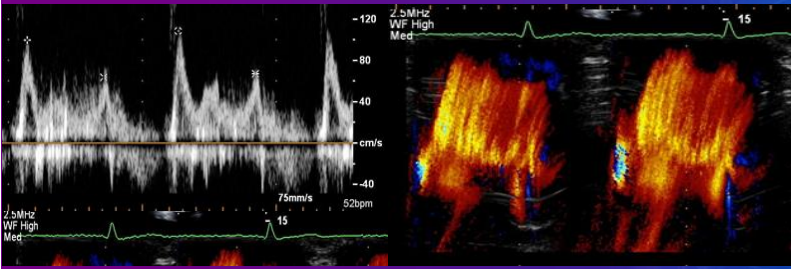




# Assessment of Diastolic Function

## Challenging, but Can be Simple

### ASE Echo Board Review 2019



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## Learning Objectives for Diastology

### After this talk, you will be able to

- Understand physiology and hemodynamics of diastole
- Know correlation between Echo diastolic parameters and underlying hemodynamics
- Appreciate how 2016 Guideline was created
- Understand pitfalls of Echo diastolic function assessment
- Classify and grade diastolic function
- Estimate filling pressure reliably in most patients at rest and with exercise



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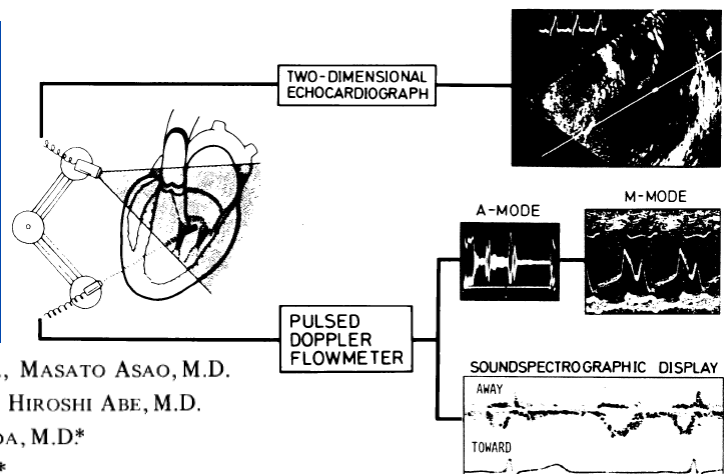
## Do you believe Diastolic Function Assessment is Essential in Echocardiography and Patient management ?

1. YES
2. NO
3. I Am Not Sure
4. Only Important for Board Examination



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### Transmitral Blood Flow Reflecting Diastolic Behavior of the Left Ventricle in Health and Disease —A Study by Pulsed Doppler Technique—



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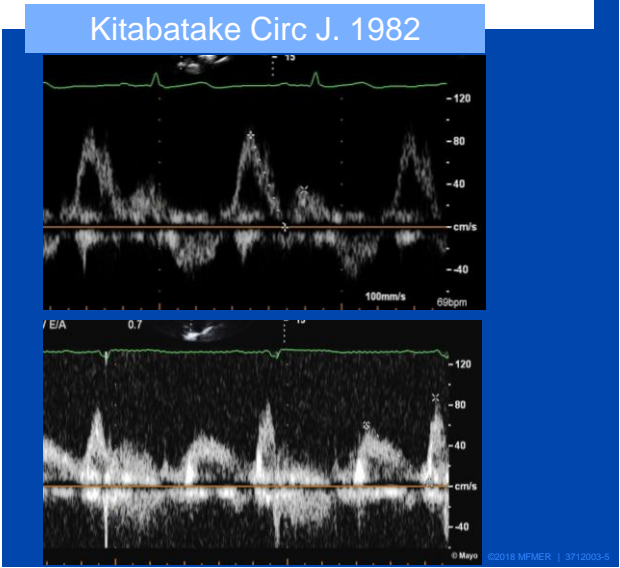
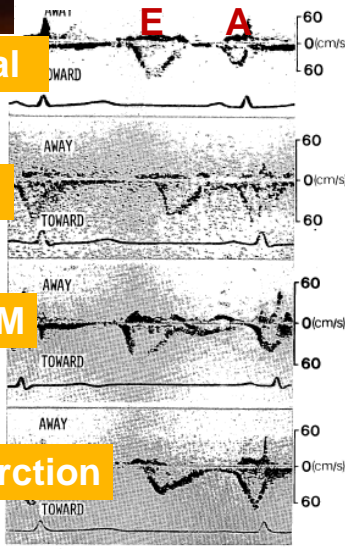
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Healthy Normal

Hypertension

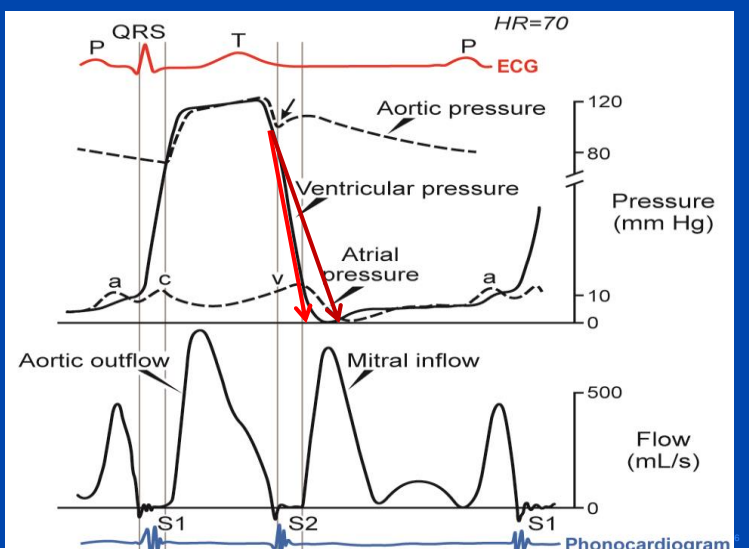
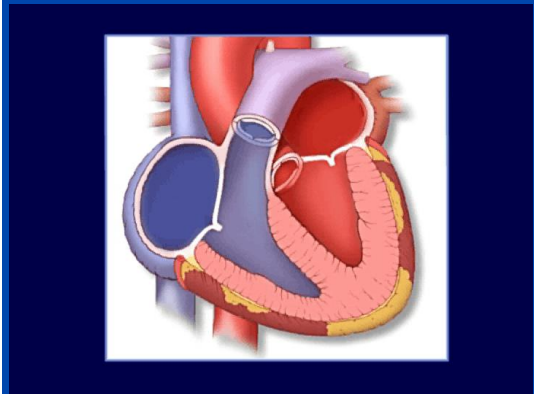
Hypertrophic CM

Myocardial Infarction



Diastolic Filling with Relaxation

διαστολή: Greek word for dilation



# A Clinical Study of Left Ventricular Relaxation

YUZO HIROTA, M.D.

Circulation 1980

**SUMMARY** Left ventricular (LV) relaxation was studied in patients with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM, n = 18), congestive cardiomyopathy (CCM, n = 11), hypertensive heart disease (HHD, n = 8), coronary artery disease (CAD) without left ventricular (LV) asynergy (n = 9) and with LV asynergy (n = 17), mitral stenosis (MS, n = 16), and mitral regurgitation (MR, n = 8). The time constant T and peak negative dp/dt were used as indexes of LV relaxation, and 18 normal subjects served as controls.

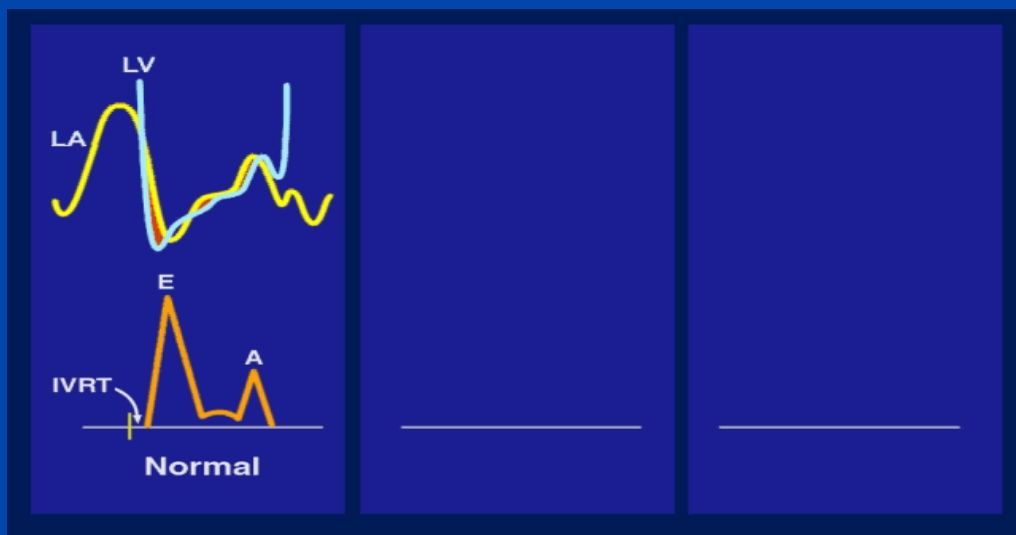
The time constant T was higher in elderly patients among normal controls ( $r = 0.652$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ), which suggests that prolongation of relaxation is a phenomenon of aging. The normal value of the time constant T was  $33 \pm 8$  msec (mean  $\pm$  SD), and that of peak negative dp/dt was  $1864 \pm 390$  mm Hg/sec. The time con-

Myocardial relaxation is one of the earliest manifestations of mechanical dysfunction of the human LV. The time constant tau (T) is higher in the elderly and patients with HCM, CAD, and cardiomyopathies.



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## Echo evaluation of diastolic function Trans-mitral inflow velocity

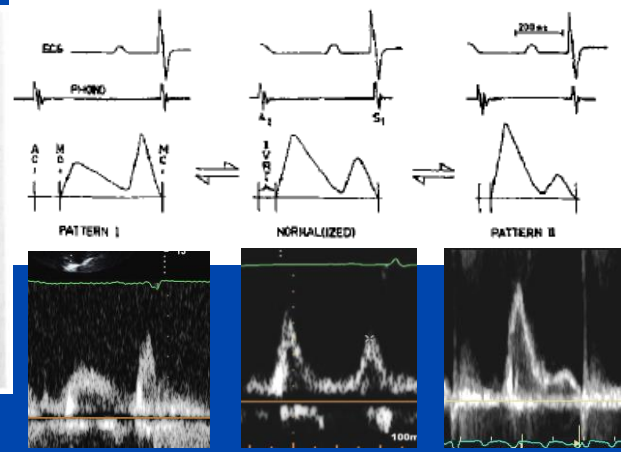
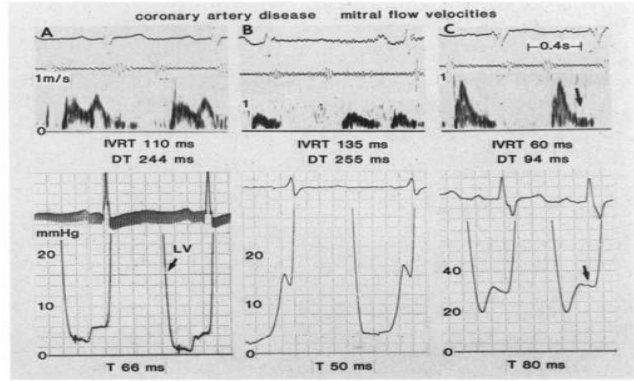


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## Relation of Transmitral Flow Velocity Patterns to Left Ventricular Diastolic Function: New Insights From a Combined Hemodynamic and Doppler Echocardiographic Study

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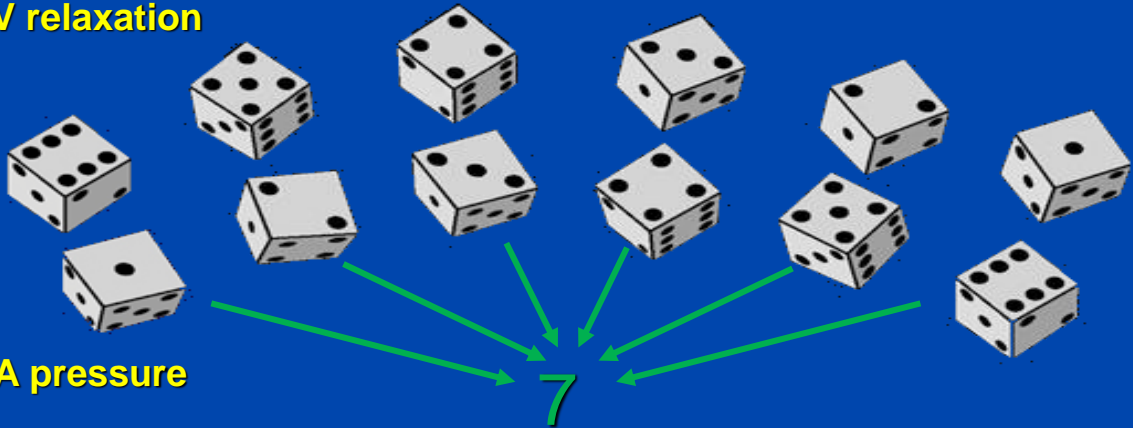


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## Pseudo-normalization

LV relaxation

LA pressure

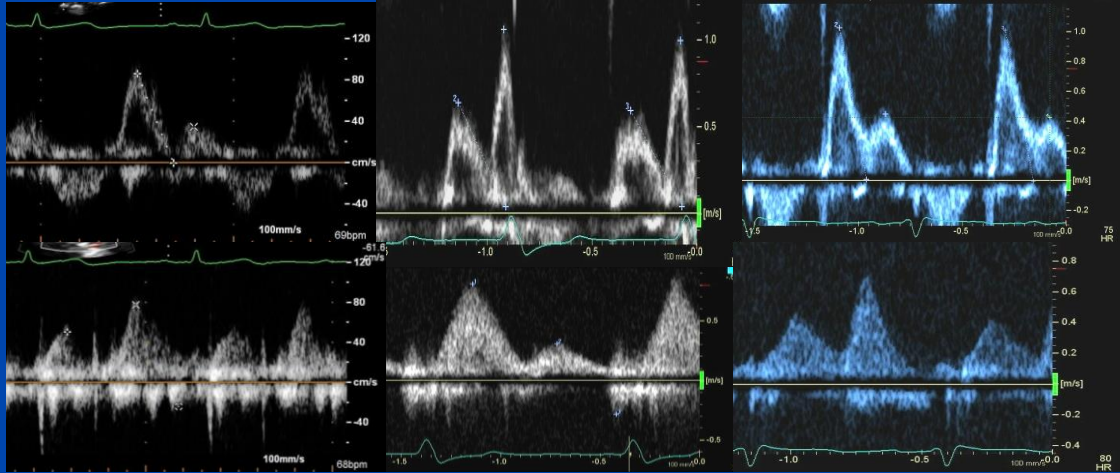


All combinations = 7  
(ie, same mitral inflow velocity pattern)



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## Mitral Inflow and Pulmonary Vein Flow Diastolic Function Assessment



Normal

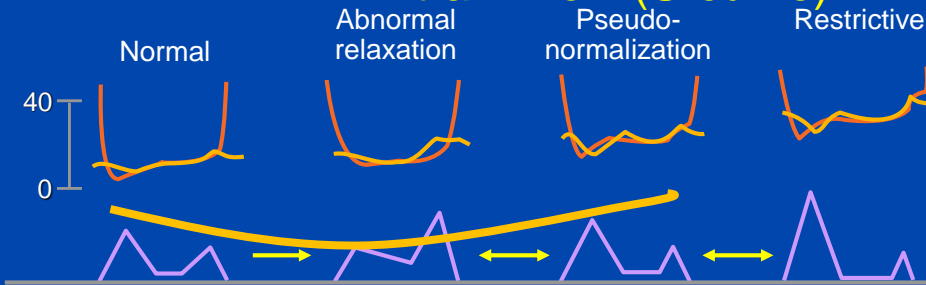
Grade 1

Grade 3

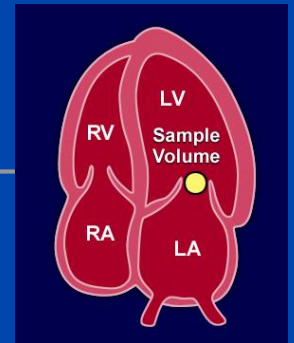


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## Diastolic Function Grading Mitral Inflow (U curve)



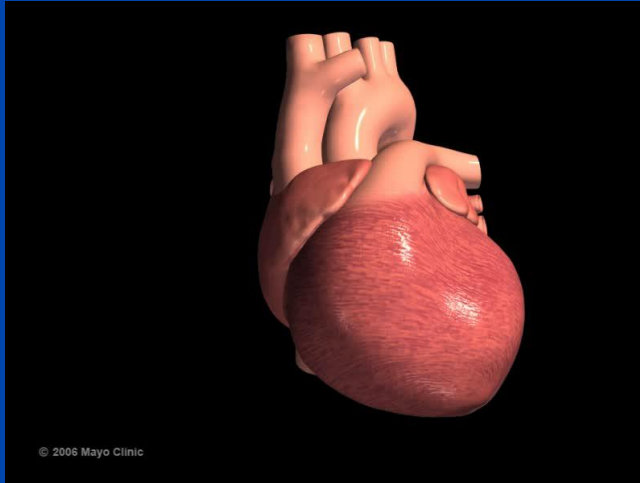
LAP	NL (< 15)	Normal	↑ ↑	↑ ↑ ↑
TAU	NL (< 45)	↑	↑	↑ ↑
Grade		1	2	3



