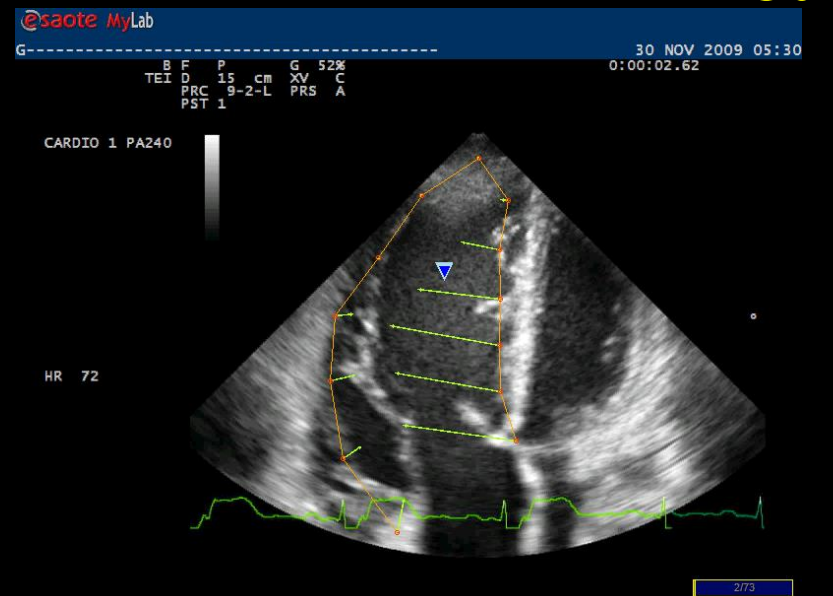
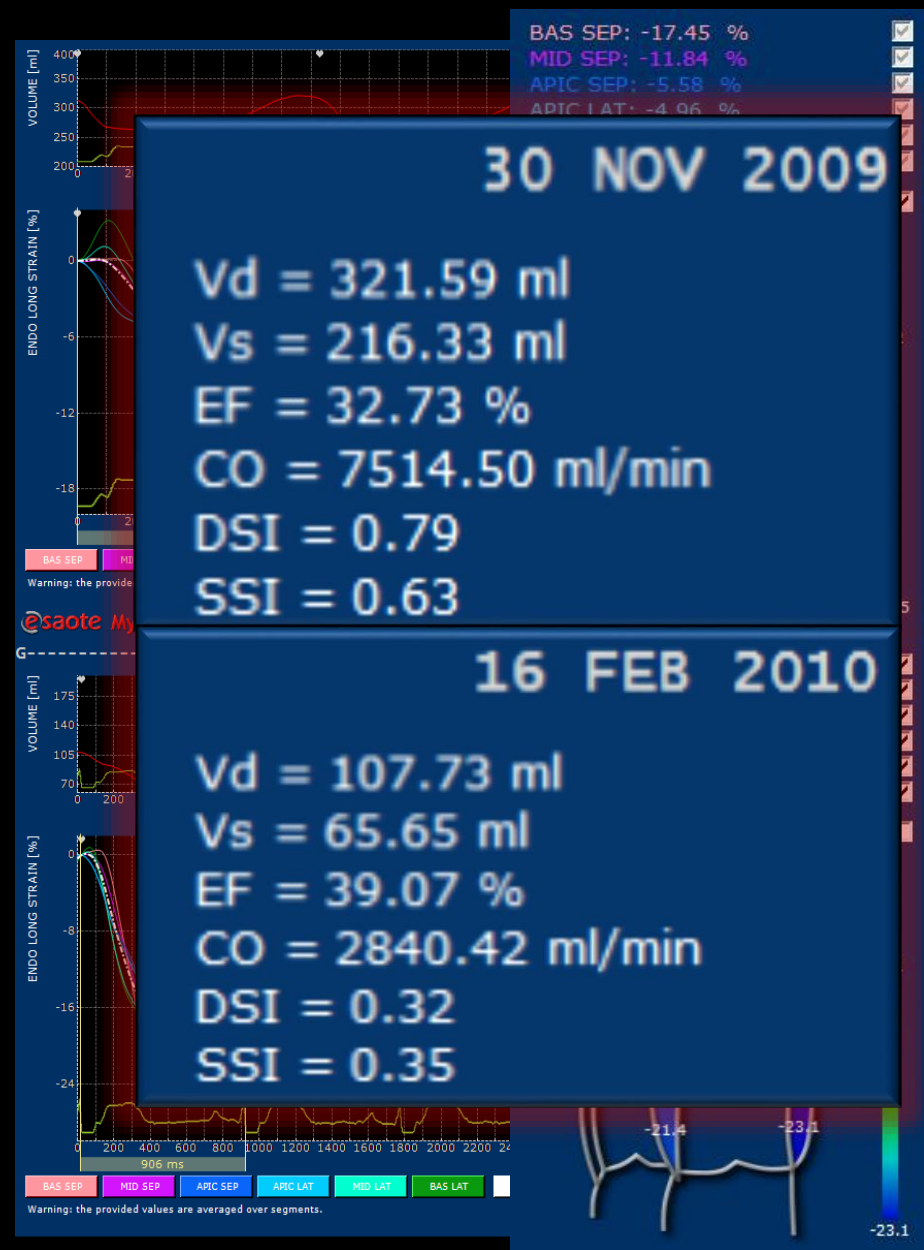
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DSI = 0.79
SSI = 0.63

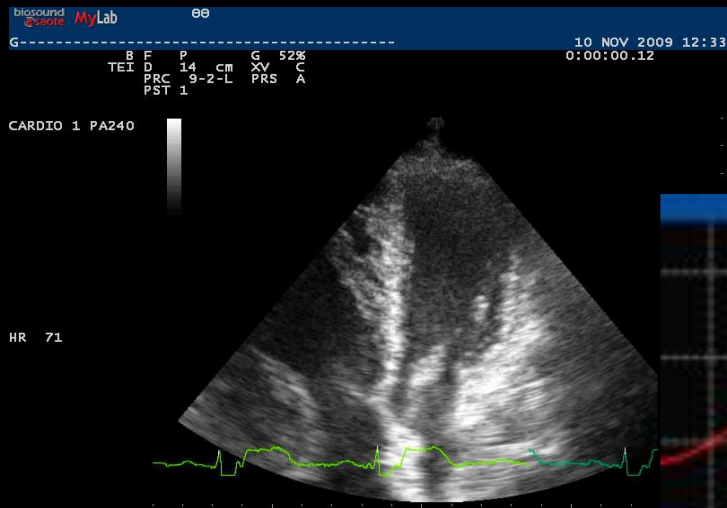
Vd = 202.95 ml
Vs = 148.58 ml
EF = 26.79 %
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DSI = 0.54
SSI = 0.43



