

## “Equations You Should Know”

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### Test Concepts

- Basic Doppler hemodynamic calculations
- Doppler valve area calculations
- Quantification of regurgitant lesions
- Ventricular Function
- **WATCH THE UNITS!!!**
- (physics we leave to Sid)

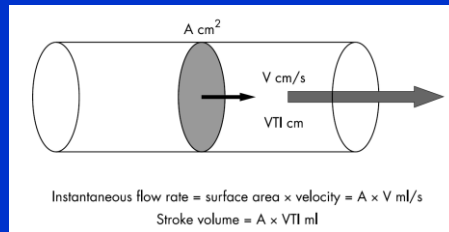
## Doppler Hemodynamic Calculations

- Volumetric flow
  - Stroke volume
  - Cardiac output/index
  - Regurgitant volumes and regurgitant fractions
  - Stenotic areas
  - Shunt fractions

## Doppler Hemodynamic Calculations

- Basic Equation
  - **$Q = V \times CSA$** 
    - Q = volumetric flow (ml/s)
    - V = velocity (cm/s)
    - CSA = cross sectional area (cm<sup>2</sup>)
      - Circular –  $\pi R^2 = \pi(D/2)^2 = 0.785D^2$

## Doppler Hemodynamic Calculations



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- Ask you to calculate either SV or CO
  - Will be given VTI (cm), LVOT diameter (cm), HR along with other distracters
  - $SV = VTI \times CSA$
  - $CO = SV \times HR$
  - $CI = (SV \times HR)/BSA$

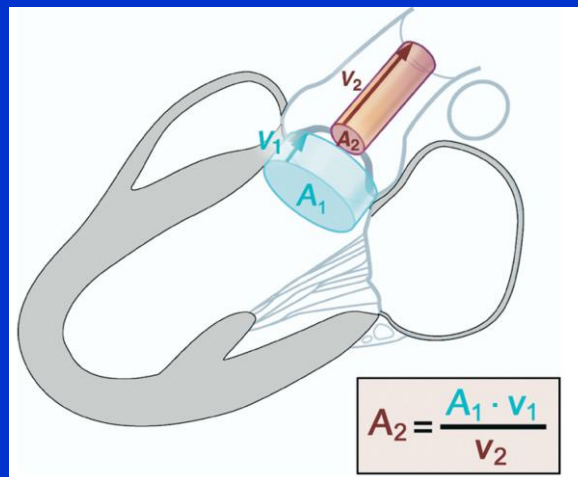
## Question

- Evaluation of a patient in the ICU reveals the following:
  - HR 80/min
  - LVOT diameter 2.0 cm
  - LVOT VTI 15 cm
  - Mitral VTI 12 cm
  - BP 130/70 mm Hg
- What is the cardiac output?
  - A. 3.0 L/min
  - B. 3.3 L/min
  - C. 3.8 L/min
  - D. 4.0 L/min
  - E. 4.5 l/min

## Doppler Hemodynamic Calculations

- Continuity Principle
  - Conservation of mass
    - What mass flows in must flow out
  - Used in calculations of stenotic orifice areas and regurgitant orifice areas and regurgitant volumes and fractions
- **BASIC EQUATION**
  - $Q_1 = Q_2$ 
    - $CSA_1 \times VTI_1 = CSA_2 \times VTI_2$

## Continuity Principle



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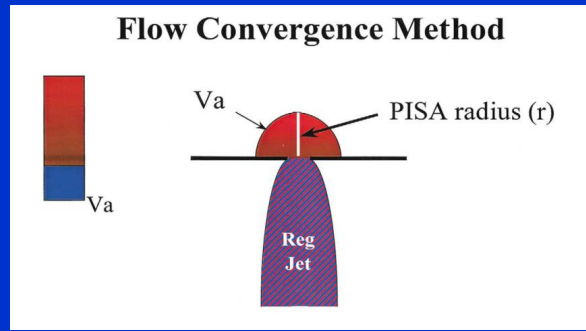
## Question

