Echo Emergencies



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Introduction

- Echo is the optimal modality to evaluate critically ill patients
 - Real-time
 - Portable
 - Noninvasive
- Where are these echos performed?
 - Emergency room
 - ICU
 - Wards
 - Interventional lab/OR





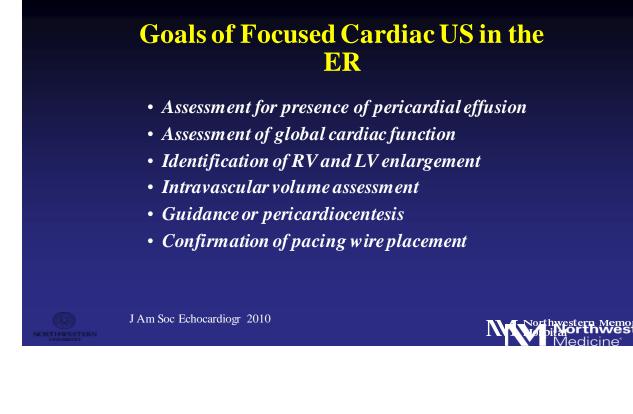
Echo in the ER

- Full echo performed by cardiology-run echo lab for complex studies
- Focused echo performed by ER personnel
 - First guidelines published by ACEP in 2001
 - Guidelines revised by ACEP in 2008
- ER US not confined to the heart
- US training now incorporated into ER residency and fellowship training programs.





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- 44 year old female NSCLC, pulmonary blastomycosis presents with weakness and poor po intake.
- Vomiting, dyspneic and somnolent in *ED*.
- Intubated and resuscitated, abx for sepsis. Poor BP response despite IVF.







- 40 yr old female with scleroderma complicated by interstitial lung disease.
- C/o worsening dyspnea and tachycardia
- Echo lab sonographer called to do echo













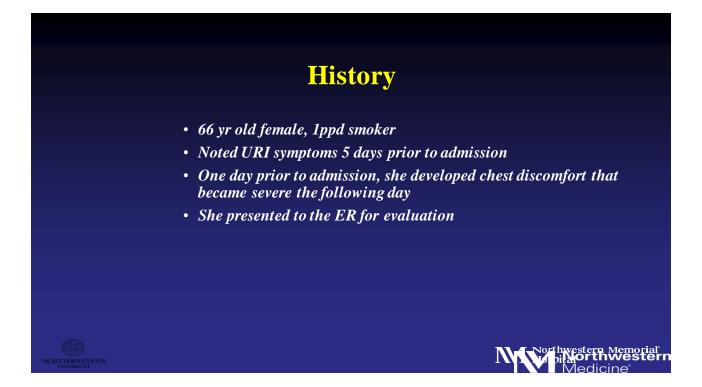


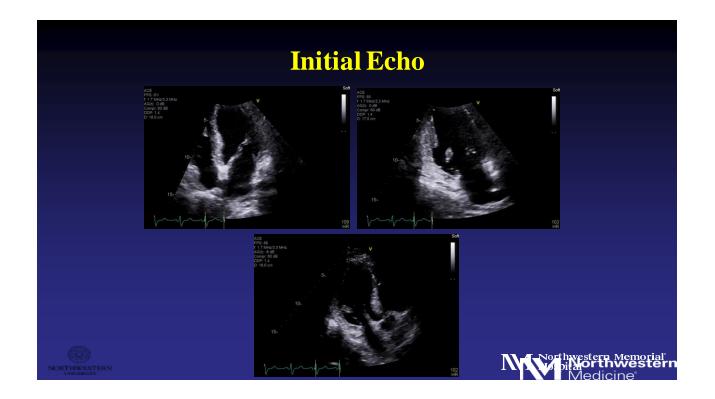
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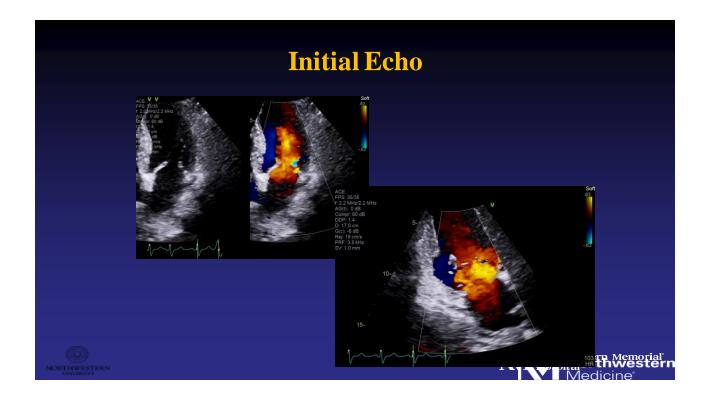
Echo in the ICU

