

Interesting VSD Cases

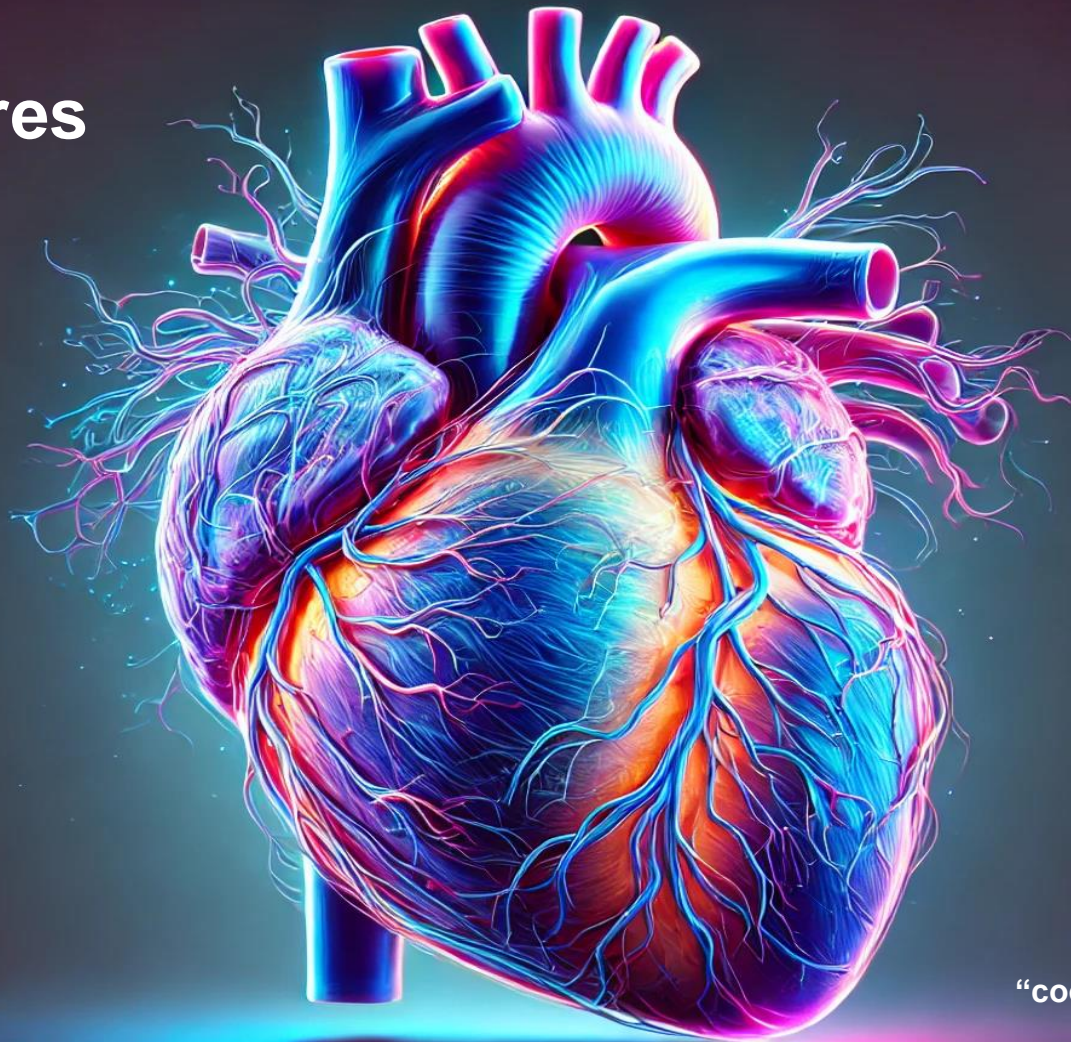
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“cool anatomic heart”

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Case #1

- 21 month old male
- Presents for general surgical pre-op clearance
- Sedated echocardiogram performed
- TDS study due to hernia causing cardiac displacement