Concept from Appleton and Hatle, 1985

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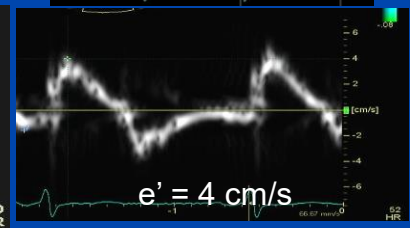
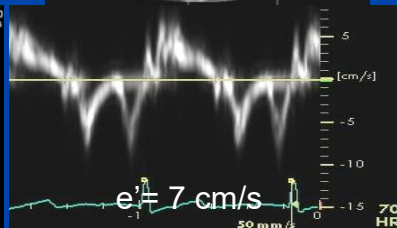
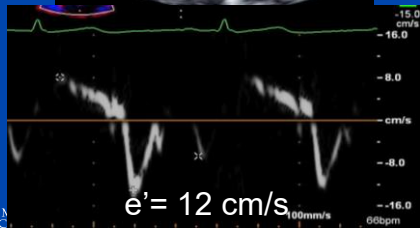
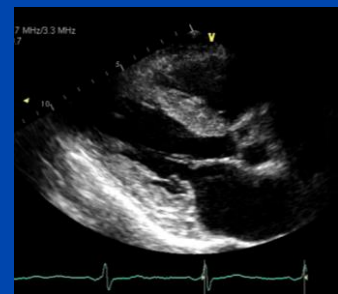
## Assessment of LV Relaxation by Echo e' velocity reflects LV relaxation



*Myocardial Relaxation is the Key for Diastole*

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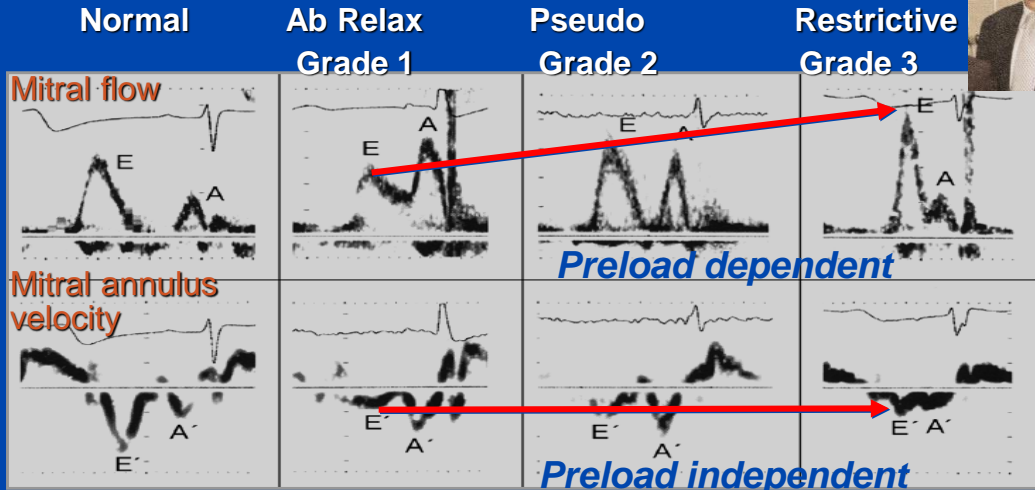
## Myocardial Relaxation (e')



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# Evaluation of Diastolic Function

## Mitral Inflow and Annulus Velocity



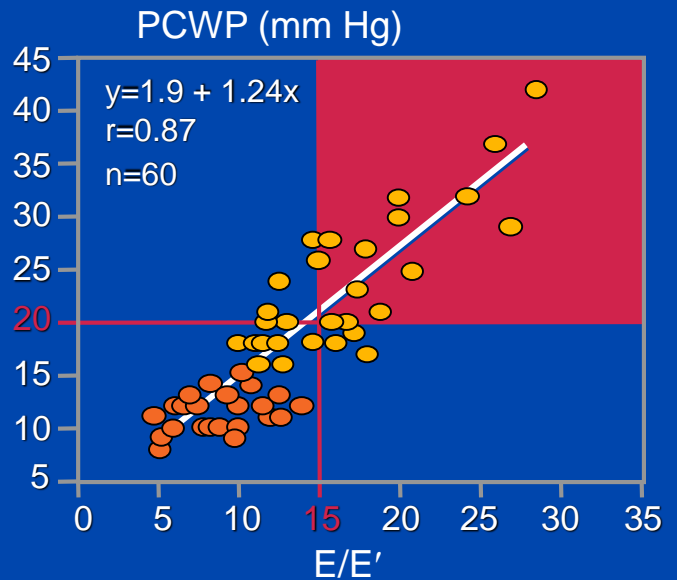
DW Sohn et al: JACC, 1997

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As LV filling pressure ↑

- Mitral E ↑
- Annulus E' ↓
- E/E' ↑

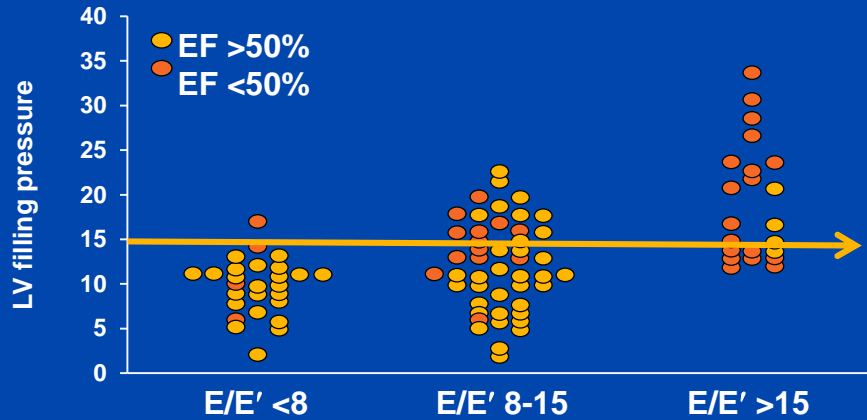
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# Estimation of LV Filling Pressures E/e' (Medial MV annulus)

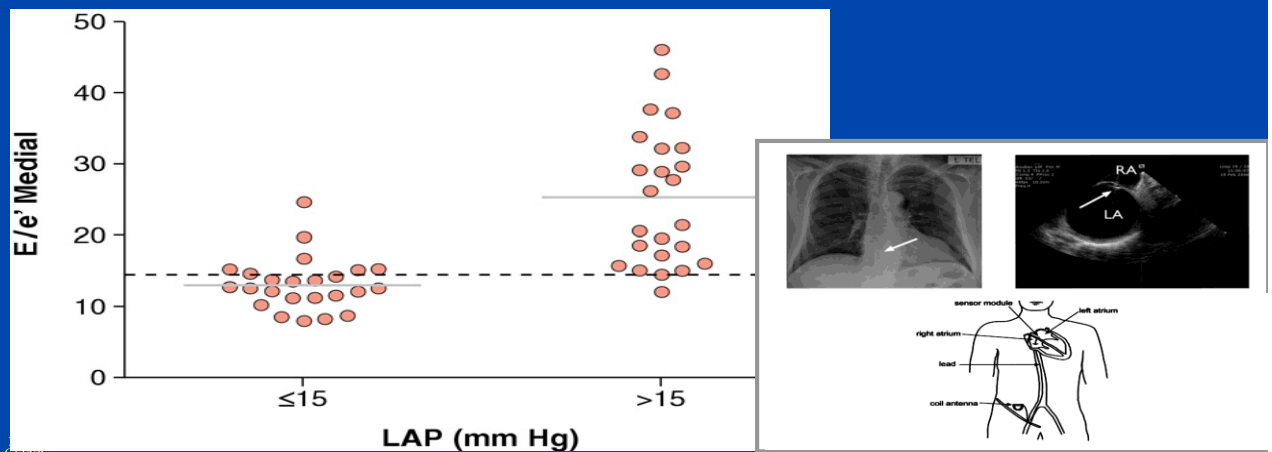


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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

## Serial Doppler Echocardiography and Tissue Doppler Imaging in the Detection of Elevated Directly Measured Left Atrial Pressure in Ambulant Subjects With Chronic Heart Failure



Ritzema et al JACC Imaging 2011

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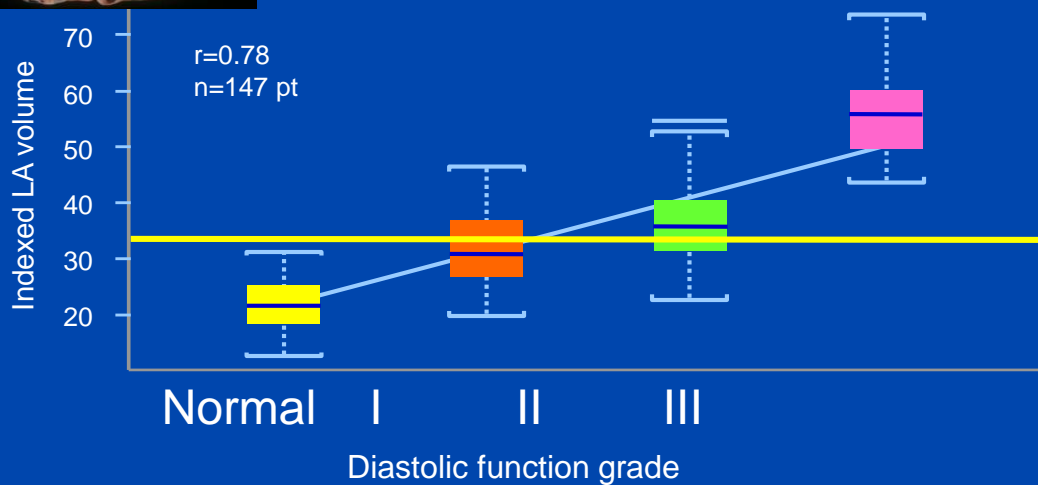
# What are normal values for $e'$ and $E/e'$ ? Who has normal diastolic function?



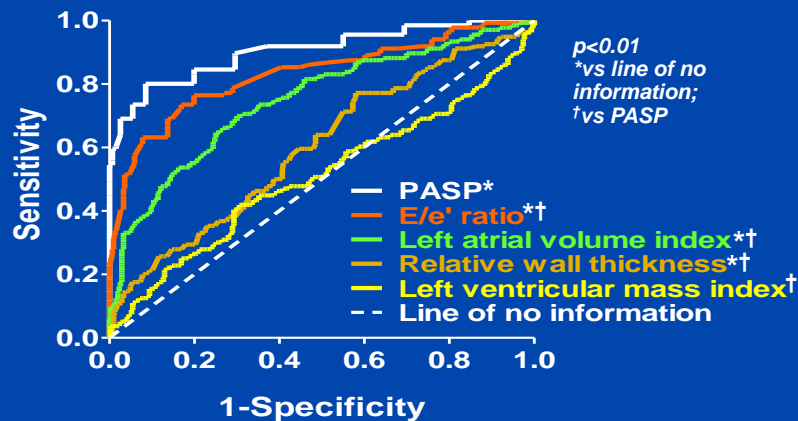
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## LA Volume Index vs Diastolic Dysfunction

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## Hypertensive Heart Disease vs HFpEF Importance of PASP and E/e'



Lam C et al, JACC, 2009

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## ASE/EACVI GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS

### Recommendations for the Evaluation of Left Ventricular Diastolic Function by Echocardiography: An Update from the American Society of Echocardiography and the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging

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### Four Major Diagnostic Parameters Normal Values

1. E' velocity  $\geq 7$  (med), 10 (lat) cm/s
2. E/e'  $\leq 14$  (Av), 15 (Med)
3. TR velocity  $\leq 2.8$  m/sec
4. LAVI  $\leq 34$  mL/m<sup>2</sup>



JASE and EJ CV Imaging April 2016

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## New Criteria for Diastolic Function Assessment

In pts with normal LVEF  $\geq 50\%$

- 1 – Septal e' velocity  $\geq 7$  cm/s or lateral e' velocity  $\geq 10$  cm/s
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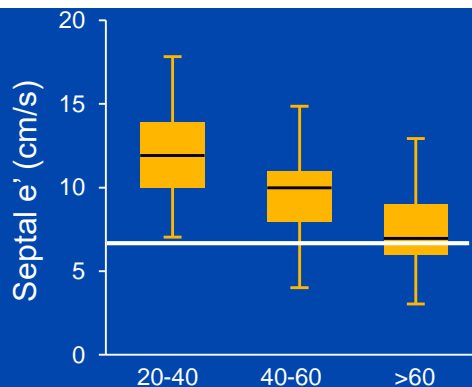


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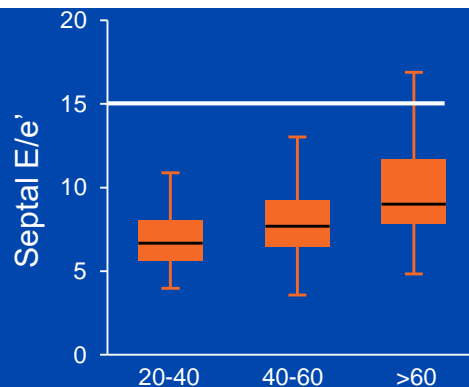


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## Echocardiographic reference ranges for normal cardiac Doppler data: results from the NORRE Study



Septal e' based on Age Groups



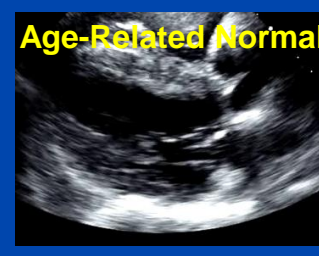
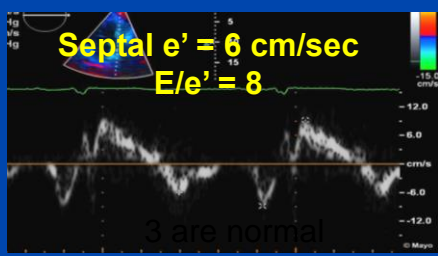
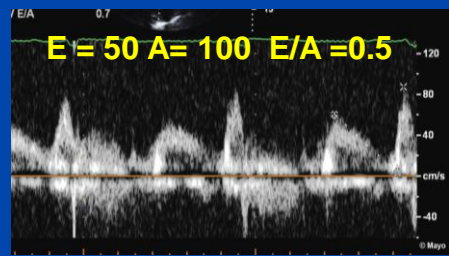
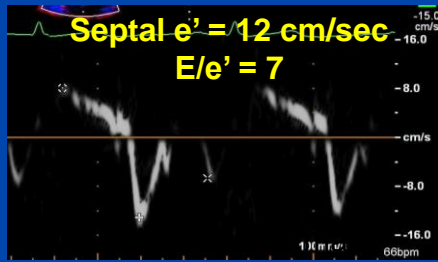
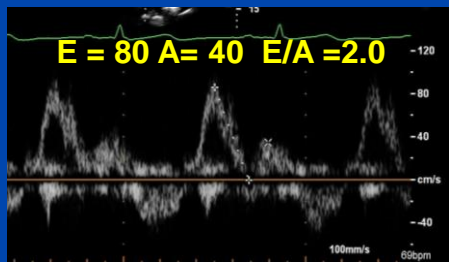
Septal E/e' based on Age Groups



Luis Caballero et al: EHJ, 2015

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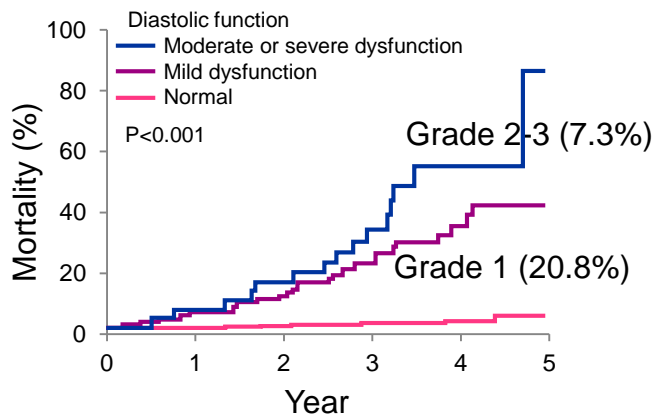
## Normal Diastolic Function According to 2016 Guideline Both have LAVI $< 34$ mL/m<sup>2</sup> and TR $< 2.8$ m/sec



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## Burden of Systolic and Diastolic Ventricular Dysfunction in the Community

Asymptomatic patients with Grade 1 have  $> 40\%$  Mortality at 4 year



- Majority was asymptomatic
- Mean age 62.8 year old
- 4.5% Diabetes
- 12.2% CAD
- 25% Hypertension



