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**Which Came First
the Chicken
or the
Egg?**

Vote Egg



**Take the
Chicken
Guard
Poll**

Vote Chicken

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Conflicts of interest

☐ None



☐ Female

☐ DoB: 21 JAN 1976, 43yo



Background

□ 2008

- Thrombophilia (lupus anticoagulant)
- Hypothyroidism

□ 2010

- Cutaneous lupus erythematosus
 - Put on hydroxychloroquine for 6m



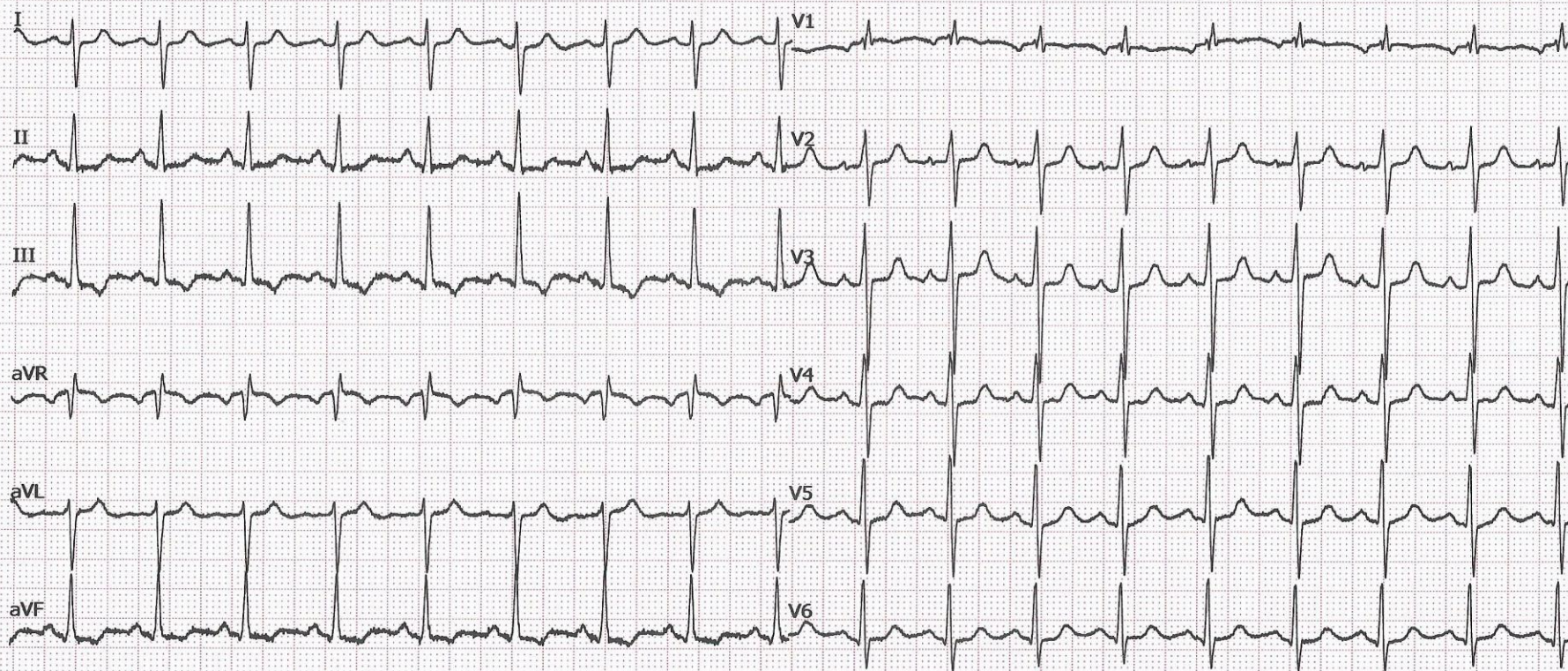
Background

□ 2015

- Dyspnea in mild exertion
- WHO FC II→III
- Loud S2 (P2)
- Normal breath sounds
- BP: 135/75, 105 bpm, SATs: 98%



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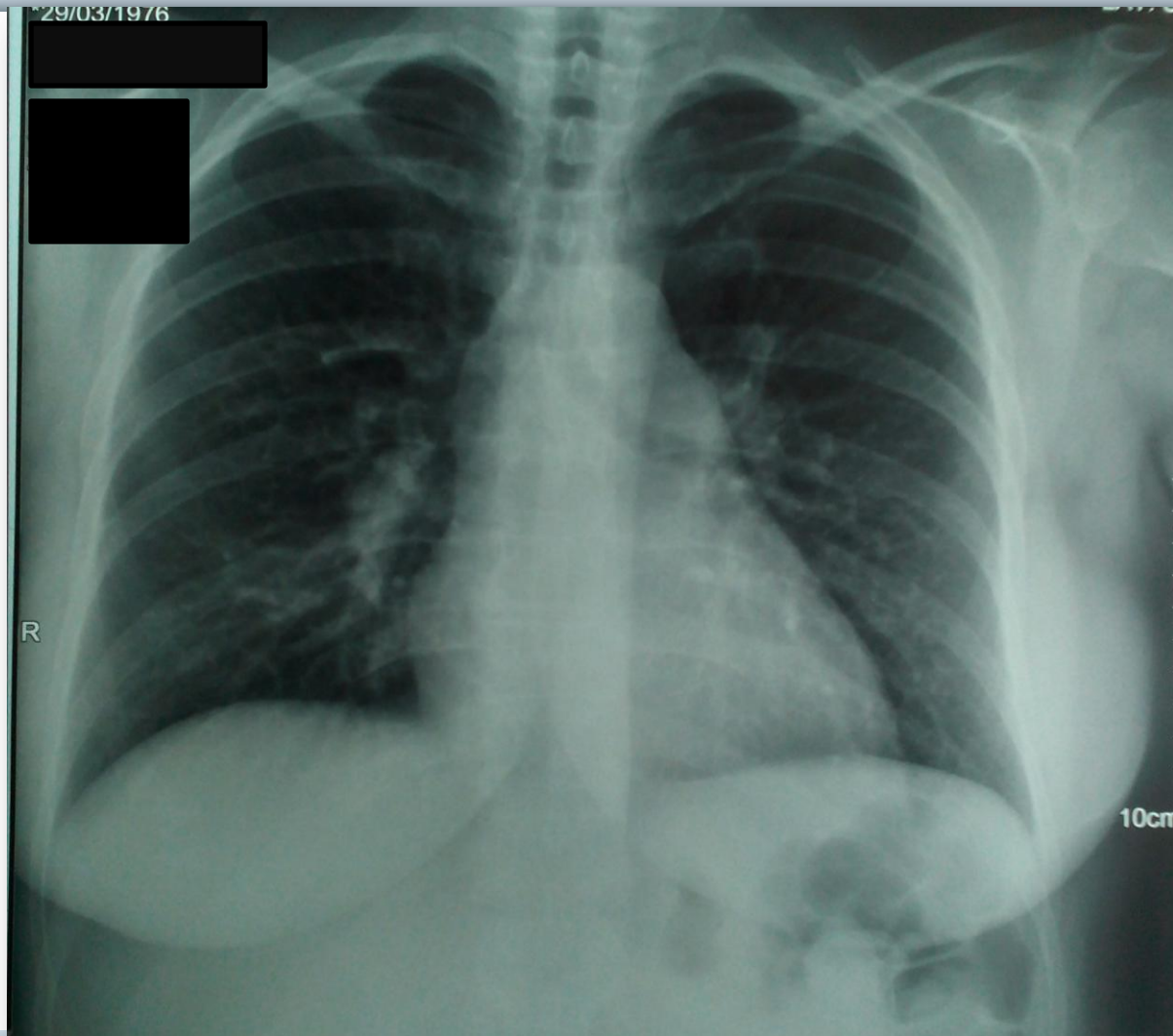
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1/1

Chest x-ray



Blood tests



- Ht 46.9%, Hb 15.8mg/dl
- Fe= 30 μ g/dl (NR 37-145 μ g/dl)
- ferritin= 118 ng/ml (NR 13-150ng/ml)
- SGOT= 43 U/lt, SGPT=37 U/lt, LDH= 236 μ U/lt
- Uric acid= 9.6 gr/dl
- TSH = 2.1 mU/L
- **NTproBNP= 2263 pg/ml**

Blood tests



- Immunology tests:
 - ANA 1/640
 - IgG Anti-cardiolipin antibodies 25.5mplU/ml (+)
 - IgM Anti-cardiolipin antibodies 12.5mplU/ml (+)
 - anti-ENA screen >100U/ml (+)