- Complications of MI
- Shock

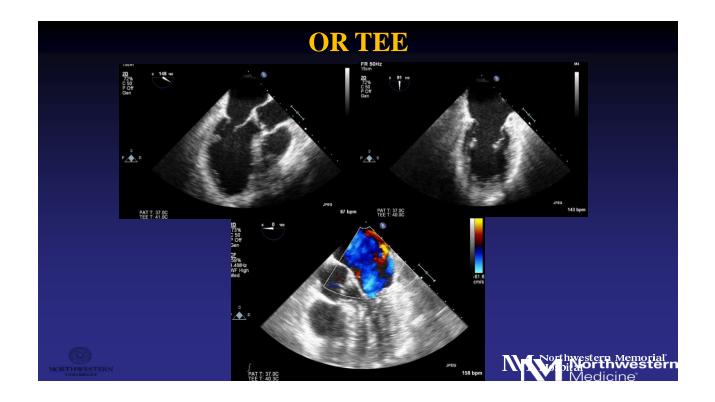


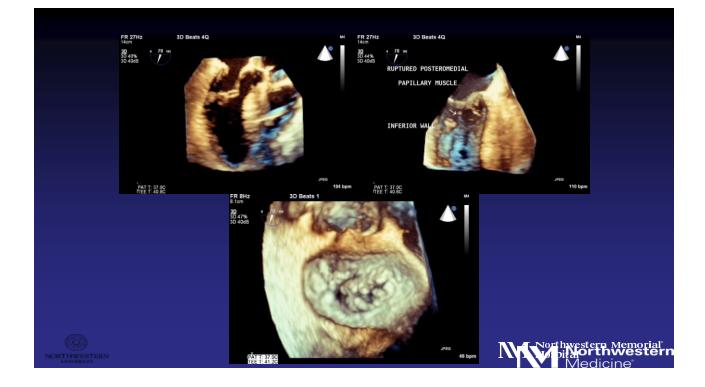






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Papillary Muscle Rupture

- About 1% of all MI's
- Sudden development of apical systolic murmur and CHF/shock
- Bimodal peak: Within 24 hrs and 3-5 days (Range 1-14 days)
- Posteromedial papillary muscle most often involved
- Infarct usually involves the RCA or LCX



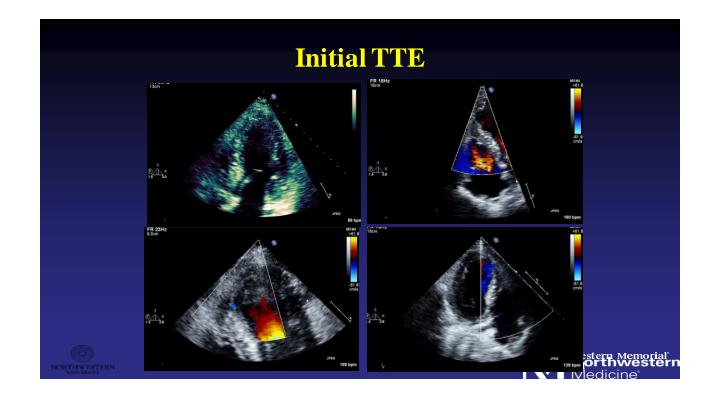


History

- 58 yr old male presented with chest pain to an outside hospital
- Diagnosed with a large AW STEMI
- LAD stent was placed
- IABP pump placed for hemodynamic instability
- Transferred to NMH