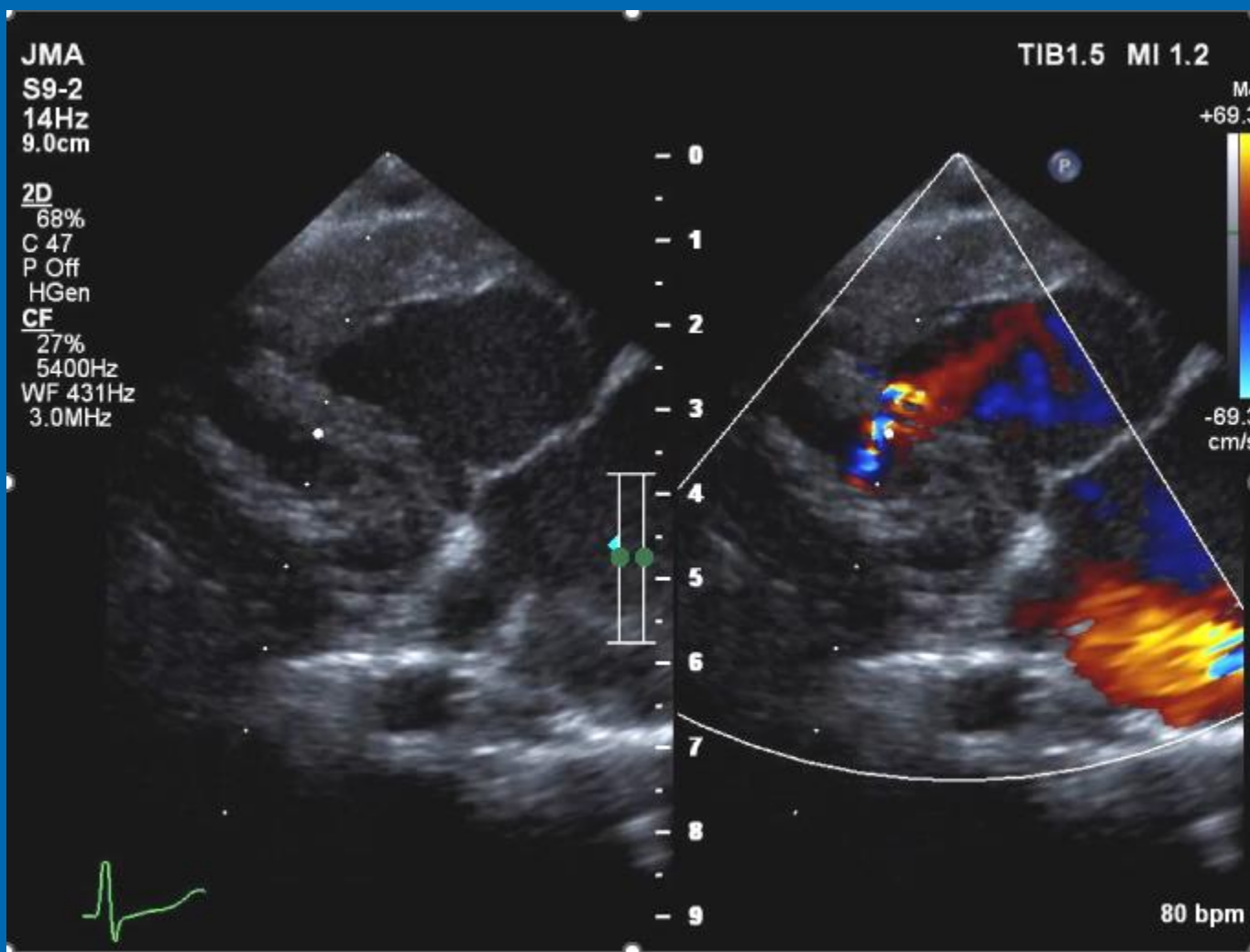


JMA
S9-2
14Hz
9.0cm

TIB1.5 MI 1.2

2D
68%
C 47
P Off
HGen
CF
27%
5400Hz
WF 431Hz
3.0MHz

M4
+69.3
-69.3
cm/s



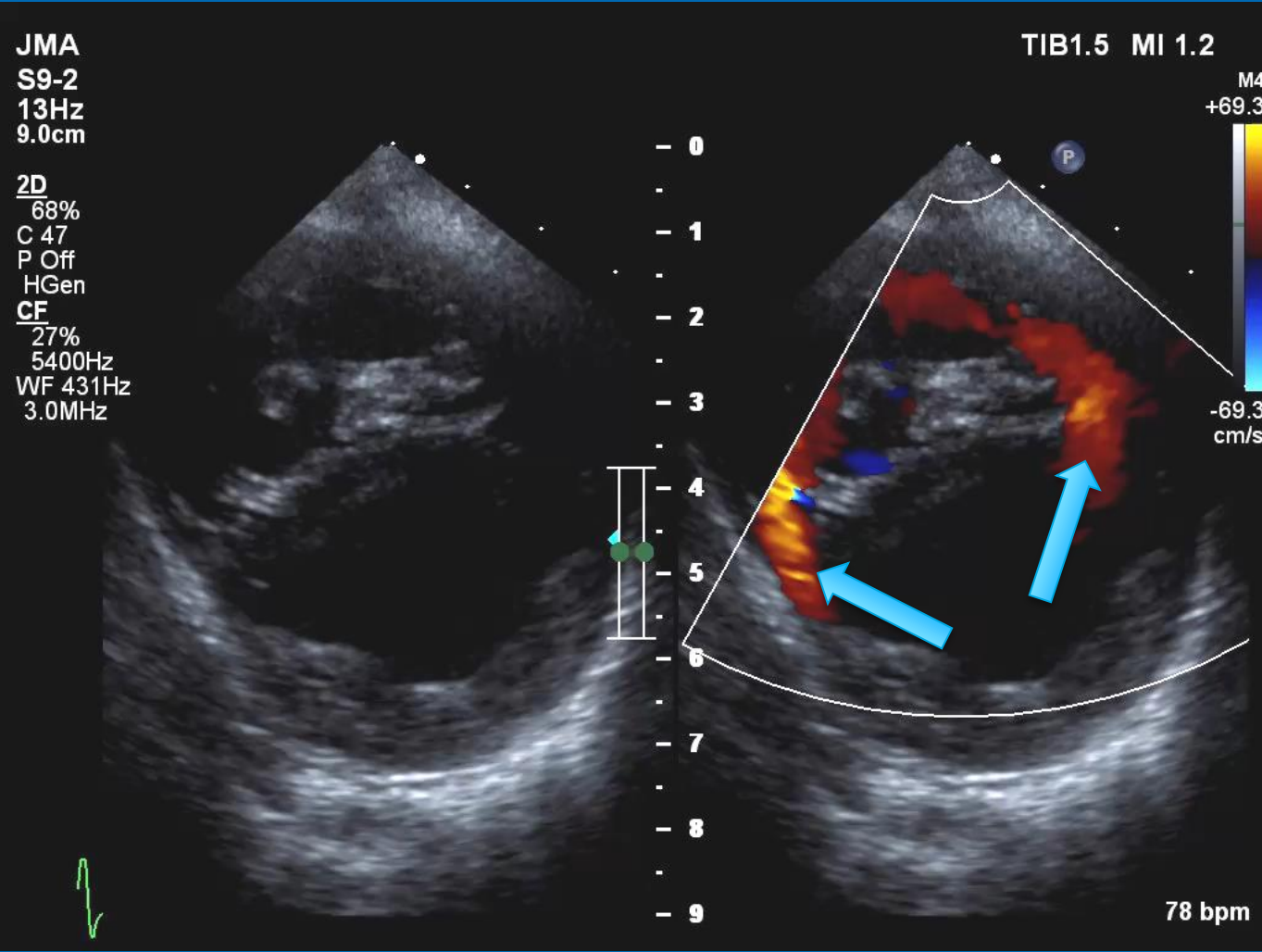
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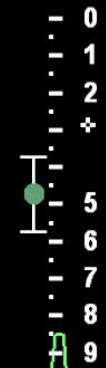
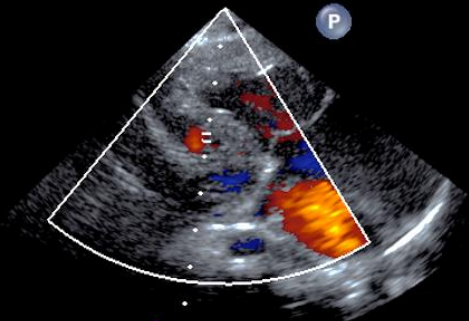
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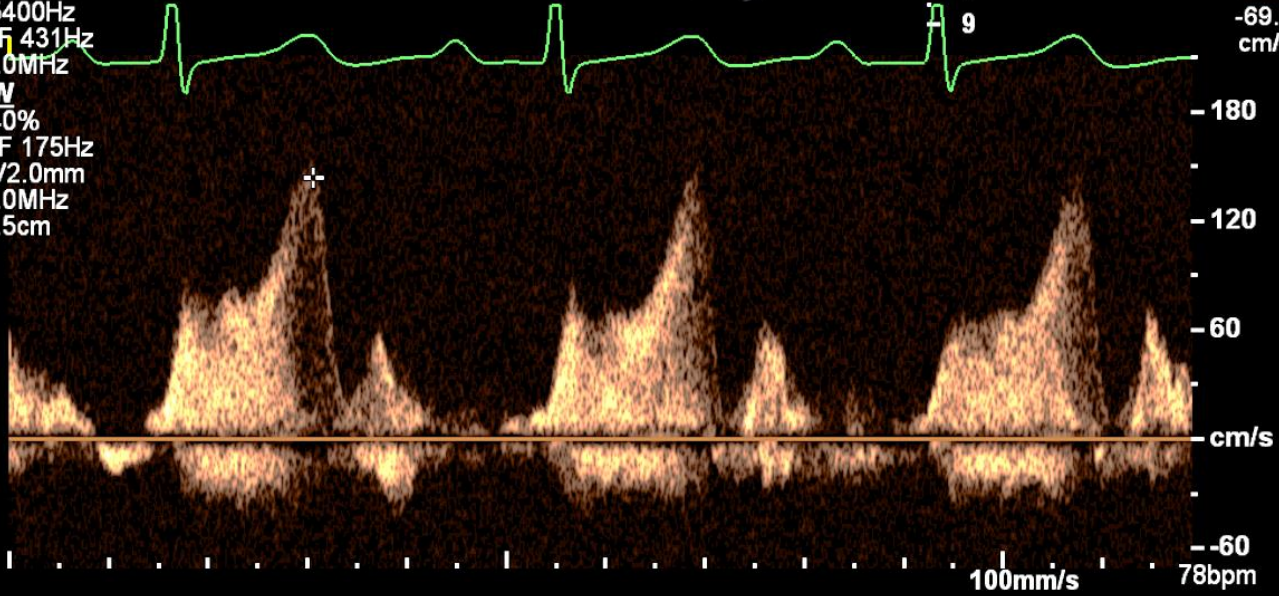
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PW
40%
NF 175Hz
SV 2.0mm
3.0MHz
3.5cm



Vel 144 cm/s
PG 8 mmHg

M4 M4
+69.3
-69.3
cm/s





JMA
S9-2
65Hz
10cm

TIB1.2 MI 1.3

2D
67%
C 47
P Off
HGen

- 10M4



5

0

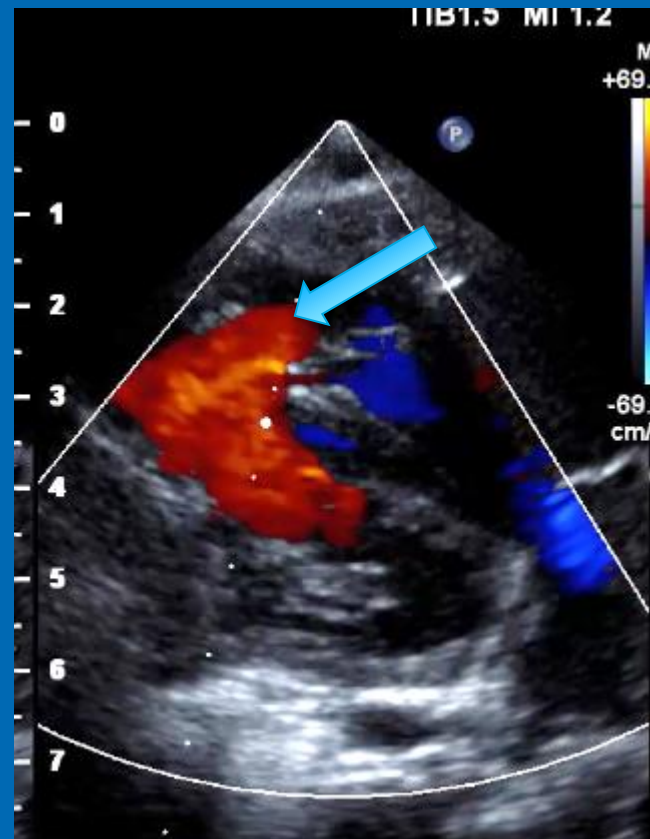
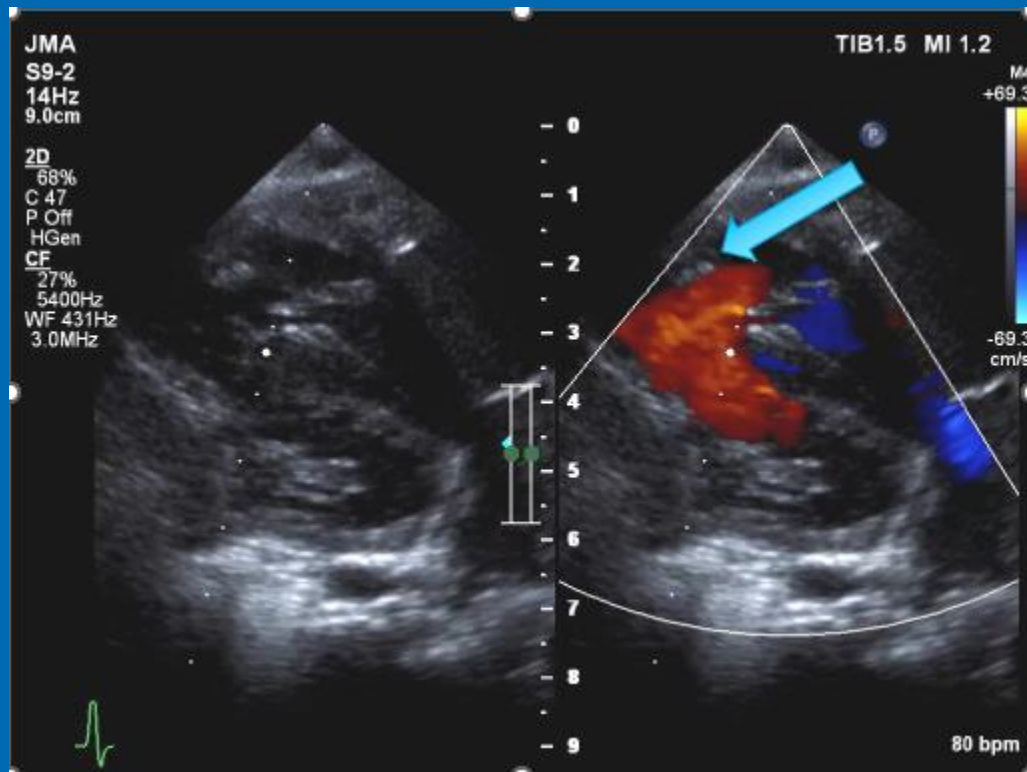
81 bpm



Case #1

- Initial echo findings
- Small posterior muscular VSD (left to right shunt)
- Small to moderate anterior muscular VSD (left to right)
- Shunting is low velocity 1.5 m/s
- Tiny PDA (left to right)
- Dilated RV, RA, PAs, IVC & hepatic veins
- Mild septal flattening
- Fenestrated ASD

