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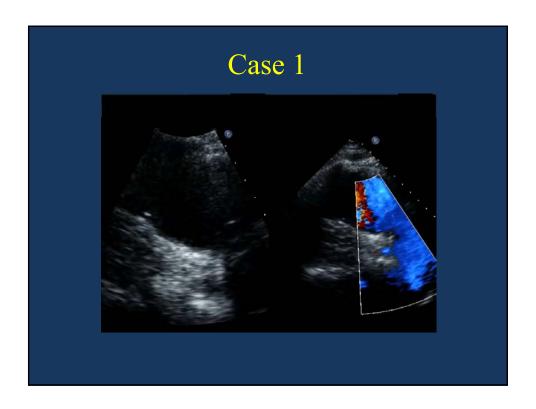
- · Congenital Heart Disease in Adults
- Congenital Heart Disease Cases
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Congenital Heart Disease Cases

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Case 1

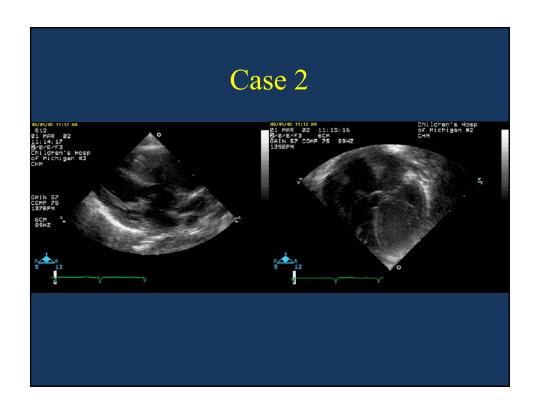
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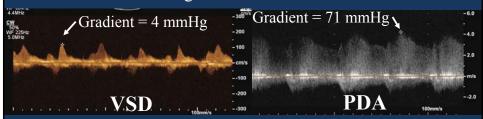
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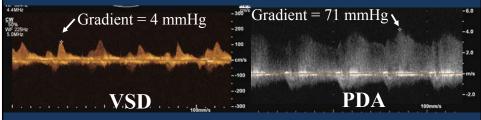
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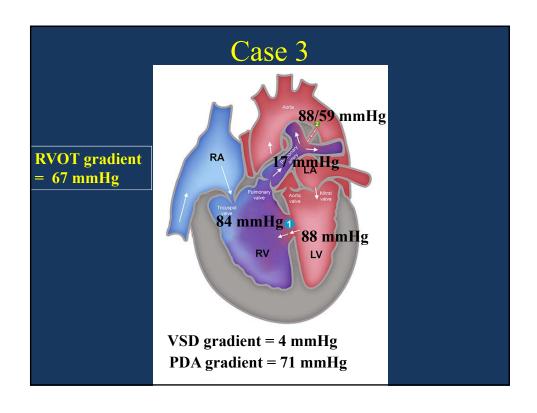
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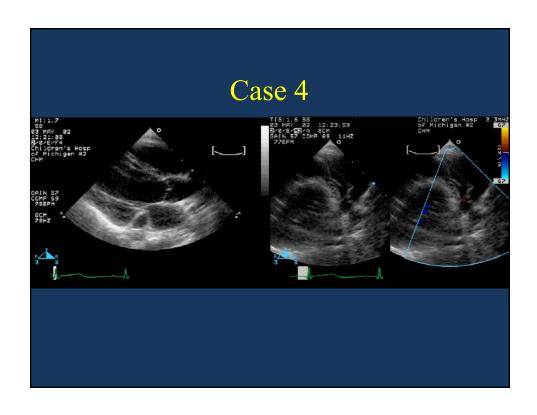
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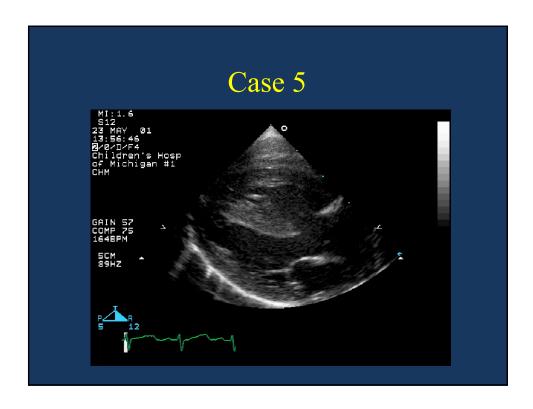
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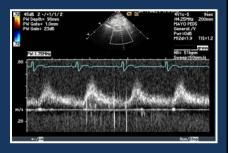
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Correct Answer

4. The instantaneous gradient through the coarctation site is not the best marker of severity of coarctation in an adult. Gradients are reduced by the presence of collateral circulation, if present, and are influenced by other obstructions and cardiac output changes. By echocardiogram, a coarctation is likely significant if the abdominal aortic doppler signal is abnormal, with a slow upstroke and diatolic forward flow present.



