



# Transposition of the great arteries in neonates

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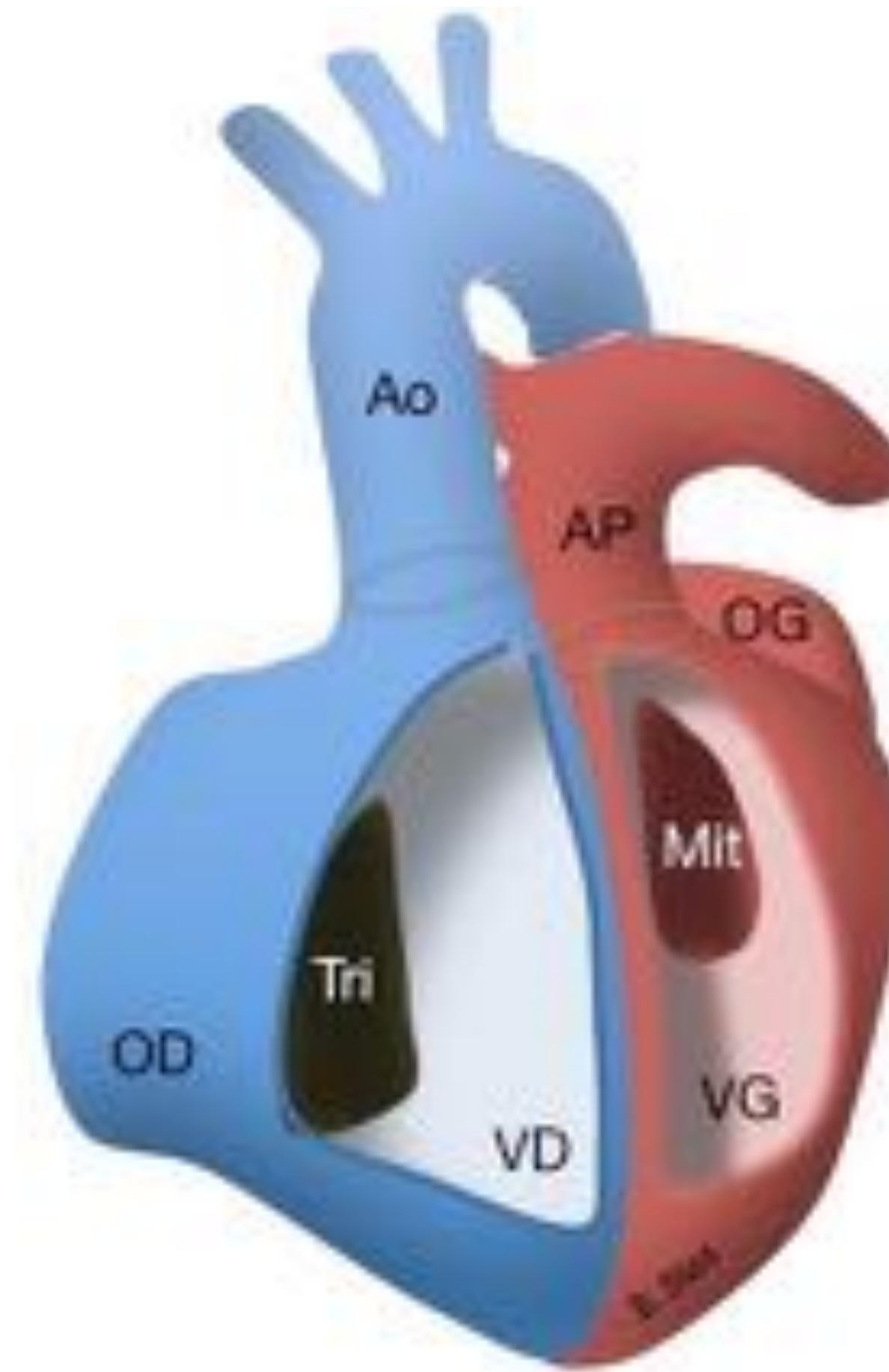
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# ANATOMY OF THE HEART WITH TGA

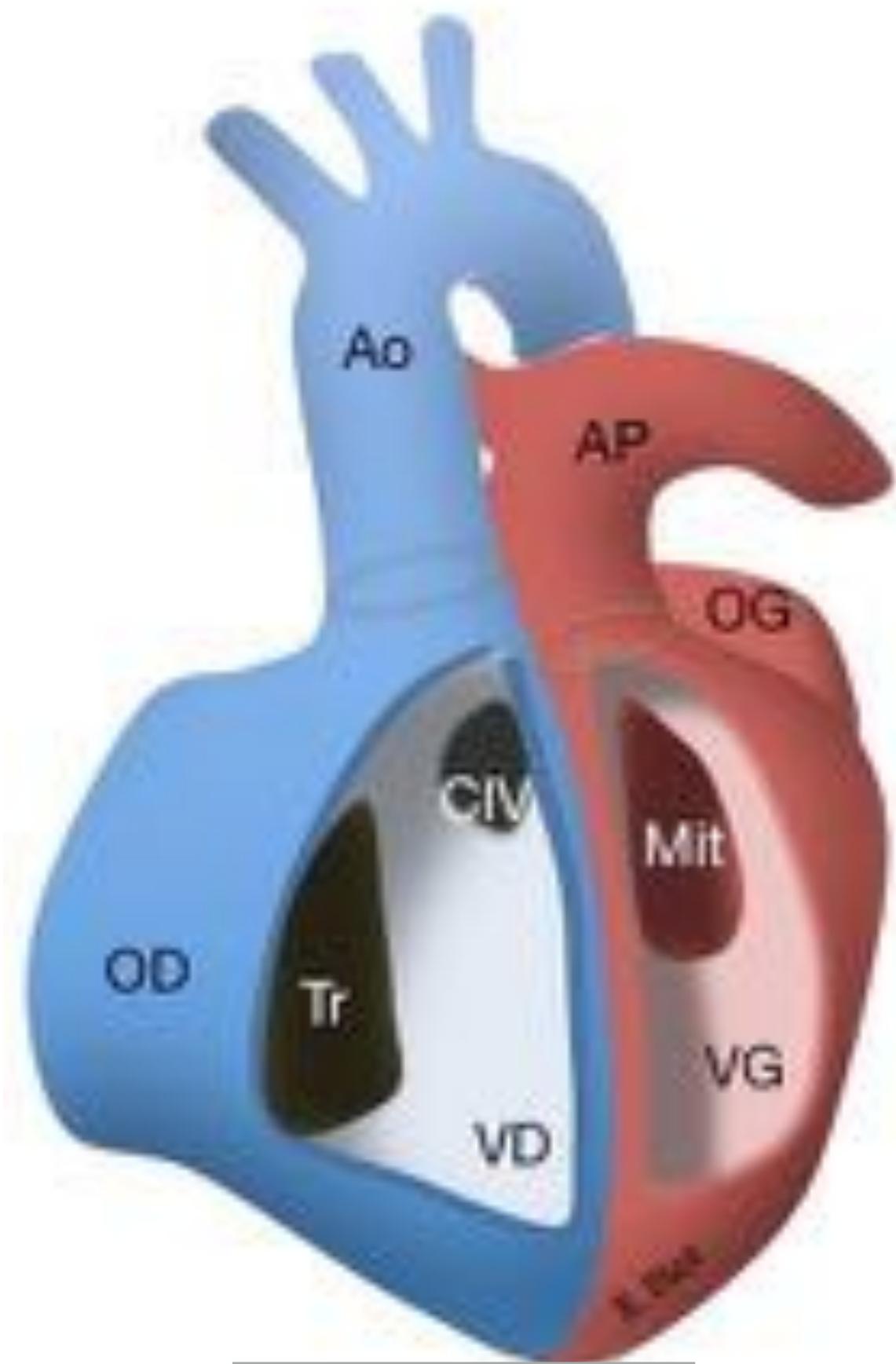


Normal heart

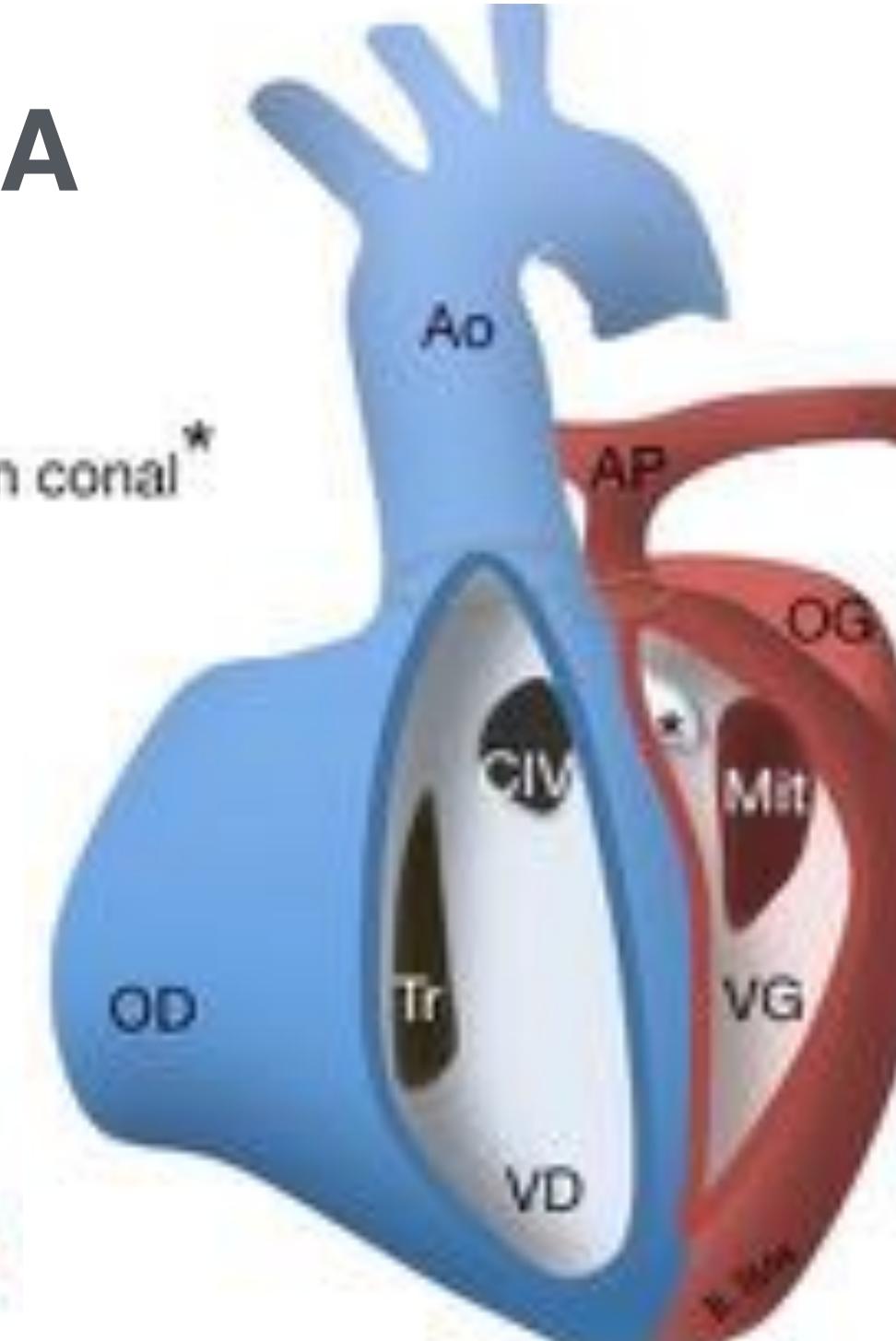


TGA

# Other complex malpositions of the GA

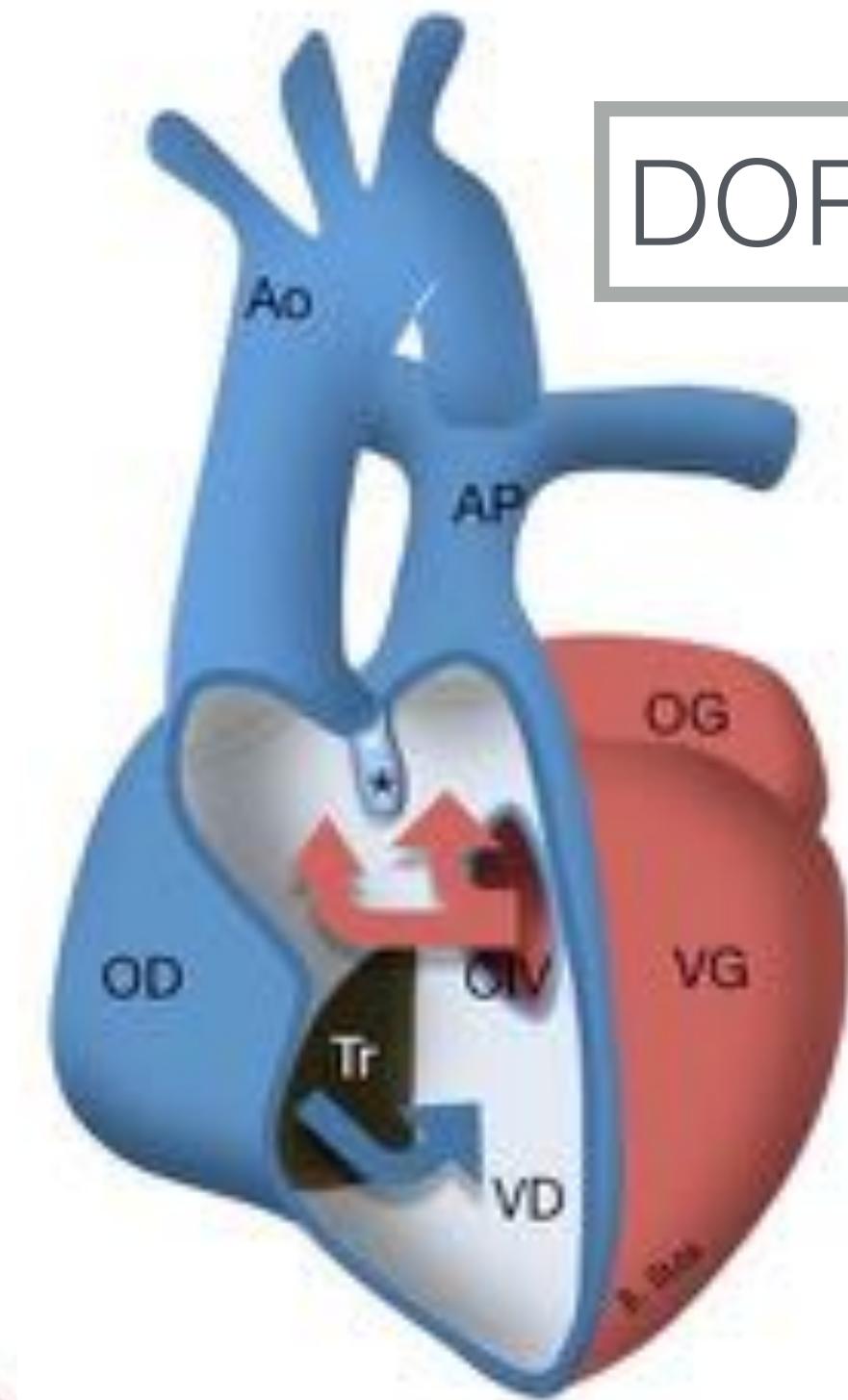
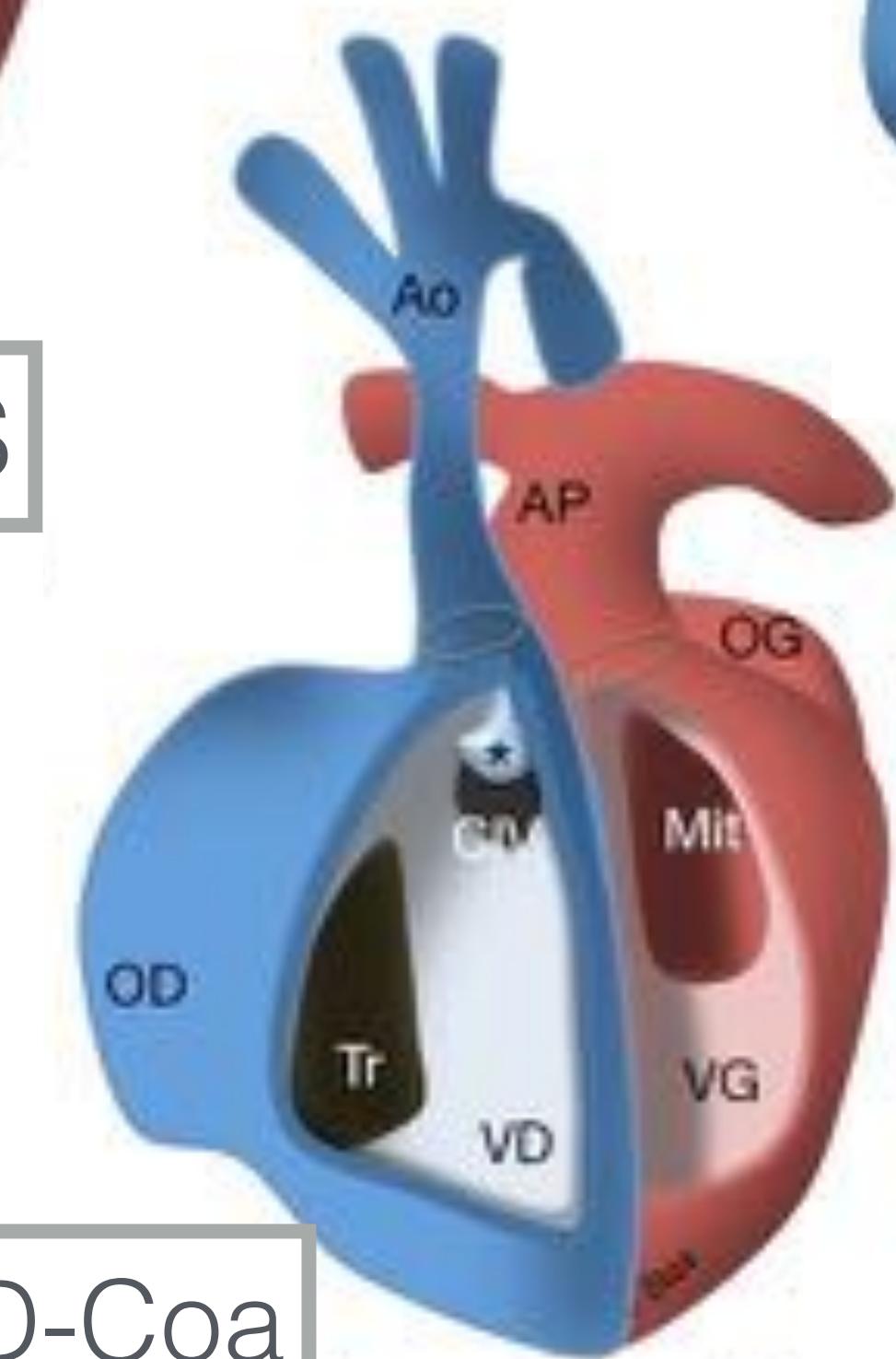


TGA-VSD

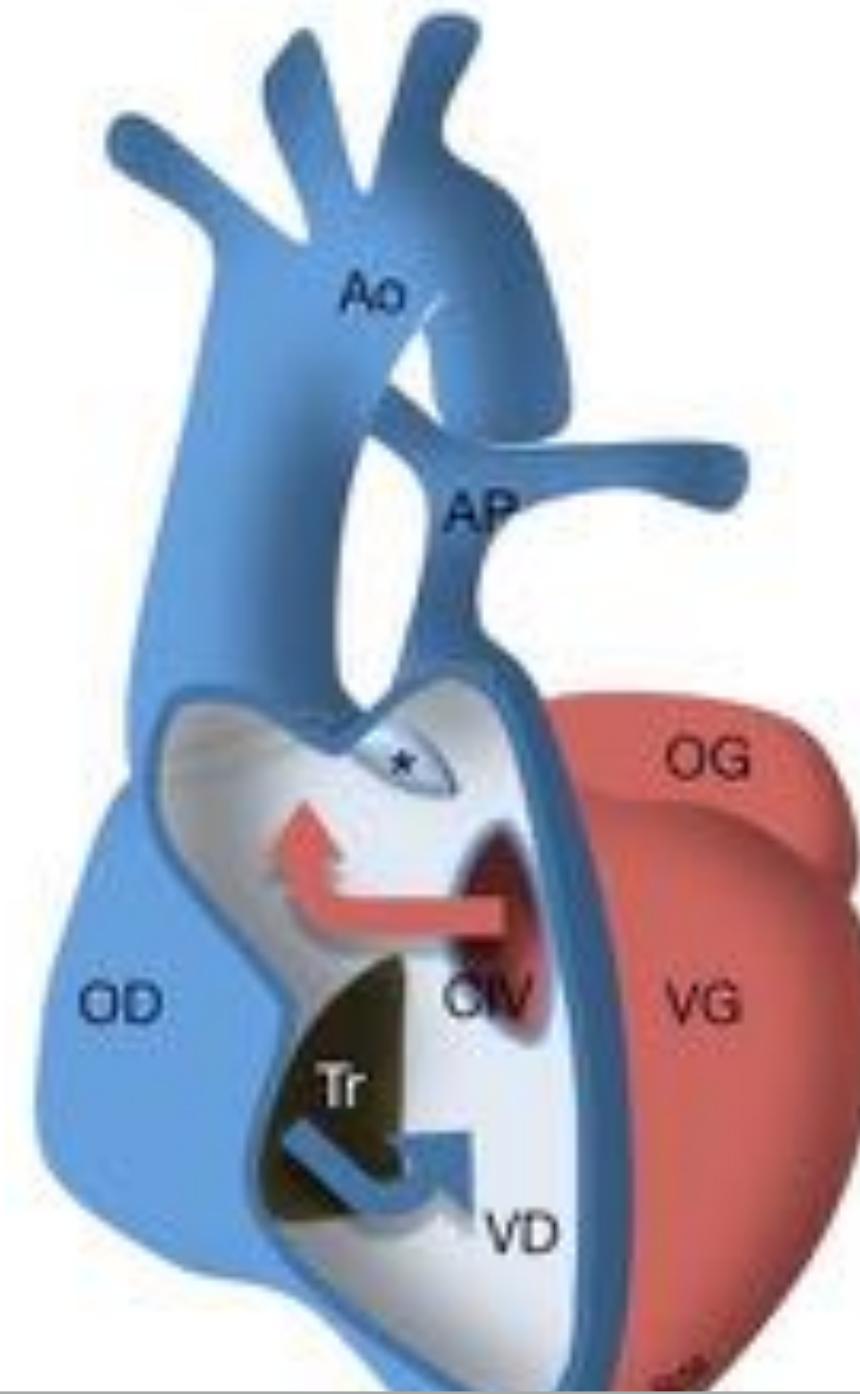


Septum conal \*

TGA-VSD-Coa



DORV-Sub aortic VSD



DORV-Sub aortic VSD-SP

# Malpositions of the great arteries

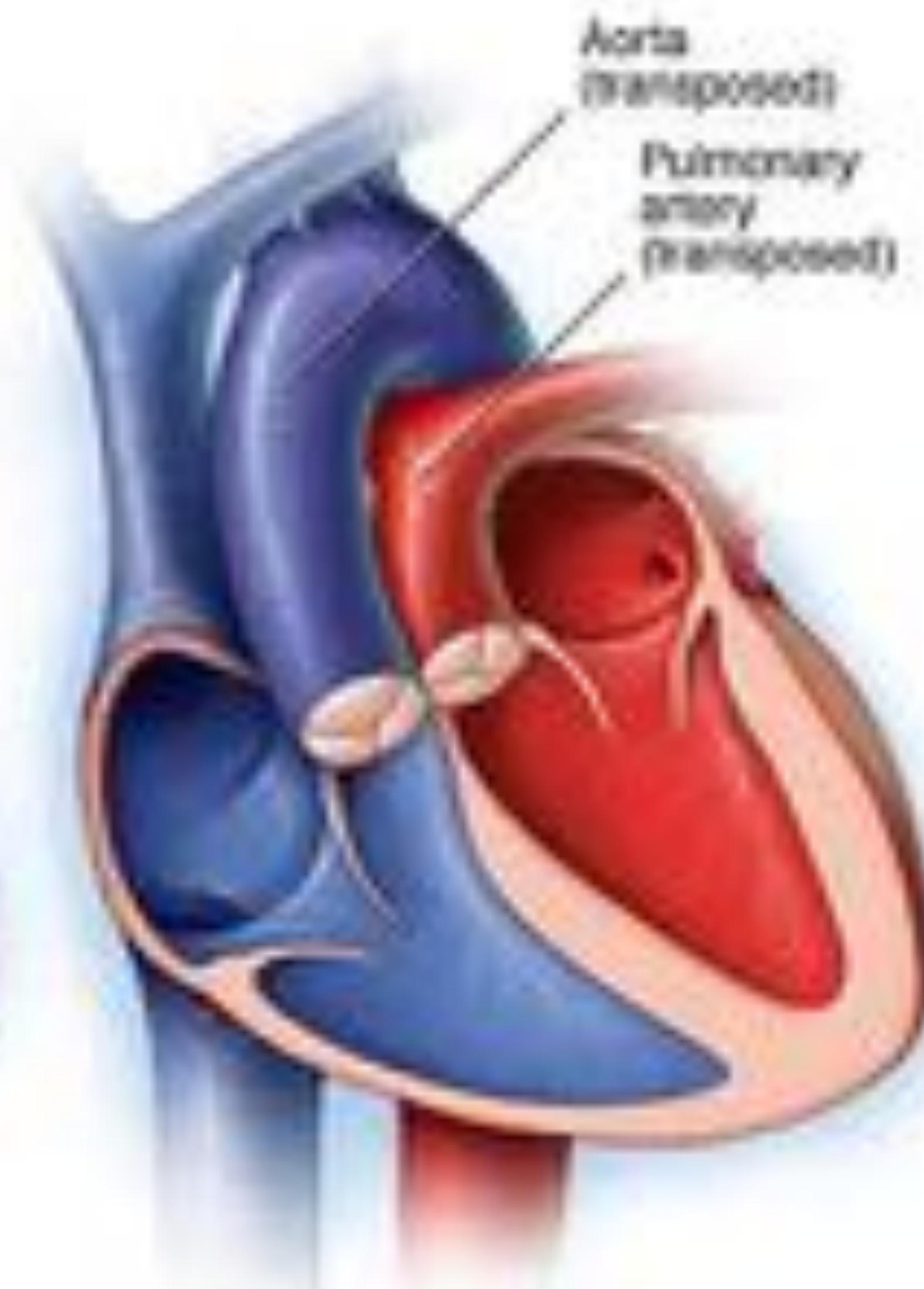
## 4 categories

- **Transposition of the great arteries**
- Double outlet right ventricle
- Double outlet left ventricle
- Anatomically corrected malposition of the great arteries

Normal heart



Heart with transposition  
of great arteries

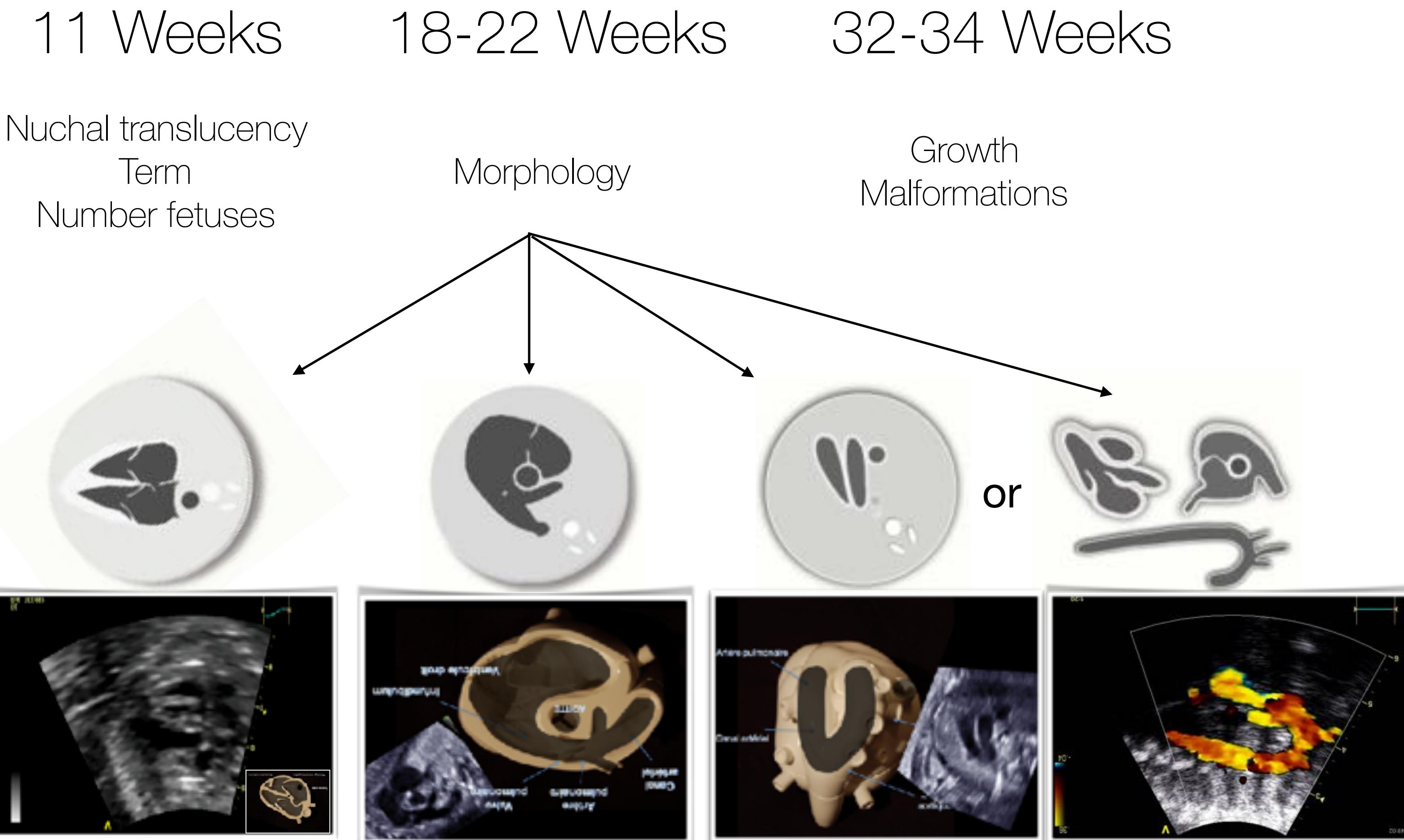


# **Foetal TGA**



# The French system during pregnancy

## 3 systematic foetal echographies - Level 1



In case of anomaly  
or difficulty in assessing  
normality

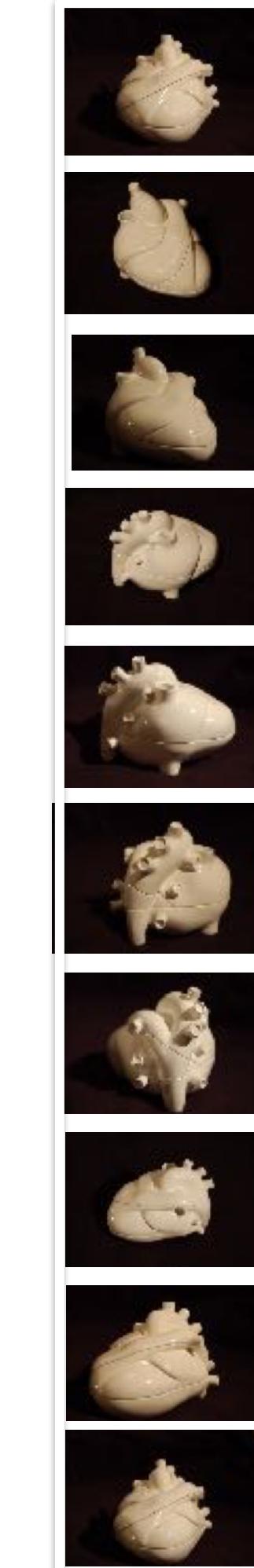
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Expert foetal  
echography

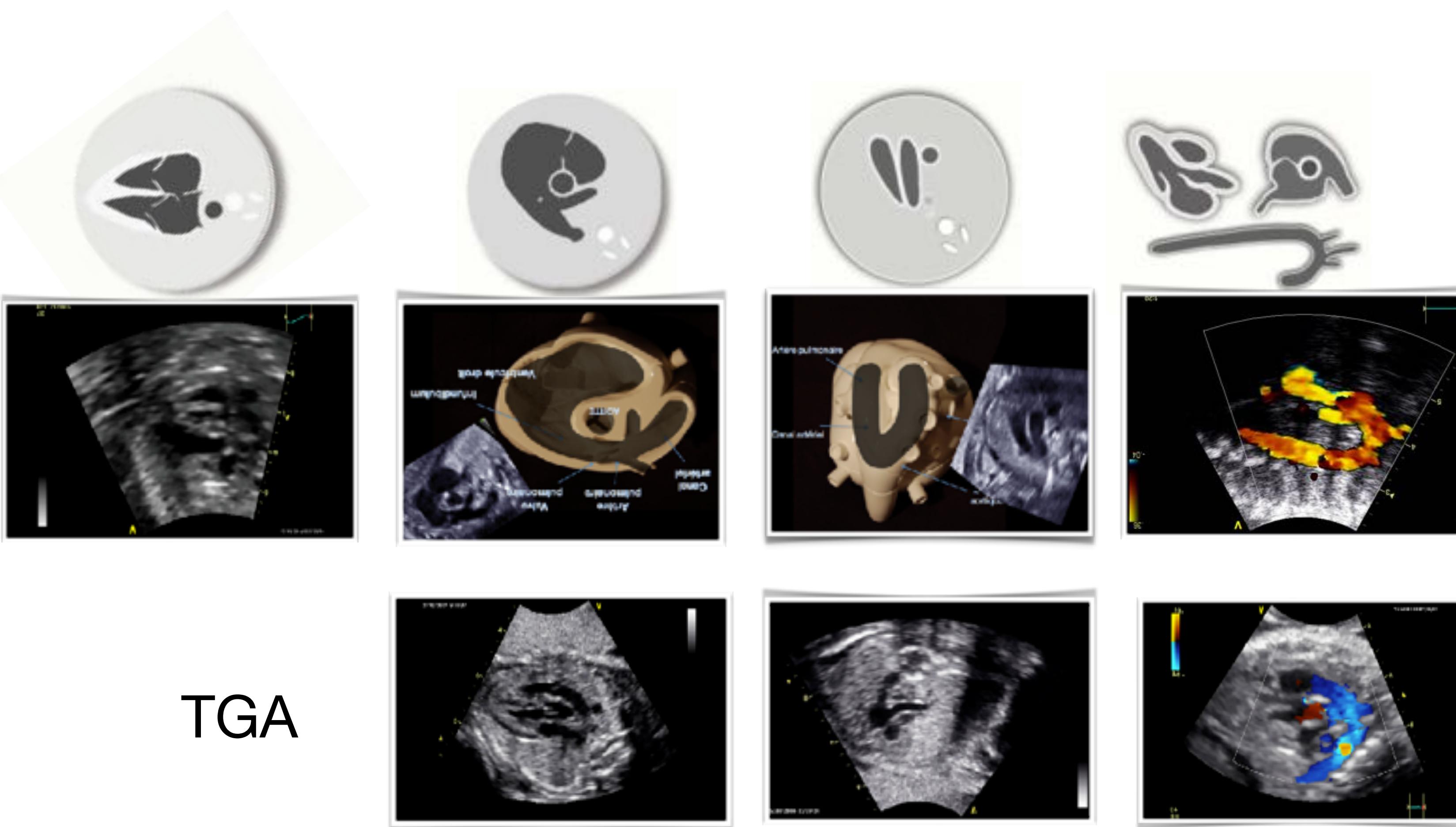
If heart anomaly is confirmed

## Level 3

Fetal echocardiography  
by expert



# Prenatal diagnosis of TGA



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Preoperative mortality in TGA = 4-6%  
(vs./+) Surgical mortality = 1-2%