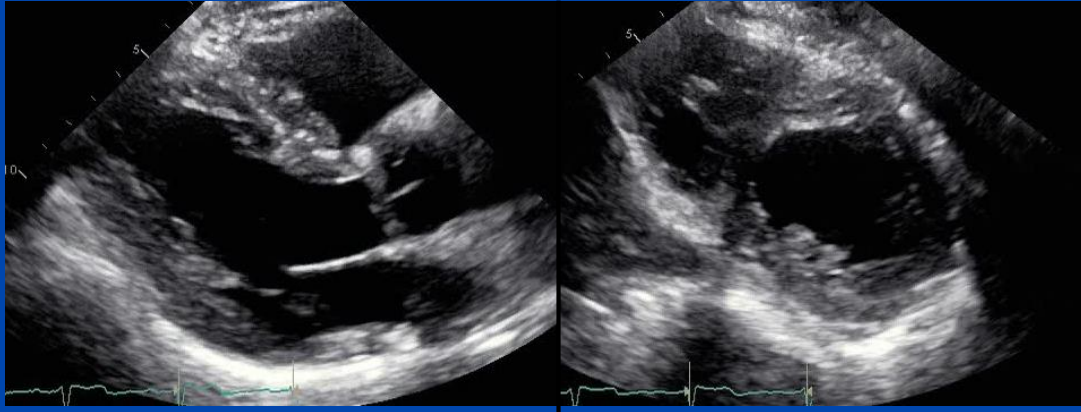
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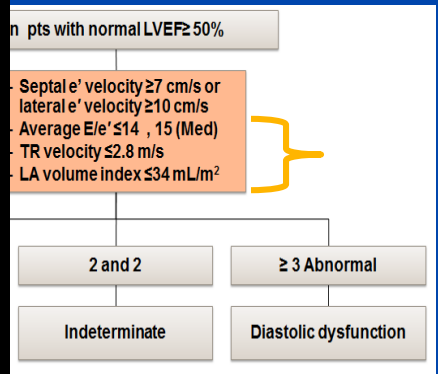
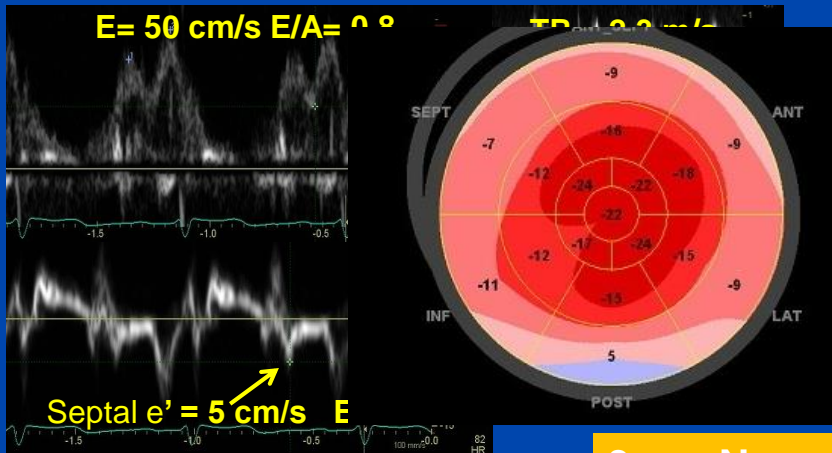
# 59 year old male with multiple myeloma No cardiac symptoms

LAVI = 28 mL/m<sup>2</sup>



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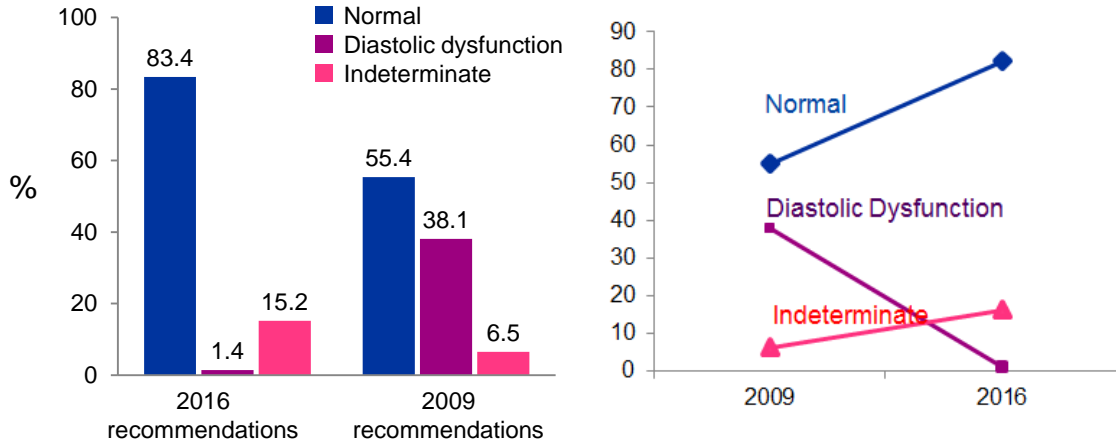


3 are Normal → Normal DF



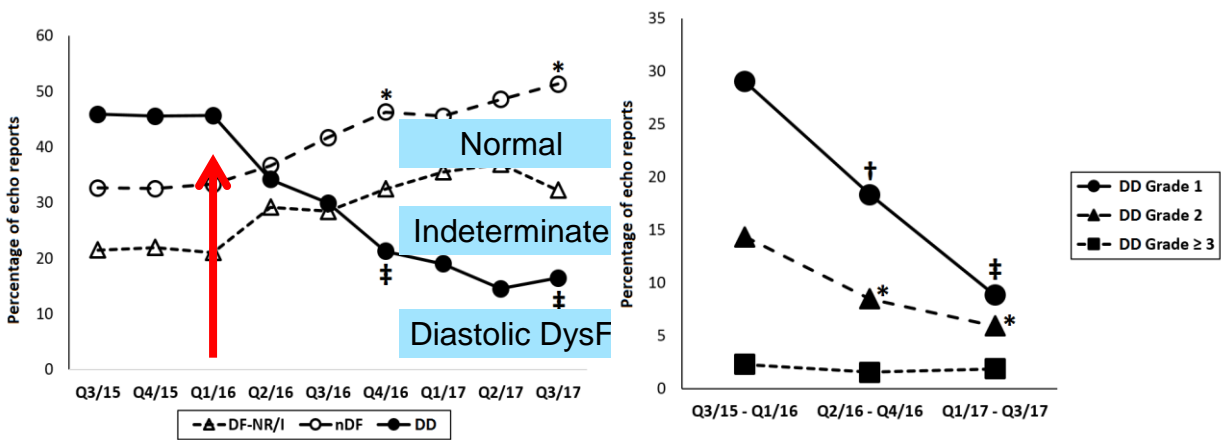
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### Impact of the 2016 ASE/EACVI recommendations on the prevalence of diastolic dysfunction in the general population



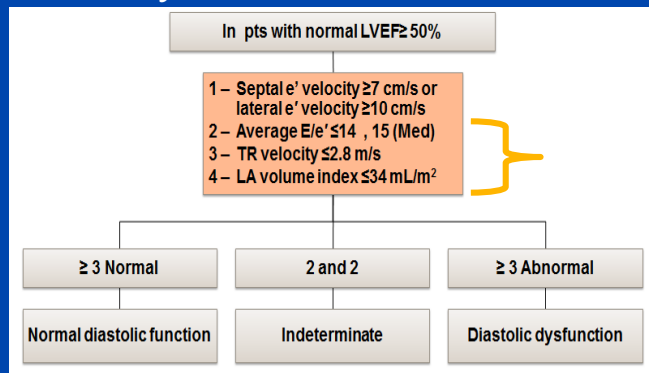
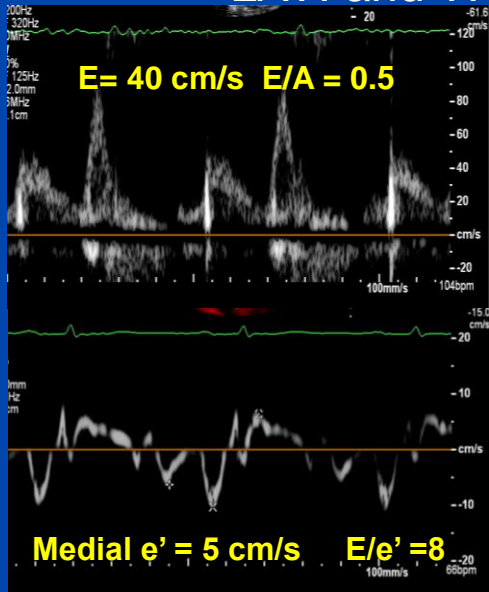
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### Impact of the 2016 ASE/EACVI Guidelines for Evaluation of Diastolic Function – A Real World Experience.



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## 72 year old male with dyspnea LAVI and TR Velocity are Normal



3 are Normal →

Normal DF

What if he has hypertension, ?



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## Abnormal Diastolic Dysfunction by History and 2-D 2016 Diastolic Function Guideline (Algorithm #2)

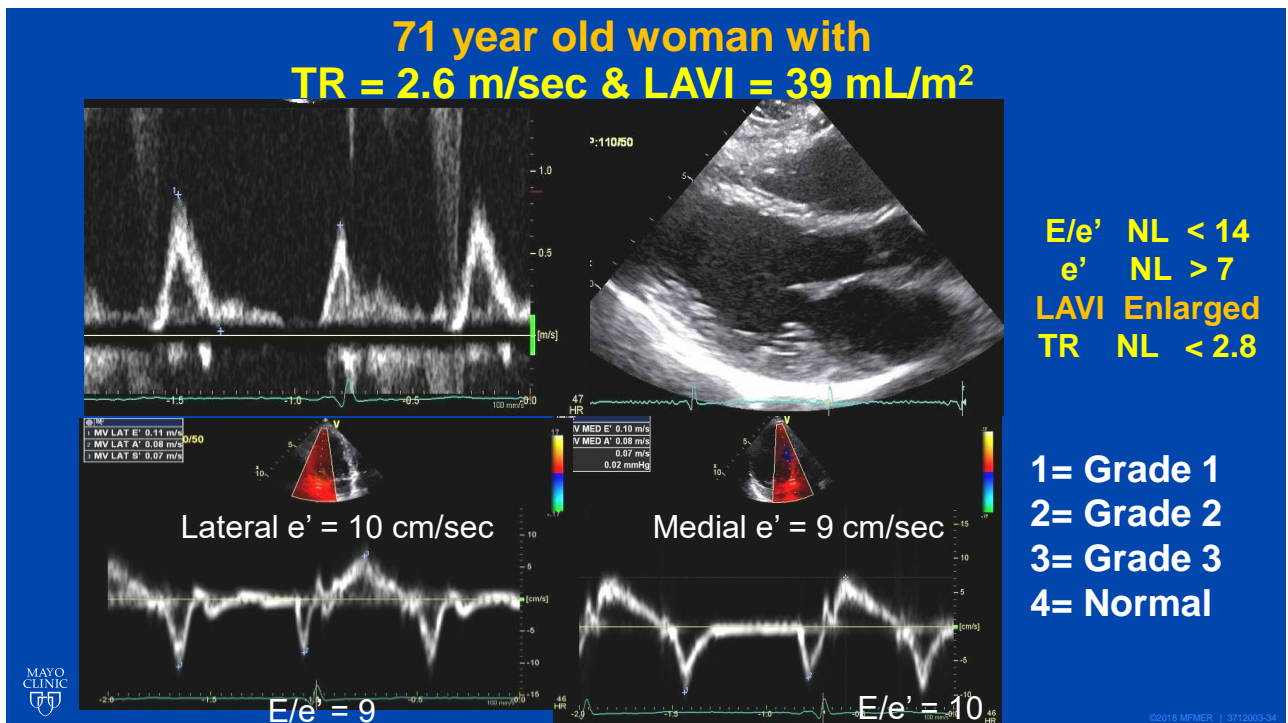
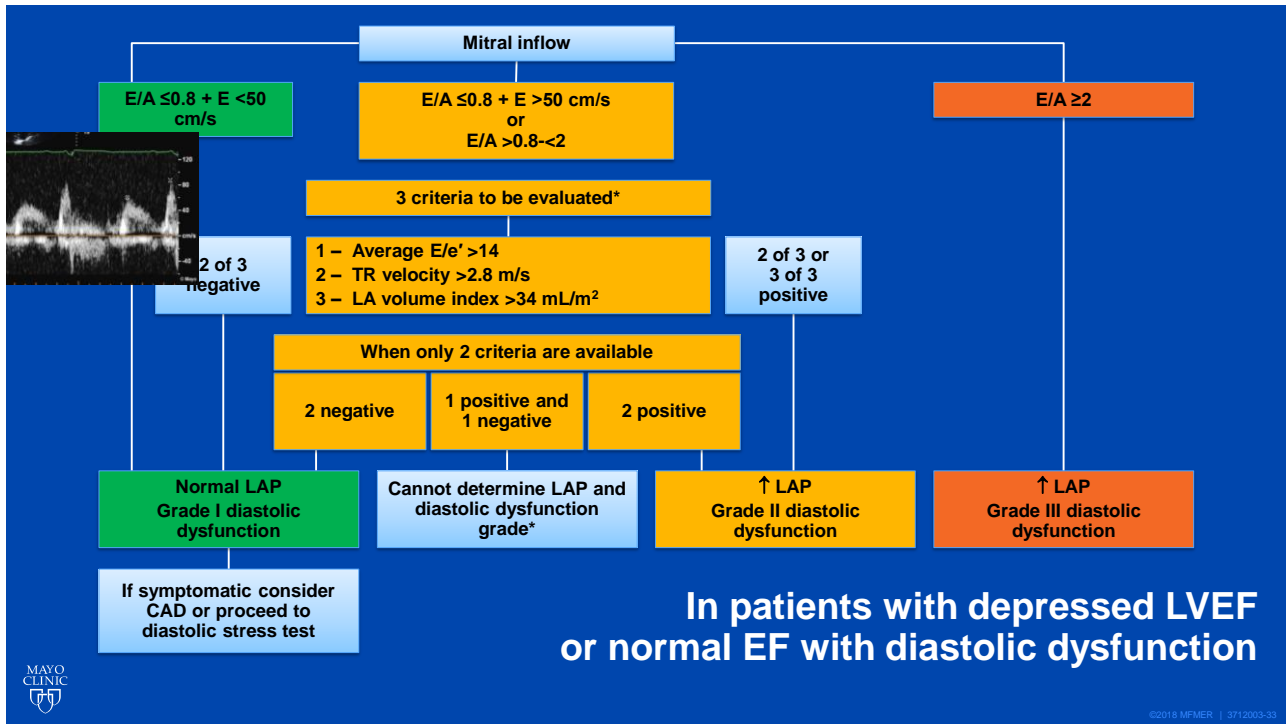
- Reduced LVEF ( $< 50\%$ )
- Hypertension
- Coronary artery diseases
- Diabetes Mellitus
- LVH
- LA enlargement

We are assuming abnormal relaxation, hence reduced e' velocity. The best diastolic function in this population is grade 1 based on mitral inflow velocity

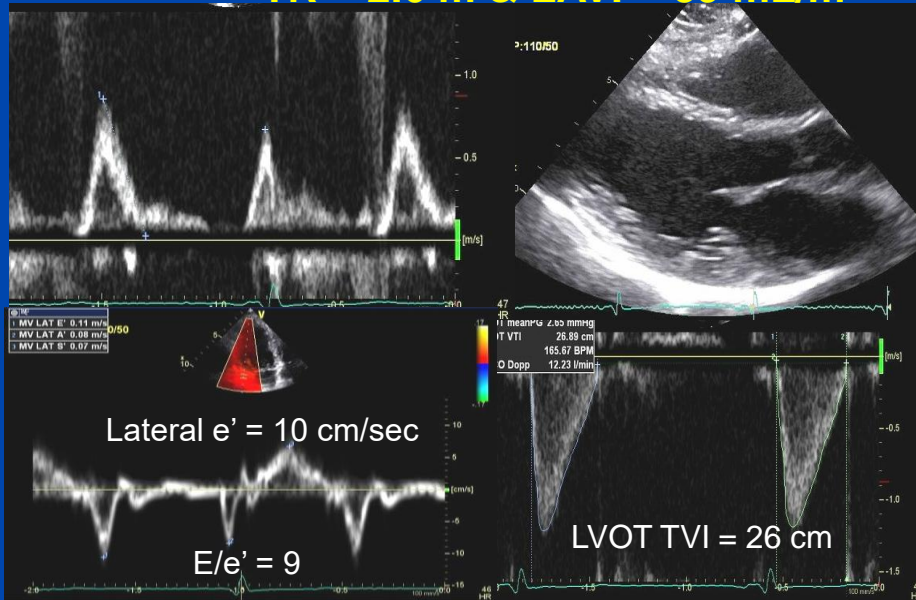


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## 71 year old woman with TR = 2.6 m & LAVI = 39 mL/m<sup>2</sup>



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## Reasons for LA enlargement

- Diastolic dysfunction
- Increased filling pressure
- Increased volume
- Athlete's heart
- Measurement error



