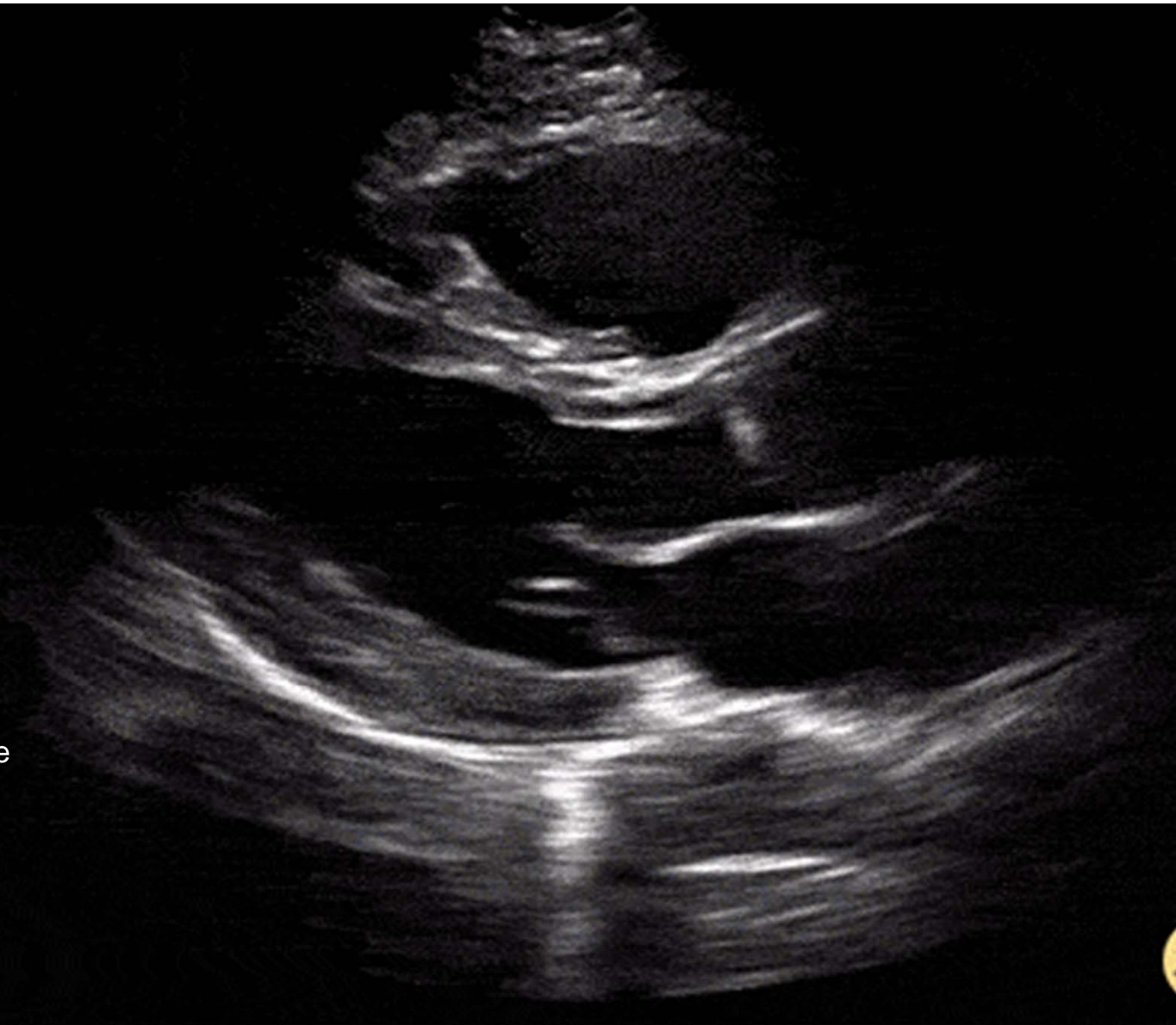


CARDIAC VTI AND COVID-19 PULMONARY FINDINGS

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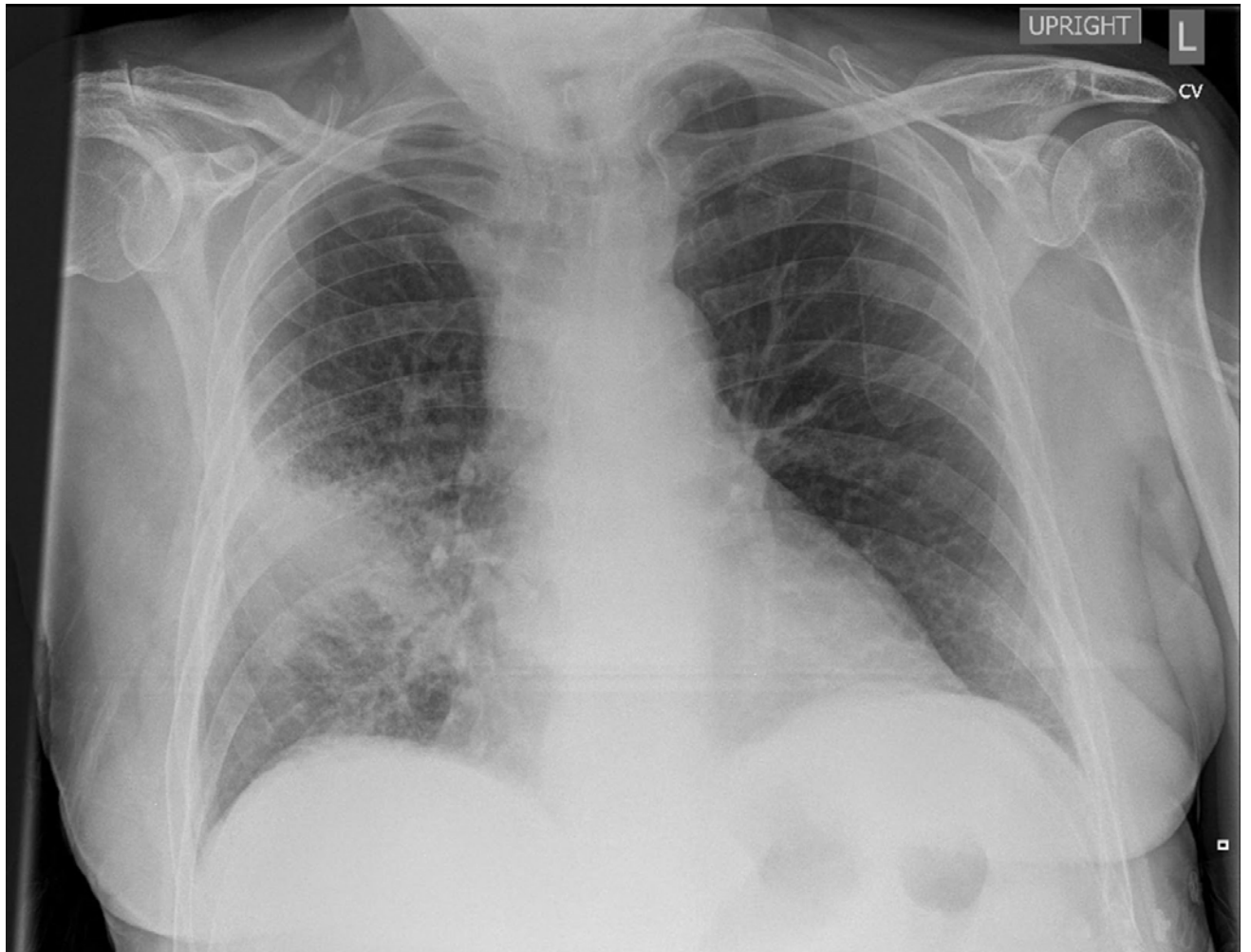


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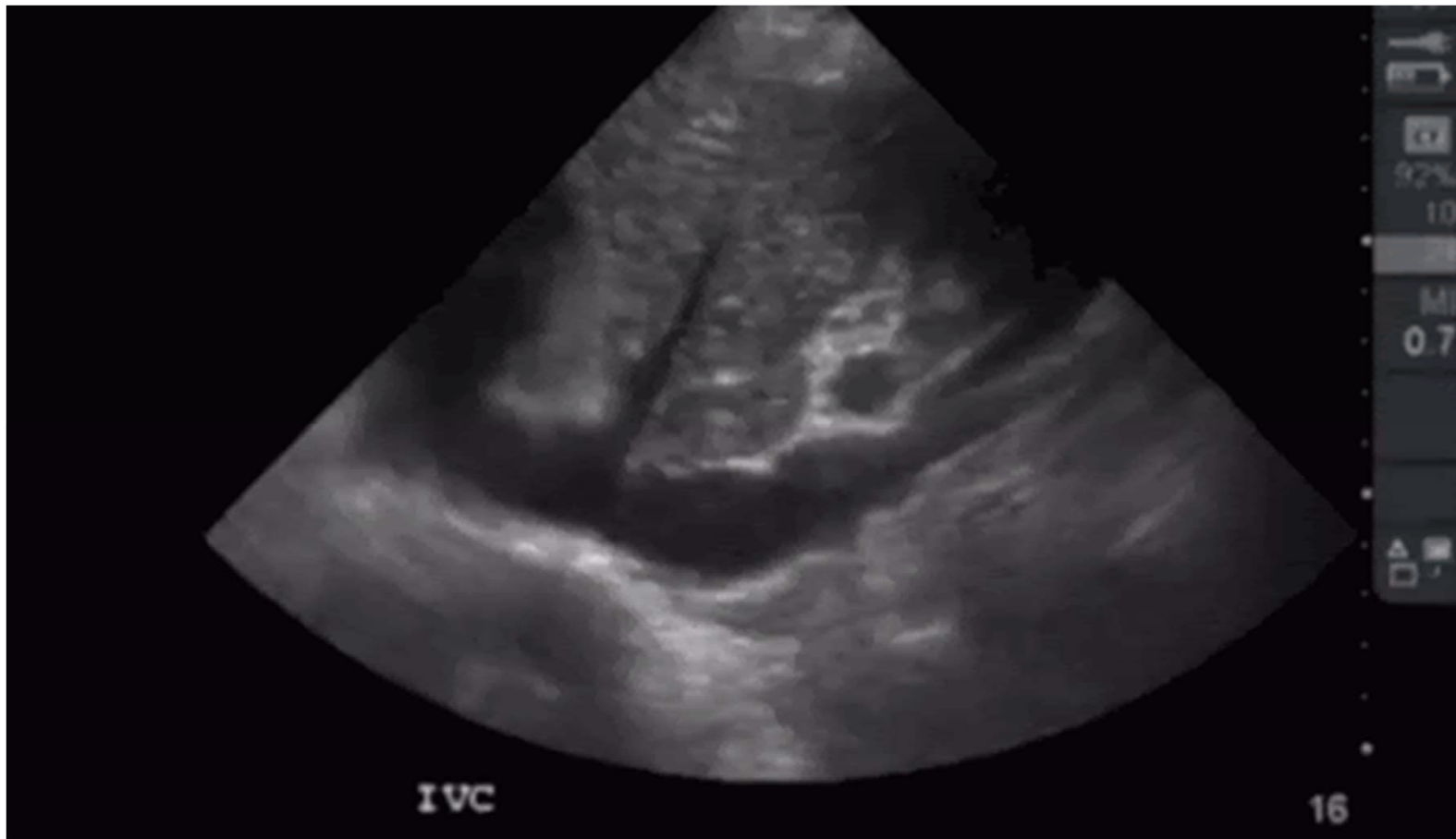
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CASE