2. A 30 year old woman is evaluated by echocardiogram. Continuous wave Doppler through her RVOT is shown:



This Doppler tracing is indicative of?

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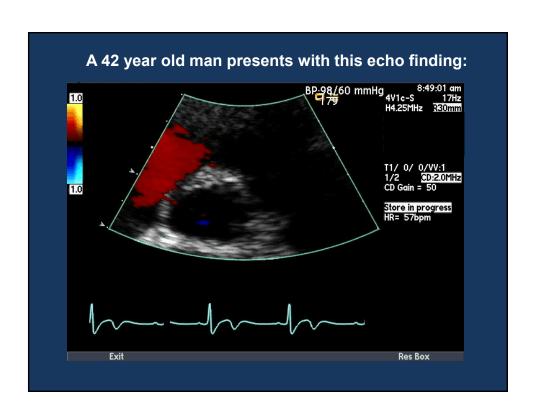
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3. During inspiratory cycles with flow into the RV from the right atrium, there is flow out the RVOT.



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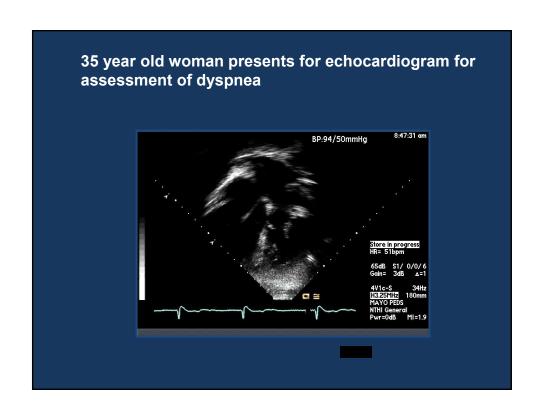
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2. Aortic cusp prolapse with progressive aortic valve regurgitation may require a small VSD to be close to prevent further valve degeneration. Hemodynamically significant vsds cause LA/LV dilatation, not RV/RA.

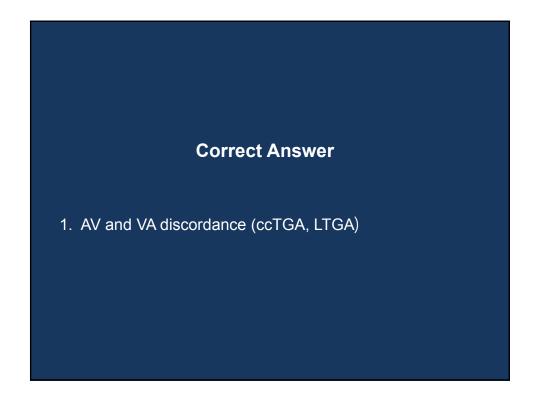


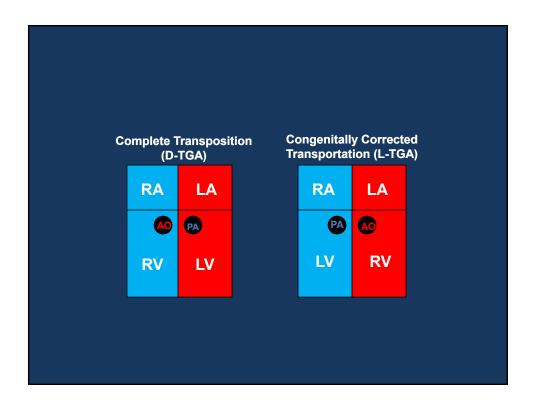
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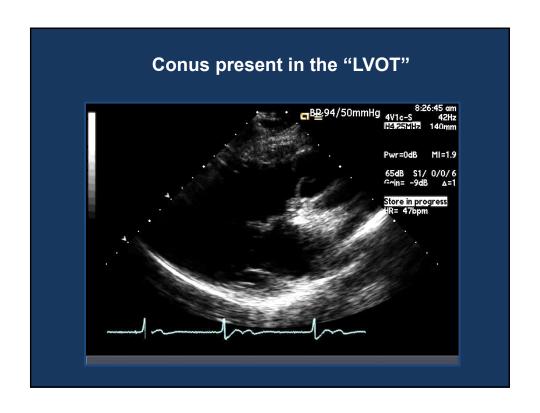
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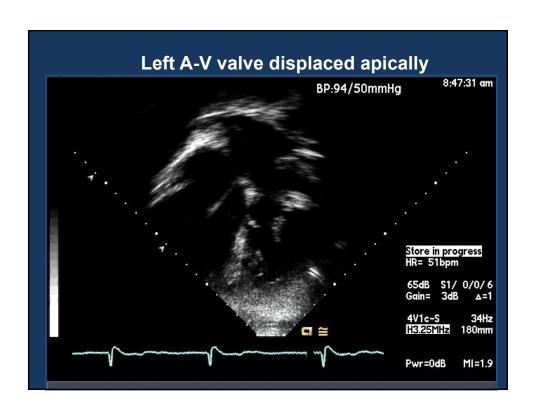
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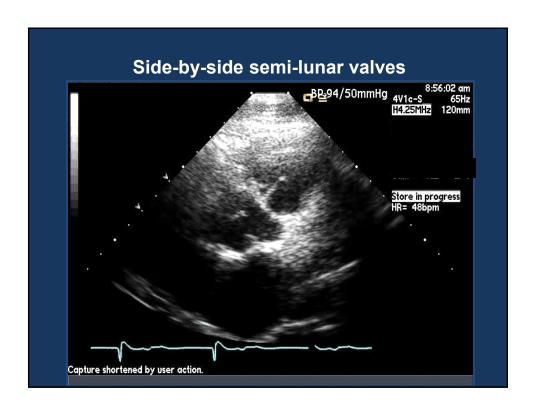
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Lesions Associated with ccTGA