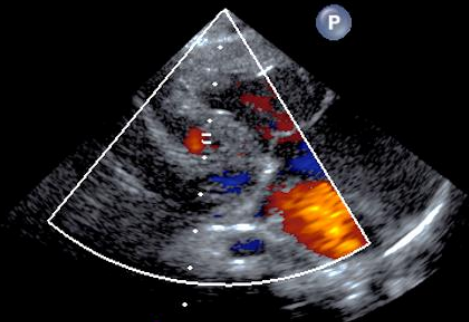




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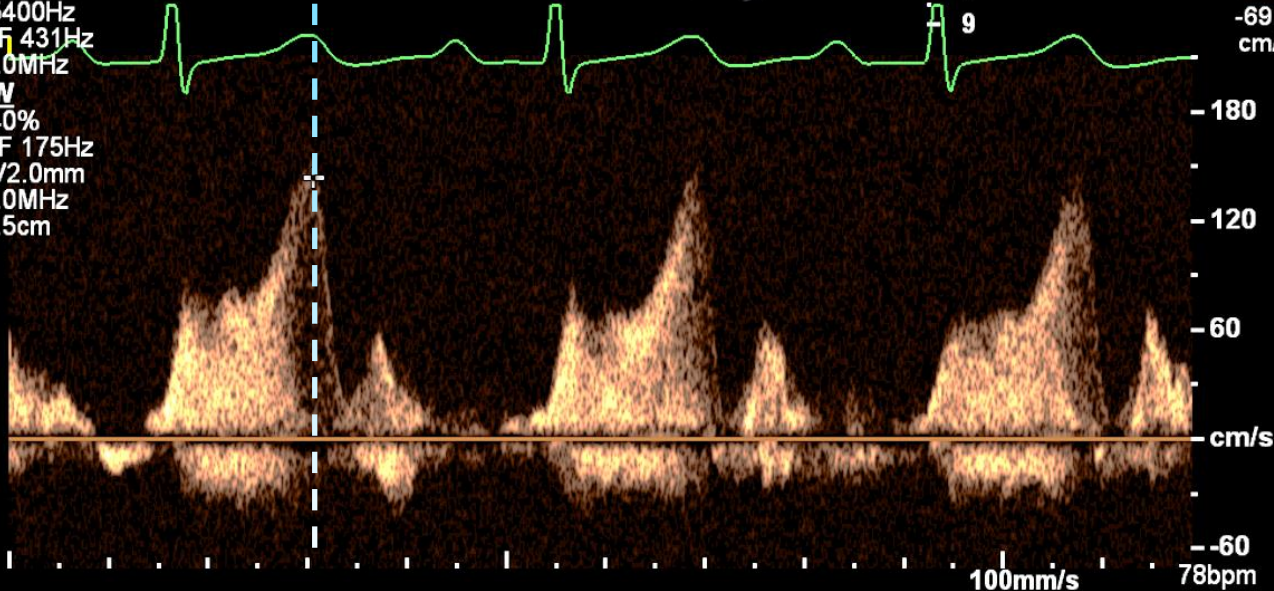
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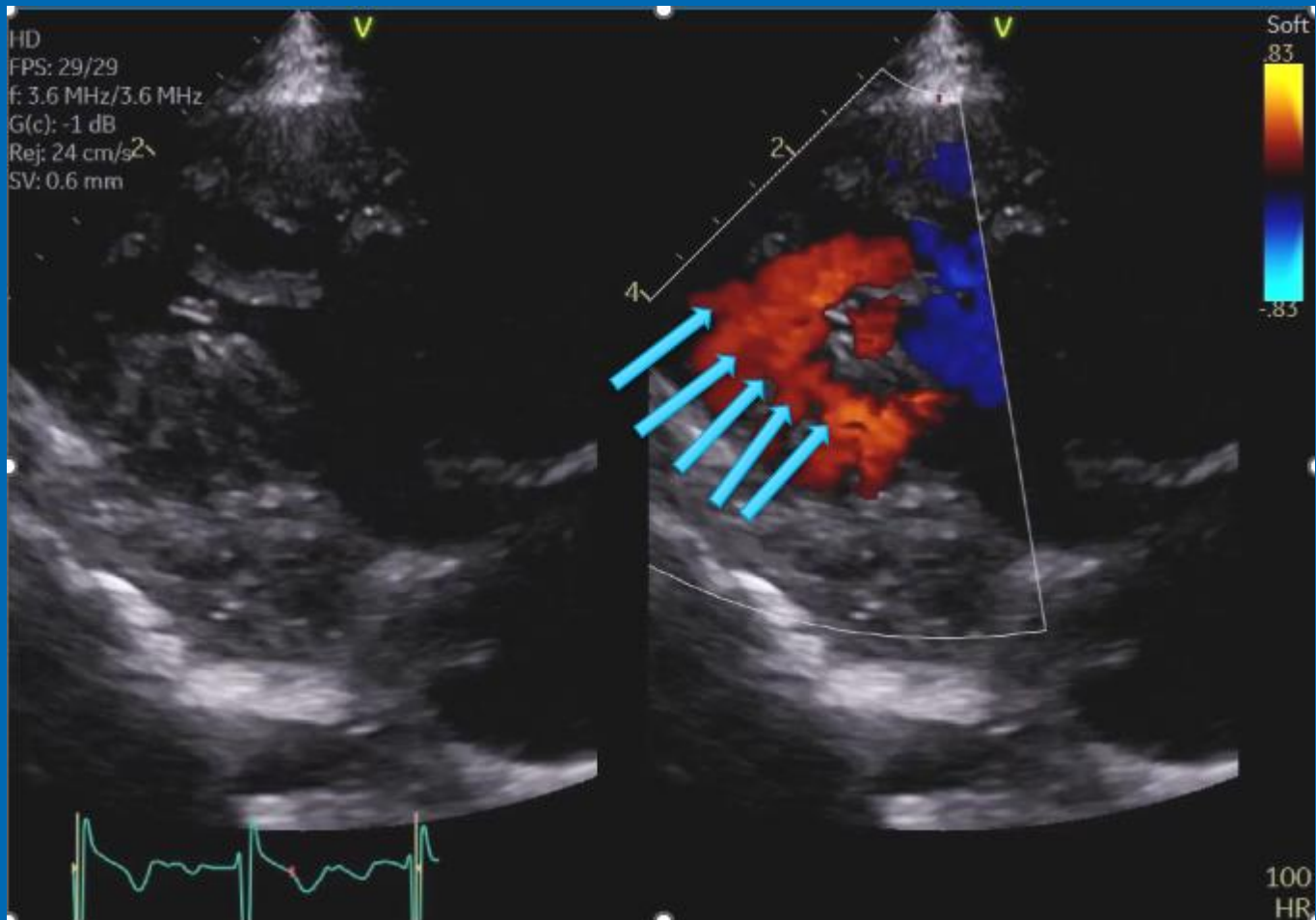
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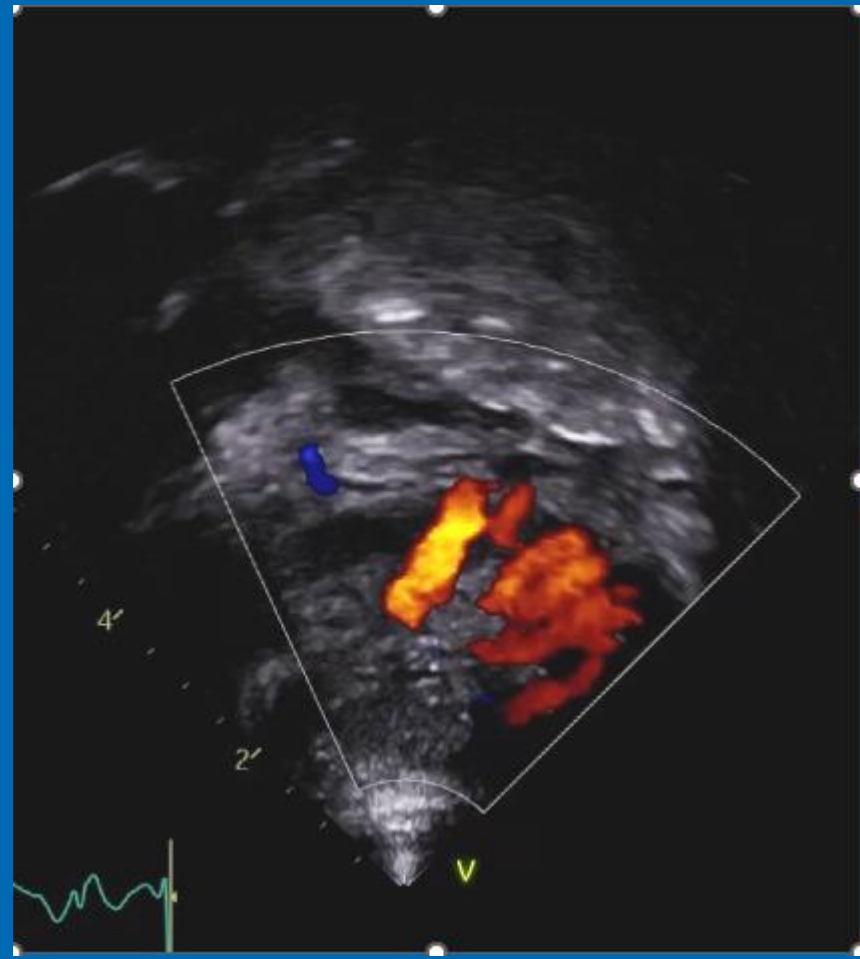
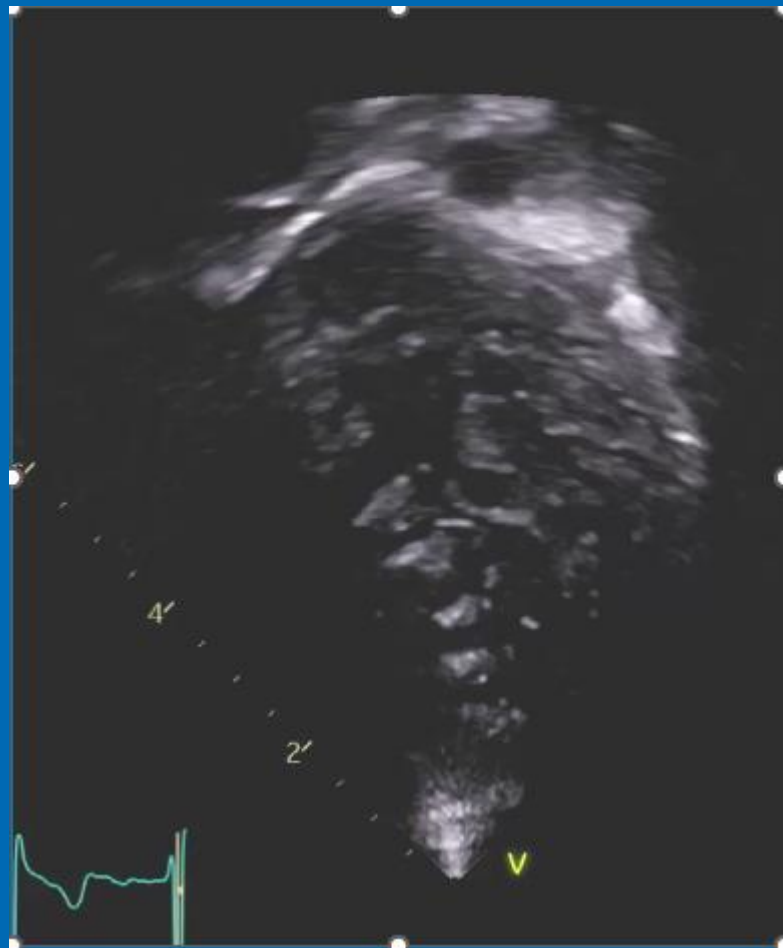
- Follow up echo 4 months later
- Indication to evaluate VSD, ASD and PDA
- Patient seen in a network of care clinic
- Echo performed without sedation

