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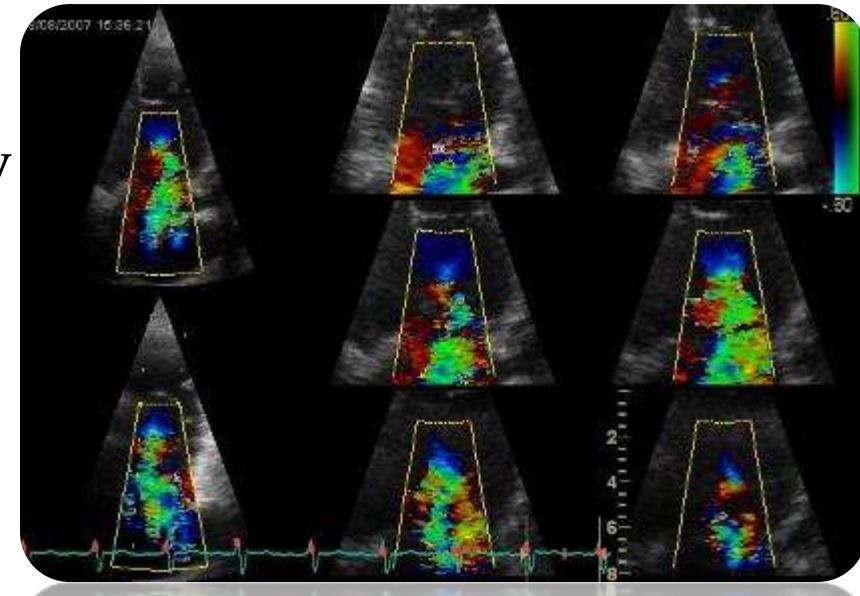


Mitral Regurgitation

What to Expect

Review

- Specific Signs of Severity
- Supportive Signs of Severity
- Qualitative Parameters
 - Structural
 - Doppler
- Quantitative Parameters
 - Vena Contracta Width
 - Regurgitant Volume (mL/beat)
 - Regurgitant Fraction (%)
 - Effective Regurgitant Orifice Area (EROA – cm^2)
- Cases – implement what you learned!



Specific Signs



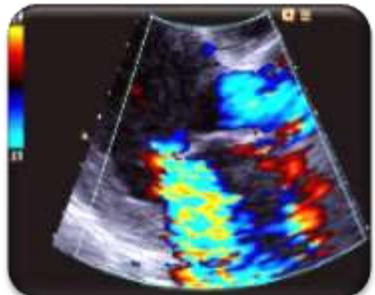
Mild

- Small central jet $<4 \text{ cm}^2$ or $<20\%$ of LA
- Vena contracta width $<0.3\text{cm}$
- No or minimal flow convergence



Moderate

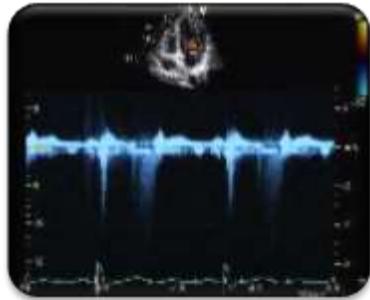
- Signs of MR $>$ Mild but no criteria for severe MR



Severe

- Vena contracta width $\geq 0.7\text{cm}$
- Large flow convergence
- Systolic reversal in pulmonary veins
- Prominent flail MV leaflet or ruptured papillary muscle

Supportive Signs



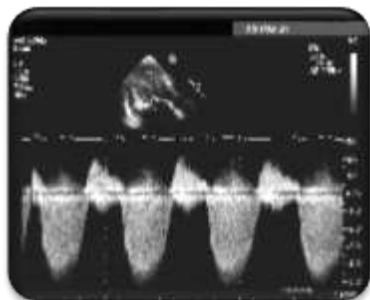
Mild

- Systolic dominant flow in pulmonary veins
- A-wave dominant mitral inflow
- Soft density, parabolic CW Doppler MR signal
- Normal LV size



Moderate

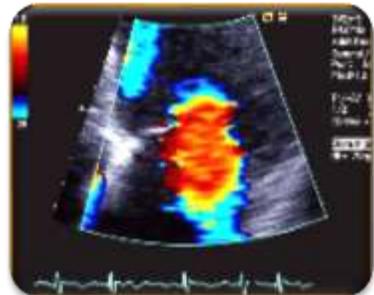
- Intermediate signs/findings



Severe

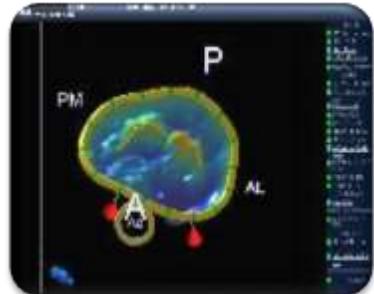
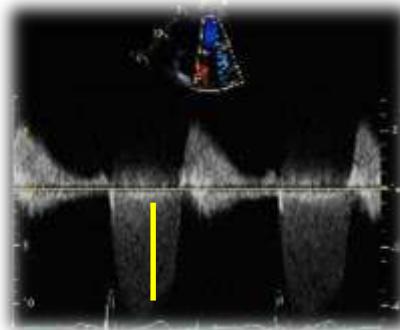
- Dense, triangular CW Doppler MR jet (early peaking)
- E-wave dominant mitral inflow ($E > 1.2 \text{ m/s}$)
- Enlarged LV
- Enlarged LA

Quantitative Parameters



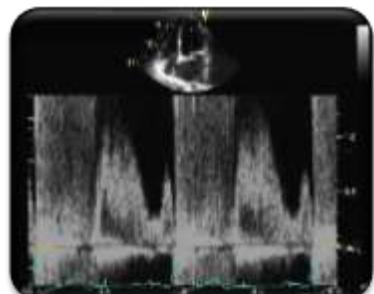
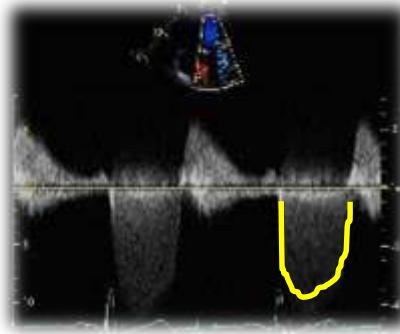
EROA (cm^2)

- Mild <0.20
- Mild-Mod $0.20-0.29$
- Mod-Sev $0.30-0.39$
- Severe ≥ 0.40



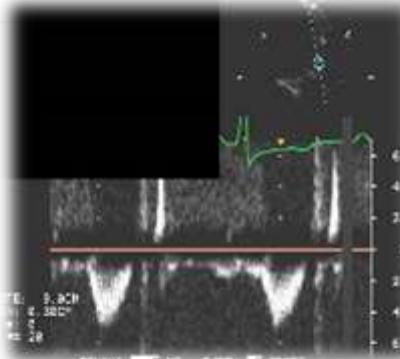
R Vol (mL/beat)

- Mild: <30
- Mild-Mod $30-44$
- Mod-Sev $45-59$
- Severe ≥ 60



Regurgitant Fraction % (RF)

- Mild <30
- Mild-Mod $30-39$
- Mod-Sev $40-49$
- Severe ≥ 50



Grading MR

Qualitative/Supportive Methods

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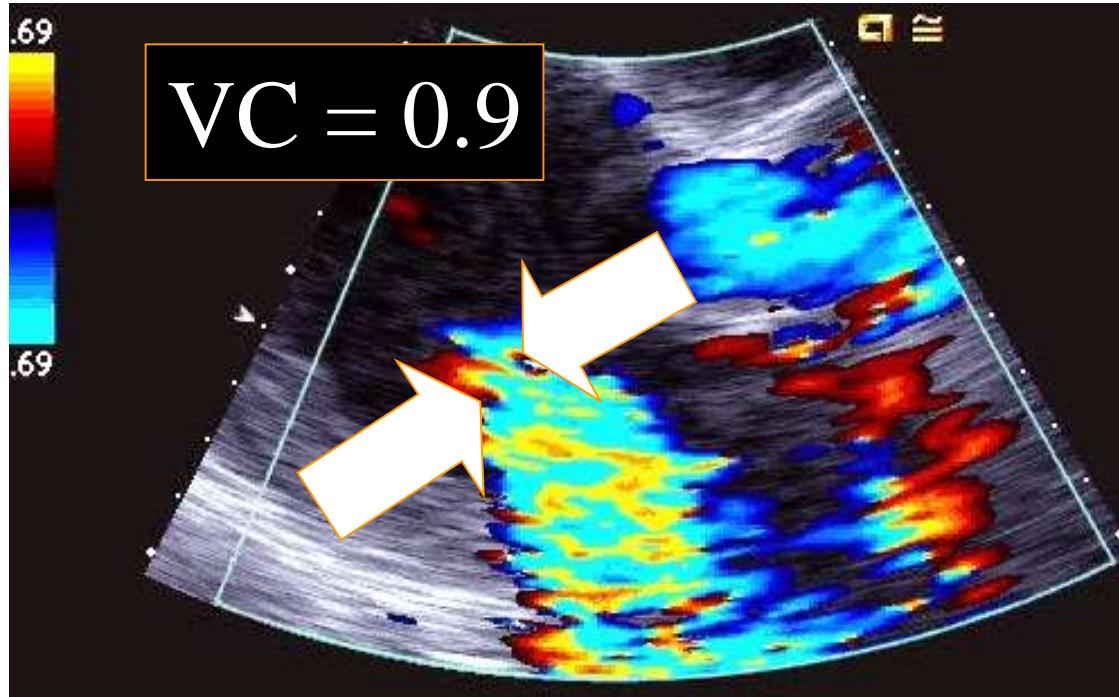


Mitral Regurgitation



Vena Contracta

Measurement at the narrowest portion of neck
during mitral regurgitation.



- Optimize jet in PLAX
- Zoom or RES
- Look for flow across the valve with a neck

Measurement of the vena contracta is a quick and accurate quantitative technique when properly applied. It works best on single central MR jets, but is also valuable in assessing an eccentric jet.

Roberts, B and Grayburn, P. Vena Contracta: Practical Approach. J Am Soc Echocardiogr 2003;16:1002-6.)

PISA Method

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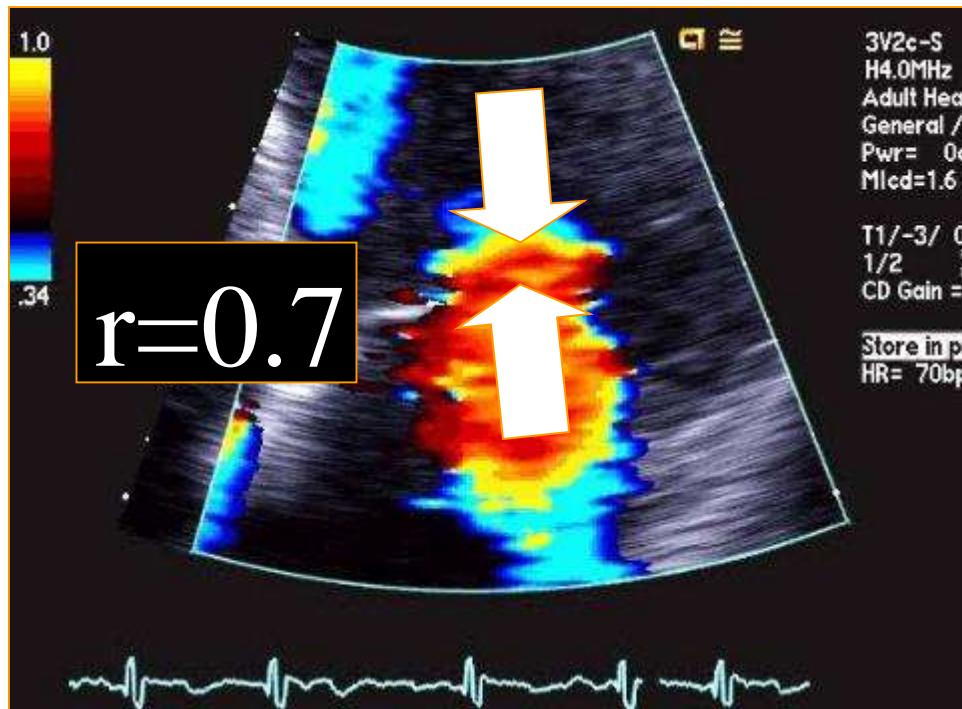
- Adjust baseline
- Scroll to mid-systole
- Locate vena contracta
- Measure from vena contracta to 1st color shift change

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$$\text{VFR} = 6.28 \times .49 \times 34$$

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$$\text{ERO} = 105/417.4$$

$$\text{ERO} = 0.25 \text{cm}^2$$

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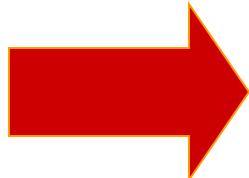
Easy PISA?

If aliasing velocity 30 ± 5 cm/sec and the velocity is around 500 cm/sec

$$\underline{6.28 \times r^2 \times 30 \text{ cm/sec}}$$

- ERO = 500 cm/sec
- ERO = $0.38 \times r^2$

$$r=0.7$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{ERO} &= 0.38 \times (0.7)^2 \\ \text{ERO} &= 0.38 \times 0.49 \\ \text{ERO} &= 0.19 \text{ cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Left Atrial Pressure

$$\text{LAP} = \text{SBP} - 4 \times \text{MRV}^2$$

$$\text{SBP} = 140$$

$$\text{MRV} = 5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{LAP} = 140 - 4 \times 25$$

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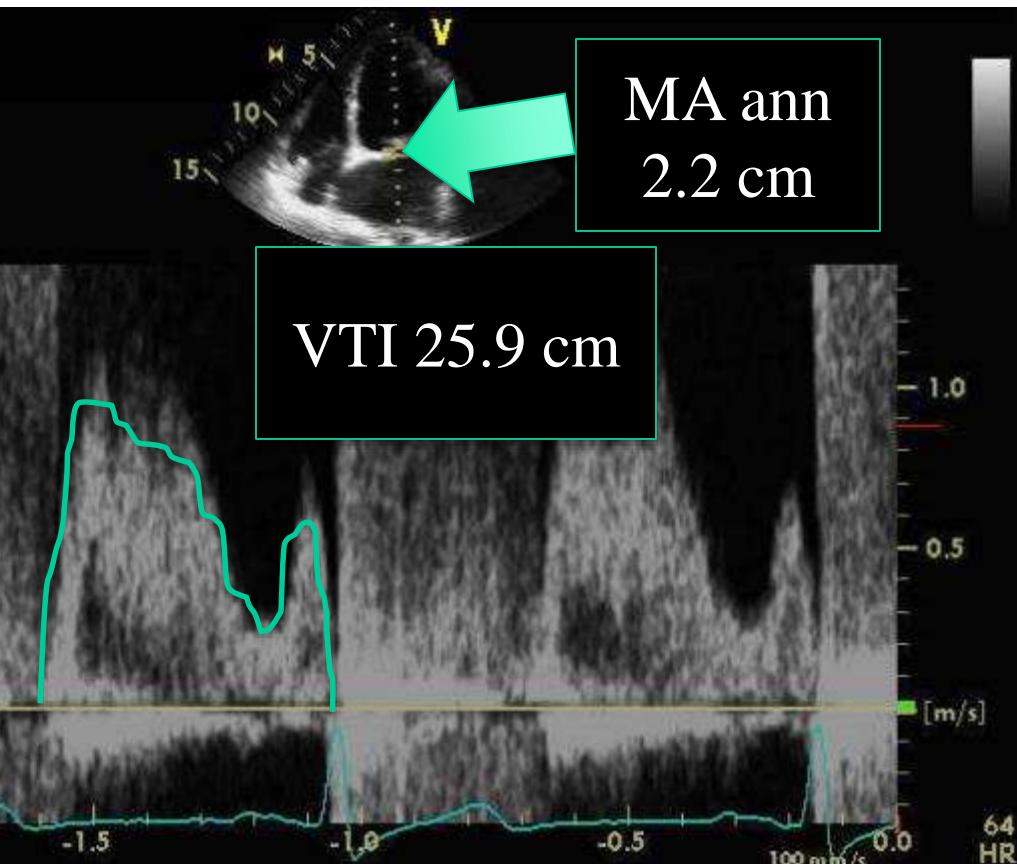
$$\text{LAP} = 140 - 4 \times 16$$

$$\text{LAP} = 140 - 64$$

$$\text{LAP} = 76$$

Regurgitant Fraction %

$$RF\% = SV \text{ (Valve)} - SV \text{ (Systemic)} / SV \text{ (Valve)}$$



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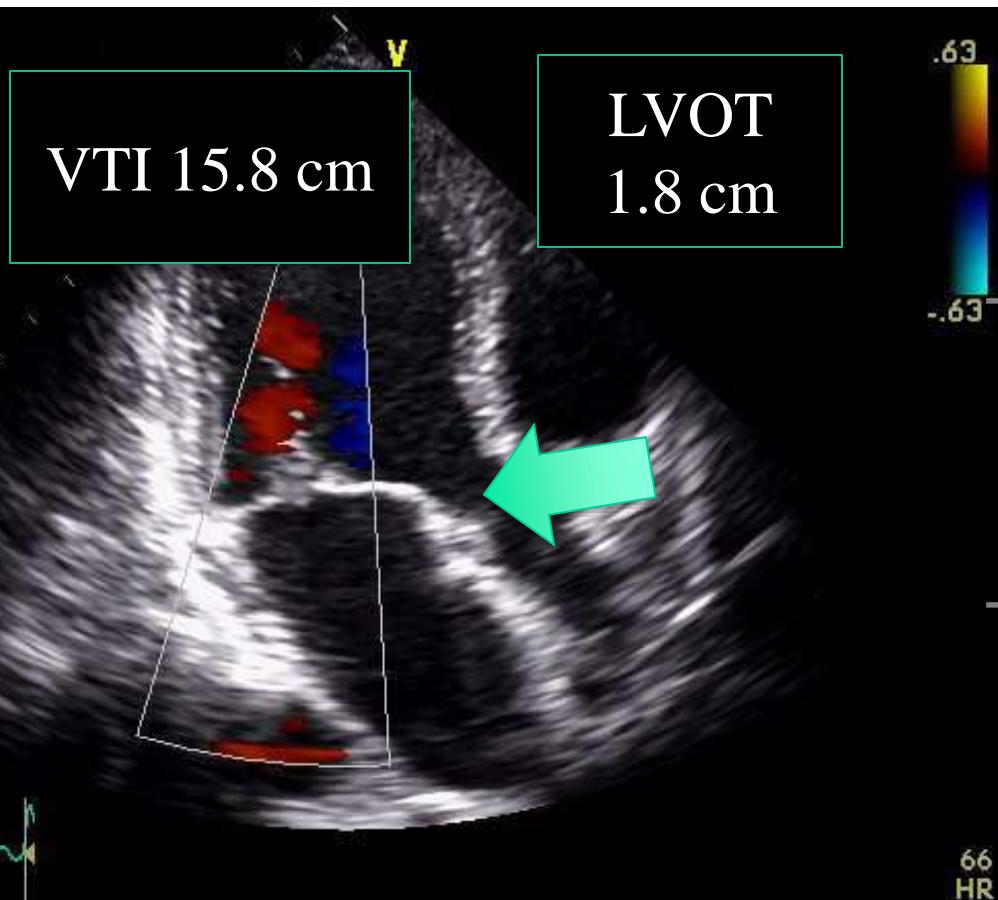
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- 32 y/o Vietnamese Female
- 5'2"
- 97 lb
- B/P 105/51
- HR 68
- Prior MV Repair



Case 175,425,421



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Case 175,425,421_{en}

What kind of MV surgery?



- | a) No surgery
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- c) Mitral Clip
- d) Replacement

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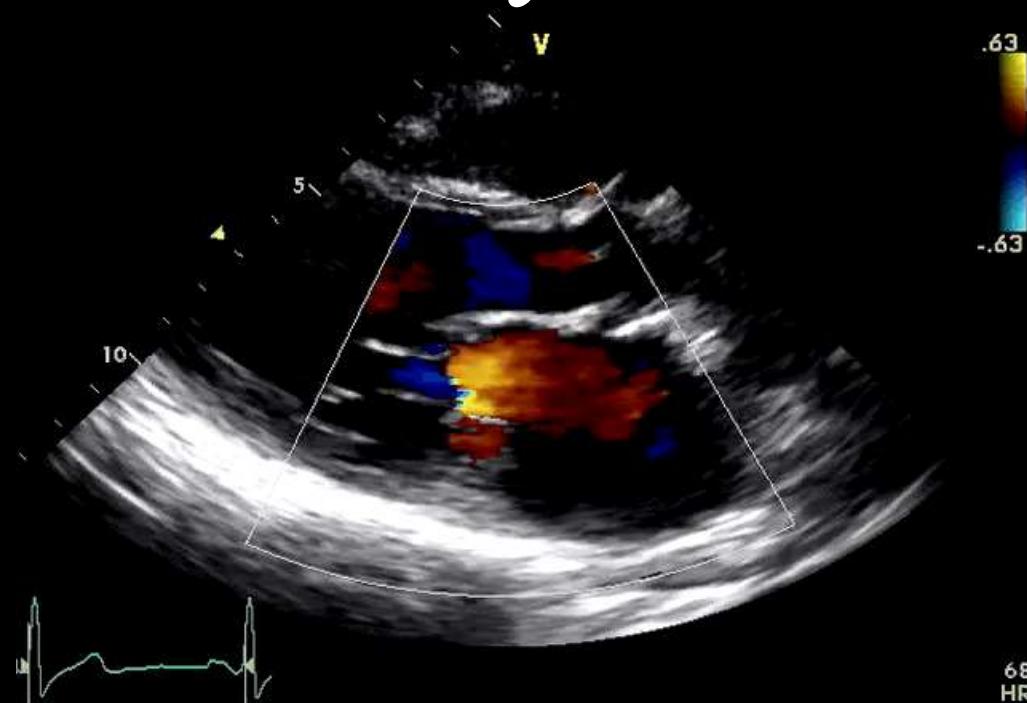
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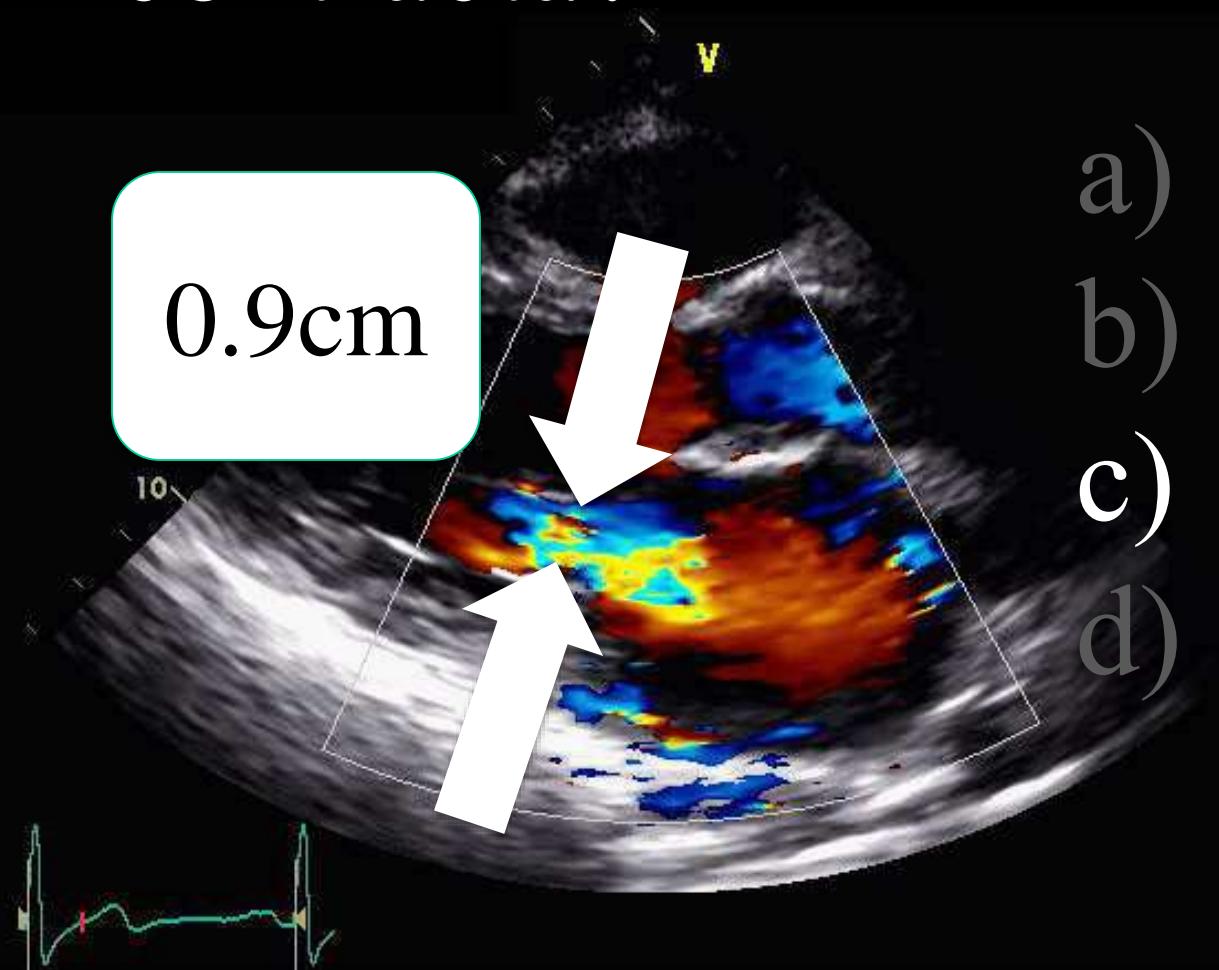


