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# Mitral stenosis

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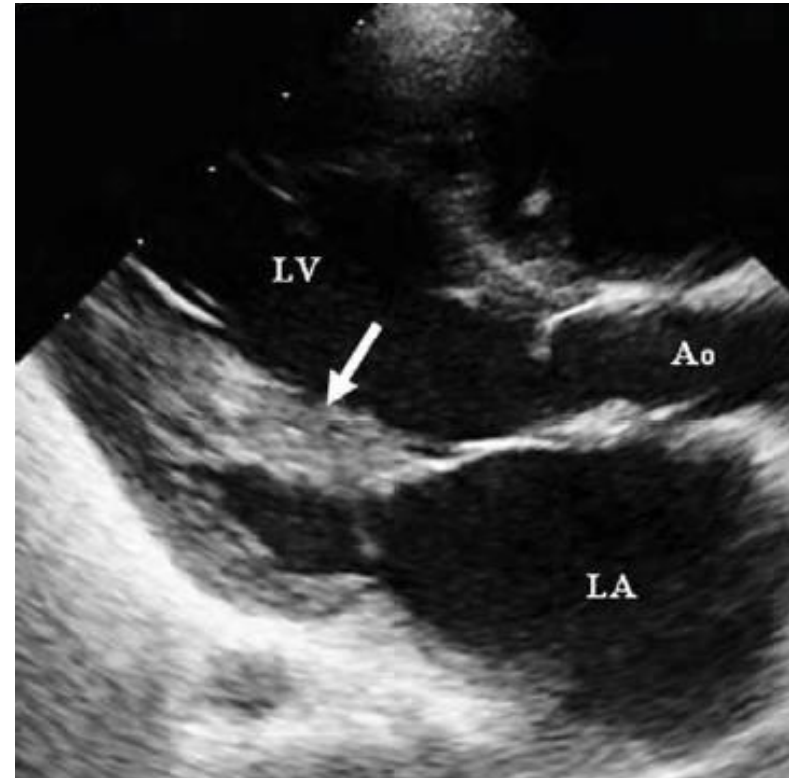
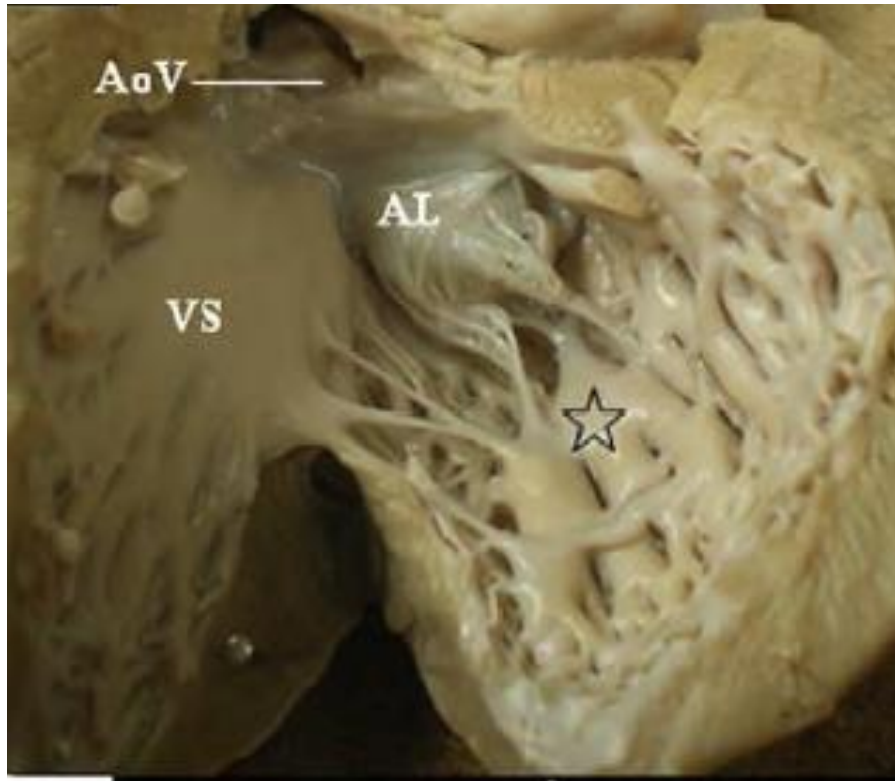
# ETIOLOGY



# Mitral stenosis - etiology & pathogenesis

- **rheumatic !!!**
- congenital
- mitral annular calcification
- mucopolysaccharidosis
  
- **2/3 = females**
- **fusion of commissures**
- **fibrosis, scarring and calcifications of the subvalvular apparatus**

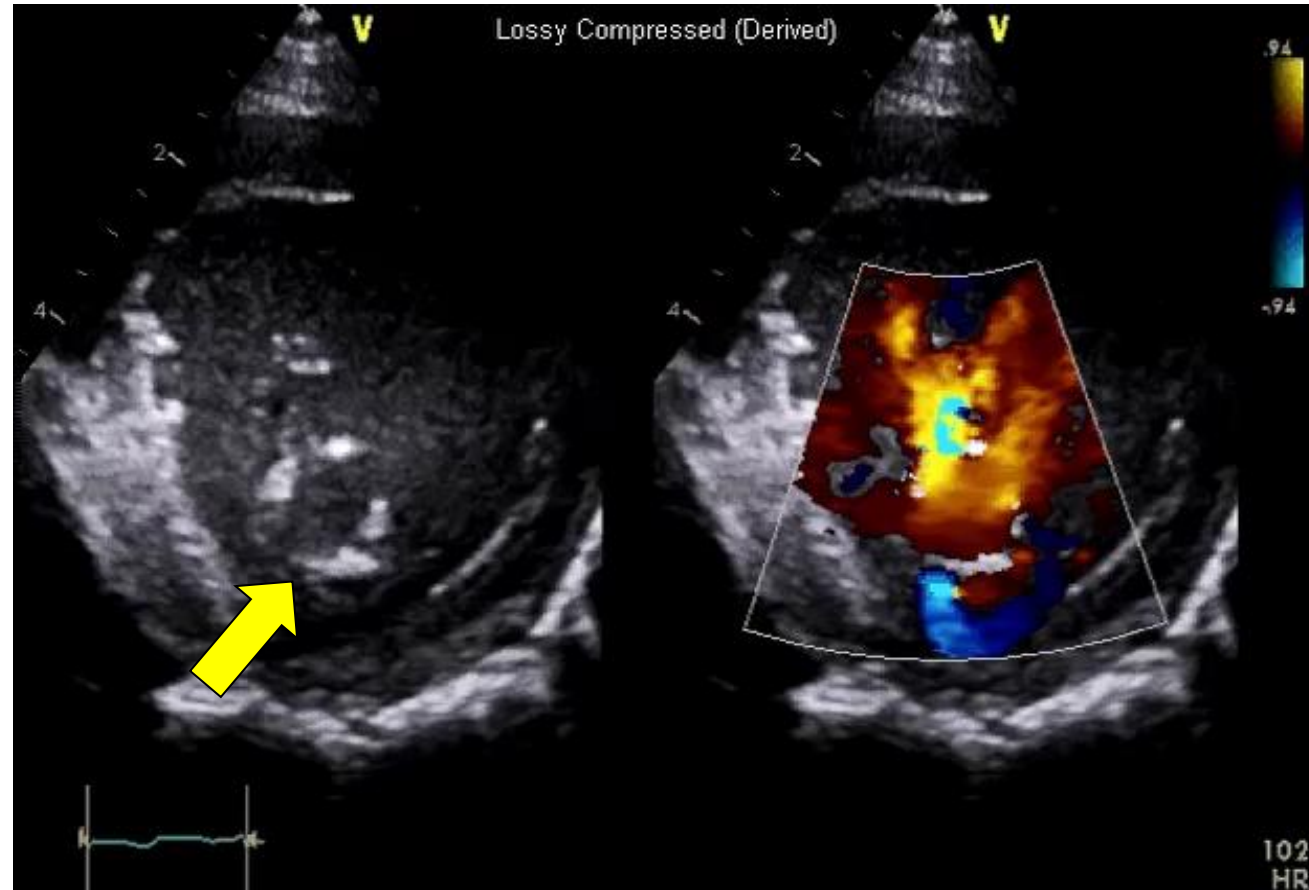
# Congenital mitral valve stenosis – parachute mitral valve



**Single hypertrophied posteromedial papillary muscle.  
Parachute-like asymmetric mitral valve – rudimentary lateral papillary muscle**

Séguéla et al. Archives of Cardiovascular Disease (2011) 104, 465—479

# Congenital mitral valve stenosis – parachute valve



Single hypertrophied posteromedial papillary muscle. Note the eccentric opening of the mitral valve orifice

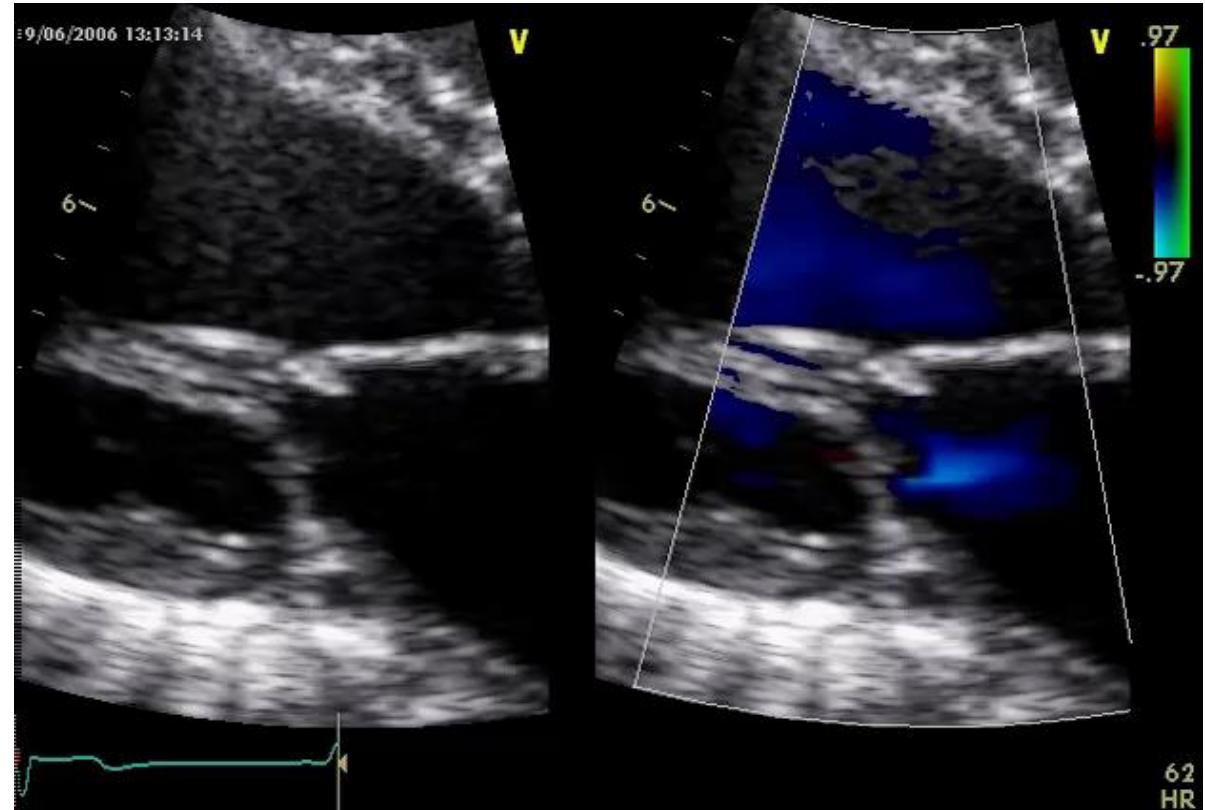
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# Supravalvar stenosis – supramitral ring

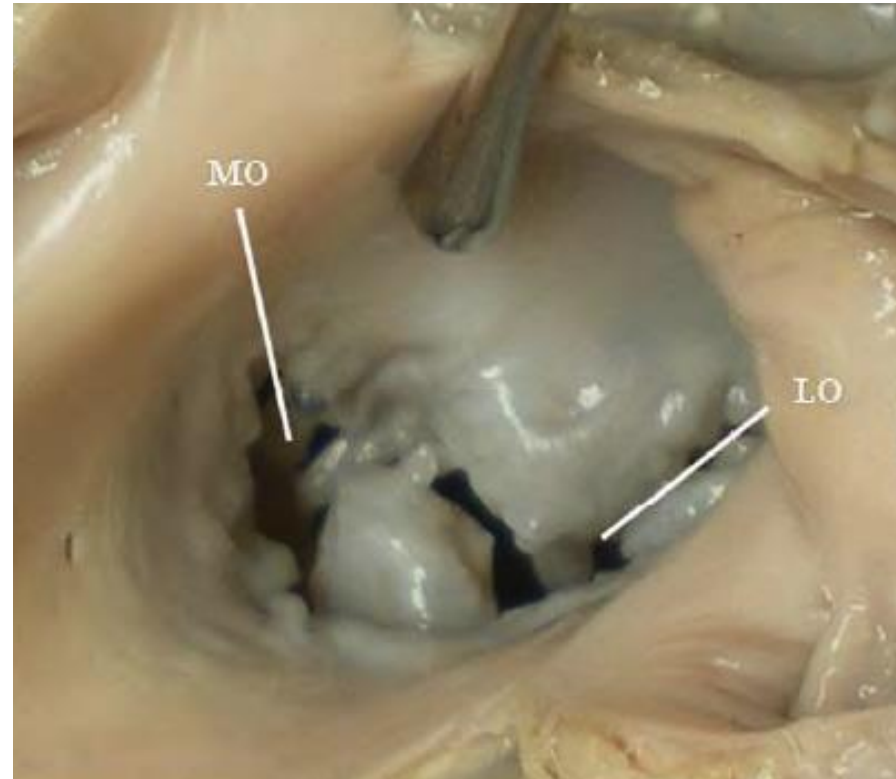
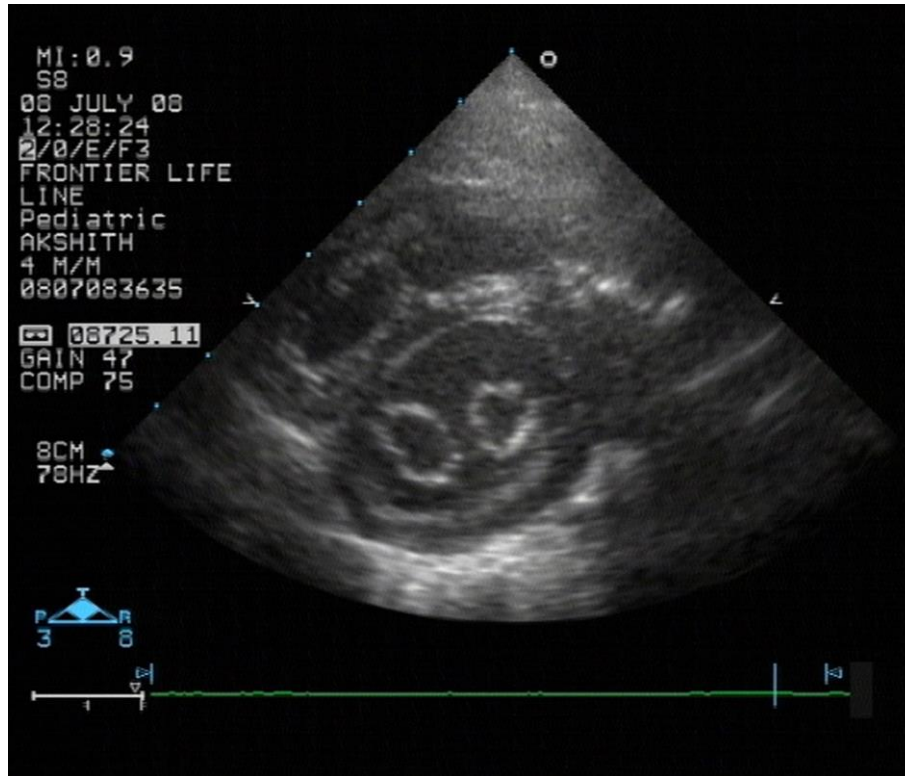
Shone syndrome :

1. supravalvular mitral membrane (SVMM)
2. subaortic stenosis (membranous or muscular)
3. parachute mitral valve
4. coarctation of the aorta



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# Double orifice mitral valve



Hartas et al., <http://emedicine.medscape.com>

Séguéla et al. Archives of Cardiovascular Disease (2011) 104, 465—479

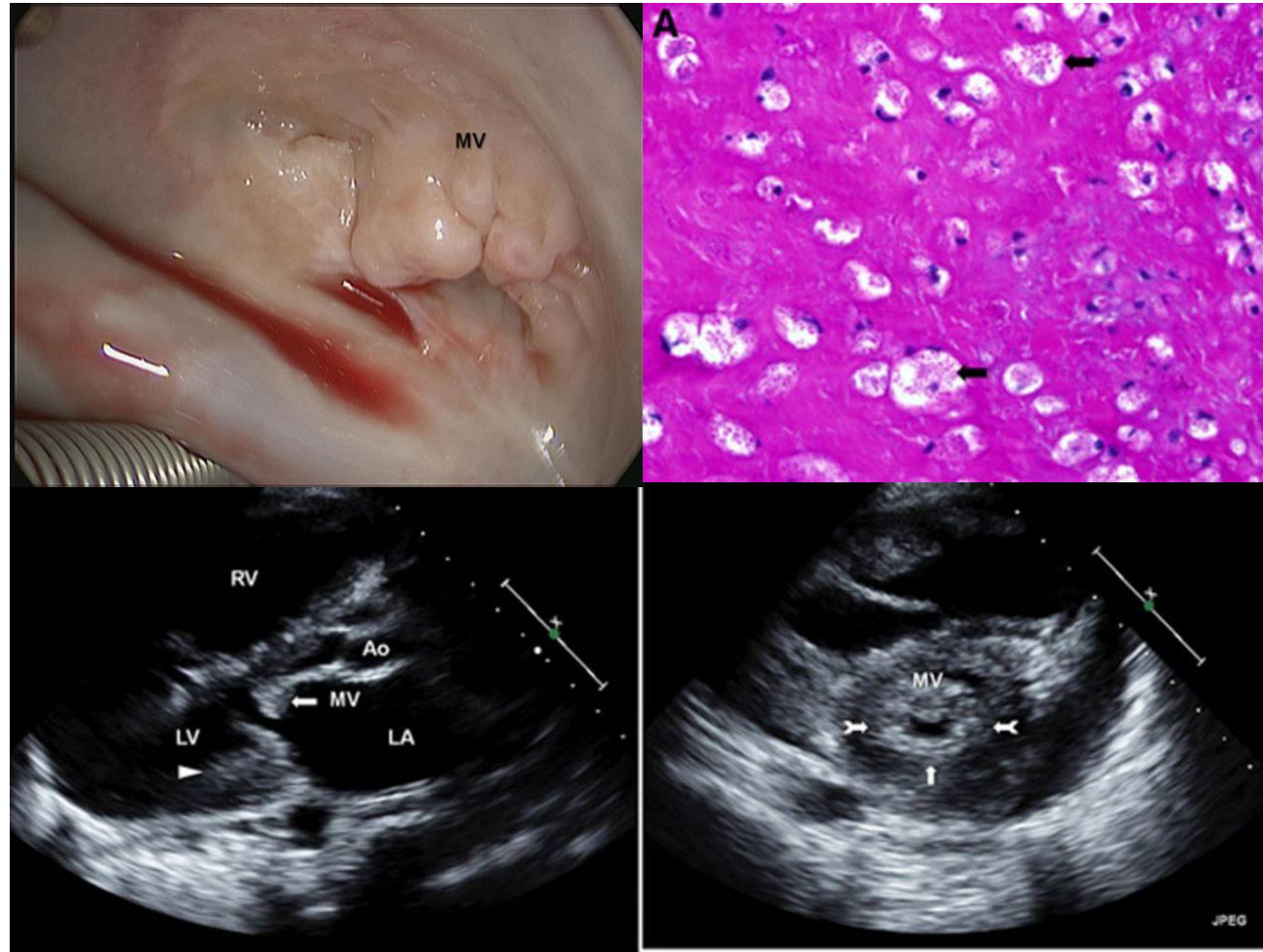
Greenfield WS. Double mitral valve. Trans Pathol Soc. 1876. 27:128-129.



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# Muccopolysaccharidosis associated mitral valve stenosis

- Hunter's syndrome
- X-linked disorder
- Defect in enzyme iduronate-2-sulfatase

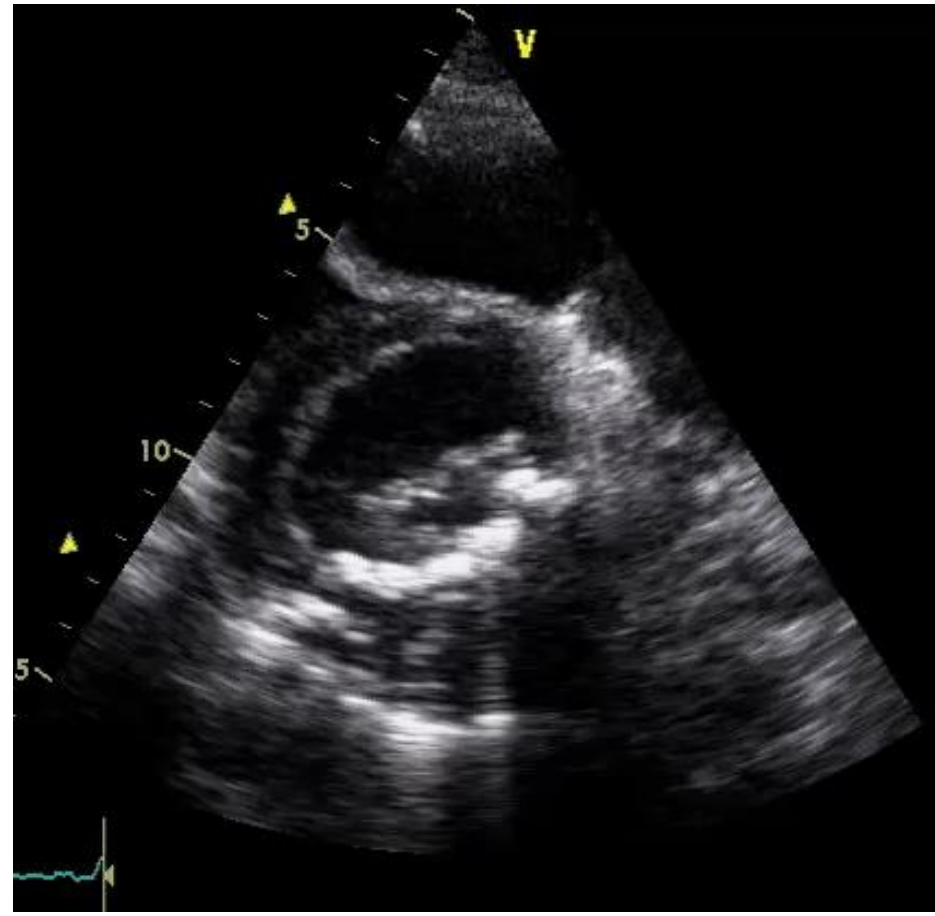
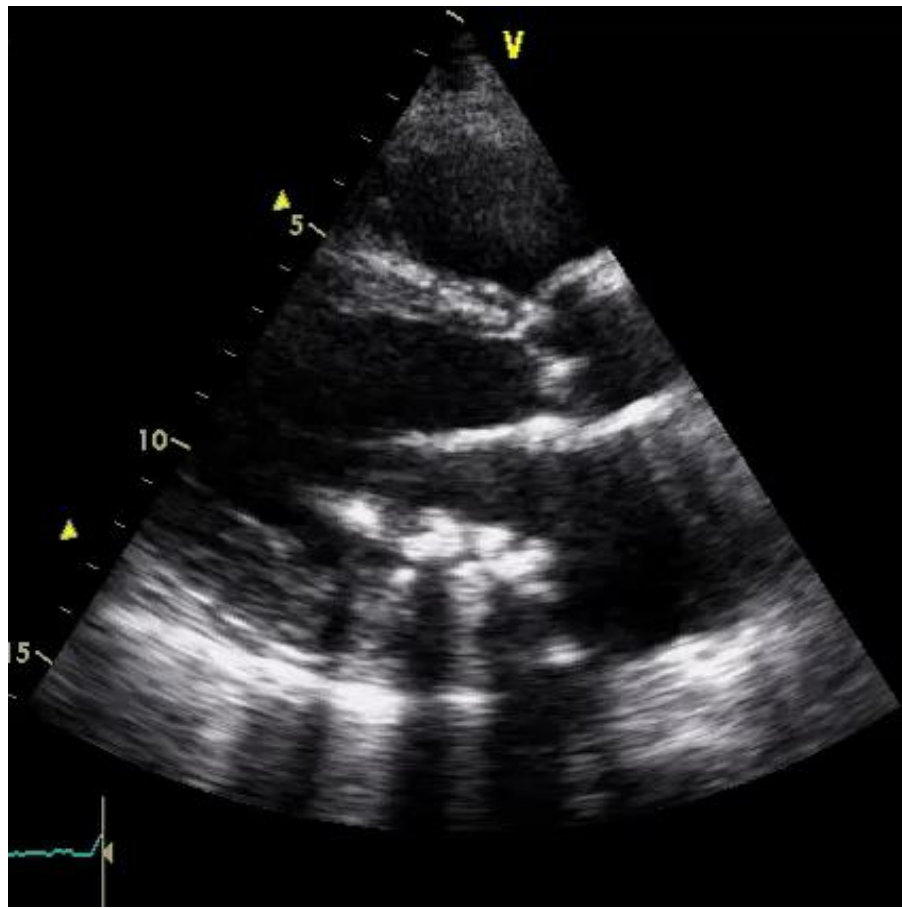


Lee et al. *Circulation*. 2013;128:1269-1270





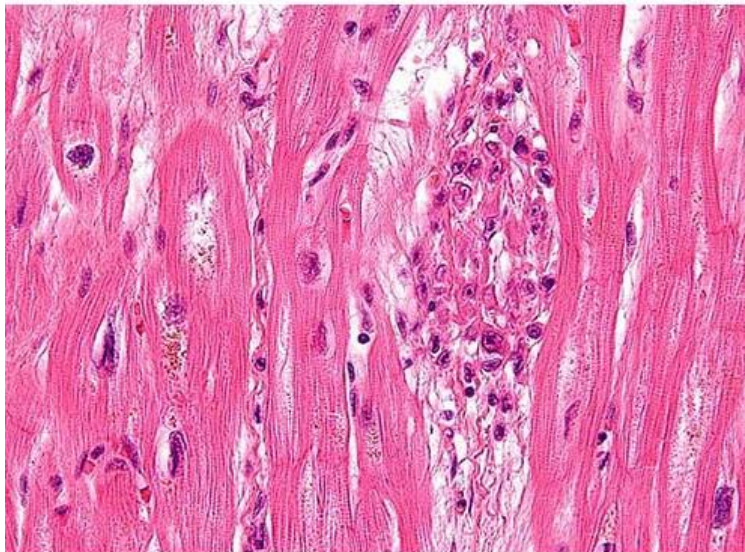
# Mitral annular calcification



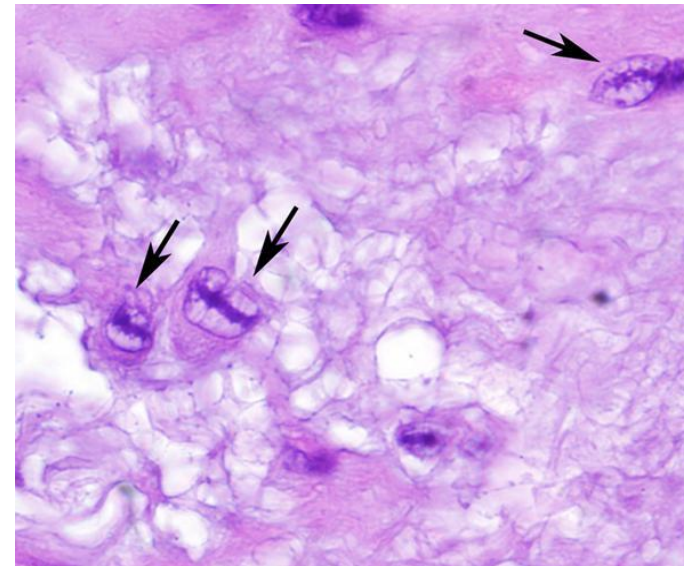
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# Rheumatic heart disease

- Late inflammatory complication of pharyngitis caused by group A-hemolytic streptococci
- Humoral and cellular-mediated immune responses occurring 1-3 weeks after the onset of streptococcal pharyngitis.
- Immune cross-reactivity against bacterial M-proteins and myosine and valvular endothelial cells
- Acute: Rheumatic fever – pancarditis, pericarditis +/- multisystemic manifestations
- Chronic: valvular disease (up to 20-40 years later)



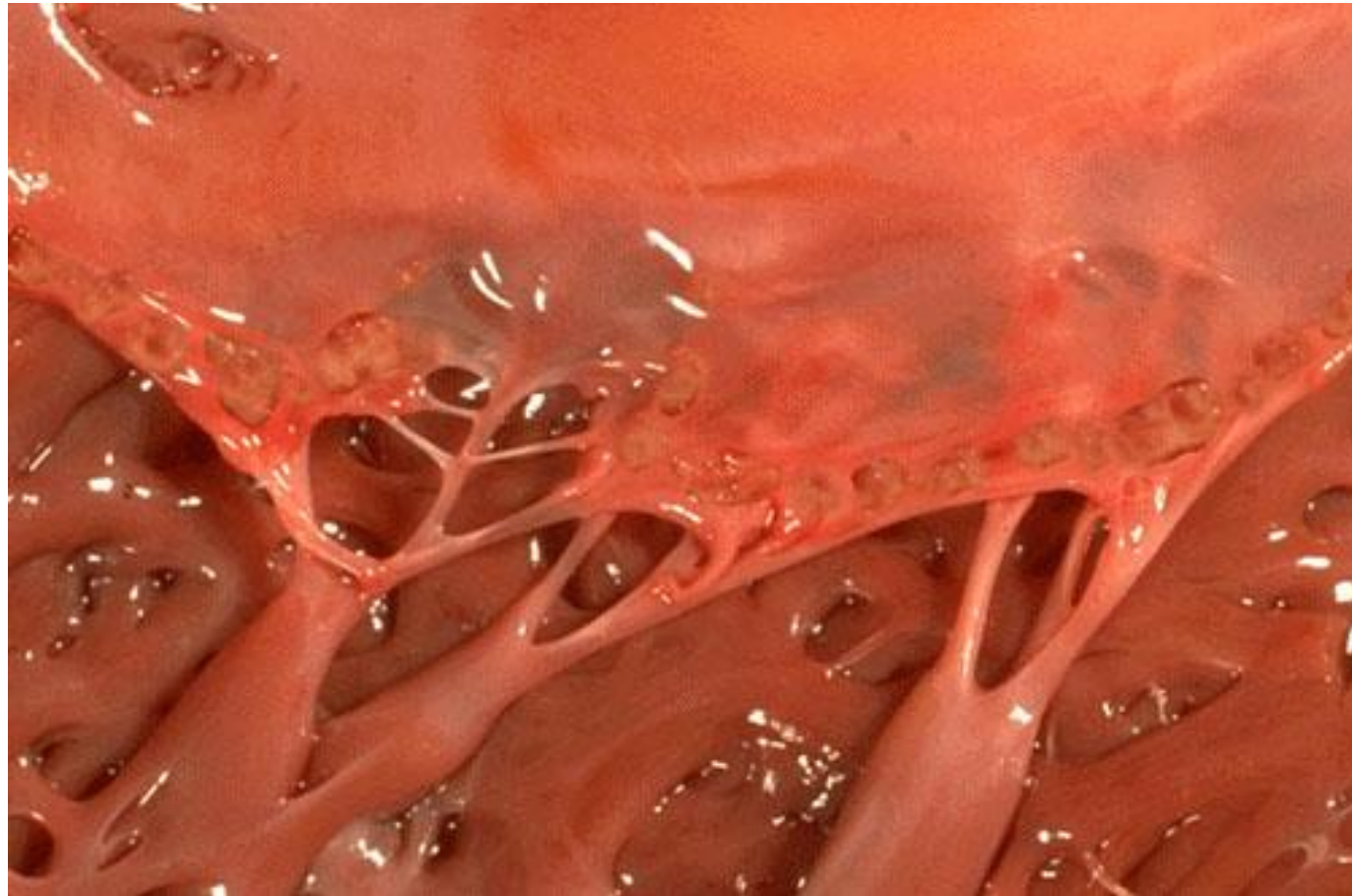
Aschoff nodules (Hematoxyline-Eosin)<sup>1</sup>  
interstitial aggregate of macrophages and lymphocytes, with  
necrotic collagen, in an area of interstitial fibrosis.



