

MAYON VOLCANO: FAST FACTS

Type of Volcano: Stratovolcano

Elevation: 2.46 km

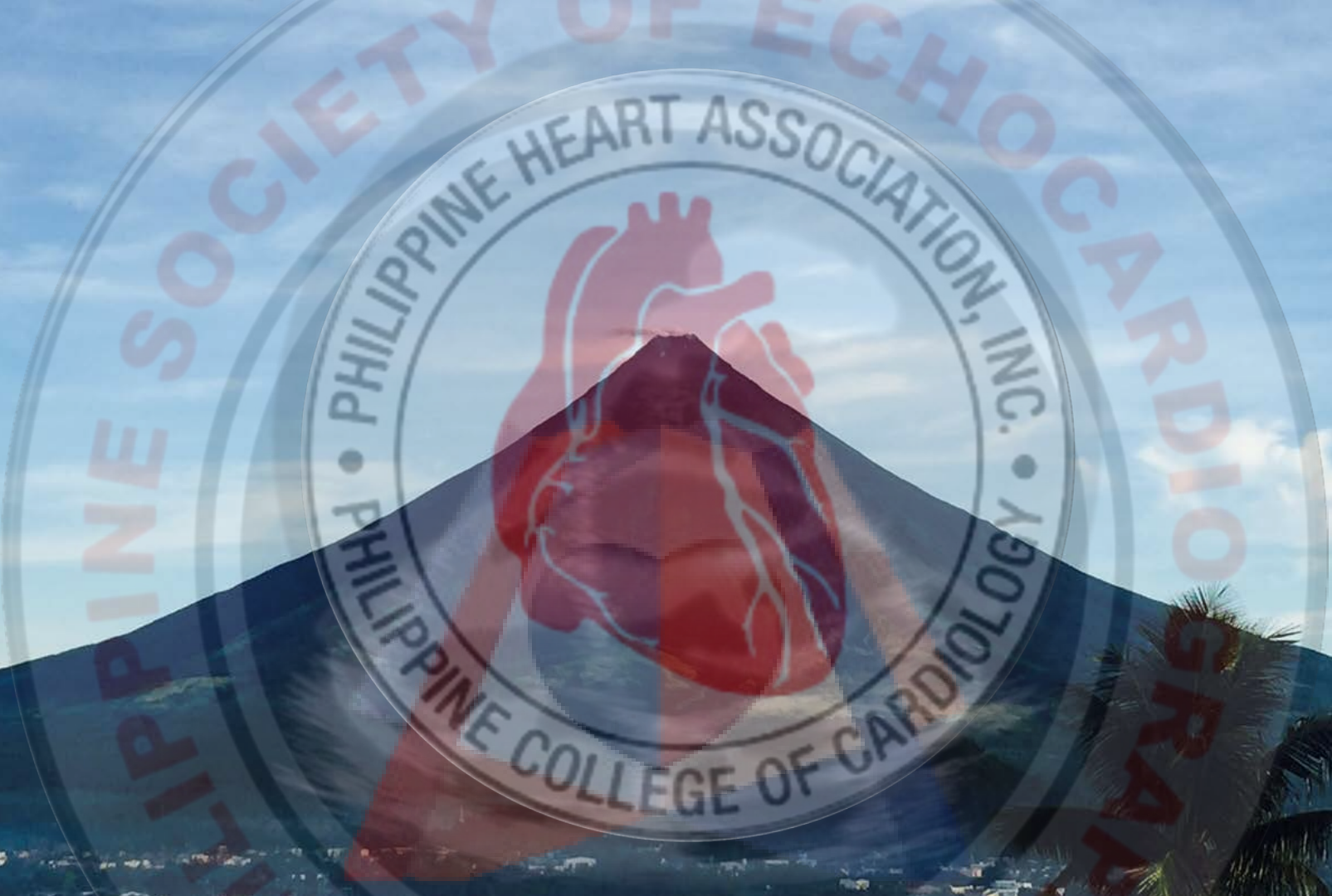
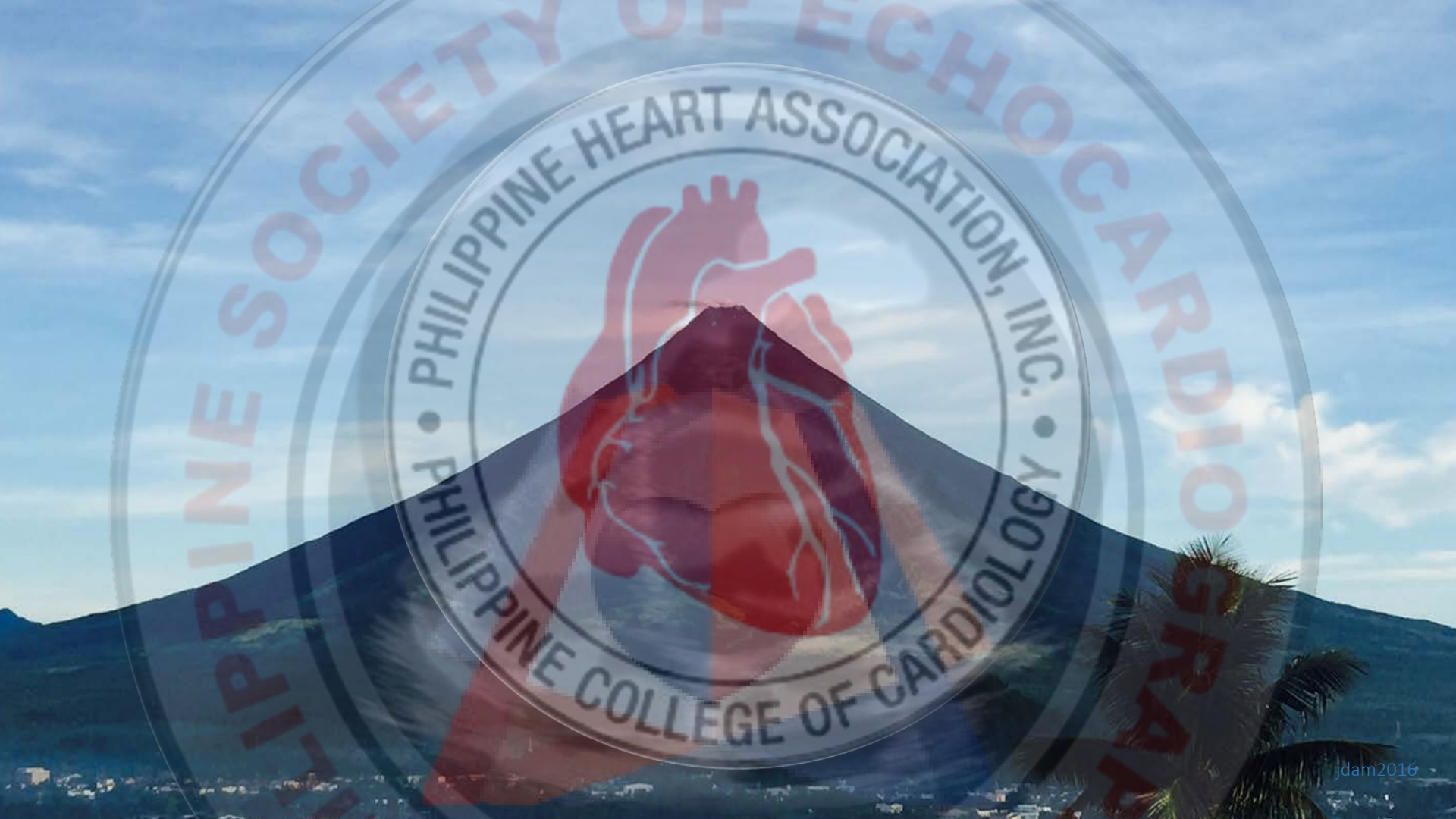
Base Diameter: 20 km

Base Circumference: 62.8 km

Area: 314.1 km²



Reference: http://www.phivolcs.dost.gov.ph/html/update_VMEPD/Volcano/VolcanoList/mayon.htm





Sizing up the situation: Cardiac Chamber Quantification using Echocardiography

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Session Outline



- Understanding the importance of correct chamber quantification techniques
- Knowing which aspects to quantify: chamber dimensions, parameters of function*
- Mastering the technique of quantification:**
image optimization, basic strategies, tips and pitfalls

**Will not include RV assessment (separate session)*

***2015 ASE/EACI Recommendations*

Session Roadmap



Technical Tips



Key Insight



Main Reference



European Heart Journal – Cardiovascular Imaging (2015) **16**, 233–271
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POSITION PAPER

Recommendations for Cardiac Chamber Quantification by Echocardiography in Adults: An Update from the American Society of Echocardiography and the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging

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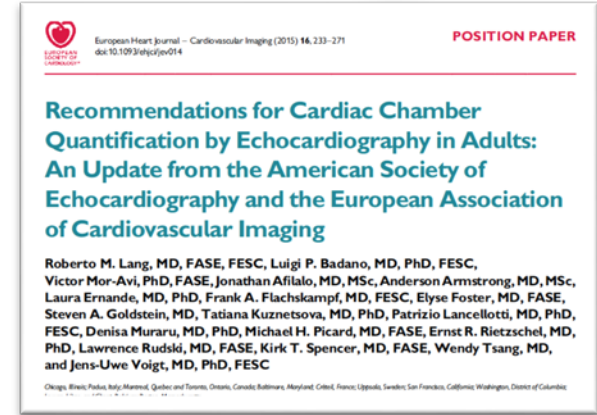
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Main Reference: why update?