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- c) >0.70
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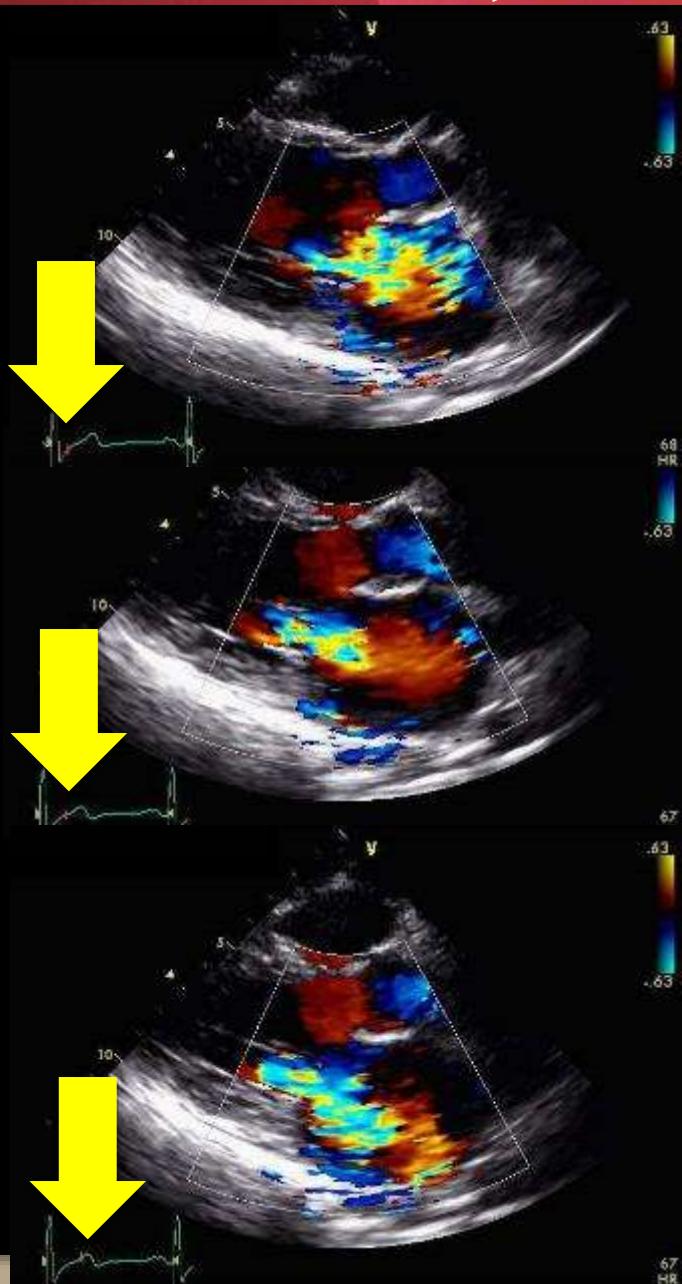
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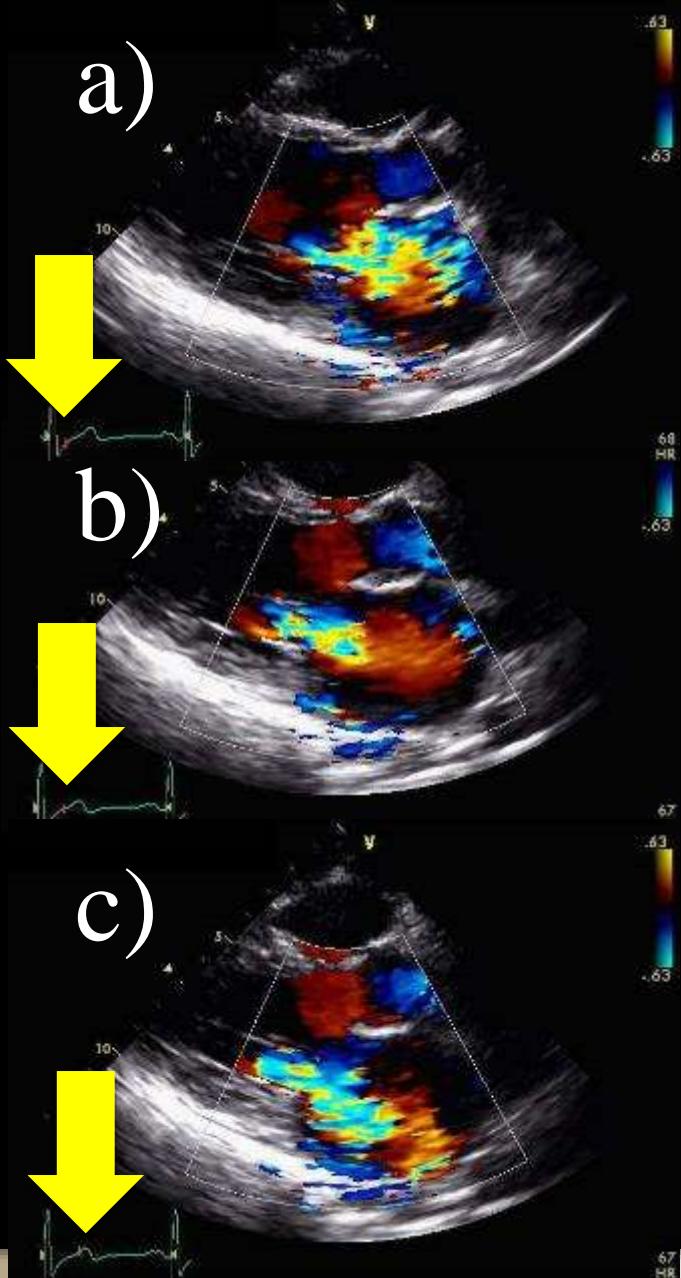
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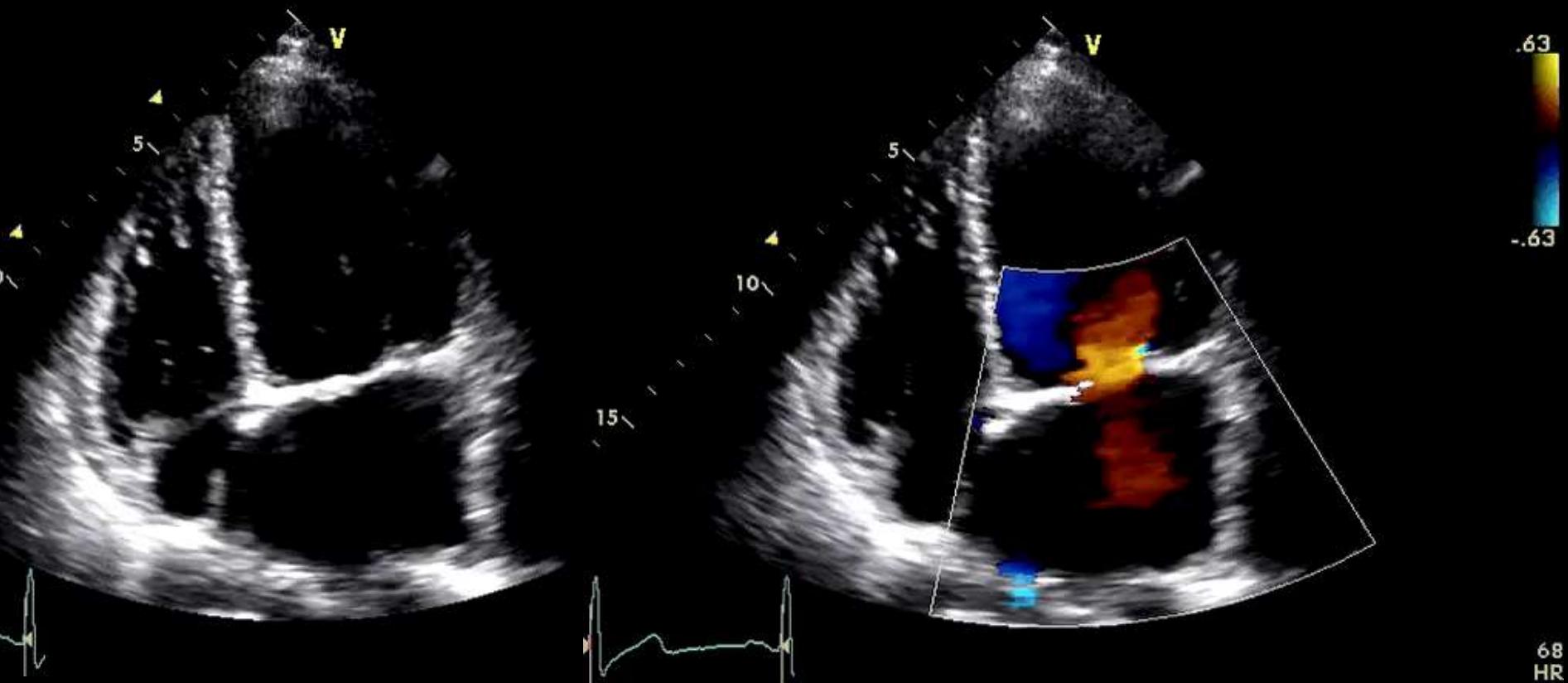
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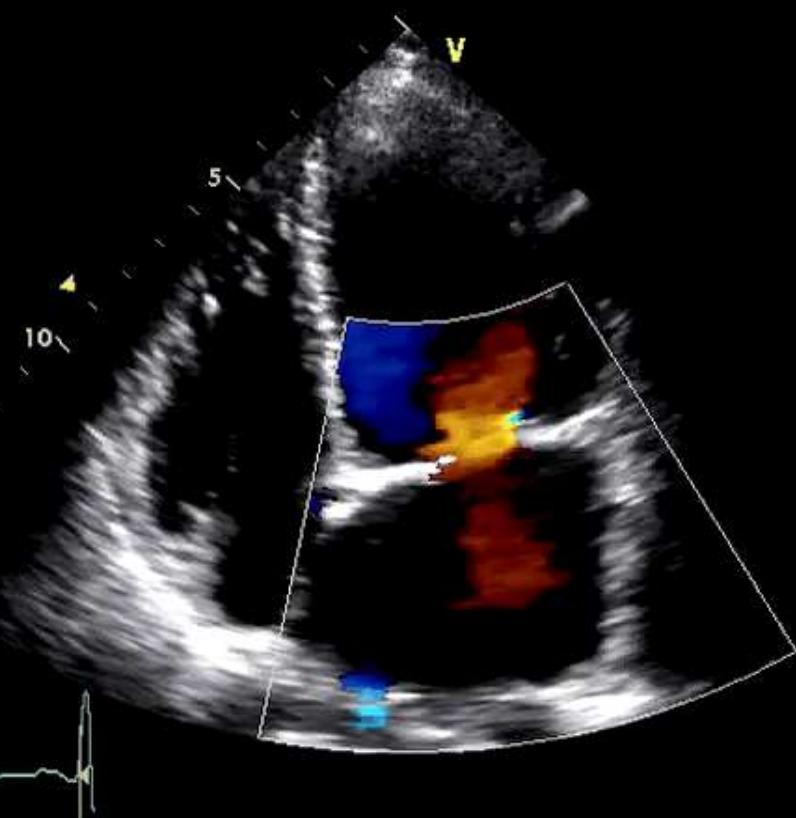
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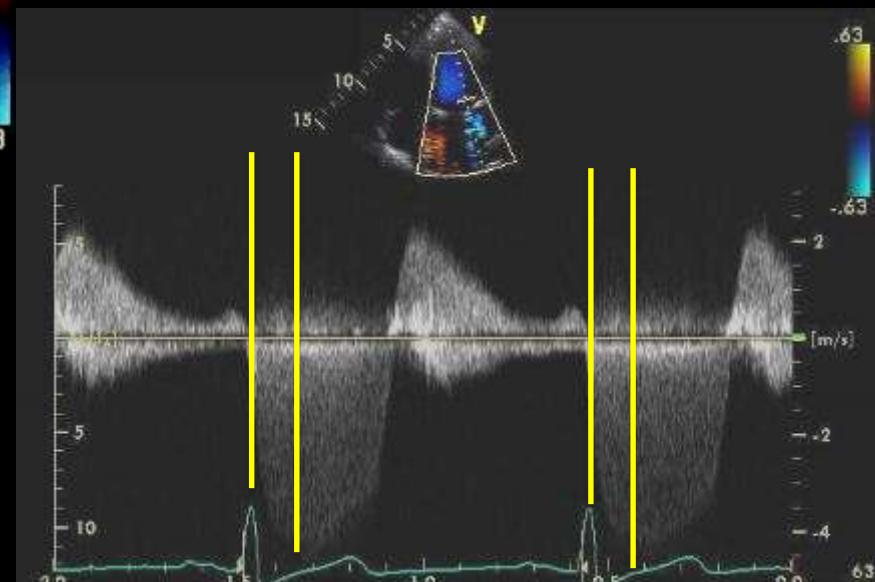
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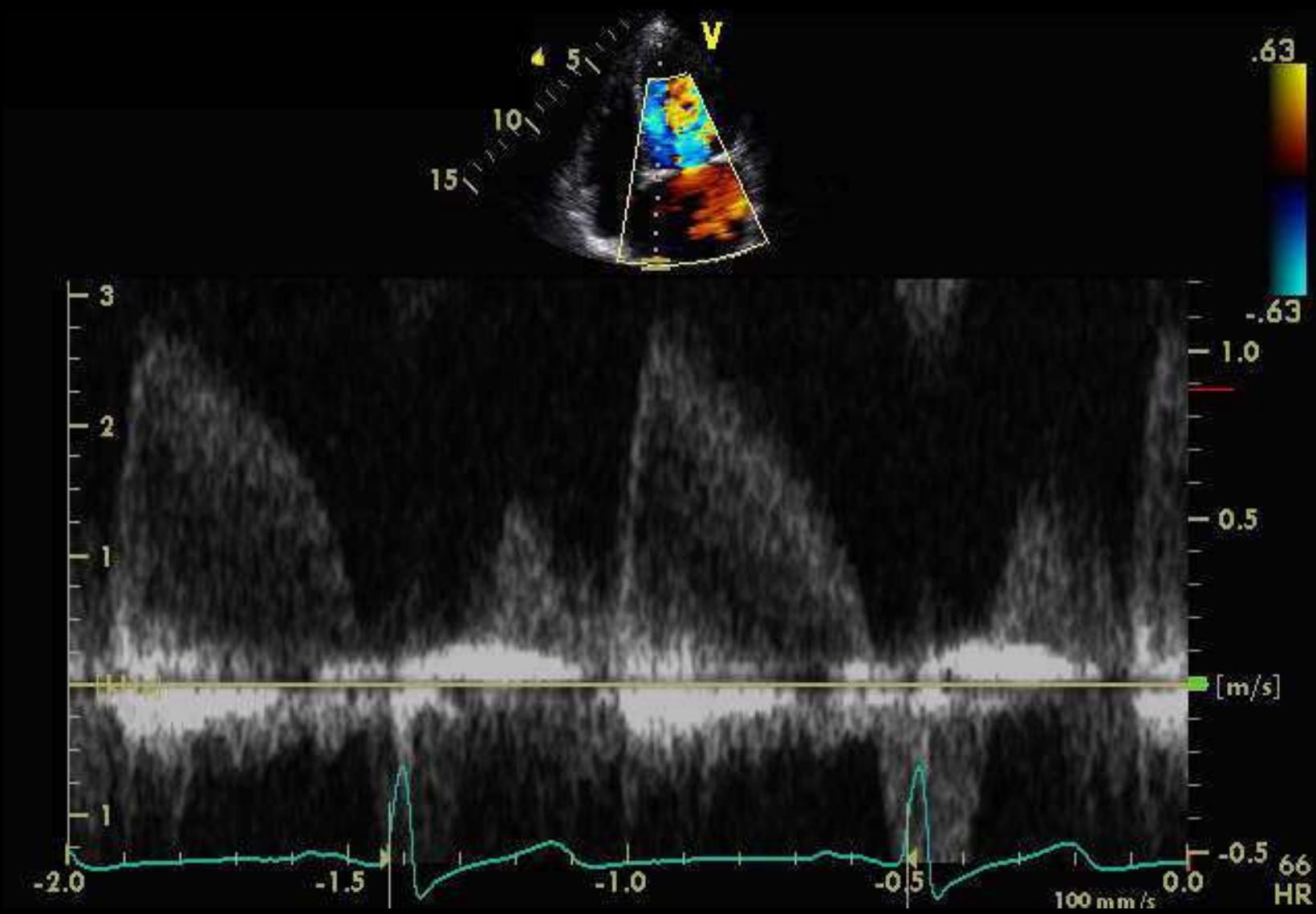


What size is the LA?
130.7ml



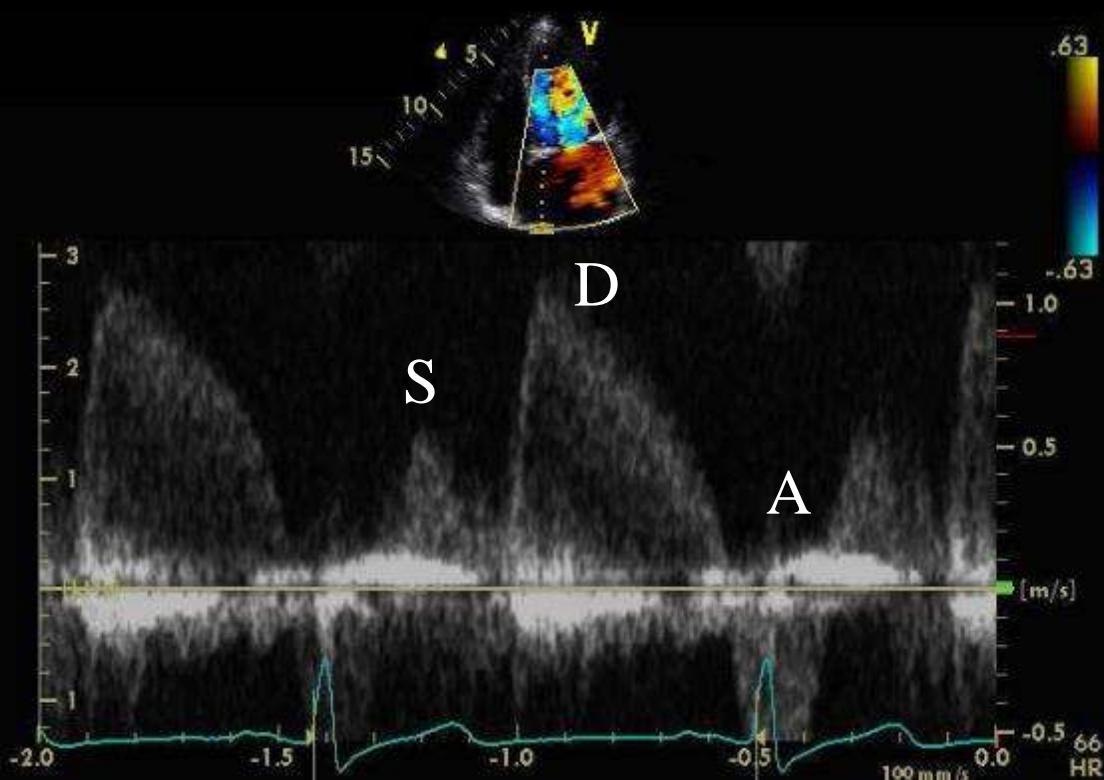
What about density and
shape of Doppler?

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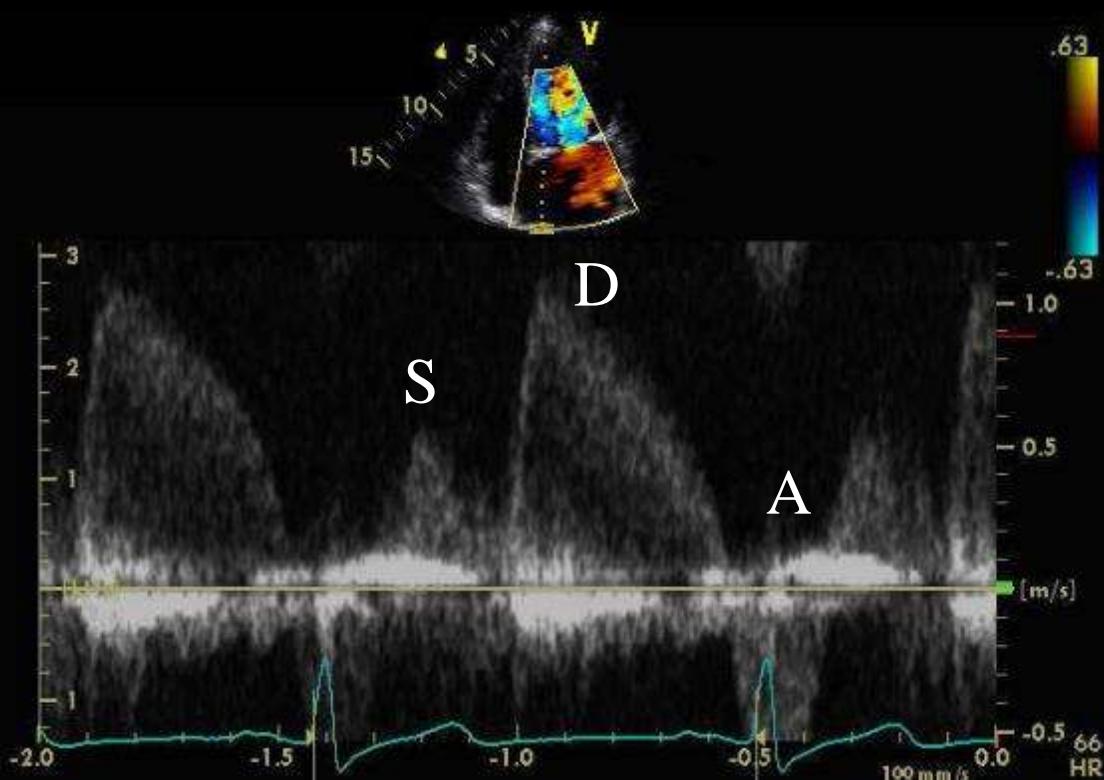
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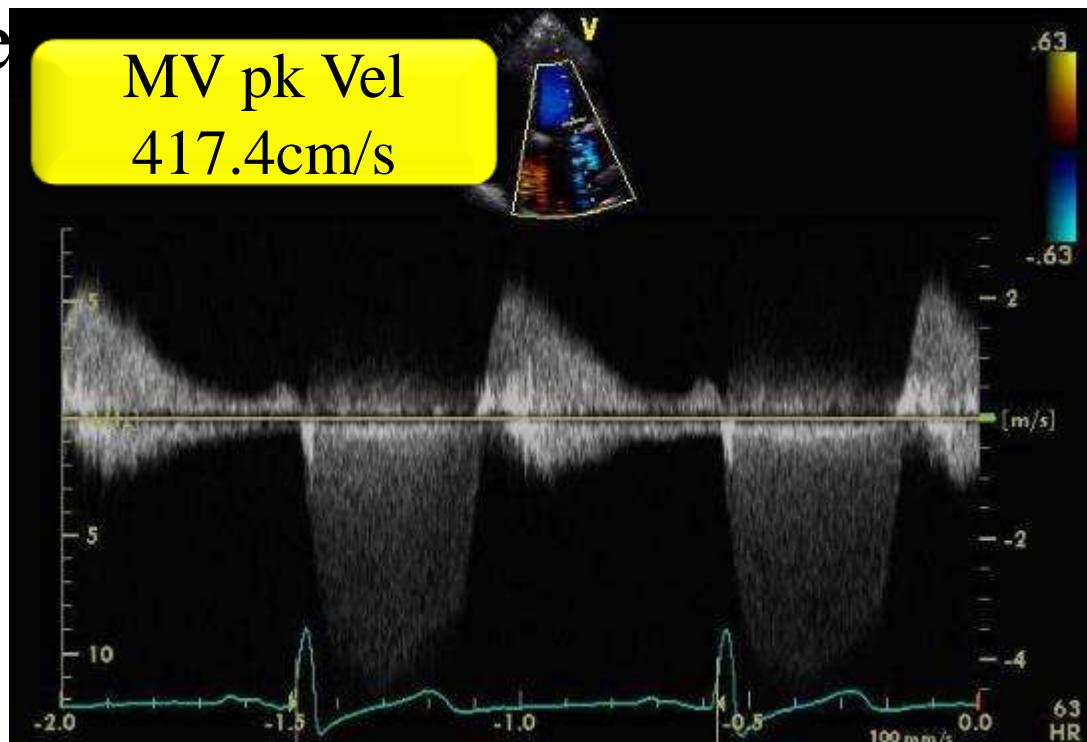


