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"Sketch of Mitral Valve"  
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Morphology-Imaging - Surgical Correlation

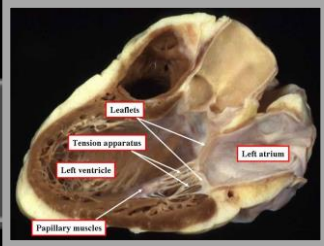
# Hypoplastic Left heart Syndrome & related conditions

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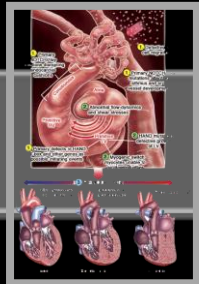
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# Outlines



Normal Left Heart: What is normal?

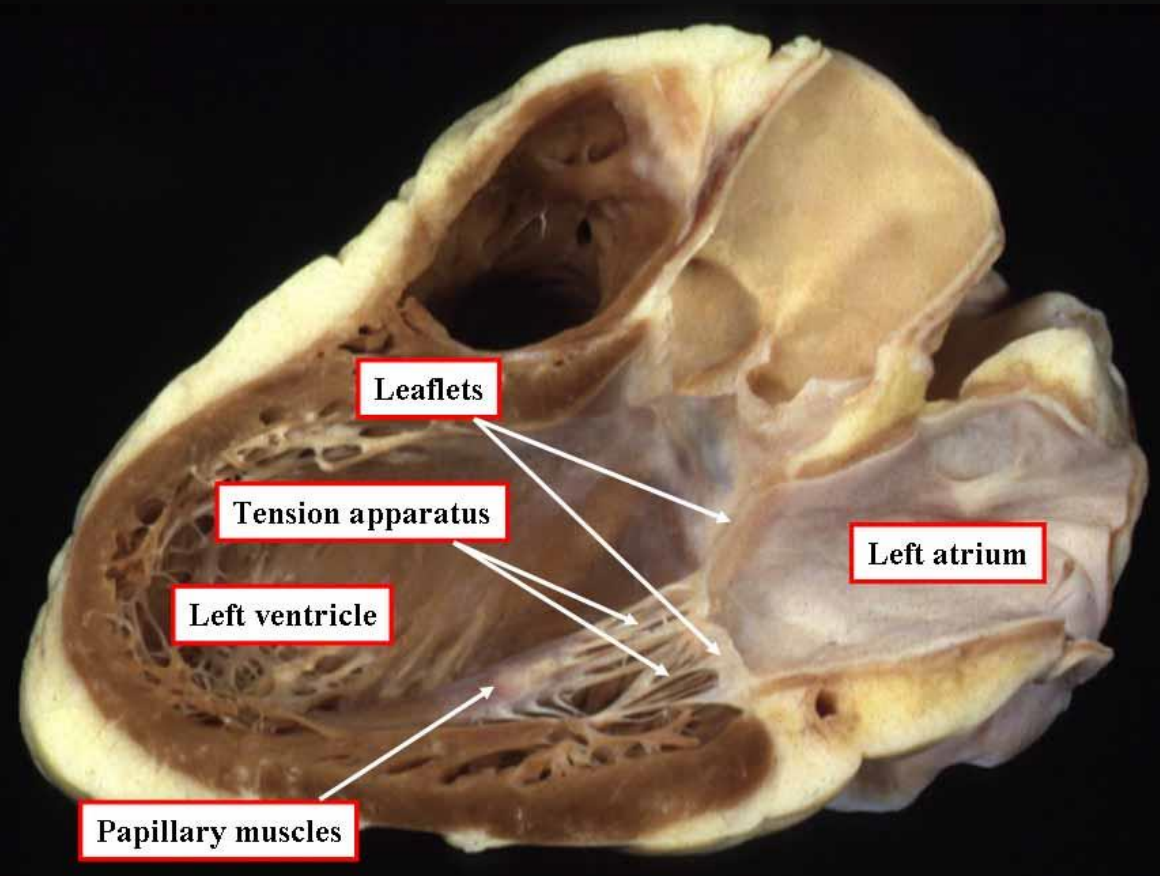


Hypoplasia of the left Ventricle: Embryology & Genetic



Hypoplastic Left heart Syndrome: Echo & Morphology

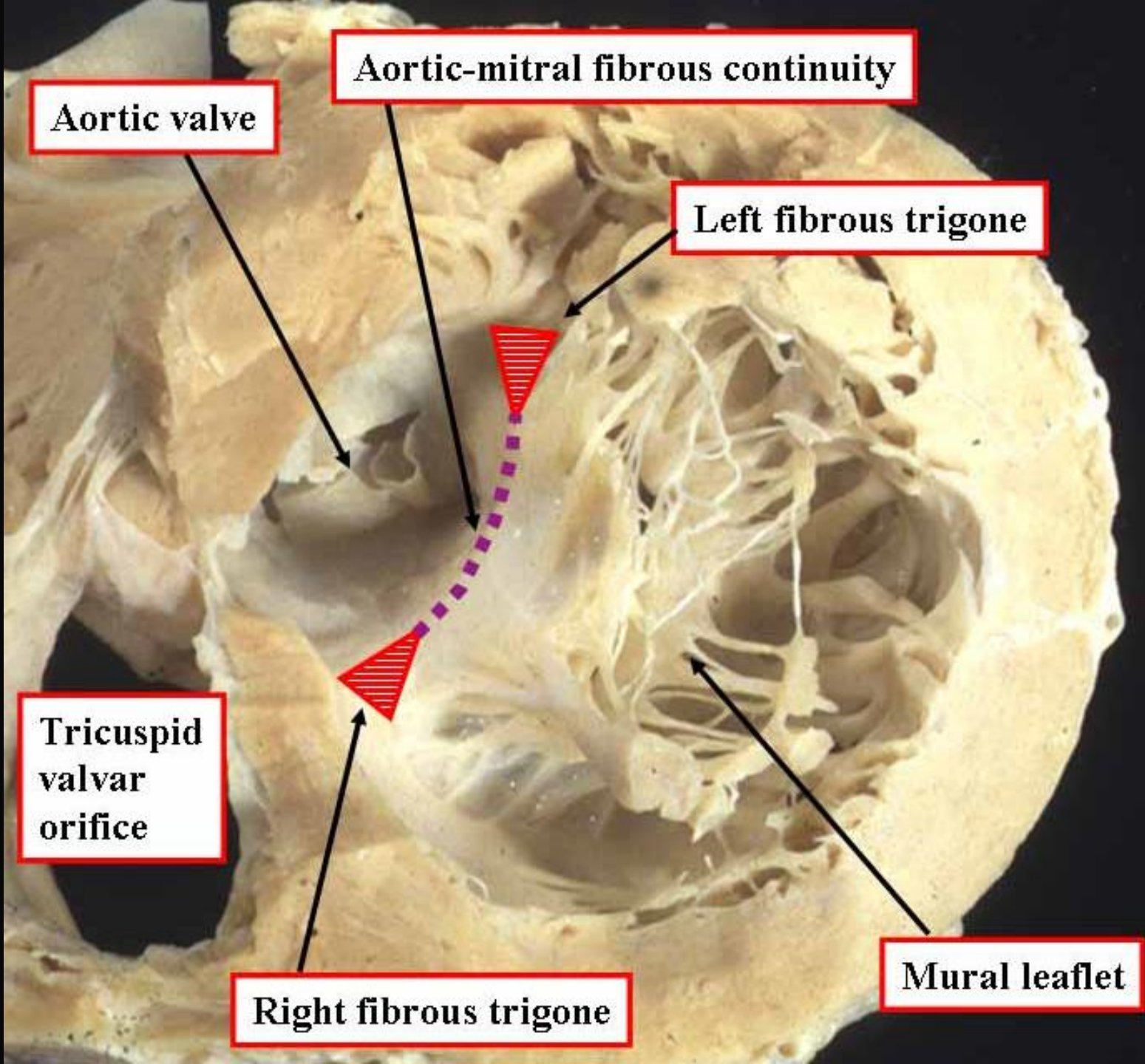
# The Normal Left Ventricle





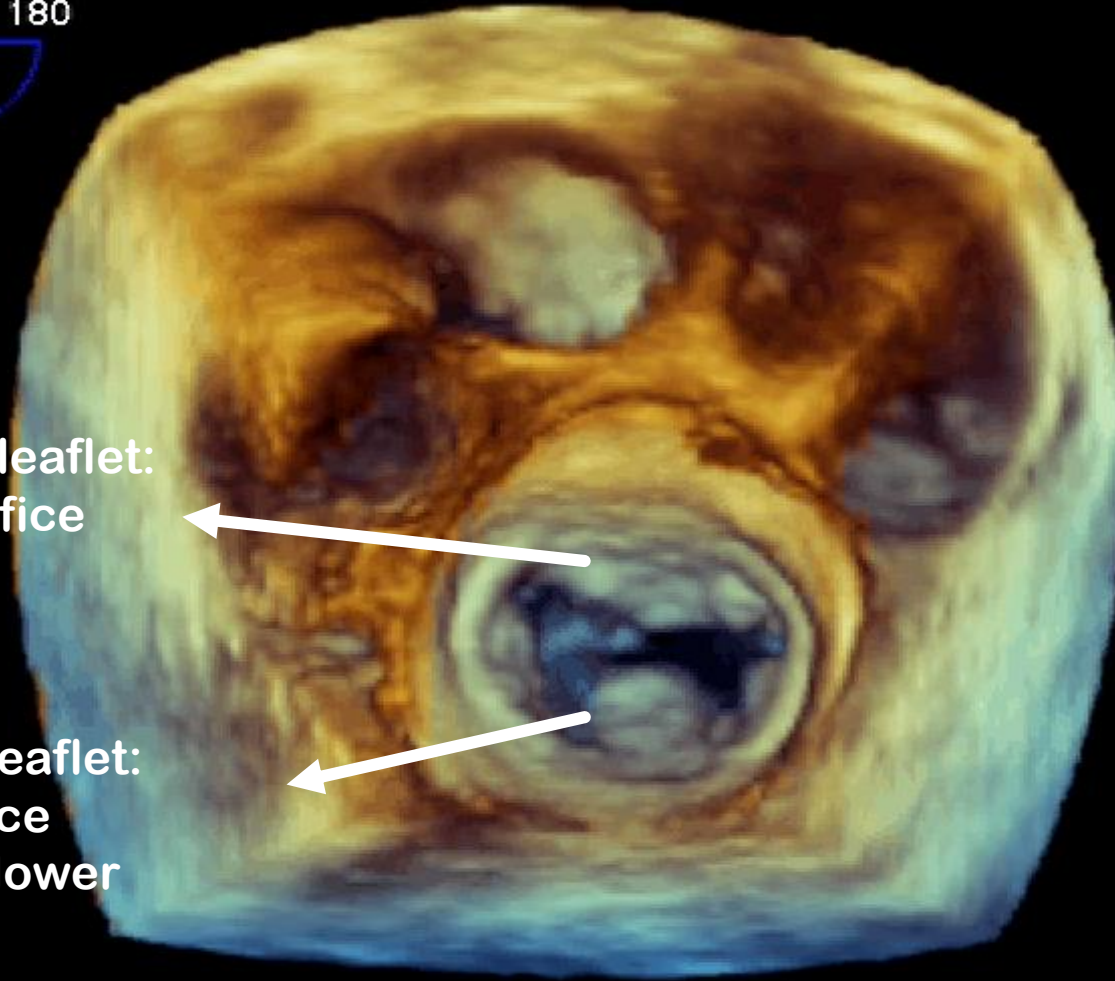
# Normal Mitral valve

The anchorage of the fibrous trigones to the basal surface of the ventricular wall secures the aortic-mitral unit in the LV





# The Normal Mitral Valve



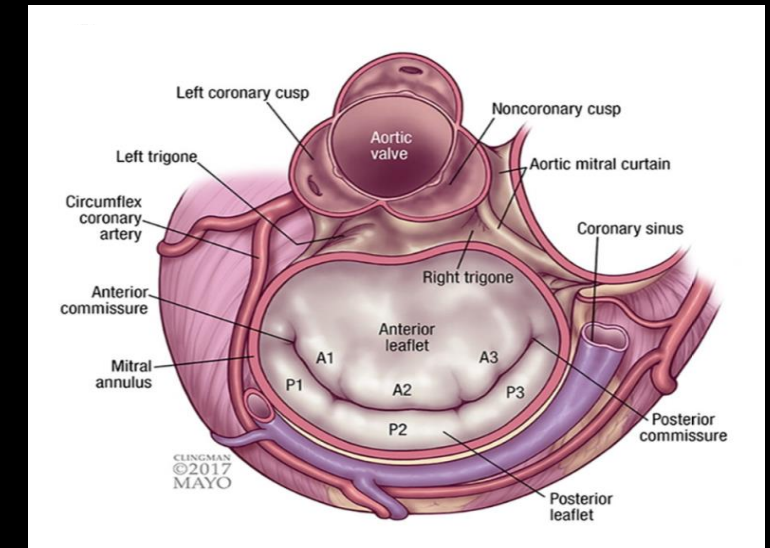
Anterior leaflet:  
1/3 of orifice  
Deep



Posterior leaflet:  
2/3 of orifice  
Much shallower  
3 scallops



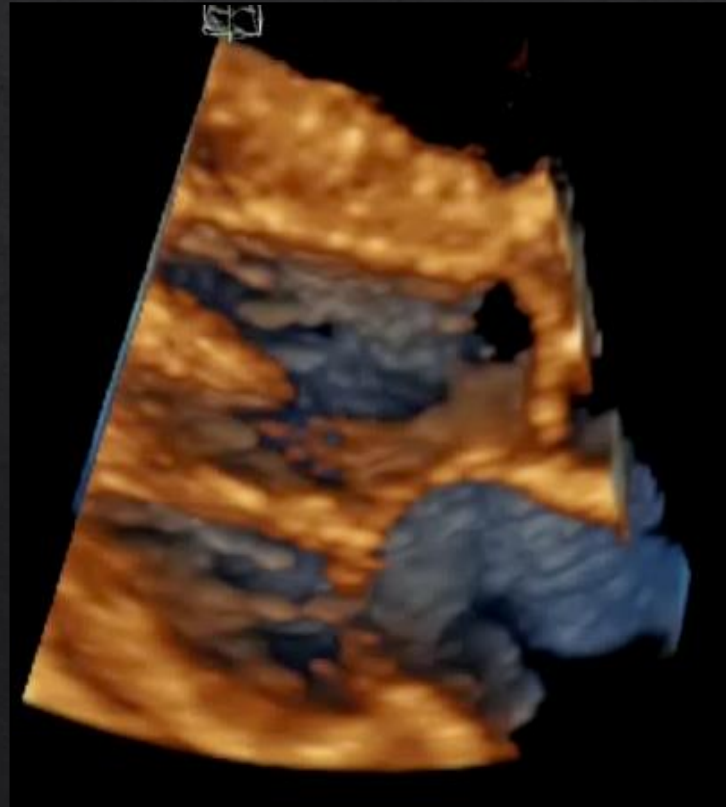
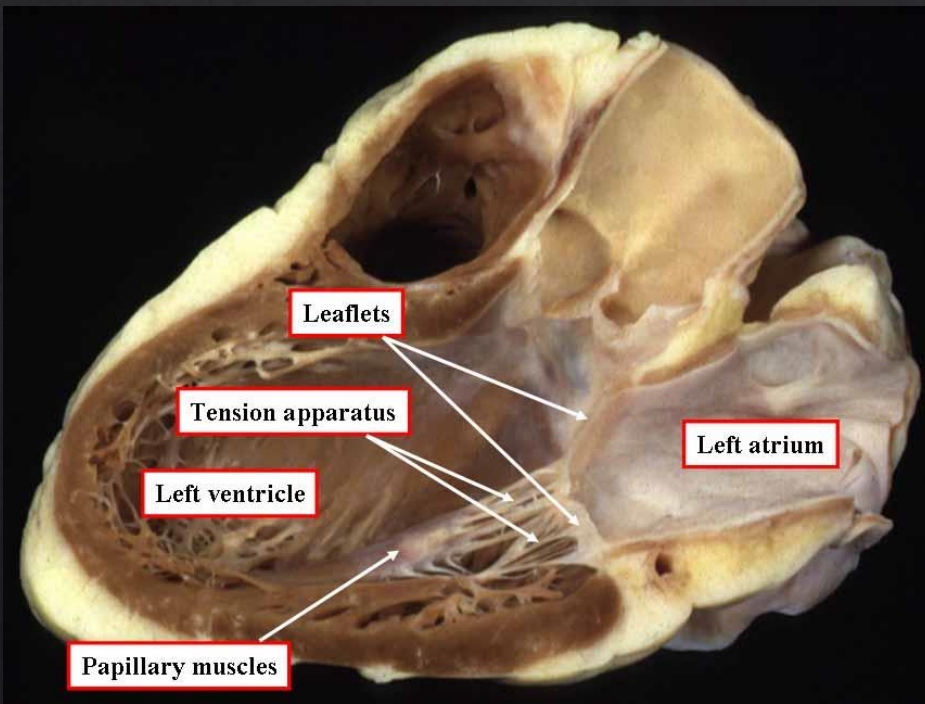
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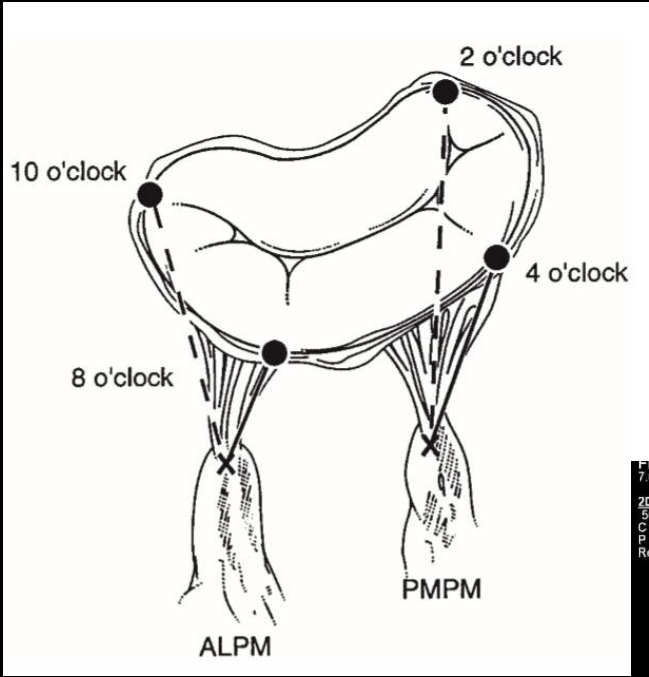
# Normal mitral valve & Outflow tract & Aortic Valve

All the components of the mitral valve act in unison and in turn are intricately related to LV function



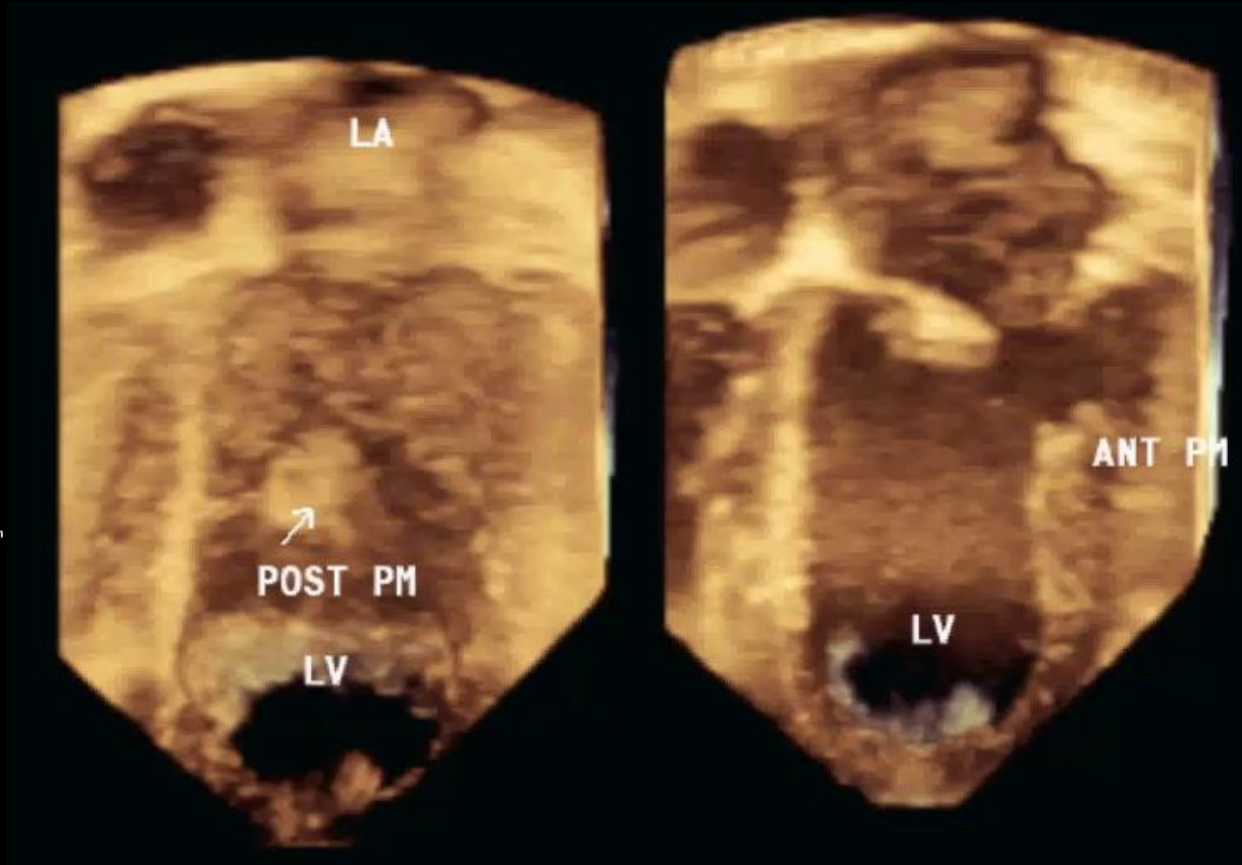
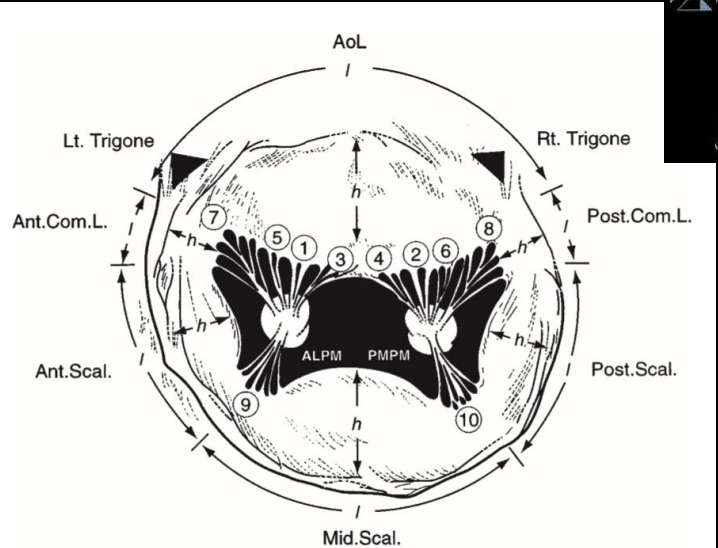


# The Normal Mitral Valve : Papillary muscles



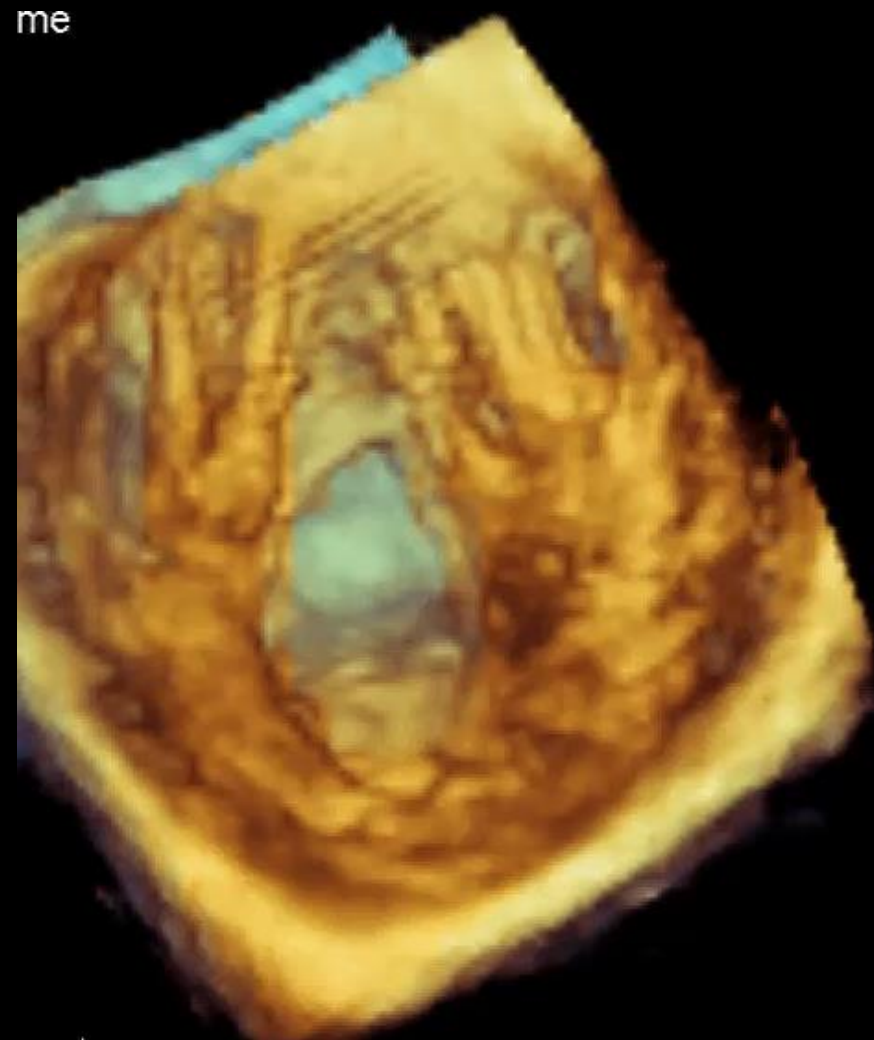
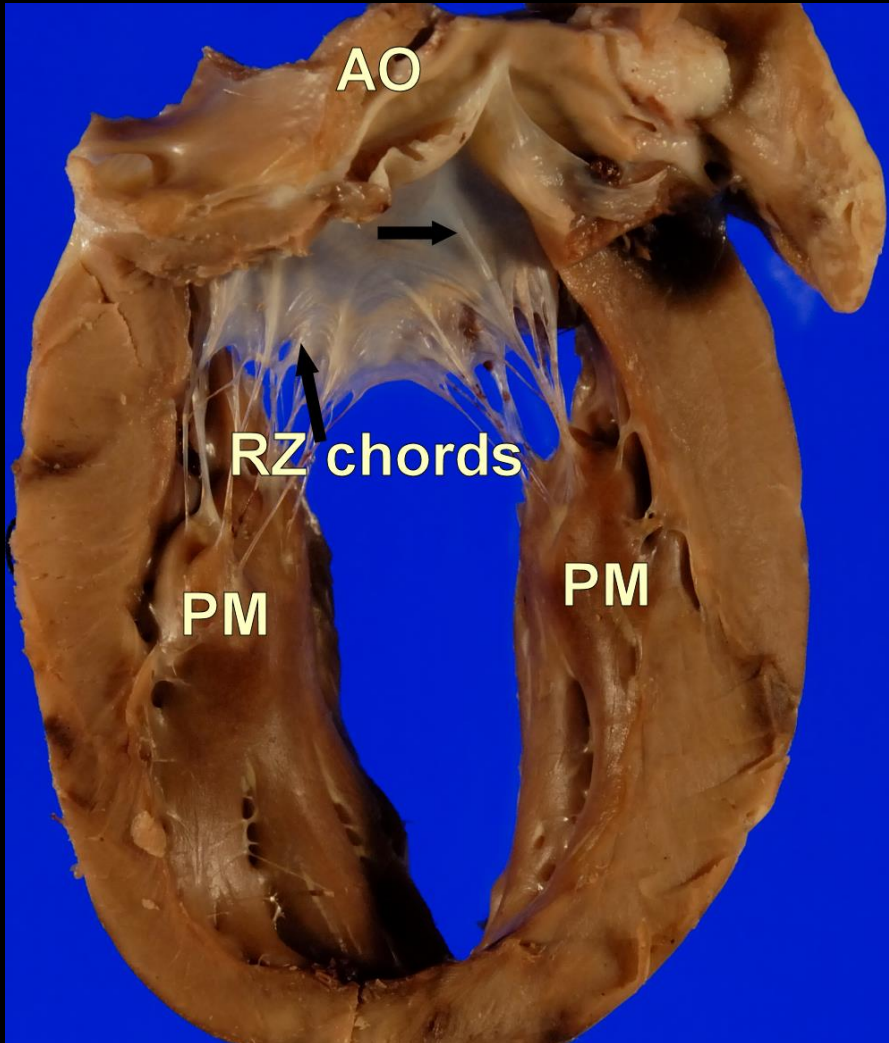
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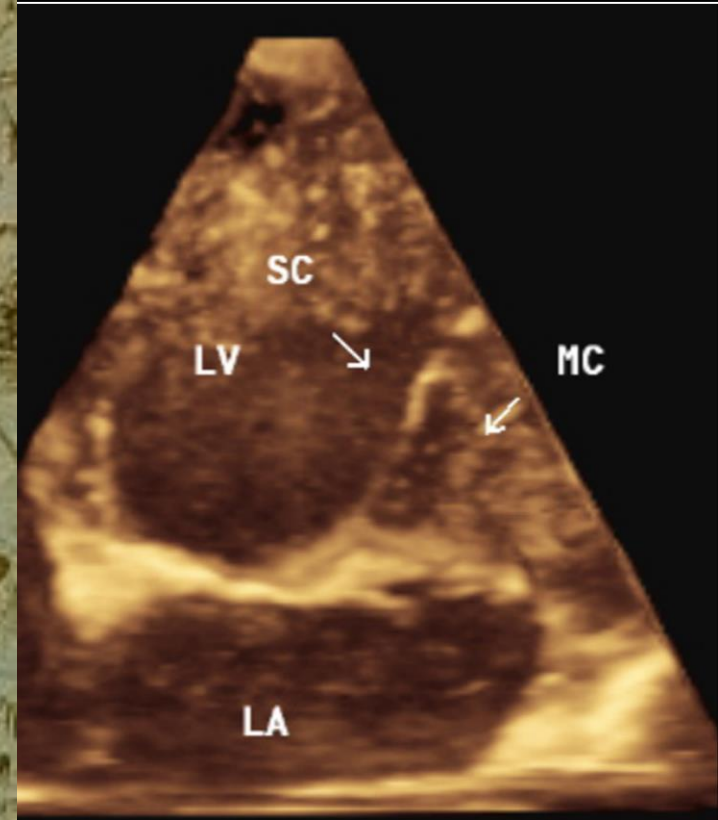


# Normal Mitral Valve Chords

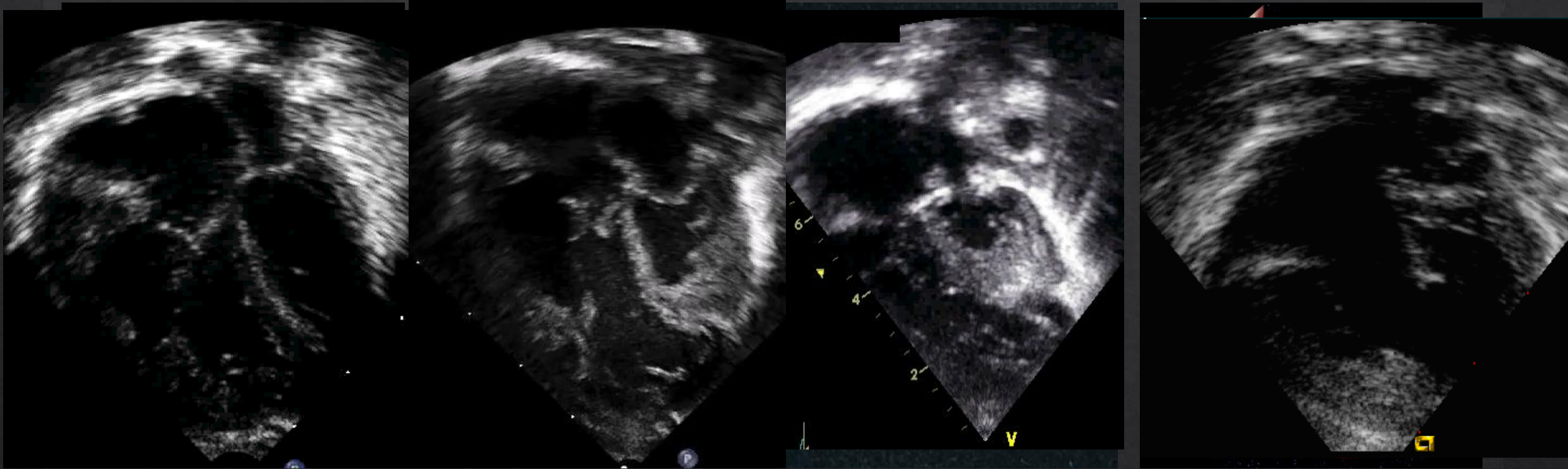


# Mitral valve chordal apparatus

- ◆ The normal mitral valve: finer marginal first order chordae that support the leaflet tips and prevent prolapse
- ◆ Secondary thicker strut chordae that insert symmetrically near the anterior leaflet base

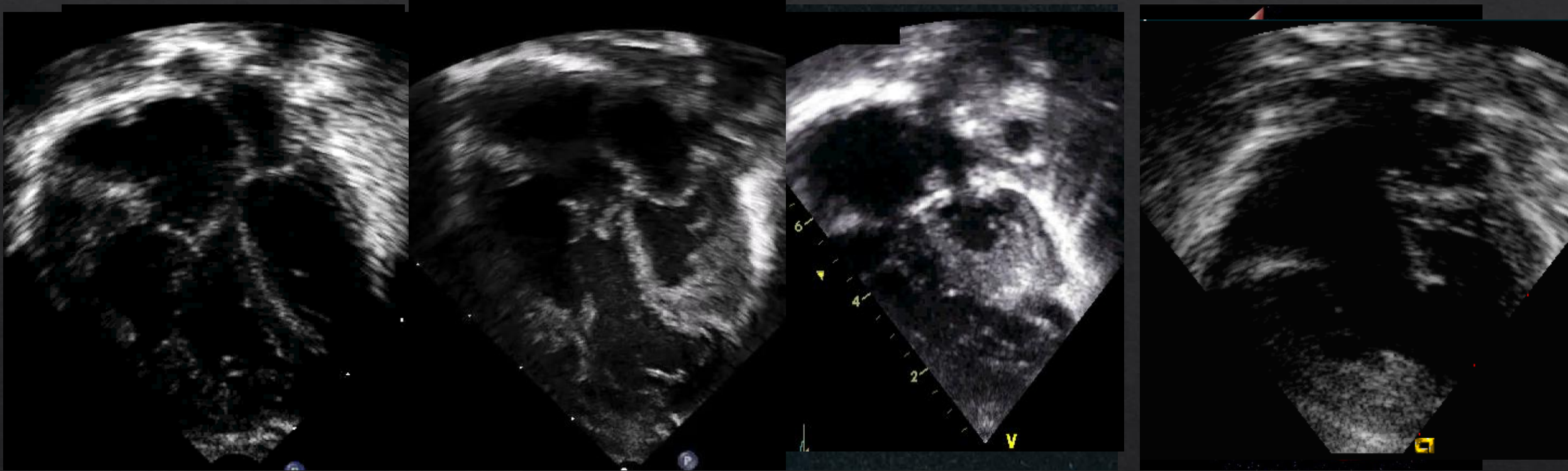






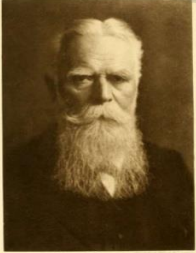
## Hypoplasia of the left Heart & Variants





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# Hypoplastic Left Heart : Morphological Landmarks



**Karl von Bardeleben**  
(1849-1919)

Pierwszy opis kliniczny i anatomopatologiczny HLHS

*K. von Bardeleben*

Obliteration of the left ostium arteriosum in the heart of a half-year old infant. Archiv für pathologische anatomie und physiologie und für klinische medicin (t. III).1851,305-312. G. Reimer, Berlin, Germany.

**1851**

Bardeleben

- Combination of severe mitral and left ventricular hypoplasia along with aortic atresia



**1952**

Maurice Lev

- Hypoplastic of the aortic tract complex:
- Tendency of hypoplastic and obstructive lesions



**Jacqueline Anne Noonan**  
zaproponowała nazwę zespołu **HLHS**


Noonan AJ, Nadas AS. The hypoplastic left heart syndrome: an analysis of 101 cases. *Pediatr Clin North Am* 1958; 5:1029-1058



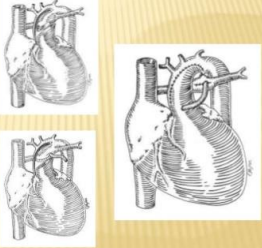
**1958**

Noonan and Nadas

- aortic atresia
- Mitral atresia
- Mitral stenosis
- Atresia of aortic arch
- Hypoplasia aortic arch



**WILLIAM NORWOOD - 1997**



*J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg*, 1981, 82: 511-9

**1997**

William Norwood

- hypoplastic left heart syndrome

# Definition of Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome



**Atresia:** “a” means without, “tresis” means perforation – congenital absence or closure of normal orifice

**Stenosis:** narrowing of duct or a canal

**Hypoplasia:** incomplete development or underdevelopment of an organ or tissue

**Obstruction:** act of blocking or clogging

**Syndrome:** group of signs and symptoms that occur together

**Complex:** a whole, made up of interrelated parts



# The nomenclature, definition and classification of hypoplastic left heart syndrome

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Cardiol Young 2006; 16: 339–368

“Hypoplastic left heart syndrome is synonymous with the term hypoplasia of the left heart and is defined as a spectrum of cardiac malformations with normally aligned great arteries without a common atrioventricular junction, characterized by underdevelopment of the left heart with significant hypoplasia of the left ventricle including atresia, stenosis, or hypoplasia of the aortic or mitral valve, or both valves, and hypoplasia of the ascending aorta and aortic arch.”

- The concept of SCEH has been expanded for all cases with LV hypodevelopment, which is incapable of maintaining systemic circulation, even if the mitral valve and Ao are present, but hypoplastic
- Recently HLHS : intact interventricular septum

# Hypoplastic Left Heart : Morphological Phenotypes

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Mitral and aortic atresia

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Mitral atresia, patent aortic root and VSD

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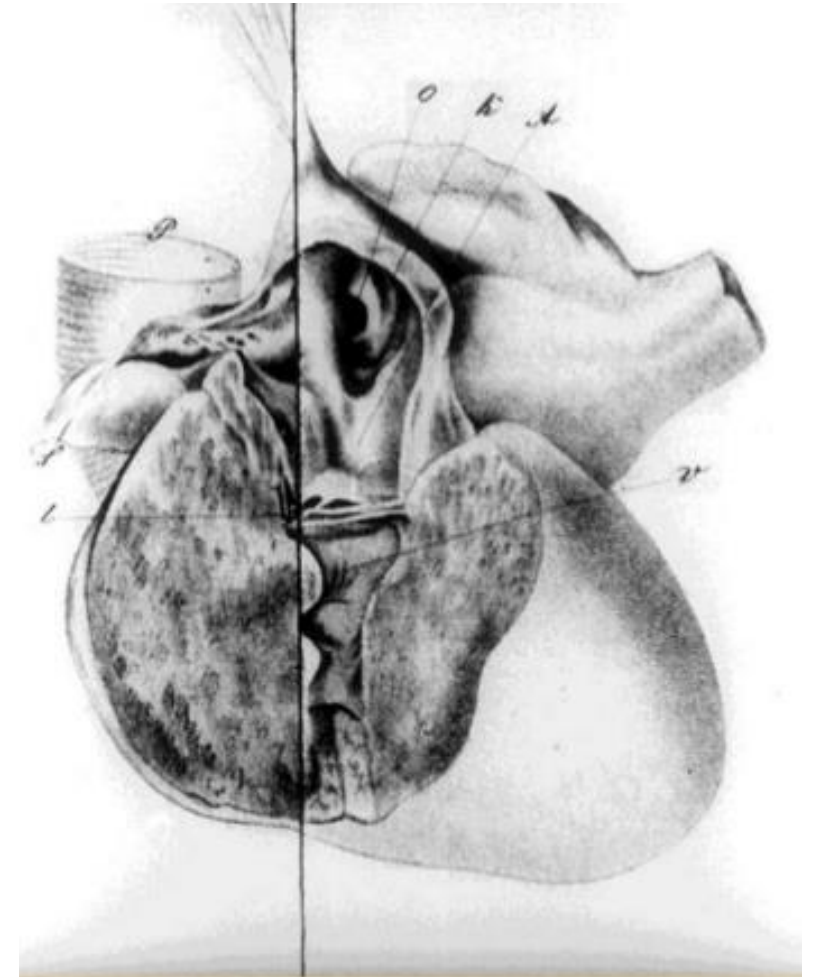
Aortic atresia with patent mitral valve

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Aortic valvar Stenosis and patent mitral valve

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Hypoplastic mitral , aortic valve ,hypoplasia of aortic arch and coarctation of the aorta

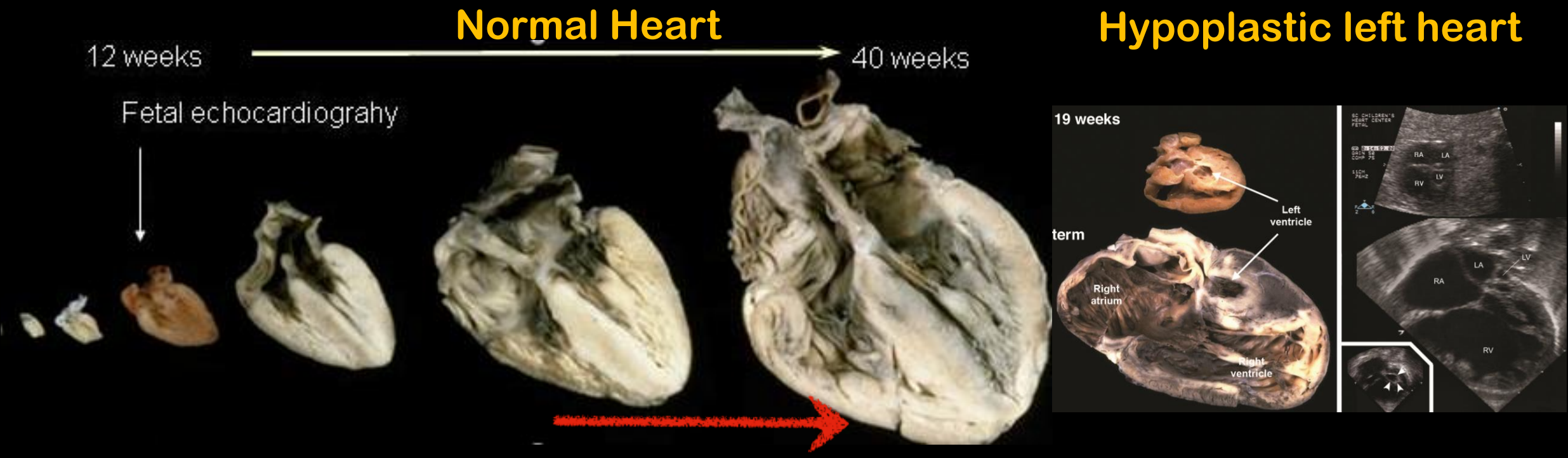


“Obliteration of the left ostium arteriosum in the heart of a half-year old infant: 1851”

# Development of Left Heart hypoplasia

Normal Heart

Hypoplastic left heart

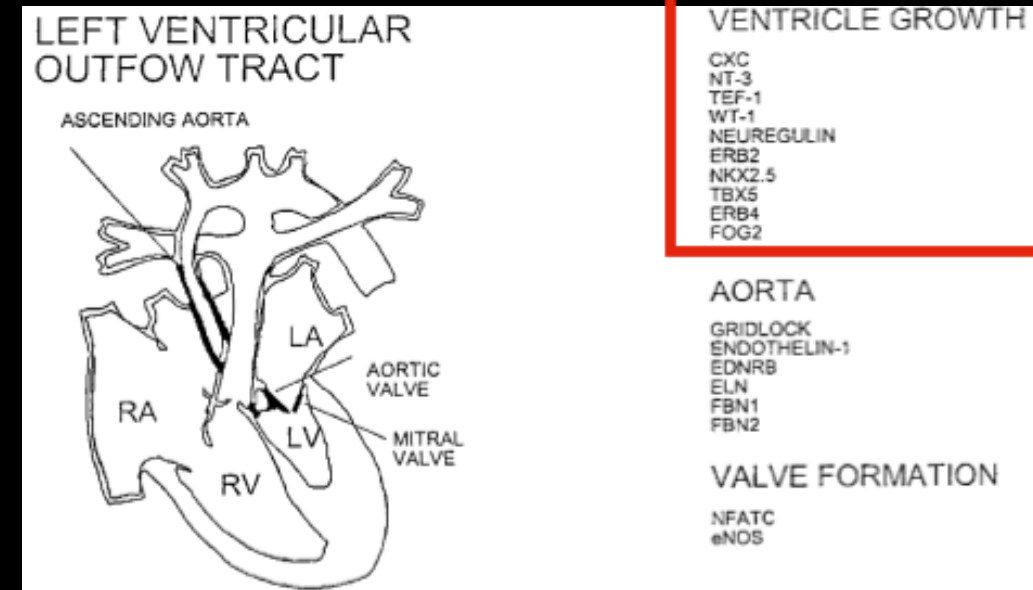


Growth of the left heart “structures” through the second half of pregnancy seems to be the main time to detect and/or predict the severity of hypoplasia



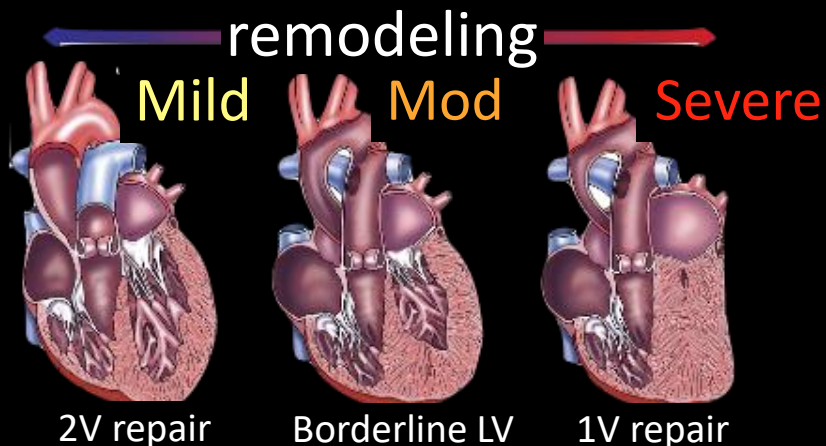
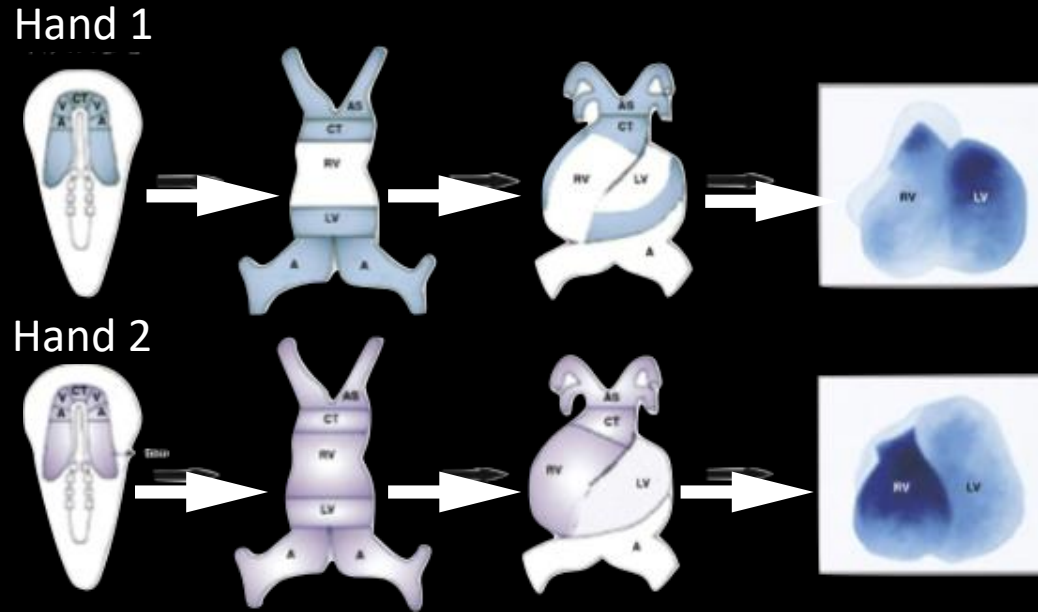
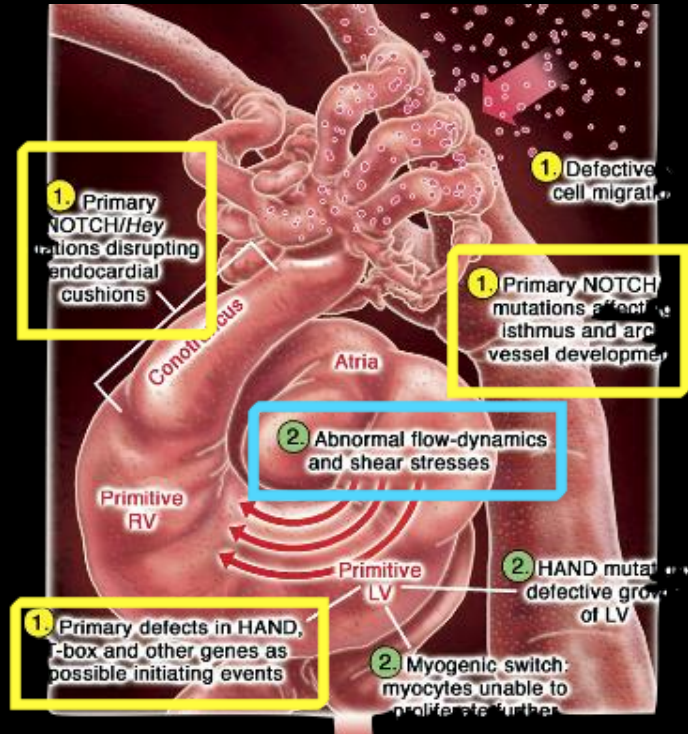
# Hypoplastic Left heart : Genetics

- Aortic atresia is the most common manifestation of HLHS;
- Bicuspid AoV: most common finding in first degree relatives of children HLHS (~ 11%).
- Genetic-linkage analysis: shared chromosomal loci (10q22 and 6q23) in the etiology of bicuspid Ao valve and subset of children with HLHS.



