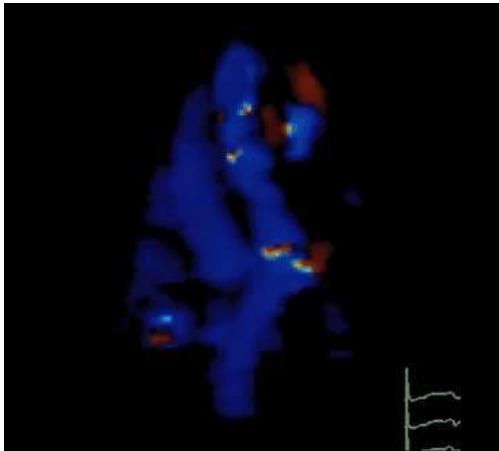
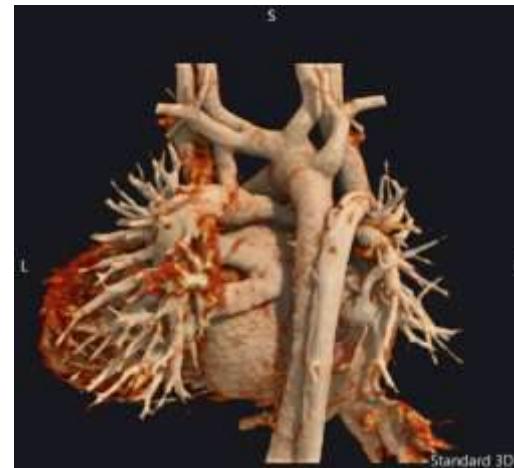


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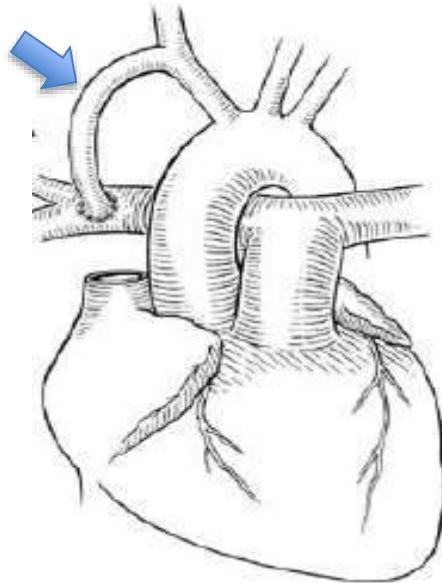
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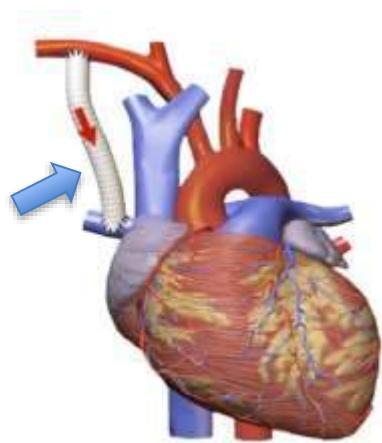


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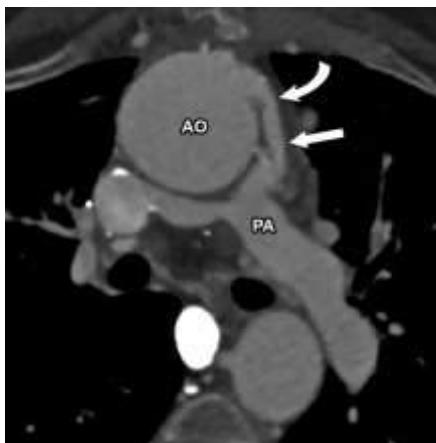


