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Evaluating the right ventricle and tricuspid valve in heart failure

No-more-forgotten right side of heart

Goals of evaluation:

- RV and RA remodeling
- Etiology and severity of TR
- TA dimensions, leaflet tethering
- Presence of pulmonary hypertension
- Feasibility of interventions

 Echocardiography	Mechanism of TR <ul style="list-style-type: none">- TR severity- Jet morphology- Leaflet tethering and coaptation gap- RV-function
 CT-scan	Anatomy for device selection and procedural planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Annulus size- Coronary anatomy- Vascular access- RV morphology- IVC/SVC anatomy
 Cardiac MRI	Etiology and RV size and function <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A-STR vs V-STR- PH- rare etiologies, endocarditis, Carcinoid, Congenital
 Catheterization	Right heart physiology <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A-STR- HFpEF- PH

RV remodeling

RV size (diameters)

Longitudinal function:

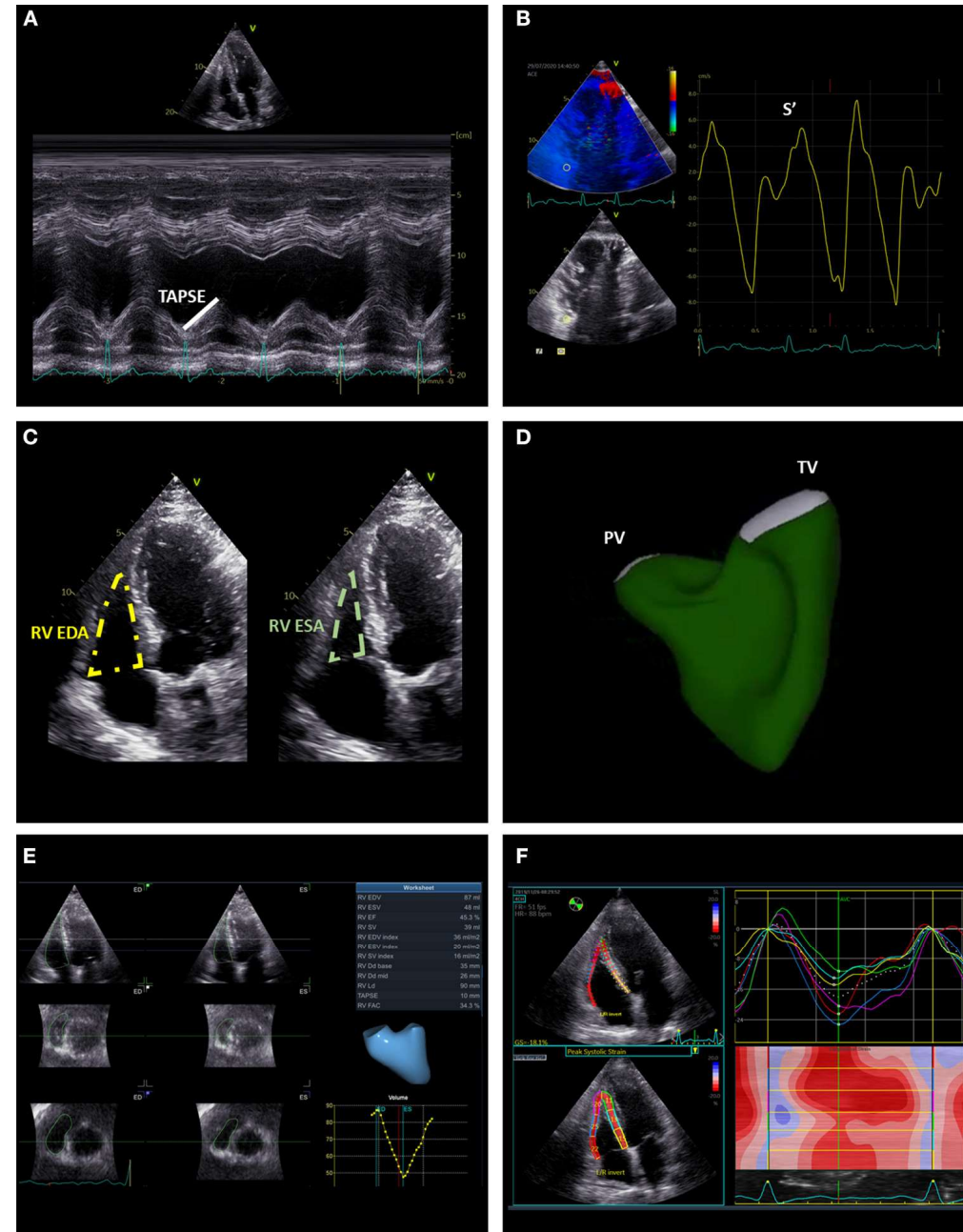
- TAPSE (cut-off 17 mm)
- S' velocity (cut-off 9.5 cm/s)

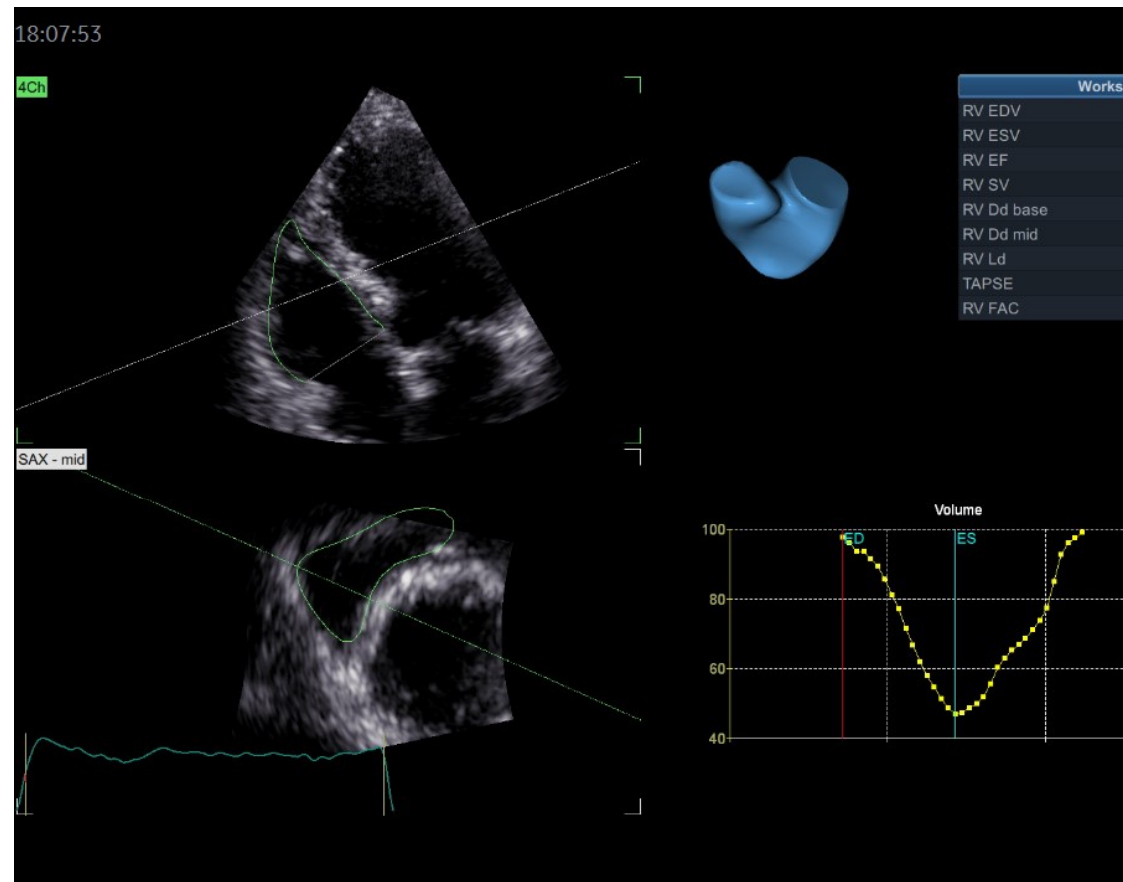
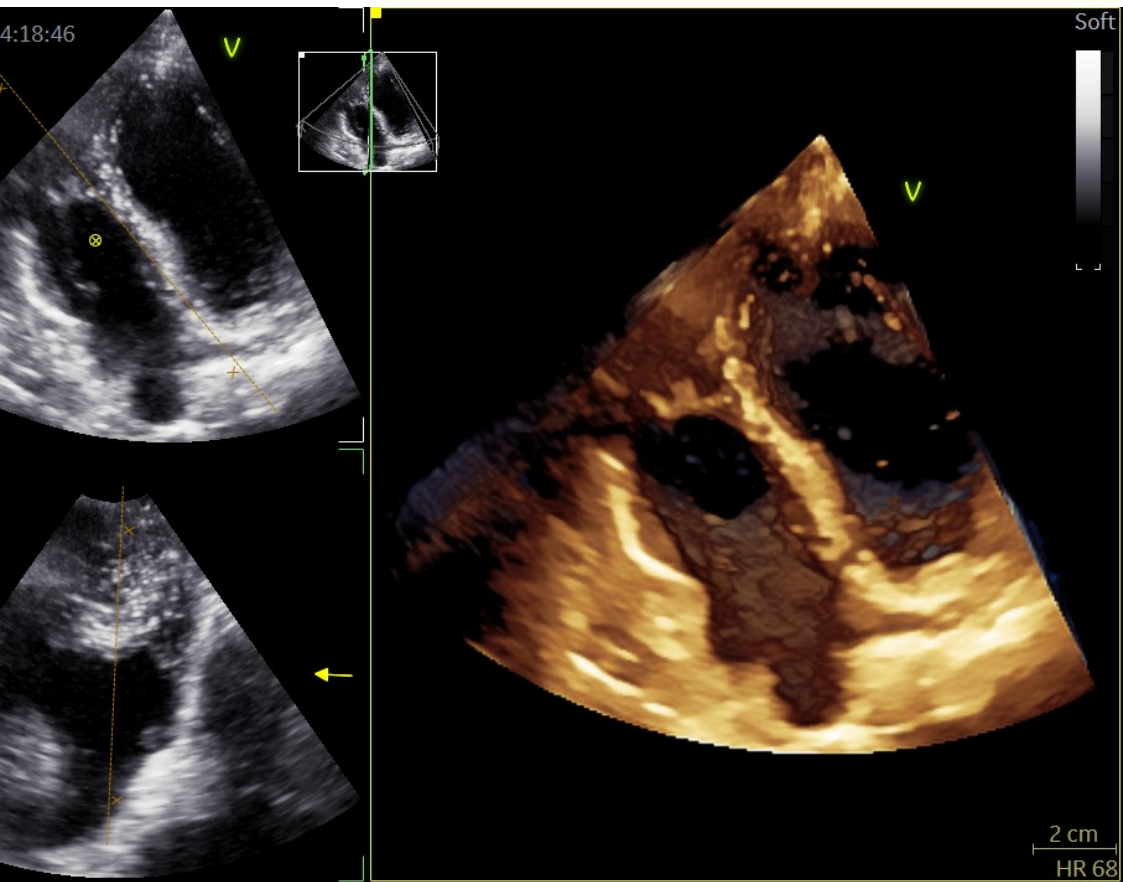
Fractional area change