Towbin J t al. Am. J. Med. Genet. (Semin. Med. Genet.) 97:297±303, 2000

# HLHS: Genetics & Embryology background



Abnormal flow-dynamics & shear-stresses: trigger the LV remodeling process

# HLHS: Physiology & “Hydraulic”& Embryology

## Experimental Production of Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome in the Chick Embryo

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*Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

- First LV hypoplasia model;
- Obliterating the inlet of LV (5 day old chick embryos)
- 20% survival: all degrees of left side hypoplasia;
- “flow-volume hypoplasia was a result of abnormal “flow-volume streaming”

# HLHS : Physiology & “Hydraulic”& Embryology

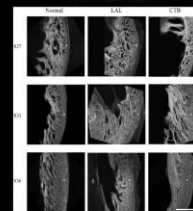
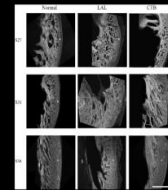
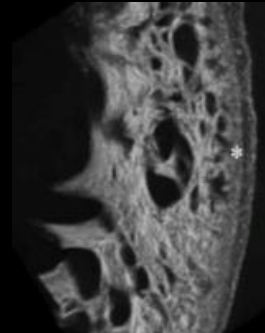
## Three-Dimensional Myofiber Architecture of the Embryonic Left Ventricle During Normal Development and Altered Mechanical Loads

KIMIMASA TOBITA,\* JASON B. GARRISON, LI J. LIU, JOSEPH P. TINNEY,  
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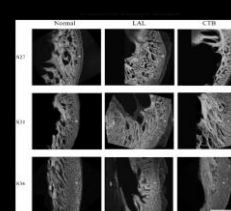
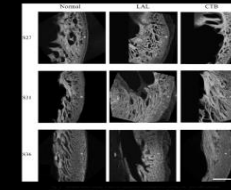
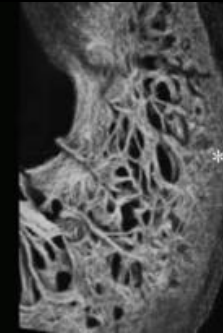
Reducing the preload: <chamber dimensions and myocardial volume (LV hypoplasia); also associated with LV cell proliferation rate.

Increased LV pressure load induces LV chamber dilatation followed by thickening of compact myocardium and acceleration of tertiary trabeculation, myocardial cell proliferation rate increases .

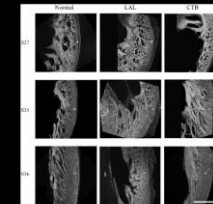
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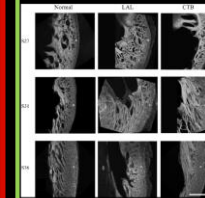
Left Atrial ligation



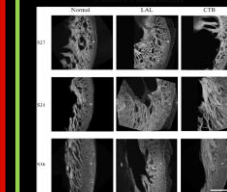
Conotruncal ligation



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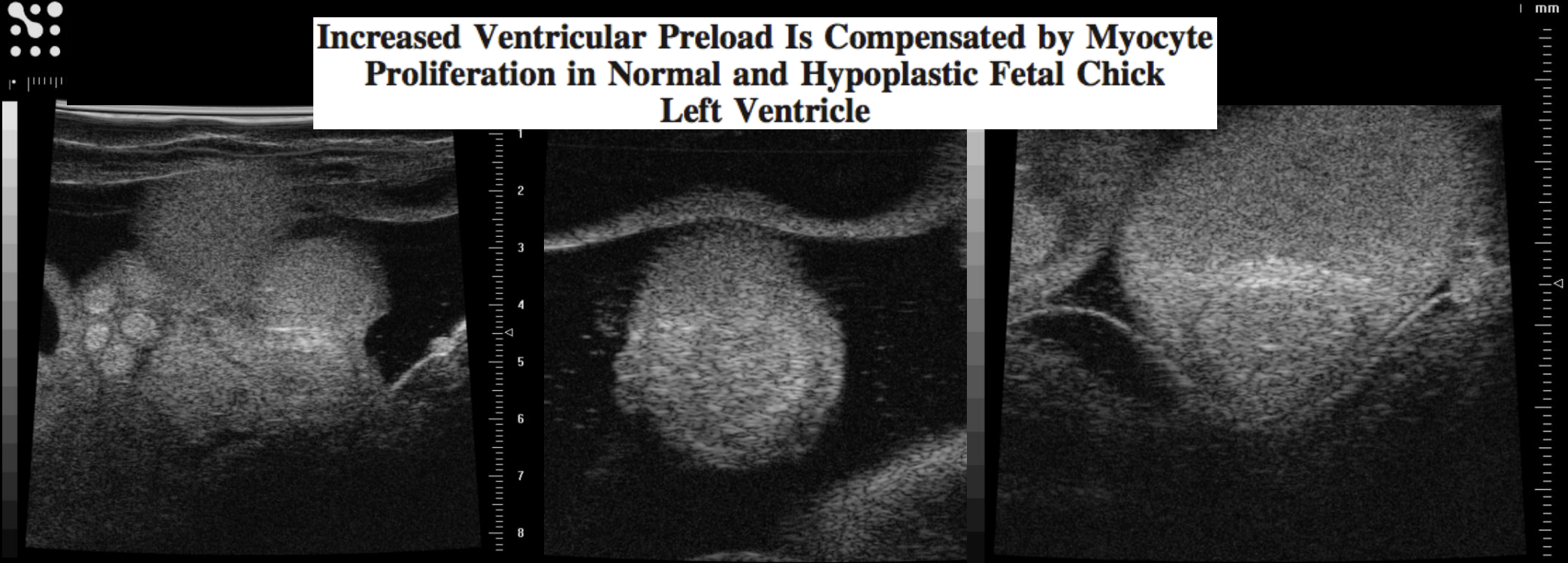


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# HLHS: Physiology & flow dynamics (Hydraulic)& Embryology

**Increased Ventricular Preload Is Compensated by Myocyte Proliferation in Normal and Hypoplastic Fetal Chick Left Ventricle**



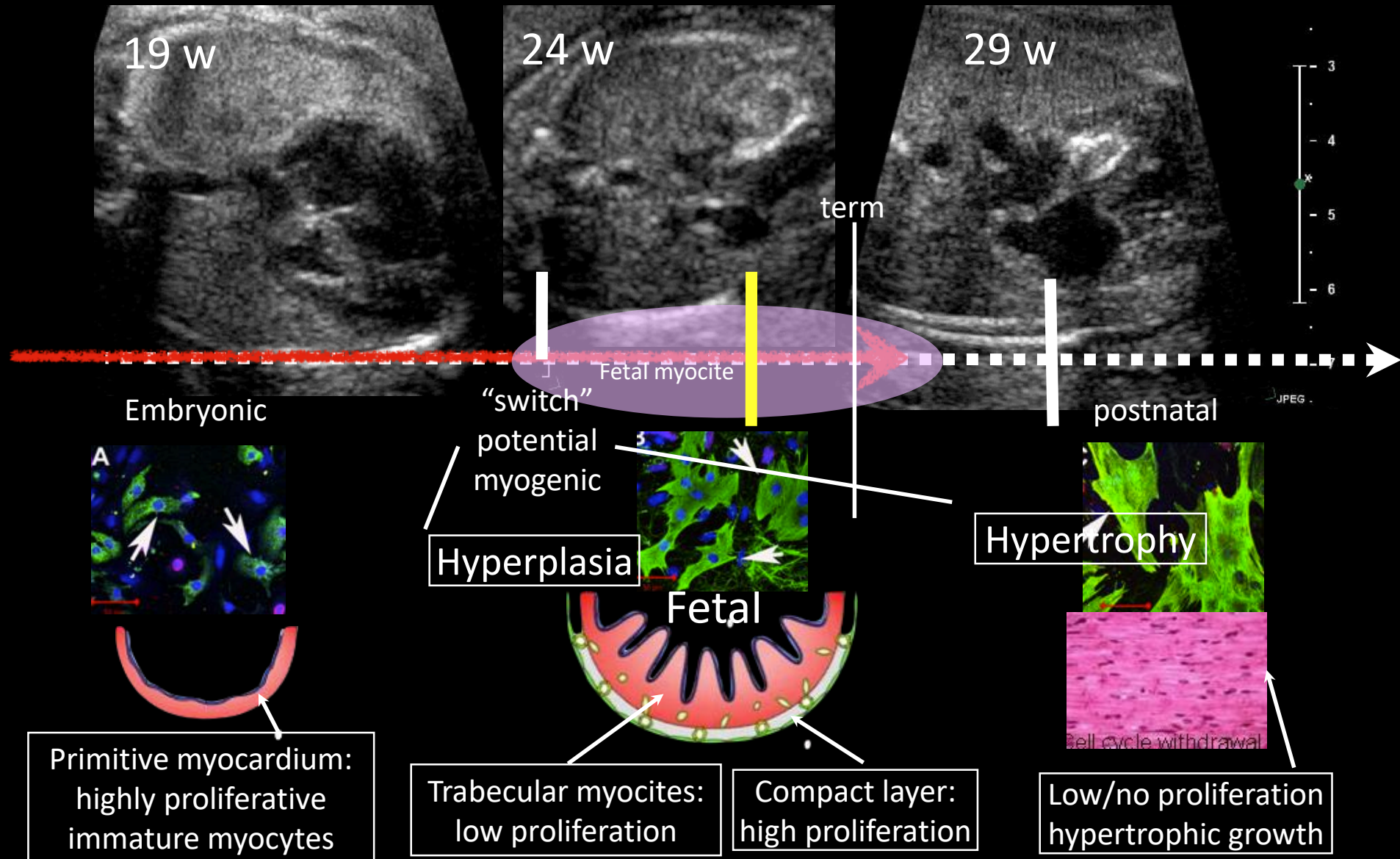
Right atrium "clip" →

increased left-sided flow and hyperplastic ventricular response

Left atrium "clip" →

Decreased myocyte proliferation in the Hypoplastic Left Ventricle model  
LV is rescued by increased hemodynamic loading

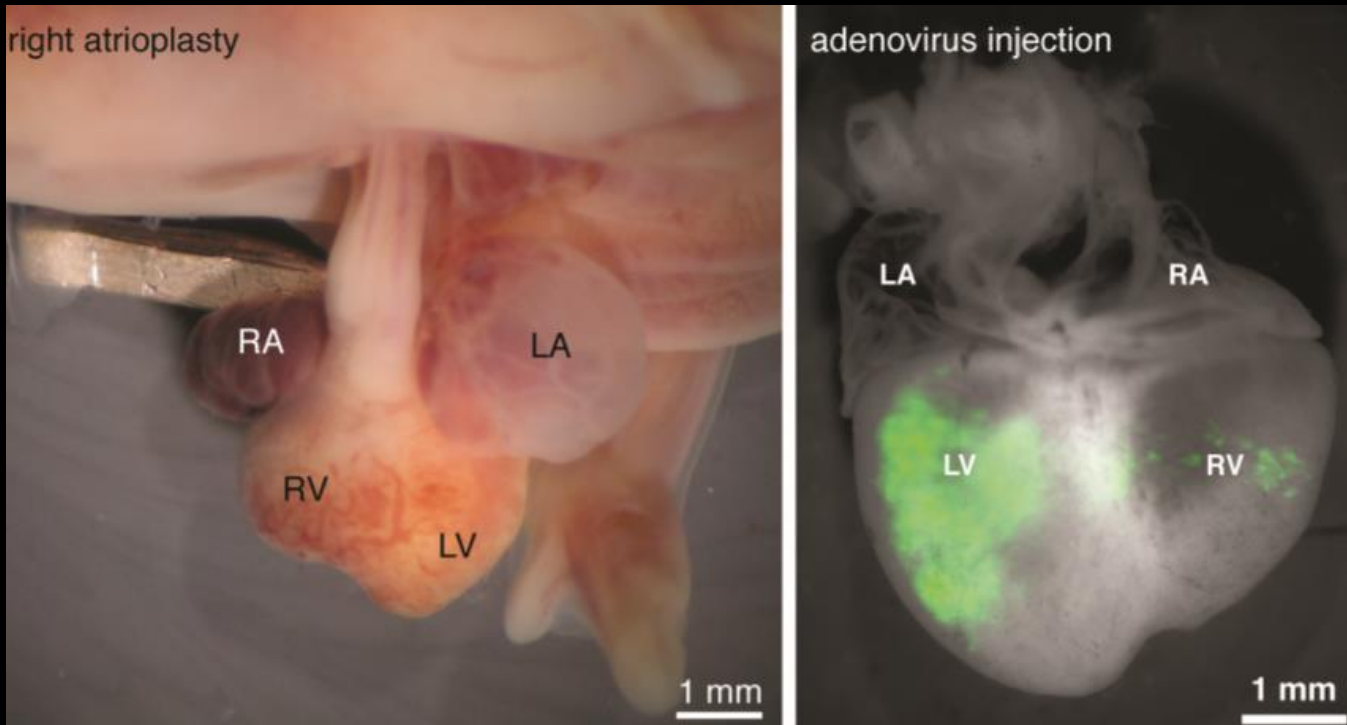
# Cardiac myocyte proliferation and growth



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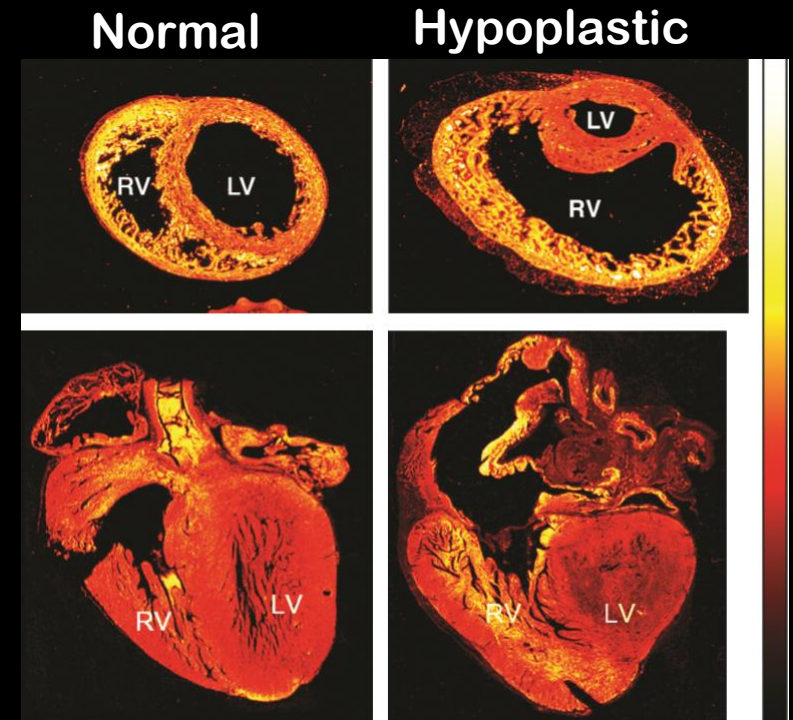
## New perspectives

### Regulation of cardiomyocytic proliferation by growth factors



Chick  
FGF-2

Human  
FGF-1





# HLHS Overall Management

## Newborn

Norwood  
Hybrid  
Transplant

Ductal arch  
Atrial septum restriction?  
Tricuspid regurgitation?  
**Fetal** RV function.

## Key Anatomical Points for Outcome

- ✓ Atrium Septum
- ✓ Tricuspid Valve
- ✓ Right Ventricle
- ✓ Aorta and Arch

Ventricular Function  
Tricuspid Valve Function  
Pulmonary Valve Function  
Diameter of Asc aorta  
Presence of LV to Ca fistula  
Aberrant RSCA

**4 – 6 months**  
Glenn Anastomosis

**3 - 4 years**  
Fontan

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# Echocardiogram Assessment of Hypoplastic Left Heart

## Segmental Anatomy & Subtypes

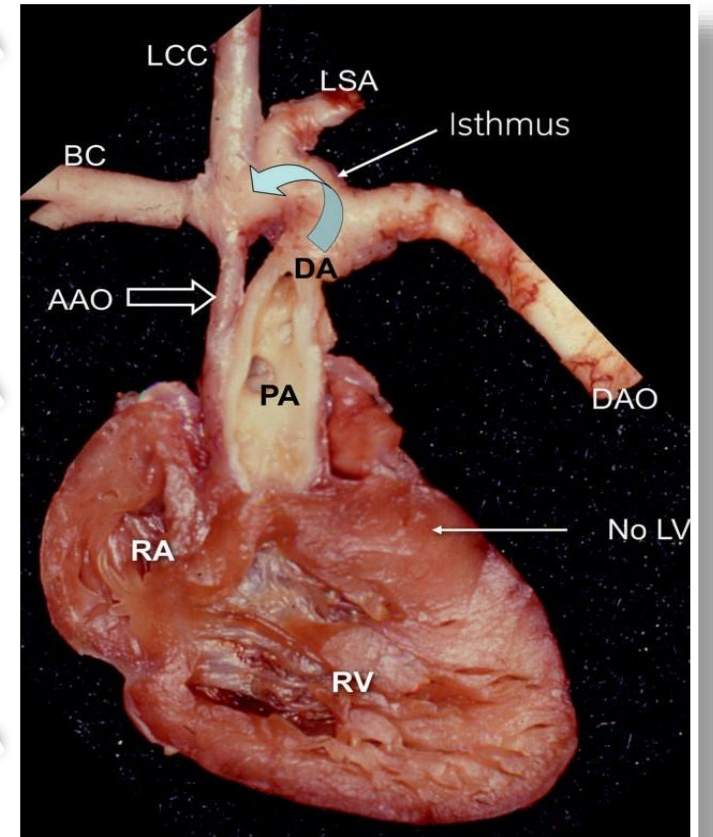
Left atrium, mitral valve, Left ventricular cavity, aortic valve, ascending aorta, aortic arch, and isthmus

## Pre-Surgical assessment

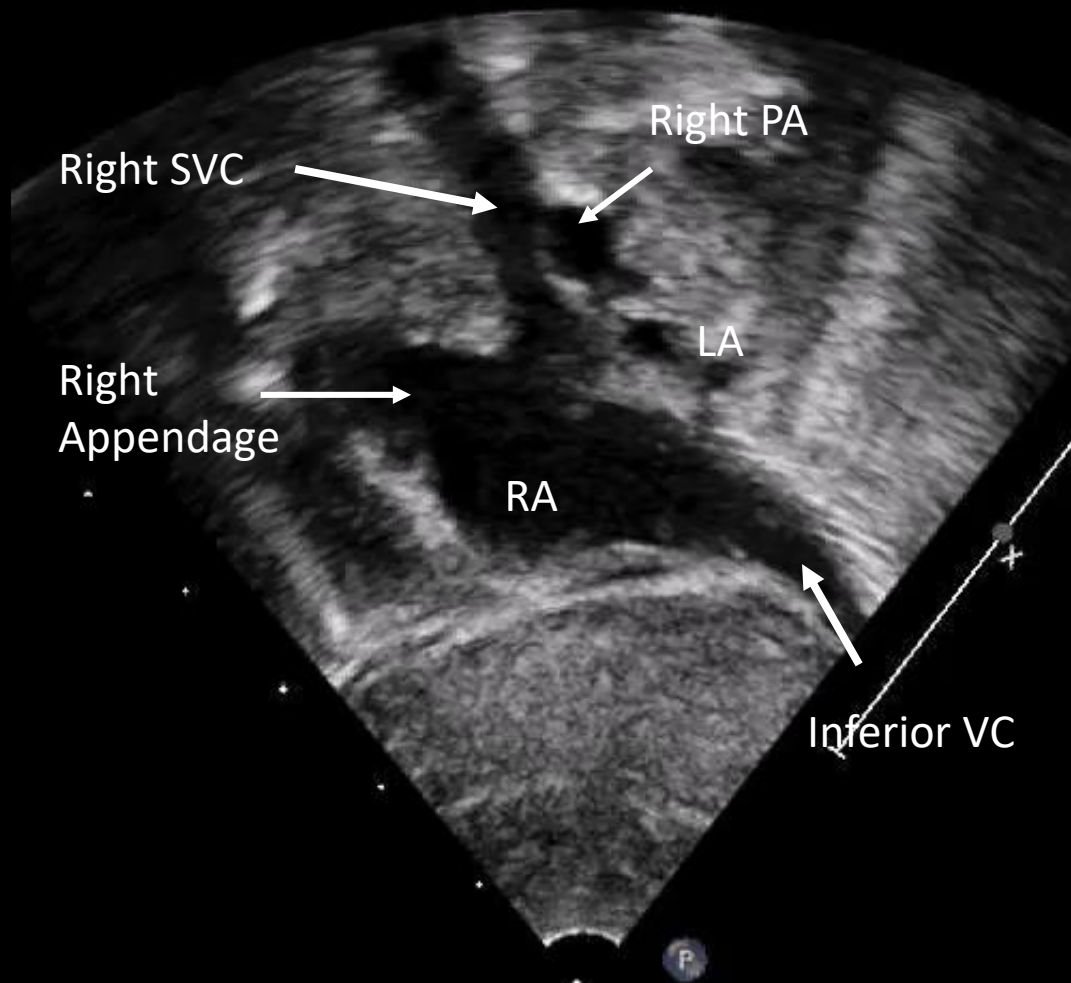
Atrial Communication; Ductal Arch ; TV and RV function

## Tips & Traps

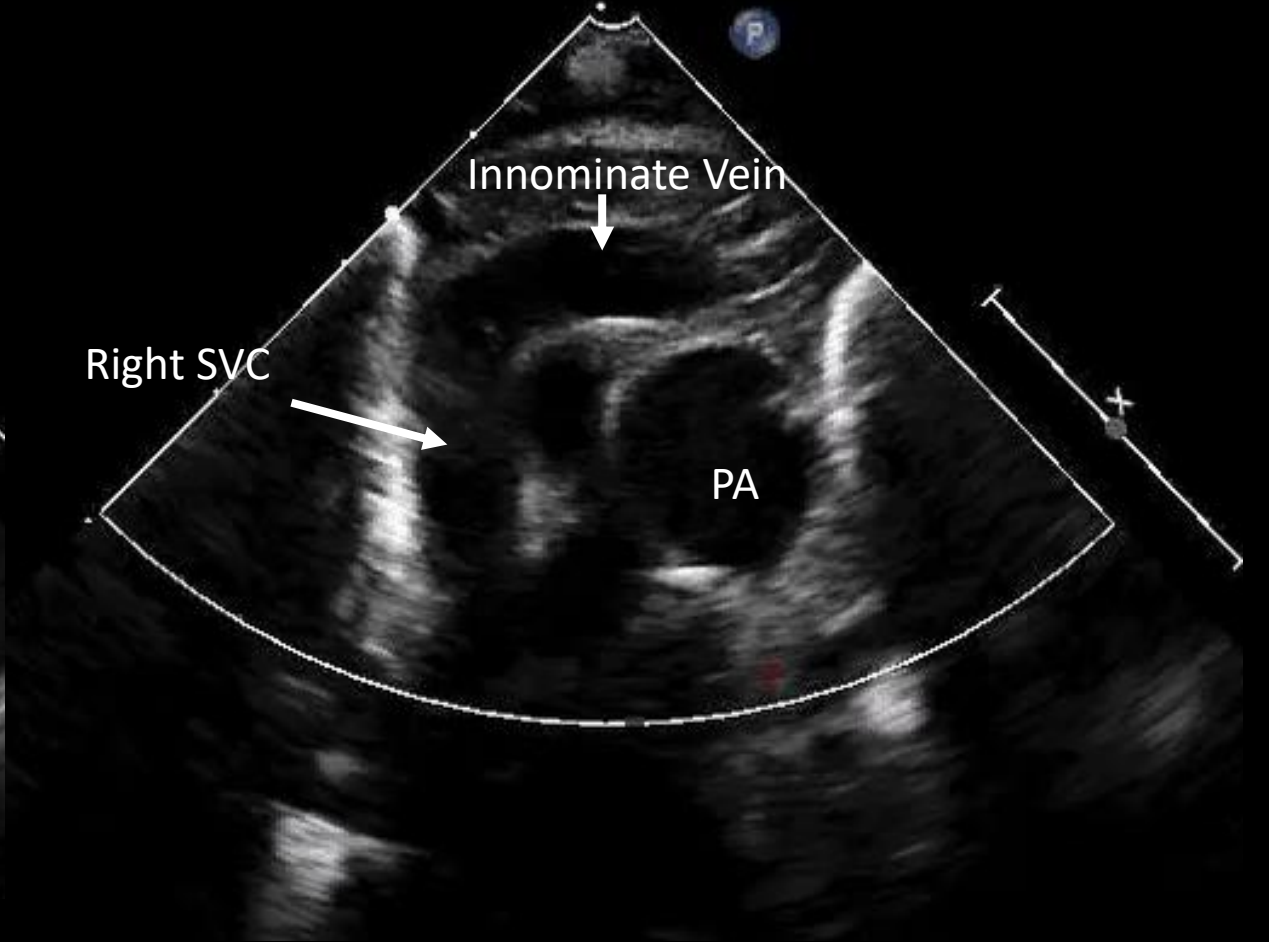
Coronary arteries; Decompressing vein and Arch abnormality



# HLHS Venous Anatomy

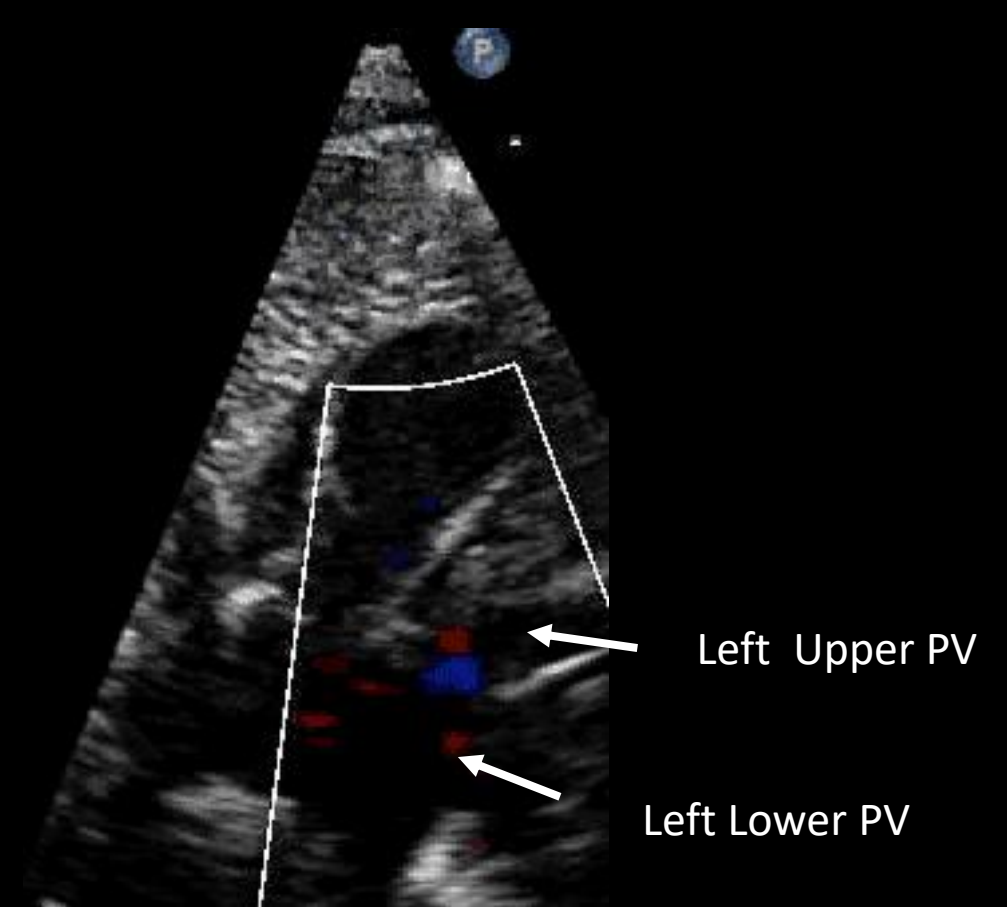
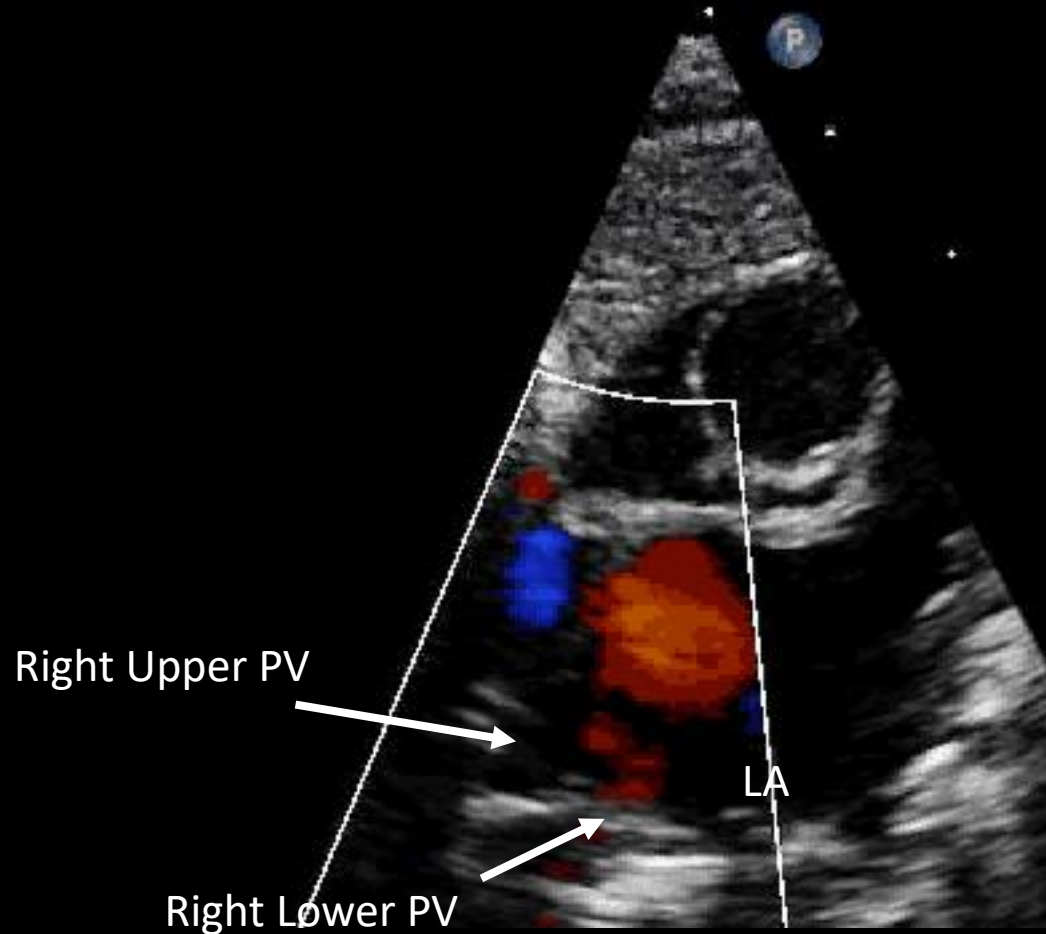


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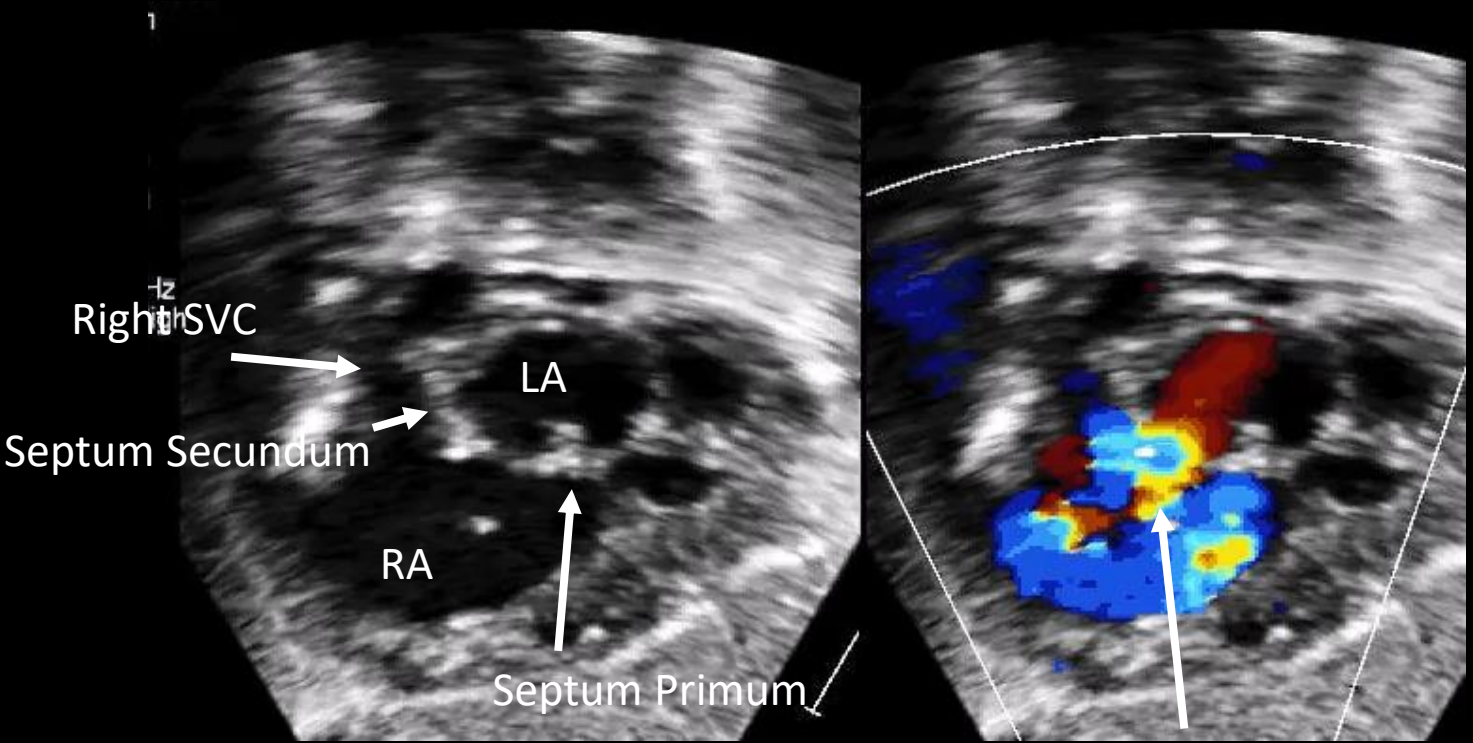




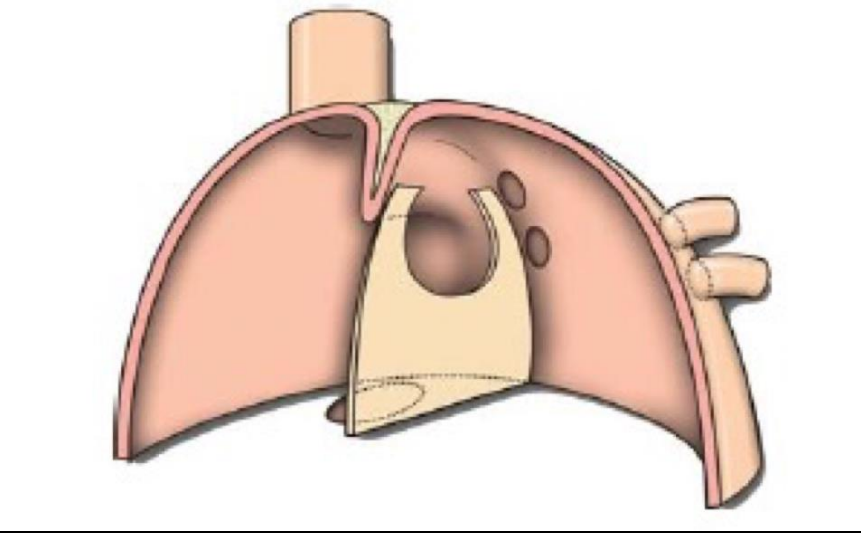
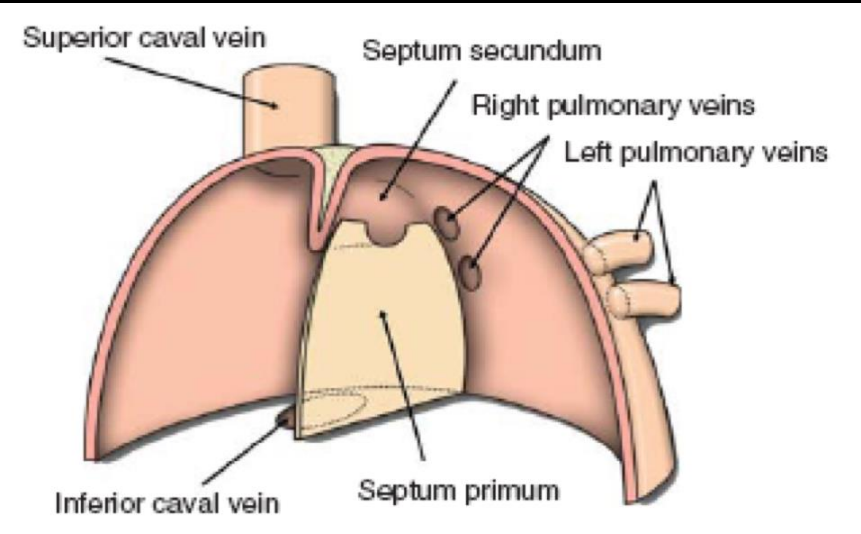
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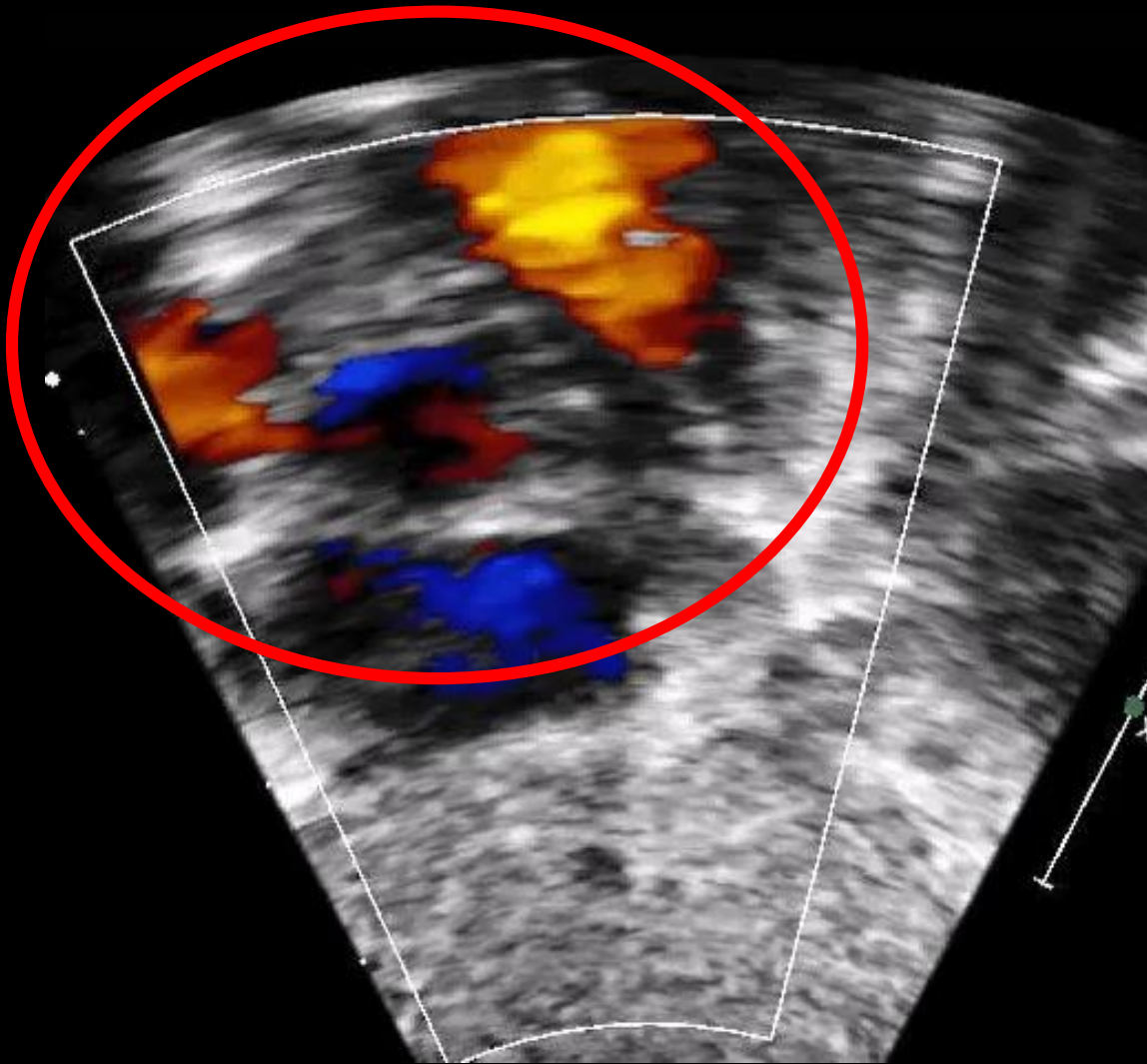
# HLHS : Atrium & Inter atrial septum