- Ventricular Septal Defect (70%)
- Subpulmonary ventricular outflow tract obstruction (40%)
- Tricuspid valve dysplasia/Ebstein malformation (90%)
- · Situs inversus
- Dextrocardia

18 year old man presents for evaluation of palpitations



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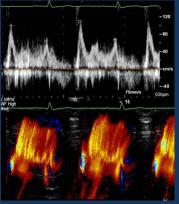


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Echocardiographic Evaluation of Diastolic Function

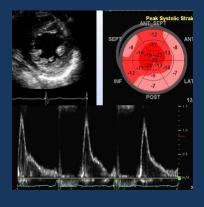
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Case 1. Following PW Doppler and color-M mode of mitral inflow are seen in which situation?

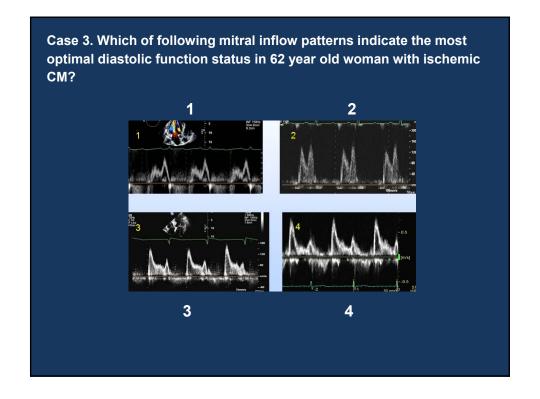


- 1. Delayed LV relaxation
- 2. Augmented isovolumic flow
- 3. Double mitral orifice
- 4. Grade 2 diastolic dysfunction

Case 2. Following 2-D, mitral inflow Doppler, and strain imaging were obtained from 72 year old man with pleural effusion. What is his diastolic function?

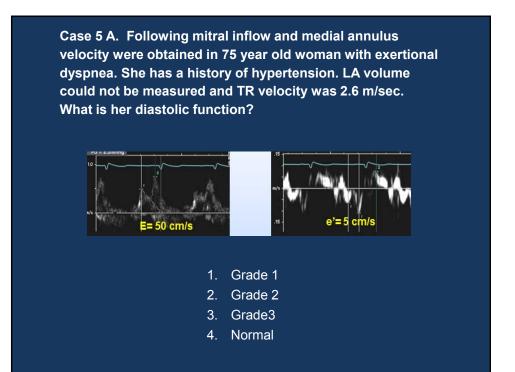


- 1. Grade 1
- 2. Grade 2
- 3. Grade 3
- 4. Indeterminate



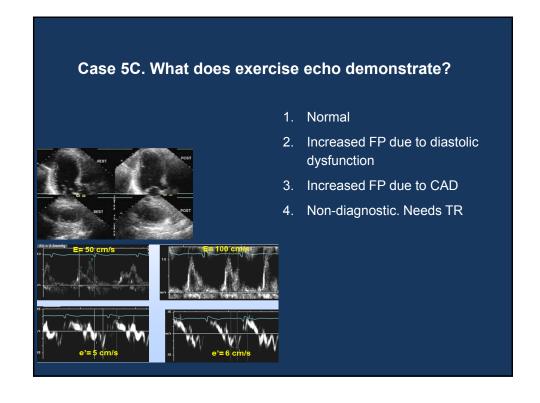
Case 4. E/e' is proven to be reliable in estimating LV filling pressure in which of following conditions?