- A 70 year-old man is being evaluated for aortic stenosis. The following measurements were obtained.
  - LVOT diameter 2.0 cm
  - AV peak gradient 48 mm Hg
  - Aortic valve mean gradient 32 mm Hg
  - Aortic valve VTI 63 cm
  - LVOT VTI 20 cm
- The AVA is calculated to be which of the following?
  - A. 0.6 cm<sup>2</sup>
  - B. 0.8 cm<sup>2</sup>
  - C. 1.0 cm<sup>2</sup>
  - D. 1.2 cm<sup>2</sup>
  - E. 1.4 cm<sup>2</sup>

## Continuity Principle

- Proximal Isovelocity Surface Area (PISA)
  - Estimates volumetric flow based on color flow Doppler and spectral Doppler measurements
  - As flow approaches a restrictive orifice, isovelocity shells of increasing velocity and reducing area (radius) are formed.
- Used most commonly in calculations of regurgitant orifice area (EROA), regurgitant volumes, and regurgitant fractions.
  - Can be used to calculate stenotic orifice areas

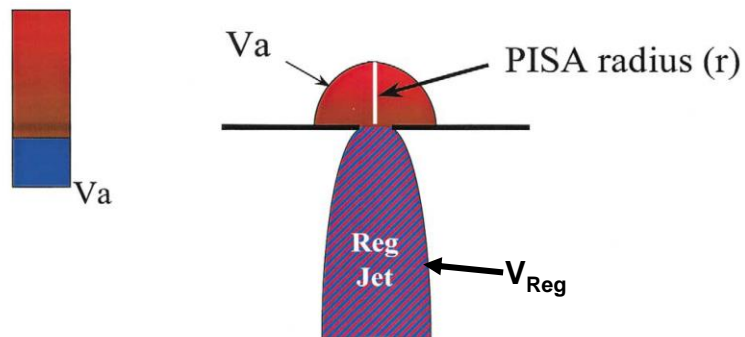
# PISA—Basic Equation



$$Q = 2\pi r^2 \times V_a$$

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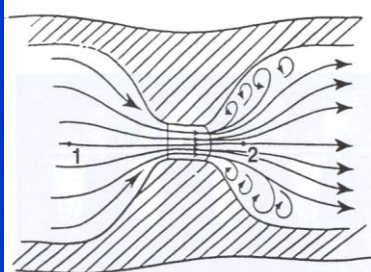
## Flow Convergence Method



$$\text{Reg Flow} = 2\pi r^2 \times V_a$$

$$\text{EROA} = \text{Reg Flow} / \rho k V_{Reg}$$

# Bernoulli Equation



Bernoulli Equation

$$P_1 - P_2 = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \rho (V_2^2 - V_1^2)}_{\text{Convective acceleration}} + \underbrace{\rho \int_1^2 \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} ds}_{\text{Flow acceleration}} + \underbrace{R(\vec{V})}_{\text{Viscous friction}}$$

$P_1$  = pressure at location 1

$P_2$  = pressure at location 2

$\rho$  = mass density of the blood  $1.06 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$

$V_1$  = velocity at location 1

$V_2$  = velocity at location 2

Generally can ignore flow acceleration and viscous friction terms

### Modified Bernoulli Equation

$$\Delta P = 4V^2$$

If  $V_1 > 1.5 \text{ m/sec}$  it must be included!!

$$\Delta P = 4(V_2^2 - V_1^2)$$

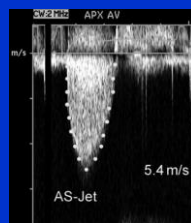
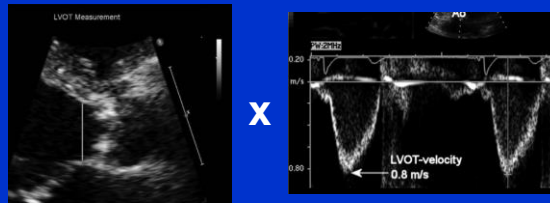
## Valve Area Calculations— Stenotic Valve Lesions