Anistchkow (catterpillar) cells –  
Transformed macrophages<sup>2</sup>

1. Love and Restrepo Mod Pathol. 1988 Jul;1(4):256-61.  
2. Burke AP. Medscape 2015.

# Acute rheumatic mitral valve involvement



Small verrucous vegetations seen along the closure line of this mitral valve are associated with acute rheumatic fever.

<http://library.med.utah.edu>

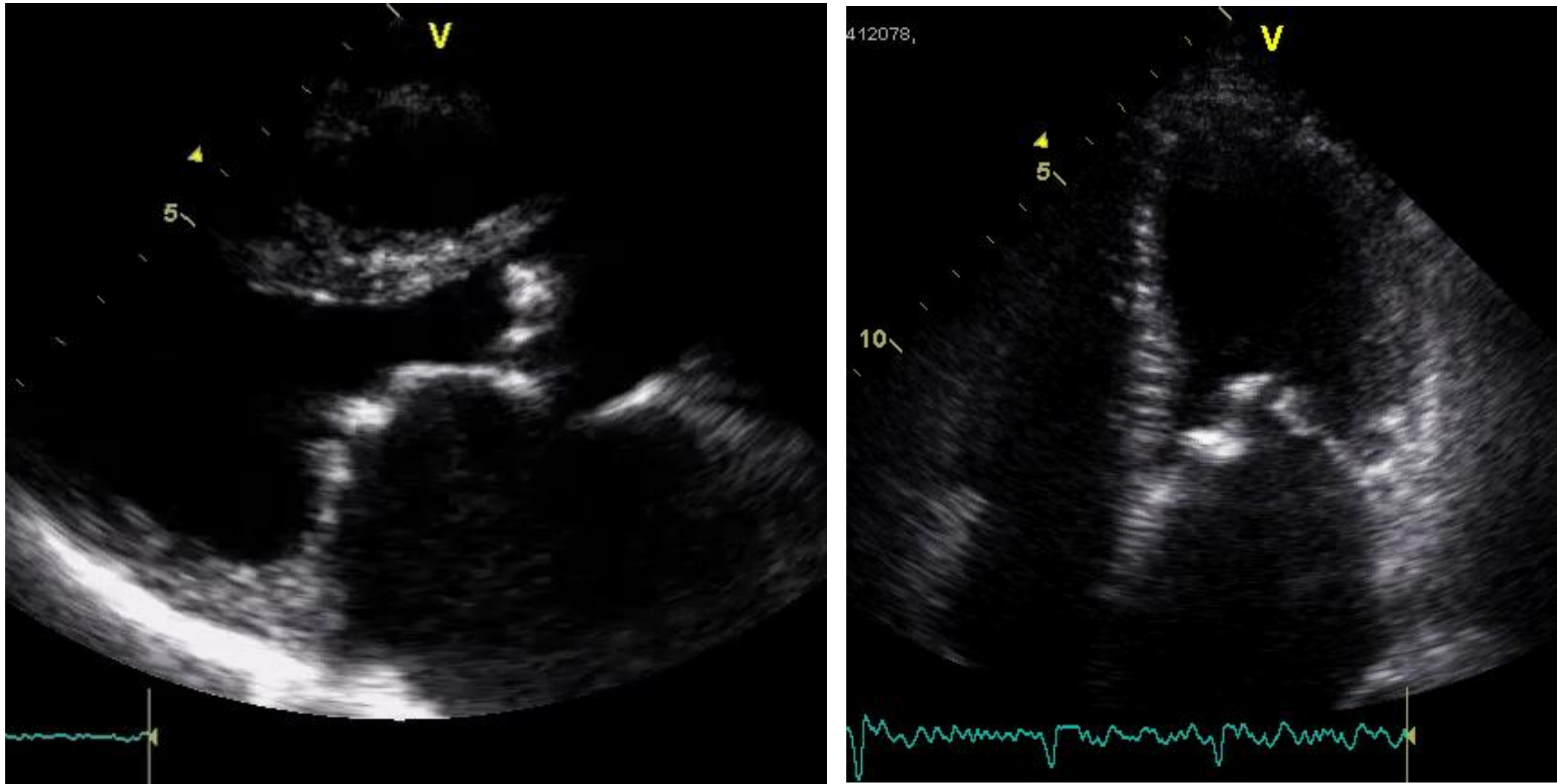
# Chronic post-rheumatic changes



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# Rheumatic mitral valve disease



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# PATHOPHYSIOLOGY



# Mitral stenosis - Pathophysiology

Pressure gradient LA → LV



↑ LA pressure → LA dilatation

→ Atrial fibrillation

→ LA thrombi – systemic emboli



Postcapillary pulmonary hypertension

→ Increased transudation

expansion of lymphatic drainage

capillary and small vessels remodeling



Combined pulmonary hypertension  
(TPG = PAMP - PCWP > 12 mmHg  
DPG = PAPD - PCWP > 7 mmHg)

→ Arteriolar vasoconstriction

→ Arteriolar remodeling

→ Fixed Cpc-PH



RV overload

→ RV failure

# ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY

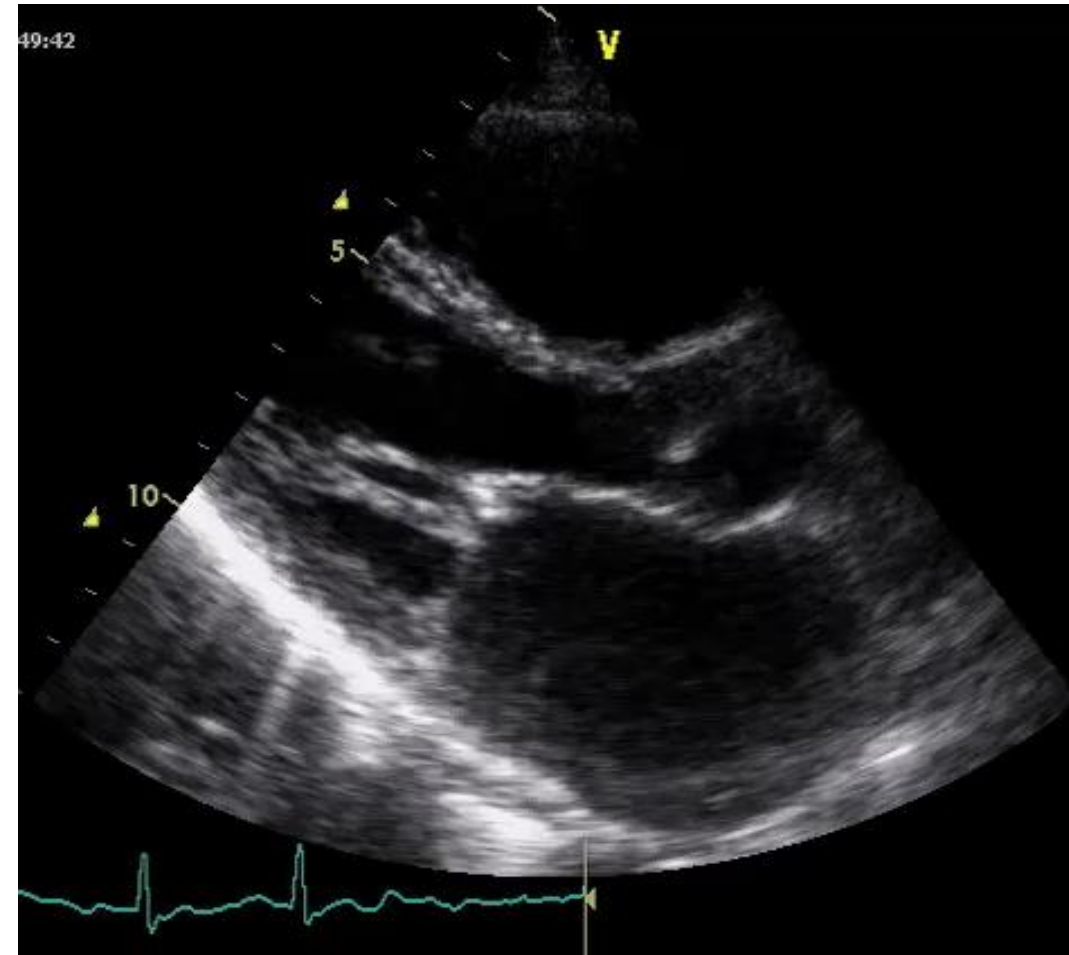
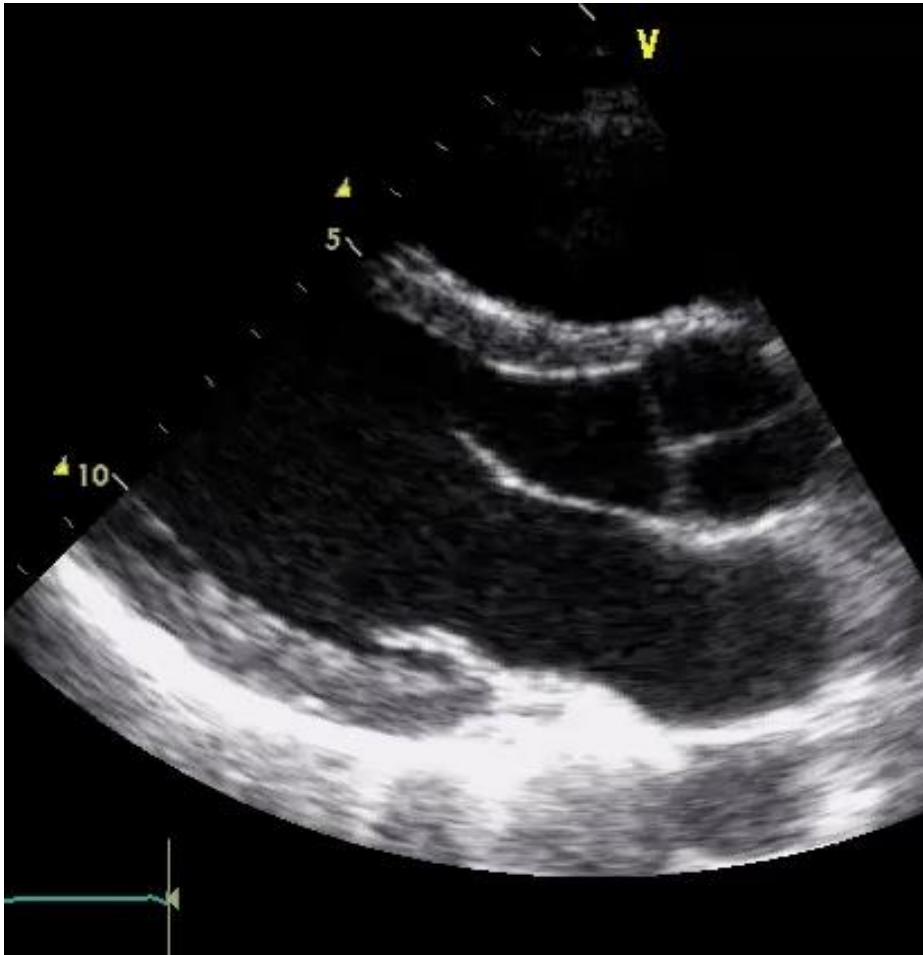




# Key questions in echocardiography of mitral valve stenosis

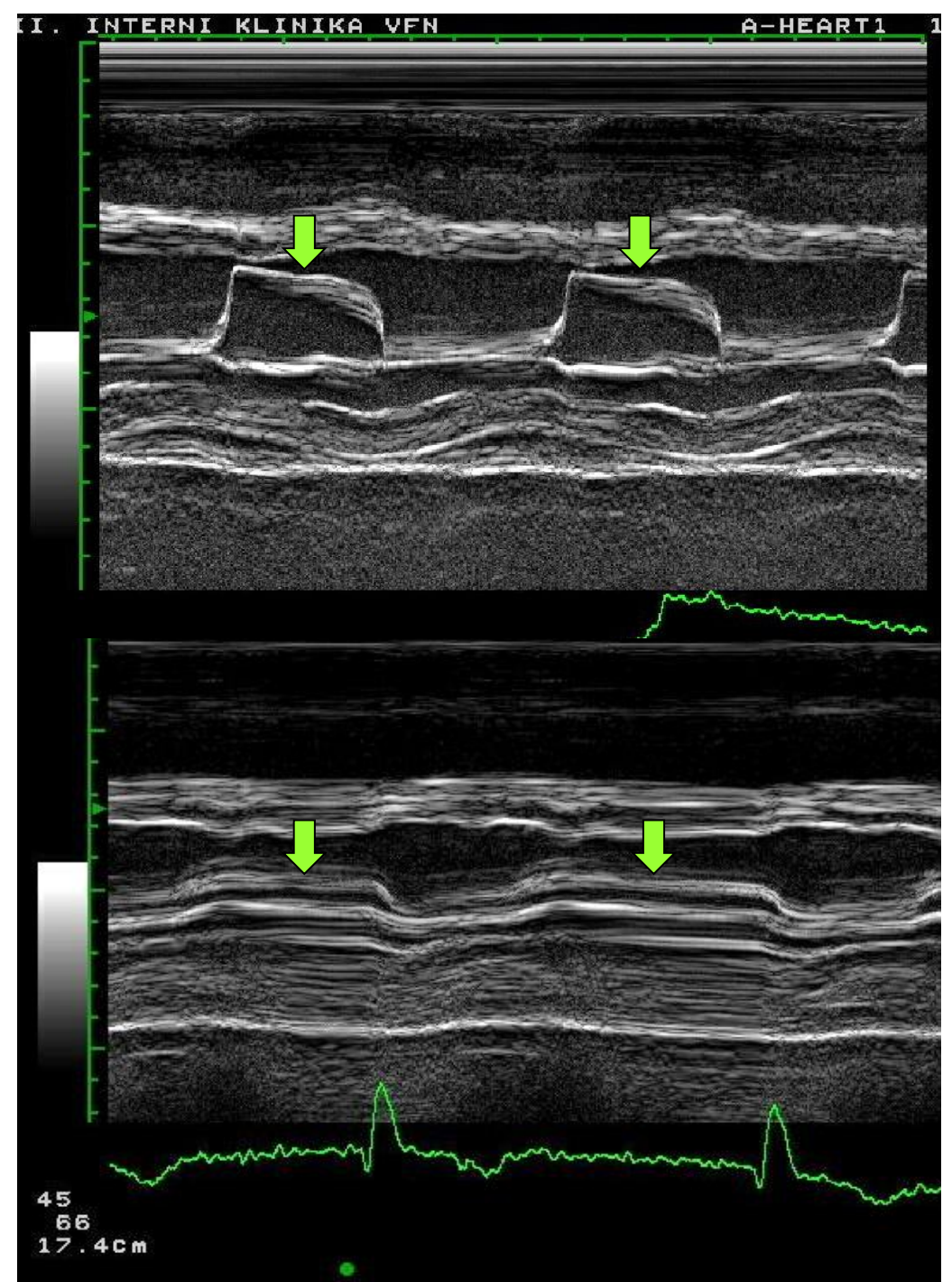
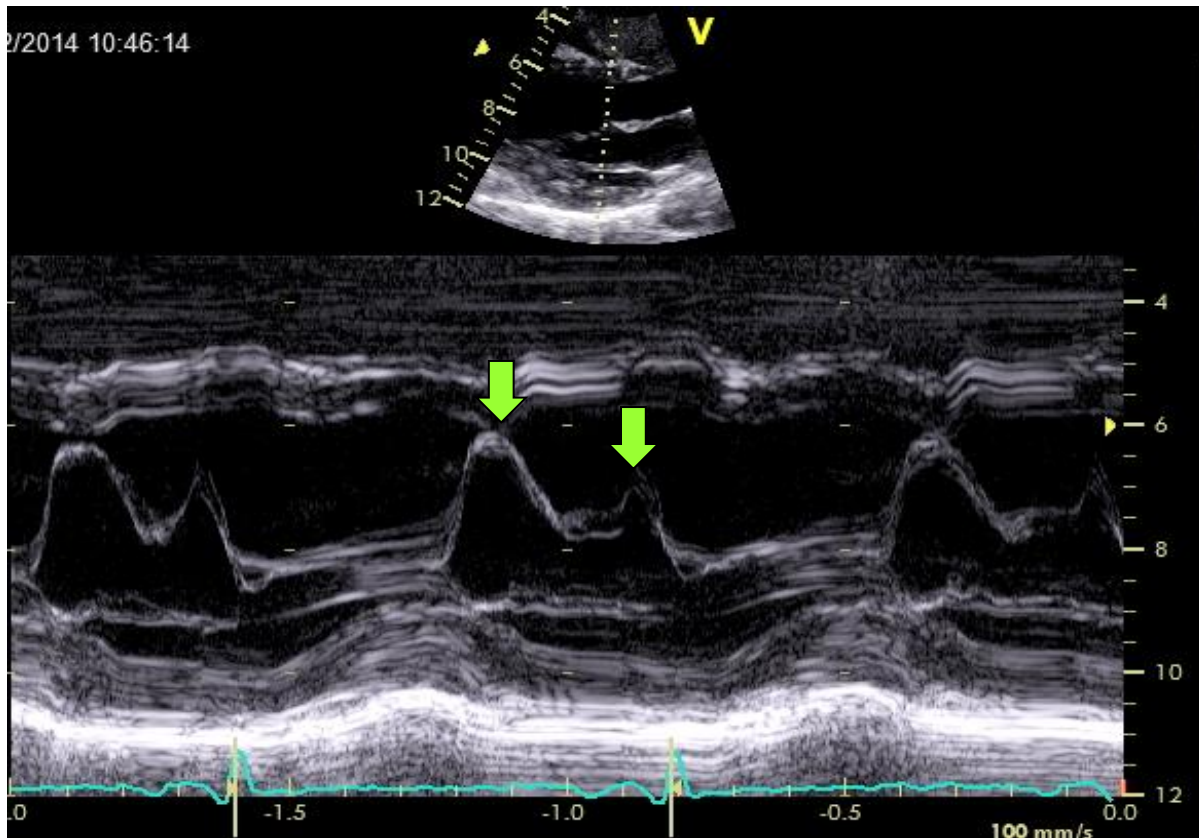
- **Is the stenosis present?**
- **How severe is the orifice narrowing?**
- **Would the stenosis be suitable for balloon valvuloplasty?**
- **Are there associated valvular lesions?**
- **What are hemodynamic consequences?**
- **Are there any other associated conditions?**

# Is mitral stenosis present?



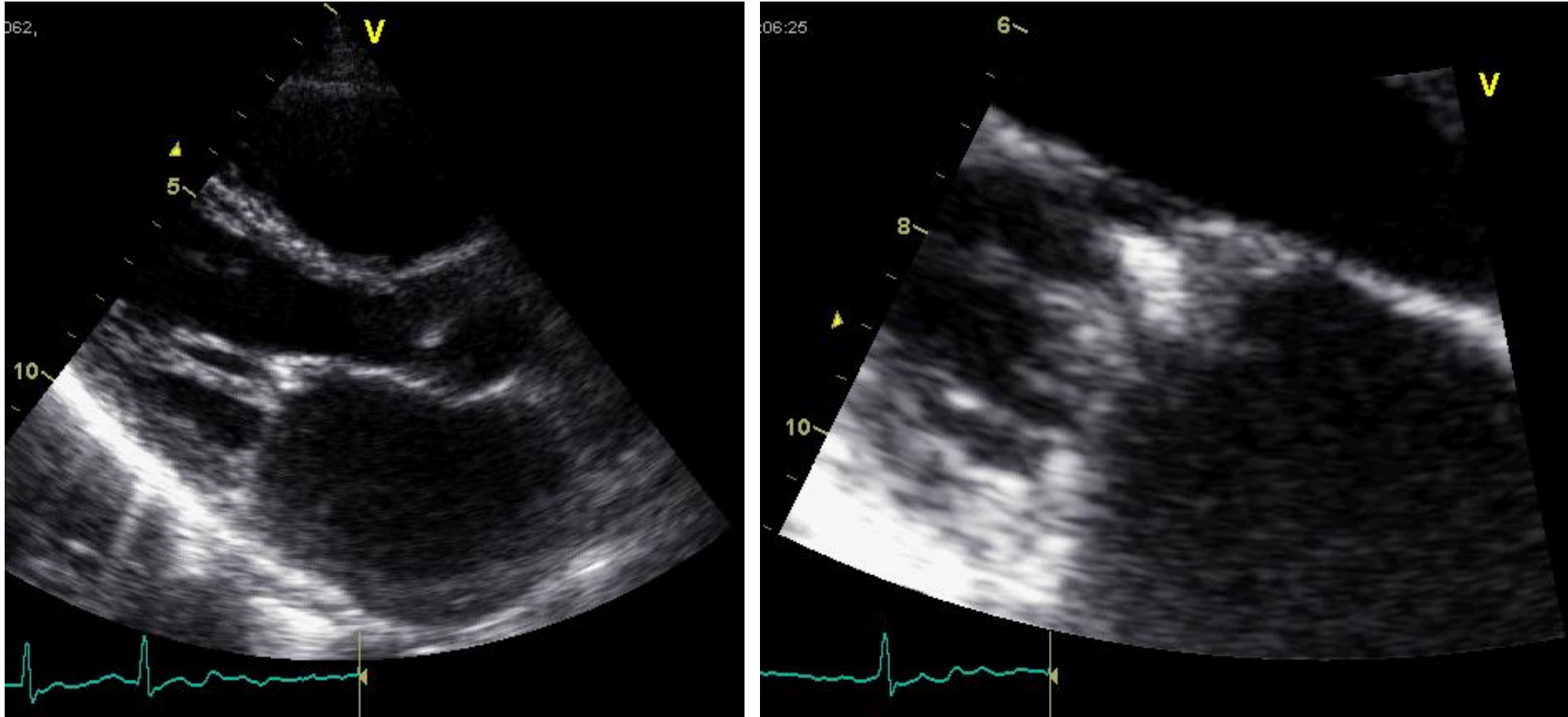
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# Mitral stenosis M-mode



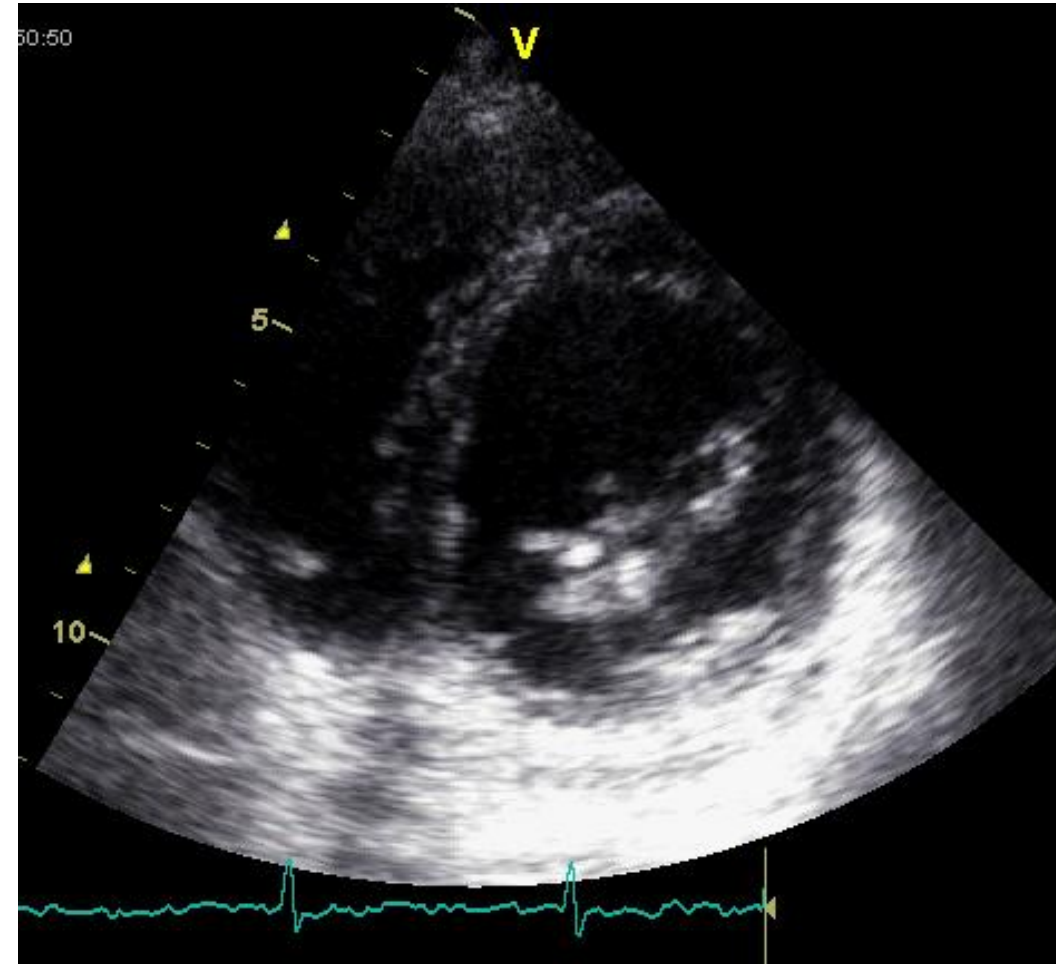
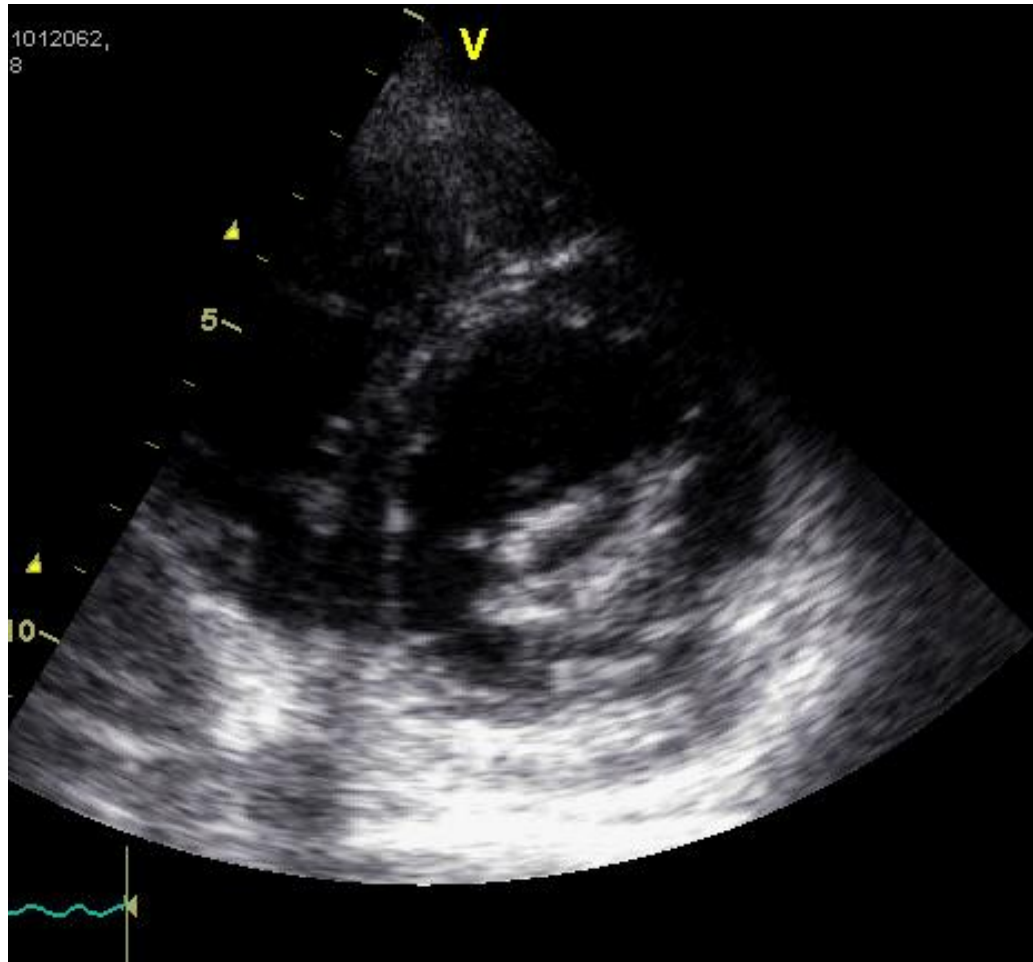
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# Mitral stenosis 2-D