Systemic to Pulmonary Shunts

Modified BTTS



Central shunt



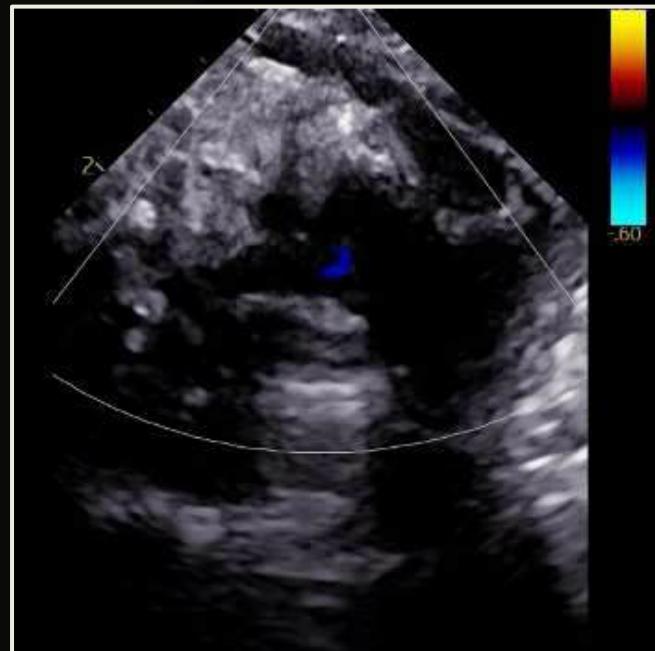
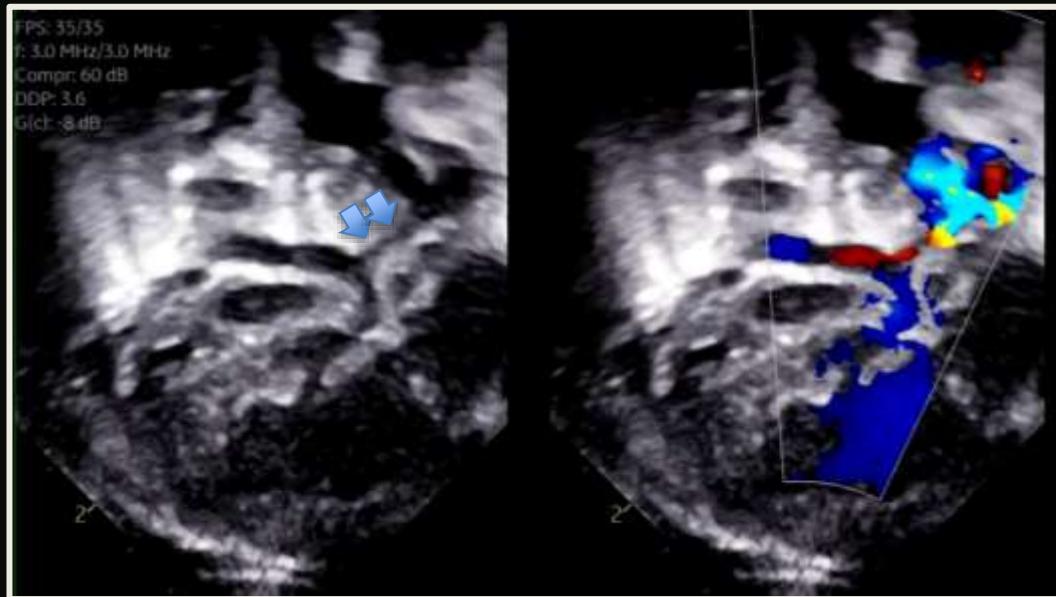
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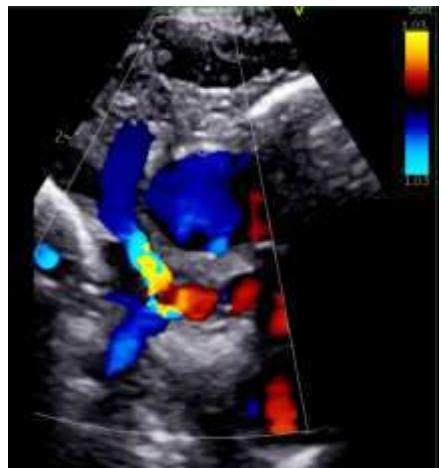


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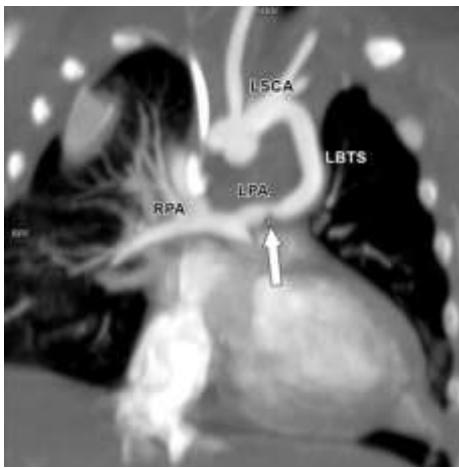


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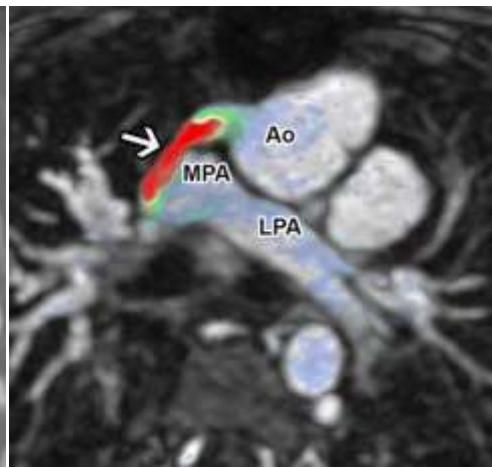
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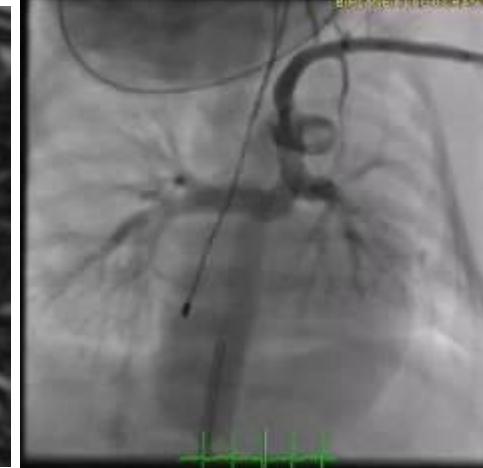
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CMR