## Valve Area Calculations

- Continuity Equation
  - $CSA_{prox} \times VTI_{prox} = CSA_{sten} \times VTI_{sten}$
  - $CSA_{sten} = (CSA_{prox} \times VTI_{prox}) / VTI_{sten}$

## Aortic Valve Area

- $AVA = (CSA_{LVOT} \times VTI_{LVOT}) / VTI_{AV}$





# Dimensionless Velocity Ratio

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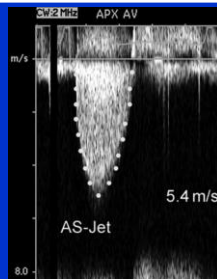
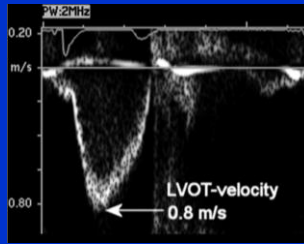


Table 3 Recommendations for classification of AS severity

	Aortic sclerosis	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Aortic jet velocity (m/s)	≤2.5 m/s	2.6–2.9	3.0–4.0	>4.0
Mean gradient (mmHg)	–	<20 (<30 <sup>a</sup> )	20–40 <sup>b</sup> (30–50 <sup>a</sup> )	>40 <sup>b</sup> (>50 <sup>a</sup> )
AVA (cm <sup>2</sup> )	–	>1.5	1.0–1.5	<1.0
Indexed AVA (cm <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> )	–	>0.85	0.60–0.85	<0.6
Velocity ratio	–	>0.50	0.25–0.50	<0.25

<sup>a</sup>ESC Guidelines.

<sup>b</sup>AHA/ACC Guidelines.

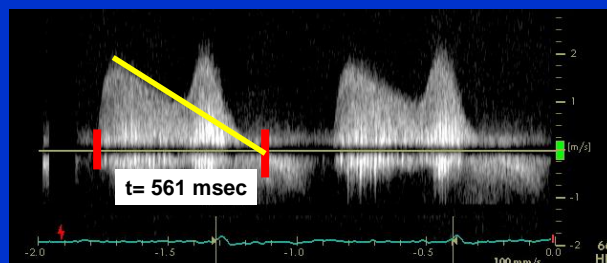
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## Mitral Valve Area

- Pressure half-time
  - $MVA = 220/PHT$
- Deceleration time
  - $PHT = 0.29 \times DT$
  - $MVA = 759/DT$

## Question

The best estimate of the mitral orifice area is:



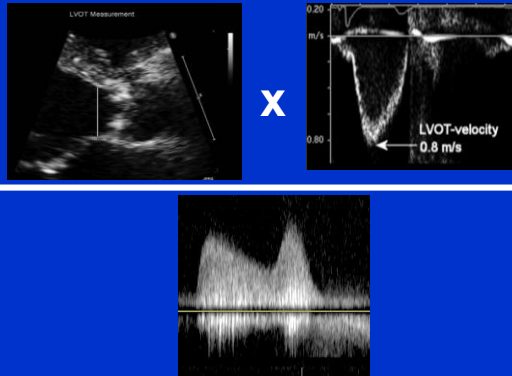
- A.  $0.40 \text{ cm}^2$
- B.  $0.75 \text{ cm}^2$
- C.  $1.0 \text{ cm}^2$
- D.  $1.4 \text{ cm}^2$
- E.  $2.6 \text{ cm}^2$

## Mitral Valve Area

- Continuity Equation

$$- \text{MVA} = (\text{CSA}_{\text{LVOT}} \times \text{VTI}_{\text{LVOT}}) / \text{VTI}_{\text{MV}}$$

