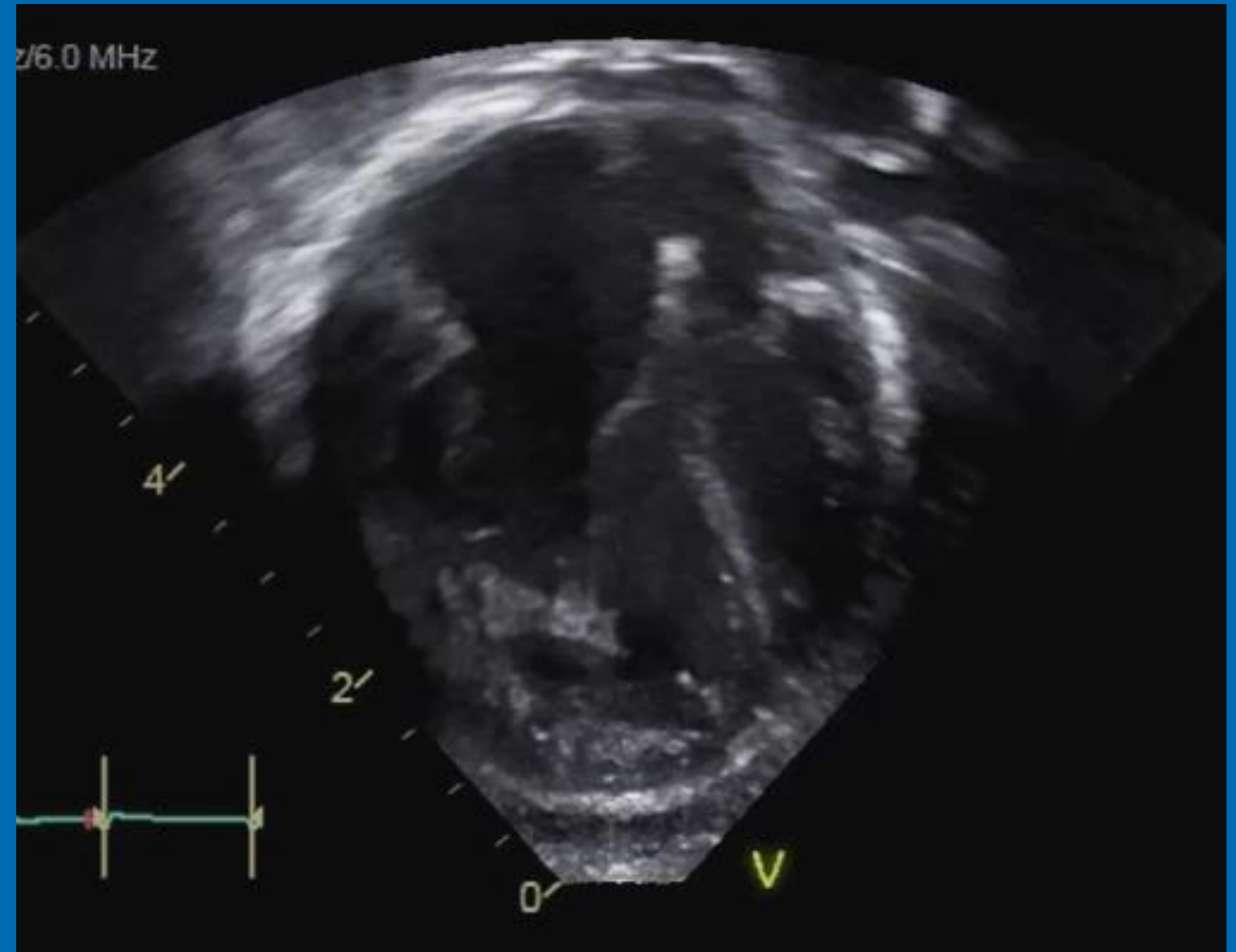
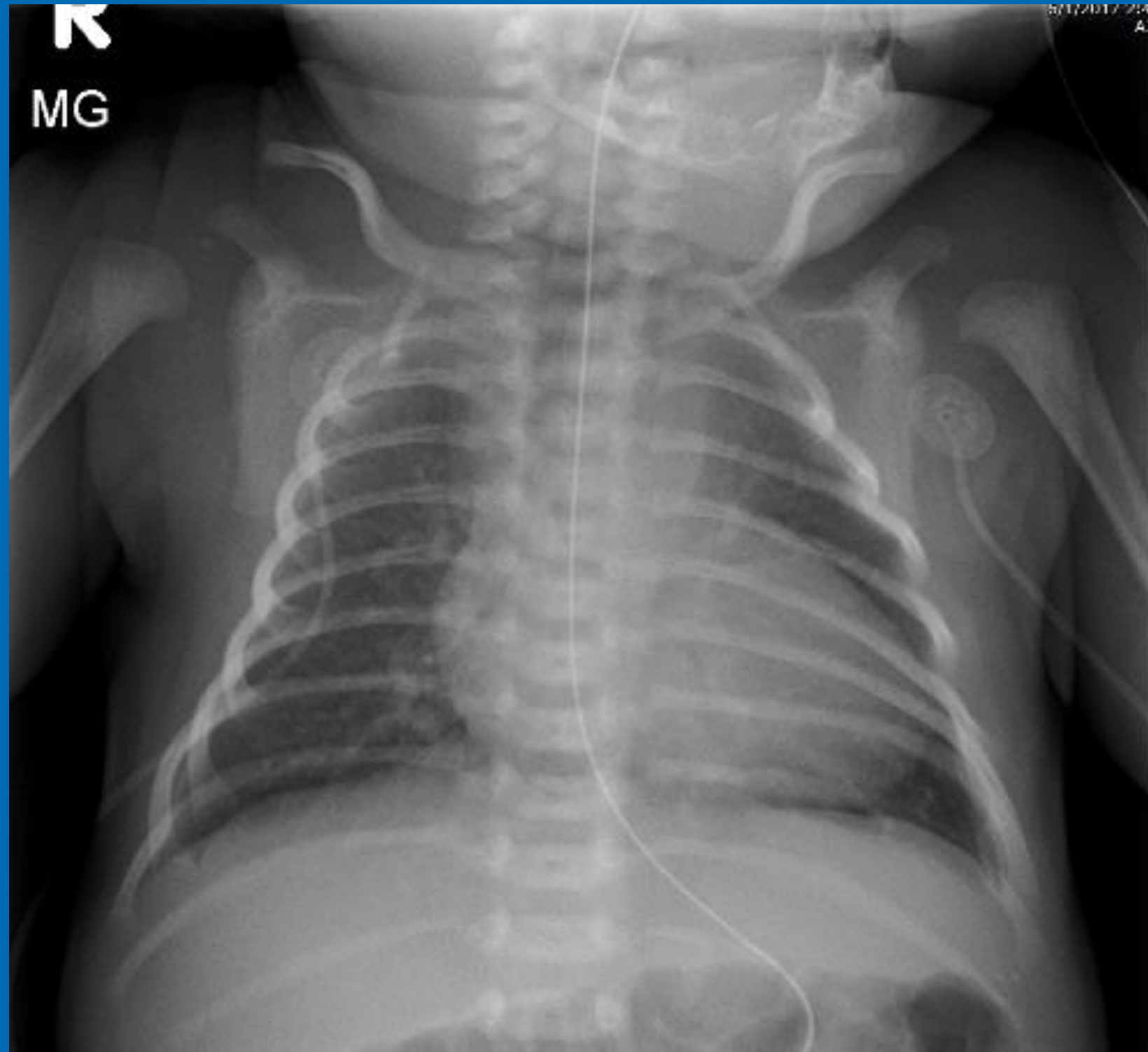


CYANOTIC HEART DISEASE



Conflicts of Interest: None



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- **Review definition and differential diagnosis of neonatal cyanosis**
- **Discuss Initial evaluation of cyanotic heart disease**
- **Describe when & how to start Prostaglandin**

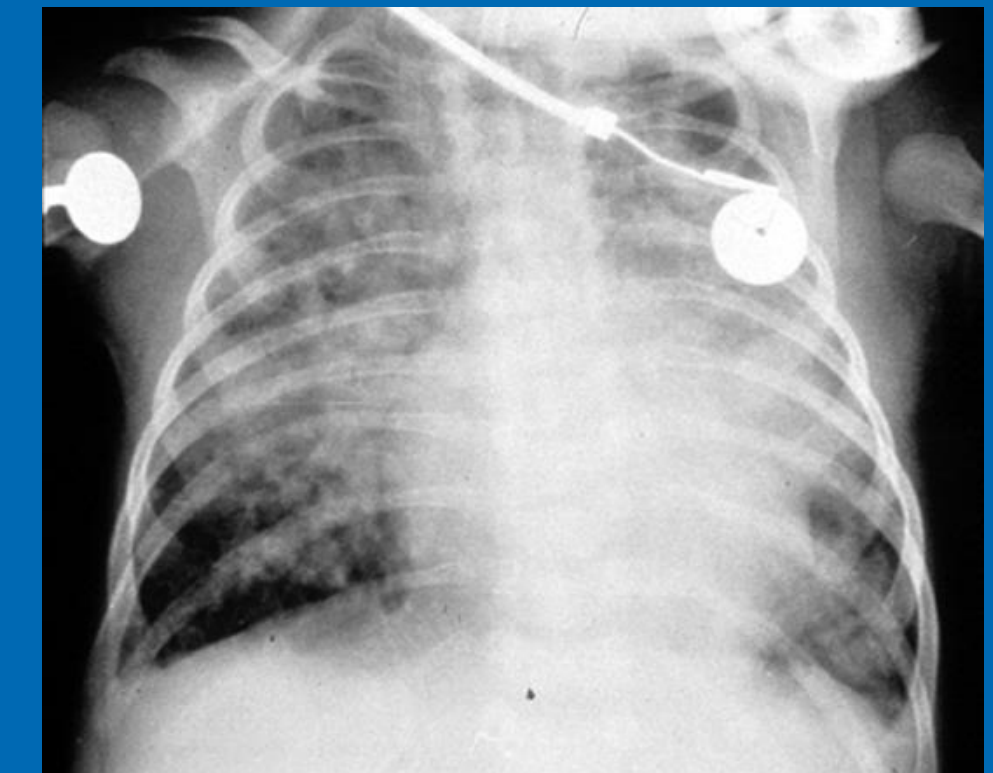
Low FiO₂



Hypoventilation



A-a gradient



Intrapulmonary shunt



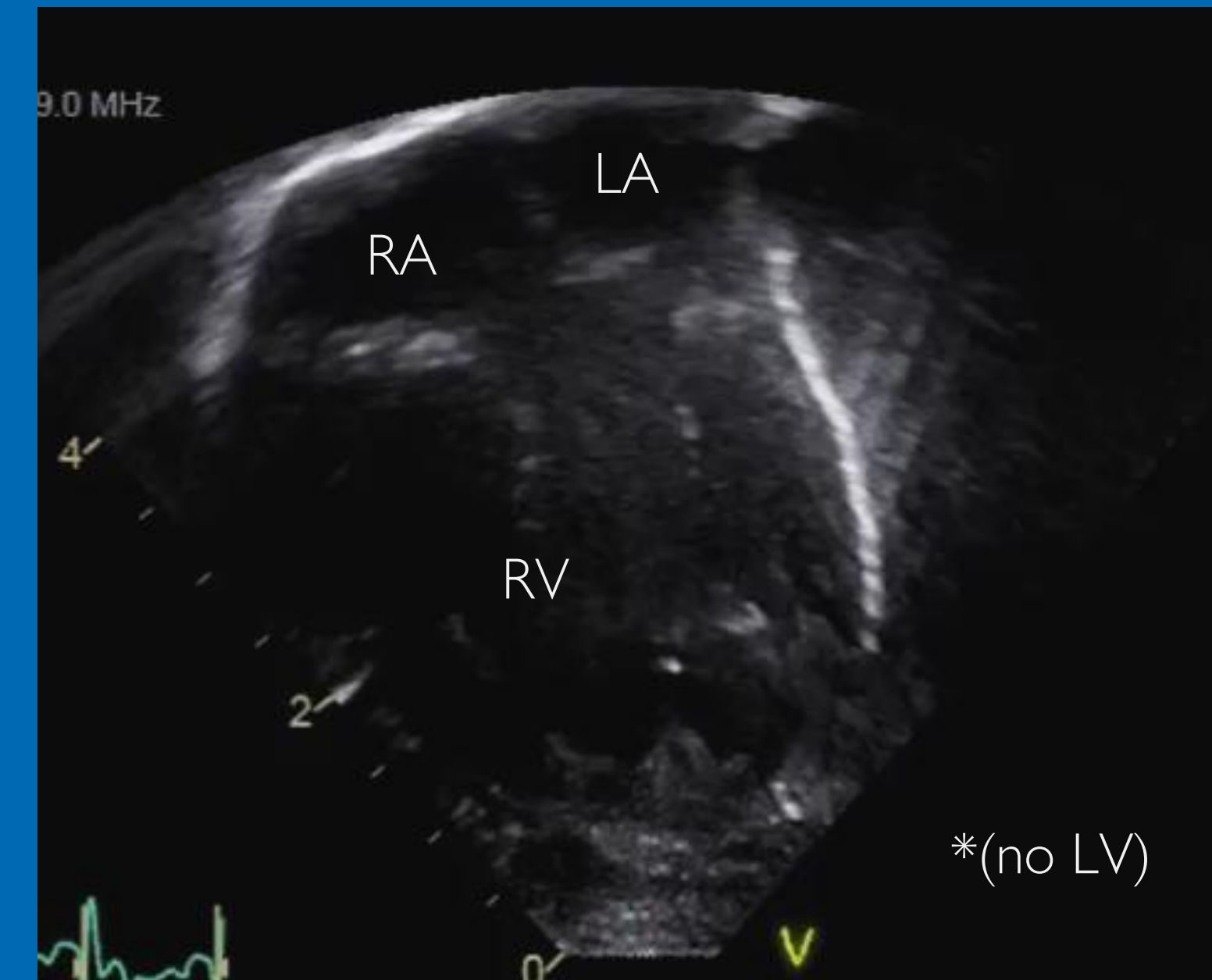
Pulmonary Capillary



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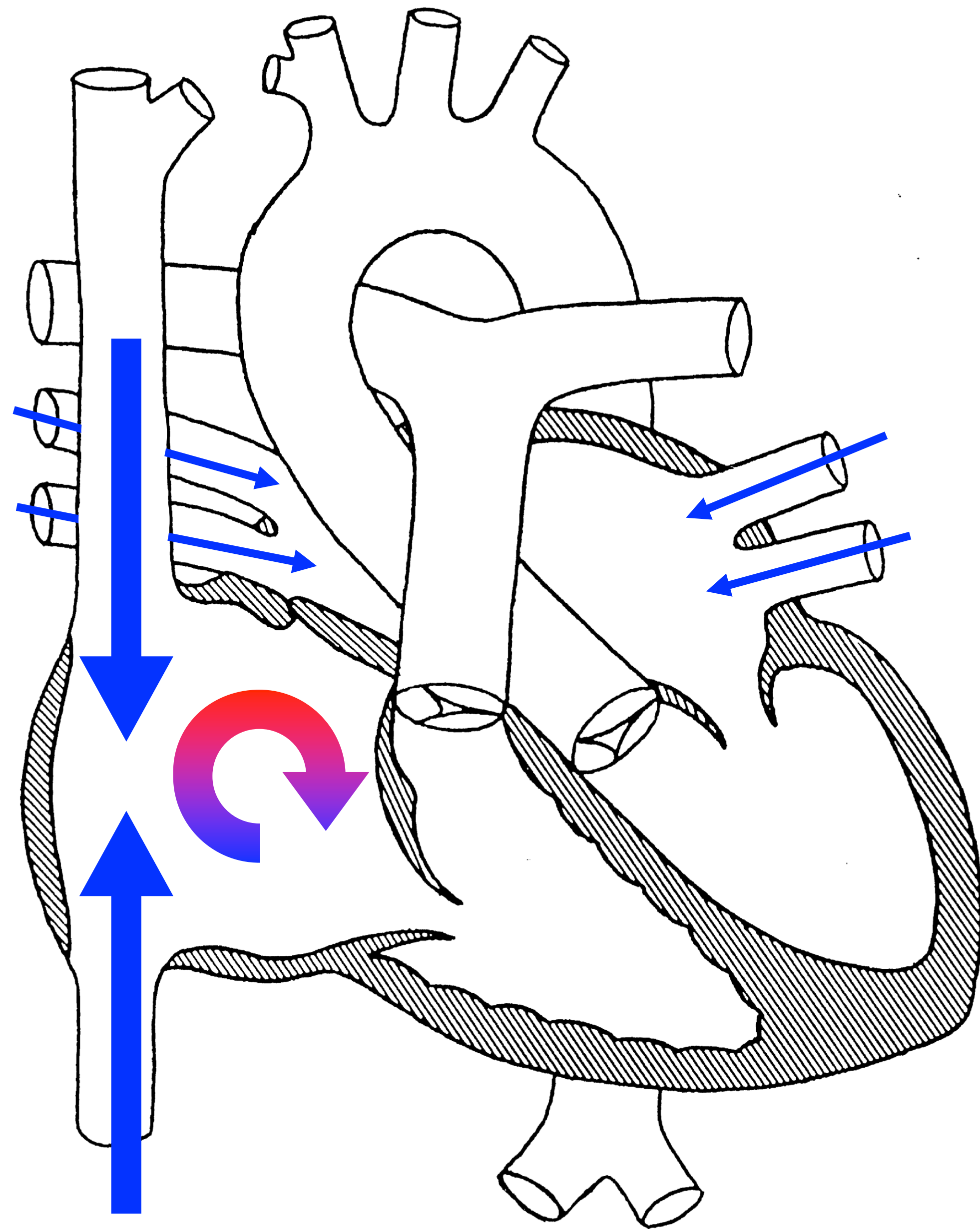
5 CAUSES OF HYPOXIA (If you're a pulmonologist)

Intracardiac Shunt



3 CAUSES OF HYPOXIA

(If you're a cardiologist)



