

Neonatal Shock

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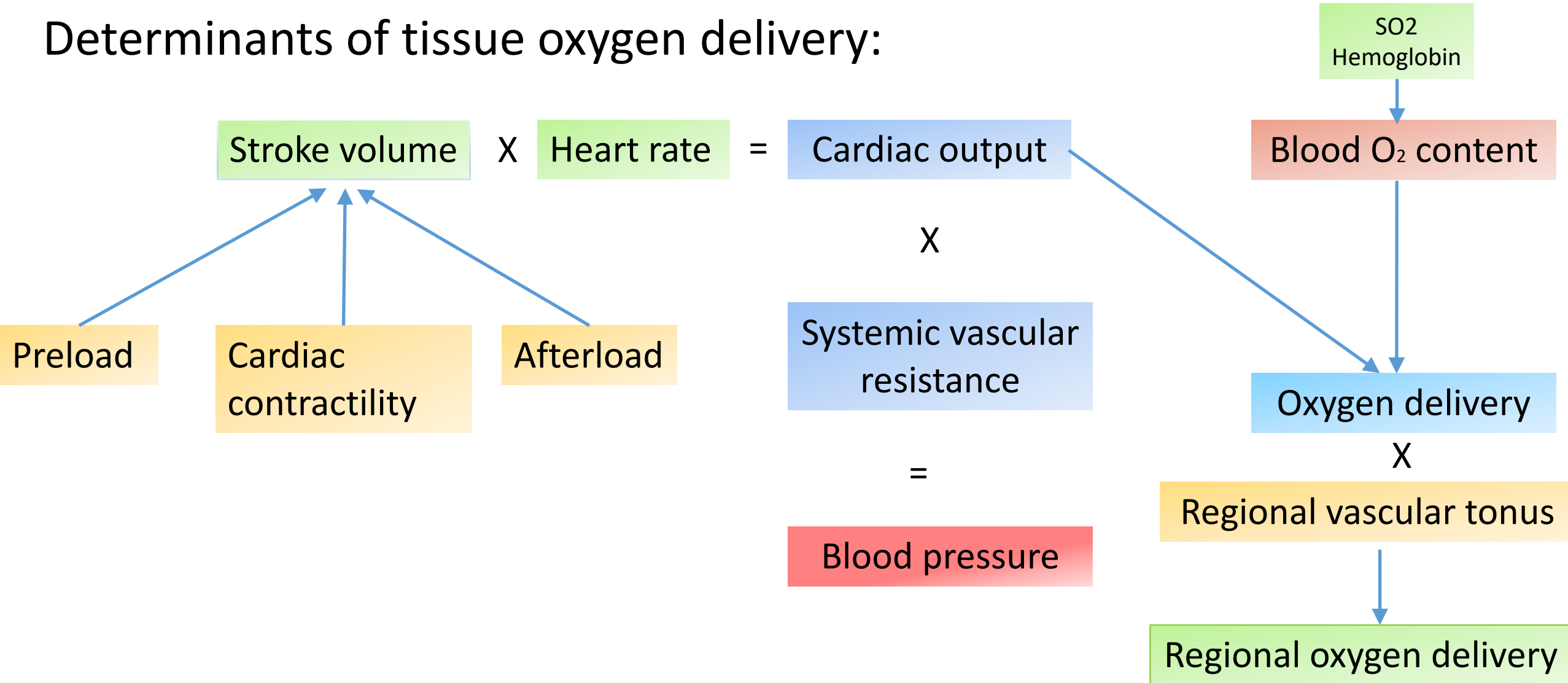
Overview:

- Defining Shock
- Pathophysiology of Shock
- Assessment of neonatal Shock
- Echocardiography
- Aspects of treatment
- Back to the ward

Defining Shock:

- State of significant systemic **reduction of tissue perfusion**
- **oxygen delivery** does not meet the demand.
- This results in a cellular **depletion of energy** (ATP synthesis)
 - Cell membrane ion pump dysfunction
 - Intracellular edema
 - Leakage of intracellular contents into extracellular space
 - Inadequate regulation of intracellular pH

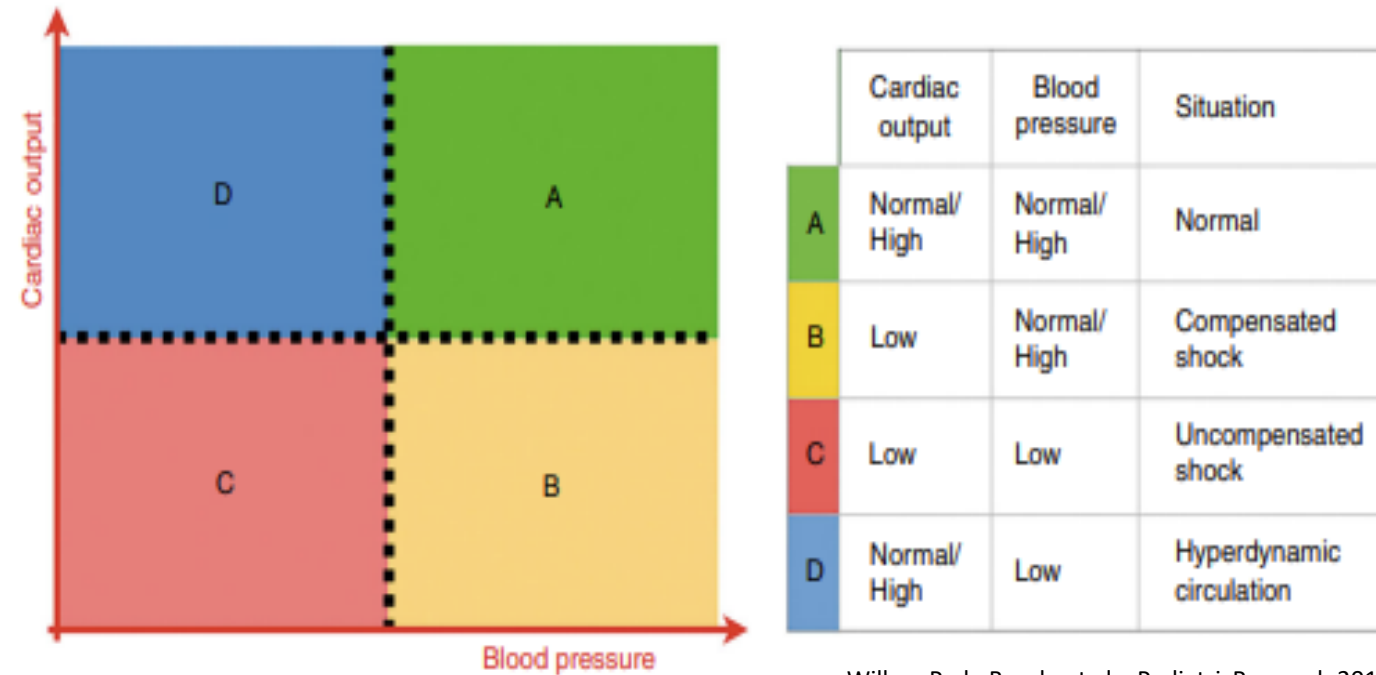
Determinants of tissue oxygen delivery:



Stages of shock

- **Compensated shock:** Oxygen delivery and perfusion towards vital organs is maintained
- **Uncompensated shock:** perfusion and oxygen delivery of the vital organs fails

Stages of shock



Willem P. de Boode et al. , PediatricResearch 2018

Definition shock: What we really need to know is **Blood Flow** (oxygen supply)

Whats the role of **Blood Pressure** ?

Neonatal shock and blood pressure:

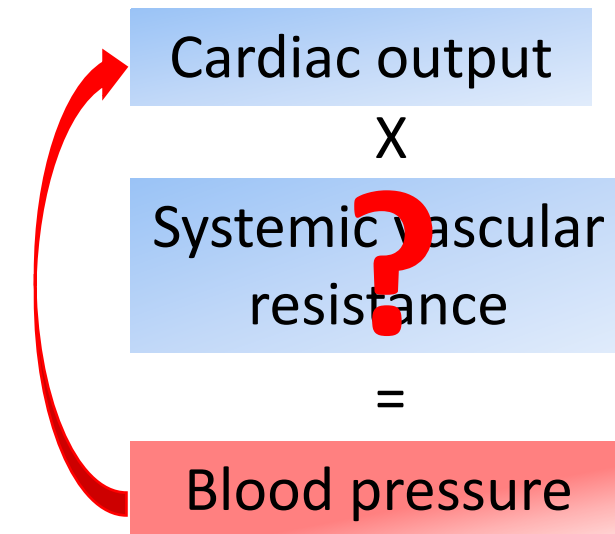
NIBP

- Easy to measure
- Non-invasively
- Automated measurement
- Repeated acquisition

Arterial blood pressure

- Continuous measurement
- More reliable than NIBP
- Arterial blood gas

Blood pressure reflects cardiac output
(at a given vascular resistance)



If you look at **diastolic BP** and **systolic BP** it can tell you about the pathophysiology

Neonatal shock and blood pressure:

- Are there any normal values

- How do we treat it ?

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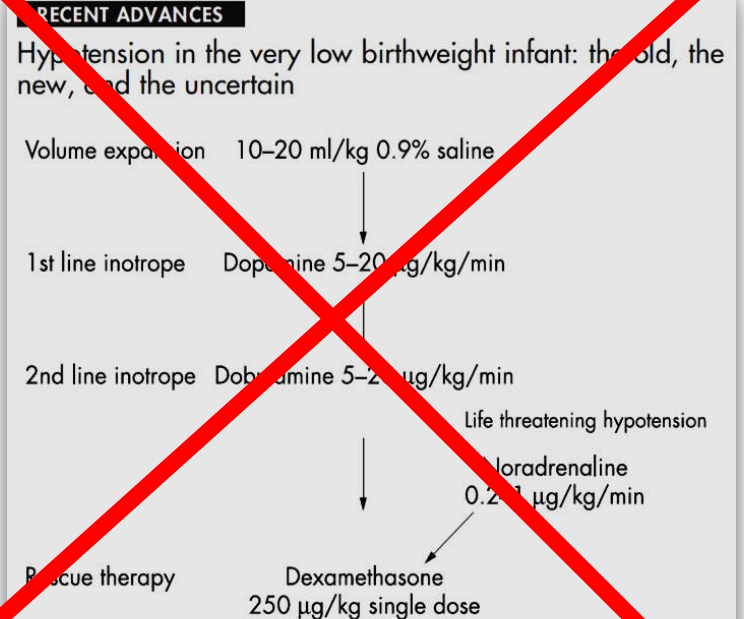
Treating hypotension in the preterm infant: when and with what: a critical and systematic review

Design: Systematic review of the literature in order to determine which preterm infants may benefit from treatment with interventions to elevate blood pressure (BP), and which interventions improve clinically important outcomes.

Results: Our review was not able to define a threshold BP that was significantly predictive of a poor outcome, nor whether any interventions for hypotensive infants improved outcomes, nor which interventions were more likely to be beneficial.

Conclusions: There is a distinct lack of prospective research of this issue, which precludes the identification of a **threshold that in**

Dempsey & Barrington. Journal of Perinatology (2007) 27, 469-476



Is there a minimum Blood pressure at all ?

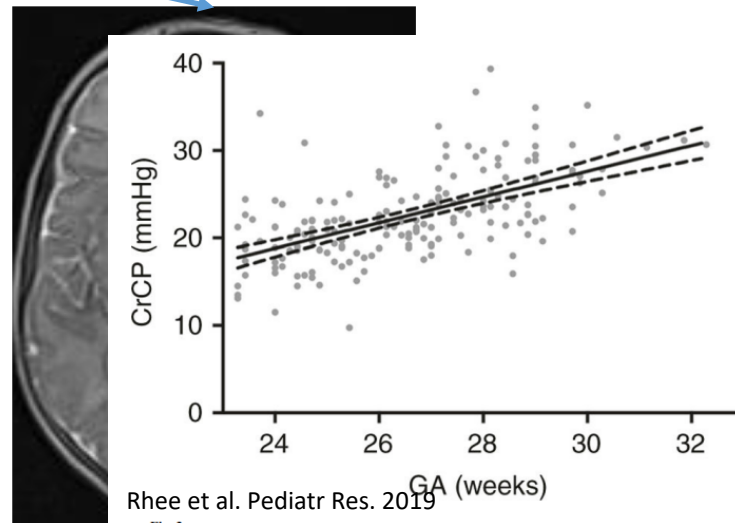
Is there a minimum blood pressure at all ?

Organs depend on pressure

Systolic / mean

d pressure

Normal values are still lacking



Assessment of Neonatal Shock

Multimodal approach

Clinical parameters

- Blood pressure
- Capillary refill
- Urinary output
- Level of consciousness

Laboratory test

- pH, BE, Lactate
- Central Venous Saturation
- Hb, Creatinine, Liver function

Echocardiography

NPE

Understand the situation



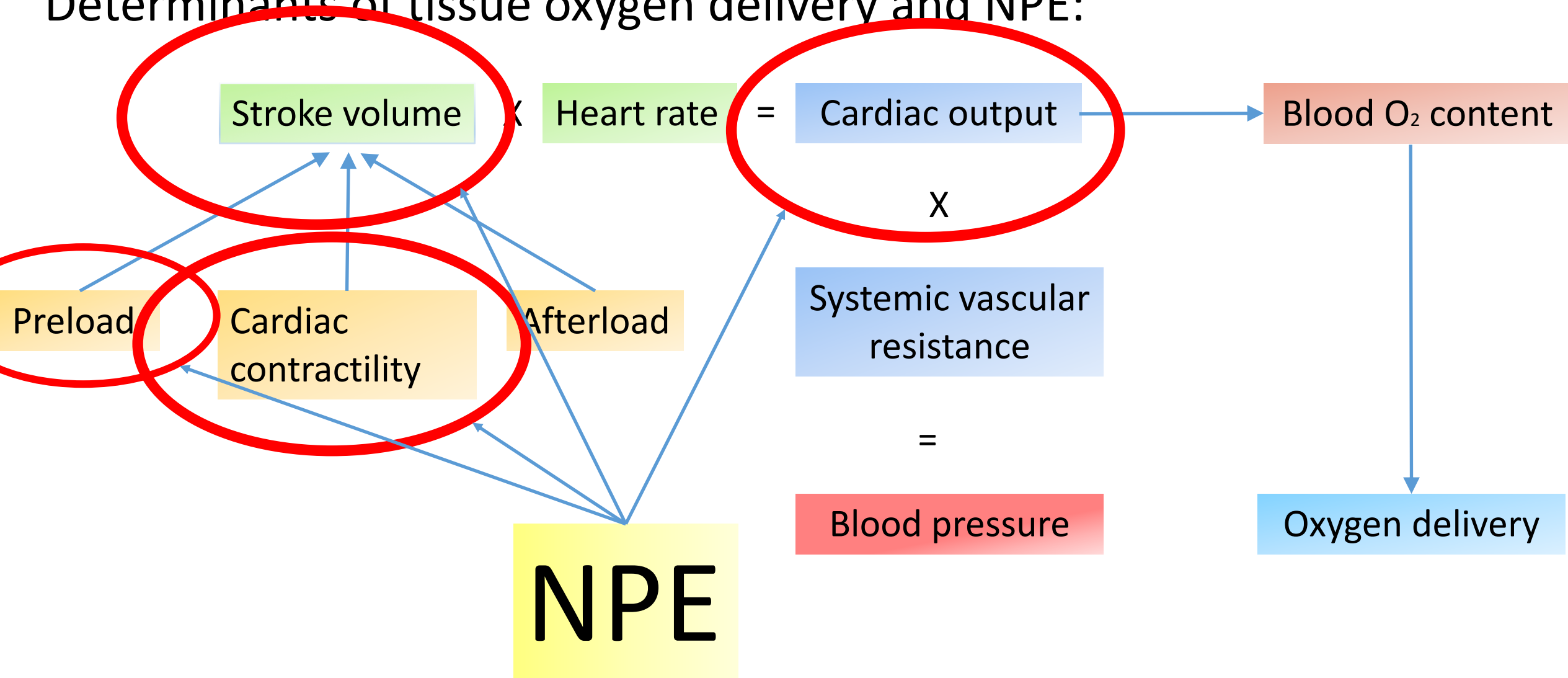
Assessment of shock clinical parameters:

