

# Variants of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy?

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## DISCLOSURE

Relevant Financial Relationship(s)

None

Off Label Usage

None

# Thick Walls Why?

**Hypertrophy**

Genetic

Hemodynamic,  
Endocrine

**Infiltrative**

Amyloidosis

**Storage**

Glycogen Storage  
- Pompe, Danon

Mucopolysaccharidoses

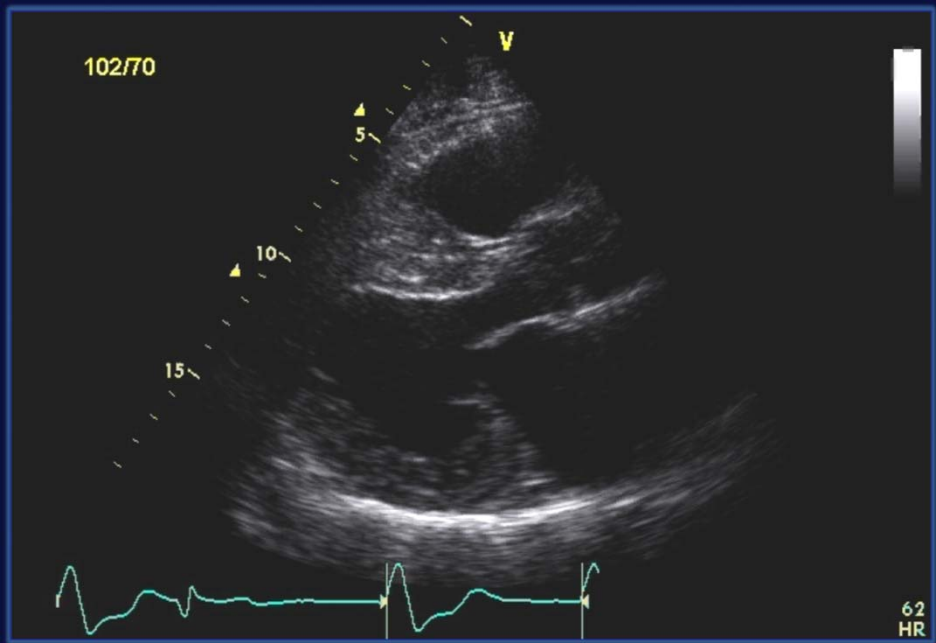
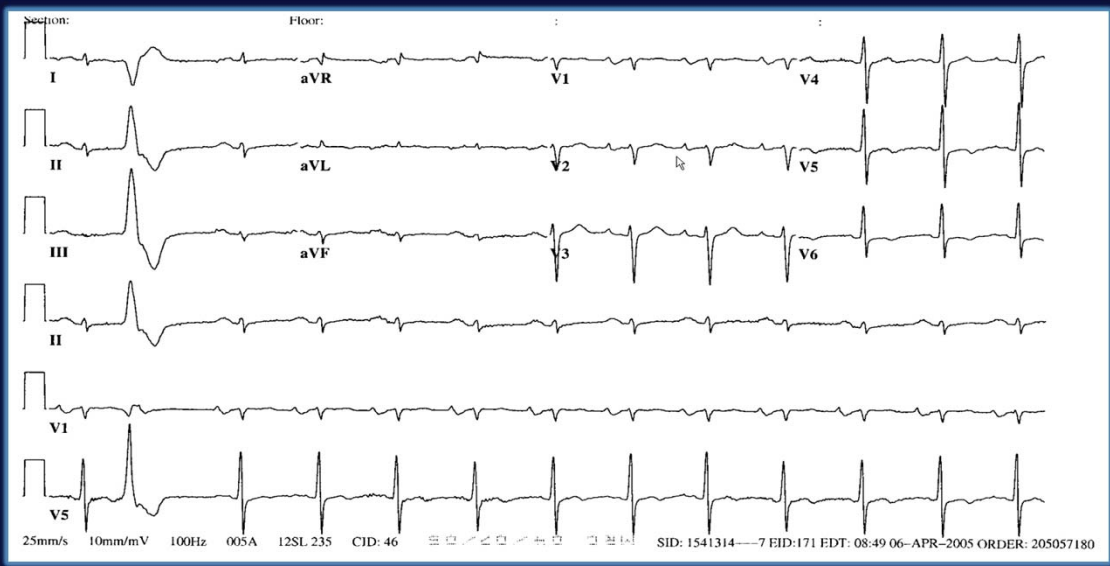
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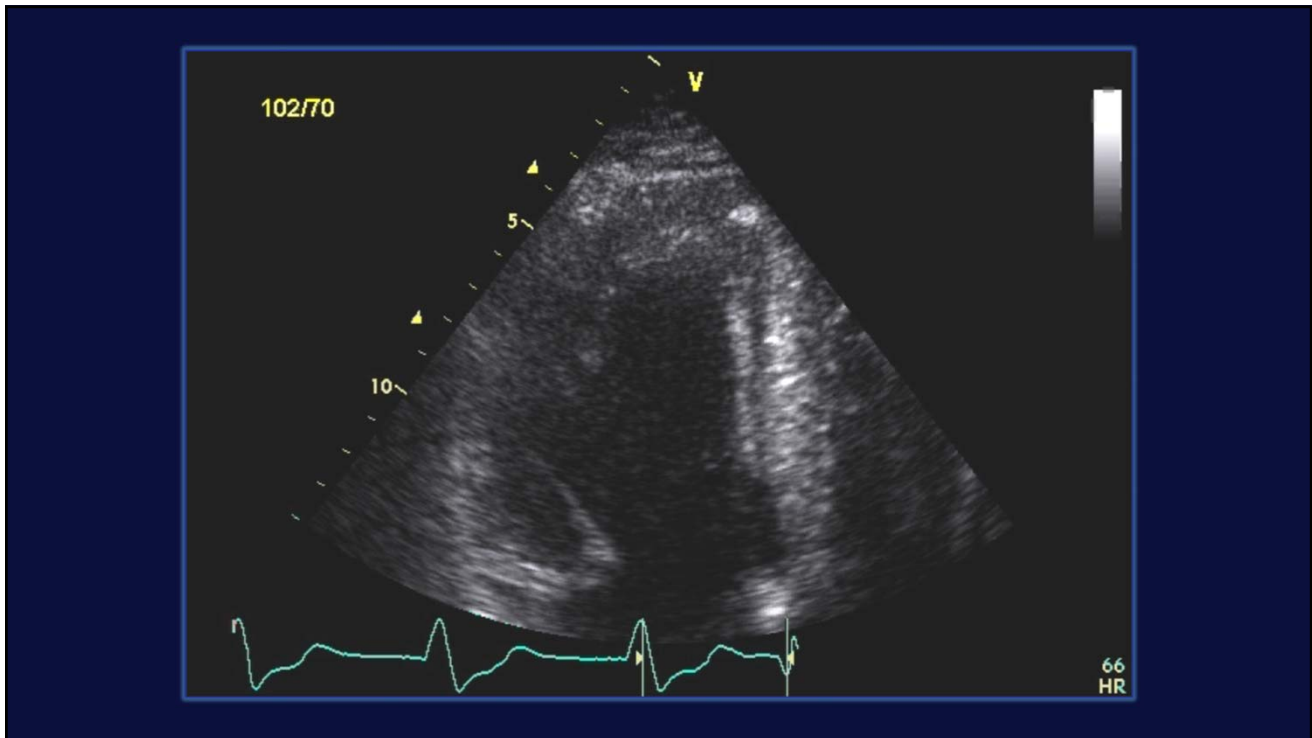
-Gaucher

-Anderson-Fabry

## Case

- 47 year old male
- 2005 several near syncope episodes.
- Eventually while at a the Phoenix Suns game had a true syncopal episode.





## Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Echocardiographic Diagnosis

Left Ventricular Hypertrophy  $\geq 15\text{mm}$

The clinical diagnosis of HCM in first-degree relatives of patients with unequivocal disease is based on presence of unexplained increase in LV wall thickness  $\geq 13\text{ mm}$  in one or more LV segments.

Maron et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2003;42: 1687

# Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

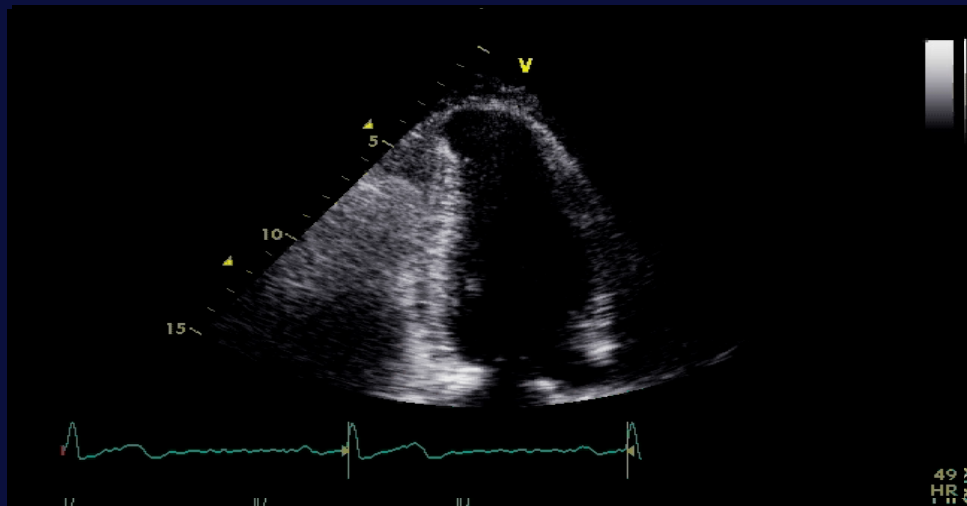
## Echocardiographic Diagnosis

What is NOT needed for the diagnosis

- Asymmetric Septal Hypertrophy (ASH)
- Systolic Anterior Motion (SAM)
- Resting or labile LVOT obstruction

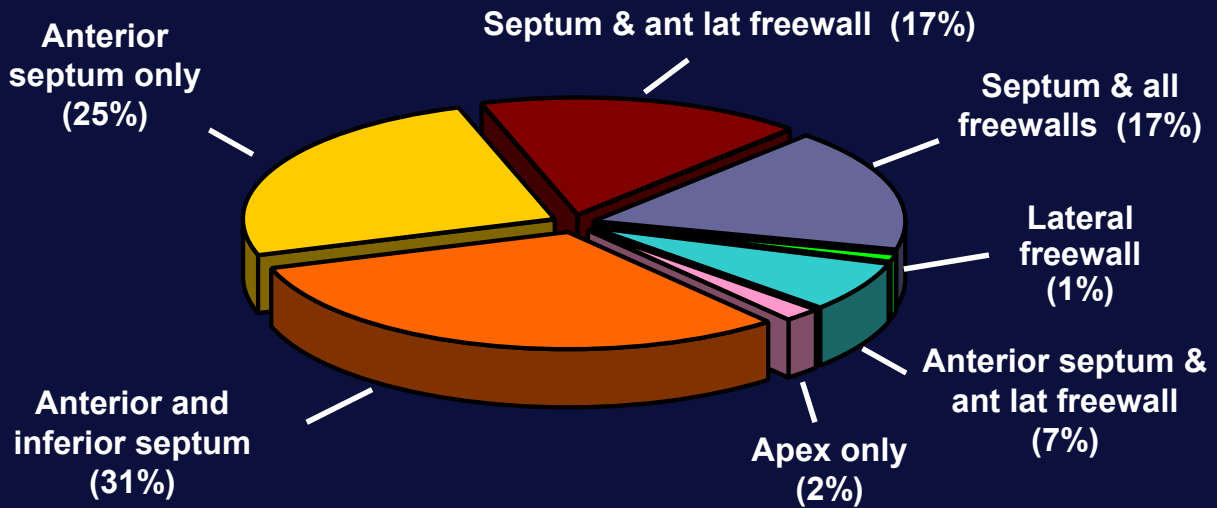
# Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

## Diversity in Phenotype



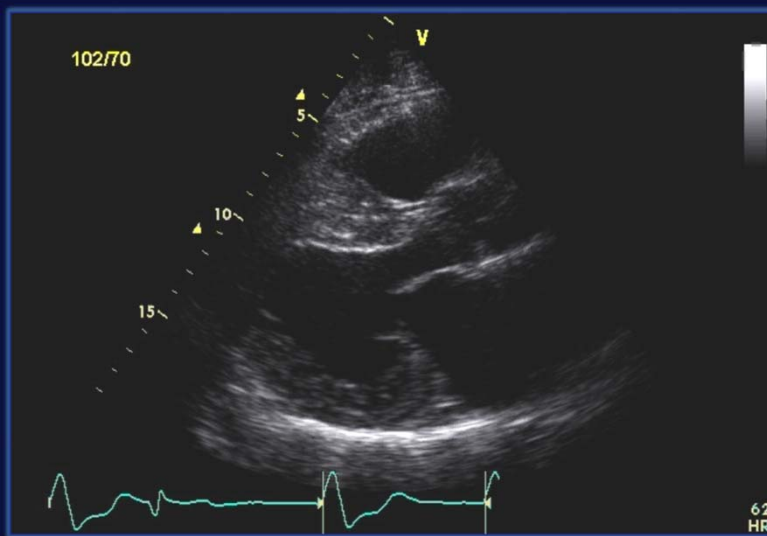
# Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

## Distribution of LVH (600 Patients)



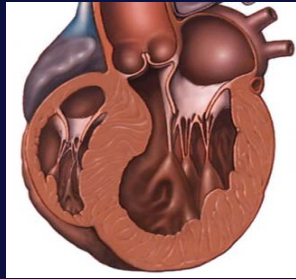
Klues HG, JACC 1995; 26: 1699

## Diagnosis: Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy



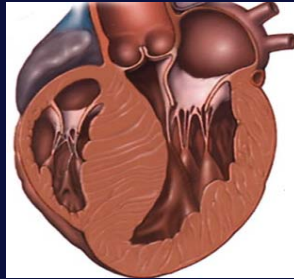
## Left Ventricular Morphology in HCM “Morphogenetics”

Sigmoid  
Septum



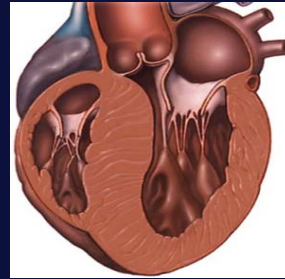
181(47%)  
Gene + (8%)

Reverse  
Septum



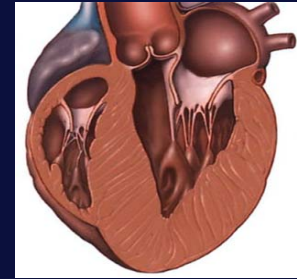
132(35%)  
Gene + (79%)

Neutral  
Septum



32(8%) Gene  
+ (41%)

Apical  
Variant



37(10%)  
Gene + (32%)

Binder J, et al. Mayo Clin Proc 2006; 81: 459.

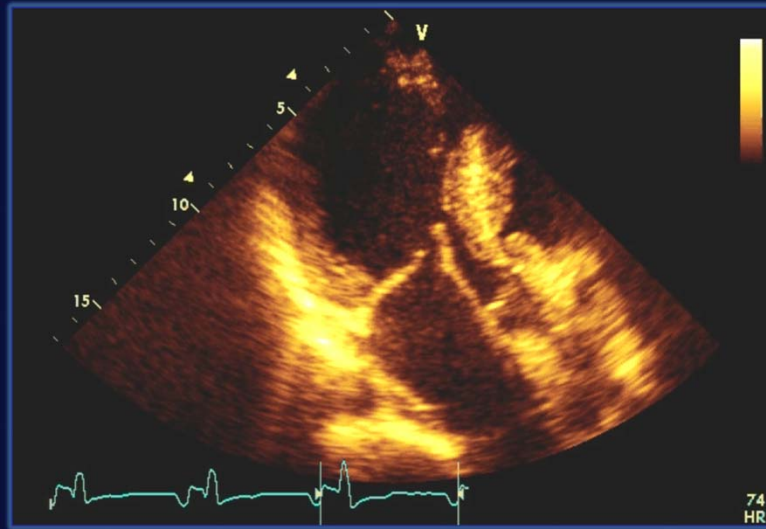
## Genetic testing for HCM

Mayo Clinic Database (389 Patients)

- Echocardiographic anatomic phenotypes are not specific for individual gene mutations
- Specific gene mutations not predictive of prognosis or need for myectomy

Van Driest SL, et al. Mayo Clin Proc 2005; 80: 739

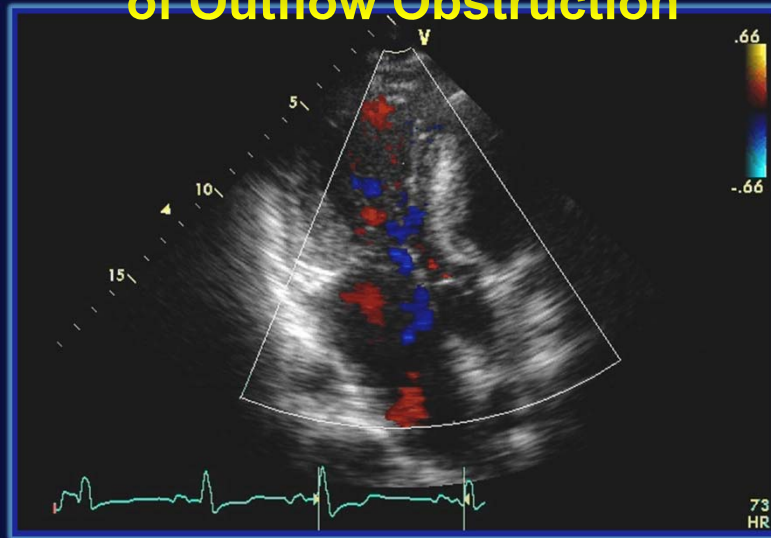
# Mitral Valve and Papillary Muscle Anatomy