1. Pulmonary vein blood too blue

- A-a gradient
- Hypoventilation
- Intrapulmonary shunt

2. Systemic vein blood too blue

- Sepsis
- Low cardiac output
- Left-sided obstructive lesions

3. Pulmonary and Systemic Venous Mixing

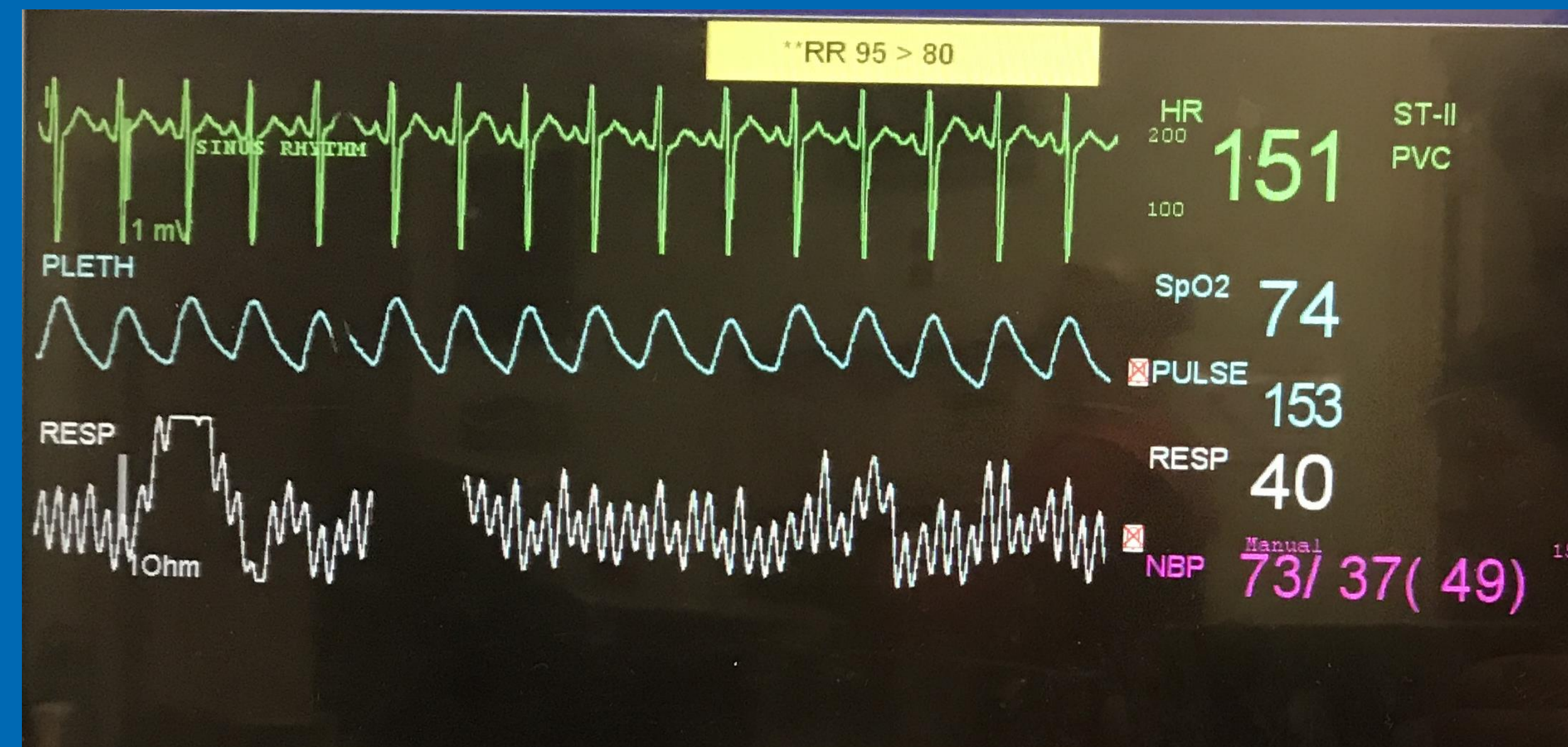
- “Cyanotic congenital heart disease”

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CASE: NEWBORN WITH CYANOSIS

- Term male, uncomplicated pregnancy and delivery.
- Baby appeared vigorous but “dusky”, no improvement in saturations with CPAP.
- Initial saturations 74% on RA in the RUE
- Birth weight 3.2kg
- Normal S1, loud S2, no murmur



THE BLUES

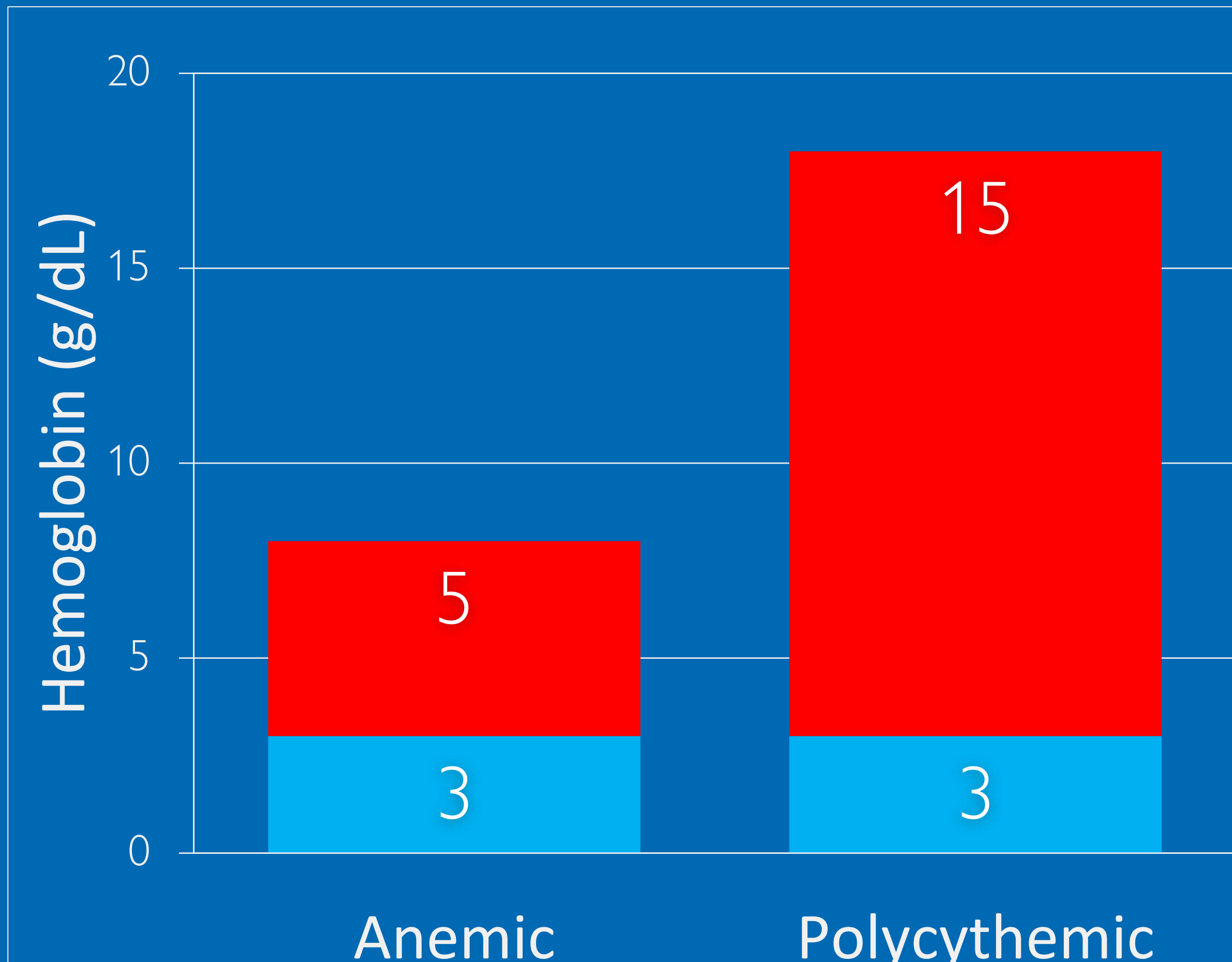
Foundational concepts:

1. What is cyanosis?
2. Acrocyanosis vs. “central” cyanosis?

**You need 3-5g/dL deoxyhemoglobin
to look blue!**



TOTAL HEMOGLOBIN MATTERS



Key Concept

- If your total hemoglobin is 8: 3g/dL is almost half the hemoglobin
- If your total hemoglobin is 18: 3g/dL is a small fraction (<20%).



IS IT THE HEART OR THE LUNGS?

The Hyperoxia Test

- By placing the patient in 100% oxygen, we can differentiate pulmonary vs. cardiac causes of cyanosis.
- Key Concept: oxygen can usually “fix” pulmonary causes of hypoxemia, but not intracardiac mixing.

Place patient in 100% Oxygen for 10 min

High PaO₂
(>150mmHg)



Disease

Low PaO₂
(<150mmHg)

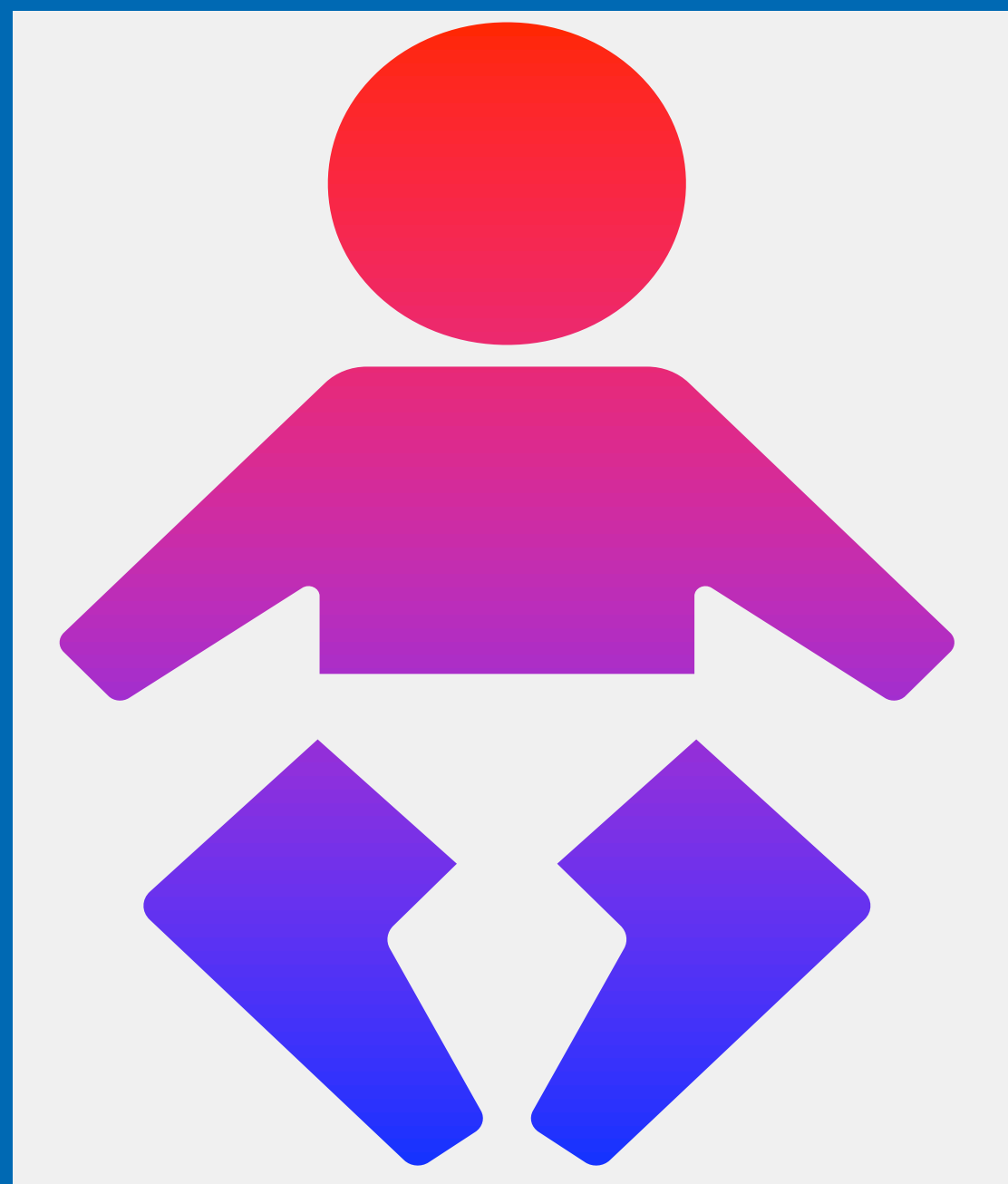


Disease



DIFFERENTIAL CYANOSIS

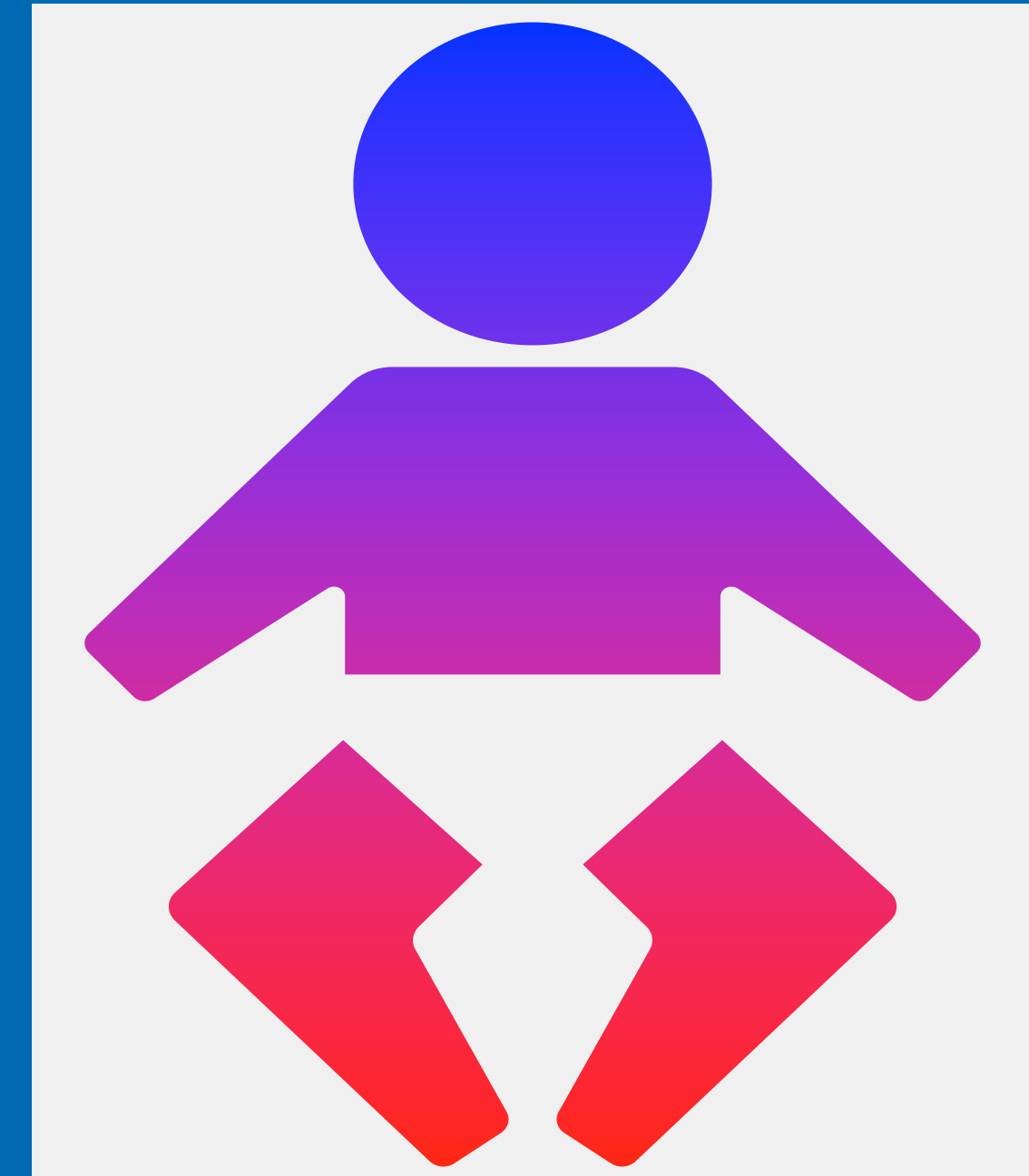
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Abdomen and legs: Low

