



# When A Fetal Cardiologist Could Use A Fetal Medicine Consult

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We all know there are  
times when a fetal  
medicine specialist needs  
a fetal cardiologist.



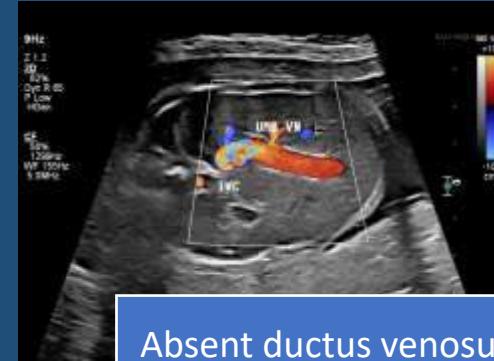
Twin Twin Transfusion Syndrome



Sacrococcygeal teratoma



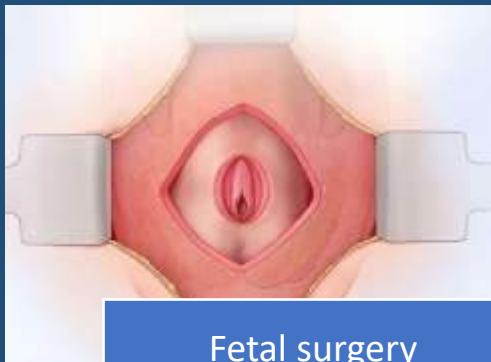
Ro/La antibodies



Absent ductus venosus



Fetal anemia



Fetal surgery



Hydrops

Are there times when a  
fetal cardiologist could  
benefit from a fetal  
medicine specialist?

# Times when we can help optimize postnatal care...







Ok, it's pulmonary  
agenesis, can't they just  
follow-up after birth?