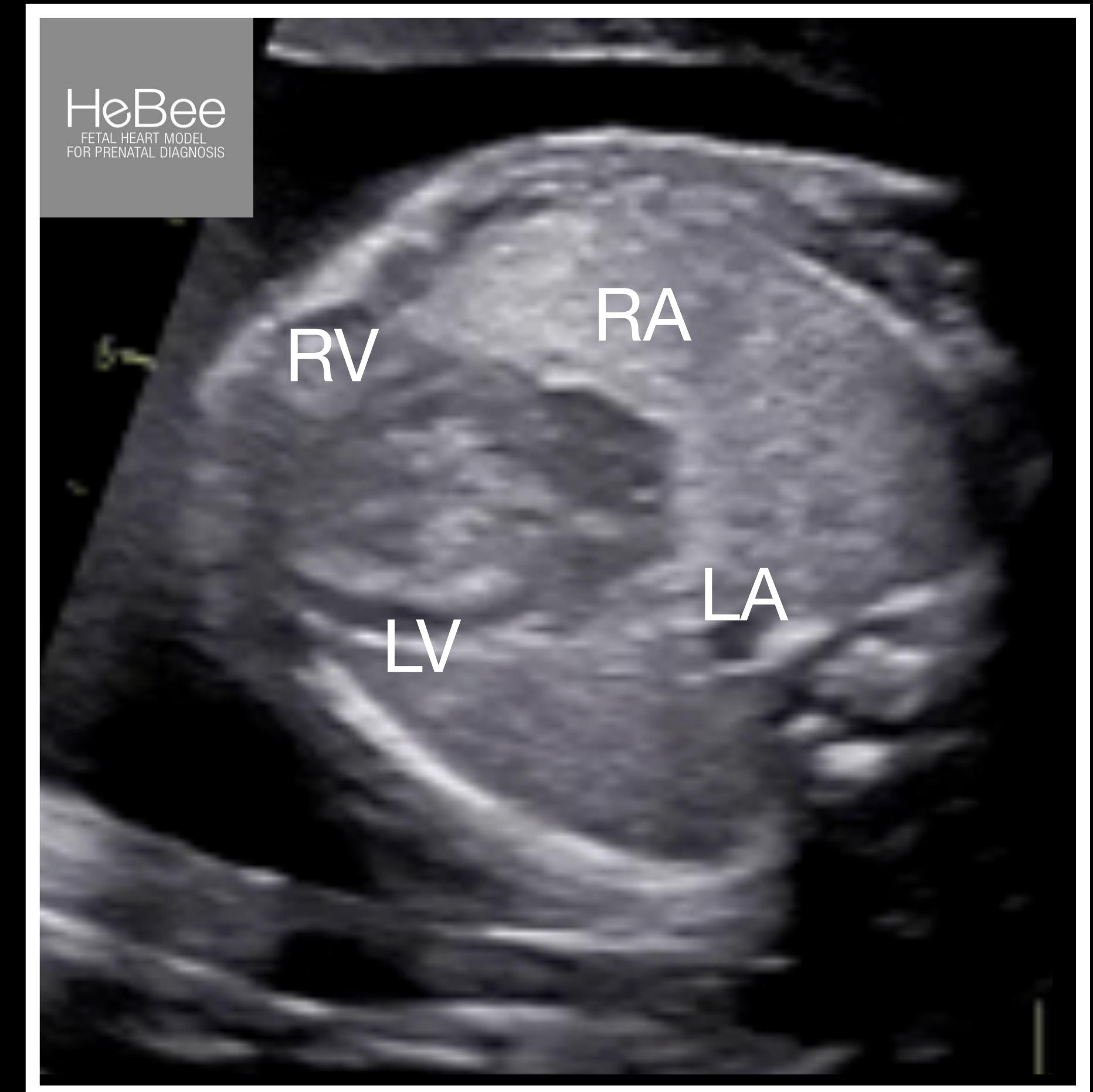
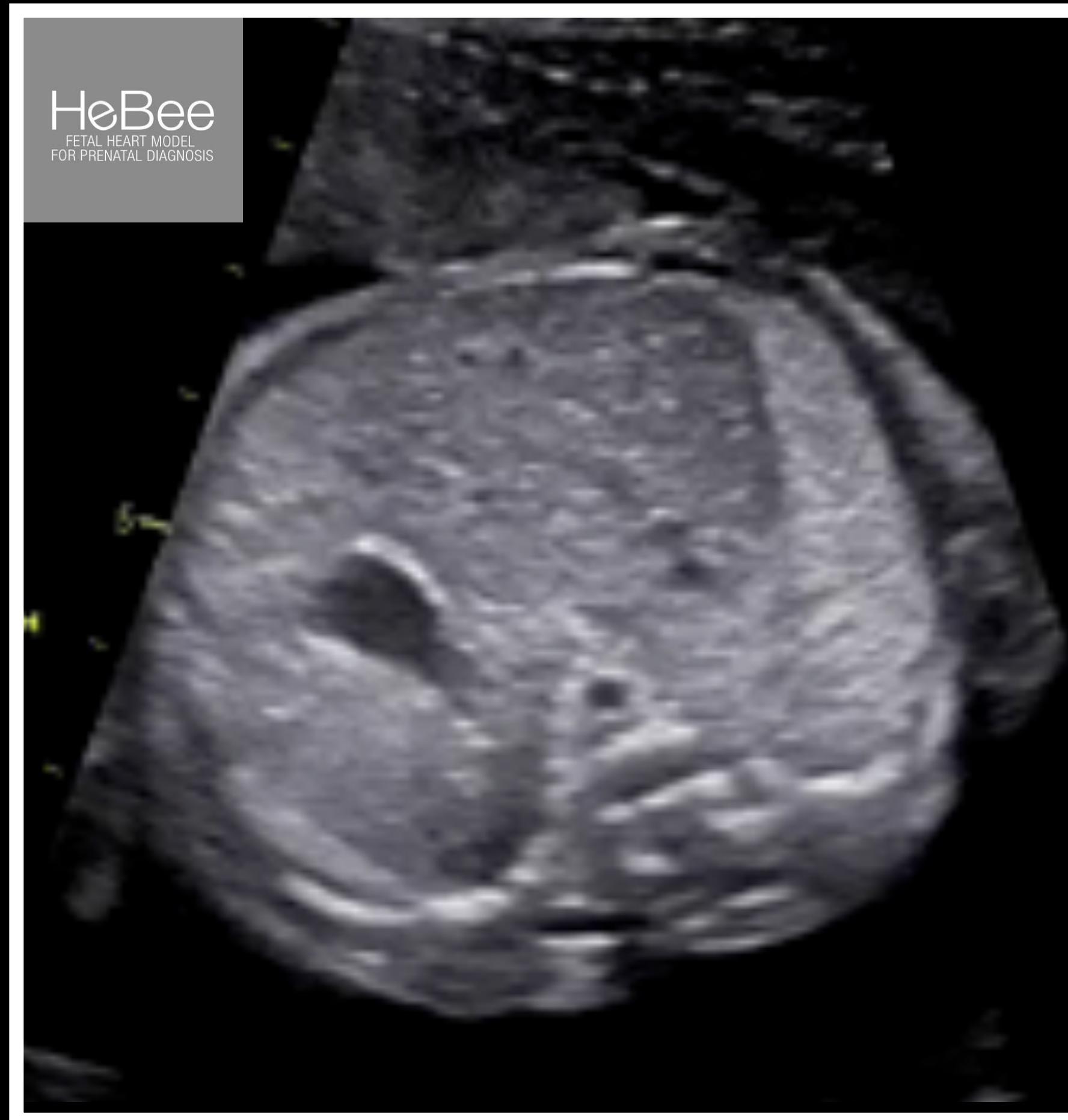
Comparison of Characteristics of Patients in the Preadopt and Postadopt Groups

	Preadopt Group	Postadopt Group	P
Number TGA	364	17	<0.001
Associated defects	48	11	NS
VSD	31	8	NS
VSD + DSA	18	3	NS
DSA	1	1	NS
Age at operation, yr	23 ± 28	22 ± 28	>0.05
Mechanical ventilation	85 (24)	82 (47.6)	<0.001
Sedative: anesthetic = NCPD	36	8	<0.001
PCI, infarcts	85	30	NS
DAI	108	54	NS
Preoperative mortality	15	4	<0.001
Coronary artery patency	232 (63)	48 (28)	NS
Normal	188	47	NS
Abnormal	44	31	NS
Postoperative mortality	36	8	<0.001
Hospital stay, d	26 ± 17	26 ± 11	>0.05

NCPD indicates noradrenergic receptor deleted; DSA, desmin; DAI, myocardial damage; PCI, percutaneous CI, sed, sodium thiopental, and DAI, arterial switch operation. Values are n (%)



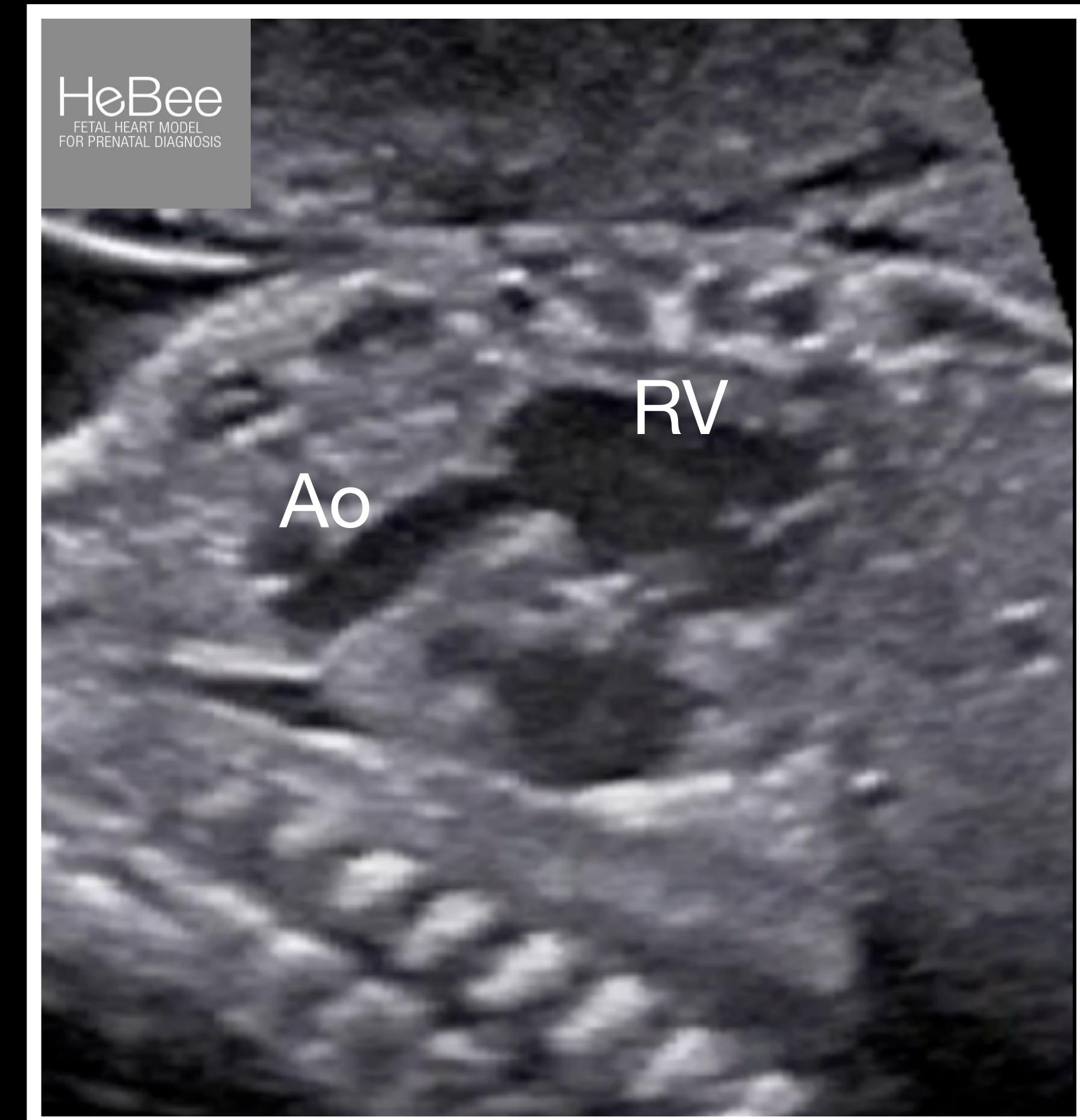
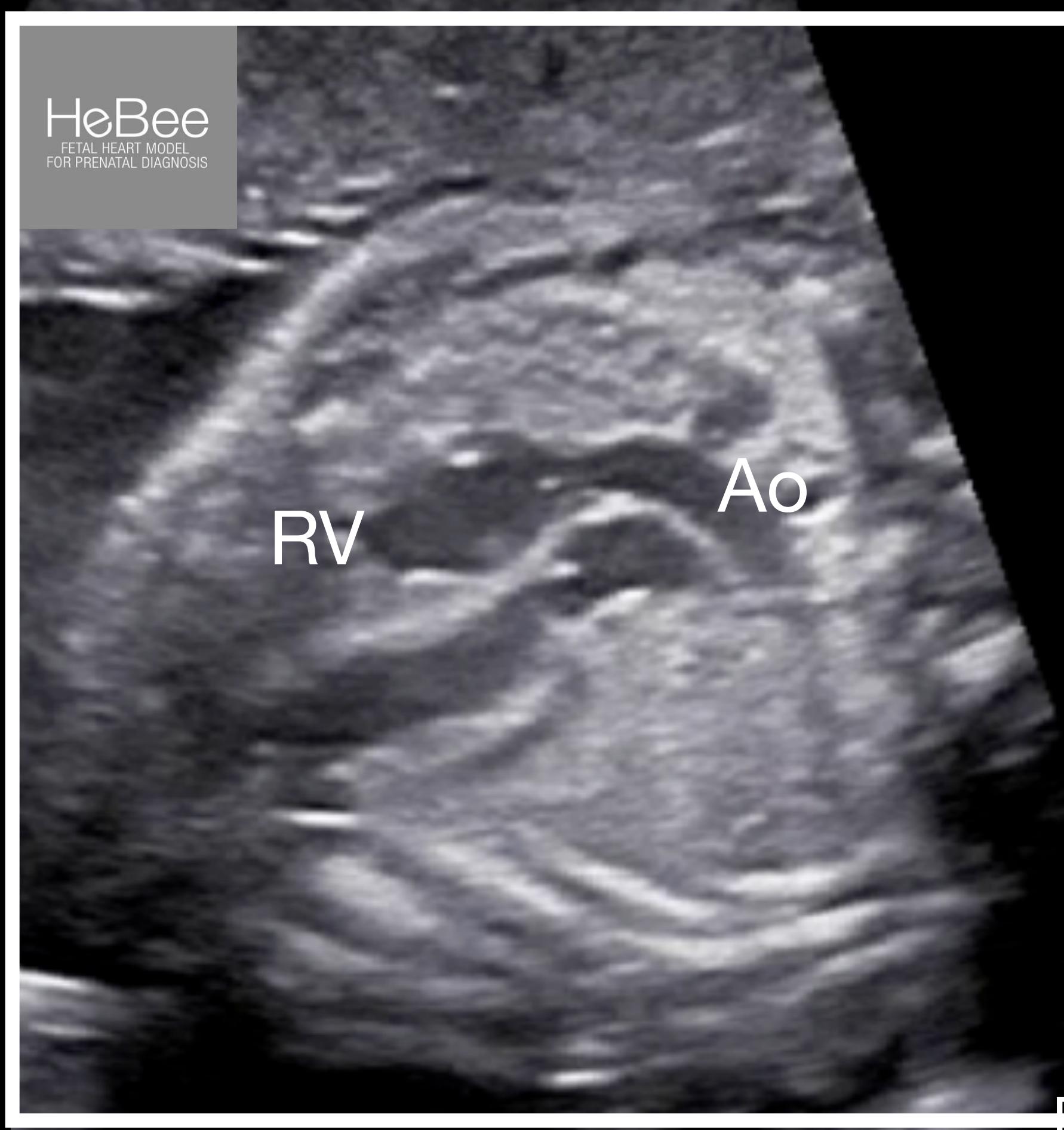
**TGA**  
*situs & 4 chamber view*



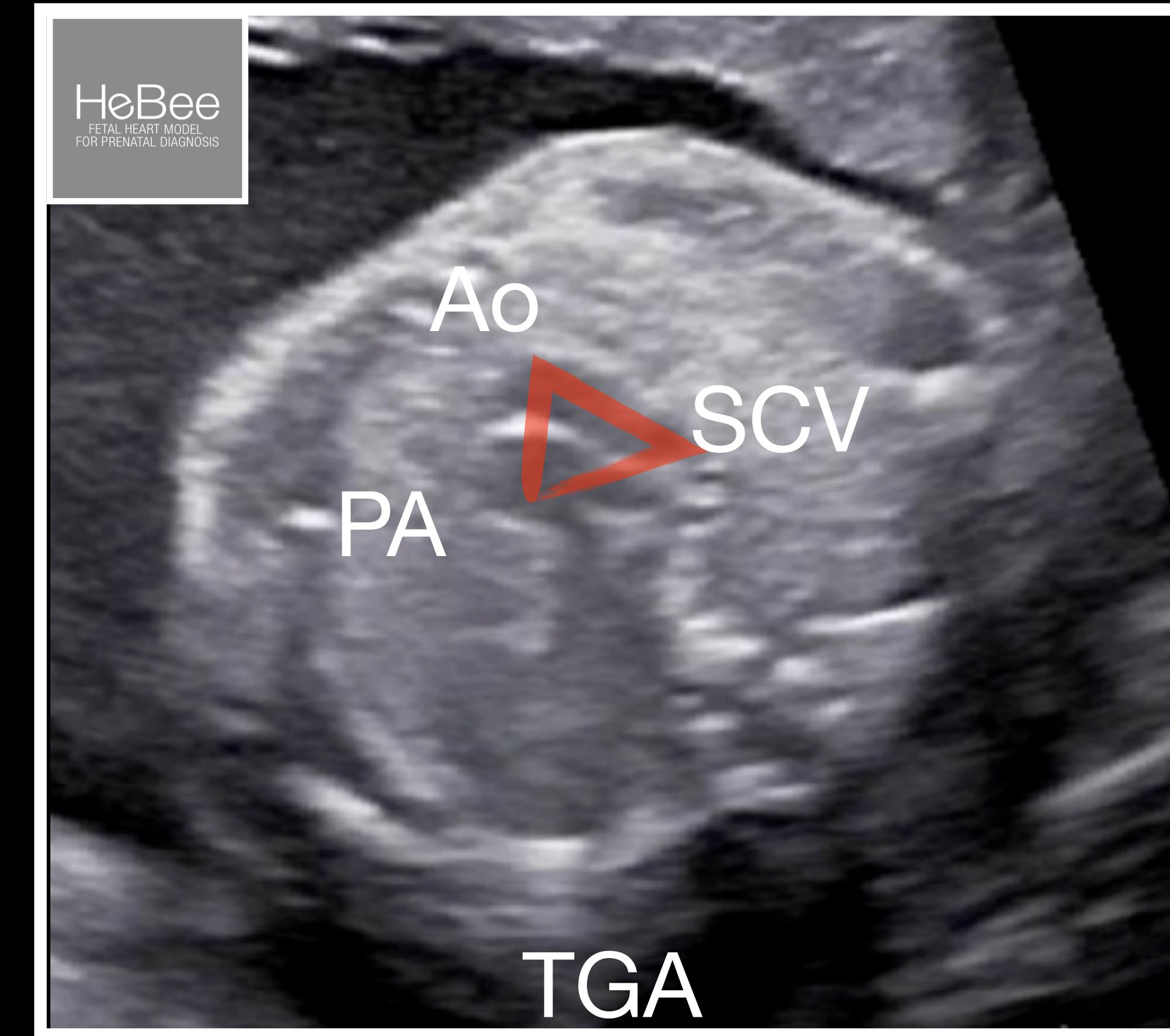
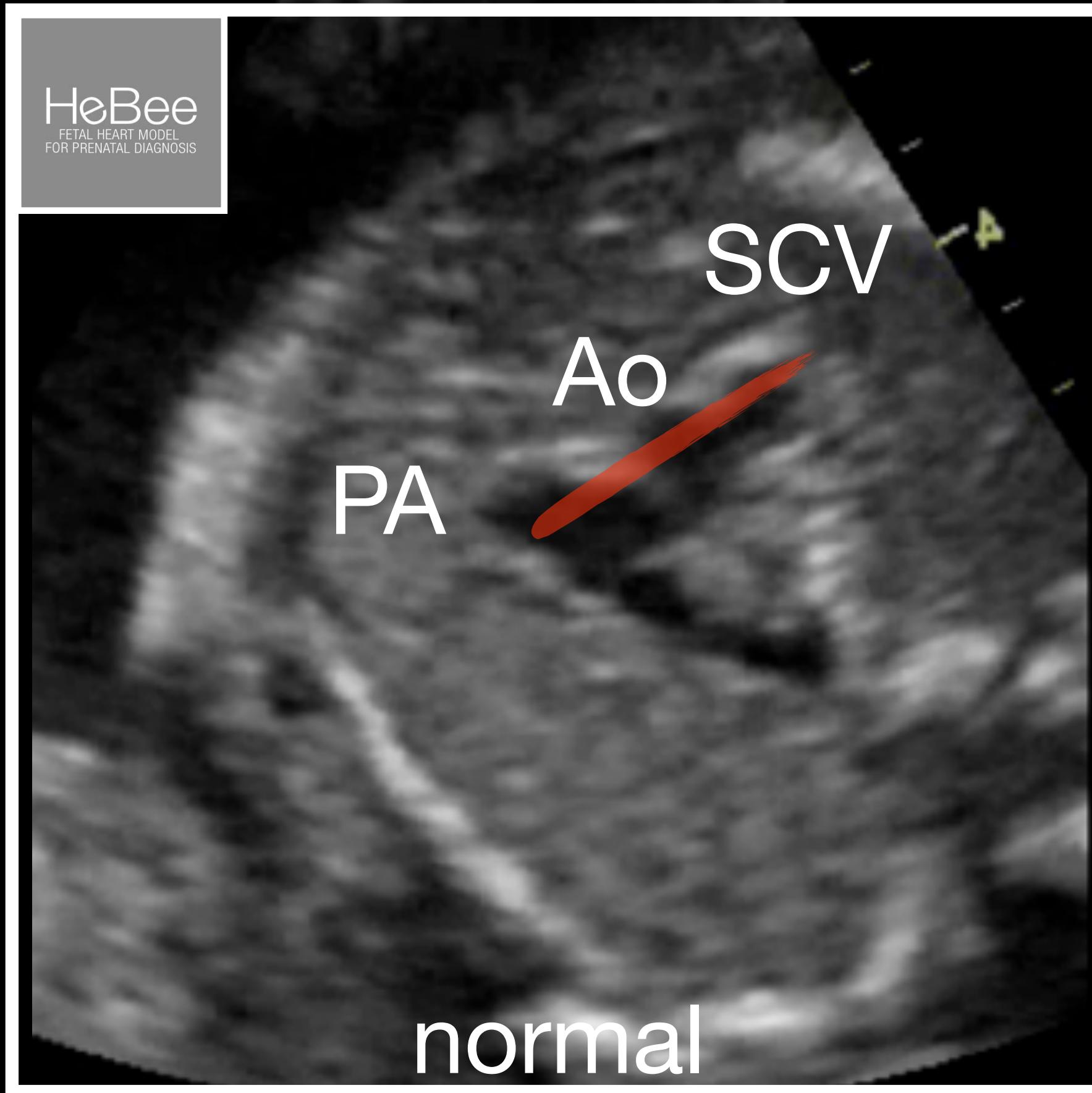
**TGA**  
*LVOT view*



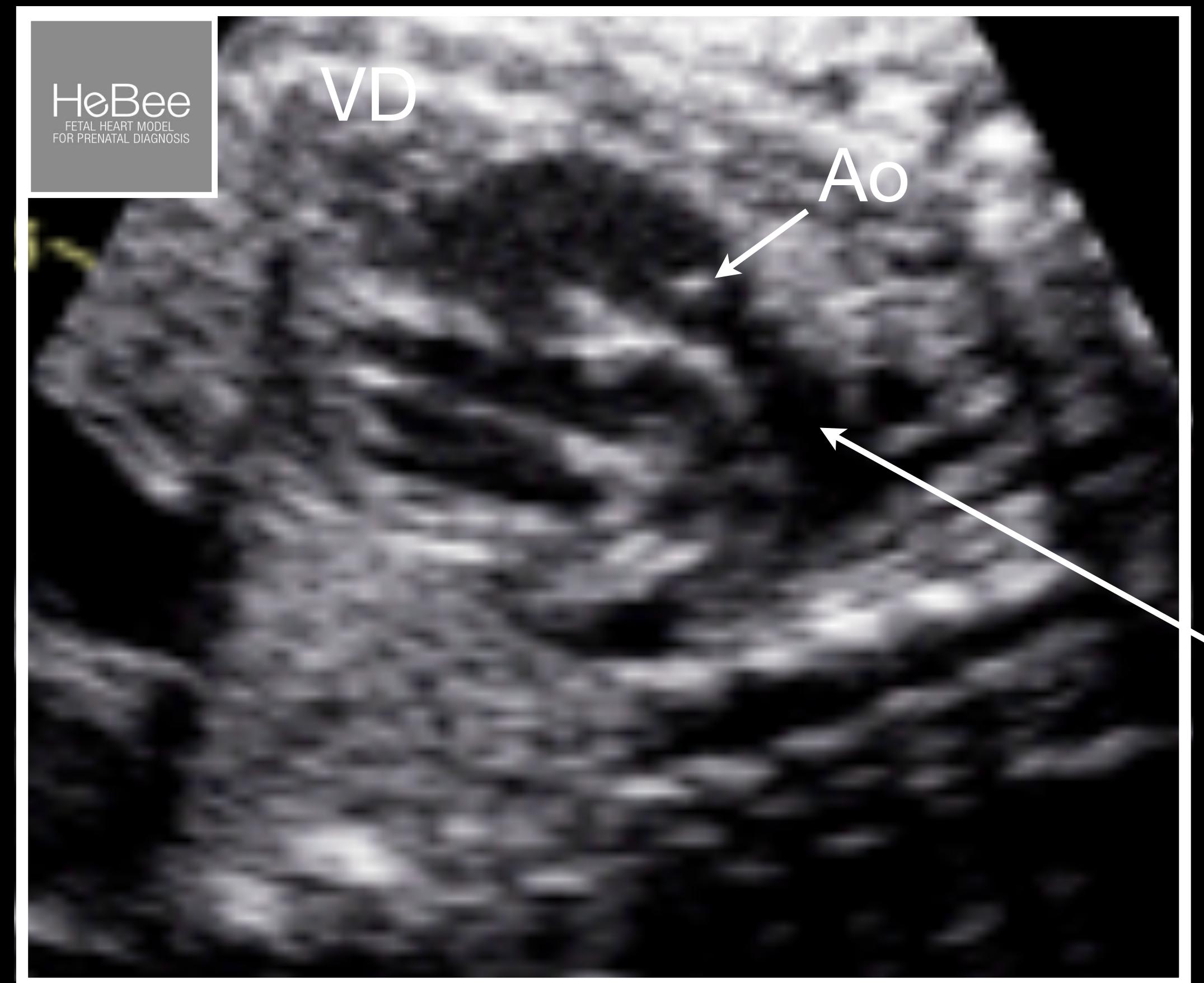
**TGA**  
*LVOT/RVOT view*



**TGA**  
*3 vessel view*



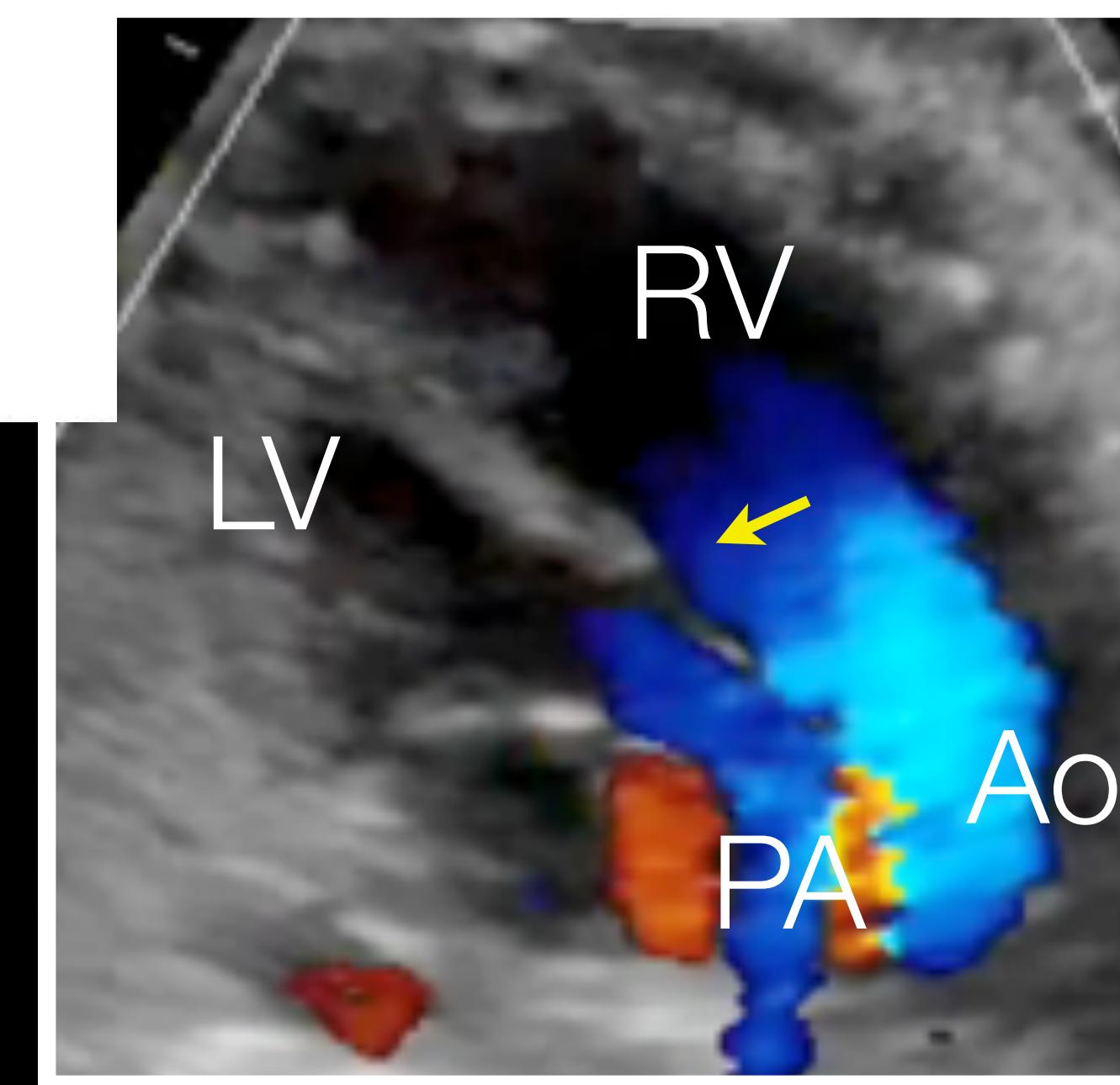
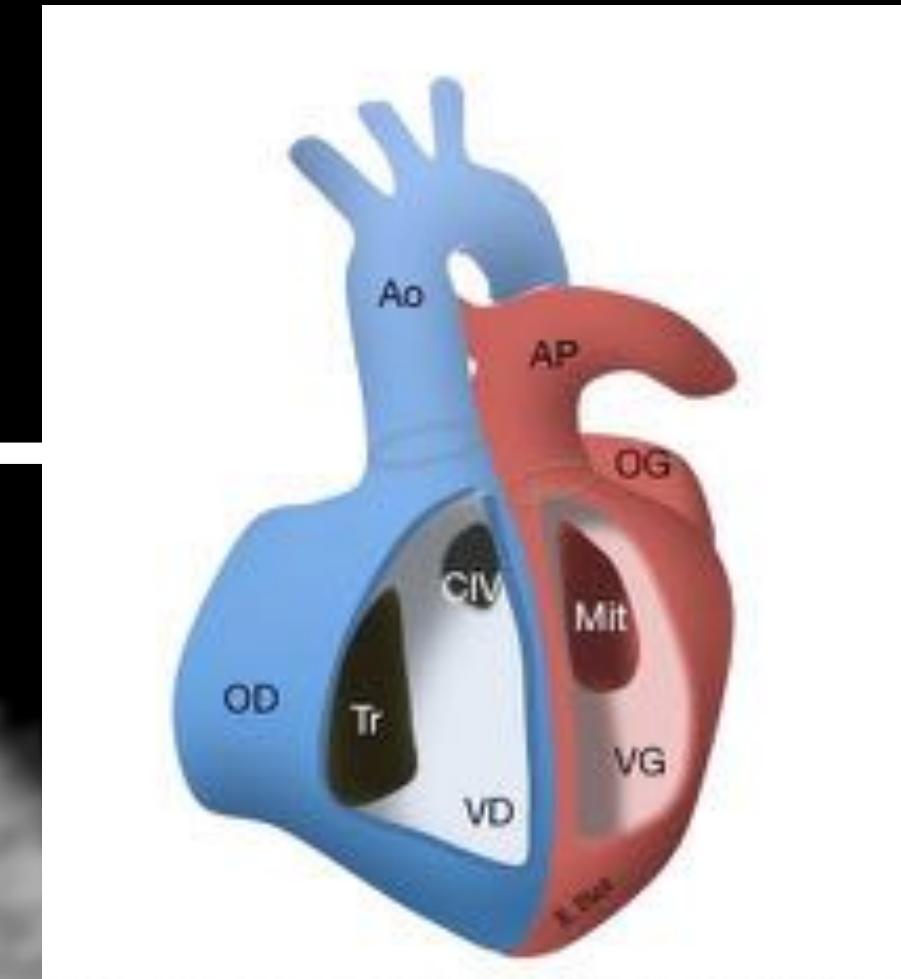
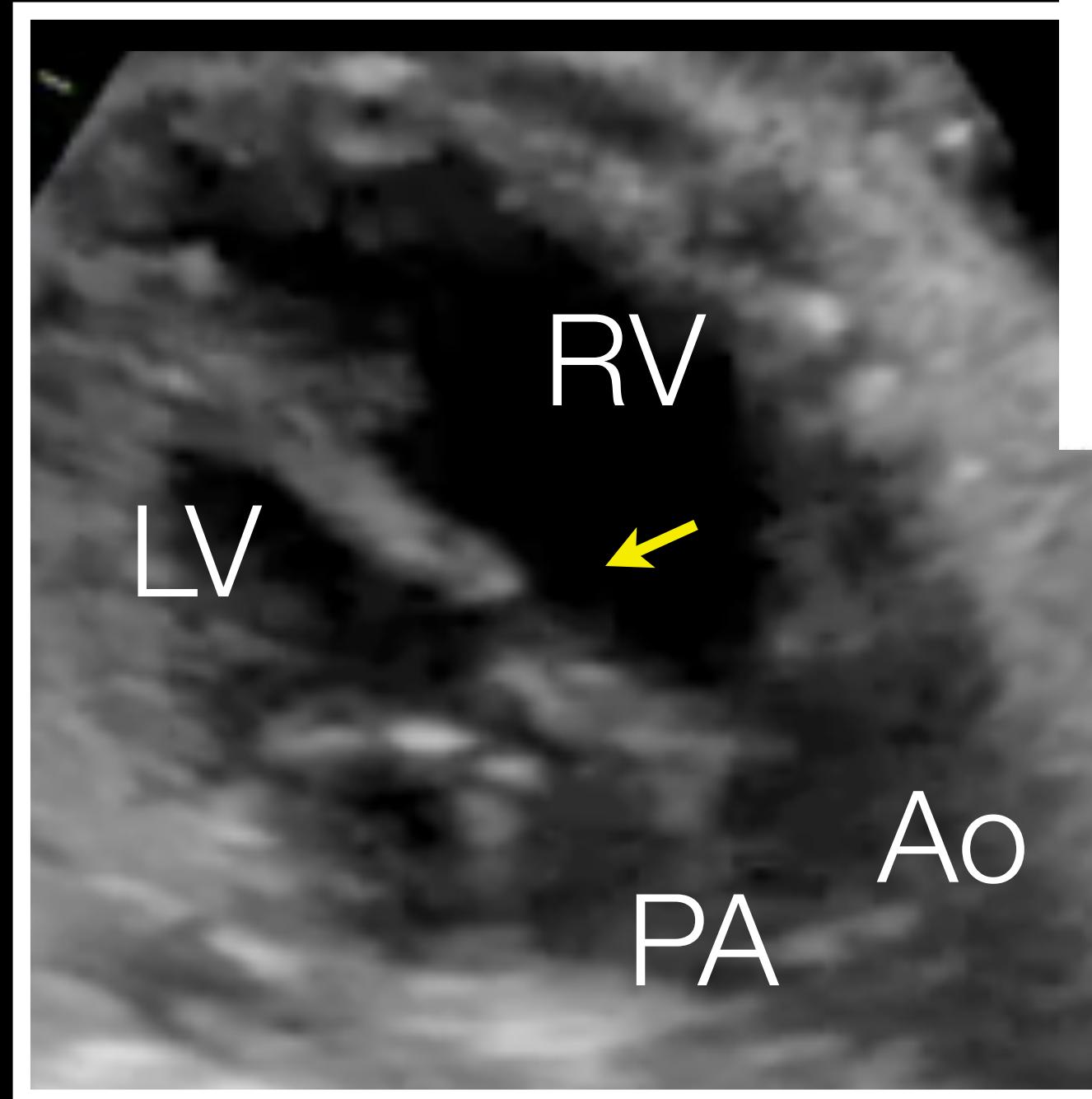
**TGA**  
*RVOT view*