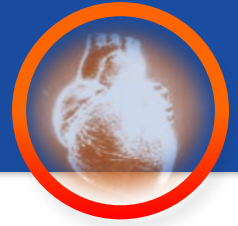
- Rapid flux of technological and methodological advances
- Clamor for “normative values”
- Existence of discrepancies between previous guidelines
- Need for general guidance across centers in the world



Importance of Chamber Quantification

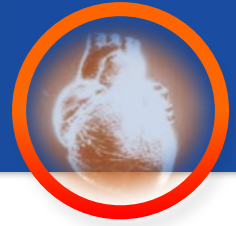


Why measure?



- Measurements reduce doubt about size conclusions.
- Measurements can be compared objectively.
- Measurements transcend language barriers.

Why measure properly?



- Incorrect measurements lead to incorrect assumptions and conclusions
- Echo reports can greatly affect the end-users' (physician, sonographer, laboratory, patient, community) decisions and behavior
- Harmonized and accurate techniques minimize variability and allow for comparison

Why measure chambers properly?



- Cardiac size is “important” to the lay
- Heart function is crucial to the physician
- Cardiomegaly may be the first clue to pathology
- Chamber size and function reflect hemodynamics and overall cardiac physiology
- Chamber dimensions on echo usually serve as reference standard for basic non-invasive imaging tests (e.g. electrocardiogram, chest radiograph)

Clinical implications of abnormal dimensions



- Left ventricular mass (LVM) can independently predict adverse cardiovascular events and premature death.¹⁻³
- LA size is a powerful prognosticator independent of left ventricular systolic dysfunction during stress echo⁴ and in patients with preserved ejection fraction⁵
- LV ejection fraction is a powerful predictor of mortality among patients with LV systolic dysfunction.

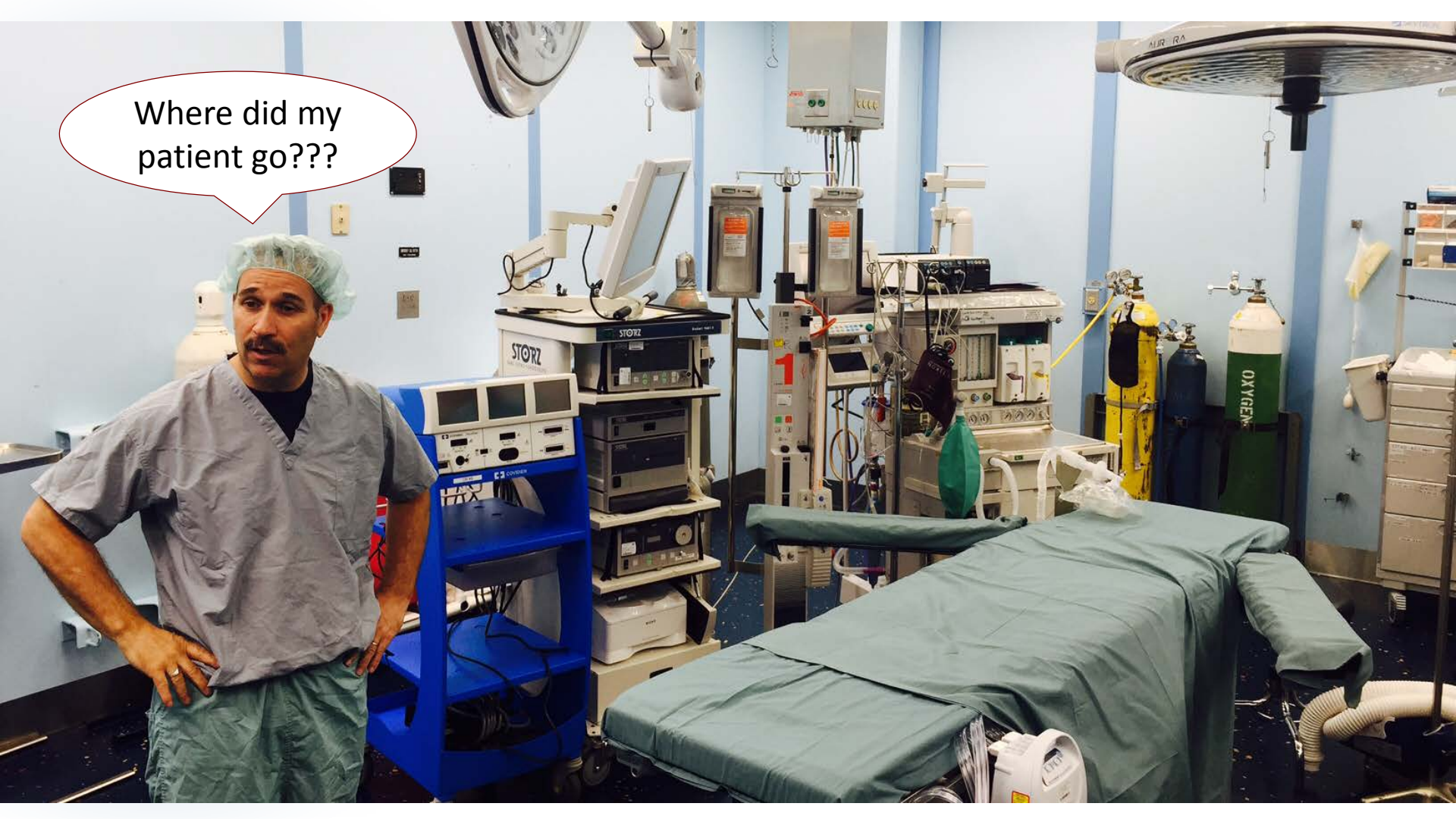
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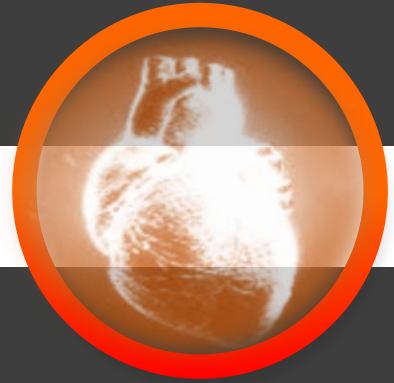
Key Insight

“The quantification of chamber size and function is the cornerstone of cardiac imaging.” -- ASE/EACI 2015

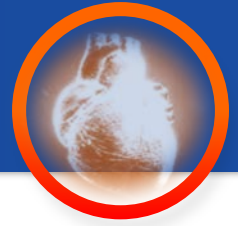
Where did my patient go???



Items to measure on echocardiography

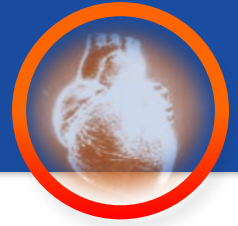


What to quantify



- Chamber dimensions
 - Global systolic function
 - Regional function
- Left ventricle
 - Right ventricle
 - Atria
 - Aortic territory
 - Vena cava

What to quantify



LEFT VENTRICLE

- Cavity size: LVEDD, LVEDD indexed to BSA
- Wall thickness: IVSD, PWD, RWT
- Mass: LVM, LVMI
- Volumes: LVEDV, LVESV
- Systolic function: LVEF (biplane Simpson's)

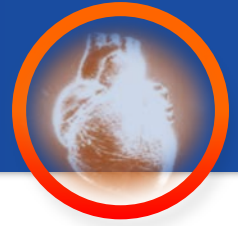
What to quantify



LEFT ATRIUM

- Length: LA length_{4C}, LA length_{2C}
- Area: LA area_{4C}, LA area_{2C}
- Volume: LAV, LAV indexed to BSA

What to quantify



AORTIC ROOT (diameters)

- LV outflow tract (LVOT)
- AV annulus
- Sinus of Valsalva (SOV)
- Sinotubular junction (STJ)
- Prox. Ascending aorta

The debate: thresholds for severity



- Partition values for severity of abnormality
- Normative data on classification of severity
- Standard cut-offs

The resolution

- Experience-based partition values only for: LVEF and LA volume



Correct quantification techniques



General guidelines



- All measurements should be performed on more than 1 cardiac cycle (to account for interbeat variability)
 - e.g. average of 3 beats for sinus, and at least 5 beats for AF
 - However, the use of representative beats is acceptable in the clinical setting
- The same range of normal values generally apply for TTE and TEE, but certain views are more optimal in selected scenarios
- Range of normal values are provided for LV size, function and mass as well as LA volume,
- For other parameters, measurements exceeding ± 1.96 SDs should be classified as abnormal.