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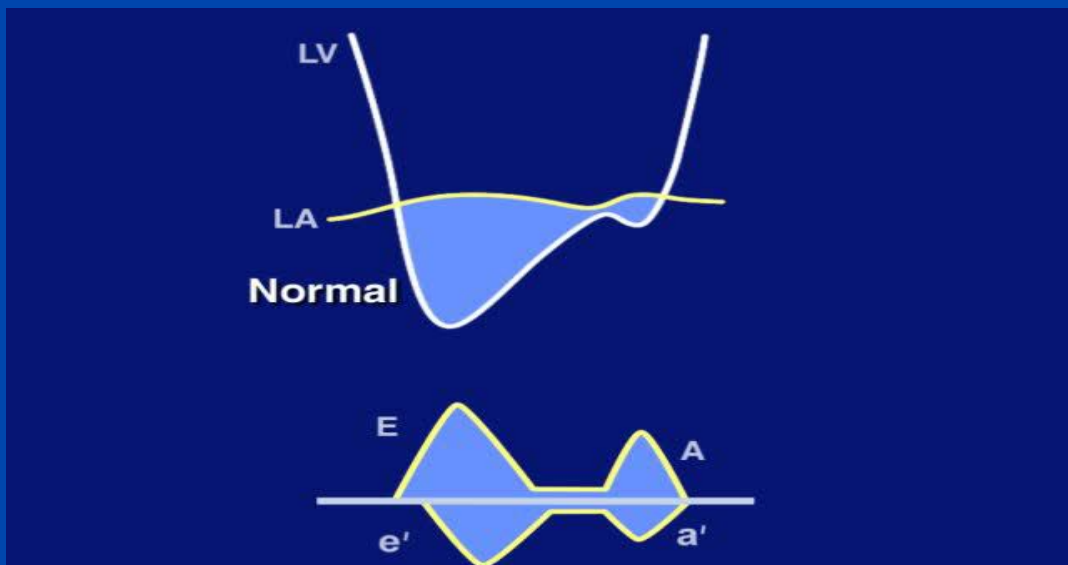
## Definition of Diastolic Function and Dysfunction

- **Normal Diastolic Function**
  - Normal Myocardial Relaxation
  - Normal Mitral Annulus  $e'$  velocity
- **Abnormal Diastolic Function**
  - Abnormal Myocardial Relaxation
  - Reduced Mitral annulus  $e'$  velocity
- **Increased Filling Pressure**
  - Abnormal Relaxation ,  $E/e'$ , TR and (LA Volume)



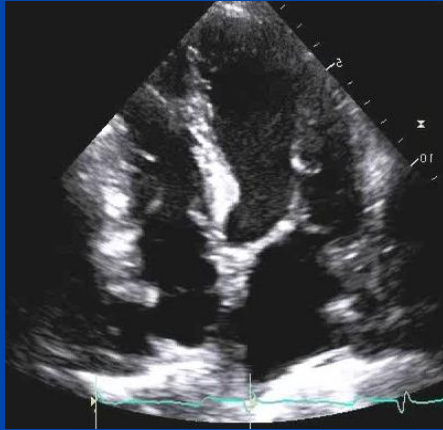
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## Diastolic Function Assessment by $E$ and $e'$

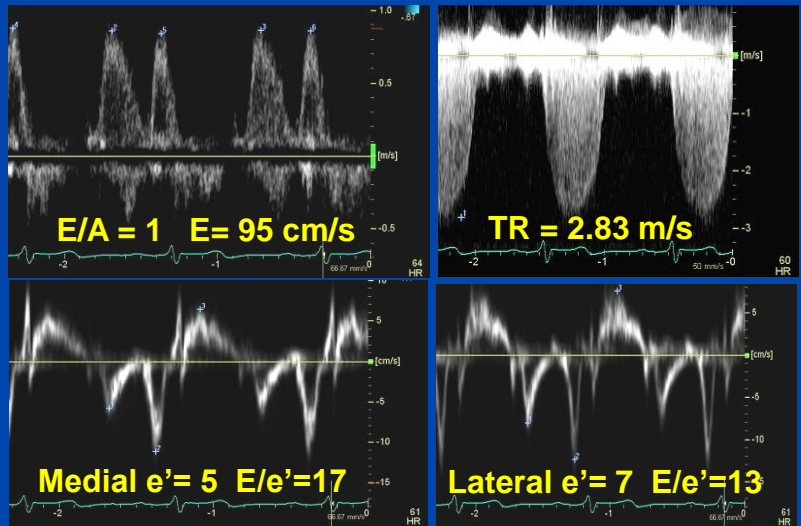
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# 82 year old male with dyspnea



LAVI = 38 mL/m<sup>2</sup>



1= Gr 1    2=Gr 2    3= Gr 3    4=Abnormal Diastolic Function

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## The 2016 Algorithm #1

In pts with normal LVEF ≥ 50%

- 1 – Septal e' velocity ≥ 7 cm/s or lateral e' velocity ≥ 10 cm/s
- 2 – Average E/e' ≤ 14 , 15 (Med)
- 3 – TR velocity ≤ 2.8 m/s
- 4 – LA volume index ≤ 34 mL/m<sup>2</sup>



Criteria for diagnosis of LV diastolic dysfunction in patients with normal LVEF in JASE 2016



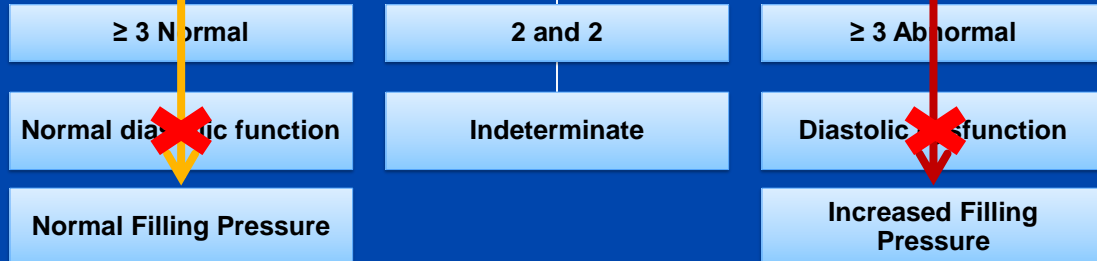
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## Suggested Algorithm #1 for Diastolic Function Assessment

In pts with normal LVEF  $\geq 50\%$

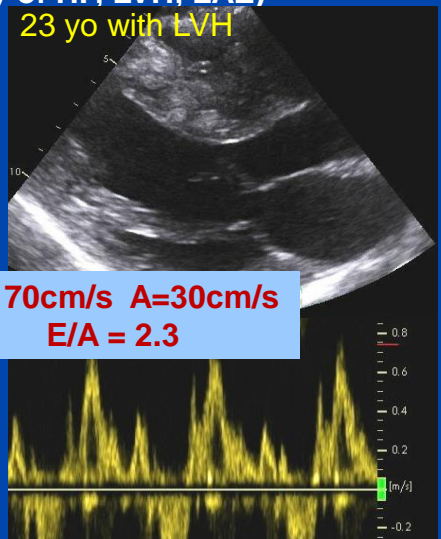
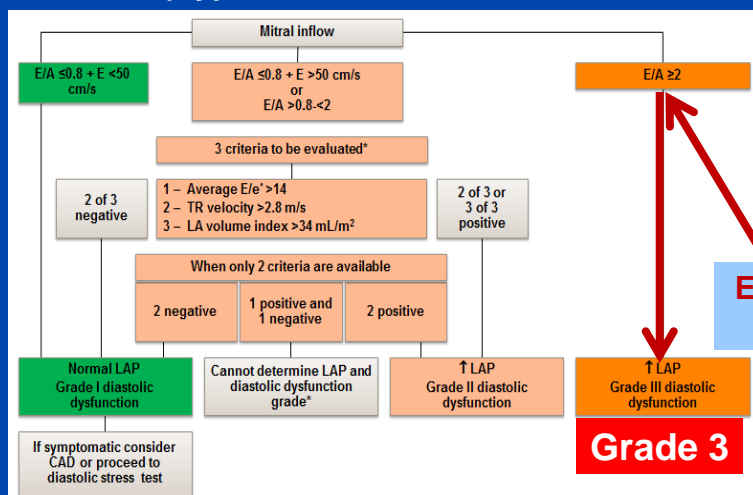
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E/e', TR, and LAVI indicate increased filling pressure

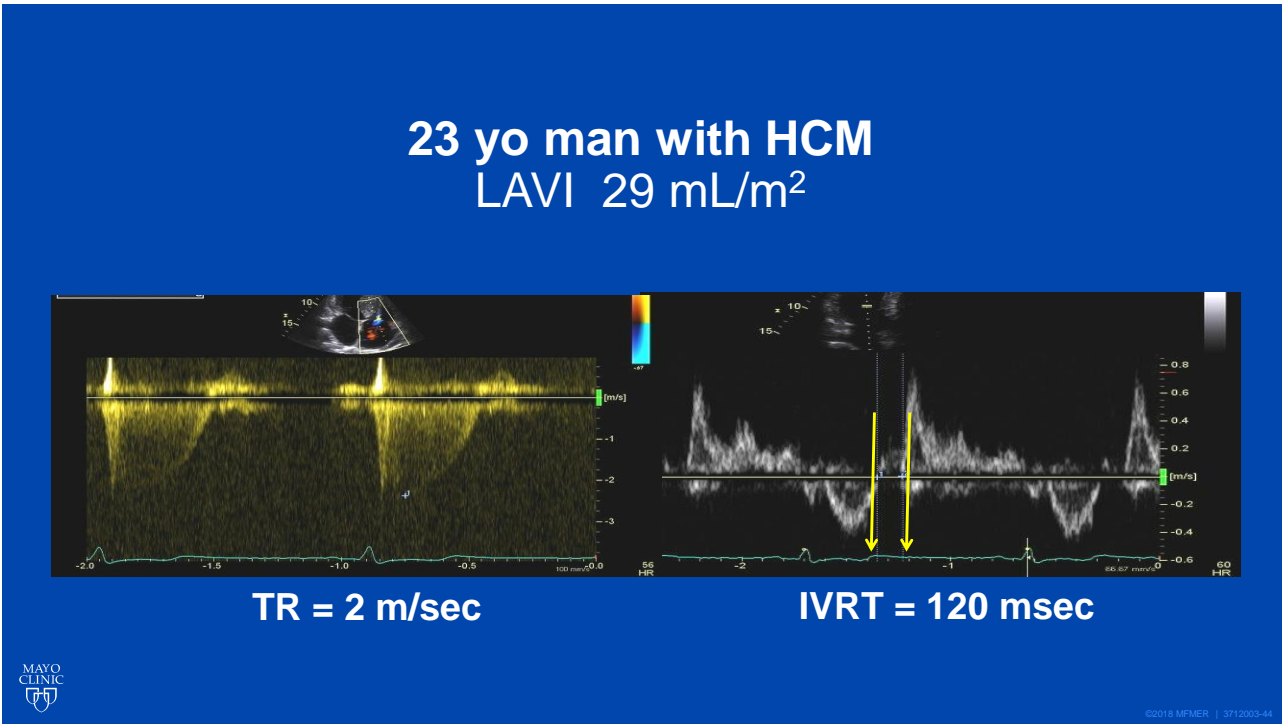
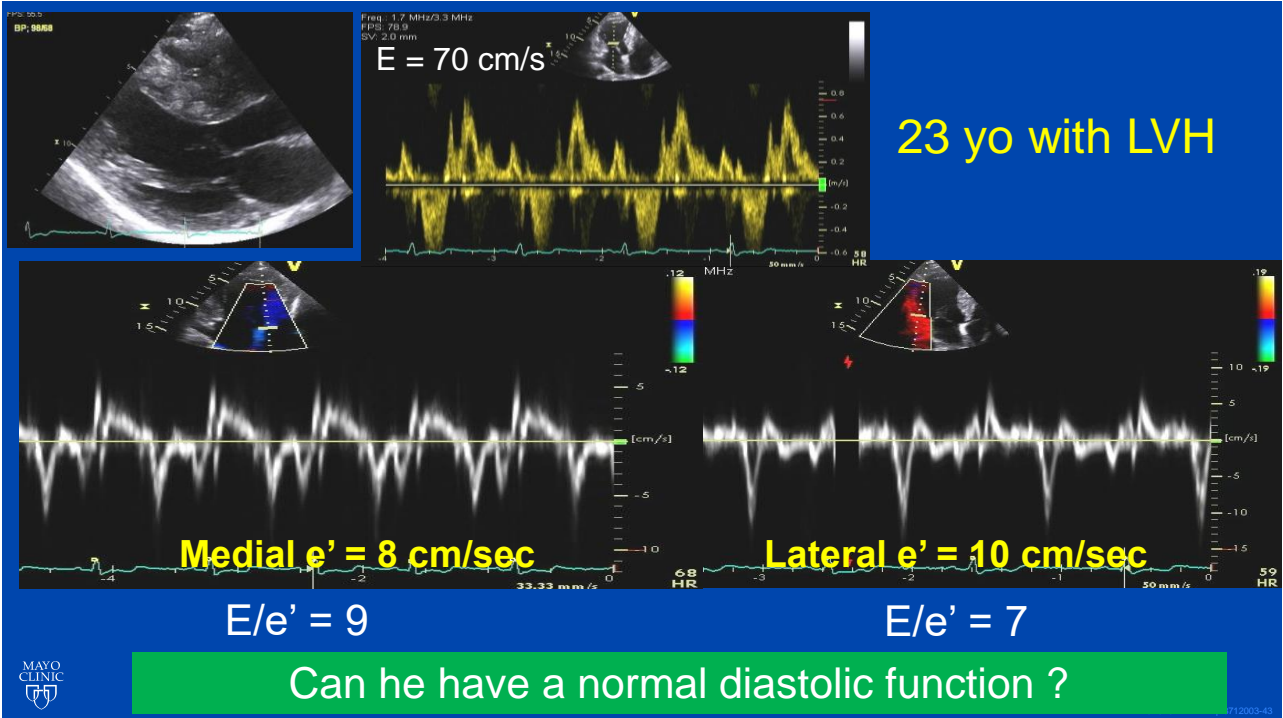


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## The 2016 Algorithm for Reduced EF (<50%) or Known (or Suspected) Diastolic Dysfunction/EF $\geq 50\%$ (Hypertension, CAD, Diabetes, MI, History of HF, LVH, LAE)

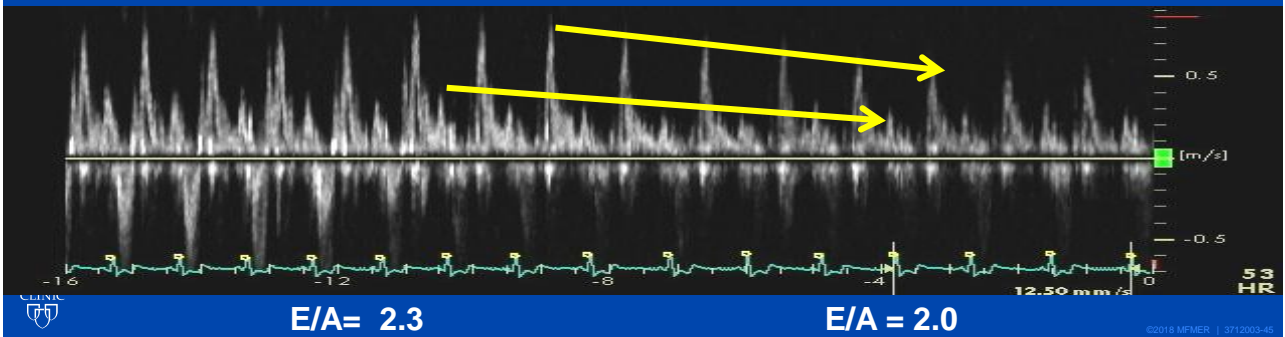


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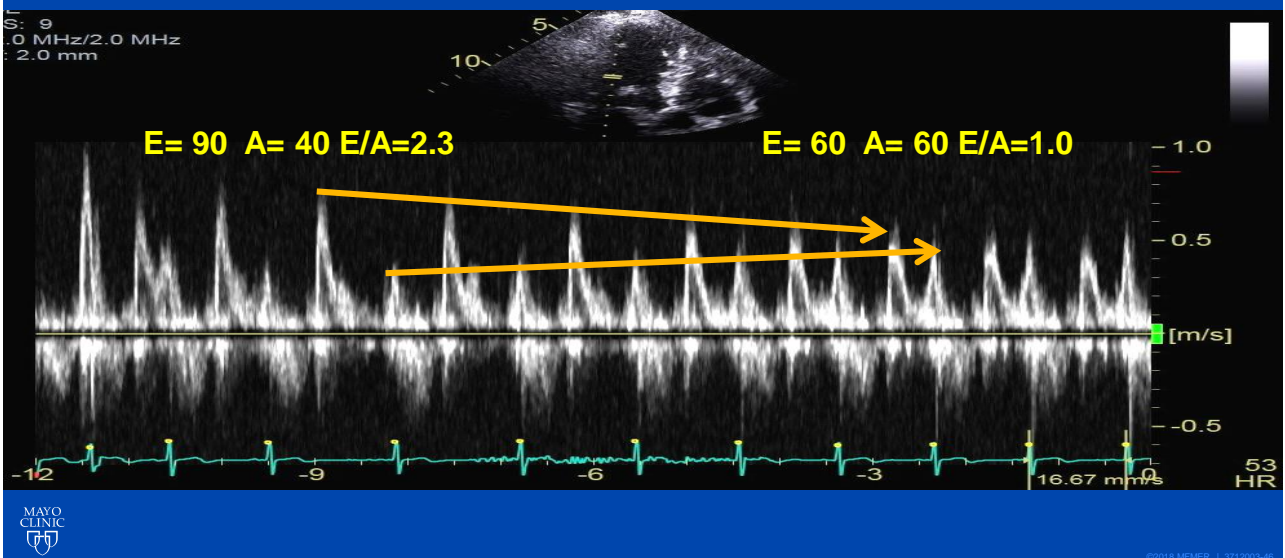