PERCUTANEOUS PULMONARY VALVE RV STRAIN AND VOLUMES 3 M POST

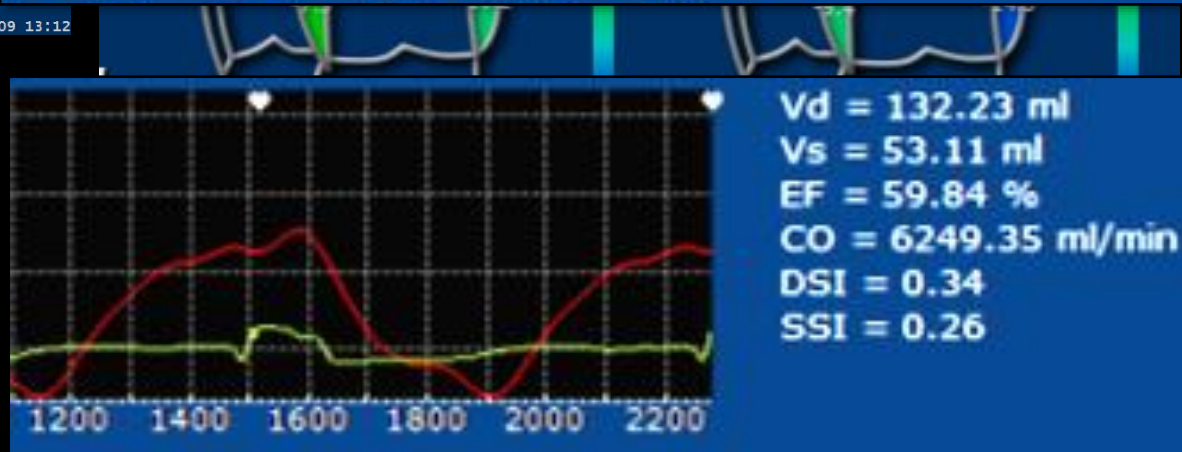
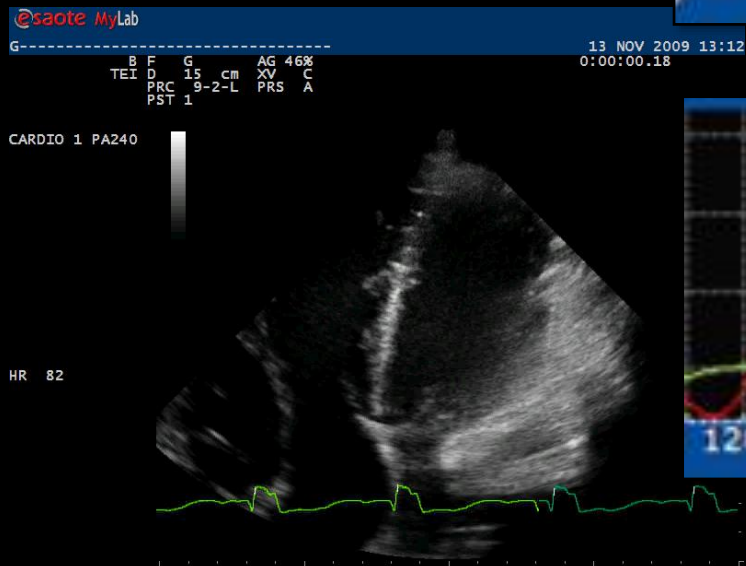
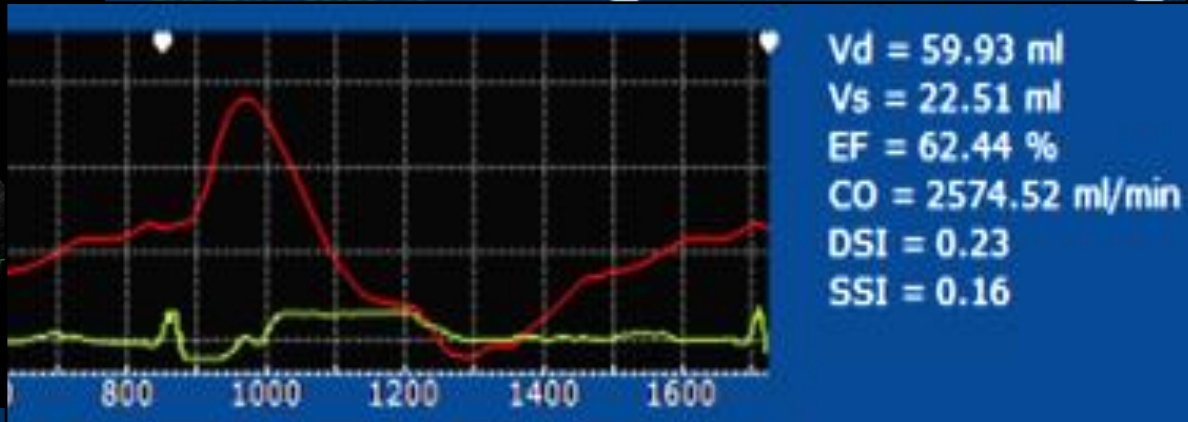


PERCUTANEOUS PULMONARY VALVE LV STRAIN AND VOLUMES 3 DAYS POST



BAS SEP: -7.53 %
MID SEP: -4.56 %
APIC SEP: -7.11 %
APIC LAT: -17.52 %
MID LAT: -15.63 %
BAS LAT: -10.21 %

☒ BAS SEP: -9.39 %
☒ MID SEP: -9.91 %
☒ APIC SEP: -13.12 %
☒ APIC LAT: -15.65 %
☒ MID LAT: -15.33 %
☒ BAS LAT: -14.47 %



Pulmonary Atresia

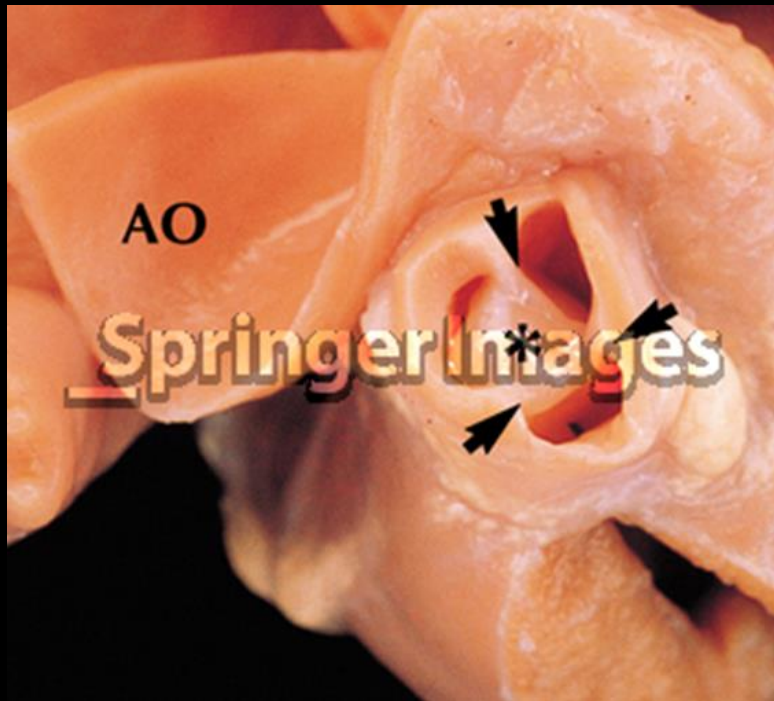


PULMONARY ATRESIA

- PA – IVS is a rare disease with considerable anatomic diversity
- Incidence estimated 4.5 / 100000 live births
- Atretic pulmonary valve in the absence of a significant VSD is the constant feature
- Other right heart structures are commonly abnormal

Pulmonary valve morphology

Pulmonary valve is imperforated and often appears as a smooth central dome with three raphes

