

Stress echo: Beyond the obvious

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1st case

- Hypertension
- Type 2 diabetes
- Dyslipidemia
- HIV (+)
- Parkinson's disease
- Depression

Hb = 114gr/dl
MCV = 84,5fL

- 2012 PCI: LCx and OM1
- 3/2013: chest pain on exertion => patent stents, non-obstructive lesion at the ostium of LCx
- 15/8/2017: chest pain, syncope, melena

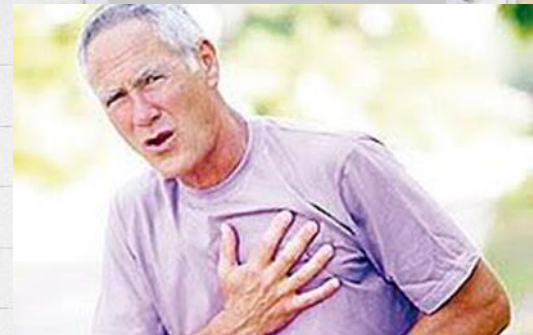


Male 64 years old









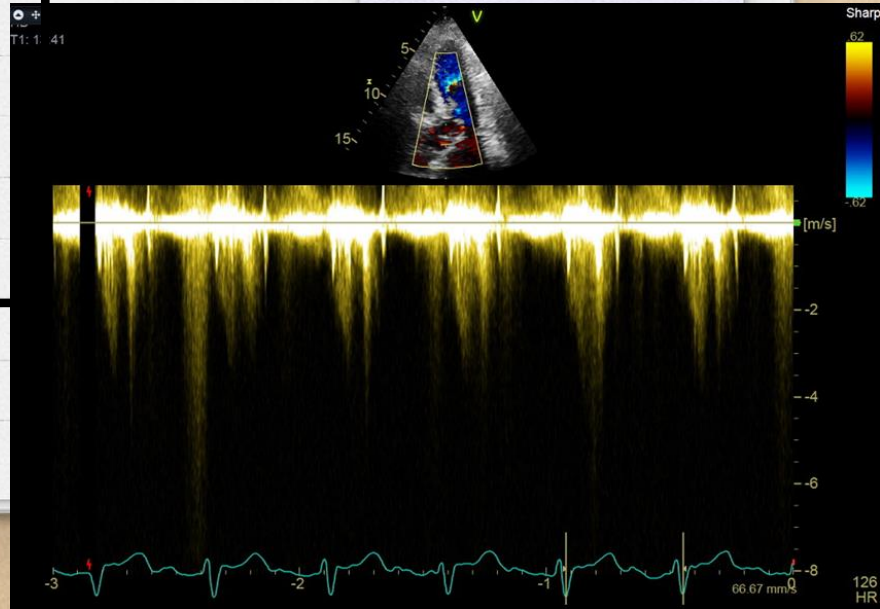
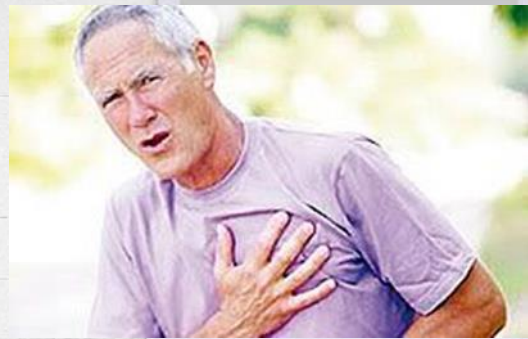
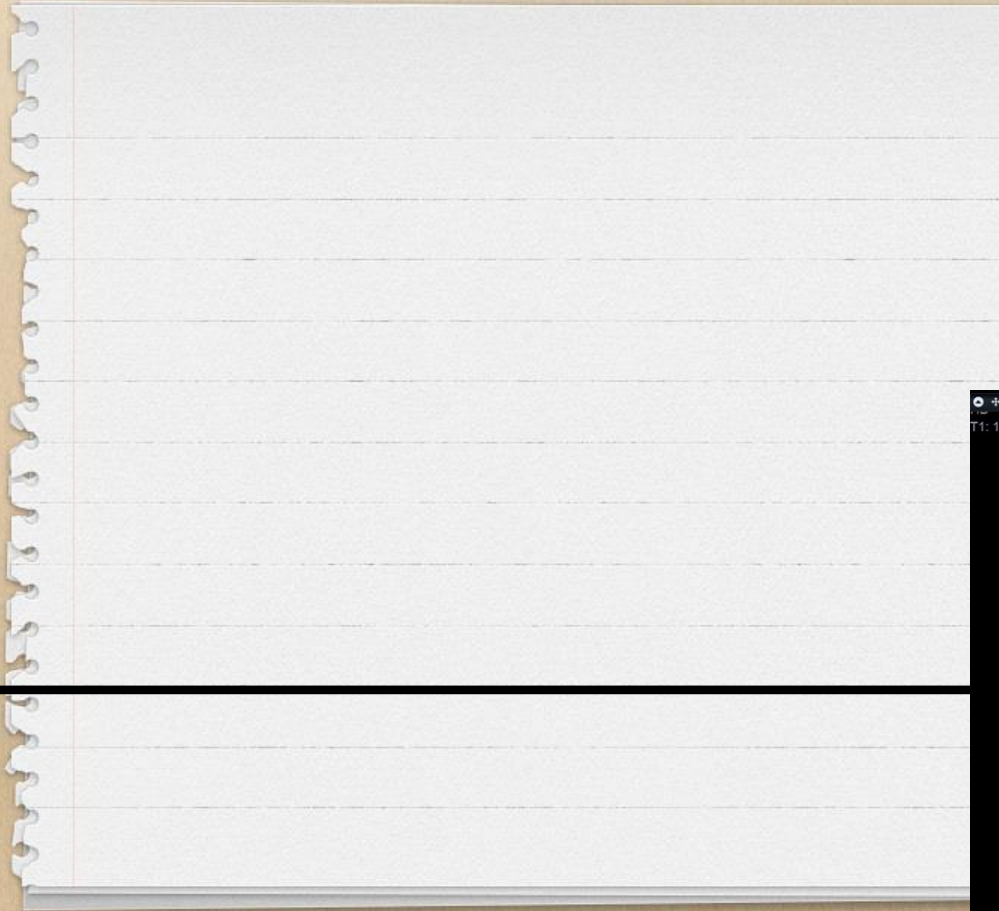
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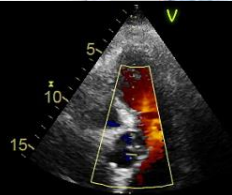
Stress Protocol: Pharmacologic - Dobutamine