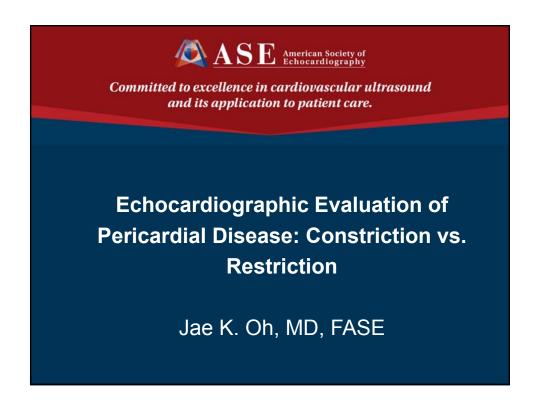
- 1. Hypertrophic CM
- 2. LBBB
- 3. Mitral annulus calcification
- 4. Atrial fibrillation

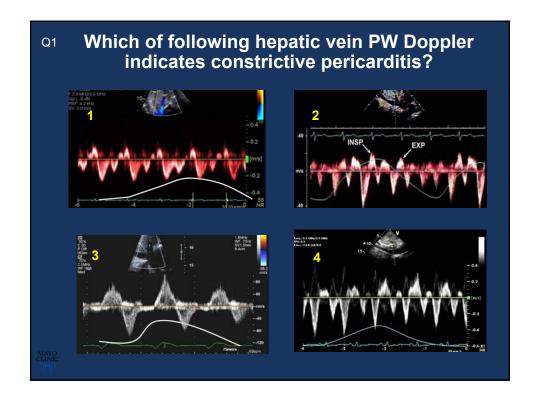


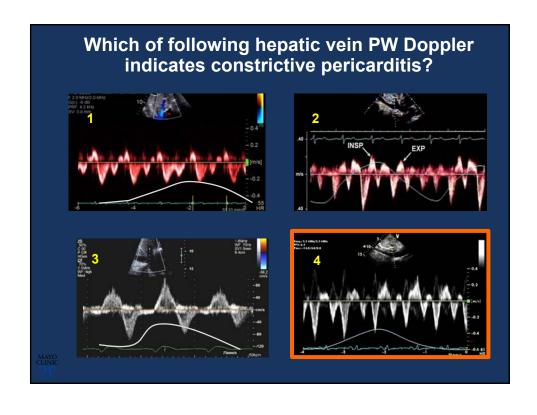
Case 5B. What is the most appropriate next step?

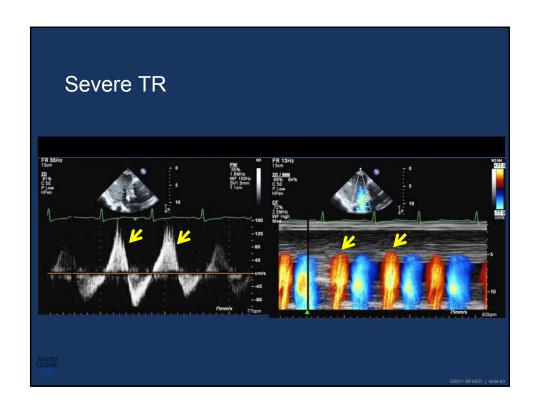
- 1. Assure there is no cardiac reason for dyspnea
- 2. Diuretic therapy
- 3. Beta-blocker
- 4. Exercise test

