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# LAP and diastolic function analysis in the critically ill

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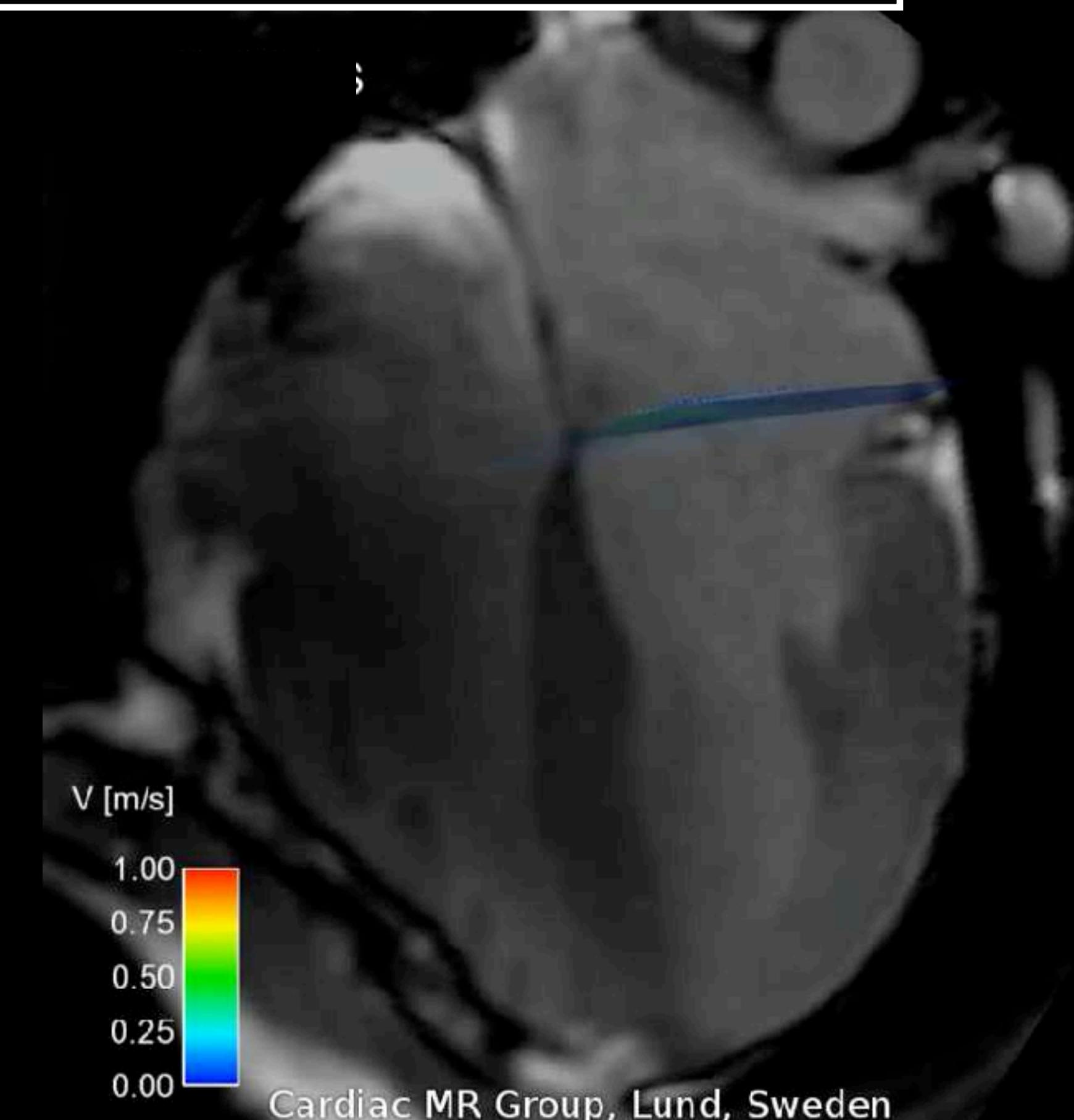
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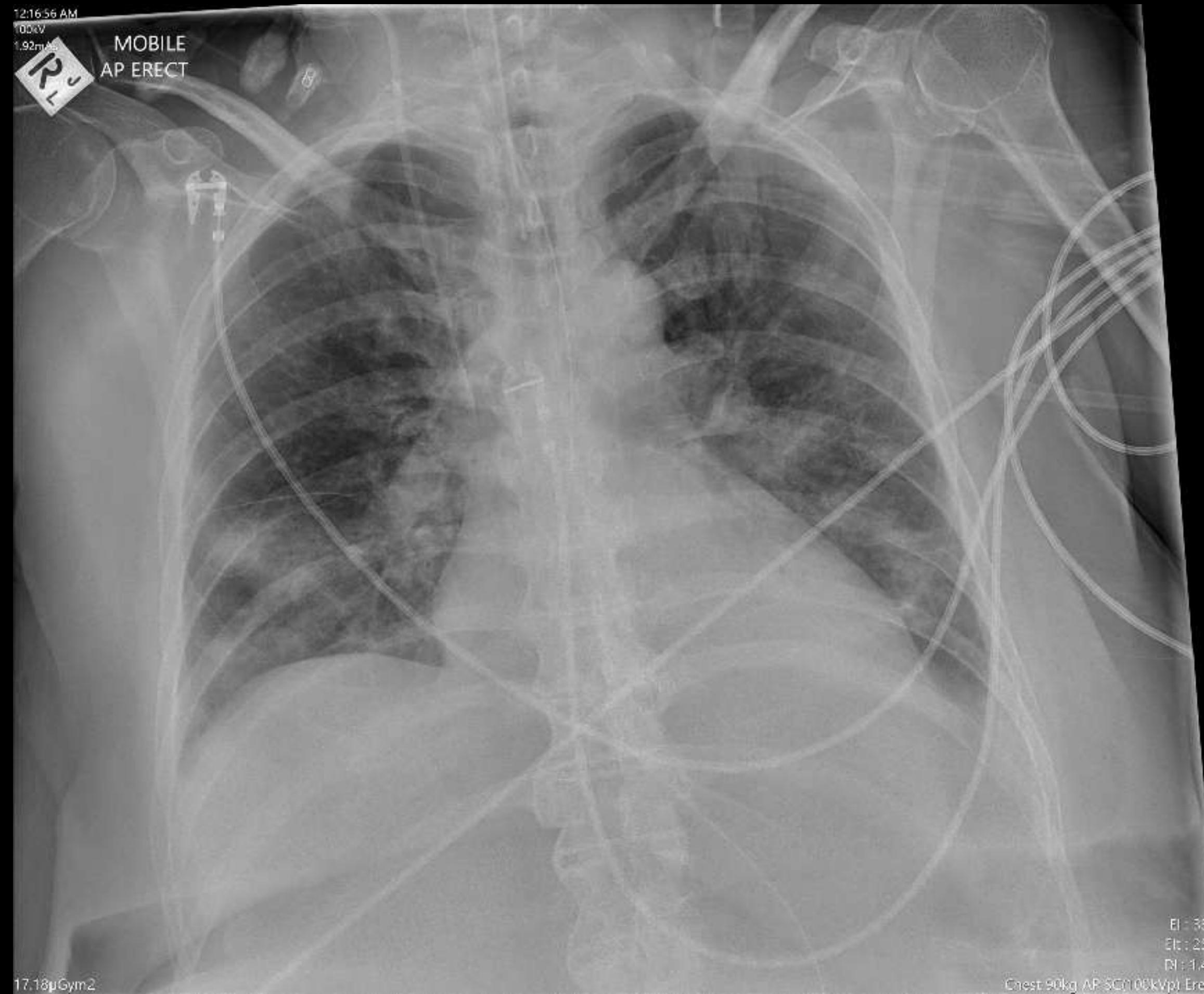
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## Evaluation of LAP in critically ill

- Which patients to assess
- How to assess
- What influences LV filling pressure

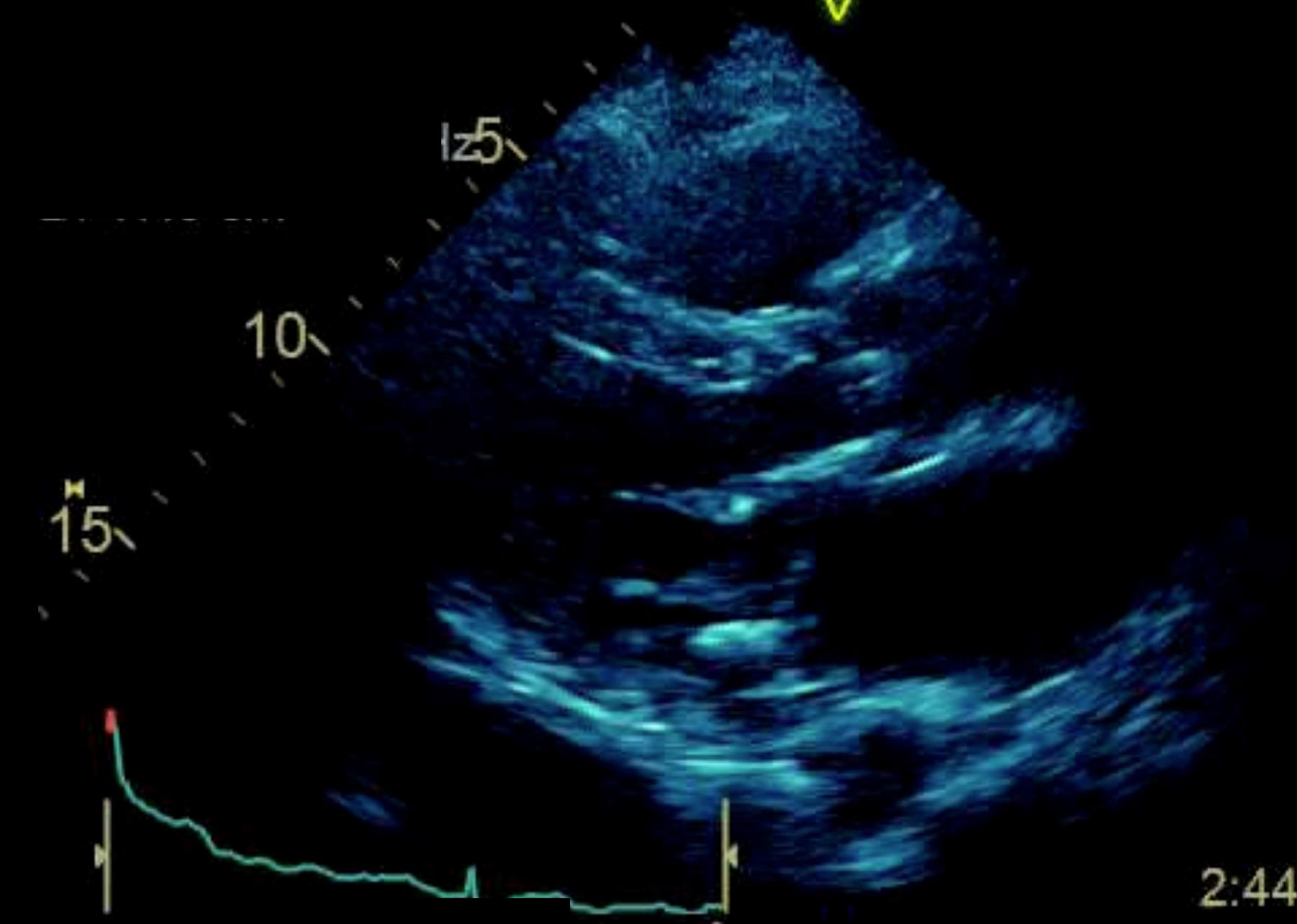
***find the ‘inflection point’***



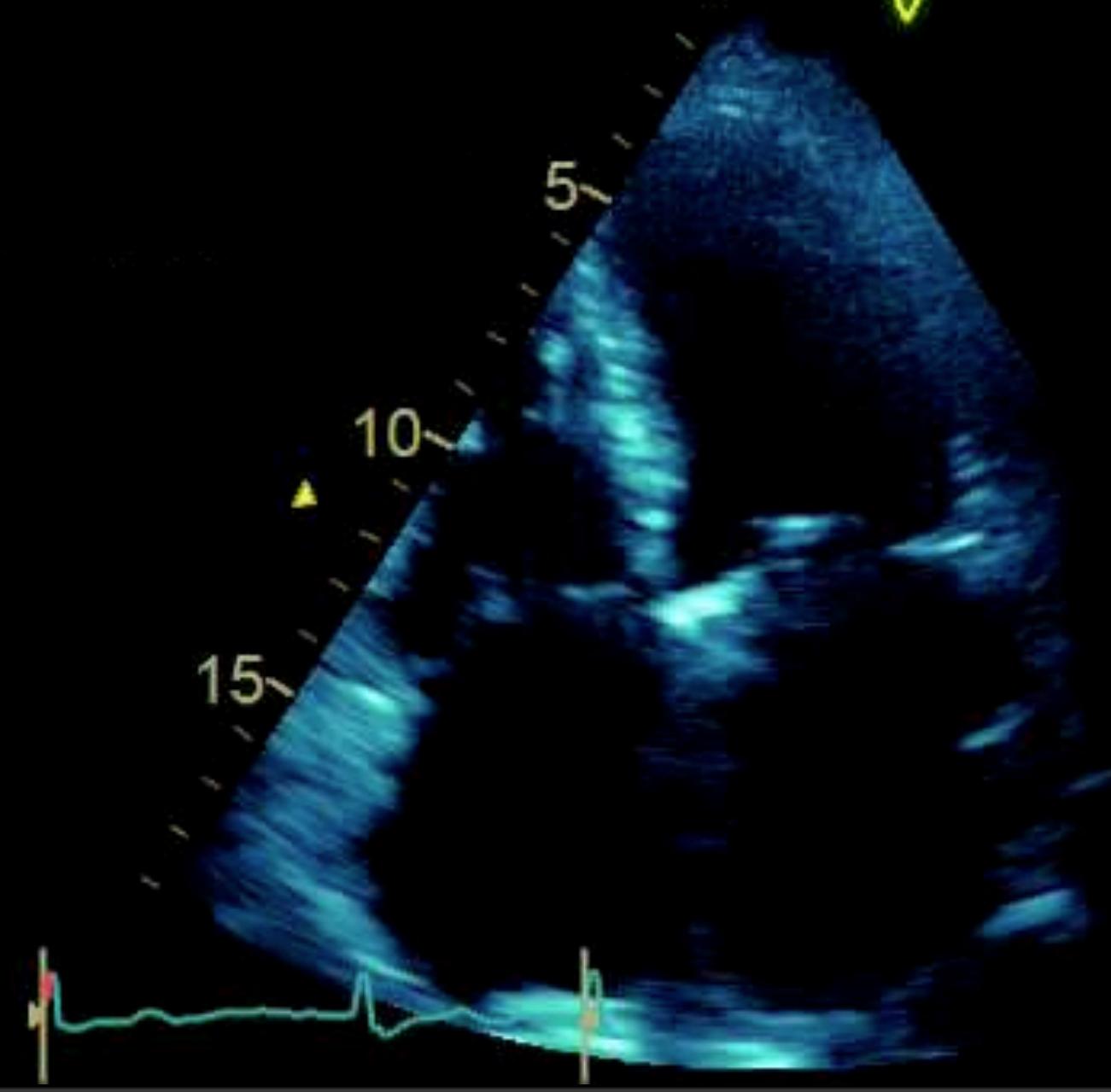


74yo man with pneumonia  
MET call on ward vs respiratory distress => ICU => intubation

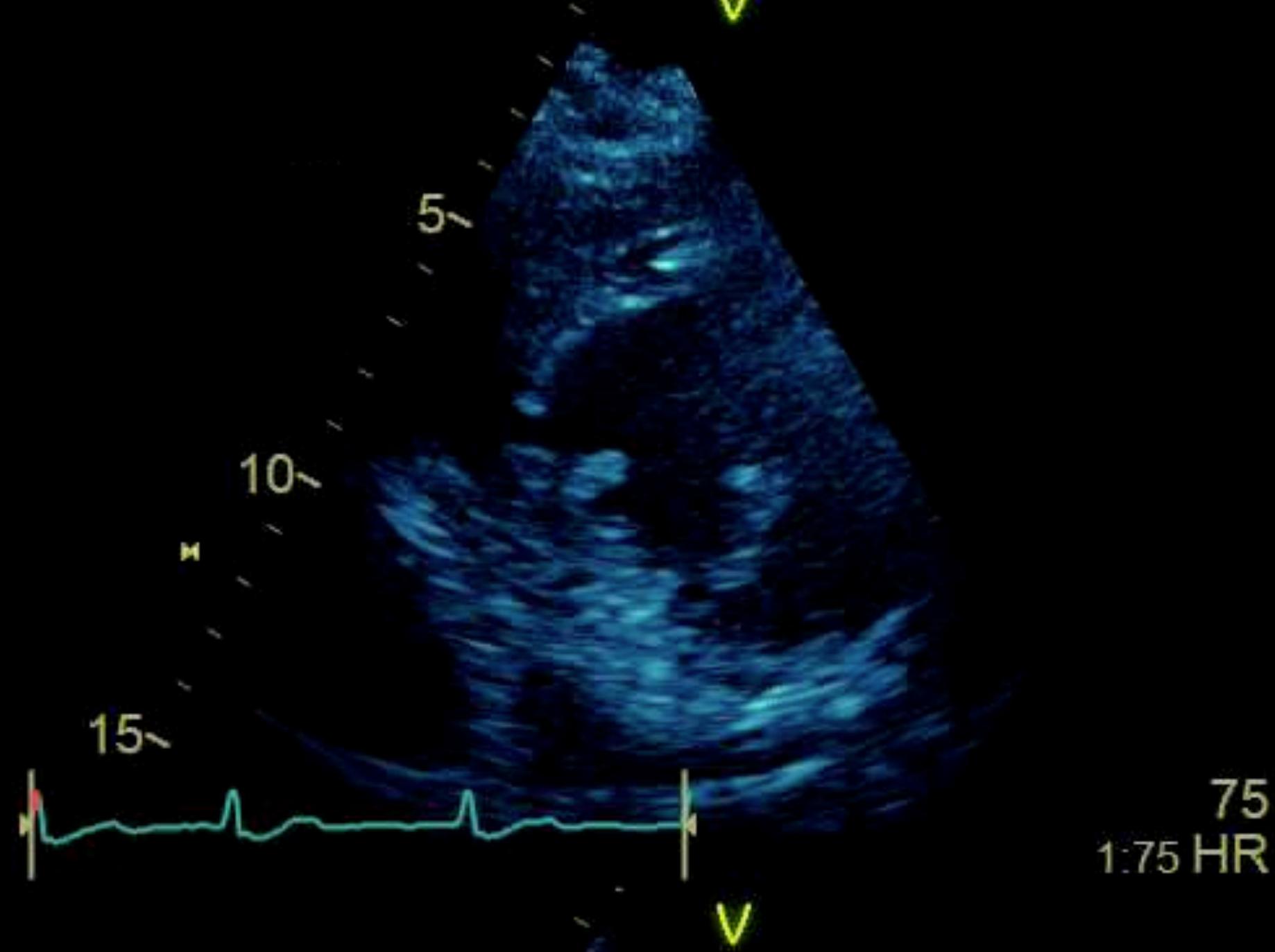
PMHx: DM, HTN, CRF, HFPEF. Old echo = normal EF on old echo



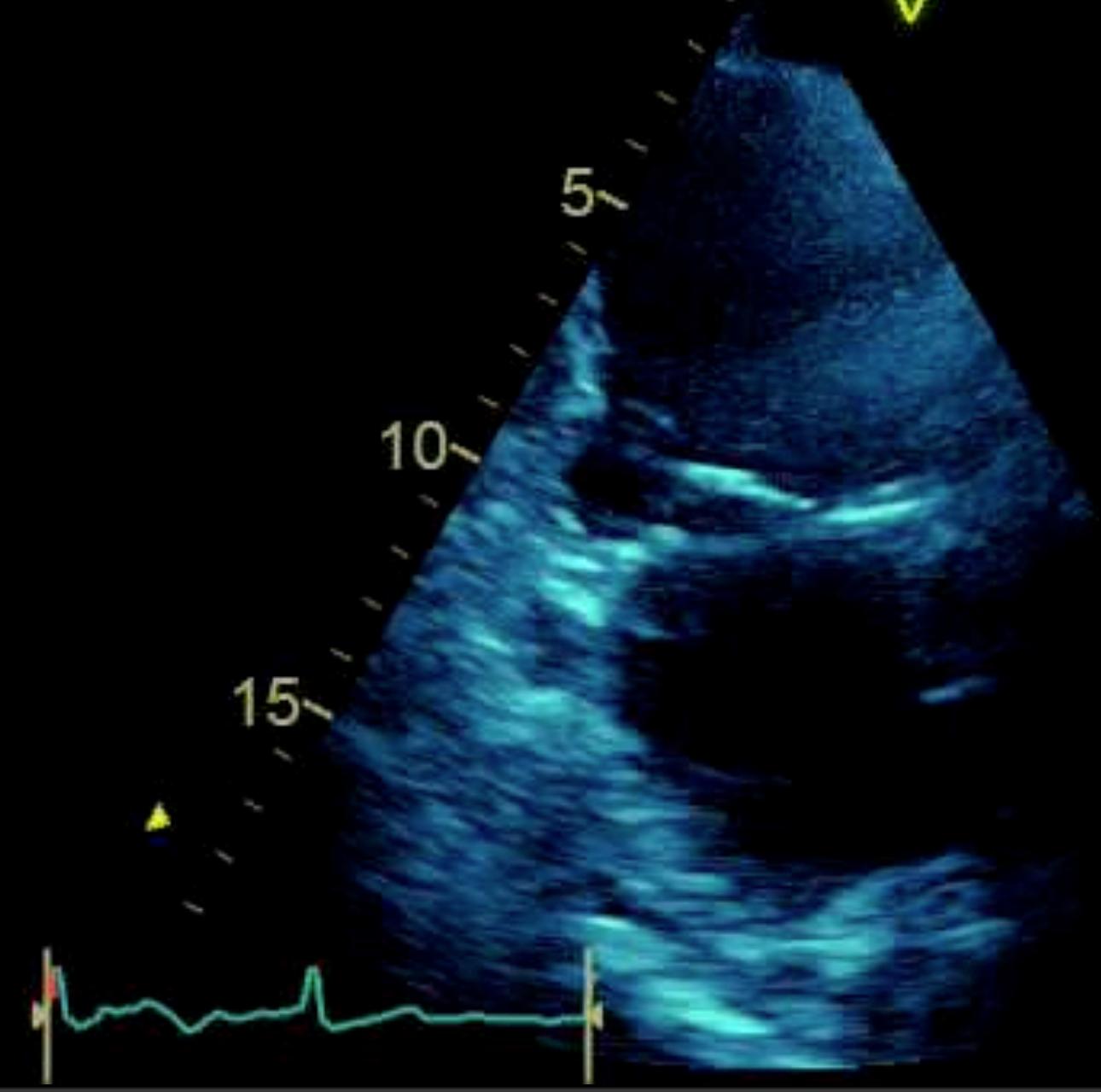
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2:44 HR



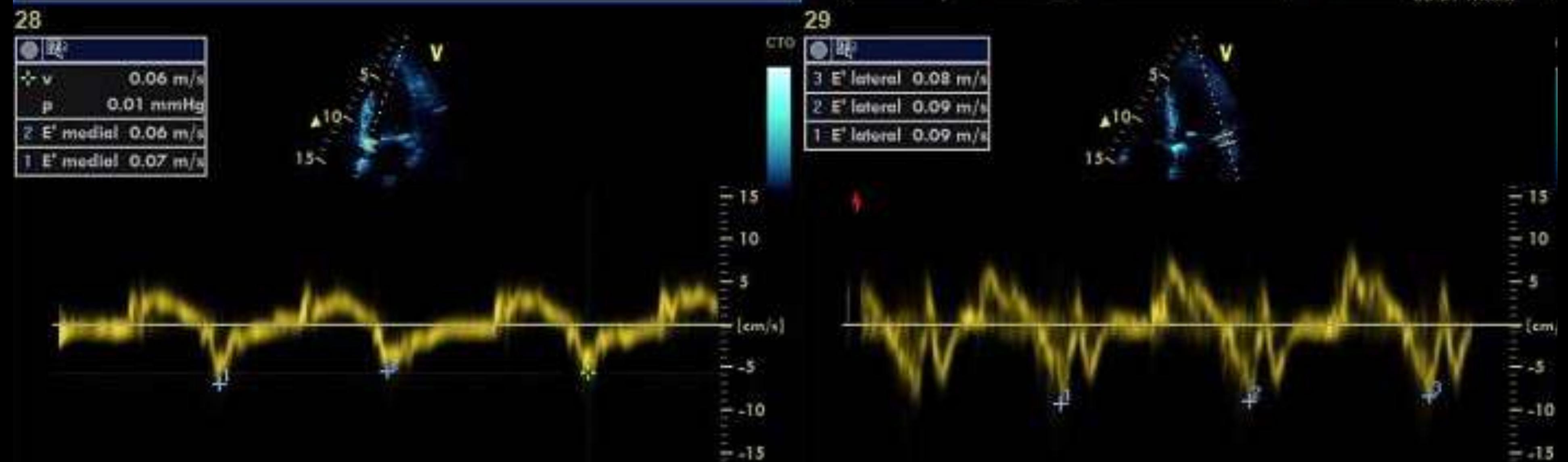
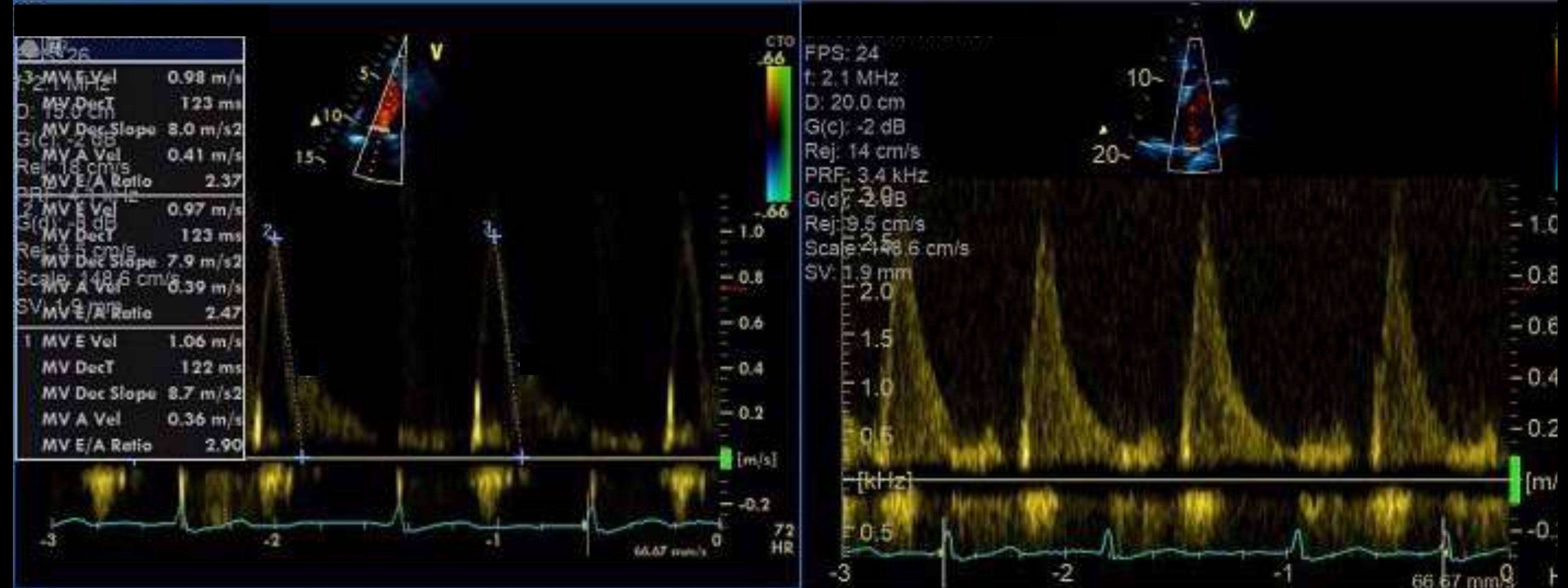
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1:26 HR

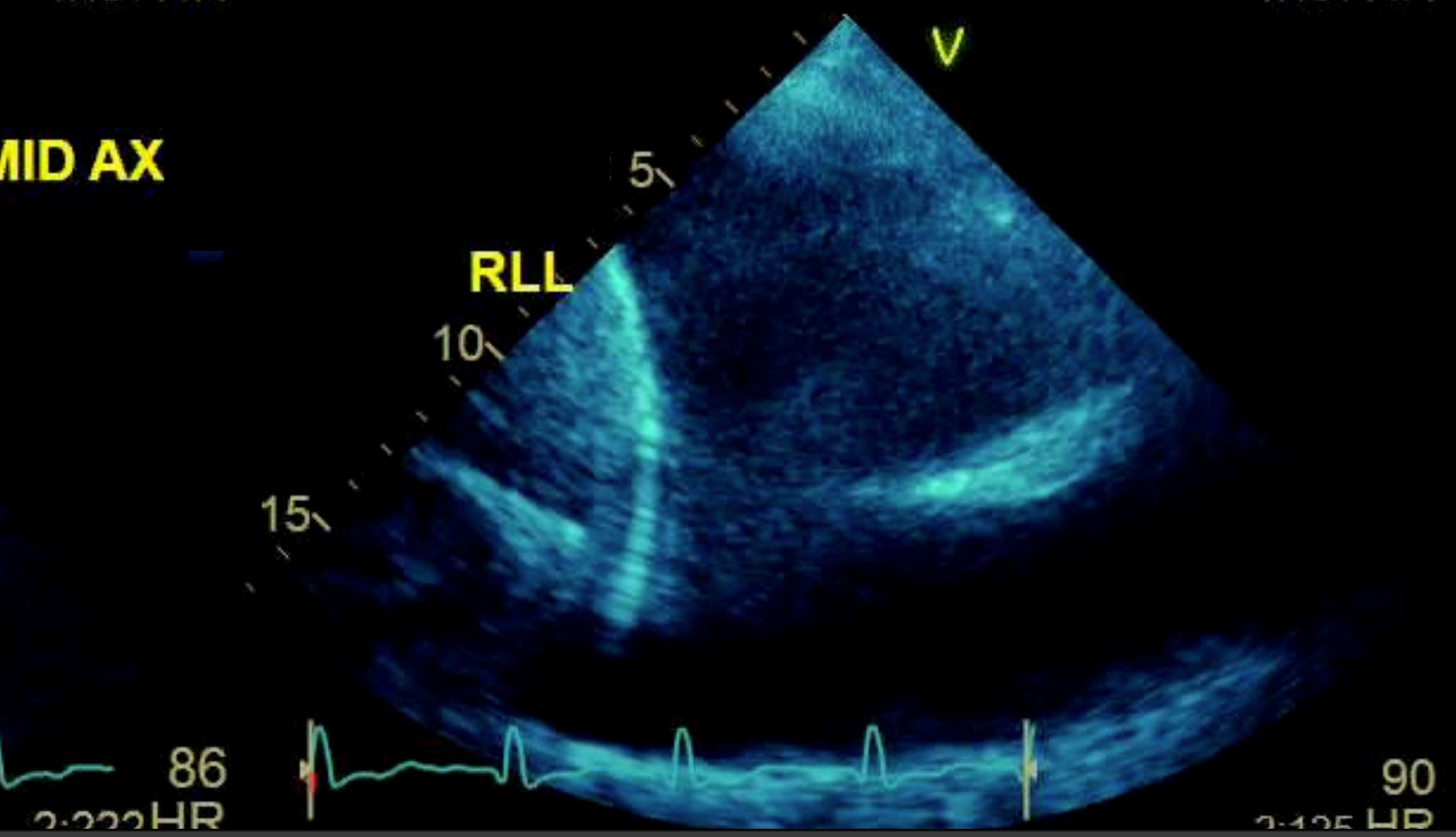
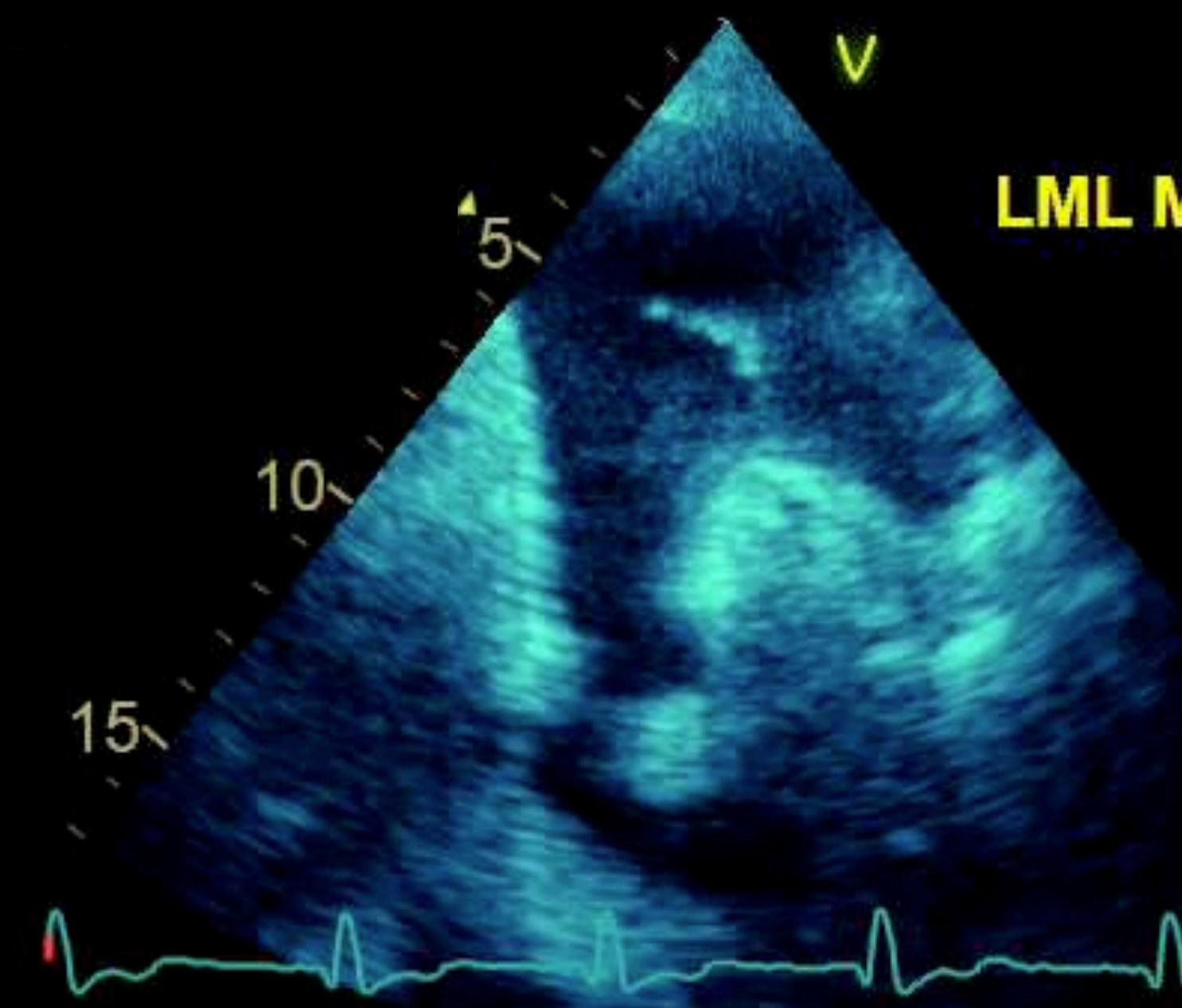
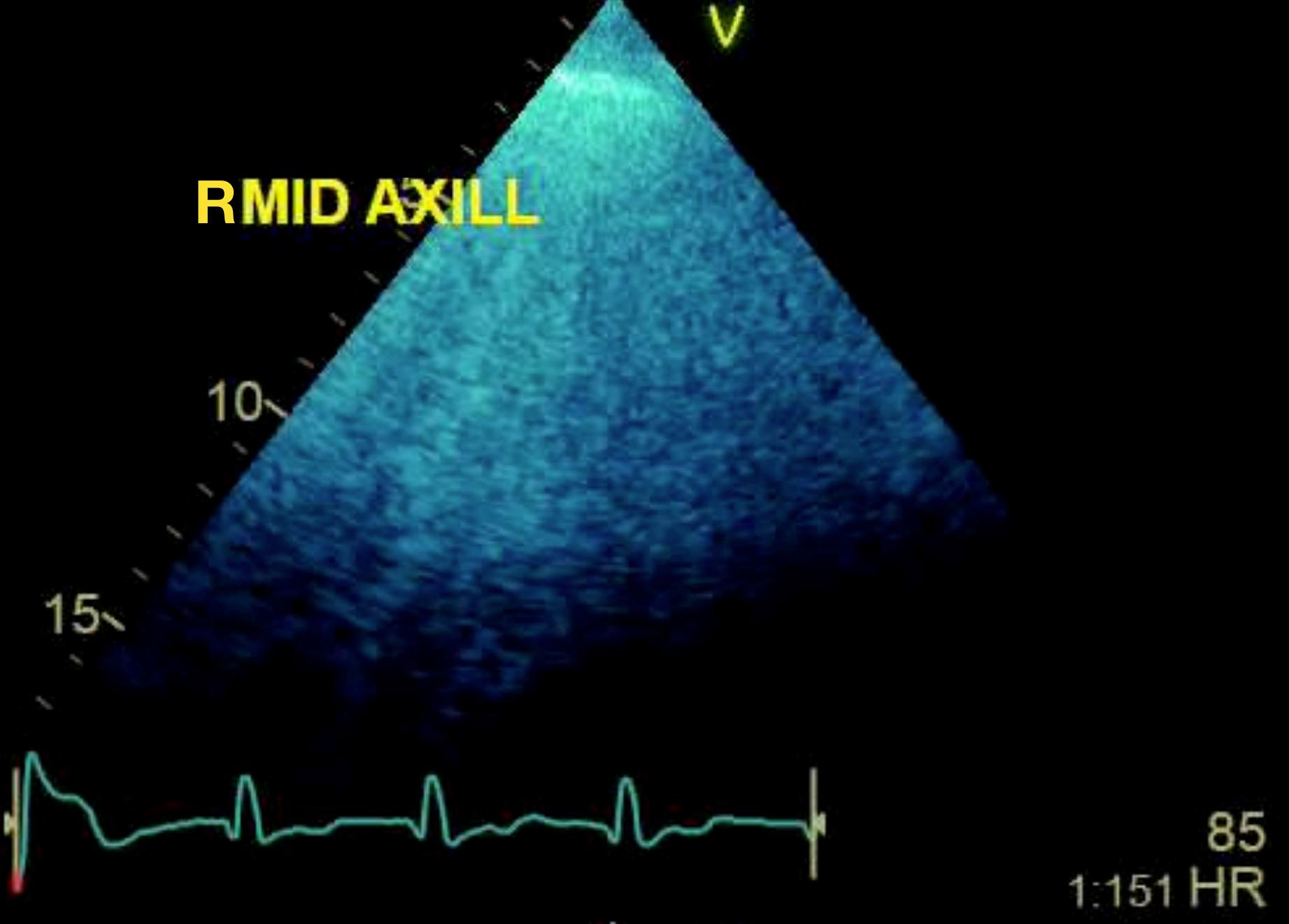
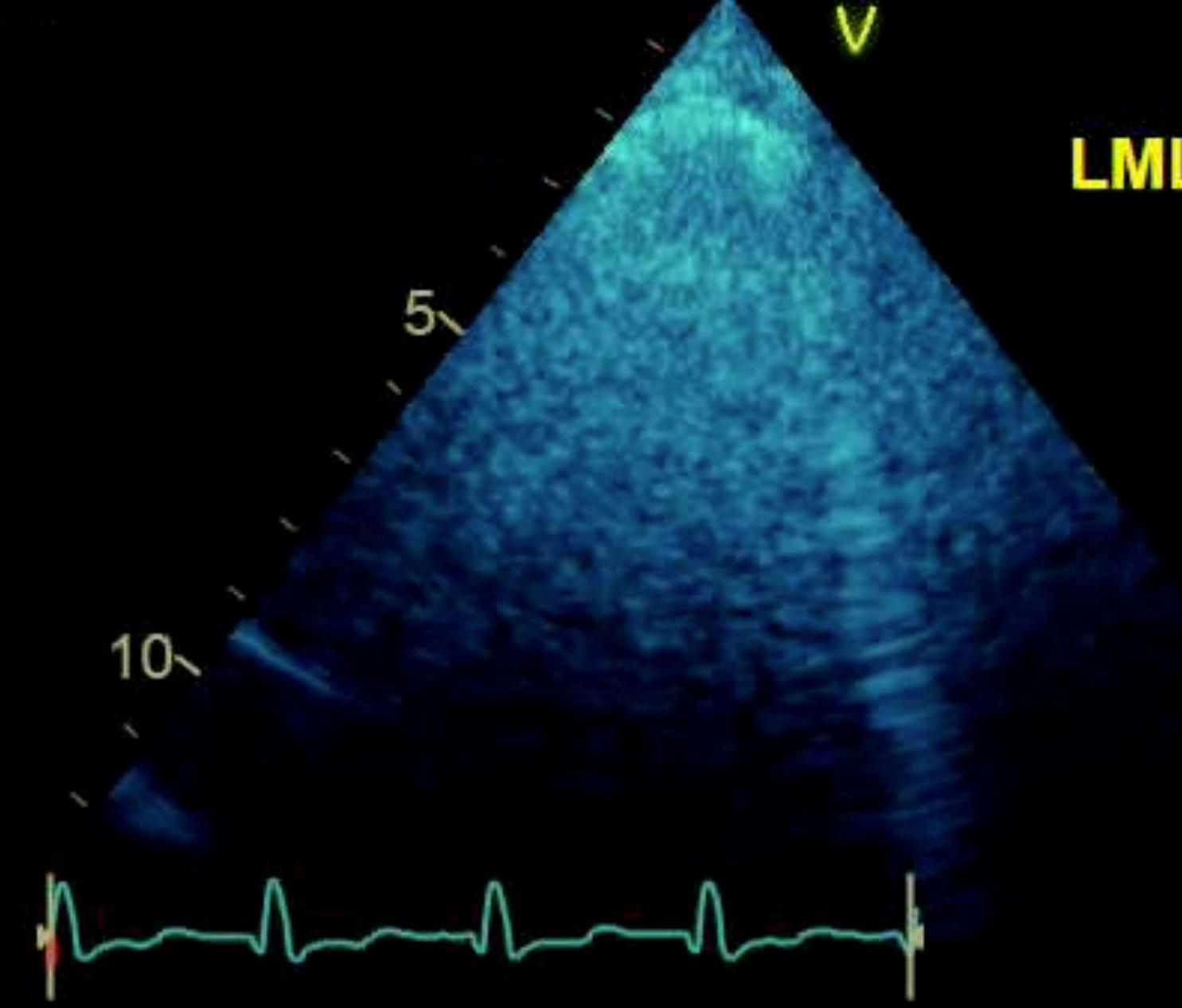


