

Stress Echocardiography

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None

The apical inferior wall receives its blood supply from which coronary artery?

- a.** The right coronary artery.
- b.** The left anterior descending coronary artery.
- c.** Either the right or left anterior descending coronary artery.
- d.** The right coronary artery or the circumflex coronary artery.

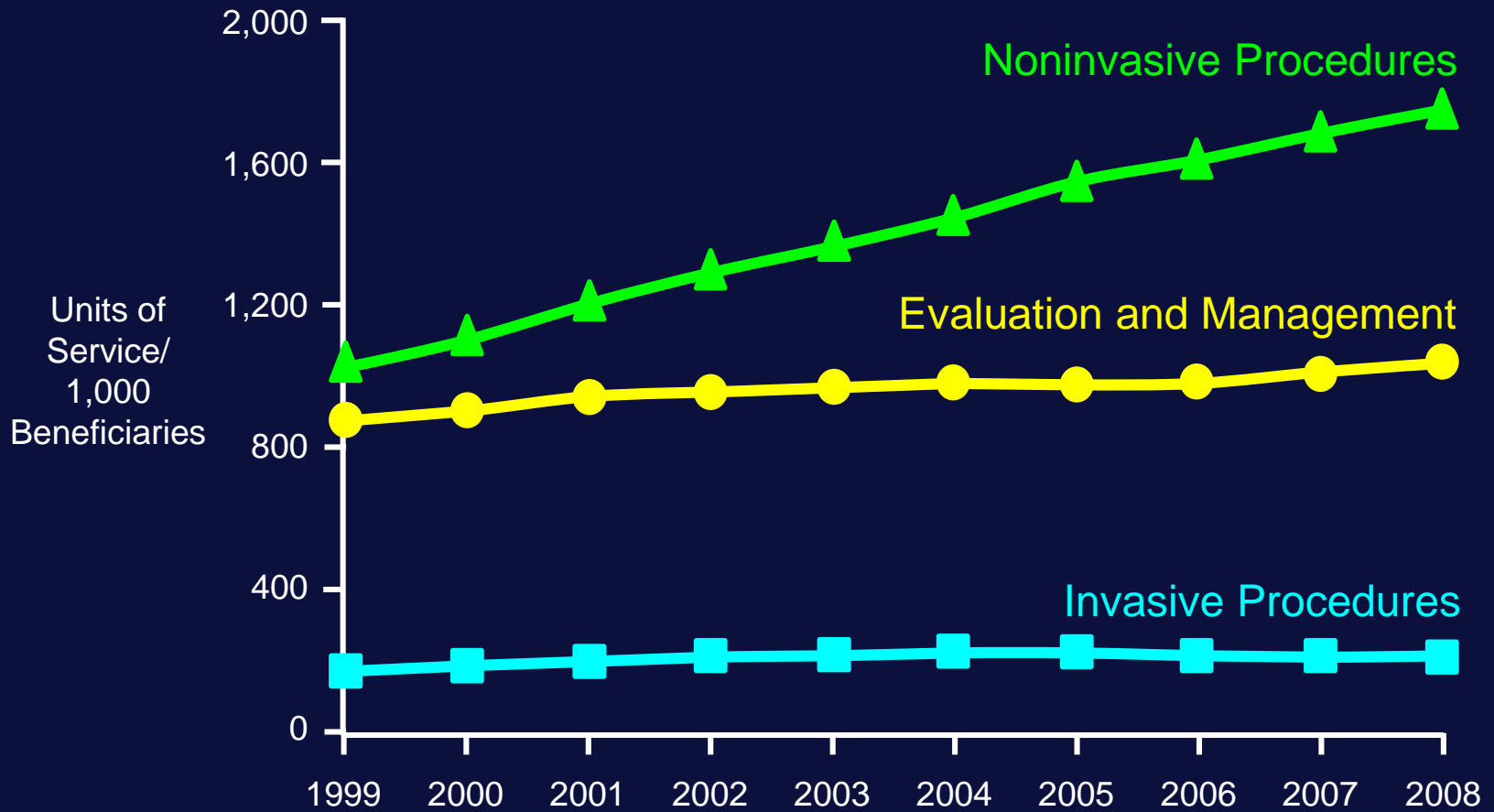
For the detection of coronary artery disease, compared to myocardial perfusion imaging, stress echocardiography is?

- a. Less sensitive but more specific.**
- b. More sensitive but less specific.**
- c. Less sensitive and less specific.**
- d. More sensitive and specific.**

Which of the following statements about the interpretation of wall motion are true?

- a.** If at rest there is myocardial dysfunction and with stress there is slow sustained improvement this suggests hibernating myocardium.
- b.** If at rest there is myocardial dysfunction and with stress there is a biphasic response this suggests stunned myocardium.
- c.** A resting akinetic segment that becomes dyskinetic with stress suggests an ischemic response.
- d.** None of the above
- e.** All of the above

Growth in Services Provided by Cardiologists



Appropriate Use Criteria

ACCF/AHA/ASE/ASNC/HFSA/HRS/SCAI/SCCT/SCMR/STS 2013 Multimodality Appropriate Use Criteria for the Detection and Risk Assessment of Stable Ischemic Heart Disease

A Report of the American College of Cardiology Foundation Appropriate Use Criteria Task Force, American Heart Association, American Society of Echocardiography, American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, Heart Failure Society of America, Heart Rhythm Society, Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography, Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance, and Society of Thoracic Surgeons

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Ischemic Cascade

Reduced
Perfusion

Decline in
function

Abnormal
ECG

Symptoms

Occlusion

Sensitivity

Specificity

Prediction of Mortality and Major Cardiac Events by Exercise Echocardiography in Patients With Normal Exercise Electrocardiographic Testing

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- 16.7% of patients who did not develop chest pain or ischemic ECG changes developed new or worsening regional wall motion abnormalities (+ Exercise Echo)

Methods

We studied 4,004 consecutive patients (2,358 men, mean age [\pm SD] 59.6 \pm 12.5 years) with interpretable

- Significant prognostic implications for predicting Mortality and MACE.

Results

Overall, 669 patients (16.7%) developed ischemia with exercise. During a mean follow-up of 4.76 \pm 3.14 years, 313 patients died, and 183 patients had a MACE before any revascularization procedure. The 5-year mortality and MACE rates were 6.4% and 4.2% in patients without ischemia versus 12.1% and 10.1% in those with ischemia, respectively ($p < 0.001$). In the multivariate analysis, Δ WMSI remained an independent predictor of mortality (hazard ratio [HR]: 2.73, 95% confidence interval [CI]: 1.40 to 5.32, $p = 0.003$) and MACE (HR: 3.59, 95% CI: 1.42 to 9.07, $p = 0.007$). The addition of the exercise hemodynamic data significantly increased the (p = 0.005) and MACE (p = 0.009).

Conclusions

The use of EE provides significant prognostic information for predicting mortality and MACE in patients with interpretable ECG and normal exercise ECG testing. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2009;53:1981-90) © 2009 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation

J Am Coll Cardiol 2009;53:1981-90

Case

- **73 year old male**
- **No antecedent CV disease history. Asymptomatic**
- **Reduced functional capacity due to orthopedic limitations**
- **Hypertension, diabetes**
- **Pre-operative cardiac risk stratification prior to an orthopedic procedure**

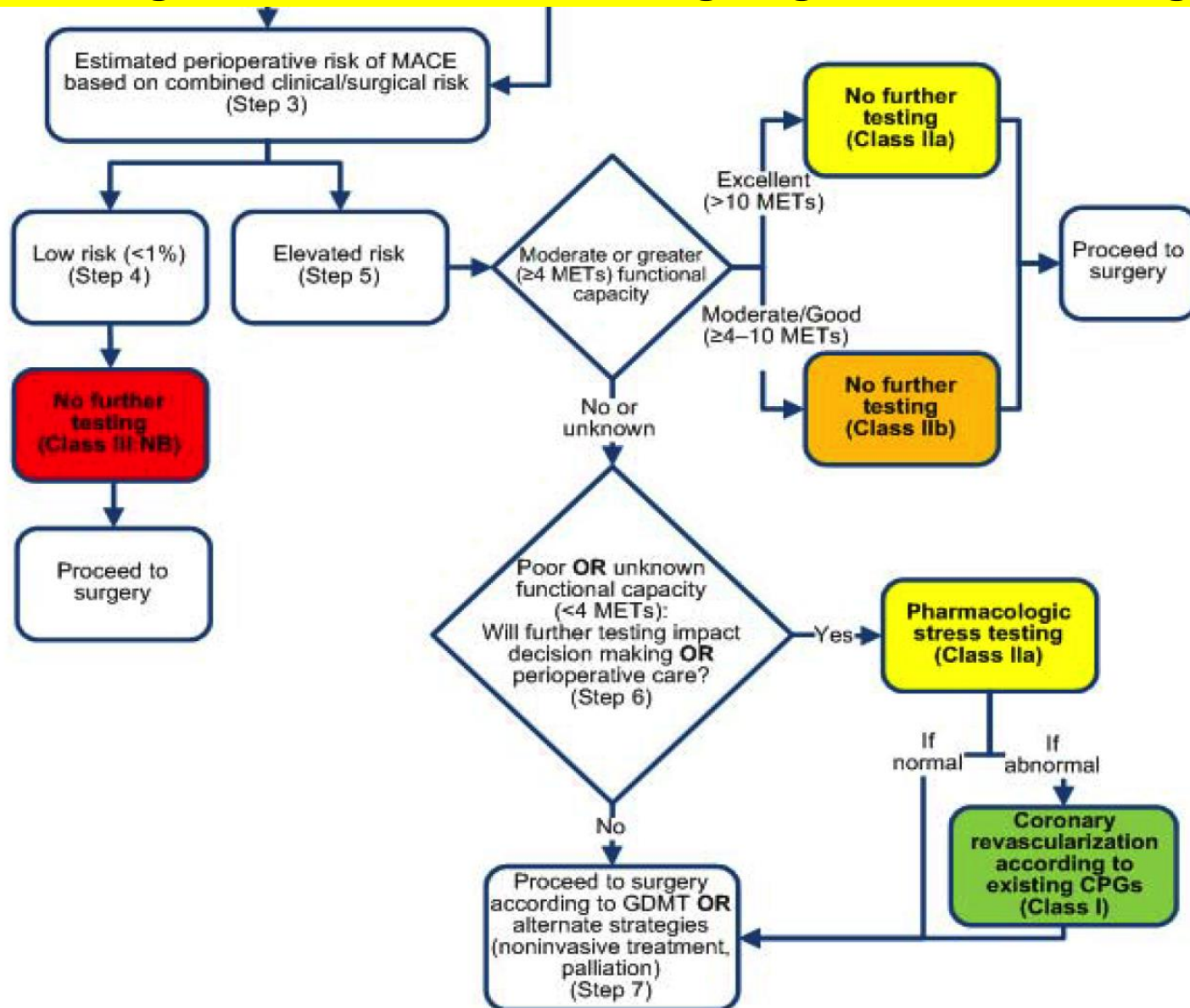
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2011 Appropriate Use Criteria for Echocardiography

Clinical Risk Factors

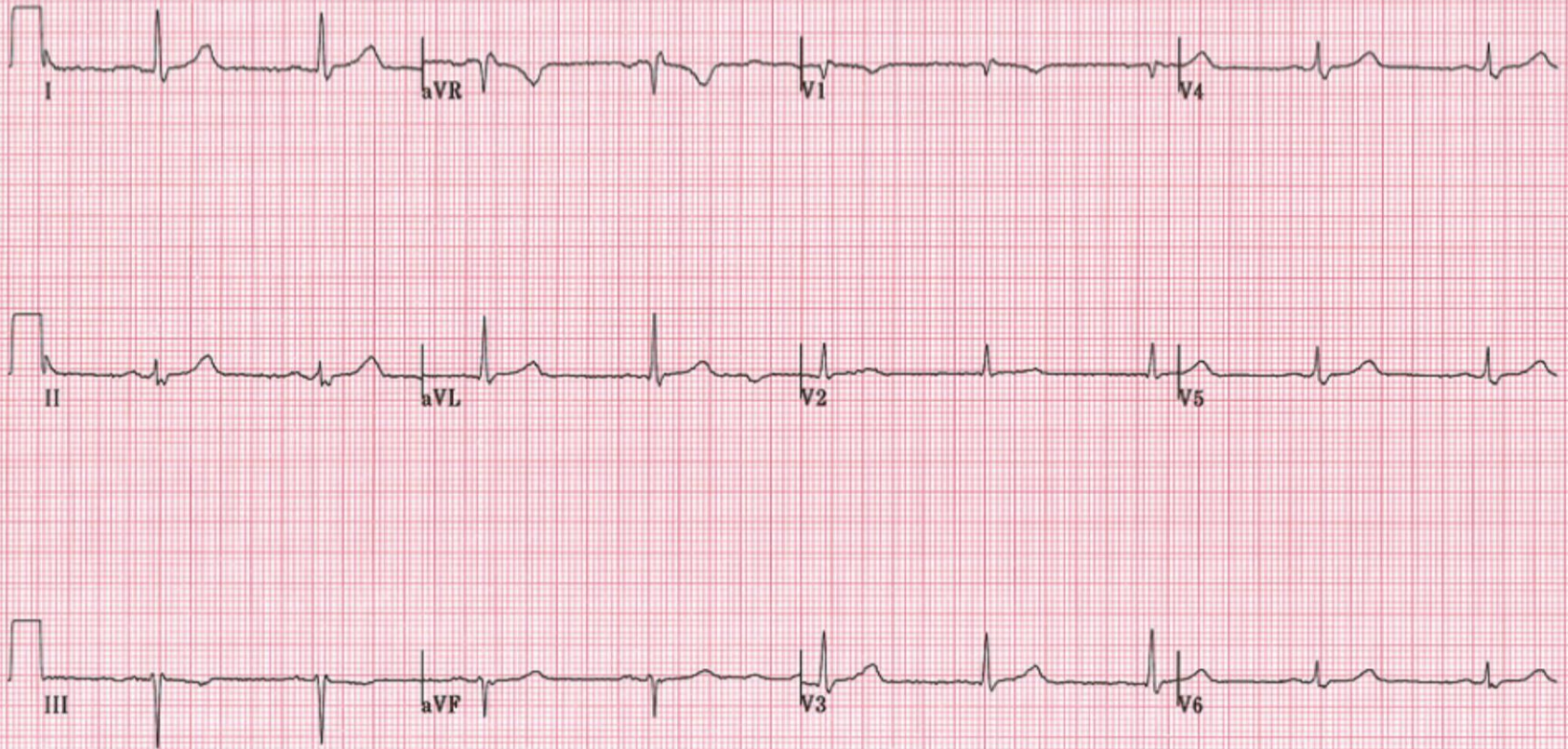
Ischemic Heart Disease, Cerebral Vascular Disease, Compensated or prior heart failure, Diabetes (requiring insulin), Renal Insufficiency (Scr > 2.0)

Indication		Appropriate Use Score (1-9)
Low-Risk Surgery With Stress Echocardiography		
154.	• Perioperative evaluation for risk assessment	I (1)
Intermediate-Risk Surgery With Stress Echocardiography		
155.	• Moderate to good functional capacity (≥ 4 METs)	I (3)
156.	• No clinical risk factors	I (2)
157.	• ≥ 1 clinical risk factor • Poor or unknown functional capacity (< 4 METs)	U (6)
158.	• Asymptomatic < 1 y post normal catheterization, noninvasive test, or previous revascularization	I (1)
Vascular Surgery With Stress Echocardiography		
159.	• Moderate to good functional capacity (≥ 4 METs)	I (3)
160.	• No clinical risk factors	I (2)
161.	• ≥ 1 clinical risk factor • Poor or unknown functional capacity (< 4 METs)	A (7)
162.	• Asymptomatic < 1 y post normal catheterization, noninvasive test, or previous revascularization	I (2)

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Resting ECG



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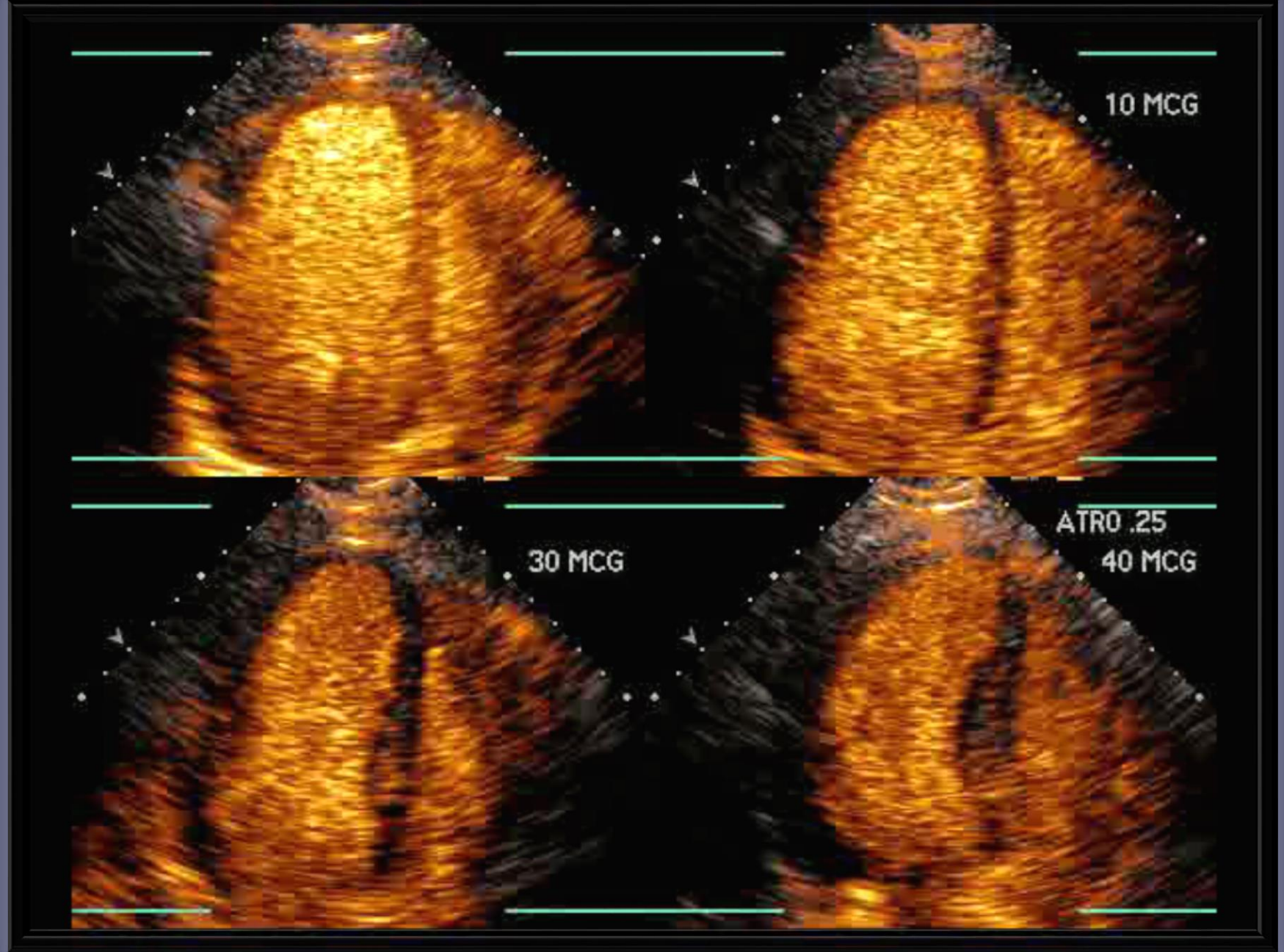
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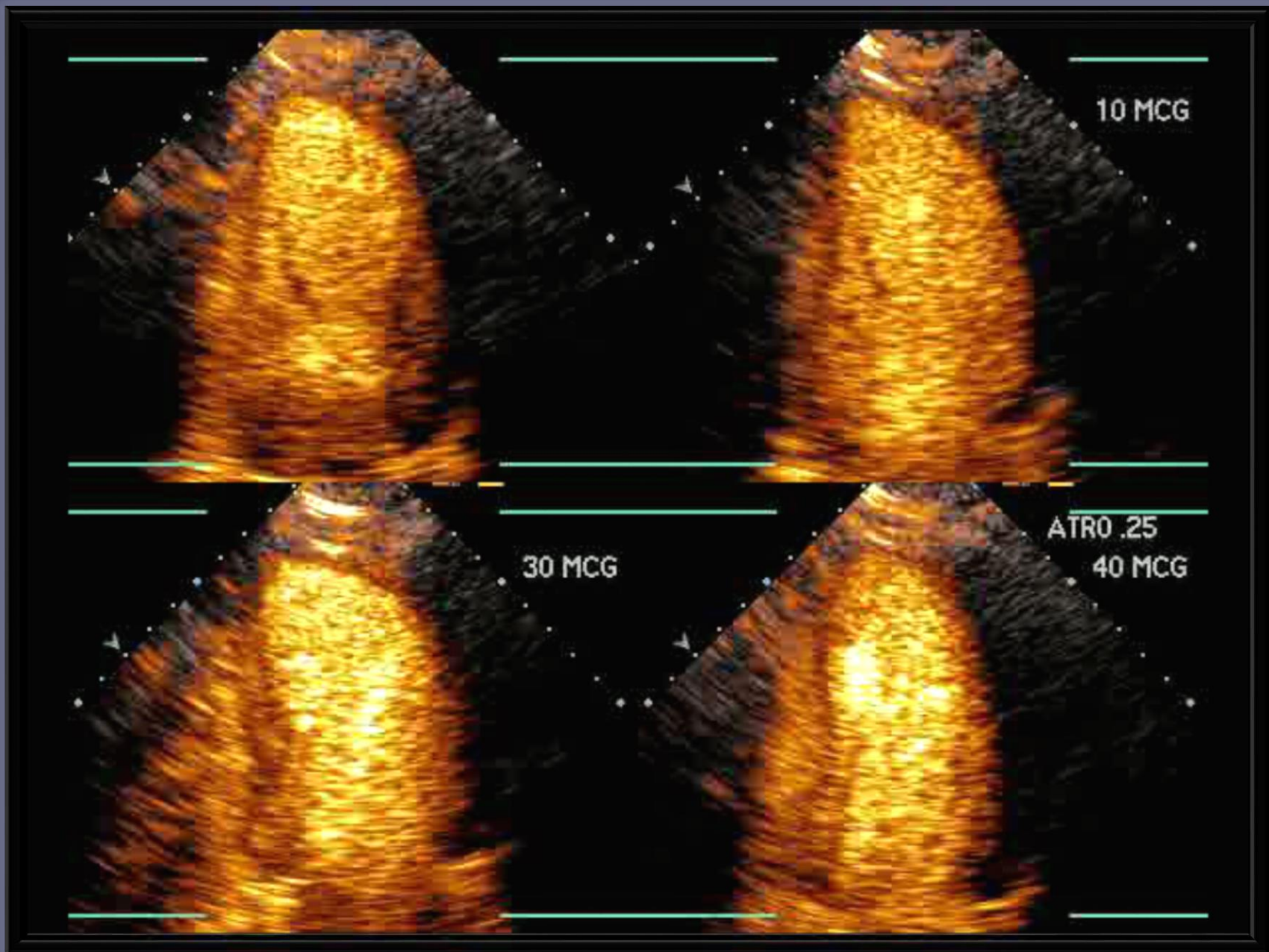
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30 MCG