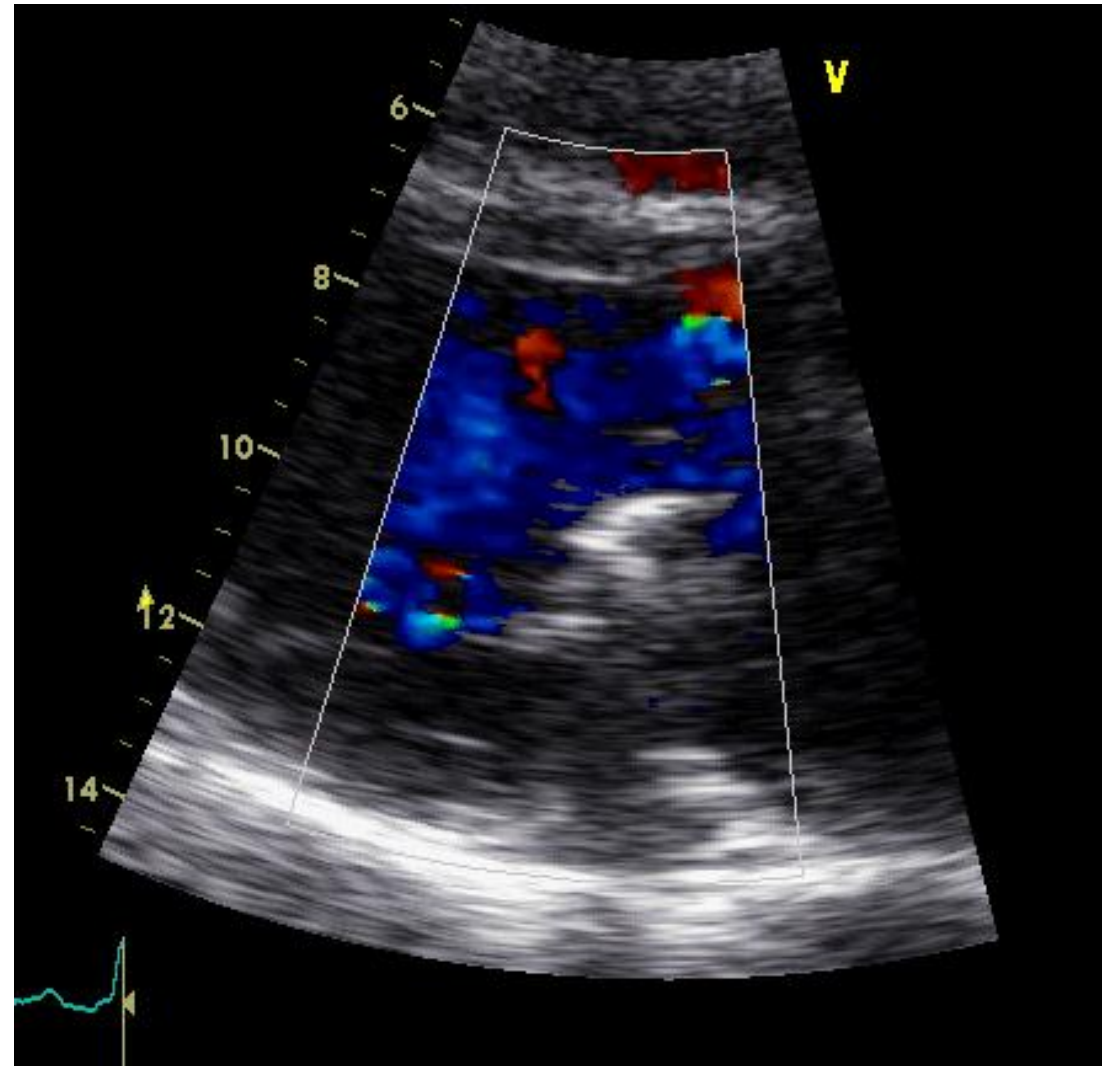
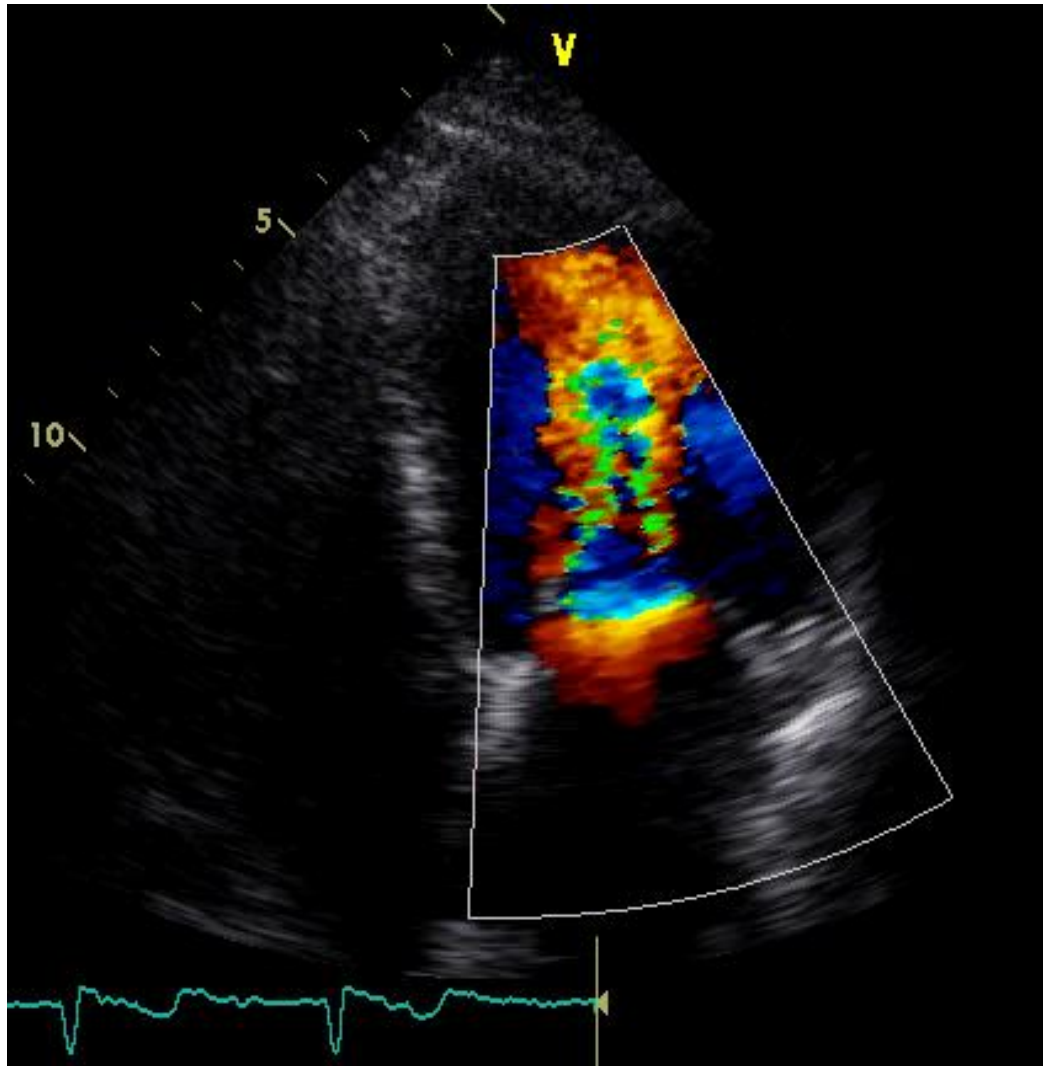
Fibrotic leaflet changes and calcifications  
Commissural fusion – doming / hockey shape of the anterior leaflet

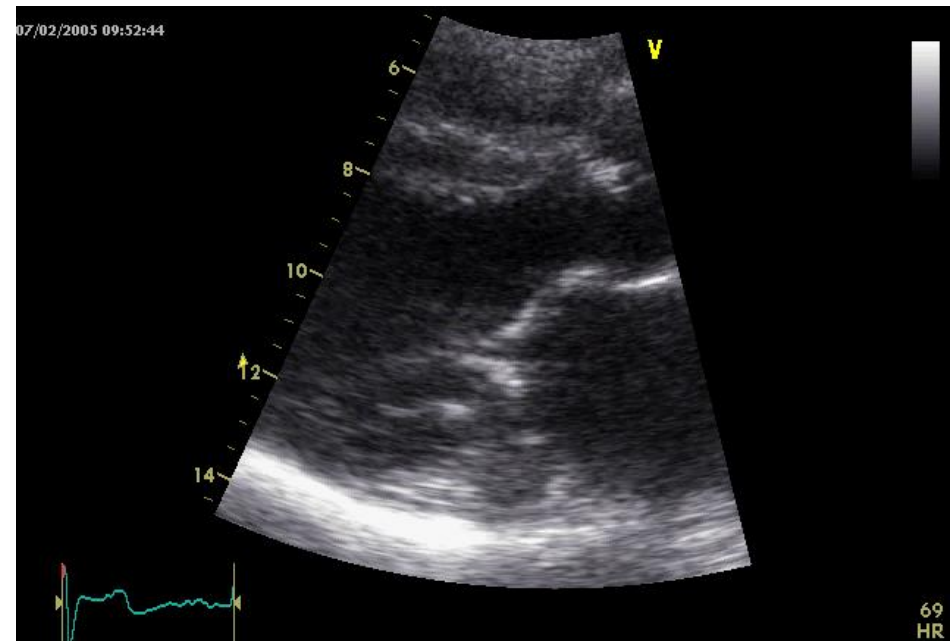
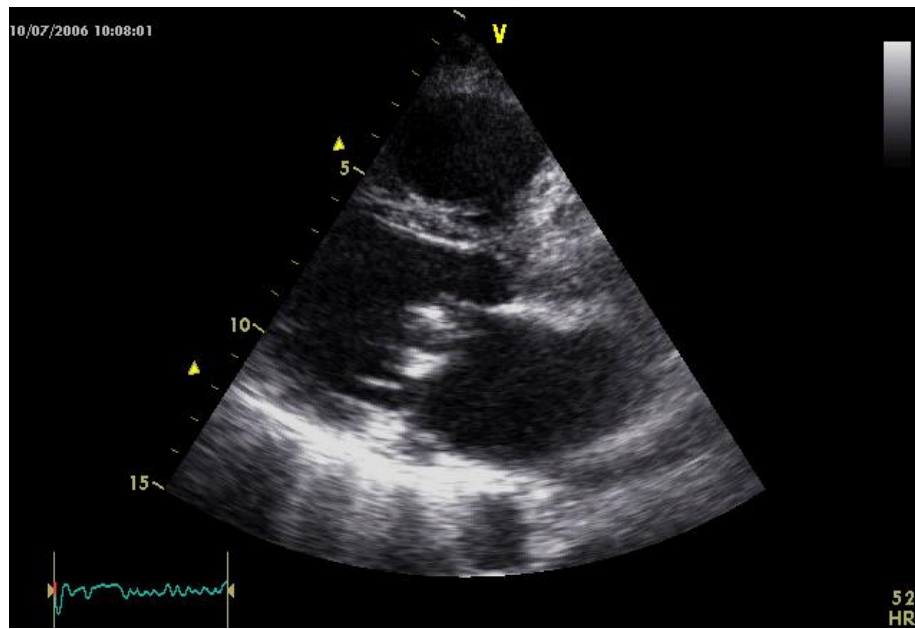
# Parasternal short axis view



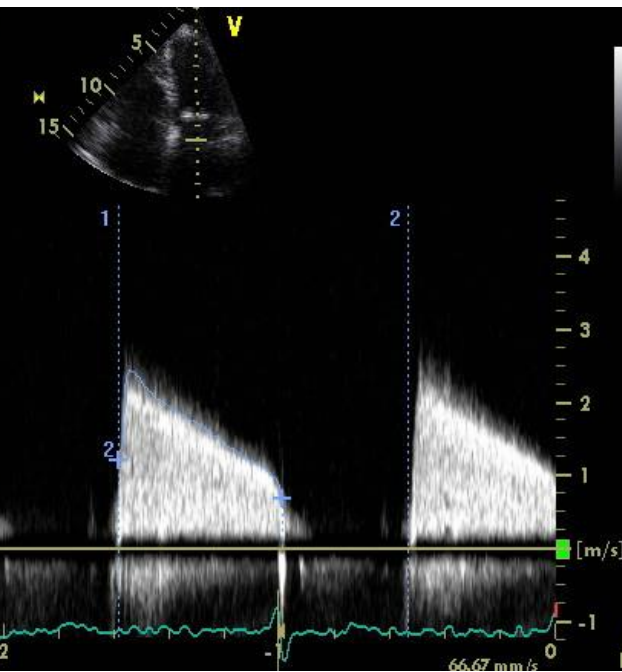
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# Color flow mapping

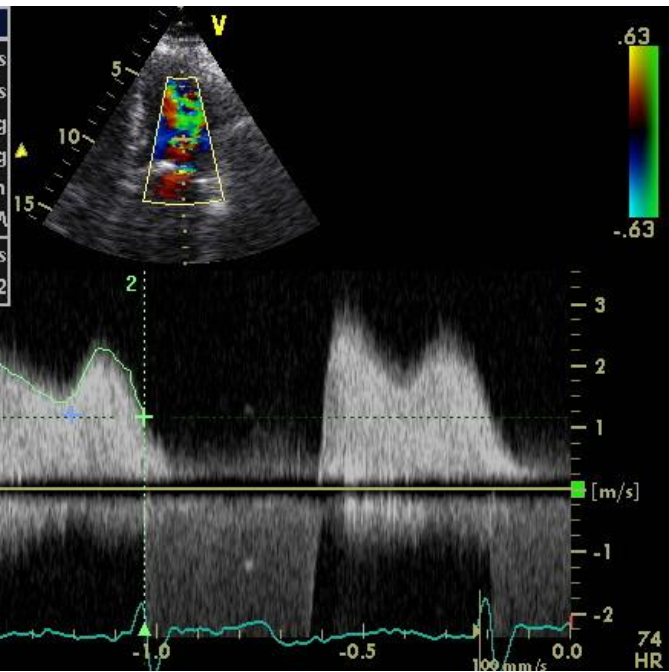




2 MV Vmax	2.45 m/s
MV Vmean	1.65 m/s
MV maxPG	24.07 mmHg
MV meanPG	10.85 mmHg
MV VTI	97.72 cm
HR	57.25 BPM
1 MV Vmax	2.07 m/s
MV Vmean	1.46 m/s
MV maxPG	17.21 mmHg
MV meanPG	8.50 mmHg
MV VTI	108.32 cm
HR	49.41 BPM



2 MV Vmax	2.50 m/s
MV Vmean	1.87 m/s
MV maxPG	25.06 mmHg
MV meanPG	14.02 mmHg
MV VTI	89.28 cm
HR	125.81 BPM
1 MV PHT	152.02 ms
MVA By PHT	1.45 cm <sup>2</sup>



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# QUANTIFICATION





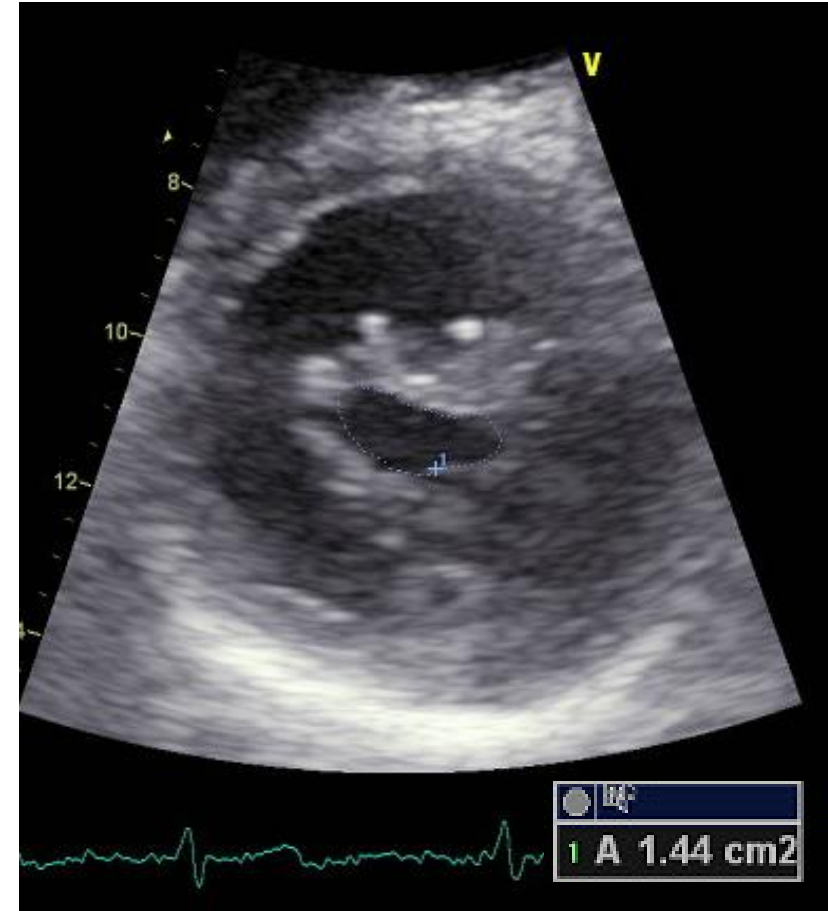
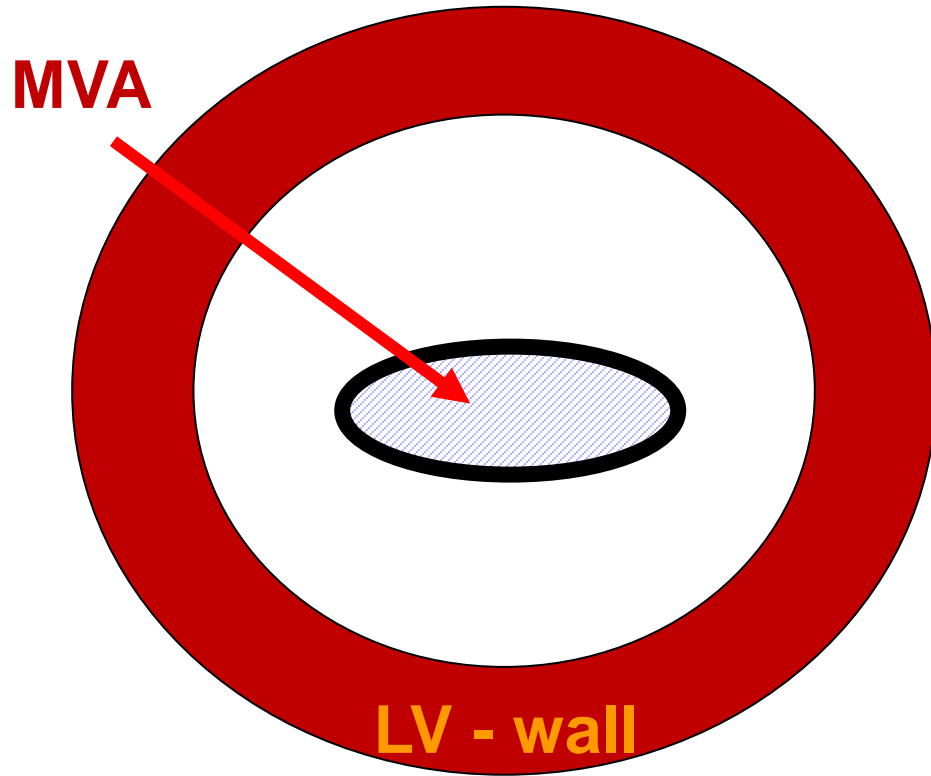
# Mitral stenosis quantification

Severity <sup>1</sup>	Mild	Moderate	Severe
MVA planim. (cm <sup>2</sup> )	>1,5	1,0-1,5	≤1
<b>Supportive findings:</b>			
Mean PG (mmHg)	< 5	5 – 10	> 10
PASP (mmHg)	< 30	30 – 50	> 50
MVAi (cm <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>2</sup>	1,0-1,5	0,6-1,0	< 0,6

1) Eur J Echocardiogr 2009;10:1-25

2) Cor Vasa 2007;49(7-8):Kardio

# MVA planimetry – parasternal short axis

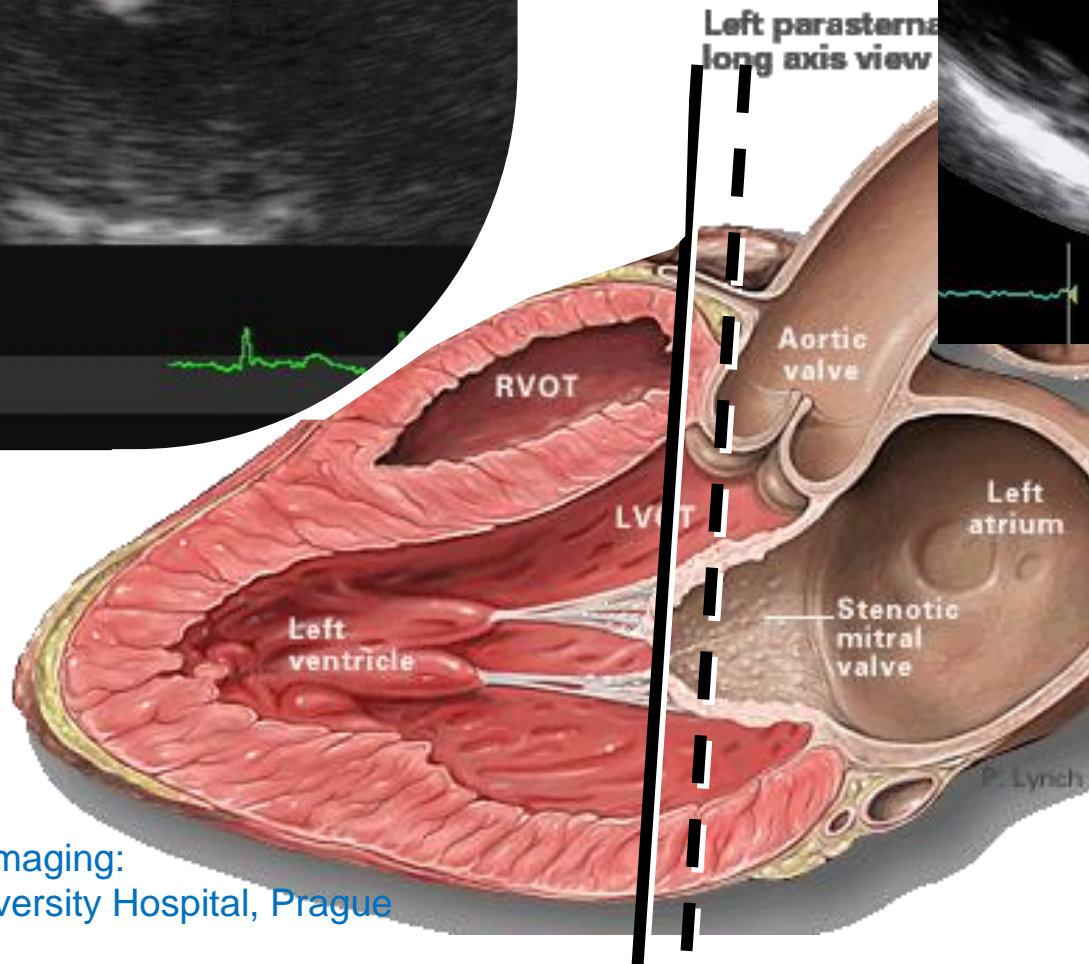
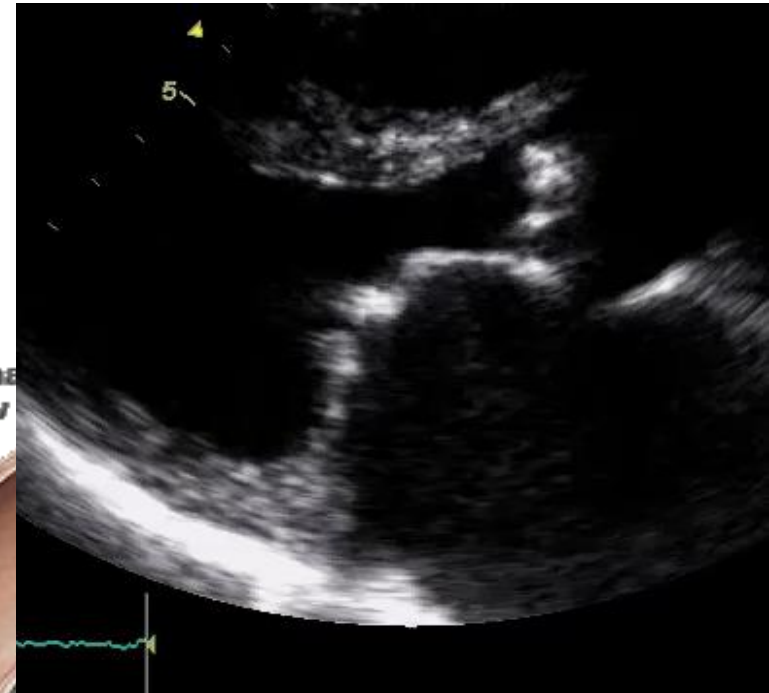
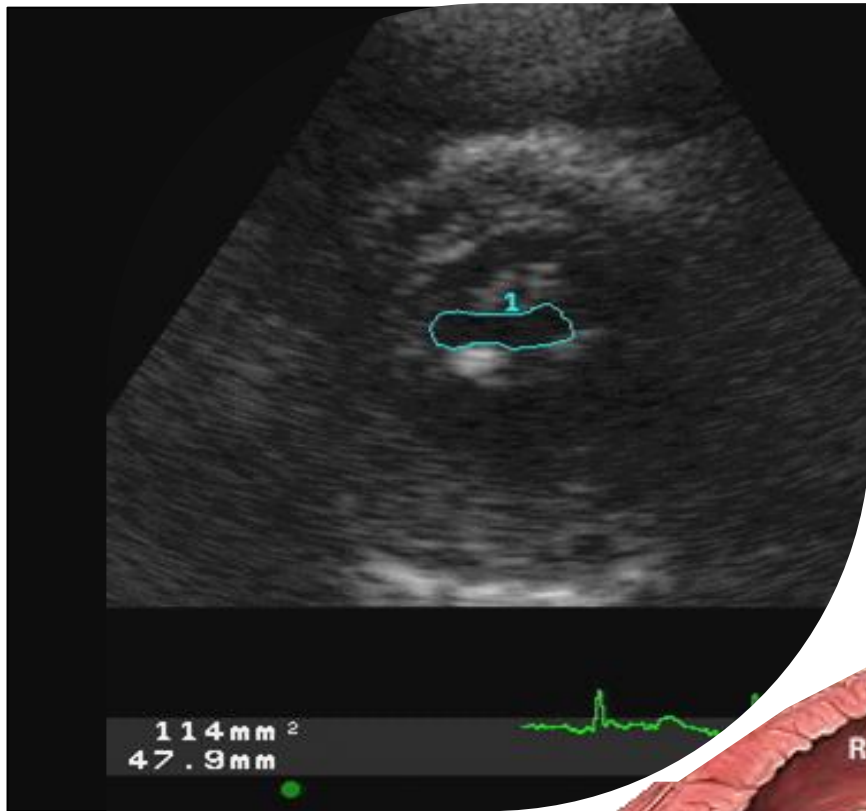


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# MVA planimetry – the use of zoom



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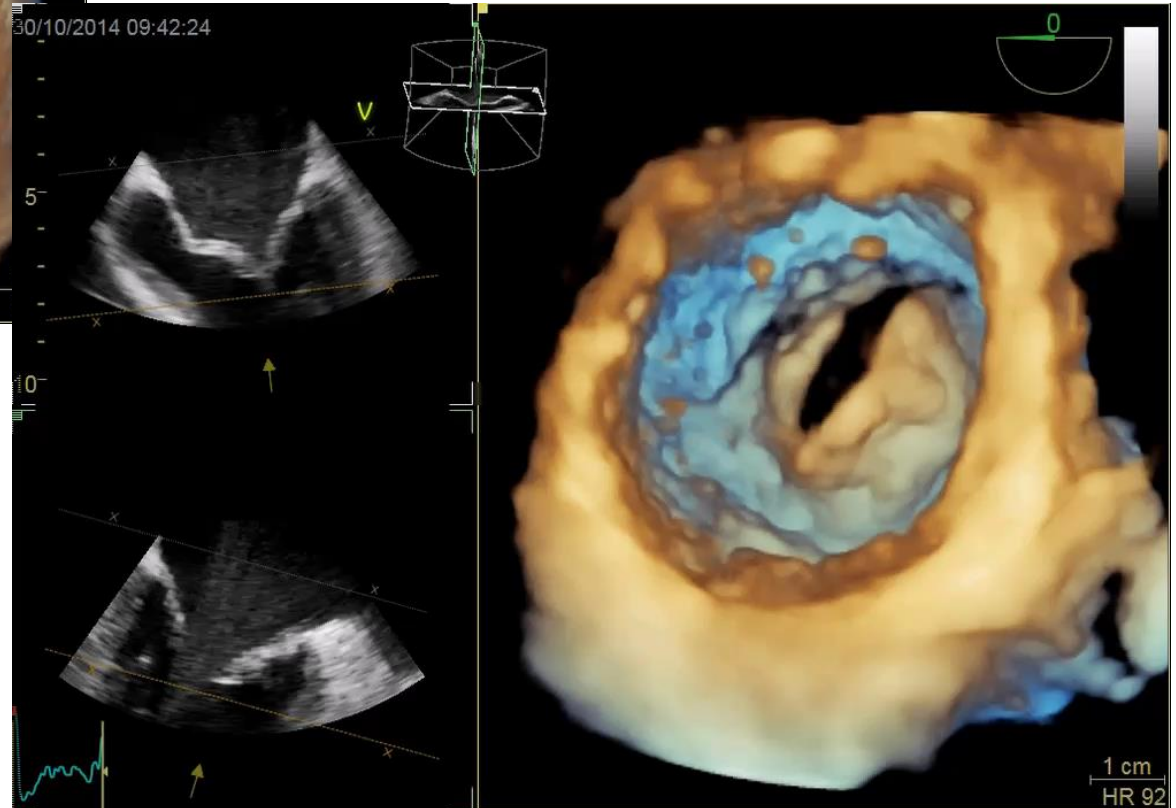
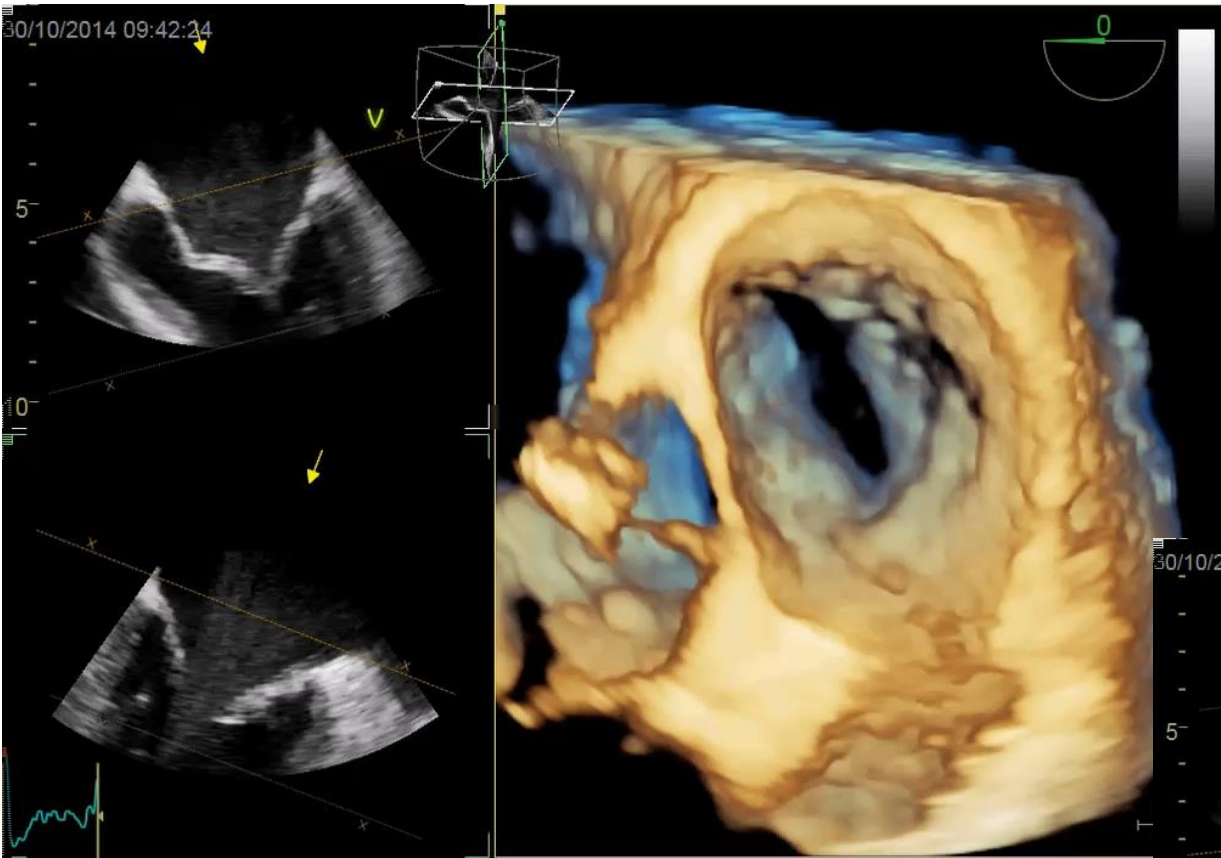
## Main pitfalls of MVA planimetry

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Yale Atlas of Echocardiography



