

Infective Endocarditis

Role of Echocardiography in Diagnosis and Management

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None

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None

Infective Endocarditis

Diagnosis

Major Duke Criteria

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graph TD; A[Major Duke Criteria] --> B[Positive blood cultures]; A --> C[Evidence of endocardial involvement];
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**Positive
blood
cultures**

**Evidence of
endocardial
involvement**

Infective Endocarditis: Microbiology

Organism	Native valve				Prosthetic valve	
	Community-acquired IE; % (n = 1,201) (ref. 11, 20)	Healthcare-associated IE; %		Intravenous-drug users with IE; % (n = 237) (ref. 1)	Early IE*; % (n = 140) (ref. 21-23)	Late IE*; % (n = 390) (ref 21,23)
	Nosocomial (n = 370) (ref. 11, 20)	Non-nosocomial (n = 254) (ref. 11)				
Staphylococcus aureus	21	45	42	68	34	19
Coagulase-negative staphylococci	6	12	15	3	28	20
Enterococcus	10	14	16	5	10	13
Viridans streptococci	26	10	6	10	1	11
Streptococcus bovis	10	3	3	1	1	7
HACEK	3	0	0	0	0	2
Fungi	0	2	2	1	6	3
Other	13	7	10	7	6	15
Negative blood culture	11	7	6	5	14	10

Data obtained from Murdoch et al.(1), Benito et. al. (11), Hill et. al (20,23) Wang et. al.(21), and Lopez et.al.(22).

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Major Duke Criteria: Endocardial Involvement

Positive Echo for IE (Vegetation)

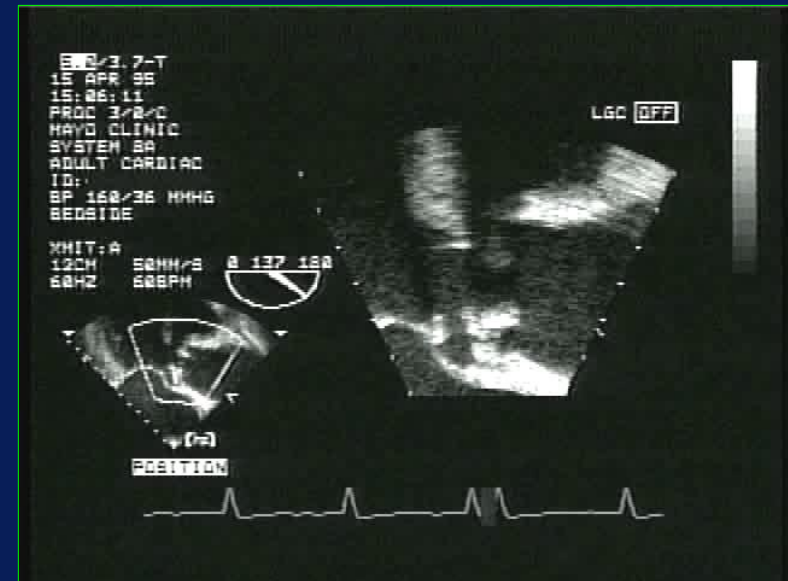
Oscillating intracardiac mass, without alternative anatomic explanation, involving:

- Valve
- Support structure
- Prosthetic/implanted device
- Path of regurgitant jet

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Major Duke Criteria: Echocardiography

- Vegetation
- Peri-valvular abscess
- New partial dehiscence of prosthetic valve, or new regurgitation

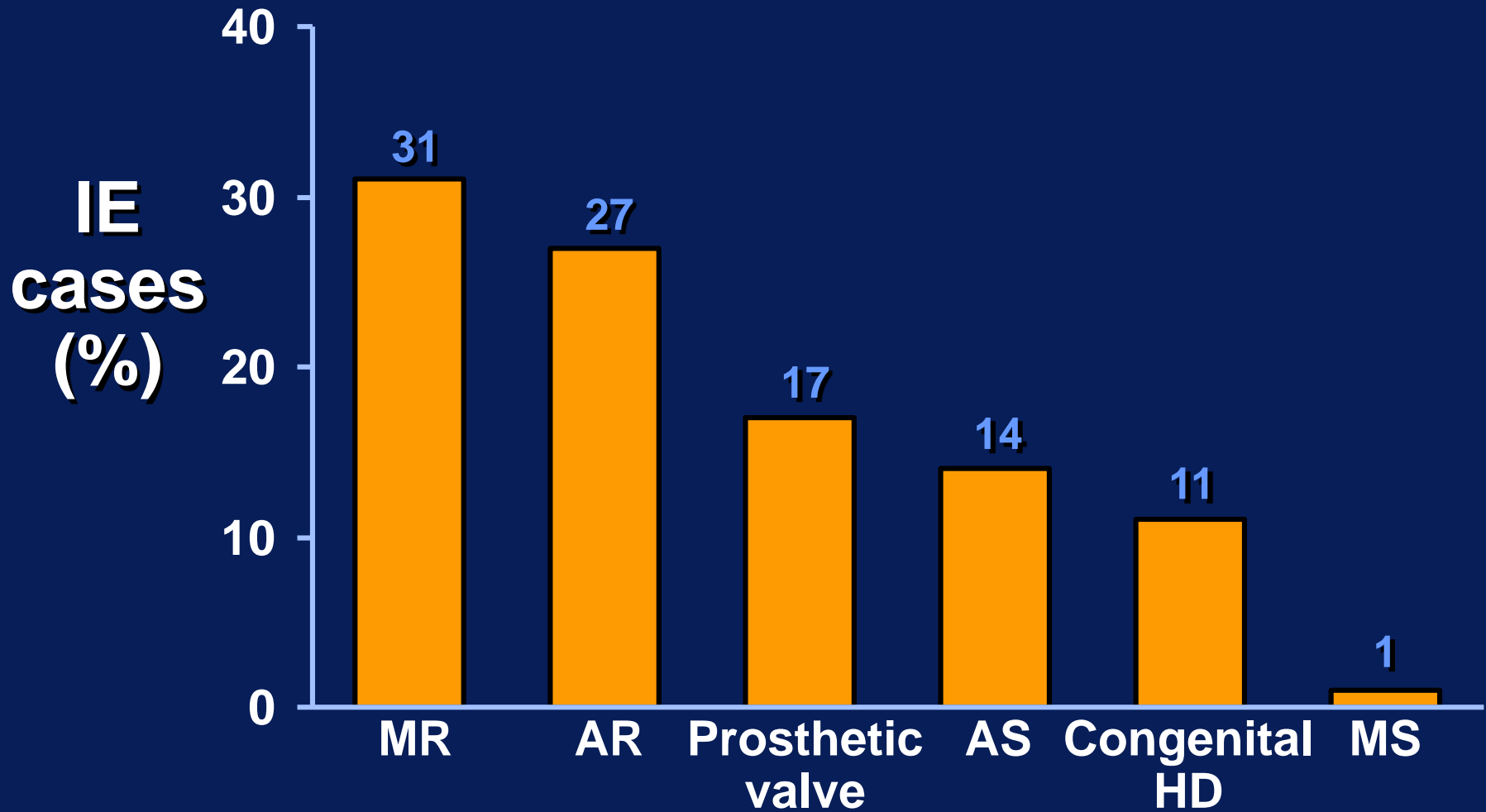


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Minor Duke Criteria:

1. Predisposing cardiac conditions
2. IV drug abuse (also #1 cause for recurrent IE)
3. Fever $\geq 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$; persistent, and otherwise unexplained
4. Blood culture positivity (Not meeting major criteria)

Conditions Predisposing to Infective Endocarditis

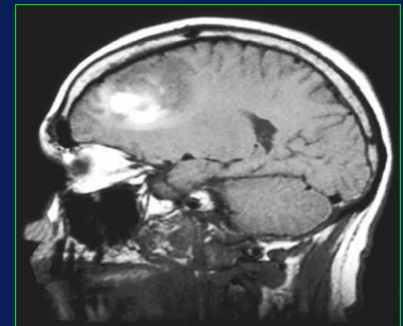


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Minor Duke Criteria:

5. Vascular Phenomena

- Conjunctival hemorrhage
- Janeway lesions
- Systemic arterial embolism
- Pulmonary embolism / infarction
- Mycotic aneurysm
- Intracranial hemorrhage



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Minor Duke Criteria:

6. Immunologic Phenomena

- Diffuse glomerulonephritis
- Osler's nodes
- Roth spots
- Rheumatoid factor +



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Physical Exam

Fever	80 - 90%
Murmur	70 - 80%
New or changing murmur	10 - 40%
Splenomegaly	10 - 40%
Neurologic deficit	20 - 30%
Peripheral stigmata of IE (Osler's nodes, Janeway lesions, splinter hemorrhages, Roth spots)	<5 - 10%

Murdoch DR, et al Arch Int Med 2009;169:463

Lopez J, et al. Circulation 2010; 121: 892

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**Definite Diagnosis
by Duke Criteria**

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graph TD; A[Definite Diagnosis by Duke Criteria] --> B[2 Major]; A --> C[1 Major + 3 Minor]; A --> D[5 Minor];
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2 Major

**1 Major
+ 3 Minor**

5 Minor

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**Possible Diagnosis
by Duke Criteria**

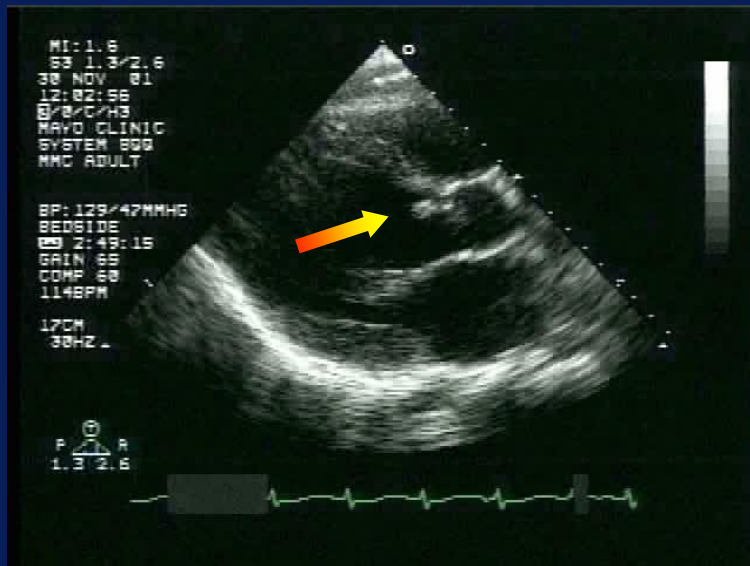
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**1 Major
+ 1 Minor**

3 Minor

Detection of Vegetations

Transthoracic Echo (TTE)



**Resolution size:
3 - 4 mm**

Sensitivity: 62% - 82%*

Specificity: 91% - 100%

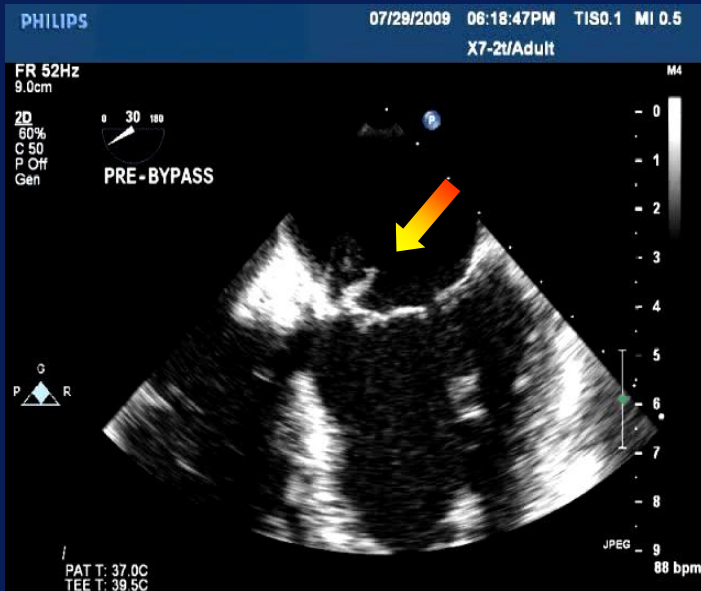
Pederson WR, et al. Chest 100:351, 1991

Jacob, S et al. Curr Opin Cardiol 17:478, 2002

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Detection of Vegetations

Transesophageal Echo (TEE)