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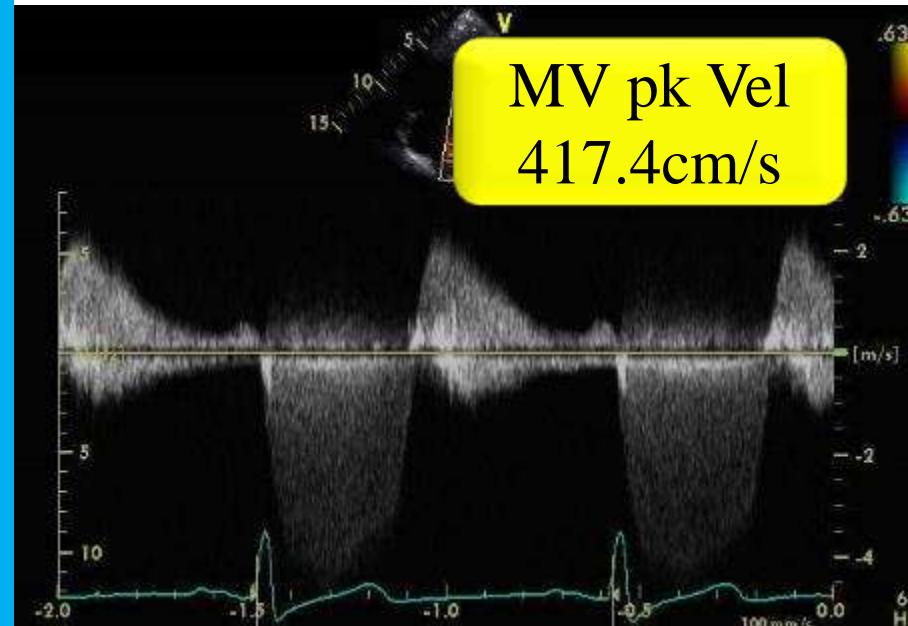
SBP = 105

MRV = 4.2 m/s

$$\text{LAP} = 105 - 4 \times 17.64$$

$$\text{LAP} = 105 - 70.56$$

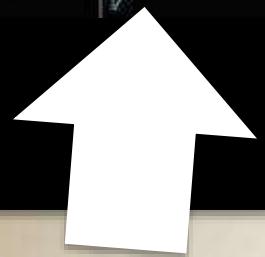
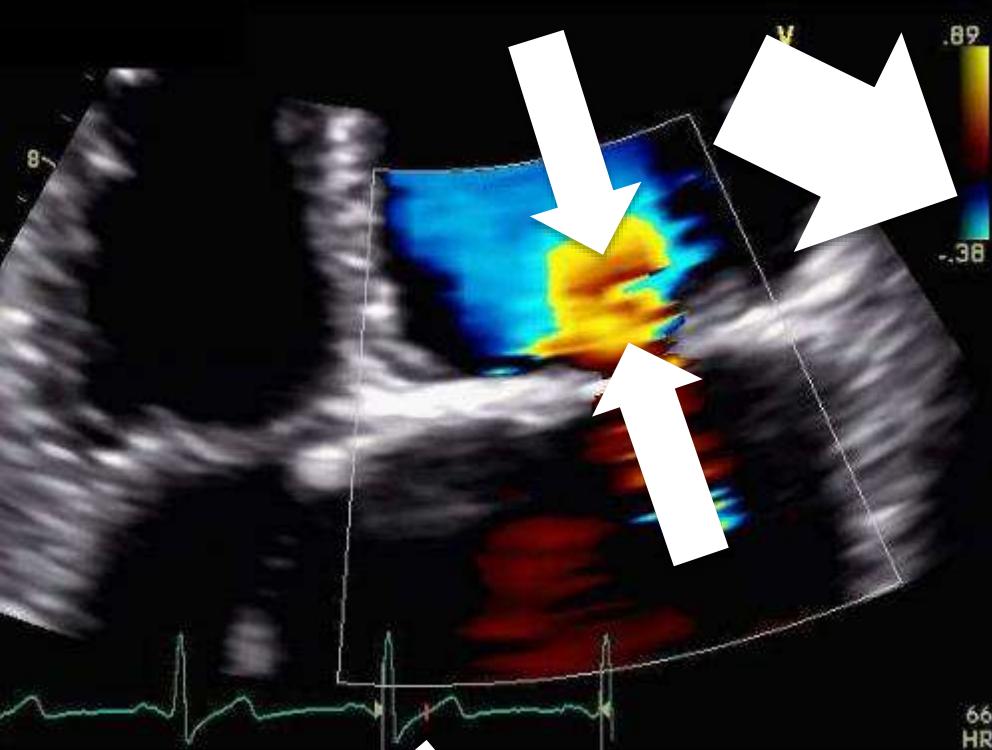
LAP = 34.44



SBP = 105

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Tips for measuring flow convergence (PISA)



1. Leaflet to 1st color shift
2. Mid systole
3. Baseline shift
4. Zoom
5. Do often

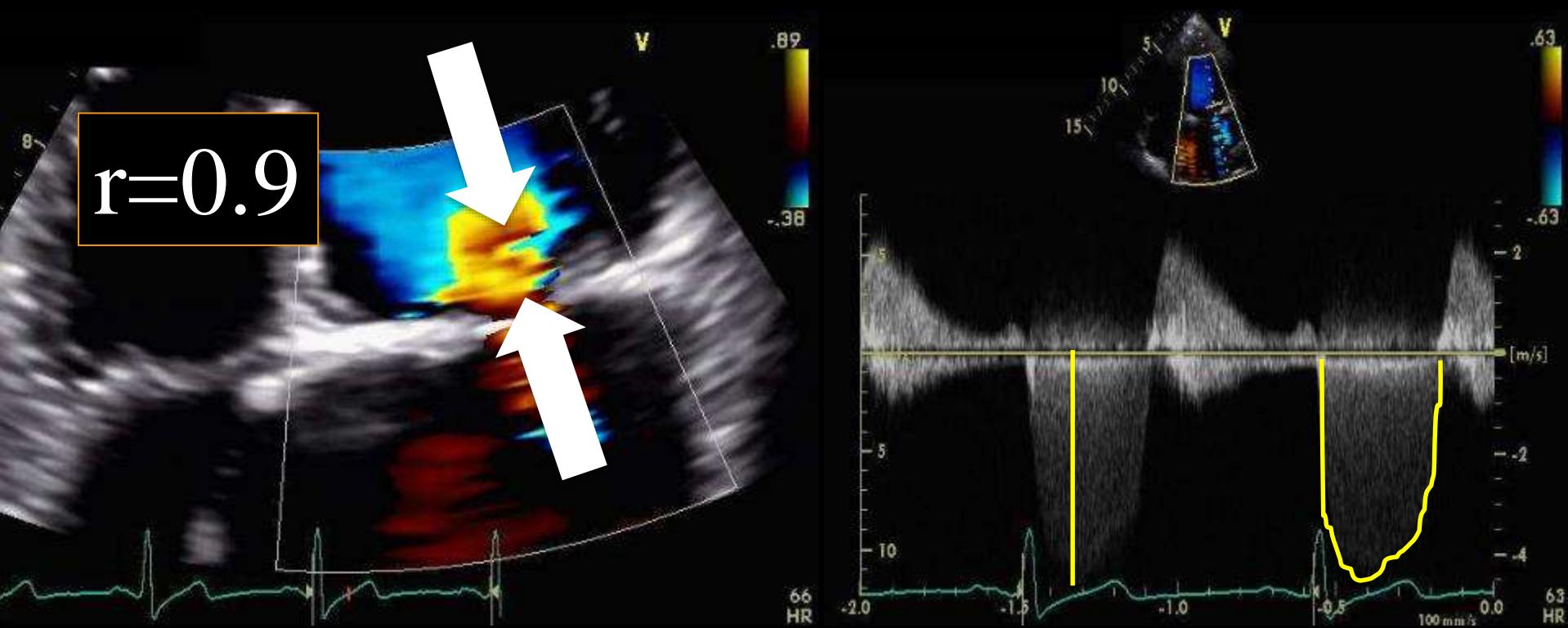
PISA Method - 4 Numbers

$r = 0.9$

MR pk Vel = 417 cm/s

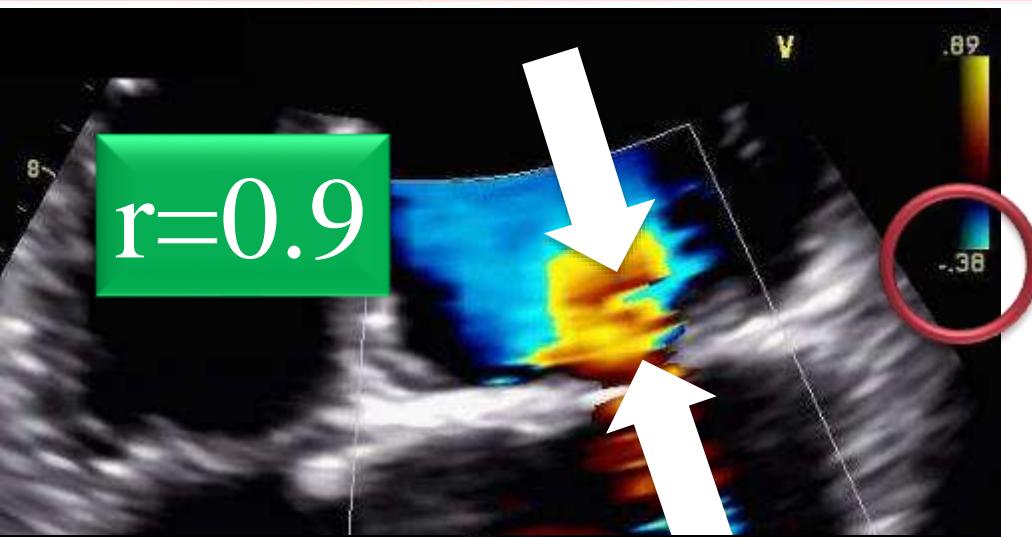
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MR TVI = 130 cm



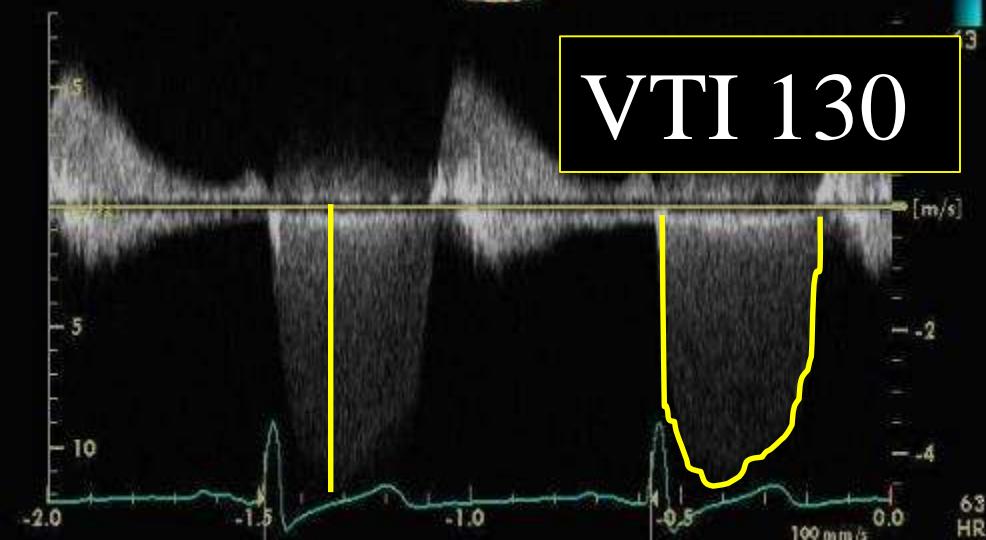
ERO and RVol

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V_{MAX} 4.17m/s

VTI 130



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$$VFR = 6.28 \times .81 \times 38$$

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$$ERO = 193/417.4$$

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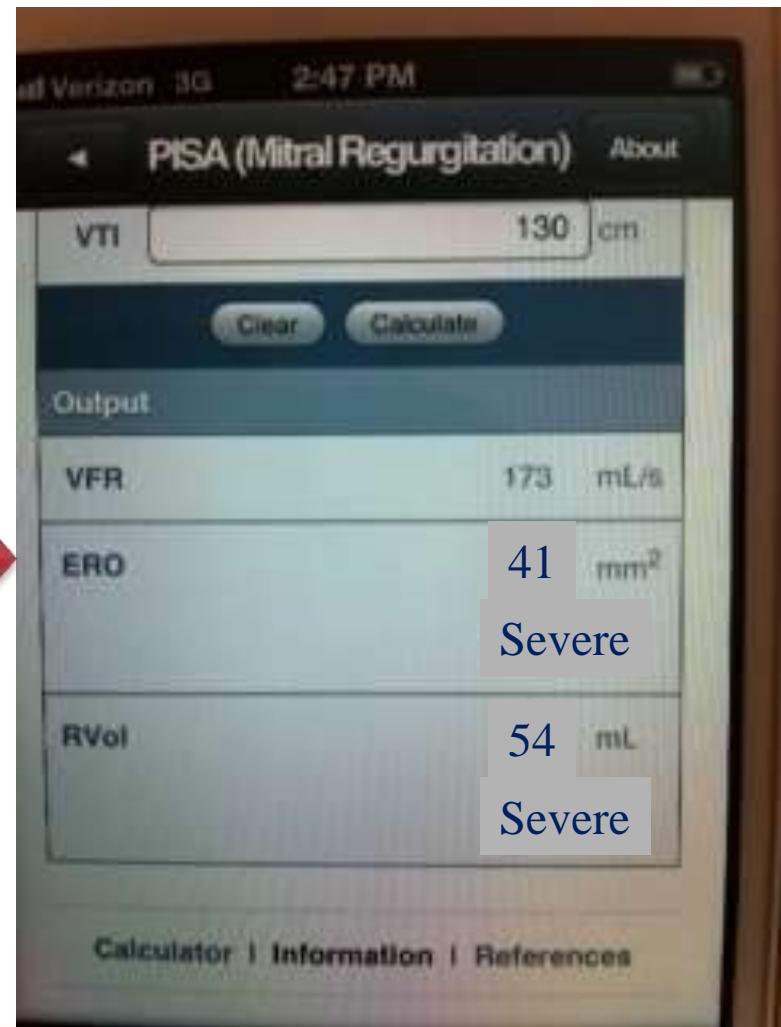
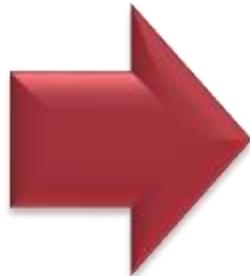
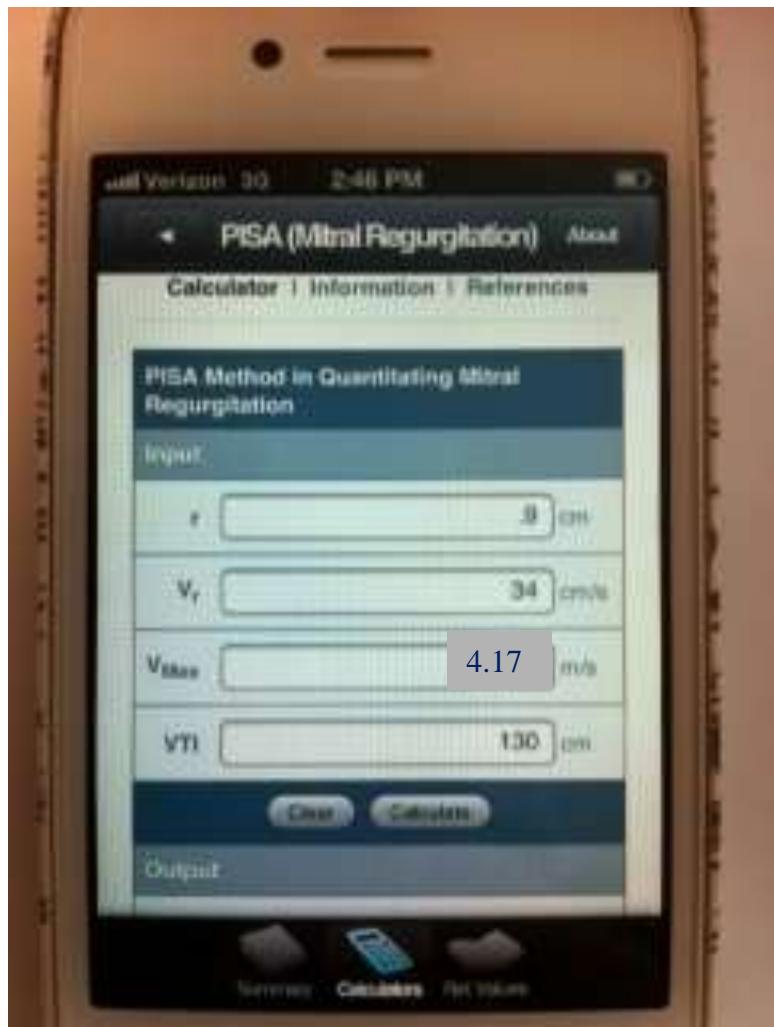
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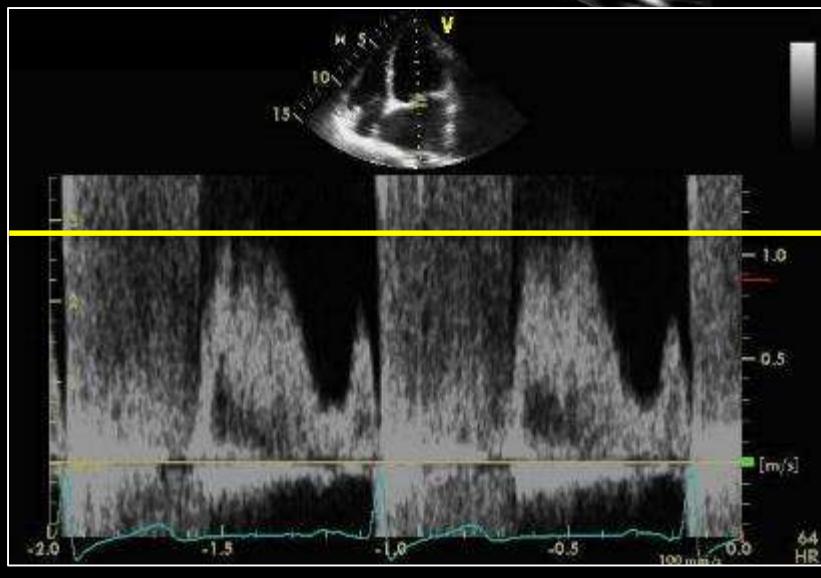
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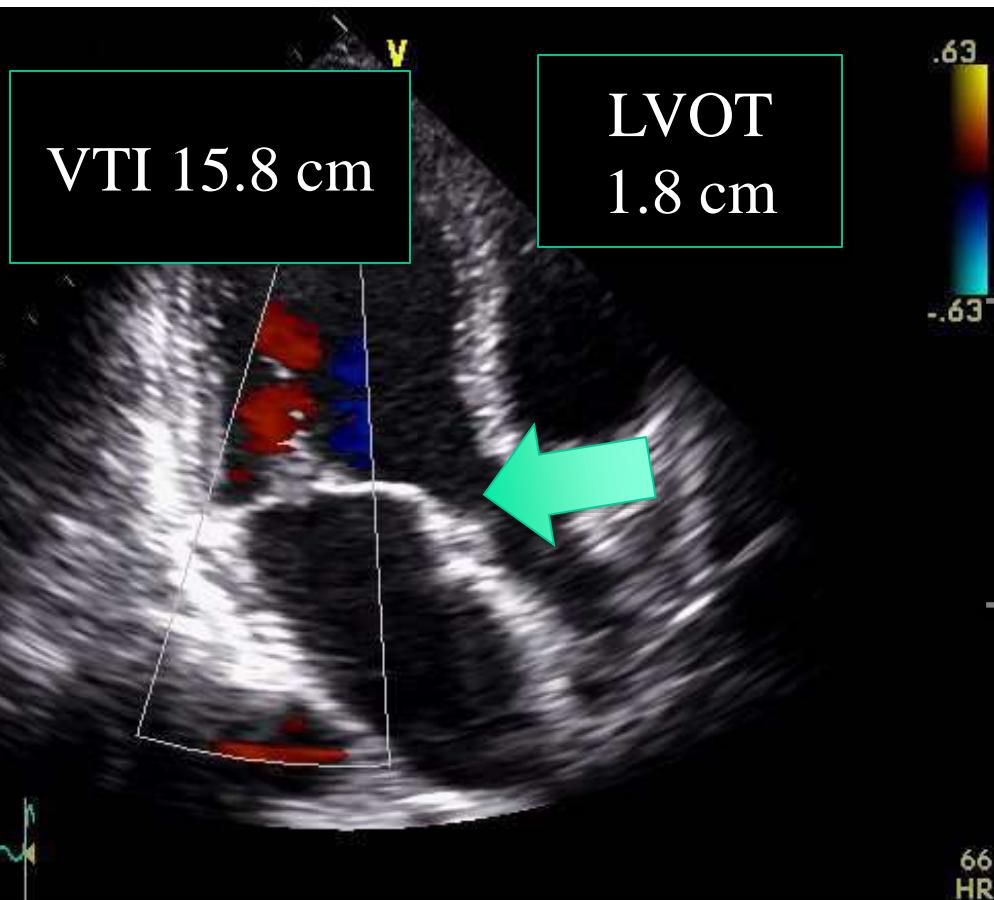
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MA Stroke Volume & CO



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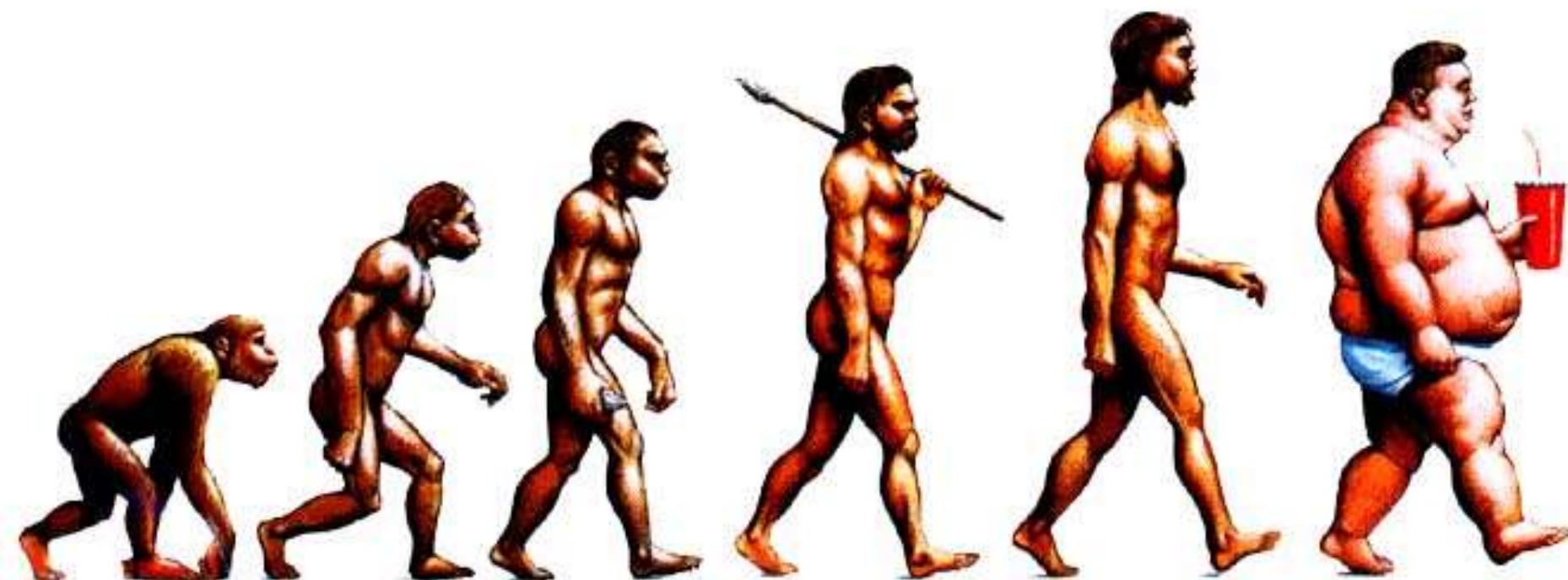
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Findings for the 32 y/o Vietnamese Female

- LV function normal
- RV normal
- LA Severely enlarged
- RA normal
- AV trace AI
- MV thickened leaflets, surgical ring, severe regurgitation with RF of 59% and estimated Rvol of 58 mL.