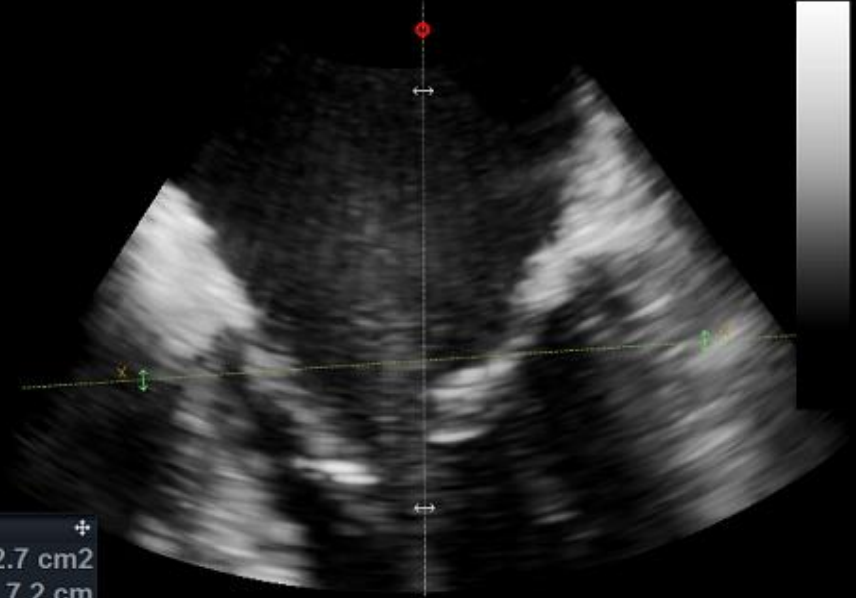
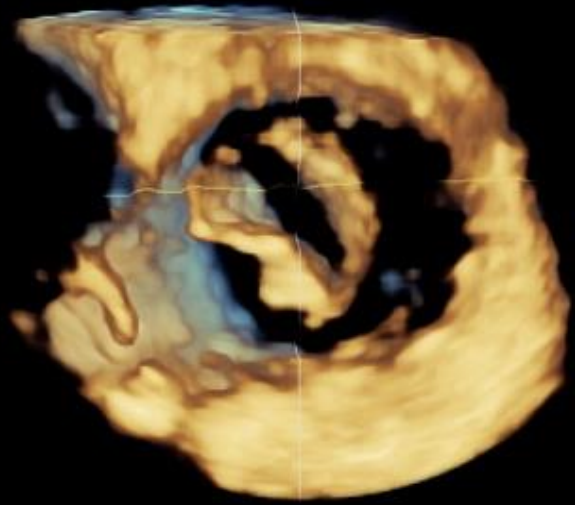
# 3D echo visualization



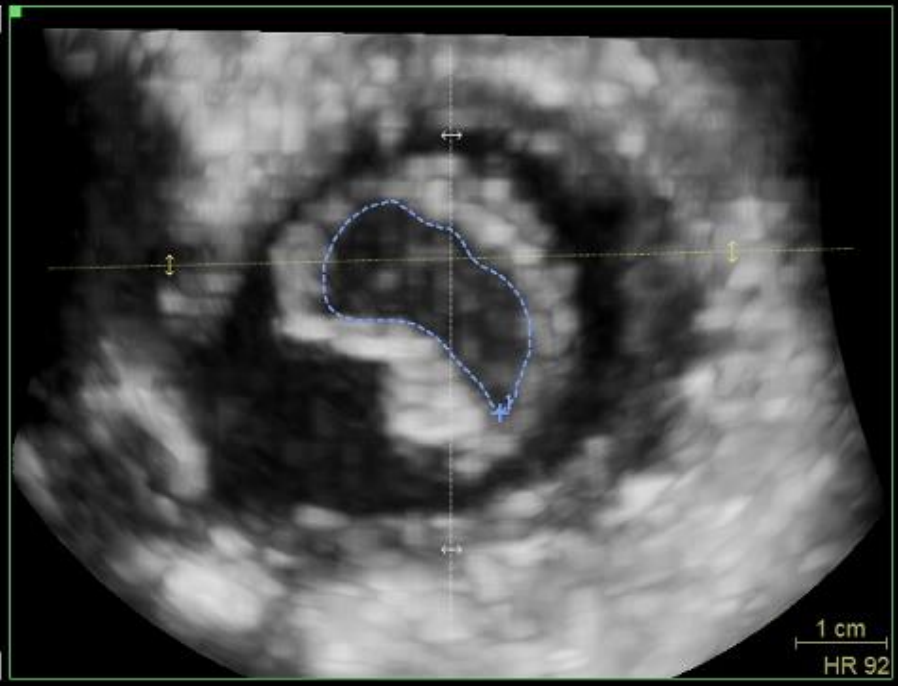
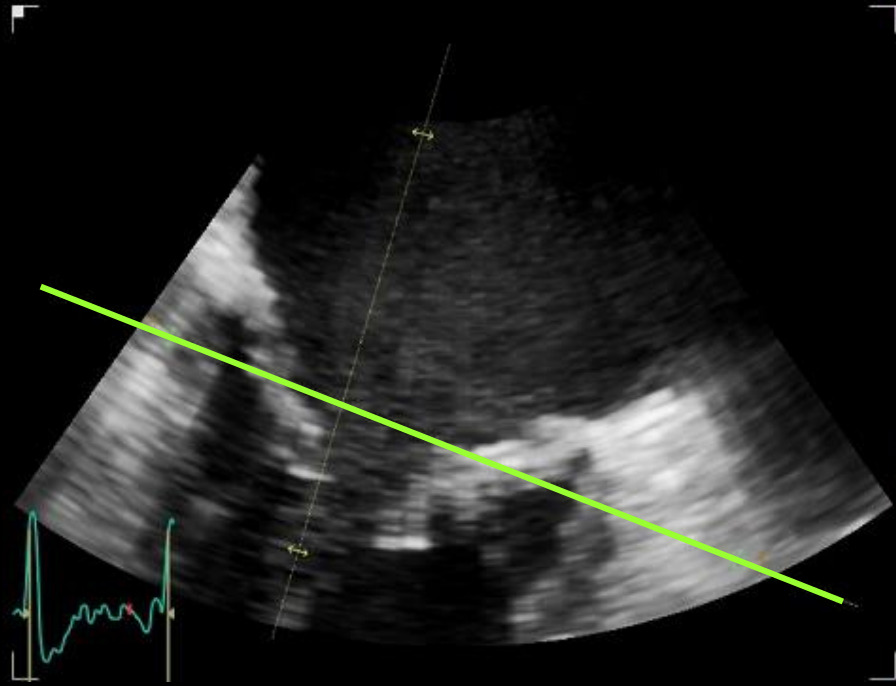
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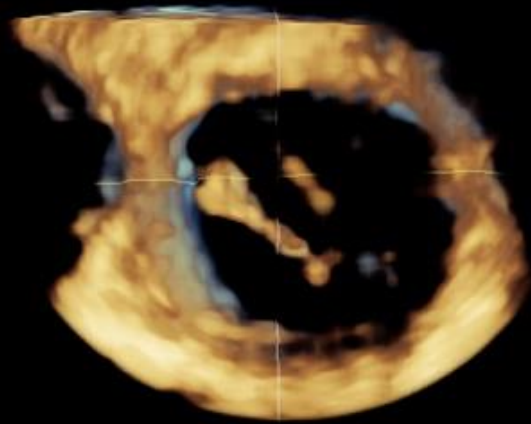


1 A 2.7 cm<sup>2</sup>  
C 7.2 cm

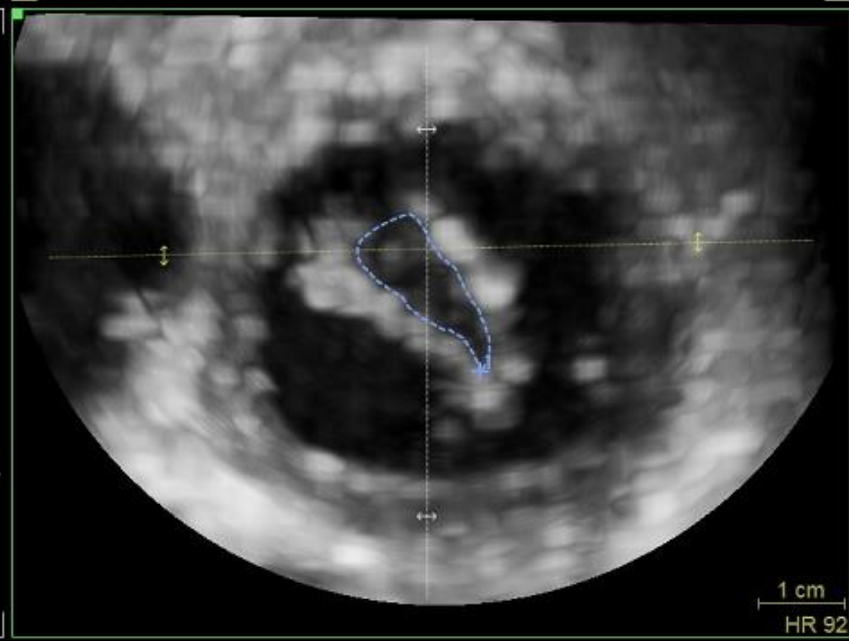
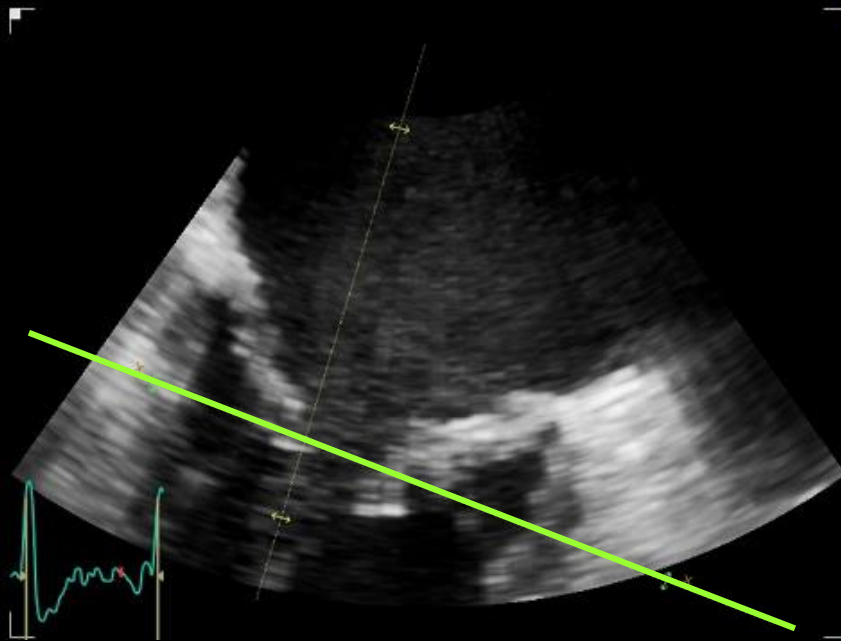


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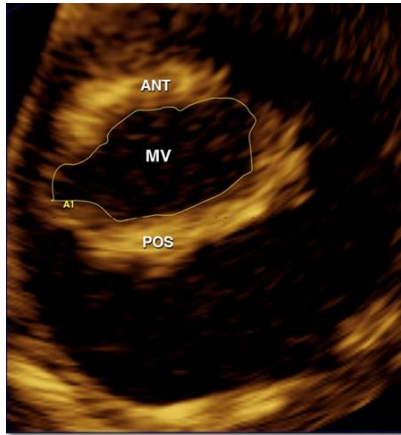
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1 A 1.2 cm<sup>2</sup>  
C 5.1 cm



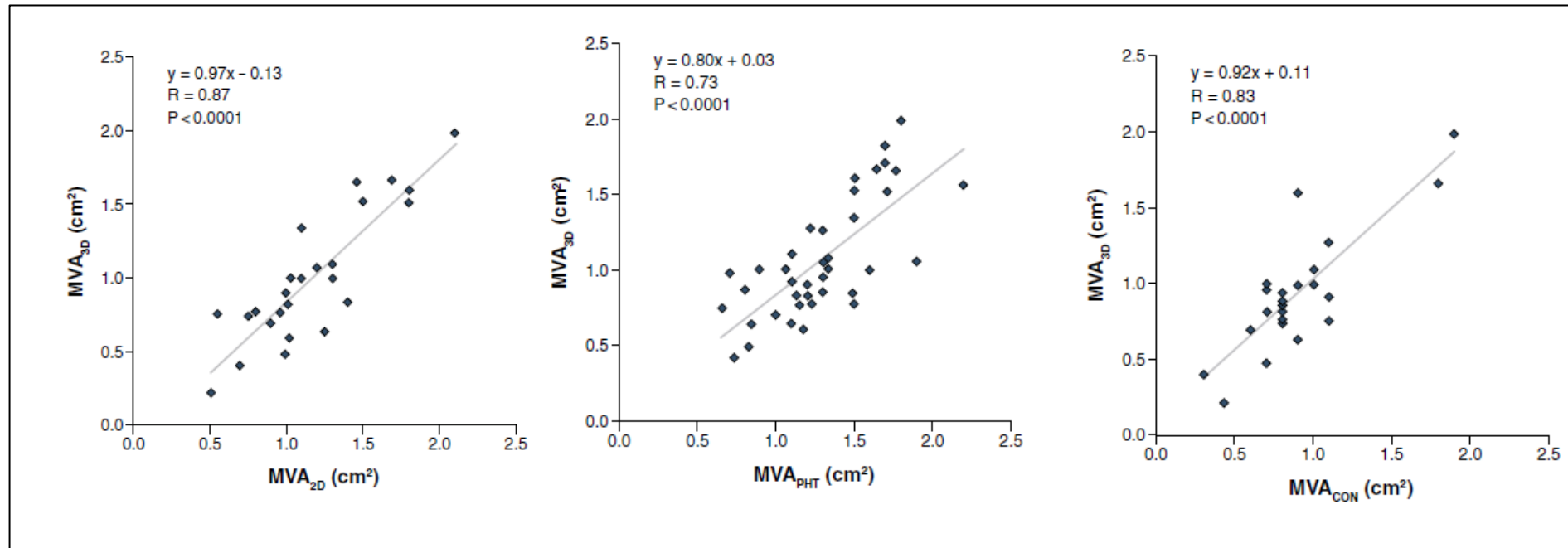
# Comparison of 3D echocardiography to other methods



2D planimetry

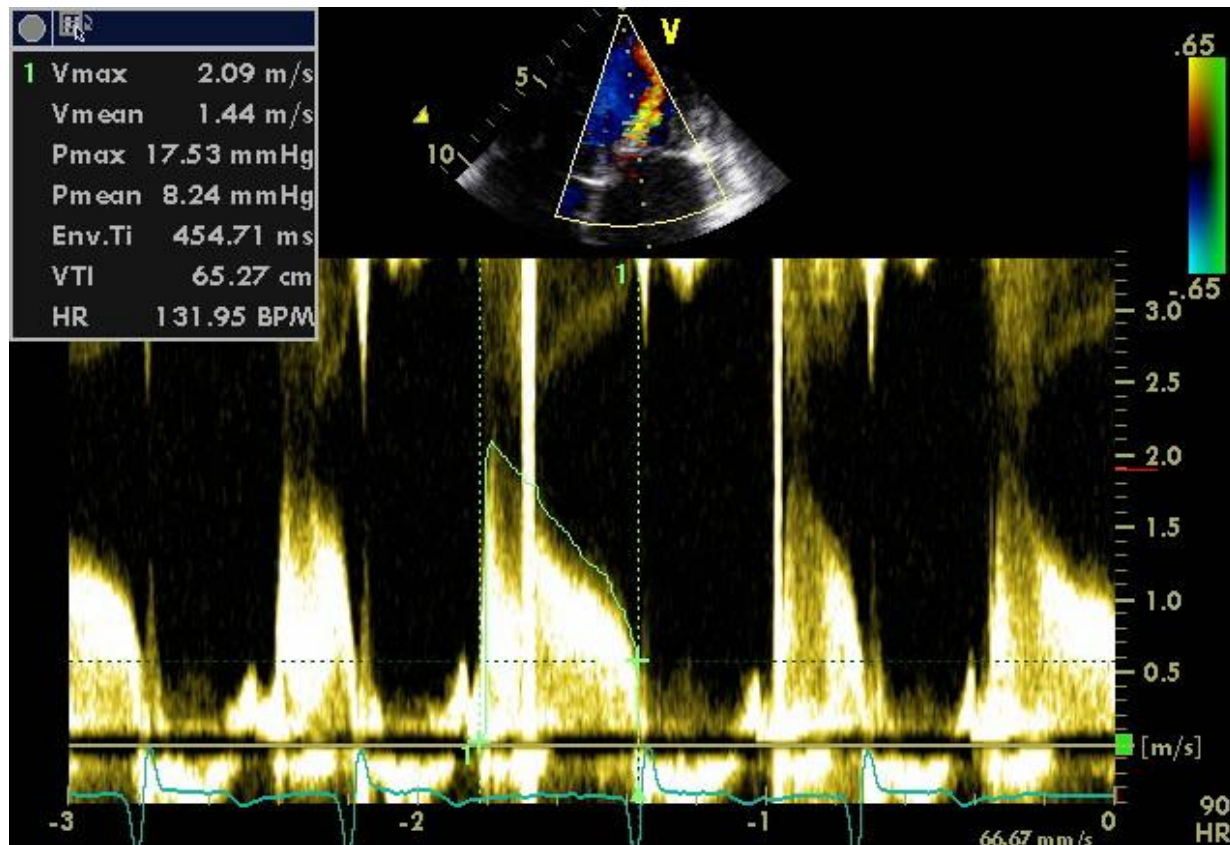
Pressure half-time

Continuity equation





# Doppler – peak and mean pressure gradients



## Peak - diastolic PG

Normal : < 2 mmHg  
Mild MS : 2 – 7 mmHg  
Moderate MS: 7 -15 mmHg  
Severe MS : >15 mmHg

## Mean PG

Mild MS : < 5 mmHg  
Moderate MS : 5 – 10 mm Hg  
Severe MS : > 10 mm Hg

Popelová et al. Cor Vasa 2007;49(7.8):Kardio  
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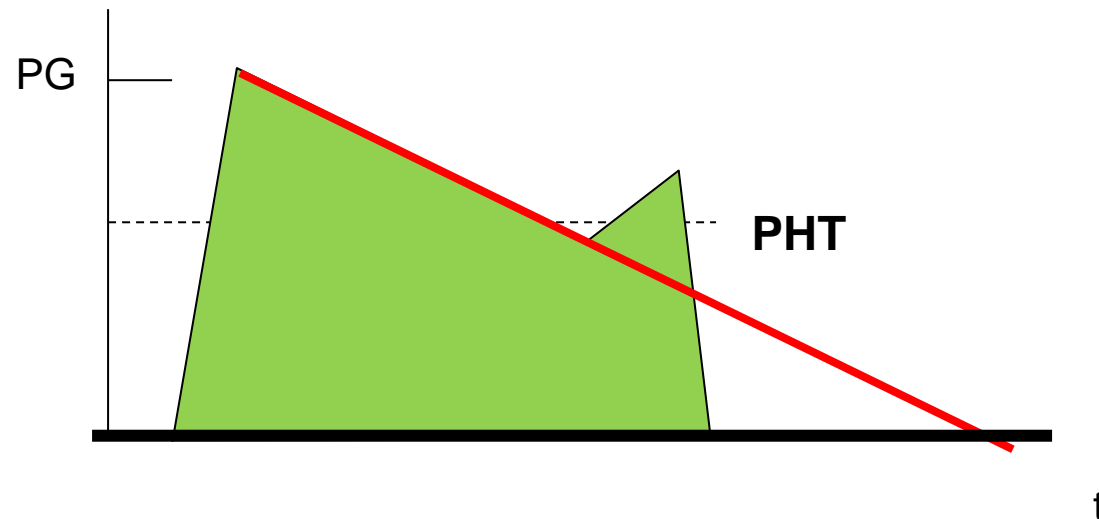
# Doppler quantification

## Pressure half-time method

- Doppler  $\Rightarrow$  flow velocity
- Velocity  $\Rightarrow$  pressure gradient (Bernoulli) ( $PG=4v^2$ )
- Half-time of pressure decay (PHT)  $\Rightarrow$  slower in smaller orifices

$$MVA = 220 / PHT$$

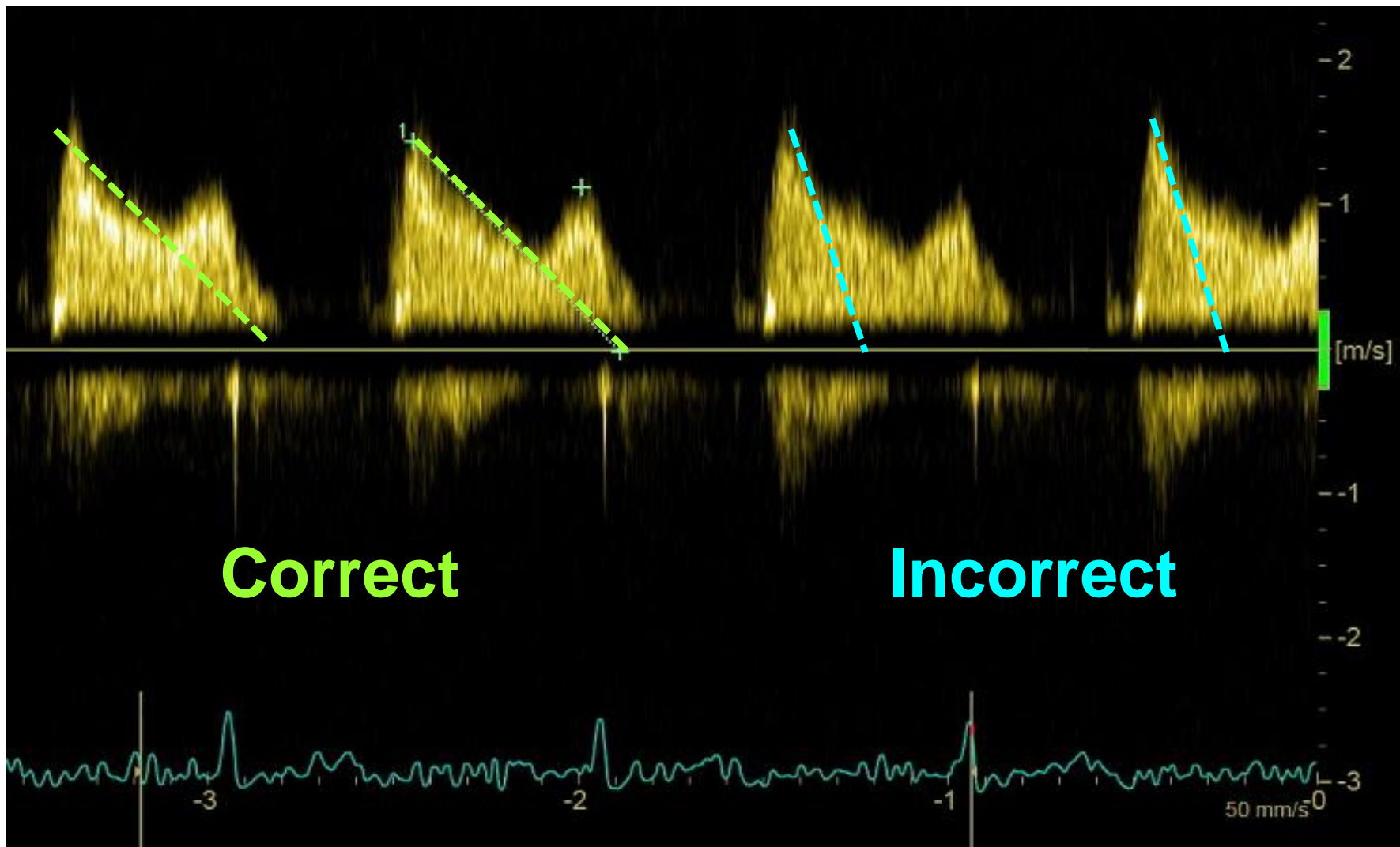
( $r = 0.87$ )



# Doppler quantification - PHT measurement



# The correct way of PHT measurement

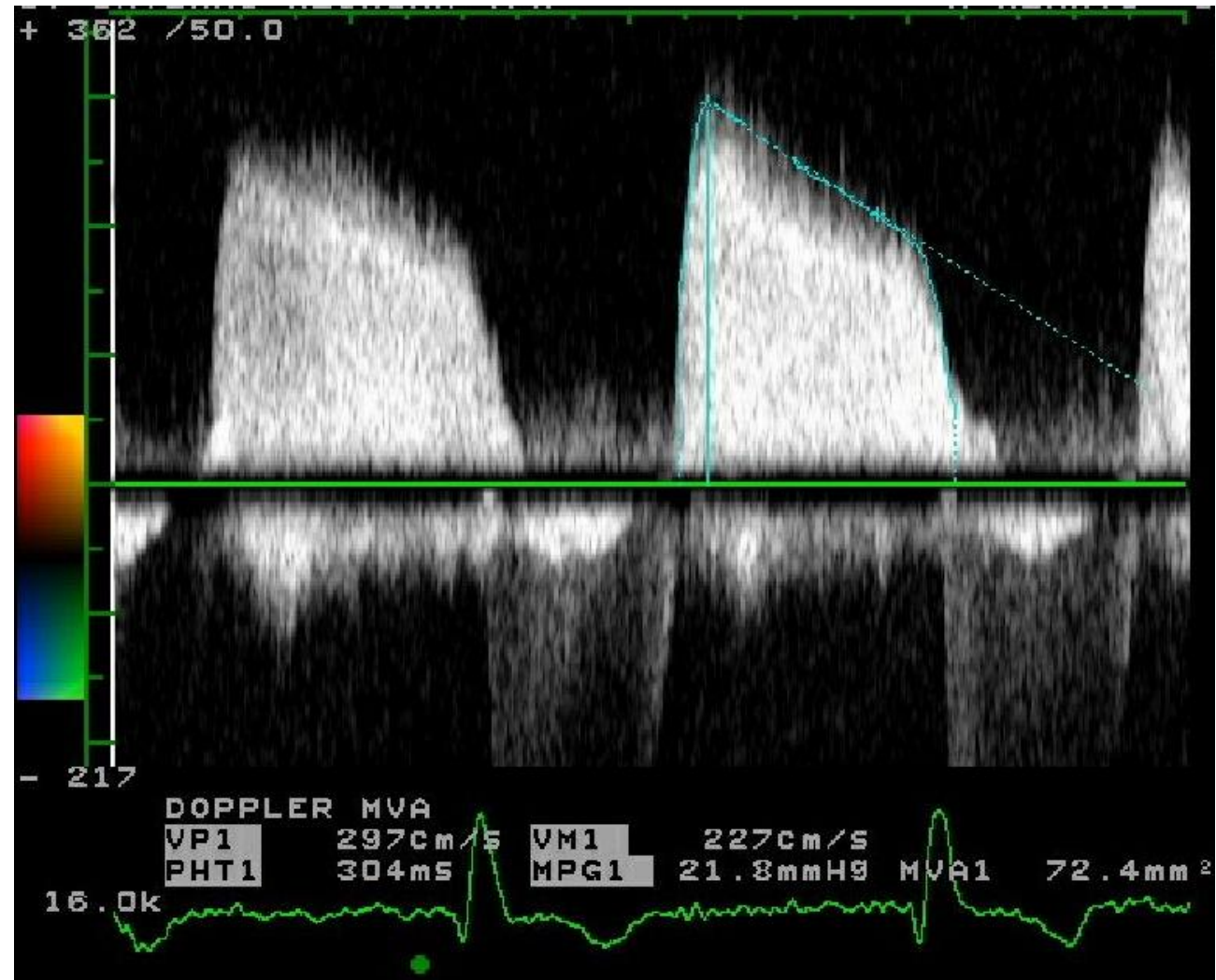


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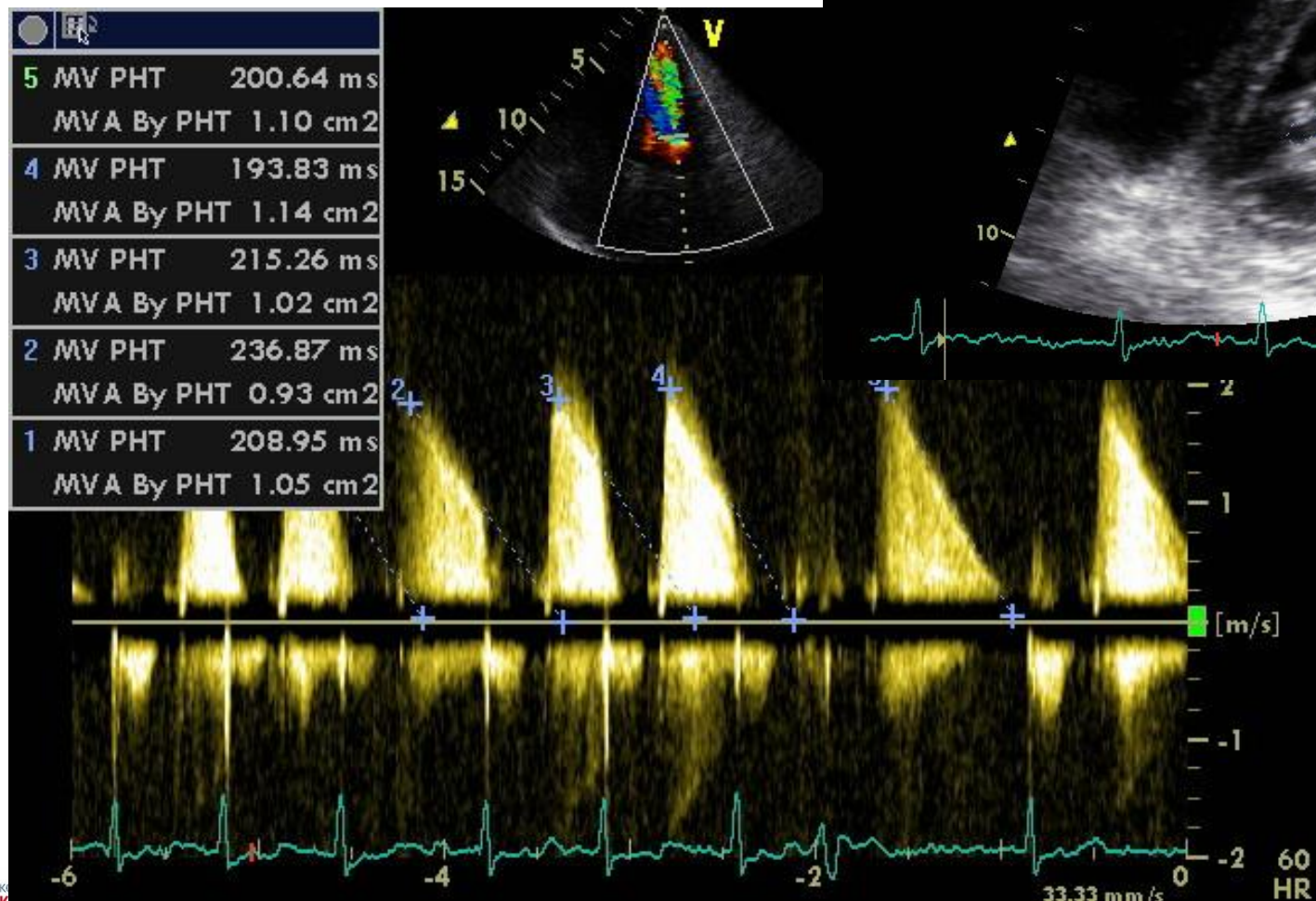
# PHT in atrial fibrillation and in sinus rhythm



# PHT in atrial fibrillation and in sinus rhythm



# PHT in atrial fibrillation



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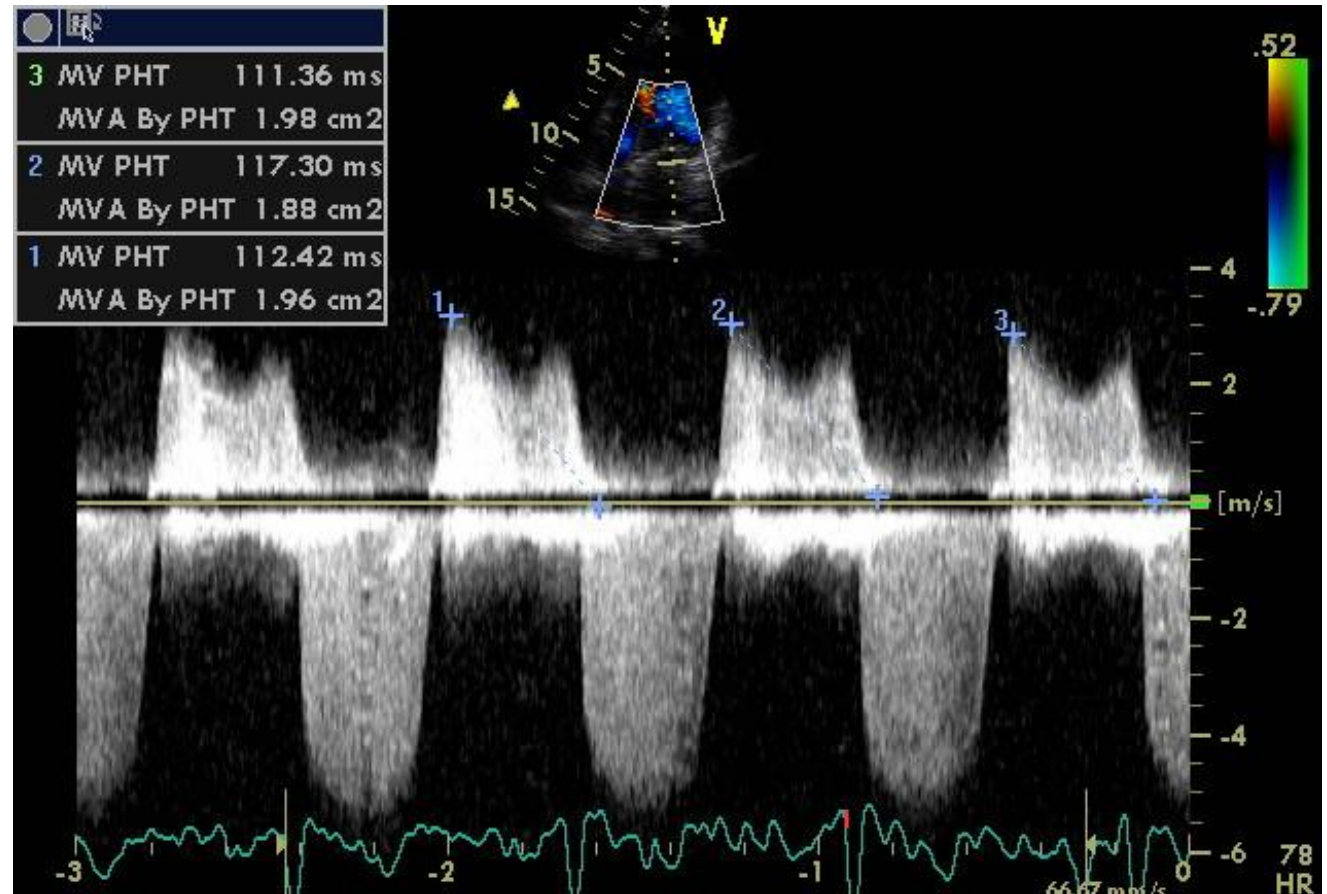


# PHT in patients with mitral regurgitation

PHT correlates with MVA well even in presence of MR, however.....