Angiography



Transthoracic Echo

Windows

- ❖ Suprasternal/ High right parasternal
- ❖ Modified apical
- ❖ Subcostal

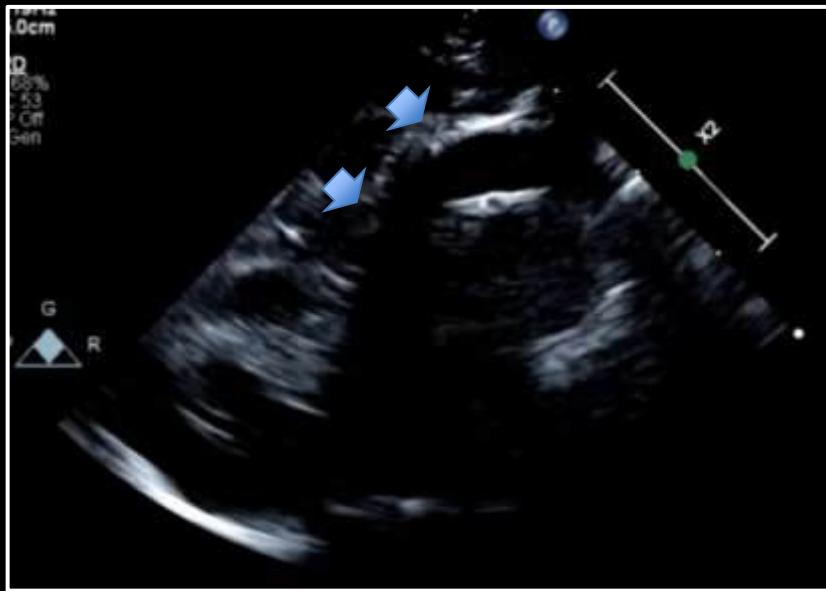
Goals

- ❖ Visualization of entire shunt
- ❖ Branch pulmonary arteries
- ❖ Hemodynamics
- ❖ 2D, Color, Spectral Doppler

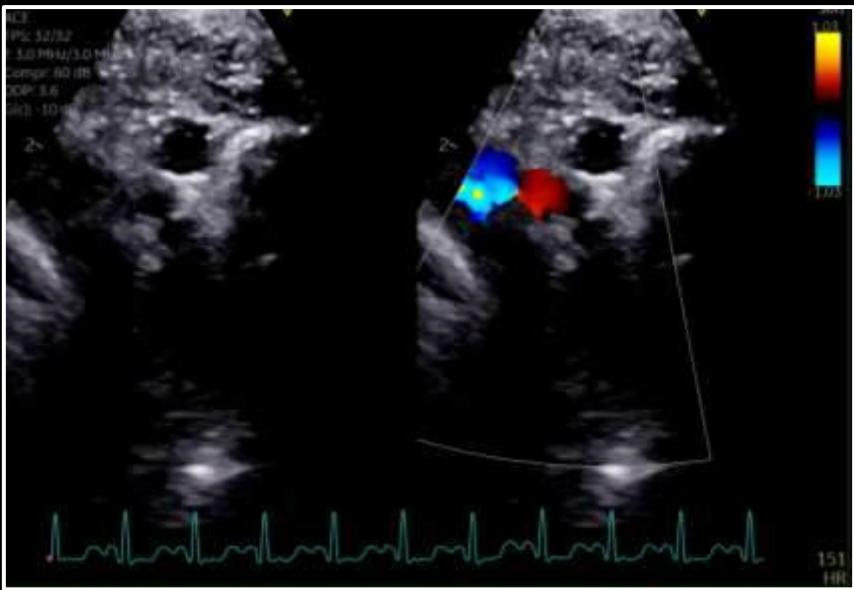
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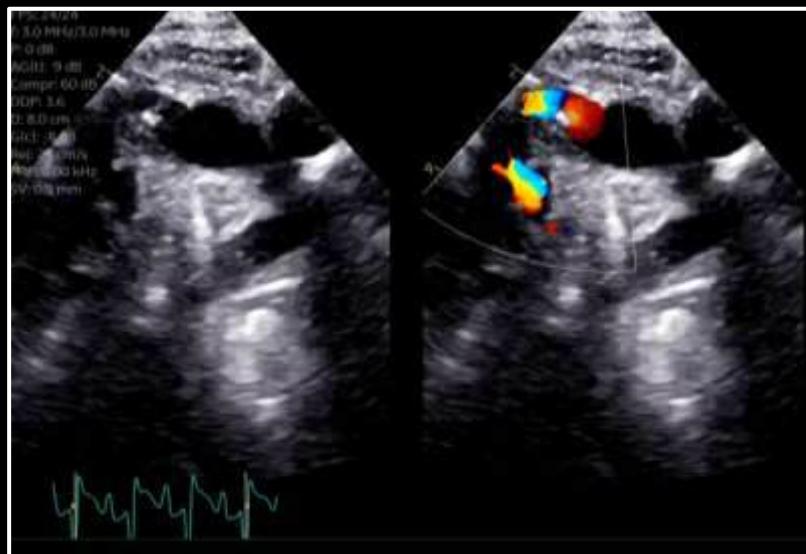
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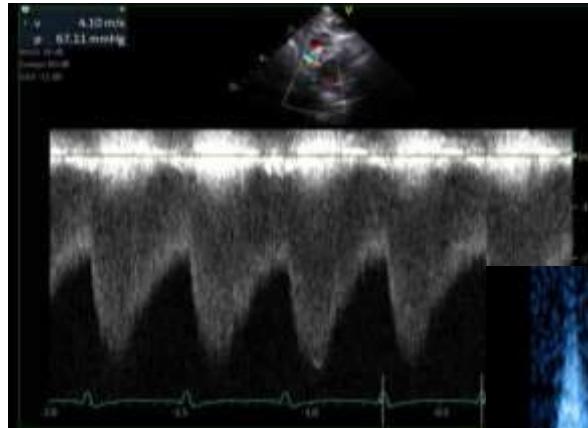