## Valsalva in 23 yo HCM Normal filling pressure

Normal Valsalva : Both E and A decrease  
with E/A change  $< 0.5$



## Valsalva Maneuver : E/A reduced $> 0.5$ Grade 2 Dysfunction



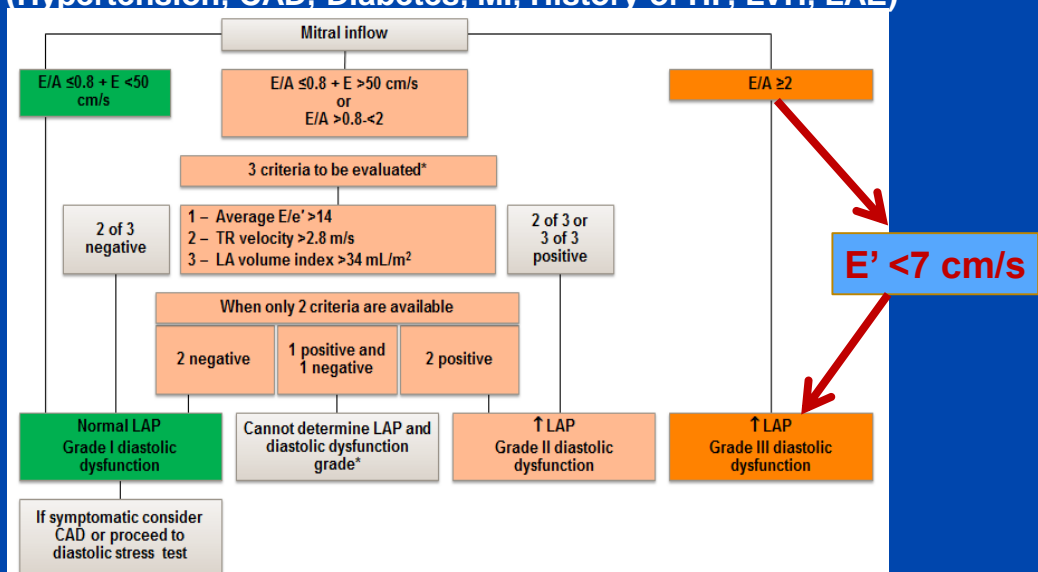
# Individuals with HPT, CAD, LVH, DM, or MI Can Have Normal Diastolic Function

## Especially in Young Individuals



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## The 2016 Algorithm for Reduced EF (<50%) or Known (or Suspected) Diastolic Dysfunction/EF≥50% (Hypertension, CAD, Diabetes, MI, History of HF, LVH, LAE)



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# What about combining 2 algorithms together?



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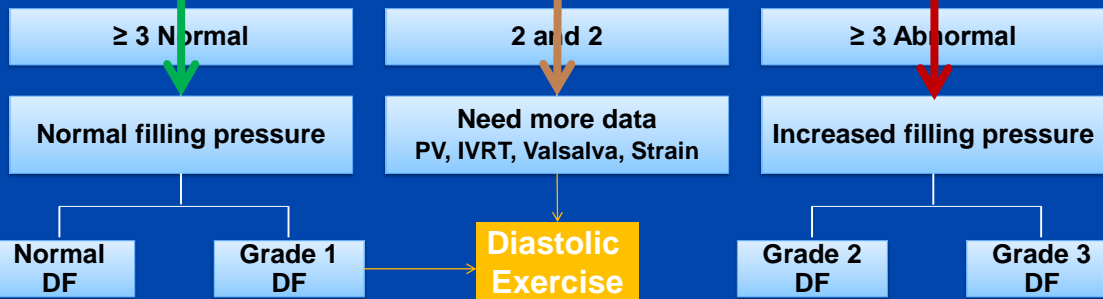
## Revised Algorithm for Diastolic Function Assessment

### In Most Patients \*

- 1 – Septal e' velocity  $\geq 7$  cm/s
- 2 – E/e'  $\leq 15$  (Med)
- 3 – TR velocity  $\leq 2.8$  m/s
- 4 – LA volume index  $\leq 34$  mL/m<sup>2</sup>

### \*Except for

- MAC
- MR
- LBBB/PM
- HCM
- Constriction
- Unusual Cases



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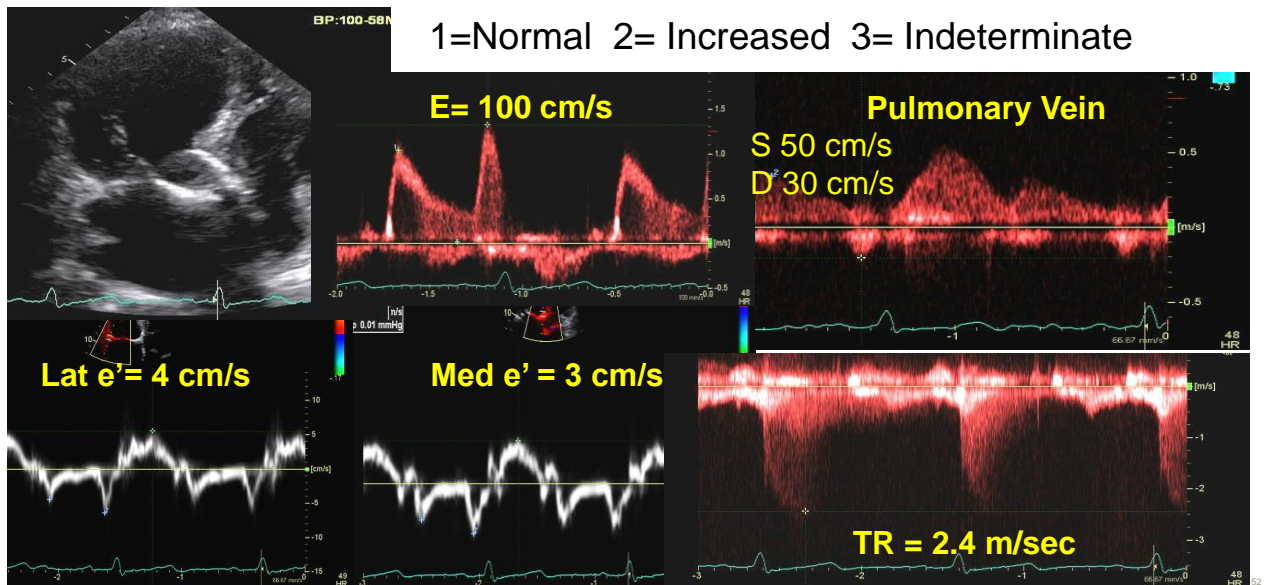
## Difficult Situations

- Assessment of diastolic function or filling pressure in
  - 2 normal and 2 abnormal
  - HCM
  - LBBB
  - MAC
  - Atrial Fibrillation
- Additional supportive parameters
  - Pulmonary vein
  - Valsalva
  - IVRT and timing intervals

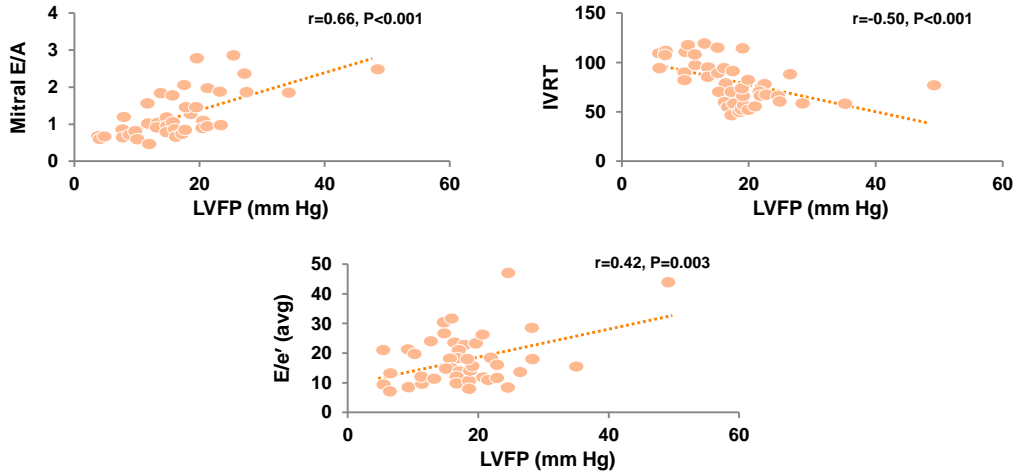


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## How is filling pressure in a 80 yo woman with Mitral annulus calcification and TAVR?



## Correlation of Selected Doppler Variables With Left Ventricular Filling Pressure



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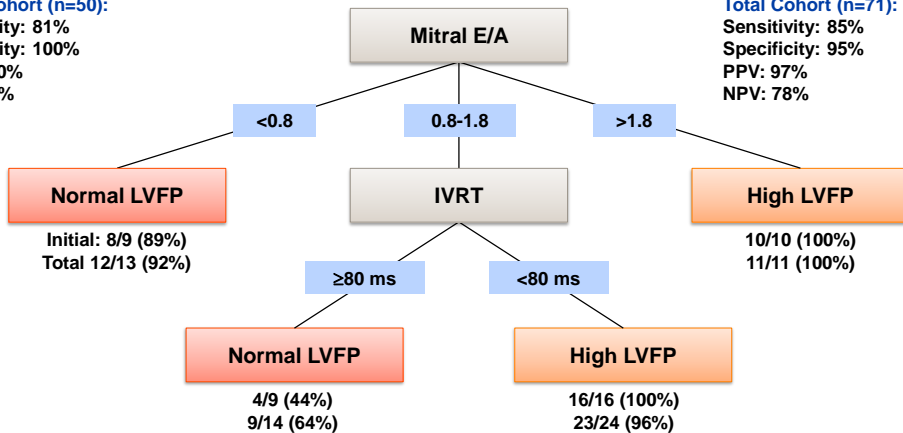


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## Proposed Clinical Algorithm for Estimation of Left Ventricular Filling Pressure in Subjects With Mitral Annular Calcification

**Initial Cohort (n=50):**  
 Sensitivity: 81%  
 Specificity: 100%  
 PPV: 100%  
 NPV: 67%

**Total Cohort (n=71):**  
 Sensitivity: 85%  
 Specificity: 95%  
 PPV: 97%  
 NPV: 78%



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## Diastolic Function in A. Fib

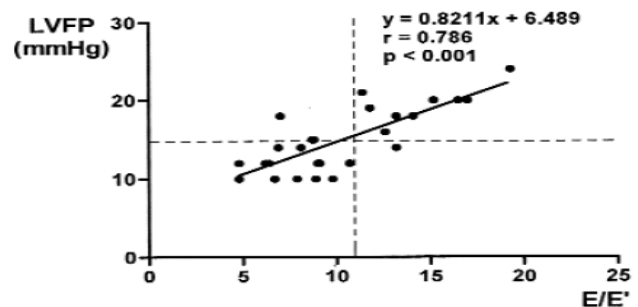
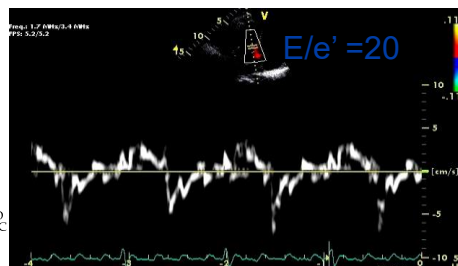
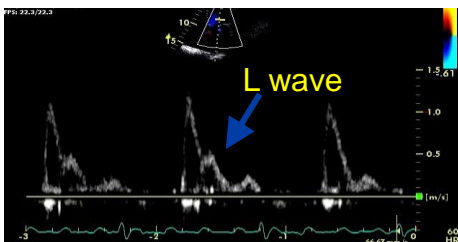
- DT < 160 msec (with reduced EF)
- DT < 130 msec poor survival
- Other measurements
  - IVRT  $\leq$  65 msec
  - E/e'  $\geq$  11
  - TR velocity



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## Mitral Annulus Velocity in the Evaluation of Left Ventricular Diastolic Function in Atrial Fibrillation

Dae-Won Sohn, MD, Jong-Min Song, MD, Joo-Hee Zo, MD, In-Ho Chai, MD, Hyo-Soo Kim, MD, Hong-Gu Chun, MA, and Hee-Chan Kim, PhD, *Seoul, Korea*

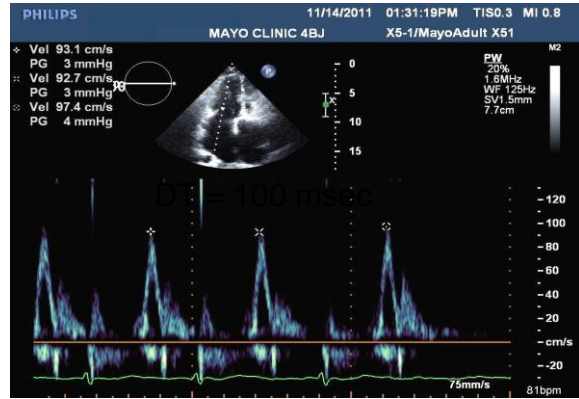
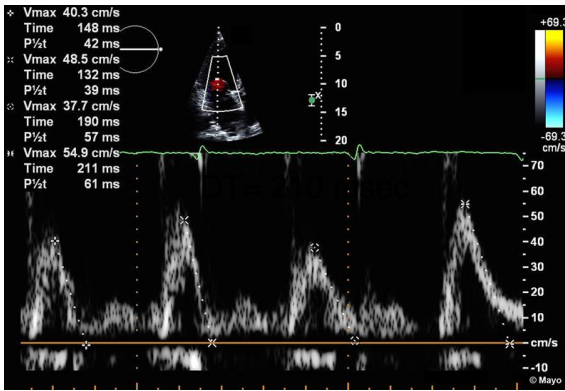


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# Atrial Fibrillation

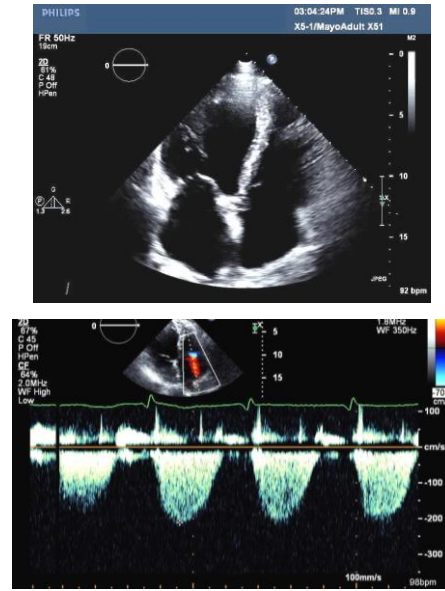
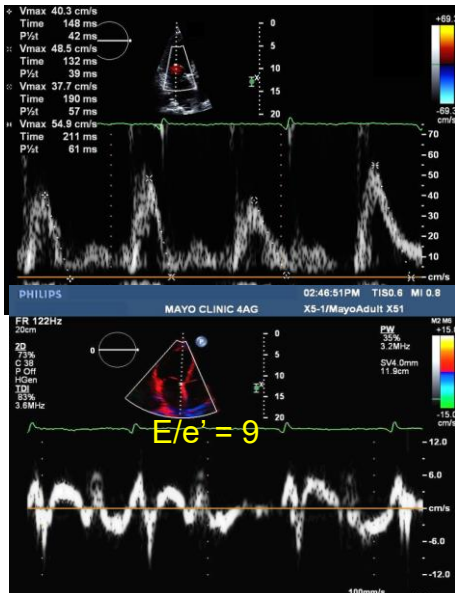
## Variation in E velocities : NL Pressure



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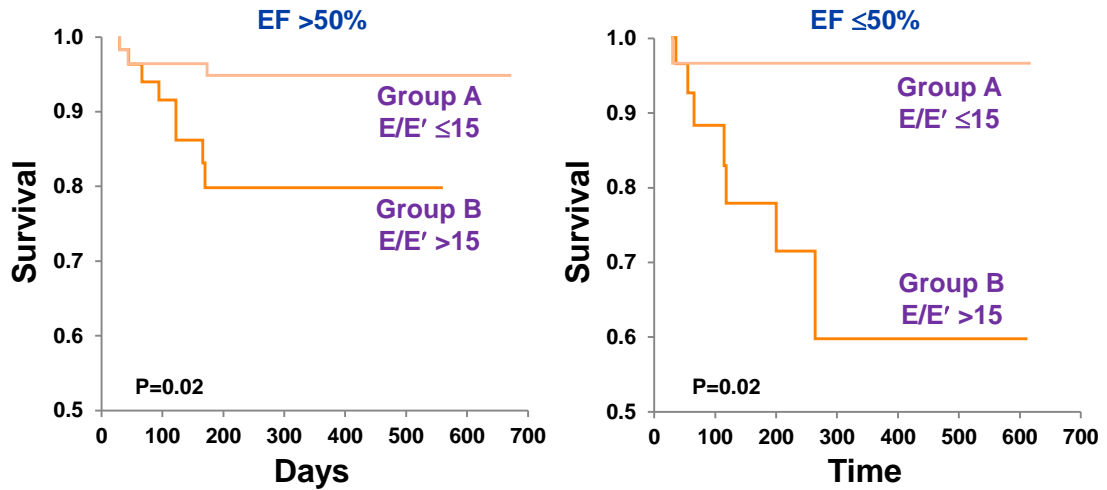
# Atrial Fibrillation

## Variation in E velocities and E/e' < 11



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## E/e' Predicts Survival in Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation



Okura et al: Heart 92:1248, 2006

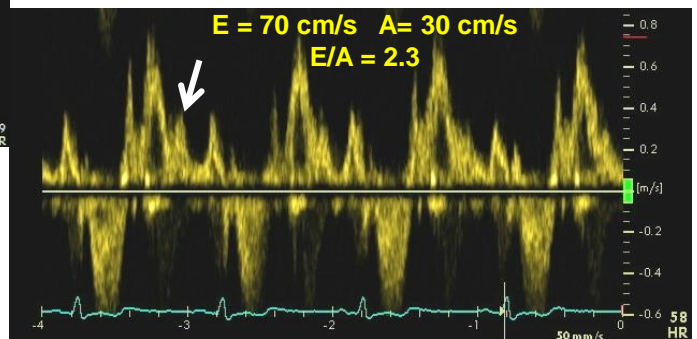


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## 23 YO with LVH on ECG What does the white arrow indicate?