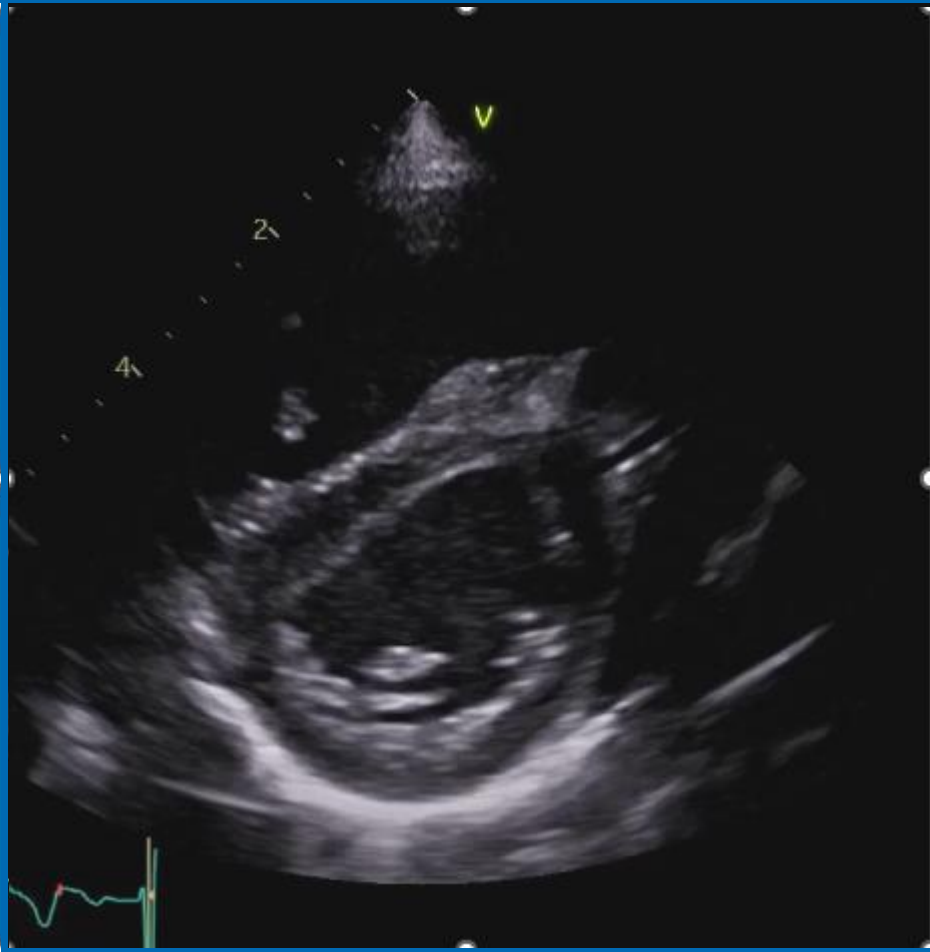
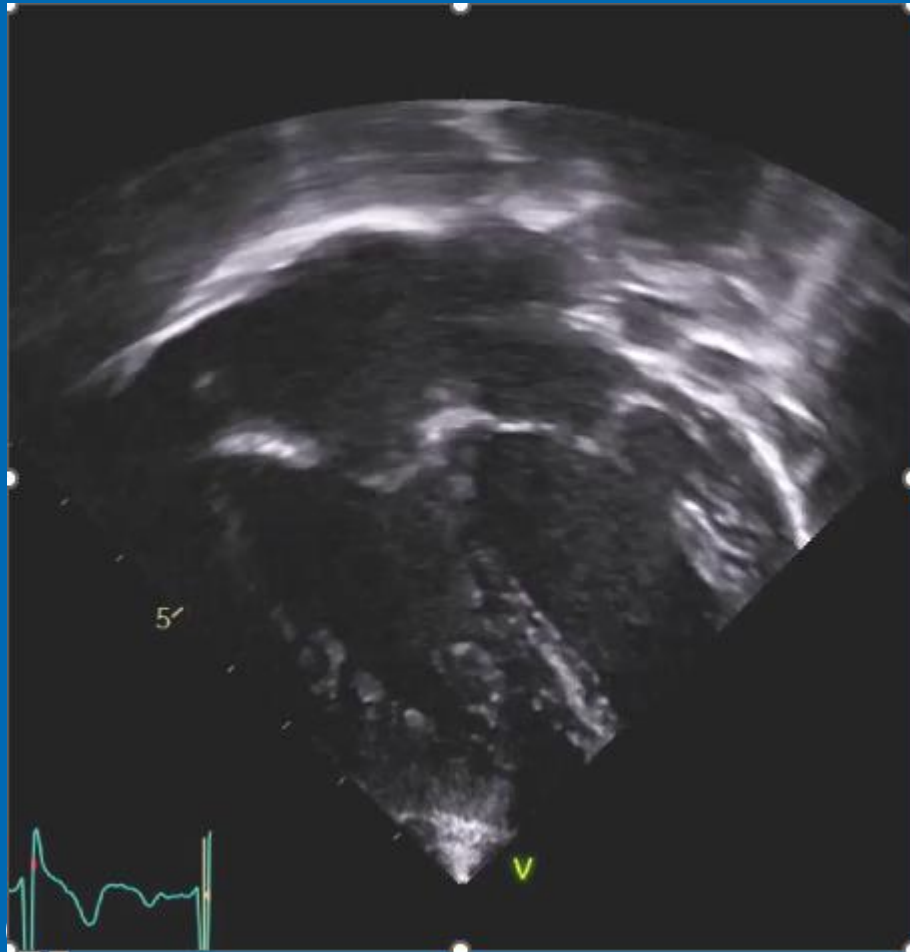


“echocardiogram on a toddler”









Case #1

- Follow up echo findings
- Multiple VSDs
- Dilated RV, RA, PAs, IVC & hepatic veins
- Increased septal flattening
- Fenestrated ASD



- “Swiss Cheese” VSDs
- Rare & Complex defect
 - 4+ muscular VSDs
- Treatment is complicated
 - difficulty in visualizing and closing every hole
 - variation in size of VSDs
 - likely involvement of a large component of the ventricular septum
- Large patch closure could cause ventricular dysfunction
- Difficult to assess by echo due to the large degree of shunting causing increased pulmonary blood flow = PH = LV and RV pressure equalization = low velocity shunting = easy to miss by echo



Case #1

- Month later - to the Cath Lab
- TEE guidance of a muscular VSD closure
- Posterior/inferior mid-ventricular defect closed with a 8mm Amplatzer VSD occluder device
- TR demonstrated near systemic PH



CHCO TEE

S7-3t

33Hz

9.0cm

2D

63%

C 45

P Off

Res

CF

68%

11994Hz

WF1199Hz

4.4MHz

0 33 180

TISO.1 MI 0.2

M4

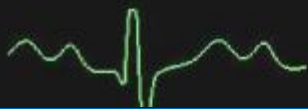
105

-105

cm/s

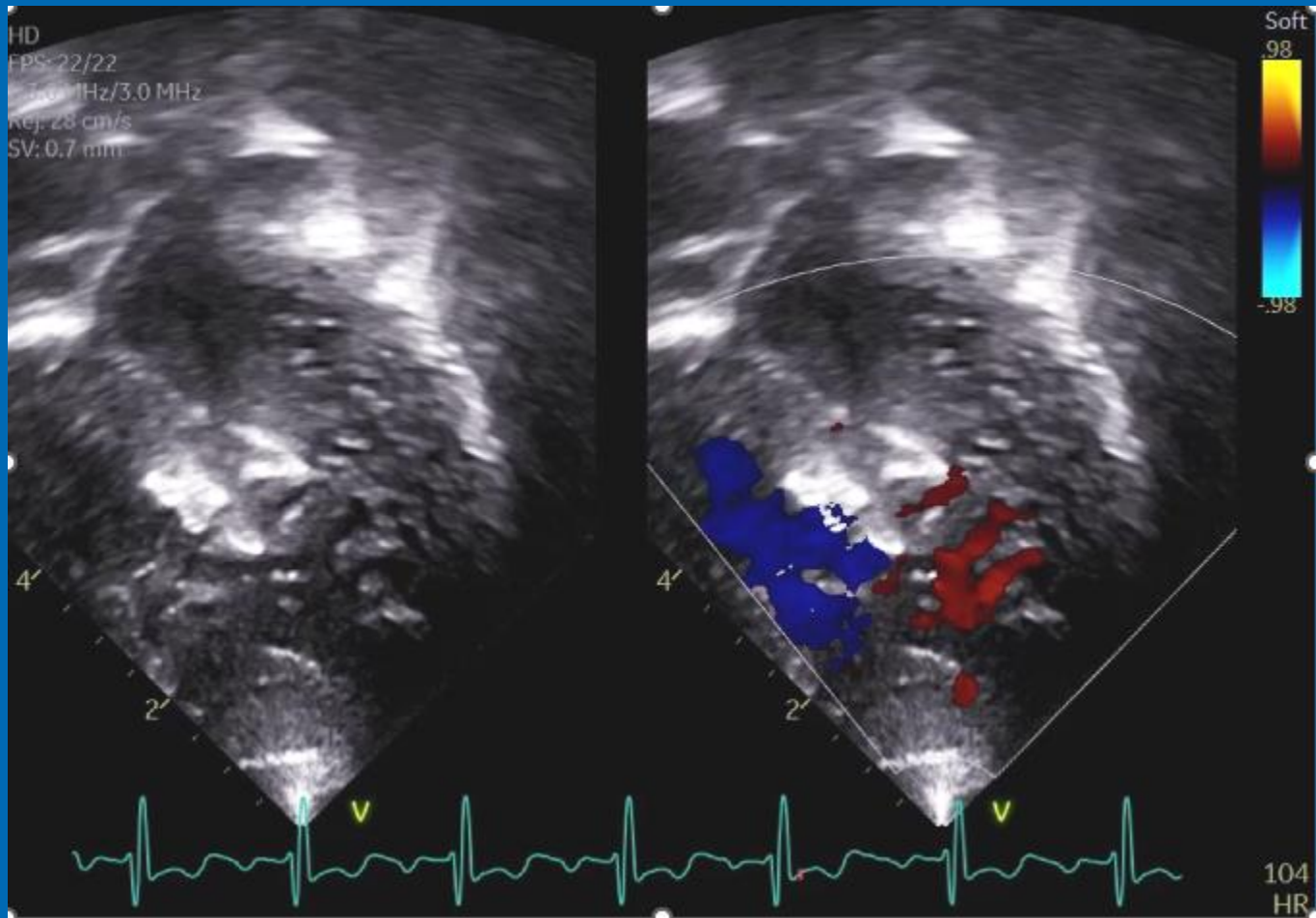
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TEE T: 40.3C