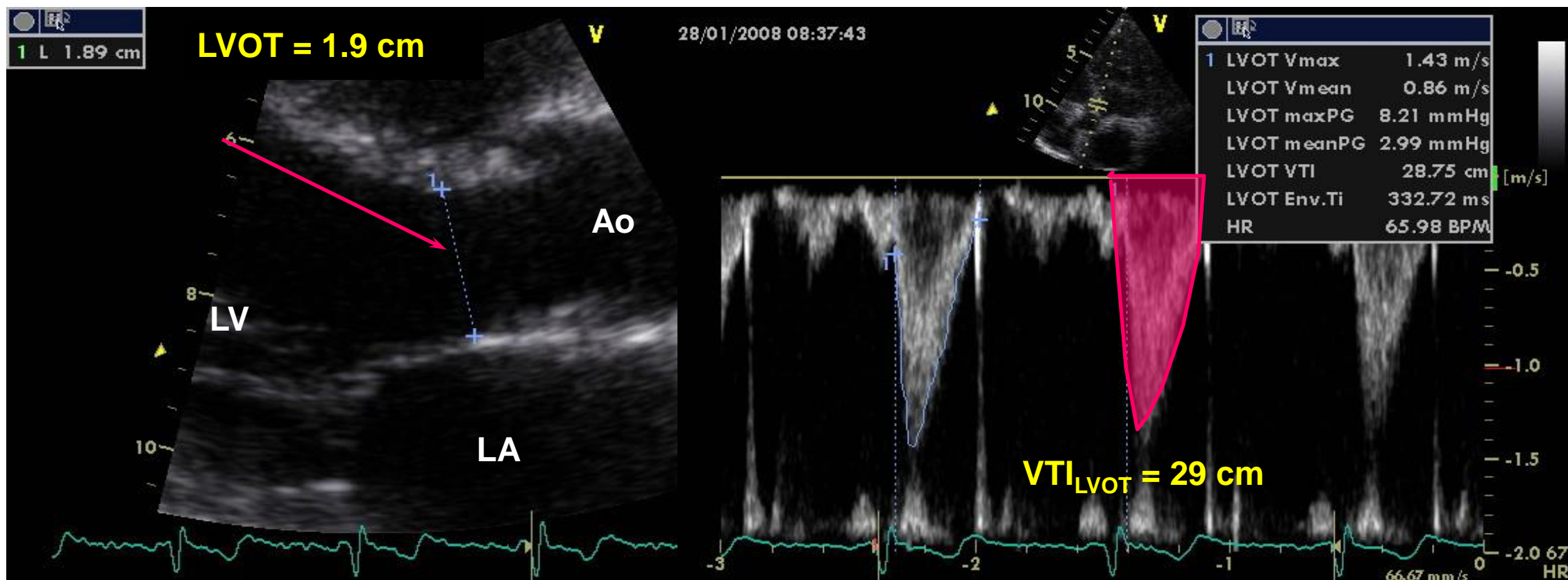
Underestimates the MVA by > 20%  
- in small MR in 17% patients  
- in mild to moderate MR in 35% pts

Immediately after PBMV  
- irrelevant



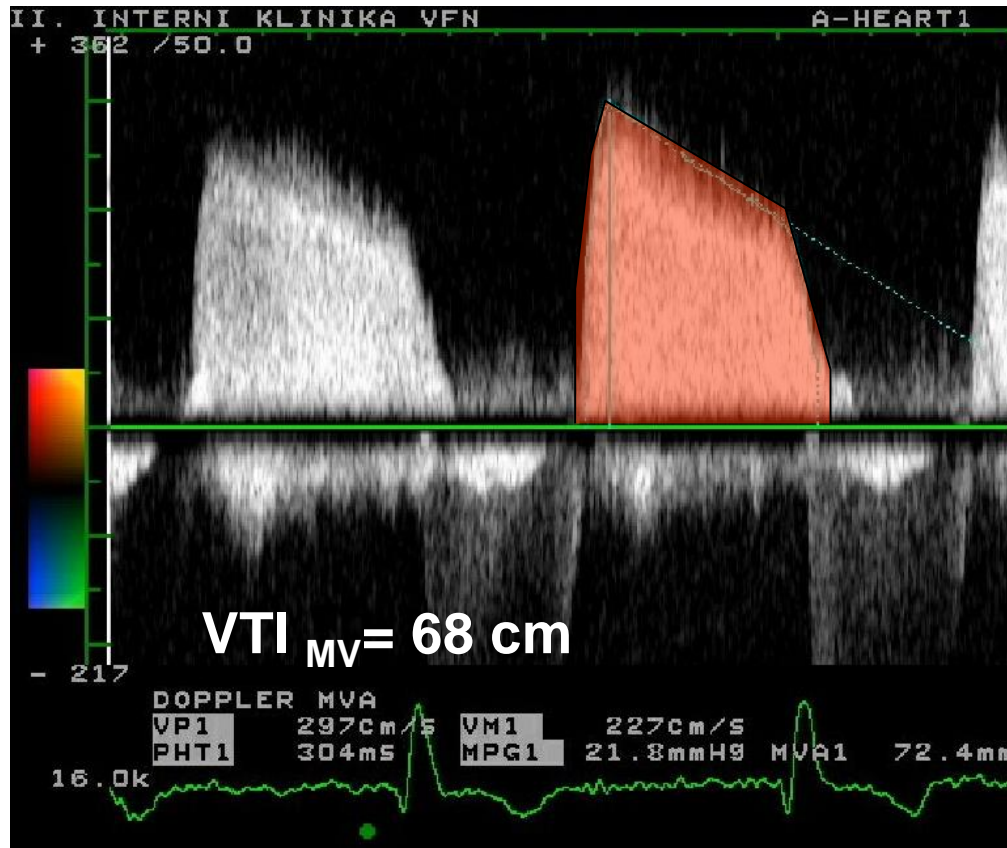


# MVA – Continuity equation – Step 1.



$$\text{Stroke volume} = \pi \cdot \frac{\text{LVOT}^2}{4} \cdot \text{VTI}_{\text{LVOT}}$$

# MVA – Continuity equation – Step 2.



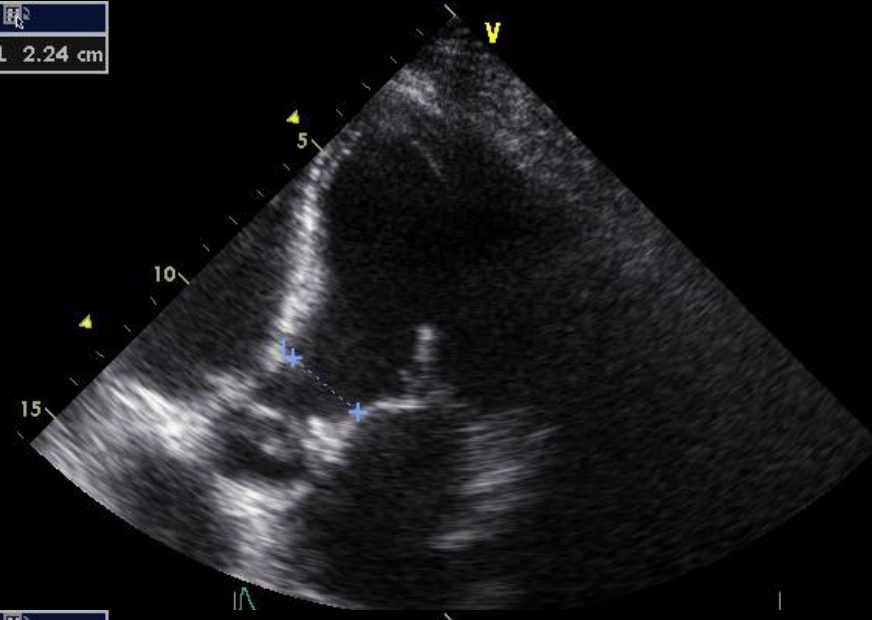
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$$\text{MVA} = \frac{\pi \cdot \frac{\text{LVOT}^2}{4} \cdot \text{VTI}_{\text{LVOT}}}{\text{VTI}_{\text{MV}}}$$

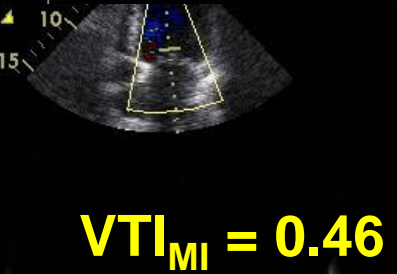
1 LVOT Vmax	0.95 m/s
LVOT Vmean	0.71 m/s
LVOT maxPG	3.63 mmHg
LVOT meanPG	2.01 mmHg
LVOT VTI	23.05 cm
LVOT Env.Ti	325.32 ms
HR	71.18 BPM



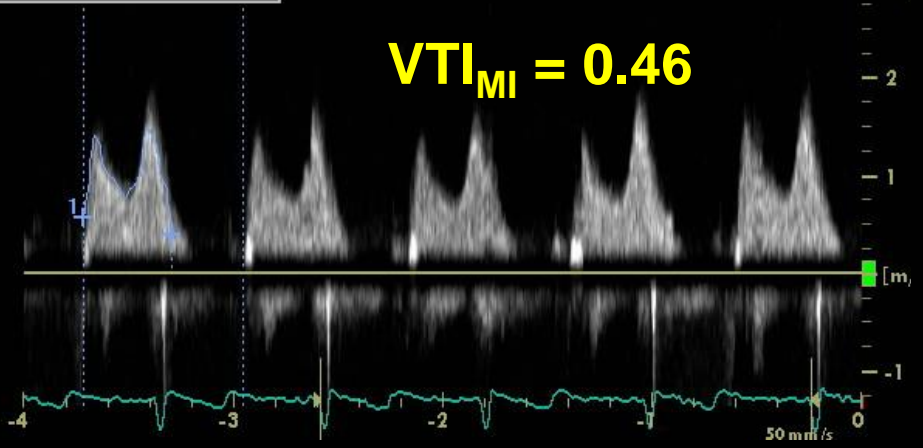
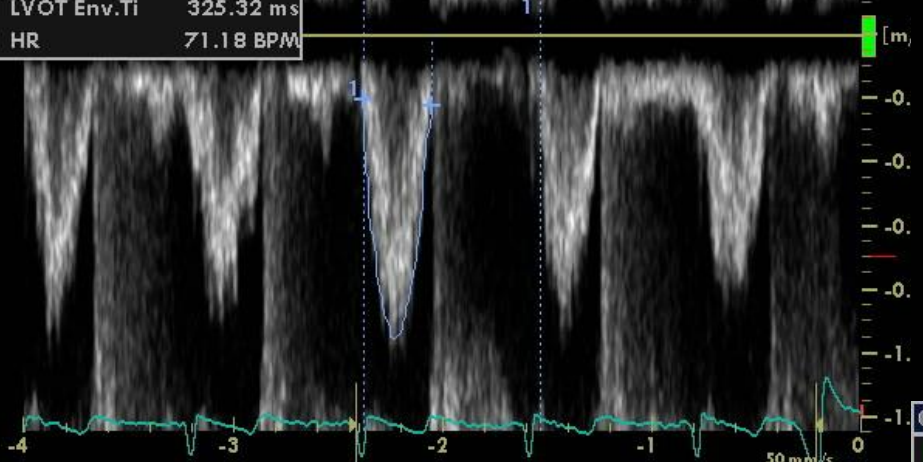
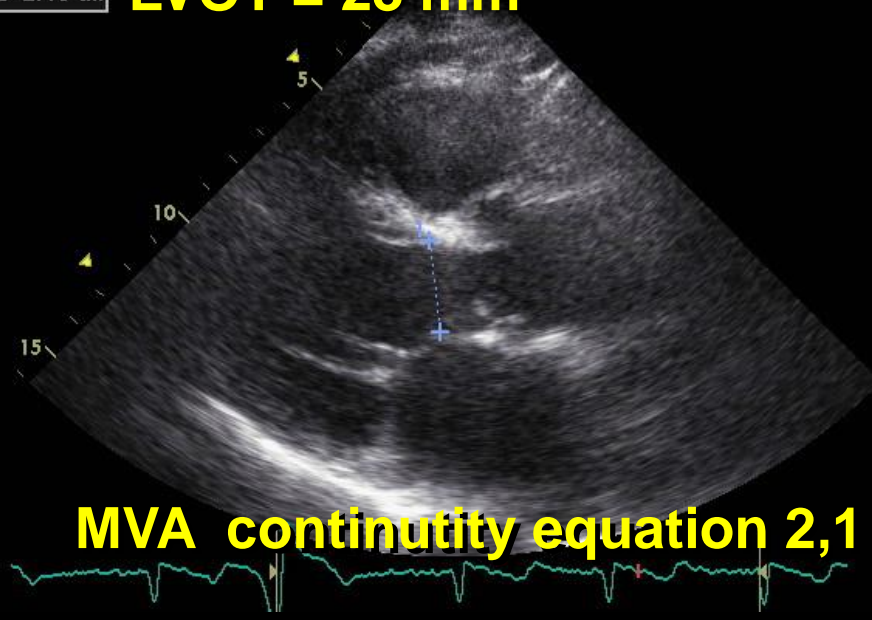
1 L	2.24 cm
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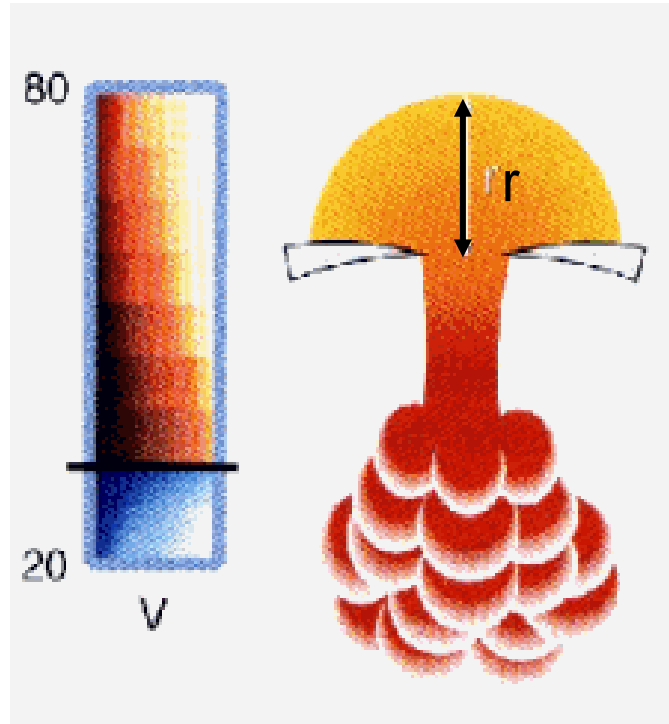


MV Vmean	1.04 m/s
MV maxPG	8.86 mmHg
MV meanPG	4.35 mmHg
MV VTI	43.96 cm
HR	78.79 BPM

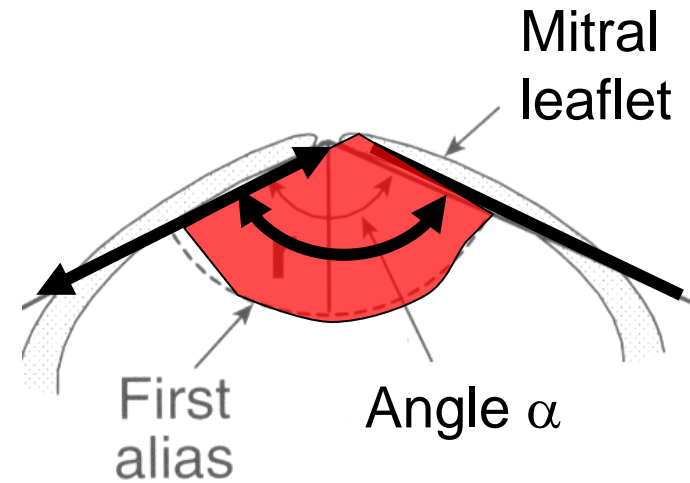


1 L	2.43 cm
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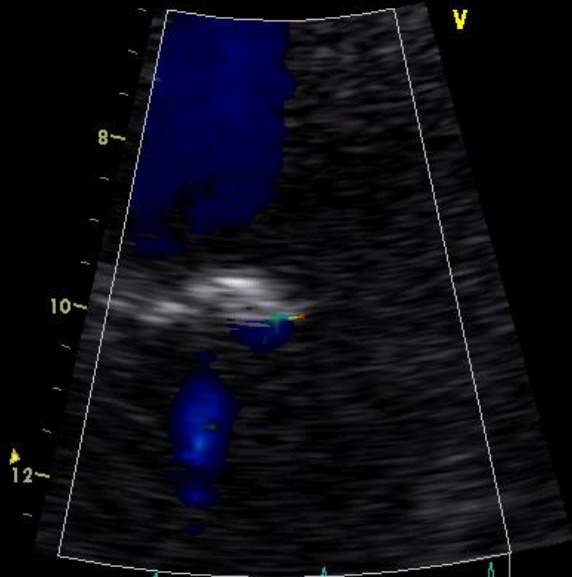


# PISA



$$\text{Flow (Q)} = 2\pi \cdot R^2 \cdot Va$$

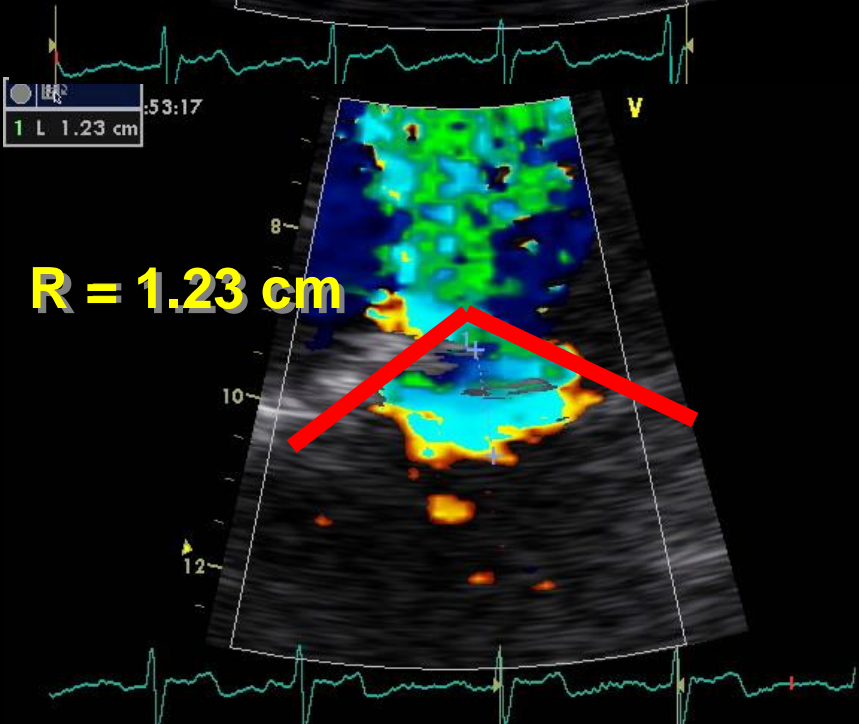
$$\text{MVA} = \frac{2 \pi \cdot r^2 (\text{cm}^2) \times Va (\text{cm/s})}{V_{\text{max MS}} (\text{CW} - \text{cm/s})} \times \frac{\alpha}{180^\circ}$$



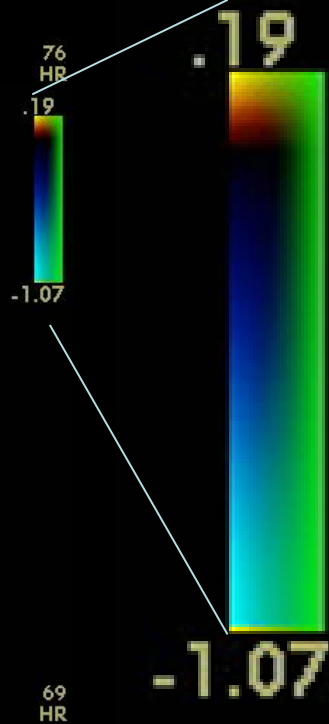
$$\frac{6,28 \cdot 1,51 \cdot 19}{220} \times \frac{150}{180} = 0,65$$

**Va = 0,19 cm**  
Ideally 10% Vmax

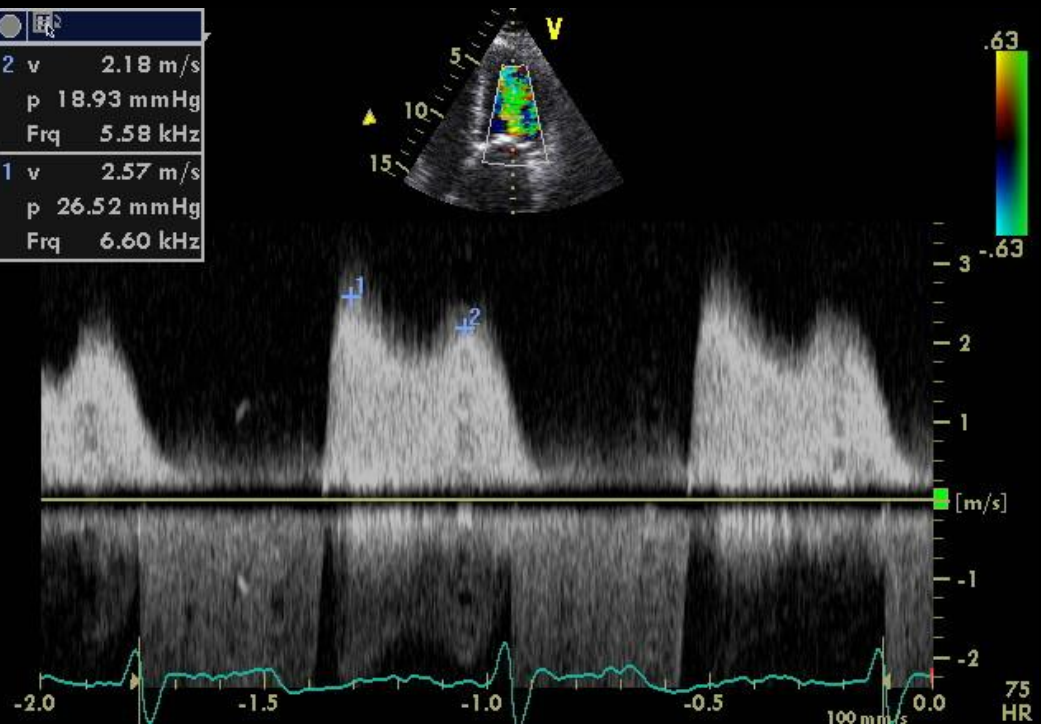
**Vmax = 257 cm/s**



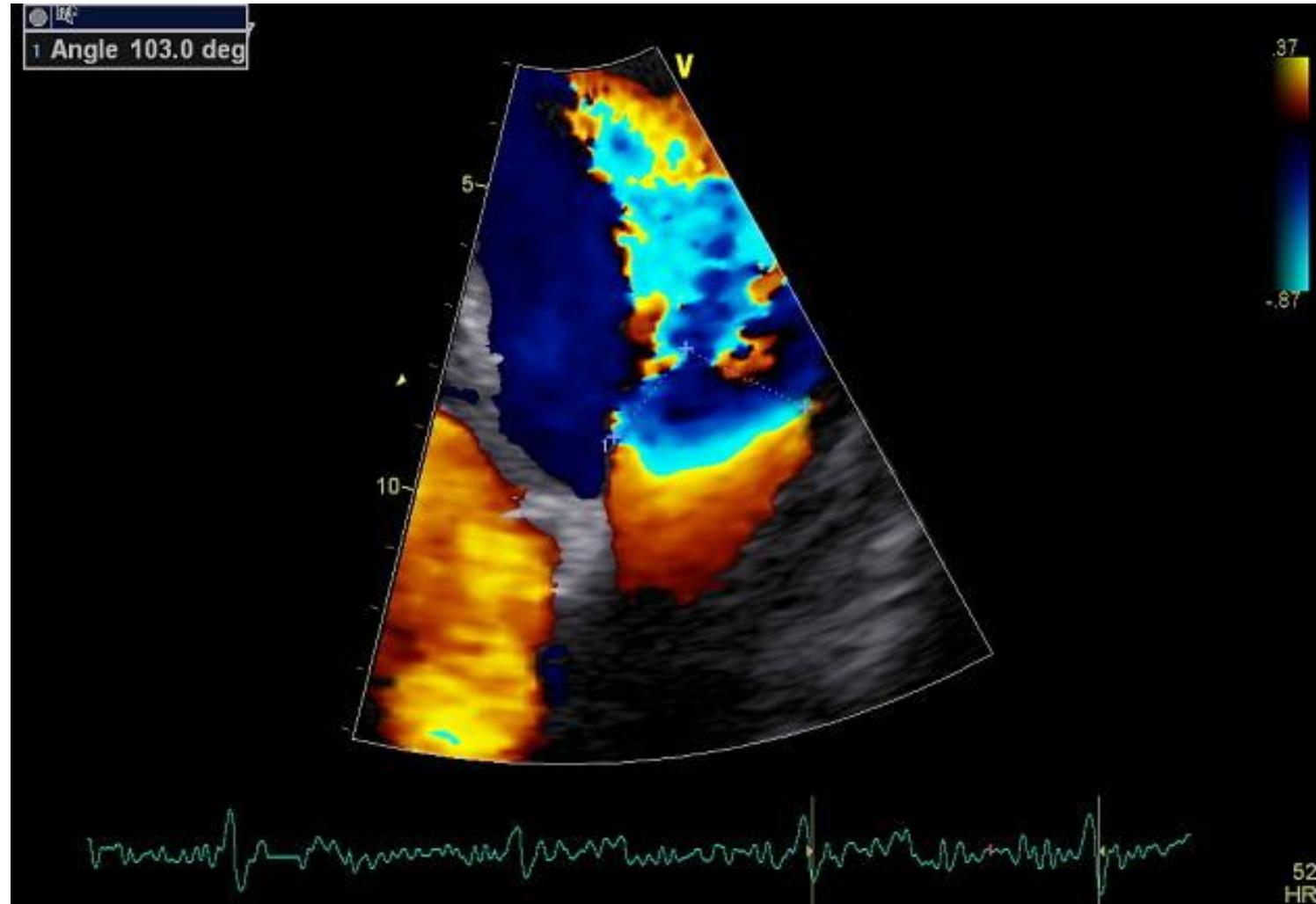
**R = 1.23 cm**



2 v	2.18 m/s
p	18.93 mmHg
Frq	5.58 kHz
1 v	2.57 m/s
p	26.52 mmHg
Frq	6.60 kHz



# PISA angle correction measurement



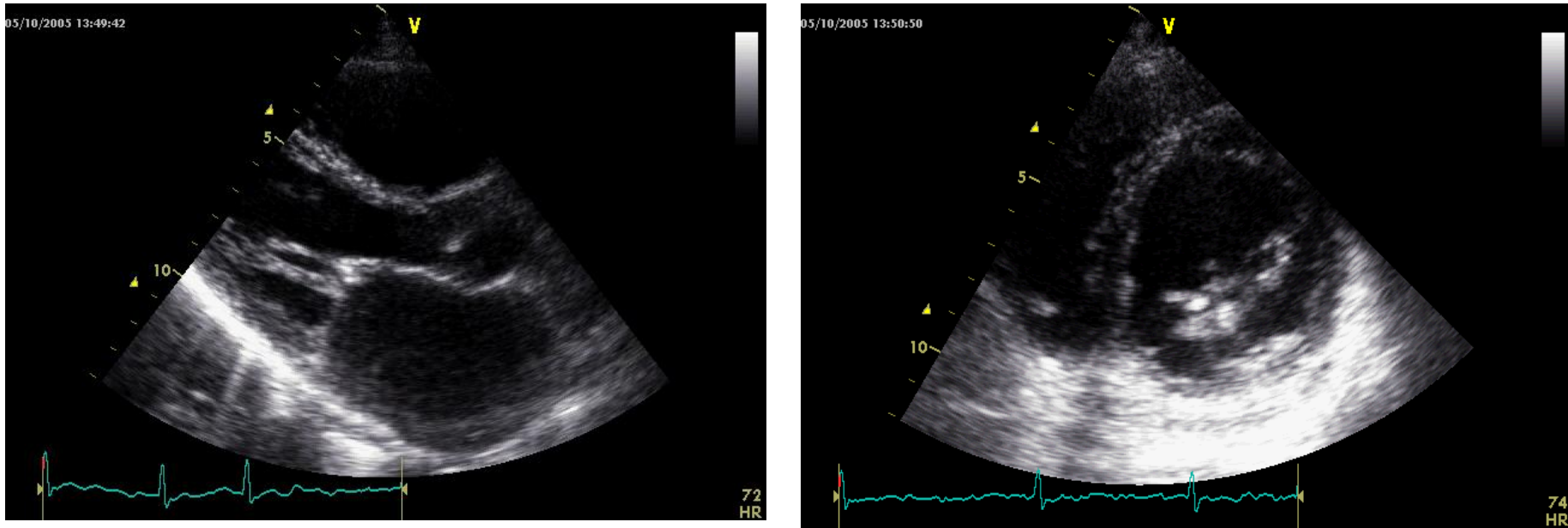
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# COMPLICATIONS