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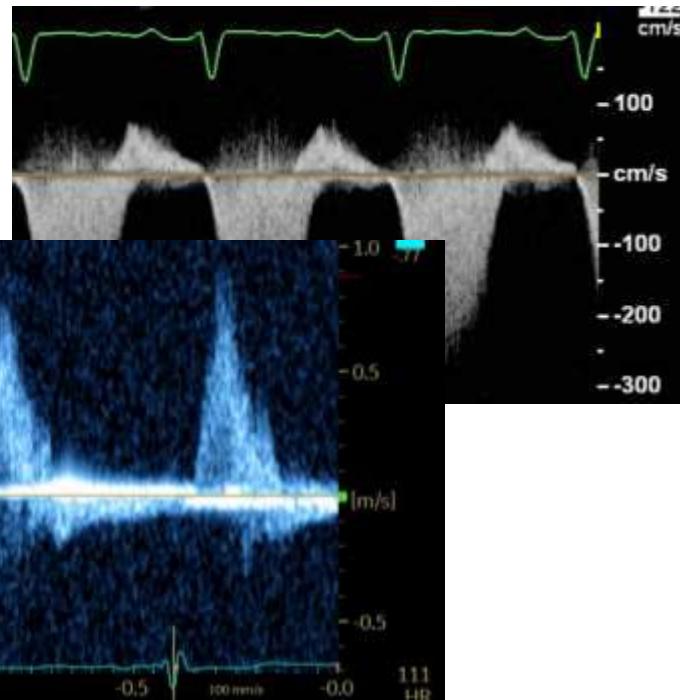


Spectral Doppler

Modified BTTS



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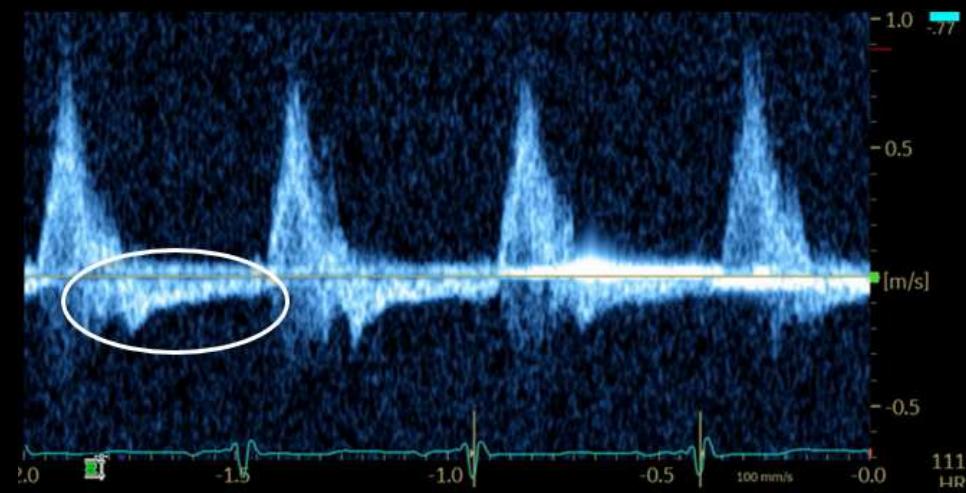
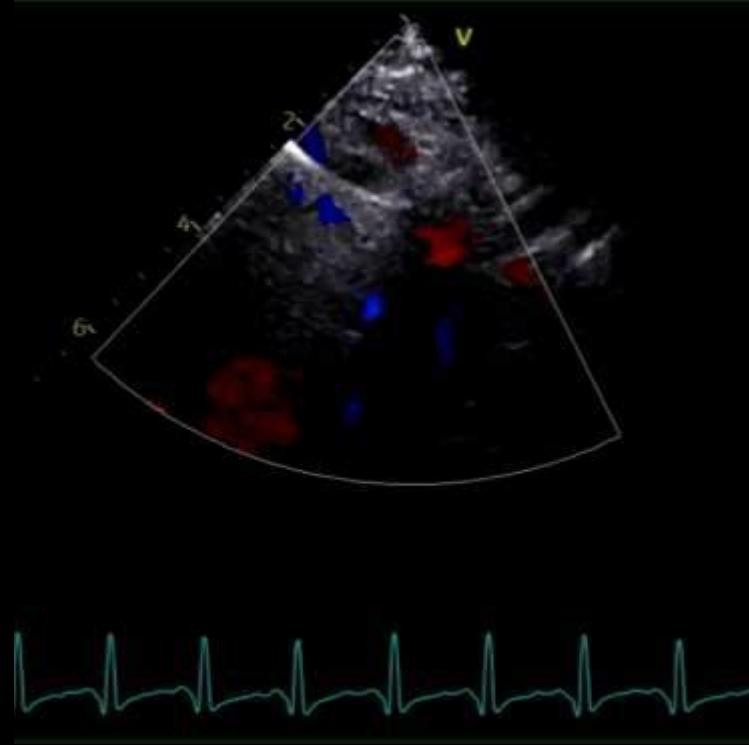
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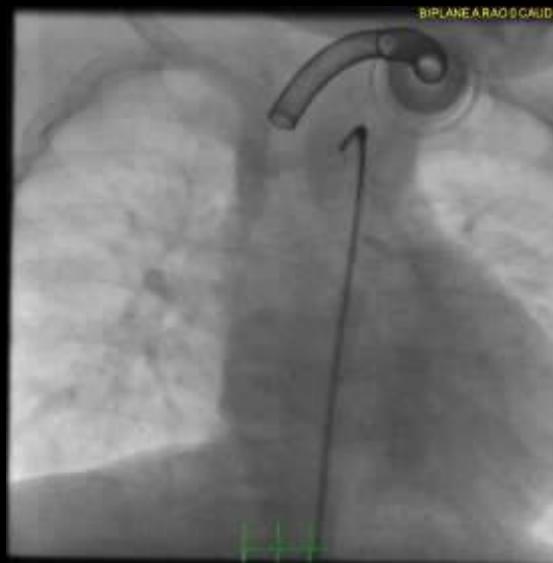
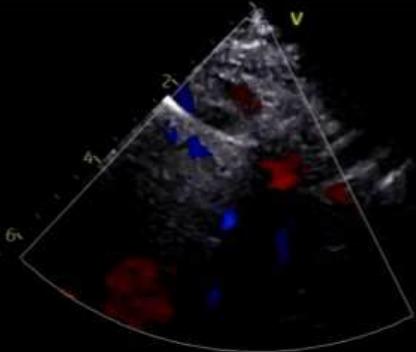
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- ❖ No correlation with catheter parameters for pulmonary blood flow