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1:75 HR



70  
2:90 HR





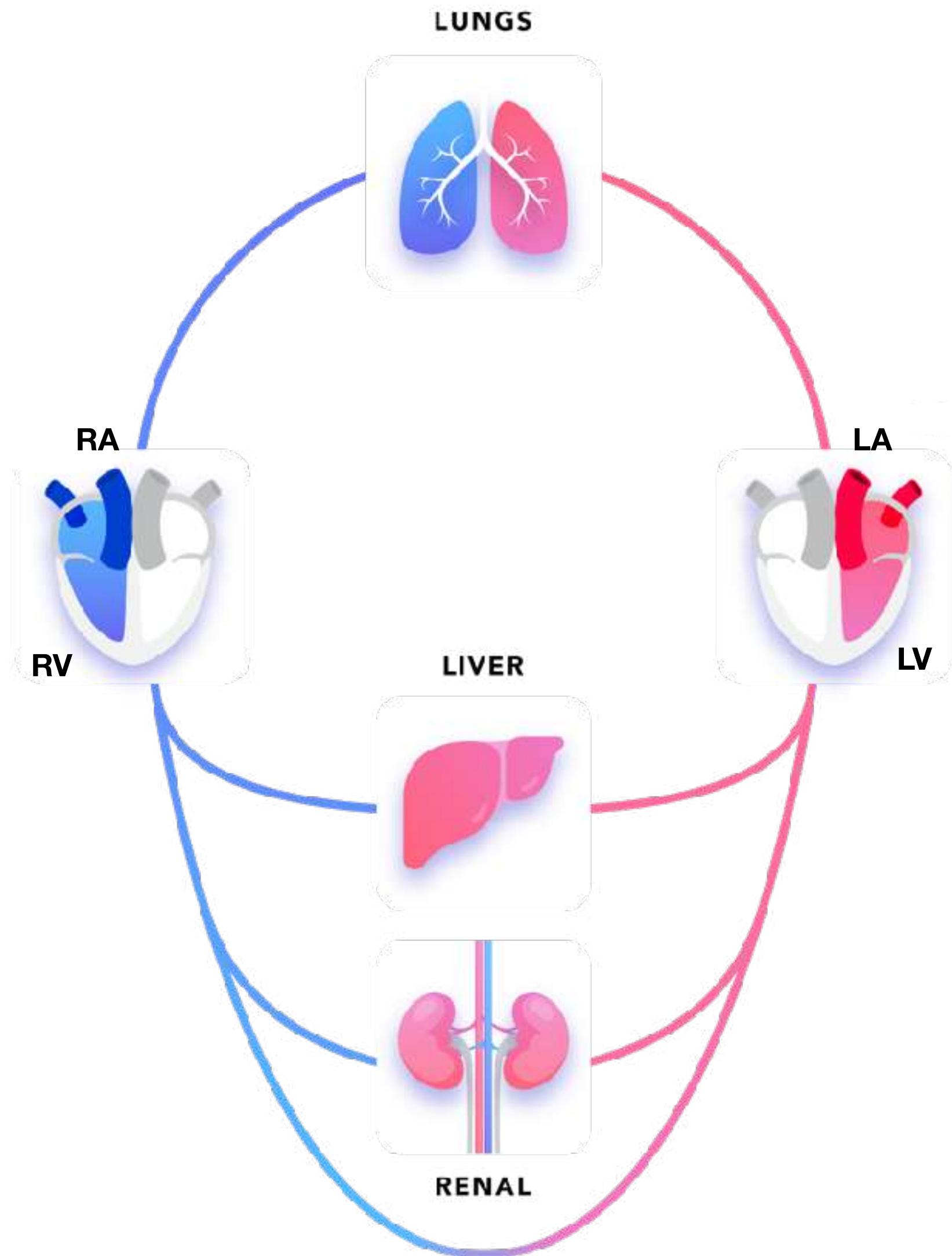
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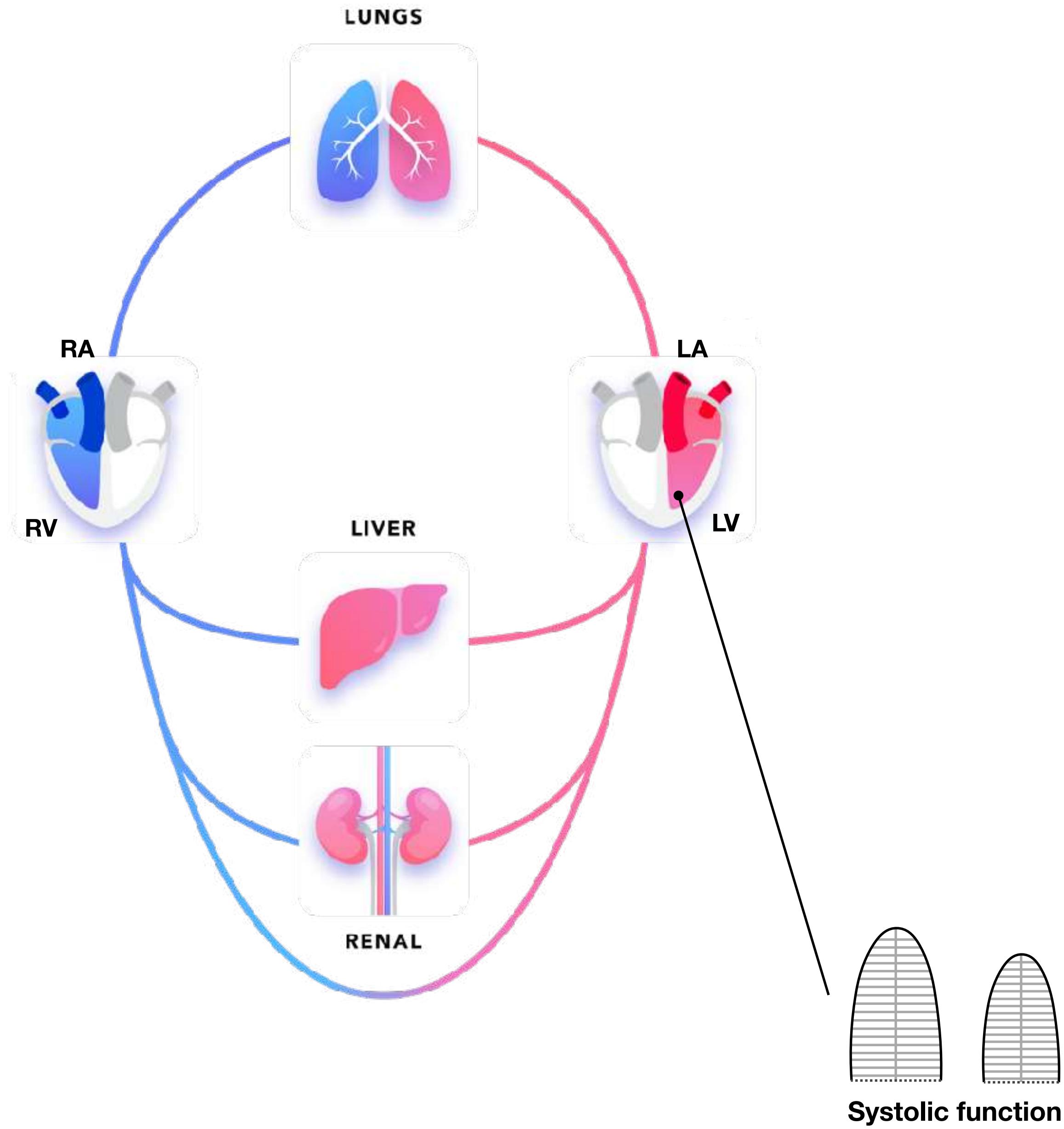
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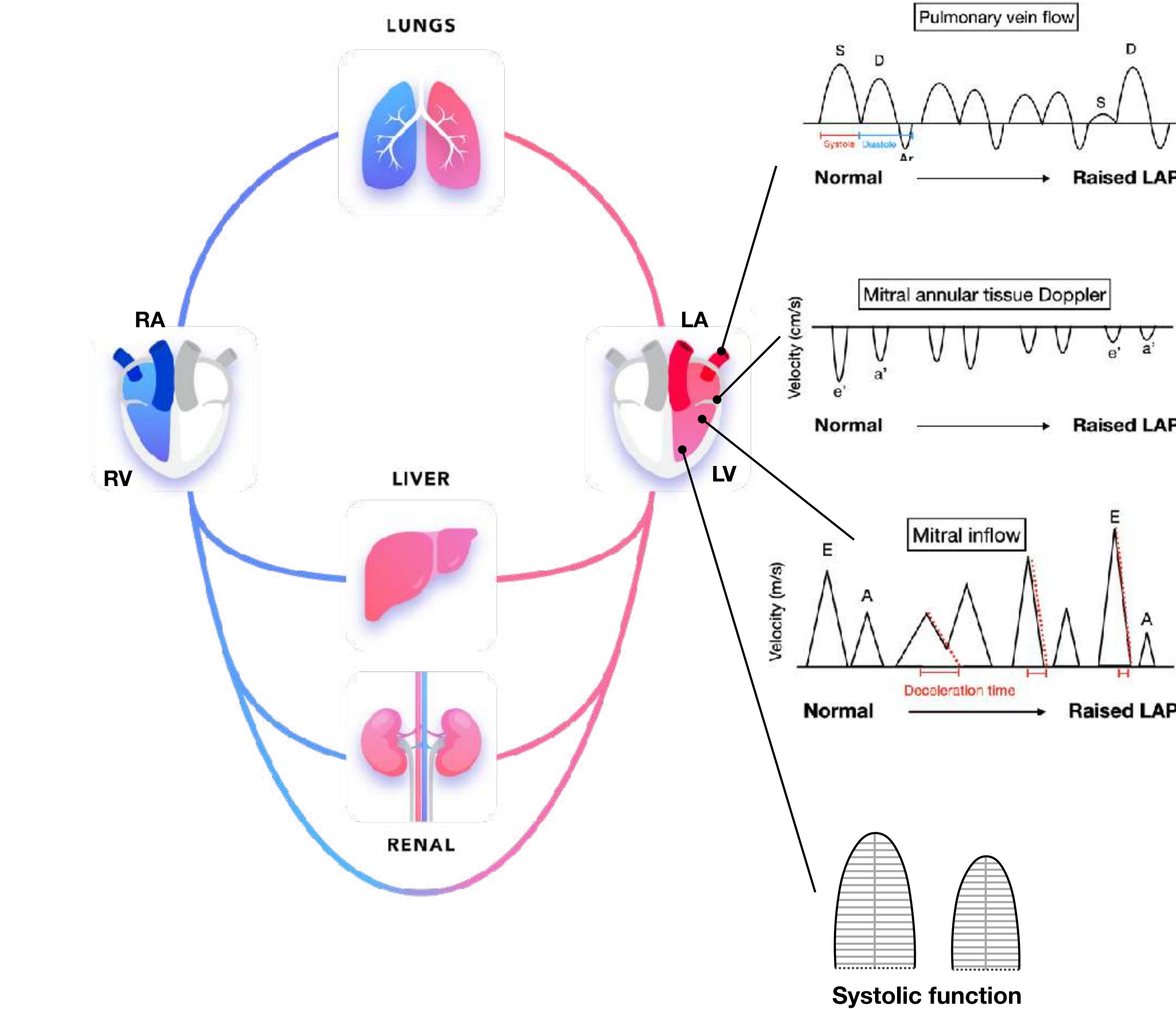
- Severe LV diastolic function + raised LAP + fluid overload
- Management =
  - Diuresis (LV preload reduction)
  - PEEP (LV preload reduction + LV afterload reduction)
  - Keep in SR. Avoid tachycardia
- Don't miss other pathology (eg: pneumonia etc...)

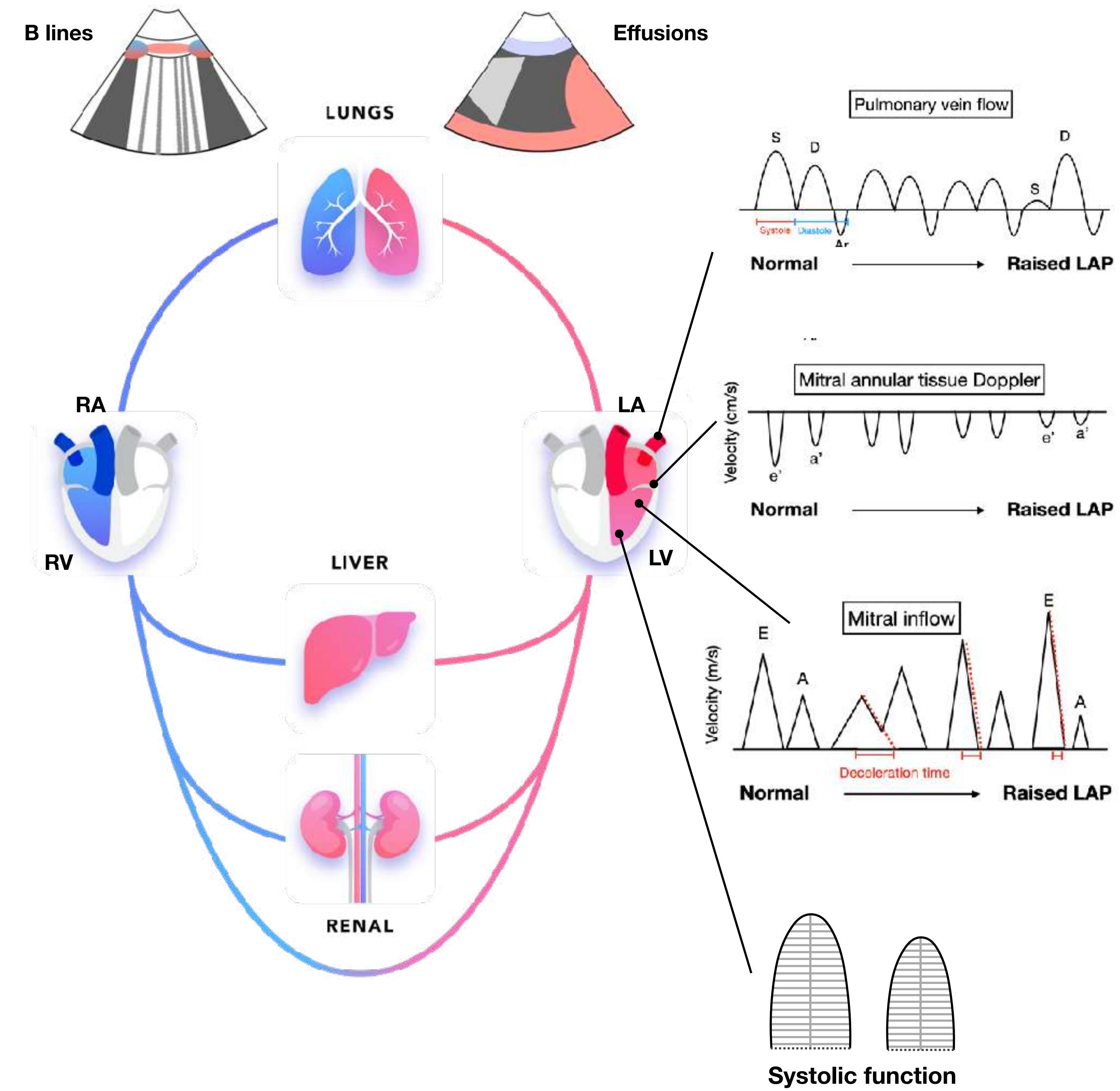
# Which critically ill patients to assess LAP?

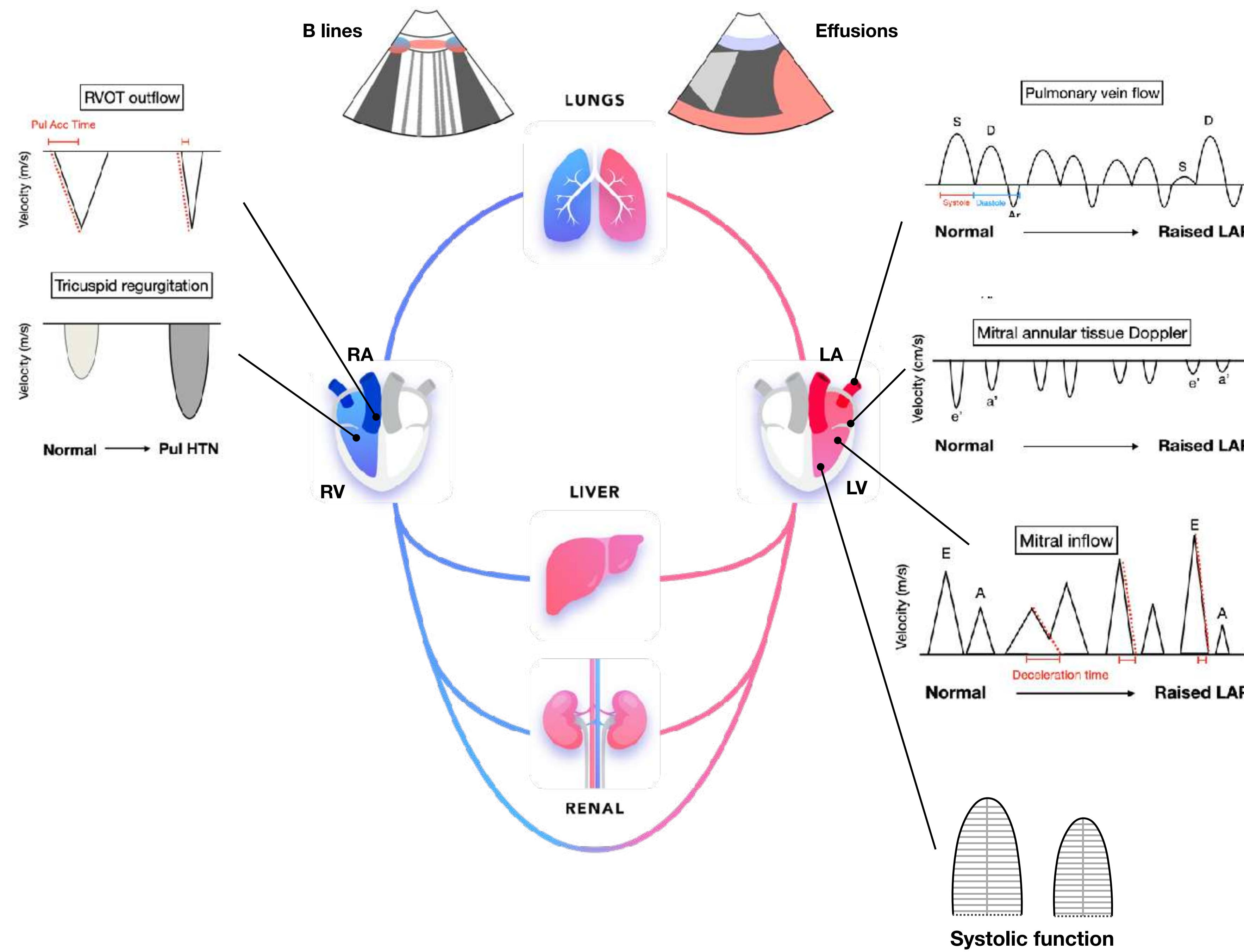
- Patients with heart failure eg: chronic (HFPEF, HFREF) & acute
- Patients 'at risk' of +ve fluid balance & pulmonary oedema:
  - Respiratory failure / ARDS
  - RV failure (esp: post capillary pulmonary hypertension)
- Weaning from ventilation

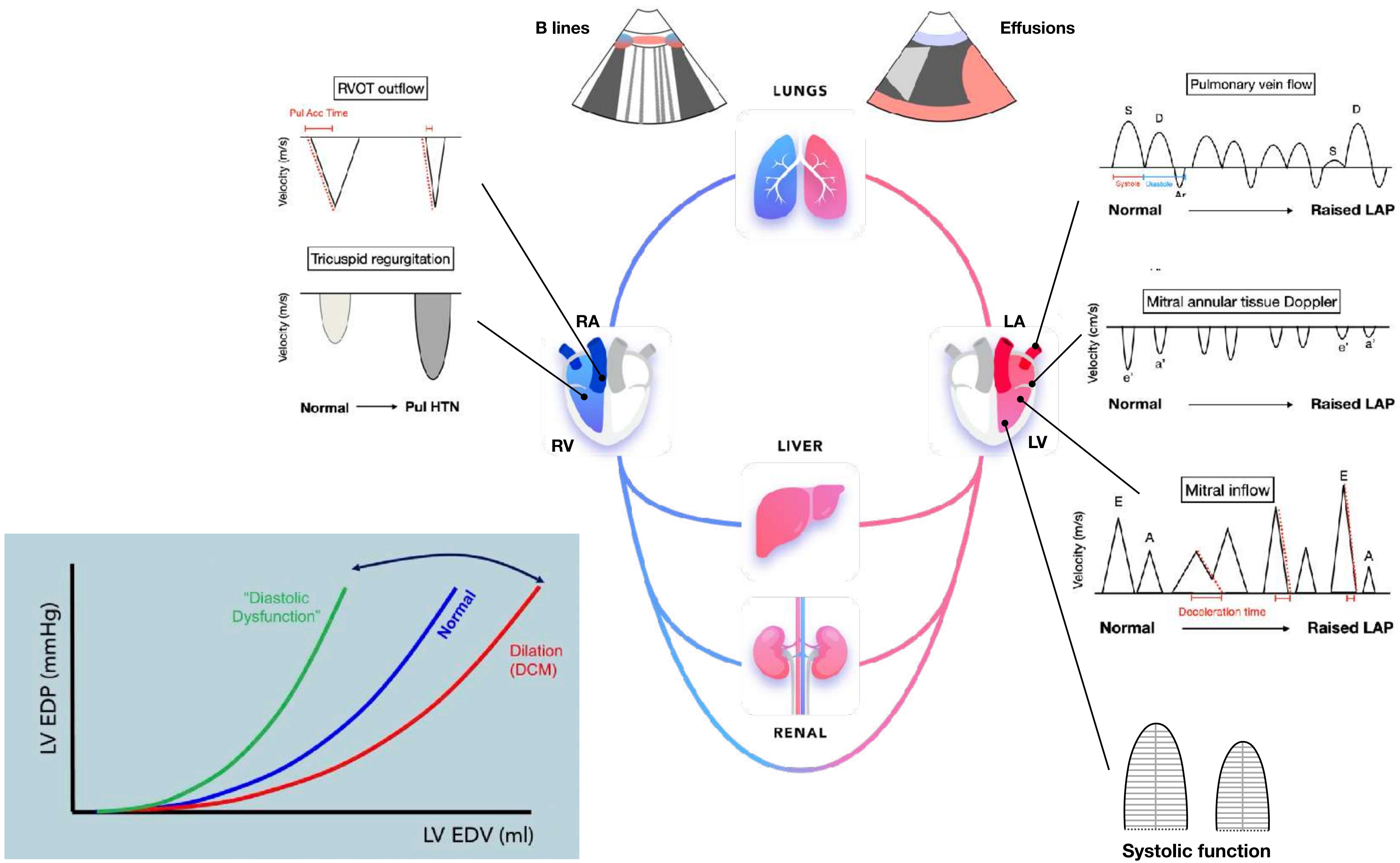




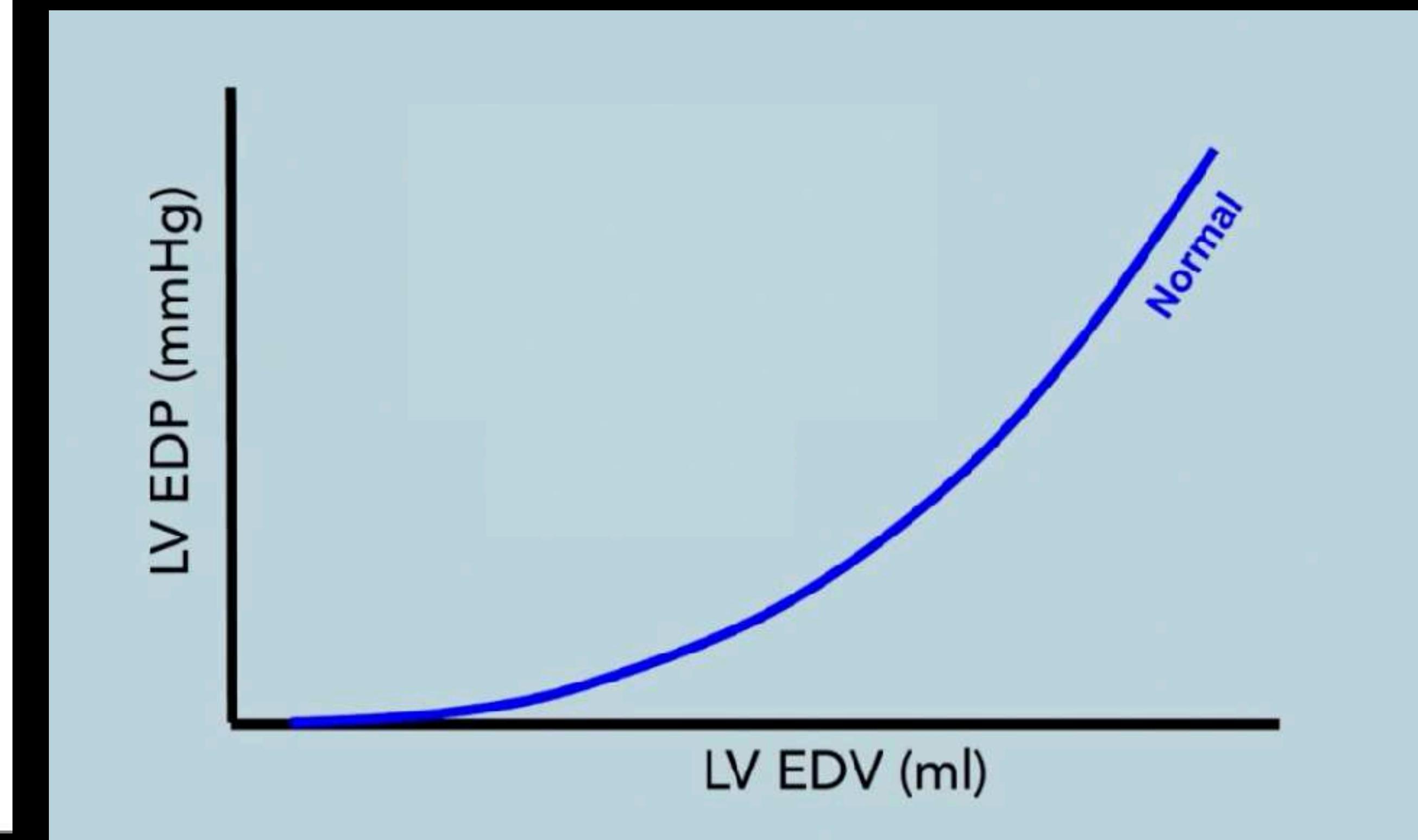
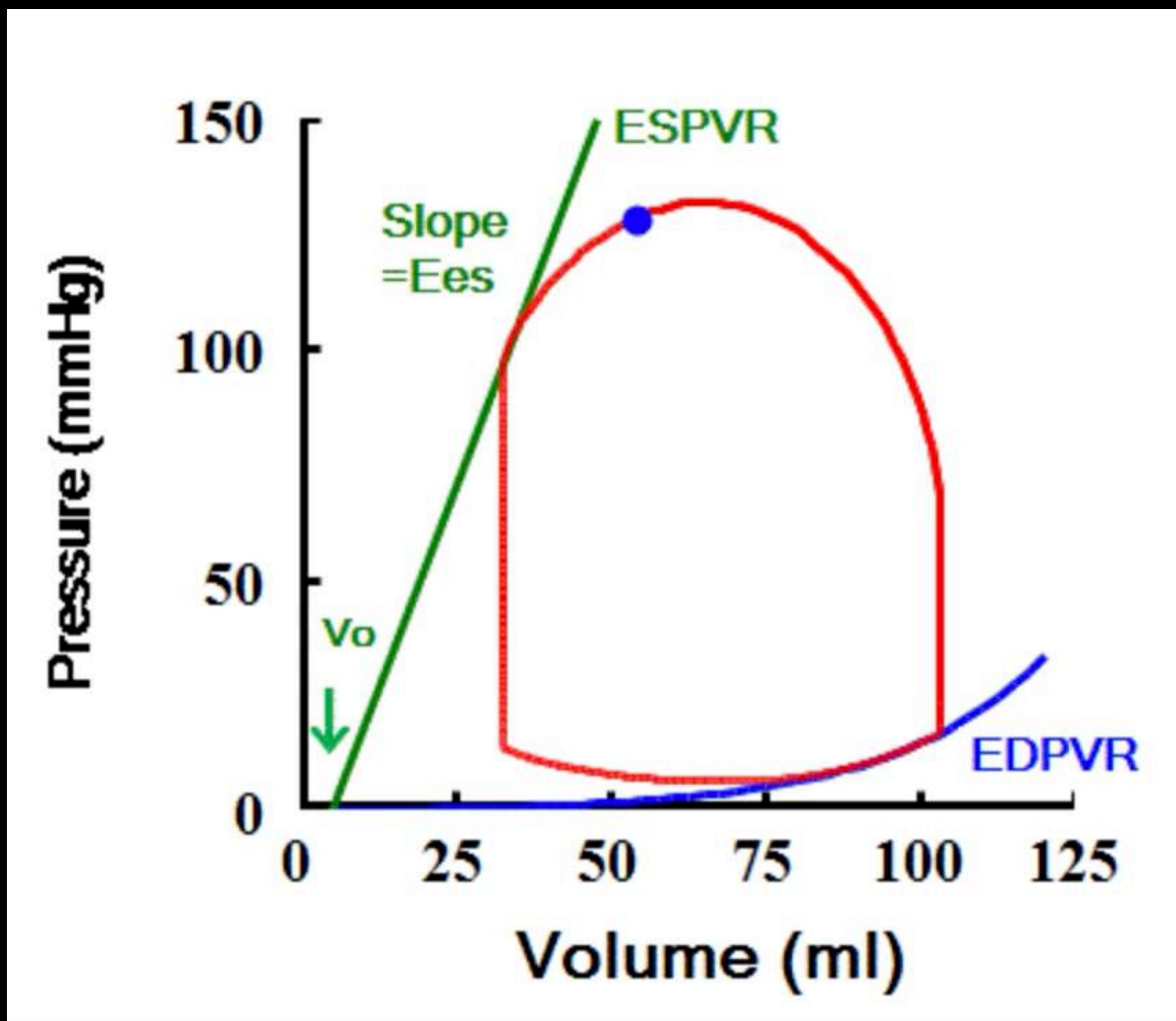




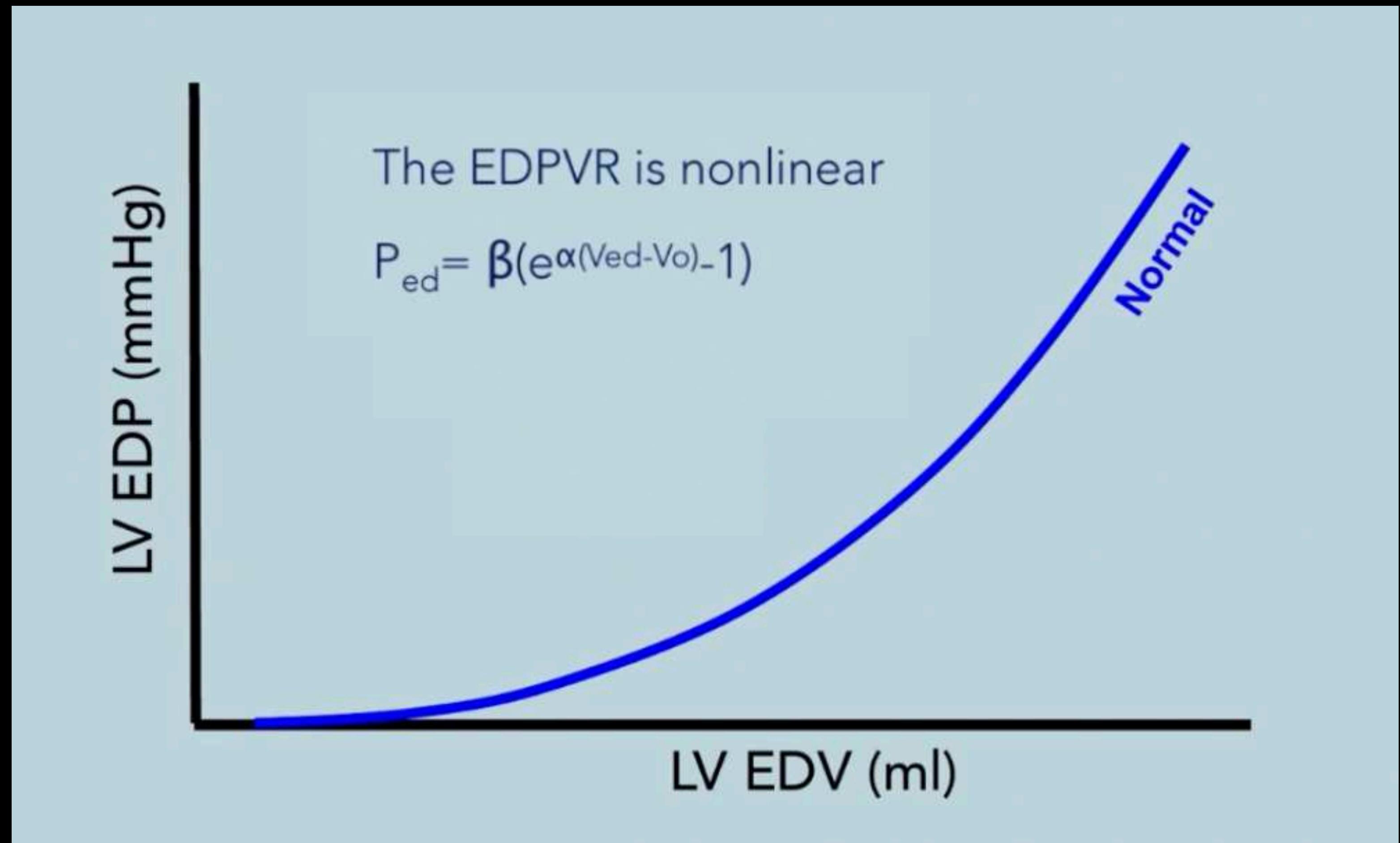


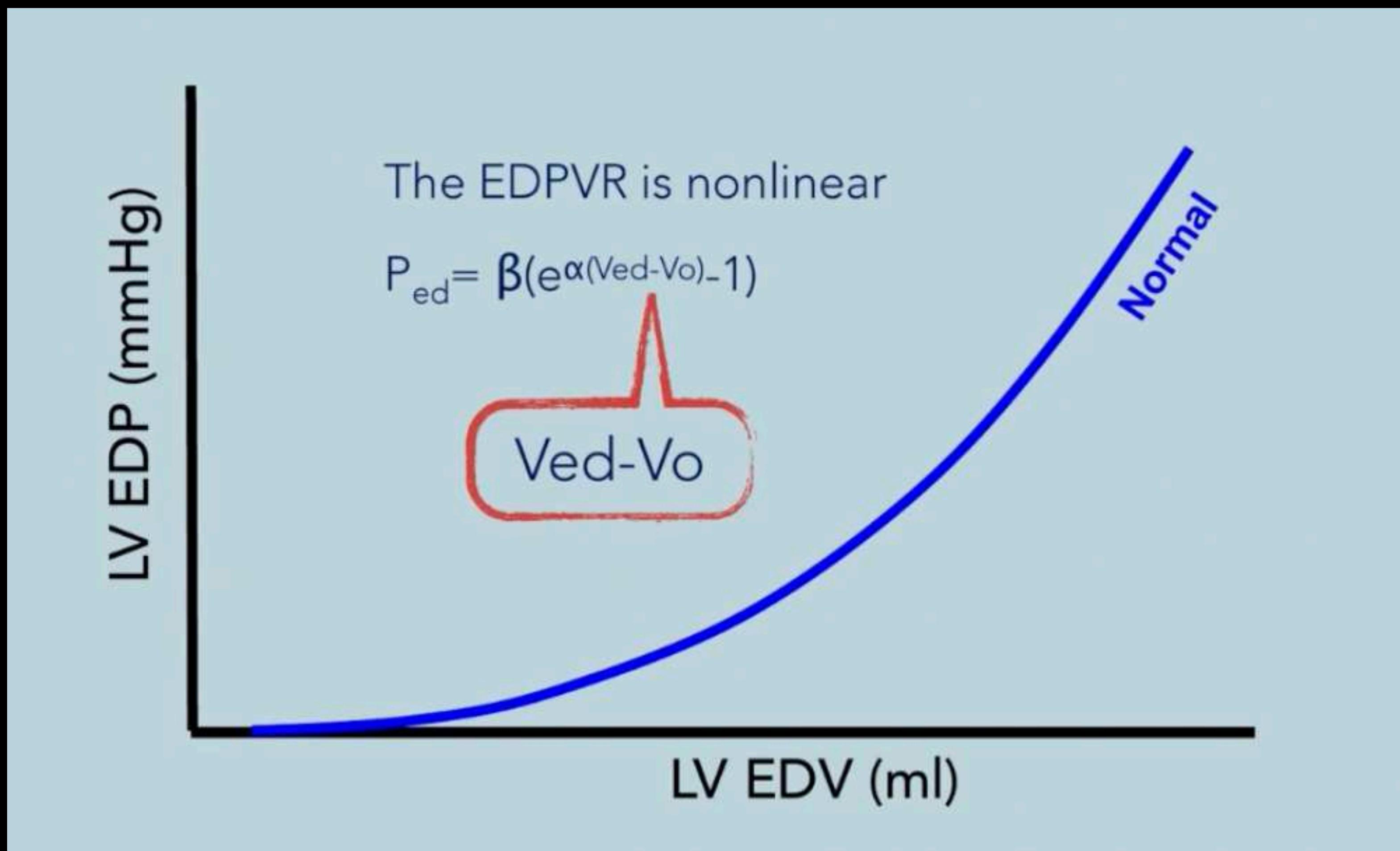


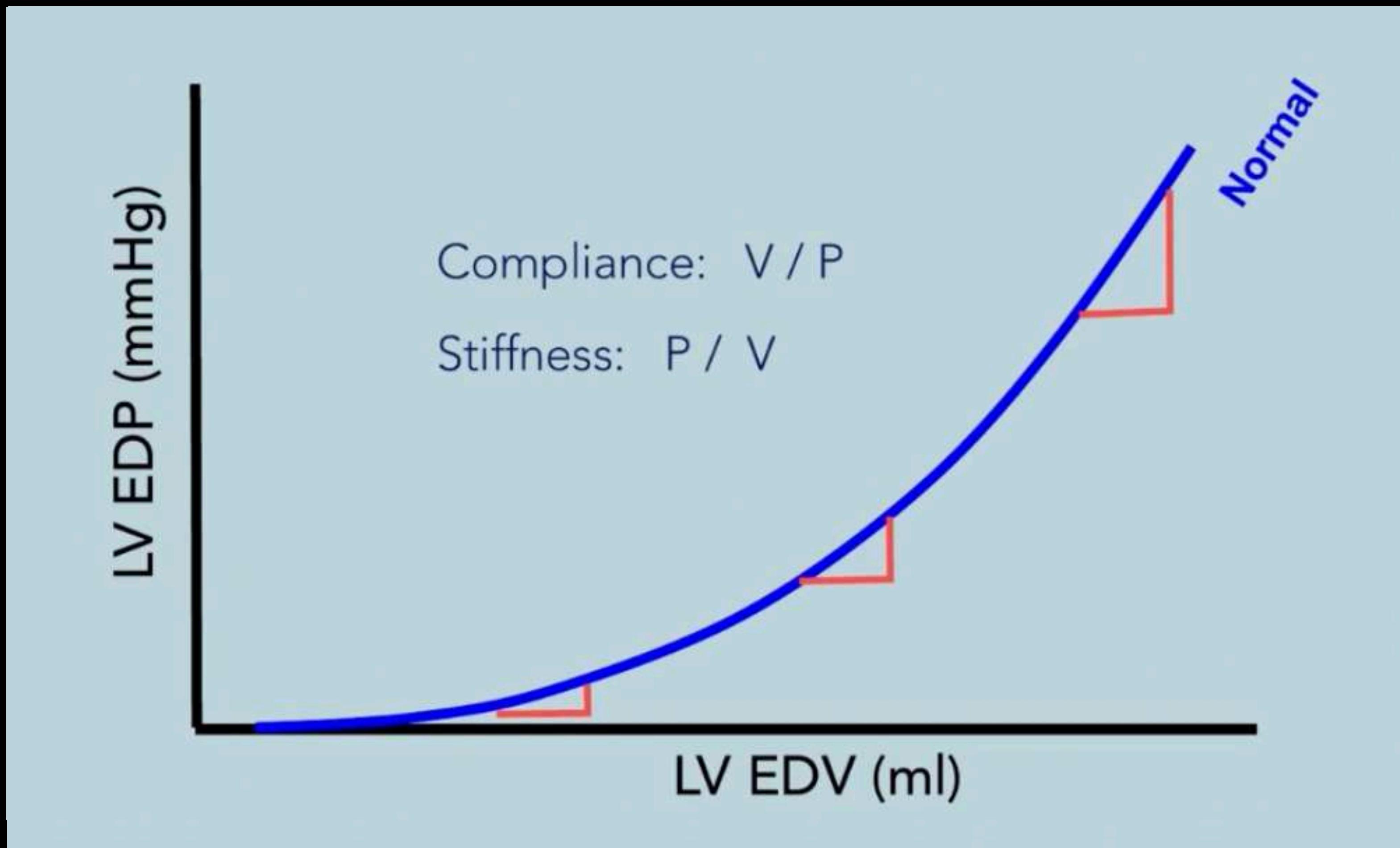
# Physiological principles to individualise therapy

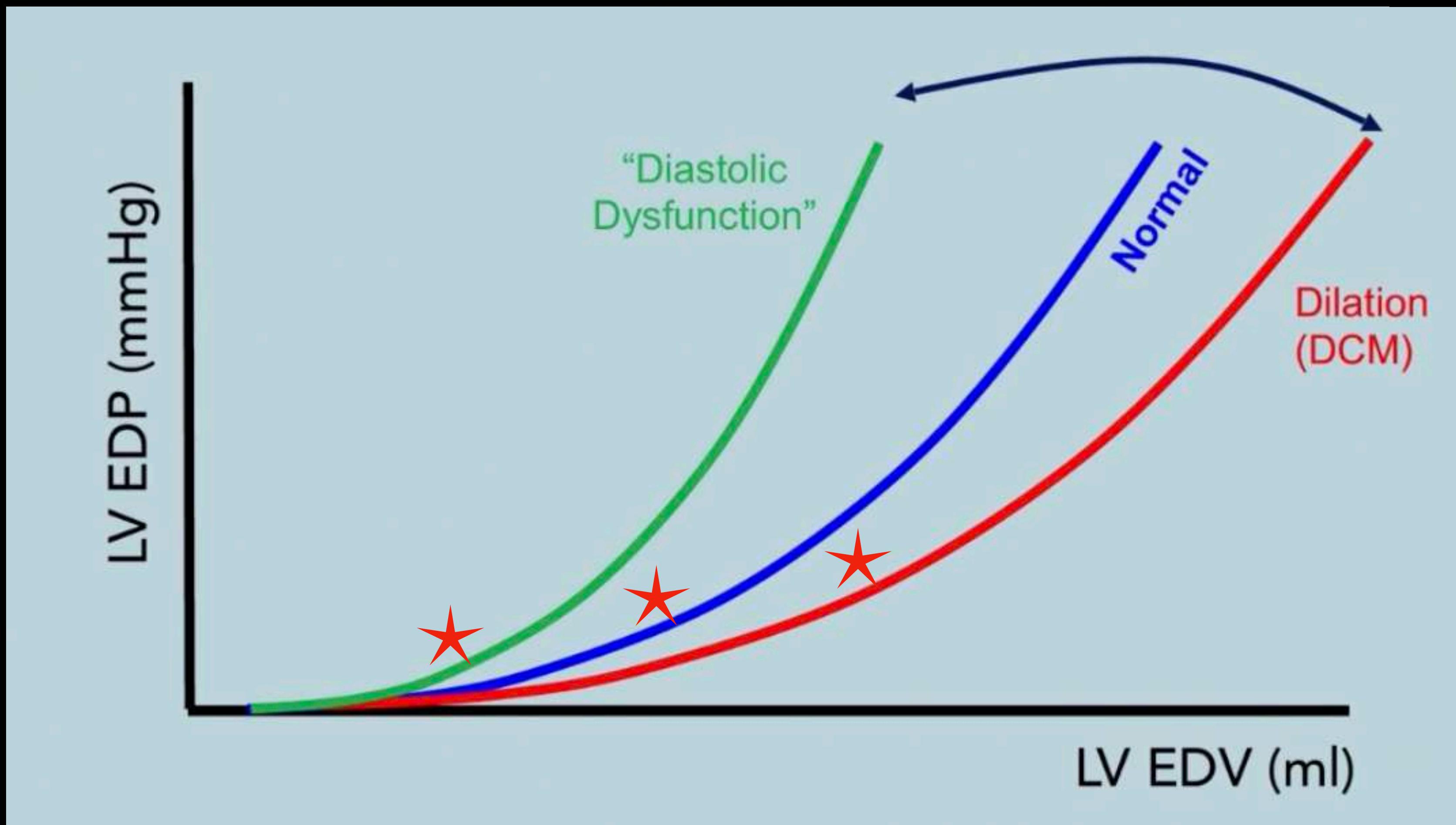


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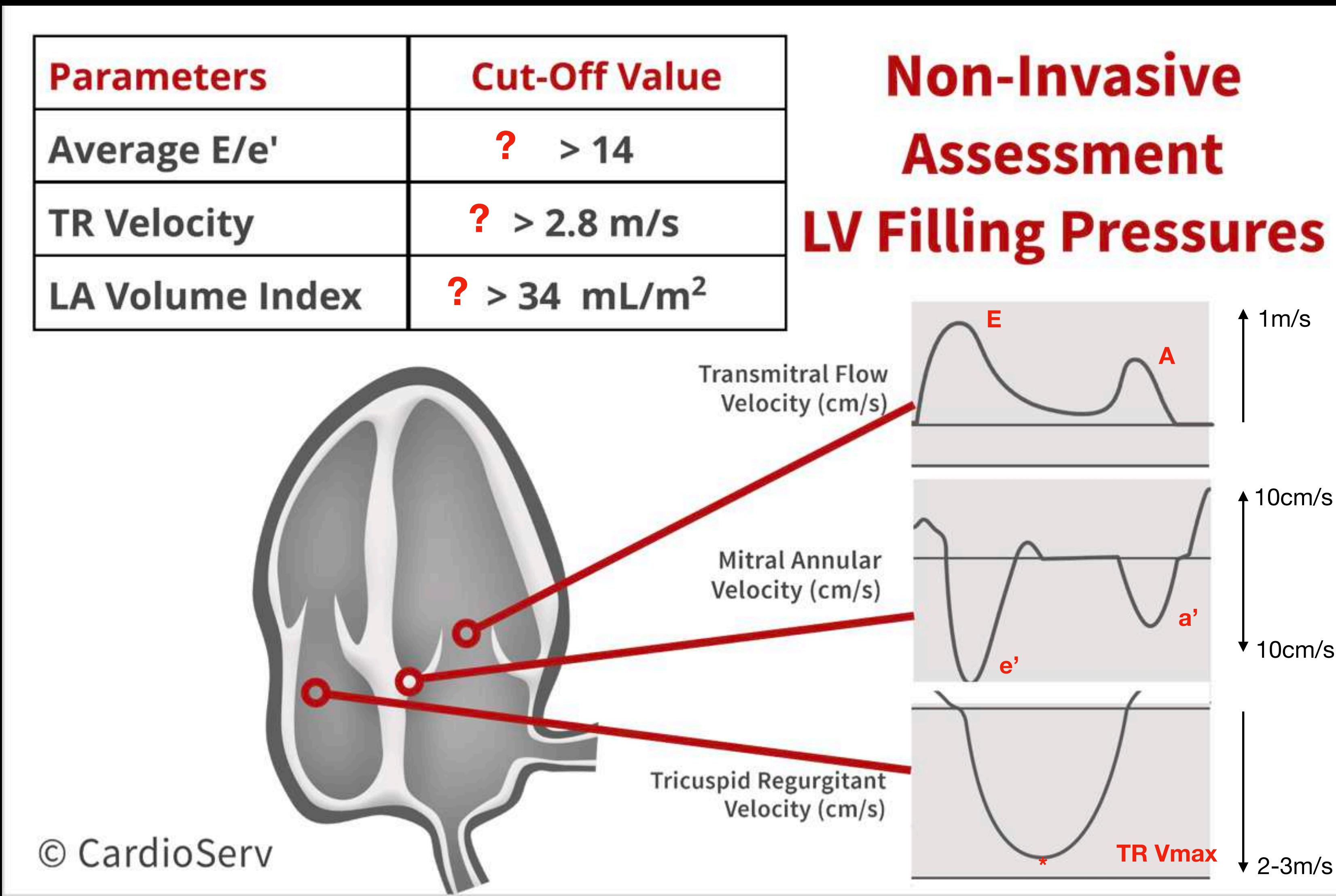