# Results: pulmonary agenesis location



13 (72%) Right

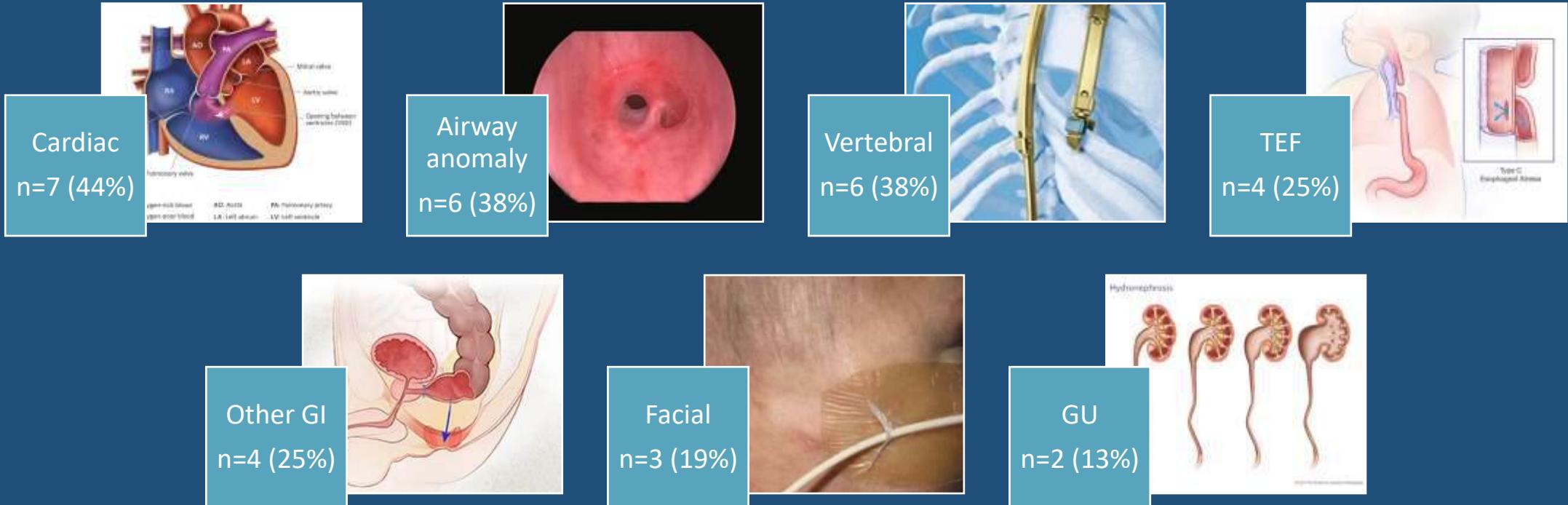


3 (17%) Left



2 (11%) Bilateral

# Associated anomalies (n=16)



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# Airway issues

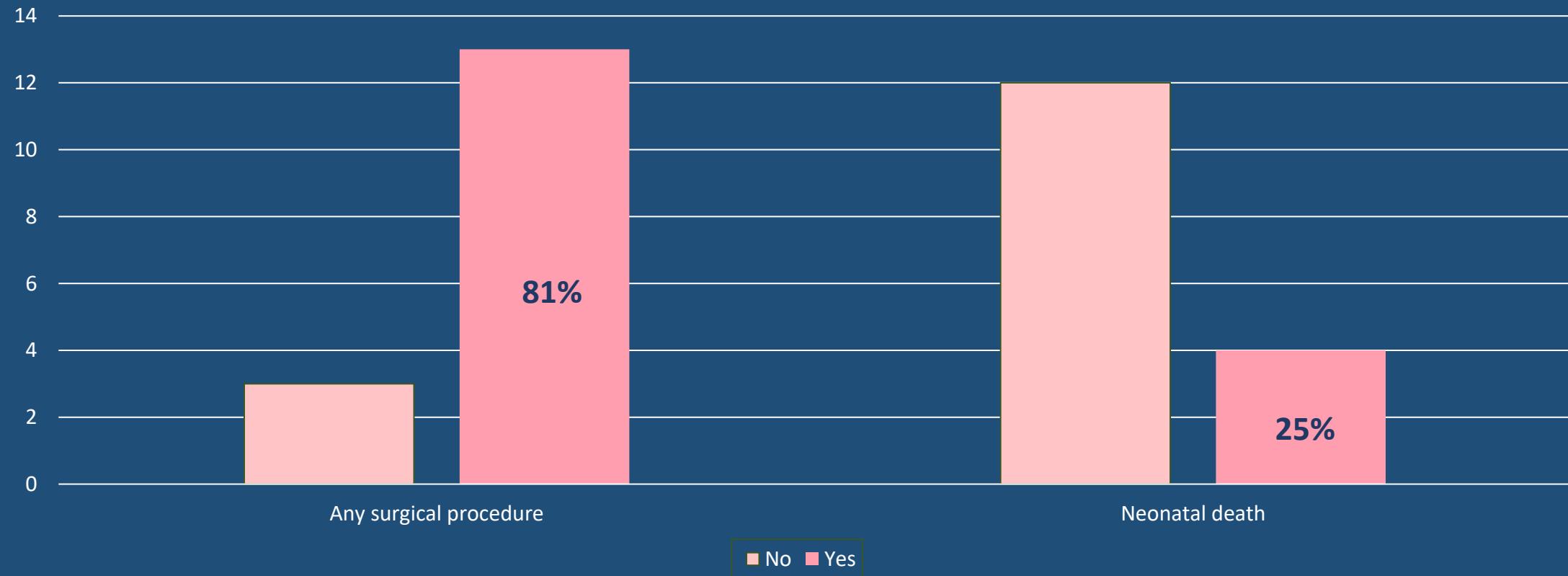