**Resolution size:
1 - 2 mm**

Sensitivity: 87% - 100%

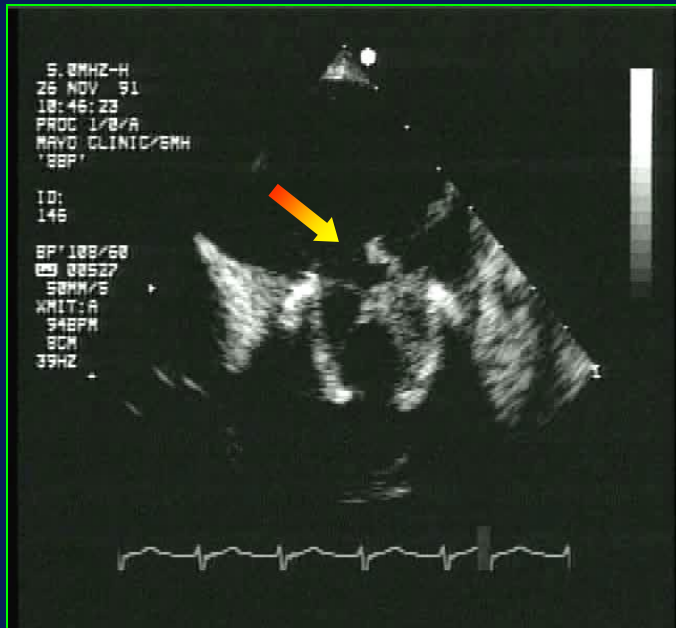
Specificity: 91% - 100%

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*Kini, V et al. J Am Soc Echocardiogr 2010; 23: 396

Detection of Prosthetic Valvular Vegetations: TTE vs. TEE

Sensitivity



TTE

17- 45%

TEE

82-100%

Note: 30% to 40% of cases of prosthetic valve endocarditis have no vegetations attached to the prosthesis, only peri-annular infection

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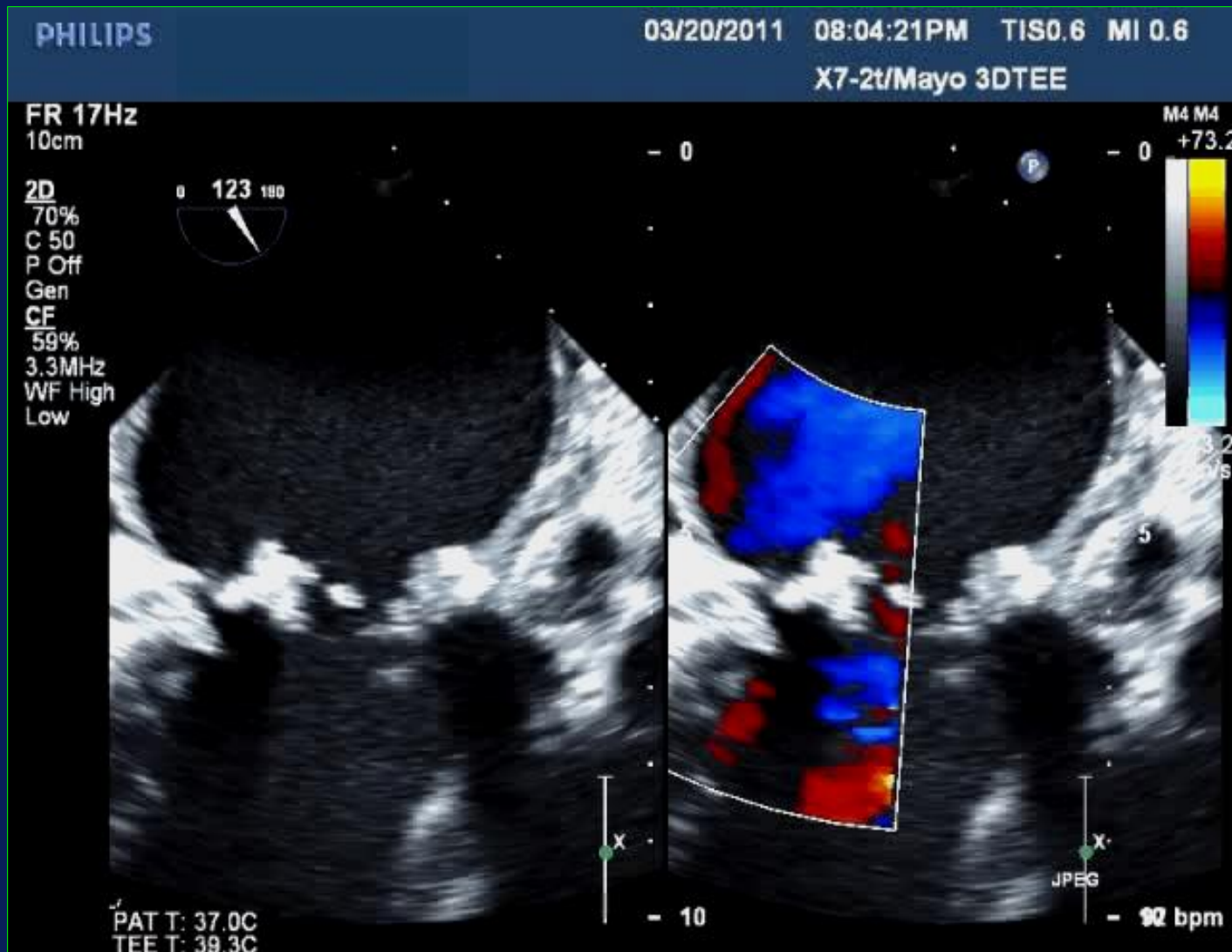
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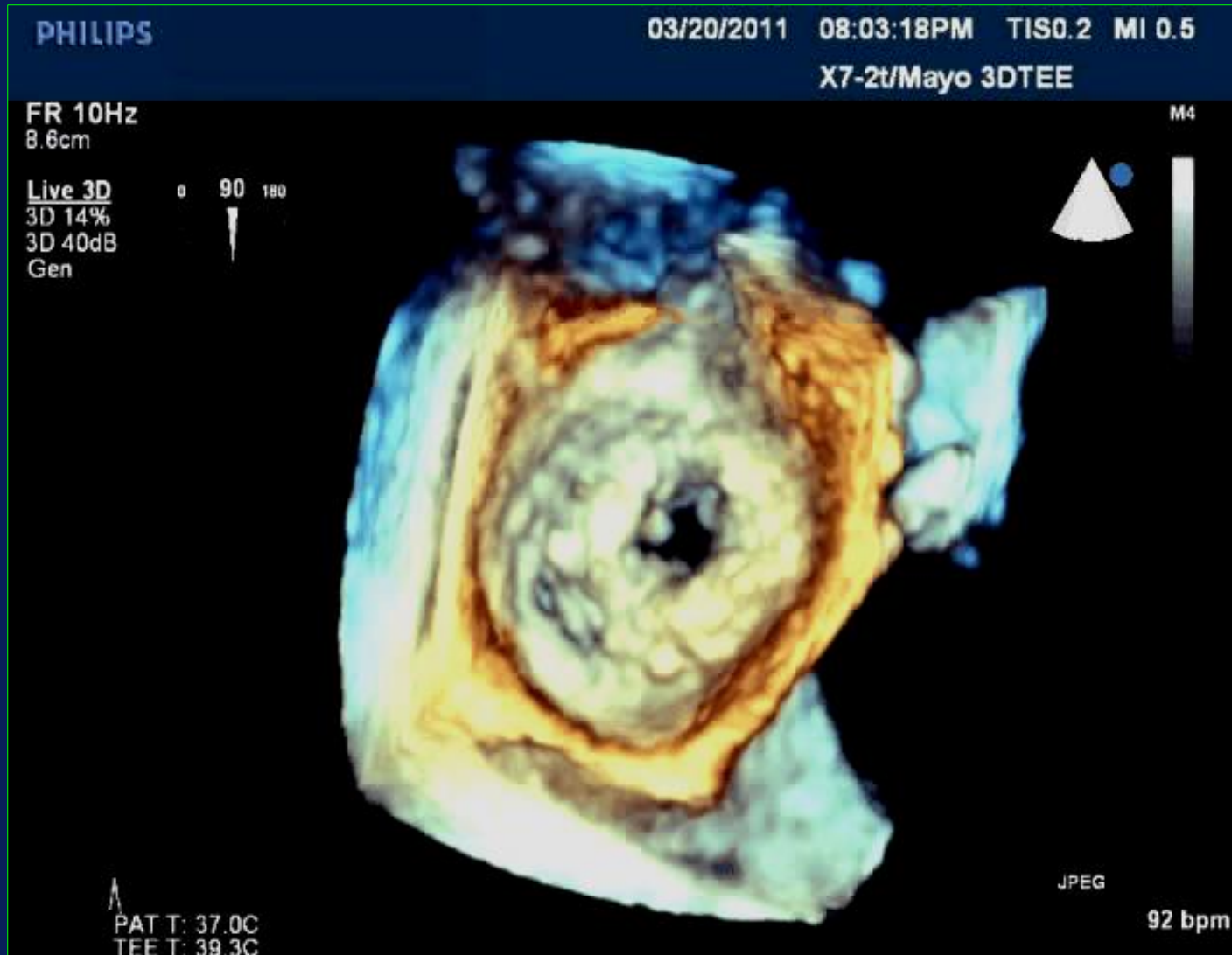
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**51 y/o Man: Cardiogenic shock; blood cultures negative
Prior bioprosthetic MVR and AVR**



Suspected Infective Endocarditis

Low Initial Patient Risk

- Unexplained fever
- Chronic murmur
- No stigmata of IE
- No high risk anatomy
- No prosthesis or device

High Initial Patient Risk

- Significant new murmur
- New heart failure
- Prosthetic valve/CIED
- Stigmata of IE / Prior IE
- High risk anatomy
- Staph aureus

Low Initial Patient Risk



Initial TTE



- Limited Images
- High Risk Findings



TEE

High Initial Patient Risk



Initial TEE



- ? LV Function
- ? Hemodynamics



TTE

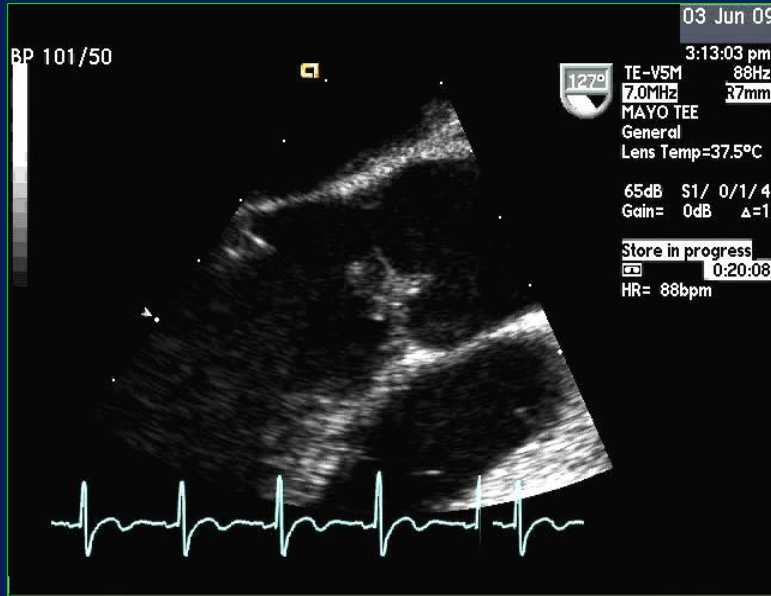
High risk TTE Findings



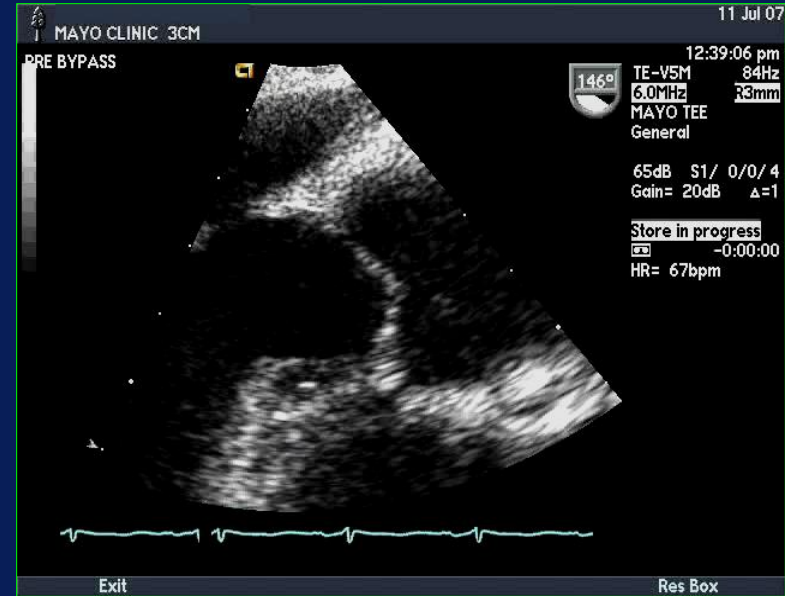
- **Large / Mobile Vegetations**
- **? Perivalvular extension of infection**
- **Grade III-IV/IV Regurgitation**
- **New LV dysfunction**

Which patient most likely has infective endocarditis?