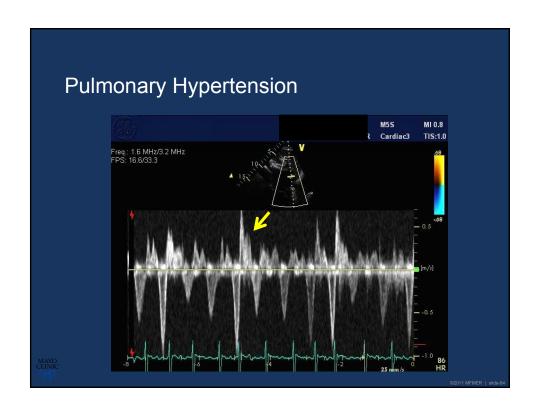


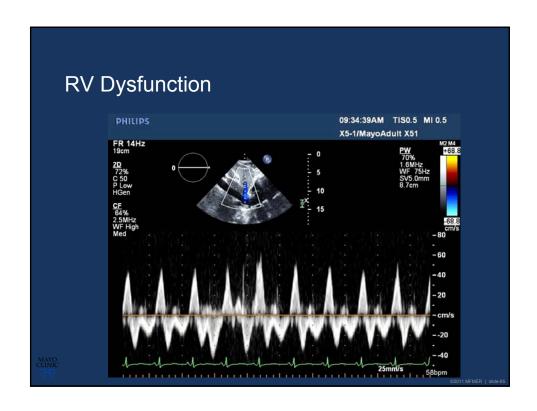


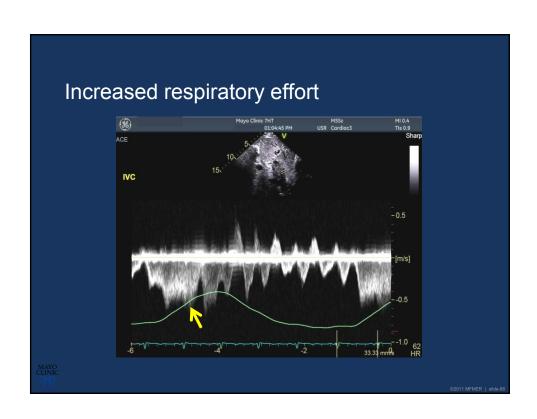


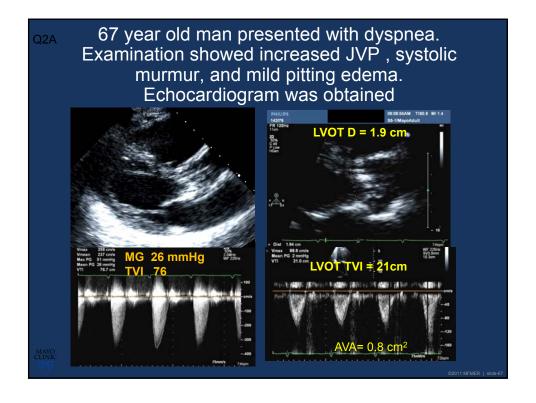


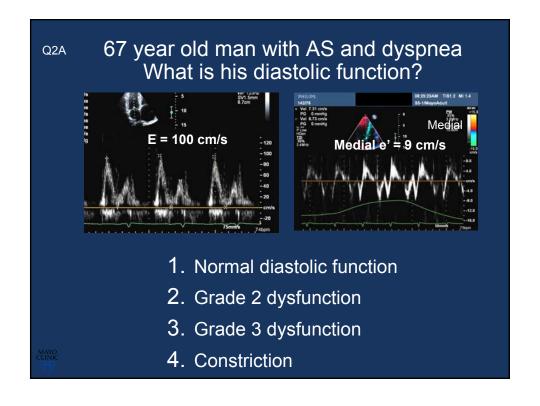






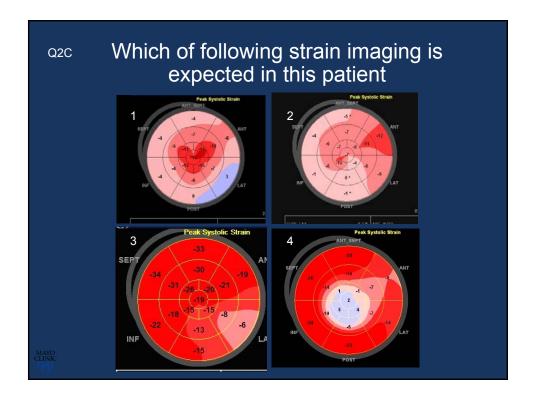