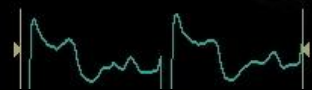
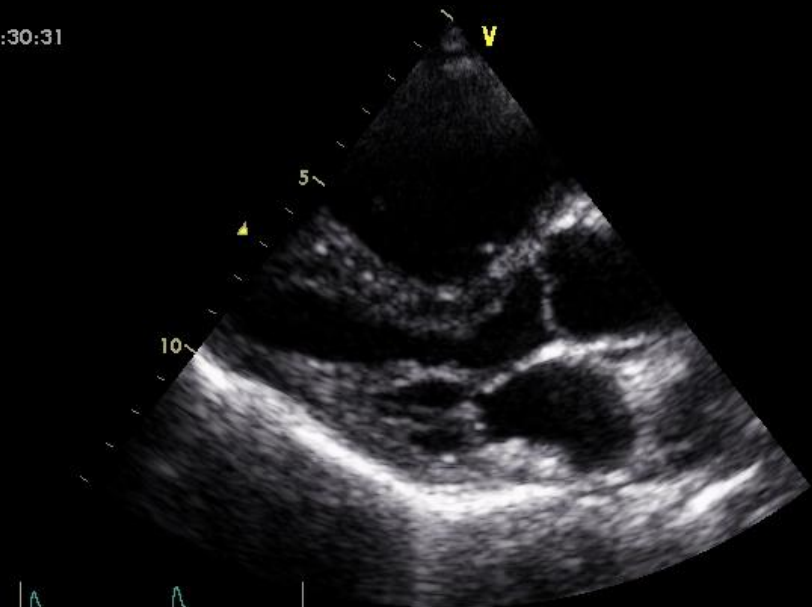


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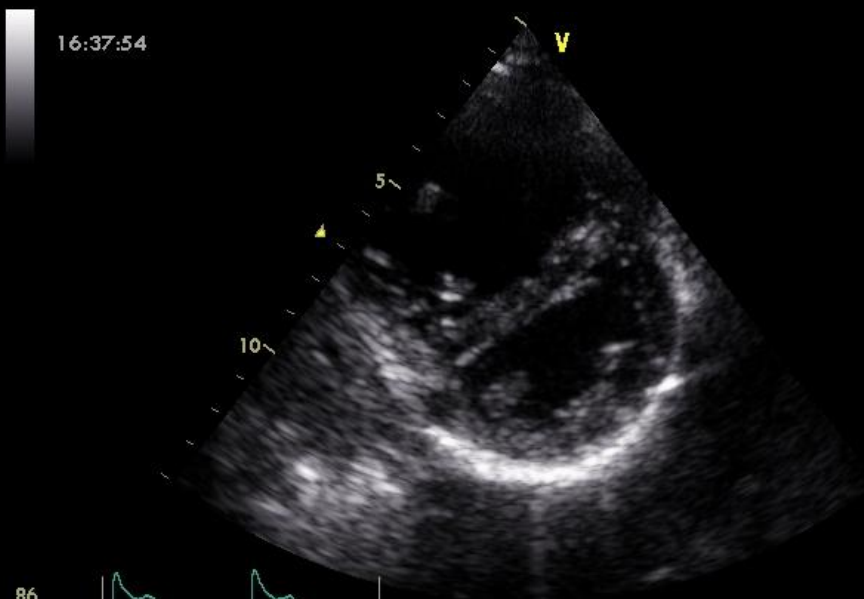


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Fatigue	0	2
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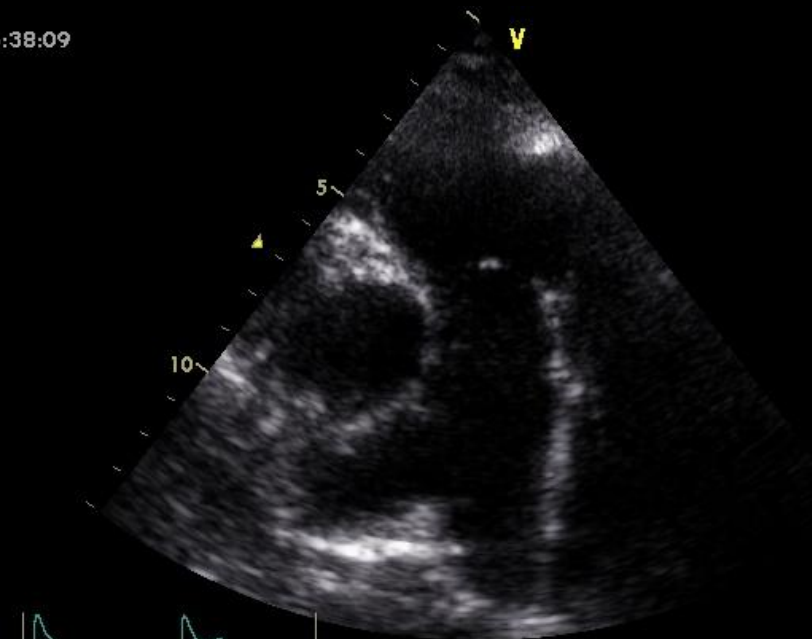


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HR

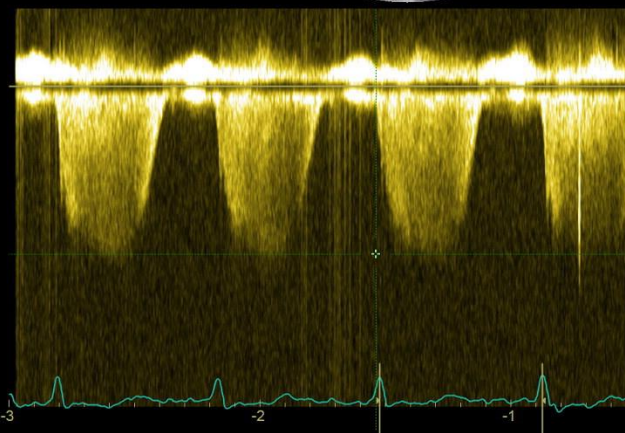
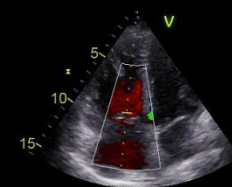


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88
HR

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-63

[m/s]

-2

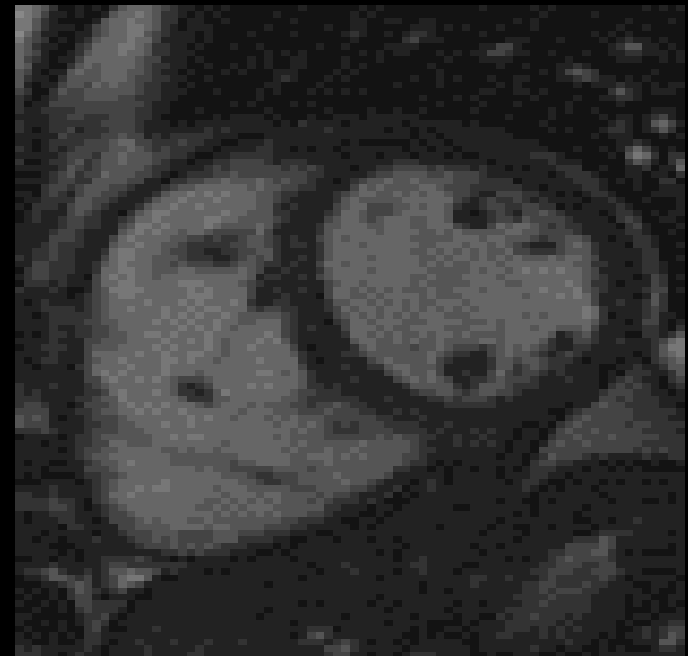
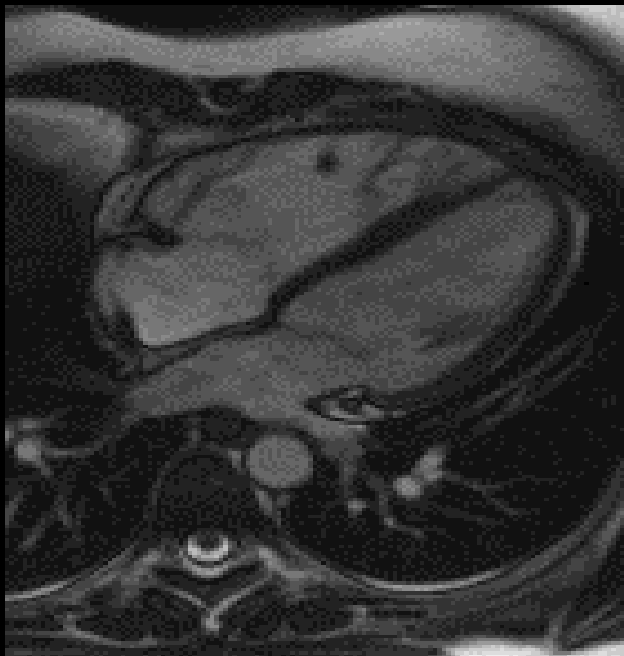
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66.67 mm/s