Stage	Time	Dosage	Other Medication	Dosage	HR	BP	RPE	CP	Pain Location	Pain Type	Pain Action
	3	5.00			85	100/61					
	6	10.00			120	120/68					
	8	20.00			130	103/49					
Recovery					96	100/60					

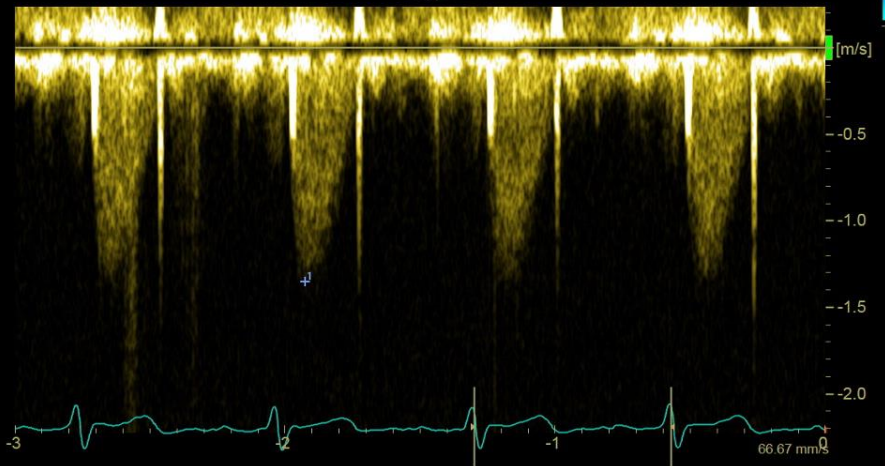




1 v 1.35 m/s
p 7.33 mmHg
Frq 3.47 kHz



Shar
62
-62



82
HR

Baseline





- Dynamic LVOTO takes place in 15-20% patients during DSE.¹
- It is related to hypotension and decrease in HR in 50% of patients.²
- Dyspnea ± Chest pain.
- In rare occasions it can lead to RWMAs and finally even to acute myocardial infarction.¹
- It is prognostic of chest pain, syncopal and presyncopal episodes.³

¹ Makaryus AN *Int J Cardiovasc Imaging* 2006 Dec;22(6):763-9.