REVERSE DIFFERENTIAL

Head and arms: Low

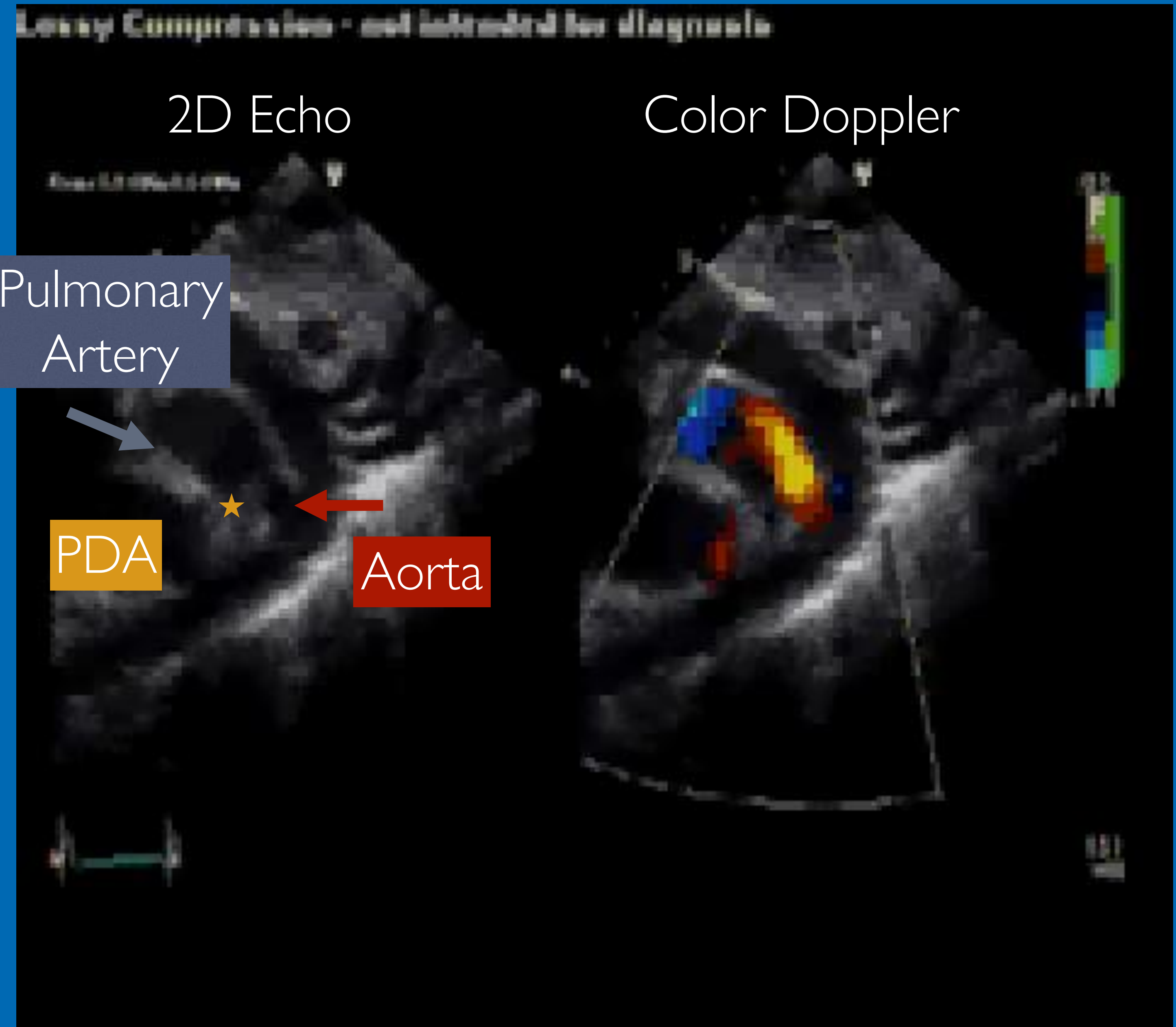
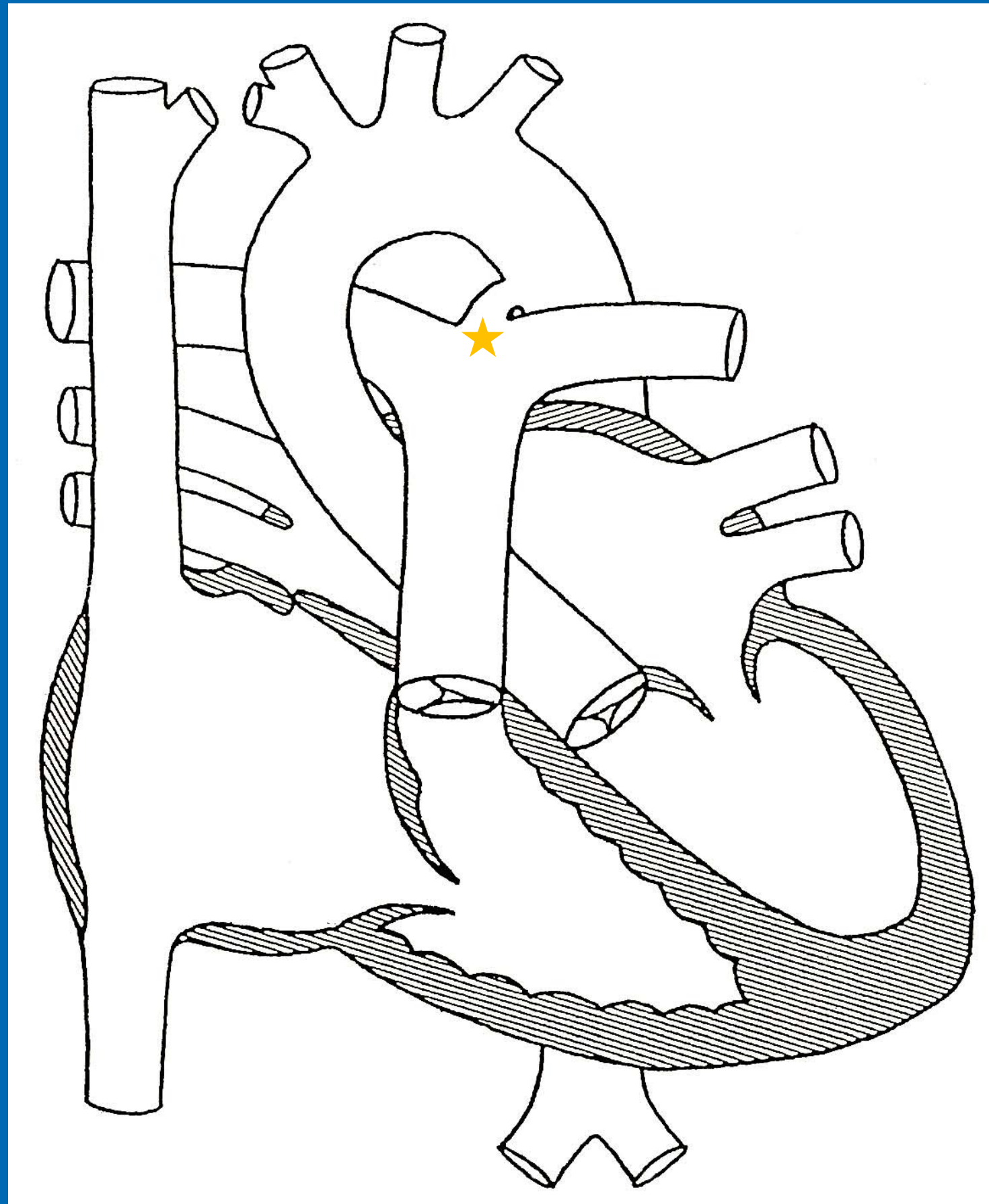


Abdomen and legs: High



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PATENT DUCTUS



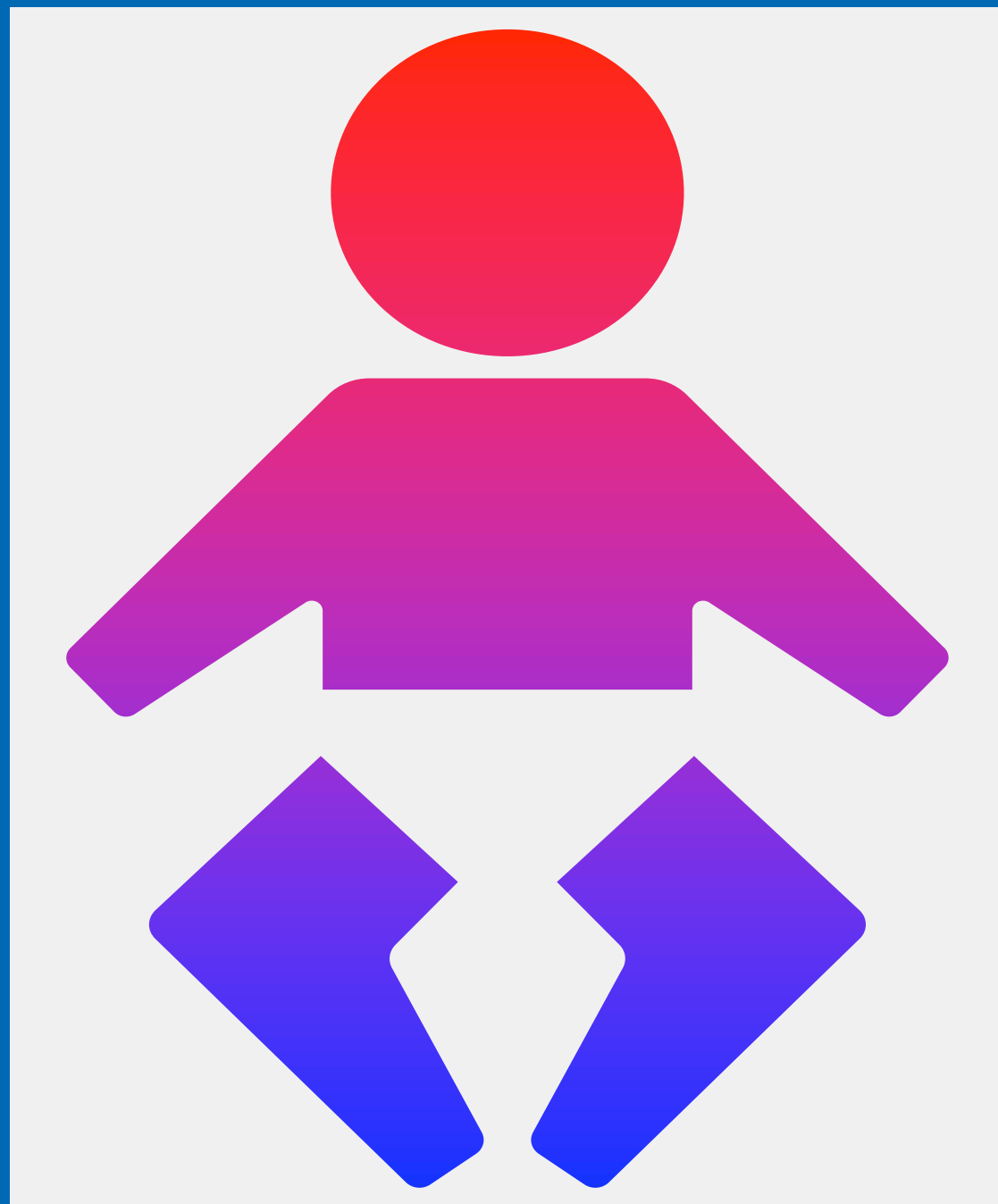
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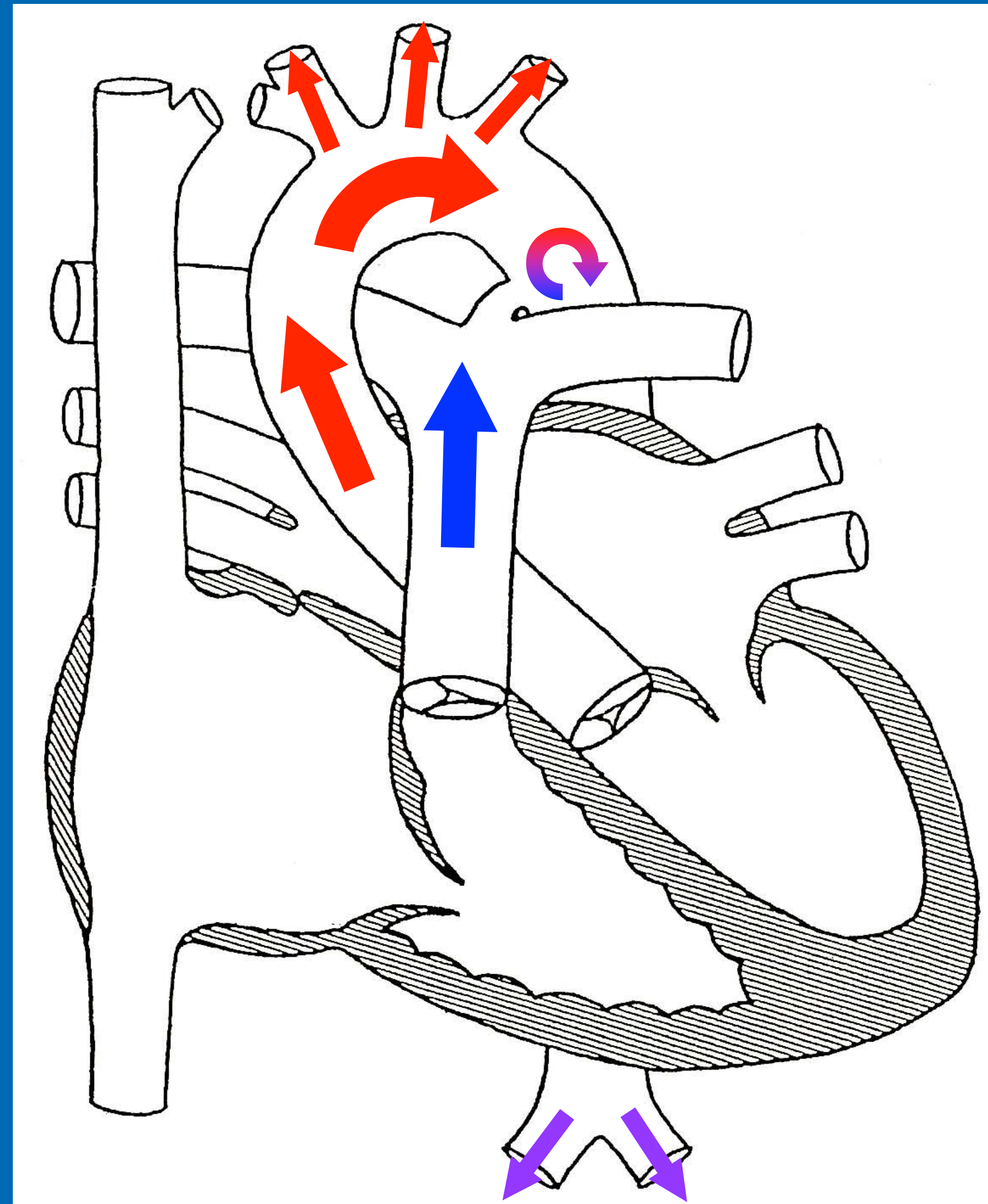
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DIFFERENTIAL CYANOSIS

Head and arms: High



Abdomen and legs: Low



Key Concept:
BLUE blood from the PDA
enters the descending
aorta, making it
desaturated



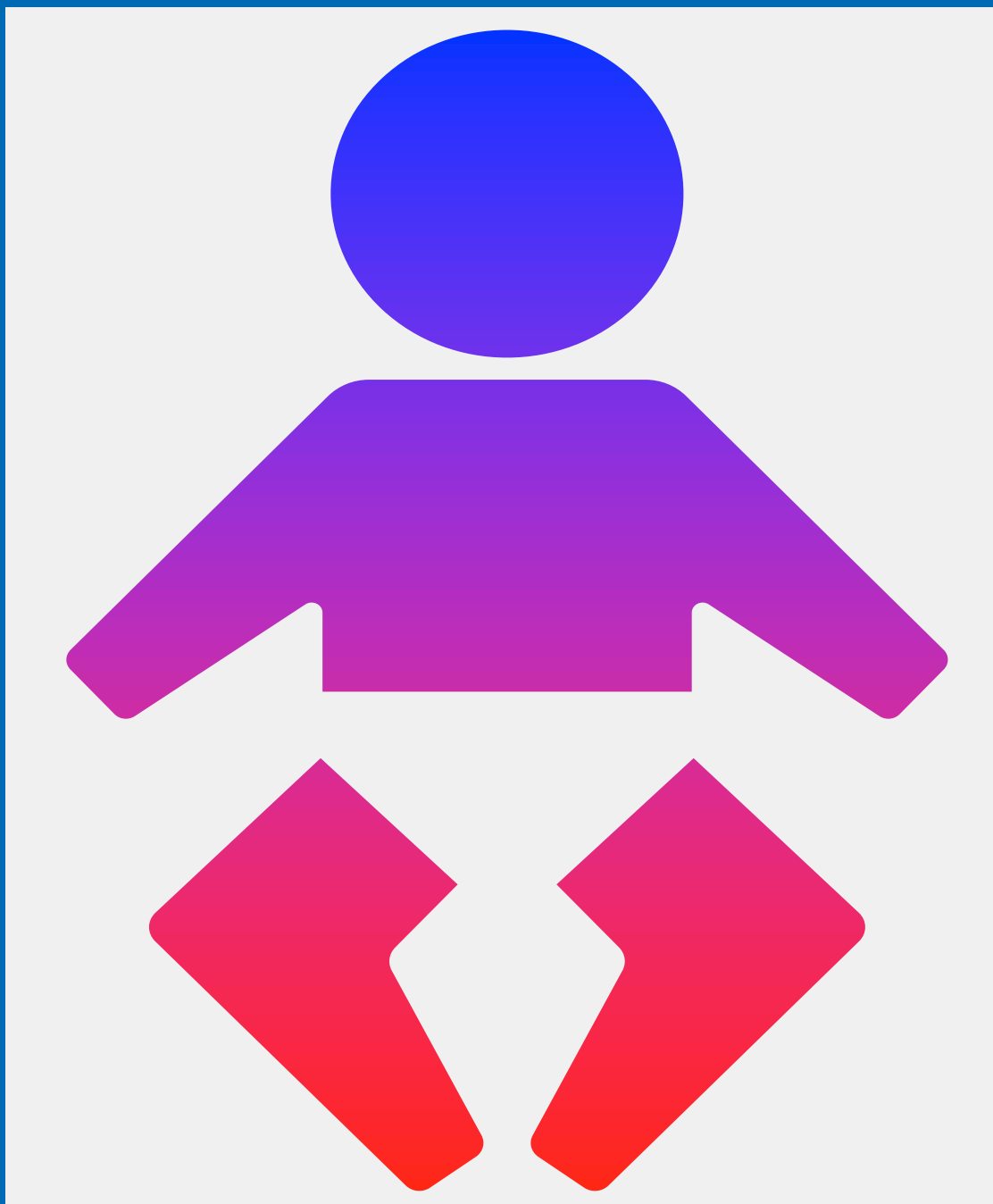
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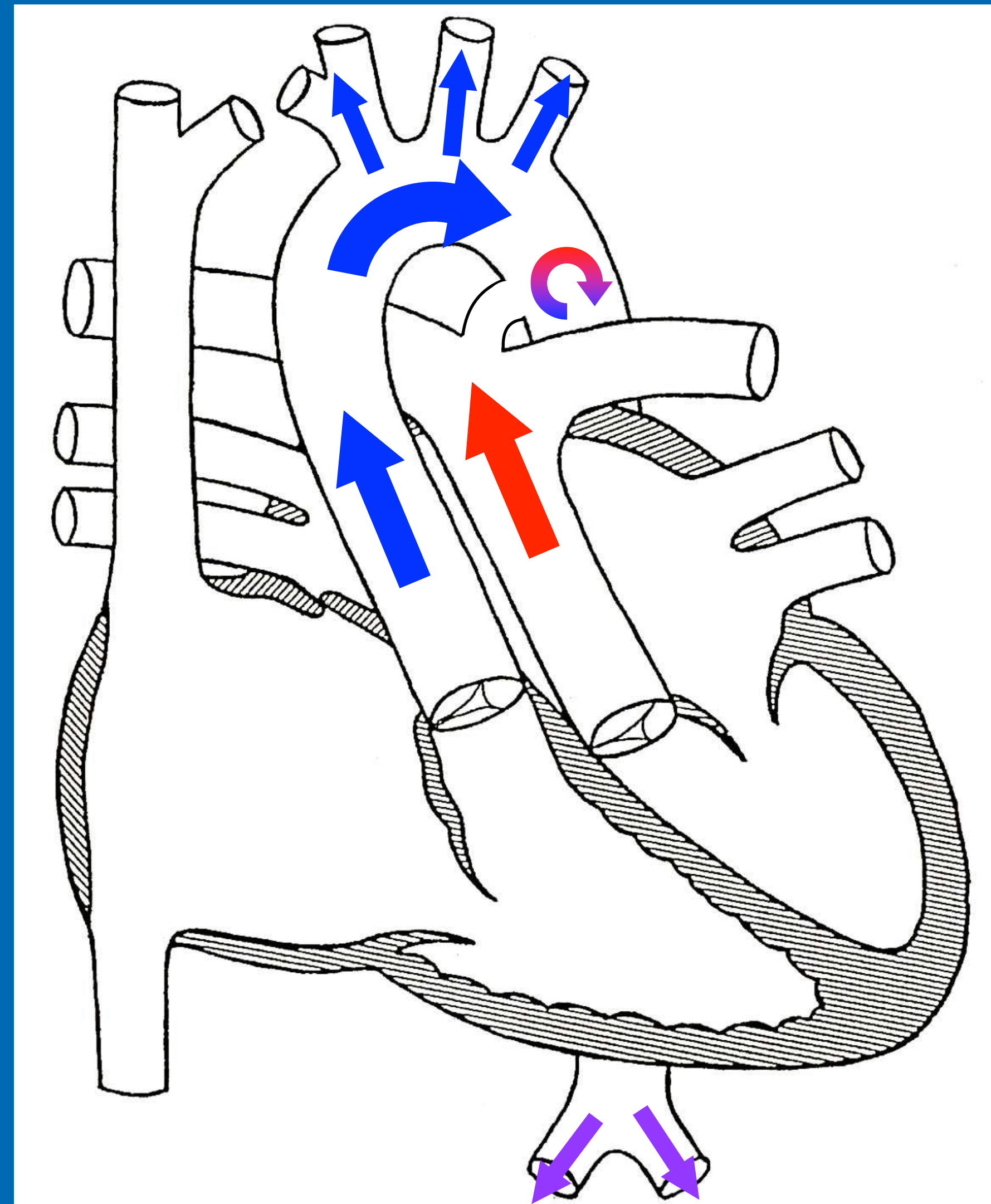
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REVERSE DIFFERENTIAL CYANOSIS