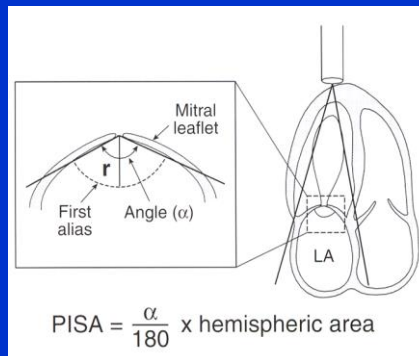
MVA =



## Mitral Valve Area—PISA

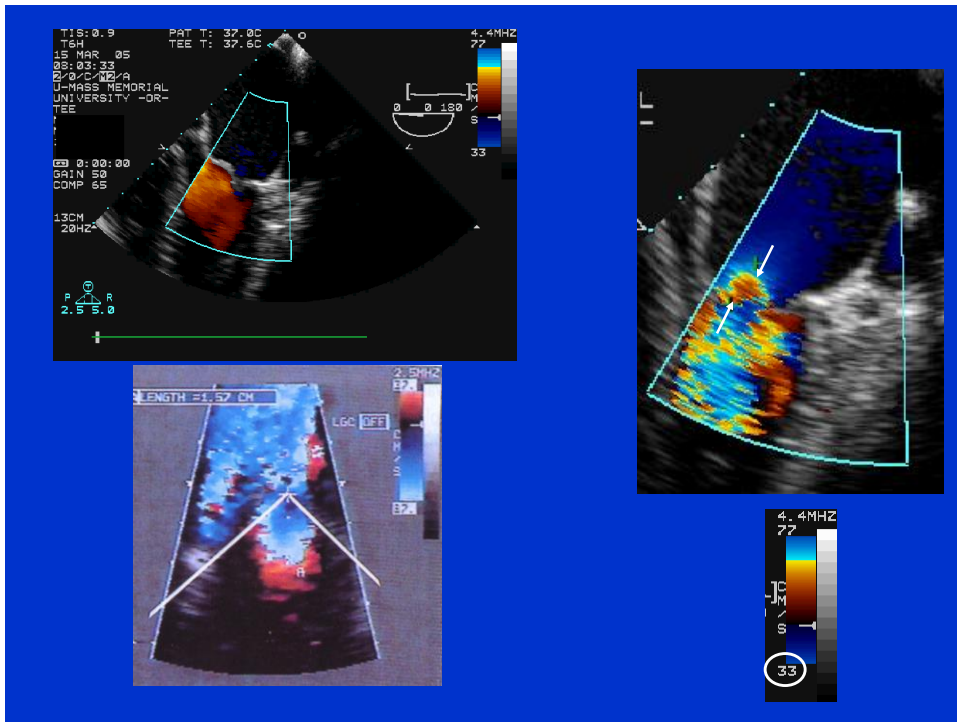
By continuity, boundary flow equals flow across the stenotic mitral orifice ( $\text{MVA} \times V_p$ )

- Thus:  $2\pi R^2 \times V_n = \text{MVA} \times V_p$
- Rearranging:
  - $\text{MVA} = 2\pi R^2 \times V_n / V_p$
- Due to doming, angle correction must be used