ATRO .25

40 MCG





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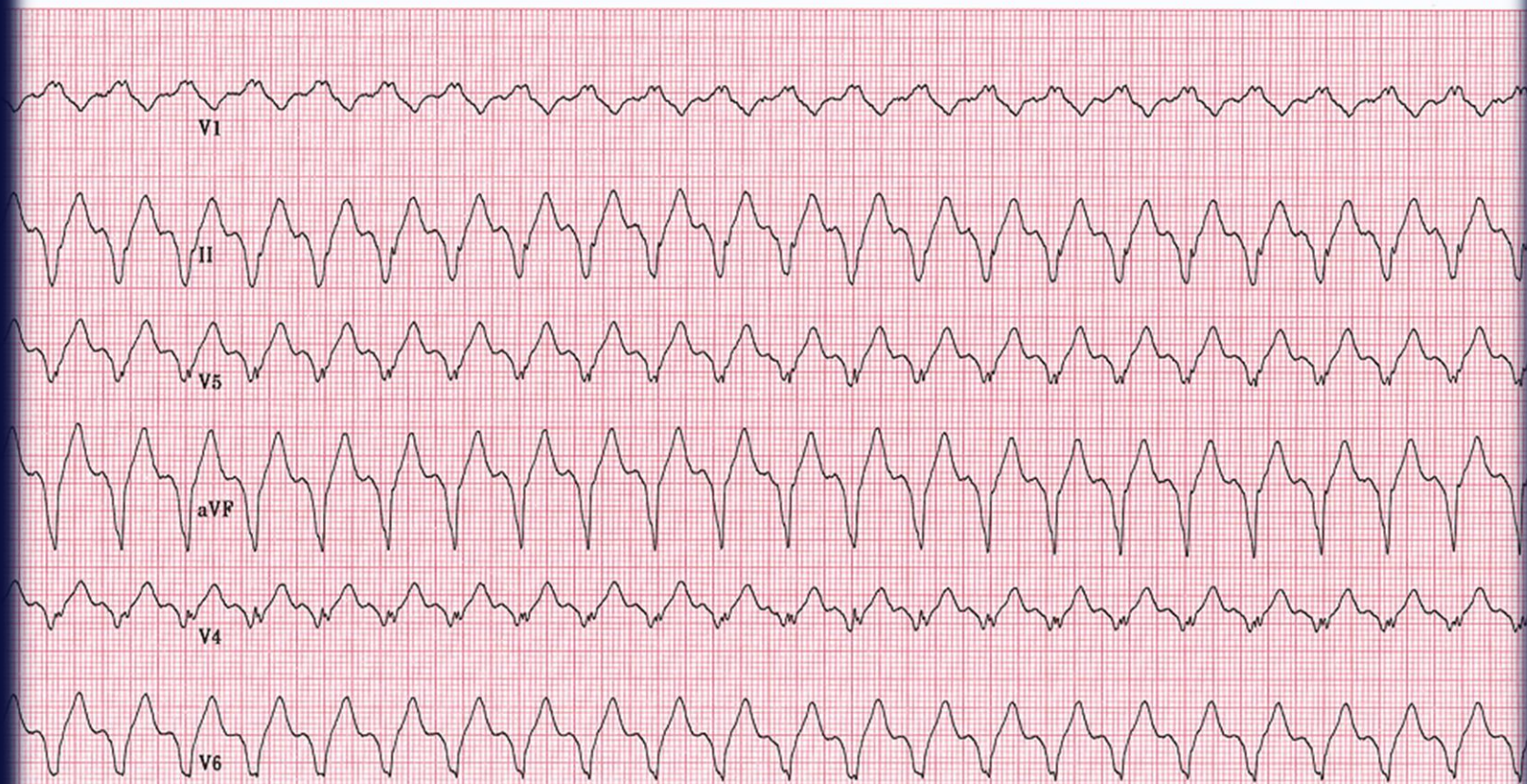
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124bpm

Infusion
INFUSION
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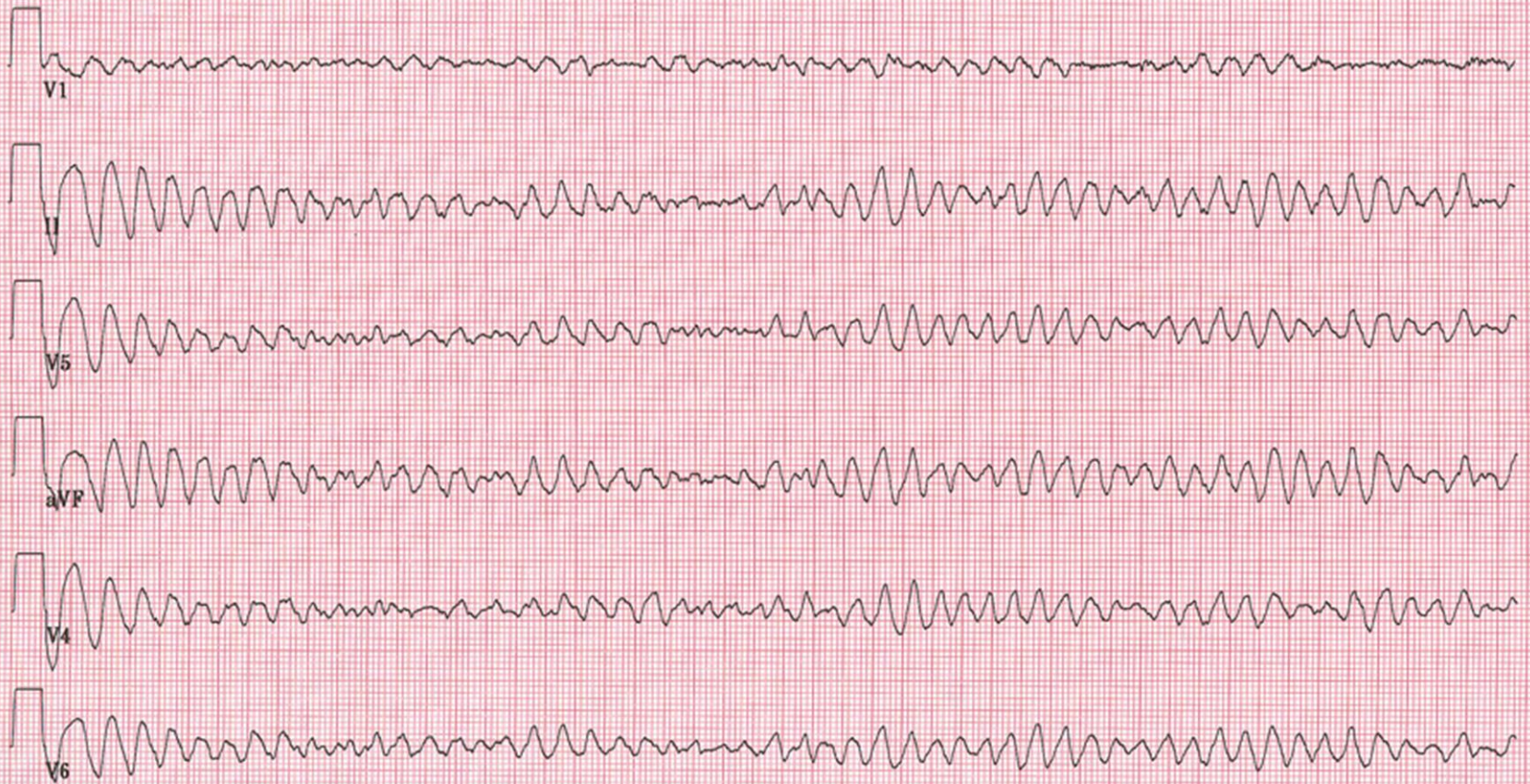
Dobutamine
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25mm/s
10mm/mV
40hz



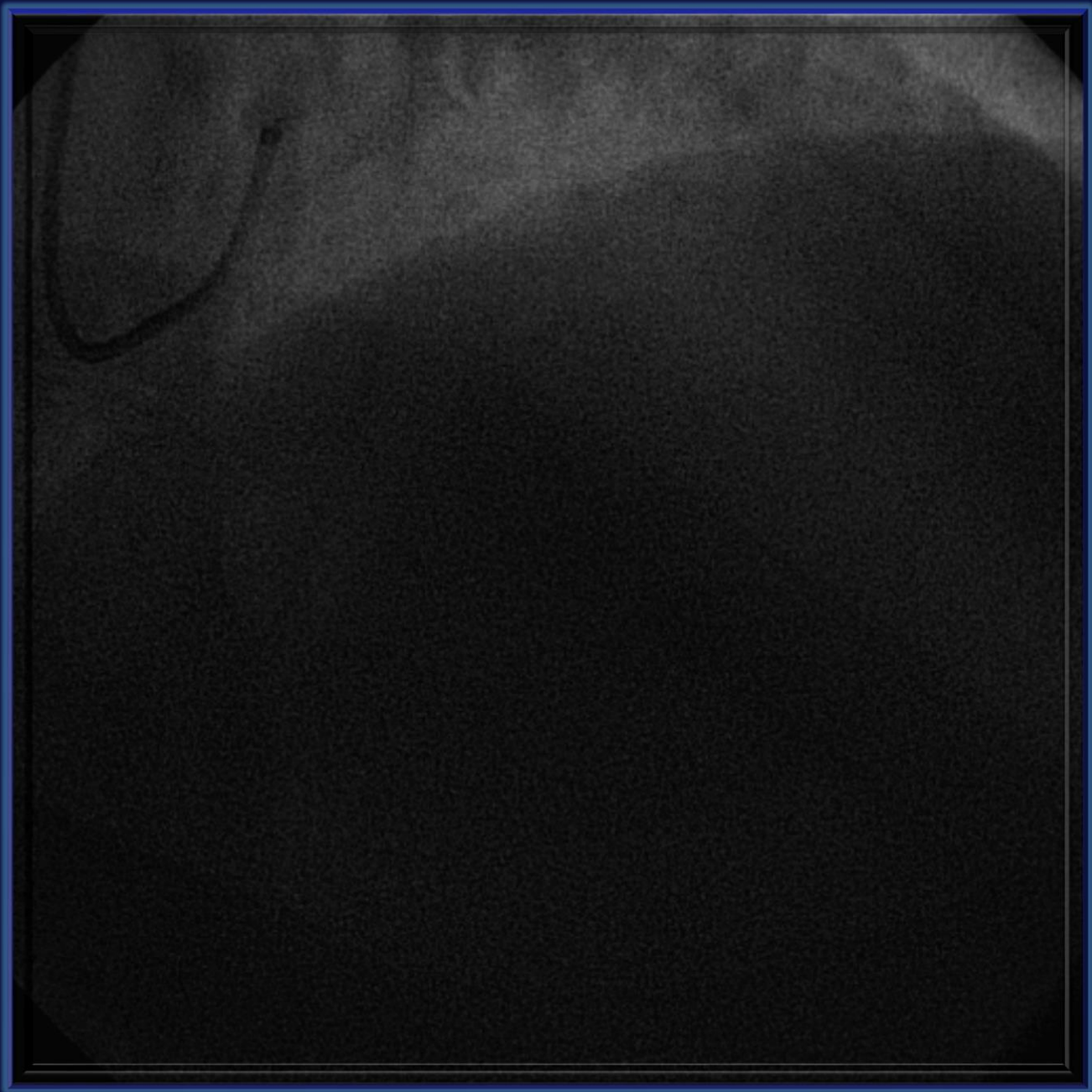
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Objectives

- 1. Stress Modalities**
- 2. Interpretation**
- 3. Test Characteristics:
Diagnosis**
- 4. Prognostic Value**
- 5. Safety**
- 6. Other Uses**
- 7. Appropriate Use**

Stress Echocardiography Modalities

Exercise

- Treadmill
- Bicycle
 - Supine
 - Upright

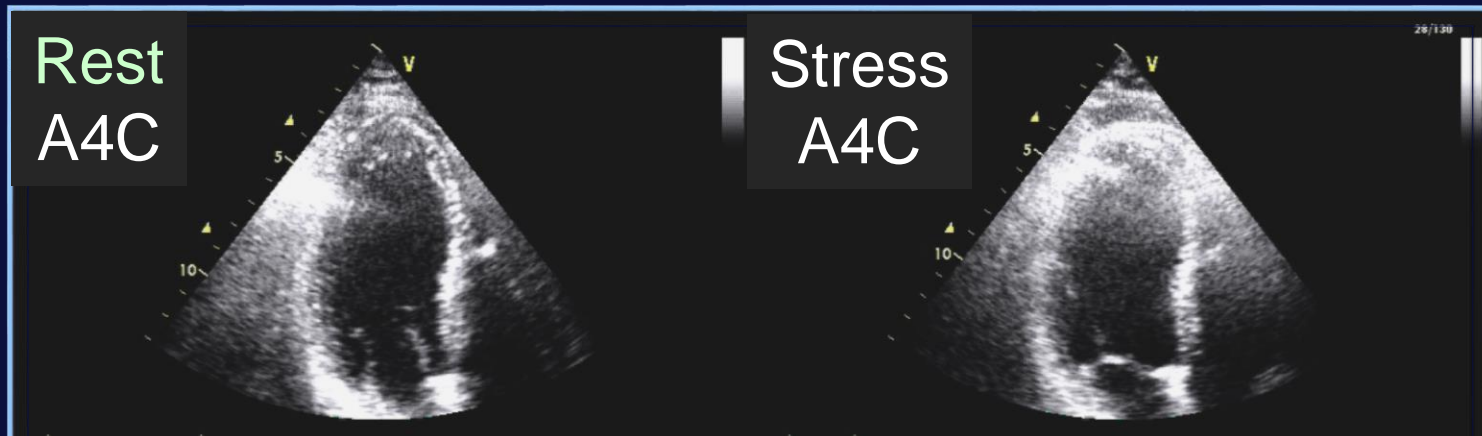
Pharmacologic

- Dobutamine /
Atropine
- Vasodilator
 - Dipyradamole
 - Adenosine

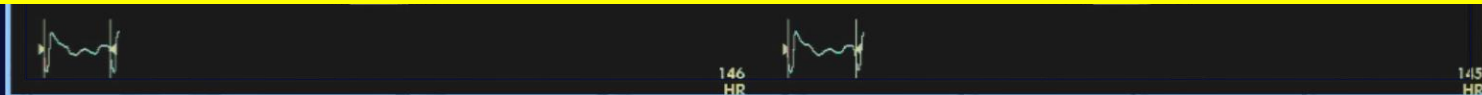
Other

- Handgrip
- Pacing

Stress Echocardiography Treadmill



- Most common is multistage Bruce protocol
- Modified Bruce and Naughton protocols are lower intensity exercise protocols used in those with limited exercise capacity
- Cornell protocol provides a more gradual increase in speed and incline compared to the Bruce protocol



Stress Echocardiography Bicycle

- **The cycles are calibrated in kiloponds or Watts which can then be converted to metabolic equivalents (METs).**
- **It may allow image acquisition during exercise... Doppler information.**

Treadmill Versus Bicycle

- 1.** Heart rate increase is greater with treadmill then supine bicycle
- 2.** BP rise greater with supine bicycle then treadmill.