General guidelines



- Get basic clinical profile to come up with a pre-test analysis.
- Accurately measure the patient's height and weight, and compute the body surface area.
- Check the patient's rhythm and ensure a good ECG tracing.

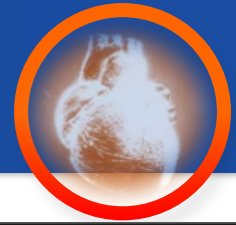
Left ventricle: Size



Internal linear dimensions

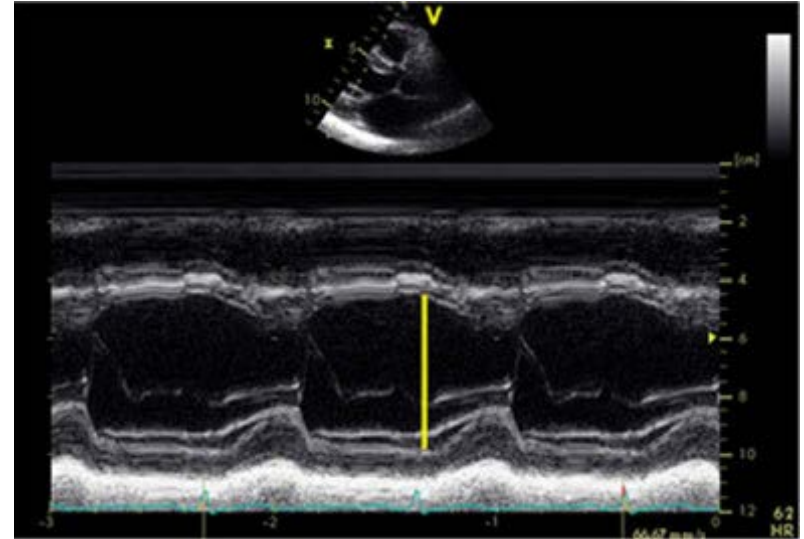
- Linear dimensions are used to provide geometric conclusions about the left ventricle

Left ventricle: Size



Internal linear dimensions

- Two methods: M-mode approach and direct 2D measurement
- M-mode approach has high temporal resolution but is prone to tangentiality issues

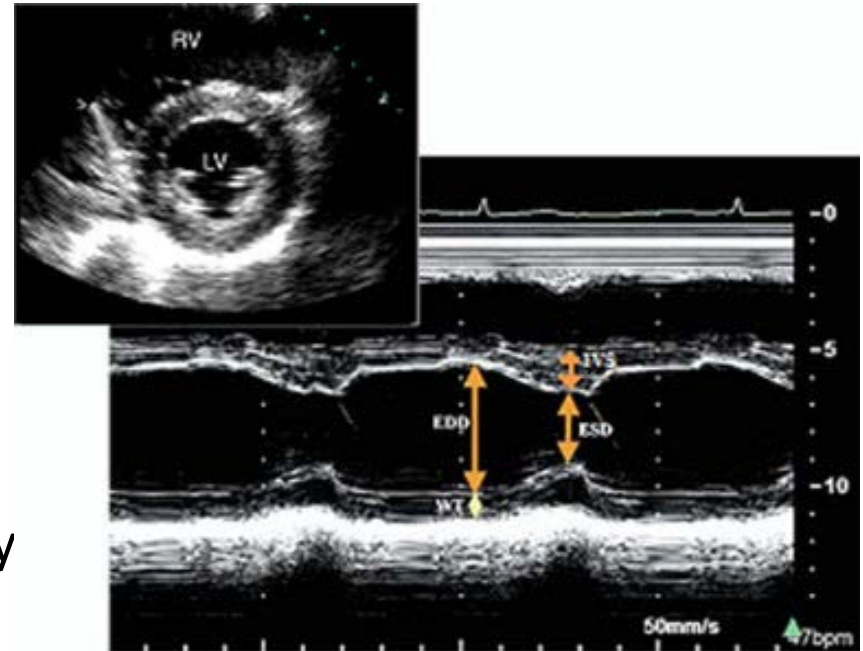


Left ventricle: Size



Internal linear dimensions

- M-mode measurements guided by targeted SAX or PLAX view
- Simple for screening large populations
- Beam orientation may be off-axis
- Inaccurate in abnormal LV geometry

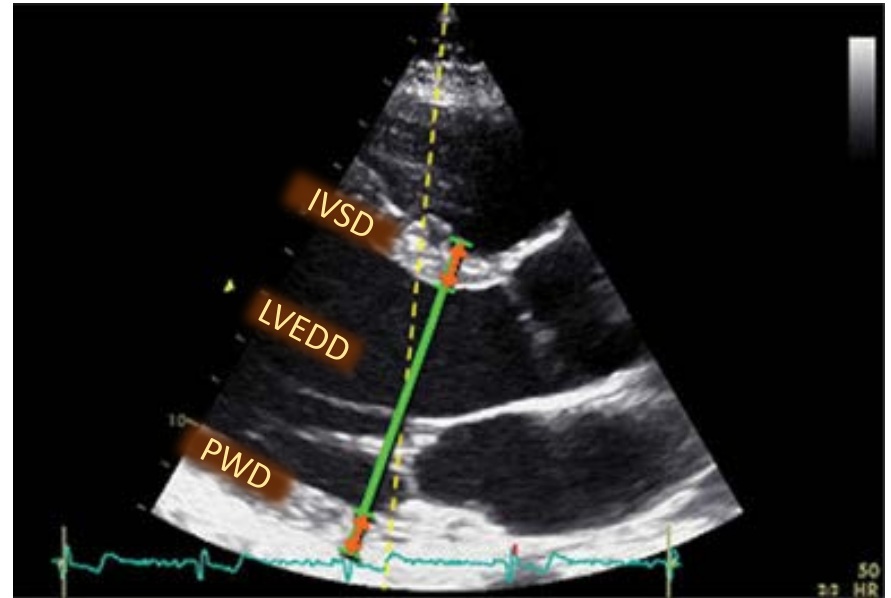


Left ventricle Size



Internal linear dimensions

- get good 2D PLAX view
- measure LVEDD at end-diastole, when MV leaflets are fully open
- draw caliper perpendicular to long axis of LV, at level of MV leaflet tips
- locate landmarks properly: endocardium-cavity interface



LV internal dimensions: directly measure on 2D PLAX

- Lang R et al. EHJ-Cardiovasc Imaging 2015;16:233-271.

Left ventricle Size



LV mass

- Perform all measurements at end-diastole
- 3 methods
 - Linear or Cube method
 - 2D truncated ellipsoid
 - 3D based formula

Cube formula

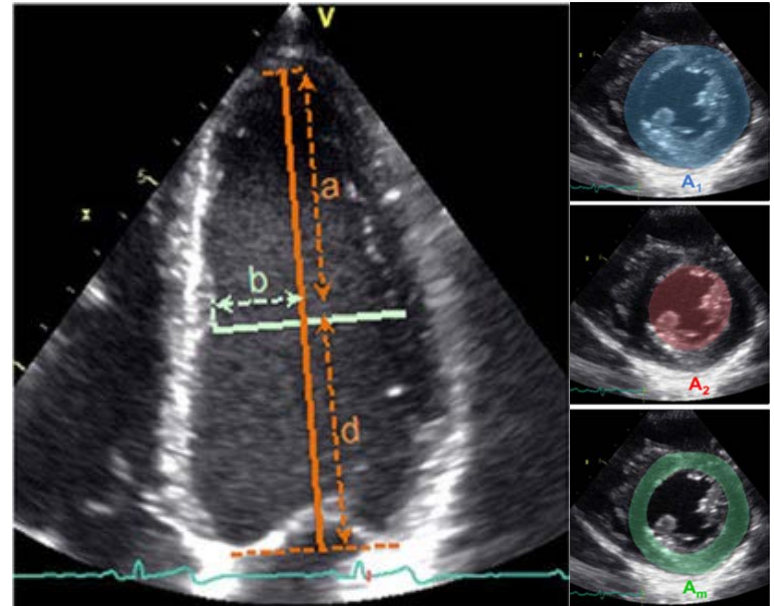
$$\text{LV mass} = 0.8 \cdot 1.04 \cdot [(\text{IVS} + \text{LVID} + \text{PWT})^3 - \text{LVID}^3] + 0.6 \text{ g}$$