Tracheal or mainstem  
bronchus stenosis

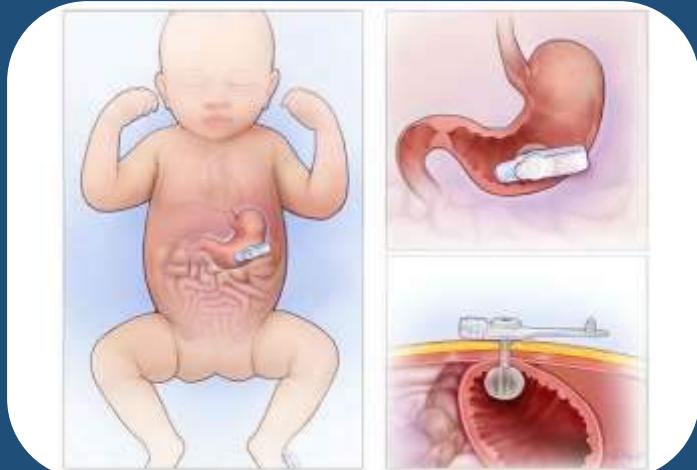


Complete tracheal  
rings

# Neonatal/childhood outcomes (n=16)

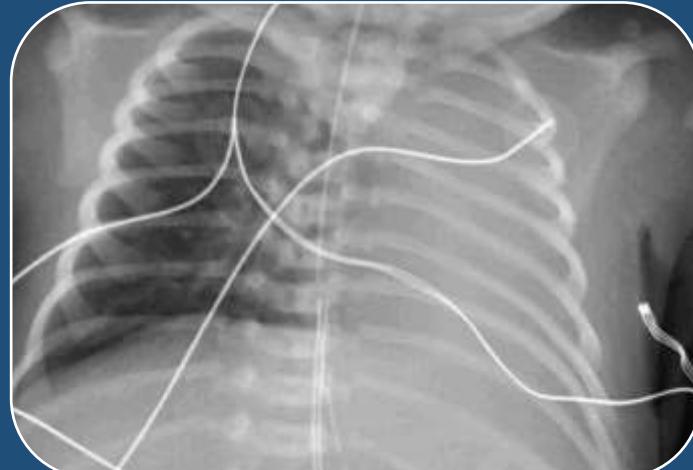


# Long-term survivors (n=12)



Gastrostomy

n=7 (58%)



Pulmonary hypertension

n=4 (33%)