² Sorrentino MJ *Clin Cardiol.* 1996 Mar;19(3):225-30.

³ Dawn B. *Am Heart J.* 2005 May;149(5):908-16.

Predisposing factors for SAM:



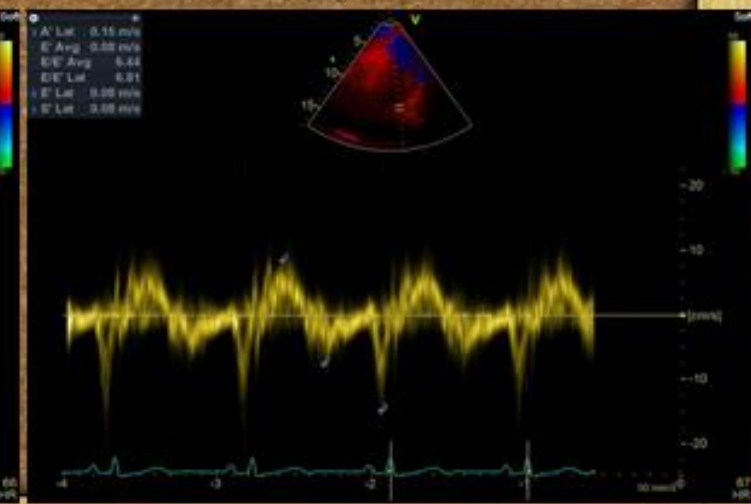
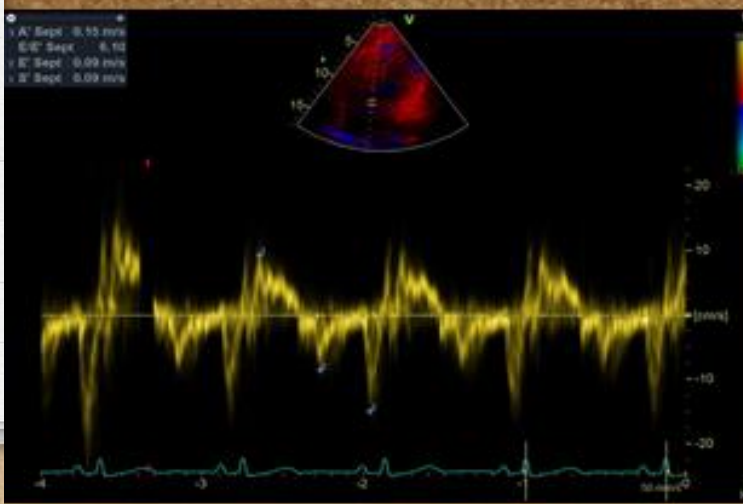
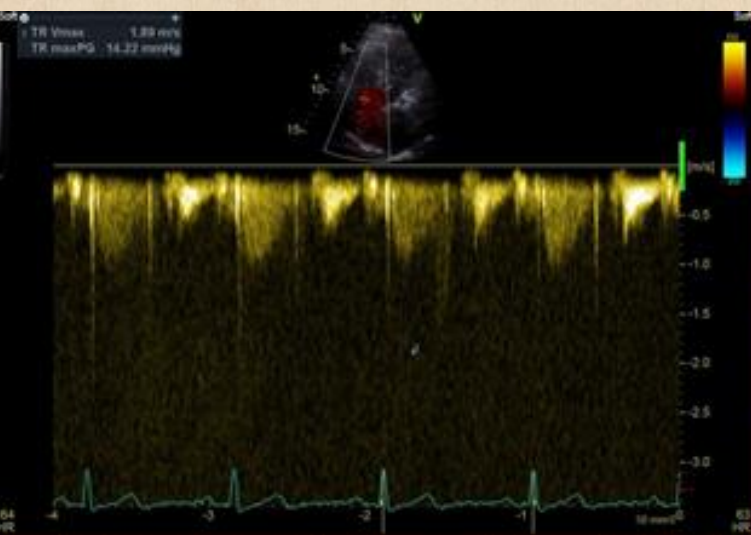
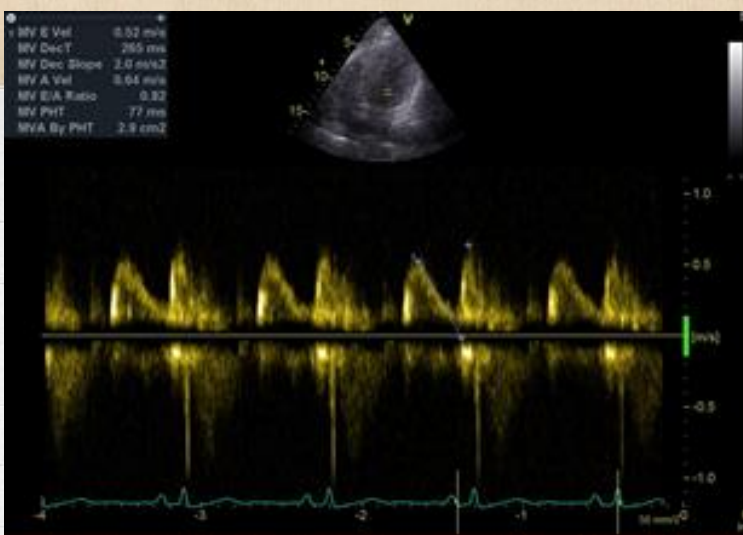
- (1) excessive anterior or posterior leaflet tissue
- (2) any anatomical or surgical translocation of the mitral valve anteriorly
- (3) aortomitral angle $<120^\circ$
- (4) pathological or post-surgical correction elongation of the anterior leaflet
- (5) annular undersizing in mitral valve repair
- (6) chordal anomalies such as elongation and buckling
- (7) surgical chordal interventions such as transection, translocation, and reimplantation
- (8) anterior and medial displacement of the papillary muscles
- (9) bulging subaortic septum
- (10) absolute height of the posterior leaflet (>1.5 cm)
- (11) anterior to posterior leaflet height ratio (<1.4)
- (12) minimum distance from the coaptation point to the septum (C-Sept, <2.5 cm).