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DO WE USE IVC?



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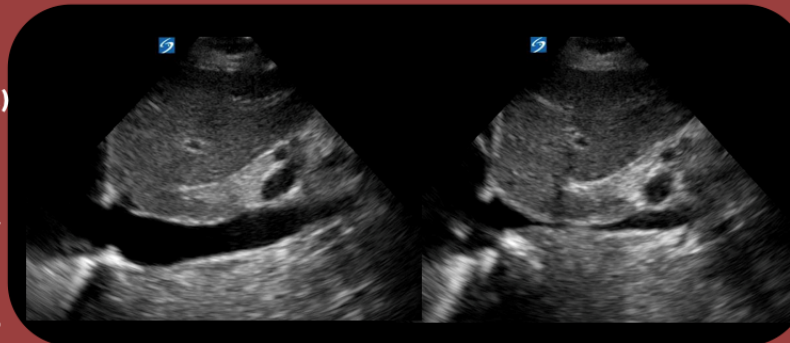
IVC COLLAPSE FOR FLUID RESPONSIVENESS

Question: Can IVC collapsibility (cIVC) predict fluid responsiveness in spontaneously breathing critically ill patients?

Study: Prospective, convenience. cIVC compared to $\geq 10\%$ increase in CI on NICOM. Measured baseline diameter and cIVC, Δ after PLR, and Δ after 500 mL bolus.

$n = 124$

cIVC = $(IVC_{max-min})/max$
NICOM = noninvasive hemodynamic monitoring system
PLR = passive leg raise
AUC = area under curve



RESULTS

IVC diameter
 Δ cIVC after PLR
 Δ cIVC after bolus
PLR alone

Did not predict fluid responsiveness

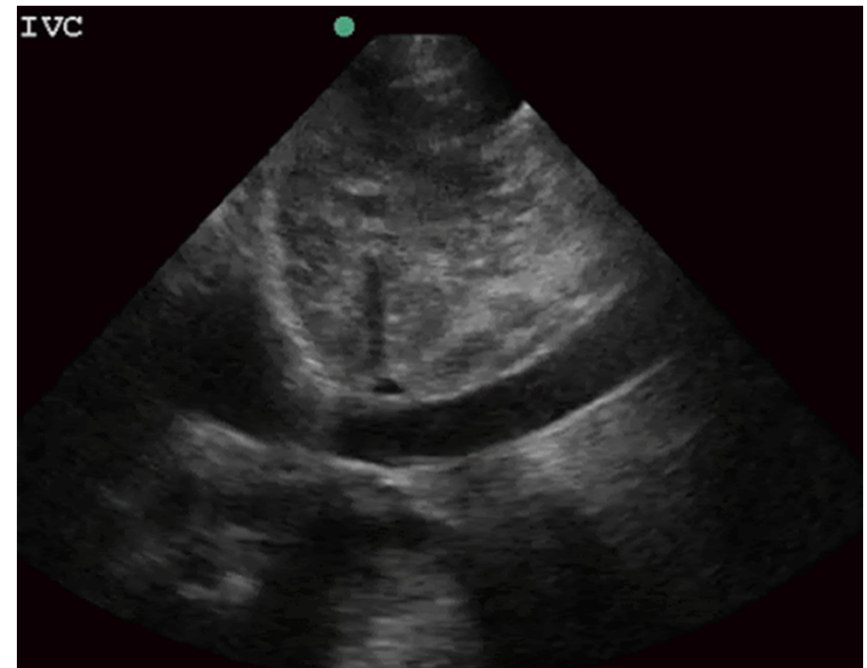
Baseline cIVC $> 25\%$ (best cutoff)	AUC	+LR	-LR
	0.84	4.56	0.16

Corl KA, George NR, Romanoff J. Inferior vena cava collapsibility detects fluid responsiveness among spontaneously breathing critically-ill patients. Journal of critical care. 2017; 41:130-137.

A BETTER TOOL TO SEE “WHERE ARE WE NOW?”



Small/collapsible= low CVP



Large/plethoric, no variation=high CVP

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

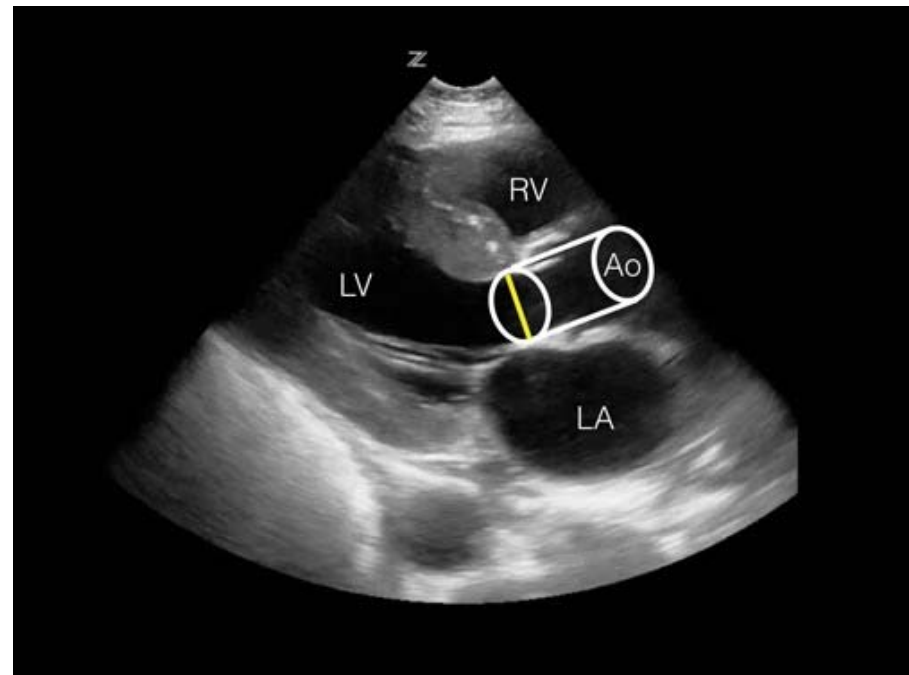
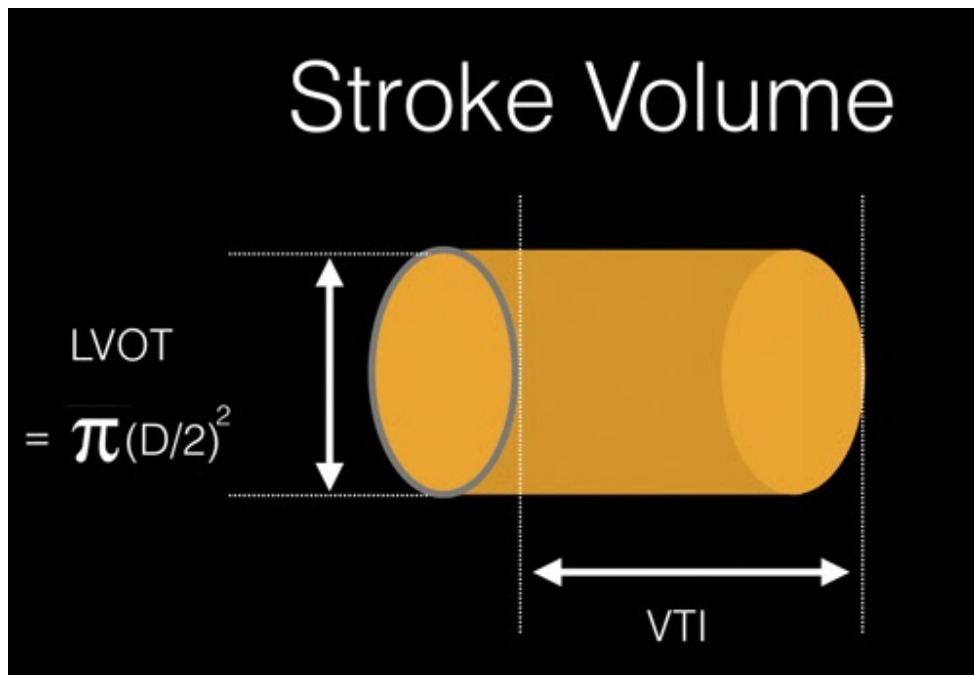