93
HR

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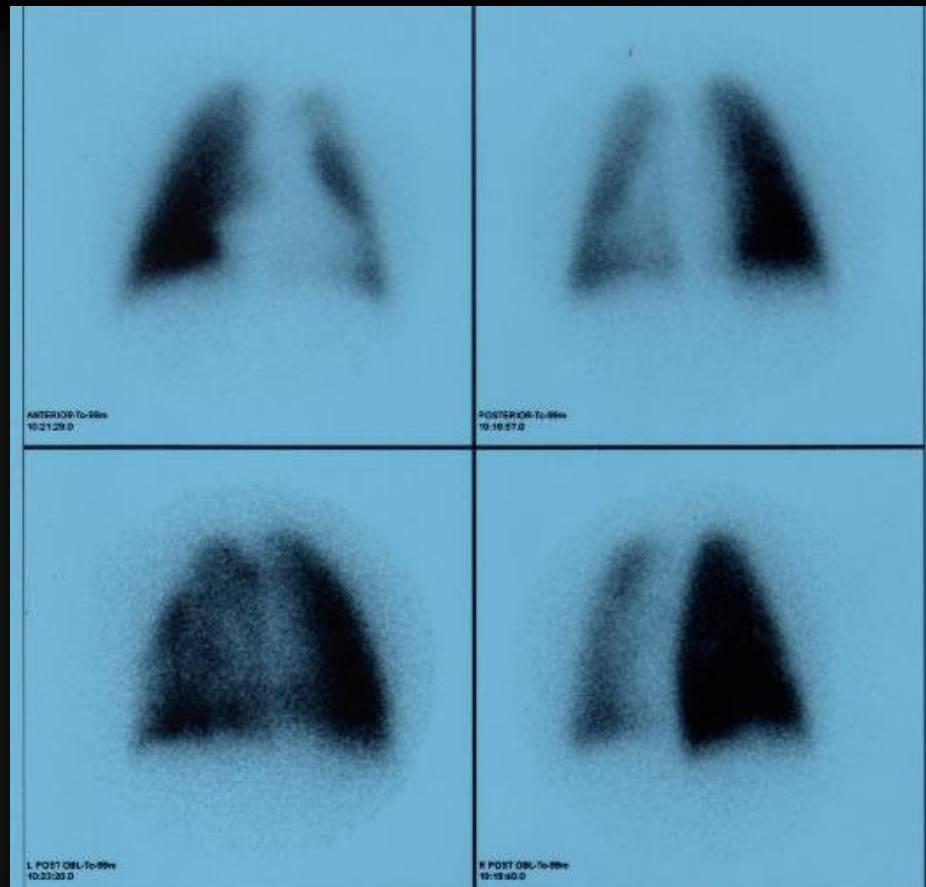
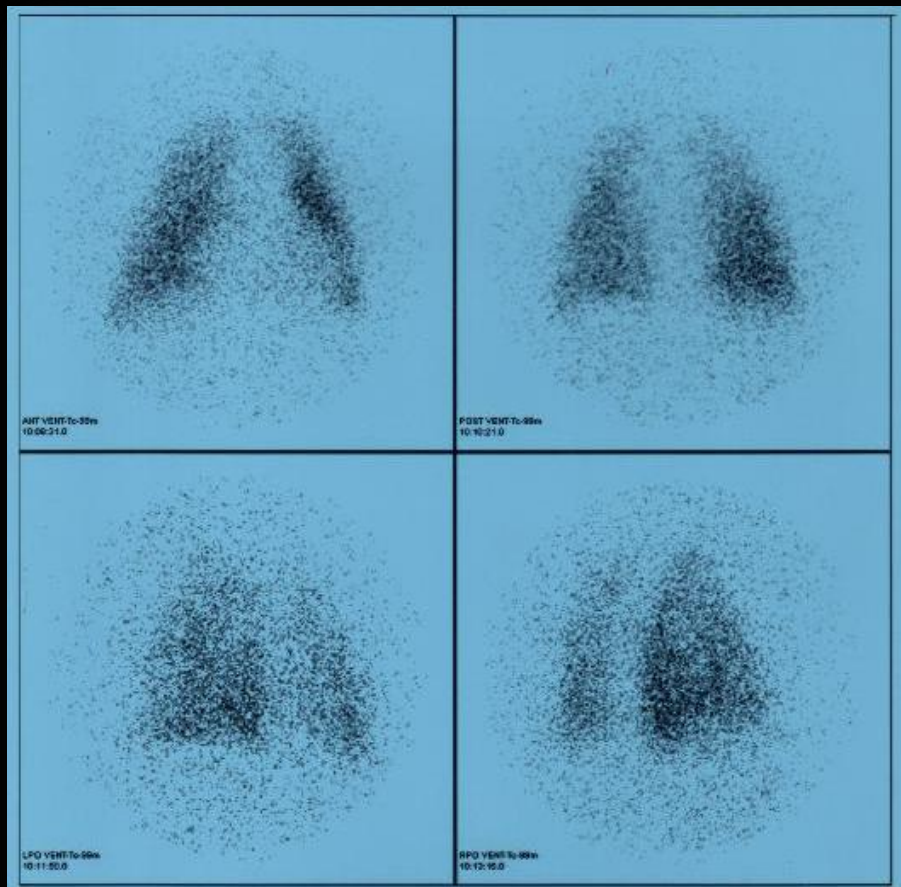


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- **LFTs**
 - FEV1 (%pred) 93%
 - FVC (%pred) 100%
 - DLCO (%pred) 60%

V/Q scan





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Reumatologists'
consultancy → **SEL**

R 37-

/ml

SGPT=37

U/l

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RV	101/3	
PA	103/37/m60	70
PAWP	10	
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CI (L/min/m ²)	3.8	

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Treatment

- ☐ Ambrisentan 10mg OD
- ☐ Tadalafil 40mg OD
- ☐ Hydroxychloroquine 200mg BiD (plaquenil)
- ☐ Methylprednisolone 16mg BiD (progressive tapering)
- ☐ Thyrohormone 0.1μg OD



Follow Up

	Baseline		6 months FU	
	Pressure (mmHg)	SAT (%)	Pressure (mmHg)	SAT (%)
Hb (mg/dl)	15.8		11.2	
RA	9		5	
RV	101/3		74/2	
mPAP	103/37/m60	70	64/23/m41	84
PAWP	10		9	
PVR (Wood)	6.9		3.3	
PVRi (Wxm ²)	13		6.2	
CO (L/min)	7.2		11.3	
CI	3.8		6	
6MWD (m)	387		612	
NT-proBNP	2263		75	



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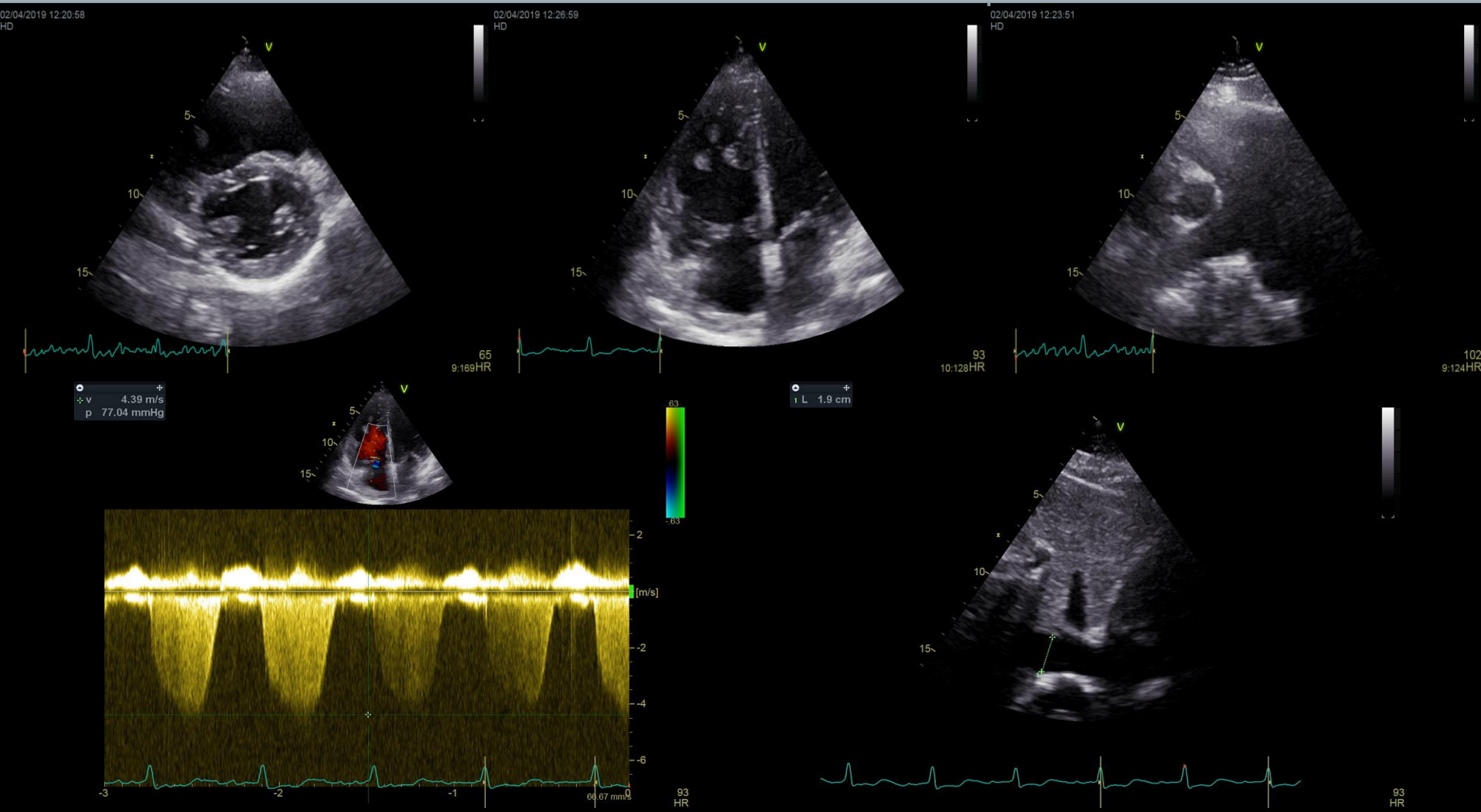
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	Pressure (mmHg)	SAT (%)	Pressure (mmHg)	SAT (%)	Pressure (mmHg)	SAT (%)
Hb (mg/dl)	15.8		11.2		11.8	
RA	9		5		8	
RV	101/3		74/2		67/7	
mPAP	103/37/m60	70	64/23/m41	84	69/26/m46	82
PAWP	10		9		11	
PVR (Wood)	6.9		3.3		3.5	
PVRi (Wxm ²)	13		6.2		6.7	
CO (L/min)	7.2		11.3		9.3	
CI	3.8		6		4.89	
6MWD (m)	387		612		600	
NT-proBNP	2263		75		44	



