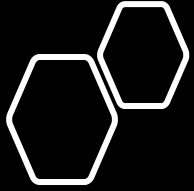


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# Circulation de Fontan

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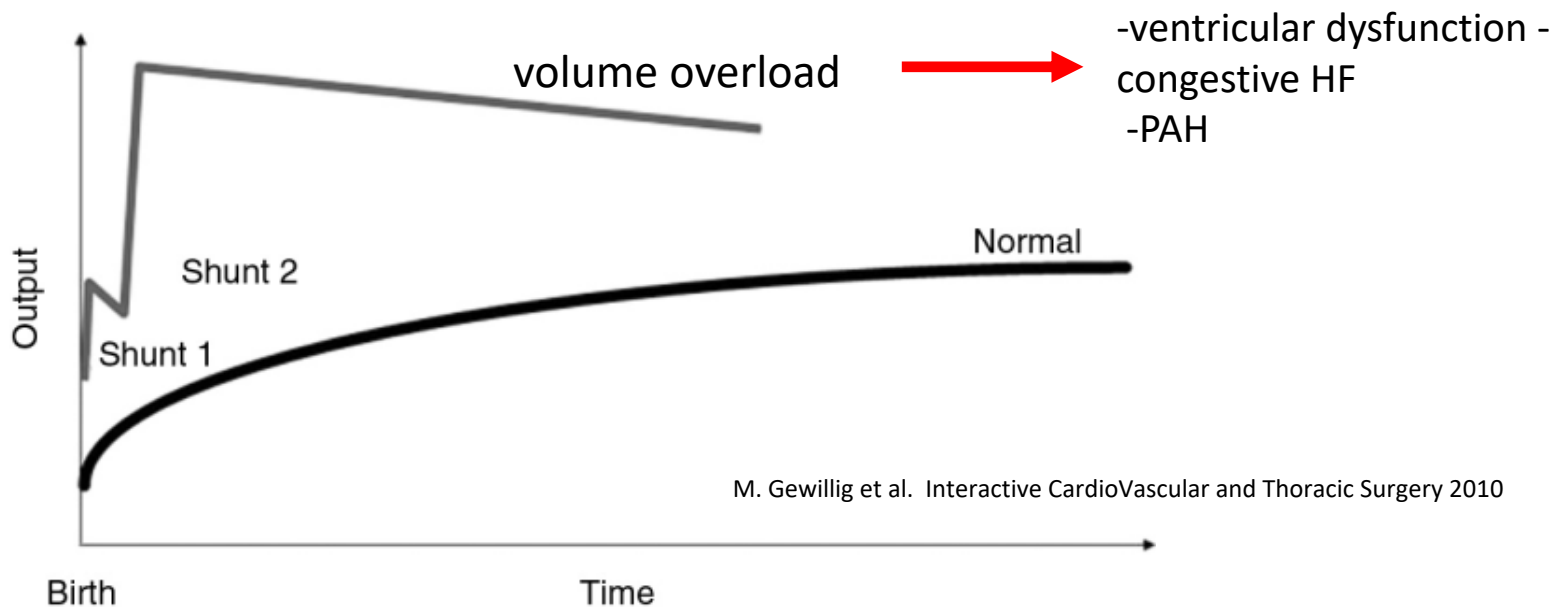
# Fontan circulation Areas to be covered

- Key concepts for “single ventricle” physiology
- Stage 1: Shunt, banding and Norwood procedure
- Stage 2: PCPC
- Stage 3: TCPC

# Single ventricle physiology

## Palliation for UVH in the 1950–1960s

- large systemic to pulmonary artery (PA) shunts for adequate long-term relief of cyanosis
- dictum: “as pink as possible for as long as possible”
- few survivors beyond the 4th decade



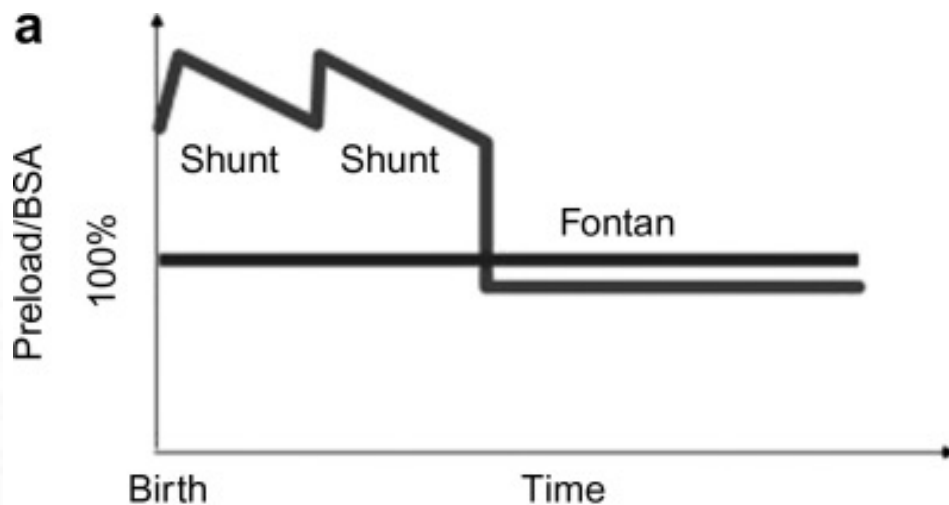
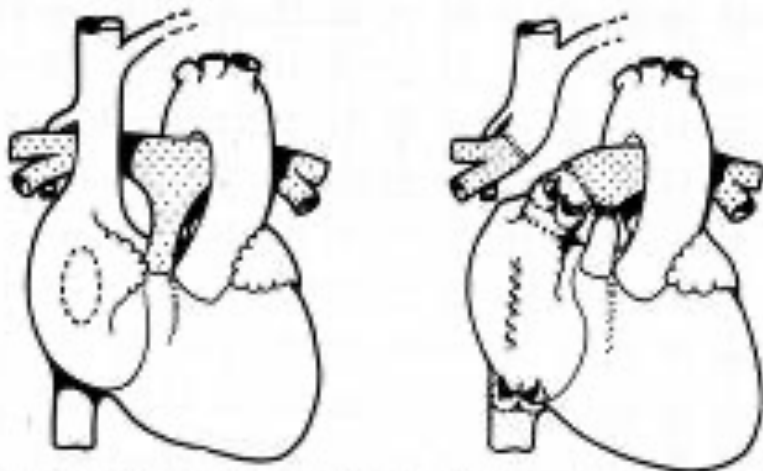


# The Fontan operation

## Surgical repair of tricuspid atresia

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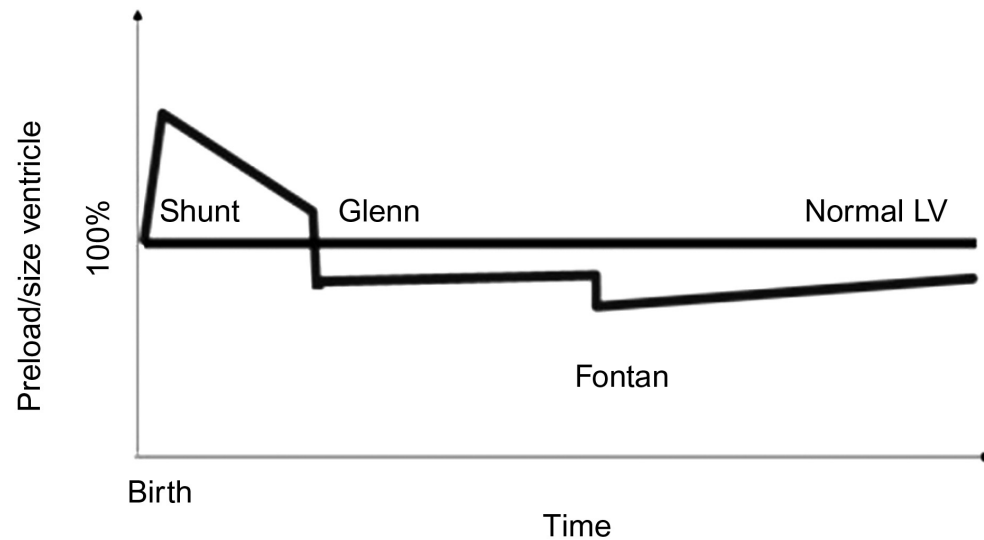


Emphasis shifted towards reducing the volume load of the ventricle



# UVH physiology: current strategy

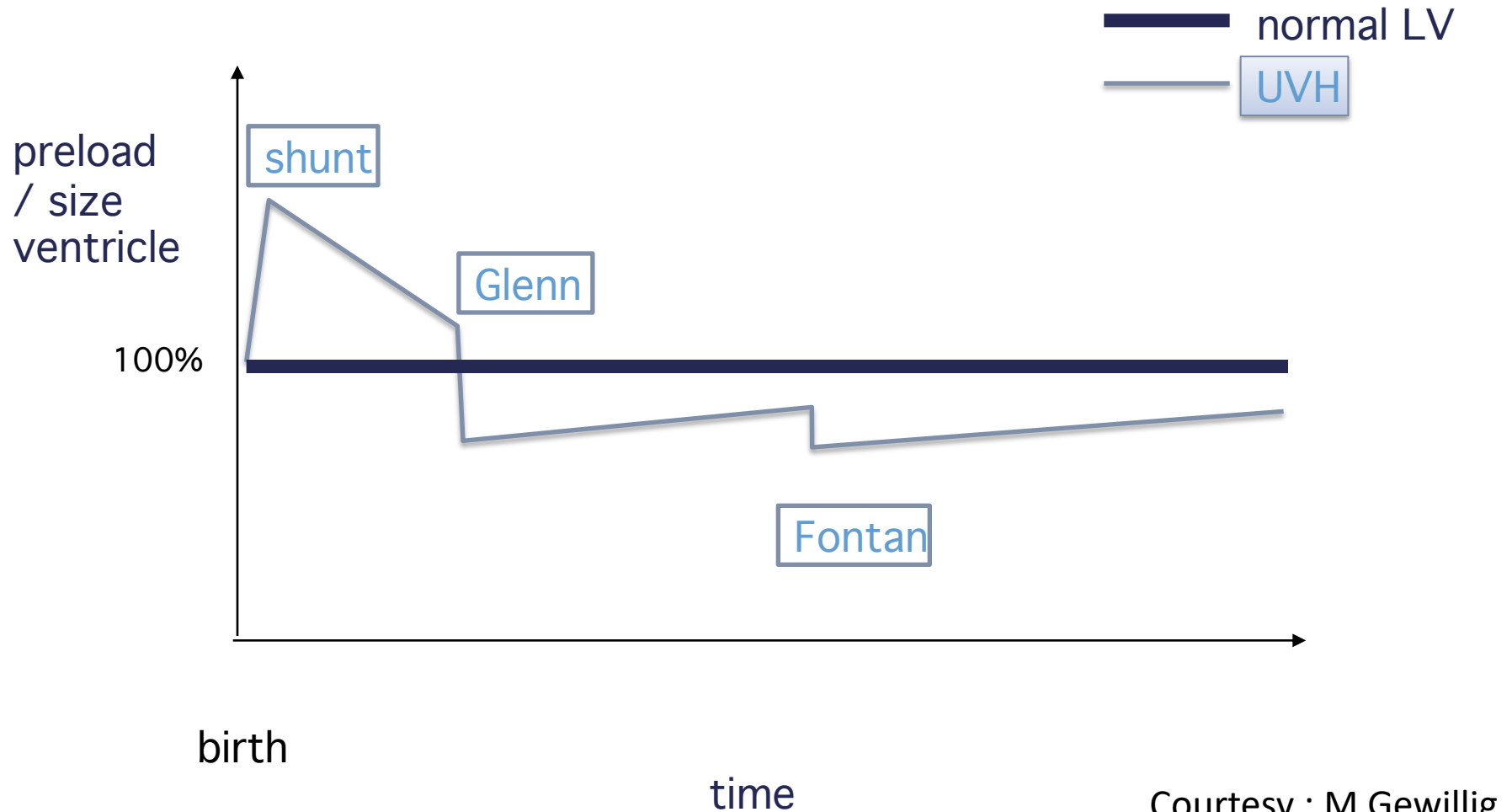
- From 1990's: **The staged palliation**
  - early placement of a PCPC (Glenn)
- Technical modifications
  - Smaller neonatal shunt lasting few months
- Clinical outcomes improvements
- The dictum: “as blue as possible” in order to keep the ventricle maximally unloaded.



Emphasis further shifted to limitation of volume load as early as possible.

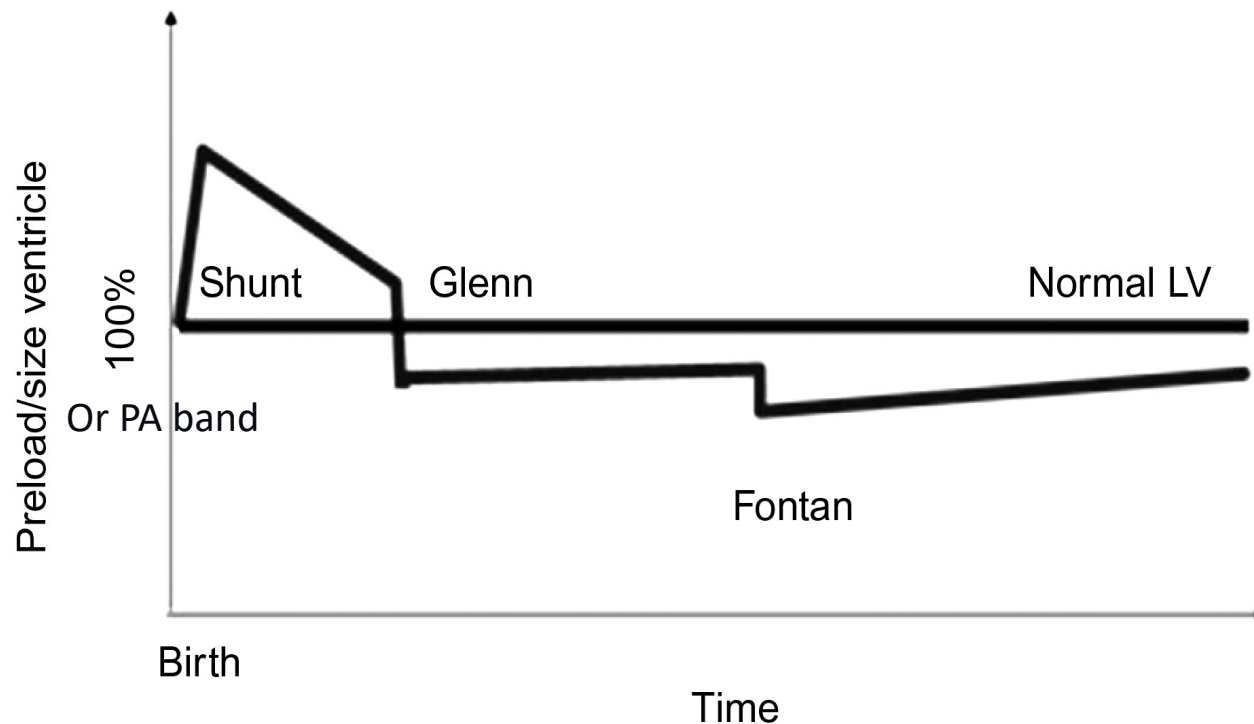
# Preload : normal LV vs UVH

## Staged Fontan palliation



# Goals of stage 1 palliation

- Balance aortic / pulmonary blood flow
- Optimize PA growth +++
- Protect from pulmonary vascular disease
- Surgical timing: limit the period of ventricular overload

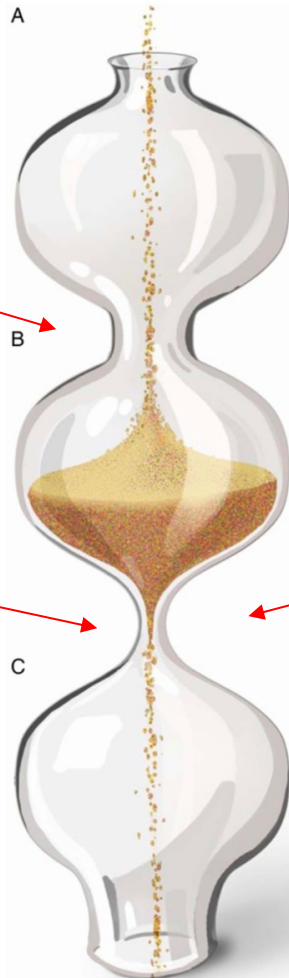


# Multiple bottleneck concept

Absence of the RV to PA coupling: influence on the systemic venous return and the pulmonary circulation

No pump to propel blood into the PAs

Pulmonary impedance hampers venous return through the pulmonary vascular bed

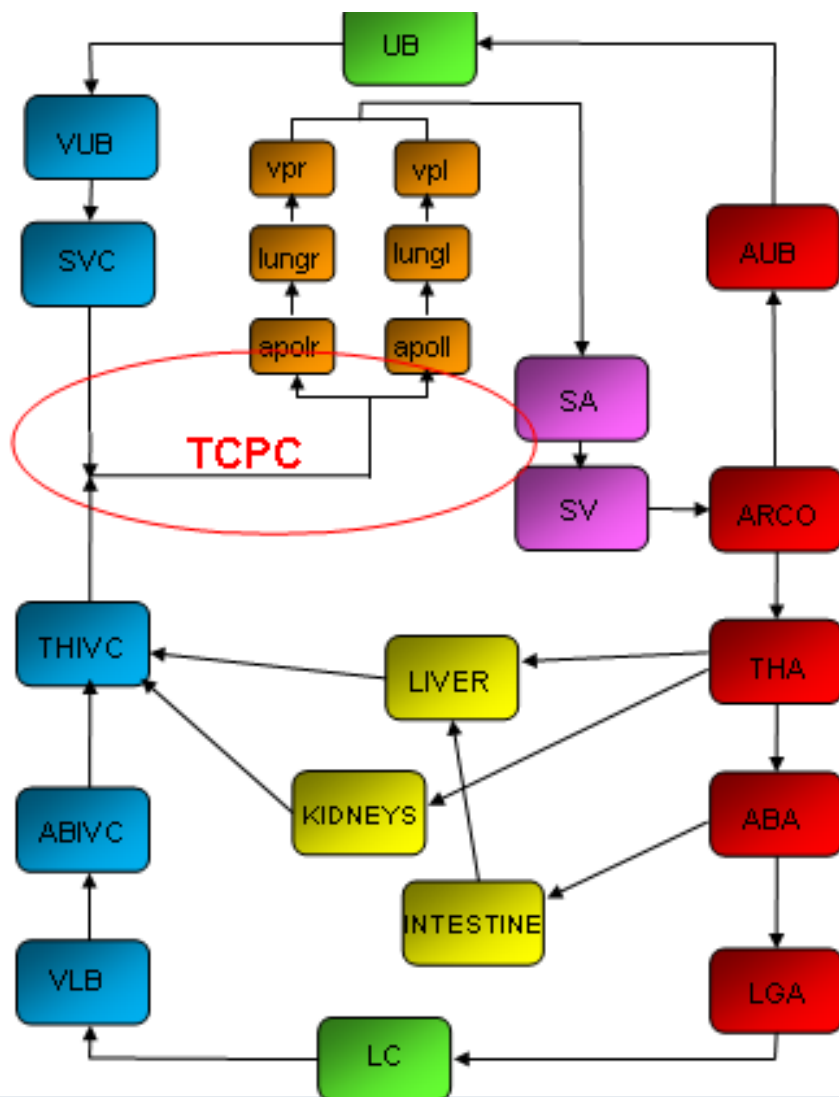


upstream venous congestion

Risk of poor function of the Glenn and future Fontan if PAs are too small and impedance too high ++++++

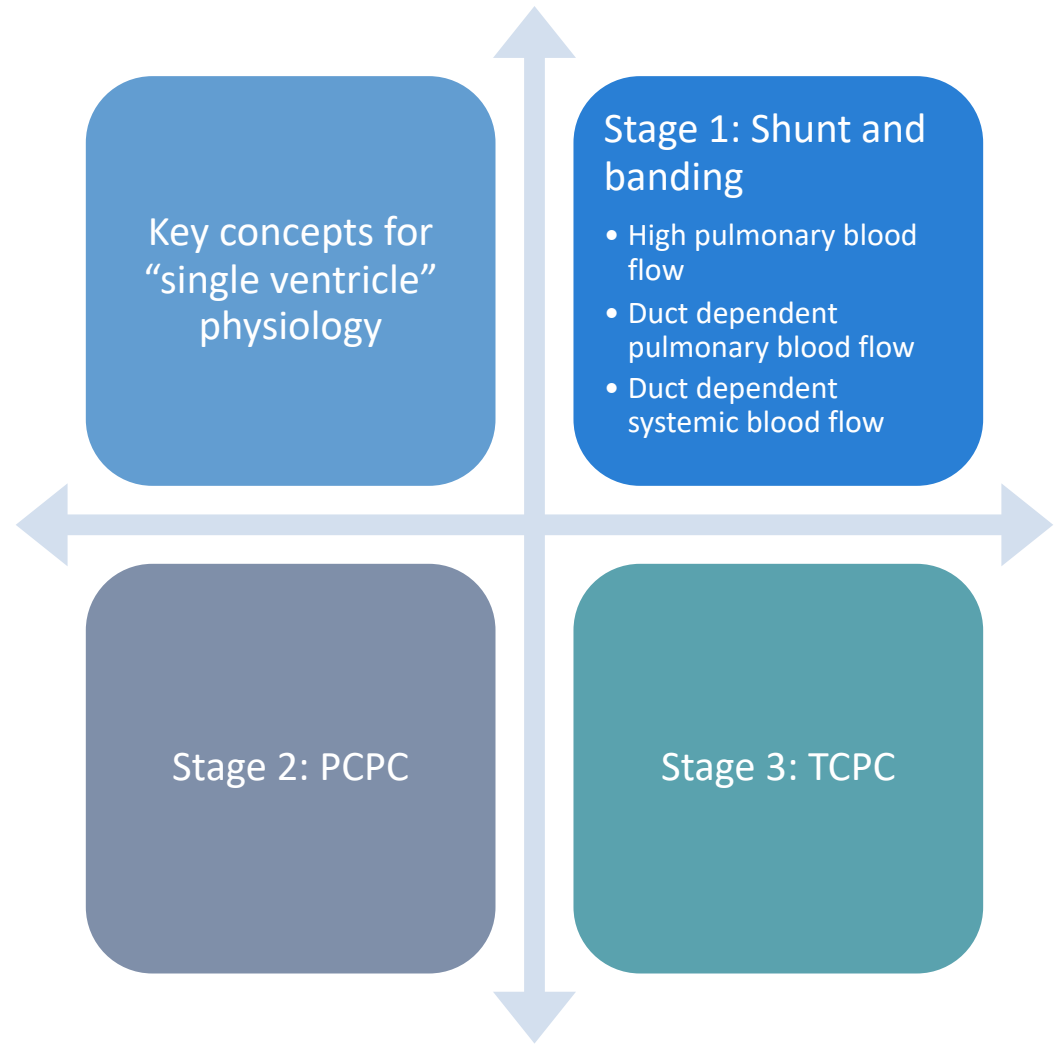
downstream decreased output

good ventricular function (systolic AND diastolic)



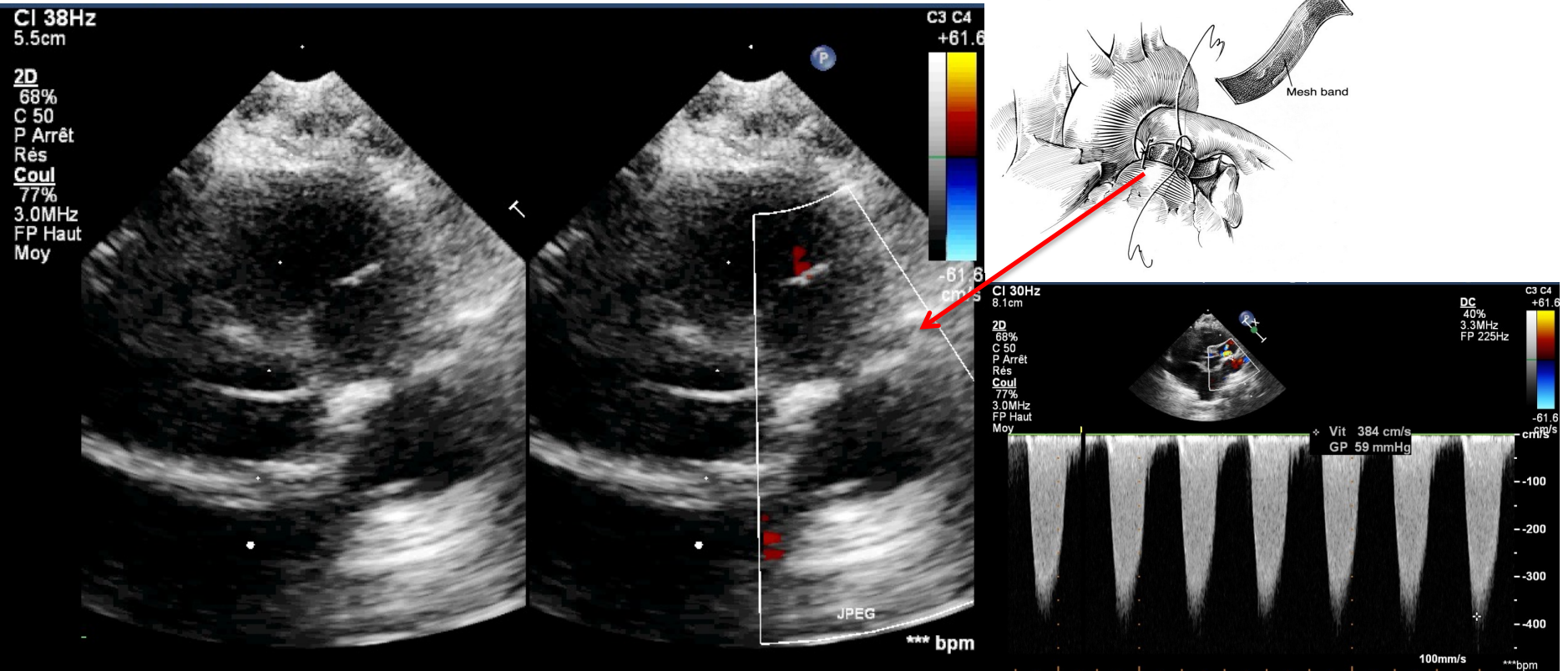
venous pressure in the splanchnic system is 2-3x higher than that in the systemic inferior caval system.

# Areas to be covered



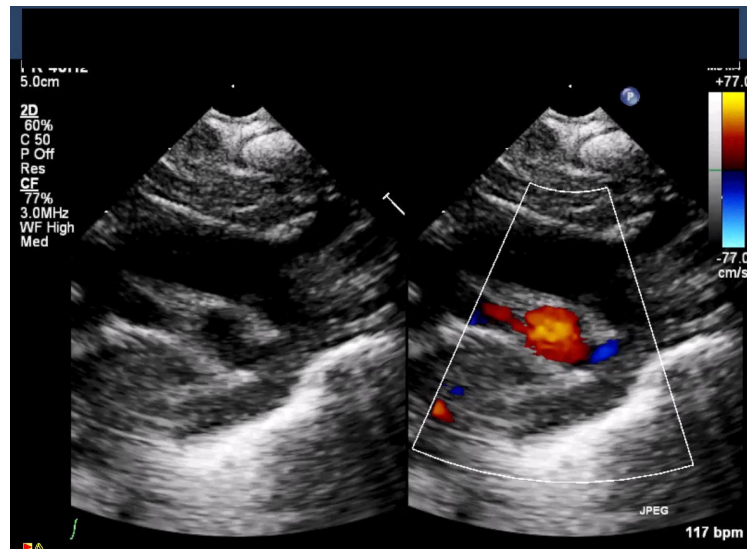
# High pulmonary blood flow PA banding

- SV-PA gradient: cw doppler (SAX/A4C). Longitudinal FU
- Pulmonary valve regurgitation: 2D/ color doppler
- Migration of PA banding: pulmonary branch distortion (RPA)



# Duct dependent Pulmonary Blood Flow

- Anatomy: Atresia/Hypoplasia of Right Heart structures (Tric/ pulm Atresia)
- **Immediate** action to establish **adequate** Pulmonary Blood Flow
  - Prostaglandin to maintain ductal patency
  - Flow: Aorta to Pulmonary artery
- Subsequent need for **Reliable** Pulmonary Blood Flow
  - Modified BT shunt
  - PDA stent

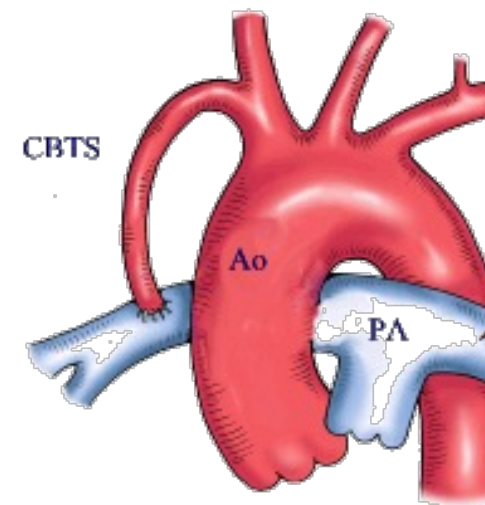
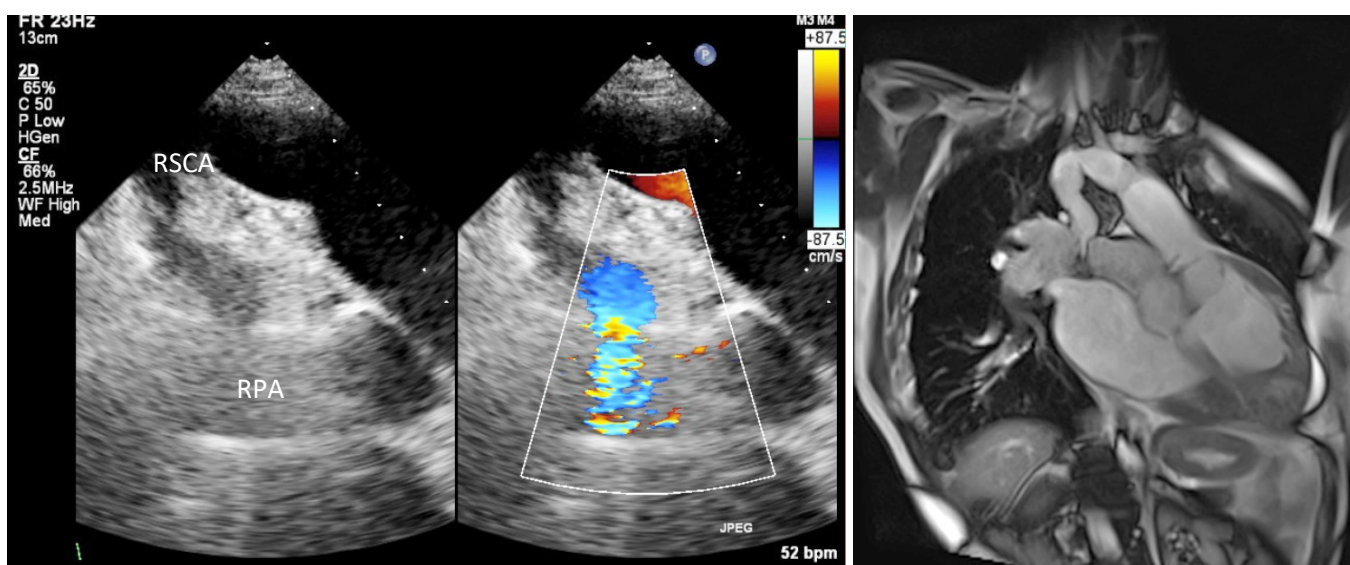




# Duct dependent Pulmonary Blood Flow

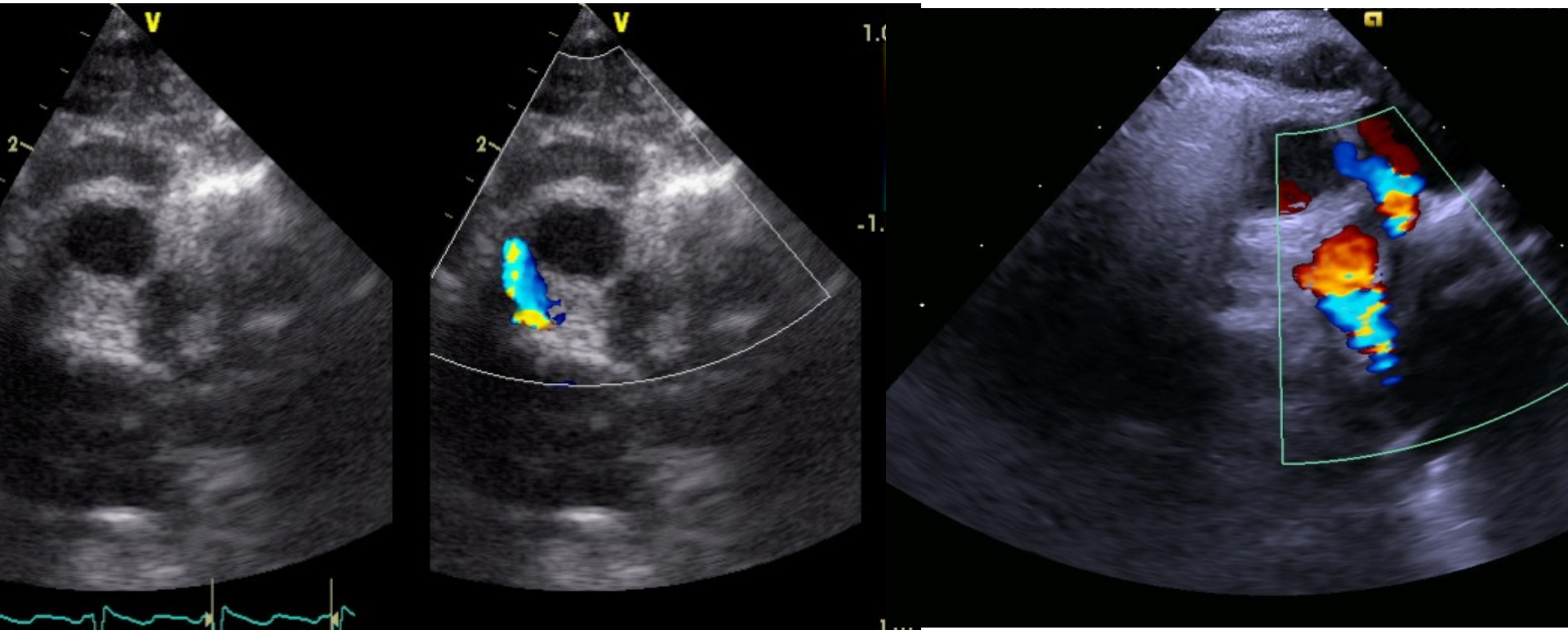
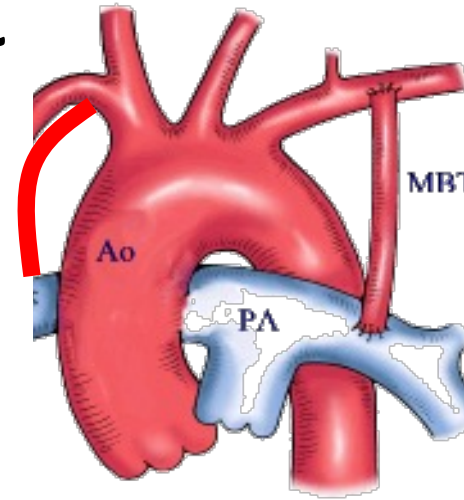


- First SPS: direct connection between SCA and ipsilateral PA
- Frequent complications
  - Unpredictability of shunt flow
  - PA branch distortion

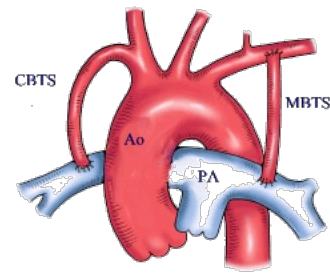


# Systemic to pulmonary shunt

- ▣ modified BT shunt: prosthetic PTFE graft (Ø3-4mm)
- ▣ Innominate artery or SCA connected to ipsilateral PA branch
- ▣ Echo: suprasternal frontal view/ color doppler/ CW doppler