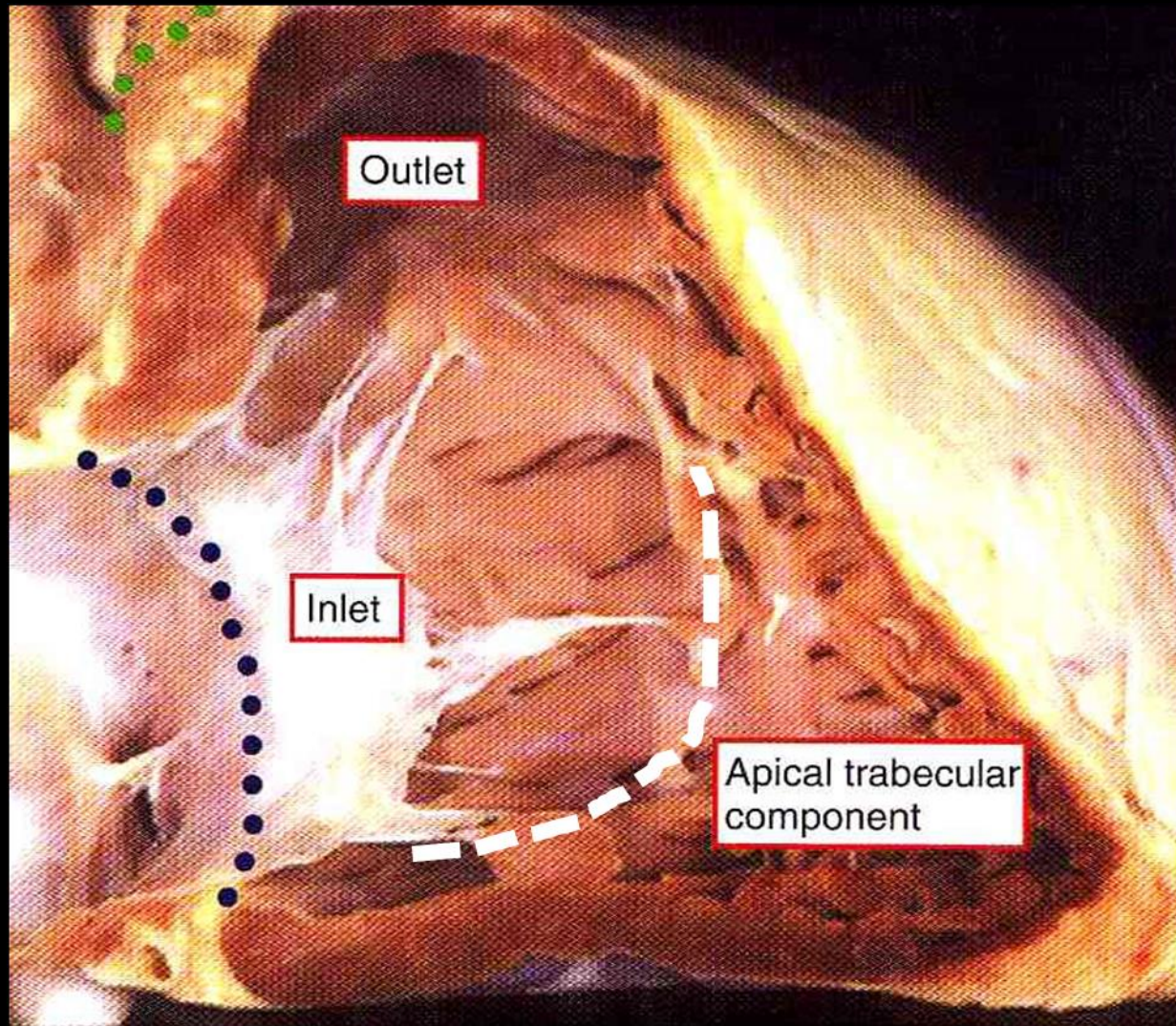


PULMONARY VALVE MORPHOLOGY

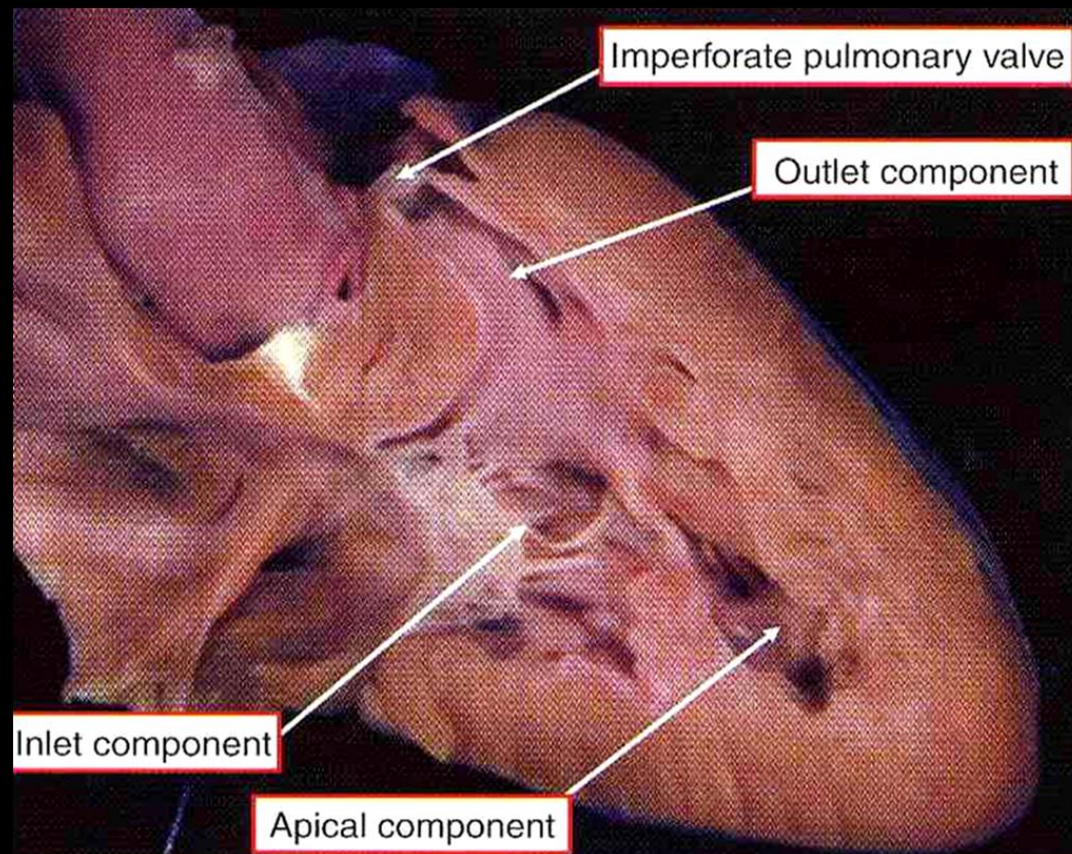
- In a more rare variant, prominent commissural ridges meet at the centre of the pulmonary root.
- This variant is associated with hypoplastic pulmonary annulus and severe infundibular hypoplasia or atresia.
- The pulmonary trunk is usually of normal size (rarely small), and pulmonary arteries are almost always confluent.

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- Hypoplasia of the right ventricle is usual, but there is a spectrum of RV cavity size.
 - Due to the marked RV wall hypertrophy, complete obliteration of one or two of the normal RV cavity portions can occur:
 - Tripartite → Bipartite → Monopartite RV

