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## ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION and other causes of ACUTE CHEST PAIN

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## Cardiac

Coronary Artery Disease  
(STEMI, NSTEMI, UA)

Myocarditis

Pericarditis

Myopericarditis

Cardiomyopathy

Valvular disease

Tako-Tsubo syndrome

## Gastrointestinal

Gastritis/Peptic ulcer

Esophageal diseases

Reflux

Spasm

Esophagitis

Gallbladder disease

Pancreatitis

## Vascular

Aortic Dissection

Aortic Aneurysm

Pulmonary Embolism

Pulmonary Hypertension

Cerebrovascular Disease

# Chest Pain

## Musculoskeletal

Cervical Disk Disease

Arthritis of the shoulder

Costochondritis

Intercostal Muscle Cramps

Subacromial Bursitis

Rib fracture

Herpes zoster

## Pulmonary

Pleuritis or Pneumonia

Tracheobronchitis

Pneumothorax

Mediastinitis or Mediastinal Emphysema

## Psychogenic

Anxiety disorders

Panic disorder

Hyperventilation

Somatoform disorders

# INITIAL STRATEGY

## HISTORY

Chest pain characteristics and associated symptoms

Atypical complaints: younger (25-40 yrs) and older (>75), women, pts with diabetes, chronic renal failure or dementia

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Usually normal

HF, hemodynamic instability, new MR murmur → high-risk

Should target potential non-cardiac causes for the symptoms (prominent murmurs, friction rub, fever, abnormal lung sounds, chest pain after palpation)

## ECG

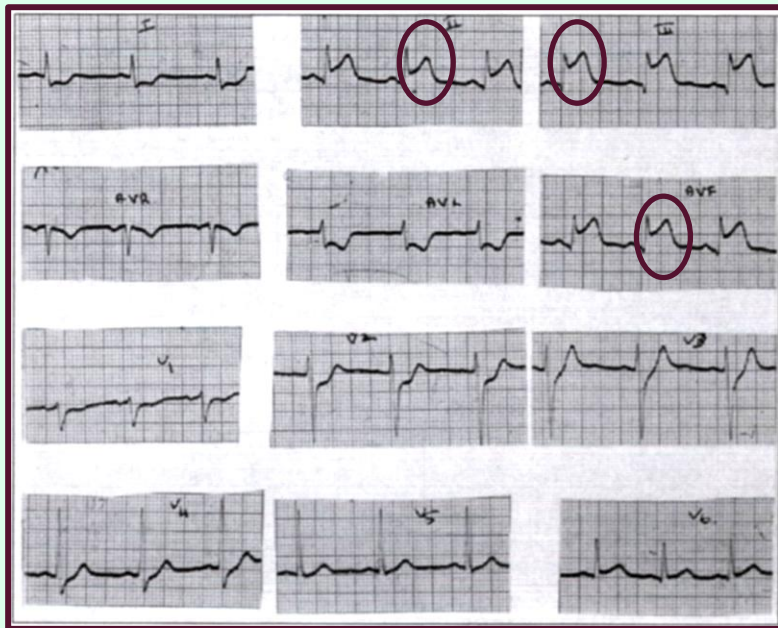
The easiest, simplest, most important tool

One of the “vital signs” for pts with chest pain

Performed/interpreted within 10 minutes of presentation

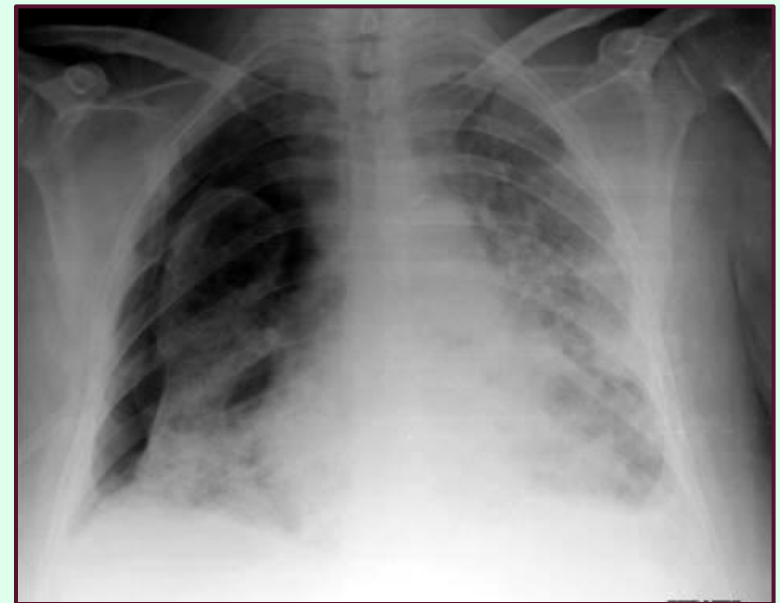
# INITIAL STRATEGY

ST-segment elevation  
on initial ECG



Evaluation for immediate  
reperfusion therapy

An obvious non-cardiac cause  
for the symptoms



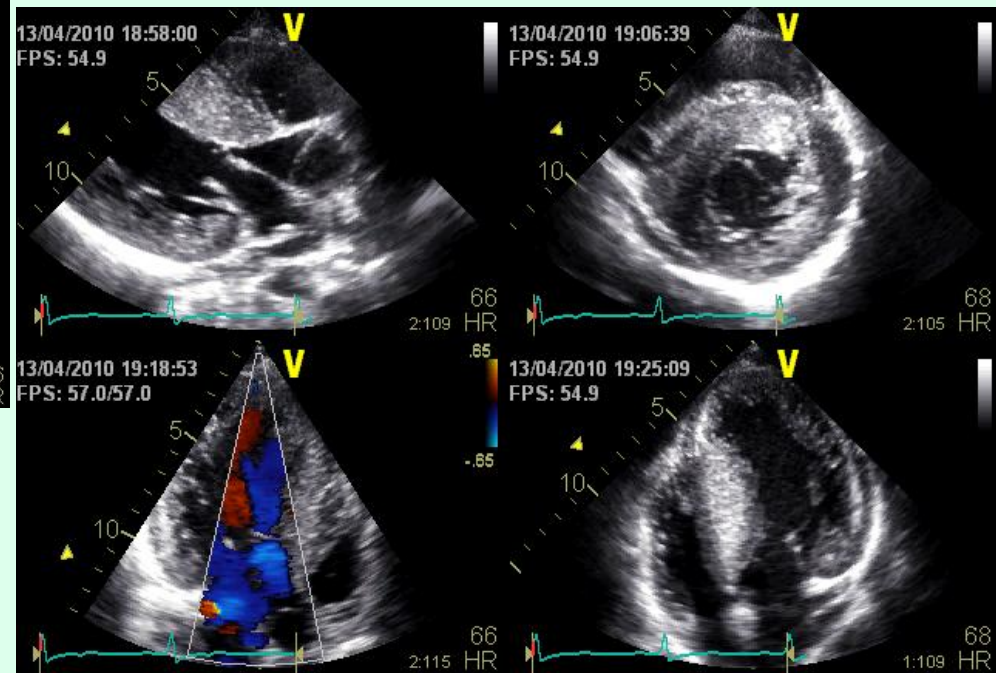
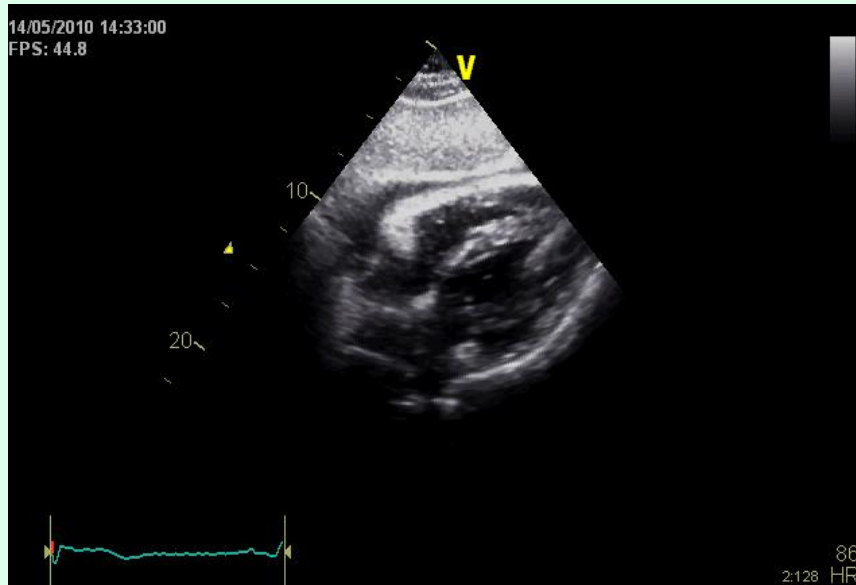
Treatment based on the  
alternative diagnosis

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY IN PATIENTS WITH CHEST PAIN

- ❑ Diagnosis of underlying disease in patients with chest pain and **Clinical evidence of valvular, pericardial, or myocardial disease**
- ❑ Evaluation of chest pain in patients with **suspected aortic dissection**
- ❑ Evaluation of chest pain in patients with **suspected acute myocardial ischemia, when baseline ECG and other laboratory markers are non-diagnostic and when study can be obtained during pain or within minutes after its abatement**
- ❑ Evaluation of patients with chest pain and **hemodynamic instability** unresponsive to simple therapeutic measures

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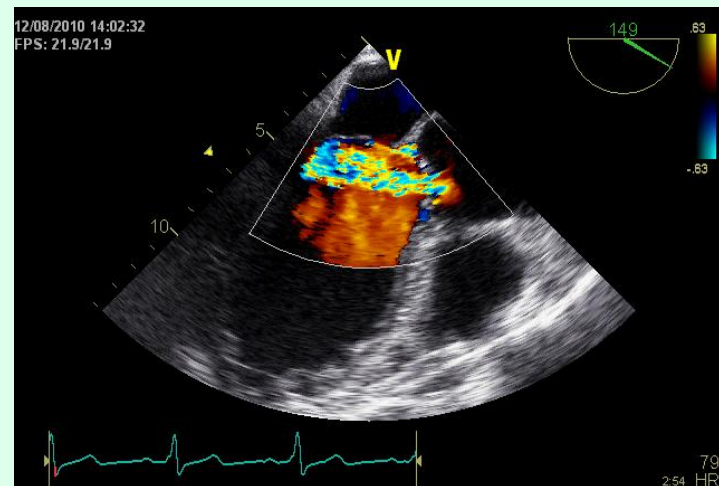
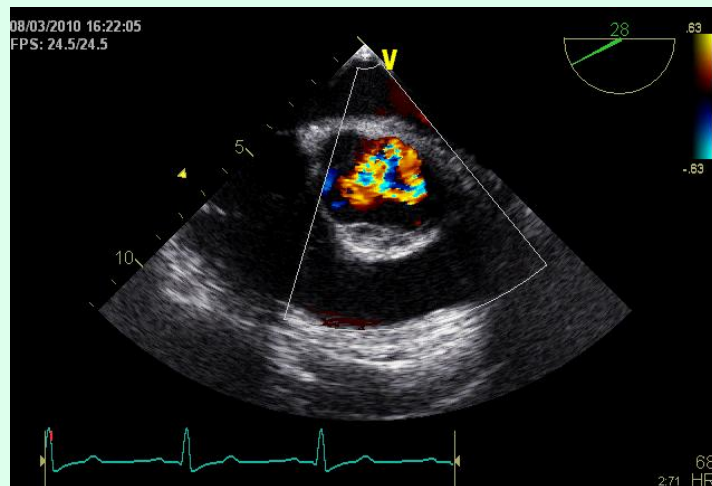
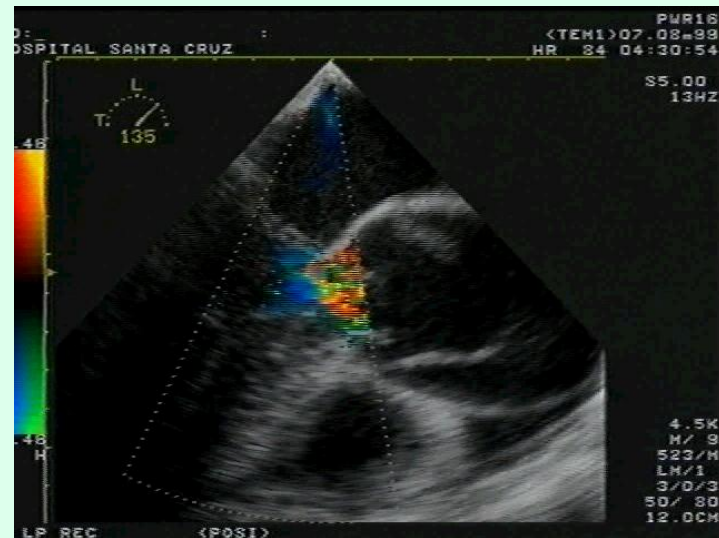
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## AORTIC PATHOLOGY