Left ventricle Size



LV mass

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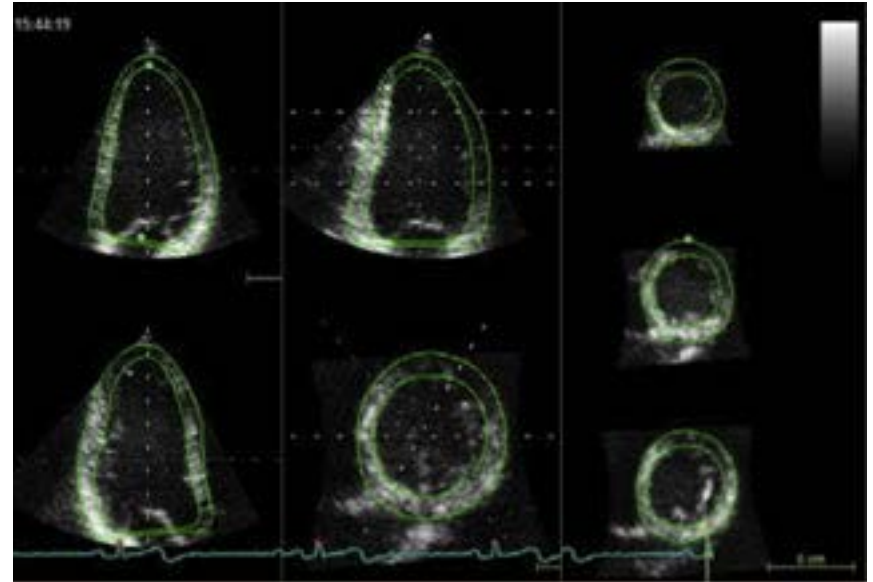


Left ventricle Size



LV mass

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LV mass: 2D-guided, or 3D ideally

Left ventricle Size



LV mass index

- Reference values

Normal ranges for LV mass indices

	Women	Men
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Linear method		
LV mass (g)	67–162	88–224
<i>LV mass/BSA (g/m^2)</i>	<i>43–95</i>	<i>49–115</i>
Relative wall thickness (cm)	0.22–0.42	0.24–0.42
<i>Septal thickness (cm)</i>	<i>0.6–0.9</i>	<i>0.6–1.0</i>
<i>Posterior wall thickness (cm)</i>	<i>0.6–0.9</i>	<i>0.6–1.0</i>
2D method		
LV mass (g)	66–150	96–200
<i>LV mass/BSA (g/m^2)</i>	<i>44–88</i>	<i>50–102</i>

Bold italic values: recommended and best validated.

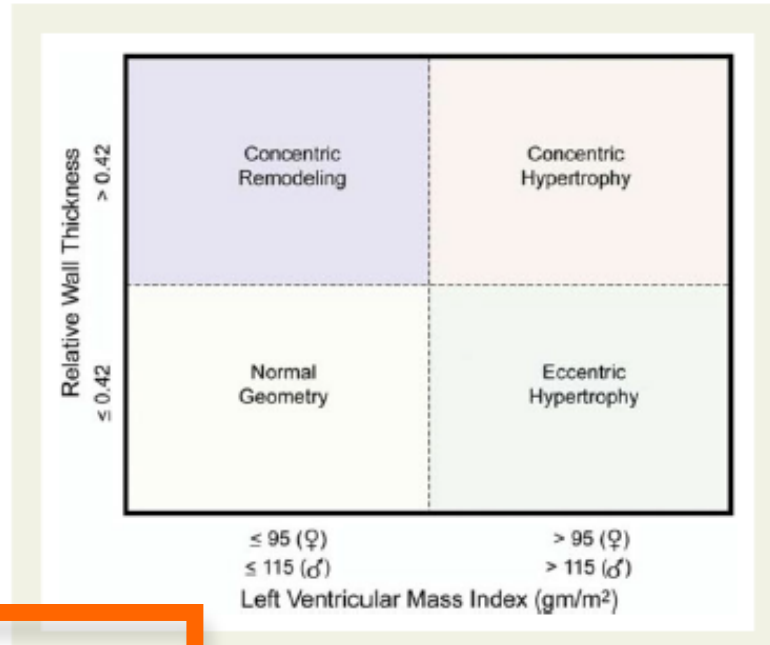
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Left ventricle Size



LV geometrical conclusions

- Based on:
 - LVMI
 - RWT
 - sex



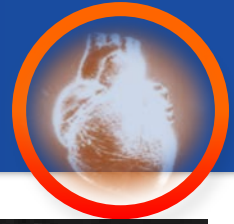
LV geometry conclusion is important



Key Insight

LV linear dimensions provide information regarding geometrical conclusions.

Sample Computations

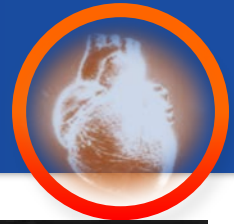


Clinical scenario

- 45 male
- Hypertensive
- Non-adherent to meds
- Height: 1.5 m
- Weight: 60 kg
- BSA: 1.58 m²