# How to assess if there is raised LAP

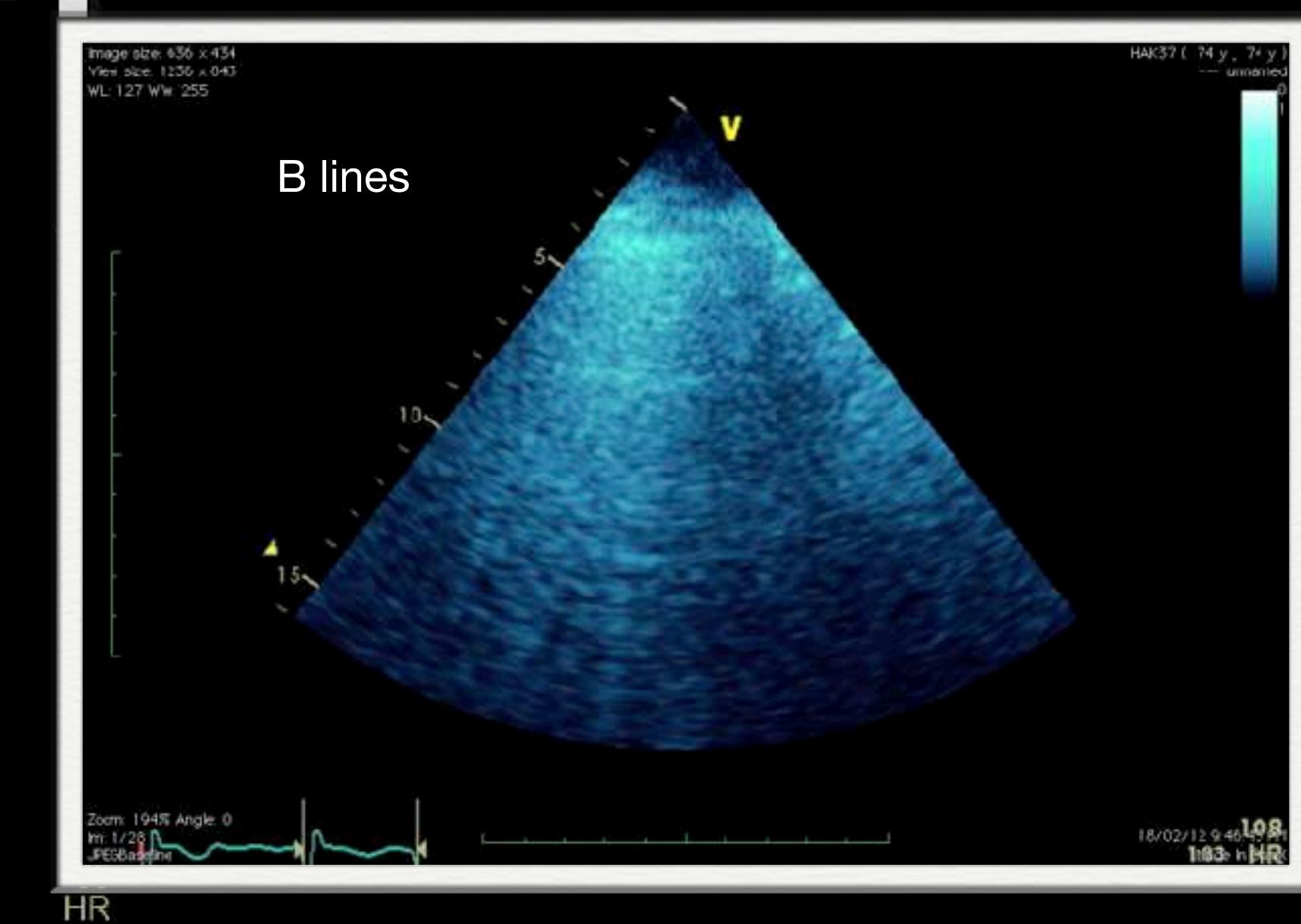
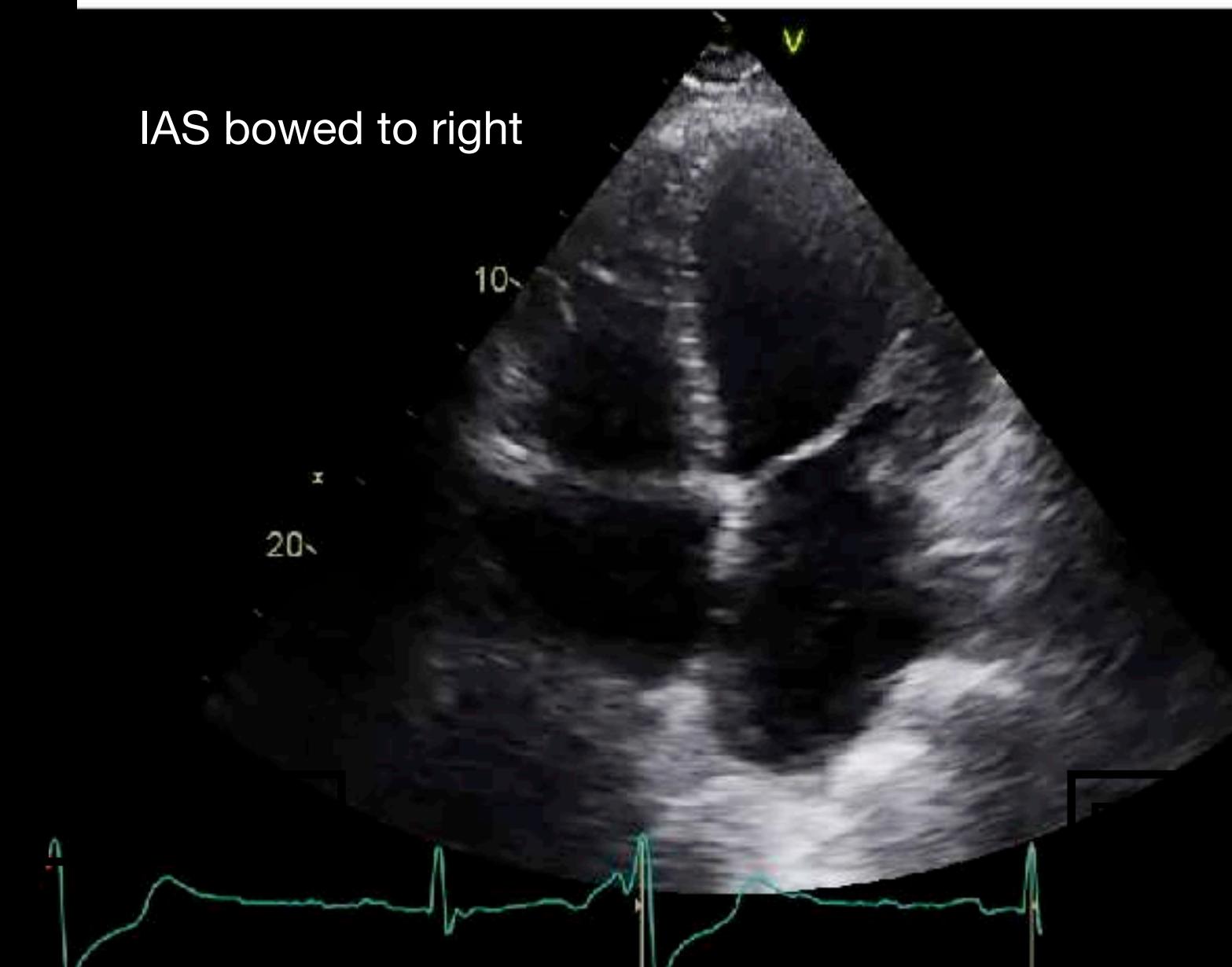
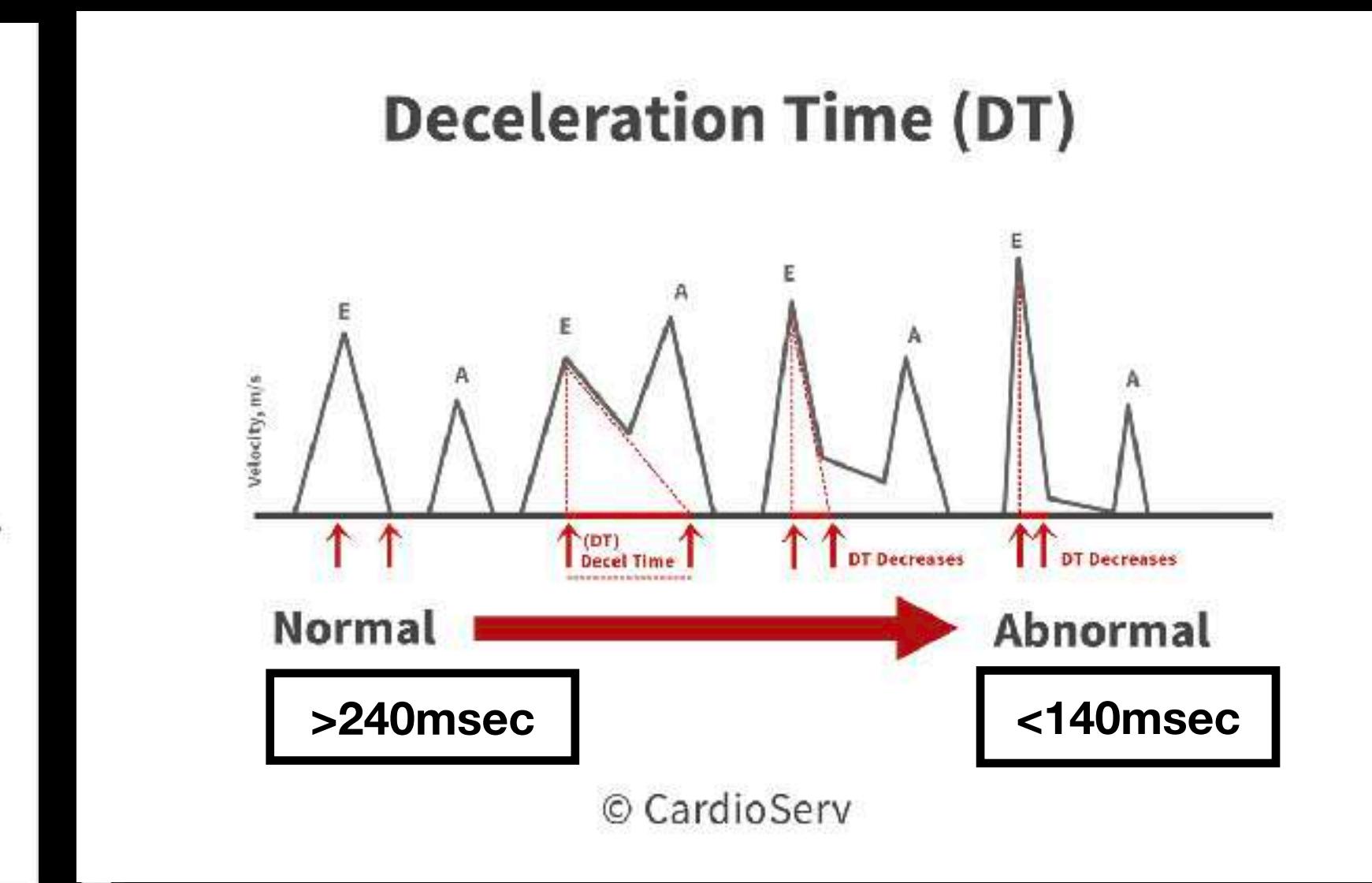
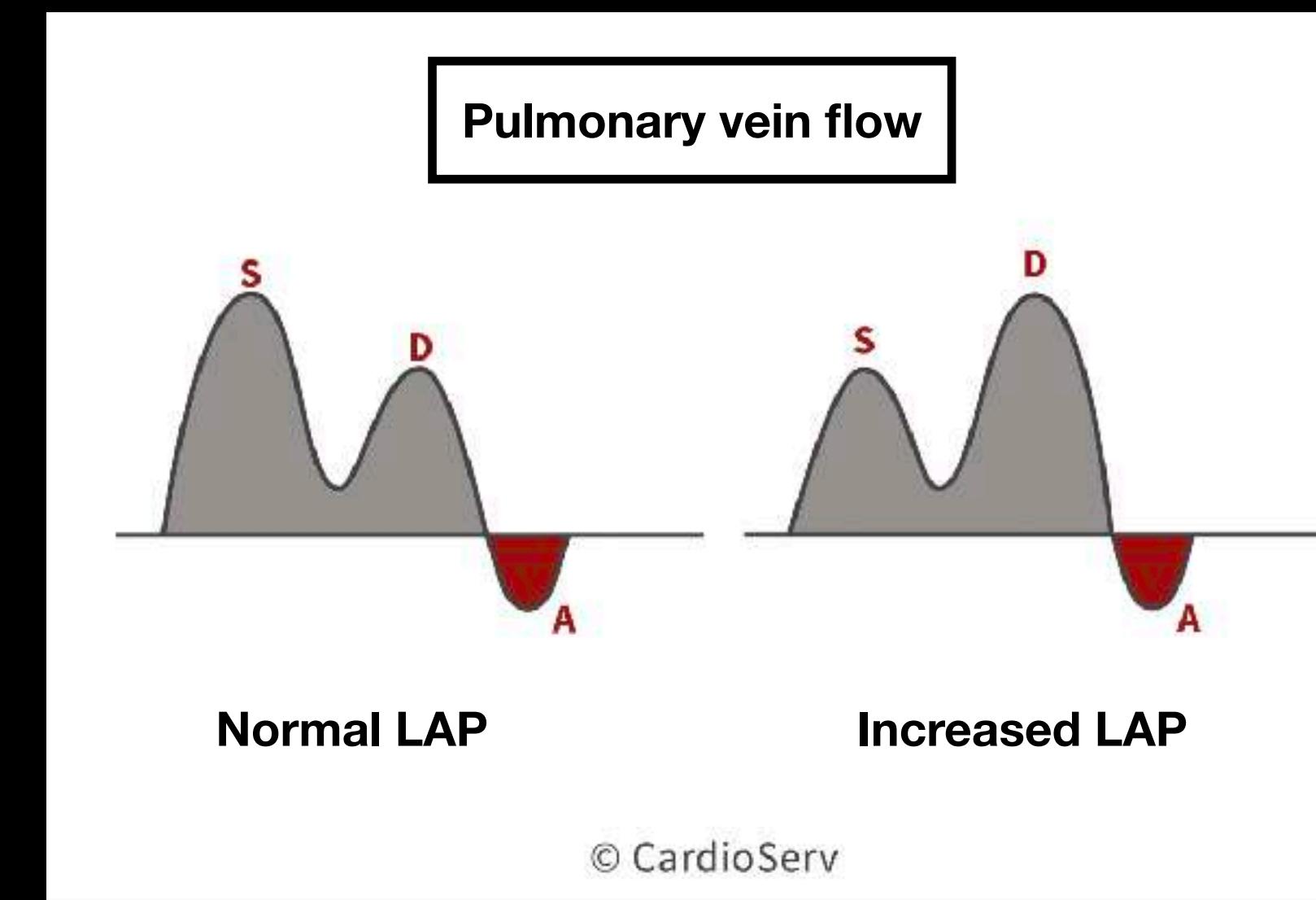
NB: don't forget the echo measures we use are **load dependent**

# How to assess LAP... conventional measures

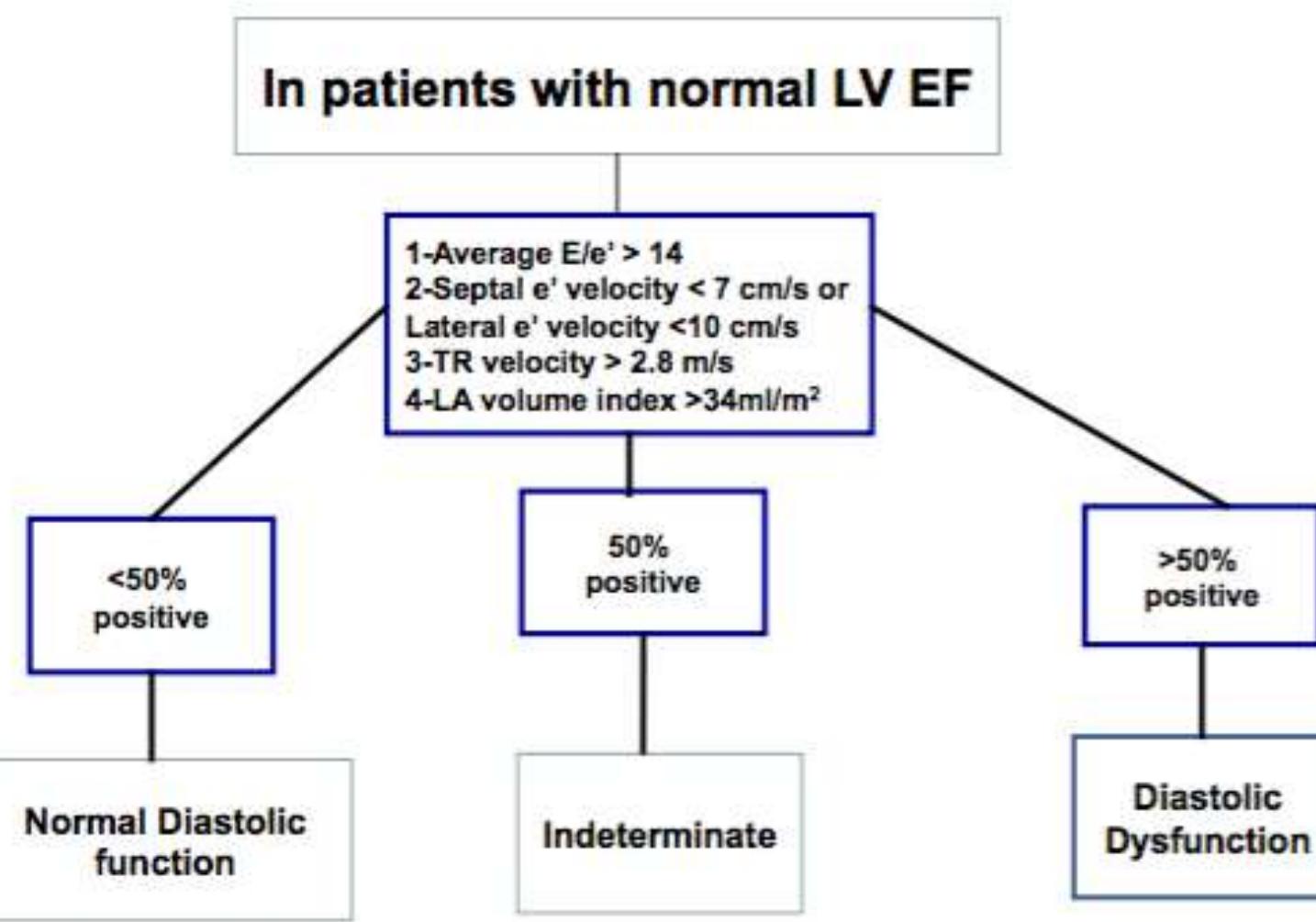
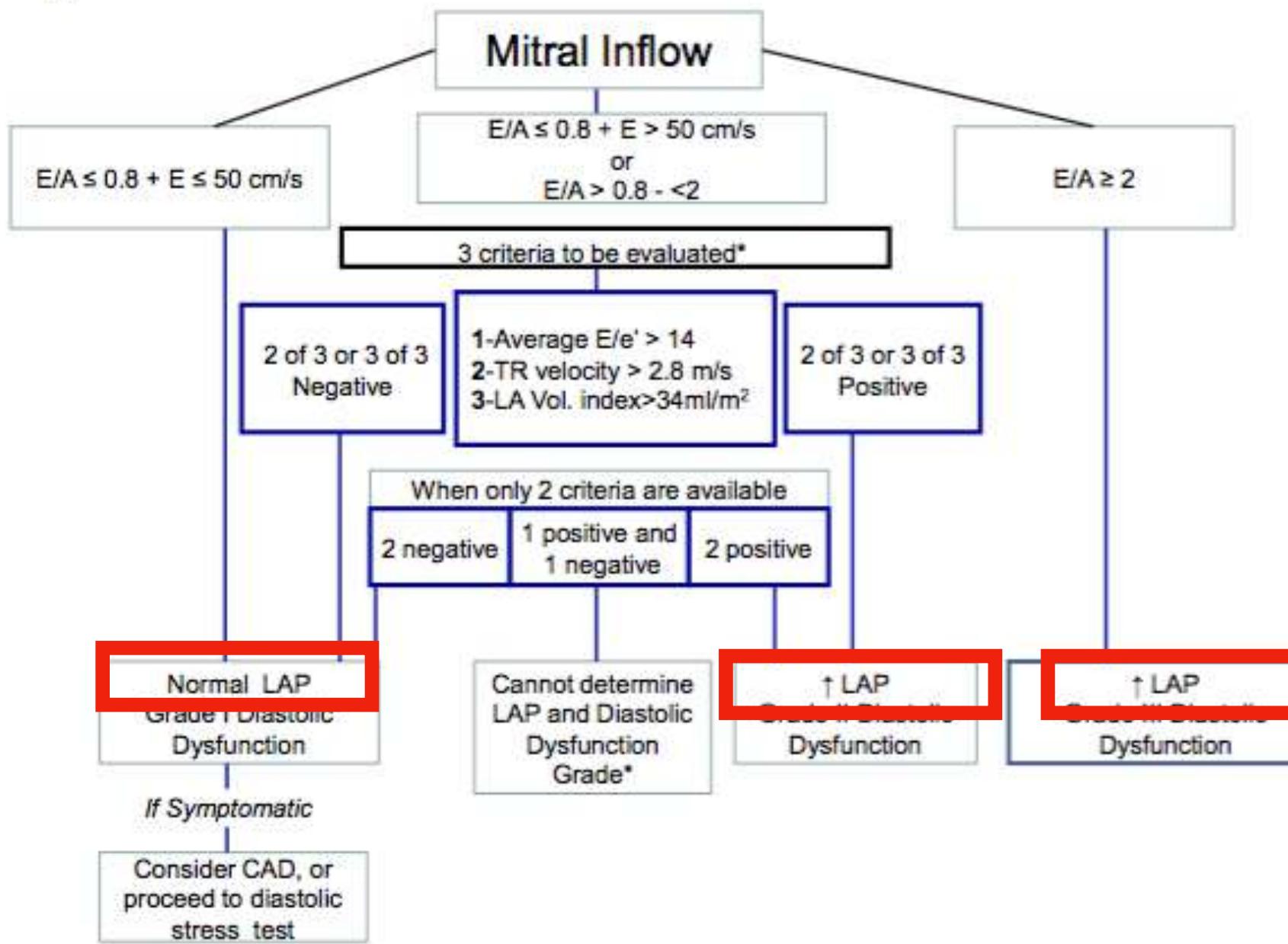


ALL echo measures of LV filling pressures are load dependent

# ... others



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## ASE/EACVI GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS

**Recommendations for the Evaluation of Left Ventricular Diastolic Function by Echocardiography:  
An Update from the American Society of Echocardiography and the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging**

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**Not validated in critically ill**

2 French ICUs  
98 patients  
Mechanically ventilated  
Echo + PAC

**TABLE 2. Categorical Data and the Level of Agreement Between the 2016 American Society of Echocardiography and the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging Guidelines and Pulmonary Artery Catheterization Measurements for the Assessment of Pulmonary Artery Occlusion Pressure**

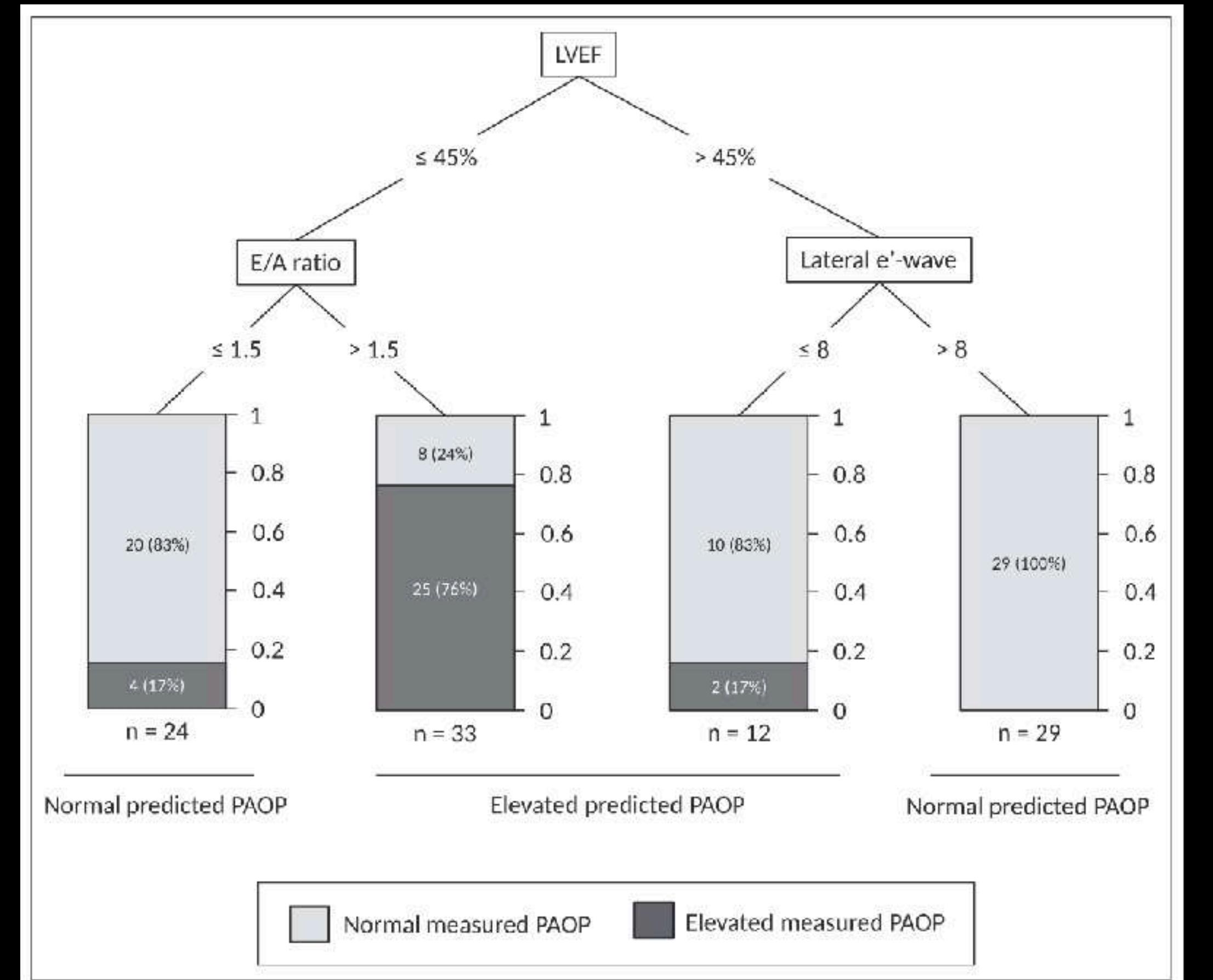
Variables	Measured PAOP < 18 mm Hg	Measured PAOP ≥ 18 mm Hg	Total
Normal predicted PAOP (grade I echocardiography diastolic dysfunction)	20	6	26
Elevated predicted PAOP (grade II/III echocardiography diastolic dysfunction)	7	17	24
Total	27	23	50
Sensitivity			0.74
Specificity			0.74
Positive predictive value			0.71
Negative predictive value			0.77
Positive likelihood ratio			2.85
Negative likelihood ratio			0.35
Kappa agreement (95% CI)			0.478 (0.235–0.722)

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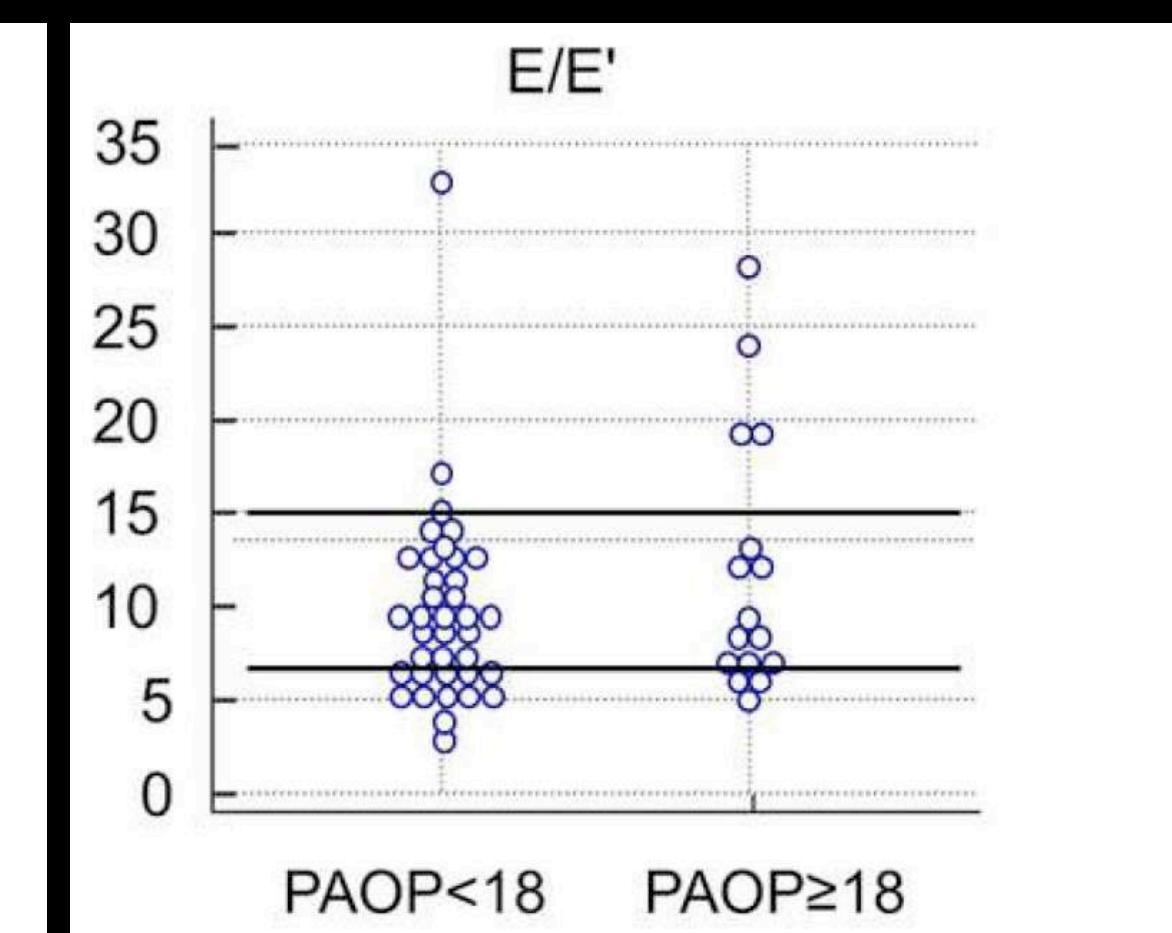
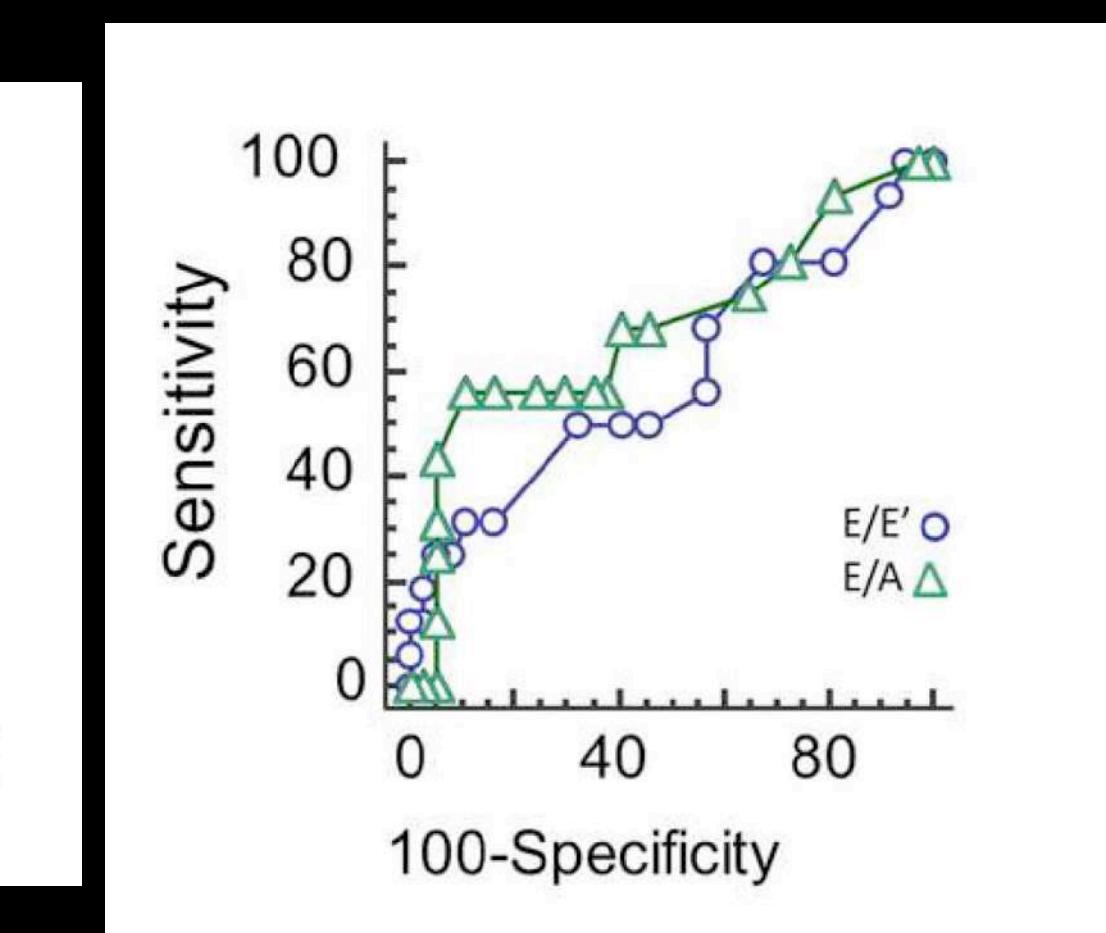
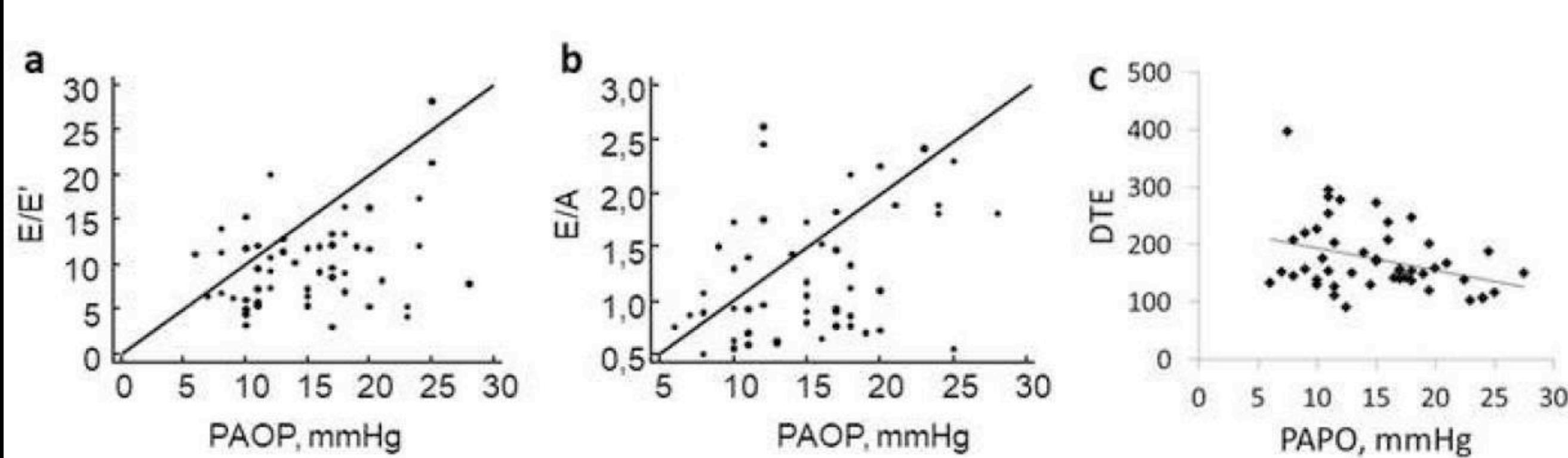
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# Doppler Echocardiographic Indices Are Specific But Not Sensitive to Predict Pulmonary Artery Occlusion Pressure in Critically Ill Patients Under Mechanical Ventilation

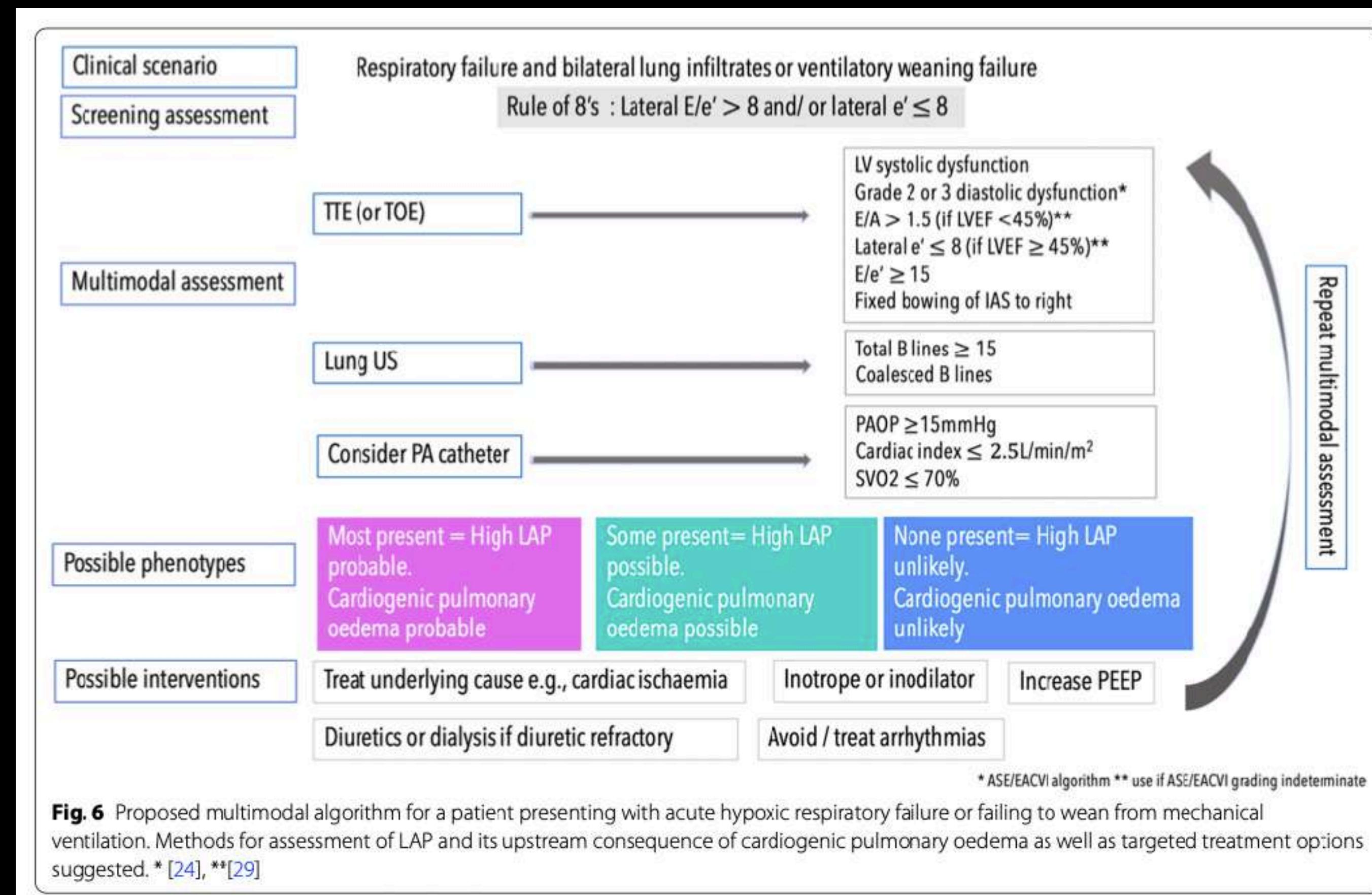
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# Bedside assessment of left atrial pressure in critical care: a multifaceted gem

Emma Maria Bowcock\* and Anthony Mclean



# What influences LAP

Heart rhythm

Mechanical ventilation

Left valve diseases

## What influences LAP

LV function

Fluid status

RV dilation



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Fluid status

## Case example

Precarious fluid balance

# 80yo female

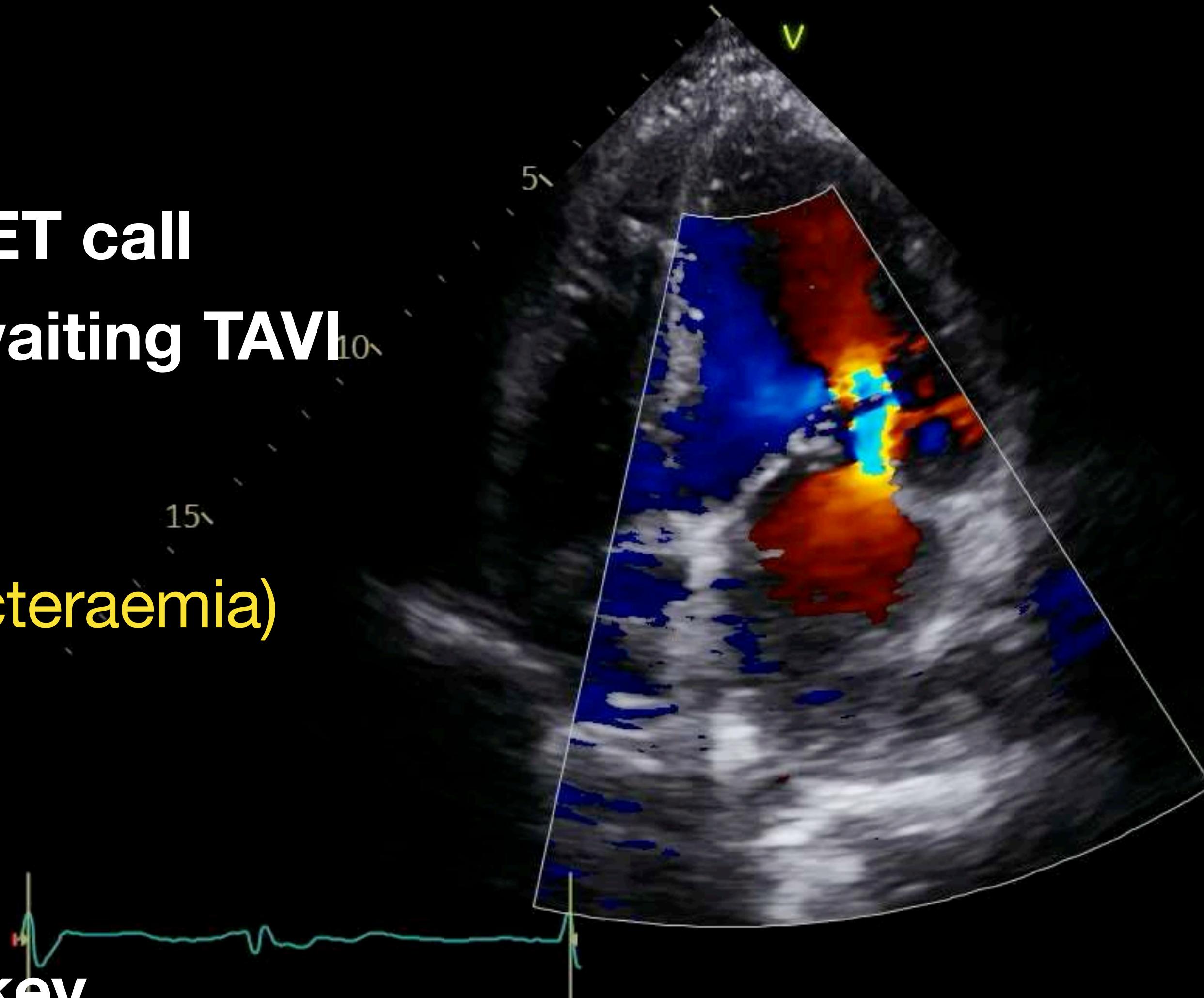
PC: n/v, fever => MET call

PMH: Severe AS awaiting TAVI

Urosepsis

(*Proteus mirabilis* bacteraemia)

Frail



Fluid management key ...