2nd case

Beyond diastology

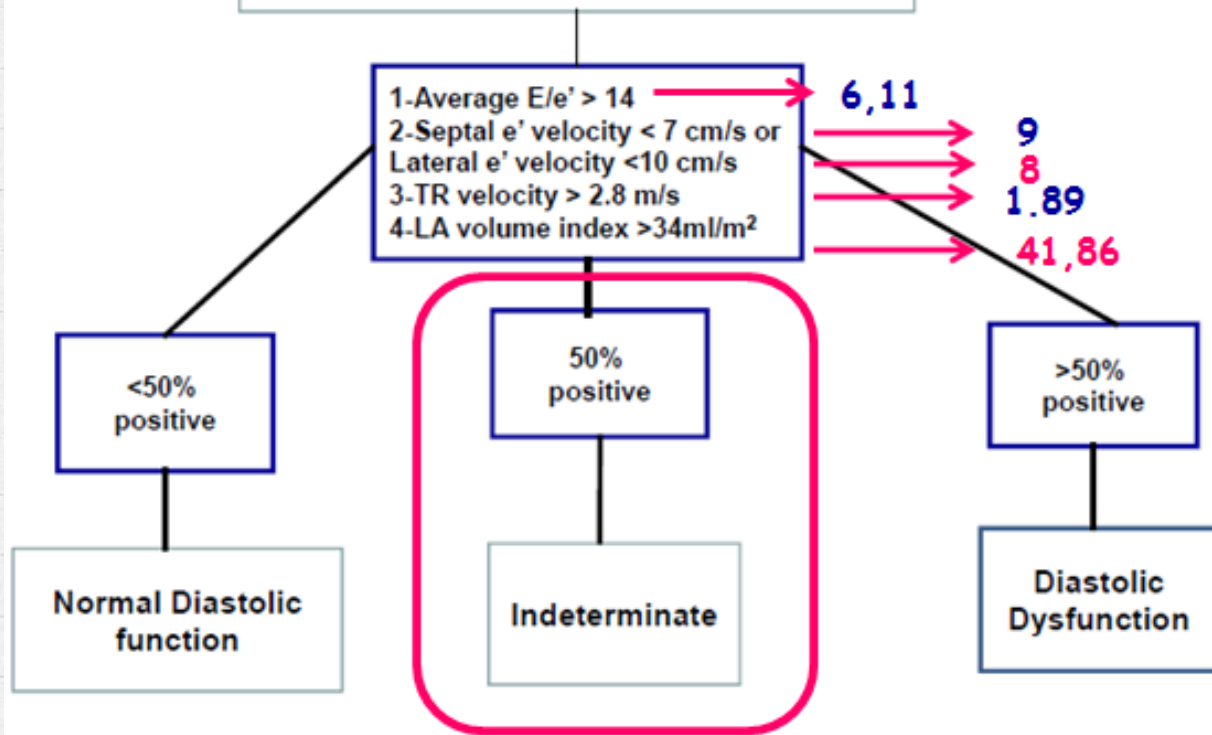


