

Aortic Stenosis Challenges



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Aortic Stenosis- Management Challenges

- 1. True or a mistaken diagnosis?**
- 2. The asymptomatic patient with severe AS**
- 3. Low flow-low gradient aortic stenosis**
- 4. Indications for TAVR**

CASE #1

- ❖ 72 year white male with a cardiac murmur
- ❖ Recent onset of dyspnea
- ❖ Suspected severe valvular aortic stenosis
- ❖ Referred for AV surgery
- ❖ Echocardiogram was repeated

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15cm

2D

67%

C 50

P Low

HGen



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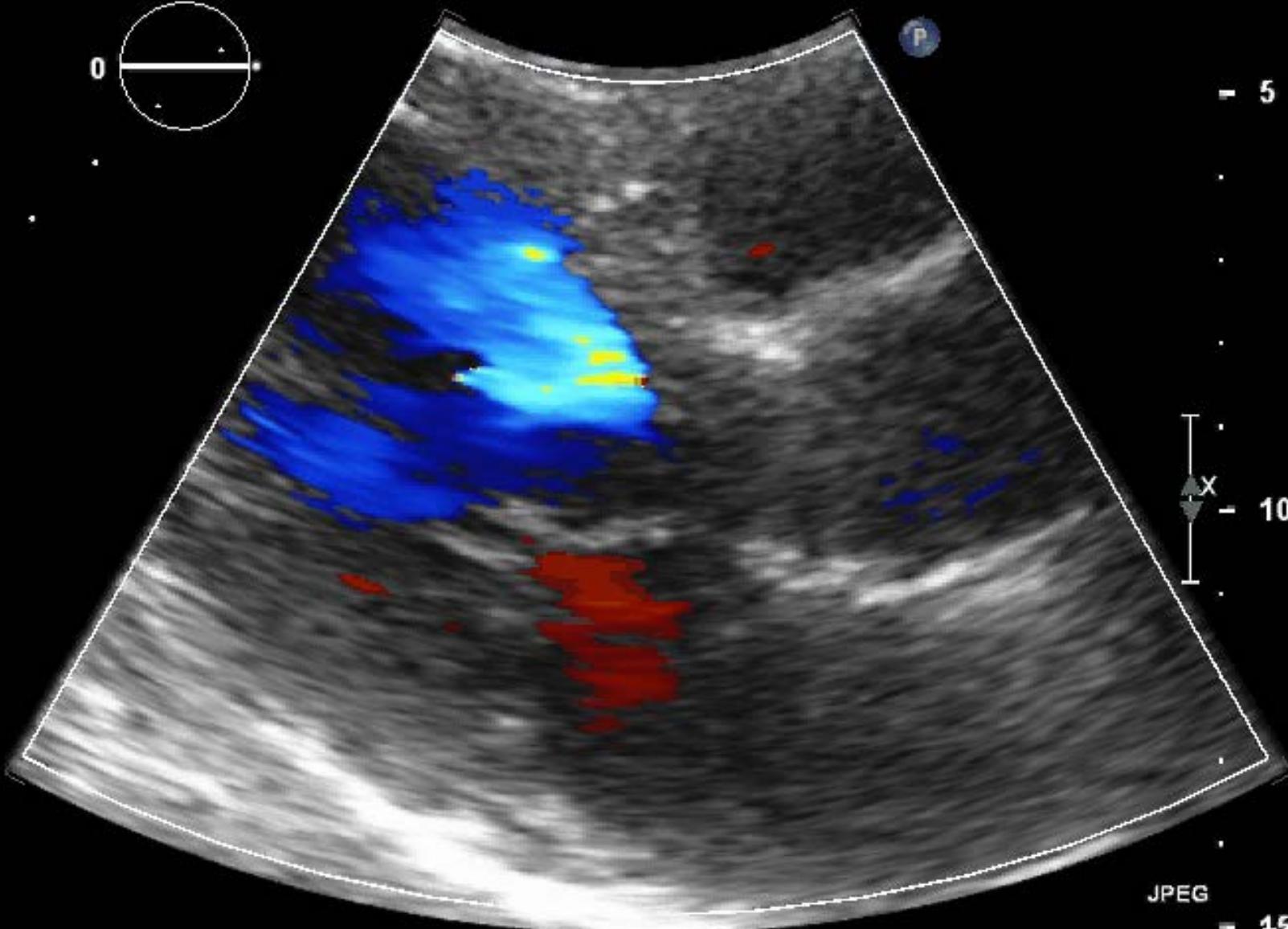
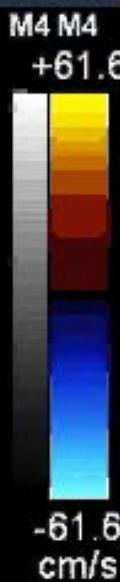
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HGen

CF
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WF High
Med



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X5-1/RGH ECHO

FR 50Hz

17cm

2D

74%

C 50

P Low

HGen



M4

- 0

- 5

- 10

- 15

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77 bpm

P

X



1.6 3.2

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ROCHESTER GENERAL

X5-1/RGH ECHO

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2D
74%
C 50
P Low
HGen



M4



Area 1.97 cm²

78bpm

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X5-1/RGH ECHO

FR 50Hz

18cm

2D

71%

C 50

P Low

HGen



M4

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- 5

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76 bpm



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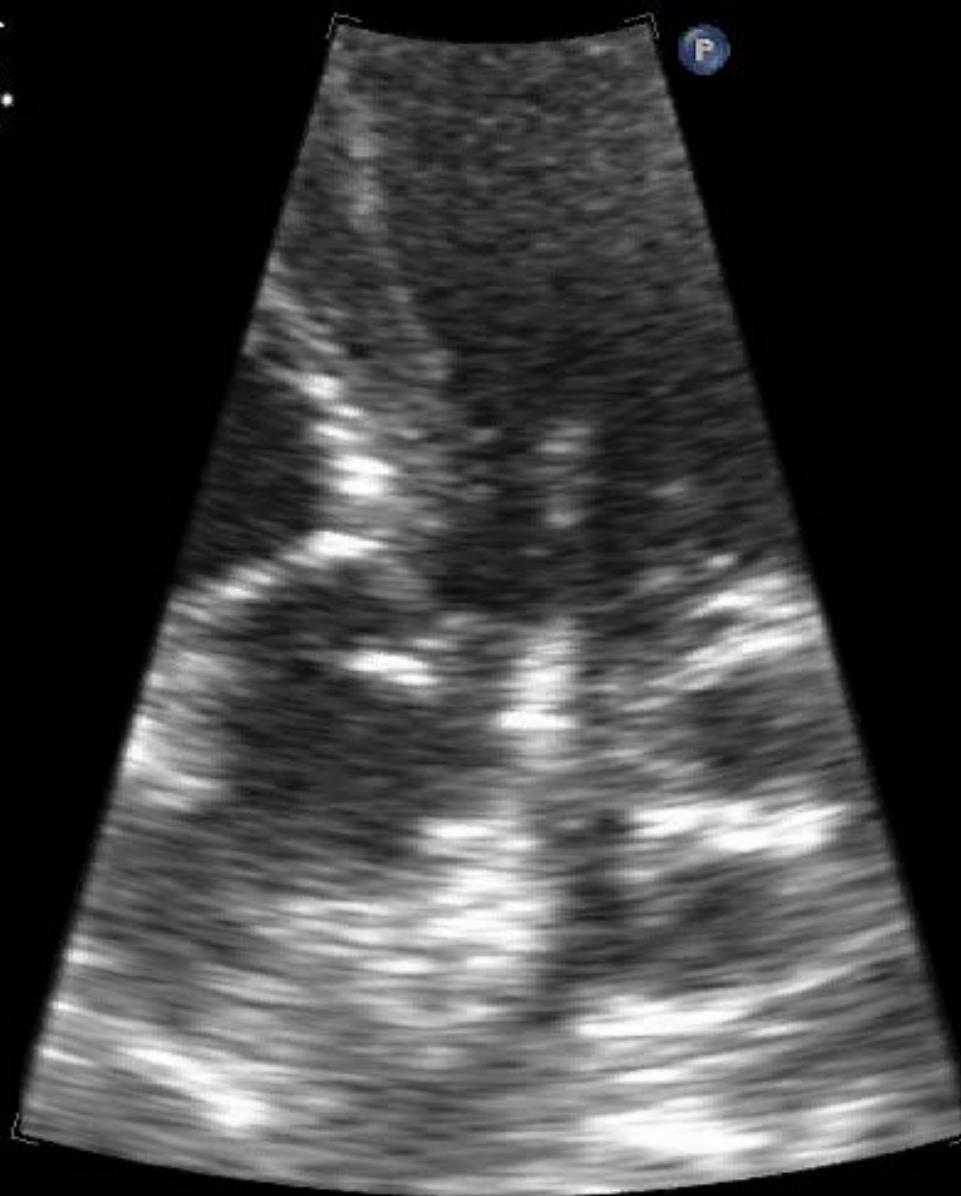
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82%
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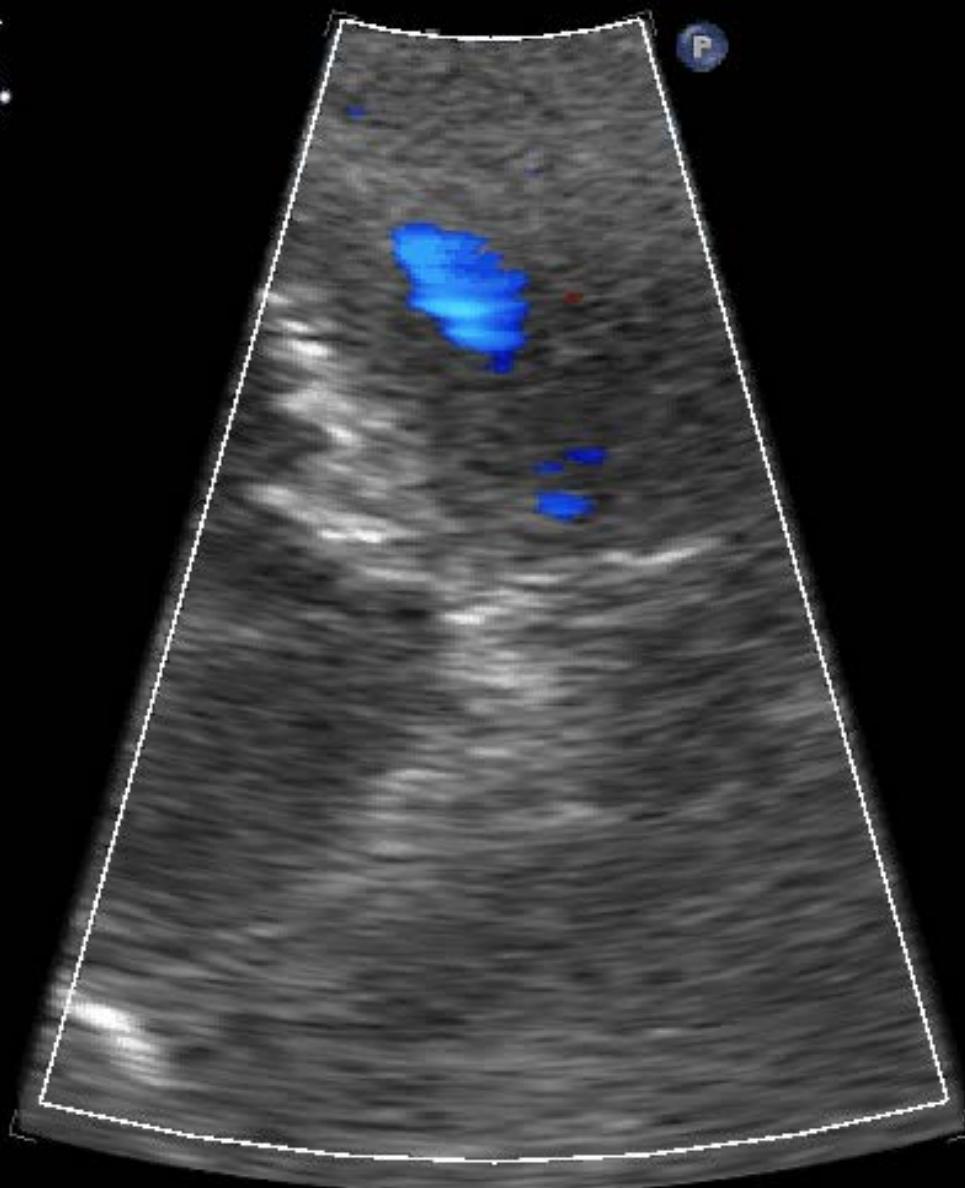
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WF High
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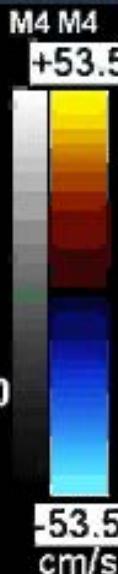