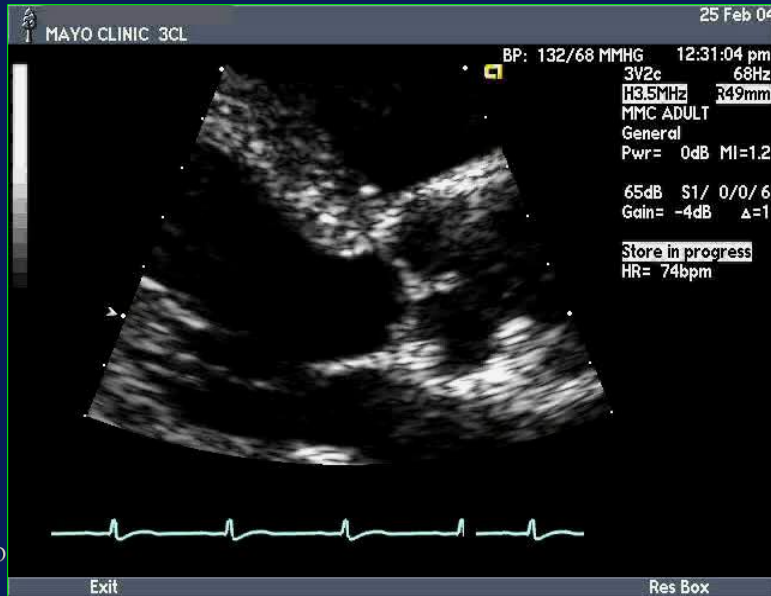
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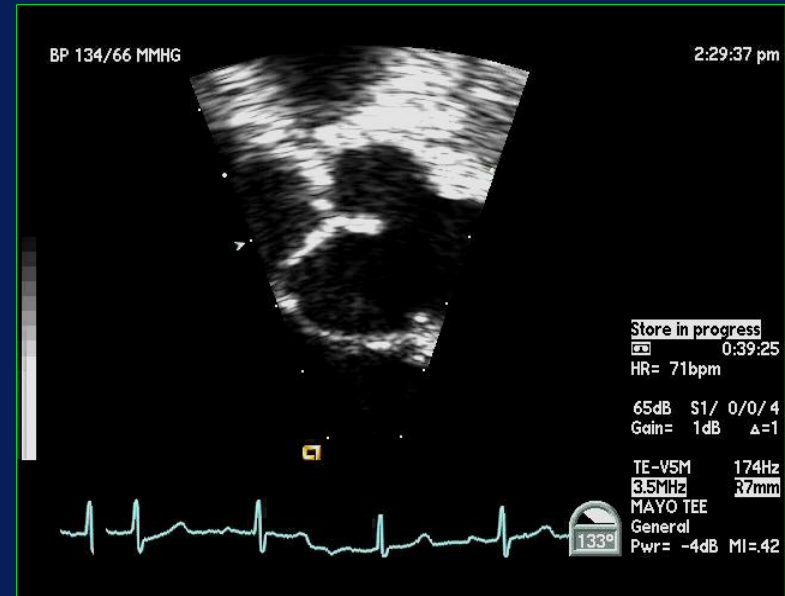
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**Lambl's
excrescence,
fenestration**

**Vegetation:
Infective,
Noninfective**

**Sclerosis /
calcium
artifact**

**Thrombus
(prosthesis)**

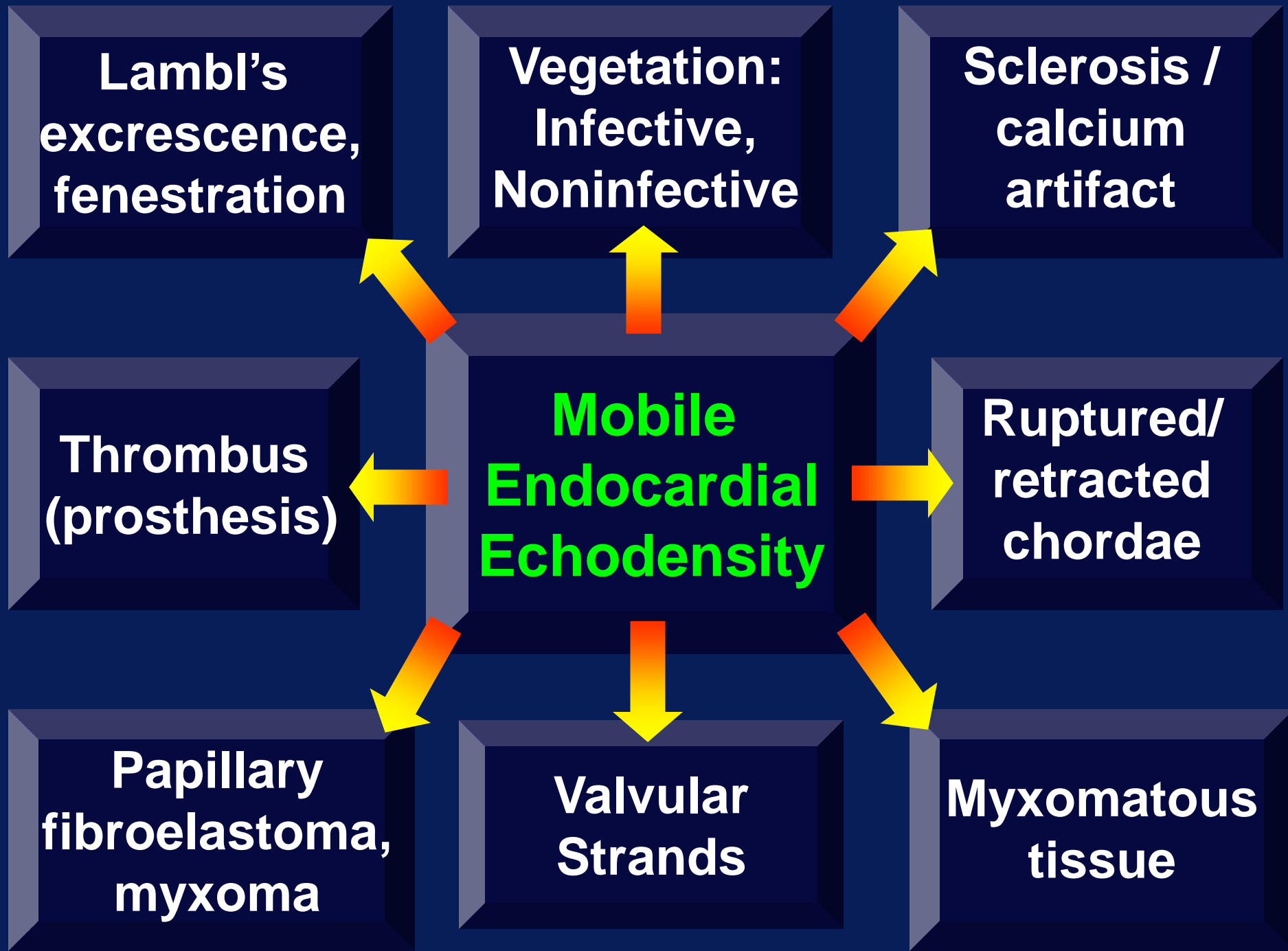
**Mobile
Endocardial
Echodensity**

**Ruptured/
retracted
chordae**

**Papillary
fibroelastoma,
myxoma**

**Valvular
Strands**

**Myxomatous
tissue**



Echocardiographic Diagnosis of Vegetation

Probable Vegetation

Improbable Vegetation

Texture: tissue density

hyperrefractile

Location: upstream
side of valve;
in jet trajectory

downstream
side of valve

Echocardiographic Diagnosis of Vegetation

Probable Vegetation

Improbable Vegetation

Shape:

**lobulated
to amorphous,
multiple**

**filamentous,
discrete
nodule**

**Assoc'd
findings:**

**regurgitation,
peri-valvular
complications**

none

**Predisposing conditions
for endocarditis**



Endothelial disruption



Valvular fibrin-platelet thrombus



Bacteremia



Infected valvular vegetation



**Local tissue
destruction**



**Perivalvular
extension of
infection**



**Embolic
events**

Complications of Infective Endocarditis

**Local valvular
tissue destruction**



- **Valve deformation**
- **Perforation**
- **Support disruption**



Valvular regurgitation

Local Valvular Destruction in Infective Endocarditis (IE)

NYHA Class III-IV heart failure complicating native valve IE:

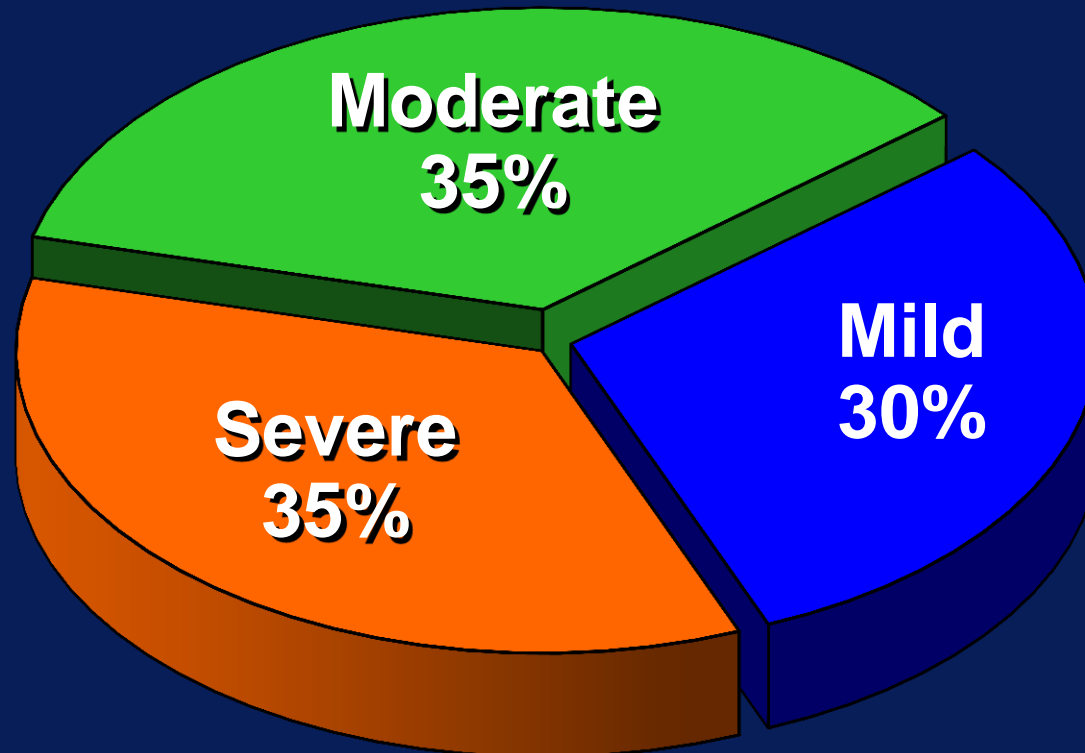
Aortic	30%
Mitral	20%
Tricuspid	<10%

In-Hospital Mortality

Medical	50 – 60%
Surgical	20 – 25%

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Valvular Regurgitation at Presentation



