

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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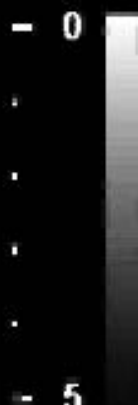
X5-1/RGH ECHO

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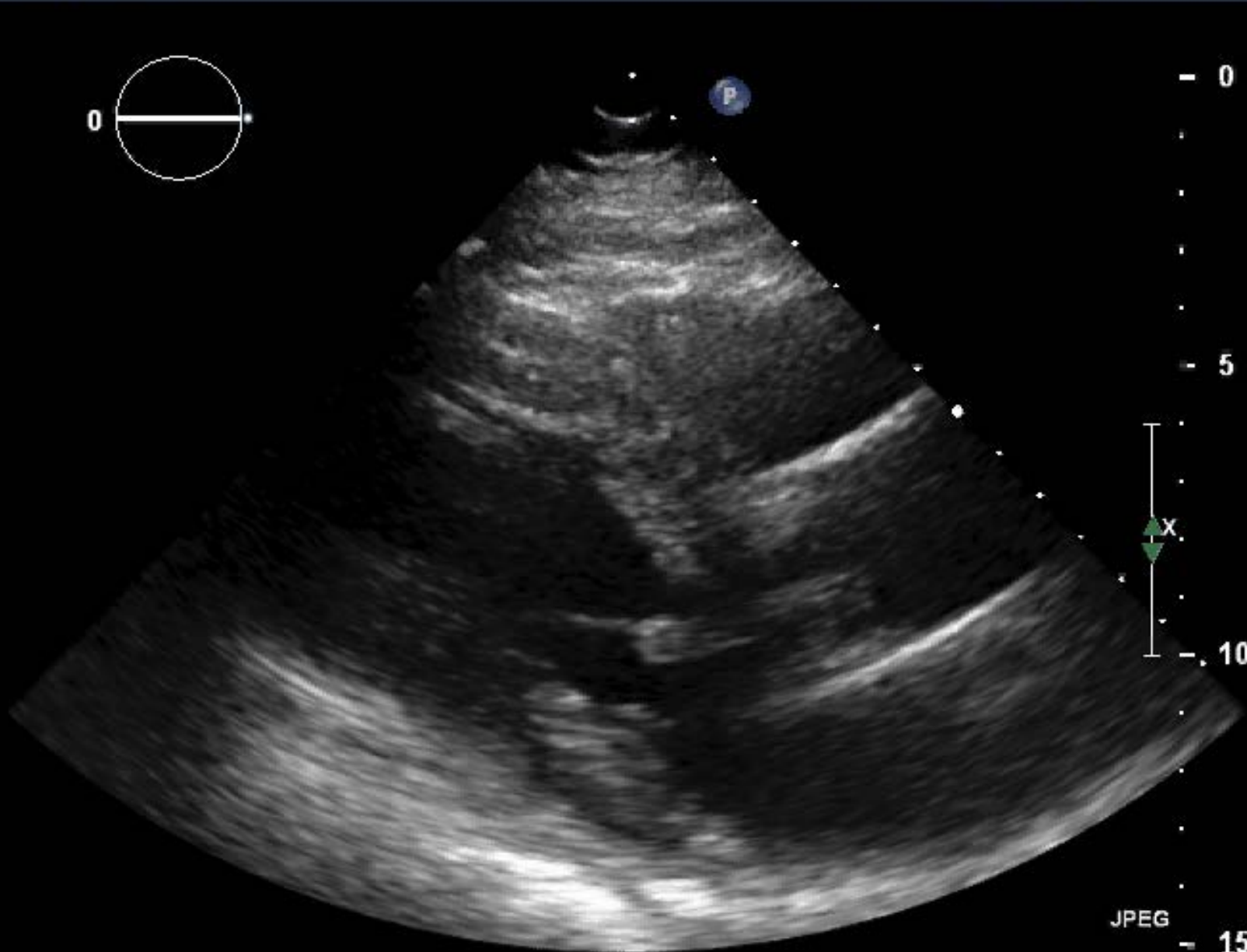
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67%
C 50
P Low
HGen



M4



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77 bpm



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X5-1/RGH ECHO

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77%
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63%
2.5MHz
WF High
Med



M4 M4
+61.6

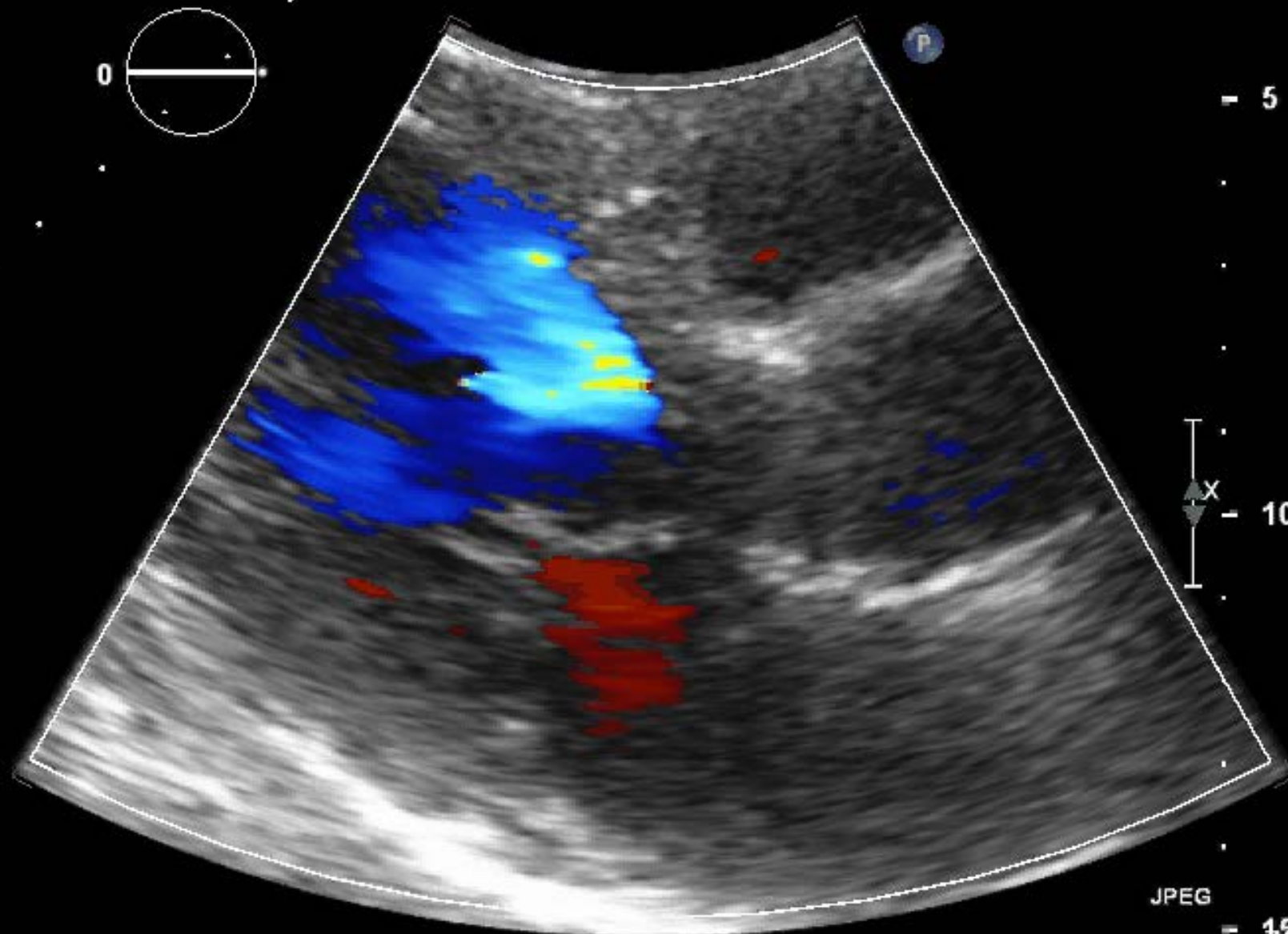


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15 bpm



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17cm

2D
74%
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M4

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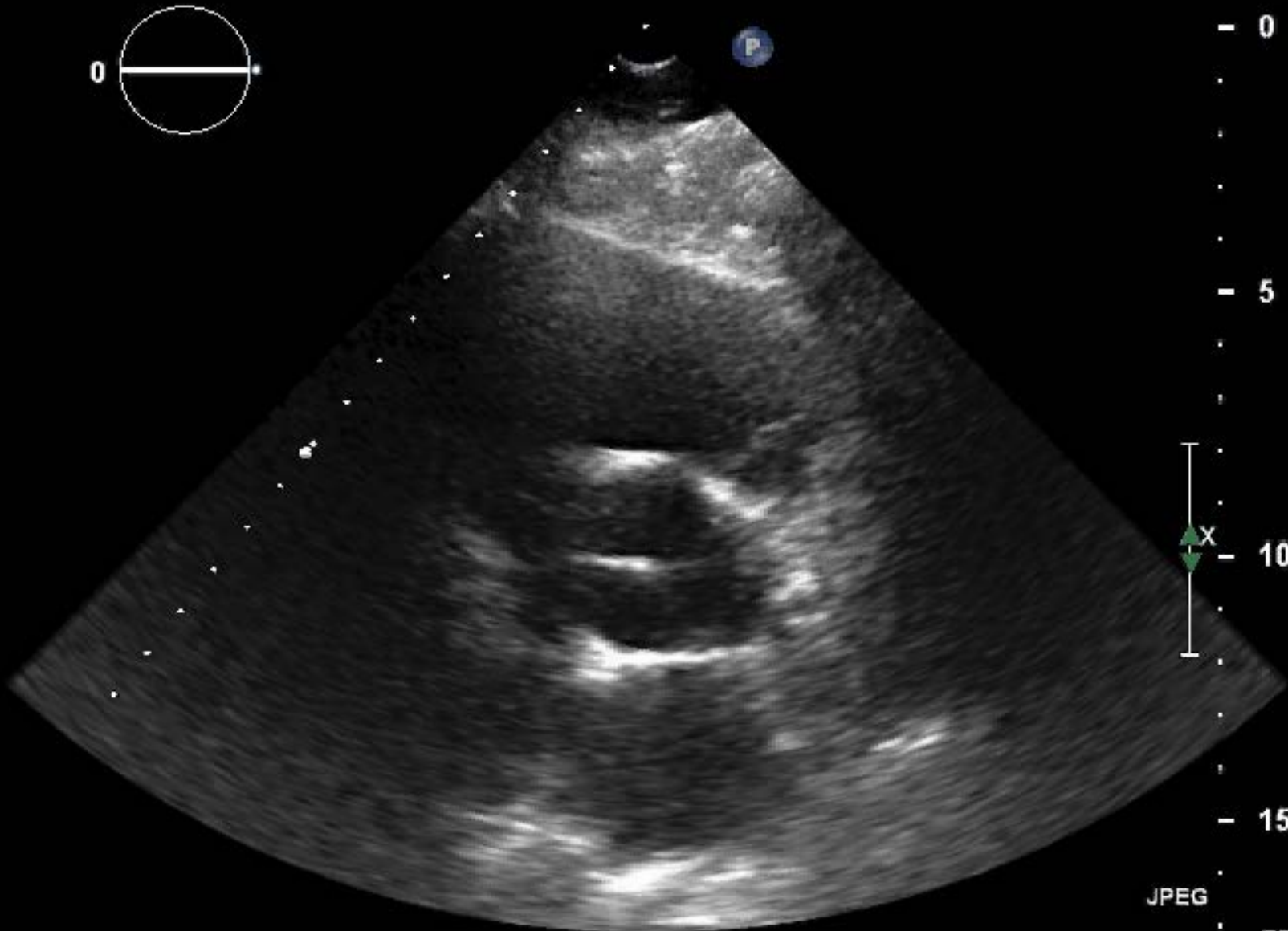
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77 bpm



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ROCHESTER GENERAL

X5-1/RGH ECHO

FR 78Hz
14cm

2D
74%
C 50
P Low
HGen



M4



5



10



÷ 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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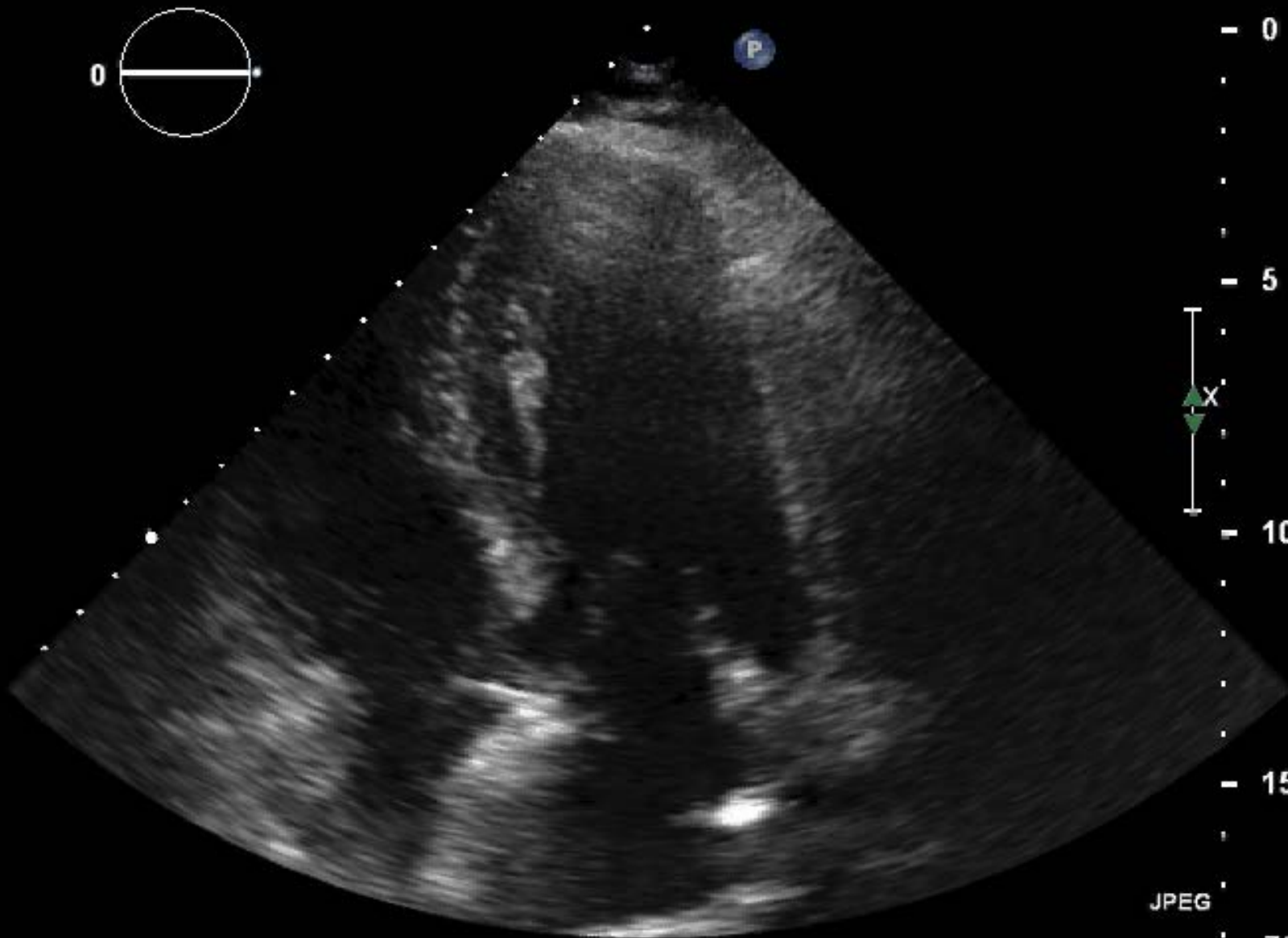
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76 bpm