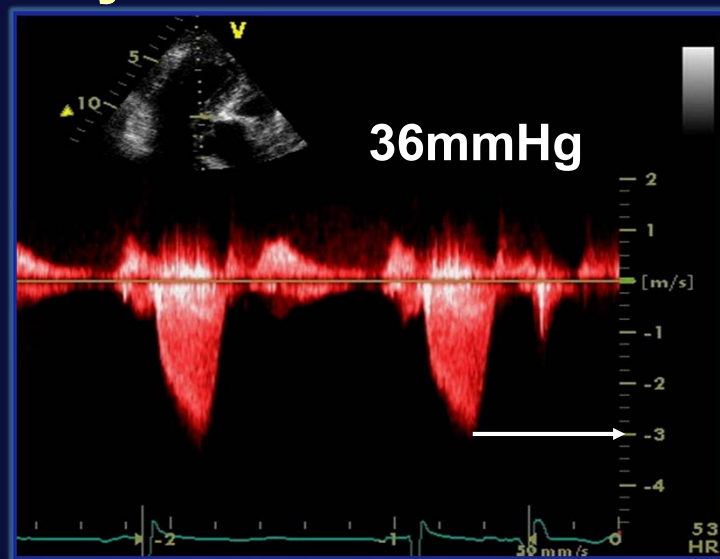


# Mitral Regurgitation

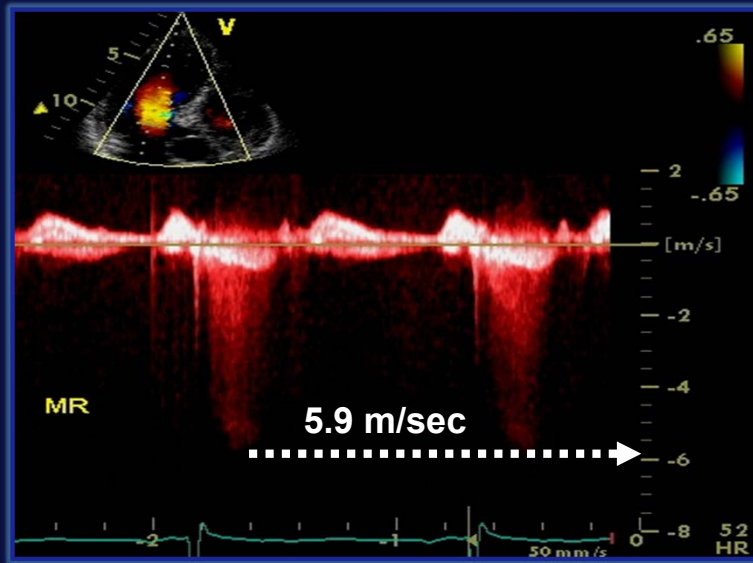
## Location, Presence and Severity of Outflow Obstruction



# Identify of Location, Presence and Severity of Outflow Obstruction



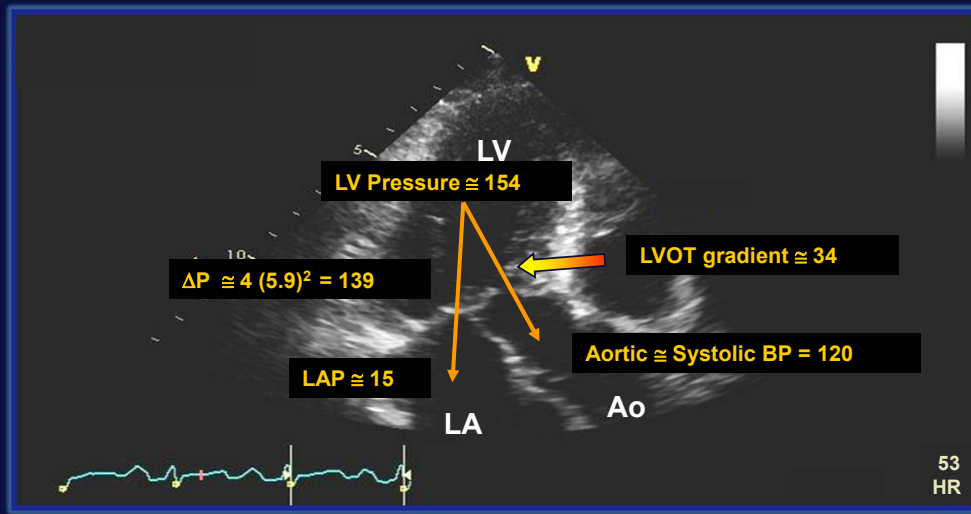
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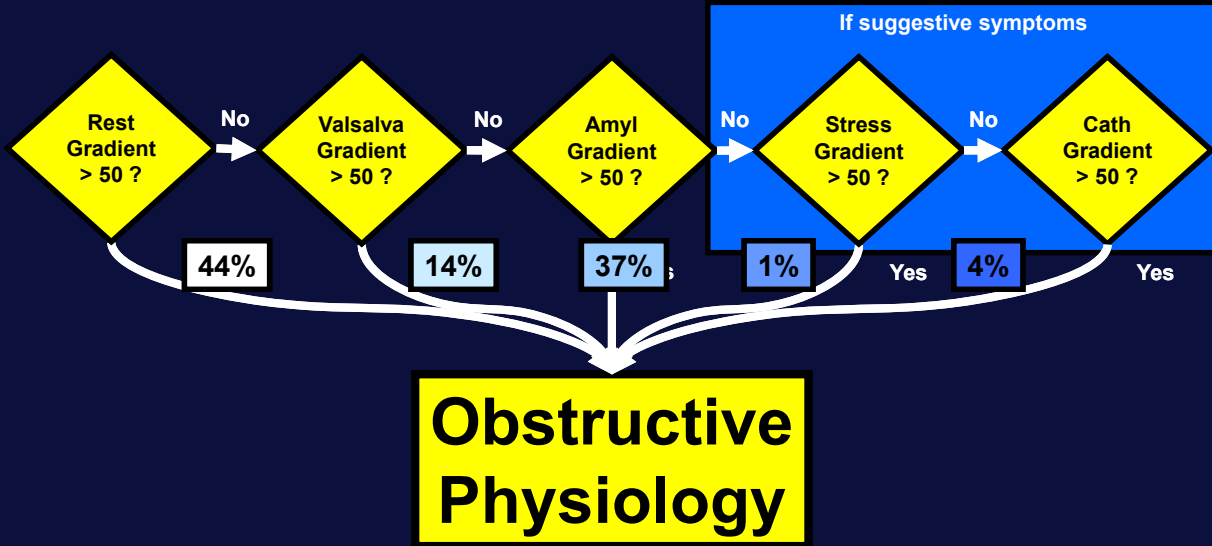
# Estimating LVOT Gradient Using MR Peak Velocity

MR Velocity = 5.9 m/sec

Systolic BP = 120 mmHg

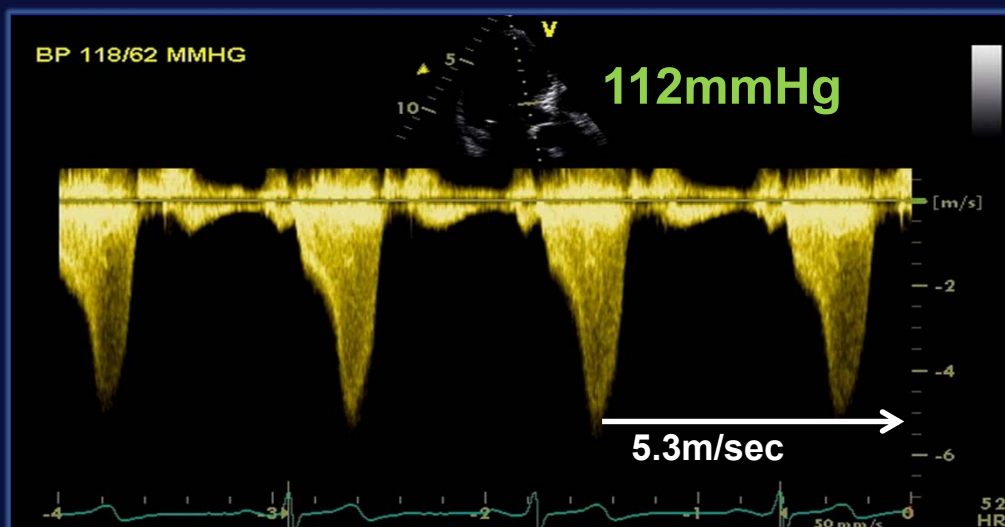


# Pursuit of Obstruction



Courtesy of Steve Ommen

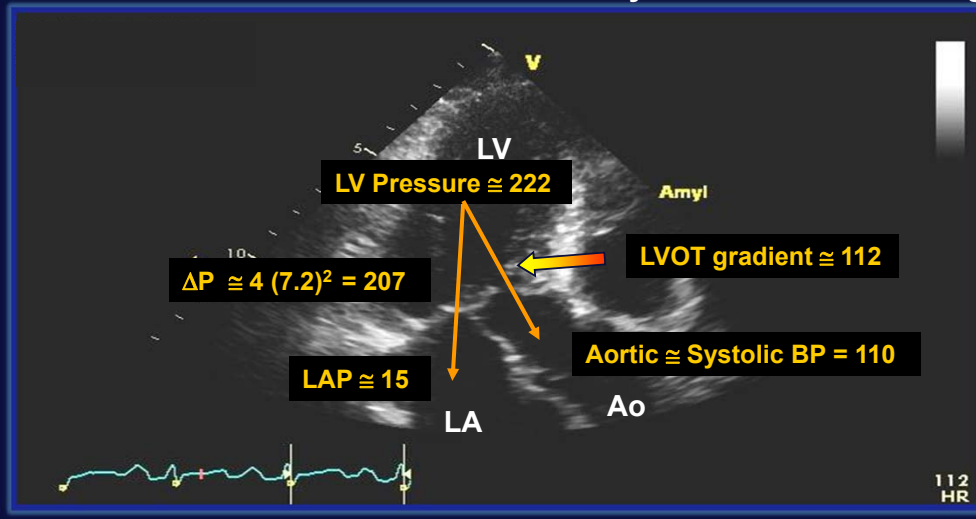
# Gradient: Amyl Nitrite



## Estimating LVOT Gradient Using MR Peak Velocity

MR Velocity = 7.2 m/sec

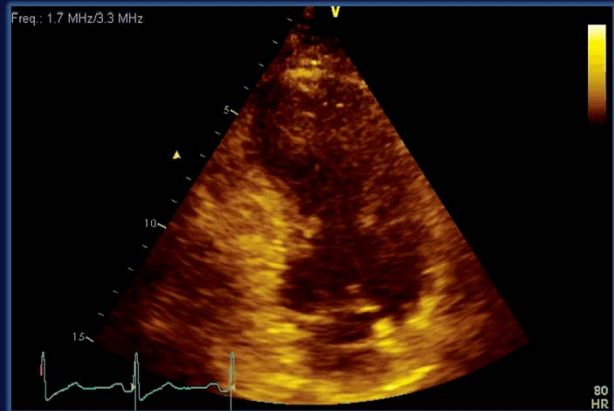
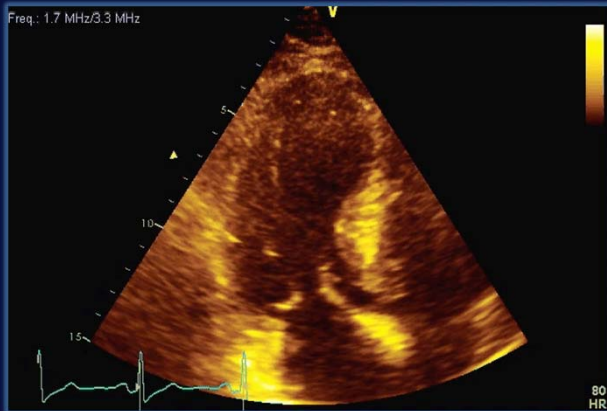
Systolic BP = 110 mmHg



## Case Pursuit of Obstruction

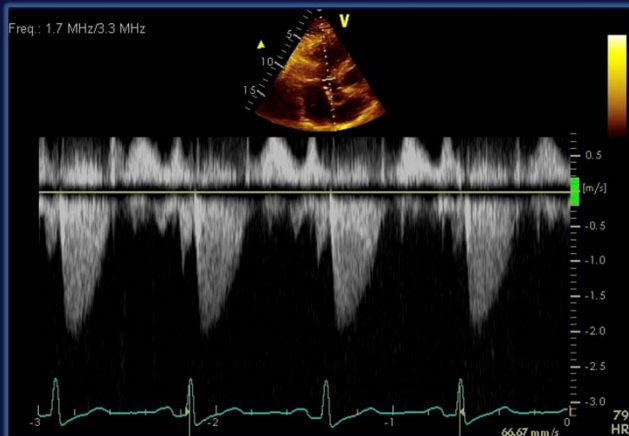
- 58 year old male
- HCM, genotype + (MYH7)
- NYHA II-III; fatigue and SOB

# Transthoracic Echocardiogram

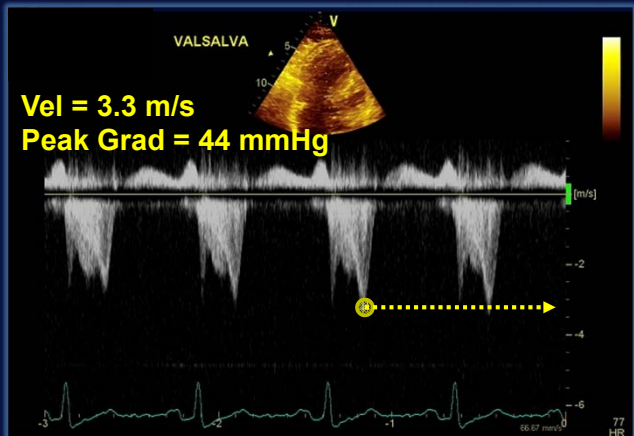


# Continuous Wave Doppler

REST

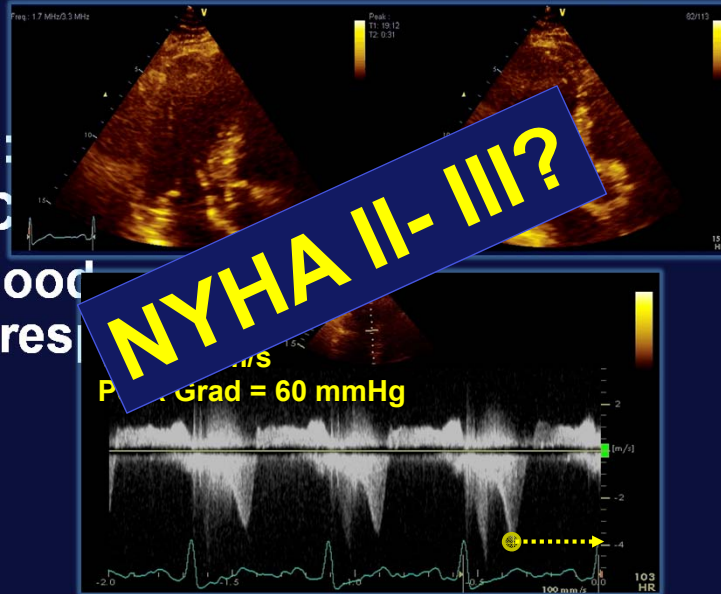


Strain Phase of Valsalva



# Stress Echocardiogram

- Bruce: 10:00
- 118% FAC
- Normal blood pressure response



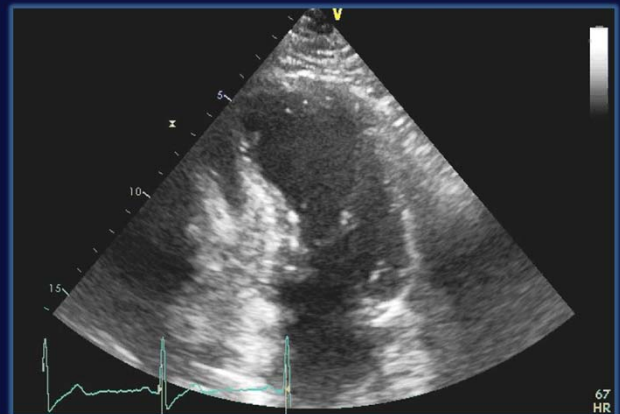
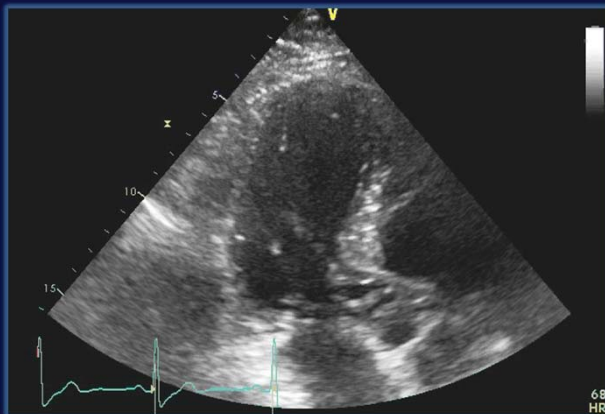
**NYHA II-III?**