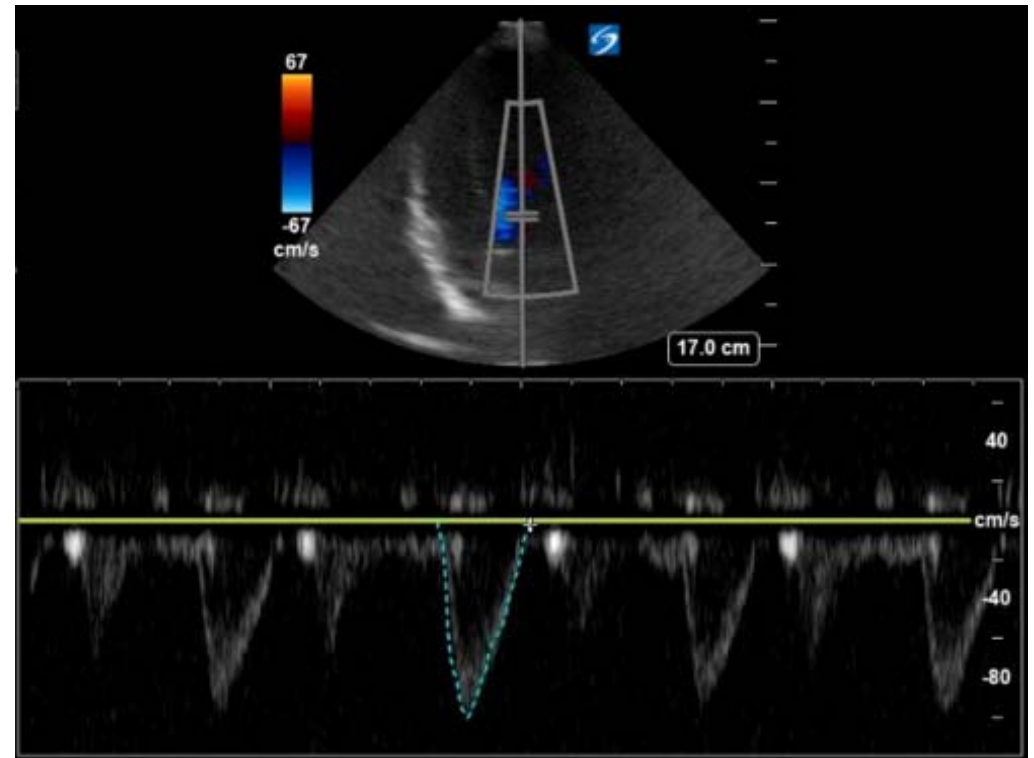
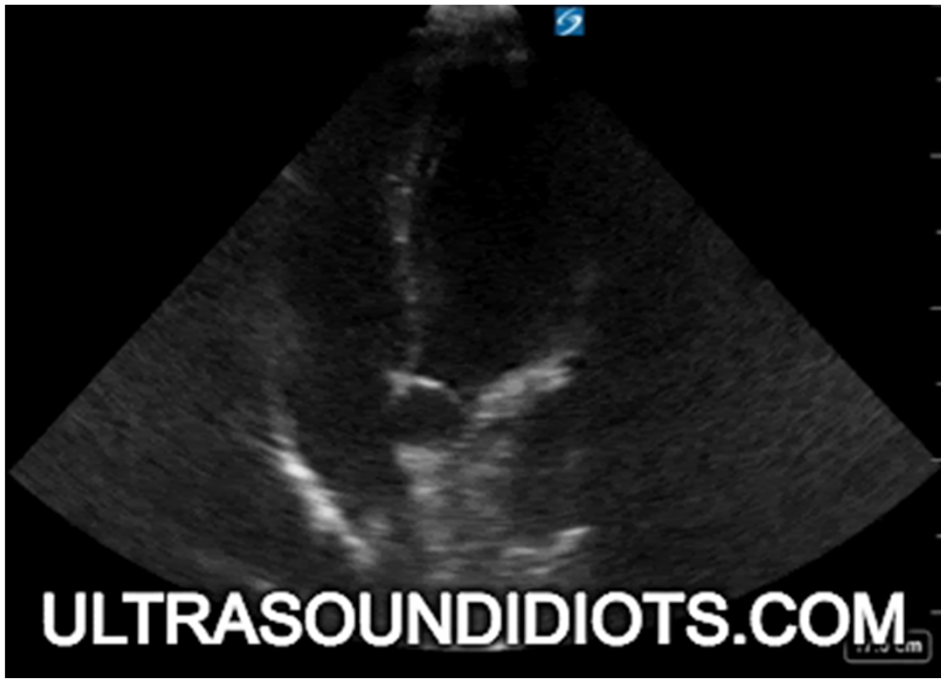
CO = ?


$$\mathbf{CO = SV \times HR}$$

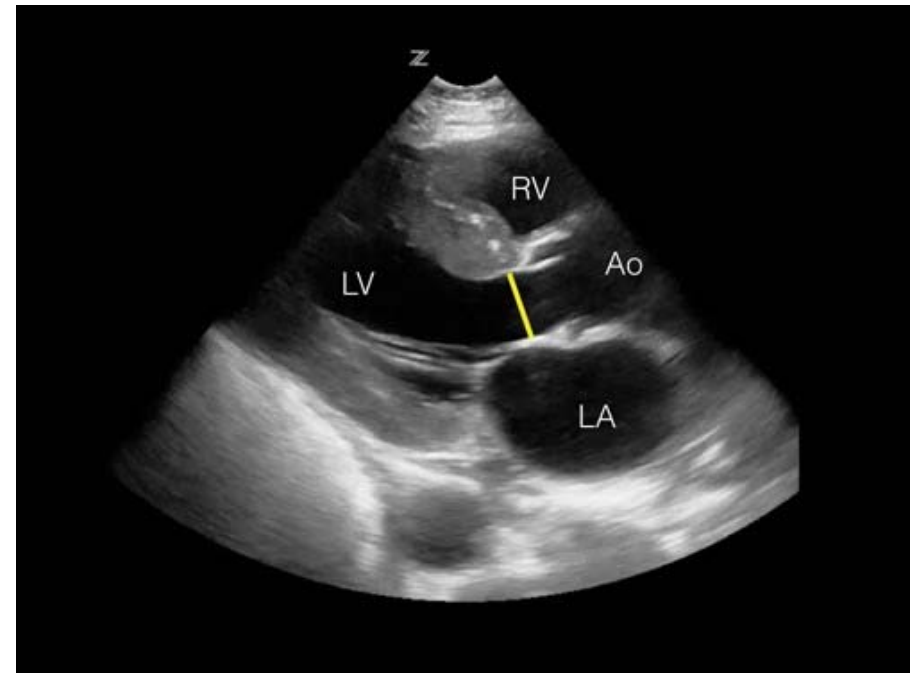
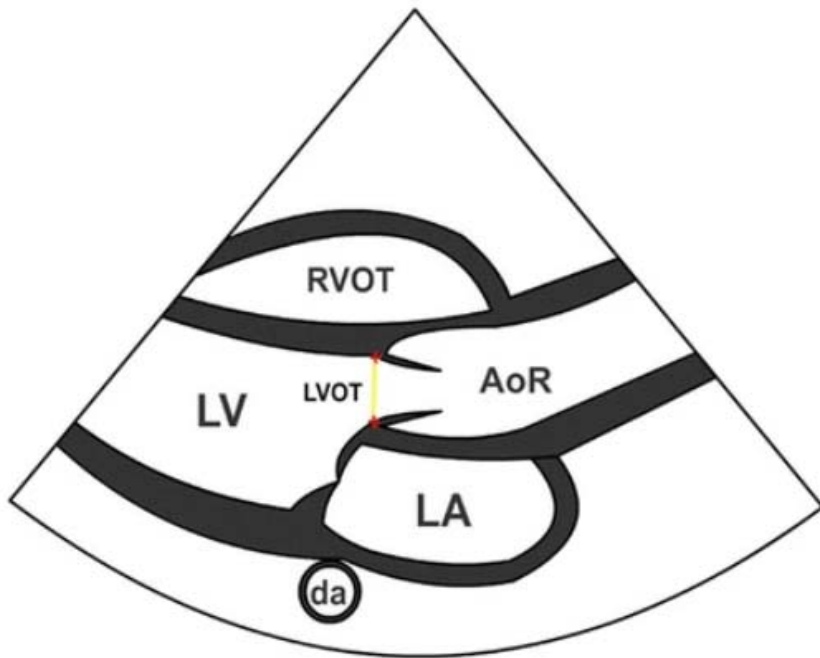
SV = cross sectional area of LVOT x VTI



VTI = Velocity time index



PSLA



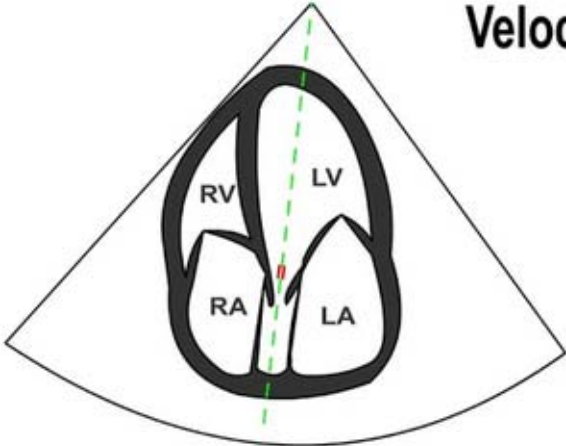
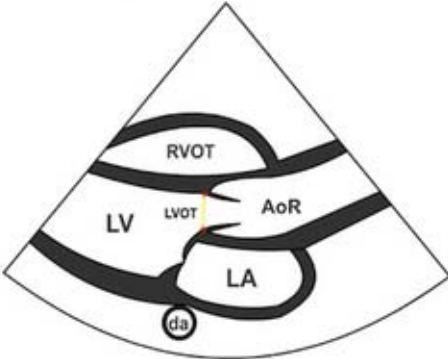
$$\text{LVOT Cross sectional Area (cm}^2\text{)} = \pi \times (d/2)^2$$

Cross-sectional area (CSA)

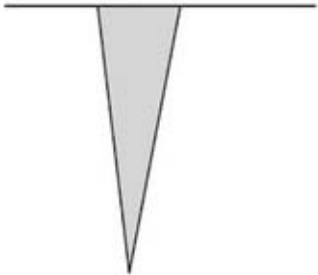


LVOT CSA (cm²) = $\pi \times (d/2)^2$

LVOT CSA (cm²) = $\pi \times r^2$



Velocity-time integral (VTI)



SV = CSA x VTI

CO = SV x HR

Echo Calculators

Cardiac Output/Stroke Volume

Qp/Qs (Shunt)

Aortic Valve Area (Stenosis)

Mitral Regurgitation (EROA/PISA)

FYI: This calculator will not work in IE 8 or 9 but works in other browsers

Cardiac output can be calculated by echo across any structure where one can measure cross sectional area and some information about velocity of blood flow. This could be the aorta, the pulmonic artery, or across any of the valves.