04/2019

- ❑ Dyspnoe in mild exertion since 2m
- ❑ WHO FC III
- ❑ Hb 7.1mg/dl
 - menorrhagia
 - Received 3 RCC

ECHO – 04/19



4/2018 RHC



	48 months FU (04/19)	
	Pressure (mmHg)	SAT (%)
Hb (mg/dl)	10.5	
RA	10	
RV	79/0	
mPAP	75/37/m53	85
PAWP	8	
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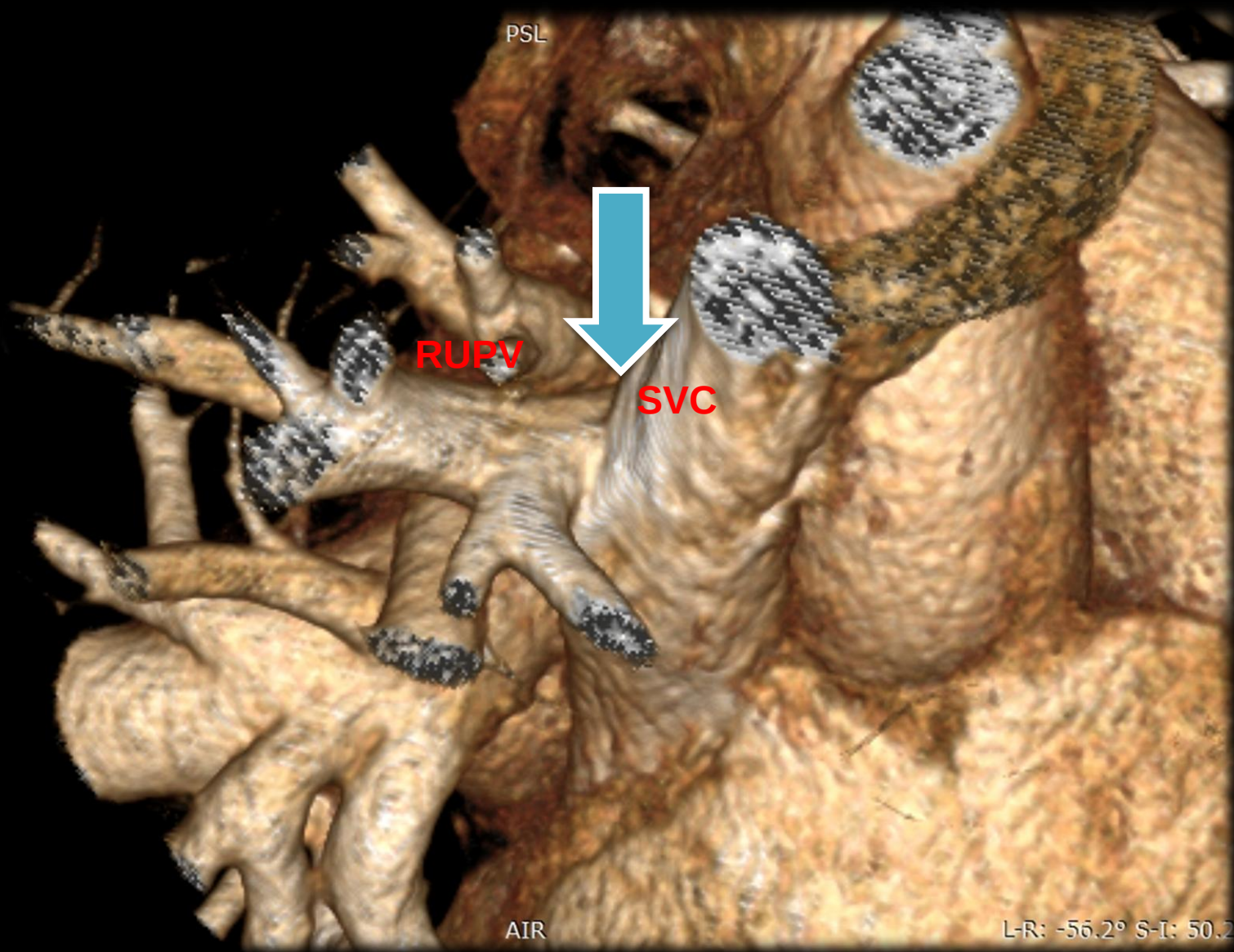