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- Blood pressure:	- easy to get	- Pressure; not Flow
- Diuresis:	- easy to get, measure continuously	- Time delay
- Capillary refill:	- easy to get	- subjective, not always correlate with organ perfusion
- Level of consciousness:	- easy to get	- lots of confounders (sedation etc.)
- BGA, Lacate:	- reflects O ₂ supply, regional and whole body	- Confounders, regional/general perf.
- Central venous SO₂:	- Reflects cardiac output	- Need for central line

Determinants of tissue oxygen delivery and NPE:



Preload, Assessment of volume status:

- Correction of true hypovolemia is essential
- Excessive fluid administration is associated with morbidity and mortality
- No studies to assess predictive value of hemodynamic variables

Clinical evaluation:

- Heart rate, blood pressure, diuresis
- Arterial blood pressure variation,
- Response to fluid trial
- Liver compression

Echocardiography:

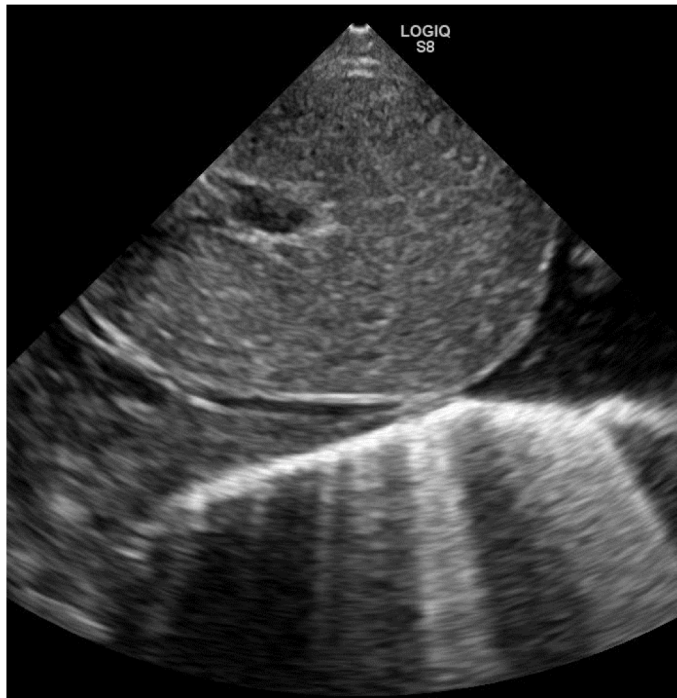
- IVC filling and collapsibility
- Left atrial filling (LA/AO)
- Left ventricular end-diastolic filling



Echocardiography: Assessment of volume status

IVC Filling:

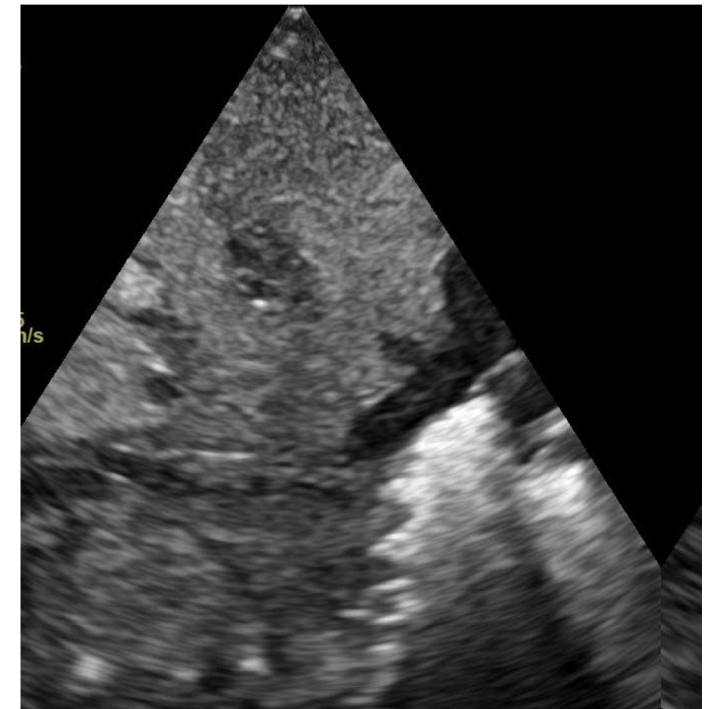
Low



regular



congested



Assessment IVC filling:

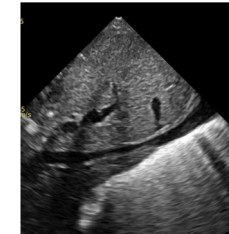
Transducer position:

- midline, just below the xiphoid process, and in the sagittal plane
- probe marker should be pointing towards the head, so that the heart appears just visible on the right of the screen



Normal Filling:

- pulsation with the cardiac cycle and respiratory motion



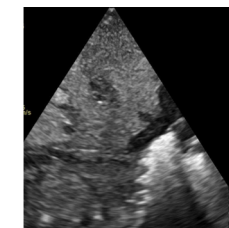
Under-filled:

- barely visible or collapse entirely on inspiration



Over-filled:

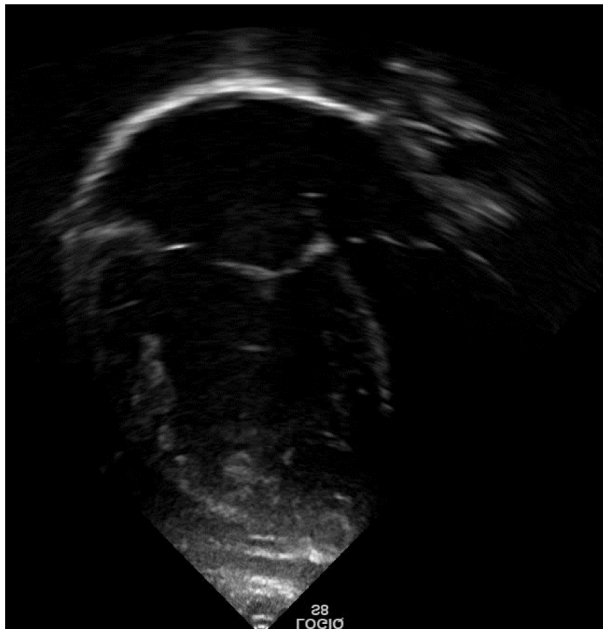
- large, and minimally pulsatile



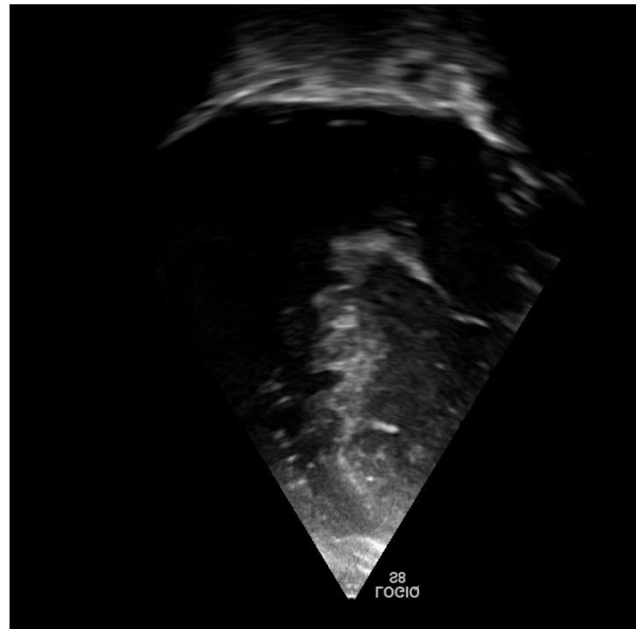
Assessment IVC filling: Confounders

- Underfilling can be detected reliably
- Overfilling: Distinguishing between (true) volume overload and reduced venous return due to heart failure or increased intrathoracic pressure (e.g. high frequency oscillatory ventilation) is difficult

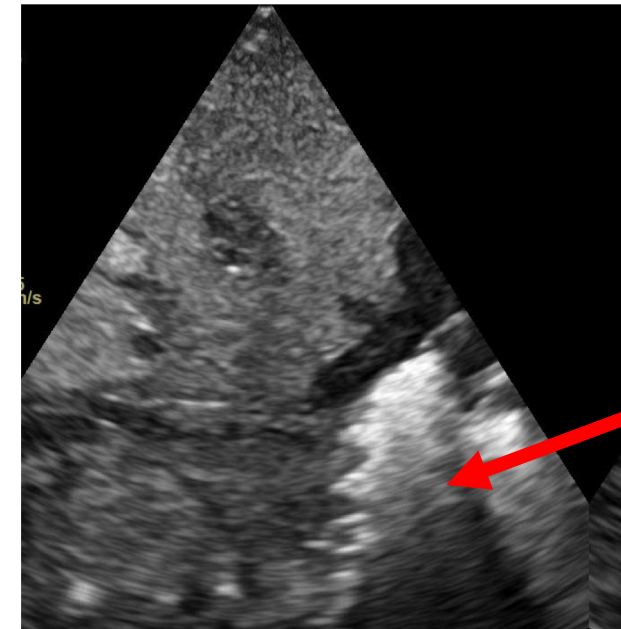
PH



Cardiac malformations (e.g. M. Ebstein)



HFO-Ventilation



Assessment of cardiac filling:

Transducer position:

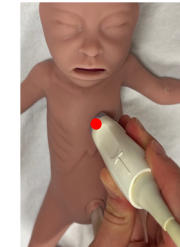
- 4 chamber view



parasternal short axis



ps long axis



Parameters:

Left ventricular filling

- M-Mode: LVED(d),
- Eye balling

Left atrial filling

- LA / AO
- Planimetrics, Volumetrics

Diastolic blood flow peripheral arteries (e.g, truncus coeliacus)

Confounders:

Left – right shunts (e.g. PDA), PH

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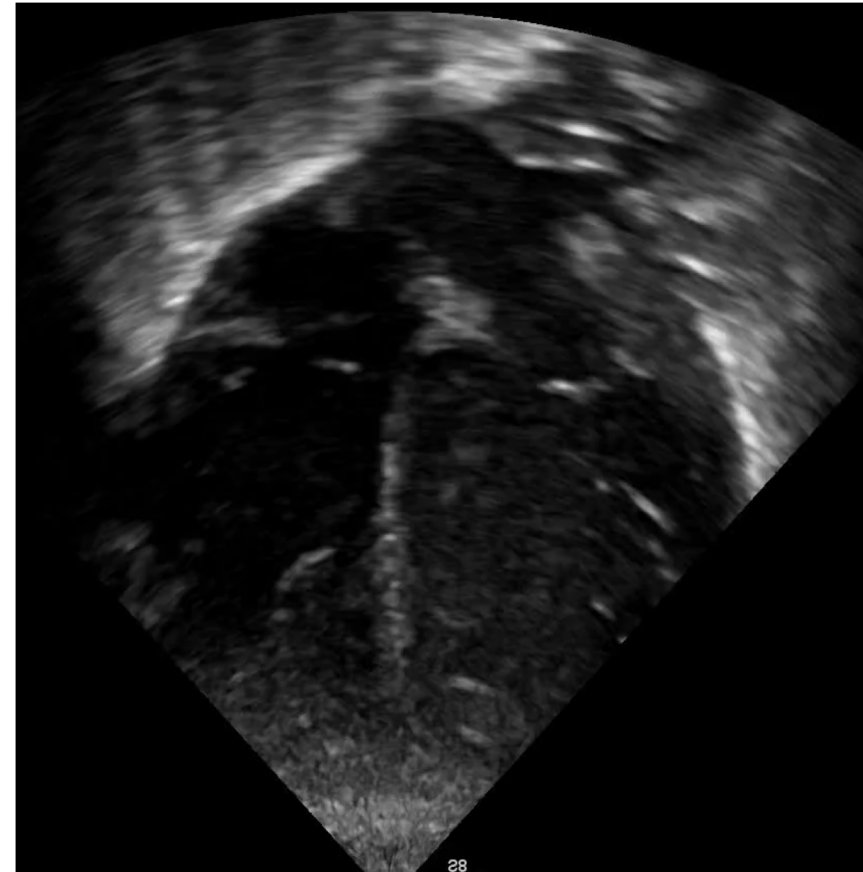
Diastolic run-off (e.g. PDA)

Assessment of left ventricular filling: Eyeballing 4 chamber view

Preterm 25 weeks GA, 460 g:



Underfilling

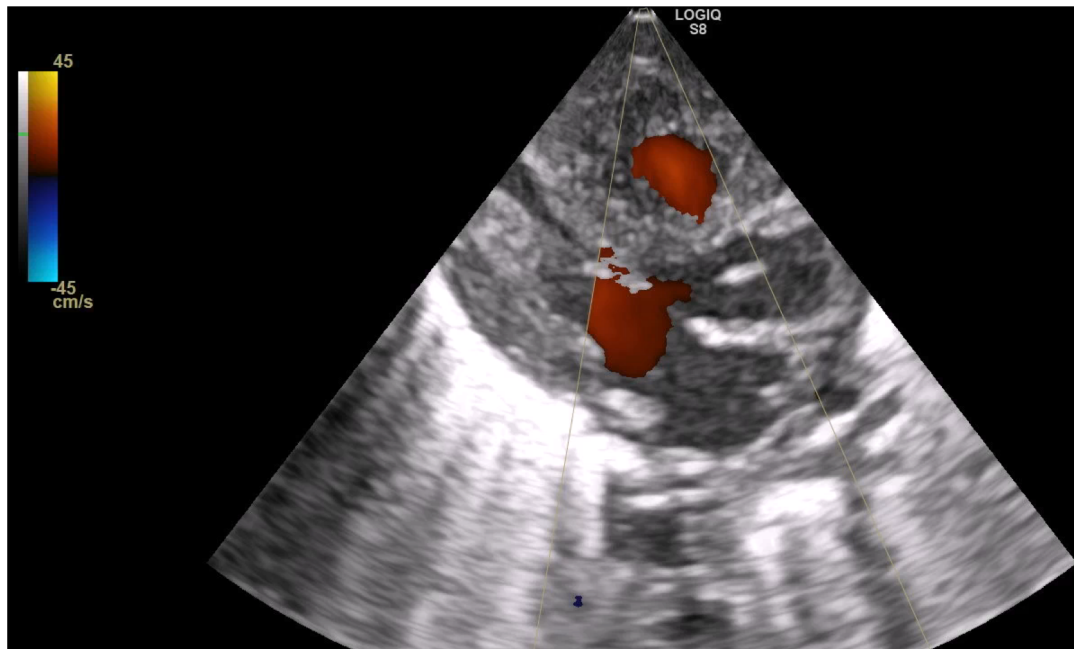


regular filling / overfilling

Assessment of left ventricular filling: Eyeballing parast long / short axis

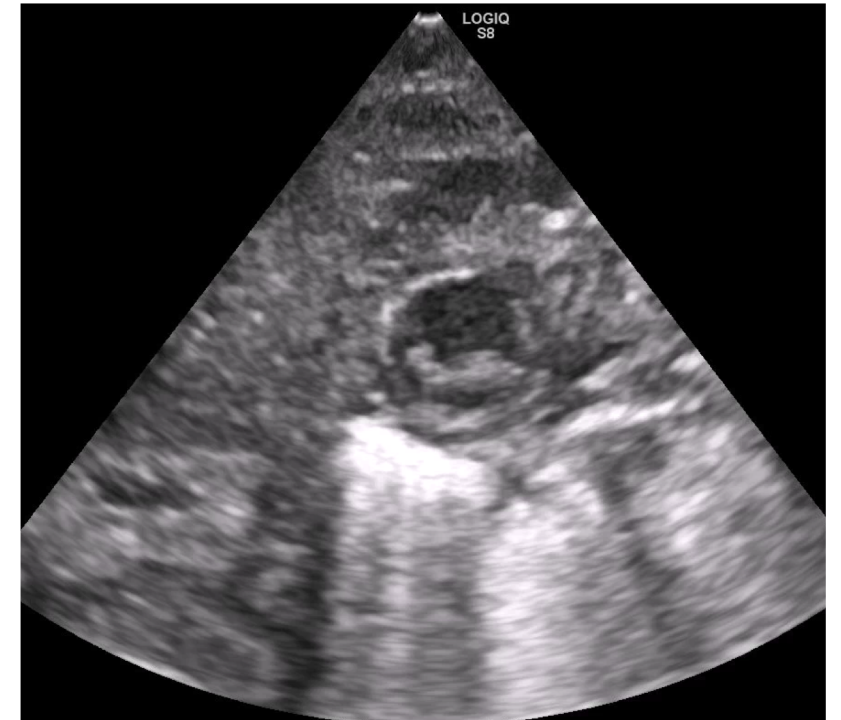
Example cardiac underfilling preterm 24 weeks GA, age 5 days

Parasternal long axis



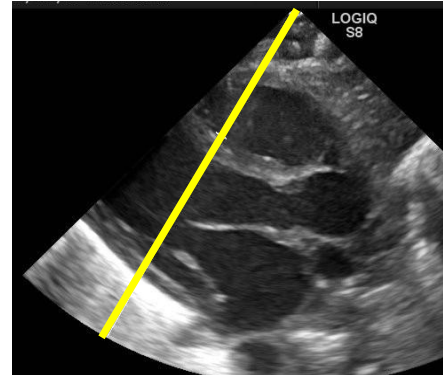
Underfilling

Parasternal short axis

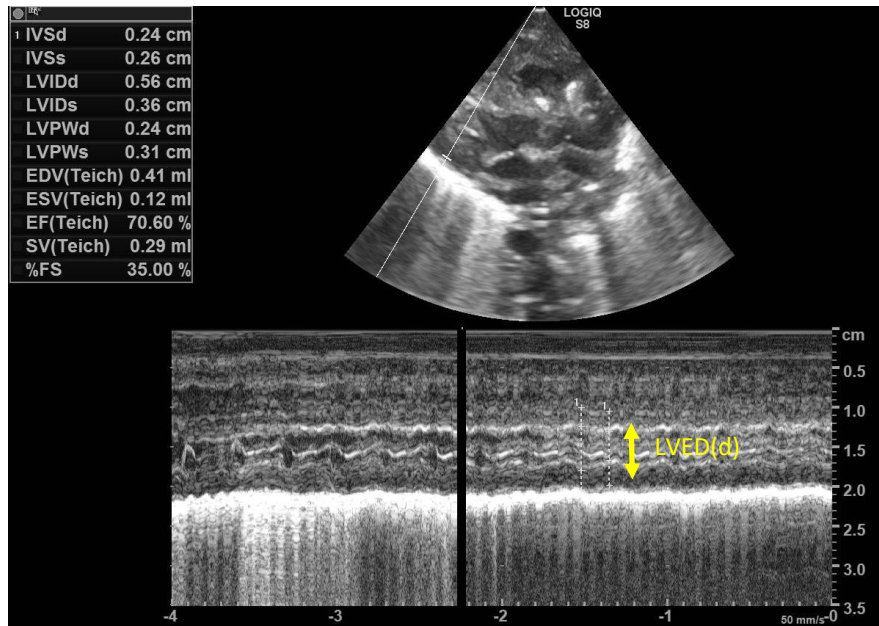


Assessment of left ventricular filling:

M-Mode, parasternal long axis view

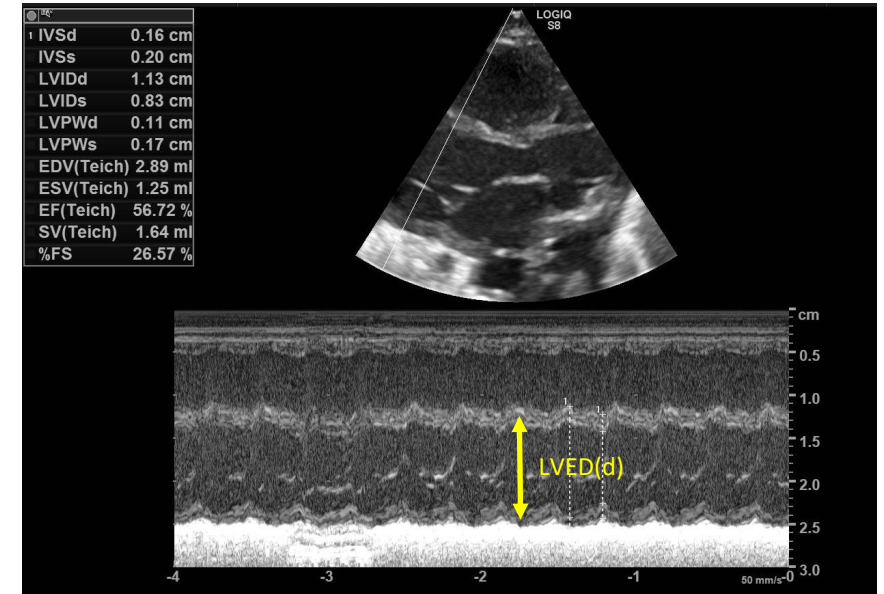


Under-filled LV



LVED(d) 5.6 mm

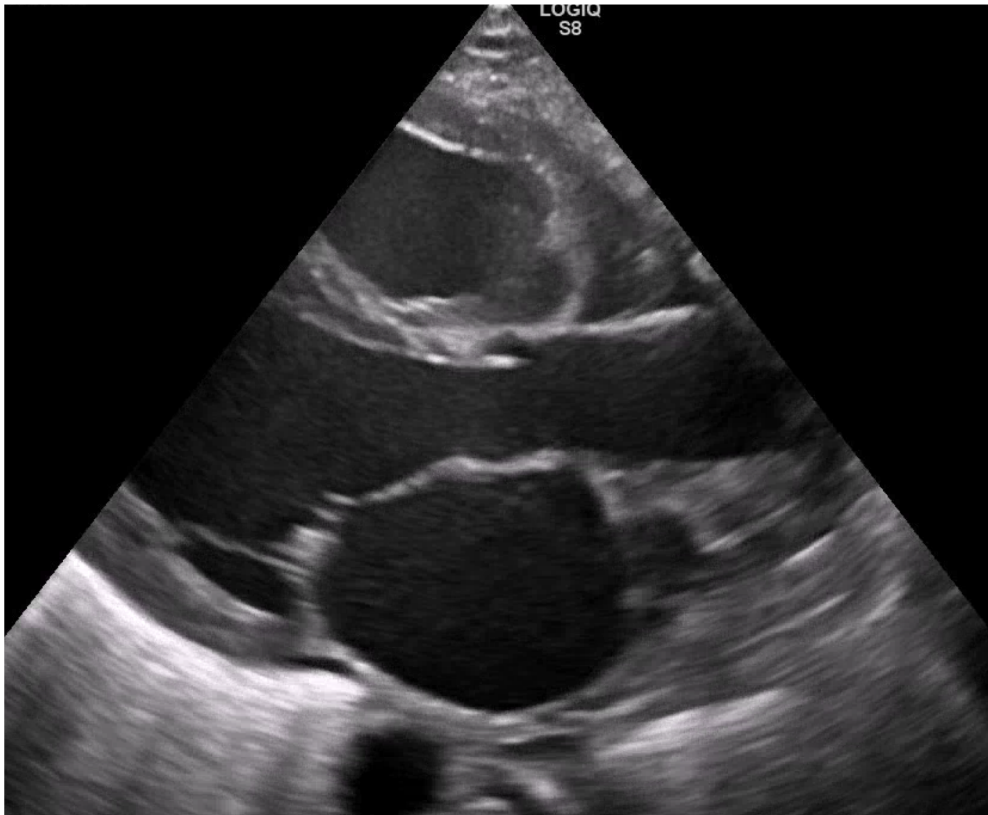
Regular filling



LVED(d) 11.3 mm

Assessment of left atrial filling:

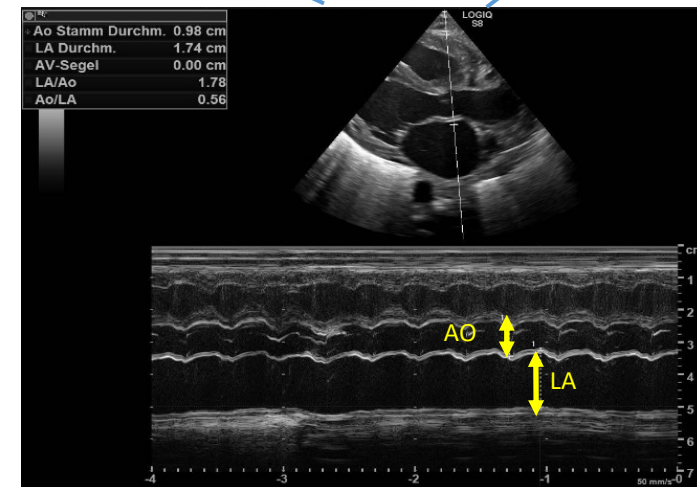
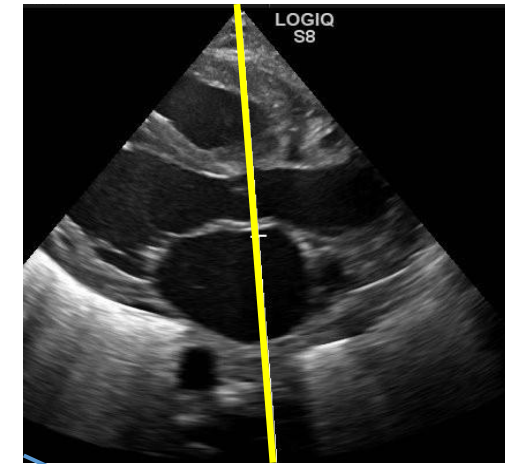
Parasternal long axis view: Eyeballing



Preterm, GA 35 weeks, reduced LV-Function

Left atrium dilated

M-Mode



LA / AO = 1,8

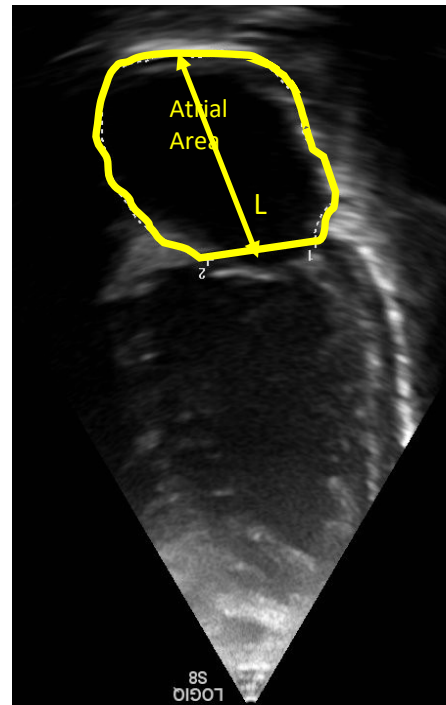
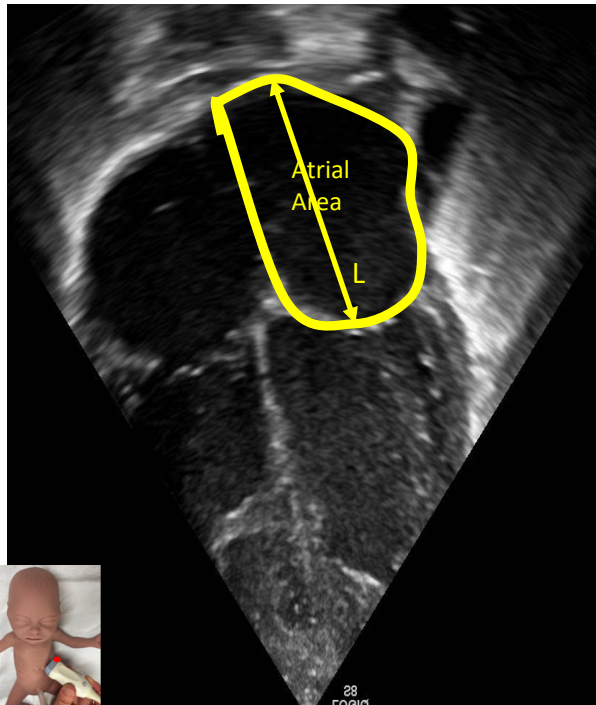
Assessment of left atrial filling:

Bi-plane volume:

Measure and systole, (maximum size)