Troncs supra  
aortiques

# TGA

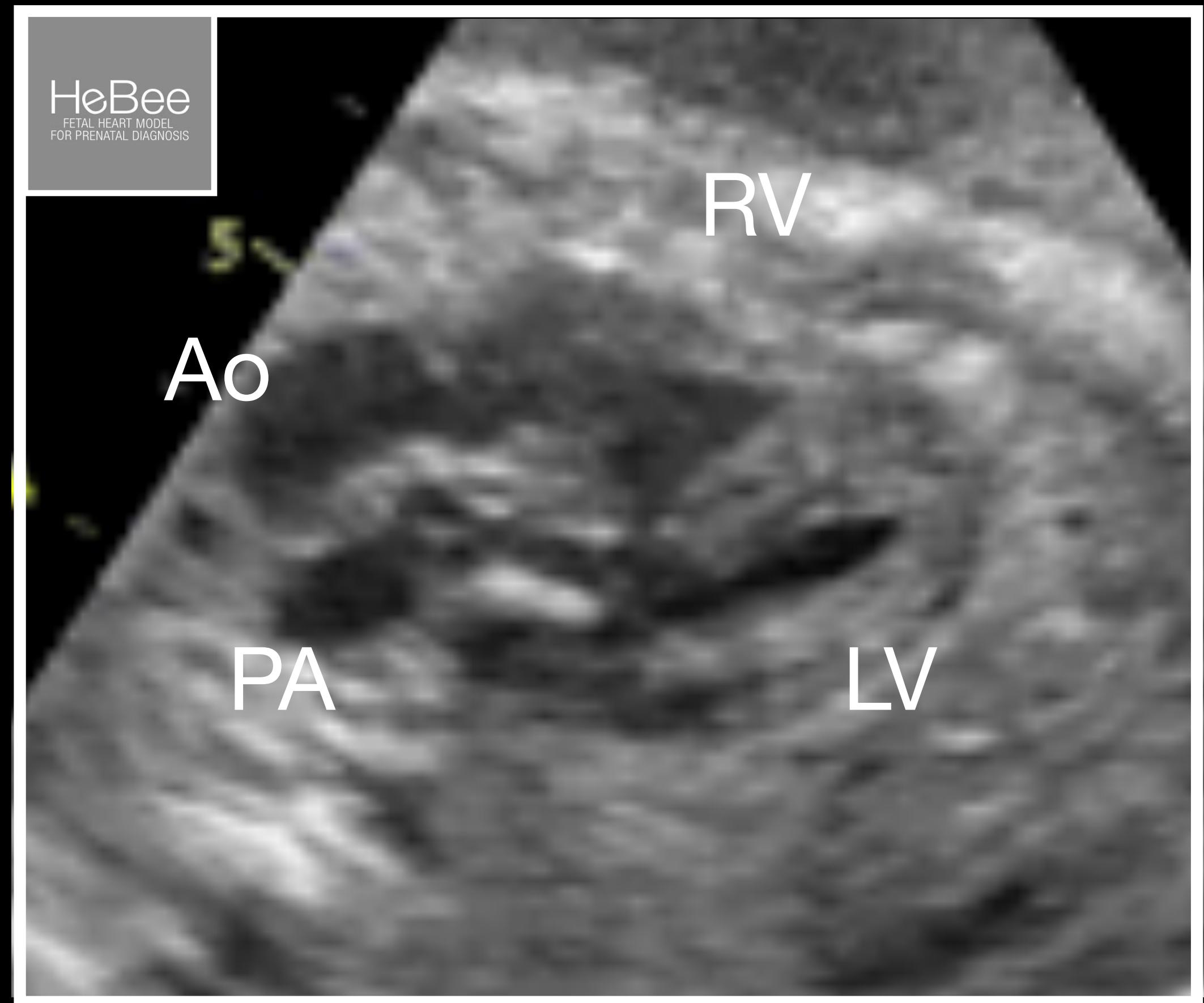
*Complex forms*



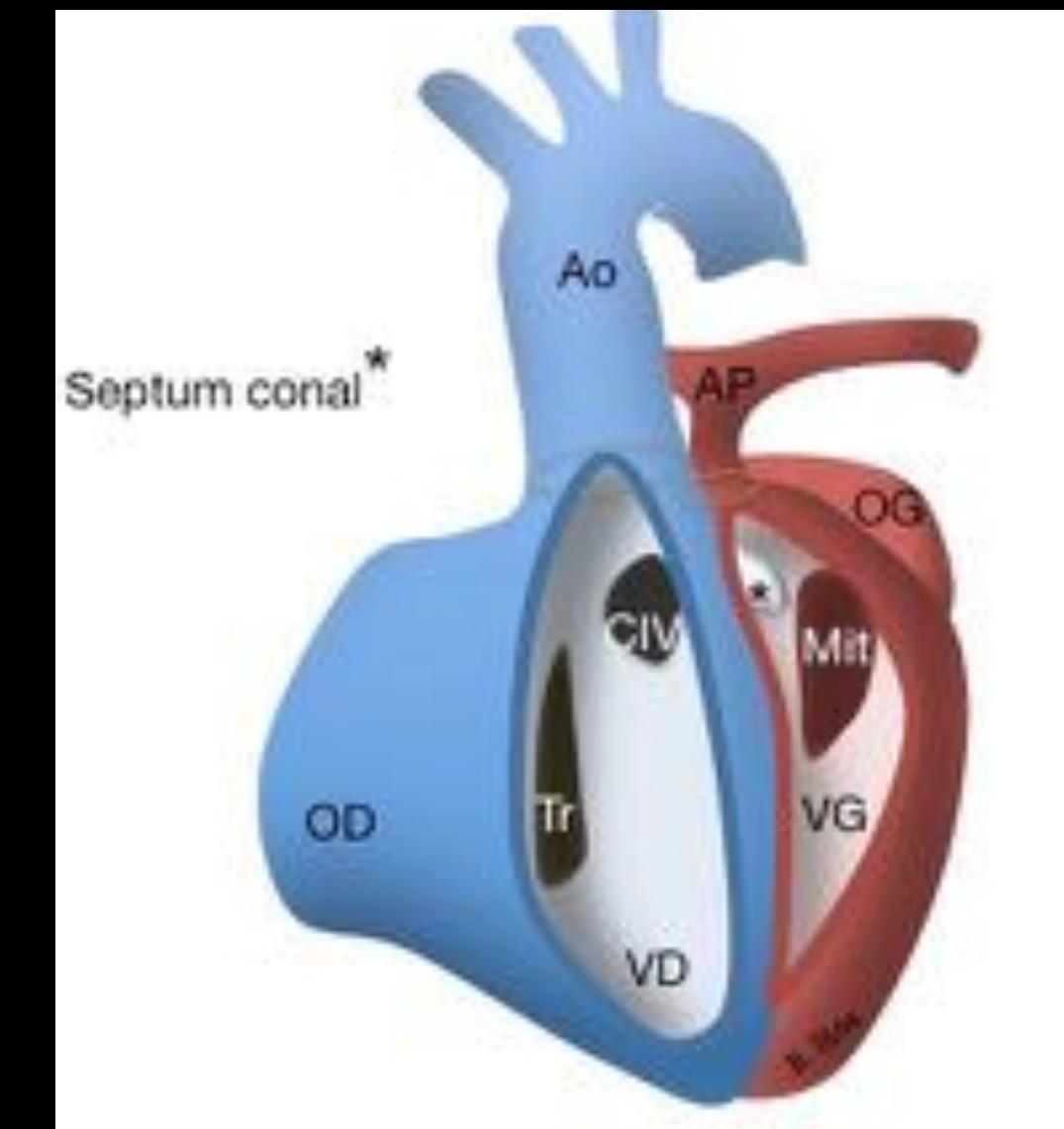
TGA-membranous VSD

# TGA

## Complex forms

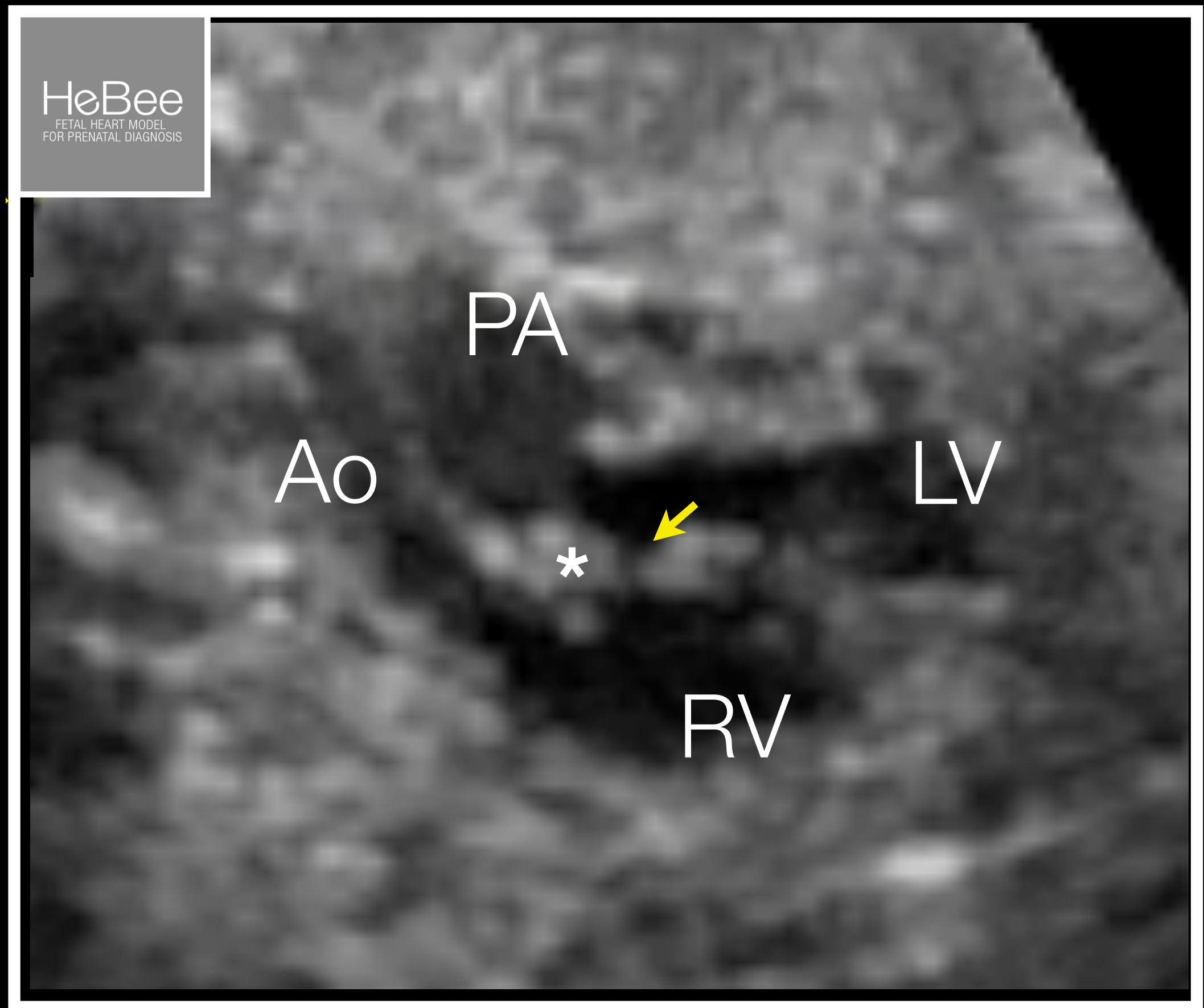


TGA-VSD-PS

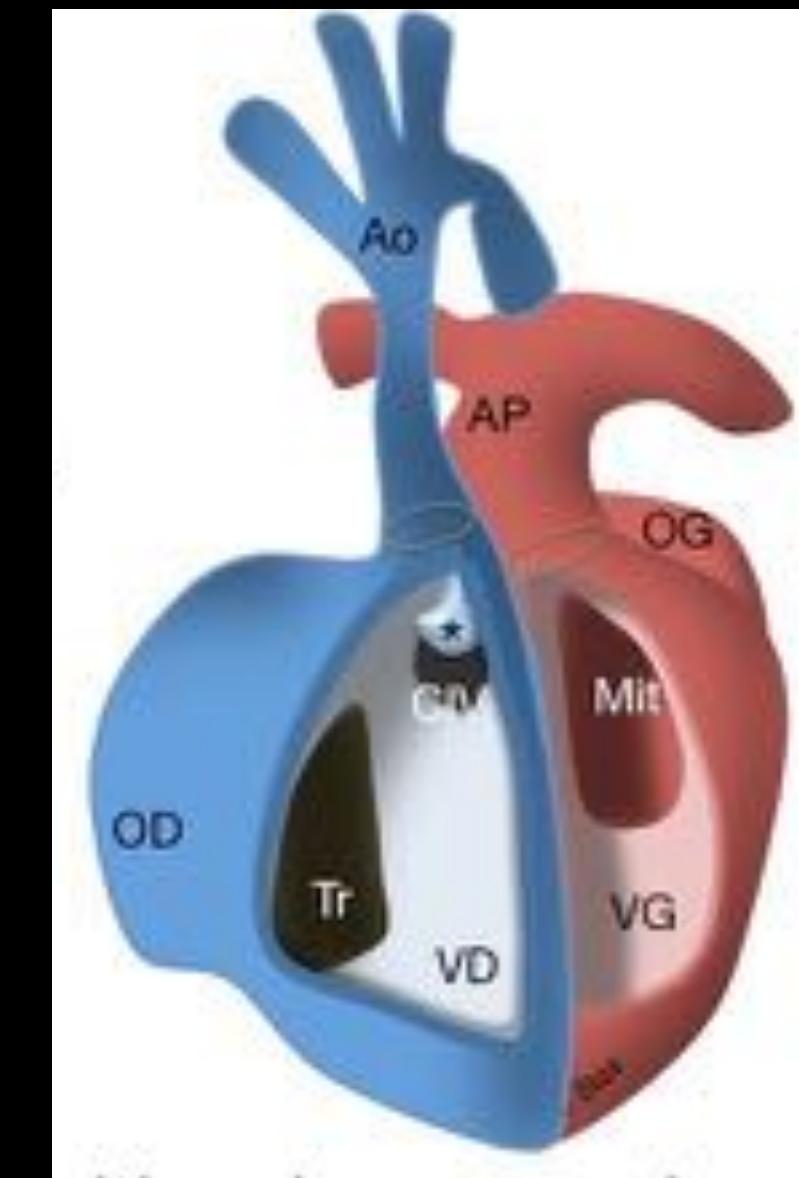


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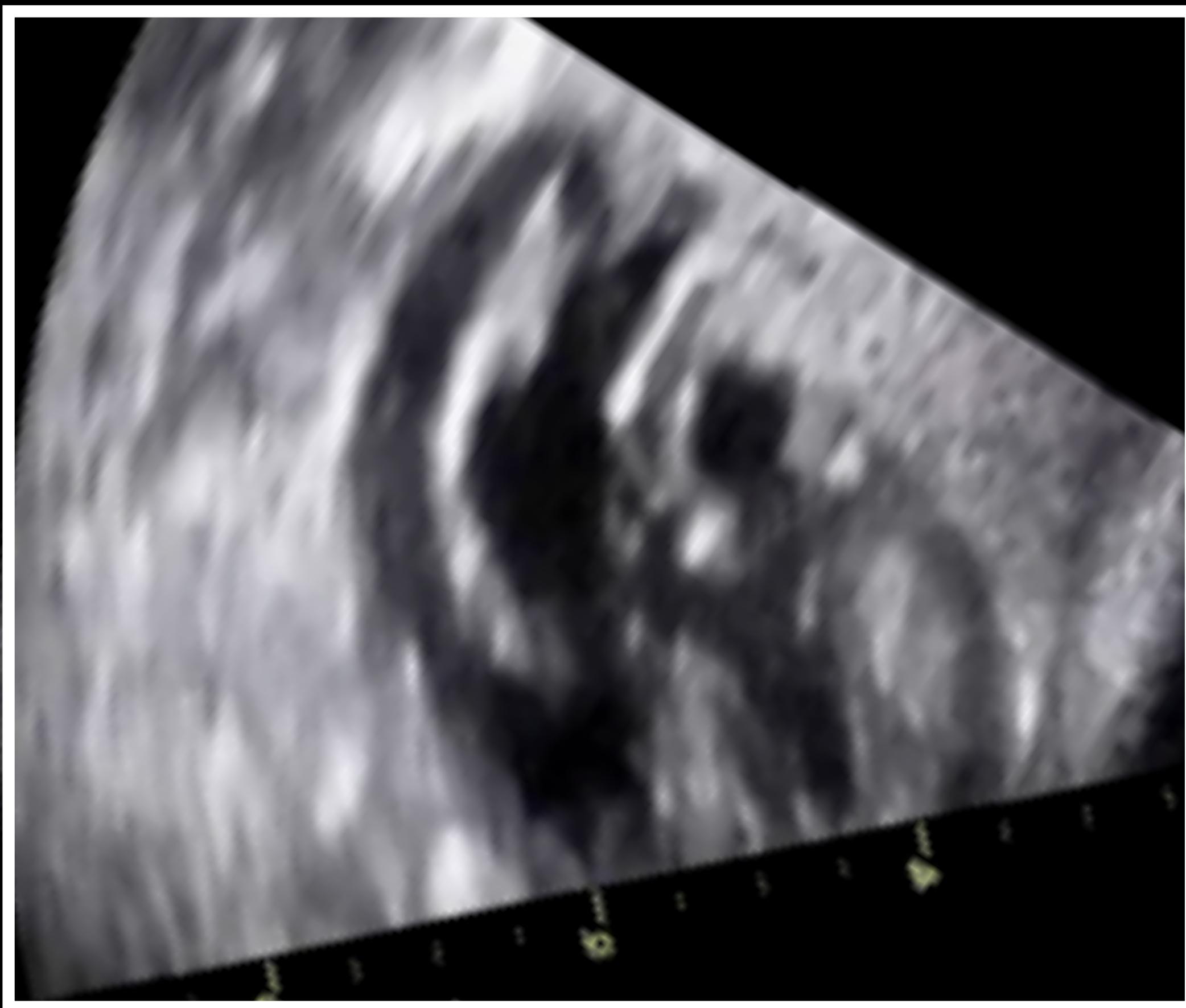


TGA-VSD-Coa

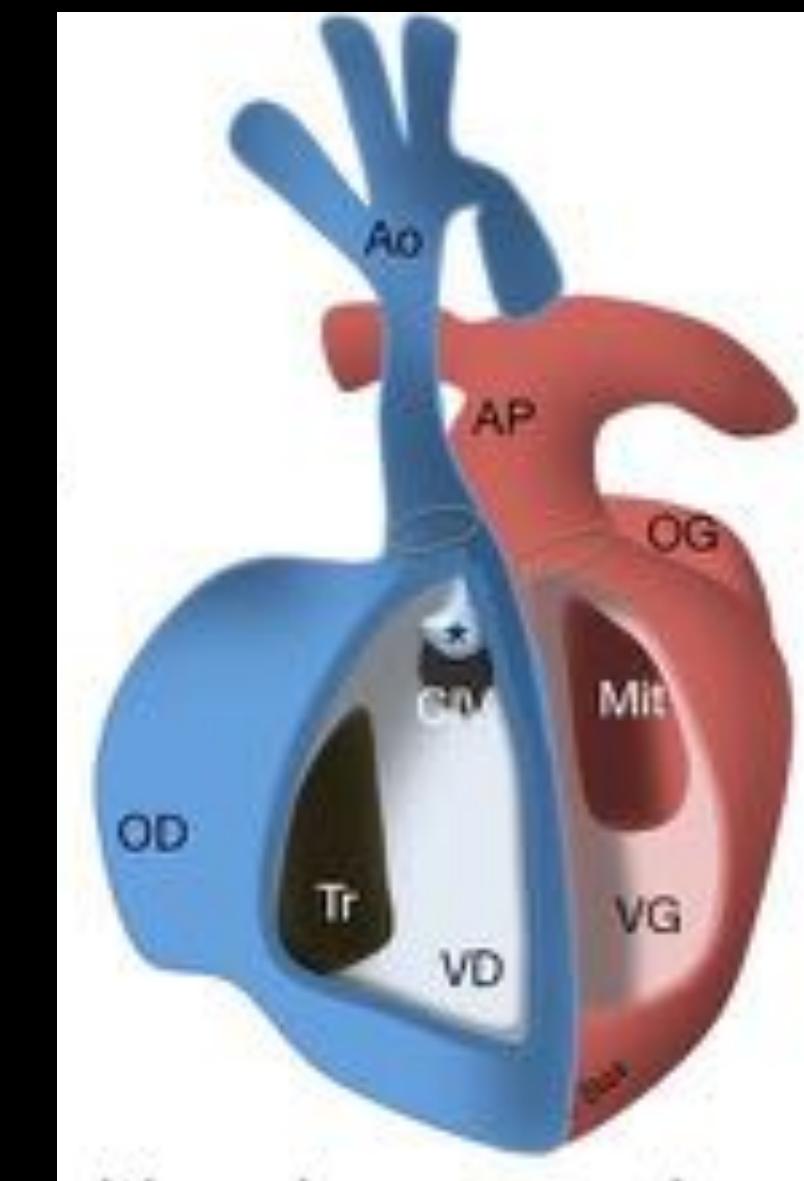


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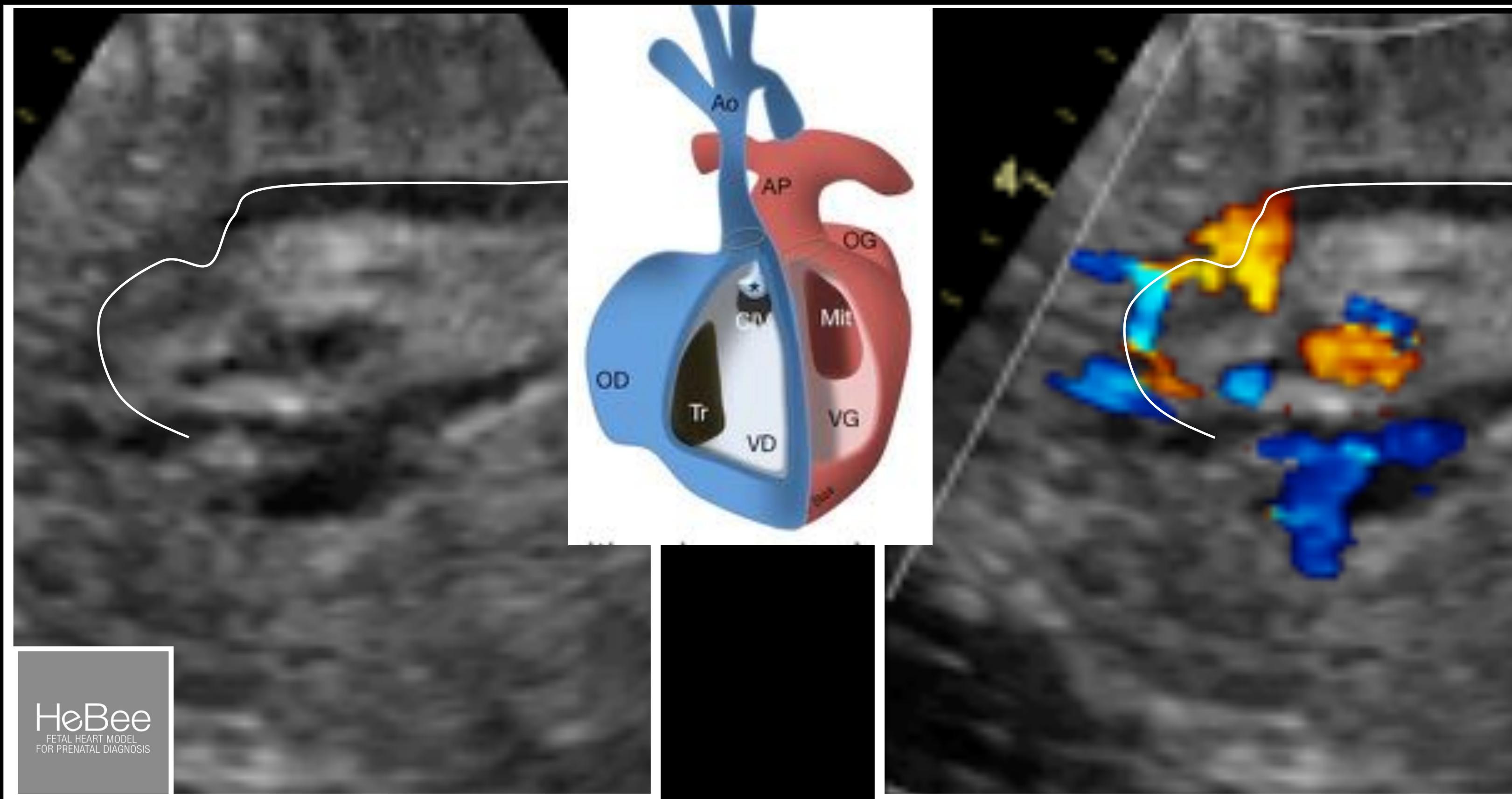


TGA-VSD-Coa



# TGA

## Complex forms

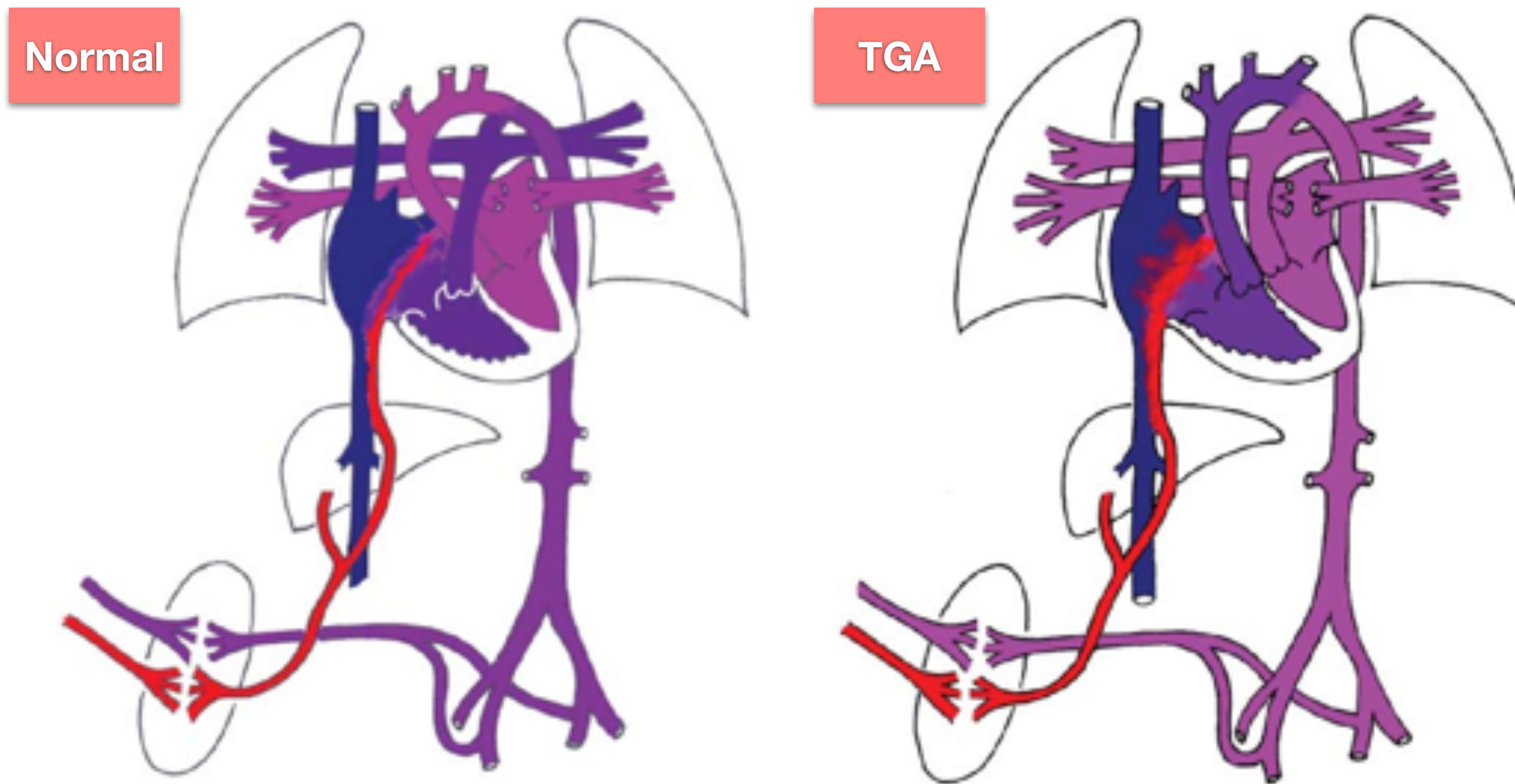


# Chromosomal anomalies in fetal CHD

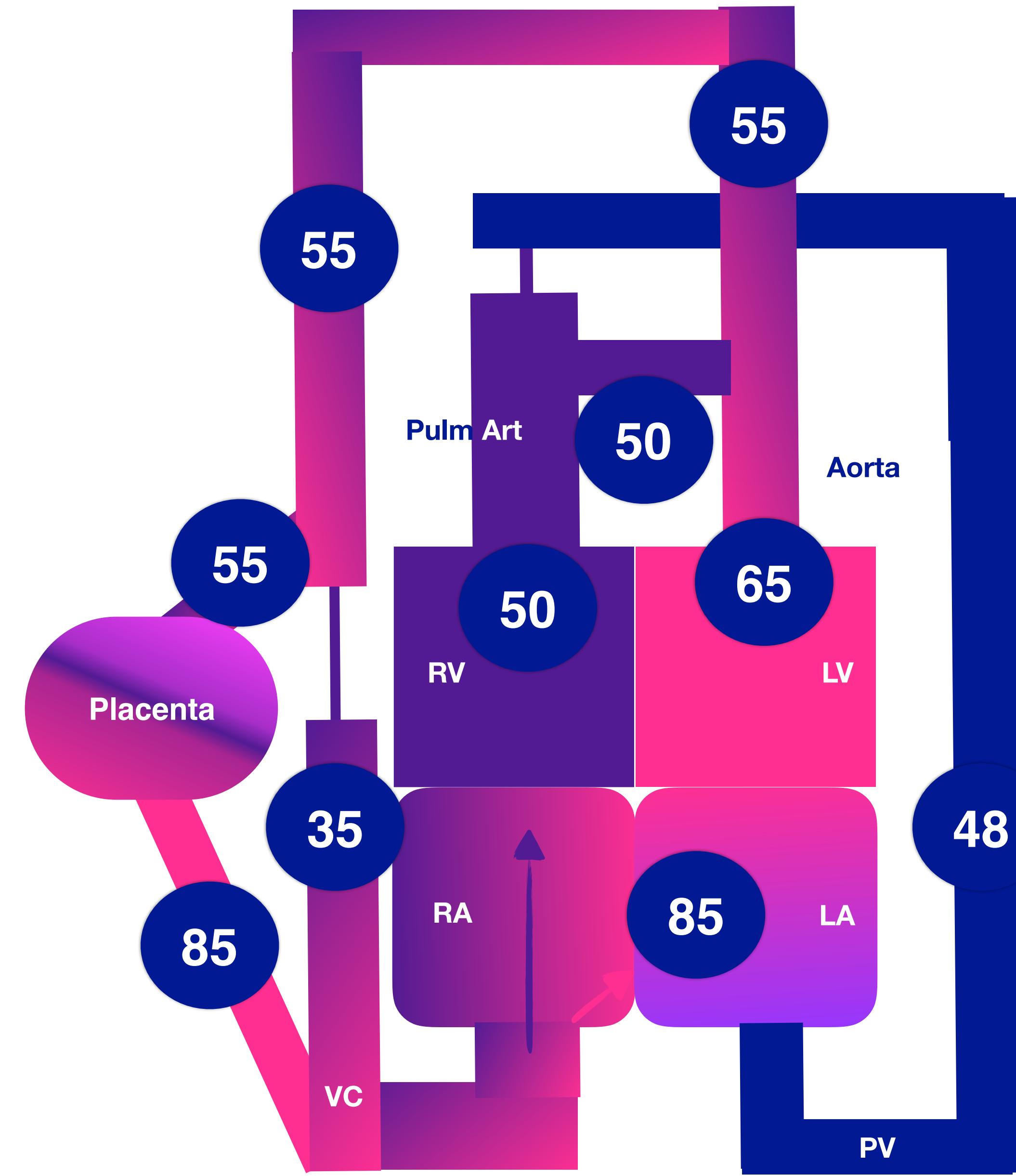
548 CHD-18.5%

PA-IVS and PS	0	0
Left heart obstruction	12/130	9.2%
6 XO; 3 T18; 3 translocations		
Conotruncal defects	23/91	25%
20 del22q11; 1 T21; 2 translocations		
AVSD	32/68	47%
28 T21; 3 T18; 1 XXX		
VSD	12/74	16%
9 trisomies, 2 del22q11, 1 del5		
Transposition of the great vessels	0	0
DORV	7/38	18%
Univentricular heart	2/24	8%
2 T18		