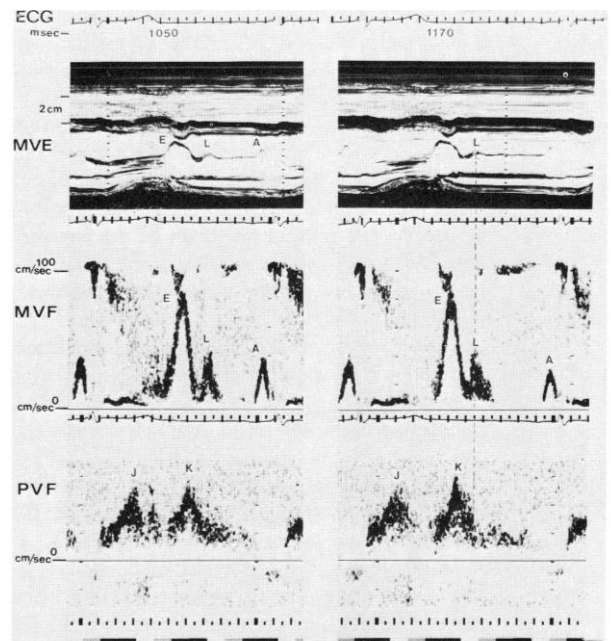
1. J wave
2. K wave
3. O wave
4. L wave



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## L wave

- Usually > 40 cm/sec
- Related to delayed myocardial relaxation
- Indicates increased filling pressure
  - **Grade 2 or 3 dysfunction**
- Can be present in normal heart with bradycardia
  - **Usually < 40 cm/sec**

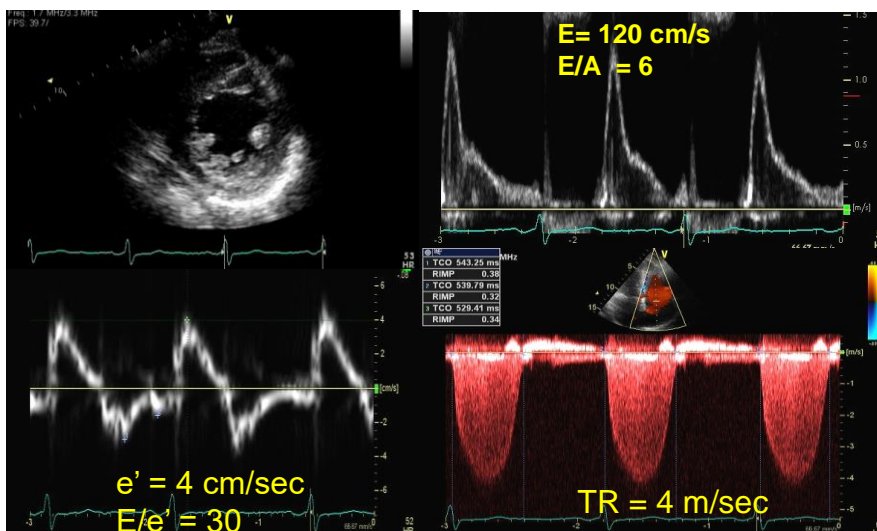


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## Diastolic Function?



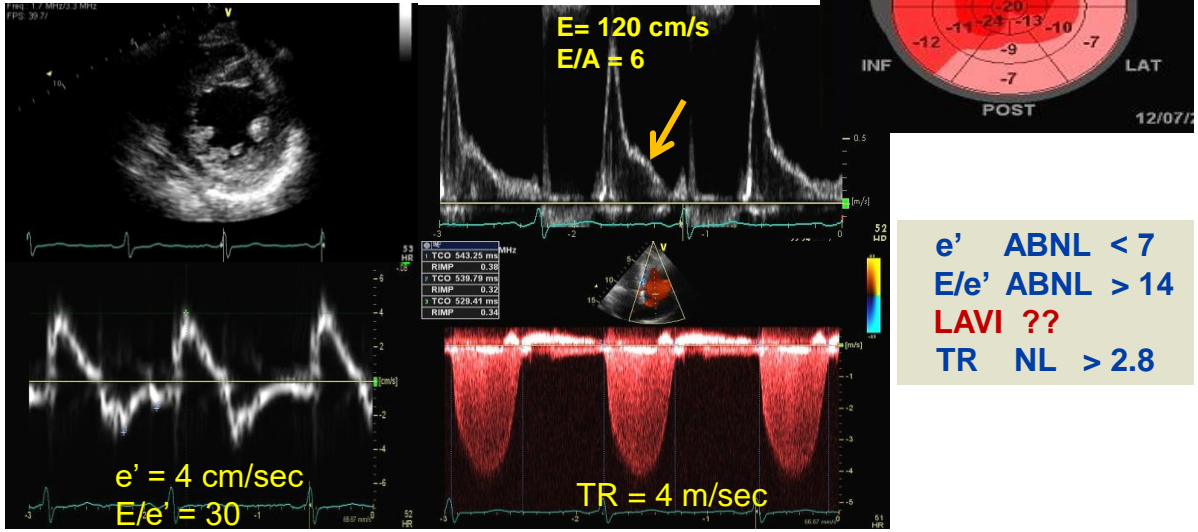
1. Grade 1
2. Grade 2
3. Grade 3
4. Normal
5. Indeterminate

**e' ABNL < 7**  
**E/e' ABNL > 14**  
**LAVI ??**  
**TR ABNL > 2.8**



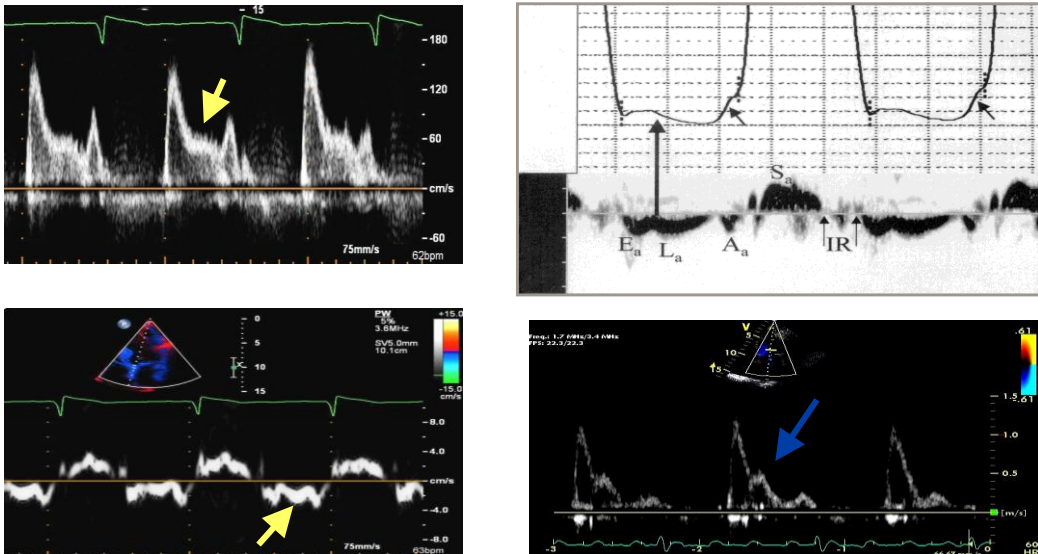
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## Diastolic Function?



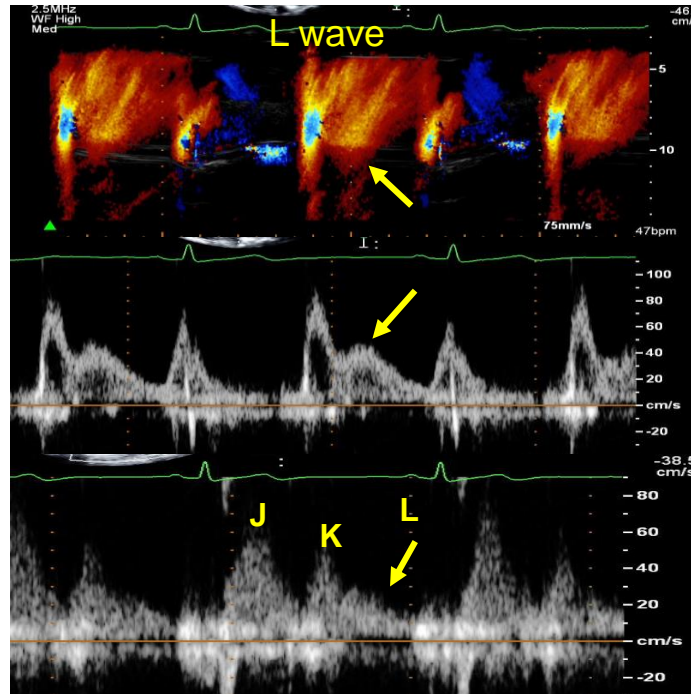
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## Mid-diastolic mitral flow (L) Delayed relaxation



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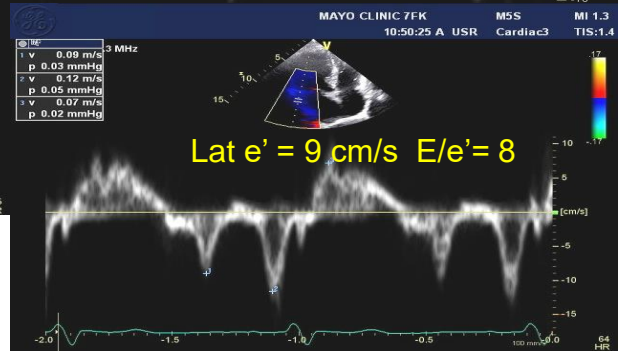
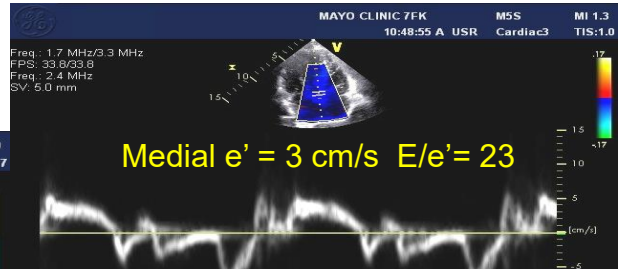
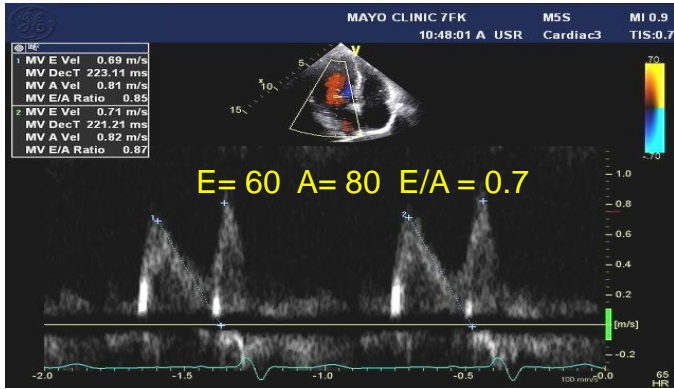
## Mitral annulus e' velocity

- ASE/EACVI recommends average value
- E' from one location is acceptable
- We need a caution in using e'
  - Primary pulmonary hypertension
  - Pacemaker
  - LBBB
  - Wall motion abnormality
  - Mitral annulus calcification
  - Hypertrophic CM

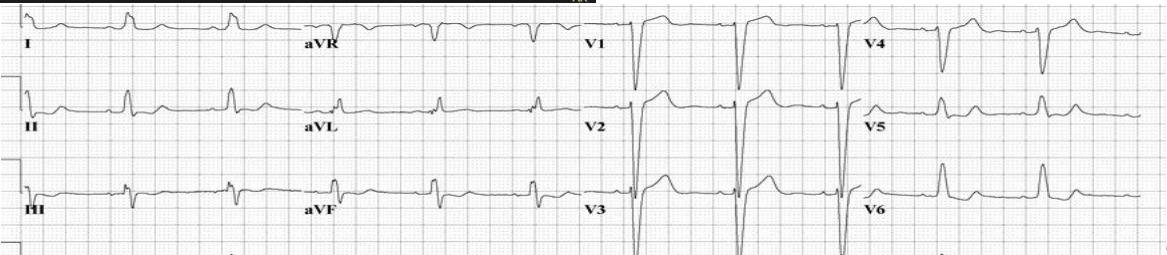
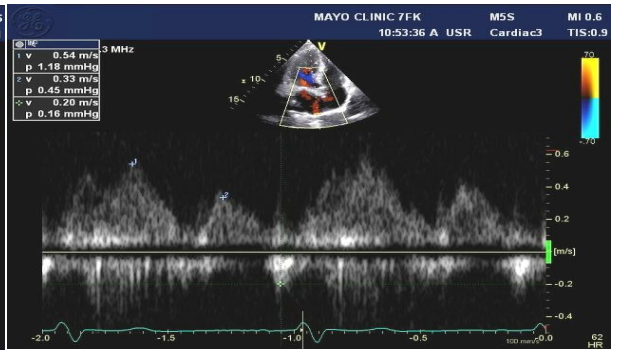
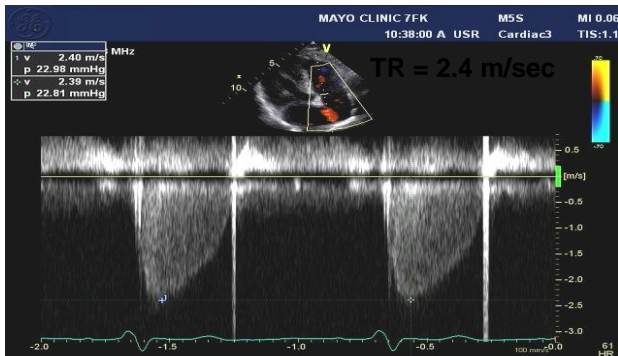


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# 67 yo woman with LBBB



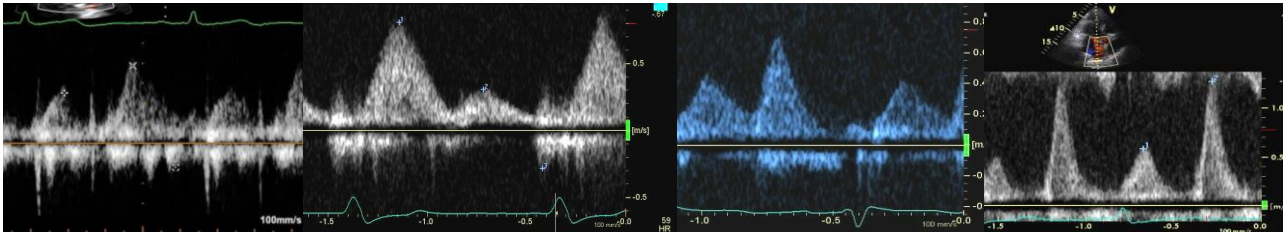
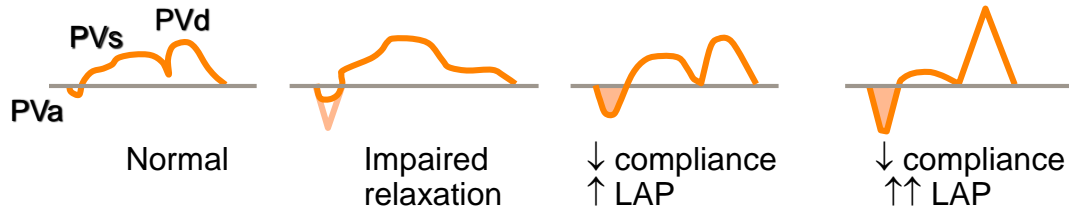
# 67 yo with LBBB



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# Pulmonary Vein Velocity

## PVs decreases as filling pressure increases



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### Imaging

#### Tissue Doppler Imaging in the Estimation of Intracardiac Filling Pressure in Decompensated Patients With Advanced Systolic Heart Failure

Wilfried Mullens, MD; Allen G. Borowski, RDCS; Ronan J. Curtin, MD;  
James D. Thomas, MD; W.H. Tang, MD

**Background**—The ratio of early transmitral velocity to tissue Doppler mitral annular early diastolic velocity (E/Ea) has been correlated with pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) in a wide variety of cardiac conditions. The objective of this study was to determine the reliability of mitral E/Ea for predicting PCWP in patients admitted for advanced decompensated heart failure.