$$\text{PISA} = \frac{\alpha}{180} \times \text{hemispheric area}$$

$$\text{MVA} = \frac{(2\pi R^2 \times V_n)}{V_p \times (\alpha / 180)}$$

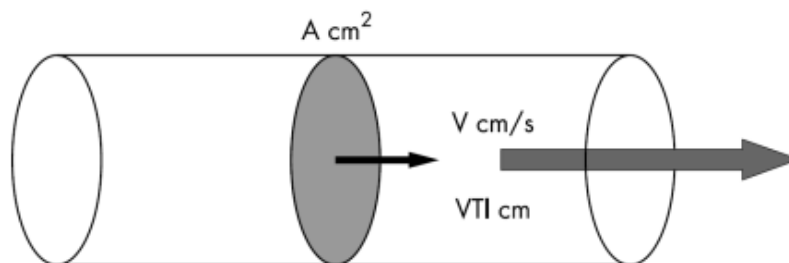


**Table 9** Recommendations for classification of mitral stenosis severity

	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<b>Specific findings</b>			
Valve area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	>1.5	1.0-1.5	<1.0
<b>Supportive findings</b>			
Mean gradient (mmHg) <sup>a</sup>	<5	5-10	>10
Pulmonary artery pressure (mmHg)	<30	30-50	>50

<sup>a</sup>At heart rates between 60 and 80 bpm and in sinus rhythm.

## Quantification of Regurgitant Lesions

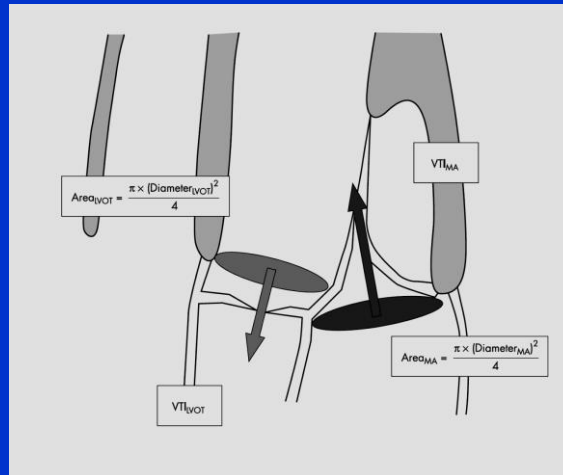


Instantaneous flow rate = surface area  $\times$  velocity =  $A \times V \text{ ml/s}$

Stroke volume =  $A \times \text{VTI ml}$

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# Continuity



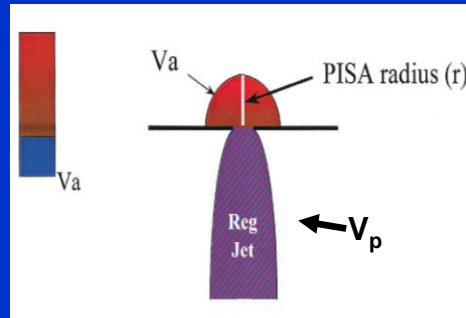
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## Mitral Regurgitation Pulsed Doppler Quantitation

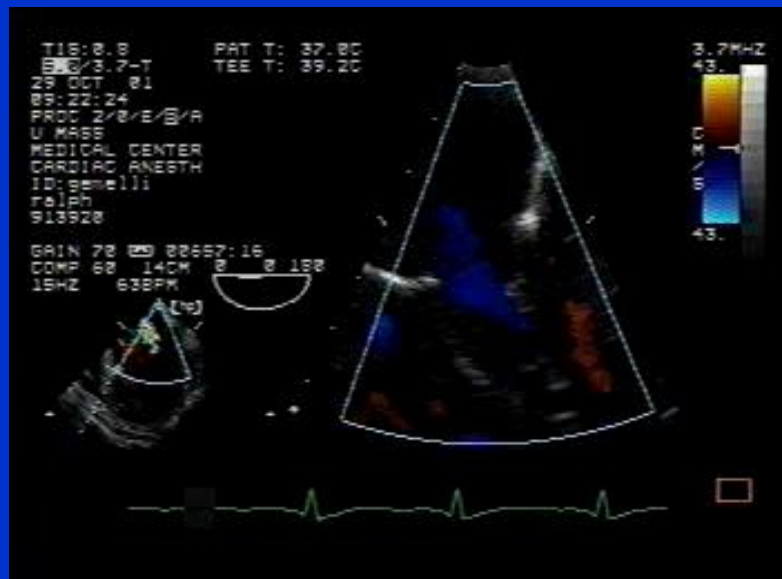
- Stroke volume = CSA x VTI
  - $\pi D^2/4 \times VTI = 0.785 D^2 \times VTI$
  - Regurgitant volume (RVol)
    - $RVol = SV_{RV} - SV_{CV}$
    - $RVol = MV \text{ inflow} - AV \text{ outflow}$
  - $(CSA_{MV} \times VTI_{MV}) - (CSA_{LVOT} \times VTI_{LVOT})$
  - Regurgitant fraction (RF)
    - $RF = (RVol / MV \text{ flow}) \times 100$
  - Effective Regurgitant Orifice Area (ERO)
    - $ERO = RVol / VTI_{MR}$