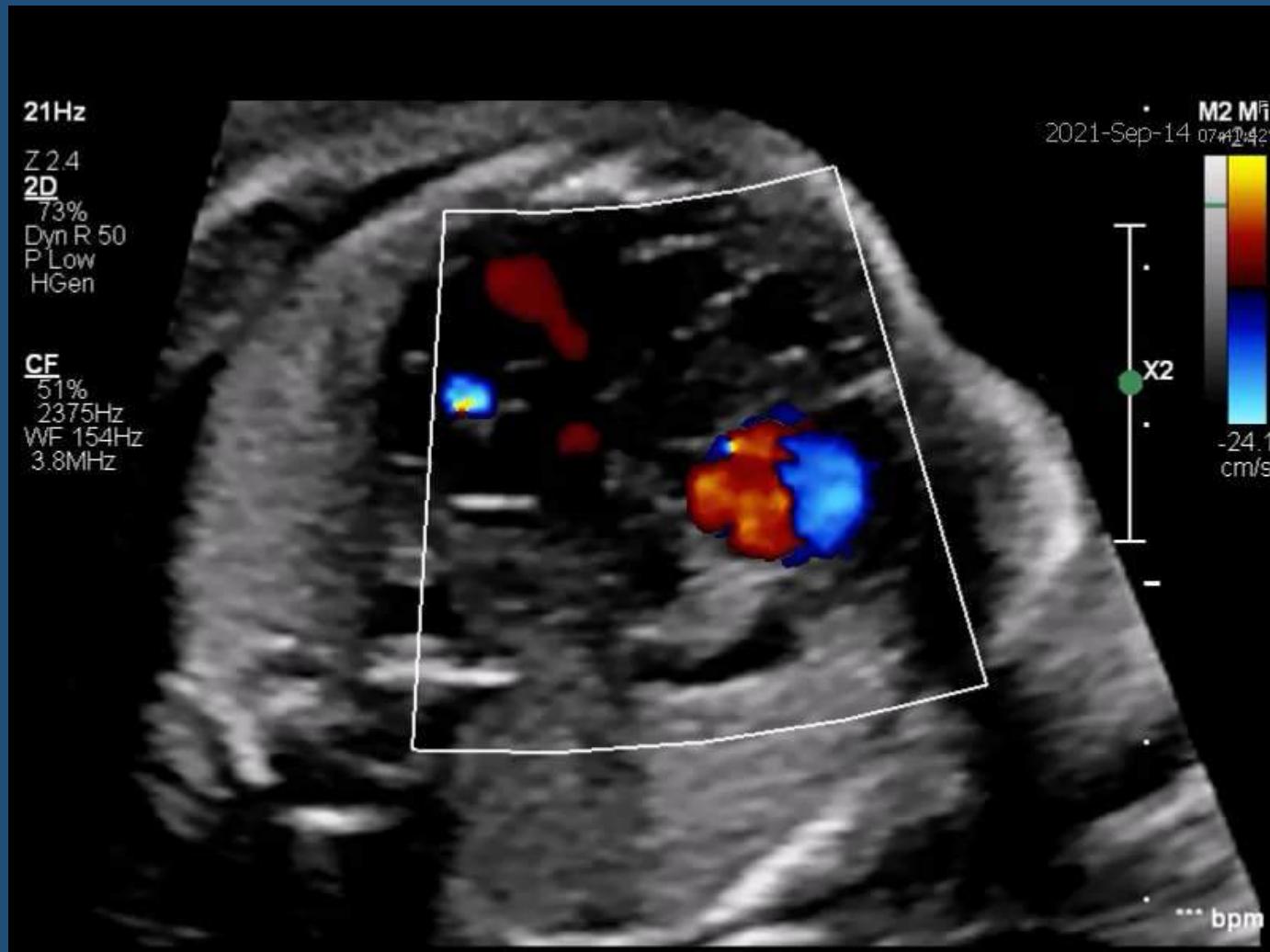
Long-term oxygen

n=1 (8%)

Times we can help nail  
the diagnosis...