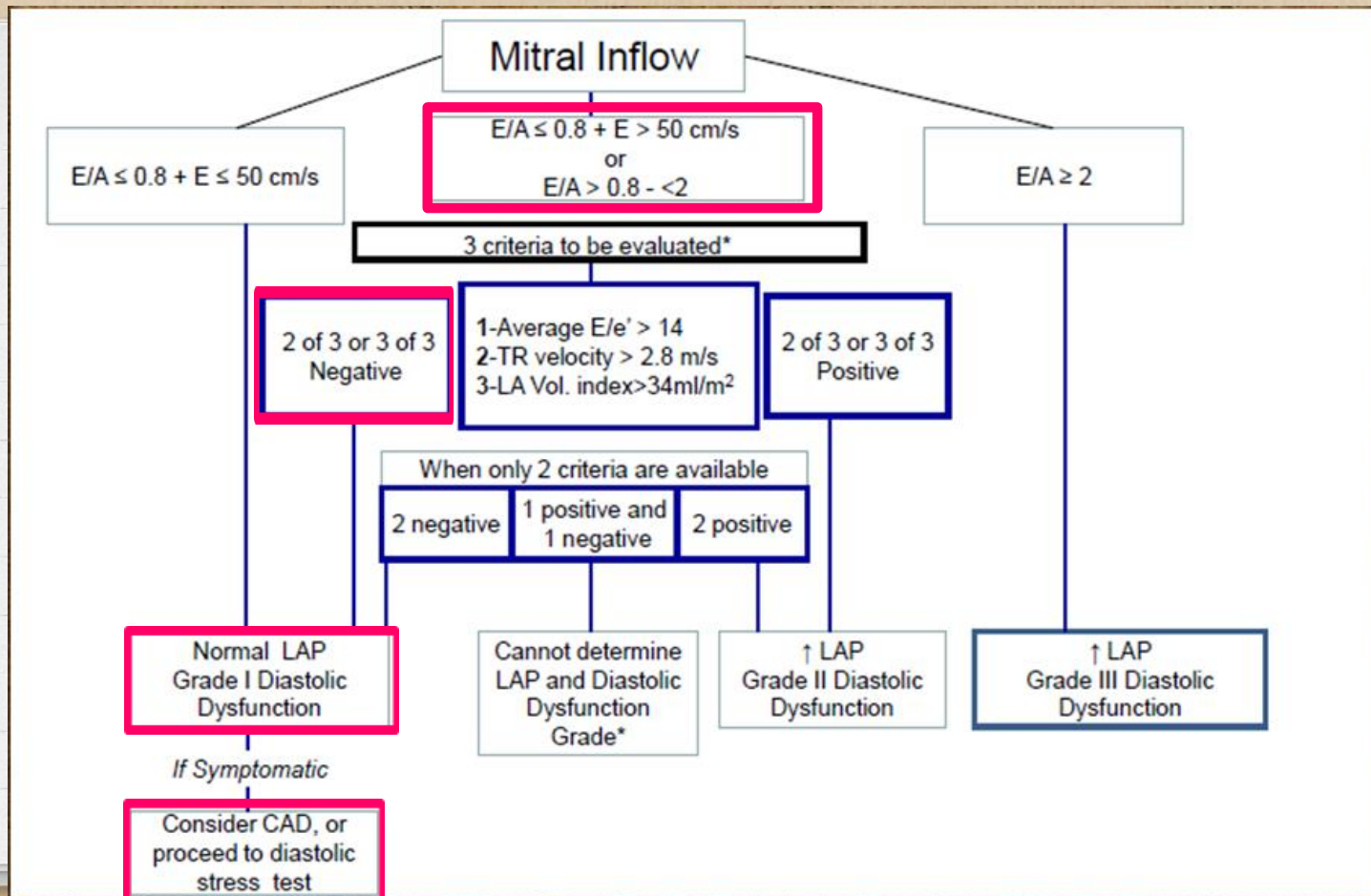
**60 years old female
Hypertensive
SOB/O2E**