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X5-1/RGH ECHO

FR 132Hz
20cm

2D
82%
C 50
P Low
HGen



M4



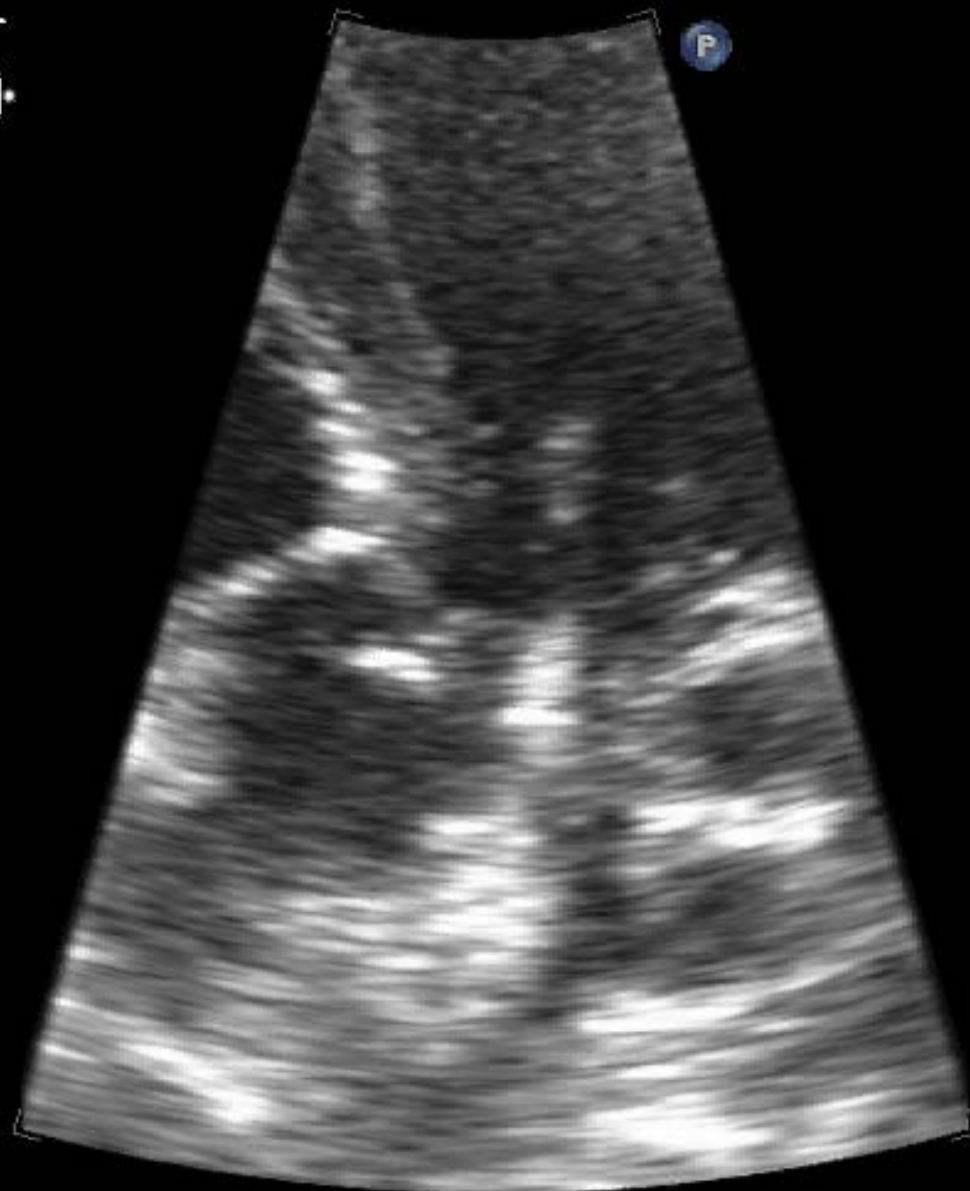
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74 bpm



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X5-1/RGH ECHO

FR 18Hz

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2D

85%

C 50

P Low

HGen

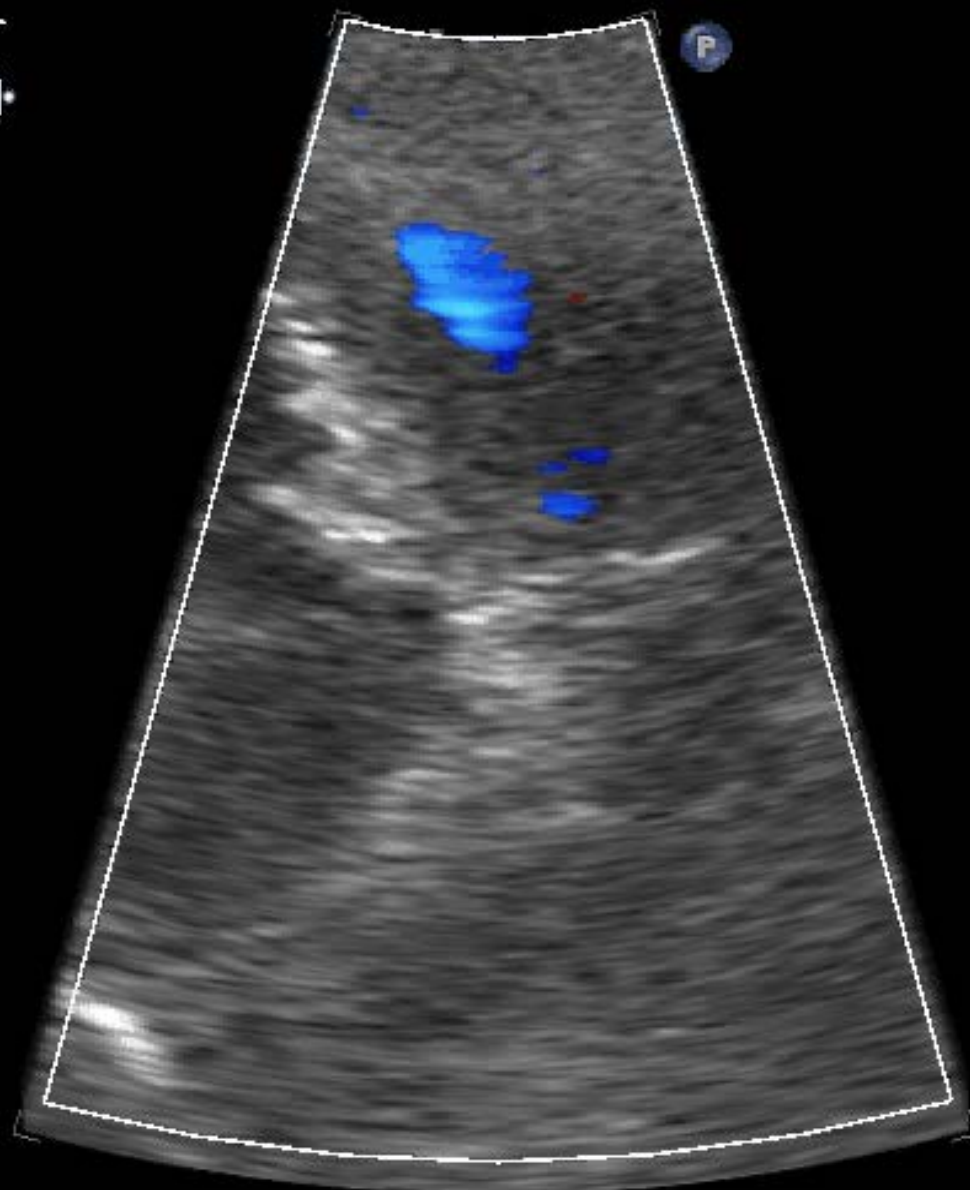
CF

63%

2.5MHz

WF High

Med



M4 M4

+53.5



15

JPEG

70 bpm

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ROCHESTER GENERAL

X5-1/RGH ECHO

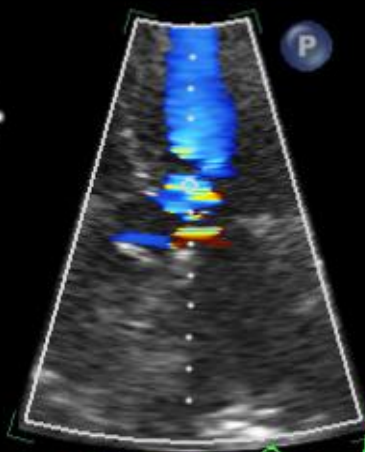
FR 18Hz
20cm

2D

85%
C 50
P Low
HGen

CF

63%
2.5MHz
WF High
Med



Tx

10

15

CW

50%
1.8MHz
WF 225Hz

M4 M4

+53.5



-53.5

cm/s

Vel 652 cm/s
PG 170 mmHg

-m/s

-1.0

-2.0

-3.0

-4.0

-5.0

-6.0

-7.0

75mm/s

76bpm

Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy

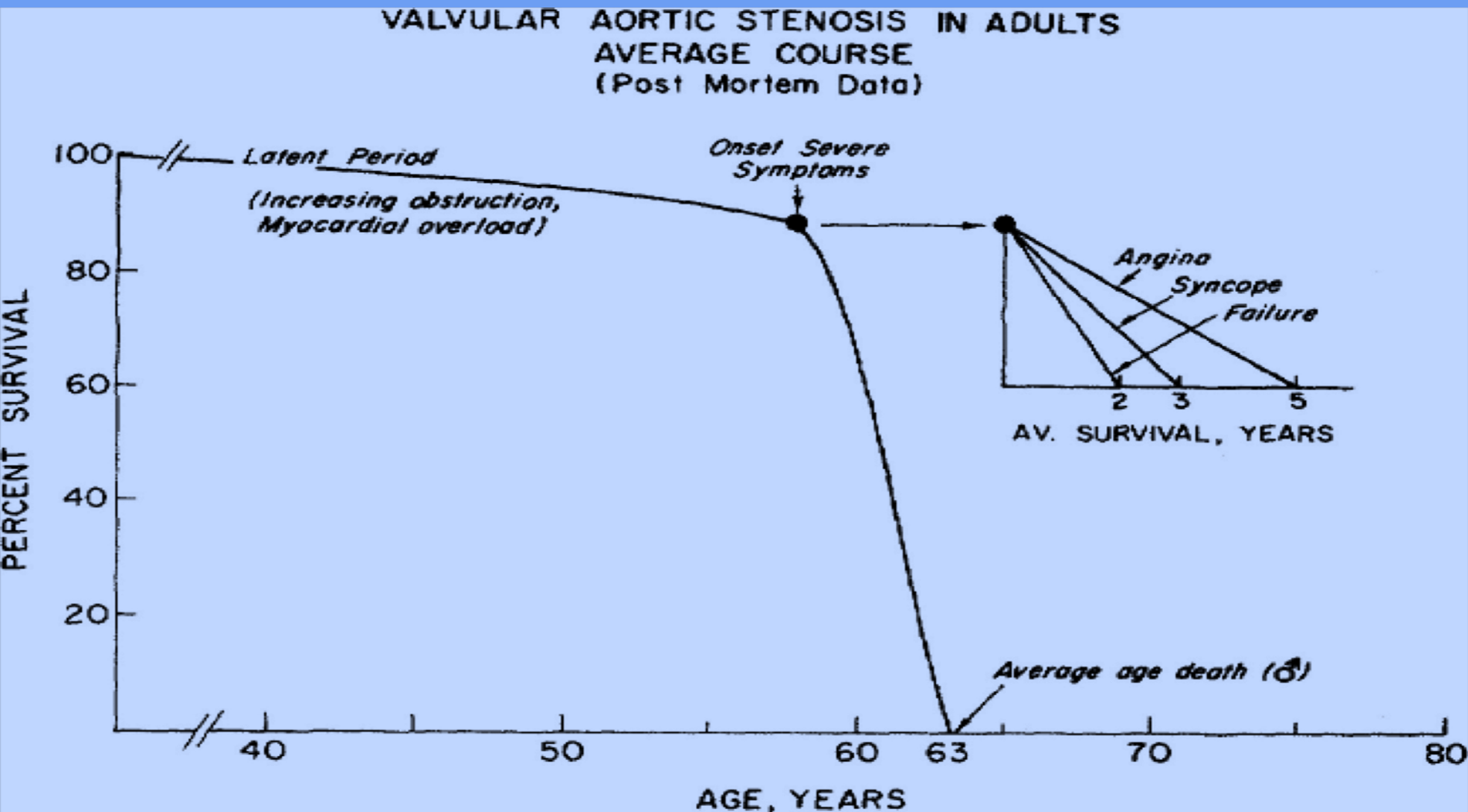
TREATMENT:

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

Aortic Stenosis- Management Challenges

1. True or a mistaken diagnosis?
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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

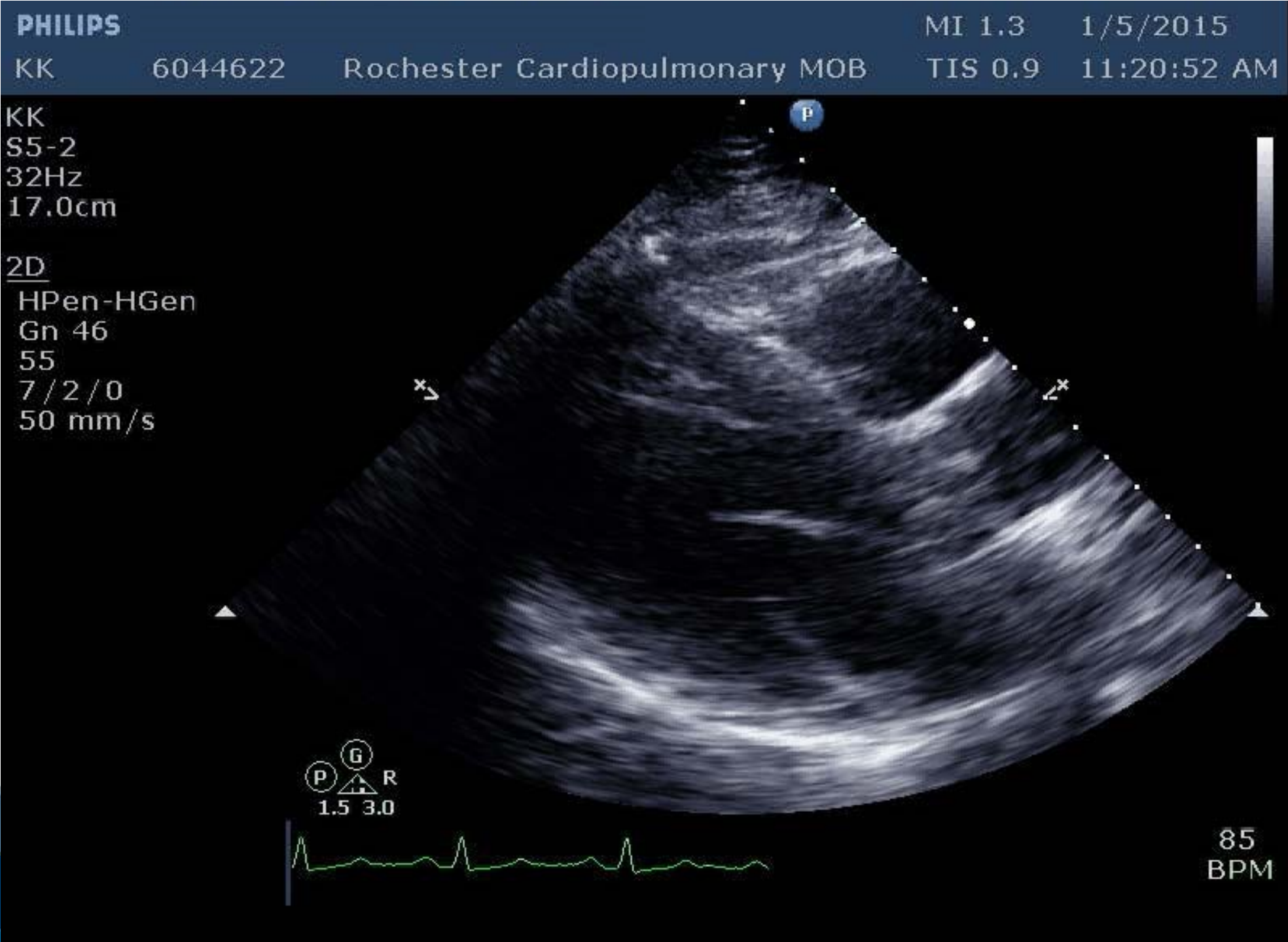
Class 1 Indication

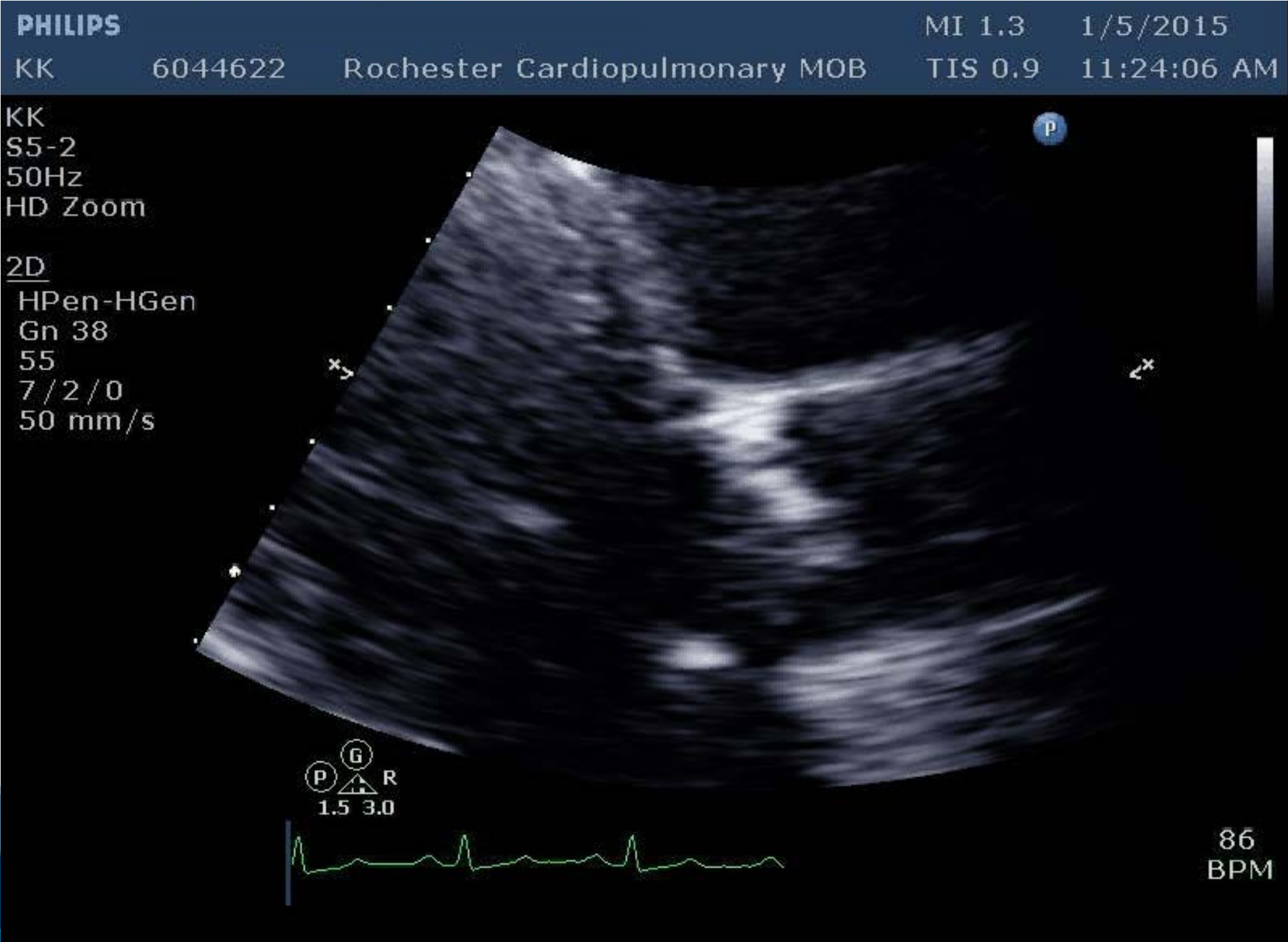


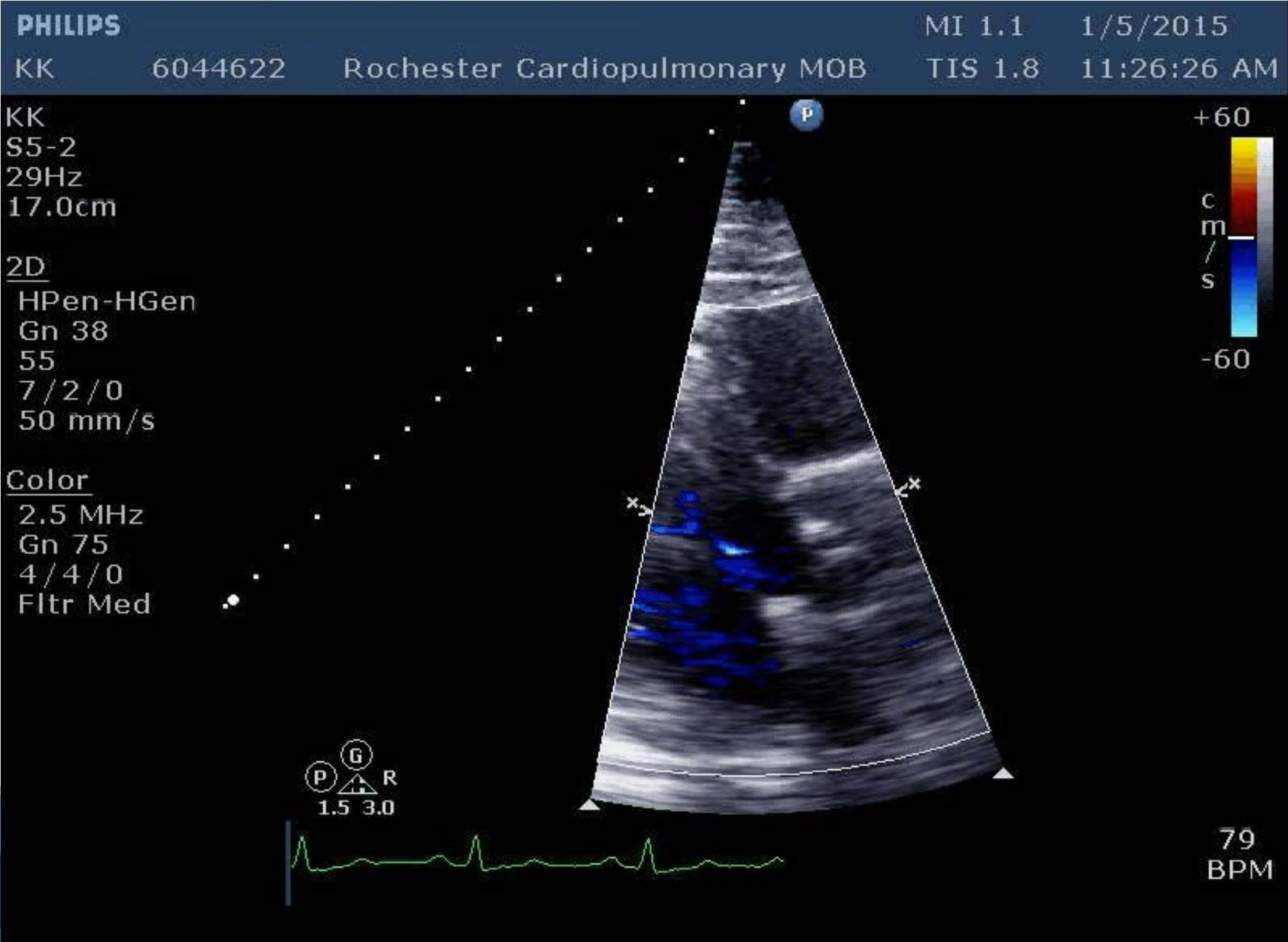
...if it is likely that the symptoms are cardiac in origin