Head and arms: Low



Abdomen and legs: High



Key Concept:
RED blood from the PDA
enters the descending
aorta, making it LESS
desaturated



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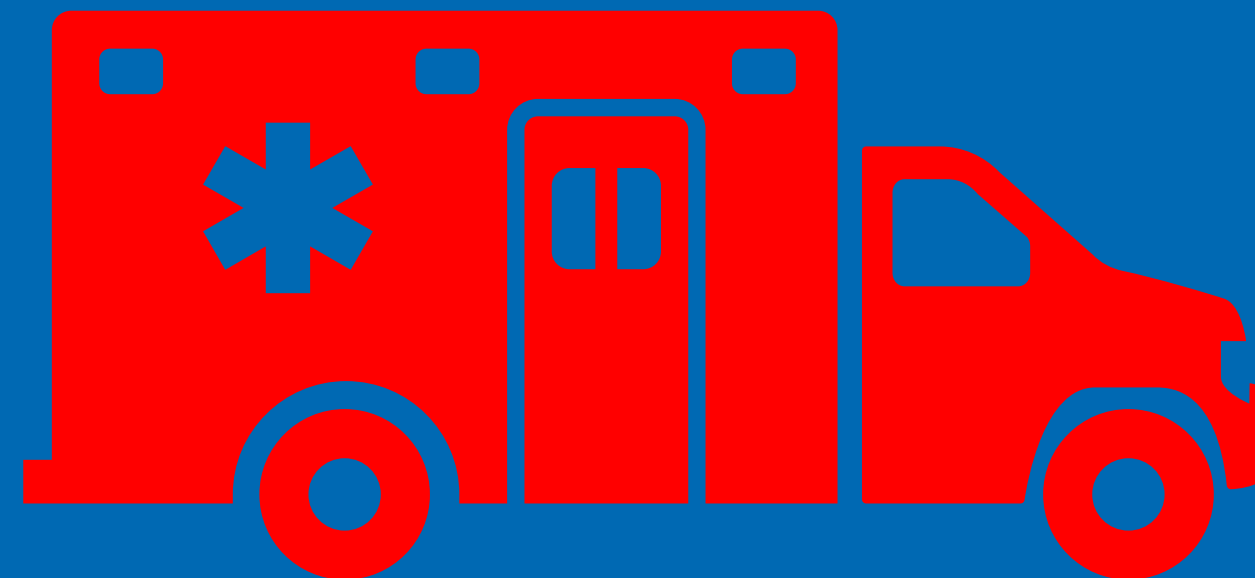
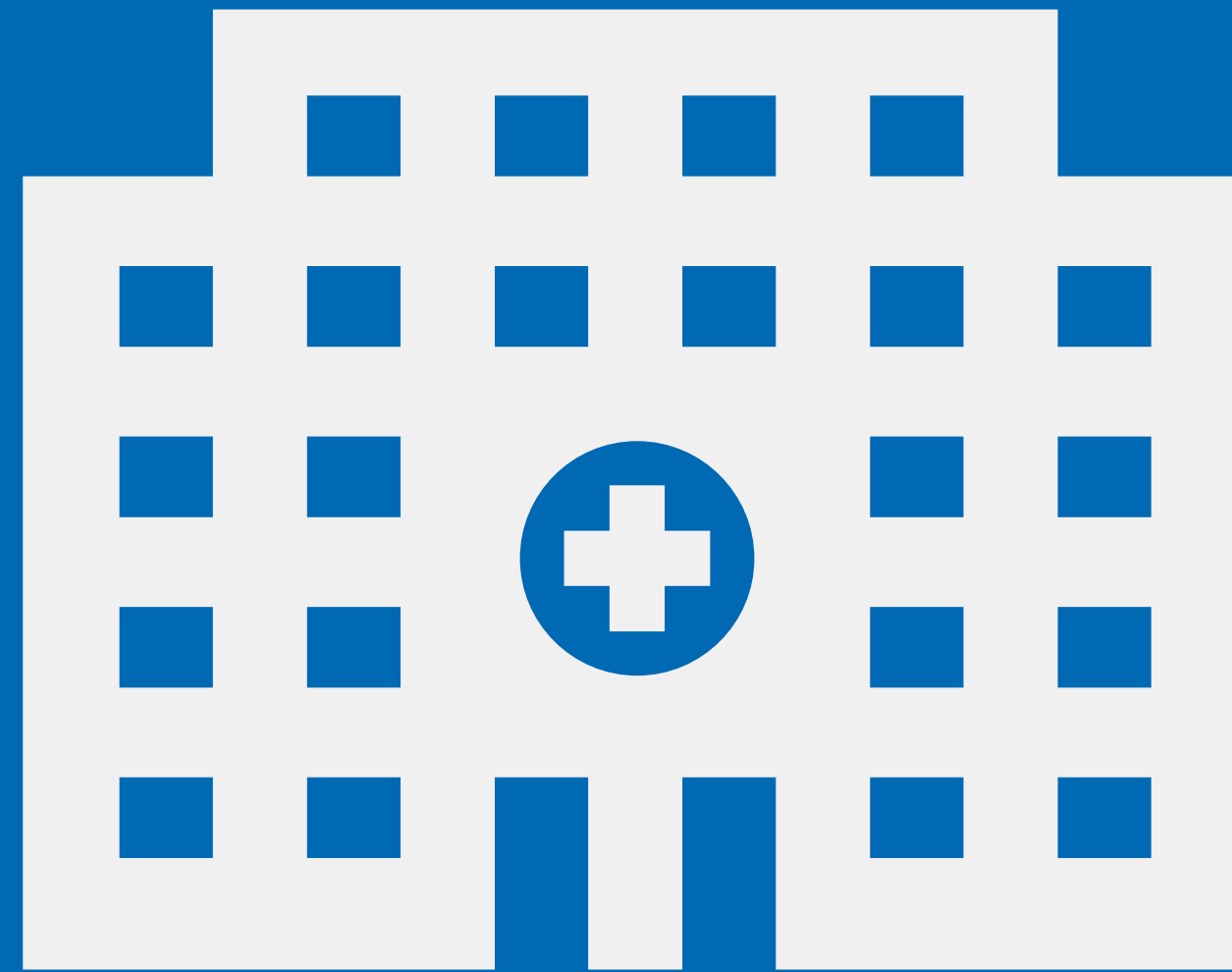
INITIAL EVALUATION

Physical Exam

Chest x-ray

ECG

Echo



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MURMURS

Intensity

1. Barely audible
2. Soft
3. Prominent
4. (+)Thrill
5. *
6. No stethoscope

Pitch

Low (bell)
vs
High (diaphragm)

Quality

“Vibratory”
“Harsh”
“Blowing”
“Machine-like”

Timing

Systolic
Diastolic
Continuous

Radiation

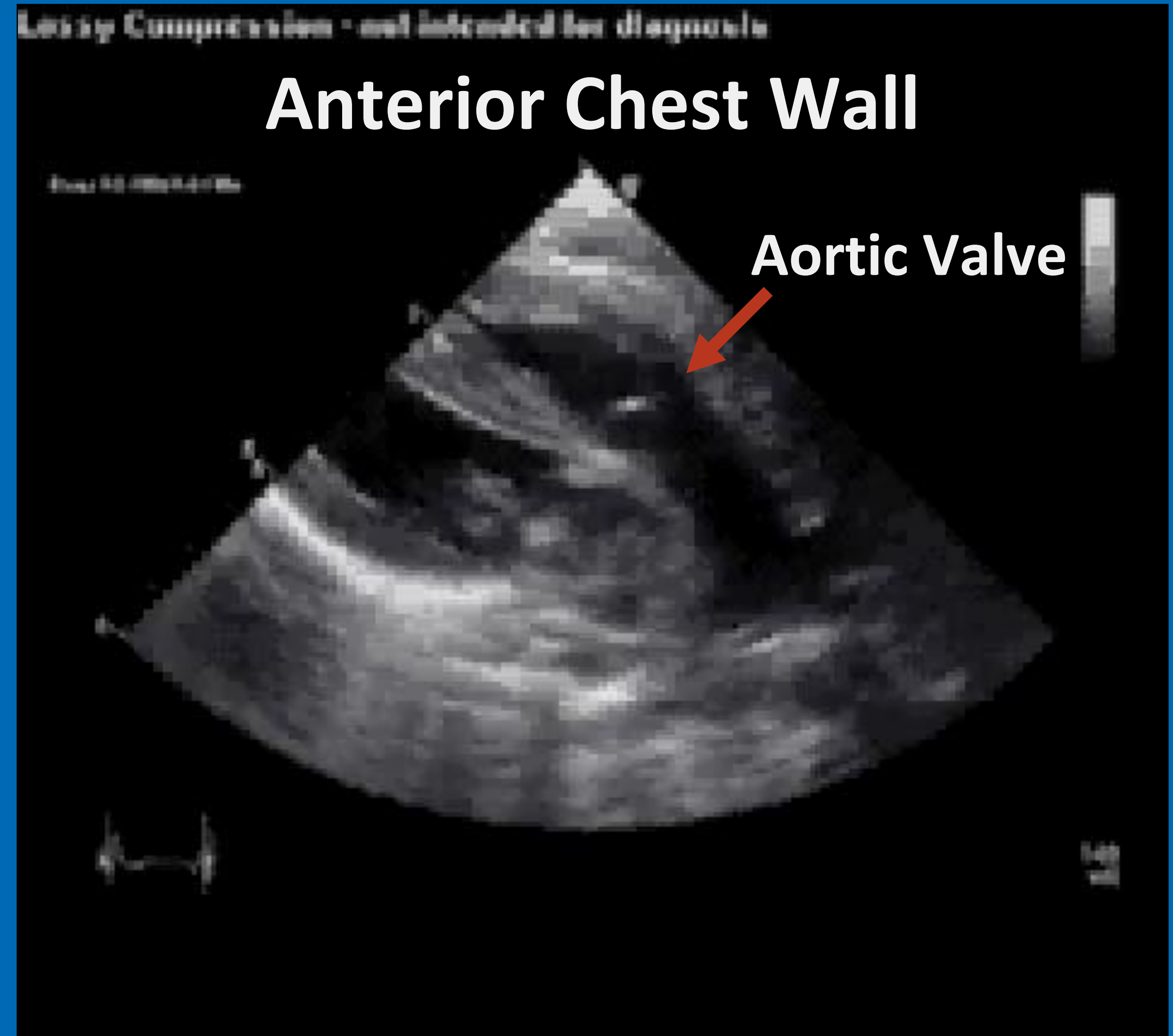
Where is it loudest?
Audible elsewhere?

“Grade 2/6, high-pitched, harsh systolic ejection murmur at the left-upper sternal border”

CYANOTIC & NO MURMUR

- Transposition of the Great Arteries*
- Total anomalous pulmonary veins
- Hypoplastic left heart syndrome*

* Loud second heart sound



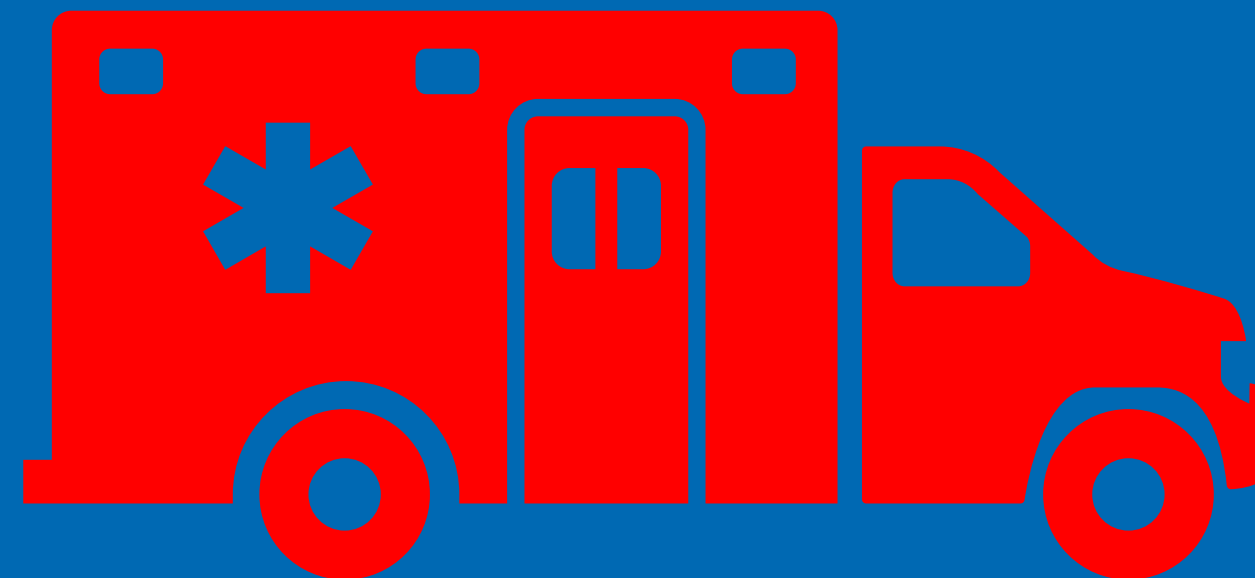
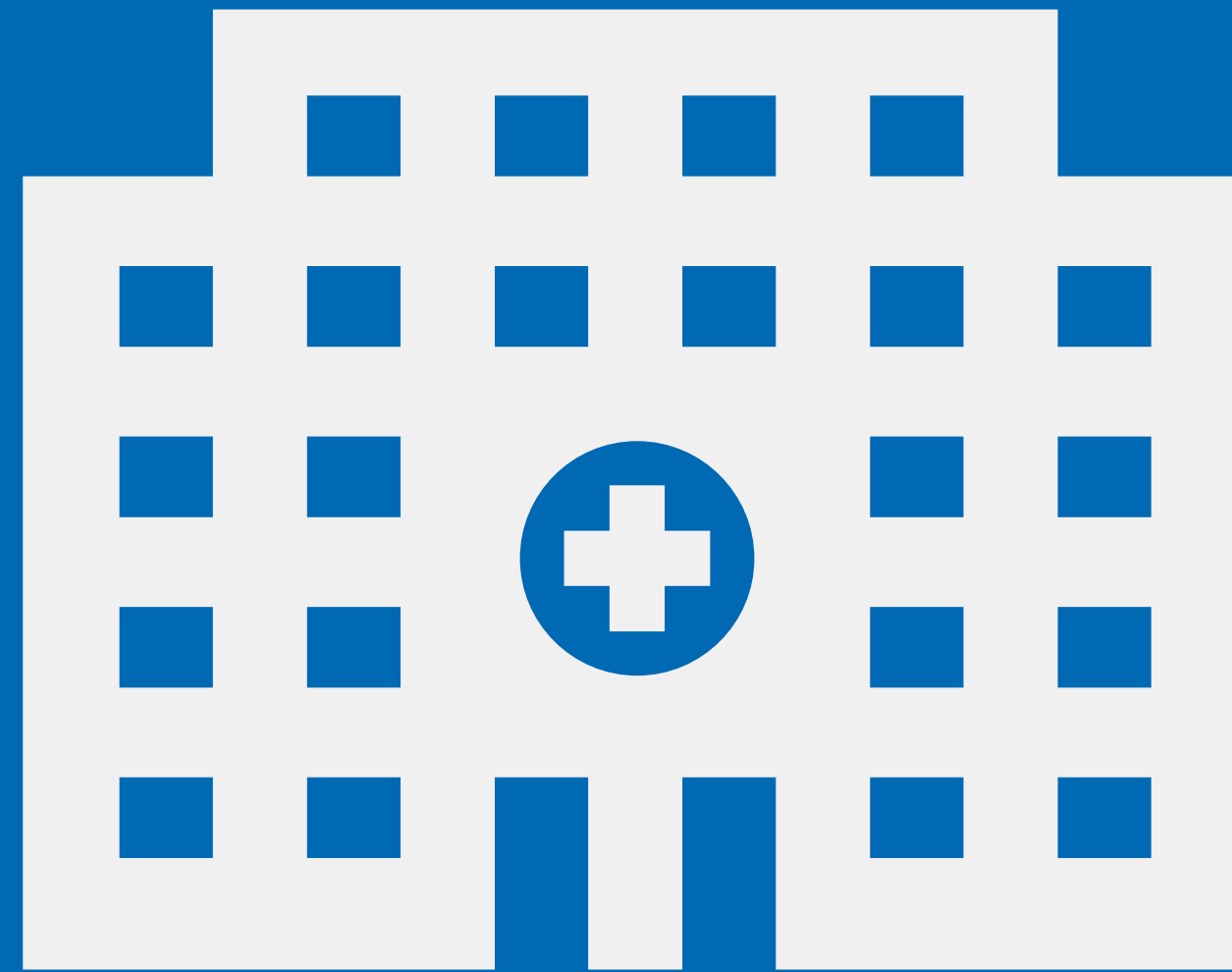
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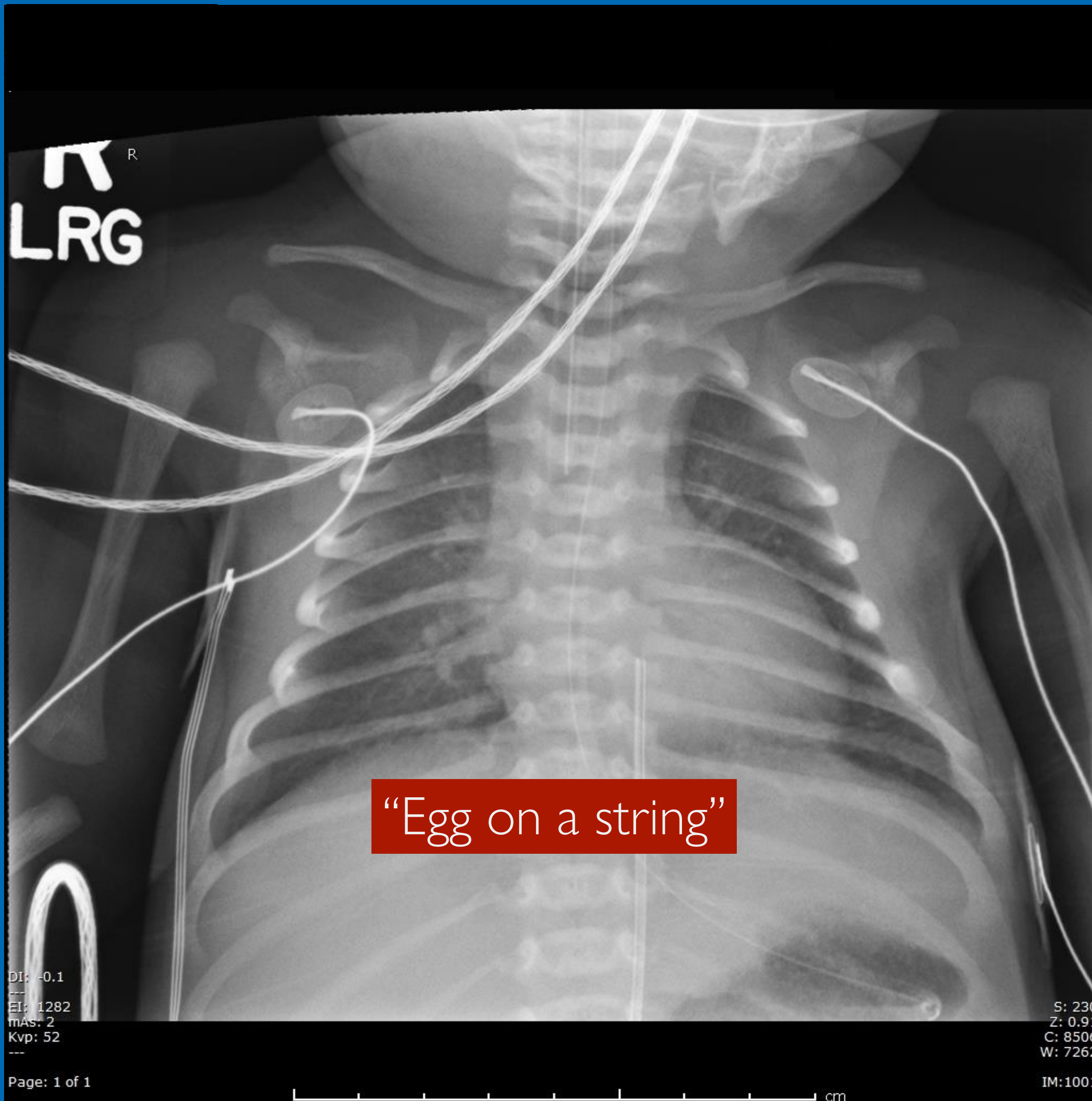
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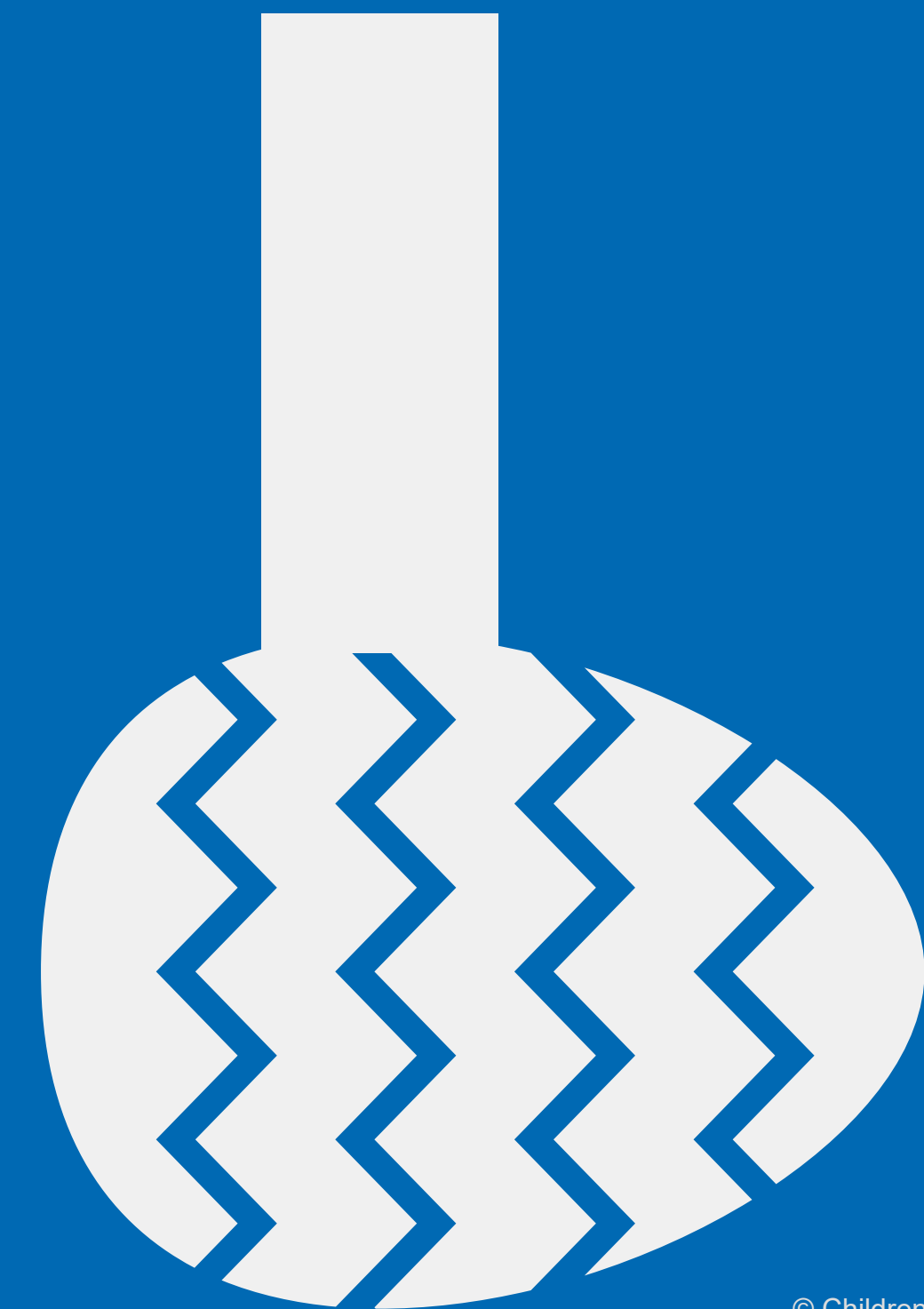