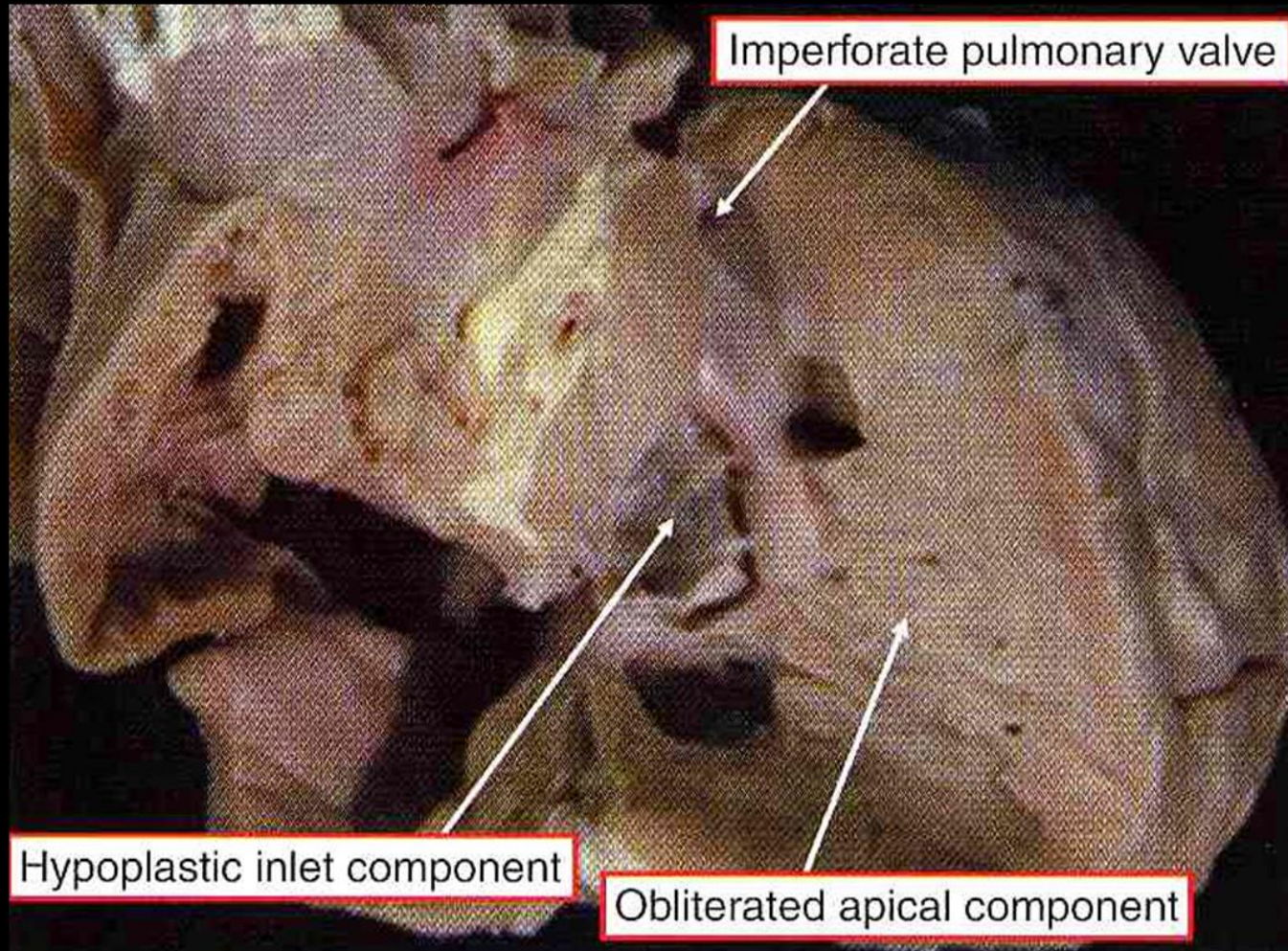
RIGHT VENTRICLE COMPONENTS



PULMONARY ATRESIA WITH THREE VENTRICULAR COMPONENTS



PULMONARY ATRESIA WITH BIPARTITE RIGHT VENTRICLE



PULMONARY ATRESIA WITH MONOPARTITE RV

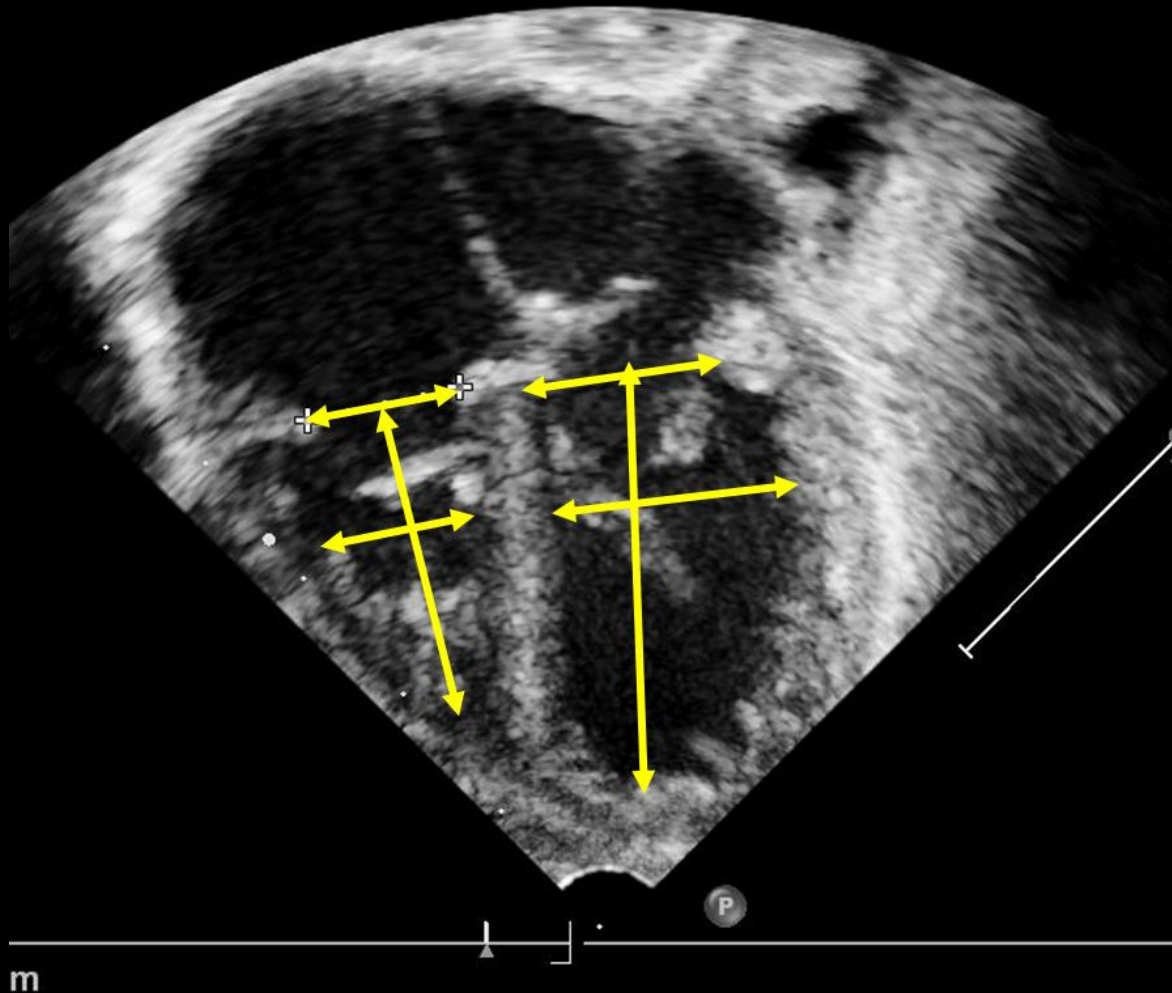


RIGHT VENTRICULAR MORPHOLOGY

Other important parameters to assess
degree of RV hypoplasia:

1. Tricuspid annulus size and Z – Score
2. Base – to – apex length of RV and RV/LV
length ratio
3. RV transverse width and RV/LV width ratio

VENTRICULAR DIAMETERS



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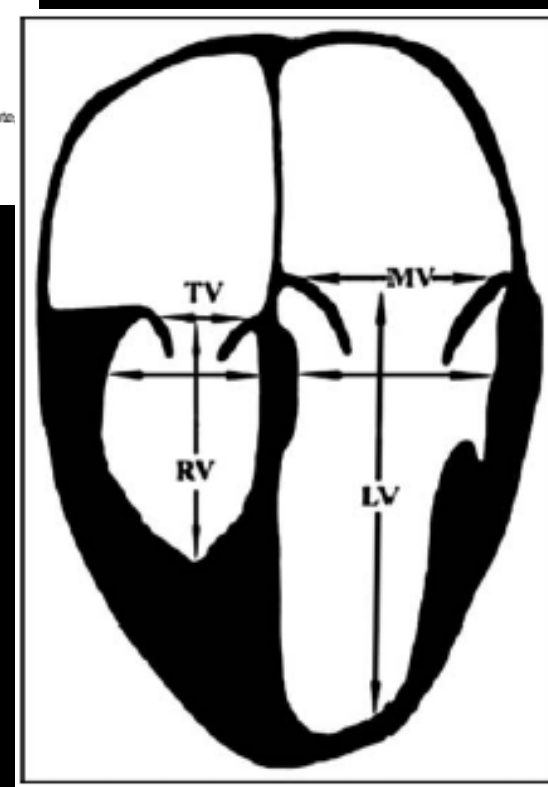
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TRICUSPID VALVE MORPHOLOGY

- Size of TV annulus correlates with RV cavity size;
- Tricuspid valve dysplasia is common but does not correlate with RV size
- Ebstein's malformation is common
- (10-40%), sometimes associated with
- dilated RV
- Suspension apparatus is often abnormal