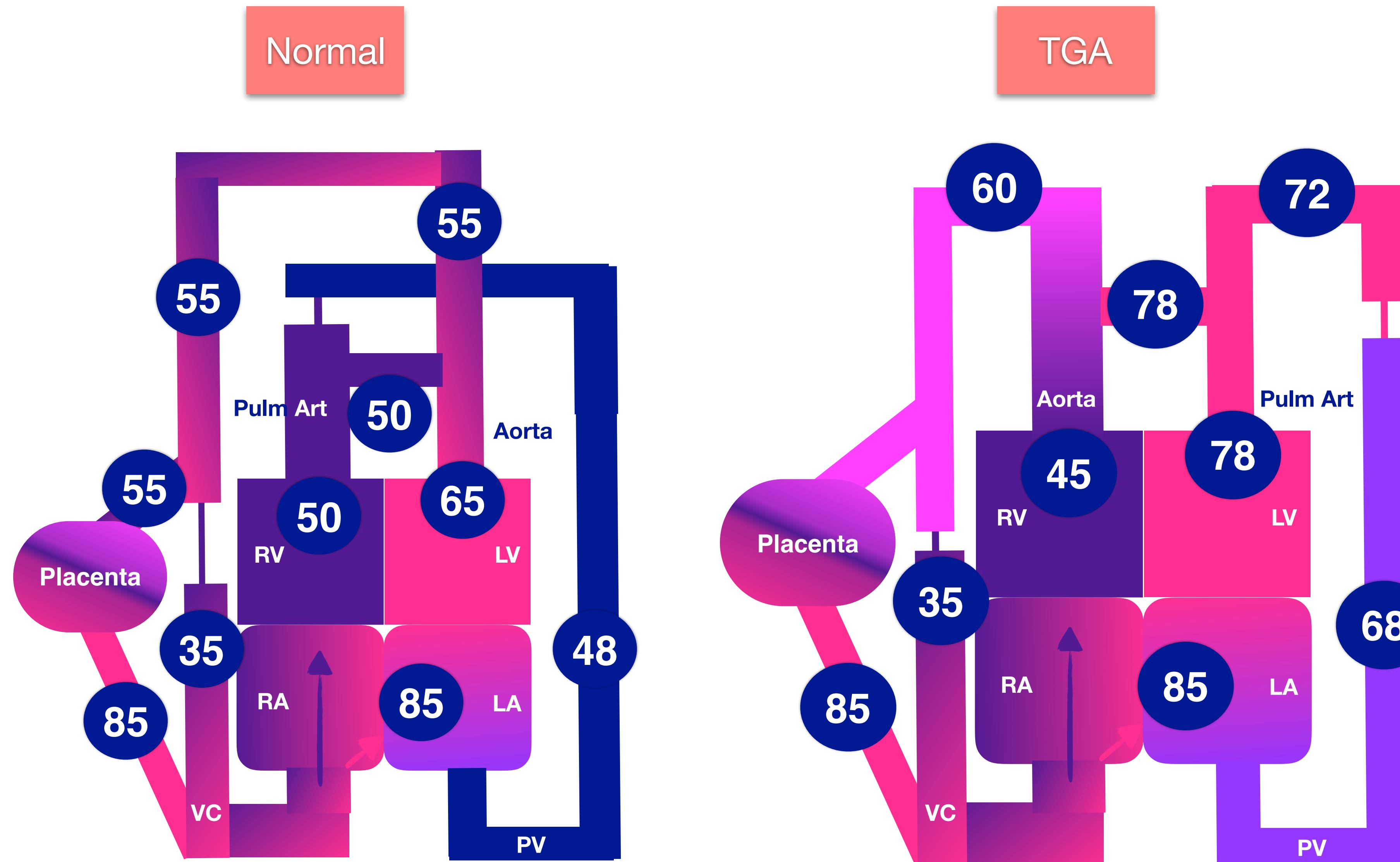
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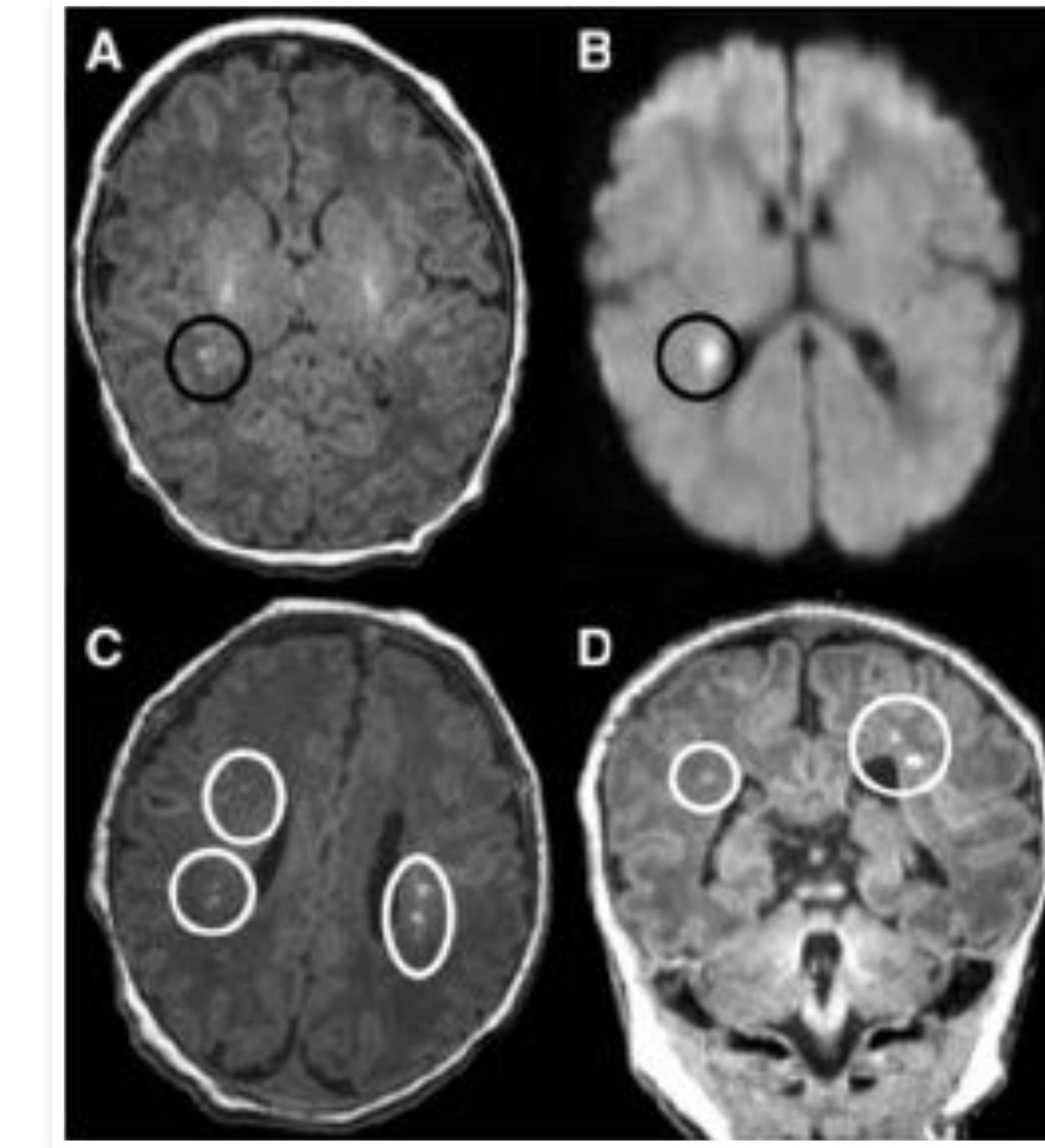
# Morphological and physiological consequences of the fetal circulation in TGA



# Prenatal white matter MRI anomalies in children with cyanotic congenital heart diseases

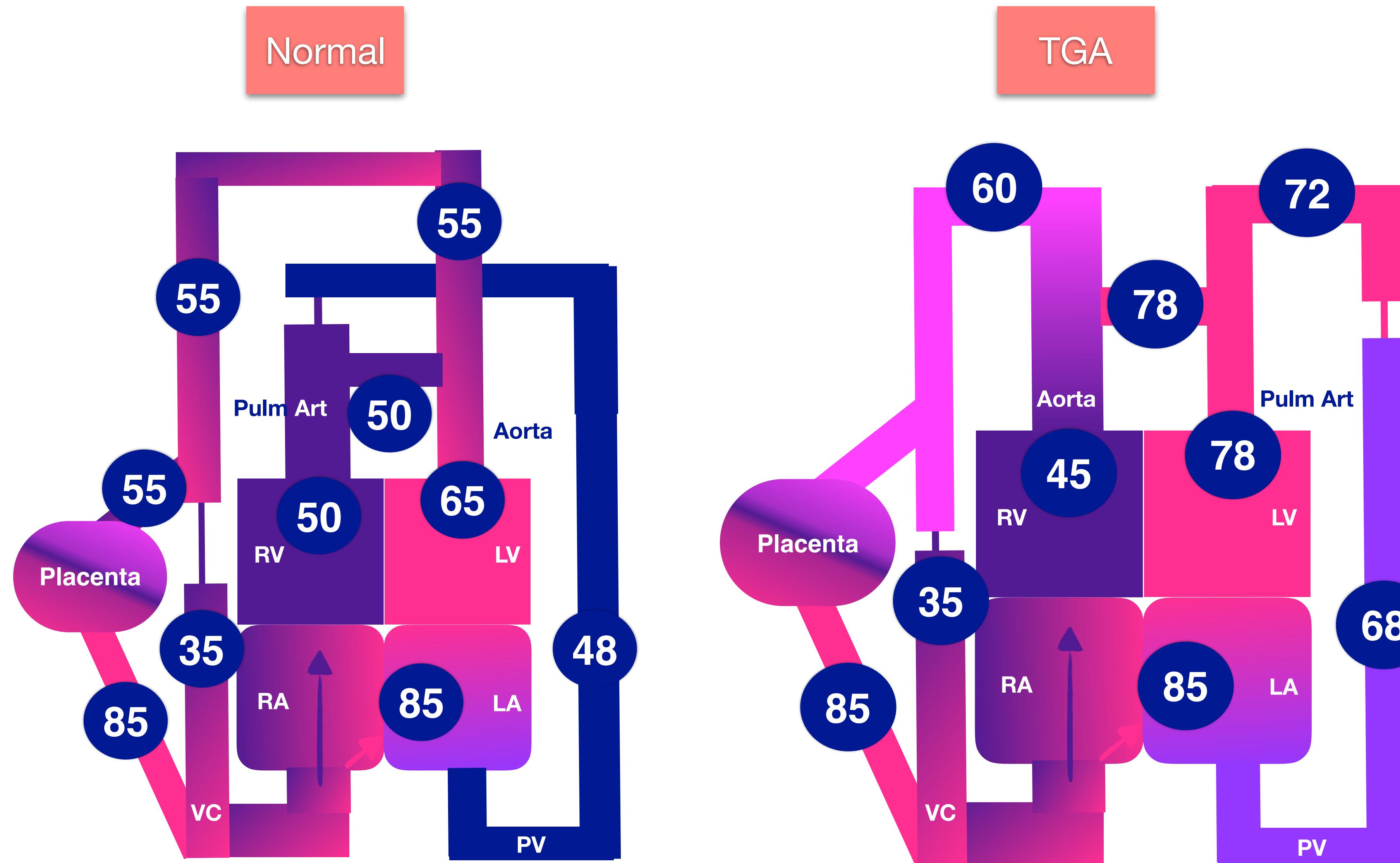
- **White matter lesions in 30 to 40% of newborns with TGA** (Miller et al., 2004; Licht et al., 2009)

- Same type of anomalies but more severe in complex CHDs such as HLHS (Mahle et al., 2002).



Periventricular white matter lesions in a child with  
**TGA before** the arterial switch.  
Petit et al., 2009 *in Circulation*

# Morphological and physiological consequences of the fetal circulation in TGA



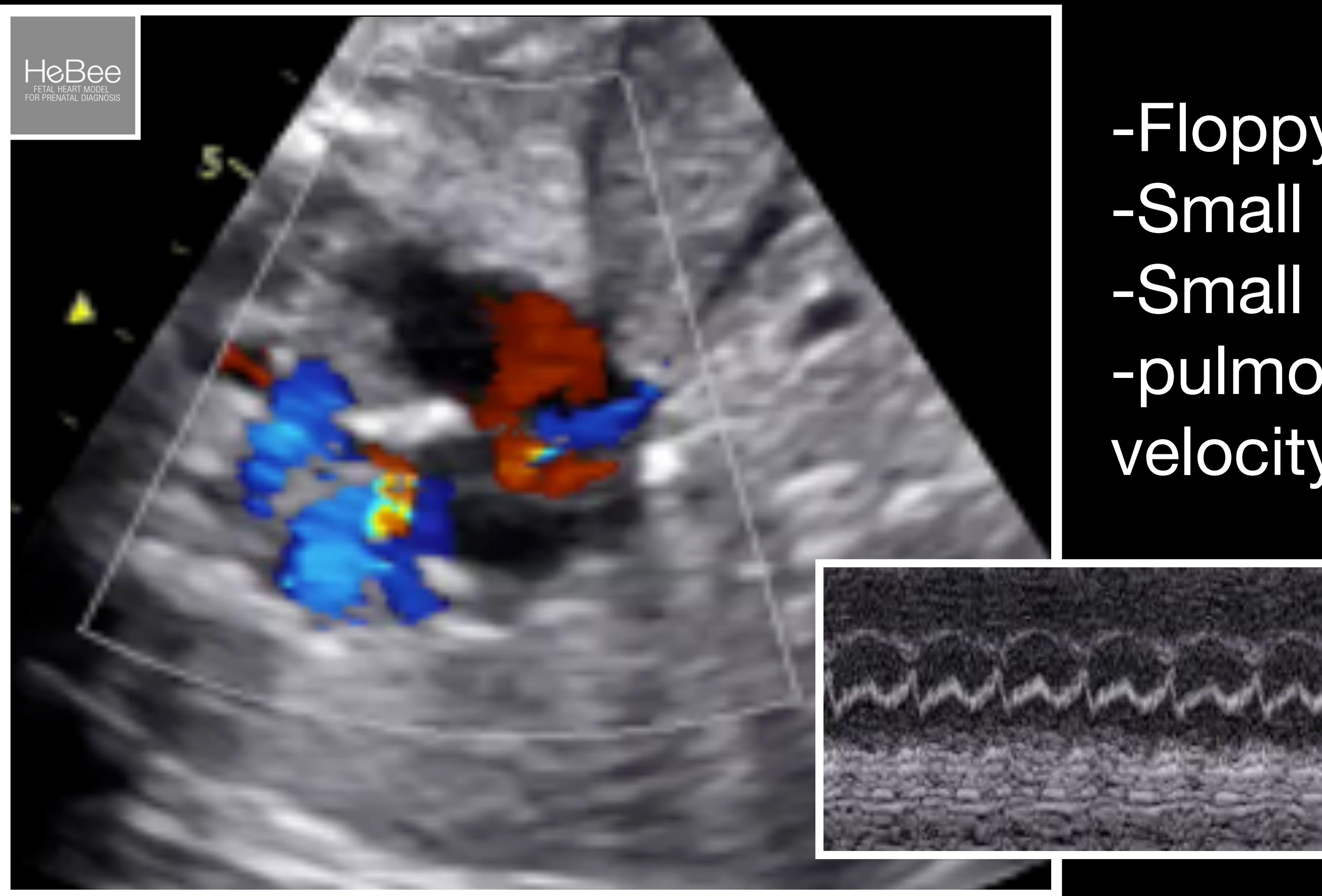
**TGA**

*Foramen Ovale*



# TGA

## Foramen Ovale

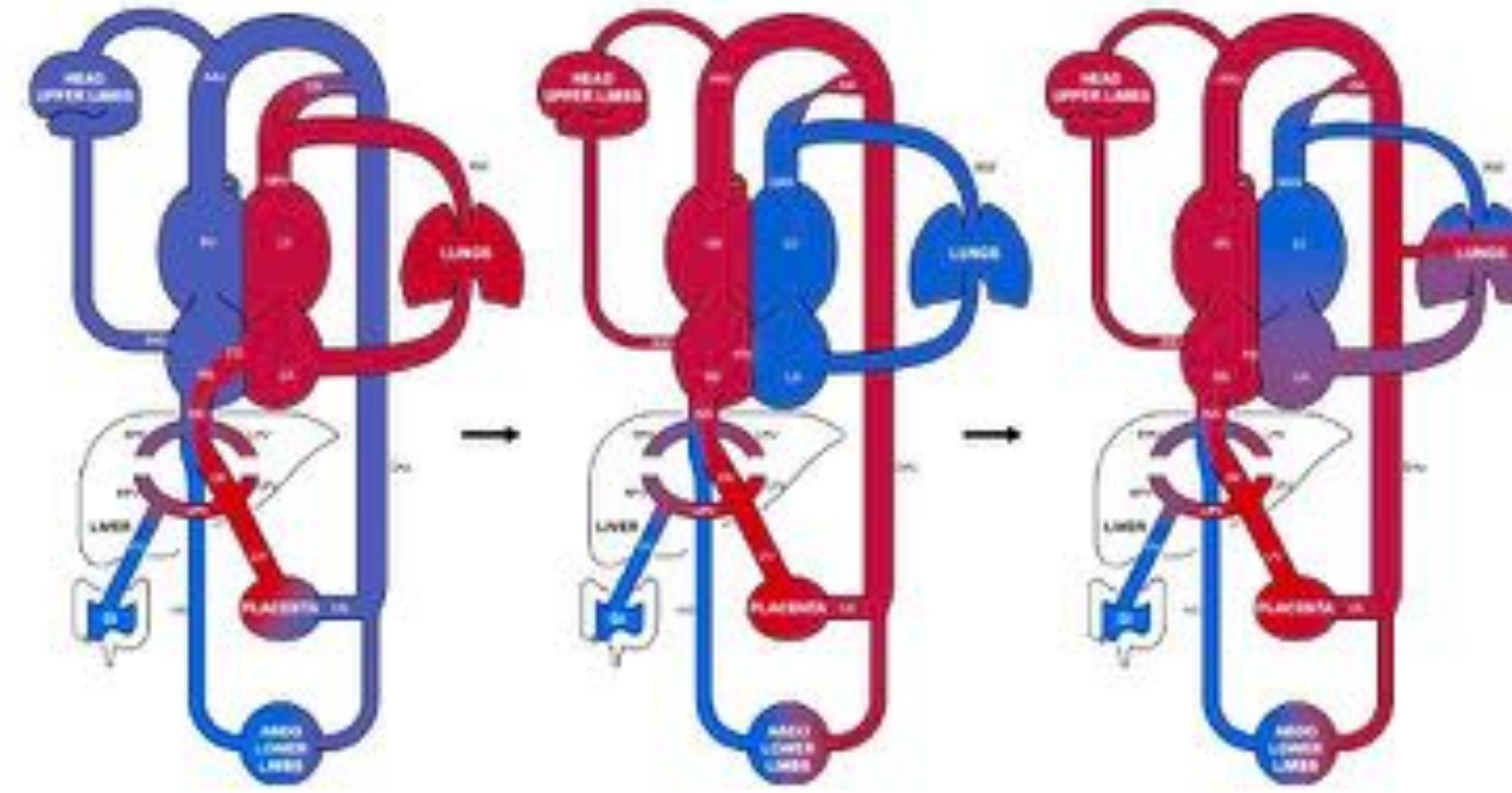


- Floppy Mb
- Small FO
- Small septal length
- pulmonary veins
- velocity > 0,41 m/s

**TGA**  
*Arterial duct*



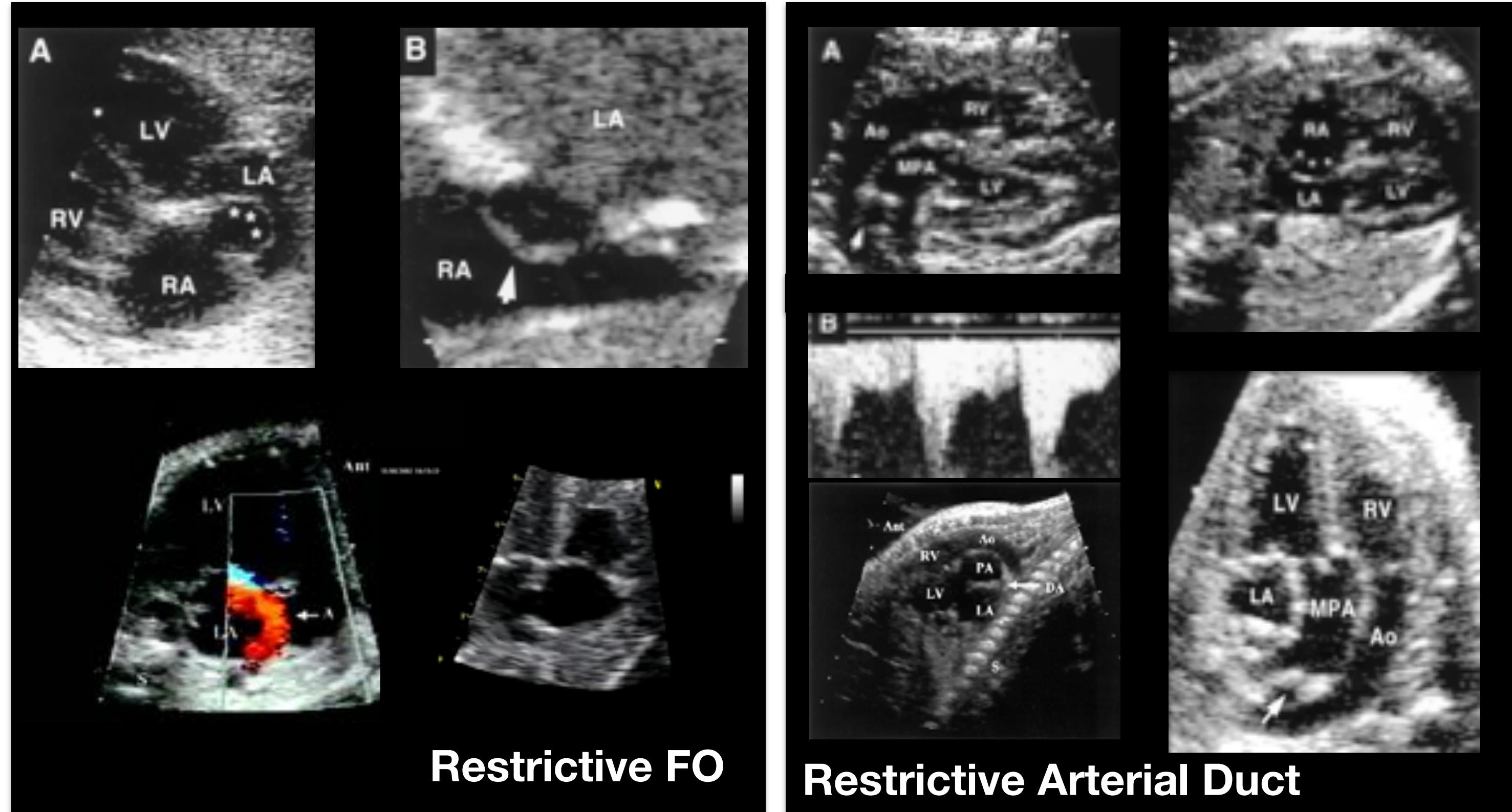
## Morphological and physiological consequences of the fetal circulation in TGA



Initial increase in PBF due to vasodilatation with increased oxygen  
Increased pulmonary venous return  
Reduced size of the FO  
Ductal constriction due to oxygen  
Isolation of Pulmonary circulation  
Increased PVR  
Development of aorta-pulmonary collaterals

# Prenatal diagnosis of transposition of the great arteries

## Prevention of early neonatal demise



### Abnormal Prenatal Shunts and Neonatal Condition

	Abnormal (N=24)		Normal (N=95)
	FO and DA	FO or DA*	
N total	4	20 (19 FO; 1 DA)	95
Critical condition (n=7)	4	3 (2 FO; 1 DA)	6
Stable condition (n=17)	0	17	89

FO indicates foramen ovale; DA, ductus arteriosus.

\*This subgroup included 1 fetus in whom the FO was restrictive but the DA could not be analyzed.

### Additional criteria<sup>2</sup>

A hypermobile septum and reverse diastolic patent ductus arteriosus

**Finally, we do not care**  
All TGA are delivered on site with the same protocol

Maeno YV et al. Circulation 1999

Jouannic JM et al. Circulation 2004;110:1743-6

2-Punn R, Silvermann N. JASE 2011;24:425-30

Mary T. Donofrio Circulation. 2002;105:e65-e66

# Prenatal diagnosis, pregnancy termination, perinatal and early neonatal mortality for selected (isolated) congenital heart anomalies

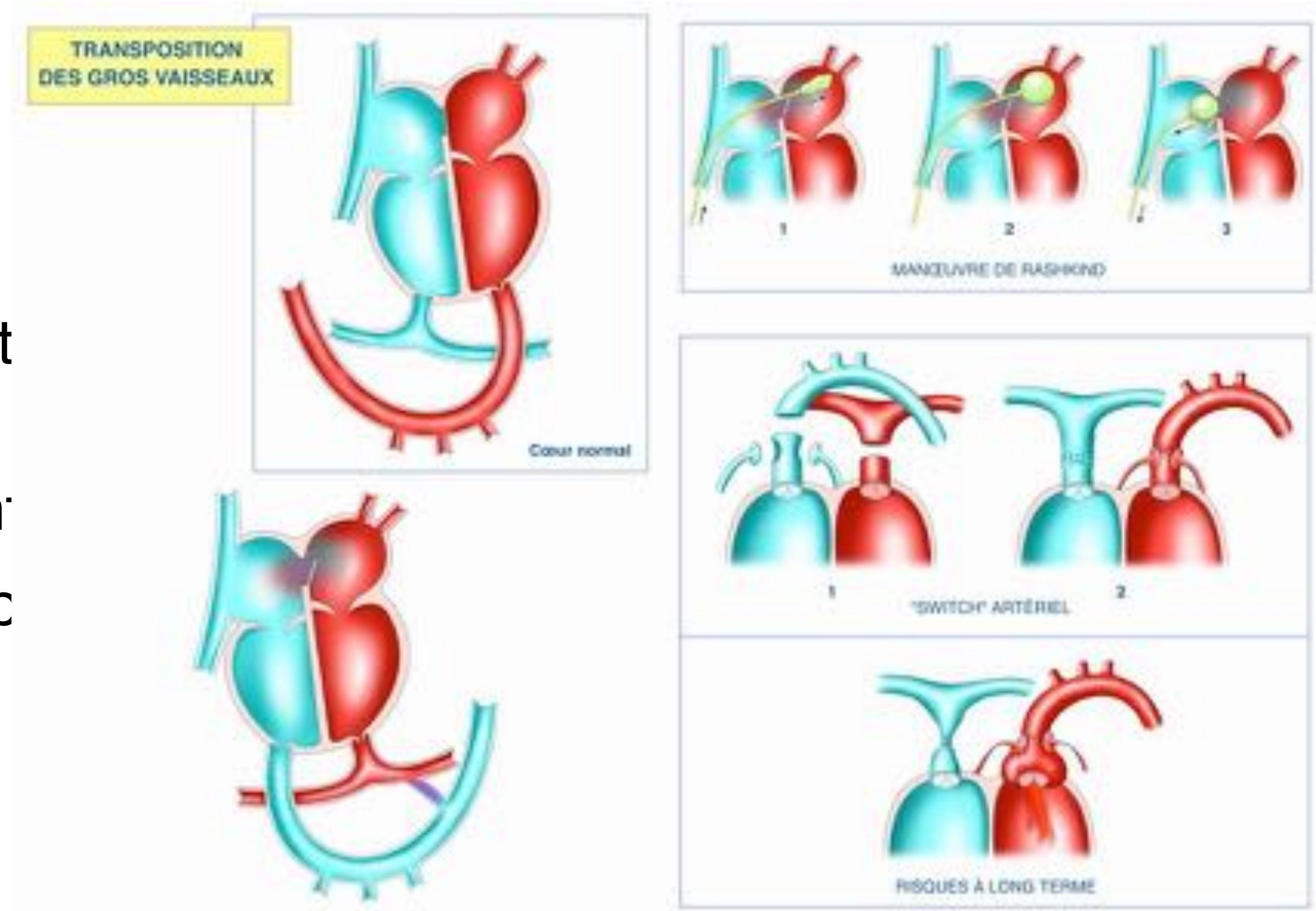
Paris Registry of Congenital Malformations, 1983-2000

TGA	1983 - 1988	%	1989 - 1994	%	1995 - 2000	p
Prenatal Diagnosis	12.5		48.1		<b>72.5</b>	
Pregnancy Termination	0		7.4		0	0.62
First Week Mortality	18.8		8.3		2.6	0.04
Perinatal Mortality	23.5		12.0		5.0	0.02
HLHS						
Prenatal Diagnosis	31.8		82.8		<b>88.9</b>	< 0.001
Pregnancy Termination	13.6		72.4		<b>63.0</b>	< 0.001
First Week Mortality	83.3		75.0		50.0	0.12
Perinatal Mortality	84.2		75.0		50.0	0.10

# Prenatal diagnosis of transposition of the great arteries

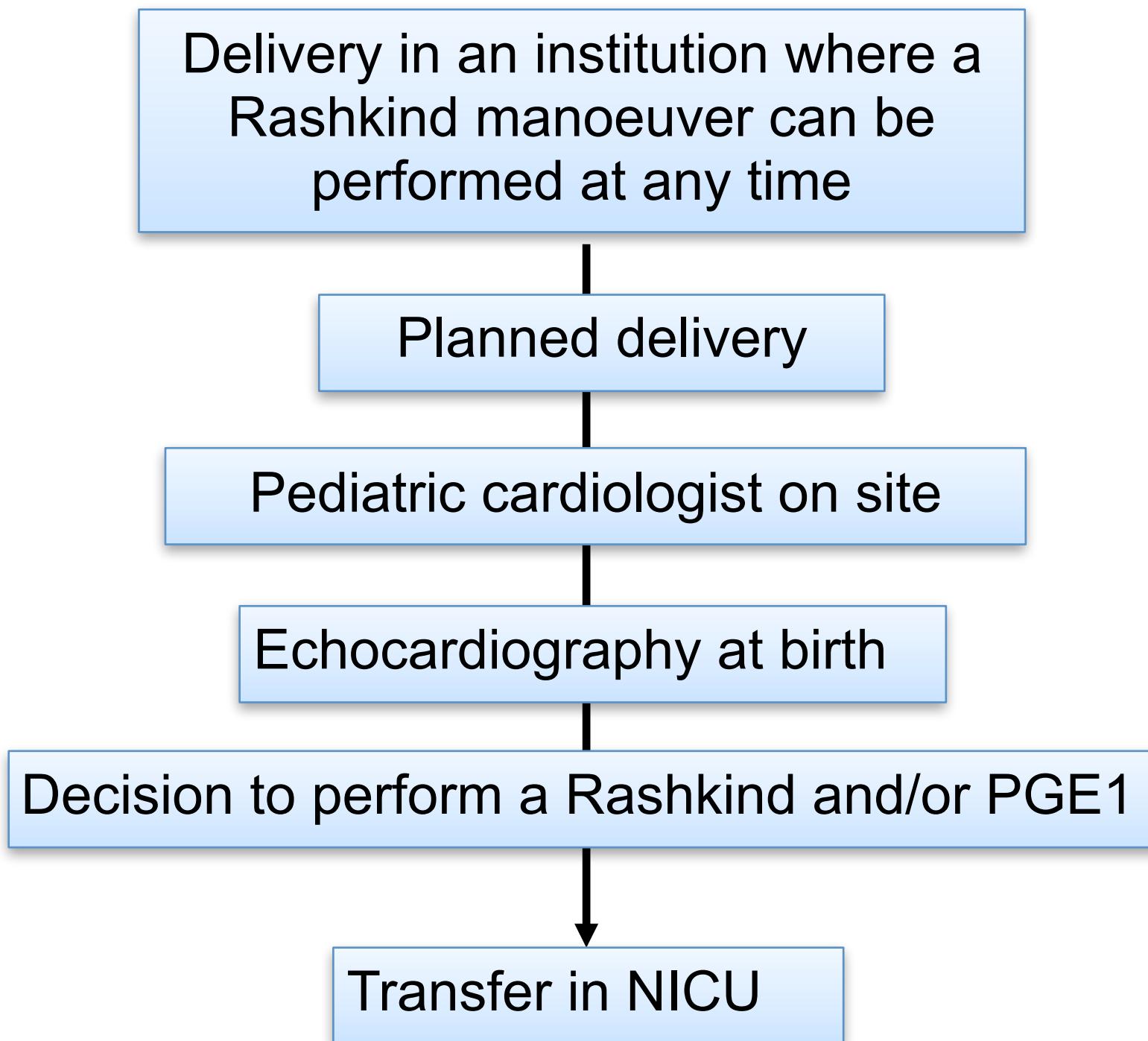
## Perinatal organization in Paris

- Organisation of foetal cardiac growth surveillance
  - Foramen ovale and arterial duct
- *In utero* transfer organisation
- Organisation of perinatal management
- Prevention of early neonatal demise
- Prepare the parents to the future even·
- Post-natal management and follow-up



## Prenatal diagnosis of transposition of the great arteries

# Perinatal organization



From 1992 to 2017

717 prenatally diagnosed TGA (IVS or complex)

6 had congenitally corrected TGA

3 deaths immediately after birth in the delivery room

3 additional preoperative deaths

1 extra cardiac malformation in a CHARGE syndrome,

1 necrotizing enterocolitis

1 during the Rashkind procedure (perforation of the left atrium in left juxtaposition of the atrial appendages)