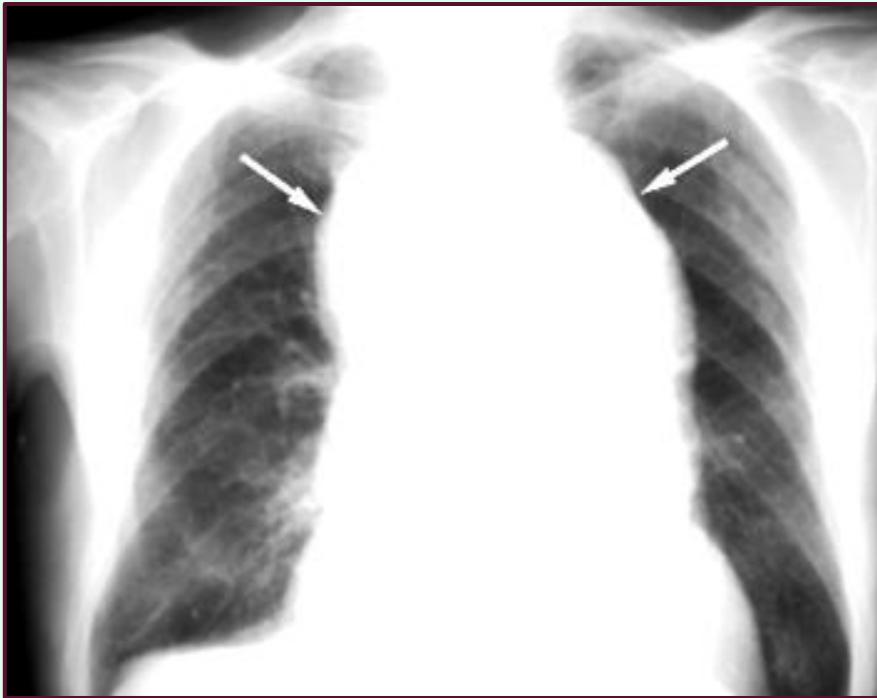




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## AORTIC DISSECTION





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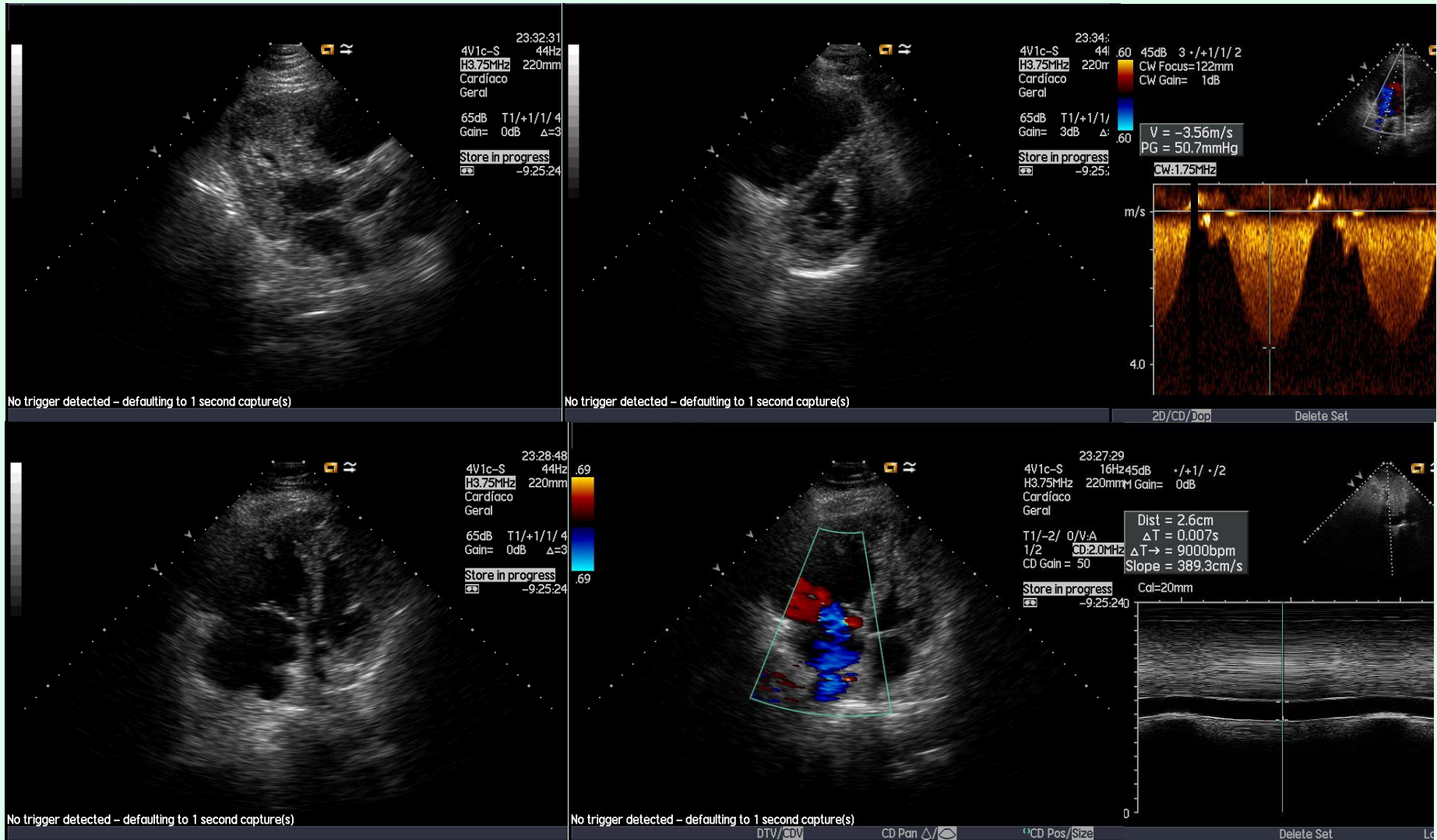
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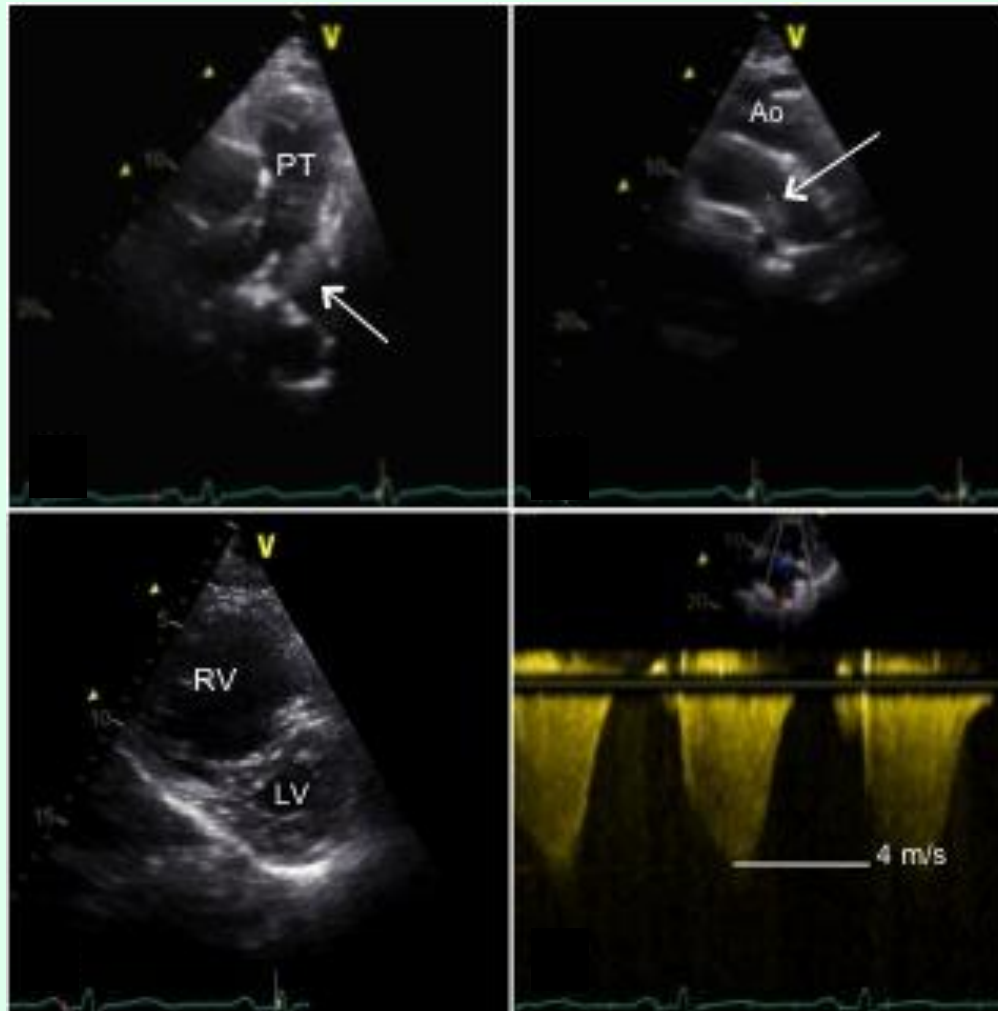
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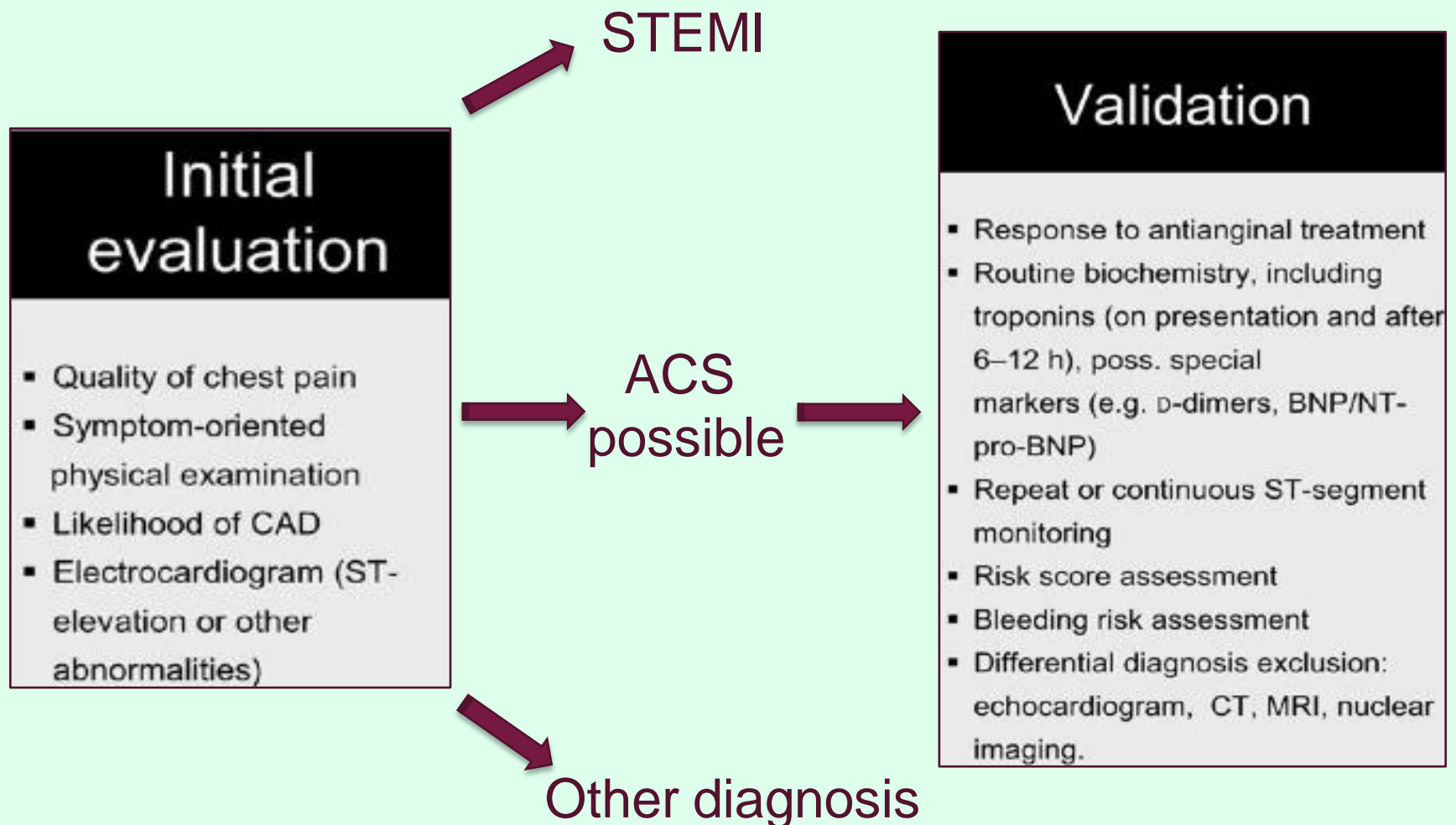
# IMAGING - Role of Multislice CT

Patients with chest pain in the Emergency Room

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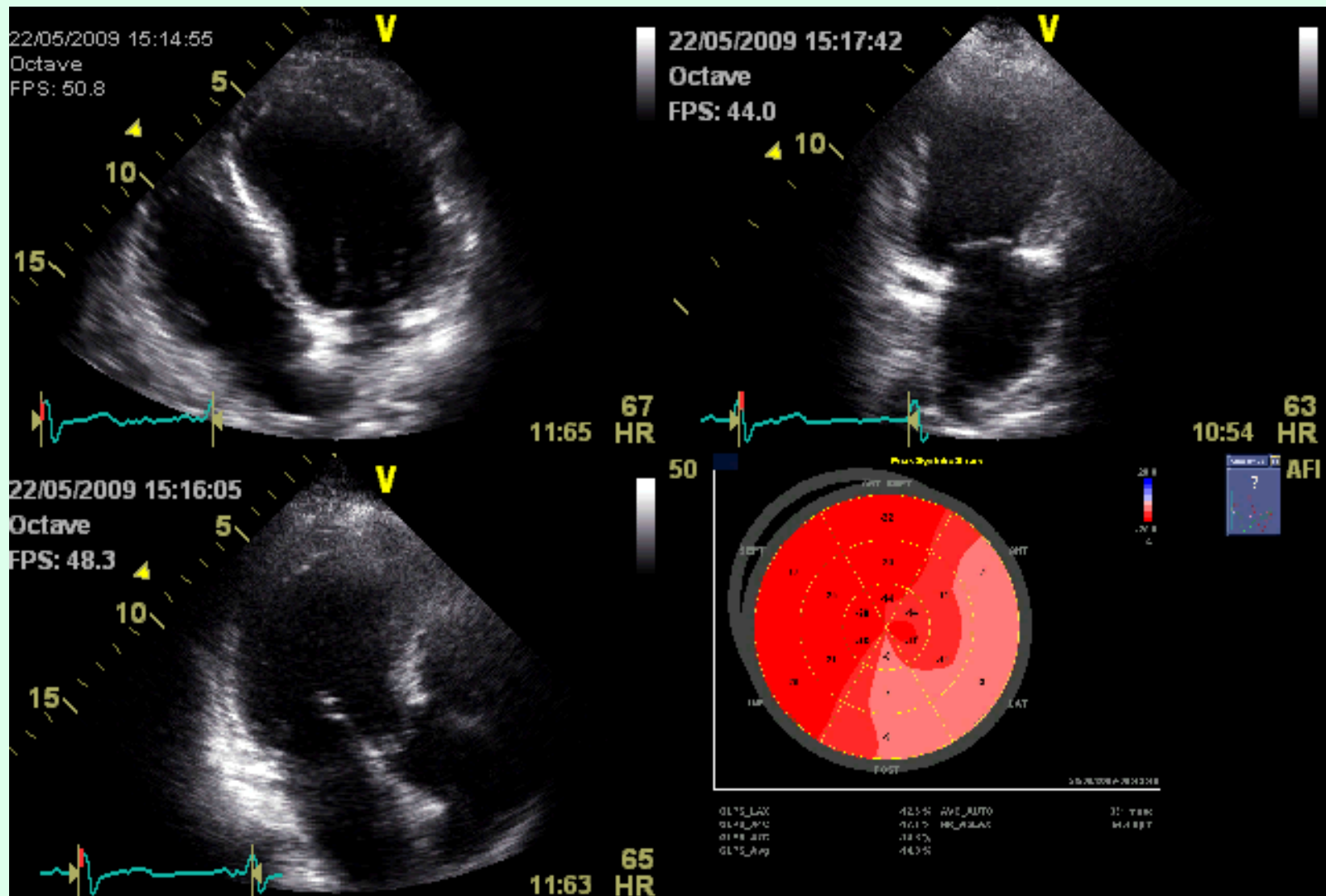