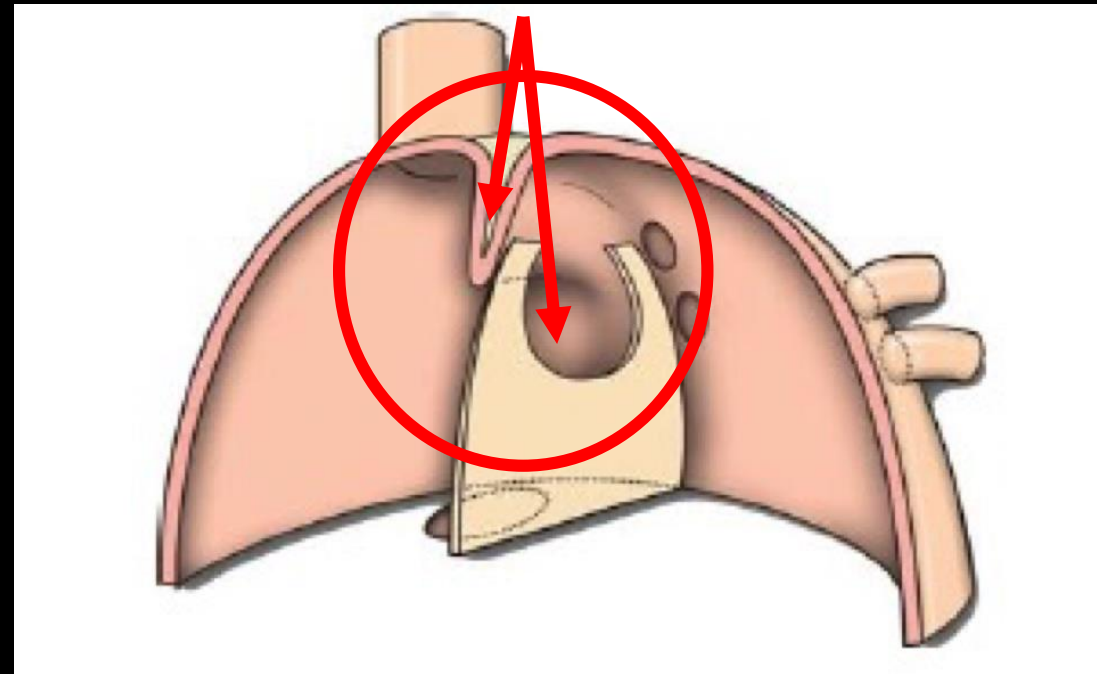
Stretched Foramen Ovale



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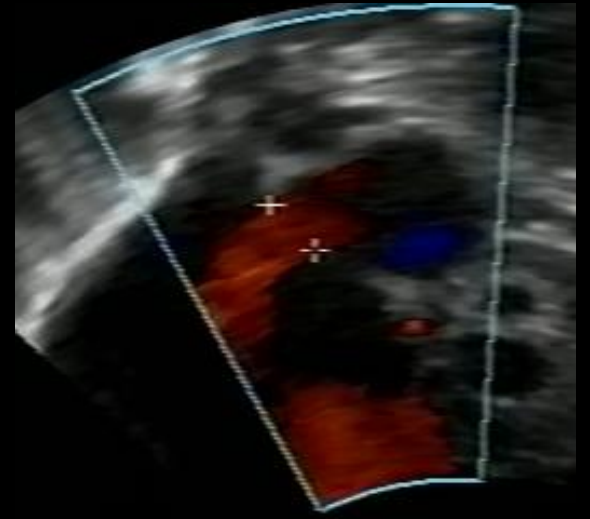
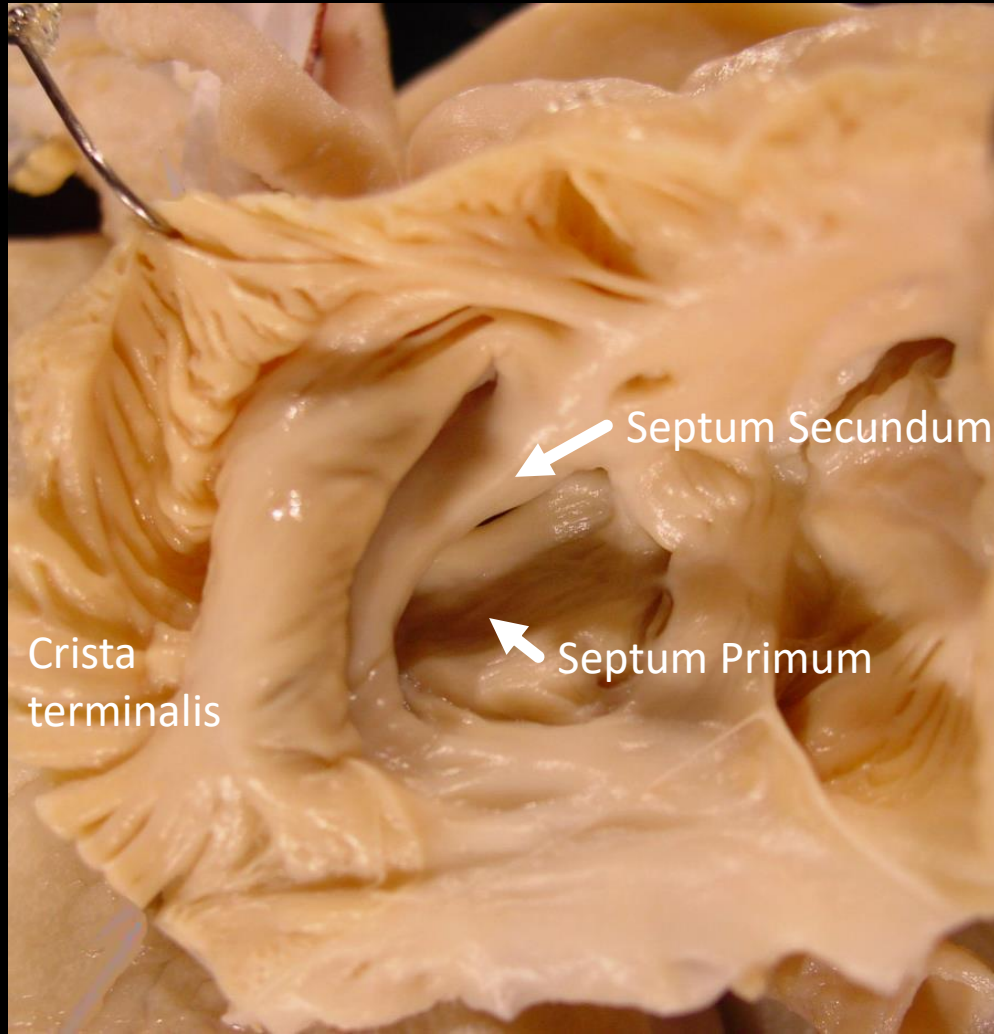
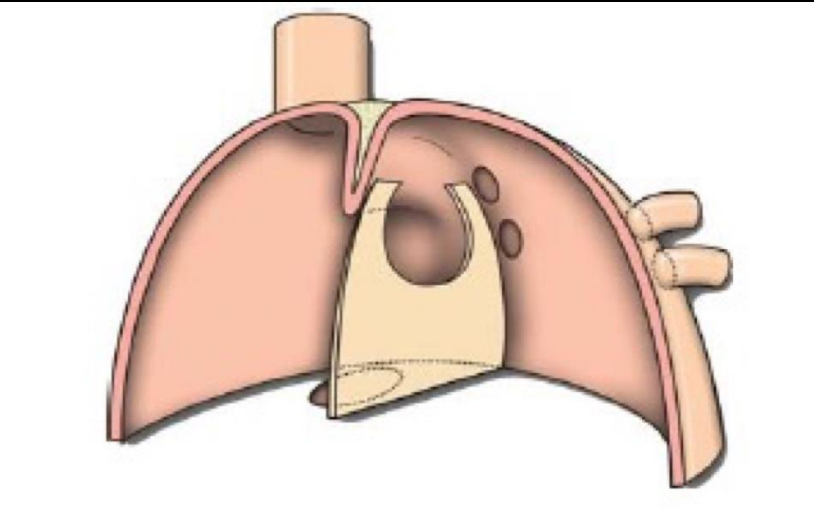
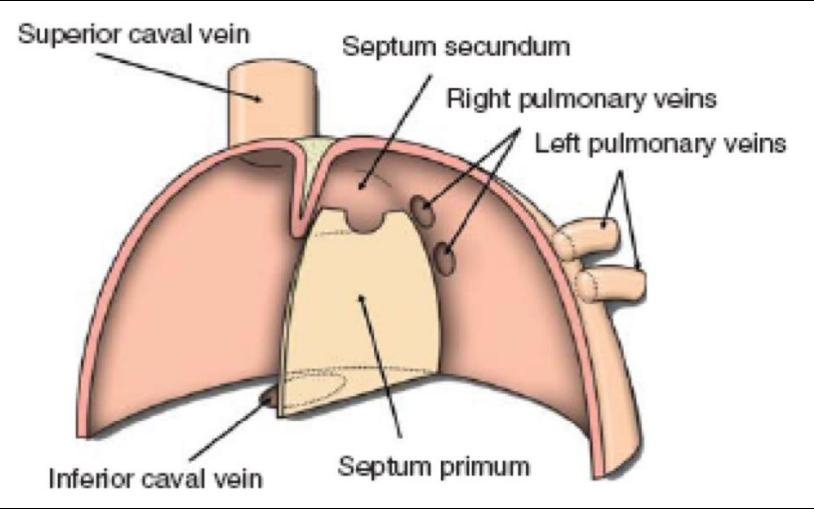


Normal attachment of the septum primum to the infolded superior rim of the foramen ovale, Septum secundum

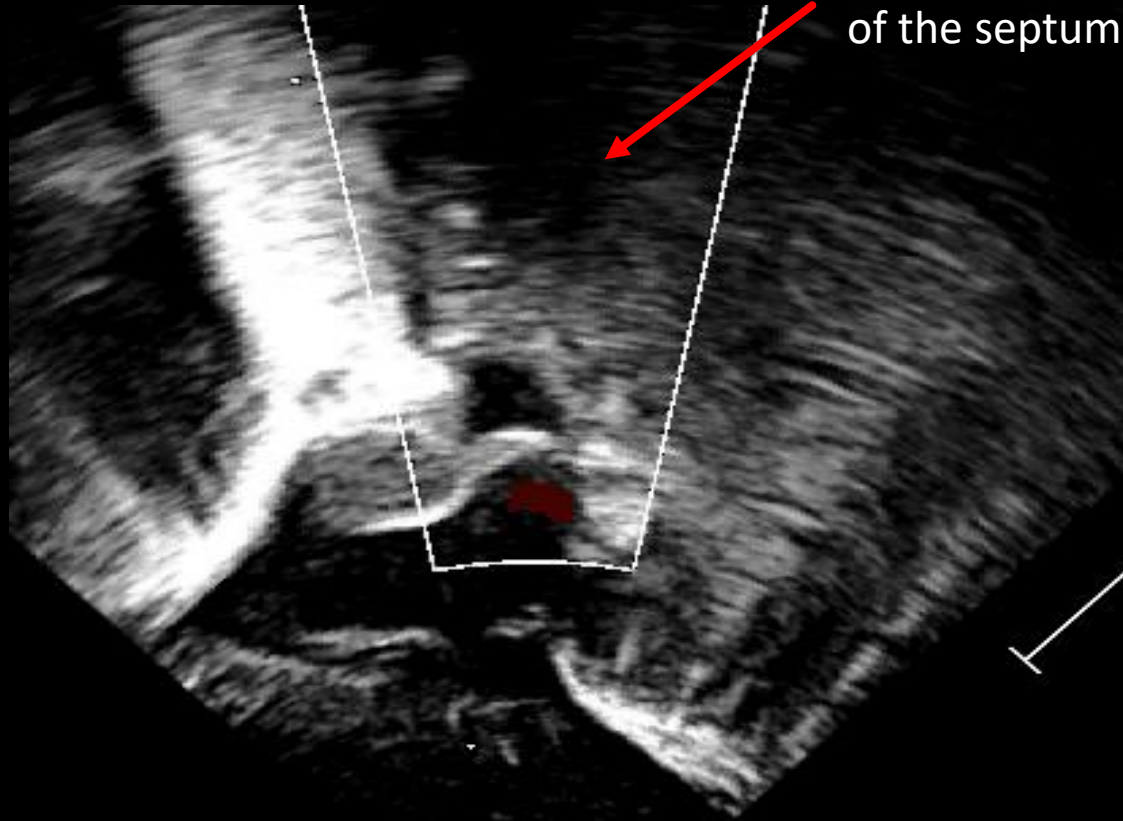




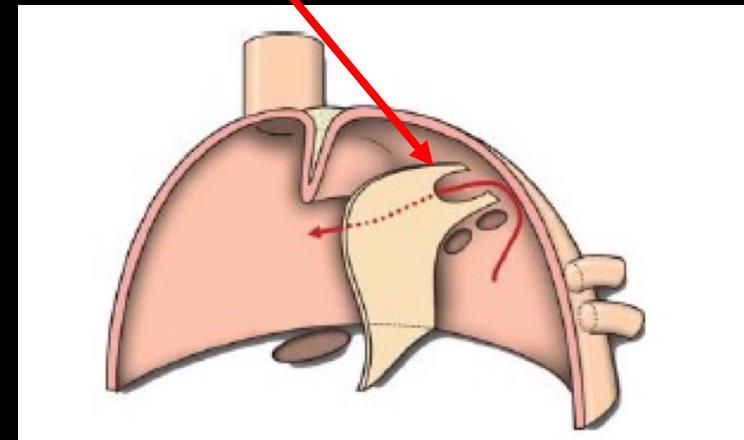
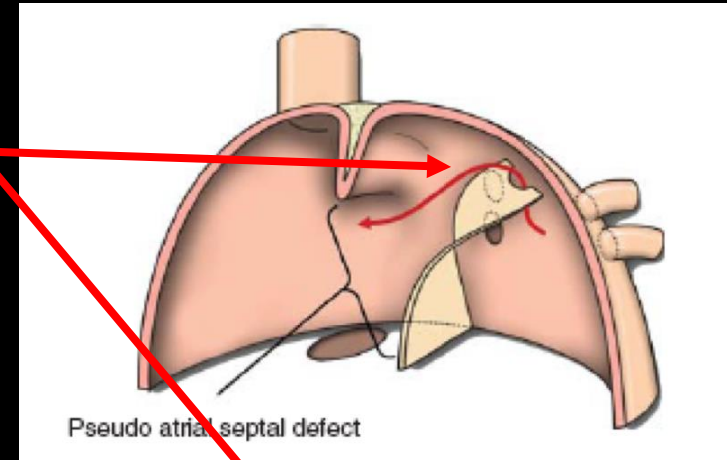
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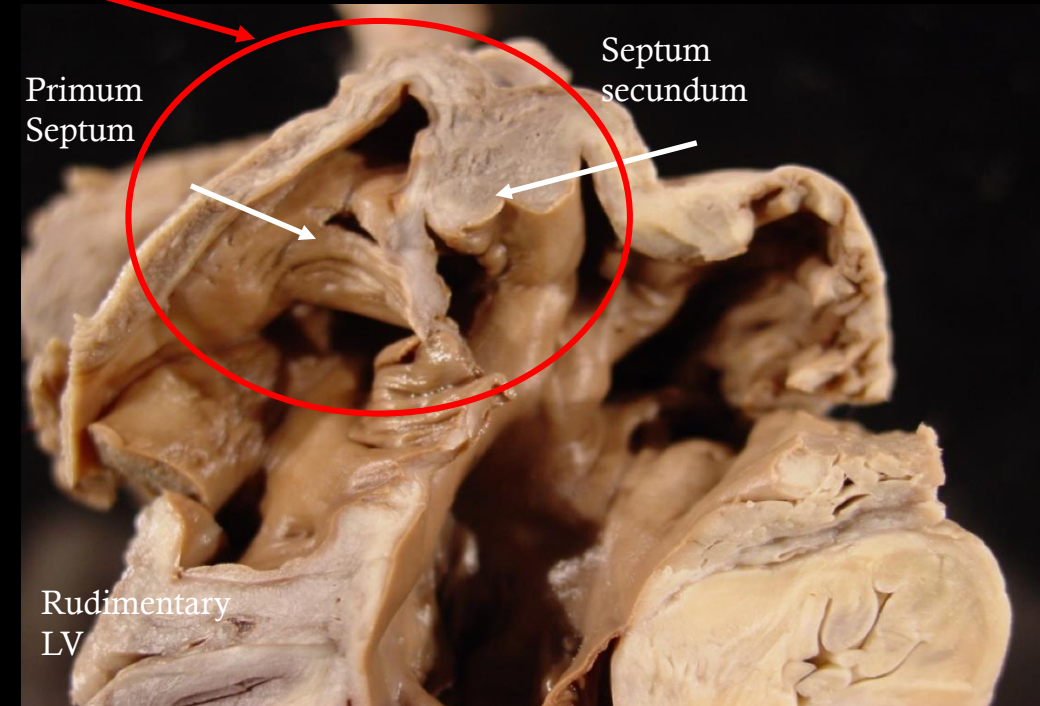
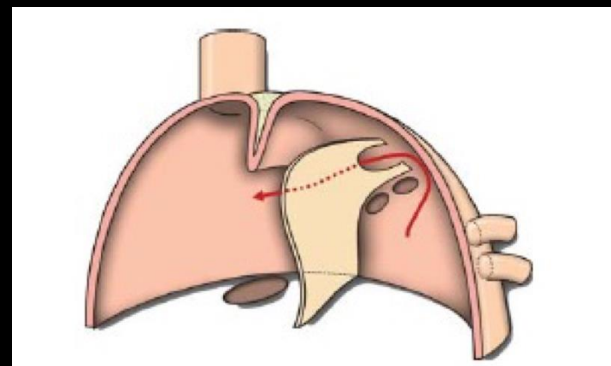
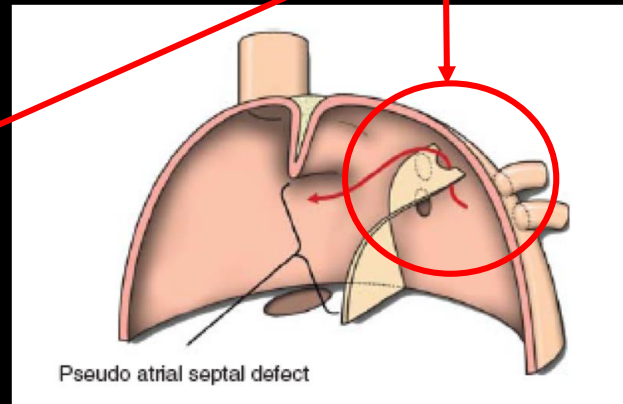
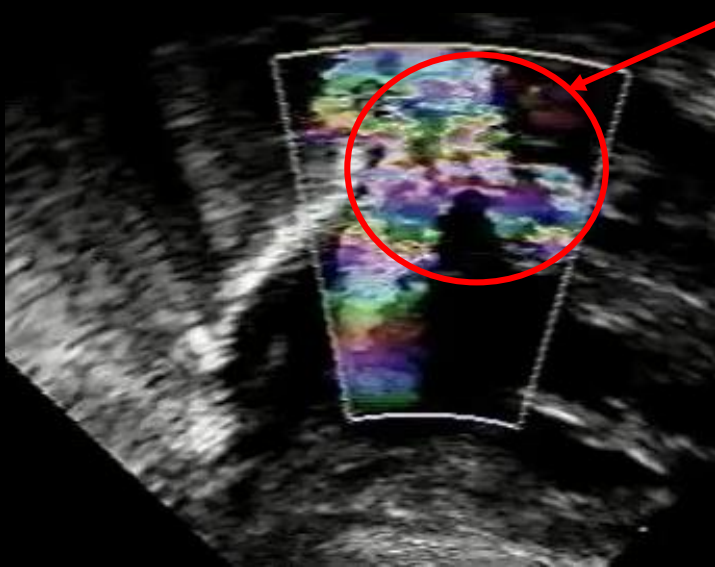
Leftward displacement  
of the septum primum





# HLHS : Morphology of the Interatrial Septum

Leftward displacement of the flap valve or septum primum: "Pseudo atrial septal defect and bulging of the displaced flap valve formed by the primary atrial septum, or septum primum, due to increased postnatal pulmonary venous return, with the oval foramen partially obstructed as it apposes the roof of left atrium

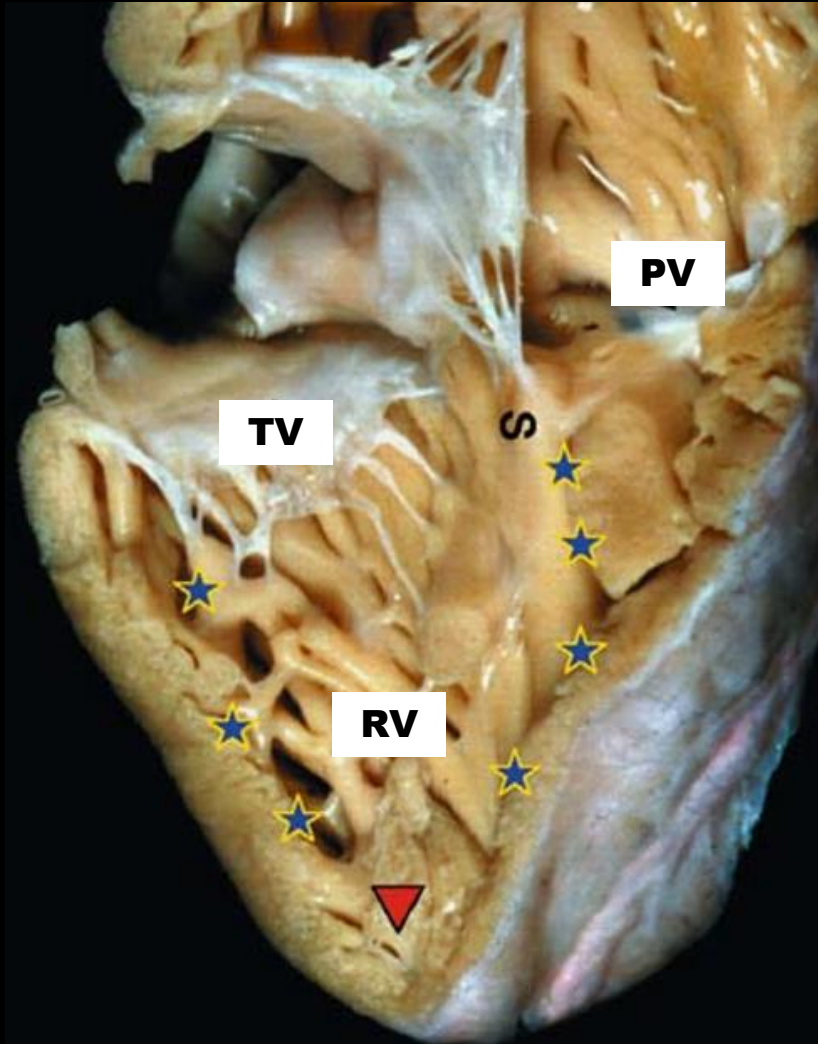


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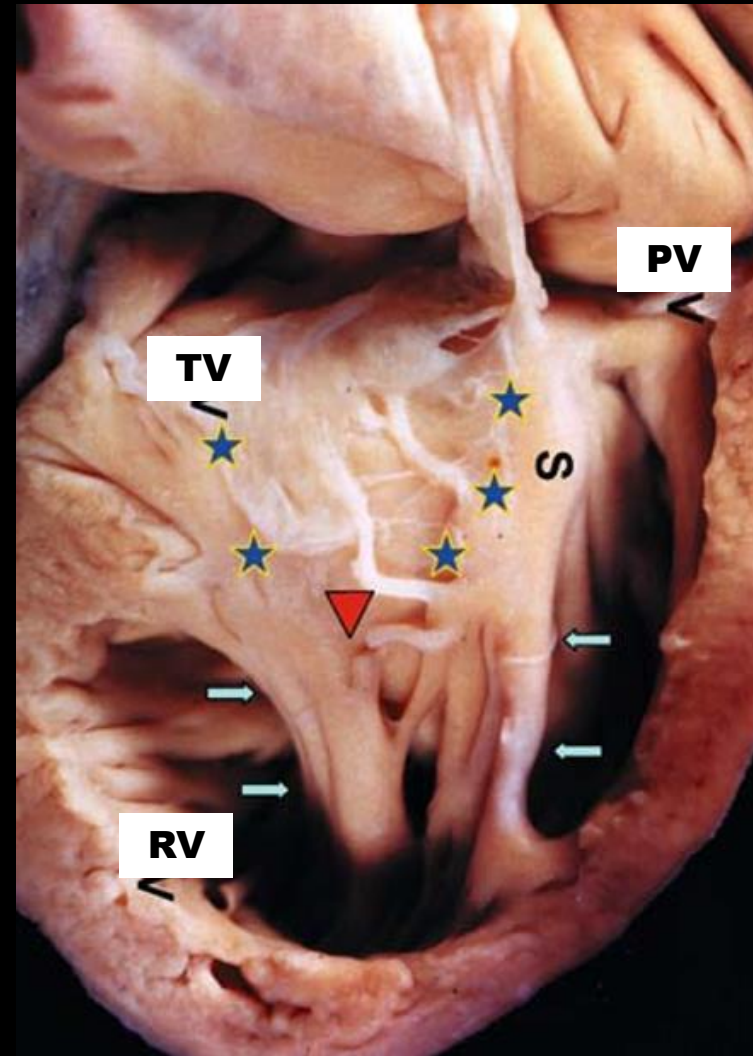


# HLHS : Morphology of the Right Ventricle & Tricuspid Valve

Normal heart

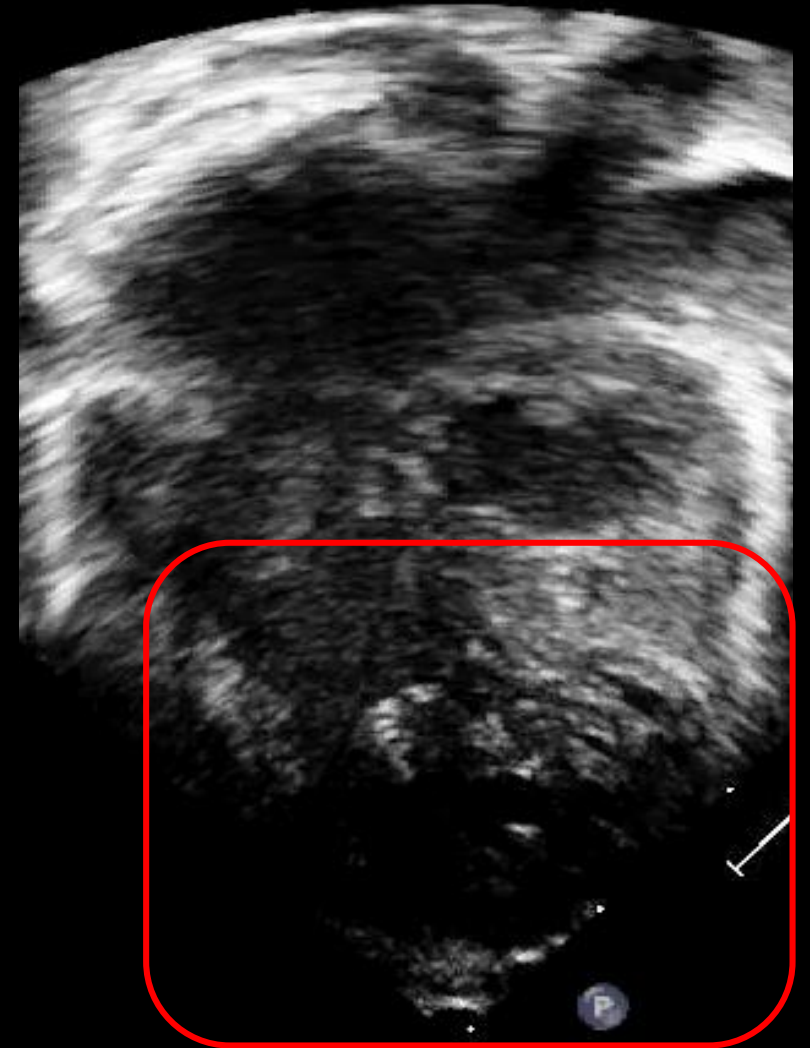
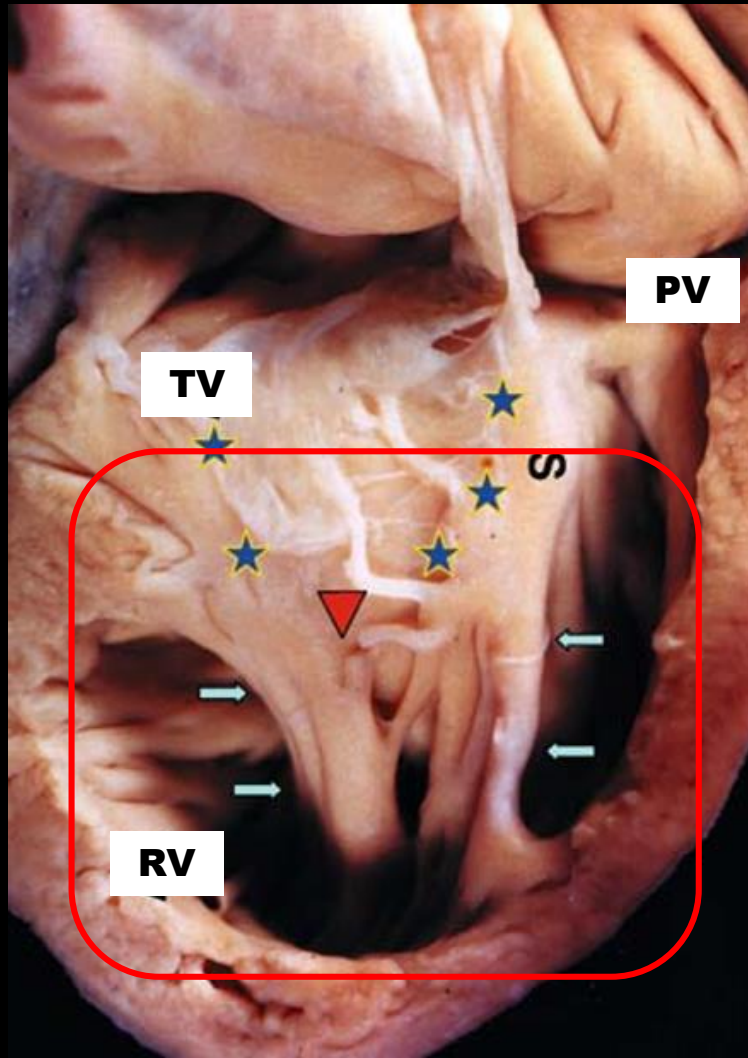
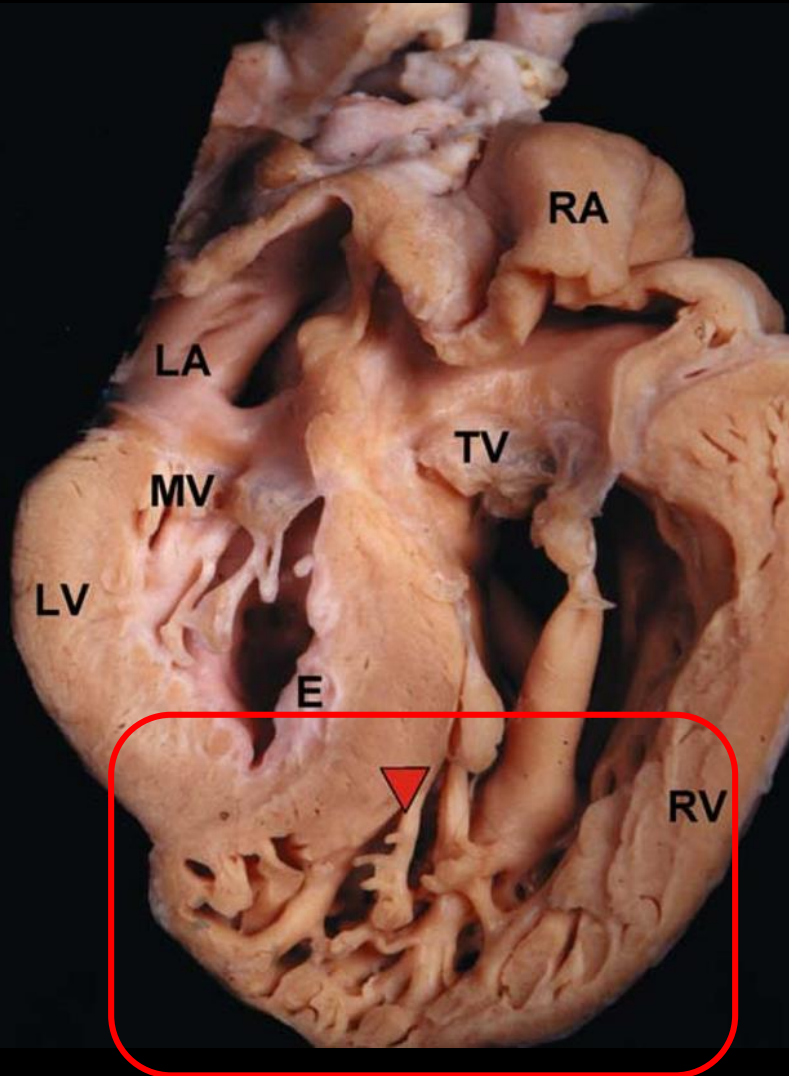


Hypoplastic Left heart



# HLHS : Morphology of the Right Ventricle & Tricuspid Valve

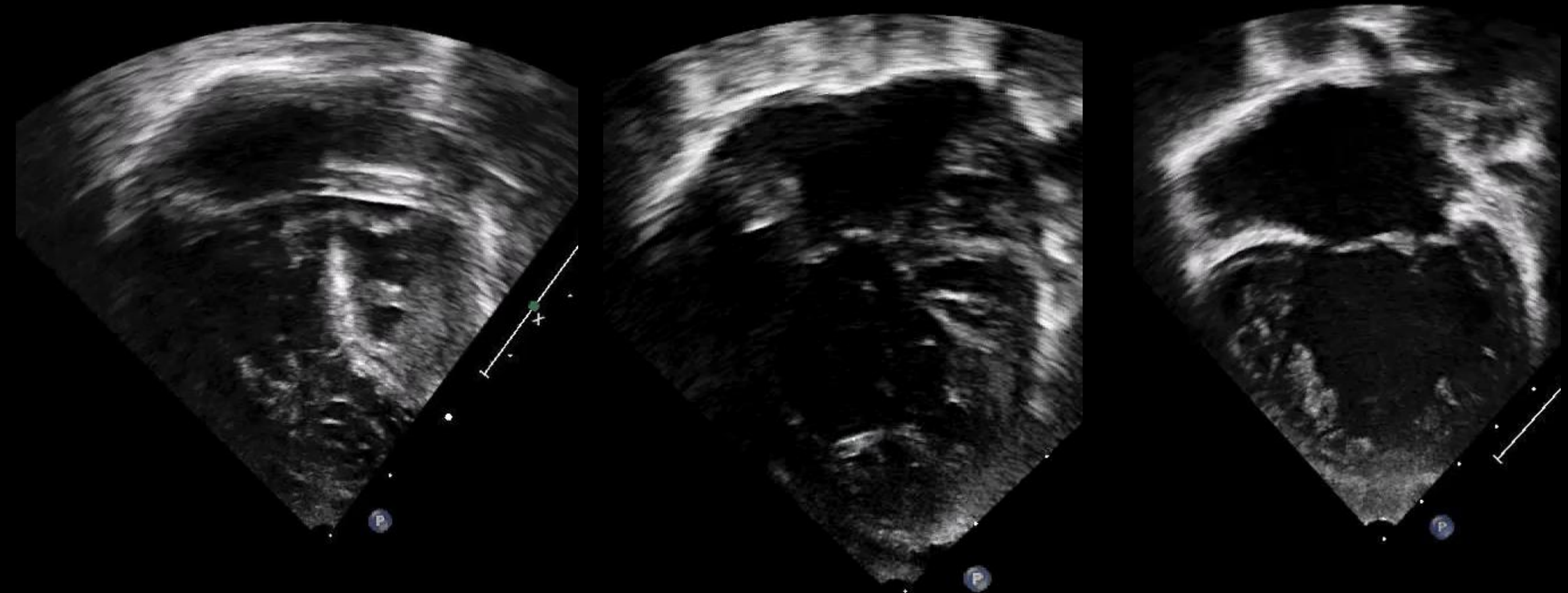
Septomarginal Trabeculation is abnormal





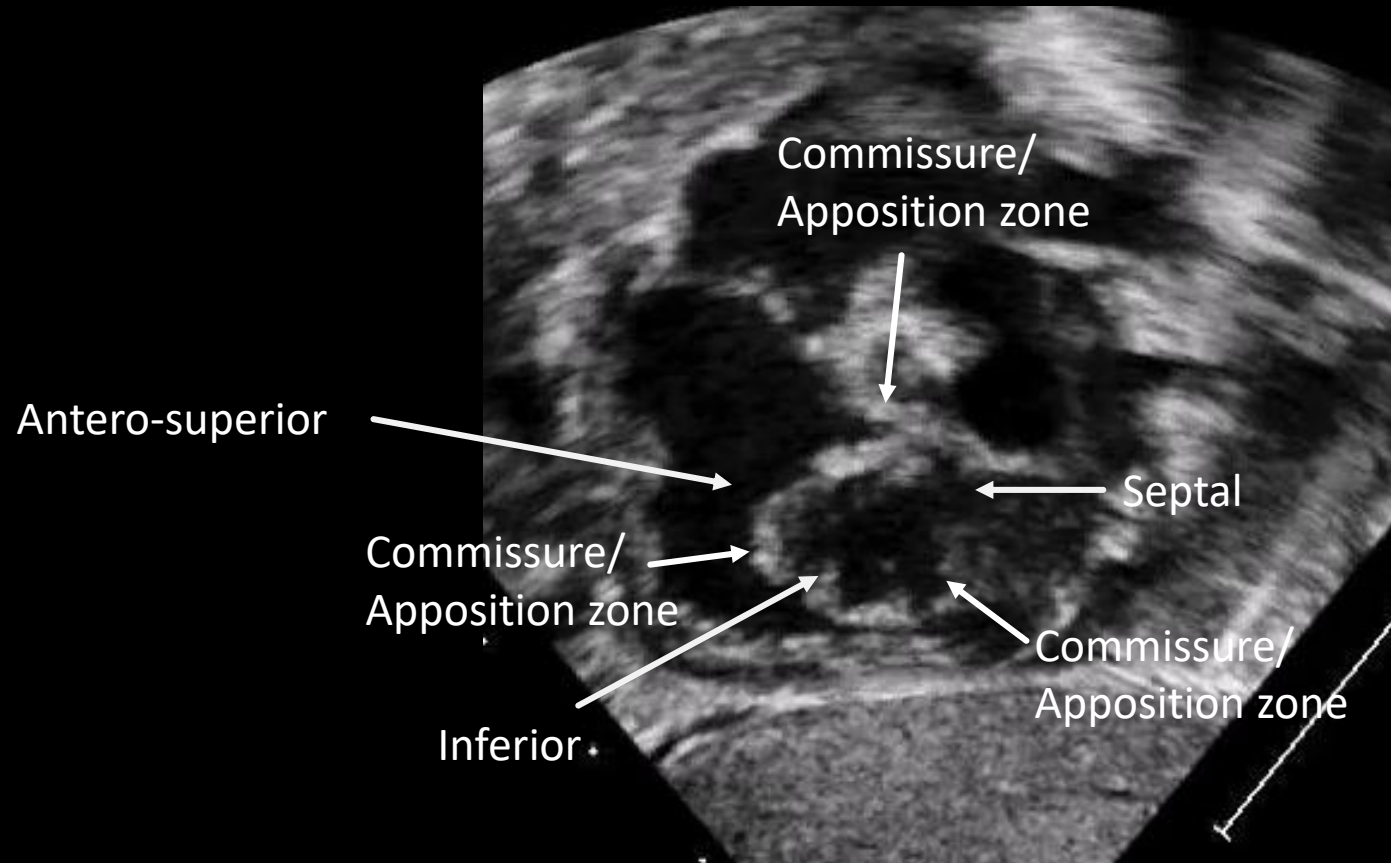
# HLHS : Morphology of the Tricuspid Valve

.....Normal , dilated annulus, dysplastic (VSD), myxomatous, thickened, redundant, bi – leaflet (“mitralisation of the TV) .....

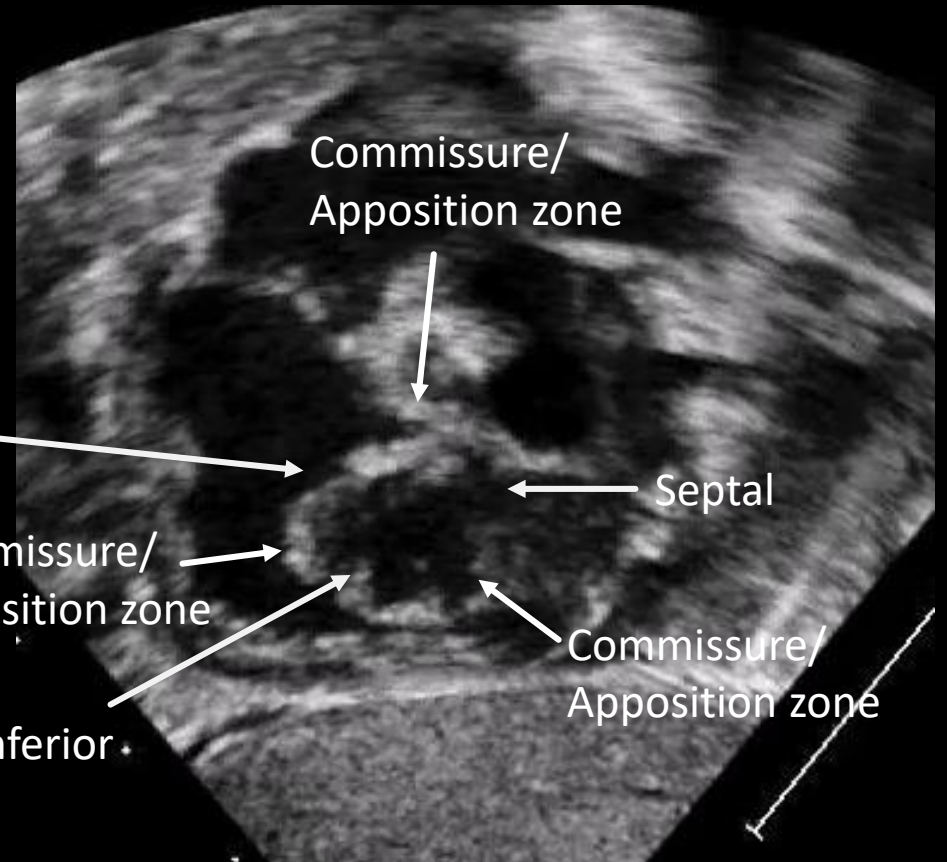
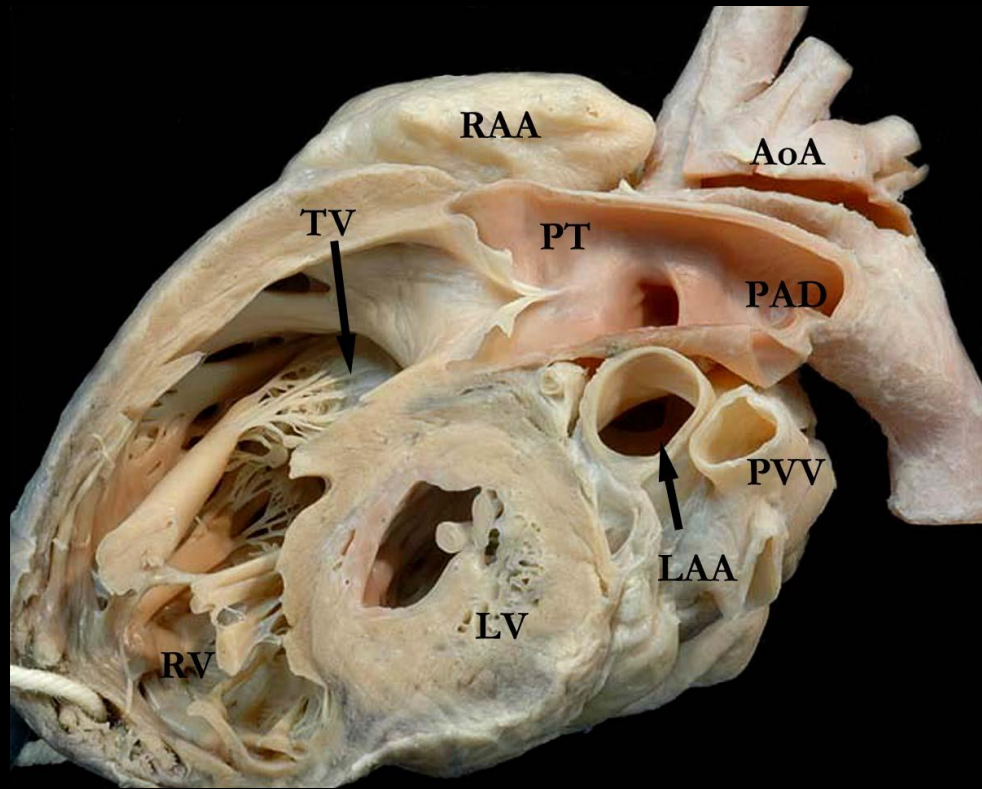




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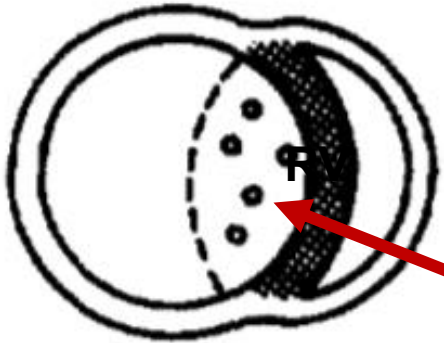


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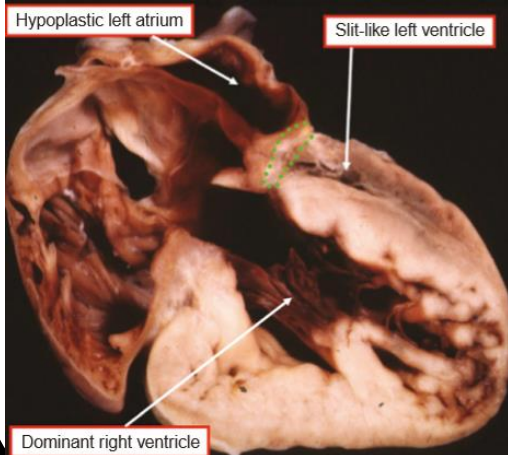


# HLHS : Morphology of the Septal Leaflet of the Tricuspid Valve & Relationship with Interventricular Septum

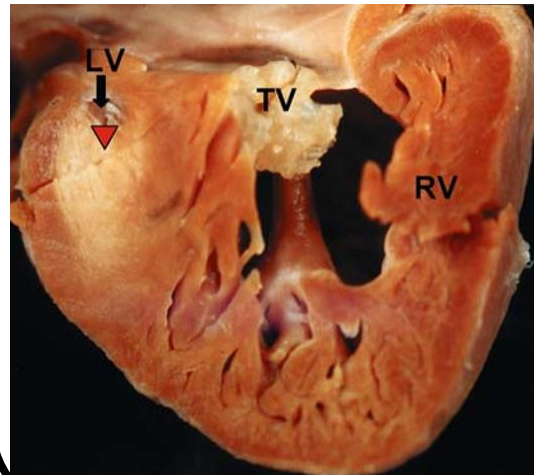
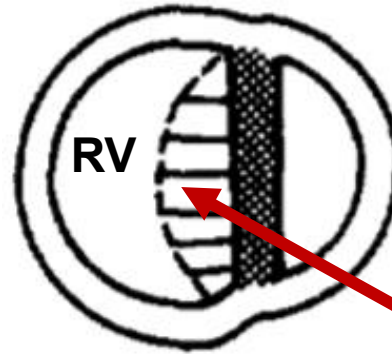
## Concave



Septal leaflet supporting multiples muscles arising from septal part

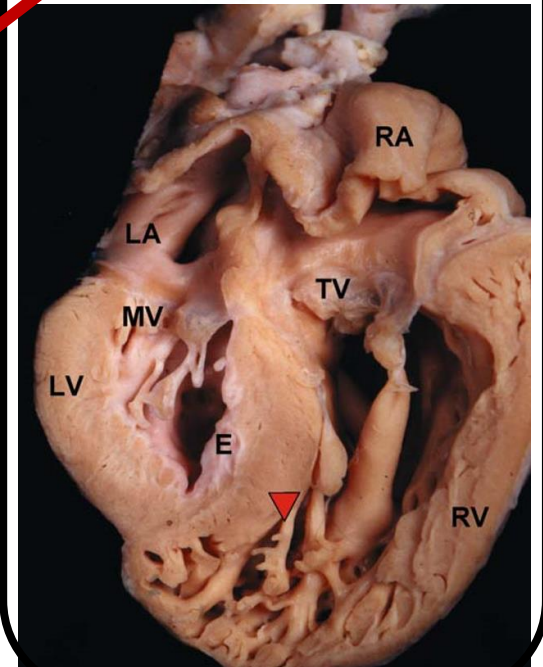
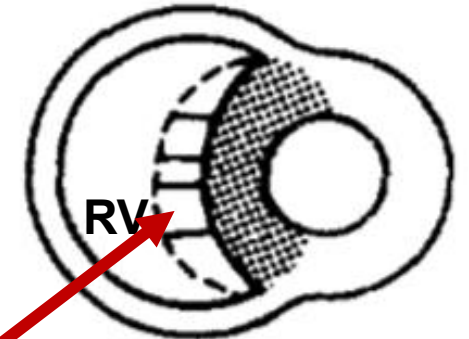