3D RV EF (cut-off 45%)

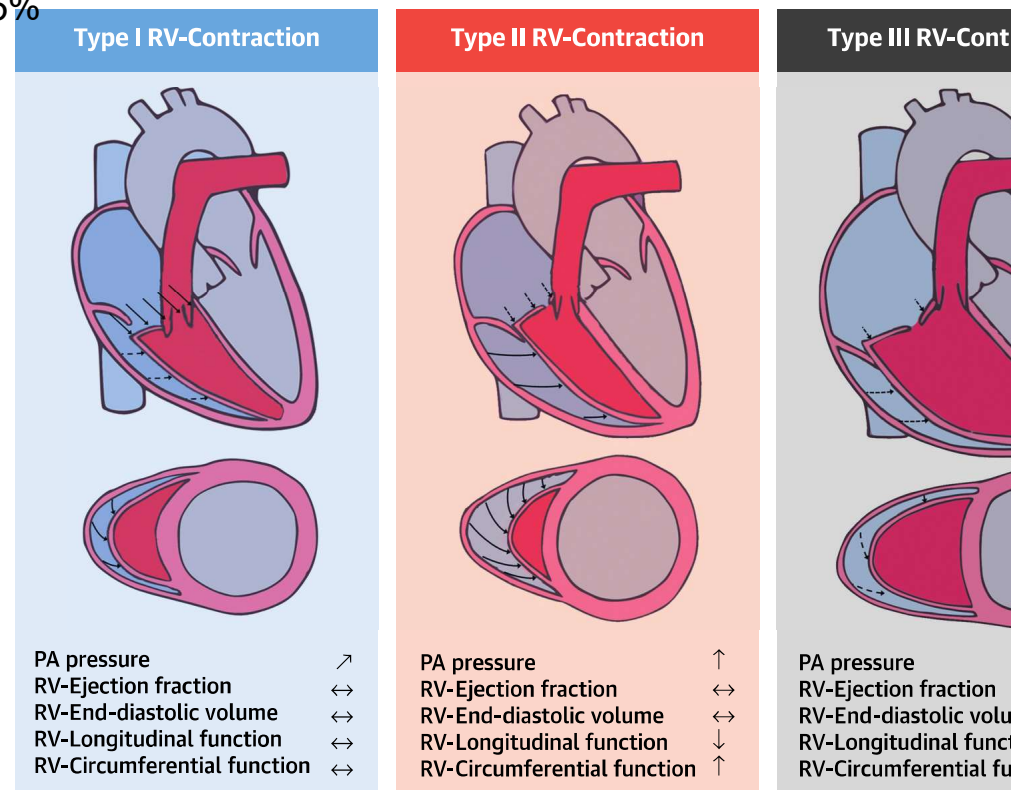
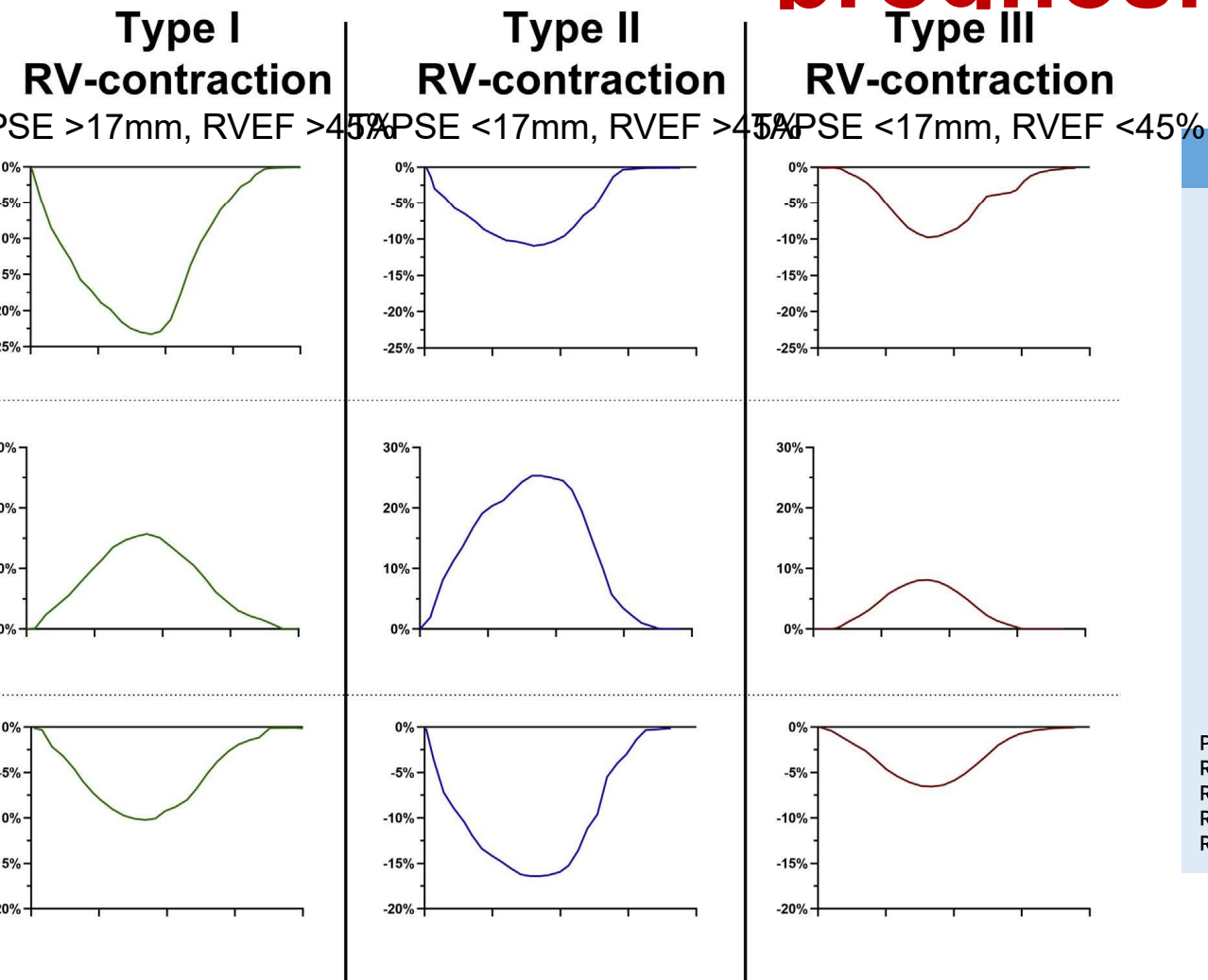
2D free wall or entire RV

longitudinal strain (cut-off -20%)



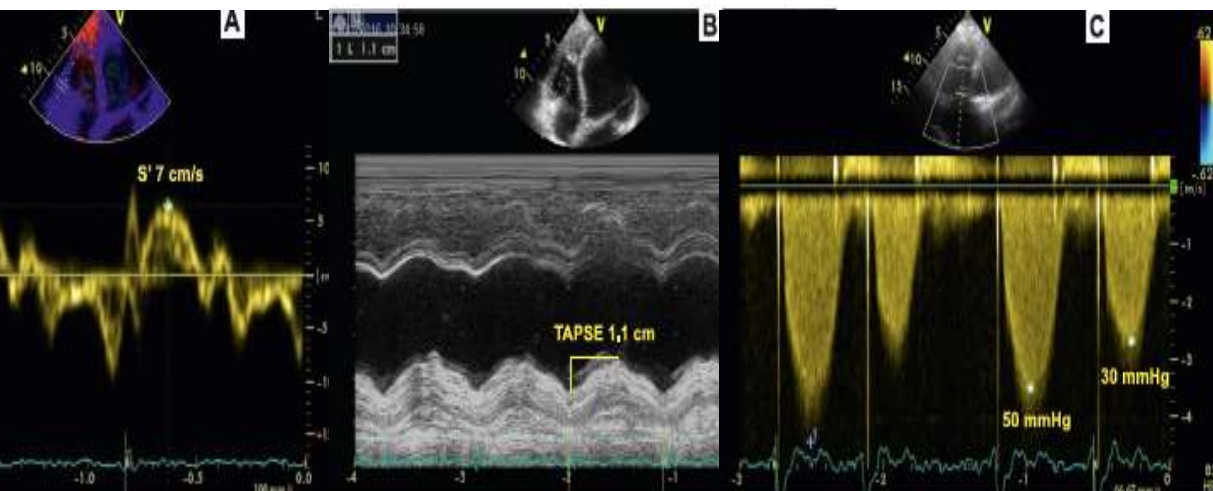


Measurement of longitudinal function (TAPSE) is not sufficient to assess prognosis