The easiest and least variable place to measure cardiac output is at the left ventricular outflow tract (LVOT). The LVOT diameter changes very little through systole and diastole and is assumed to be constant and closely approximating a circle in shape, however this introduces some error as it is in fact elliptical in many patients.

Cardiac Output and Stroke Volume Calculator

Plug in your information below to calculate the cardiac output:

Heart Rate: beats/min

LVOT VTI: cm

LVOT diameter: cm

Stroke Volume ml

Cardiac Output L/min

Normal VTI = 18 – 22cm

For Heart rates between 55-95 bpm

If HR < 55
VTI should
be > 18cm



If HR >95
VTI should
be < 22cm

Goldman JH, Schiller NB, Lim DC, Redberg RF, Foster E. Usefulness of stroke distance by echocardiography as a surrogate marker of cardiac output that is independent of gender and size in a normal population. *Am J Cardiol.* 2001 Feb 15;87(4):499-502, A8. doi: 10.1016/s0002-9149(00)01417-x. PMID: 11179548.



Now what?



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Echocardiographic prediction of volume responsiveness in critically ill patients with spontaneously breathing activity

A passive leg raising induced increase in stroke volume of 12.5% or more predicted an increase in stroke volume of 15% or more after volume expansion with a sensitivity of 77% and a specificity of 100%

Passive leg raise



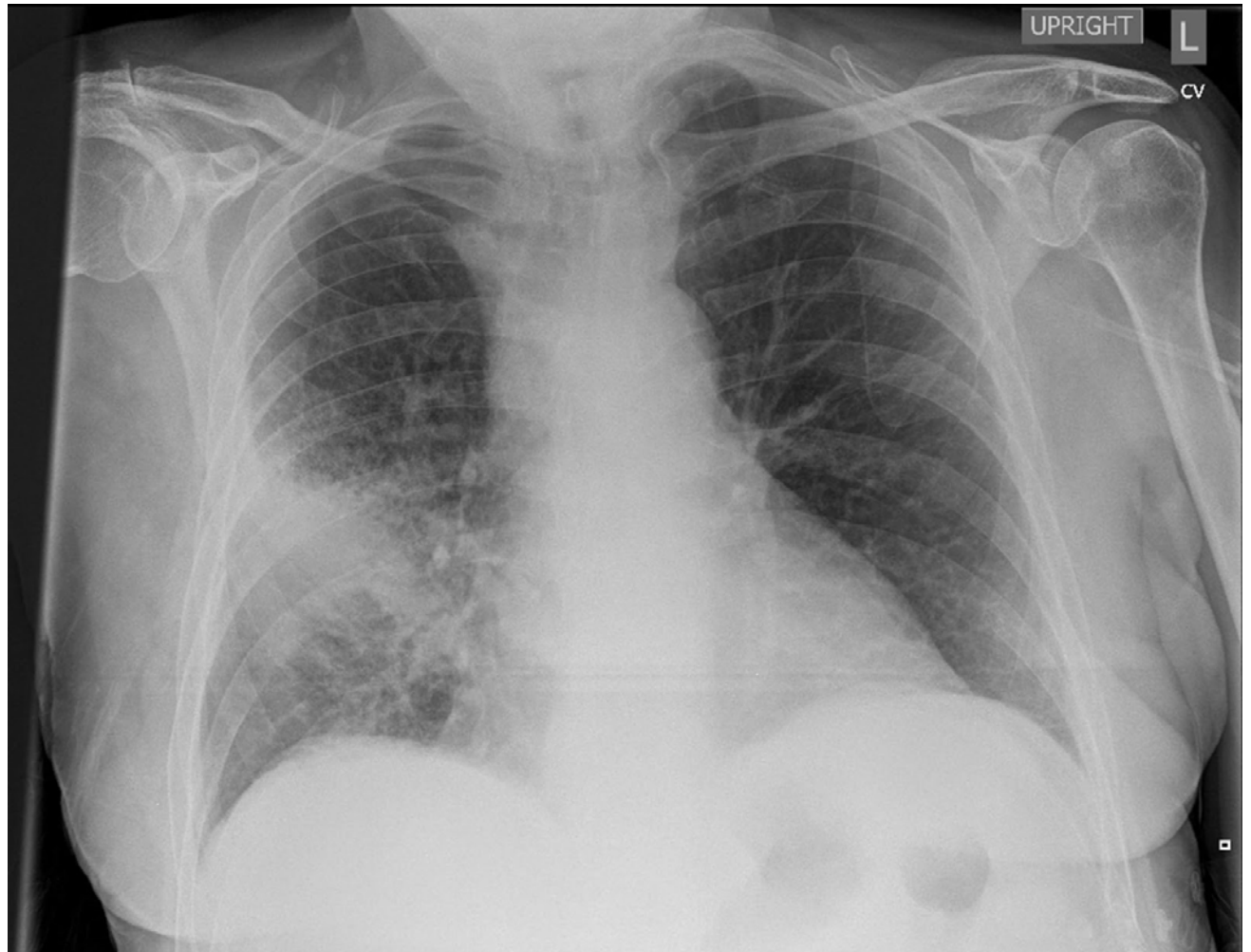
Semi-recumbent position



Passive leg raising

BACK TO THE CASE

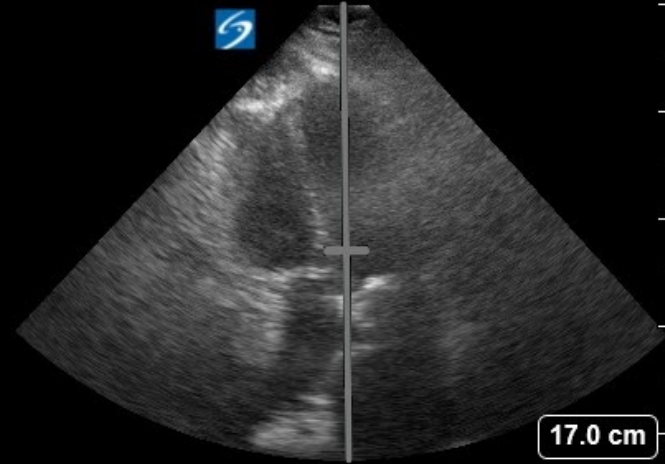
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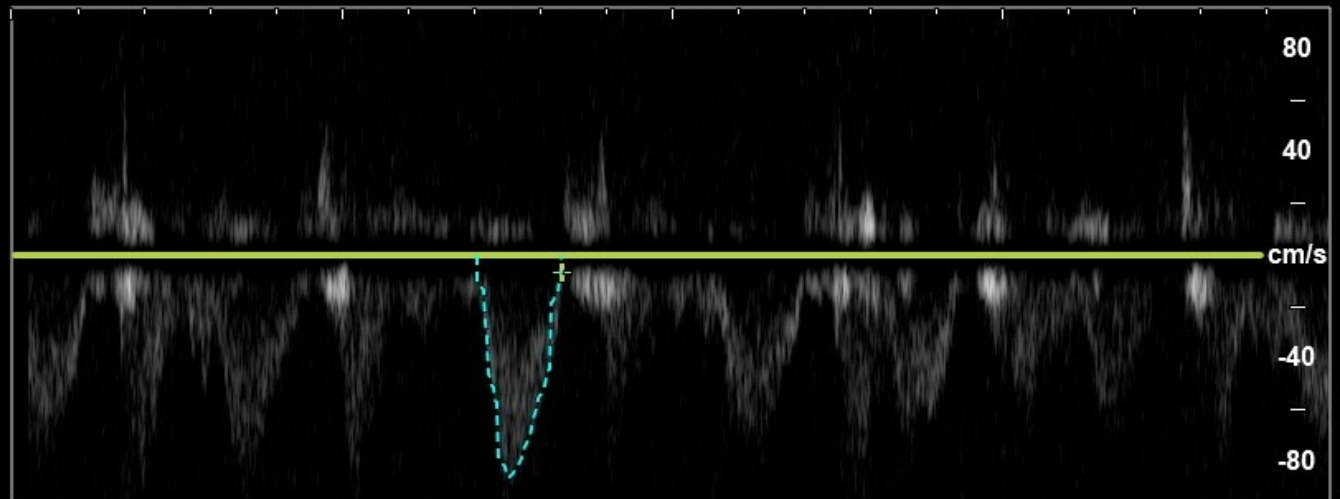
VTI & PLR,

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VTI 13.6cm
VMax 86.4cm/s
PG Max
2.99mmHg
VMean 53.5cm/s
PG Mean
1.42mmHg