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CHEST X-RAY

Transposition of the
Great Arteries

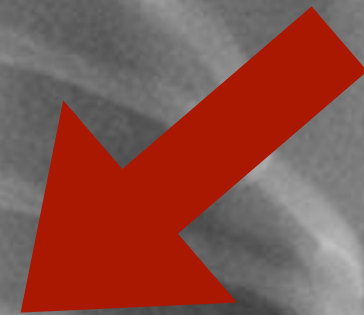


CHEST X-RAY

Tetralogy of Fallot



MG



“Boot shaped heart”

DI: -2.6
EI: 721
mAs: 1
Kvp: 60

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S: 409
Z: 0.92
C: 7853
W: 7013

IM:1001

CASE: CHEST X-RAY

- Pulmonary edema
- Normal heart size
- Prominent thymus
- Clavicle fracture

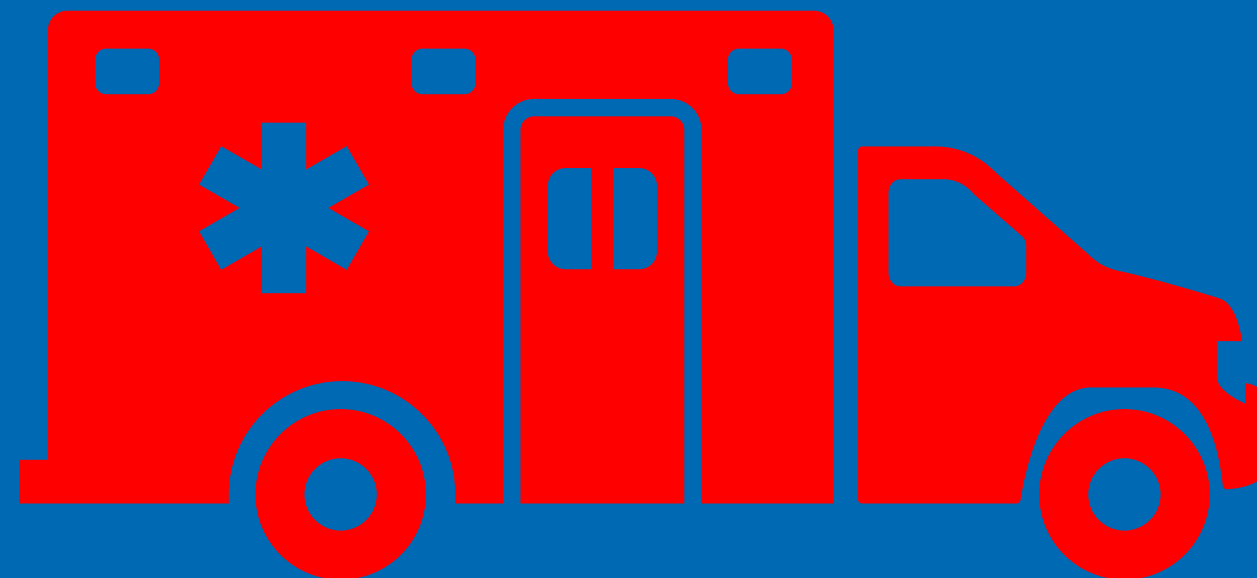
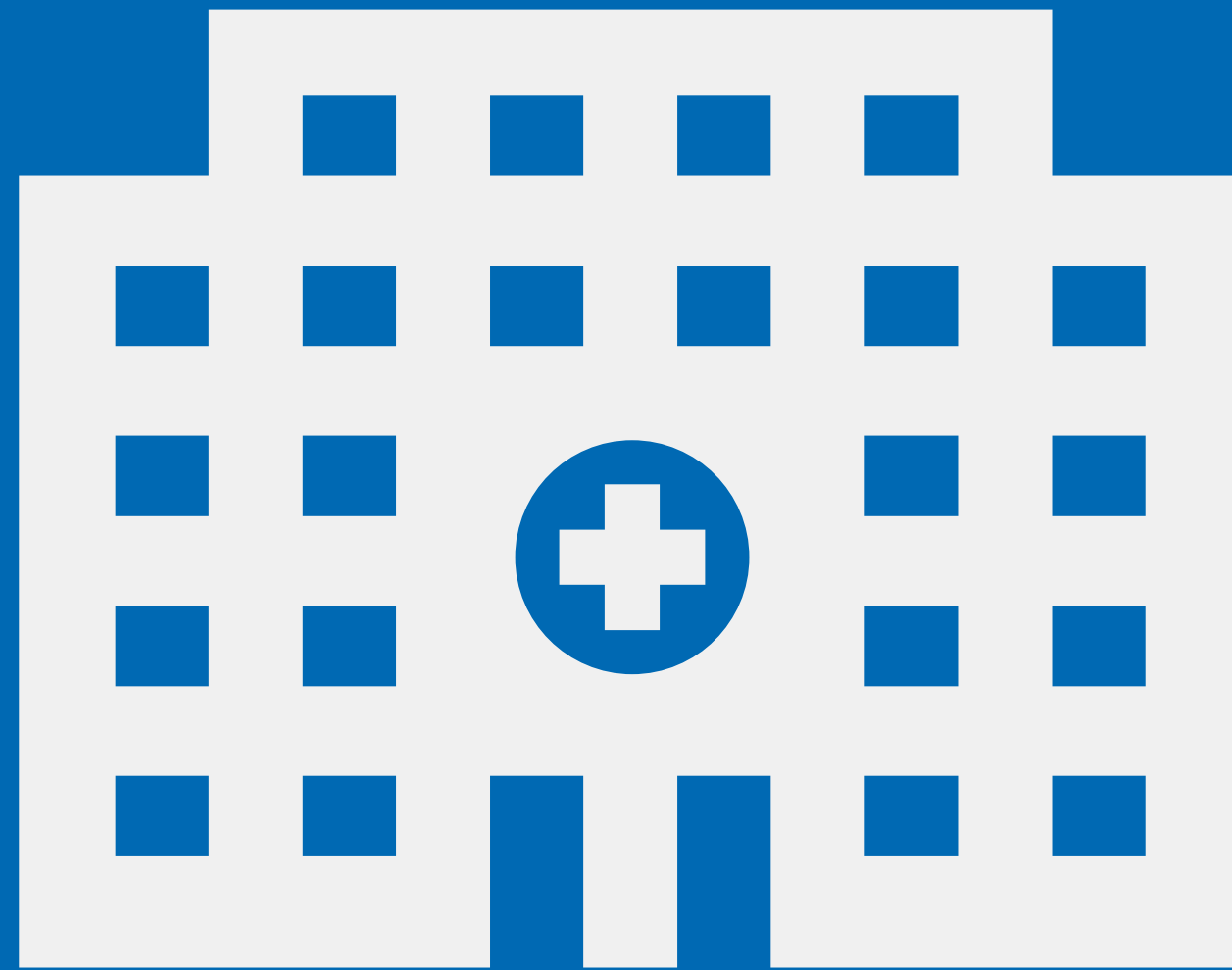
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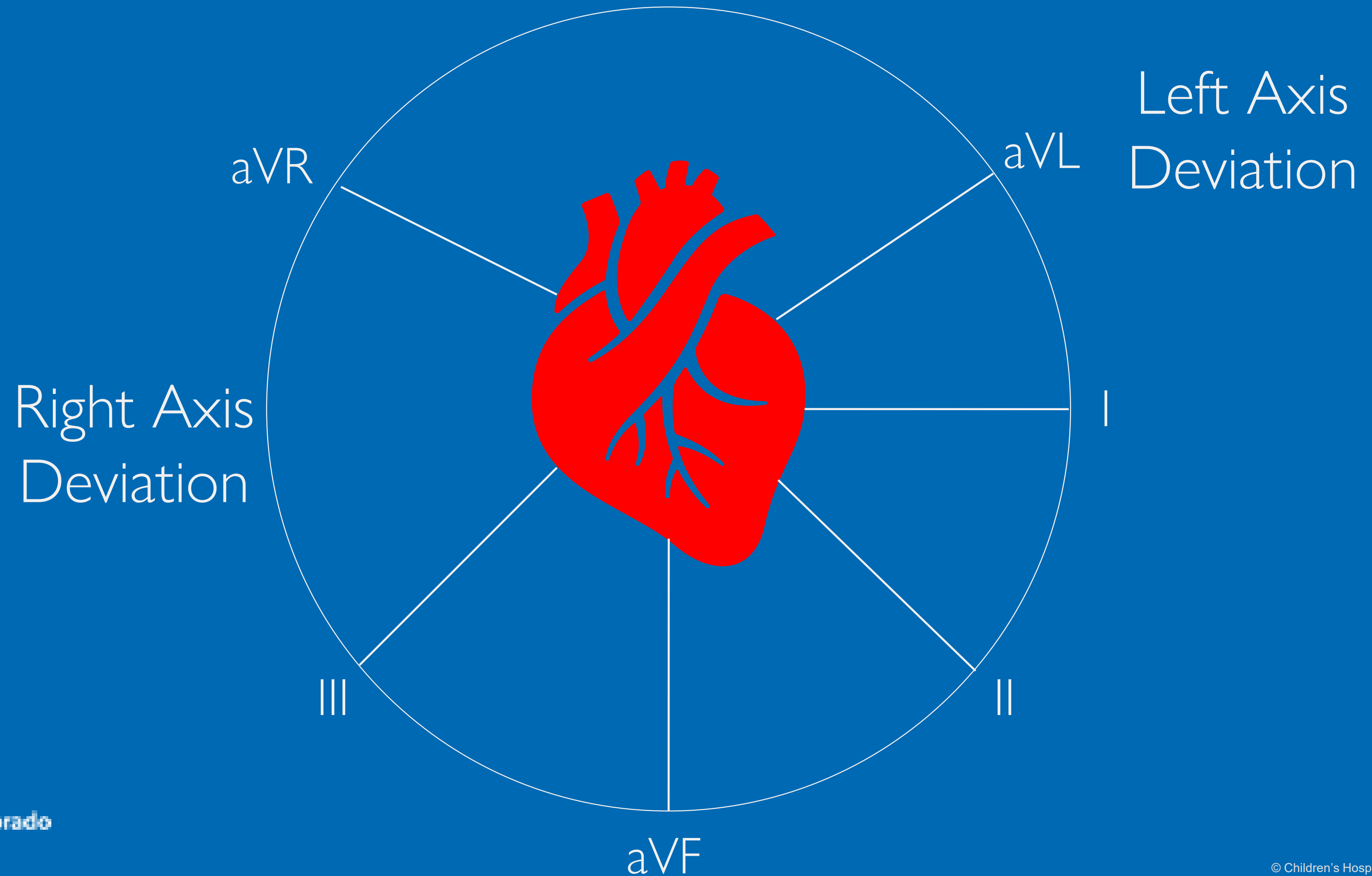
EKG