# SECOND STEP - DIAGNOSTIC VALIDATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT





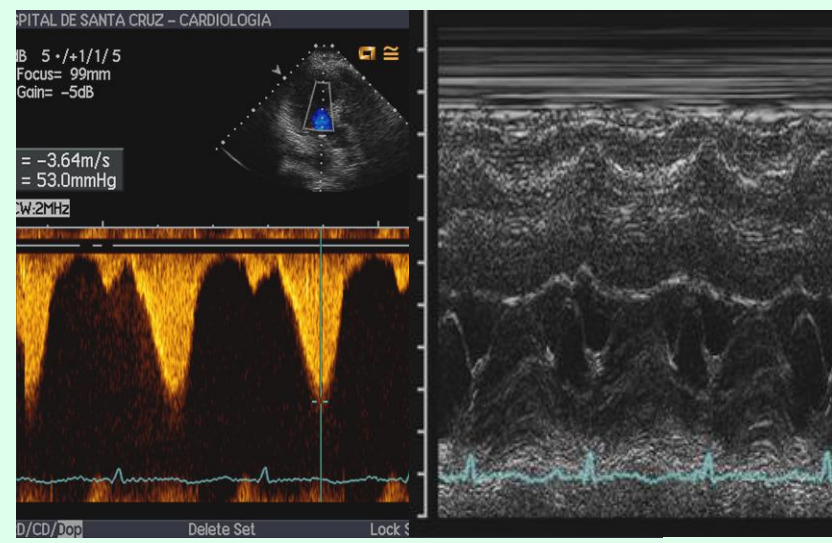
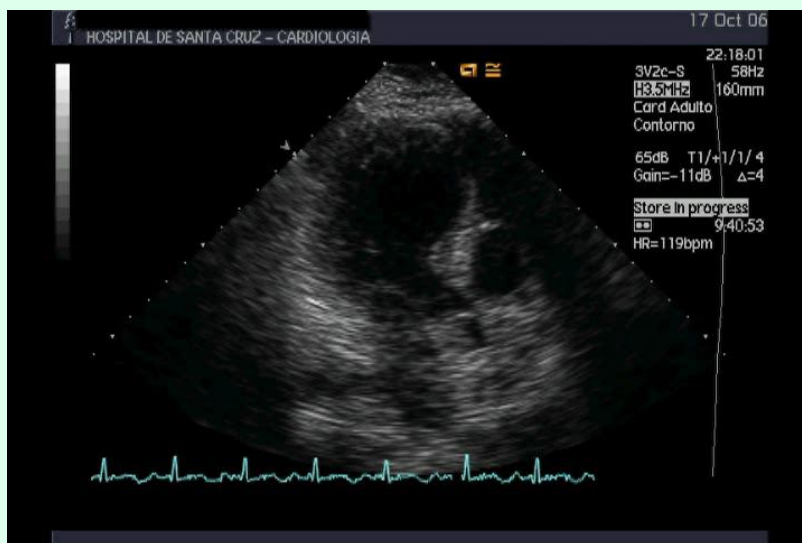
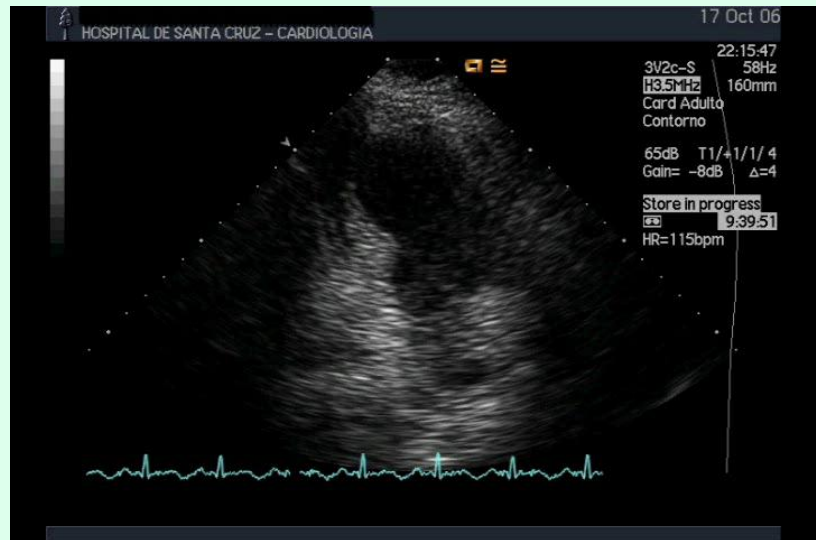
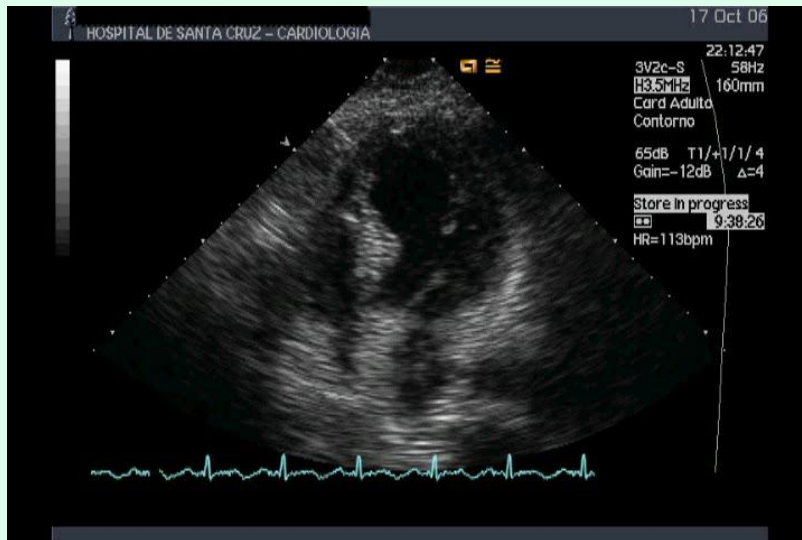
# INFARCT-RELATED ARTERY





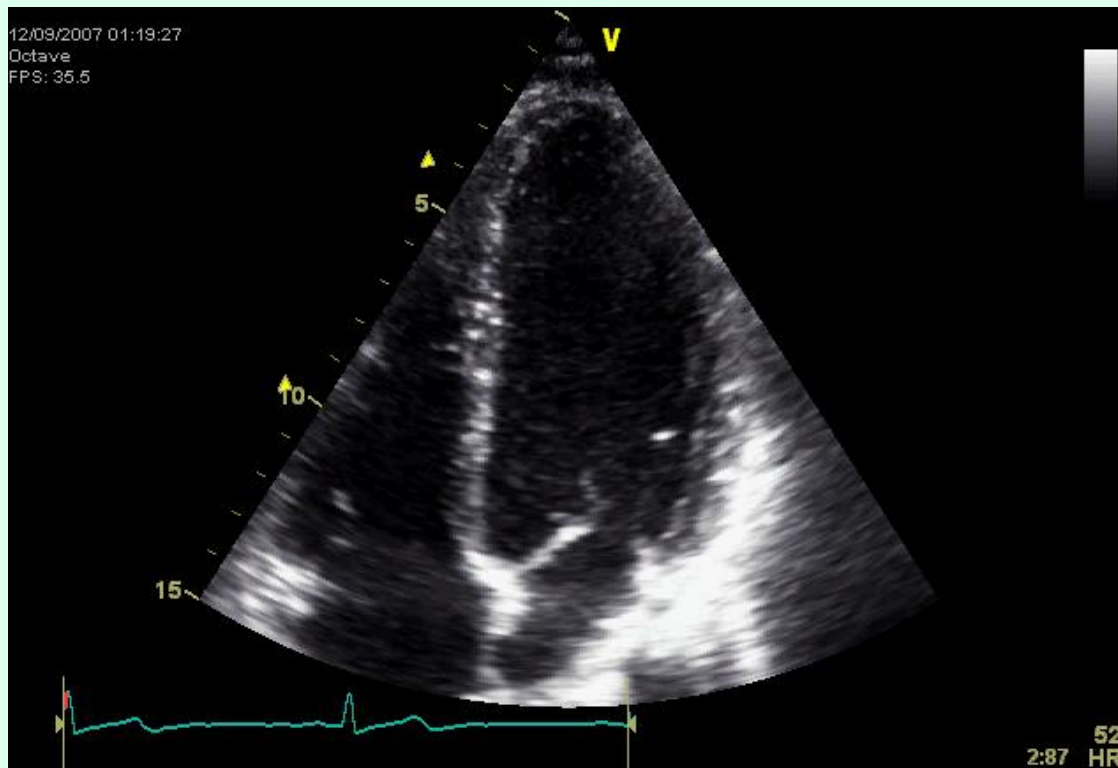
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## Regional Asynergy (WMA)



Absent if:

Resting CF  $\downarrow$   $< 50\%$

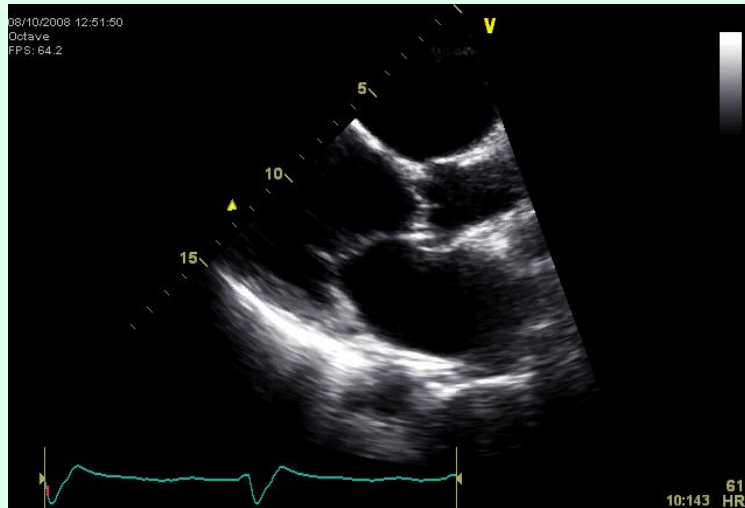
$< 20\%$  wall thickness

$< 1-6\%$  LV mass

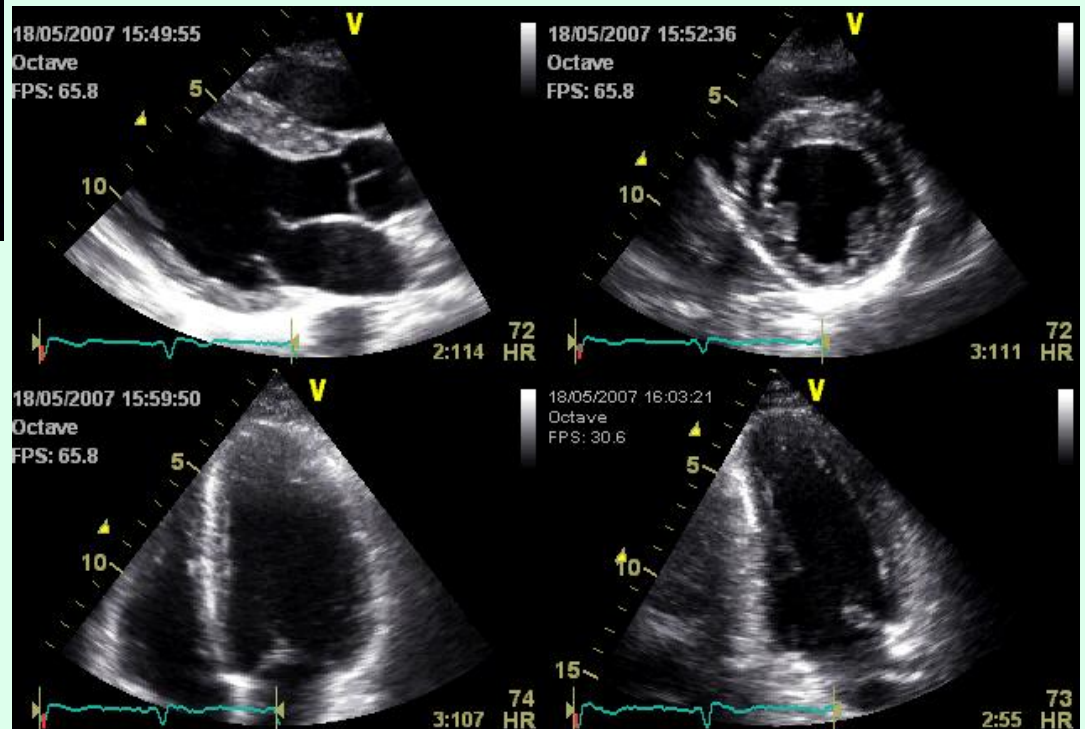
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## Differentiation from acute and old MI