VTI =
13.5 cm



EM
MMC

SonoSite
rP19xp/5-1 CARDIAC EMED
MI: 0.7 TIS: 1.0

PW: G: 50 2D: G: 79
1mm, 0° Gen DR: 0
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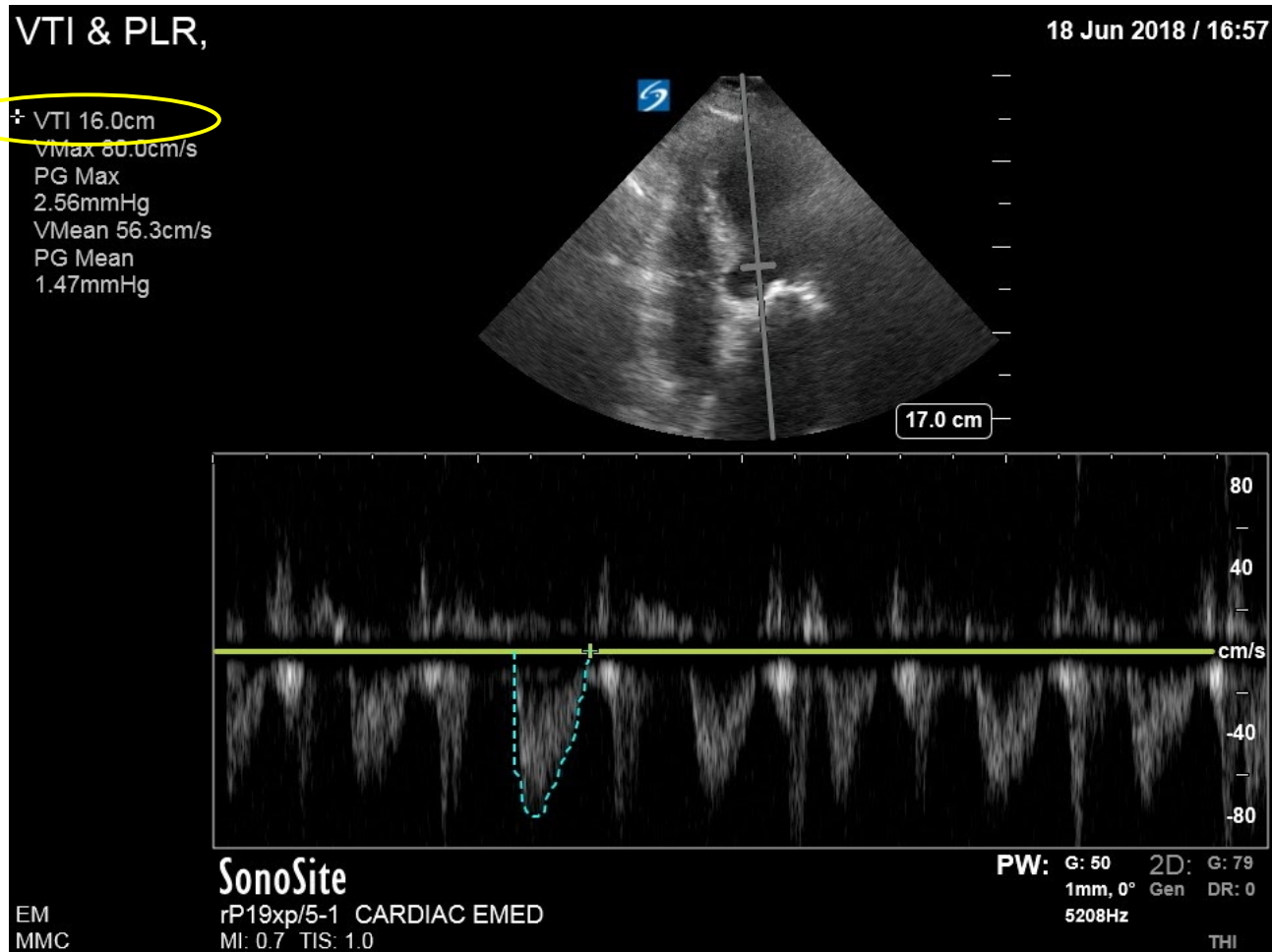
Passive leg raise



Semi-recumbent position



Passive leg raising



VTI =
16 cm

Repeat measurement of VTI (16.0 cm) immediately following passive leg raise maneuver. A 15% increase in VTI from baseline (13.6 cm -> 16.0 cm) indicating a favorable response to volume challenge.



Consideration

Shock

Inadequate organ perfusion and delivery of nutrients necessary for normal tissue and cellular function. Initially may be reversible but life threatening if not treated promptly.

	CAUSED BY	SKIN	PCWP (PRELOAD)	CO	SVR (AFTERLOAD)	TREATMENT
Hypovolemic shock	Hemorrhage, dehydration, burns	Cold, clammy	↓↓	↓	↑	IV fluids
Cardiogenic shock	Acute MI, HF, valvular dysfunction, arrhythmia	Cold, clammy	↑ or ↓	↓↓	↑	Inotropes, diuresis
Obstructive shock	Cardiac tamponade, pulmonary embolism, tension pneumothorax					Relieve obstruction
Distributive shock	Sepsis, anaphylaxis CNS injury	Warm Dry	↓ ↓	↑ ↓	↓↓ ↓↓	IV fluids, pressors, epinephrine (anaphylaxis)

Type of Shock

Typical assessment

Hypovolemic Shock

VTI less than 18 with good response to PLR.

- Always check LV/RV/IVC.
- Look out for the dagger shaped doppler- suggests some kind of outflow obstruction
- Kissing LV walls/small chambers
- Look for a source of volume loss

Cardiogenic Shock

VTI less than 18. Reduced EF with a good response to inotropic agents.

- Can still be fluid responsive

Distributive Shock

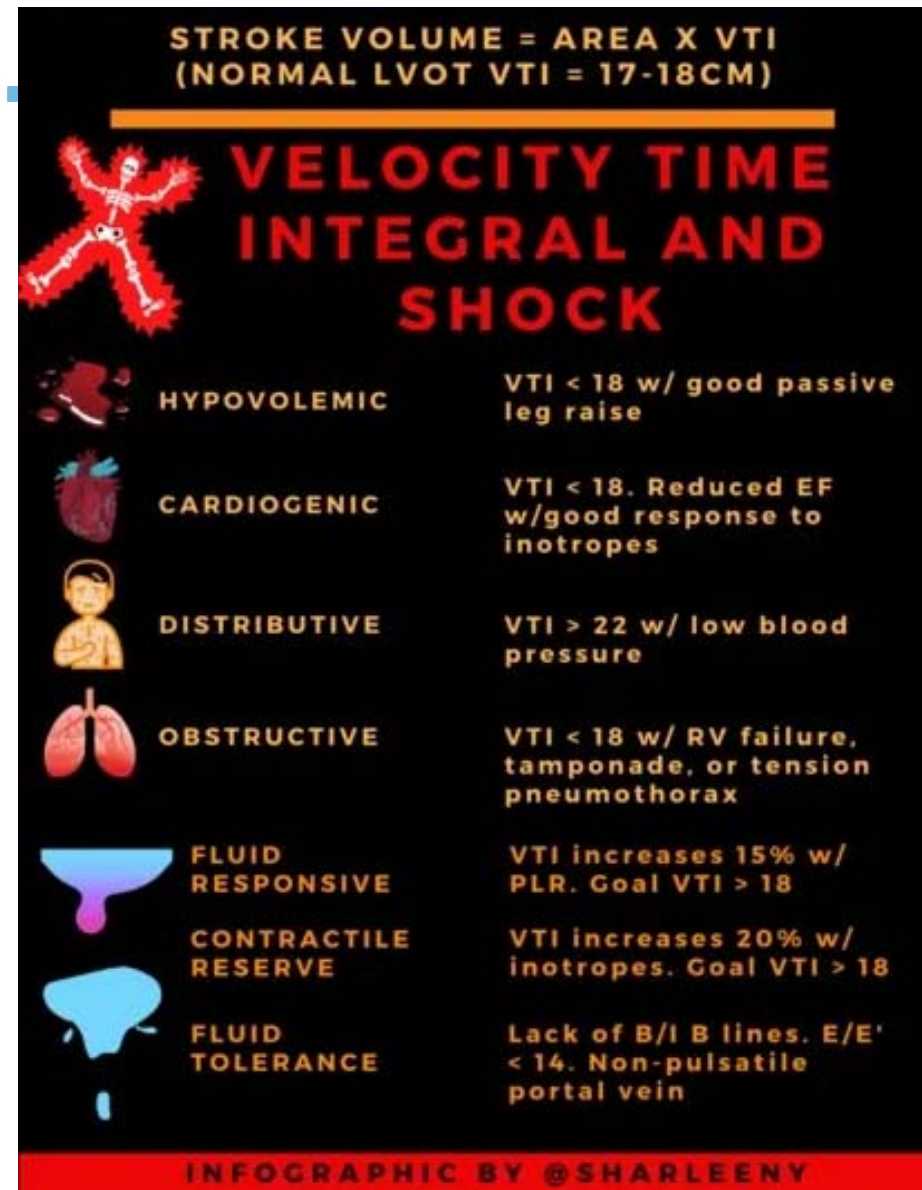
VTI more than 22 with low blood pressure. Clinical correlation is important!

- Early on hyperdynamic LV
- Later on reduced EF with a low VTI.
- Lung/Abdomen US to look for a source.

Obstructive Shock

VTI less than 18 with RV failure or tamponade or tension pneumothorax.