Exercise Stress Echocardiography

Indications To Stop

Absolute

- ST elevation ≥ 1 mm in leads without Q waves
- Ventricular tachycardia
- Decrease in systolic blood pressure > 10 mm Hg from baseline with other signs of ischemia
- Moderate to severe angina
- Nervous system symptoms
- Signs of poor perfusion (cyanosis, pallor)
- Technical difficulties with ECG or blood pressure monitoring
- Patient's desire to stop

Relative

- Arrhythmias other than ventricular tachycardia
- ST or QRS changes including horizontal or downsloping ST depression > 2 mm
- Development of bundle branch block or intraventricular conduction delay that cannot be distinguished from ventricular tachycardia
- Increasing chest pain
- Decrease in systolic blood pressure > 10 mm Hg from baseline without other signs of ischemia
- Fatigue, shortness of breath, wheezing, leg cramps, claudication
- Hypertensive response (> 250 mm Hg systolic and/or > 115 mm Hg diastolic)

Stress Echocardiography

Pharmacologic

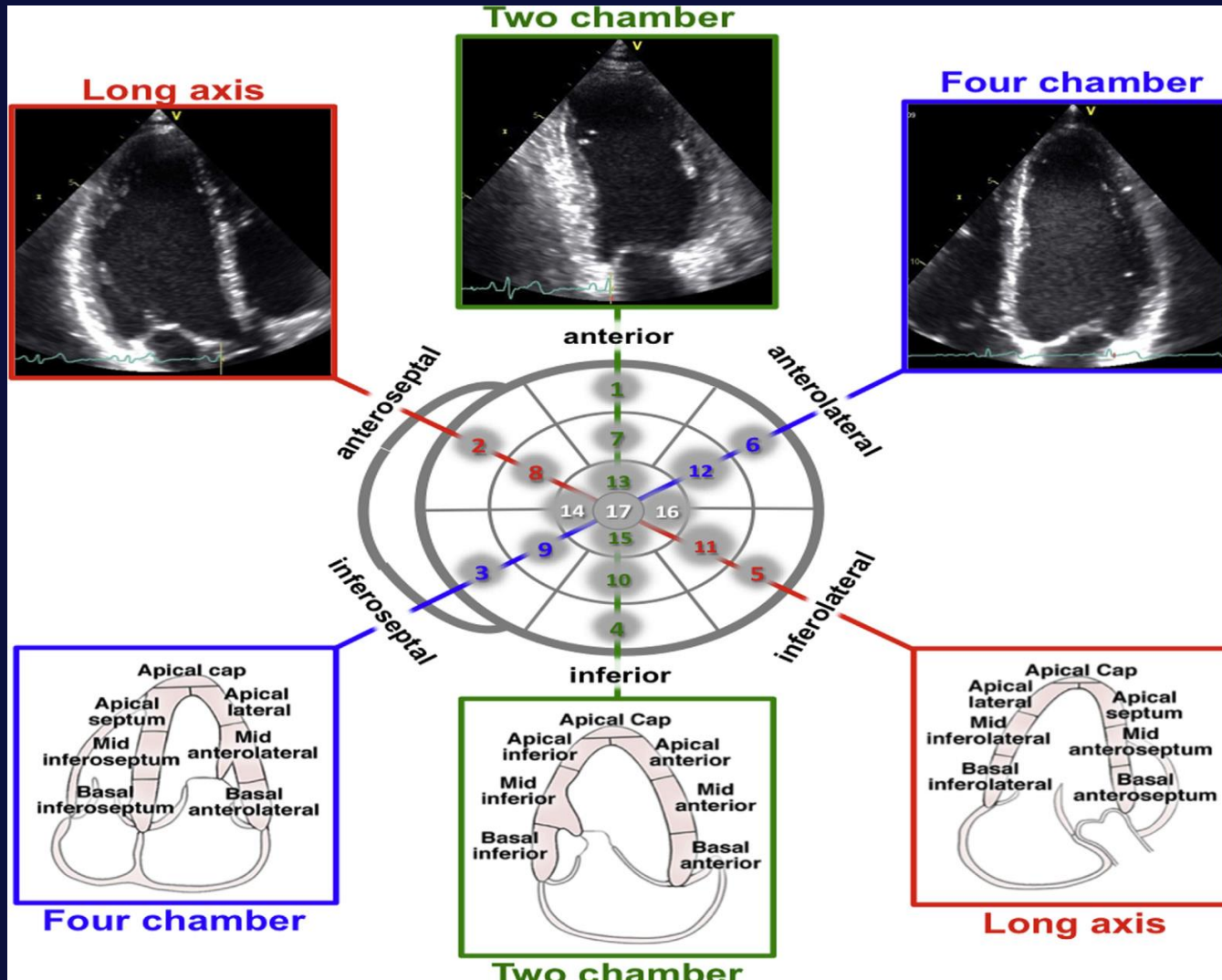
Inotropic

- Dobutamine / Atropine
- Dobutamine has effects on β -1, β -2 and α -1 receptors, leading to balanced effect on the peripheral vasculature at lower doses
- As dobutamine dose increases there is a greater β -2 response resulting in peripheral vasodilation which may lead to a drop in BP

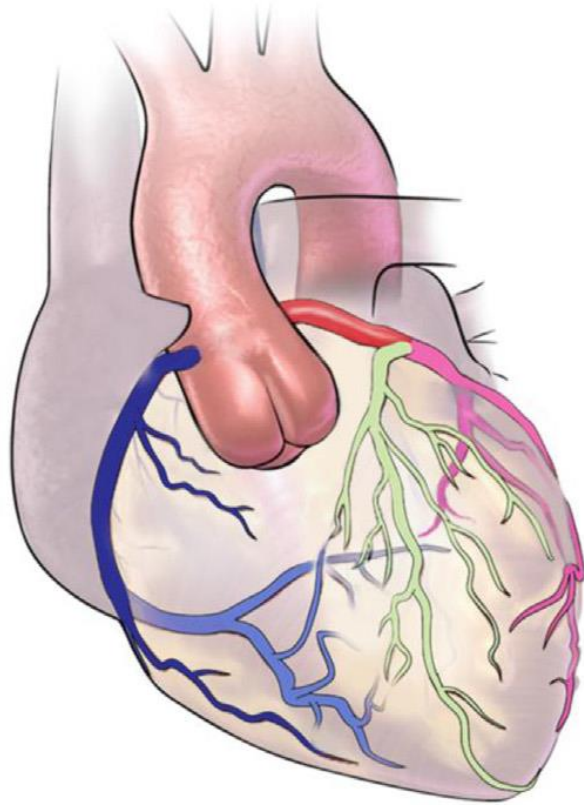
Vasodilator

- Dipyridamole / adenosine
- Work by creating maldistribution of blood flow.
- Less sensitive as redistribution of blood flow may occur without RWMA
- Perhaps better with imaging that looks more at relative changes in perfusion.

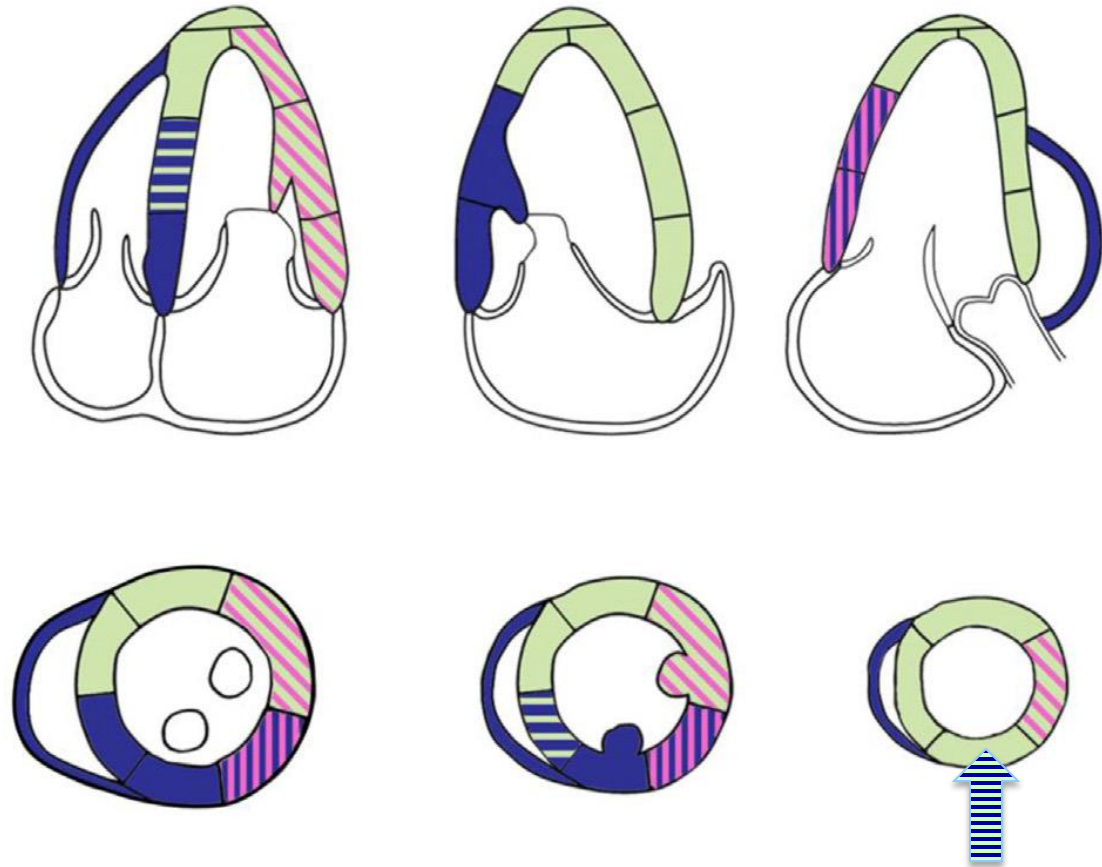
Segmental Analysis of Left Ventricular Walls



Arterial Distribution



- | | |
|--|--|
|  RCA |  RCA or CX |
|  LAD |  LAD or CX |
|  CX |  RCA or LAD |



Segmental Wall Motion Scoring

1 = Normal or hyperdynamic: (systolic increase in thickness >50%)

2 = Hypokinetic: delay in the velocity or onset of contraction (<30-40% systolic increase in thickness)

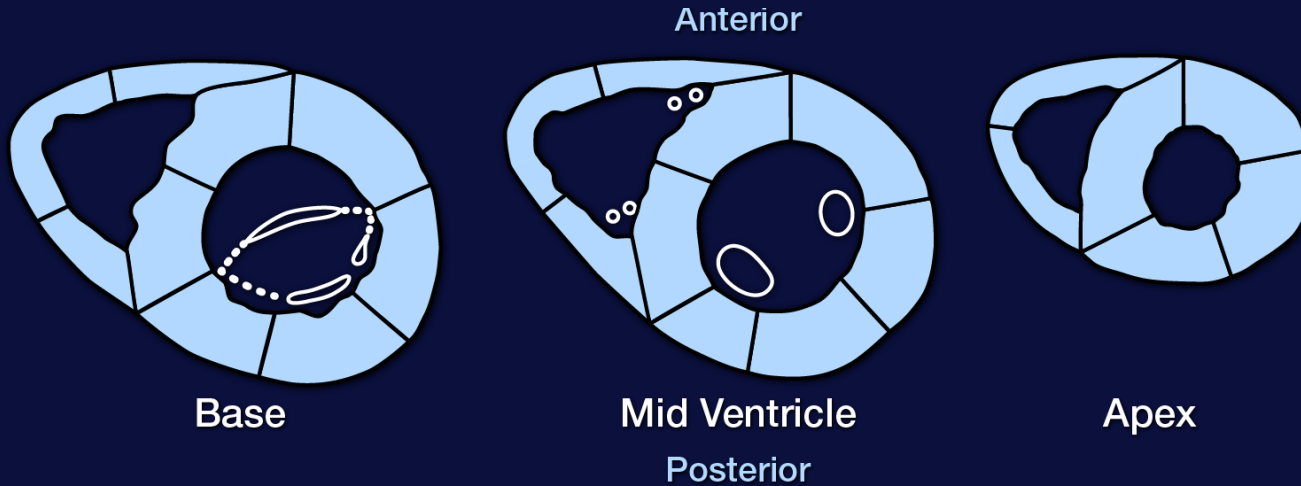
3 = Akinesis: <10%

4 = Dyskinetic: Systolic outward motion of the segment

Wall Motion Score Index

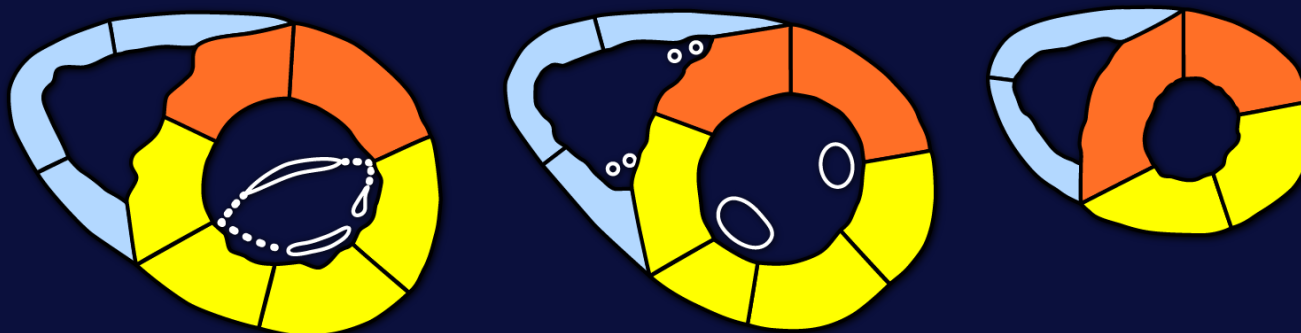
Wall Motion

Wall Motion Score Index = 1.0



Stress

Wall Motion Score Index = $38/16 = 2.38$



Interpretation Of Wall Motion

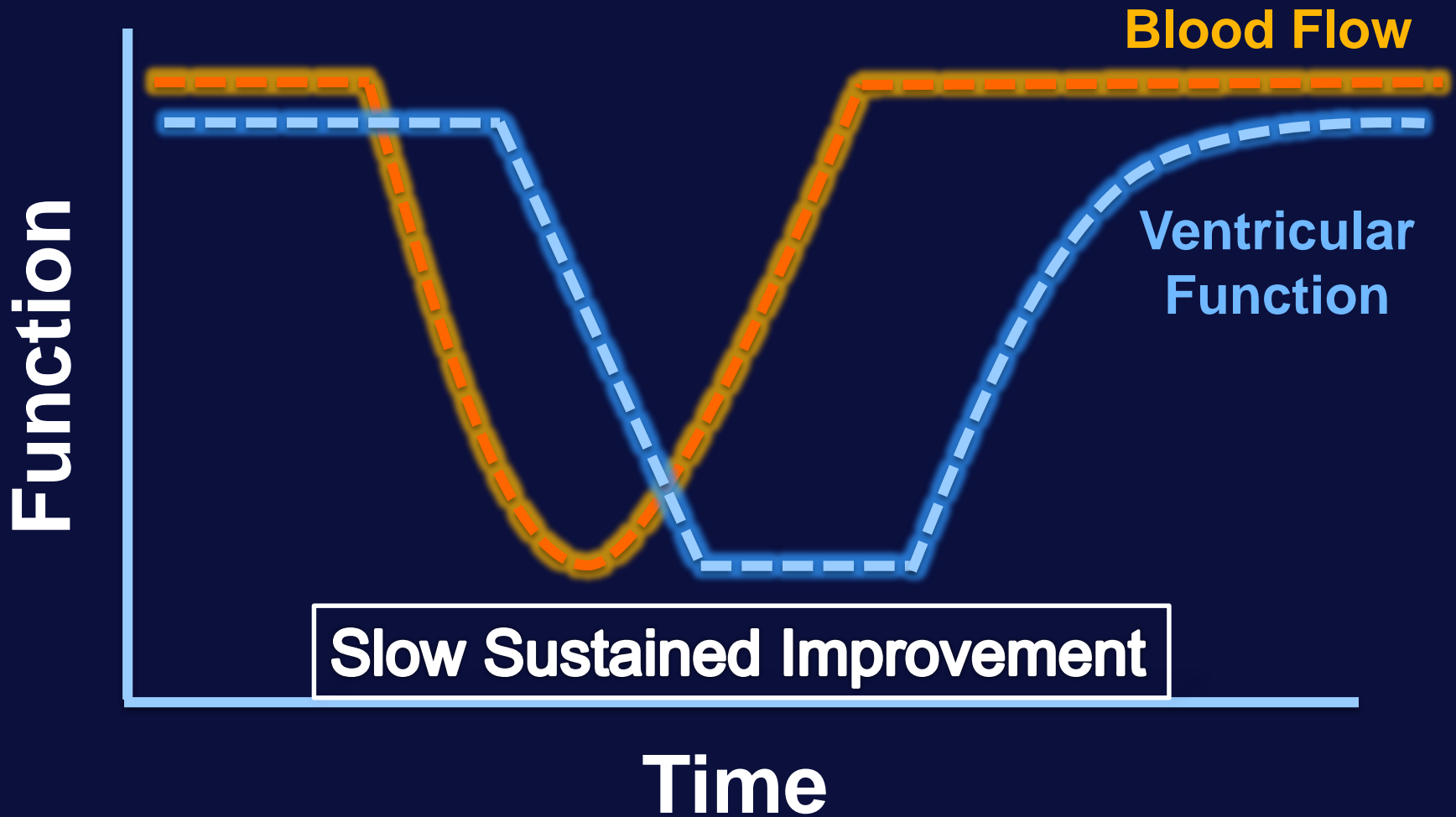
Rest	Stress	Interpretation
Normokinetic	Normal-hyperkinetic	Normal
Normokinetic	Wall Motion abnormality (segment worsens function)	Ischemic Response
Hypokinetic	Akinetic / Dyskinetic (segment worsens function)	Ischemic Response
Resting Dysfunction	Fixed / No Change in Function	Infarct / Necrotic
Resting Dysfunction	Slow Sustained Improvement	Stunning or Cardiomyopathy
Resting Dysfunction	Biphasic Response	Hibernating
Akinetic	Dyskinetic	Passive / Mechanical

Cause of Wall Motion Abnormalities

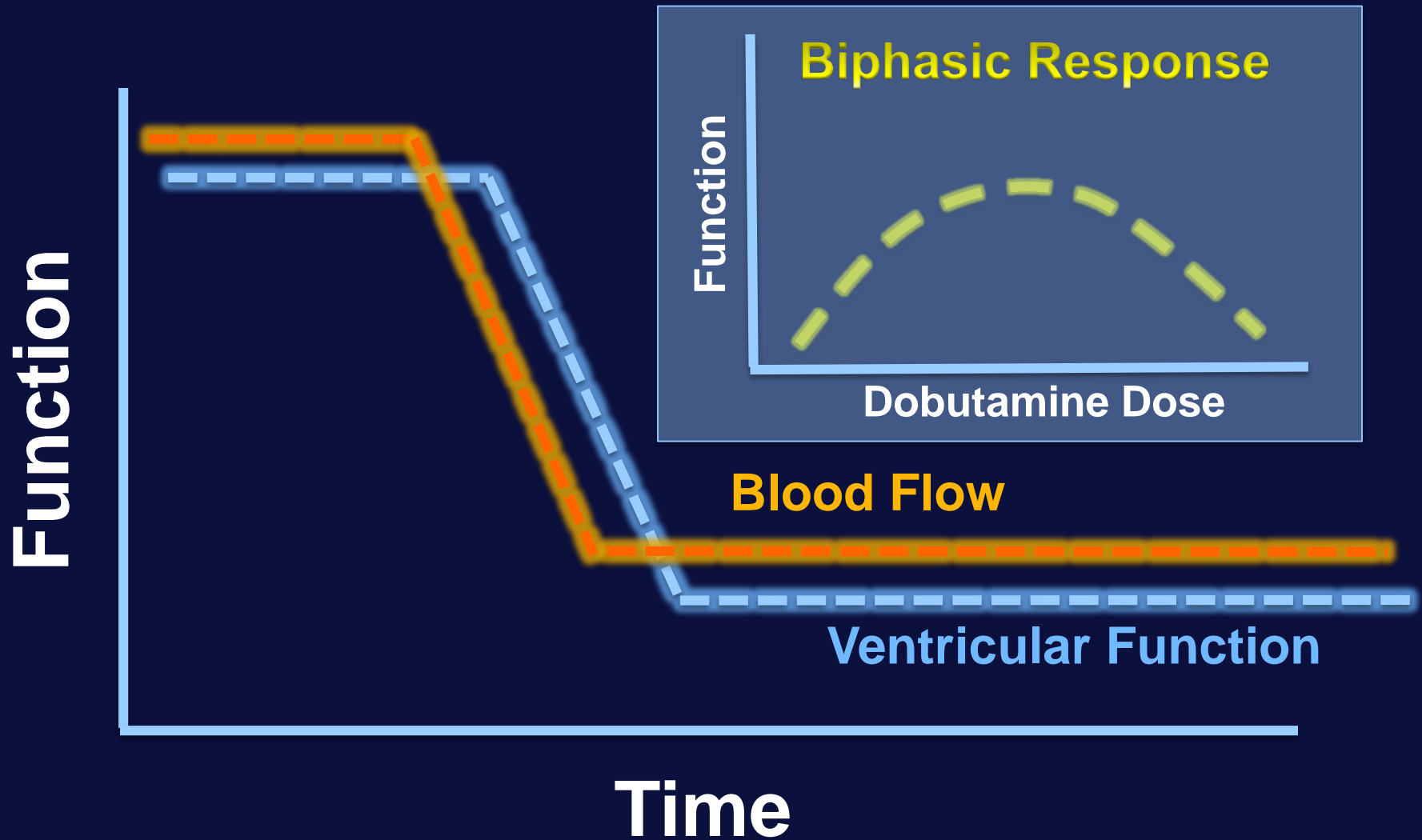
Wall Motion Abnormalities at Rest

- **Ischemic heart disease**
 - Infarction
 - Stunned / Hibernating
- **Conduction**
 - Pacing
 - LBBB
- **Cardiomyopathy**
- **Myocarditis**
- **Right ventricular volume / pressure overload**