Peak Grad = 60 mmHg

103 HR

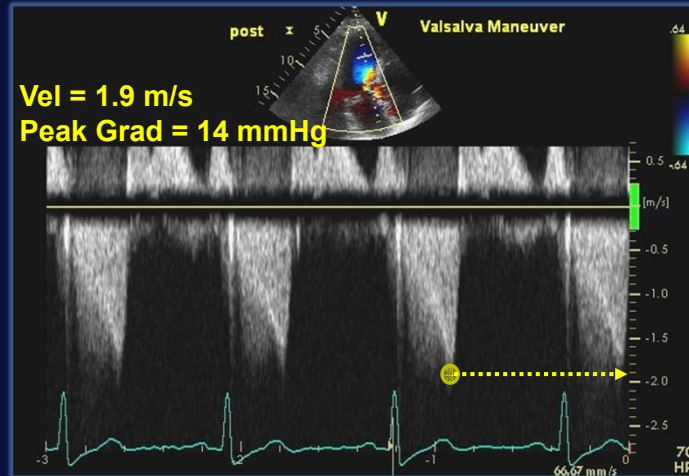
## 3 Months Later

Unable to tolerate beta blocker, NYHA III



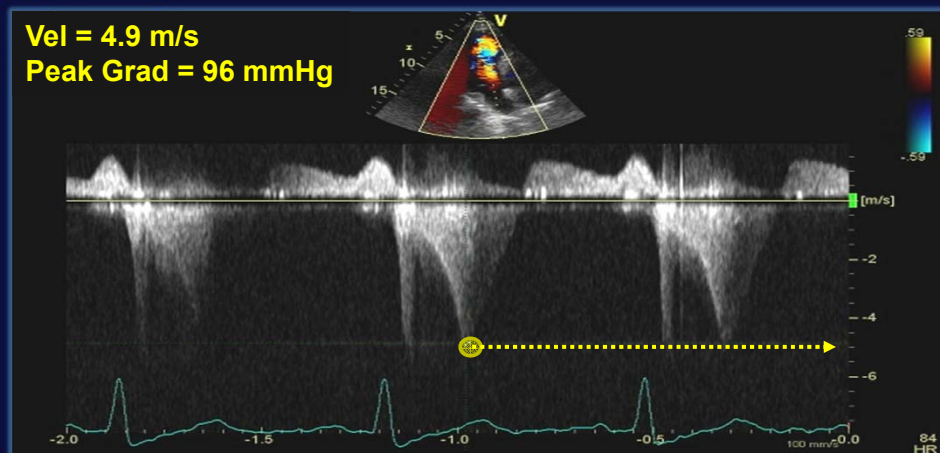
# Continuous Wave Doppler

## Strain Phase of Valsalva



# Continuous Wave Doppler 2 Hours Later

## Strain Phase of Valsalva: Post Prandial

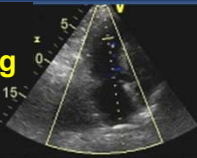


# Mitral Regurgitation 2 Hours Later

Vel = 6.8 m/s

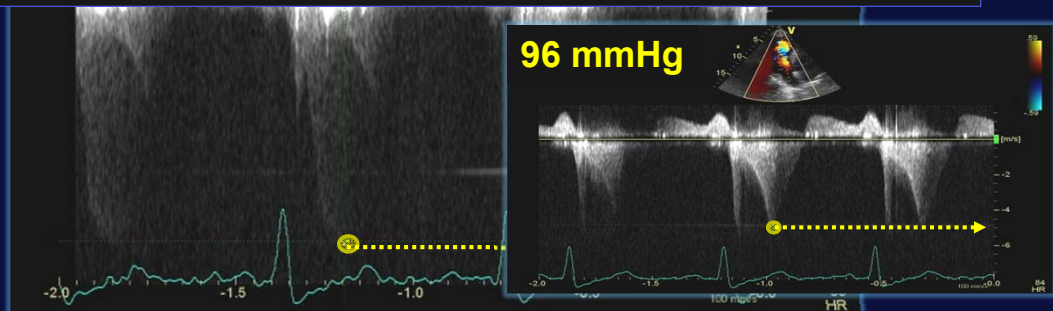
Peak Grad = 185 mmHg

LAP  $\cong$  15 mmHg



110/70

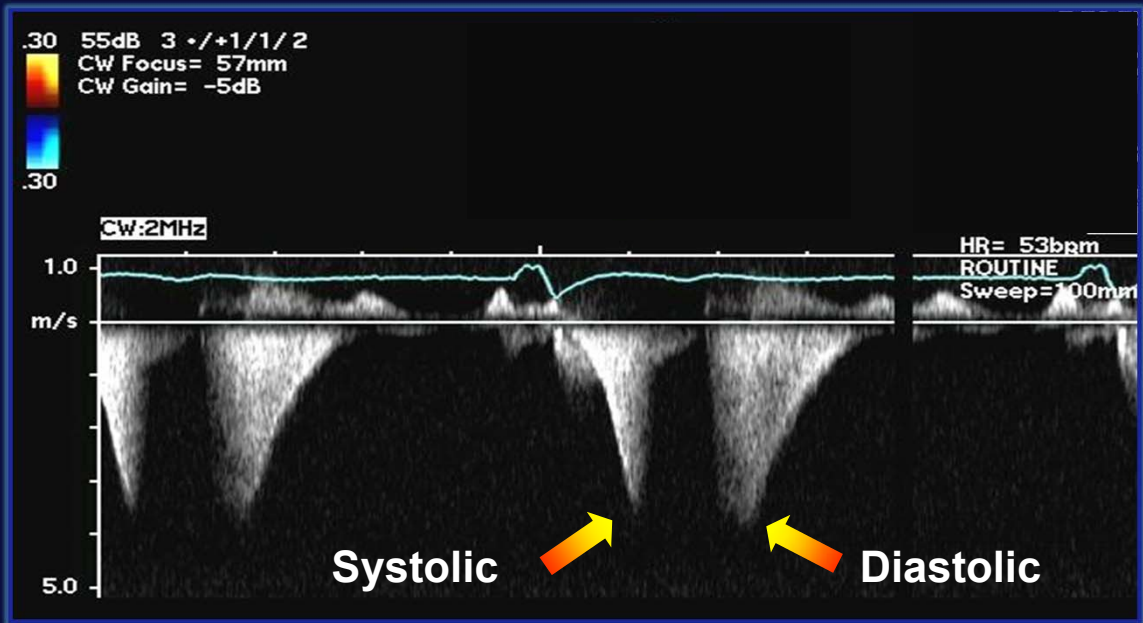
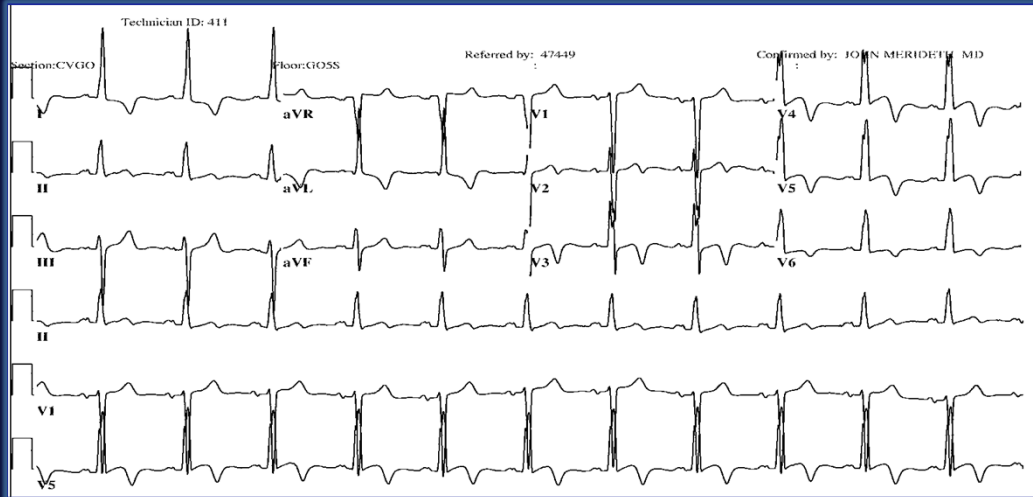
$$\text{Gradient} = (185 + 15) - 110 = 90 \text{ mmHg}$$



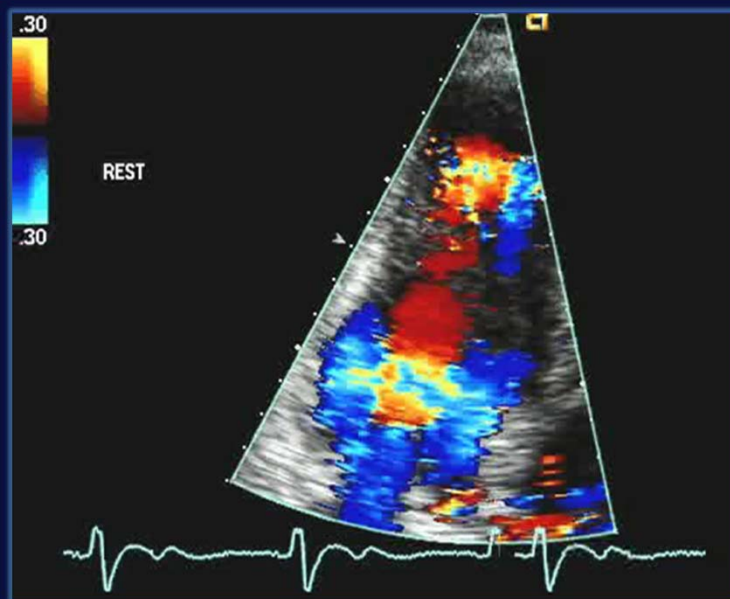
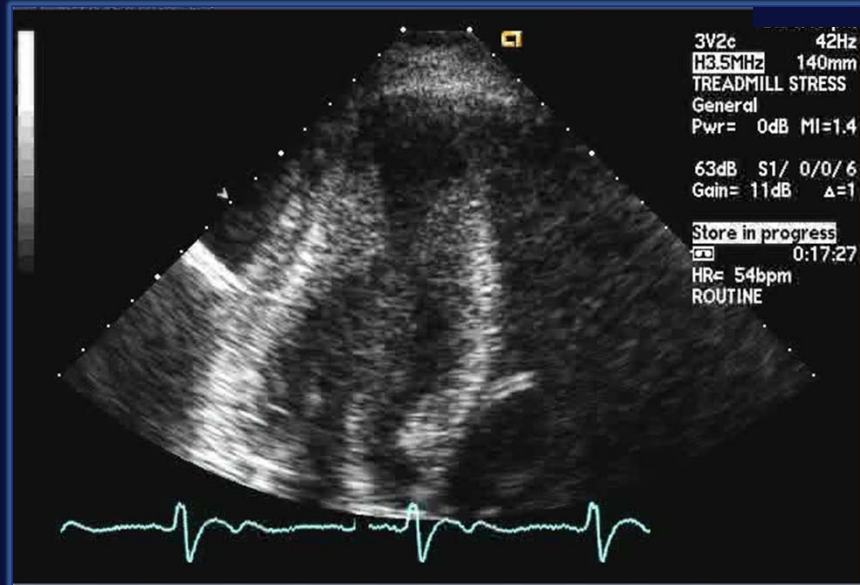
## Case

- 76 year old male
- Progressive dyspnea and fatigue with minimal exertion; angina when climbing stairs.
- Coronary Angiography: no obstructive epicardial coronary artery disease.

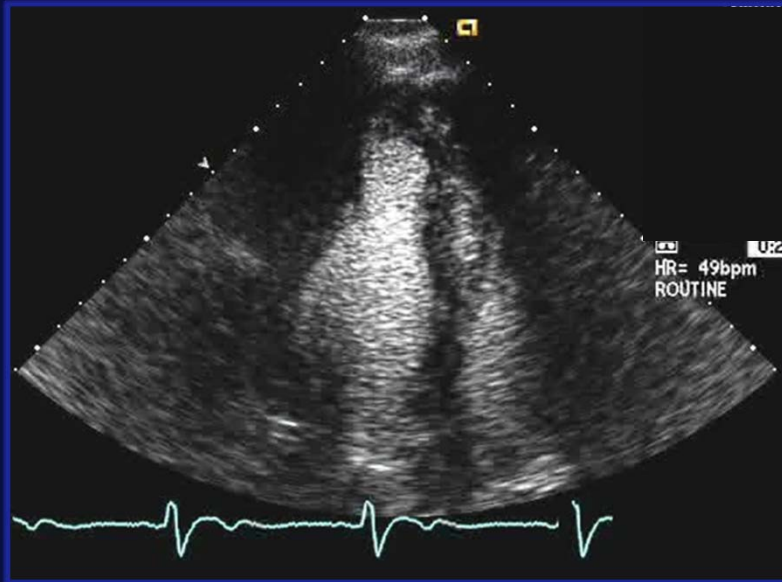




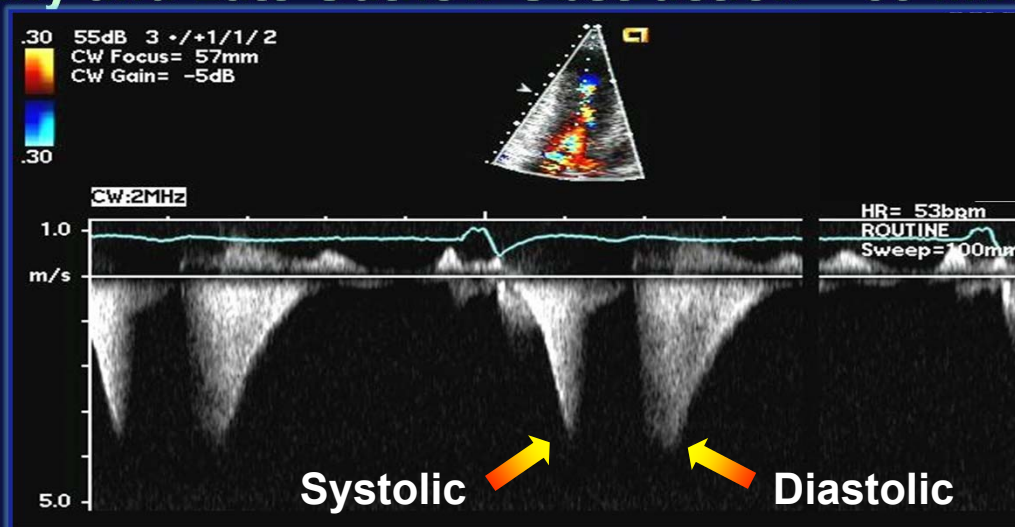
# Apical 4 Chamber View



# Apical HCM with Apical Aneurysm



# Apical HCM with Apical Aneurysm Early and Late Outflow Obstruction ~ 60 mmHg



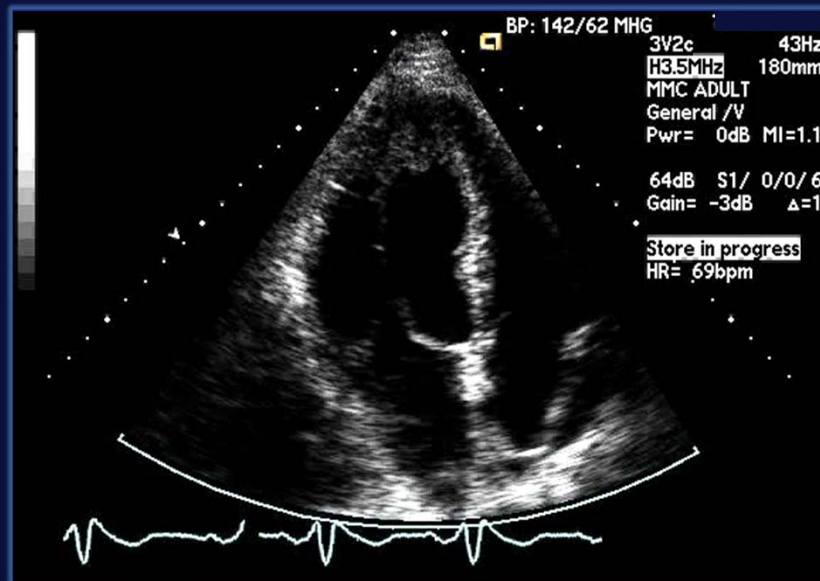


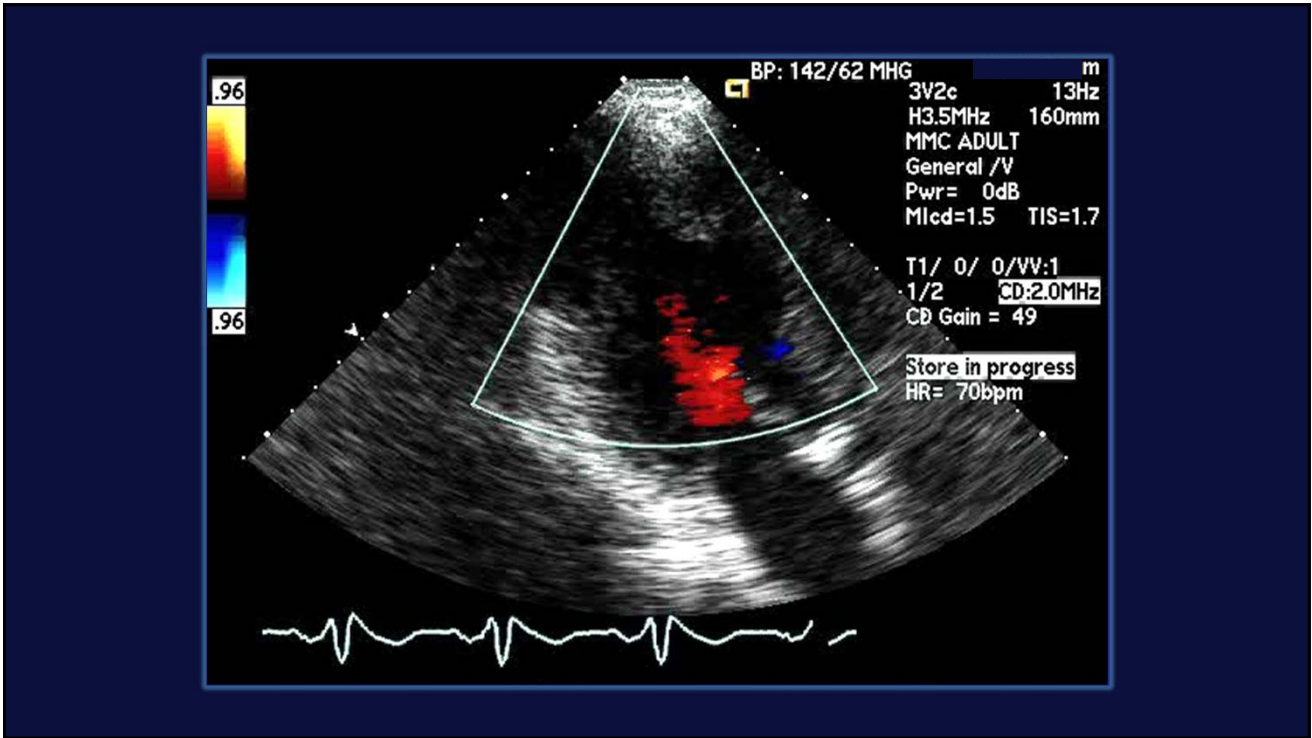
# Cardiac Surgery

## LV apical ventriculotomy:

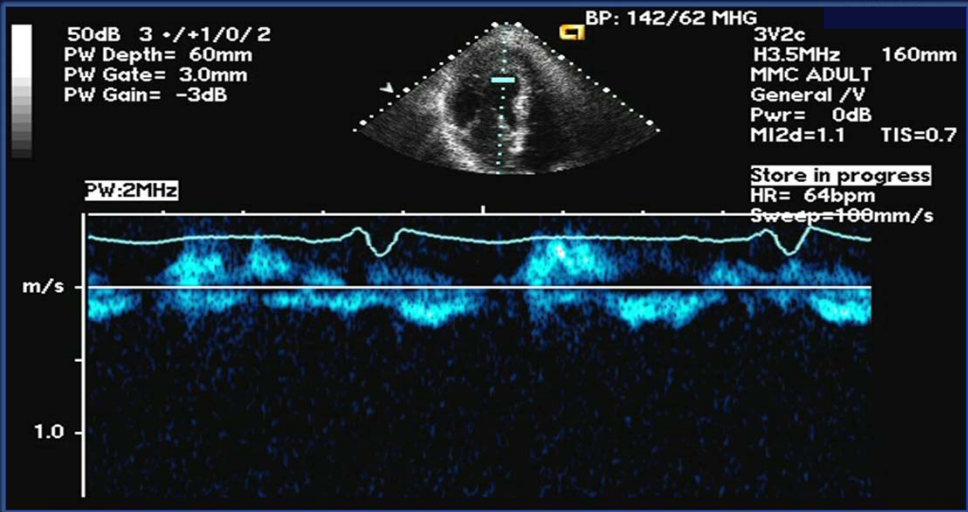
Extended mid to apical  
myectomy, resection of  
apical aneurysm