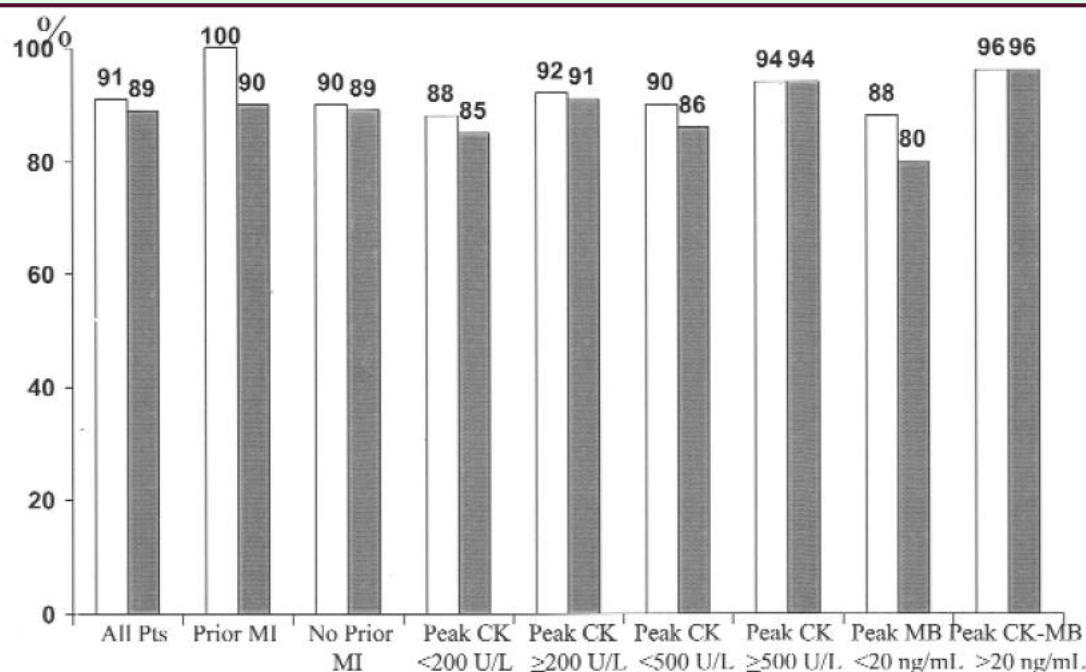
### Fibrosis / Scar



### Edema



# Comparison of 2D Echo and MPI for diagnosing AMI in emergency department patients

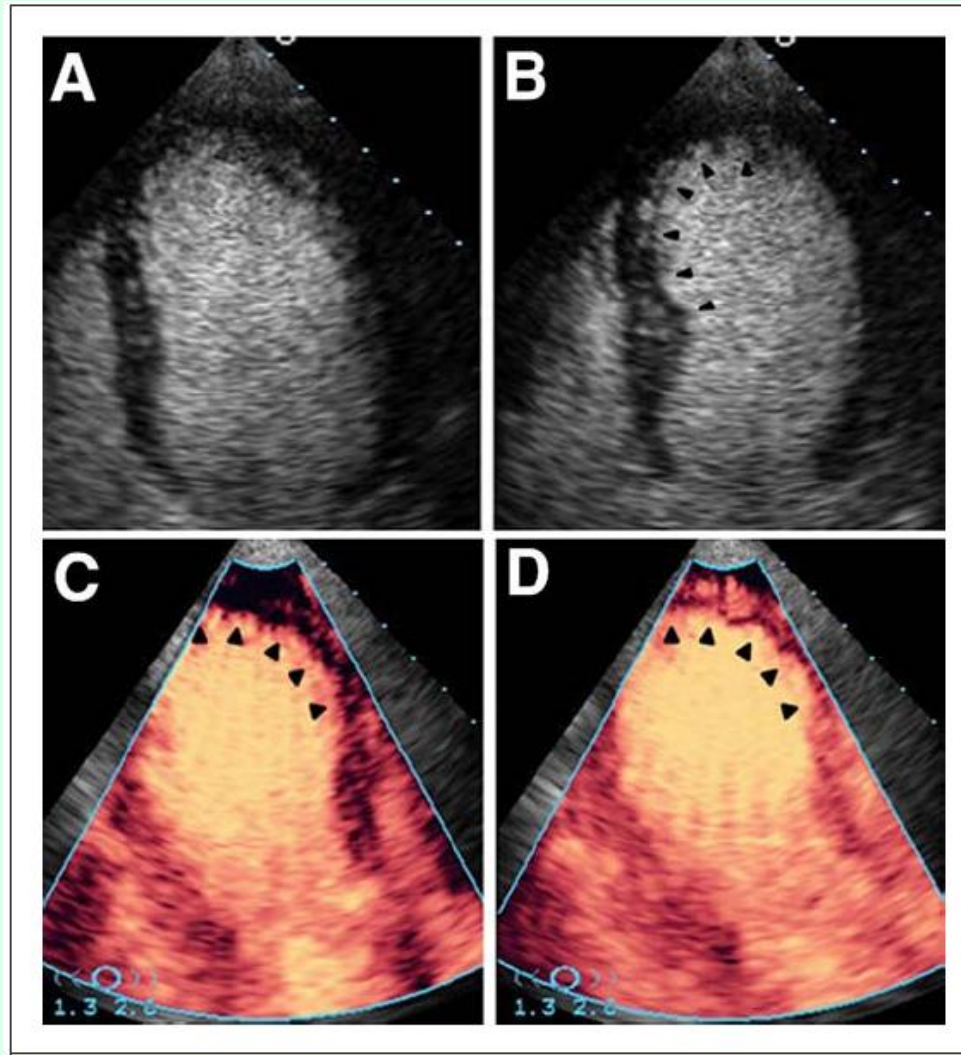


Comparison of sensitivities of echocardiography (white bars) and myocardial perfusion imaging (gray bars) for detection of MI. No significant differences were seen in sensitivity between 2 techniques for any of cut-off values. Pts, Patients; CK, CK level.

141 pts  
low to moderate  
risk for ACS  
(no ST↑ or ↓)

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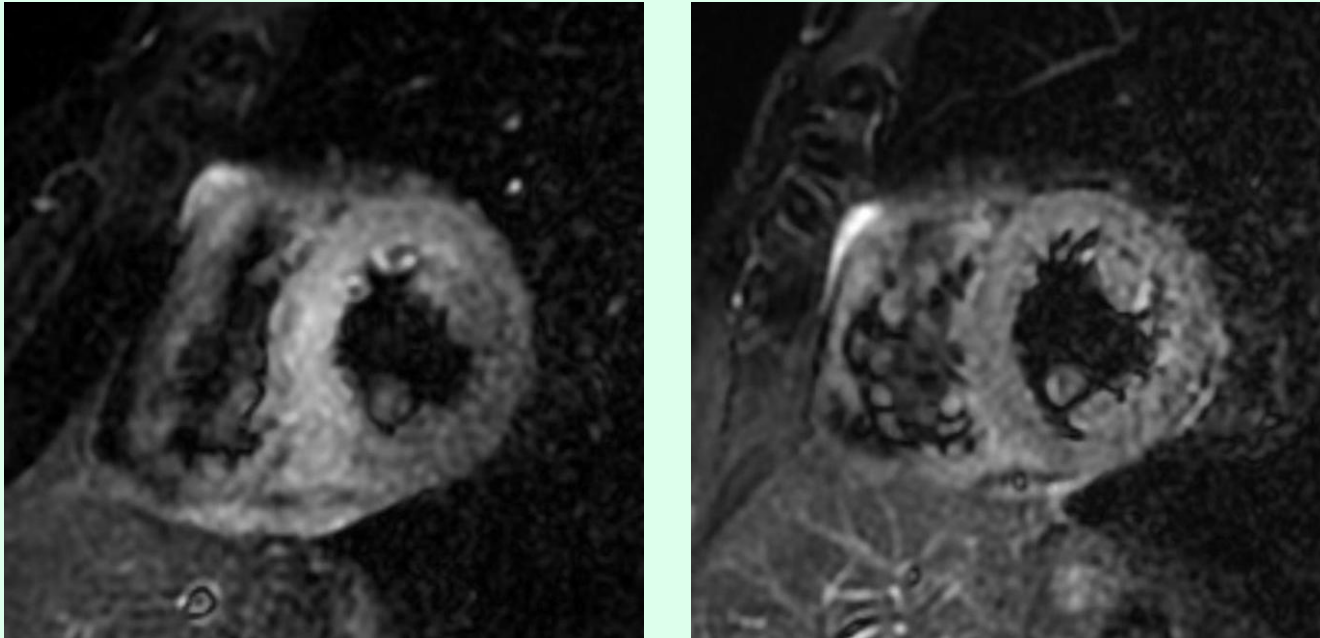




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## Role of MRI

Differentiate Acute from Chronic infarction



**Delayed Enhancement and T2-Weighted Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance Imaging Differentiate Acute From Chronic Myocardial Infarction**

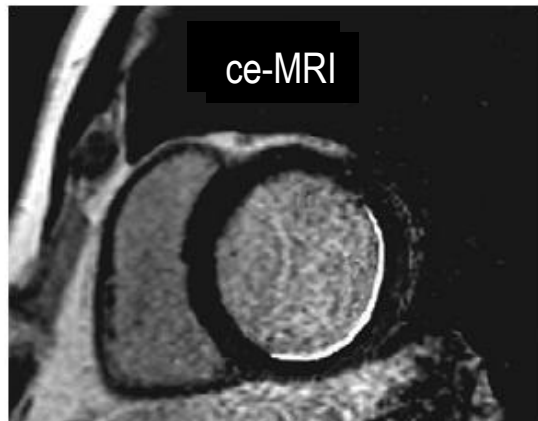
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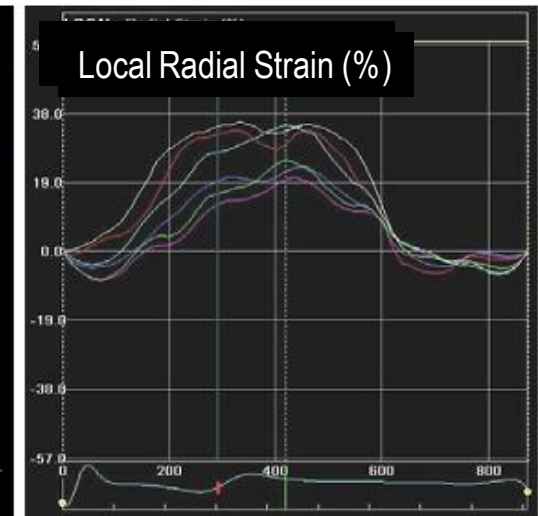
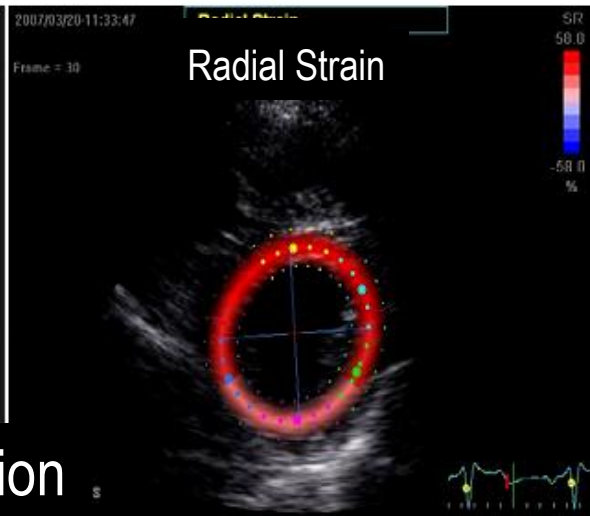


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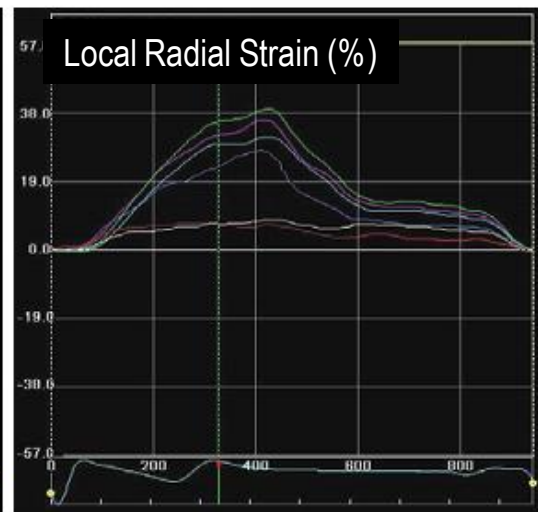
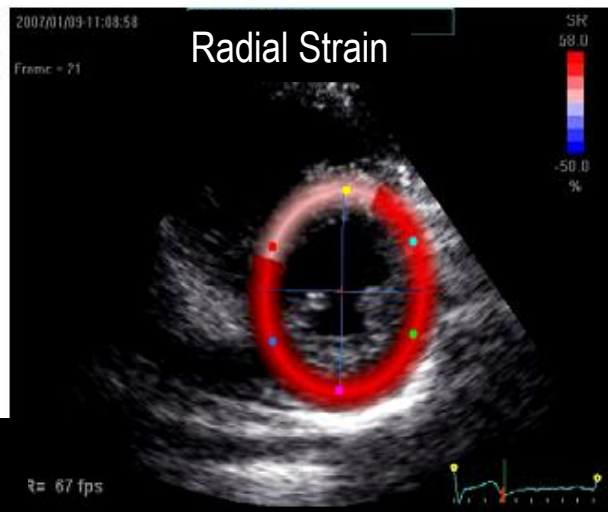
## Transmurality of MI