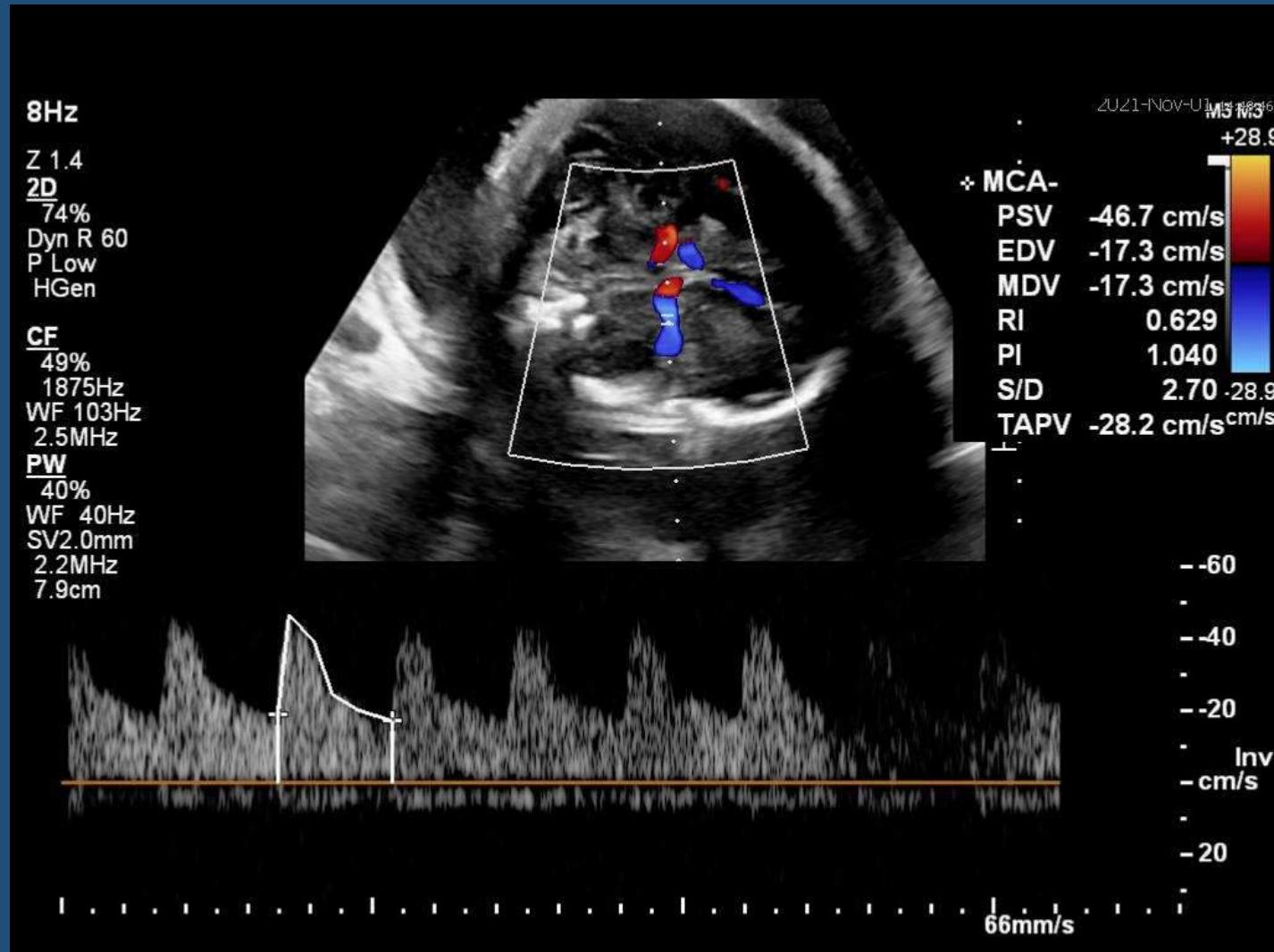














# 33 weeks 3 days

Decreased fetal movement

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IMPACT delivery

# Blue rubber bleb nevus syndrome



**Test Requested: Somatic Overgrowth & Vascular Malformations Panel (v3)**

**Sample(s) Analyzed:** 1: Genomic DNA isolated from blood  
2: Genomic DNA isolated from Left foot frozen tissue sample  
3: Genomic DNA isolated from Left foot FFPE sample

**Result Summary: POSITIVE Two Somatic Pathogenic Variants in *TEK***

**Identification of Variant(s):**

Sample	Gene	Nucleotide Position	Amino Acid Position	Variant Frequency	Classification
2	TEK	c.2690A>T	p.Tyr897Phe	10.3 - 12.5%	Pathogenic
2	TEK	c.2753G>A	p.Arg918His	9.9 - 13.7%	Pathogenic

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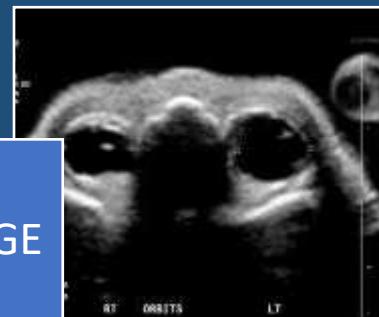
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Times we can help provide  
the most compassionate  
care...





# What is CFDT CARE?

## Complex Antenatal Resuscitation Evaluation

Built as a multidisciplinary support system

For families with a potentially life-threatening fetal diagnosis



# CFDT COMPLEX ANTENATAL RESUSCITATION EVALUATION (CARE) CONSULT

## Who:



- Concern for life-threatening diagnosis at any point in the pregnancy (+/- a confirmed genetic diagnosis)
- Concern for immediate neonatal demise
- Parents express interest in “NON-INTERVENTION” OR perinatal palliative