## Post Op

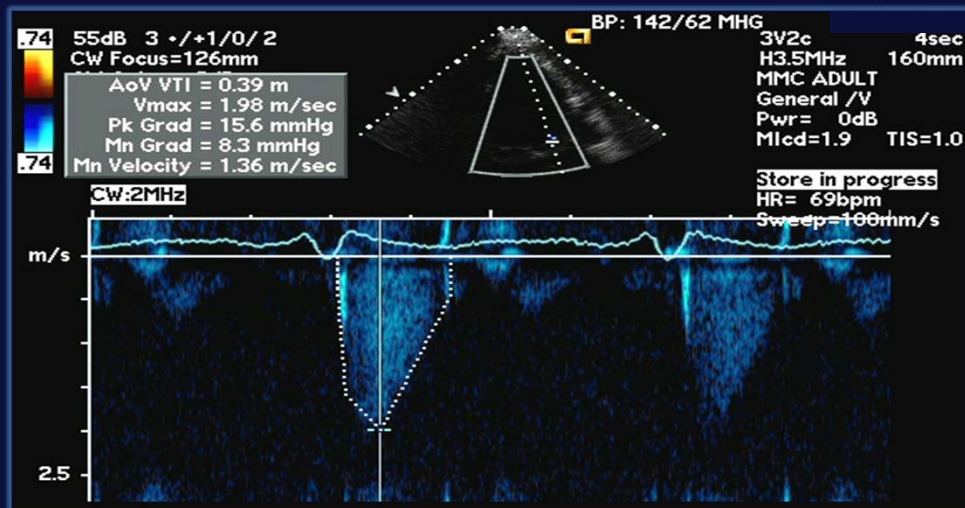




# Continuous Wave Doppler LV Apex



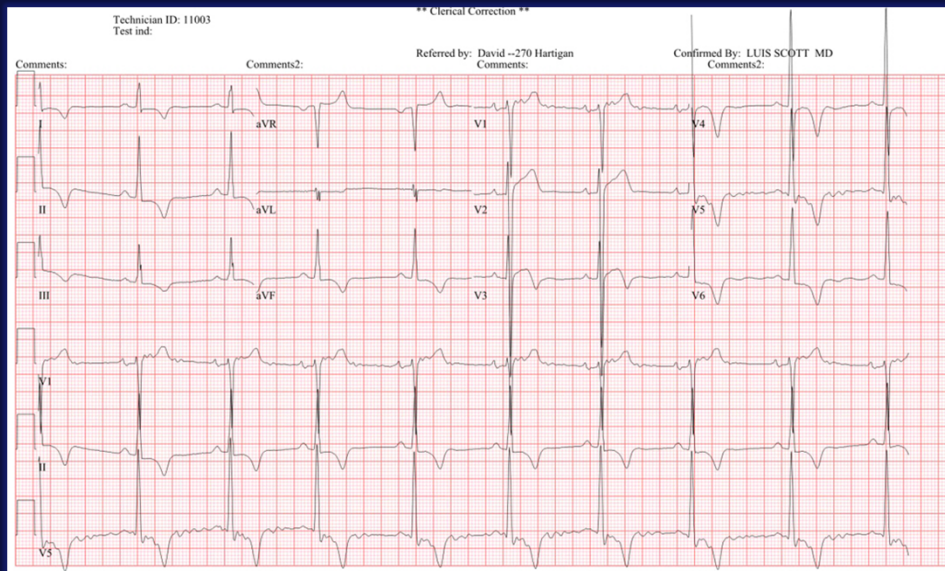
# Continuous Wave Doppler LVOT and Aortic Valve



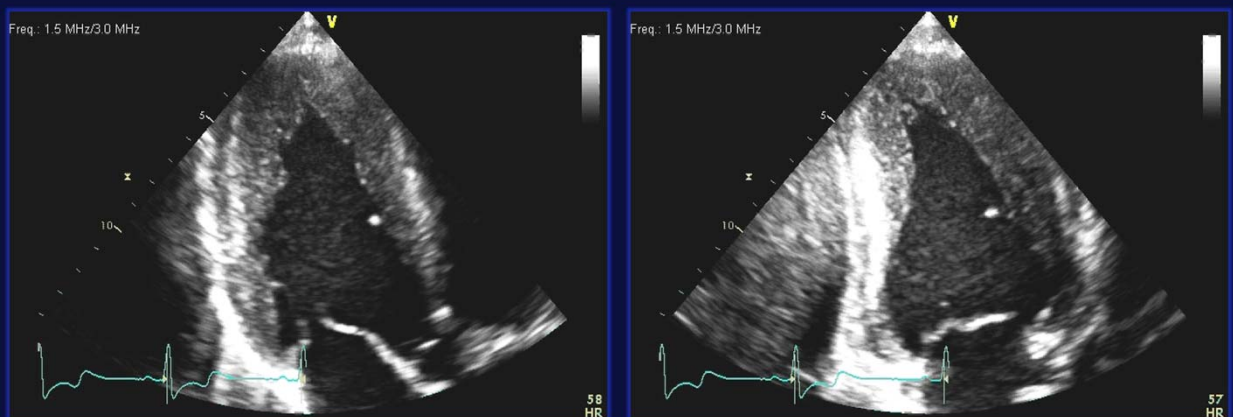
## Case

- 31 year old male
- Professional soccer player
- FIFA pre-season examination

# Electrocardiogram

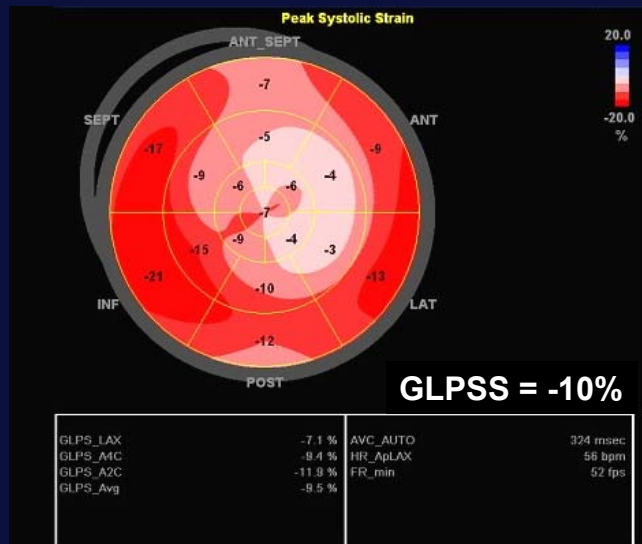


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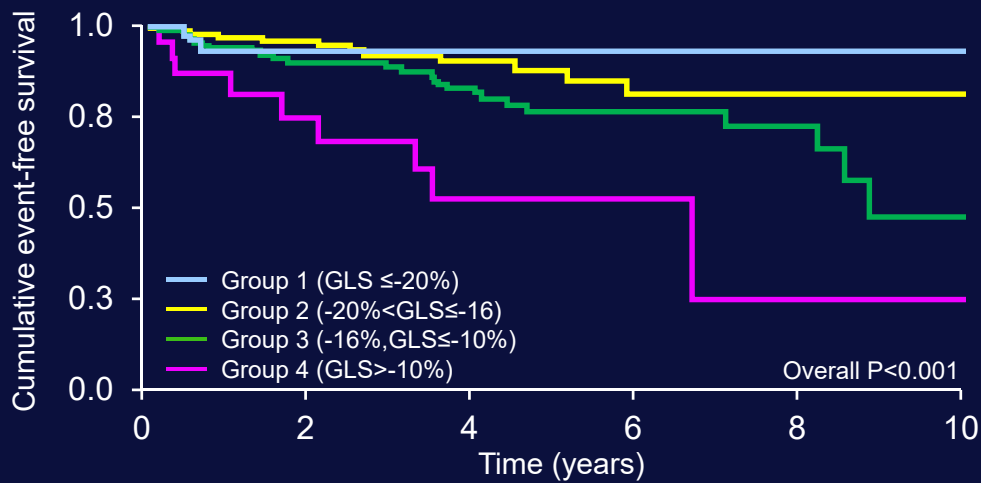




# Global Longitudinal Peak Systolic Strain



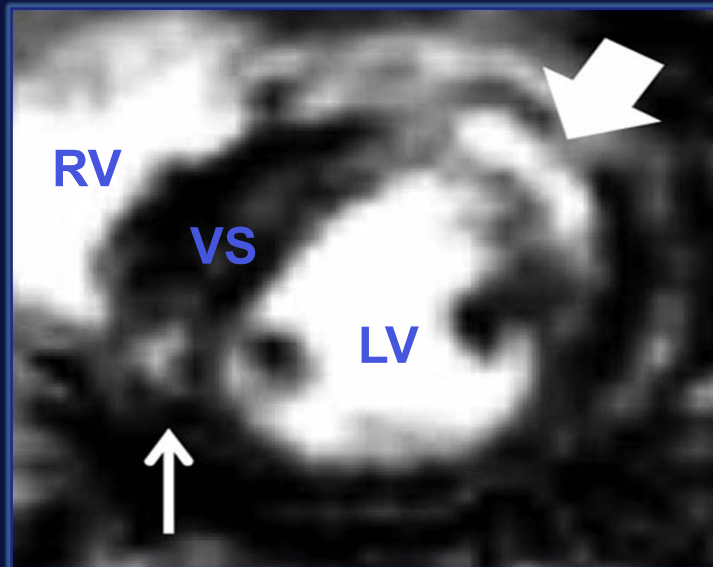
# Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Global Longitudinal Strain and Event Free Survival



Liu et al. Am J Cardiol 2017;120(4):670-675



## Late Gadolinium Enhancement



Bravo et al. European Heart Journal-Cardiovasc Imaging 2015

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

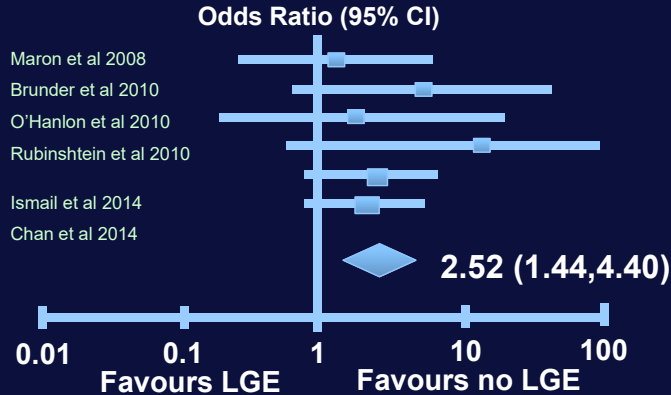
## Myocardial fibrosis on cardiac magnetic resonance and cardiac outcomes in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy: a meta-analysis

Alexandros Briasoulis, Sagar Mallikethi-Reddy, Mohan Palla, Issa Alesh, Luis Afonso

Sudden Cardiac Death Mortality

Heart 2015;0:1-6

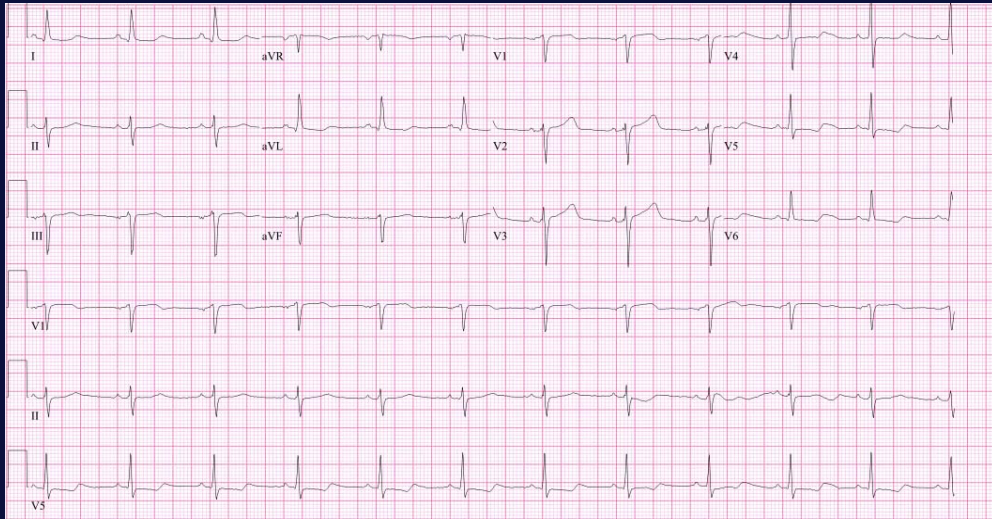
### Fibrosis (1653 pts) vs No Fibrosis (1414 pts)



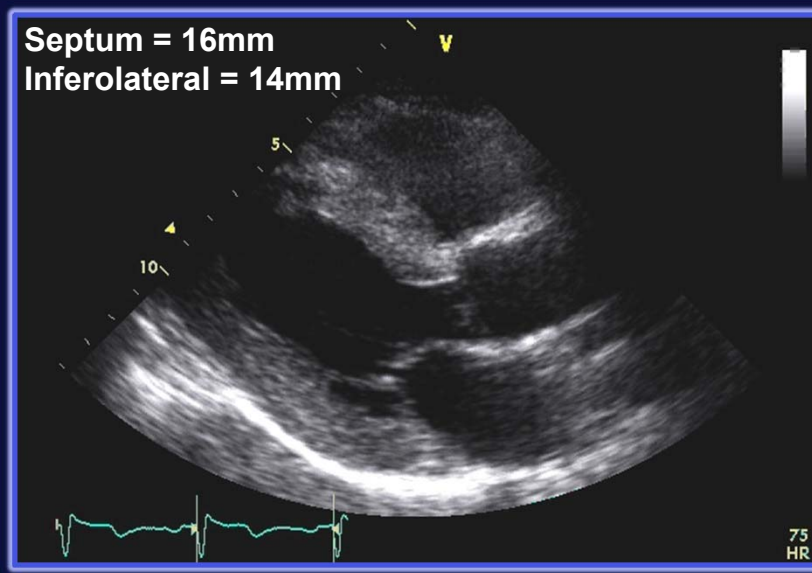
## Case

- 42 year old male
- Played football in high school. Continues to exercise and lift weights
- Murmur noted on exam

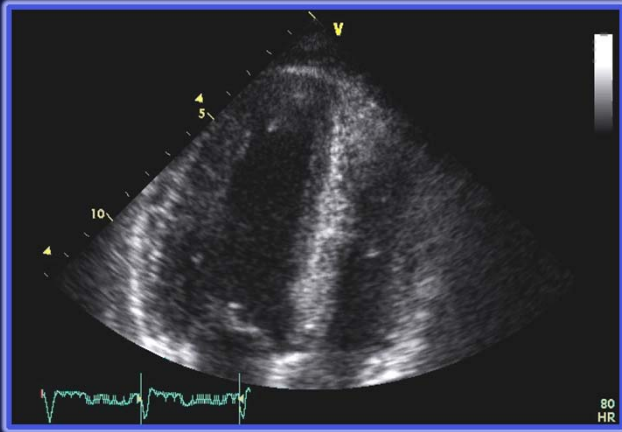
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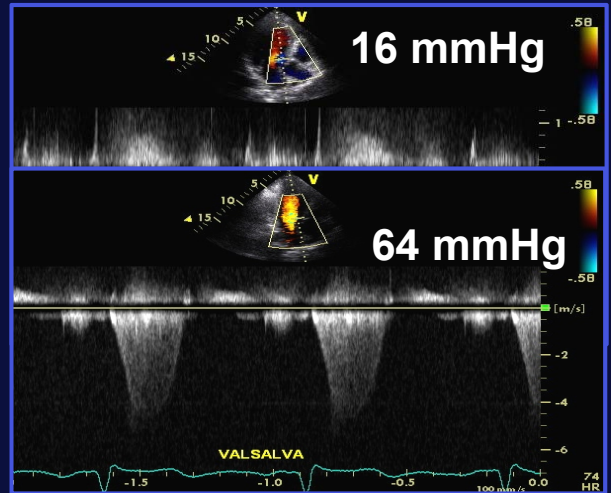
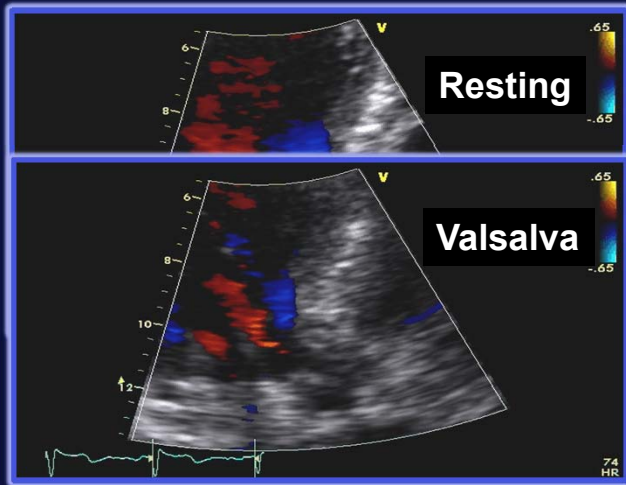
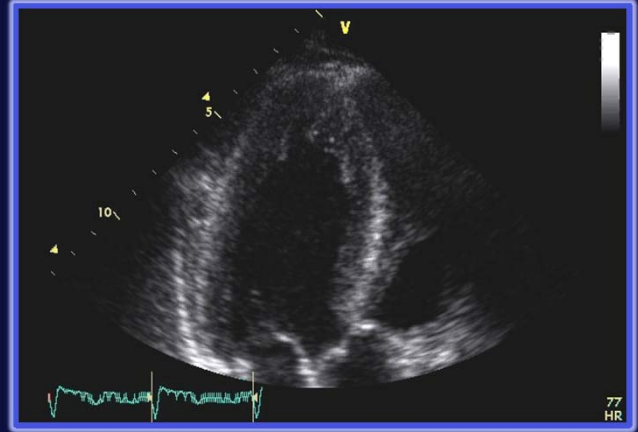
# Parasternal Long Axis



# A4C



# A3C



# Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Echocardiographic Diagnosis

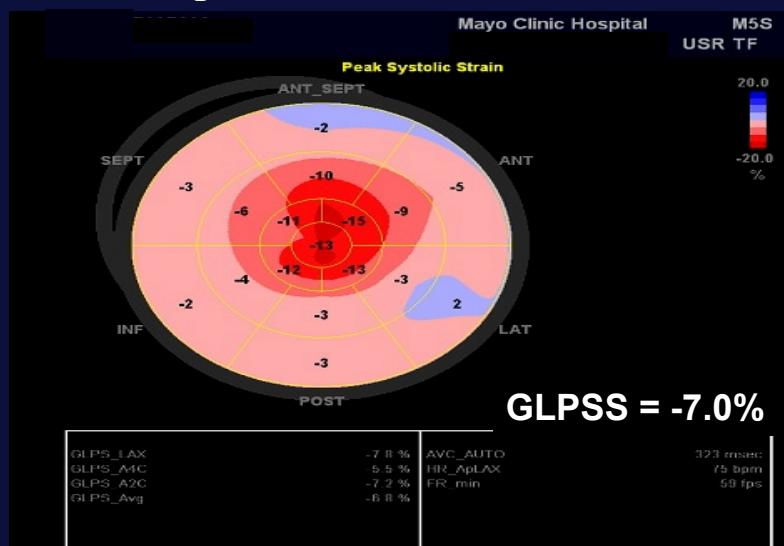
Left Ventricular Hypertrophy  $\geq 15\text{mm}$