Stunned Myocardium



Hibernating Myocardium



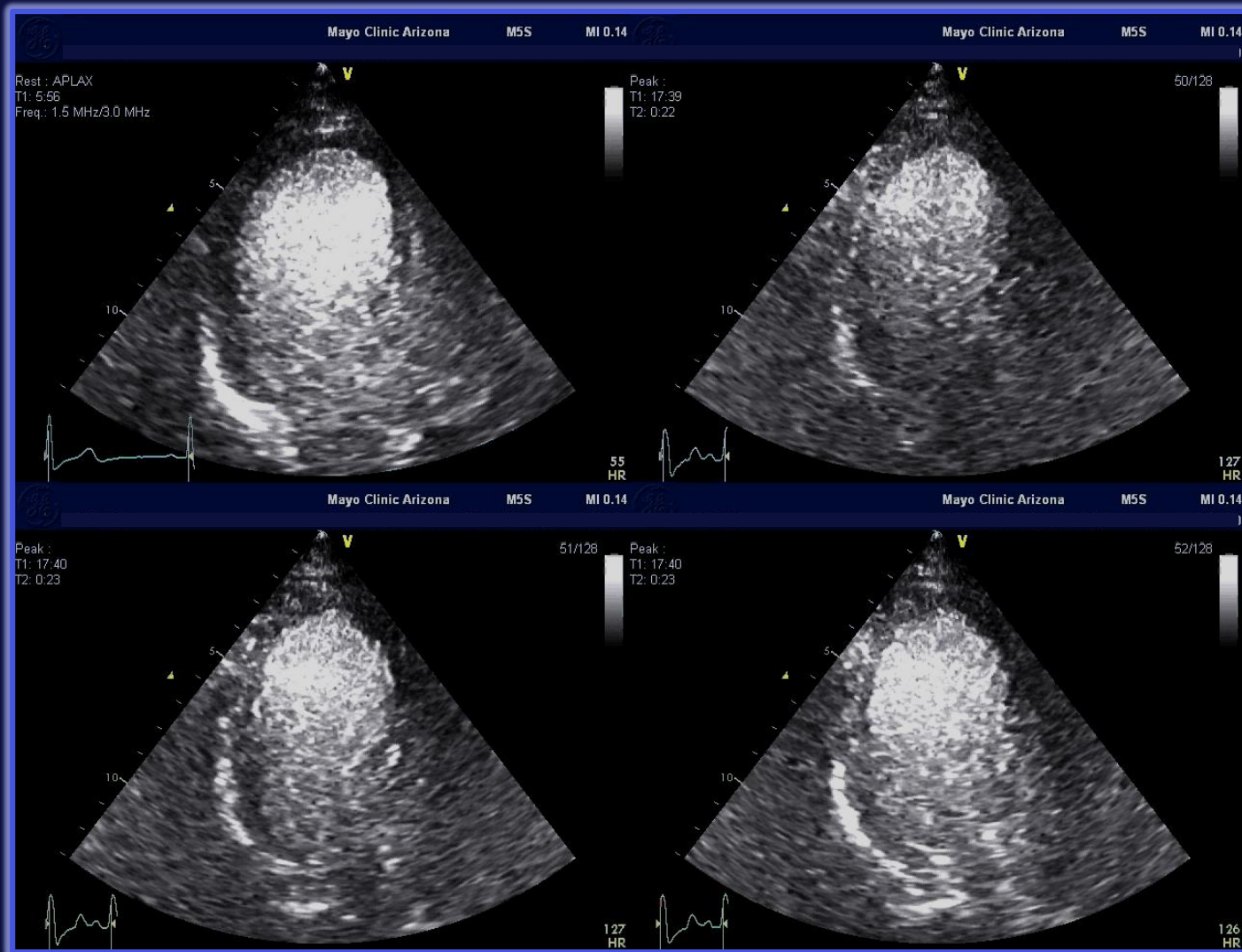
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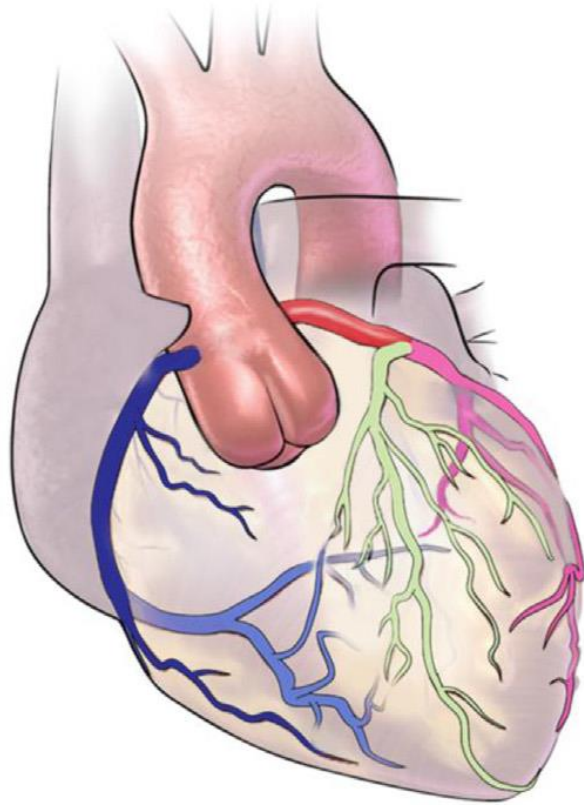
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Wall Motion Abnormality

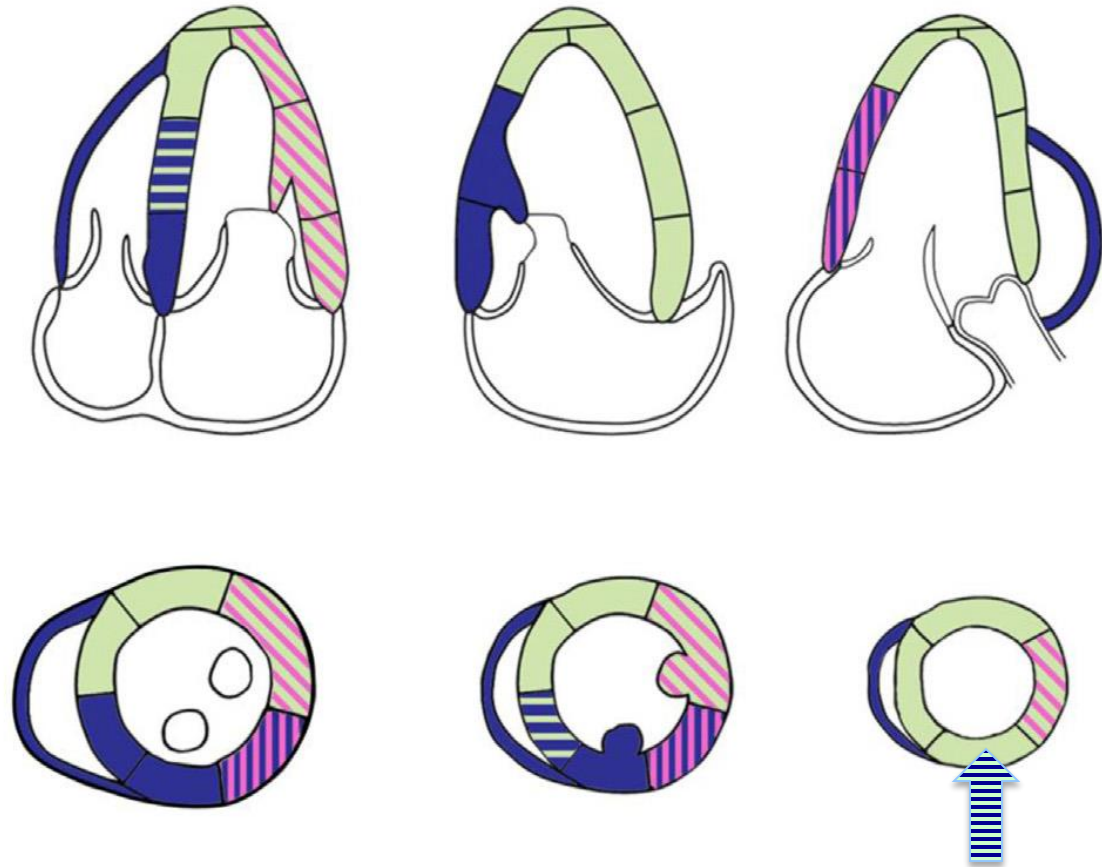
Conduction



Arterial Distribution

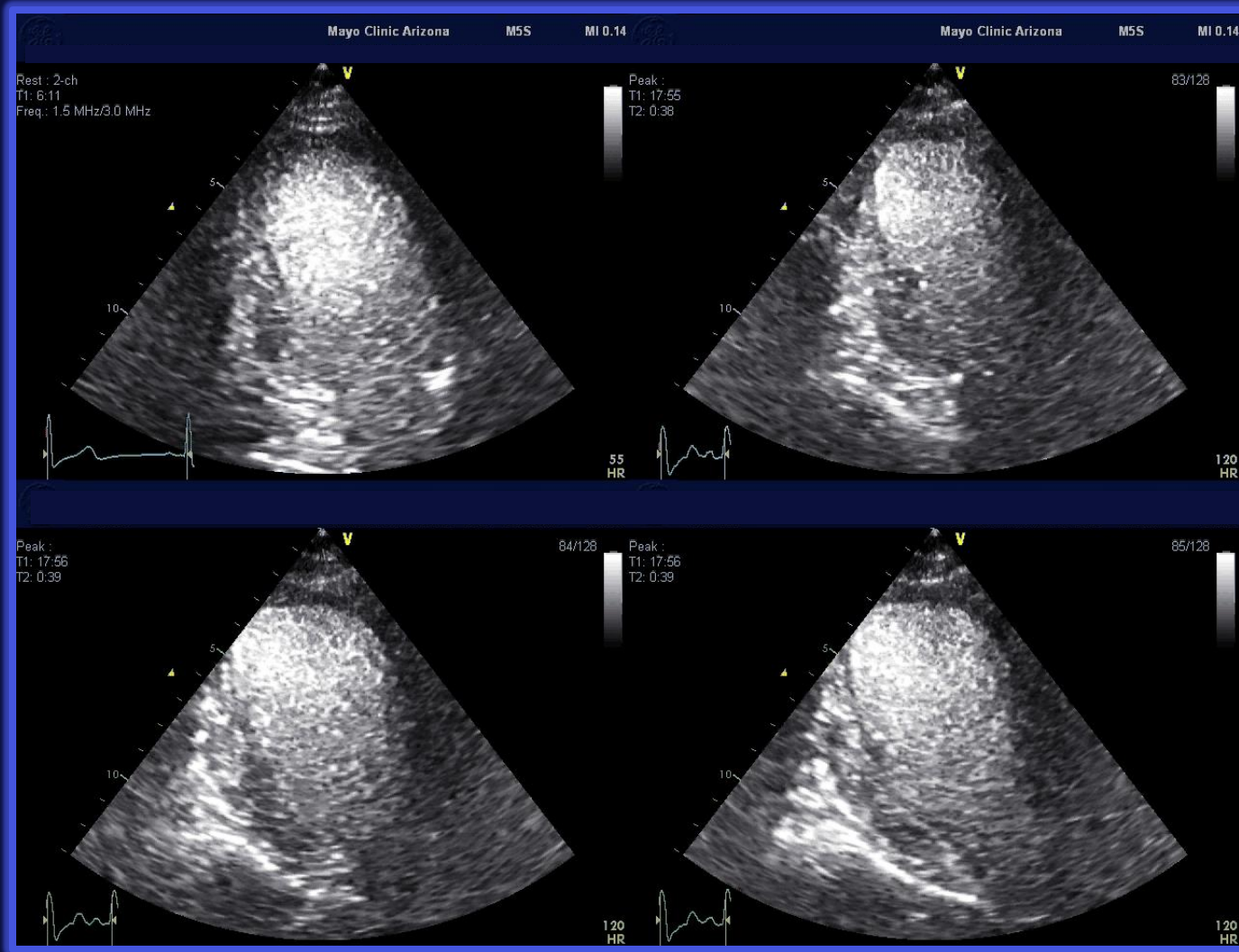


- | | |
|--|--|
|  RCA |  RCA or CX |
|  LAD |  LAD or CX |
|  CX |  RCA or LAD |



Wall Motion Abnormality

Conduction



Cause of Wall Motion Abnormalities

Wall Motion Abnormalities at Rest	Wall Motion Abnormalities during Stress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ischemic heart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Infarction -Stunned / Hibernating • Conduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Pacing -LBBB • Cardiomyopathy • Myocarditis • Right ventricular pressure overload 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ischemia with obstructive epicardial CAD • Ischemia in the absence of epicardial obstruction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -hypertensive response -microvascular disease • Cardiomyopathy • Rate-related LBBB • Pulmonary

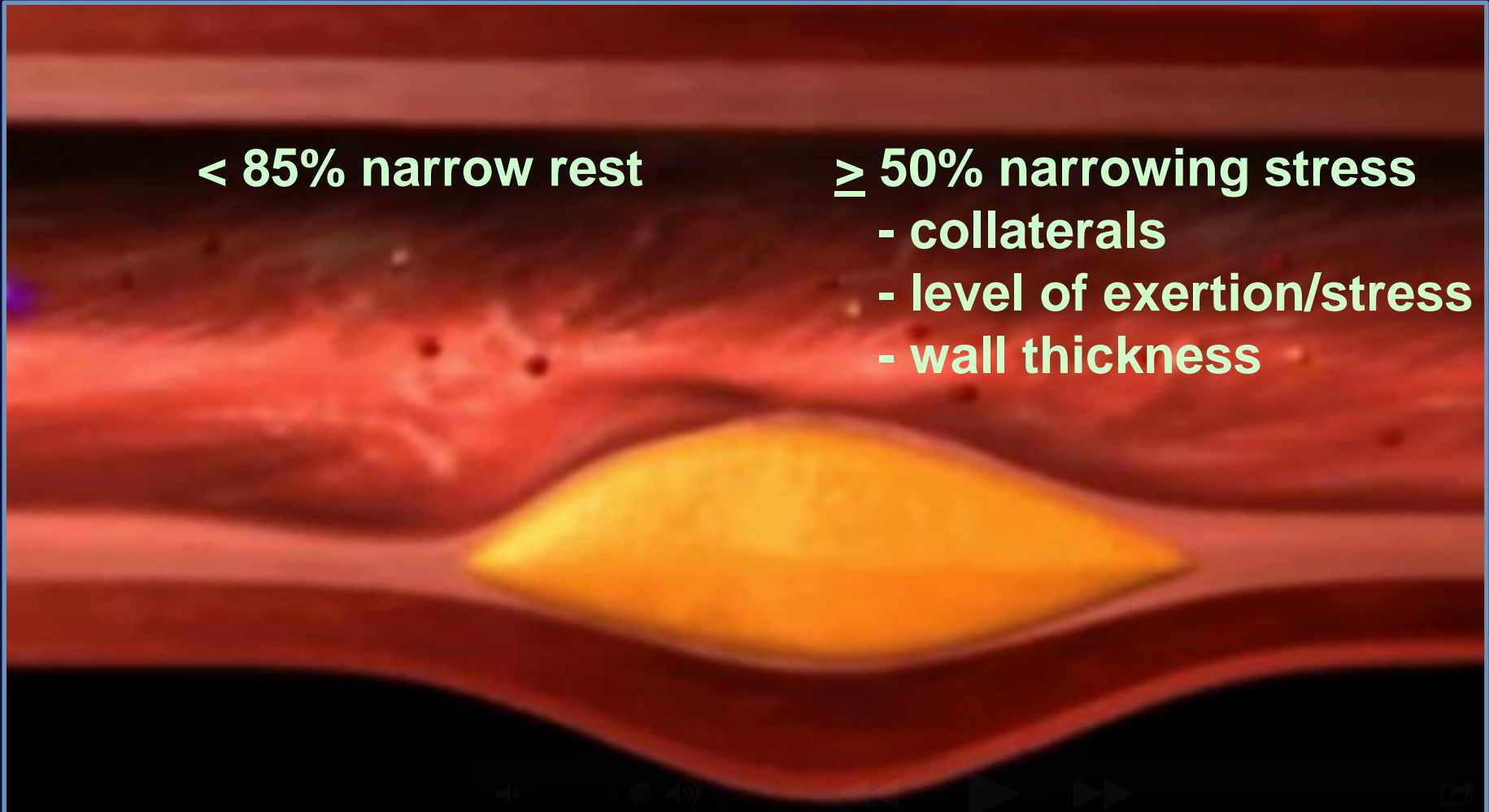
Wall Motion Abnormality

Diameter Stenosis

< 85% narrow rest

$\geq 50\%$ narrowing stress

- collaterals
- level of exertion/stress
- wall thickness



Left Ventricular Size and Global Function

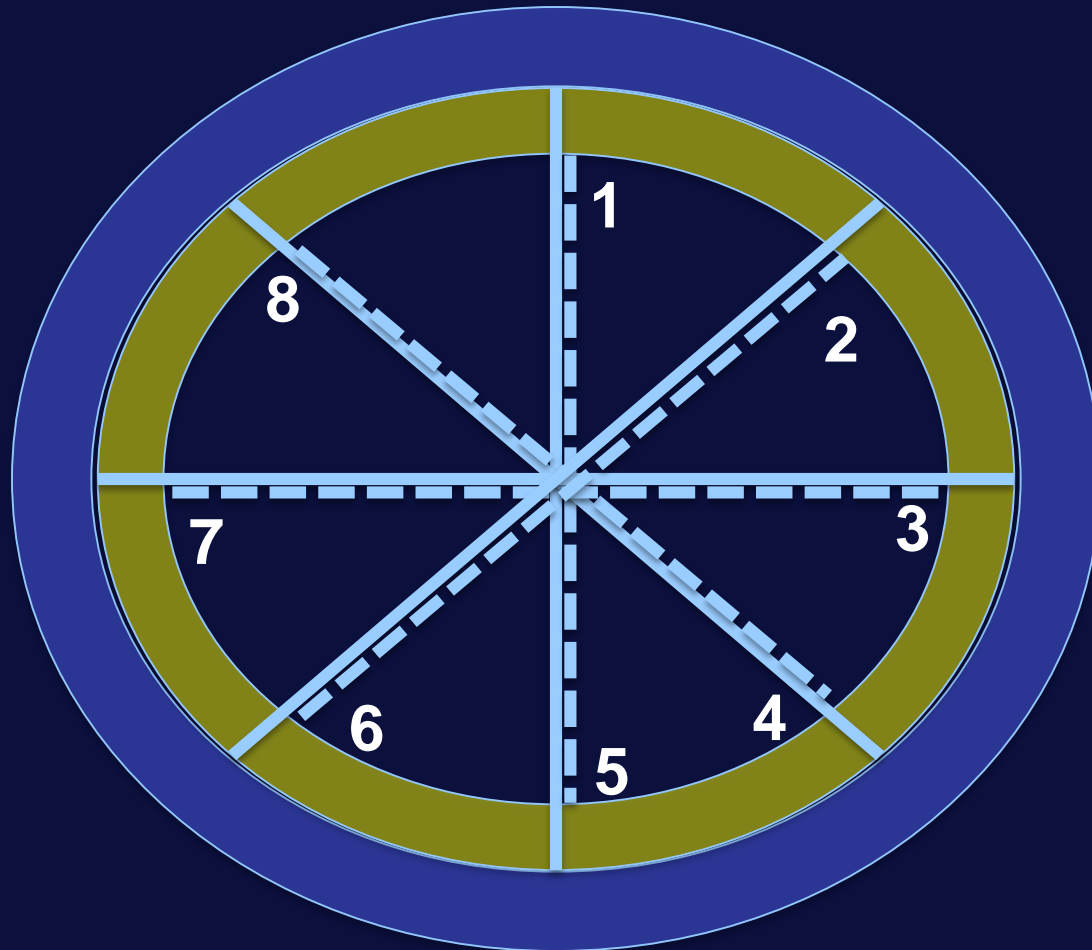
- Normal response is a reduction in both end-systolic and end-diastolic volumes (25-30%).

***supine bicycle**

- An increase in volume (more 17%) has a good threshold for increased cardiac events.