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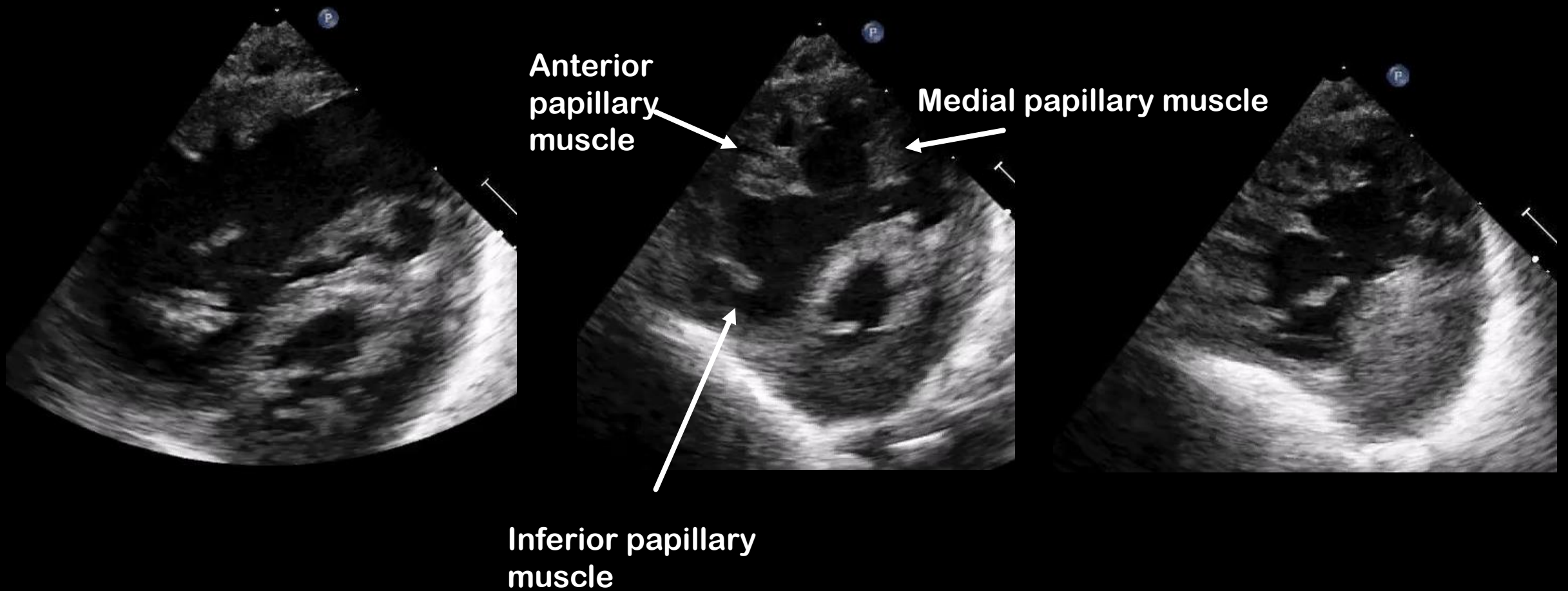
Direct cords arising from the septum supporting septal leaflet

## Convex

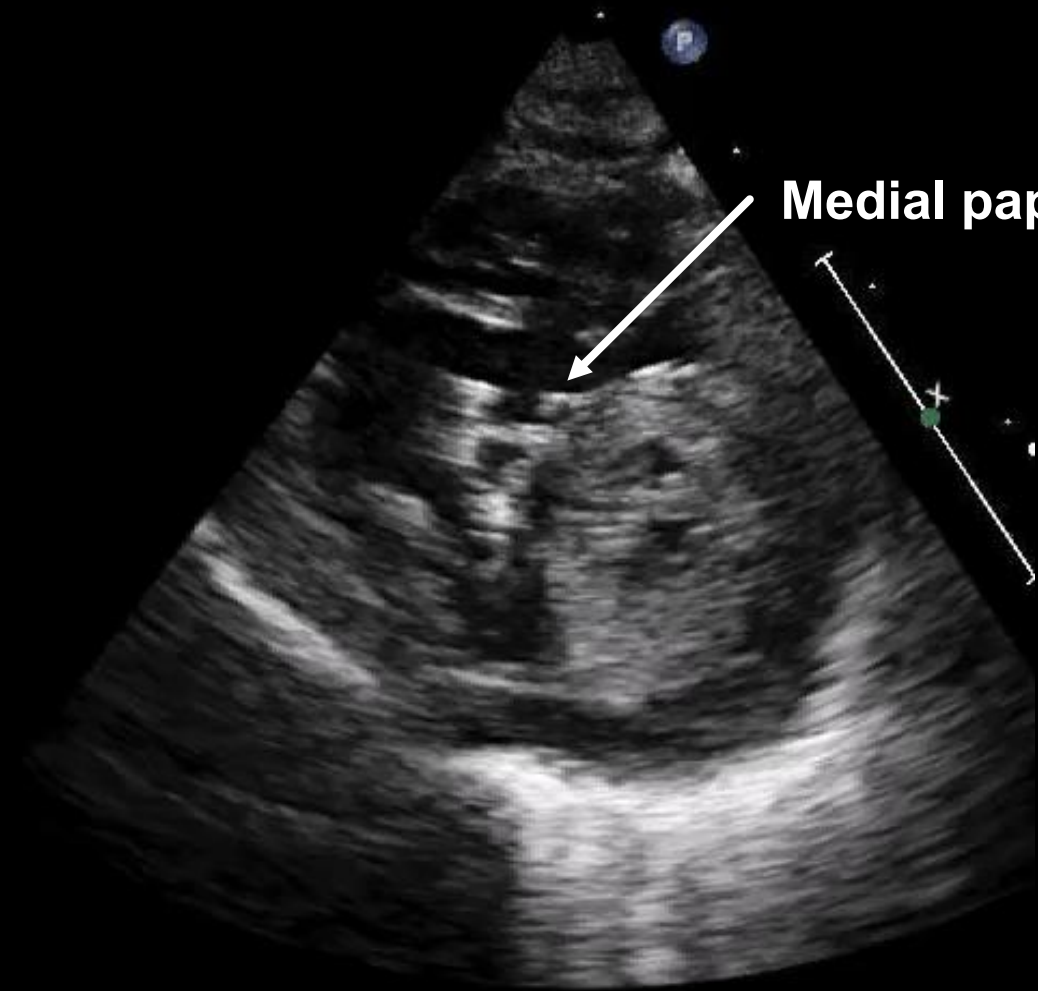




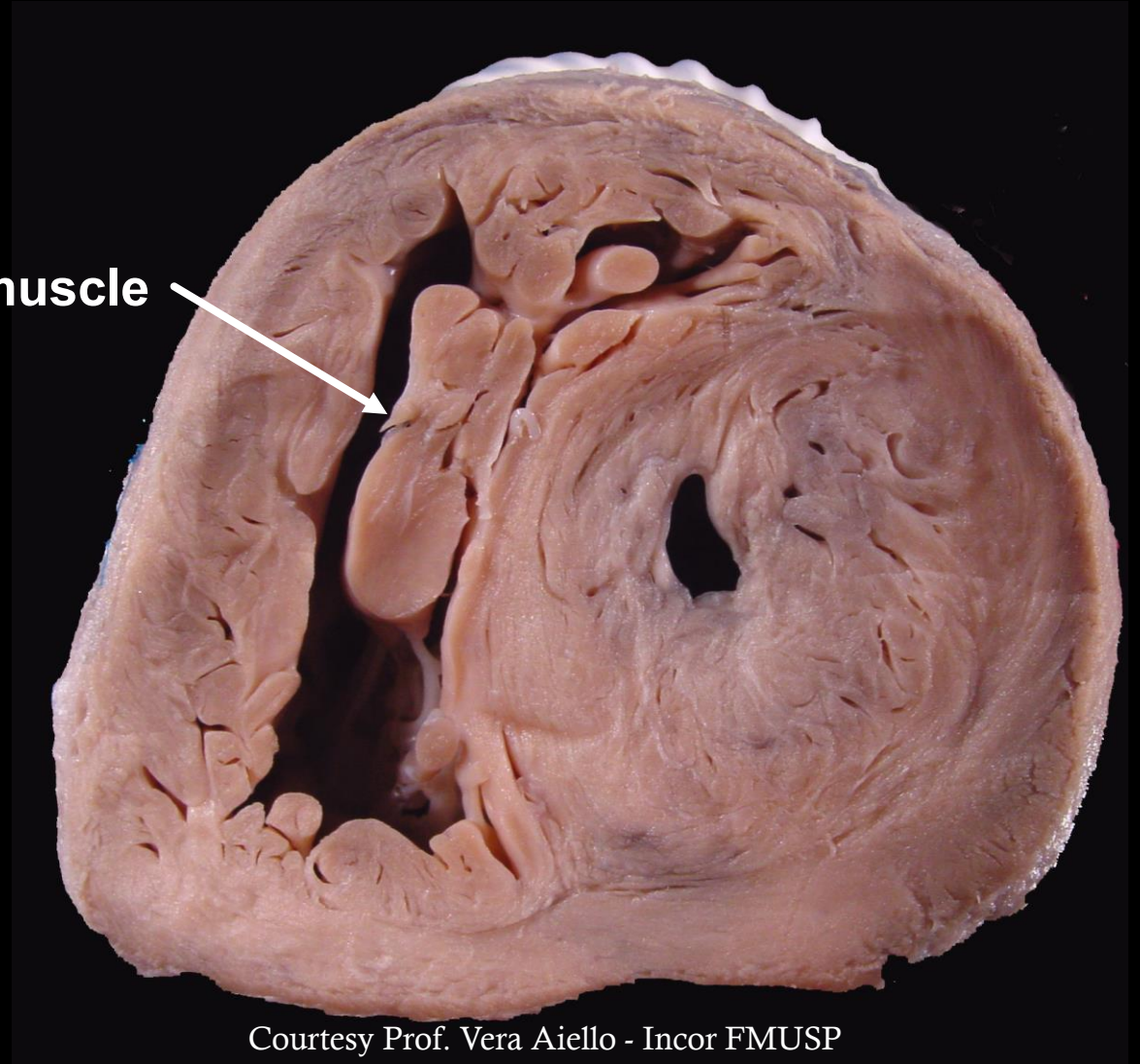
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Medial papillary muscle

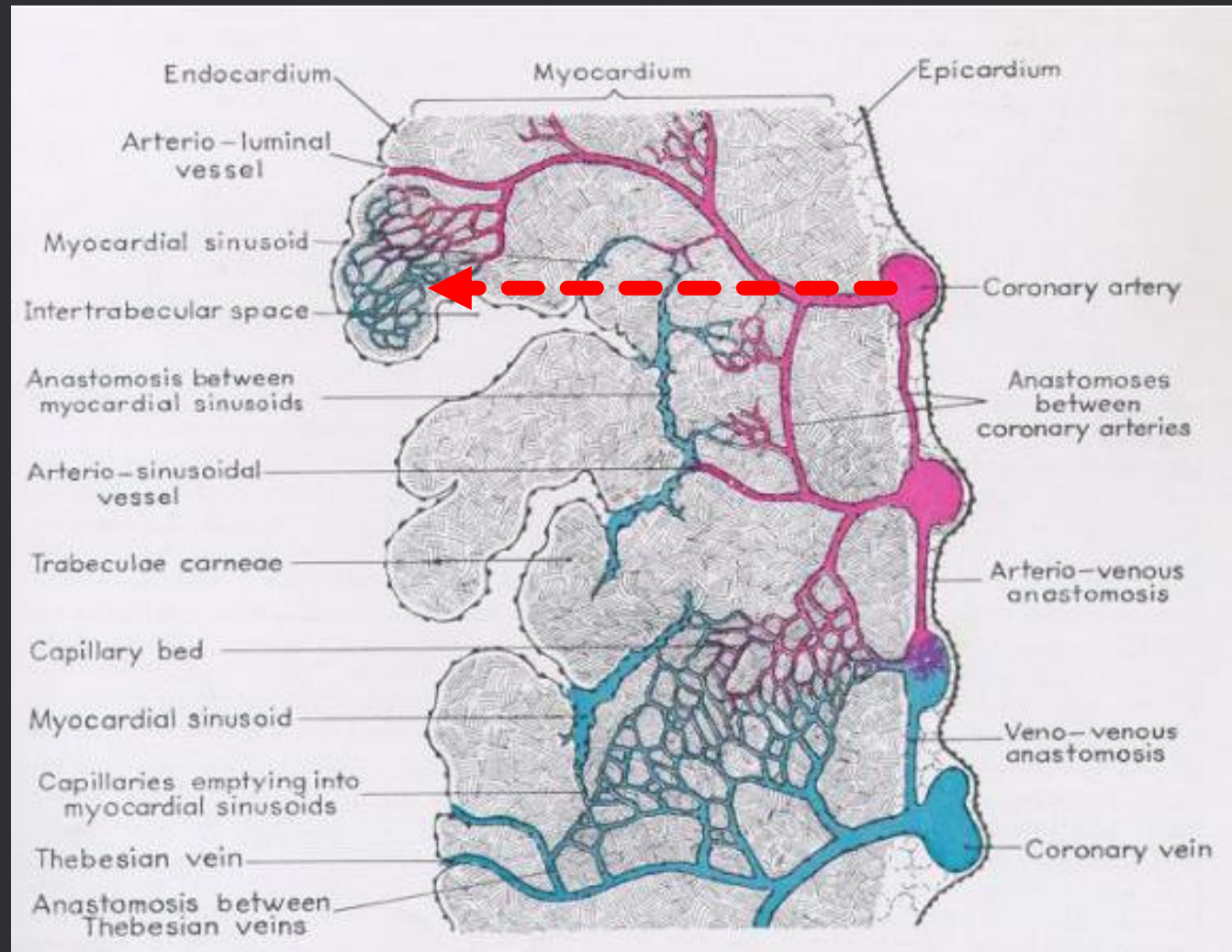
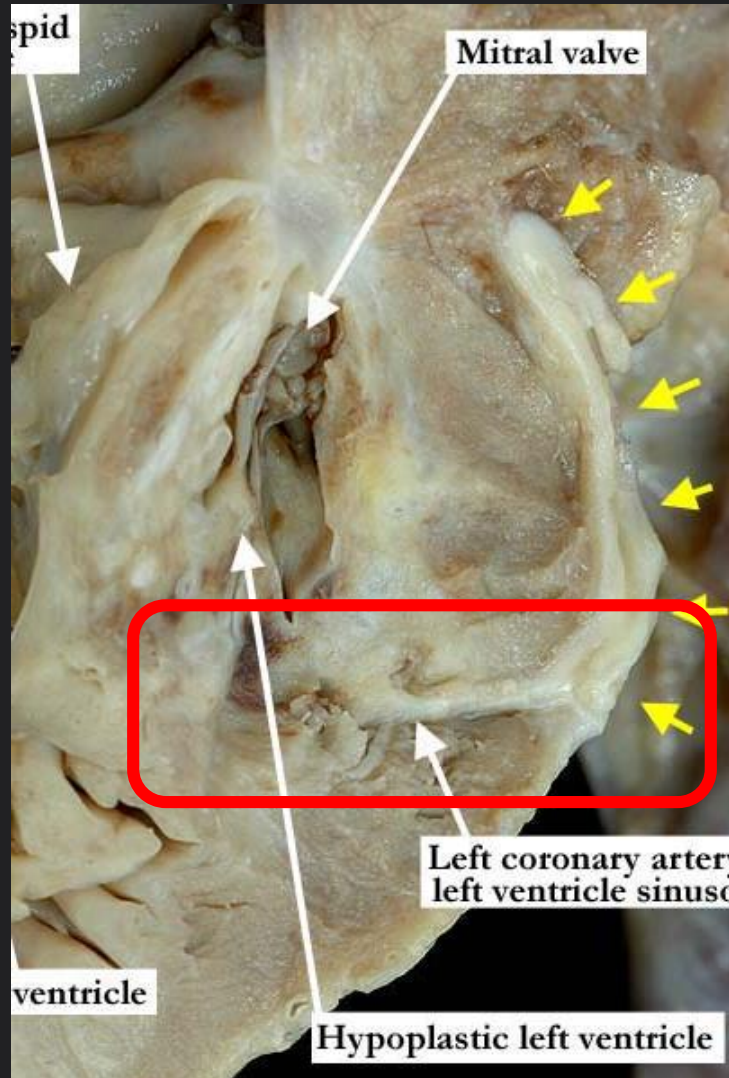


Courtesy Prof. Vera Aiello - Incor FMUSP



# Coronary abnormalities: HLHS

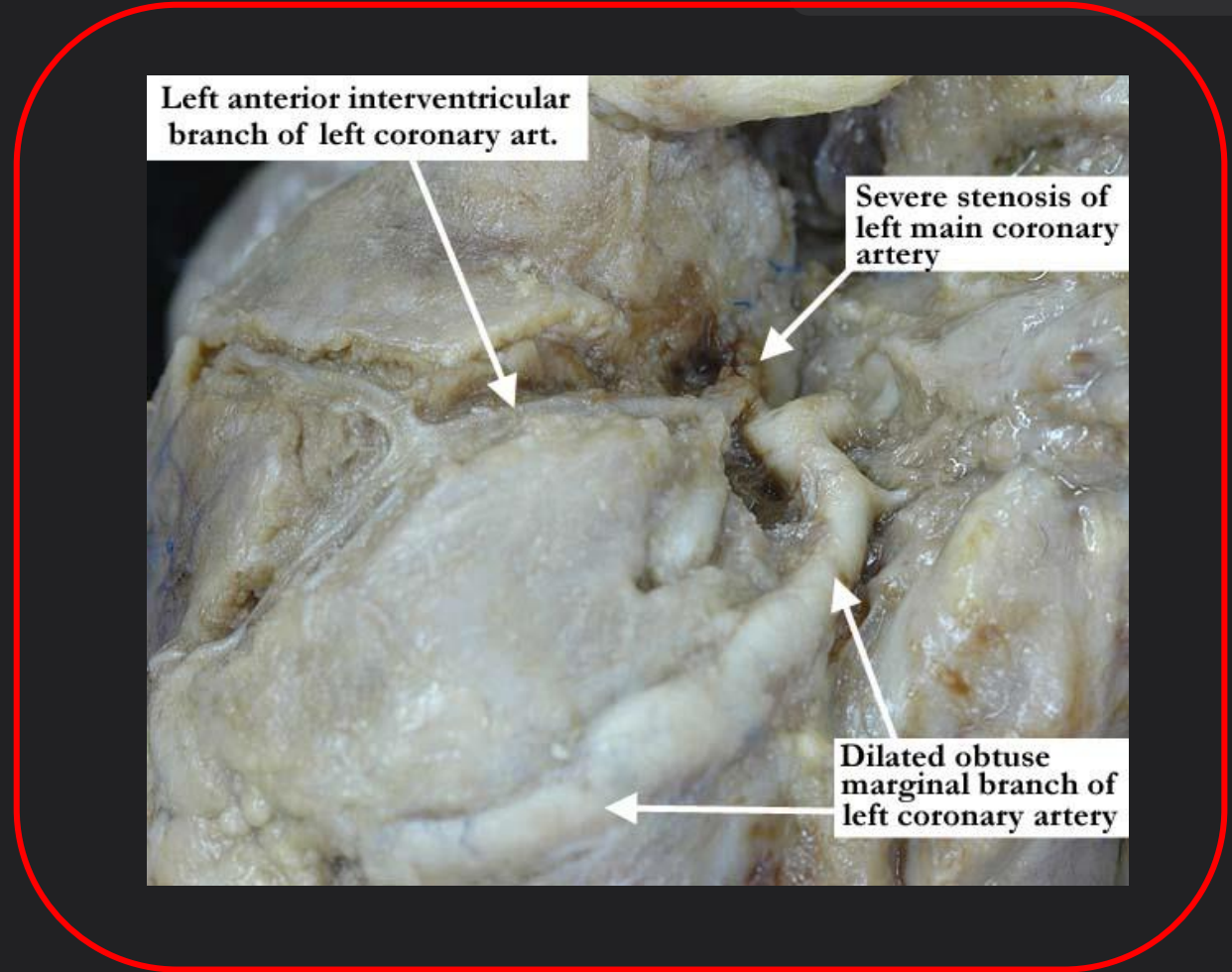
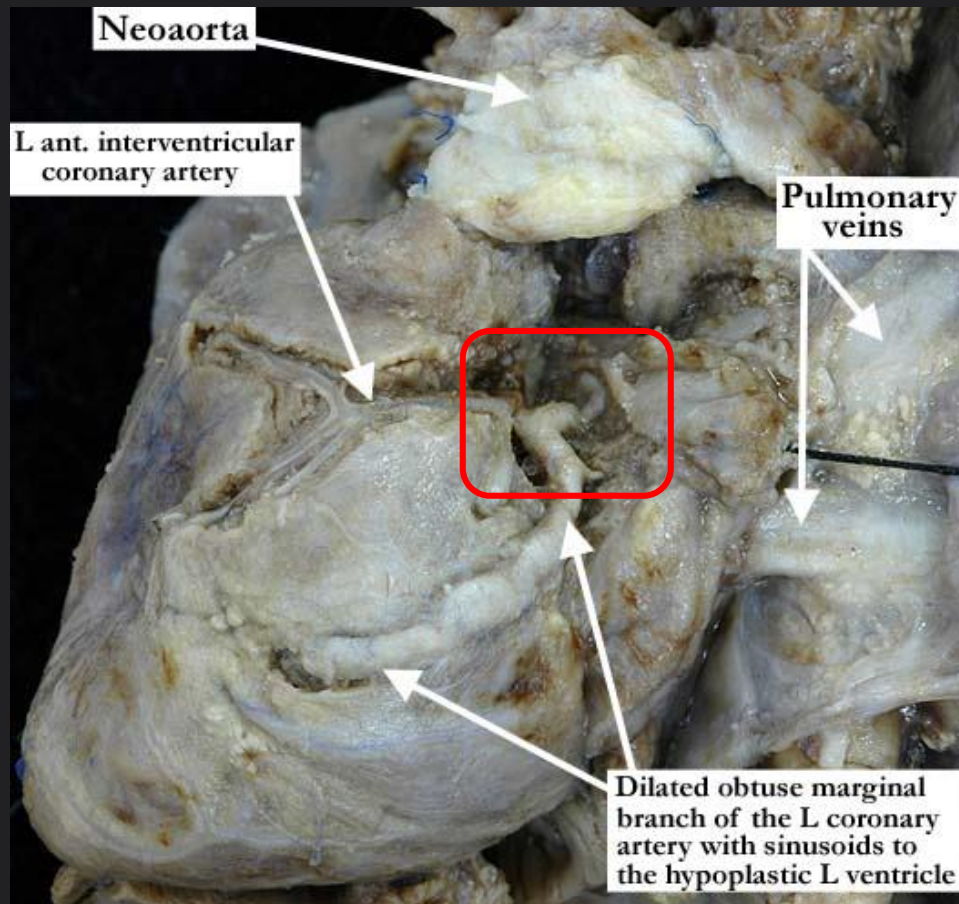
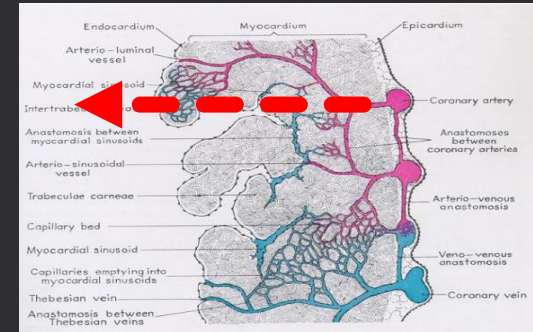
## Ventricle-coronary connections





# Coronary abnormalities: HLHS

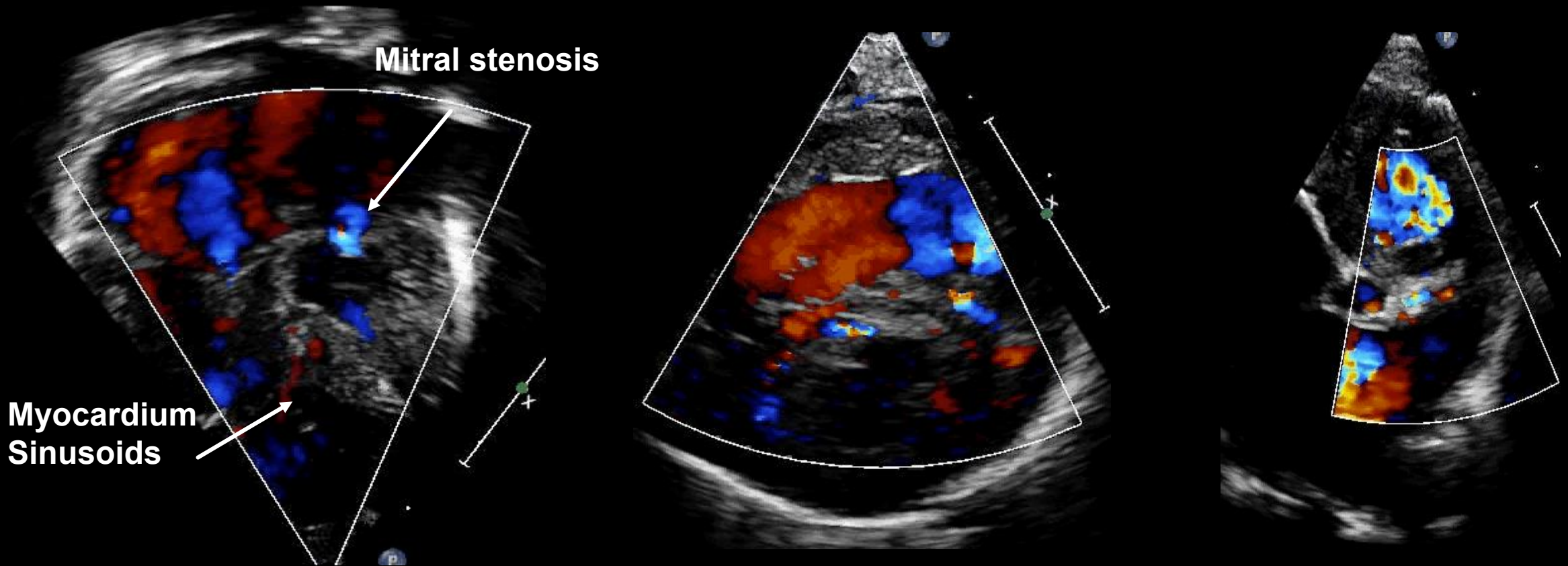
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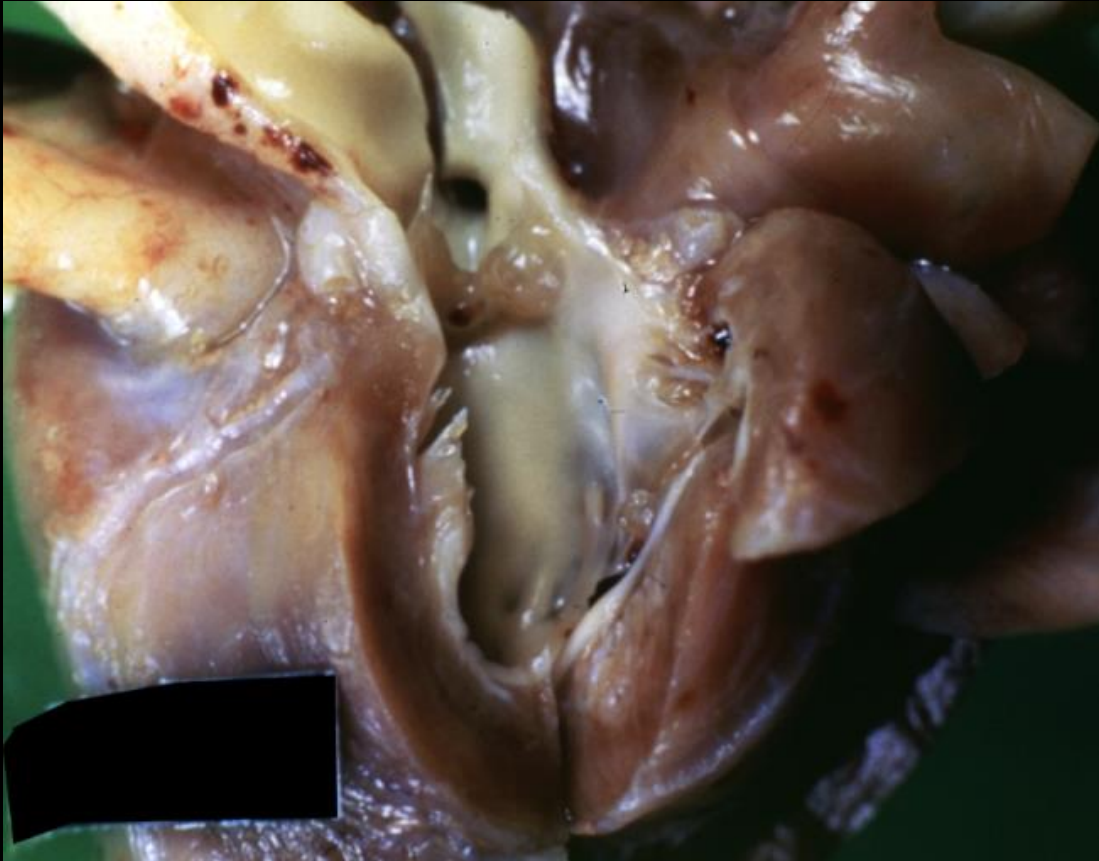
## Ventricle-coronary connections

Aortic Atresia and Patent Mitral Valve



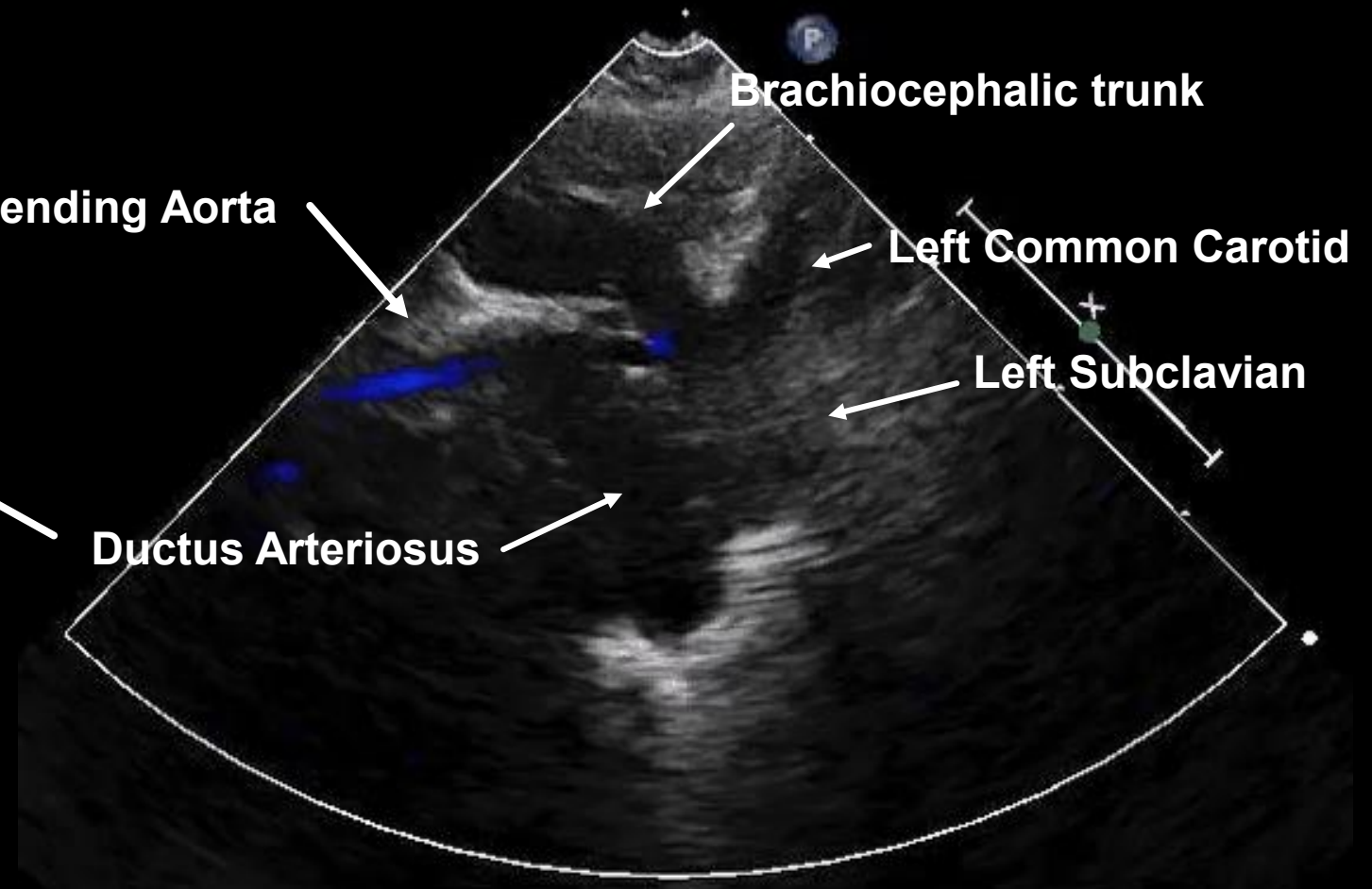
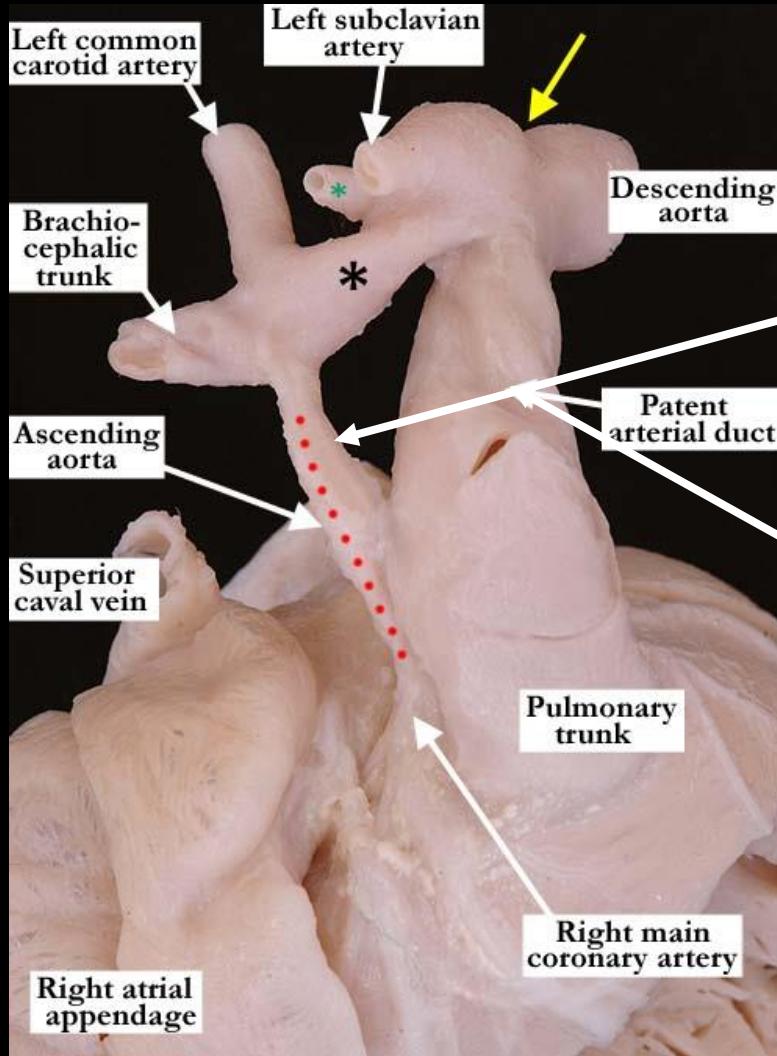


# HLHS : Endocardial fibroelastosis & Coronary Artery Abnormalities

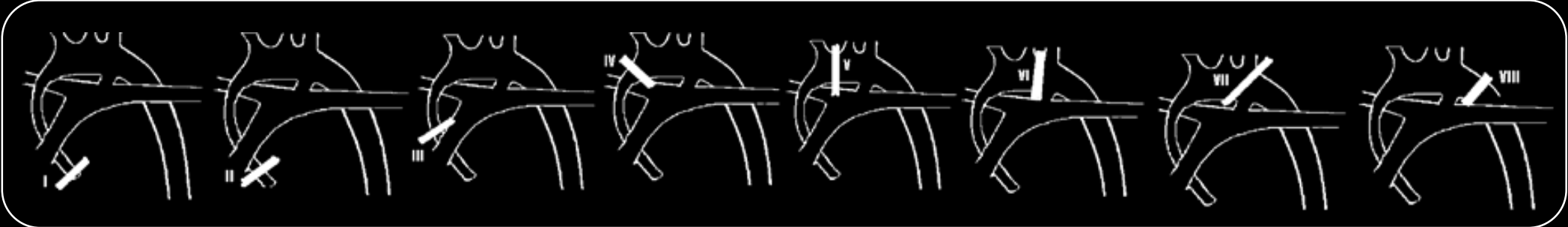




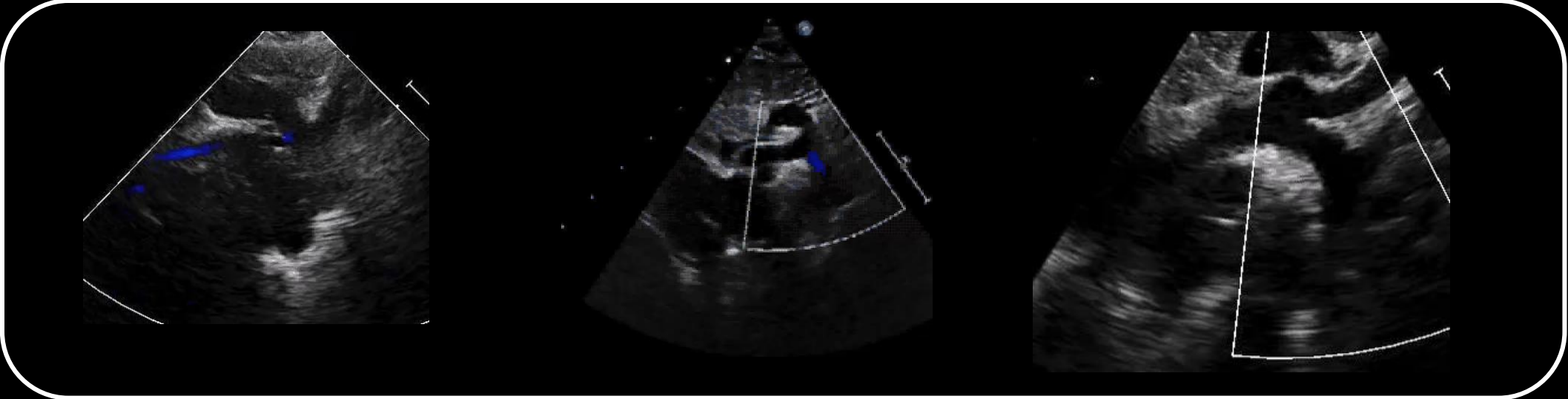
# HLHS: Ascending aorta, Aortic Arch and Ductus Arteriosus



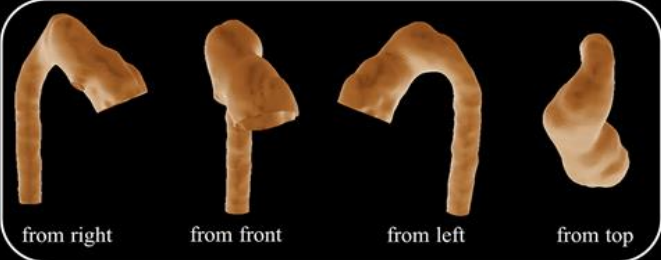
# HLHS: Ascending aorta & Aortic Arch geometry & dimensions



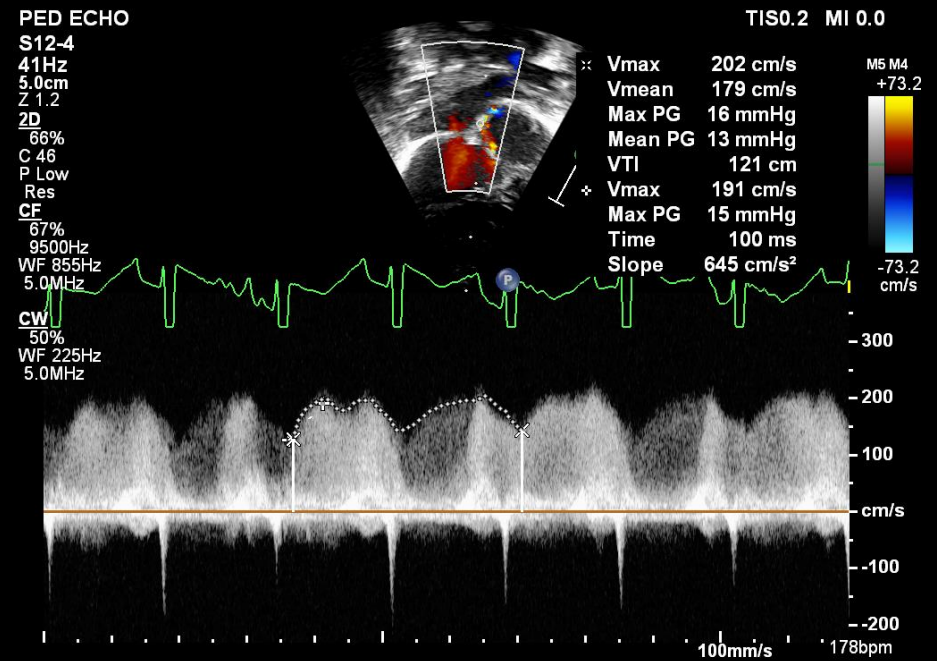
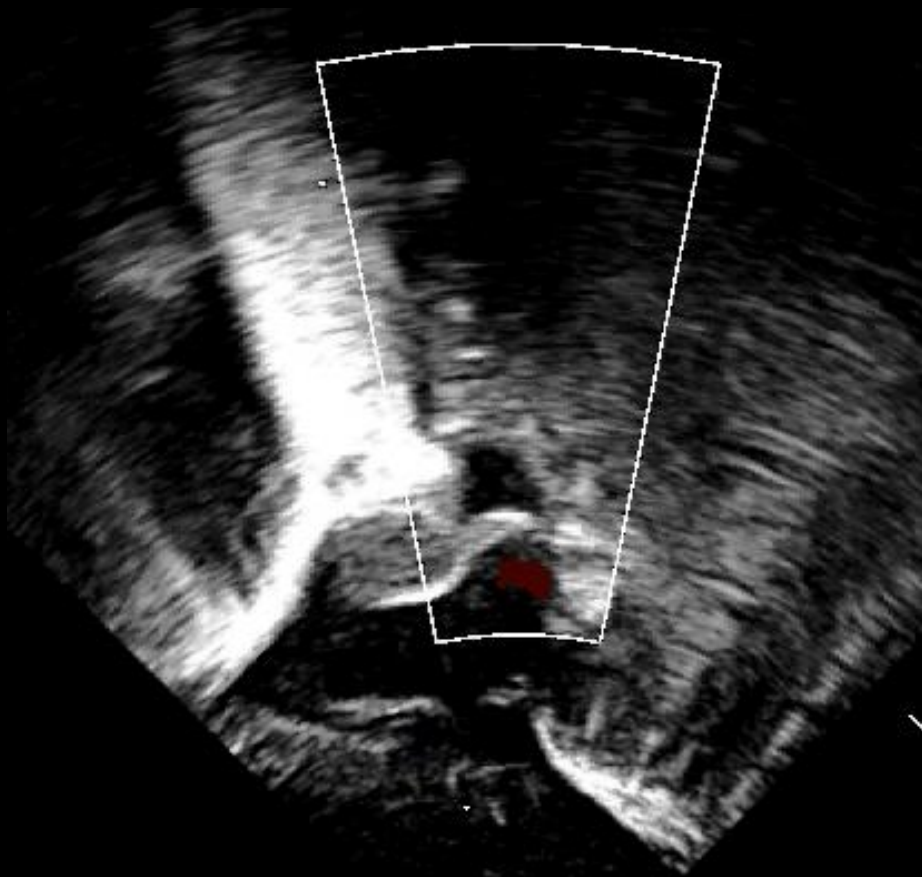
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Pos –  
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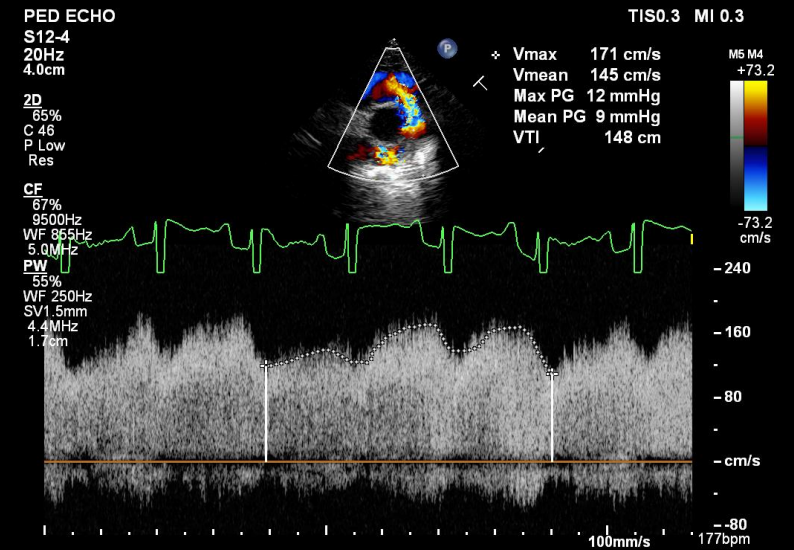
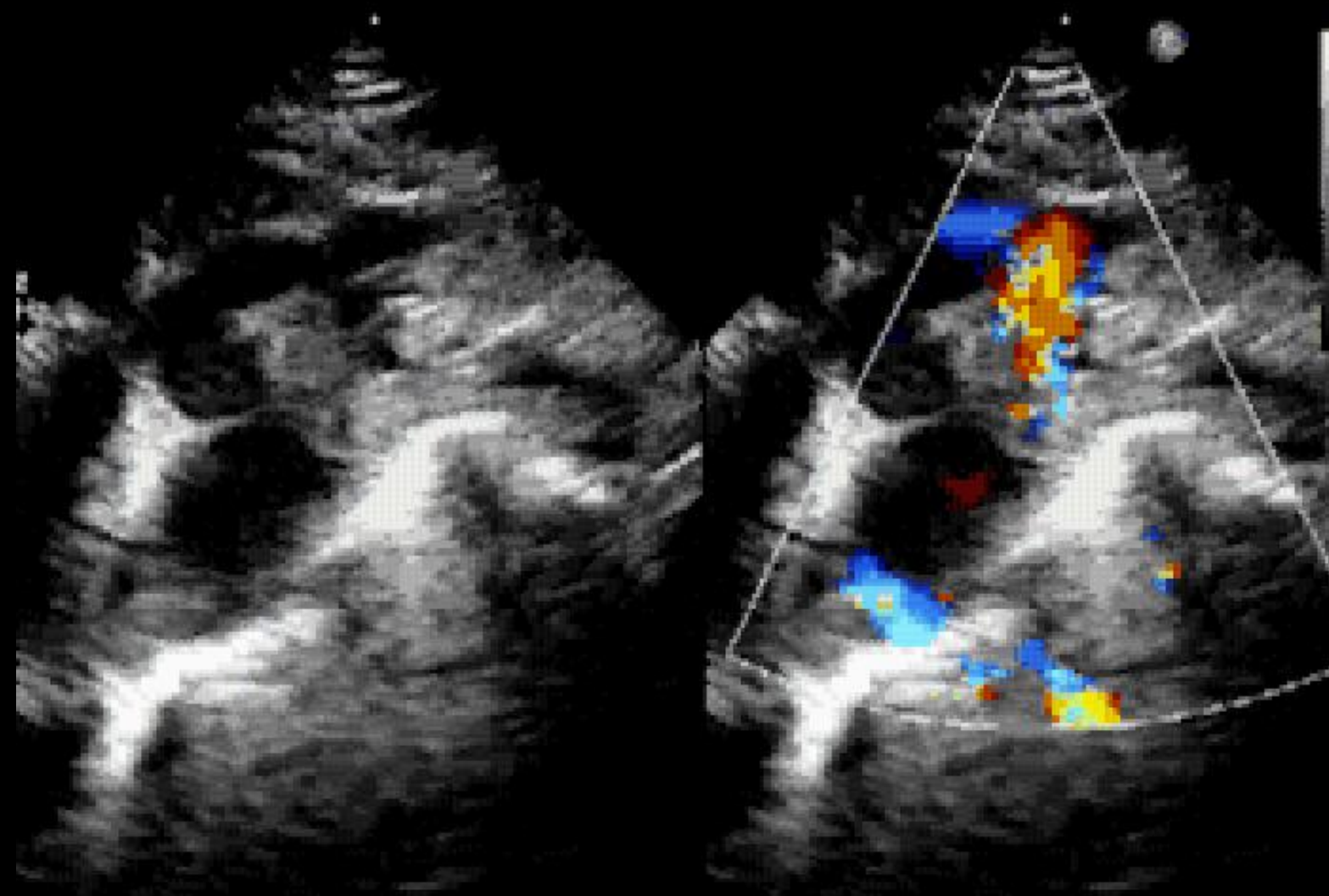