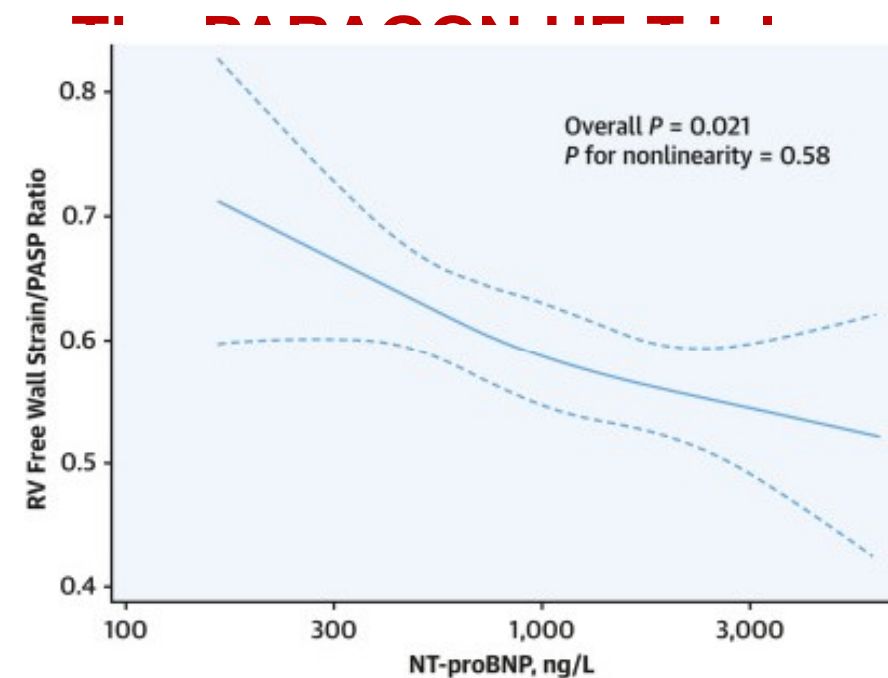
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Ratio **TAPSE/PASP** - an index of RV length vs. developed force, an assay of RV contractile state



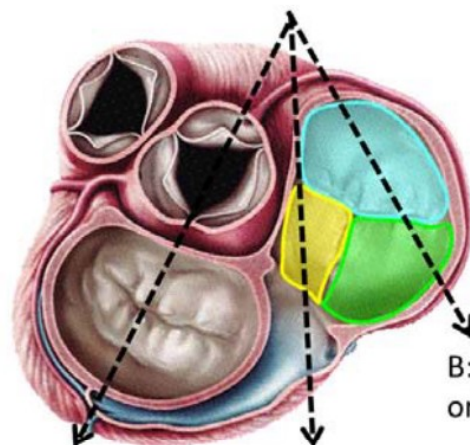
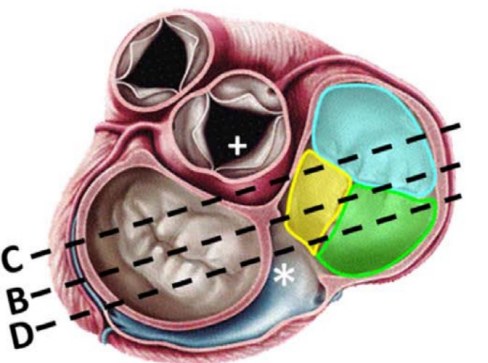
		Subjects	Events	% Event-Free Survival
A	TAPSE/PASP >0.64 mm/mmHg	70	0	100
B	TAPSE/PASP 0.50-0.64 mm/mmHg	75	6	92.0
C	TAPSE/PASP 0.36-0.49 mm/mmHg	70	7	90.0
D	TAPSE/PASP ≤0.35 mm/mmHg	78	34	56.5

Right Ventricular Function and Coupling to the Pulmonary Circulation in Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction



decrease of RVFWLS/PASP ratio (0.2 u
aHR 1.43 (CI 1.13 – 1.80), p=0.0

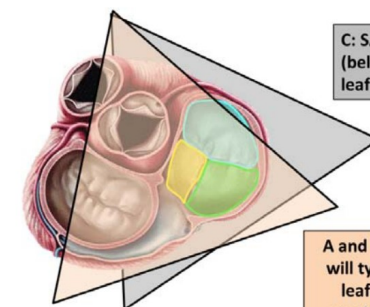
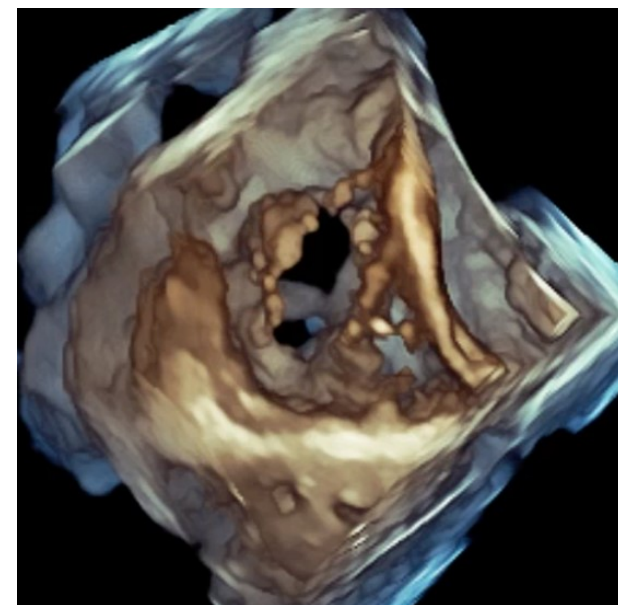
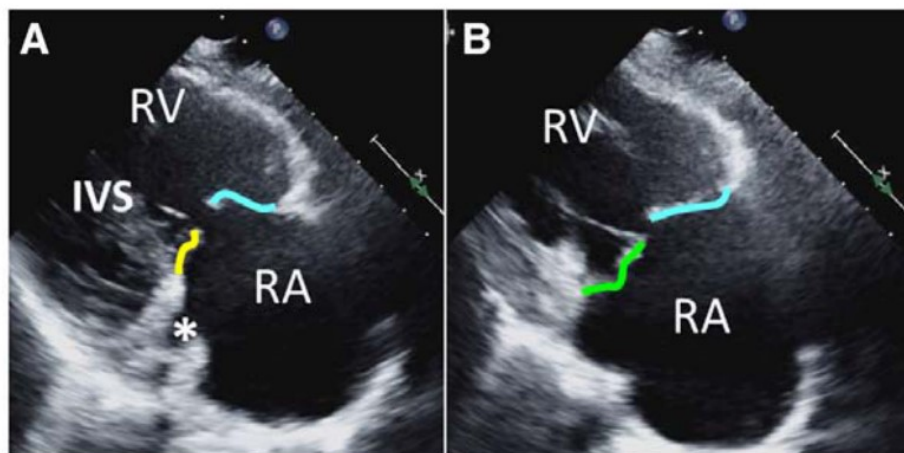
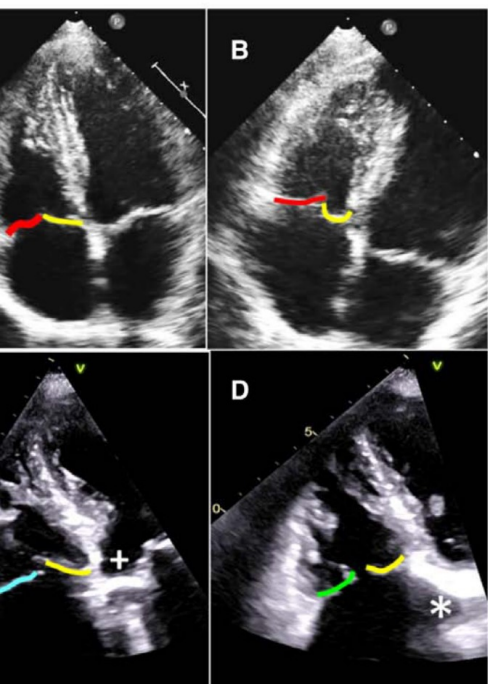
cuspid valve: 2D vs. 3D anatomy