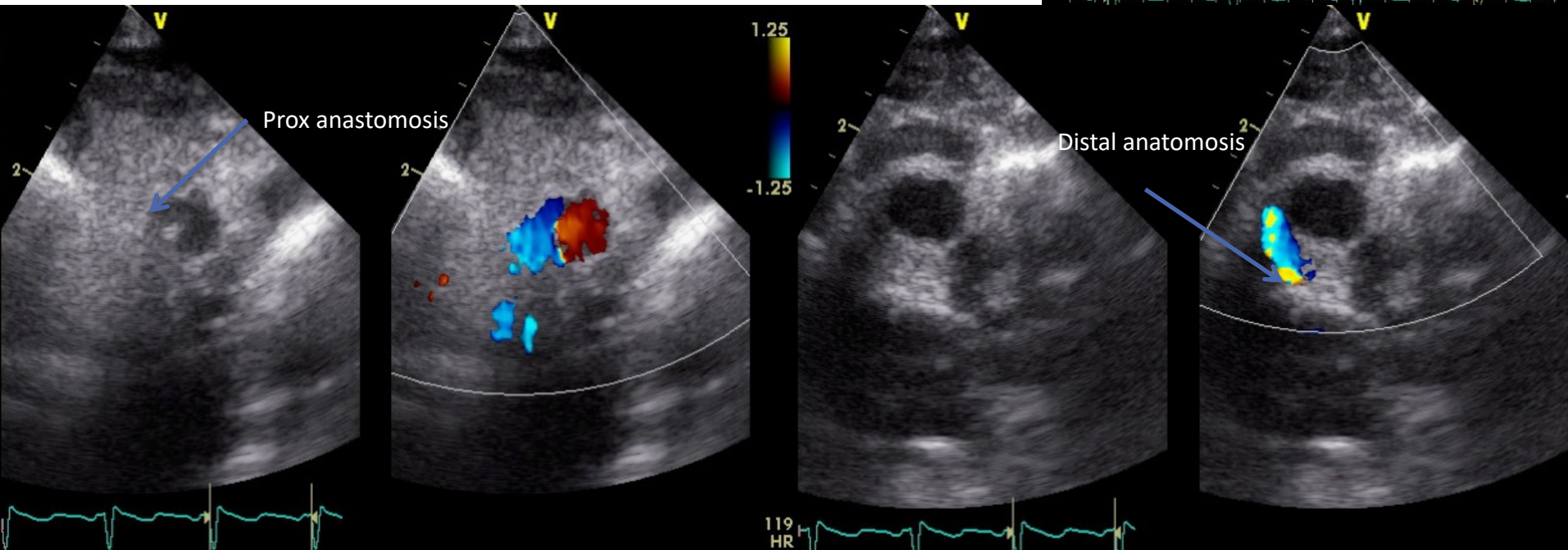
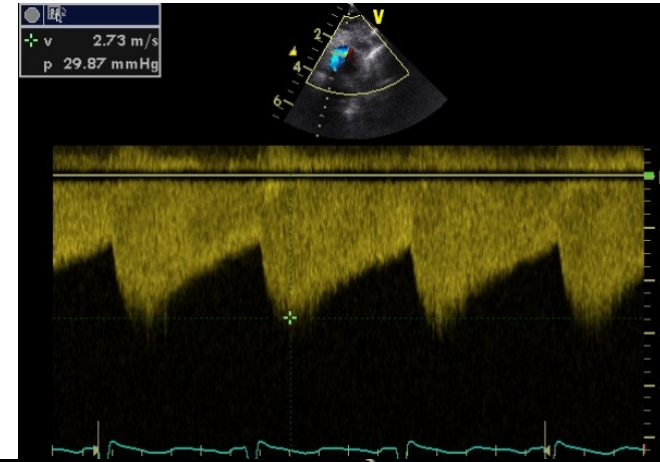


# Systemic to pulmonary shunt



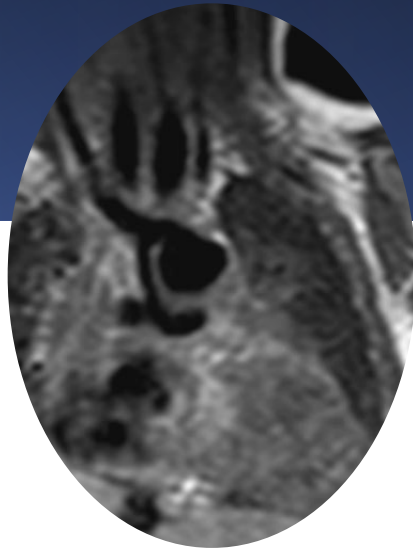
Imaging: CW doppler: characteristic sawtooth doppler pattern

Potential anomalies: distortion of inn Artery or PA branch, narrowing of prox or distal anastomosis (challenging)





# Visualisation of shunt and PAs



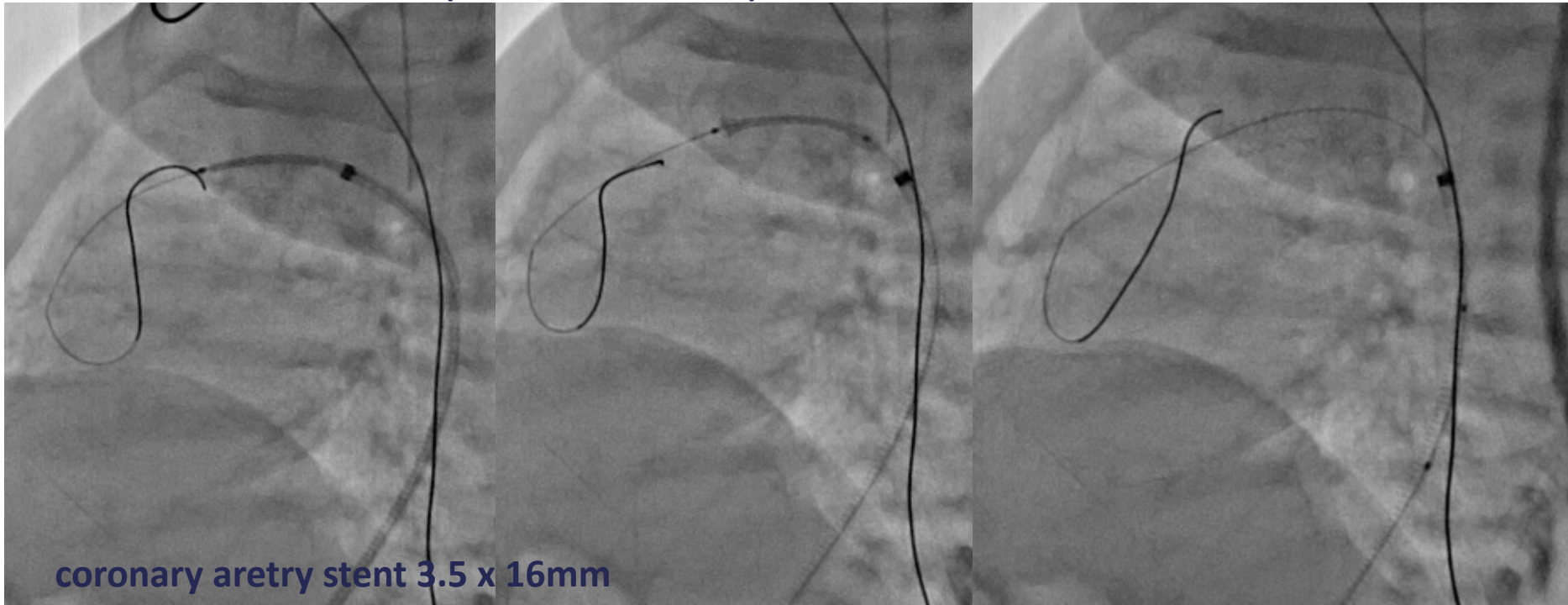
- If there is doubt or for planning next stage of surgery
- CT / MRI / Catheter
- To delineate shunt and branch PA anatomy

# DUCT STENTING

**Pulmonary atresia with IVS. Severe hypoplastic RV. Duct dependent pulmonary flow**

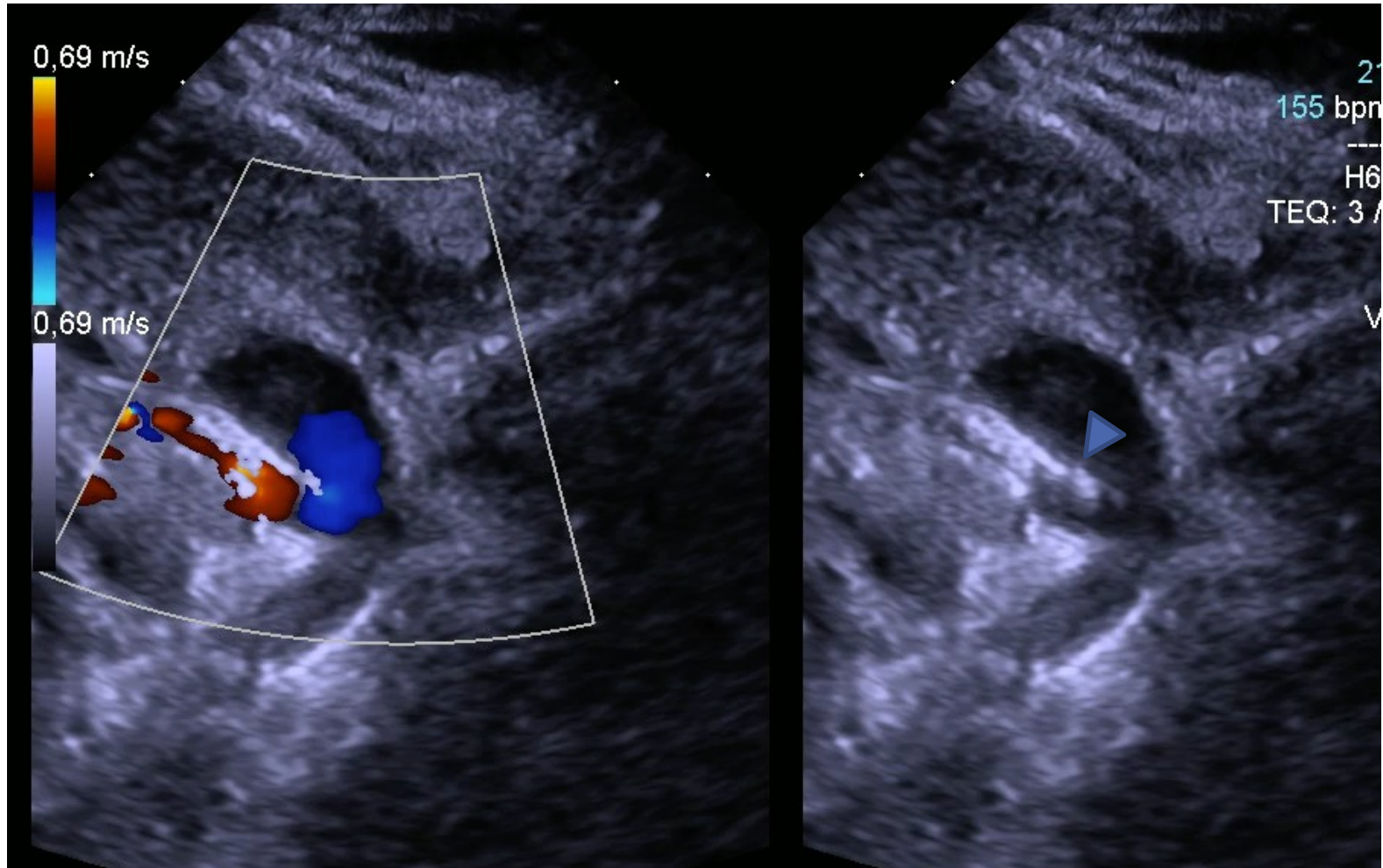
**Weight 2kg. O2 Saturation 88% under PGE1**

**Stop PGE1 6h before the procedure**



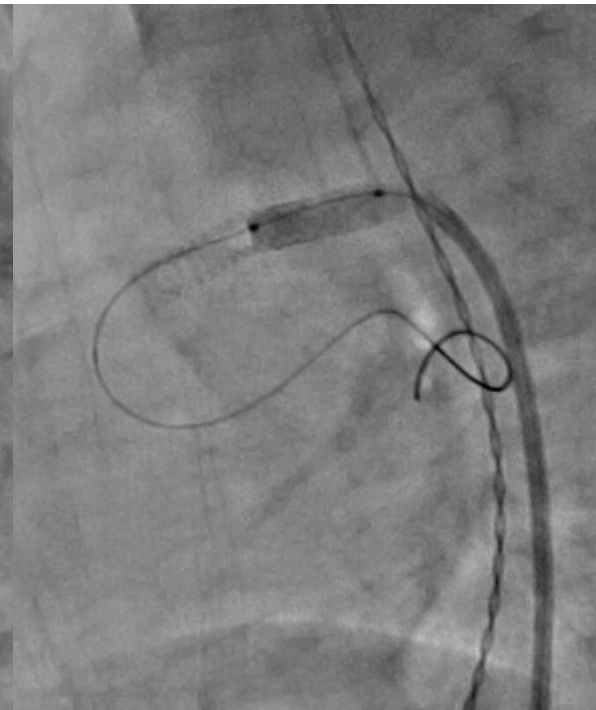
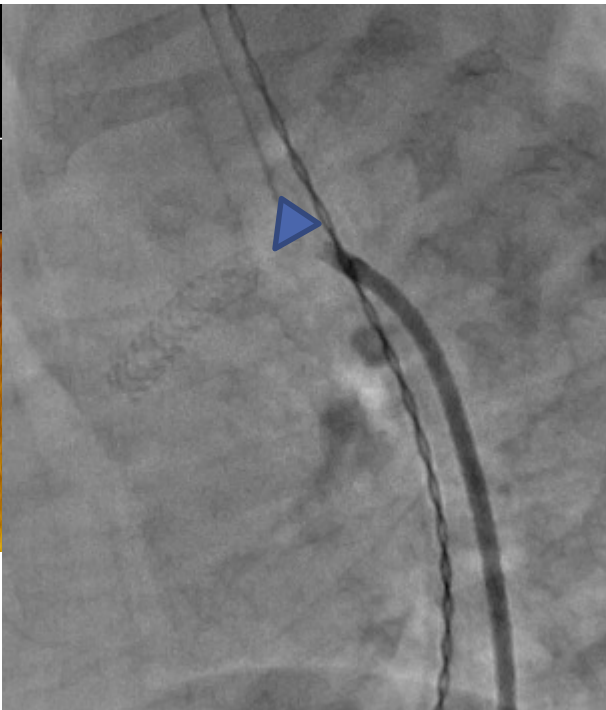
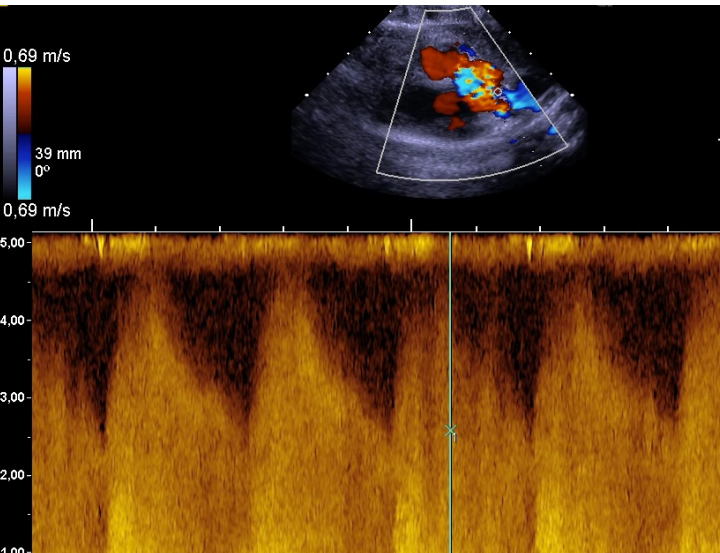
**Discharge Day 5 O2 Sat85-90%**

# DUCT STENTING



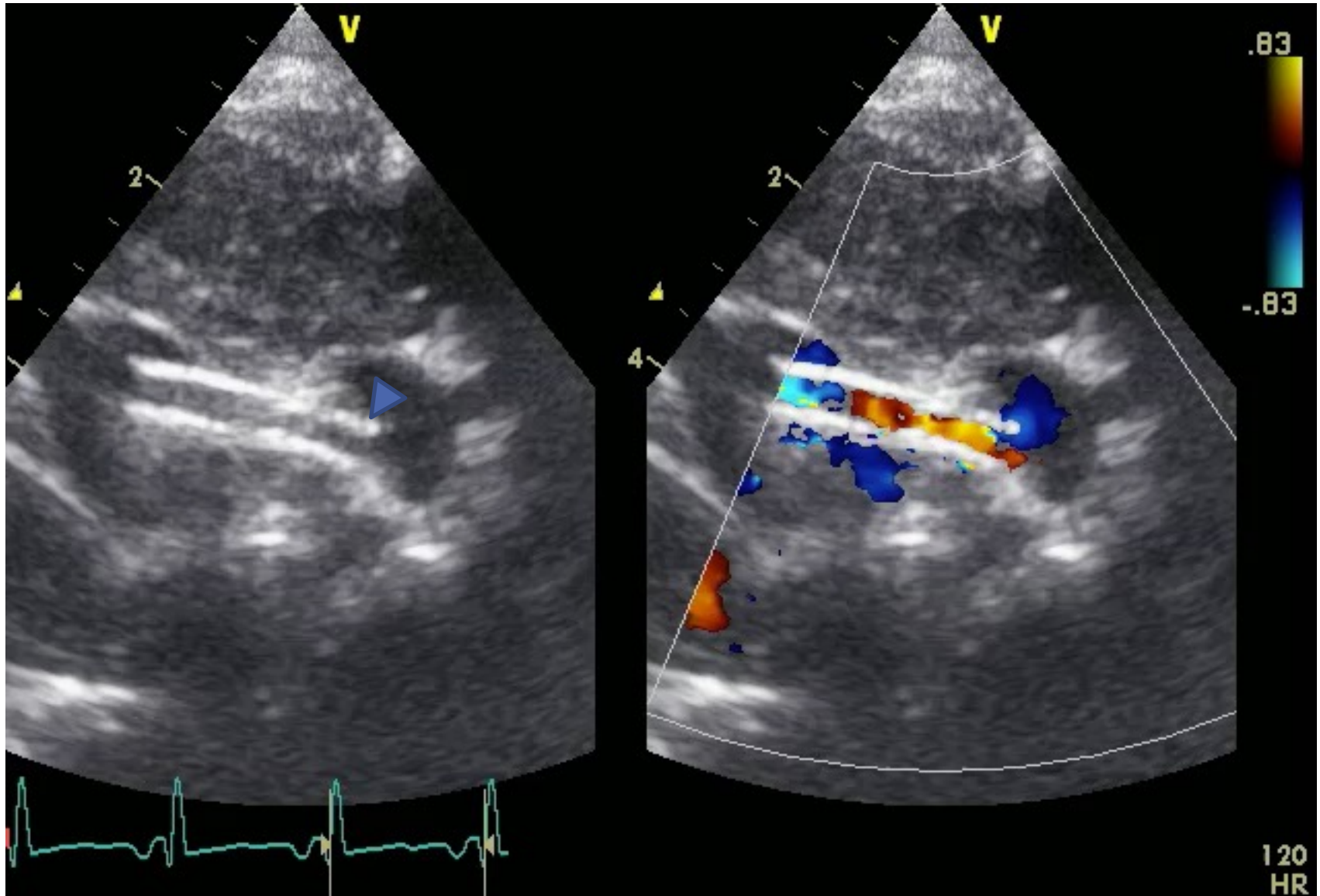
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- Acute desaturation at 3 months 60 vs 85%
- Increased peak velocity from 3.5 to 5m/s



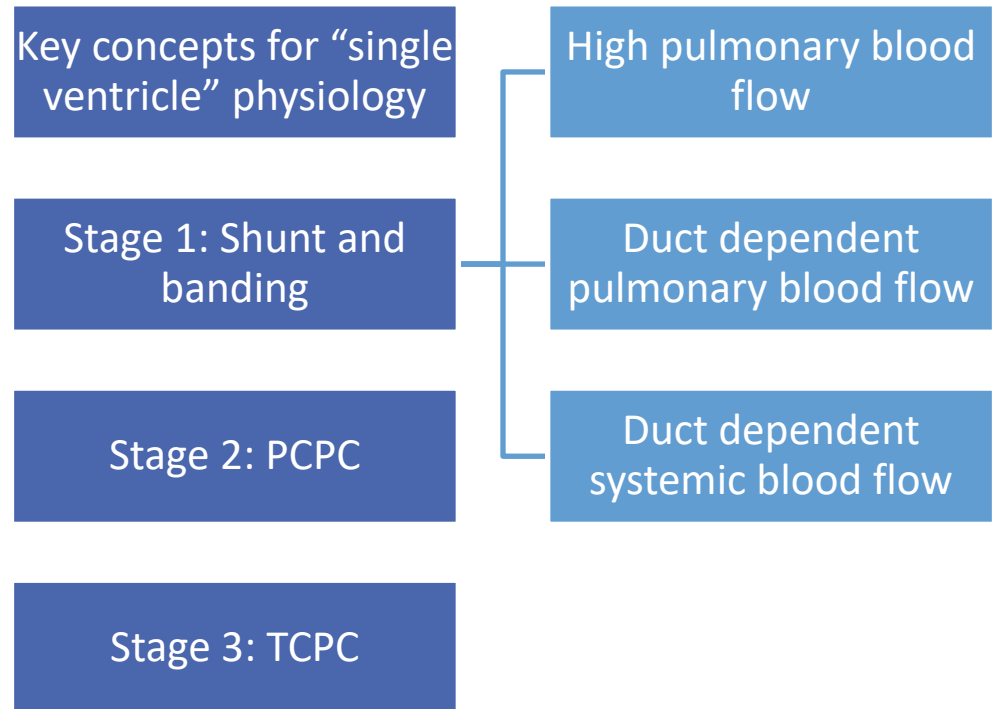


# Additional stent on the aortic side



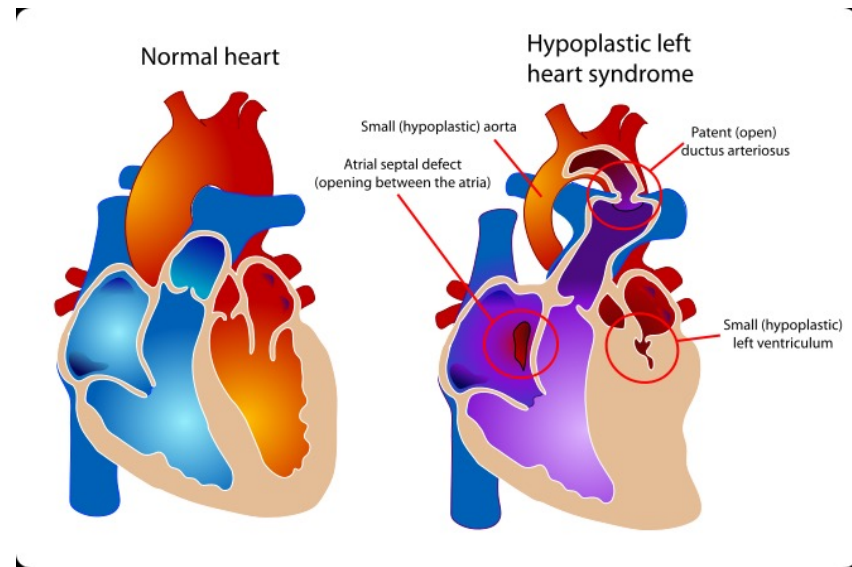


# Areas to be covered



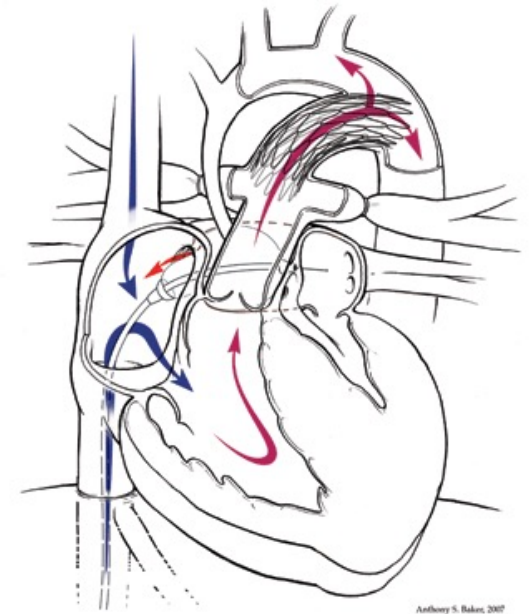
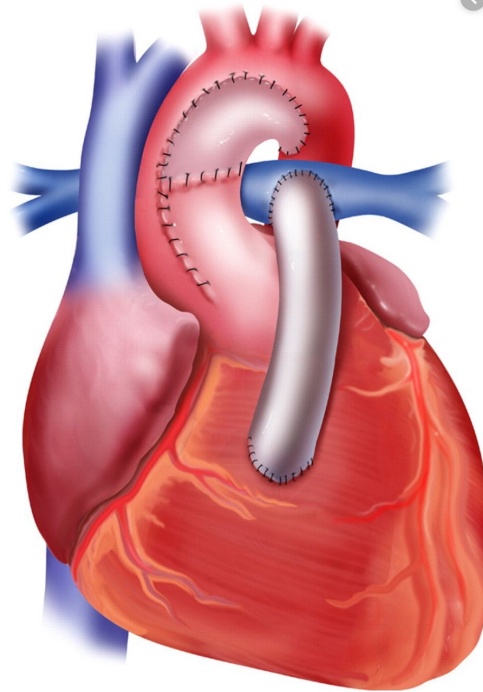
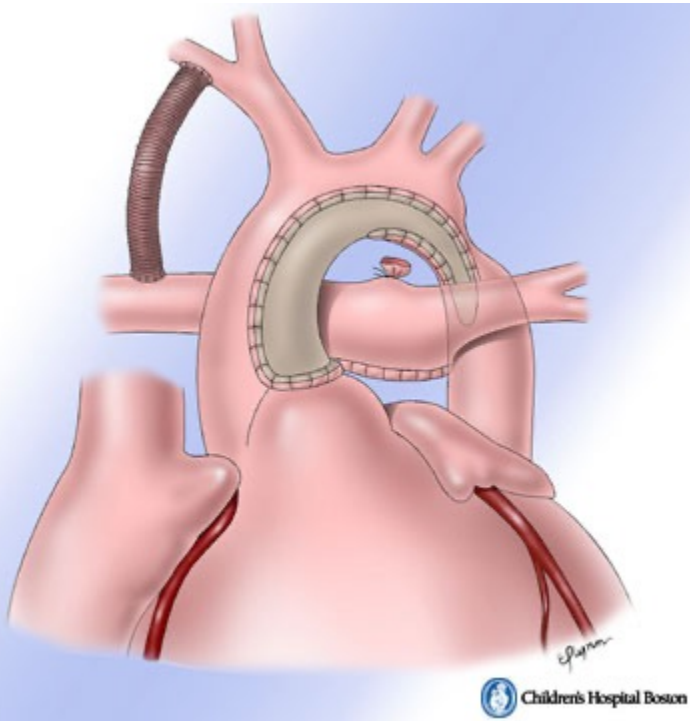
# Duct dependent Systemic Blood Flow

- Anatomy: large spectrum of HLHS
- **Immediate** action to establish **adequate** Systemic Blood Flow
  - Prostaglandin to maintain ductal patency (R to L flow)



- Subsequent need for **Reliable** systemic circulation
  - Norwood/Hybrid for HLHS
- Balloon or Surgical Aortic Valvotomy in Critical AS

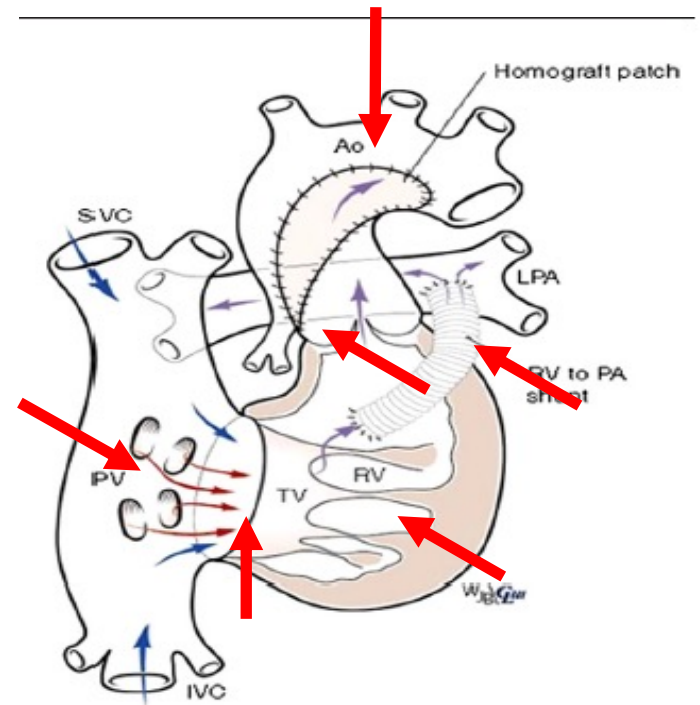
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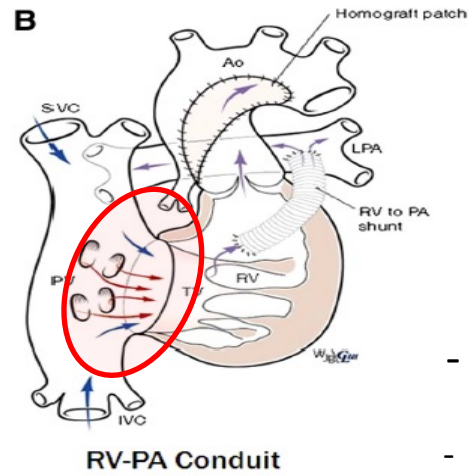


# Post Norwood stage I echocardiography

- Sequential segmental analysis

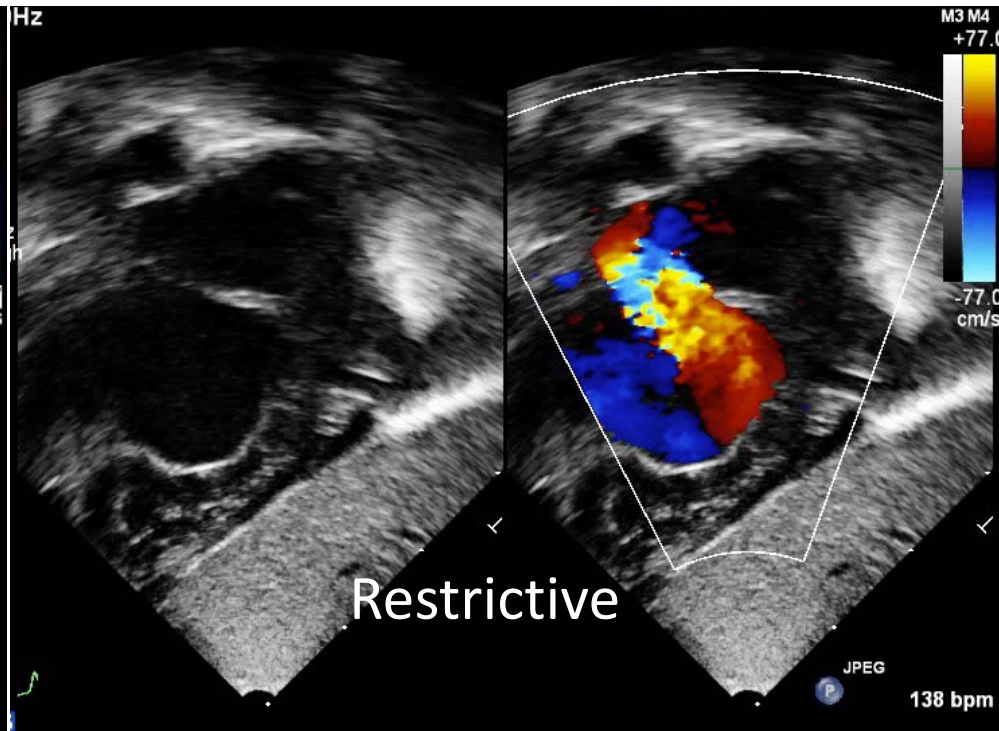
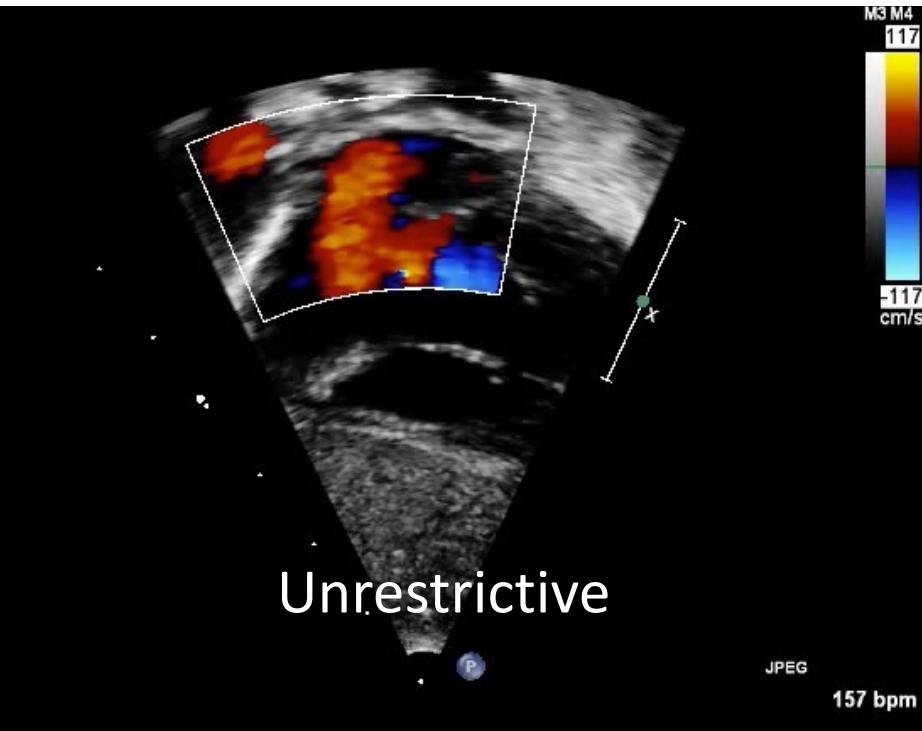
- Atrial septectomy
- Tricuspid valve function
- RV function
- DKS anastomosis
- Neoaortic arch
- Systemic to pulmonary artery shunt



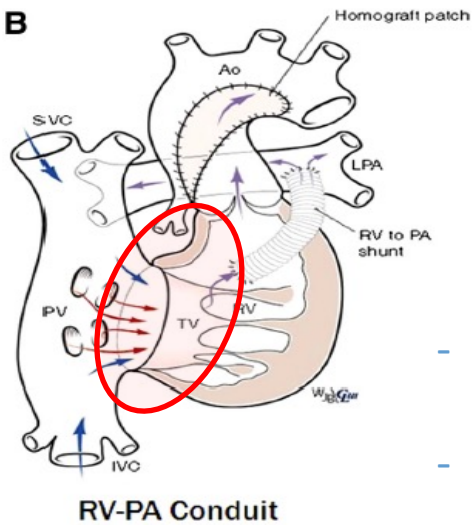


# Assessment of atrial septum

- Crucial for decision-making in the immediate post-natal period
- Subcostal view: color doppler