TRIPARTITE RV, EBSTEIN – LIKE TV



TRIPARTITE RV, DYSPLASTIC TV, DILATED RA



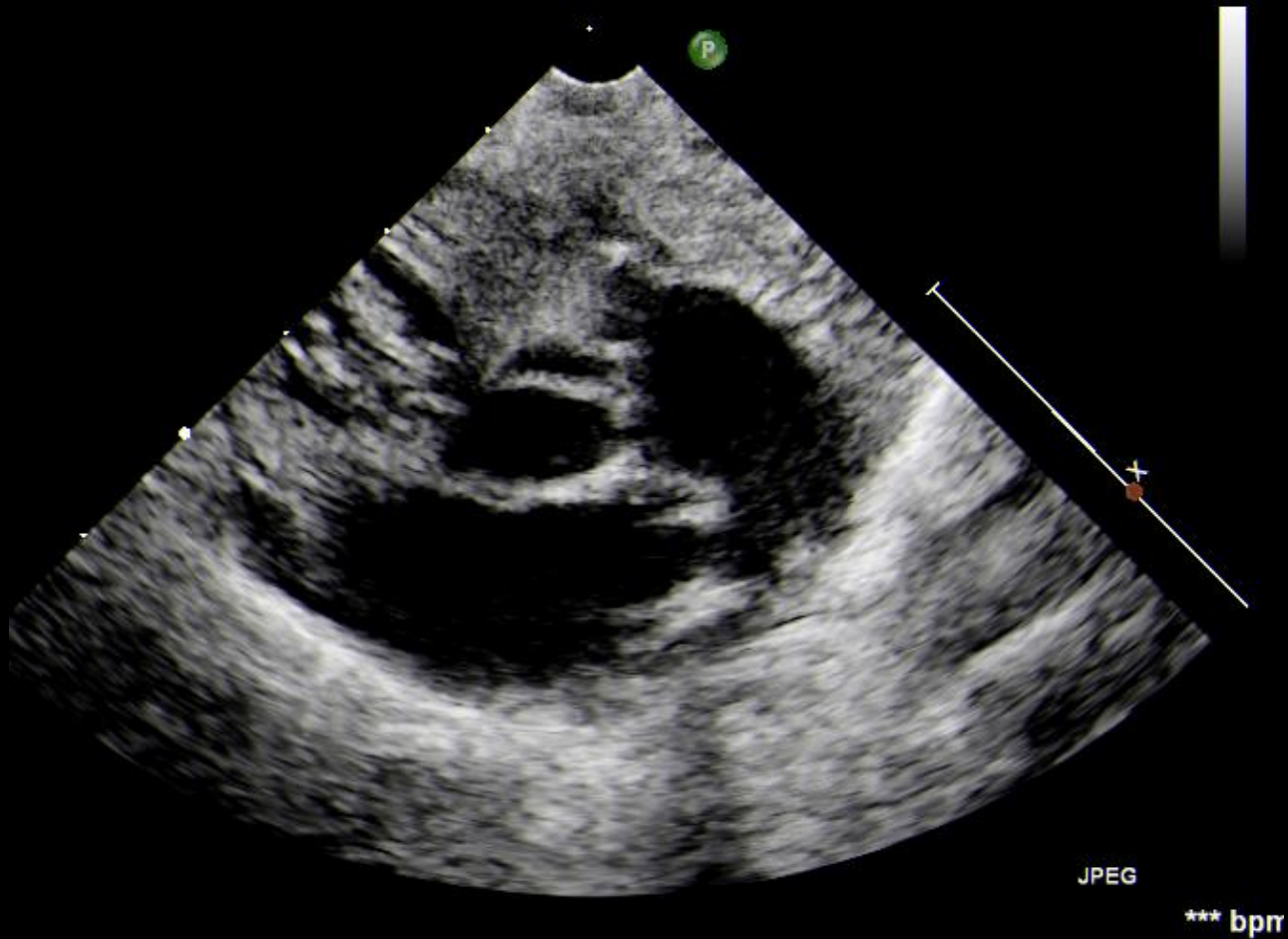
TRIPARTITE HYPOPLASTIC RV



BIPARTITE RV



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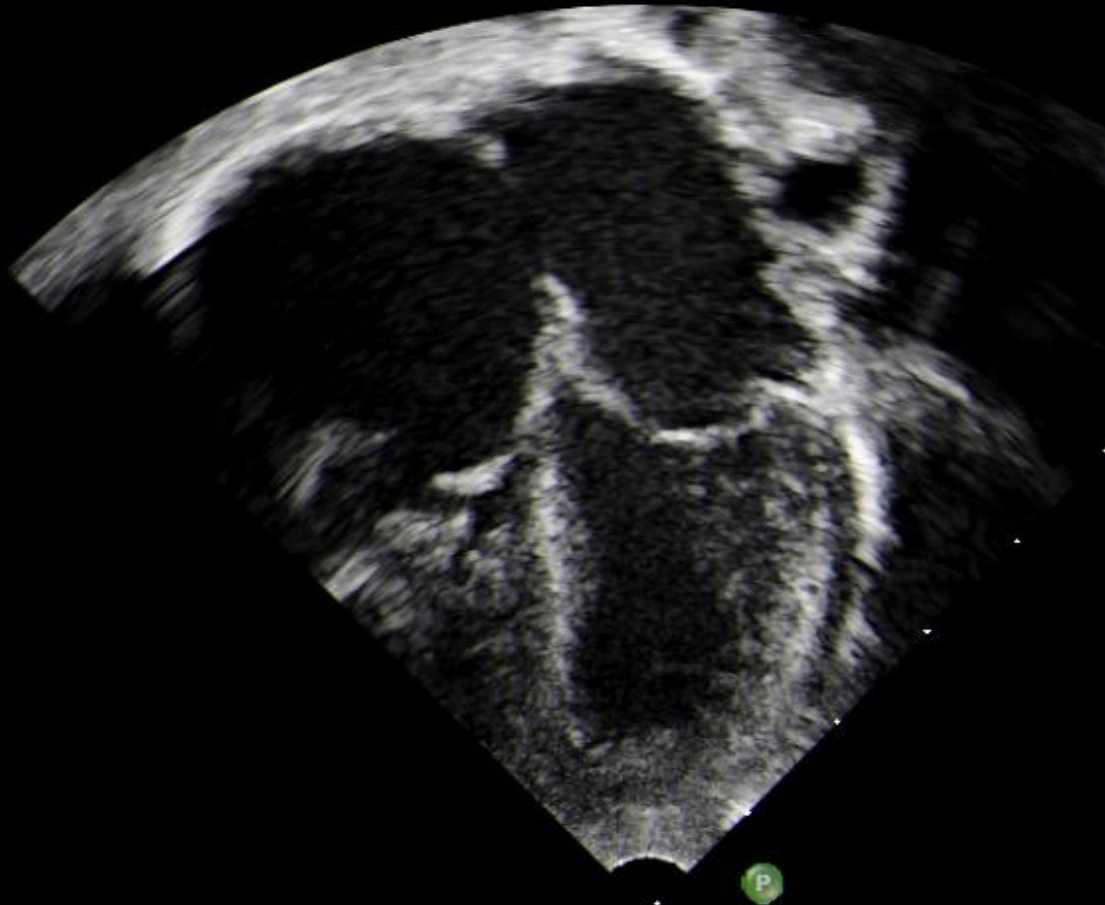
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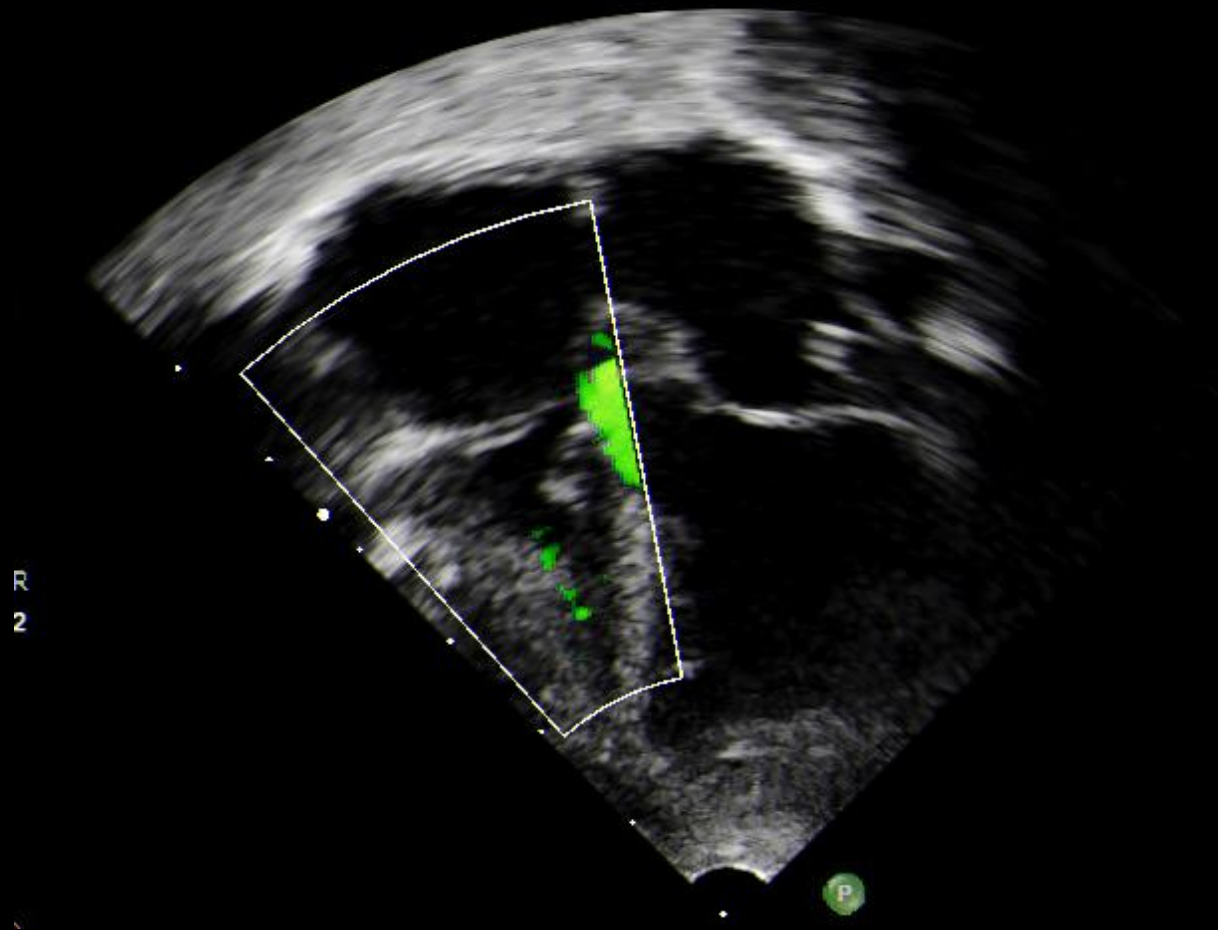
NORMAL PULMONARY TRUNK AND BRANCHES