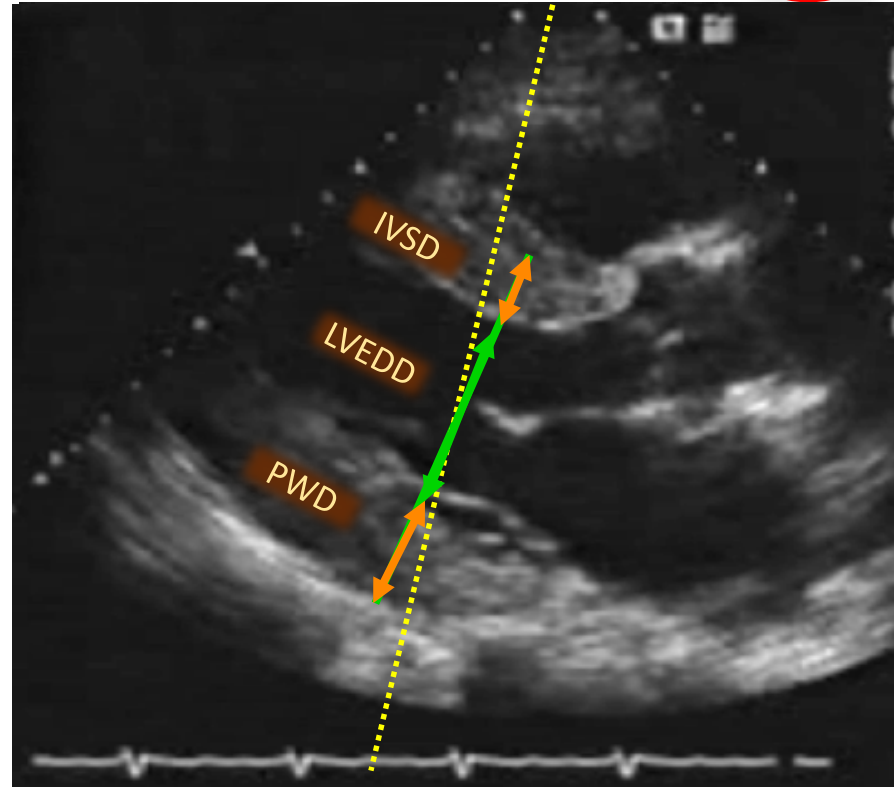


Sample Computations



LV dimensions

- LVEDD: 4.0 cm
- IVSD : 1.3 cm
- PWD : 1.6 cm

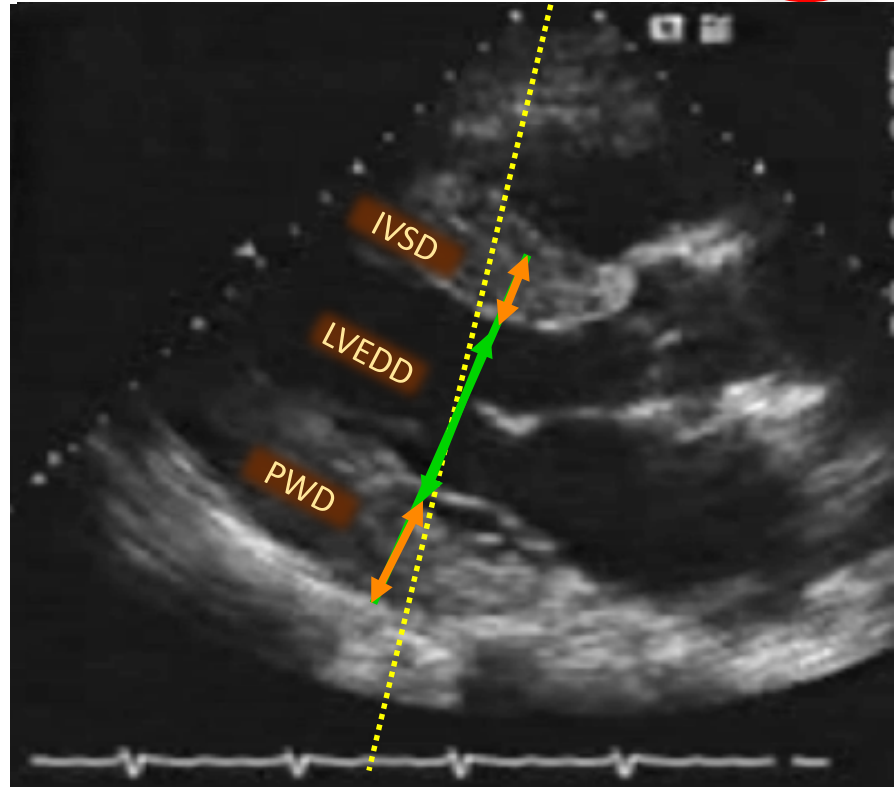


Sample Computations



LV dimensions

- LVEDD indexed to BSA
= 4.0 cm / 1.58 m²
= **2.5 cm/m²**
- RWT
= (1.6 x 2) / 4.0
= **0.80**



Sample Computations



LV dimensions

- LV mass
 - = $0.8 \times 1.04 [(IVSD + LVEDD + PWD)^3 - LVEDD^3] + 0.6 \text{ g}$
 - = $0.8 \times 1.04 [(1.3 + 4.0 + 1.6)^3 - 4.0^3] + 0.6 \text{ g}$
 - = **221 g**
- LV mass index
 - = LV mass / BSA
 - = $221 \text{ g} / 1.58 \text{ m}^2$
 - = **140 g/m²**

Patient data

- LVEDD: 4.0 cm
- IVSD : 1.3 cm
- PWD : 1.6 cm

Cube formula

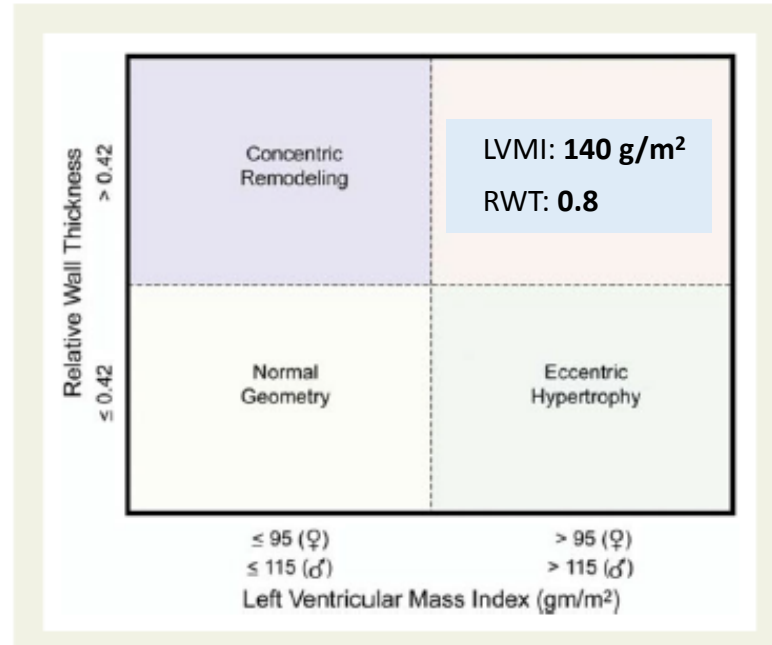
$$\text{LV mass} = 0.8 \cdot 1.04 \cdot [(IVS + LVID + PWT)^3 - LVID^3] + 0.6 \text{ g}$$

Sample Computations



LV geometrical conclusions

- Patient data:
 - 45 male
 - LVEDD : **4.0 cm (N)**
 - LVEDD_{BSA} : **2.5 cm/m² (N)**
 - LVMI : **140 g/m²**
 - RWT : **0.8**



Concentric LV hypertrophy

Left ventricle Size



Volumes

- Volumes are used for EF calculation

$$EF = (EDV - ESV) / EDV.$$

Left ventricle Size



Volumes

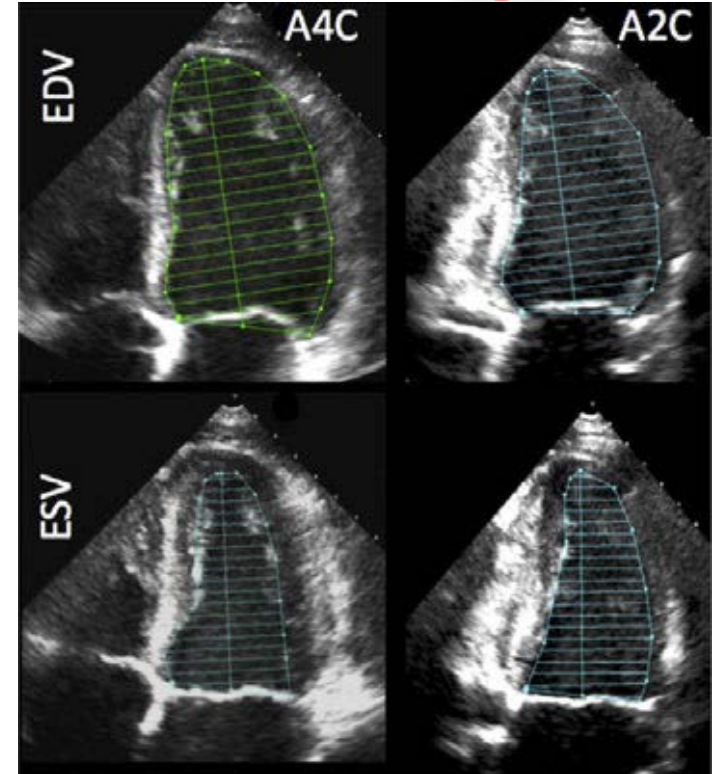
- Two methods: using 2DE or 3DE
- Linear derivations based on geometric assumptions may be inaccurate
- Teichholz and Quinones methods are no longer recommended for clinical use

Left ventricle Size



Volumes: Biplane disk summation

- Corrects for shape distortions
- Apex frequently foreshortened

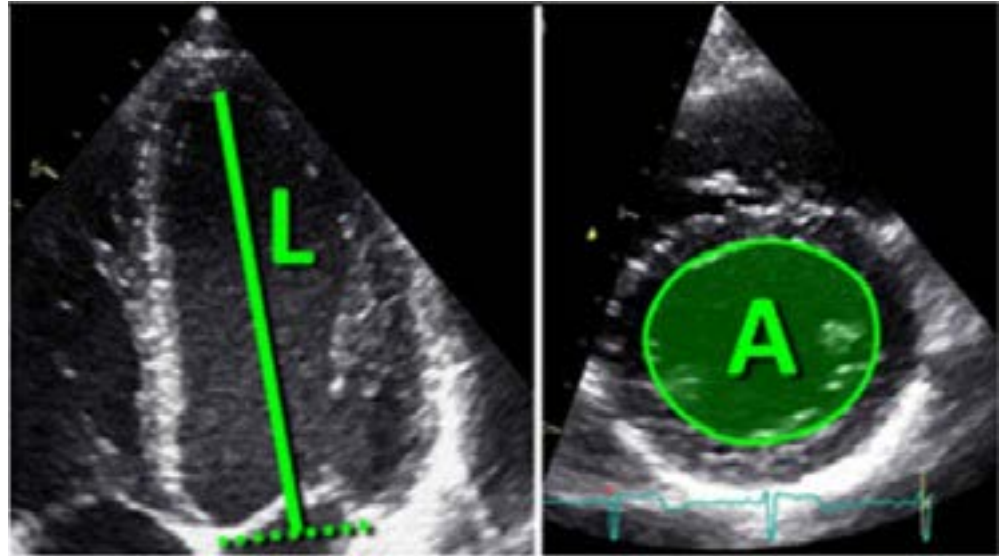


Left ventricle Size



Volumes: Area-length

- Partial correction for shape distortion
- Heavily based on geometrical assumptions