Case 176,298,521

JH

- 68 y/o Female
- 5'7"
- 148.9 lb
- BSA 1.79 m²
- Primary indication – Atrial Fibrillation



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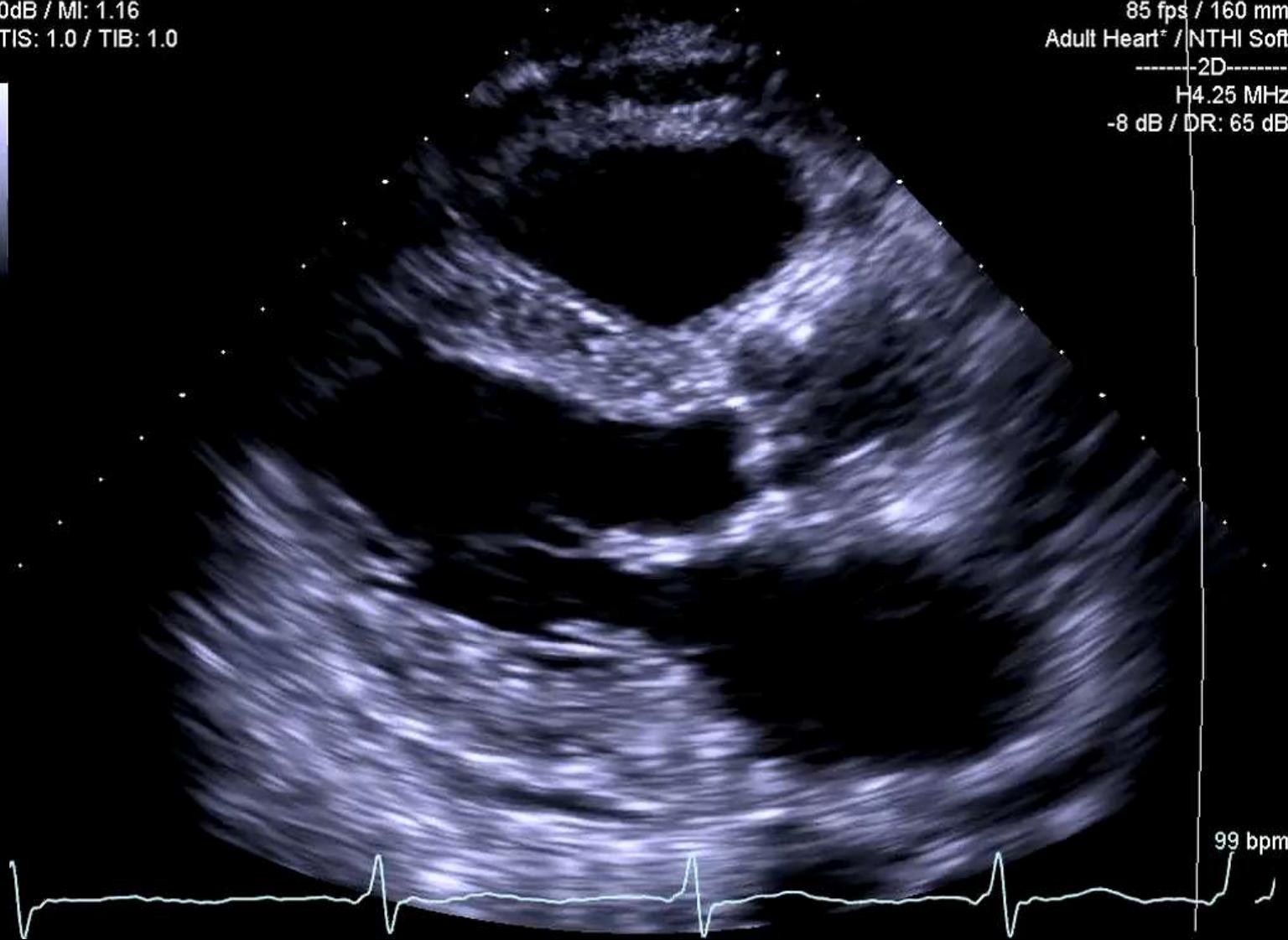
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Cardiac
0dB / MI: 1.16
TIS: 1.0 / TIB: 1.0



4V1c
85 fps / 160 mm
Adult Heart* / NTHI Soft

2D
H4.25 MHz
-8 dB / DR: 65 dB



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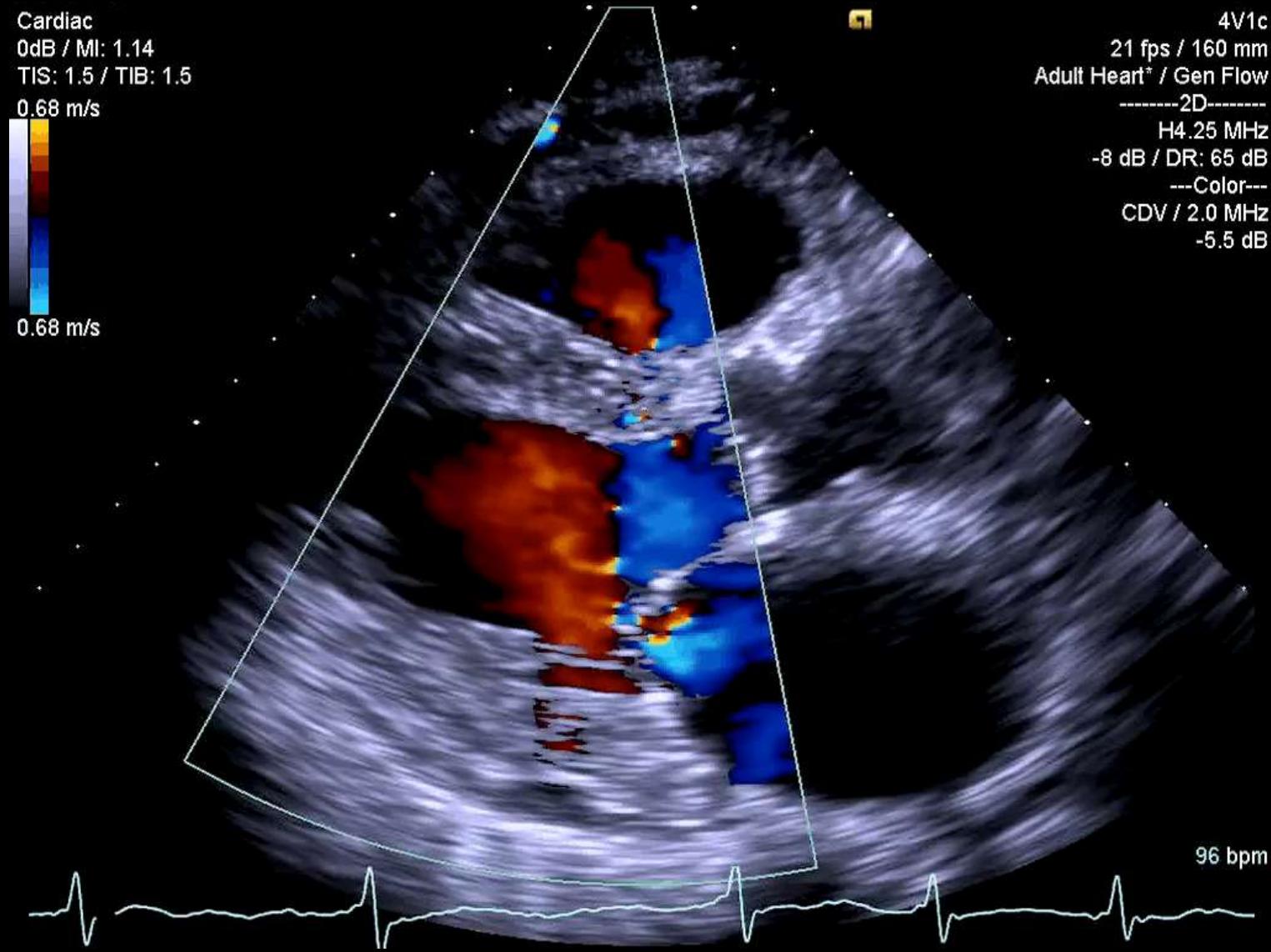
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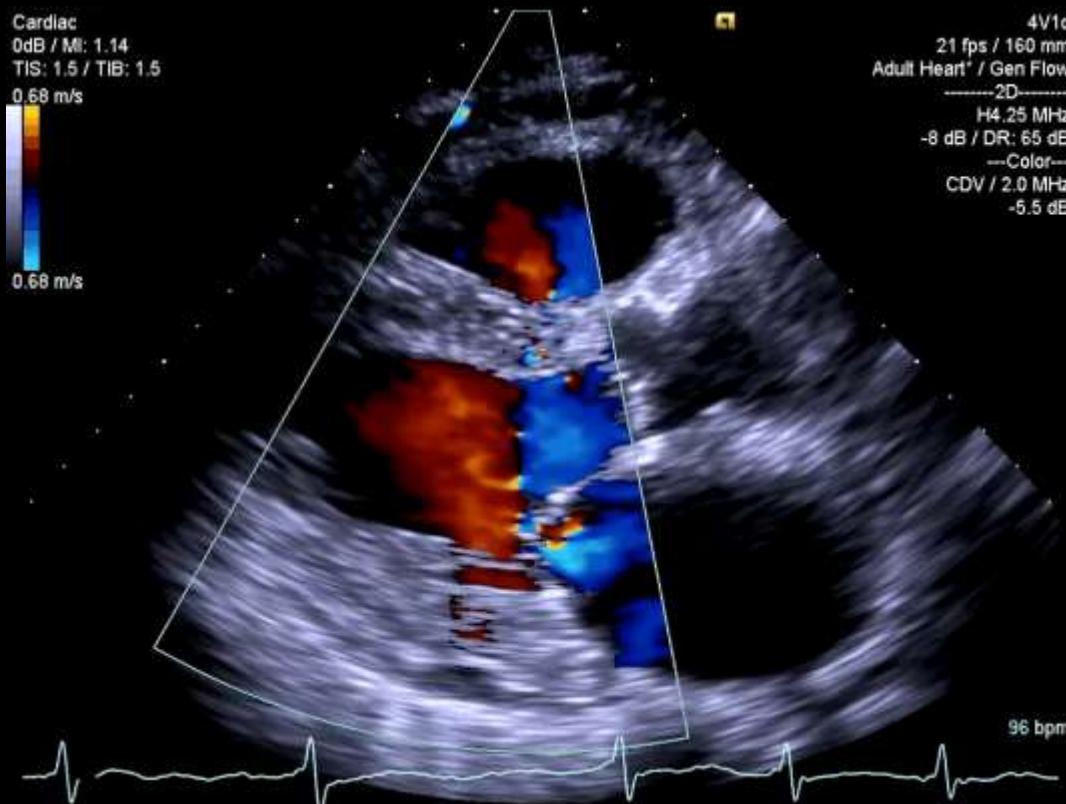


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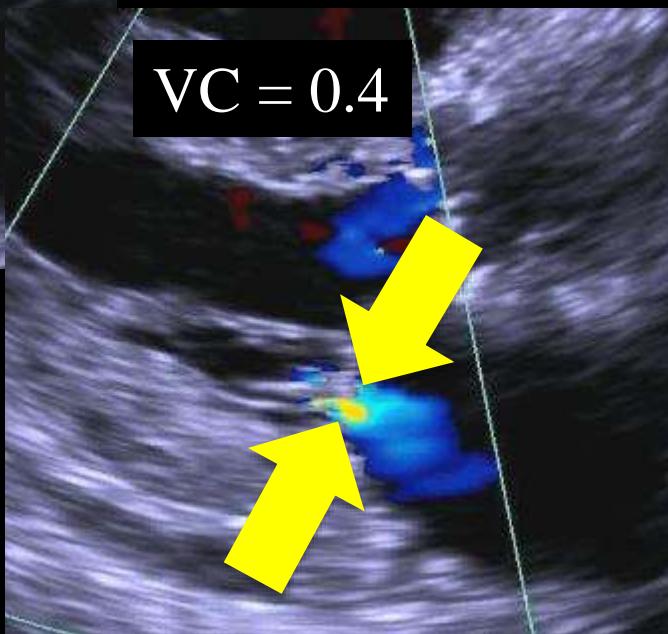
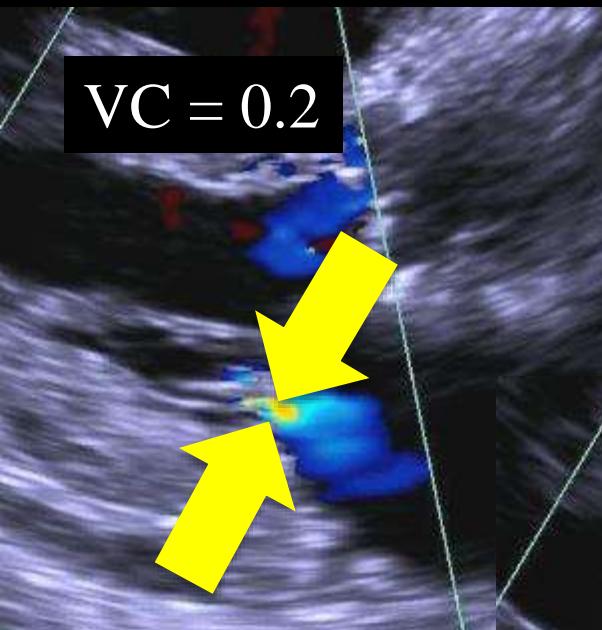
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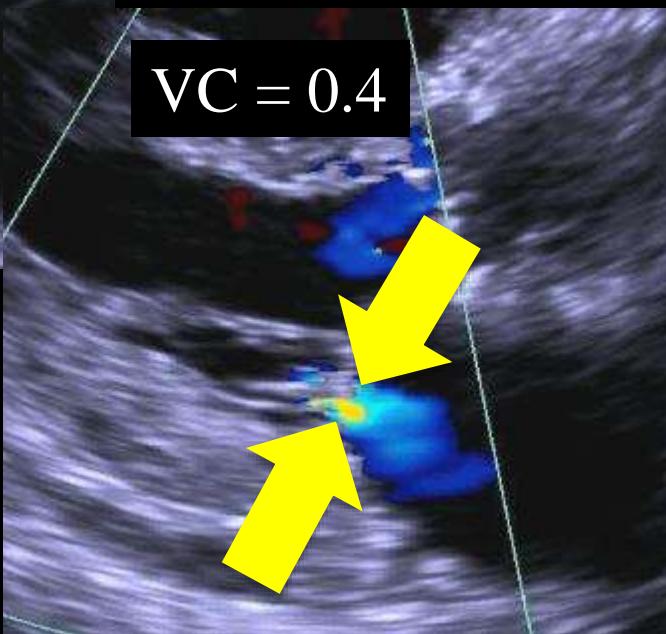
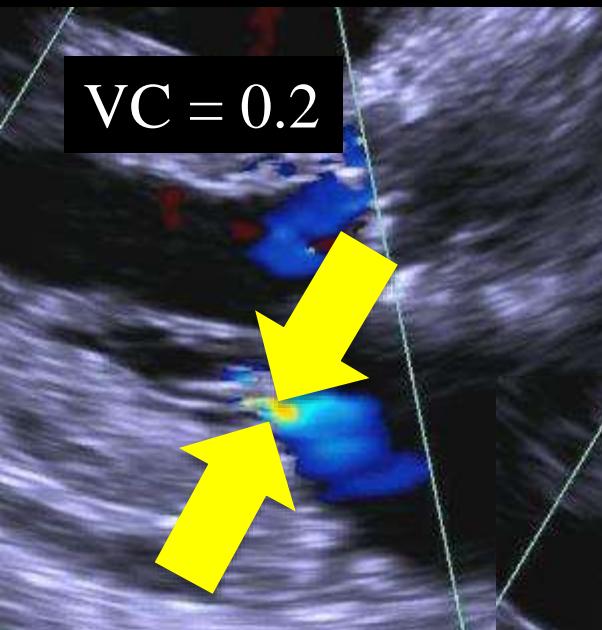
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- c) Moderate
- d) Severe

Based on vena contracta what is the degree of MR?



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Grading MR

Qualitative Methods

Parameters	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Color jet area	4cm ² or 10% LA	Variable	>10cm ² or 40% LA
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Pvein flow	Sys. dominance	Sys. Blunting	Systolic reversal
MV Inflow	Dominant A wave		Dominant E >1.2

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Parameters	Mild	Moderate	Severe
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Reg. Volume	< 30	30-59	<u>>60</u>
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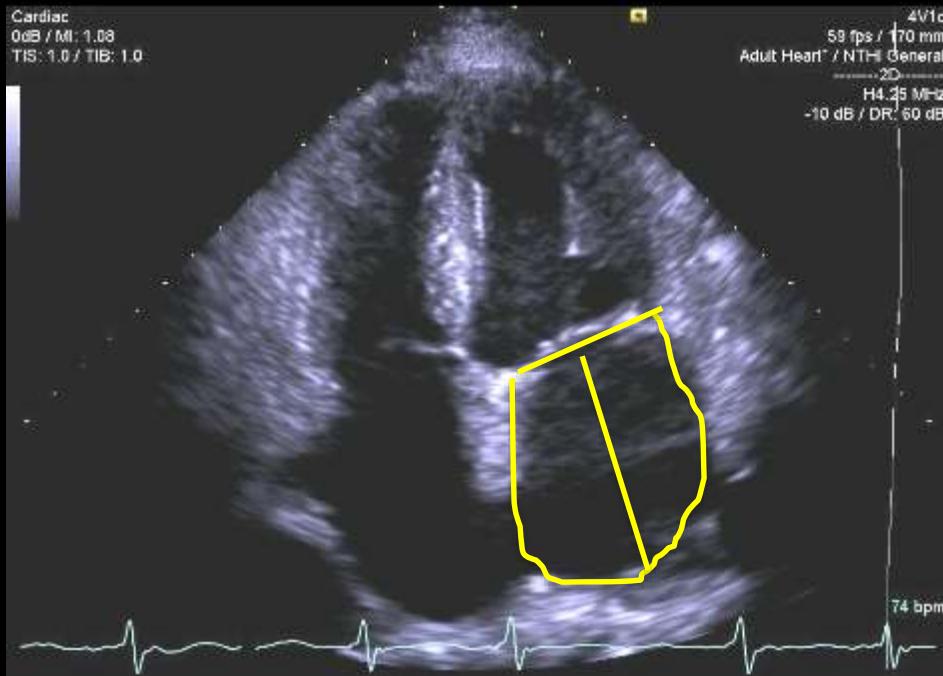
Case 176,298,521_{JH}

What size is the LA?



What size is the LA?

71.7 ml

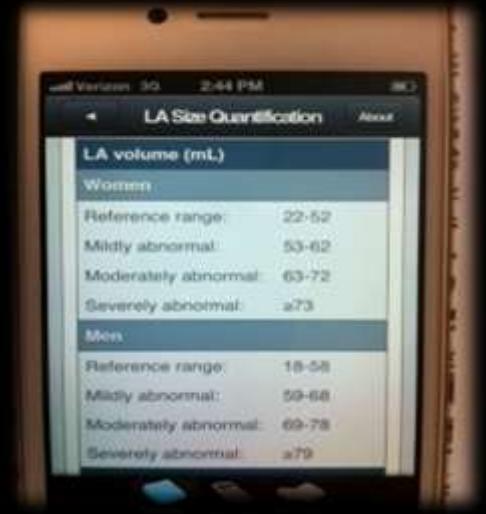


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Case 176,298,521_{JH}

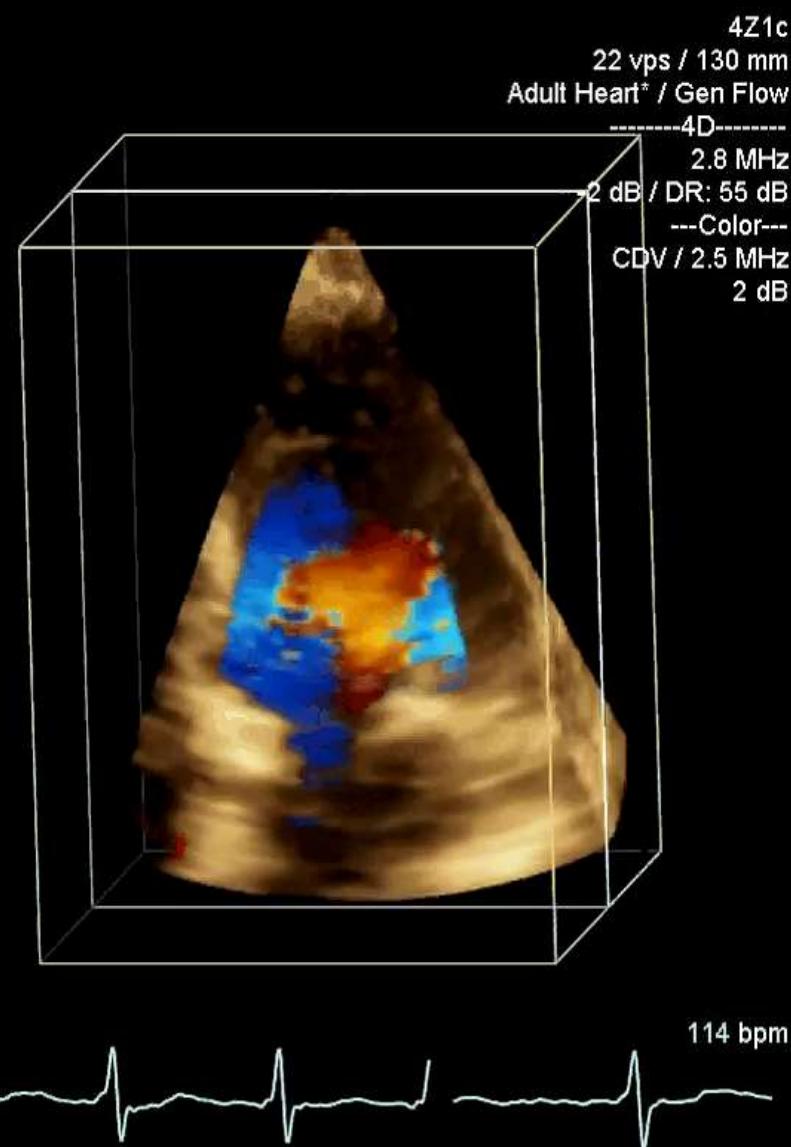
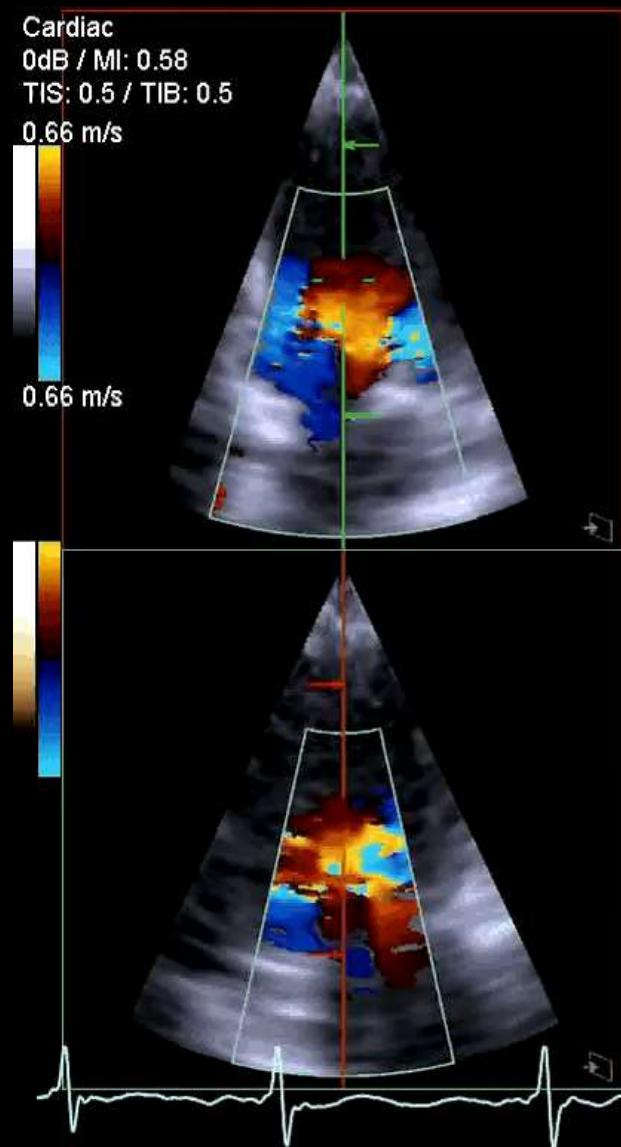
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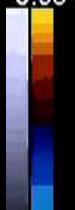
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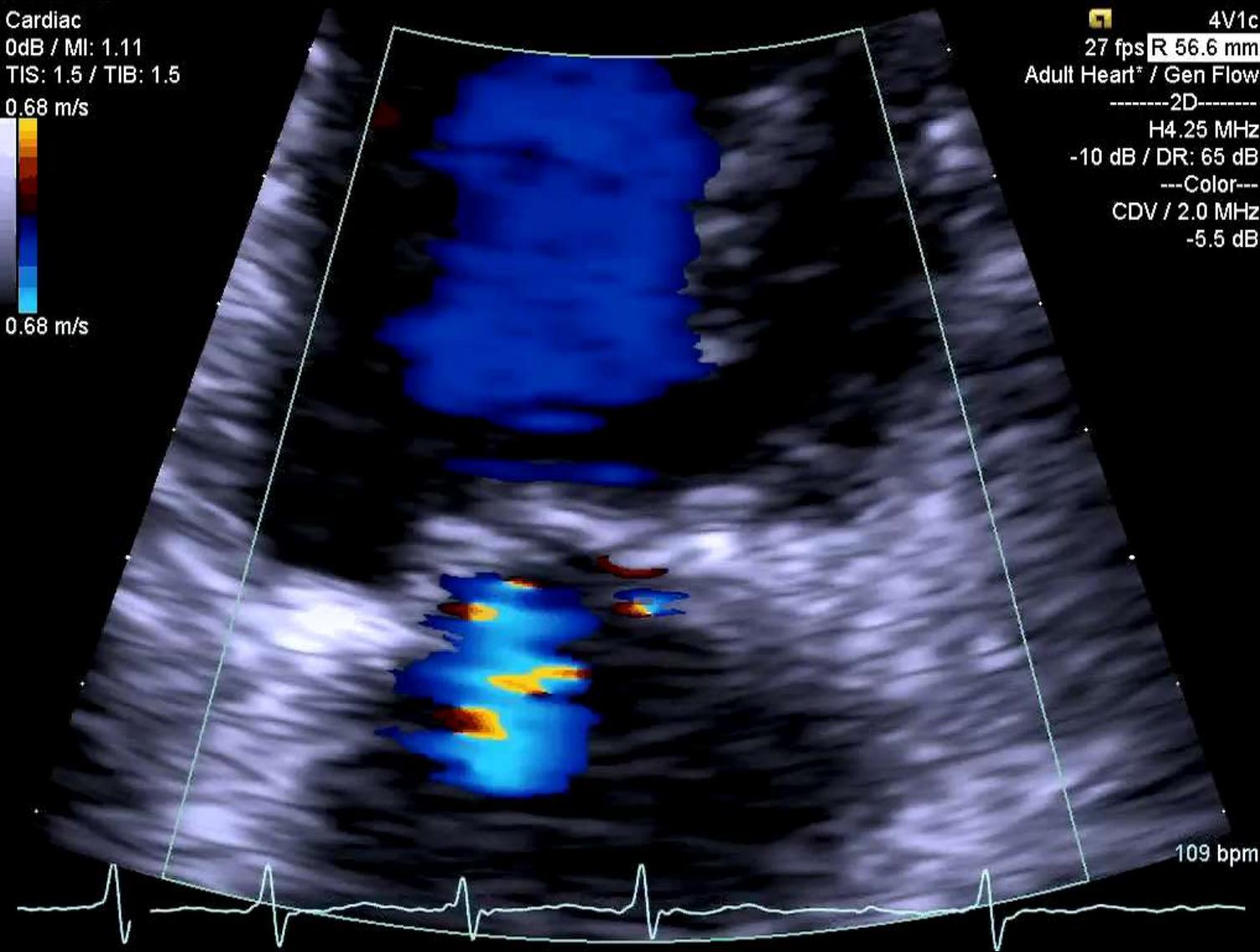
Case 176,298,521_{JH}