Echo



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ELECTROCARDIOGRAM: AXIS

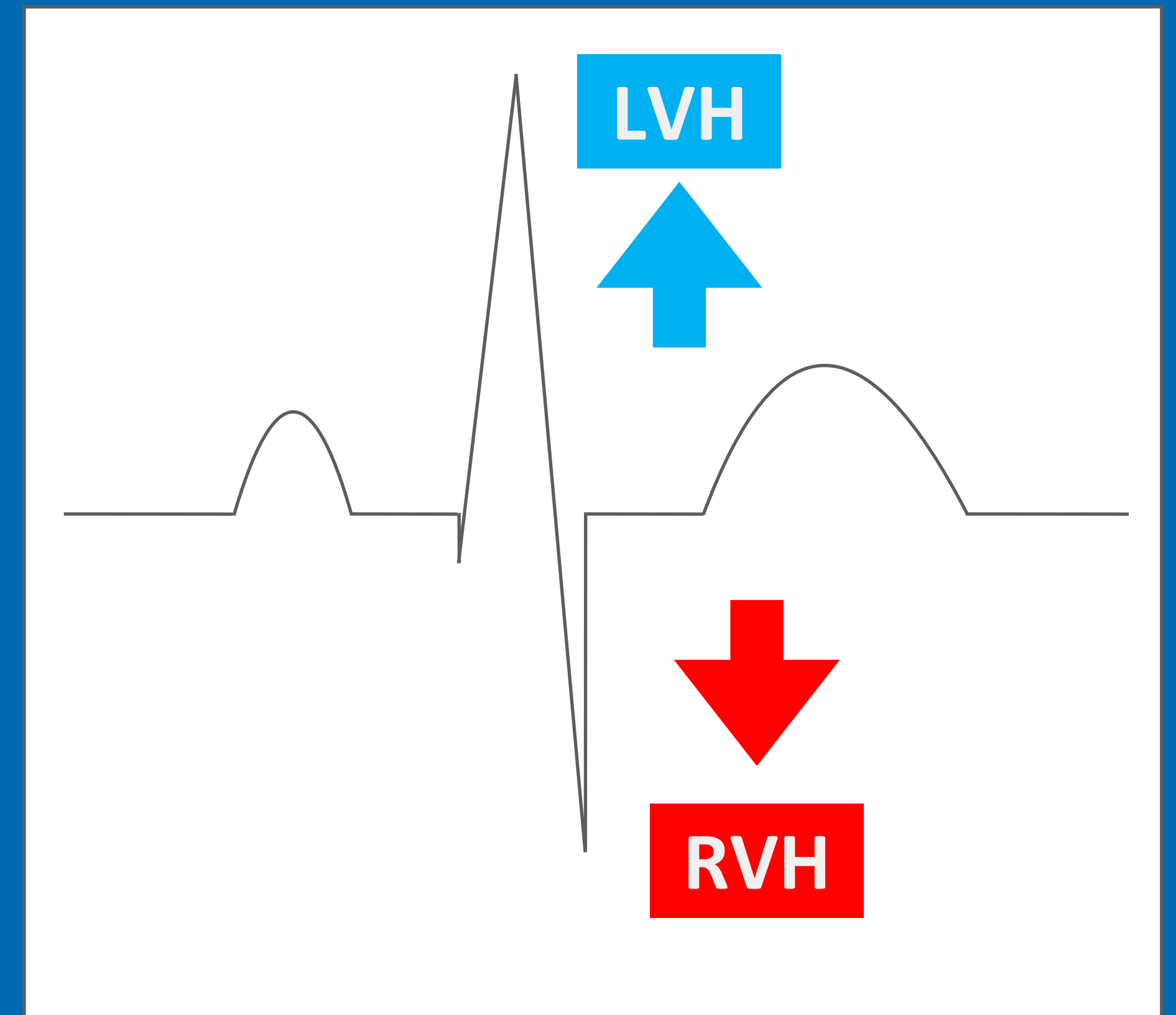
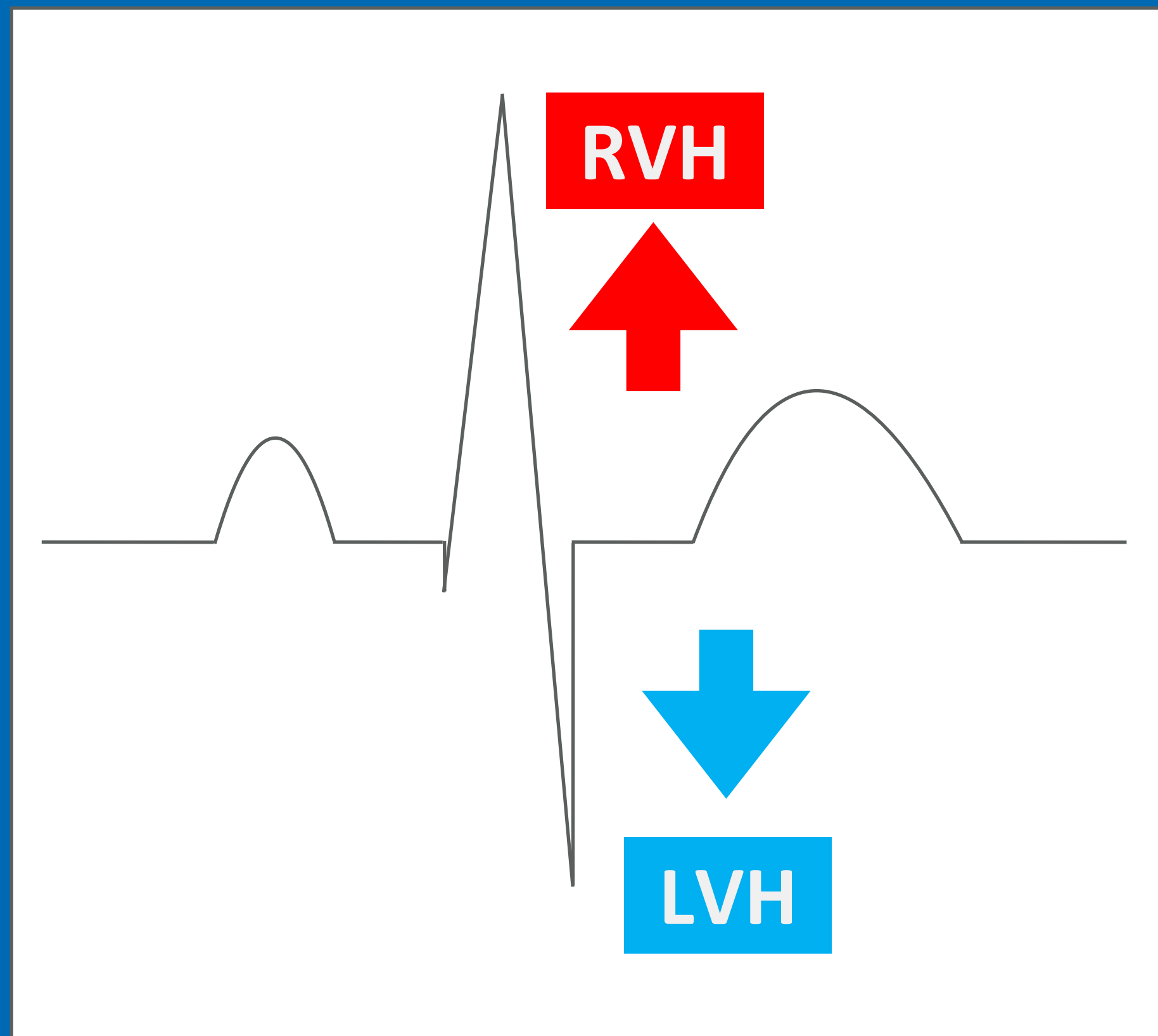


ELECTROCARDIOGRAM: HYPERTROPHY

V1

“20,20,20,5” Rule

V6



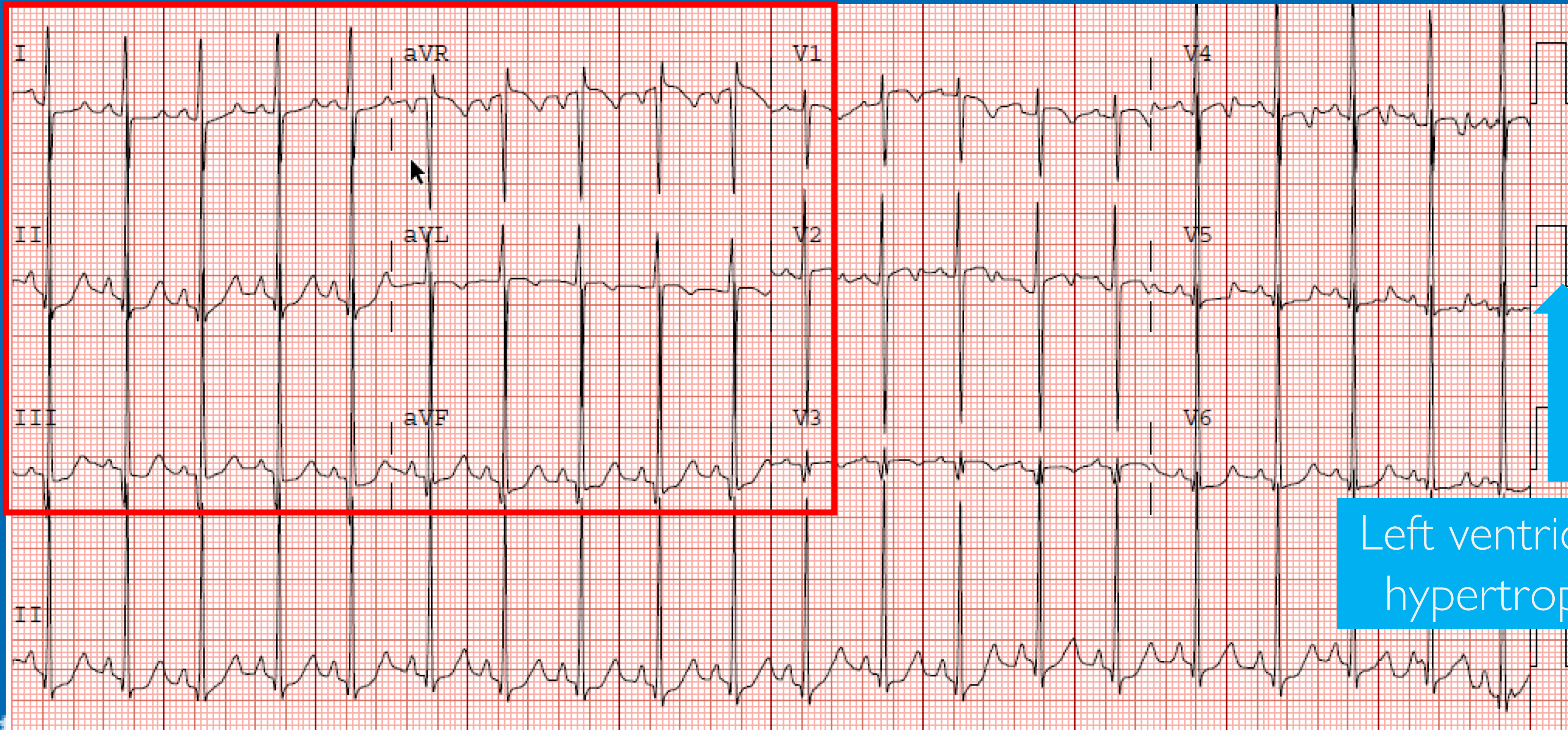
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Left axis
deviation