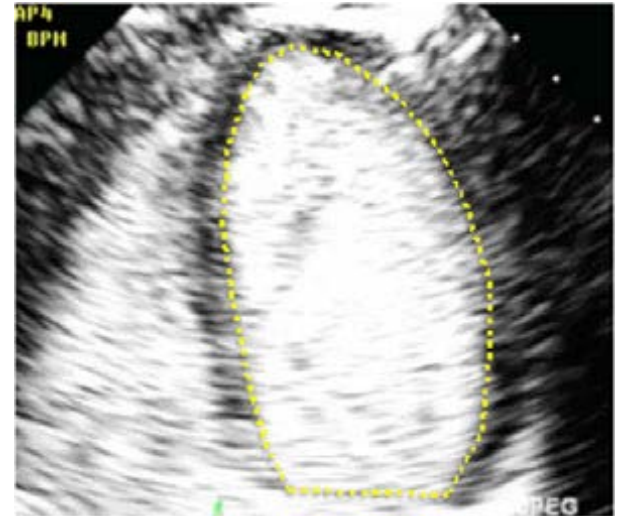


Left ventricle Size



Volumes: Endocardial enhancement

- Useful for suboptimal windows
- Acoustic shadowing in LV basal segments with excess contrast

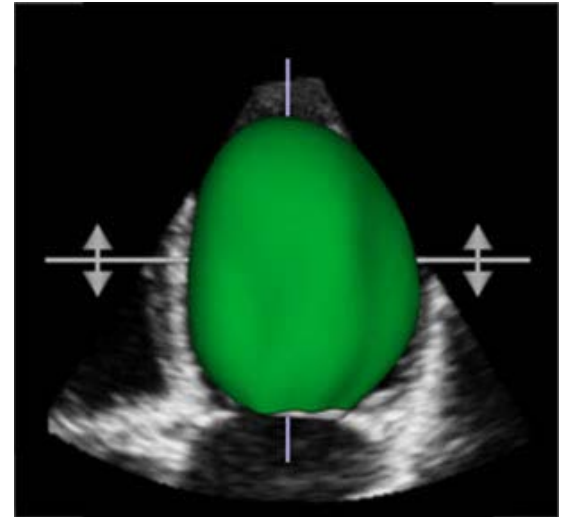


Left ventricle Size

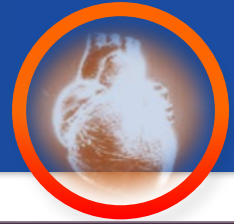


Volumes: 3D data sets

- No geometrical assumption
- Unaffected by foreshortening
- More accurate and reproducible
- Lower temporal resolution
- Image quality dependent



Left ventricle: Global systolic function

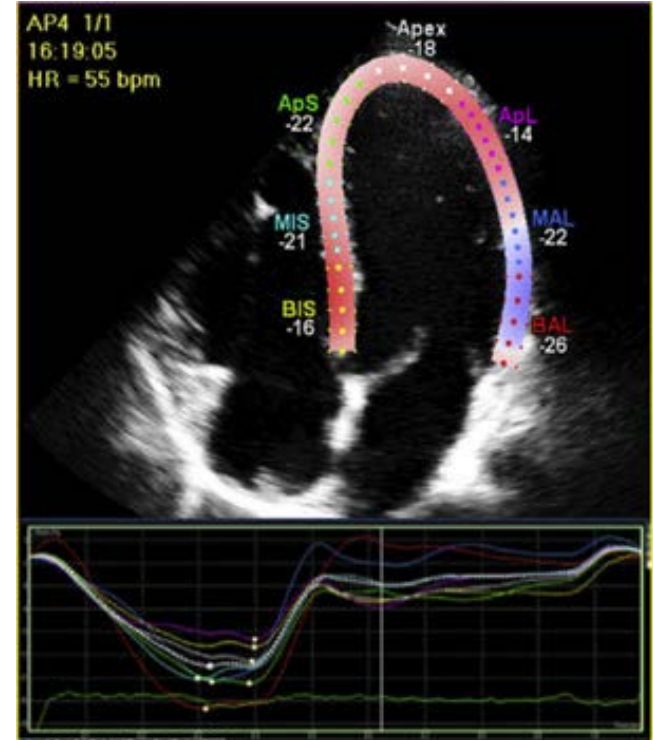


Global longitudinal strain

- Angle and vendor independent
- with established prognostic value

$$GLS(\%) = (MLs - MLd) / MLd,$$

where ML is myocardial length at end-systole (MLs) and end-diastole (MLd).



- Lang R et al. EHJ-Cardiovasc Imaging 2015;16:233-271.

Left ventricle: Global systolic function



2DE-derived LVEF

- Severity classification
- Adjusted for sex

LV systolic function: 2DE-derived LVEF (biplane Simpson's formula) or 3D-derived, if applicable

Male			
Normal range	Mildly abnormal	Moderately abnormal	Severely abnormal
52–72	41–51	30–40	<30
16–34	35–41	42–48	>48

Female			
Normal range	Mildly abnormal	Moderately abnormal	Severely abnormal
54–74	41–53	30–40	<30
16–34	35–41	42–48	>48



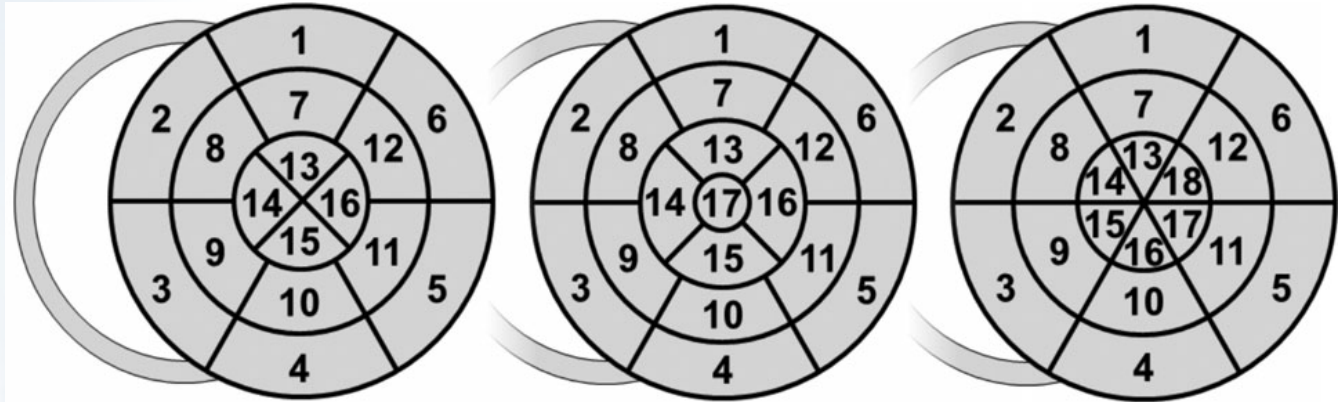
Key Insight

LV volumes are used to indicate systolic function via the ejection fraction .

Left ventricle: Regional function



LV segmentation



all models

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. basal anterior | 7. mid anterior |
| 2. basal anteroseptal | 8. mid anteroseptal |
| 3. basal inferoseptal | 9. mid inferoseptal |
| 4. basal inferior | 10. mid inferior |
| 5. basal inferolateral | 11. mid inferolateral |
| 6. basal anterolateral | 12. mid anterolateral |

16 and 17 segment model

- 13. apical anterior
- 14. apical septal
- 15. apical inferior
- 16. apical lateral

17 segment model only

- 17. apex

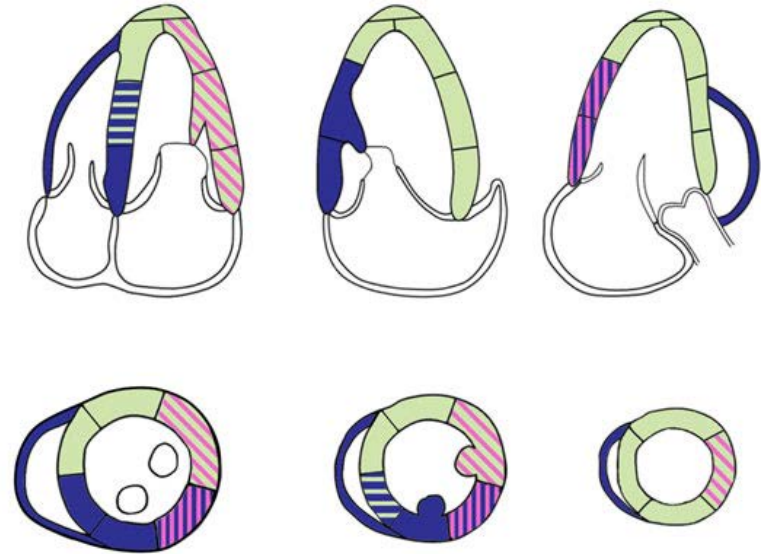
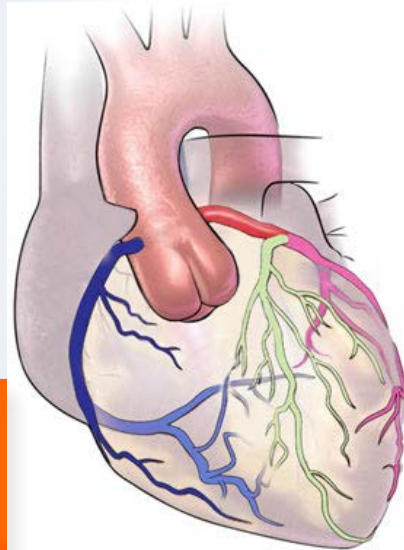
18 segment model only

- 13. apical anterior
- 14. apical anteroseptal
- 15. apical inferoseptal
- 16. apical inferior
- 17. apical inferolateral
- 18. apical anterolateral

Left ventricle: Regional function



Correlation



Keep perfusion territories in mind when regional wall motion



Key Insight

When numbers do not fit, re-assess and correlate with visual estimation and clinical data.