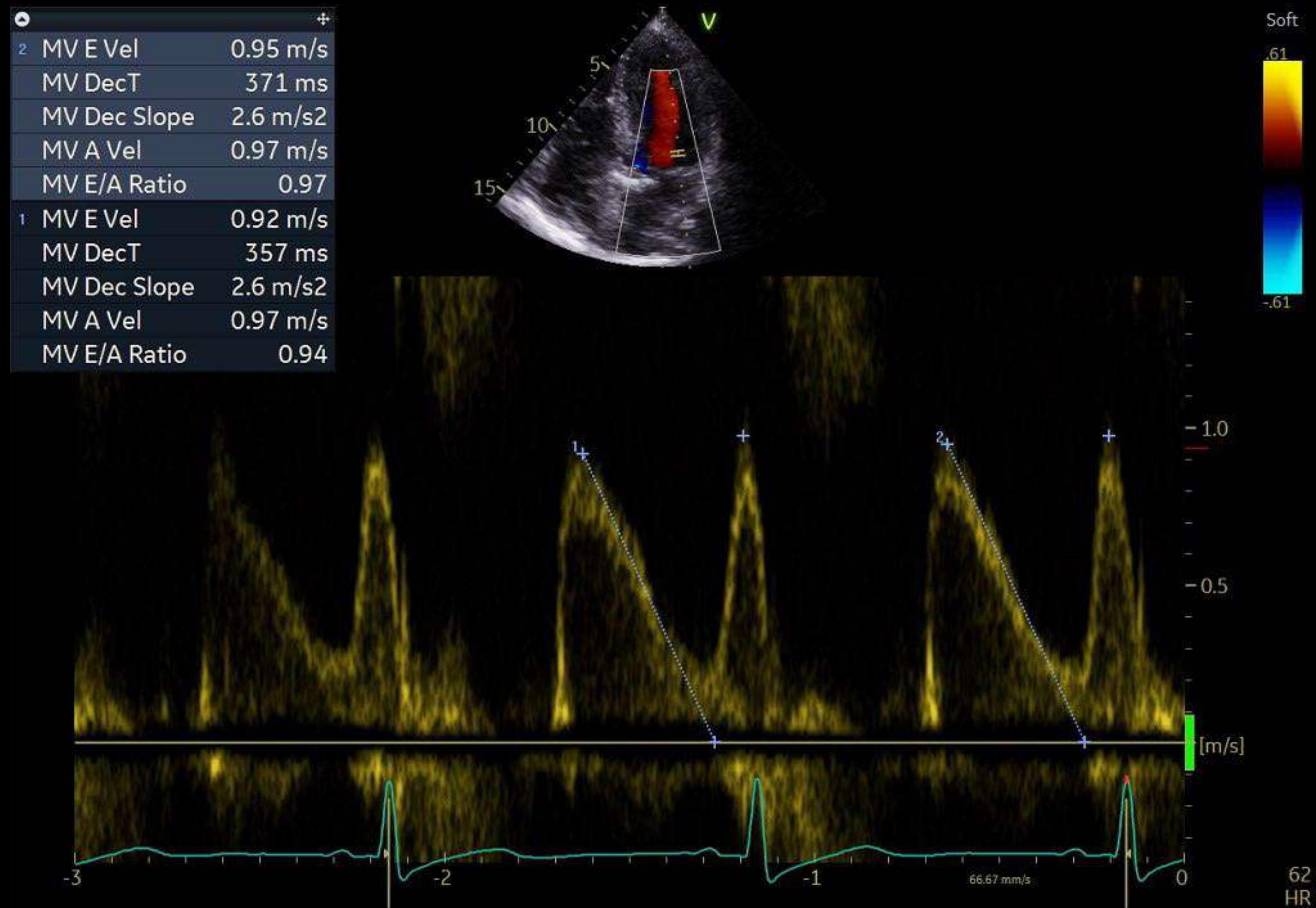
- Avoid hypovolaemia (can => increased AV gradients)
- Avoid fluid overload (can => pulmonary oedema)

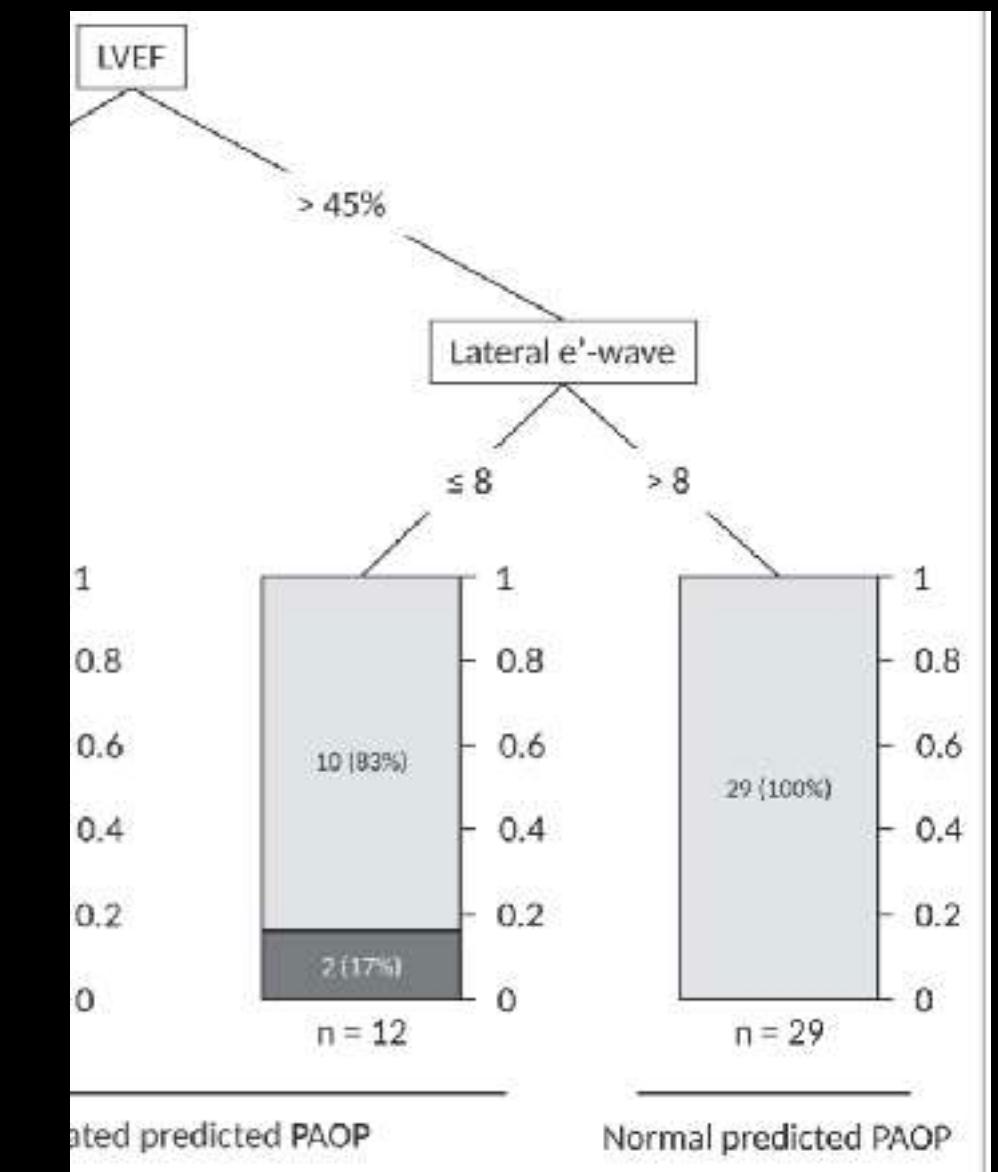
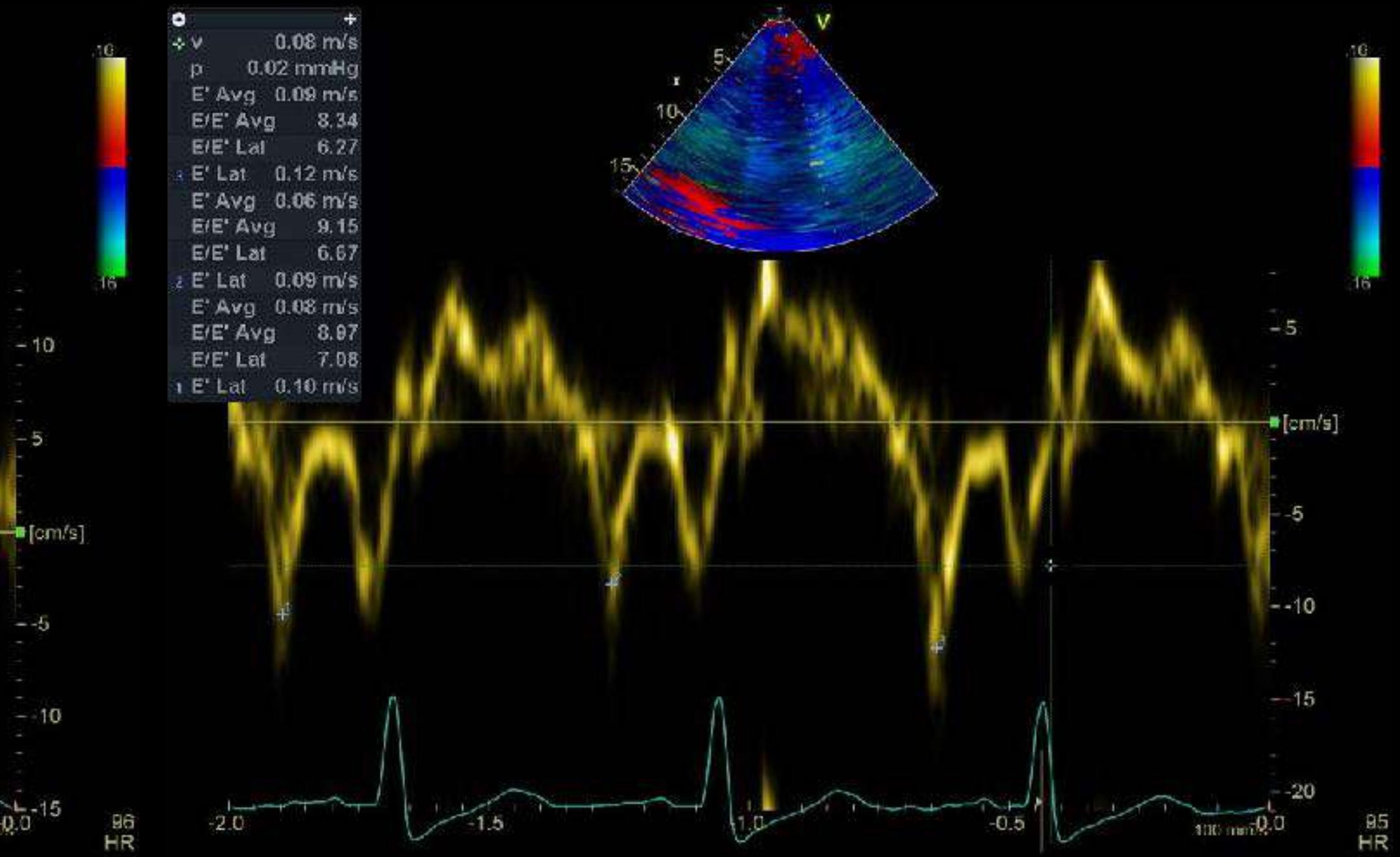
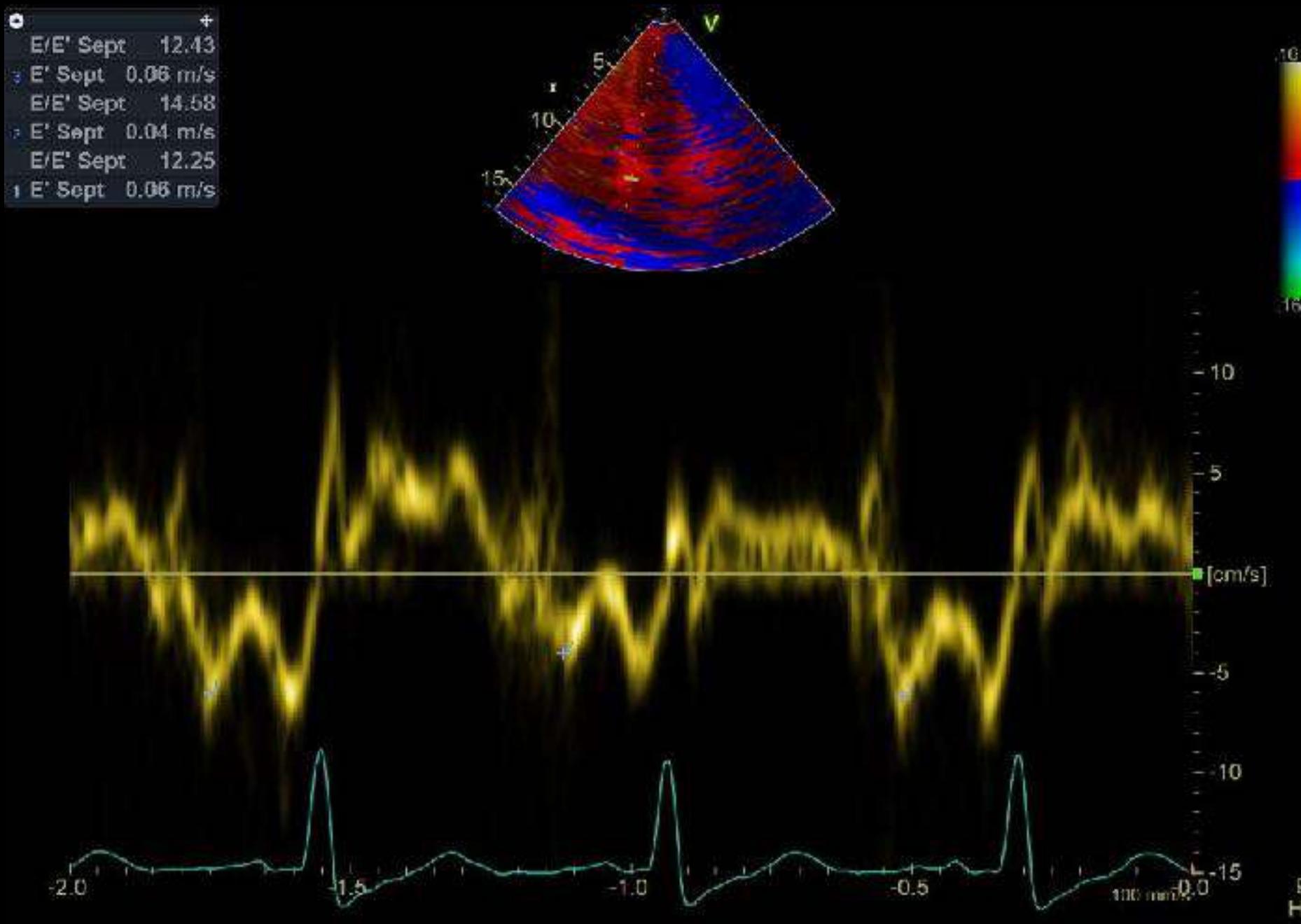


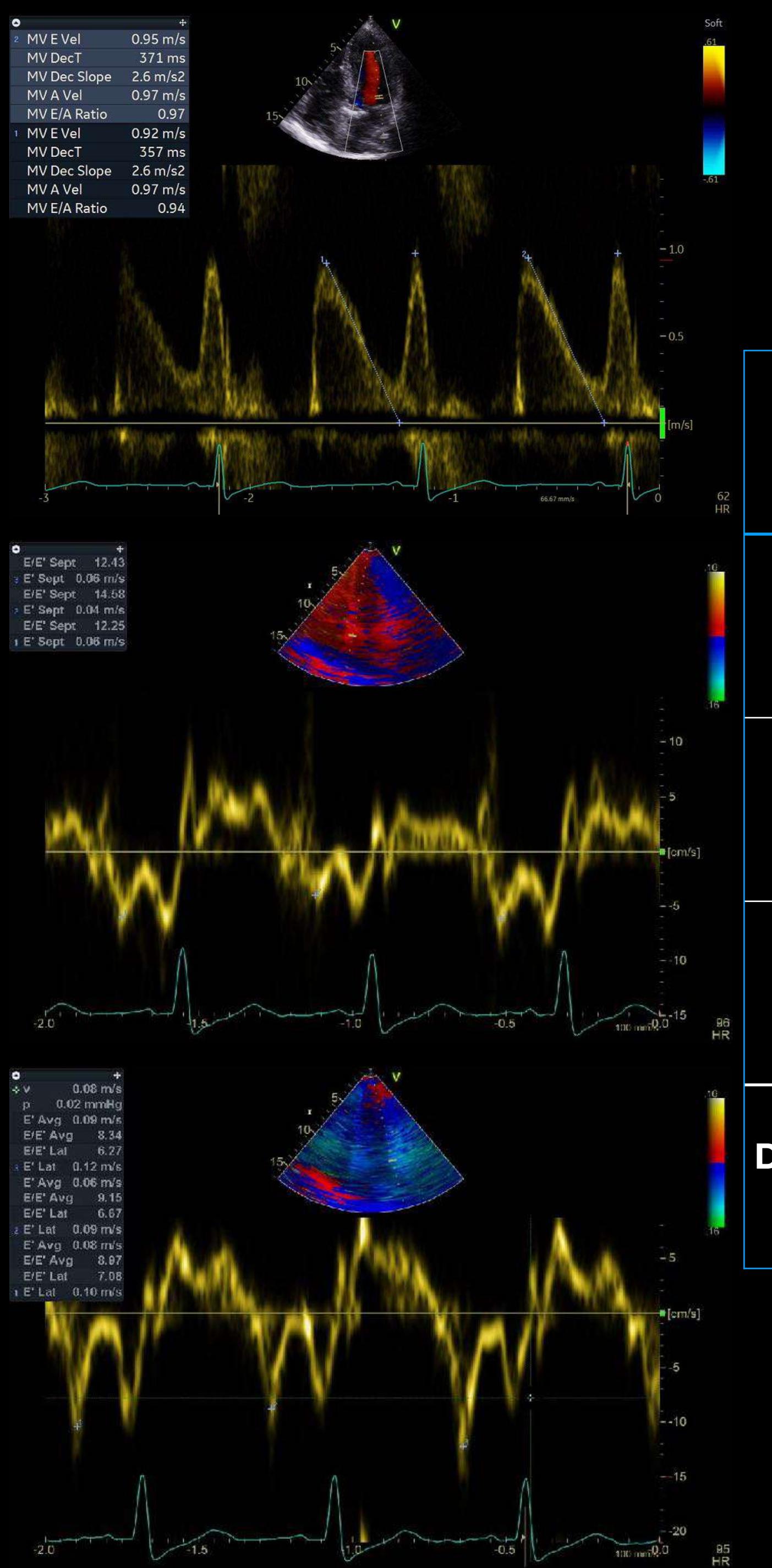
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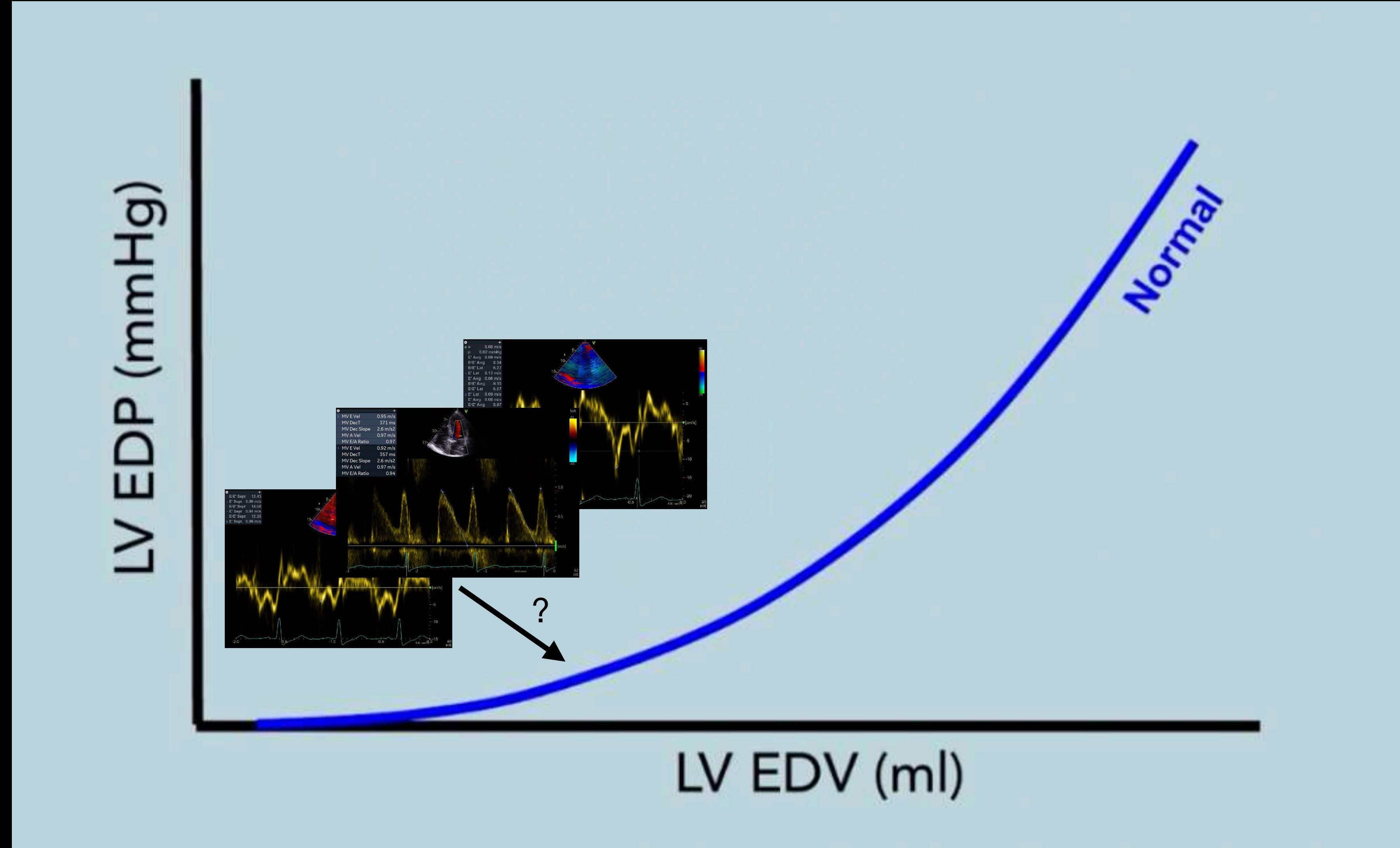


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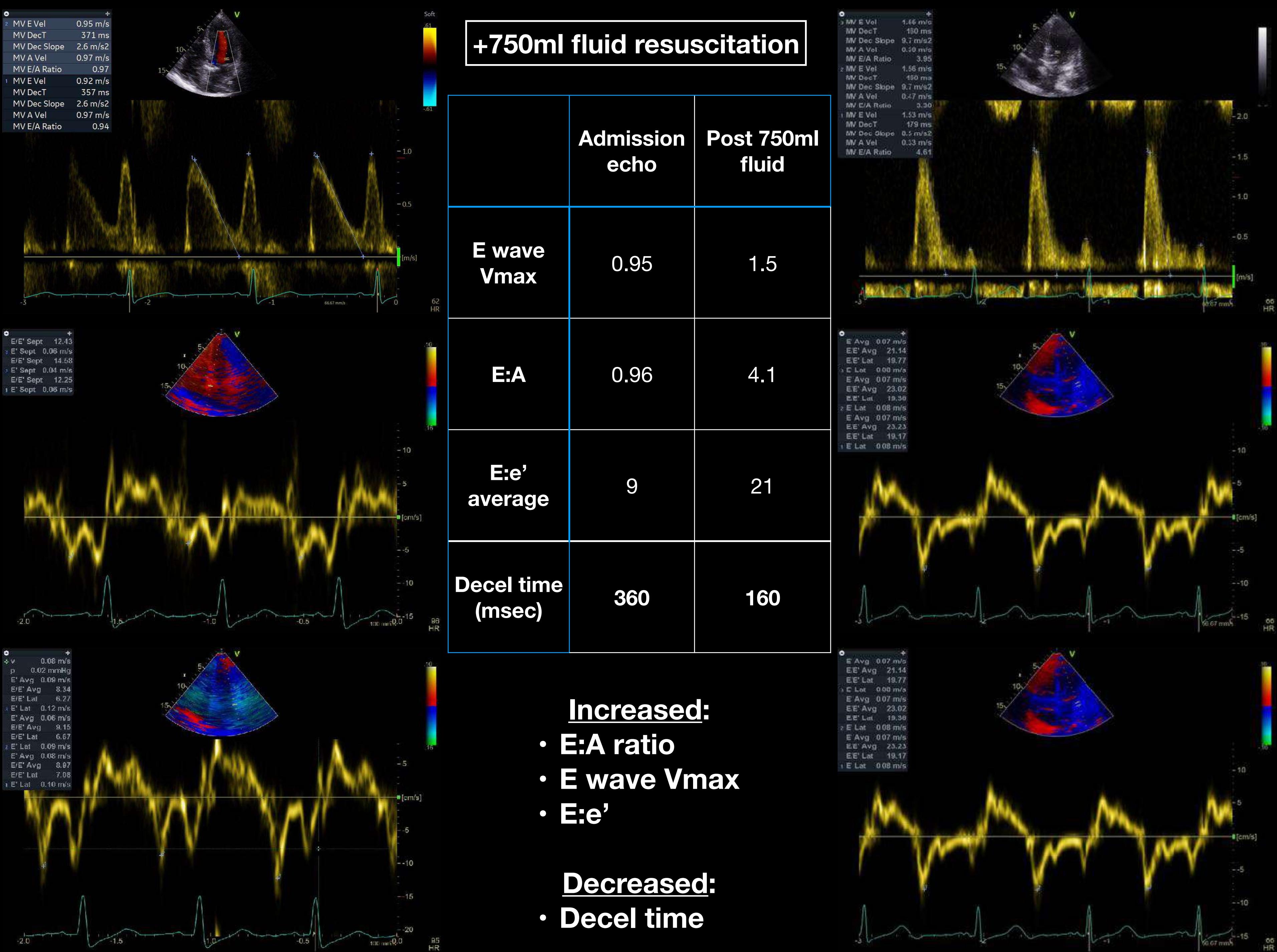








## +750ml fluid resuscitation

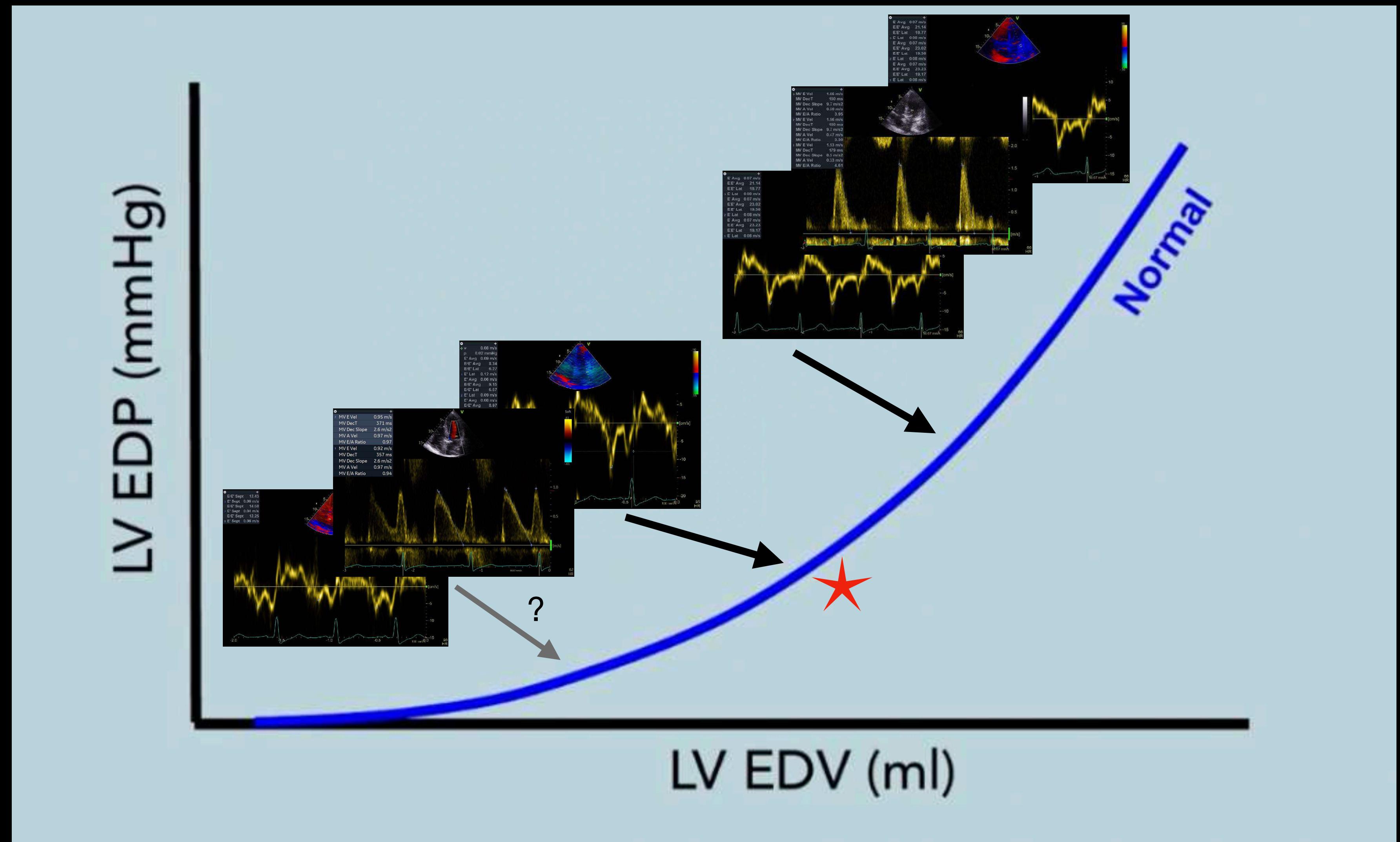


**Increased:**

- E:A ratio
- E wave Vmax
- E:e'

**Decreased:**

- Decel time



# LAP assessment in fluid management

- If ‘significant’ rise in LAP parameters with fluid administration
  - ... stop giving fluids
  - ... give catecholamines to increase after load (eg: Noradrenaline)

Heart rhythm

Mechanical ventilation

Left valve diseases

## What influences LAP

LV function

Fluid status

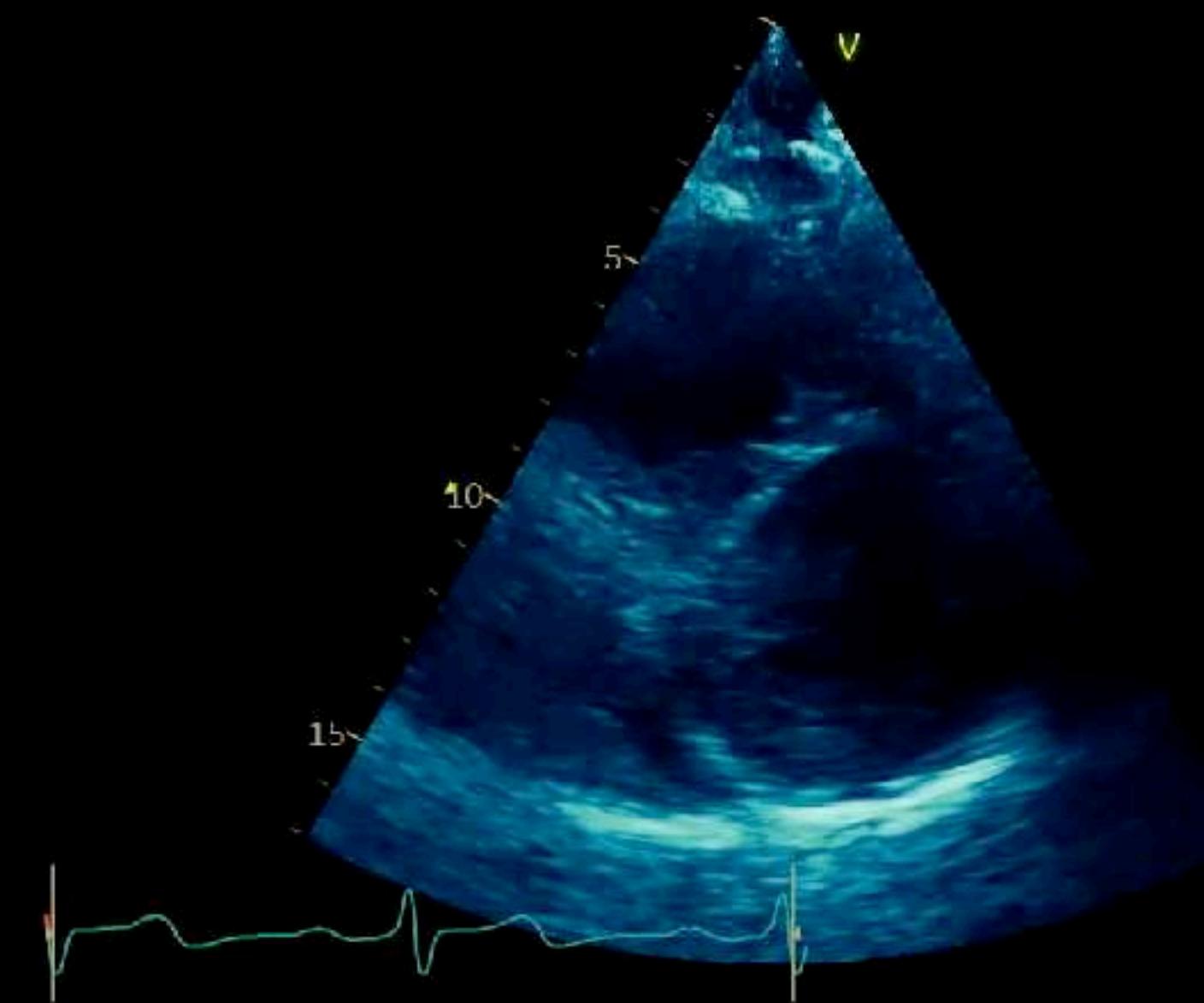
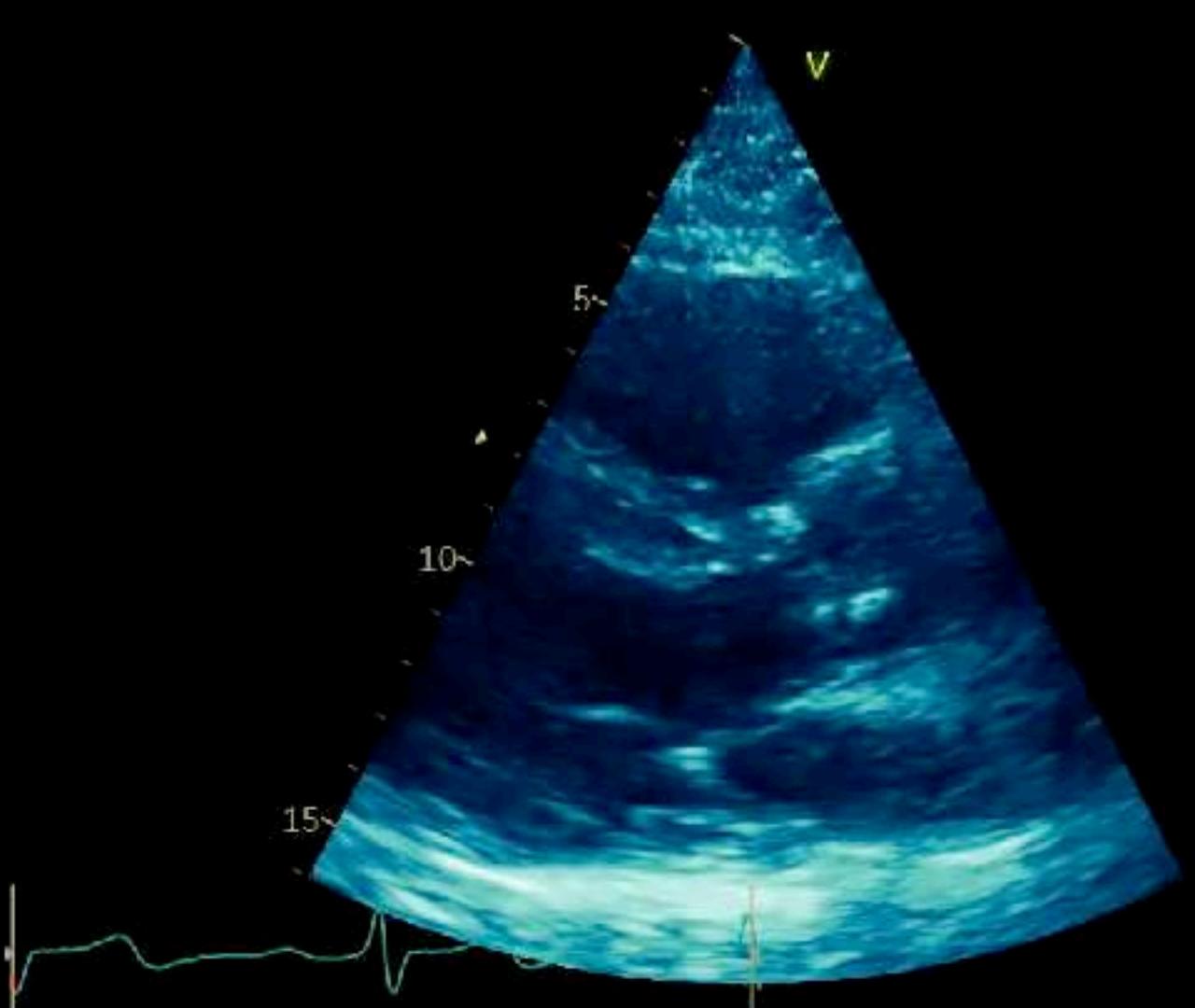
RV dilation



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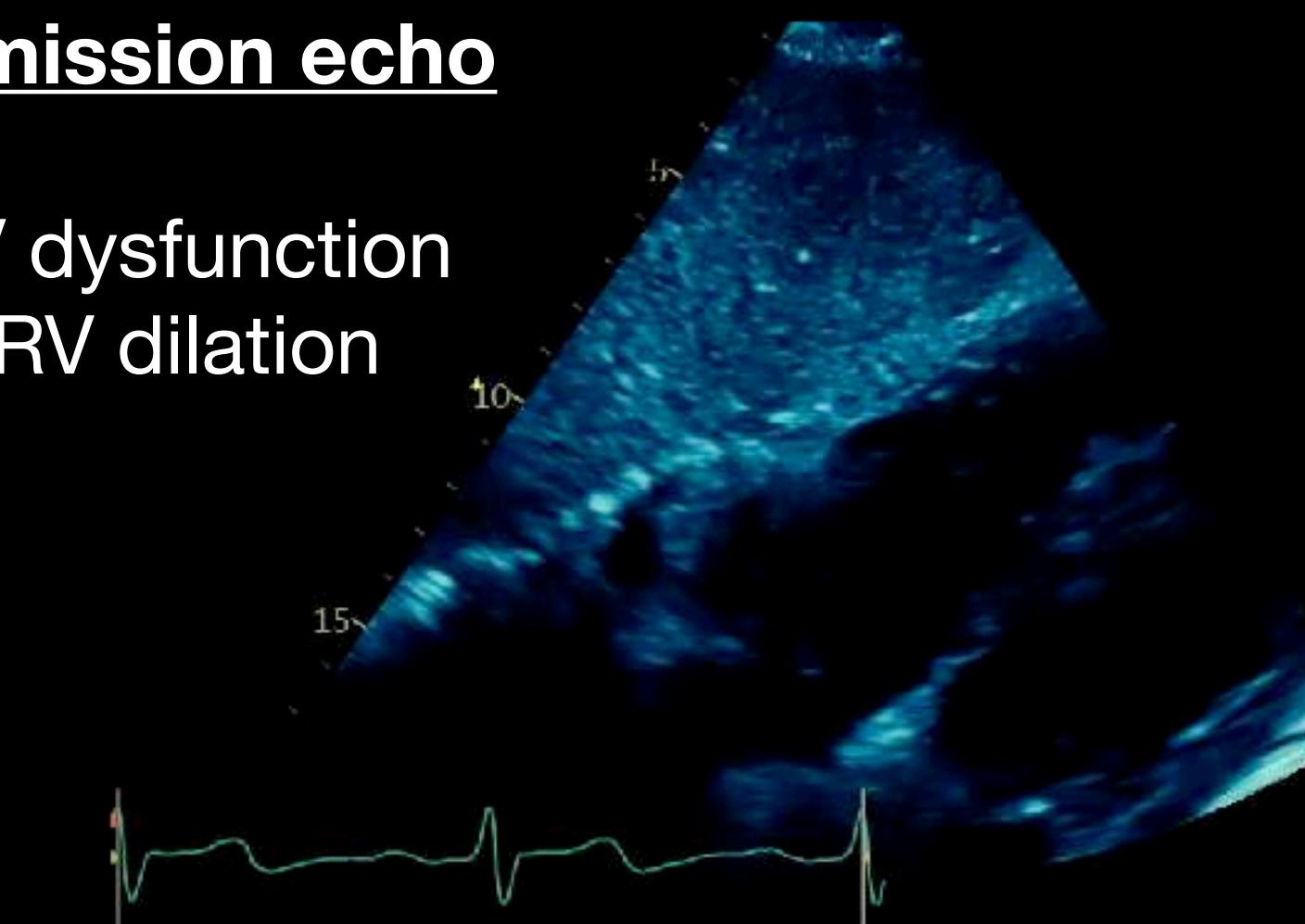
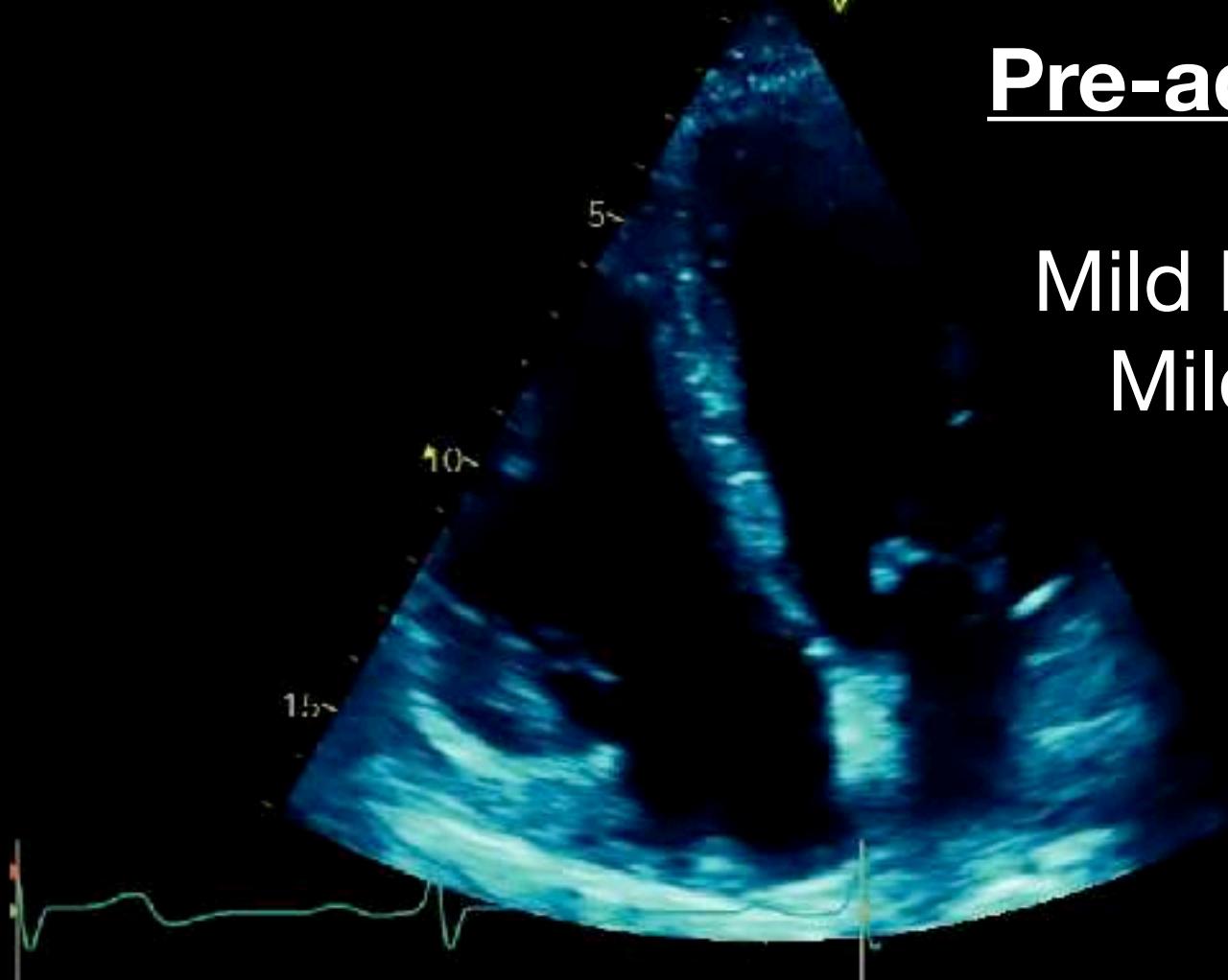
# LV function

67yo male, immunosuppressed vs ILD, "ex"-smoker, Flu A +ve



**Pre-admission echo**

Mild LV dysfunction  
Mild RV dilation



73  
1:102 HR



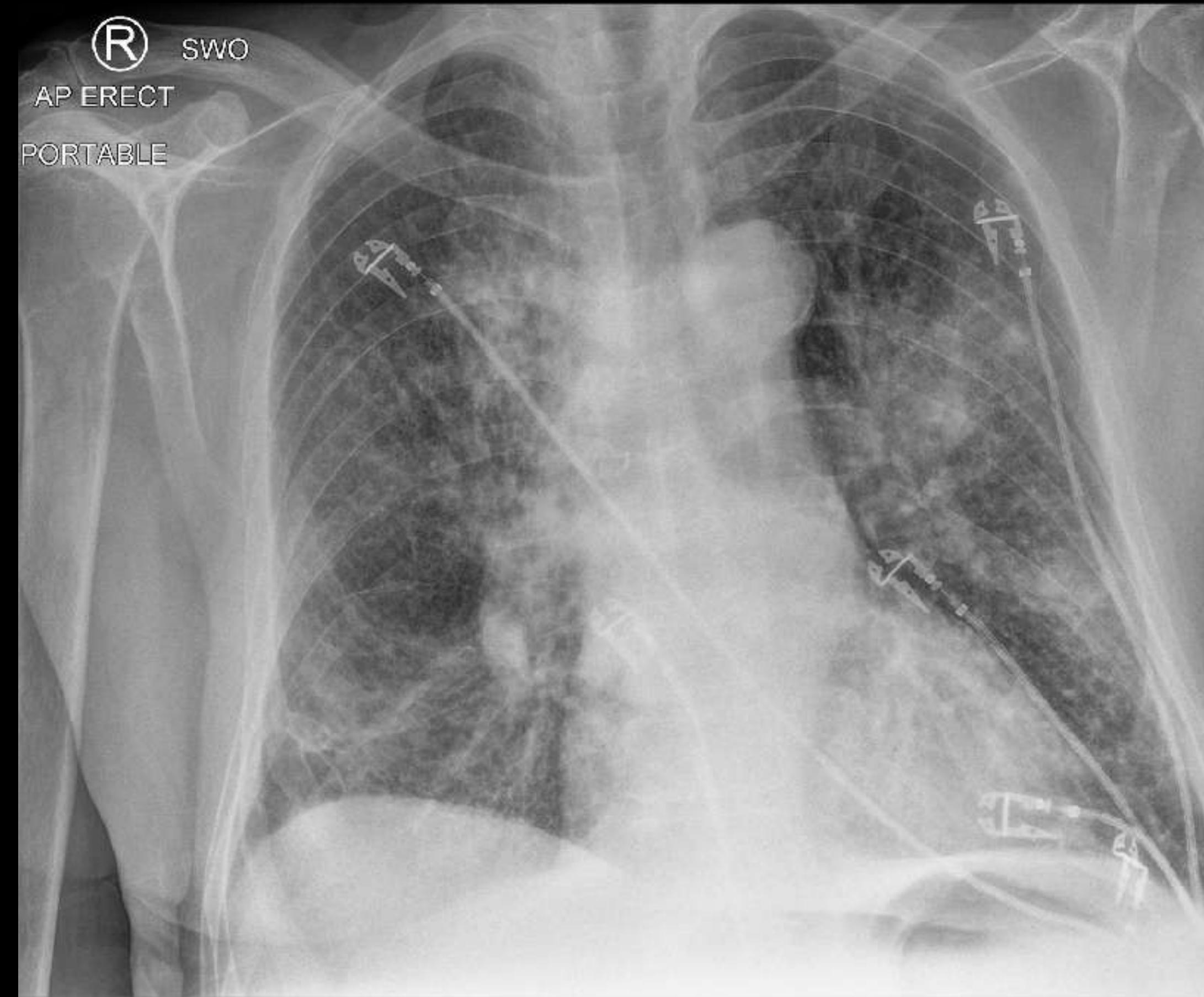
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67yo male, immunosuppressed, ILD, “ex”-smoker, Flu A +ve  
36hours later ... worsening shortness of breath and hypotension  
=> ICU & Noradrenaline 6mcg/min