Quantitative Evaluation of Left Ventricular Function

Chordal Center Line Analysis (Centroids)

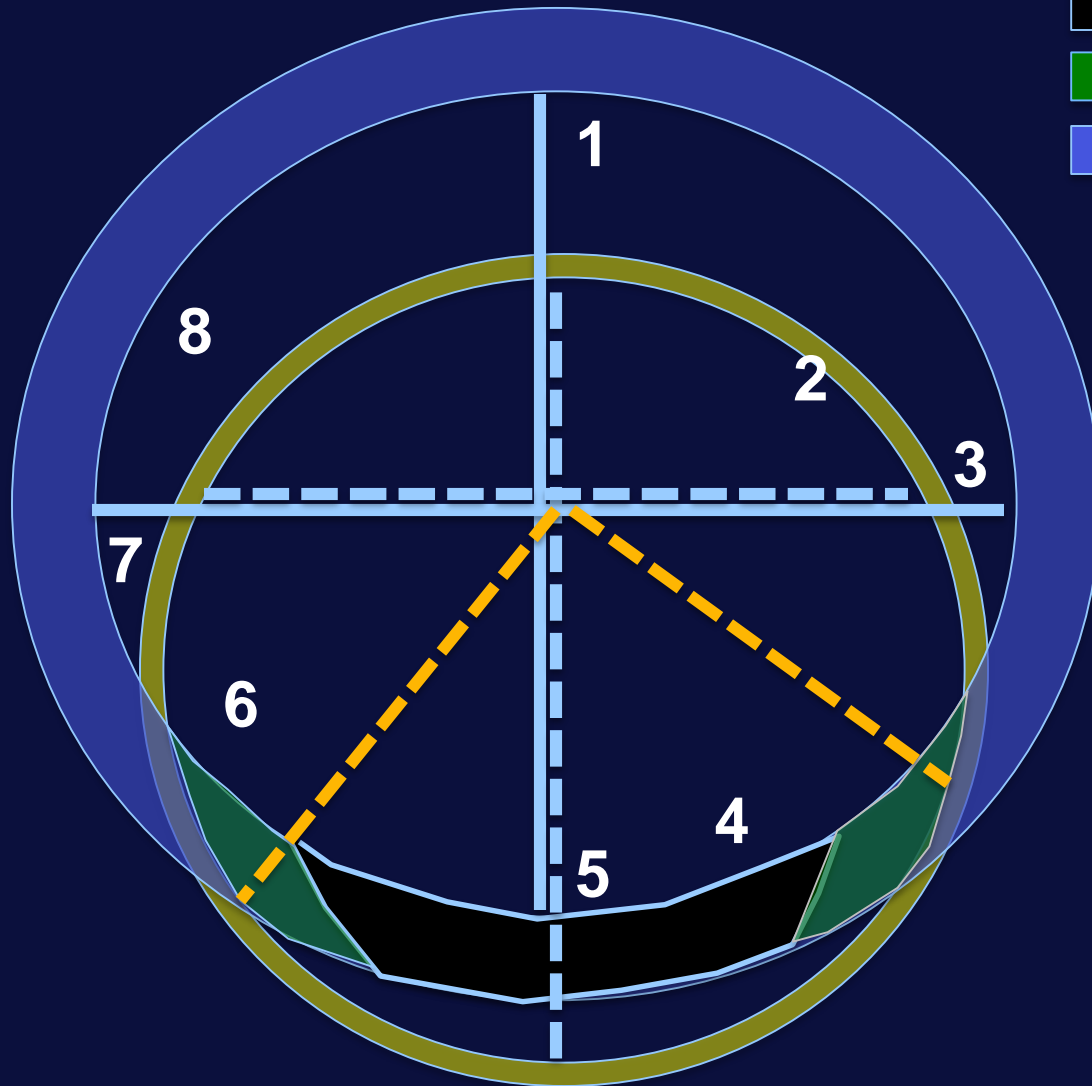


Dyskinesias



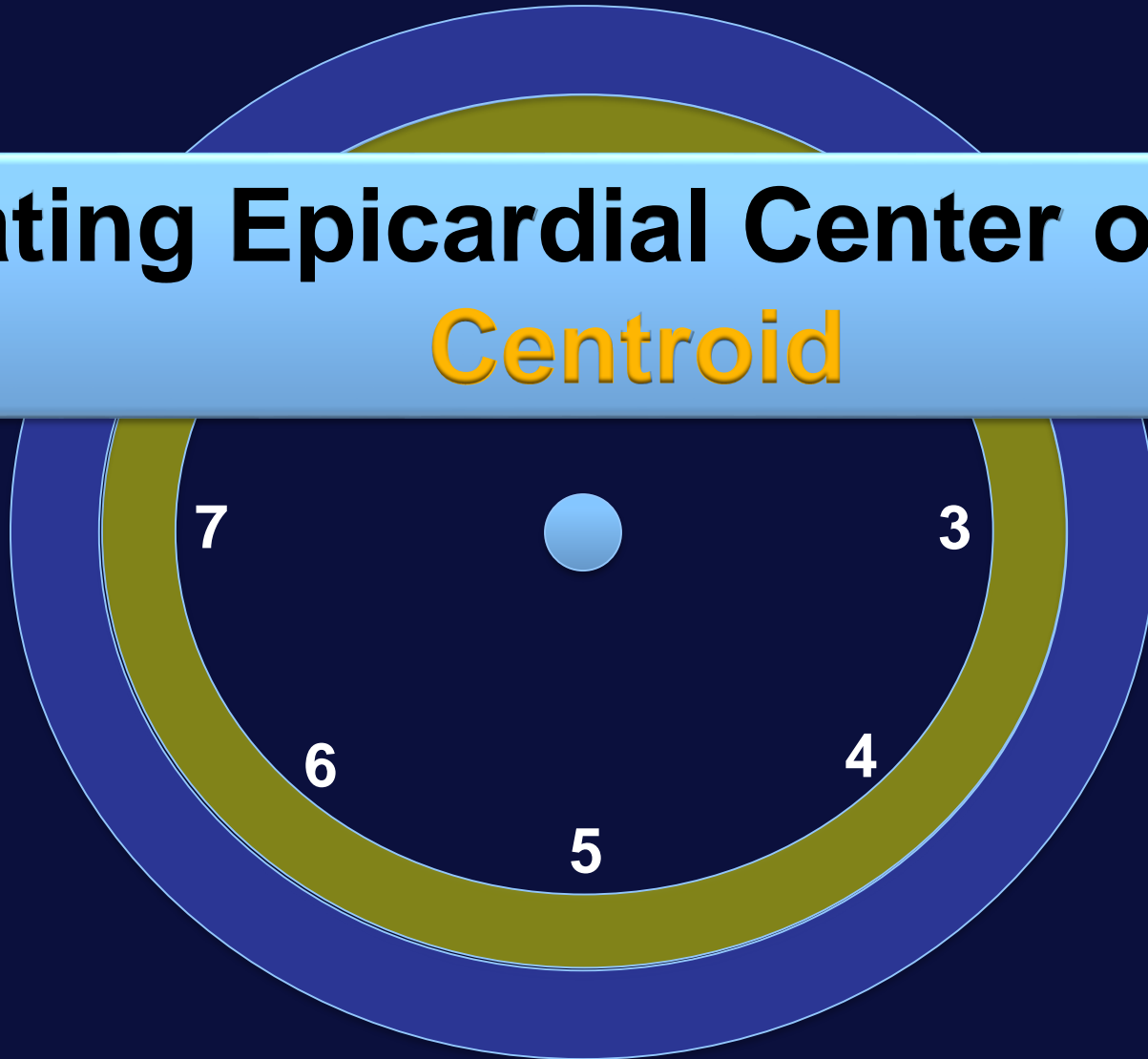
Tethering

- = Infarct
- = Tethered
- = Normal

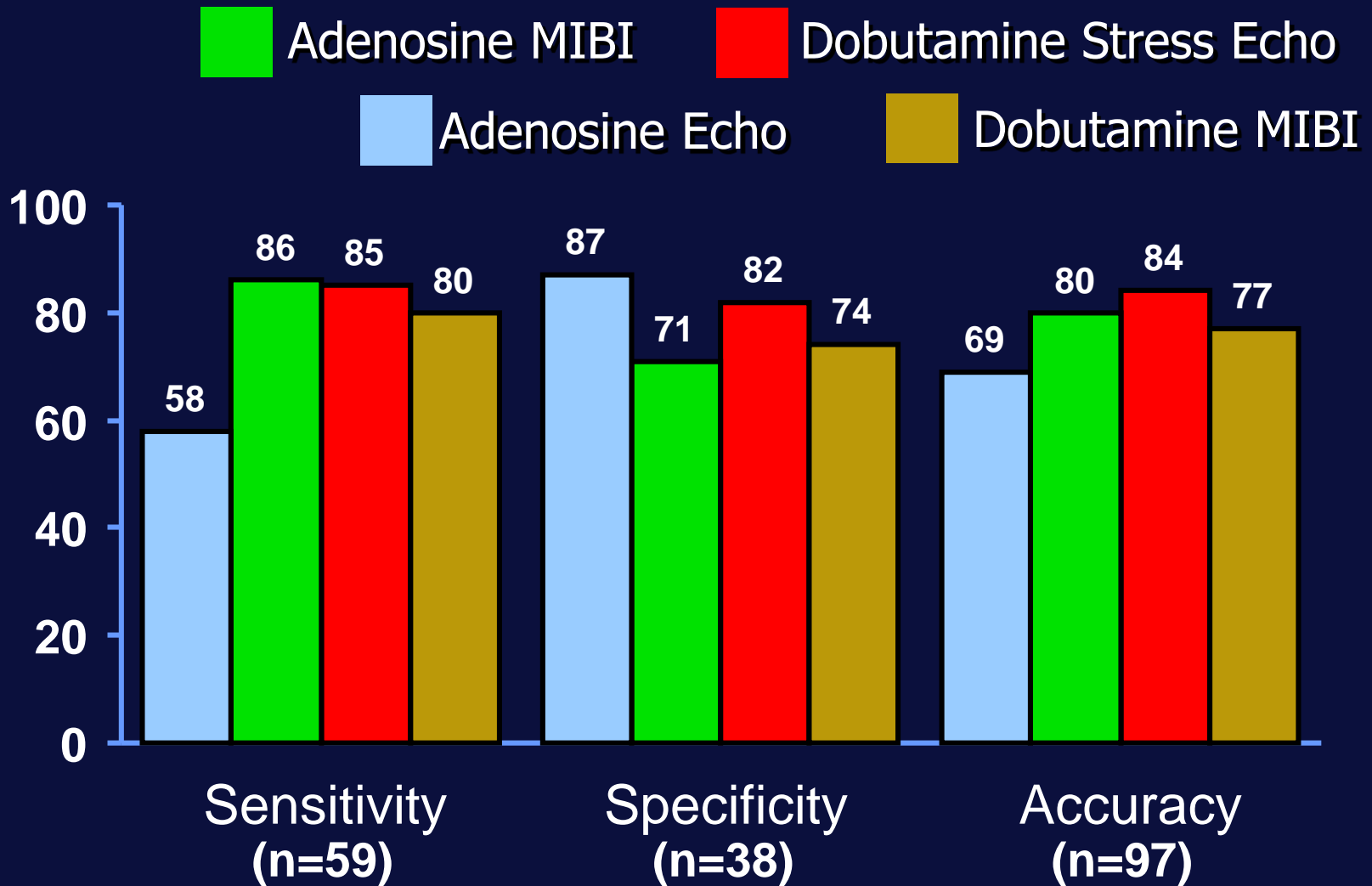


Translation and Rotation

Floating Epicardial Center of Mass
Centroid

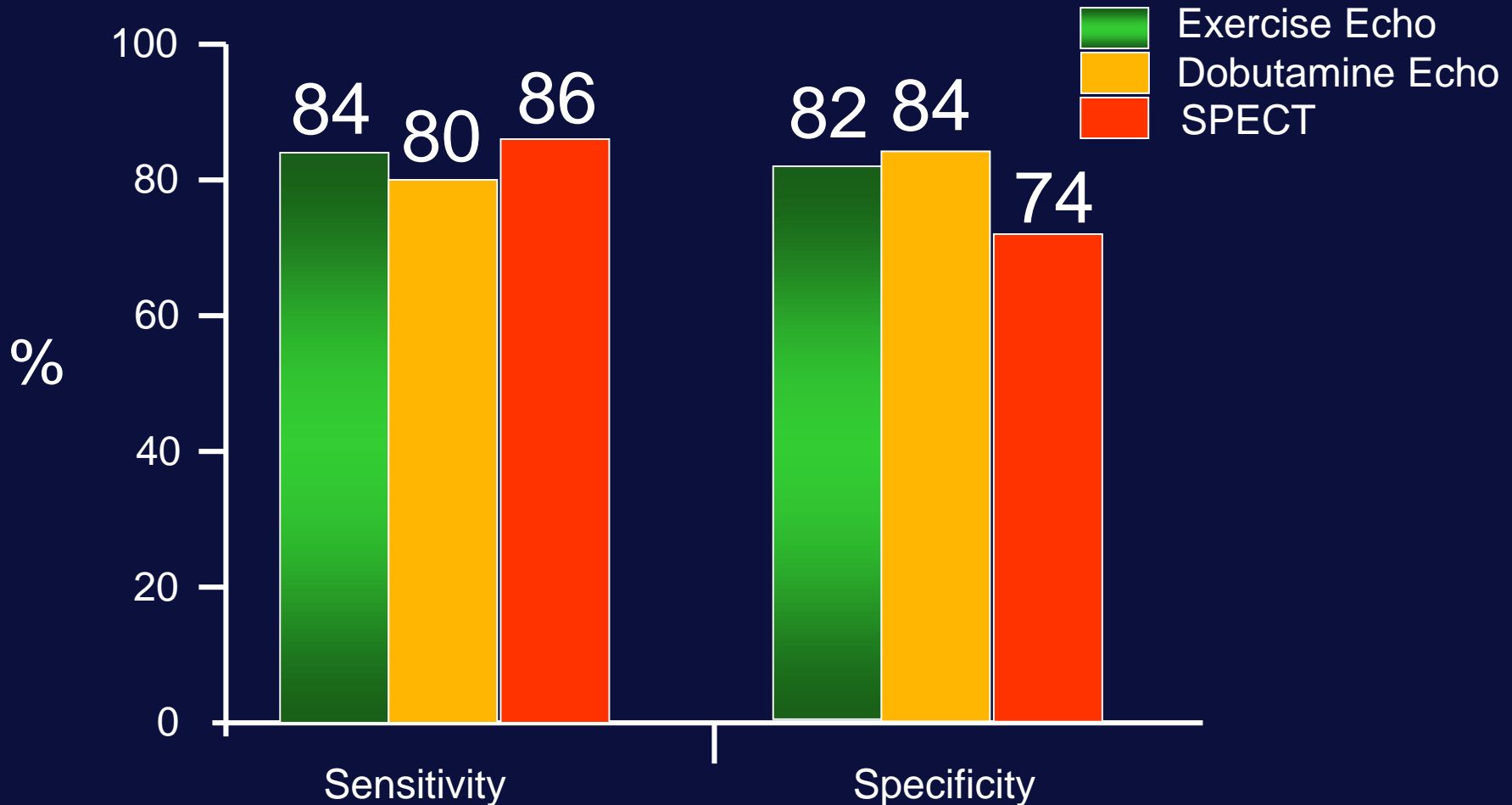


Pharmacologic Stress Testing with Imaging

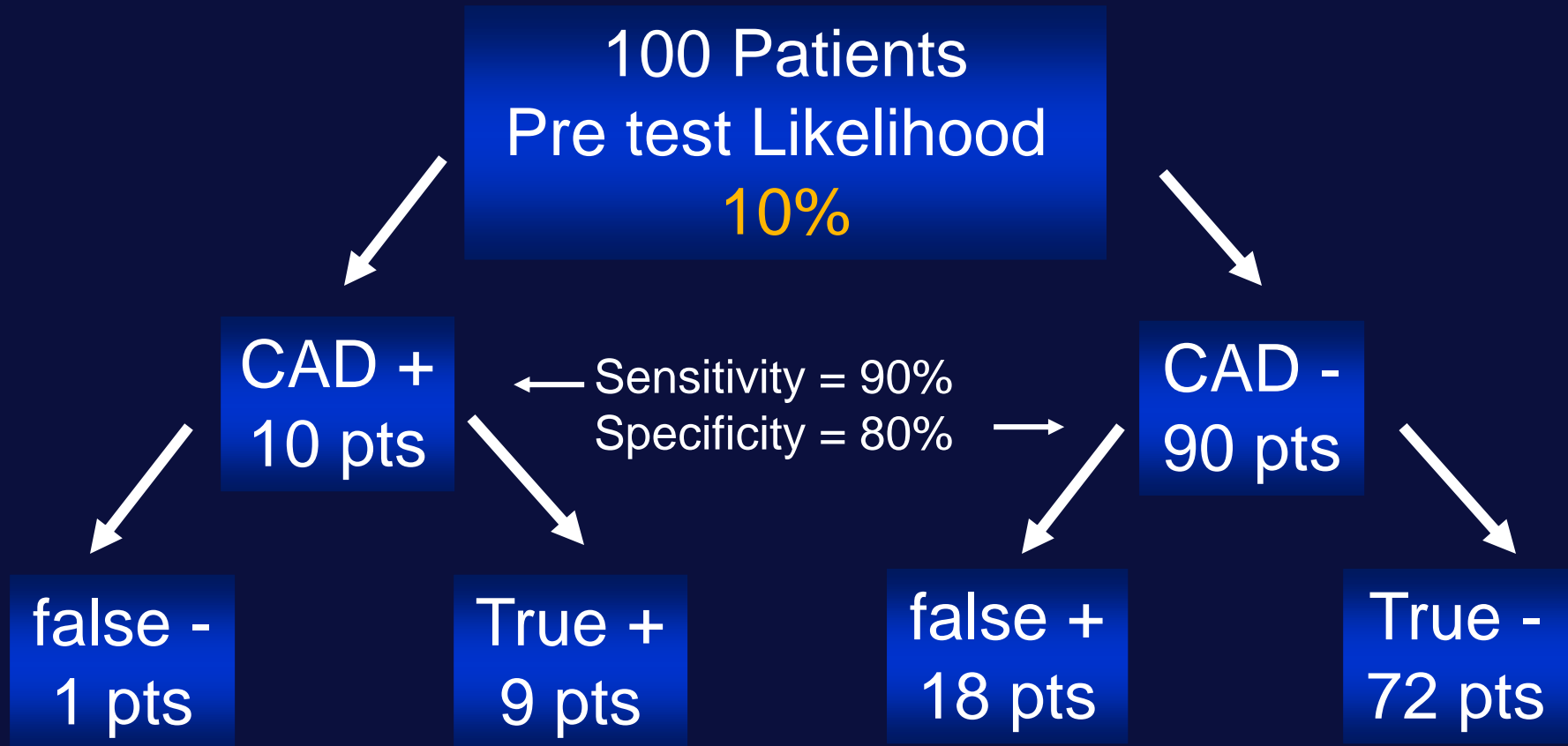


Marwick et al. *Circulation*, 1993

Test Characteristics: Diagnosis - CAD

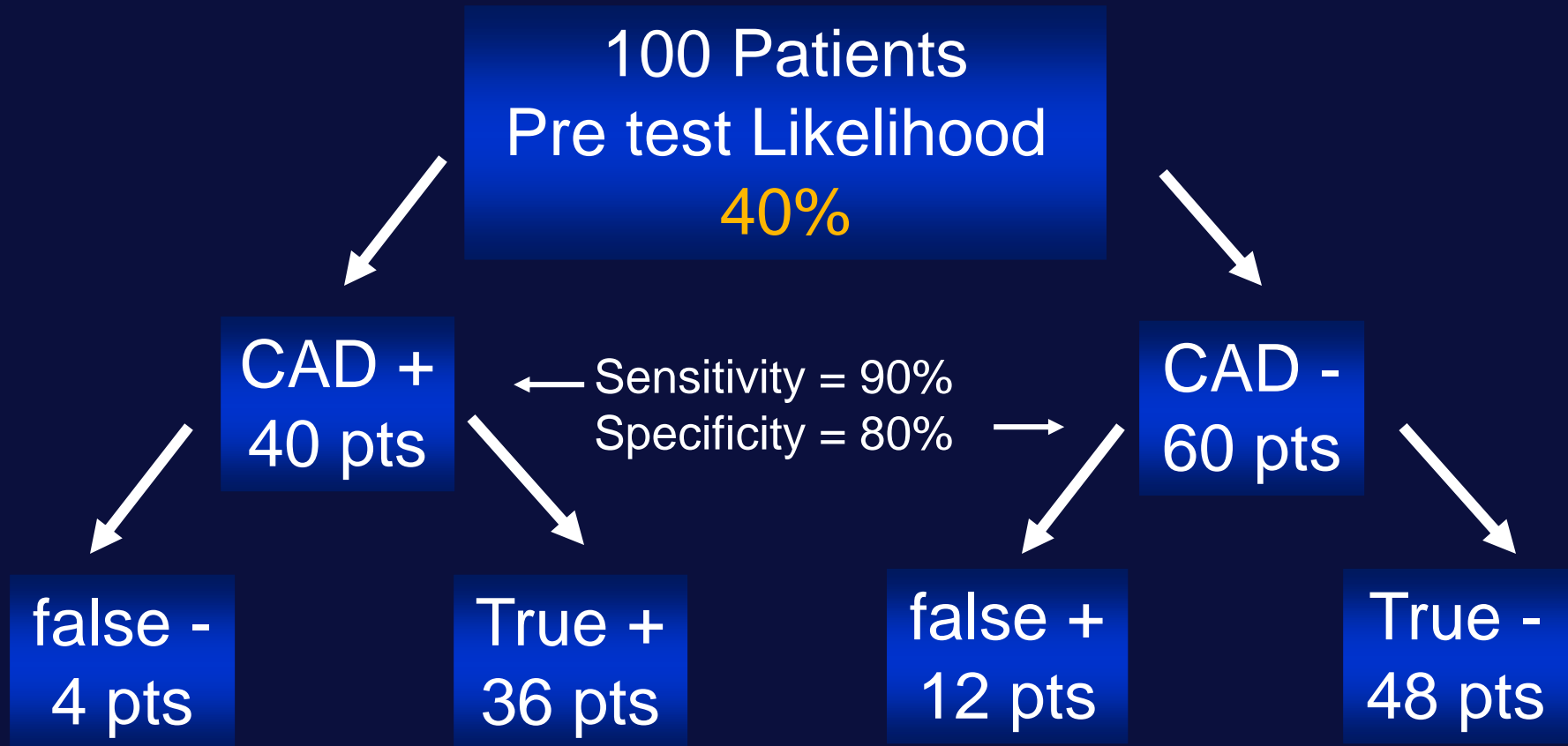


Impact of Pretest Probability



27 + tests:
33% positive predictive value

Impact of Pretest Probability



48 + tests:
75% positive predictive value

Test Characteristic: Diagnostic Criteria



Sensitivity

1 Segment, > 1 Segment, LV dilation



Specificity

Stress Echocardiography

Detection/Exclusion CAD
Risk of adverse event
Prognosis
Diagnosis

Normal SECHO

Physical or Pharmacologic

Very Low Risk

- **< 1% per year risk of MI or cardiac death**

Low Risk

- **1-3% per year risk of MI or cardiac death**
 - submaximal stress
 - LVEF <40%