Nontransmural Infarction



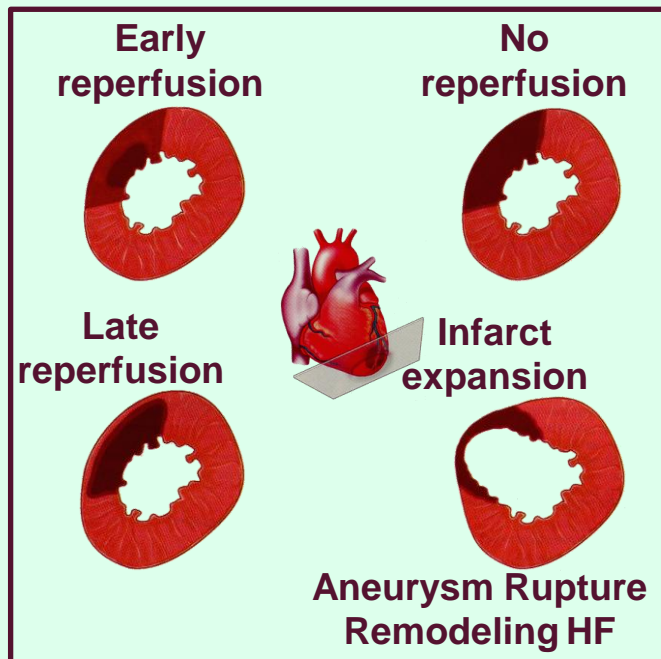
Transmural Infarction



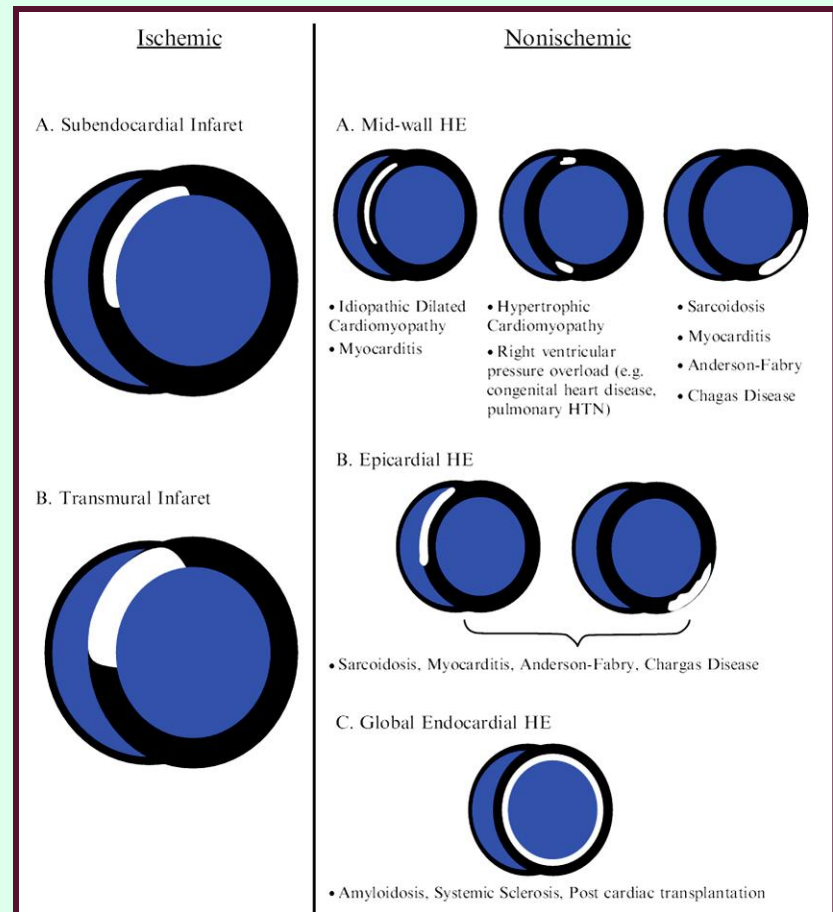
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## Role of MRI

**“wave front phenomenon”**  
of ischemic cell death



## HE Patterns for Ischemic and Non-ischemic Disorders



# BIOMARKERS

All patients with suspected ACS should undergo serial cardiac biomarker sampling

Current recommendations indicate troponin as the preferred biomarker

The diagnosis of NSTEMI-ACS should never be made only on the basis of cardiac biomarkers, whose elevation should be interpreted in the context of other clinical findings

| cTn (+)                         | INCIDENCE | CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE   |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Acute PE <sup>1</sup>           | 32%       | ↑ Risk of in-hospital mortality                                   |
| Acute Pericarditis <sup>2</sup> | 22%       | correlates with recent infection                                  |
| HF Severe but stable            | ≤15%      | Independent predictor of long-term survival or readmission for HF |
| Acute, left <sup>3,4,5</sup>    | ≤55%      |   |
| Myocarditis <sup>6</sup>        | ≥34%      | Recent onset of HF  |
| Sepsis <sup>6,7</sup>           | ≤85%      | ↑ Risk of in-hospital mortality                                   |
| Renal failure <sup>8</sup>      | ≤20%      | Poor long-term outcome  |

1. Giannitis E et al. *Circulation* 2000; 102: 211
2. Bonnefoy E et al. *Eur Heart J* 2000; 21: 832
3. La Vecchia L et al. *Am J Cardiol* 1997; 80: 88
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# PARAMETERS USED FOR ASSESSMENT OF PROGNOSIS AFTER ACUTE MI

**LV EF** → *mortality*

**Large asynergic zone (high WMSi)**→ *shock, HF*

**Infarct expansion**→ *LV remodelling, aneurysm*

**End-systolic volume**→ *mortality*

**Short DT**→ *LV remodelling, mortality*

**E/e' ratio** → *cardiac events, mortality*

**Stress Echo**→ *cardiac events, mortality*

**Viability**→ *LV dilation, mortality*

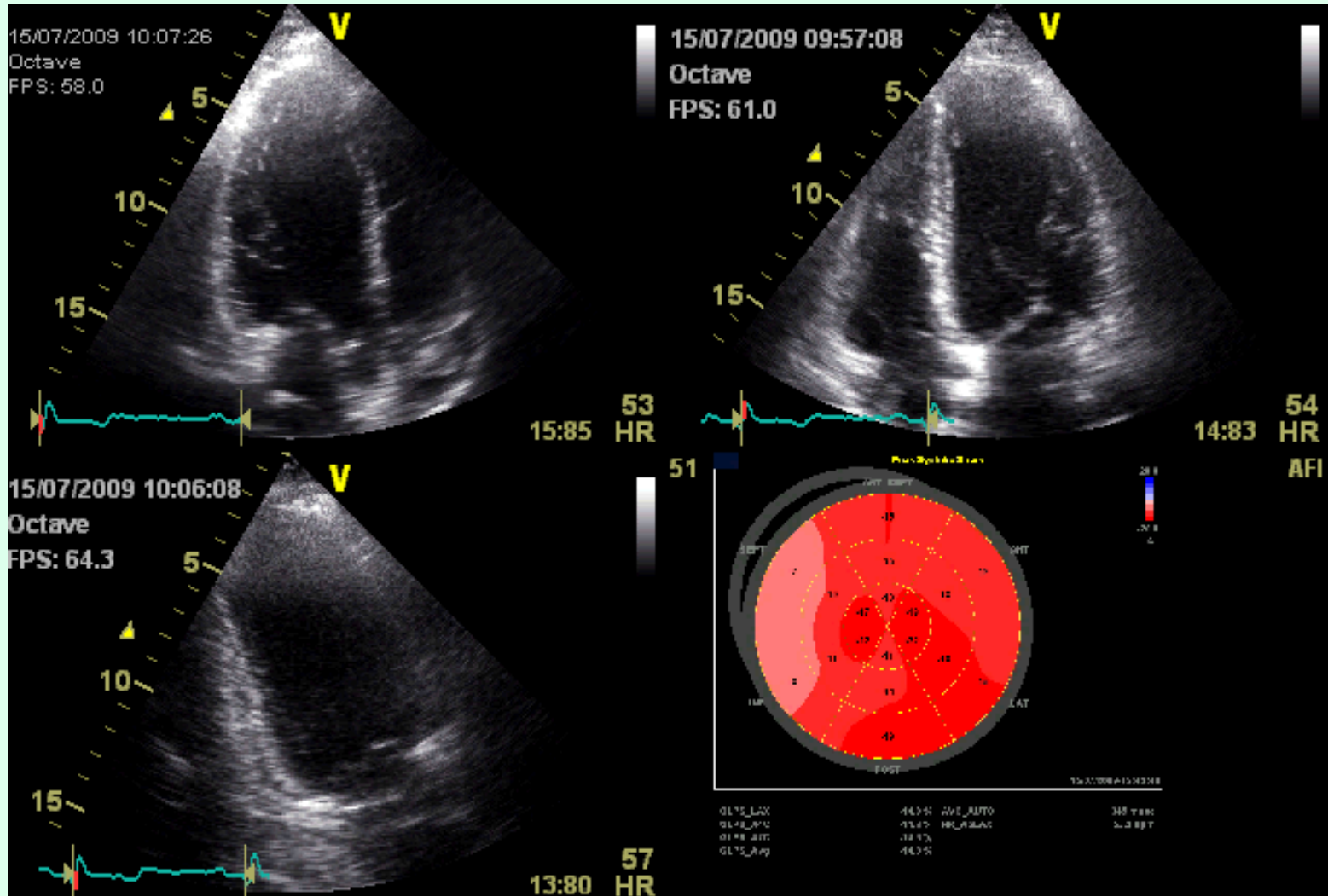
**Remote dyssynergy**→ *multivessel CAD*

**Mitral regurgitation**→ *heart failure, mortality*

**Left atrial enlargement** → *LV remodelling, aneurysm*

**Right ventricular dysfunction**→ *mortality*

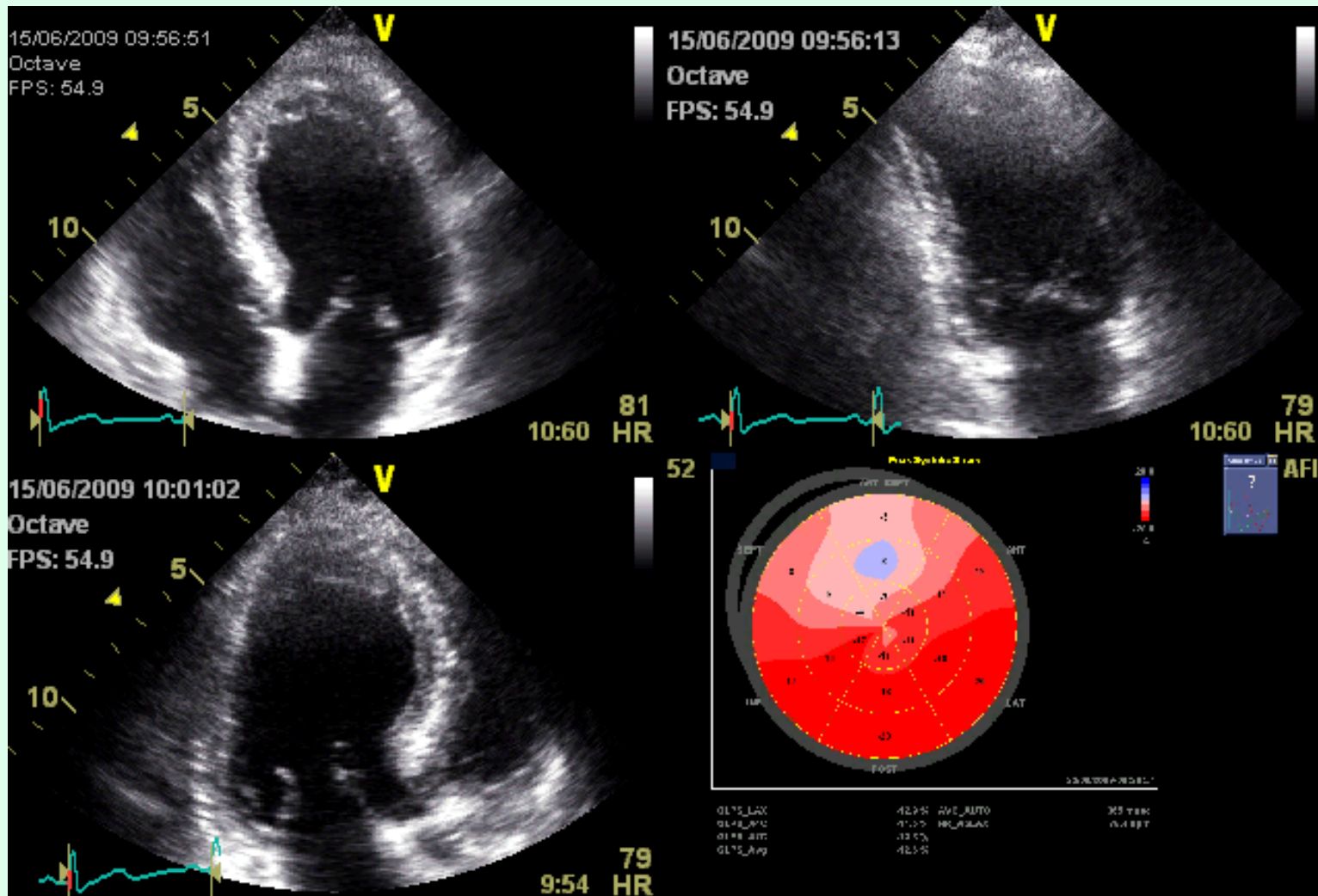
# INFARCT-RELATED ARTERY



## The LV global strain shows a good correlation with LV infarct size



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# PREDICTORS OF LV REMODELING AFTER AMI

Pre-existing hypertension

**Infarct size**

Large asynergic zone (high WMSi)

Cardiac enzyme index Ejection Fraction

Anterior location

Infarct expansion

Transmurality of infarction

End-systolic volume

**Short early mitral DT**

Patency of the IRA

TIMI grade <3 flow

**Microvascular obstruction**

**Mitral regurgitation** Left atrial enlargement

Viability

Markers of neurohormonal activation

Mostly  
**interrelated**  
risk factors

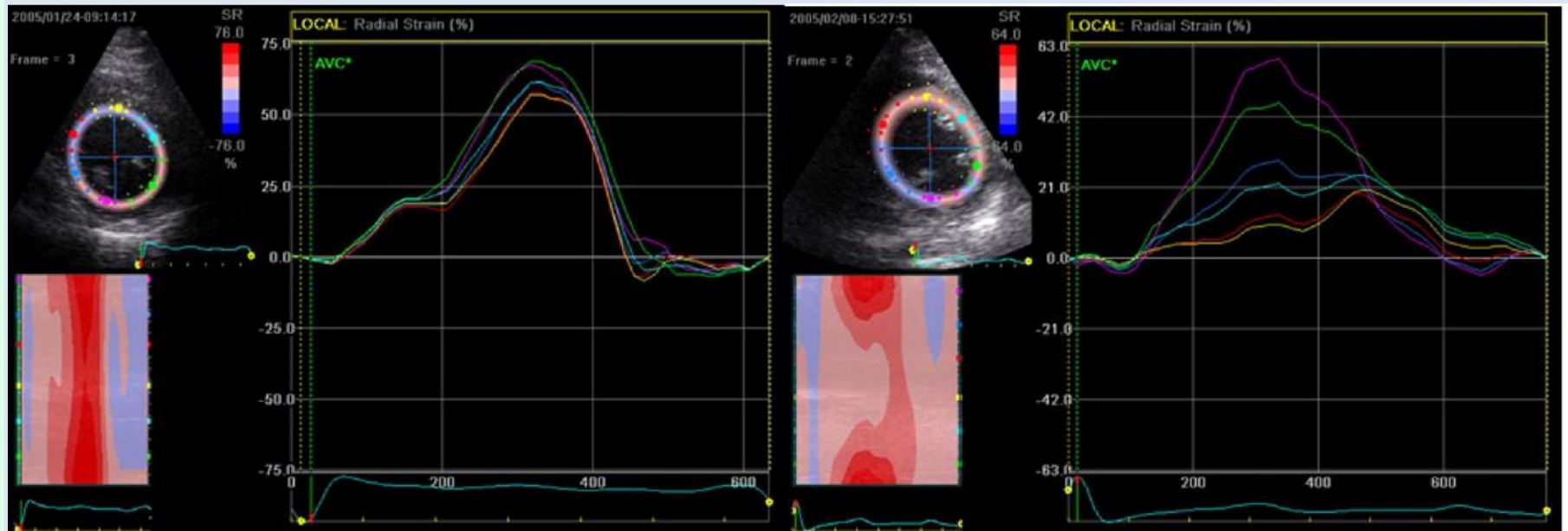
# LV Dyssynchrony acutely after MI Predicts LV Remodeling