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- 79 bpm



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X5-1/RGH ECHO

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85%

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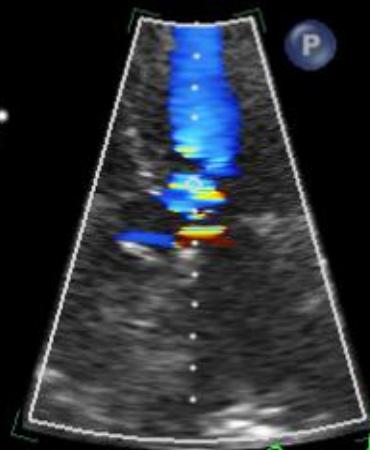
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63%

2.5MHz

WF High

Med



- 10

- 15

- 20

- 25

- 30

- 35

- 40

- 45

- 50

- 55

- 60

CW

50%

1.8MHz

WF 225Hz

M4 M4

+53.5

-53.5

cm/s

- m/s

- 1.0

- 2.0

- 3.0

- 4.0

- 5.0

- 6.0

- 7.0

Vel 652 cm/s
PG 170 mmHg

75mm/s

76bpm

Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy

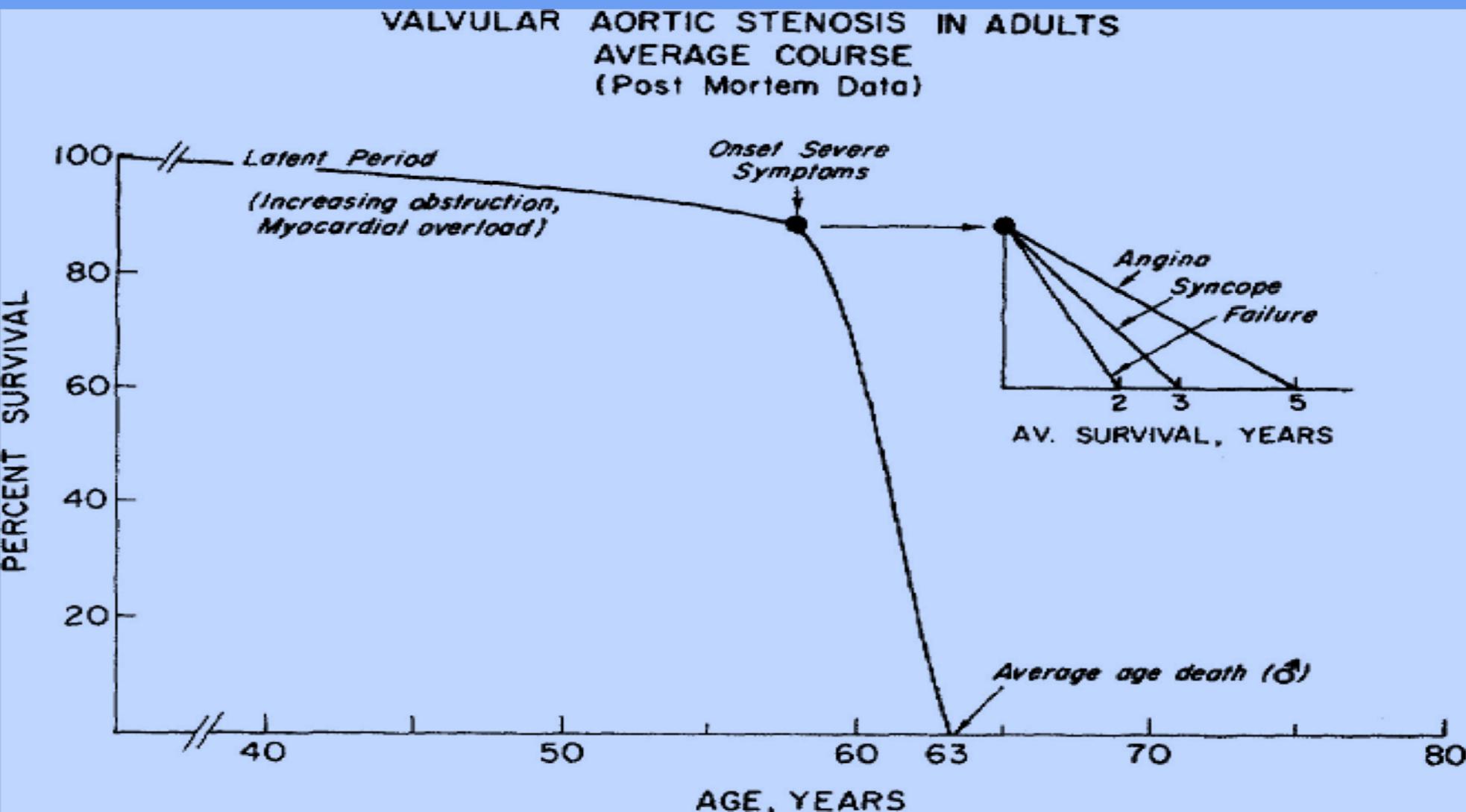
TREATMENT:

- ❖ No AVR
- ❖ Beta blockers
- ❖ Calcium channel blockers
- ❖ Avoid Hypovolemia
- ❖ Surgical Myectomy or Percutaneous Alcohol Septal Ablation

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The natural history of aortic stenosis, emphasizing a long presymptomatic period and the dismal outcome once symptoms begin.



Indications for AVR surgery



Symptomatic Patient with severe AS

Class 1 Indication



...if it is likely that the symptoms are cardiac in origin

Case #2

- ❖ A 52 year white male with known aortic stenosis asymptomatic

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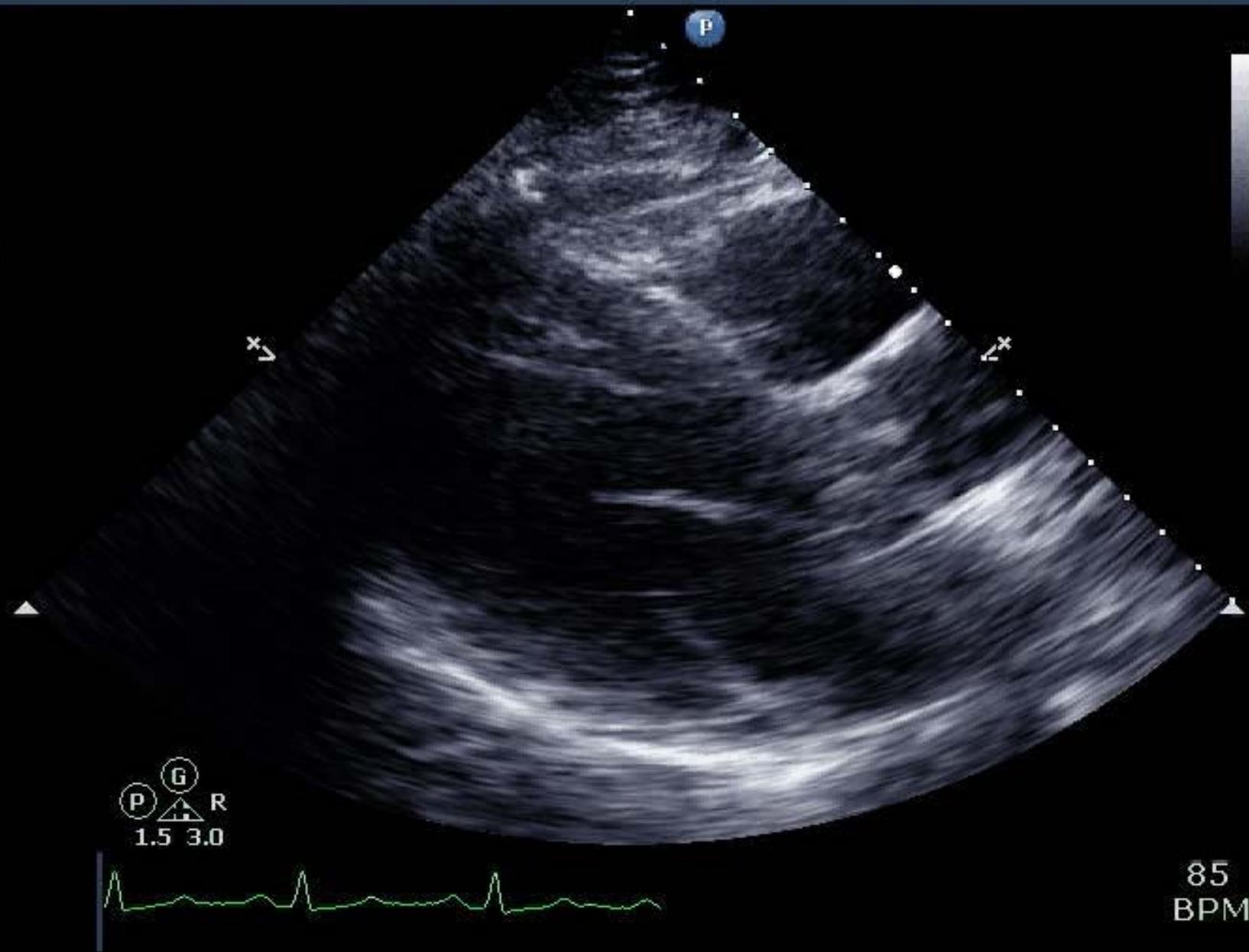
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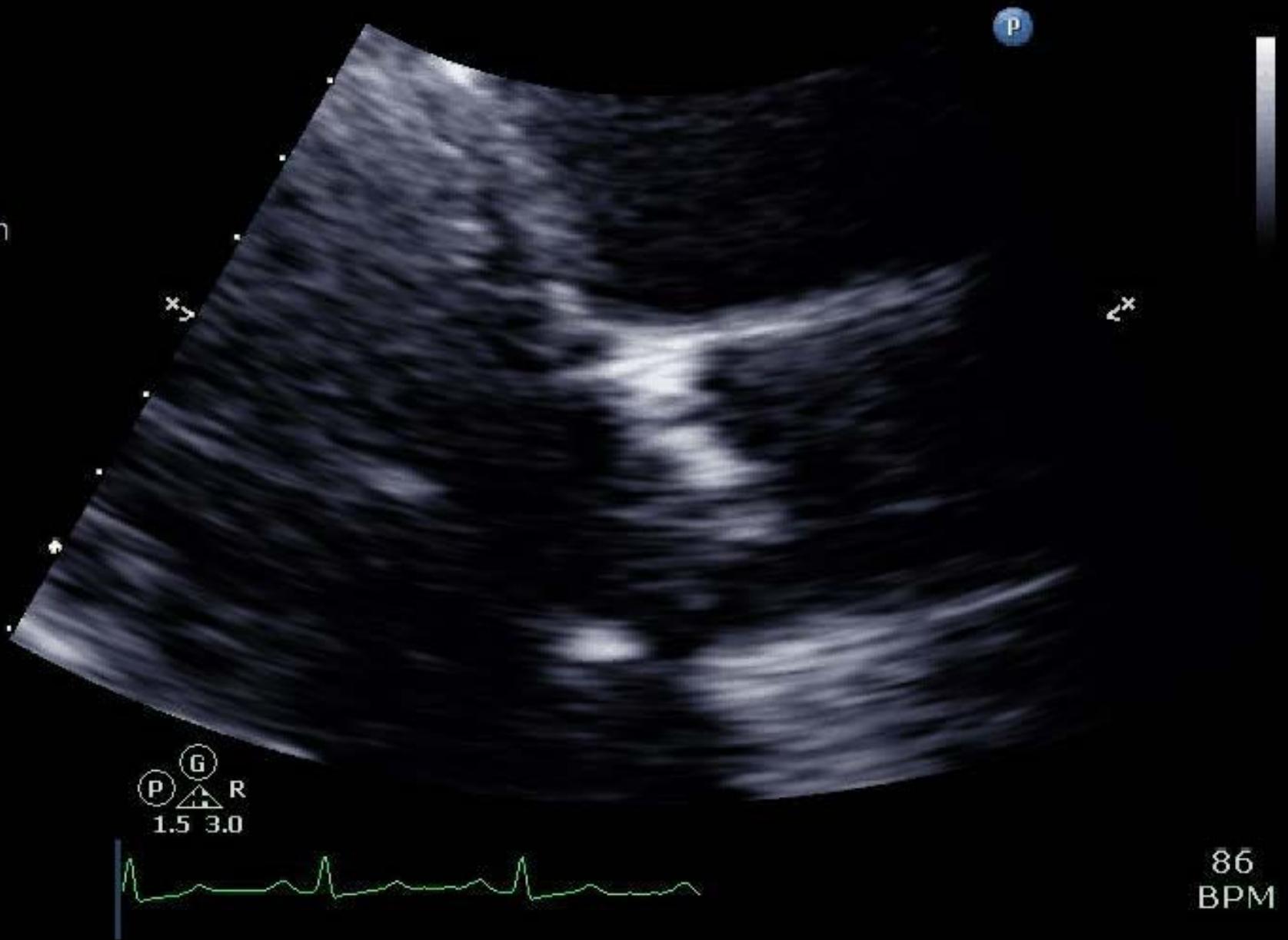
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HD Zoom