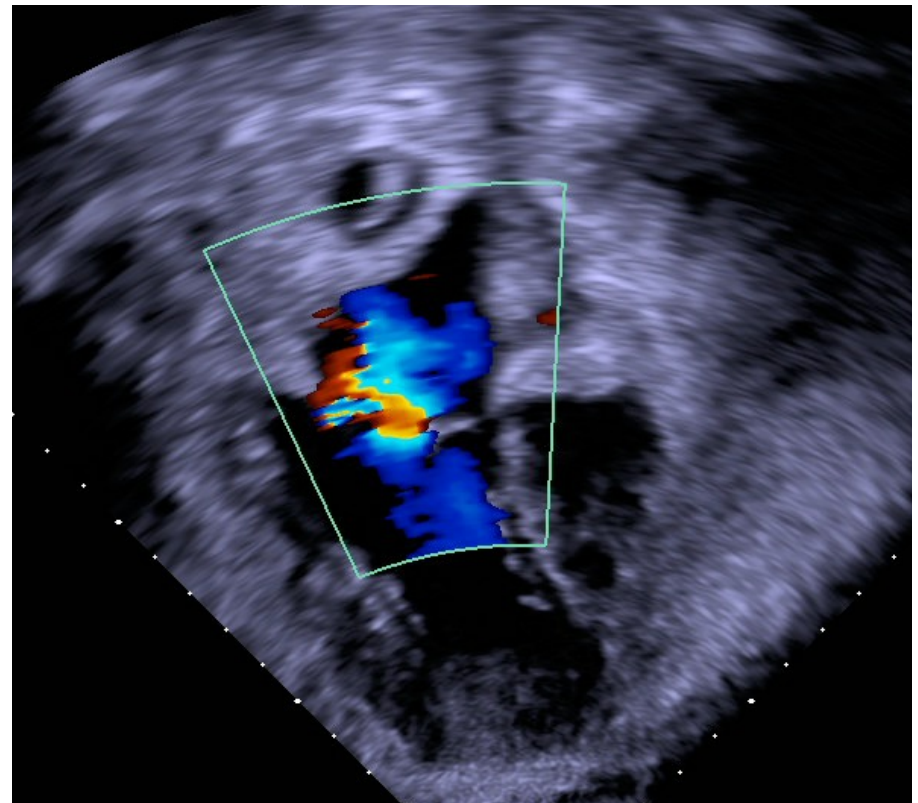
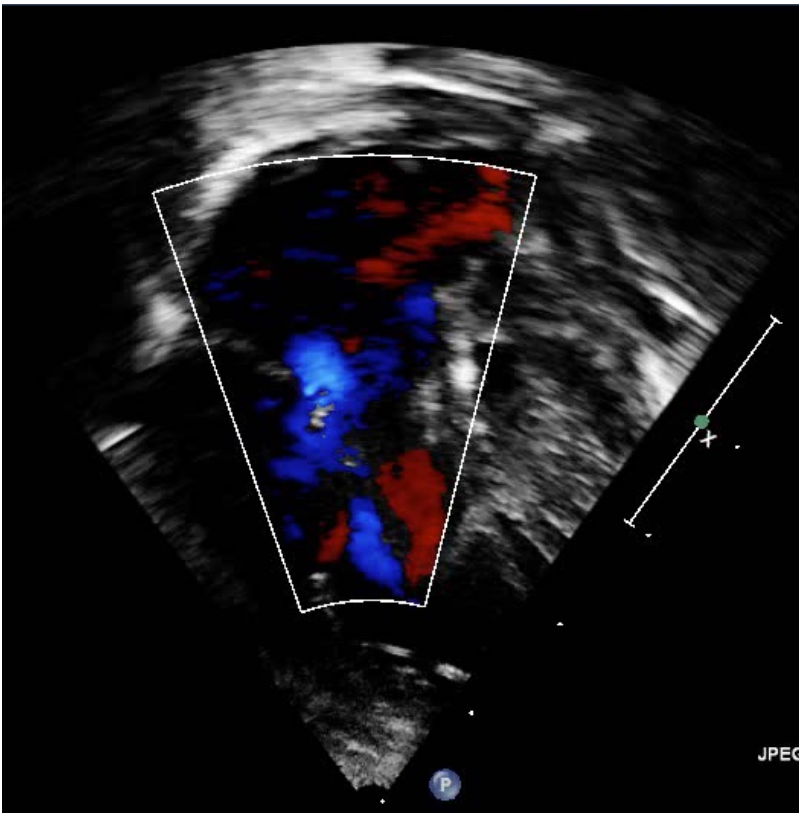
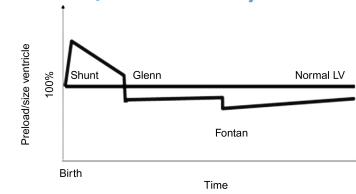




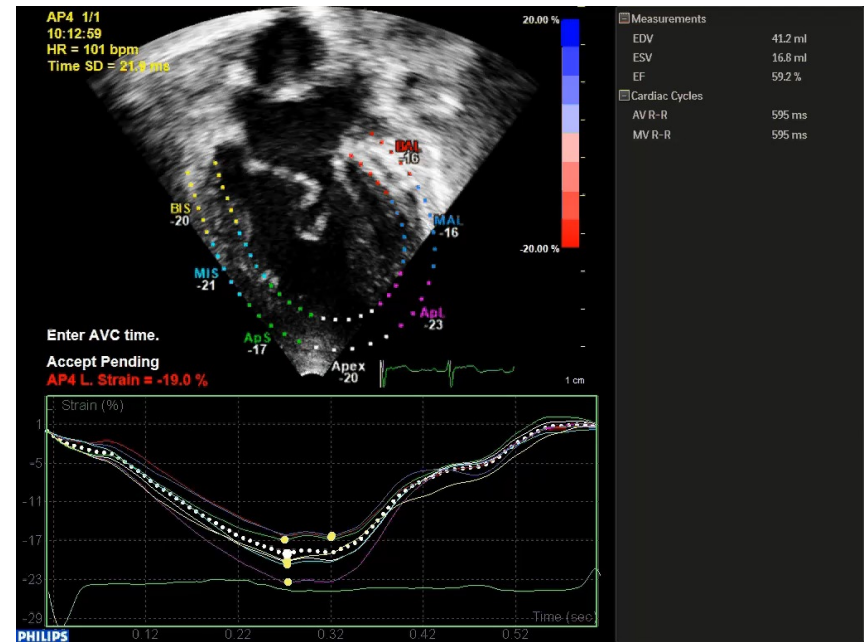
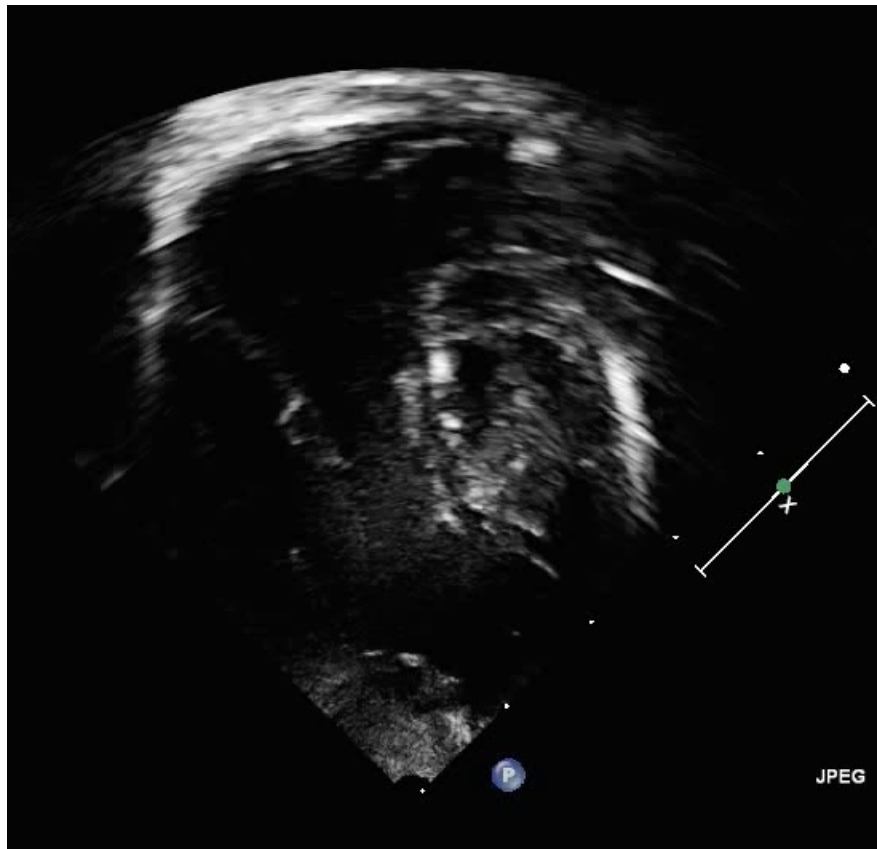
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# Assessment of TR

- Semi quantitative assessment (mild, moderate, severe)
- Consider change in loading conditions

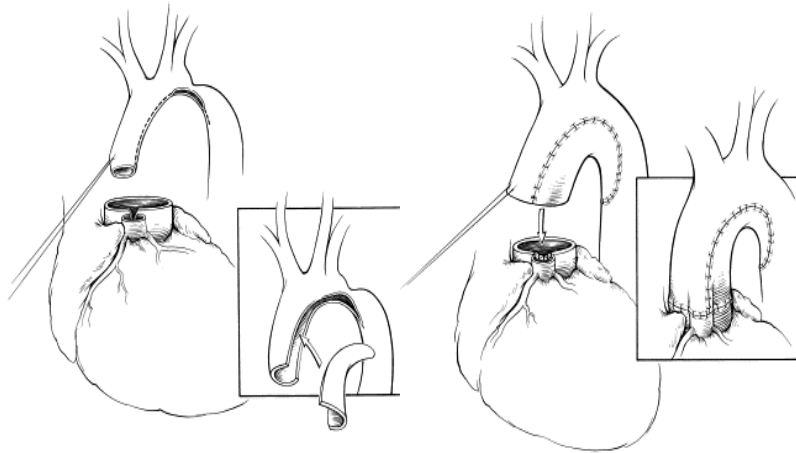


# Eyeballing of RV contraction

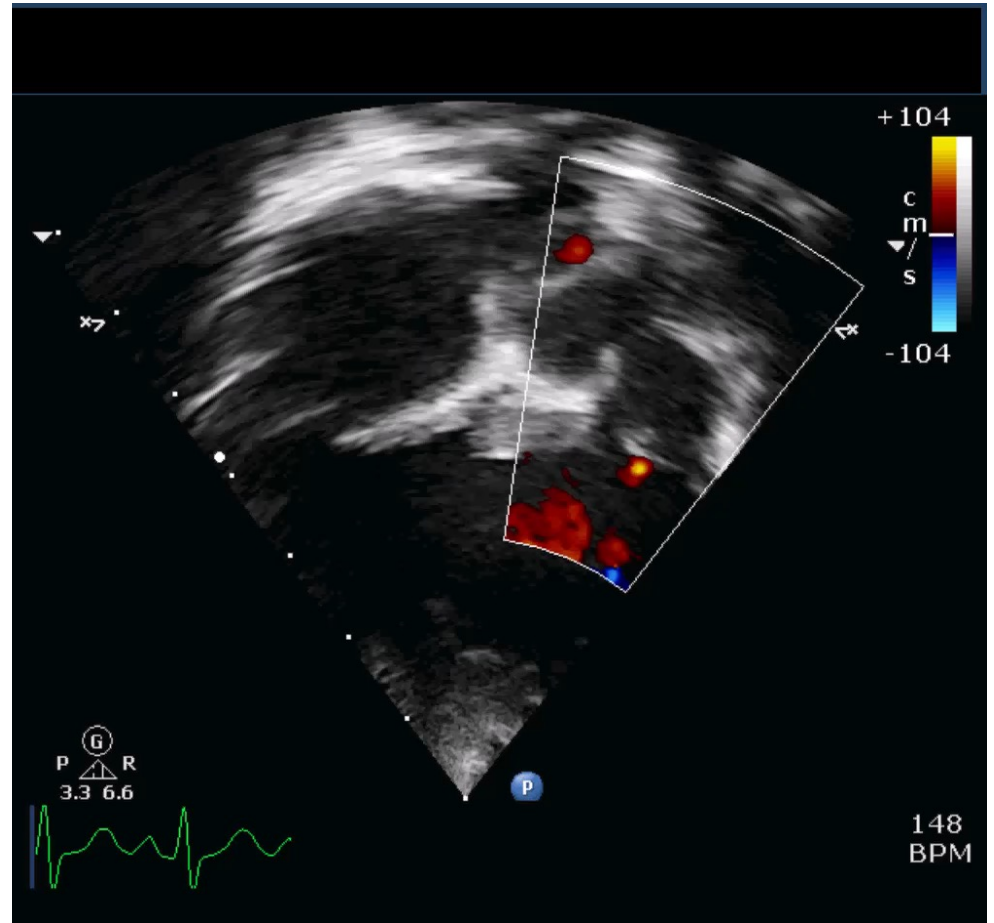


- Strain analysis

# Assessment of DKS anastomosis



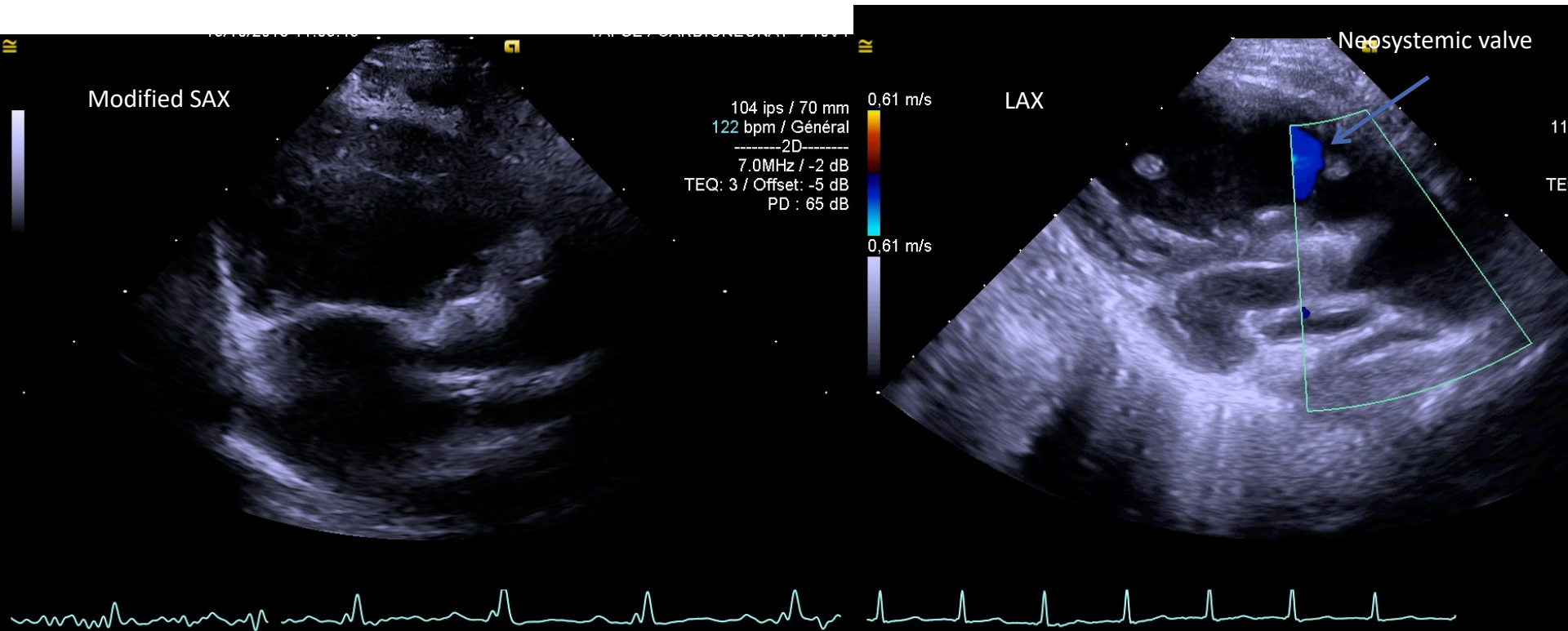
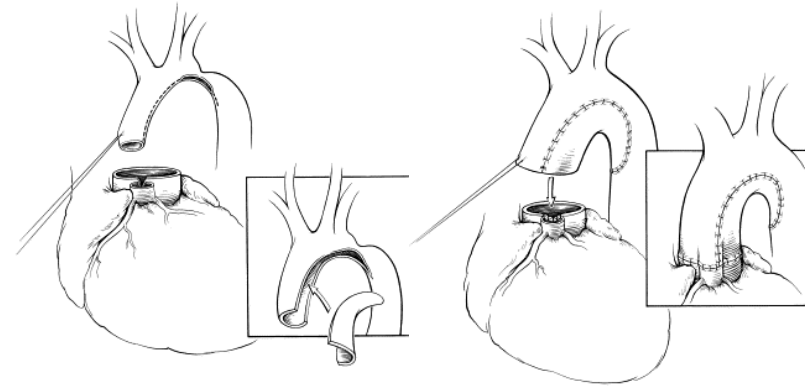
- Coronary blood flow is retrograde





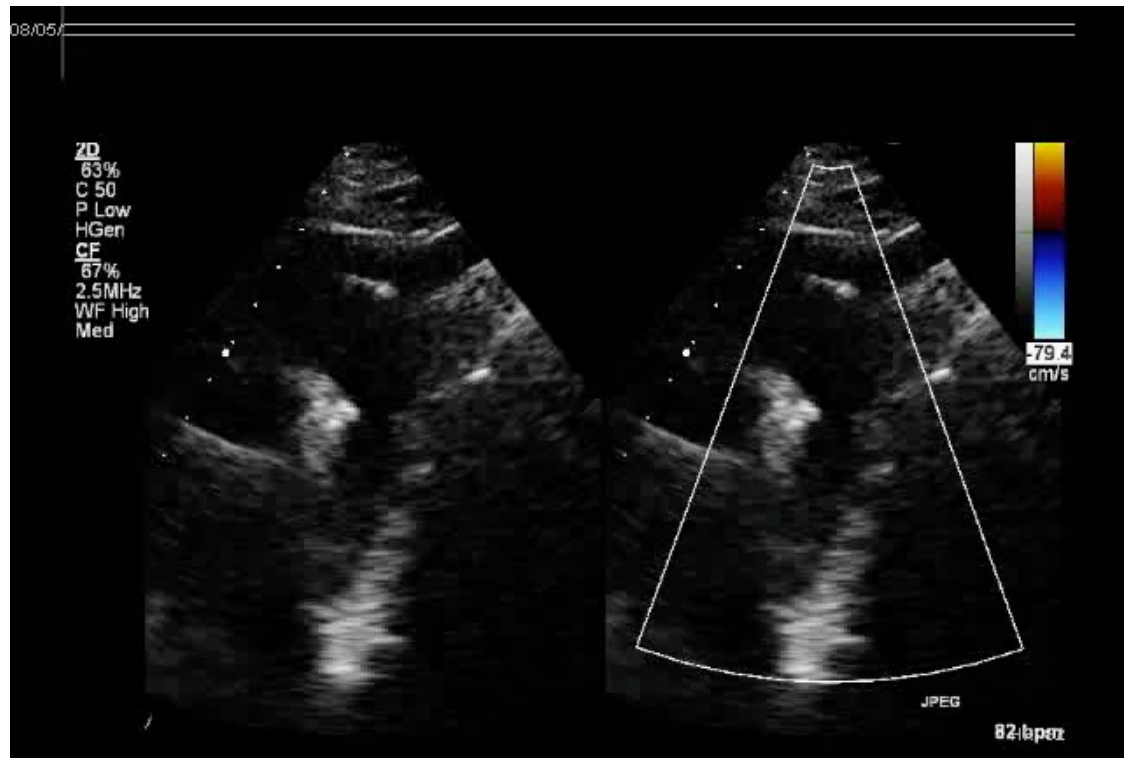
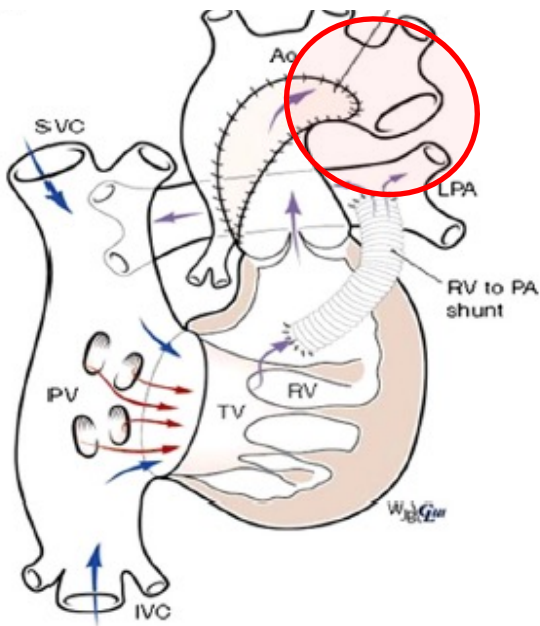
# Assessment of DKS anastomosis

- DKS anastomosis
- Neoaortic valve regurgitation

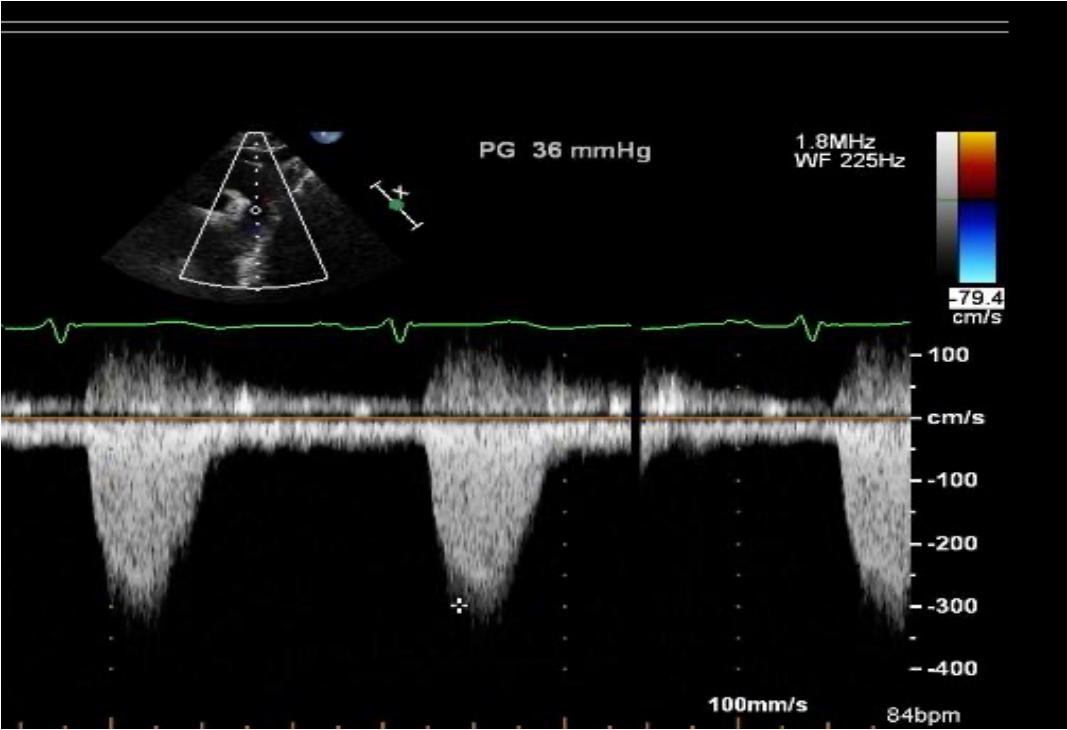


# Neoaortic arch obstruction

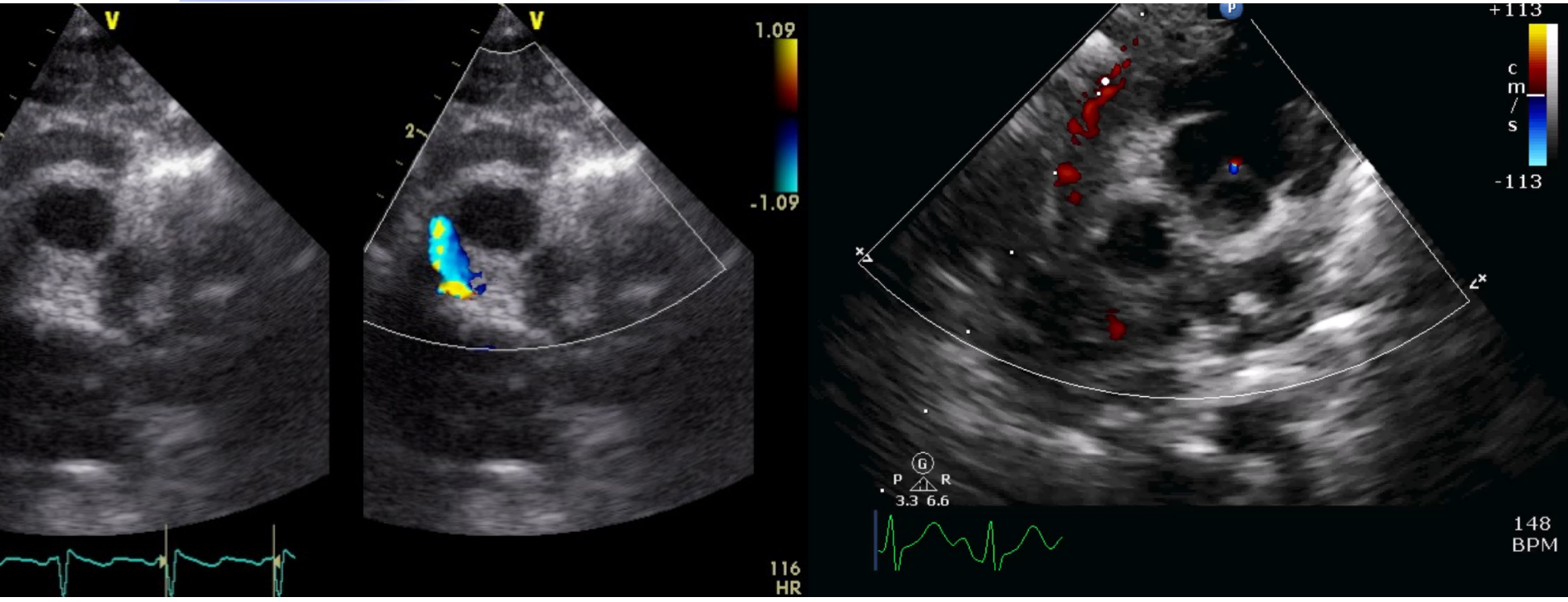
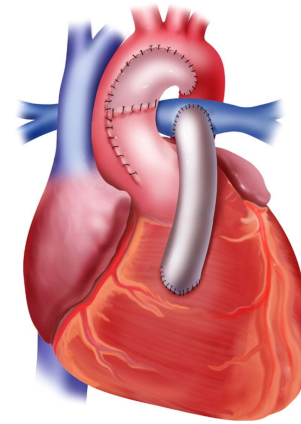
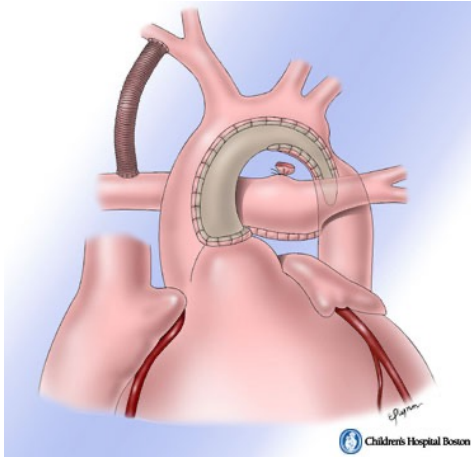
- suprasternal sagittal view
- Increased flow velocity potentially related with change of caliber between large reconstructed neotransverse arch and native descending aorta



# Neo aortic arch obstruction

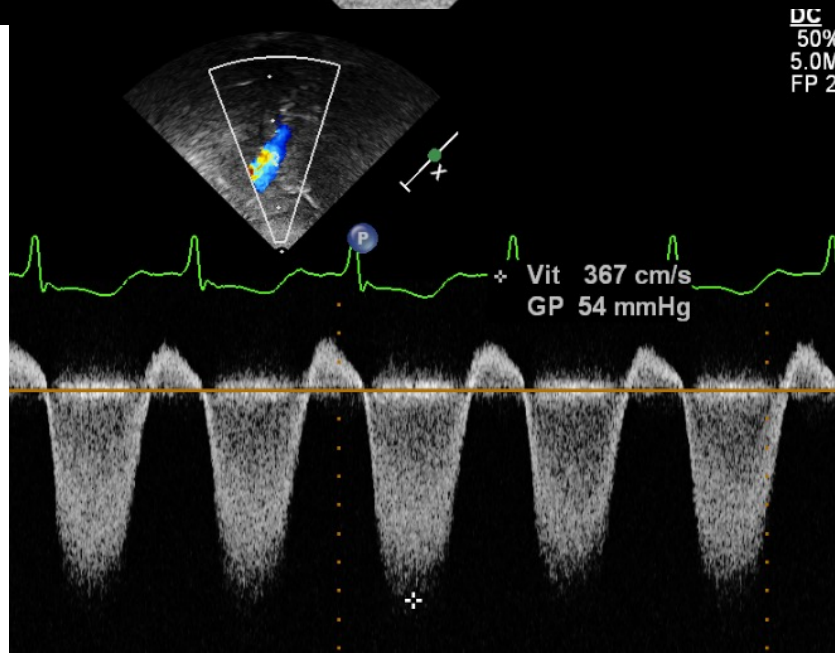
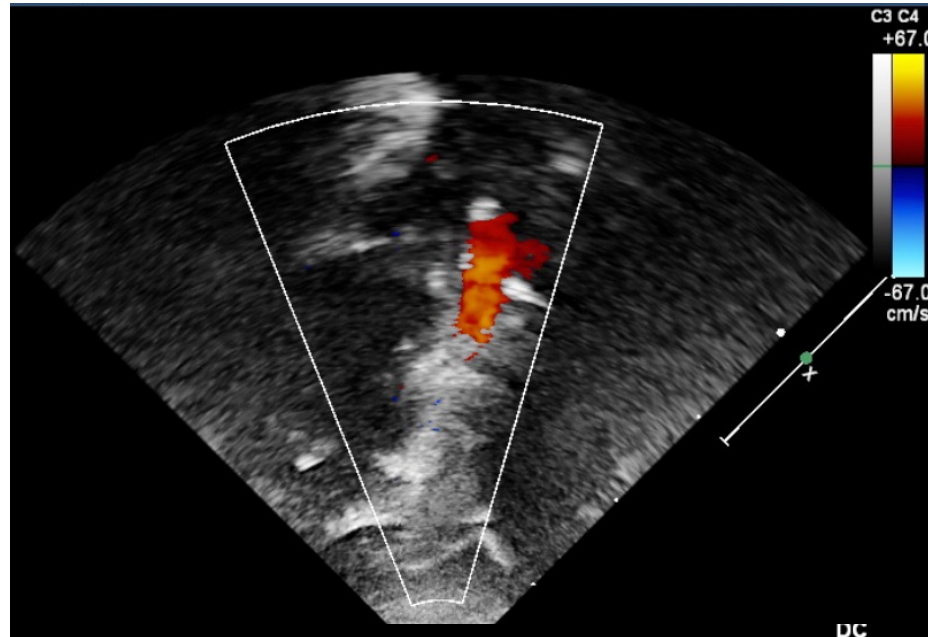
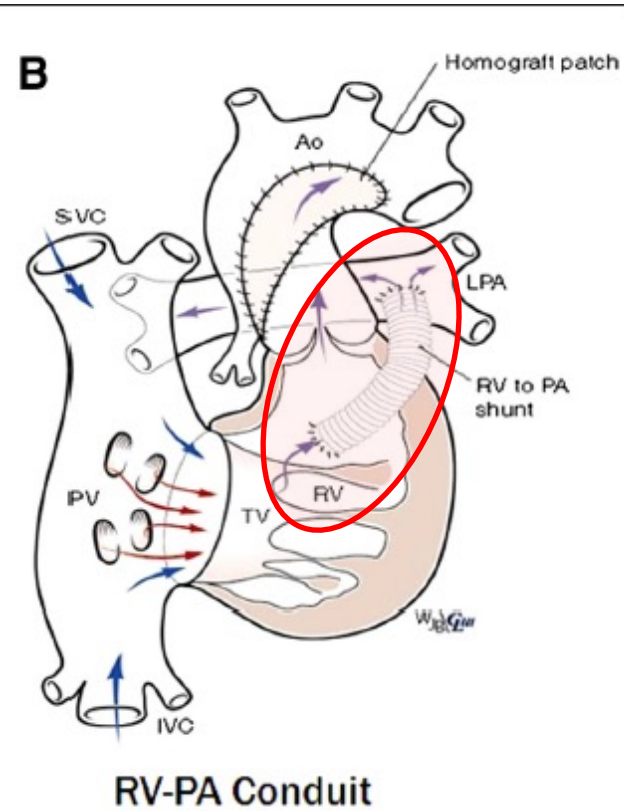


# Different shunt types

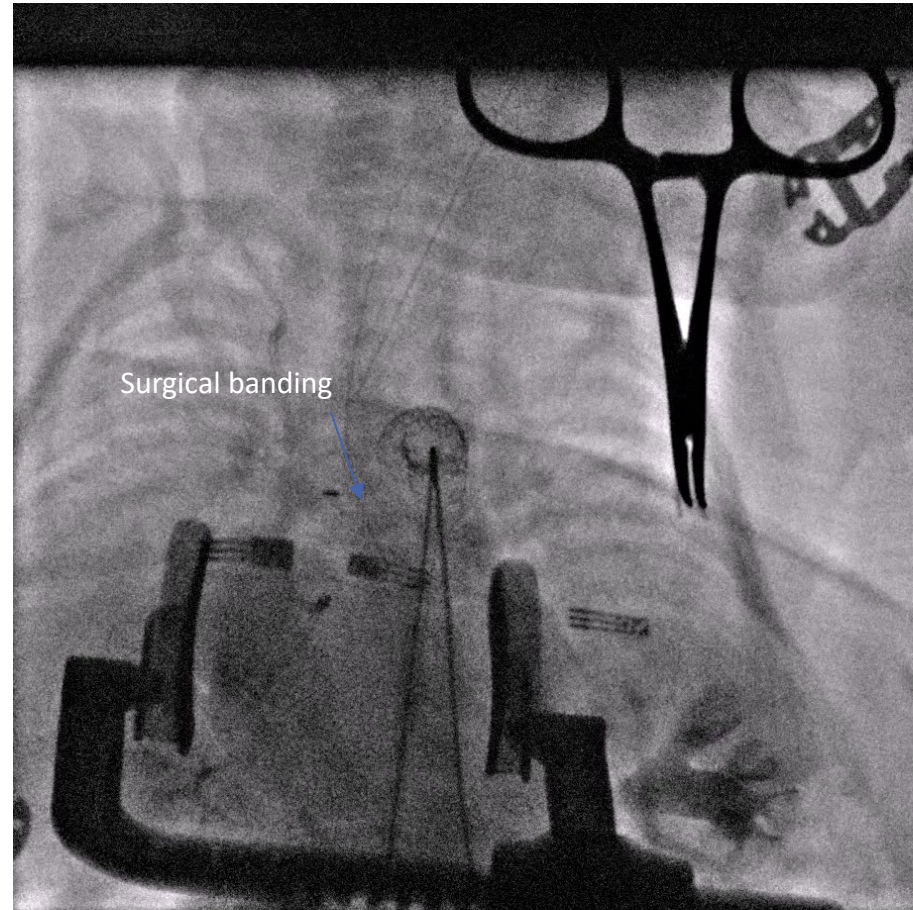
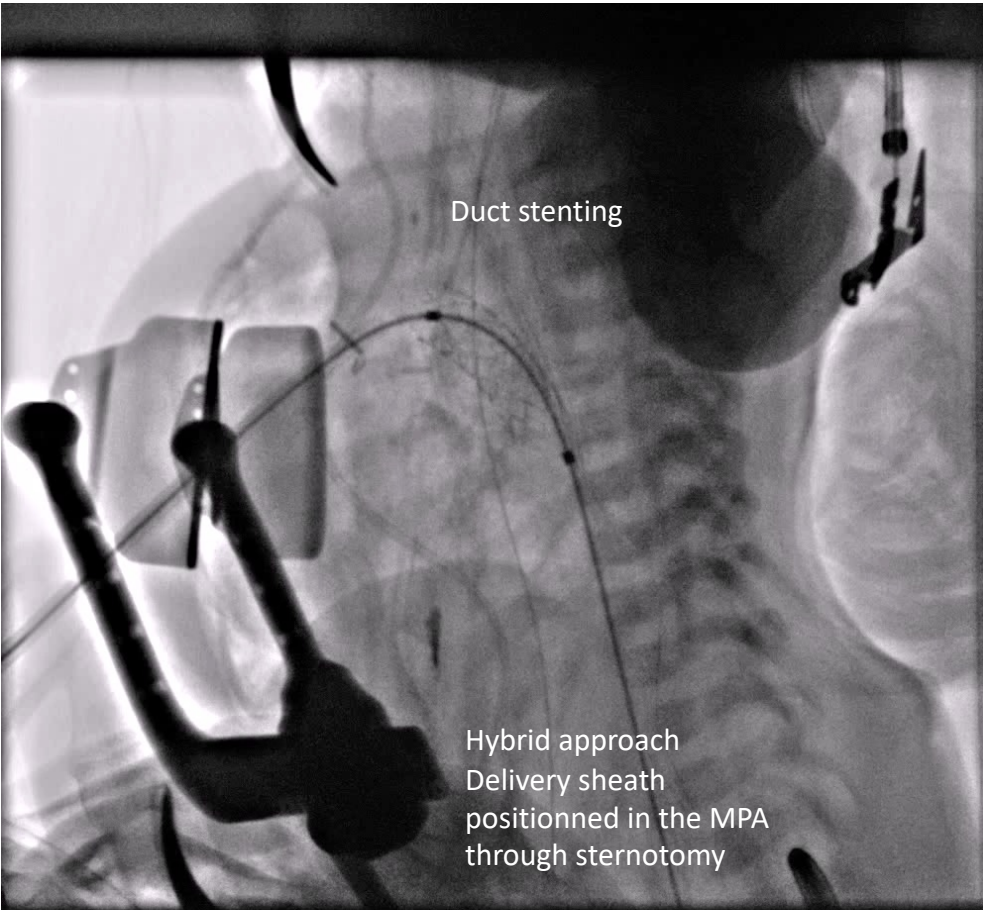
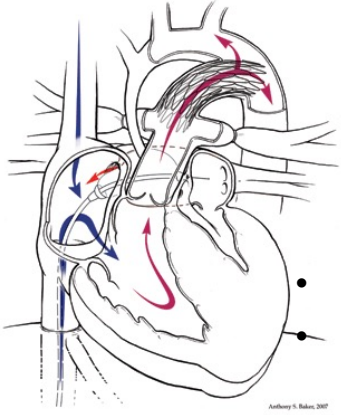