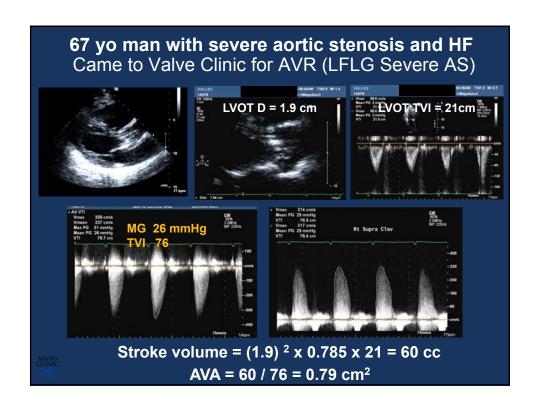


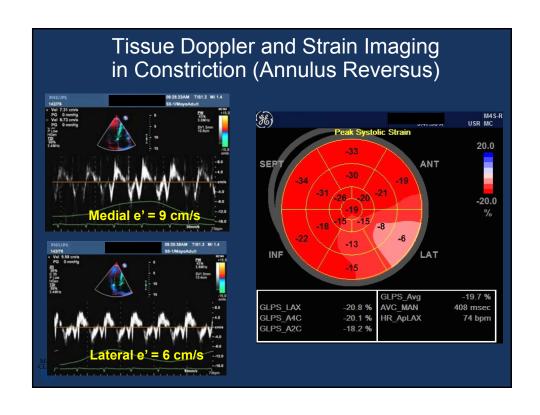


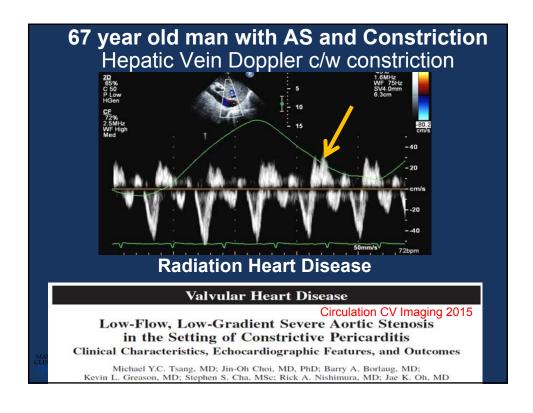
Which is the most likely etiology?

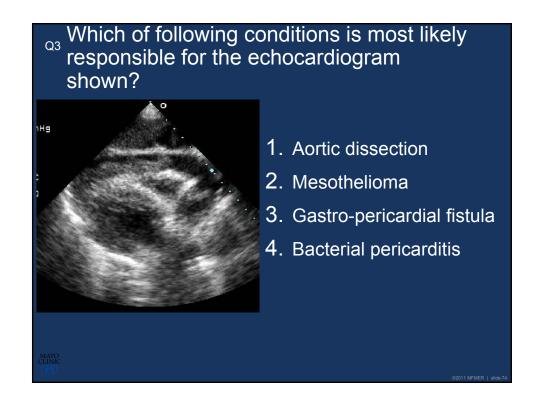
1. SLE
2. Radiation
3. Ochronosis
4. Tuberculosis