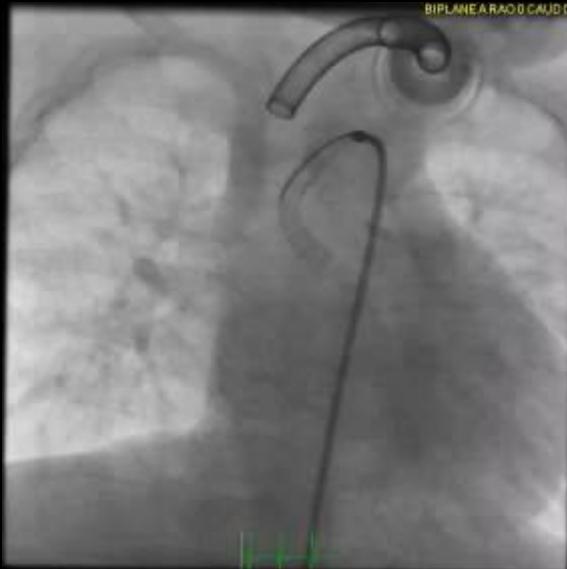
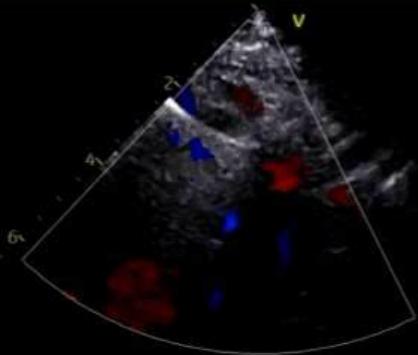
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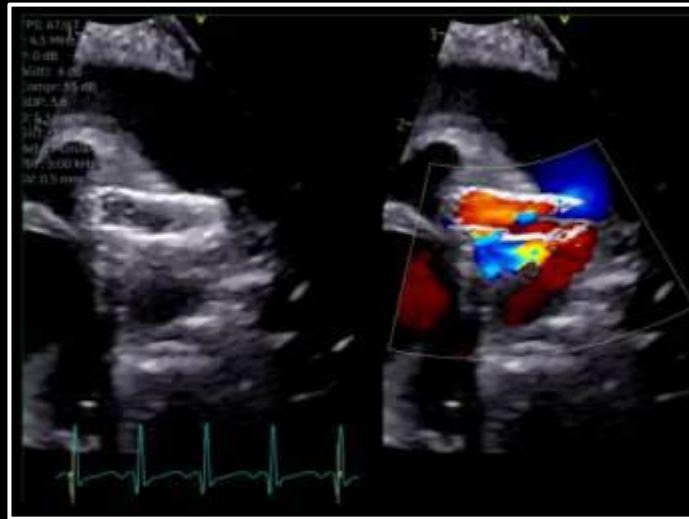
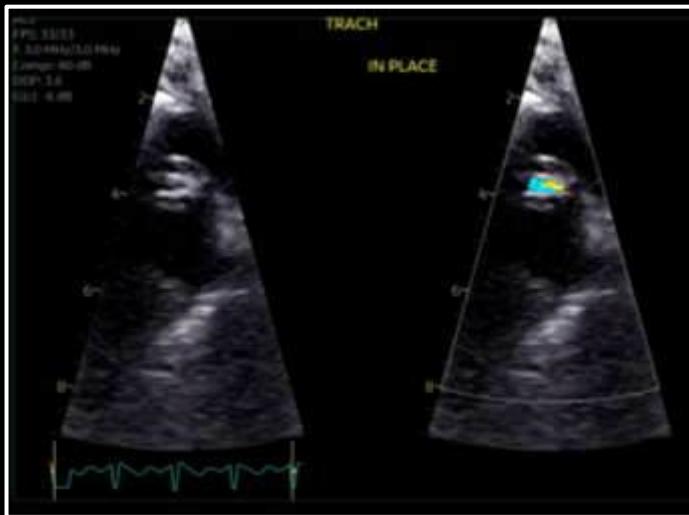
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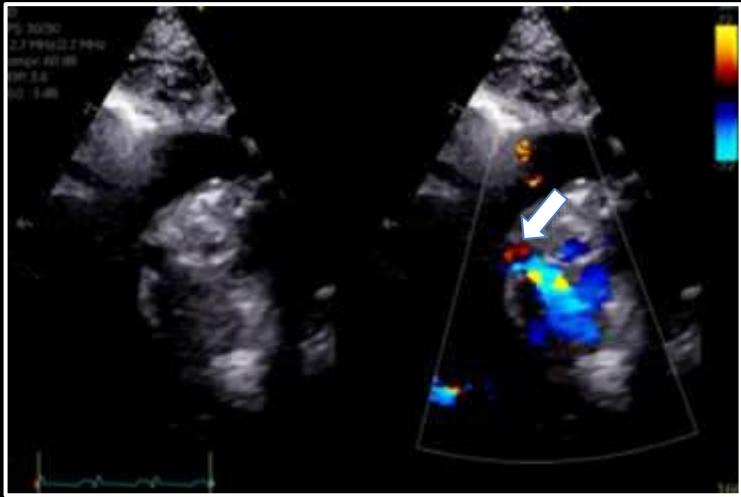
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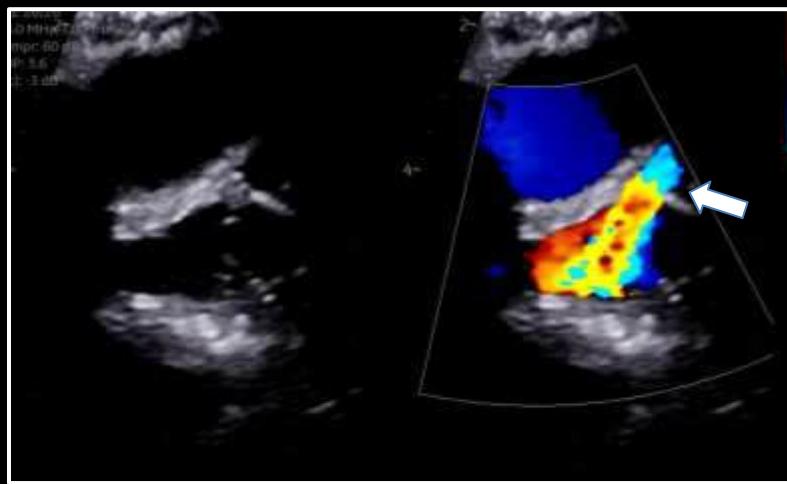