Surgical mortality 1.7 % : 693 survivors at discharge

# Neonatal diagnosis of TGA

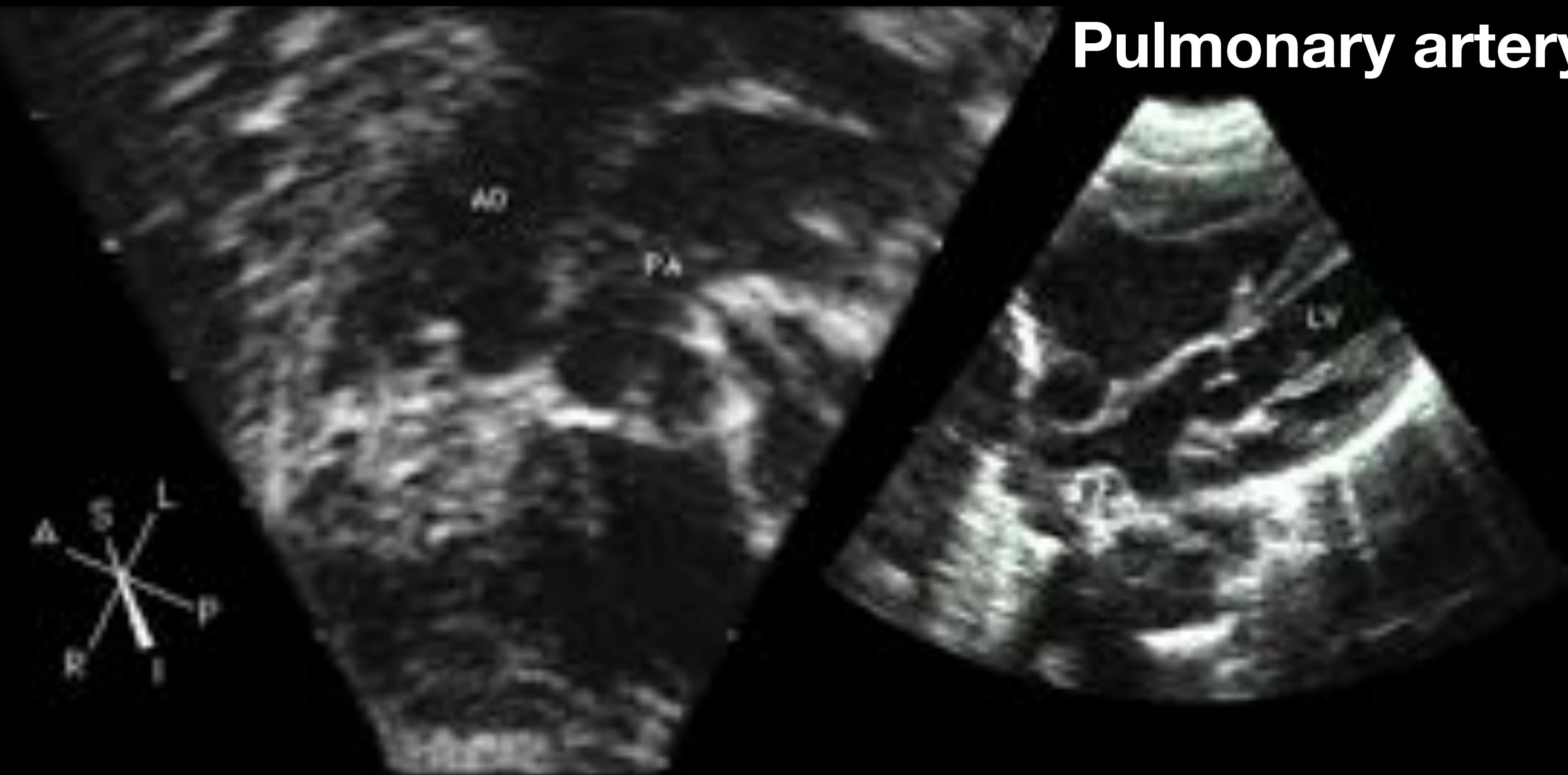
*Isolated cyanosis*



**TGA**

*Rapid diagnosis*

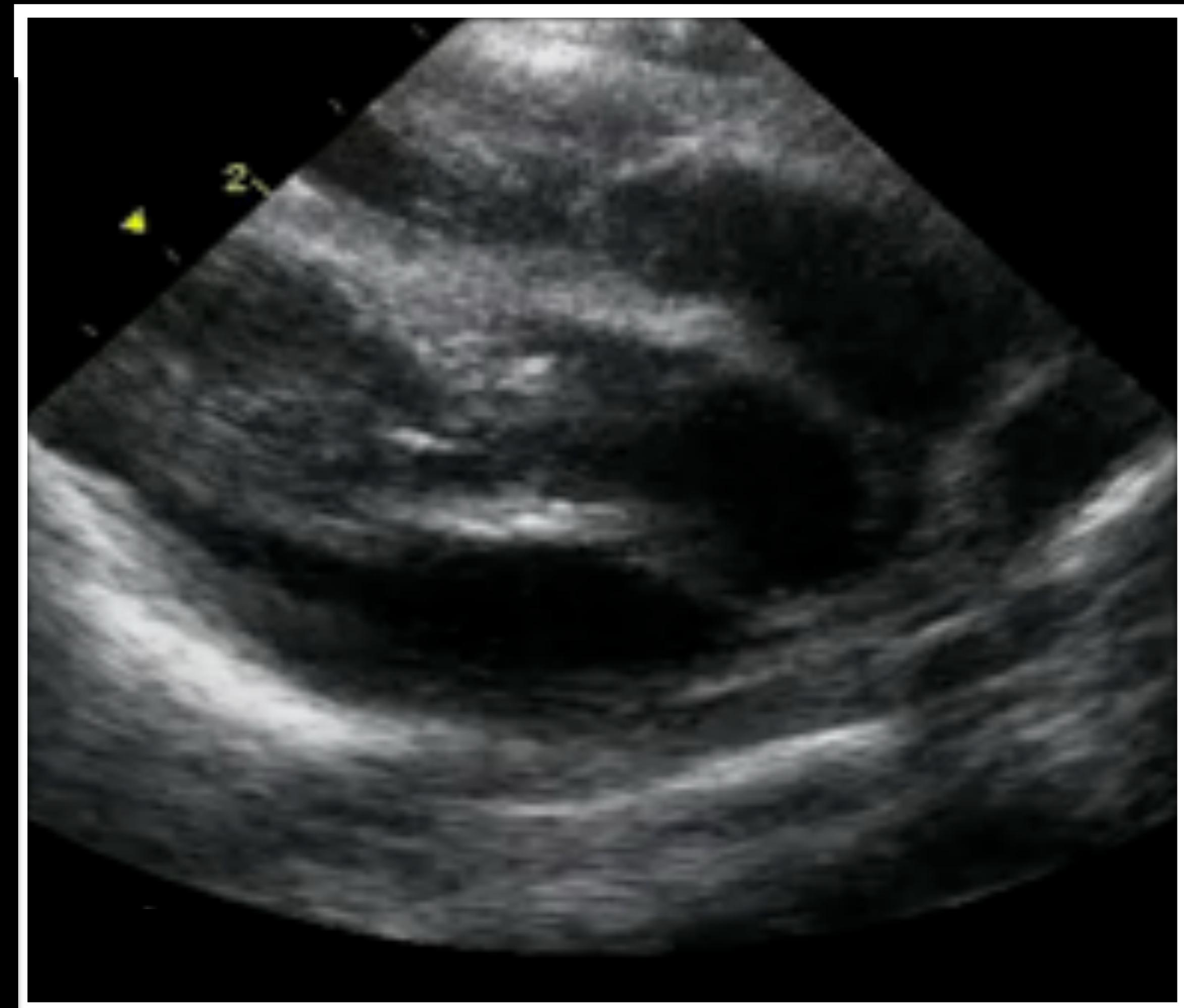
**Parallel course of great vessels**



**Pulmonary artery from LV**

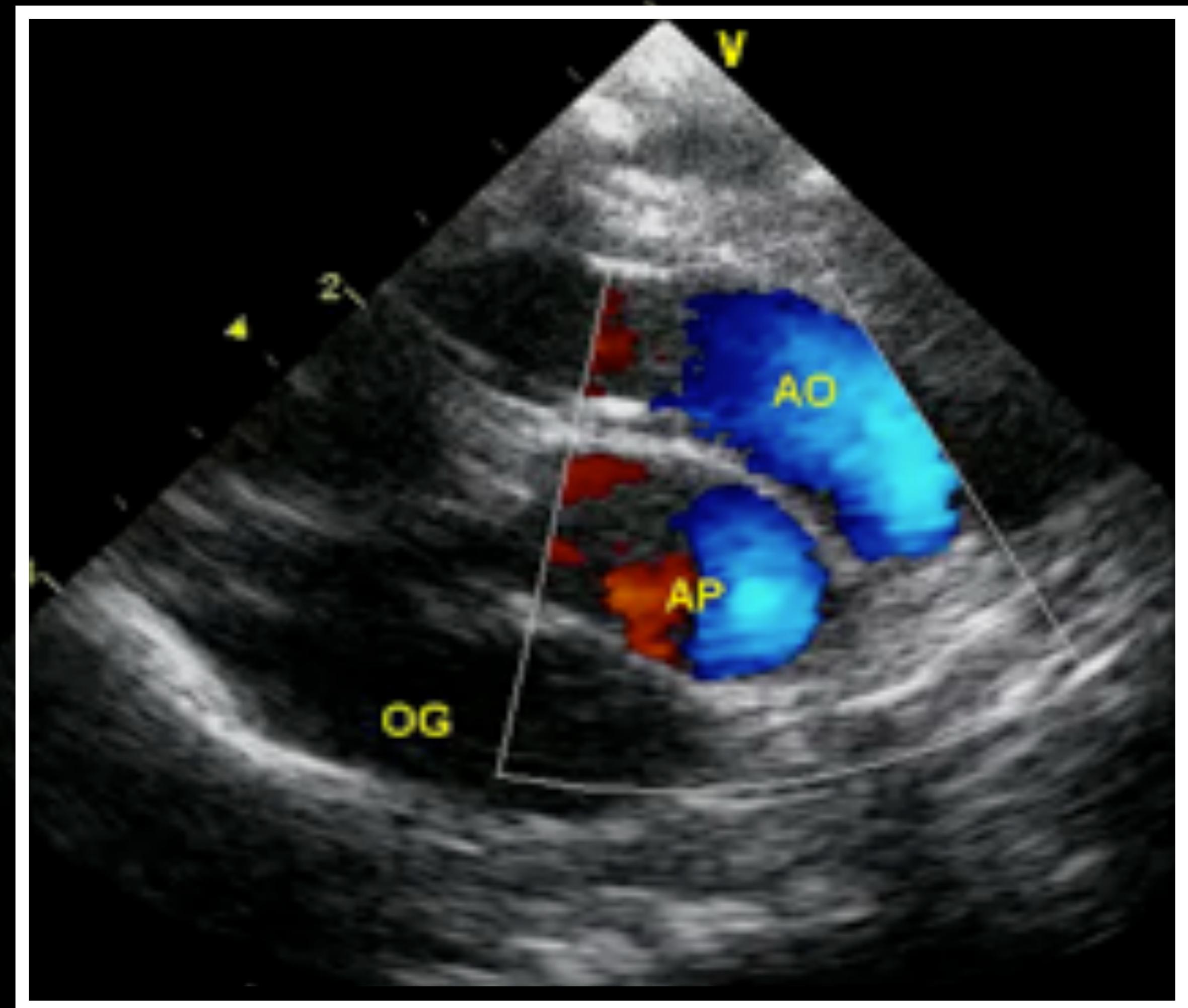
**TGA**

*Rapid diagnosis*



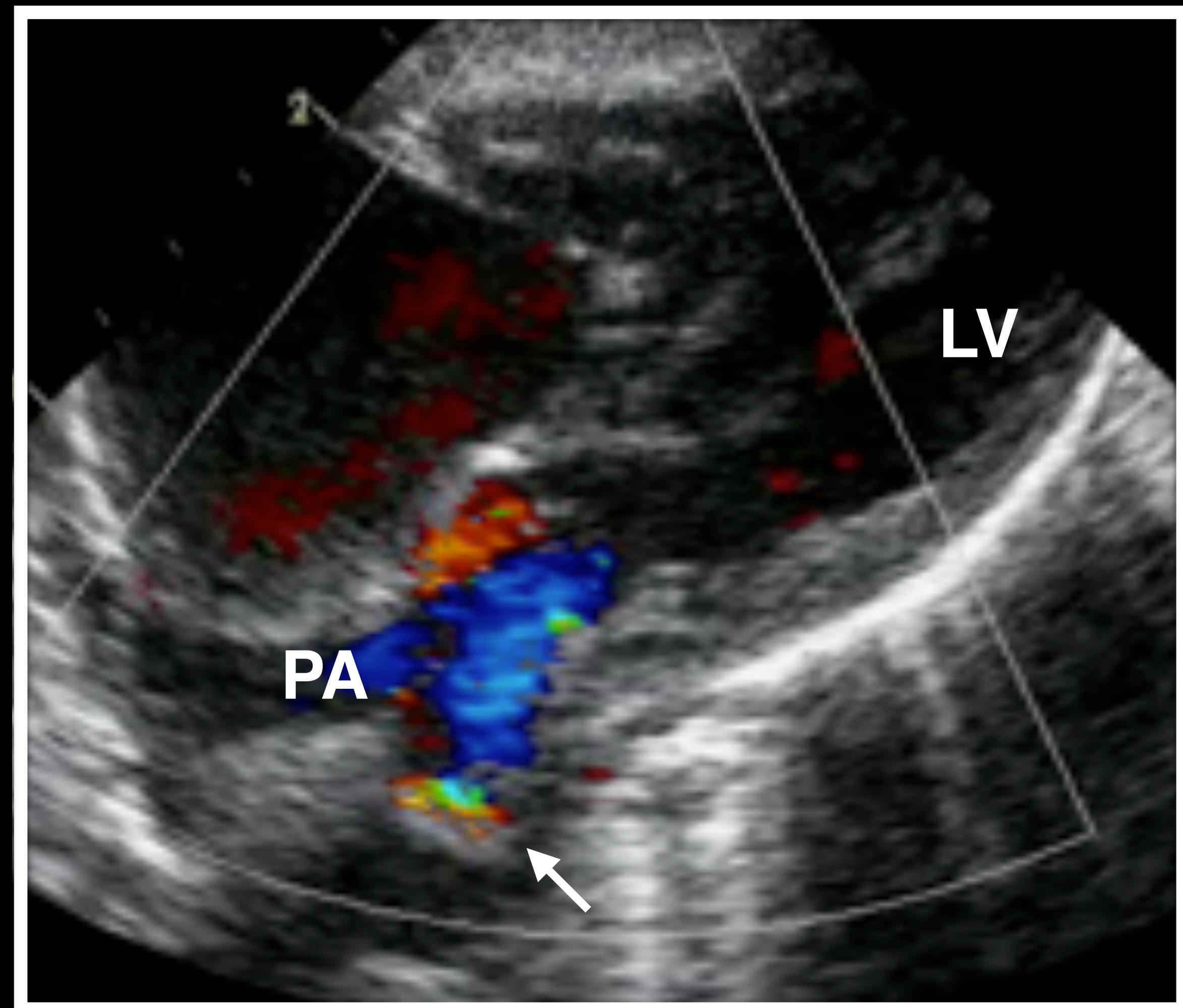
**TGA**

*Rapid diagnosis*



**TGA**

*Rapid diagnosis*



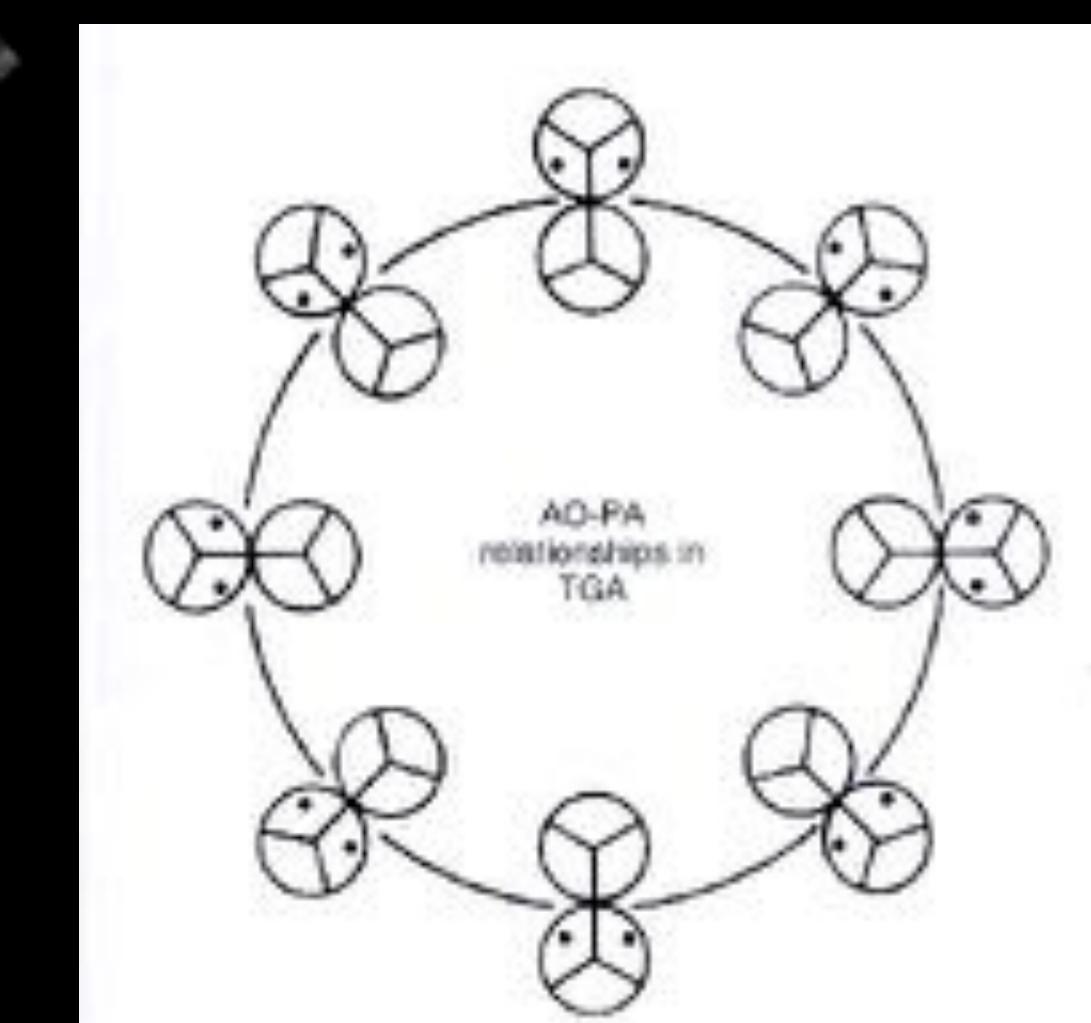
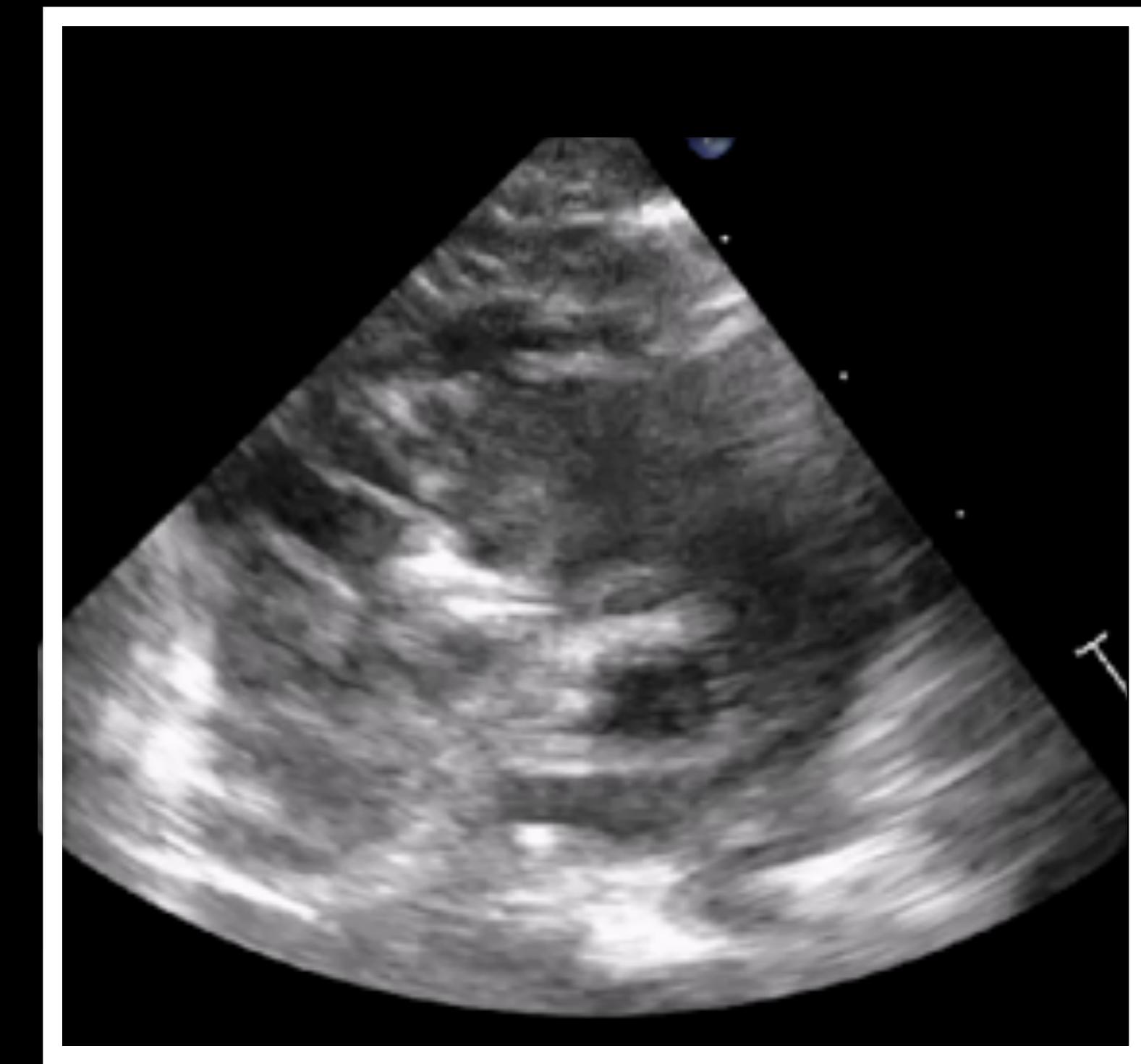
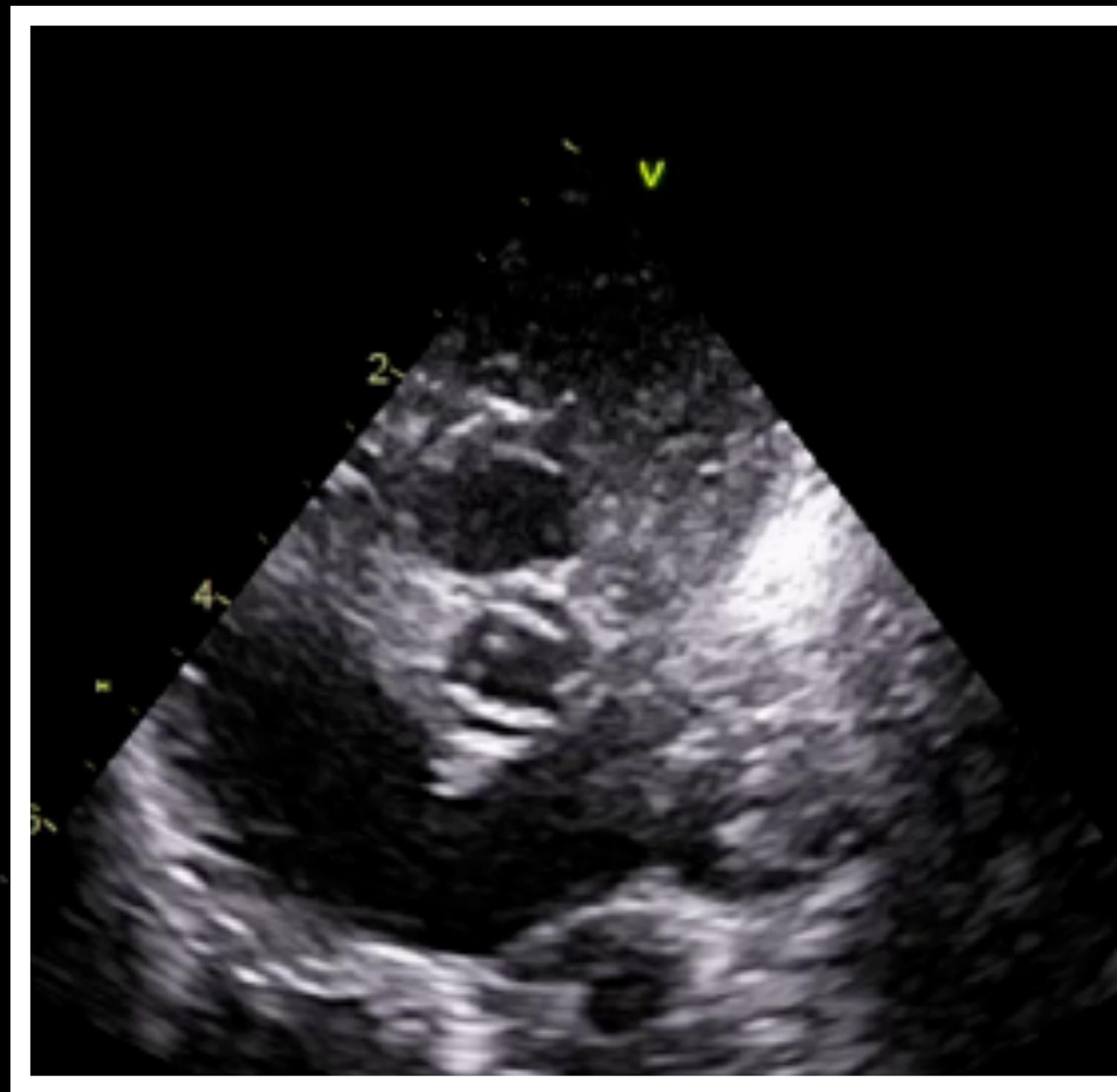
**TGA**  
*D-TGA*



**D-TGA**

**TGA**

*Aorto pulmonary vessels relationship and discrepancy*

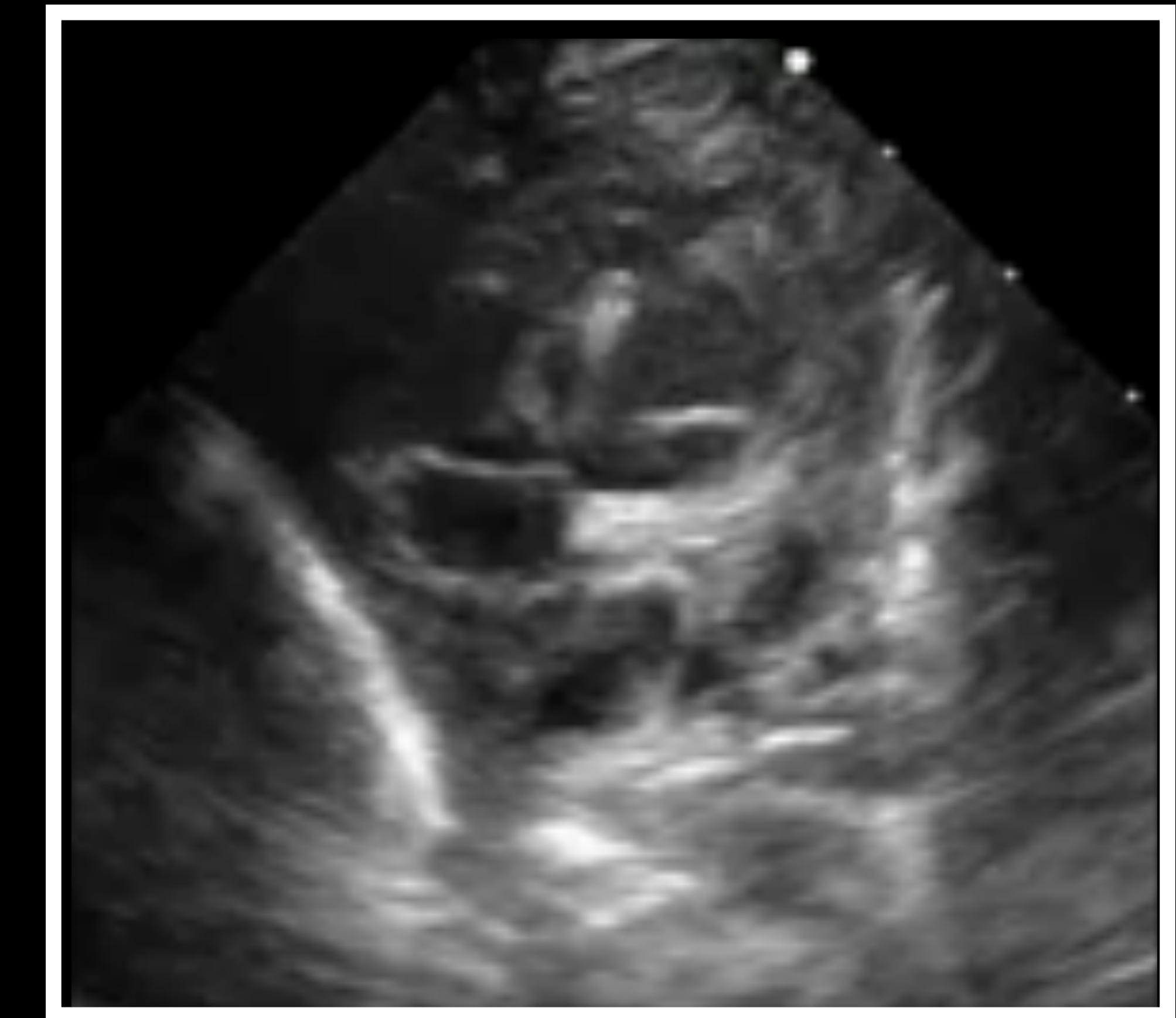


**TGA**

*Relative position of the great vessels*



**L-TGA**



**D-TGA with posterior aorta**

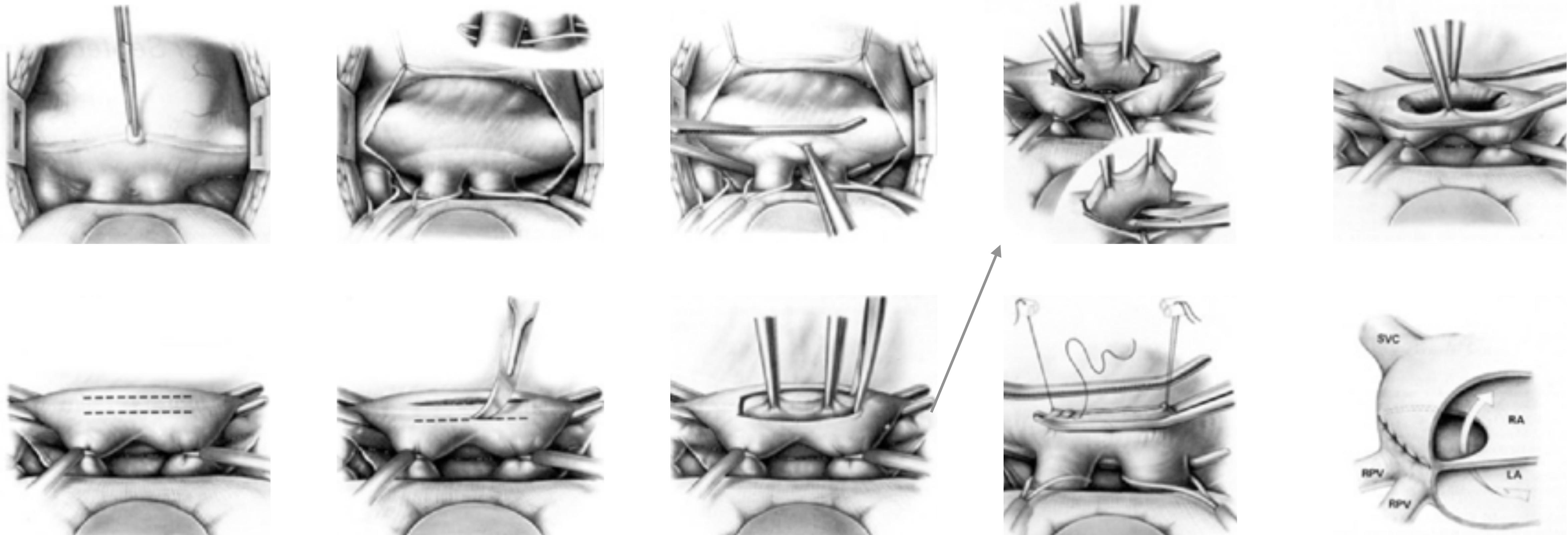


TGA with heart failure and restrictive PFO



**Alfred Blalock**

# Blalock-Hanlon procedure



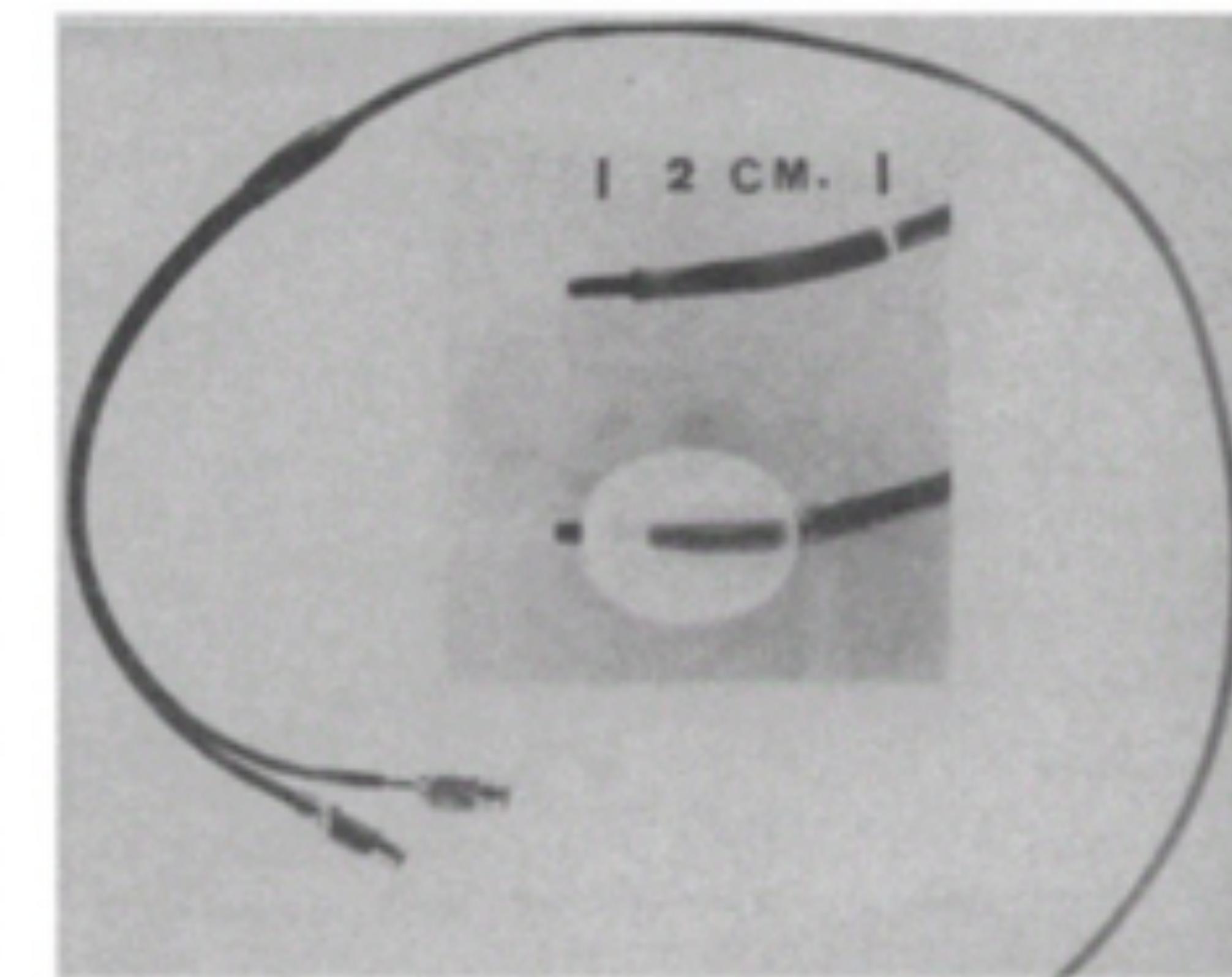
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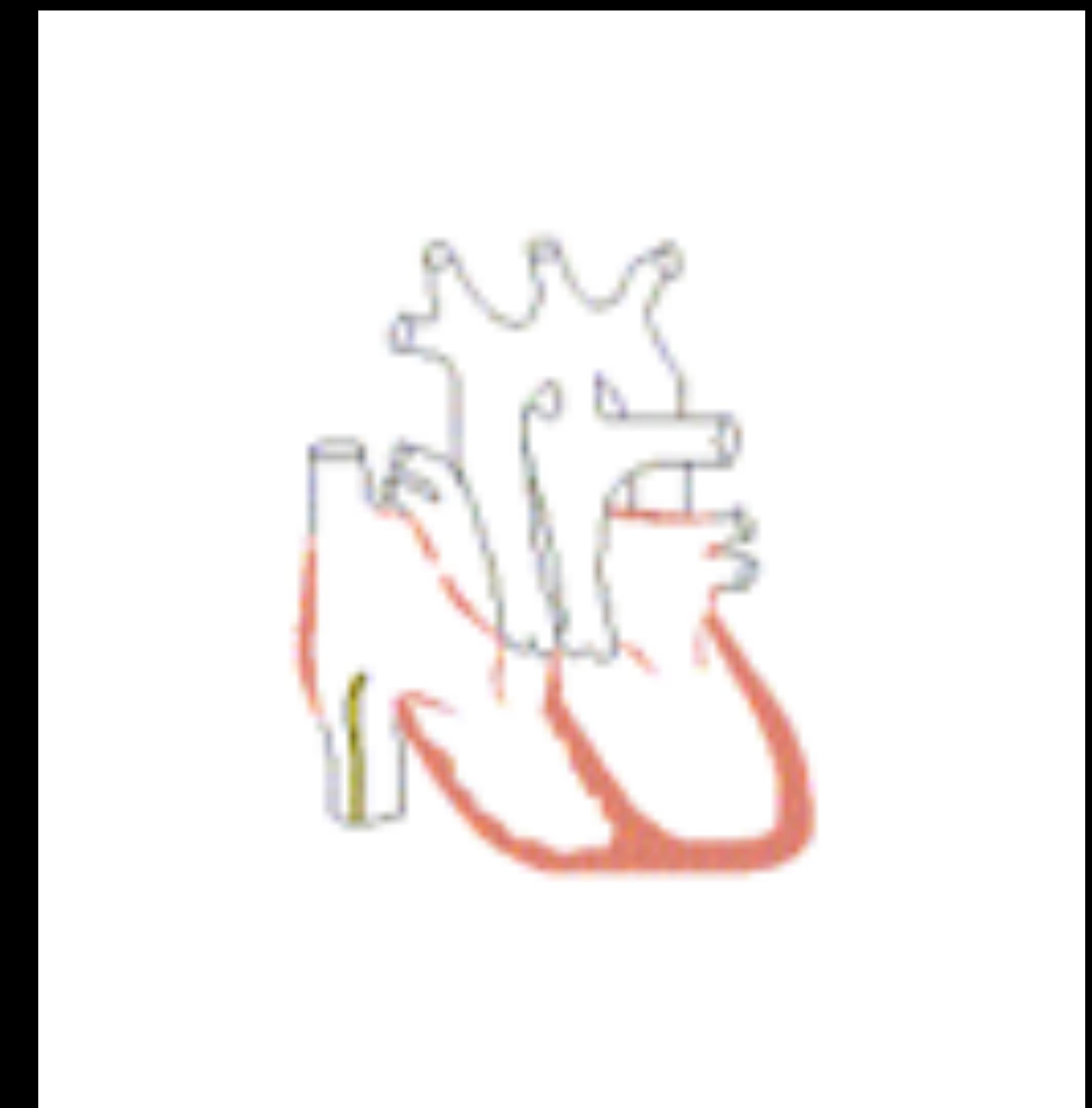
# Creation of an Atrial Septal Defect Without Thoracotomy

A Palliative Approach to Complete Transposition of the Great Arteries

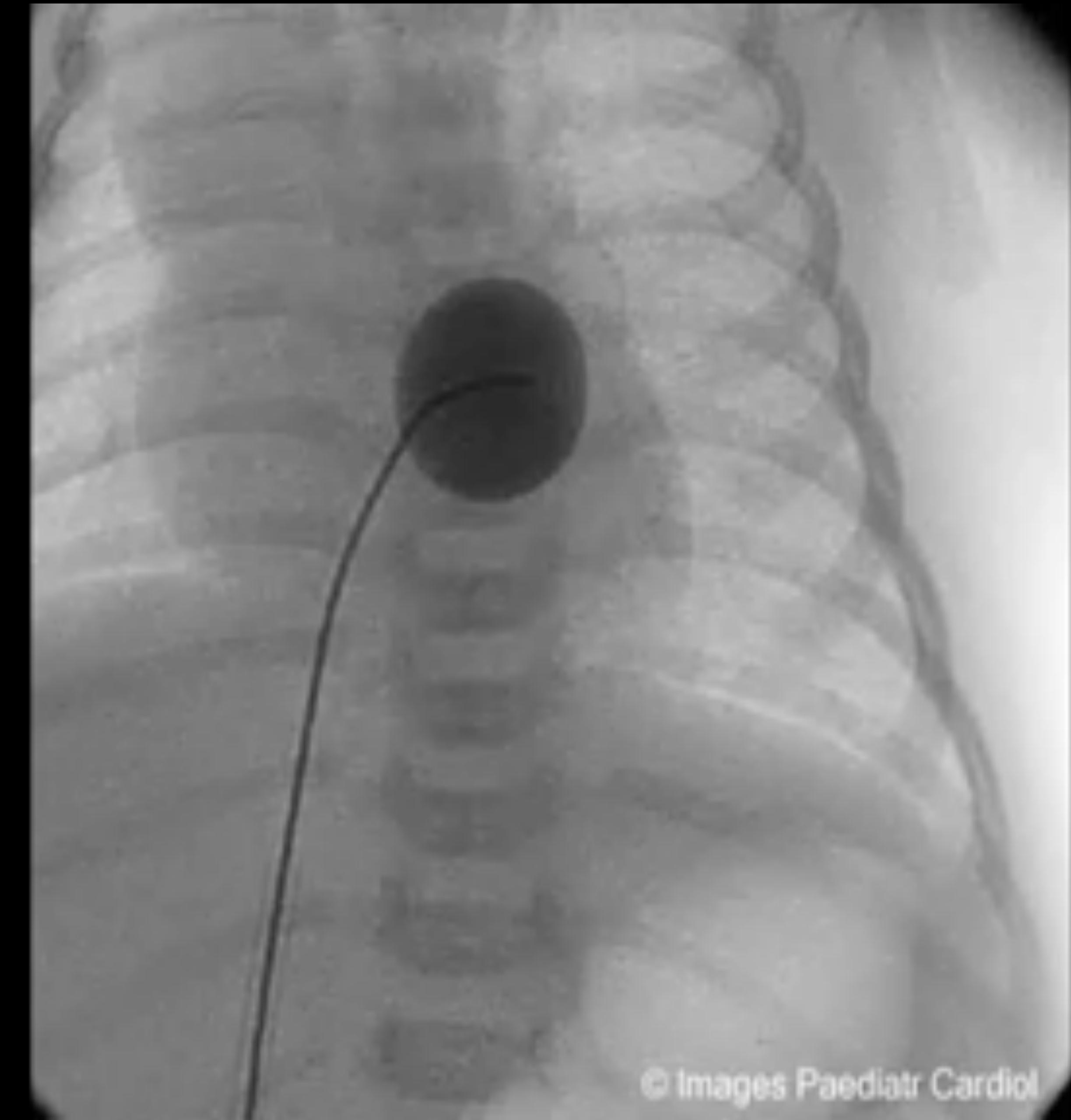
William J. Rashkind, MD, and William W. Miller, MD