# LV function

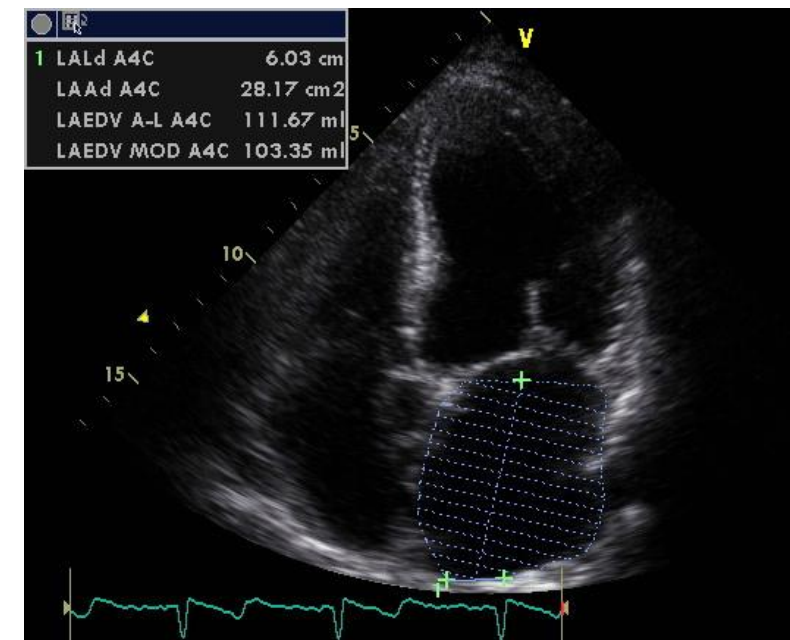
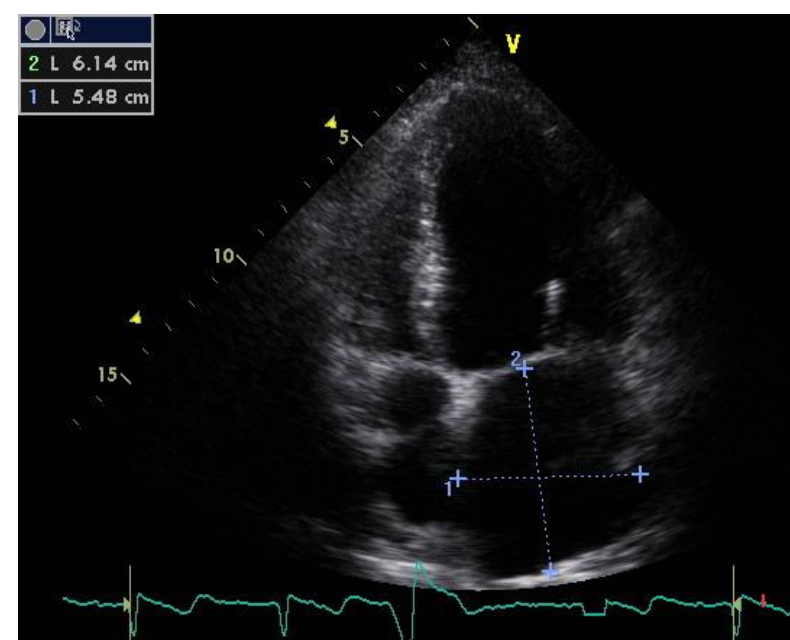
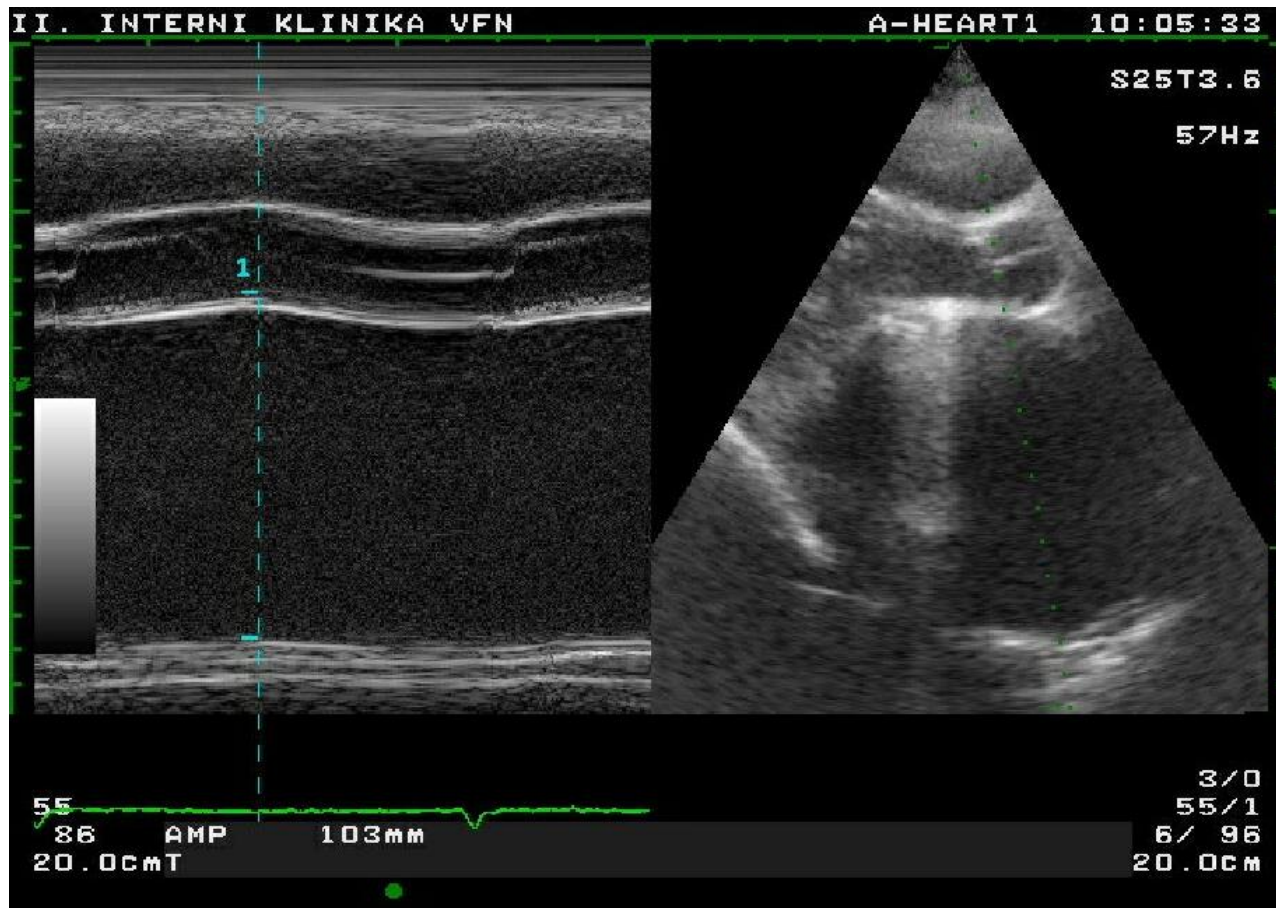


- LV usually non dilated or smaller
- No LV hypertrophy
- IVS compression – paradoxical movement
- LV EF borderline or even slightly depressed
  - underloading
  - abnormal IVS movement (interventricular dependence)
  - tachycardia induced cardiomyopathy

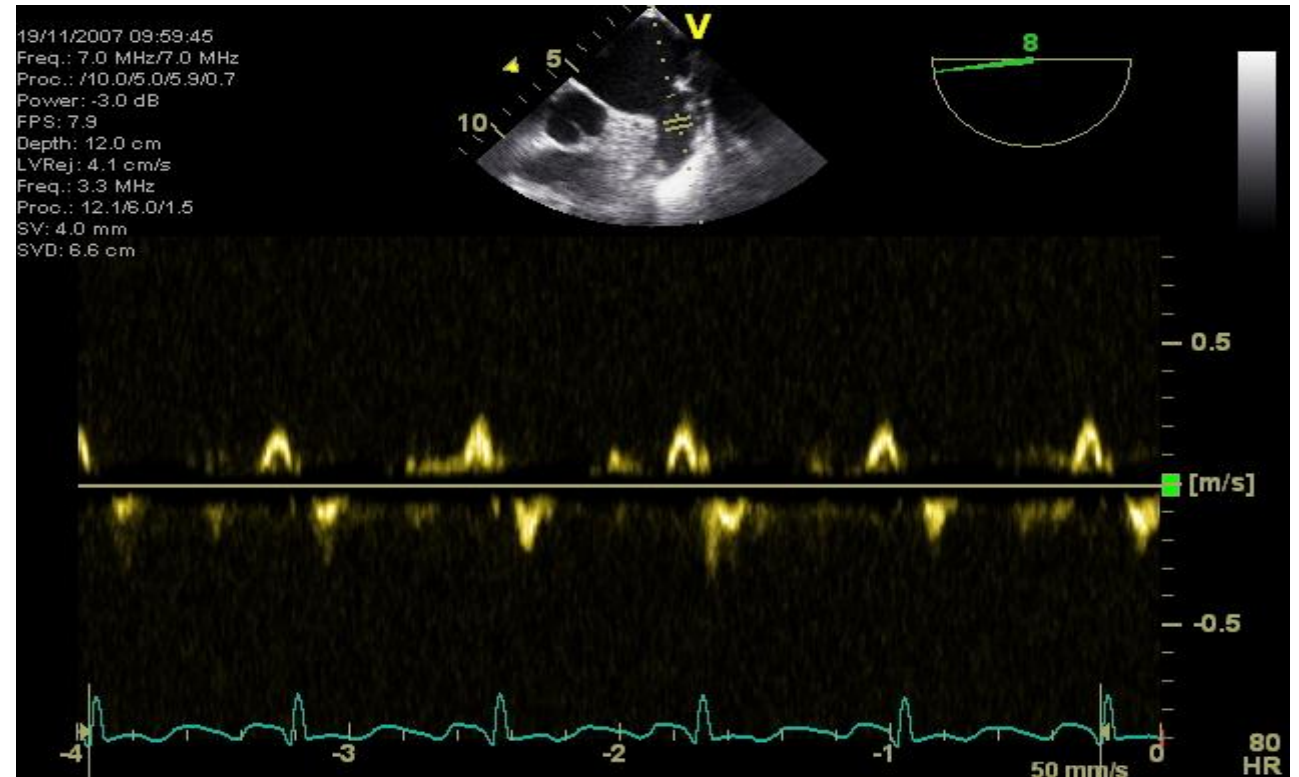
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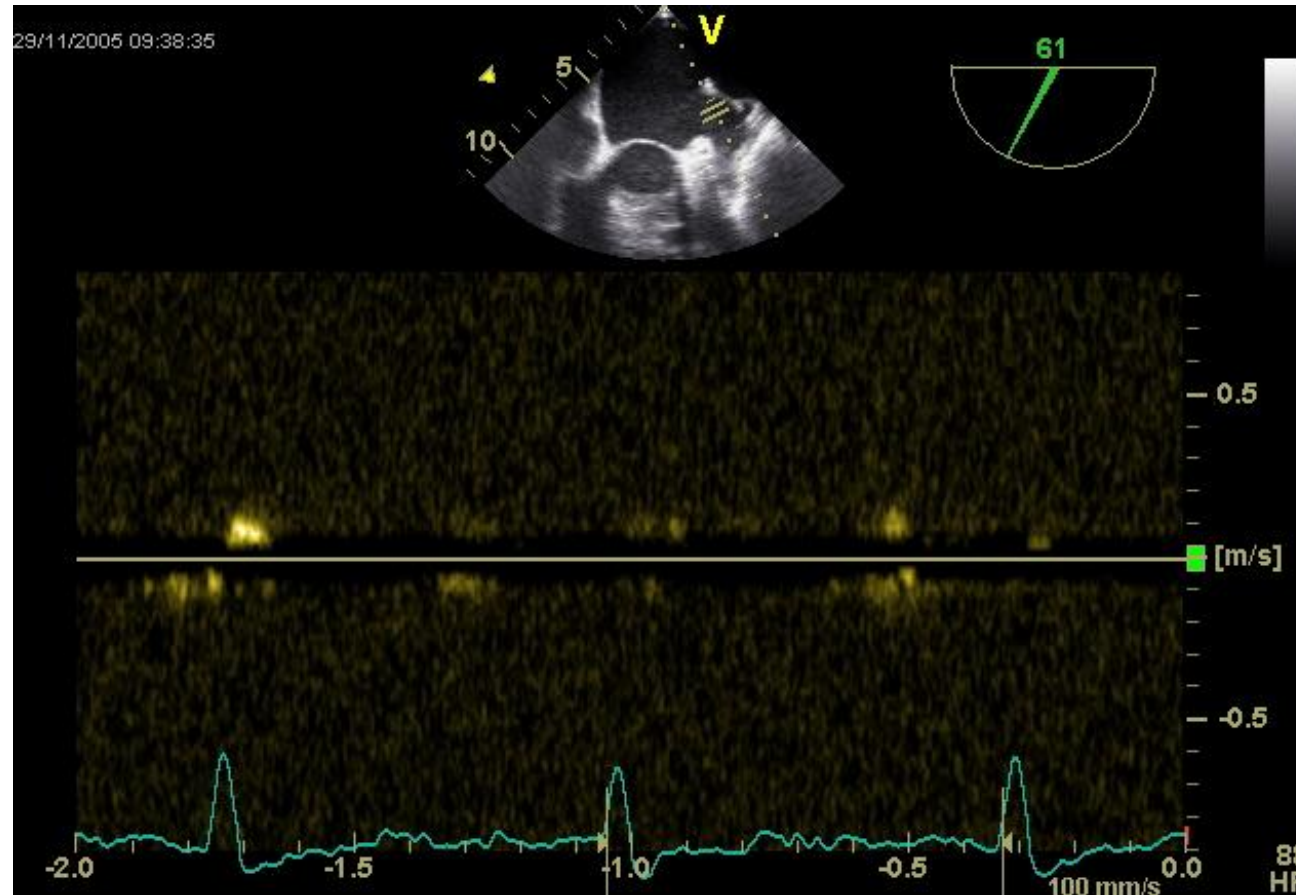
# Left atrial dilatation



# Left atrial dysfunction



# Severely depressed LAA contractile function in valvular atrial fibrillation



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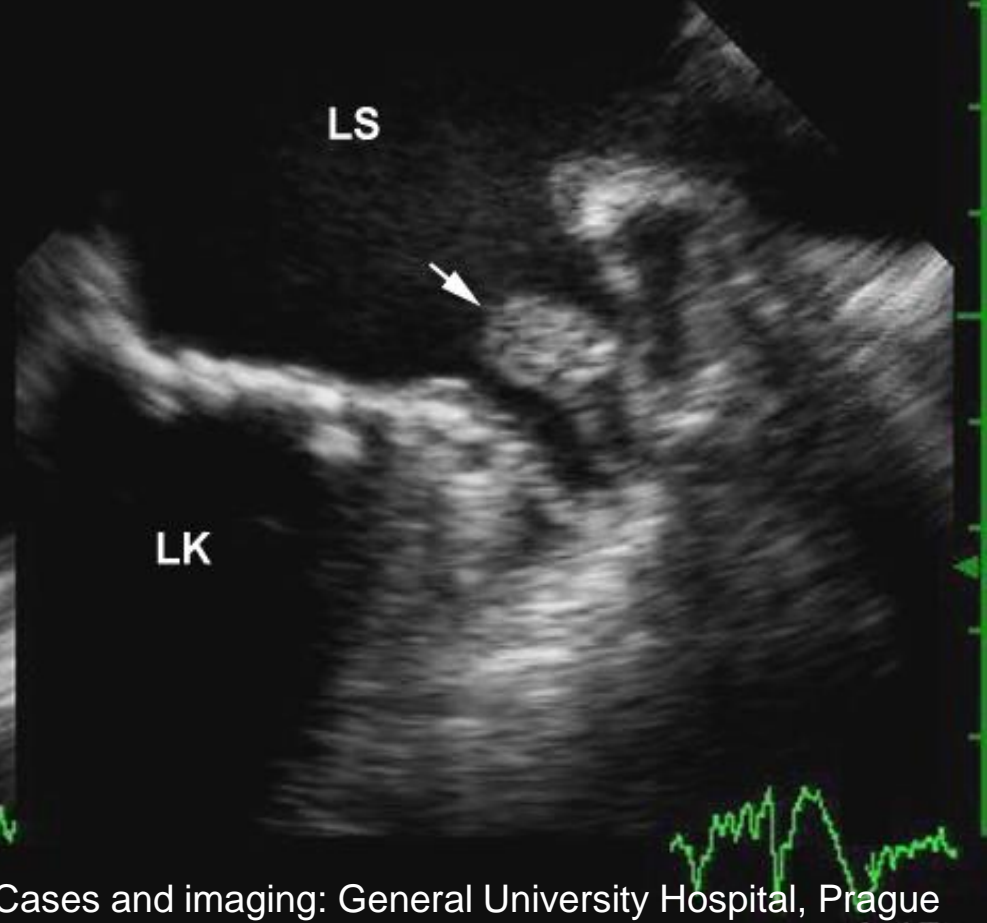
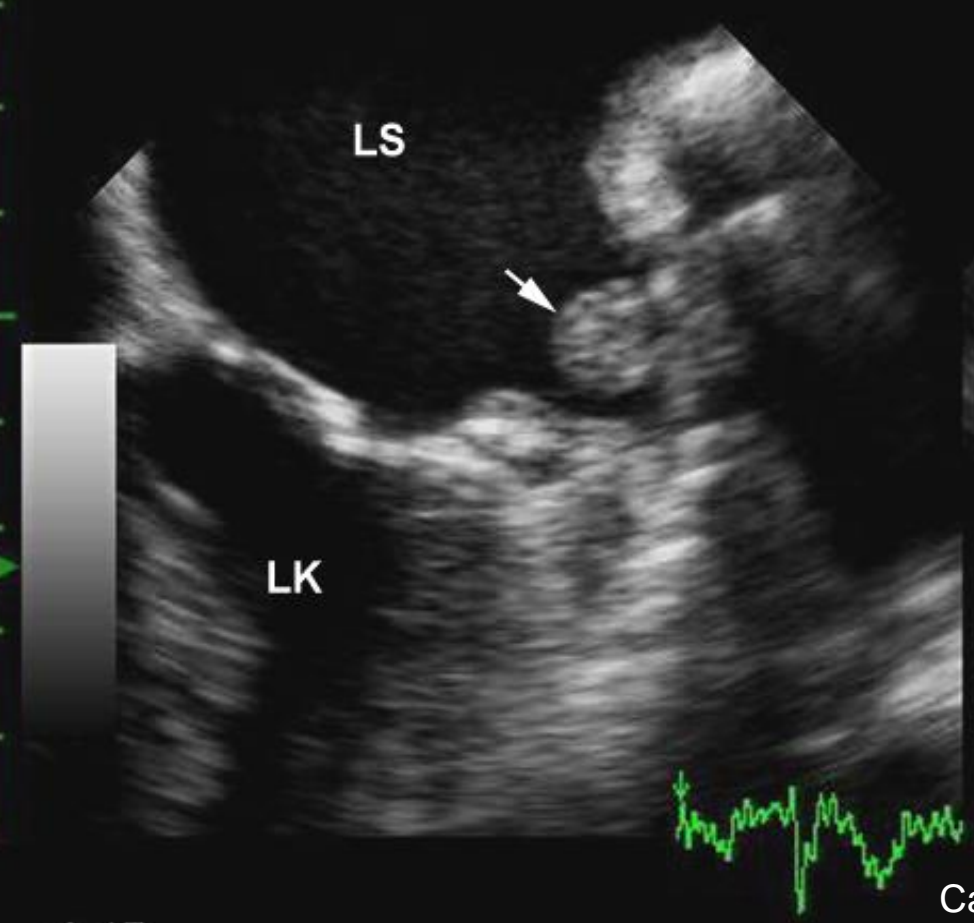
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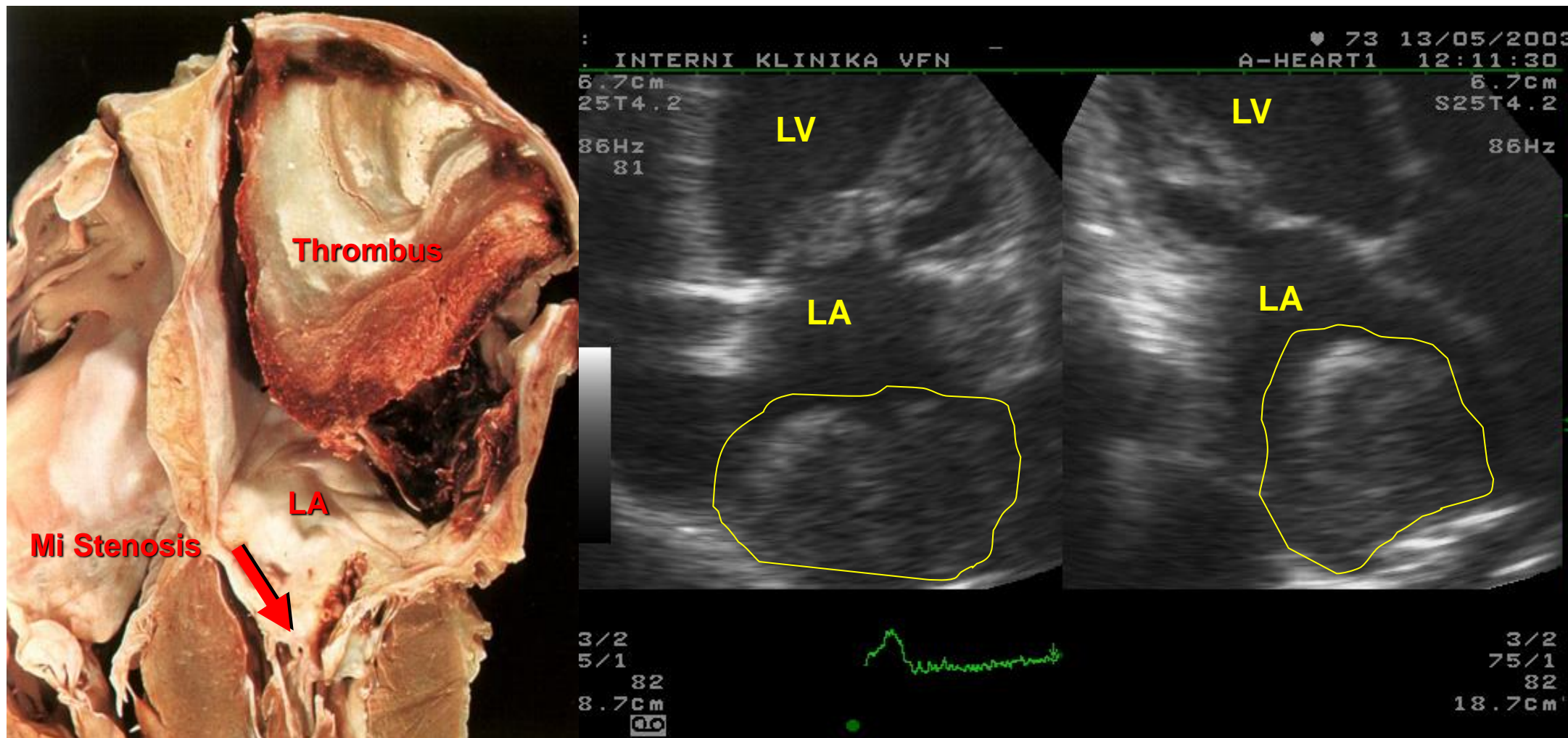
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# 2

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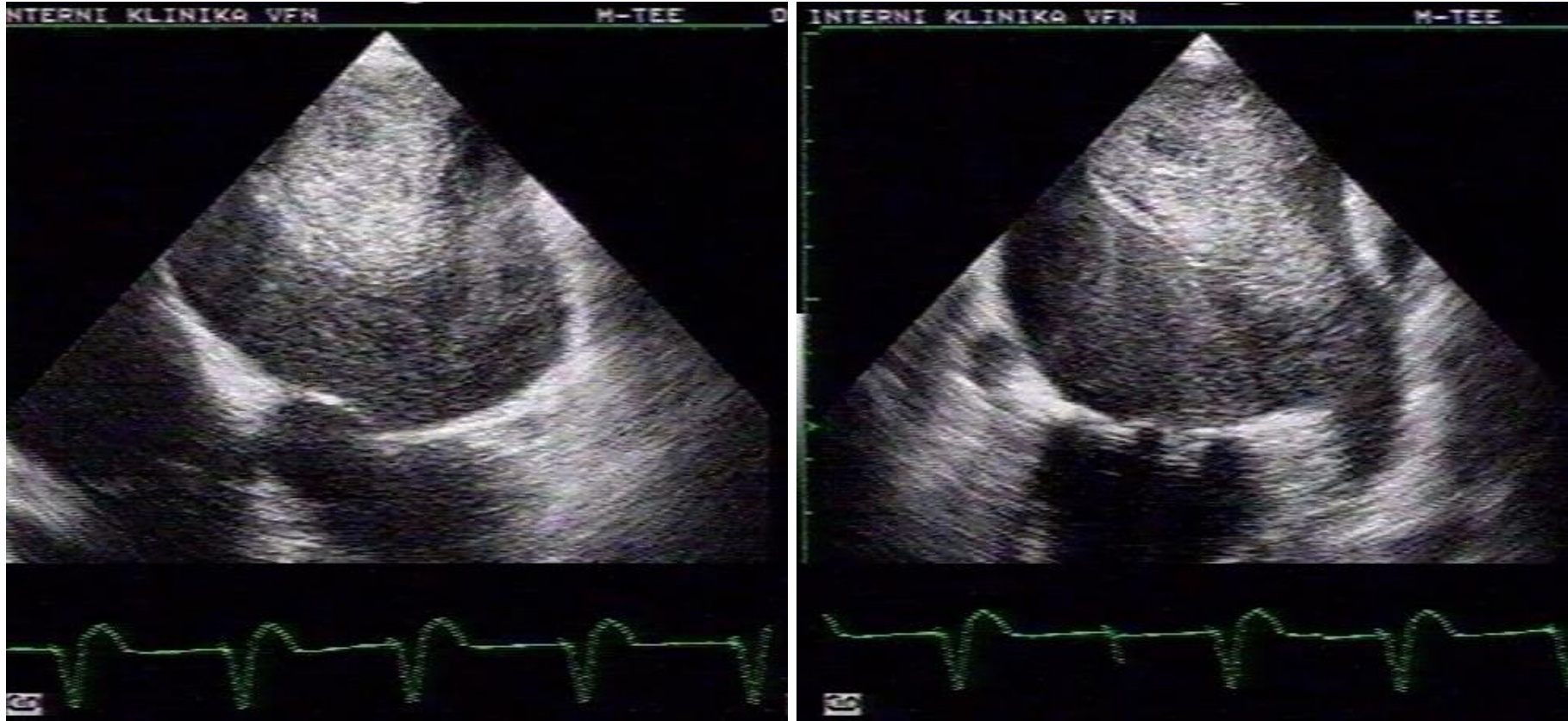
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# Massive LA thrombosis



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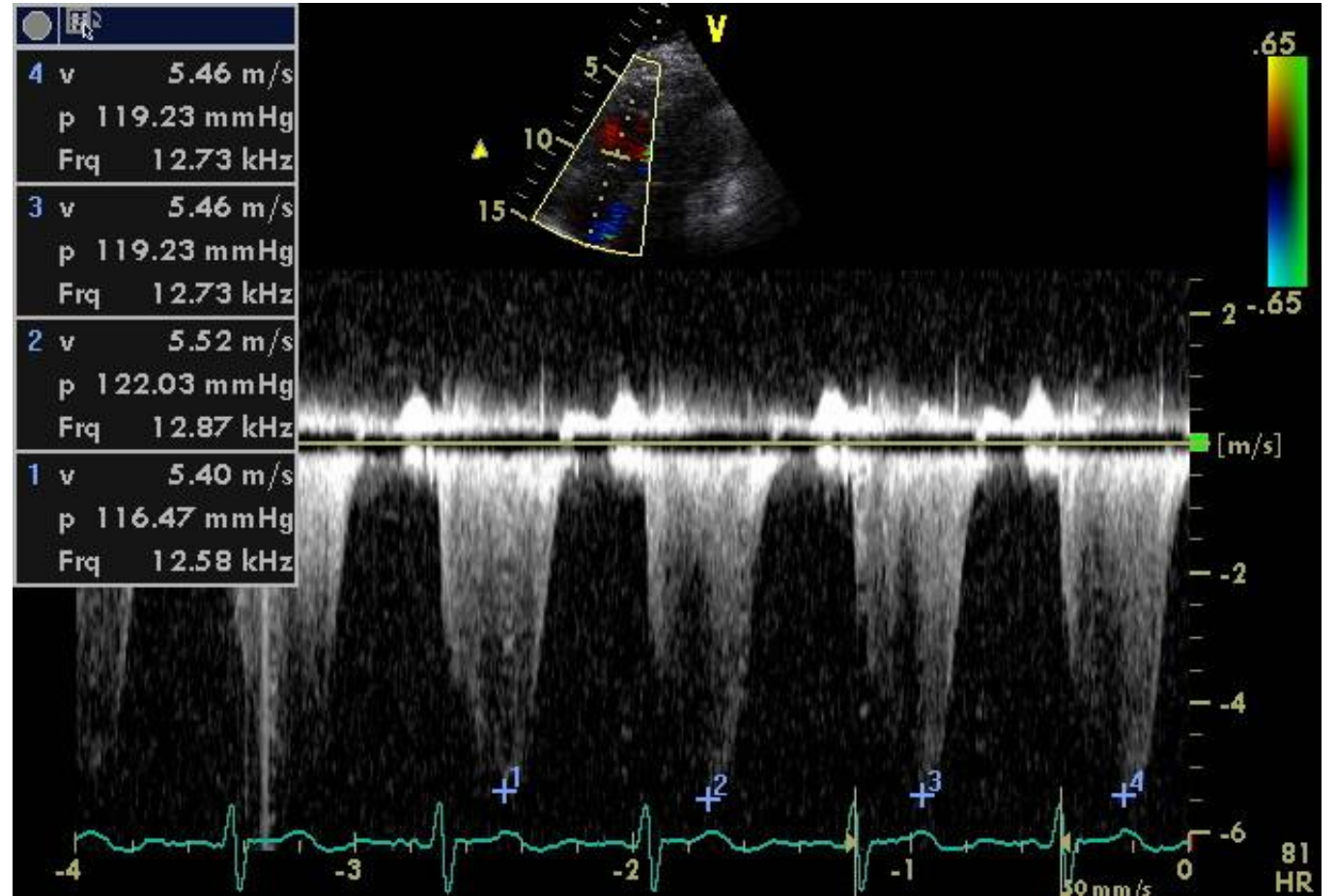
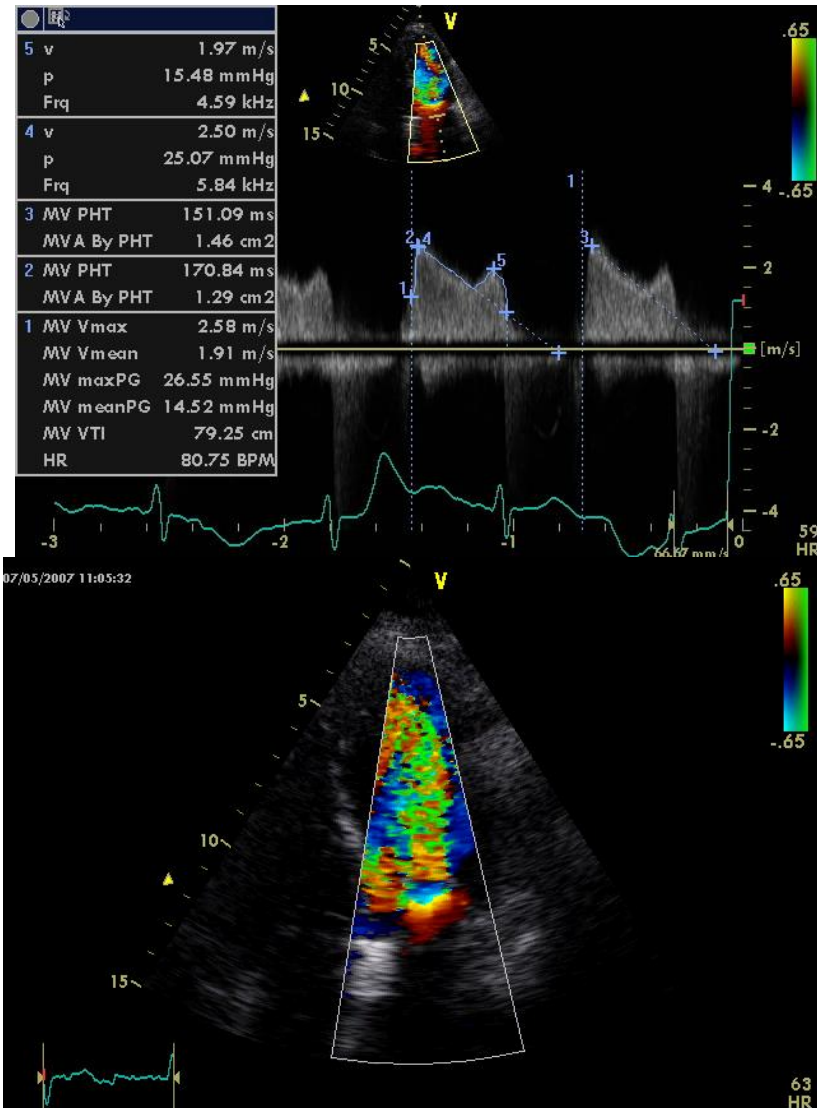
# Massive left atrial thrombosis in mitral stenosis