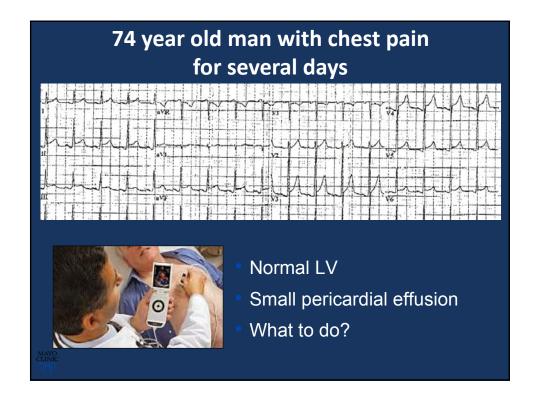


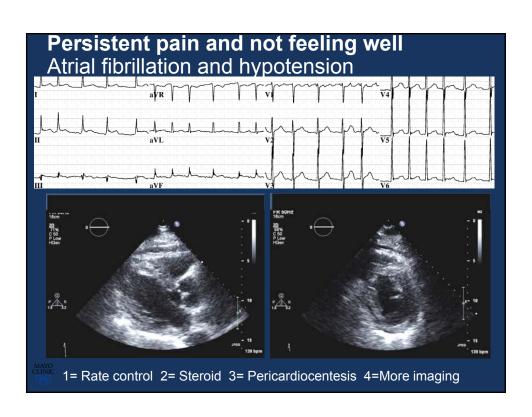




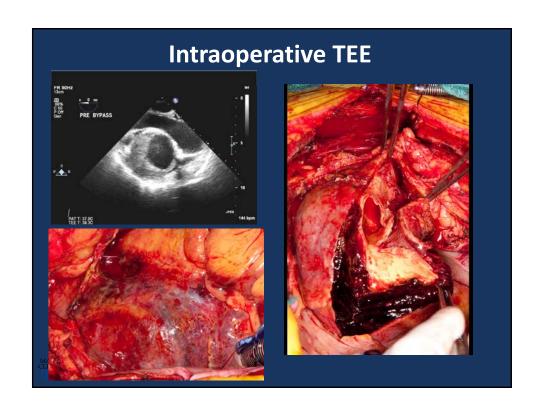


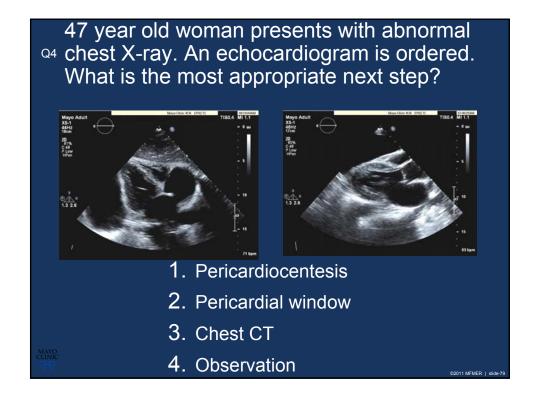


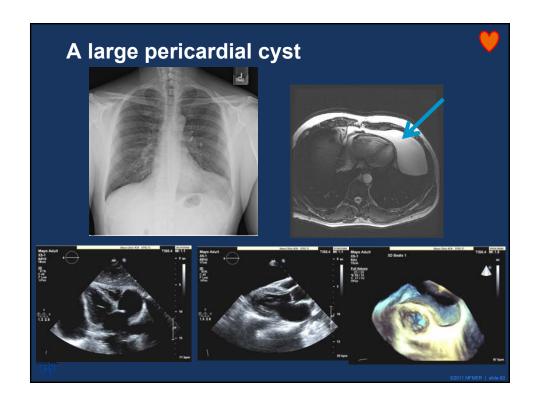


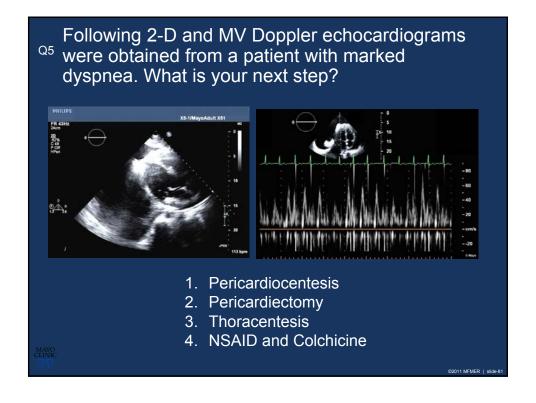


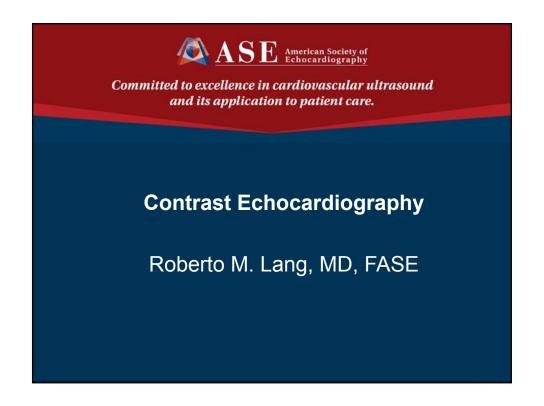








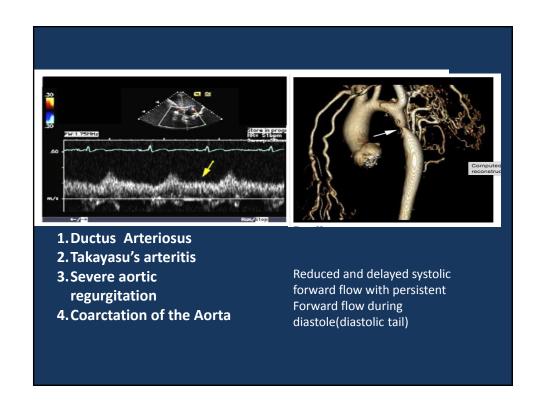




This aortic pulsed-wave Doppler examination was performed in a patient with generalized weakness. What is the most likely diagnosis?



- 1.Ductus Arteriosus
- 2. Takayasu's arteritis
- 3.Severe aortic regurgitation
- 4.Coarctation of the Aorta

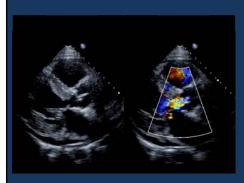


Case Study

42 year old woman with shortness of breath with exertion What is the most likely diagnosis?

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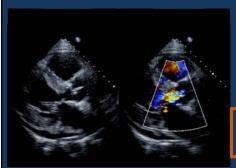
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Discrete Subaortic Stenosis

- •10% of all childhood types of AS
- Three types
 - Type 1 = Thin discrete fibrous membrane
 - Type 2 = Fibromuscular rings
 - Type 3 = Subvalvular tunnels (6 to 20%)
- Associated defects (10 57%)
 - VSD
 - Bicuspid AV, Coarctation of the AO