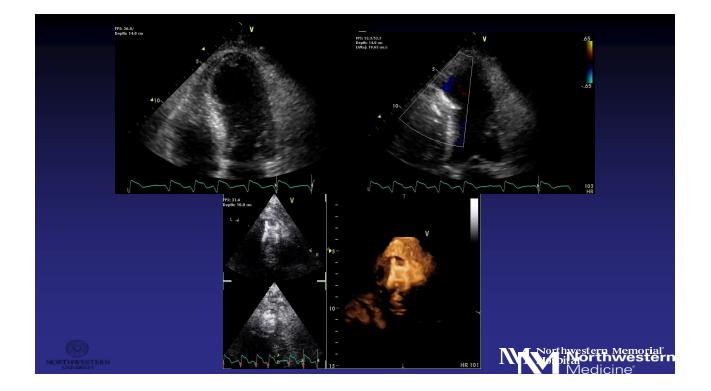


Hospital Course

- CT surgery consulted. No valvular disease or coronary disease needing intervention. Transcatheter device closure recommended
- He was taken to the cath lab where the VSD was successfully closed with an Amplatzer device
- Hemodynamics improved. IABP weaned
- 3 days later, he developed worsening heart failure









- 1-3% in patients with reperfusion therapy
- Bimodal peak: Within 24 hrs and 3-5 days (Range 1-14 days)
- Equal frequency between IWMI, AWMI
- Seen commonly in elderly women without previous MI (single vessel CAD).
- New systolic murmur with abrupt and progressive hemodynamic deterioration.





Echo Emergencies on the Wards

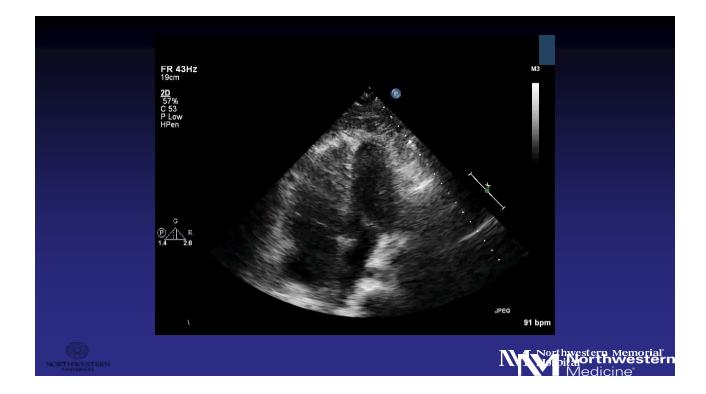


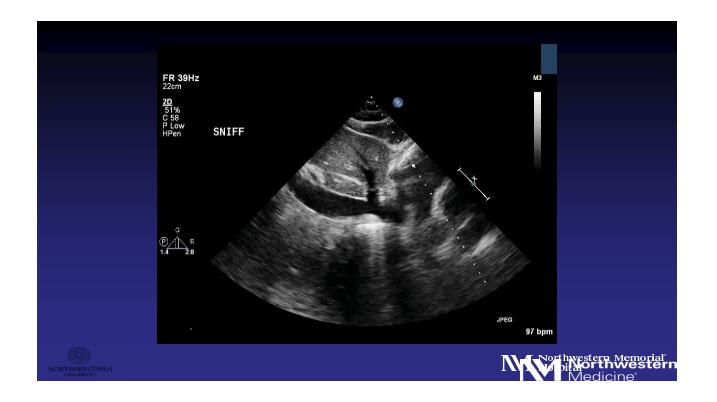
- 65 yr old female who presented with RUQ and right low er chest pain associated with belching
 - Normal ECG, labs, troponins
 - Admitted to the medicine service
 - Patient became acutely SOB shortly after admission