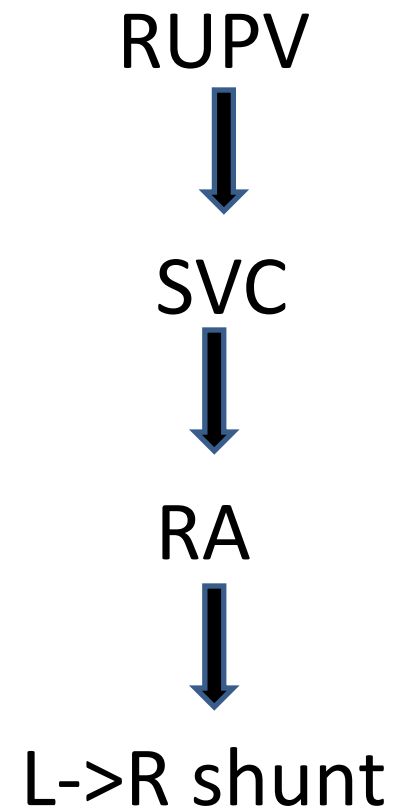
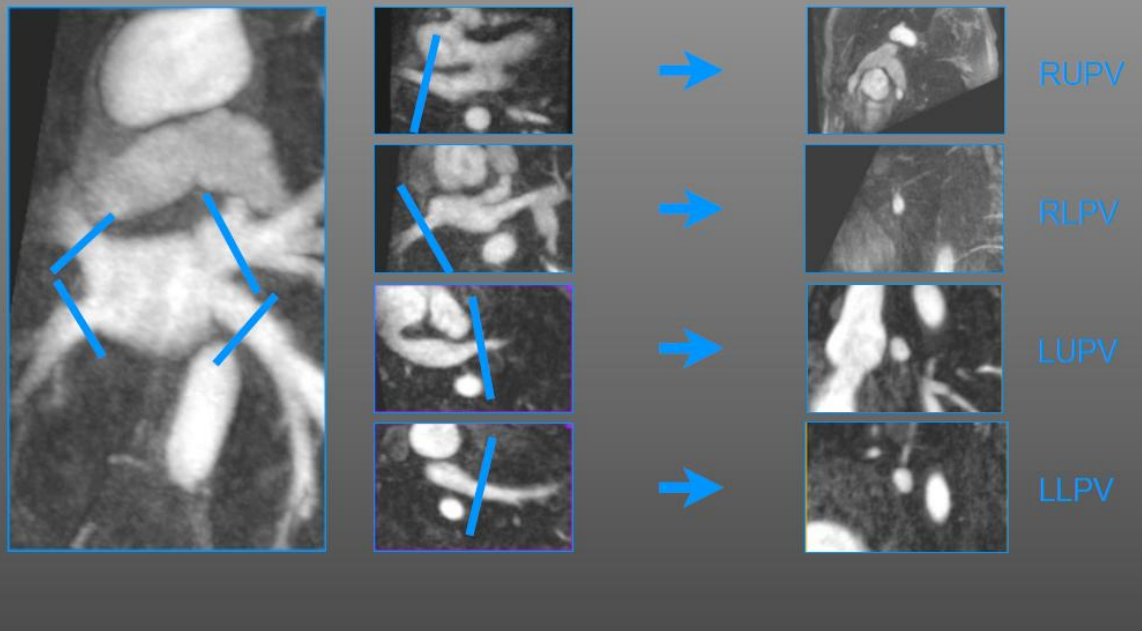
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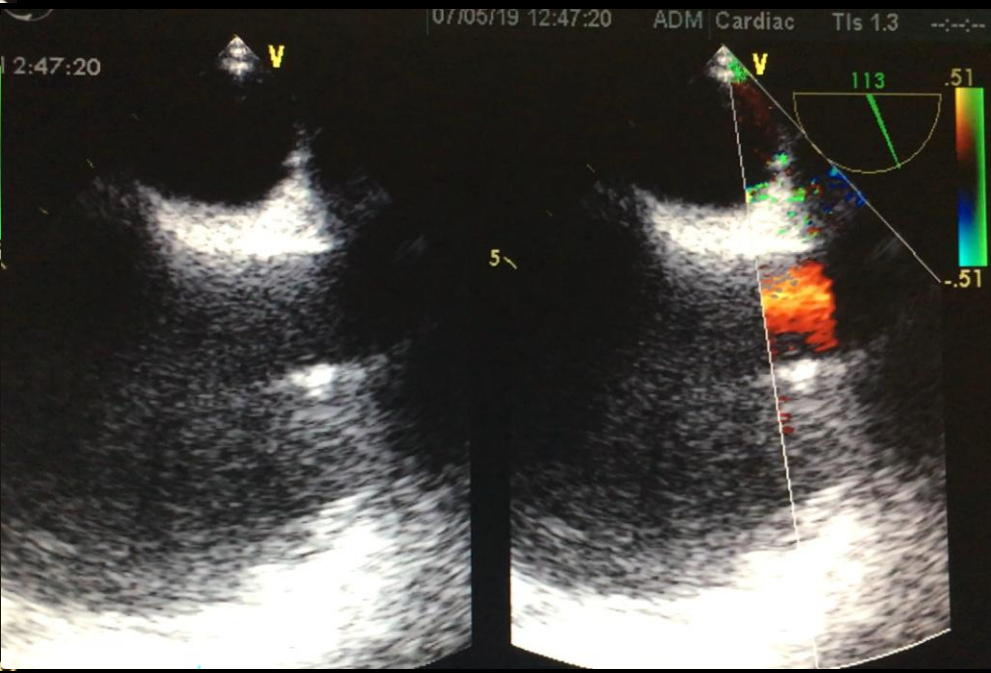
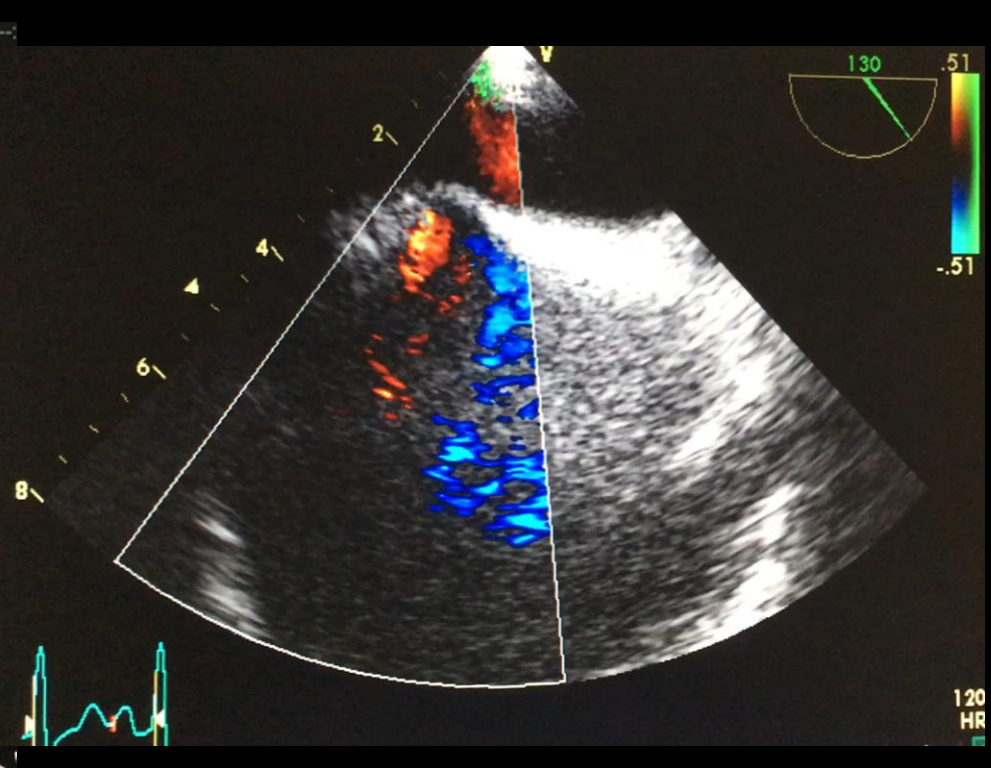




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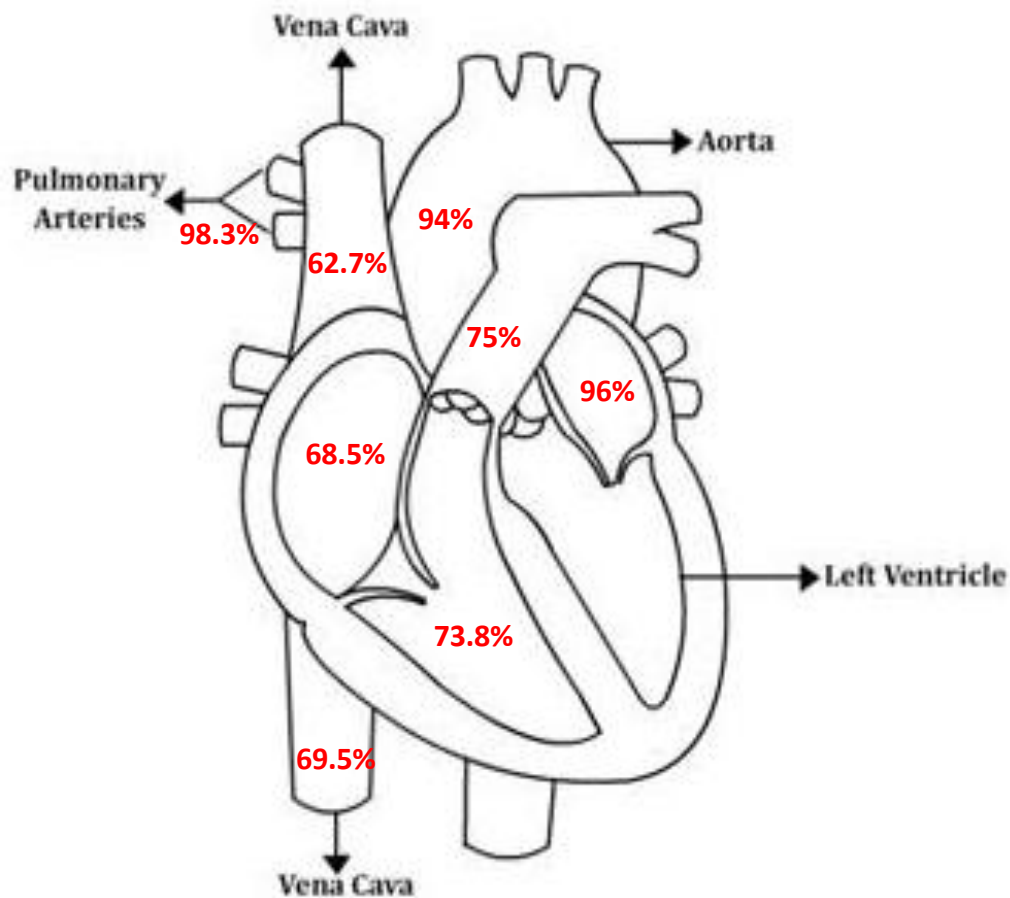
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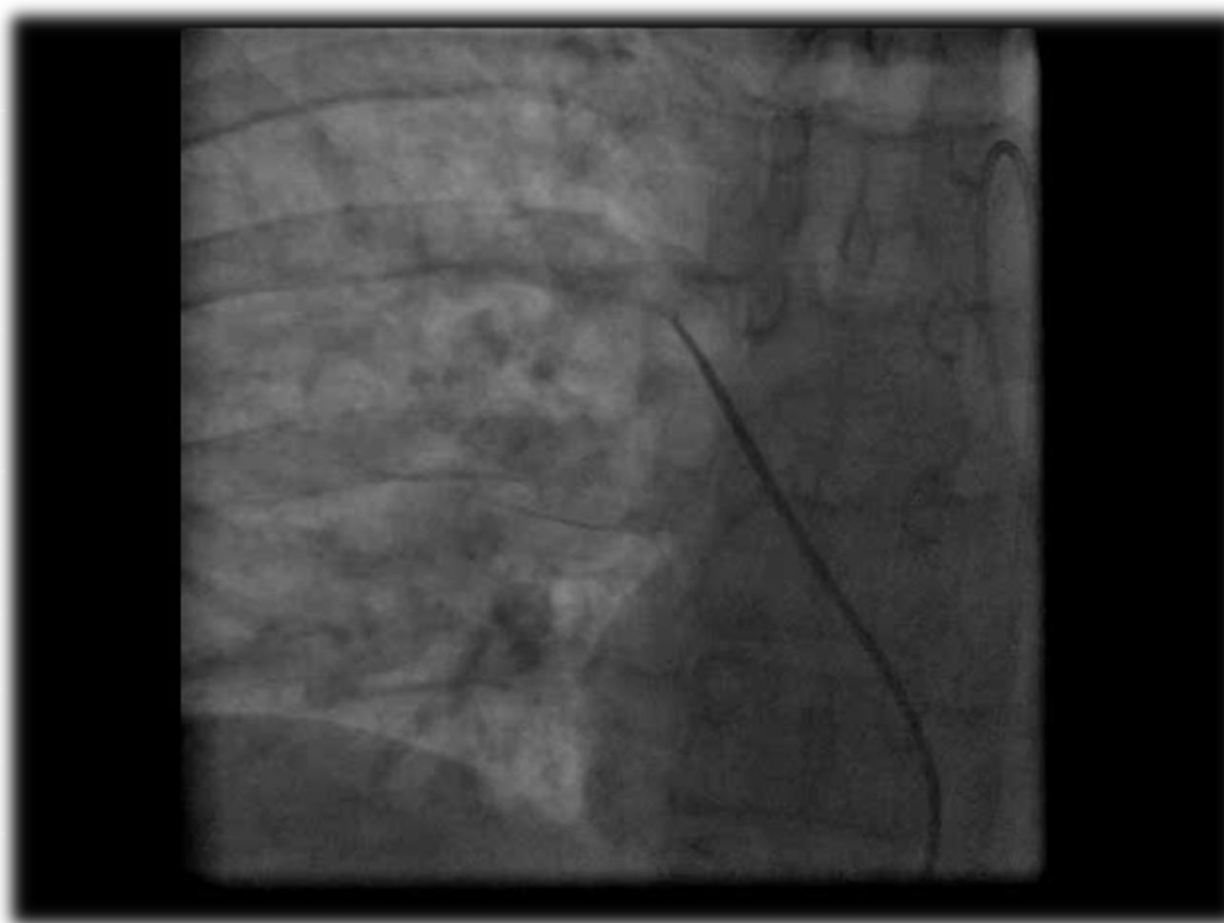
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RHC – indirect Fick – 04/2019