Lopez J, et al. *Circulation* 2010; 121:892

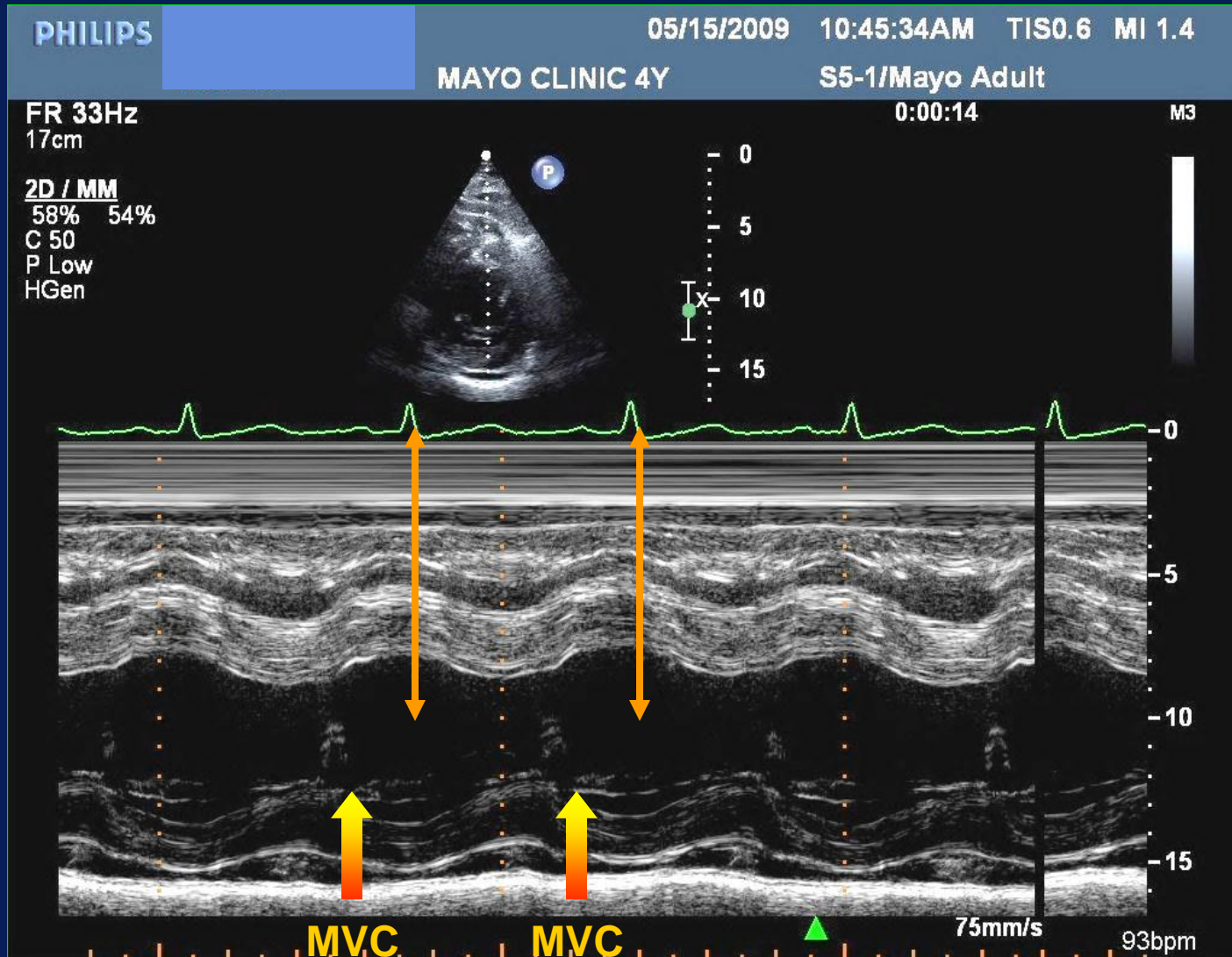
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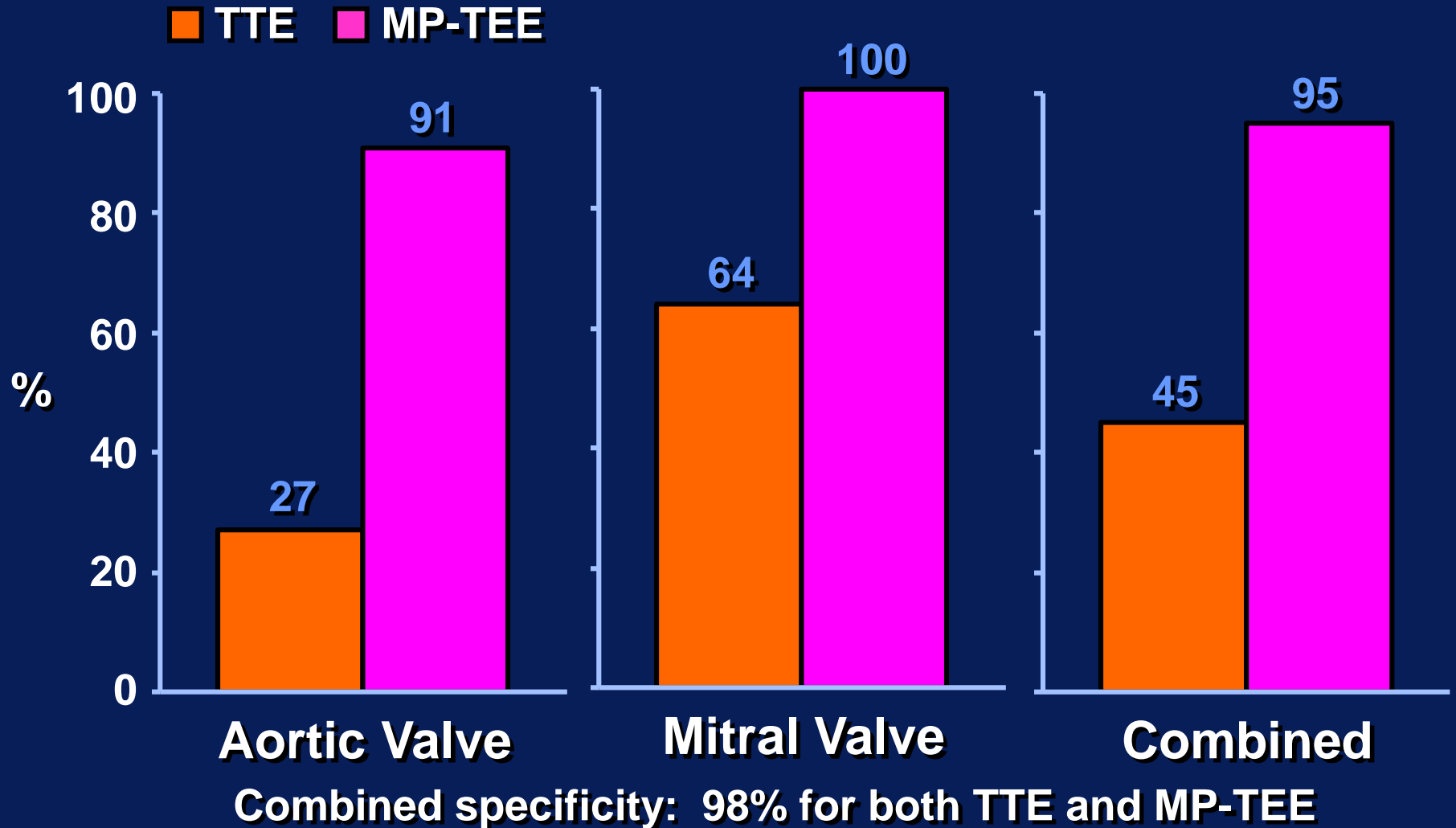