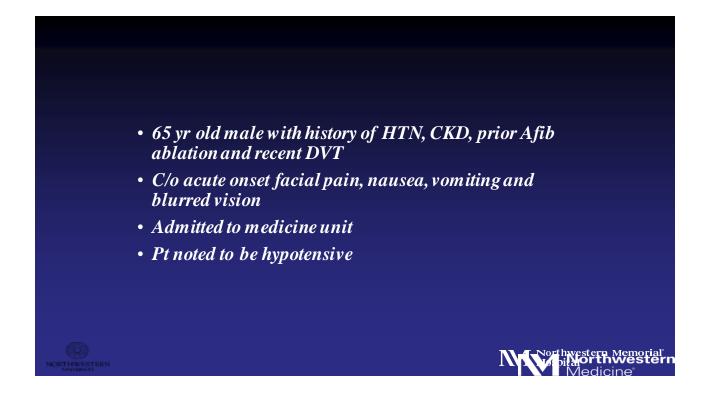




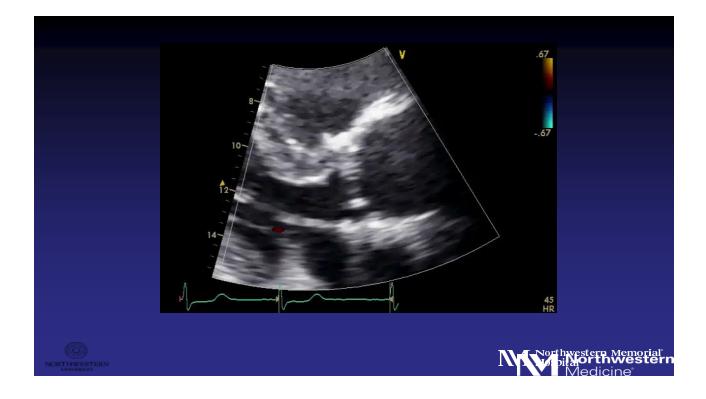


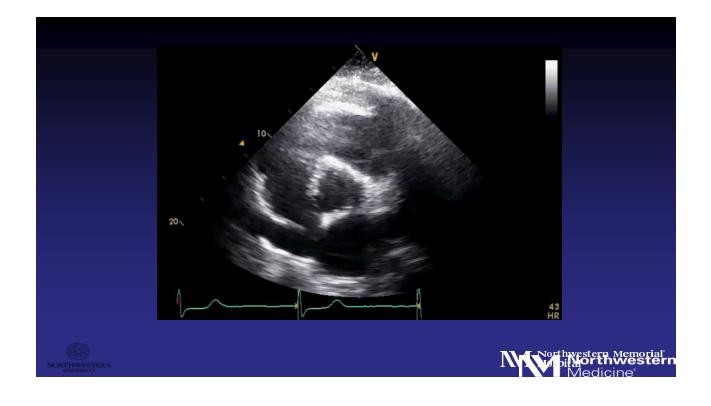




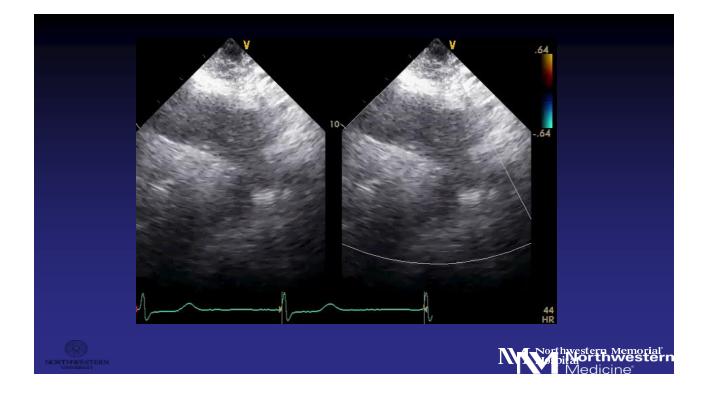












What would you do next?

- A. No further testing. Hold BP meds and monitor
- B. Another TTE in the AM
- C. TEE
- **D.** CT
- E. MRI