**Methods and Results**—Prospective consecutive patients with advanced decompensated heart failure (ejection fraction  $\leq 30\%$ , New York Heart Association class III to IV symptoms) underwent simultaneous echocardiographic and hemodynamic evaluation on admission and after 48 hours of intensive medical therapy. A total of 106 patients were included (mean age,  $57 \pm 12$  years; ejection fraction,  $24 \pm 8\%$ ; PCWP,  $21 \pm 7$  mm Hg; mitral E/Ea ratio,  $20 \pm 12$ ). No correlation was found between mitral E/Ea ratio and PCWP, particularly in those with larger left ventricular volumes, more impaired cardiac indexes, and the presence of cardiac resynchronization therapy. Overall, the mitral E/Ea ratio was

**Conclusion: In decompensated patients with advanced systolic heart failure, tissue Doppler-derived mitral E/e' ratio may not be as reliable in predicting intracardiac filling pressures, particularly in those with larger LV volume, more impaired cardiac indices, and the presence of cardiac resynchronization therapy.**

use, hemodynamic assessment via pulmonary artery catheters has decreased substantially over the last decade.<sup>4-6</sup>

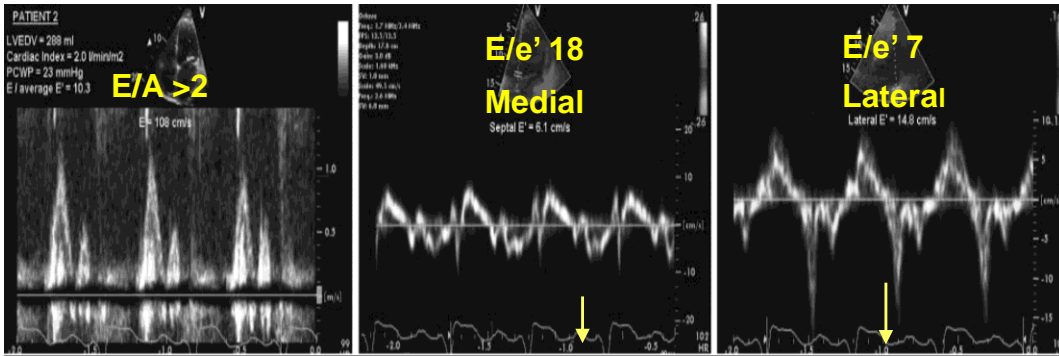
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E/Ea and hemodynamic measurements in patients with advanced decompensated heart failure (ADHF), a patient cohort in which hemodynamic assessment is often considered. We further aimed to explore the potential clinical utility of serial mitral E/Ea assessment in estimating changes in intracardiac filling pressures in response to intensive medical therapy in the ADHF setting.



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## Discordance between PCWP and E/e' Reduced LVEF and LBBB



PCWP 23



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# Circulation

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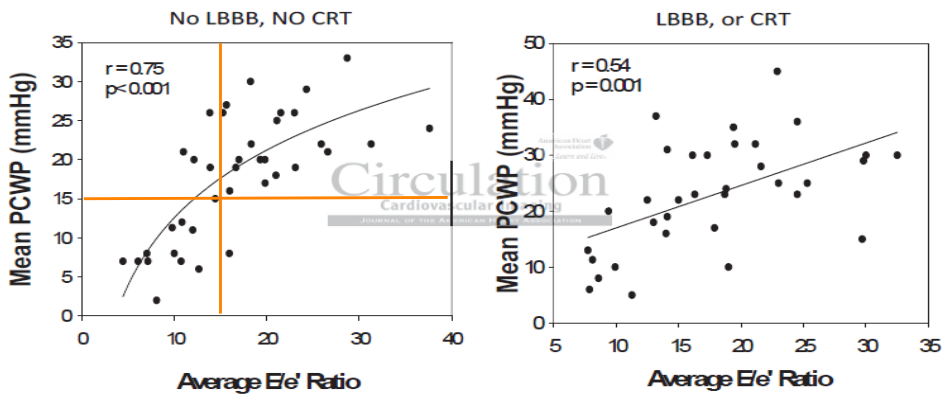
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Echocardiographic Evaluation of Hemodynamics in Patients with Decompensated Systolic Heart Failure

Sherif F. Nagueh, Rajat Bhatt, Rey P. Vivo, Selim R. Krim, Sebastian Imre Sarvari, Kristoffer Russell, Thor Edvardsen, Otto A. Smiseth and Jerry D. Estep  
Circ Cardiovasc Imaging published online March 11, 2011;  
DOI: 10.1161/CIRCIMAGING.111.963496



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## Diastolic Function Evaluation in HCM

- E' velocity is reduced in almost all patients
- E/e' predicts clinical outcome
- Use following parameters (ASE 2016 Guideline)
  - E/e' >15
  - LAVI >34 mL/m<sup>2</sup>
  - TR velocity > 2.8 m/sec
  - PV Ar-A duration ≥ 30 msec
- The majority rules



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### Evaluation of Left Ventricular Filling Pressures by Doppler Echocardiography in Patients With Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Correlation With Direct Left Atrial Pressure Measurement at Cardiac Catheterization

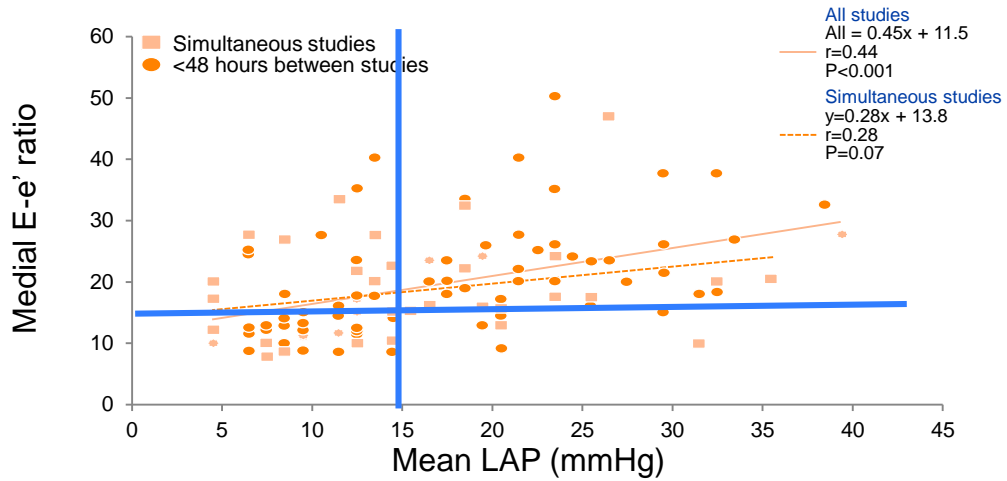
Jeffrey B. Geske, MD; Paul Sorajja, MD; Rick A. Nishimura, MD; Steve R. Ommen, MD

**Conclusions**—In 100 symptomatic patients with HCM, Doppler echo estimates of LV filling pressure correlate modestly with direct measurement of LAP. Given the complex nature of diastolic dysfunction in HCM, precise characterization of LV filling pressure in an individual patient cannot be determined with the use of these noninvasive parameters. (*Circulation*. 2007;116:2702-2708.)



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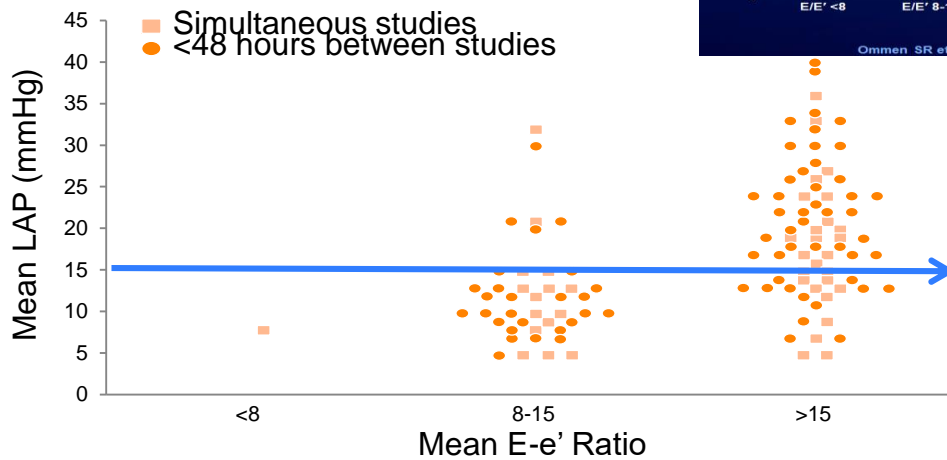
## Medial E/e' Ratio Versus Mean LAP in HCM



Geske et al: Circulation; 116:2702, 2007

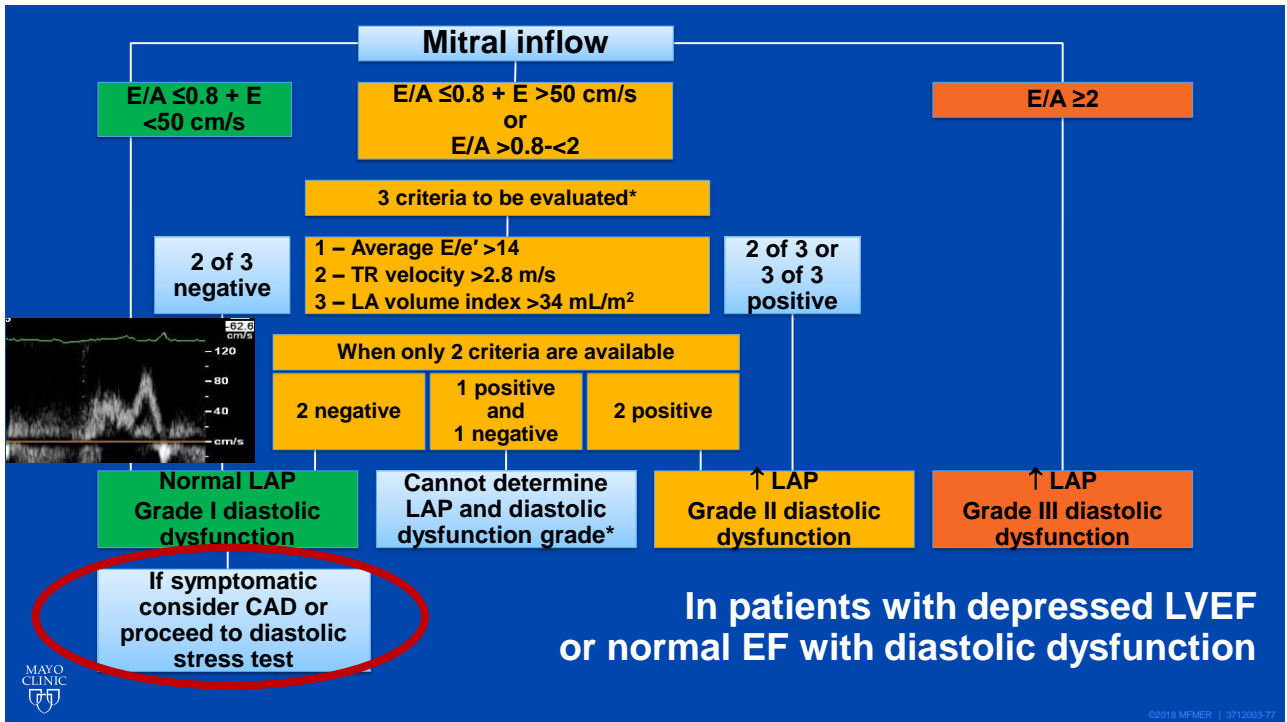
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## Mean LAP vs Medial E-e' ratio Hypertrophic CM



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## Diastolic Stress Echocardiography First Published in Jan 2005

### Diastolic Stress Echocardiography: A Novel Noninvasive Diagnostic Test for Diastolic Dysfunction Using Supine Bicycle Exercise Doppler Echocardiography

Jong-Won Ha, MD, PhD, Jae K. Oh, MD, Patricia A. Pellikka, MD, Steve R. Ommen, MD, Vicky L. Stussy, RN, RDMS, Kent R. Bailey, PhD, James B. Seward, MD, and A. Jamil Tajik, MD, Rochester, Minnesota

Left ventricular filling pressures can be estimated reliably by combining mitral inflow early diastolic velocity (E) and annulus velocity (E'). An increased E/E' ratio reflects elevated filling pressures and may be useful in assessing an abnormal increase in filling pressures for patients with diastolic dysfunction.

in E/E' during exercise (group 1A) and 9 (1B). For group 2, E/E' did not increase with exercise. Despite different responses of E/E' there was no significant difference in changes in inflow indices (E, A, E/A, deceleration time) between groups. Although the percentage of dysfunction

#### Editorial Comment

### Diastolic Stress Echocardiography: The Time Has Come for Its Integration into Clinical Practice

Jae K. Oh, MD and Garvan C. Kane, MD, PhD, Rochester, Minnesota

In this issue of JASE, Studer-Bruenger *et al.*<sup>1</sup> report diastolic exercise data in young nonathletic and endurance-trained healthy individuals, along with maximal oxygen consumption (VO<sub>2max</sub>). They confirm a previous observation<sup>2</sup> from older healthy individuals in that the E/e' ratio (an echocardiographic estimate of pulmonary capillary wedge pressure) remains within the normal range with exercise in healthy young subjects. Although there was a slight increase in septal E/e' (overall, 6.8 ± 1.3 to 7.2 ± 1.2, P = .02) and lateral E/e' (overall, 5.0 ± 0.8 to 6.2 ± 0.9, P < .0001) with exercise, the investigators did not document any difference in the response to exercise between the athletic and nonathletic young healthy groups. Moreover, there was a

reserve capacity or clinical diagnosis of coronary disease or diastolic dysfunction can be better demonstrated with a stress test designed specifically to assess the reserve.<sup>5</sup>

Patients with diastolic dysfunction may have a similar hemodynamic profile (in terms of cardiac output and filling pressure) at rest as healthy individuals with normal diastolic function. With exercise, normal subjects are able to increase cardiac output without increasing filling pressure significantly, because of increased myocardial relaxation, which results in more efficient early diastolic suction with much lower minimal LV diastolic pressure. Reduced myocardial relaxation is one of the earliest manifestations of mechanical dysfunction

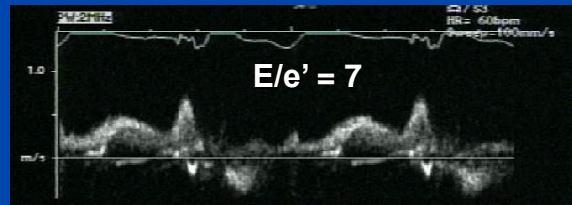
Ha et al JASE 2005 and Oh et al JASE 2014



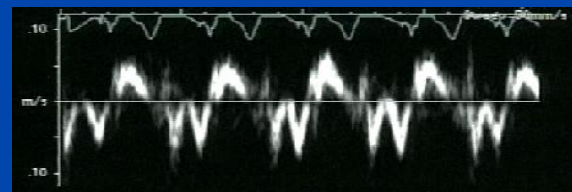
## 73 yo woman with Hypertension and Exertional Dyspnea No ischemia



“This patient has delayed myocardial relaxation, but filling pressure is not increased at rest”



E = 50 cm/s DT = 250 ms

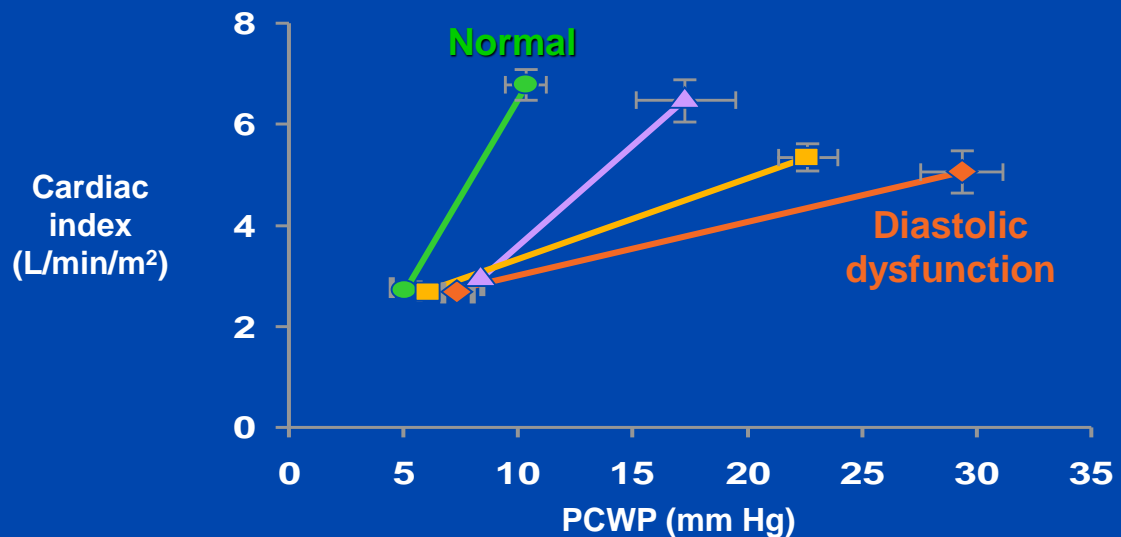


e' = 7 cm/s



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## Change in CI and PCWP with Exercise Normal and Abnormal Diastolic Function



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## Dynamic Diastology Filling Pressure (E/e') with Exercise

	E	e'	E/e'
Normal	↑	↑	↔
Abnormal	↑	↔	↑

LV filling pressure (E/e') does not increase much with exercise in normal heart, but increases in symptomatic patients with diastolic dysfunction.