Safety of Stress Echocardiography Supervised by Registered Nurses: Results of a 2-Year Audit of 15,404 Patients

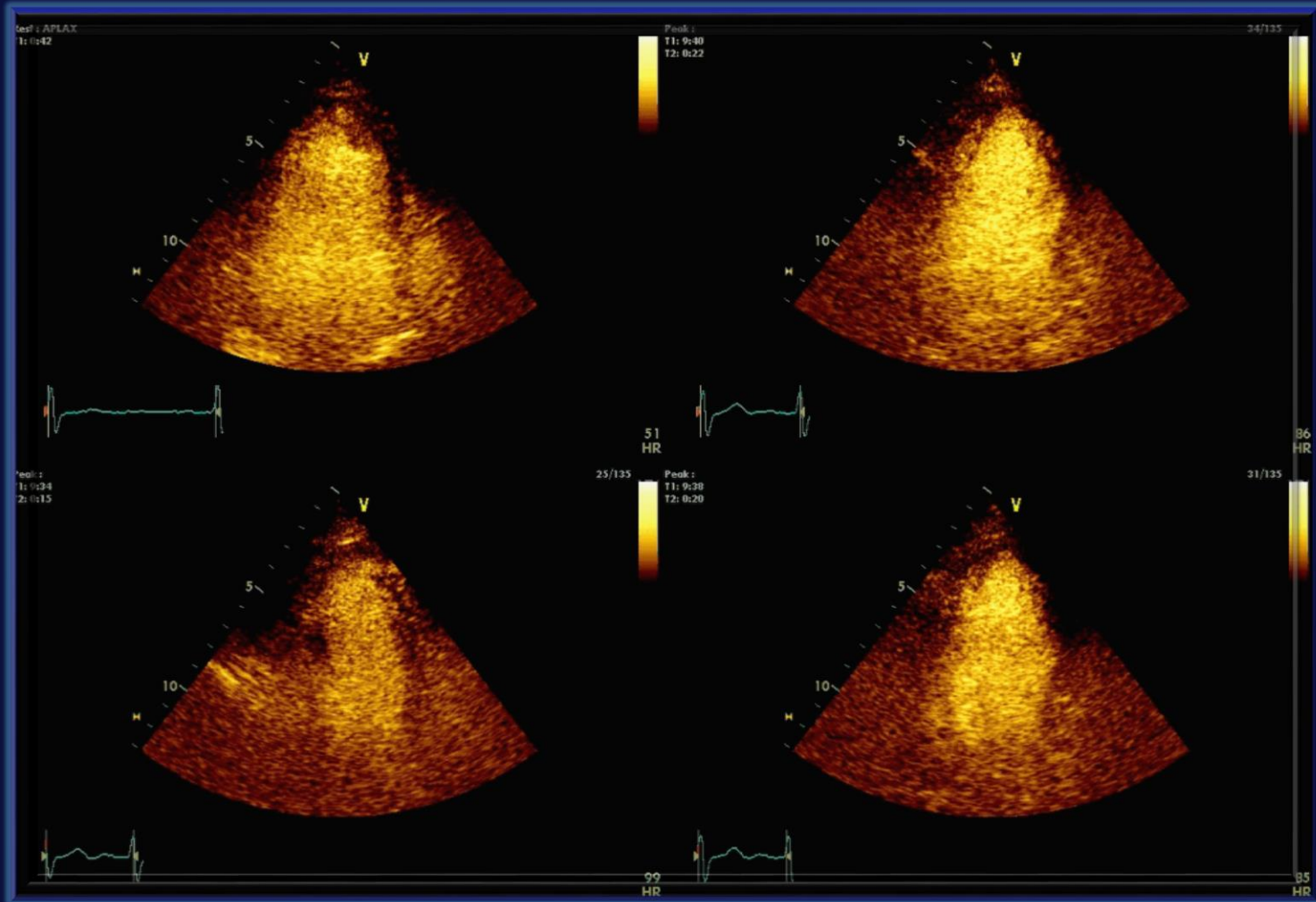
Garvan C. Kane, MD, PhD, Mary J. Hepinstall, RN, Glenda M. Kidd, RN,

	ExEcho n=8592	DSE n= 6755	P value	Total n = 5349
Overall Complication Rate	8 (0.09%)	47 (0.7%)	<0.001	55 (0.36%)
Arrhythmia Requiring Rx	4 (0.05%)	39 (0.58%)	<0.001	43 (0.28%)
SVT / AF	4 (0.05%)	33 (0.49%)	<0.001	37 (0.24%)
VT / VF	0	6 (0.09%)	<0.005	6 (0.04%)
Markedly + / Prolonged CP requiring hospitalization	3 (0.03%)	5 (0.07)	0.56	8 (0.05%)
Symptomatic hypotension requiring hospitalization	1 (0.01%)	3 (0.04%)	0.44	4 (0.03%)
Transfer to Hospital	5 (0.06%)	21 (0.31%)	0.0005	26 (0.17)
Cardiac Rupture or Death	0	0	----	0

comparable with previously reported studies evaluating the safety of stress echocardiography supervised by physicians.

Stress Echocardiography

Diastolic Stress Test



Diastolic Stress Echocardiography: A Novel Noninvasive Diagnostic Test for Diastolic Dysfunction Using Supine Bicycle Exercise Doppler Echocardiography

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Left ventricular filling pressures can be estimated reliably by combining mitral inflow early diastolic velocity (E) and annulus velocity (E'). An increased E/E' ratio reflects elevated filling pressures and may be useful in assessing an abnormal increase in filling pressures for patients with diastolic dysfunction. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the feasibility of supine bicycle exercise Doppler echocardiography for assessing left ventricular diastolic pressure during exercise. Mitral inflow and septal mitral annulus velocities were measured at rest and

during supine bicycle exercise (100 W, 60 rpm, 10 minutes). (Measurements) in patients with diastolic dysfunction (n = 26, mean age 57 years) referred to our institution for evaluation of heart failure. None had echocardiographic or electrocardiographic evidence of myocardial ischemia with exercise. Patients were classified according to E/E' ratio at rest: 26 had E/E' \leq 10 at rest (group 1) and 19 had E/E' > 10 (group 2). For group 1, 17 had no increase

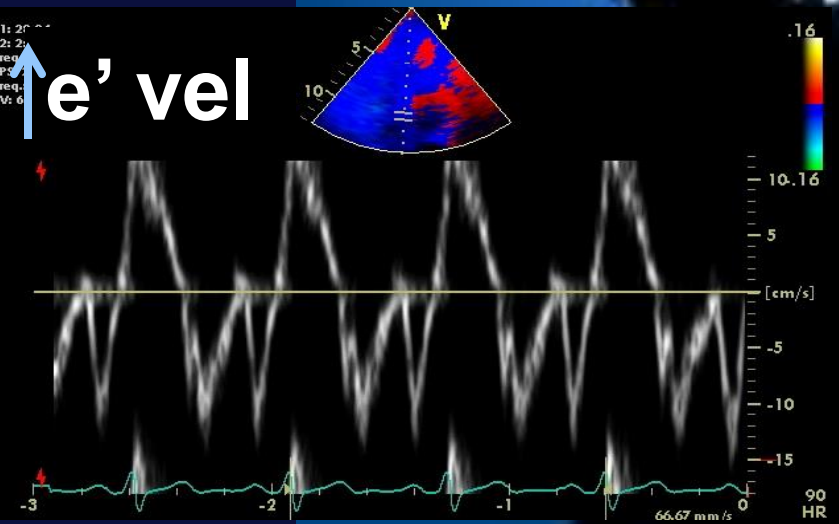
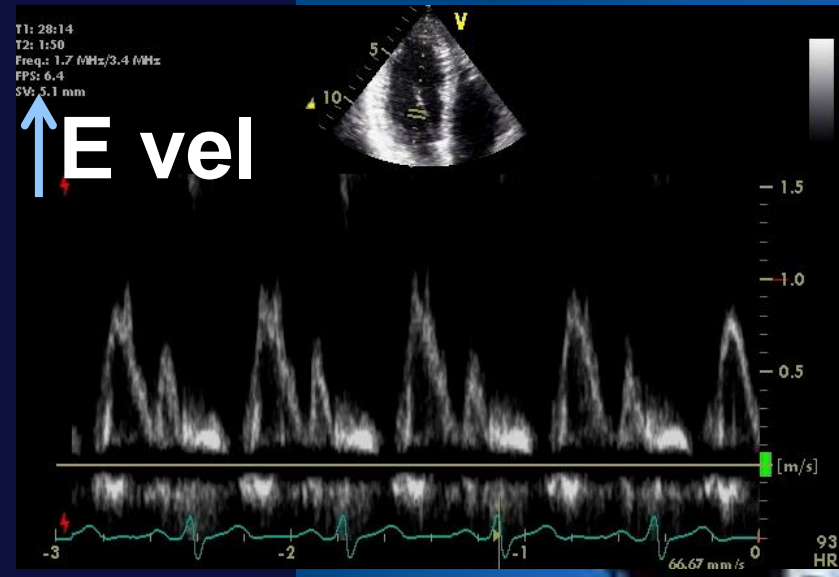
in E/E' during exercise (group 1A) and 9 did (group 1B). For group 2, E/E' did not increase during exercise. Despite different responses of E/E', there was no significant difference in changes of mitral inflow indices (E, A, E/A, deceleration time) between groups. Although the percentage of dyspnea as a primary reason for stopping exercise was similar for the groups, exercise duration was significantly shorter for groups 1B (7.2 \pm 2.5 minutes) and 2 (7.1 \pm 3.3 minutes) than in group 1A (10.4 \pm 3.7 minutes, $P = .0129$). Diastolic stress echocardiography using

exercise Doppler echocardiography is feasible for demonstrating elevated left ventricular filling pressure) with exercise. The study demonstrates that the hemodynamic consequences of exercise-induced increase in diastolic filling pressure can be demonstrated non-invasively with exercise Doppler echocardiography.

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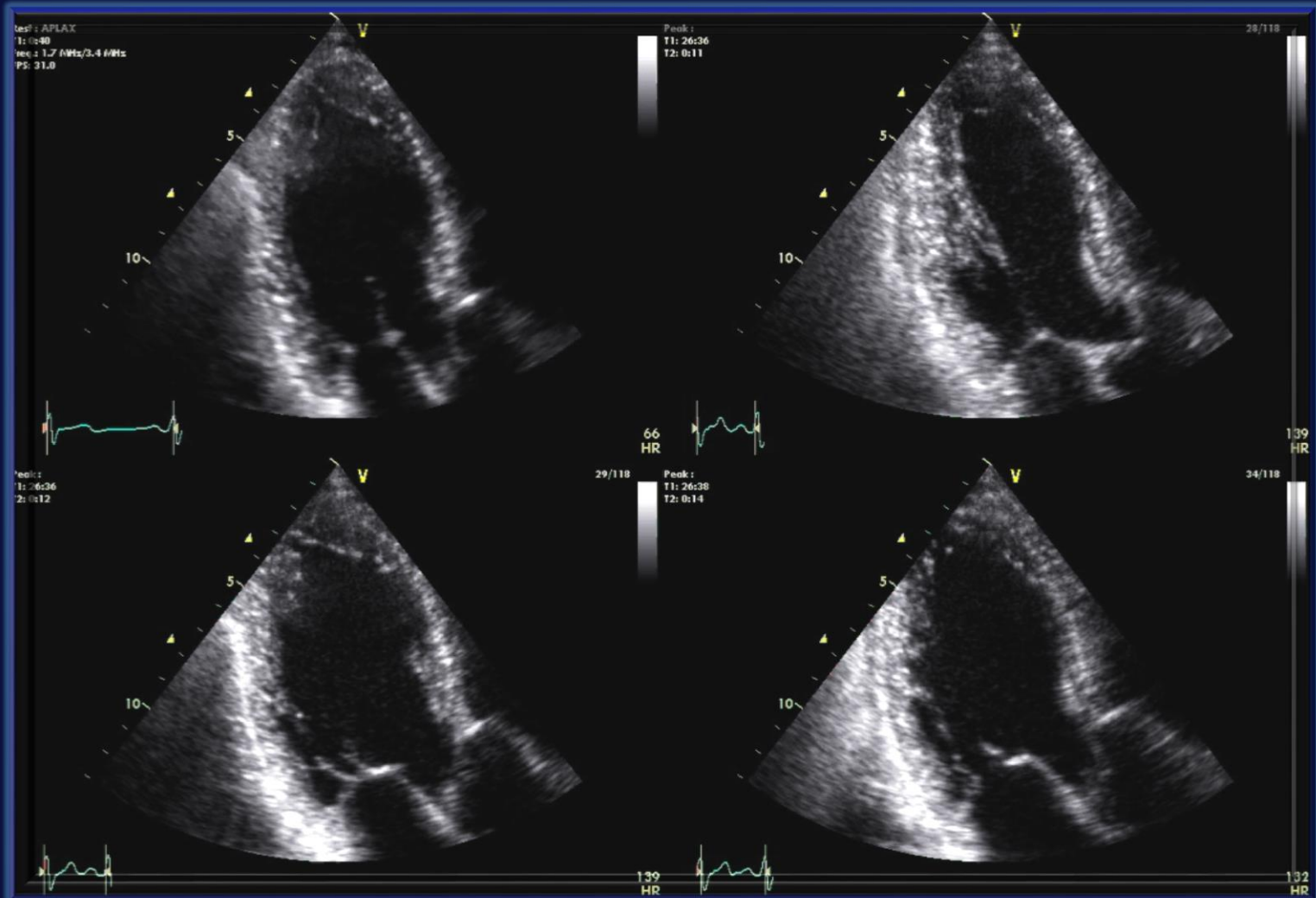
What do we expect?



Case

- **55 year old male**
- **No known CAD**
- **Hypertension & exertional dyspnea**

Stress Echo

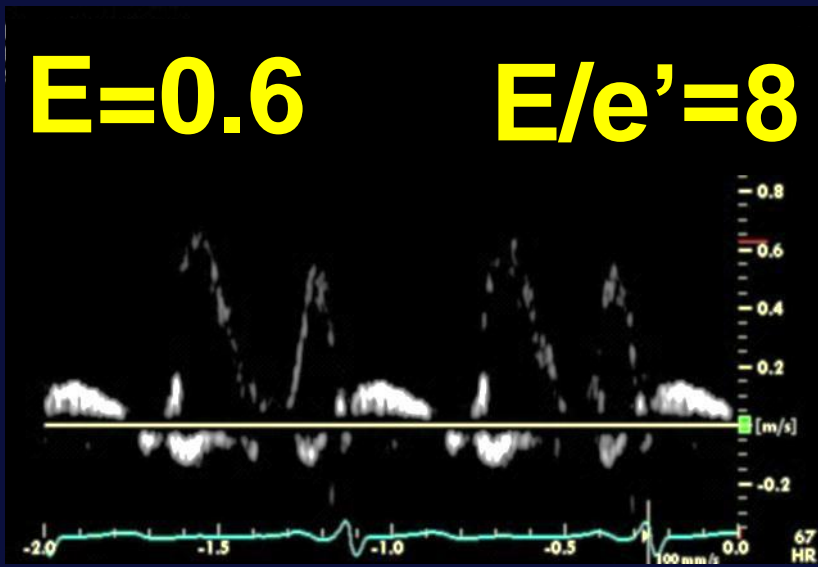


Diastolic Stress Test

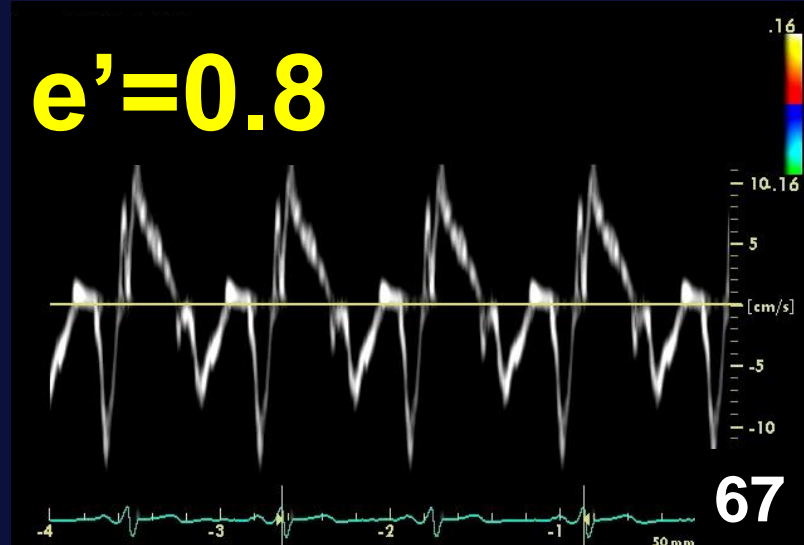
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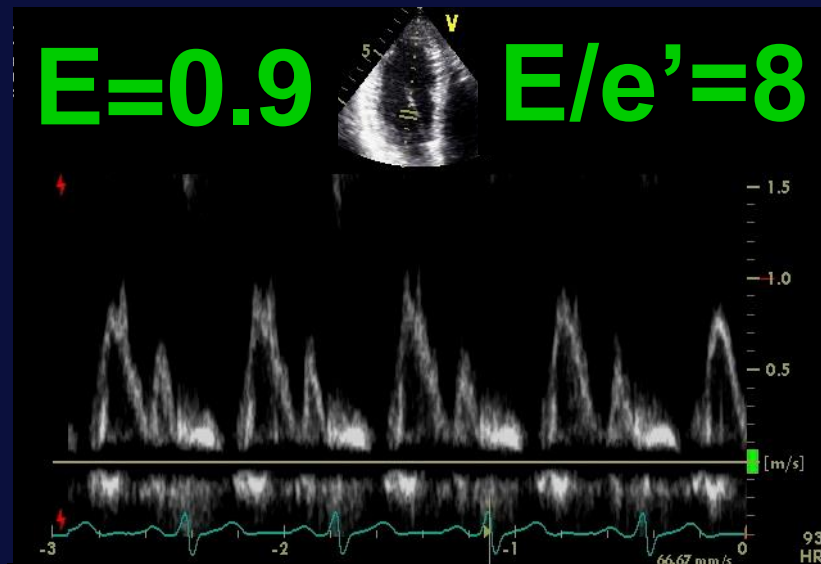
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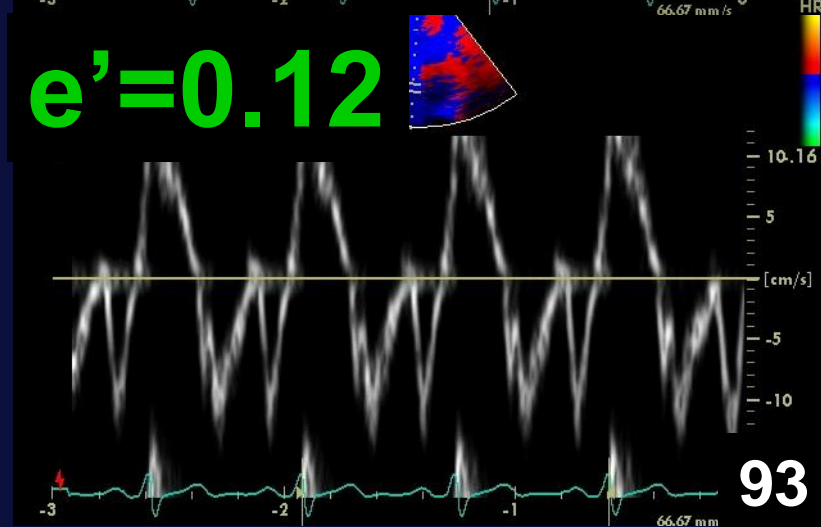
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E=0.9 **E/e'=8**