# RV to PA conduit

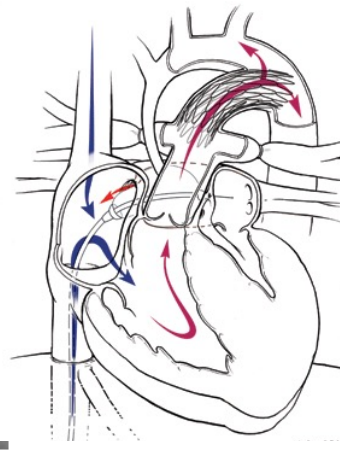
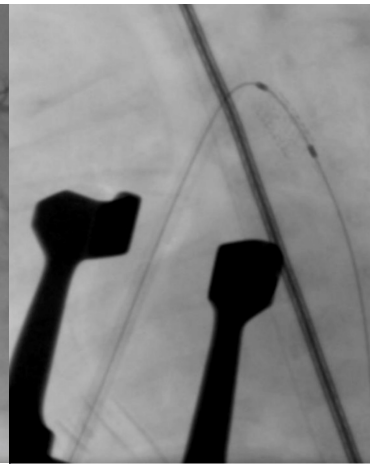
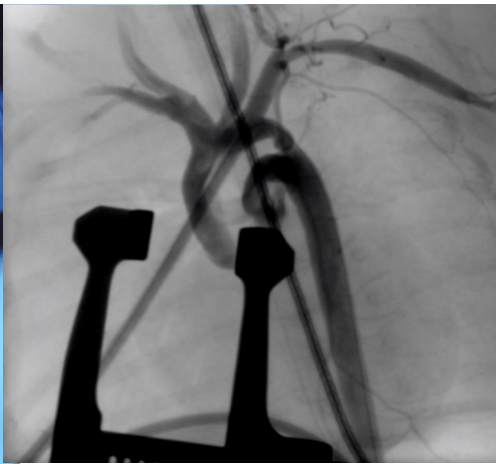
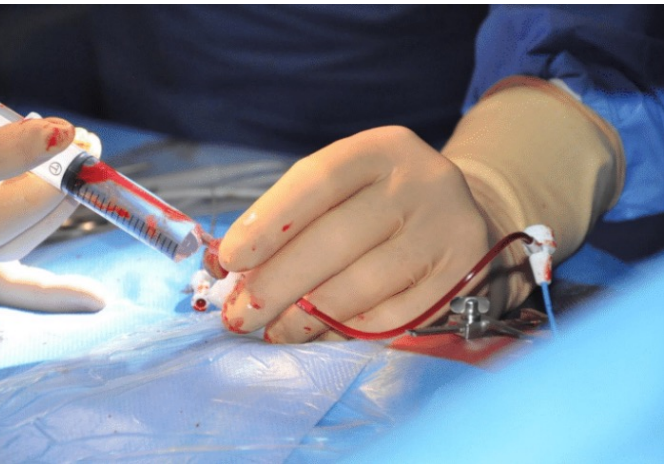
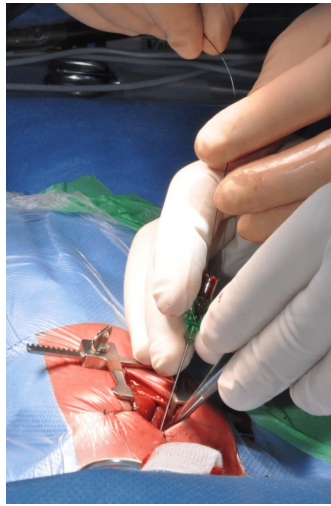
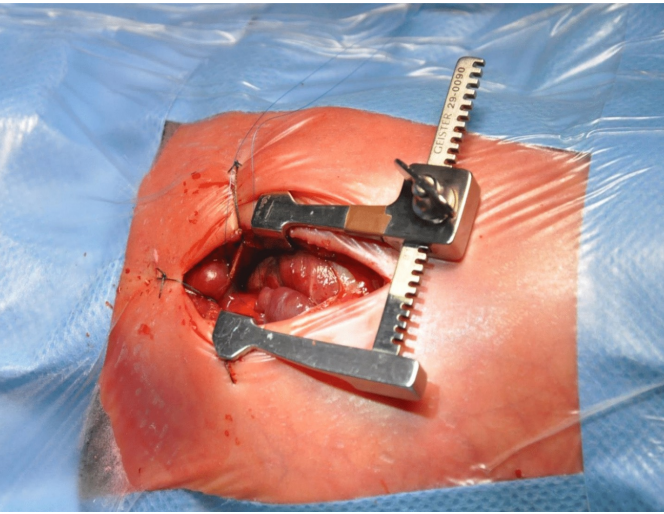


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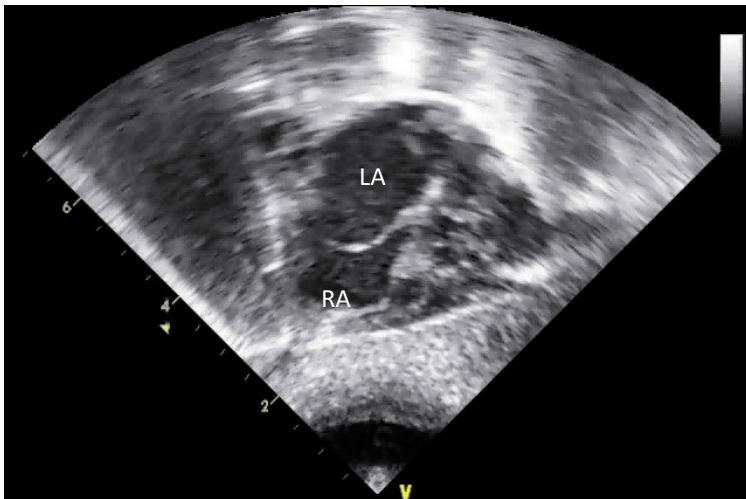
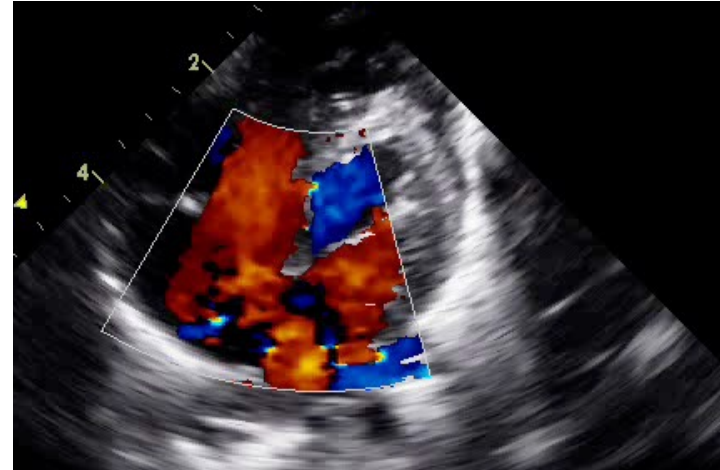
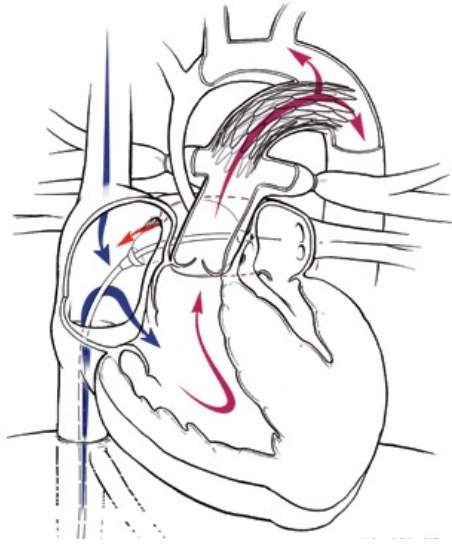




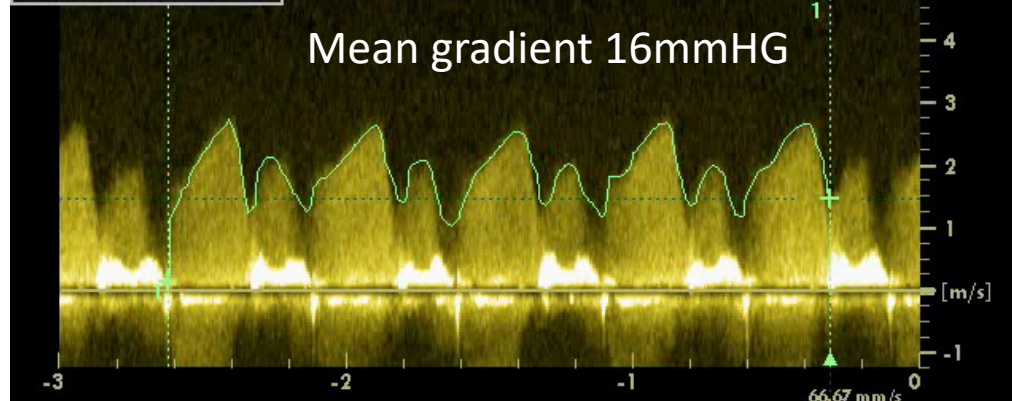
# Hybrid procedure



# Restrictive PFO in HLHS

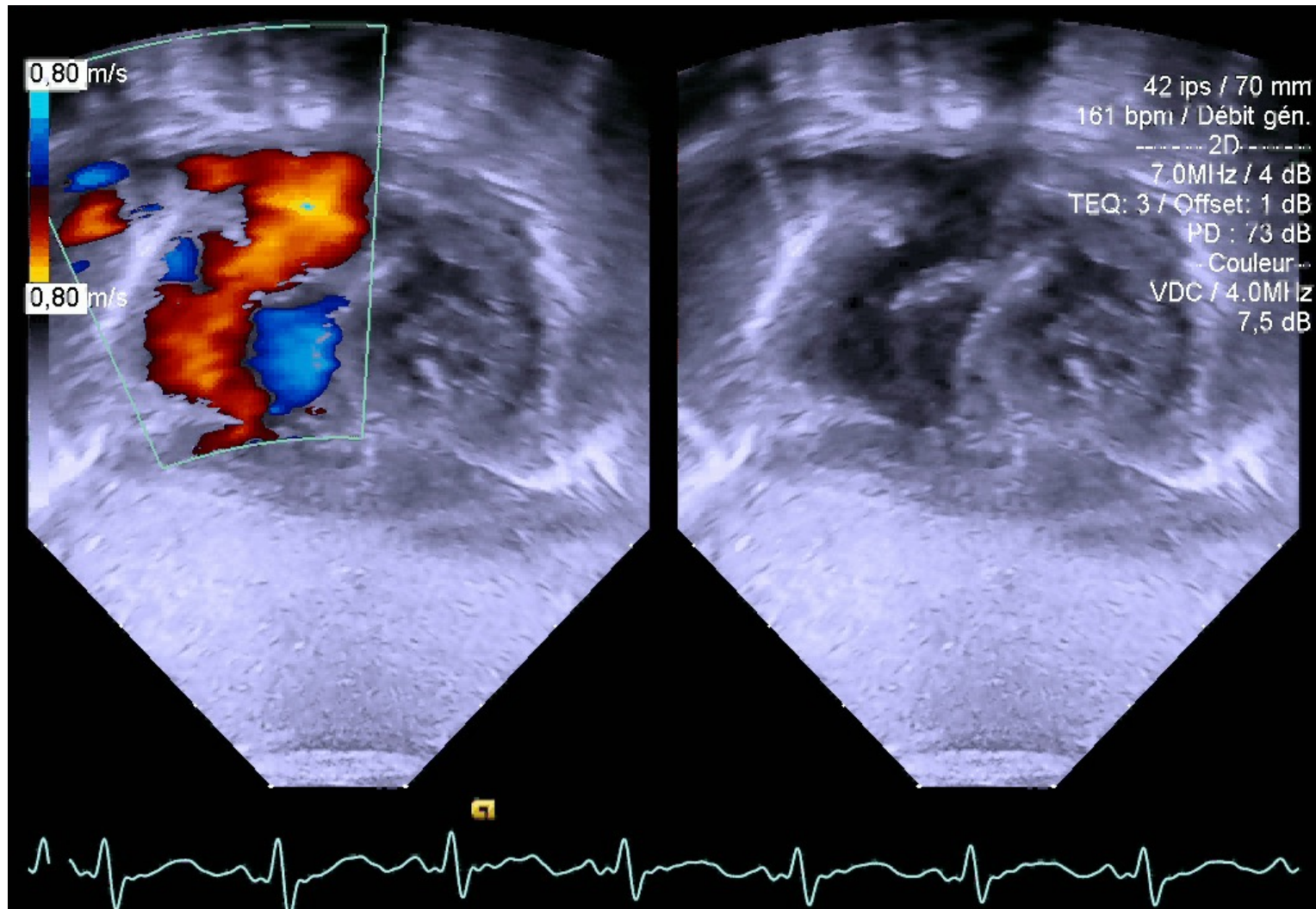


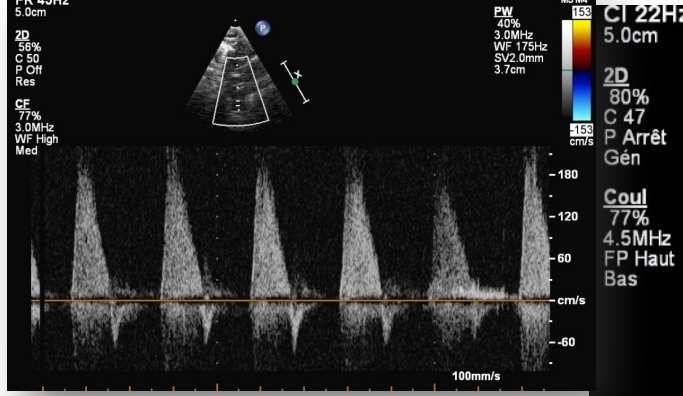
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	Vmoy	1.95 m/s
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	Du.Env	2306 ms
	ITV	450.31 cm
	FC	26.01 BPM



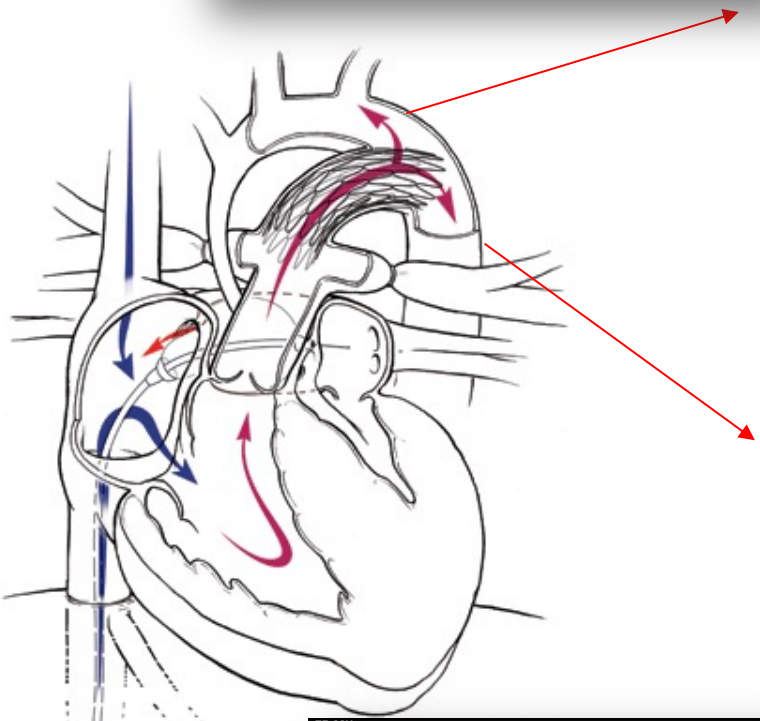
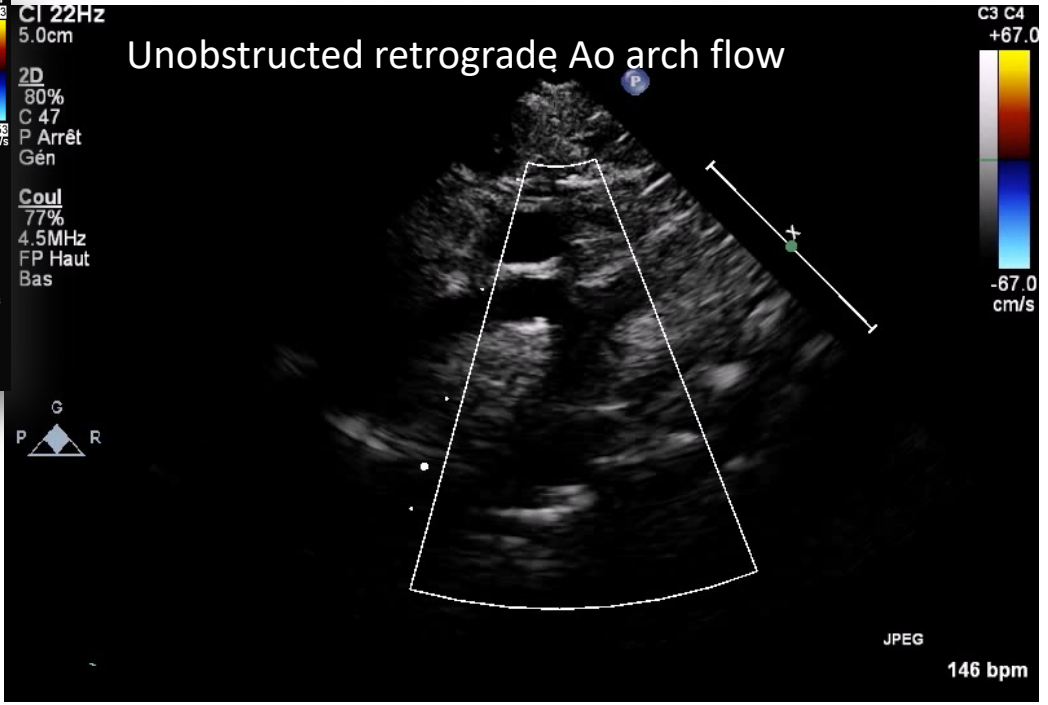


# Same patient post balloon atrial septostomy

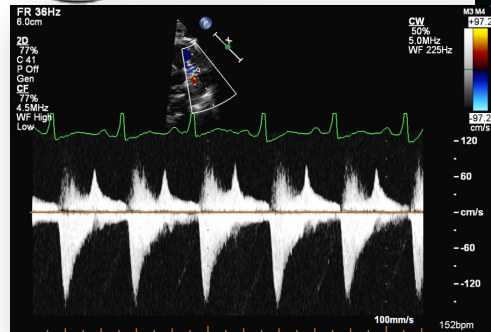
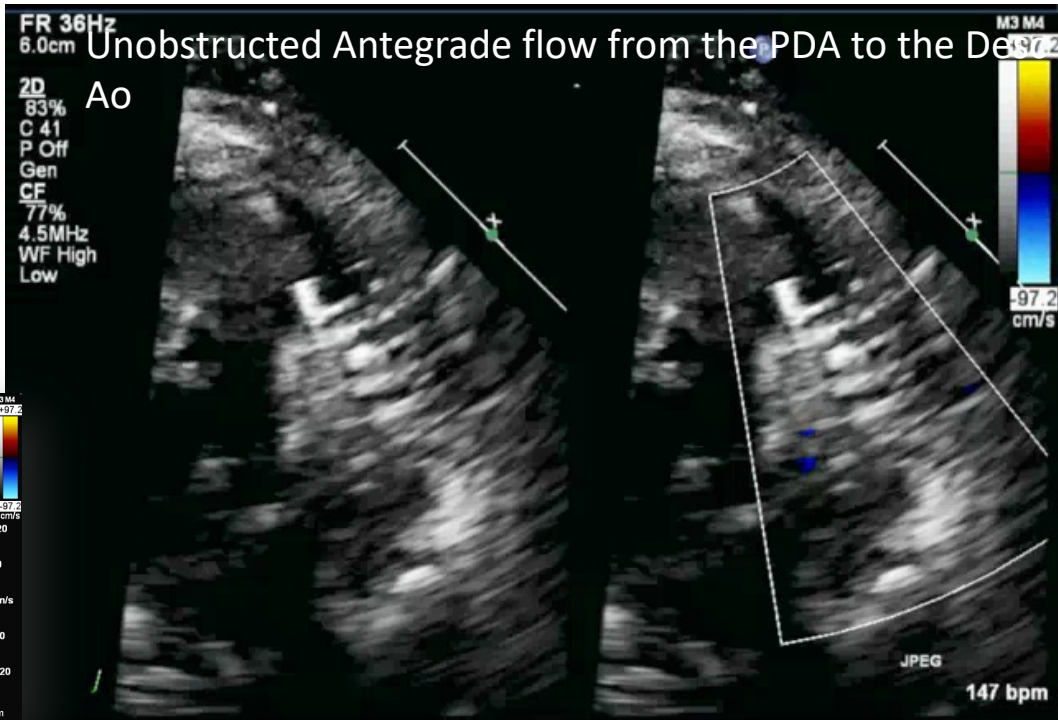




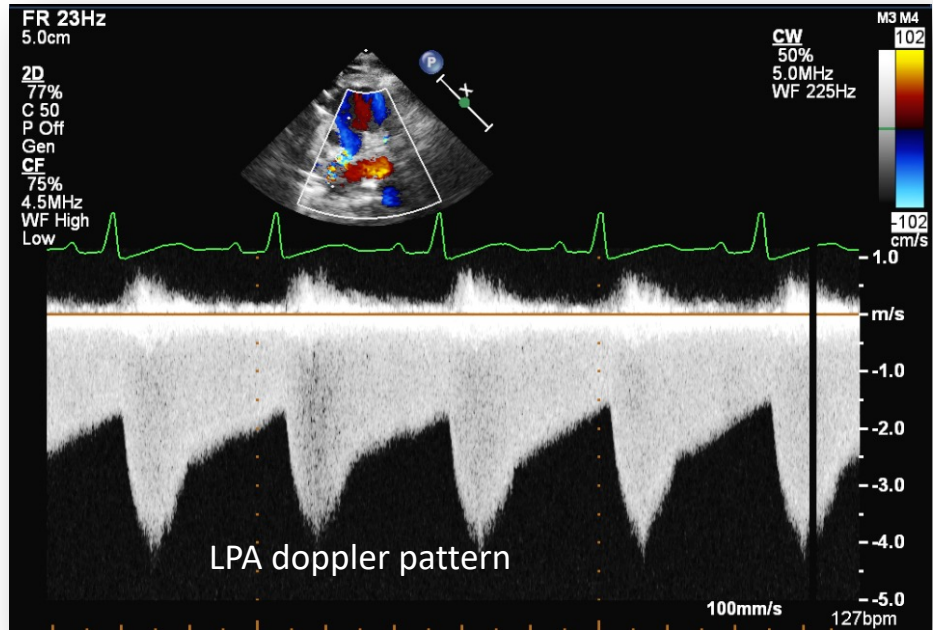
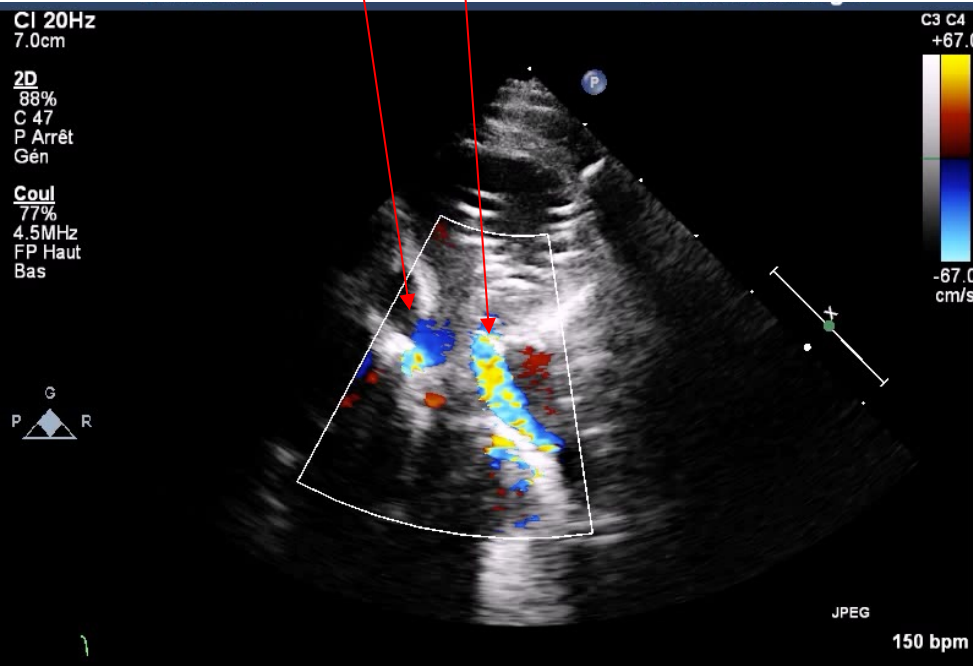
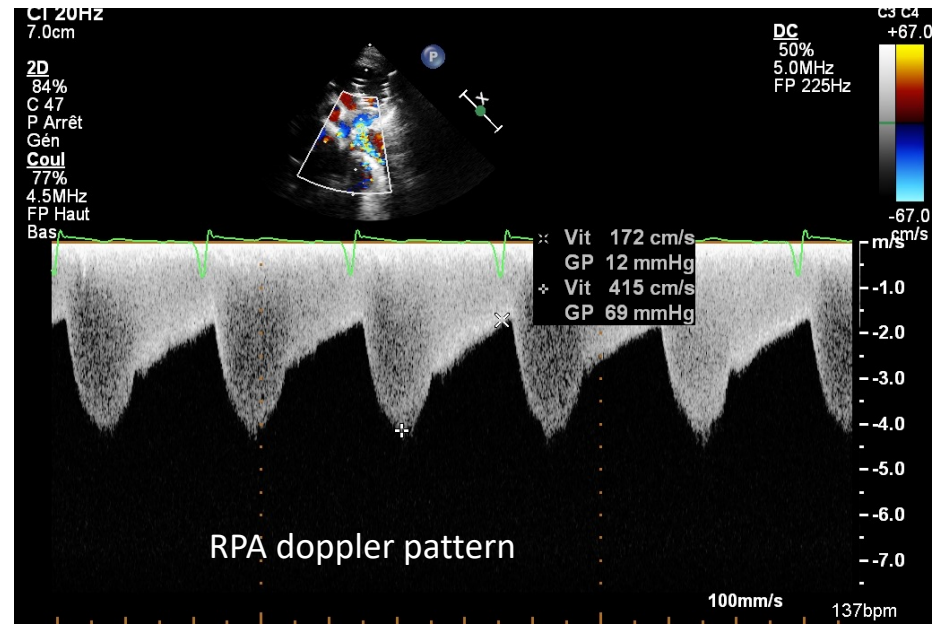
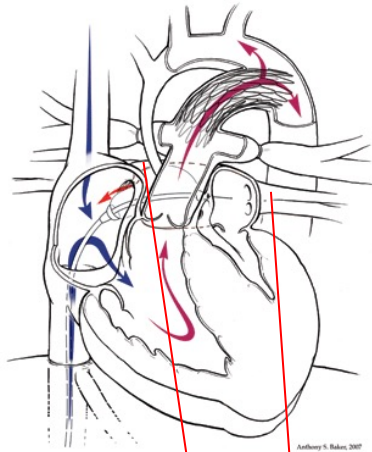
# Unobstructed retrograde Ao arch flow



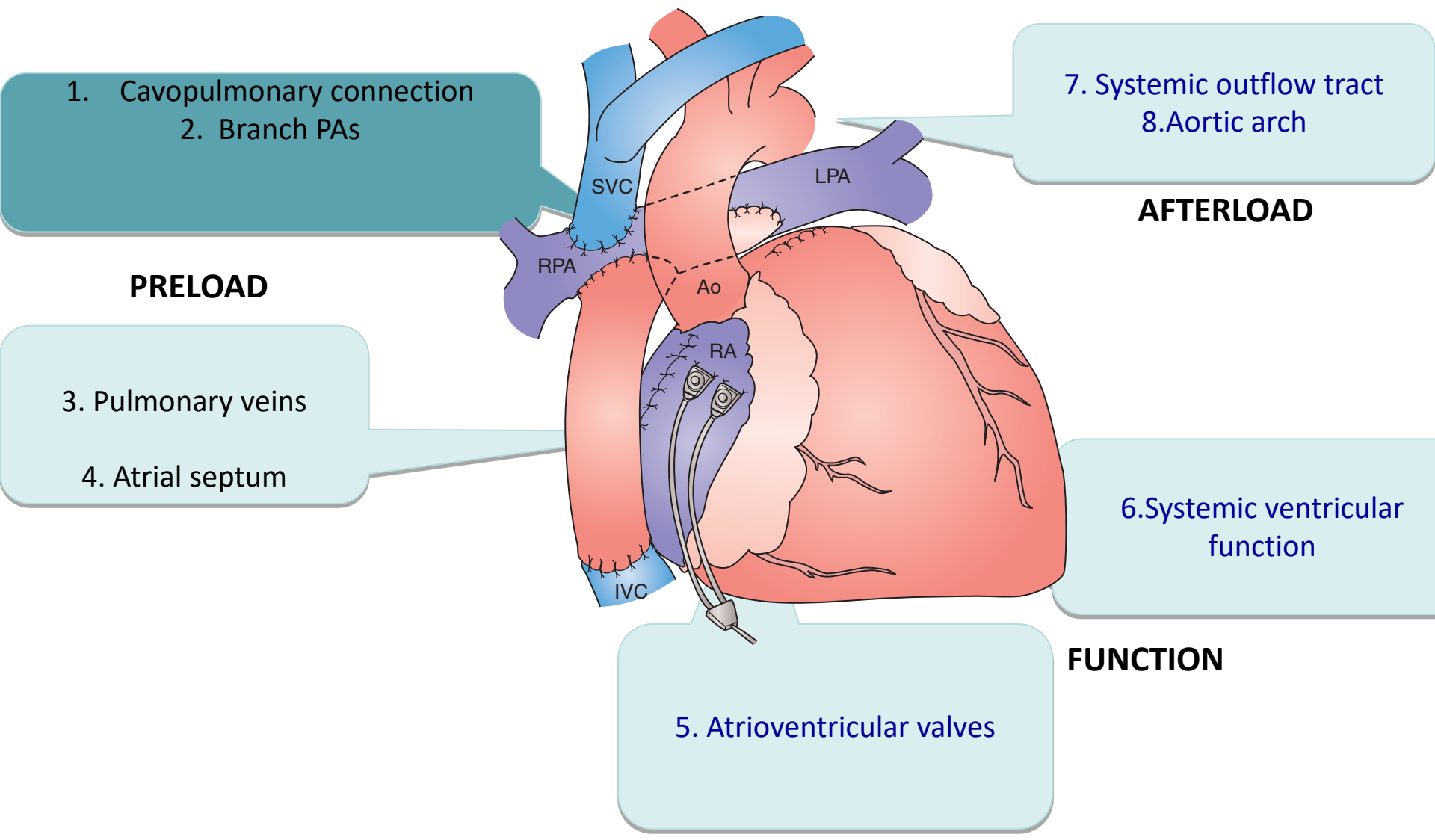
# Unobstructed Antegrade flow from the PDA to the Descending Aorta





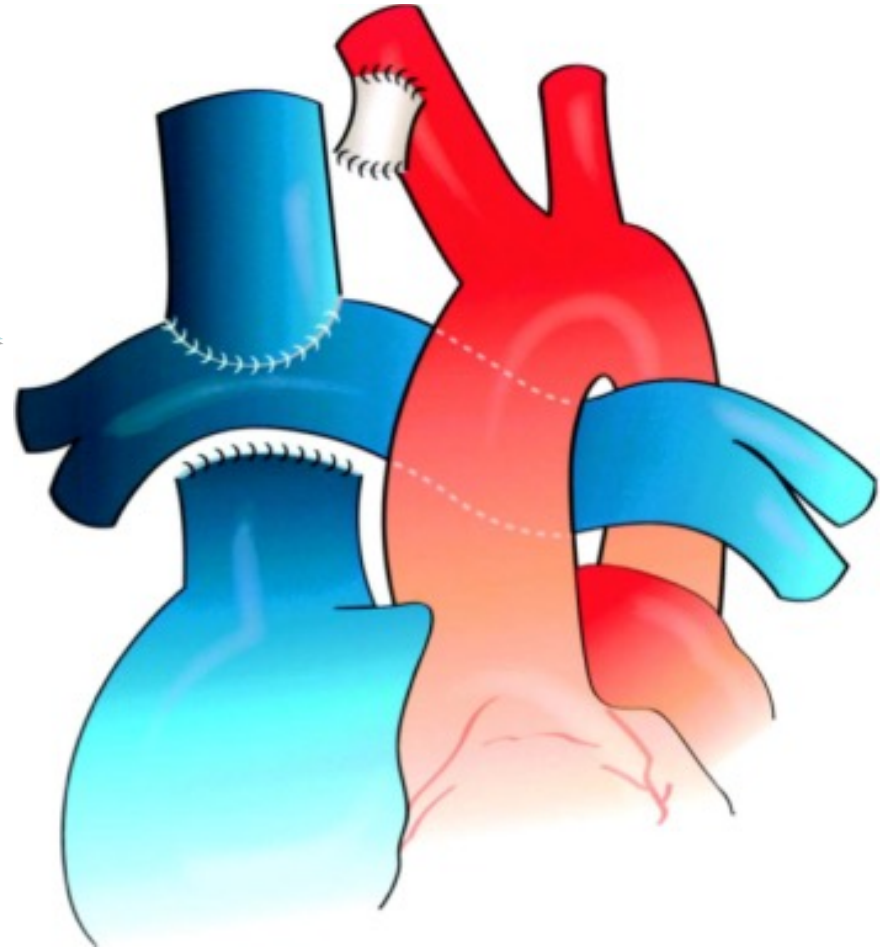


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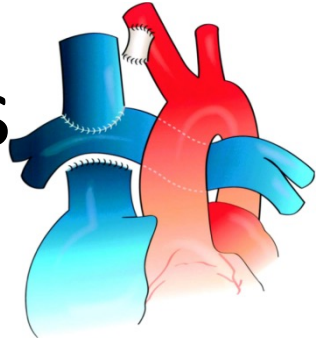