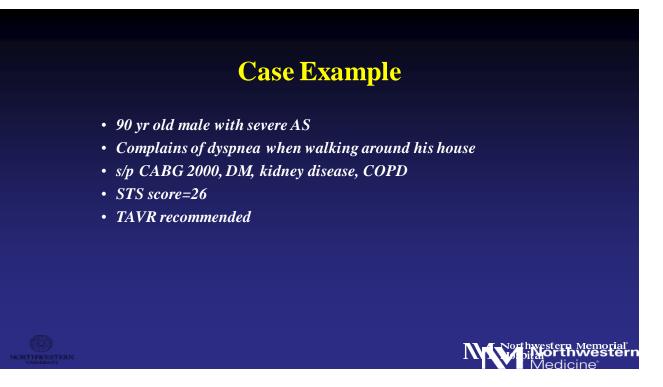


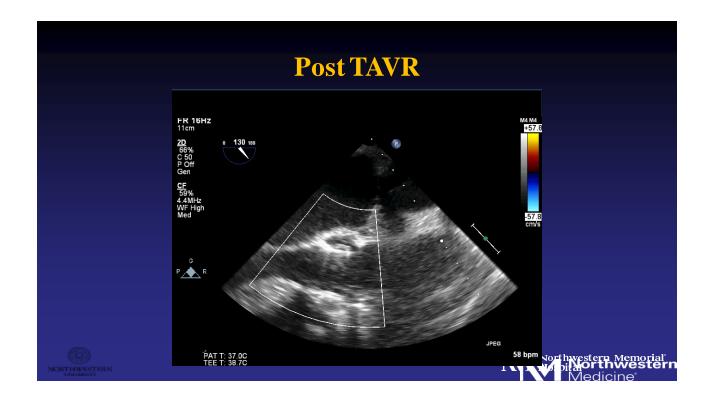


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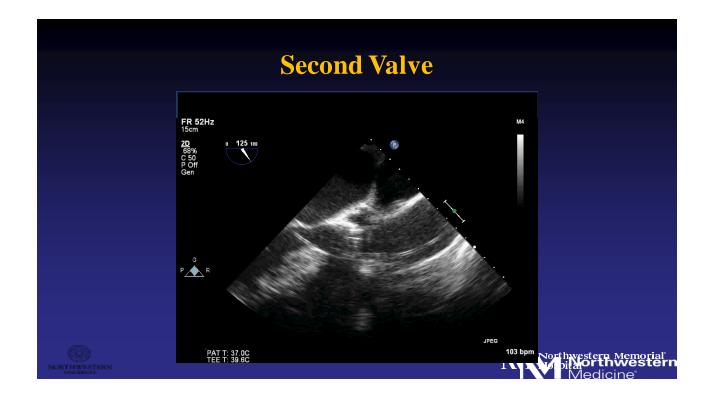
Echo Emergencies in the Interventional Lab/OR