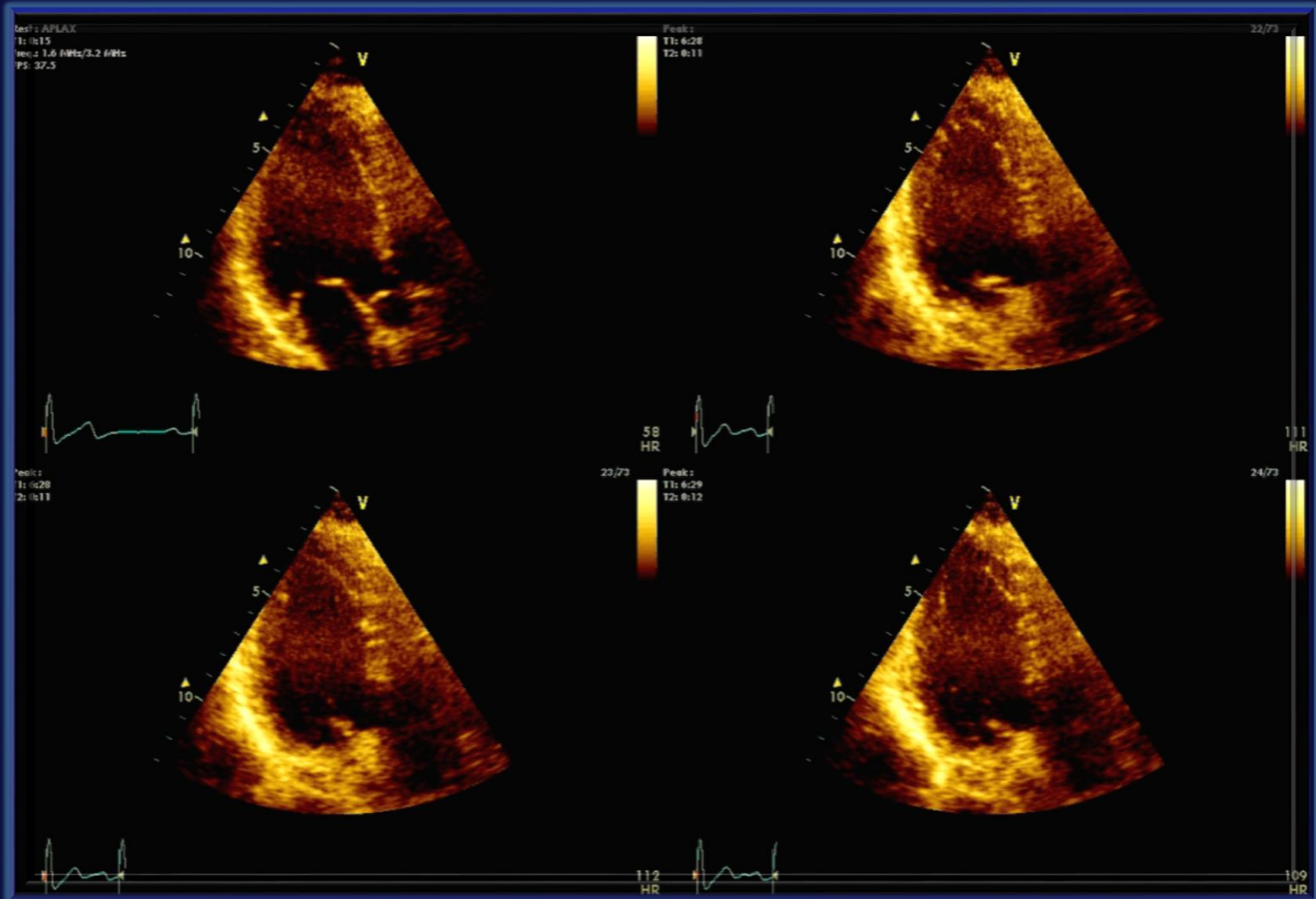
e'=0.12



Case

- **67 year old male**
- **No known CAD**
- **Diabetes and hypertension**
- **Complains of dyspnea on exertion (NYHA II)**

Stress Echo



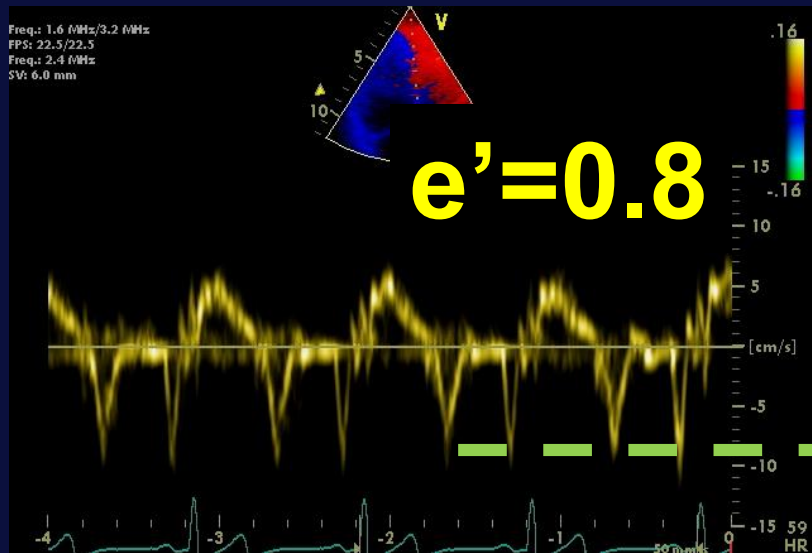
Diastolic Stress Test

Pre

$E/e' = 6$

$E = 0.5$

$e' = 0.8$

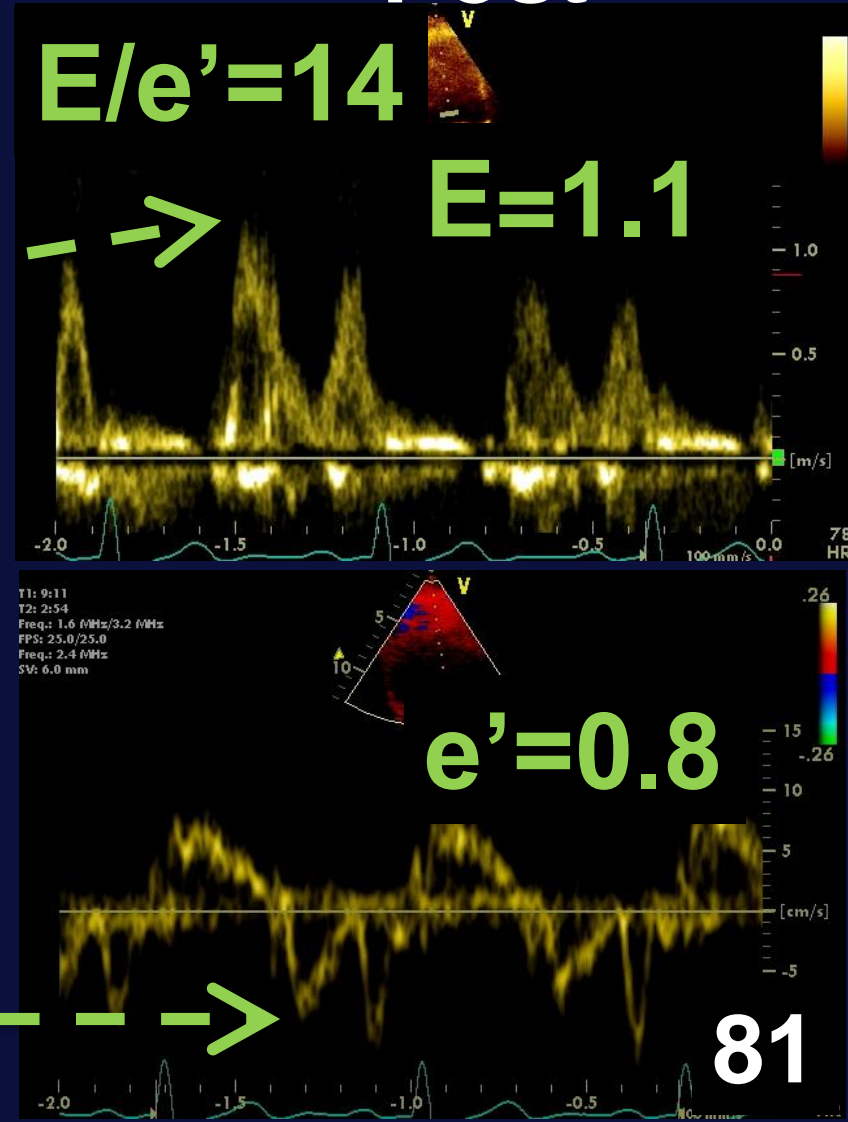


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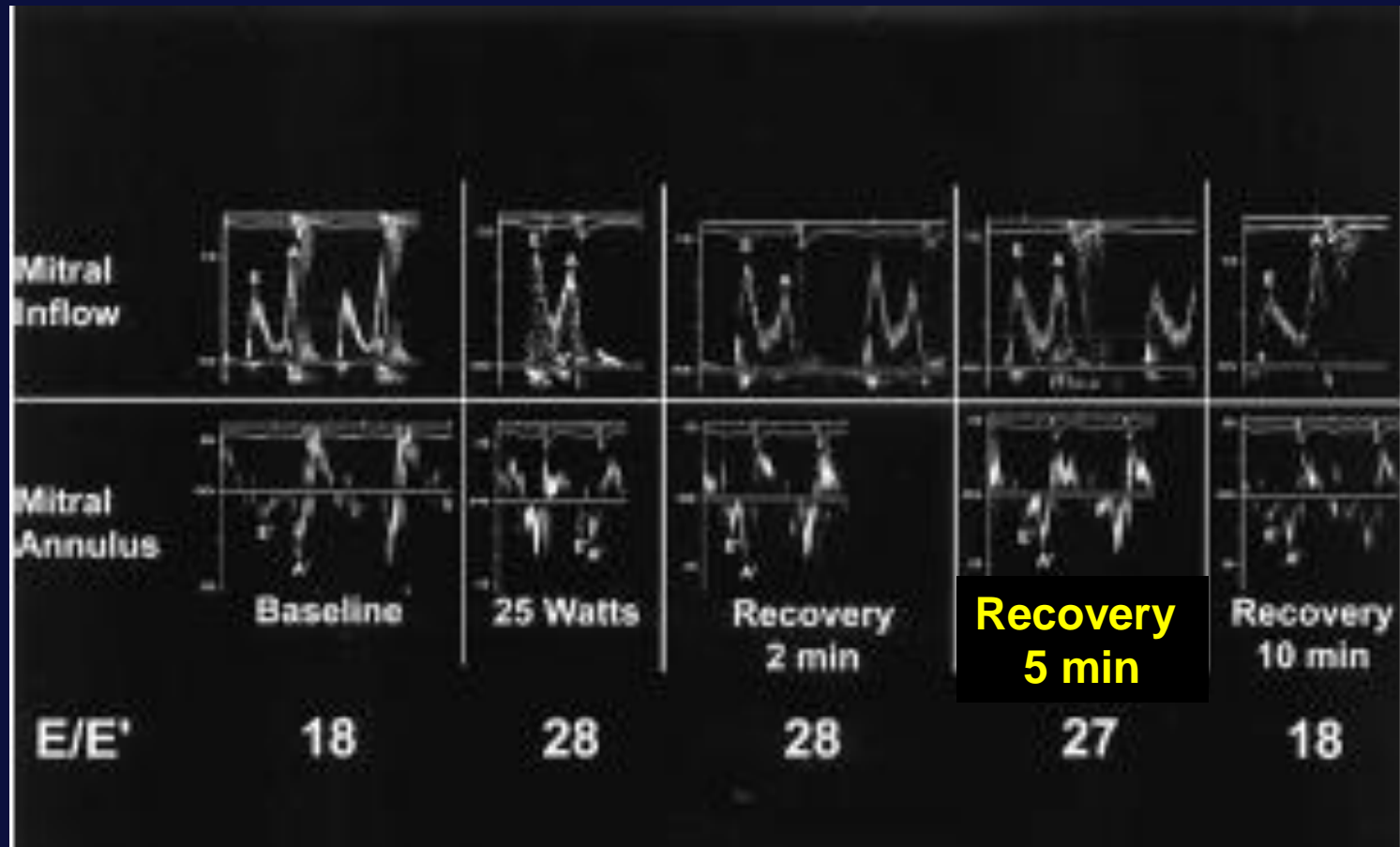
$E/e' = 14$

$E = 1.1$

$e' = 0.8$



Important Observations From the Initial Studies

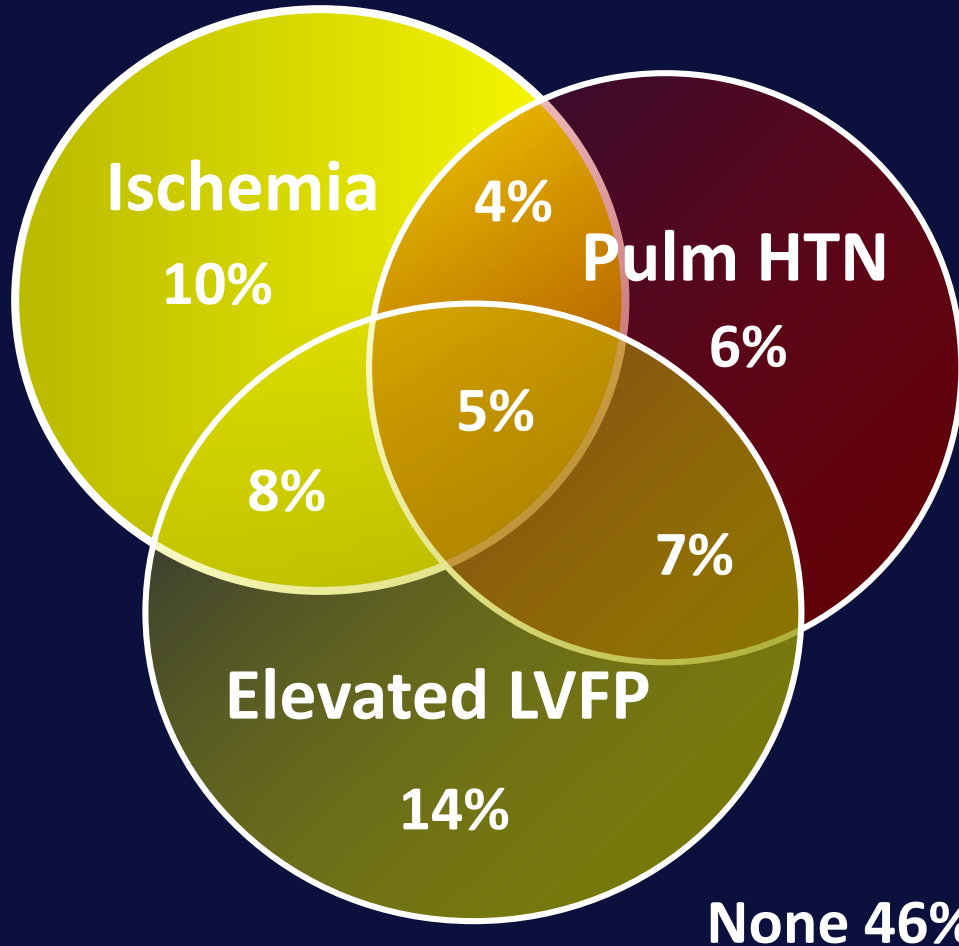


Important Observations From the Initial Studies

- **Those with increased filling pressure at baseline will further increase filling pressure with exercise**
- **Therefore, those who benefit most from diastolic stress testing are those with normal resting LVFP but abnormal relaxation (grade I)**

Exercise-limiting Dyspnea

Courtesy Rob McCully



Ischemia 27%

Pulmonary HTN 22%

Elevated LVFP 34%

Any abnormality 54%

n=630

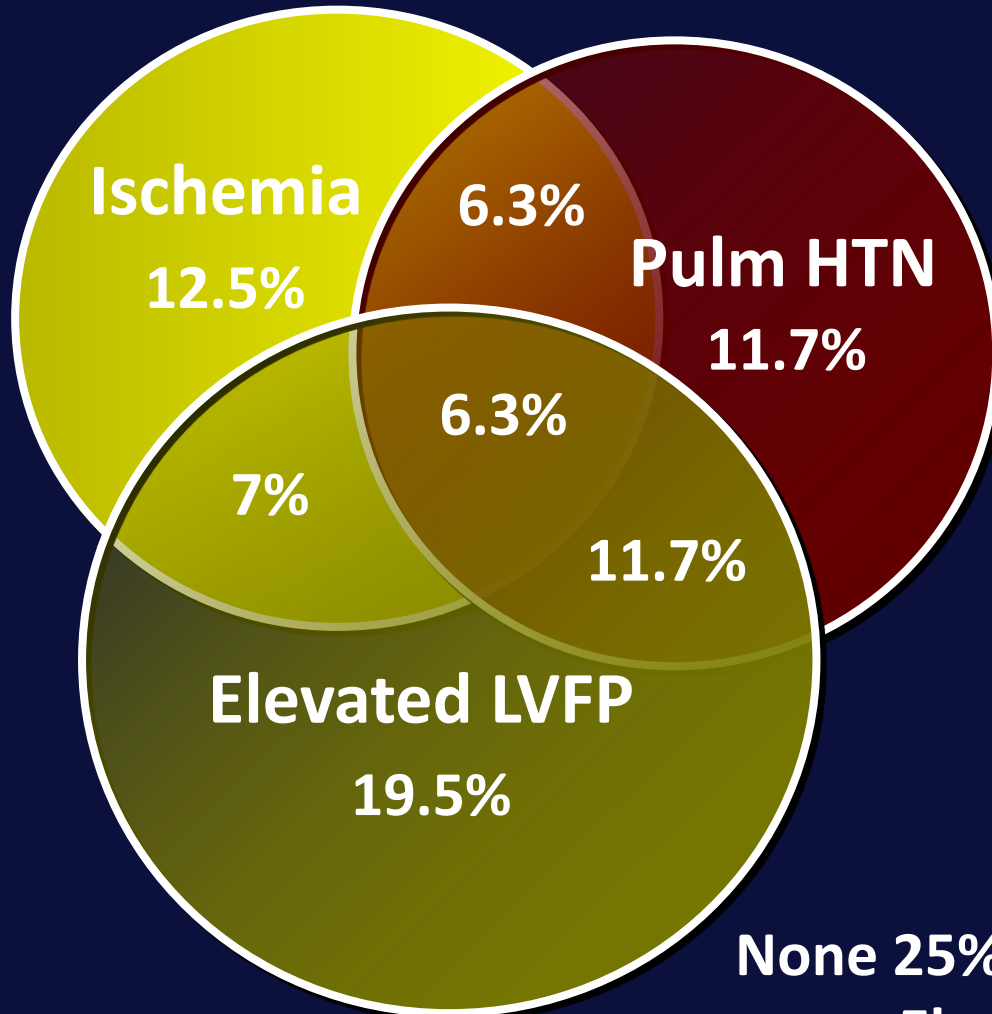
Elevated LVFP: ex. $E/e' > 13$

Pulm HTN: ex. RVSP > 50 mm Hg

Reduced Exercise Capacity

Women <5 METs, Men <7 METs

Courtesy Rob McCully



Ischemia 32%

Pulmonary HTN 36%

Elevated LVFP 45%

Any abnormality 75%

None 25%

Elevated LVFP: ex. $E/e' >13$

Pulm HTN: ex. RVSP >50 mm Hg

n=128

Treadmill Exercise Echo (2010 →)

Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Baseline

EF, RWMA, valves

Color flow

+

LA Volume

Diastolic A/A, E/A, E/e'

RV systolic pressure

TR Vmax

Post-exercise

Quads for

EF, LVESV resp, RWMA

+

Then

TR Vmax

RV systolic pressure

Then

LV filling pressure

E, e', E/e'

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Diastolic Stress Test Interpretation

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Definitely Abnormal

1. Average $E/e' > 14$ or Septal > 15
2. Septal $e' < 7$ cm/sec
or
Lateral $e' < 10$ cm/sec
3. Peak TR velocity > 2.8 m/sec

Normal

1. Average (or septal) $E/e' < 10$
2. Peak TR velocity < 2.8 m/sec

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Summary

- 1. Exertional dyspnea portends a poor prognosis (> angina).**
- 2. An exercise induced increase in E/e' relates to changes in filling pressure and its finding has adverse prognostic significance.**

Summary

3. The post exercise E/e' can be measured minutes into recovery, ideally as soon as the discrete waves are appreciated.

4. The ideal patient is one with exertional dyspnea and baseline grade I diastolic dysfunction.

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Class IIa

Exercise testing is reasonable in selected patients with asymptomatic severe VHD to

- 1) confirm the absence of symptoms, or
- 2) assess the hemodynamic response to exercise, or
- 3) determine prognosis.