Parasternal LAX View

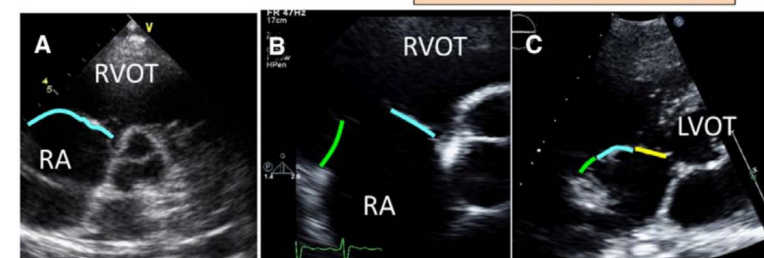
A: Coronary sinus orifice (*), LV septum seen (IVS)

B: No coronary sinus orifice, no septal wall



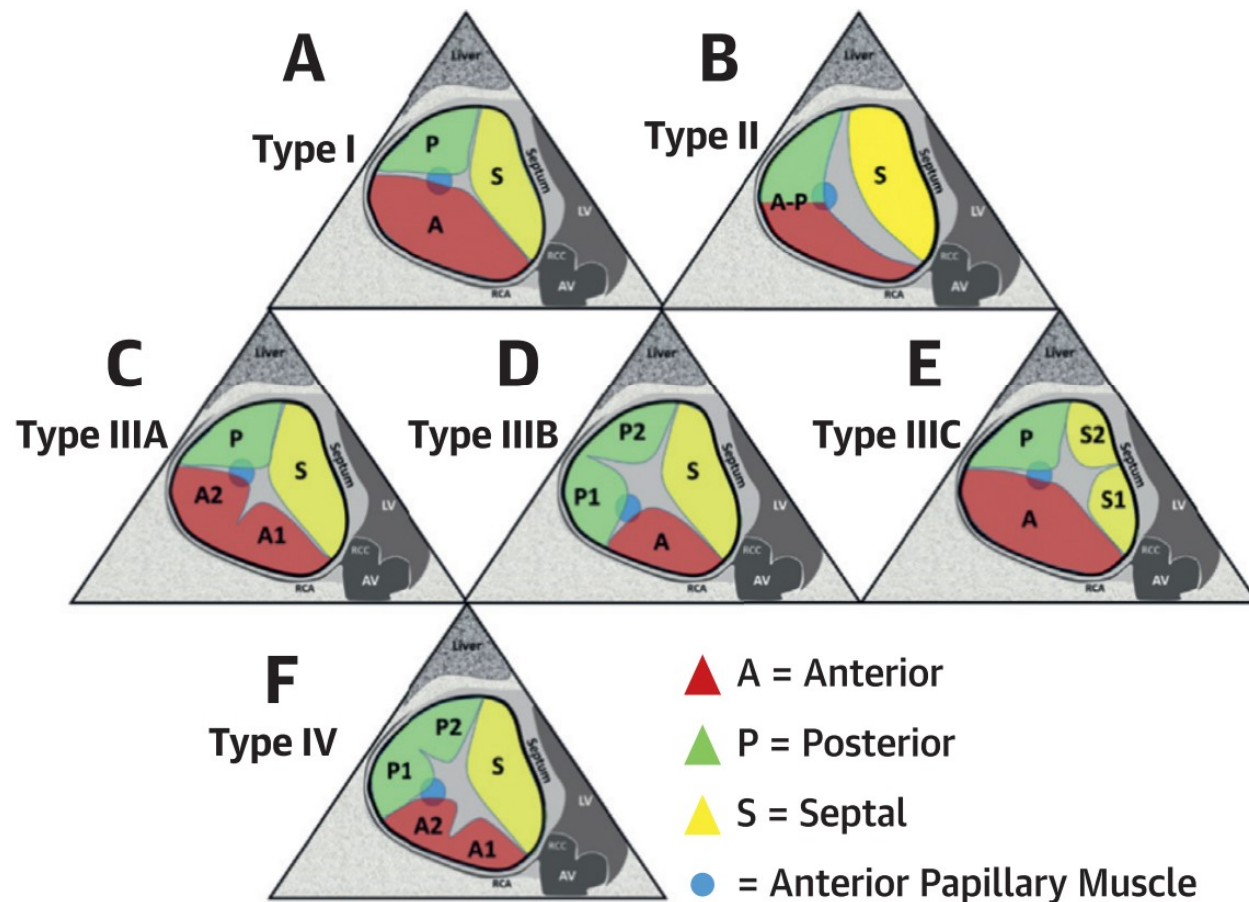
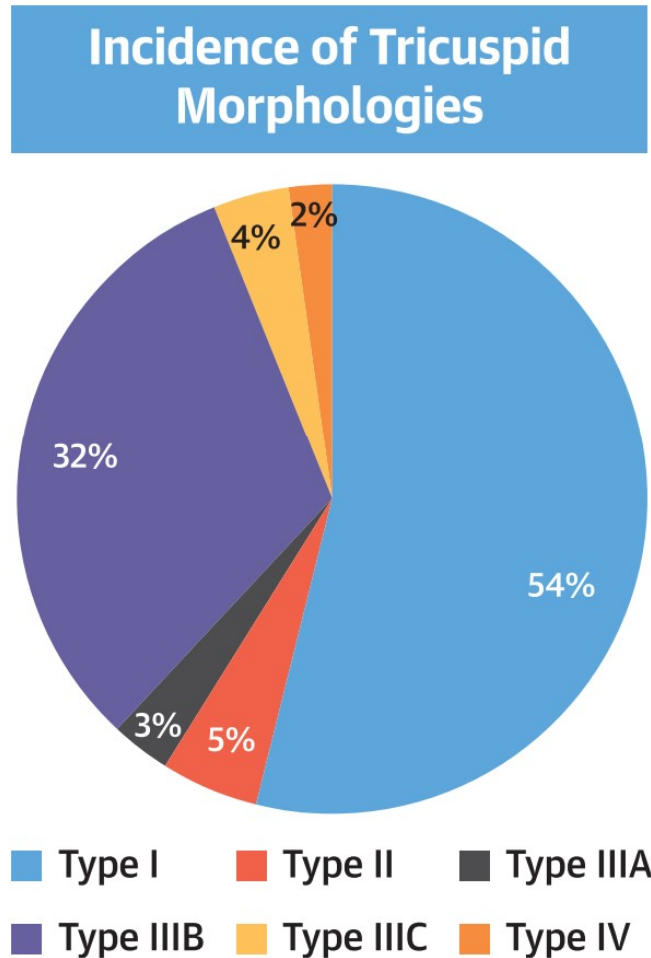
C: SAX at level of LV outflow tract (below AV) with imaging of the septal leaflet

A and B: SAX view at the level of AV will typically image just the anterior leaflet (A) however anterior and posterior leaflets may be seen (B)



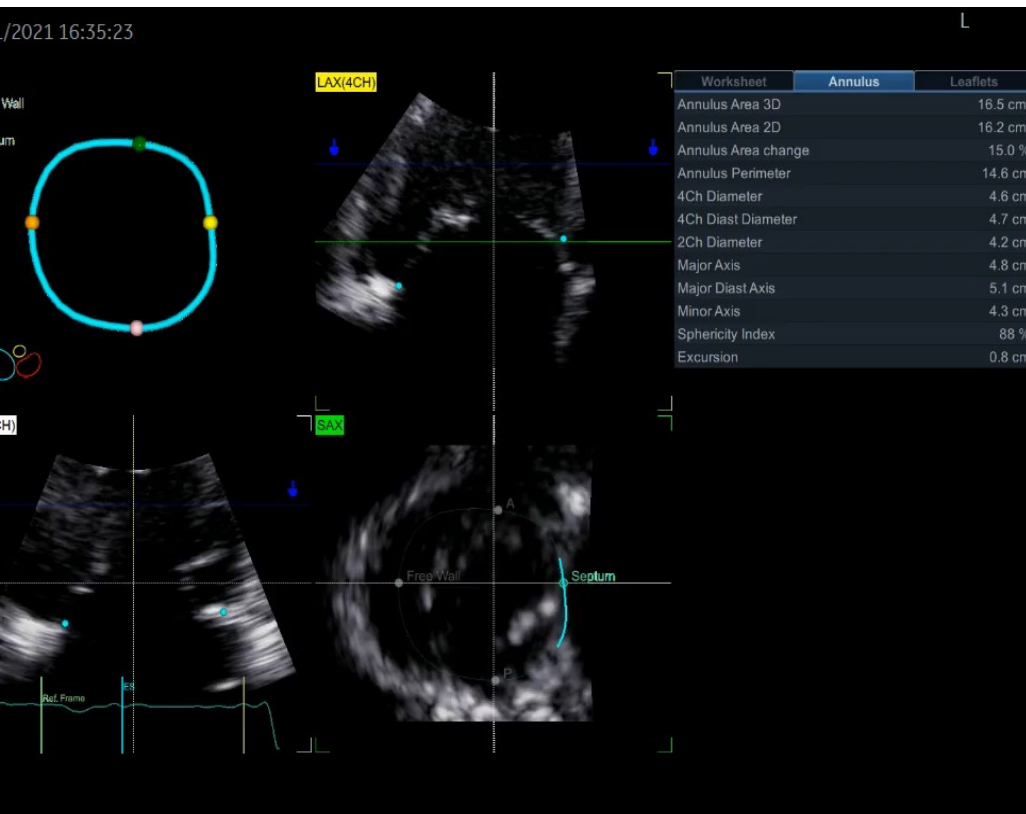
How many leaflets has the tricuspid valve...?

Greater anatomical variability than mitral valve...