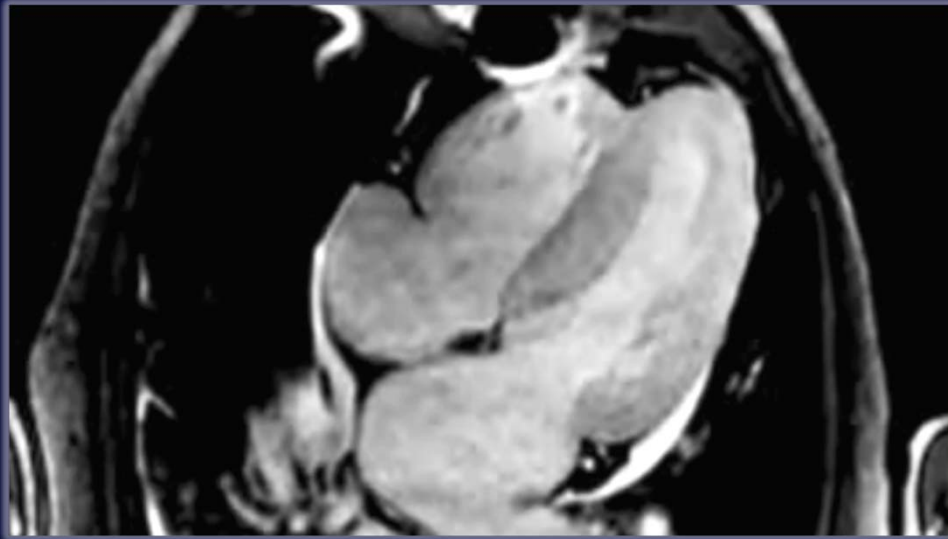
In the absence of another cardiovascular or systemic disease associated with LVH or myocardial wall thickening

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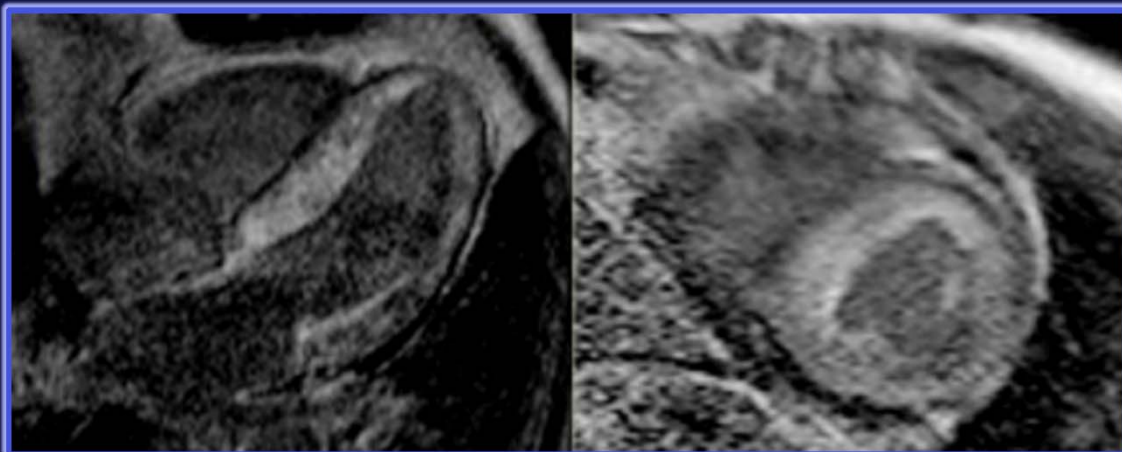
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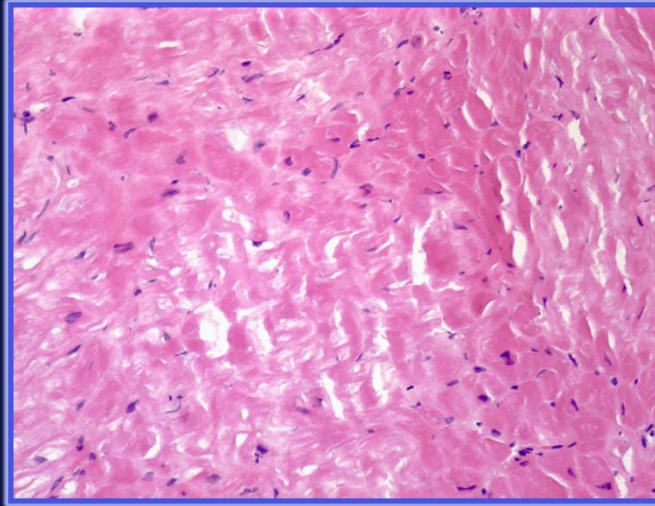
# MRI



## Late Gadolinium Enhancement



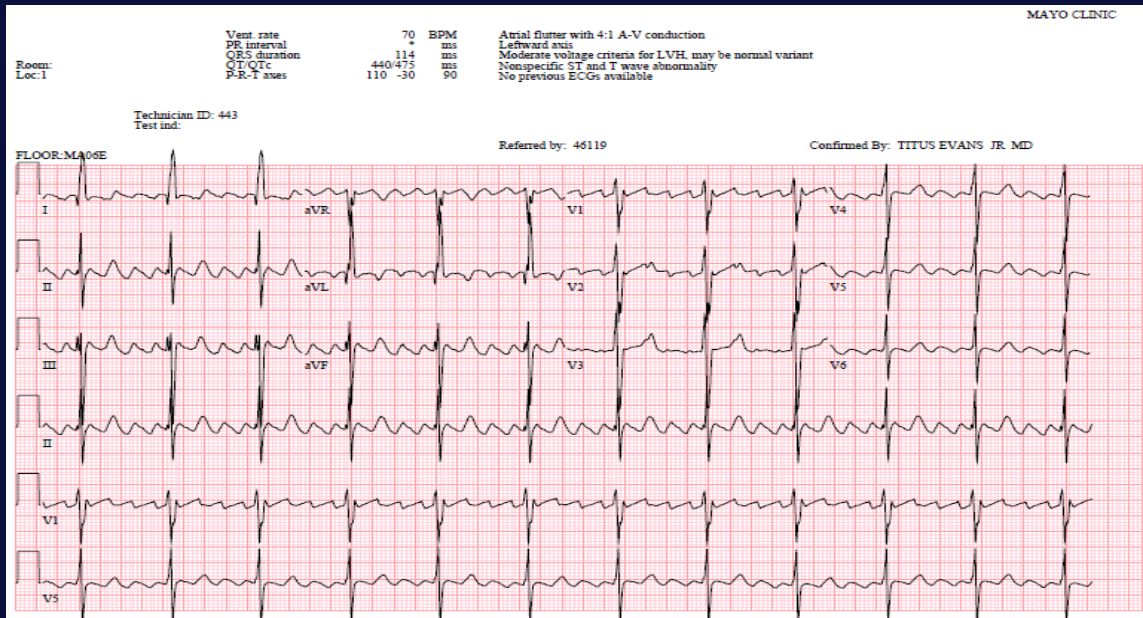
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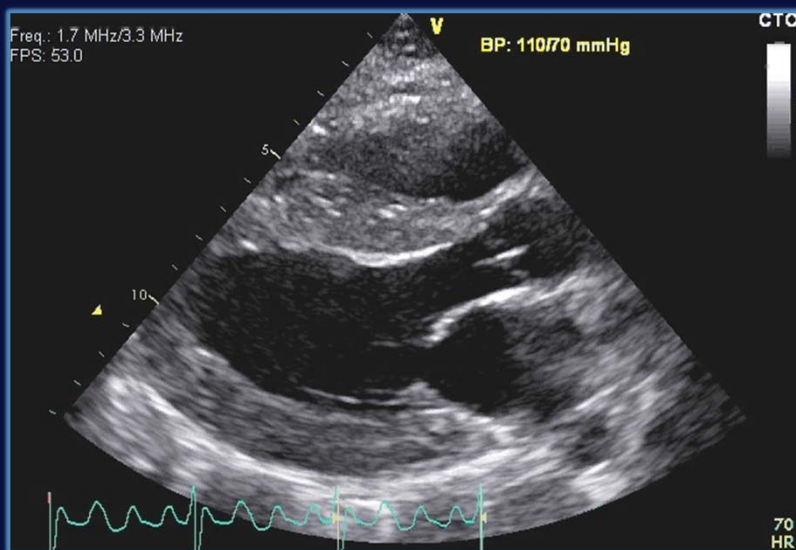
## Case

- 19 year old female
- No family history of cardiovascular disease
- NYHA II, shortness of breath and muscle weakness.
- Presents with palpitations

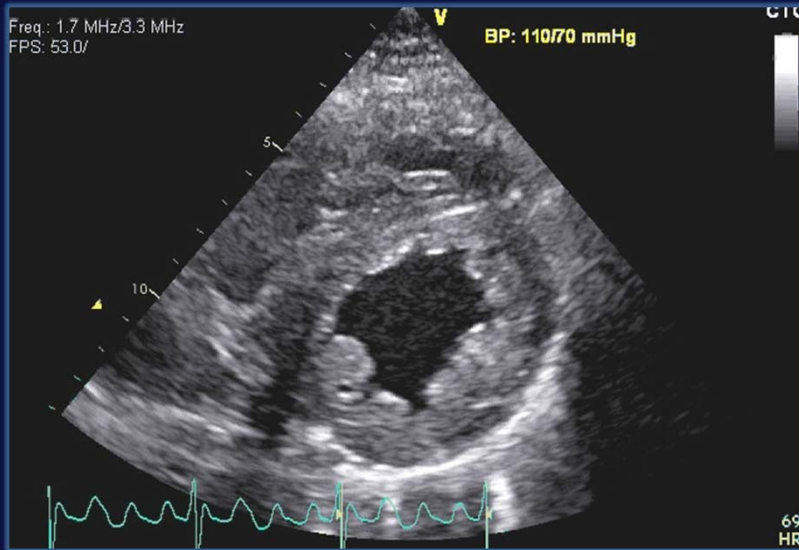




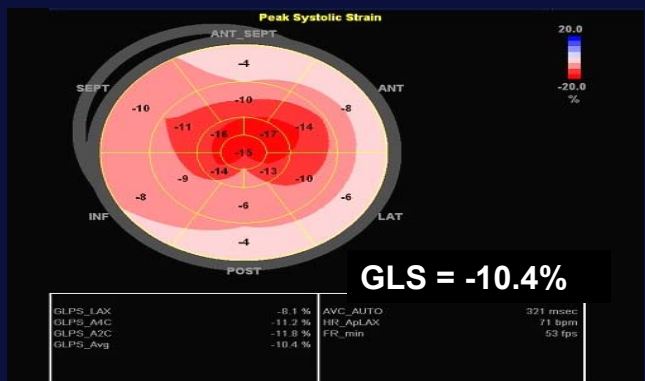
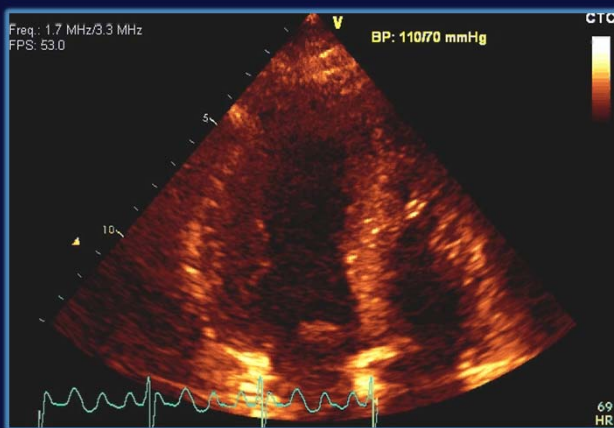
# Parasternal Long Axis



# Parasternal Short Axis



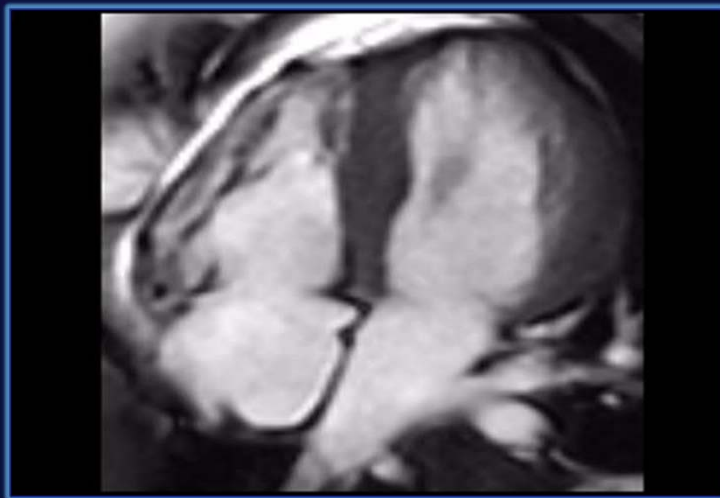
# Apical 4 Chamber & Global Longitudinal Peak Systolic Strain



# Diagnosis?

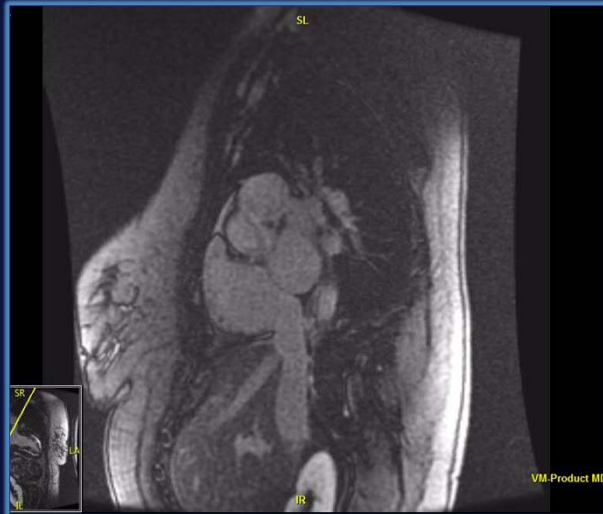
1. Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
2. Amyloidosis
3. Glycogen Storage Disease
4. More information needed
5. Ask Dr. Khandheria?

## Additional Testing Cardiac MRI

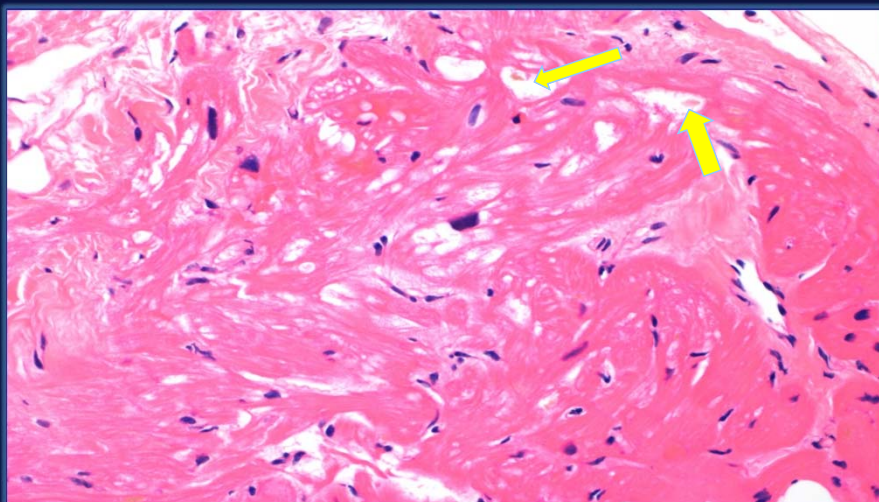


# Additional Testing

## Cardiac MRI- LGE



# Myocardial Biopsy



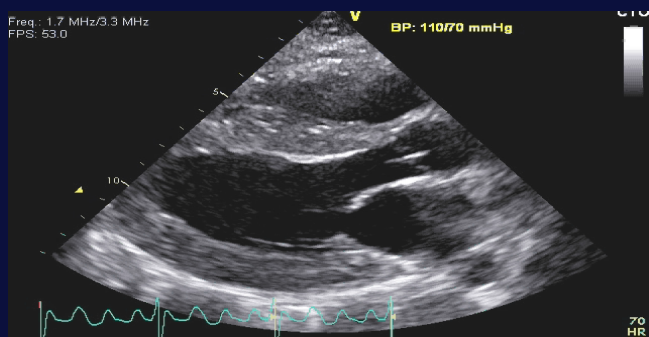


## Comprehensive Cardiomyopathy Panel

Disease causing mutation in  
the LAMP2 gene

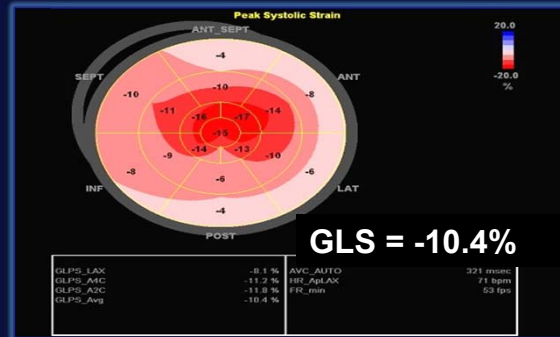
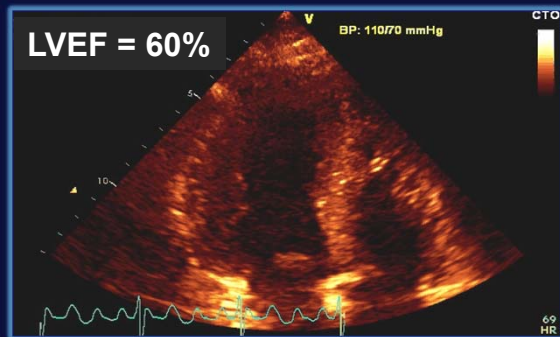
## Danon Disease

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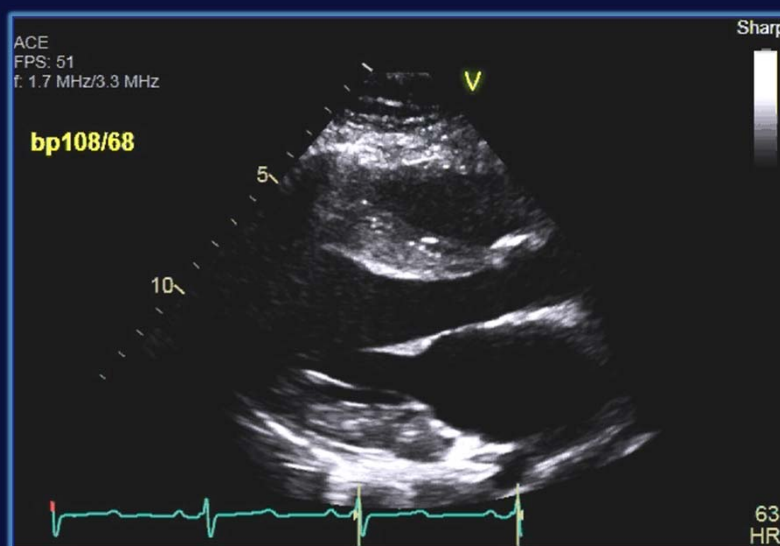
- Loss of function LAMP2
- X-linked dominant
- Inability to transport cellular material into lysosomes...accumulate autophagic vacuoles in muscles (glycogen storage disease)
- Skeletal myopathy
- Cognitive dysfunction
- Cardiomyopathy (*HCM*, *DCM*)

