

Interventional Echo Guidance of PFO and ASD closure : From TEE to ICE

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Introduction

- Increasing number of procedures rely upon precise echocardiographic imaging
- Echo paramount to appropriate *patient selection*, *procedural guidance, and assessment of results*
 - No one echo modality is "right"
 - Balance need for highly specific imaging targets and goals with need for interventionalist autonomy
 - TTE and TEE require additional echo support
 - Intracardiac echo can be performed independently by operator during percutaneous procedure



Sub-types of atrial septal communications when viewed from RA. PFO not illustrated.



Patent foramen ovale: The septum primum is dark green and the septum secundum is light green. A PFO typically exists at the anterior superior border adjacent to the aortic root. The arrows denote the passage of blood through the PFO from the right to left atrium.

ASD Characteristics That Should be Routinely Measured and Reported

ASD type—PFO, primum ASD, secundum ASD, or other communication (sinus venosus defect, unroofed coror	atrial nary
sinus, anomalous pulmonary vein drainage)	
Doppler flow – presence of left to right, right to left or	
bidirectional flow	
Presence or absence of ASA	
Associated findings-eustachian valve or Chiari network	C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C
ASD size – maximal and minimal diameters (optimally me	easured
from 3D volume data sets), ASD area	
ASD location in septum (i.e., high secundum ASD, sinus	venosus
defect SVC or IVC type)	
Measurement of all rims-aortic, RUPV, superior, poster	rior,
inferior, AV septal	
Shape of ASD—round, oval, irregular	
Presence of multiple fenestrations	
Dynamic nature of ASD—measurement of area and	
maximum/minimal diameters in end-systole and	
end-diastole	
Stop-flow diameter of ASD (when balloon sizing is used	for
percutaneous transcatheter closure)	

TEE Guidance of Interventional Procedures

- Advantages
 - Superior image quality to TTE in adult patients
 - RT3D TEE widely available
 - Able to evaluate anatomic inclusions, exclude LA and LAA thrombus, evaluate device position and residual shunting

- Disadvantages
 - Requires esophageal (+/endotracheal) intubation
 - Requires additional sedation
 - Risks include esophageal trauma, aspiration
 - Patient discomfort
 - Additional support required





Representative examples of (A) RD, small, (B) RD, large, (C) OV, small, and (D) OV, large ASDs.





3D TEE of 1 medium and 1 small sized ostium secundum ASDs - A) Bicaval view demonstrating 2 discrete ASDs. B) Bicaval view with Color Doppler demonstrating 2 discrete L to R shunts. C) Zoom acquisition of both ASDs en face from RA perspective. D. Minimally invasive surgical repair demonstrating identical pathology to 3D TEE. White arrow ASDs. RA- right atrium, LA-left atrium



Representative measurements of ASD diameter on (A) 2D-TEE images, (B) maximal and minimal diameters on 3D-TEE images, and SBD using (C) fluoroscopy and (D) 2D-TEE images.







Intra procedural real-time 3D TEE provides superior visualization of wires, catheters and devices, and their relationships to neighboring structures in a format that is generally more intuitively comprehended by the interventional cardiologist than 2D echo. Here an ostium secundum ASD is closed with an Amplatzer device under RT3D TEE guidance. All views are shown from the LA perspective. Panel A demonstrates the LA disc of the device opening in the LA. Panel B demonstrates continued opening of the device. Panel C demonstrates an undersized device with a residual defect. This device was removed and a larger closure device used (panel D).

RA - right atrium, LA - left atrium





Intracardiac Echo Guidance

- Advantages
 - Comparable imaging to TEE
 - Single operator without additional echo support
 - Shorter procedure and fluoroscopy times
 - Avoids general anesthesia or additional sedation
 - No risk of aspiration or esophageal trauma
 - Patient comfort

- Disadvantages
 - Cost
 - Vascular risk associated with 8-10F catheters
 - Single plane imaging on 2D systems
 - True long and short axis axis views difficult to achieve in some patients on 2D systems
 - 3D ICE only recently introduced - role needs to be defined

Potential Risks Due to ICE

- Vascular
 - Hematoma
 - Retroperitoneal bleed
 - Perforation of venous structures
- Perforation
 - Pericardial effusion
 - Tamponade
- Arrhythmia
 - PAC's
 - Atrial fibrillation
 - Heart block

Available ICE Systems

- Boston Scientific Atantis® (AKA UltralCE[®])
- Radial cross sectional imaging (15° forward)
- 9 MHz, 9 Fr catheter based
- ~ 5-7 cm radial imaging depth
- 2D Imaging only
- Siemens Biosense Webster AcuNav®
 - Side Viewing sector scanning (Phased Array)
 - 8 and 10 Fr, 5.5-10 MHz*, deflectable catheters
 - ~ 12-15 cm imaging depth
 - Full Doppler, and color flow imaging
 - Newly introduced 3D system AcuNav V 10F catheter
- Phillips (EP Medsystems ViewMate[®])
 - 9 Fr catheter with and 2D, color, spectral Doppler
 - Newer CX50 Matrix system ICE compatible

ACUSON AcuNav V[™] Ultrasound Catheter

- 10F, 90 cm, 22°x 90° volume, real-time 3D imaging - images at 6 and 8 Mhz
- Powered by ACUSON SC2000 system 16X speed of standard ultrasound
- Real-time 3D and 3D with color
- Potential to add incremental improvement to EP and structural heart disease interventions



















































3D ICE

- Understand role in interventional (and EP procedures)
 - Comparison to 2D ICE imaging
 - Comparison to 2D TEE
 - Comparison to 3D TEE
- Don't just create cool images
- Weigh benefits of independent operator performed 3D ICE study against added catheter cost and ability to comparably image targets compared to other modalities

Interventional Echo Lessons Learned

- Common anatomically based vocabulary
- Tackle one learning curve at a time
 - Anatomy
 - Devices
 - Imaging (especially ICE and now 3D ICE)
- Know when to NOT percutaneously intervene
 - Caution with very large ASDs and multiple rim deficiencies
 - Especially anterior and posterior
 - Erosion risk must be factored in
 - Multiple small defects with aneurysmal IAS

Conclusions

- Expert echo imaging *essential* to the success of transcatheter interventions:
 - Patient selection
 - Procedural guidance
- No one modality (or device) is right for all procedures
- Interventionalists need to become expert in imaging as percutaneous interventions continue to expand their role