Cardiac
0dB / MI: 1.11
TIS: 1.5 / TIB: 1.5
0.68 m/s

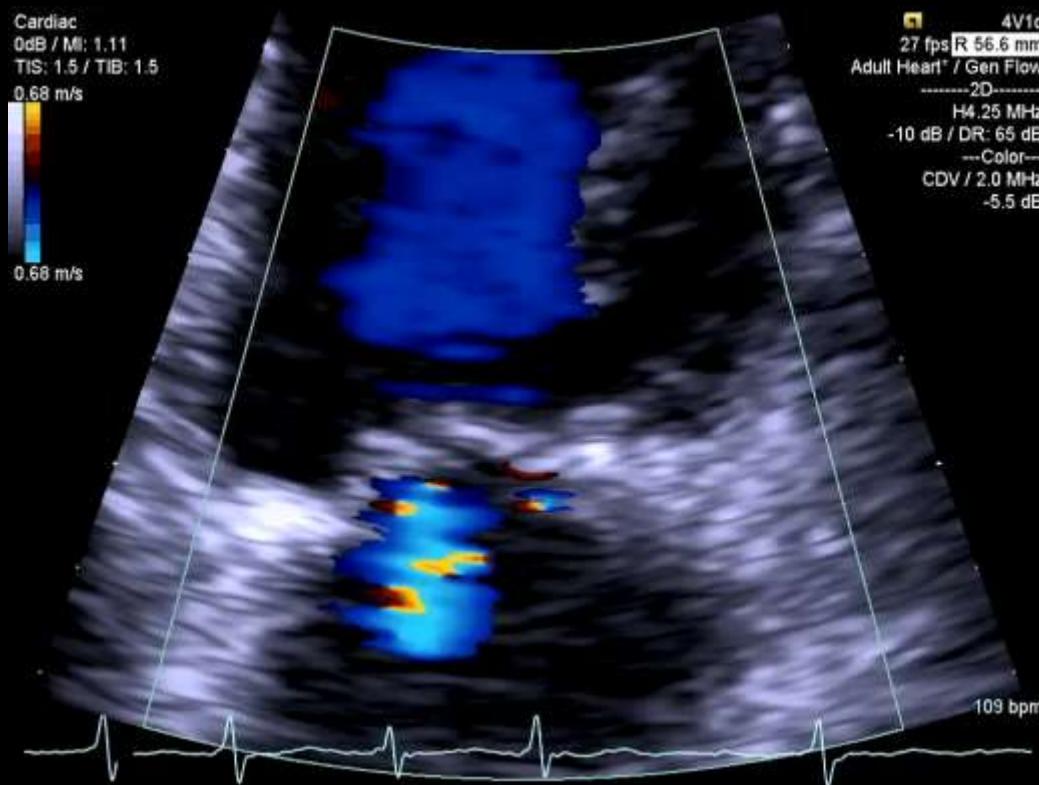


0.68 m/s

4V1c
27 fps R 56.6 mm
Adult Heart* / Gen Flow
-----2D-----
H4.25 MHz
-10 dB / DR: 65 dB
---Color---
CDV / 2.0 MHz
-5.5 dB

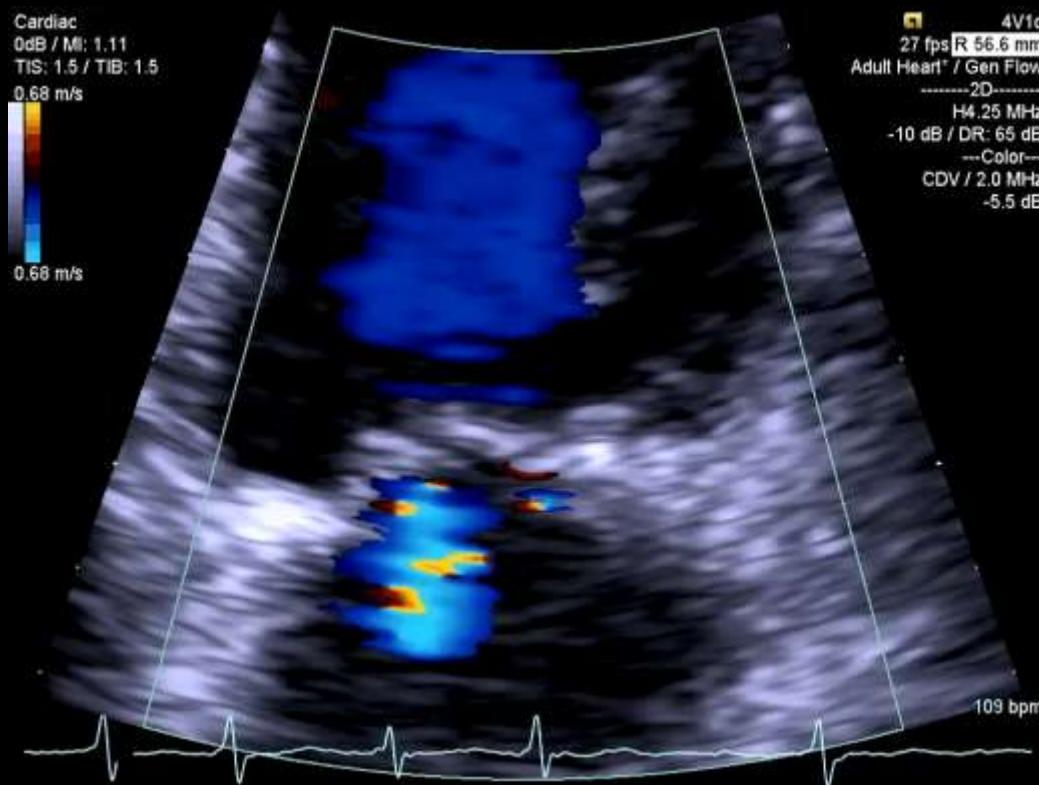


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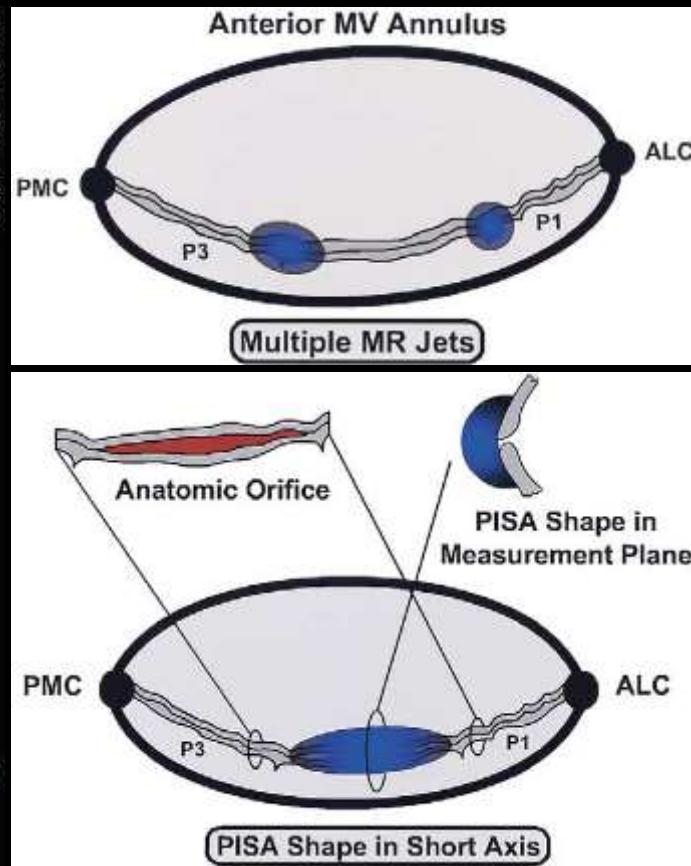
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- d) What MR?

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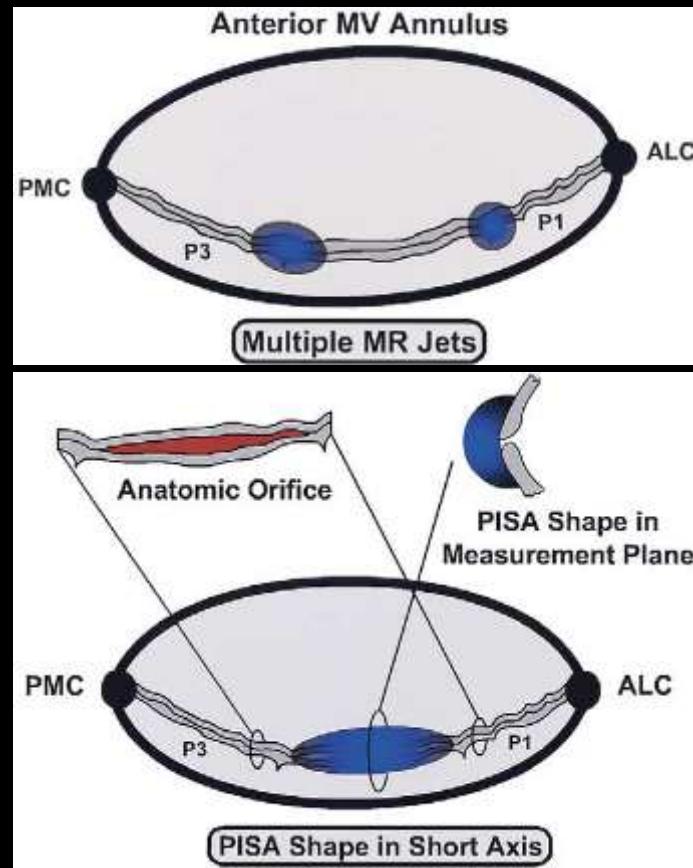


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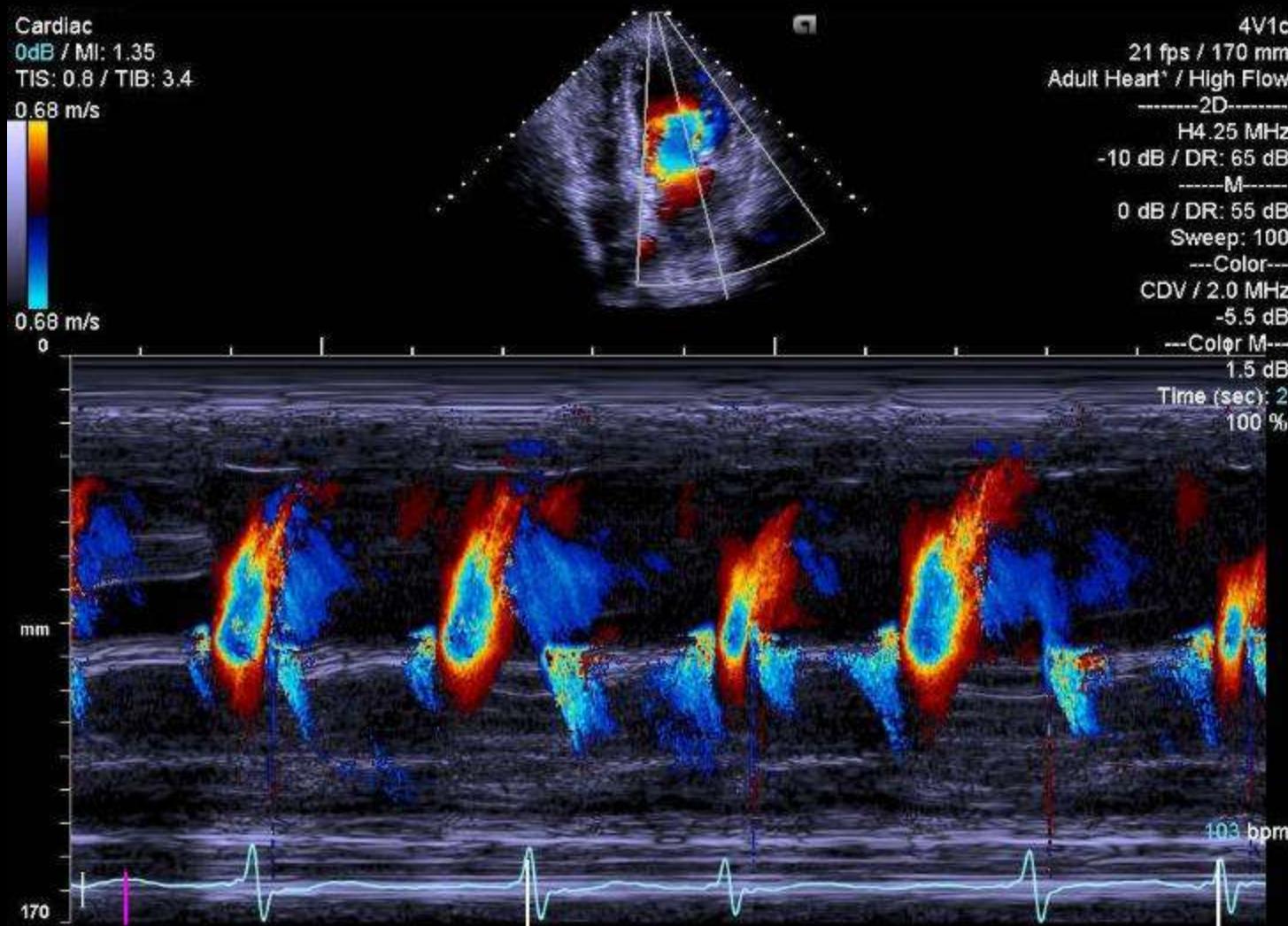
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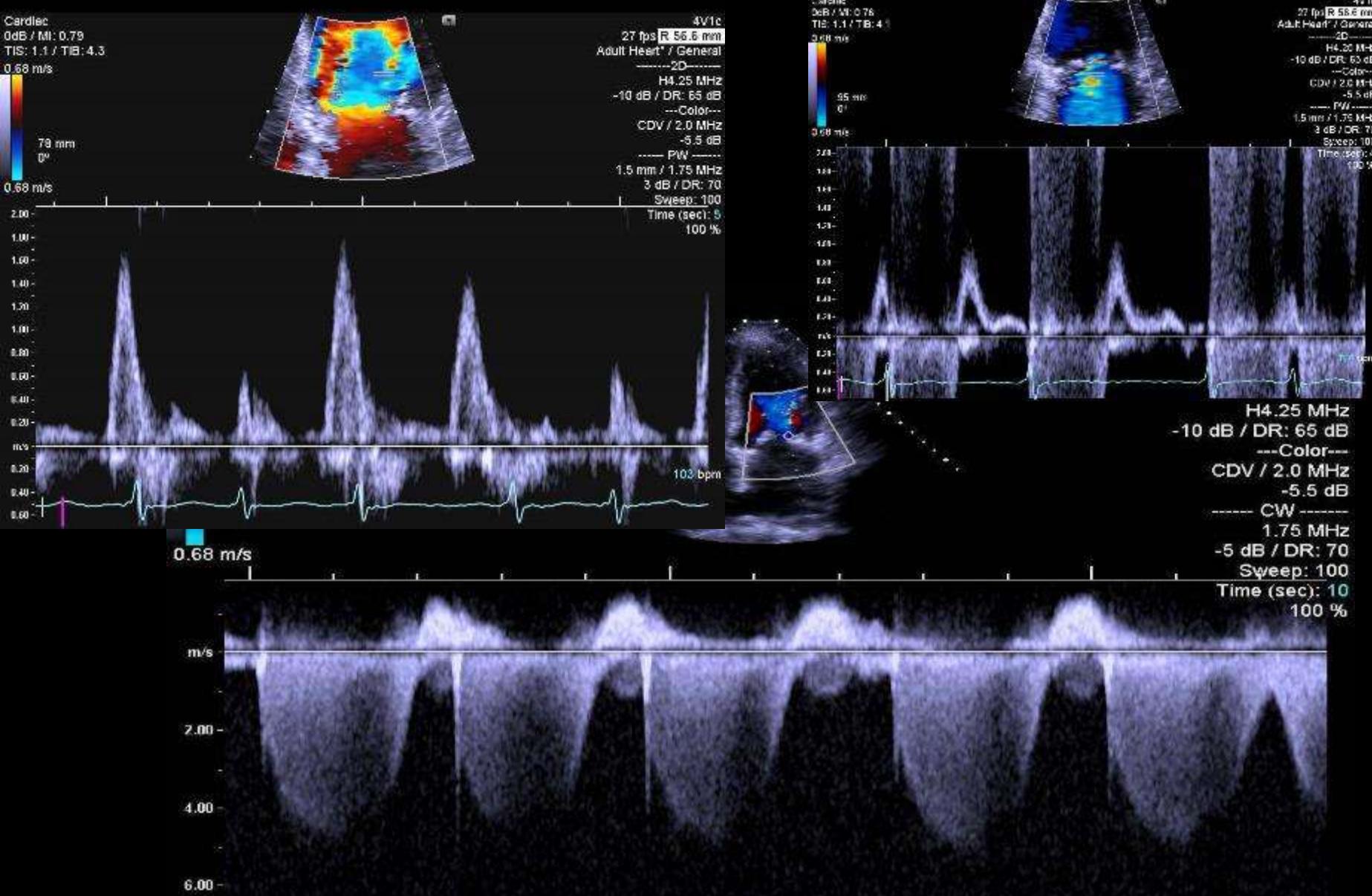
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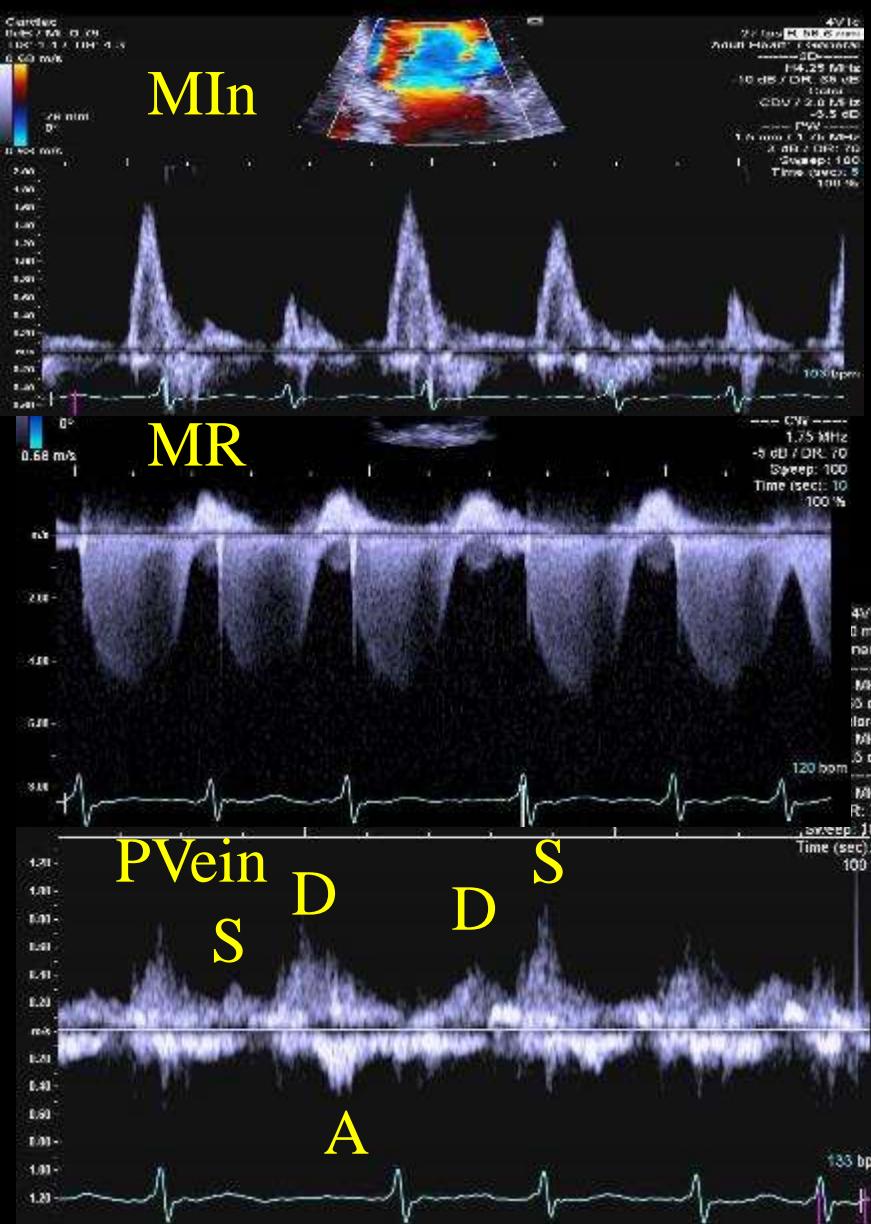
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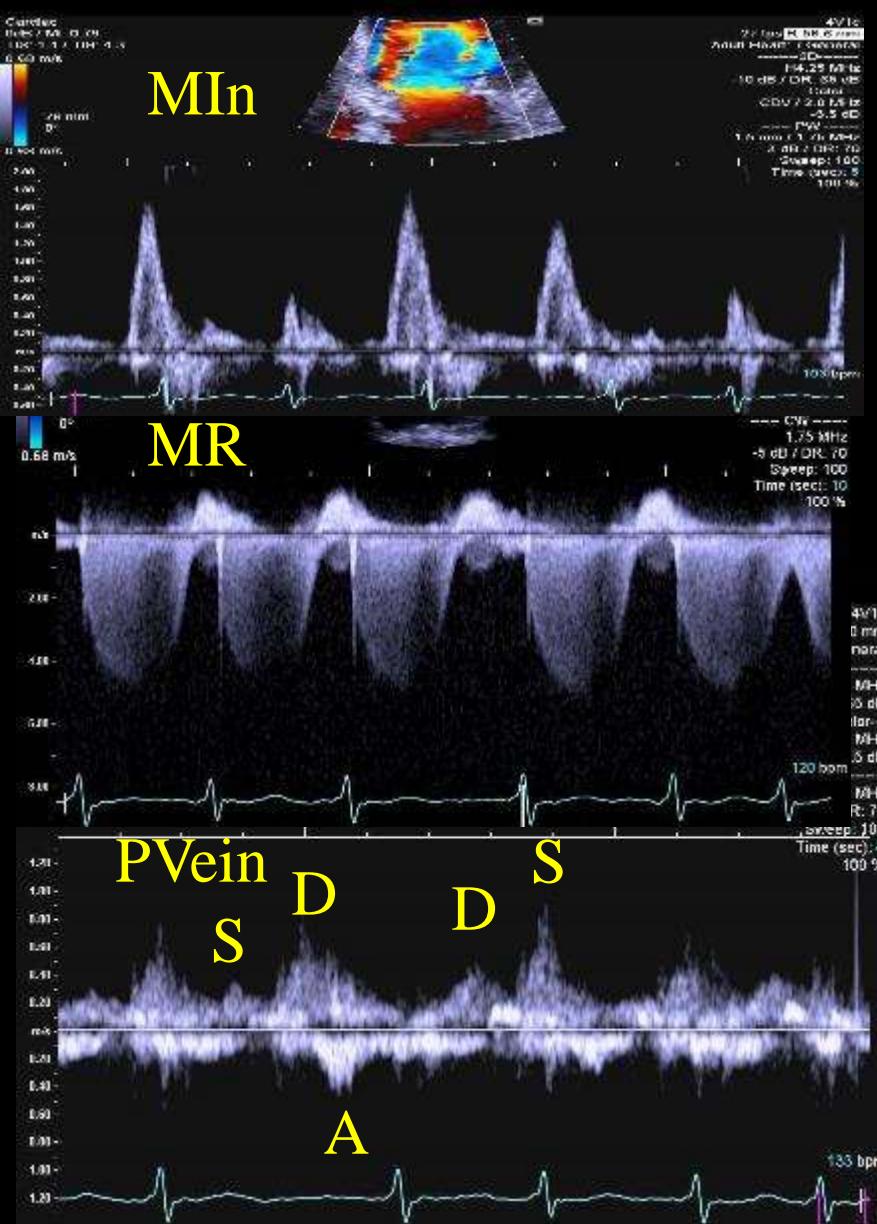
Case 176,298,521_{JH}



Supportive signs
include...