BSA: 1.94m ²	Hb: 9.6 g/dl, HR: 97/min	Pressures (mmHg)
RA		12
RV		100/19
PA		104/30/m58
LA		17
LV		127/17
Ao		125/87/m105
PVR (Wood)		5.1
PVRi (Woodxm ²)		9.9
SVRi / SVR		17.5/8.99
Qp (L/min) / CI p (L/min/m ²)		7.9/4.05
Qs (L/min) / CI s (L/min/m ²)		5.3/2.7
Qp/Qs		1.48
L→R shunt		2.88





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Clinical classification of pulmonary arterial hypertension associated with congenital heart disease

1. Eisenmenger's syndrome

Includes all large intra- and extra-cardiac defects which begin as systemic-to-pulmonary shunts and progress with time to severe elevation of PVR and to reversal (pulmonary-to-systemic) or bidirectional shunting; cyanosis, secondary erythrocytosis, and multiple organ involvement are usually present.

2. PAH associated with prevalent systemic-to-pulmonary shunts

- Correctable^a
- Non-correctable

Includes moderate to large defects; PVR is mildly to moderately increased, systemic-to-pulmonary shunting is still prevalent, whereas cyanosis at rest is not a feature.

3. PAH with small/coincidental^b defects

Marked elevation in PVR in the presence of small cardiac defects (usually ventricular septal defects <1 cm and atrial septal defects <2 cm of effective diameter assessed by echo), which themselves do not account for the development of elevated PVR; the clinical picture is very similar to idiopathic PAH. Closing the defects is contra-indicated.

4. PAH after defect correction

Congenital heart disease is repaired, but PAH either persists immediately after correction or recurs/develops months or years after correction in the absence of significant postoperative haemodynamic lesions.

PAH = pulmonary arterial hypertension; PVR = pulmonary vascular resistance.

^aWith surgery or intravascular percutaneous procedure.

^bThe size applies to adult patients. However, also in adults the simple diameter may be not sufficient for defining the haemodynamic relevance of the defect, and also the pressure gradient, the shunt size and direction, & the pulmonary to systemic flows ratio should be considered

(Web Table II on the web at; www.escardio.org/guidelines).



Anatomical-pathophysiological

Classification of congenital systemic-to-pulmonary shunts associated with pulmonary arterial hypertension

1. Type

1.1 Simple pre-tricuspid shunts

- 1.1.1 Atrial septal defect (ASD)
 - 1.1.1.1 Ostium secundum
 - 1.1.1.2 Sinus venous
 - 1.1.1.3 Ostium primum

1.1.2 Total or partial unobstructed anomalous pulmonary venous

1.2 Simple post-tricuspid shunts

- 1.2.1 Ventricular septal defect (VSD)
- 1.2.2 Patent ductus arteriosus

1.3 Combined shunts

Describe combination and define predominant defect

1.4 Complex congenital heart disease

- 1.4.1 Complete atrioventricular septal defect
- 1.4.2 Truncus arteriosus
- 1.4.3 Single ventricle physiology with unobstructed pulmonary blood flow
- 1.4.4 Transposition of the great arteries with VSD (without pulmonary stenosis) and/or patent ductus arteriosus
- 1.4.5 Other

2. Dimension (specify for each defect if more than one congenital heart defect exists)

2.1 Haemodynamic (specify Qp/Qs)^a

- 2.1.1 Restrictive (pressure gradient across the defect)
- 2.1.2 Non-restrictive

2.2 Anatomic^b

- 2.2.1 Small to moderate (ASD ≤ 2.0 cm and VSD ≤ 1.0 cm)
- 2.2.2 Large (ASD > 2.0 cm and VSD > 1.0 cm)

3. Direction of shunt

3.1 Predominantly systemic-to-pulmonary

3.2 Predominantly pulmonary-to-systemic

3.3 Bidirectional

4. Associated cardiac and extracardiac abnormalities

5. Repair status

5.1 Unoperated

5.2 Palliated (specify type of operation/s, age at surgery)

5.3 Repaired (specify type of operation/s, age at surgery)

^a Ratio of pulmonary (Qp) to systemic (Qs) blood flow.

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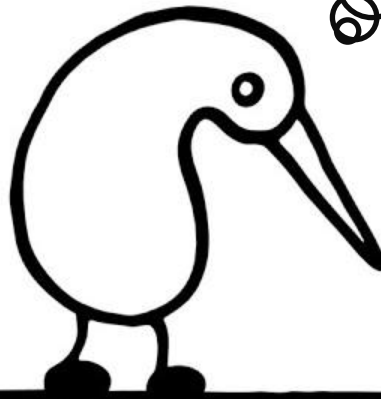
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To operate or not
to operate?
Here is the
question...



Pulmonary arterial hypertension associated with adult congenital heart disease

Recommendations			Class	Level
PVRI (Wu · m ²)	PVR (Wu)	Correctable ^a		
<4	<2.3	Yes	IIa	C
>8	>4.6	No	IIa	C
4-8	2.3-4.6	Individual patient evaluation in tertiary centres	IIa	C

PVR = pulmonary vascular resistance.

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WU = Wood units.

^aWith surgery or intravascular percutaneous procedure.

9.9	5.1
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Indications for Intervention in Atrial Septal Defect

- Patients with significant shunt (signs of RV volume overload) and $PVR < 5 \text{ WU}$ should undergo ASD closure regardless of symptoms.
- Device closure is the method of choice for secundum ASD closure when applicable.
- All ASDs regardless of size in patients with suspicion of paradoxical embolism (exclusion of other causes) should be considered for intervention.
- Patients with $PVR \geq 5 \text{ WU}$ but $< 2/3 \text{ SVR}$ or $PAP < 2/3$ systemic pressure (baseline or when challenged with vasodilators, preferably nitric oxide, or after targeted PAH therapy) and evidence of net L-R shunt ($Qp:Qs > 1.5$) may be considered for intervention.
- ASD closure must be avoided in patients with Eisenmenger physiology.