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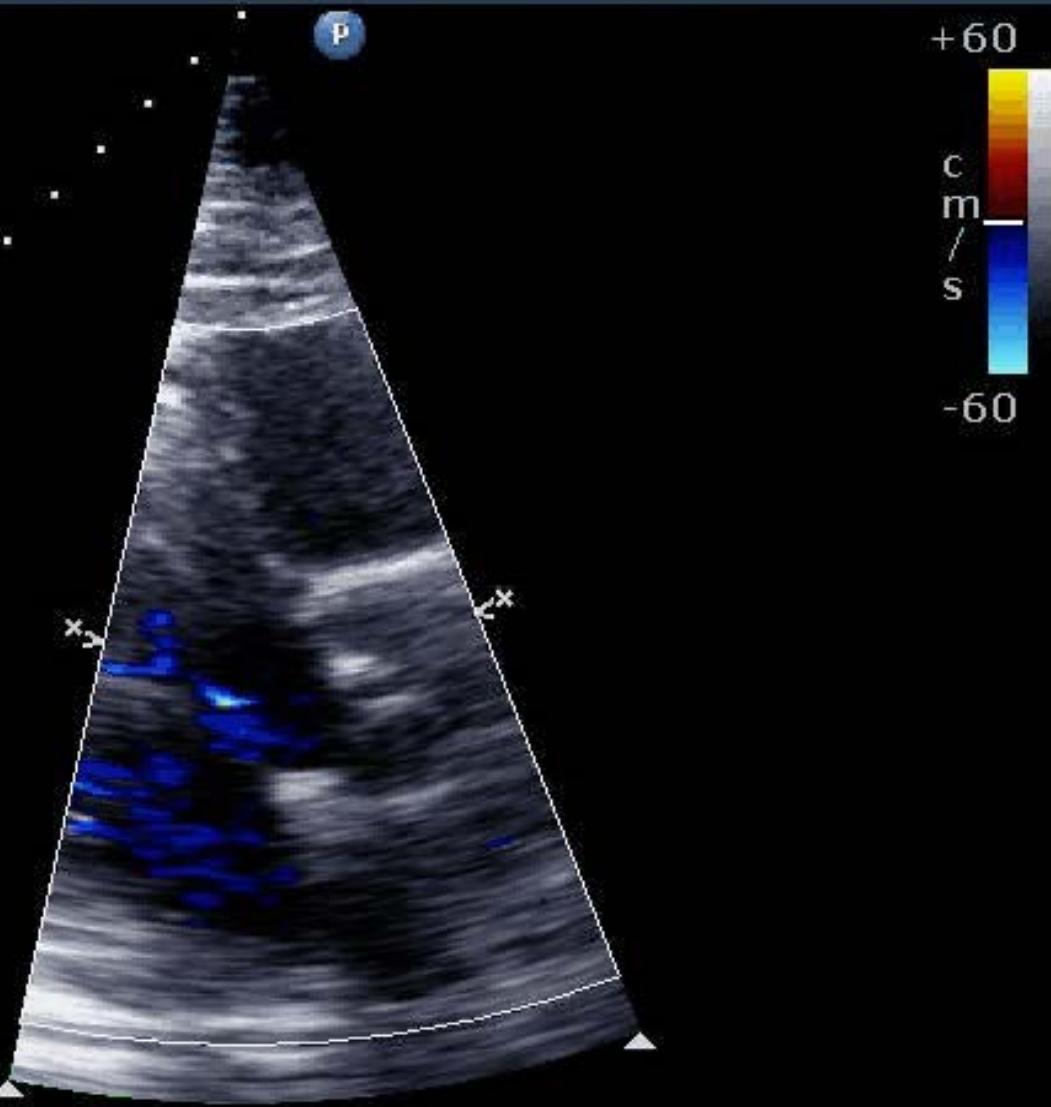


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17.0cm

2D
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50 mm/s

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Gn 75
4/4/0
Fltr Med

(P) (G) R
1.5 3.0



79
BPM

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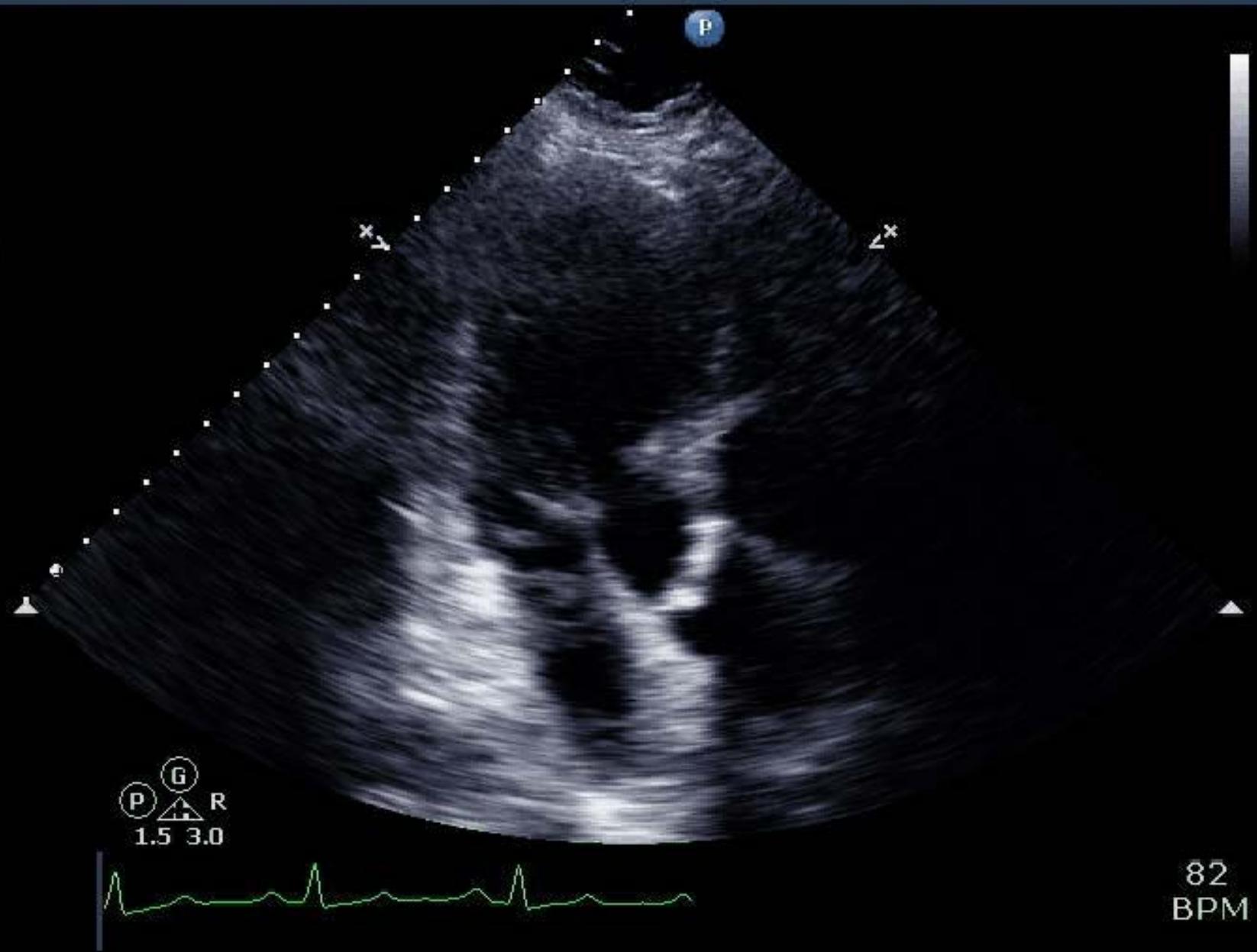


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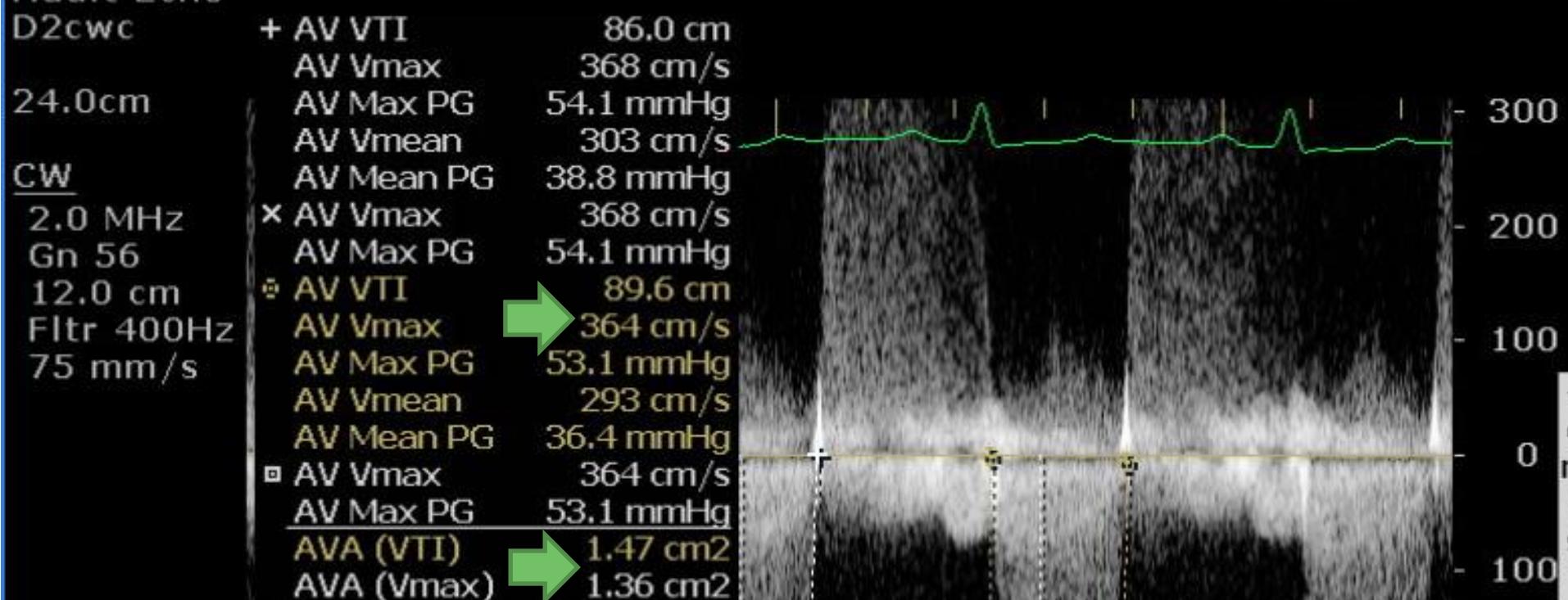
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Adult Echo