Transposition of the great vessels (TGV) occurs in approximately 20% of children who die with congenital heart disease.<sup>1</sup> With rare exceptions, patients with this lesion die in the first 6 months of life (50% within the first month). Approximately 40% of patients with TGV have an otherwise normal heart. In recent years, various types of complete corrections for this lesion have been attempted. Mustard et al<sup>2</sup> has simplified these procedures and has reduced mortality to reasonable levels. Best results are obtained in children well beyond 6 months of age. Therefore, it is imperative to provide early palliation that is effective until the optimal age for complete correction and that does not interfere significantly with subsequent surgery. Creation of an interatrial communication seems the best available choice to suit these requirements. The Blalock-Hanlon technique,<sup>3</sup> or some



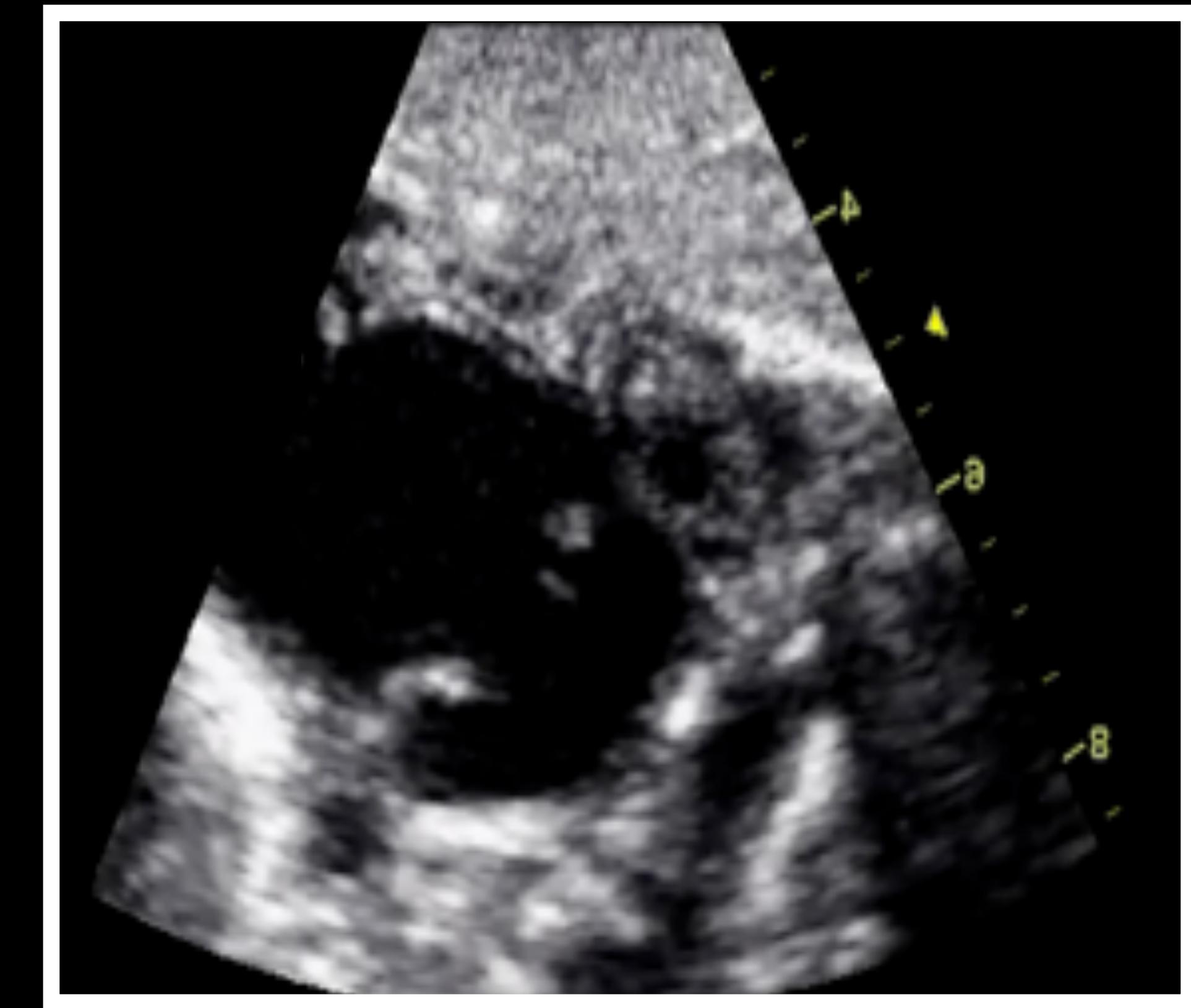
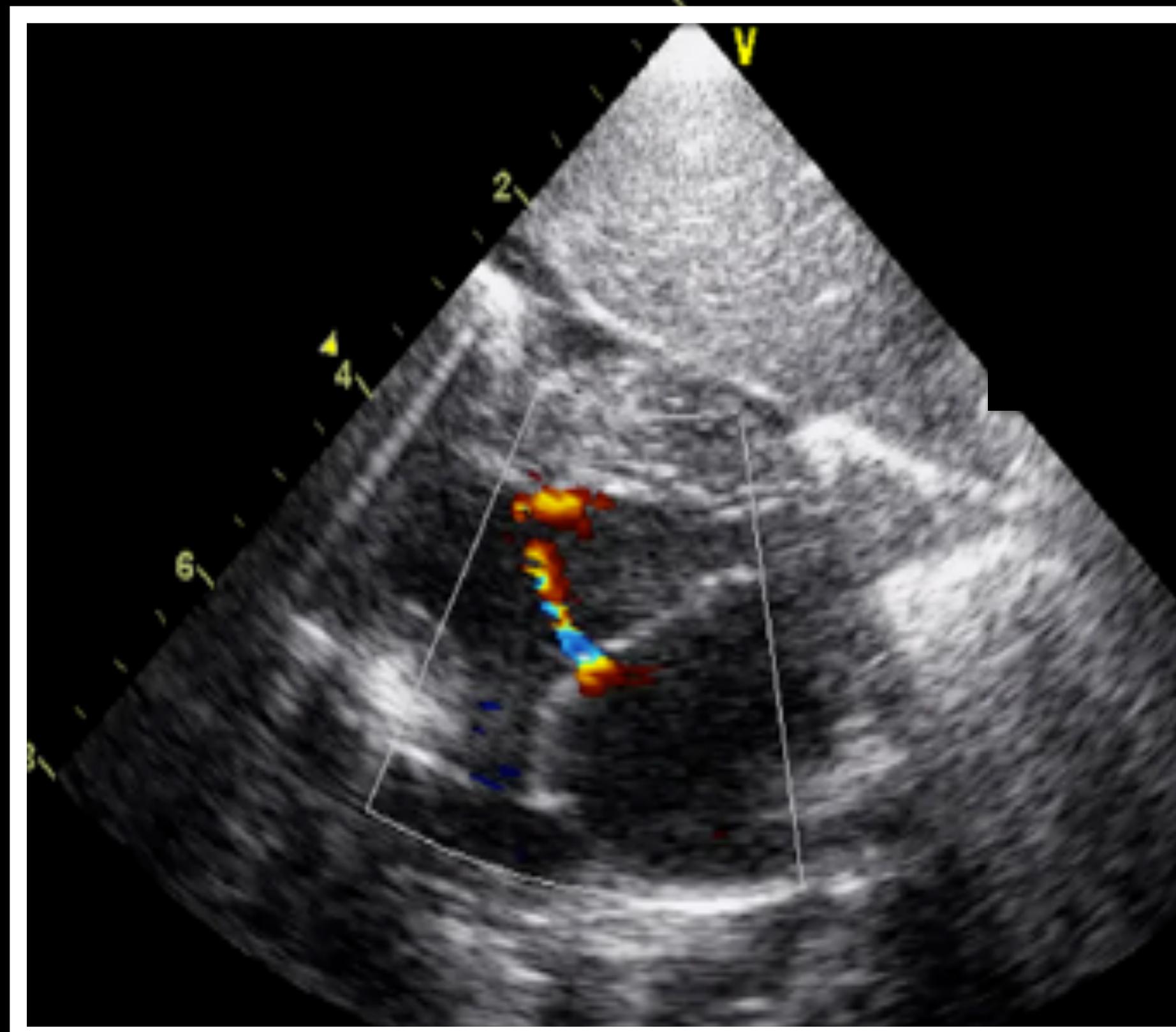


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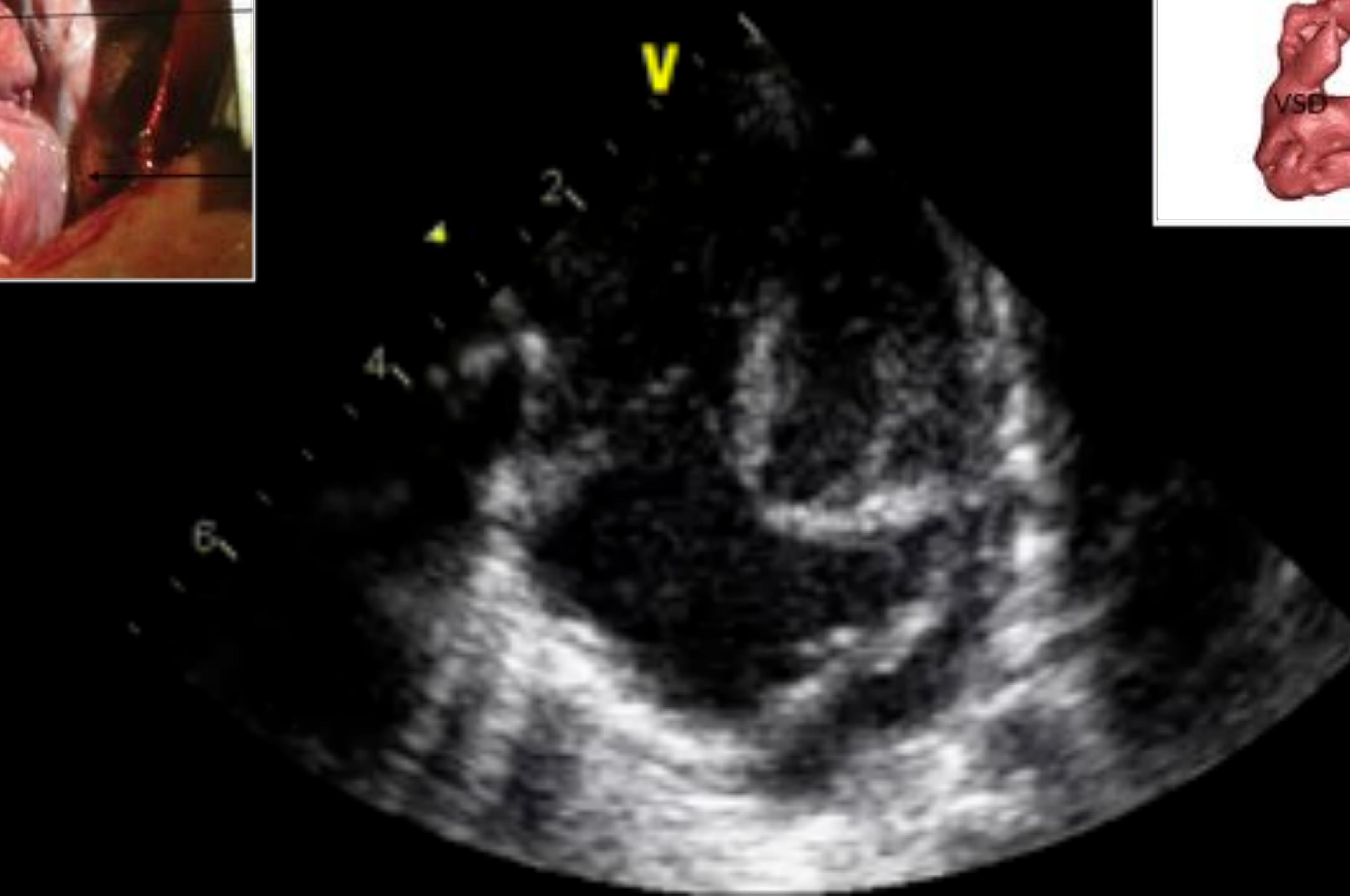
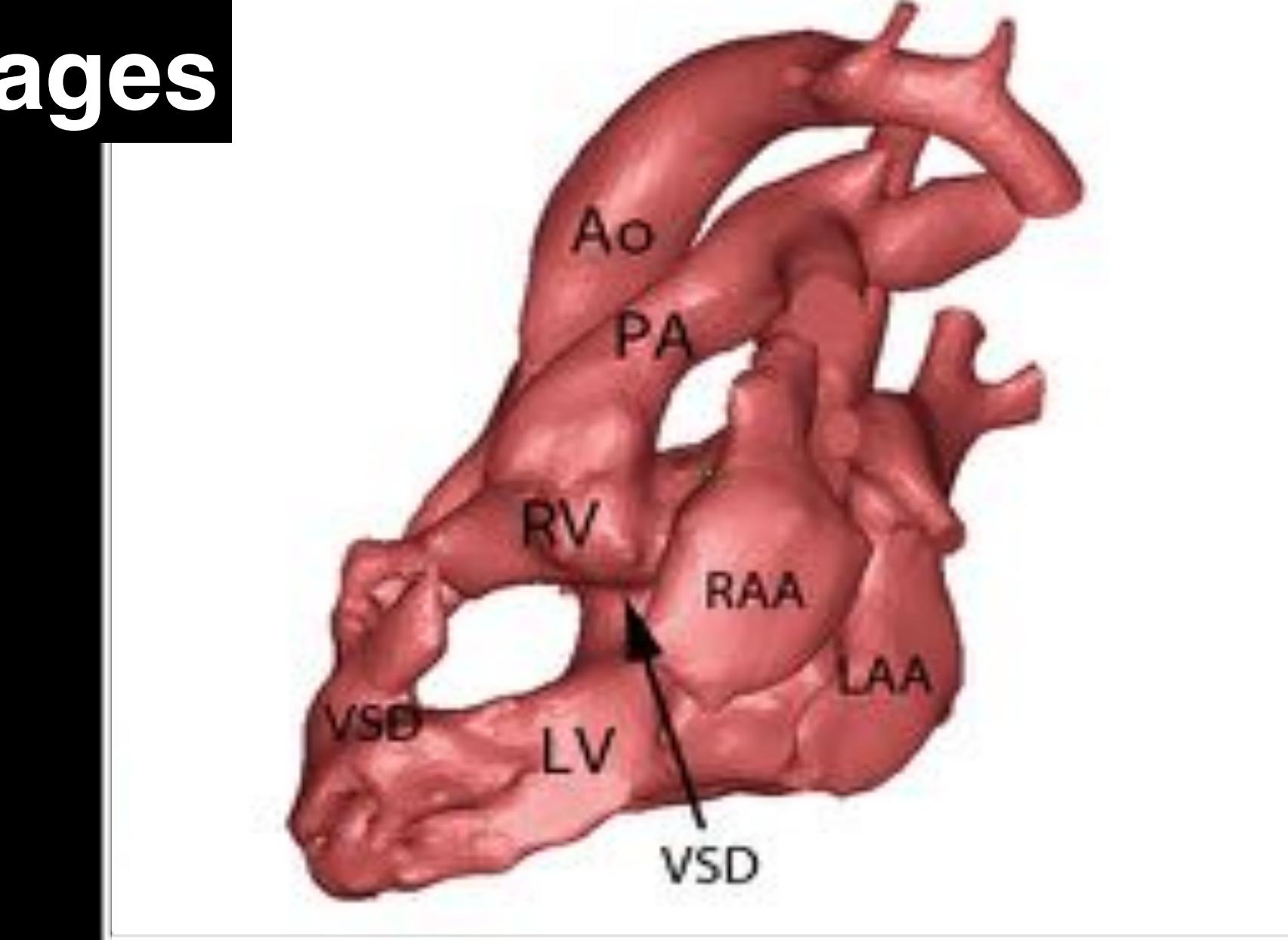
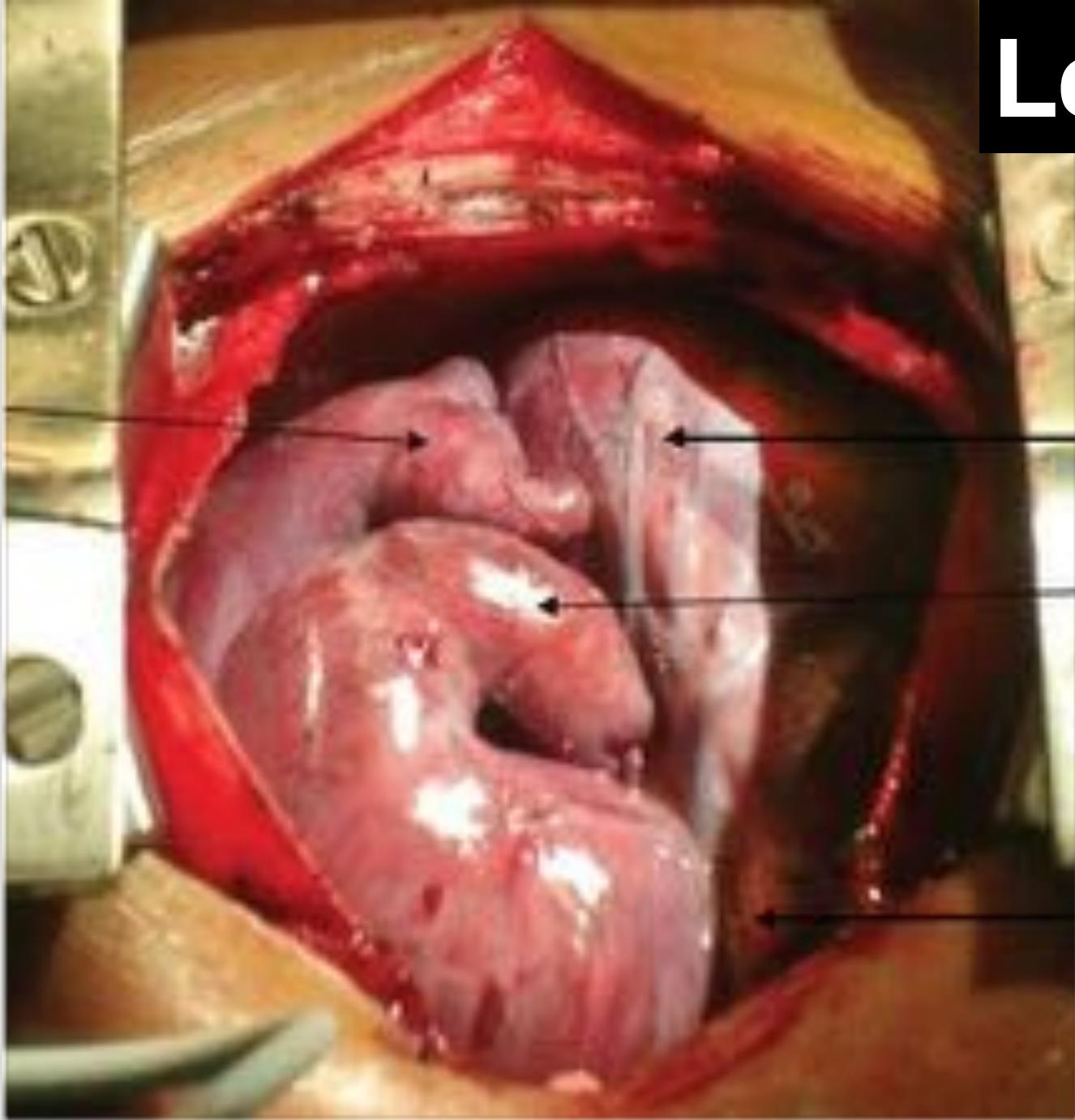


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# TGA Rashkind



# Left juxtaposition of atrial appendages



It is a **challenging procedure** that needs trained interventional/congenital cardiologists and a well prepared catheterization laboratory, with the possibility for surgical or circulatory back-up<sup>1</sup>

Balloon atrial septostomy **performed out-of-hours produced higher complication rates** as opposed to balloon atrial septostomy performed during routine hours. Only essential cases should be undertaken at night, and all other cases should be deferred to the daytime to limit unnecessary adverse complication<sup>3</sup>

Rashkind procedure was not associated with increased risk of necrotising enterocolitis, but was associated with nearly twice the risk of clinically recognised stroke (1% versus 0%, p = 0.046)<sup>2</sup>

1-Cinteza, Maedica (Buchar). 2013;8:280-284.

2-Mukherjee D Cardiol Young. 2010;20:373-80.

3-Vimalesmaran. Cardiol Young. 2013;23:61-7.

# **Task Force 3: Training Guidelines for Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization and Interventional Cardiology**

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**TABLE 1. Recommended Body of Knowledge Covered During Core Training**

Indications for and risks of cardiac catheterization and angiography

Indications for and risks of therapeutic catheter procedures

Interpretation of pressure waveforms

Interpretation of O<sub>2</sub> saturation data

Fick principle and shunt calculations

Vascular resistance calculations

Cardiac angiography: basic techniques/angles/interpretation

Radiation safety

**TABLE 2. Core Training—Recommended Minimum Case**

Total cardiac catheterizations 100

Interventional procedures Type of intervention 20

Balloon septostomy 5

**TABLE 3. Advanced Training—Recommended Minimum Case Numbers**

Total cardiac catheterizations	200
Interventional procedures	100
Type of intervention	
<b>Balloon septostomy</b>	<b>5</b>
Transseptal puncture	10
Pulmonary valve dilation	10
Aortic valve dilation	10
Pulmonary artery dilation	10
Pulmonary artery stent	10
Coarctation dilation	10
Coarctation stent	5
Collateral occlusion	10
Ductus arteriosus occlusion	10
Atrial septal defect occlusion	10

## Incidence de la manoeuvre de Rashkind

Environ 780.000 naissances en France

Incidence de la TGV = 0.15 pour mille naissances vivantes

Soit environ 120 transpositions des gros vaisseaux / an

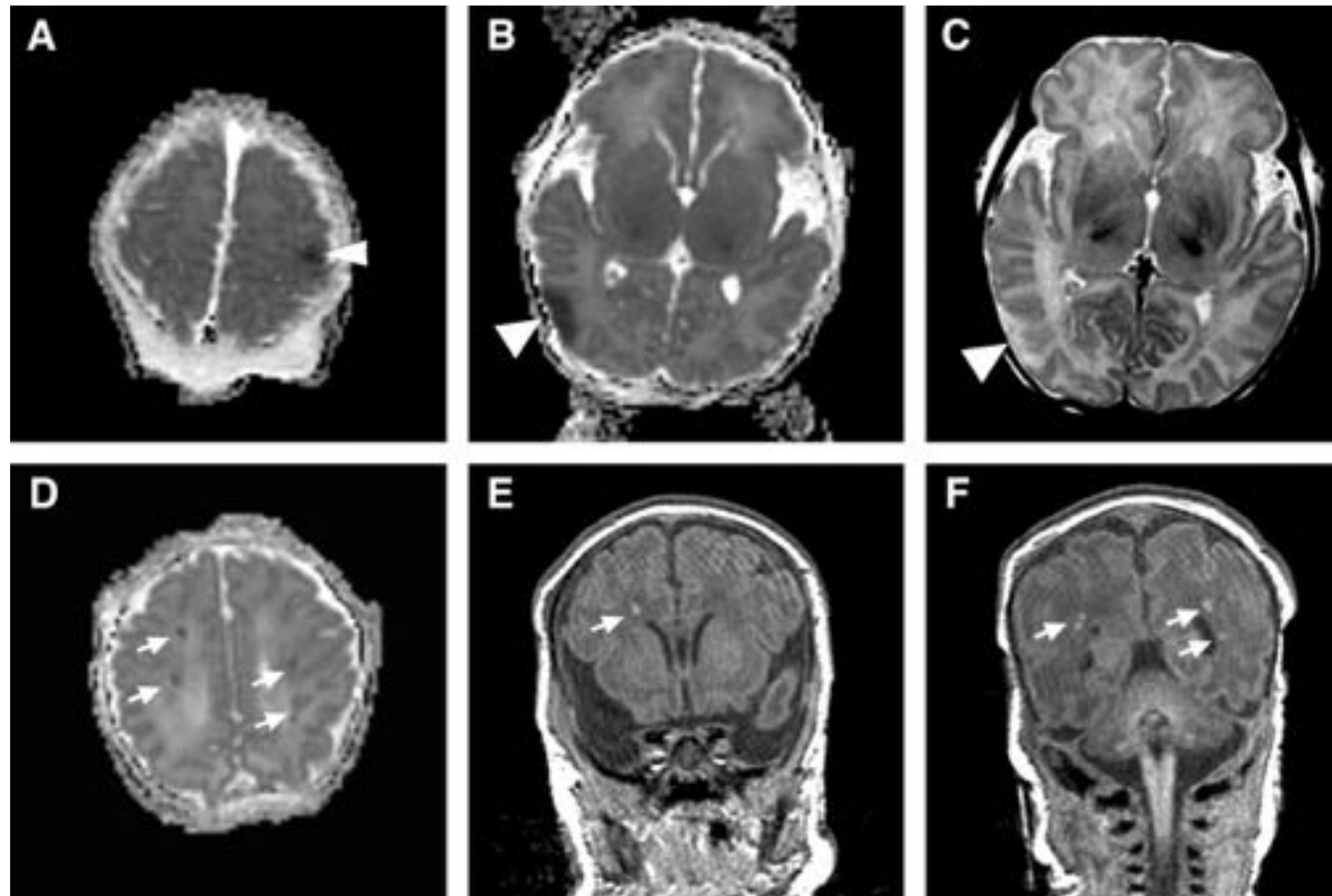
Indication de Rashkind dans 50% des cas environ = 60 Rashkind/an

24 centres de Cardiologie Congénitale identifiés (déséquilibrés en recrutement de TGV du fait du transfert *in utero*)

-pour de nombreux centres moins de 1 Rashkind /an

-pour de nombreux cardiopédiatres moins de 1 Rashkind /3 ans

Balloon atrial septostomy is associated with preoperative stroke in neonates with transposition of the great arteries.



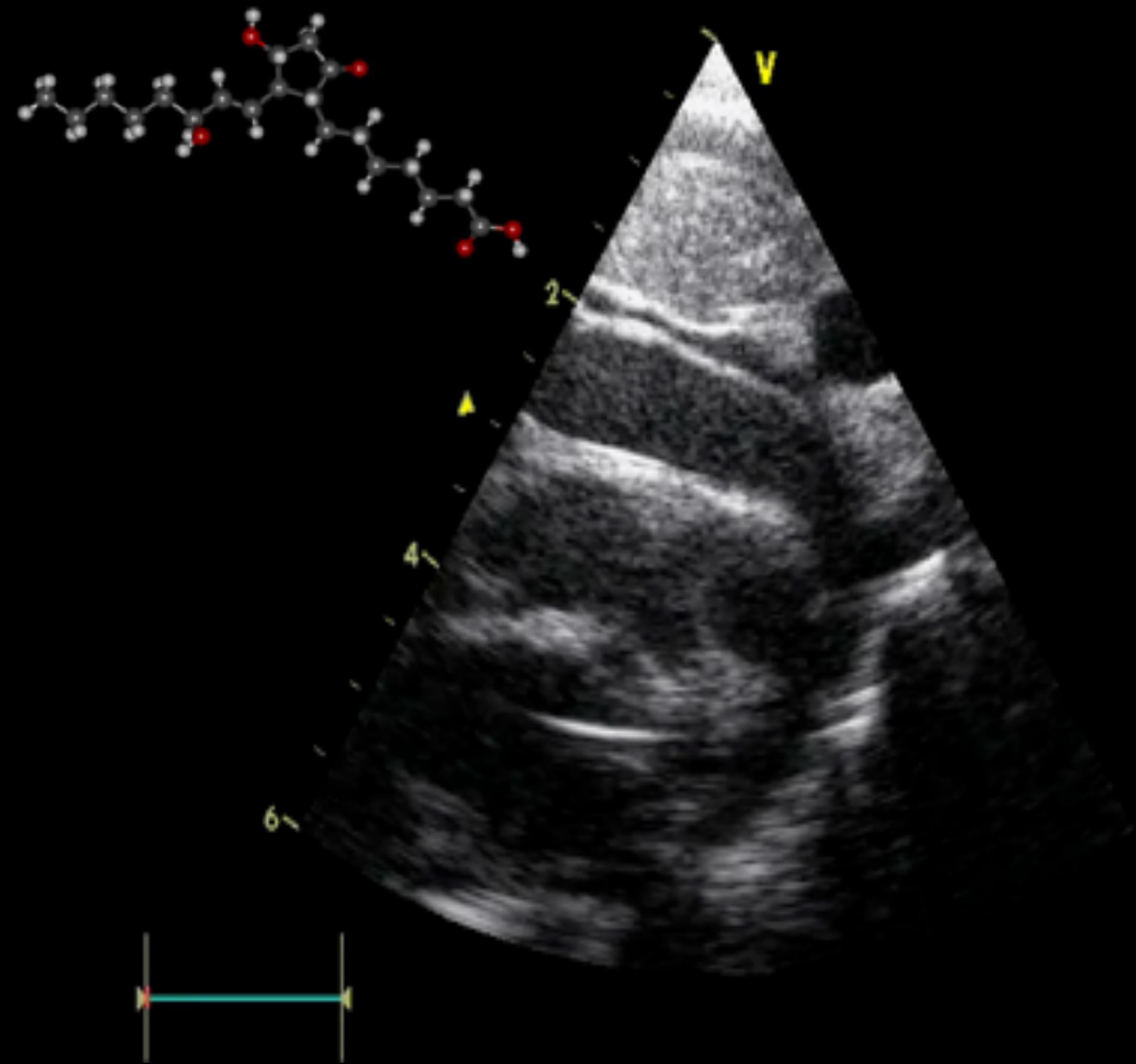
A-C, Example of multiple focal strokes.

Preoperative brain injury in transposition of the great arteries is associated with oxygenation and time to surgery, not balloon atrial septostomy.

Circulation. 2009;119:709-16.

	PVL (n=10)	No PVL (n=16)	P
BAS, n (%)	6 (60)	8 (50)	NS
Gestational age, wk	39.0±1.2	38.9±1.1	NS
Birth weight, kg	3.41±0.59	3.50±0.64	NS
Head circumference, cm	33.1±1.6	33.8±1.6	NS
TGA with VSD, n (%)	3 (30)	3 (19)	NS
Female, n (%)	5 (50)	6 (37)	NS
Preoperative measures			
pH	7.44±0.06	7.43±0.06	NS
Pco <sub>2</sub> , mm Hg	38.8±2.9	39.6±3.8	NS
Po <sub>2</sub> , mm Hg	36.9±1.5	41.9±5.0	0.026
Hemoglobin, g/dL	13.8±0.9	14.8±2.1	NS
Base excess, mEq/L	2.43±3.5	1.63±2.9	NS
Lactate	2.9±0.8	3.9±1.2	NS
ABGs per day, n	6.8±2.3	7.1±2.1	NS
Lowest O <sub>2</sub> saturation, %	76.1±9.0	75.3±16.4	NS
Time to surgery, d	5.6±2.9	3.9±2.2	0.028

# PGE1 and arterial duct



## To Intubate or Not to Intubate? Transporting Infants on Prostaglandin E 1

Garth D. Meckler and Calvin Lowe

Pediatrics 2009;123;e25-e30; originally published online Dec 8, 2008;

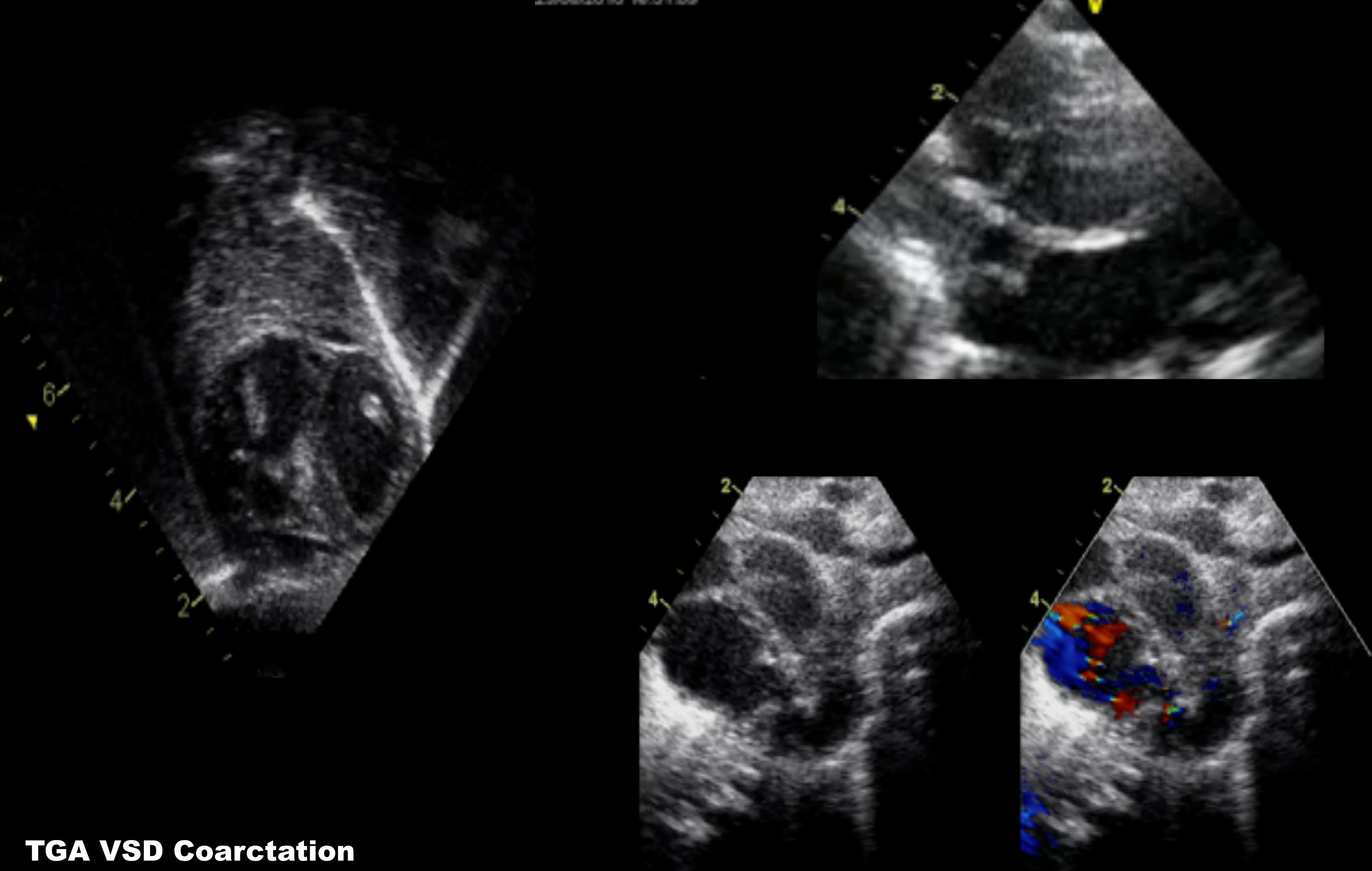
TABLE 5 Multivariate Analysis of Major Transport Complications

Variable	OR	95% CI
Medical comorbidity	2.22	1.02–4.08
PGE <sub>1</sub> dose		
<0.05 µg/kg per min	(1)	
0.05 µg/kg per min	4.80	1.60–14.40
>0.05 µg/kg per min	3.72	1.10–12.63
Intubation type		
Unintubated	(1)	
Emergent	15.68	3.85–63.83
Elective	7.44	2.82–19.68
CHD physiology		
Single ventricle	1.42	0.66–3.07
Transport mode		
Ground	(1)	
Helicopter	1.17	0.49–2.78
Fixed wing	0.20	0.02–2.59
Transport time		
<30 min	(1)	
30–60 min	0.89	0.36–2.19
60–90 min	0.58	0.18–1.89
>90 min	3.73	0.44–31.39
Gender, EGA	NS	

EGA indicates estimated gestational age; NS, not significant.