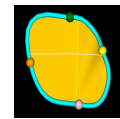


3D TV images analysis

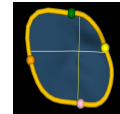
3D Auto TVQ software



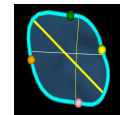
Tricuspid valve parameters



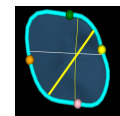
TV area



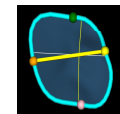
TV perimeter



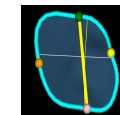
Major axis



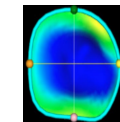
Minor axis



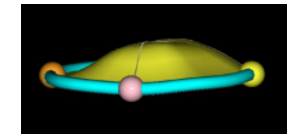
4Ch diameter



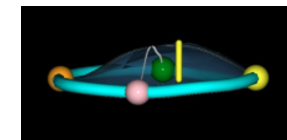
2Ch diameter



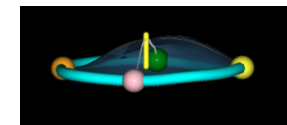
Sphericity index



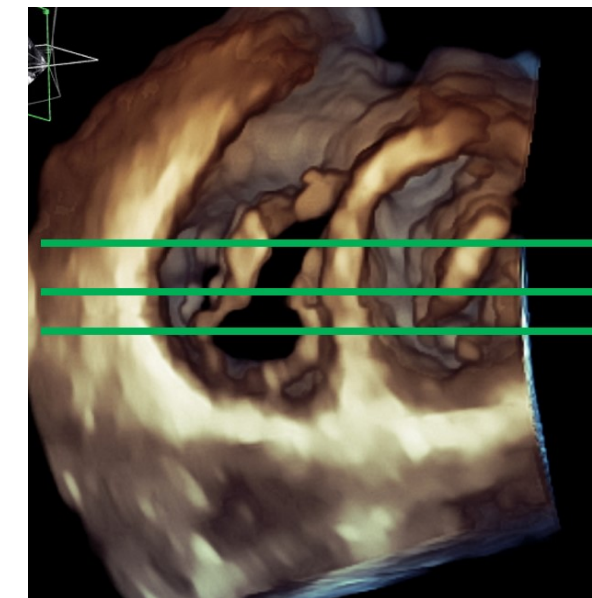
Tenting volume



Max tenting height



Coaptation height



2D underestimates TA dimensions

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The echocardiograph ic parameters of TR severity

Qualitative parameters

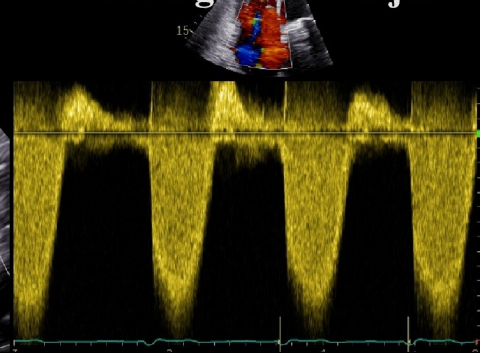
TV morphology



Color Doppler

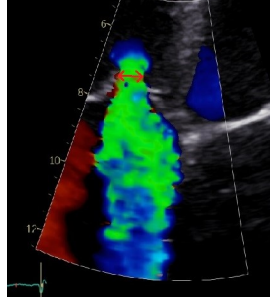


CW signal of TR jet

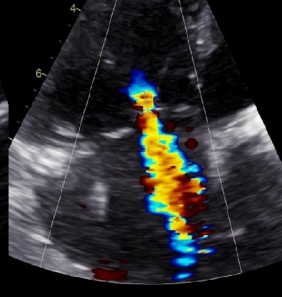


Semiquantitative parameters

VC width



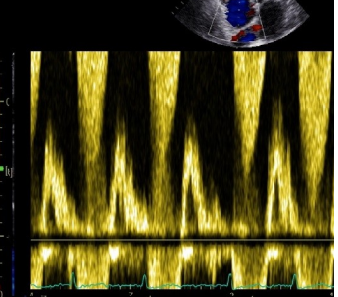
PISA radius



Hepatic vein flow

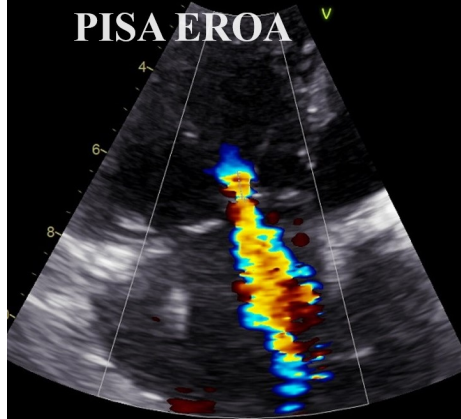


Tricuspid inflow



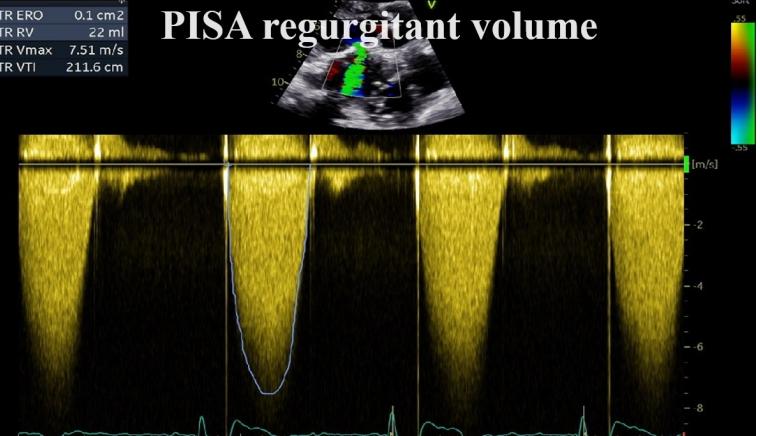
Quantitative parameters

PISA EROA



TR ERO 0.1 cm²
TR RV 22 ml
TR Vmax 7.51 m/s
TR VTI 211.6 cm

PISA regurgitant volume

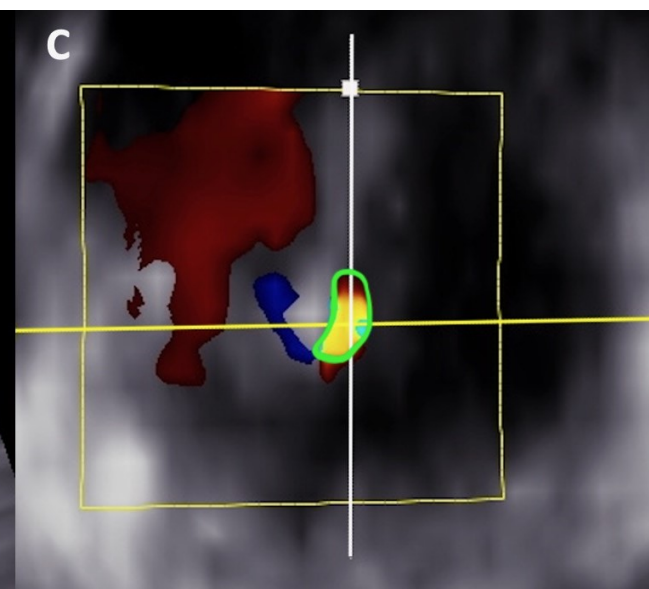
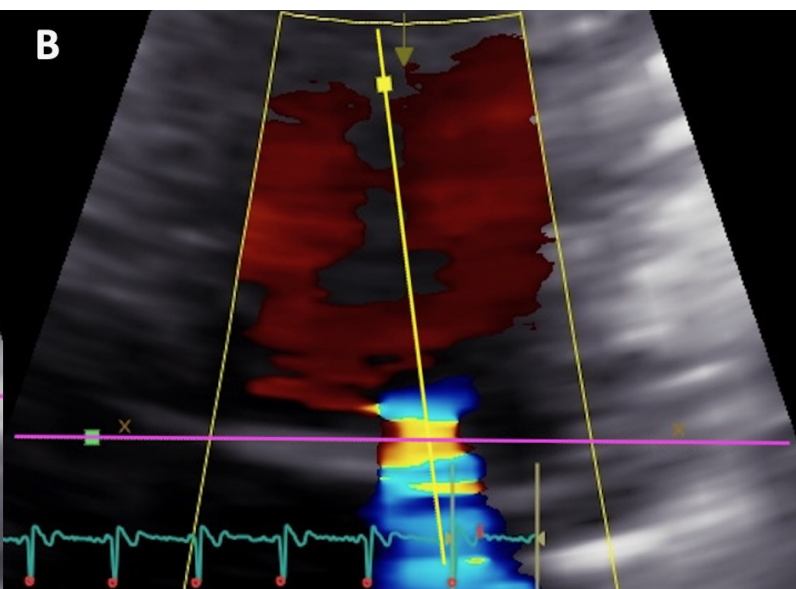
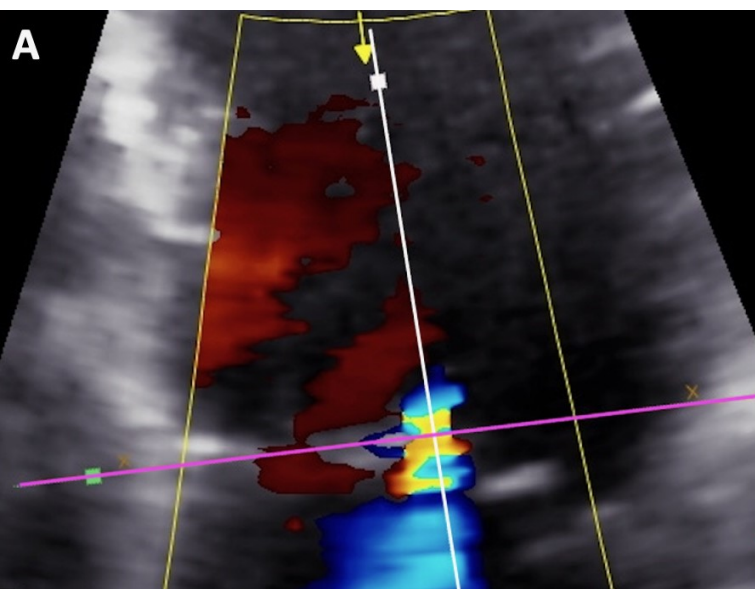
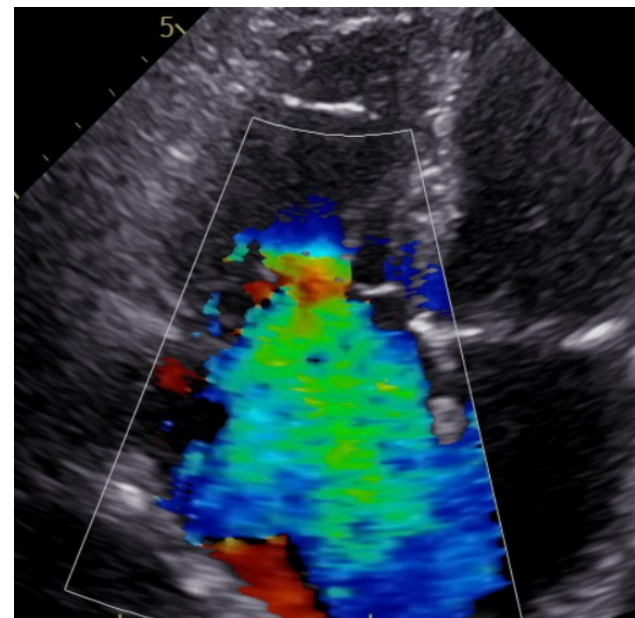
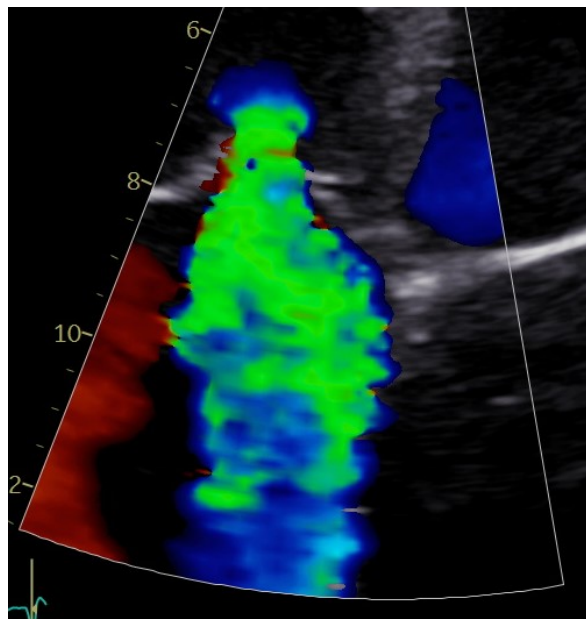