- a) Dominant E
- b) Dense parabolic Doppler
- c) None of the above
- d) A & B

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Grading MR

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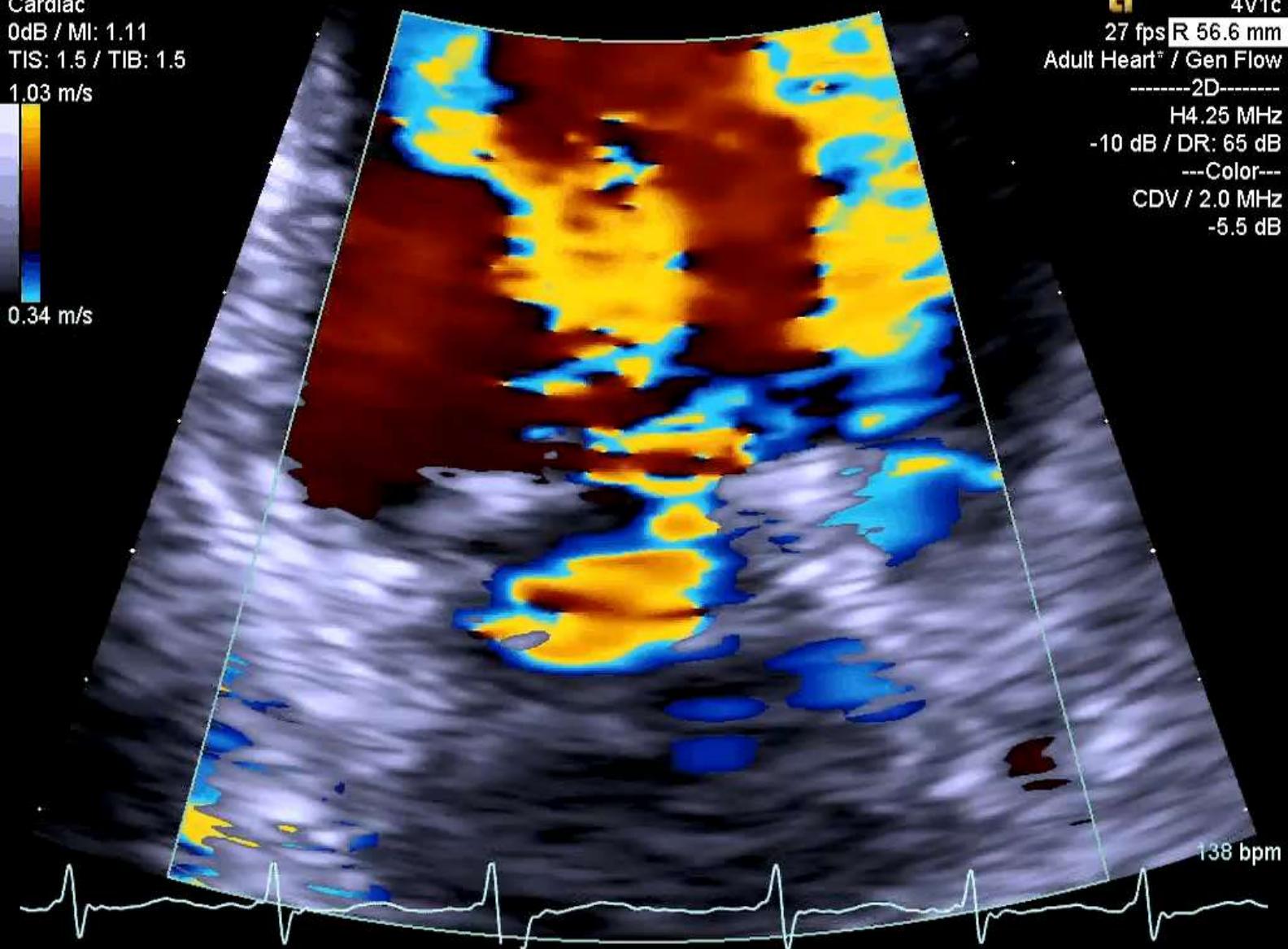
Case 176,298,521_{JH}

Cardiac
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TIS: 1.5 / TIB: 1.5
1.03 m/s



0.34 m/s

4V1c
27 fps R 56.6 mm
Adult Heart® / Gen Flow
-----2D-----
H4.25 MHz
-10 dB / DR: 65 dB
---Color---
CDV / 2.0 MHz
-5.5 dB

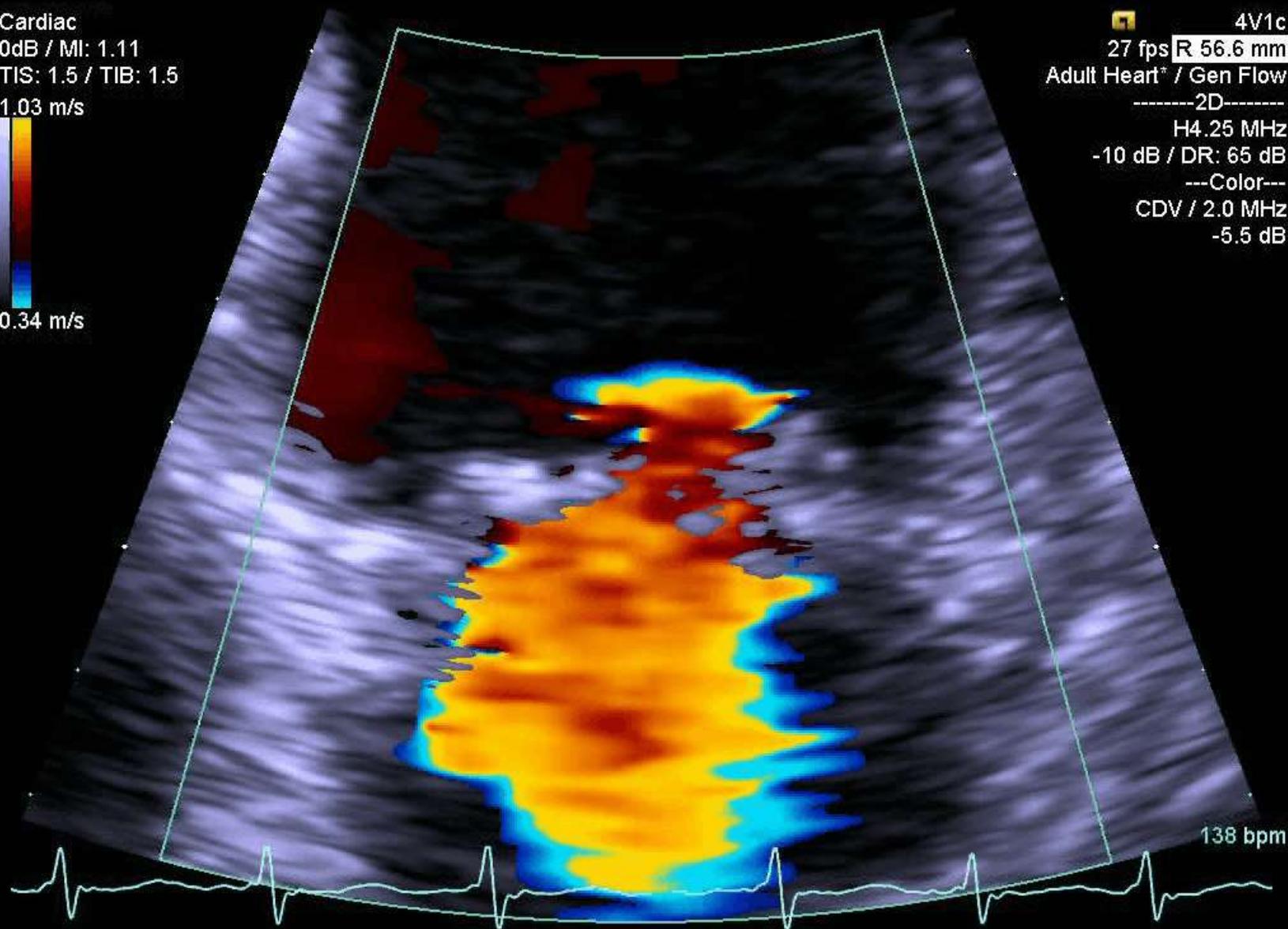


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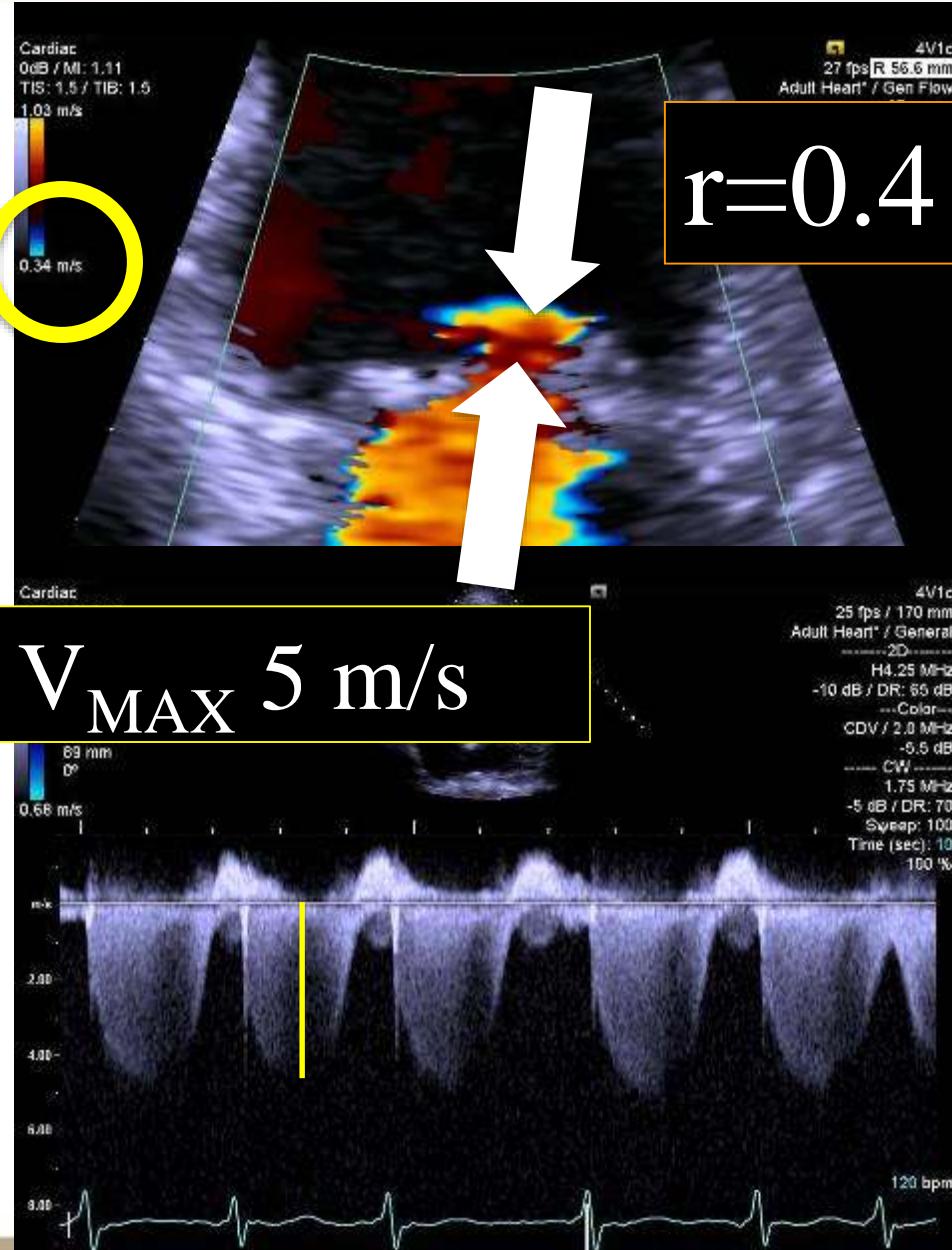
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PISA Method - 4 Numbers



$$VFR = 2 \times \prod x r^2 \times V_r$$

$$VFR = 6.28 \times .16 \times 34$$

$$VFR = 34 \text{ cc/s}$$

$$ERO = VFR/V_{MAX}$$

$$ERO = 34/500$$

$$ERO = 0.068\text{cm}^2$$

$$\text{Easy PISA} = 0.38 \times r^2$$

$$ERO = 0.38 \times 0.16$$

$$ERO = 0.06\text{cm}^2$$

Grading MR

Qualitative Methods

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MV Inflow	Dominant A wave		Dominant E >1.2

Quantitive Methods

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Vena Contracta	<0.3	0.3-0.69	≥ 0.7
Reg. Volume	< 30	30-59	≥ 60
Reg. Fraction	< 30	30-49	≥ 50
EROA (cm^2)	<0.2	0.2-0.39	≥ 0.40

Case 176,298,521_{JH}

Findings for the 68 y/o female

- LV size normal, mild/mod LVH, fx lower limits of normal
- RV size normal and mildly depressed
- LA mod to severely enlarged
- RA mildly enlarged
- Small PE
- AV mild calcification with trace AI
- MV no structural abnormalities with mild to moderate regurgitation



Case 185,425,421_{cj}

- 59 y/o female
- Primary diagnosis CHF
- 5'8"
- 173 lb
- BSA 1.92
- B/P 70/00



Case 185,425,421_{cj}

ECHO
S5-1
60Hz
16cm

2D
HGen-HRes
Gn 48
C 50
2/4/2
100 mm/s



75
BPM

Case 185,425,421_{cj}

ECHO
S5-1
32Hz
22cm

2D
HGen
Gn 48
C 50
2/4/2
100 mm/s



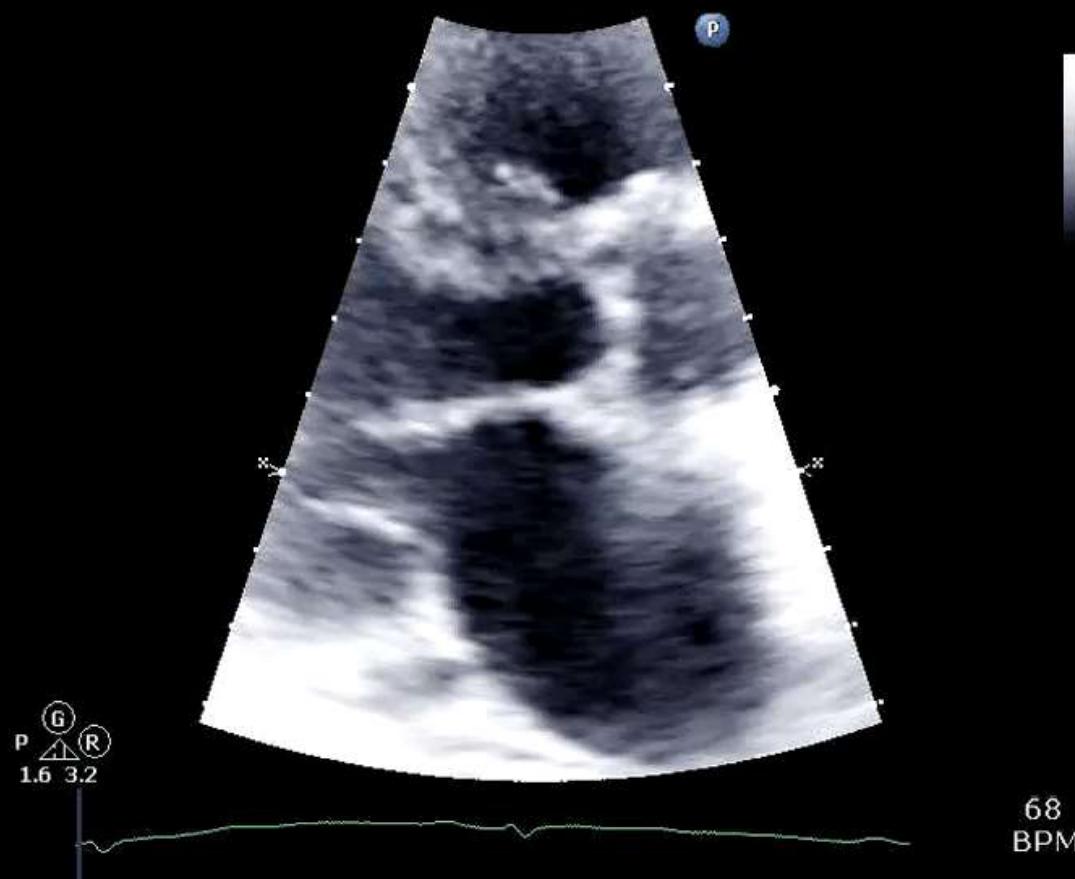
71
BPM

Case 185,425,421_{cj}

What do you think about the valves?

ECHO
S5-1
60Hz
Zoom

2D
HGen-HRes
Gn 40
C 50
2/4/2
100 mm/s

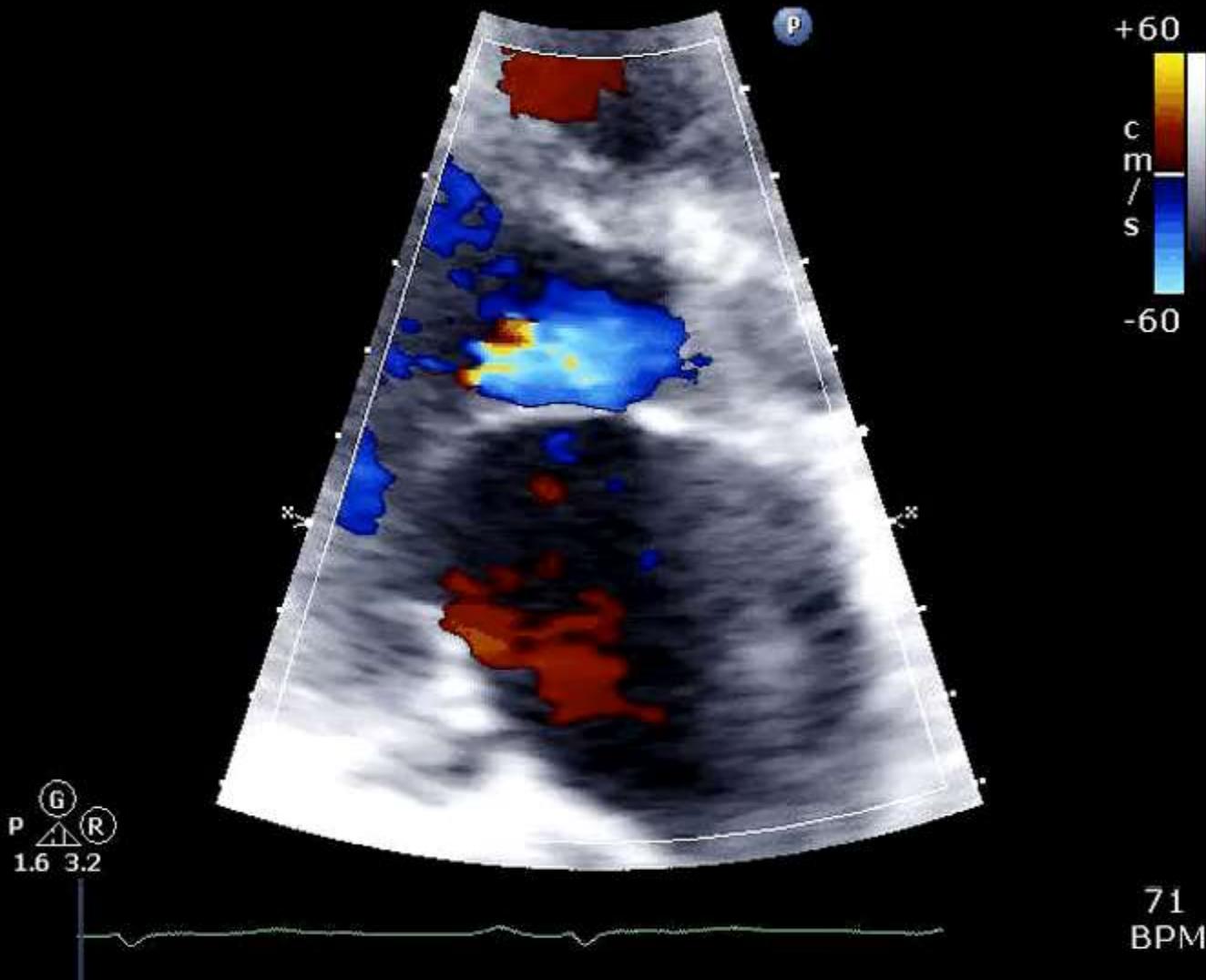


Case 185,425,421

ECHO
S5-1
17Hz
Zoom

2D
HGen-HRes
Gn 40
C 50
2/4/2
100 mm/s

Color
2.5 MHz
Gn 47
4/5/1
Fltr Med



Case 185,425,421

ECHO
SS-1
40Hz
16cm

2D
HPen
Gn 30
C 50
2/4/2
100 mm/s



2D
HPen
Gn 20
C 46
2/4/2

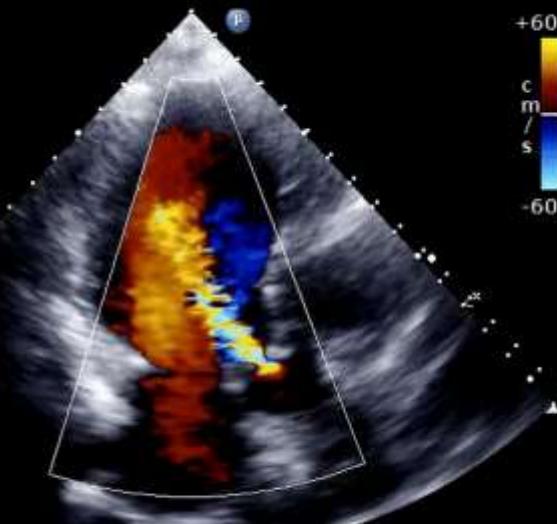
Color
2.2 MHz
Gn 39
4/5/1
Fltr Med

CW
1.7 MHz
Gn 50
9.2 cm
Angle 0°
Fltr 600HZ
100 mm/s

ECHO
SS-1
15Hz
16cm
2D
HPen
Gn 20
C 46
2/4/2
100 mm/s

Color
2.2 MHz
Gn 39
4/5/1
Fltr Med

74
BPM



68
BPM

72 BPM

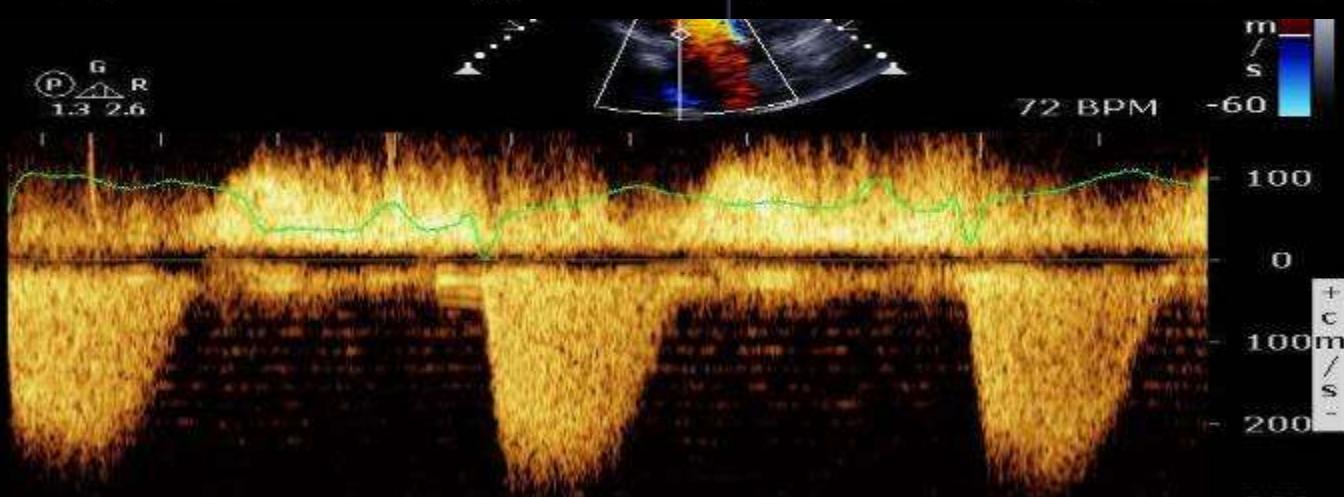


100

0



-300



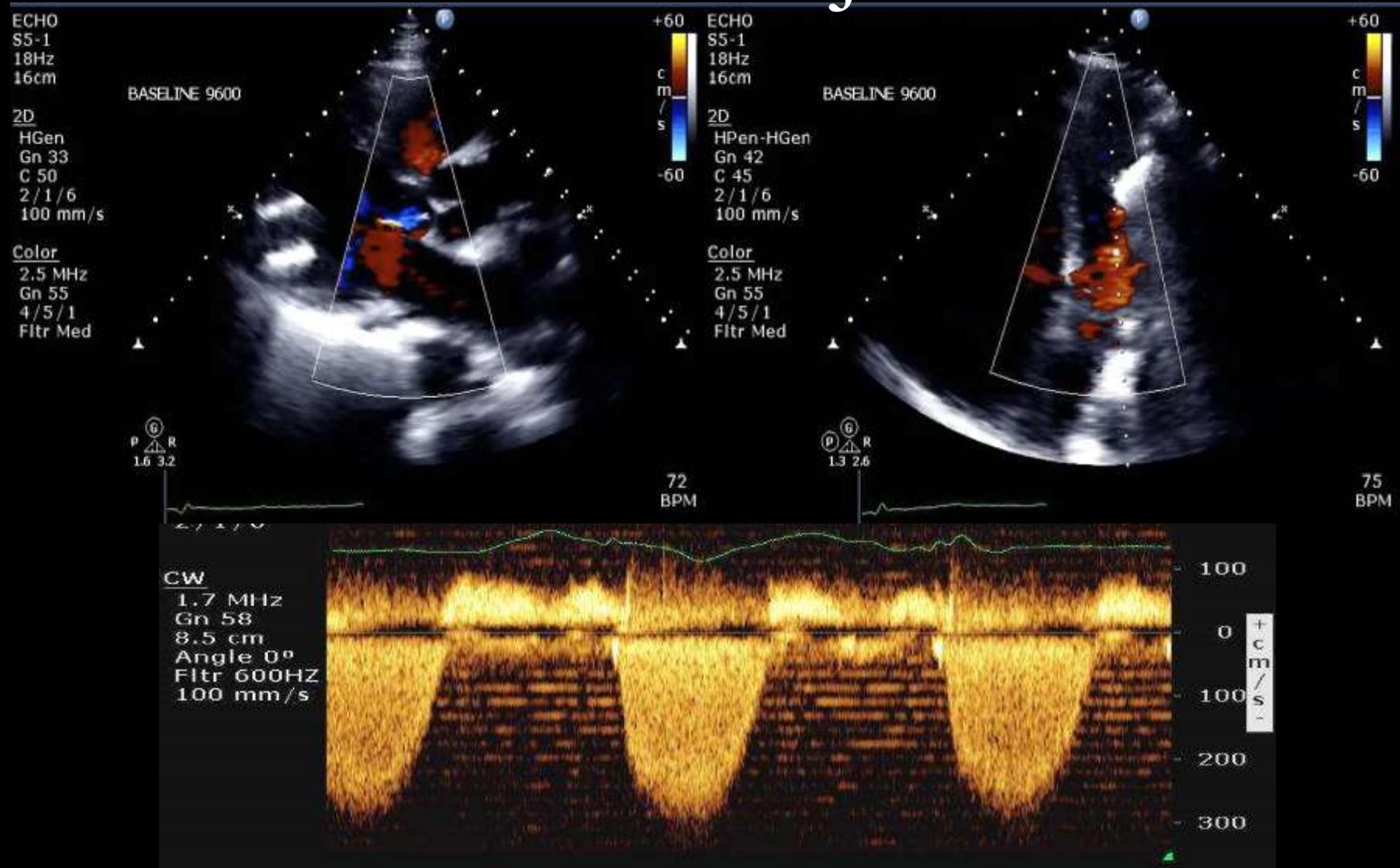
Case 185,425,421_{cj}

- 59 y/o female
- Primary diagnosis CHF
- 5'8"
- 173 lb
- BSA 1.92
- B/P 70/00
- **Heartmate II LVAD insertion 9/28/2010**
- **LVAD misalignment**