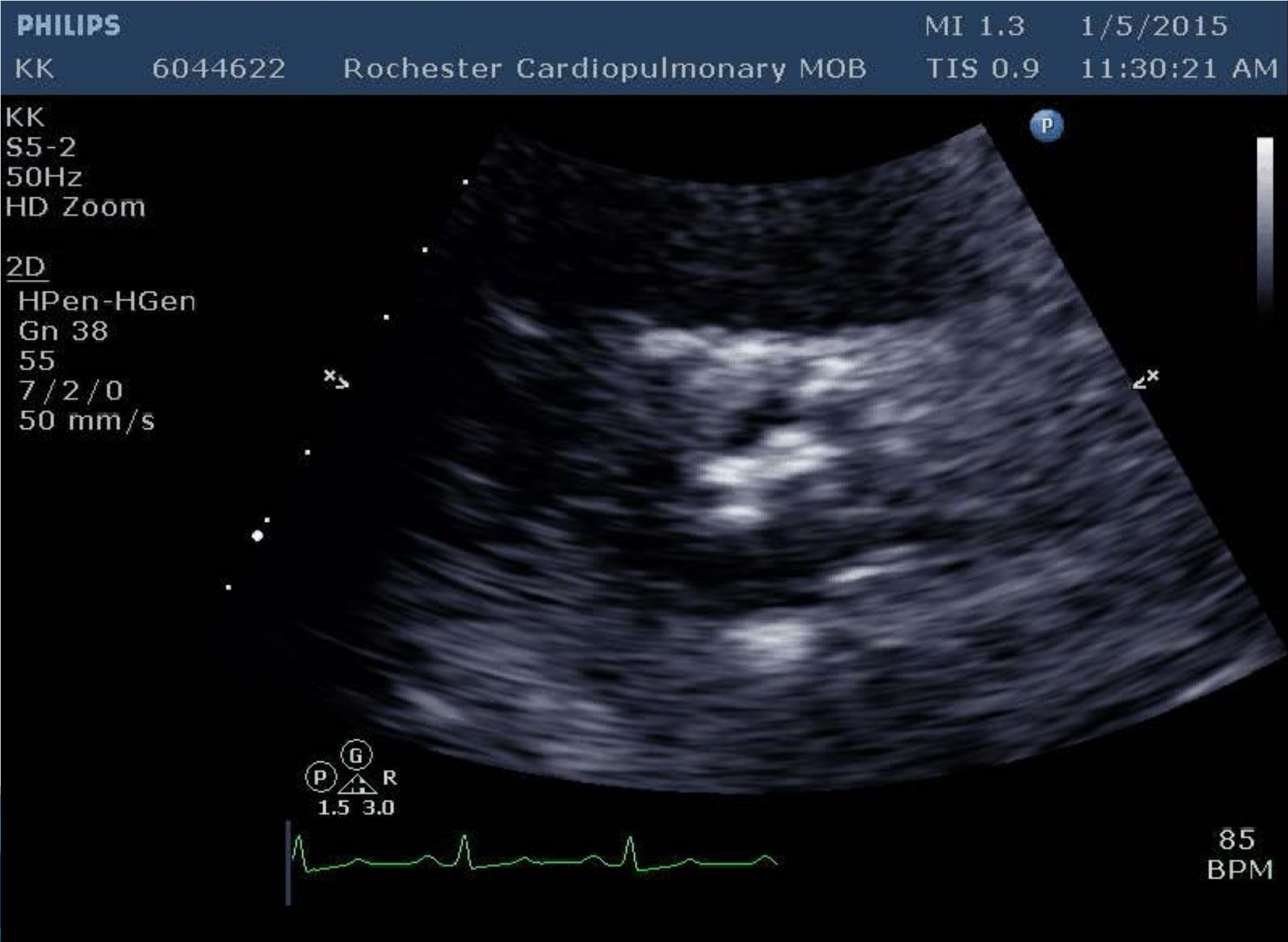
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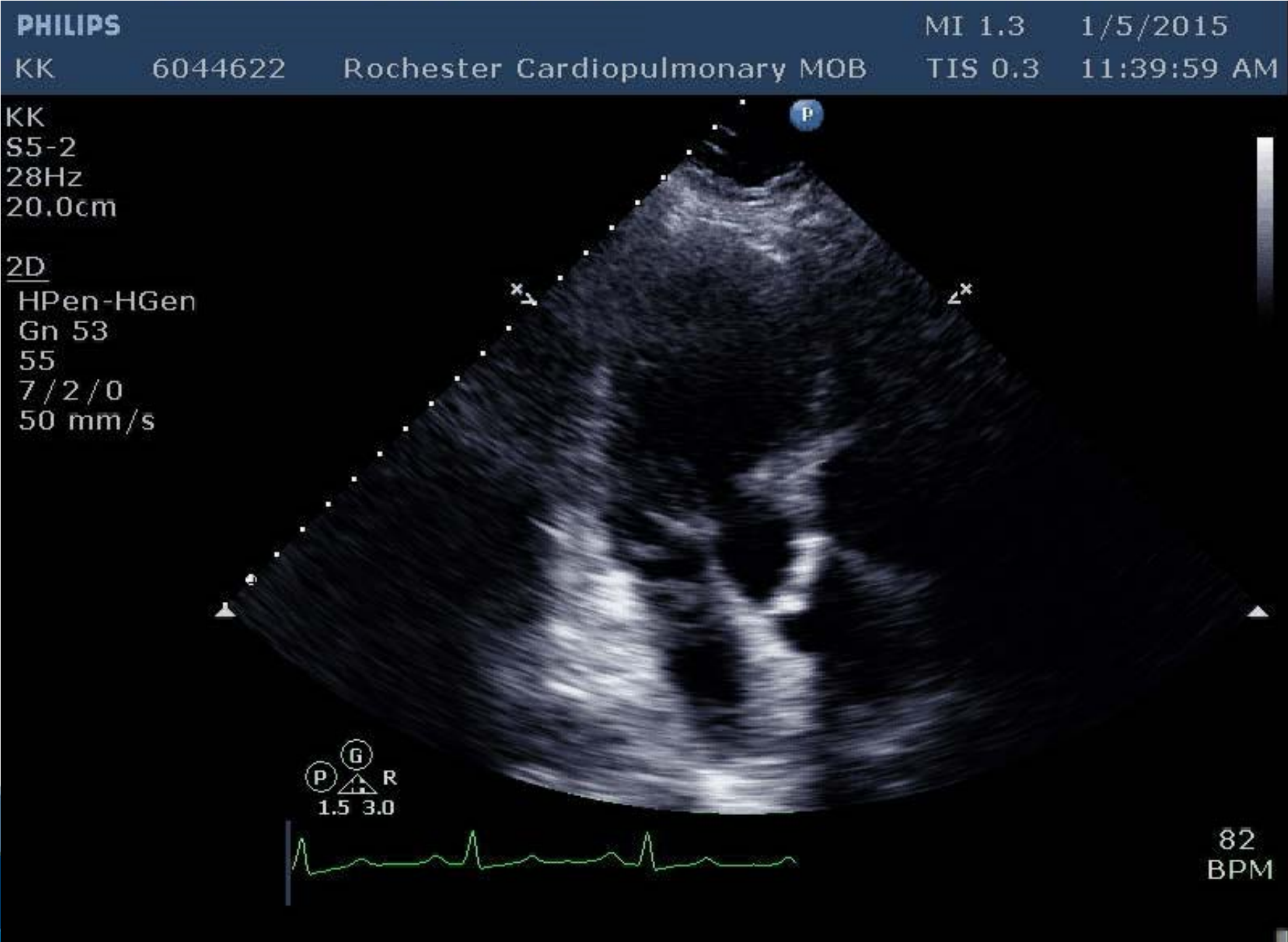
❖ A 52 year white male with known aortic stenosis asymptomatic

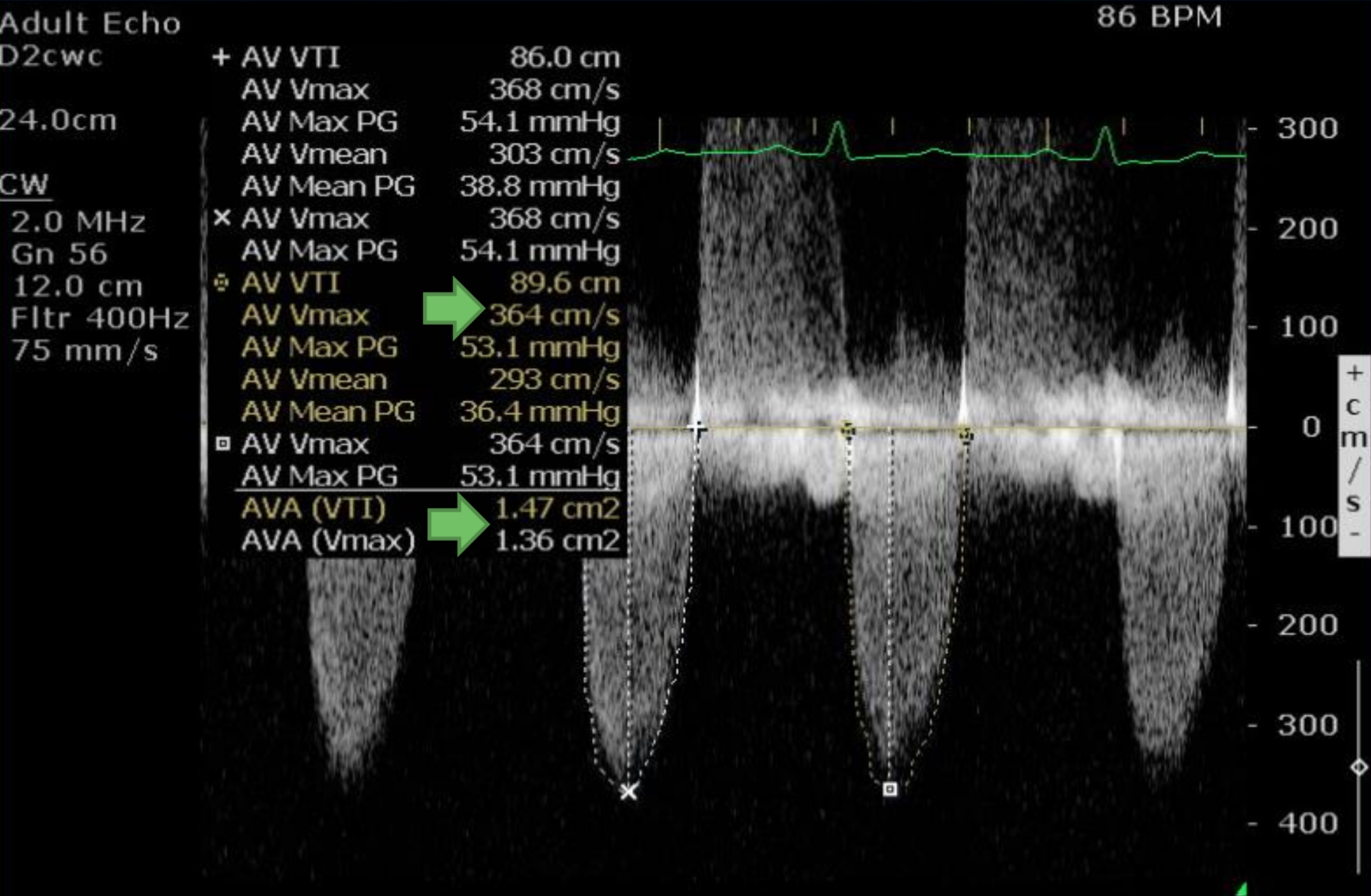












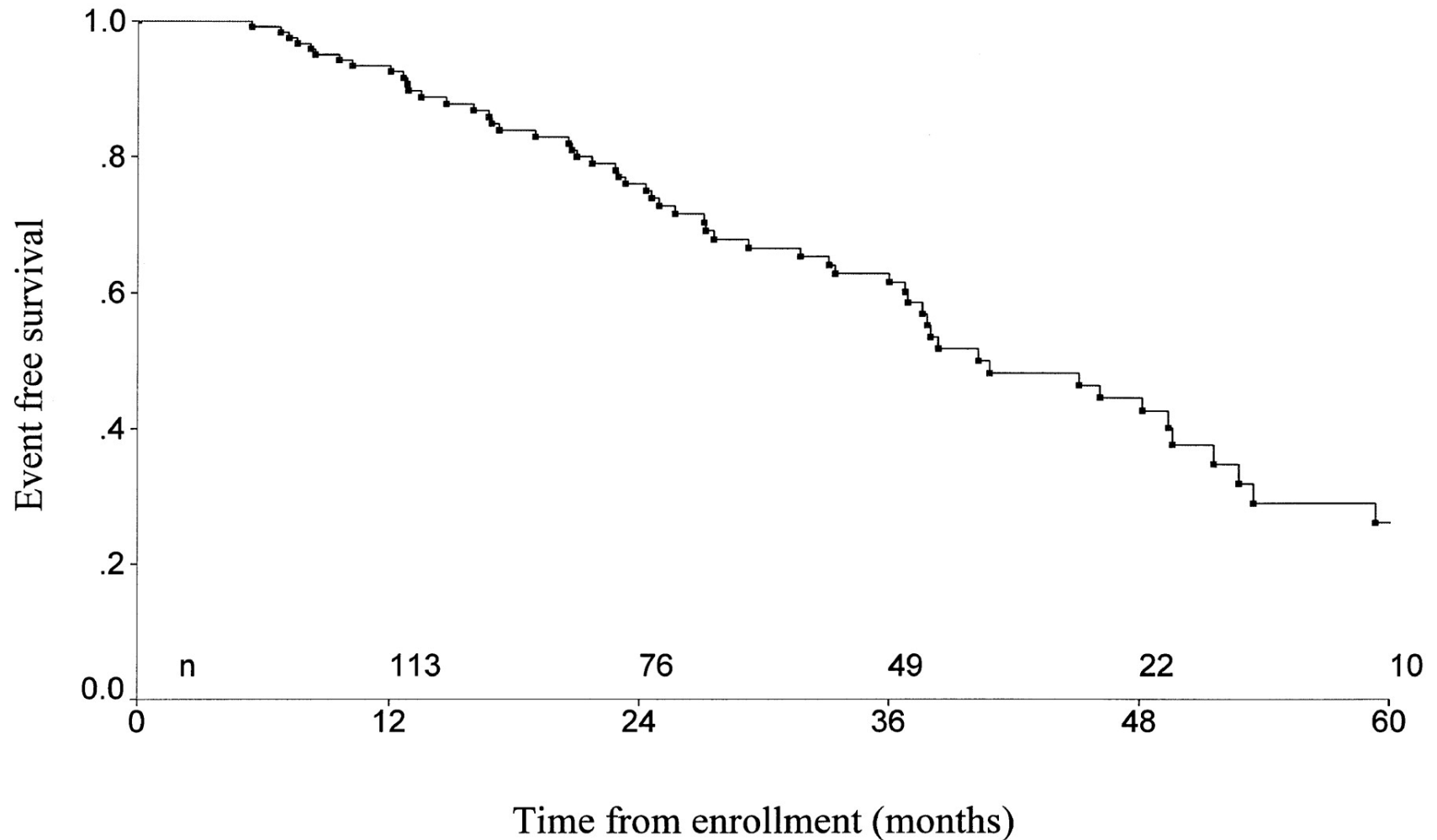
The Asymptomatic Patient with Severe AS

What are we waiting for?