- 178 pts; primary PCI
- 2D-echo + radial strain analysis (speckle-tracking) within 48h + 6 mo f-up
- LV Remodeling: >15% increase of LVESV

| Baseline Characteristics                                    | No LV Remodeling (n = 142) | LV Remodeling (n = 36) | p Value |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| Peak cTnT level, $\mu\text{g/l}$ , (25th, 75th percentiles) | 5.2 (1.9, 9.8)             | 10.1 (6.3, 15.3)       | <0.001  |
| Peak CPK level, U/l (25th, 75th percentiles)                | 1,893 (868, 3,236)         | 3,877 (1,816, 5,597)   | <0.001  |
| Echo parameters   | No LV Remodeling (n = 142) | LV Remodeling (n = 36) | p Value |
| Baseline  |                            |                        |         |
| LVESV, ml   | 64 (54, 70)                | 76 (54, 91)            | NS      |
| LVEDV, ml   | 128 (106, 148)             | 139 (108, 160)         | NS      |
| LVEF, %   | 47 (42, 52)                | 47 (42, 51)            | NS      |
| WMSI  | 1.50 (1.25, 1.63)          | 1.56 (1.38, 1.69)      | <0.05   |
| LA dimension, mm  | 38 (34, 42)                | 41 (37, 43)            | NS      |
| E/E' ratio  | 11.7 (9.7, 15.7)           | 14.8 (12.3, 18.4)      | <0.05   |
| MR, moderate-severe (%)                                     | 6 (4)                      | 2 (6)                  | NS      |
| LV dyssynchrony, ms   | 31 (12, 77)                | 148 (134, 180)         | <0.001  |

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## LV Dyssynchrony acutely after MI predicts LV remodeling



No dyssynchrony at baseline



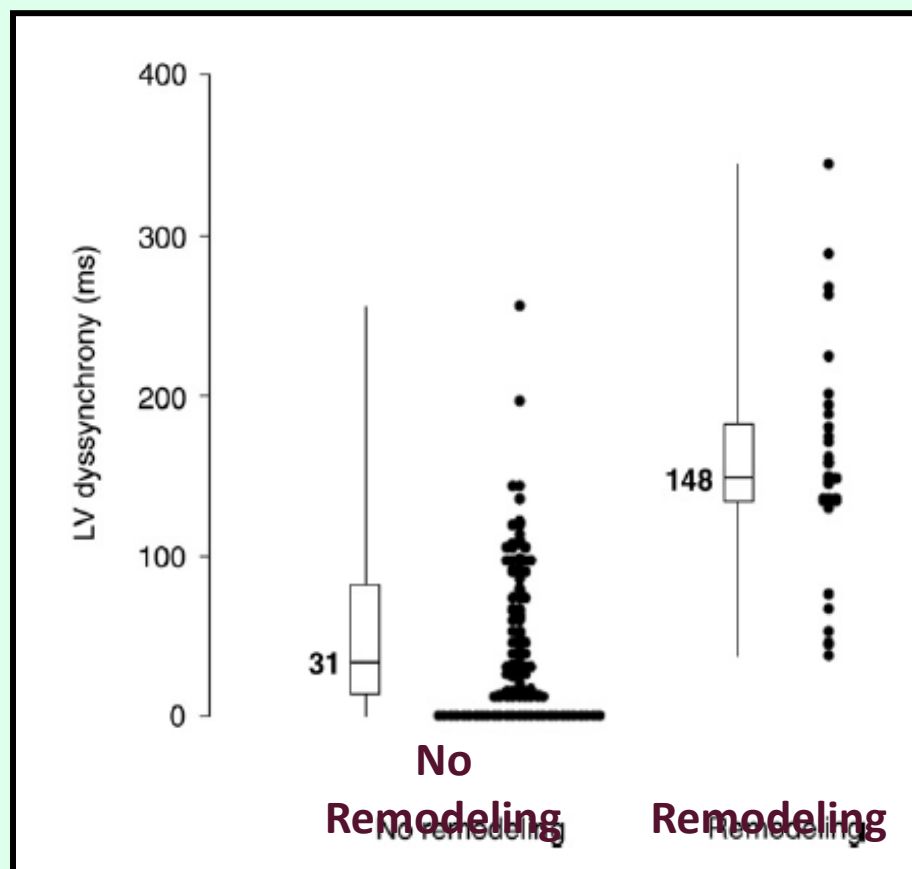
No remodeling at follow-up

Dyssynchrony at baseline



Remodeling at follow-up

# EXTENT OF LV DYSSYNCHRONY WAS SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER IN PATIENTS WITH LV REMODELING DURING FOLLOW-UP VERSUS THOSE WITHOUT LV REMODELING

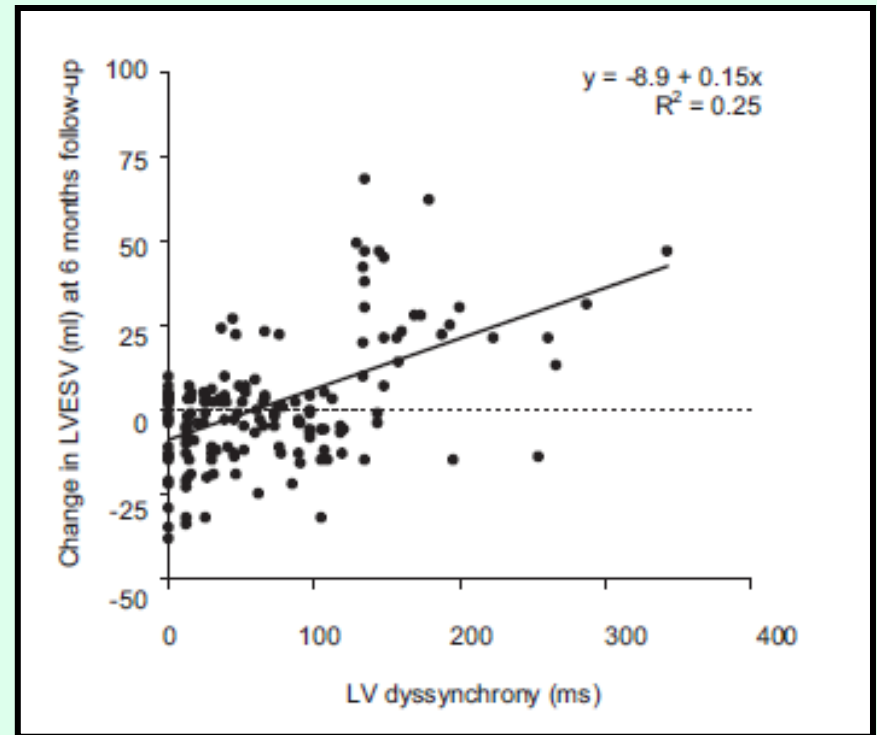
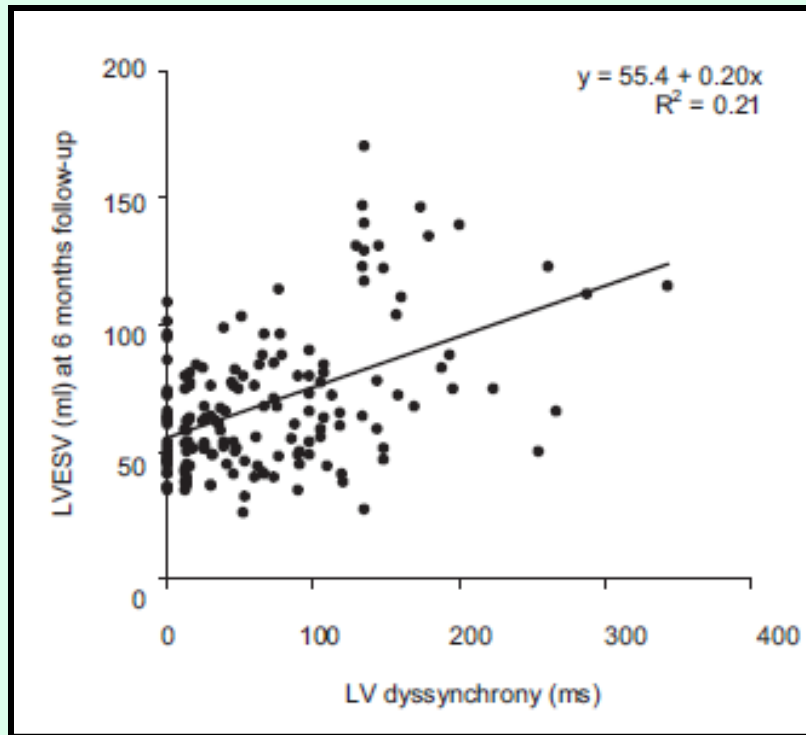


ROC curve:

cutoff  
130 ms

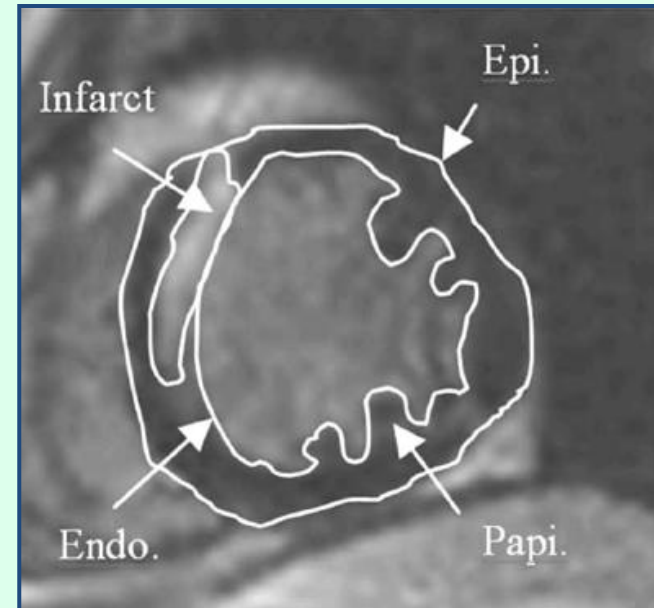
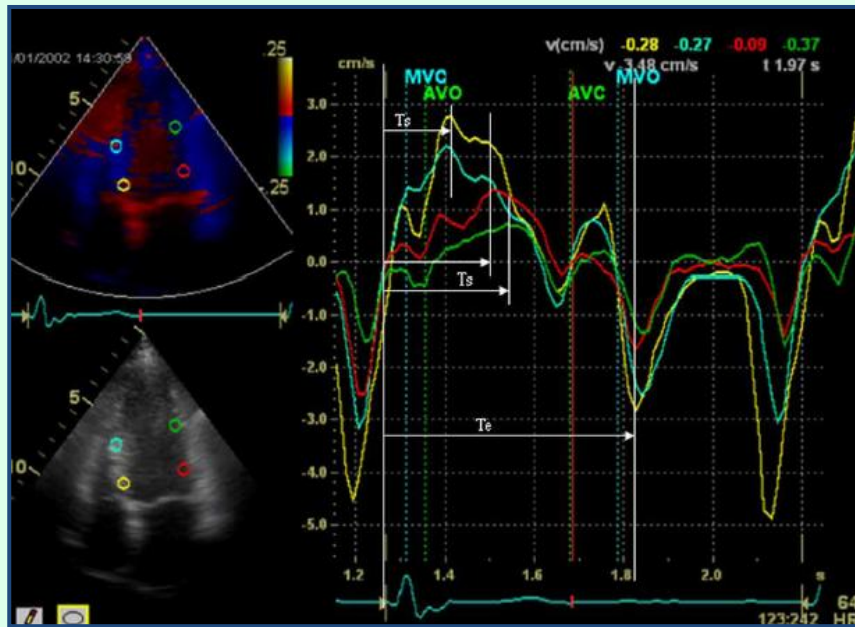
Sensitivity of 82%  
Specificity of 95%  
to predict  
LV Remodeling at 6 mo

## CORRELATION BETWEEN LV DYSSYNCHRONY AT BASELINE AND LVESV AND CHANGE IN LVESV AT 6-MONTH F-UP



Resynchronization therapy??  $\longrightarrow$  Further studies needed !!!