## Apical 4 Chamber & Global Longitudinal Peak Systolic Strain



LVEF : GLS ratio 5.8 ( $> 4.1$ )  
Relative Regional Strain Ratio = 0.74 ( $< 1!!$ )

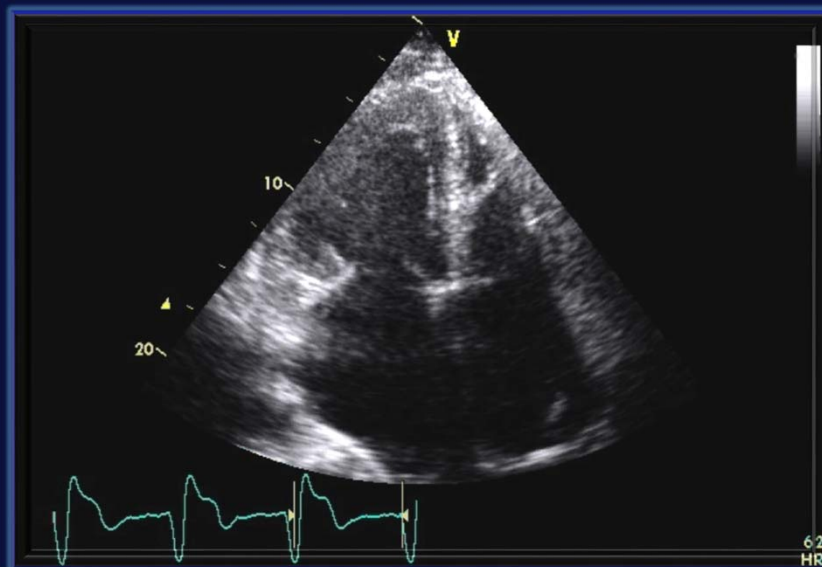
## Today at age 23



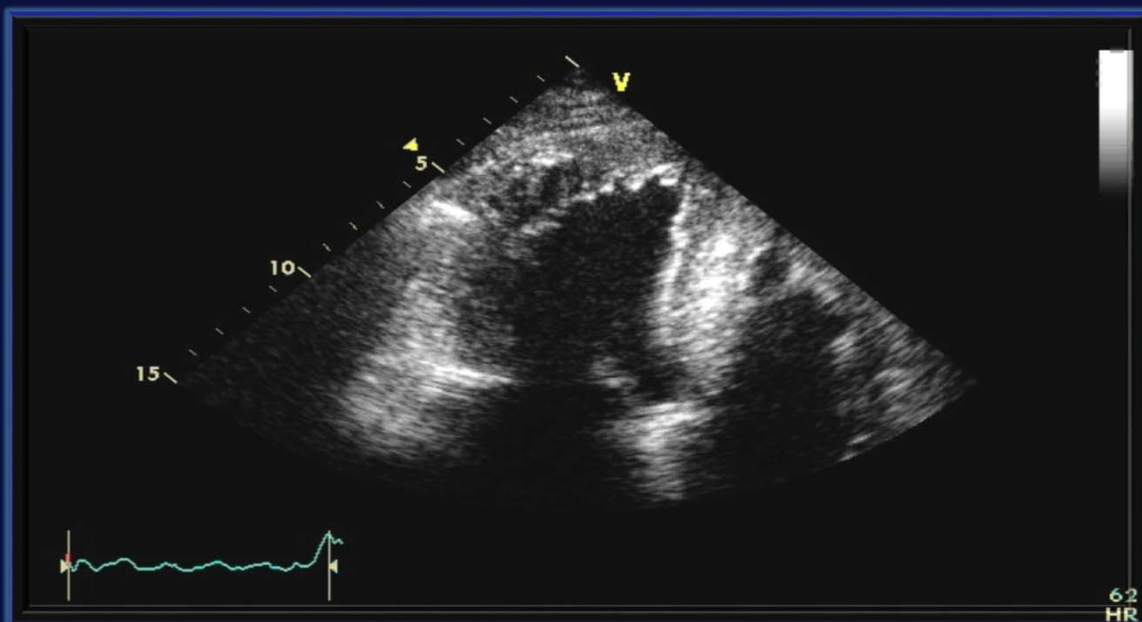
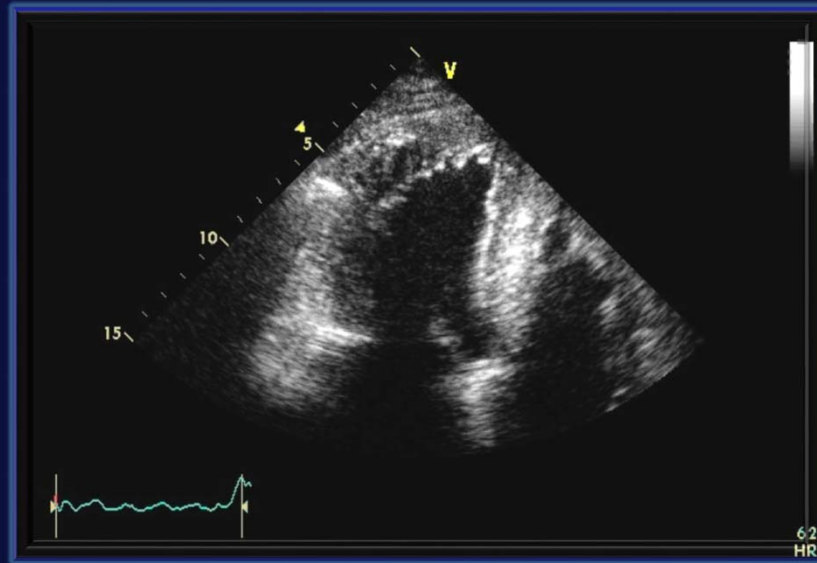
## Back to This Case

- 47 year old male
- 2005 several near syncope episodes.
- Eventually while at a the Phoenix Suns game had a true syncopal episode.

## Echo 2007



# Echo 2012





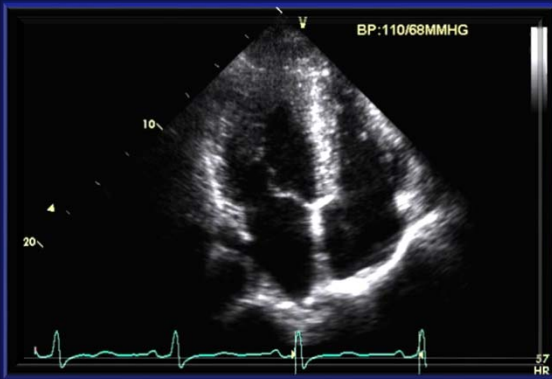


# Apical hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and left ventricular non-compaction: two faces of the same disease

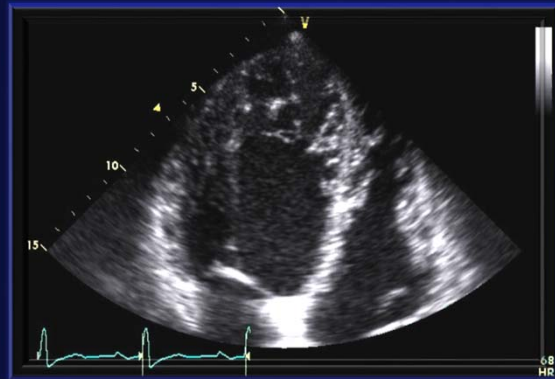
L Monserrat, R Barriales-Villa and M Hermida-Prieto

Heart 2008 94: 1253

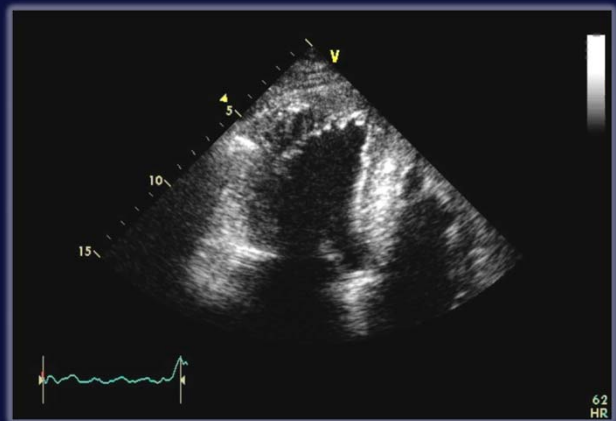
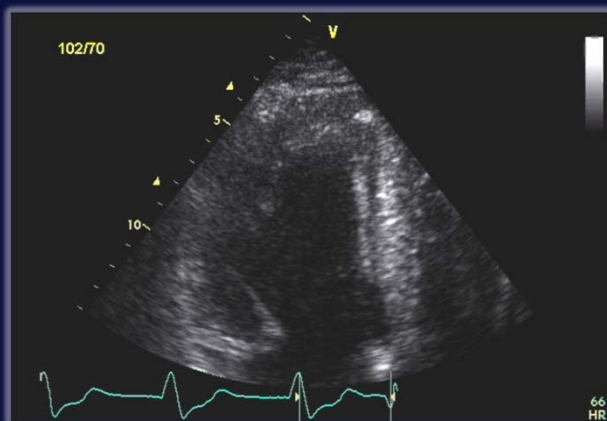
## Father



## Son



# 2005-2013



# Thick Walls Why?

It's What's on the Inside that Matters



## Intragenetic

Individual  
Treatment  
Strategies



Diversity in  
HCM  
(Genotype  
Phenotypes)

Diverse  
Natural H

Assessment &  
Hemodynamic Profile

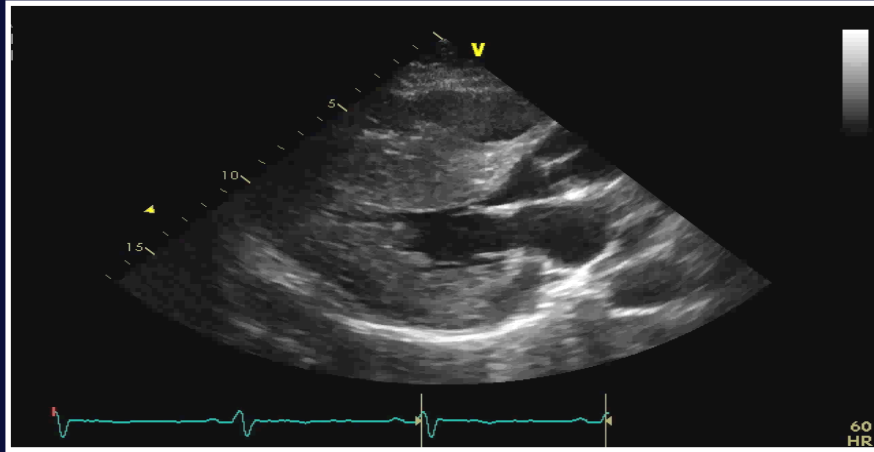


## Case

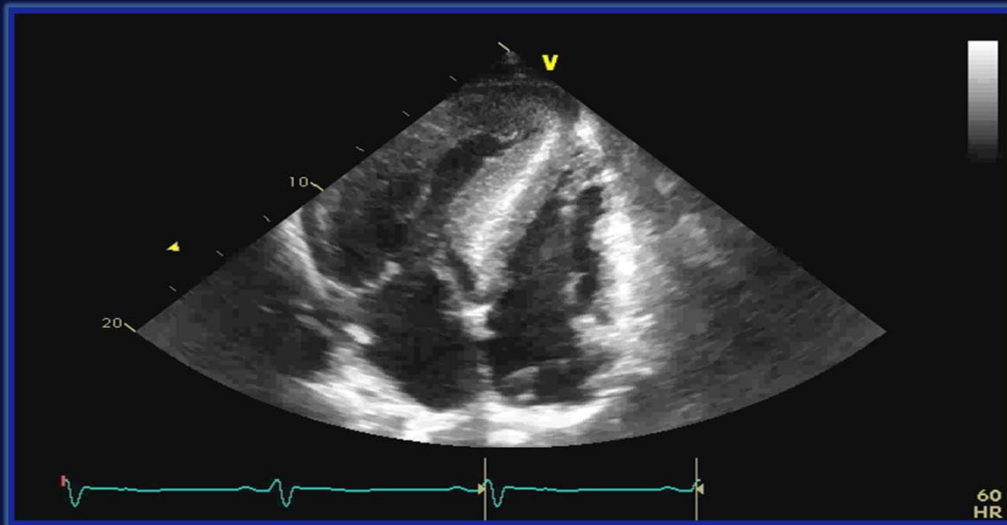
- 53 year old male
- No family Hx of HCM
- NYHA III (SOB and fatigue)
- Effort related presyncope

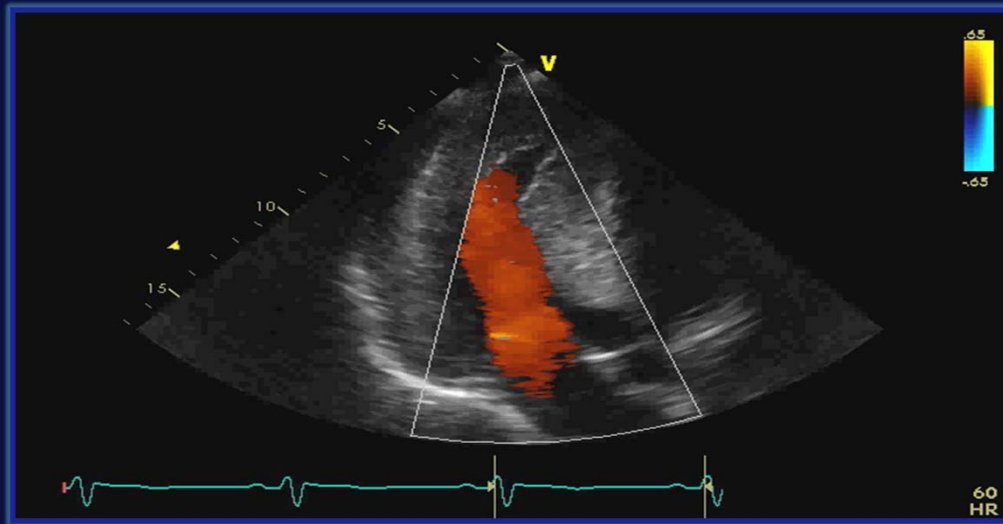
**EDD 37 mm; ESD 19mm**

**Septum 25 mm; inferolateral wall 24 mm**

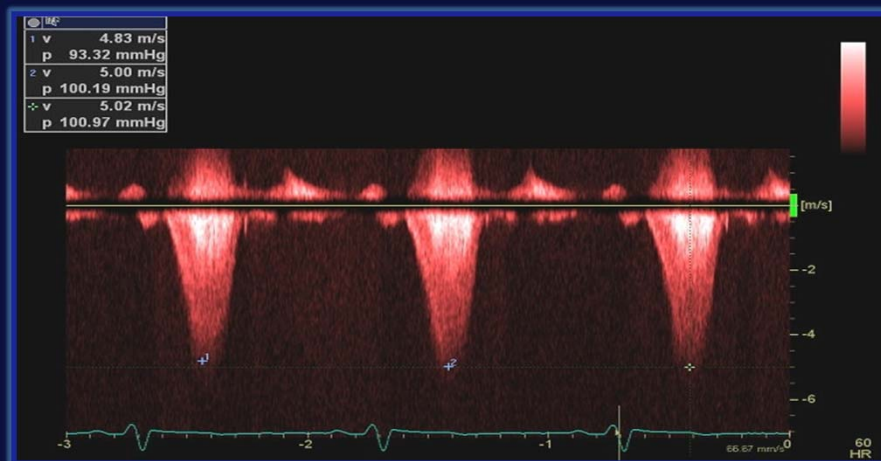


**EF 68% LAVI 48 cc/m<sup>2</sup>**

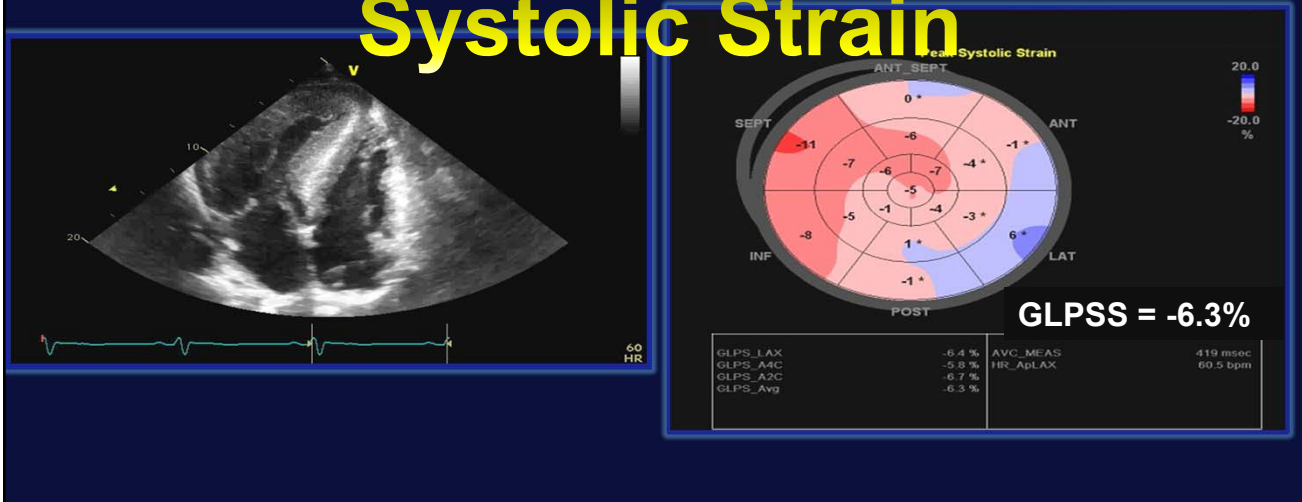




## Mid LV gradient 100 mmHg



# Apical 4 Chamber & Global Longitudinal Peak Systolic Strain



## Diagnosis?

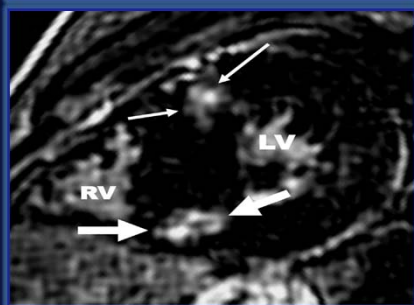
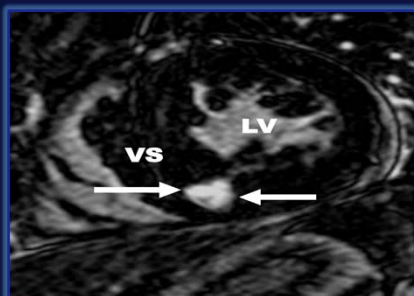
1. Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
2. Amyloid heart disease
3. Fabry's disease
4. Danon disease
5. Need more information

# Additional Testing

## 1. Cardiac MRI (outside)

- Corroborated echo morphologic findings
- “some delayed enhancement at the LV lateral wall in addition to the septum at the RV insertion site”.