**Thrombotic complications in about 10-20% patients**  
**About 0,6-1,5% yearly**

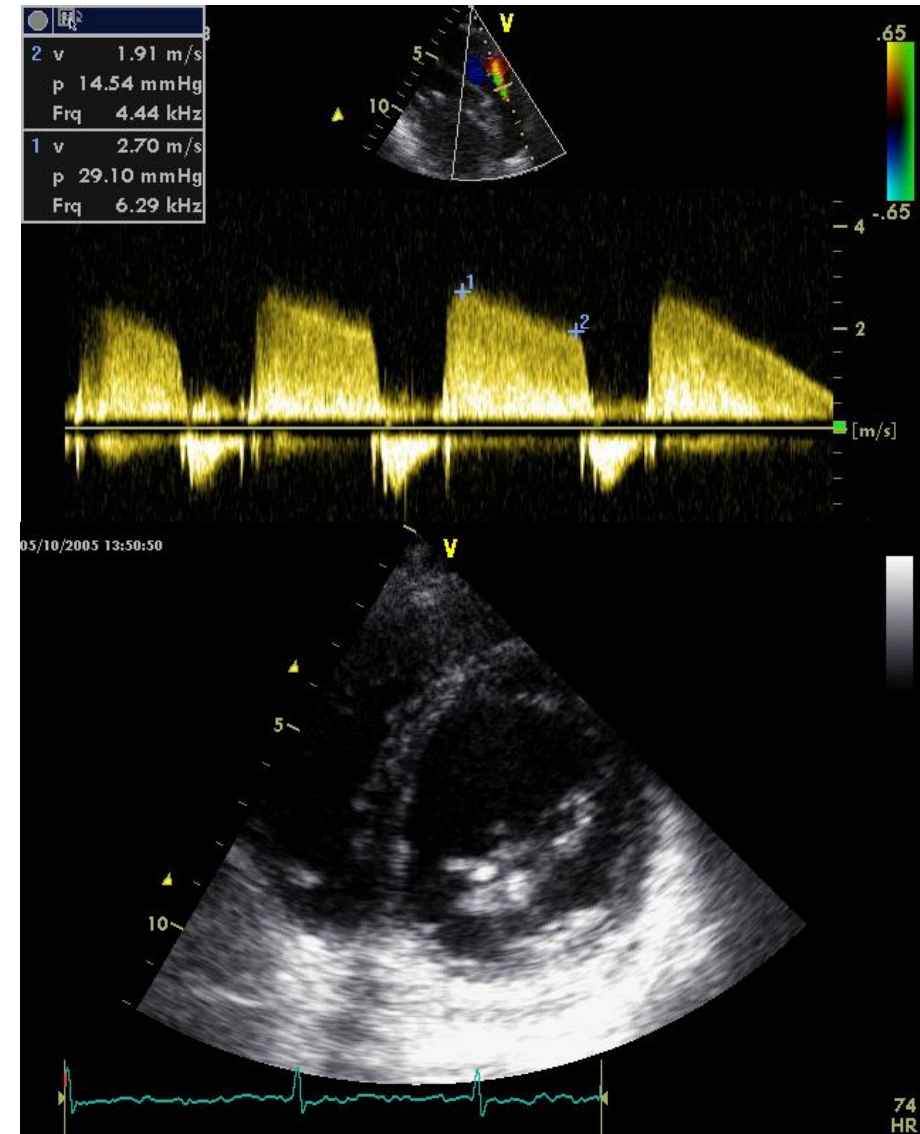
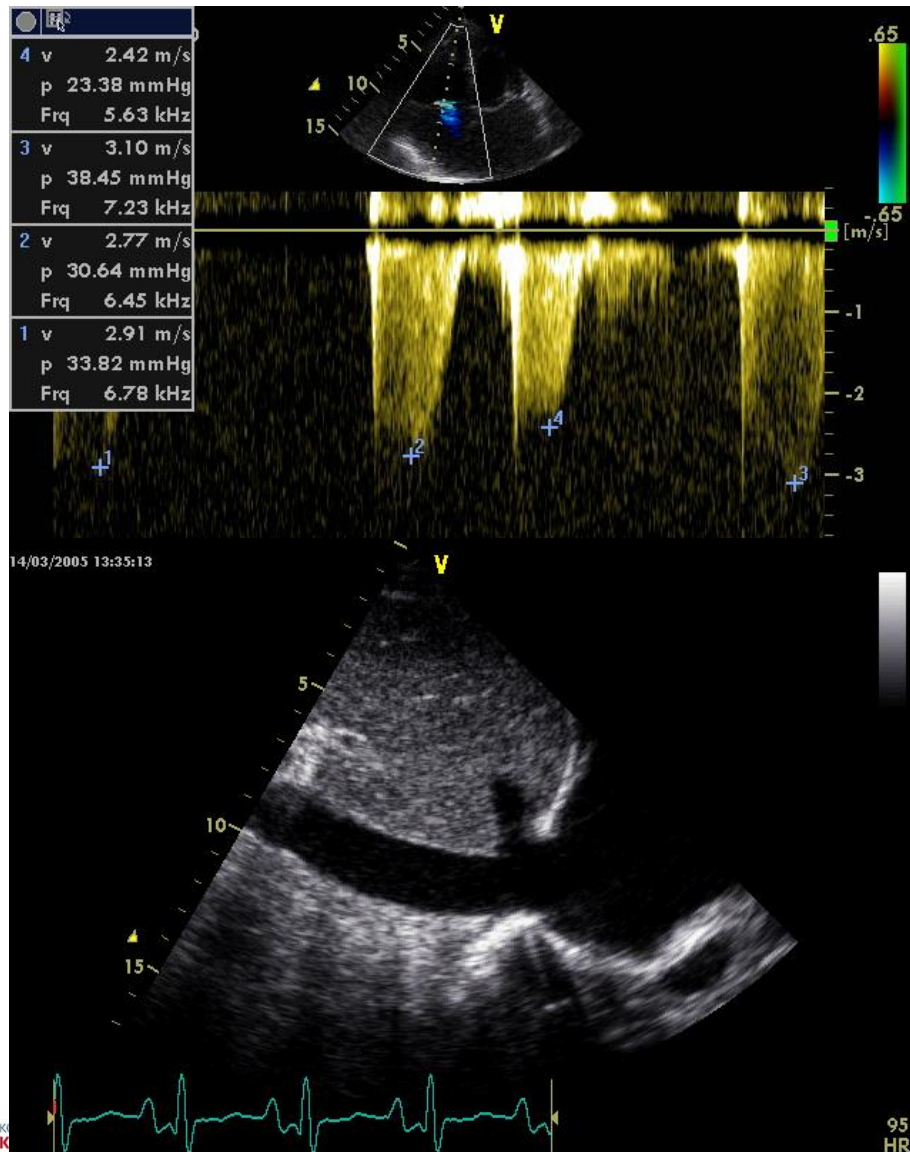
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# Pulmonary hypertension



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# Quantitation of pulmonary pressures



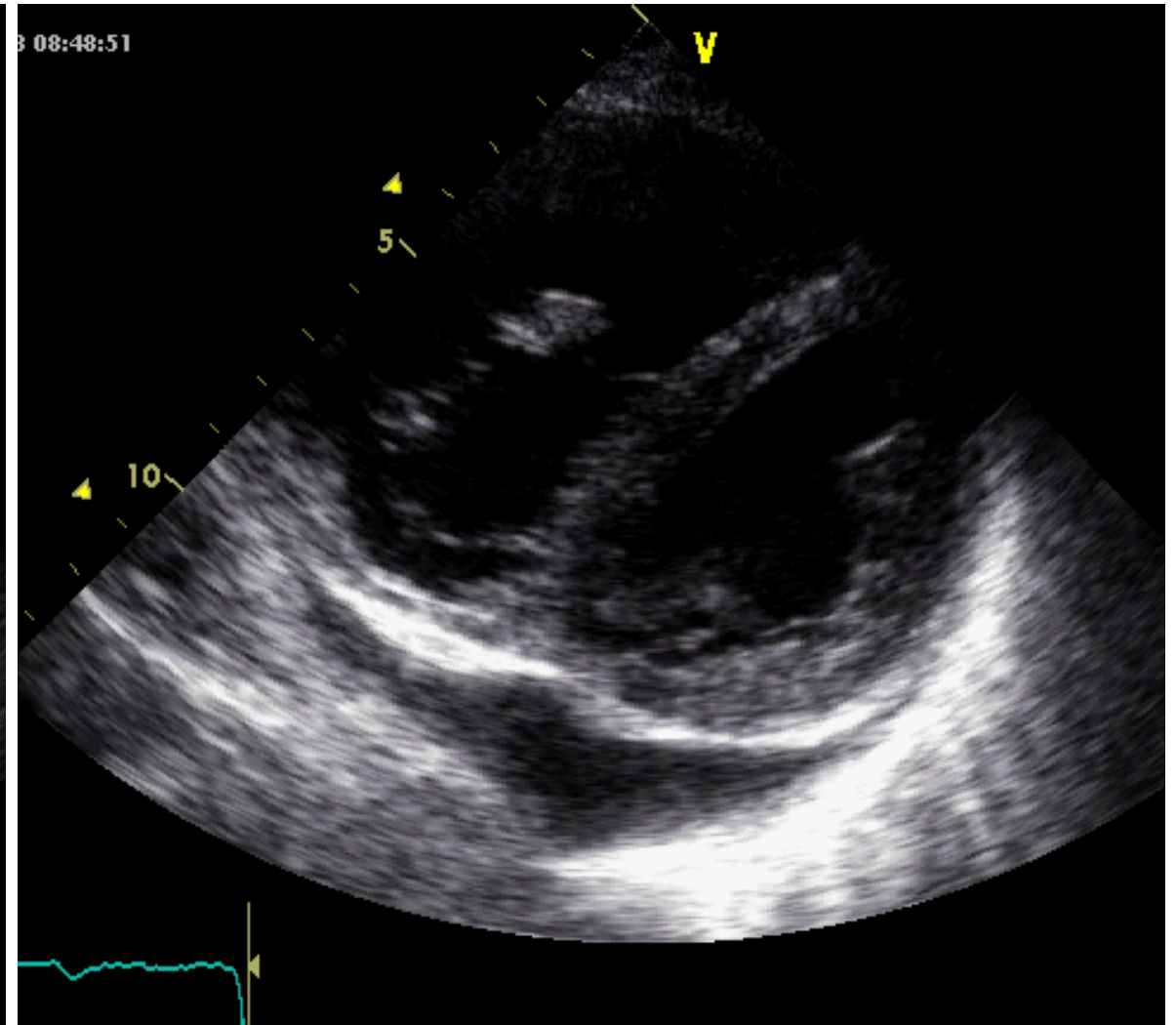
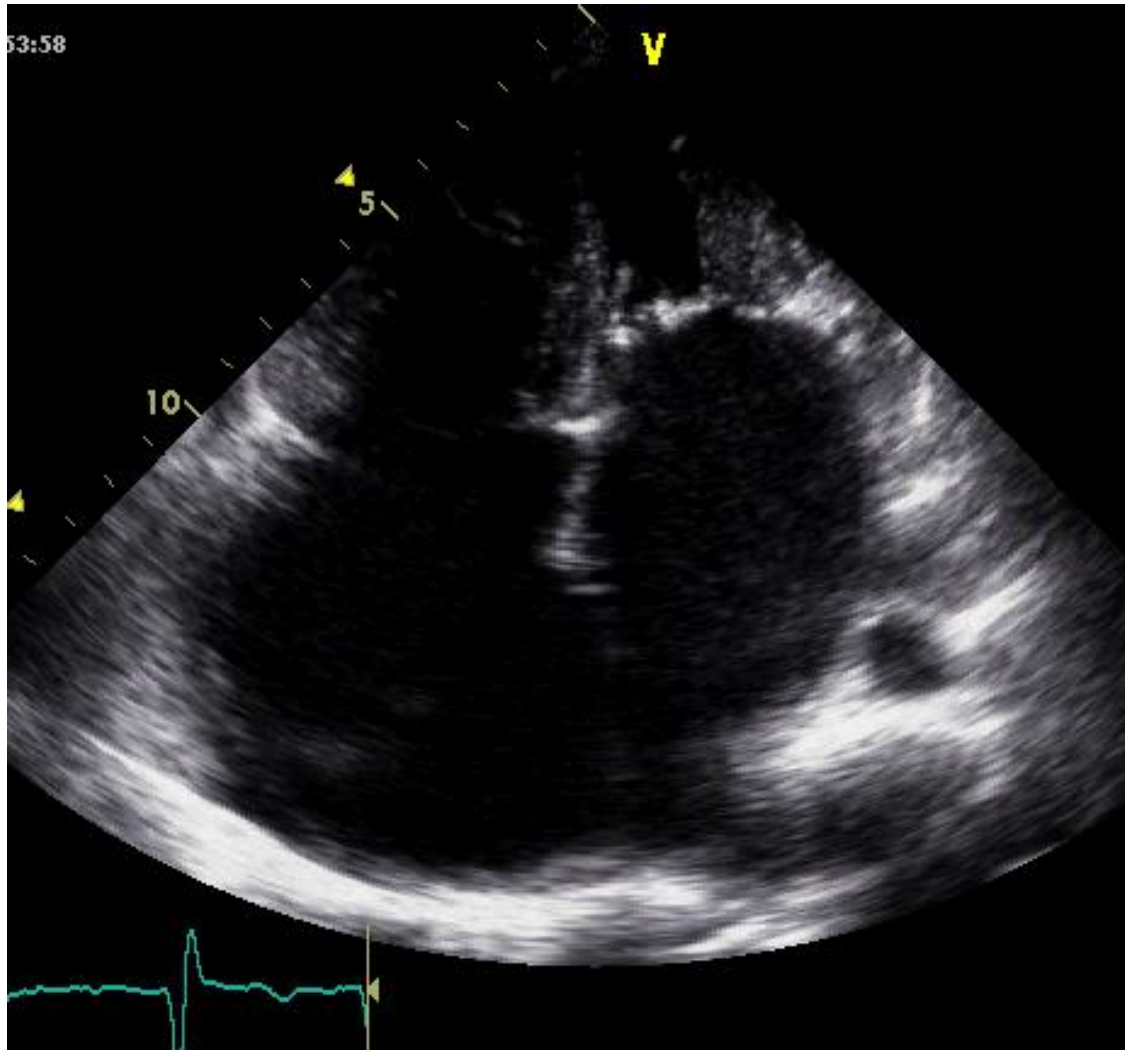
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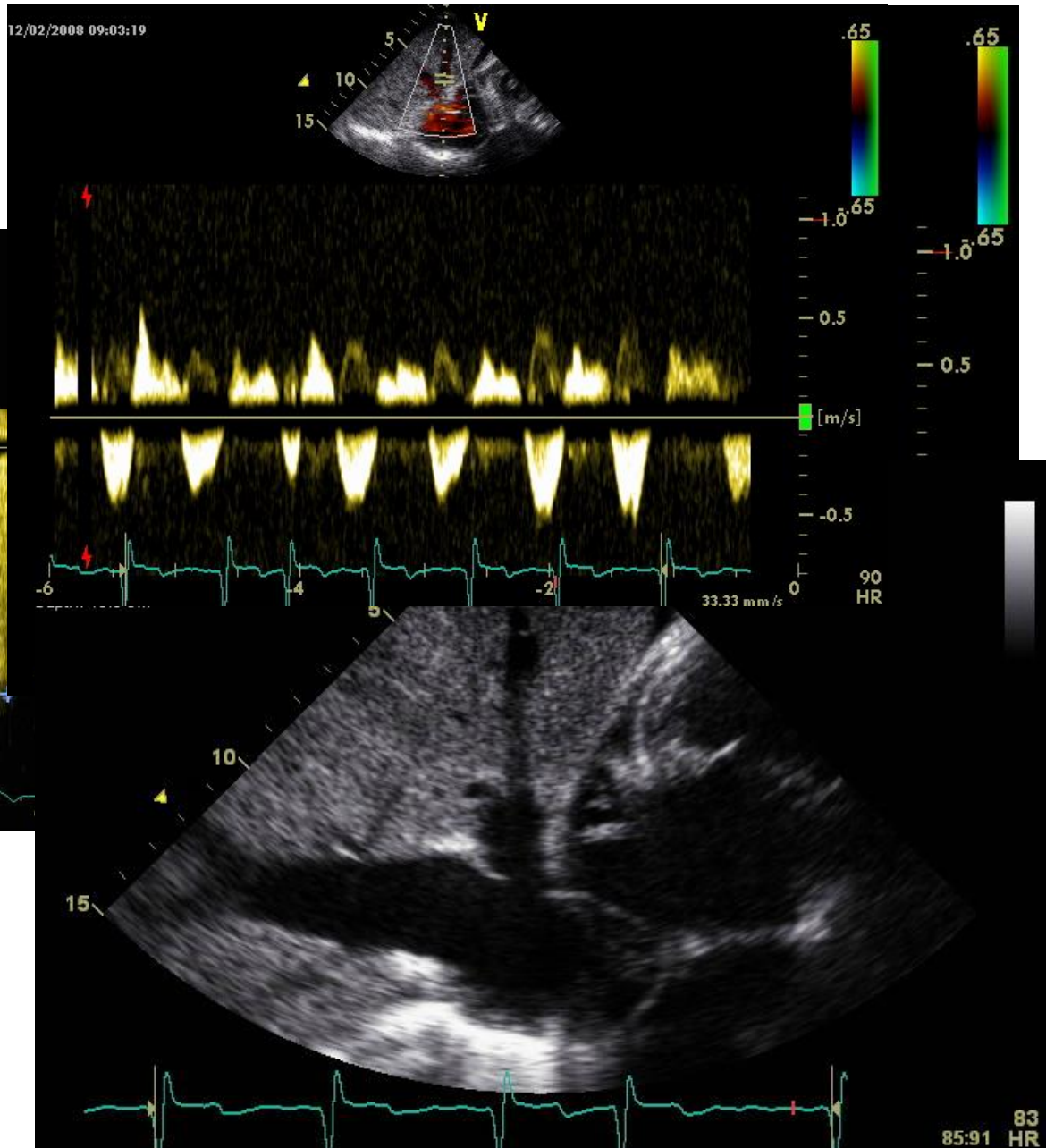
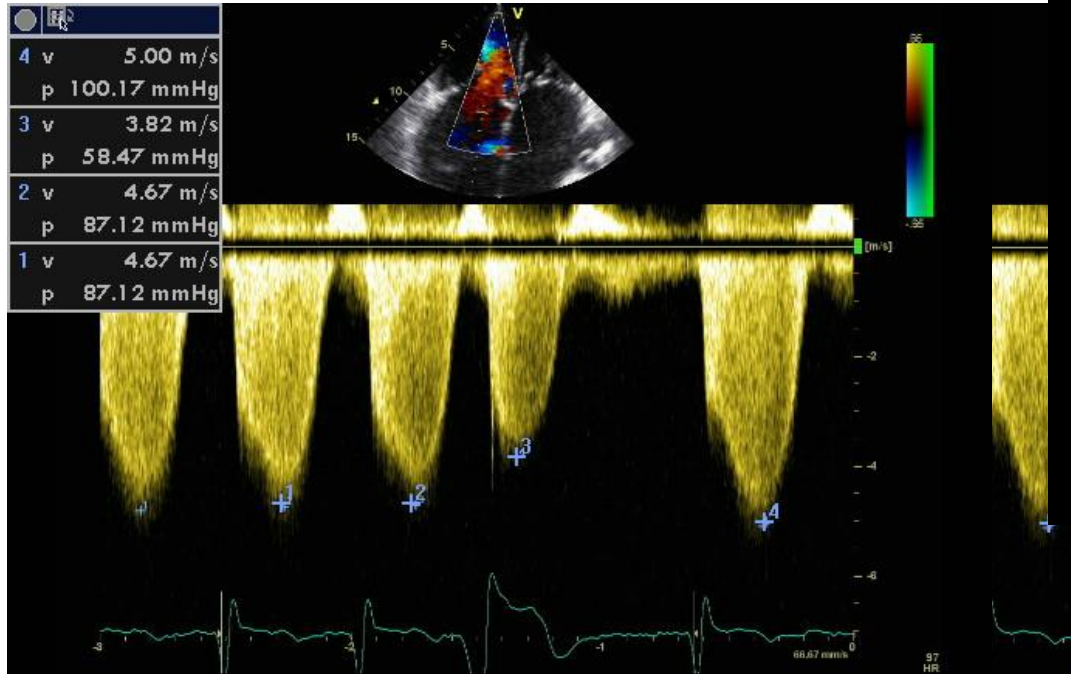


# Stress echocardiography to identify subjects benefiting from PBMV

- In asymptomatic severe MS (PGmean >10 mmHg and MVA<1.0 cm<sup>2</sup>) or symptomatic moderate MS (PGmean 5–10 mmHg and MVA 1.0–1.5 cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Treadmill or supine paddle Ex or dobutamine
- Transmitral gradient
  - >15 mm Hg during Ex,
  - >18 mmHg during dobutamine
- Pulmonary artery systolic pressure - PASP >60 mmHg
- ACC/AHA class I, level of evidence C

# Right ventricular overload and failure

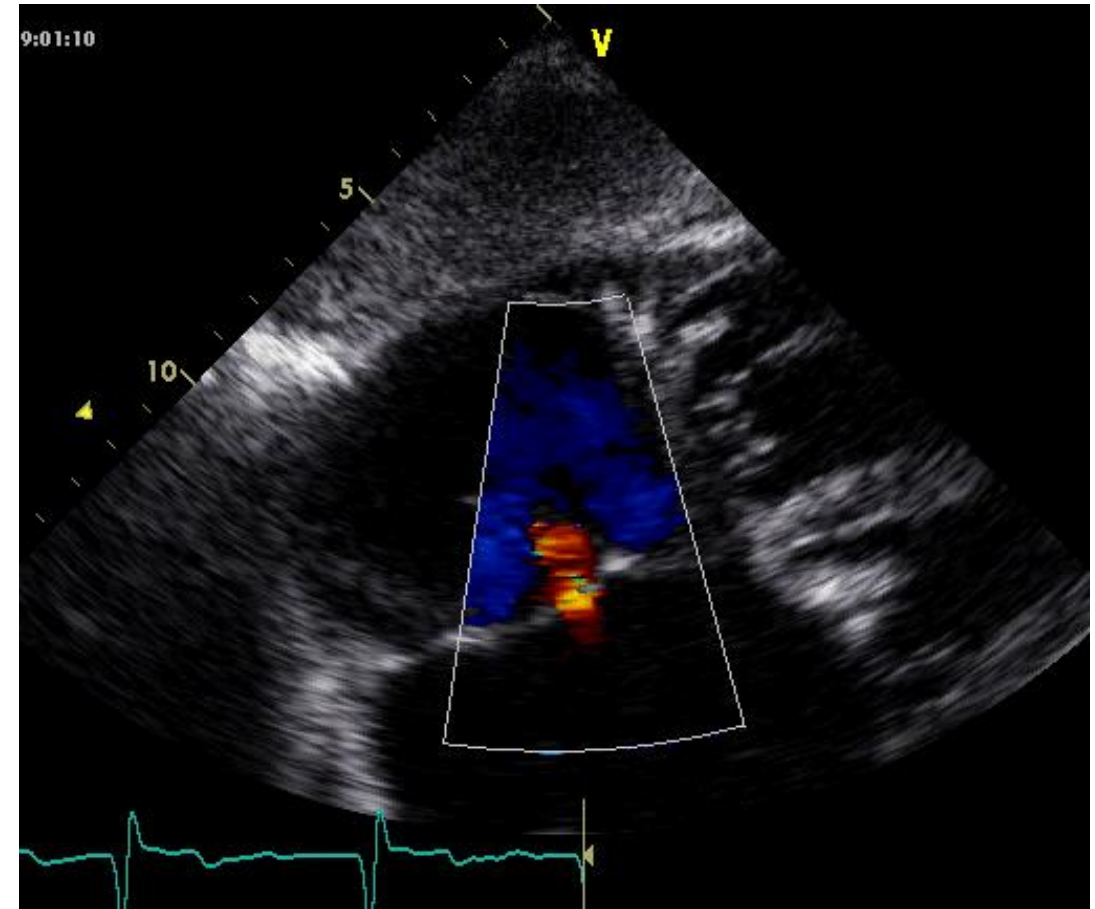
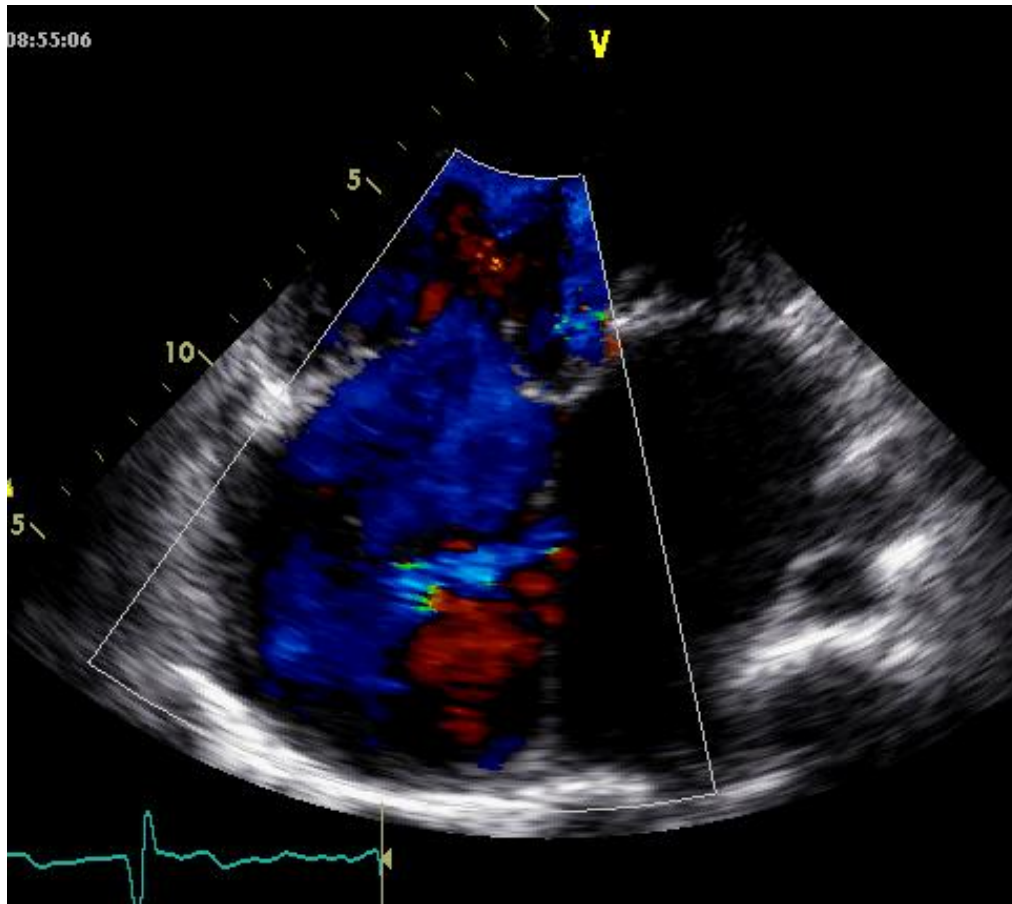




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# Worsening of atrial septal defect Lutembacher syndrome

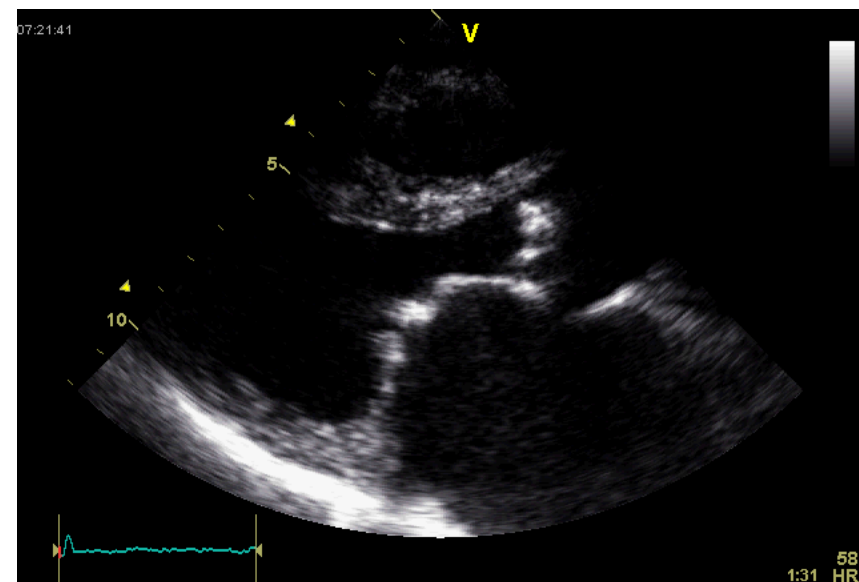
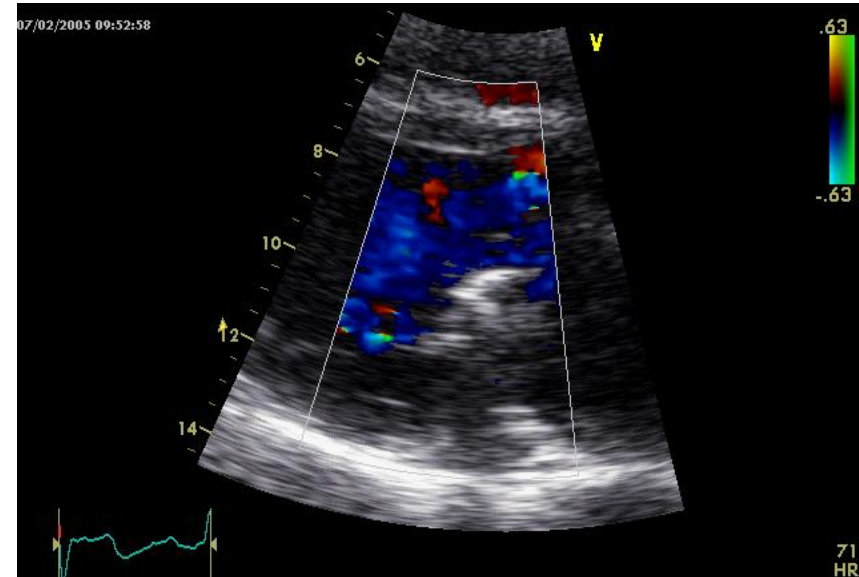


R. Lutembacher. De la sténose mitrale avec communication interauriculaire. Archives des maladies du coeur et des vaisseaux, Paris, 1916, 9: 237-260.