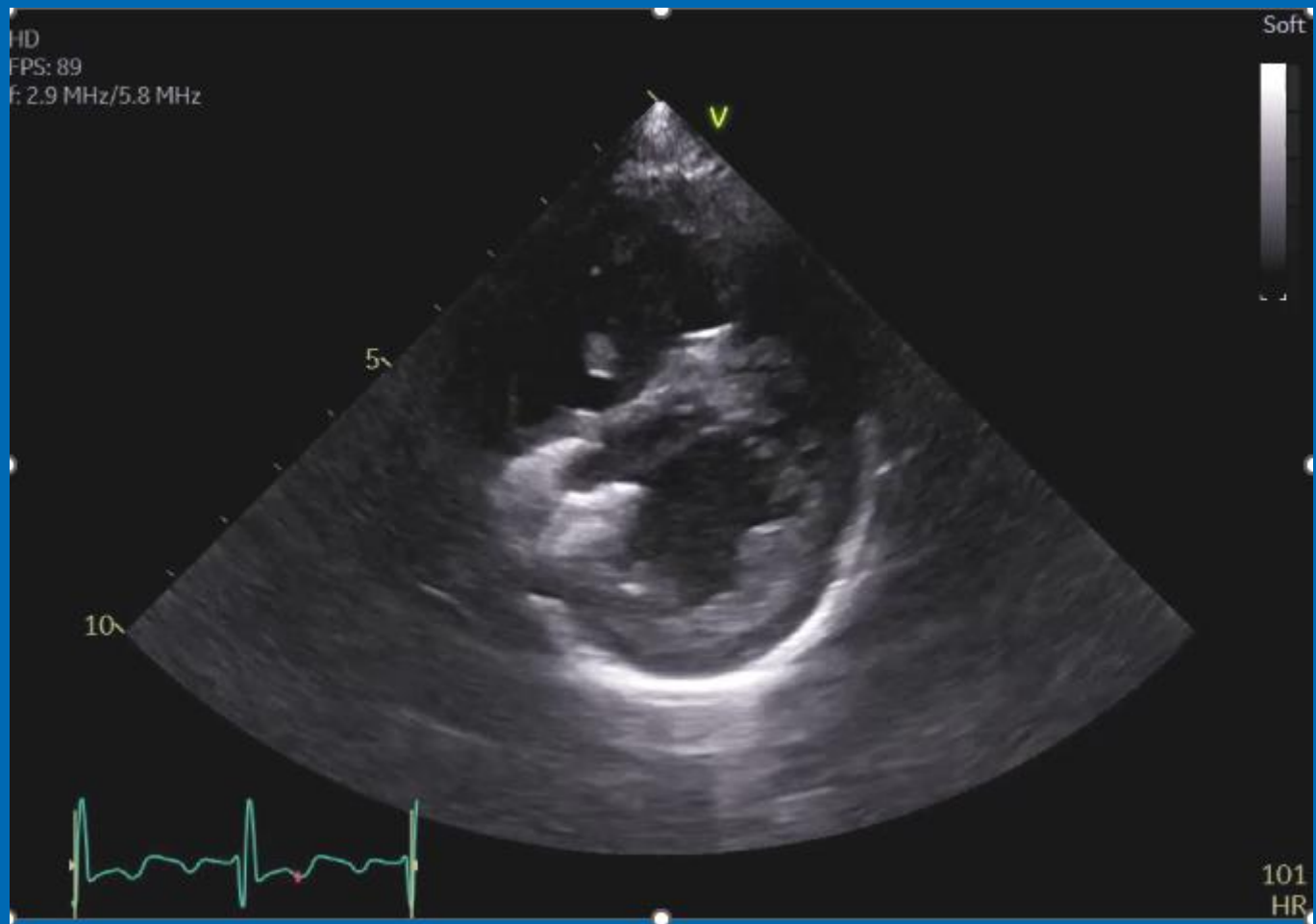
119 bpm





HD
FPS: 89
f: 2.9 MHz/5.8 MHz

Soft



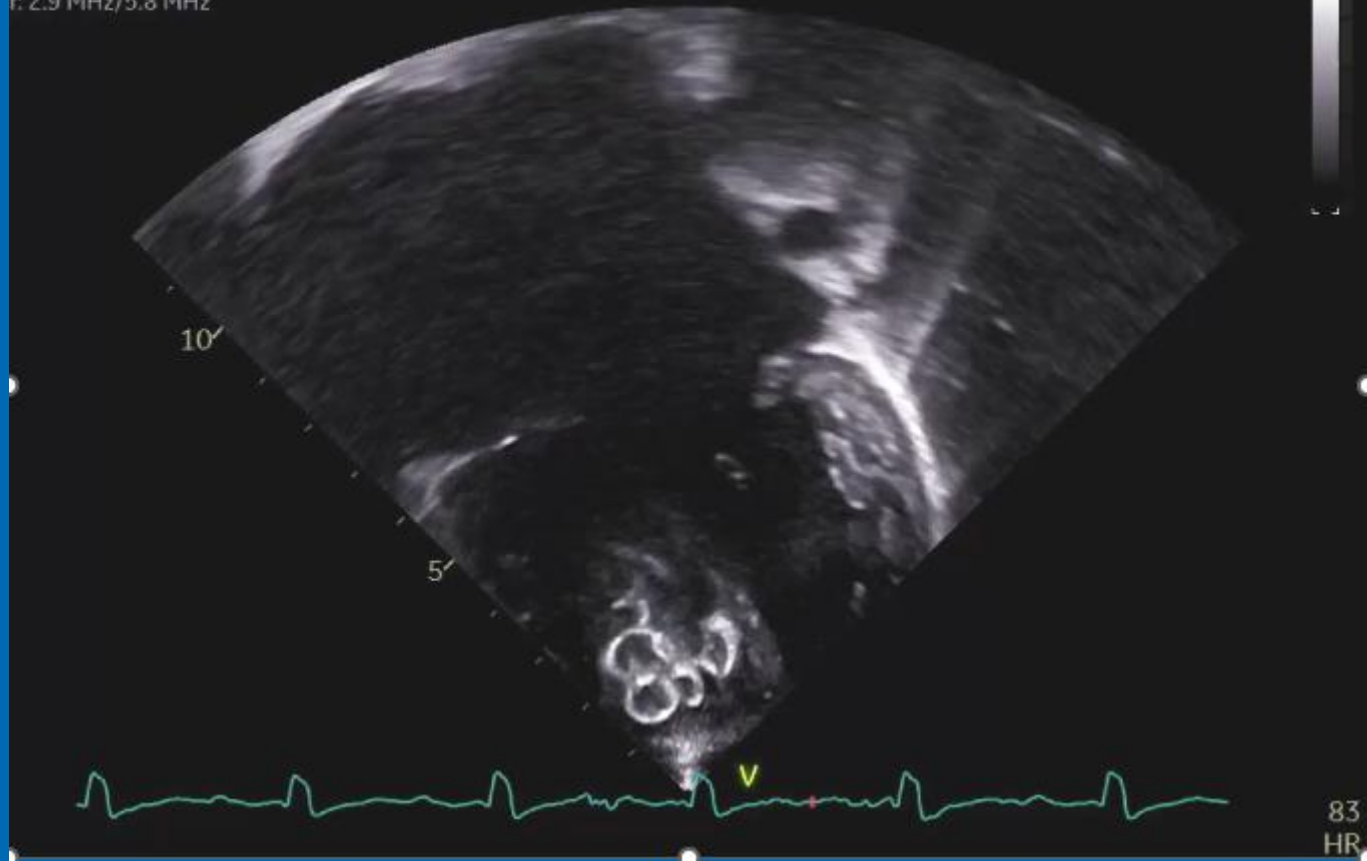
Case #1

- Update: 4 year old
- 4 cath lab interventions multiple attempts to close VSDs with devices
- One attempt resulted in migration of device resulting in visit to CVOR
- While in OR, PDA and ASD closure, extraction of migrated device and patch closure of multiple VSDs
- Still has multiple areas of shunting around devices and patches and continues treatment of PH



ACE
FPS: 77
f: 2.9 MHz/5.8 MHz

Soft



Take Aways

- If there is 1 VSD, be suspicious for more
- Sweep Sweep Sweep
 - from all views (slow sweeps)
- Interrogate
 - looking for 2D “drop out”
 - lowering Nyquist on color Doppler
- Not all VSDs will be a high velocity shunt
 - especially those with a large VSD
 - or multiple resulting in a large amount of shunting
 - = equal LV and RV pressure



Case #2

- Adult male presents with known perimembranous VSD
- Thought to be restrictive with minimal shunt but patient was symptomatic with signs of PH
- To the cath lab...



PHILIPS

TIS0.2 MI 0.5

CX7-2t/Adult

FR 20Hz
8.1cm

3D Beats 1

M4

3D
3D 52%
3D 40dB



JPEG

PAT T: 37.0C
TEE T: 40.2C

66 bpm



PHILIPS

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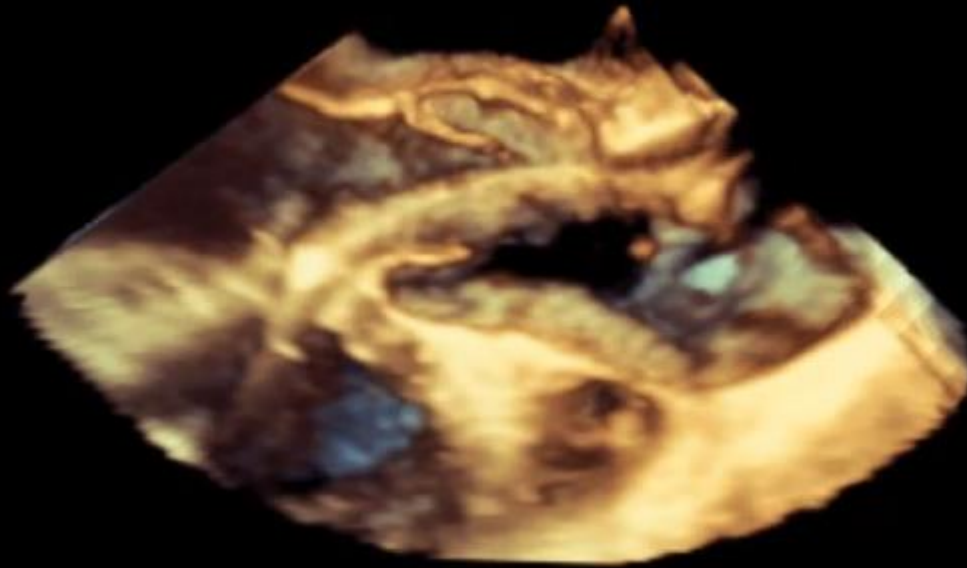
CX7-2t/Adult