## What:



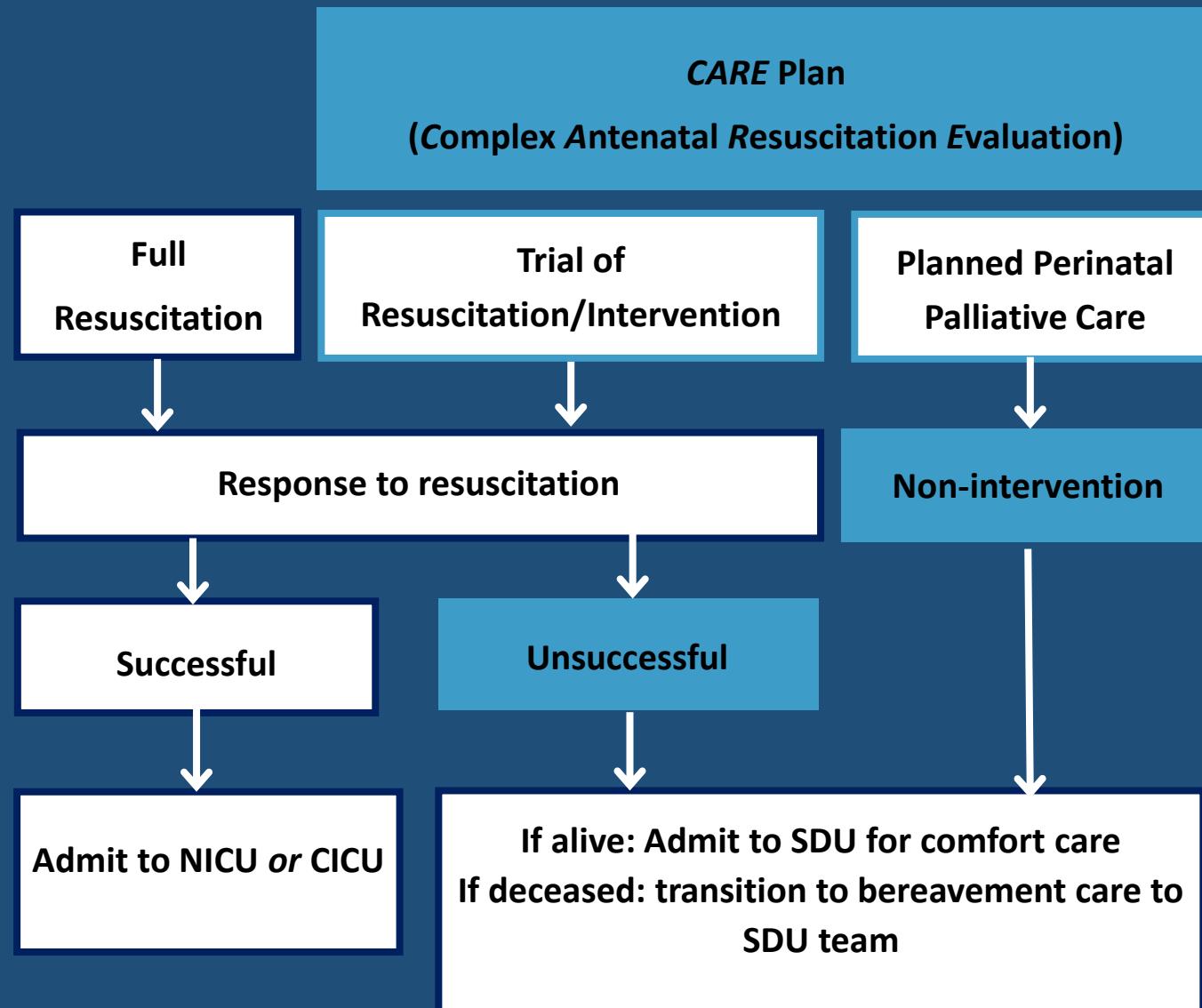
- Multidisciplinary collaborative consult
- Ongoing planning and support in pregnancy, delivery room and postpartum