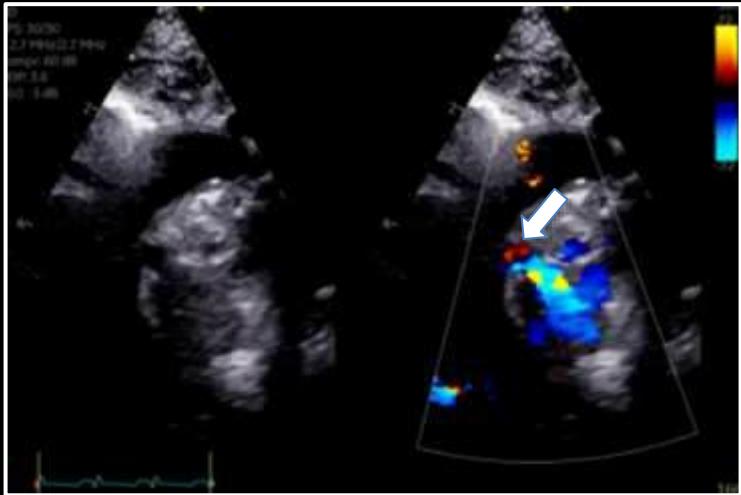
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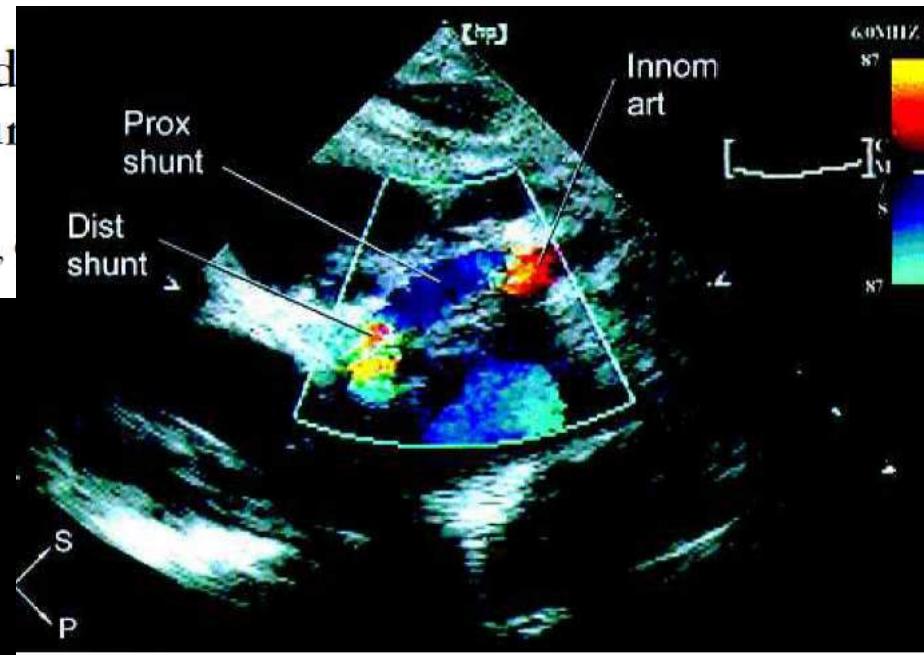
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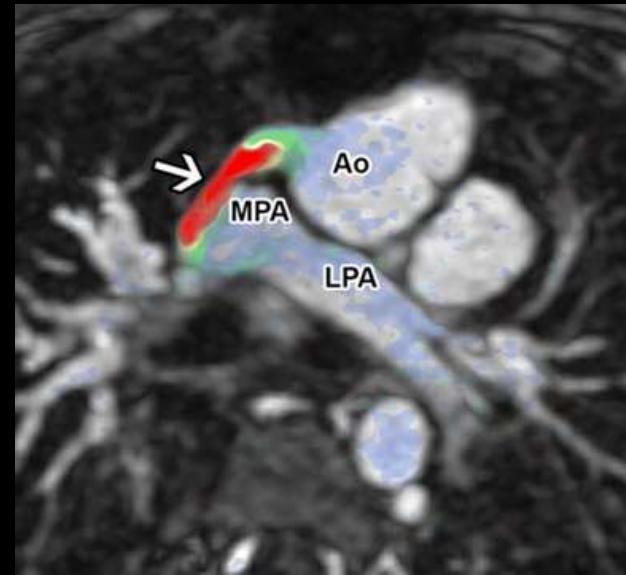
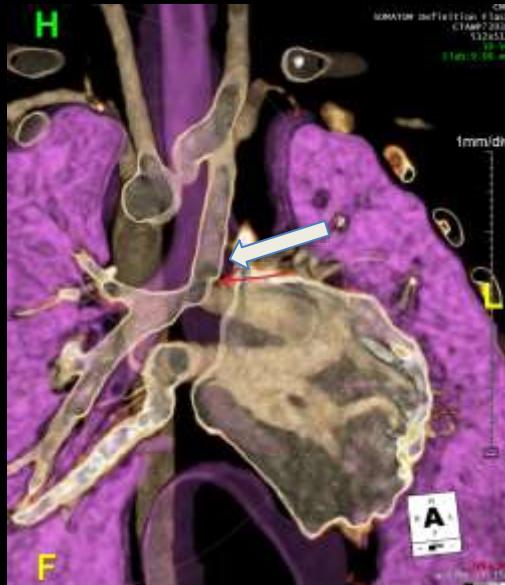
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- ❖ Decreased flow reversal in arch correlated with stenosis