FR 12Hz
9.2cm

3D Beats 1

M4

3D
3D 47%
3D 32dB



JPEG

PAT T: 37.0C
TEE T: 40.5C

67 bpm



PHILIPS

TIS0.2 MI 0.5

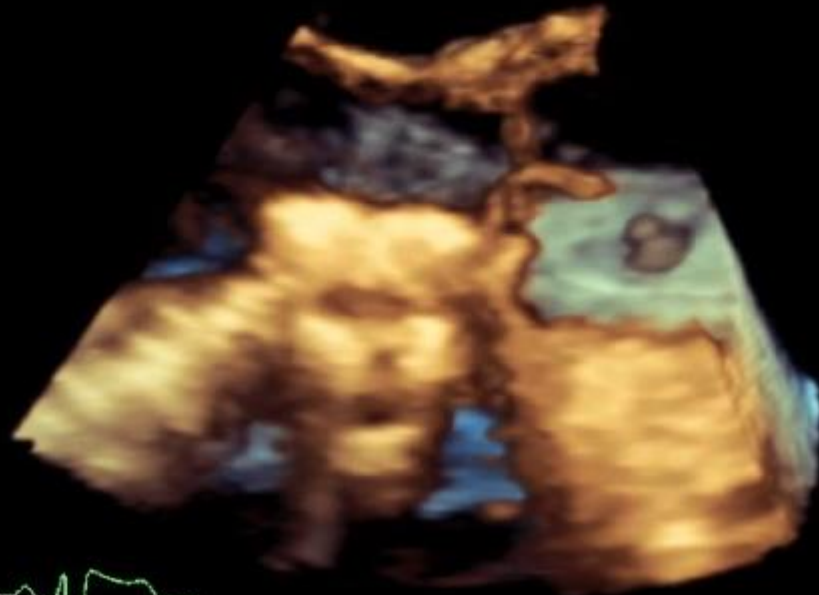
CX7-2t/Adult

FR 20Hz
8.1cm

3D Beats 1

M4

3D
3D 47%
3D 32dB



PAT T: 37.0C
TEE T: 39.6C



JPEG

64 bpm



PHILIPS

TIS0.2 MI 0.5

CX7-2t/Adult

FR 20Hz
9.2cm

3D Beats 1

M4

3D
3D 47%
3D 32dB



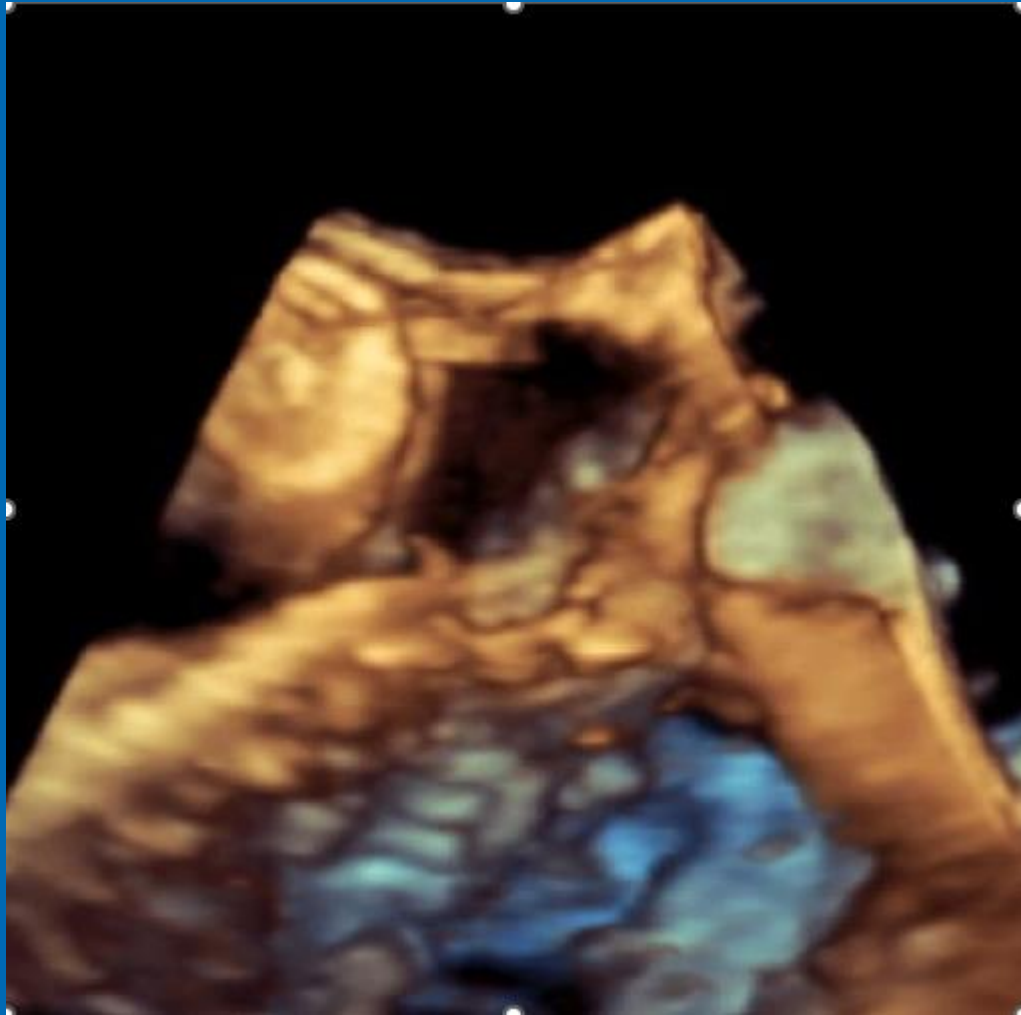
PAT T: 37.0C
TEE T: 40.5C



JPEG

70-bpm





Case #2

- 3 attempts at device closure with device embolization
- Don't worry... the device was retrieved successfully
- Patient then went to the CVOR for VSD patch closure



PHILIPS

TIS0.6 MI 0.4

CX7-2t/Adult

FR 20Hz
12cm

2D

70%

C 50

P Off

Gen

CF

59%

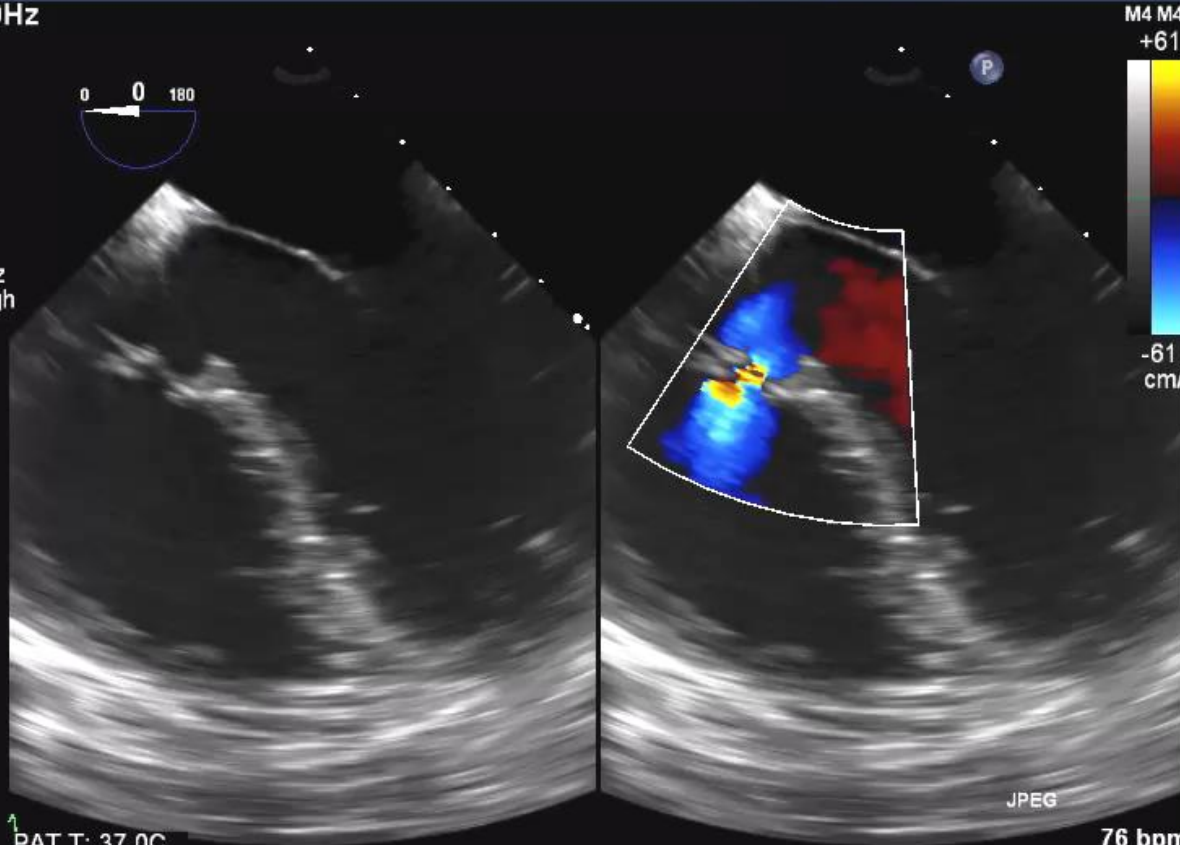
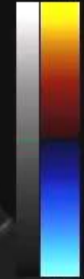
4.4MHz

WF High

Med



M4 M4
+61.6



JPEG

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PAT T: 37.0C
TEE T: 39.7C

76 bpm



Take Aways

- 3D imaging during complex procedures can be helpful in identifying defect rims
- Not all VSDs can be closed with a device
- Post procedural imaging is very important to evaluate for
 - Residual shunting
 - Surrounding structures for impingement
 - Stability of device



“flying VSD device”