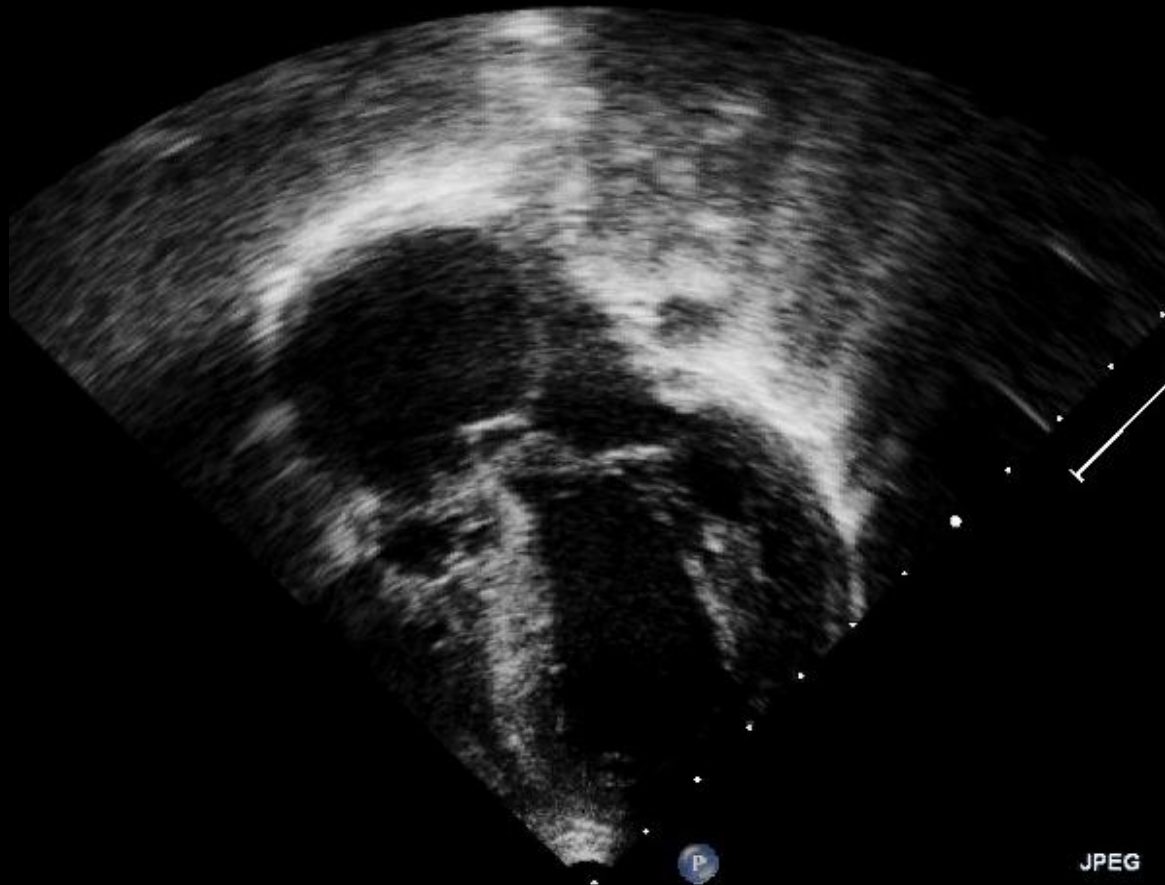
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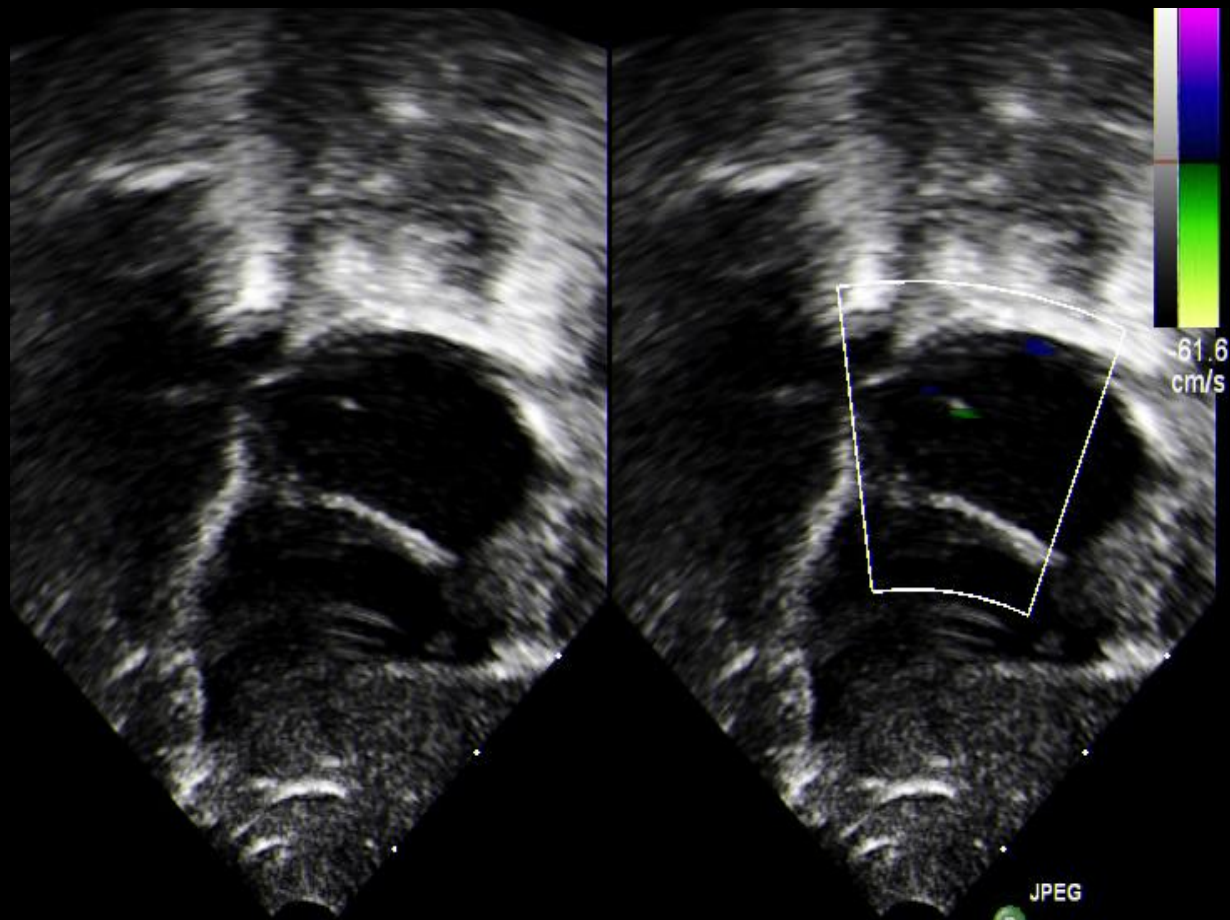
MONOPARTITE RV, SEVERE TV HYPOPLASIA