# HLHS: restrictive atrial septum communication

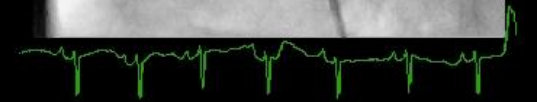
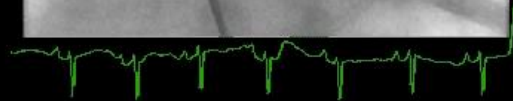
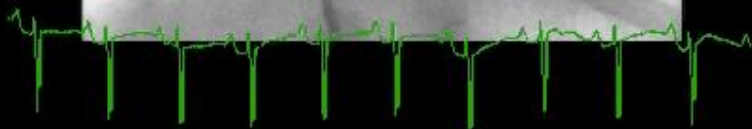
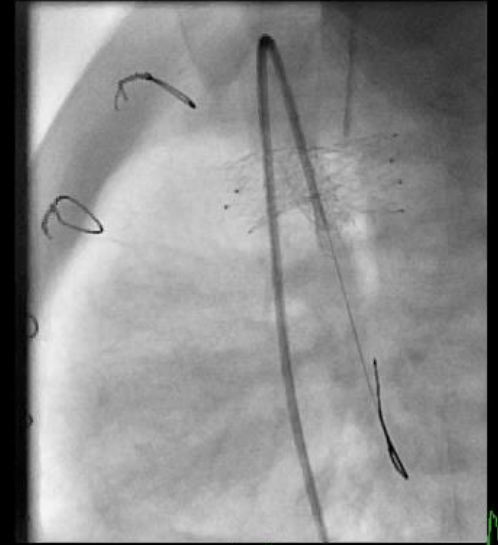
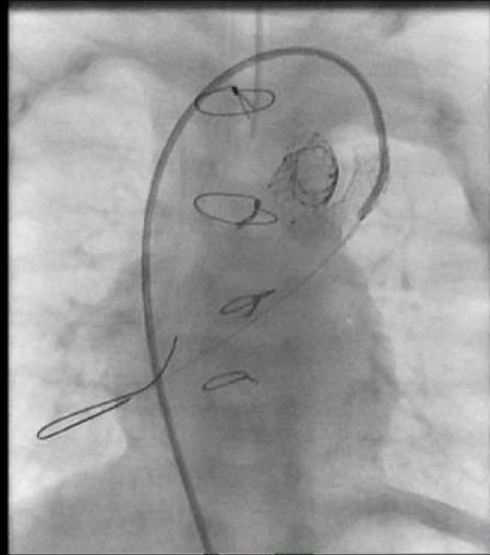
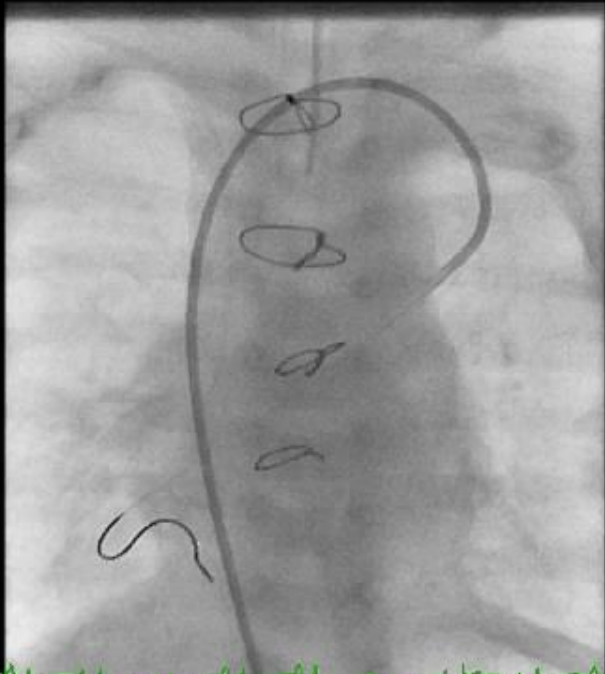




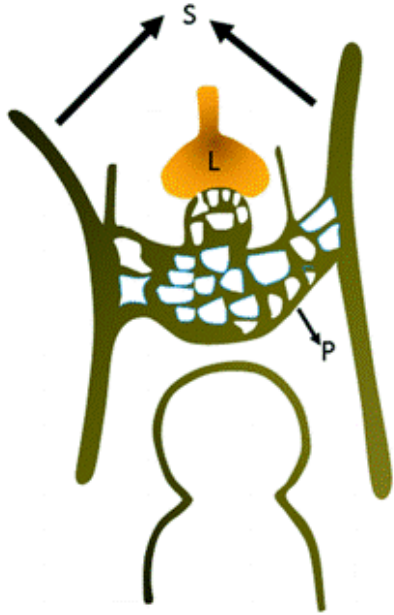
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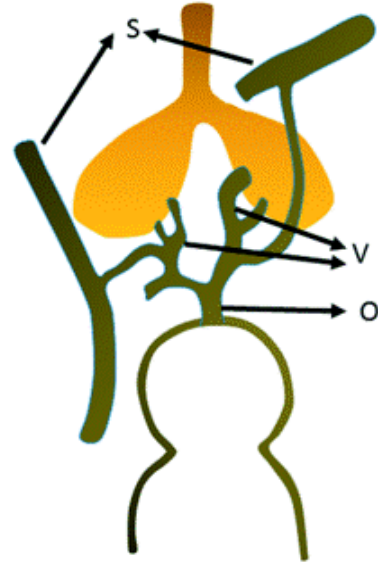


# Embryology of the Levoatriocardinal Vein



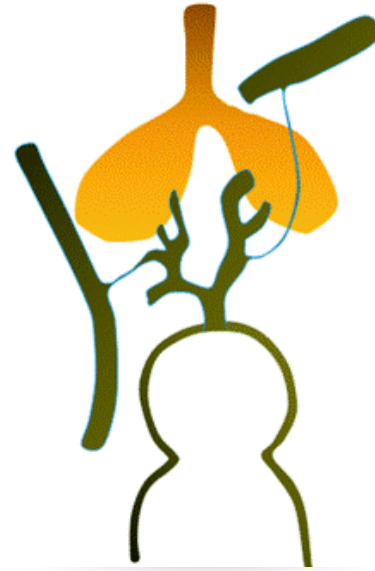
**Phase 1**

Capillary plexus surrounds the embryonic foregut And communicate with cardinal system



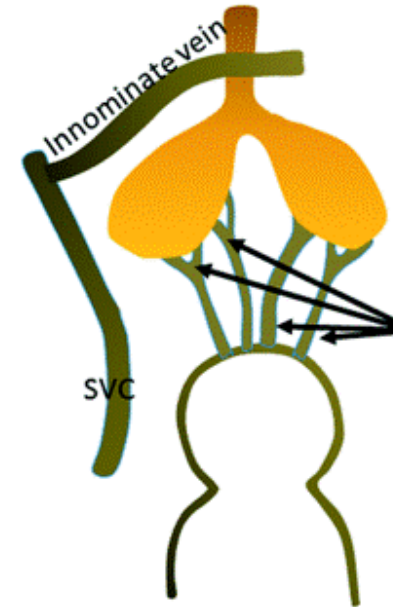
**Phase 2**

Plexus evolves into pulmonary veins and communicates with sinoatrial region



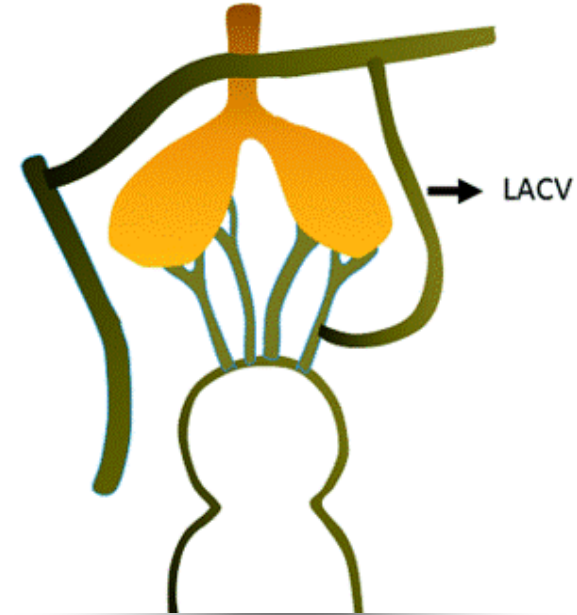
**Phase 3**

gradually losing connection with cardinal system



**Phase 4**

Full developed pulmonary veins connected with left atrium

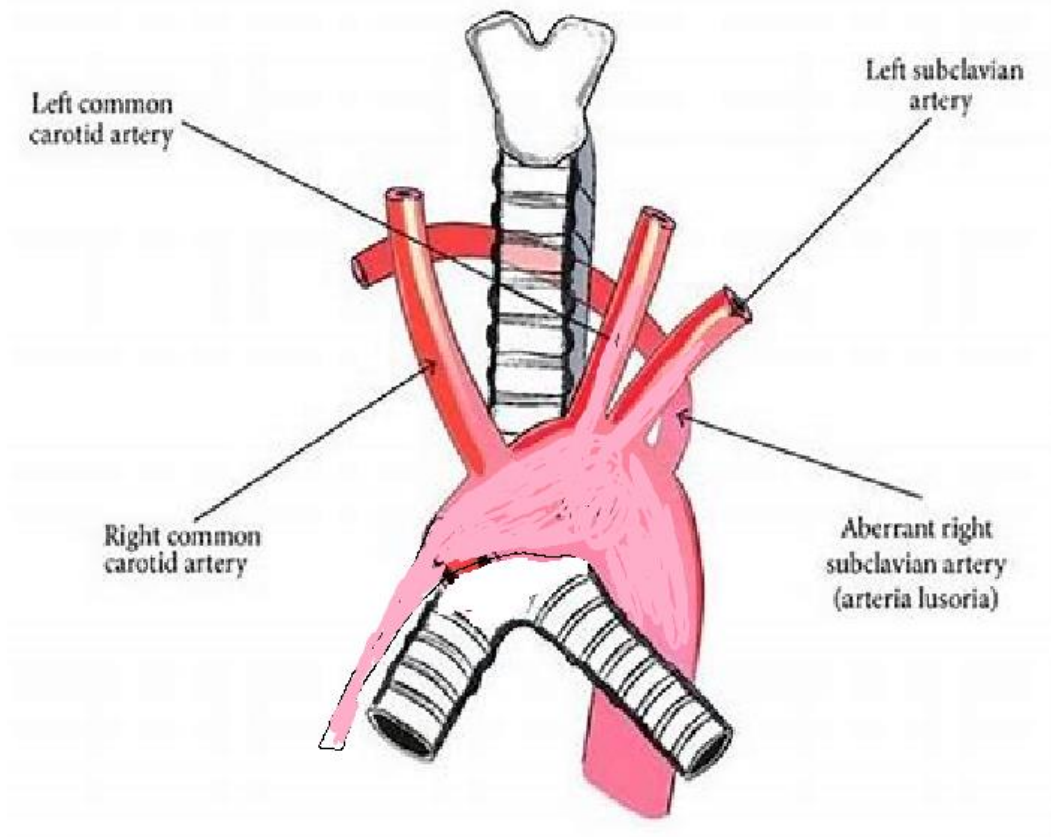


**Phase 5**

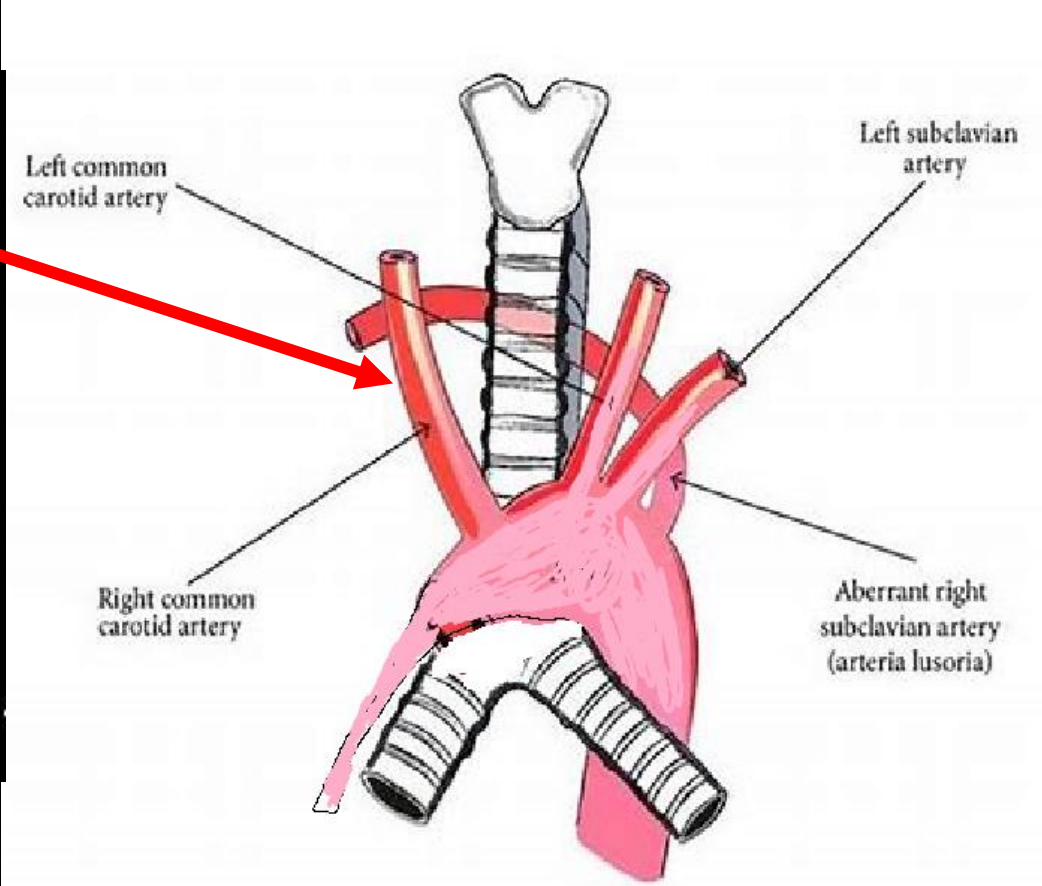
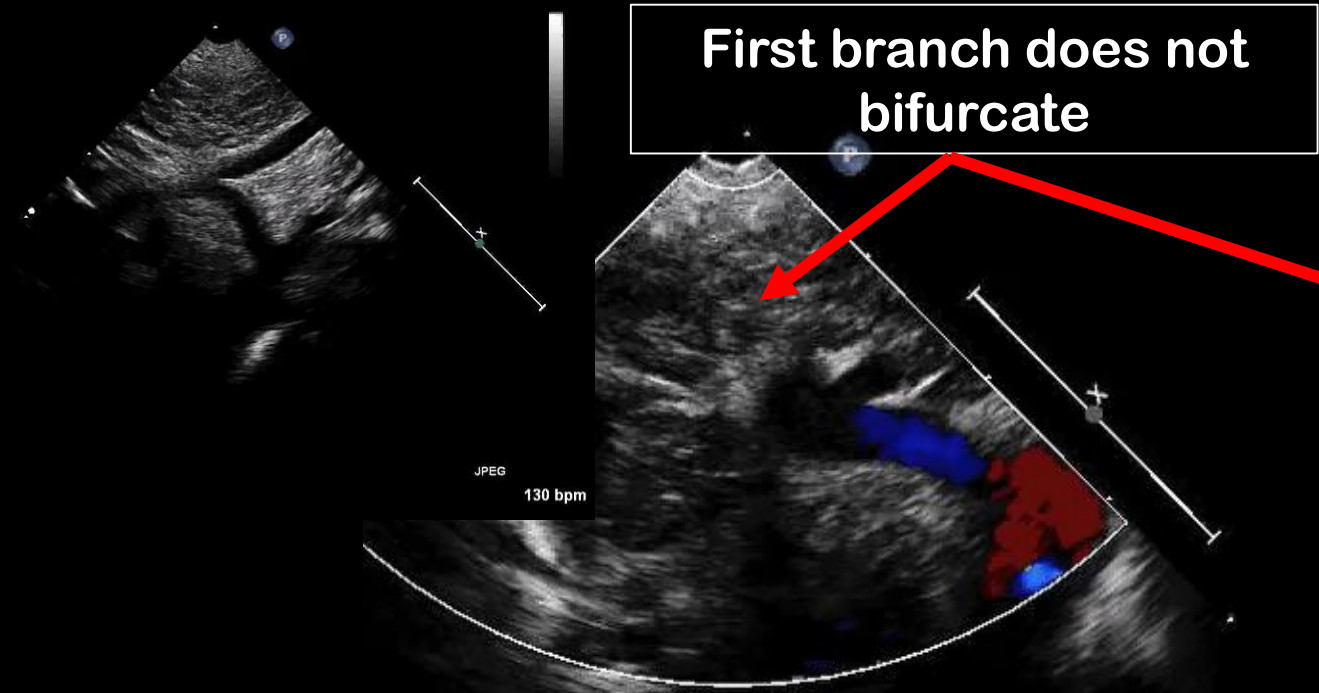
Persistent of primitive connection with the cardinal system: presence of obstructive left lesions



# HLHS : Aortic Arch & Aberrant Right Subclavian Artery



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# Take Home Message : Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

## Point 1

Spectrum of cardiac malformation : significant underdevelopment of the left side structures. Severe form : Mitral and aortic atresia

## Point 2

Genetic & Embryology % Flow: Myocardial maturation and Left ventricle development

## Point 3

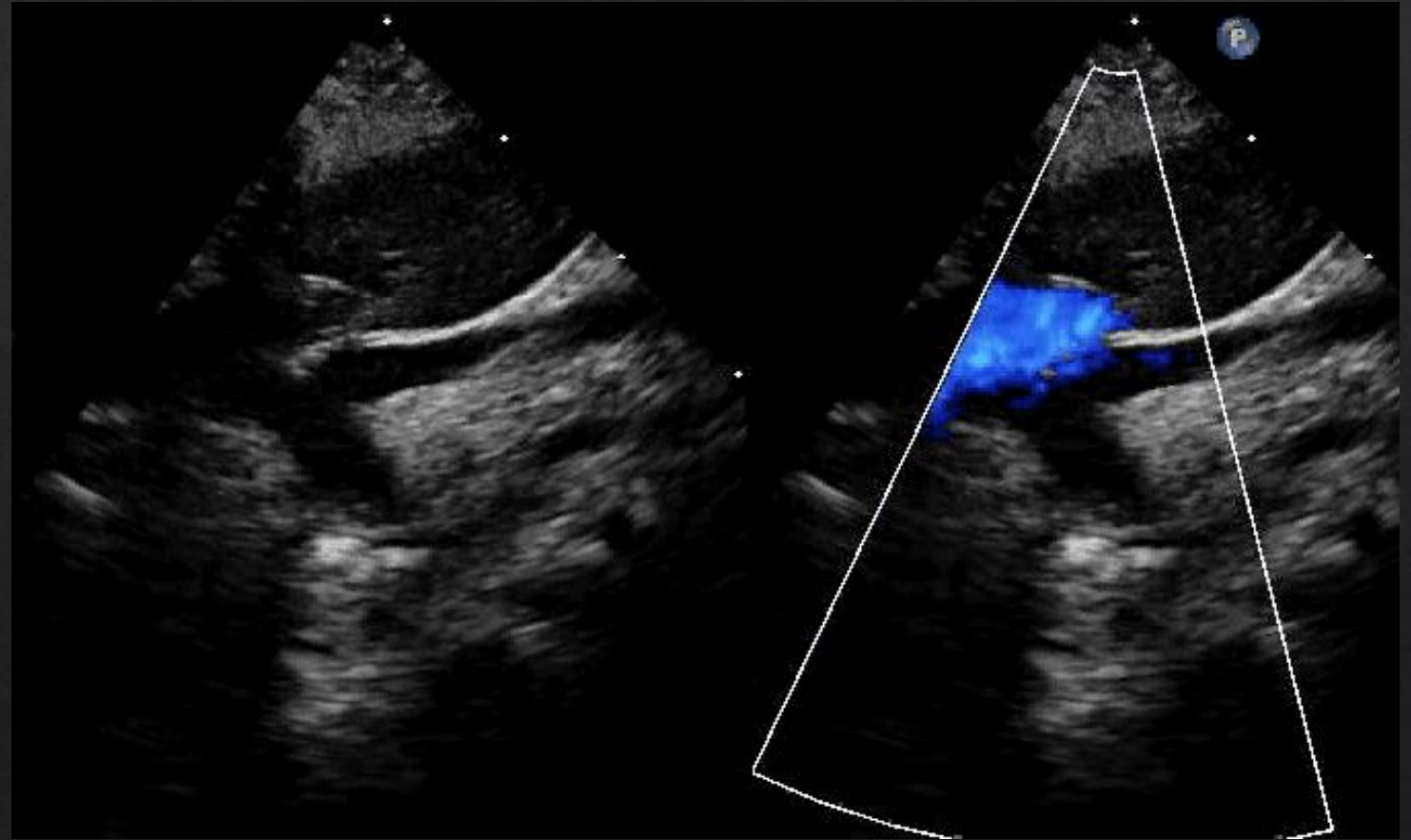
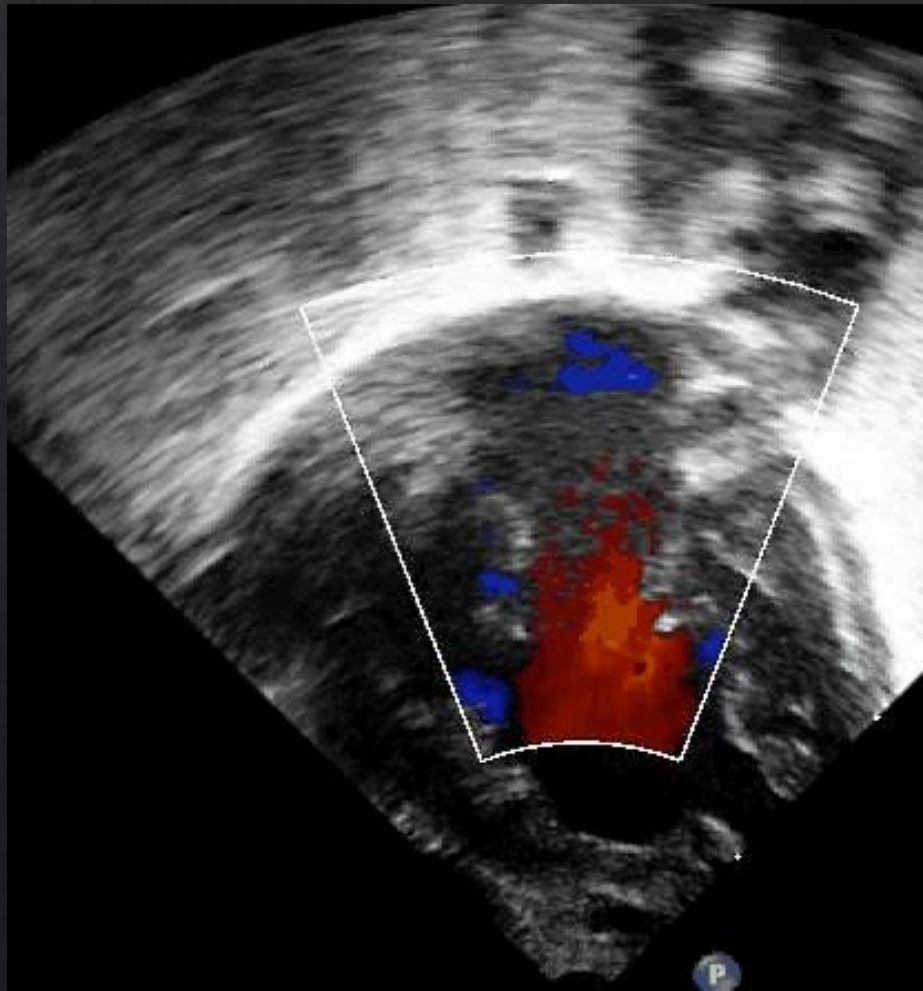
Atrial Septum: leftward deviation ;  
Tricuspid valve : range of anomalies ; mainly subvalvar apparatus  
Right Ventricle: abnormal septomarginal trabecula

## Point 4

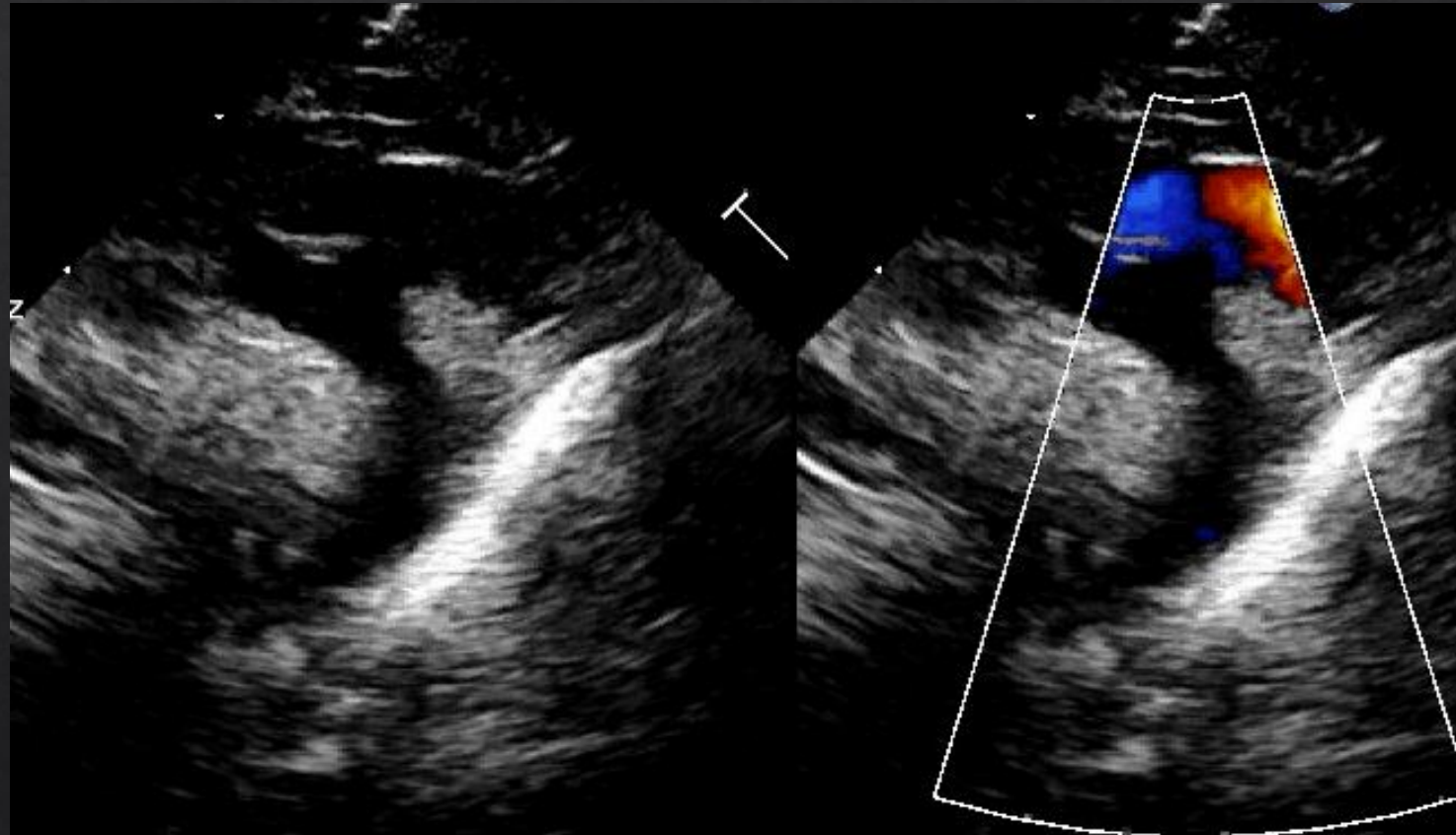
Coronary Artery Sinusoids: > Patent MV  
Hypoplastic ascending aorta & Arch geometry: long term outcome  
Recognize Levoatriocardinal vein  
Aortic Arch: Aberrant Right Subclavian Artery



# Hypoplasia of the left Heart: restrictive atrial septum communication & levocardinal vein



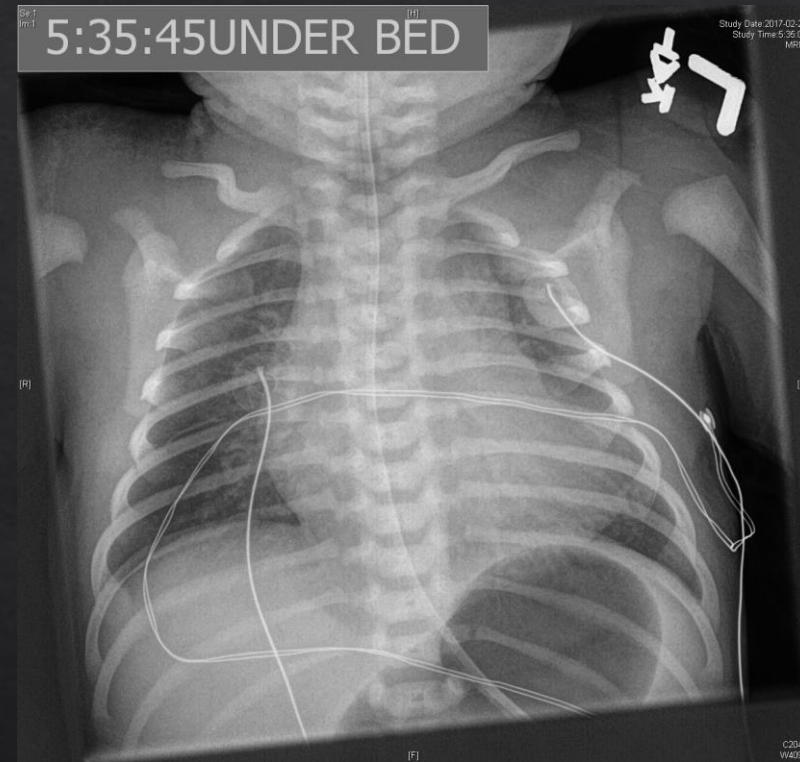
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# Case 1

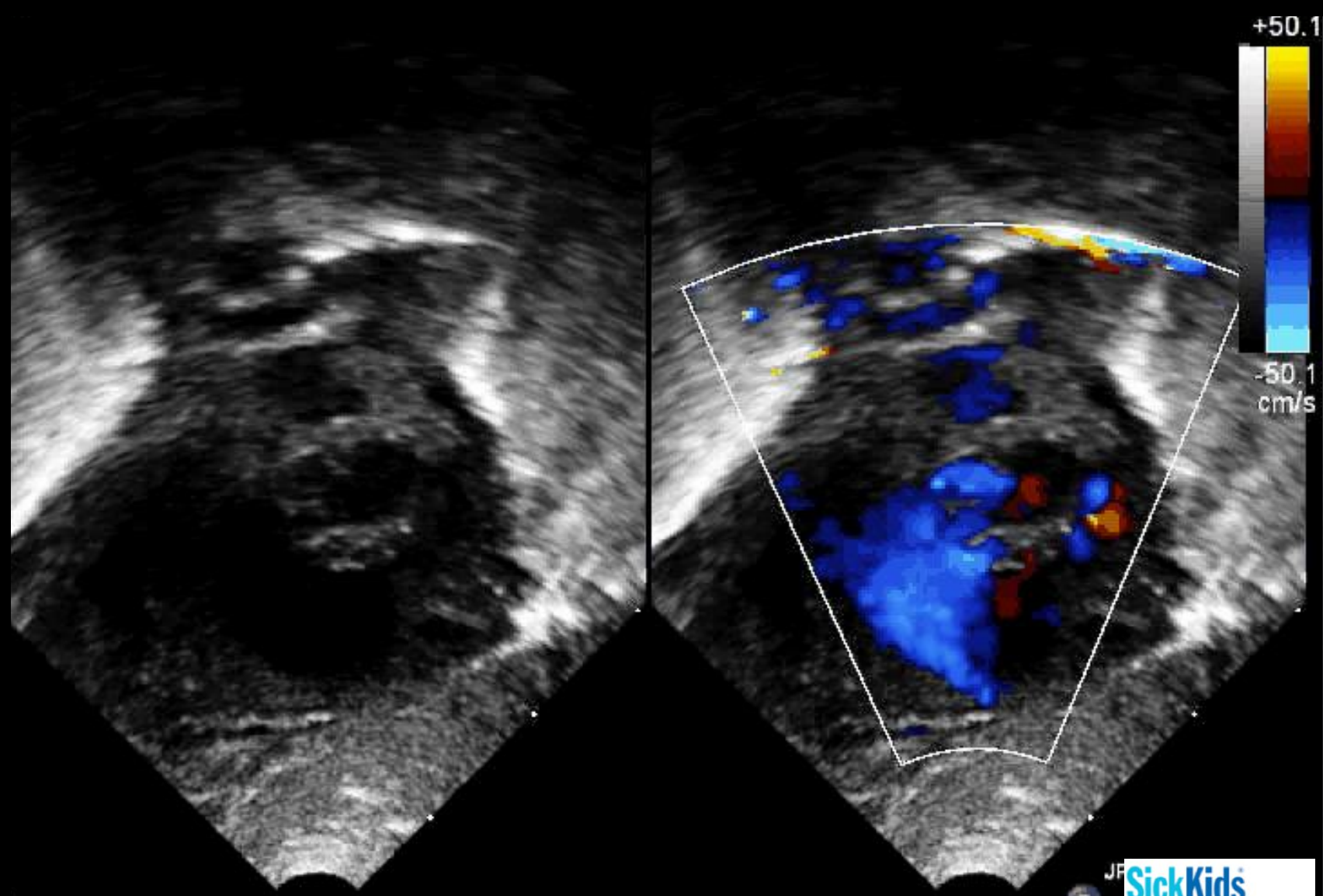
- ◆ Newborn, prenatal diagnosis of “HLHS”, very restrictive interarterial septum (intact septum?), severe pulmonary veins obstruction, ? levo atrial vein.
- ◆ Fetal Counseling : active management ; family aware about high risk/ mortality
- ◆ Parents denied : amniocentesis / Fetal MRI
- ◆ Delivery by C section, 39 weeks, ECMO stand by, 2.7 kg, Sats 30-60 %, chest x ray

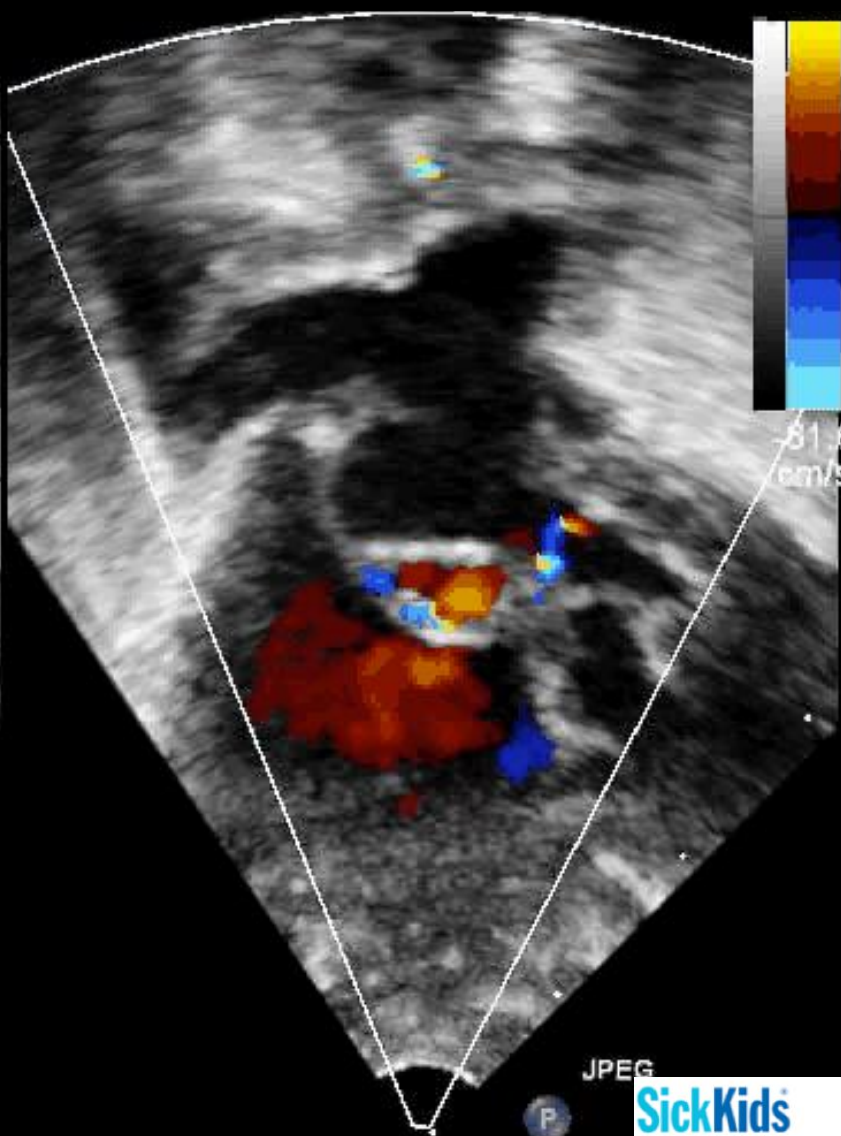






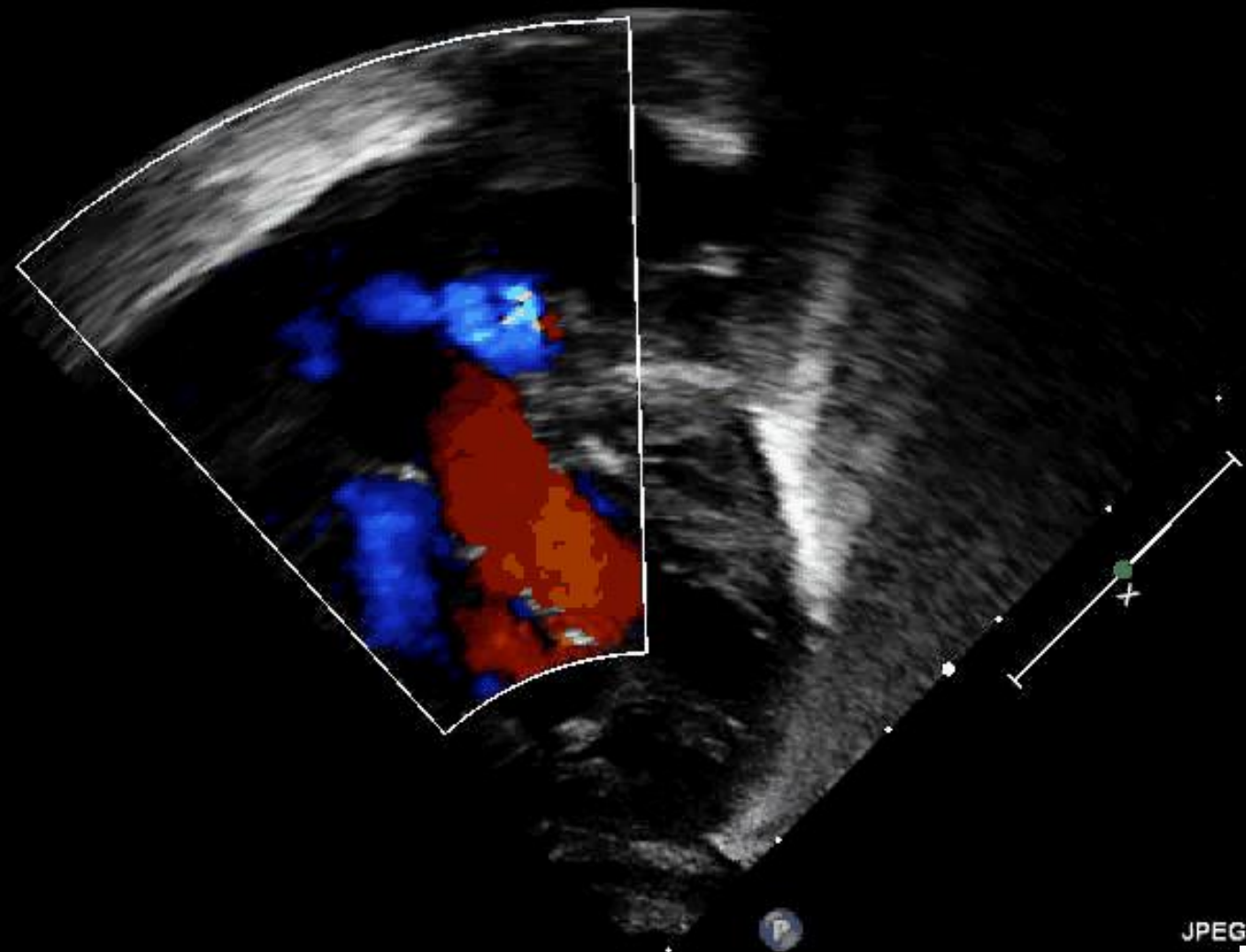
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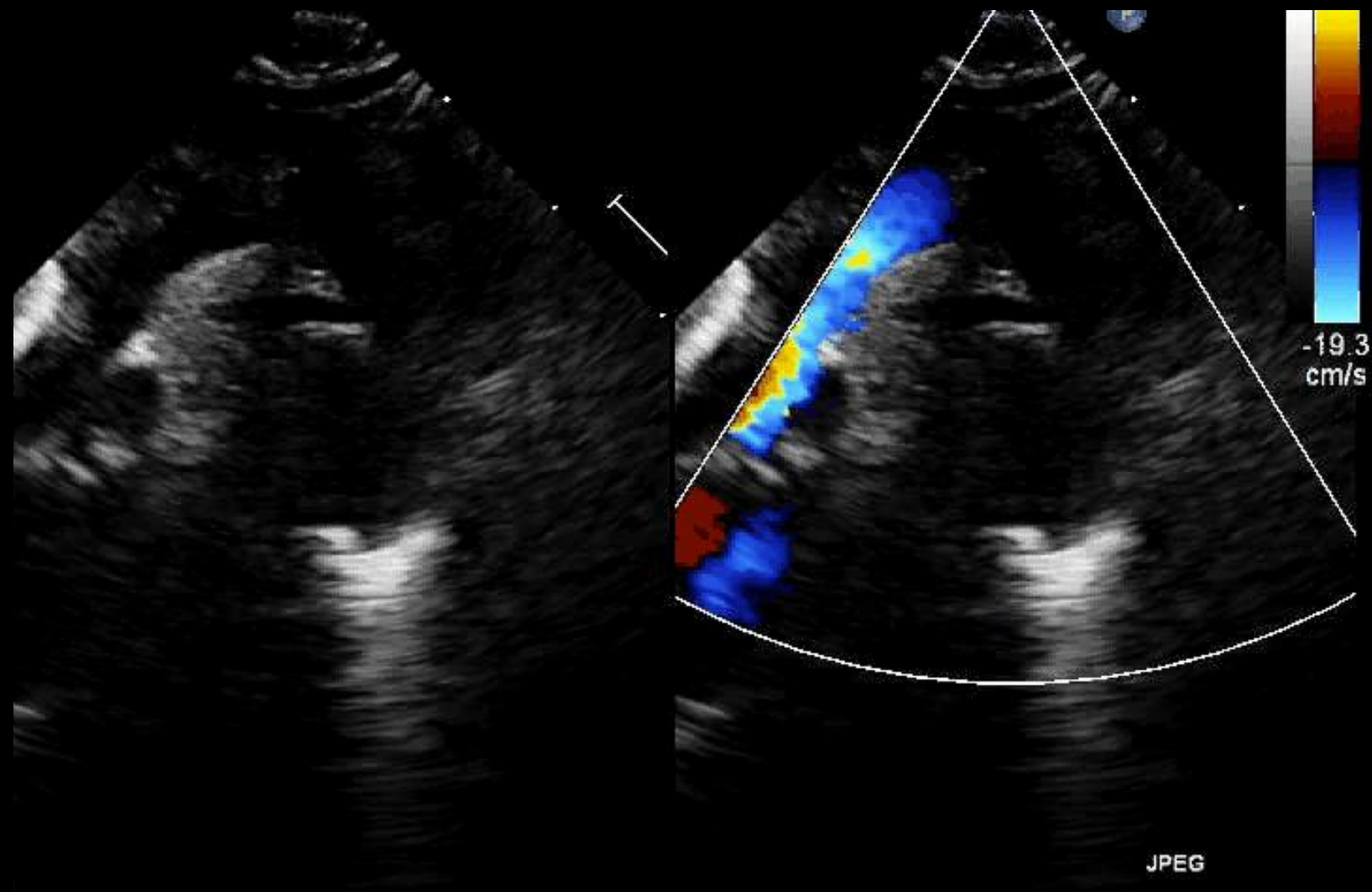