Left atrial dimensions



LA functions

- Contractile pump
- Reservoir
- Conduit

Echo uses of LA size

- Diastolic function
- LV function
- Intracardiac pressure
- Valve lesions

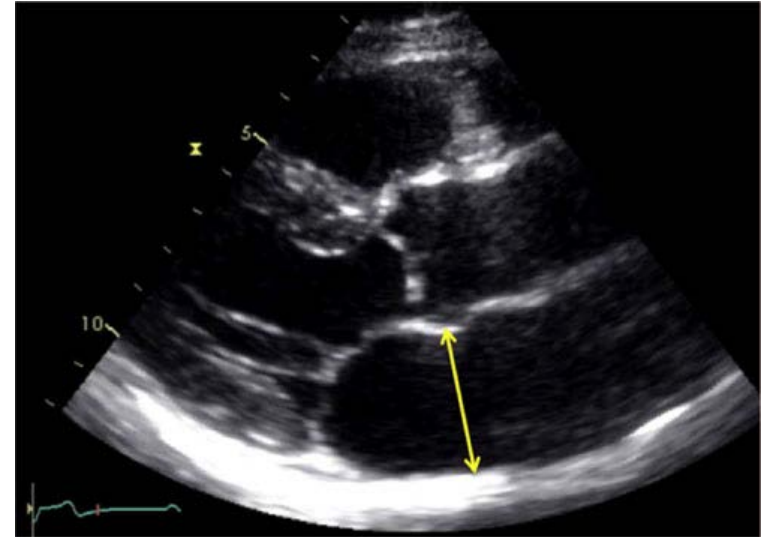
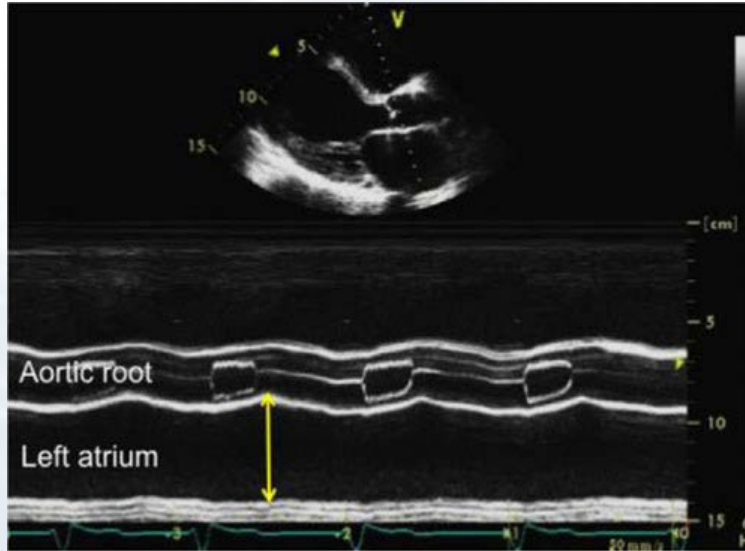
TTE is preferred approach

Left atrial dimensions



Correlation

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Left atrial dimensions



LA volumetric measurement

- Area-length
- Disc summation
- 3D volumes

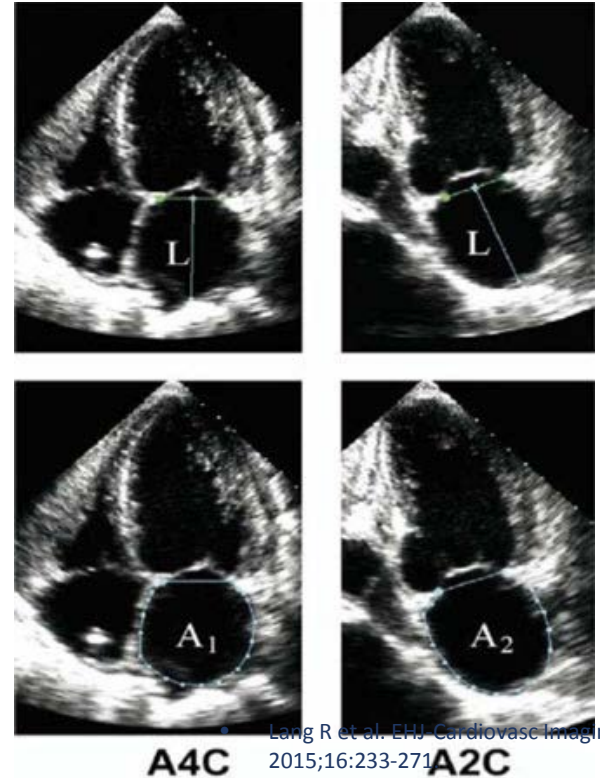


Left atrial dimensions



Biplane area length method

- Enables accurate assessment of the asymmetric remodeling of the left atrium
- More robust predictor of cardiovascular events than linear or area measurements



Left atrial dimensions



Biplane area length method



LA volume index: biplane area-length is preferred

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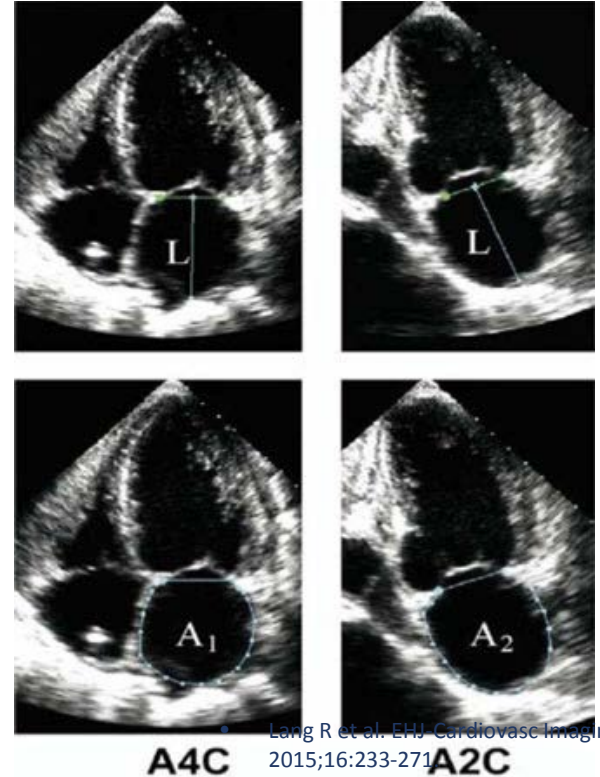
Left atrial dimensions



LA volume index

- 2006 cut-off: 28 ml/m²
- **2015 cut-off: 34 ml/m²**
- much more studies to back up new cut-off

Volume index is the preferred measure of LA size





Key Insight

Take equally great care in measuring the LA size, since this will have several echo and clinical implications.

Right atrial dimensions



RA size measurement

- Less research and fewer clinical outcomes
- Apical 4 chamber view is preferred
- Diameters and volumes



Right atrial dimensions



RA size measurement

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Normal RA size obtained from 2D echocardiographic studies

	Women	Men
RA minor axis dimension (cm/m ²)	1.9 ± 0.3	1.9 ± 0.3
RA major axis dimension (cm/m ²)	2.5 ± 0.3	2.4 ± 0.3
2D echocardiographic RA volume (mL/m ²)	21 ± 6	25 ± 7

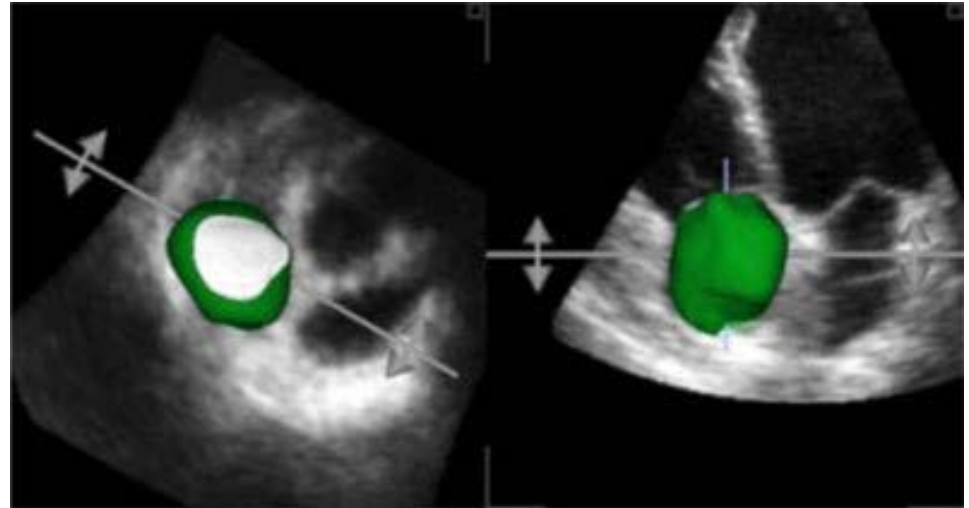
Data are expressed as mean ± SD.