ECG

Newborn with severe
aortic stenosis



Left ventricular
hypertrophy

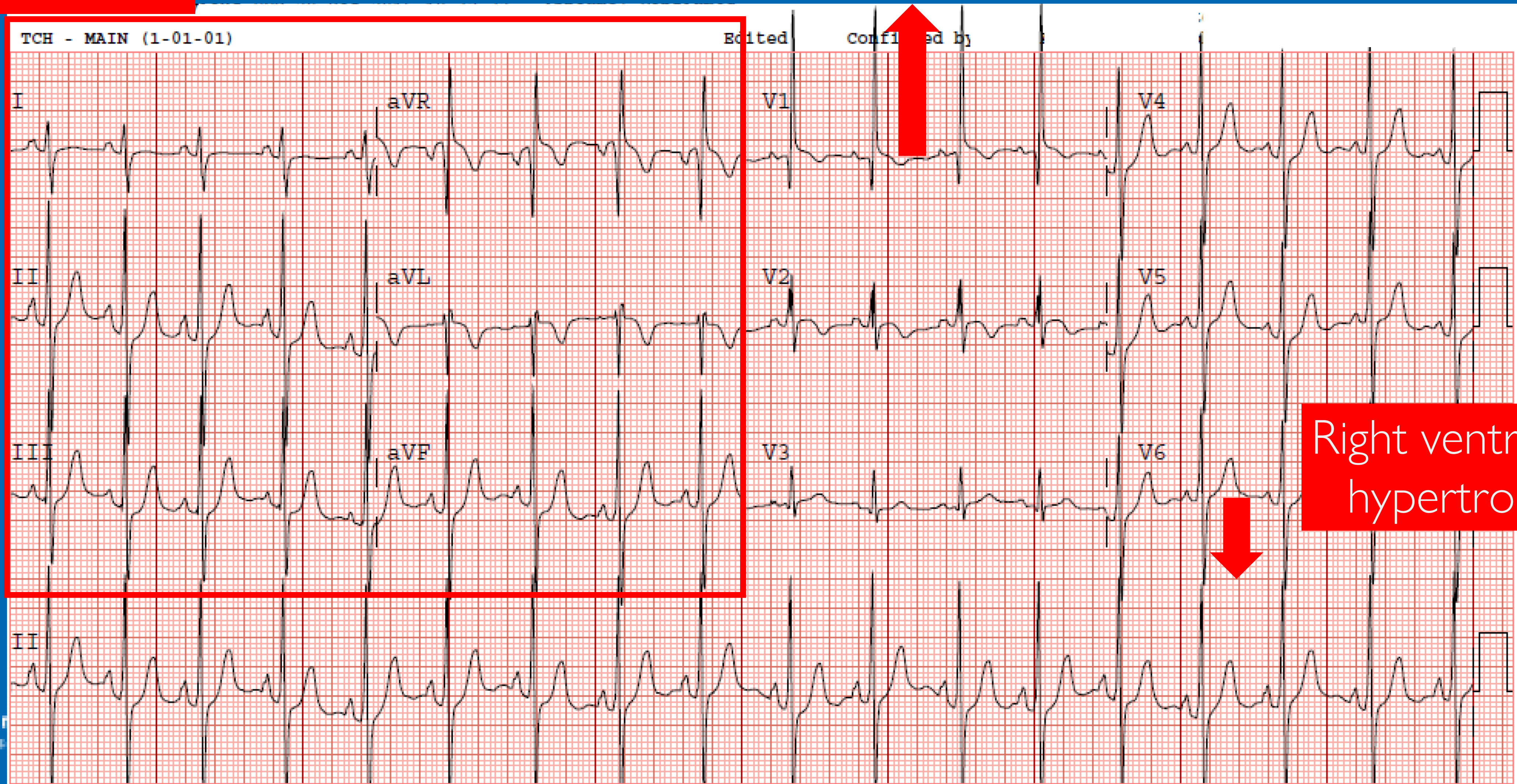


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Right axis
deviation

ECG

Newborn with hypoplastic left
heart syndrome



Right ventricular
hypertrophy

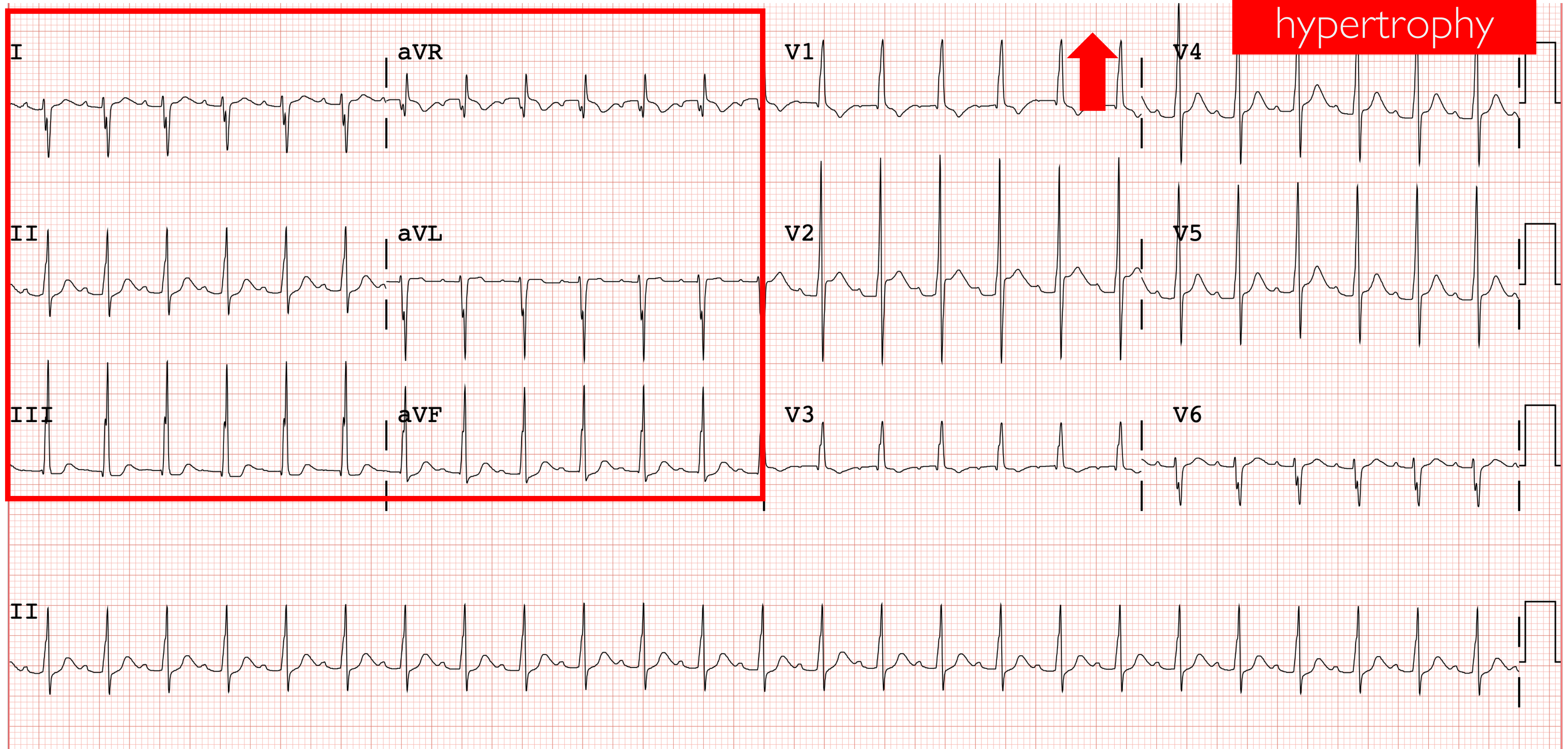


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CASE: EKG

Right axis
deviation

Right ventricular
hypertrophy



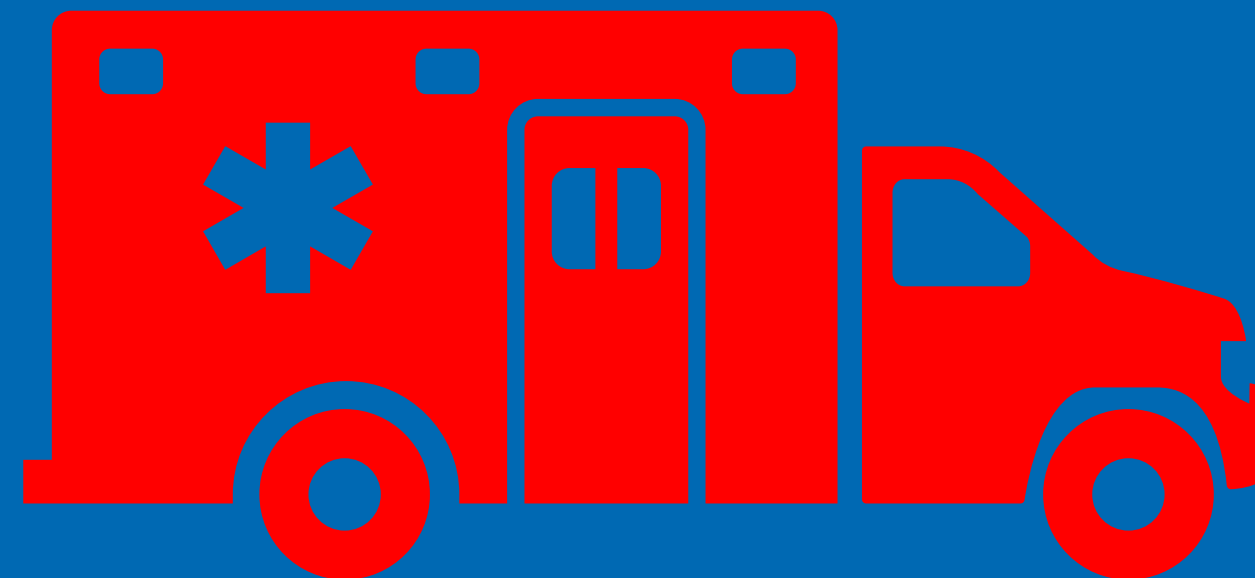
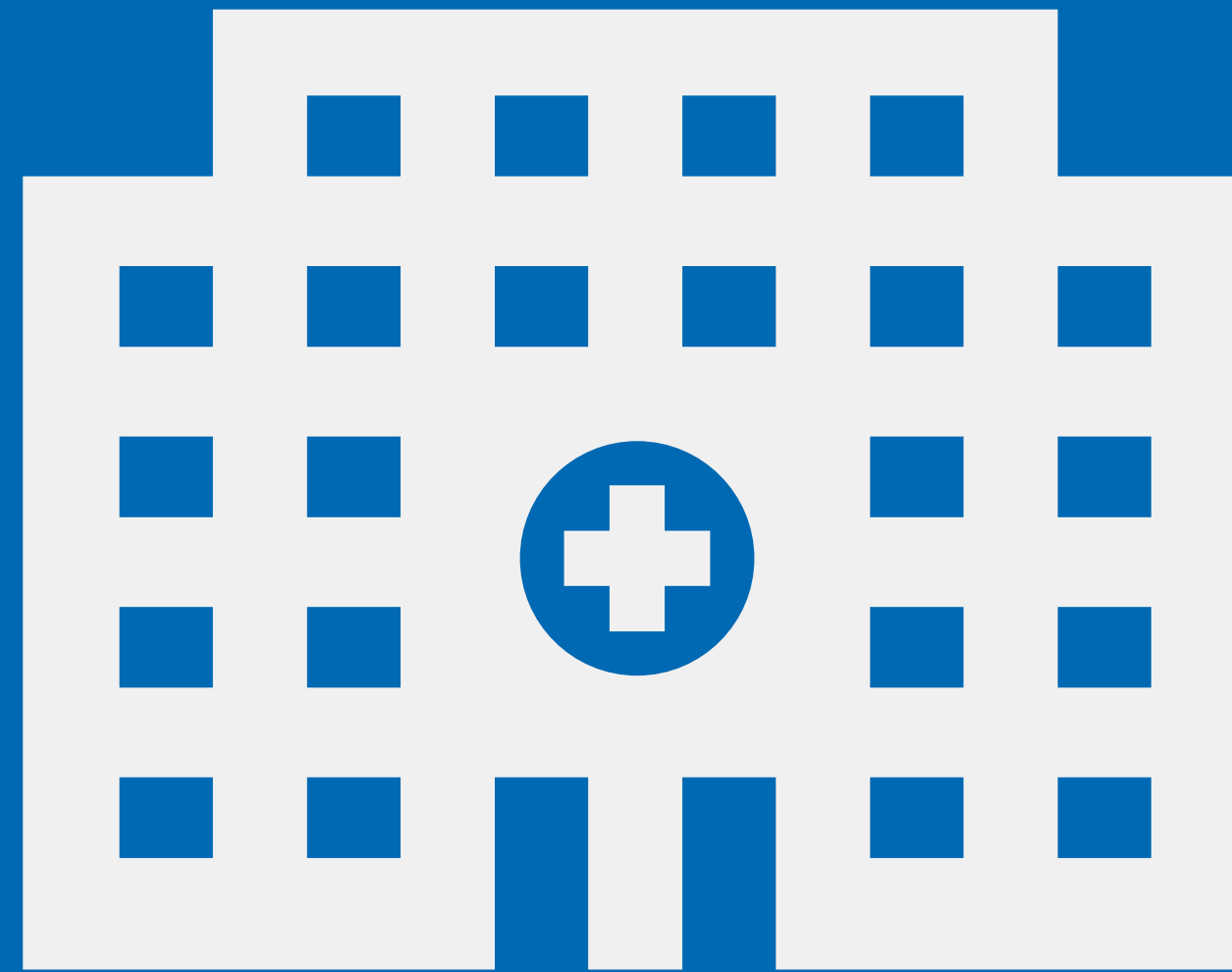
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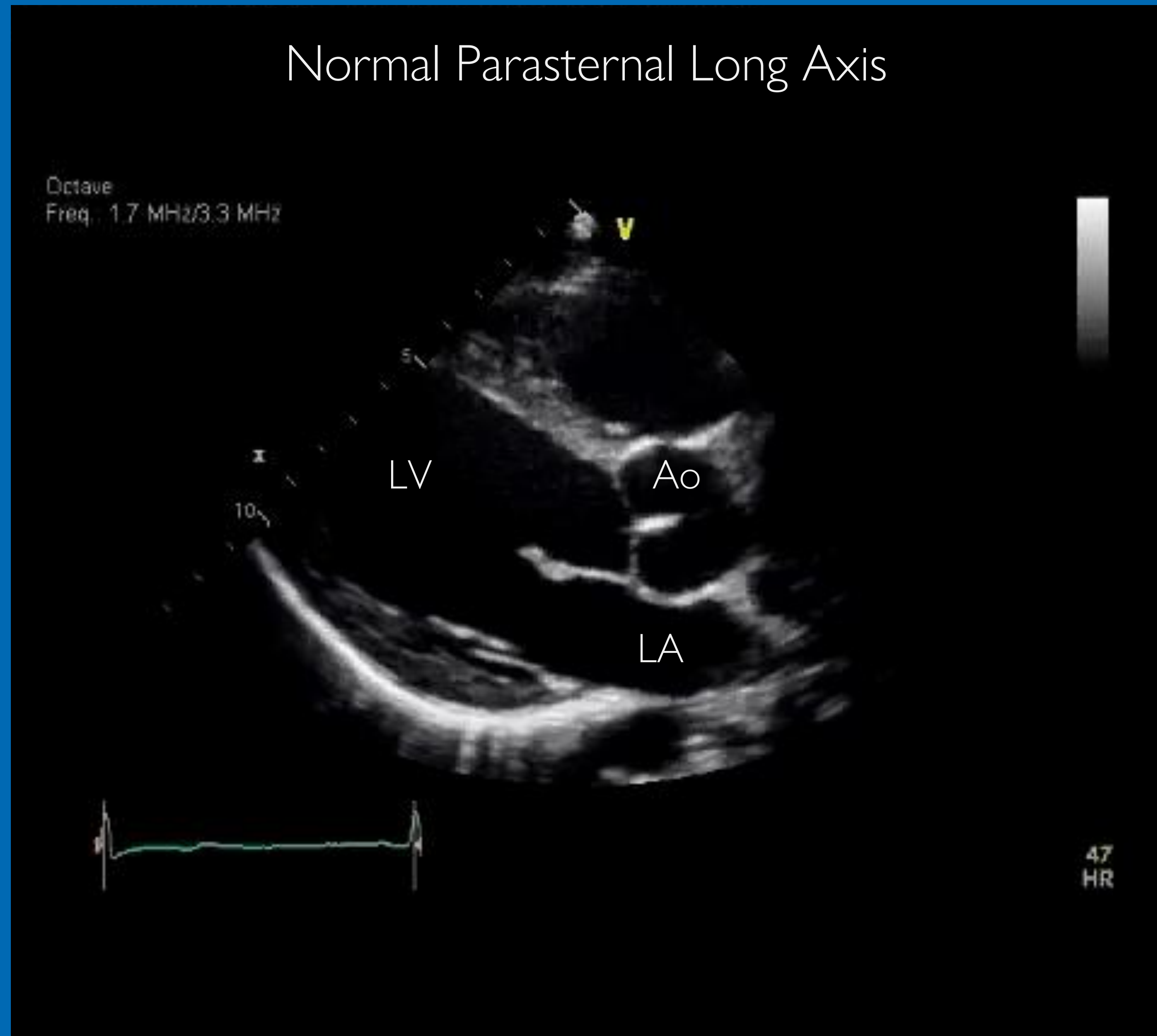
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ECHO

“2D” Echo is the primary modality for assessing heart structure and function



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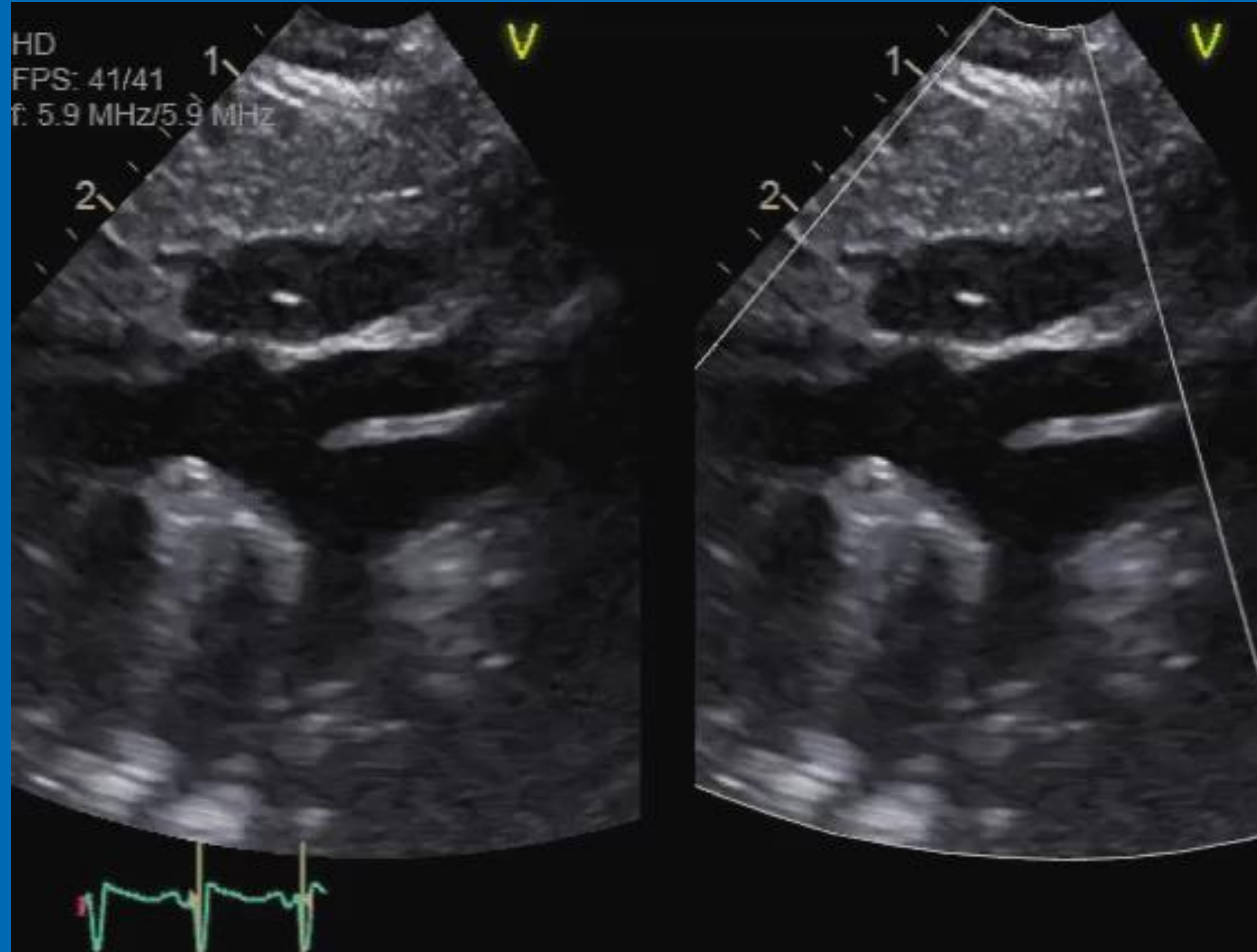
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COLOR DOPPLER

Color Doppler tells you about
direction of flow

BLUE = Away

RED = Toward



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“ALIASING”

“the misidentification of a signal frequency”