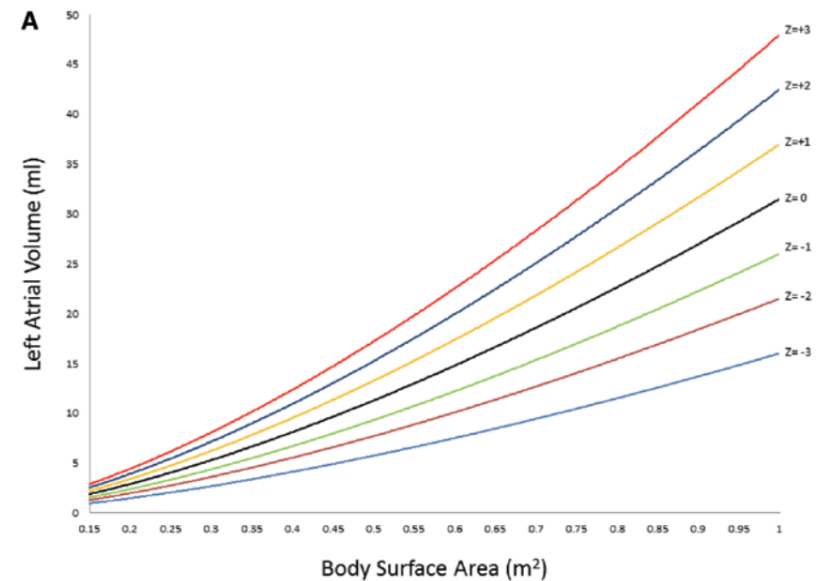
4 chamber view

2 chamber view



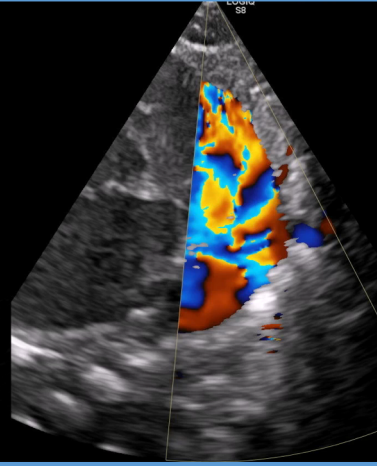
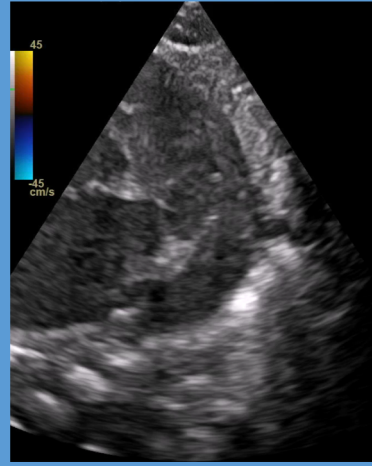
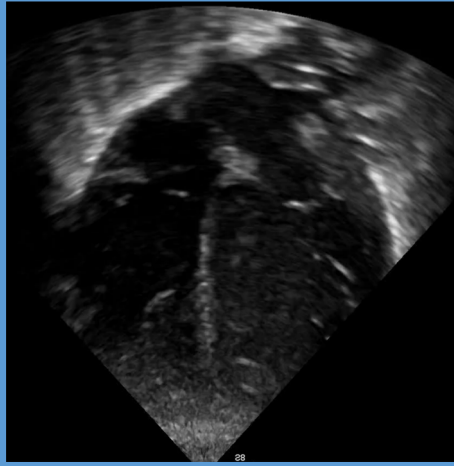
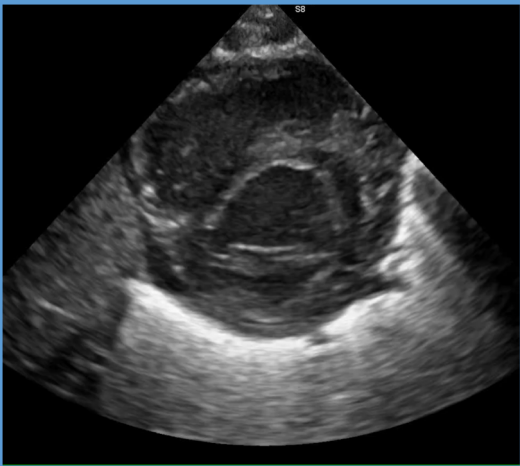
3 different formulas:

- Area length (using biplane atrial area and length)
- Simpson (disc method)
- ellipse method

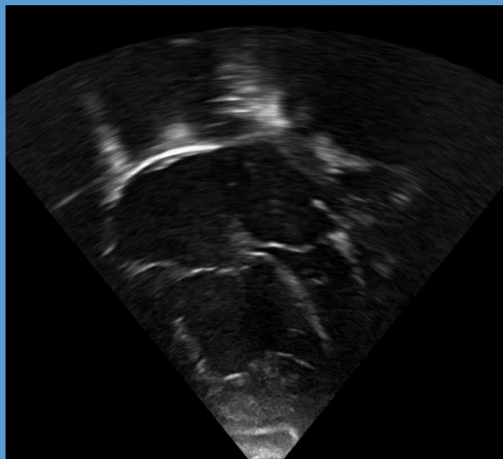


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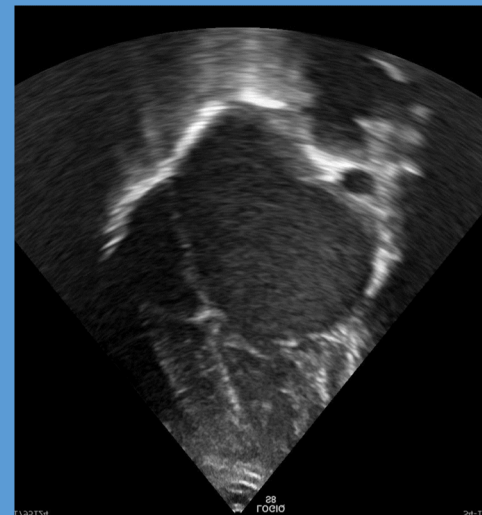
Assessment of cardiac filling - confounder:



PDA



PH



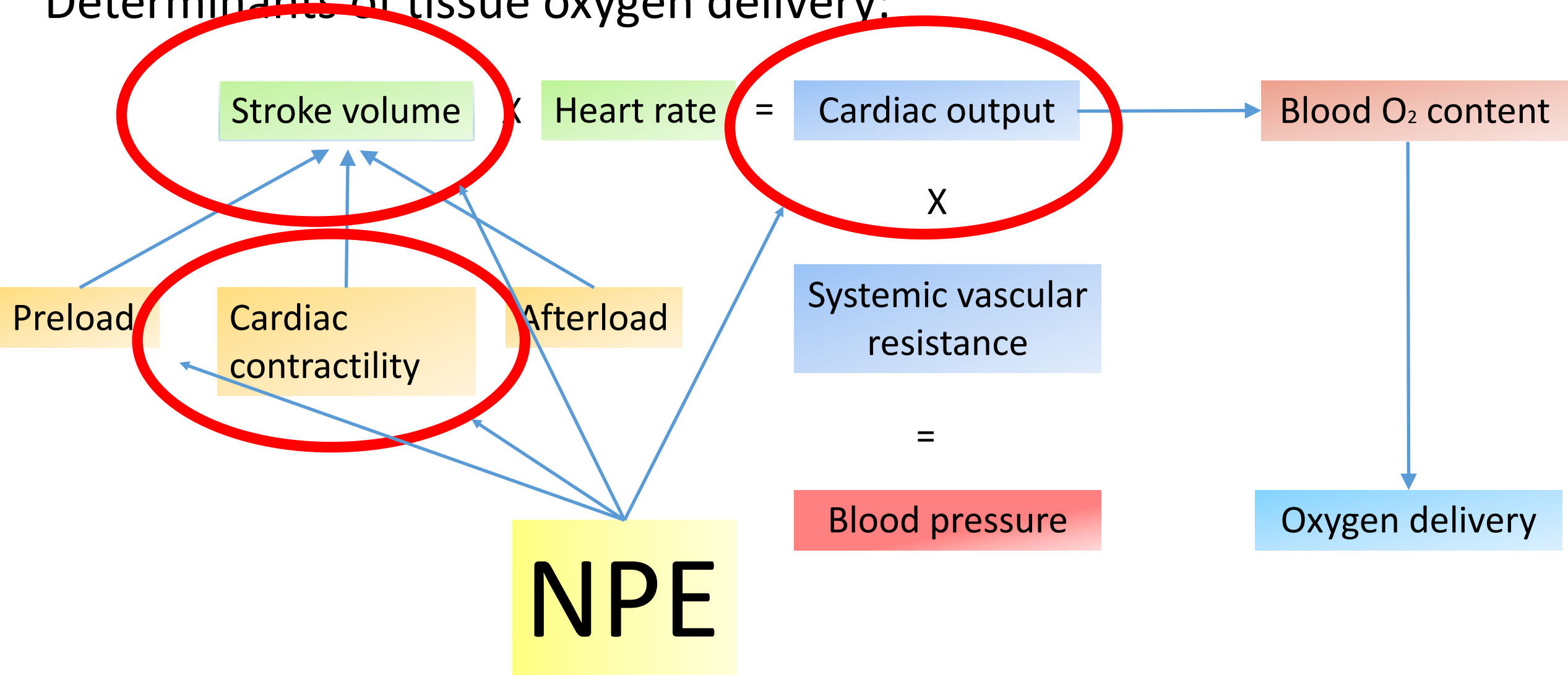
Mitral-Stenosis

Assessment of volume status:

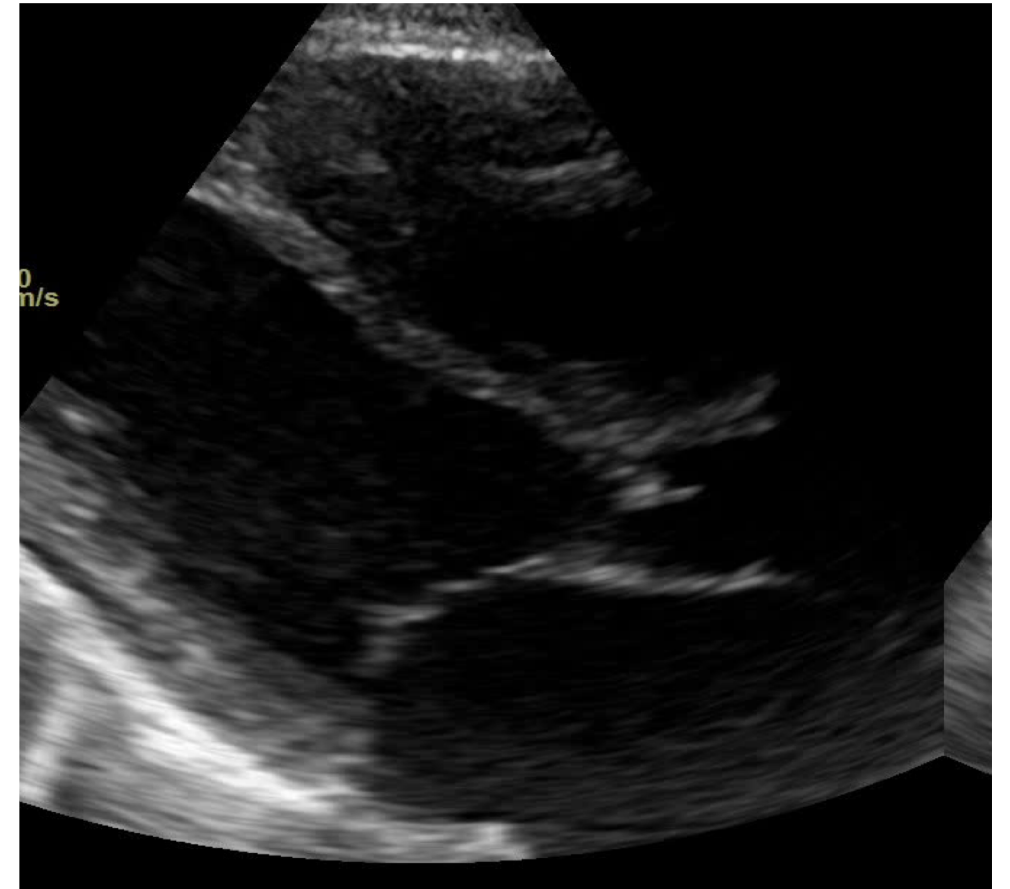
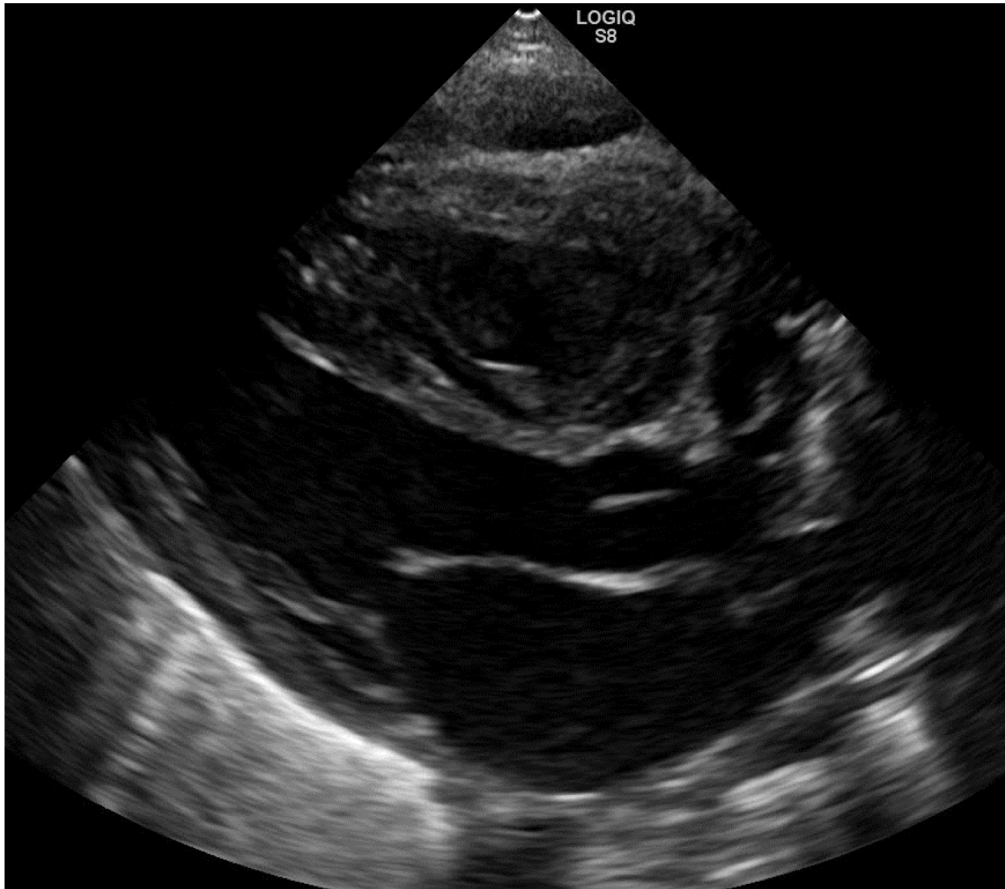
- Assessment and therapy is essential in neonatal shock
- NPE:
 - can be helpful if you know the confounders and use it in a combined multimodal approach (clinical background + NPE)
 - Underfilling can be assessed easy, reliable and fast.
- NPE: Overall, NPE is not the best tool to assess intravascular volume in newborn infants

(Willem P. de Boode et al. Pediatric research 2018)

Determinants of tissue oxygen delivery:



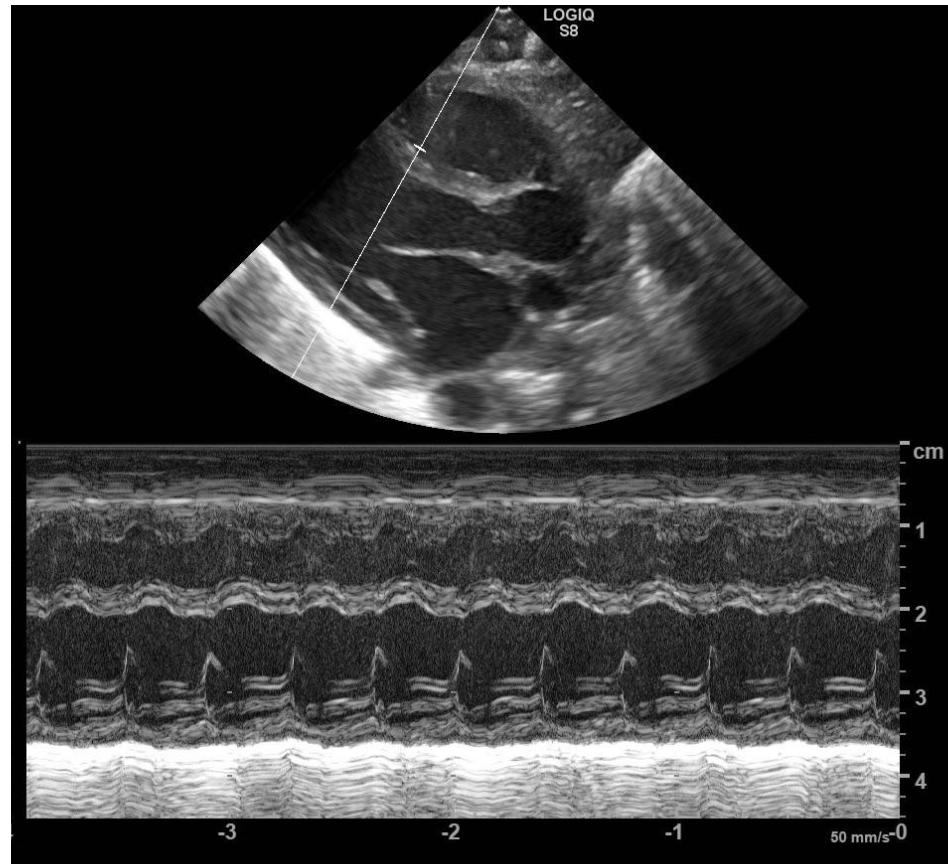
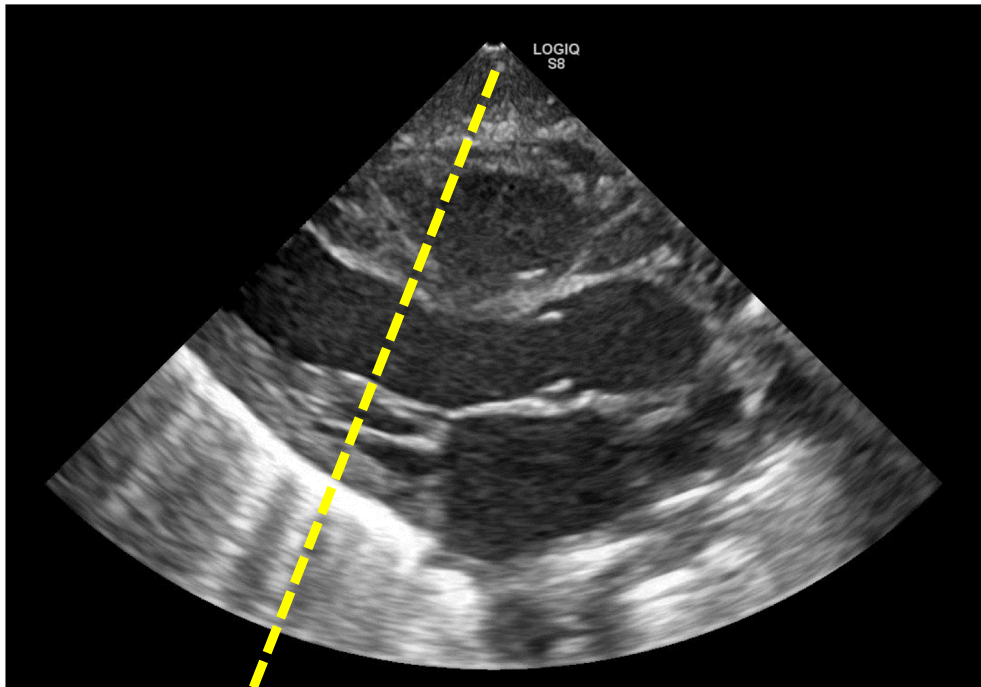
Cardiac contractility: Eyeballing



Cardiac contractility

M-Mode:

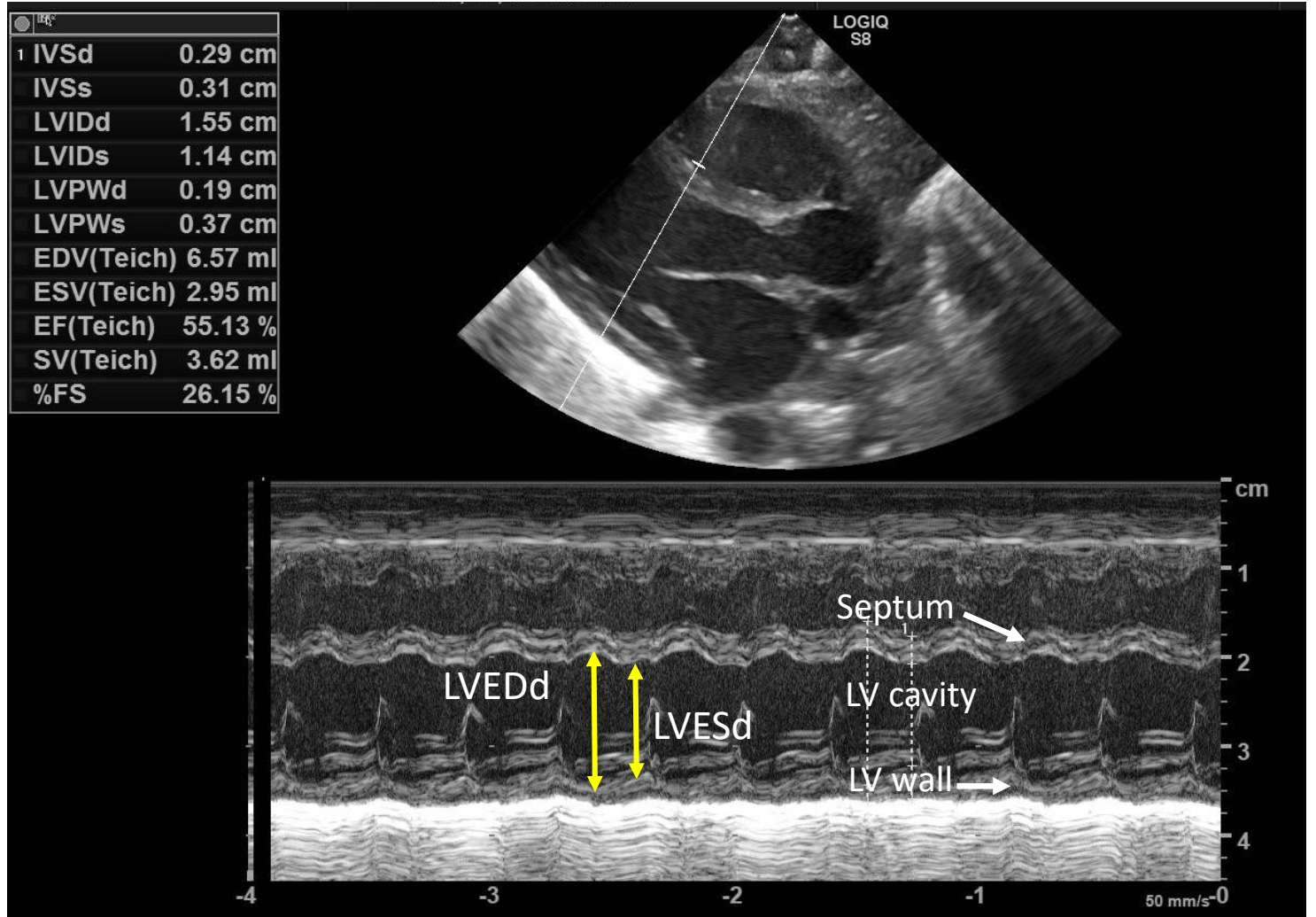
Parasternal long axis view



M-Mode:

$$FS (\%) = \frac{LVEDD - LVESD}{LVEDD}$$

Normal neonatal values are = 28 to 40%



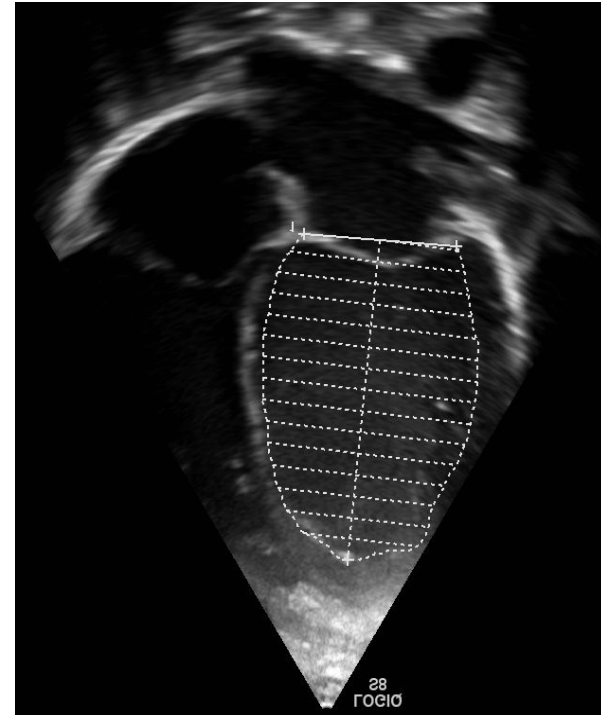
EF (Simpson): Bi-plane

Disc method using Area to calculate systolic and diastolic LV volume

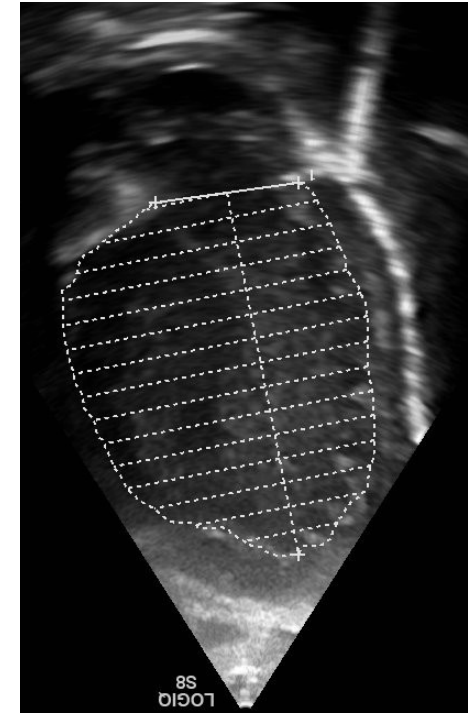
$$EF (\%) = \frac{LVEDV - LVESV}{LVEDV}$$

Normal neonatal values are = 55 – 65 %

4 chamber view



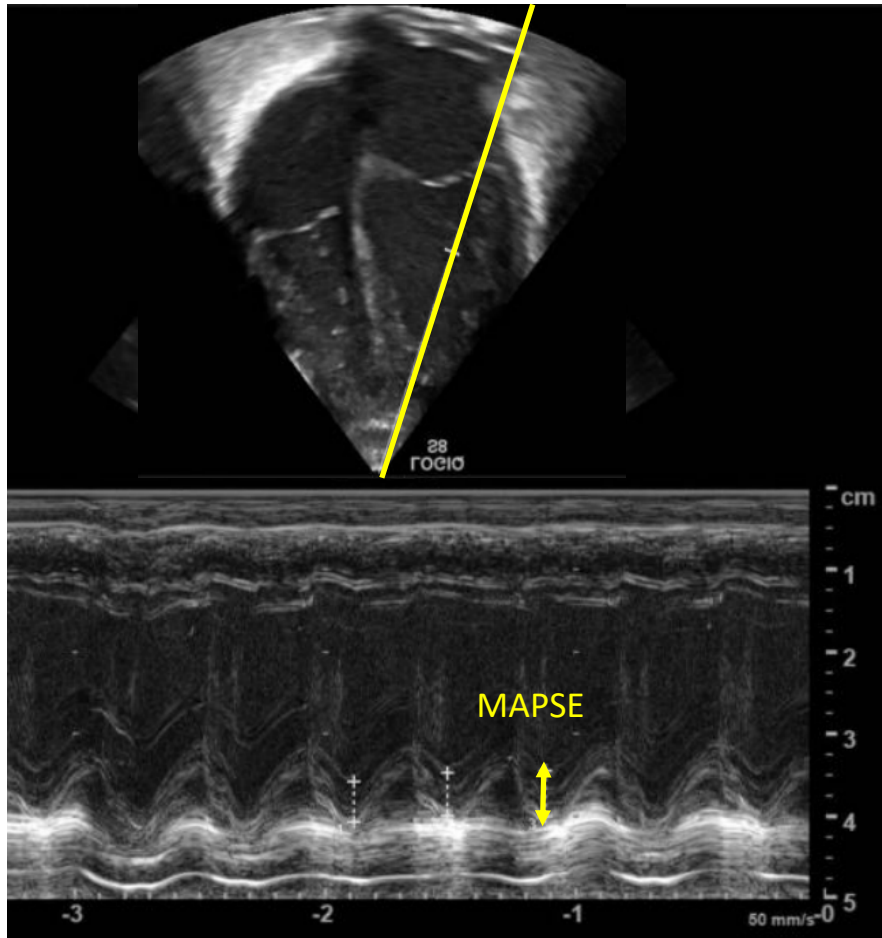
2 chamber view



Cardiac contractility - Longitudinal function

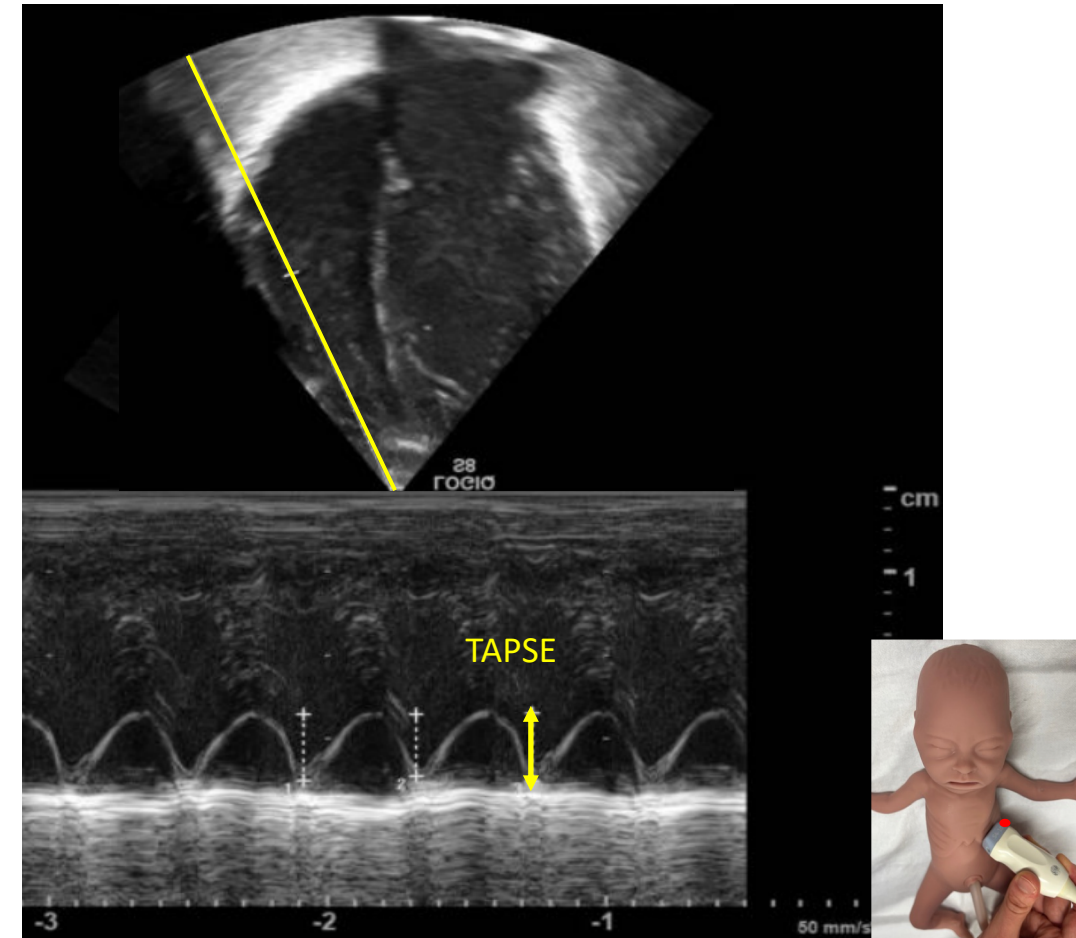
Left ventricle MAPSE

(Mitral annular plane systolic excursion)



Right ventricle TAPSE

(Tricuspid annular plane syst. Exc.)