## LGE: At RV Insertion Points



- Seen in isolation in about 10% of pts.
- On average affects only 3% of LV mass.
- Does not represent replacement fibrosis.
- **This pattern of LGE in isolation appears to neither be associated with increased risk nor itself a marker for prognostic decision making.**

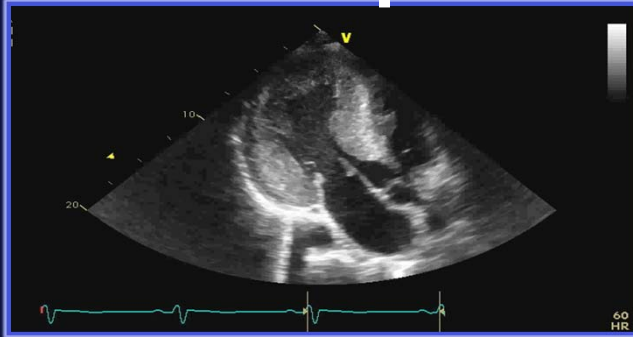
Bravo et al. European Heart Journal-Cardiovasc Imaging 2015  
Chan et al. Am J Cardiol 2015;



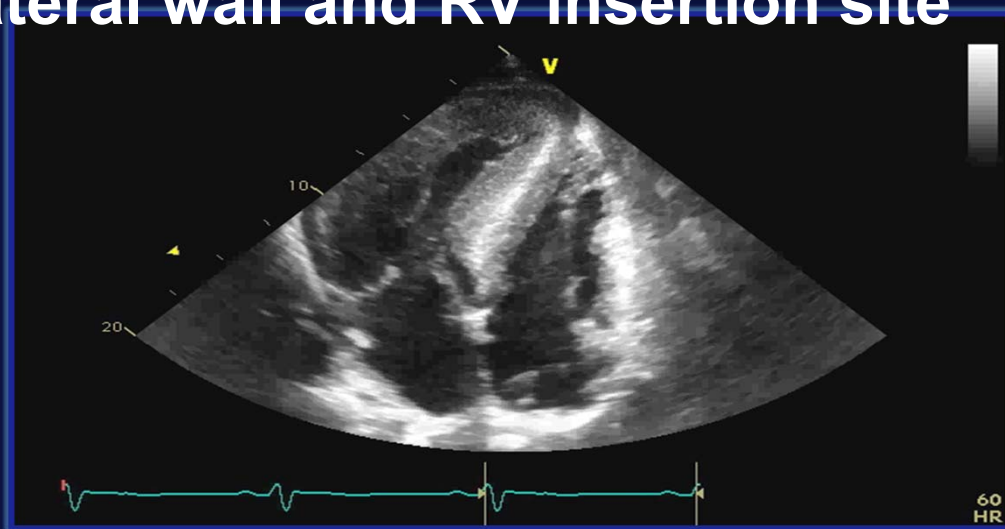
# Surgical Myectomy

Pre op

Post op



“Some delayed enhancement in the lateral wall and RV insertion site”



# Fabry's Disease Additional Testing

1. Serum alpha-galactosidase level:
  - 0.03 (0.6-3.63)
2. Genetic Testing
  - G373S variant of GLA

## Myocyte Hypertrophy and Vacuolization

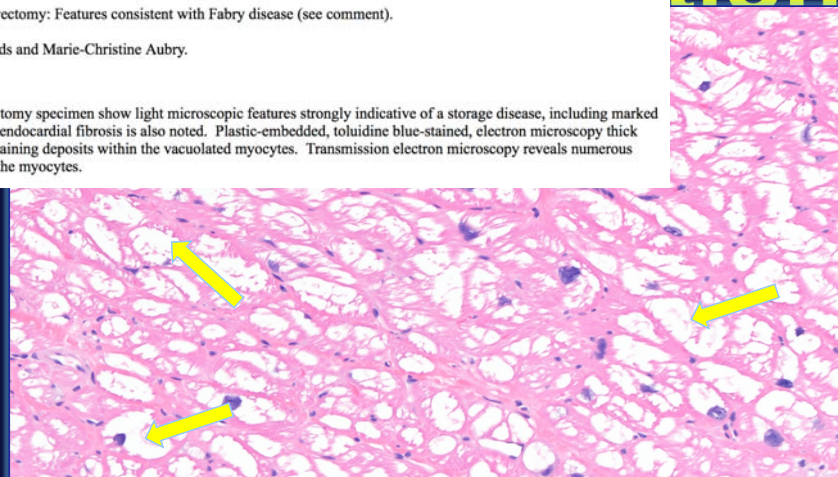
**Final Diagnosis:**

A. Heart, left ventricle, septal myectomy: Features consistent with Fabry disease (see comment).

Seen with Drs. William D. Edwards and Marie-Christine Aubry.

**Diagnosis Comment:**

Tissue sections of the septal myectomy specimen show light microscopic features strongly indicative of a storage disease, including marked sarcoplasmic vacuolization. Mild endocardial fibrosis is also noted. Plastic-embedded, toluidine blue-stained, electron microscopy thick sections show numerous darkly-staining deposits within the vacuolated myocytes. Transmission electron microscopy reveals numerous lamellar bodies contained within the myocytes.



# Fabry's Disease

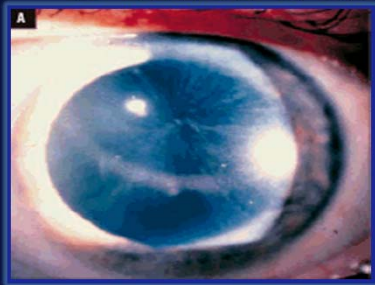
Mutations in the **GLA** gene

Provides instructions for making an enzyme called **alpha-galactosidase A ( $\alpha$ GLA)**

**$\alpha$ GLA** is active in lysosomes and breaks down a fatty substance **globotriaosylceramide**

**Globotriaosylceramide** builds up in cells throughout the body

## Clinical manifestations



Whorl-like corneal opacifications

Angiokeratomas

Progressive renal disease

CNS (CVA and TIA)

Acroparesthesias



Ped Neph 2004;19:583

# Fabry's Disease

- X-linked
- Often affects women despite being x-linked
- Mutations that decreased but do not eliminate the enzyme activity usually cause the milder, late-onset of disease that affect only the heart

## Prevalence of Anderson-Fabry Disease in Male Patients With Late Onset Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

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Circulation 2002;105:1407-11

- 5 of 79 patients (6.3%) diagnosed at  $\geq 40$  years had Anderson-Fabry disease.
- 1 of 74 patients (1.4%) diagnosed at  $< 40$  years had Anderson-Fabry disease.

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## **Clinical Implications**

- Male patients with a concentric increase in left ventricular wall thickness and no family history of HCM or inheritance consistent with X-linked disease should be screened for Anderson-Fabry disease.
- Correct diagnosis is important and treatment may stabilize and even for some

## **Recombinant $\alpha$ galactosidase Rx**

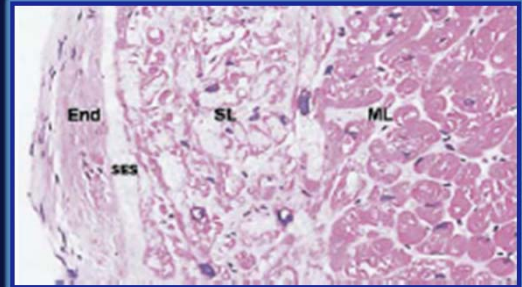
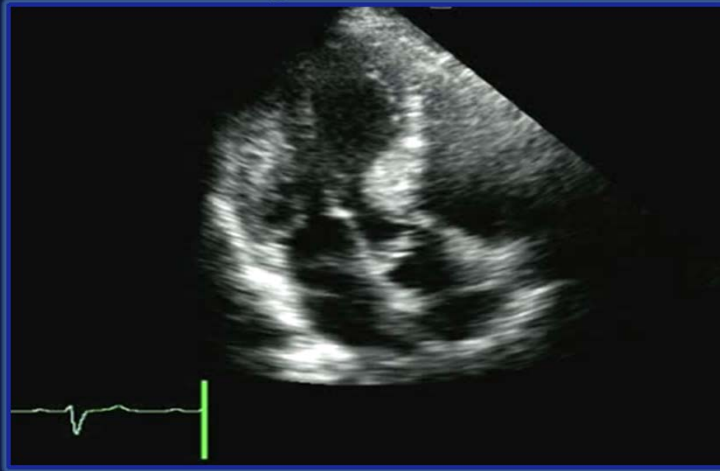
- IV infusion enzyme replacement therapy reduces glycosphingolipid tissue deposition
- Can reverse wall thickness and mass

NEJM 2001; Vol345#1:9

Eur J Clin Investia 2004; 34 (12):838.

# 70 y/o Man: Dyspnea on exertion

Fabry Disease (Alpha-Galactosidase A Deficiency)



Glycosphingolipid  
Accumulation  
Hyper-refractile  
subendocardial border:  
**94% Sensitive**  
**100% Specific**

Pieroni M, et al. JACC 2006; 47: 1663

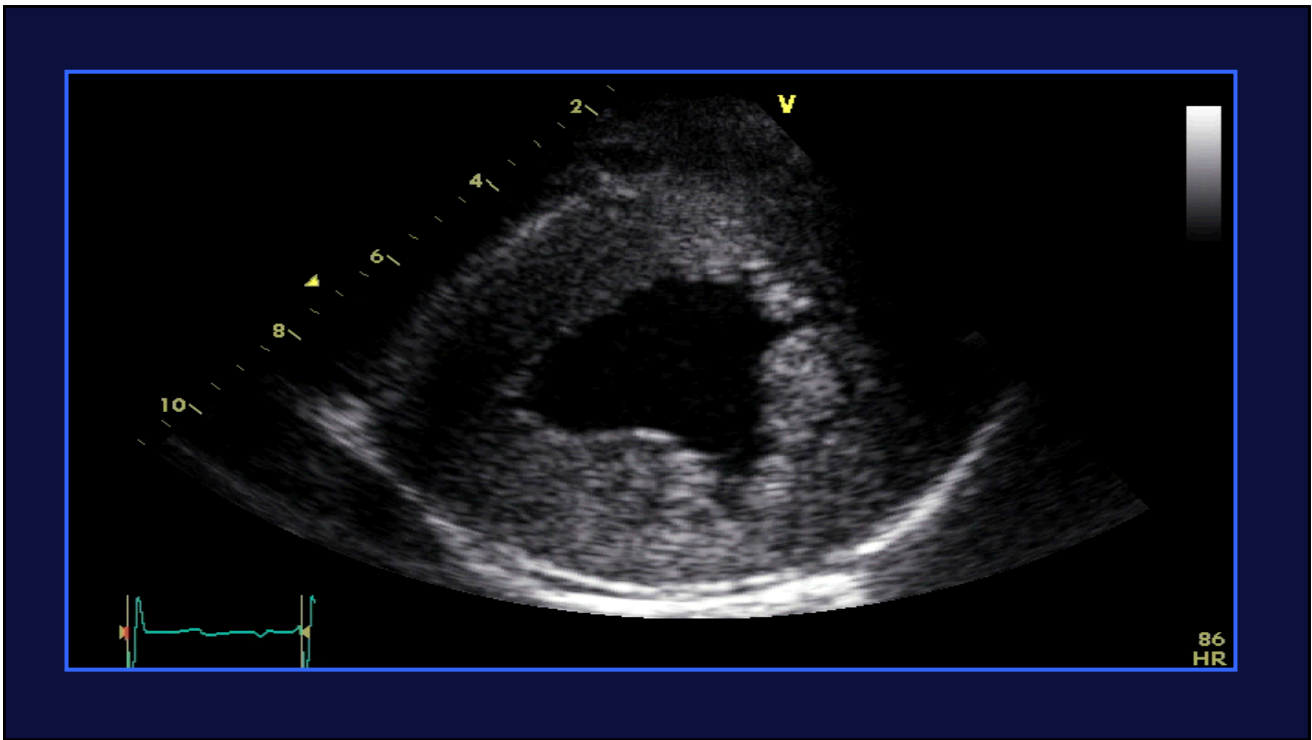
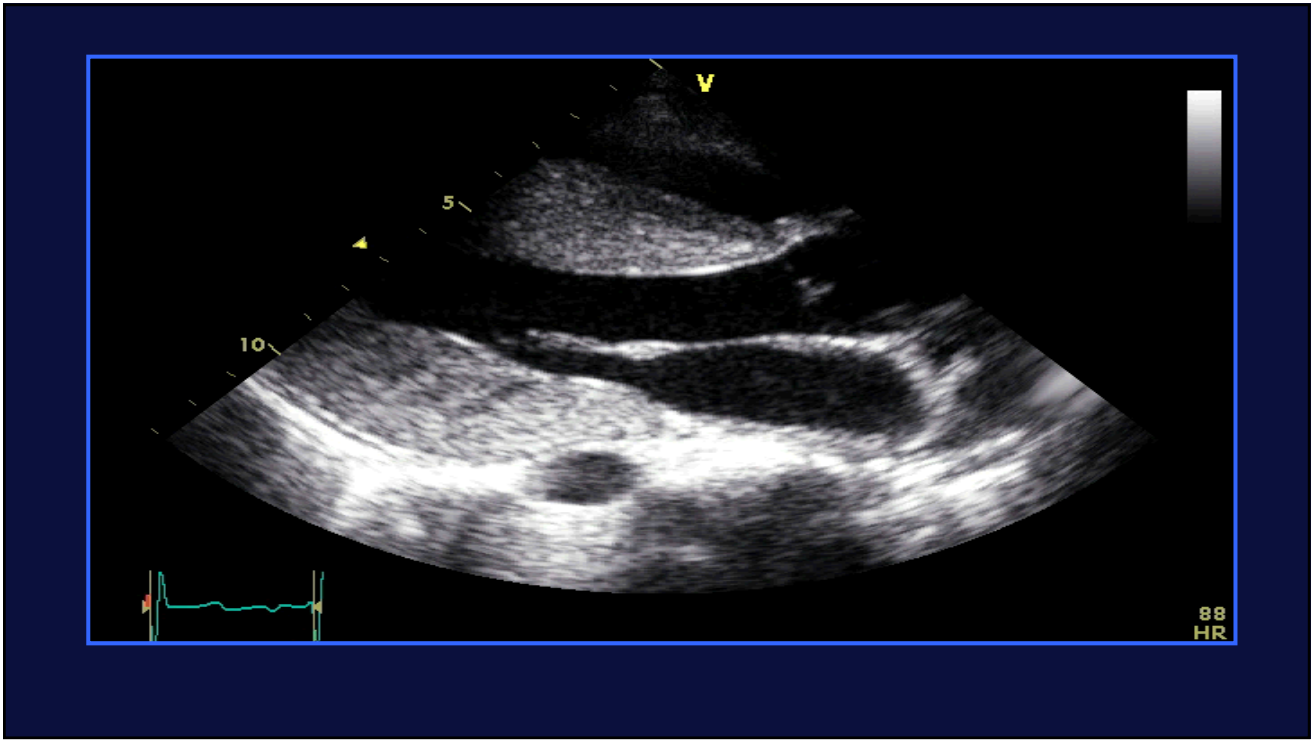
Courtesy Dr Bill Freeman

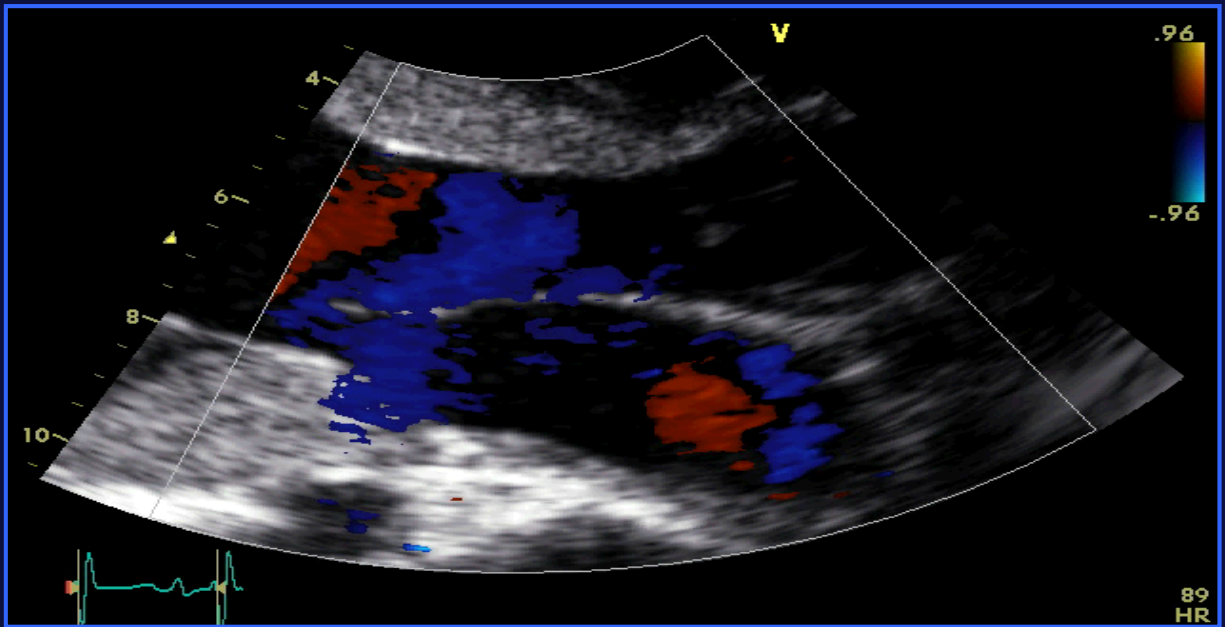
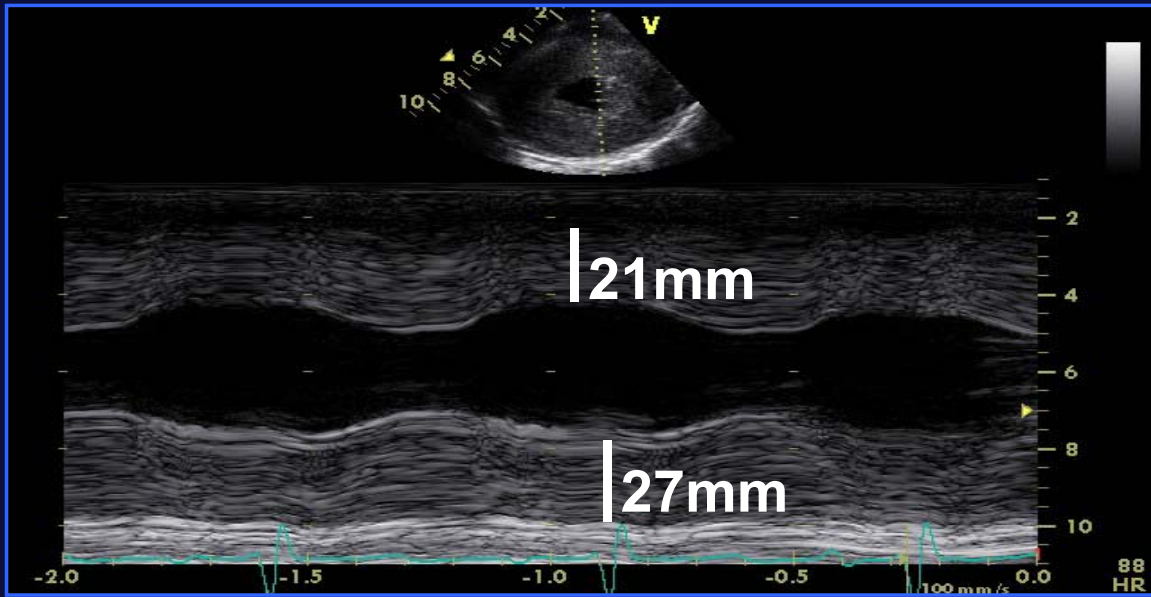
## Case