Translation: the blood moves too fast to accurately show direction of flow

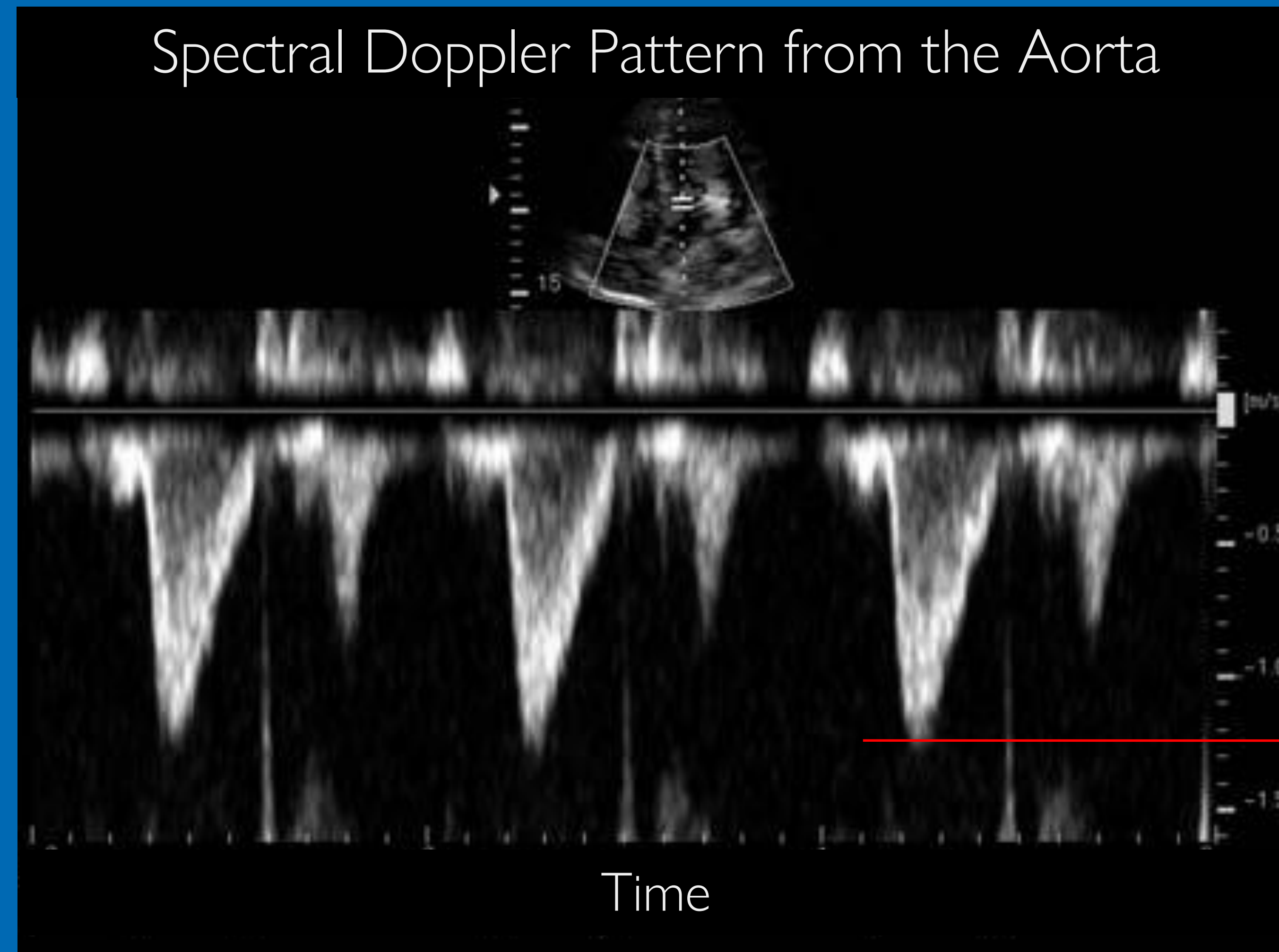


Nyquist Limit = the maximum velocity that can be accurately evaluated

SPECTRAL DOPPLER

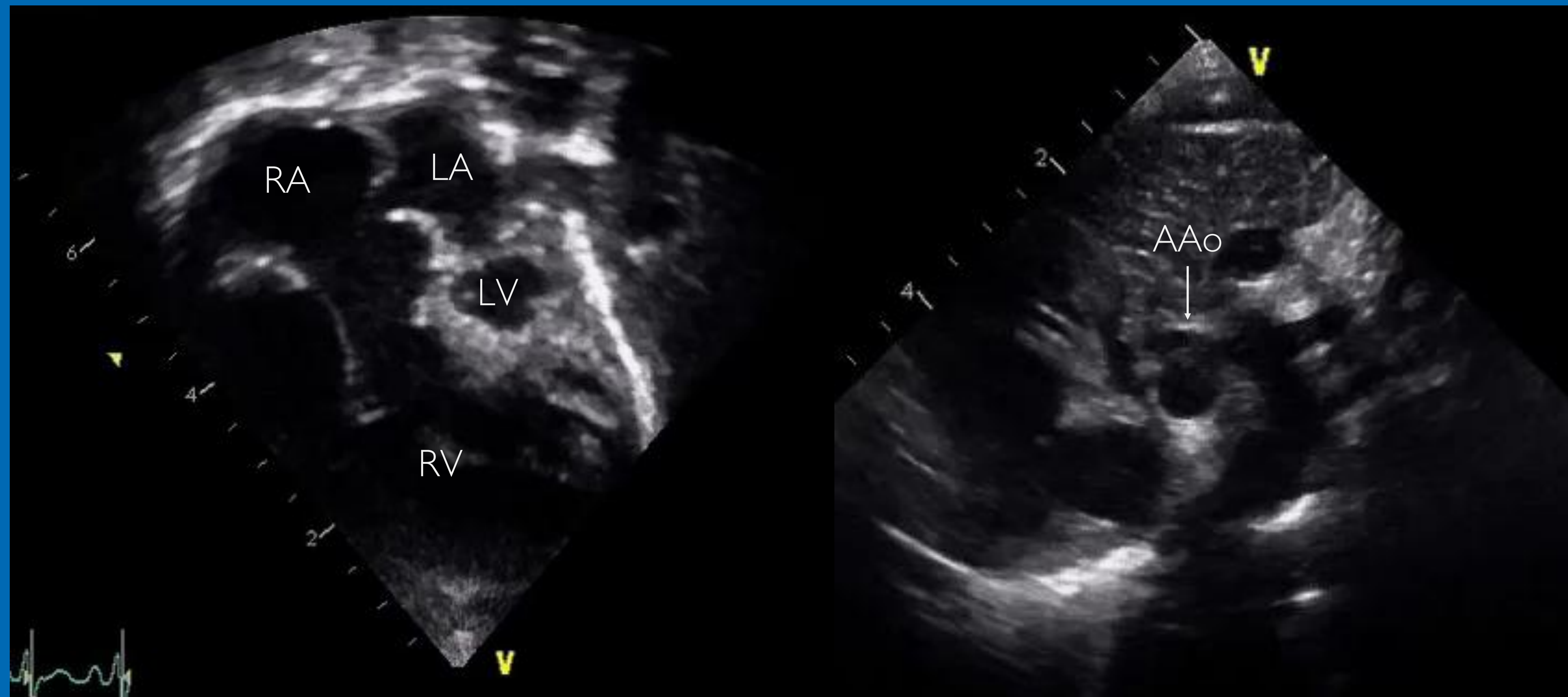
A graph of time
versus velocity

Units: meters per second



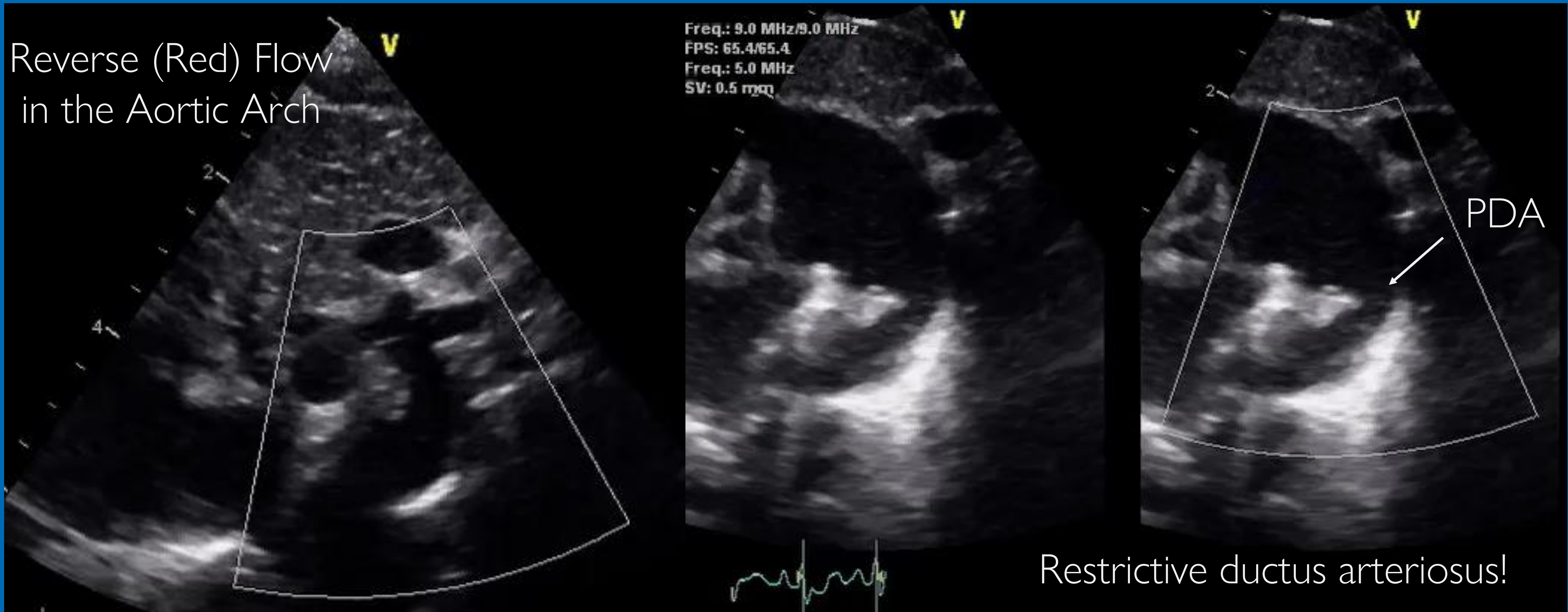
Peak
Velocity
1.25m/s

CASE: ECHO



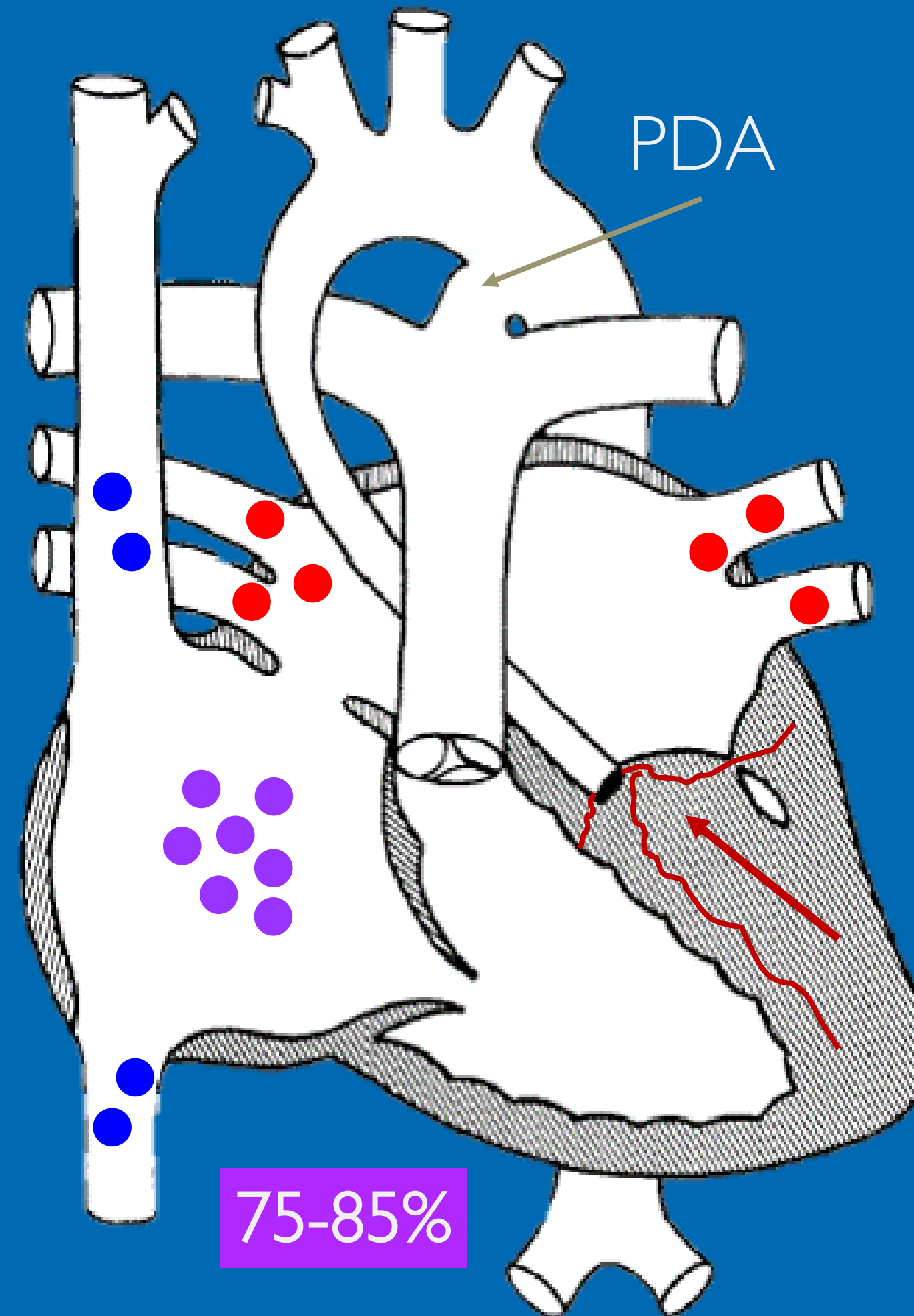
CASE: ECHO

Reverse (Red) Flow
in the Aortic Arch



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PHYSIOLOGY - HLHS CIRCULATION



“Single Ventricle Physiology”



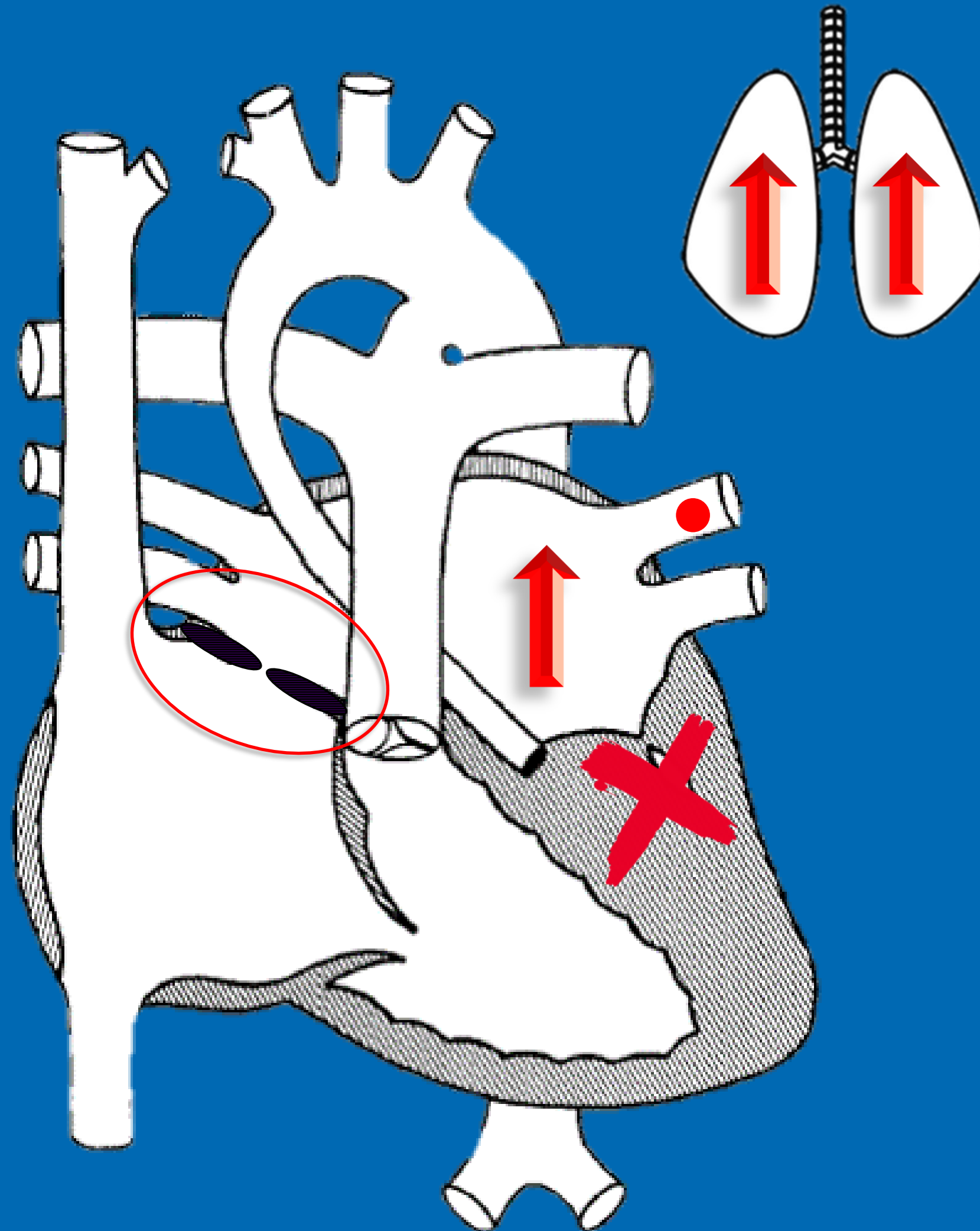
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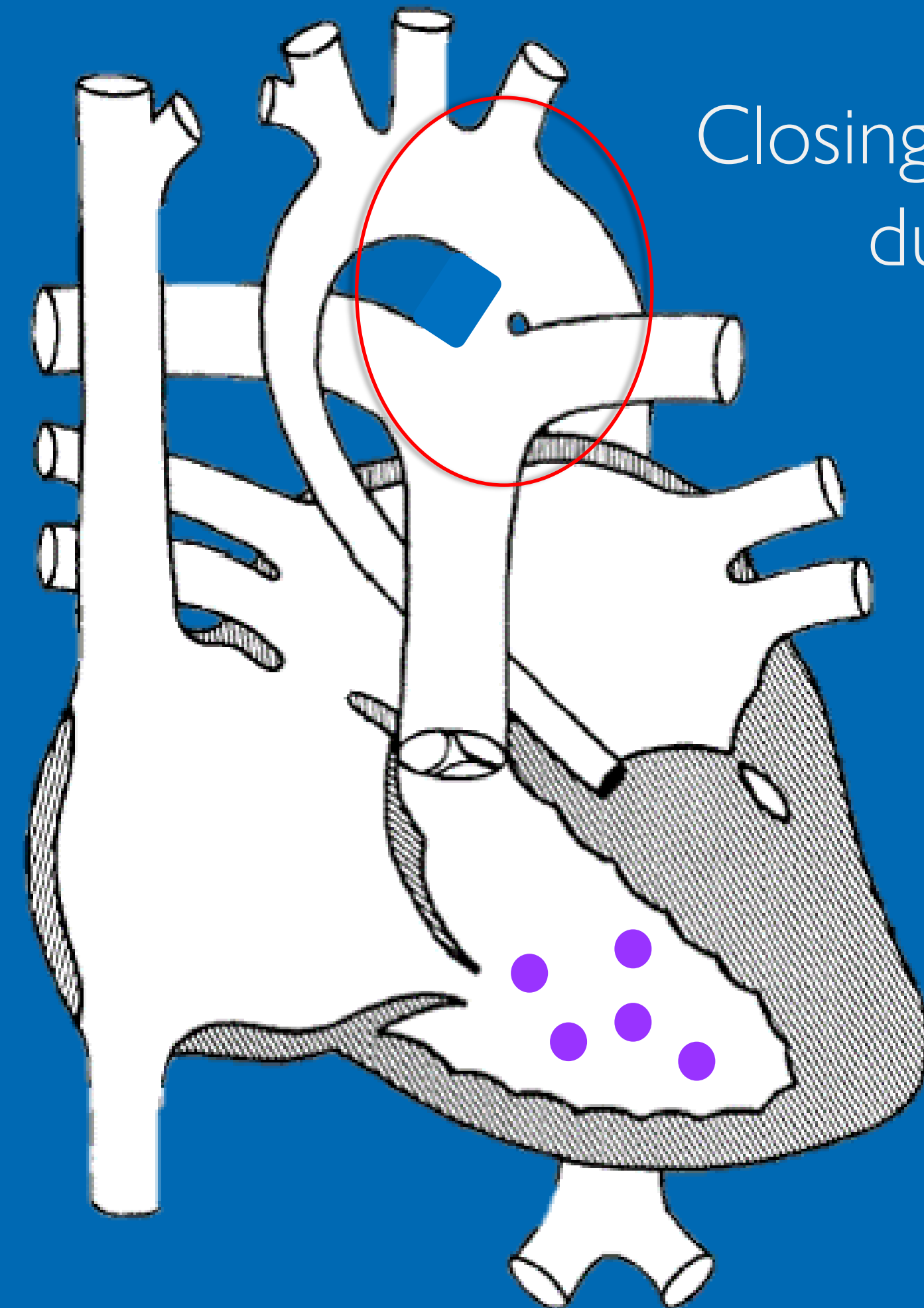
PROBLEM AREAS

Restrictive
atrial septum



Balloon atrial septostomy?

Closing arterial
duct



Prostaglandin (PGE)?



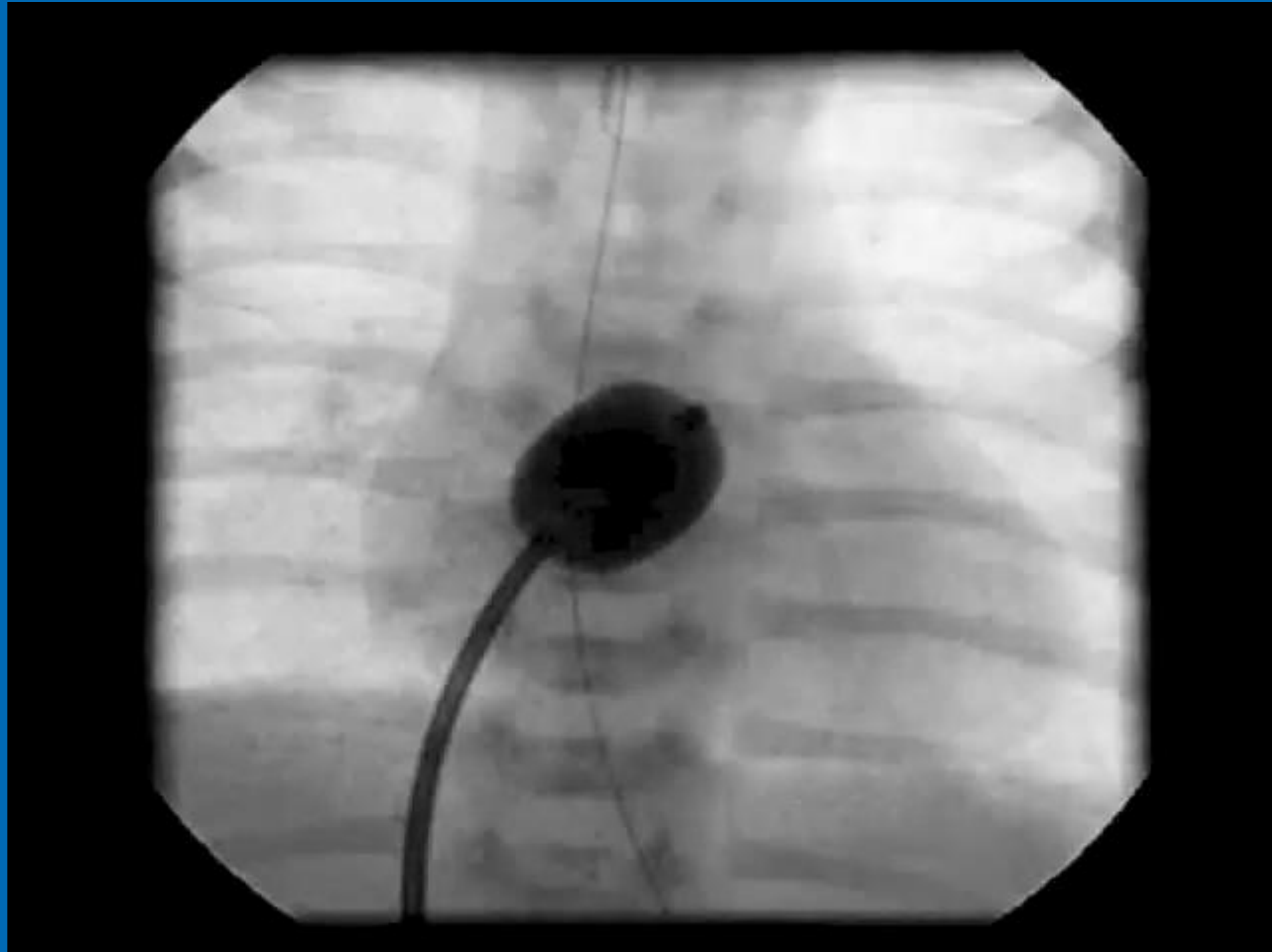
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ATRIAL SEPTOSTOMY

A restrictive atrial septum may
cause left atrial hypertension,
pulmonary edema & clinical
decompensation!



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PROSTAGLANDIN

Key Concept: When & How start PGE

- Suspected "ductal-dependent" heart disease
- Starting dose: 0.05 mcg/kg/min
- Beware apnea & hypotension!
- If the baby worsens, may need emergent interventional cardiology procedure!



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Definition and differential diagnosis of neonatal cyanosis
 - **Use the hyperoxia test to differentiate cyanotic heart disease**
- Initial evaluation of cyanotic heart disease
 - **Pre/Post ductal sats, physical exam, CXR, EKG, Echo**
- When & how to start Prostaglandin
 - **Suspected ductal dependent heart disease**

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