# Glenn anastomosis

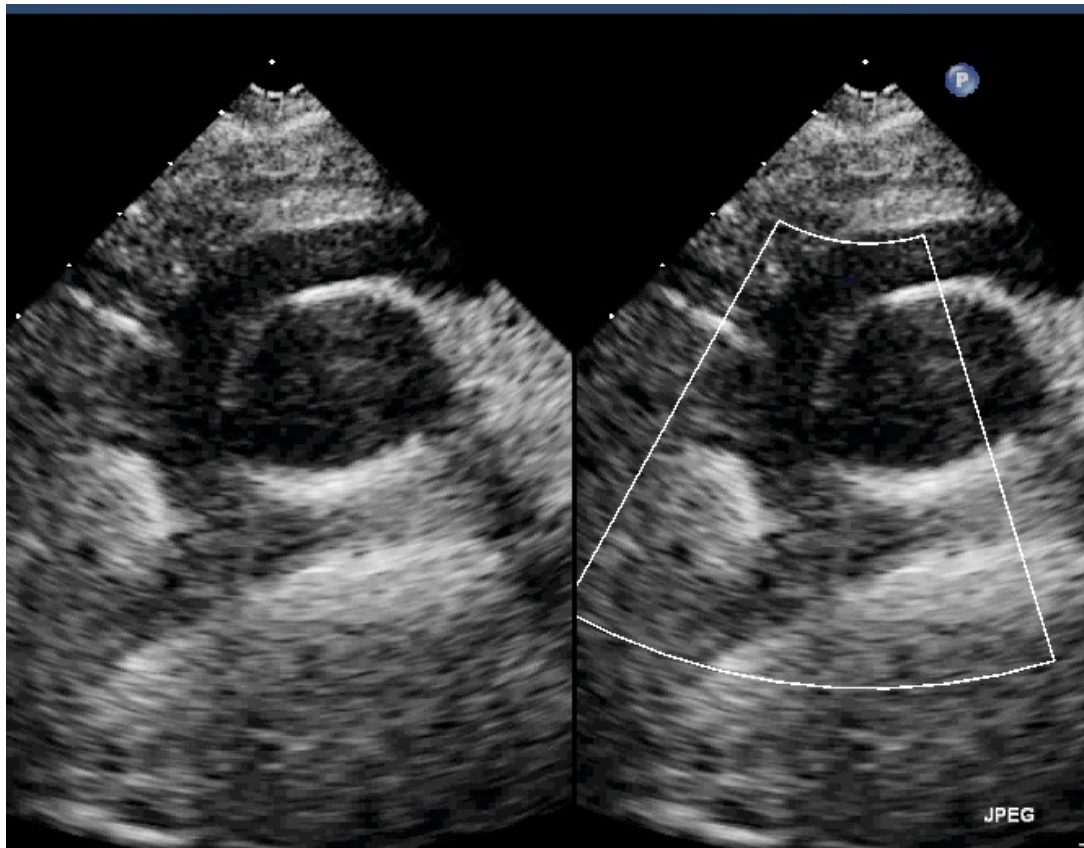
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2. Branch PA



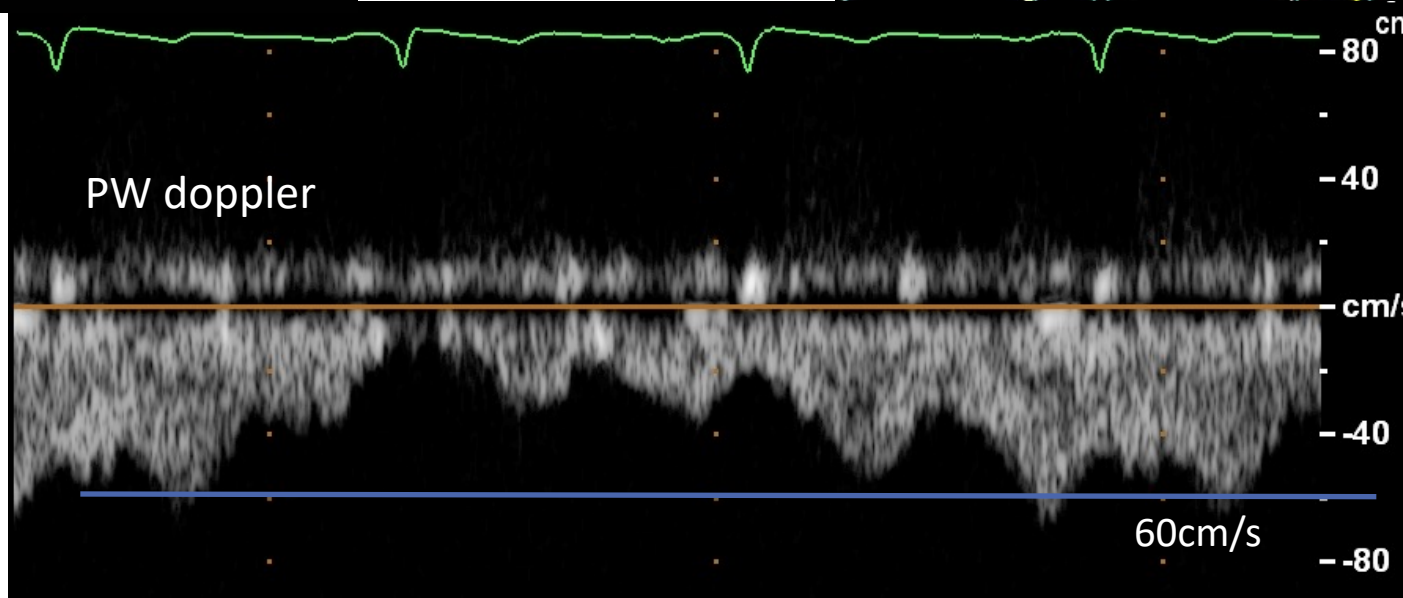
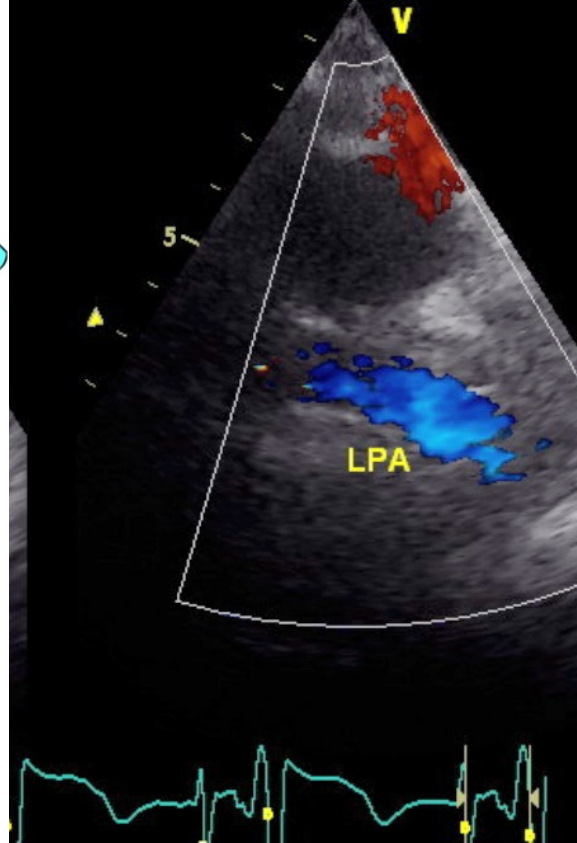
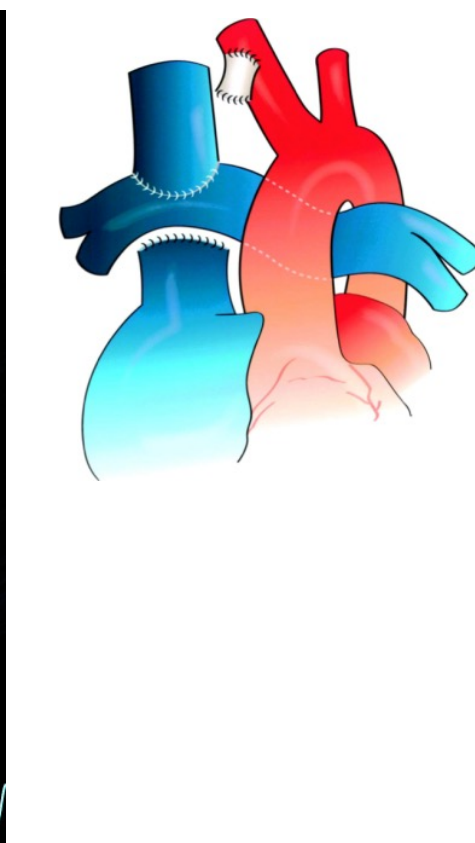
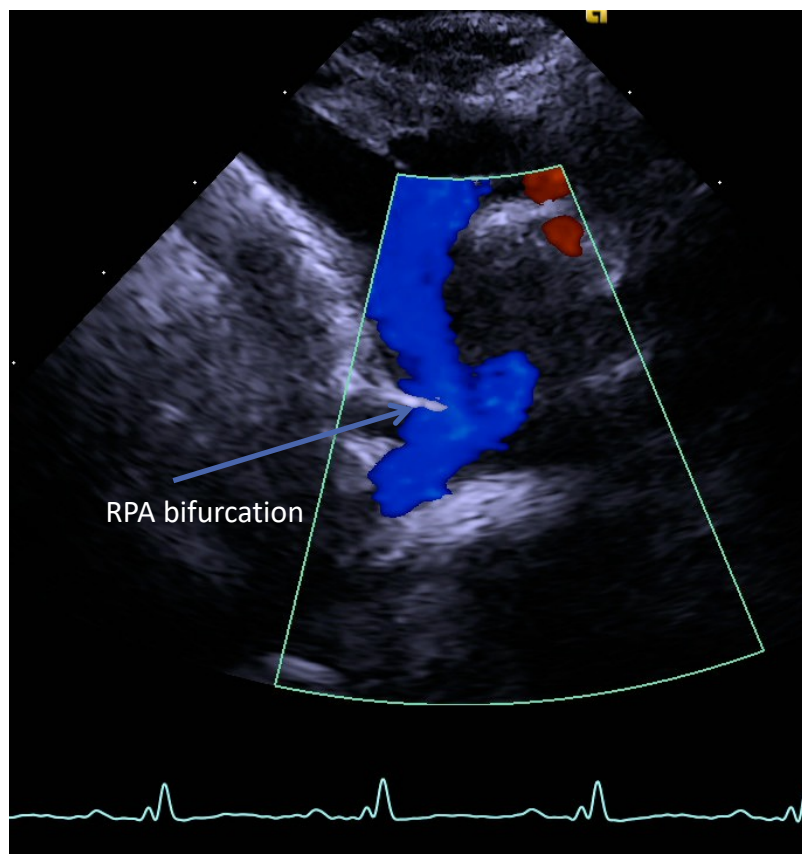
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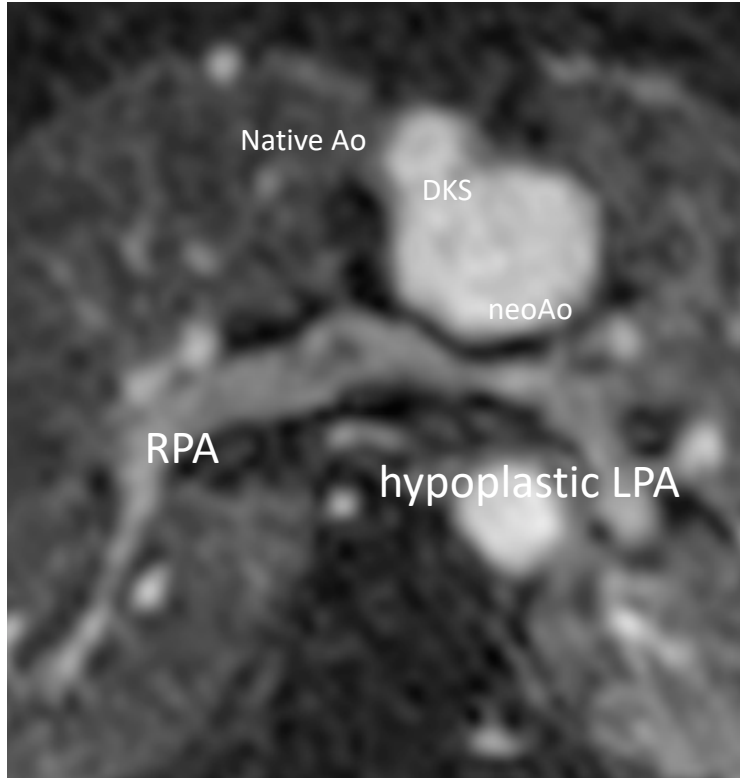
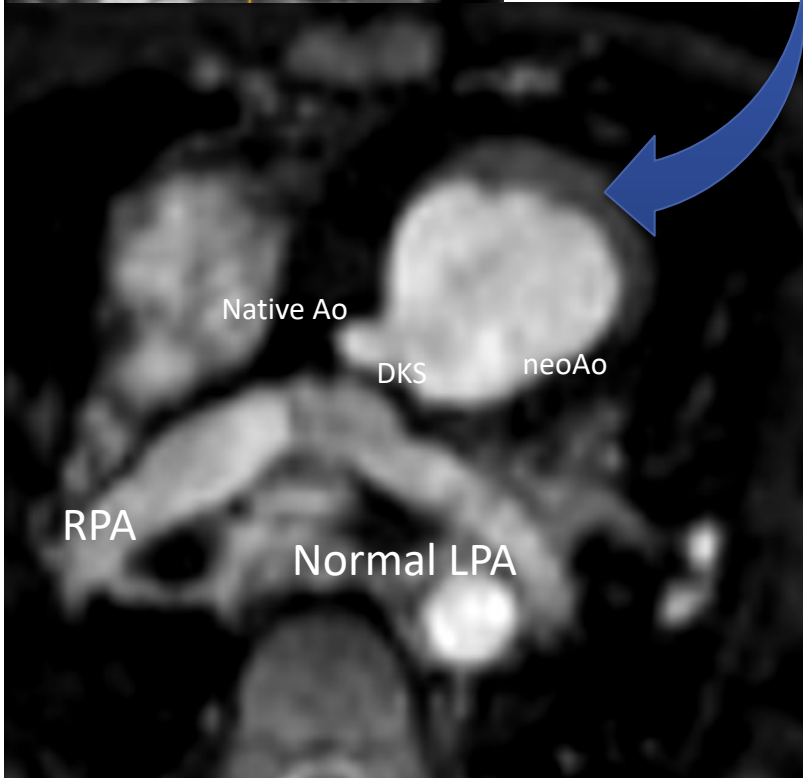
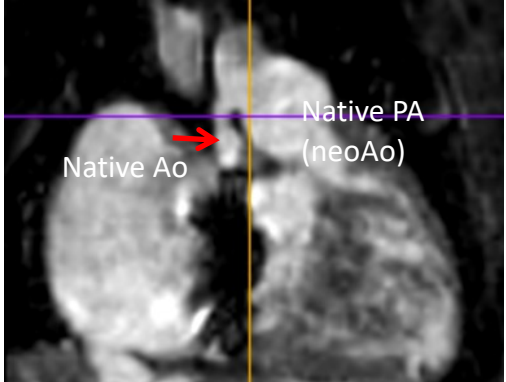
- Suprasternal / high parasternal view
- Laminar flow of low velocity with respiratory variation (adapt the velocity range+++)
- Rule out stenosis at the anastomosis site



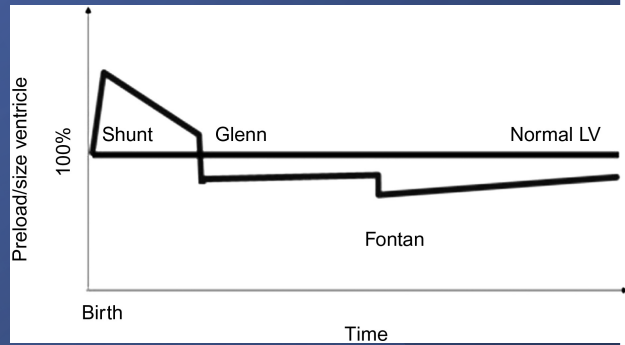






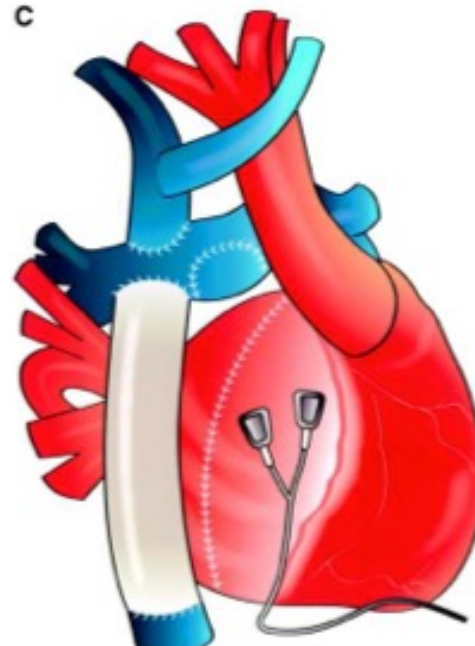


Look at the portion of the PA behind the reconstructed neo aorta



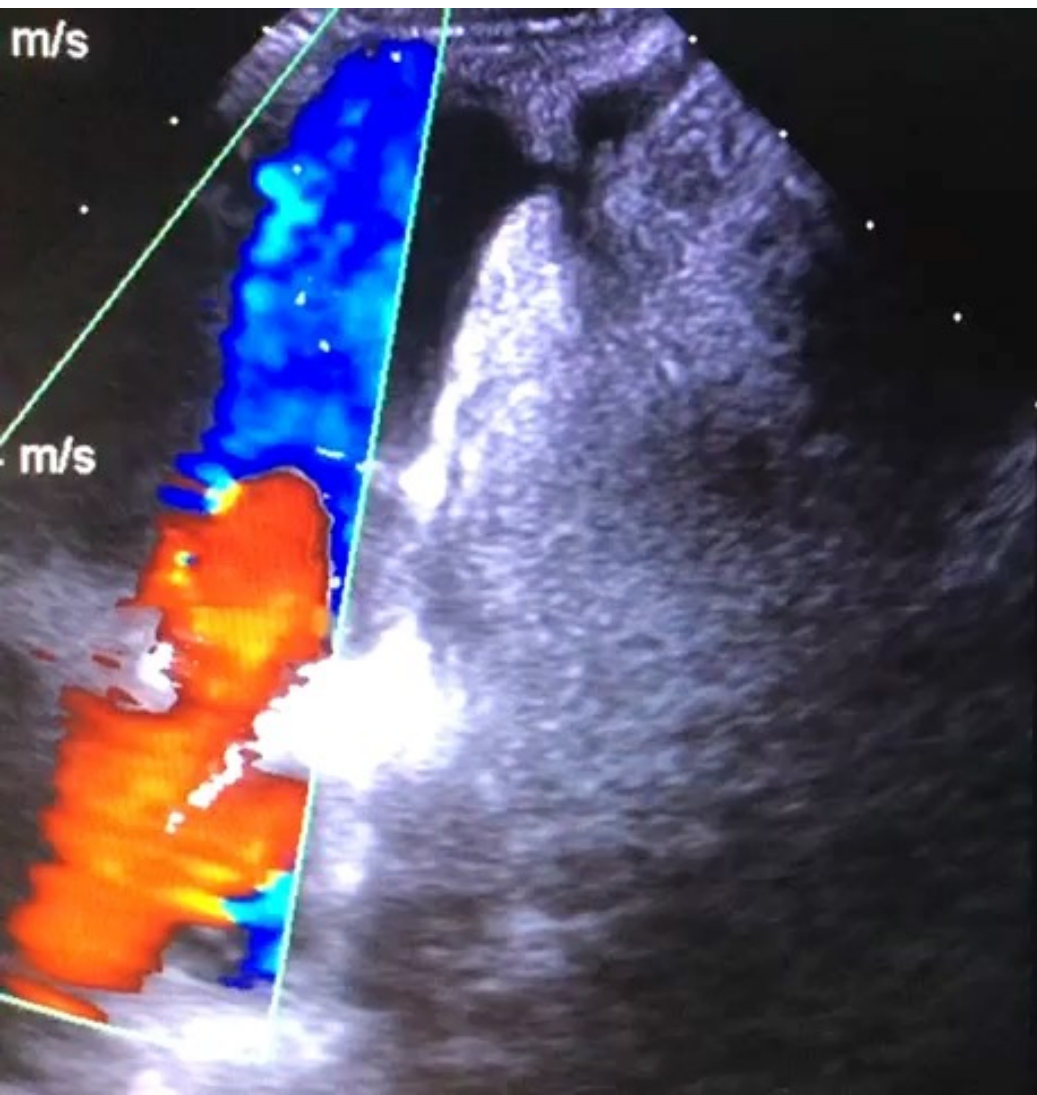
## stage 3: TCPC

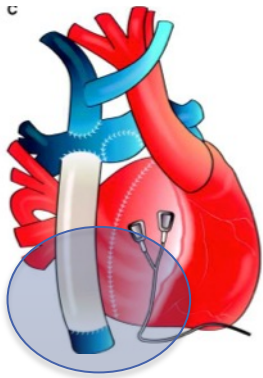
- SVC and Glenn anastomosis
- IVC to PA conduit assessment
- Conduit fenestration
- IVC and HV flow
- Thrombus in the Fontan pathway





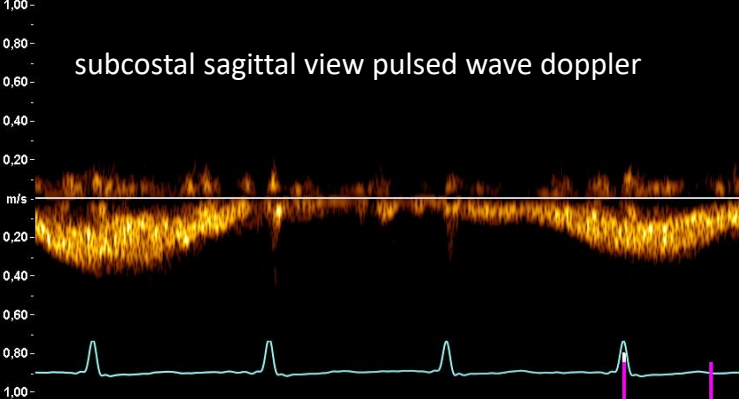
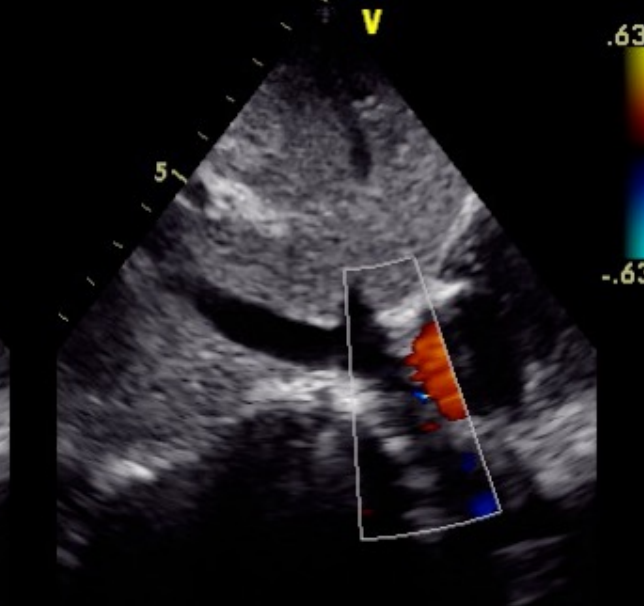
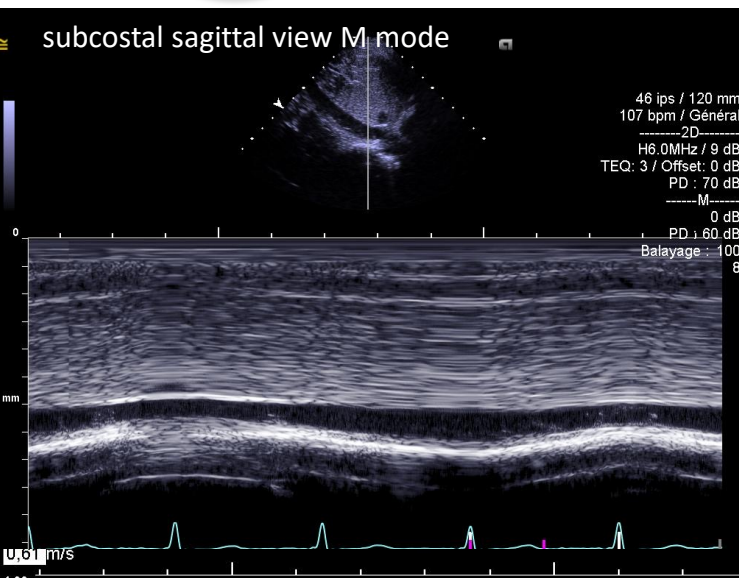


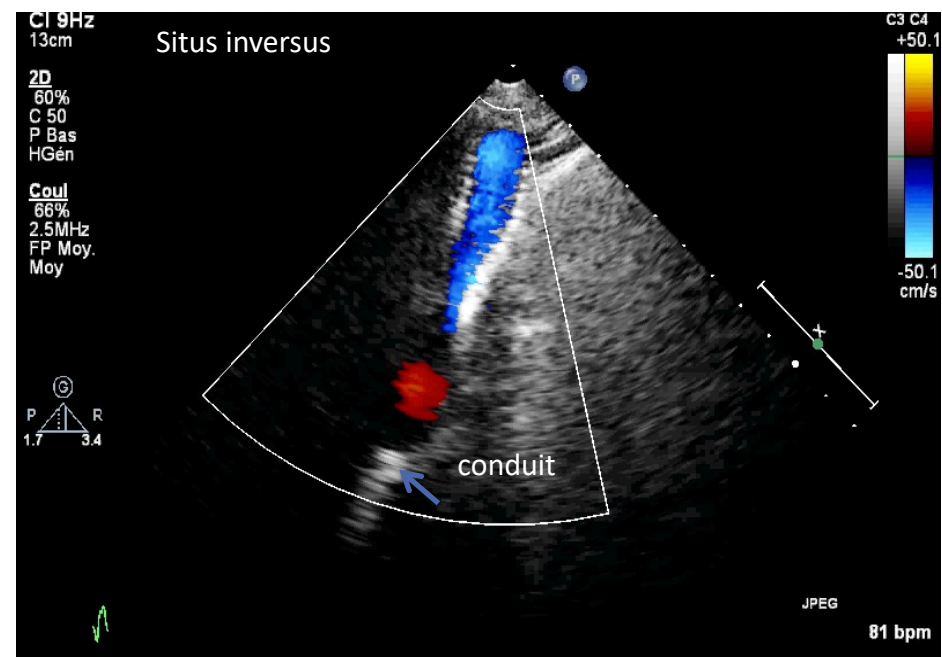
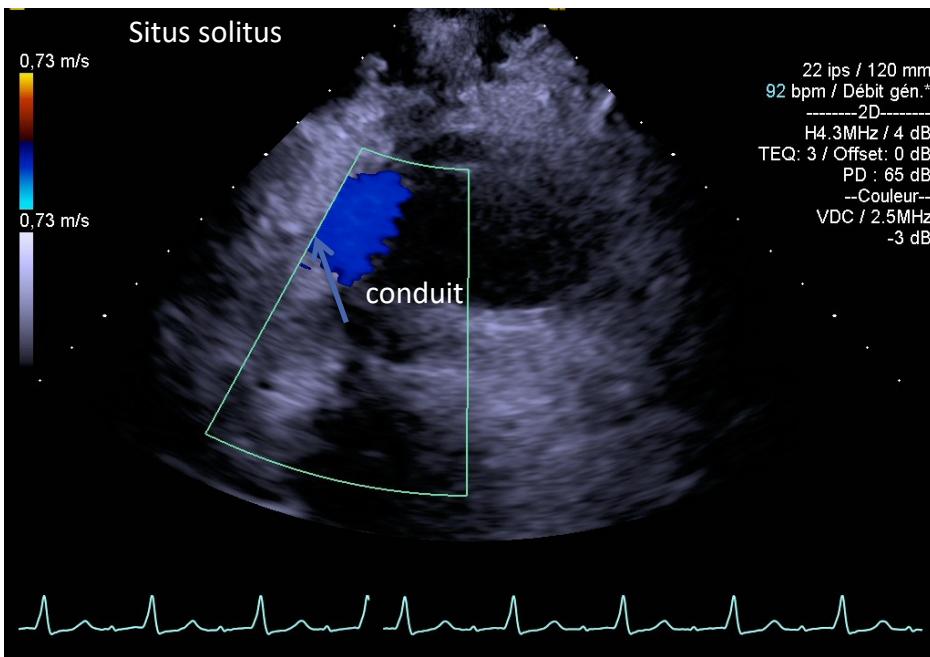
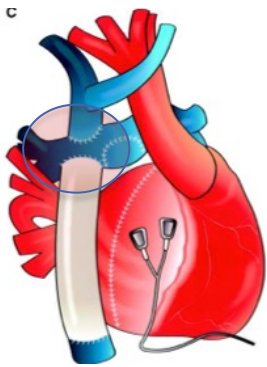




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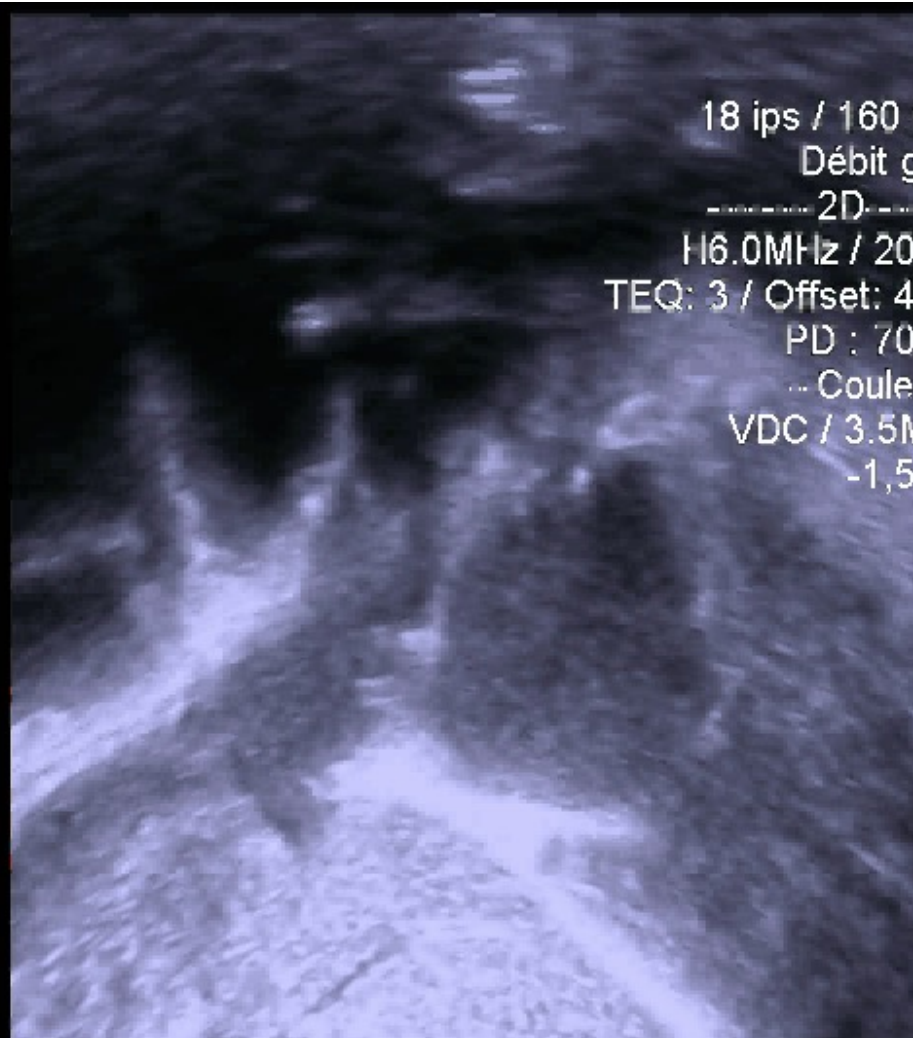
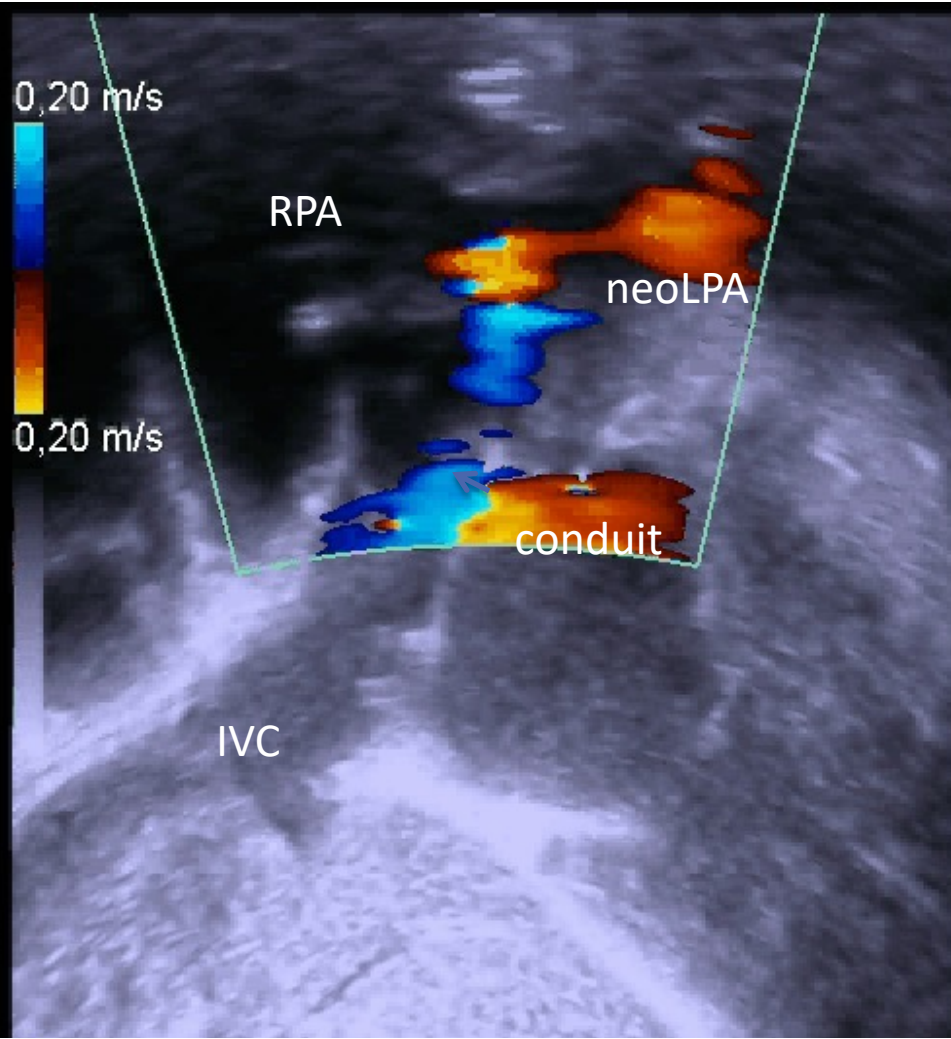
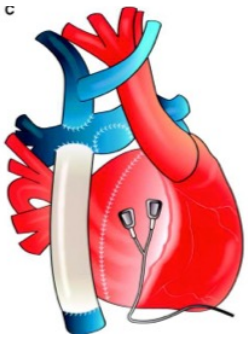
Proximal connection subcostal view