Class ^a	Level ^b
I	B
I	C
IIa	C
IIb	C
III	C

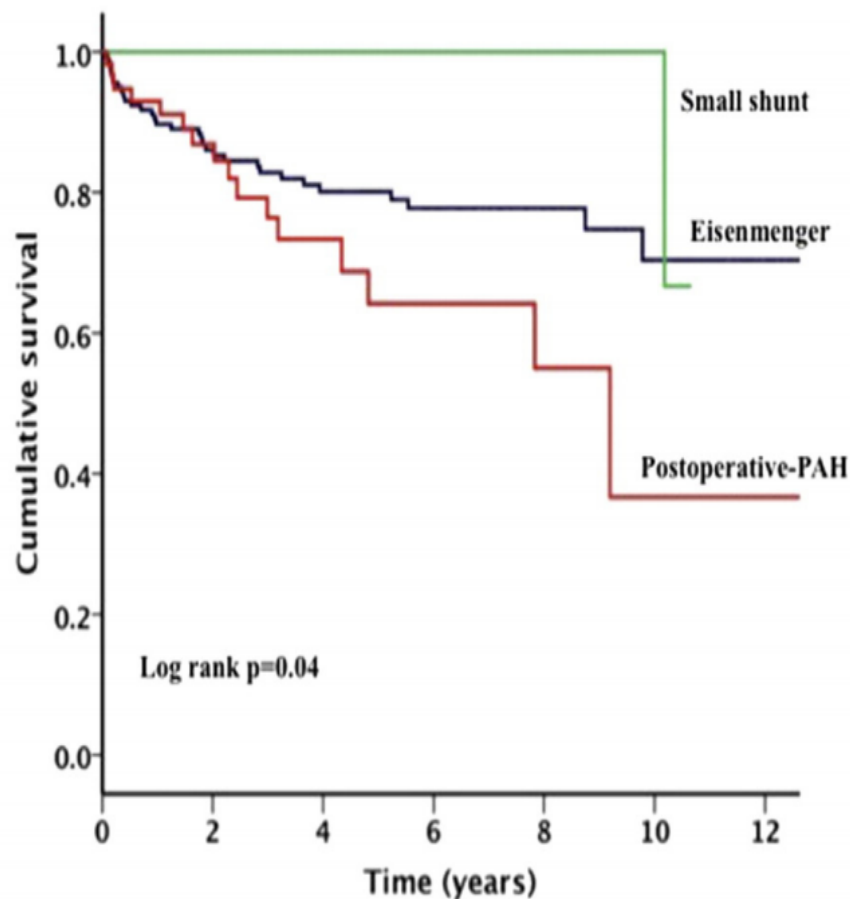
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PAP 104 syst pres 125
Qp/Qs=1.48

^a shunt; PAH = pulmonary arterial hypertension;
^b pulmonary vascular resistance; Qp:Qs = pulmonary to systemic flow ratio;
 units.

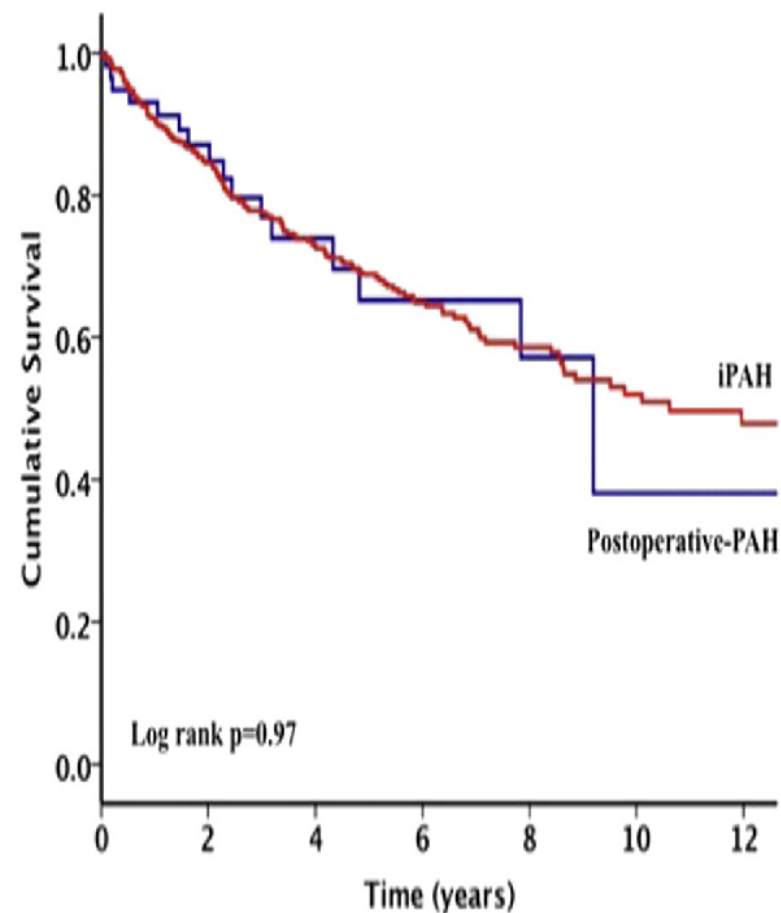
Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connections

Therapeutic		
I	B-NR	Surgical repair is recommended for patients with partial anomalous pulmonary venous connection when functional capacity is impaired and RV enlargement is present, there is a net left-to-right shunt sufficiently large to cause physiological sequelae (e.g., Qp:Qs $\geq 1.5:1$), PA systolic pressure is less than 50% systemic pressure and pulmonary vascular resistance is less than one third of systemic resistance.
I	B-NR	Repair of partial anomalous pulmonary venous connection is recommended at the time of closure of a sinus venosus defect or ASD.
I	B-NR	Repair of a scimitar vein is recommended in adults when functional capacity is impaired, evidence of RV volume overload is present, there is a net left-to-right shunt sufficiently large to cause physiological sequelae (e.g., Qp:Qs $\geq 1.5:1$), PA systolic pressure is less than 50% systemic pressure and pulmonary vascular resistance is less than one third systemic.
Ila	B-NR	Surgery can be useful for right- or left-sided partial anomalous pulmonary venous connection in asymptomatic adults with RV volume overload, net left-to-right shunt sufficiently large to cause physiological sequelae (e.g., Qp:Qs $\geq 1.5:1$), pulmonary pressures less than 50% systemic and pulmonary vascular resistance less than one third systemic.
Ila	B-NR	Surgery can be useful for repair of a scimitar vein in adults with evidence of RV volume overload with Qp:Qs 1.5:1 or greater.

PVR 5.1 SVR 8.9
PAP 104 syst pres 125
Qp/Qs=1.48

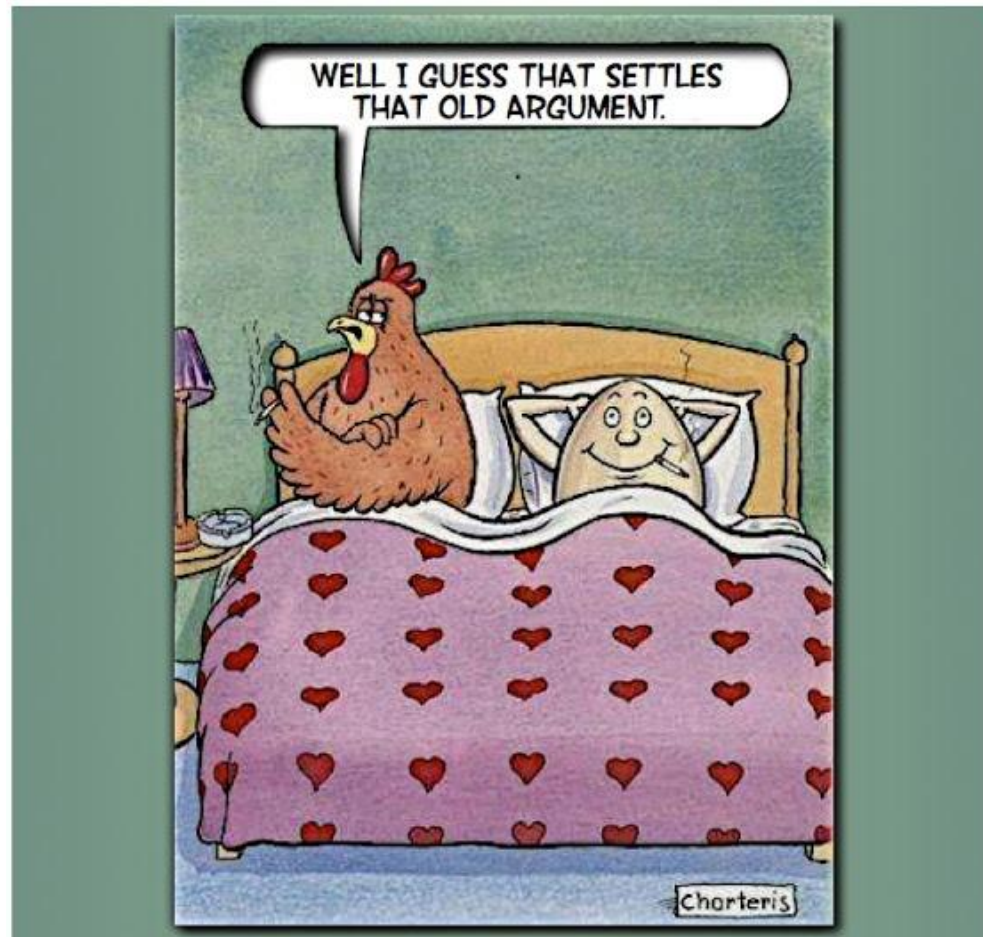


Small shunt	20	15	12	7	4	3	0
Eisenmenger	163	112	81	57	32	16	8
Postoperative	57	37	18	11	6	1	1