19 y/o male

Wheelchair

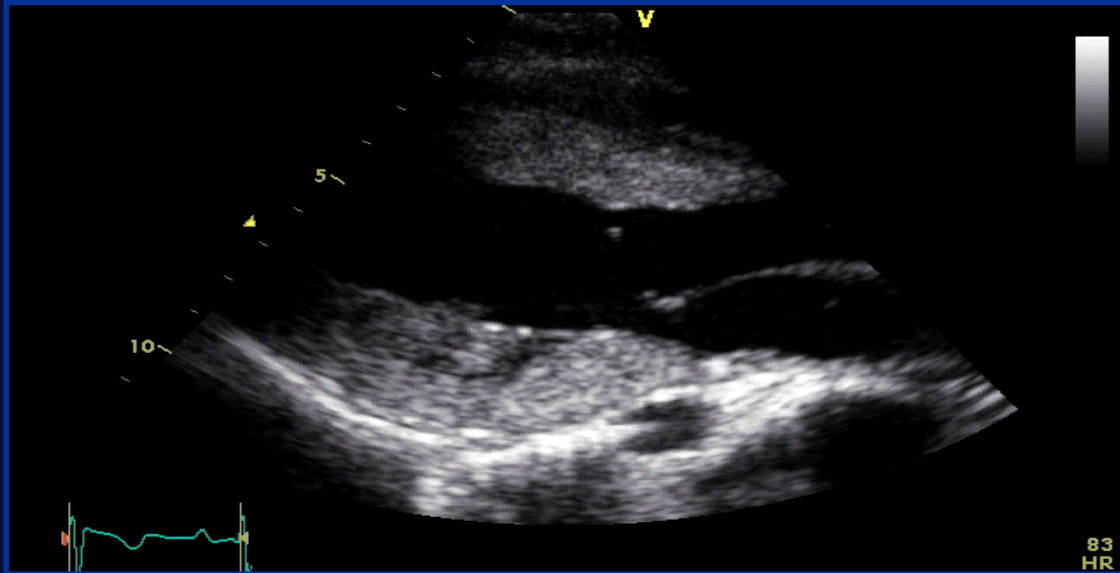
Post-prandial chest pain







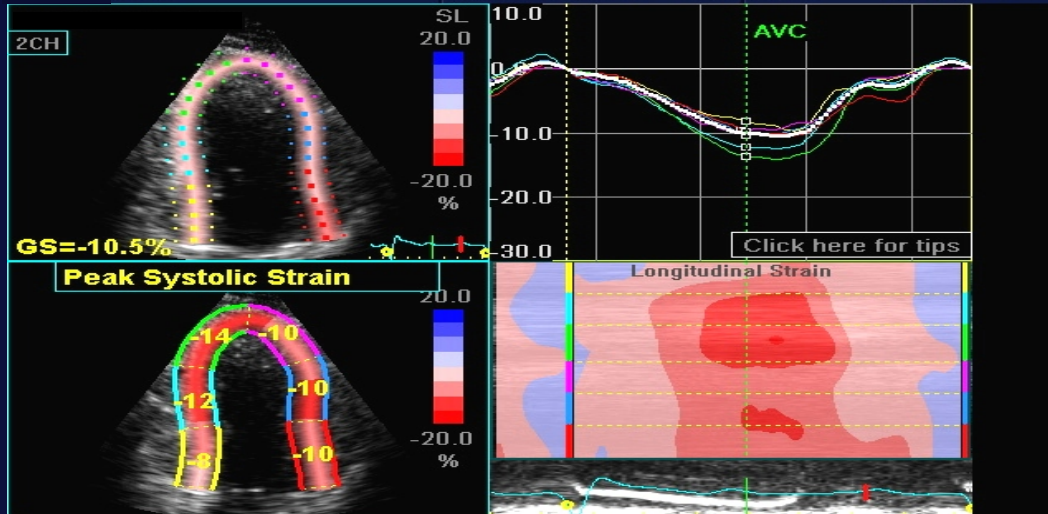
# Papillary Muscle Prominence



# 2D Feature Tracking

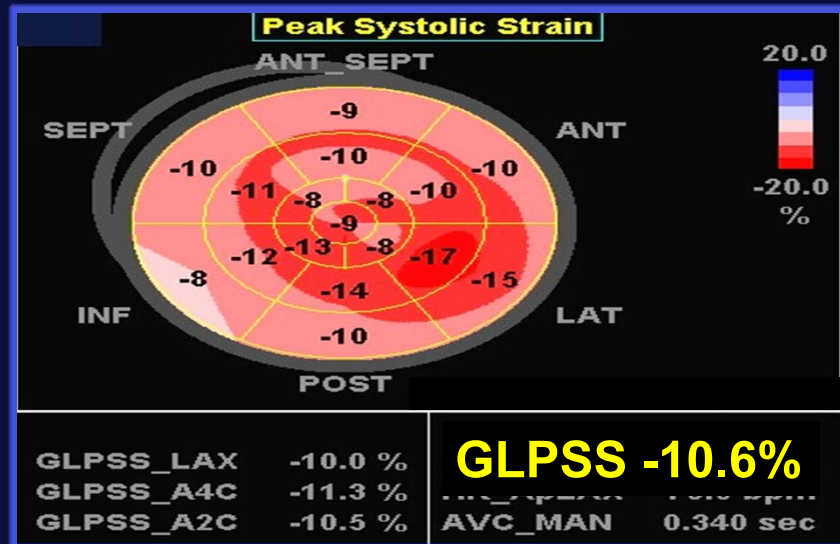
## Global Average Peak Systolic Strain

Mayo Clinic - Scottsdale M4S MI 1.1 TIs 1.0



# 2D Feature Tracking

## Global Average Peak Systolic Strain



## Why the Thick Walls?

1. Hypertrophy (genetic)
2. Infiltrative
3. Storage

# Friedreich's Ataxia

- Symmetrically hypertrophied LV
- Prominent Papillary Muscle
- Absence of SAM

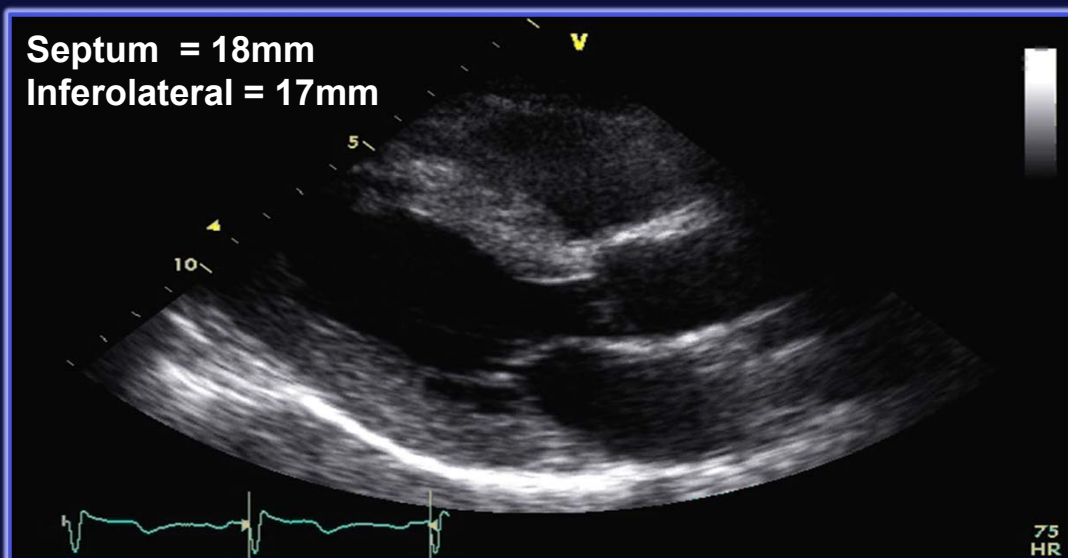
## Clinical/Genetic Abnormalities in Friedrich's Ataxia

- Autosomal recessive neurodegenerative disorder NEJM 1996 335: 1169
- 1:50,000
- Ataxia, cerebellar dysarthria, areflexia
- Onset < 20years; relentless course

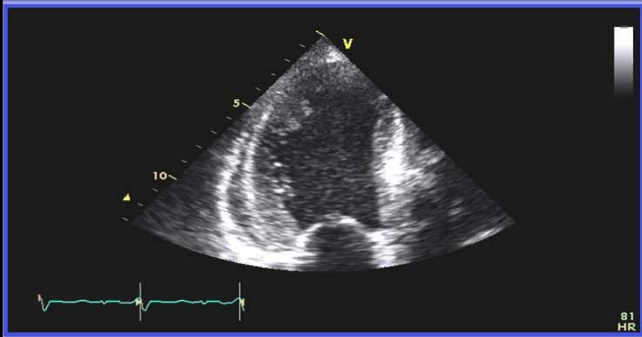
# Case

- 67 y/o male status post myectomy 3 years prior
- NYHA III, Neuropathy

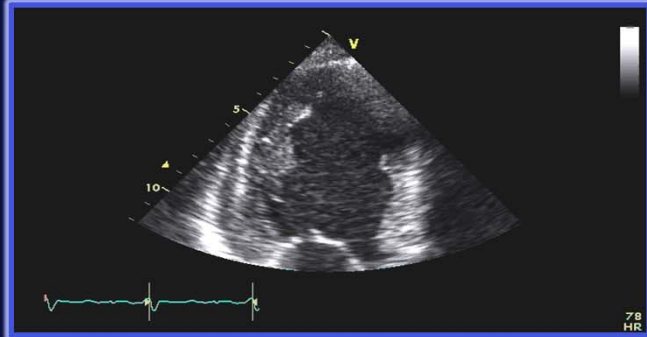
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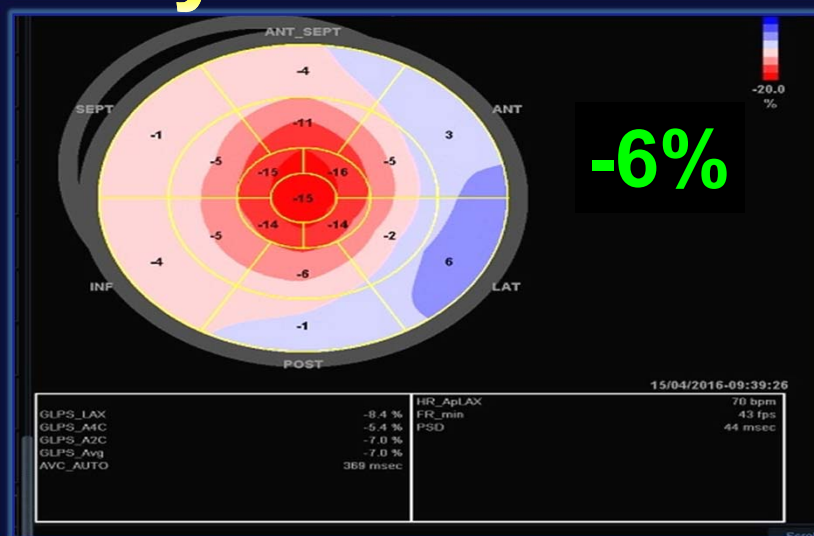
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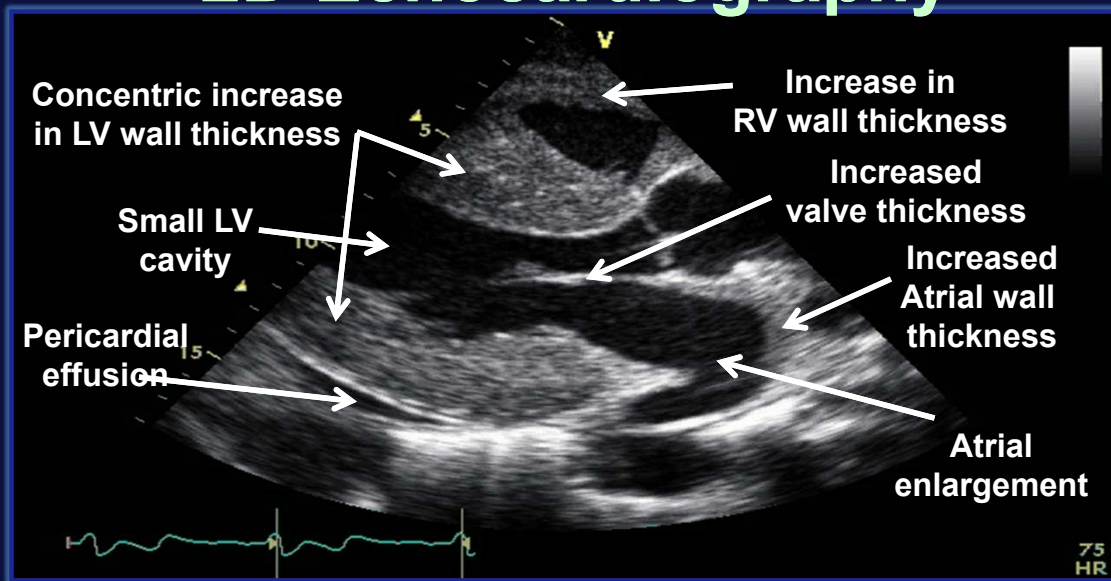
## Global Longitudinal Peak Systolic Strain



# Pathology Specimen

- Myocyte distribution not consistent with HCM
- Staining ATTR +

## Amyloidosis 2D Echocardiography

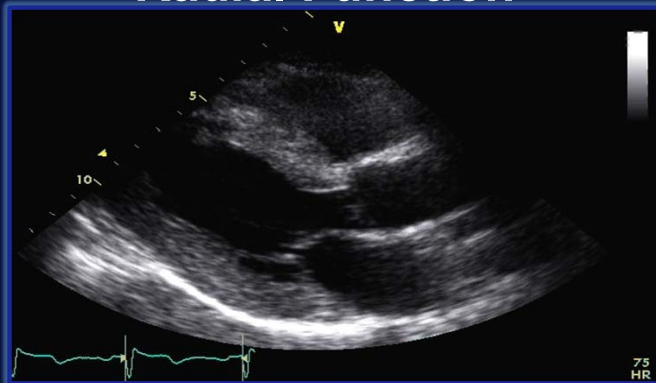


# Left Ventricular Function

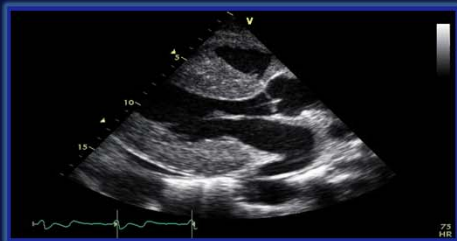
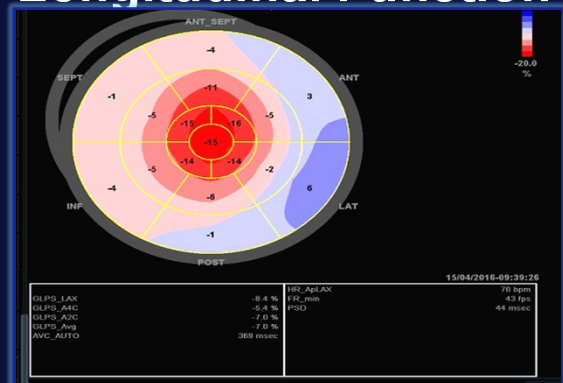
## Systole

67 year old male post myectomy

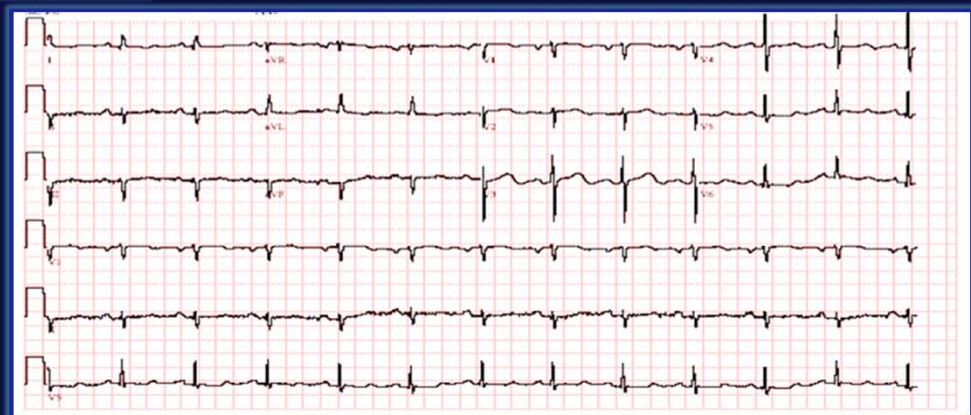
Radial Function



Longitudinal Function



# Electrocardiogram



# Amyloidosis

## Laboratory Approach to Diagnosis

- Monoclonal Protein Study (Serum and Protein)
- Immunoglobulin Free Light Chains (Serum)
- Subcutaneous Fat Aspirate (with Congo Red)

ECHO / MRI  
Pyrophosphate  
Scan  
BNP  
Troponin

Subcutaneous fat aspirate is negative but clinician still has high index of suspicion

Subcutaneous fat aspirate is positive for amyloid deposits

Specific organ biopsy

Diagnostic for amyloidosis

Negative

Positive

To identify the type of amyloid protein:  
Consult (hematology / surgical path)

## Morphology Not Histology Phenocopies