## Proximal Isovelocity Surface Area (PISA) Method

By continuity,  
boundary flow  
( $2\pi R^2 \times V_a$ ) equals  
flow across the  
regurgitant orifice  
( $ERO \times V_p$ )



$$EROA = 2\pi R^2 \times V_a / V_p$$



## Let's Do the Math!

- $ERO_{MR} = 2\pi R^2 \times (V_N / V_P)$ 
  - $ERO_{MR} = 6.28 (0.54 \times 0.54) \times (32/439)$
  - $ERO_{MR} = 0.13 \text{ cm}^2$
- Simplified method
  - Set Nyquist limit at 40 cm/s and assume that MR velocity is 500 cm/s
  - Then:  $ERO = R^2 / 2$

## Summary: MR Severity

	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<b>Specific signs of severity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small central jet &lt; 4 cm<sup>2</sup> or &lt; 20% of LA area<sup>Ⓟ</sup></li> <li>• Vena contracta width &lt; 0.3 cm</li> <li>• No or minimal flow convergence<sup>Ⓔ</sup></li> </ul>	Signs of MR>mild present, but no criteria for severe MR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vena contracta width <math>\geq 0.7</math>cm <i>with</i> large central MR jet (area &gt; 40% of LA) or <i>with</i> a wall-impinging jet of any size, swirling in LA<sup>Ⓟ</sup></li> <li>• Large flow convergence<sup>Ⓔ</sup></li> <li>• Systolic reversal in pulmonary veins</li> <li>• Prominent flail MV leaflet or ruptured papillary muscle</li> </ul>
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R Vol (ml/beat)	< 30	30-44	45-59
RF (%)	< 30	30-39	40-49
EROA (cm <sup>2</sup> )	< 0.20	0.20-0.29	0.30-0.39
			$\geq 60$
			$\geq 50$
			$\geq 0.40$