Case #2

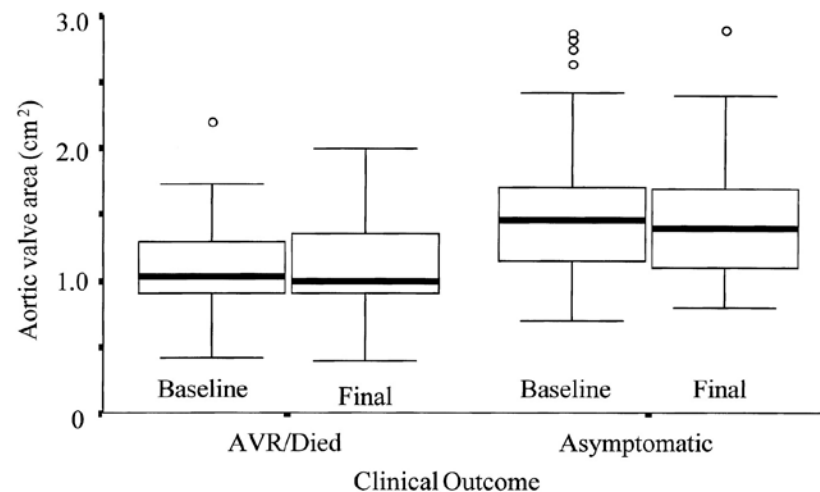
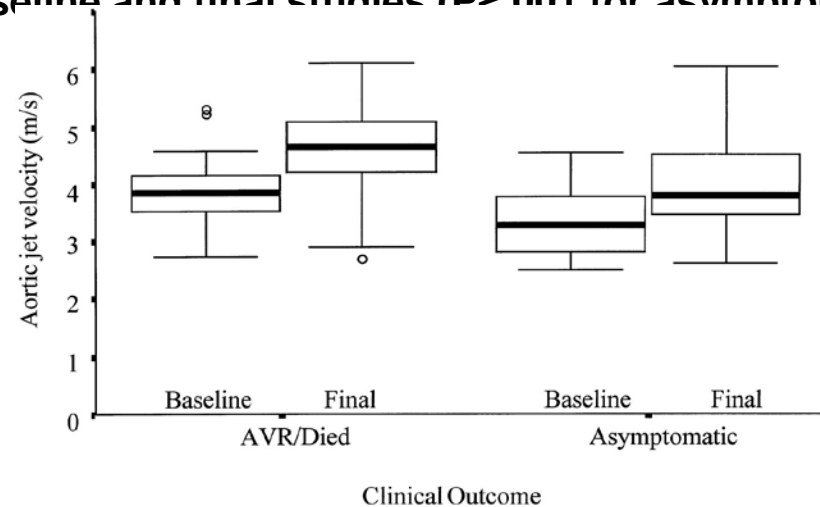
- ❖ Presented with Sudden Cardiac Death (Unity Hospital)
- ❖ Successfully resuscitated
- ❖ Coronary angiography; Normal coronaries
- ❖ EPS; Negative
- ❖ Underwent AVR surgery

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



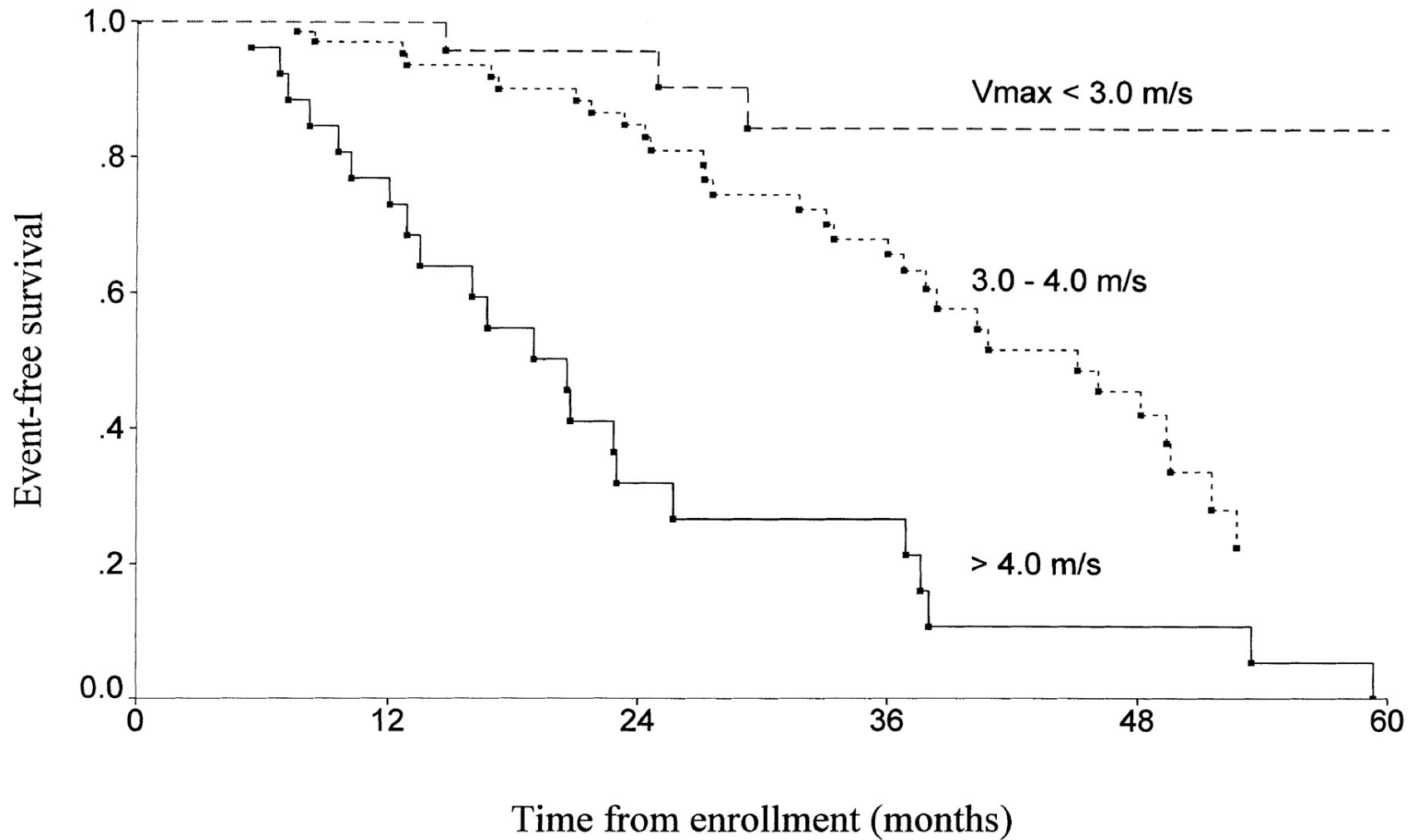
Catherine M. Otto et al. *Circulation*. 1997;95:2262-2270

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 ($P < .001$ 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 ($V_{max} > 5$ m/s) **Class 2a**

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

ESC

Very severe AS ($V_{max} > 5$ 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**

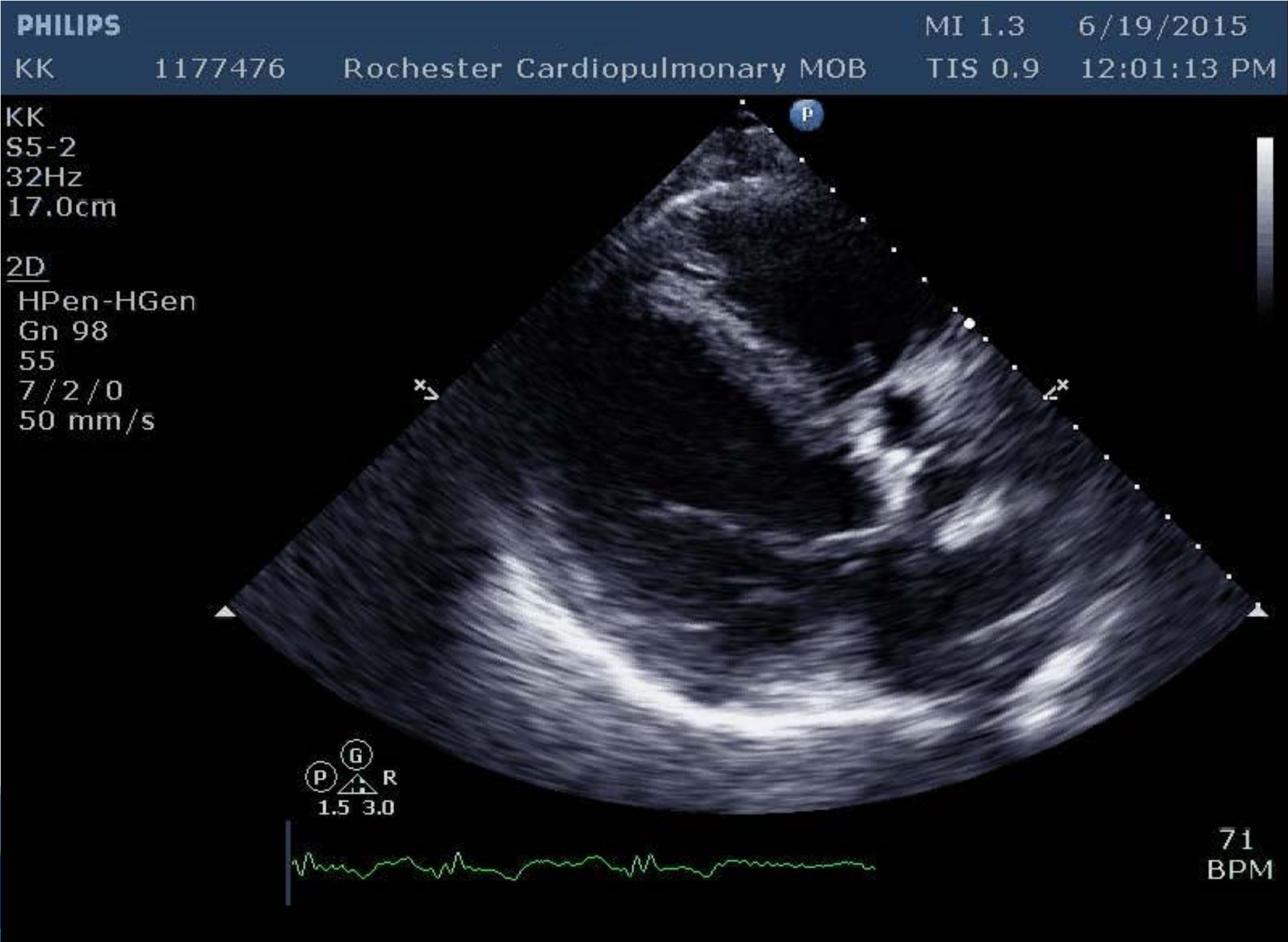


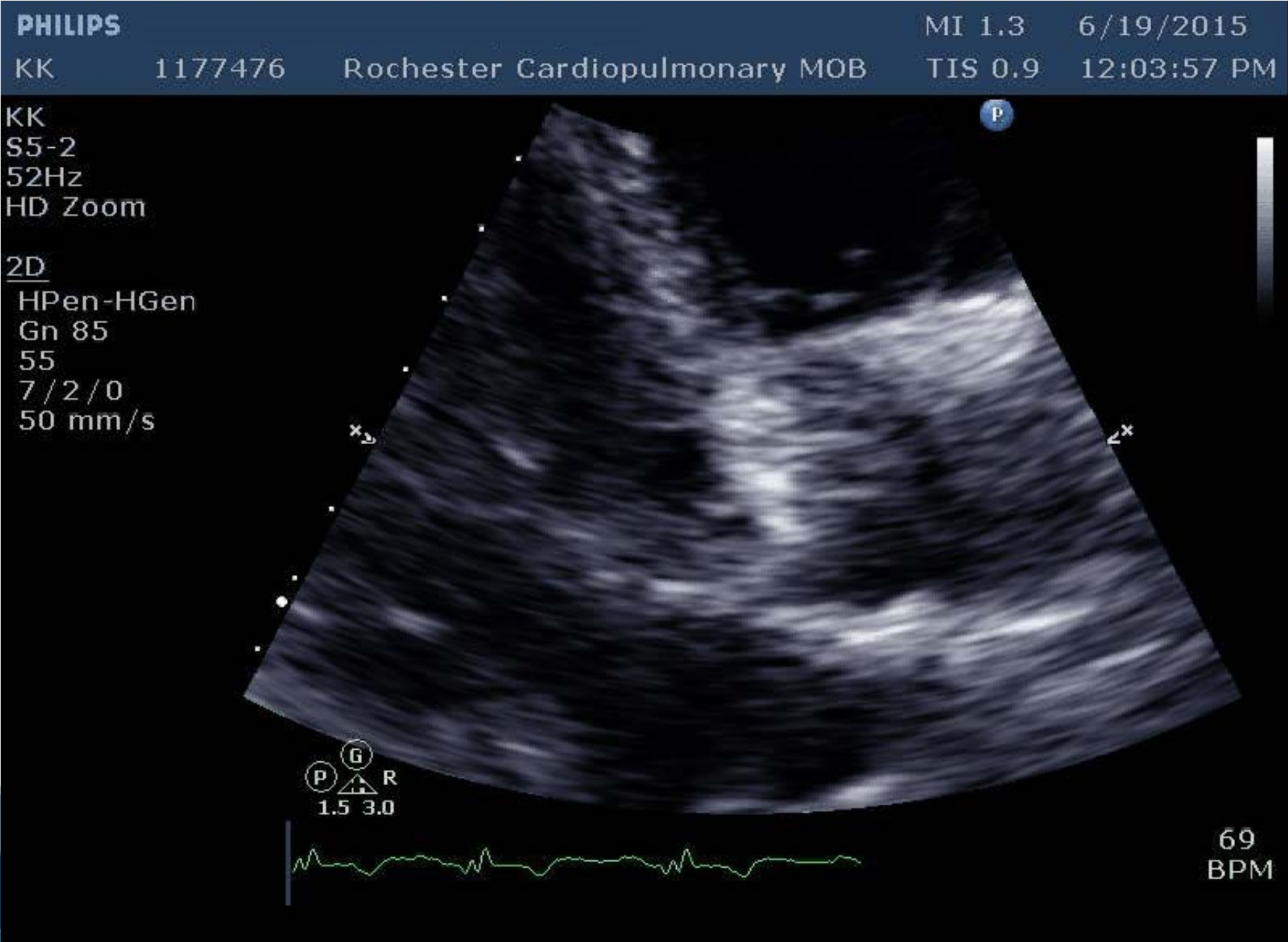
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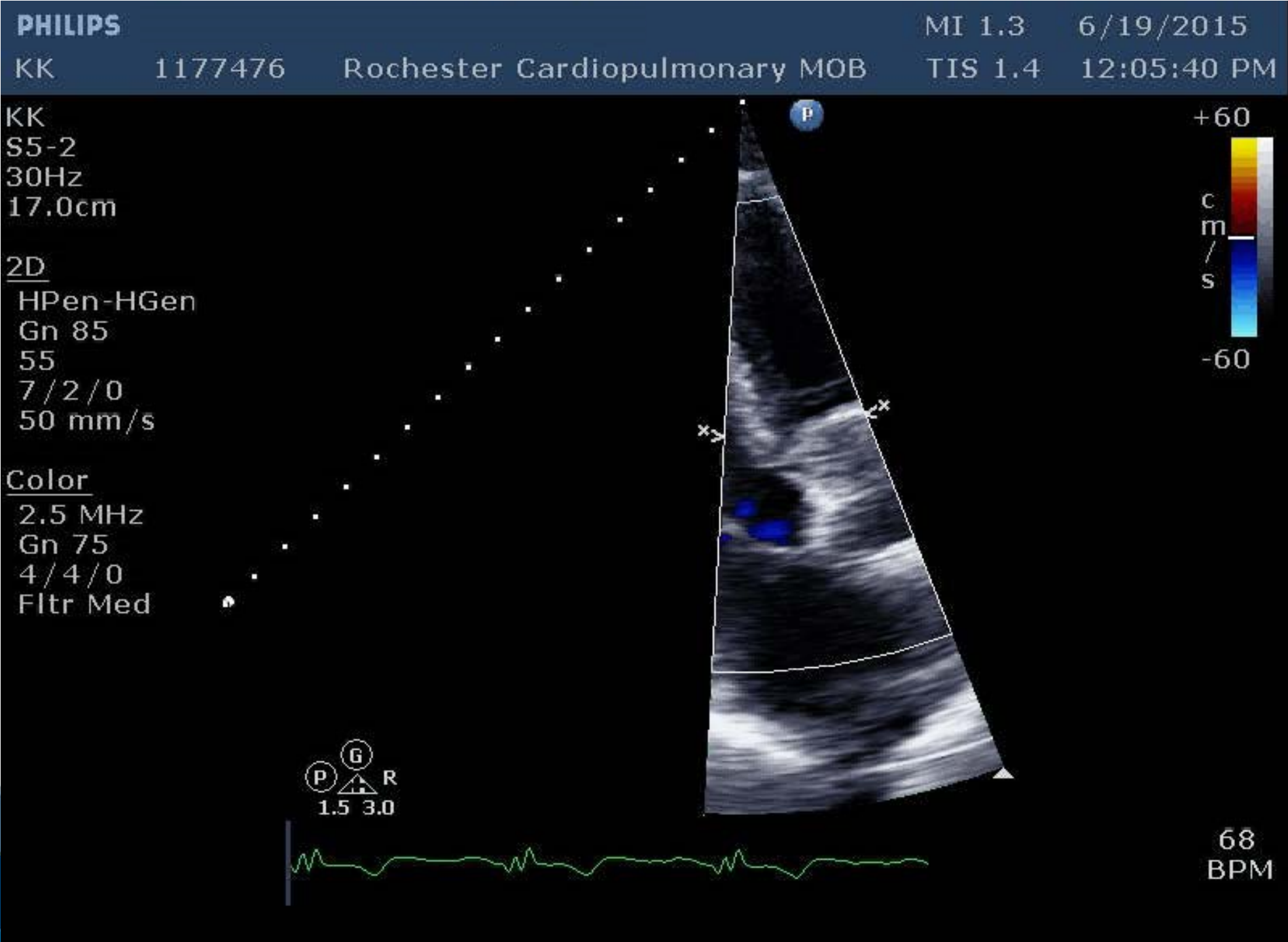
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Case#3