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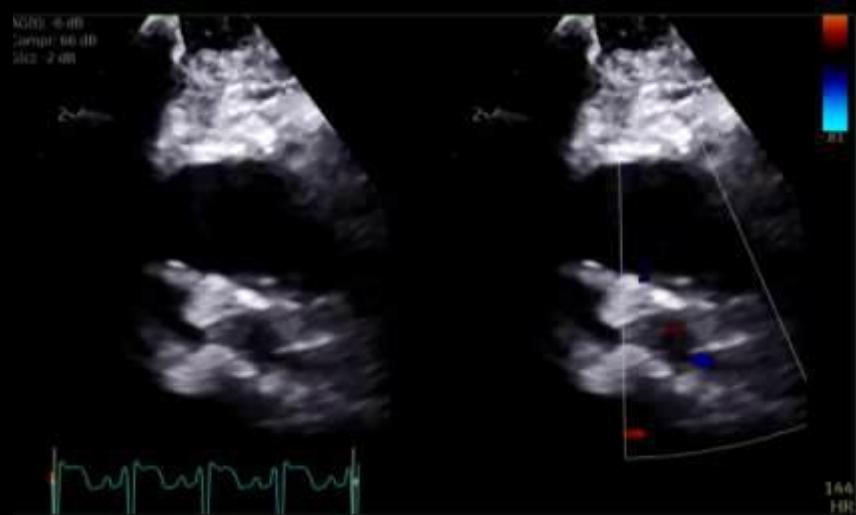
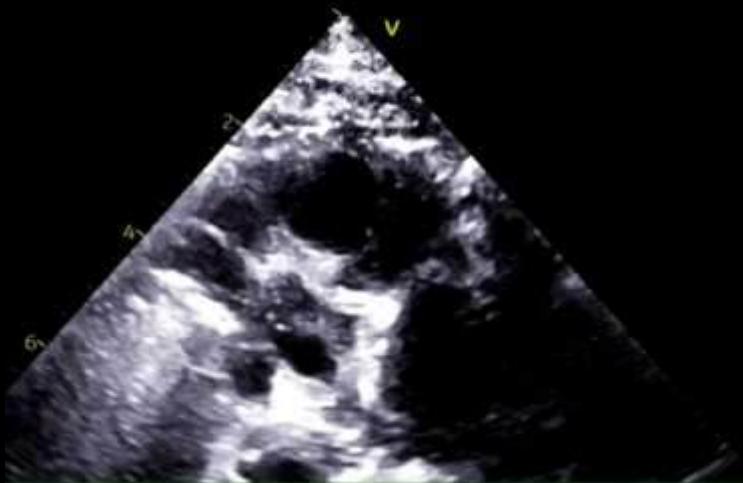
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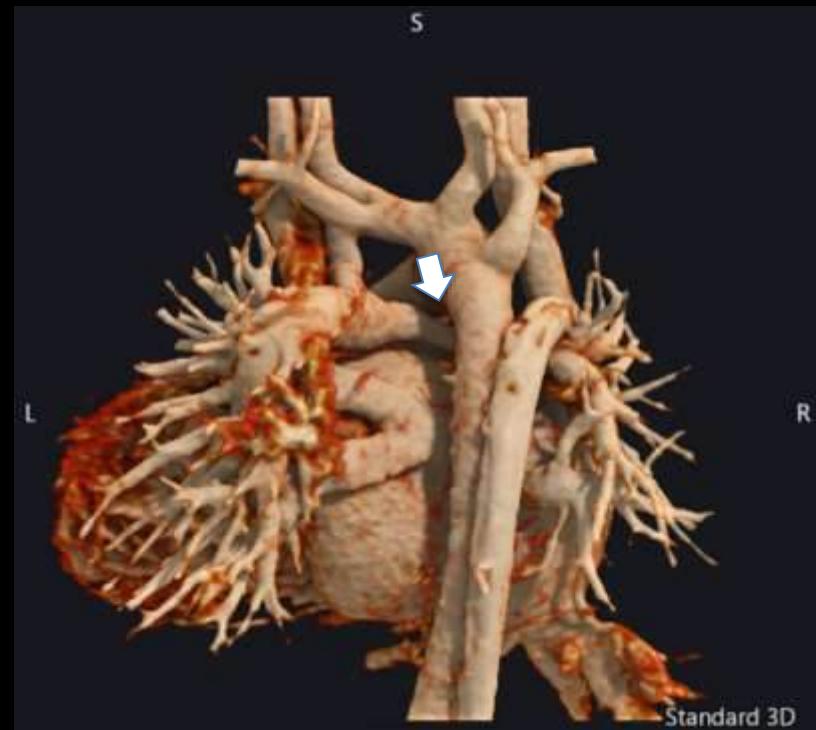
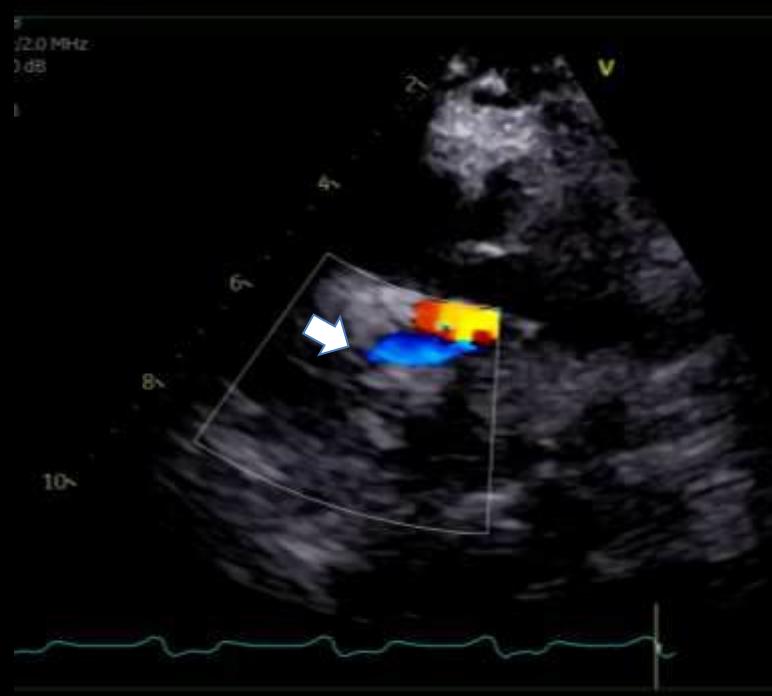
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- ❖ 25% not measureable
- ❖ Poor agreement between CMR and echo for stenosis