In patients with normal LV EF

55-60%





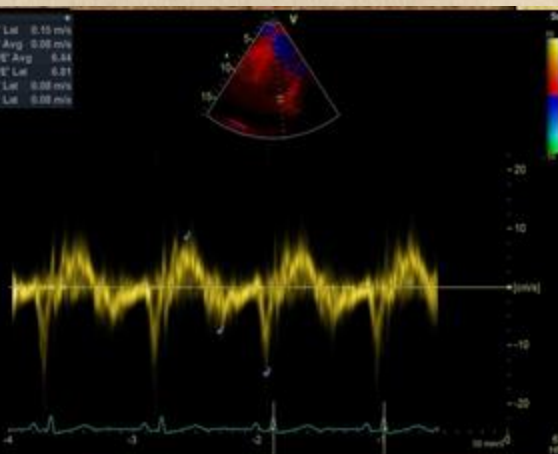
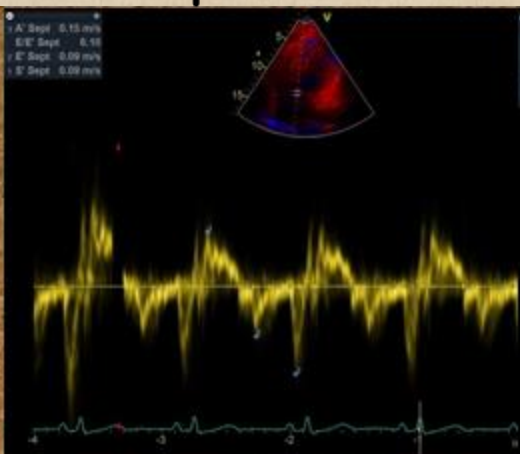
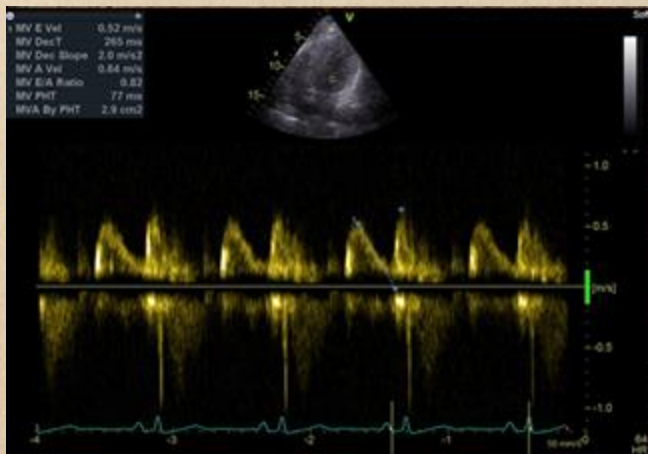
$E = 0.52\text{m/s}$

$E/e' = 6.11$

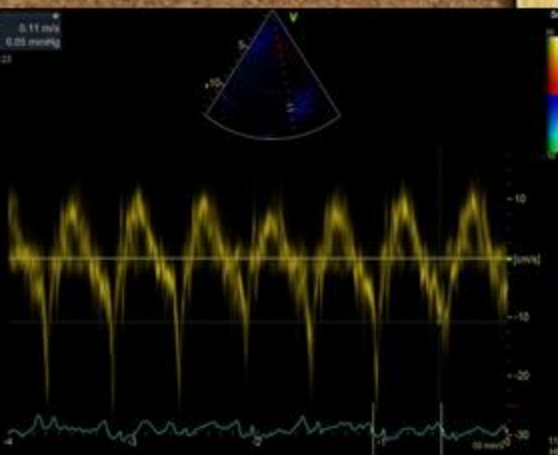
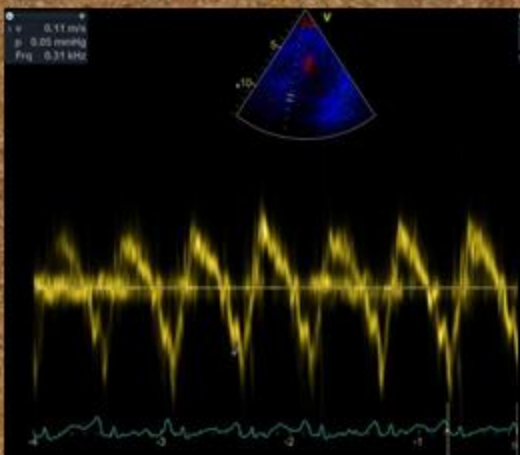
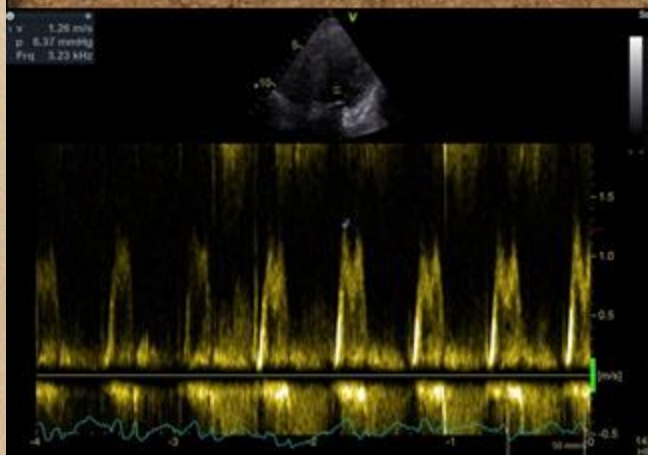
$e'_{\text{sept}} = 0.09\text{m/s}$