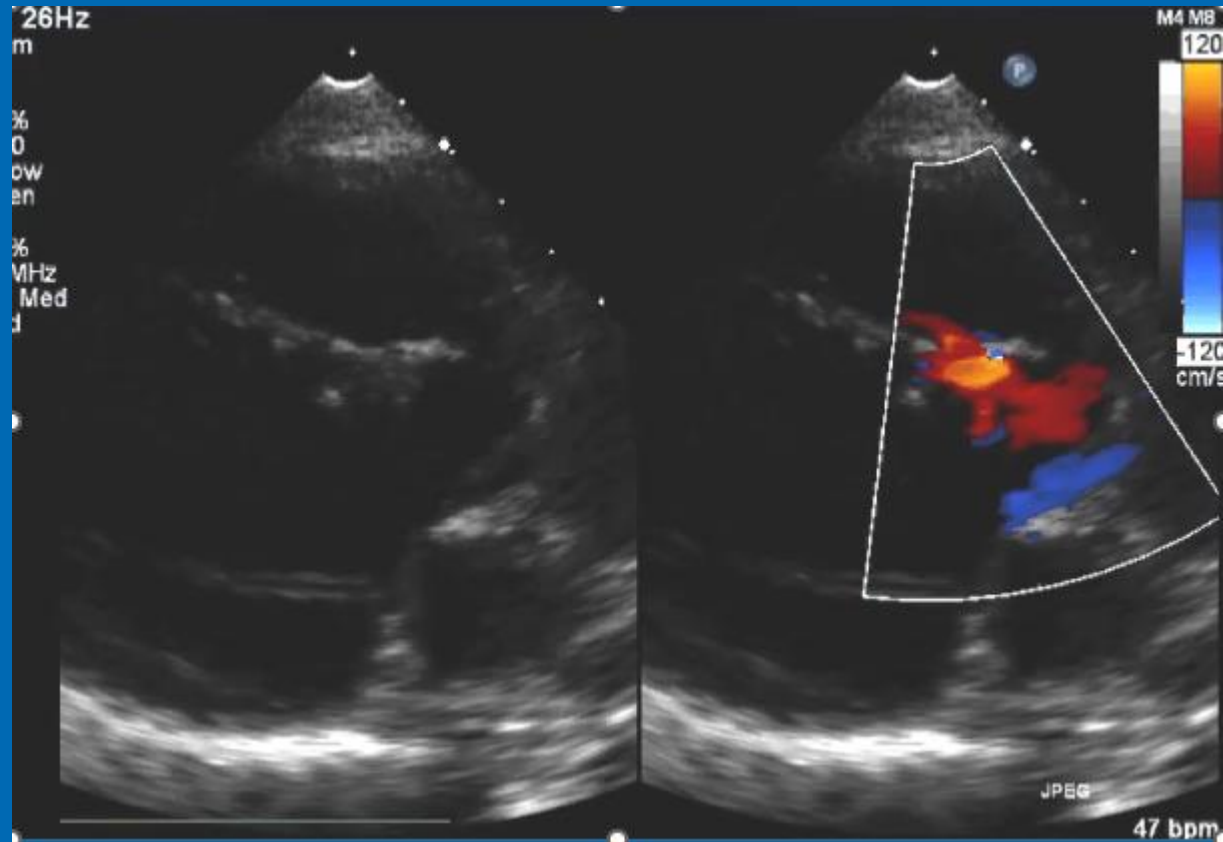


Case #3

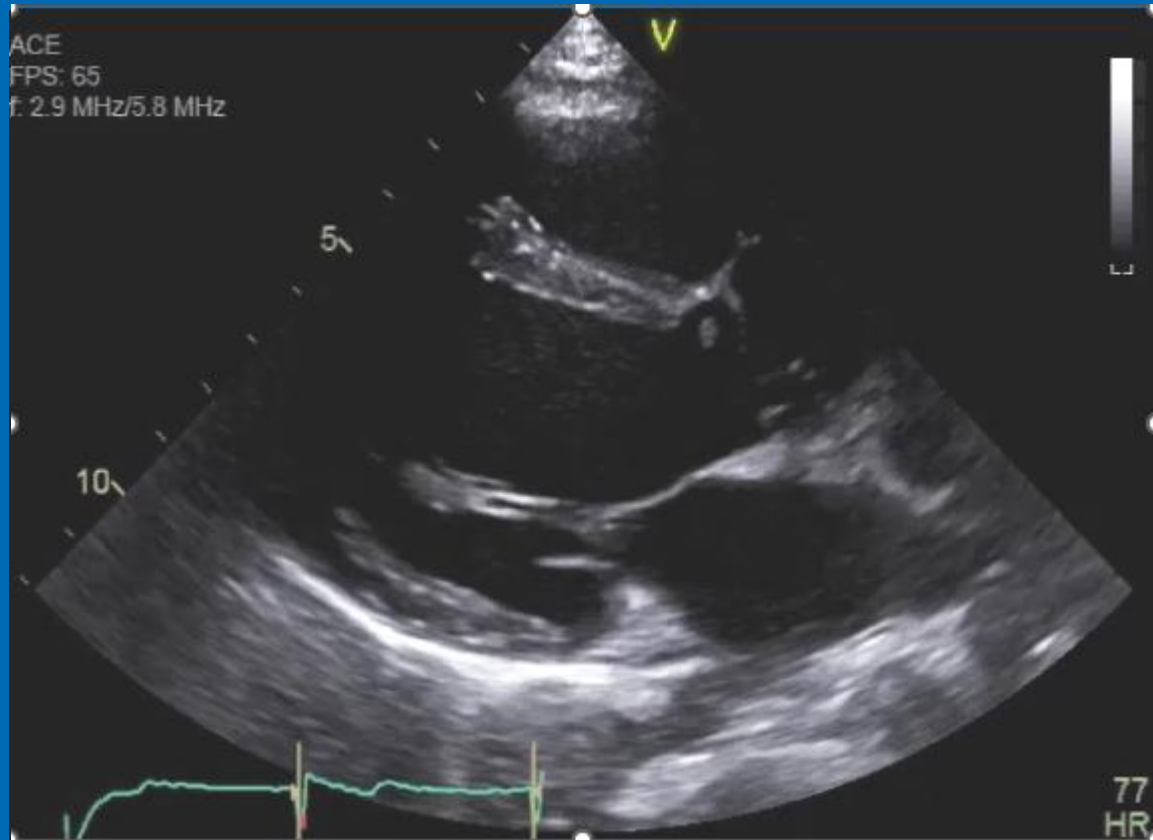
- 13 year old female with history of bicuspid aortic valve and perimembranous VSD
- Presented to local ED with light headedness, chest pressure and palpitations



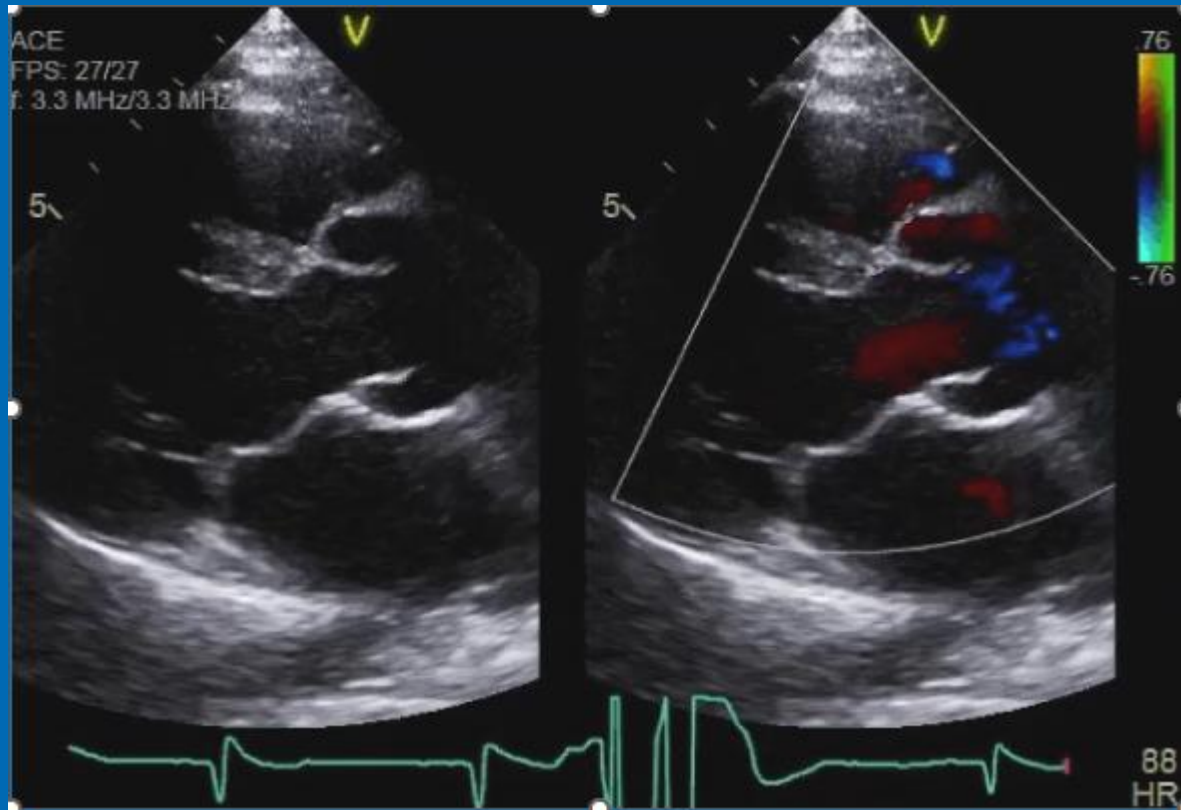
Prior to ED admission – routine VSD follow up