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






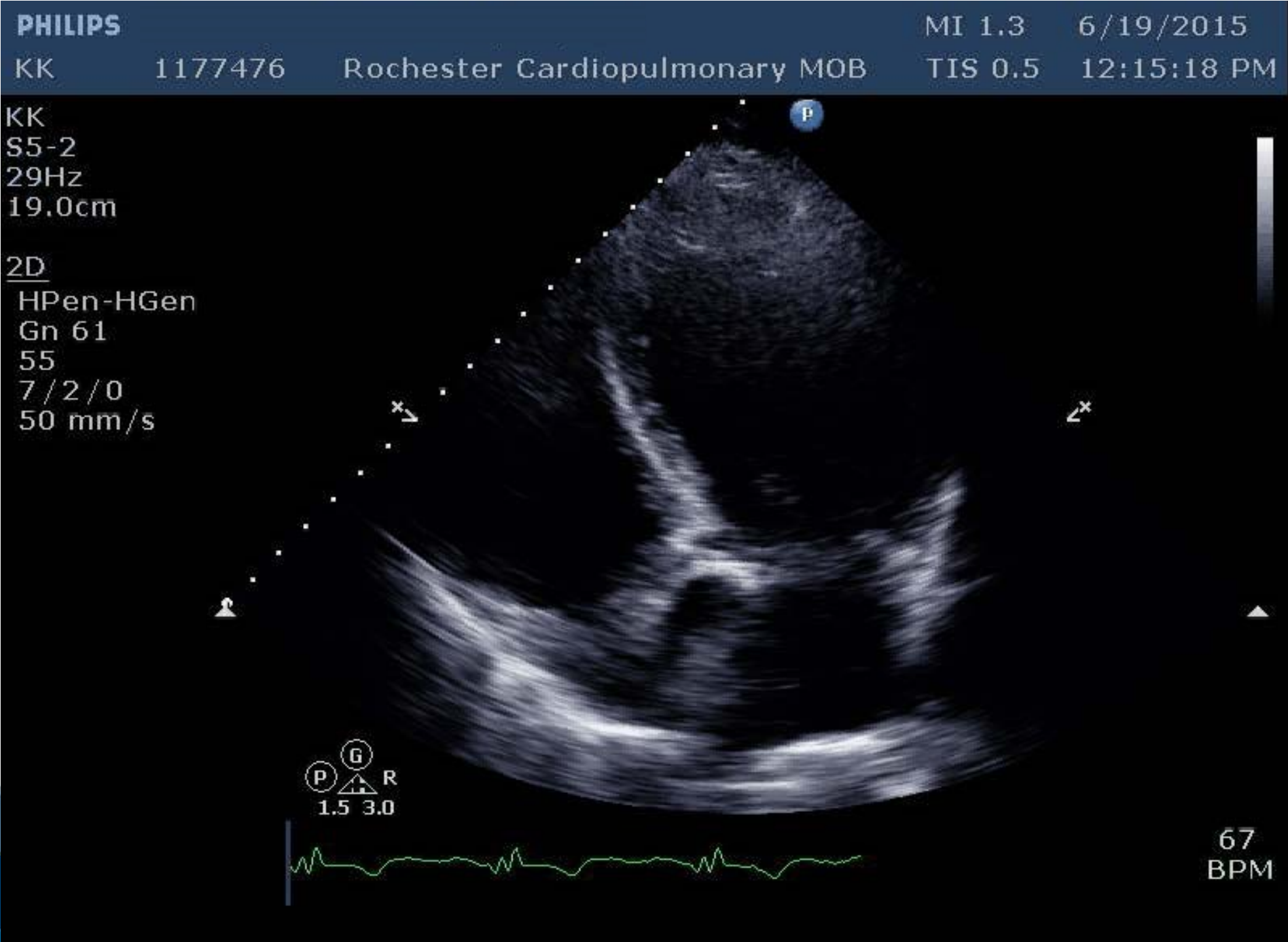


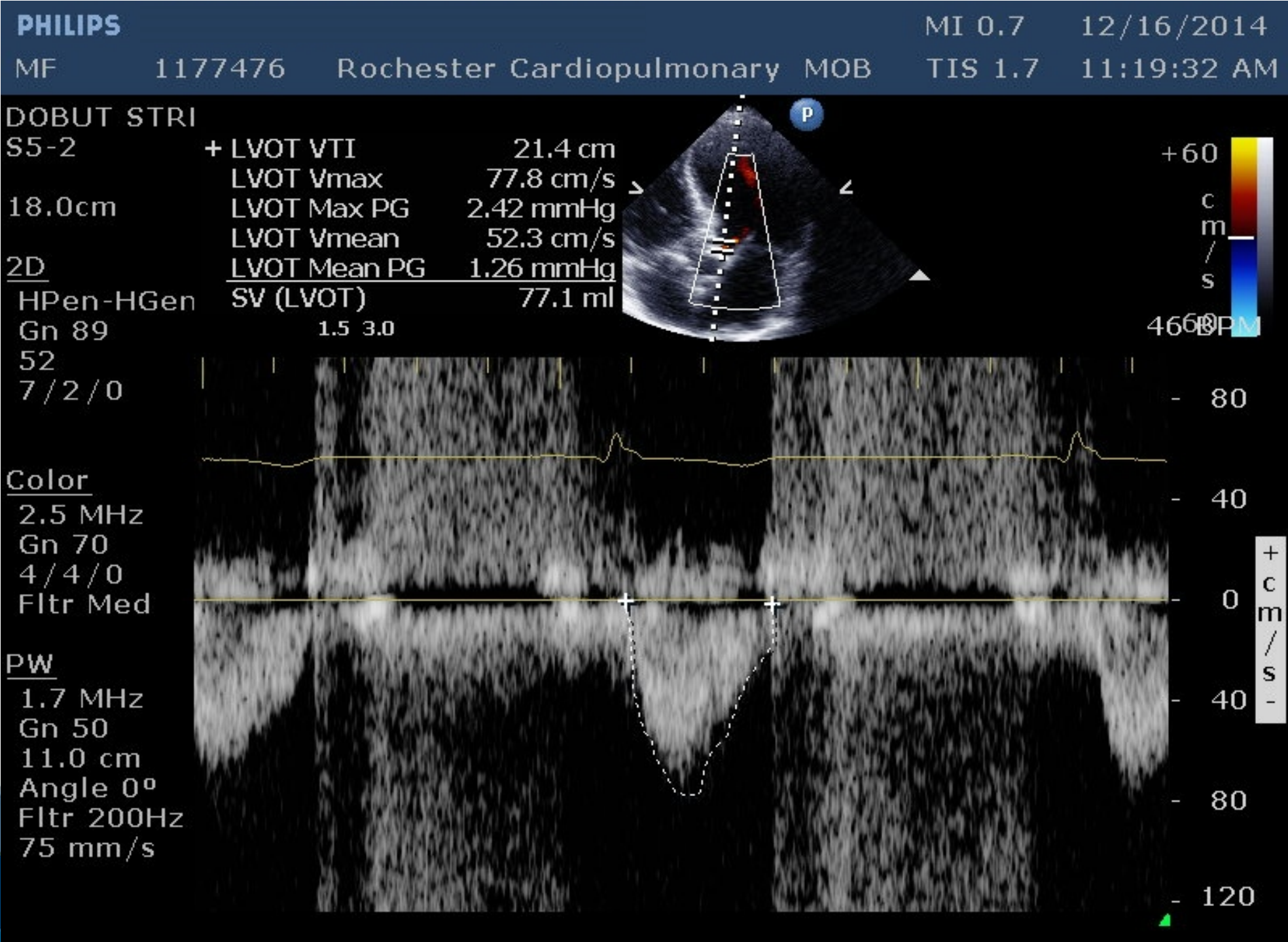
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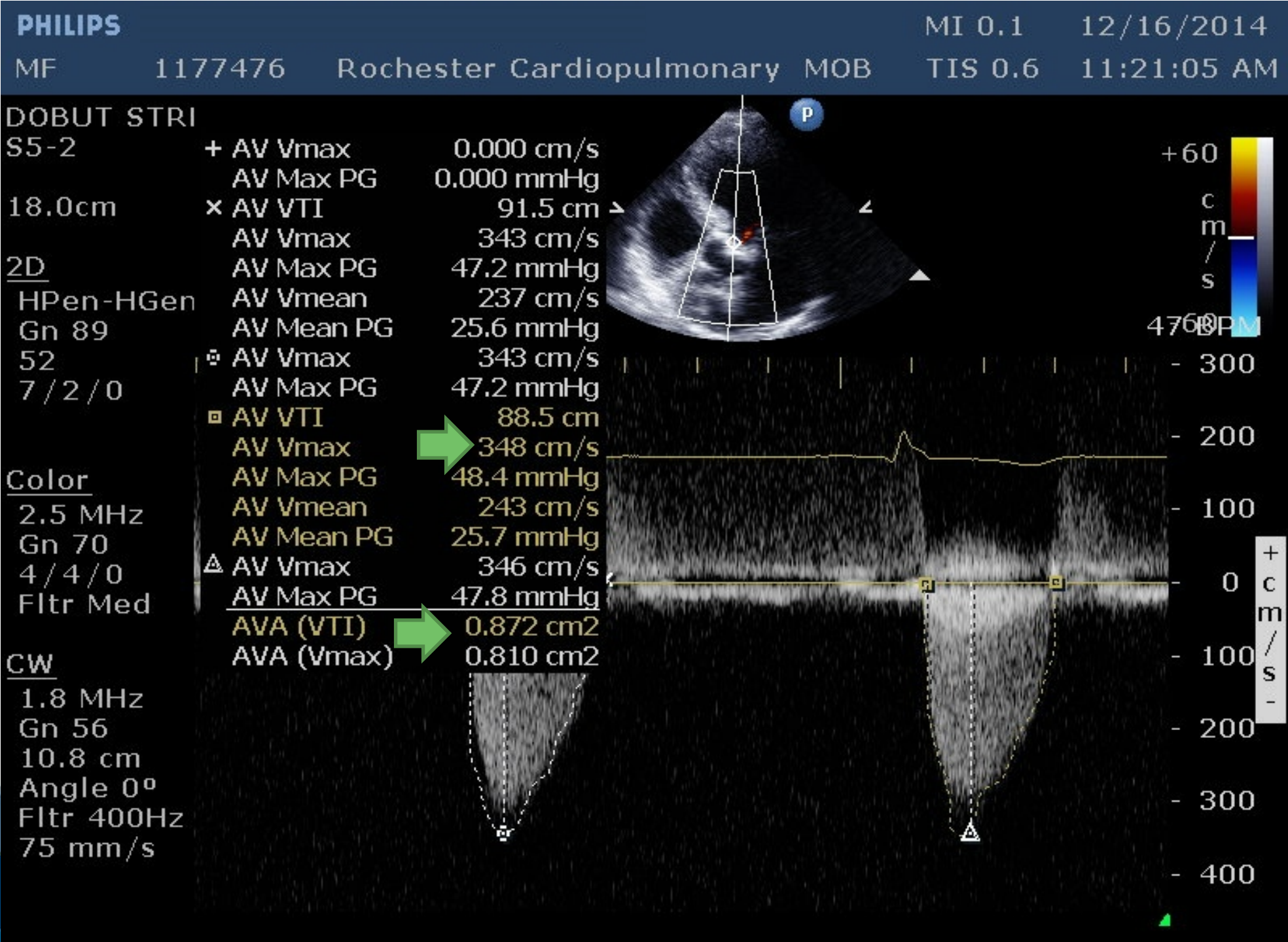
KK
S5-2
52Hz
HD Zoom
2D
HPen-HGen
Gn 87
55
7/2/0
50 mm/s