(Level of Evidence: B)

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Stress Echocardiography

Aortic Stenosis

Class IIa

Exercise testing is reasonable to assess physiological changes with exercise and to confirm the absence of symptoms in asymptomatic patients with a calcified aortic valve and an aortic velocity 4.0 m per second or greater or mean pressure gradient 40 mm Hg or higher (stage C)

Asymptomatic Severe AS

Stress Testing Guidelines

Event-Free Survival

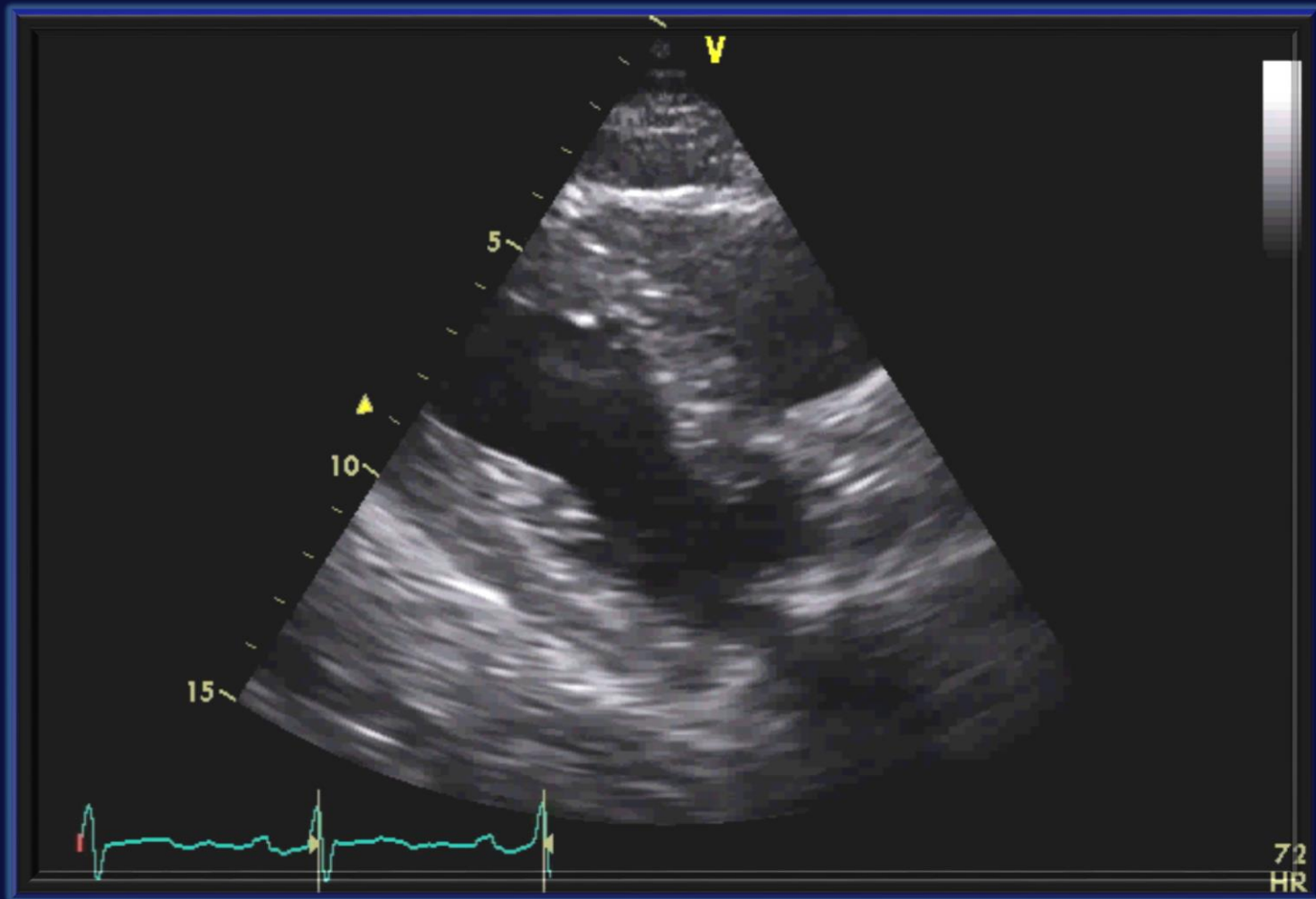
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*Positive	30	15	15
Negative	95	85	85

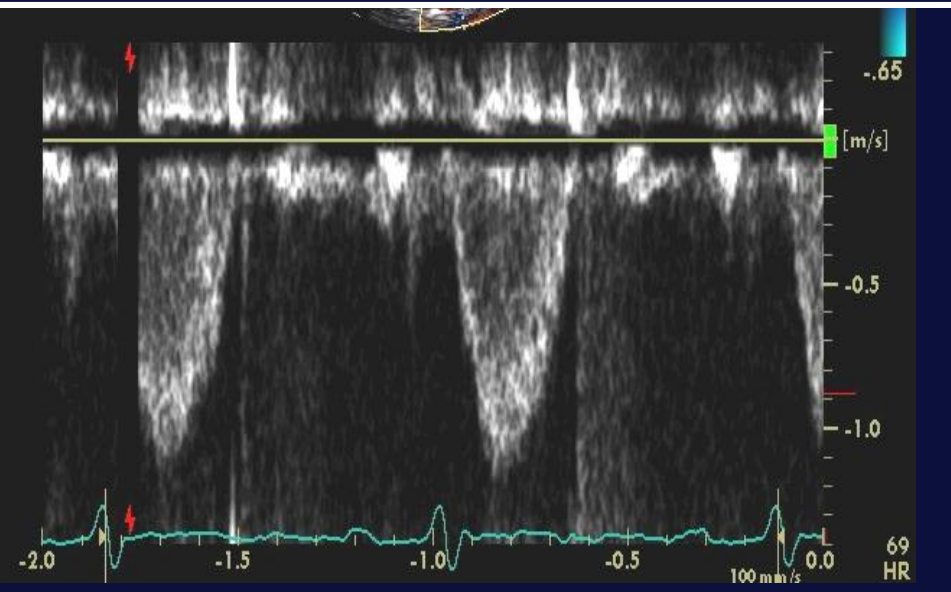
*symptoms; abnormal BP response; arrhythmias

Case

- **64 year old male: known heart murmur for 20 years**
- **Hypertension and hyperlipidemia**
- **NYHA Class I: walks 30-40 minutes daily with no symptoms**
- **Needs a TURP**

**Septum 15 mm; Posterior wall 13 mm
LVEF 72%**



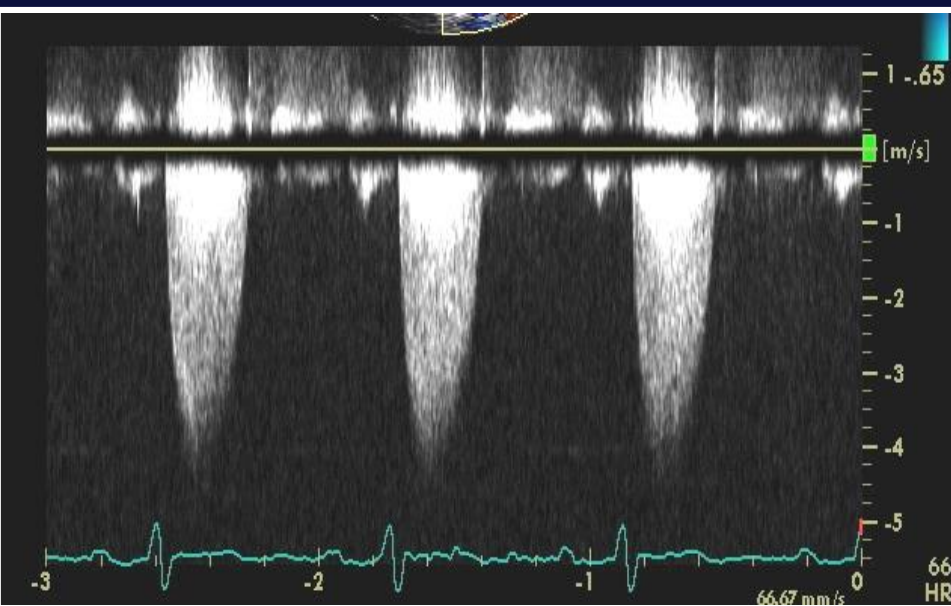


Peak velocity: 4.2 m/s

Mean gradient: 43 mmHg

AVA: 1.04 cm²

Indexed AVA: 0.51 cm²



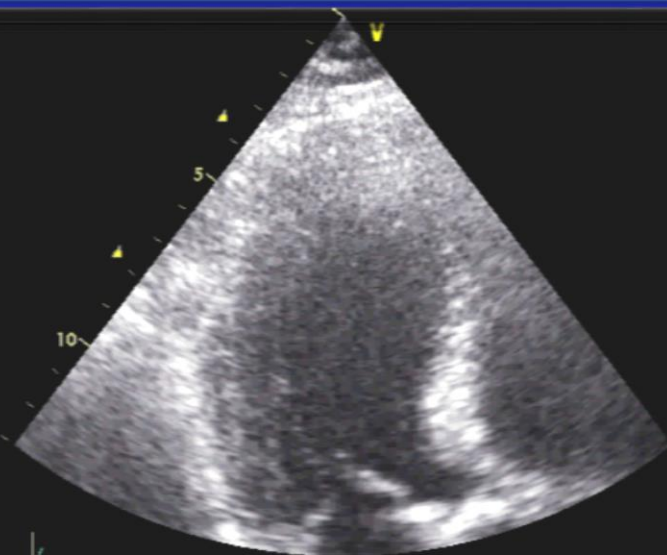
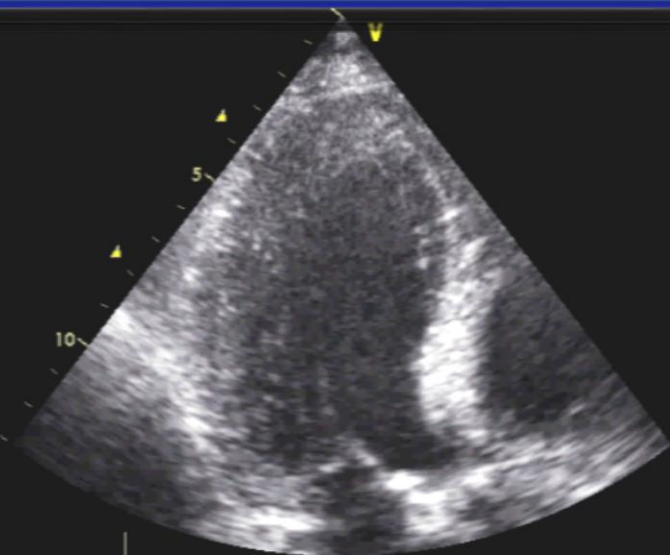
Stress Echo

- **Bruce protocol: 6.29 min:sec**
- **83% FAC**
- **BP 128/84 mmHg (rest); 160/ 70 mmHg (peak)**
- **85% maximal predicted HR**
- **7.5 METS; double product: 26240**
- **Stress ECG: 1 mm downsloping inferior ST segment depression**

test1: AFLAX
T1: 9:44

Peak:
T1: 12:08
T2: 0:18

46/190

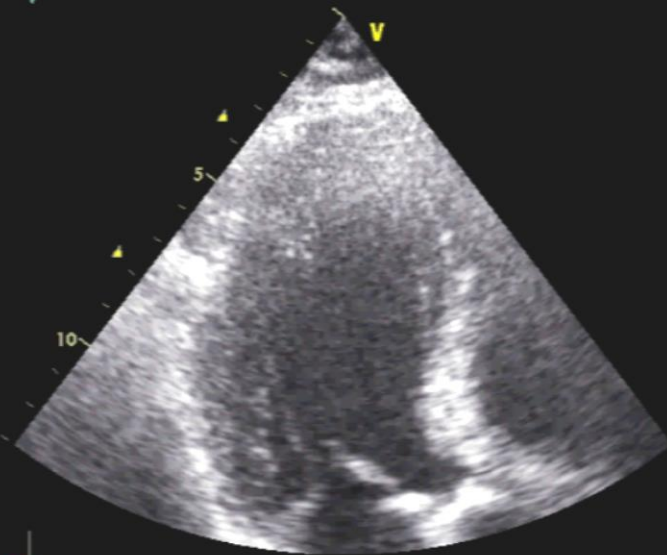
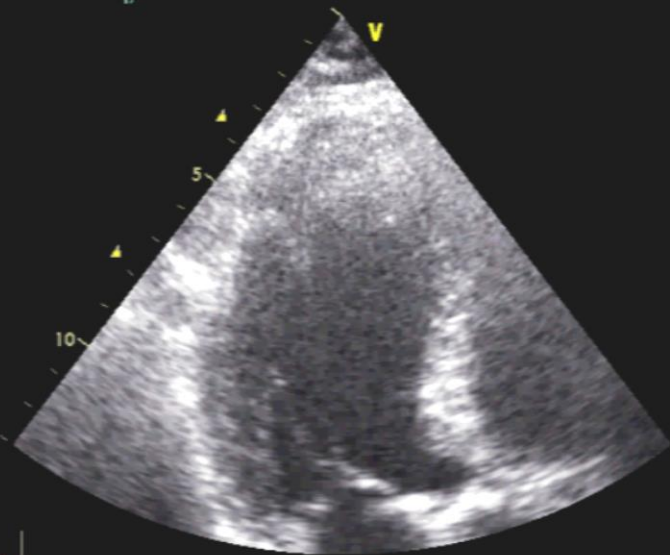


Peak:
T1: 12:08
T2: 9:19

47/190

65
HR

Peak:
T1: 12:09
T2: 0:19



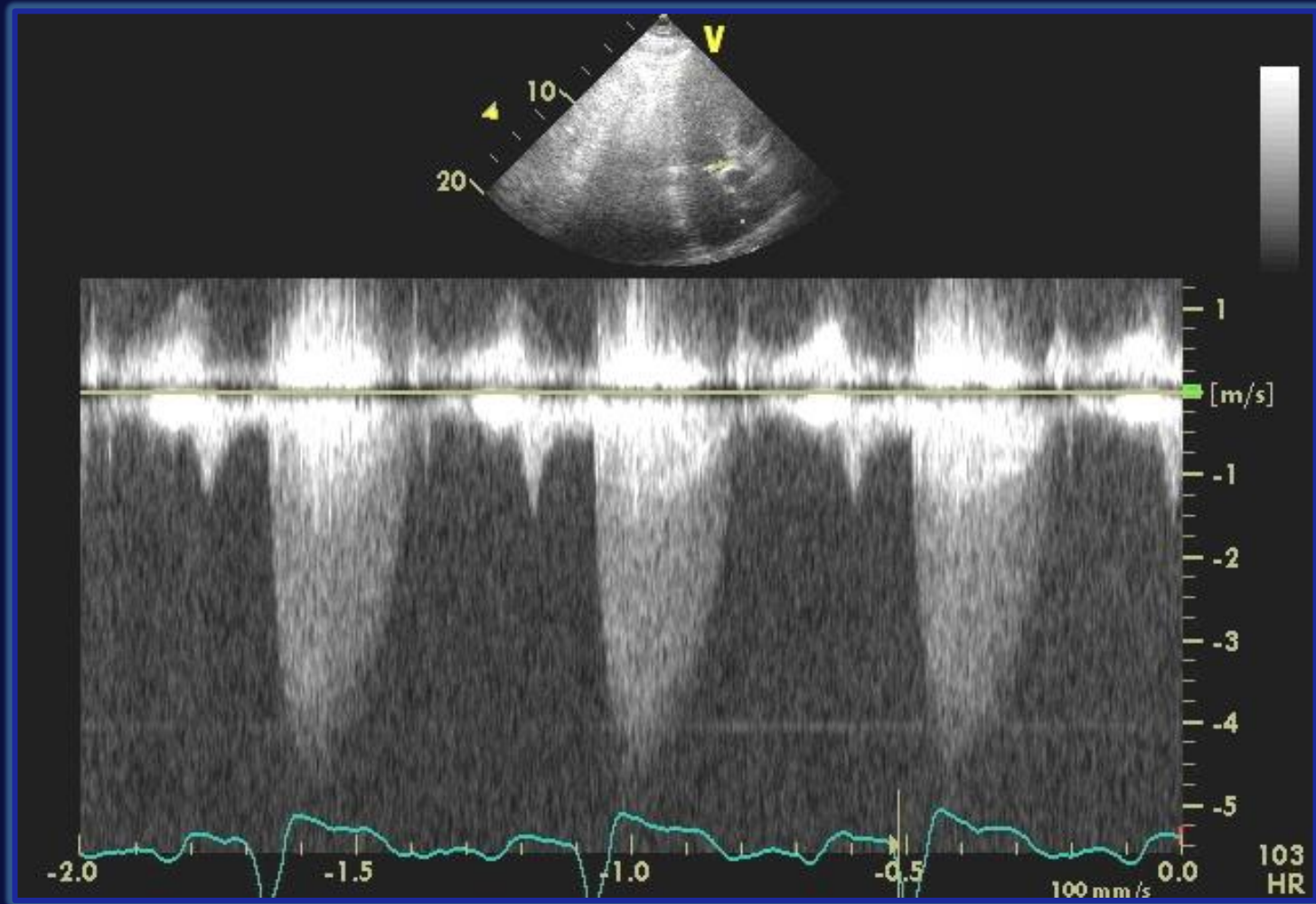
143
HR

48/190

144
HR

142
HR

Mean gradient: 54 mmHg



What to advise?

- 1. AVR before TURP**
- 2. TURP then AVR**
- 3. Proceed cautiously with TURP**
- 4. Proceed cautiously with TURP; then watchful waiting**

ACC Guidelines: IIa

Moderate-risk elective noncardiac surgery with appropriate intraoperative and postoperative hemodynamic monitoring is reasonable to perform in patients with asymptomatic severe AS

Low Flow Area Gradient Mismatch

**Baseline Doppler
hemodynamics**

Class IIa

AVR is reasonable in symptomatic patients with low-flow/low-gradient severe AS with reduced LVEF (stage D2) with a low-dose dobutamine stress study that shows an aortic velocity ≥ 4.0 m/s (or mean pressure gradient ≥ 40 mm Hg) with a valve area ≤ 1.0 cm² at any dobutamine dose

True Severe AS

Pseudo Severe AS

APPROPRIATE USE OF ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY

ACCF/ASE/AHA/ASNC/HFSA/HRS/SCAI/SCCM/ SCCT/SCMR 2011 Appropriate Use Criteria for Echocardiography

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INTERVENTED TOMOGRAPHY,
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- **Detection of CAD with symptoms or ischemia equivalent**
- **Asymptomatic**
 - **Sustained VT**
 - **Exercise induced VT or NSVT**
 - **Newly diagnosed heart failure or LV dysfunction**
 - **Troponin elevation without evidence of ACS**
 - **CTCS > 400AU**
- **Coronary stenosis of unclear significance**
- **Within 3 months of ACS, no cath, to evaluate for inducible ischemia**
- **Vascular surgery, ≥ 1 clinical risk factor, < 4 METS**

Conclusion

- 1. Understand the differences and indications for the various stress modalities.**
- 2. Know the walls and their coronary supply.**
- 3. Understand the methods and interpretation of wall motion.**
- 4. Viability: stunning versus hibernation.**
- 5. Understand the test characteristics.**
- 6. Emerging uses: Valve Disease and SOB.**
- 7. Appropriate use.**

The apical inferior wall receives its blood supply from which coronary artery?

- a.** The right coronary artery.
- b.** The left anterior descending coronary artery.
- c.** Either the right or left anterior descending coronary artery.
- d.** The right coronary artery or the circumflex coronary artery.

For the detection of coronary artery disease, compared to myocardial perfusion imaging, stress echocardiography is?

- a. Less sensitive but more specific.**
- b. More sensitive but less specific.**
- c. Less sensitive and less specific.**
- d. More sensitive and specific.**

Which of the following statements about the interpretation of wall motion are true?

- a.** If at rest there is myocardial dysfunction and with stress there is slow sustained improvement this suggests hibernating myocardium.
- b.** If at rest there is myocardial dysfunction and with stress there is a biphasic response this suggests stunned myocardium.
- c.** A resting akinetic segment that becomes dyskinetic with stress suggests an ischemic response.
- d.** None of the above
- e.** All of the above