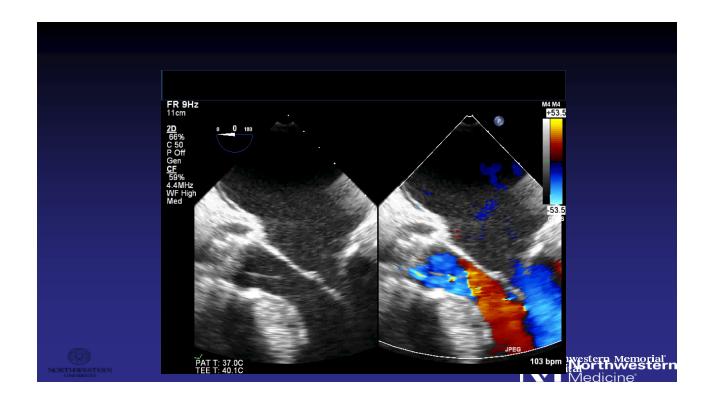


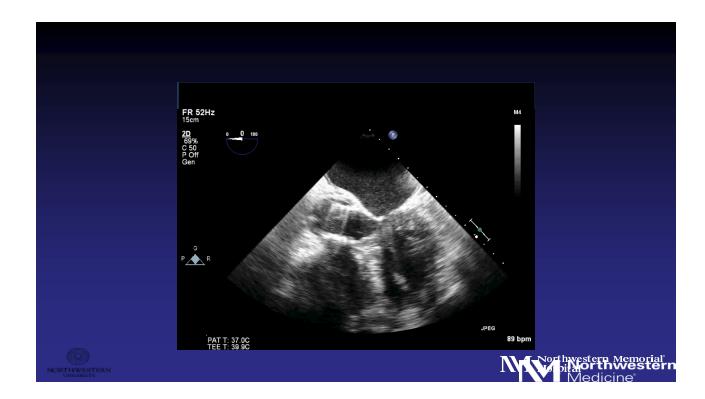


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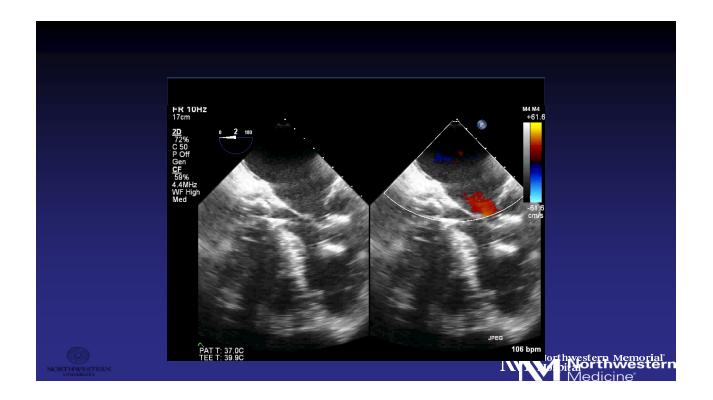


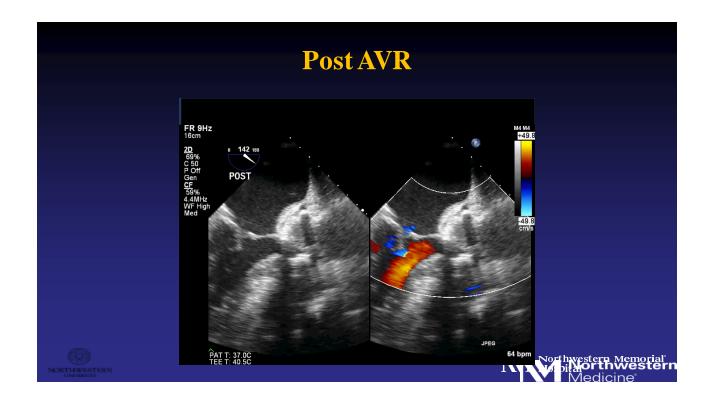


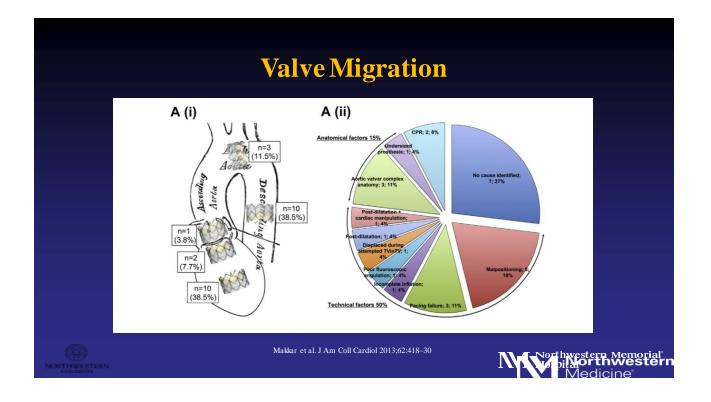


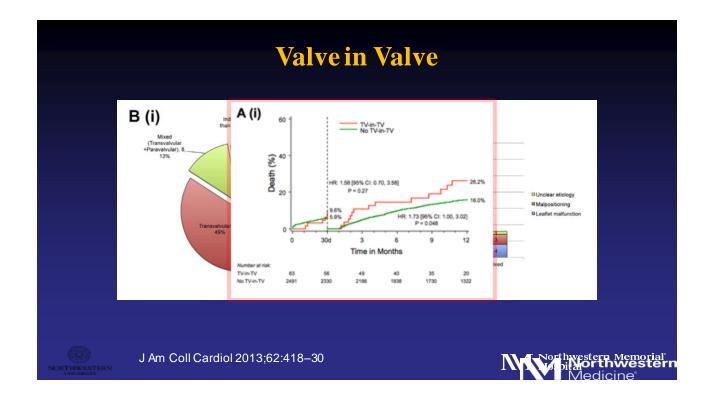












Summary

- Echo is usually the first imaging modality ordered to evaluate critically ill patients
- Echos are now performed by cardiologists and noncardiologists in a variety of hospital settings
- Thorough knowledge about cardiac causes of acute clinical decompensation necessary for rapid diagnosis and treatment