Identify this structure



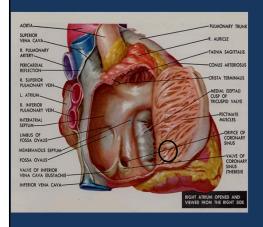
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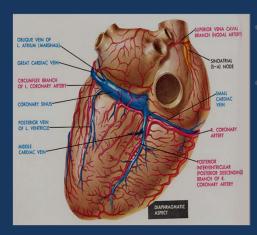
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Coronary Sinus: Anatomy



- Opens into the lower posterior aspect of RA (near mouth of IVC)
- Small fold of endocardium, the Thebesian valve situated at the CS orifice
- Chiari network may attach to CS orifice

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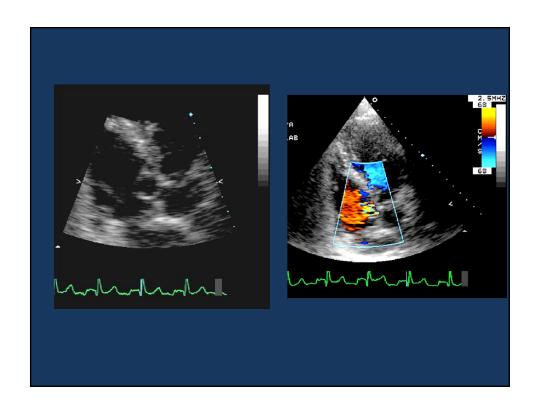
- 2-3 cm long, runs parallel to and just above the AV grove
- Receives blood form the great cardiac vein and other veins draining the posterior and lateral aspects of the heart

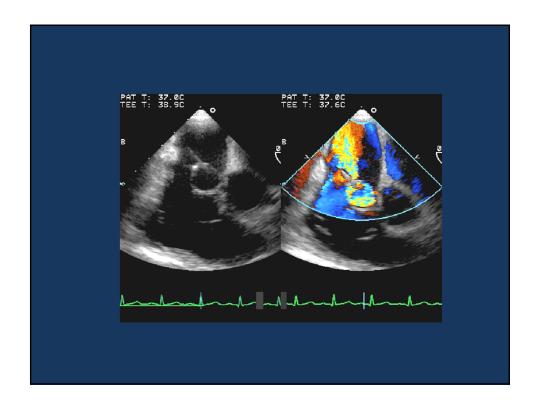
Case

54 year old obese Asian male with sudden onset of severe shortness of breath and bounding pulses. A machinery murmur is auscultated at the LSB, which did not radiate to the back or neck

A TTE and TEE were obtained

Which is the most likely diagnosis?





- 1. Patent Ductus Arteriosus
- 2. Coronary Artery Fistula
- 3. Ruptured Aortic Sinus Aneurysm
- 4. Persistent Left Superior Vena Cava
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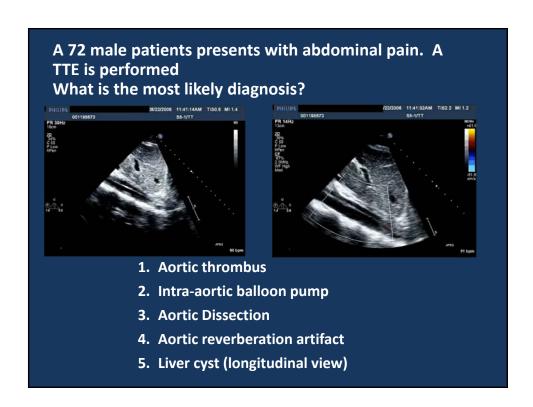
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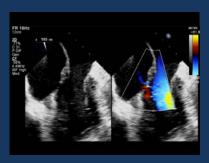
A 72 male patients presents with abdominal pain. A TTE is performed What is the most likely diagnosis?





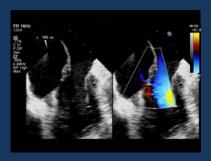
- 1. Aortic thrombus
- 2. Intra-aortic balloon pump
- 3. Aortic Dissection
- 4. Aortic reverberation artifact
- 5. Liver cyst (longitudinal view)

These TEE images were obtained in a patient who had a myocardial infarction two weeks ago. What is the most likely diagnosis?



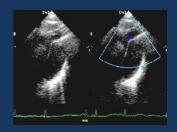
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- 4. Gerbode ventricular septal defect
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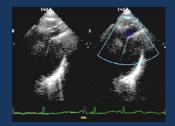
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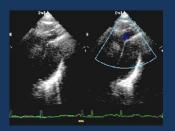
A 67 year old patient presents to the ER with chest discomfort. The following images were obtained from the supraclavicular notch. What is the most likely diagnosis

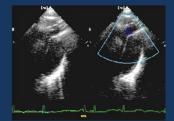




- 1. Severe aortic regurgitation
- 2. Patent ductus arteriosus
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