66
BPM







DOBUT STRI

S5-2

18.0cm

2D

HPen-HGen

Gn 72

52

7/2/0

CW

1.8 MHz

Gn 56

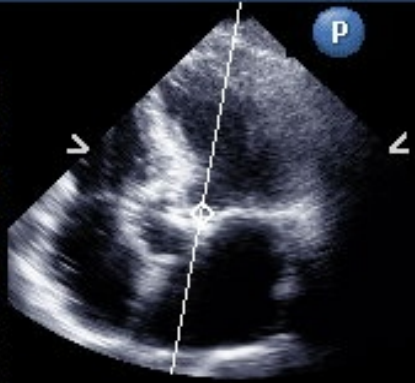
10.2 cm

Angle 0°

Fltr 400Hz

75 mm/s

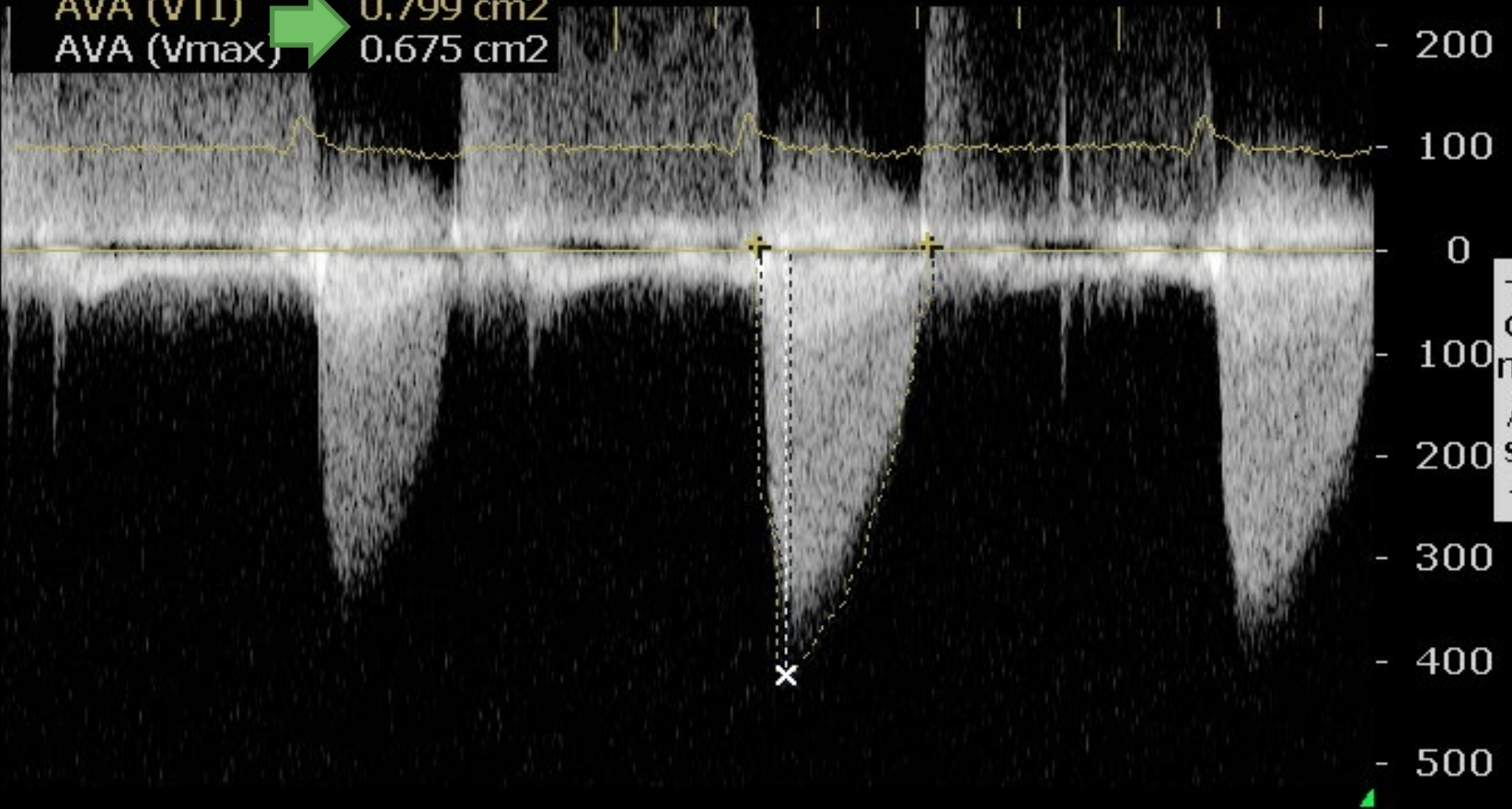
+ AV VTI	96.6 cm
AV Vmax	415 cm/s
AV Max PG	68.8 mmHg
AV Vmean	282 cm/s
AV Mean PG	36.4 mmHg
× AV Vmax	415 cm/s
AV Max PG	68.8 mmHg
AVA (VTI)	0.799 cm2
AVA (Vmax)	0.675 cm2



DOBUTABINE

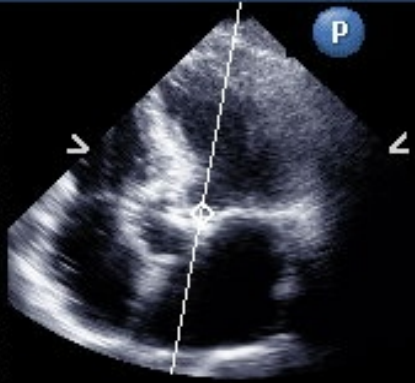
15 MCG

69 BPM



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
2D	AV Mean PG	41.2 mmHg
HPen-HGen	× AV Vmax	402 cm/s
Gn 72	AV Max PG	64.5 mmHg
52	AVA (VTI)	0.786 cm2
7/2/0	AVA (Vmax)	0.697 cm2

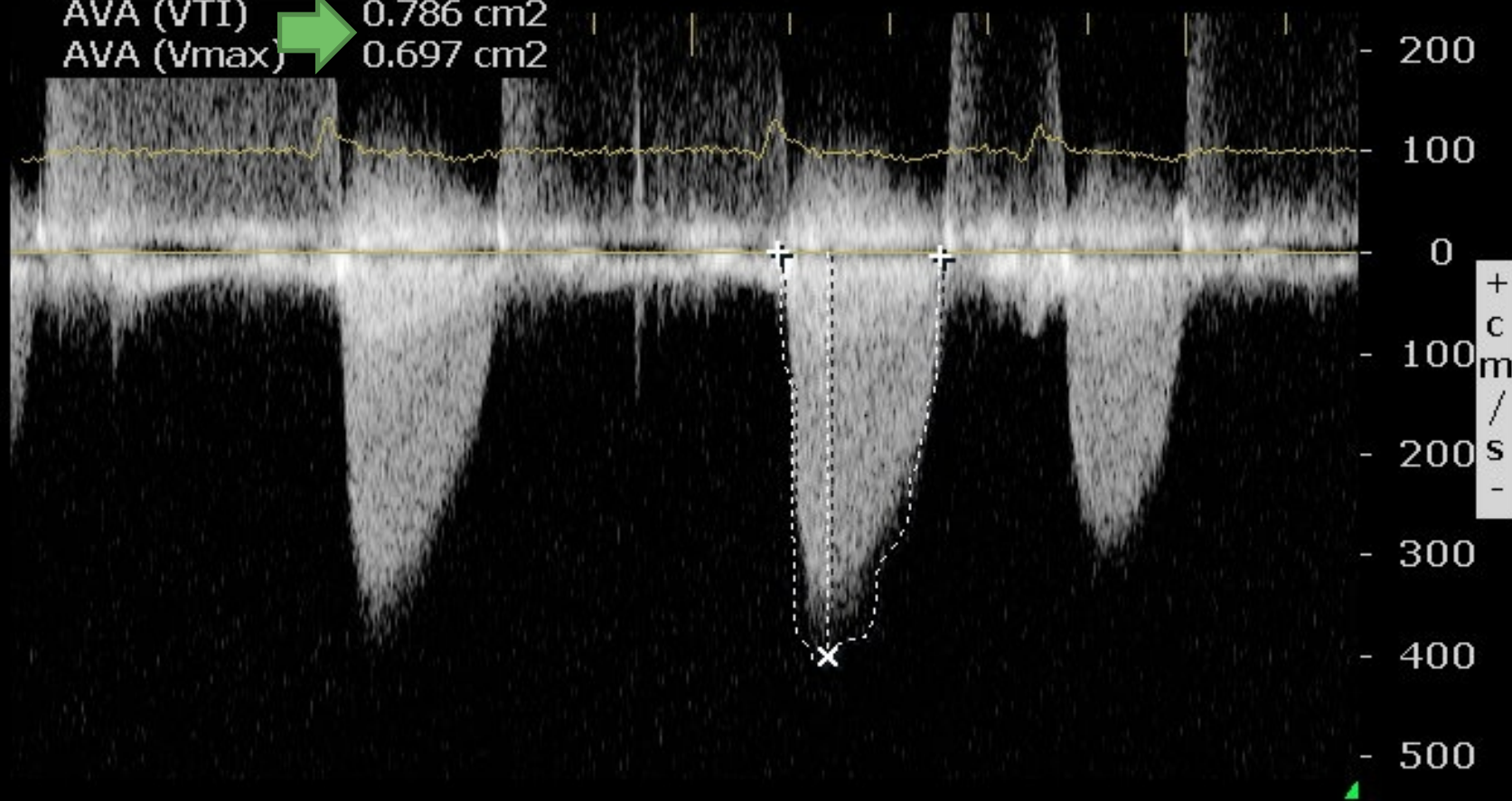


DOBUTABINE

15 MCG

70 BPM

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



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)

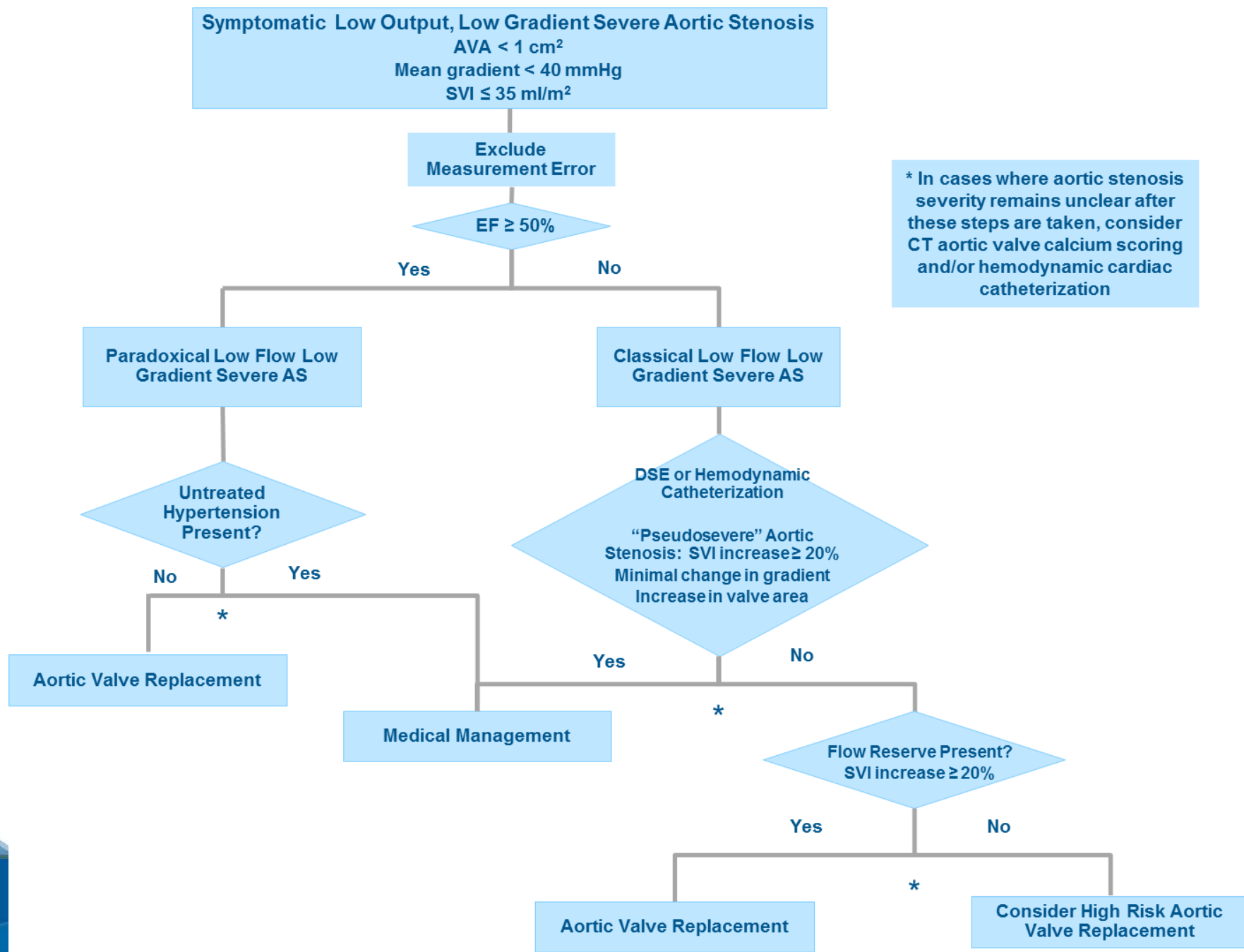
- ❖ A recently described entity
- ❖ Pronounced LV concentric remodeling
- ❖ Small LV cavity size
- ❖ Restrictive physiology leading to impaired LV filling
- ❖ Altered myocardial function
- ❖ Worse prognosis
- ❖ Proper diagnosis often require other diagnostic tests