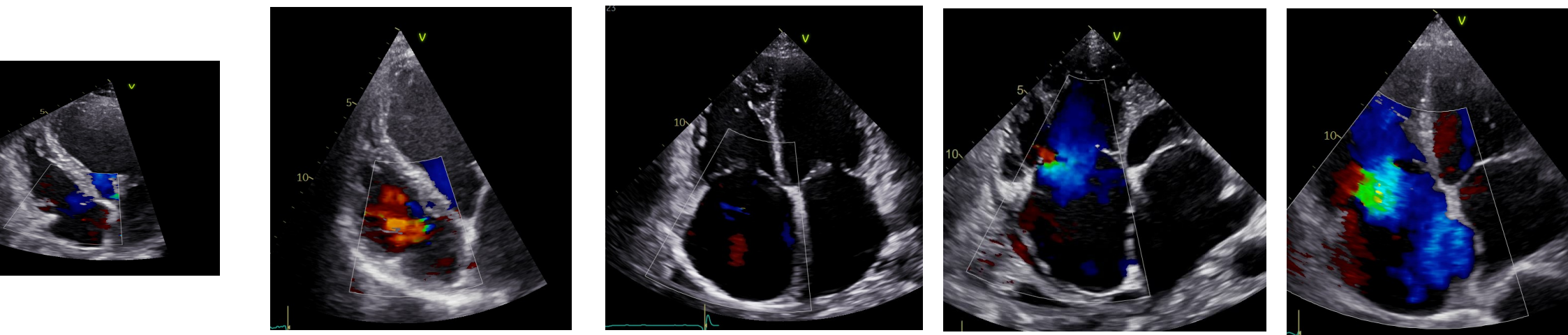
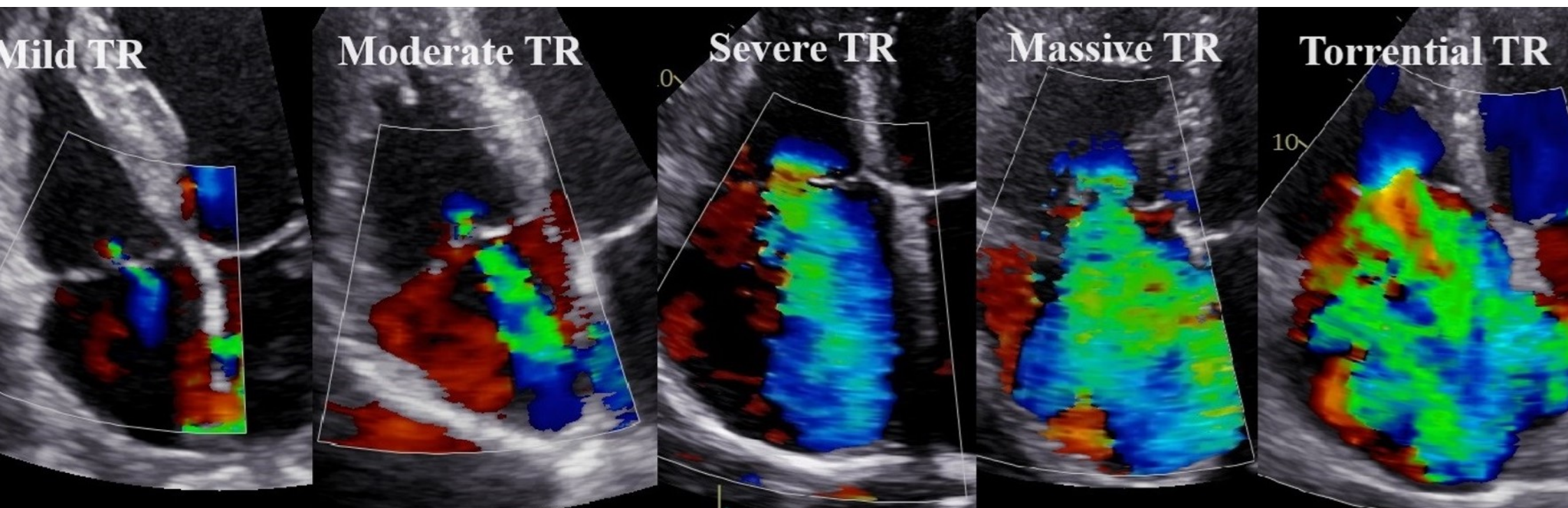
HIGHLIGHTS

3D VC analysis is feasible to assess TR jet location and severity.
3D VC area has an independent and incremental value to identify severe TR.

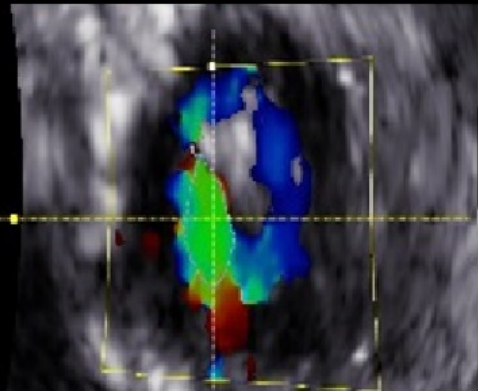
Comprehensive evaluation of TR location and severity profits from color Doppler 3D TEE.