$e'_{\text{lat}} = 0.08\text{m/s}$

Rest



Peak stress



$E = 1.26\text{m/s}$

$E/e' = 11.45$

$e'_{\text{sept}} = 0.11\text{ m/s}$

$e'_{\text{lat}} = 0.11\text{m/s}$

Diastolic stress echo results

Grey zone

Peak average E/e' 10-14 ???

or

Peak septal E/e' 10-15 ???

INDETERMINATE



**Exercise right heart
catheterization**

**Coronary
angiogram**





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Stress-induced Worsening of Left Ventricular Diastolic Function as a Marker of Myocardial Ischemia

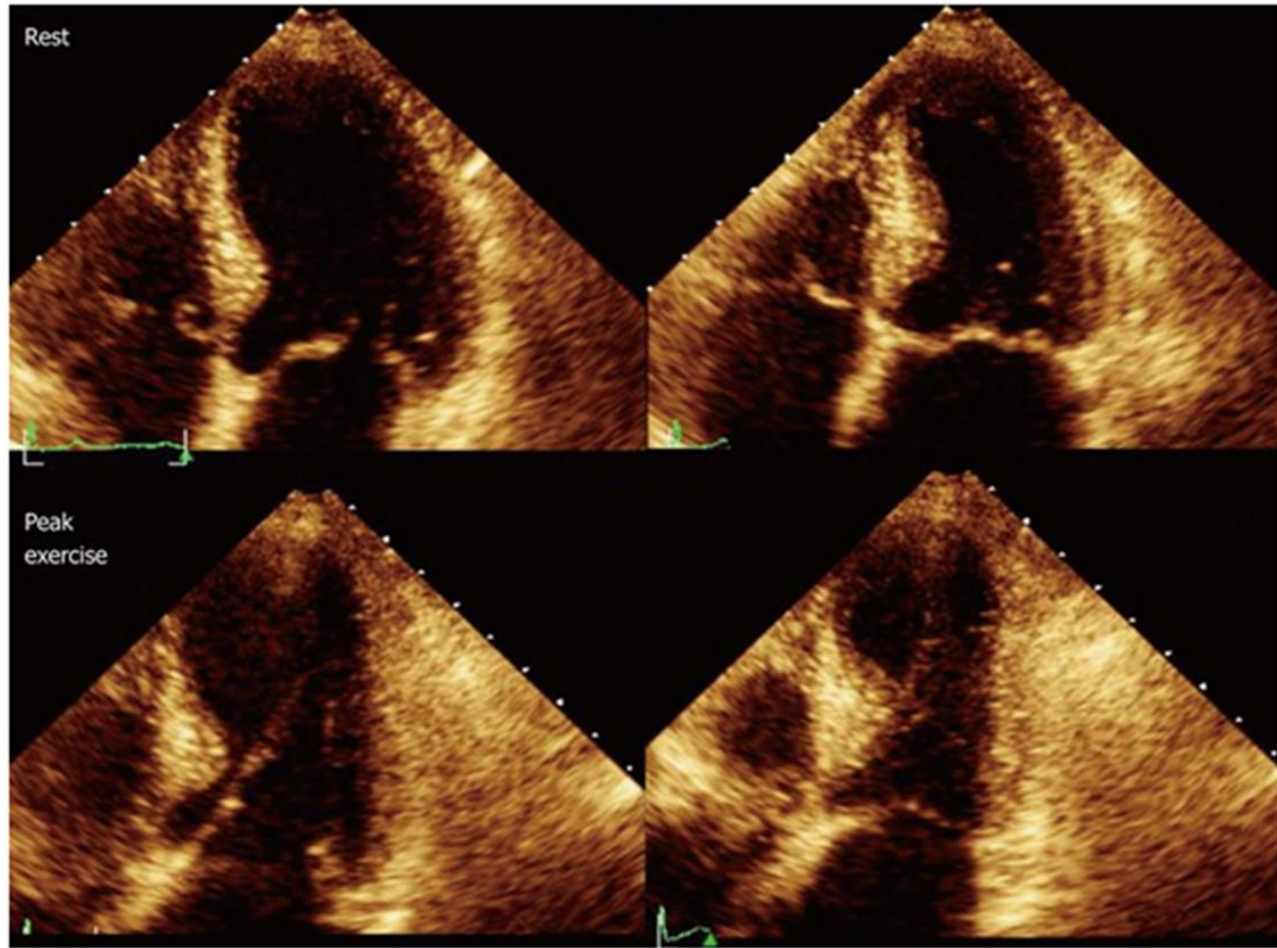
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A change in $E/e' > 25\%$ (stress-rest) was highly associated with a positive stress test and abnormal CCTA result