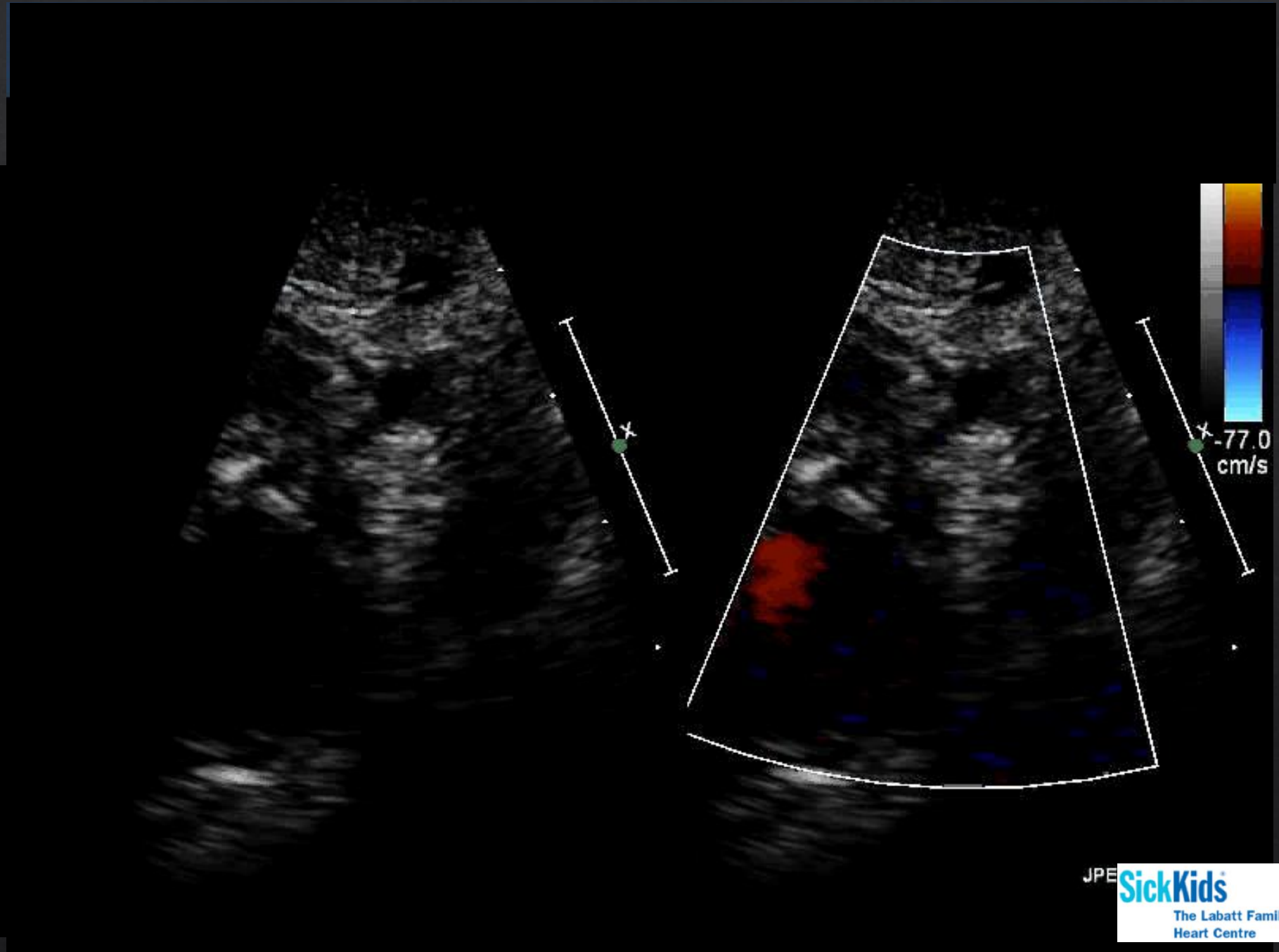


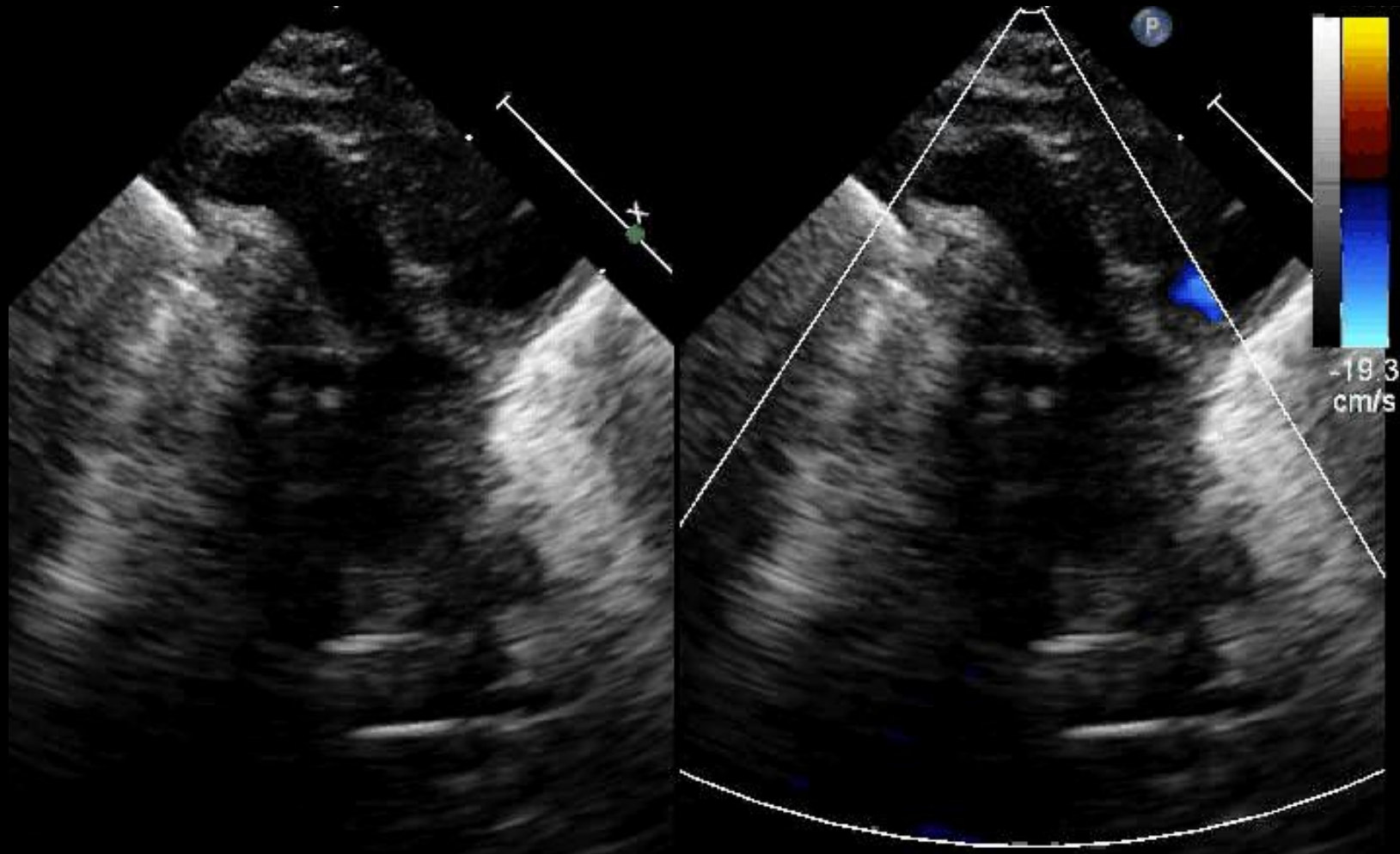


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2D

65%

C 50

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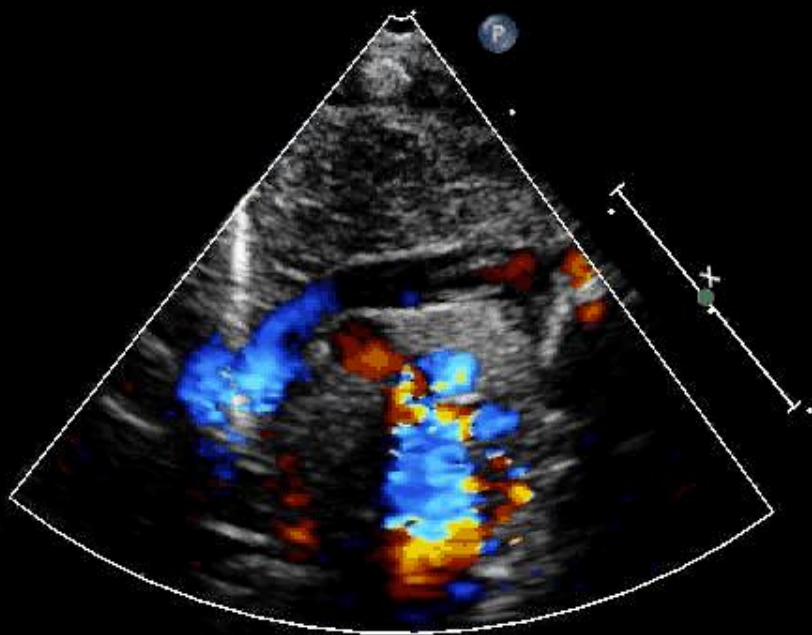
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WF Max

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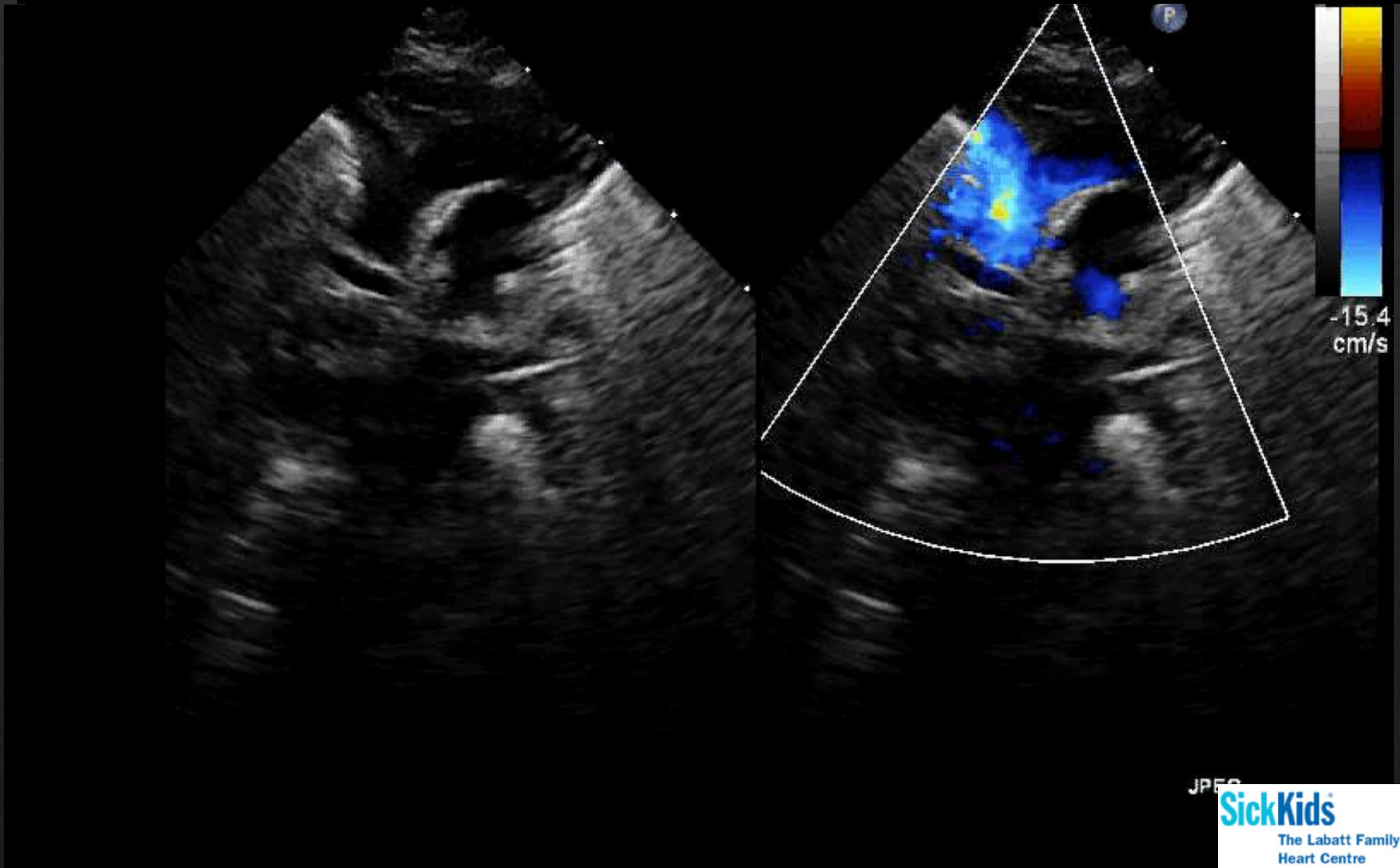
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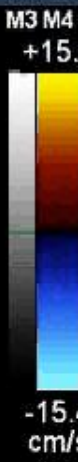
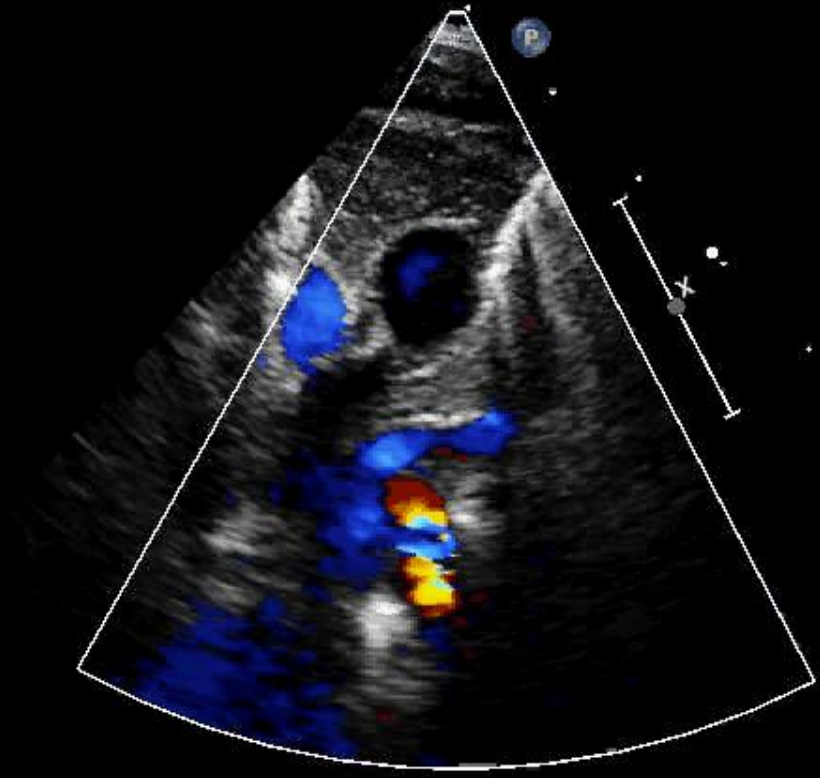
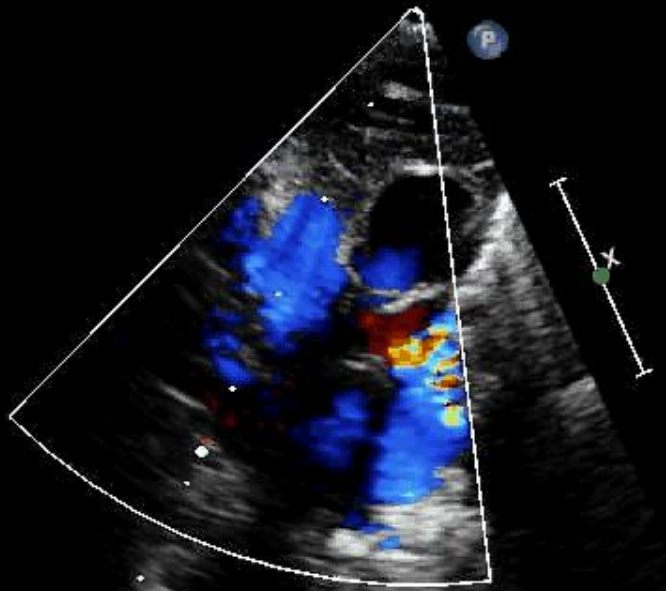
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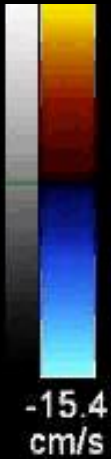
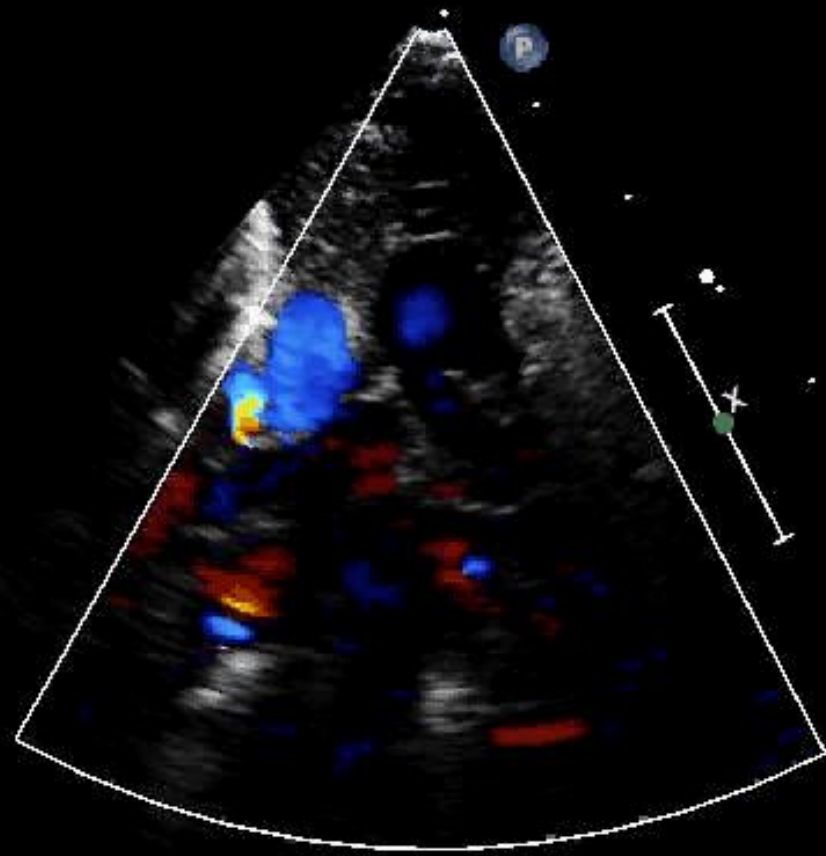
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CF  
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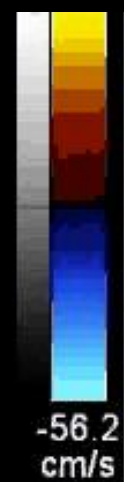
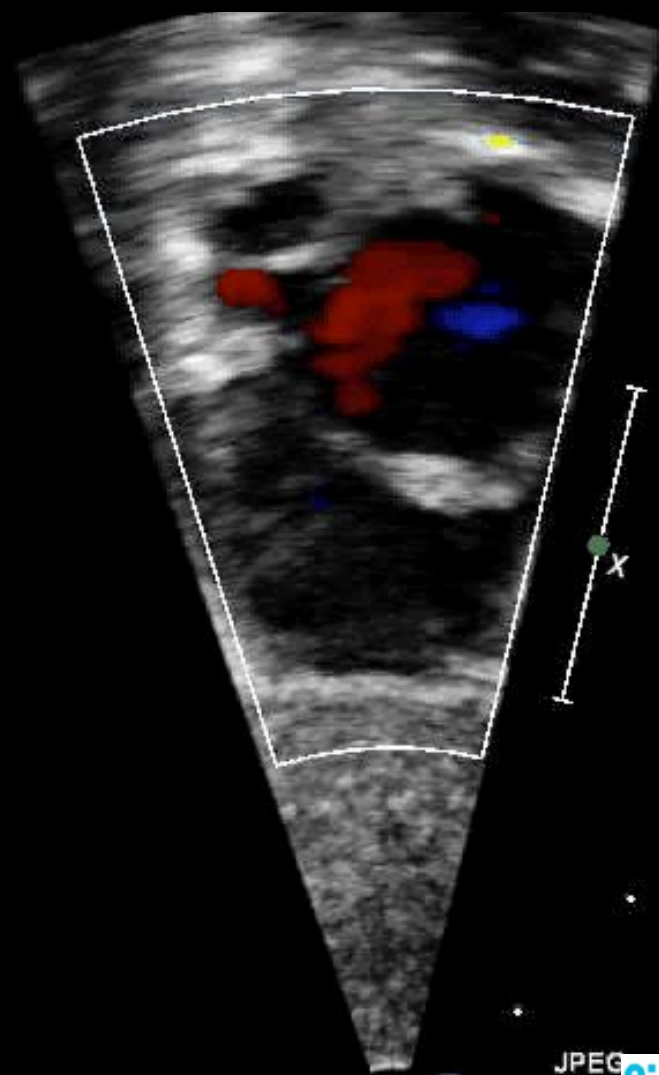
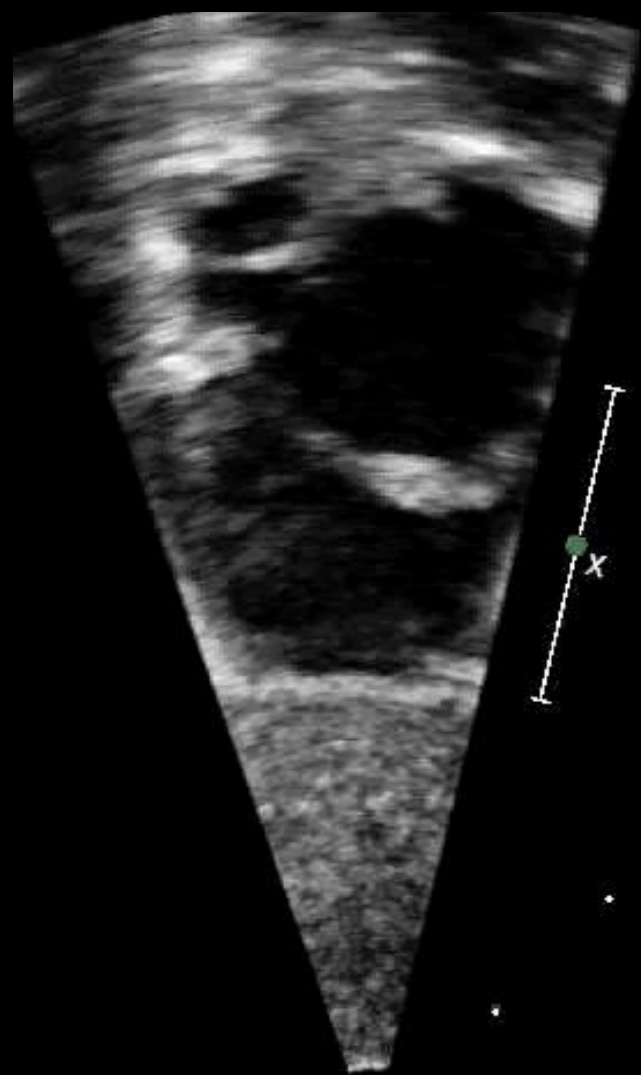


## Outcome

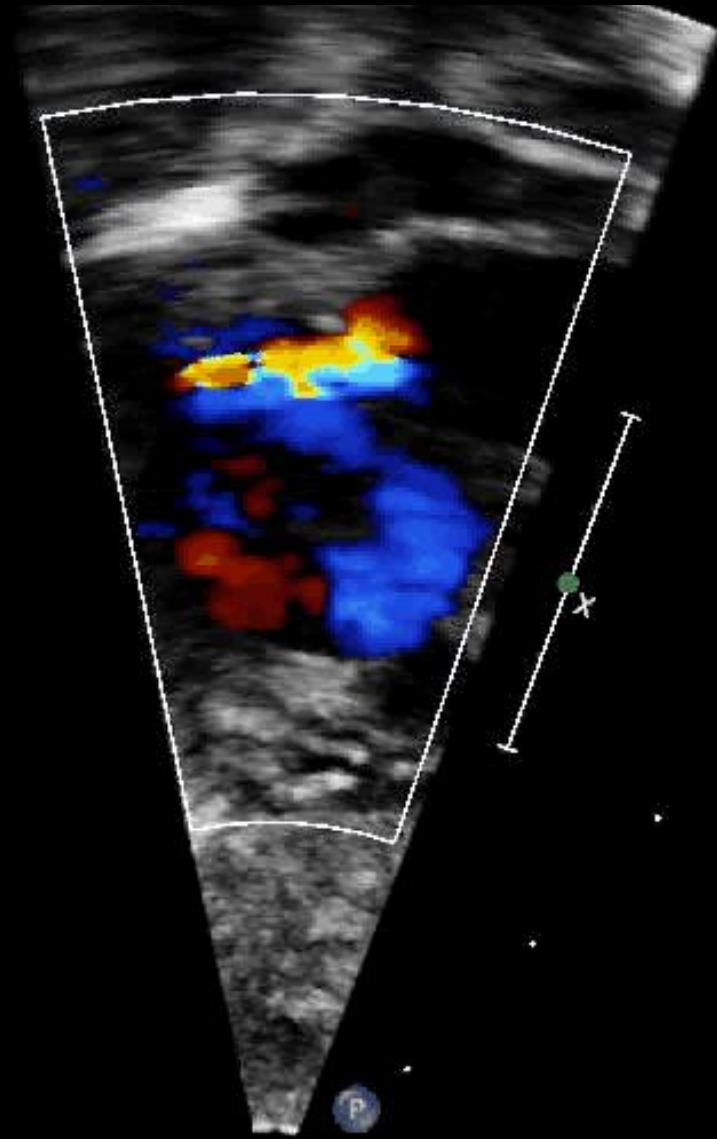
- ◆ Norwood / Shunt + Atrioseptectomy  
(Thick Cor triatriatum and partial unroofed coronary sinus)
- ◆ Post operative course: Low Sats / Pulmonary veins hypoplasia
- ◆ ECMO.....

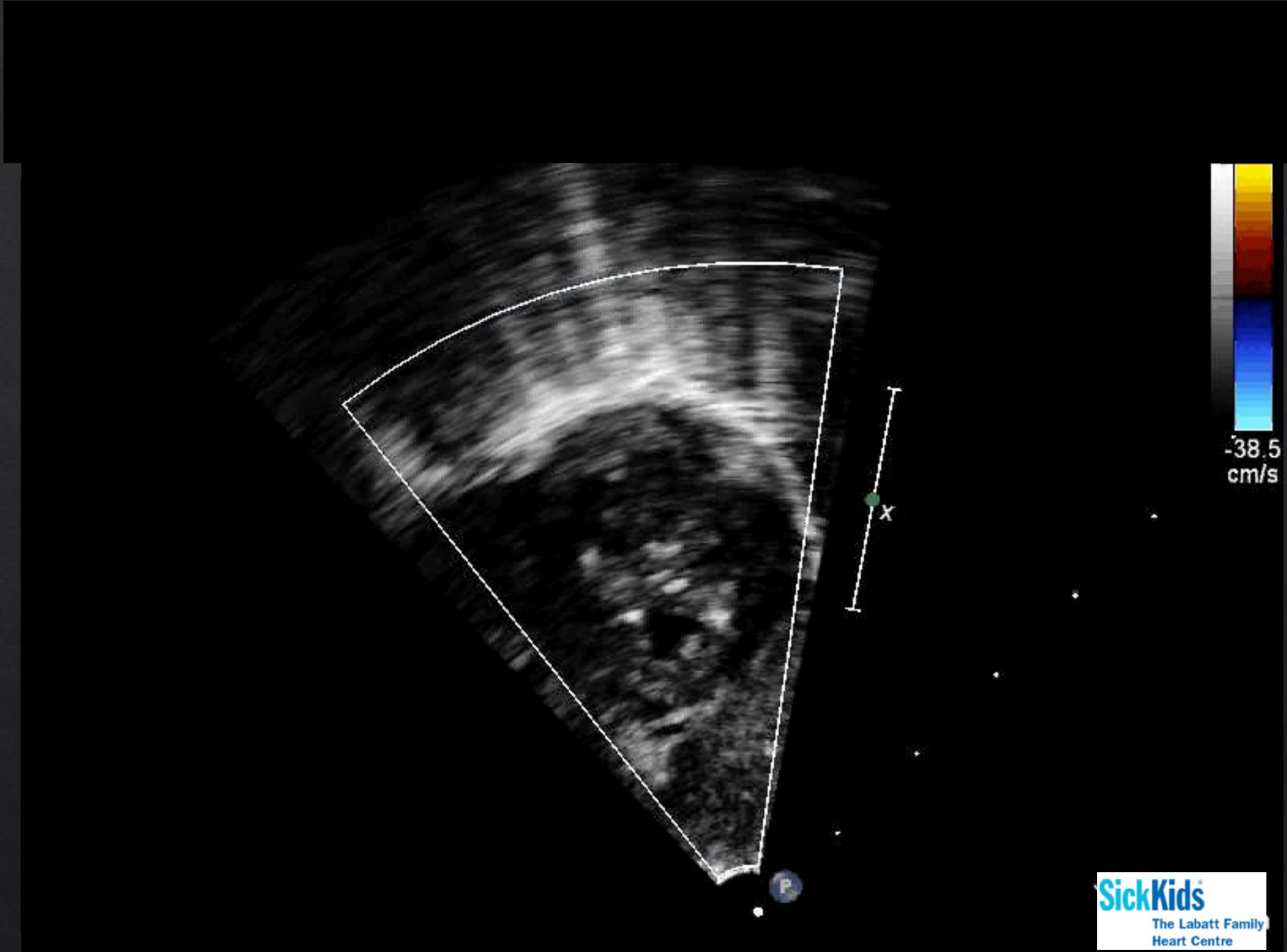
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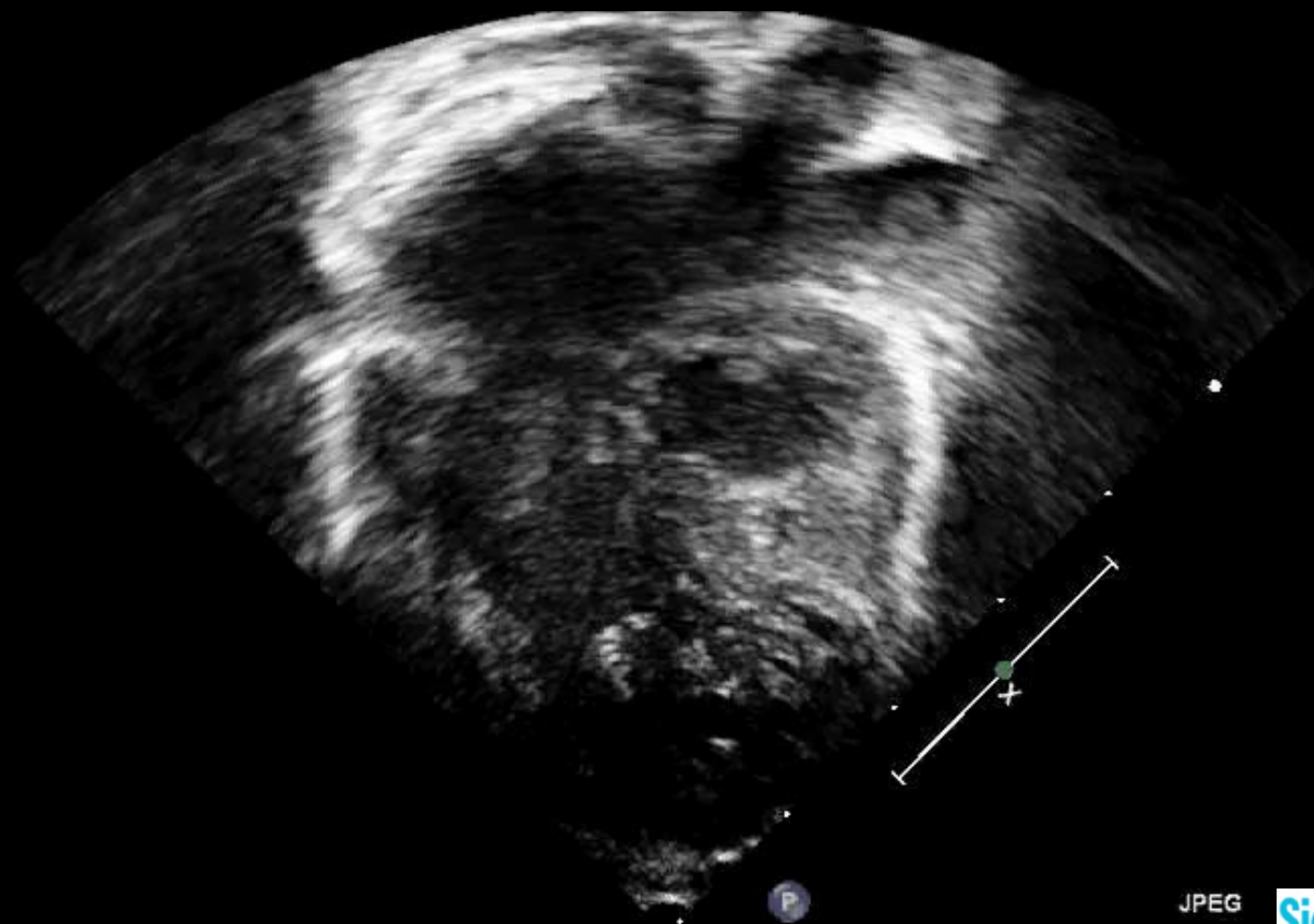
- ◆ Newborn, pre natal diagnosis of HLHS, possible multiple small muscular VSDs.
- ◆ Family counseling : active management.
- ◆ Delivery spontaneously : 39 weeks, 3.1 kg







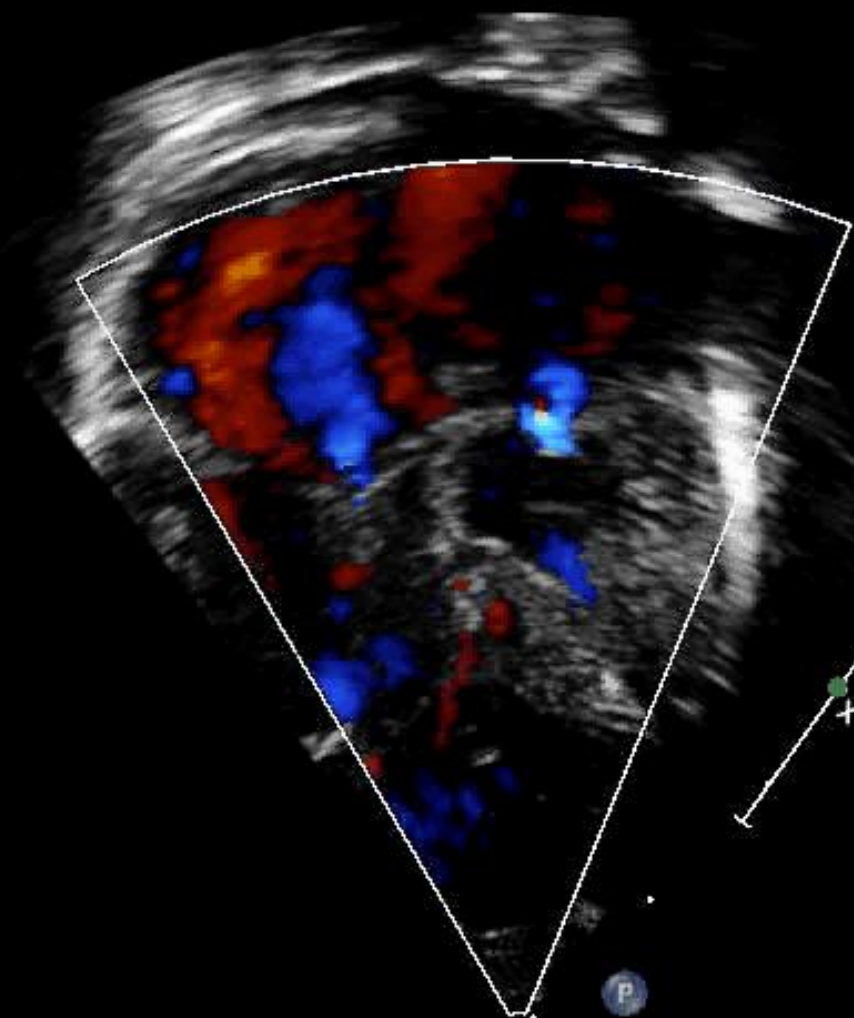




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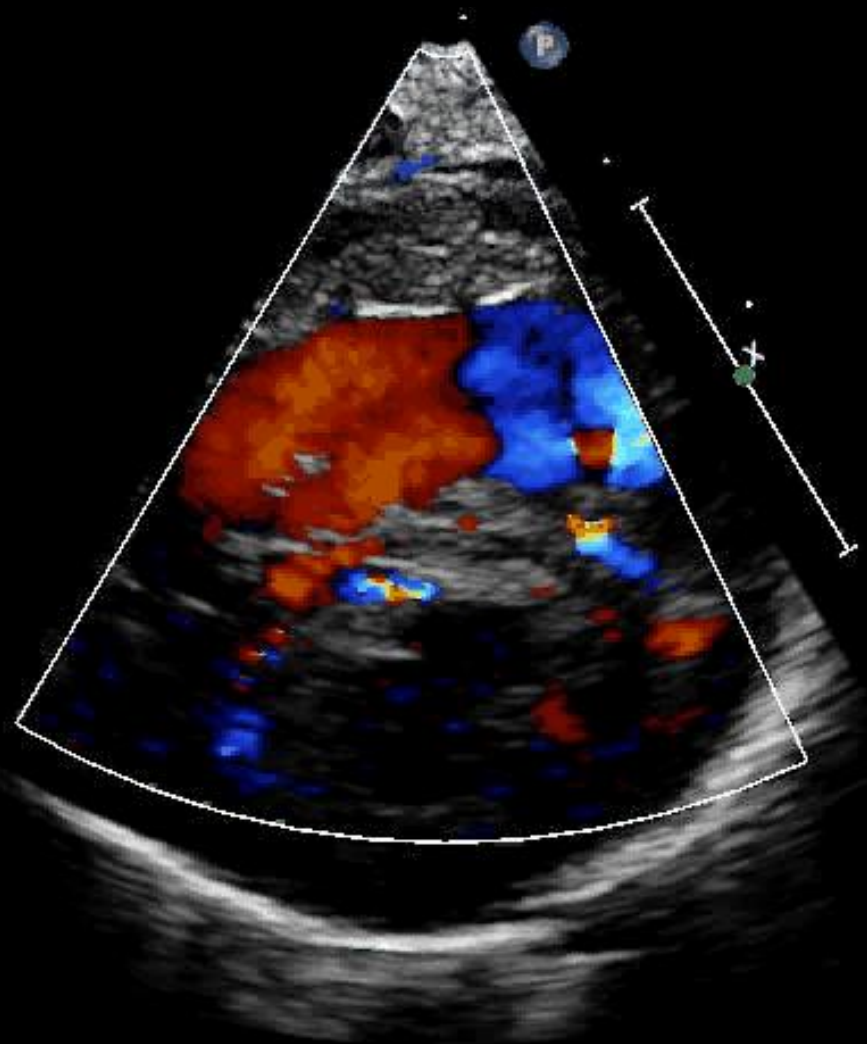
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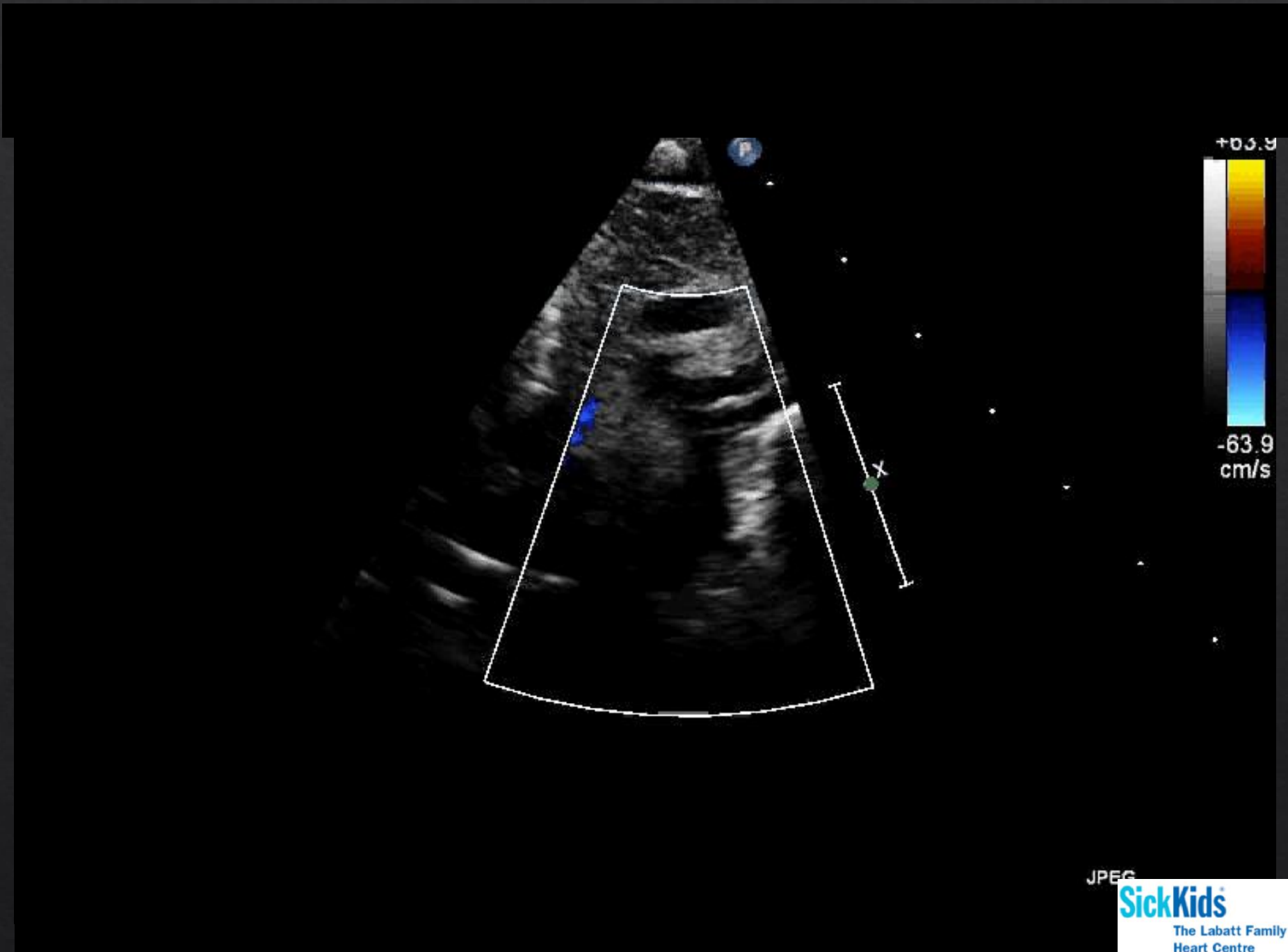


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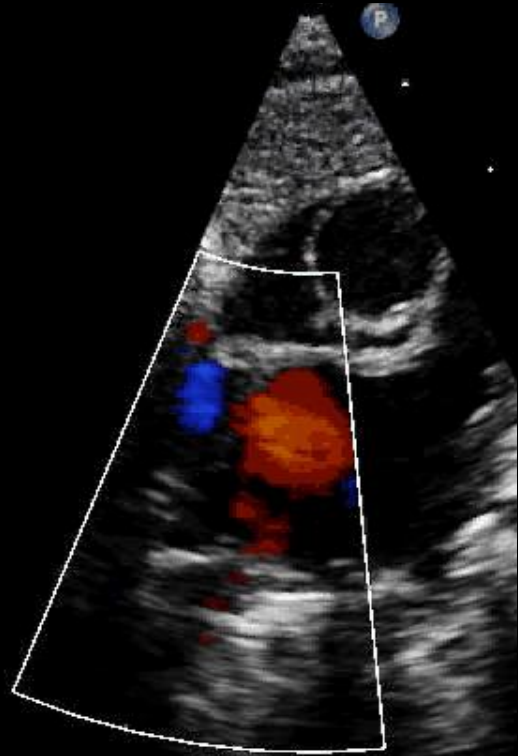
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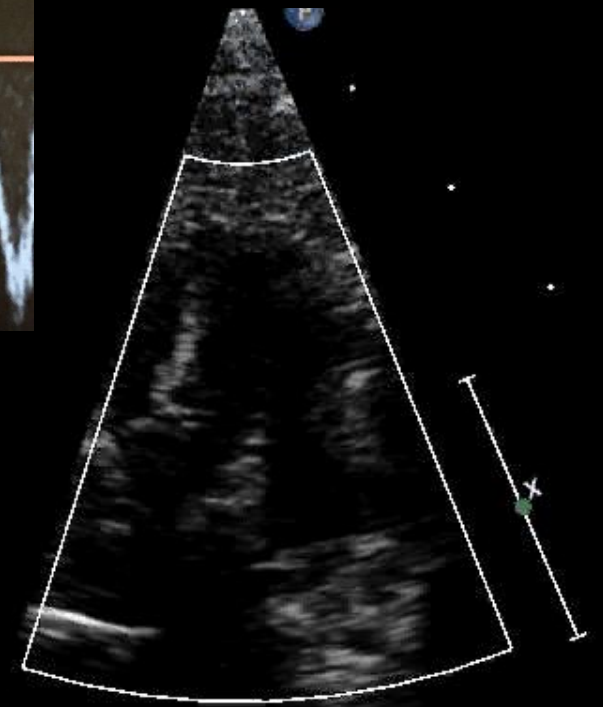
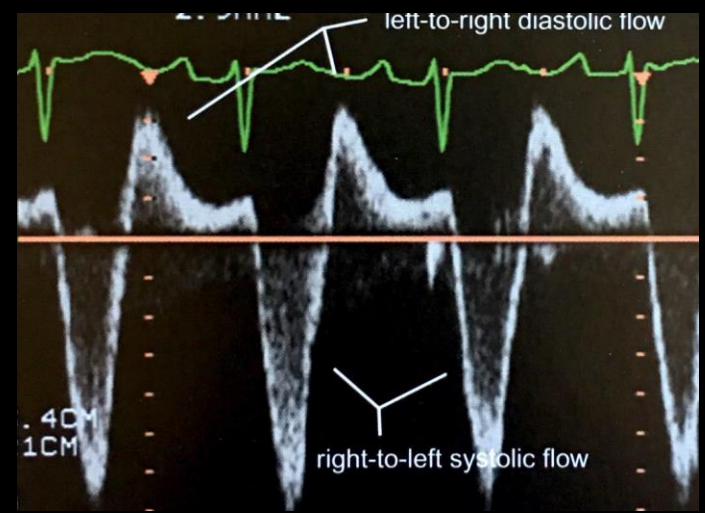
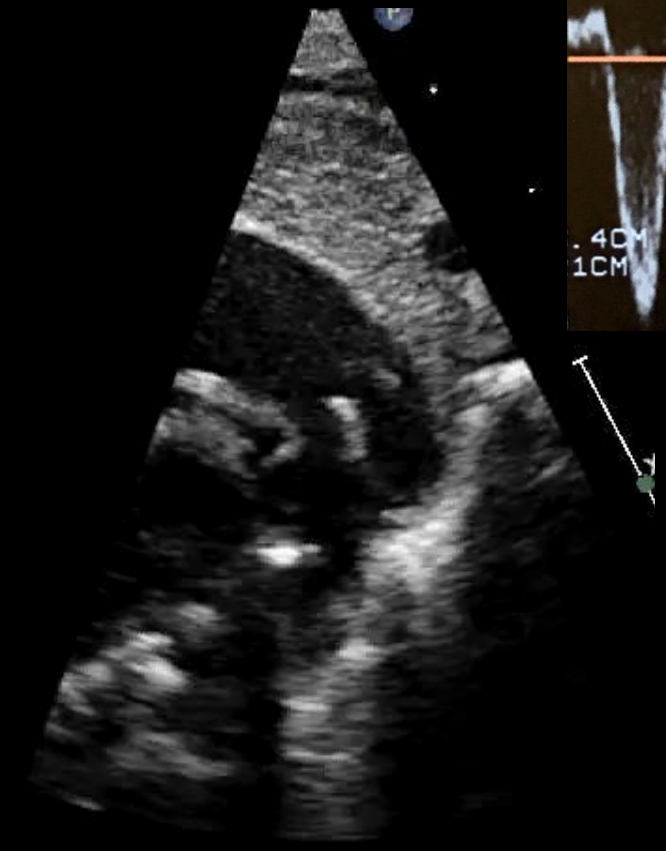
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140 bpm