Utsunomiya H et al. JASE 2019

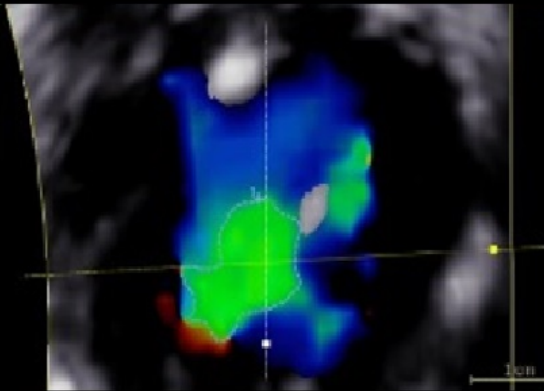




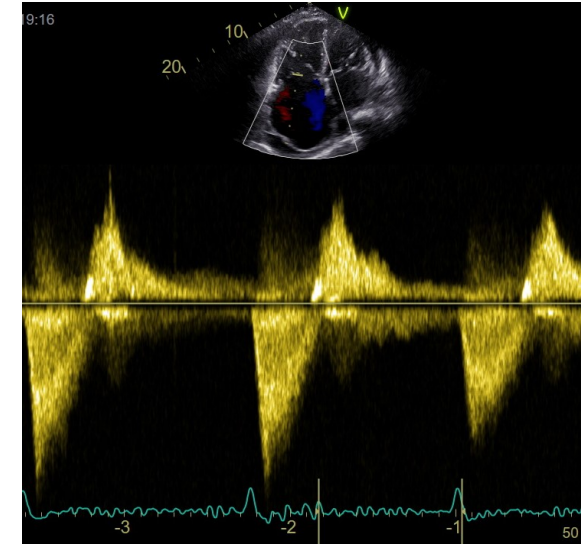
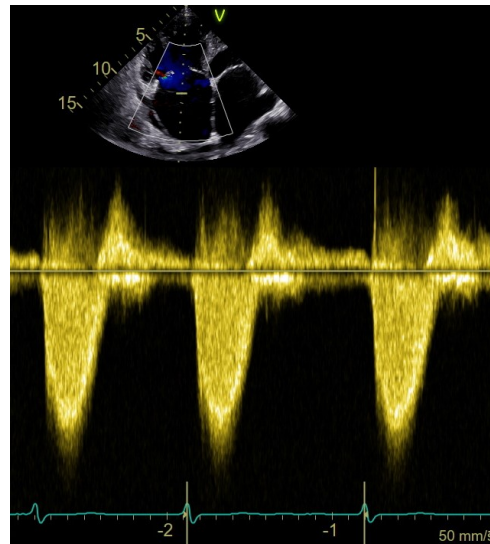
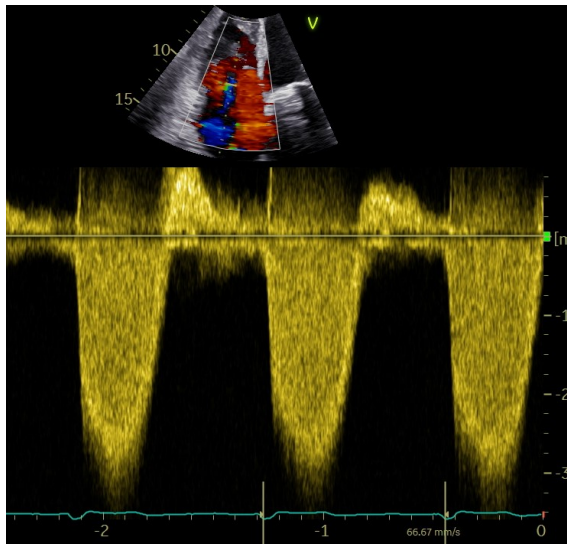
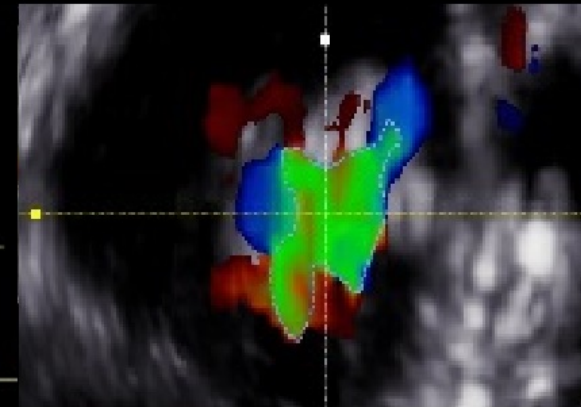
Severe TR



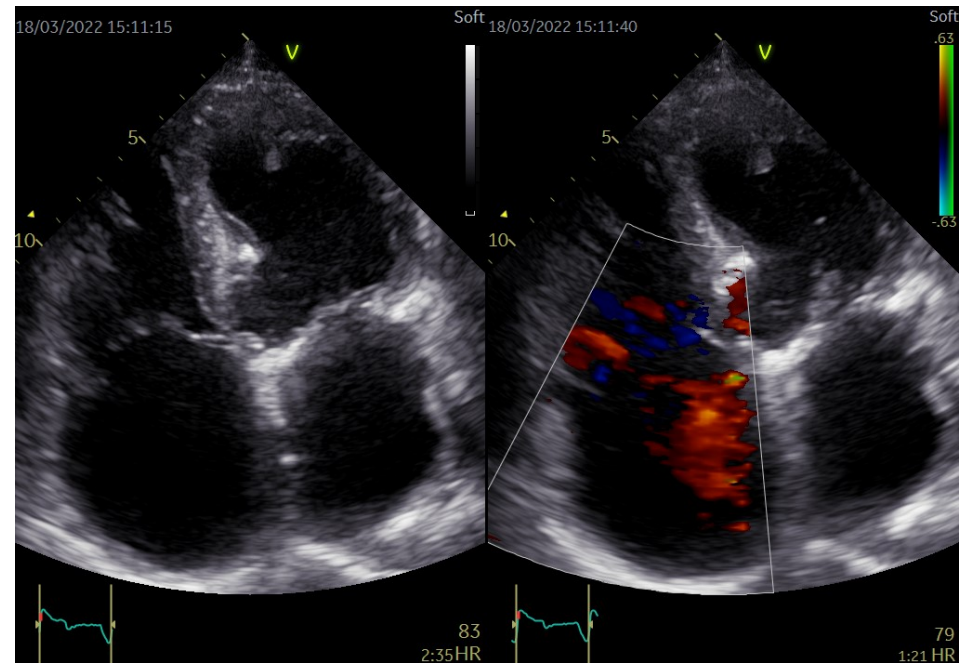
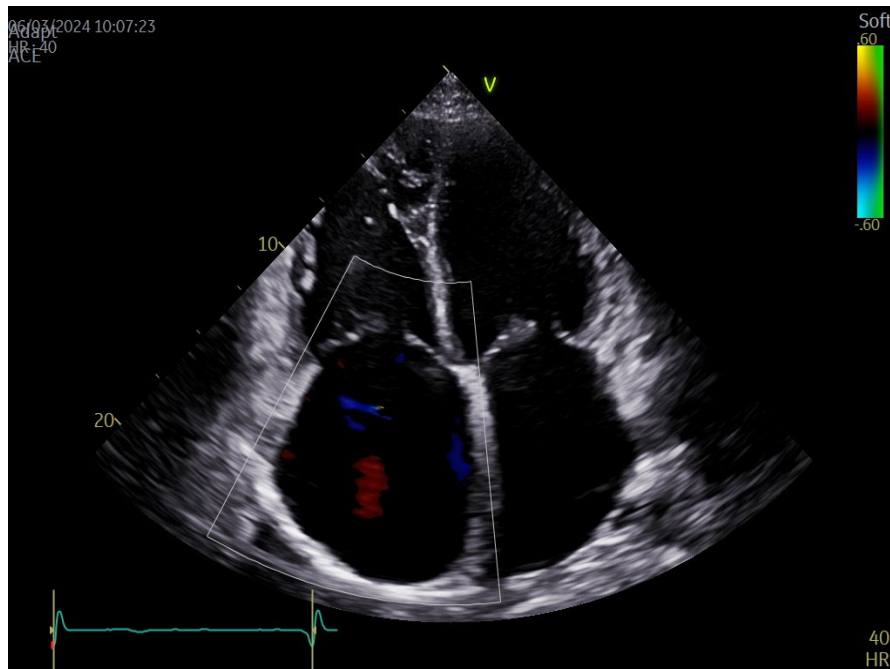
Massive TR