RIGHT ATRIAL MORPHOLOGY

- The right atrium is often dilated
- An interatrial communication (ASD, PFO) with R-L shunt allows drainage of the systemic venous flow
- If the PFO becomes restrictive, signs of R heart failure can occur

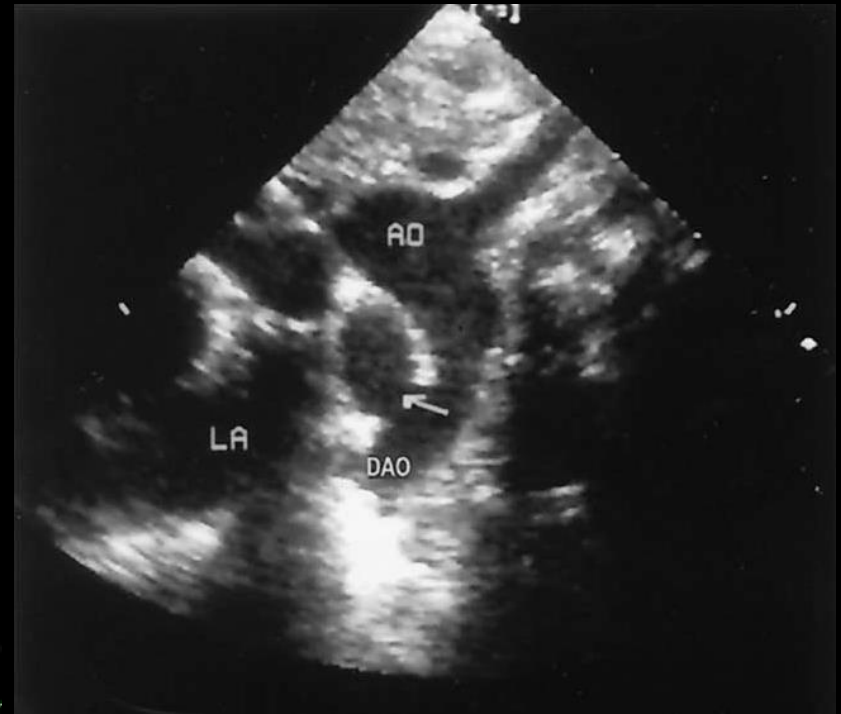
RIGHT ATRIAL MORPHOLOGY



ARTERIAL DUCT MORPHOLOGY

- PA – IVS is a duct – dependent lesion;
- The angle that the PDA subtends with descending aorta can be acute or obtuse (normal);
- PDAs with acute angle tend to occur in cases with more hypoplastic RV.

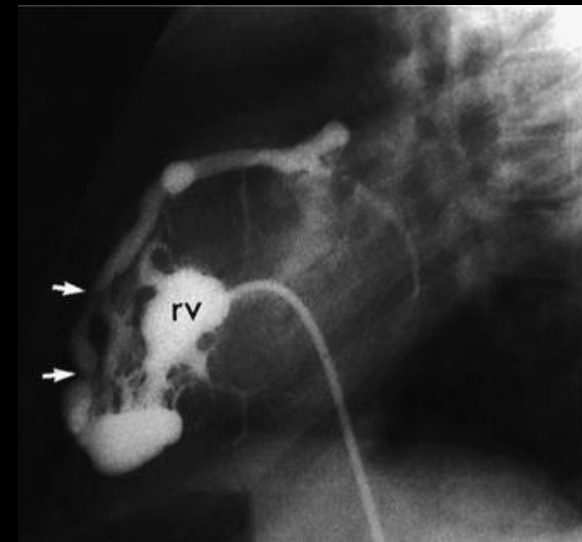
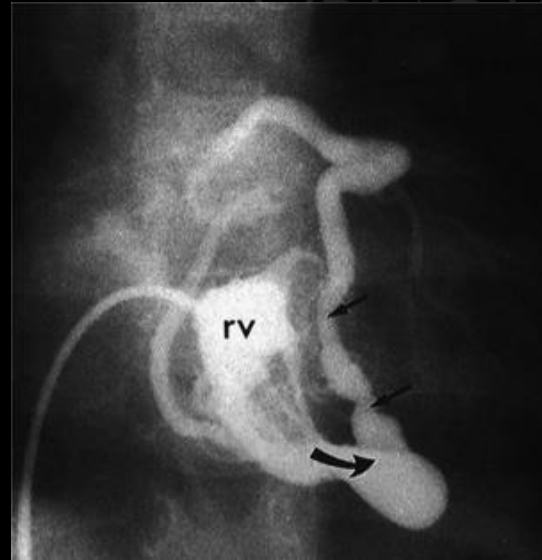
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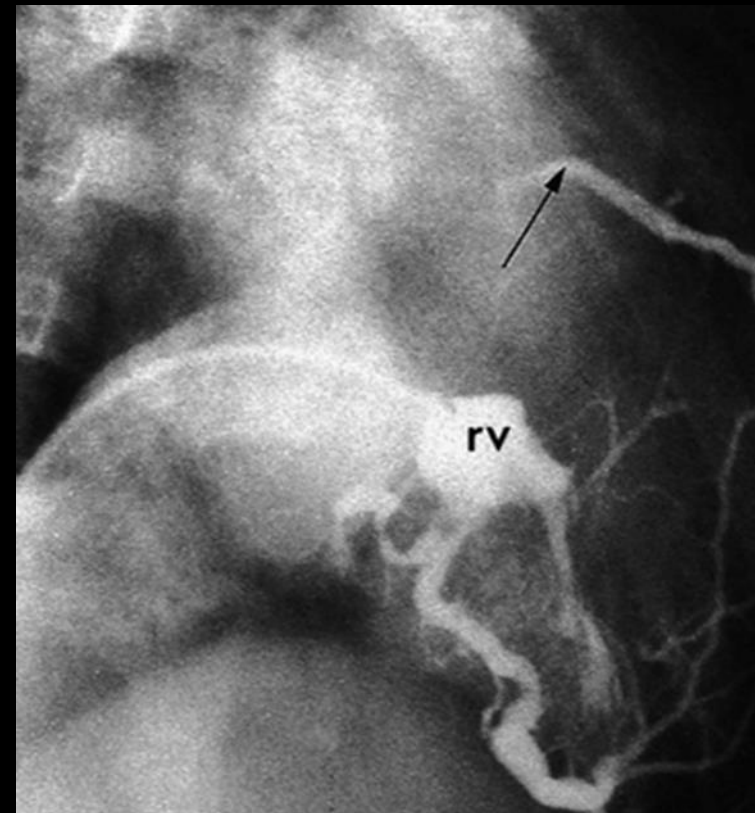
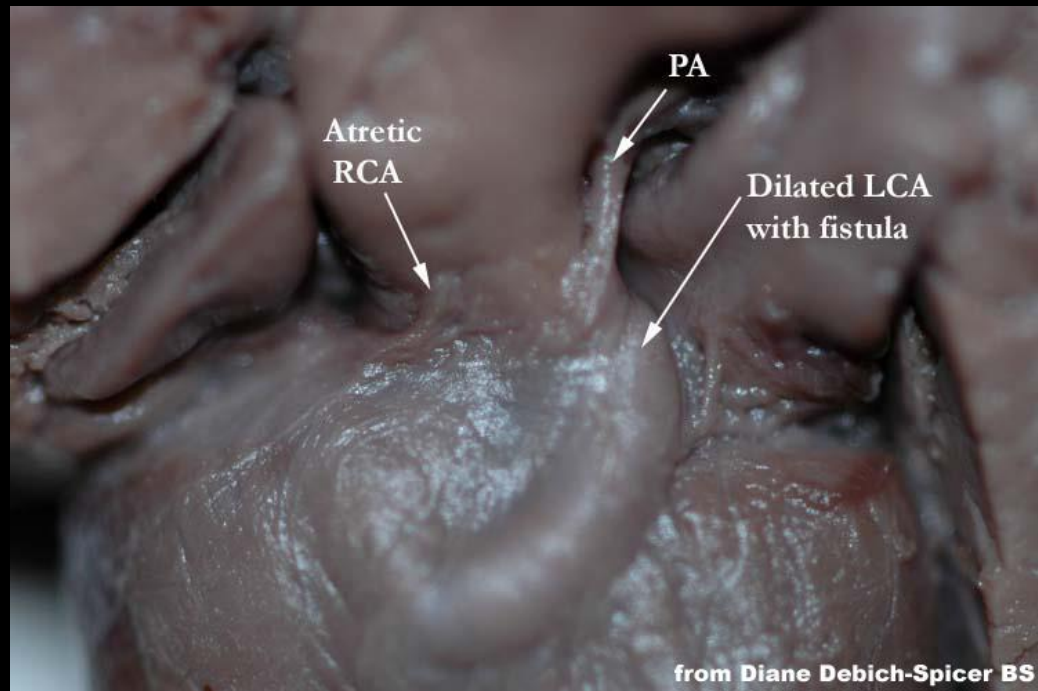
MONOPARTITE RV, SEVERE TV HYPOPLASIA