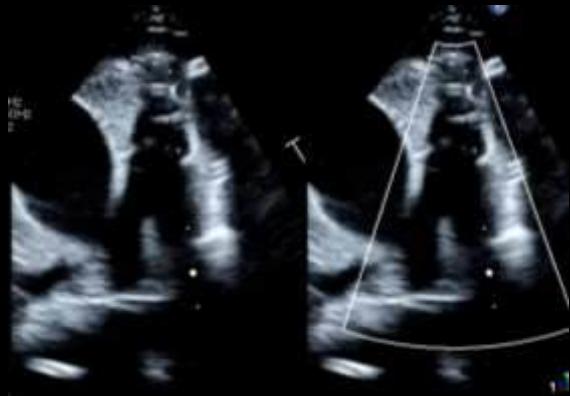
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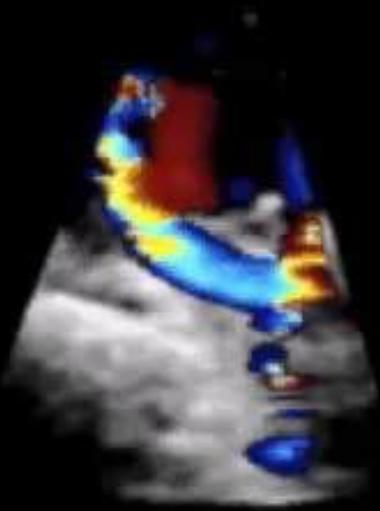


Standard 3D

How do I (echo) image a BTT shunt?

- ❖ Preoperative checklist
- ❖ Review operative/cath reports
- ❖ Image thoroughly (more 2D and color)
- ❖ Interpret thoughtfully
- ❖ Recognize limitations and state them as such
- ❖ Correlate with other modalities
- ❖ Clinical picture is paramount

3D Echo Angiogram



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