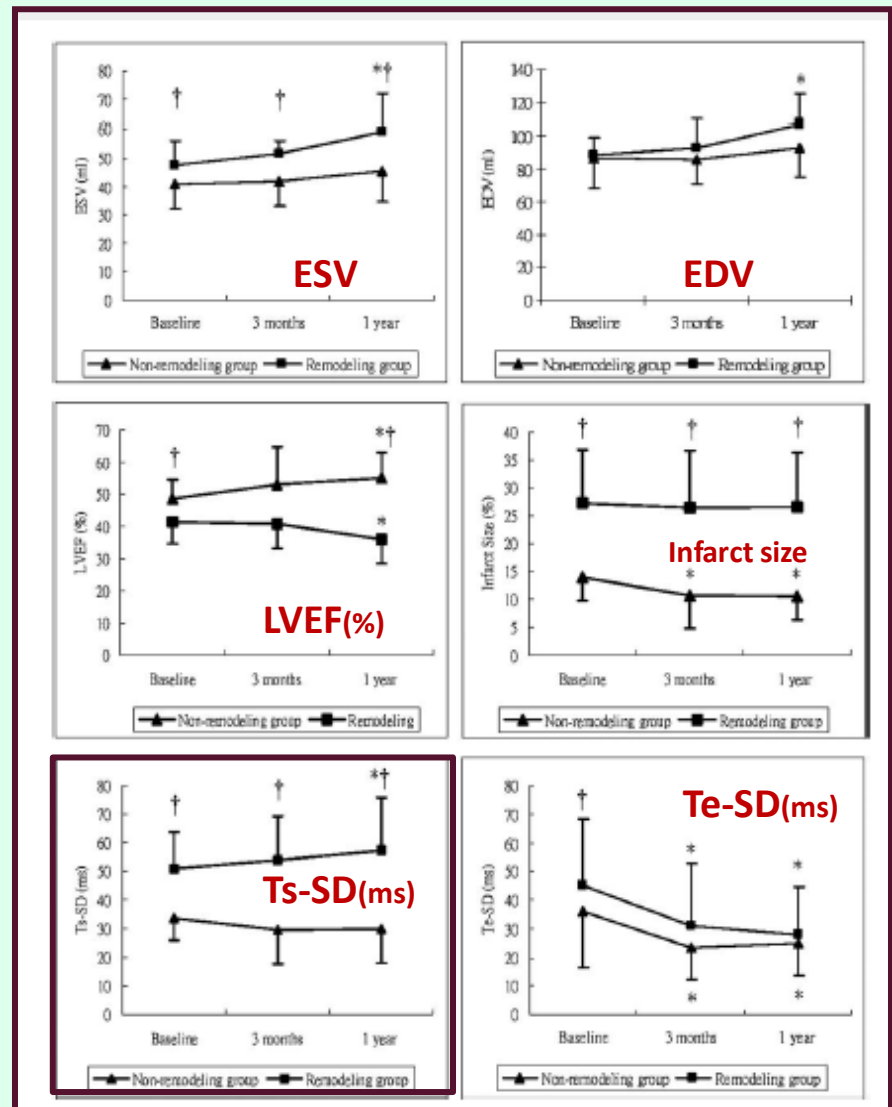
# LV systolic dyssynchrony predicts cardiac remodeling after MI



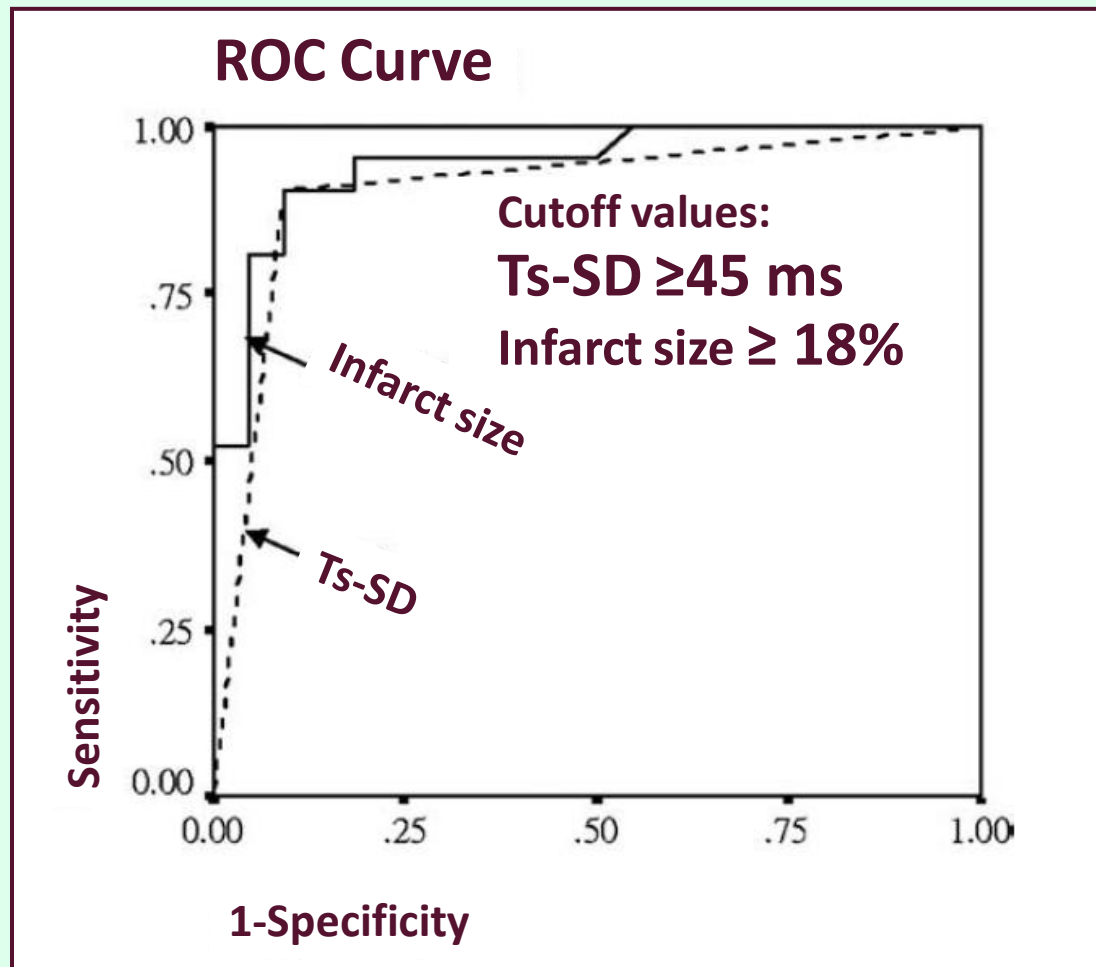
- 47 pts; 35 with early PCI
  - 2D-echo + TDI for dyssynchrony
  - Ce-MRI for infarct size
  - LV Remodeling: >10% increase of LVESV
- } 2-6d, 3 mo, 12 m after MI



Serial changes of  
ESV,  
EDV,  
LVEF,  
Ts –SD  
and Te-SD  
in the remodeling  
and  
non-remodeling groups

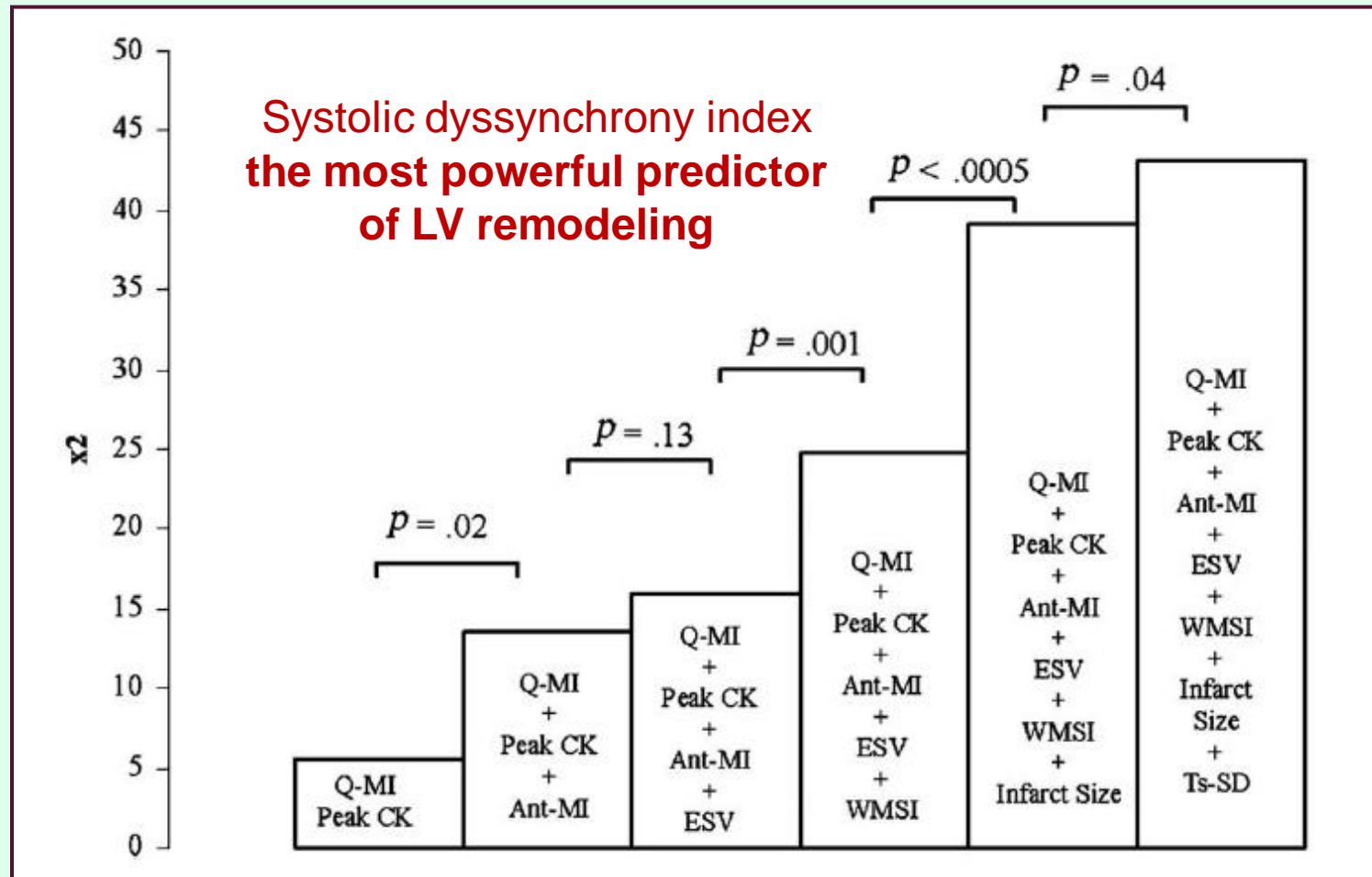


# PREDICTIVE VALUE OF SYSTOLIC DYSSYNCHRONY BY TDI AND INFARCT SIZE BY CE-MRI



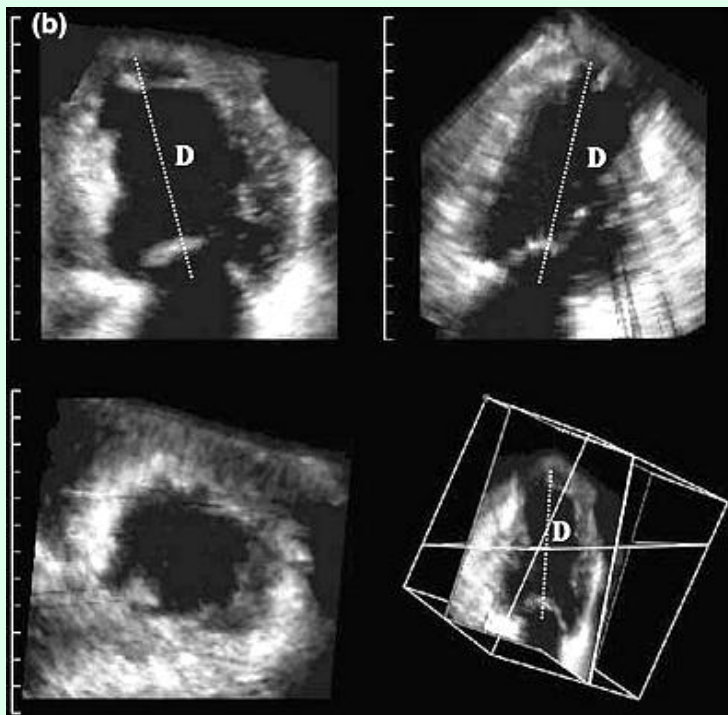
**Sensitivity  
91%  
Specificity  
91%**

# INCREMENTAL PREDICTIVE VALUE OF INFARCT SIZE BY CE-MRI AND SYSTOLIC DYSSYNCHRONY BY TDI



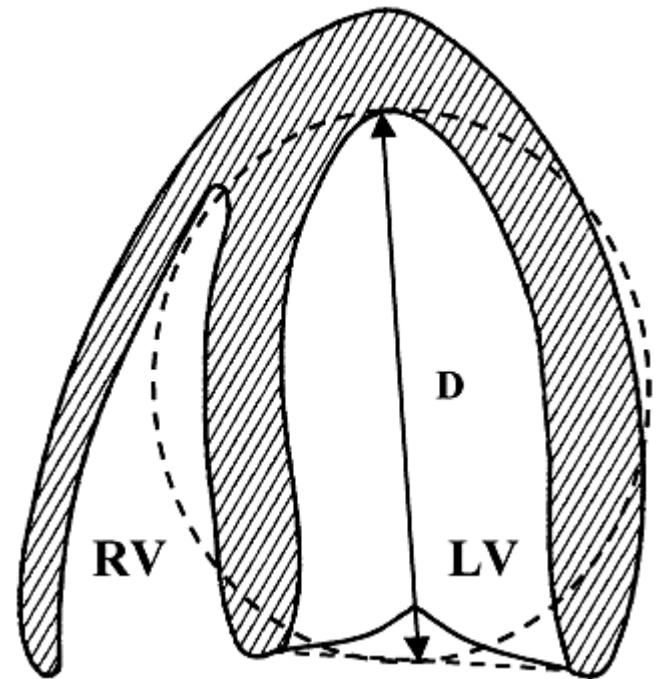
# Early Identification of LV Remodeling After MI by 3D Echo

- 33 pts
- Serial 3D-echo: 6d, 3mo, 6mo, 12mo post MI
- LV Remodelling: >20% increase of EDV