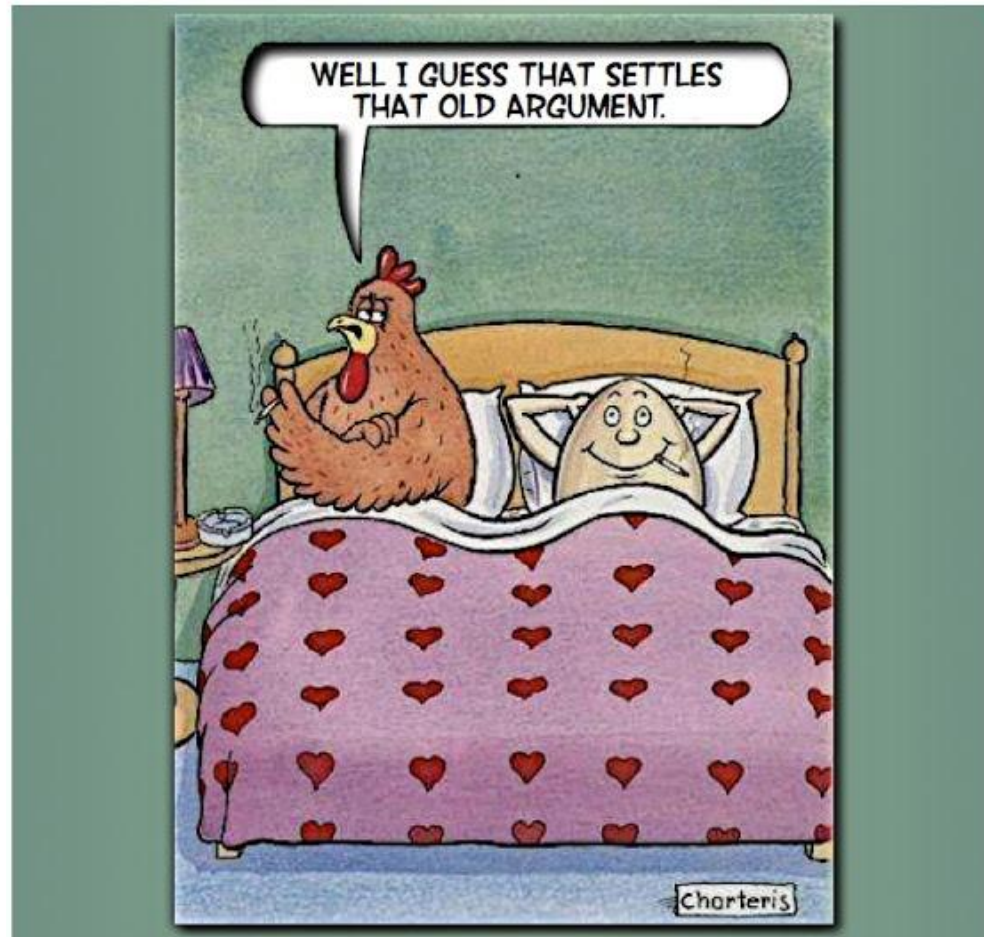


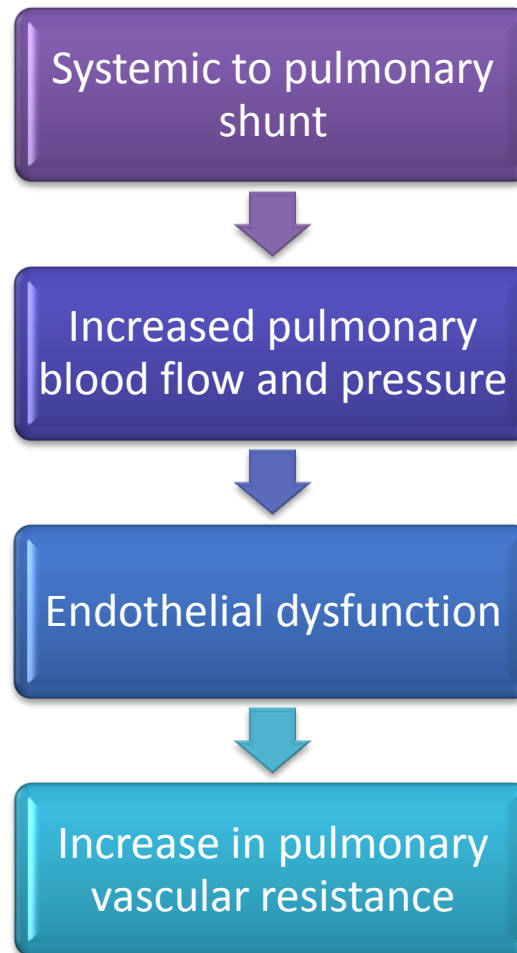
iPAH	409	310	208	135	85	48	26
Postoperative	57	37	18	11	6	1	1

Which came first?



Thank you for your attention!!!😊







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Clinical worsening

WHO FC III

Ambrisentan 10

Tadalafil 20

Furosemide 20

Plaquenil

Azathioprine

Methylprednisolone

ASA 100

Levothyroxine

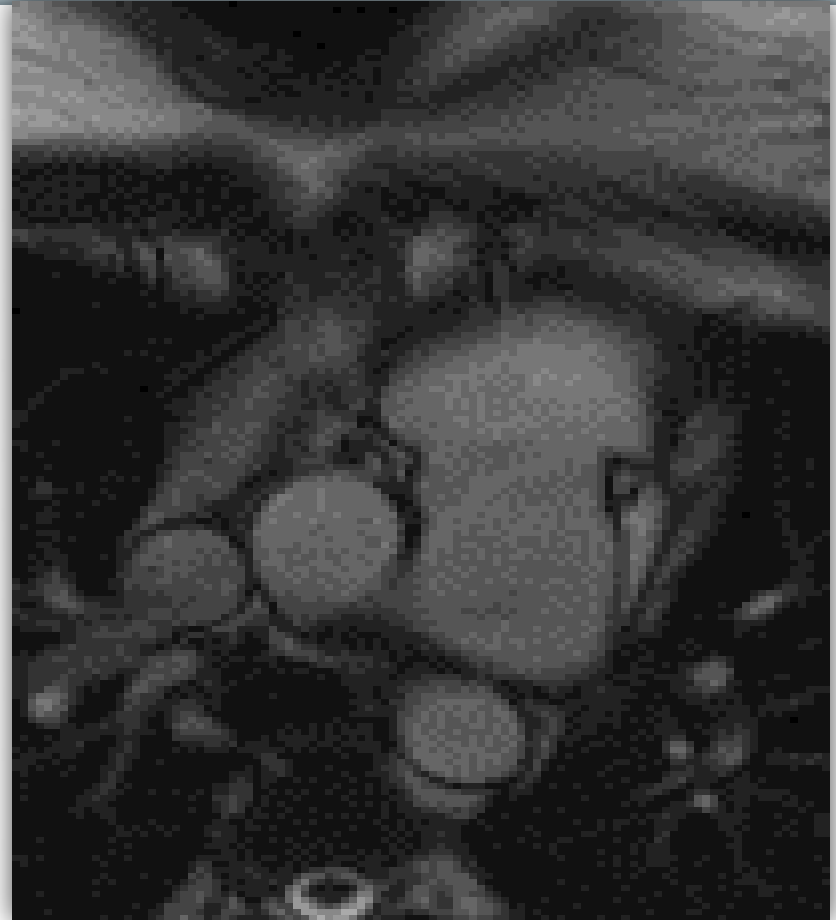


Hb 9.6
Fe 23 mcg/dl
Ferritin 15 ng/ml

NT-proBNP 83pg/ml

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Tadalafil 20
Furosemide 20
Hydroxychloroquine
Azathioprine
Methylprednisolone
ASA 100
Levothyroxine

Lets take a closer look...



And now, what?



To operate or not
to operate?
Here is the
question...





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