Case 185,425,421

After LVAD adjustment



Case 185,425,421



Berlin Heart Incor



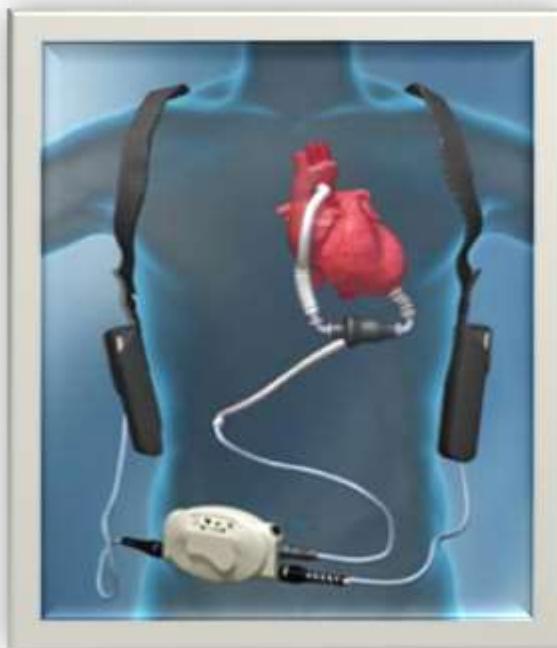
Heartmate II



Ventracor VentrAssist



HeartWare



Case 546,222,333_{RR}

- 57 y/o female
- Primary diagnosis mitral regurgitation
- 65 in
- 113 lb
- BSA 1.55
- B/P 110/77



Case 546,222,333

RR

FR 50Hz
14cm

2D
49%
C 50
P Low
HPen



M3

G
P 1.3 R 2.6



JPEG

77 bpm

Case 546,222,333

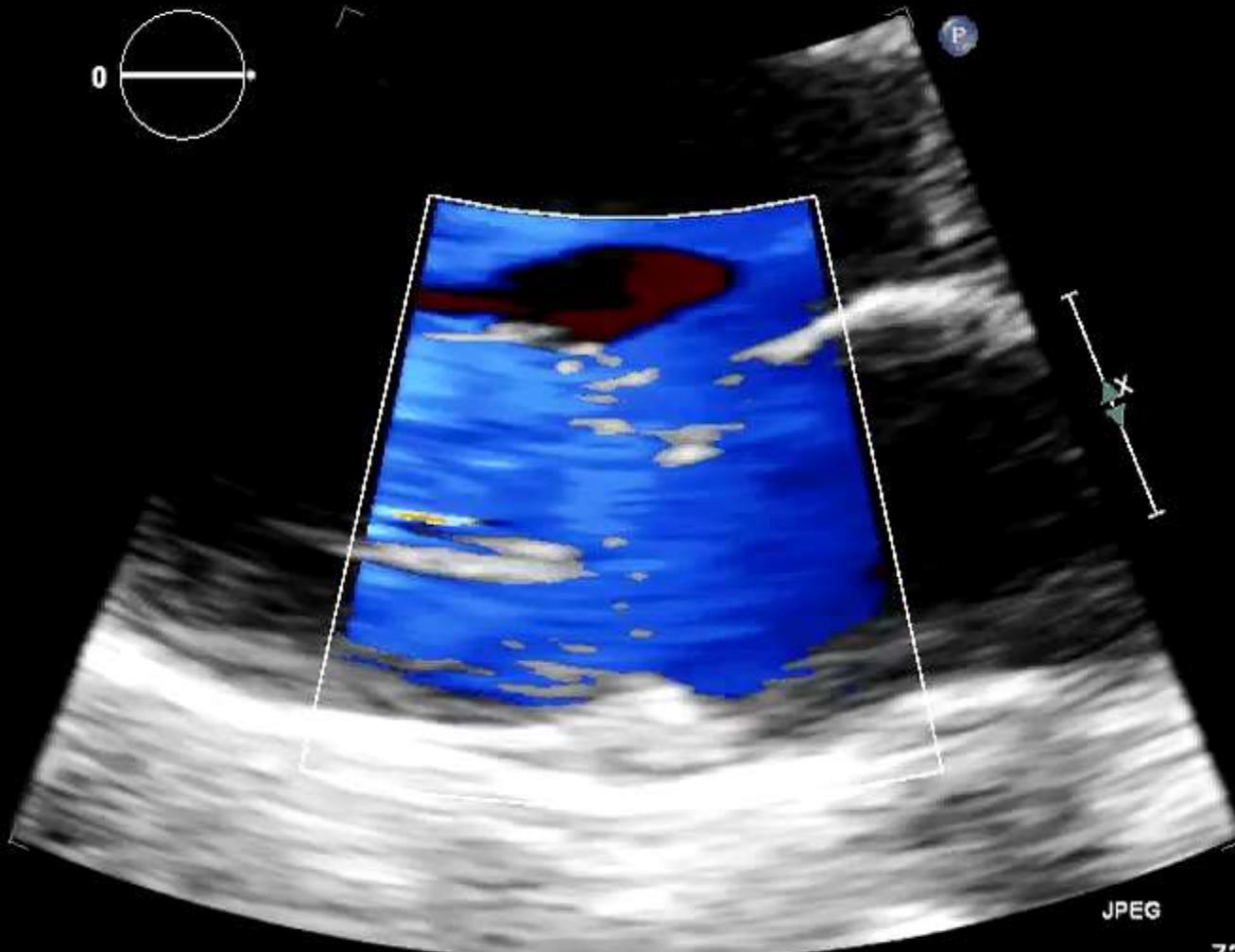
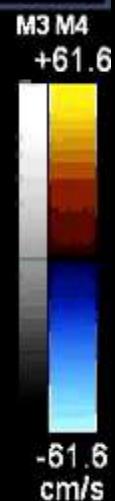
RR

FR 22Hz
14cm

2D
52%
C 50
P Low
HPen

CF
63%
2.5MHz
WF High
Med

G
P 1.3 R 2.6



JPEG

73 bpm

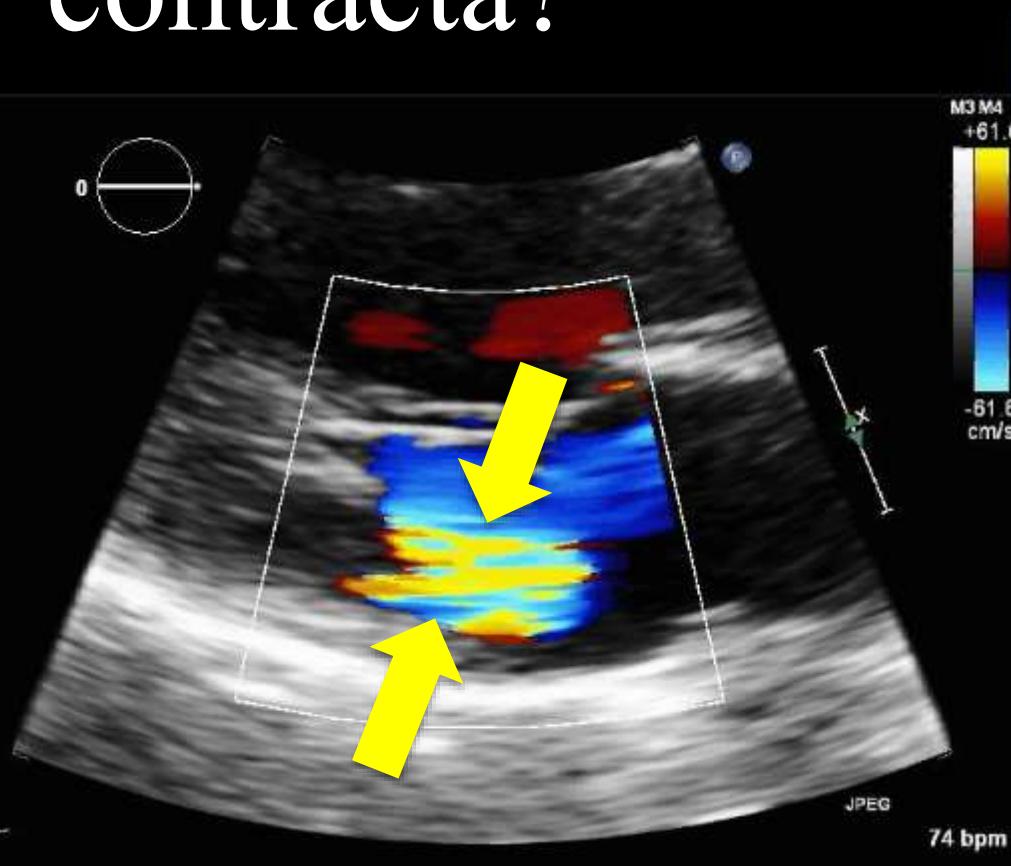
Case 546,222,333_{RR}

What is the estimated vena contracta?

FR 22Hz
14cm

2D 52%
C 50
P Low
HPen

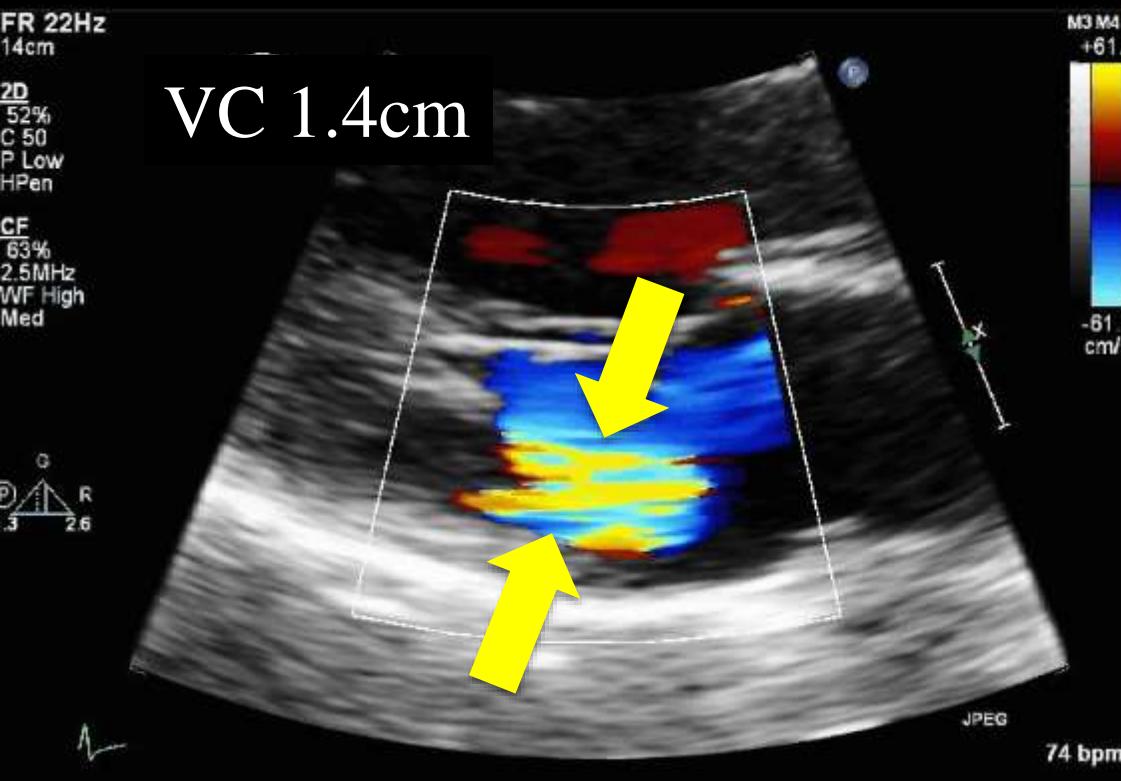
CF 63%
2.5MHz
WF High
Med



- a) <0.30
- b) 0.30-0.69
- c) >0.70
- d) Too eccentric to estimate

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Grading MR

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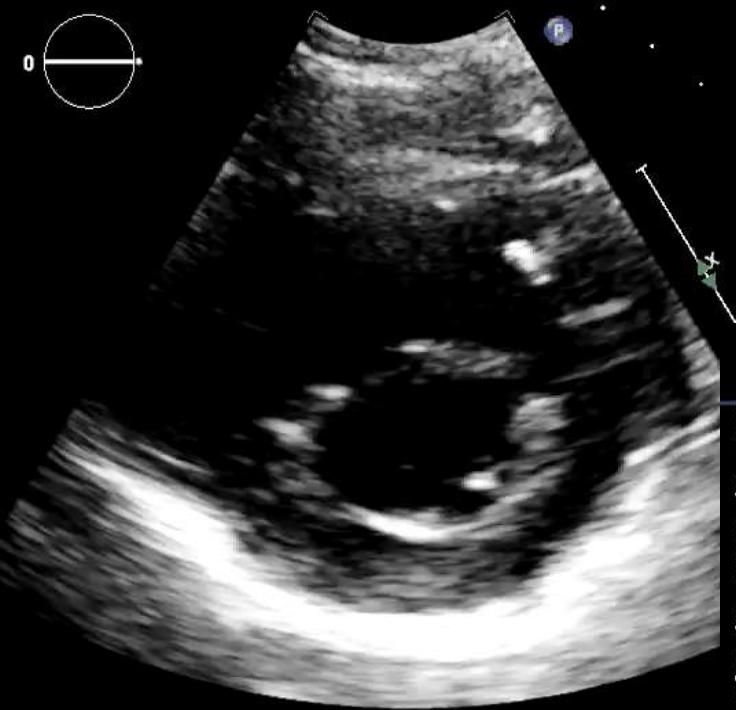
Case 546,222,333

RR

Hz



M3



FR 16Hz
13cm

2D
56%
C 50
P Low
HPen

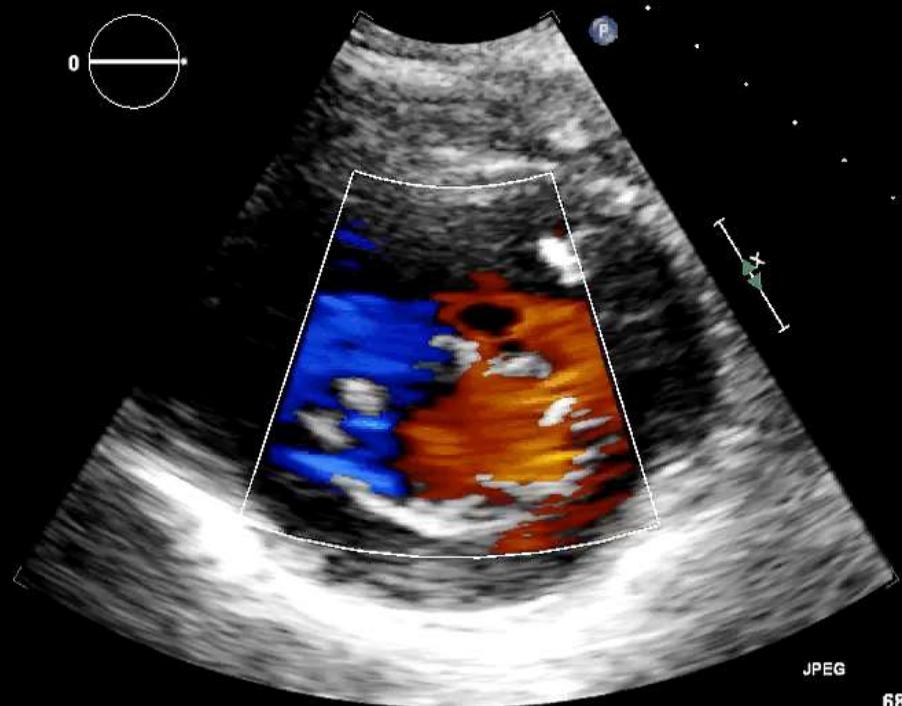
CF
63%
2.5MHz
WF High
Med

G
P R
1.3 2.6



M3 M4

+61.6

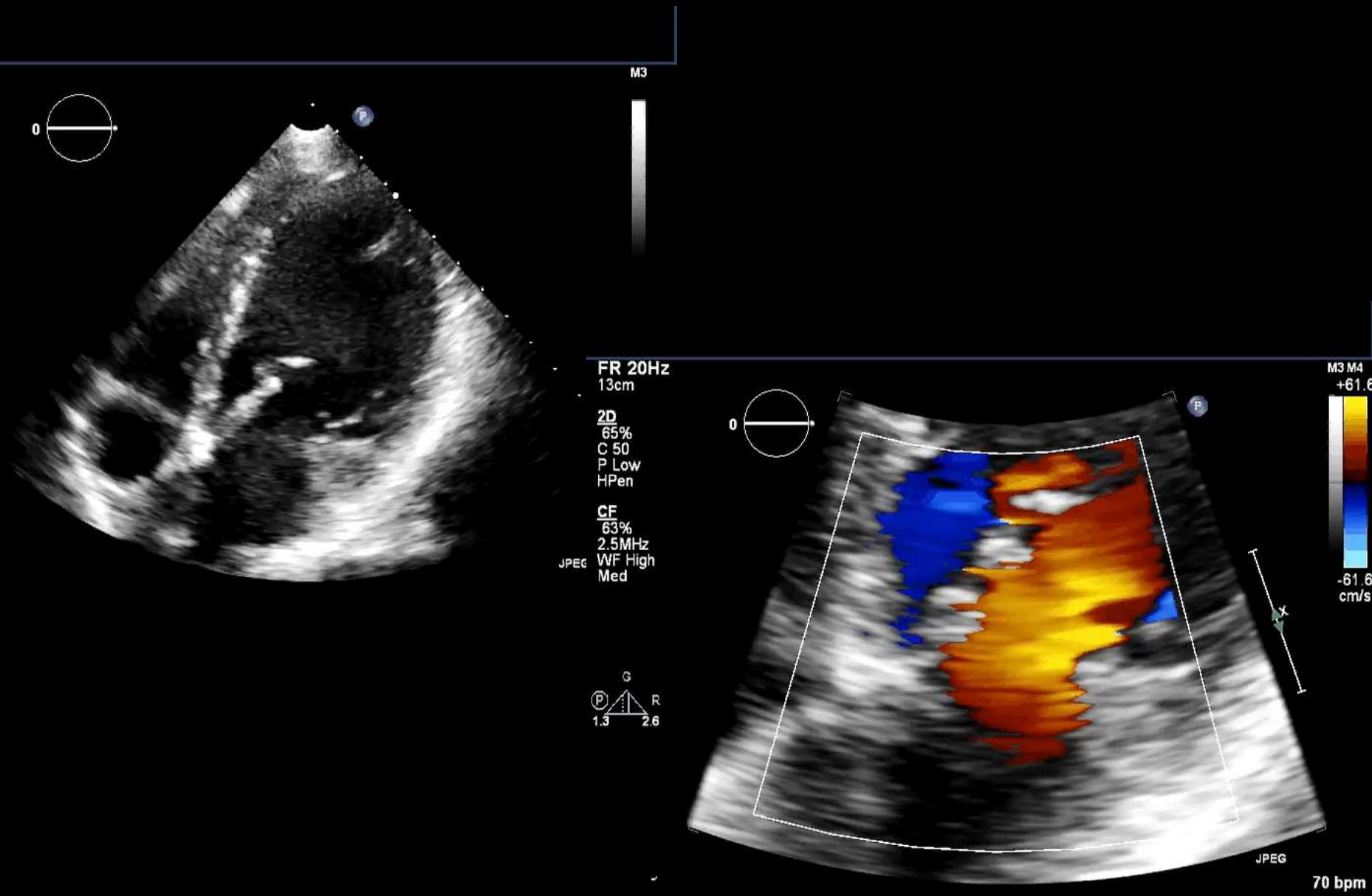


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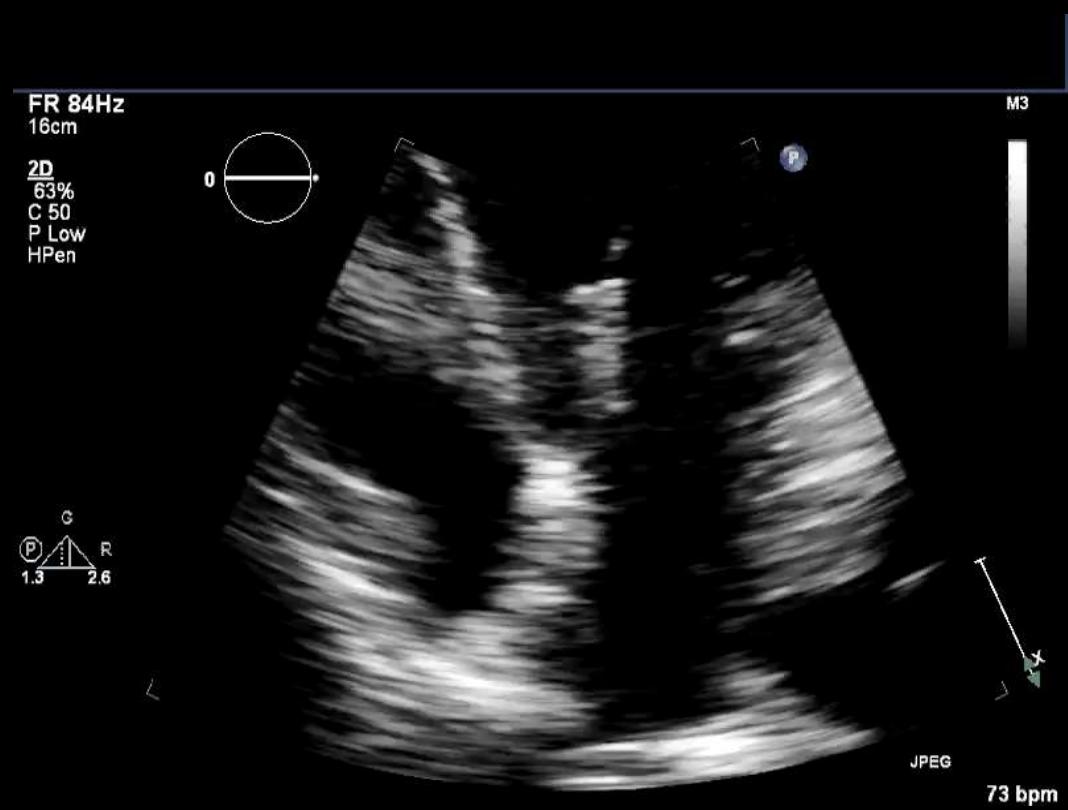
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Case 546,222,333

RR



What size is the LA?