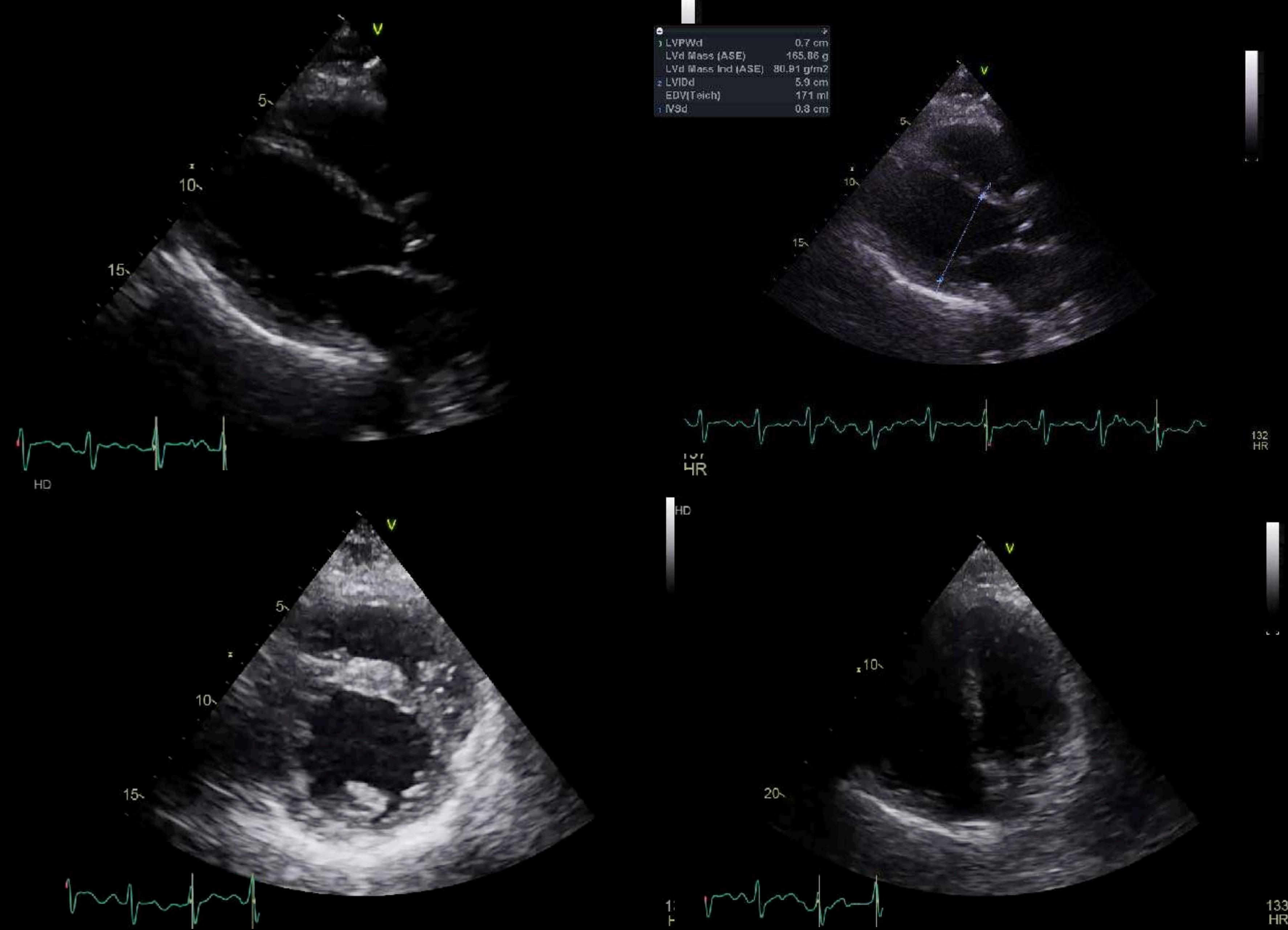


ED admission

Day 1  
in ICU

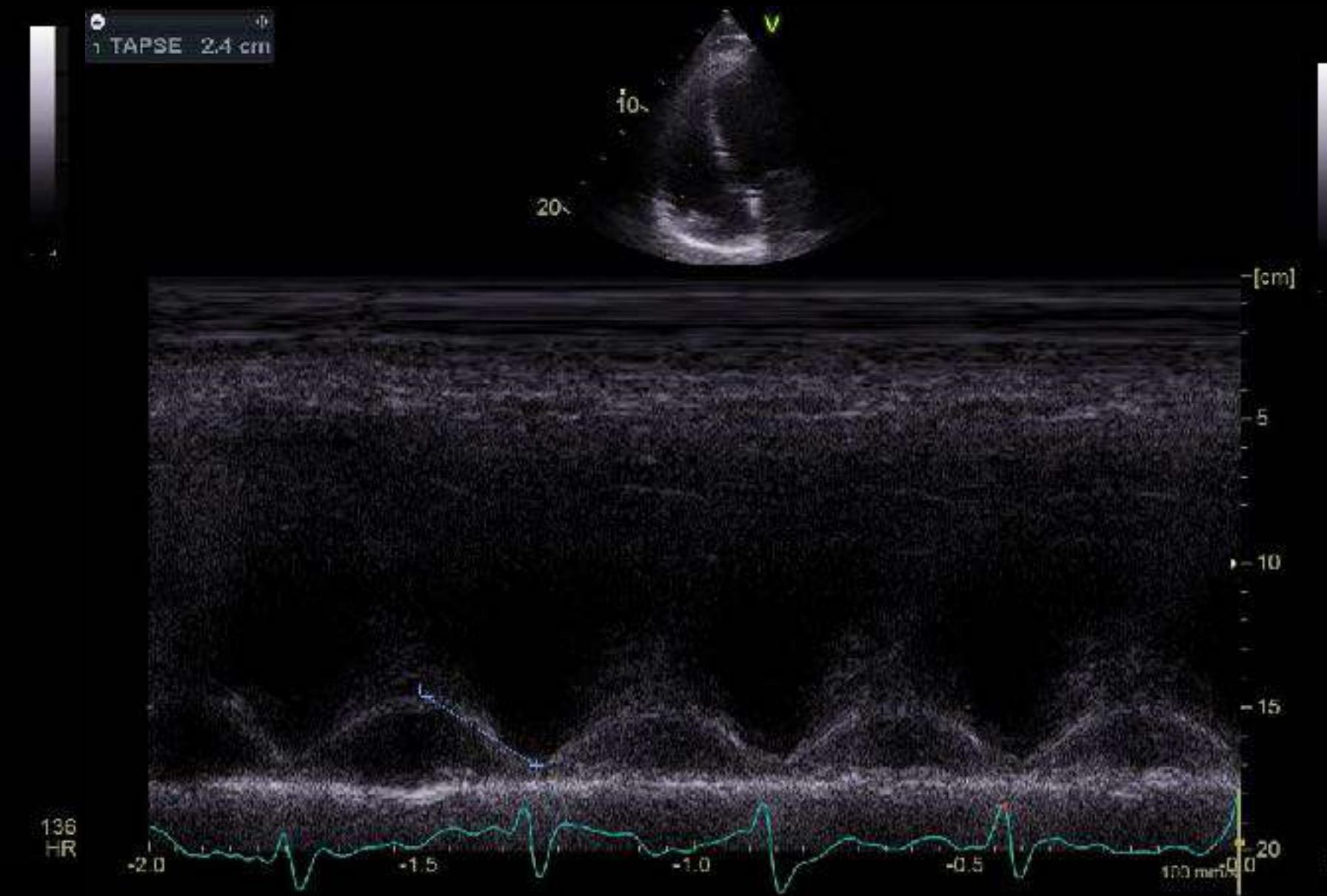
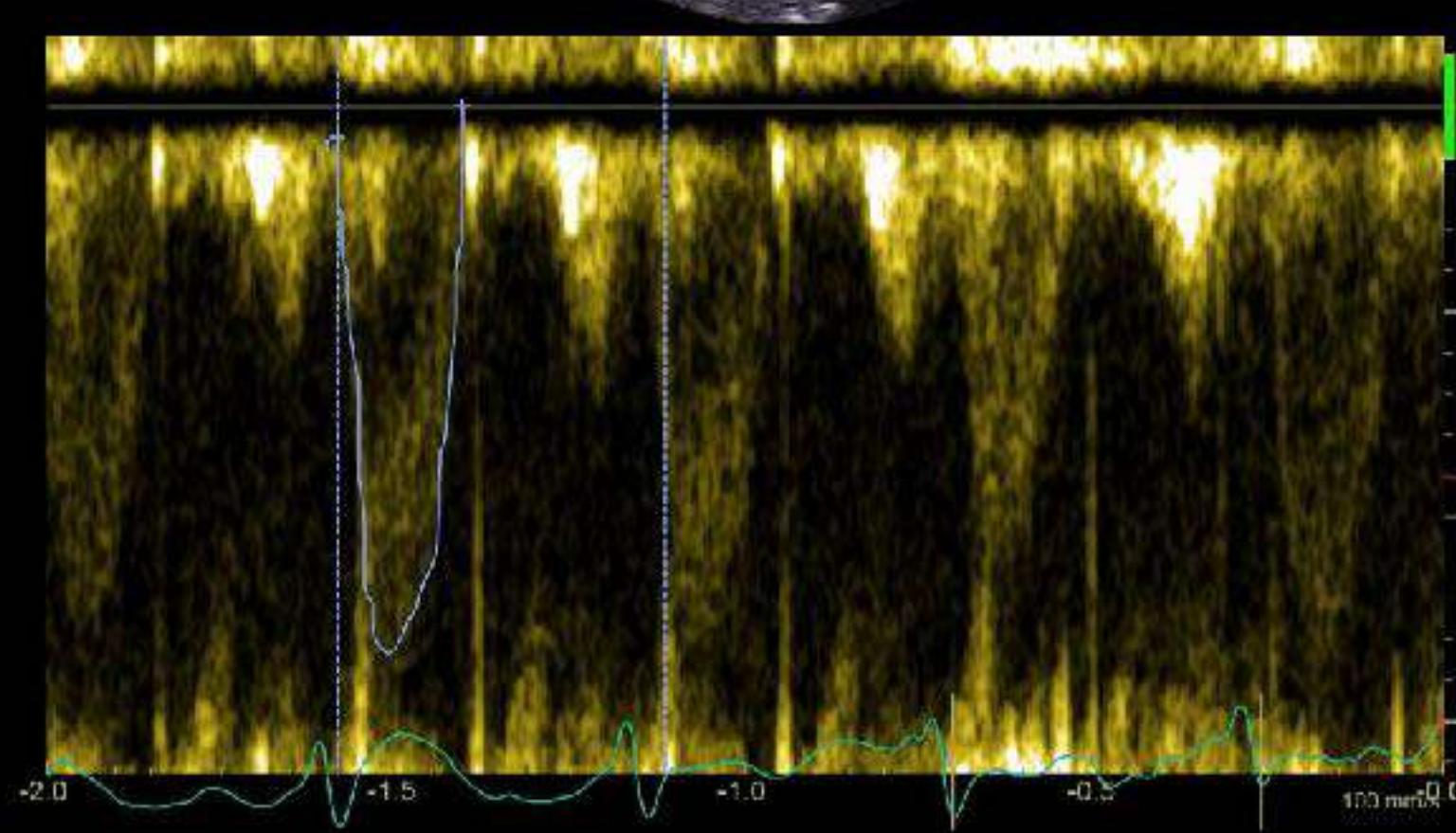


Differential: Fluid overload / worsening pneumonitis / bacterial superinfection / fungal infection / acute ILD flair





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LVOT Vmax 1.34 m/s  
LVOT Vmean 0.98 m/s  
LVOT maxPG 7.15 mmHg  
LVOT meanPG 4.31 mmHg  
LVOT VTI 17.5 cm  
LVOT Env.TI 179 ms  
HR 128 BPM

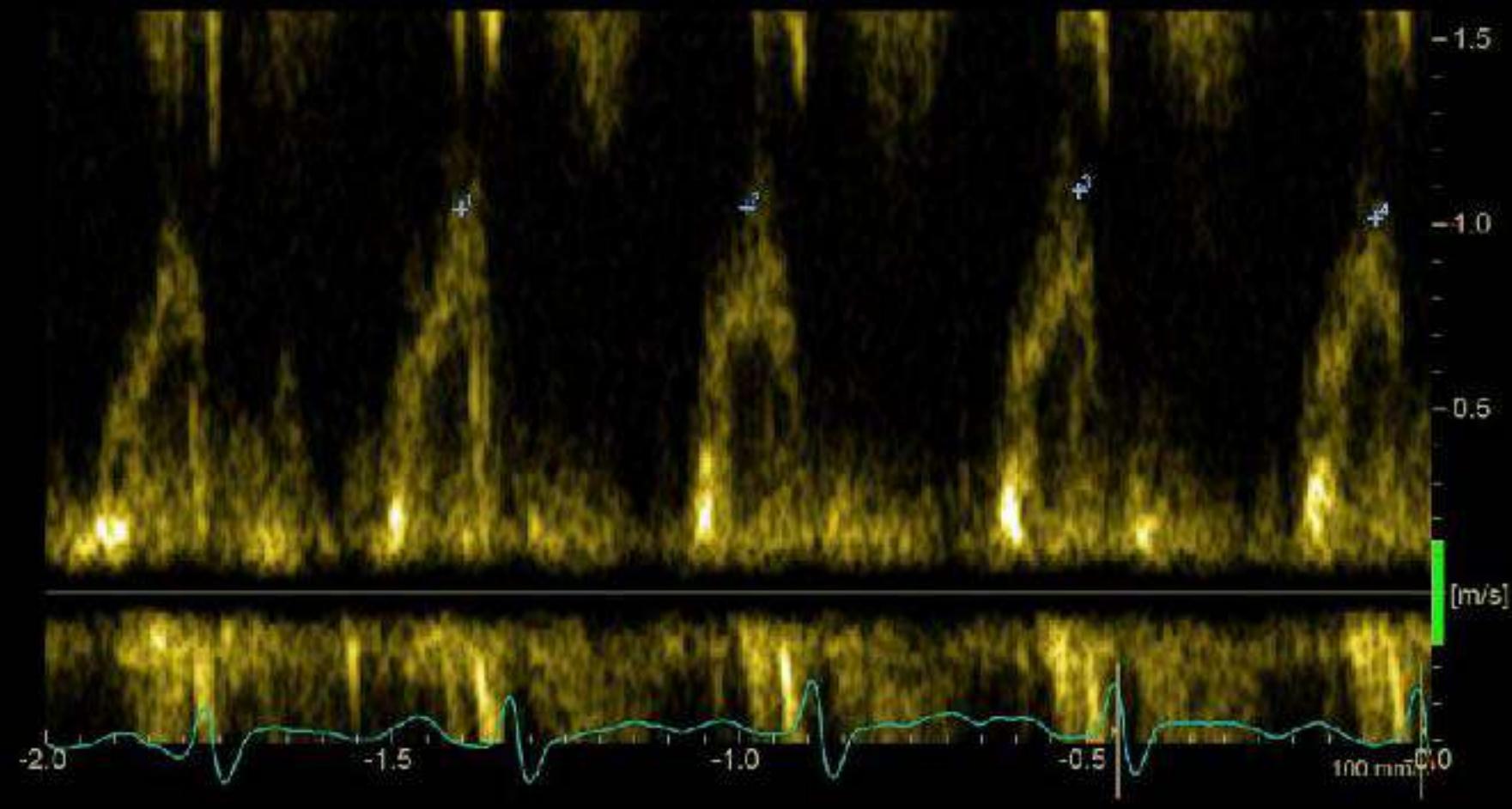


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• MV E Vel 1.04 m/s  
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HD

E:e' = 13

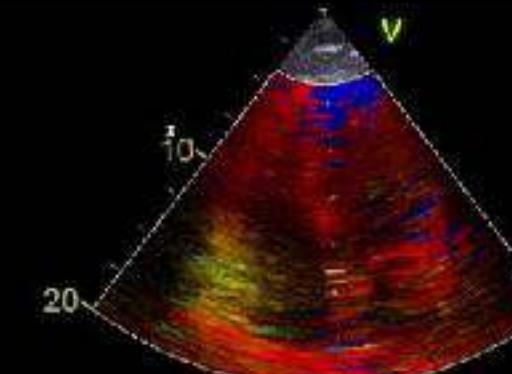


TDI

133 HR

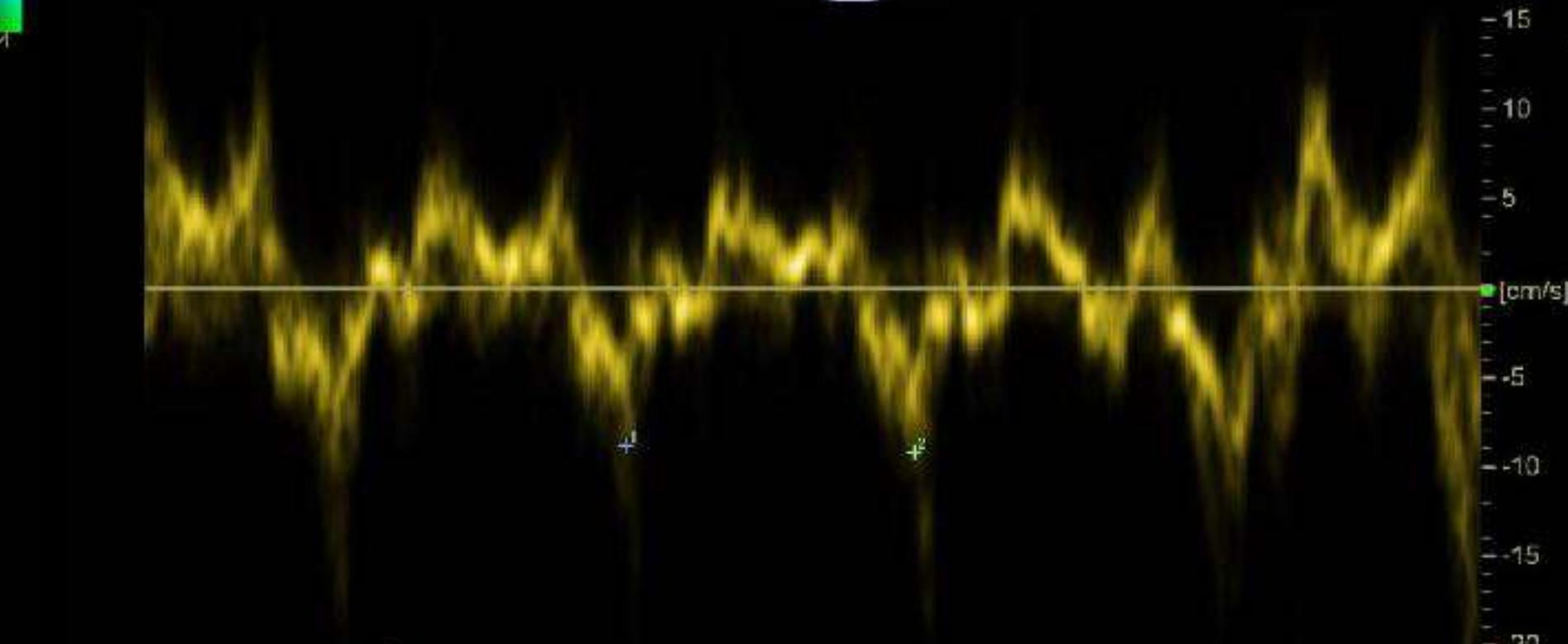
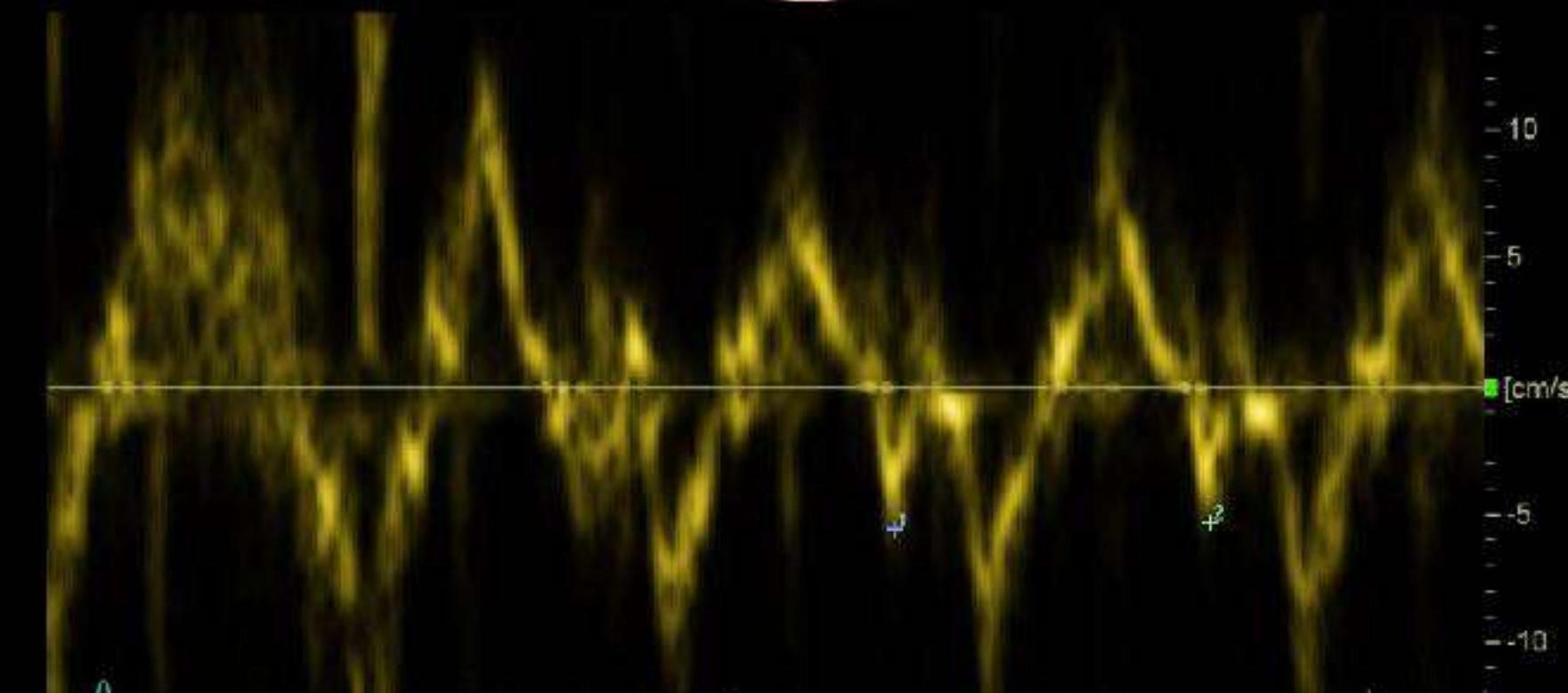
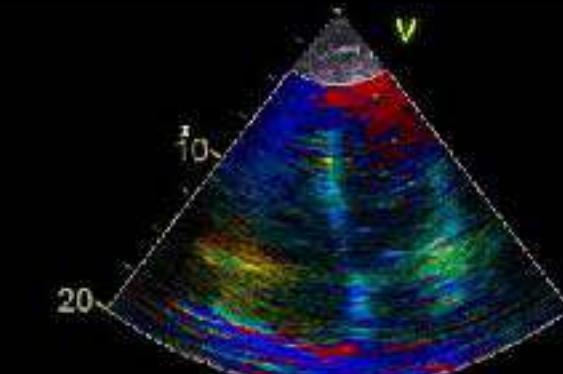
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e' sept 6cm/s



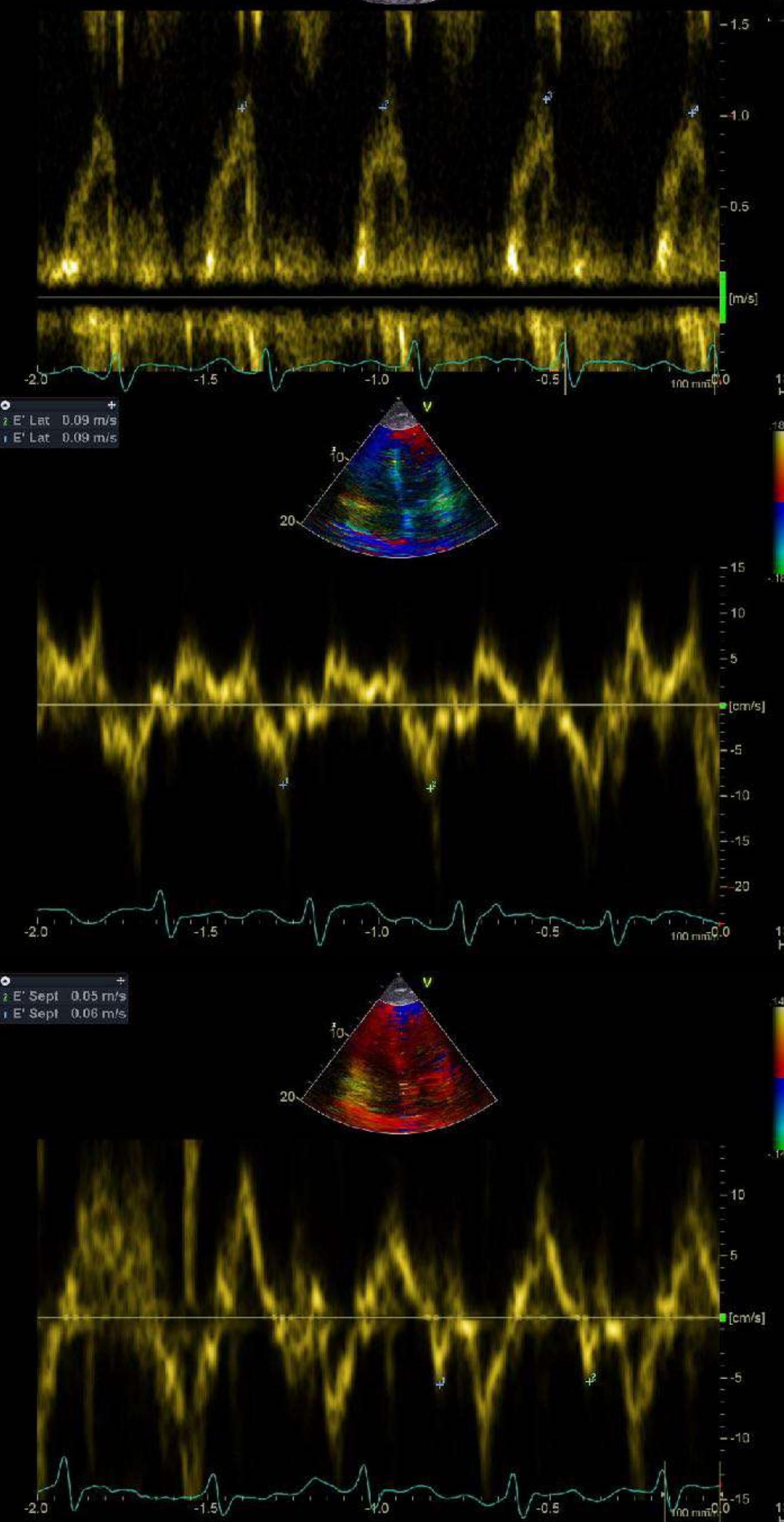
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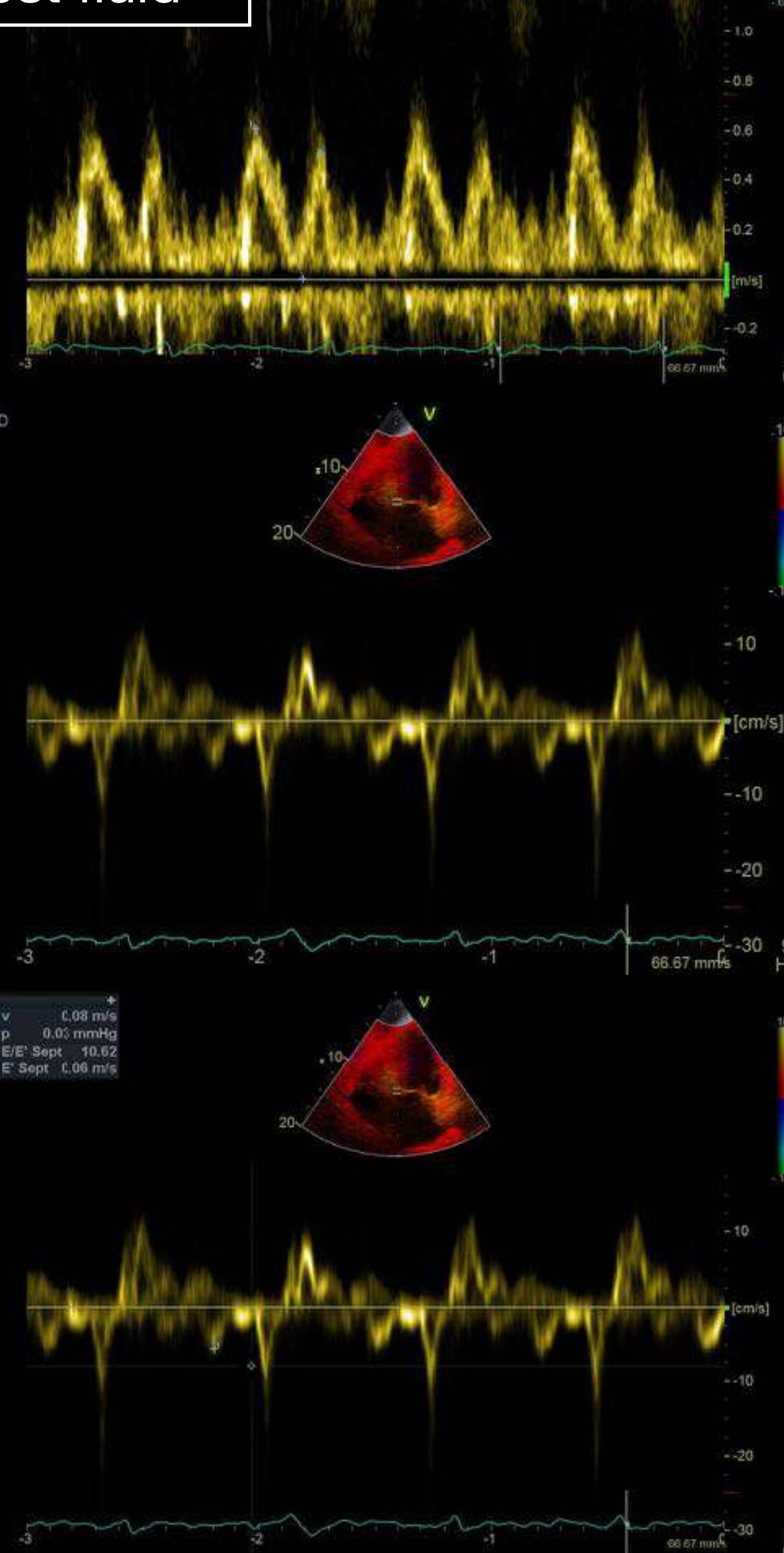
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## Admission echo



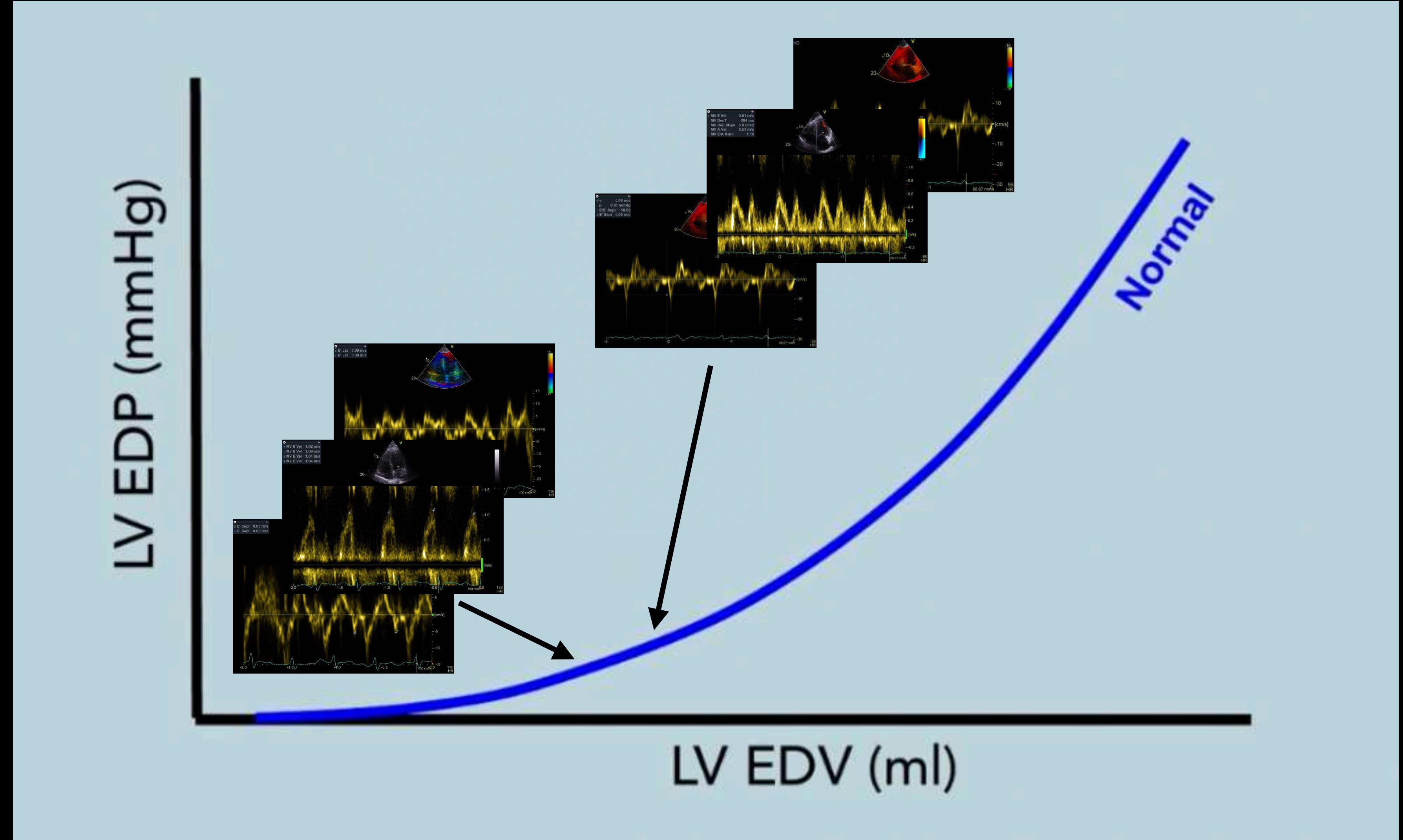
• MV E Vel 0.61 m/s  
• MV DecT 204 msec  
• MV Dec Slope 3.0 m/s<sup>2</sup>  
• MV A Vel 0.51 m/s  
• MV E/A Ratio 1.18

## Post fluid



250 ml fluid bolus

	1st echo	Post 250ml fluid
E wave Vmax	?1.02	0.6
E:A	?<1	1
E:e' average	13	10
Decel time (msec)	?	204



# LAP assessment in acute LV dysfunction

- Risk high with these patients to get raised LAP / resp failure
- ‘POCUS” using Doppler repeat LAP review
- Judicious fluid bolus and repeat
- Balance fluids vs catecholamines

Heart rhythm

Mechanical ventilation

Left valve diseases

## What influences LAP

LV function

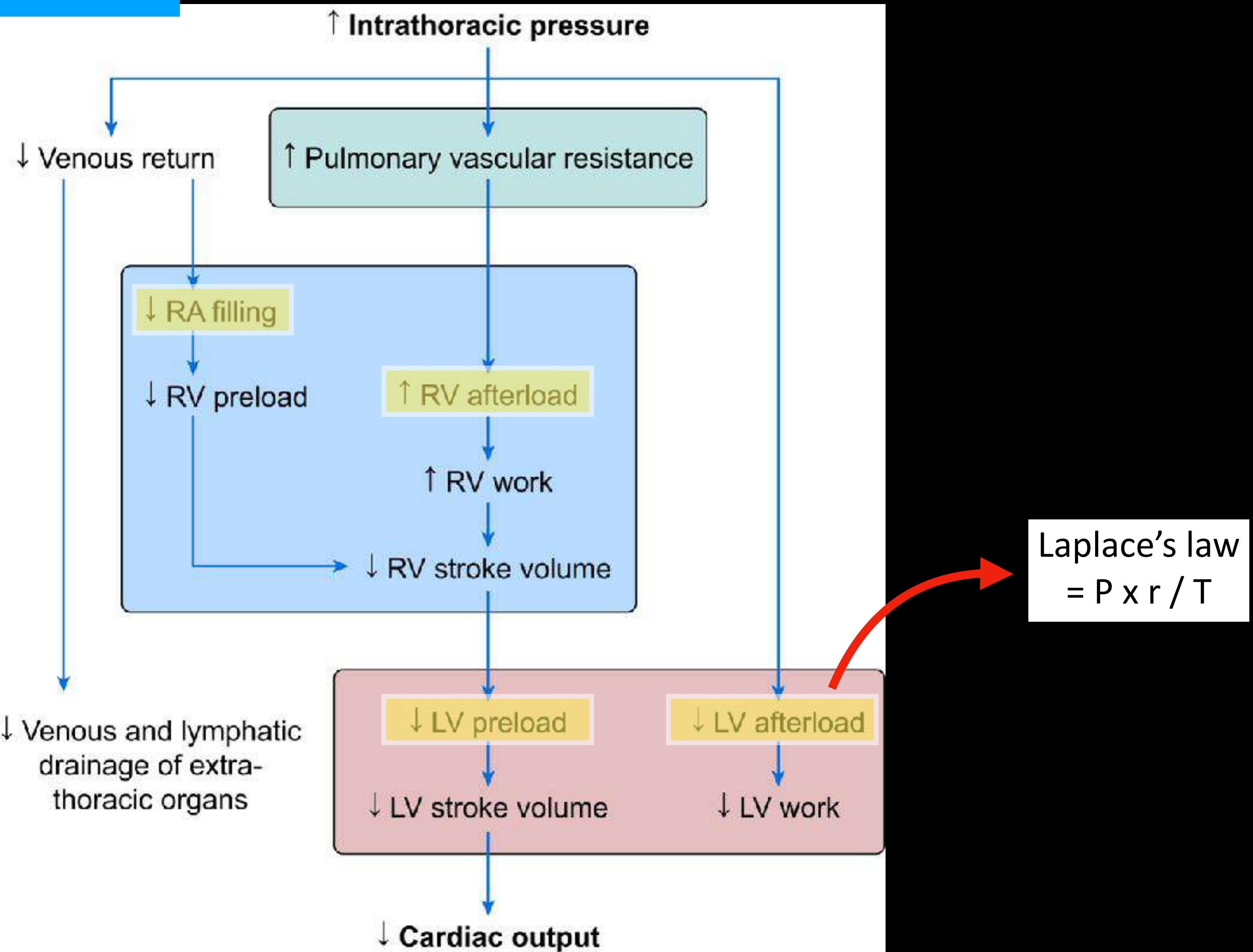
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# Mechanical ventilation



The cardiovascular effects of positive pressure ventilation

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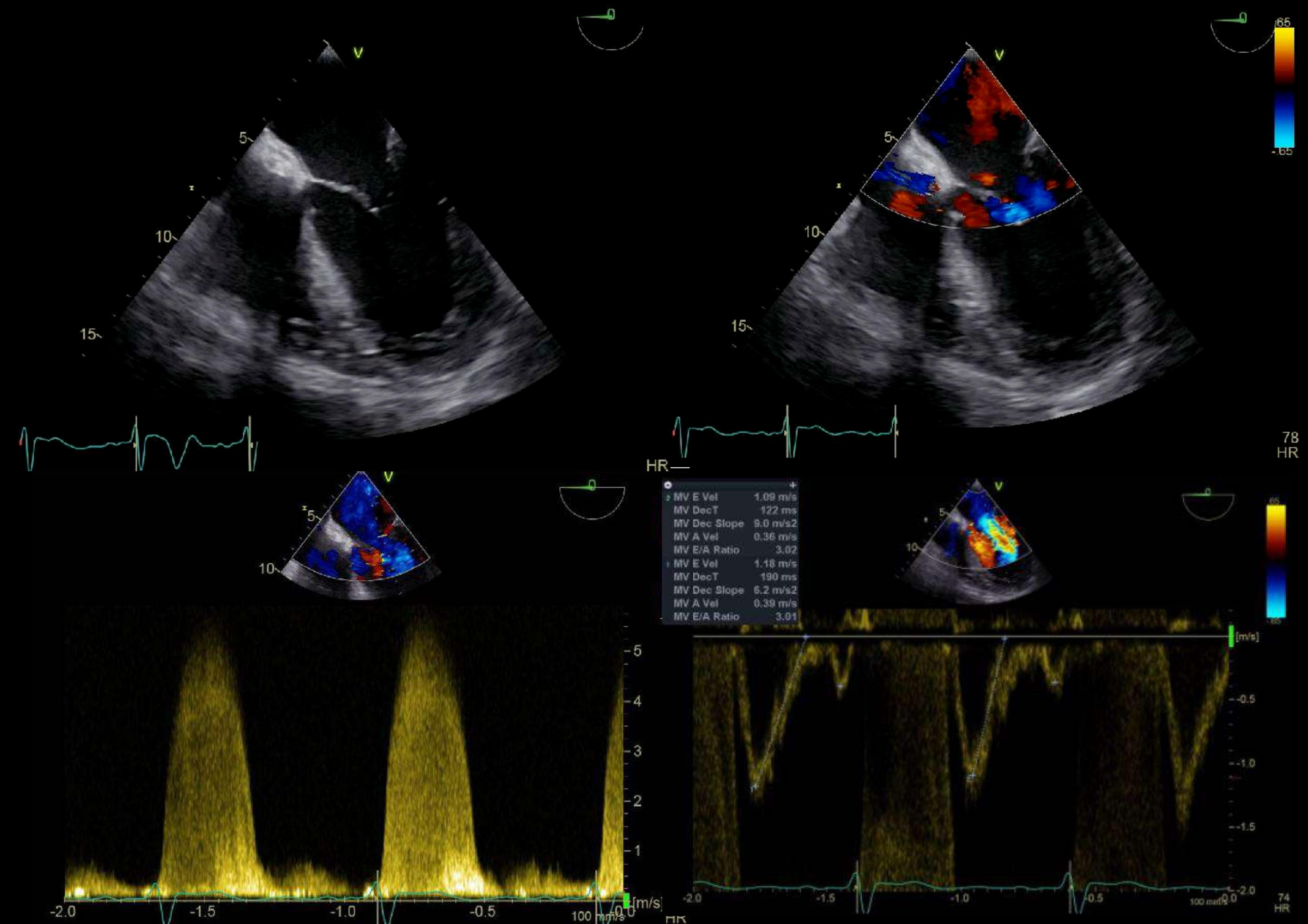
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# 61yo male (truck driver)