- RV failure Common in ARDS with mechanical ventilation. All McConnells is not PE
- RV free wall measurement to rule in chronic RV issues (care to exclude trabeculations)
- EKG tracing helpful to rule in/out tamponade (Interventional cardiology is helpful here!)
- Lung US to rule out pneumothorax.
- Pericardial effusion with signs of chamber collapse



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VOLUME RESPONSIVENESS LVOT VTI



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Pulmonary findings in Covid-19

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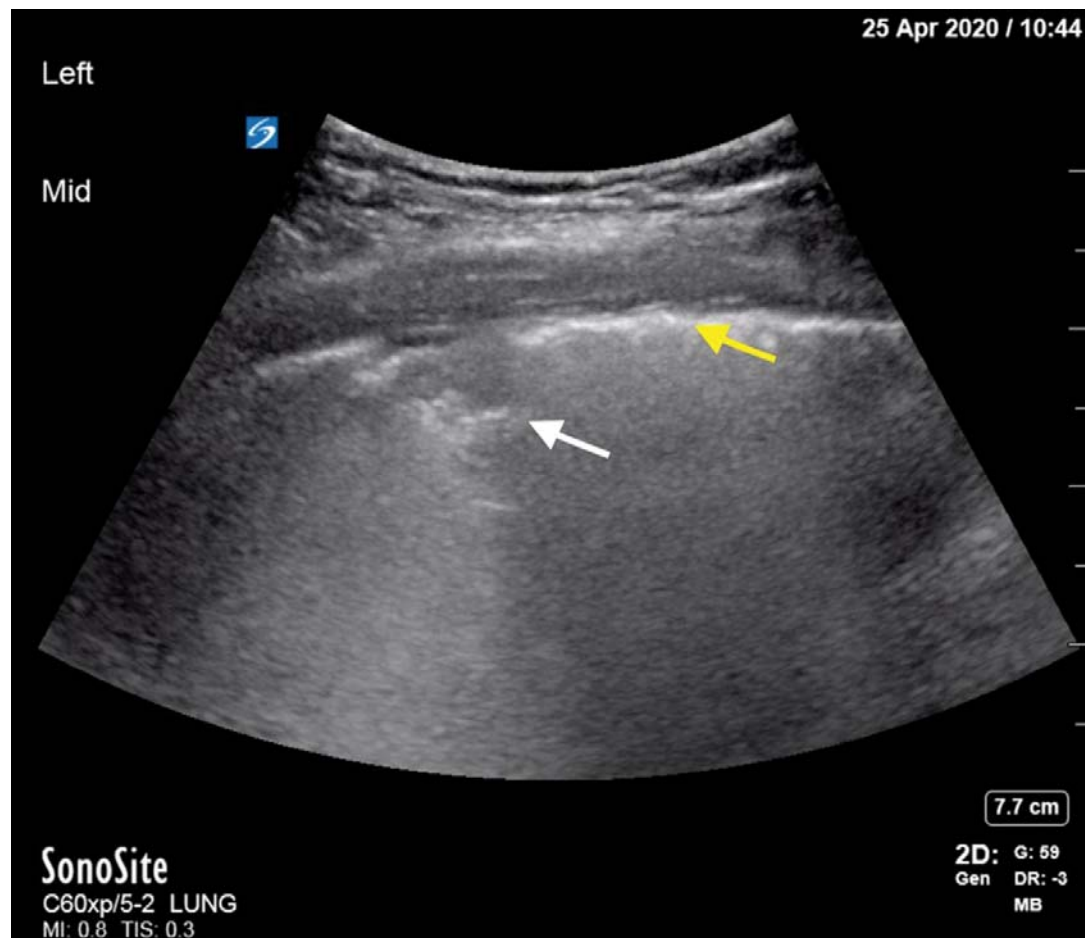
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A □
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CT Versus Ultrasound Findings in COVID-19

Adapted from Table 1 of Peng et al 2020 [1]

CT Findings	Ultrasound Findings
Thickened pleura	Thickened, irregular pleural line
Ground glass shadow and effusion	B lines (multifocal, discrete, or confluent)
Pulmonary infiltrating shadow	Confluent B lines
Subpleural consolidation	Small consolidations
Translobar consolidation	Translobar consolidation +/- air bronchograms
More than two lobes affected	Multilobar distribution of abnormalities

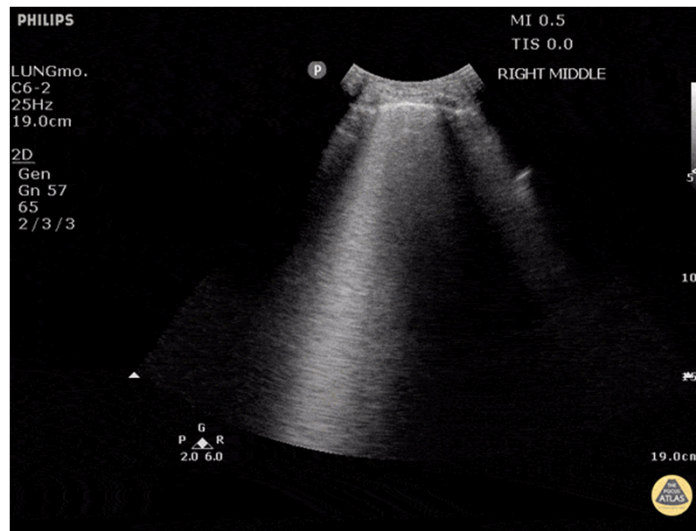
Thickened irregular pleural line + subpleural consolidation



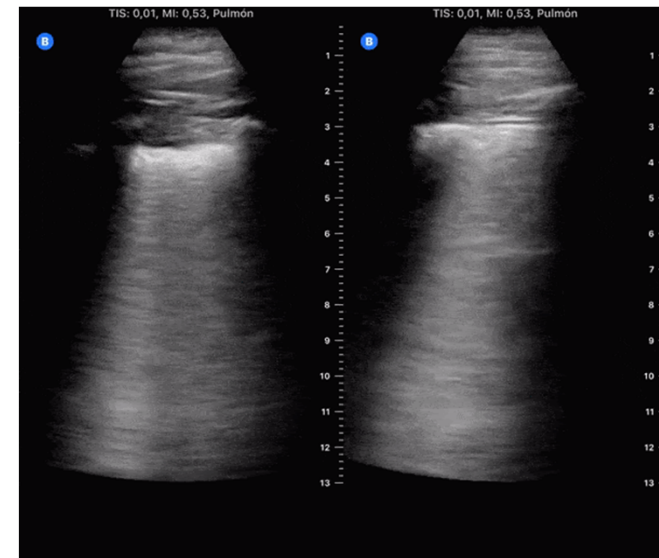
Thickened irregular pleural line



B lines



Confluence of B lines

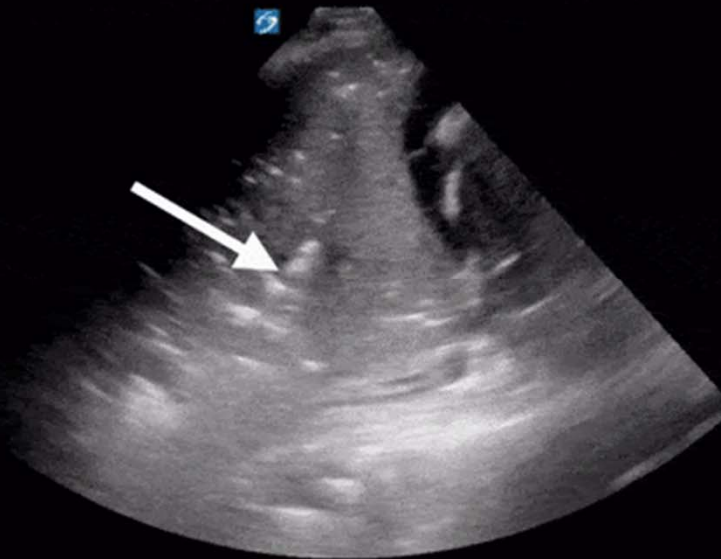


AIR BRONCHOGRAMS ON ULTRASOUND

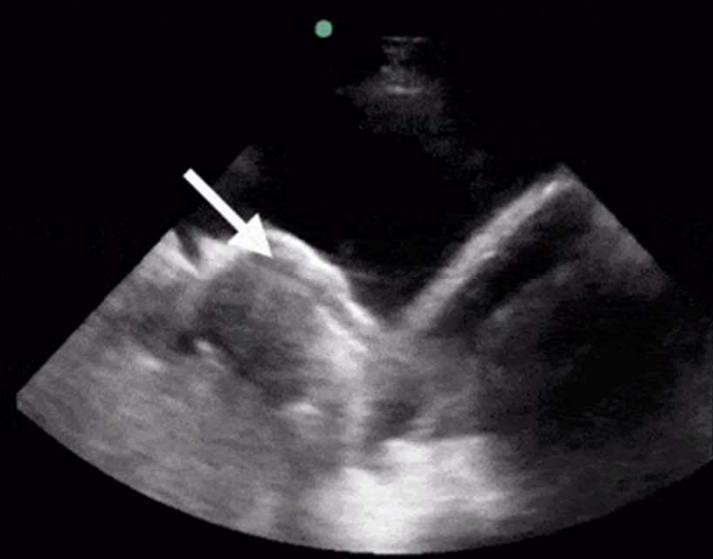
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Opacification of alveolar spaces surrounding air-filled bronchioles; enables visualization of well-defined tissue/air interface; dynamic air bronchograms (AB) are bronchioles still in continuity with central airways, move dynamically with respiration, and are more often seen in infected consolidation; static AB are bronchioles ex-communicated from the main trachea-bronchial tree, often seen secondary to another process including large effusions, substantial atelectasis, but can also be seen in infected consolidation.