Acute Severe AR: Early mitral valve closure



Valvular Perforation in Infective Endocarditis

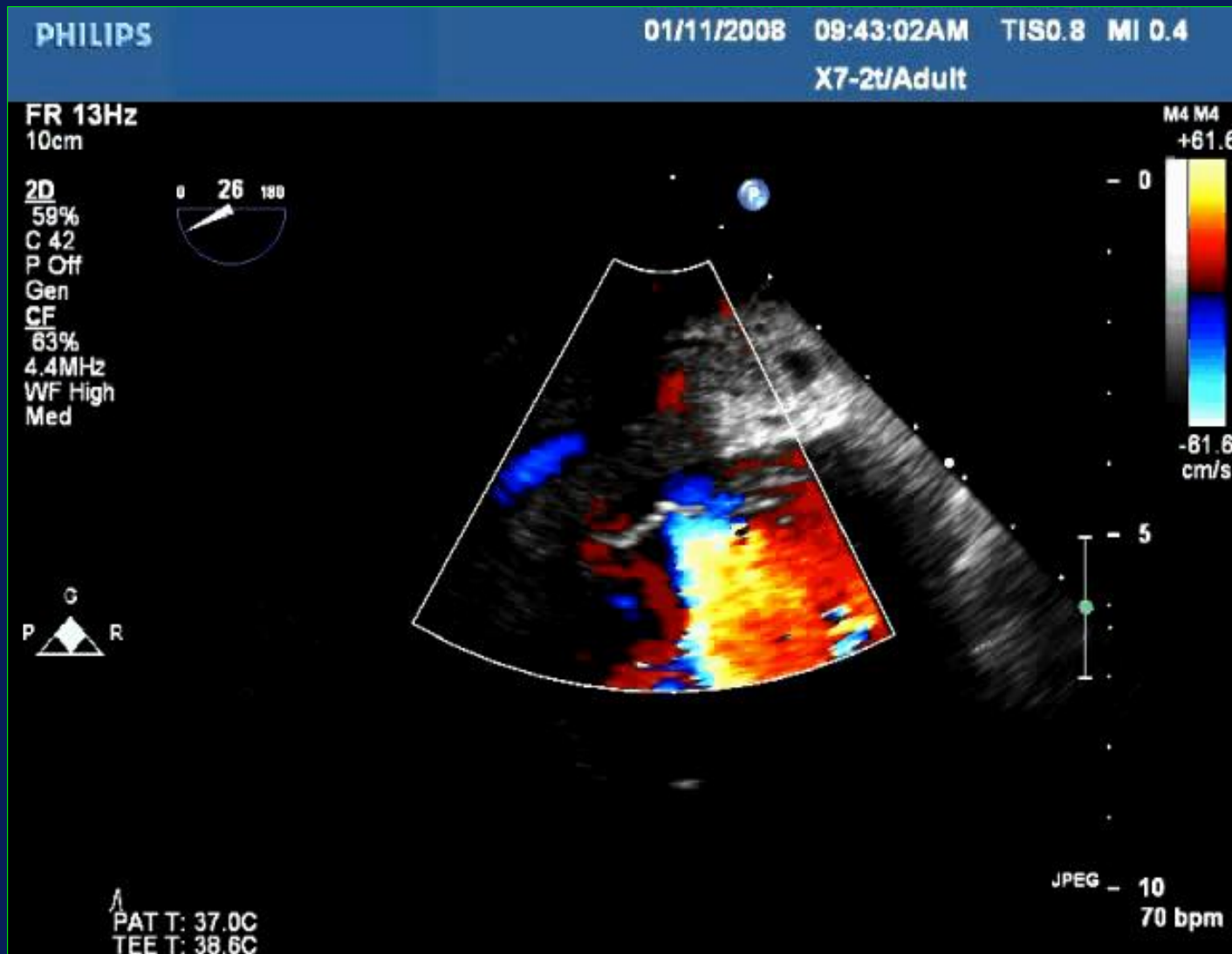
Sensitivity of TTE vs MP-TEE



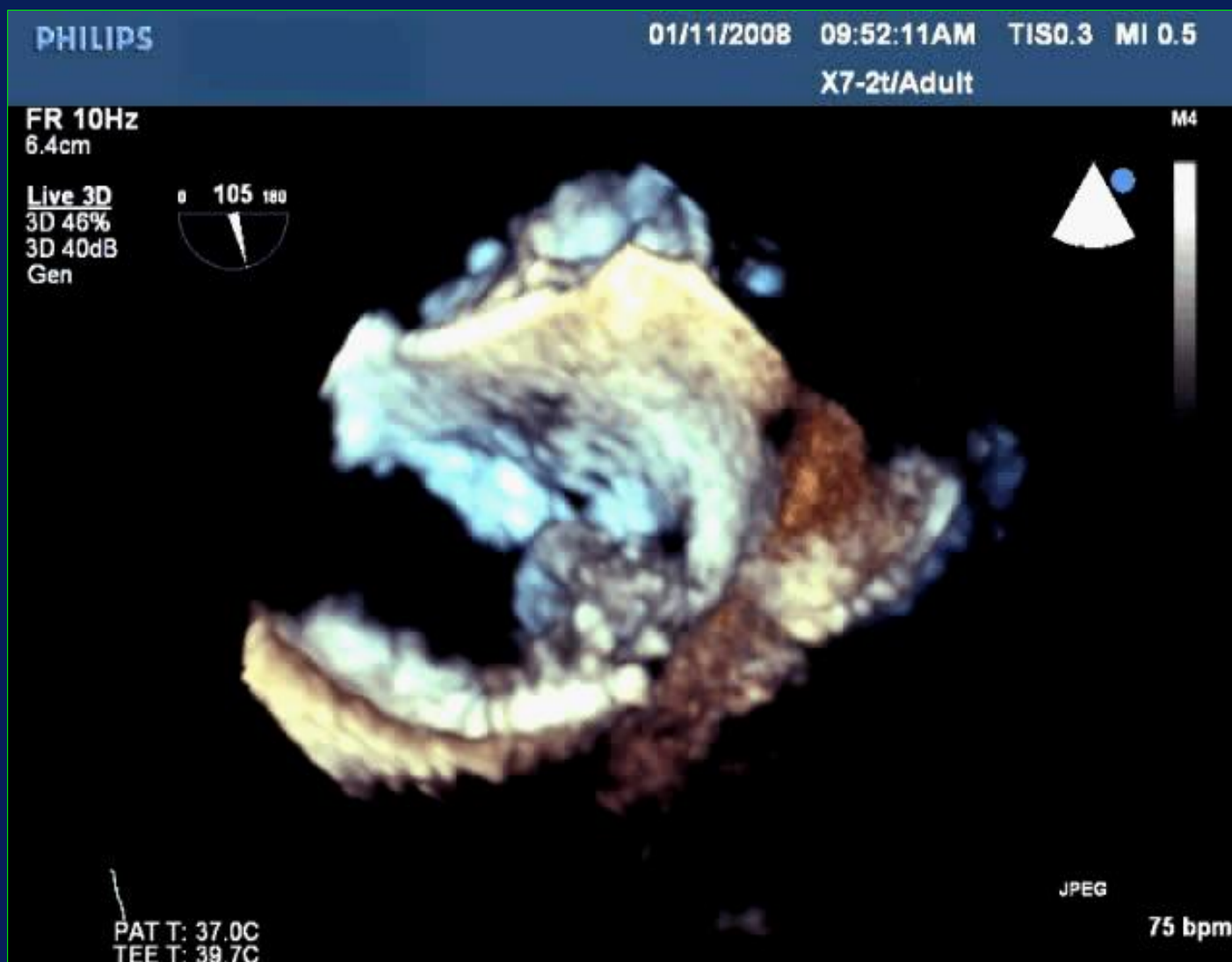
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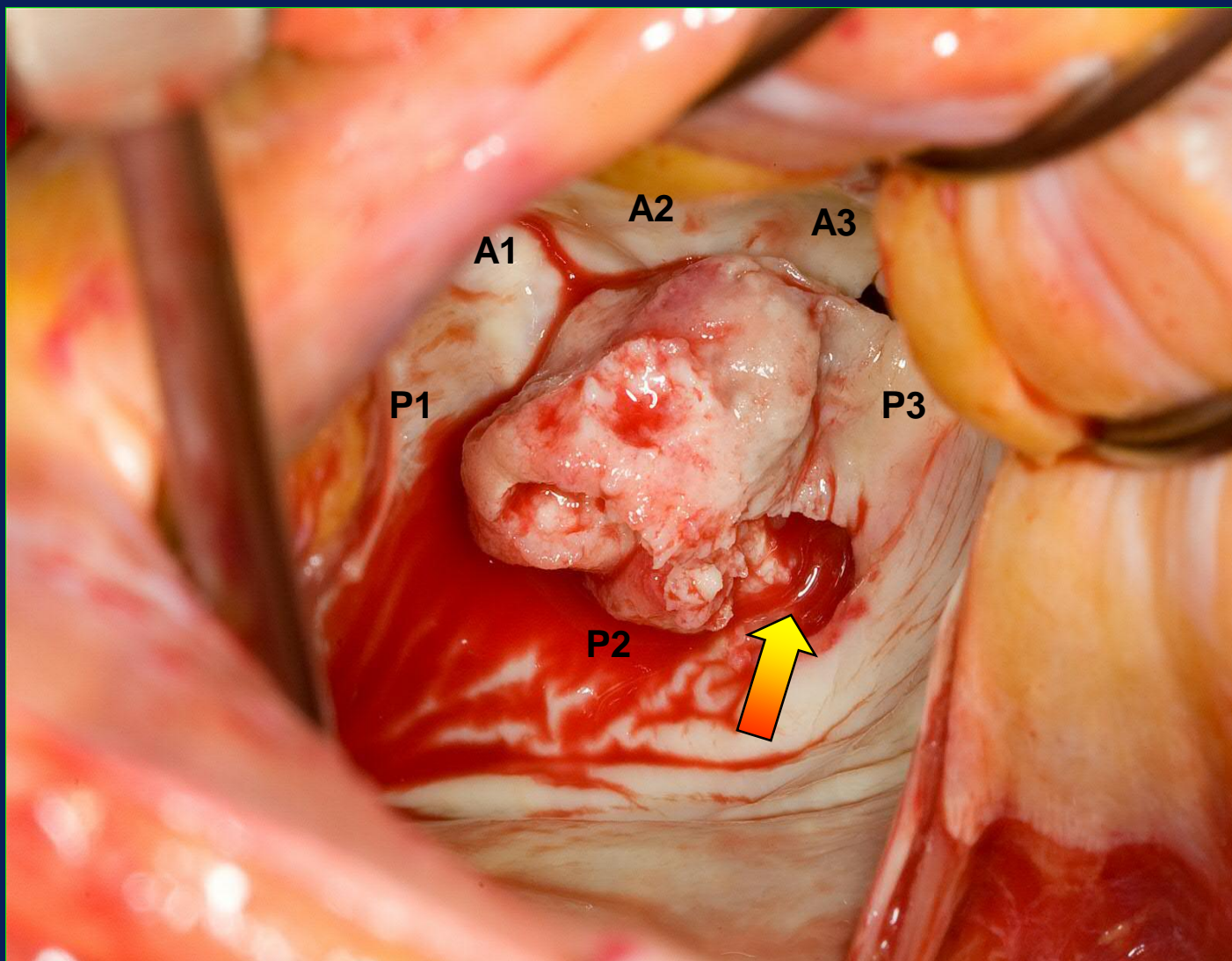
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Valvular Dysfunction Complicating Infective Endocarditis

Class I Indication for Surgery

Early surgery* is indicated in patients with IE who present with valve dysfunction (usually severe regurgitation) resulting in symptoms of heart failure

(*during initial hospitalization before completion of a full therapeutic course of antibiotics)

Complications of Infective Endocarditis

**Perivalvular Extension
of Infection (PVEI)**

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graph TD; A[Perivalvular Extension of Infection (PVEI)] --> B[Phlegmon, Abscess]; A --> C[Mycotic aneurysm]; A --> D[Fistula, Shunt];
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**Phlegmon,
Abscess**

**Mycotic
aneurysm**

**Fistula,
Shunt**

Perivalvular Extension of Infection (PVEI)

Native valve IE	10 - 30%
Prosthetic valve IE	30 - 55%

Independent risk factors for PVEI:

Aortic position

Prosthetic valve

Staphylococcal infection

Increased in-hospital mortality: 2-3 x

Habib G, et al. Eur Heart J 2009; 2369

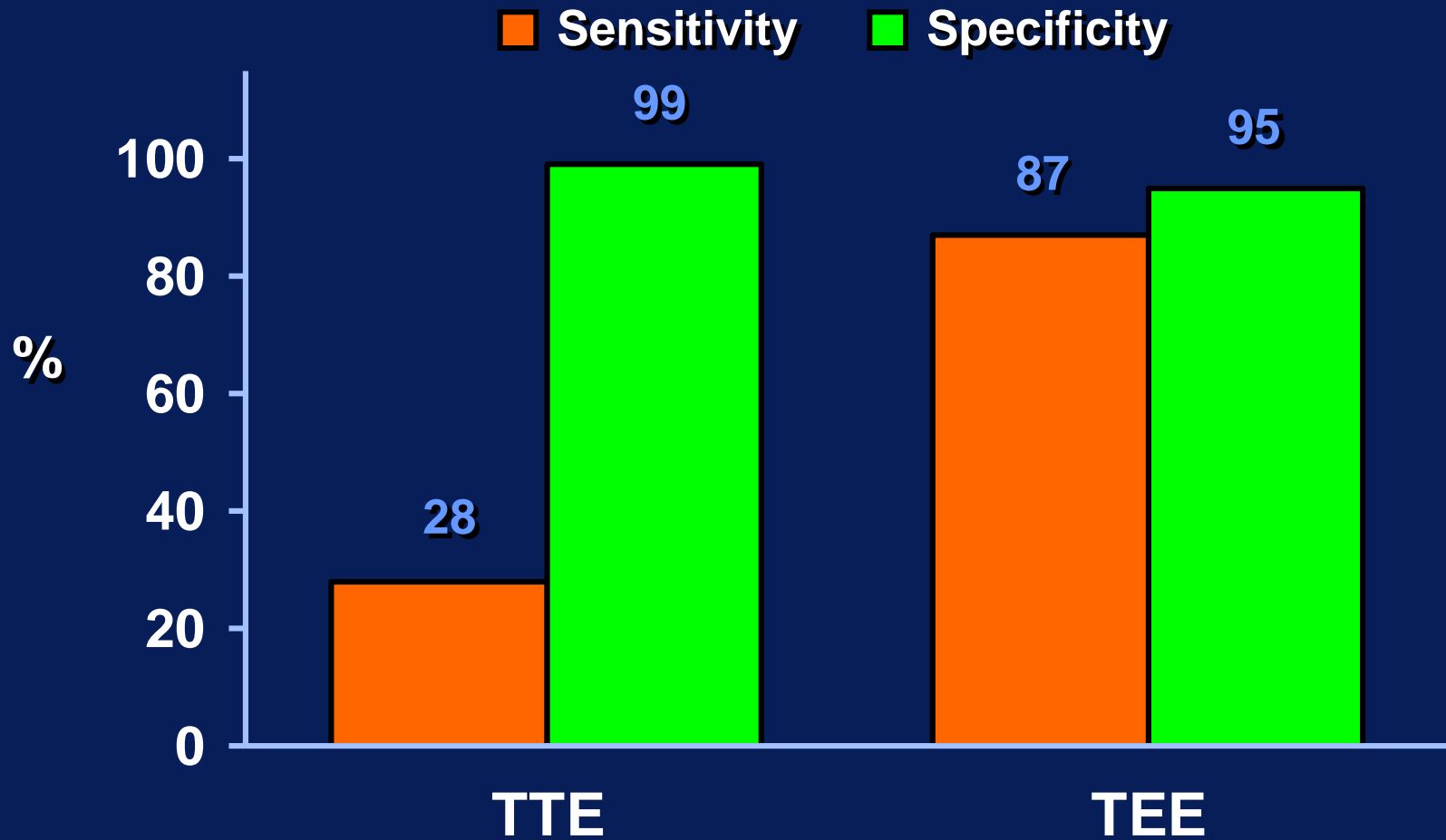
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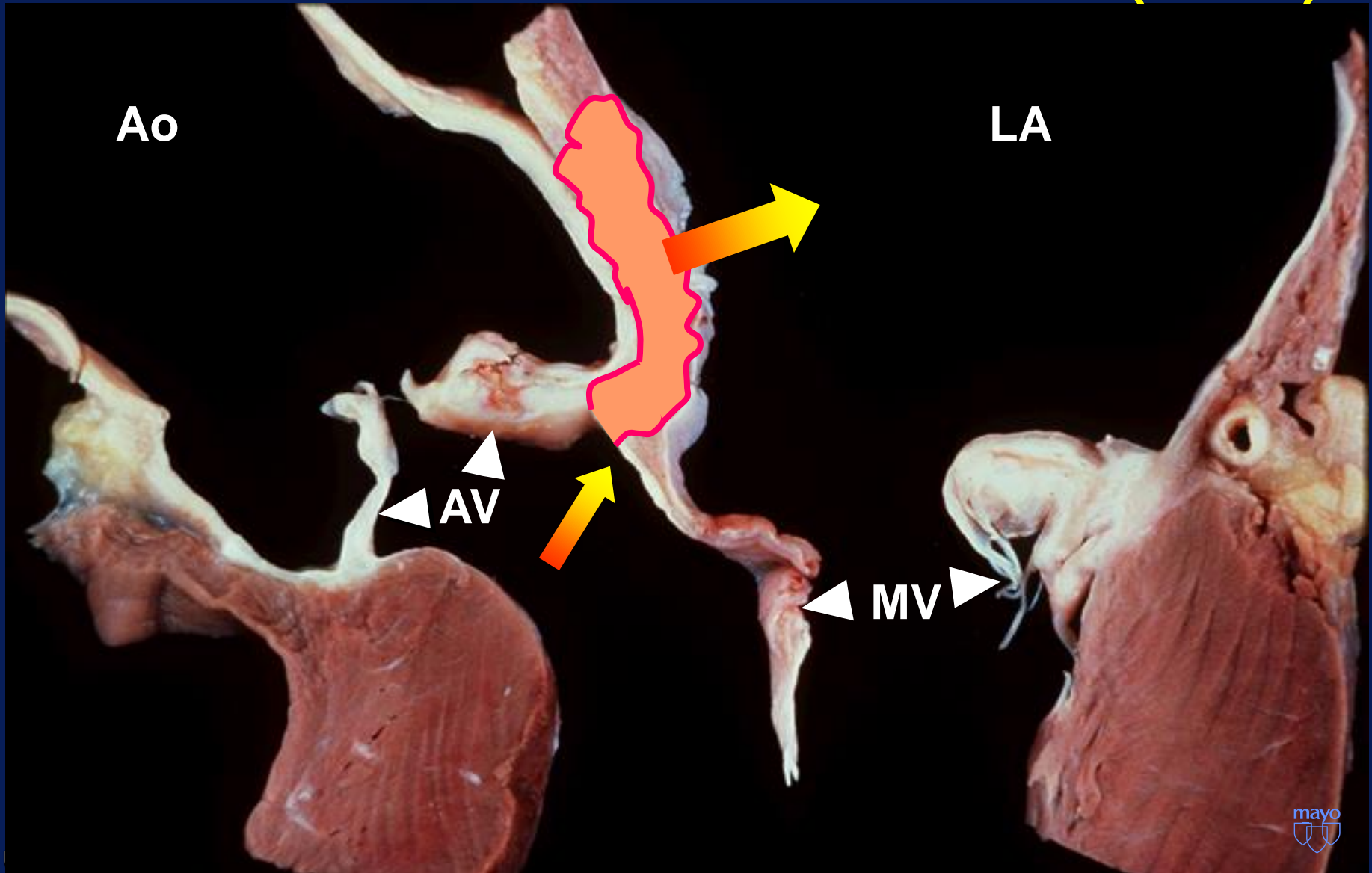
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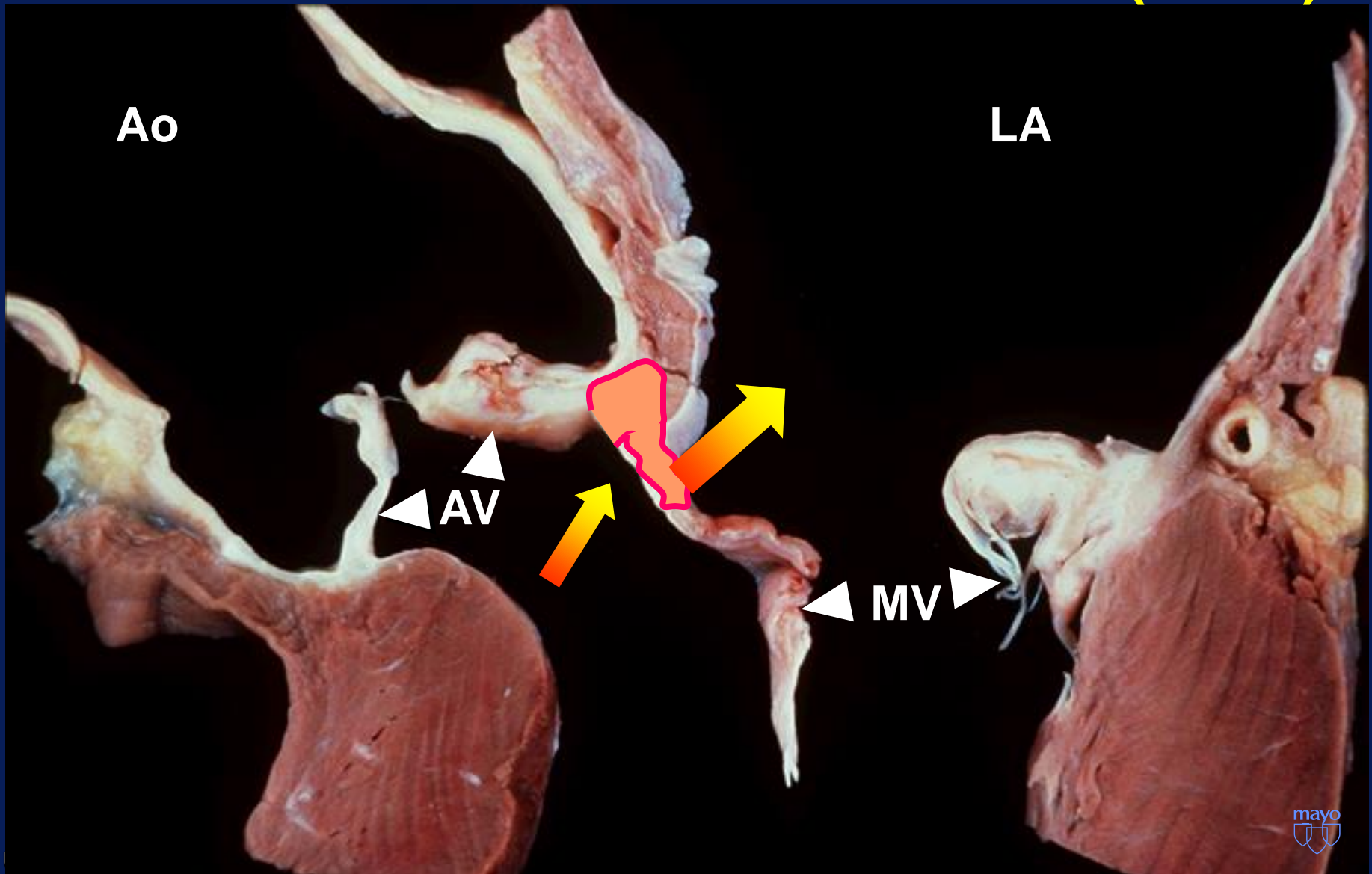
TTE vs TEE (118 Patients)



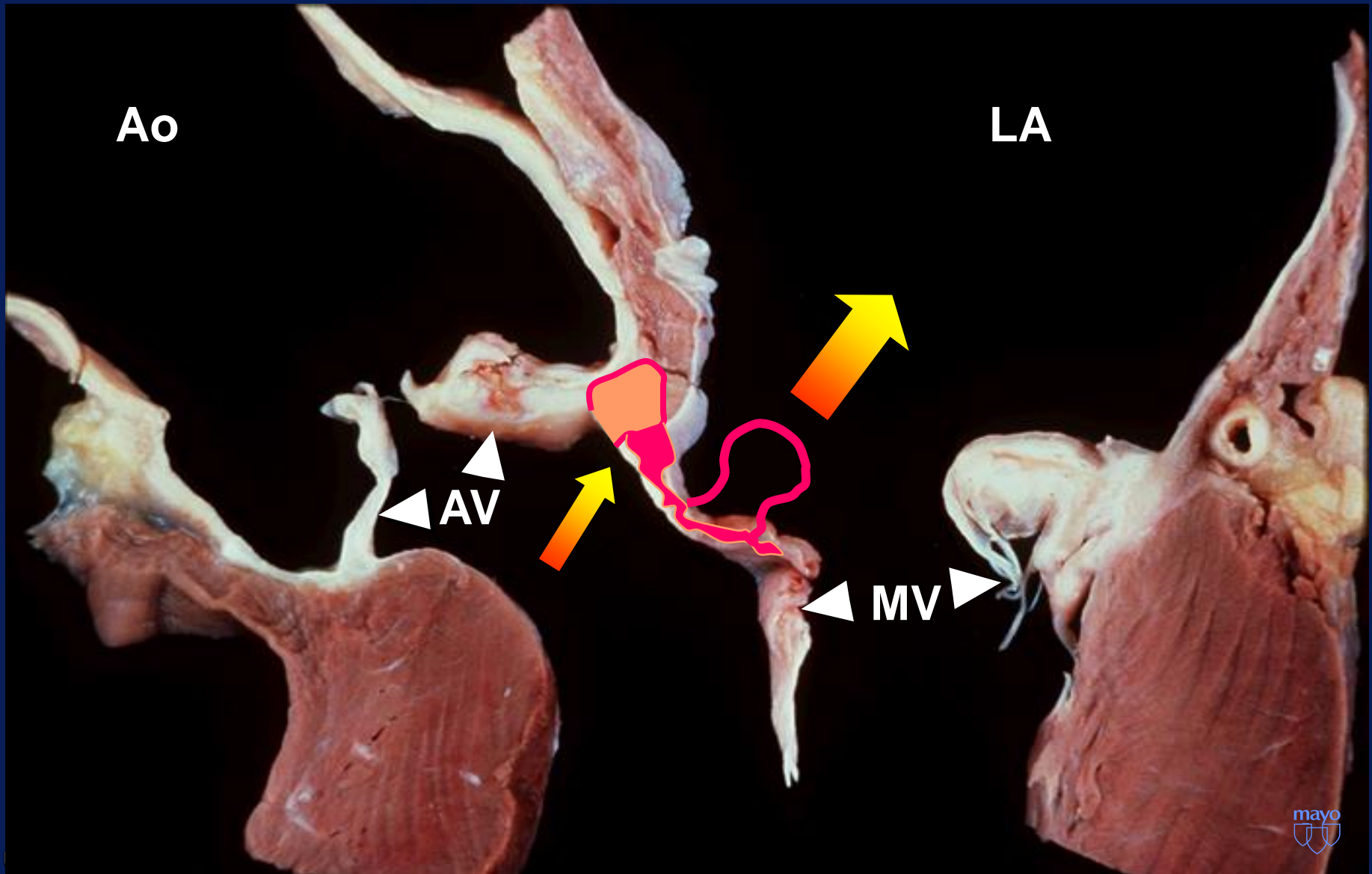
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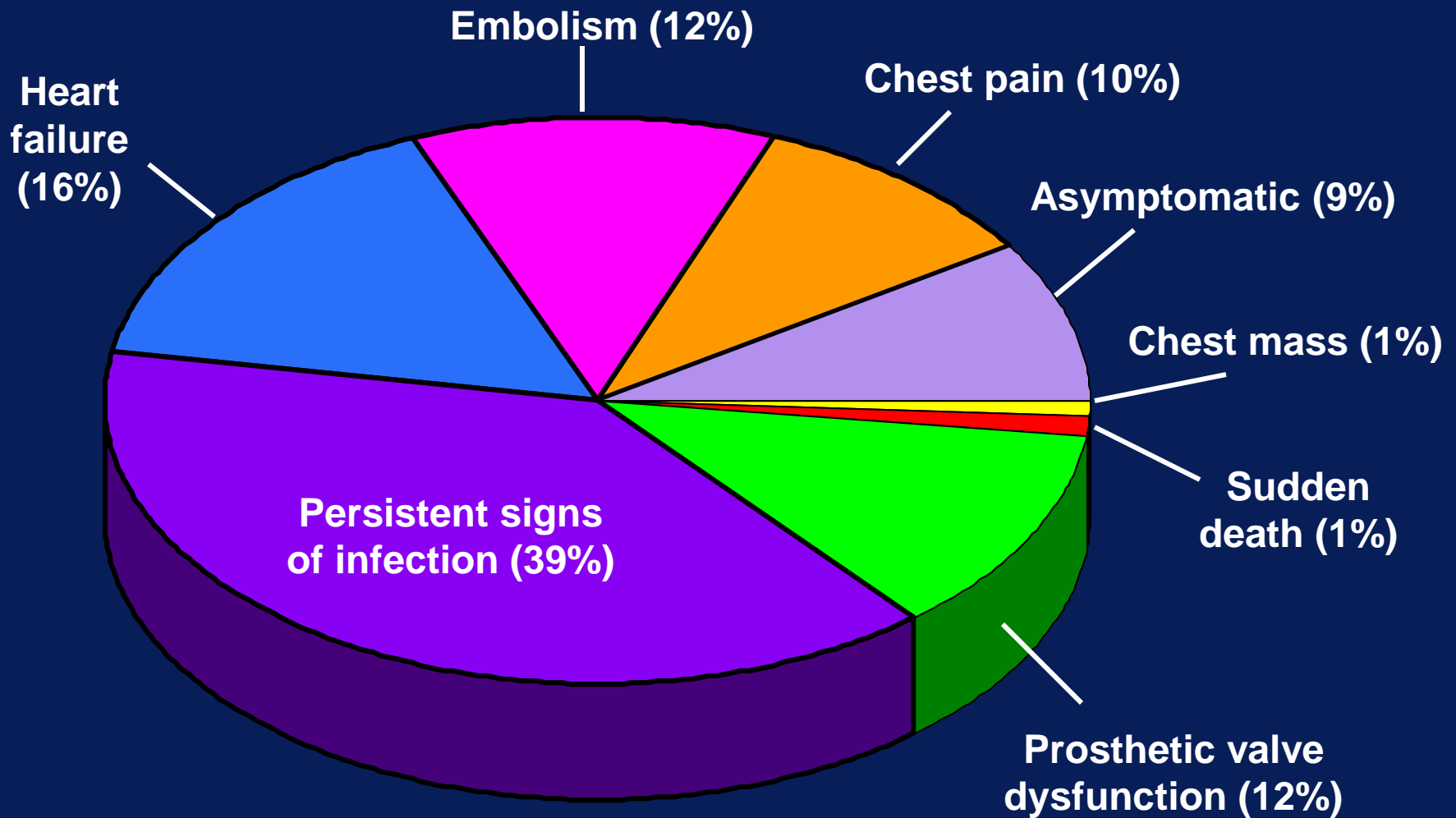