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6.0cm

2D  
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PM TIS1.4 MI 1.1  
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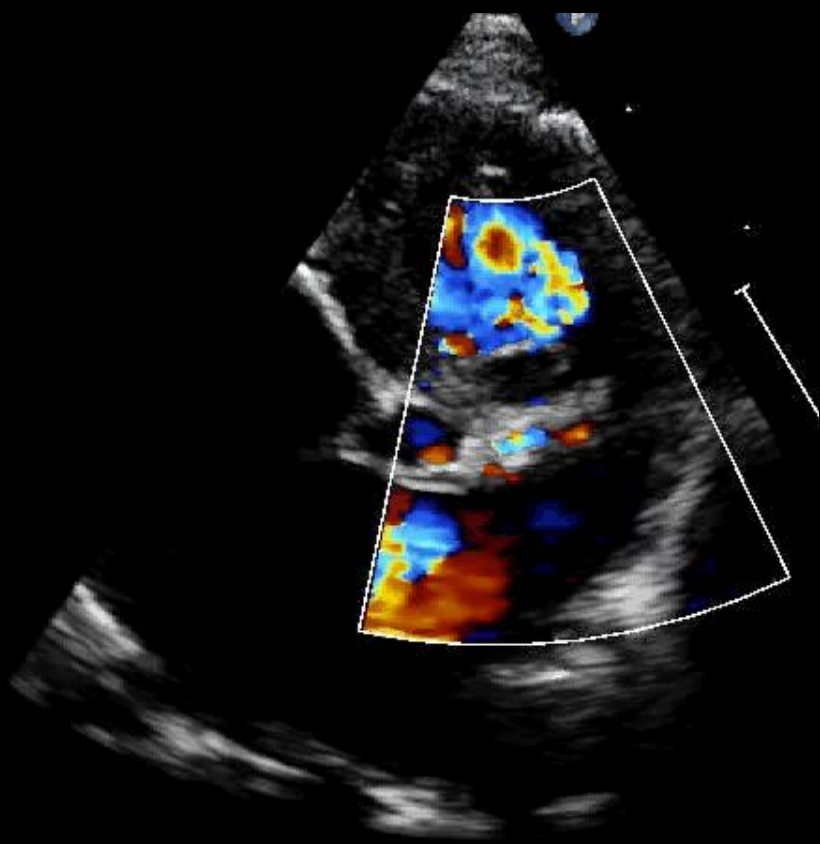
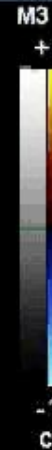
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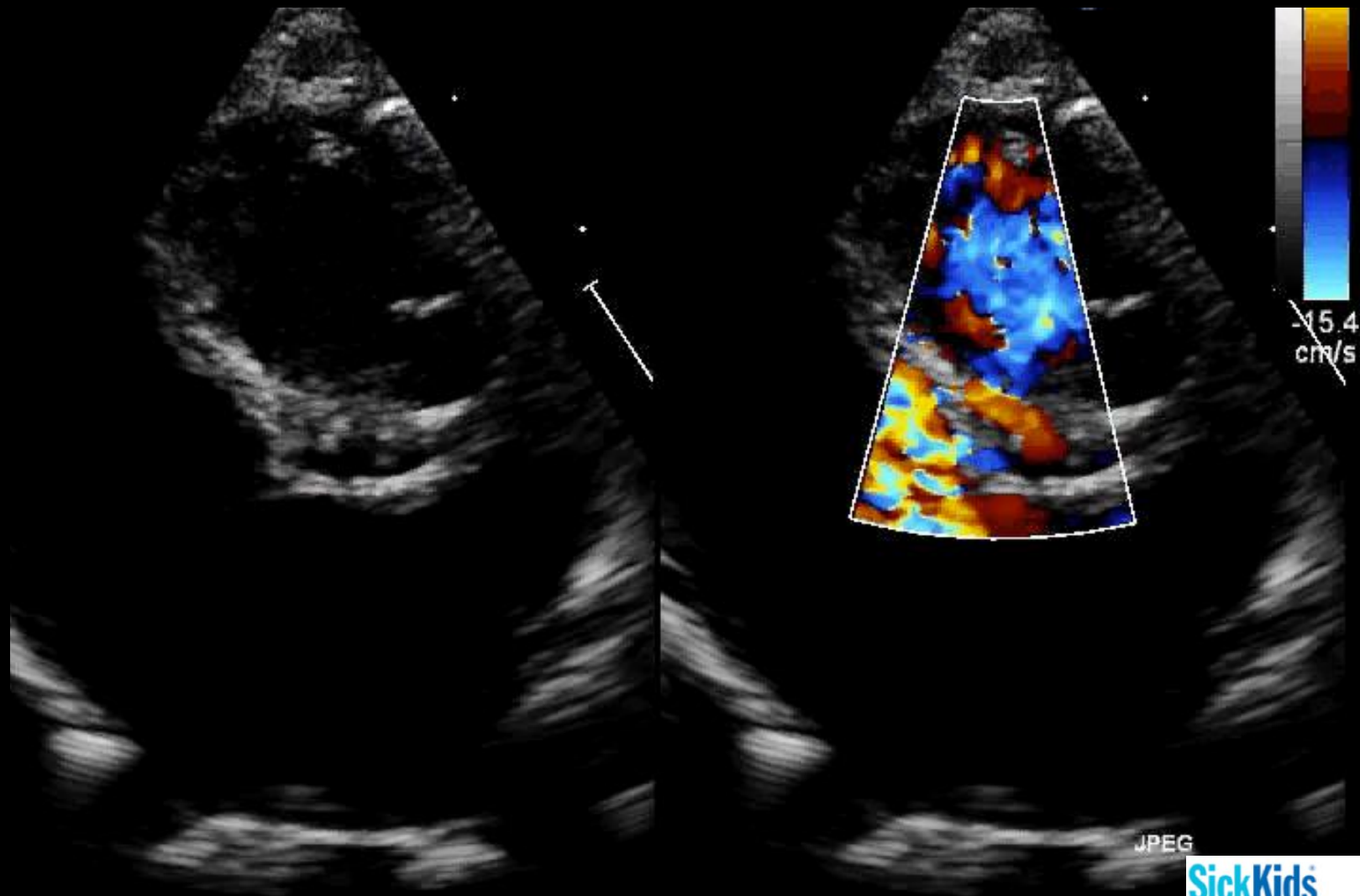
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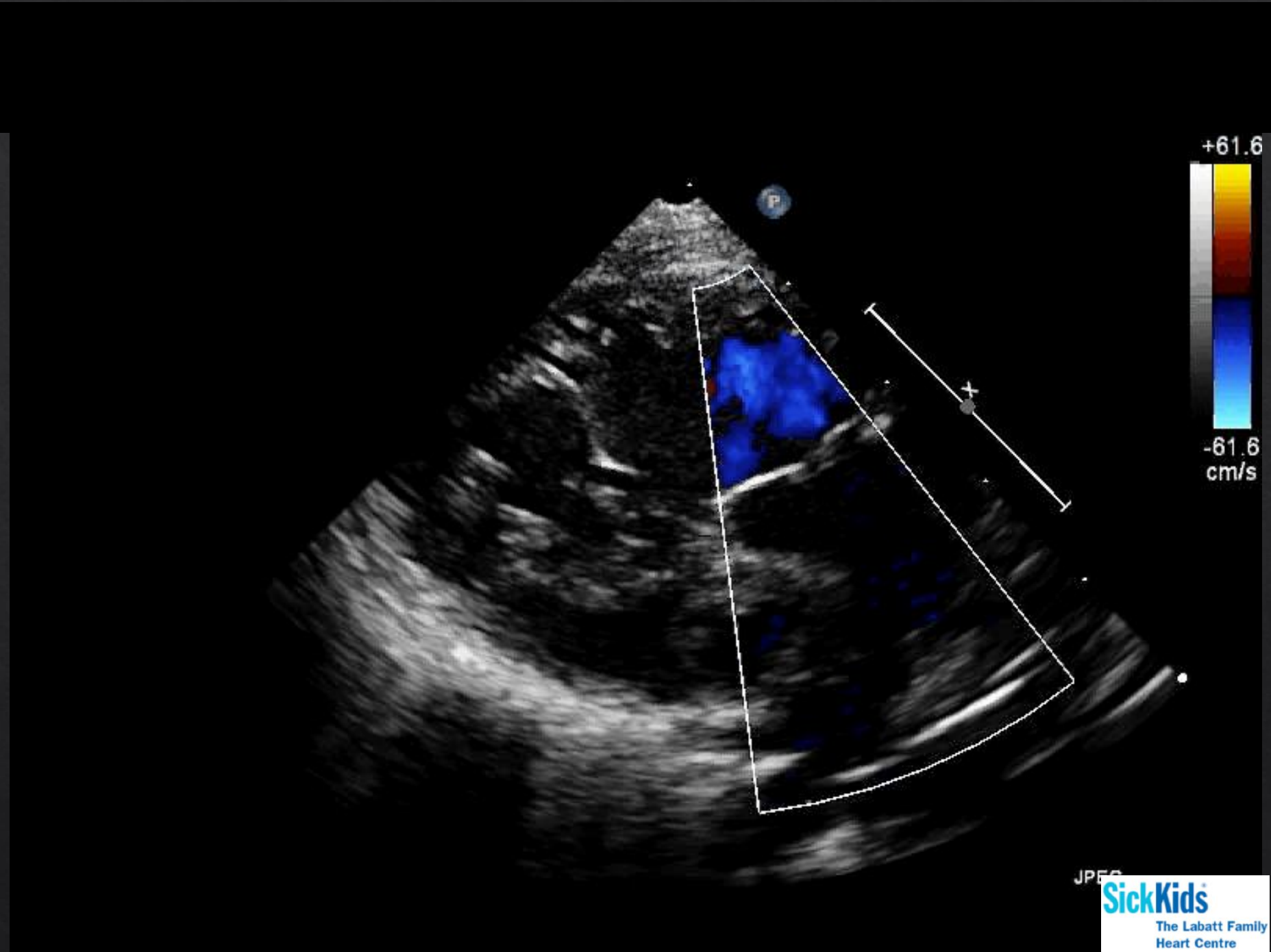


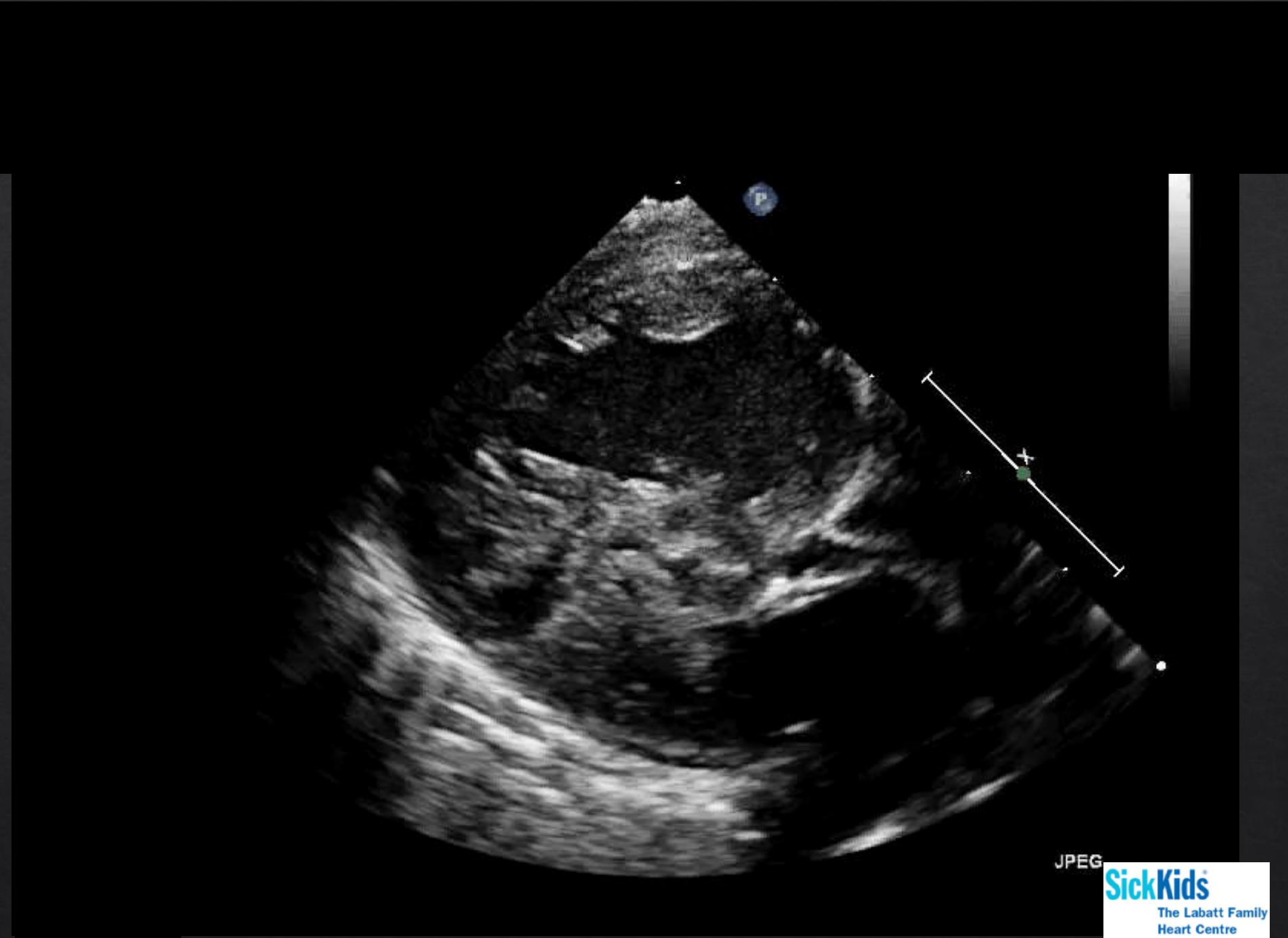
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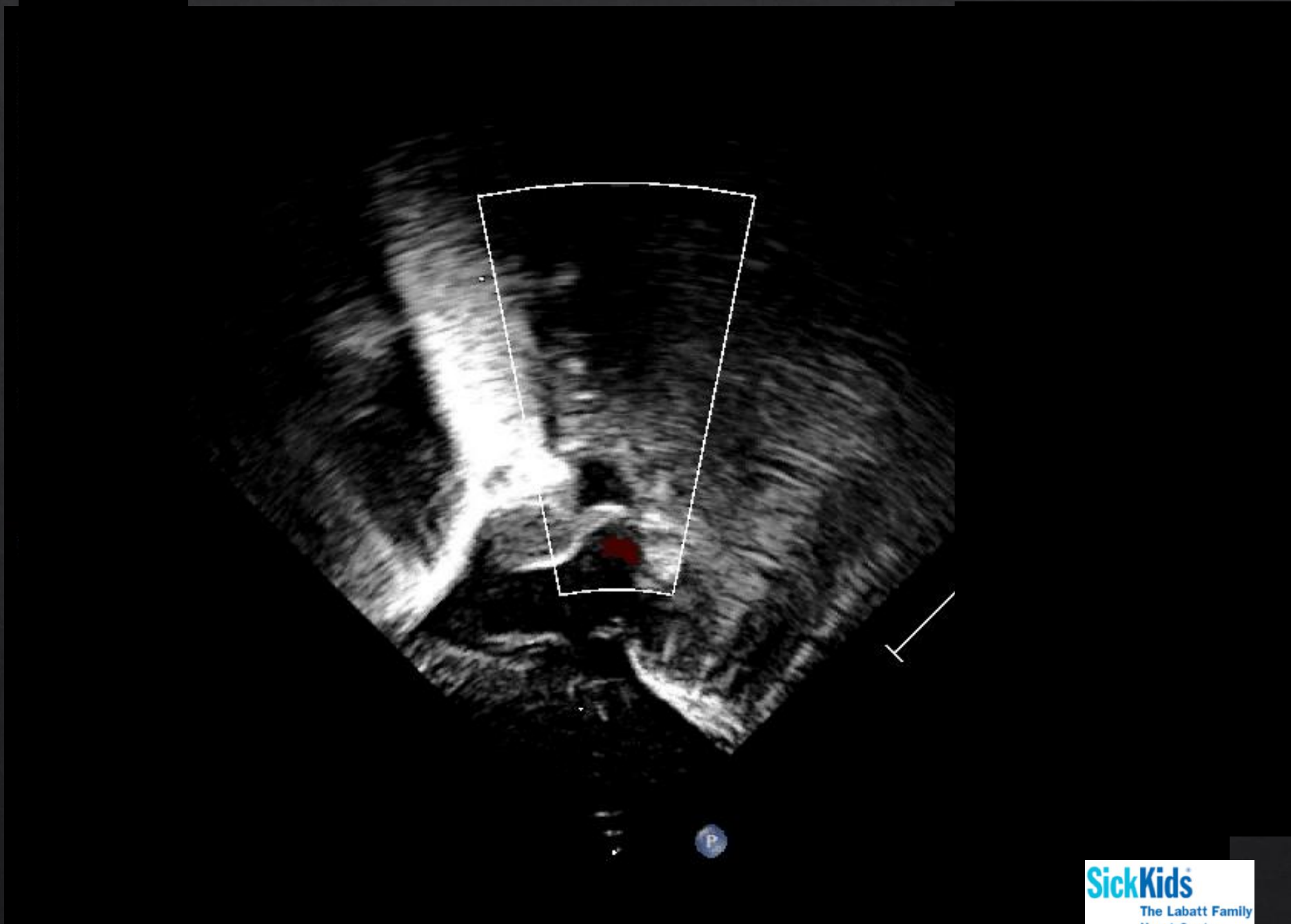


# Outcome

- ◆ Norwood Sano
- ◆ Pre Glenn cath: no coronary stenosis, multiple sinusoides.
- ◆ Glenn anastomosis : 6 month old
- ◆ Waiting Fontan : pre Cath - adequate pressures.

## Case 3

◆ Newborn, prenatal diagnosis:  
HLHS, restrictive PFO ....





# PED ECHO

TISO.2 MI 0.0

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5.0cm

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P Low

Res

CF

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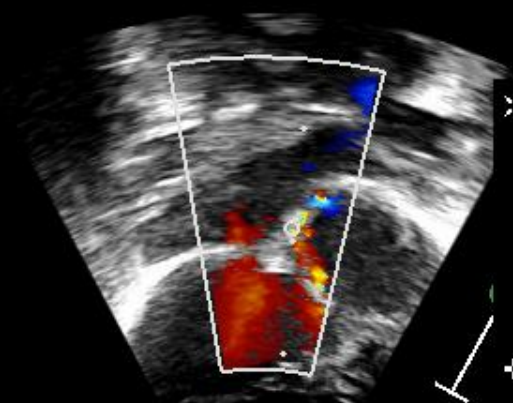
5.0MHz

CW

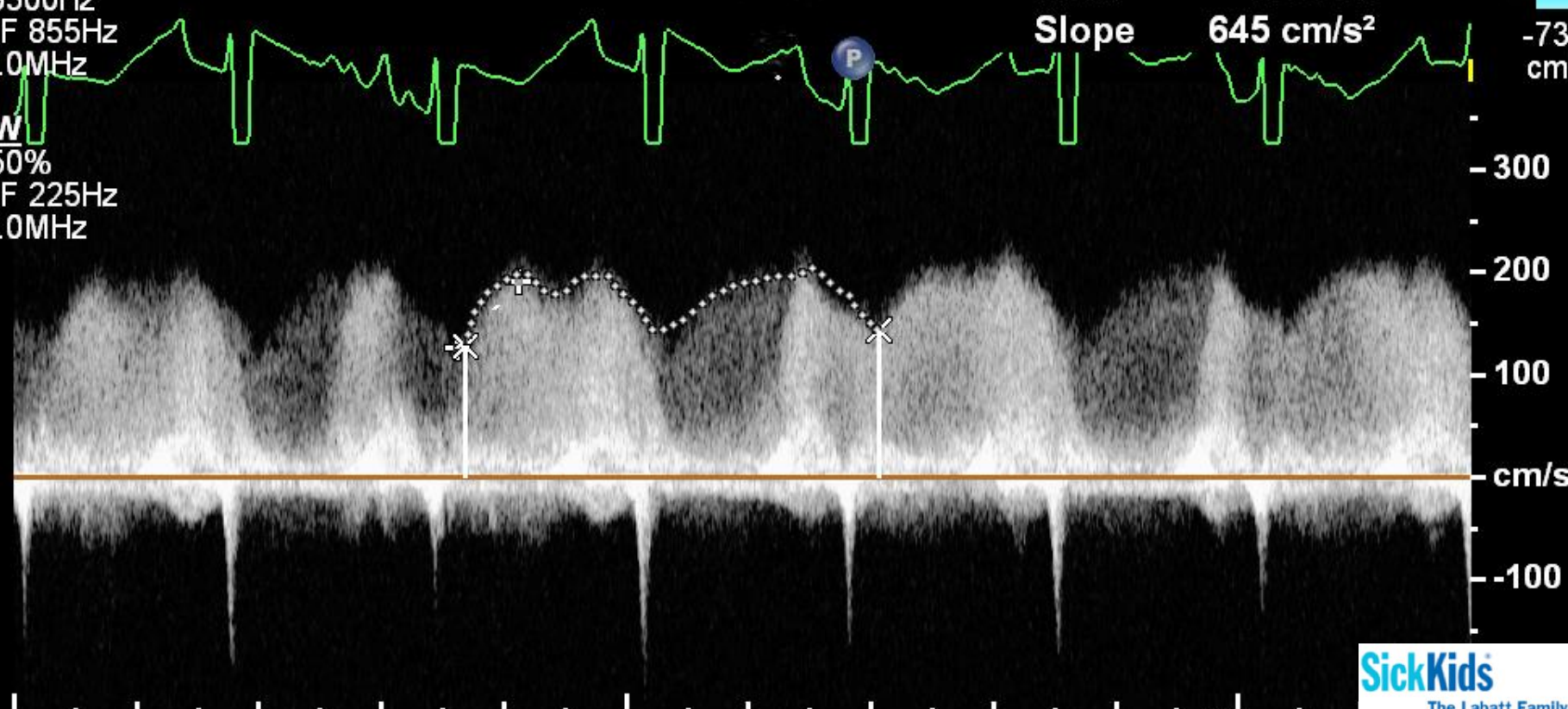
50%

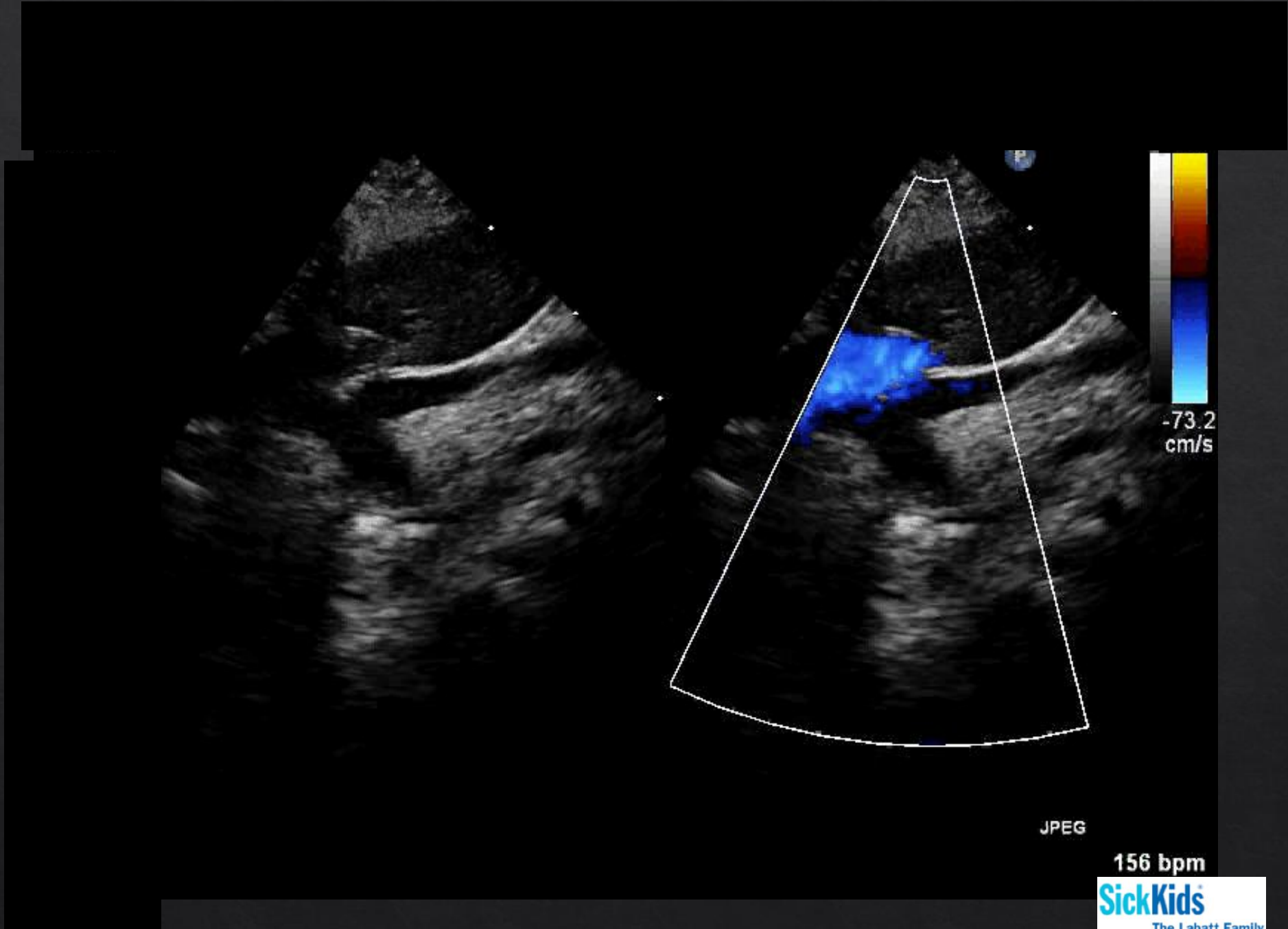
WF 225Hz

5.0MHz



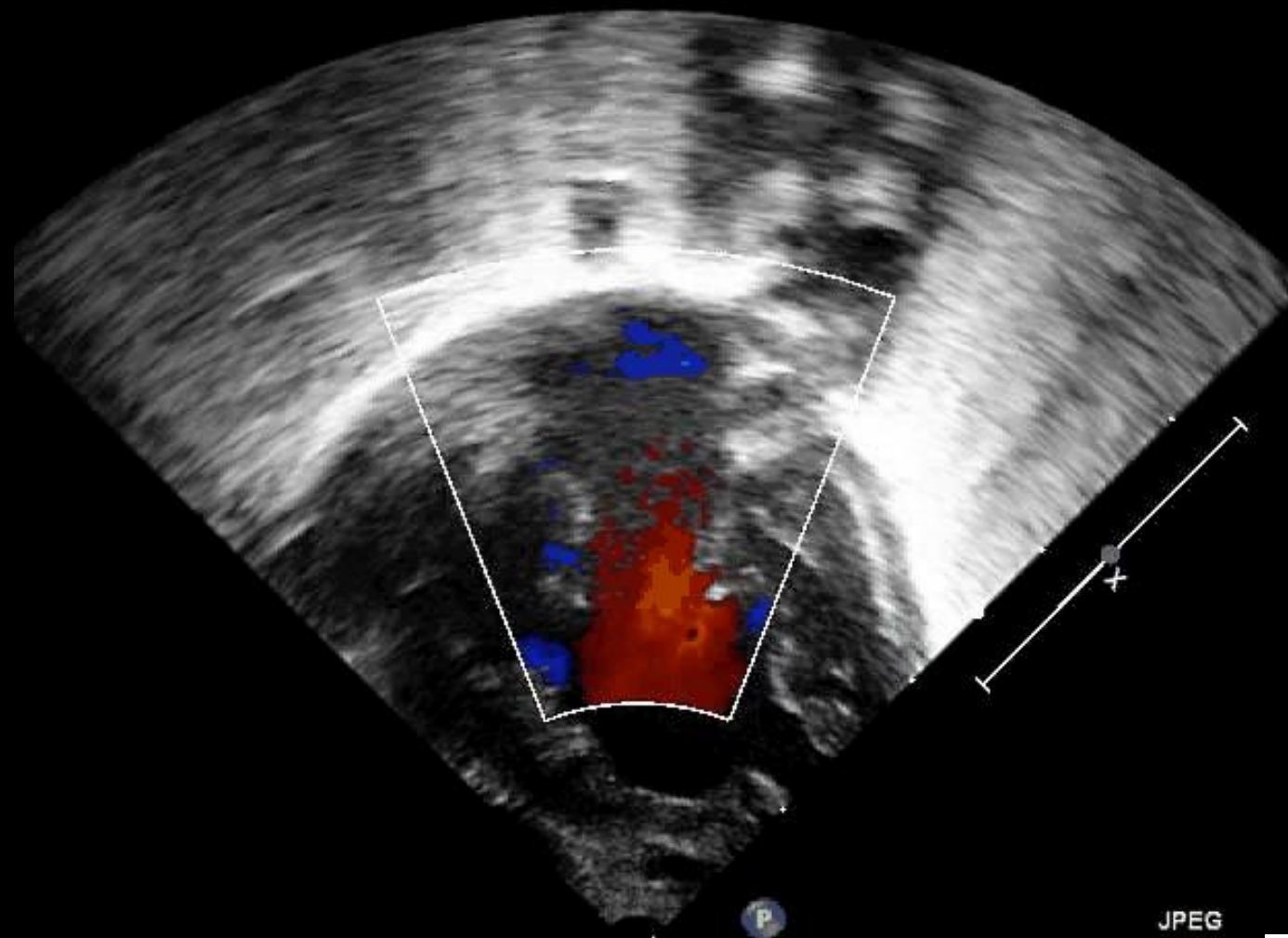
⊗ Vmax	202 cm/s
Vmean	179 cm/s
Max PG	16 mmHg
Mean PG	13 mmHg
VTI	121 cm
⊕ Vmax	191 cm/s
Max PG	15 mmHg
Time	100 ms
Slope	645 cm/s <sup>2</sup>





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156 bpm



P

JPEG



PED ECHO

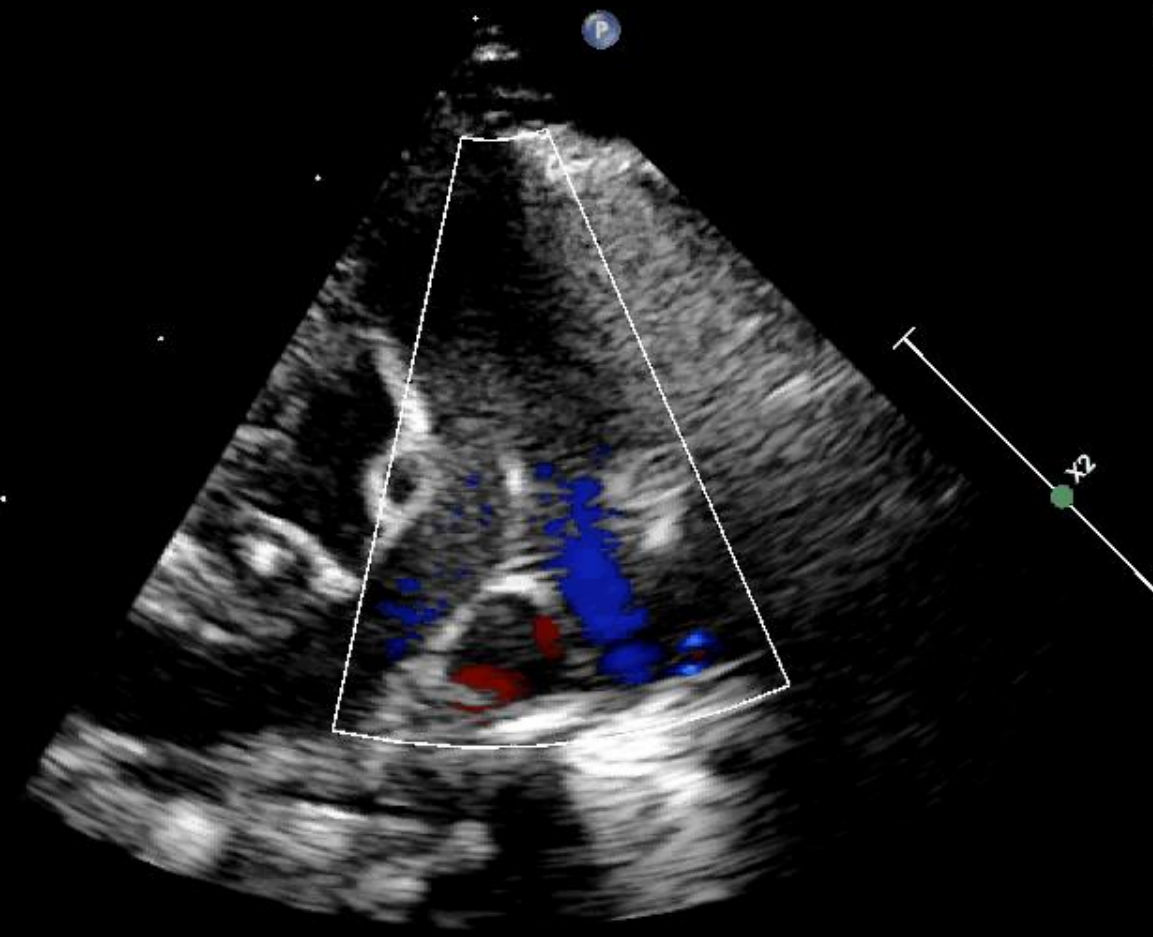
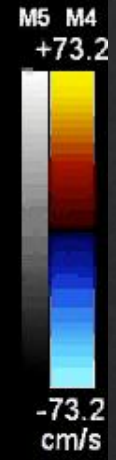
S12-4  
29Hz  
4.0cm

2D  
67%  
C 46  
P Low  
Res

CF  
67%  
9500Hz  
WF 855Hz  
5.0MHz



TIS1.0 MI 0.8



162 bpm

PED ECHO

S12-4

27Hz

5.0cm

2D

70%

C 46

P Low

Res

CF

67%

9500Hz

WF 855Hz

5.0MHz

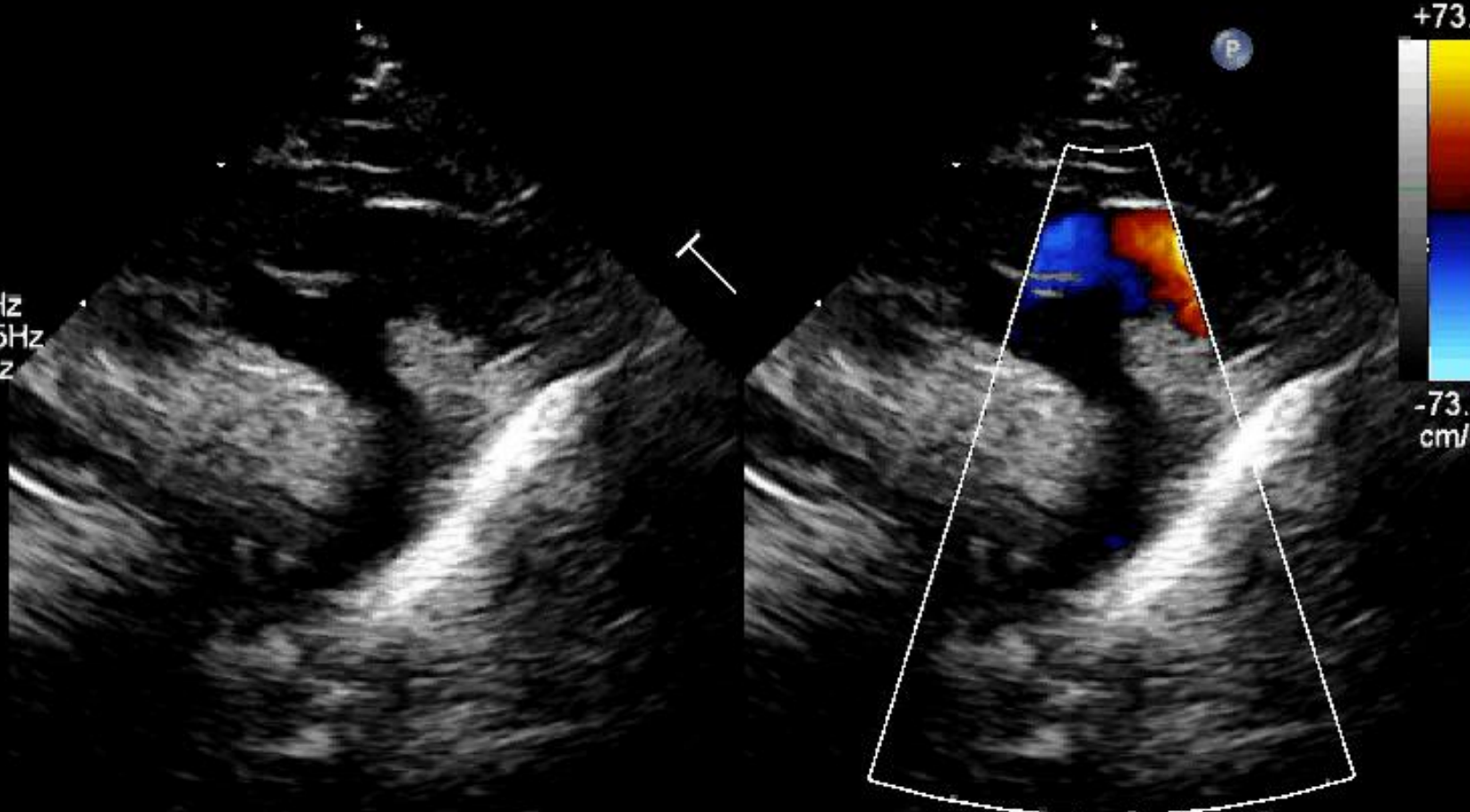
TIS1.2 MI 1.0

M5 M4

+73.2

-73.2

cm/s



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PED ECHO

912-4

20Hz

4.0cm

2D

67%

C 45

F Low

Res

CF

67%

9500Hz

WF 85Hz

8.0MHz

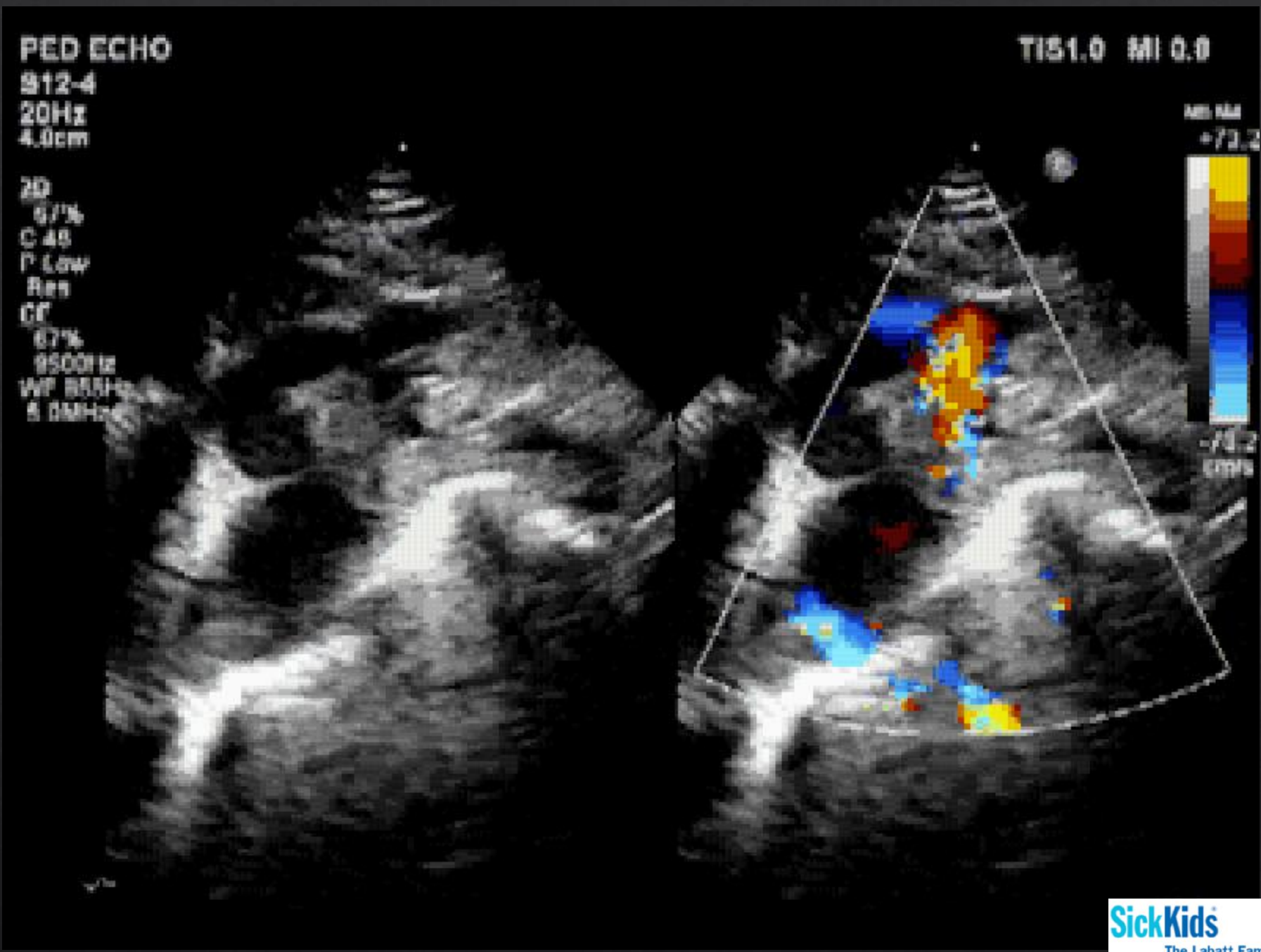
T151.0 MI 0.0

MSI 64

+73.2

-73.2

cm/s



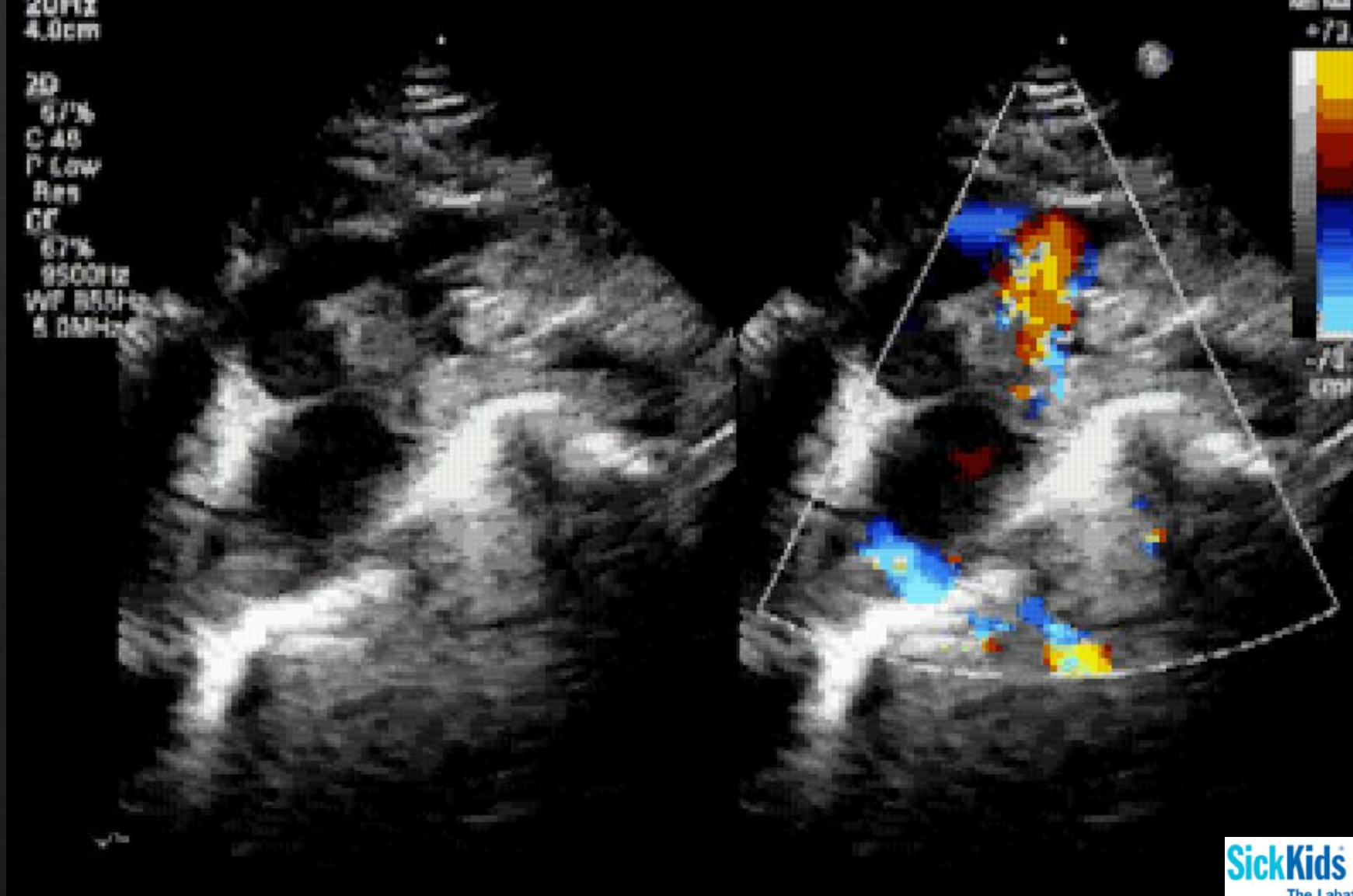
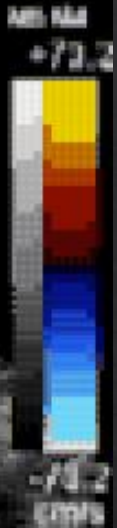