## Why:

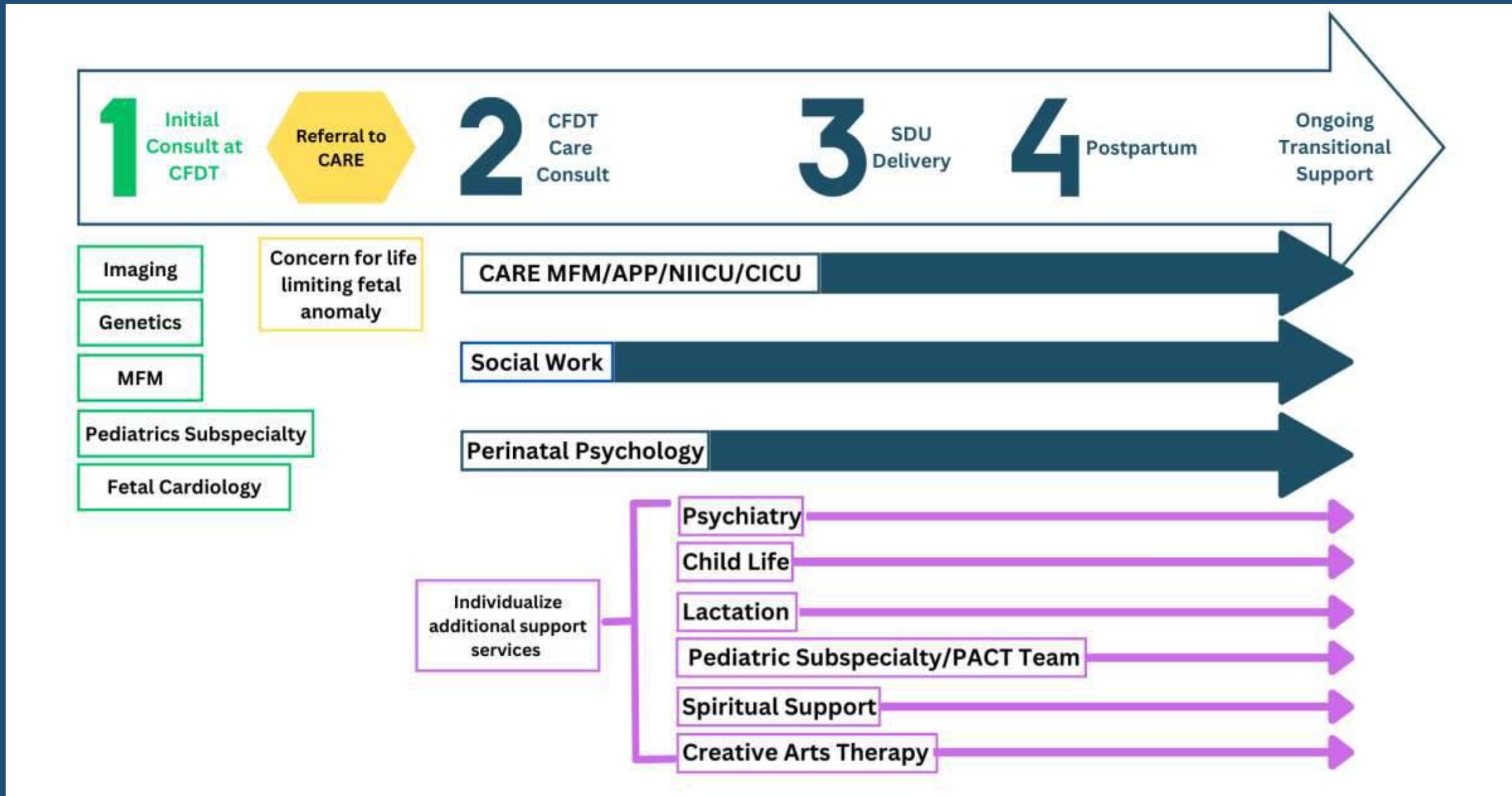


- Individualized goals and expectations
- Pregnancy planning: imaging, monitoring, mode and timing of delivery
- Neonatal routes of care
- Recommendations
- Support

# Neonatal Care ALGORITHM



# CFDT Care Consult Workflow





# Thank you!