Peri-valvular Extension of Infection: Mitral - Aortic Intervalvular Fibrosa (MAIF)



Mitral - Aortic Intervalvular Fibrosa (MAIF)

Mycotic Pseudoaneurysm: Presentation



Bioprosthetic AVR: Coag Negative Staph bacteremia



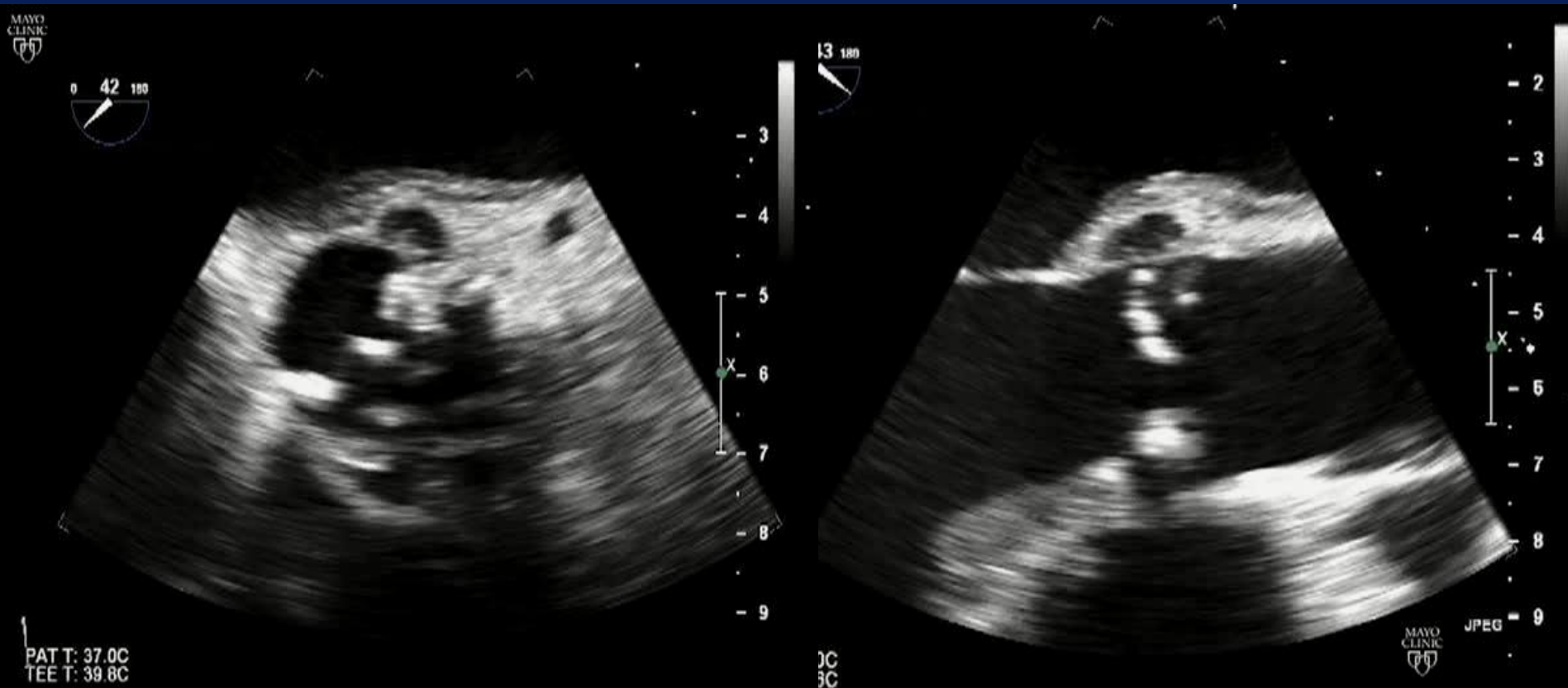
MAIF phlegmon

53 y/o Male: Fever, weight loss, and dyspnea; Aggregatibacter Aphrophilus bacteremia



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**53 y/o Male: Fever, weight loss, and dyspnea;
Aggregatibacter Aphrophilus bacteremia
Persistent fever despite antibiotic therapy**



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Infective Endocarditis: Follow-up Imaging Reevaluation with TEE/TTE

Class I Indications

- **A significant change in symptoms and/or clinical findings**
- **Evidence of persistent infection after ≥ 5 days of appropriate antibiotic therapy**
- **Initial imaging evidence of extensive/high risk infection (i.e., large, mobile vegetations)**
- **Infection with aggressive/resistant organisms (staphylococcal, enterococcal, fungal)**

48 y/o Man: Fever and syncope s/p Carbomedics AVR one month ago; enterococcal bacteremia

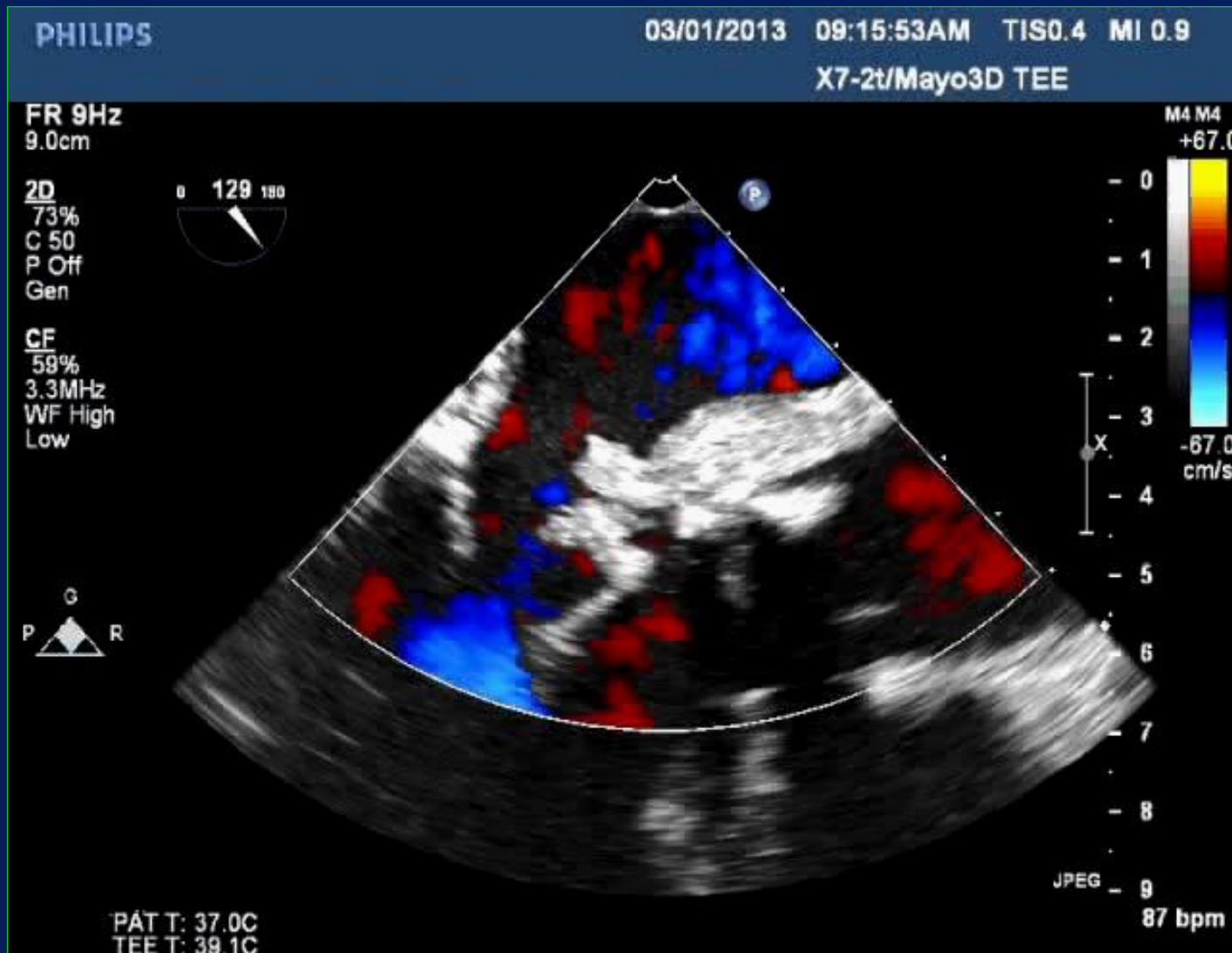


MAIF mycotic aneurysm

52 y/o IV Drug Abuser: Prior CE AVR, fever/chills x 3 wks, H. Parainfluenza bacteremia



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Fever x 4 wks, SJ AVR (2005); Propionibacterium bacteremia



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Fever x 4 wks, SJ AVR (2005); Propionibacterium bacteremia



Perivalvular Extension of Infection Complicating Infective Endocarditis

Class I Indication for Surgery

Early surgery* is indicated in patients with IE complicated by heart block, annular or aortic abscess, or destructive penetrating lesions

(*during initial hospitalization before completion of a full therapeutic course of antibiotics)

Persistent Infection Complicating Infective Endocarditis

Class I Indication for Surgery

Early surgery* for IE is indicated in patients with evidence of persistent infection as manifested by persistent bacteremia or fever lasting longer than 5 days after onset of appropriate antimicrobial therapy

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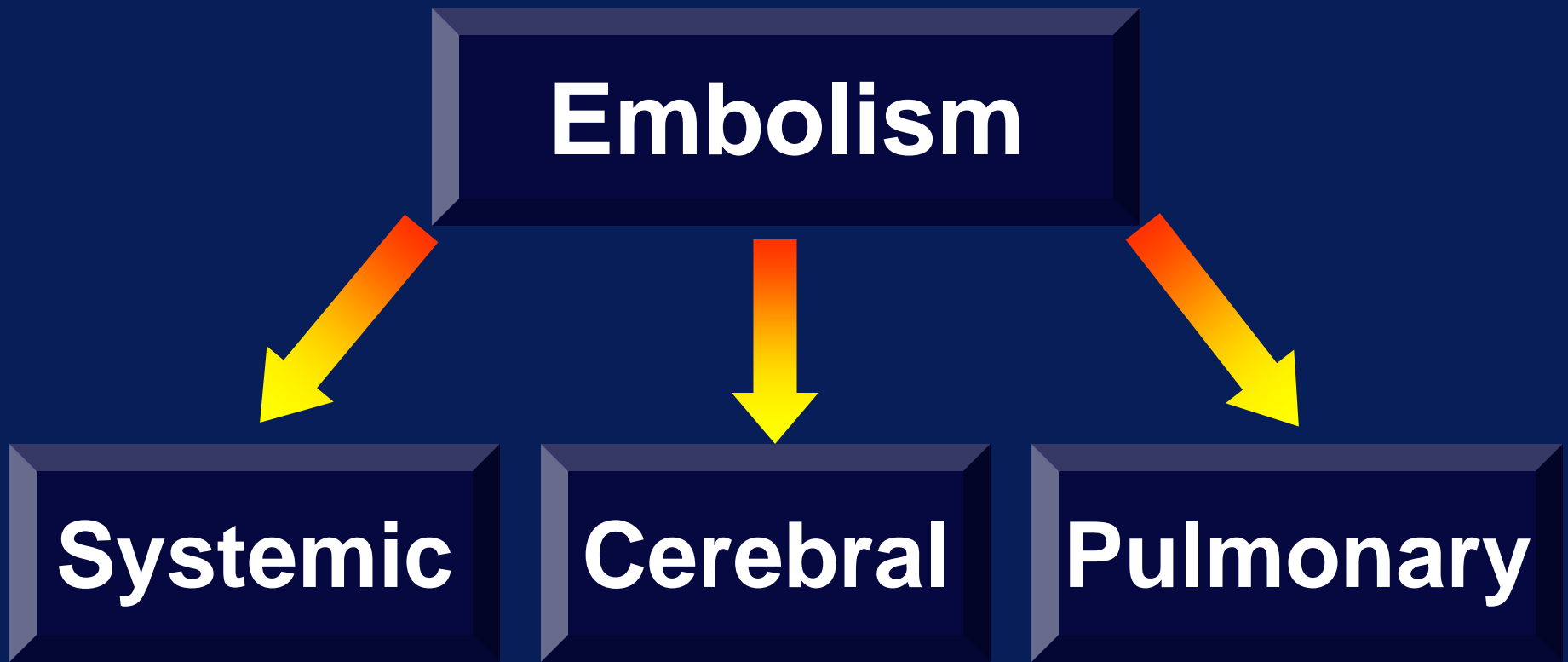
Aggressive or Resistant Organisms Complicating Infective Endocarditis