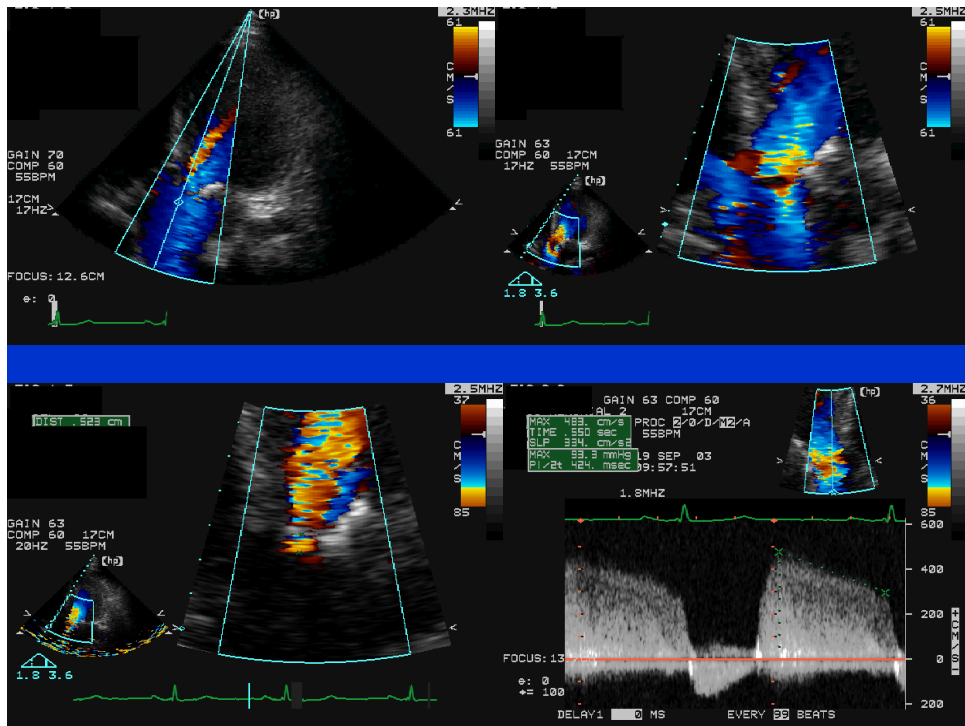


## Aortic Regurgitation

- Quantitative Doppler
  - Regurgitant volume (RVol)
    - RVol = AV flow - MV flow
      - » AV flow = LVOT annulus area x AV VTI
      - » MV flow = MV annulus area x MV VTI
  - Regurgitant fraction (RF)
    - RF = (RVol / AV flow) x 100

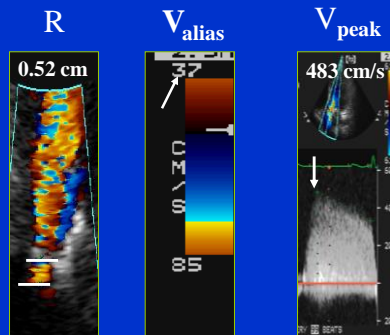
## Aortic Regurgitation: Quantification

- Proximal Isovelocity Surface Area method
  - Continuity principle
  - Effective regurgitant orifice (ERO) area
    - EROA = flow rate/peak AR velocity
    - $EROA = (2 \pi R^2 \times V_{alias}) / V_{peak}$