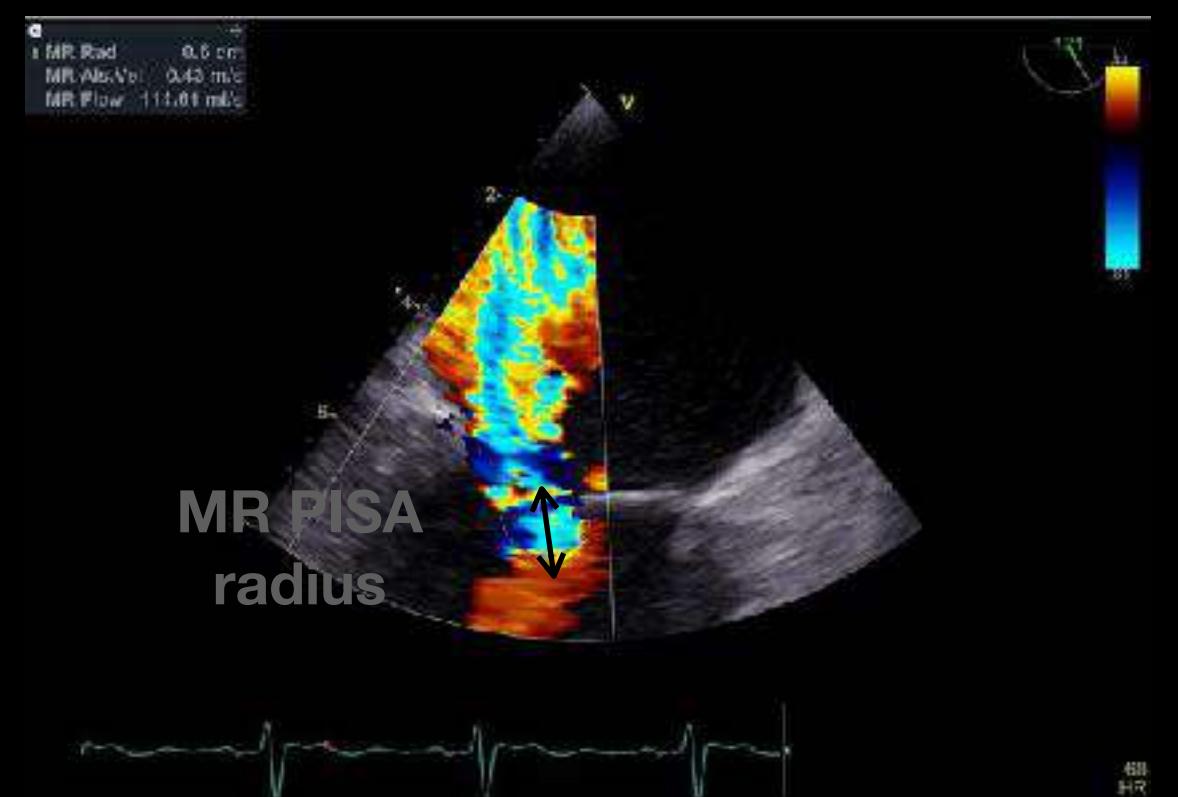
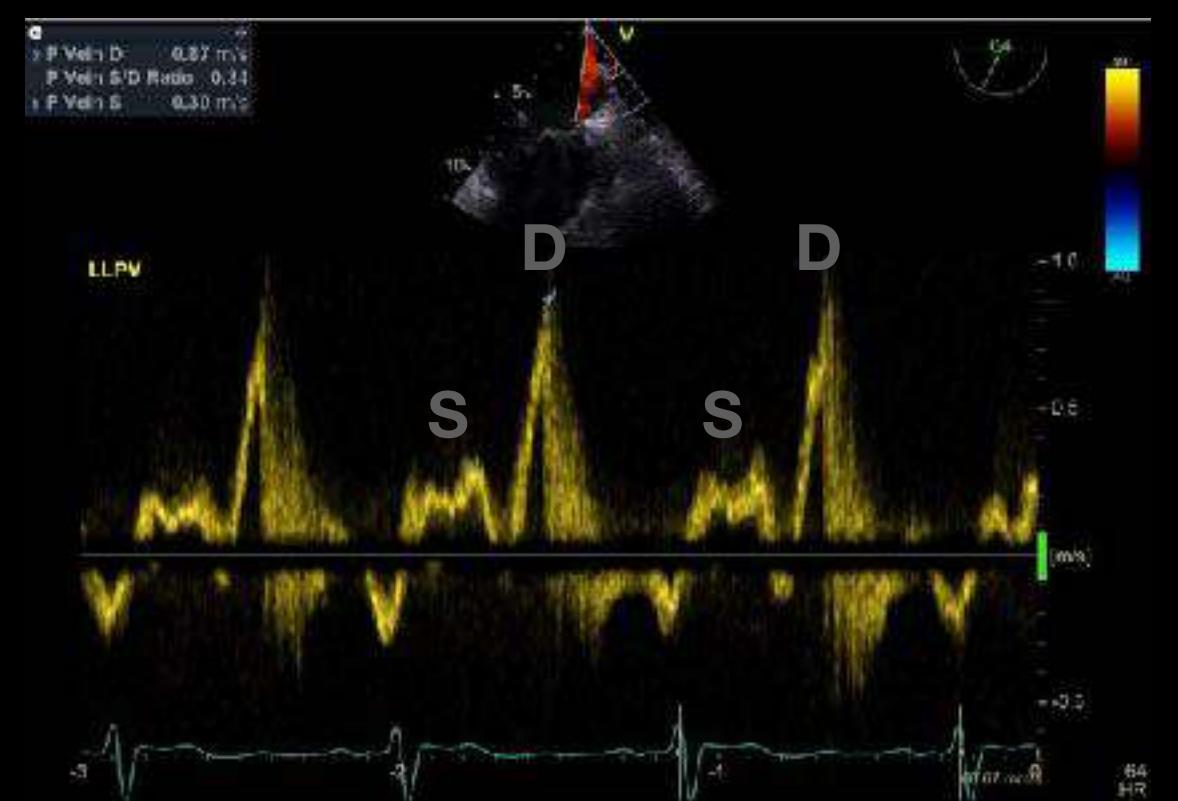
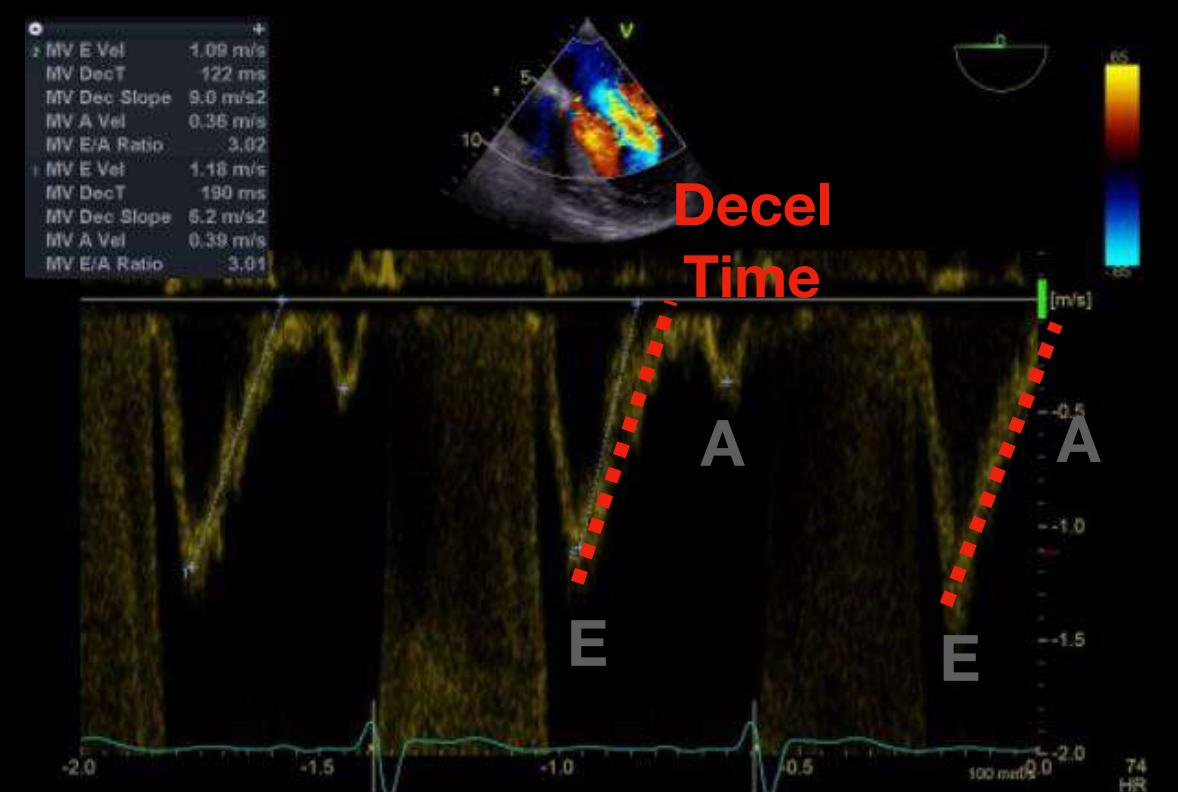
**PC:** Conscious VT, HR 180 and hypotension

**PMH:** HTN, DM, BMI 40, smoker

- ED = Mg2+, Amiodarone => SR => CCU
- 24hr later MET call = HTN, desaturation, agitation = APO
- Agitation / intolerance of CPAP => ICU for intubation
- Few days down track CXR better, -ve 4L , mild ARF, ‘difficulty’ weaning

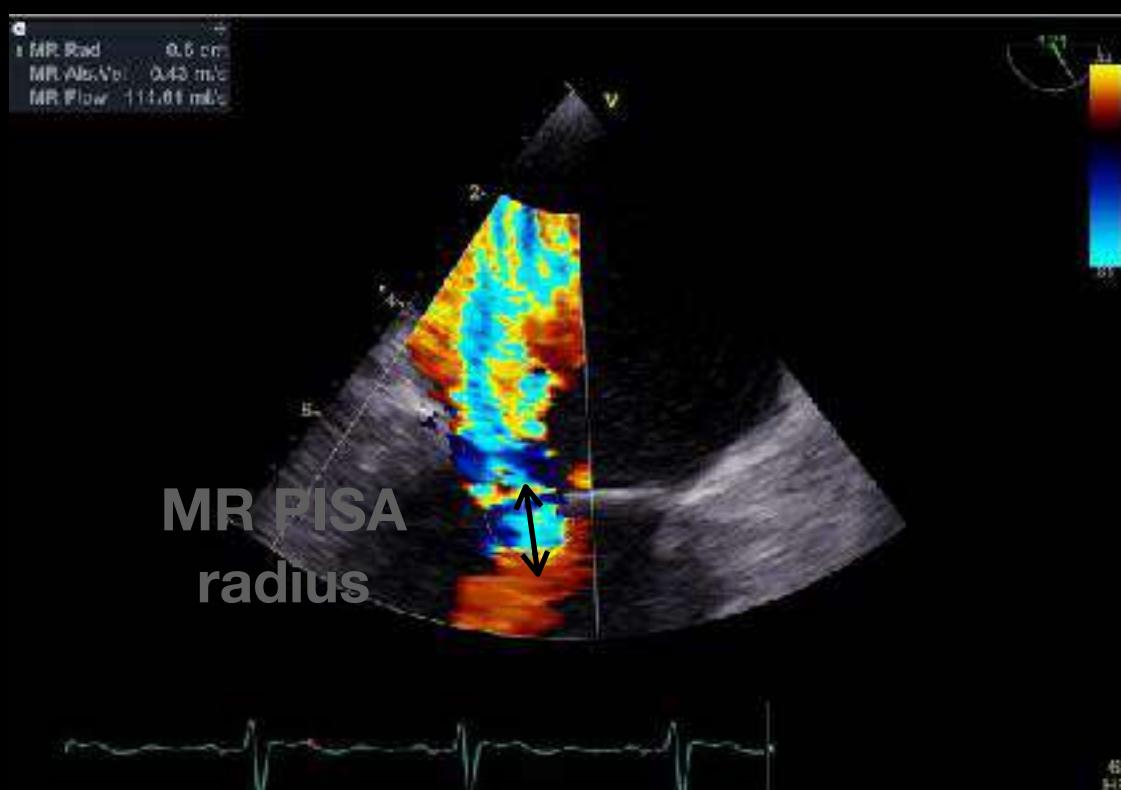
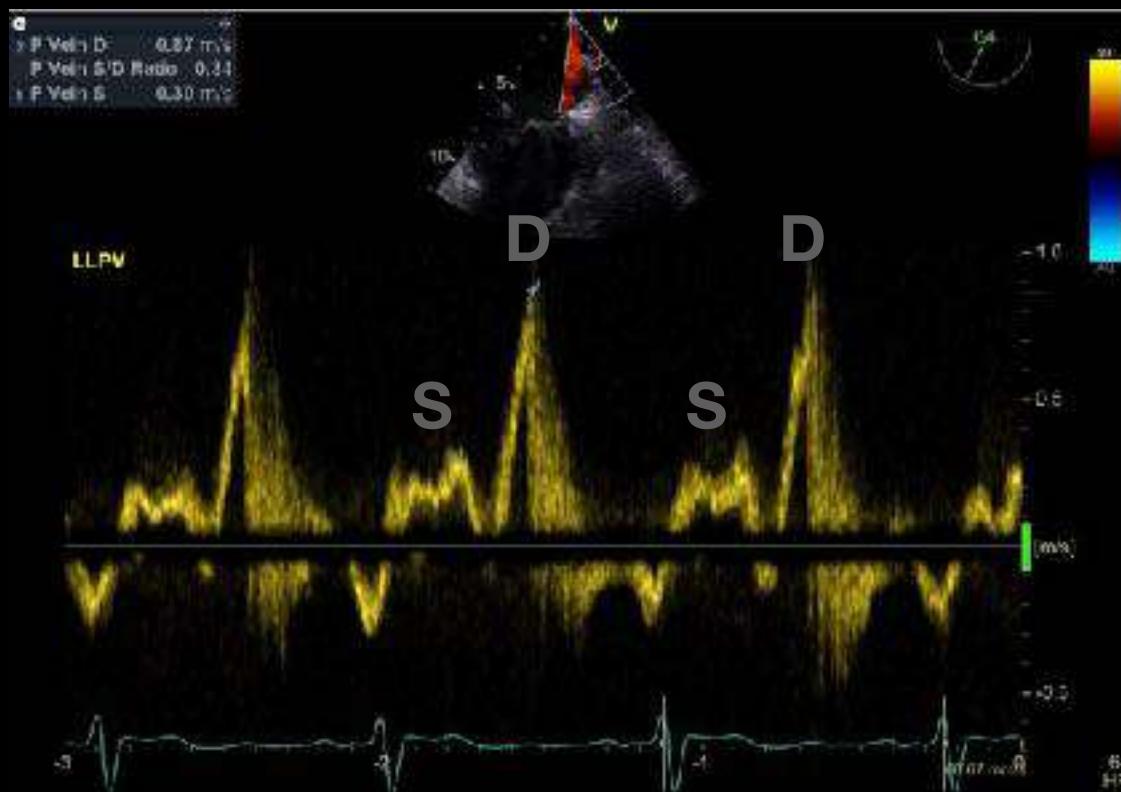
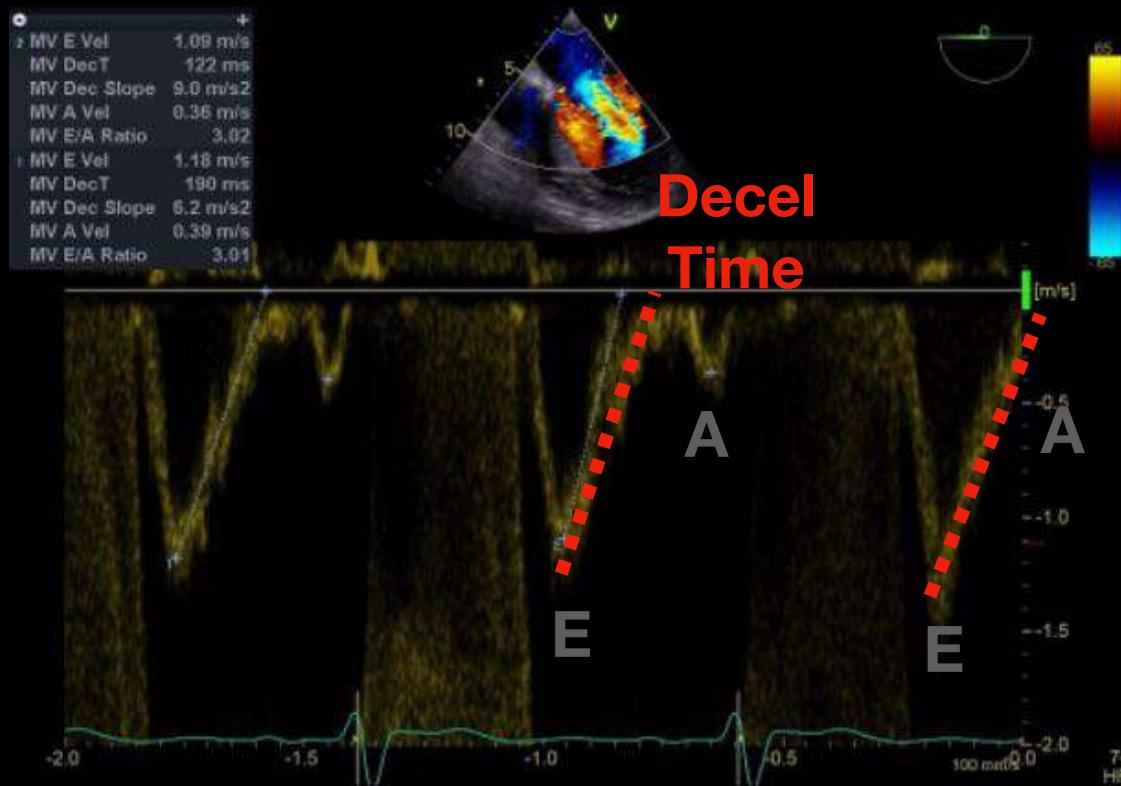


# PEEP 10



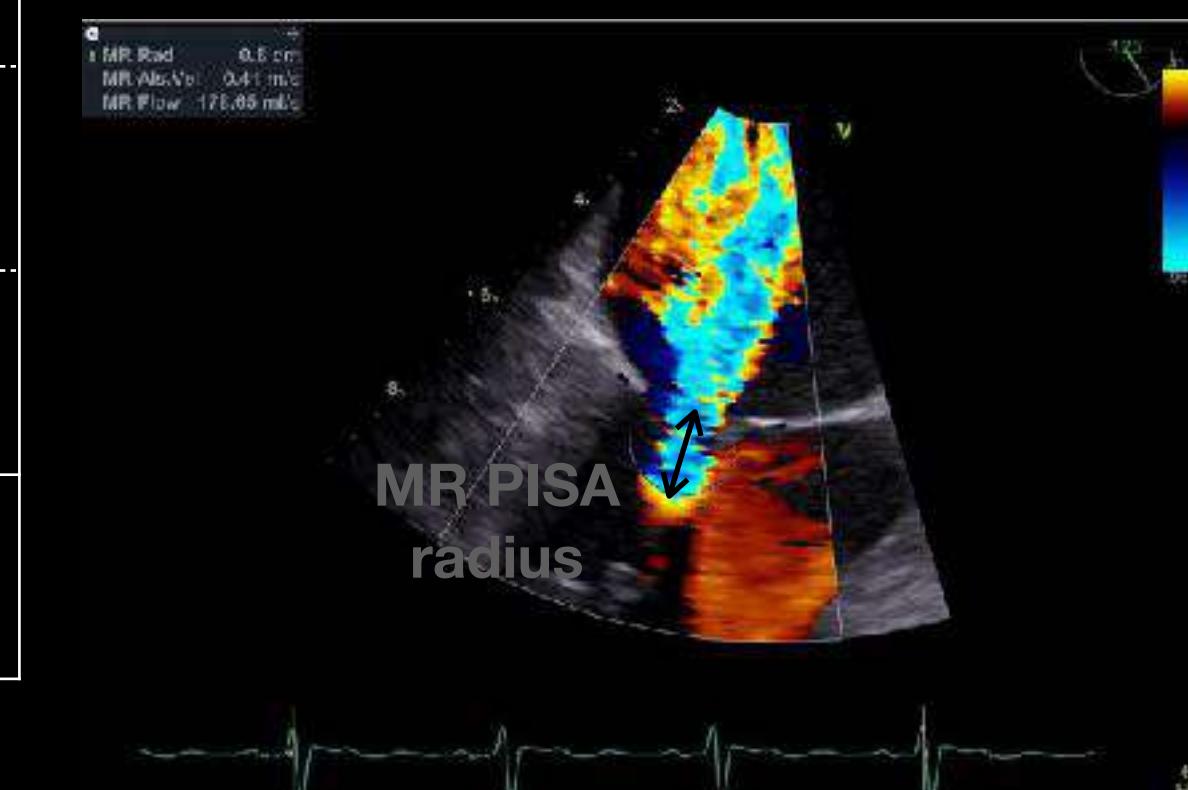
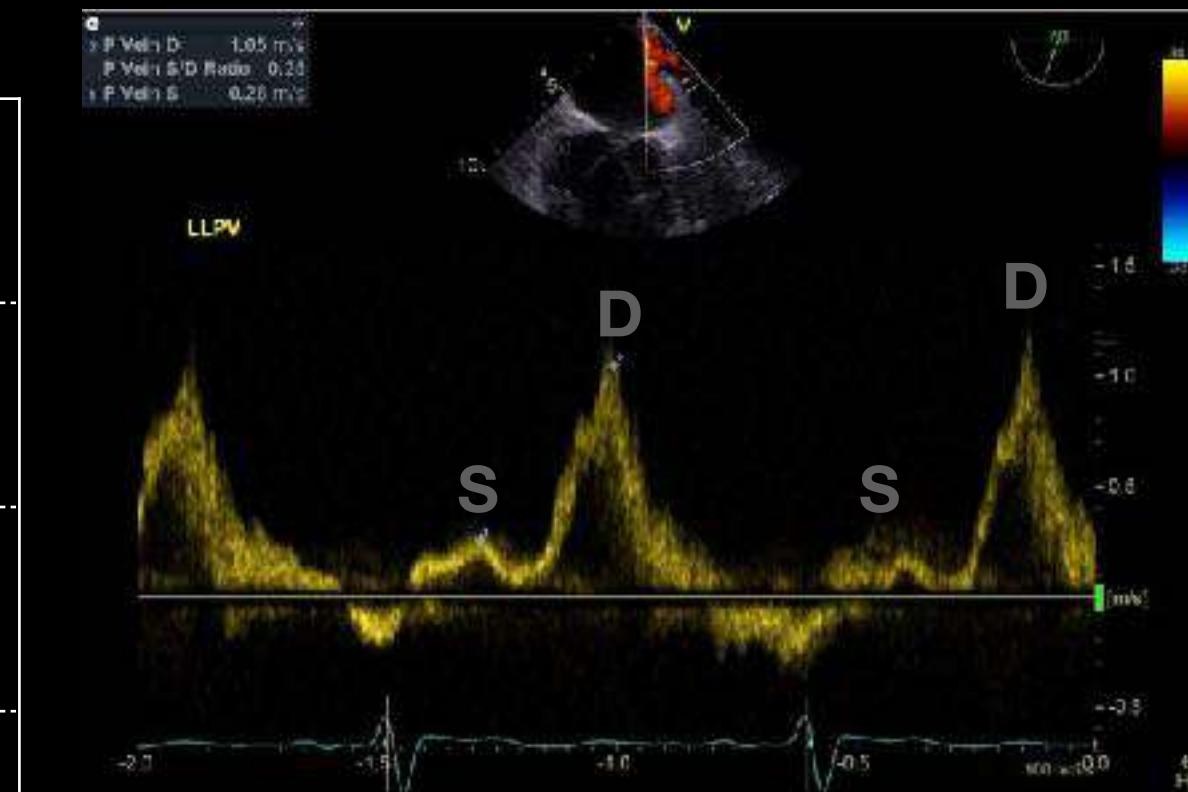
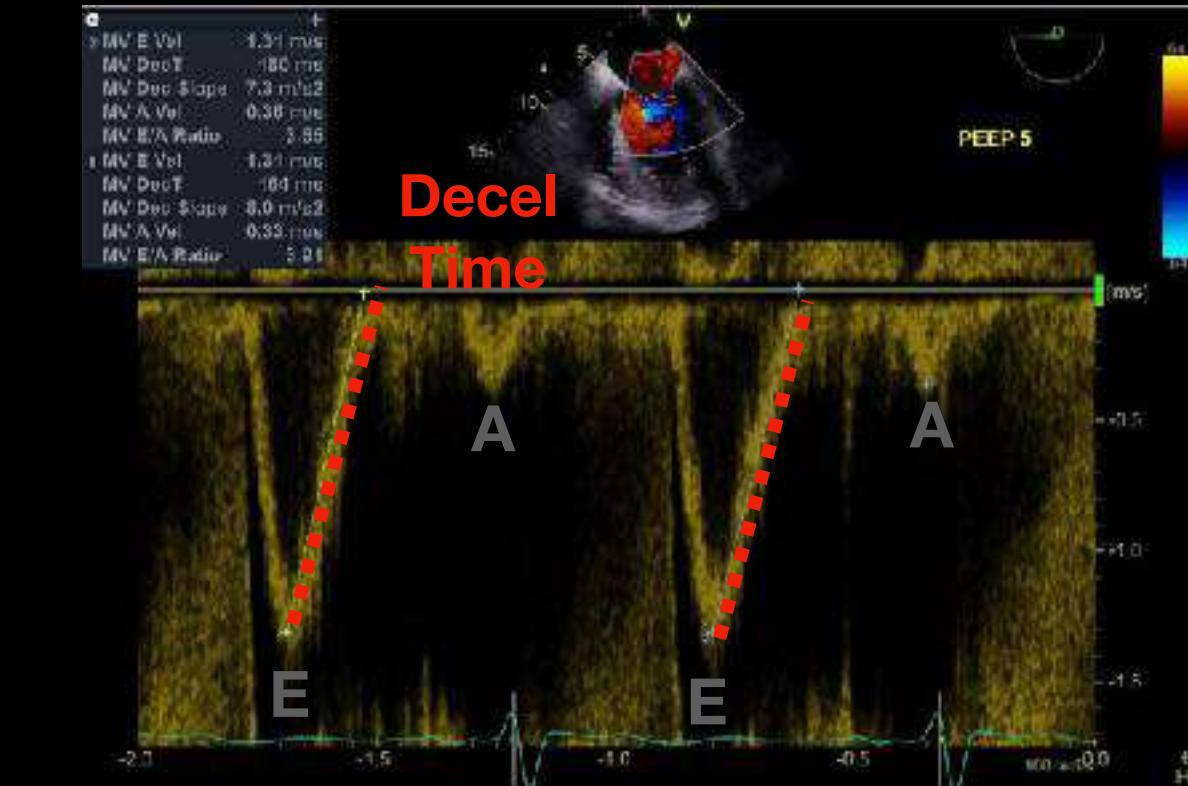
PEEP 10	
E Vmax	1.15
Decel Time	190
E:A	3.0
E:e'	14
S:D	0.34
MR PISA radius (cm)	0.6

PEEP 10

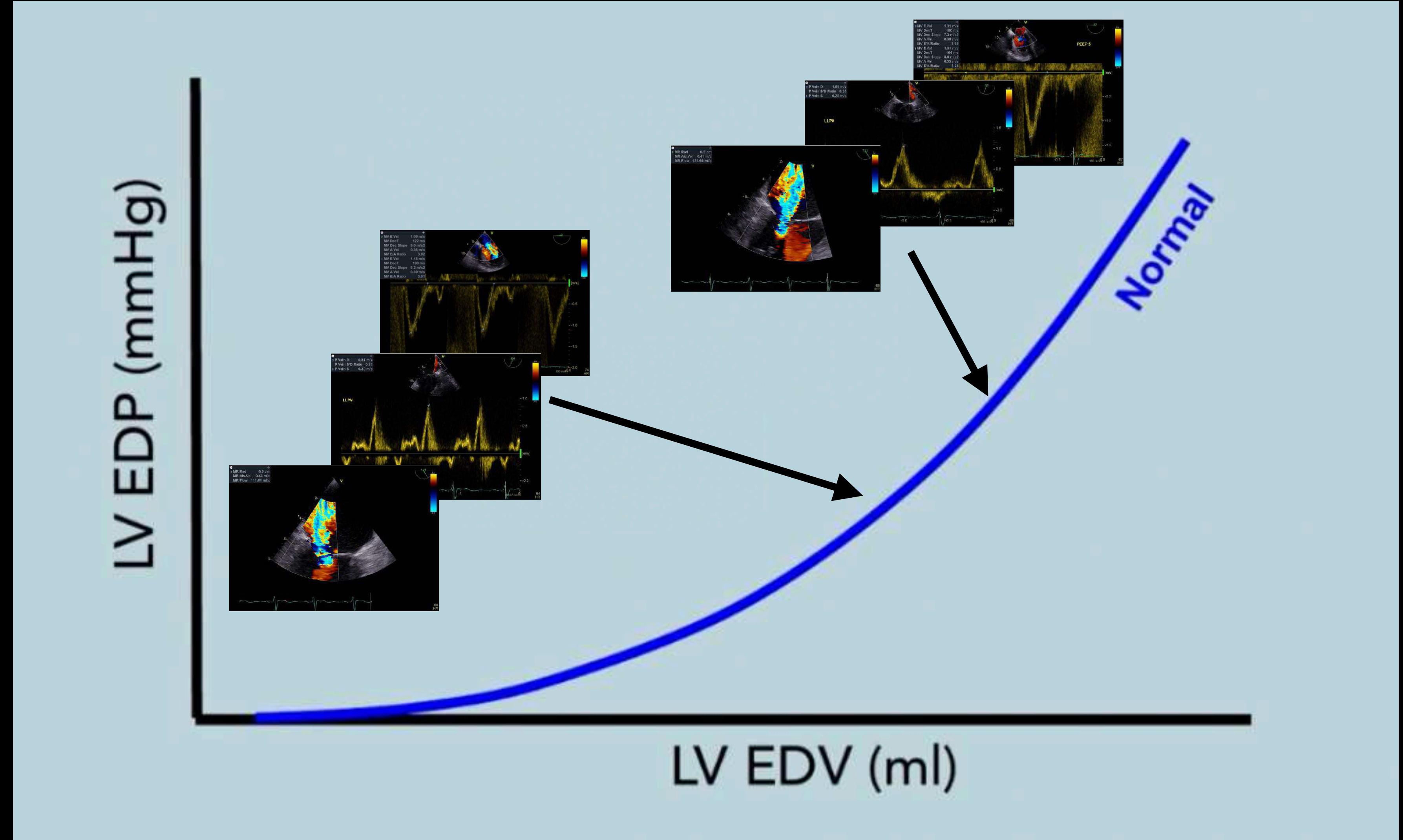


## Spontaneous Breathing Trial

PEEP 5



	PEEP 10	PEEP 5
E Vmax	1.15	1.31
Decel Time	190	164
E:A	3.0	3.8
E:e'	14	23
S:D	0.34	0.25
MR PISA radius (cm)	0.6	0.8



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# LAP assessment in weaning from mechanical ventilation

- Significant raised LAP remains despite improved CXR
- Ongoing diuresis *essential*
- Repeat ‘spontaneous breathing trial’ till non-significant change



Heart rhythm

Mechanical ventilation

Left valve diseases

## What influences LAP

LV function

Fluid status

RV dilation



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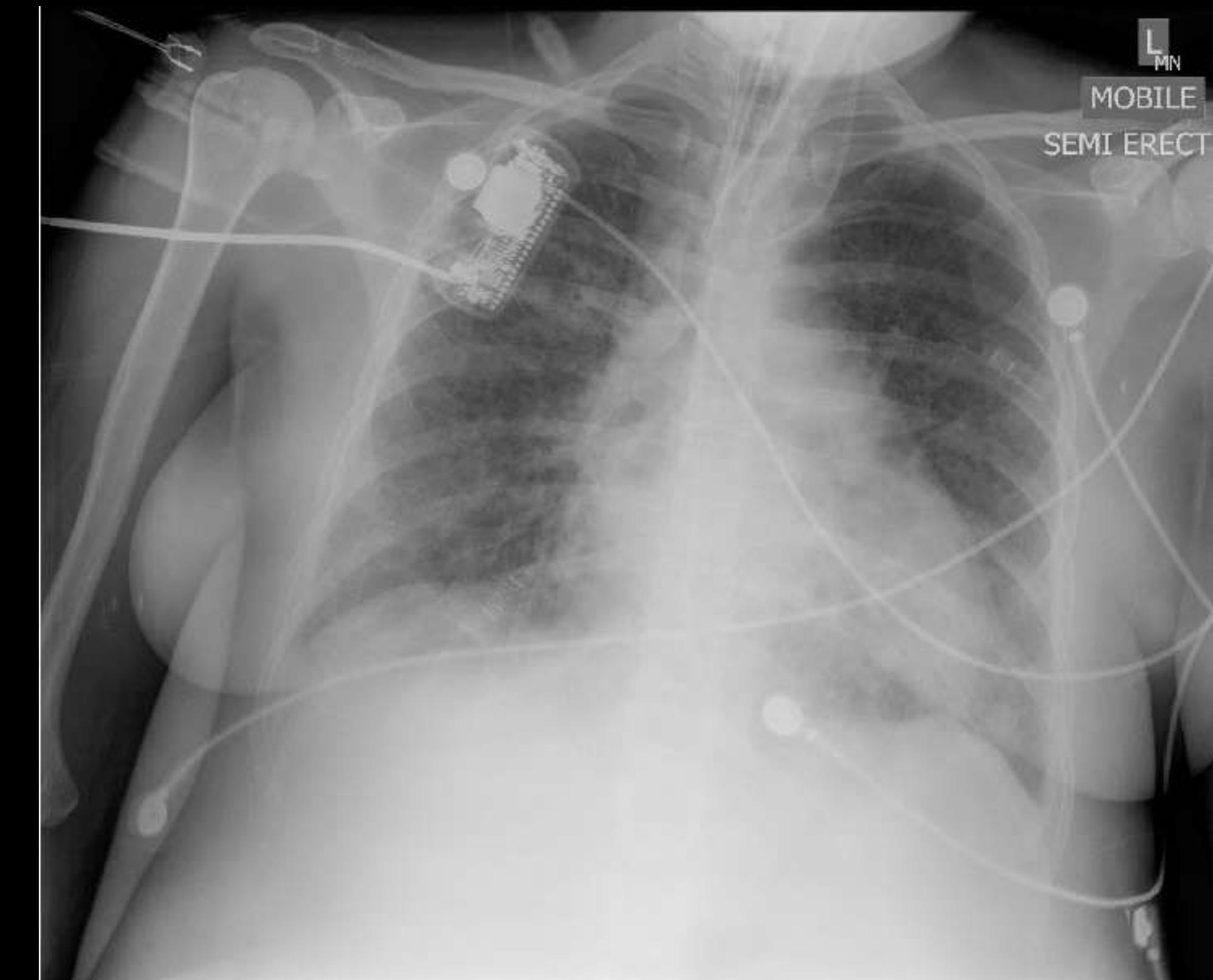
45yo *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia after renal transplant.

RV dilation

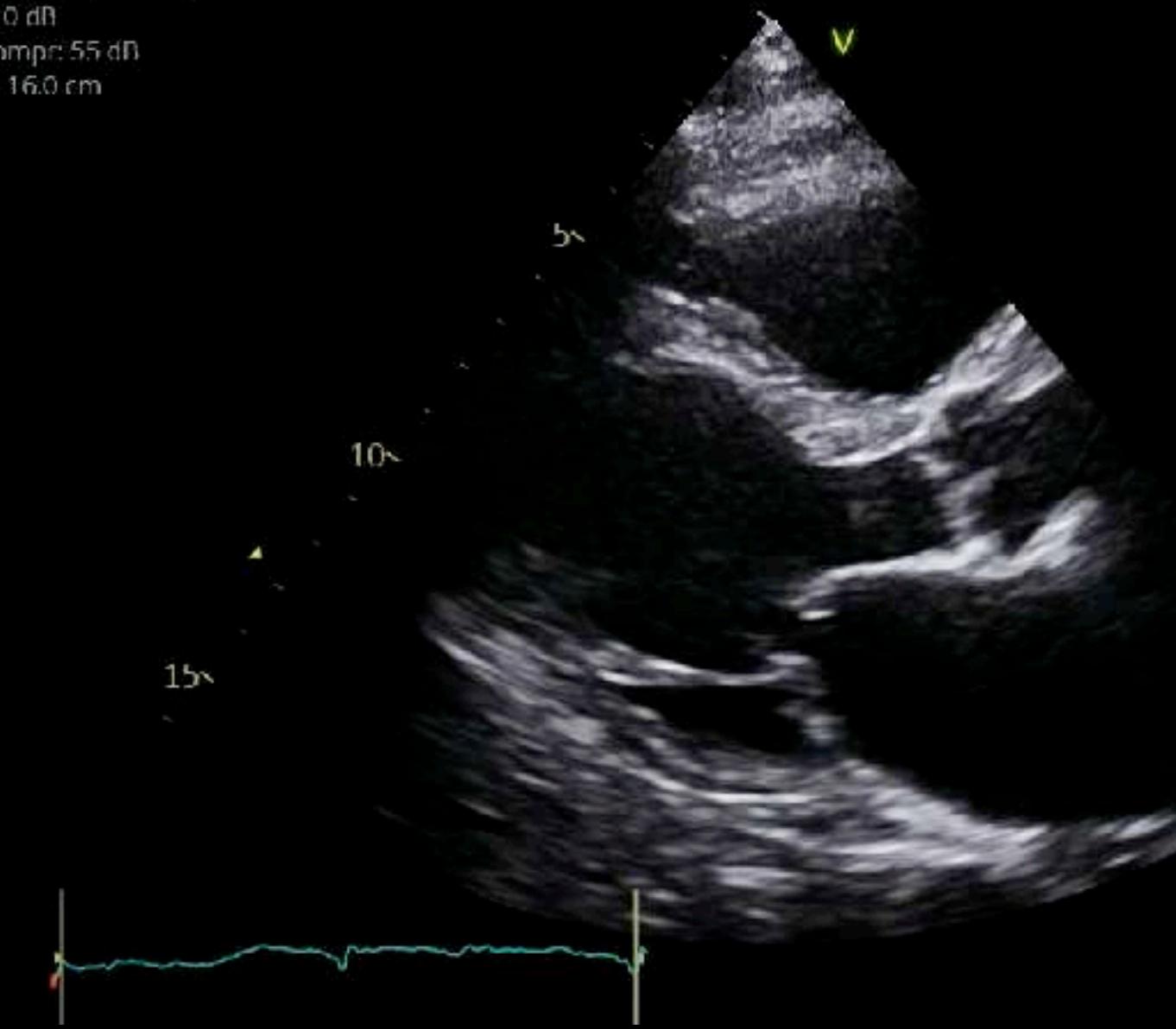
- Failed HFNP => intubation
- Max conventional MV

.... ? start iNO

Results		13:27	11:28
Point of Care Testing (POCT)			
Specimen Type POCT	Arterial	Arterial	
Device Facility	Nepean	Nepean	
Device Type	ABL	ABL	
Device Ward	ICUA	ICUA	
Instrument ID	D210ICUAAB01	D210ICUAAB01	
Blood Gas			
<input type="checkbox"/> Inspired Oxygen	80.0 %	90.0 %	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood pH	7.23 L	7.22 L	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Blood pCO <sub>2</sub>	81 mmHg H	81 mmHg H	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood O <sub>2</sub> Saturation	94 % L	88 % L	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood HCO <sub>3</sub>	33 mmol/L H	32 mmol/L H	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Blood Sodium	148 mmol/L H	150 mmol/L H	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood Potassium	5.4 mmol/L	5.3 mmol/L	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood Chloride	108 mmol/L H	107 mmol/L	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood Glucose	13.3 mmol/L	13.7 mmol/L	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood Lactate	0.9 mmol/L	1.1 mmol/L	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Blood Total Haemoglobin	103 g/L L	111 g/L L	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood Oxyhaemoglobin	91.8 % L	85.8 % L	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood Carboxyhaemoglobin	1.1 %	1.3 %	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood Deoxyhaemoglobin	6.2 % H	12.2 % H	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood Methaemoglobin	0.9 %	0.7 %	



PPS: 50  
f: 1.7 MHz/3.3 MHz  
P: 0 dB  
Compr: 55 dB  
D: 16.0 cm

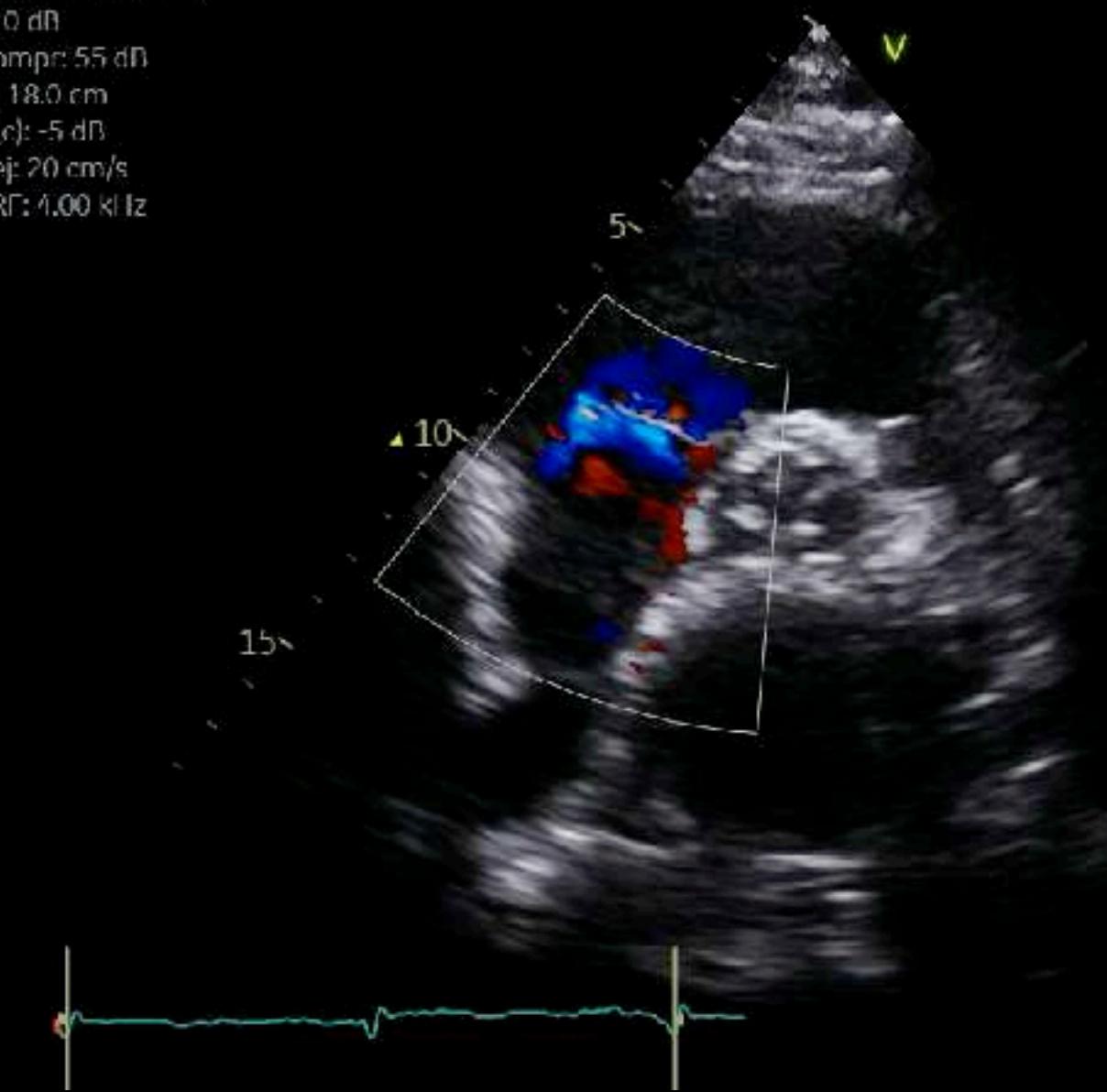


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70 IIR  
71 IIR

PPS: 19/19  
f: 2.5 MHz/2.5 MHz  
P: 0 dB  
Compr: 55 dB  
D: 18.0 cm  
G(v): -5 dB  
Rej: 20 cm/s  
PRF: 4.00 kHz