Class I Indication for Surgery

Early surgery* is indicated in patients with left-sided IE caused by *S. aureus*, fungal, or other highly resistant organisms (e.g., *Pseudomonas* species, VRE, *Brucella*)

(*during initial hospitalization before completion of a full therapeutic course of antibiotics)

Complications of Infective Endocarditis



Embolism in Infective Endocarditis

Incidence of embolic events: 20 – 50%

Clinically silent embolism: 15 – 25%

Clinically evident stroke: 10 – 20%

Habib G, et al. Eur Heart J 2009; 2369

Murdoch DR, et al Arch Int Med 2009;169:463

Baddour LM ,et al. Circulation 2005;111:e394

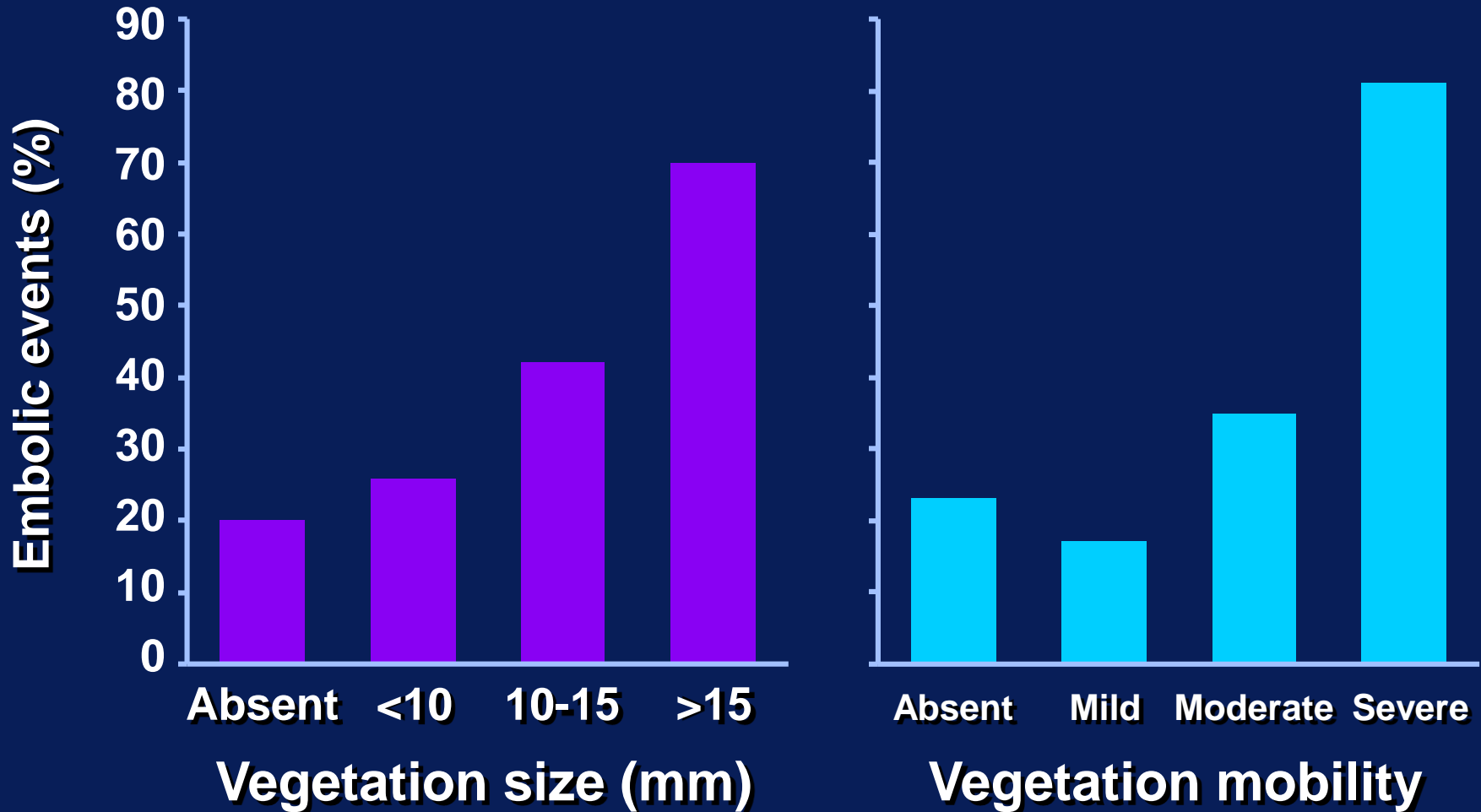
Thuny F, et al. Circulation 2005; 112:69

Screening brain MRI (12% with CNS Sxs)
Acute ischemic lesions - 52%, mycotic aneurysm – 8%

Duval X, et al. Ann Intern Med 2010; 152: 497

Embololic Event Risk in Infective Endocarditis

Multiplane TEE (178 Patients)



Embolic Event Risk in Infective Endocarditis

Independent structural predictors:

- Large vegetations (length > 10 mm)
- Highly mobile vegetation(s)
- Anterior mitral valve leaflet location

Independent microbiologic predictors:

- Staph aureus or Strep bovis infection
- Delay in appropriate antibiotic therapy

Habib G, et al. Eur Heart J 2009; 30:2369

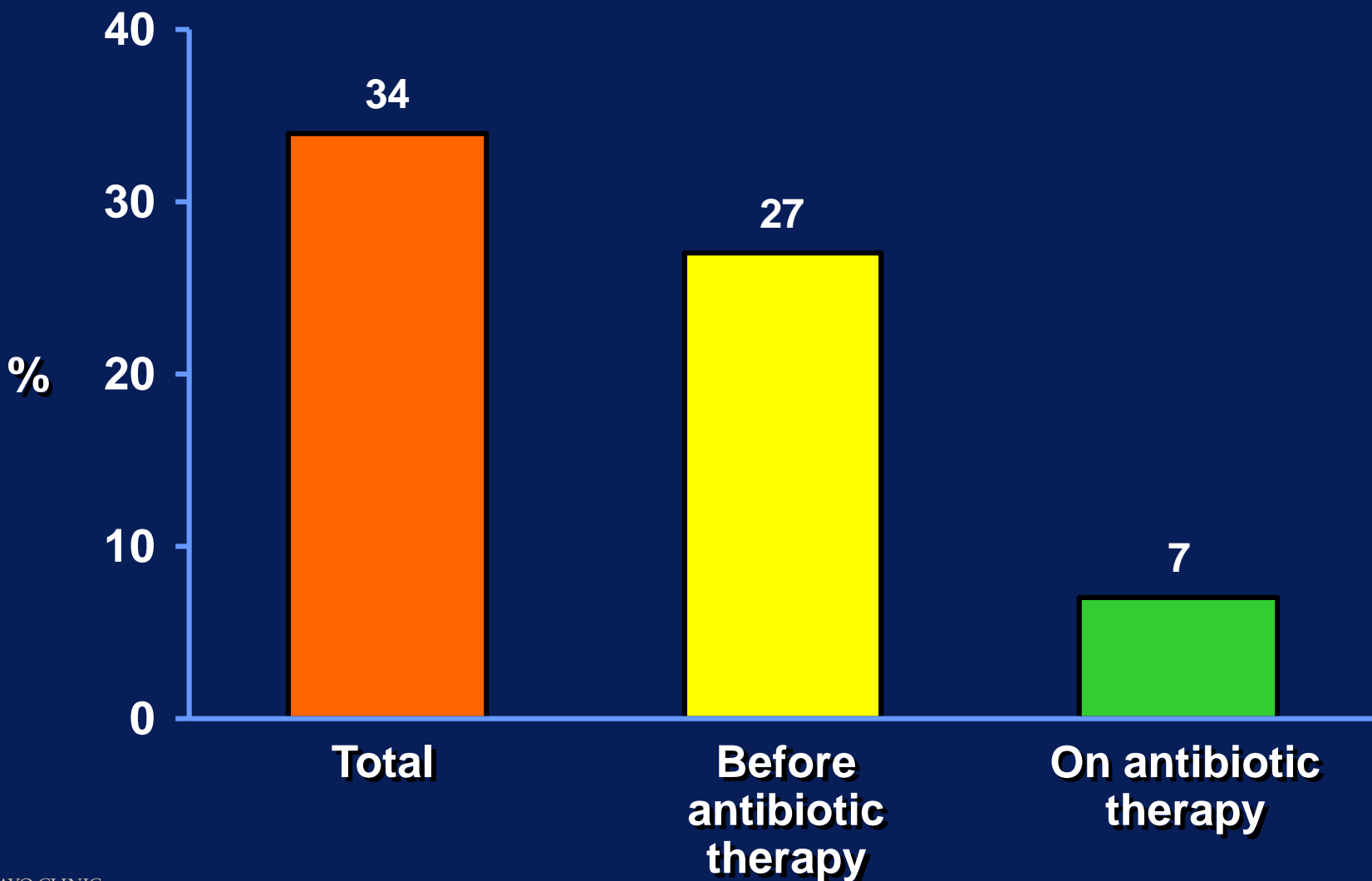
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Vilacosta I et al: JACC 39:1489, 2002

Di Salvo G et al: JACC 37:1069, 2001

Embolism Complicating Infective Endocarditis

Multicenter European Study (384 Patients)



Systemic Embolism Complicating Infective Endocarditis

Class IIa Indication for Surgery

Early surgery* is reasonable in patients with IE who present with recurrent emboli and persistent vegetations despite appropriate antibiotic therapy

(*during initial hospitalization before completion of a full therapeutic course of antibiotics)

Early Surgery vs. Conventional Treatment for Infective Endocarditis (EASE)

- 76 Patients with left-sided native valve IE and vegetations >10 mm in size randomized to early surgery vs. conventional therapy
- No patient had another indication for early surgical intervention
- Evidence of embolism (cerebral and other sites) detected in 30% of all patients on admission

Early Surgery vs. Conventional Treatment for Infective Endocarditis (EASE)

Conventional Therapy (n=39) Early Surgery (n=37)

Embolic event at 6 wks 21% 0%

In-hospital death 3% 3%

Infecting organism

Streptococcal species 56% 57%

Staph Aureus 13% 8%

Culture negative 18% 27%

Other 13% 8%

Systemic Embolism Complicating Infective Endocarditis

Class IIb Indication for Surgery

Early surgery* may be considered in patients with native valve infective endocarditis who exhibit mobile vegetations greater than 10 mm in length (with or without clinical evidence of embolic phenomenon)

*during initial hospitalization before completion of a full therapeutic course of antibiotics

74 y/o Female: Postoperative abdominal wound infection, *Corynebacterium* bacteremia, no embolic events



74 y/o Female: *Corynebacterium* bacteremia cleared, day 14 of antibiotic therapy; no embolic events



74 y/o Female, readmitted 7 mos later: Abdominal panniculitis with streptococcal bacteremia; still no embolic events



Comprehensive TTE and TEE are indispensable for the evaluation and diagnosis of infective endocarditis

Echocardiography plays an pivotal role in the clinical risk stratification and management of the patient with infective endocarditis