# Associated pathological changes

- Mitral regurgitation
- Rheumatic aortic valve disease (stenosis/regurgitation)
- Lutembacher
- Tricuspid rheumatic valve disease



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# THERAPY



# 10 years survival

- Asymptomatic 84 %,
  - Mildly symptomatic 45 %,
  - Limiting symptoms 0-15%.
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- Significant pulmonary hypertension < 3 years
  - Worse survival in atrial fibrillation

Horenstein et al. <http://emedicine.medscape.com/> 2014

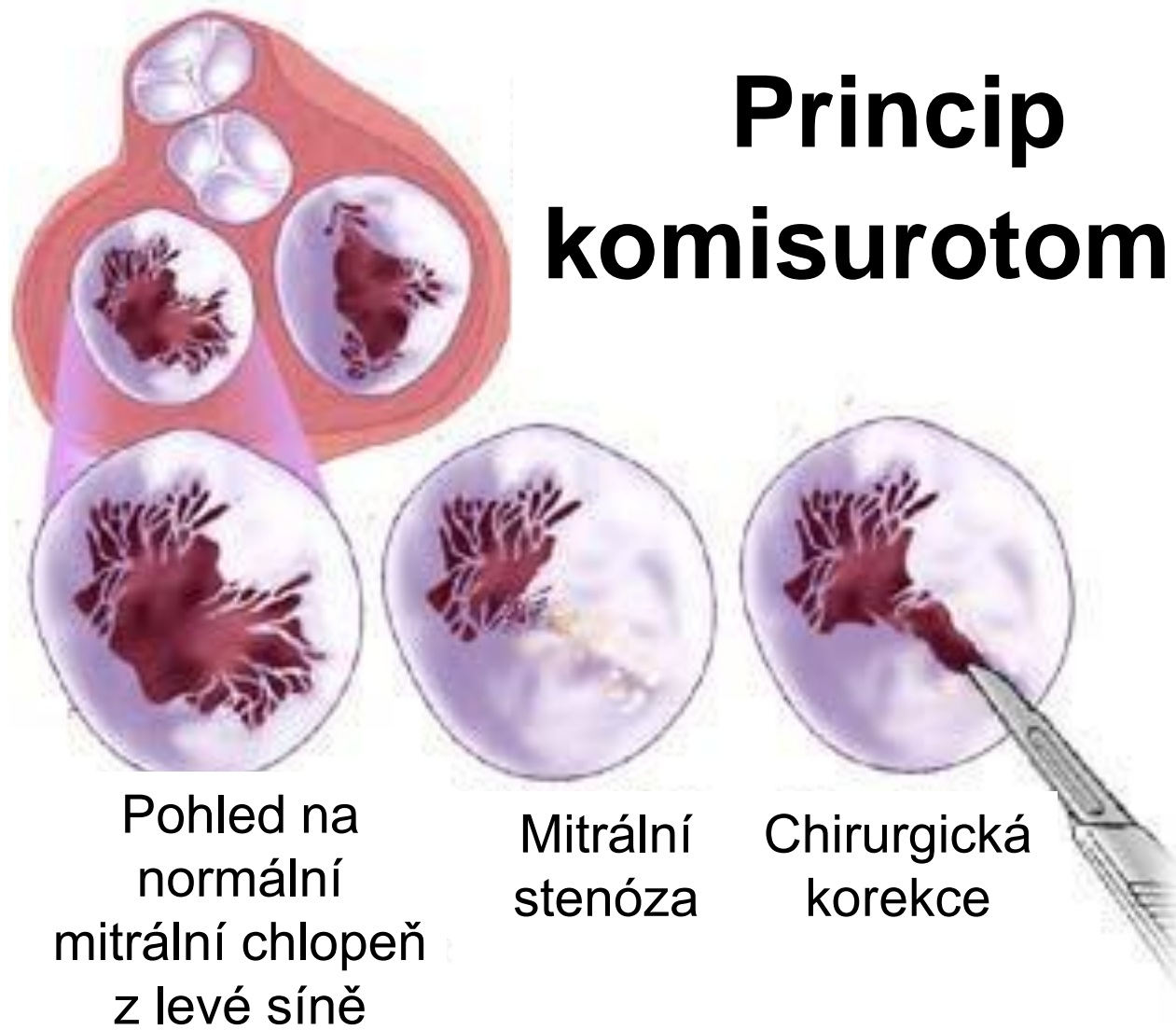
# Anticoagulation

- **Vitamin K antagonist (VKA)** – INR 2 - 3 in patients with AF.
- Patients with moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis and AF should be kept on VKA and **not receive NOACs**.
- **OAC is recommended**
  - history of systemic embolism
  - thrombus is present in the LA
- **OAC should be considered**
  - dense spontaneous echocardiographic contrast
  - enlarged LA (M-mode  $>50$  mm or LAVi  $>60$  mL/m<sup>2</sup>).





# Princip komisurotomie



Pohled na  
normální  
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Mitrální  
stenóza

Chirurgická  
korekce

# Close chest valvulotomy



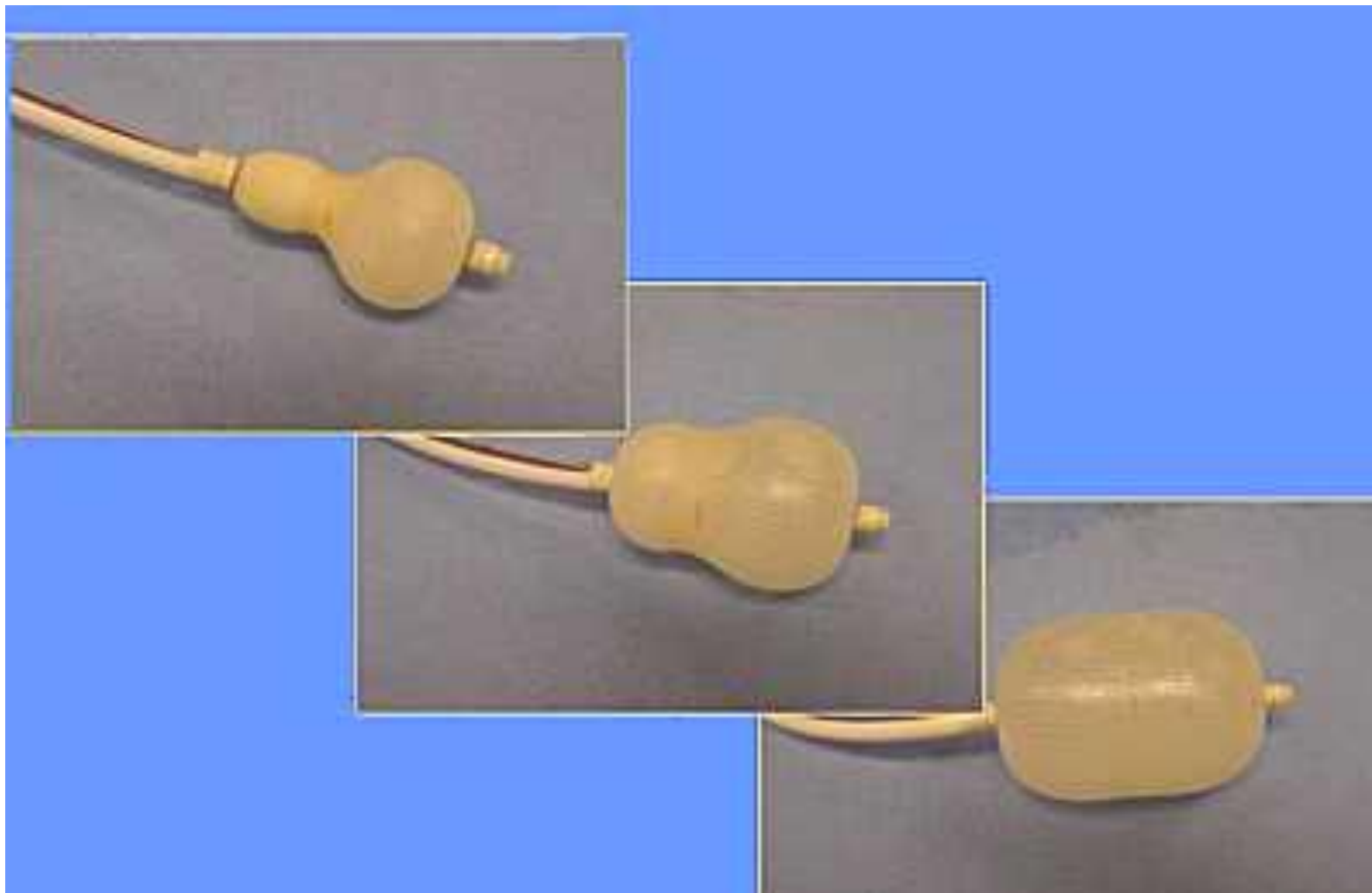
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# Balónková valvuloplastika

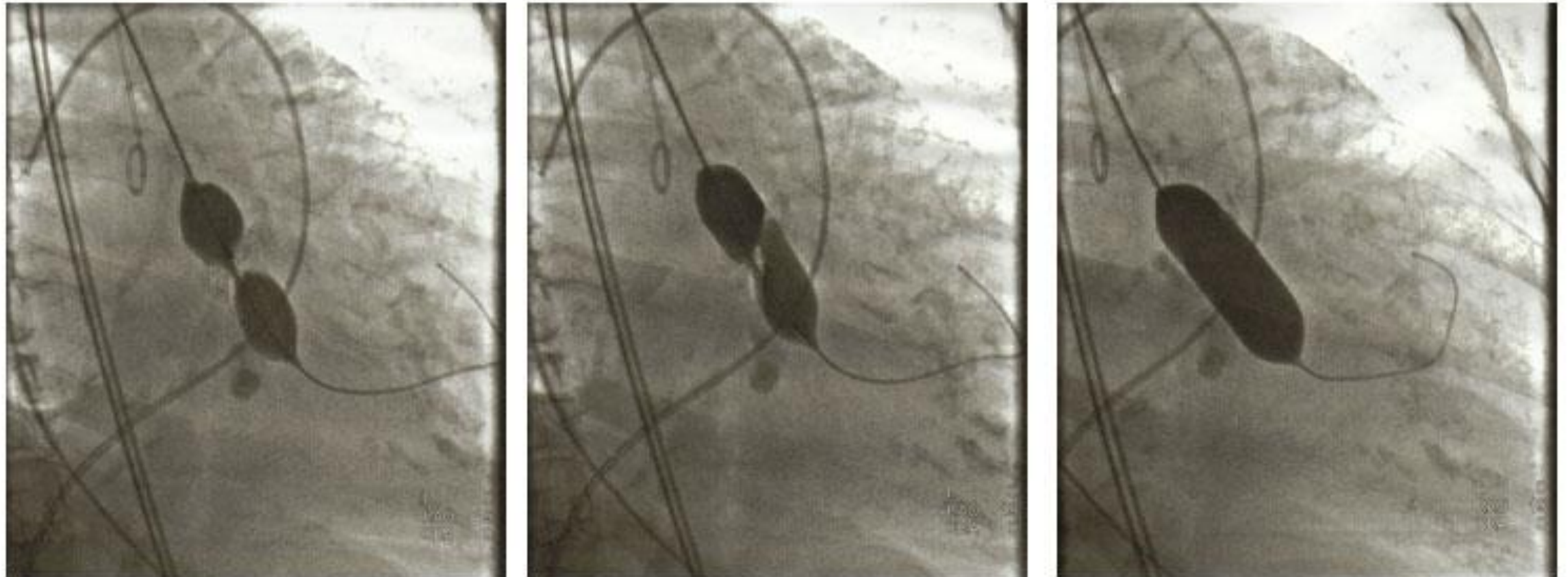
- Balónkový katétr /Inoueho balón/
- Zavedení transseptálním přístupem
- Dilatace na úrovni mitrální chlopně
- Roztržení srostlých komisur



# Mitral balloon valvuloplasty



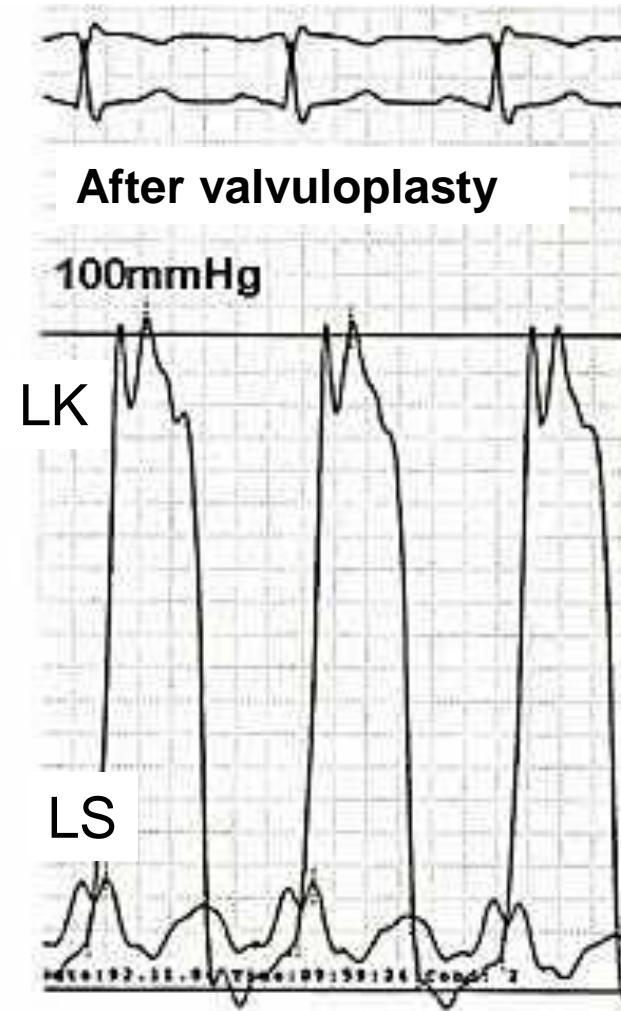
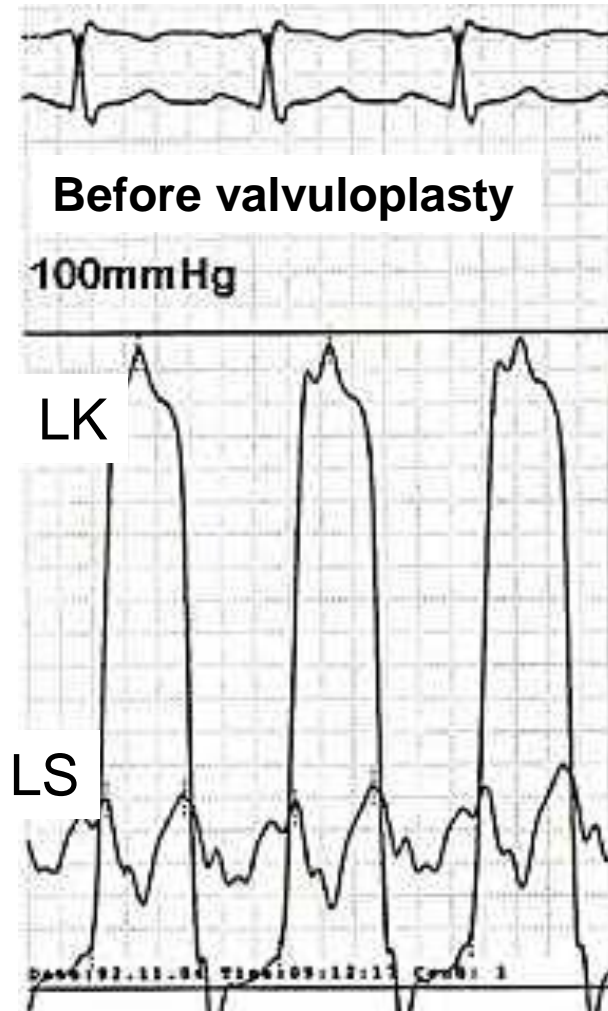
# Mitral balloon valvuloplasty (PBMV)



[cathlabdigest.com](http://cathlabdigest.com)



# Hemodynamic effects of valvuloplasty



# Assessment of mitral valve anatomy according to the Wilkins score.

**Assessment of mitral valve anatomy according to the Wilkins score<sup>18</sup>**

Grade	Mobility	Thickening	Calcification	Subvalvular thickening
1	Highly mobile valve with only leaflet tips restricted	Leaflets near normal in thickness (4–5 mm)	A single area of increased echo brightness	Minimal thickening just below the mitral leaflets
2	Leaflet mid and base portions have normal mobility	Mid leaflets normal, considerable thickening of margins (5–8 mm)	Scattered areas of brightness confined to leaflet margins	Thickening of chordal structures extending to one third of the chordal length
3	Valve continues to move forward in diastole, mainly from the base	Thickening extending through the entire leaflet (5–8 mm)	Brightness extending into the mid portions of the leaflets	Thickening extended to distal third of the chords
4	No or minimal forward movement of the leaflets in diastole	Considerable thickening of all leaflet tissue (>8–10 mm)	Extensive brightness throughout much of the leaflet tissue	Extensive thickening and shortening of all chordal structures extending down to the papillary muscles

**The total score is the sum of the four items and ranges between 4 and 16.**

European Journal of Echocardiography 2009;10:1-25  
Eur Heart J 2021, Supplementary file

# Assessment of mitral valve anatomy according to the Wilkins score.

- Grades 1-4 (1= best, 4=worst)
- Mobility (mobile....rigid)
- Subvalvular thickening (minimal....extensive)
- Leaflets thickening (<5 mm ...>8-10 mm)
- Calcifications (single area... extensive)

European Journal of Echocardiography 2009;10:1-25



# Cormier and Echo score revisited

Assessment of mitral valve anatomy according to the Cormier score <sup>19</sup>	
Echocardiographic group	Mitral valve anatomy
Group 1	Pliable non-calcified anterior mitral leaflet and mild subvalvular disease (i.e. thin chordae $\geq 10$ mm long)
Group 2	Pliable non-calcified anterior mitral leaflet and severe subvalvular disease (i.e. thickened chordae $< 10$ mm long)
Group 3	Calcification of mitral valve of any extent, as assessed by fluoroscopy, whatever the state of subvalvular apparatus

Echo score 'Revisited' for immediate outcome prediction <sup>20</sup>	
Echocardiographic variables	Points for score (0 to 11)
Mitral valve area $\leq 1$ cm <sup>2</sup>	2
Maximum leaflet displacement $\leq 12$ mm	3
Commissural area ratio $\geq 1.25$	3
Subvalvular involvement	3

Risk groups for Echo score 'Revisited': low (score 0-3); intermediate (score 4-5); high (score 6-11)

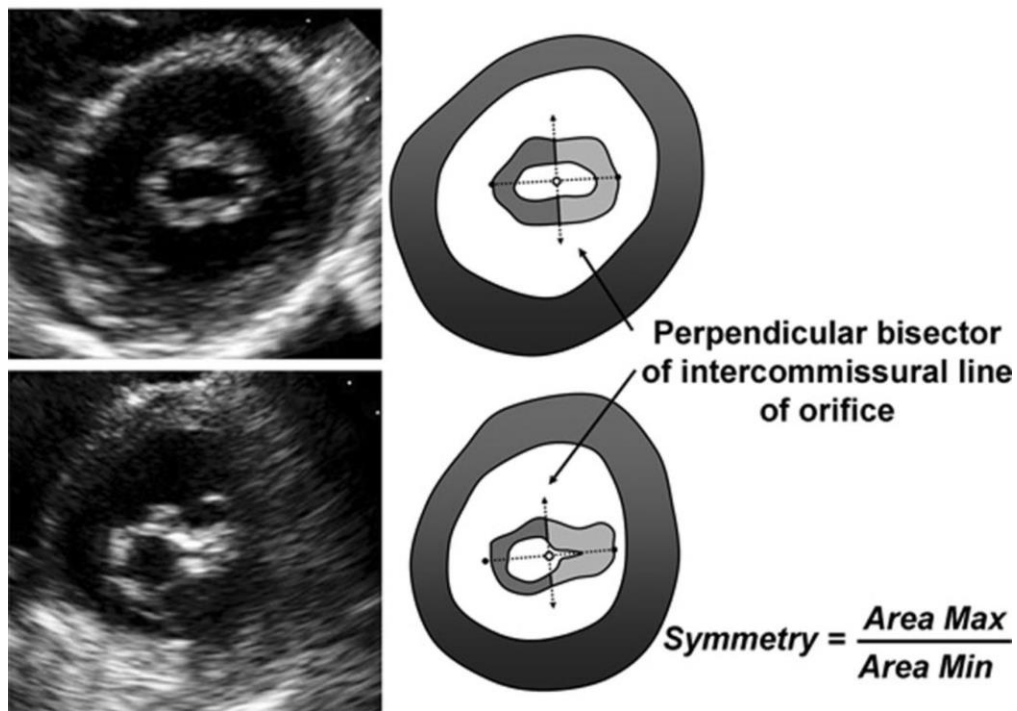
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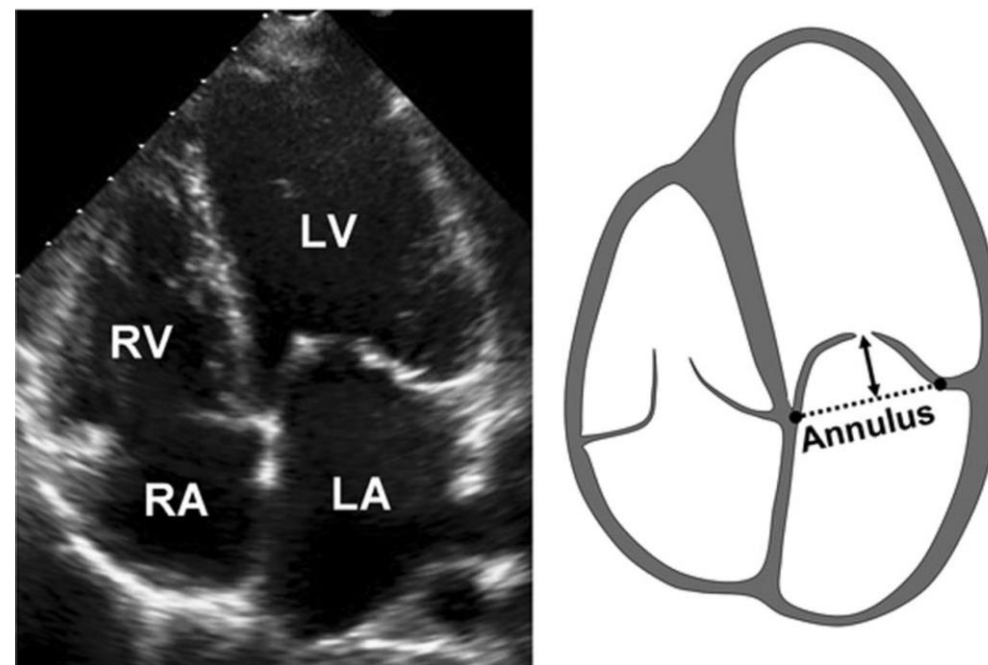
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### Commissural Area Ratio



### Leaflet Displacement



The symmetry of commissural thickening - the ratio between the leaflet areas on either side of the minor dimension.

The Echo score revisited: impact of incorporating commissural morphology and leaflet displacement to the prediction of outcome for patients undergoing percutaneous mitral valvuloplasty. *Circulation* 2014;129:886-895.

Baumgartner H et al. 2017 ESC/EACTS Guidelines for the management of valvular heart disease. *Eur Heart J* 2017;38:2739-2791,

# Contraindications for PMC

## Contraindications

MVA >1.5 cm<sup>2a</sup>

LA thrombus

More than mild mitral regurgitation

Severe or bi-commissural calcification

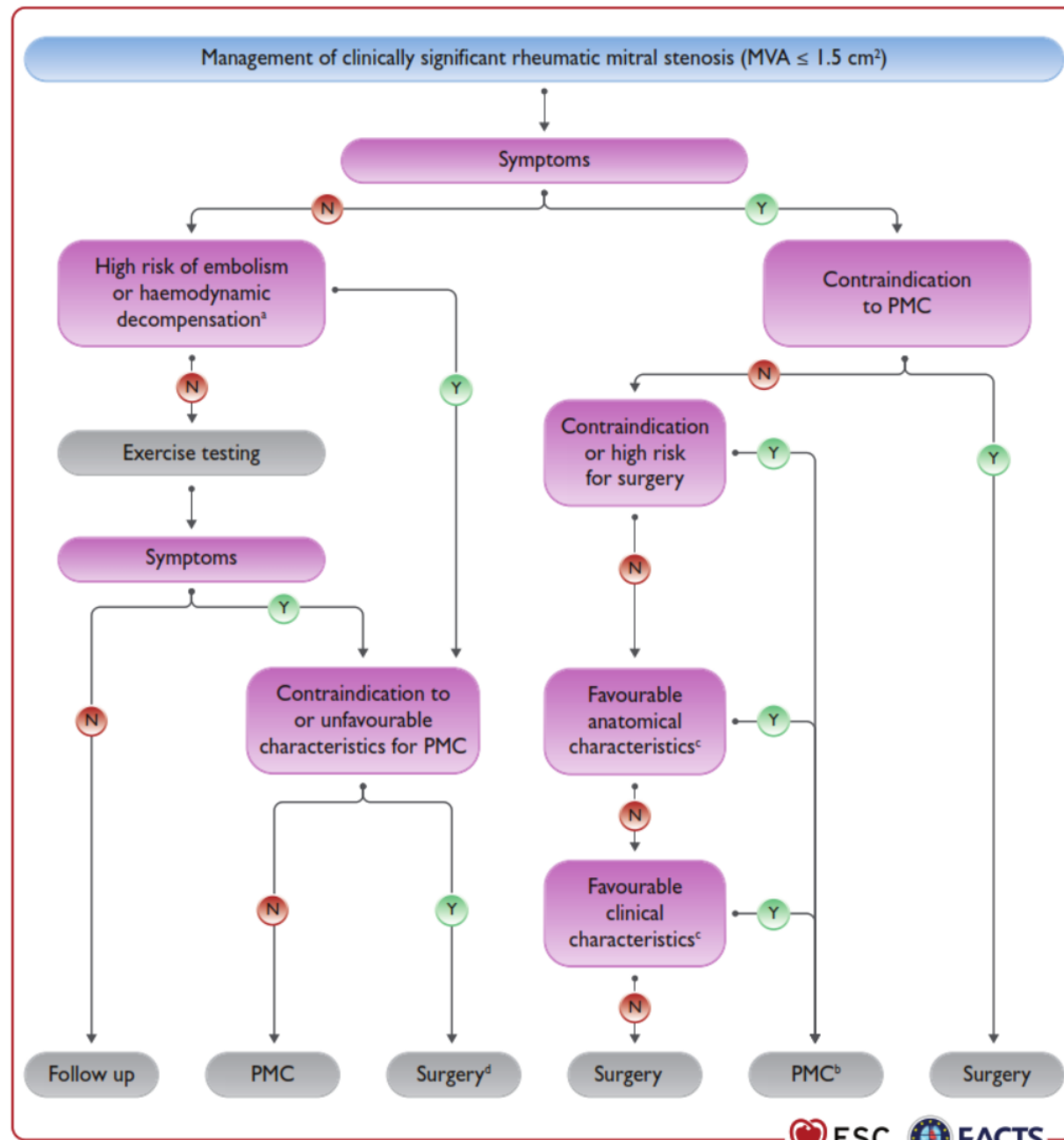
Absence of commissural fusion

Severe concomitant aortic valve disease, or severe combined tricuspid stenosis and regurgitation requiring surgery

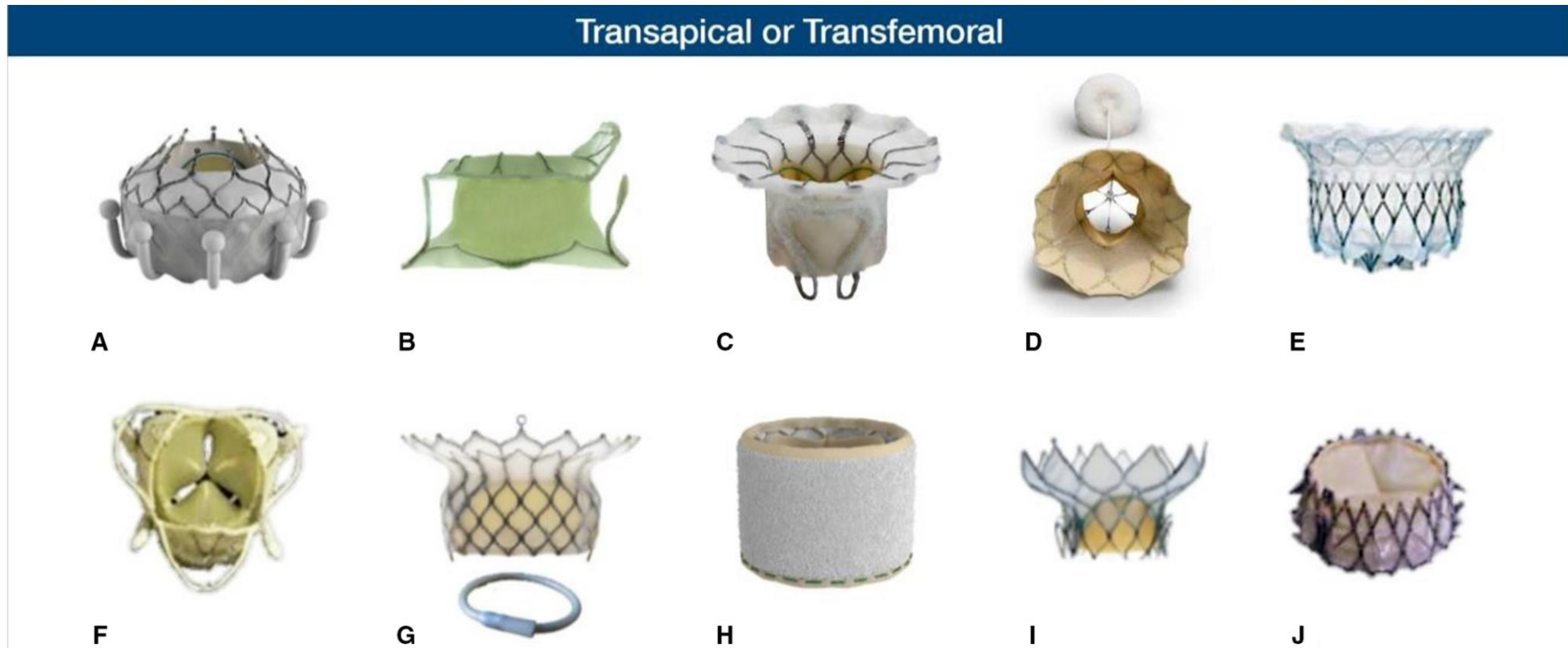
Concomitant CAD requiring bypass surgery

CAD = coronary artery disease; LA = left atrium/left atrial; MVA = mitral valve area; PMC = percutaneous mitral commissurotomy.

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# Transcatheter mitral valve replacement - not tested in stenotic valves – used off-label



Current transcatheter mitral valve replacement devices. **A**, CardiAQ/EVOQUE (Edwards Lifesciences Inc). **B**, Tiara (Neovasc Inc, Canada). **C**, FORTIS (Edwards Lifesciences Inc). **D**, Tendyne (Abbott Inc). **E**, Intrepid (Medtronic Inc). **F**, Caisson (LivaNova, UK). **G**, HighLife Bioprosthesis and Subannular Implant (HighLife SAS, France). **H**, SAPIEN M3 (Edwards Lifesciences Inc). **I**, Cardiovalve (Cardiovalve, Israel). **J**, NaviGate (NaviGate Cardiac Structures, Inc, CA).

# Conclusions

- MVA 1.5 cm<sup>2</sup> is the decisive limit for MS treatment
- Multiplicate echo methods, TOE mandatory before intervention
- 3D
- Stress testing (asymptomatic, moderate)
- PMC still a valid option
- Anticoagulate