86 BPM



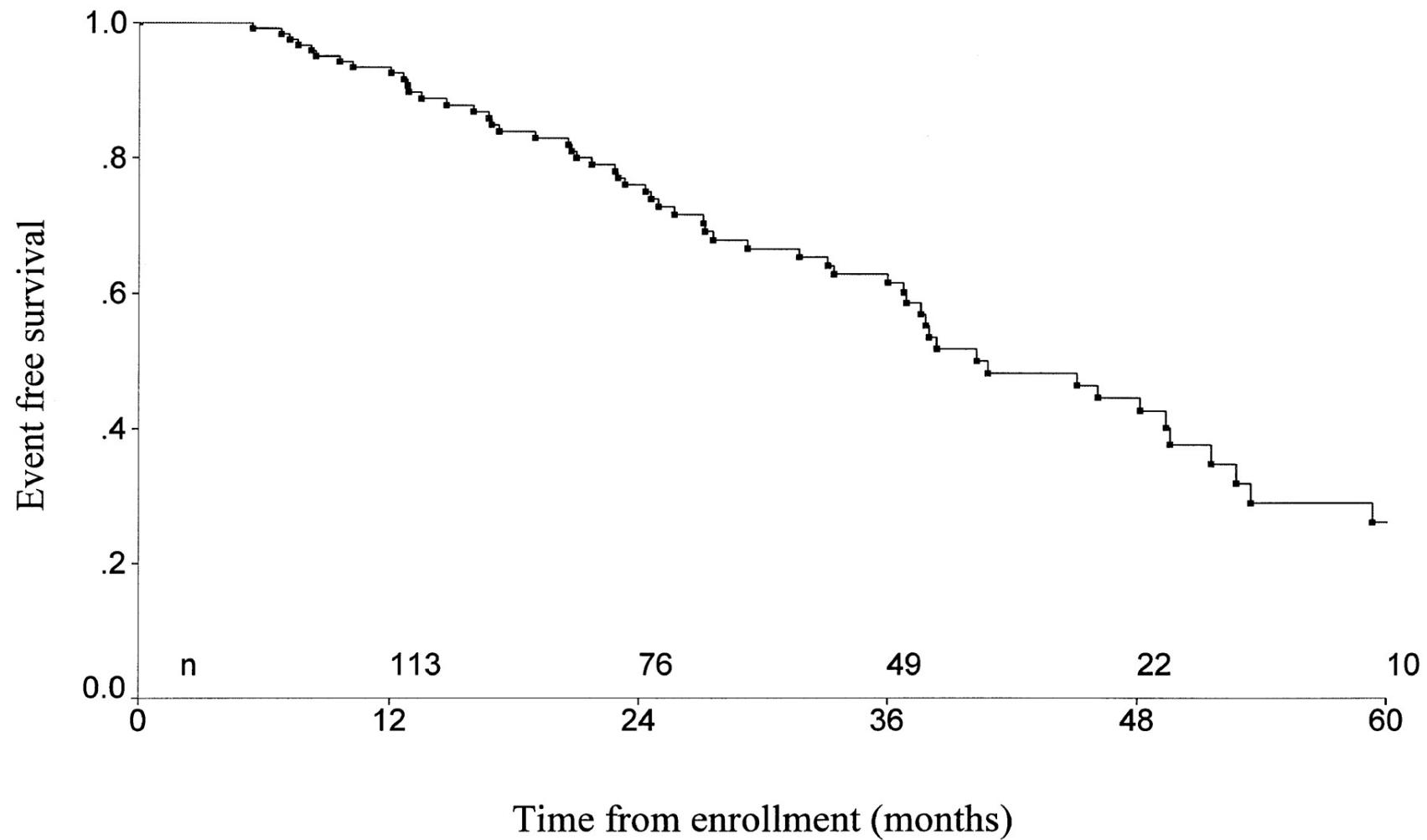
The Asymptomatic Patient with Severe AS

What are we waiting for?

Case #2

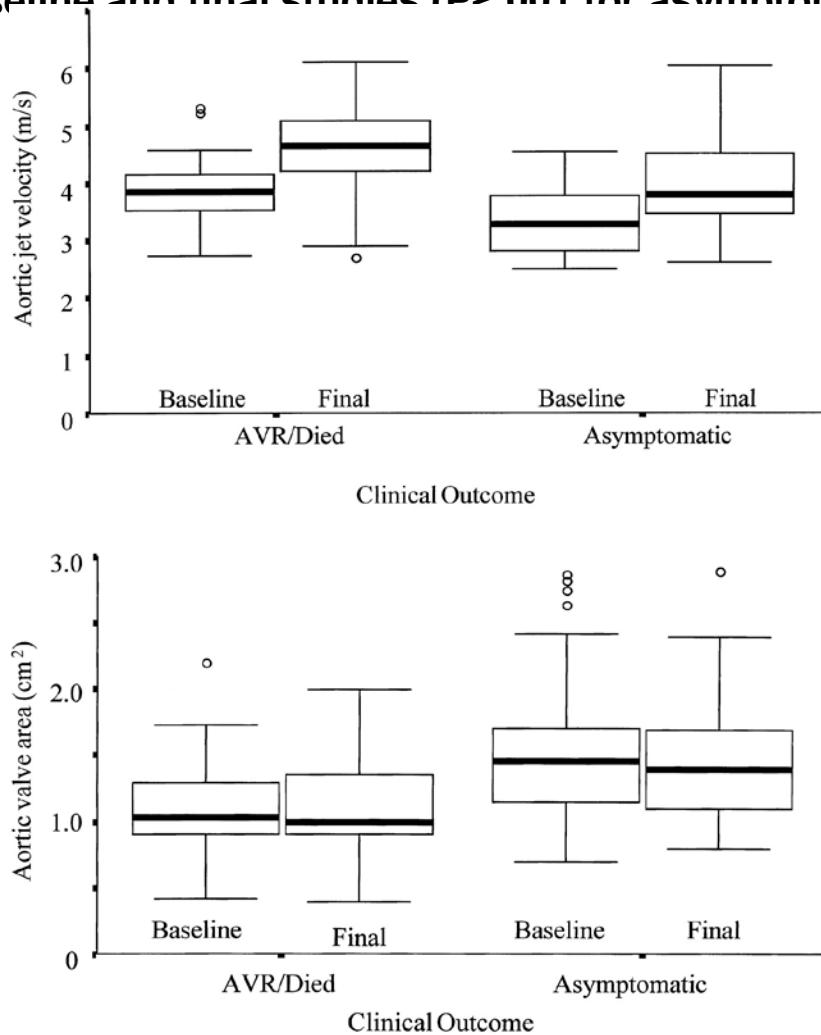
- ❖ Presented with Sudden Cardiac Death (Unity Hospital)
- ❖ Successfully resuscitated
- ❖ Coronary angiography; Normal coronaries
- ❖ EPS; Negative
- ❖ Underwent AVR surgery

Kaplan-Meier life-table analysis showing survival without valve replacement for 123 subjects with initially asymptomatic valvular aortic stenosis.



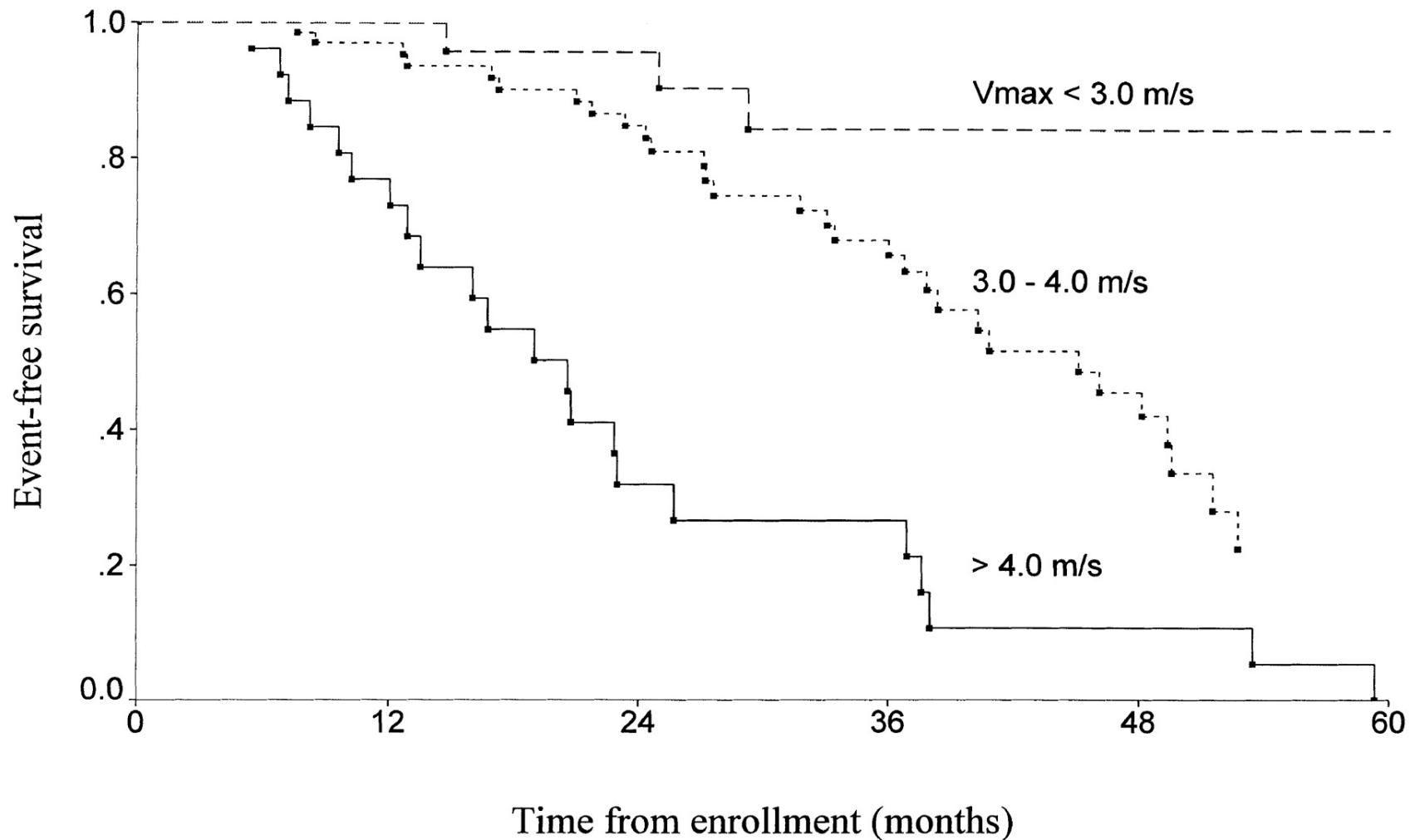
Catherine M. Otto et al. Circulation. 1997;95:2262-2270

Aortic jet velocity (top) and aortic valve area (bottom) in subjects who developed symptoms requiring aortic valve replacement or died (AVR/Died) are compared with those who remained asymptomatic for the baseline and final studies ($P < 0.01$ for asymptomatic vs those with an end



Catherine M. Otto et al. Circulation. 1997;95:2262-2270

Cox regression analysis showing event-free survival in groups defined by aortic jet velocity at entry ($P < .0001$ by log-rank test).