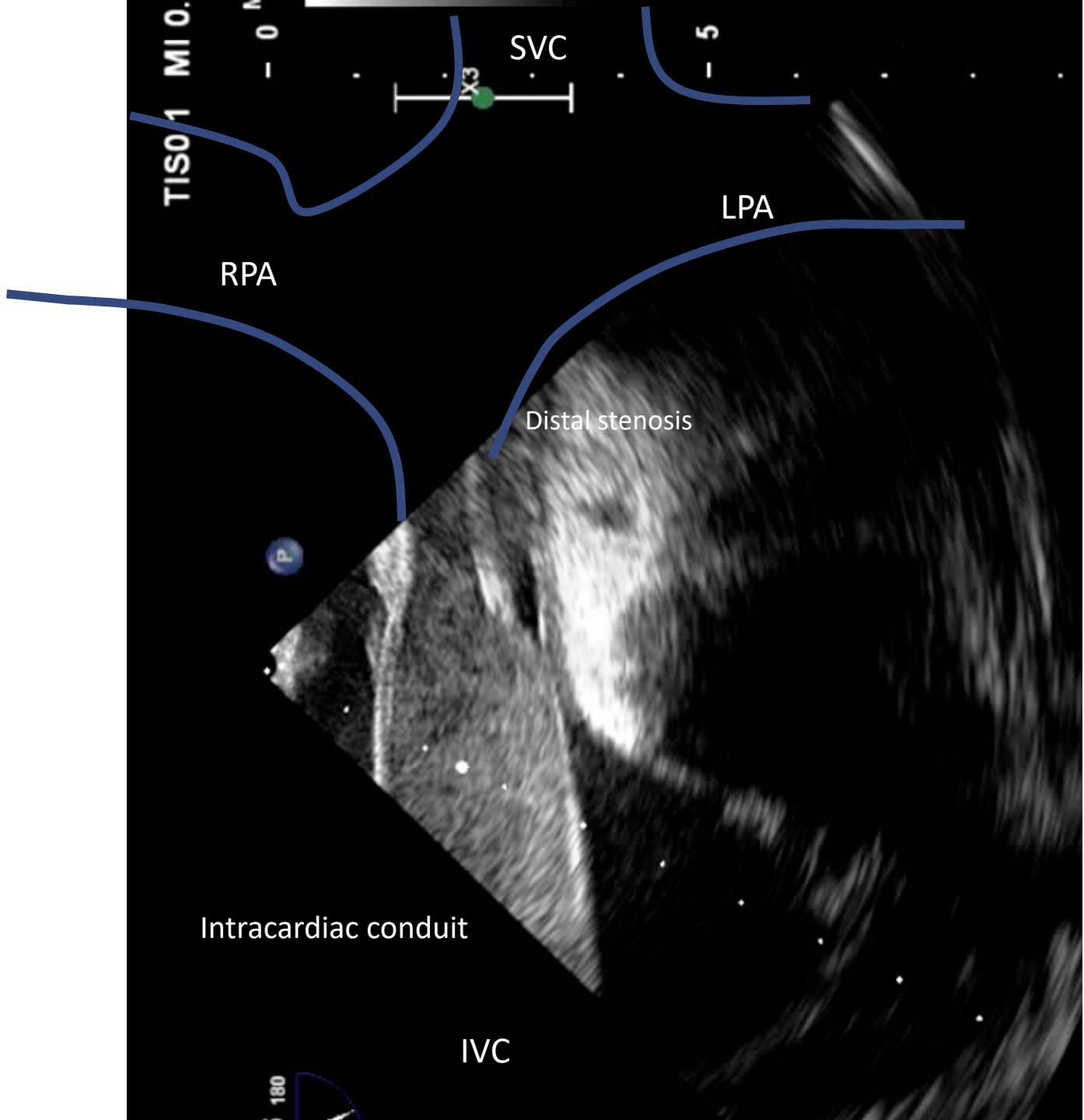




Conduit to PA distal connexion: high parasternal view







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LPA

RPA

Distal stenosis

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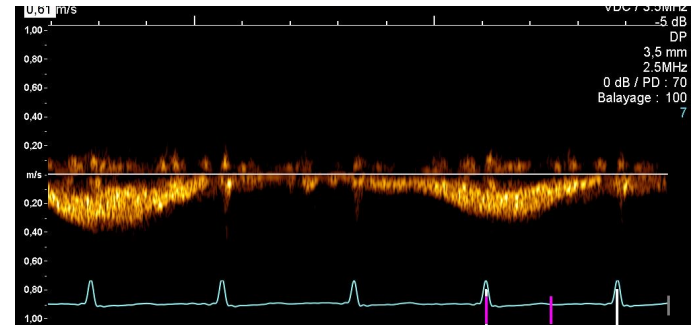
Intracardiac conduit

IVC

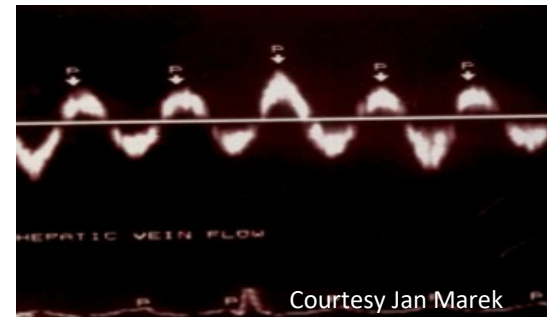
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# IVC flow after TCPC

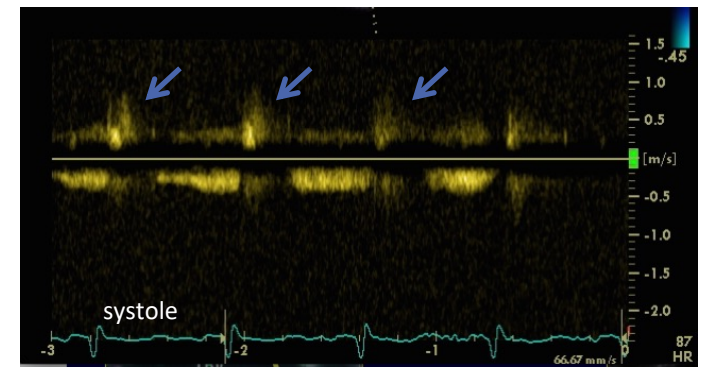
- Normal: continuous anterograde flow of low velocity, respiratory variation



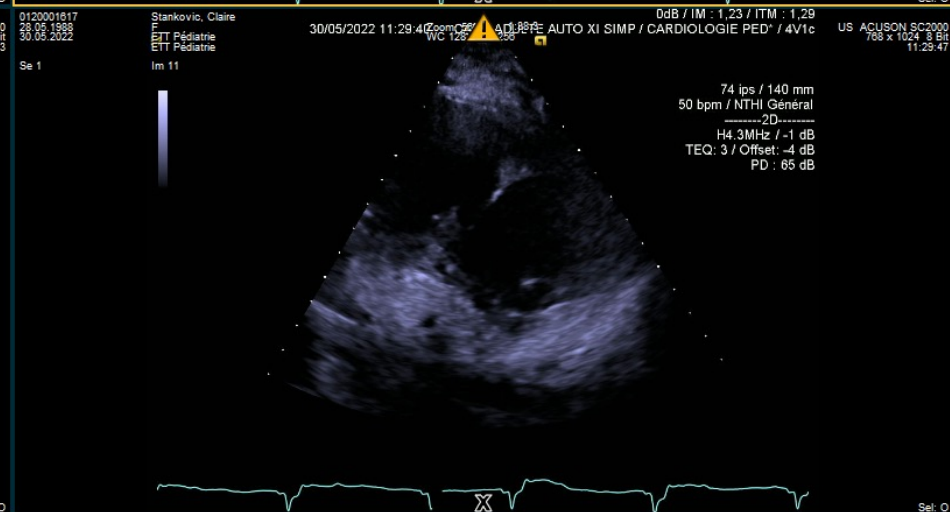
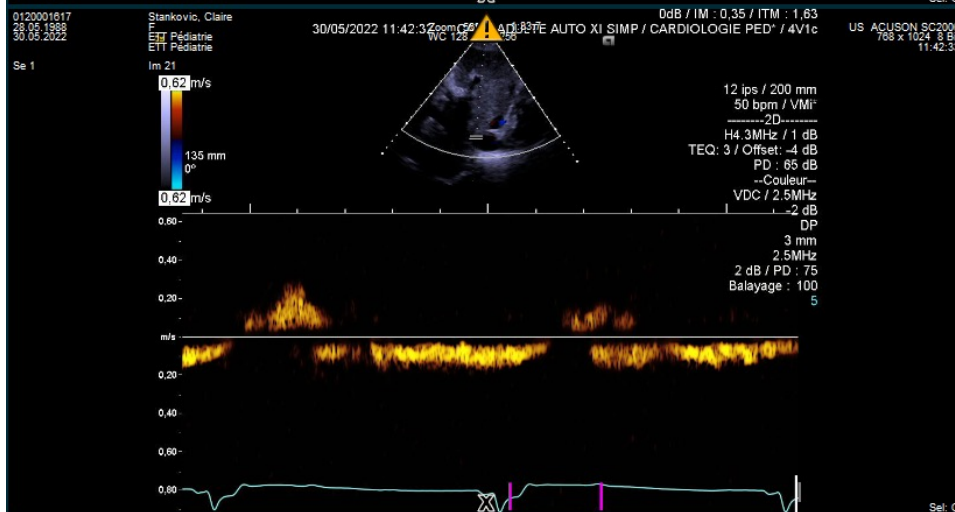
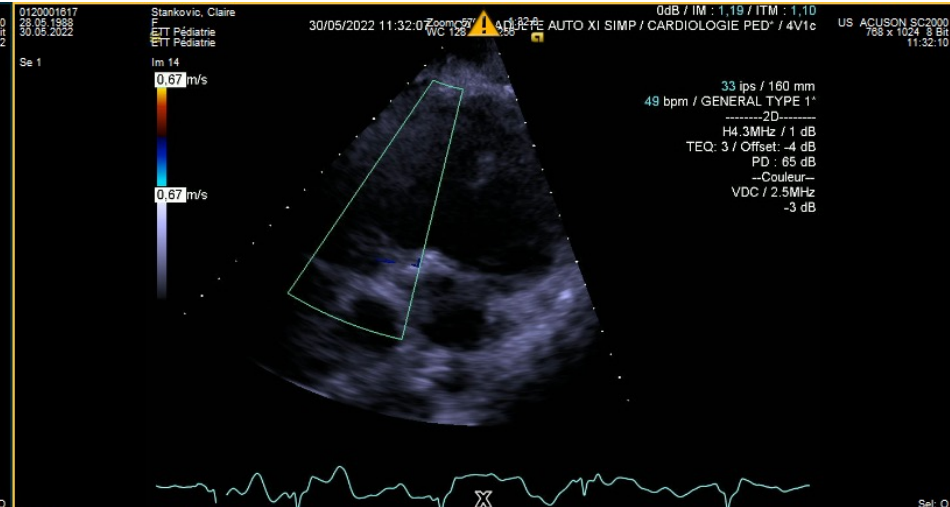
- Retrograde A wave:
  - failing fontan (↗CVP-arrhythmia)



- Retrograde S wave:
  - AV regurgitation: IVC
  - Antegrade flow (pulm stenosis): SVC

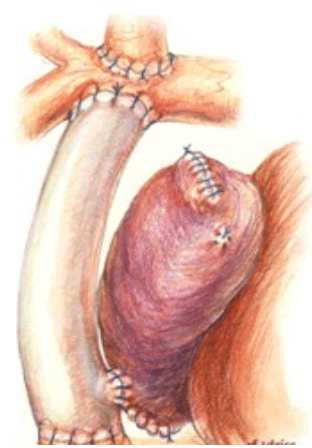


# Failing fontan IVC doppler pattern



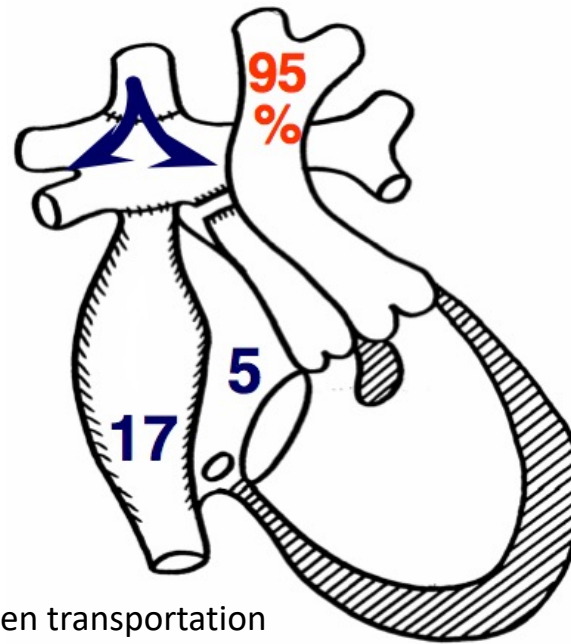
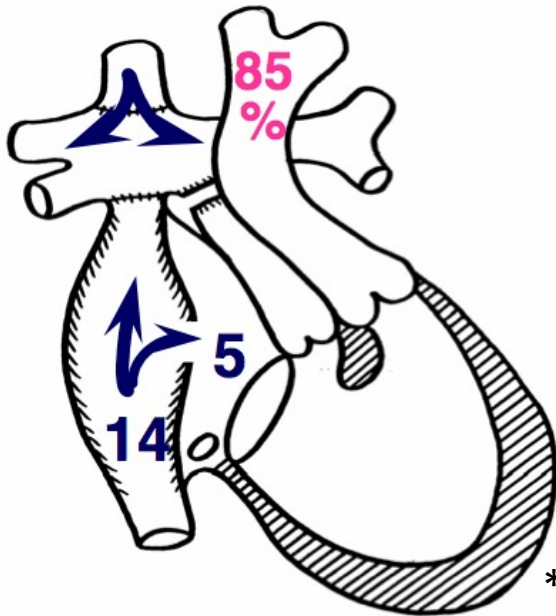


# Fenestration assessement



- Right to left shunt

- Decompress the systemic venous pathway
- Maintain cardiac output



\* Systemic oxygen transportation

AO SaO<sub>2</sub> 84±6%

Qs: 2.4±0.7 l·min<sup>-1</sup>·m<sup>-2</sup>

SOT\* 425±154ml

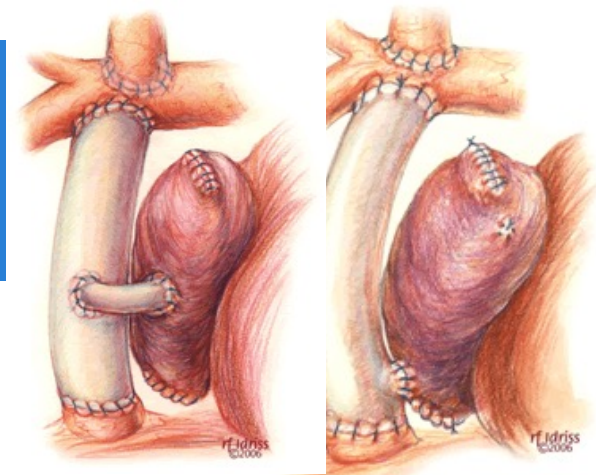
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AO SaO<sub>2</sub> 95±3%

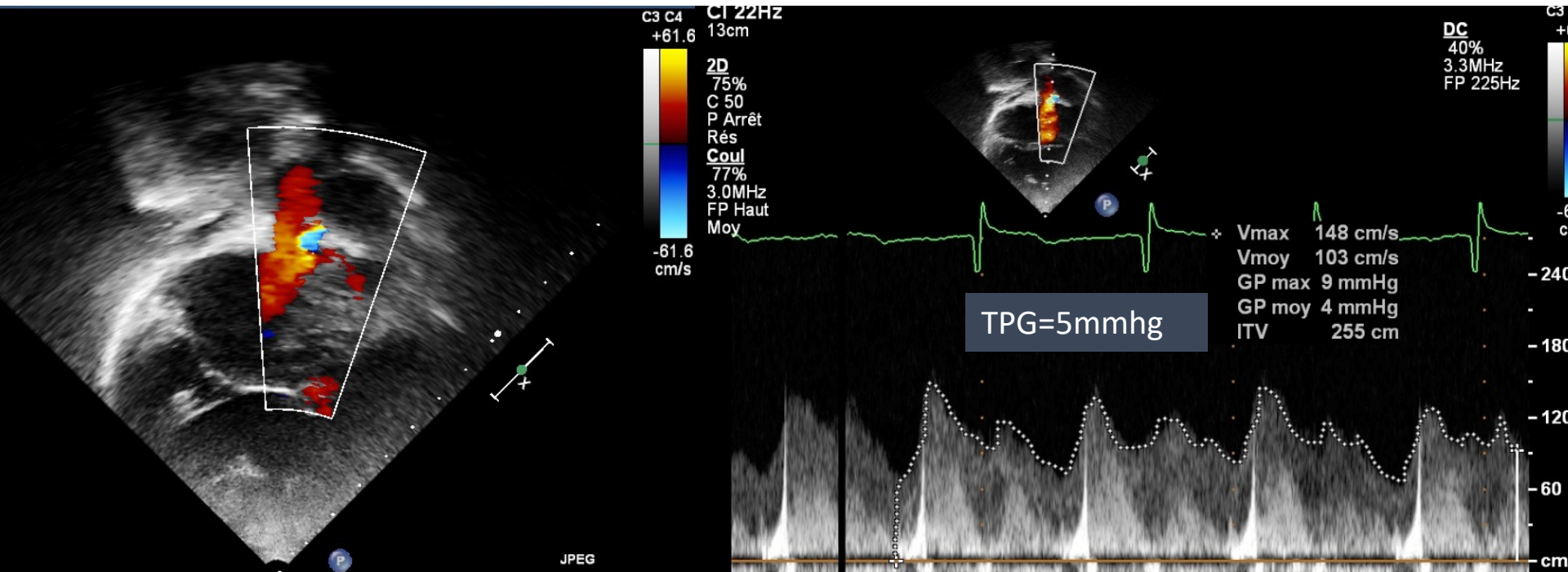
Qs: to 1.8±0.4 l·min<sup>-1</sup>·m<sup>-2</sup>

SOT: 366±112ml

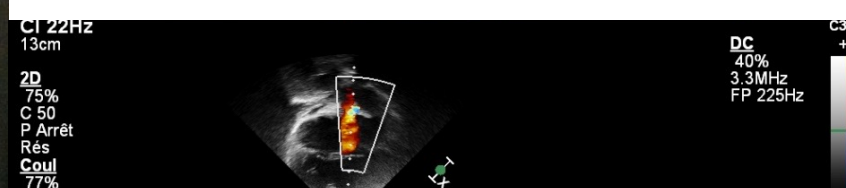
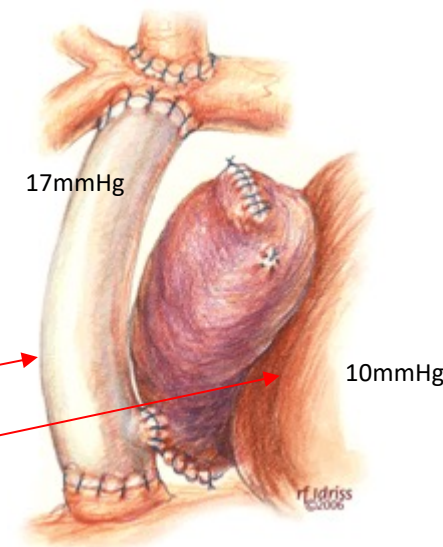
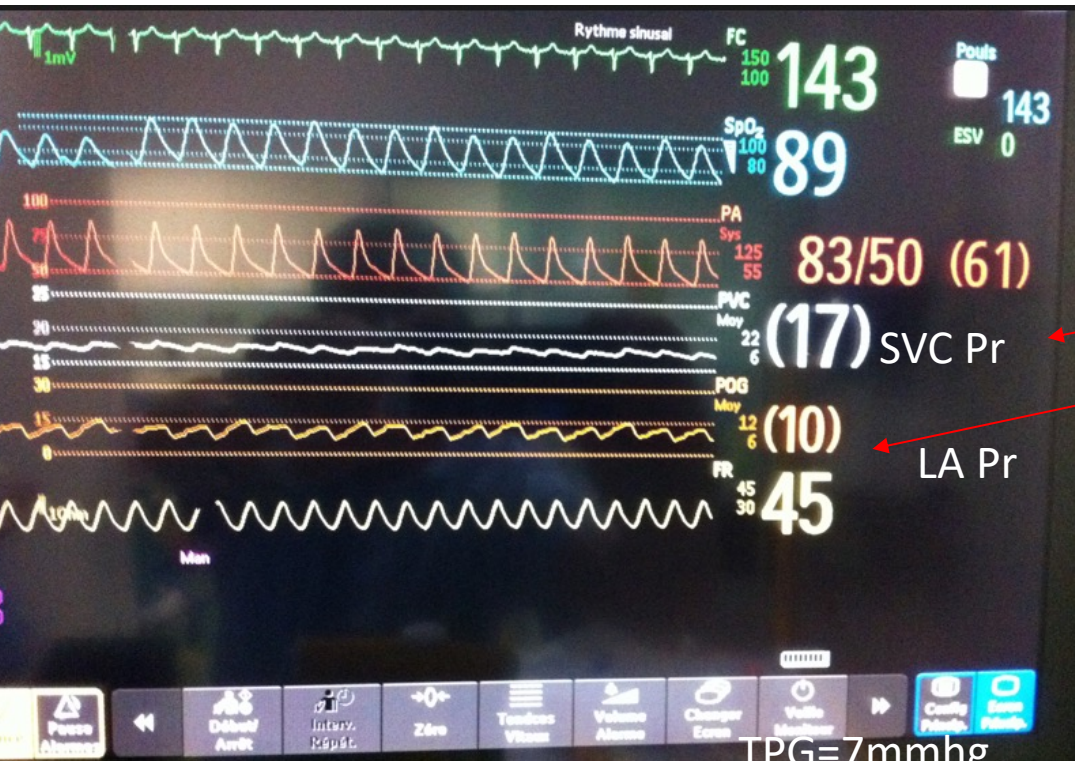
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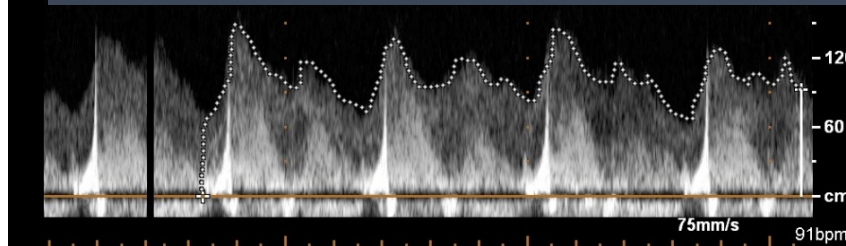
- Mean fenestration gradient = Transpulmonary gradient
  - Mean gradient over several cardiac cycles

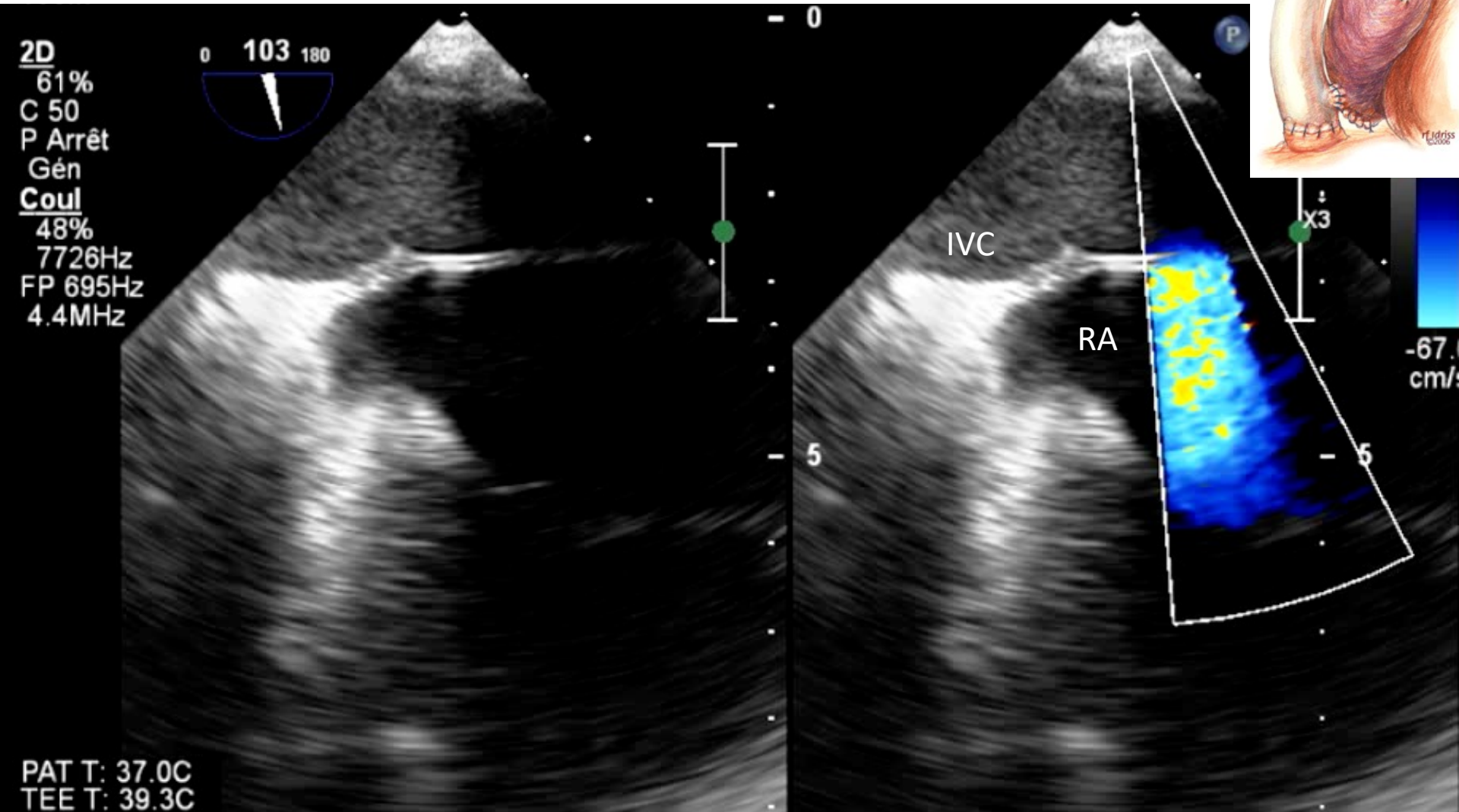




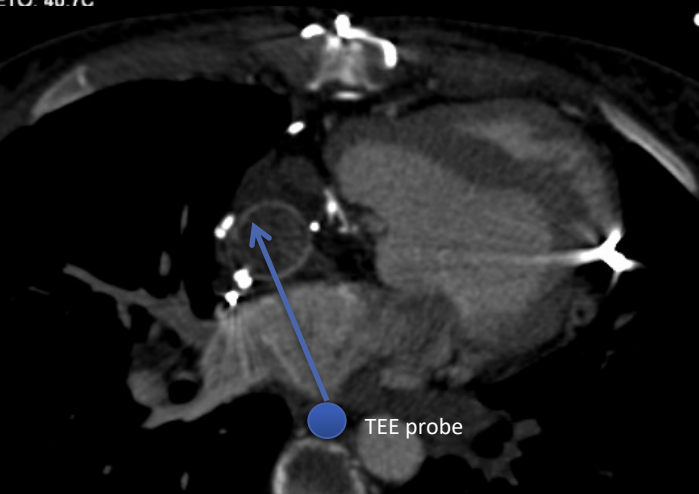
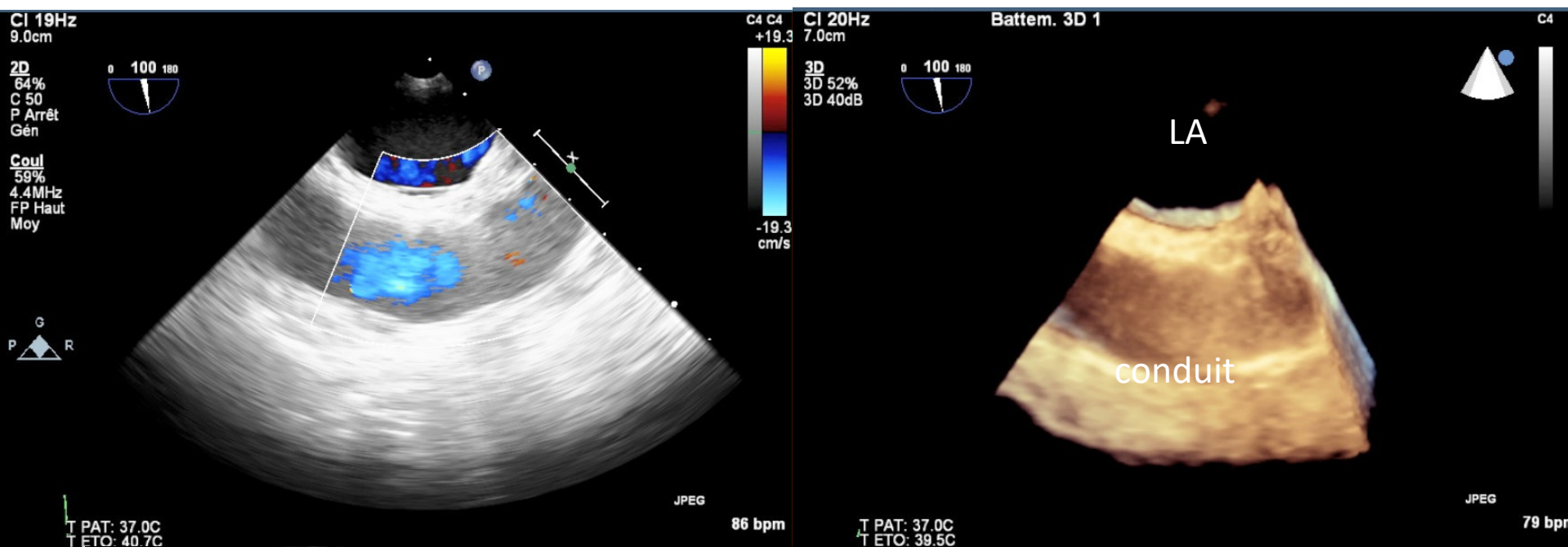


Mean fenestration gradient = 7mmHg  
=transpulmonary gradient



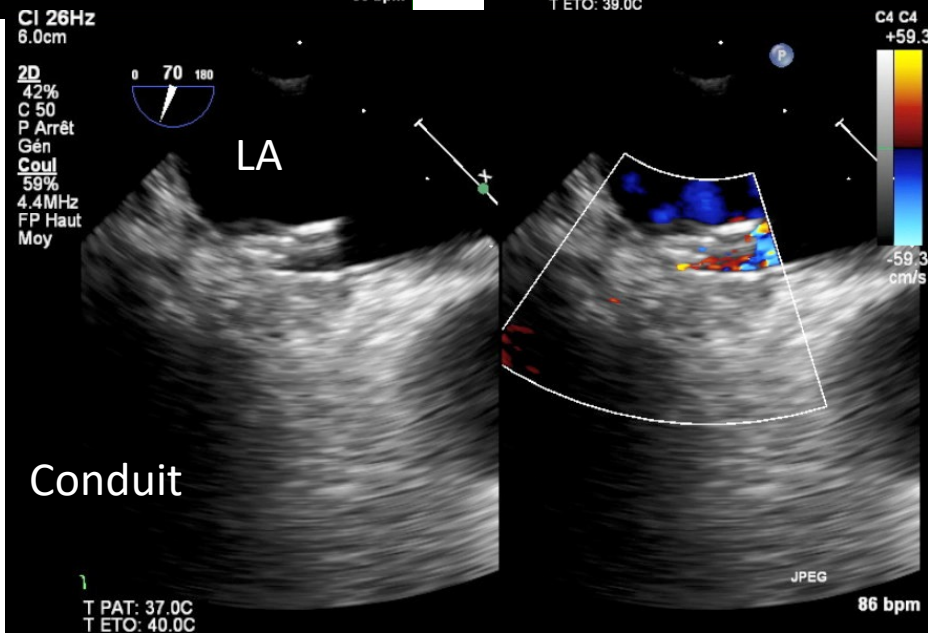
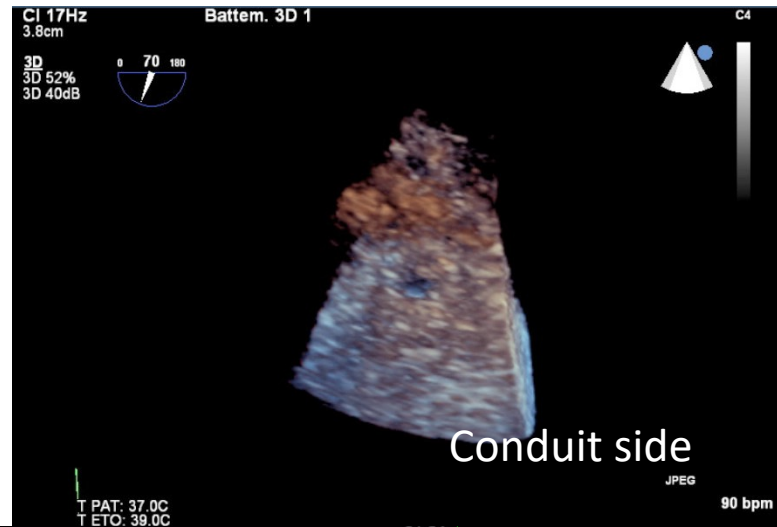
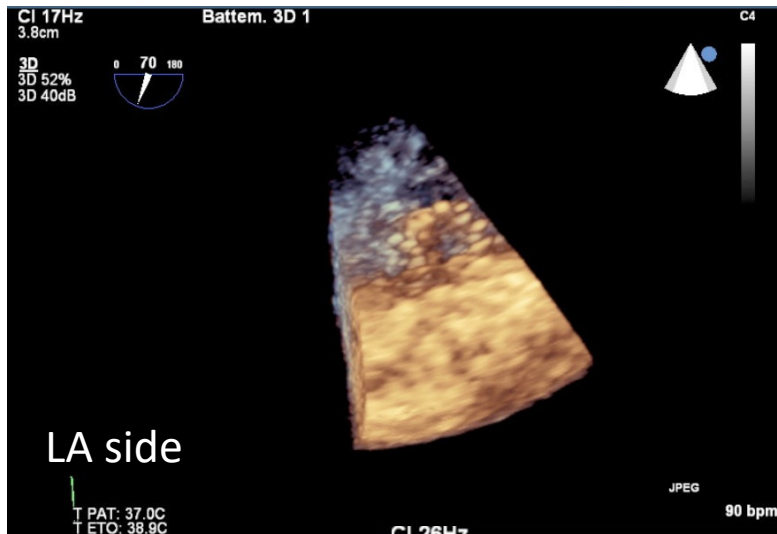