Left ventricular output: Velocity time integral (VTI)

- VTI:
- measurement 4 chamber view, PW-doppler LVOT/AV
 - Area under the curve
 - indicates how far the blood column is moving per heartbeat

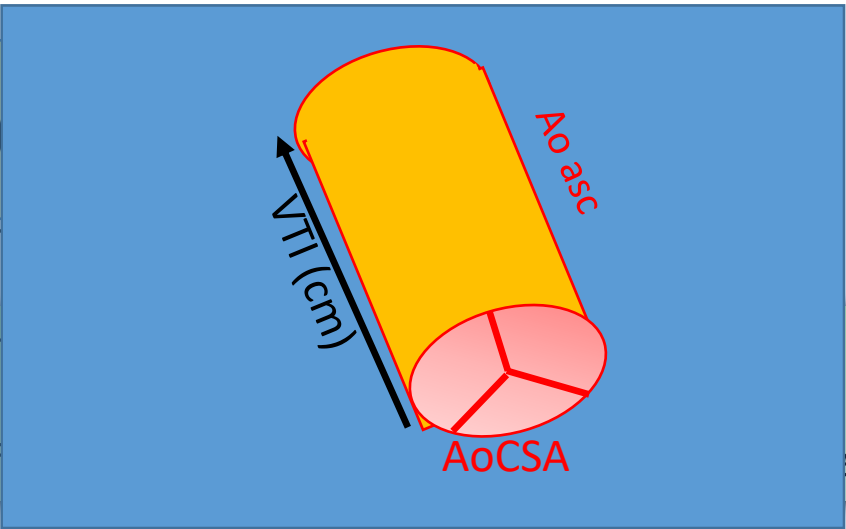
$$\text{LV Stroke volume (ml)} = \text{AoCSA} \times \text{VTI}$$

$$\text{LV output (ml/min)} = \text{AoCSA} \times \text{VTI} \times \text{Heart Rate}$$

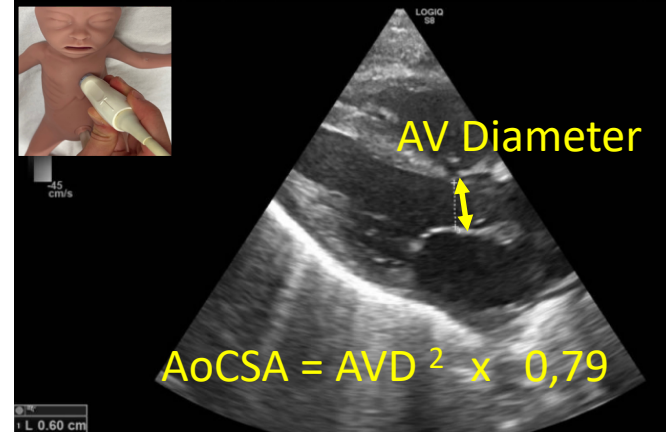
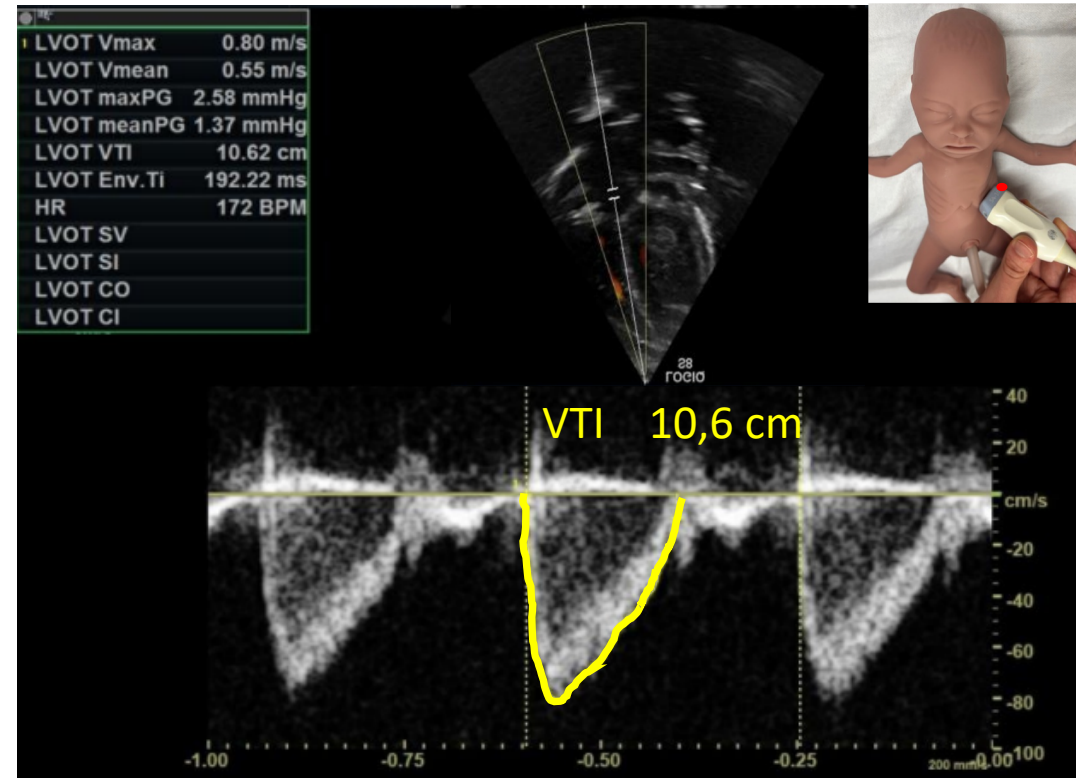
CAVE: Aortic diameter is squared for the Calculation of Stroke-Volume

CI (LV) (ml/kg/min)
Normal values range from 0.2 to 0.4

- Stable parameter
- In the presence of



reflect systemic perfusion



Myocardial Performance Index (MPI):

- + Less load dependent.
Less affected by paradoxical septal wall movement
- Technically difficult in tachycardia

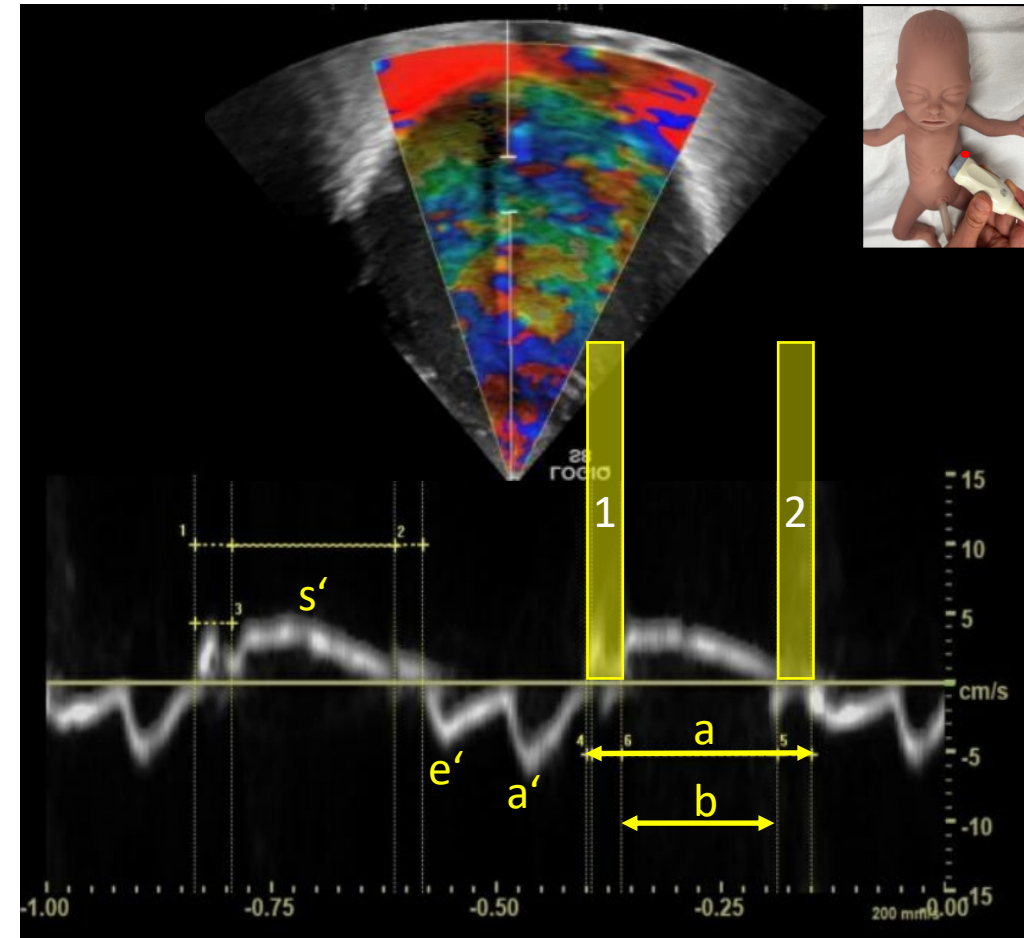
$$\text{MPI} = \frac{\text{Isovolumetric contraction (1)} + \text{Isovolumetric relaxation (2)}}{\text{Ejection Time (b)}}$$

$$\text{MPI} = \frac{a - b}{b}$$

Normal values LV-MPI:

Term neonates	1st DOL: 0,37 (±0,1)	28th DOL: : 0,37 (±0,11)
Preterm	1st DOL: 0,35 (±0,09)	28th DOL: : 0,36 (±0,1)

Tissue doppler velocity and time intervals:



Assessment of Neonatal Shock

Multimodal approach

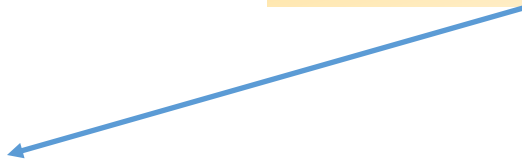
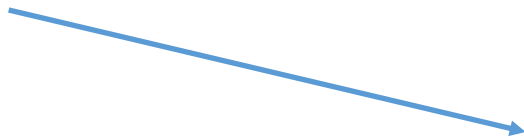
Clinical parameters

Laboratory test

Echocardiography

Understand the situation

Treatment



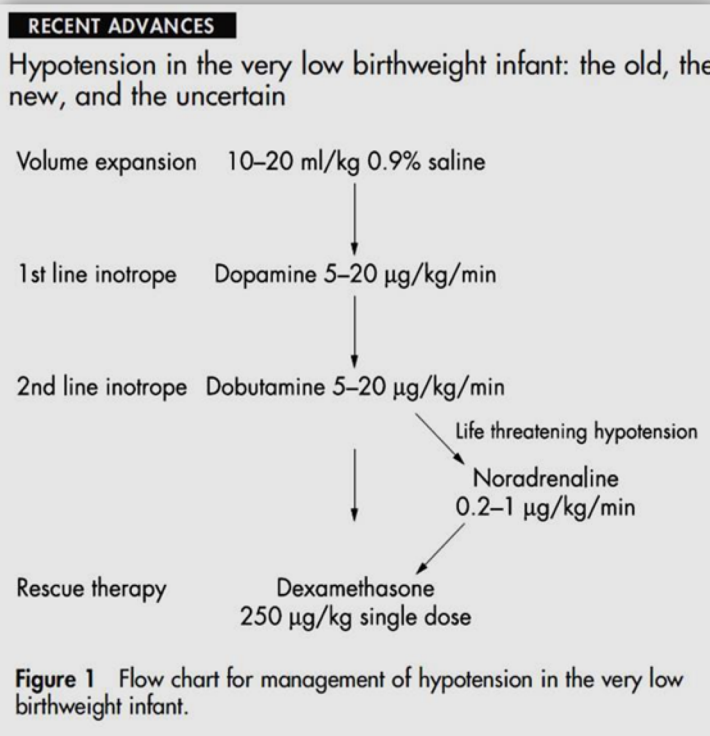
Management of neonatal shock:

Review > [Semin Fetal Neonatal Med. 2015 Aug;20\(4\):238-45. doi: 10.1016/j.siny.2015.03.005.](#)

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Evidence-based
approach to
cardiovascu

Shahab Noori¹, Istva



biology-based
ent of neonatal

Given the lack of ran

rolled trials

We must now use t
present understanding of developmental physiology and
pathophysiology

of evidence and our

Pathophysiology-based approach to diagnosis and treatment of shock

Clinical triggers:

- Low blood pressure
- Low pH
- High Lactate
- Poor capillary refill
- Low urine output
- Tachycardia

Suspected low systemic blood flow state suspected

Categorise Pathophysiology

History Triggers:

- Blood loss
- Chorioamnionitis
- Perinatal asphyxia
- Hydrops fetalis
- Pulmonary hypoplasia

Low diastolic BP

NPE:

Contractility normal

Preload ↓

Afterload ↓

Hypovolemia

- Blood loss
- Cap. Leakage
- Fluid loss
- Tension pneumothx
- HFOV

Warm Shock

- Decreased SVR**
- Septic shock (warm)
- SIRS
- NEC
- PDA

Low systolic BP

NPE:

Contractility ↓

Afterload ↑

Myocardial compromise

- Asphyxia
- PPHN
- Cardiomyopathy

Cold shock

- Increased SVR**
- Early sepsis (cold shock)
- Transitional circulation
- Hypothermia

Low Systolic/Diast BP

NPE

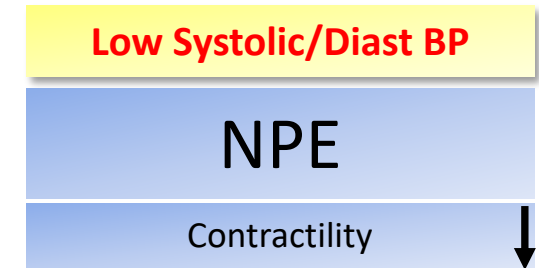
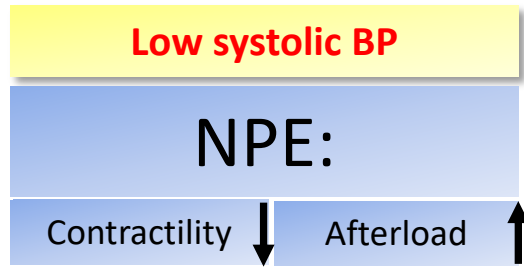
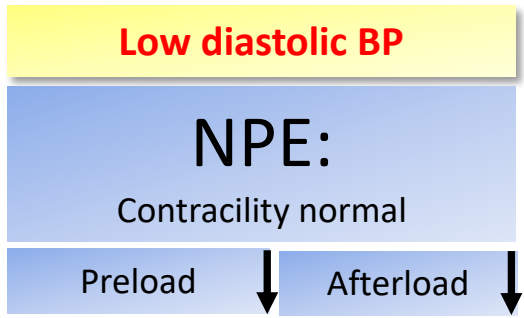
Contractility ↓

Progressive disease

- Severe PPHN
- Progressive Sepsis
- Cardiogenic Shock
- Pneumothorax

Individualized pathophysiology-based hemodynamic approach

Individualized pathophysiology-based hemodynamic approach



Hypovolemia

Volume expansion
Blood transfusion

Drainage pneumothx
HFVO MAP Reduction

Warm shock

Decreased SVR
Vasopressor (Norepinephrin, vasopressin)

Volume expansion
Inopressor (epinephrin)

Cardiogenic s.