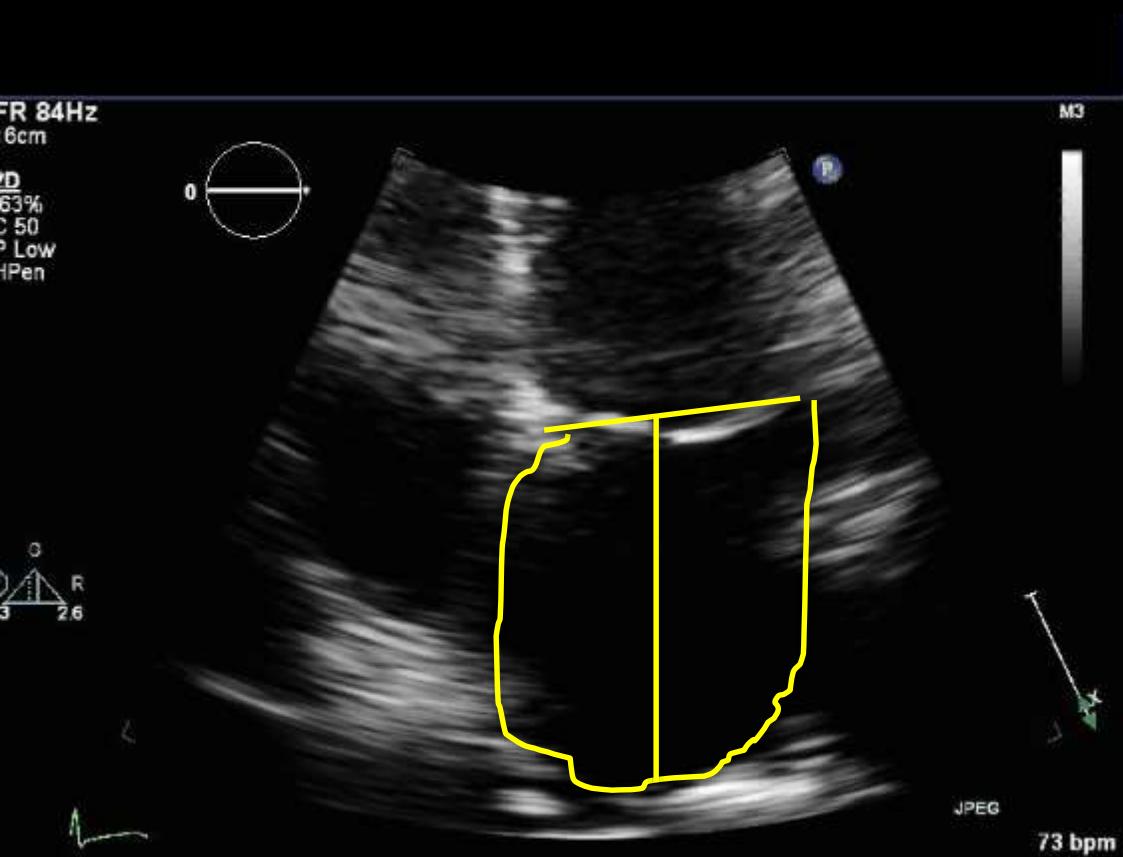


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What size is the LA?

LA Vol = 89.6 ml

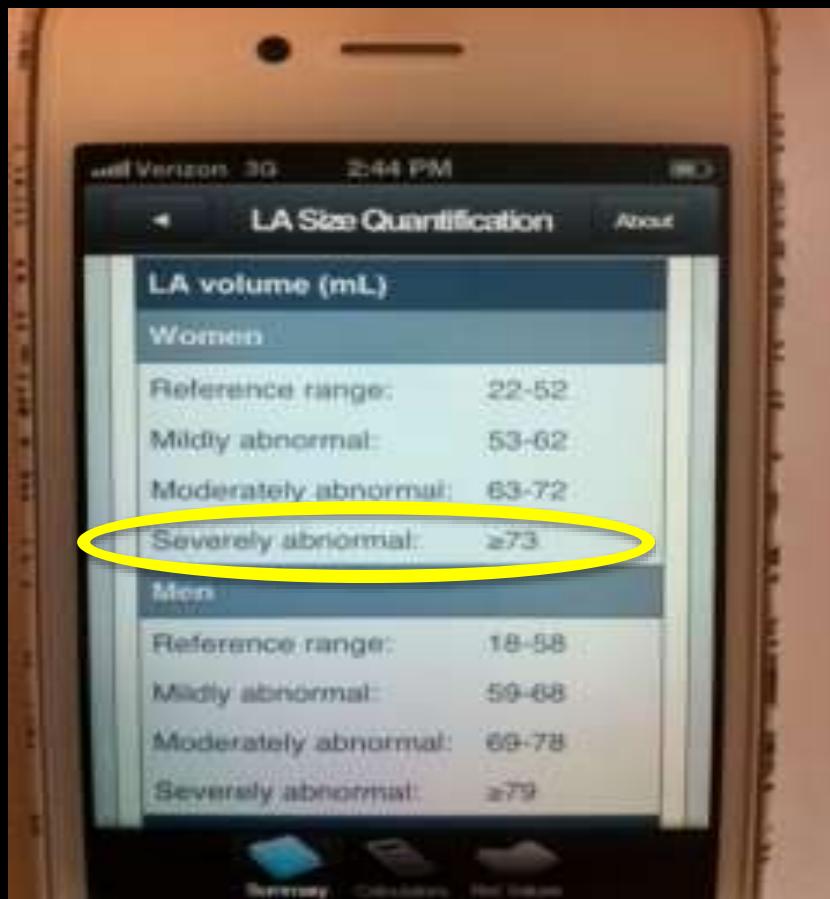


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Case 546,222,333_{RR}

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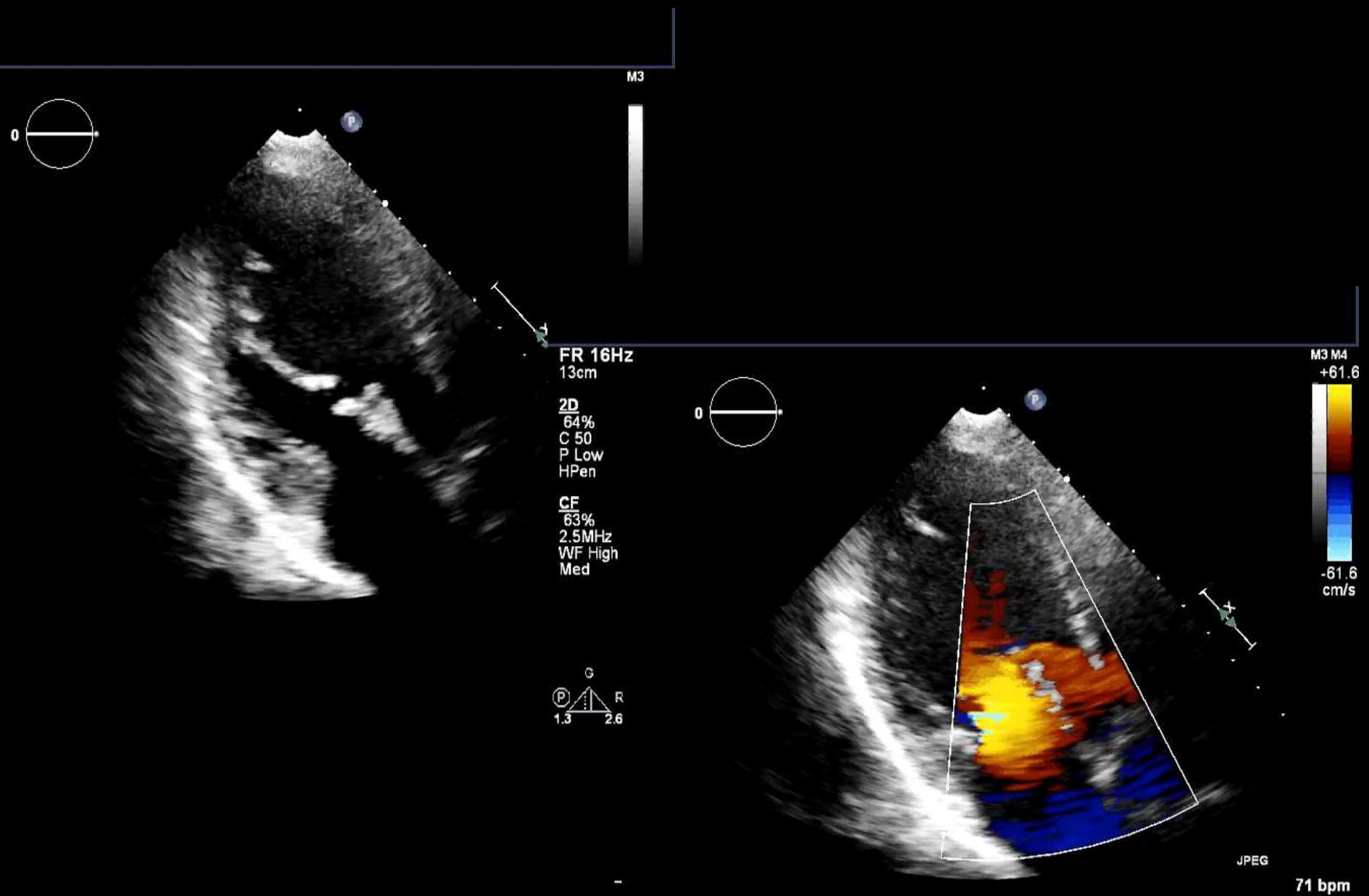
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FR 15Hz
20cm

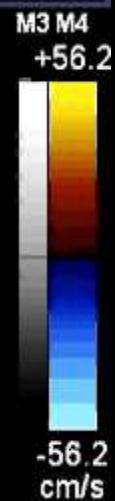
2D
69%
C 50
P Low
HPen

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63%
2.5MHz
WF High
Med

G
P 1.3 R 2.6



P

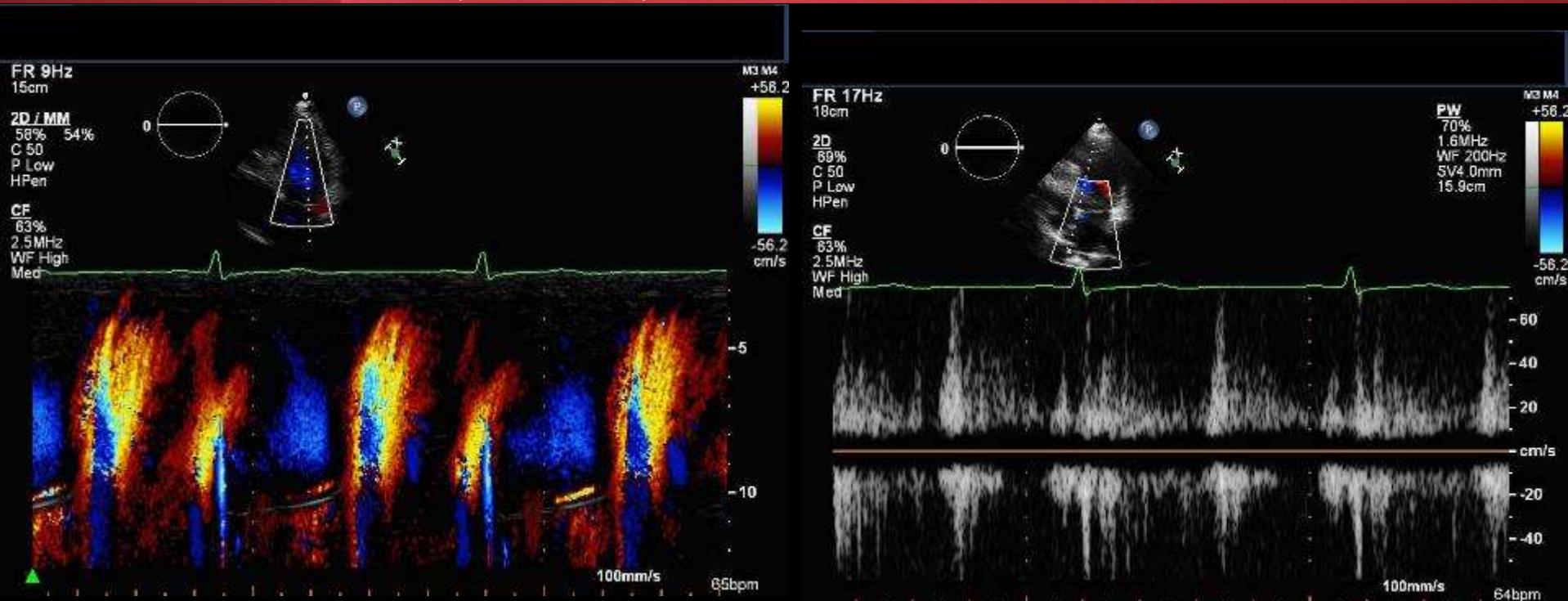


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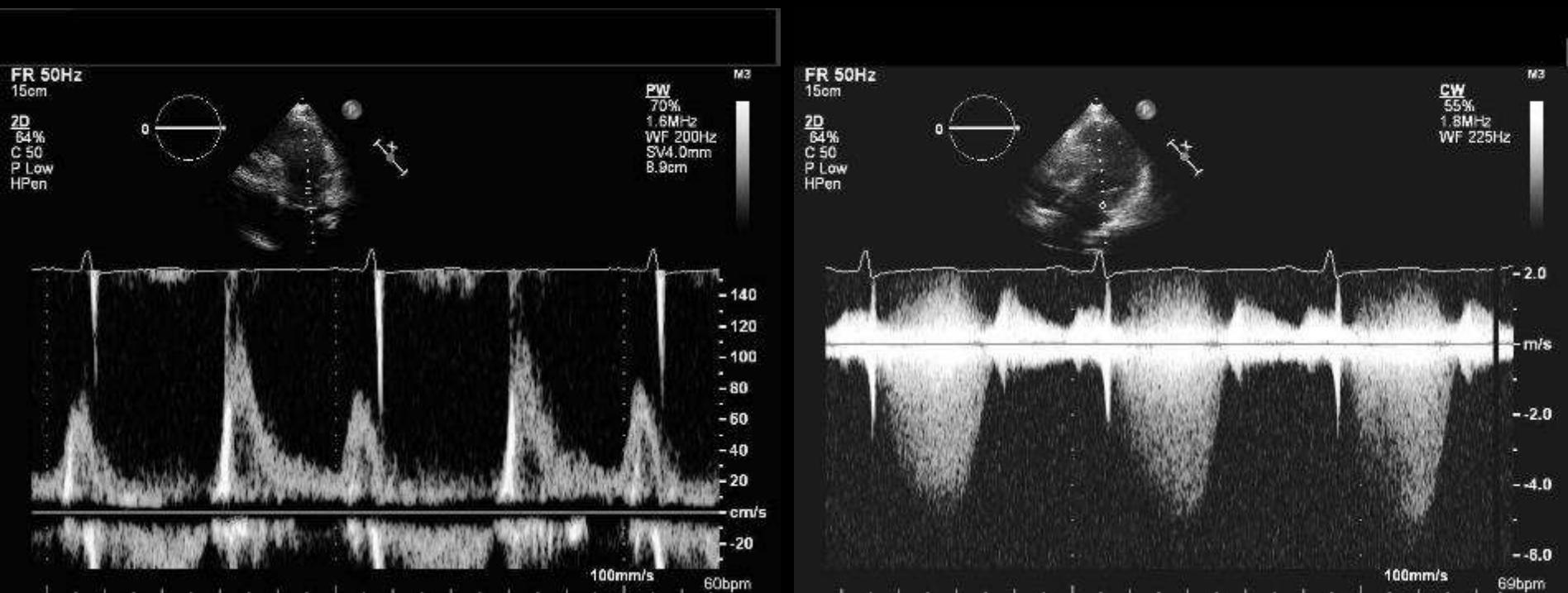
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What do you think about these
Doppler tracings?

Case 546,222,333

RR



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Grading MR

Qualitative/Supportive Methods

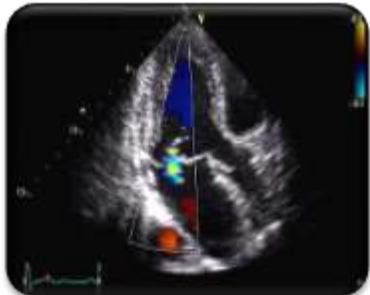
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Specific Signs



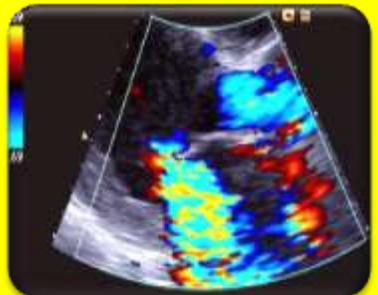
Mild

- Small central jet $<4 \text{ cm}^2$ or $<20\%$ of LA
- Vena contracta width $<0.3\text{cm}$
- No or minimal flow convergence



Moderate

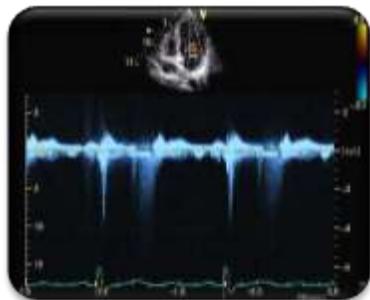
- Signs of MR $>$ Mild but no criteria for severe MR



Severe

- Vena contracta width $\geq 0.7\text{cm}$
- Large flow convergence
- Systolic reversal in pulmonary veins
- Prominent flail MV leaflet or ruptured papillary muscle

Supportive Signs



Mild

- Systolic dominant flow in pulmonary veins
- A-wave dominant mitral inflow
- Soft density, parabolic CW Doppler MR signal
- Normal LV size



Moderate

- Intermediate signs/findings

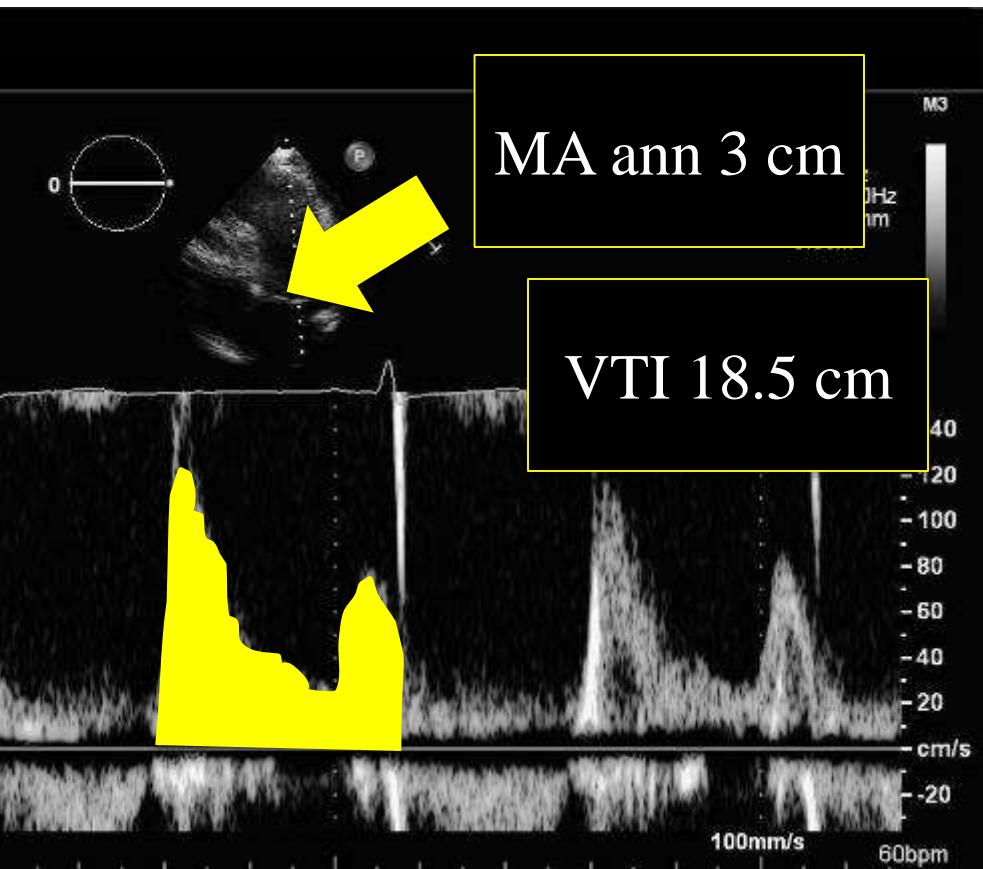


Severe

- Dense, triangular CW Doppler MR jet (early peaking)
- E-wave dominant mitral inflow ($E > 1.2 \text{ m/s}$)
- Enlarged LV
- Enlarged LA

Regurgitant Fraction %

$$RF\% = SV(\text{Valve}) - SV(\text{Systemic}) / SV(\text{Valve})$$



$$MA\ SV = D^2 \times .785 \times VTI$$

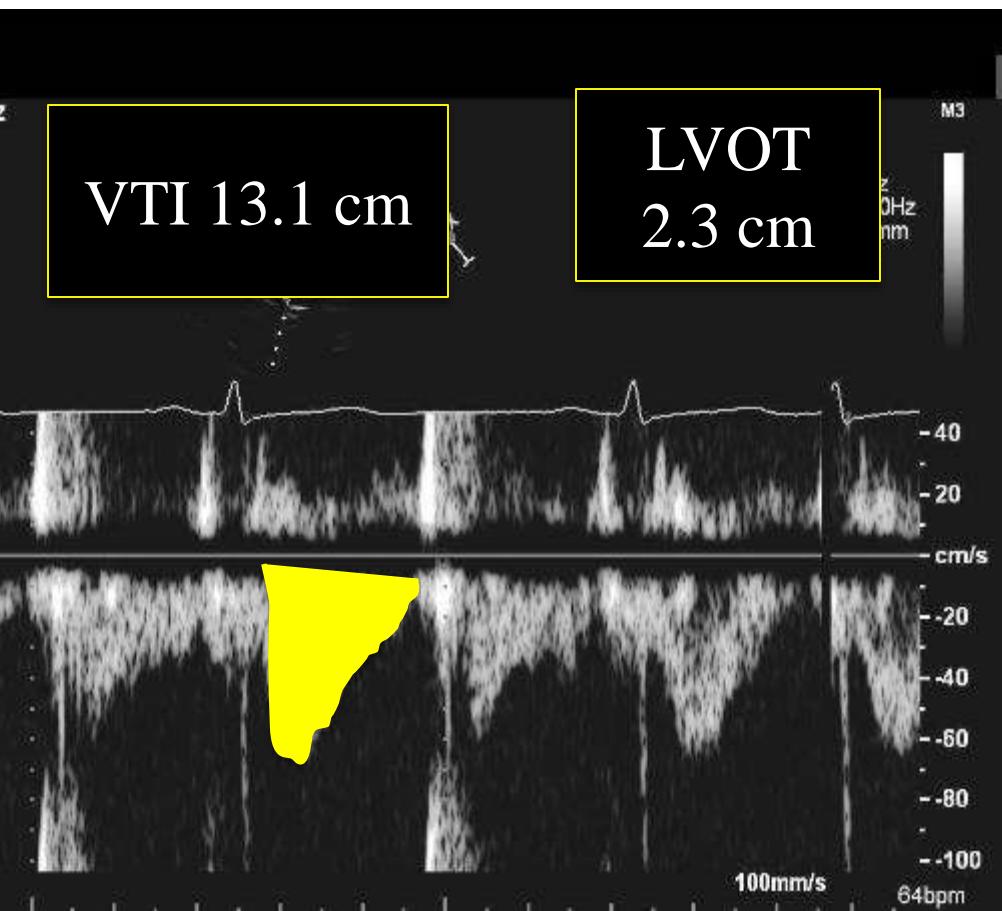
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$$MA\ SV = 130.7\ ml$$

$$LVOT\ SV = D^2 \times .785 \times VTI$$

Regurgitant Fraction %

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$$MA\ SV = 130\ ml$$

$$LVOT\ SV = D^2 \times .785 \times VTI$$

$$LVOT\ SV = 5.3 \times .785 \times 13.1$$

$$LVOT\ SV = 54.5\ ml$$

$$RF\% = MA_{SV} - LV_{SV} / MA_{SV}$$

$$RF\% = 130 - 54.5 / 130$$

$$RF\% = 58\%$$

$$RVol = 130 - 54 = 76\ ml$$

Grading MR

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Quantitative Methods

Parameters	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Vena Contracta	<0.3	0.3-0.69	>0.7
Reg. Volume	< 30	30-59	>60
Reg. Fraction	< 30	30-49	<u>>50</u>
EROA (cm ²)	<0.2	0.2-0.39	<u>>0.40</u>

Findings

- LV size is enlarged, overall fx normal
- RV size is normal with normal fx
- LA severely enlarged
- RA normal
- MV barlows and prolapsed. Severe regurgitation with an estimated RF of 58% and a Rvol of 76ml.



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Pearls and Pitfalls

- Practice, Practice, Practice
 - Are you really good at something you only do every now and then?
- Specific signs in conjunction with the supportive signs renders a $\geq 90\%$ specificity
- Nyquist limit must be greater than 54cm/s
- The process of grading MR should be comprehensive, using clues and measurements by Doppler echocardiography

Thank you!



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