# TOE guided-Percutaneous fenestration

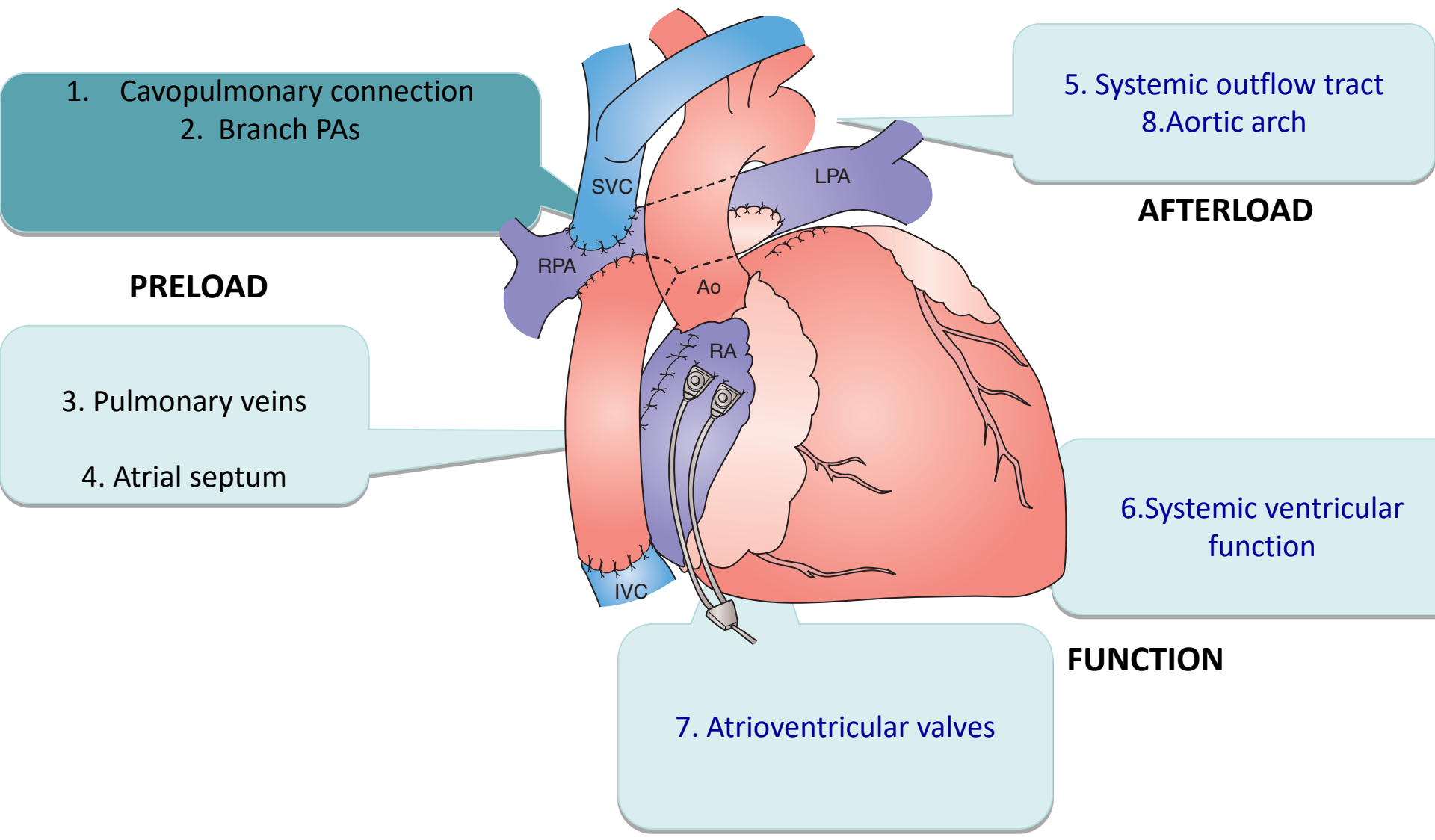




# Percutaneous fenestration guiding



# Echographic assessment after Glenn and TCPC completion: sequential segmental approach

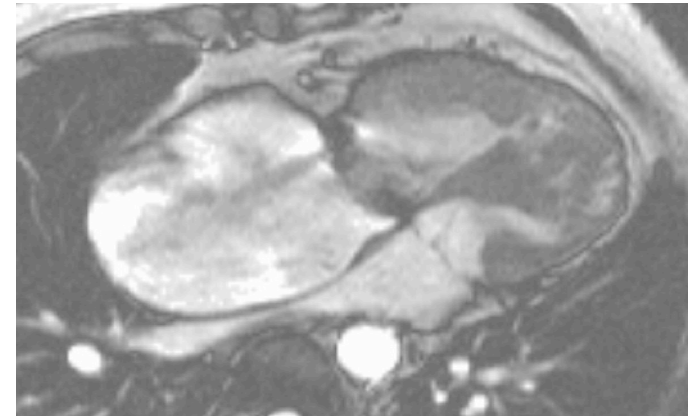
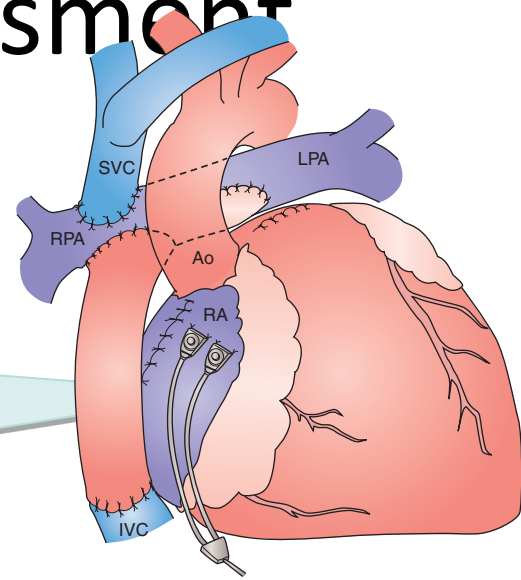




# Echographic assessment

3. Pulmonary veins

4. Atrial septum



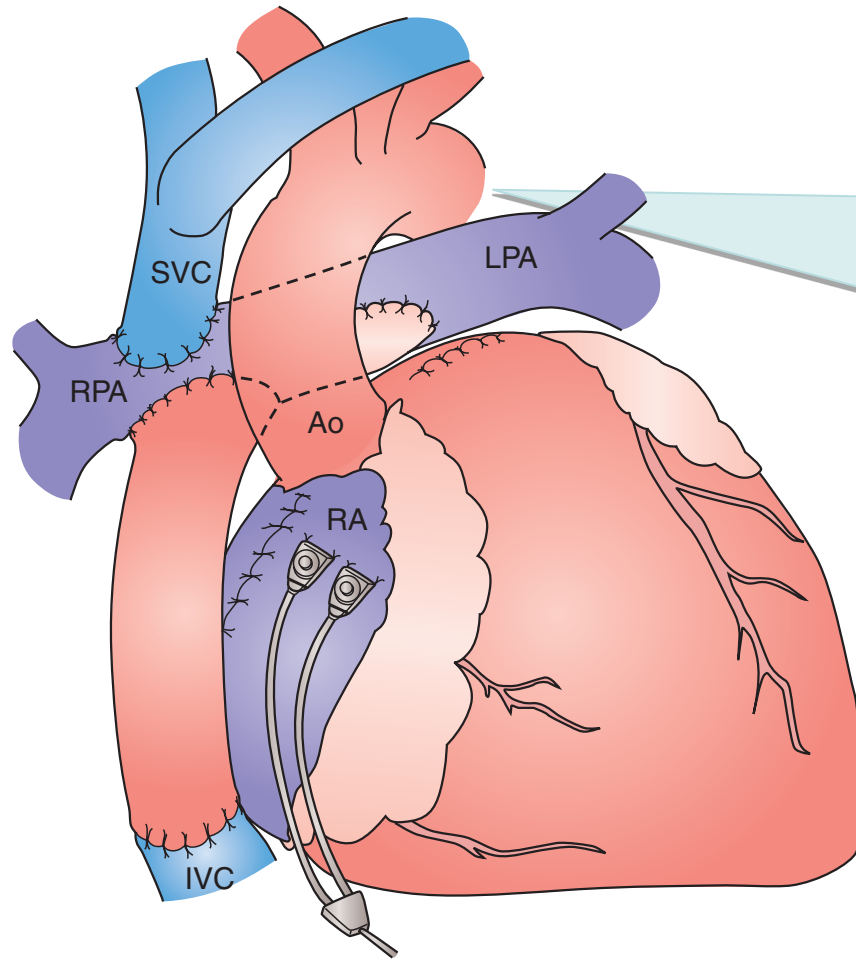
- PV compression
  - Atriopulmonary connection
  - Intracardiac tunnel
  - Heterotaxy syndrome
- Restriction of interatrial shunt in HLHS
- Potential cause of elevated PA pressure

# Echographic assessment

## SV AFTERLOAD

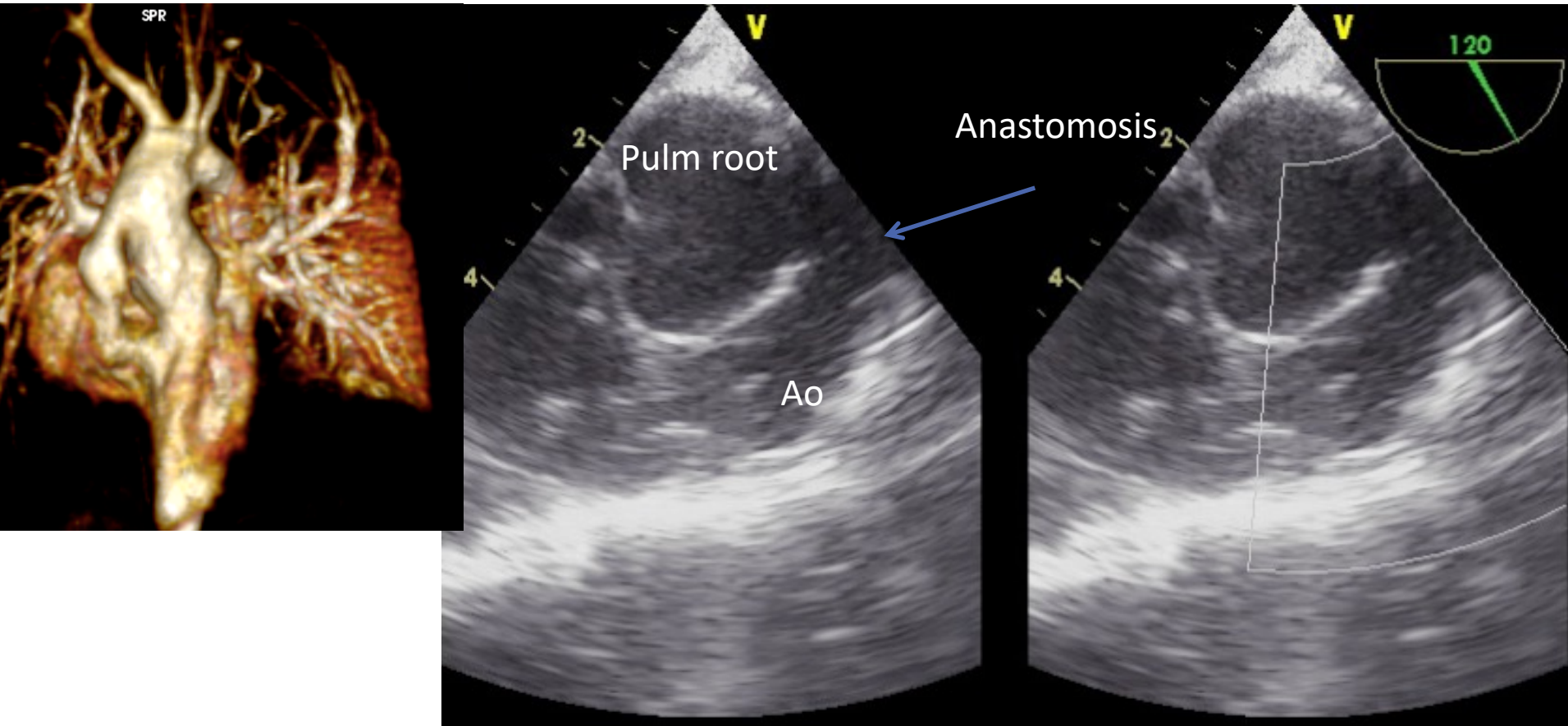
6. Systemic outflow tract

7. Aorta



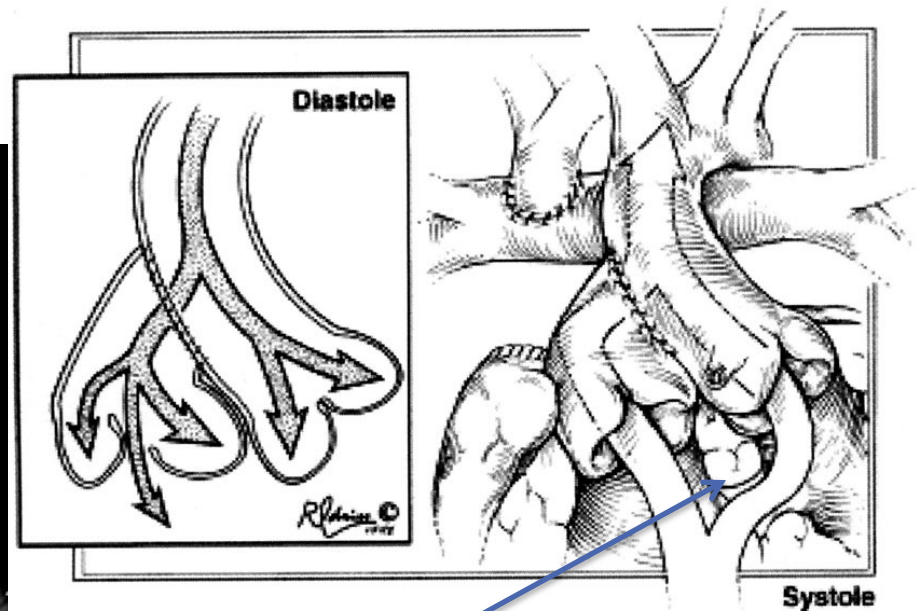
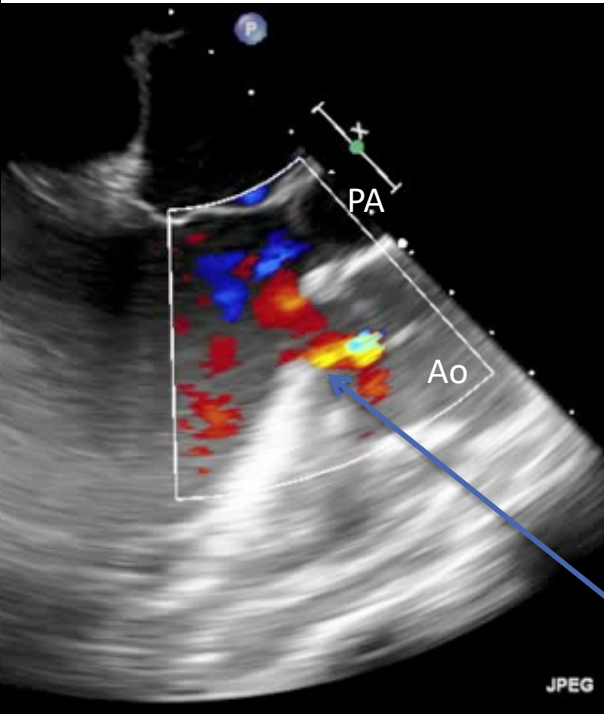
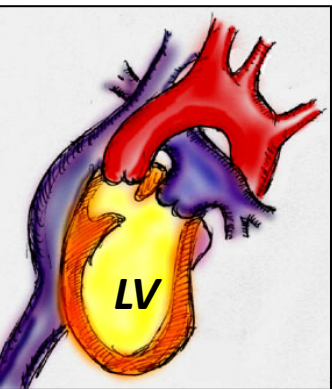
# Assessment of DKS anastomosis

Exemple of a DKS anastomis in DILV with restrictive bulboventricumar foramen



# Restrictive systemic outflow tract in DILV

- Proximal anastomosis
  - Restrictive bulboventricular foramen: DKS

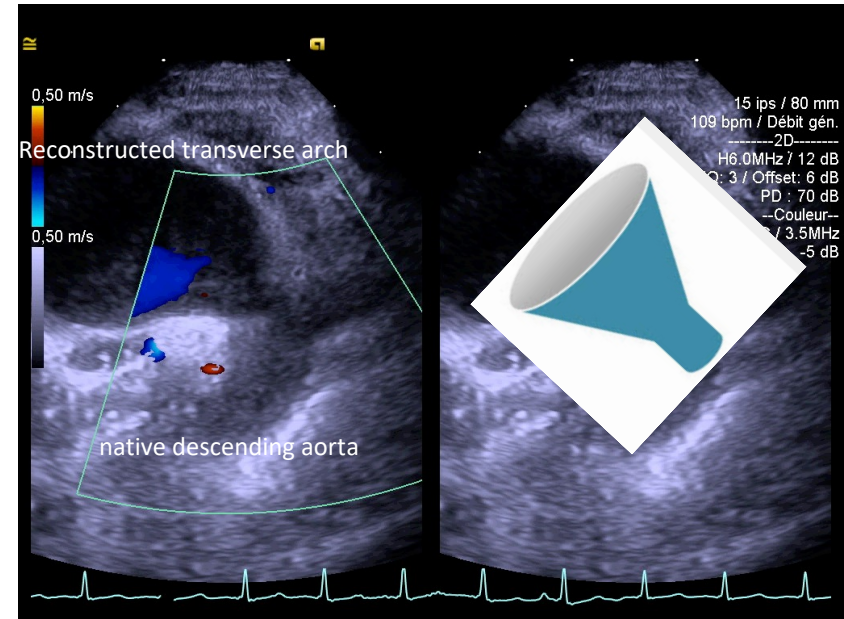


Restrictive bulboventricular

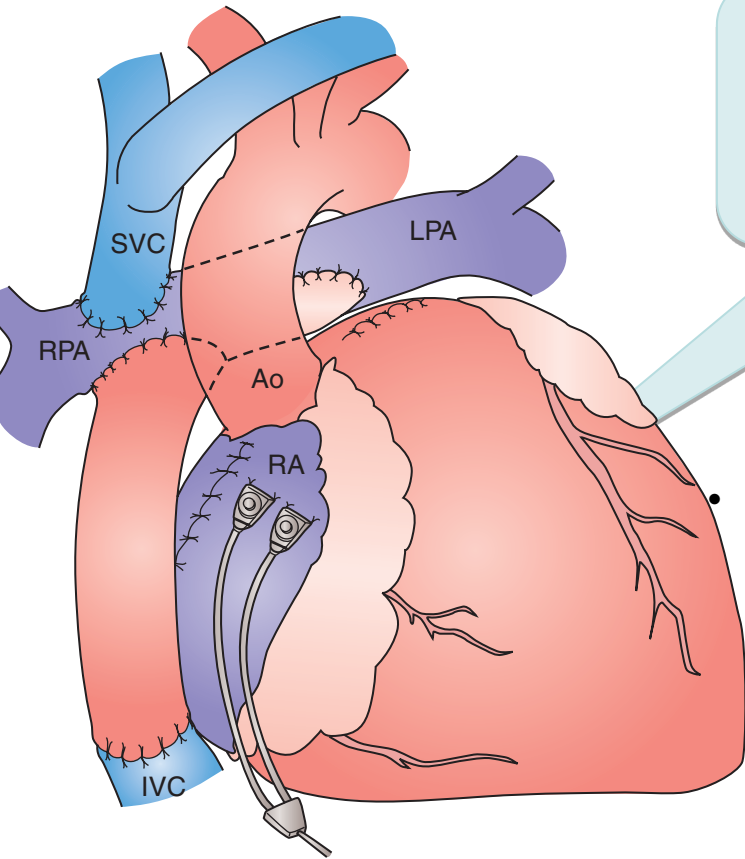


# Aortic arch assessment

- Distal anastomosis
  - Supra sternal sagittal view
  - Potential increased velocity (HLHS)
  - Pitfall: potential absence of diastolic runoff
    - change in Ao arch geometry/ patch/mBTshunt



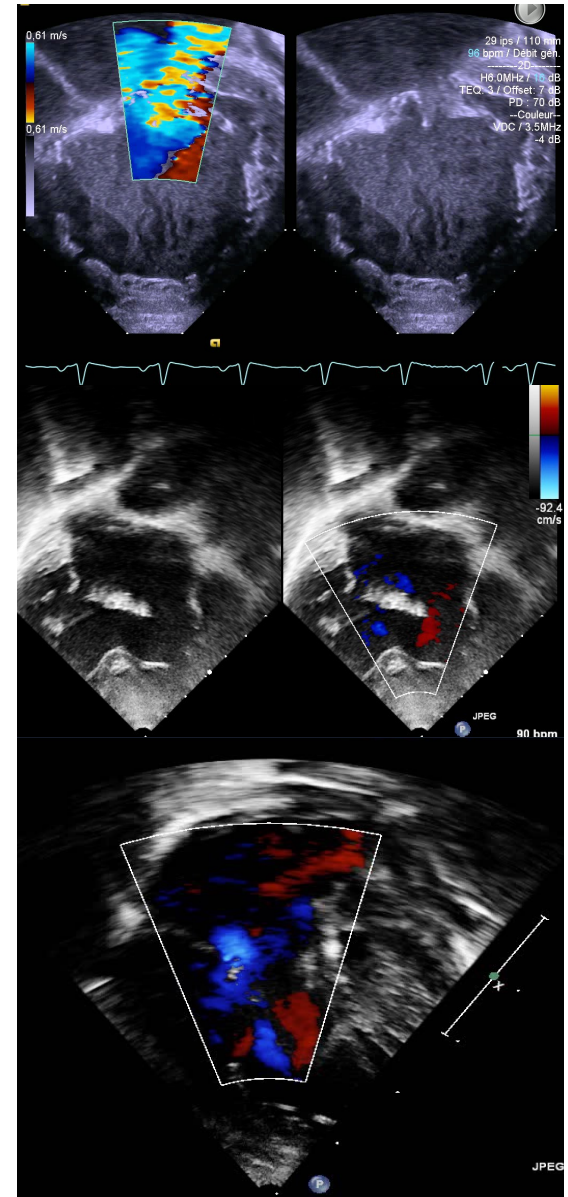
# AVV assessment



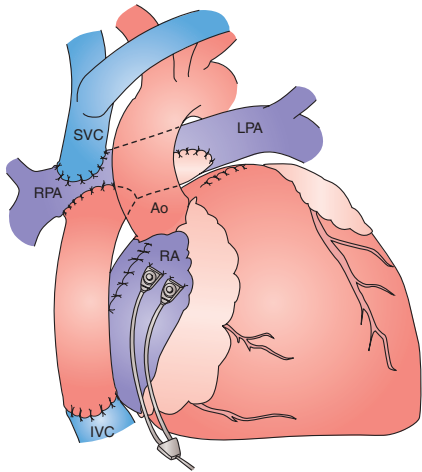
## 5. Atrio-ventricular valves

Different anatomies

Different loading conditions



# Echographic assessment



## 8. Systemic ventricular function

- Systolic and diastolic(+++) function
  - No single morphology
  - Important confounding variables
    - Preload (surgical stage/ AVVR/ PVR/PA compliance)
    - Afterload (restrictive outflow trat, CoA)
- Eye balling/ EF (TM, 2D) / myocardial deformation

Diagnosis  
and  
management  
of post  
operative  
complication

Pleural/abdominal  
effusion: multifactorial+++

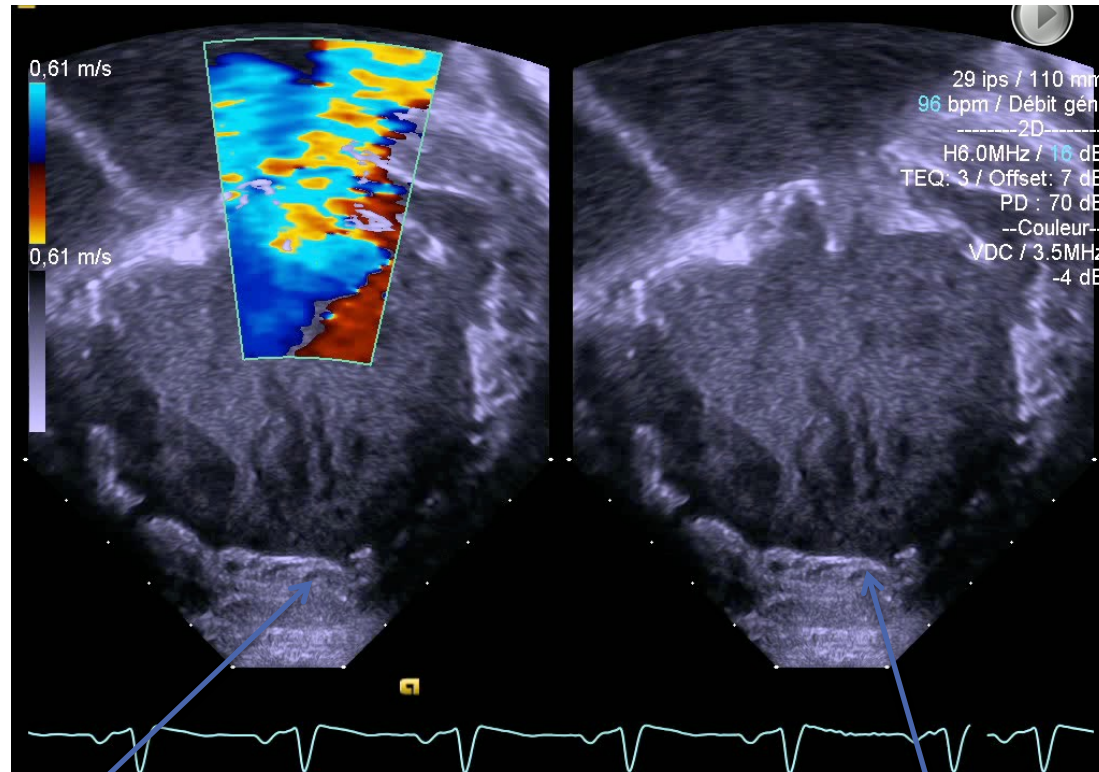
SV dysfunction

Thrombosis

Abnormal cyanosis



# SV dysfunction

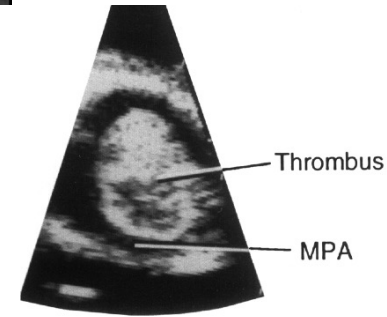


Restrictive bulboventricular foramen  
Increased AFTERLOAD

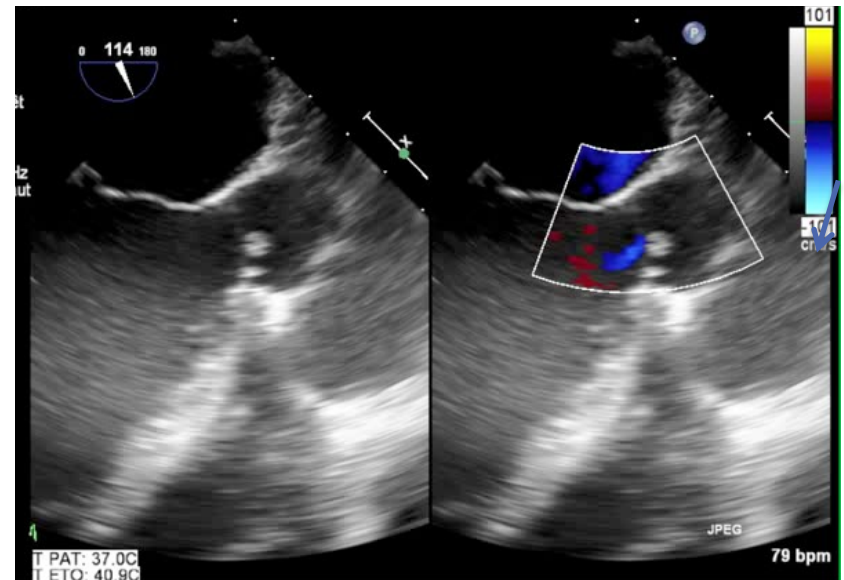
PA banding/MR  
Increased PRELOAD

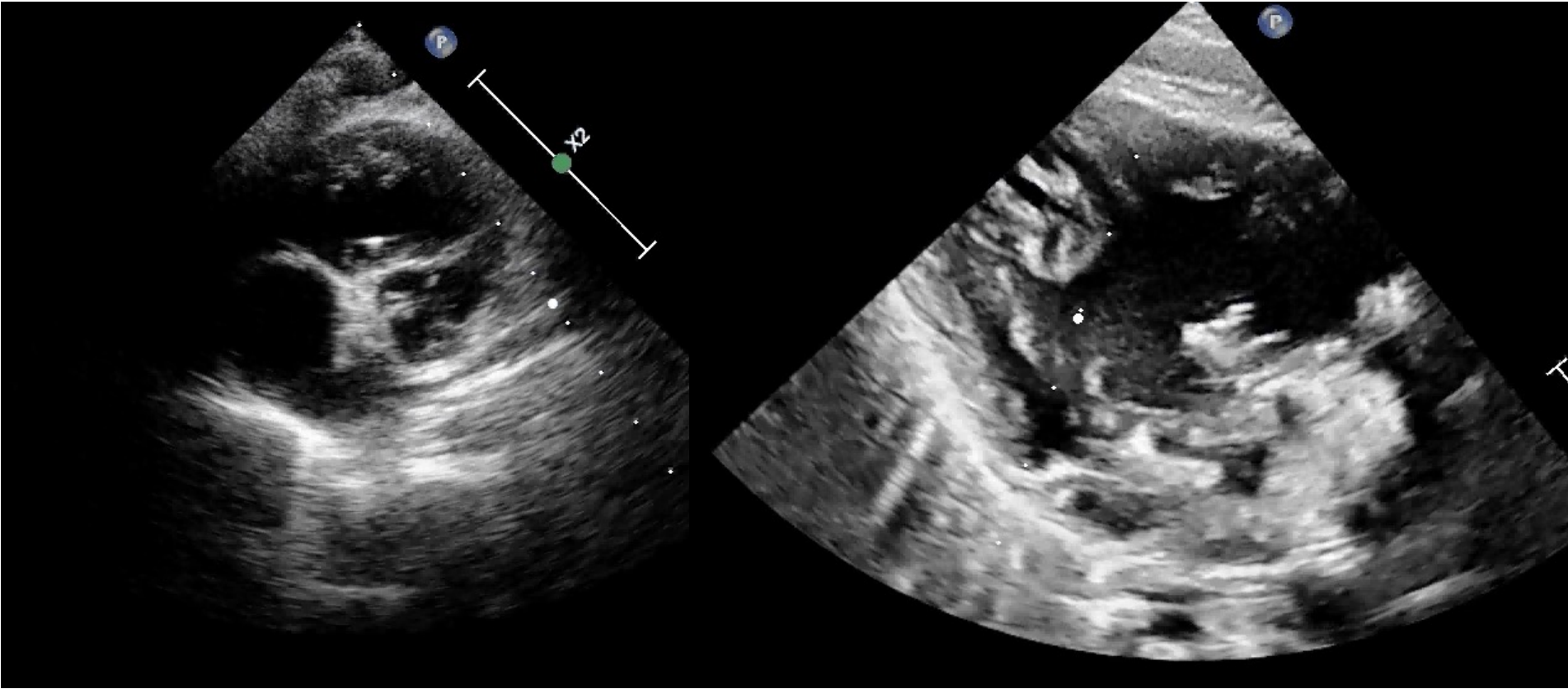
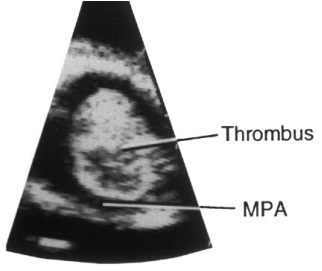
LV spherical remodeling : secondary MR worsening

# Thrombosis in TCPC

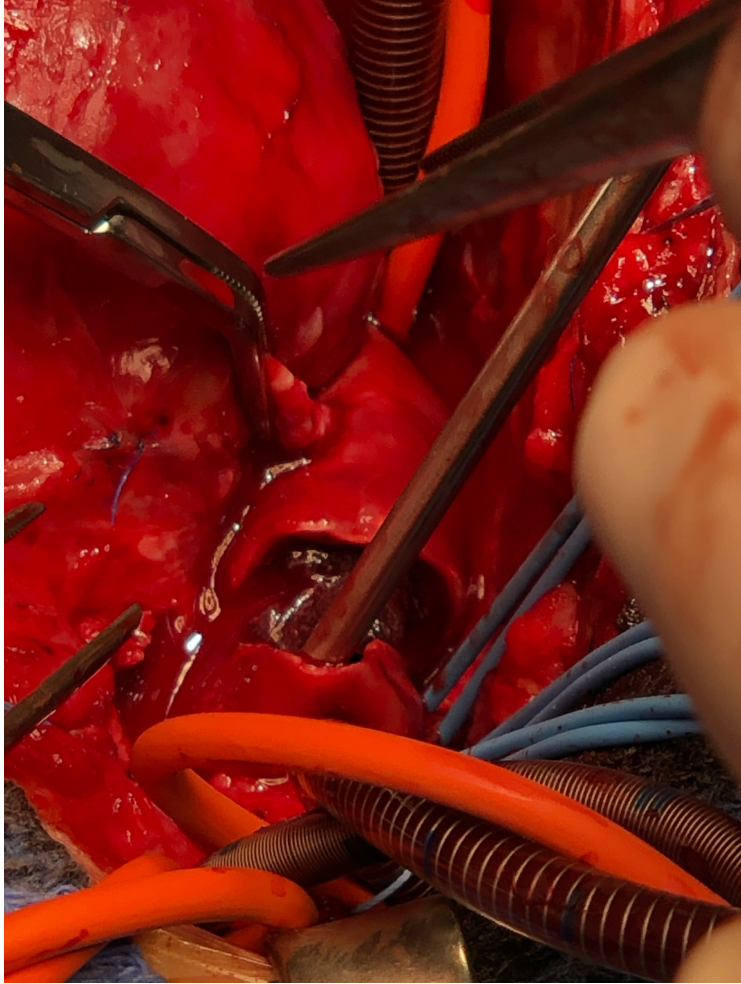
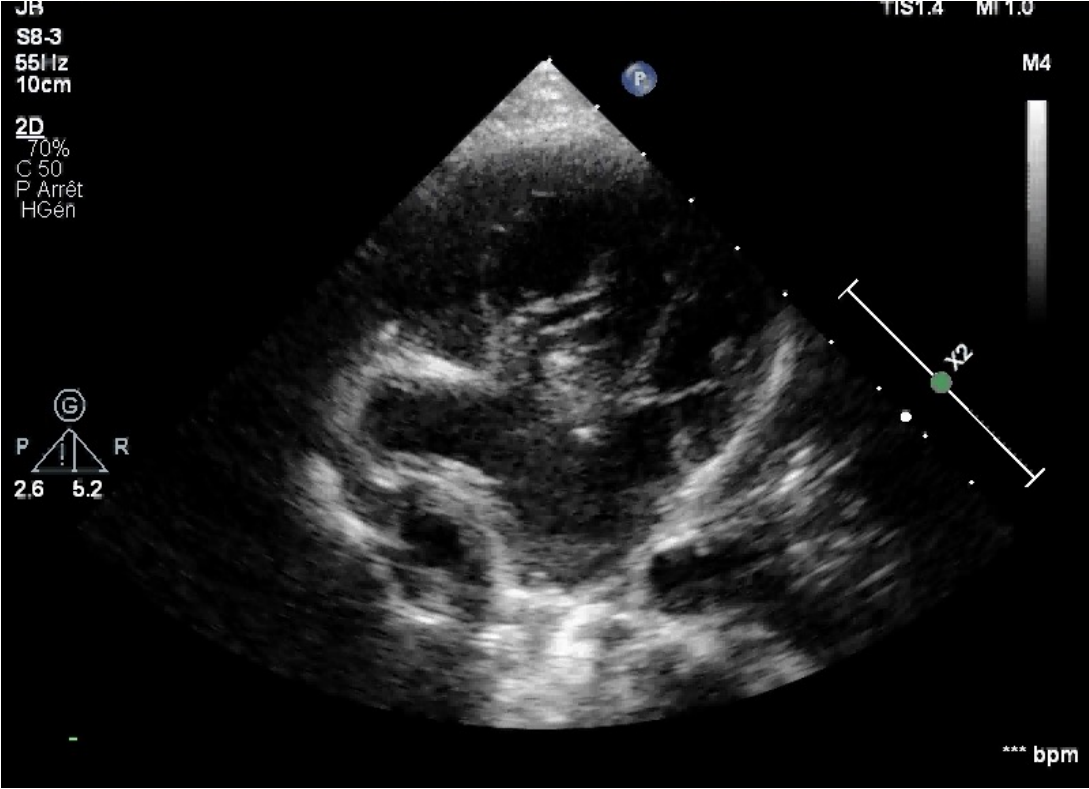


- Systemic venous pathway (TCPC)
  - IVC, RA (atriopulmonary connection), lateral tunnel/ conduit, fenestration, PAs, SVC
- Intra cardiac chambers
  - Intracardiac: LA, LAA, SV (poor systolic function)
- Native PA trunk
  - PAs divided and pulm valve non sutured