# Echocardiographic evaluation of TGA

1. Foramen ovale and arterial duct
2. Size of the ventricles
  - Small RV : check aorta
  - Small LV : check pulmonary artery
3. Atrioventricular valves anomalies
4. Coronary arteries

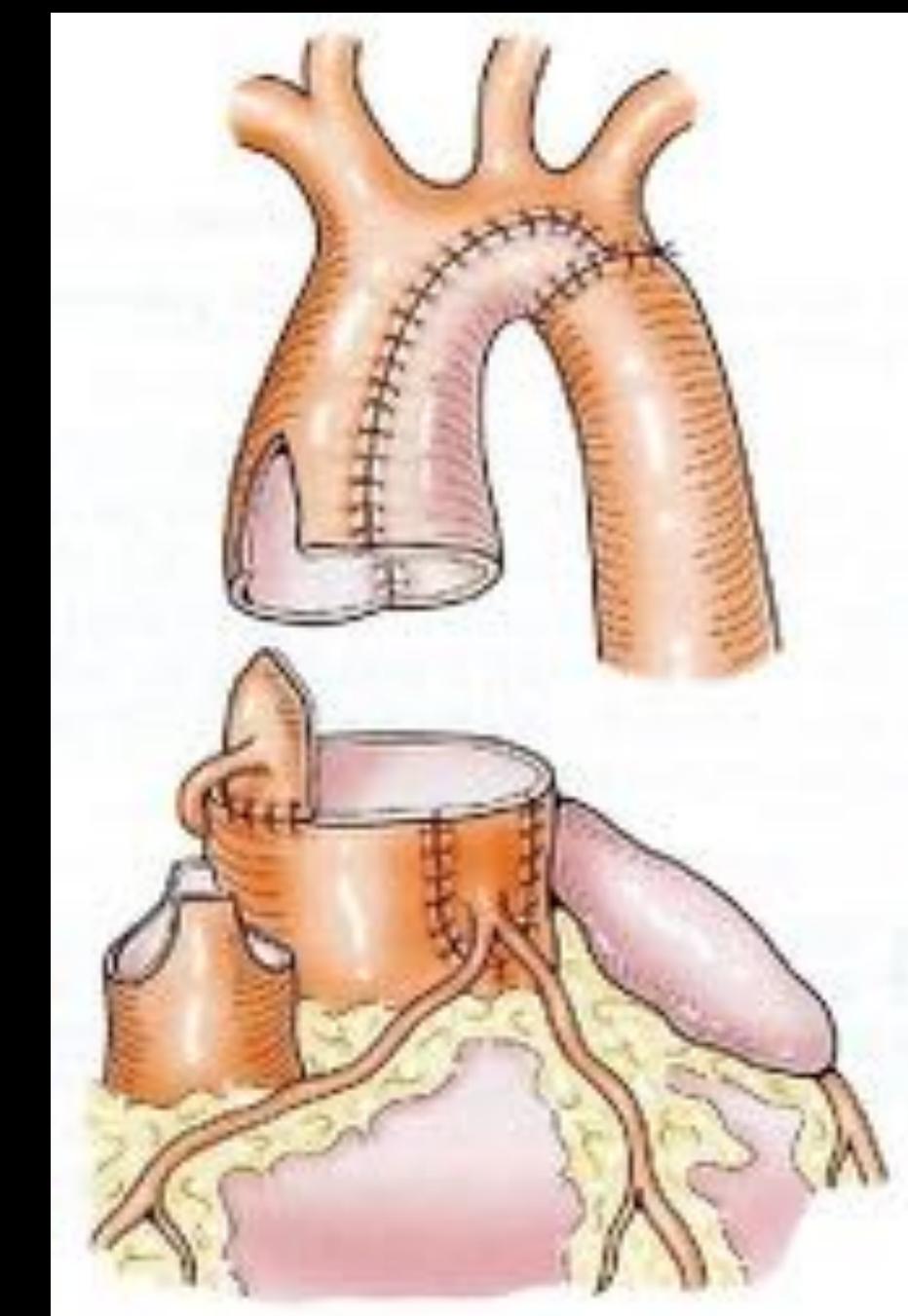
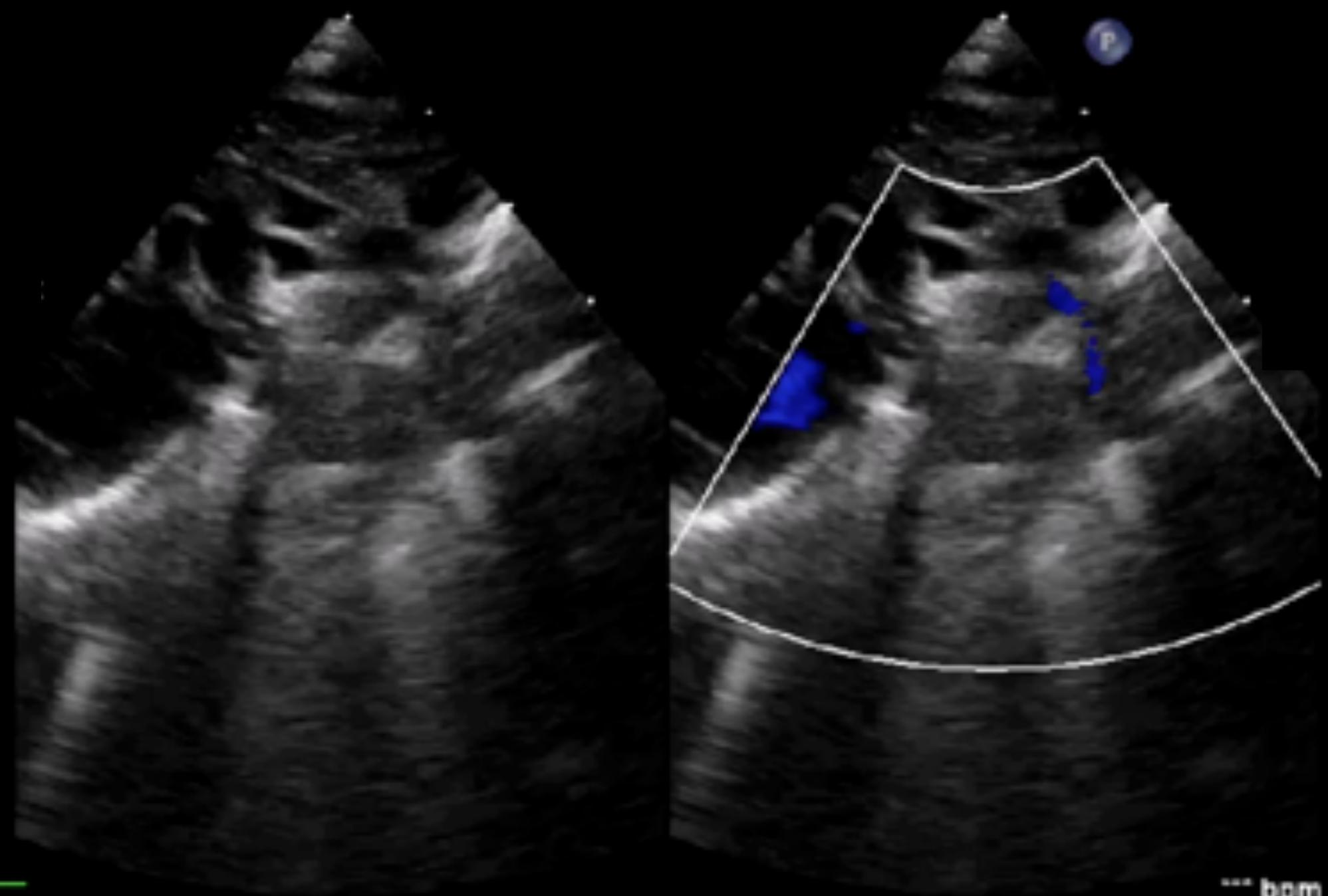


**TGA VSD Coarctation**

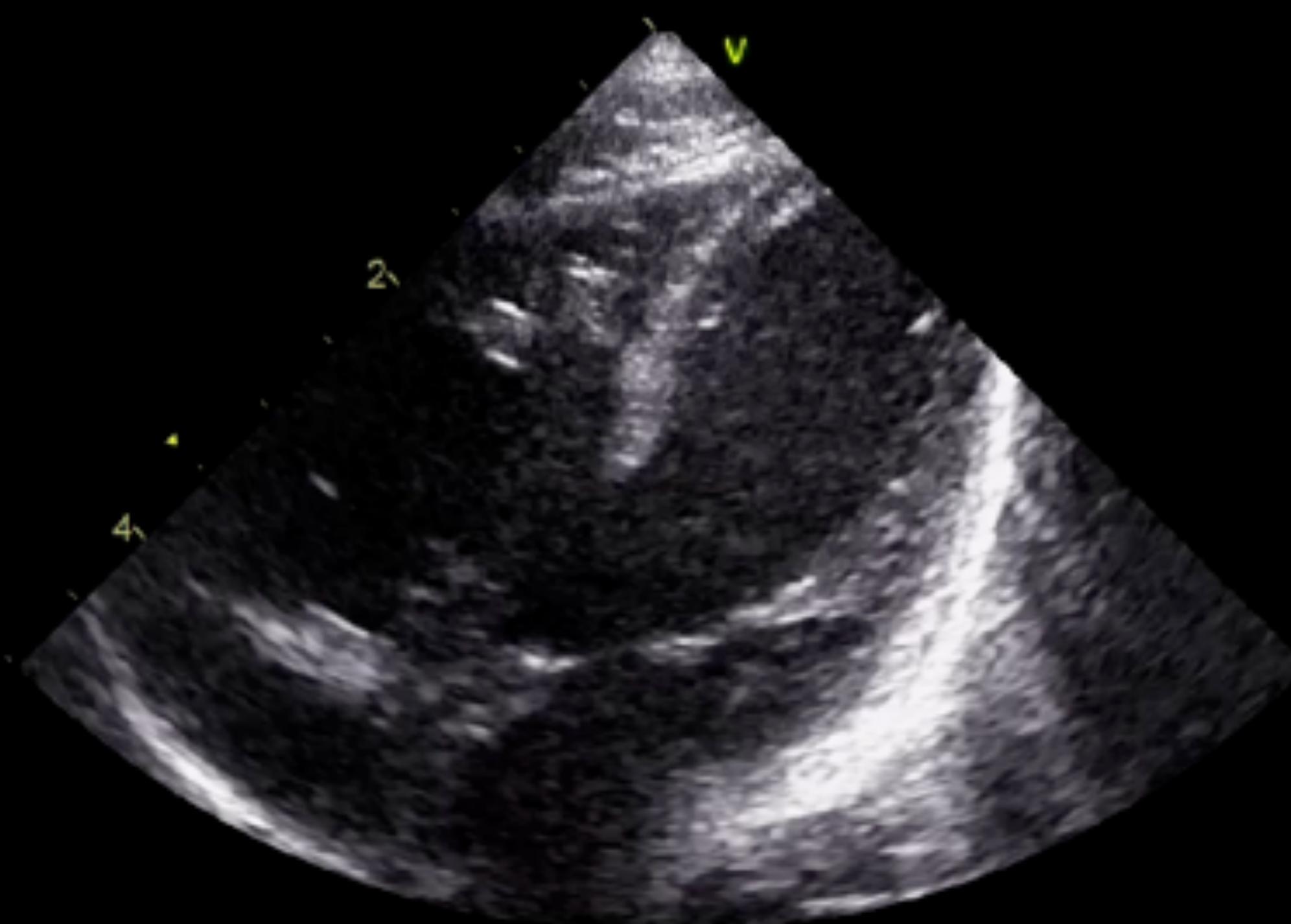
# Aortic arch hypoplasia and coarctation

Localization and extension  
of the narrowed portion

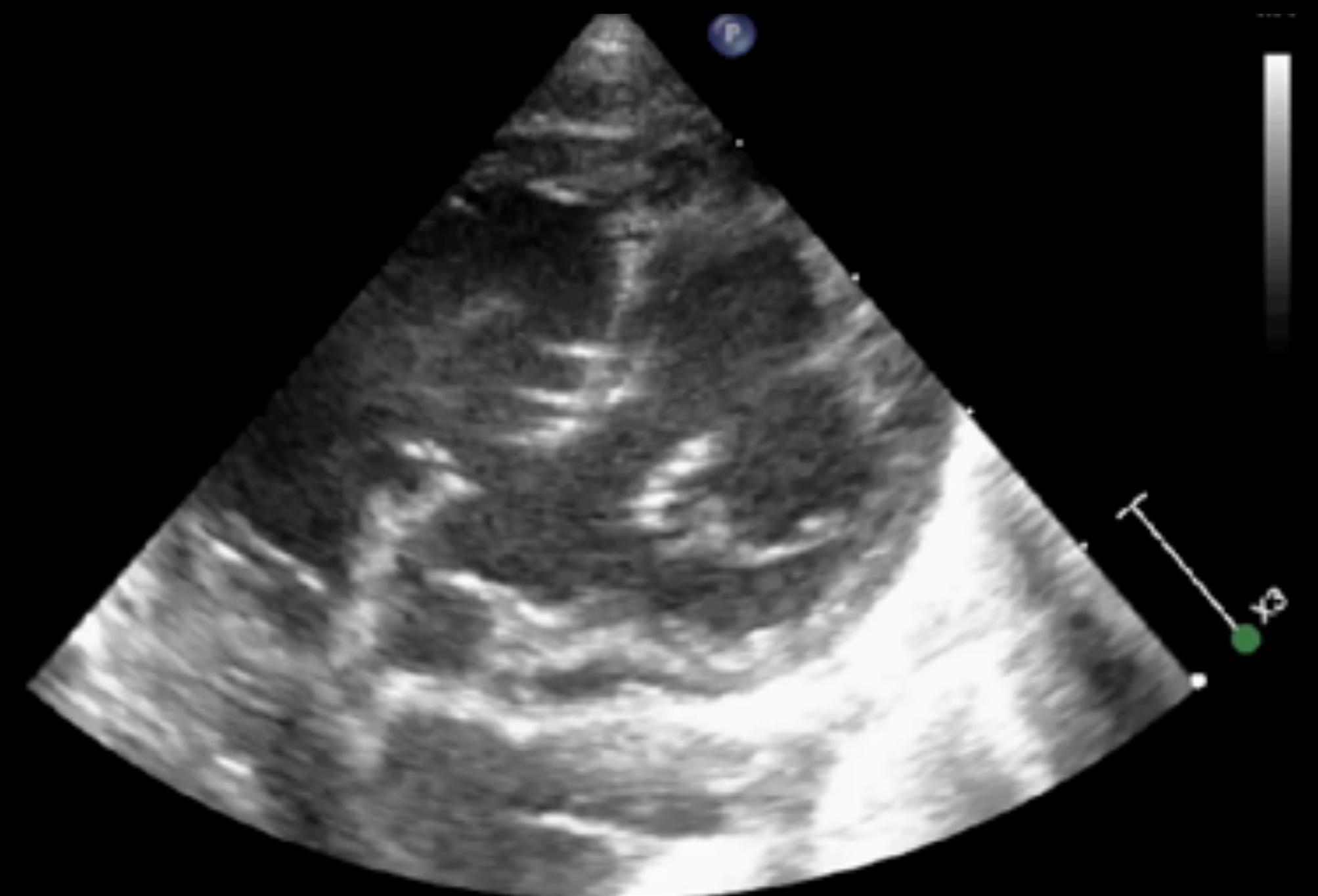
2 techniques: enlargement  
and extended end to end  
=> Discrepancy between  
aortic and pulmonary roots



# VSD: localization and size



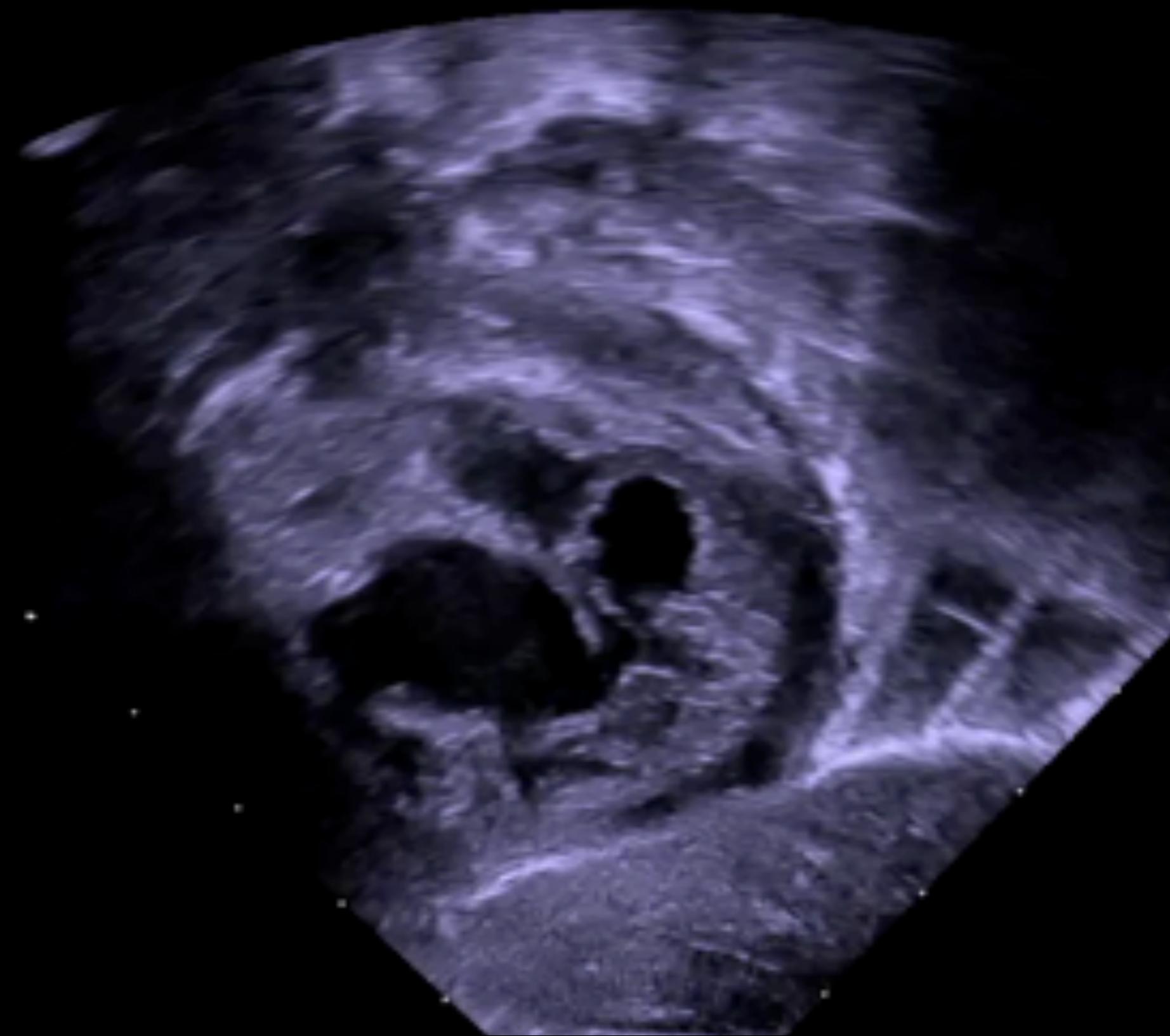
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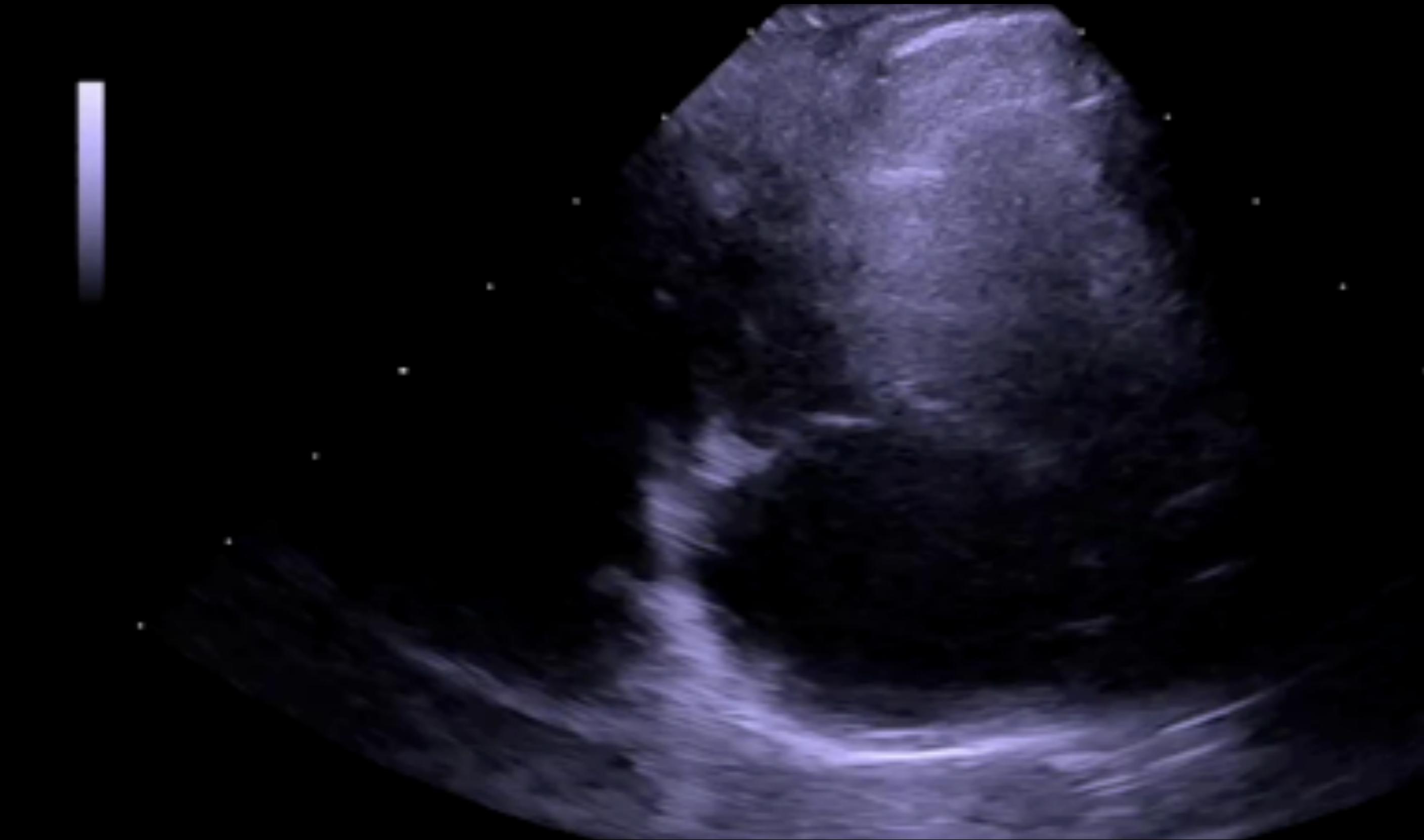
Outlet VSD

# AV valves abnormalities

## Straddling and over-riding

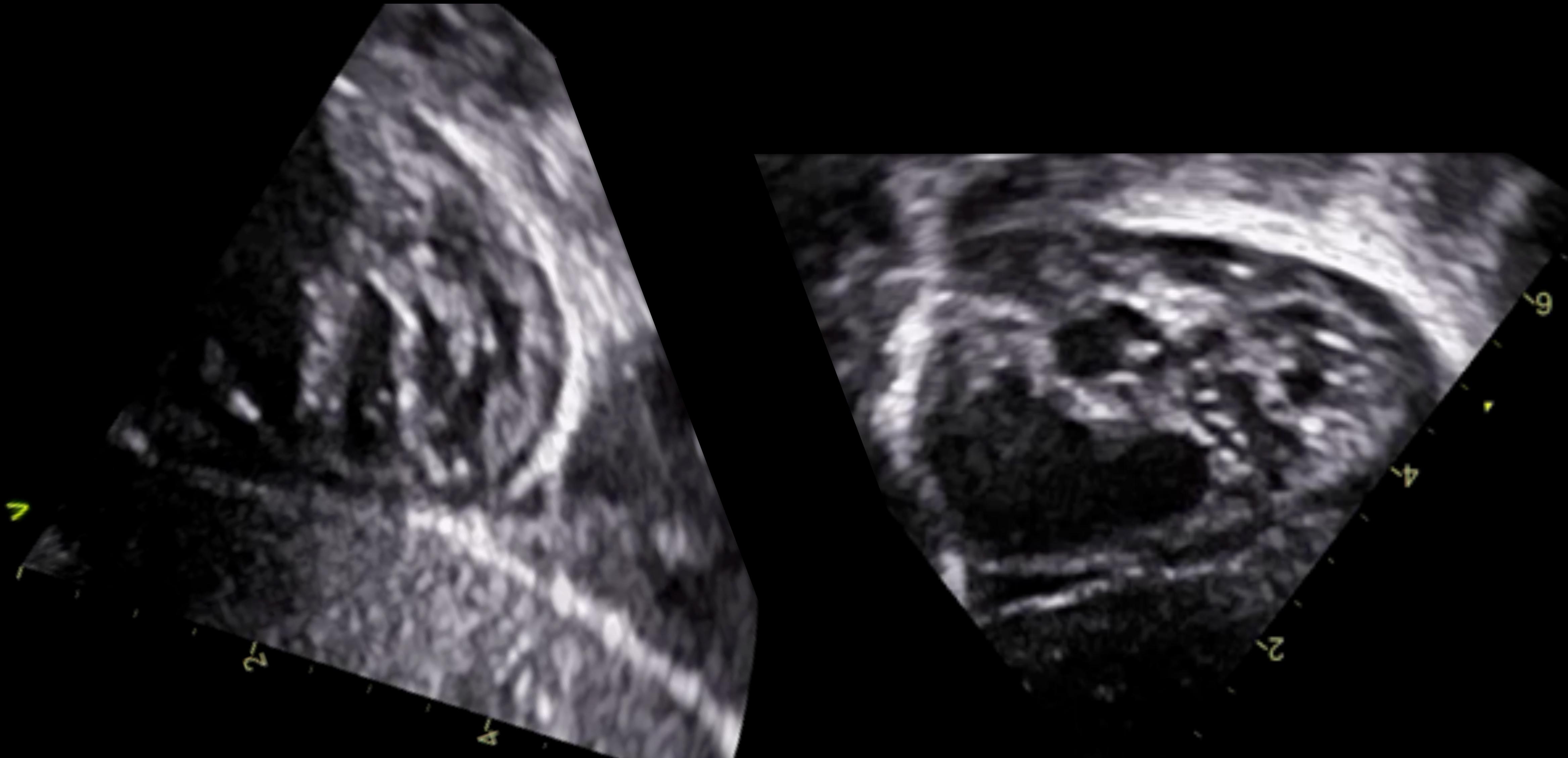


Straddling of tricuspid valve

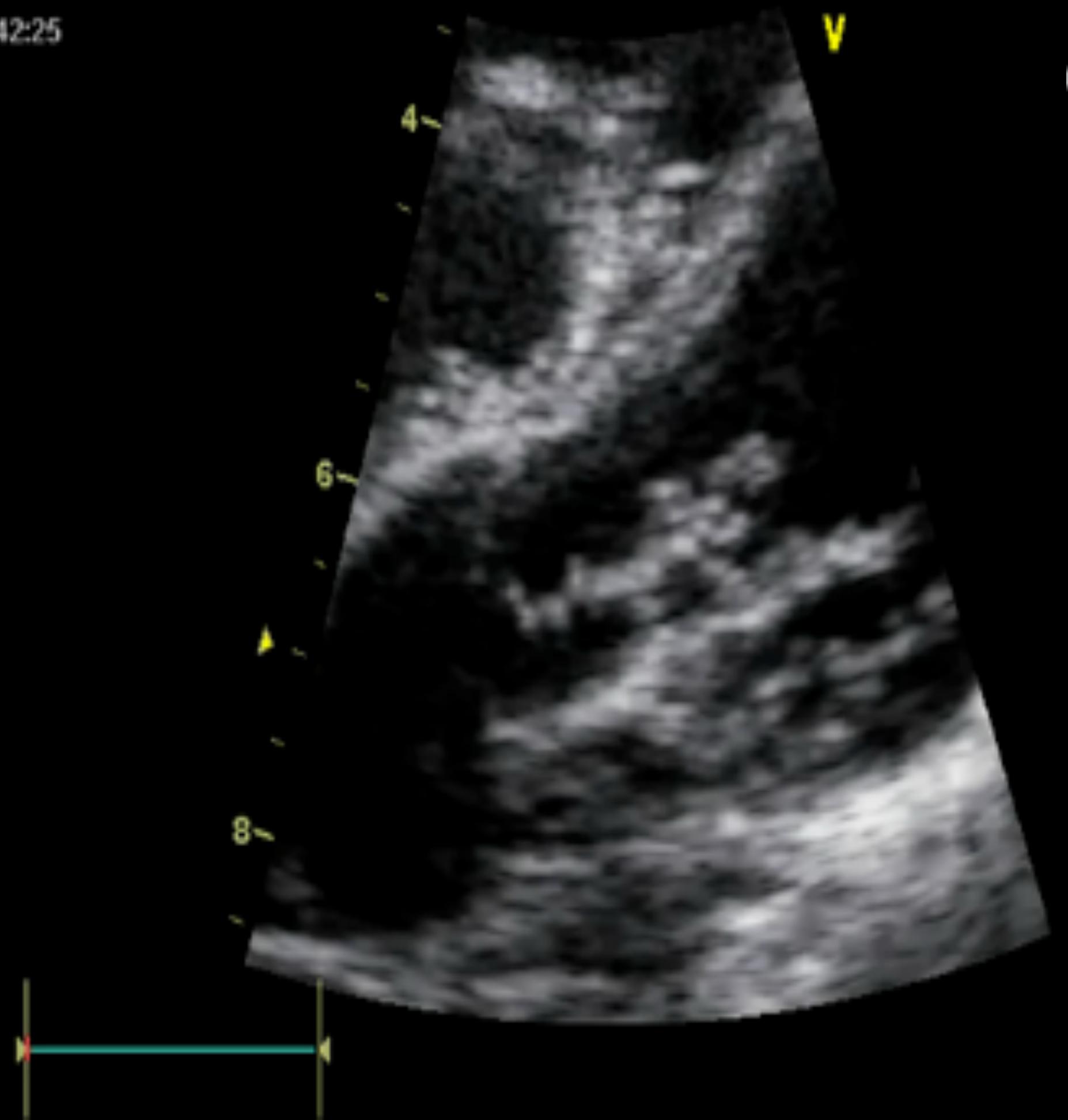


# AV valves abnormalities

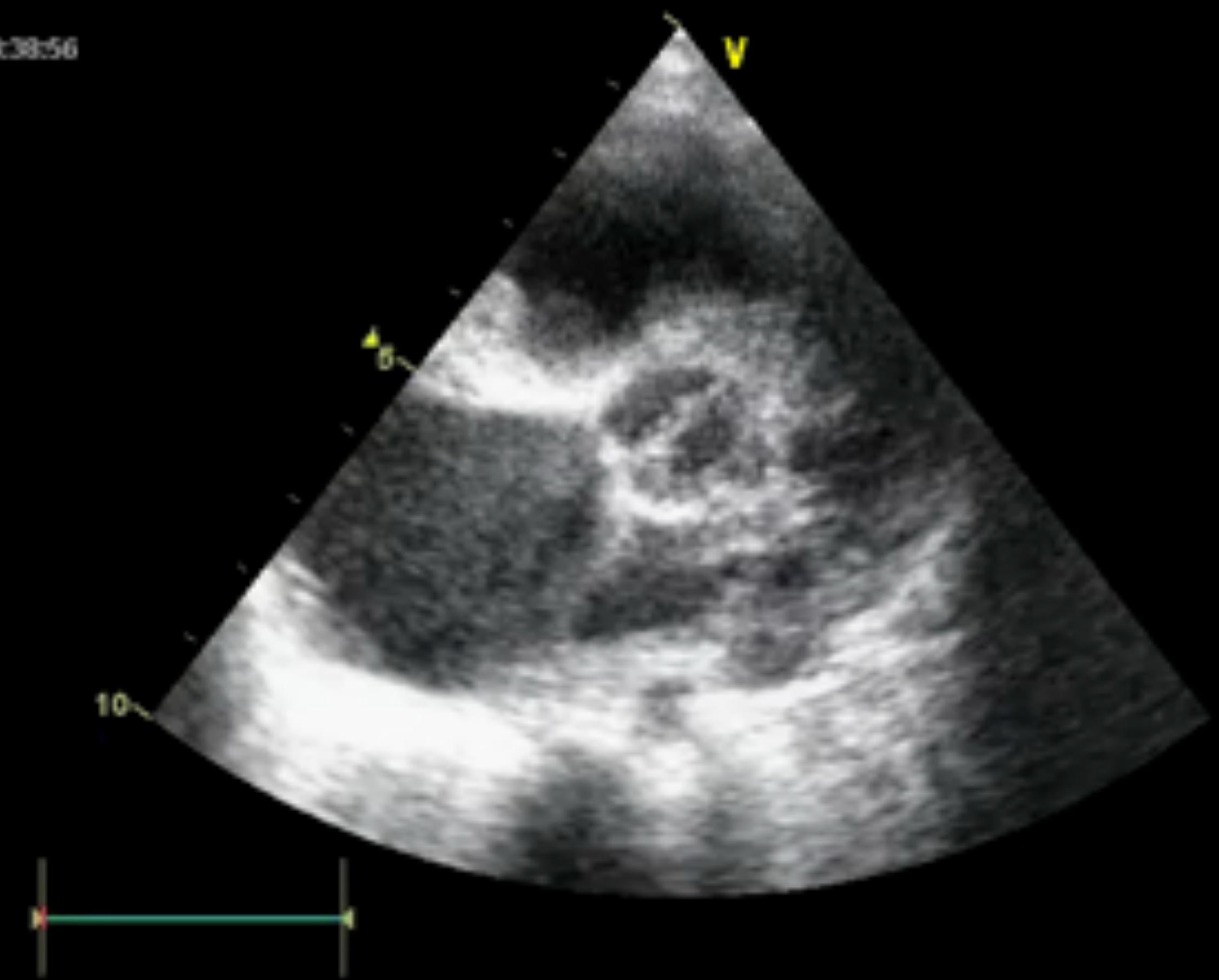
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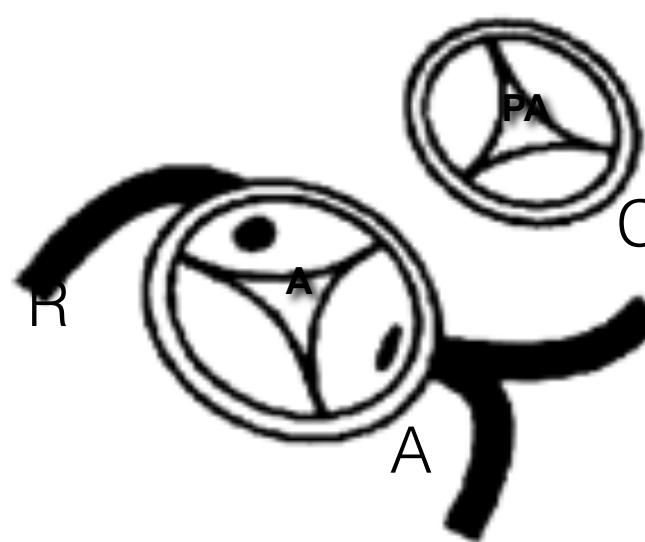


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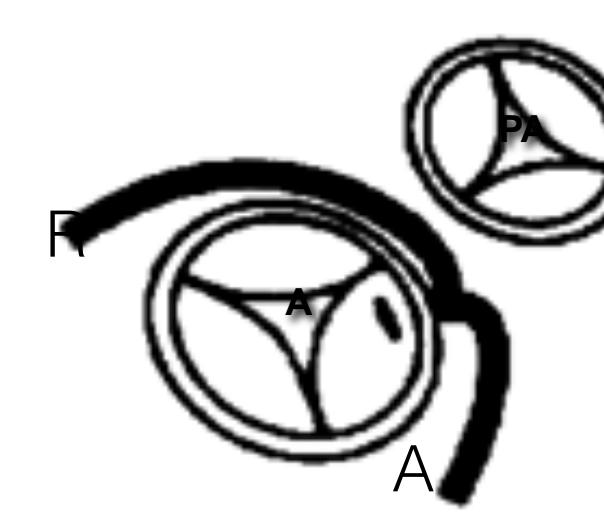