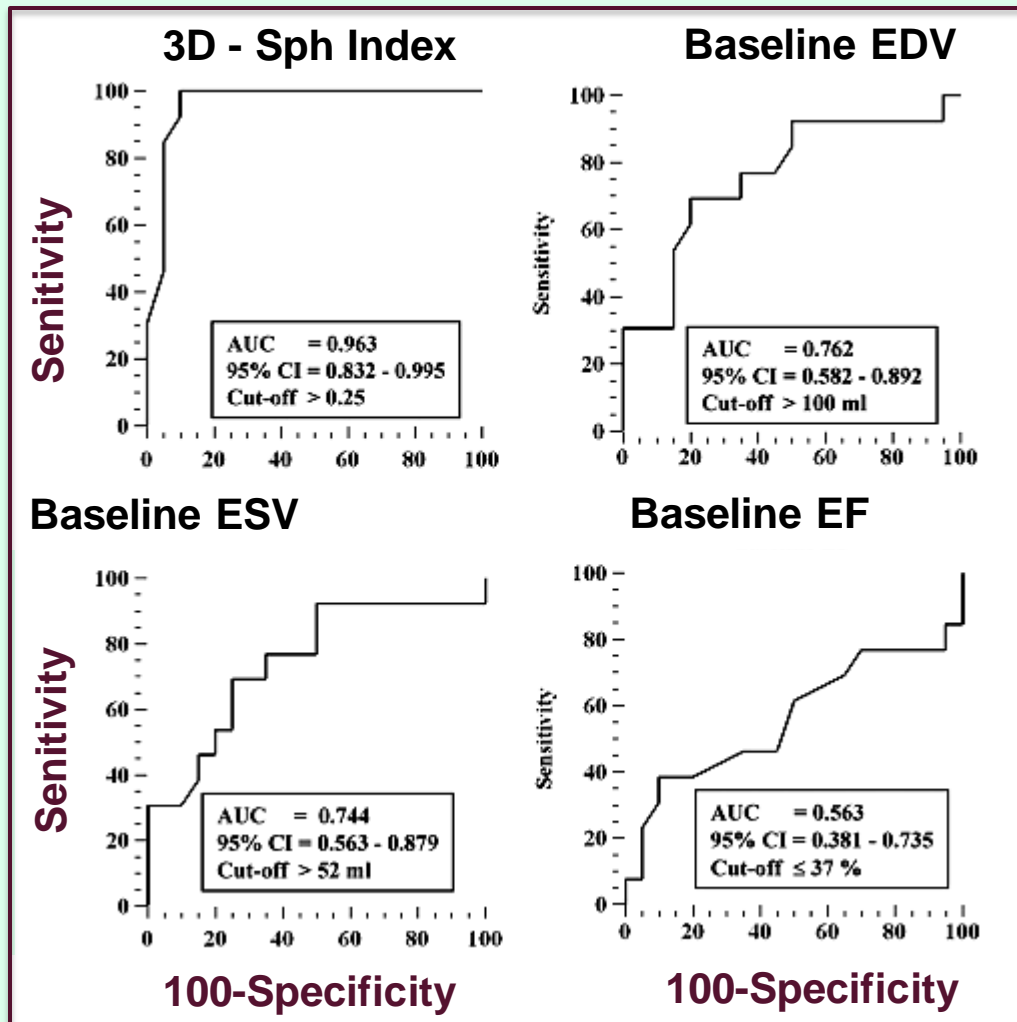


## 3D Sphericity Index

$$EDV / (4/3 \times \pi \times (D/2)^3)$$



# VALUE OF 3D SPHERICITY INDEX FOR EARLY PREDICTION OF POST MI LV REMODELING



**3D-Sph index  
cut off >0.25**

for early prediction of  
LV remodelling

**Sn 100%**

**Sp 90%**

**PPV 87%**

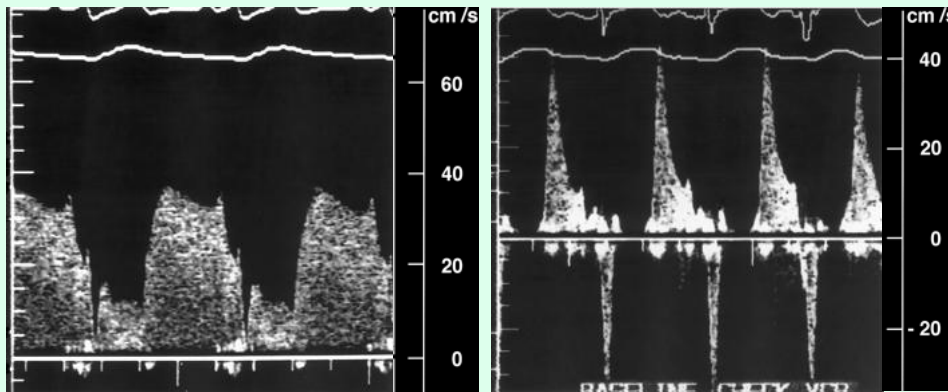
**NPV 100%**

# CORONARY FLOW PATTERN OF INFARCT-RELATED ARTERY

Markers of “no-reflow”

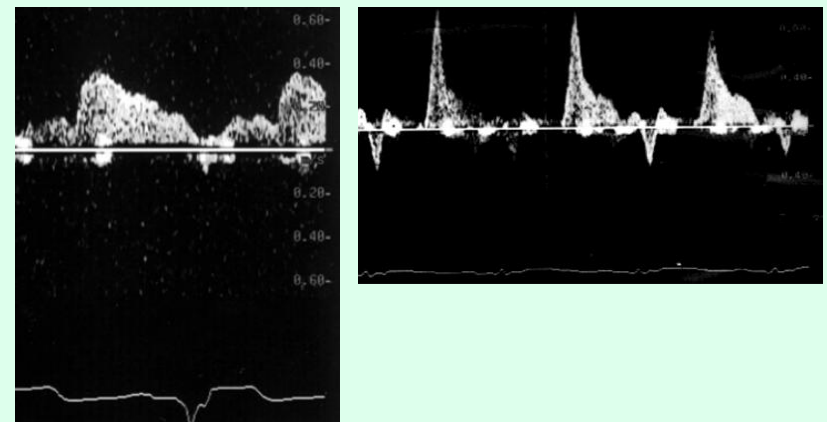
Rapid deceleration of diastolic flow  
and  
systolic retrograde flow

CathLab



T Kawamotoetal.  
*Circulation*1999;100:339-45

TT Doppler

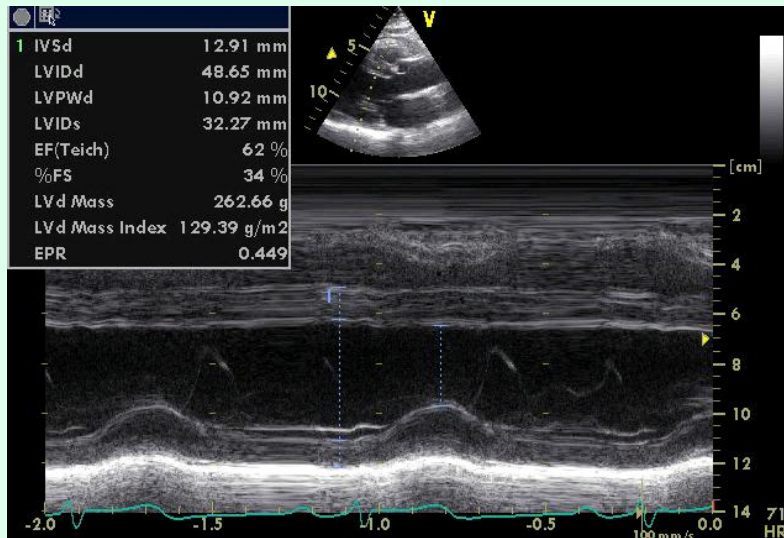
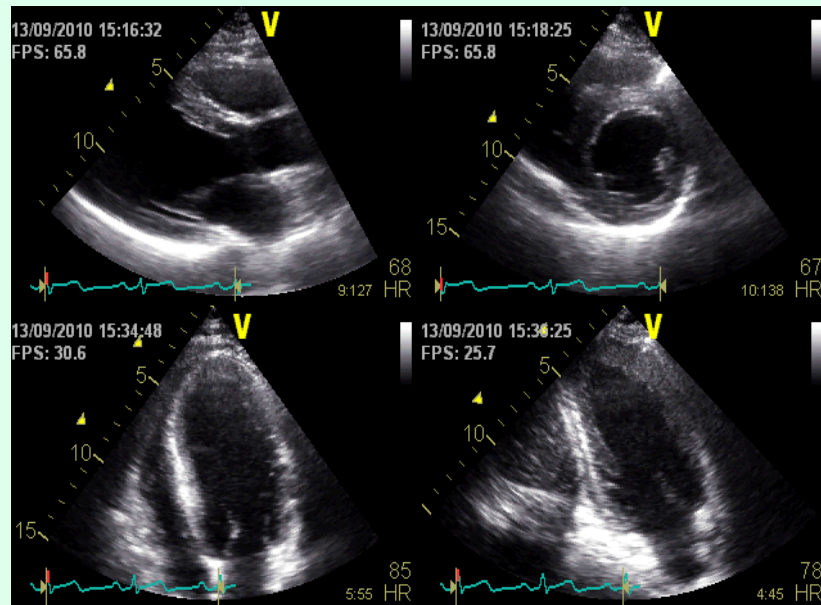


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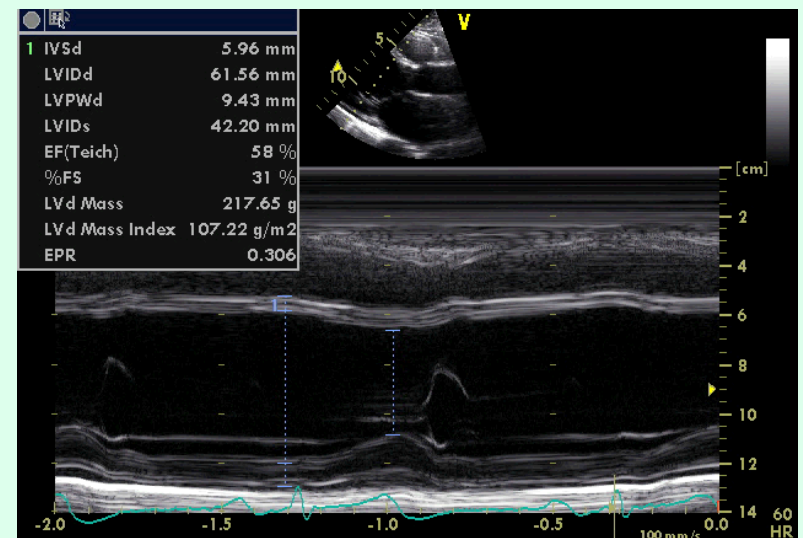
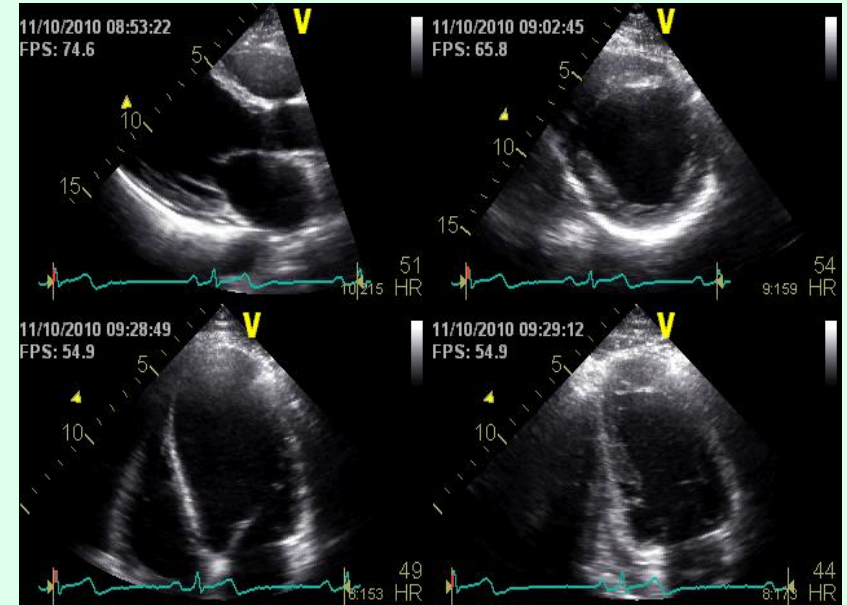


# CLINICAL CASE

## ACUTE

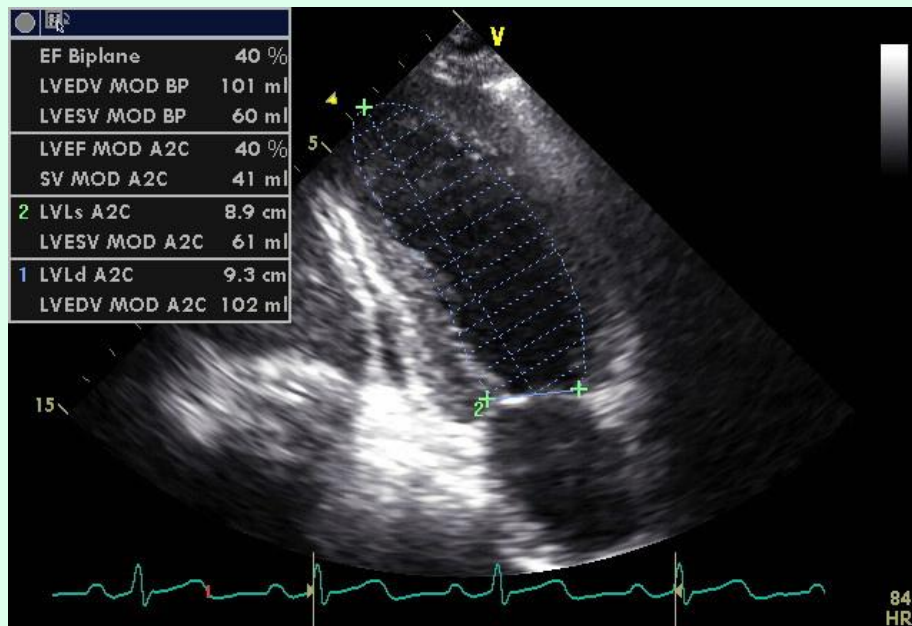


## 1 MONTH F-UP

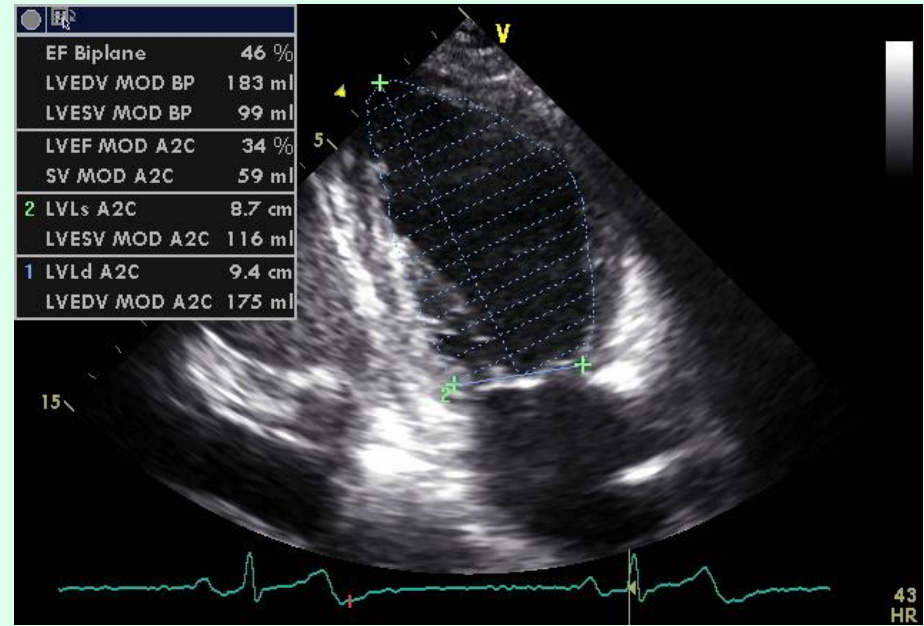


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