- RV – dependent coronary circulation
- Association of RV – coronary fistulas with:
- Absent aorto – coronary connection, or
- Coronary interruption, or
- Significant stenosis of two main coronary arteries (RCA, LCA, LAD, PD, or Cx)

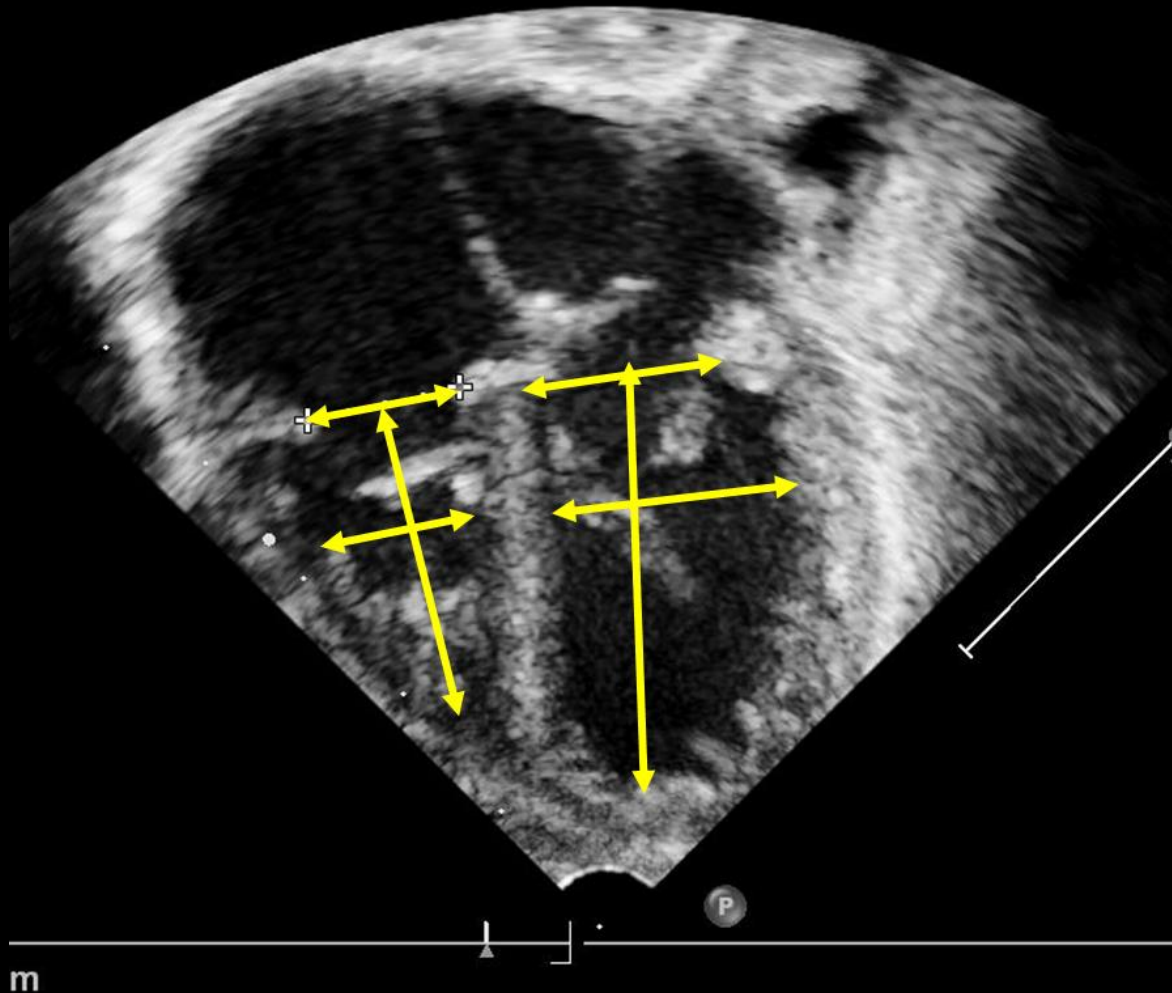
CORONARY ARTERY ABNORMALITIES



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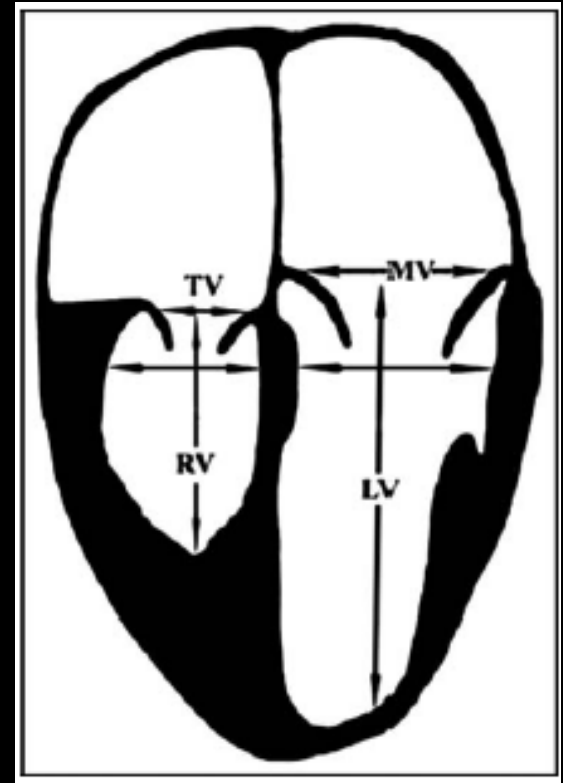
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CLINICAL ASSESSMENT

- Weight, height, gestational age;
- Basal Oxygen saturation;
- Dose of prostaglandin infusion (usually 5-20 ng/kg/min)
- Physical examination, BP
- CXR
- ECG

ECHO ASSESSMENT

- RV length Z-score
- TV annulus (mm)
- TV Z-score
- PV annulus (mm)
- PV Z-score
- TV/MV ratio
- RV/LV length ratio
- RV/LV diameter ratio
- RV morphology (Tripartite, Bipartite, Monopartite)
- PFO/ASD (Restrictive, Unrestrictive)
- TV morphology (Ebstein's, Dysplasia, Normal)
- TR (Absent, Mild, Moderate, Severe)
- Estimated RV pressure (mmHg)
- Pulmonary trunk (diameter, mm)
- Pulmonary arteries (confluent?) Diameter (mm)
- PDA size (small, moderate, large), pattern of shunting, flow – velocity.
- Coronary fistulas (detected?)
- LV size and function (M-Mode)



FOLLOW - UP ASSESSMENT

- Weight, height, level of activity;
- Basal SpO₂, SpO₂ on exertion
- Physical examination, BP
- ECG

ECHO ASSESSMENT

- Right atrial transverse diameter, end- systolic area.
- ASD/PFO: size, pattern of shunting
- RV length, RV diameter,(mm)
- RV function (good, mild, moderate, severe reduction).
- Tricuspid valve: diameter, transvalvar gradient.
- TR: mild, moderate, severe
- Estimated RV systolic pressures
- Pulmonary valve: gradient
- Pulmonary incompetence: mild, moderate, severe.
- Pulmonary trunk and branches: diameter
- PDA (or shunt), size, pattern of shunting, flow velocity (gradient)
- LV size and function (M-Mode)

FOLLOW - UP ASSESSMENT

- After RFP and ballooning alone, continue prostaglandin infusion until unsatisfactory SpO₂ levels, monitoring the gradient across PDA (PVR) and pulmonary valve gradient (restenosis?).
- If still unsatisfactory after 2 weeks, consider stenting PDA, surgical BTS.
- If ballooning fails to relieve pulmonary/subpulmonary stenosis, consider surgical RVOT enlargement.