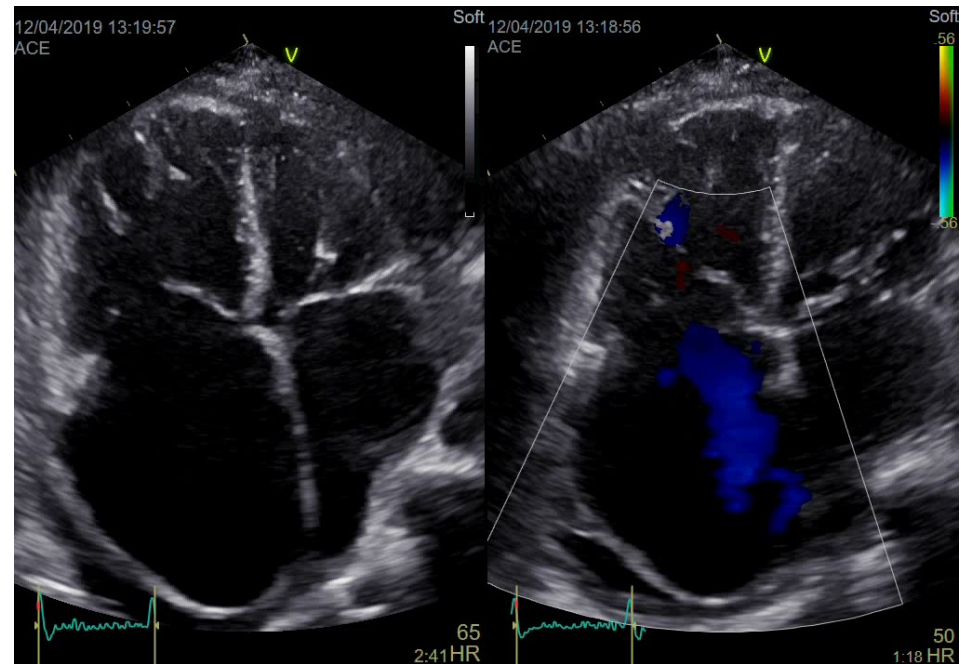
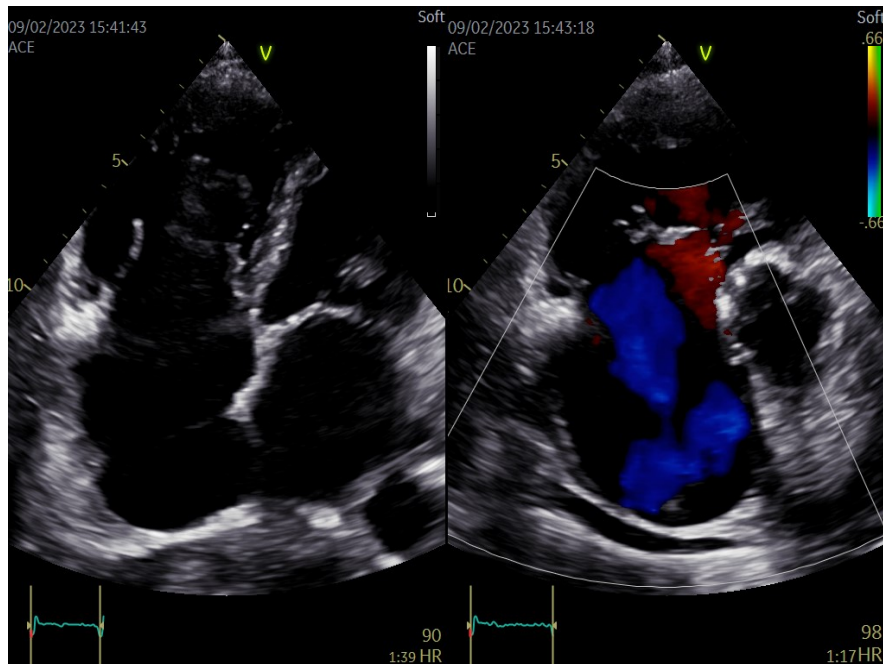
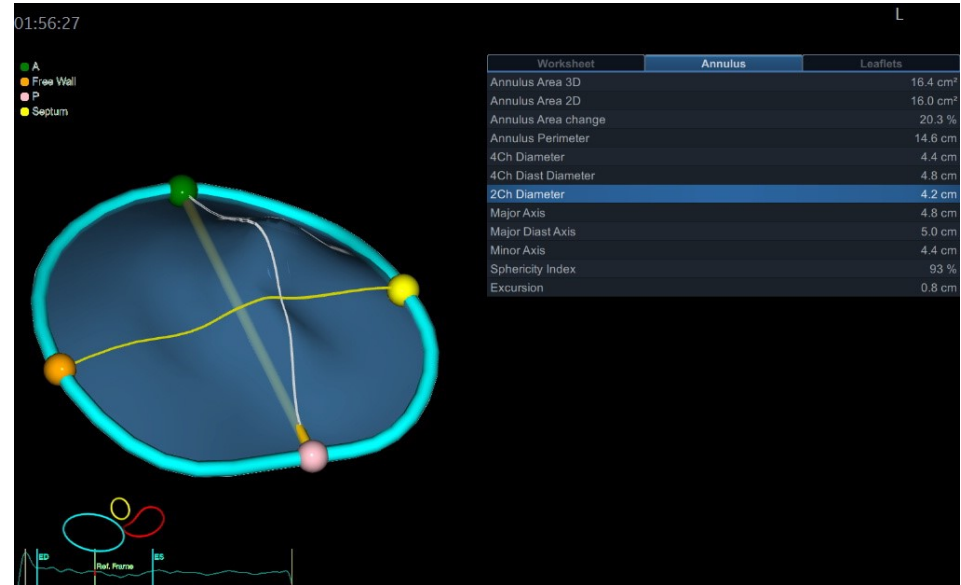
Torrential TR



Atrial TVR: isolated RA dilatation/remodelling

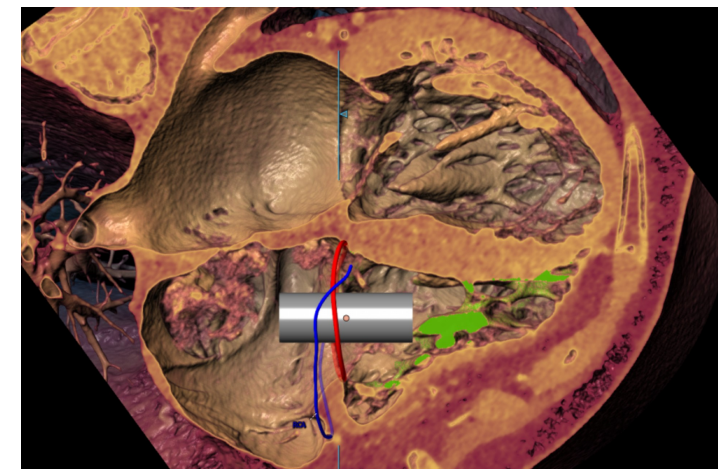
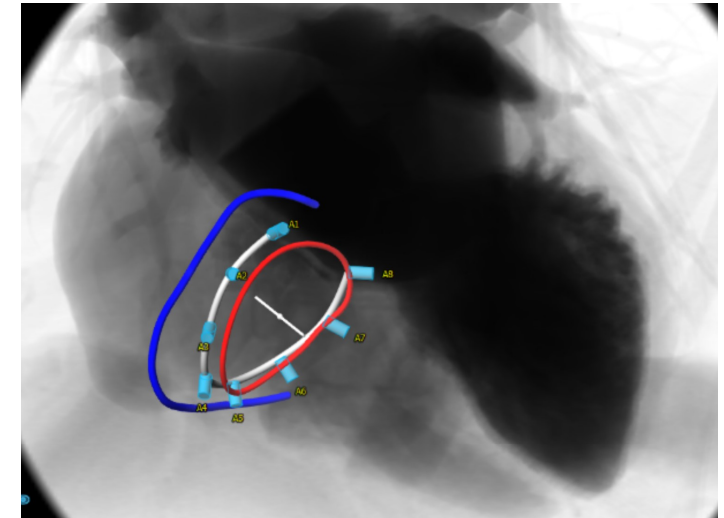
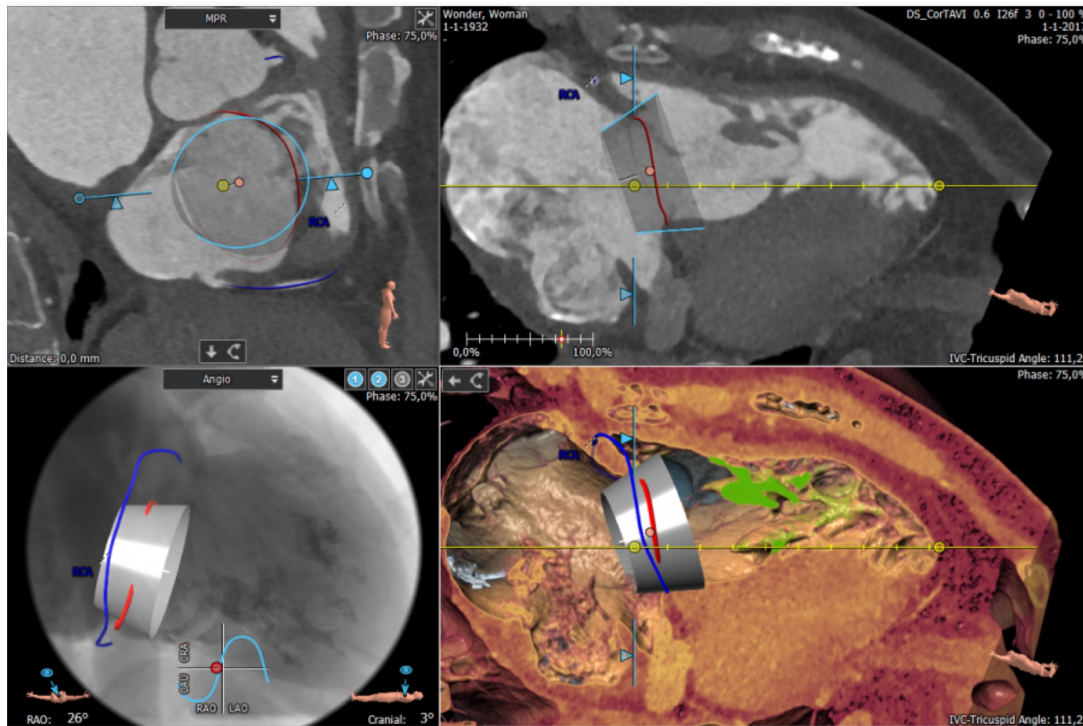


Ventricular TVR: remodeling of RV cavity



MDCT assessment of TA anatomy and dimensions

- pre-procedural planning of device delivery
- relationship of the TA with the RCA
- assessment of TA dimensions to choose the right device size



Take home messages

Multiparametric multi-modality approach is needed for evaluation of RV, TV, RA remodeling and severity of TR

Assessment of RV function must take into account loading conditions

Loss of longitudinal function of RV can be compensated by increasing circumferential function, preserving RVEF and favorable outcomes

3D echocardiography provides a better assessment of RV size and function, TV geometry and TR severity

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