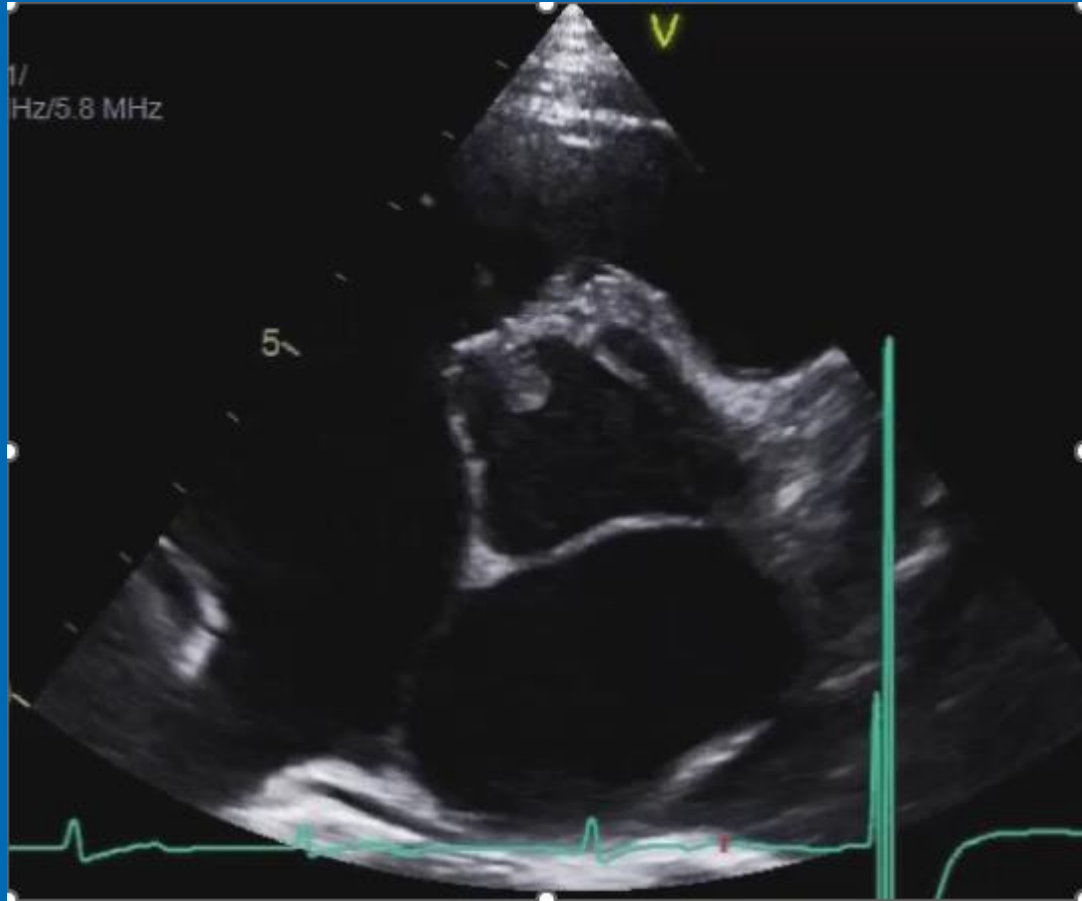


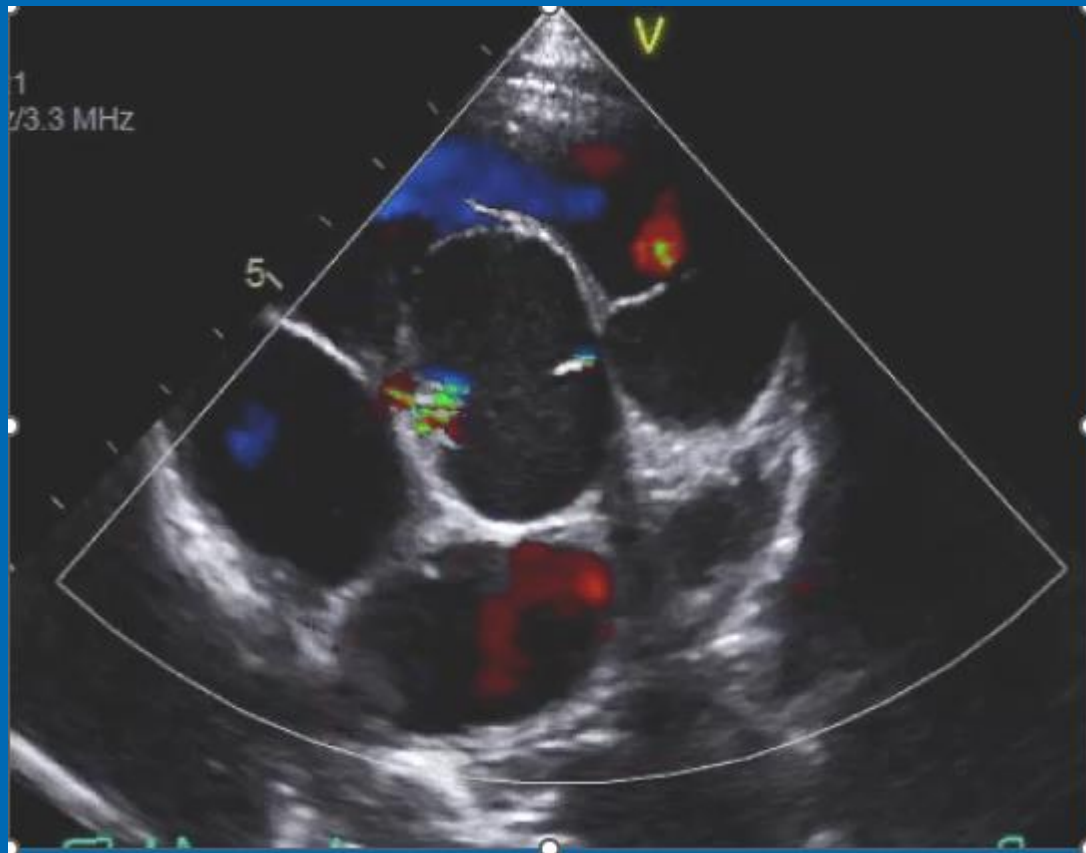
Echo while in the ED







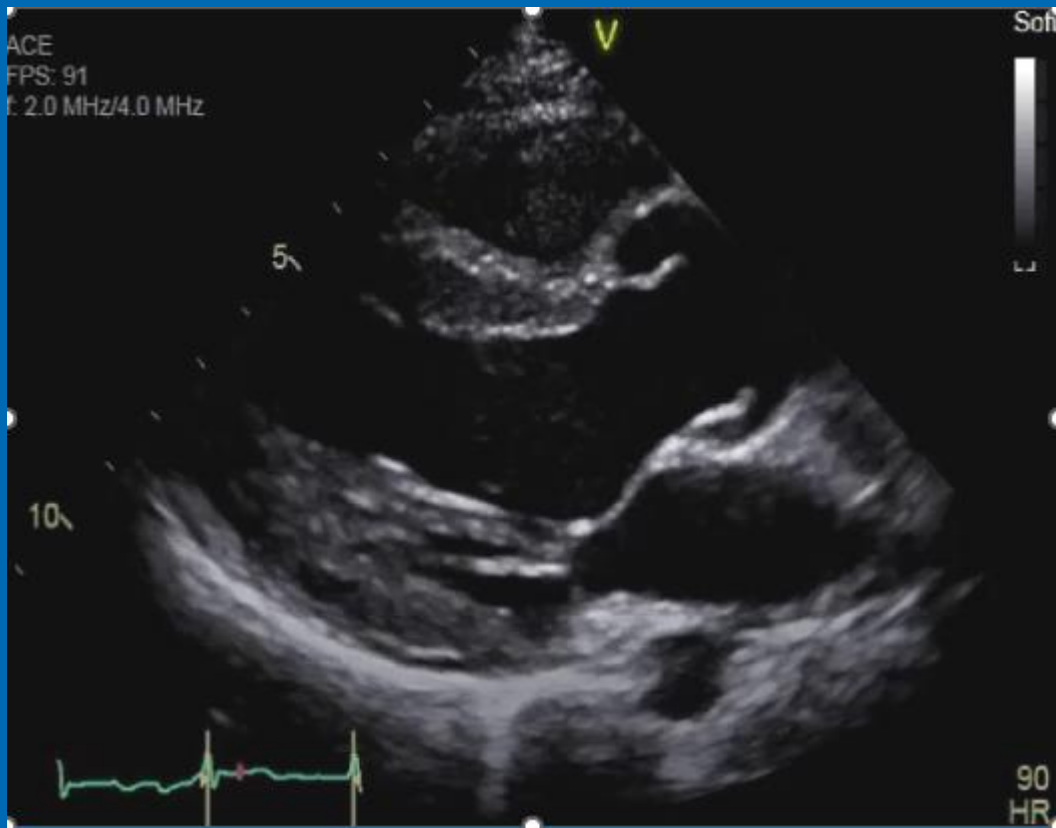




Case #3

- Mobile mass identified in the LVOT at the region of the prior identified perimembranous VSD
- Prior study showed trivial shunting across the VSD - no shunting seen on this study
- Mass is occluding the perimembranous VSD shunt
- Patient started on heparin - 3 days later....

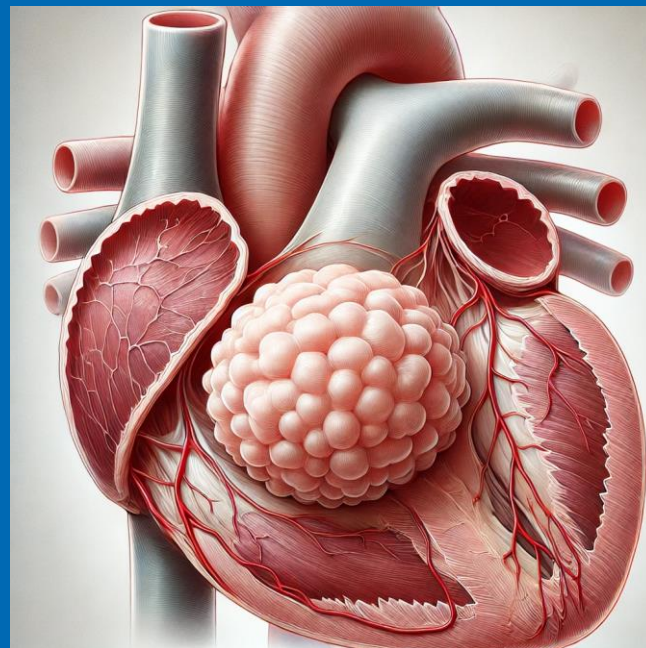






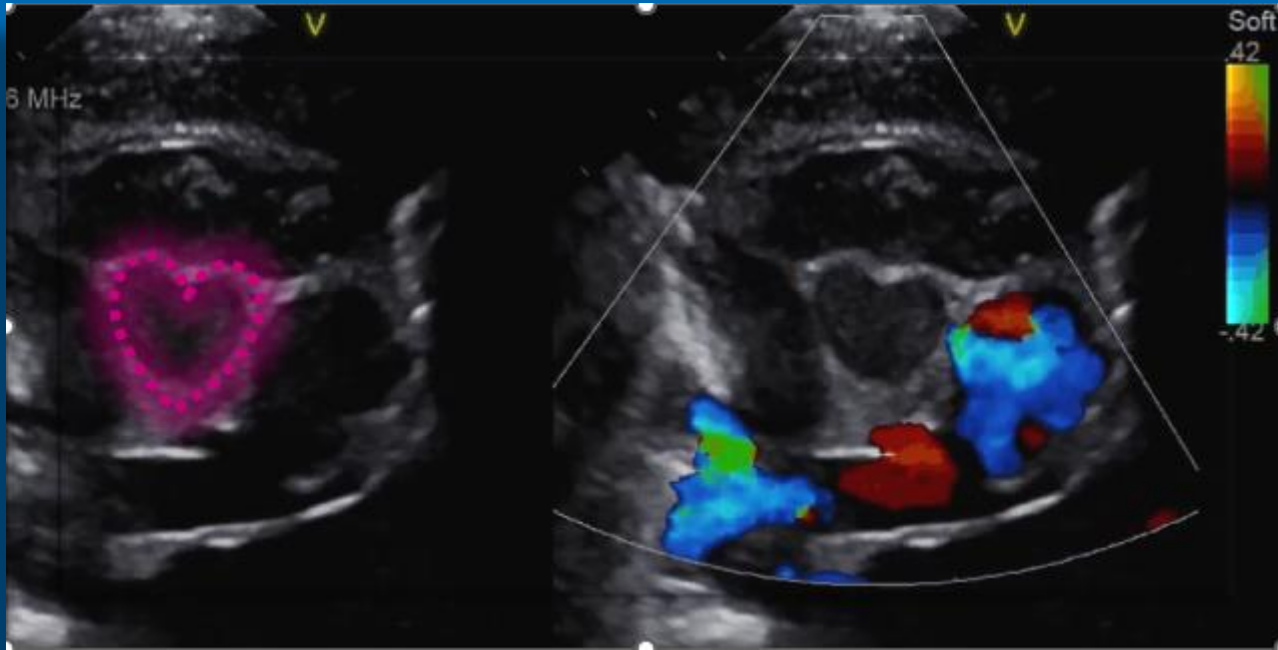
Take Aways

- Slow sweeps will save the day
- Size and degree of shunting across a VSD isn't the only concern for patients with intracardiac lesions
- Reviewing patient history / prior imaging can significantly assist with diagnosis



“mass in the perimembranous ventricular septum”





Thank You!