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Asymptomatic Aortic Stenosis Indications for AVR

ACC/AHA



Very severe AS (Vmax >/ 5 m/s) **Class 2a**

Rapid progression (low surgical risk) **Class 2b**

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Very severe AS (Vmax >5 m/s) **Class 2a**

Very severe calcification with rapid progression
. (0.3 m/s per year) **Class 2a**

Markedly elevated BNP and exercise induced rise
in gradient >20 mmHg **Class 2b**

Excessive LVH **Class 2b**

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Case#3

- ❖ An 83 old male with asymptomatic severe aortic stenosis
- ❖ Routine follow up 6 months ago
- ❖ Echocardiogram was repeated

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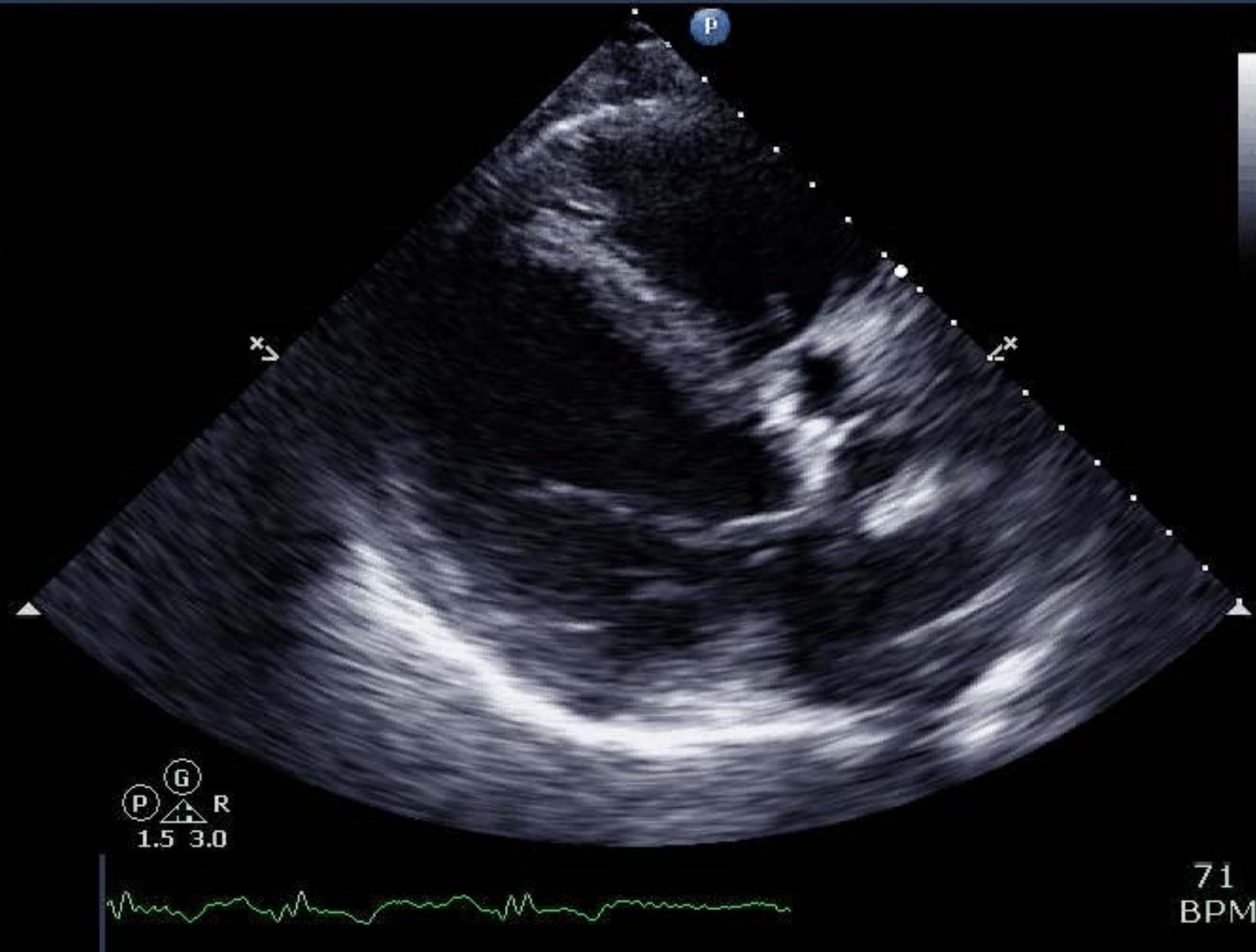
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Gn 98

55

7/2/0

50 mm/s



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2D

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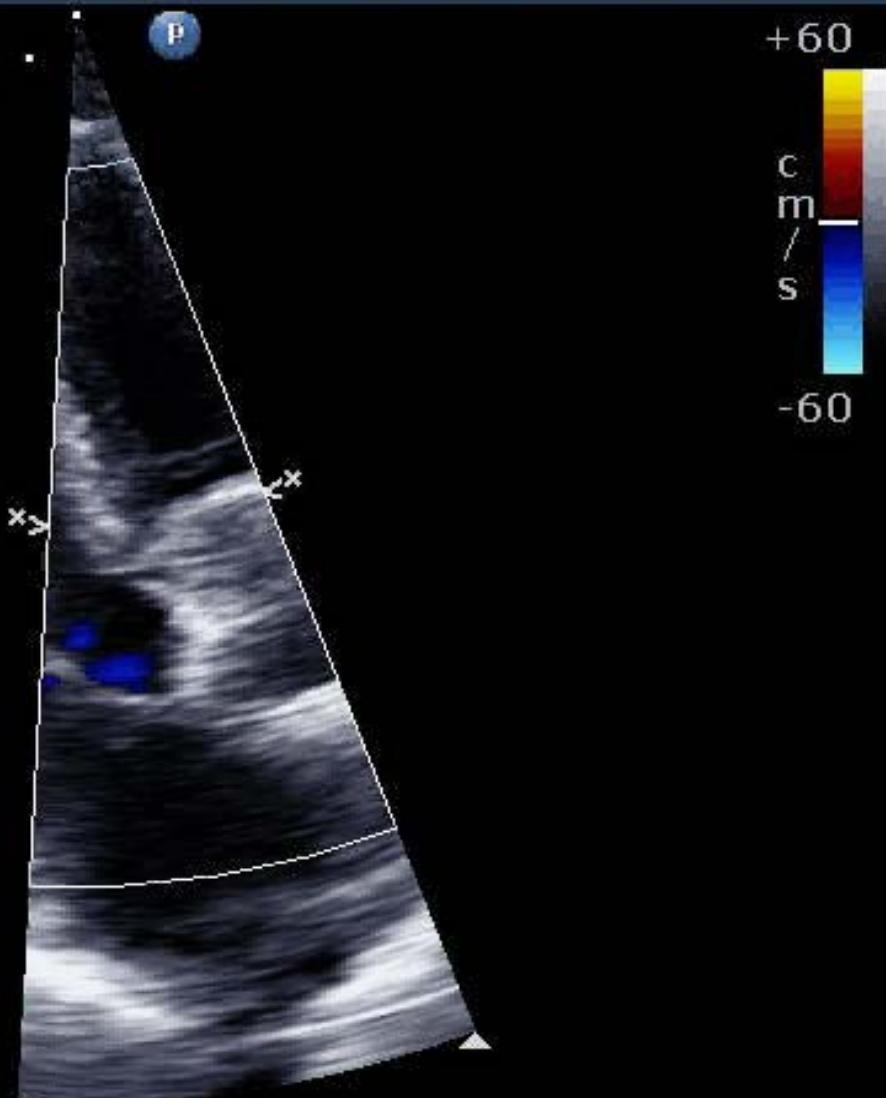


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55
7/2/0
50 mm/sColor2.5 MHz
Gn 75
4/4/0
Fltr MedP G R
1.5 3.068
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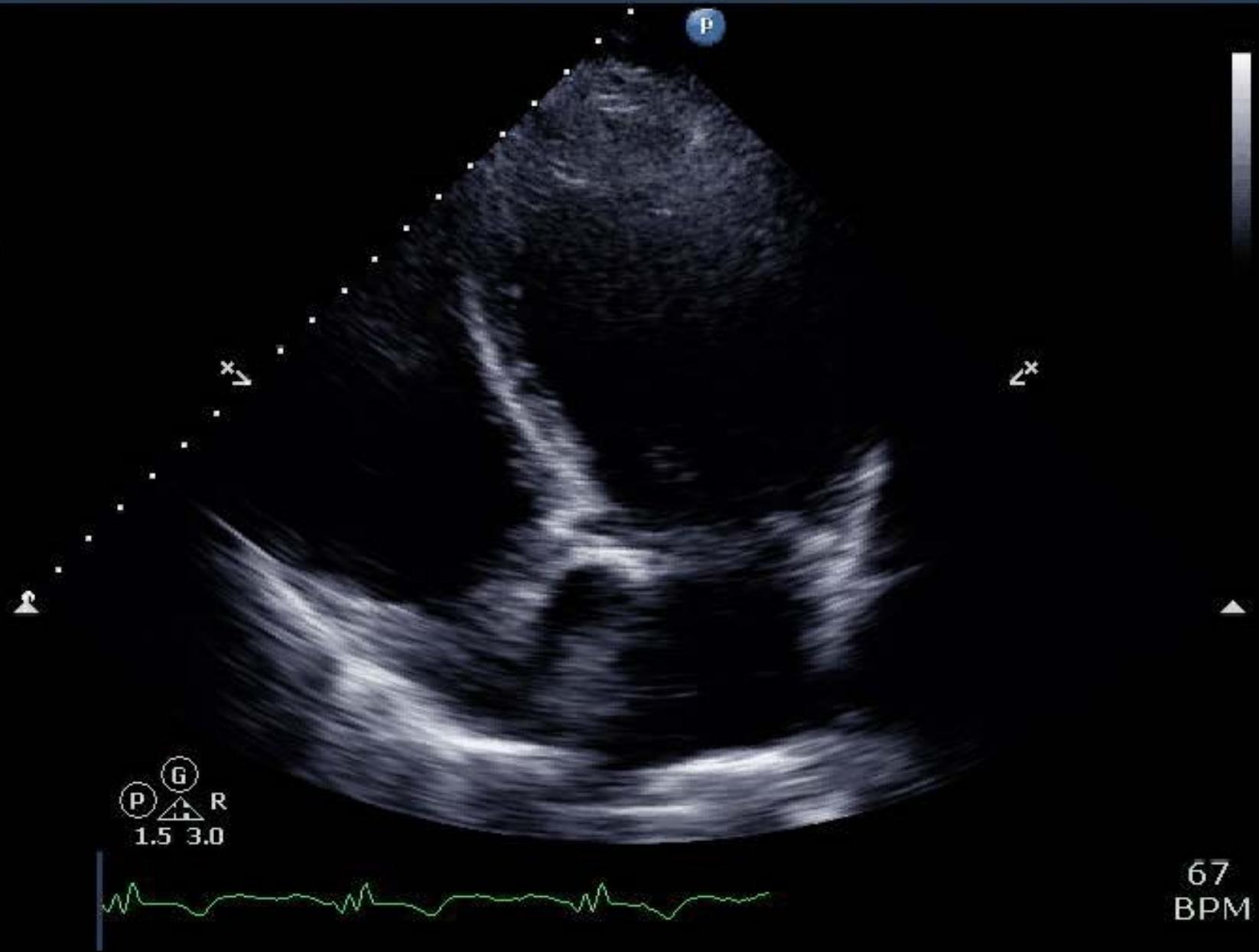
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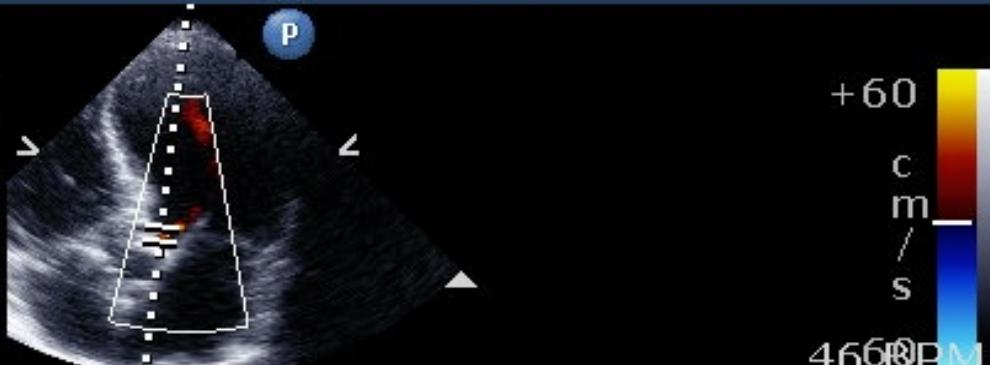
2D
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50 mm/s



