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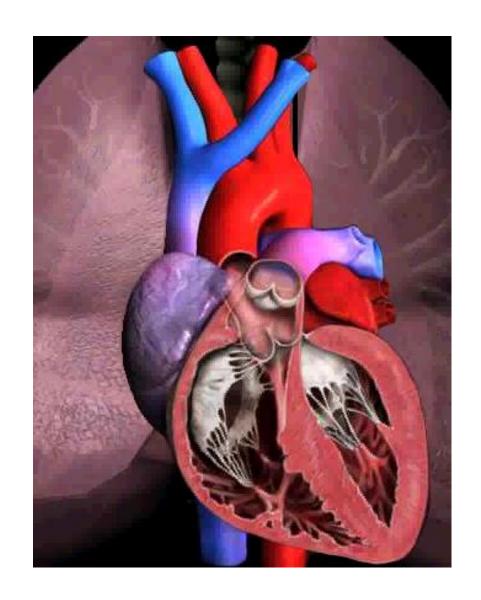
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Value of Echo in Clinical Cardiology: Valvular Heart Disease

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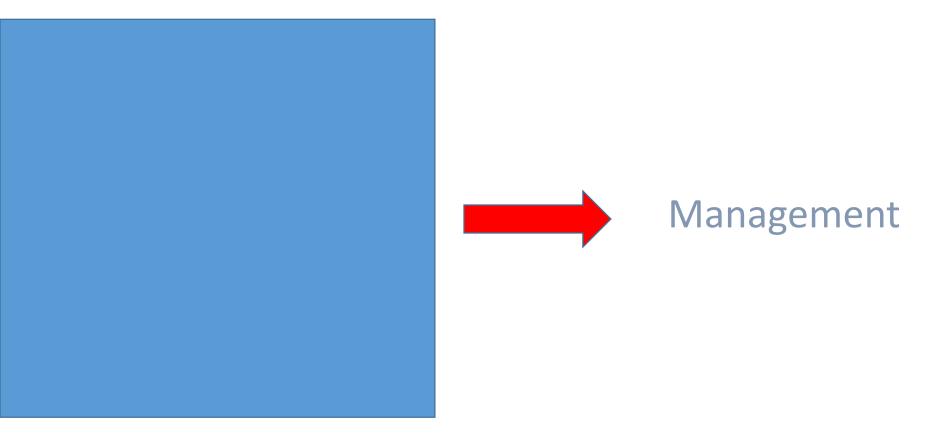
Background

- Valve disease is common
 - Prevalence: 0.7% (18–44 years) vs. 13.3% (>75)
 - Will increase as the population continues to age
- Treatment options continue to expand
 - Patient selection will be increasingly important

Valvular Heart Disease

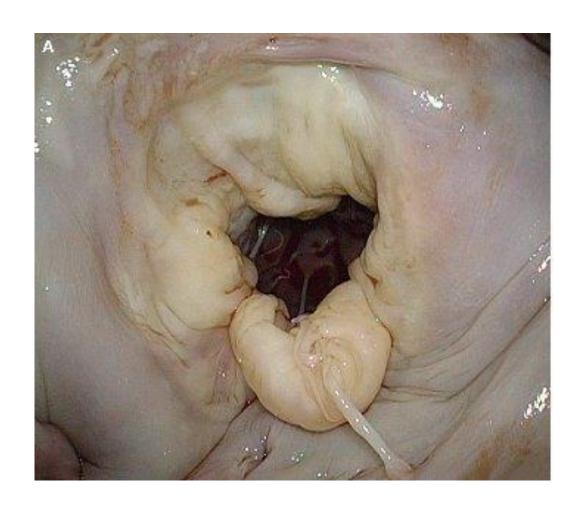
Functional Disturbance (How severe? Mechanism?)

Collateral Changes



Anatomic Change

Disease

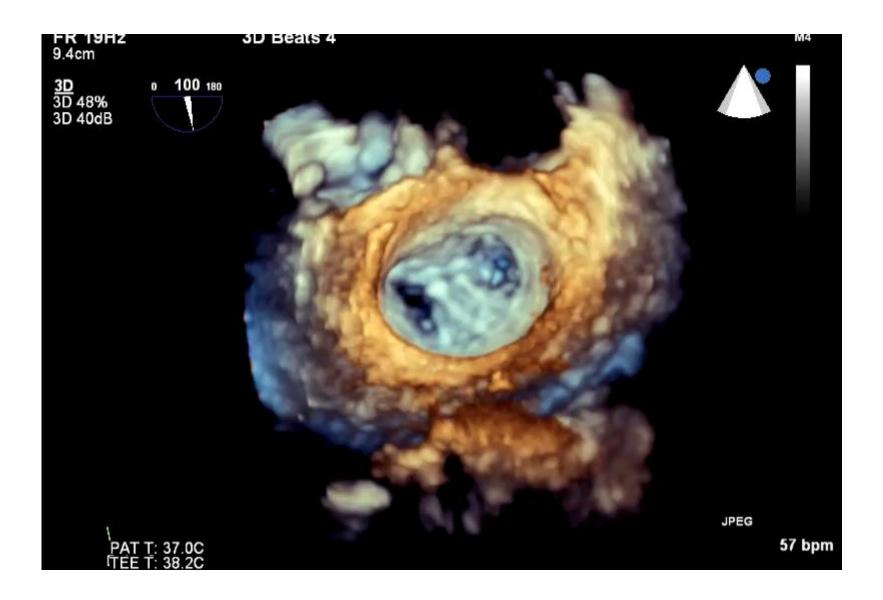


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Compared to Alternatives (Cardiac Catheterization, CT and Cardiac MRI)

- Provides a more comprehensive picture of valve anatomy and function as well as secondary changes in ventricular and atrial geometry and function, pulmonary pressures etc
- No radiation exposure
- Modest cost
- Widely accessible
- Non-invasive (safe)
- Extended imaging giving real time information

ACC/AHA Guidelines

Echocardiography is essential to the evaluation and management of patients with valvular heart disease