PED ECHO

912-4  
20Hz  
4.0cm

2D  
67%  
C 48  
P Low  
Res  
CF  
67%  
9500Hz  
WF 855Hz  
S 0MHz

T151.0 MI 0.0



**PED ECHO**

TIS0.3 MI 0.3

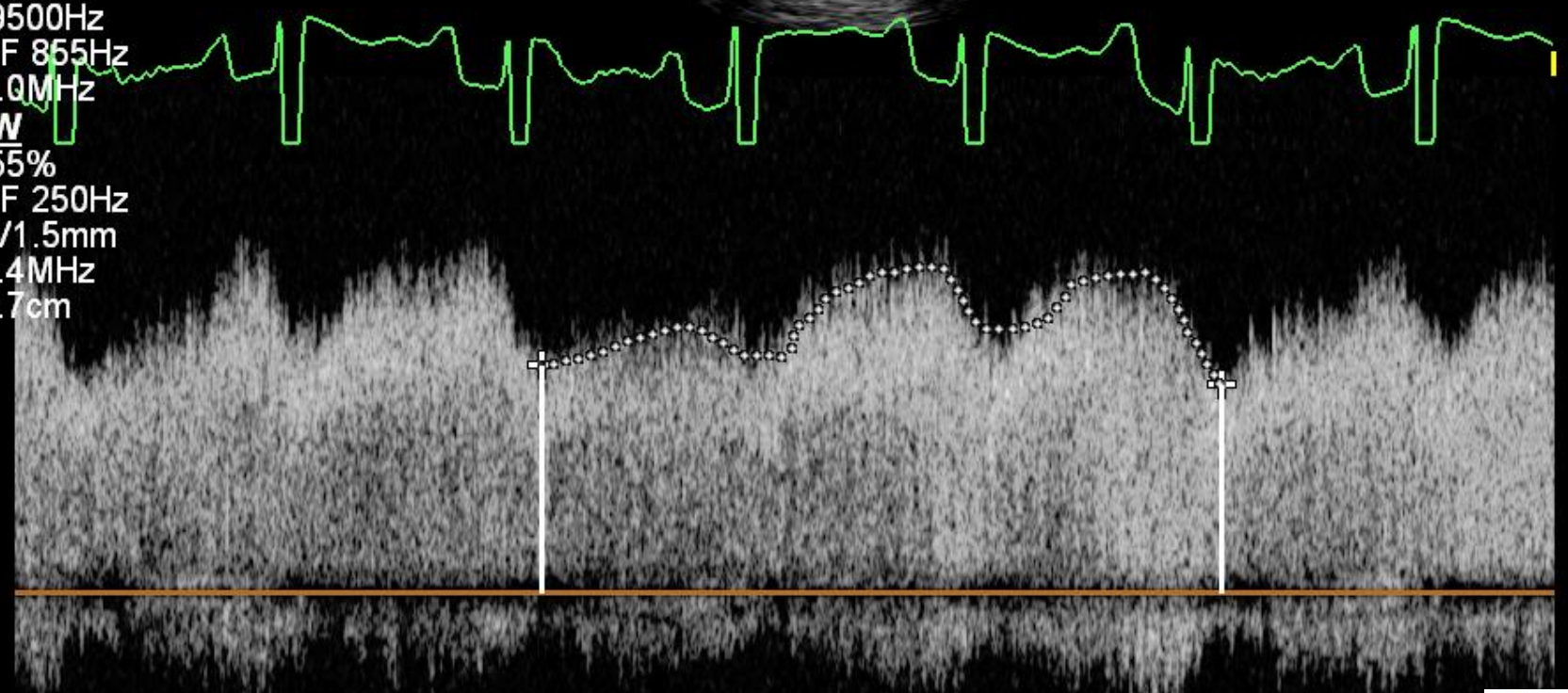
S12-4  
20Hz  
4.0cm

2D  
65%  
C 46  
P Low  
Res

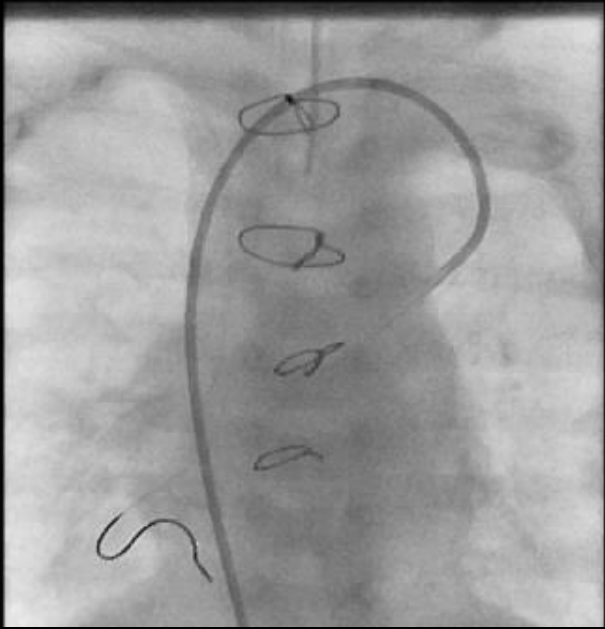
CF  
67%  
9500Hz  
WF 865Hz  
5.0MHz  
PW  
55%  
WF 250Hz  
SV 1.5mm  
4.4MHz  
1.7cm



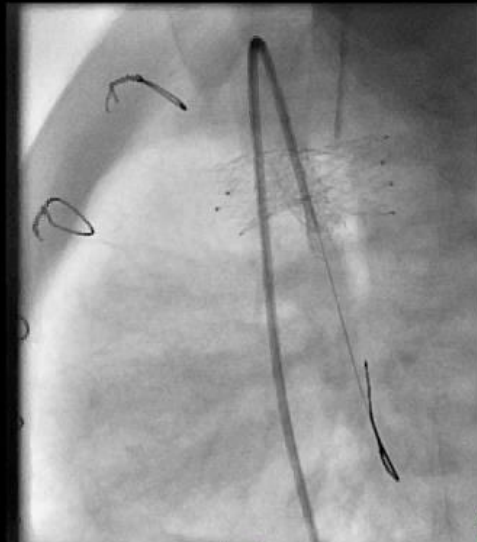
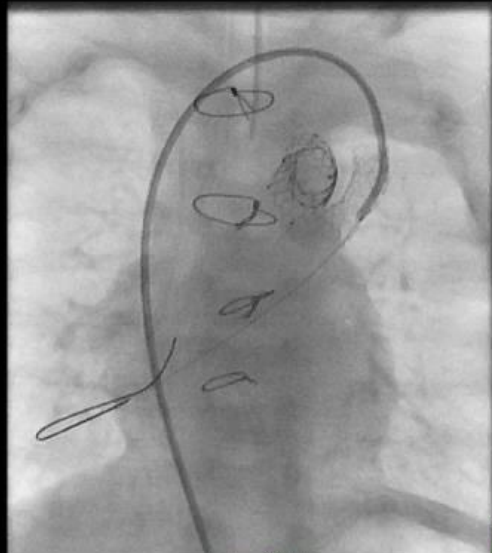
+ Vmax 171 cm/s  
Vmean 145 cm/s  
Max PG 12 mmHg  
Mean PG 9 mmHg  
VTI 148 cm



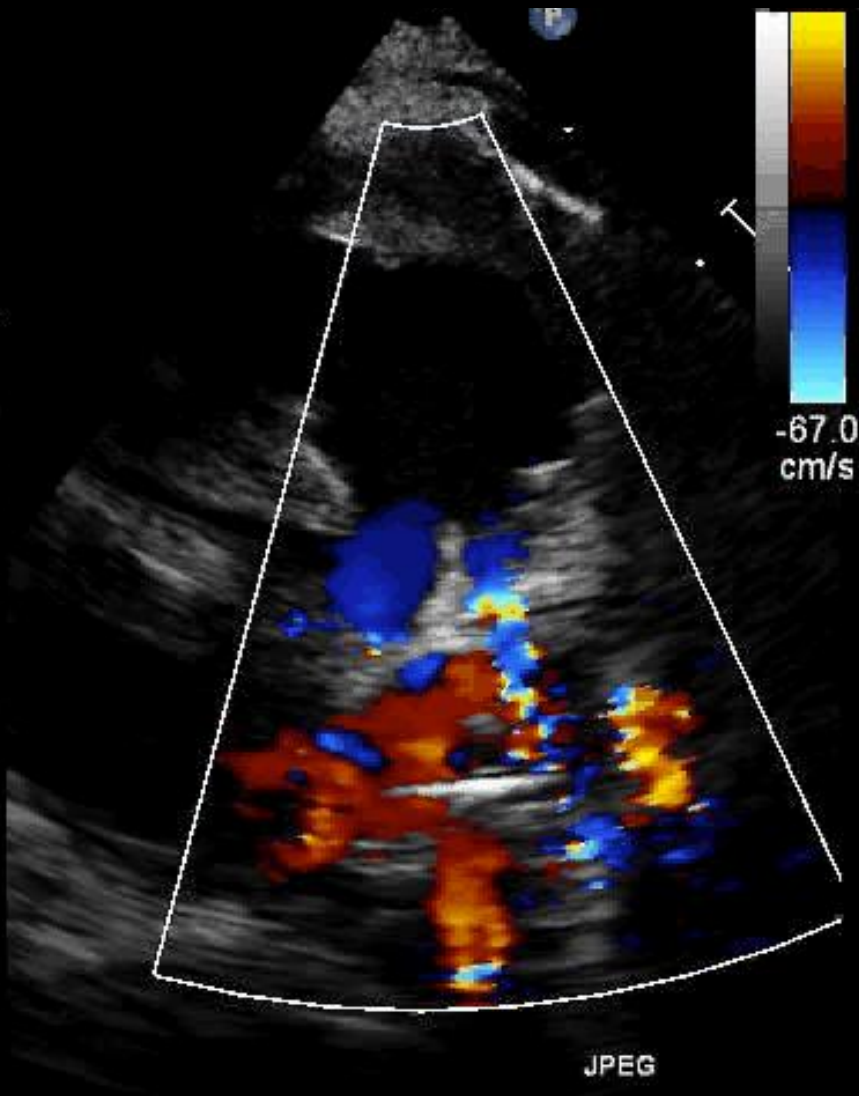
-240  
-160  
-80  
-cm/s



2

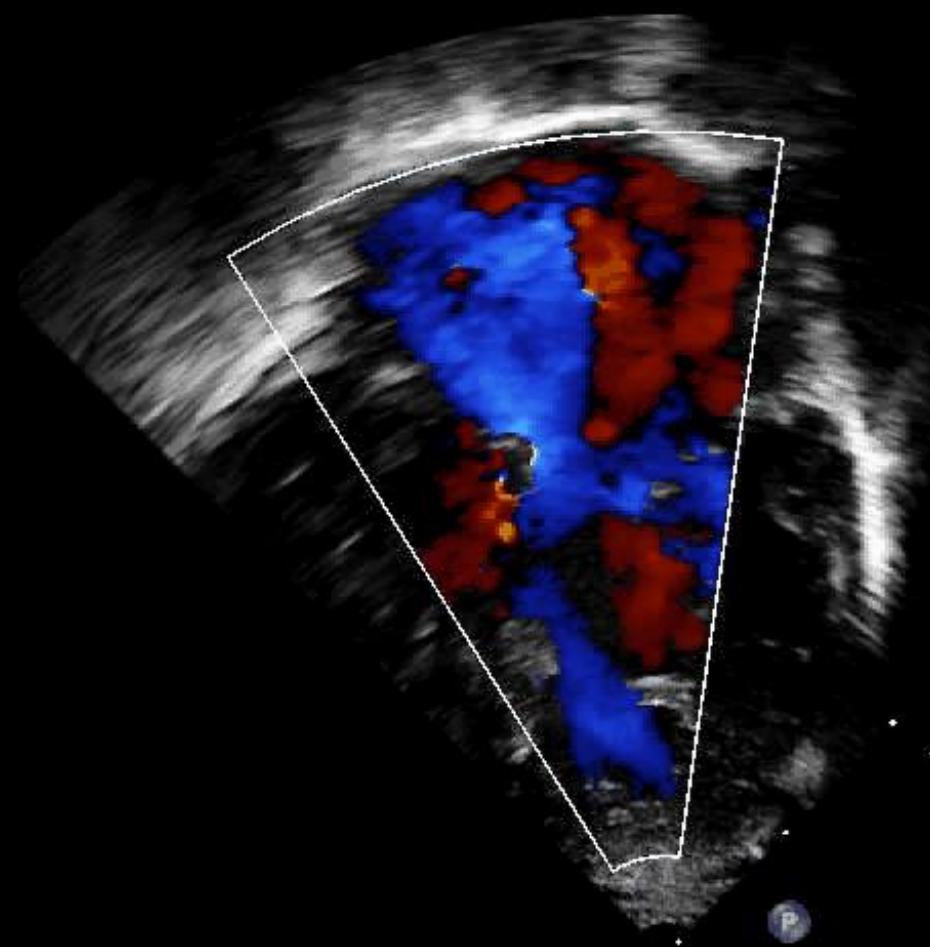






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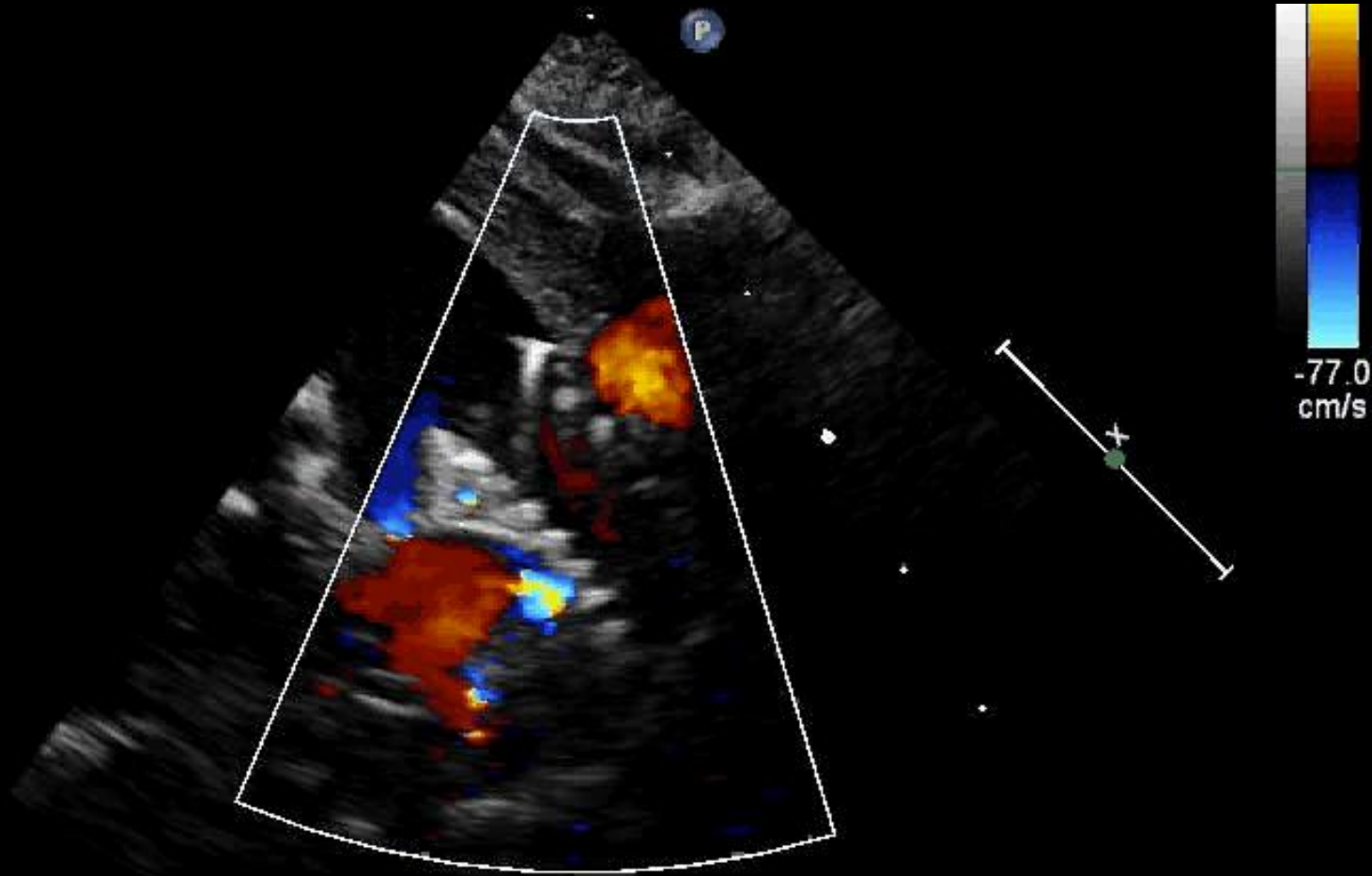
142 bpm



-73.2  
cm/s

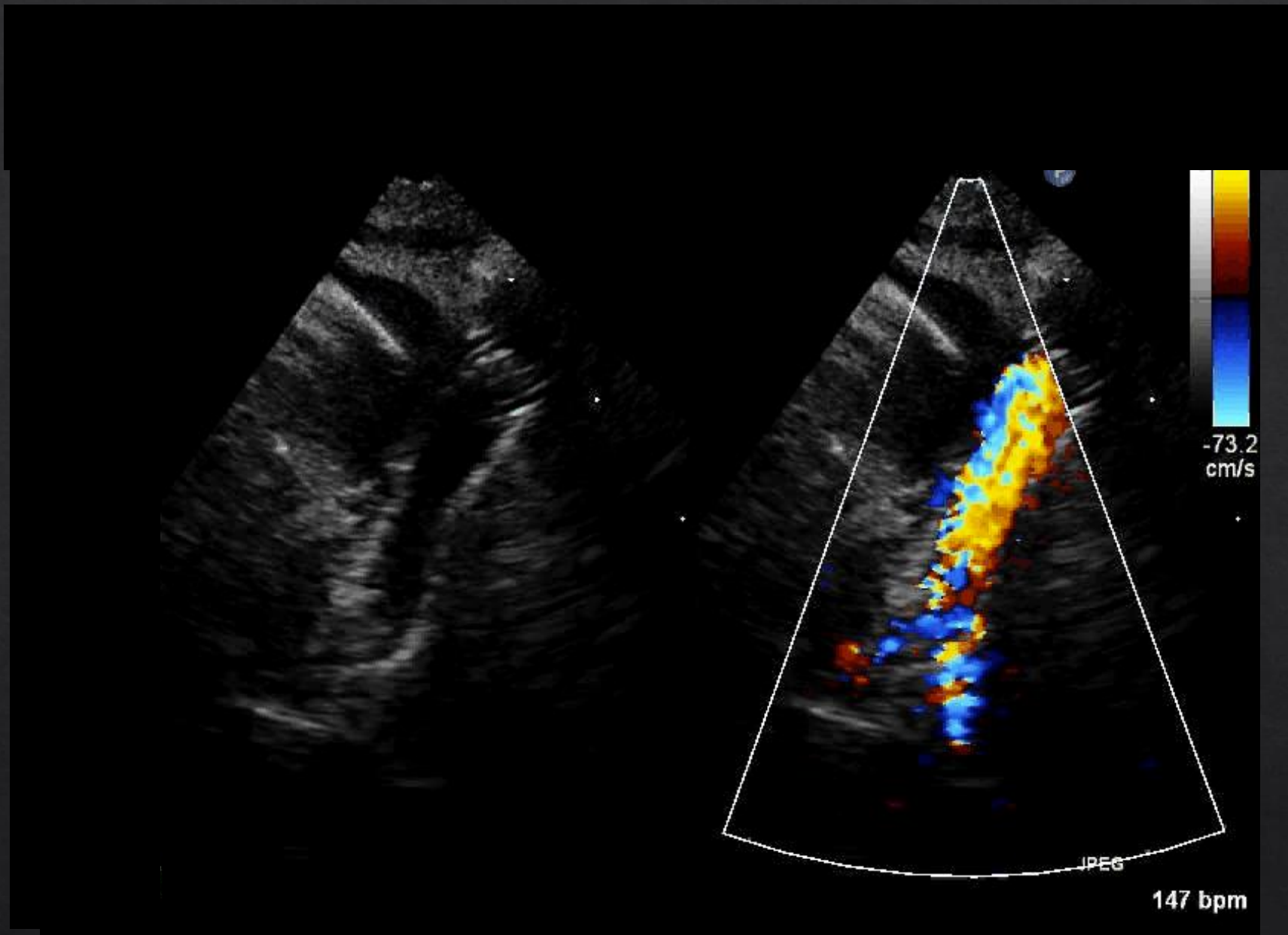
JPEG

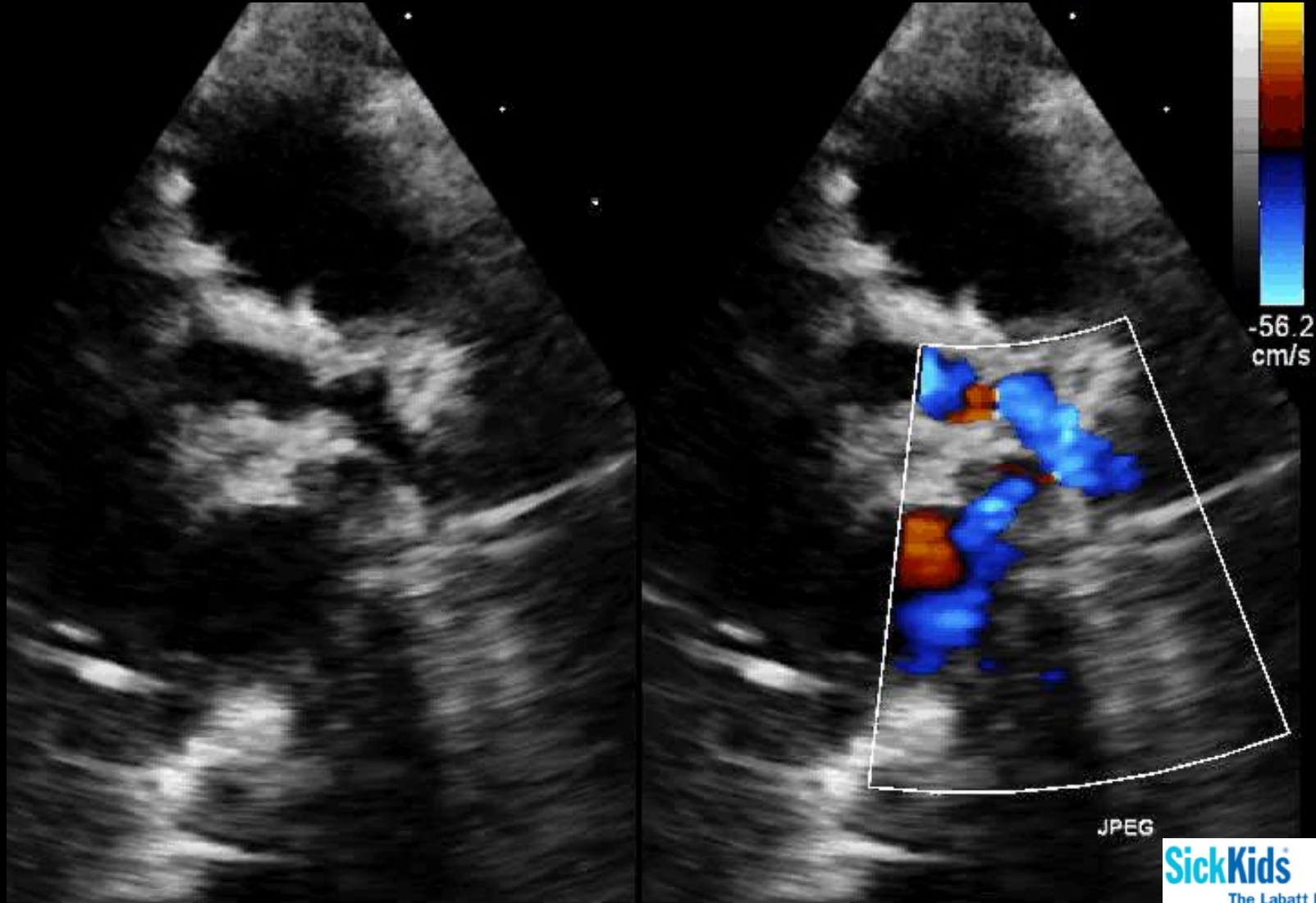
168 bpm



JPEG







# case 4

Lossy compression - n

D00

FR 46Hz  
7.0cm

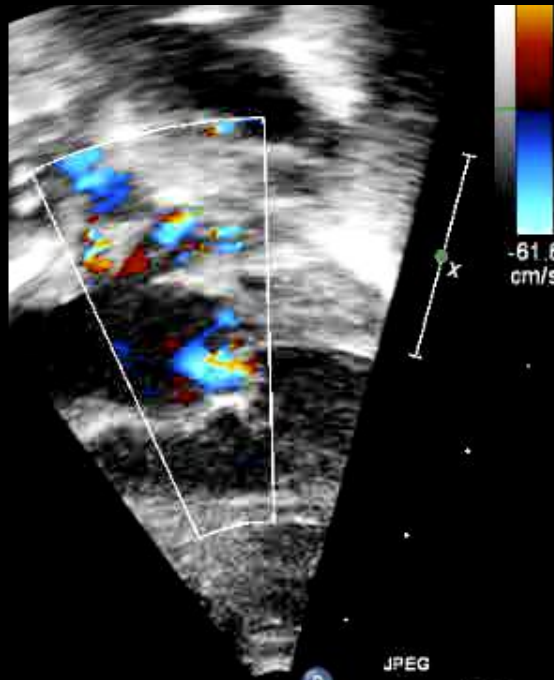
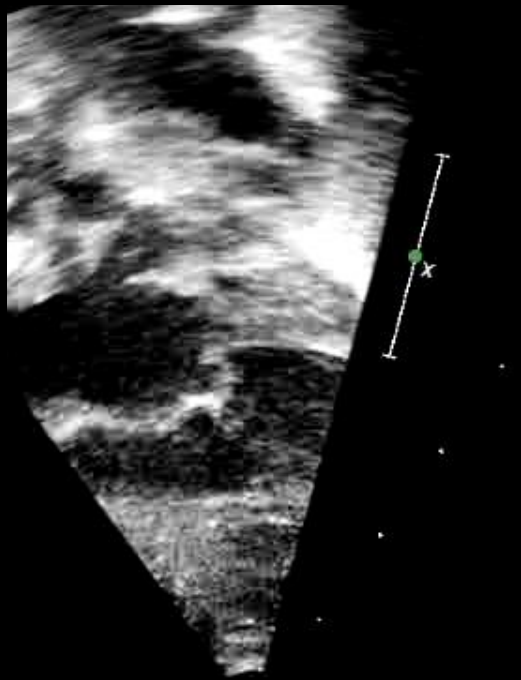
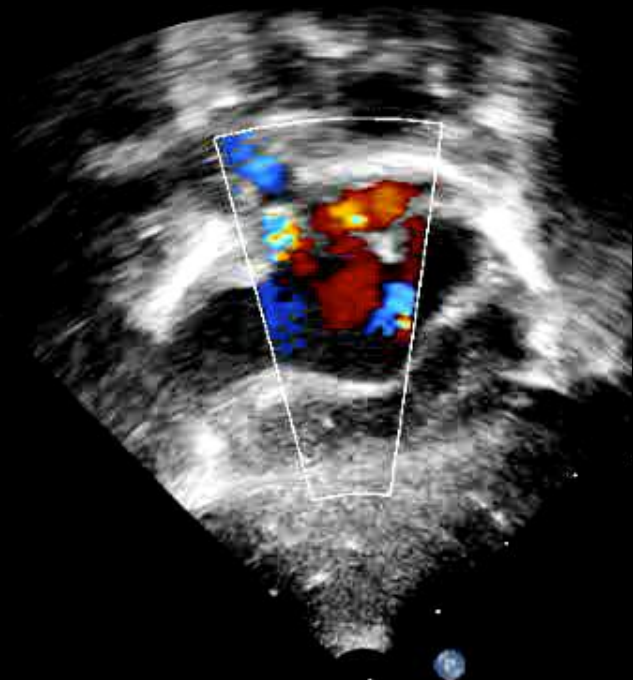
2D

71%  
C 50  
P Off  
Res

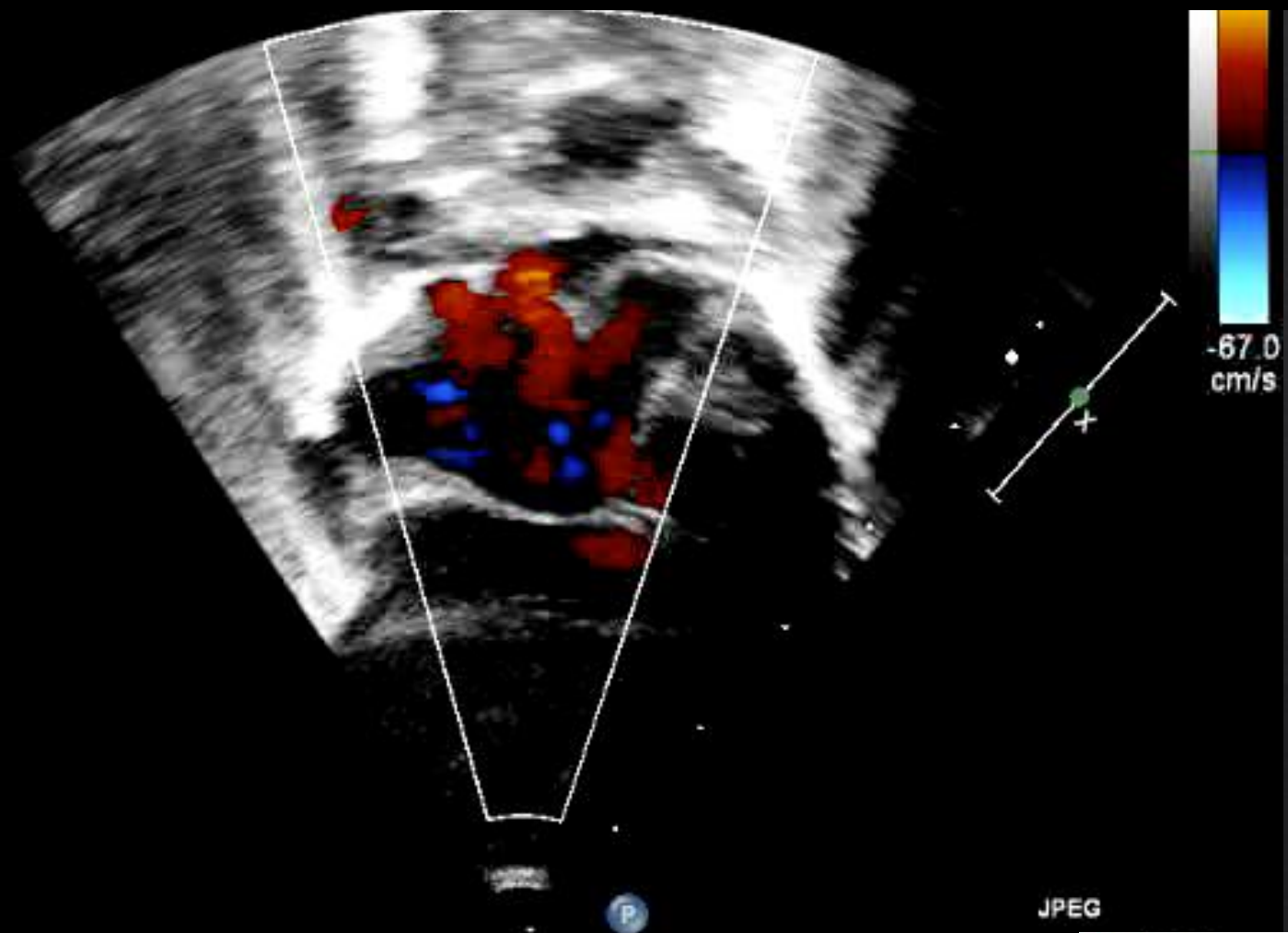
CF

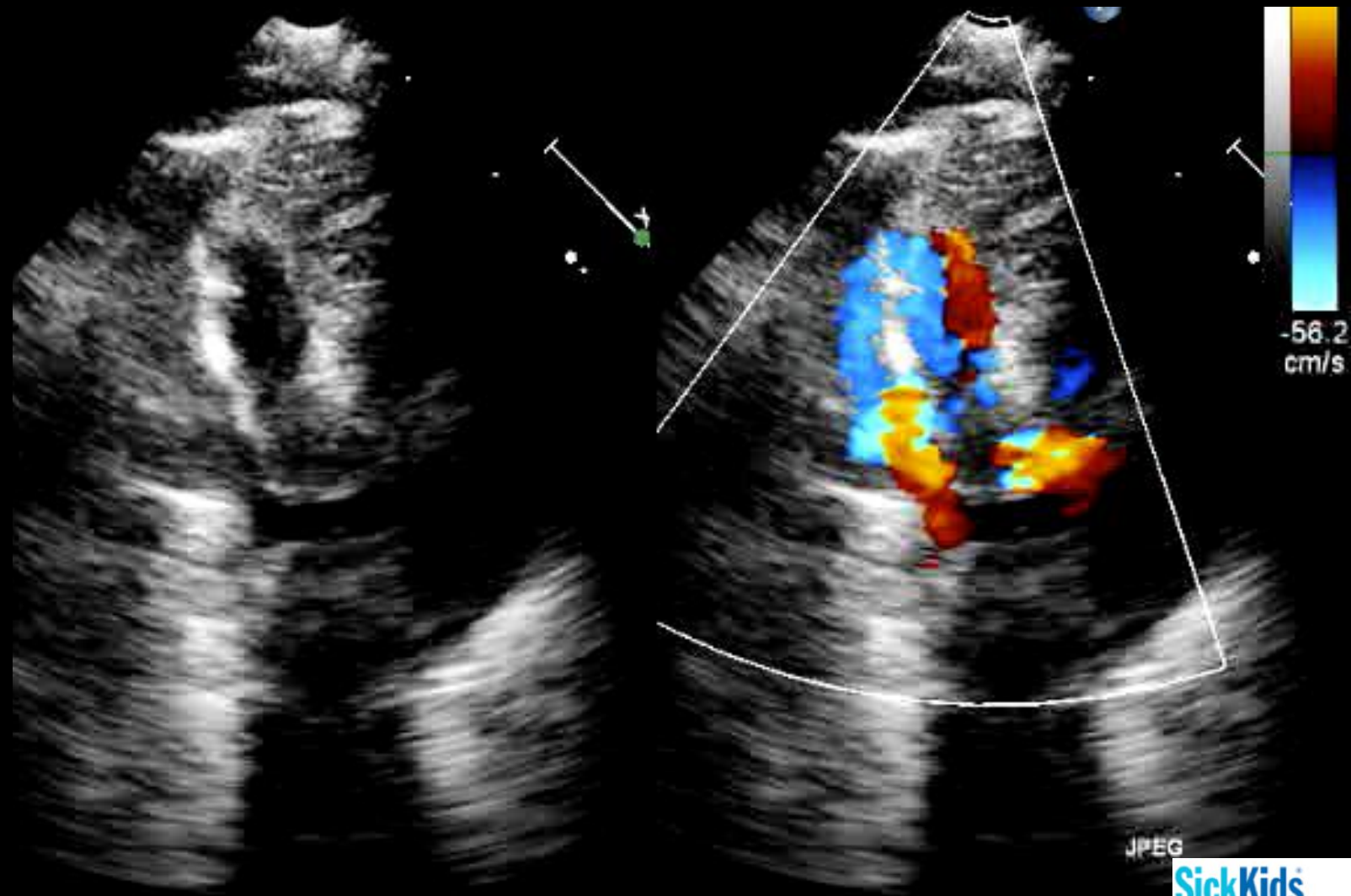
77%  
3.0MHz  
WF High  
Med

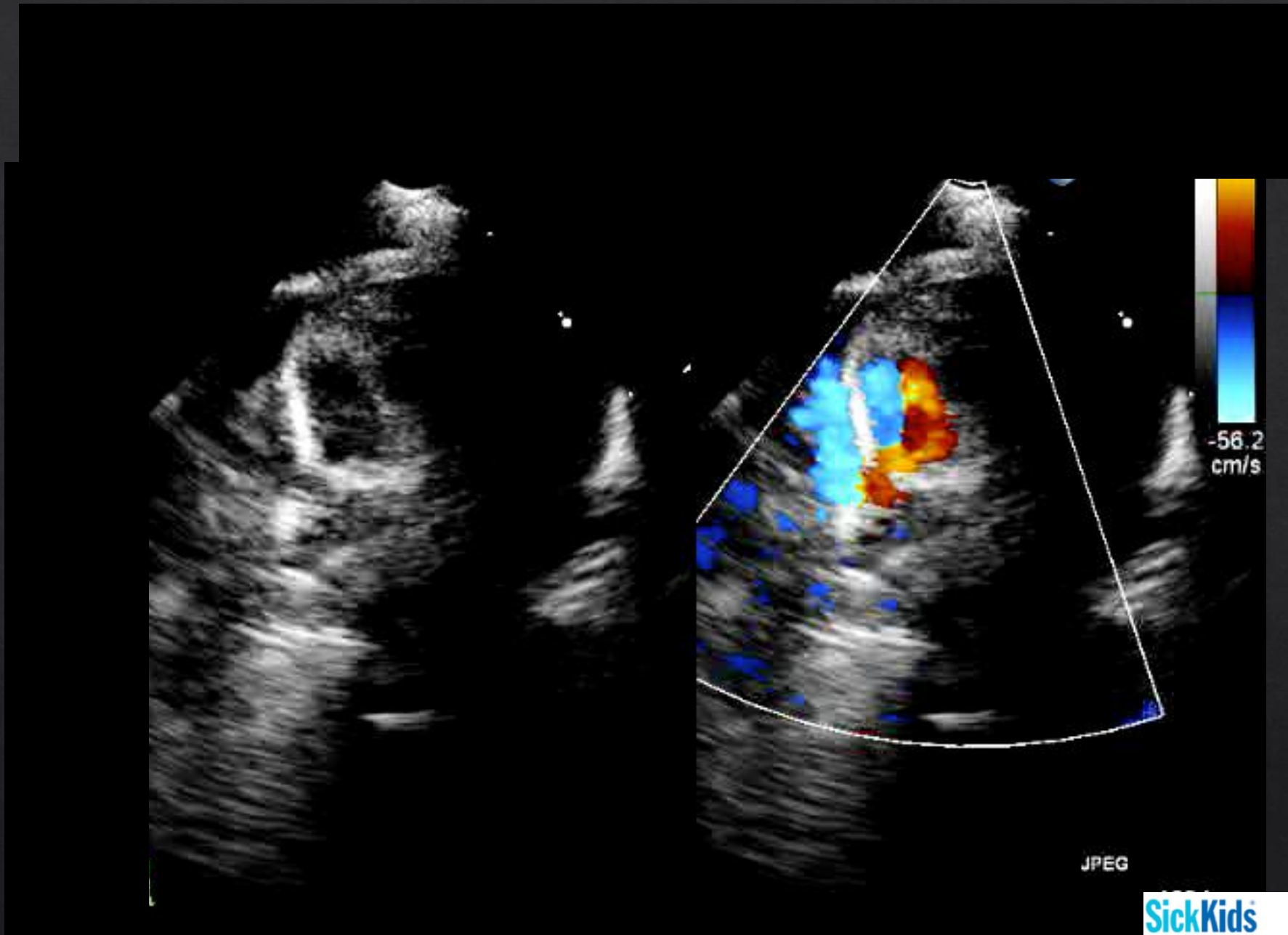
G  
P R





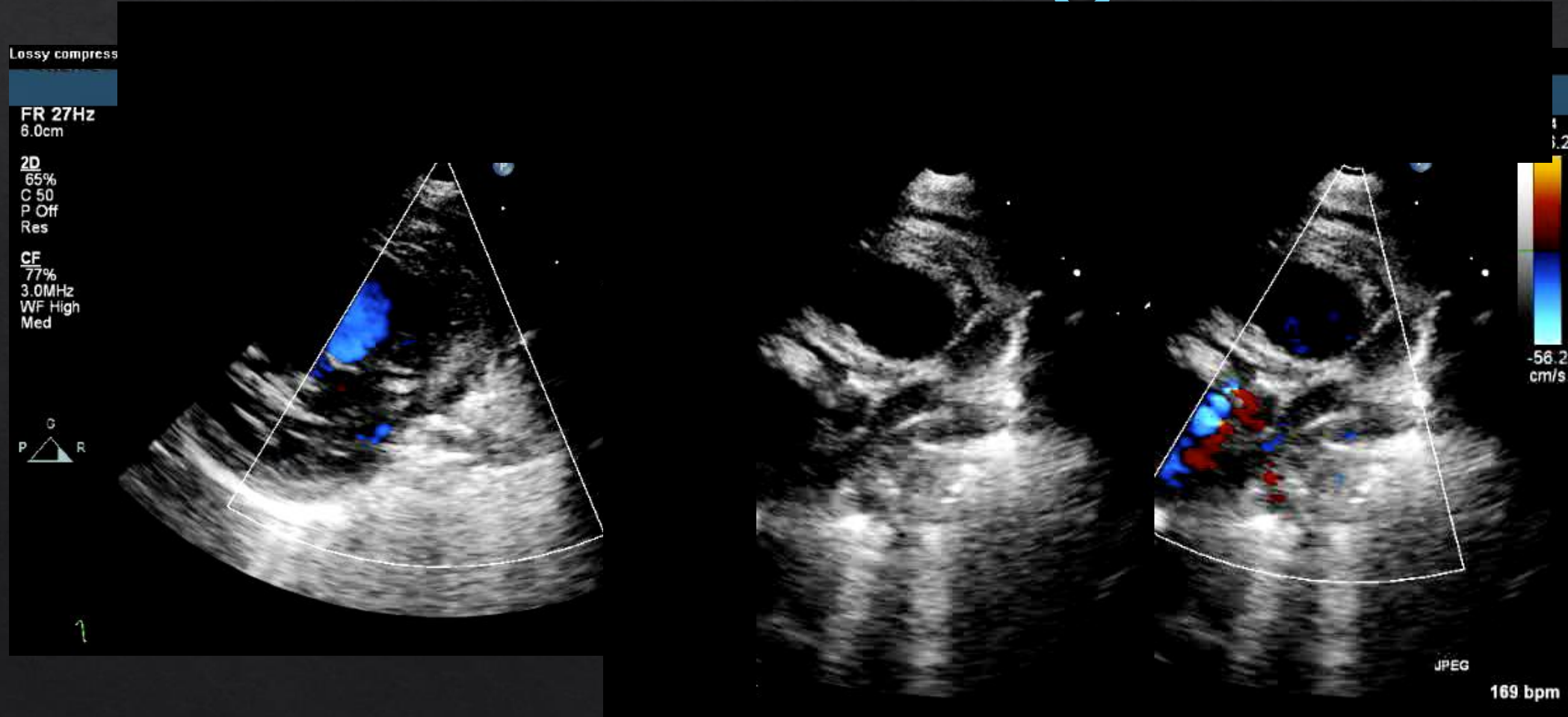








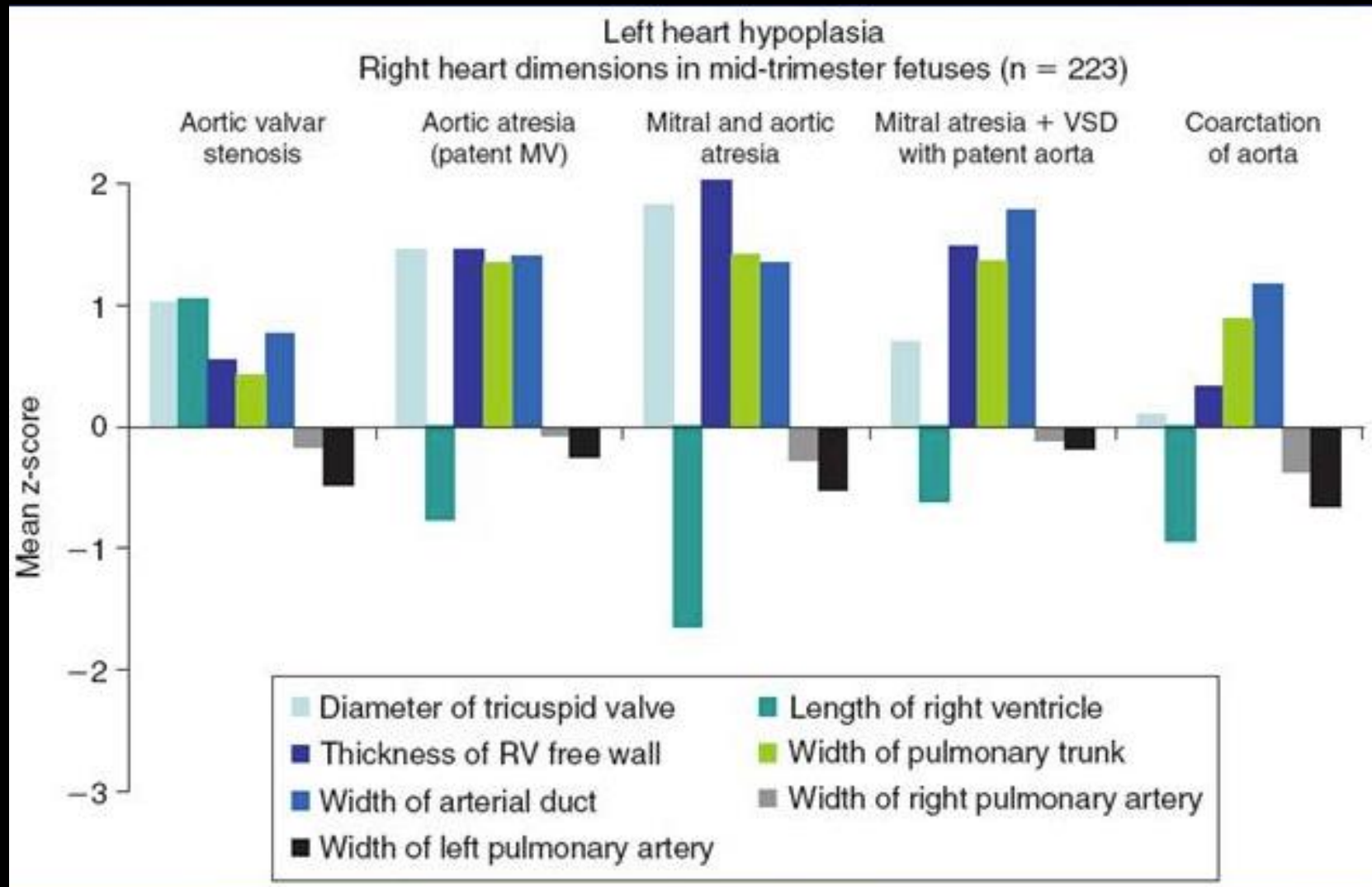
# Left SVC draining into CS



# Outcome

- ◆ Norwood Sano
- ◆ Developed LPA stenosis : LPA dilatation / stent.
- ◆ Bilateral Glenn

# What about the right side?





# HLHS: Physiology & flow dynamics (Hydraulic) & Embryology

primitive heart stage

disrupted cardiogenesis