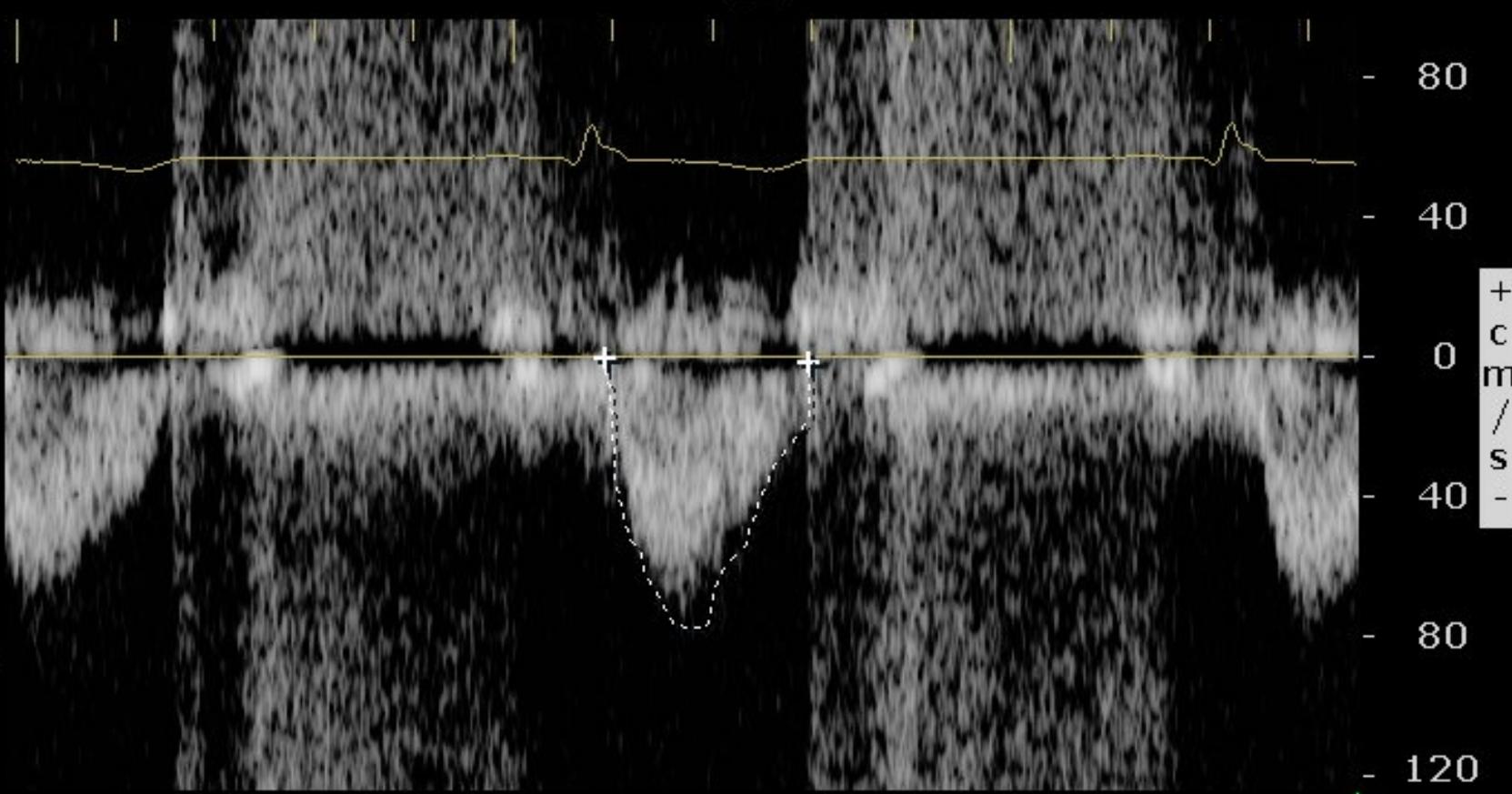
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DOBUT STRI

S5-2 + LVOT VTI 21.4 cm
18.0cm LVOT Vmax 77.8 cm/s
2D LVOT Max PG 2.42 mmHg
HPen-HGen LVOT Vmean 52.3 cm/s
Gn 89 LVOT Mean PG 1.26 mmHg
52 SV (LVOT) 77.1 ml
7/2/0 1.5 3.0

Color

2.5 MHz
Gn 70
4/4/0
Fltr Med

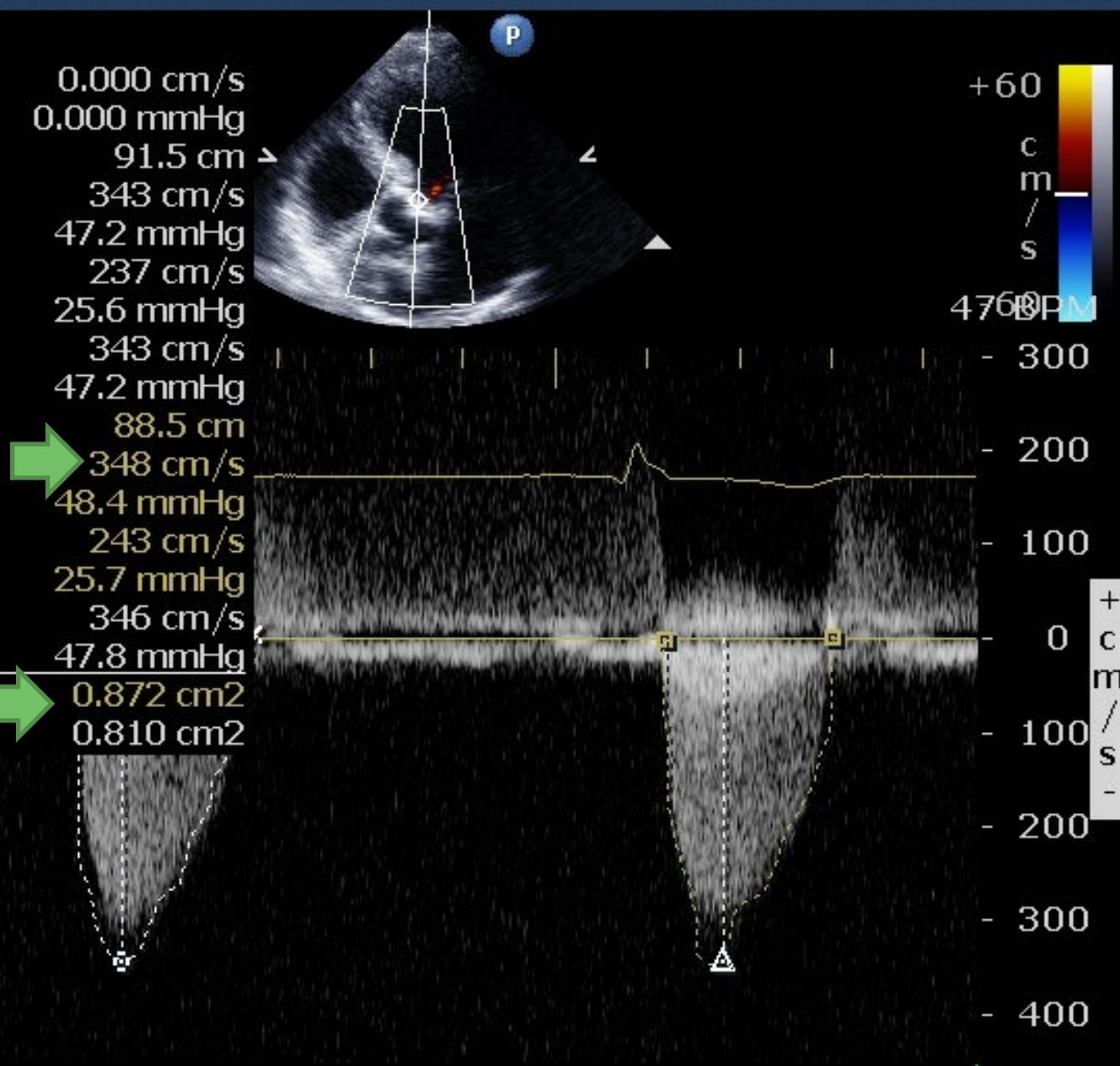
PW

1.7 MHz
Gn 50
11.0 cm
Angle 0°
Fltr 200Hz
75 mm/s

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DOBUT STRI

S5-2 + AV Vmax 0.000 cm/s
18.0cm AV Max PG 0.000 mmHg
2D x AV VTI 91.5 cm
HPen-HGen AV Vmax 343 cm/s
Gn 89 AV Max PG 47.2 mmHg
52 AV Vmean 237 cm/s
7/2/0 AV Mean PG 25.6 mmHg
AV Vmax 343 cm/s
AV Max PG 47.2 mmHg
AV VTI 88.5 cm
AV Vmax 348 cm/s
AV Max PG 48.4 mmHg
AV Vmean 243 cm/s
AV Mean PG 25.7 mmHg
AV Vmax 346 cm/s
AV Max PG 47.8 mmHg
AV (VTI) 0.872 cm²
AV (Vmax) 0.810 cm²



CW

1.8 MHz
Gn 56
10.8 cm
Angle 0°
Fltr 400Hz
75 mm/s

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DOBUT STRI

S5-2

18.0cm

2D

HPen-HGen

Gn 72

52

7/2/0

+ AV VTI	96.6 cm
AV Vmax	415 cm/s
AV Max PG	68.8 mmHg
AV Vmean	282 cm/s
AV Mean PG	36.4 mmHg
AV Vmax	415 cm/s
AV Max PG	68.8 mmHg
AVA (VTI)	0.799 cm ²
AVA (Vmax)	0.675 cm ²



DOBUTABINE

15 MCG

69 BPM

- 200

- 100

- 0

+ 100

m

- 200

- 300

- 400

- 500

CW

1.8 MHz

Gn 56

10.2 cm

Angle 0°

Fltr 400Hz

75 mm/s

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DOBUT STRI

S5-2	+ AV VTI	98.1 cm
	AV Vmax	408 cm/s
18.0cm	AV Max PG	66.6 mmHg
	AV Vmean	303 cm/s
<u>2D</u>	AV Mean PG	41.2 mmHg
HPen-HGen	\times AV Vmax	402 cm/s
Gn 72	<u>AV Max PG</u>	<u>64.5 mmHg</u>
52	AVA (VTI)	0.786 cm ²
7 / 2 / 0	AVA (Vmax)	0.697 cm ²