Myocardial compromise
Inopressor (epinephrin)

Increased PVR
PPHN - increase iNO

Cold shock

Increased SVR
Inodilatator (milrinone, dobutamine)
Inotrope (epinephrin)

Increased PVR
iNO
Sildenafil
MAP-reduction

Progressive dis.

Myocardial compromise
Inotrop (epinephrin, milrinone, dobutamin)

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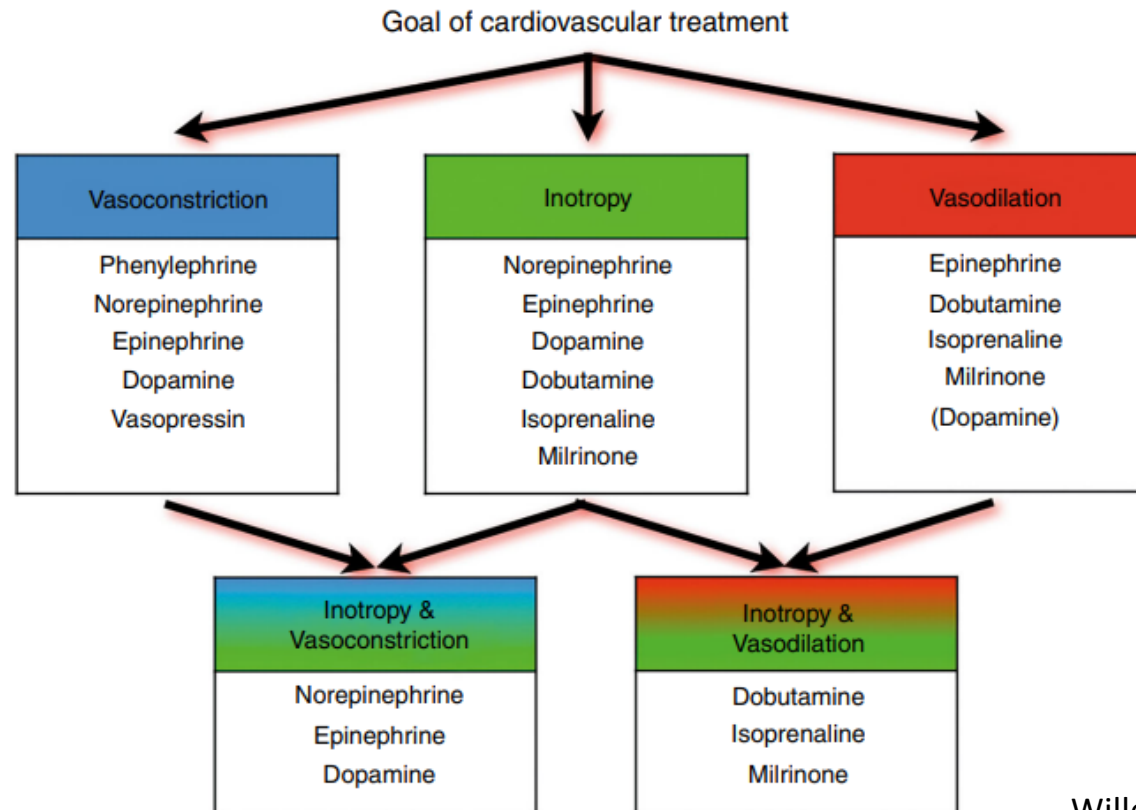
Management of neonatal shock:

Volume expansion (isotonic fluids, blood transfusion,..)

Vasopressors

Inotropics

Inodilatators



Back to the intensive care unit

Neonatal shock:

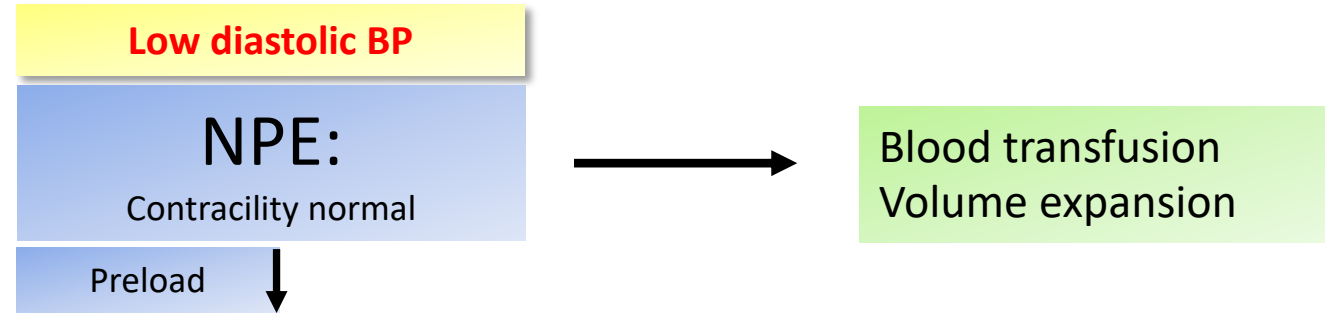
Preterm 25+6 , DOL 1

Emergency delivery, vaginal bleeding

Ventilated:

22/6 cmH2O, 50 / min, 45%,

BP: 47 / **12** (18) mmHg



Gemessen (37,0°C)		
pH	< 6,80	
pCO ₂	71	mmHg
pO ₂	49	mmHg
Na ⁺	139	mmol/L
K ⁺	↑ 5,8	mmol/L
Cl ⁻	105	mmol/L
Ca ⁺⁺	↓ 1,56	mmol/L
Hct	↓ 22	%
Glu	↑ 17	mg/dL
Lac	> 20,0	mmol/L
Berechnet		
(c)	↓ 7,5	g/dL

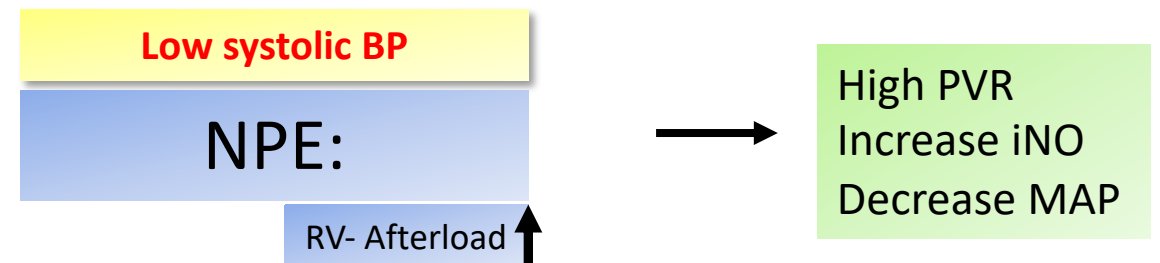
Same patient (Preterm 25+6) DOL 5

SIRS, Severe respiratory failure,

Ventilated: HFOV MAP 12, FiO2 70%, iNO 5 ppm

BP: **39 / 26 (31)** mmHg

Gemessen (37.0°C)		
pH	7.40	✓
pCO ₂	↓ 31	✓ mmHg
pO ₂	↓ 39	✓ mmHg
Na ⁺	137	✓ mmol/L
K ⁺	↑ 6.6	✓ mmol/L
Cl ⁻	↑ 110	✓ mmol/L
Ca ⁺⁺	↓ 0.93	✓ mmol/L
Hct	↑ 58	✓ %
Glu	↑ 148	✓ mg/dL
Lac	↑ 8.0	✓ mmol/L
Berechnet		
TCO ₂	20.2	mmol/L
tHb(c)	19.7	✓ g/dL
BE(B)	↓ -5.0	✓ mmol/L
sO ₂ (c)	73.6	%
HCO ₃ ⁻ (c)	↓ 19.2	mmol/L
HCO ₃ ⁻ std	↓ 20.1	mmol/L



Neonatal shock:

Term Neonate, 2 weeks old

Tachypnea, pale, poor feeding, sweating

Lactate **4,5** mmol/L

BP: 50/27 (41) mmHg

Cardiogenic shock

Low systolic BP

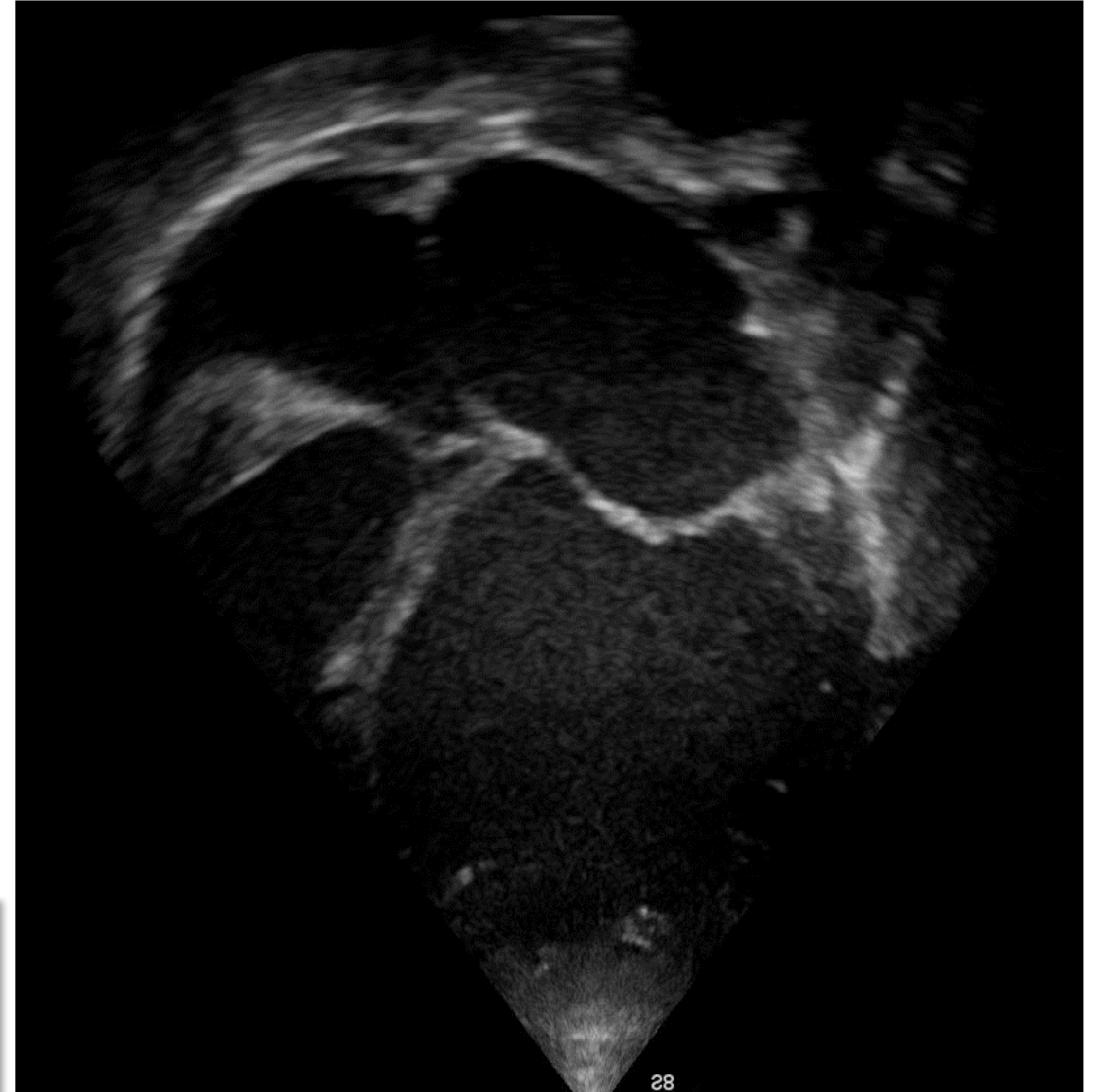
NPE:

Contractility ↓

Consider:

Increased SVR and acceptable BP: Inodilatator (milrinone, dobutamine)

Increased SVR low BP: Inotrope (epinephrin), after stabilisation add Inodilatator



Cardiogenic shock:

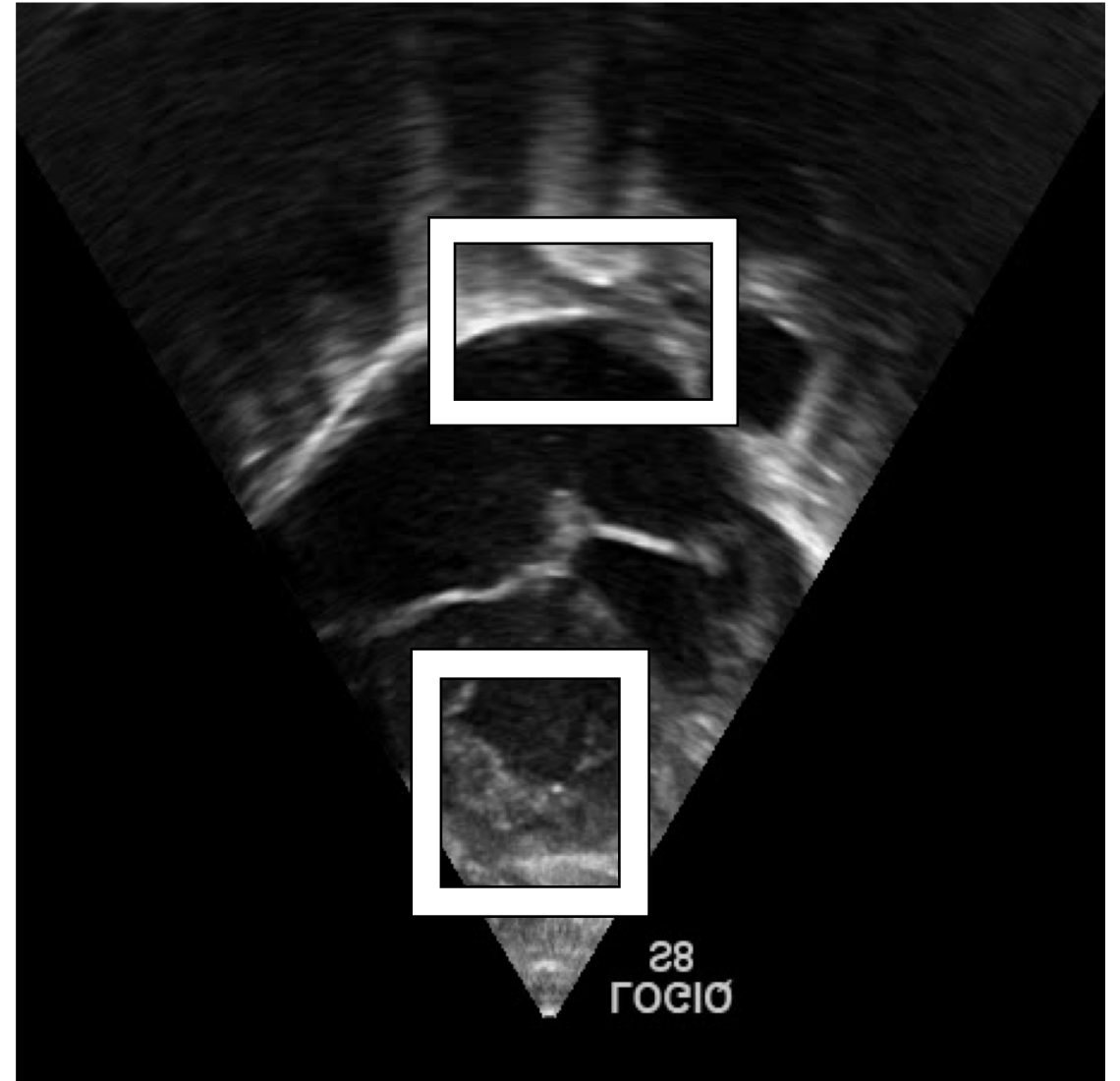
Neonate, 1 hour old:

Pale, SO₂ 85%, Heart rate 170/min

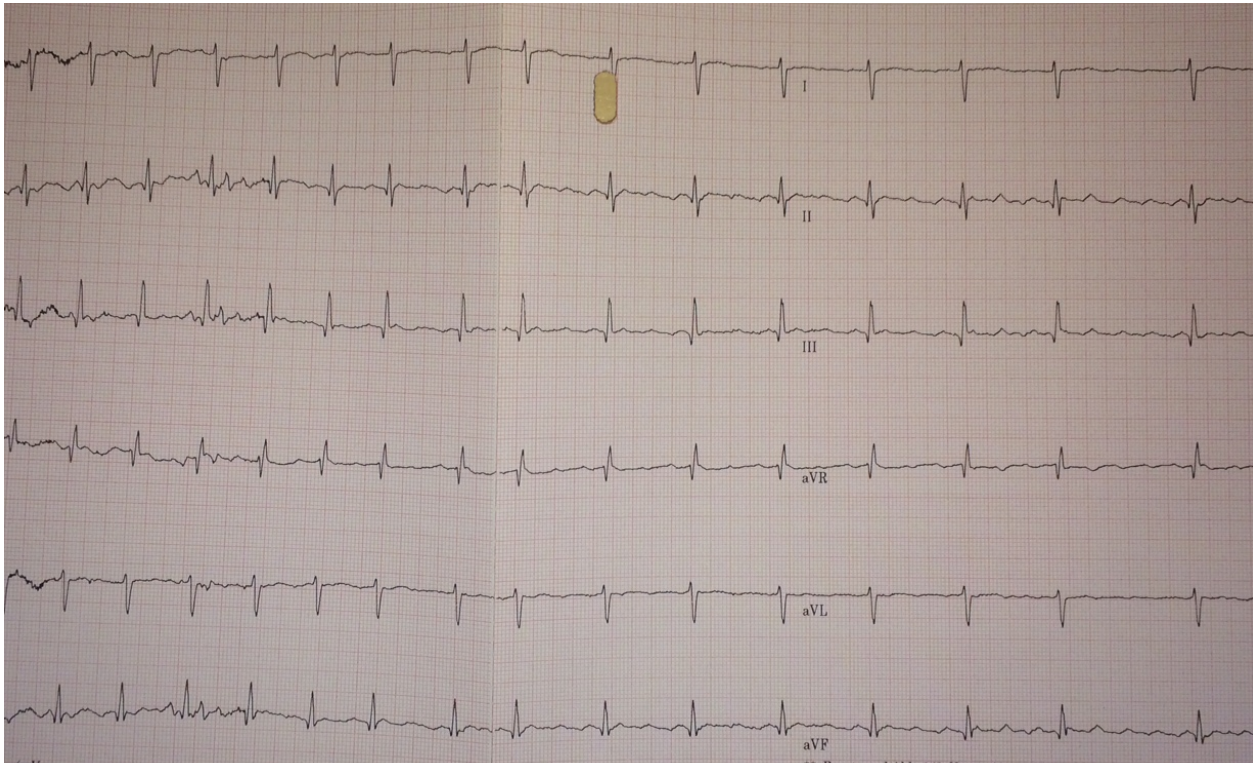
Admission from delivery room

Lactate 3,5 mmol/L

BP: 61/25 (40) mmHg

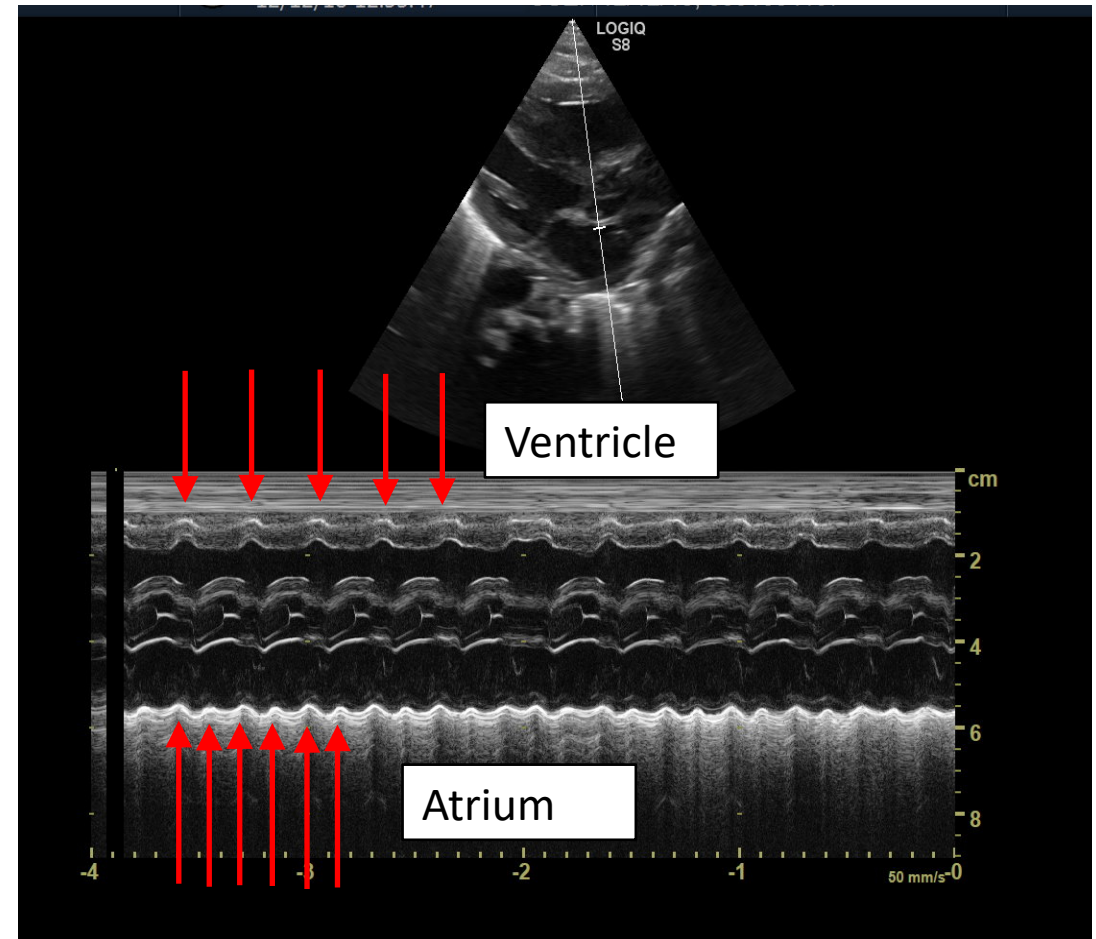


Cardiogenic shock



Management: DC-Cardioversion

Atrial flutter



Neonatal shock

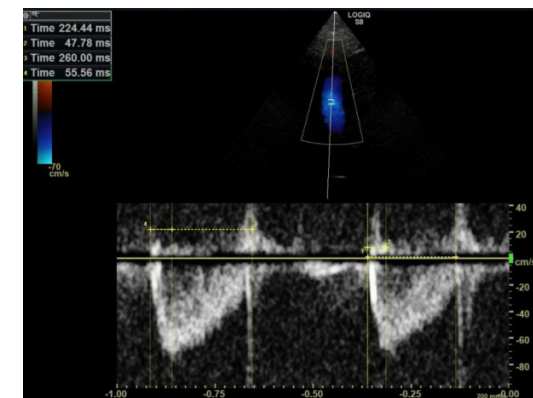
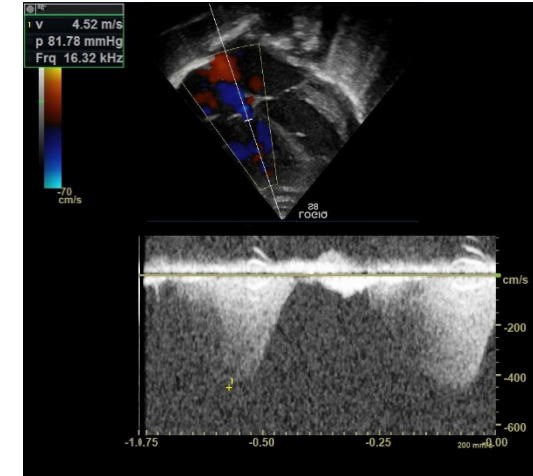
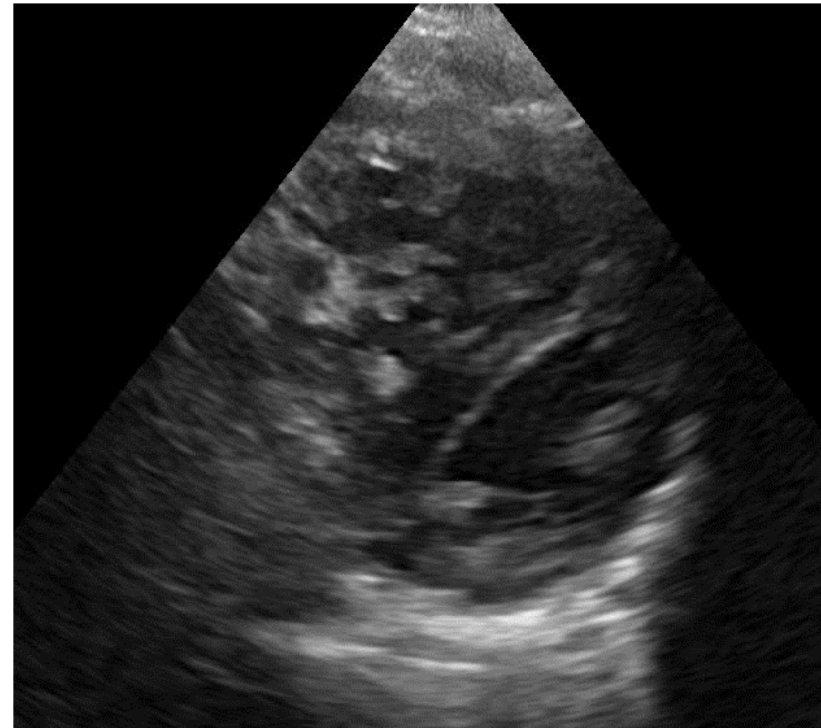
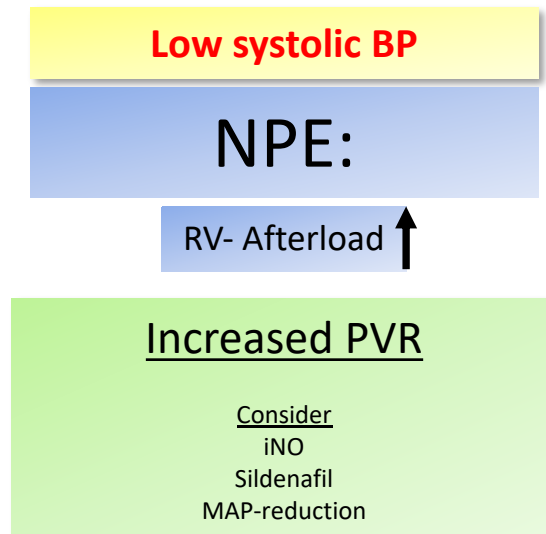
Preterm 23+2 SSW, DOL 65

Sepsis,

Increased O₂ demand on CPAP, O₂ saturation drops

Laktate 2,8 mmol/l, pale, Capillary refill 3 sec.

BP 51/35 (38) mmHg



Thank you !

Any Questions ?

Therapy of neonatal shock:

I have one more thing !!

Term neonate deteriorates 2 hours after birth, tachypnea, shock

BP: not measurable

Capillary refill: 5-6 sec

Gemes	in (37,0°C)		
pH	< 6,80	[-- 7,32 7,43 --]	
pCO ₂	↑ 84	mmHg [-- 41 54 --]	
pO ₂	29	mmHg [-- -- --]	
Na ⁺	137	mmol/L [-- 136 145 --]	
K ⁺	↑ 6,4	mmol/L [-- 3,4 4,5 --]	
Cl	107	mmol/L [-- 98 107 --]	
Ca ⁺⁺	↑ 1,36	mmol/L [-- 1,16 1,32 --]	
Hct	40	% [-- 31 51 --]	
Glu	↑ 149	mg/dL [-- 70 100 --]	
Lac	↑ 18,5	mmol/L [-- 0,9 1,7 --]	
Ber	et		
tHb(c)		g/dL [-- 11,4 17,4 --]	
BE(B)	Nicht verfügb.	mmol/L [-- -2,0 3,0 --]	
AG	Nicht verfügb.	mmol/L [-- -- --]	
sO ₂ (c)	Nicht verfügb.	% [-- 94,0 98,0 --]	
HCO ₃ (c)	Nicht verfügb.	mmol/L [-- 22,0 29,0 --]	

Therapy of neonatal shock:

I have one more thing !!

Congenital heart defects with critical reduction of the systemic perfusion

This case: Aortic valve atresia with closing ductus arteriosus

Treatment option: Re-opening the duct - Alprostadil

Take Home Message:

NPE in Neonatal shock

Just do it !

And know the strenghts and problems

Thank you !

Any Questions ?