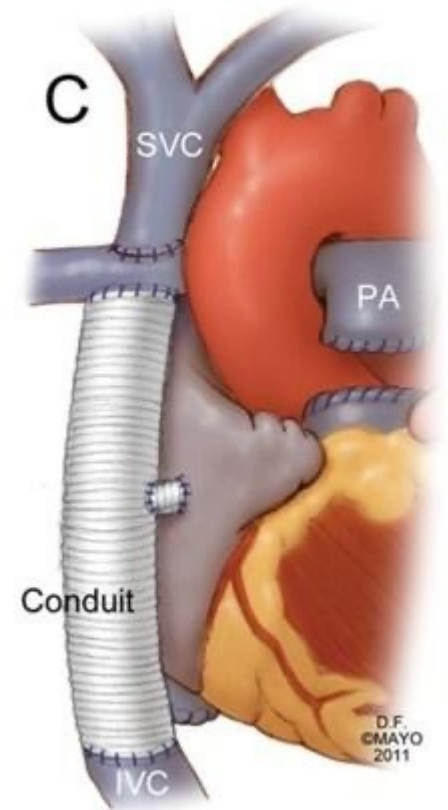
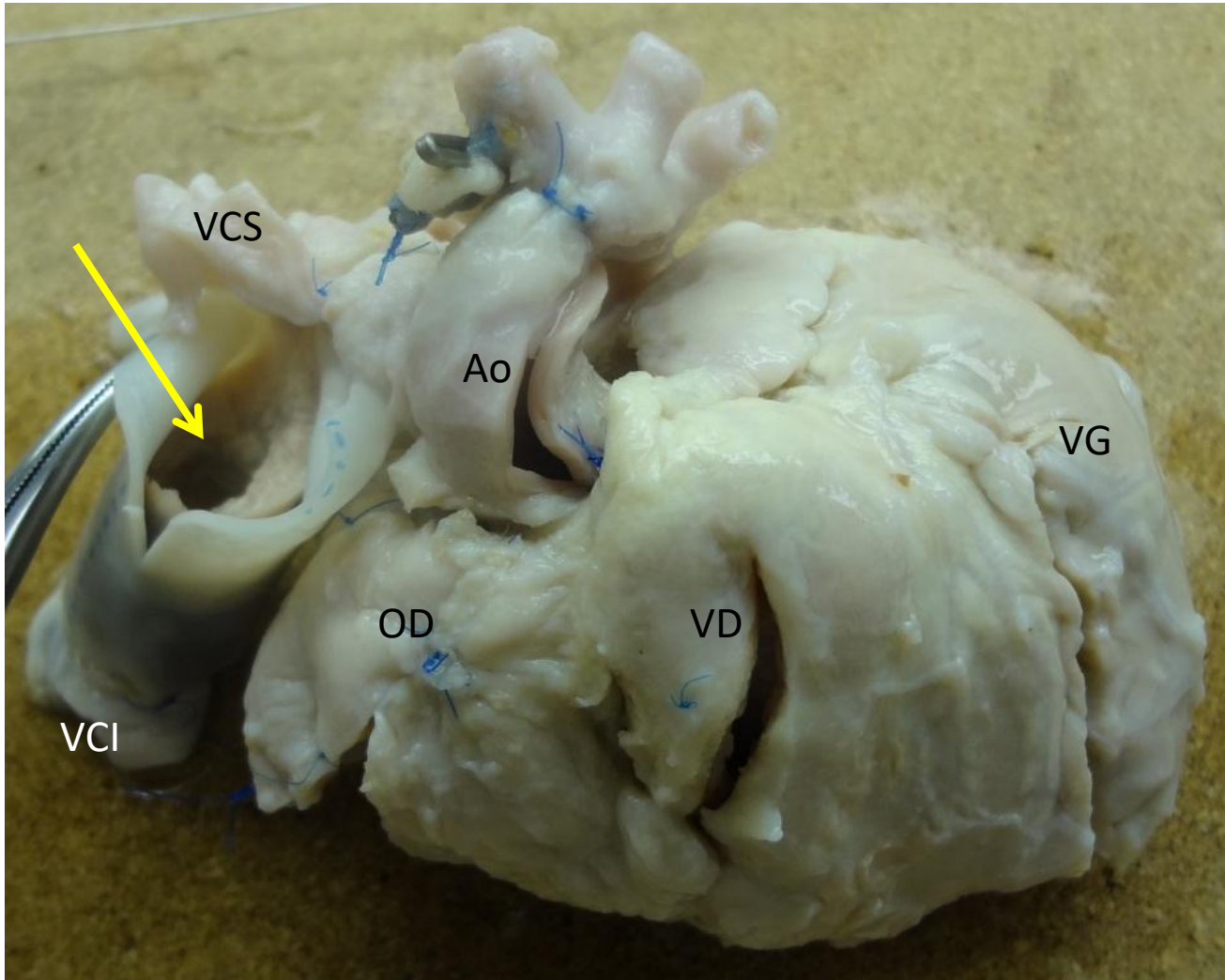
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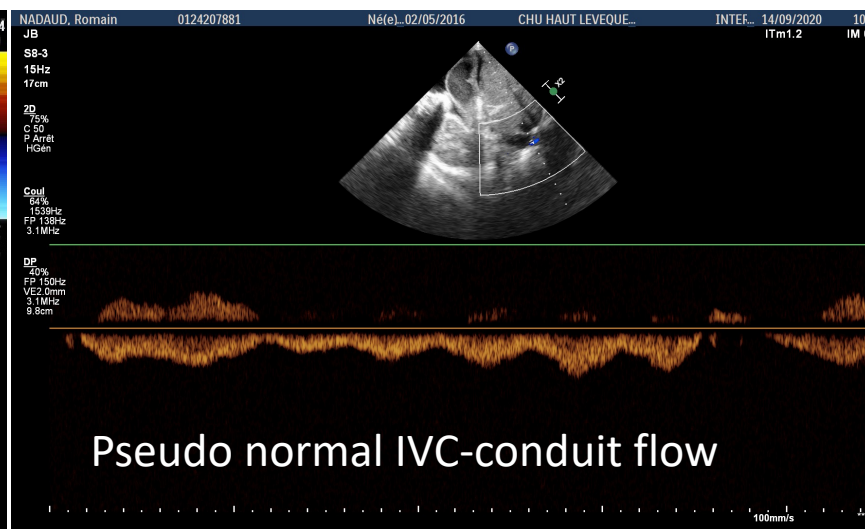
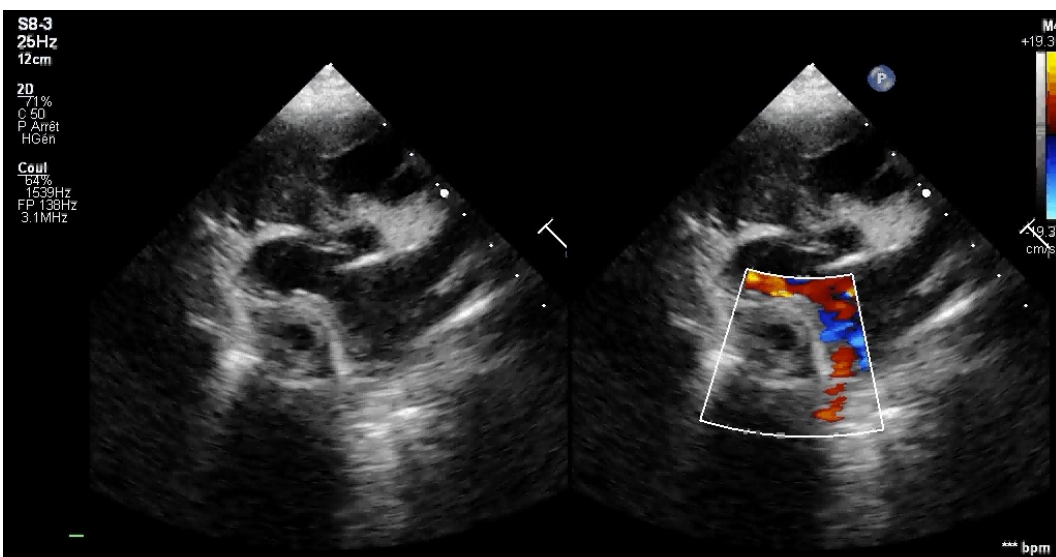
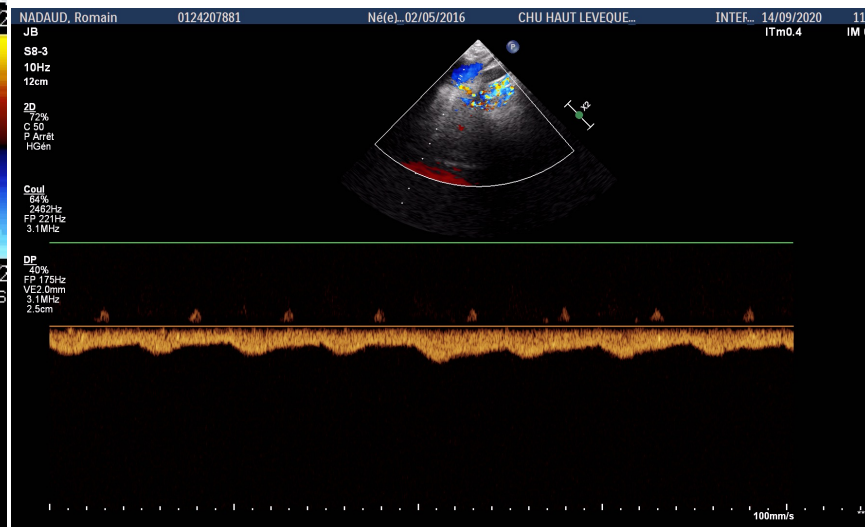
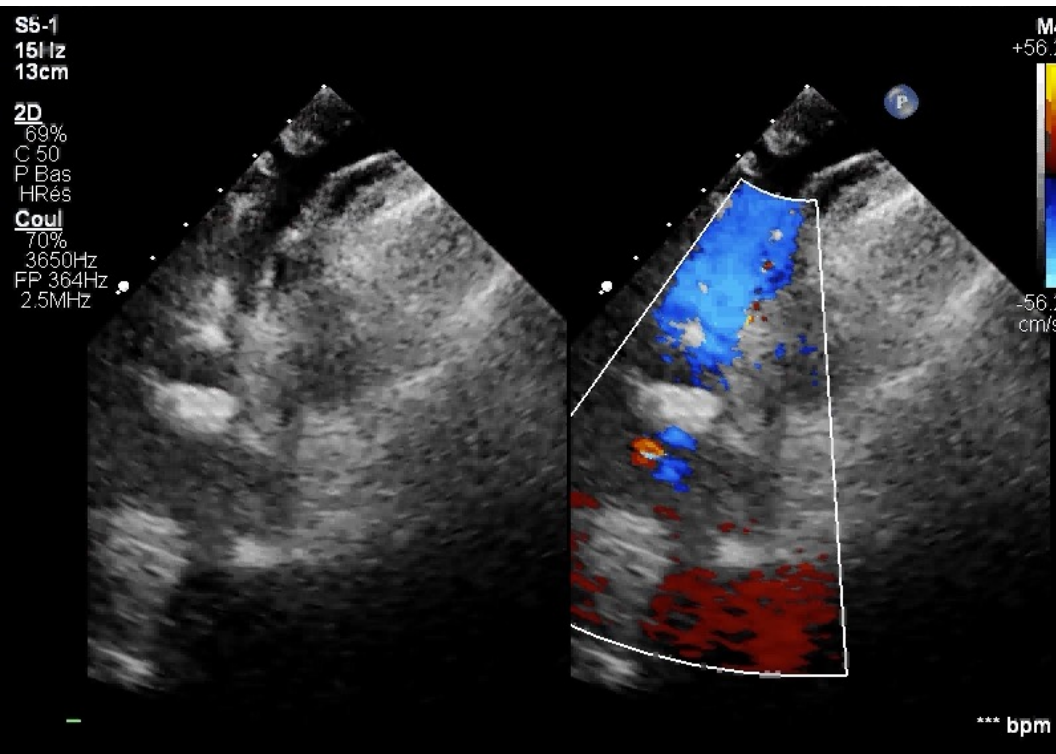


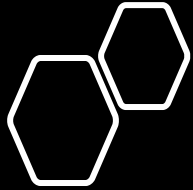


# DCPT : thrombose du tube extra-cardiaque

## Atrésie tricuspide {S,D,S}

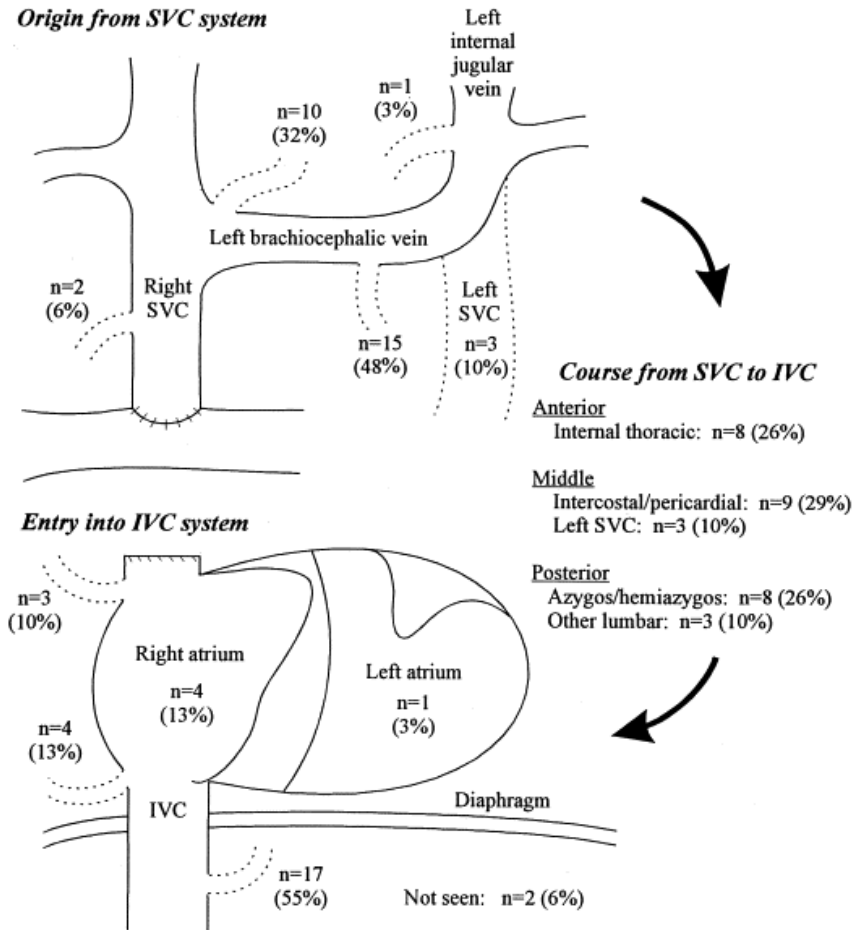






# Abnormal cyanosis after BCPC

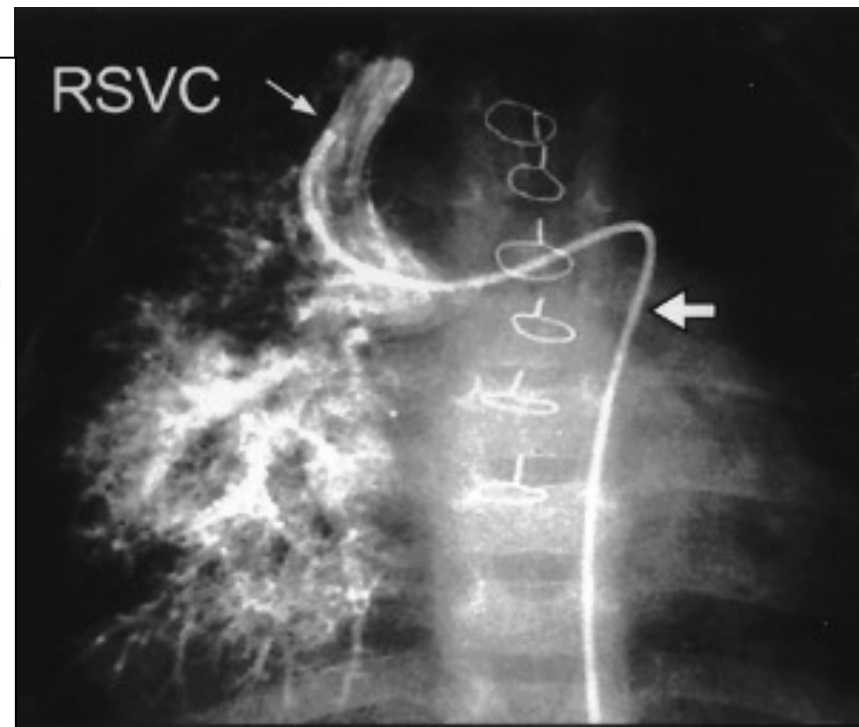
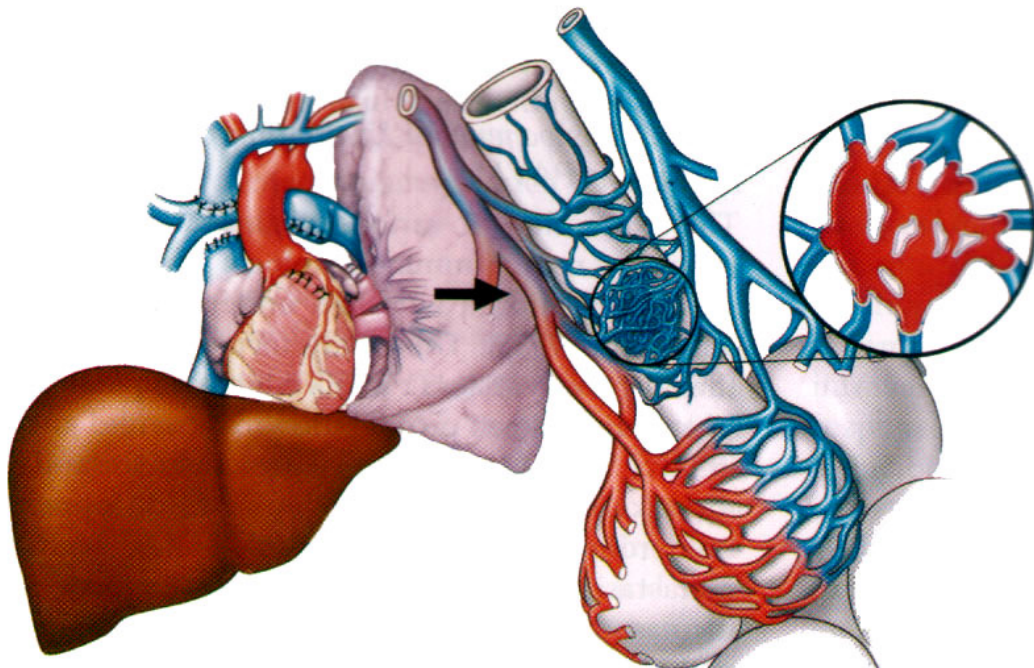
- Reopening of decompressing veins from SVC
  - In the IVC: azygos vein
  - In the atria: left SVC
  - Diagnosis:
    - Suprasternal frontal view
    - color doppler/ saline contrast



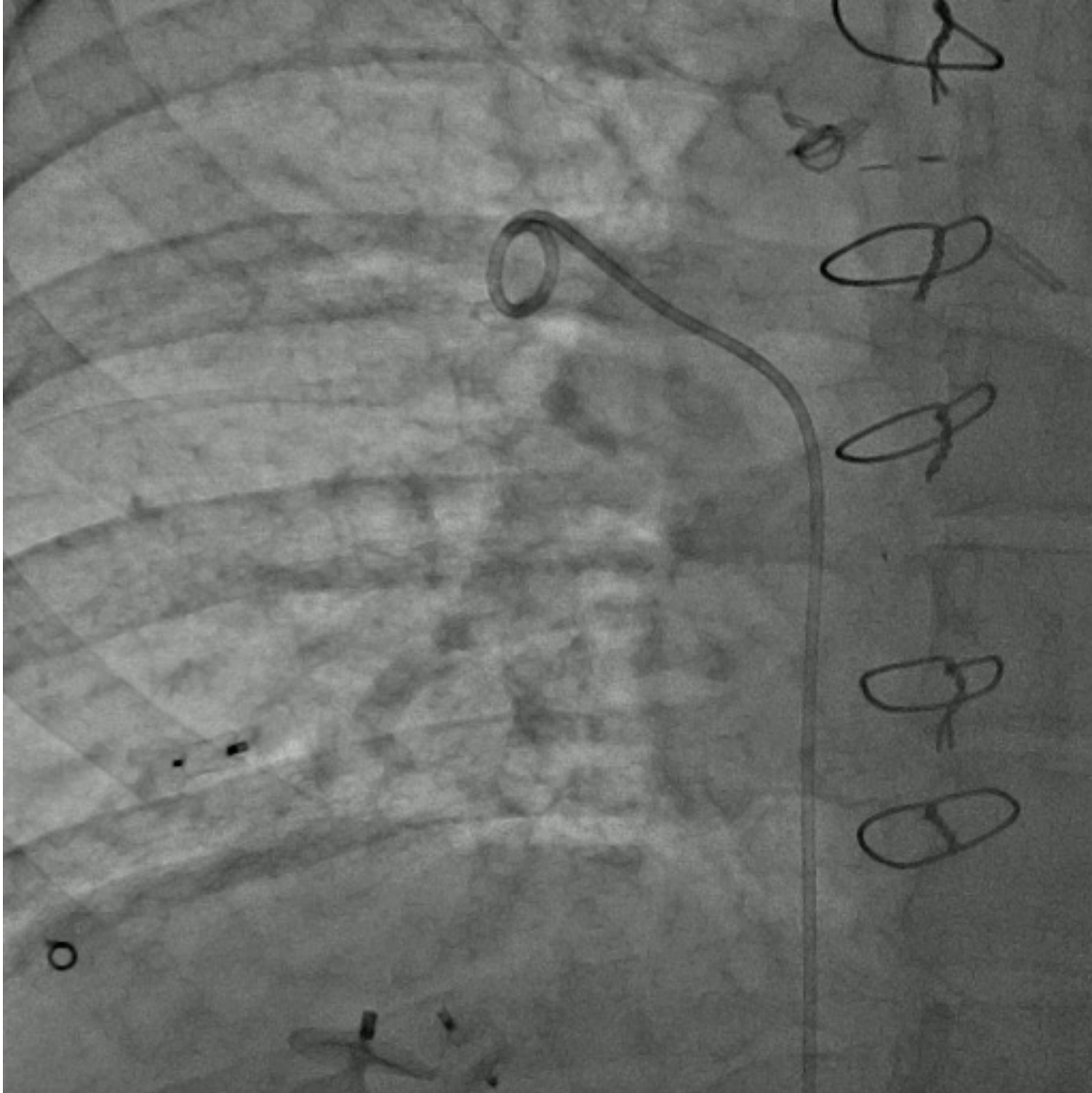


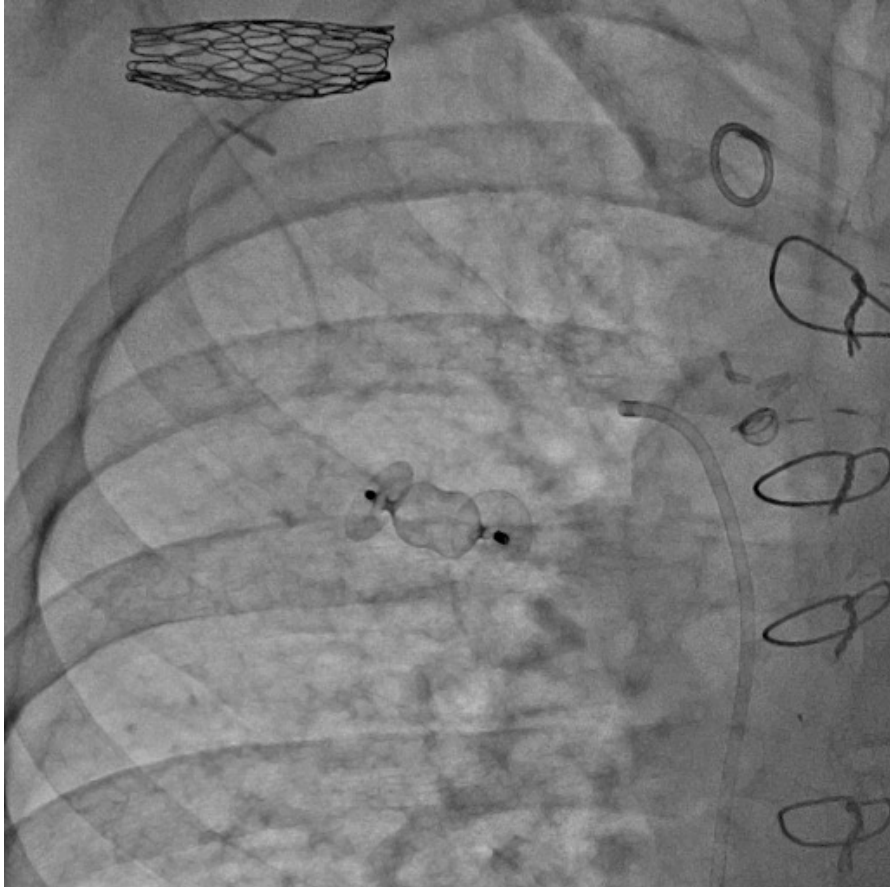
# Abnormal cyanosis after BCPC

- Pulmonary AV malformations
  - heterotaxy syndrome
  - Lack of hepatic factor
  - Diagnosis: saline contrast







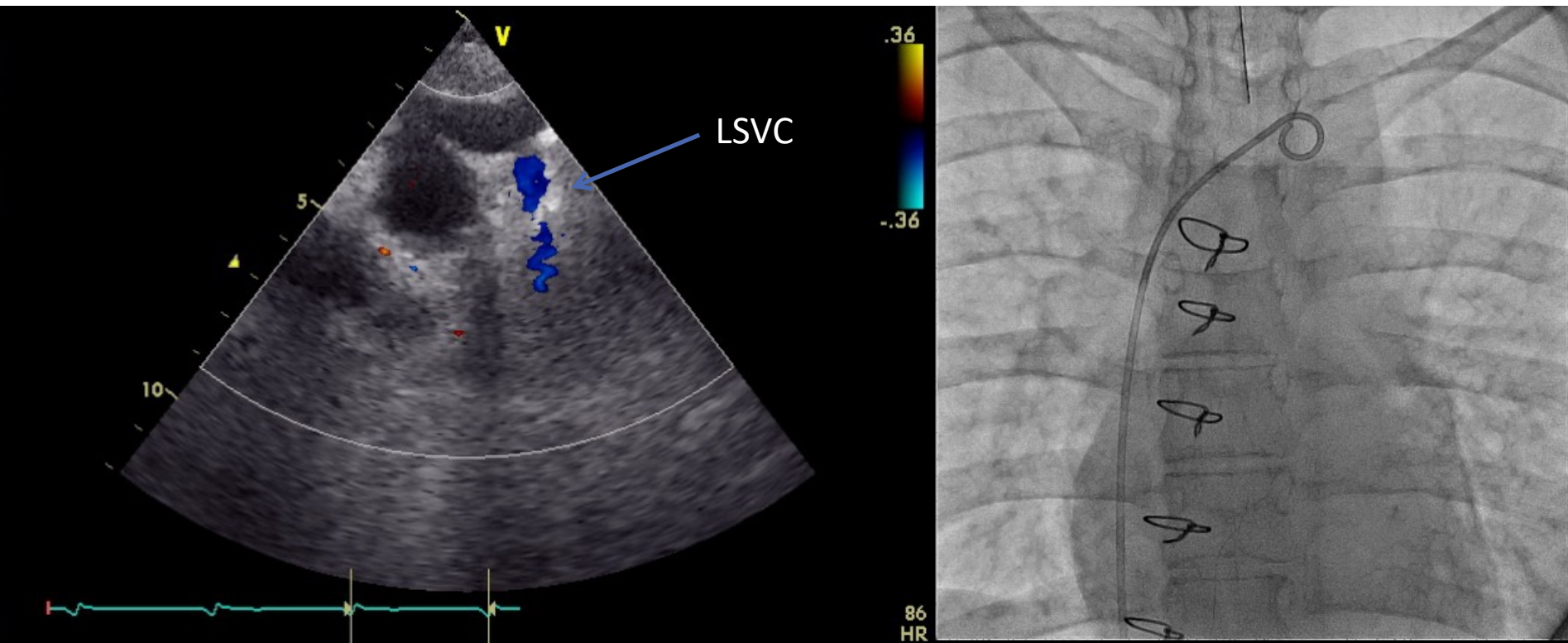


# Persistent cyanosis after TCPC

- Conduit fenestration
  - Balance between PVR and early diastolic function
- Systemic venous pressure > pulmonary vein pressure
  - VV collaterals to pulmonary veins or systemic atrium
    - origin: LSVC, RSVC, inn Vein, hepatic veins
- Baffle leaks (intra cardiac type of connection)

# Superior veno venous collateral

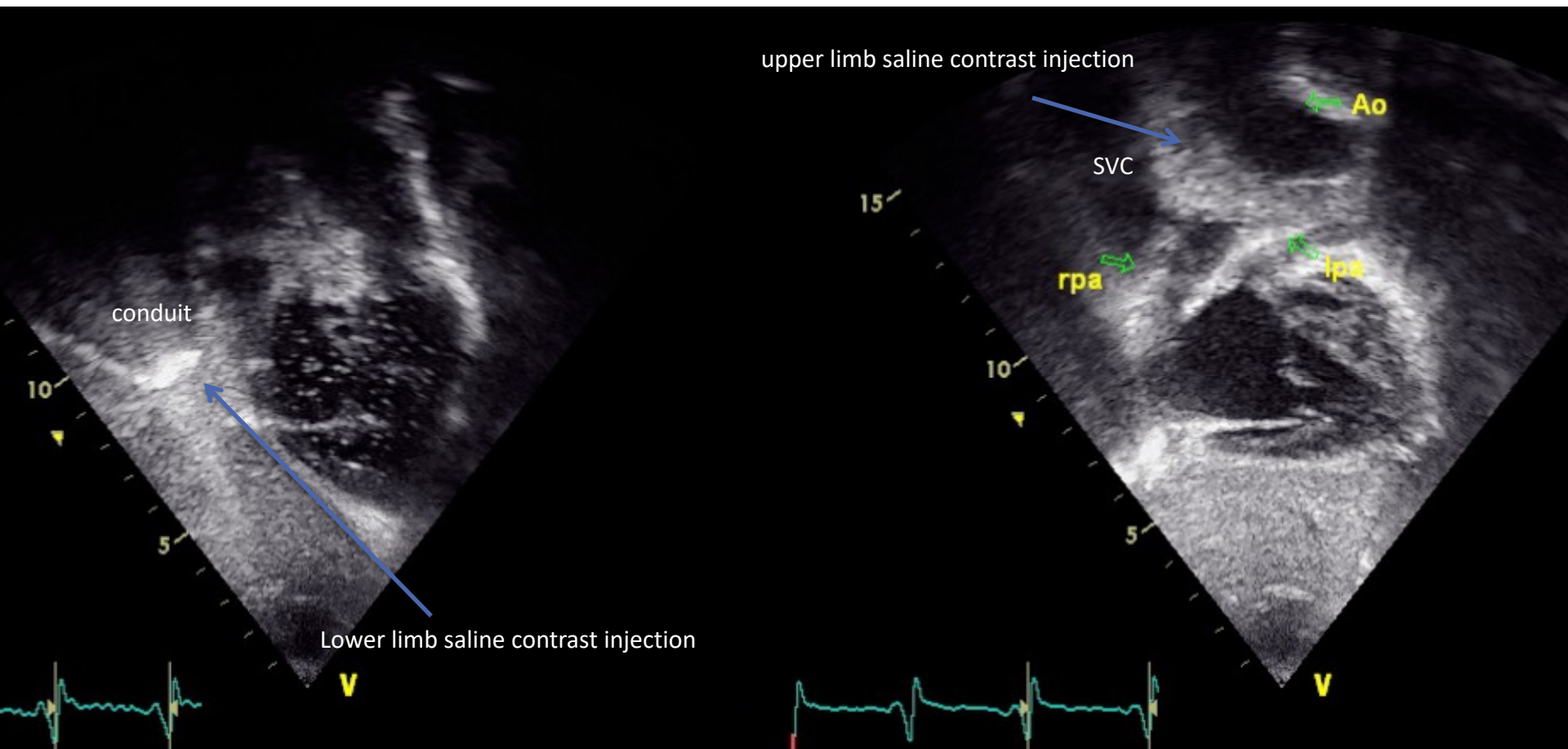
- Left « SVC » to the RA

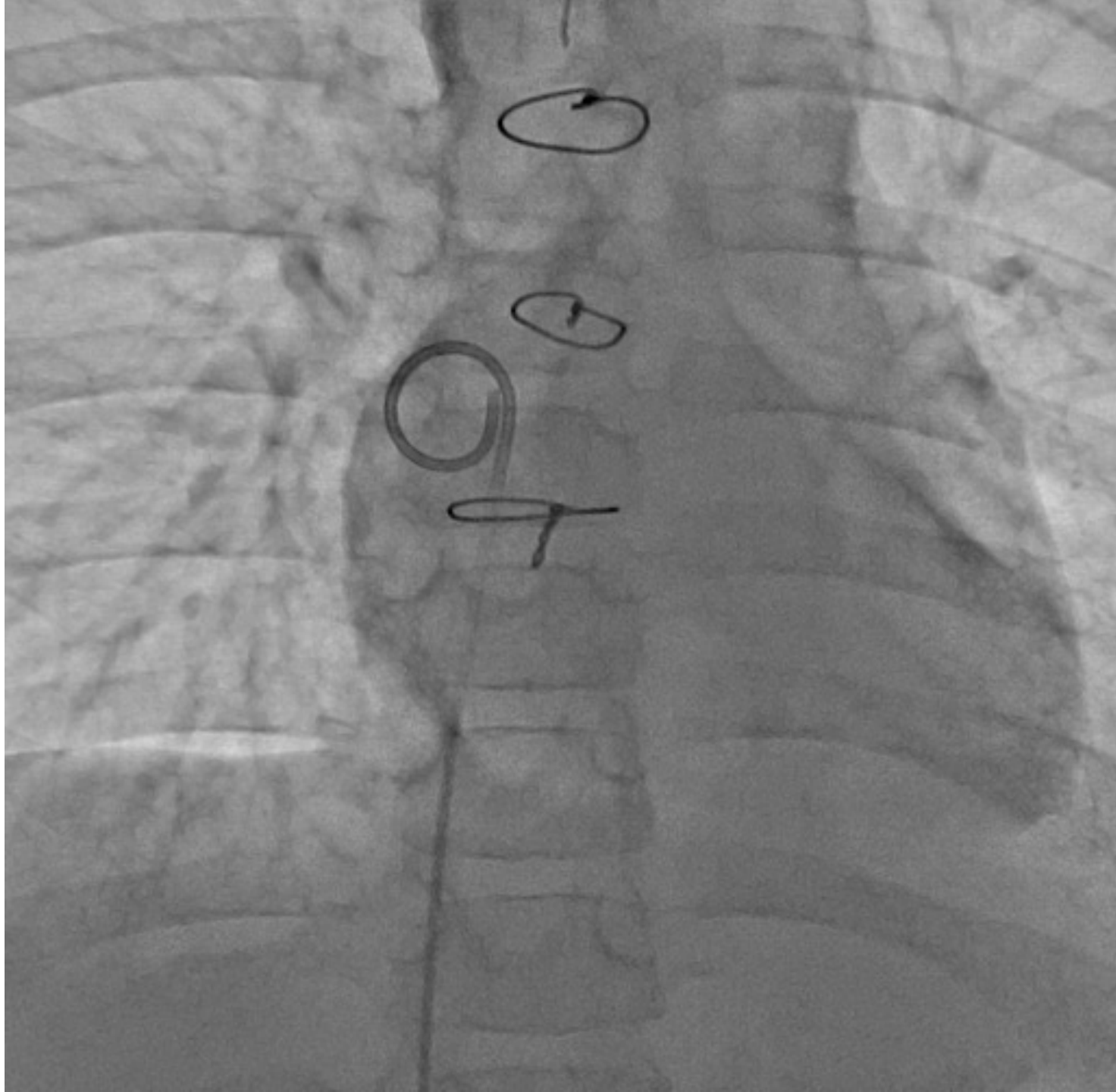




# Inferior veno venous collateral

- HLHS S/P TCPC. Persistent mild hypoxemia
  - Shunt between HV and cardiac veins





# Conclusion



Understand Fontan physiology is key.



Echo: Easily accessible and cost-effective tool: Sequential segmental analysis to not miss a treatable lesion



Good assessment of the Fontan pathway in children but may be limited in adults. CT and MRI +++



Global clinical assessment is mandatory: extracardiac complications drive the prognosis



UVH systolic and diastolic function assessment is challenging. Spot extra cardiac targets and AVV dysfunctions





Merci