Diastole

Systole



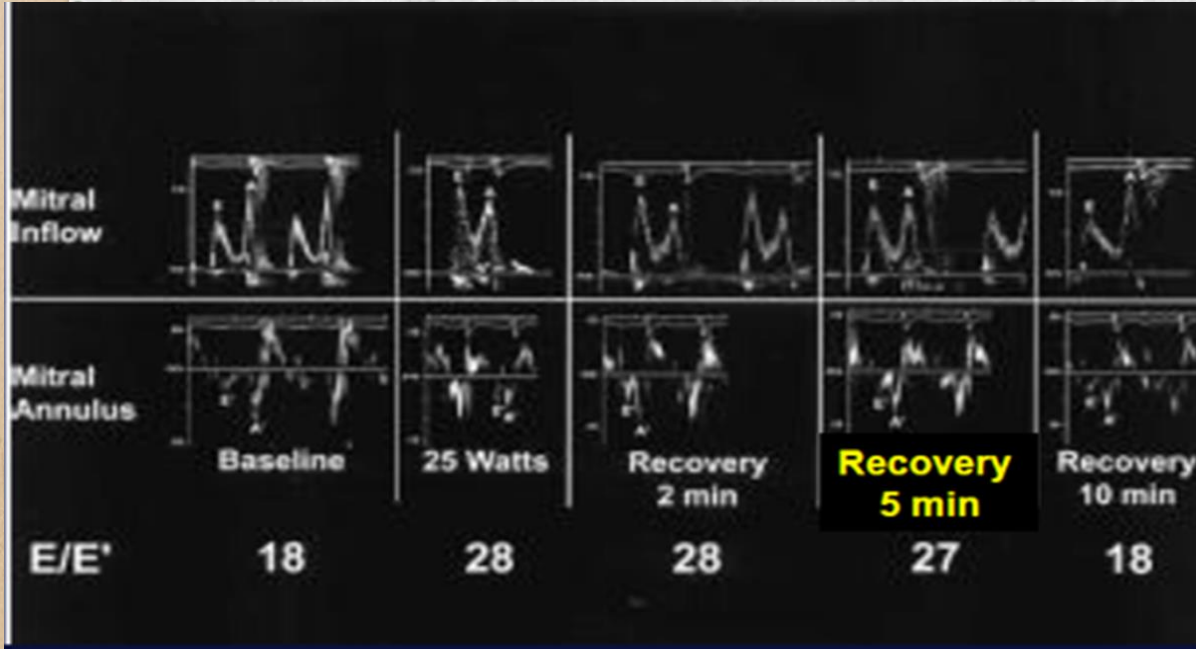


“So that the coming together depends on the going apart; the systole depends on the diastole; the flow depends on the ebb.”

D.H. Lawrence

NEJM, 1991

- 1. At peak, first look for RWMAAs
- 2. At recovery, look for diastolic parameters as increased E/e' persists in recovery



Ha et al. J Am Soc Echocardiol 2005;18:63-8.

Other findings during diastolic stress echo

- ✓ LV Outflow Track Obstruction
- ✓ New RWMA
- ✓ Dynamic MR
- ✓ Chronotropic incompetence





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