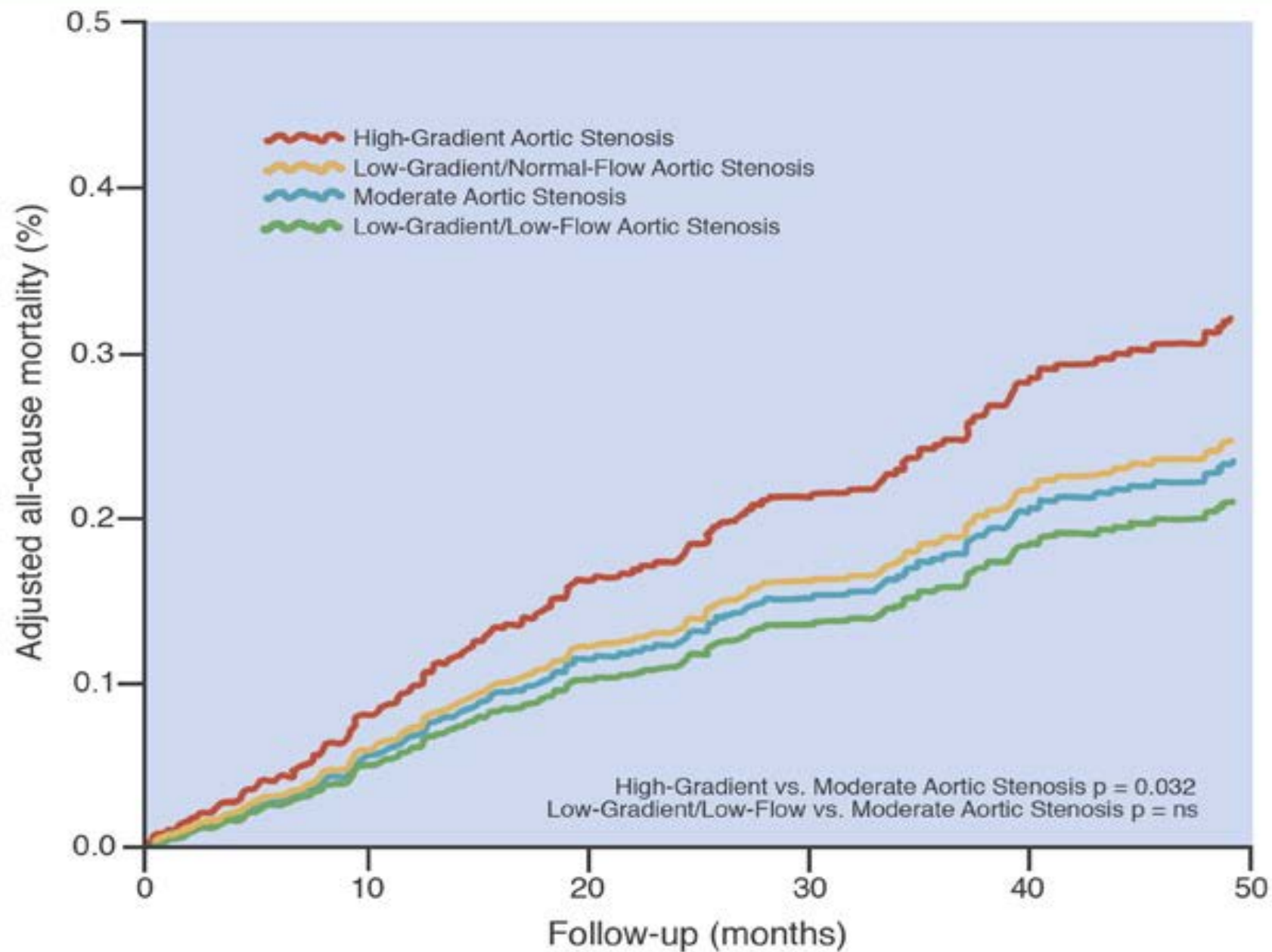
Low Flow, Low Gradient AS with Normal and Depressed LV Function

(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 data support severe AS –

Class 2a



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Normal LV function, Only after careful confirmation of severe

AS

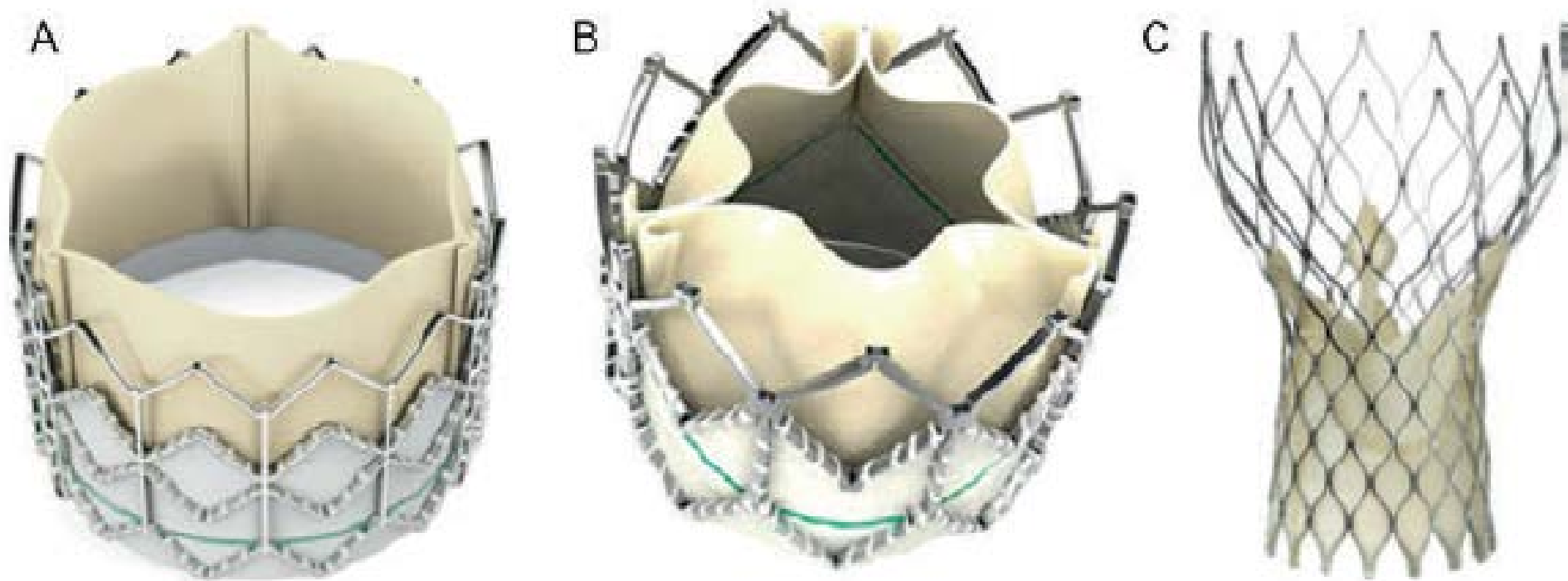
Class 2a

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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**

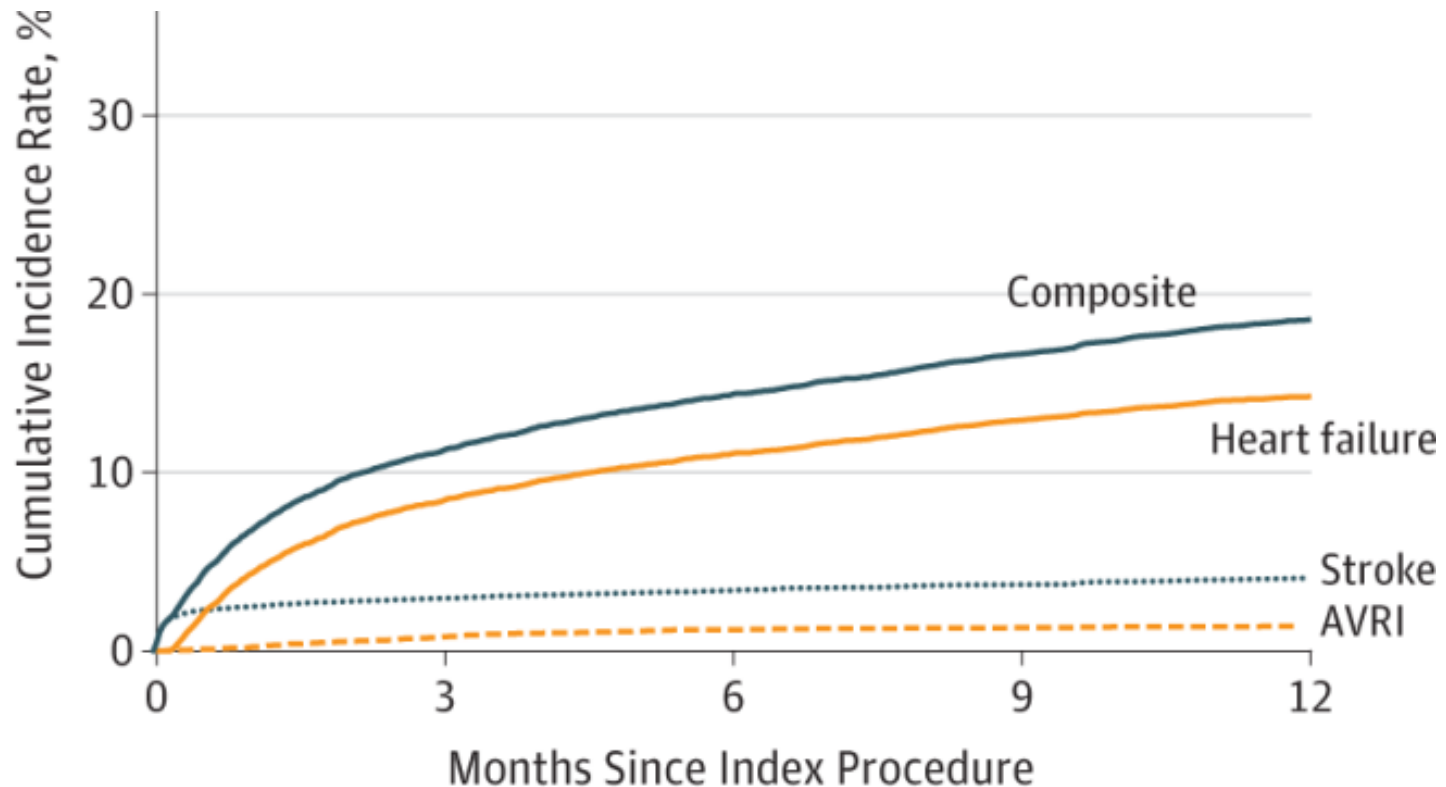
Balloon valvotomy as a bridge to TAVR or surgical AVR **Class 2b**



Clinical outcomes at 1 year following TAVR

JAMA 2015 313,1019

David Holmes Mayo Clinic



No. at risk

Stroke

12 182

9 508

7 585

6 063

4 681

Heart failure

12 182

9 051

7 007

5 510

4 720

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

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

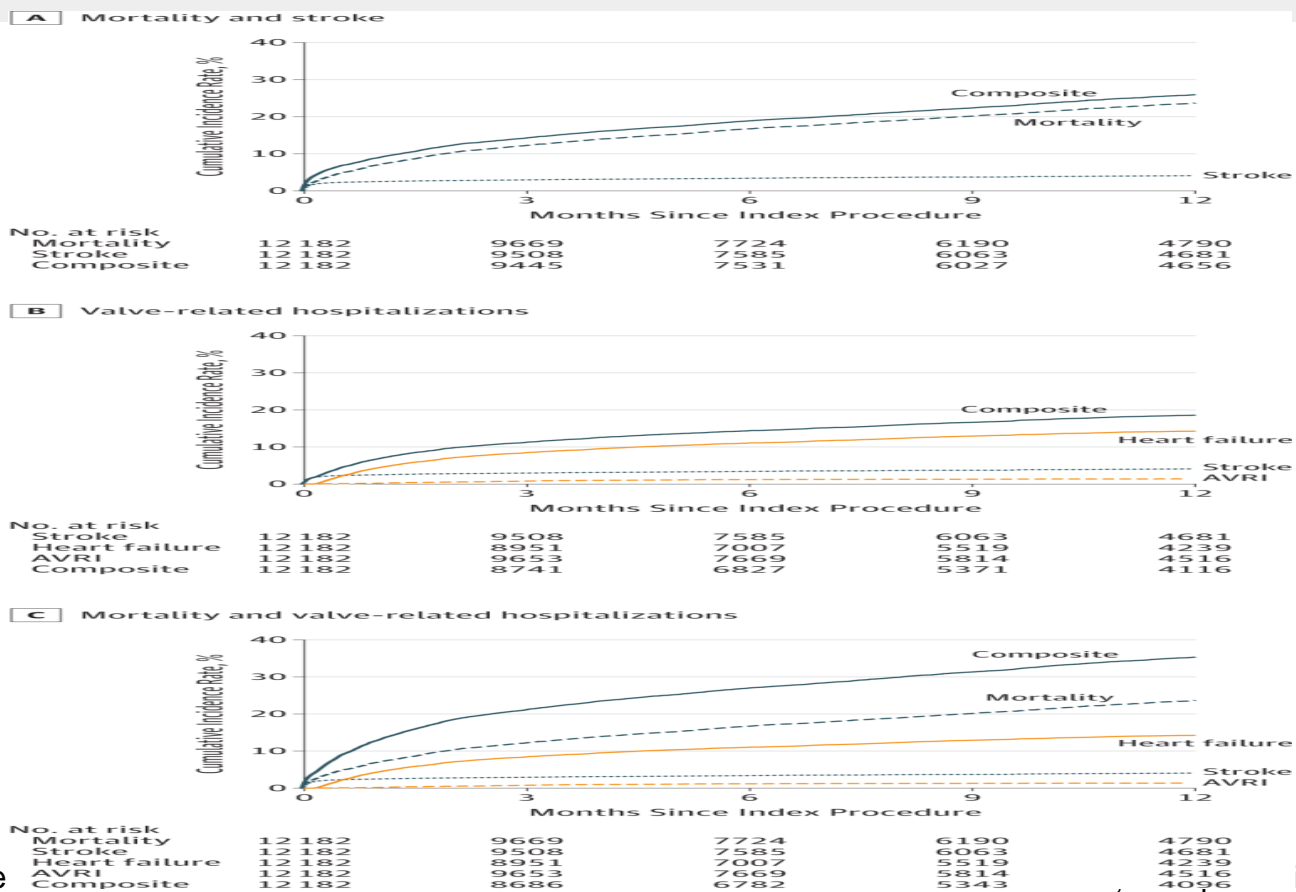


Figure Legend:

A, 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.

Thank You



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