## Let's Do the Math!

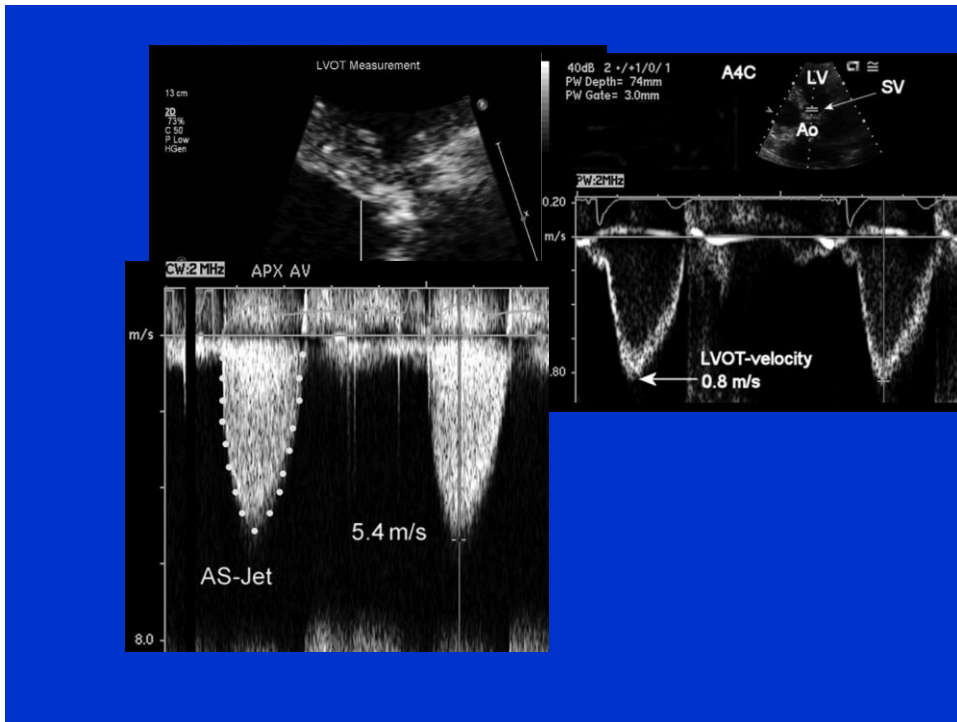
- $ERO_{AR} = 2\pi R^2 \times (V_{alias} / V_{peak})$ 
  - $ERO_{AR} = 6.28 (0.52 \times 0.52) \times (37/483)$
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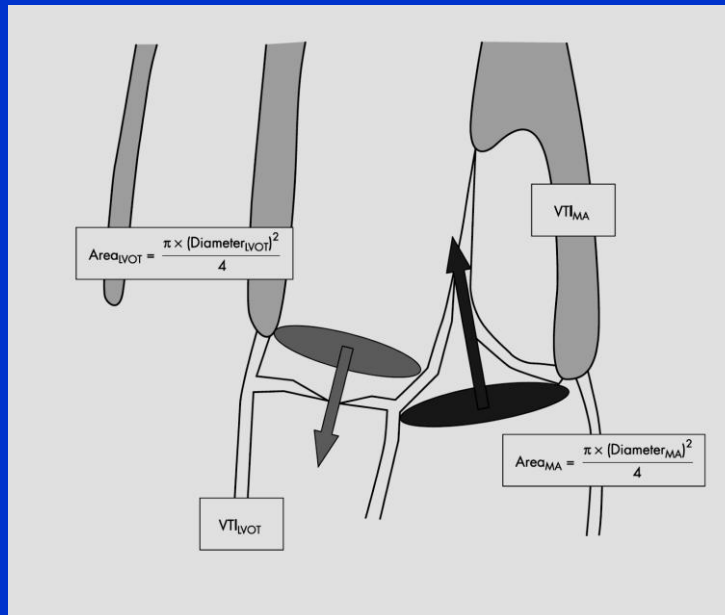
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<b>Supportive signs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pressure half-time &gt; 500 ms</li> <li>● Normal LV size*</li> </ul>	Intermediate values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pressure half-time &lt; 200 ms</li> <li>● Holodiastolic aortic flow reversal in descending aorta</li> <li>● Moderate or greater LV enlargement**</li> </ul>	
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EROA, cm <sup>2</sup>	< 0.10	0.10-0.19	0.20-0.29	$\geq$ 0.30

## Ventricular Function



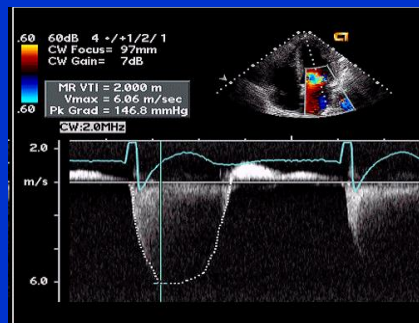
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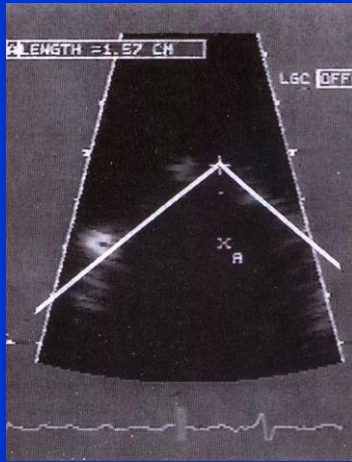
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## How to do PISA-III

- Measure the peak velocity of the MR jet as parallel to flow as possible
- Trace the spectral profile to determine the VTI of the MR jet



# Mitral Stenosis



Rifkin RD et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 1995;26:458.