Right atrial dimensions



RA size measurement

- RA volume
- Calculated using single-plane area-length or disk summation techniques
- normal ranges
 - 25+7 mL/m² in men
 - 21+6 mL/m² in women



RA size: recommended parameter is RA volume

Aortic territory



General rules

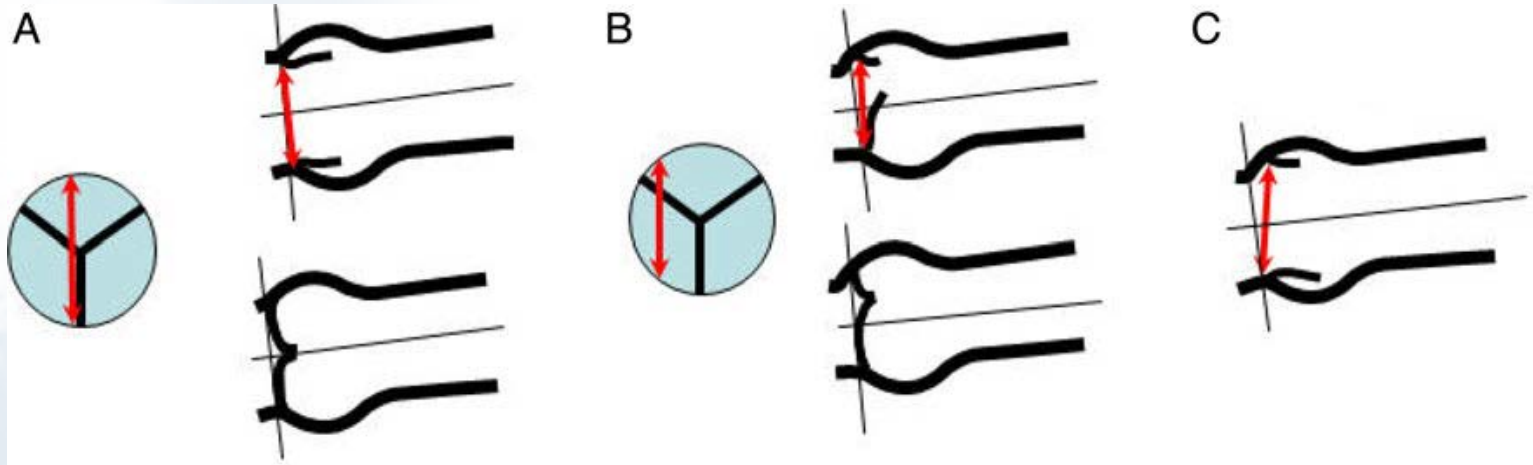
- Get good long-axis view with a central AV coaptation point
- calcium protuberances should be considered as part of the lumen, not of the aortic wall, and therefore excluded from the diameter measurement
- AV annulus: Inner edge to inner edge technique
- Other parts: leading edge to leading edge

Aortic root dimensions



Correlation

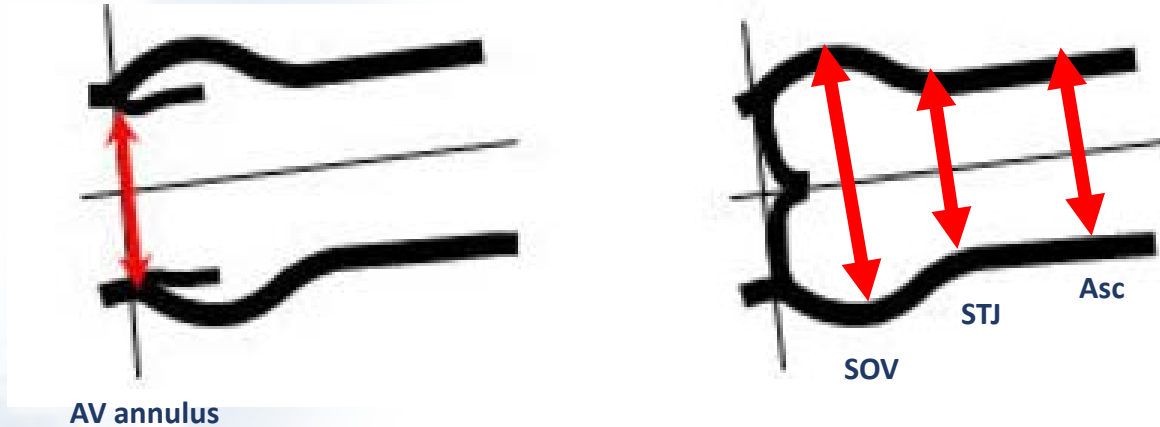
- Annulus
- root



Aortic root dimensions

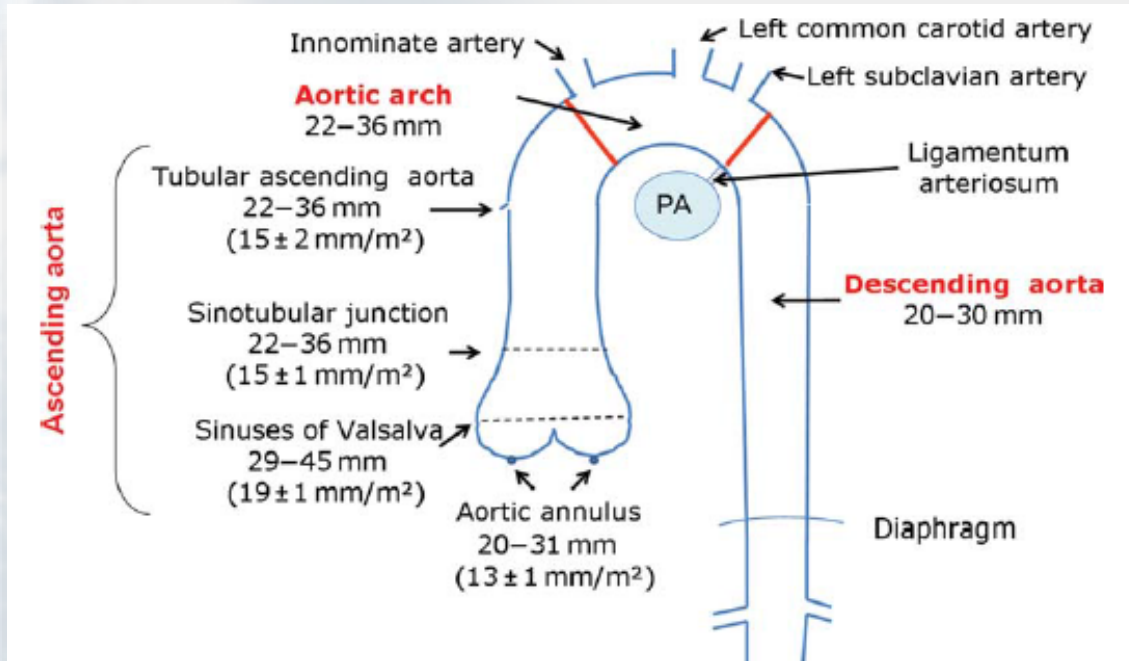


Proper measurement



AV annulus: Inner edge technique; the rest: leading edge technique

Aortic root dimensions



- Feigenbaum H, Armstrong WF, Ryan T, eds. Feigenbaum's Echocardiography. 6th ed. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2005. p673; Ascending aorta values from Erbel et al



Key Insight

Optimize the view before taking aortic measurements.

Recap of Session Outline



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Questions

- Sigmoid septum: how to address?
- HCM: how to report?
- When EF values differ: how to decide?
- When numbers and visual estimate contradict
- LV mass: when LVMI is increased, LVEDD and RWT are normal: how to conclude?
- RWT: double PWD or average IVSD and PWD?