DOBUTAMINE

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70 RPM

- 200

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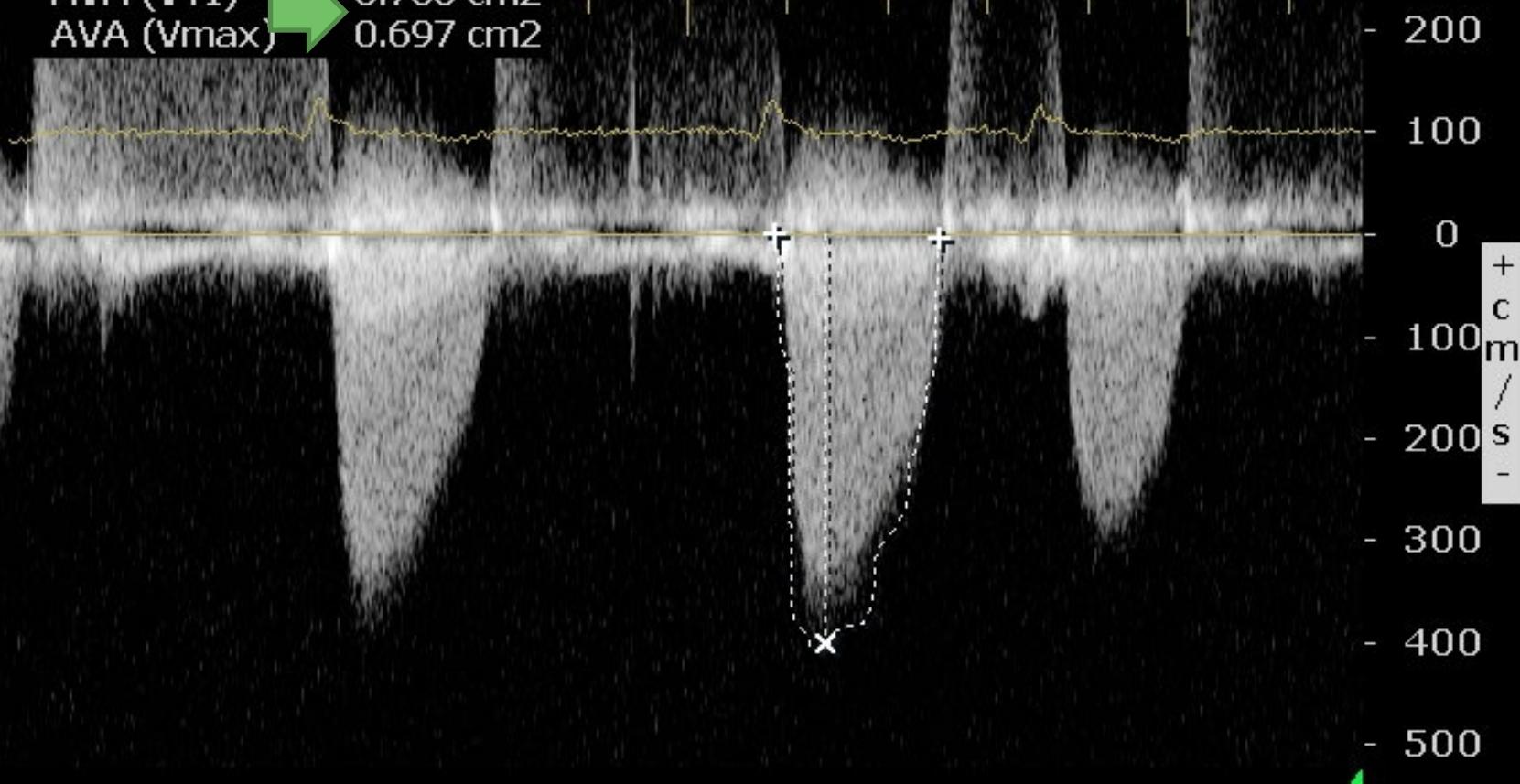
+

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200

3

500



Low flow, Low Gradient Aortic Stenosis

- ◆ The symptomatic patient with LV dysfunction and low gradient stenosis.
- ◆ The symptomatic patient with normal LV function and paradoxical low flow, low gradient stenosis.

Paradoxical Low Flow Low Gradient AS(PLFLG)

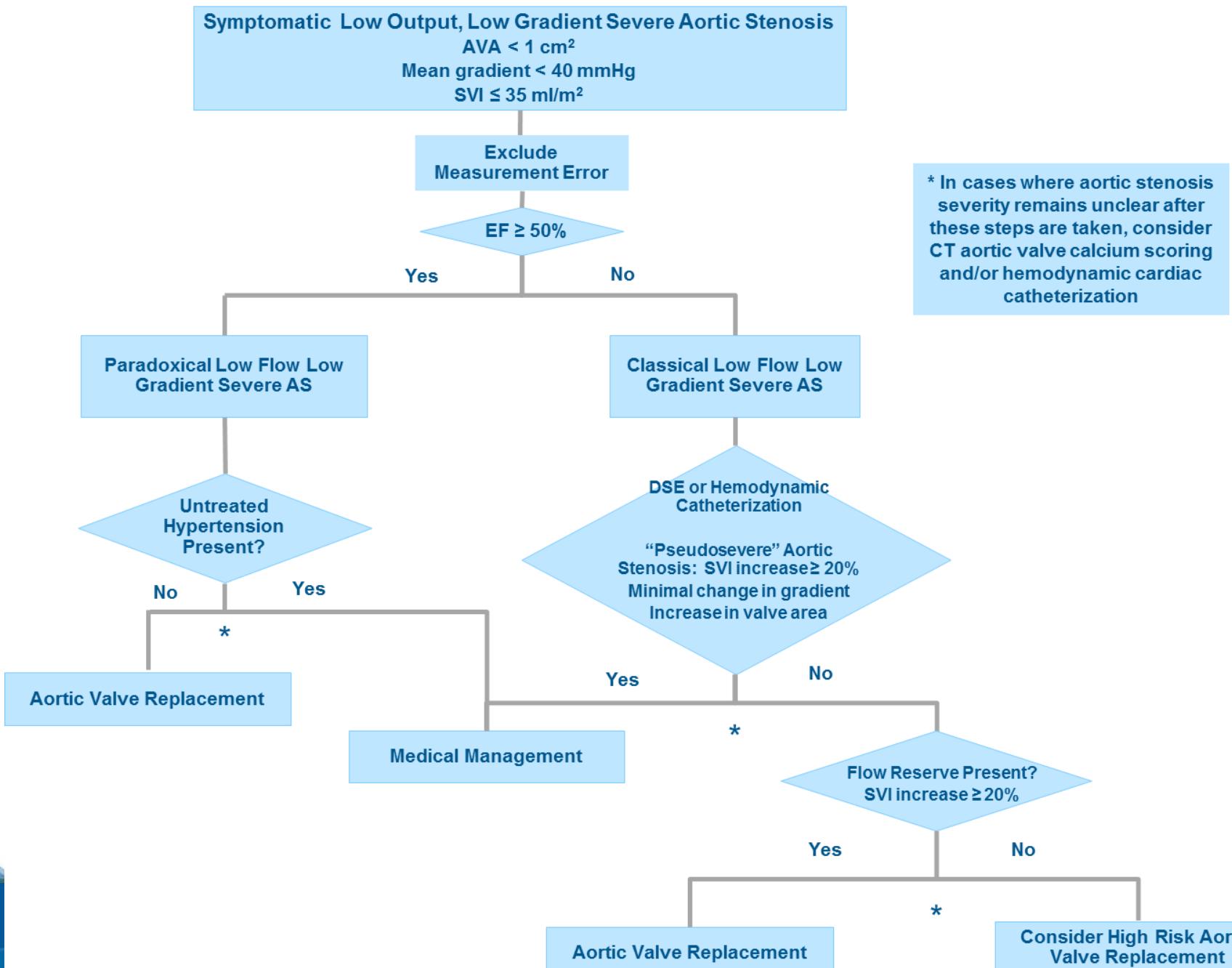
- ❖ A recently described entity
- ❖ Pronounced LV concentric remodeling
- ❖ Small LV cavity size
- ❖ Restrictive physiology leading to impaired LV filling
- ❖ Altered myocardial function
- ❖ Worse prognosis
- ❖ Proper diagnosis often require other diagnostic tests

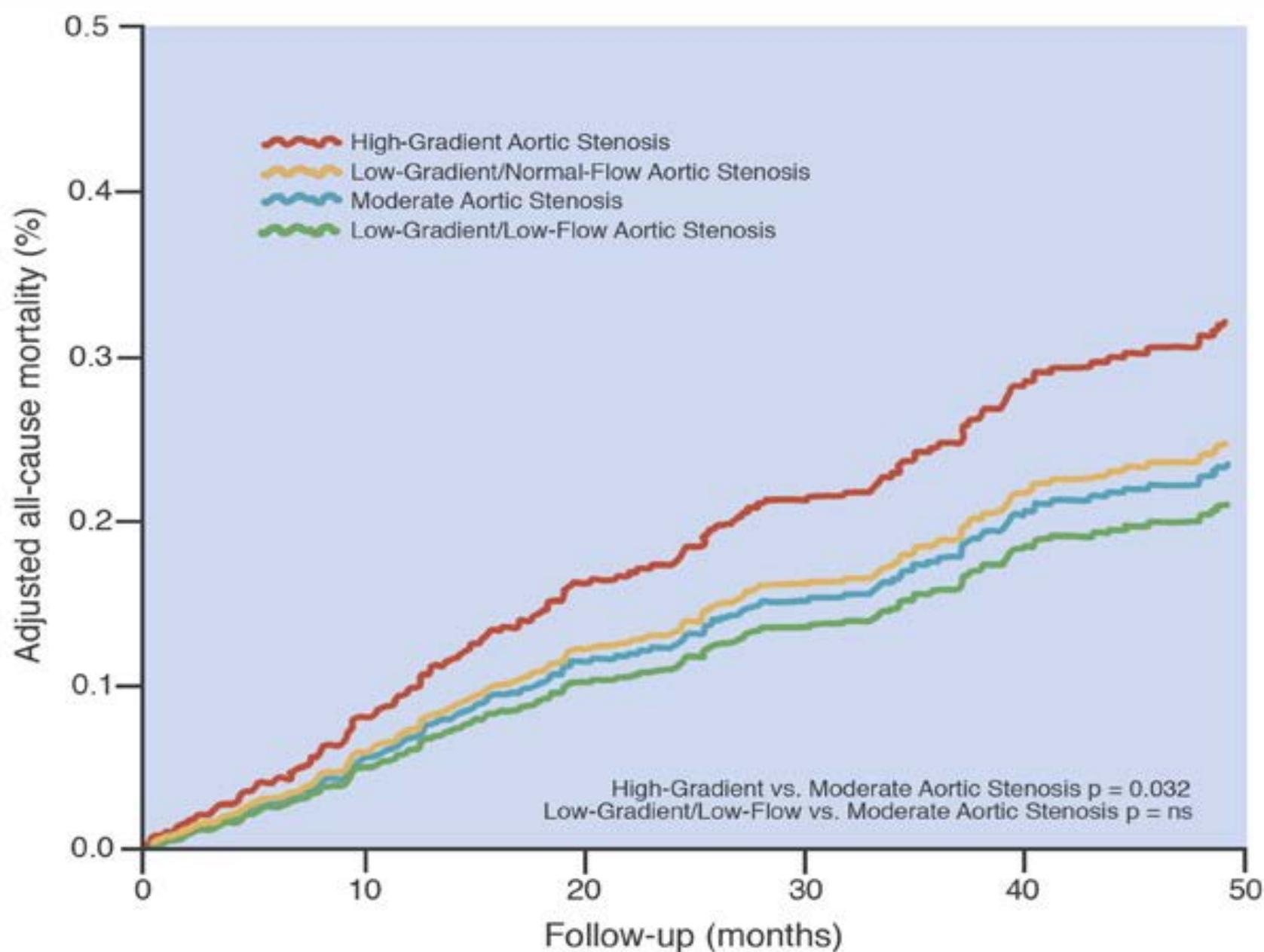
Low Flow, Low Gradient AS with Normal and Depressed LV Function

(Pibarot and Dumesnil ,Quebec City
JACC 2012; 60 ;1850)

- ❖ Underestimation of transaortic flow by Doppler echocardiography,
- ❖ Inconsistency of grading criteria,
- ❖ A small body size must be carefully excluded.
- ❖ MRI and Cardiac Catheterization