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## Diastolic Stress Test *Baseline and Peak (or Post) Exercise*

- Supine bike or Treadmill
- 25 watts (3 min) increments
- Assess LVEF, size, and wall motion
- Mitral inflow (E, A, and DT)
- Mitral annulus velocity
- E/e' ratio
- TR velocity



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## Effects of Treadmill Exercise on Mitral Inflow and Annular Velocities in Healthy Adults

Jong-Won Ha, MD, PhD, Fabijan Lulic, MD, Kent R. Bailey, PhD, Patricia A. Pellikka, MD, James B. Seward, MD, A. Jamil Tajik, MD, and Jae K. Oh, MD

	Baseline	Exercise
E (cm/s)	73±19	90±25
A (cm/s)	69±17	87±22
DT (ms)	192±40	176±42
e' (cm/s)	12±4	15±5
E/e'	6.7±2.2	6.6±2.5

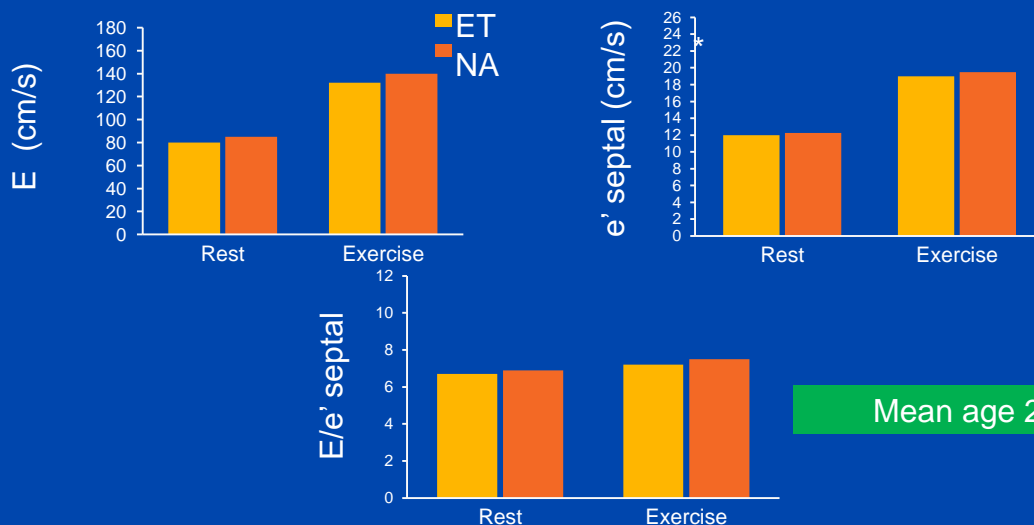
Mean age 59±14 yrs

Ha J et al: *AJC*, 2003



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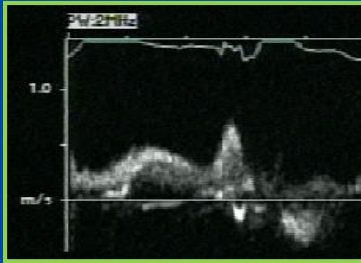
## LV Diastolic Function at Rest and With Stress Diastolic Stress Echo in the Young: Nonathletic (NA) and Endurance-Trained (ET) Healthy Subjects



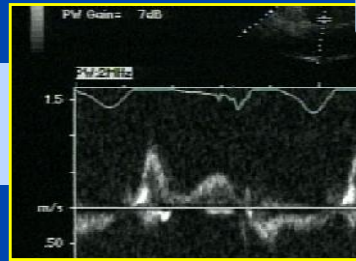
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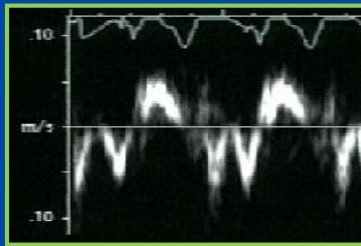
# Exertional Dyspnea



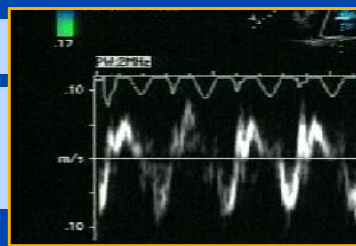
**E = 50**  
**DT = 250**



**E = 85**  
**DT = 140**



**e' = 7**  
**E/e' = 7**  
**TR = 2.4**



**e' = 7**  
**E/e' = 12**  
**TR = 3.8**

**Baseline**

**Supine Bike**

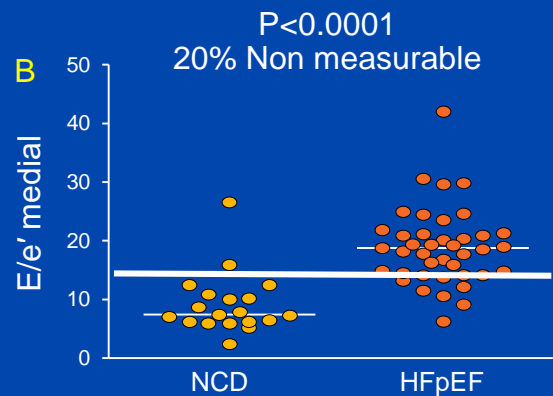
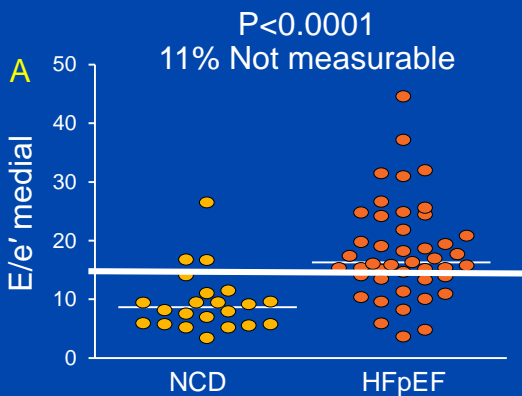


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## Echo Hemodynamics During Exercise E/e' at Sub- and Maximal Exercise HFpEF = PCWP > 25 mmHg

**Submaximal (20W)**

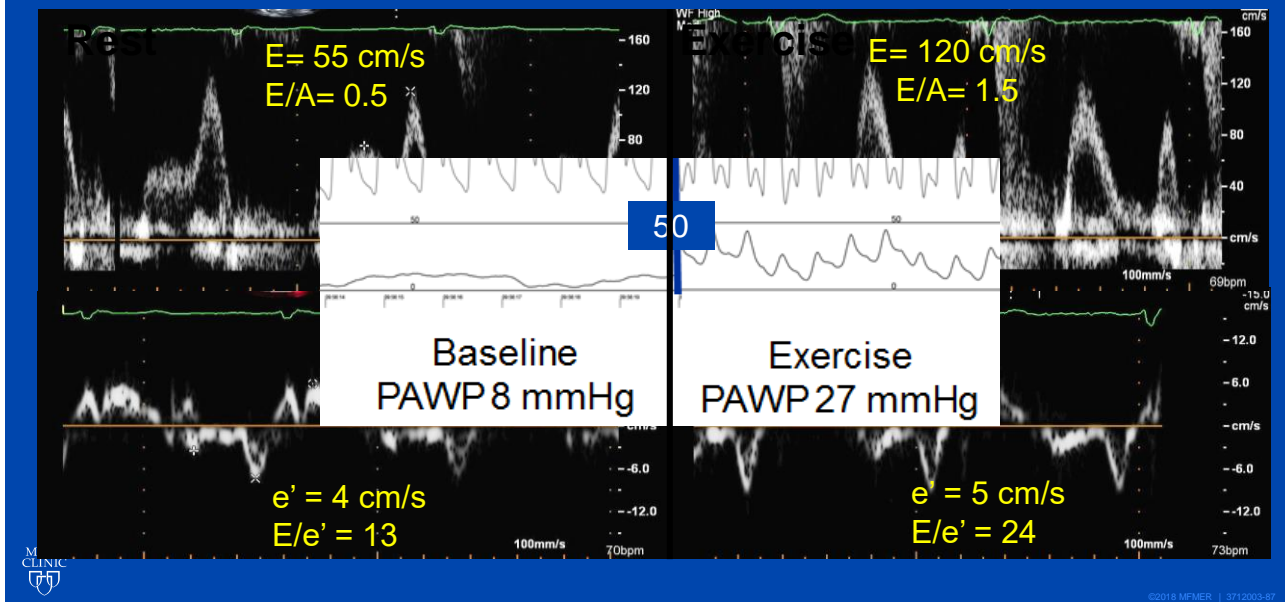
**Peak**



Obokata M et al: Circ 135:825-838, 2017

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## 78 year old male with exertional dyspnea Diastolic Exercise Test

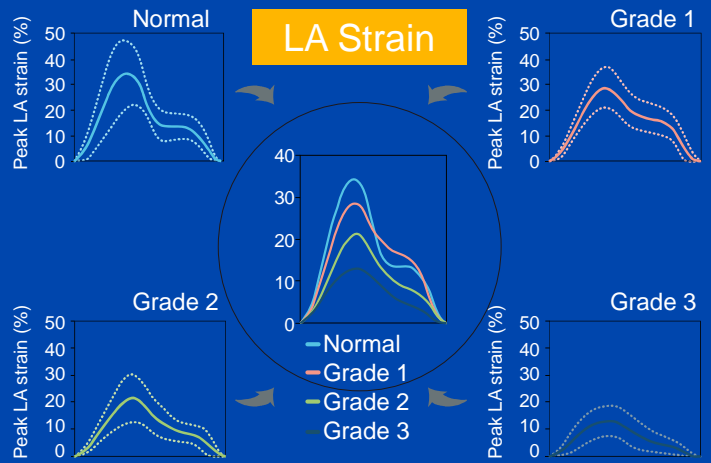


### The 2016 Guideline can be improved !

- Cut-off values are based on the asymptomatic elderly
- Confusion between diastolic dysfunction and increased filling pressure
- Early or compensated diastolic dysfunction (Grade 1) can be classified as normal diastolic function
- Adjudication of diastolic dysfunction by clinical and 2-D imaging data may not be reliable or available
- There are 2 separate algorithms
- Additional promising parameters (LA Strain)

# Left atrial volume index (LAVI) and LA strain

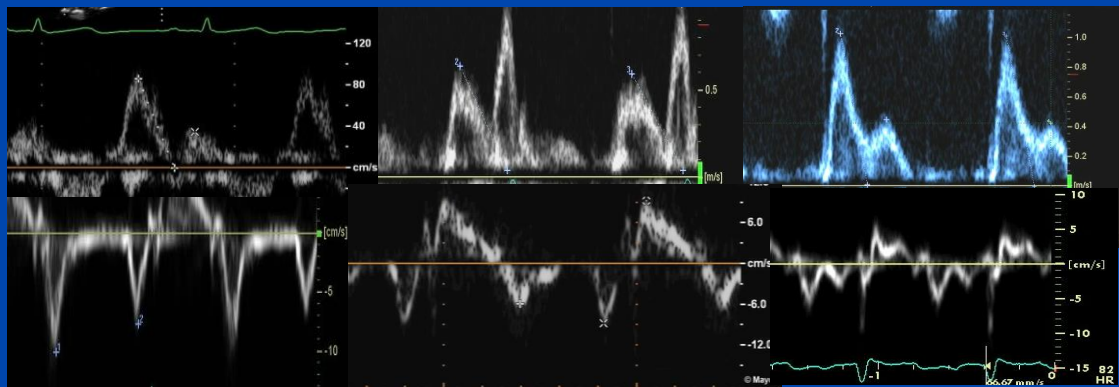
- Overlap of LAVI among normal and abnormal diastolic function (26% abnormal in Almeida study; EHJ Imaging 2018)
- LA volume measurement can be technically challenging
- LAVI does not regress much as LVFP gets normalized, but LA strain does. (Huynh et al JASE 2015)



Singh et al: JACC Imaging 10:735, 2017



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	Normal	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
<b>PV</b>				
<b>IVRT</b>	80 -120 m sec	> 120 m sec	< 80 m sec	< 80 m sec
<b>LAS*</b>	37 ± 13 %	29 ± 8 %	22 ± 9 %	13 ± 6 %
<b>LVS*</b>	- 19 ± 1 %	- 14 ± 2 %	- 16 ± 2 %	- 13 ± 4 %

Normal

Grade 1

Grade 2

Grade 3

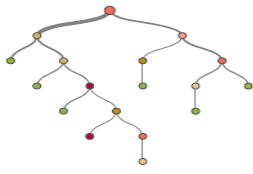
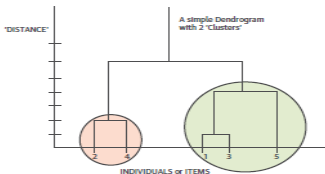


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# Phenotypic Clustering of Left Ventricular Diastolic Function Parameters

## Patterns and Prognostic Relevance

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Method	Guideline-based DD Classification	Cluster Analysis of DD variables
		
Data need	A priori knowledge, DD variables with identified importance	Unlabeled variables
Grouping of data	Univariate classification, each split based upon known cutoff points from normal data range	Multivariate analysis based upon associations between all variables. Subjects organized into groups which are similar in several variables
Advantages	1. Simple to understand and interpret 2. Requires little data preparation	1. No need for a priori knowledge 2. Captures natural structure of data
Clinical Validation	Survival analysis showed modest separation of clinical outcomes, overlap seen particularly for indeterminate group	Survival analysis showed significant separation of clinical outcomes for identified groups



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## Diastolic Function Assessment Take Home Point #1

- LV myocardial relaxation is reduced in all stages of diastolic dysfunction
- Mitral annulus e' velocity reflects myocardial relaxation
- Normal e' = Normal diastolic function
- Algorithm #1 separates normal filling from elevated filling pressure
- Initial assessment of diastolic function is based on
  - E', E/e', TR velocity, and LAVI



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## Diastolic Function Assessment Take Home Message #2

- Grade 1 diastolic dysfunction is the best pattern for the patients with Heart Failure
- Evidence for diastolic dysfunction needs an objective evidence
  - Hypertension
  - Cardiac amyloidosis
  - Old age
  - DM

The best evidence is reduced relaxation  
Reduced  $e'$   
L wave  
Prolonged IVRT



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## Clinical Applications of Diastolic Function Assessment

- Estimation of Filling Pressure at Rest and with Exercise
  - Diagnosis of Heart Failure (with Preserved LVEF)
  - Evaluation of Dyspnea
- Identification of Myocardial Disease
  - Amyloid vs HCM vs Athlete's Heart vs Hypertension
  - Distinction between Restrictive CM and Constriction
- Prognosis
  - Myocardial Infarction
  - Myocardial Diseases
  - Aortic Stenosis



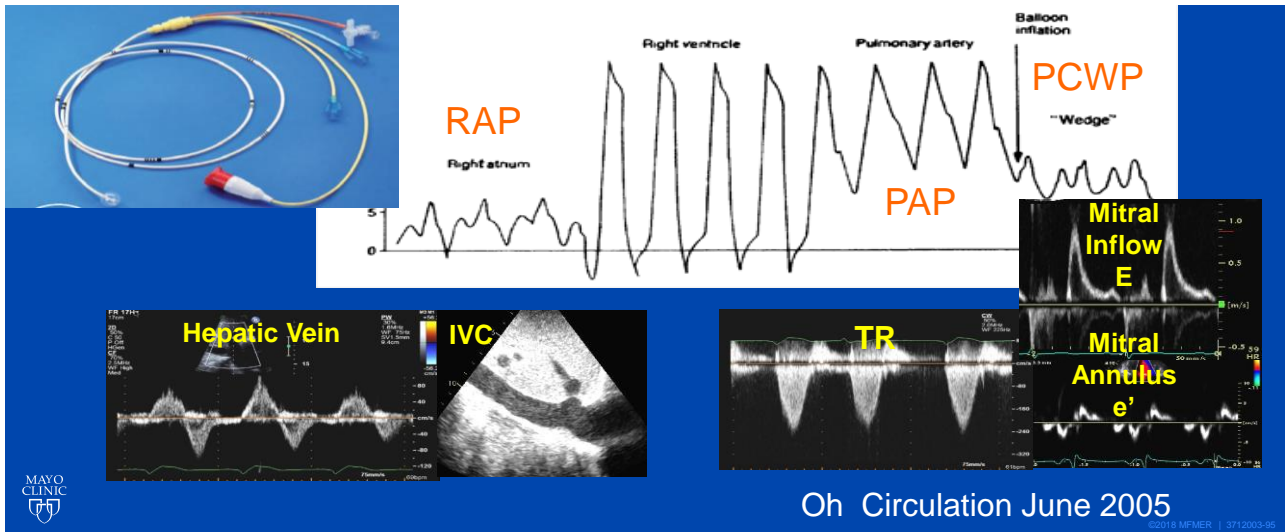
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# Echocardiography as a Noninvasive Swan-Ganz Catheter

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$E/e' = \text{PAWP}$



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