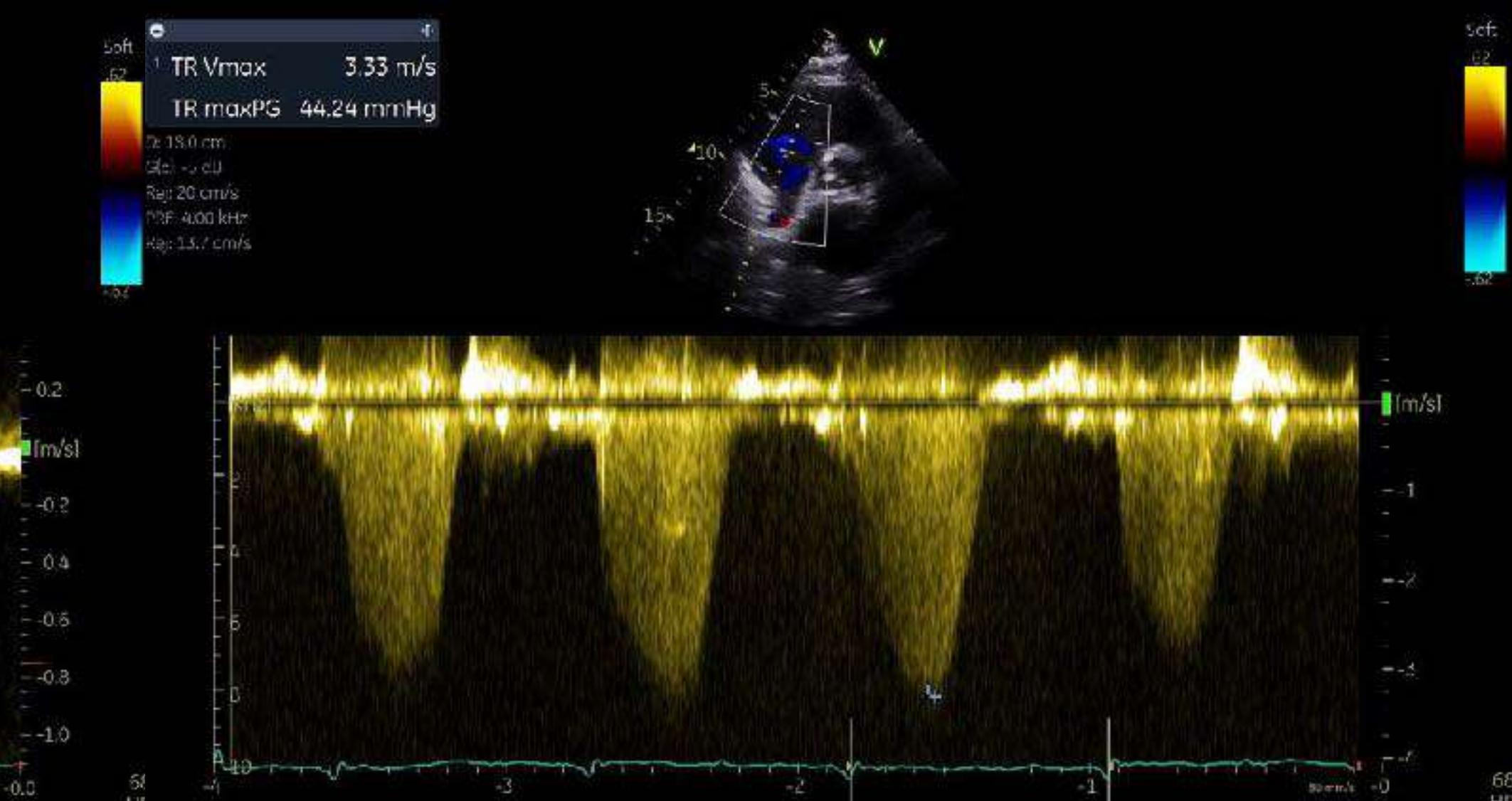
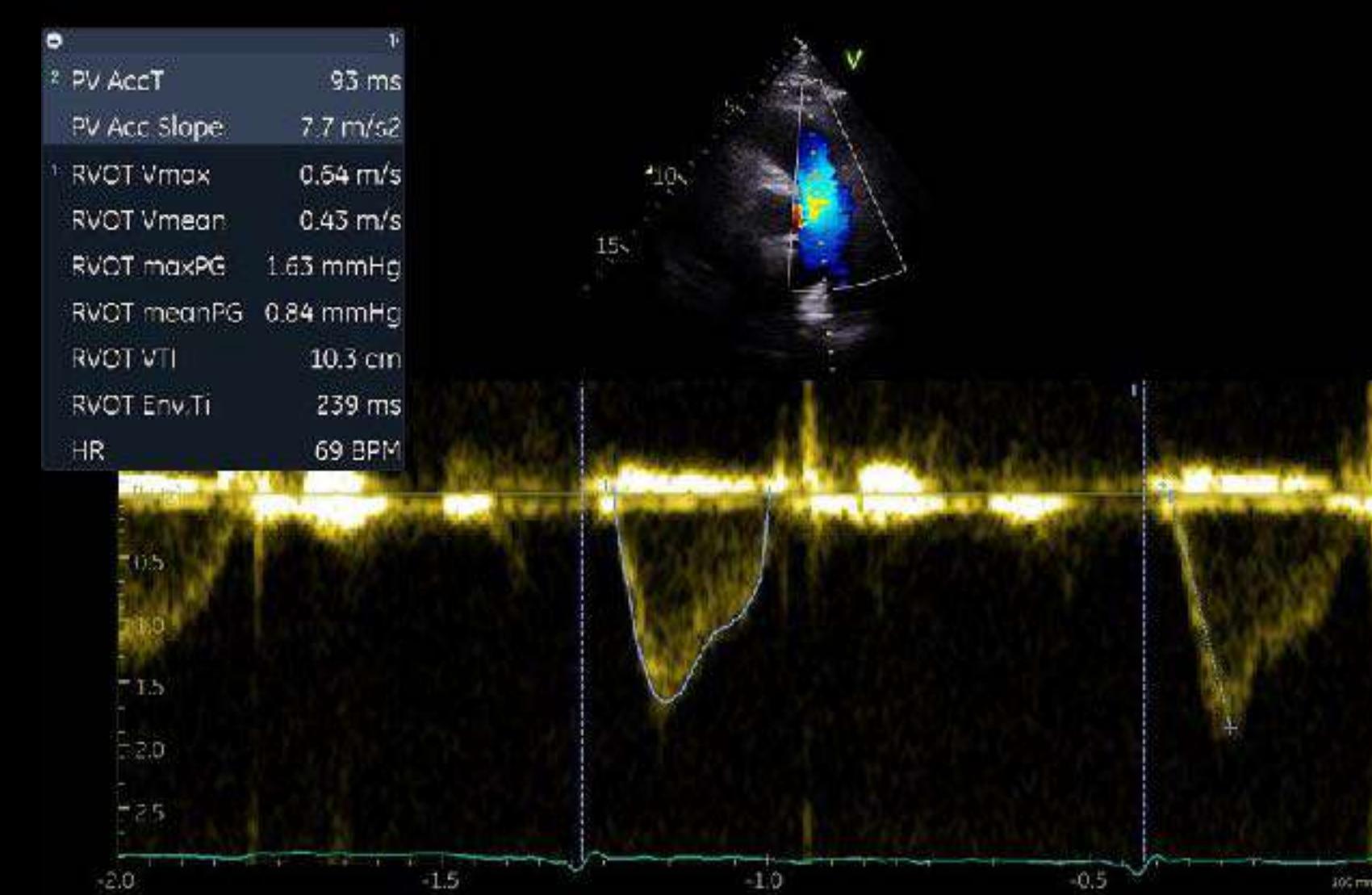
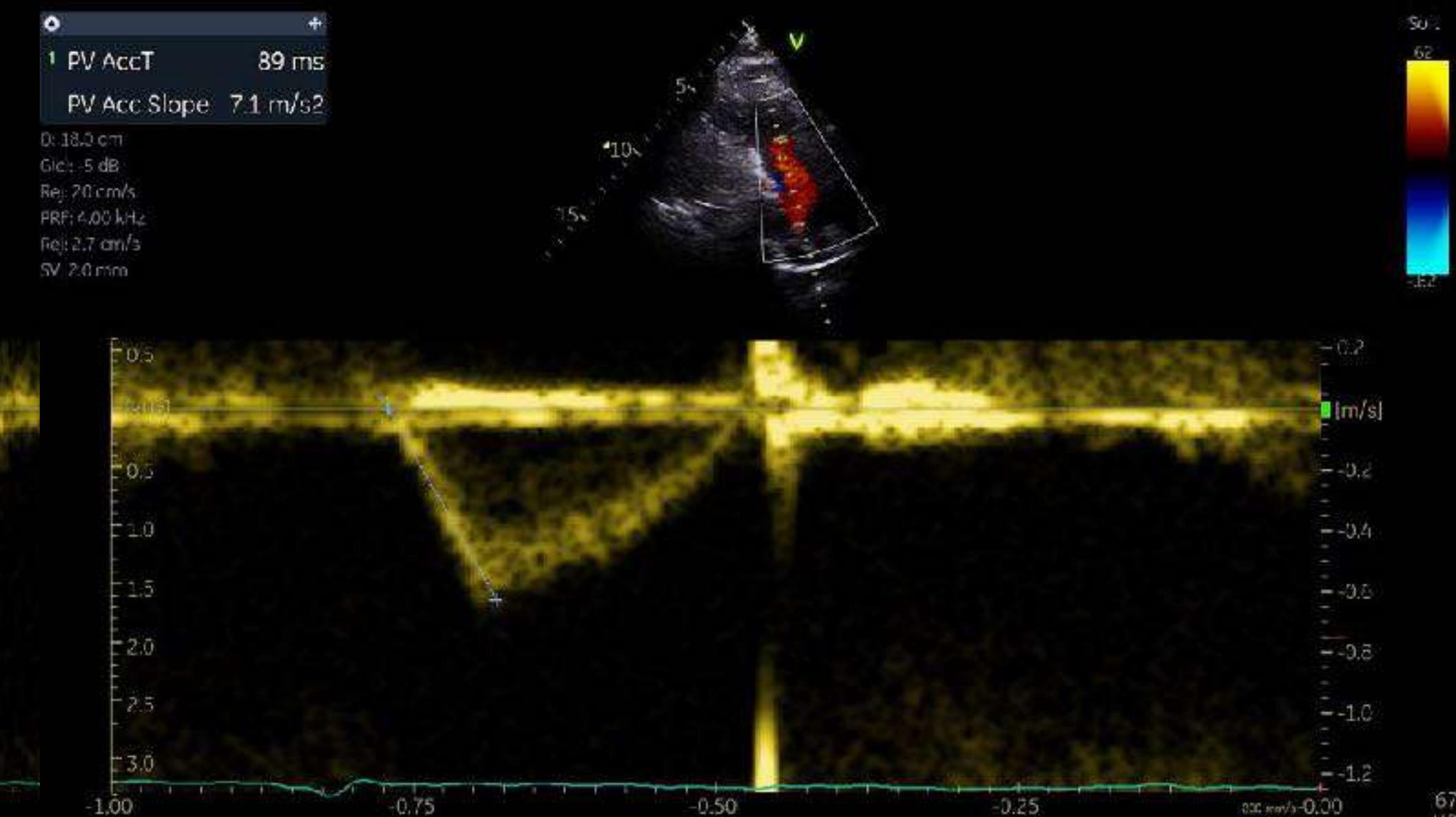
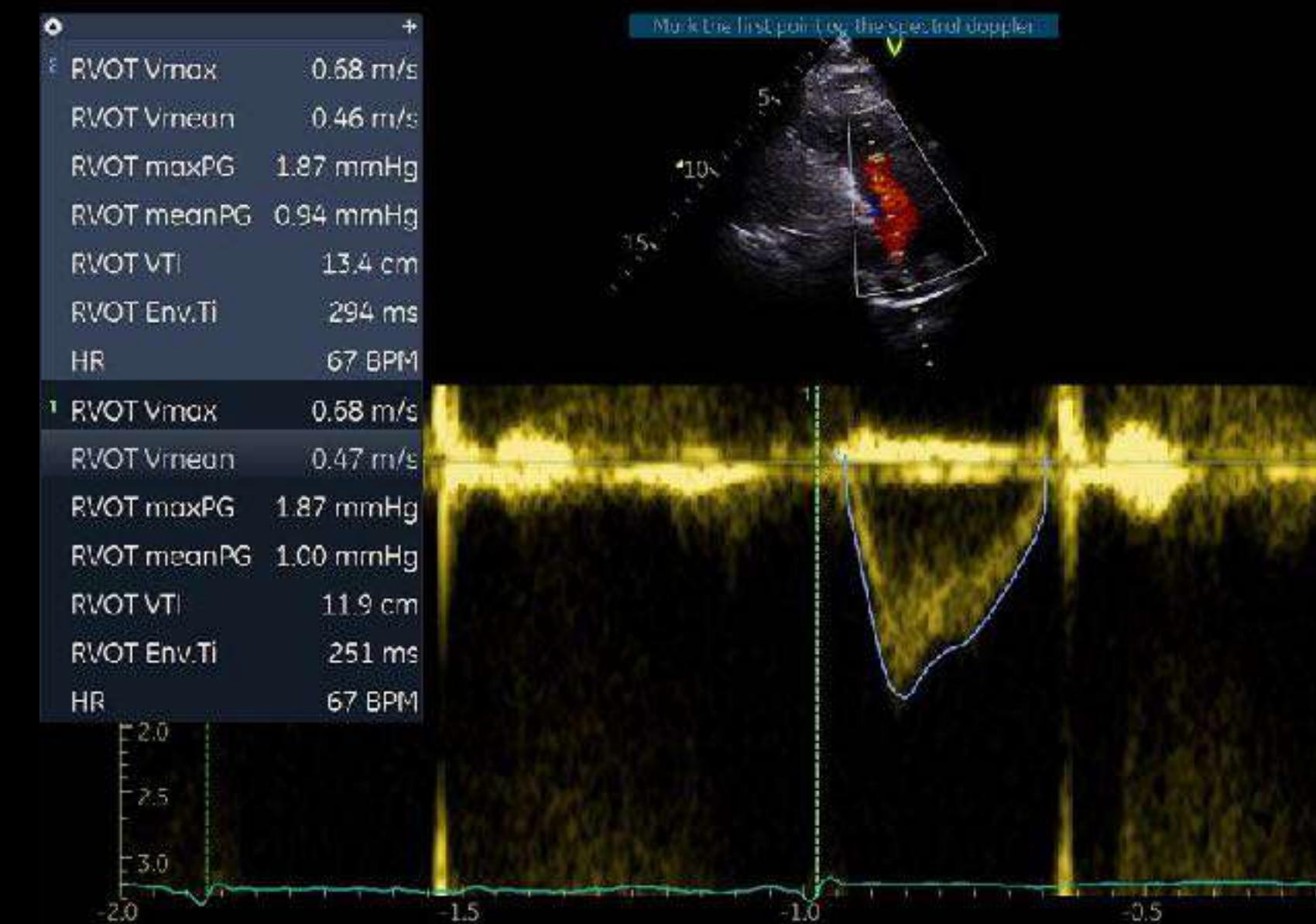
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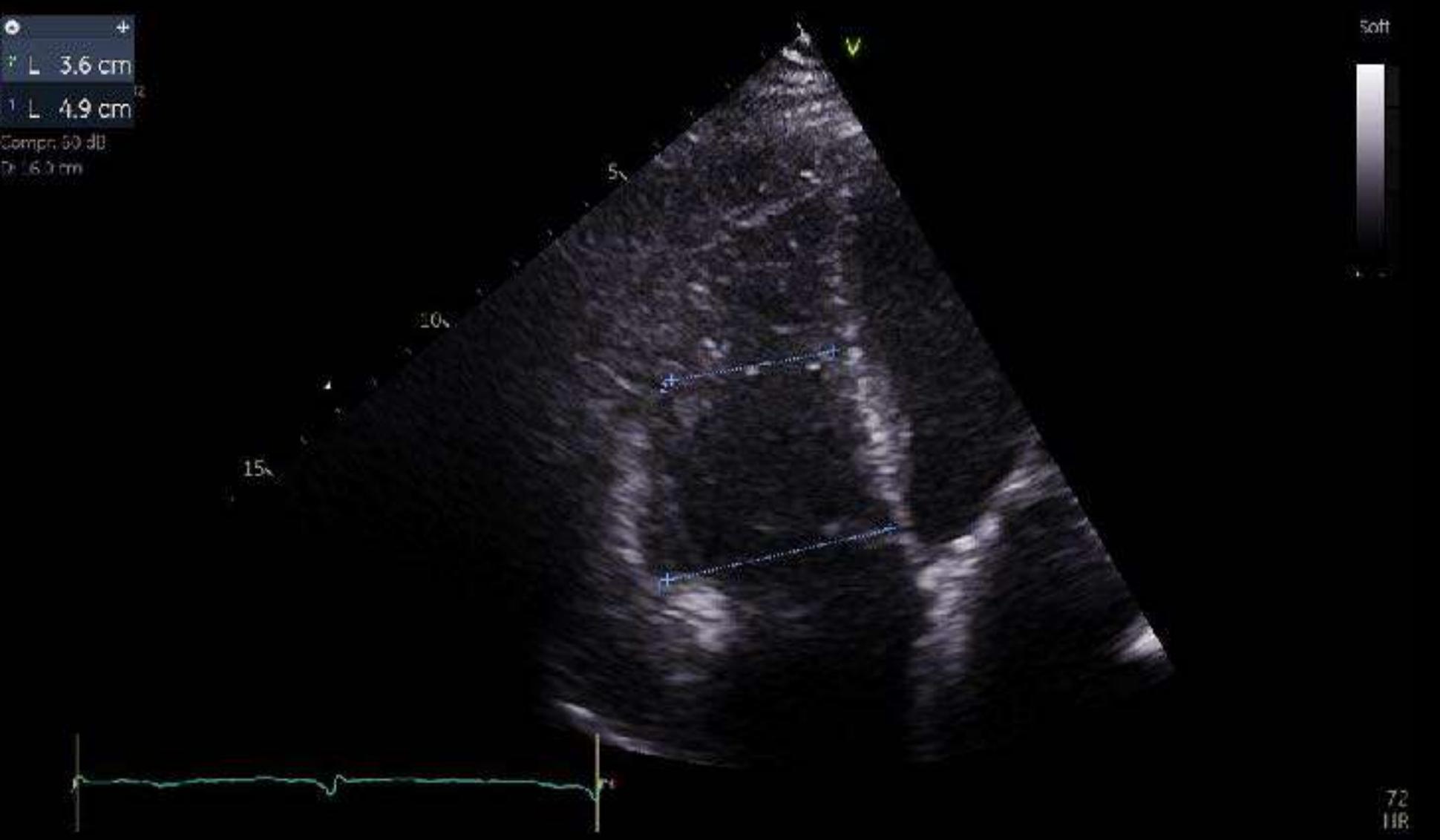
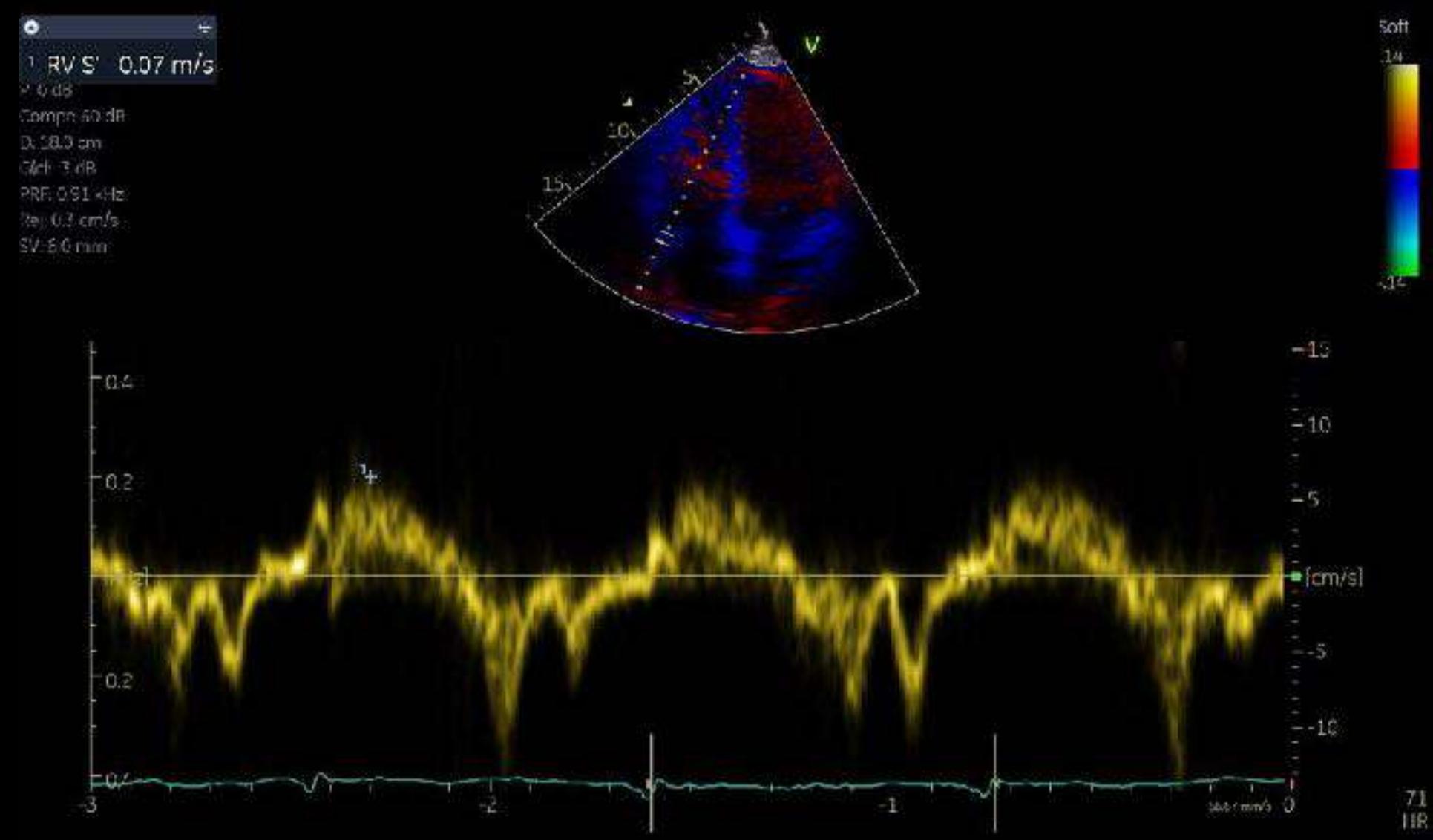
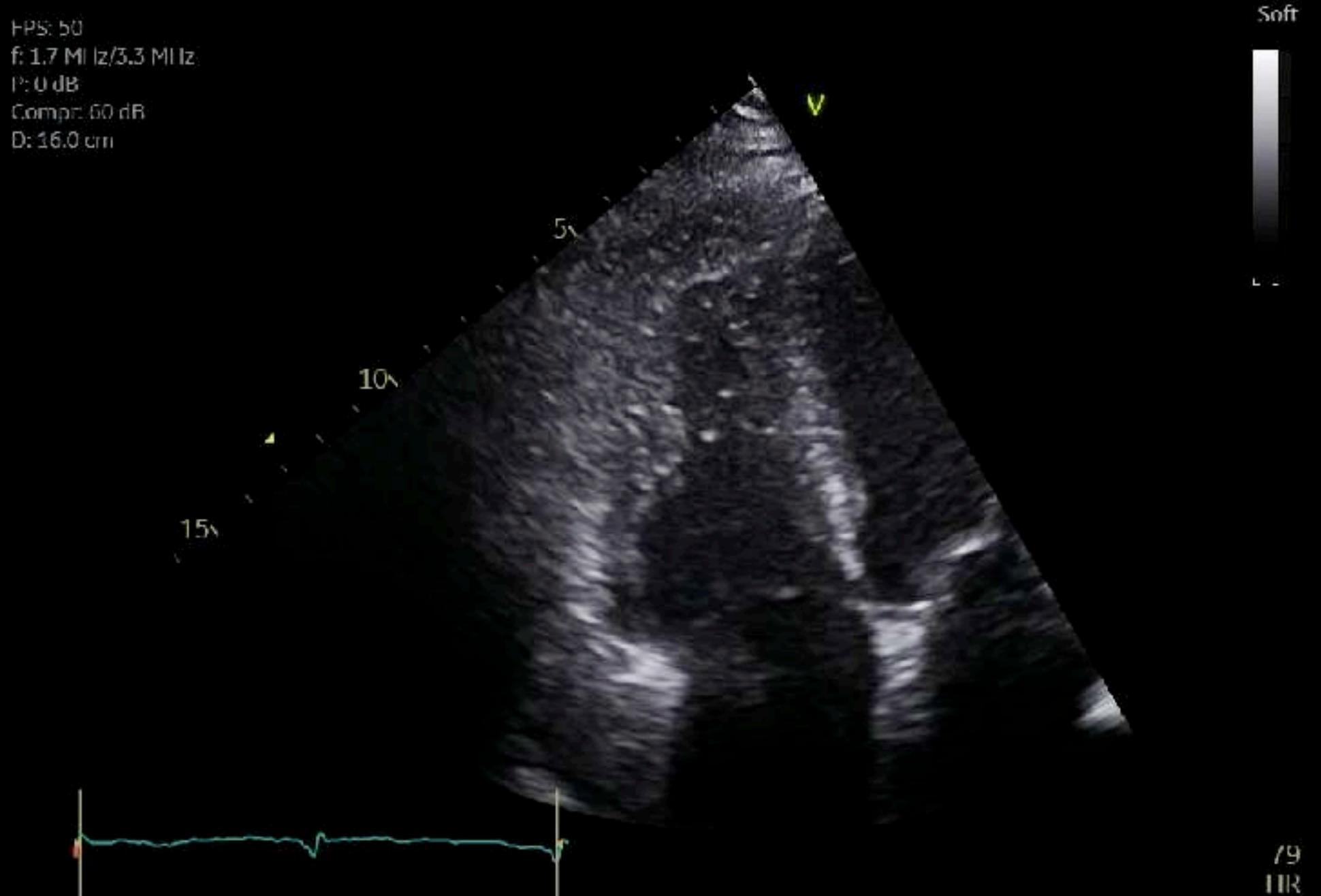
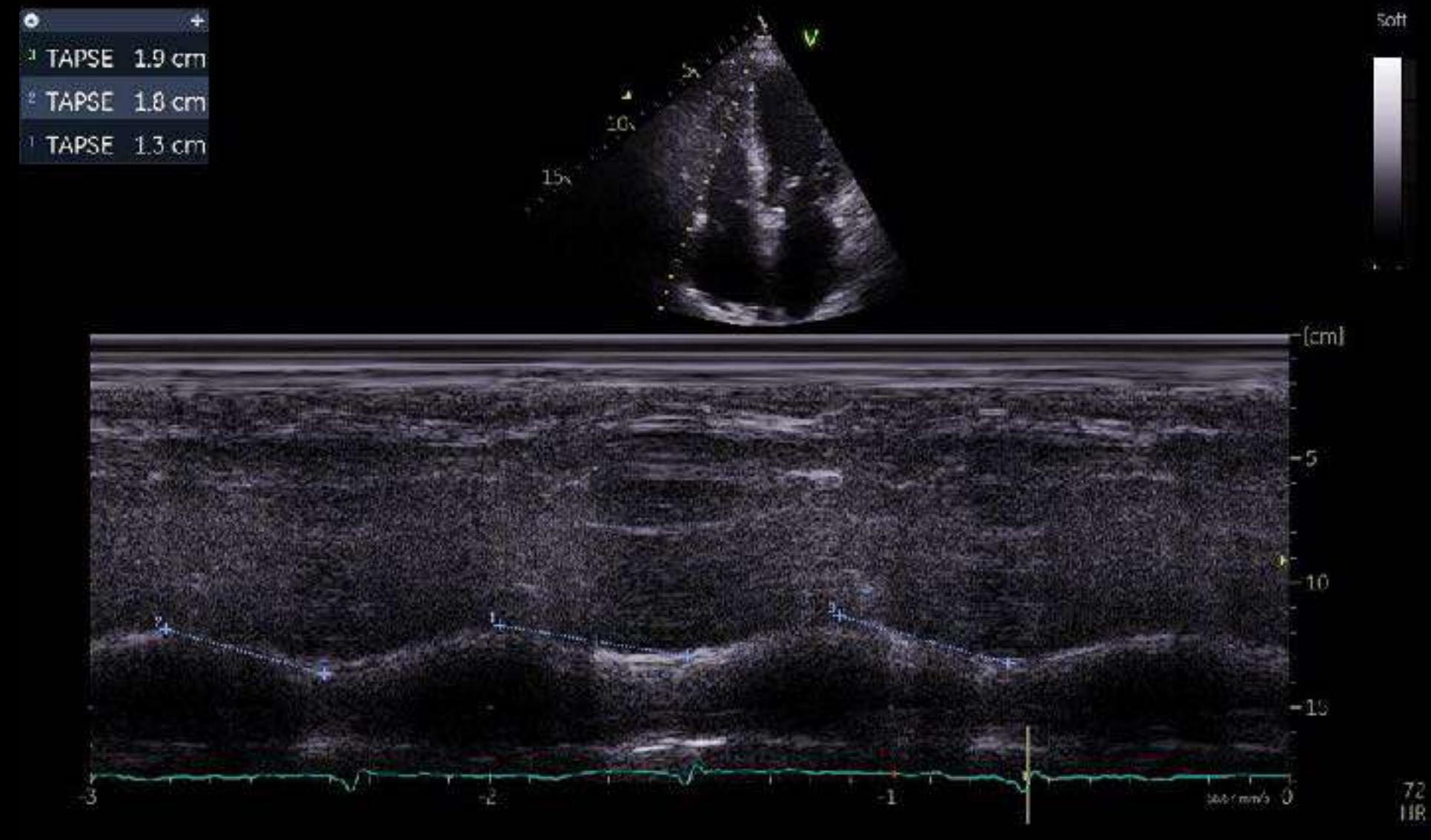
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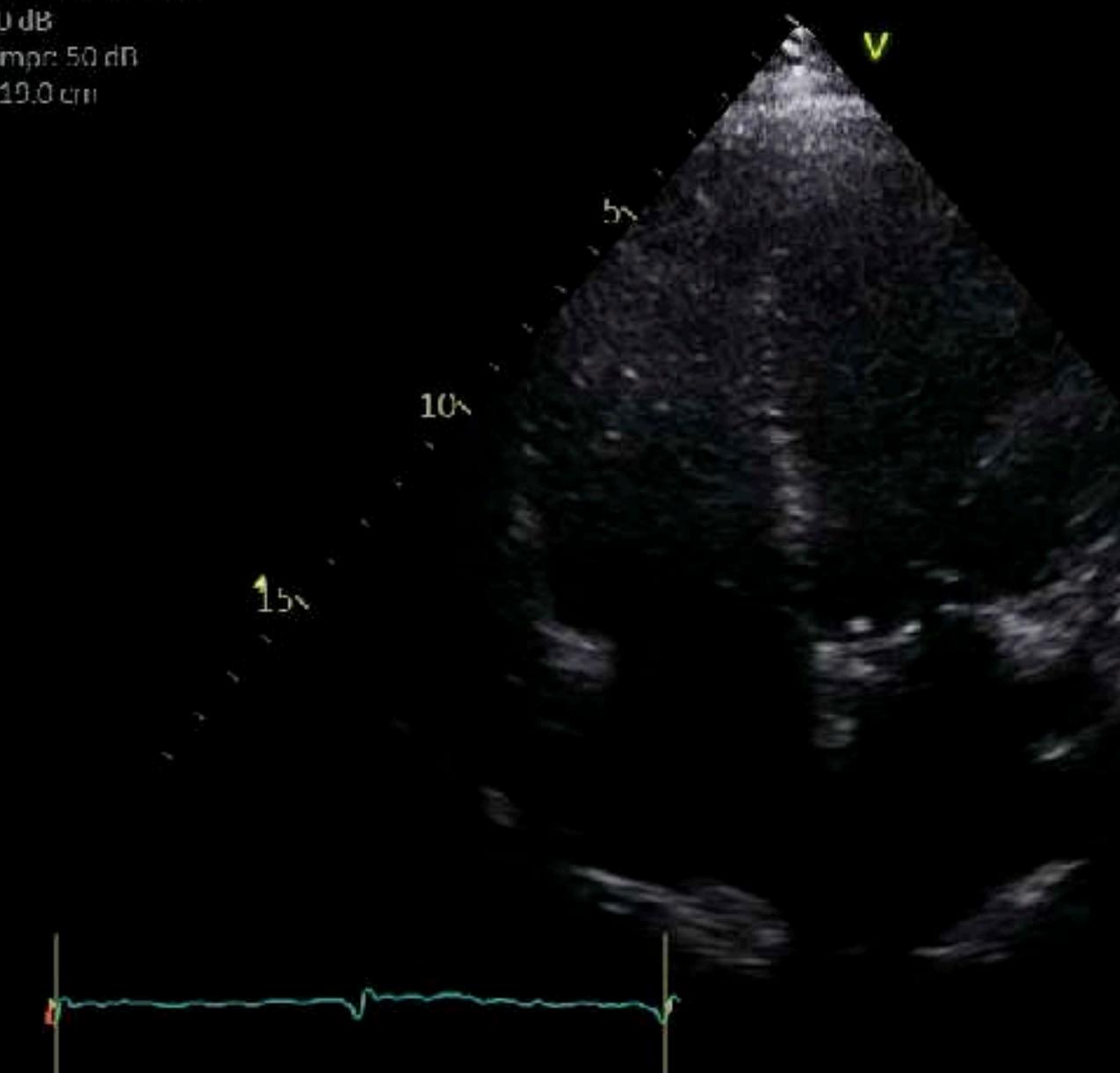
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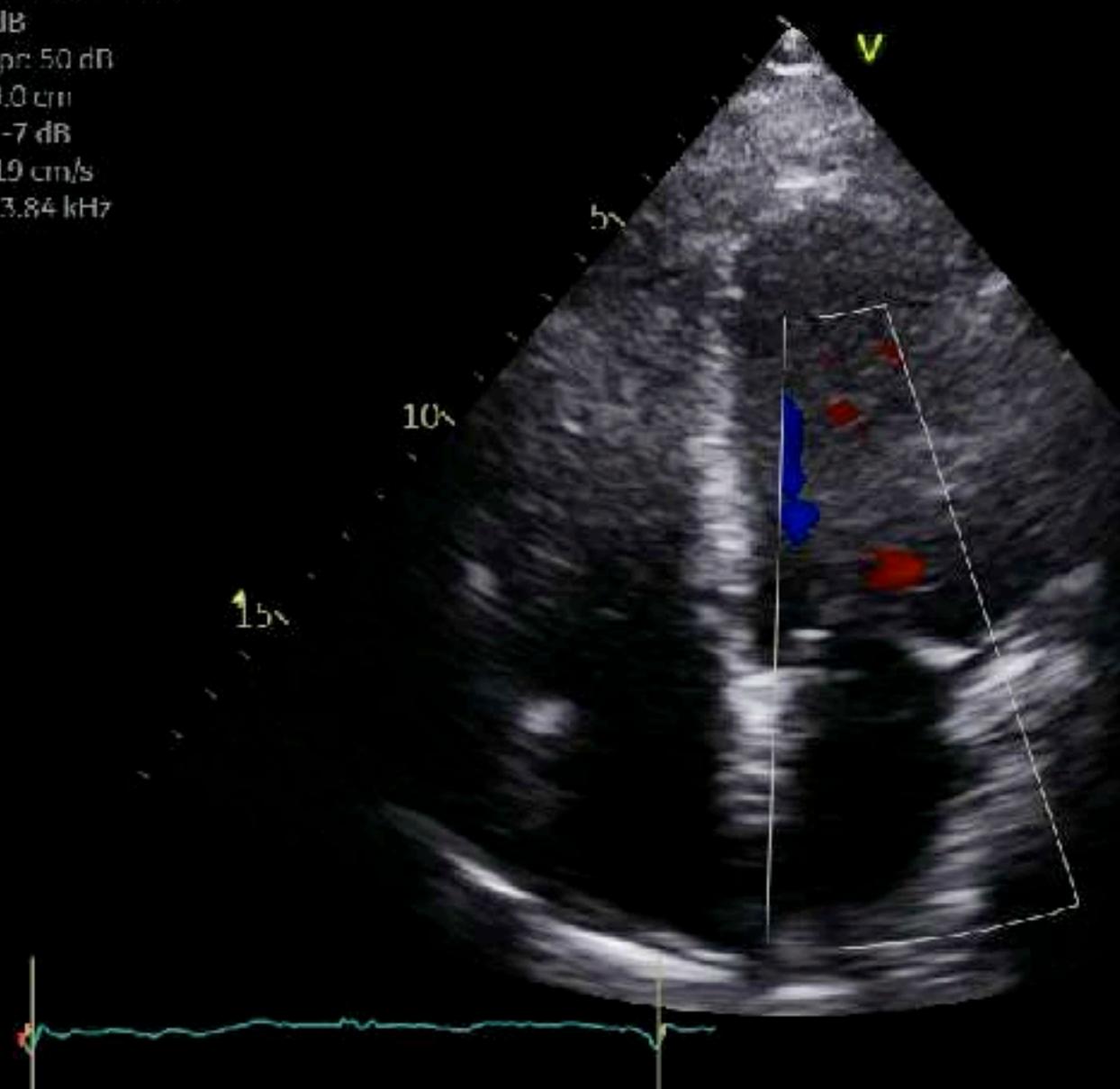




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P: 0 dB  
Compr: 50 dB  
D: 19.0 cm

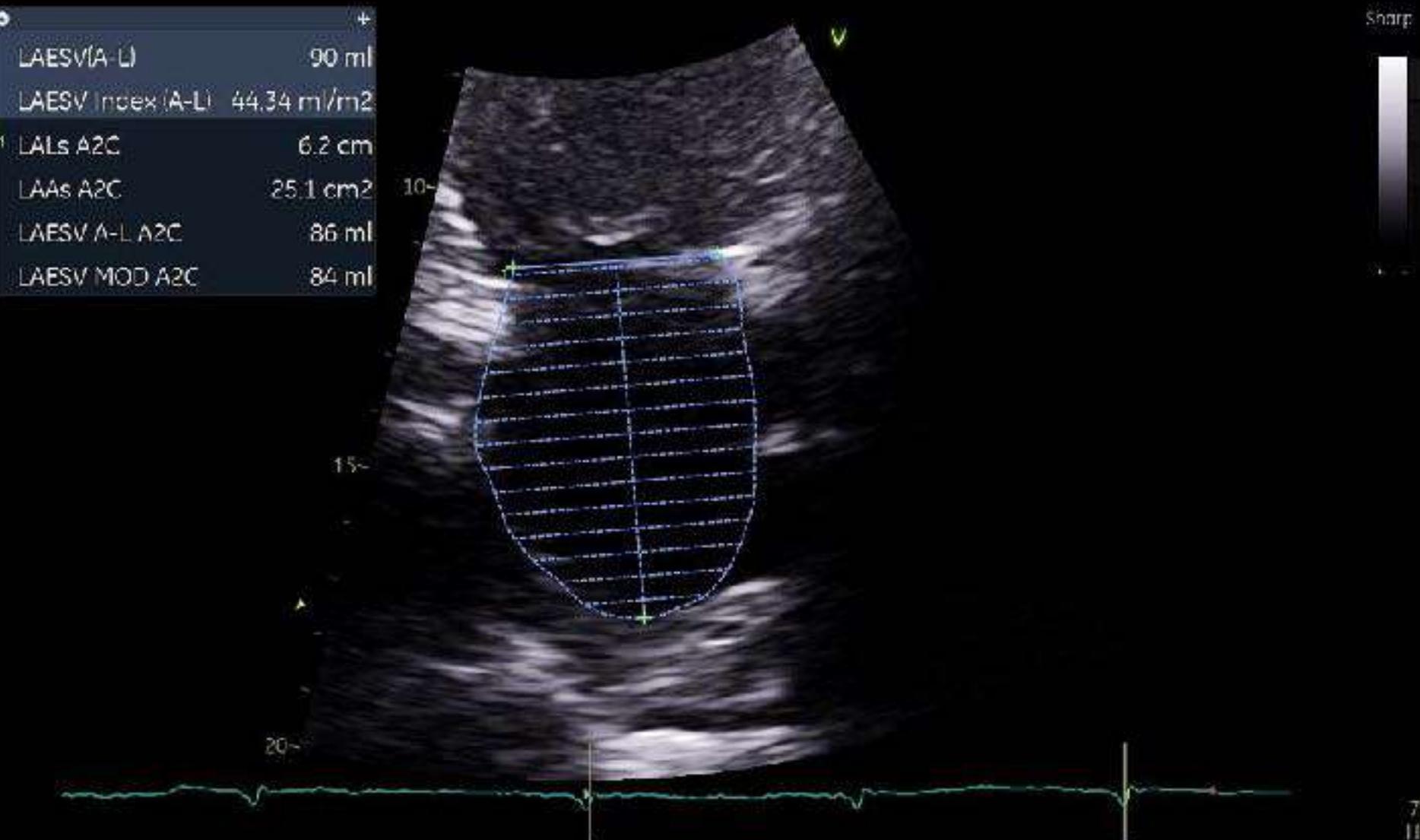


HPS: 25/26  
f: 2.5 MHz/2.5 MHz  
P: 0 dB  
Compr: 50 dB  
D: 19.0 cm  
Gc(-7 dB  
Rej: 19 cm/s  
PRF: 3.84 kHz

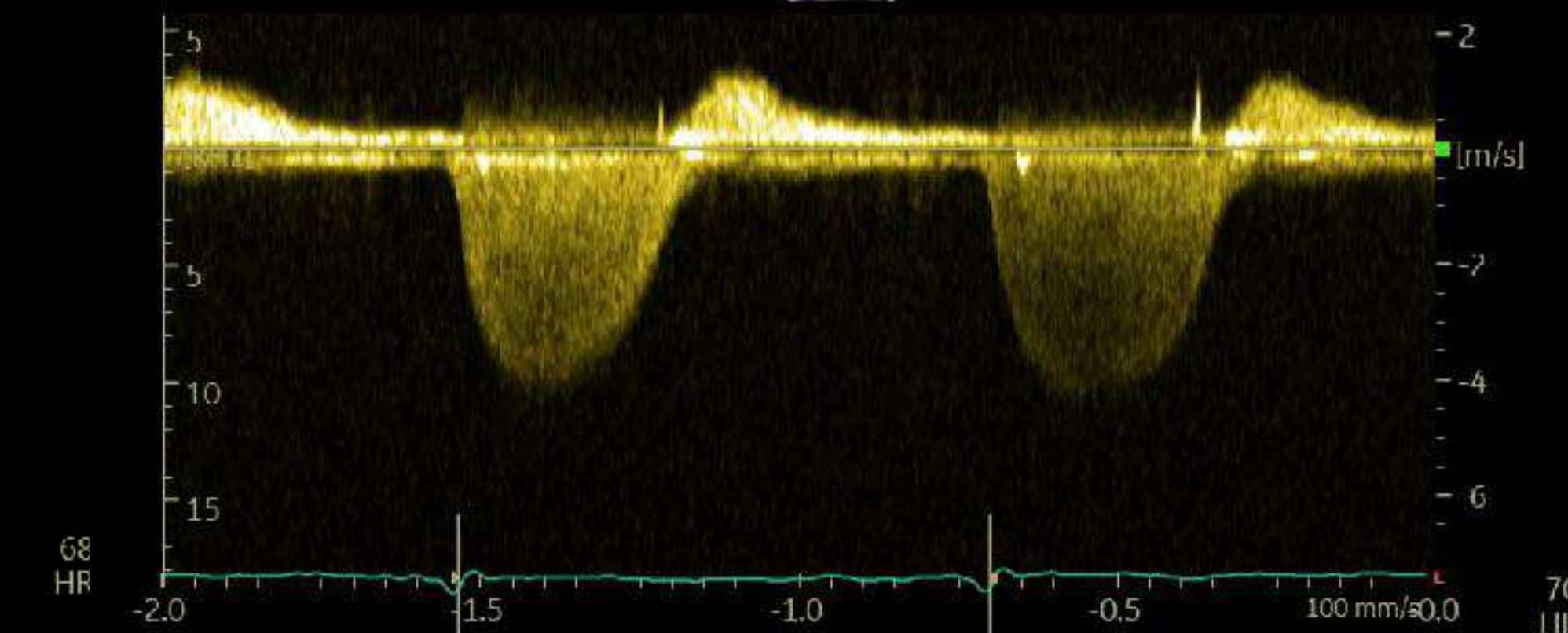


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- LAESV(A-L) 90 ml
- LAESV index(A-L) 44.34 ml/m<sup>2</sup>
- LAAs A2C 6.2 cm
- LAAs A2C 25.1 cm<sup>2</sup>
- LAESV A-L A2C 86 ml
- LAESV MOD A2C 84 ml



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.60  
HPS: 13/26  
f: 1.9 MHz/1.9 MHz  
P: 0 dB  
Compr: 50 dB  
D: 19.0 cm  
Gc(-7 dB  
Rej: 19 cm/s  
PRF: 3.84 kHz  
Rej: 13.7 cm/s



MV E Vel 0.95 m/s  
 MV Dact 205 ms  
 MV Dec Slope 4.6 m/s<sup>2</sup>  
 MV A Vel 0.88 m/s  
 MV E/A Ratio 1.43  
 MV E Vel 0.95 m/s  
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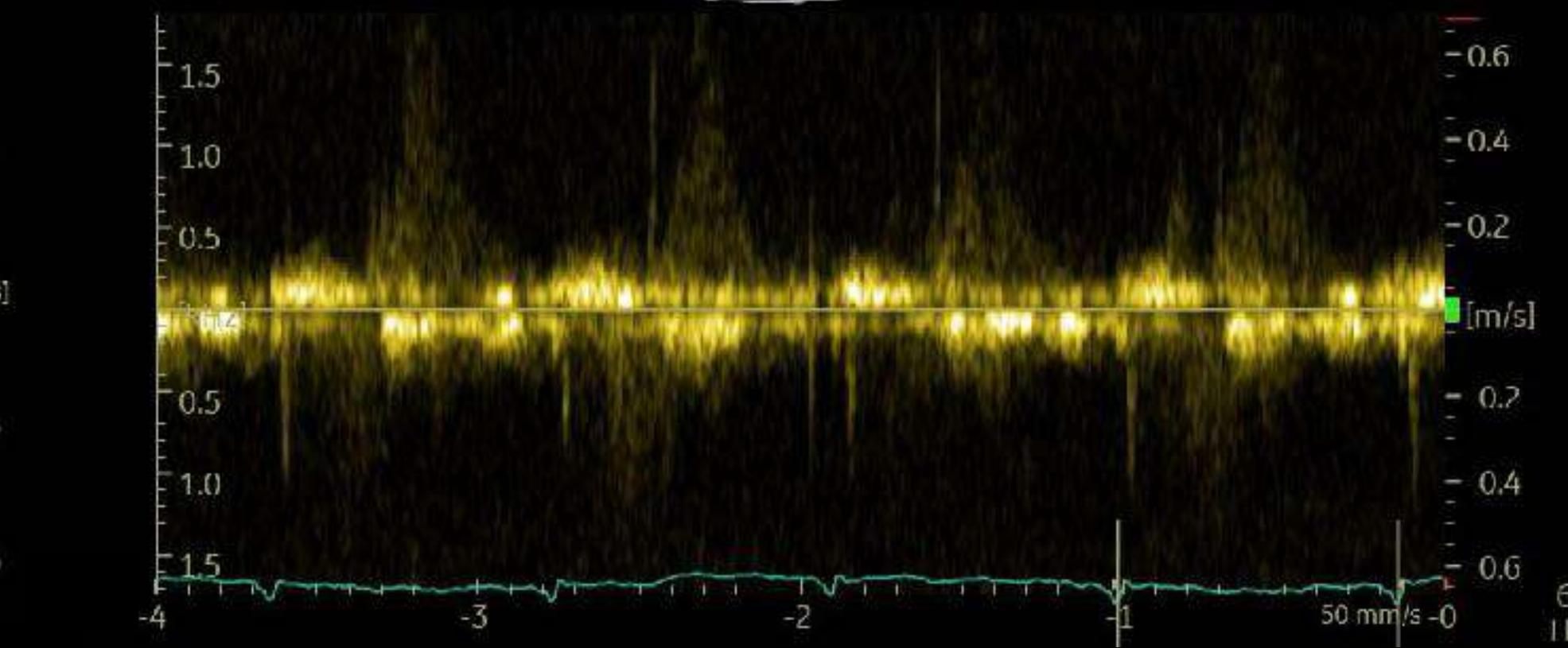
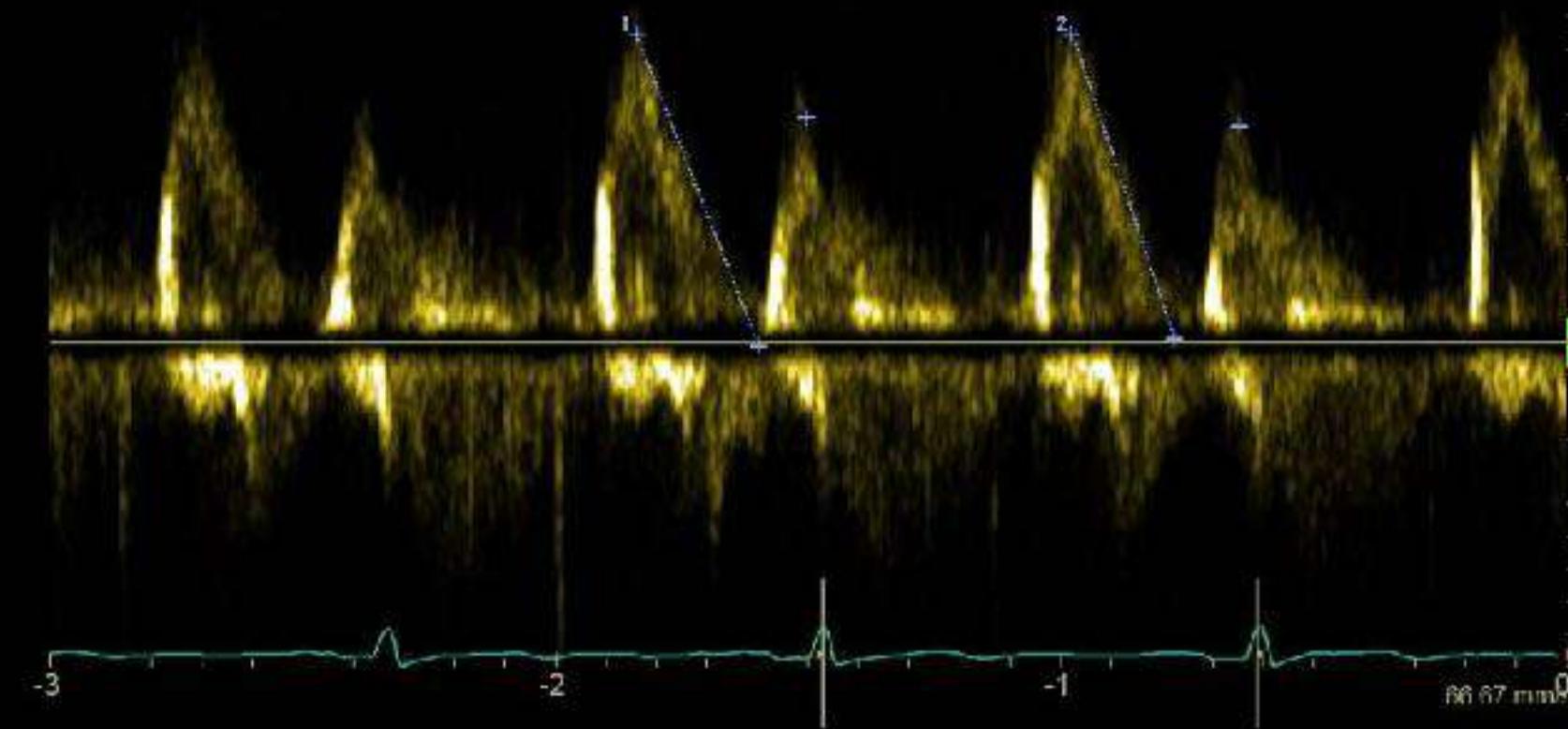