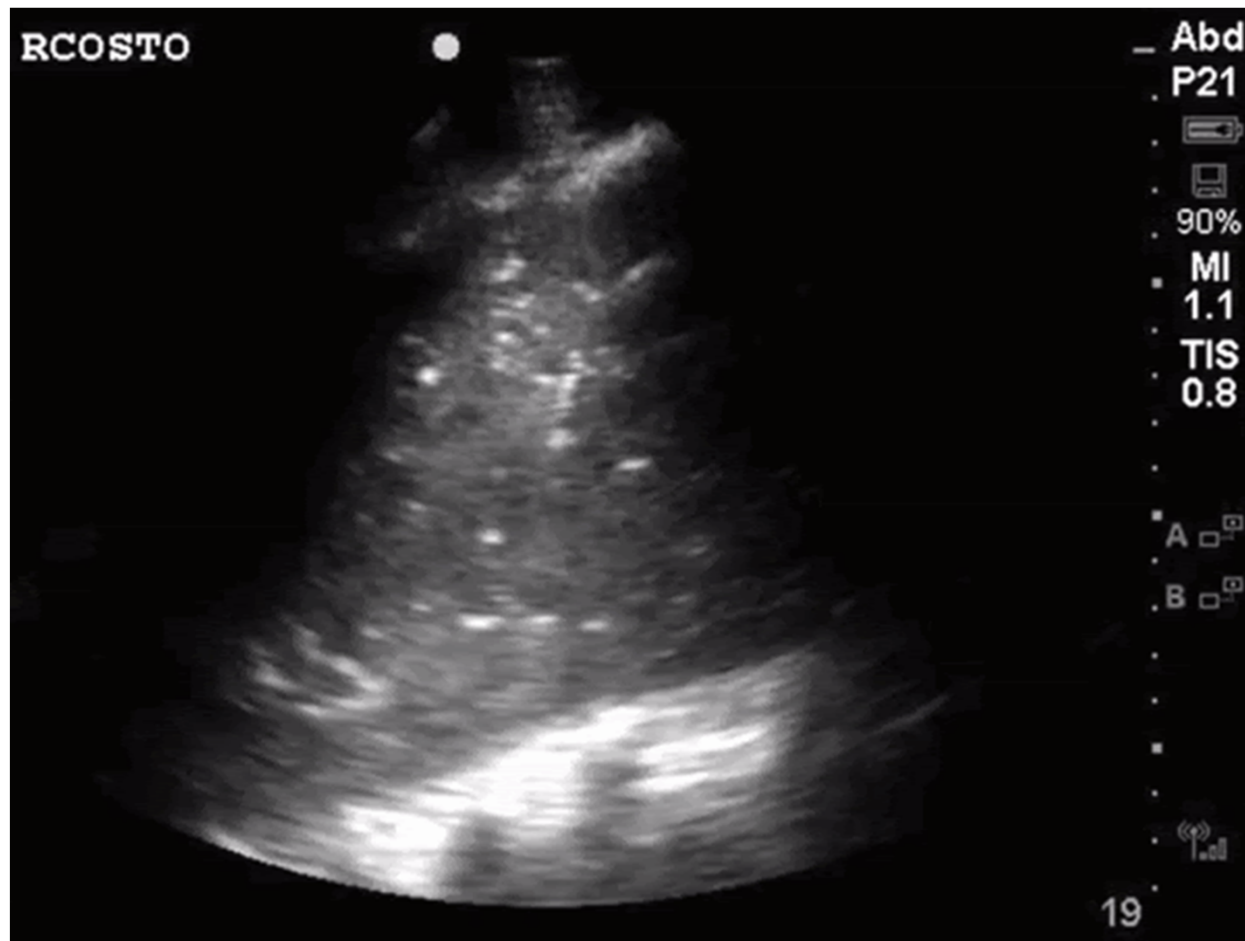


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STATIC

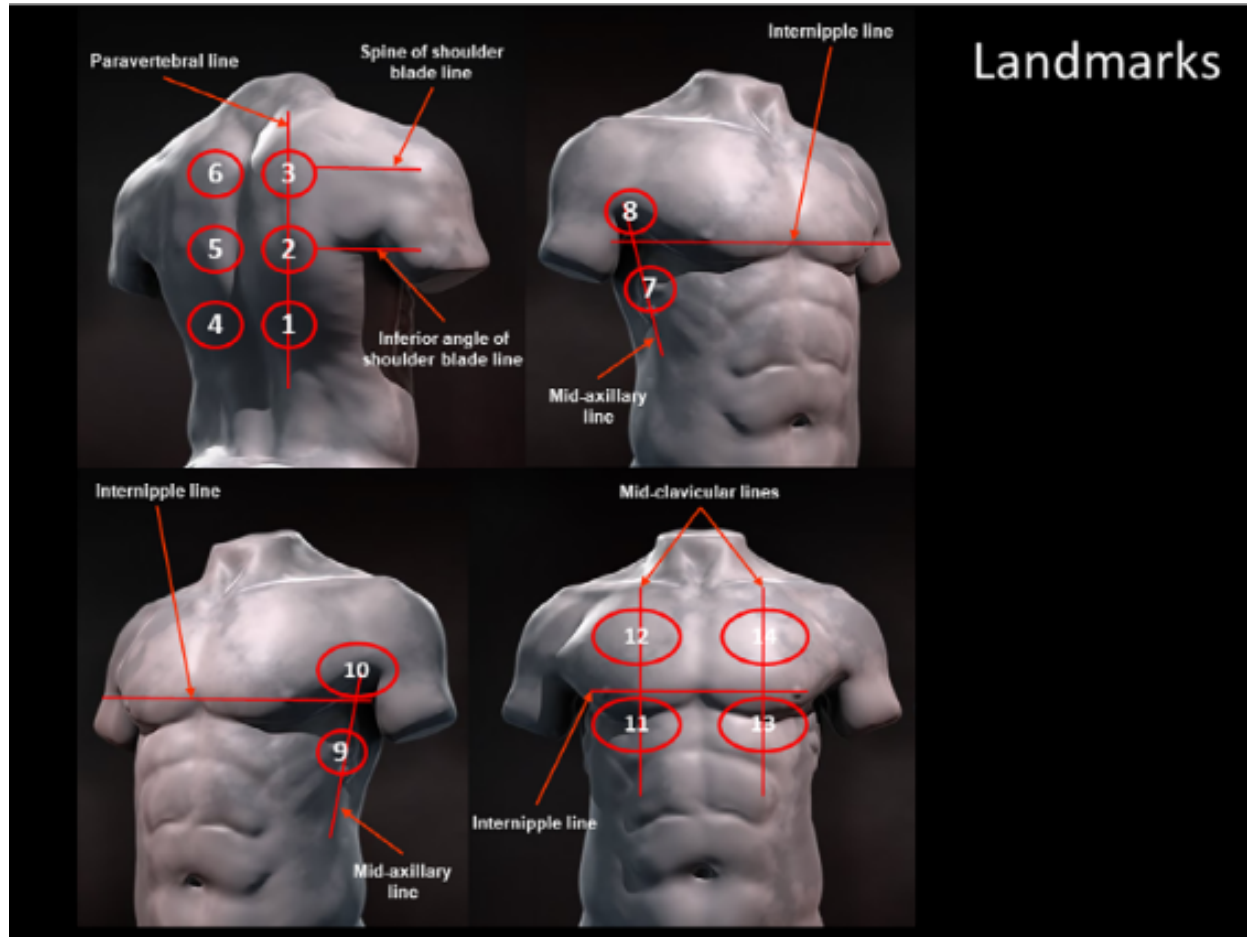
Dynamic air bronchogram



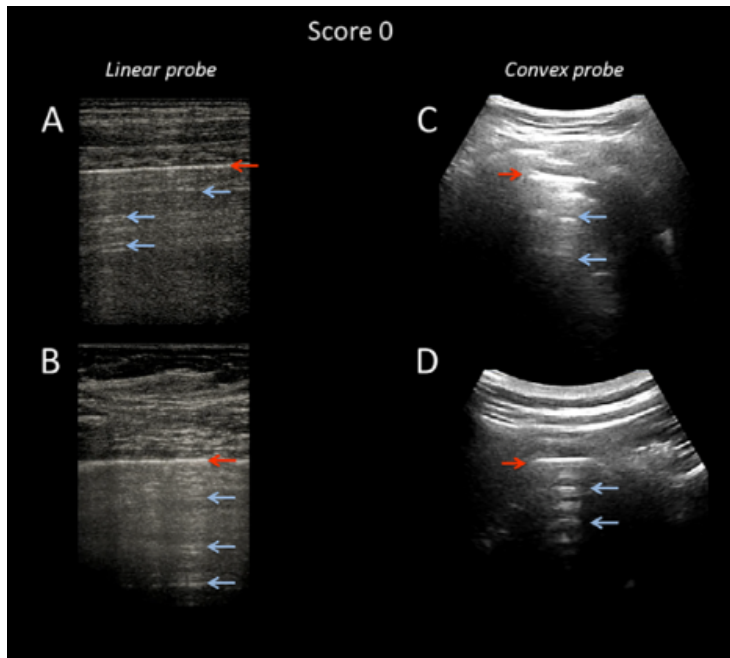
Consolidation of lung “AKA Hepatization”



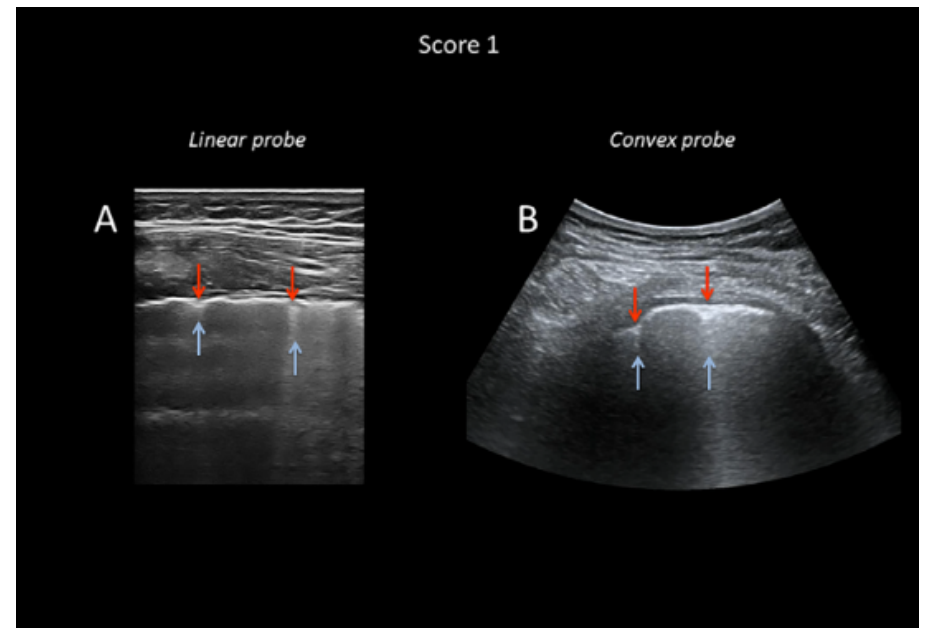
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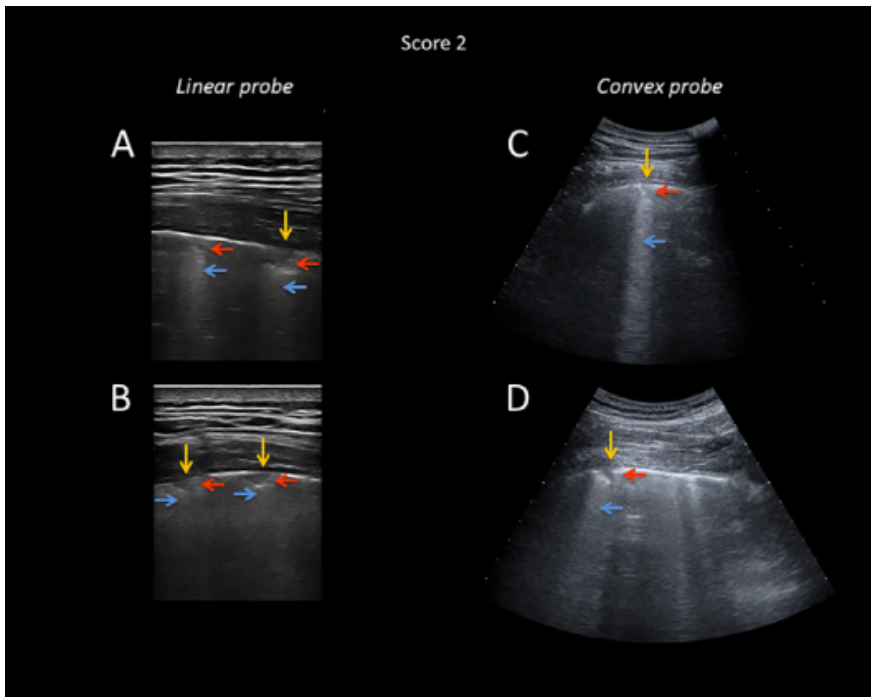