Low Gradient Aortic Stenosis Management Algorithm





Low Flow, Low Gradient Aortic Stenosis Indications for surgery



ACC and AHA

Normal LV Function and Severe AS

If clinical, hemodynamic anatomic date support severe AS –

Class 2a

ECA

Normal LV function, Only after careful confirmation of severe

AS

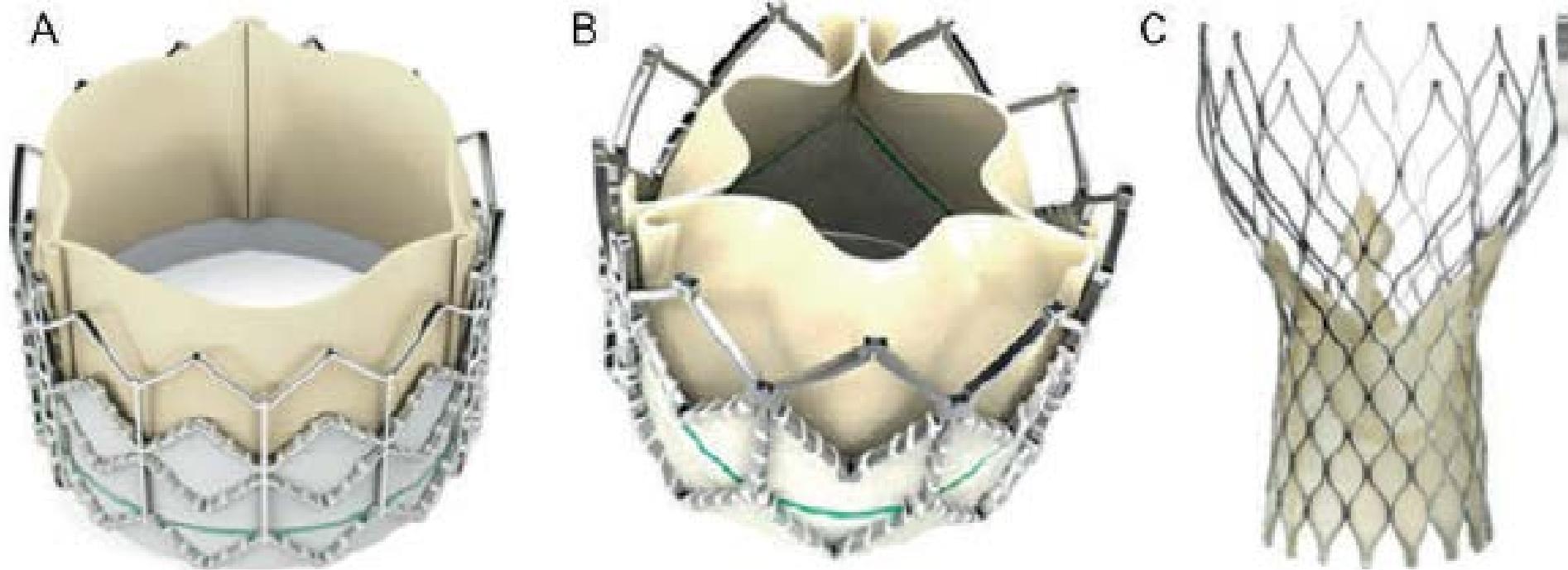
Class 2a

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TAVR

Figure 1: The Edwards Sapien (A), Sapien XT (B) and Medtronic CoreValve (C)



Indications for TAVR vs Surgical AVR



ACC/AHA

Evaluation by a surgical team **Class 1**

Surgical AVR for patients with low to intermediate risk **Class 1**

TAVR for patients with prohibitive surgical risk and life expectancy >12 months **Class 1**

ESC

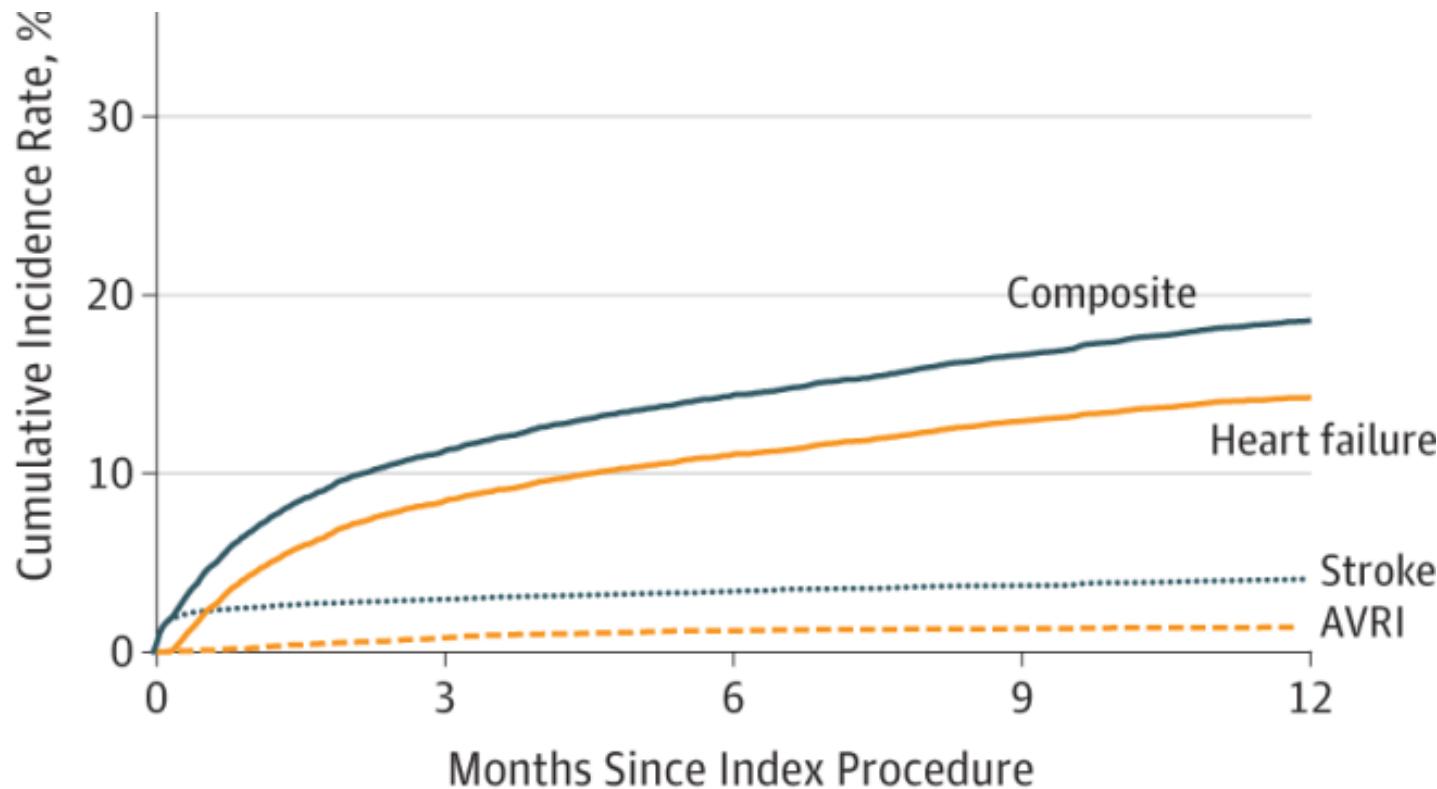
TAVR alternative for surgical high risk. **Class 2a**

Balloon valvotomy as a bridge to TAVR or surgical AVR **Class 2b**

Clinical outcomes at 1 year following TAVR

JAMA 2015 313,1019

David Holmes Mayo Clinic



No. at risk

	12 182	9508	7585	6063	4681
Stroke	12 182	9508	7585	6063	4681
Heart failure	12 182	9508	7585	6063	4681

From: Clinical Outcomes at 1 Year Following Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

JAMA. 2015;313(10):1019-1028. doi:10.1001/jama.2015.1474

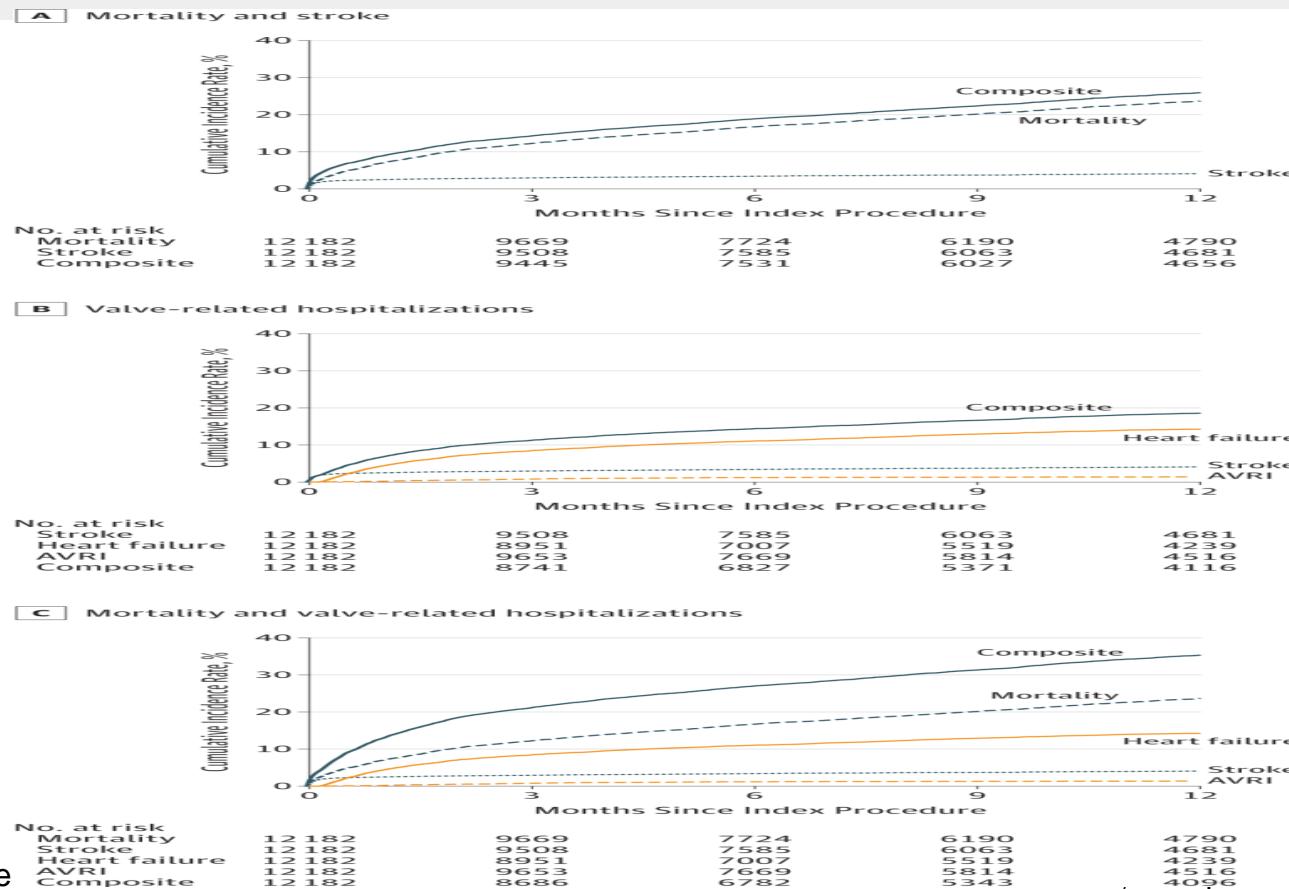


Figure Legend:

Cumulative **Composite** is the combination of mortality and stroke outcomes. B, Composite is the combination of stroke, heart failure, and AVRI outcomes. C, Composite is the combination of mortality, stroke, heart failure, and AVRI outcomes.

TAVR for severe AS Balancing Benefits, Risks and Expectations.

- ❖ TAVR represents a transformative technology with enormous potential
- ❖ Clinical efficacy and safety must temper with consumer expectations.
- ❖ Surgical AVR represents proven standard with safety, efficacy and durability for majority of patients
- ❖ Broad application of TAVR presents challenges in patient selection, cost effectiveness and need for dedicated heart valve centers.

Challenges in management of aortic stenosis; Have the Guidelines Filled the Gap?

2014 AHA/ACC Guideline for the Management of Patients With Valvular Heart Disease: Executive Summary

- ❖ Aortic stenosis is increasing in prevalence
- ❖ Clinical, echo and hemodynamic assessments are essential
- ❖ Improving outcomes of TAVR and AVR

Outcome data discussions with patients undergoing TAVR.

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