E 1.0 m/s  
E:A 1.4

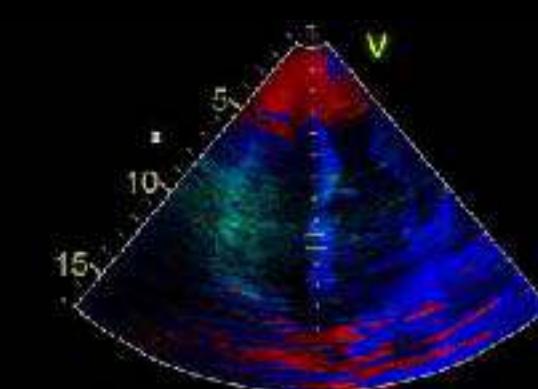
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 > 0 dB  
 Zoom: 50 dB  
 Z: 20.0 cm  
 Slic: -7 dB  
 Iej: 17 cm/s  
 PRF: 3.44 kHz  
 Iej: 3.0 cm/s  
 V: 2.0 mm



Sharp 54

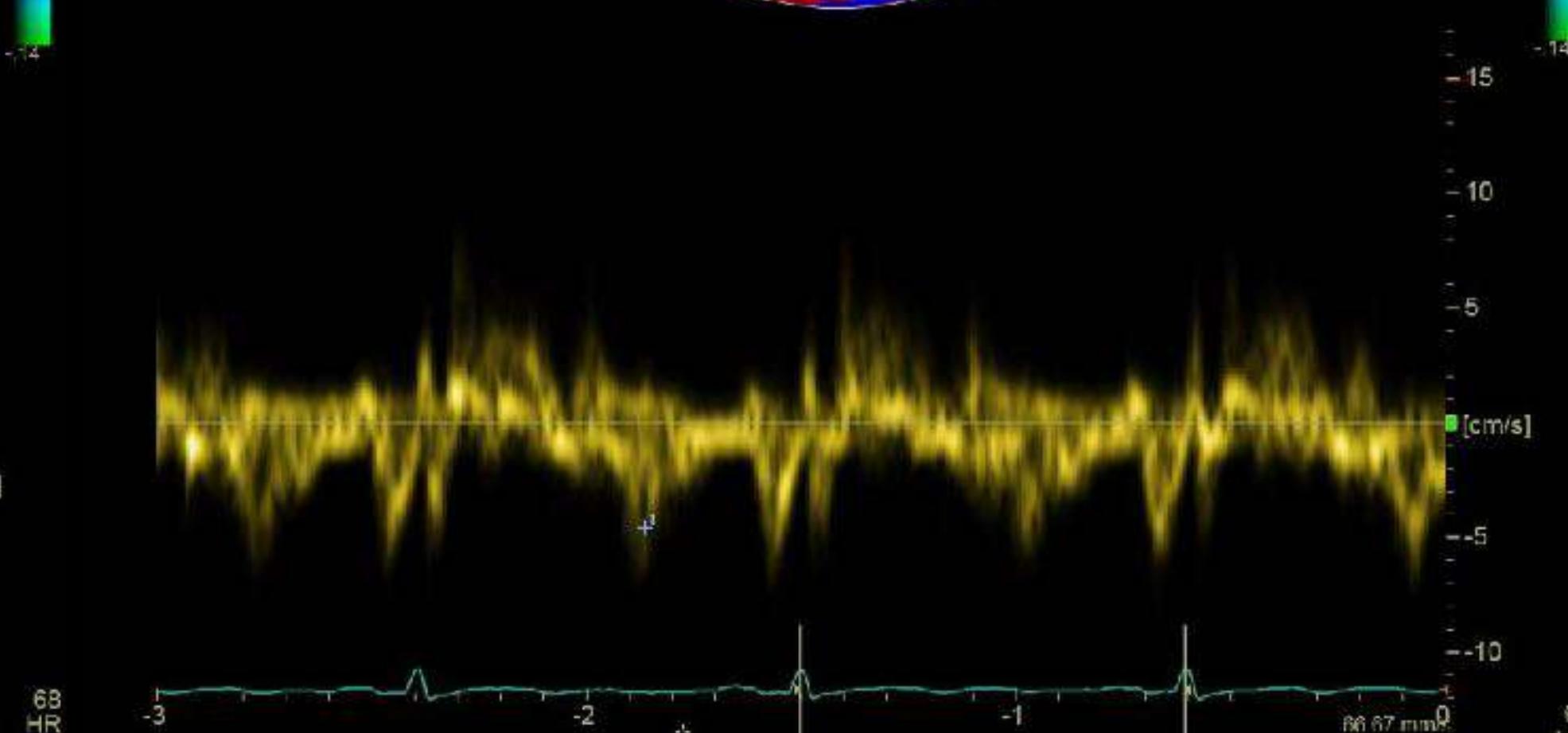
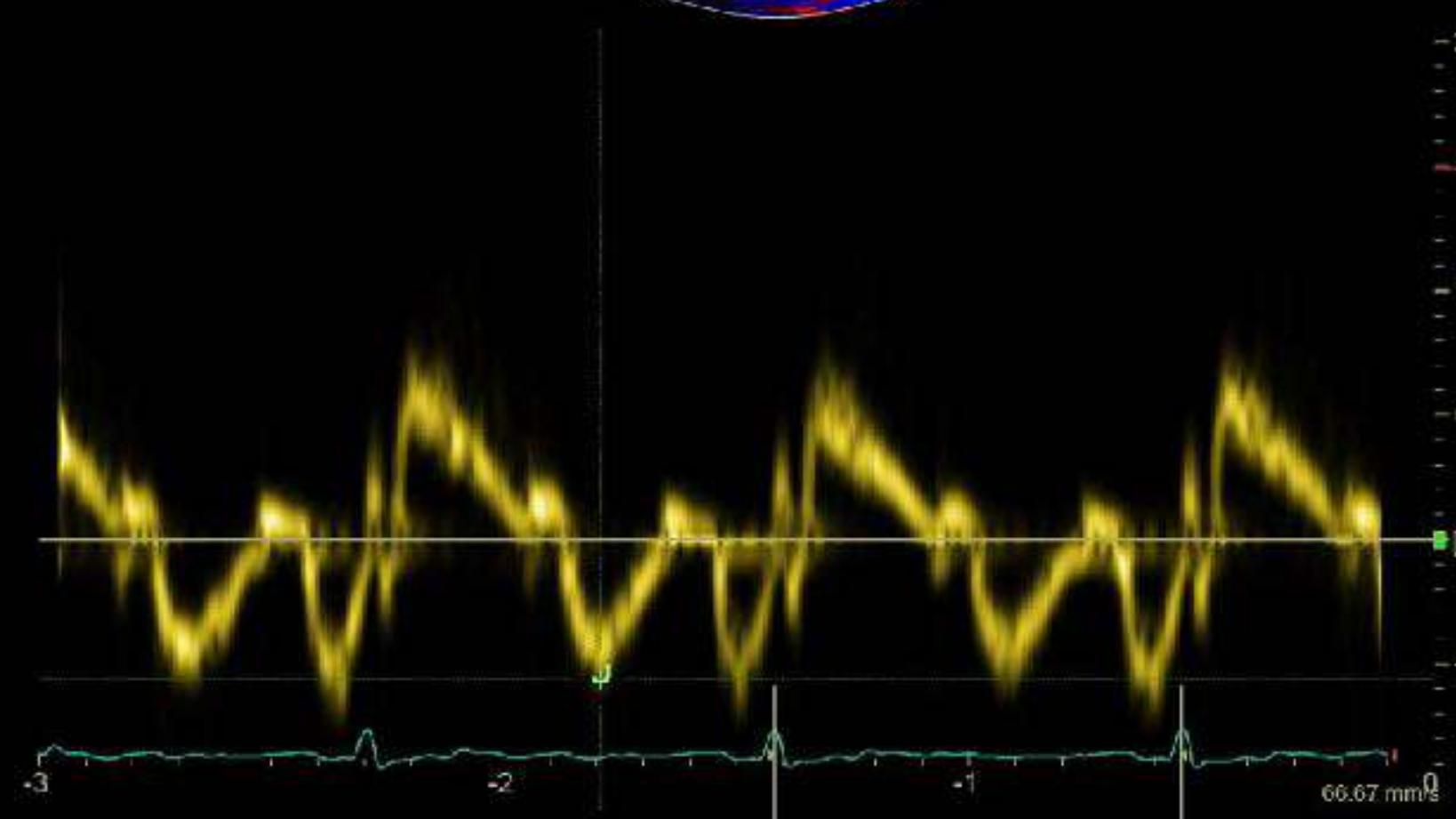
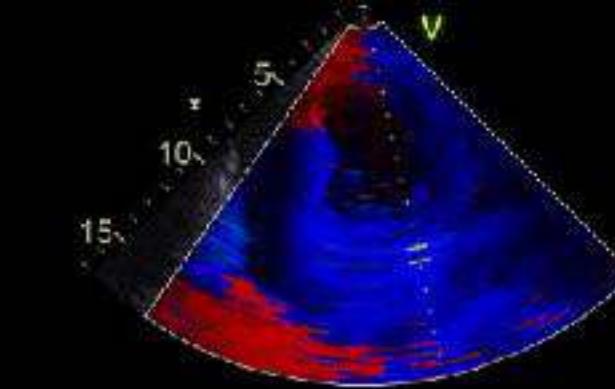


V 0.06 m/s  
 p 0.01 mmHg  
 E/E' Sept 20.42  
 E' Sept 0.06 m/s



E:e' 20

E' Avg 0.05 m/s  
 E/E' Avg 19.80  
 E/E' Lat 20.73  
 E' Lat 0.05 m/s



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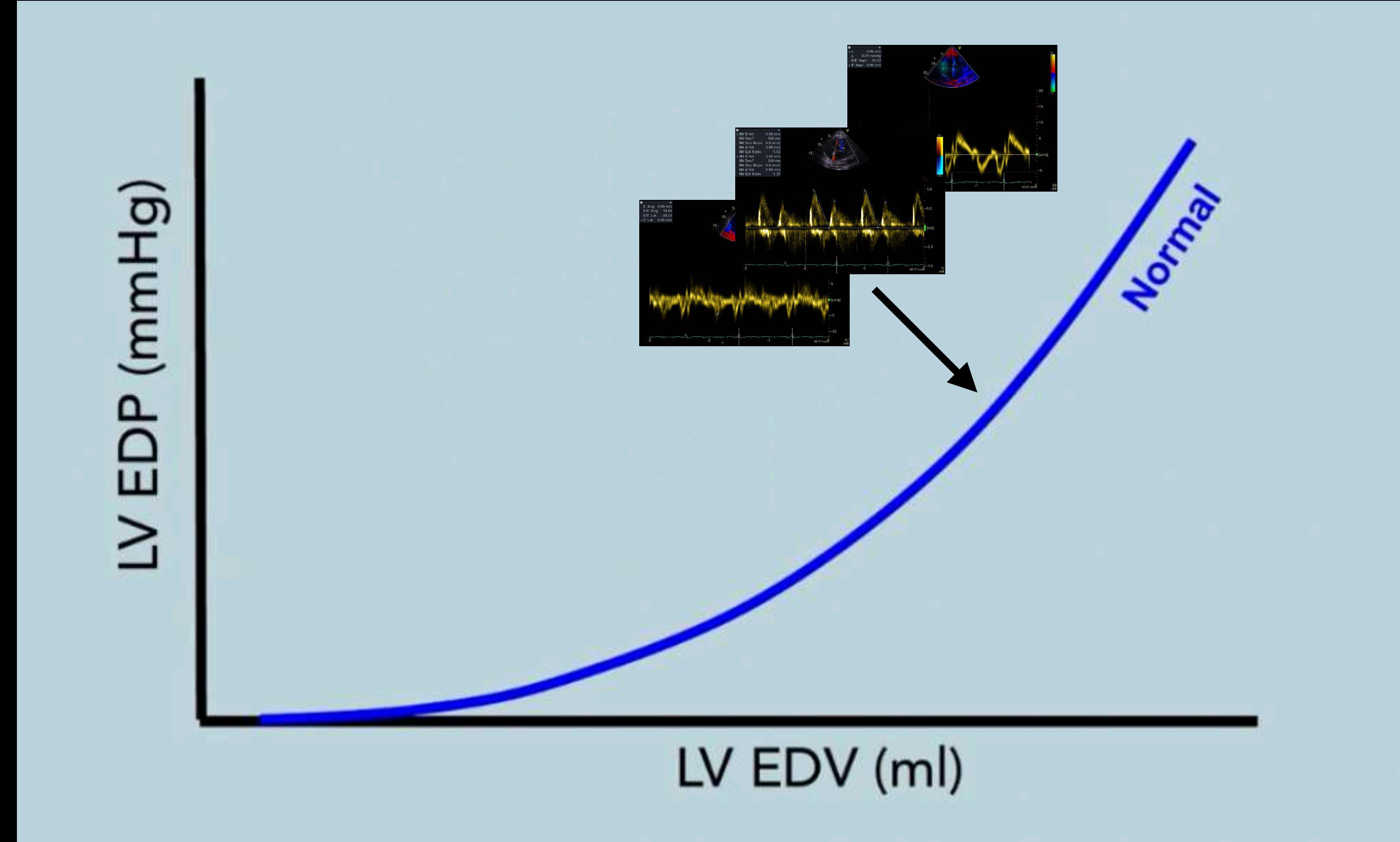
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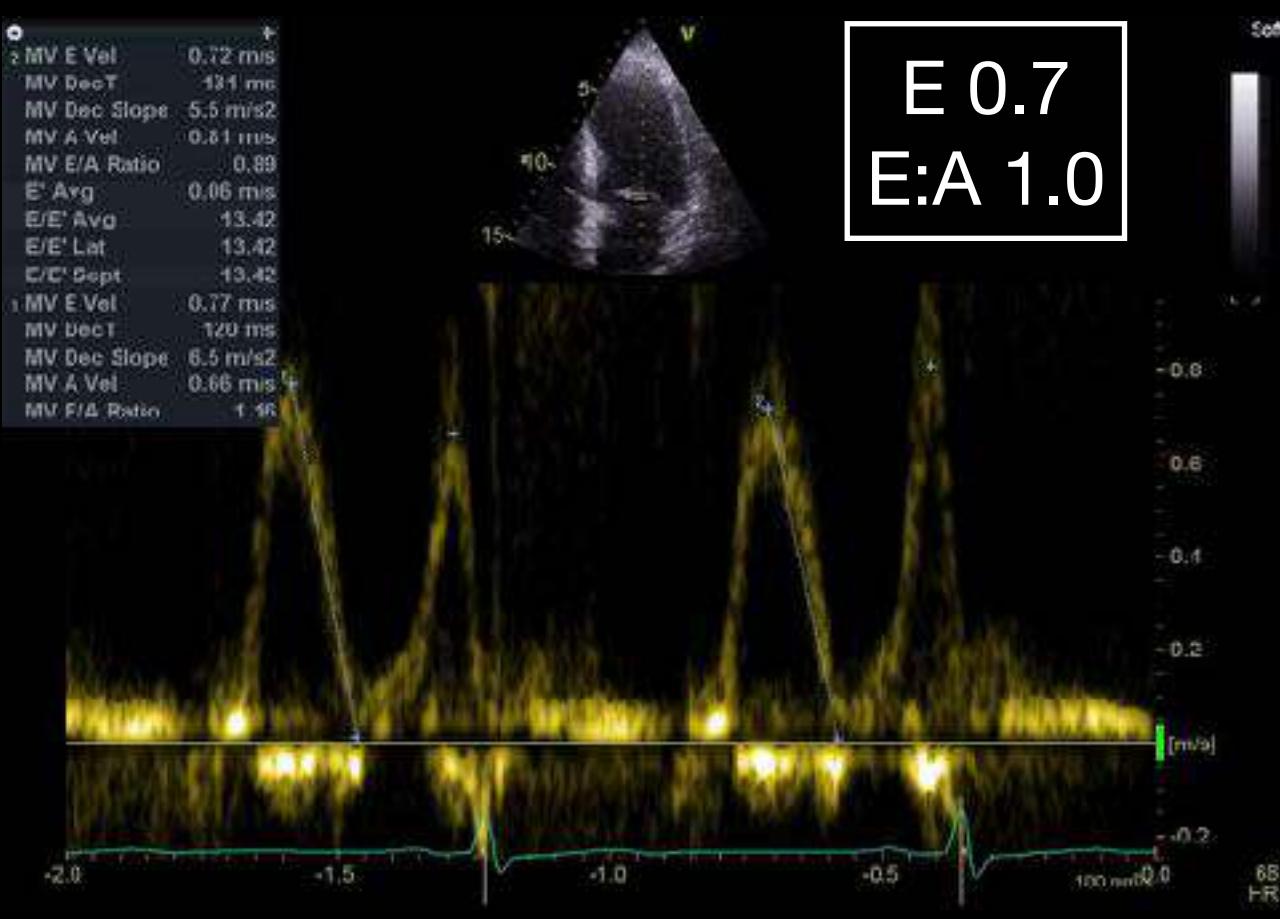
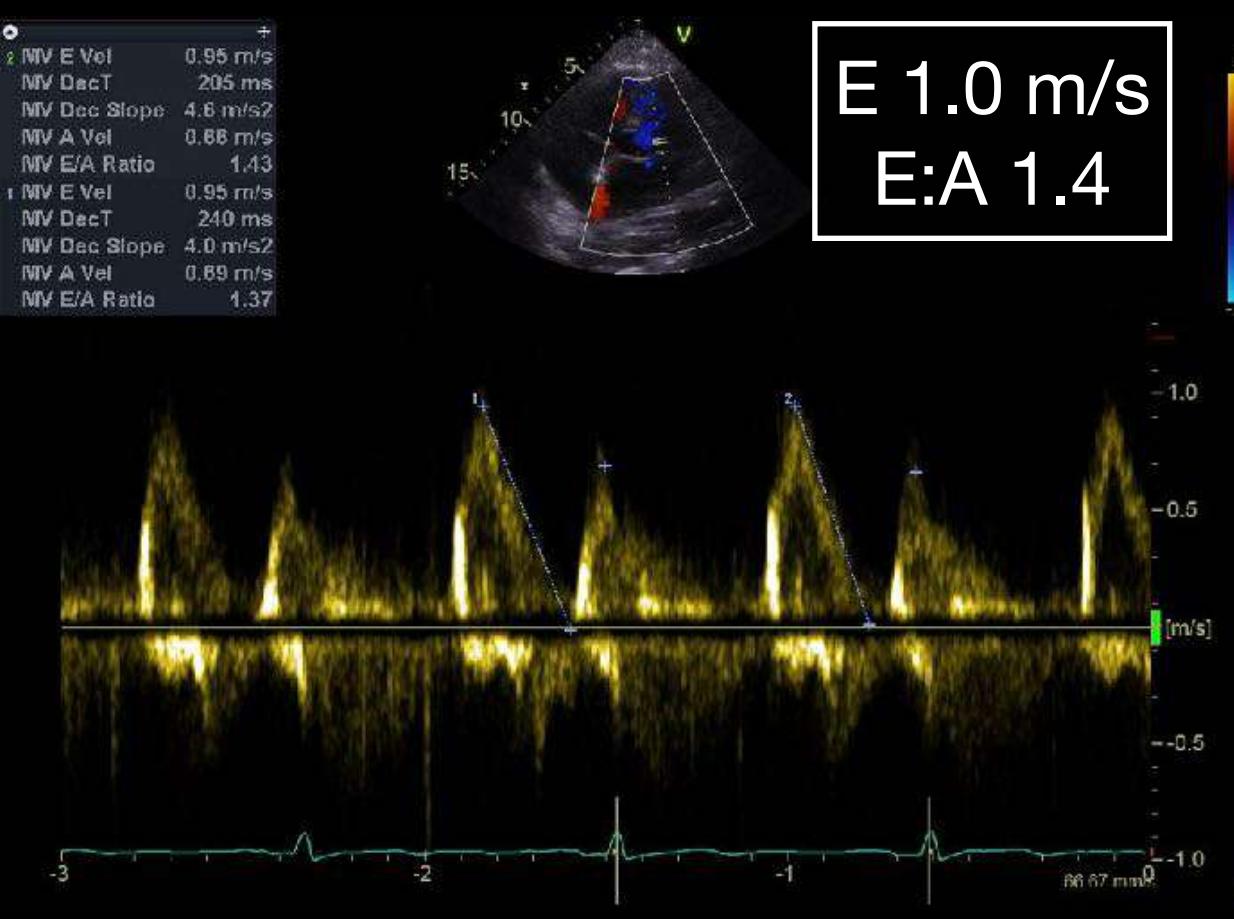
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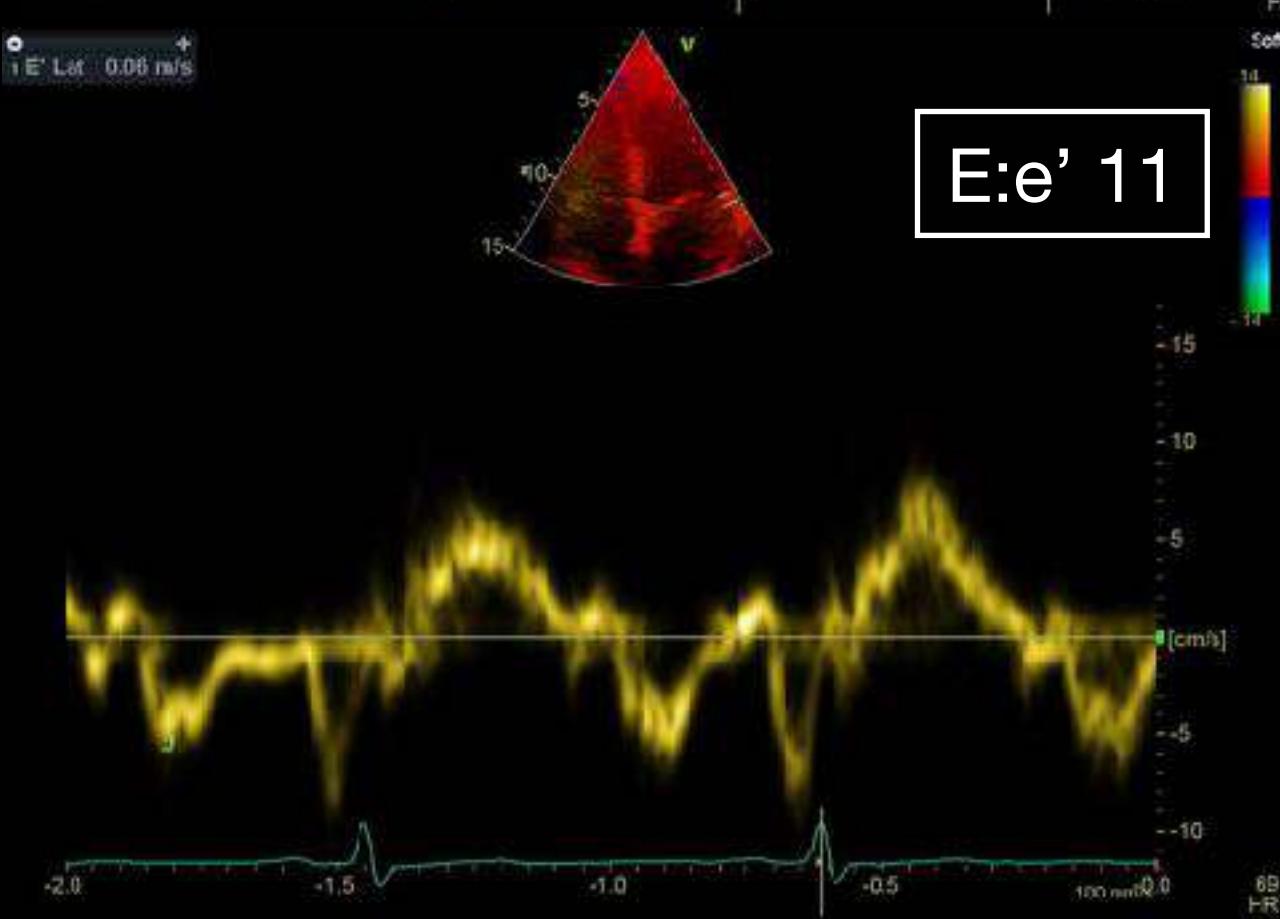
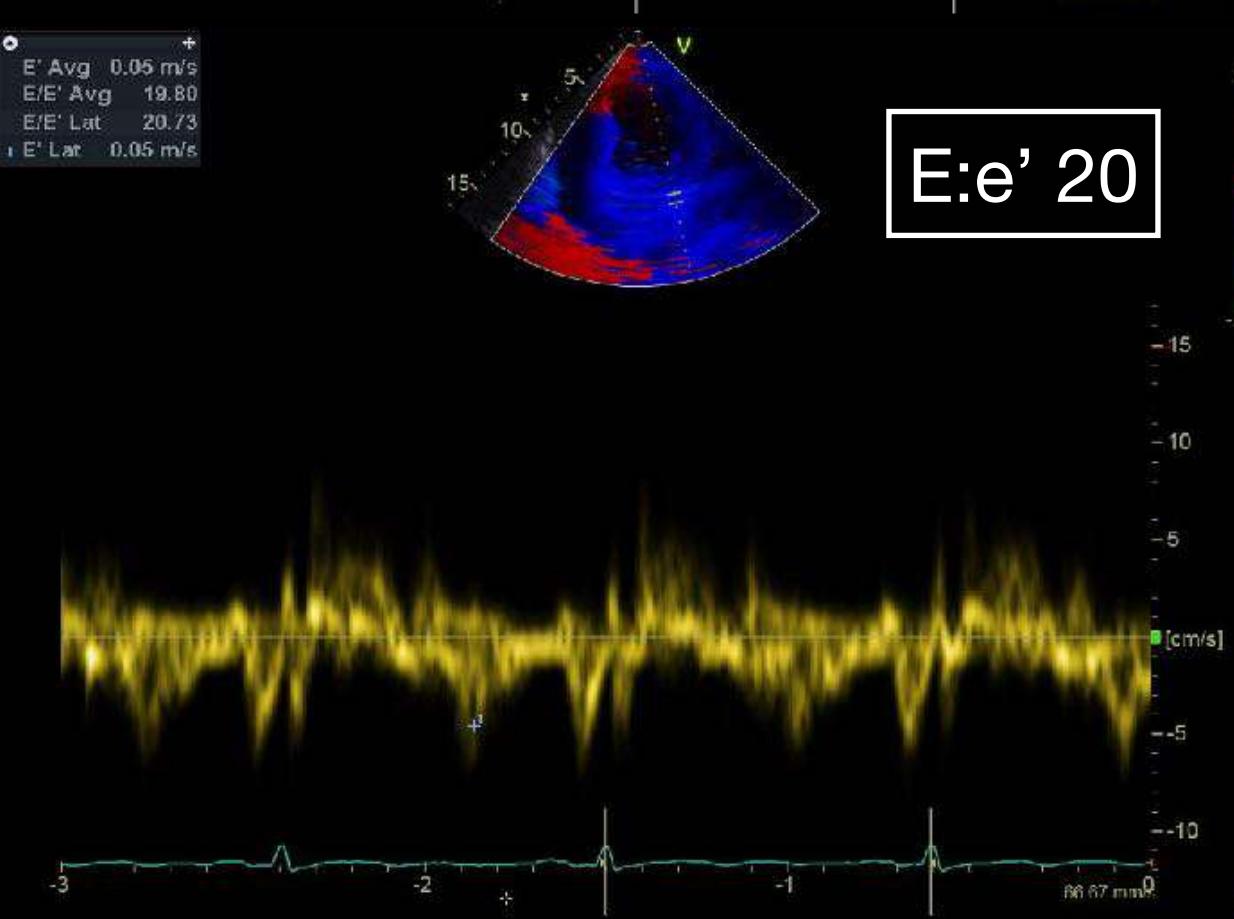
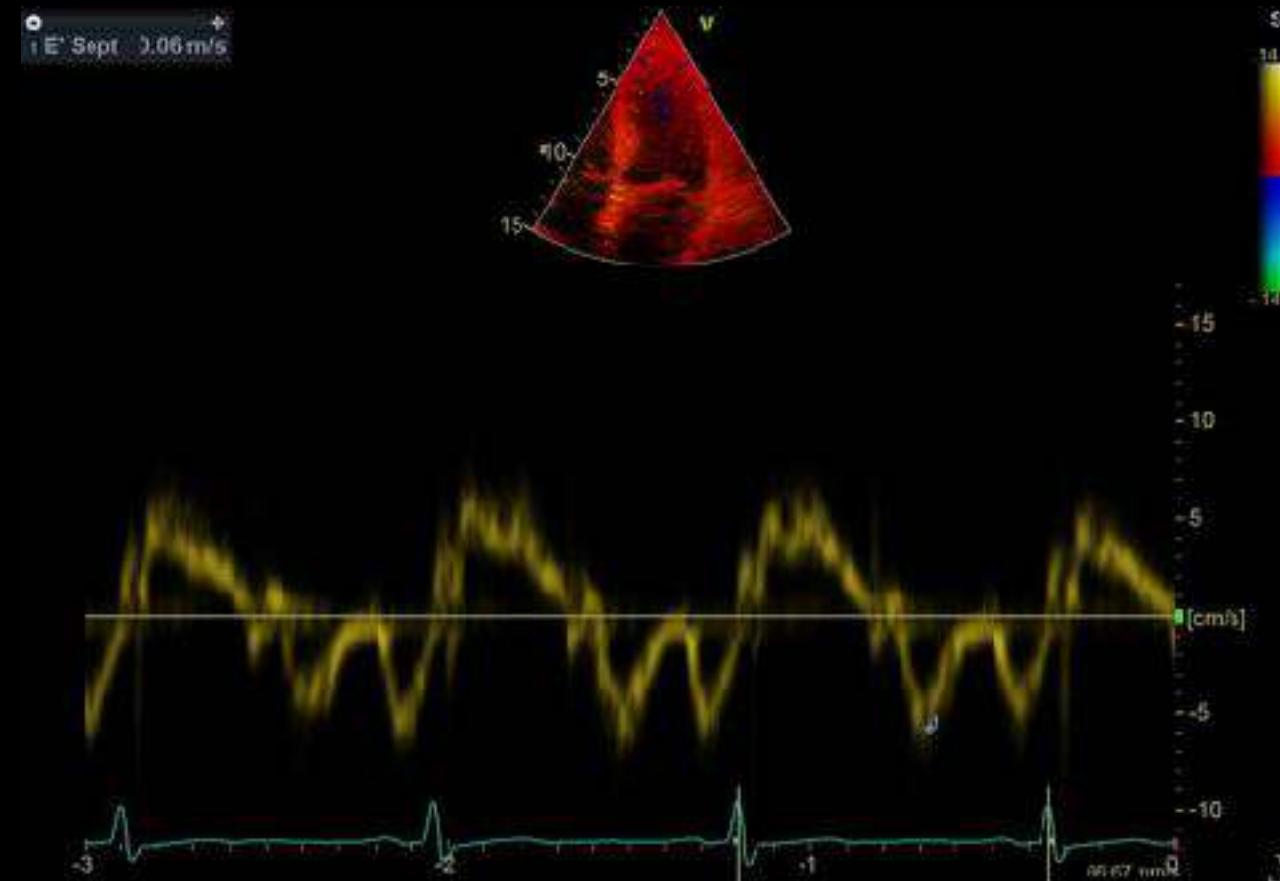
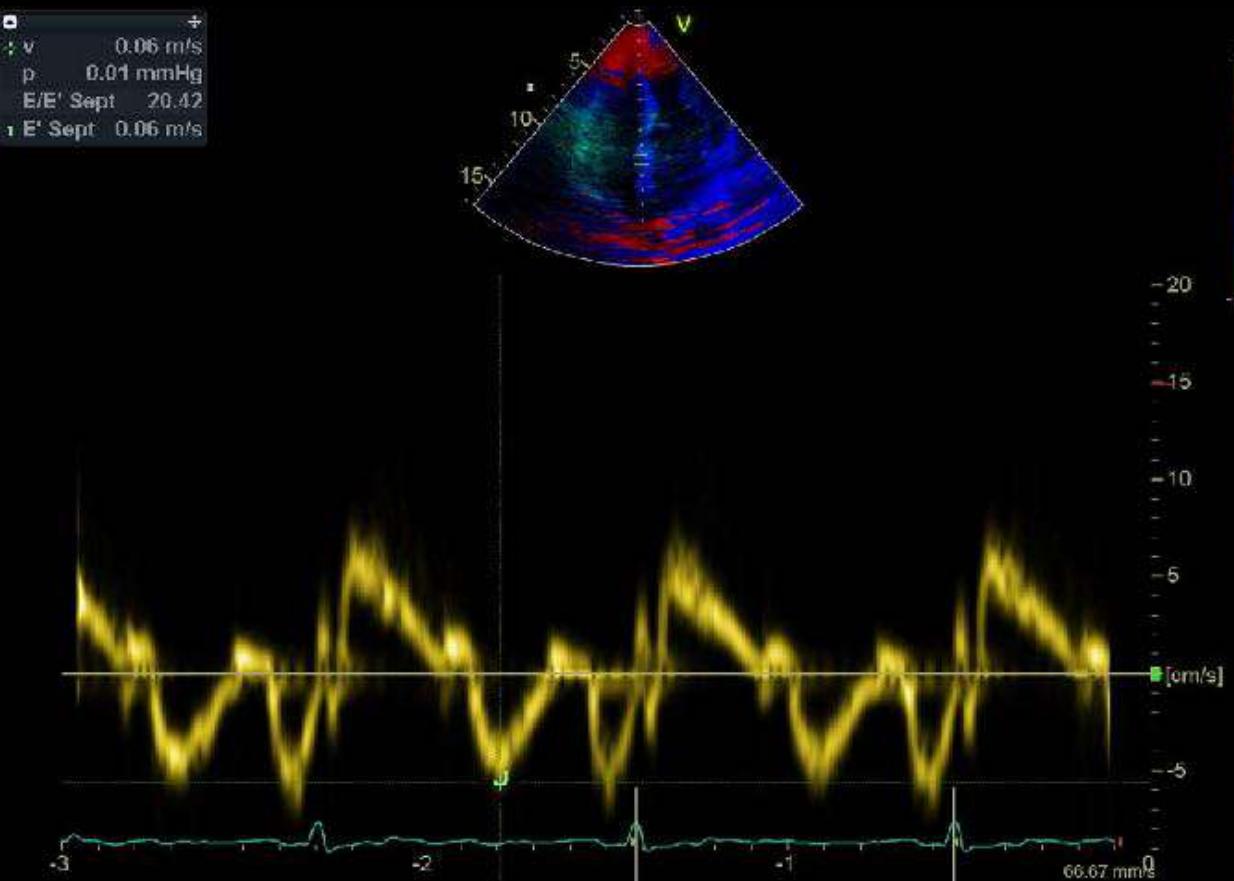
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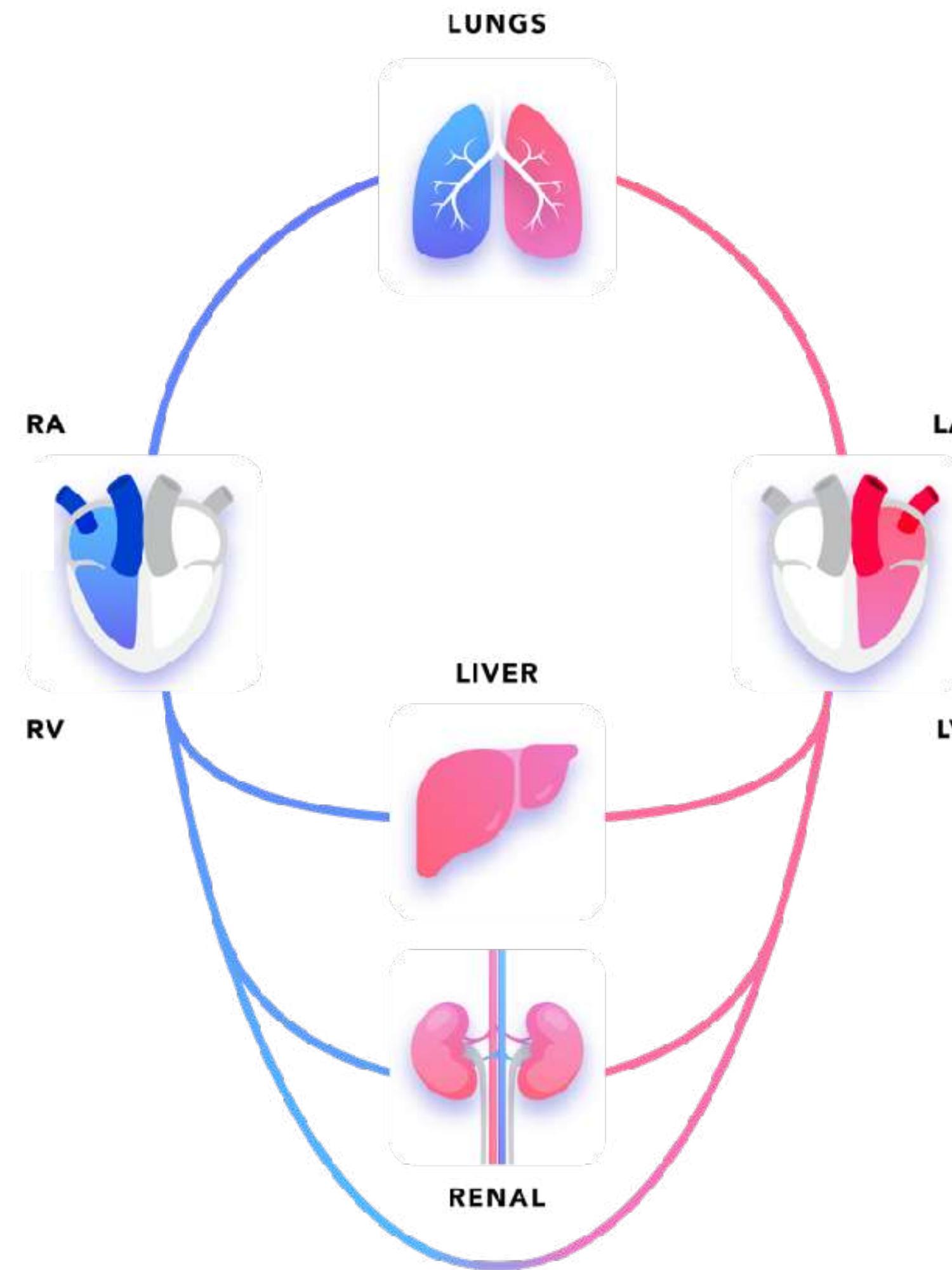
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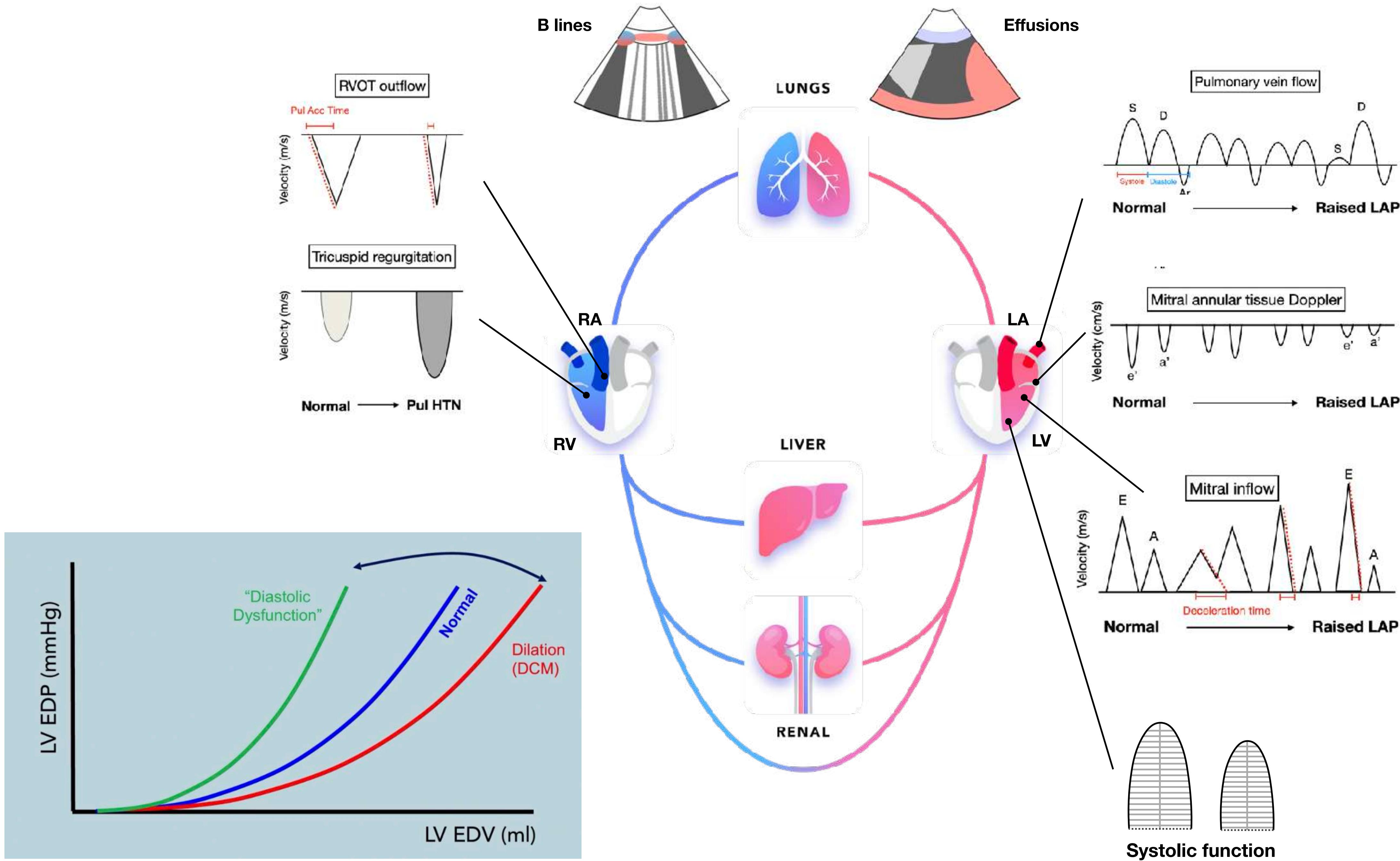


# RV dysfunction in ARDS patient

- Significant “post capillary pulmonary hypertension”
- Diuresis and negative fluid balance before starting iNO
- Keep heart rate low and in sinus
- Inotropes ... maybe Levo with lusitropy effect?

# Summary : Evaluation of LAP





## Initial assessment

**1 Clinical context: respiratory failure, ARDS, 'at risk' fluid overload (eg: heart failure), difficult to wean from mechanical ventilation**

**2 LV systolic dysfunction or hypertrophy**

**Normal**

**Abnormal**

**E:A >1 &  
e' lateral >10**

**No**

**3**

**Yes**

	Parameter	Value
<b>Echocardiography assessment</b>	E:A	>1
	e' lateral *	< 10cm/s
	E:e'	>15
	Deceleration time	<160msec
	Interatrial septal bowing	Towards right
	Pulmonary vein flow	S<D
<b>Lung ultrasound</b>	B-lines **	>3 in dependent areas

**4 Probability raised LAP**

**Low**

**Moderate**

**High**

**Consideration of position of end-diastolic pressure volume relationship**



**Reassessment after change in preload, contractility or afterload**

**5**

**Risk if further escalation in LAP**

**Low**

**Moderate**

**High**



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