Normal, continuous pleural line with a-lines present

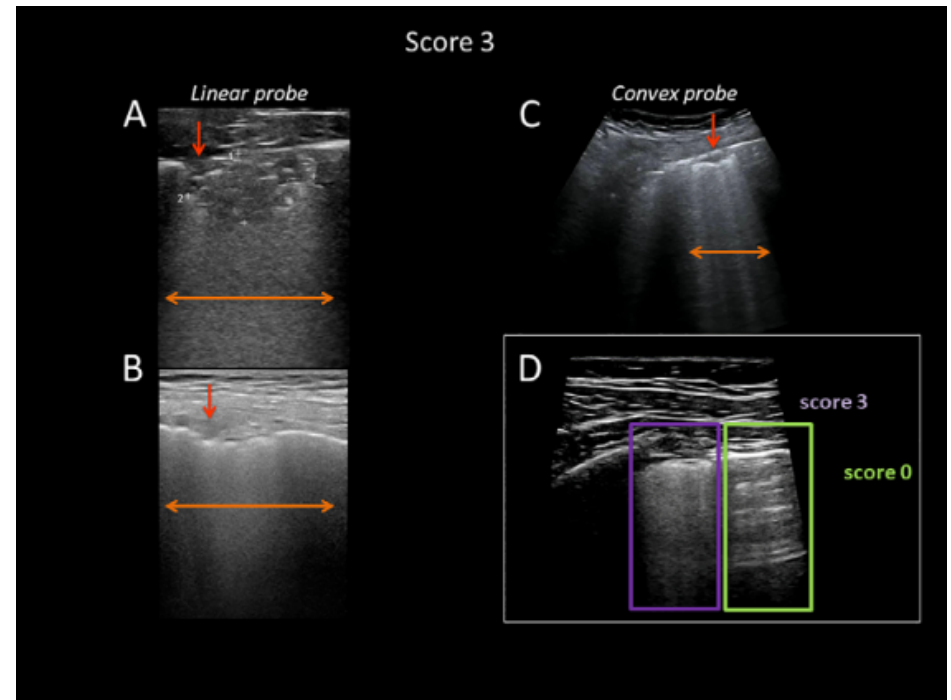


Irregular pleural lines with b-lines

Soldati et al.



Broken pleural lines with subpleural consolidations and more diffuse b-lines




Consolidations and confluence of B lines

SHORT COMMUNICATION

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First diagnosis of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C): an analysis of PoCUS findings in the ED

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Abstract

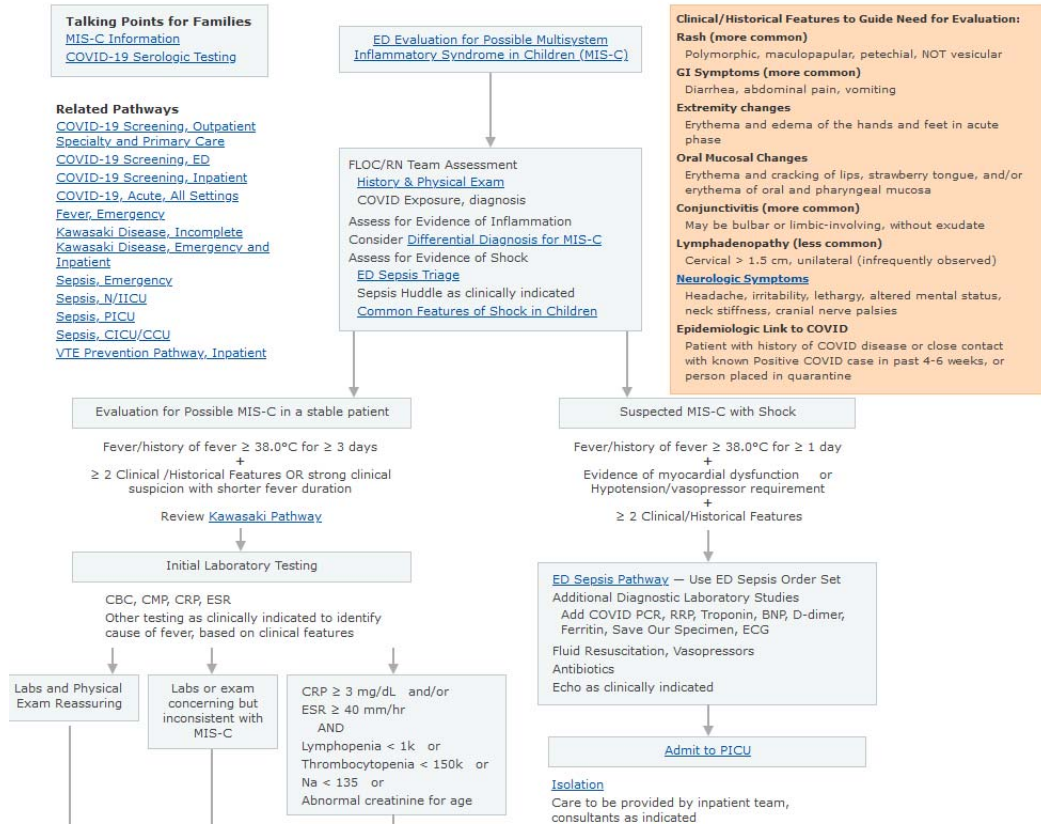
Children with multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS-C) tend to develop a clinical condition of fluid overload due both to contractile cardiac pump deficit and to endotheliitis with subsequent capillary leak syndrome. In this context, the ability of point-of-care ultrasound (PoCUS) to simultaneously explore multiple systems and detect polyserositis could promote adequate therapeutic management of fluid balance. We describe the PoCUS findings in a case-series of MIS-C patients admitted to the Emergency Department. At admission 10/11 patients showed satisfactory clinical condition without signs and symptoms suggestive for cardiovascular impairment/shock, but PoCUS showed pathological findings in 11/11 (100%). In particular, according to Rapid Ultrasound in SHock (RUSH) protocol, cardiac hypokinesis was detected in 5/11 (45%) and inferior vena cava dilatation in 3/11 (27%). Peritoneal fluid was reported in 6/11 cases (54%). Lung ultrasound (LUS) evaluation revealed an interstitial syndrome in 11/11 (100%), mainly localized in posterior basal lung segments. We suggest PoCUS as a useful tool in the first evaluation of children with suspected MIS-C for the initial therapeutic management and the following monitoring of possible cardiovascular deterioration.

Keywords: SARS-CoV-2 infection, MIS-C, Children, PoCUS, LUS

CHOP MIS-C Pathway

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Emergency Department, ICU and Inpatient Clinical Pathway for Evaluation of Possible Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS-C)



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ED Evaluation for Possible Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)

FLOC/RN Team Assessment
[History & Physical Exam](#)
 COVID Exposure, diagnosis
 Assess for Evidence of Inflammation
 Consider [Differential Diagnosis for MIS-C](#)
 Assess for Evidence of Shock
[ED Sepsis Triage](#)
 Sepsis Huddle as clinically indicated
[Common Features of Shock in Children](#)

Clinical/Historical Features to Guide Need for Evaluation:

Rash (more common)
 Polymorphic, maculopapular, petechial, NOT vesicular

GI Symptoms (more common)
 Diarrhea, abdominal pain, vomiting

Extremity changes
 Erythema and edema of the hands and feet in acute phase

Oral Mucosal Changes
 Erythema and cracking of lips, strawberry tongue, and/or erythema of oral and pharyngeal mucosa

Conjunctivitis (more common)
 May be bulbar or limbic-involving, without exudate

Lymphadenopathy (less common)
 Cervical > 1.5 cm, unilateral (infrequently observed)

Neurologic Symptoms
 Headache, irritability, lethargy, altered mental status, neck stiffness, cranial nerve palsies

Epidemiologic Link to COVID
 Patient with history of COVID disease or close contact with known Positive COVID case in past 4-6 weeks, or person placed in quarantine

Evidence

[Acute heart failure in multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children \(MIS-C\) in the context of global SARS-CoV-2 pandemic](#)

[Diagnosis, Treatment, and Long-Term Management of Kawasaki Disease](#)

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