**TGA left outflow tract obstruction**

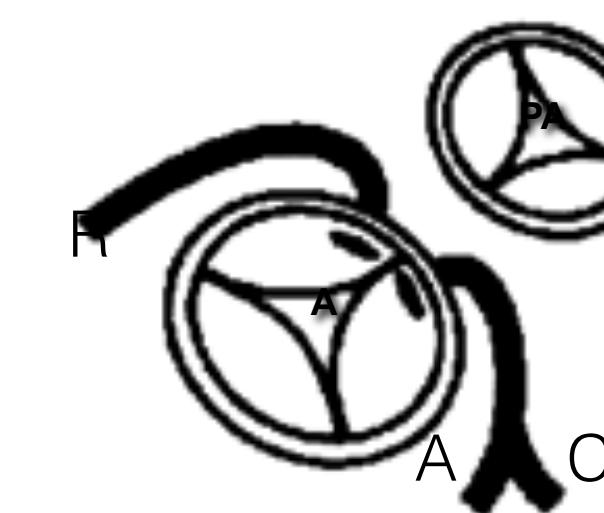
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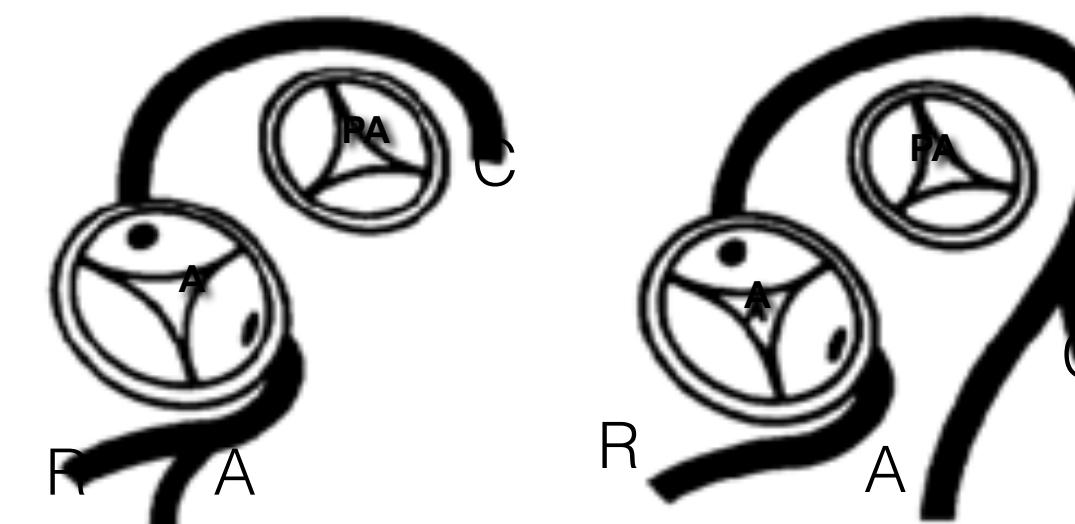
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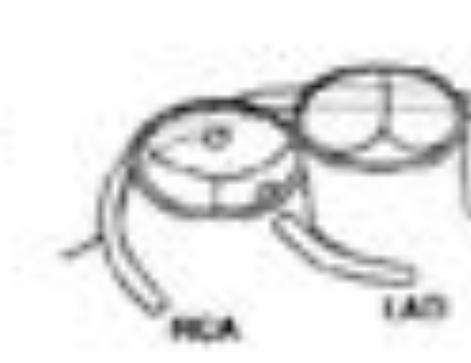
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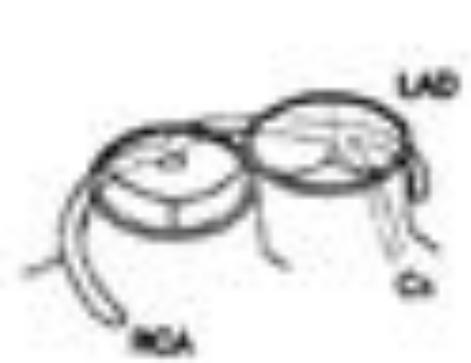
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unique



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Inversée



ACD inversée  
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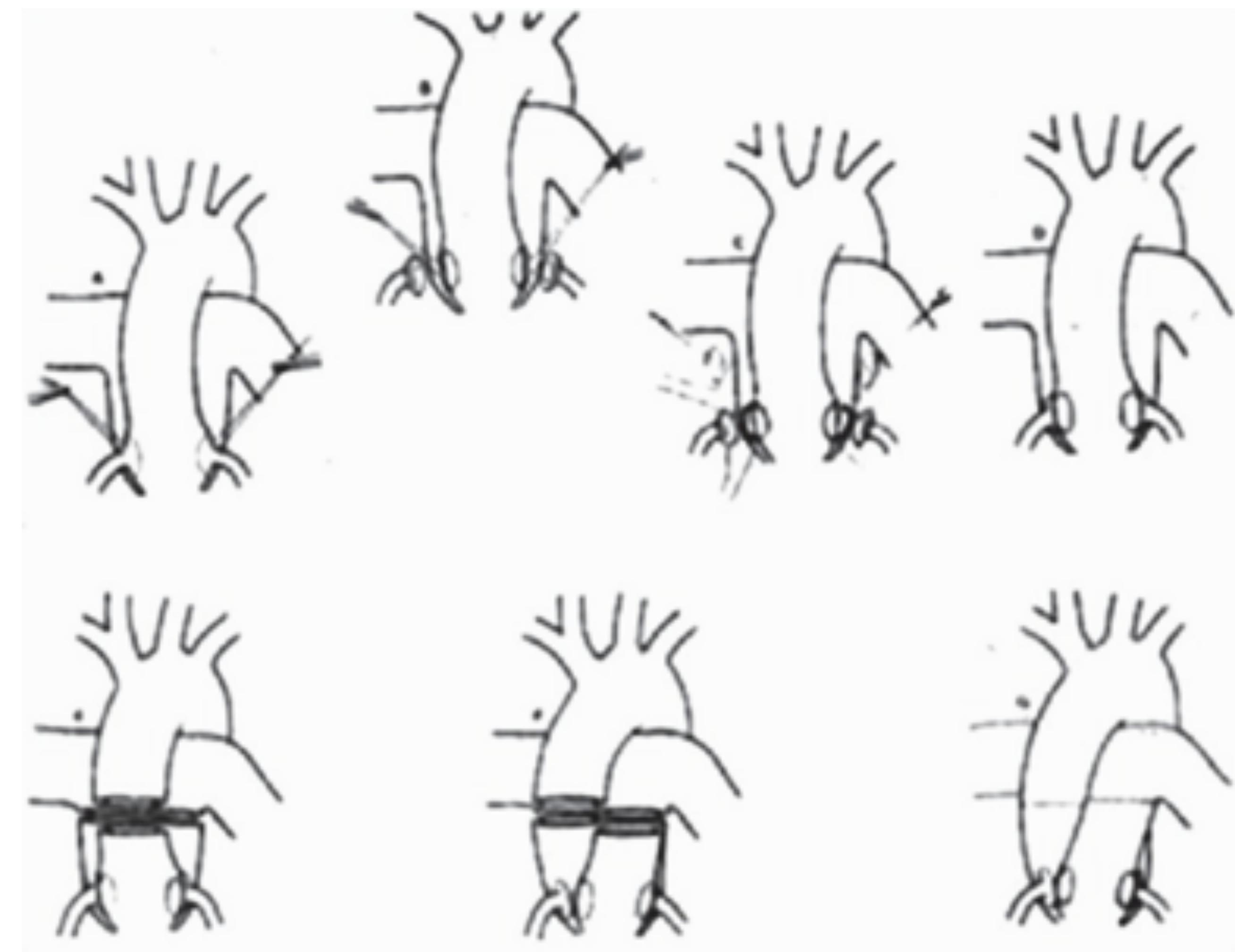
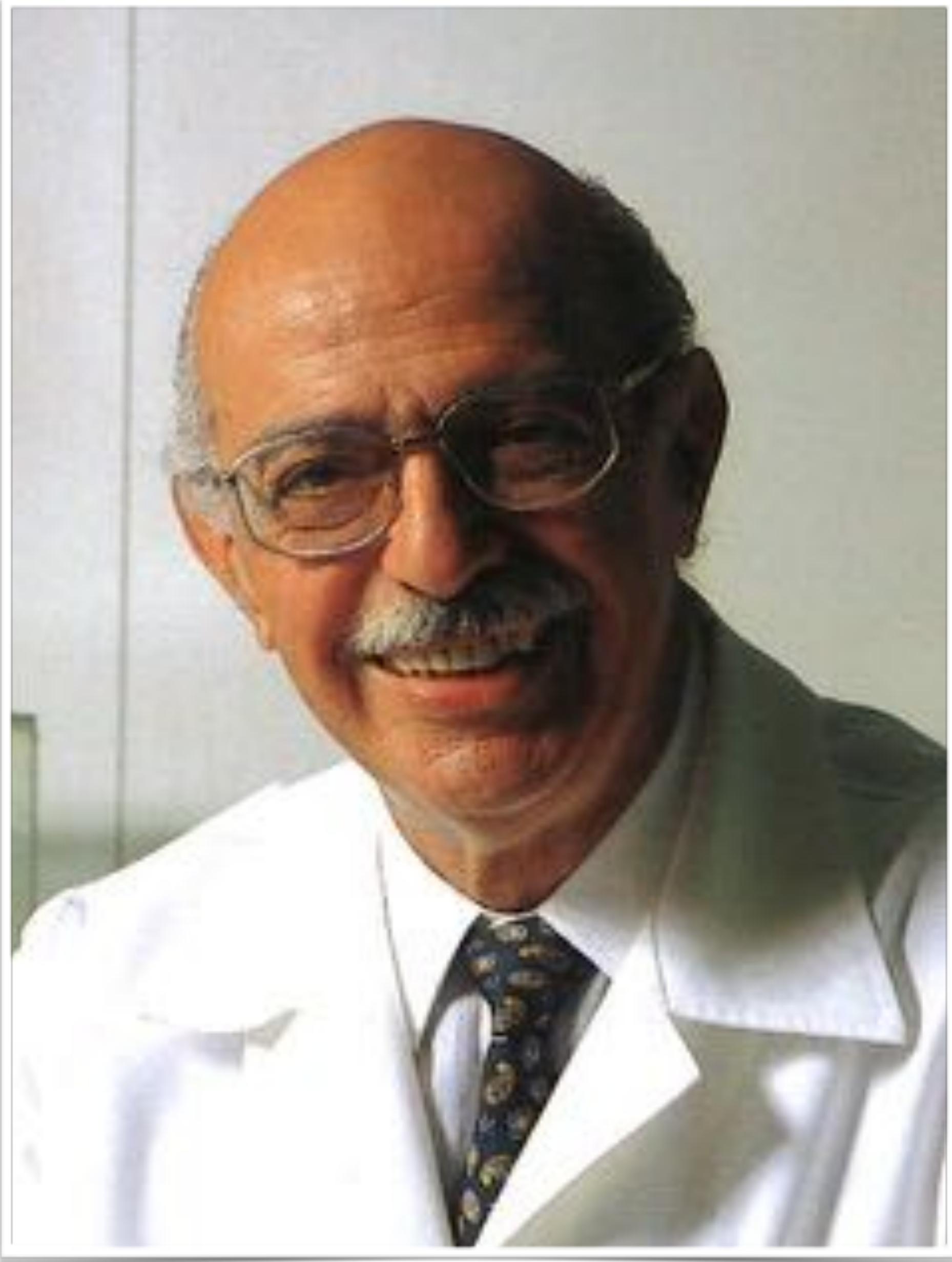
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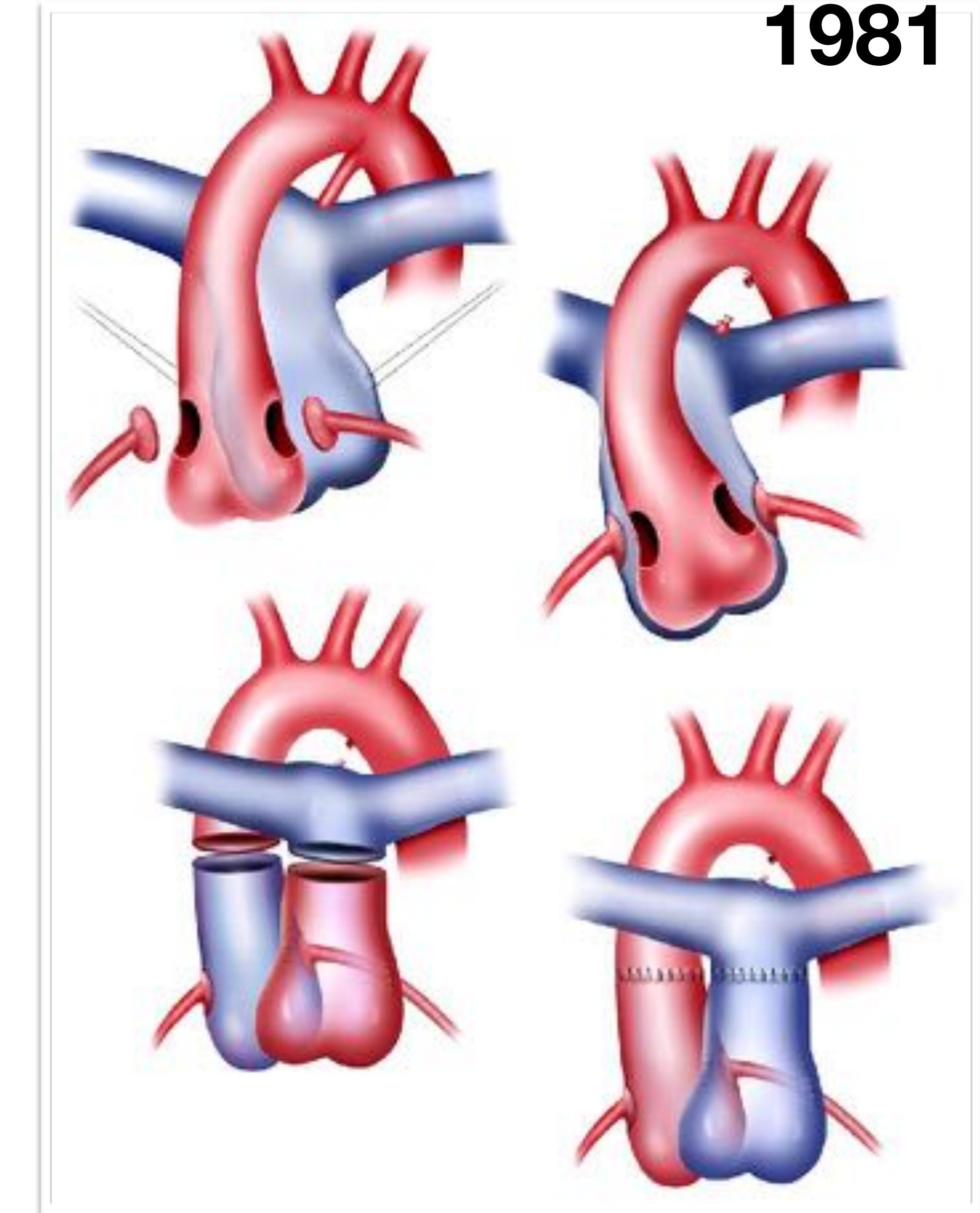


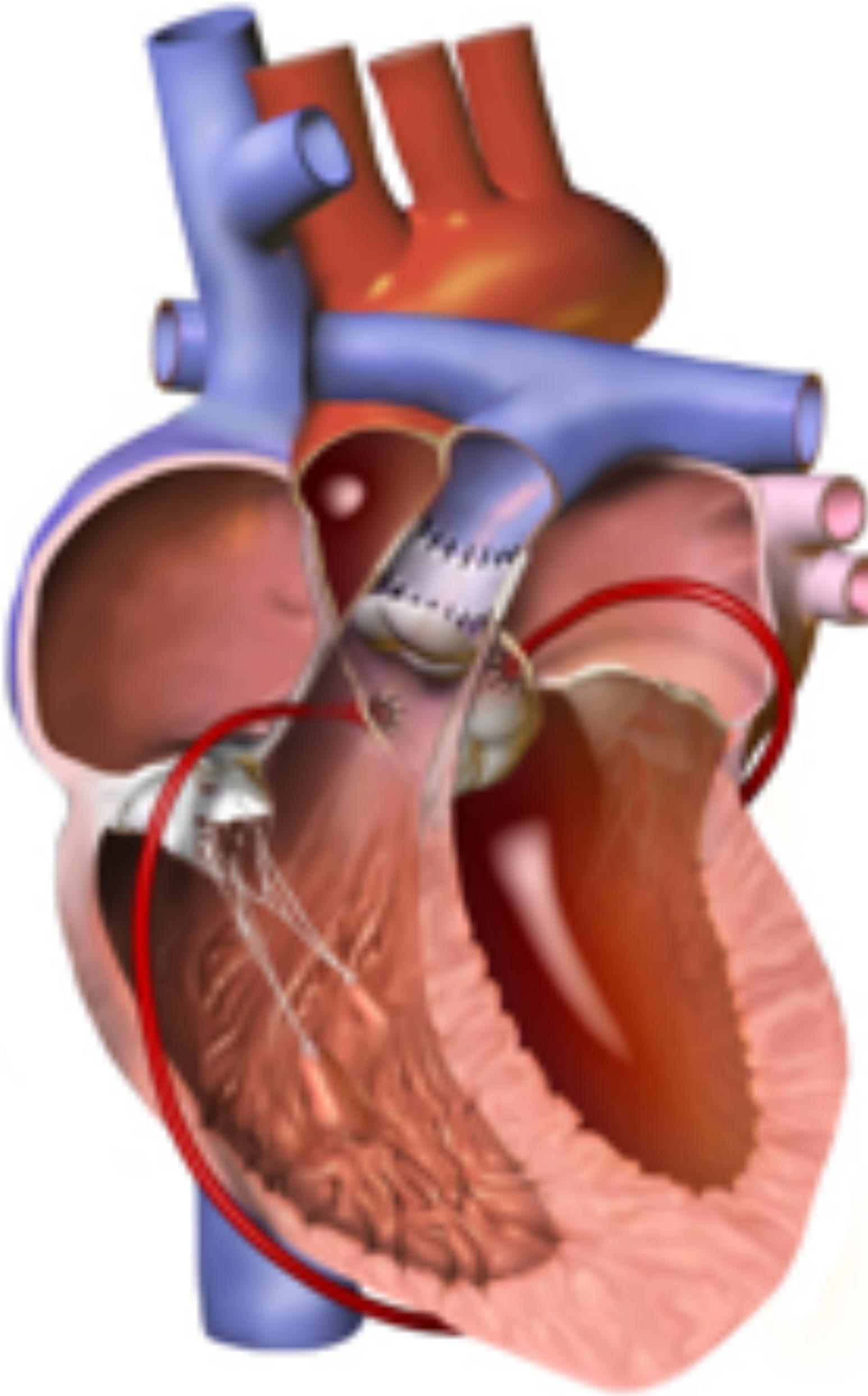
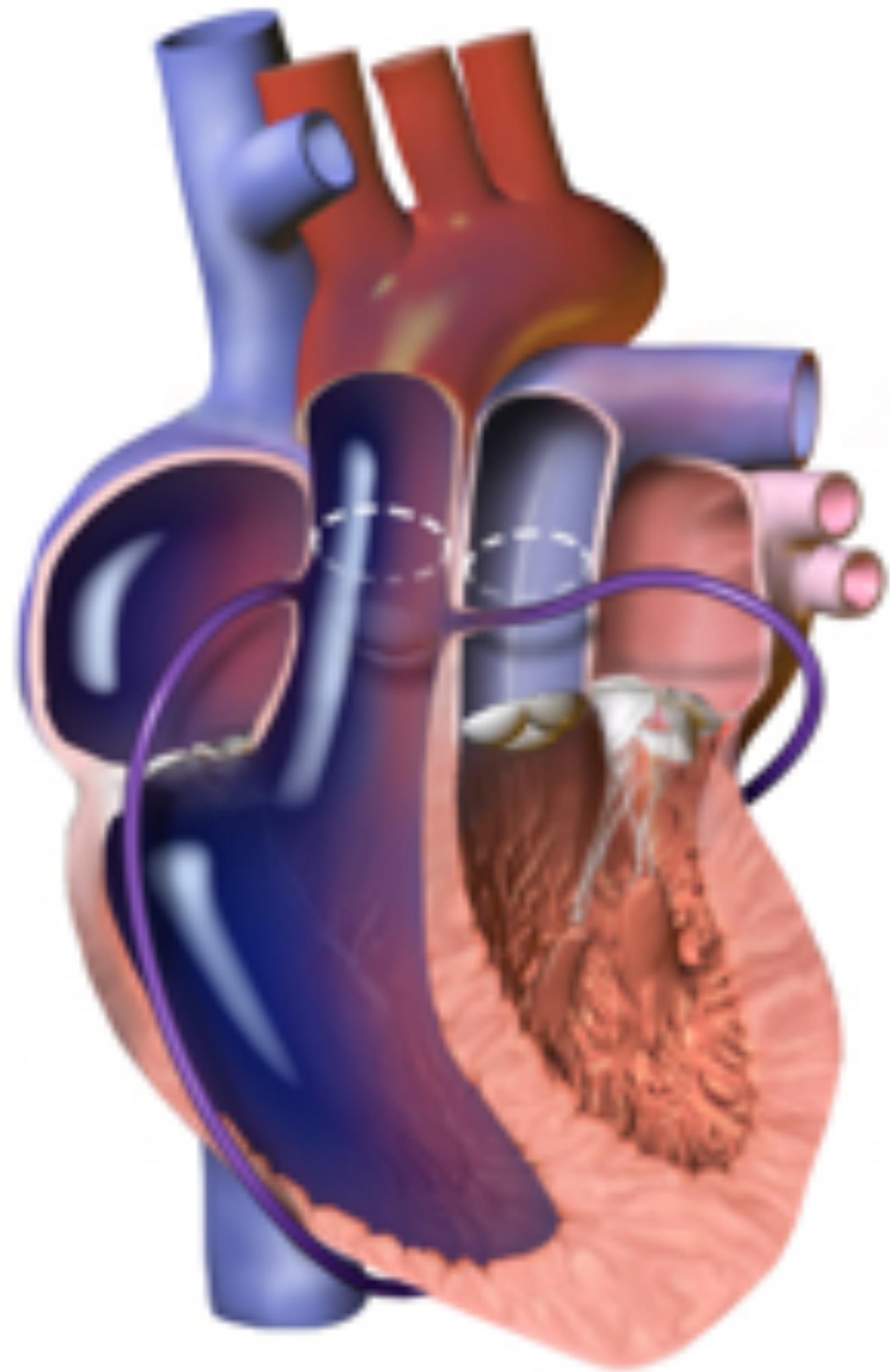
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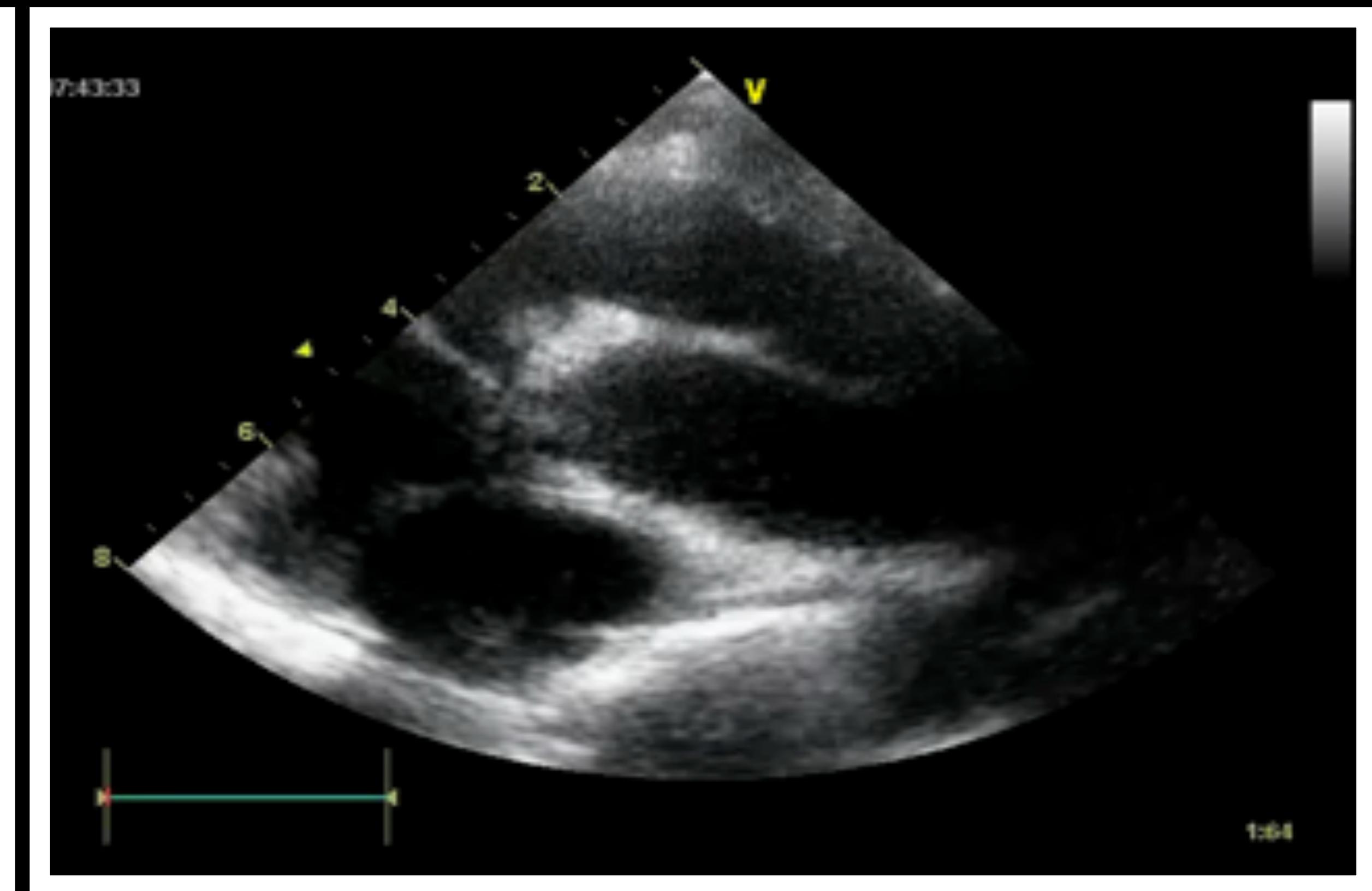
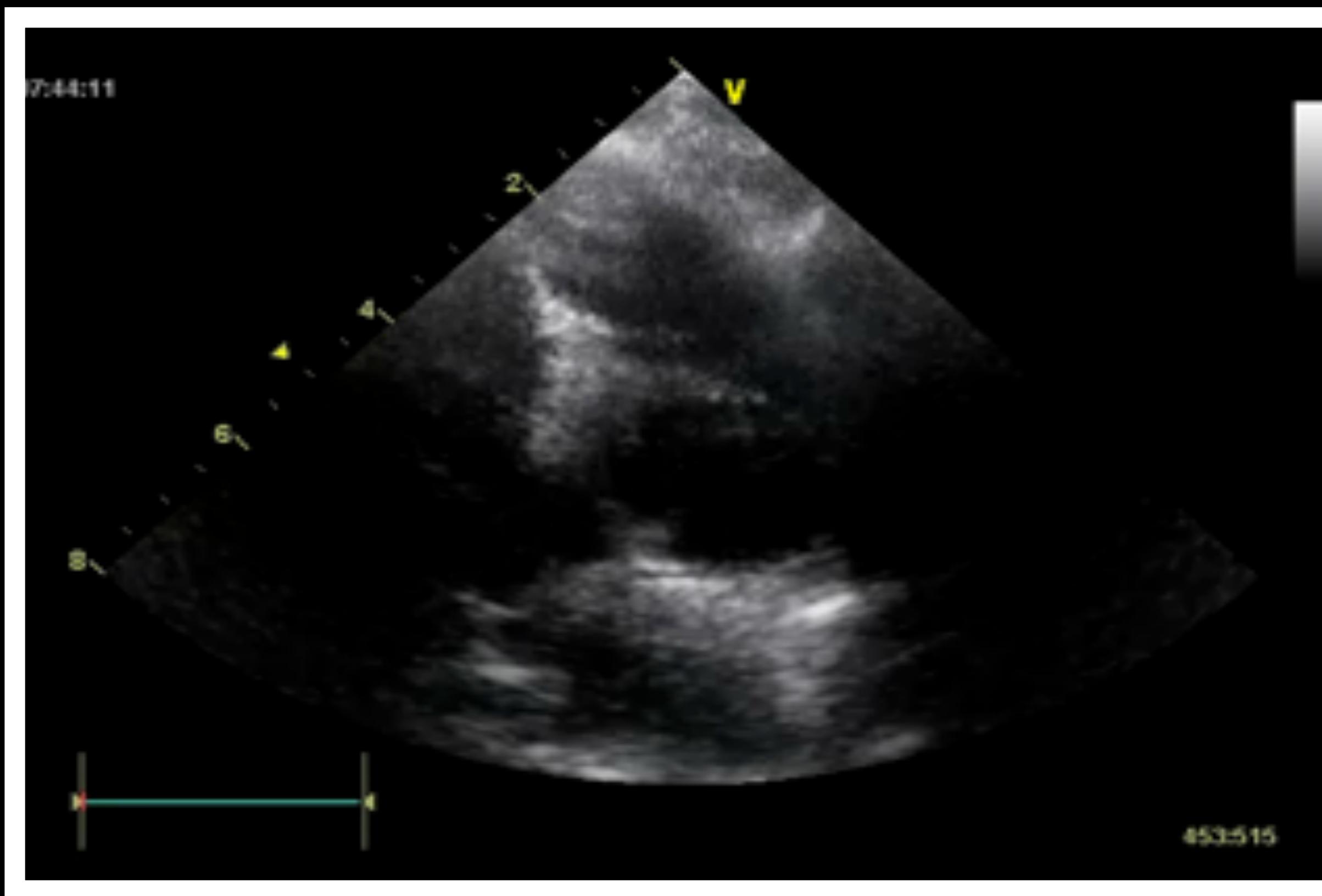


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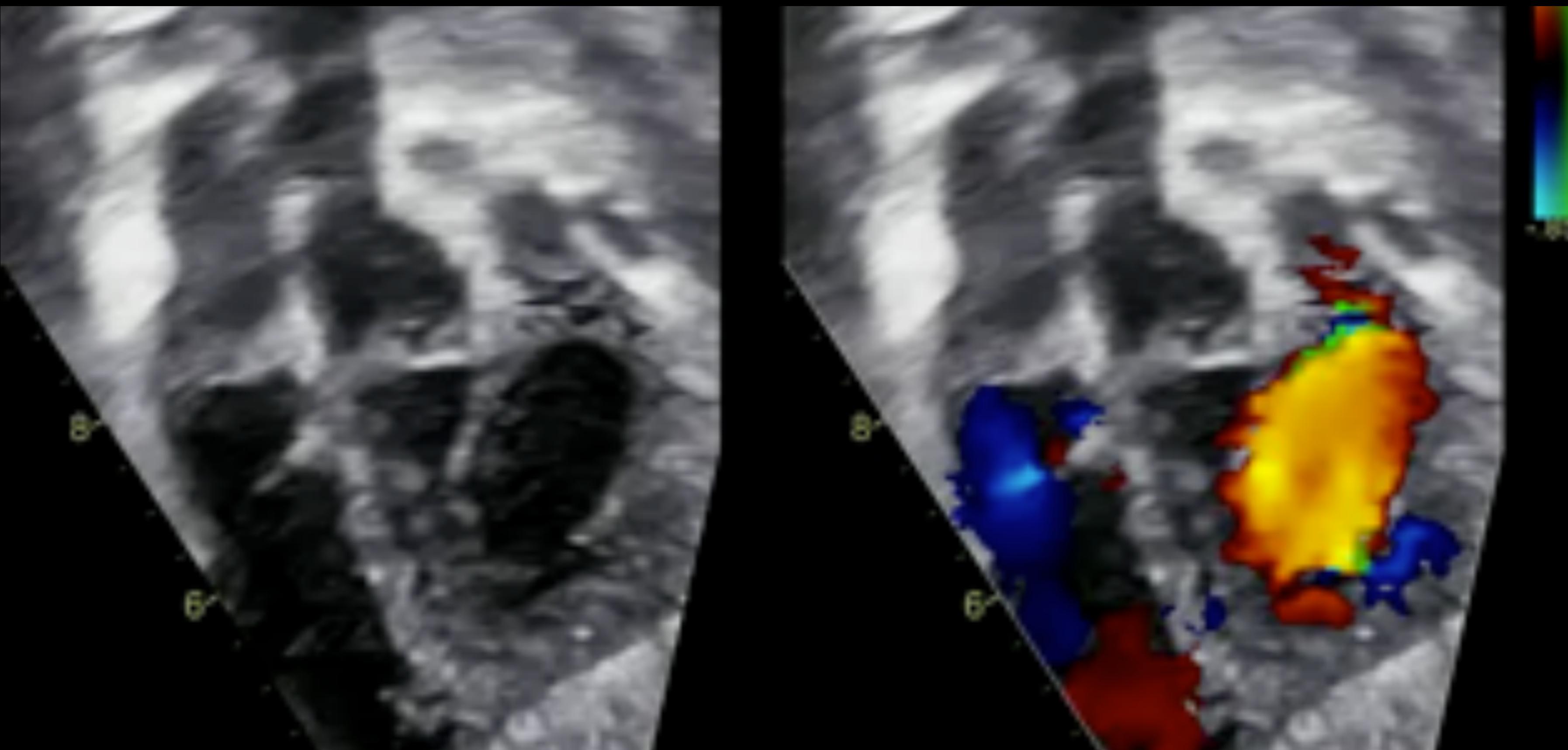




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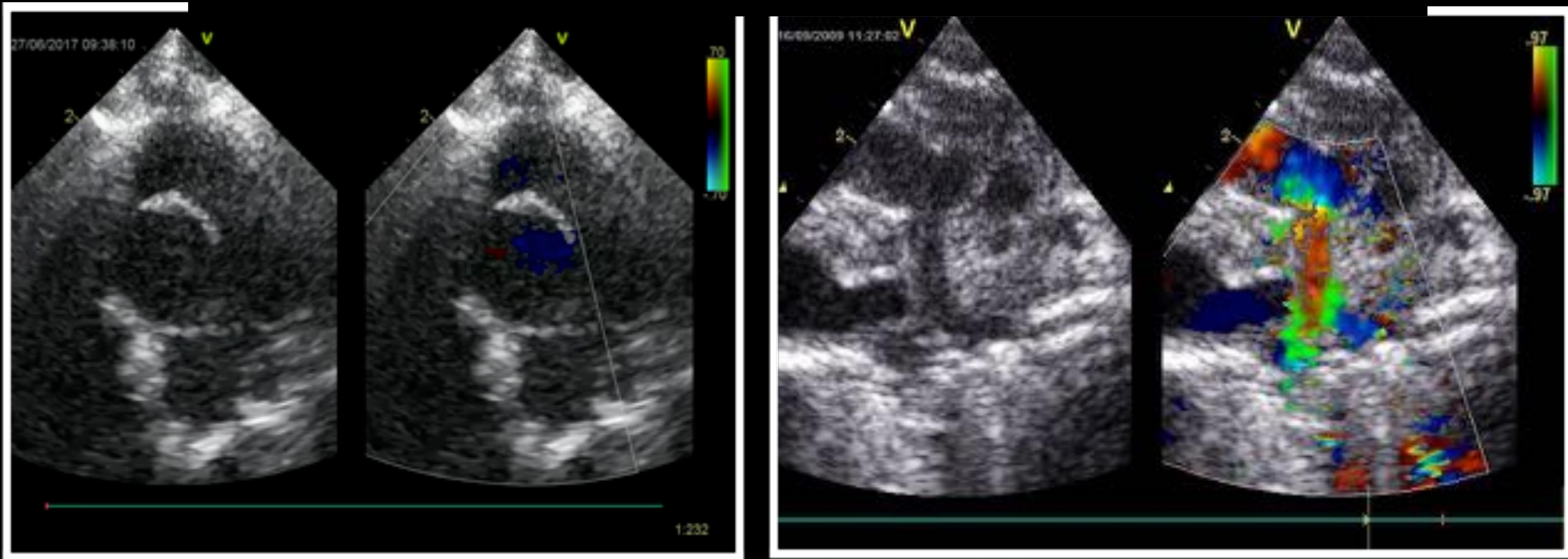


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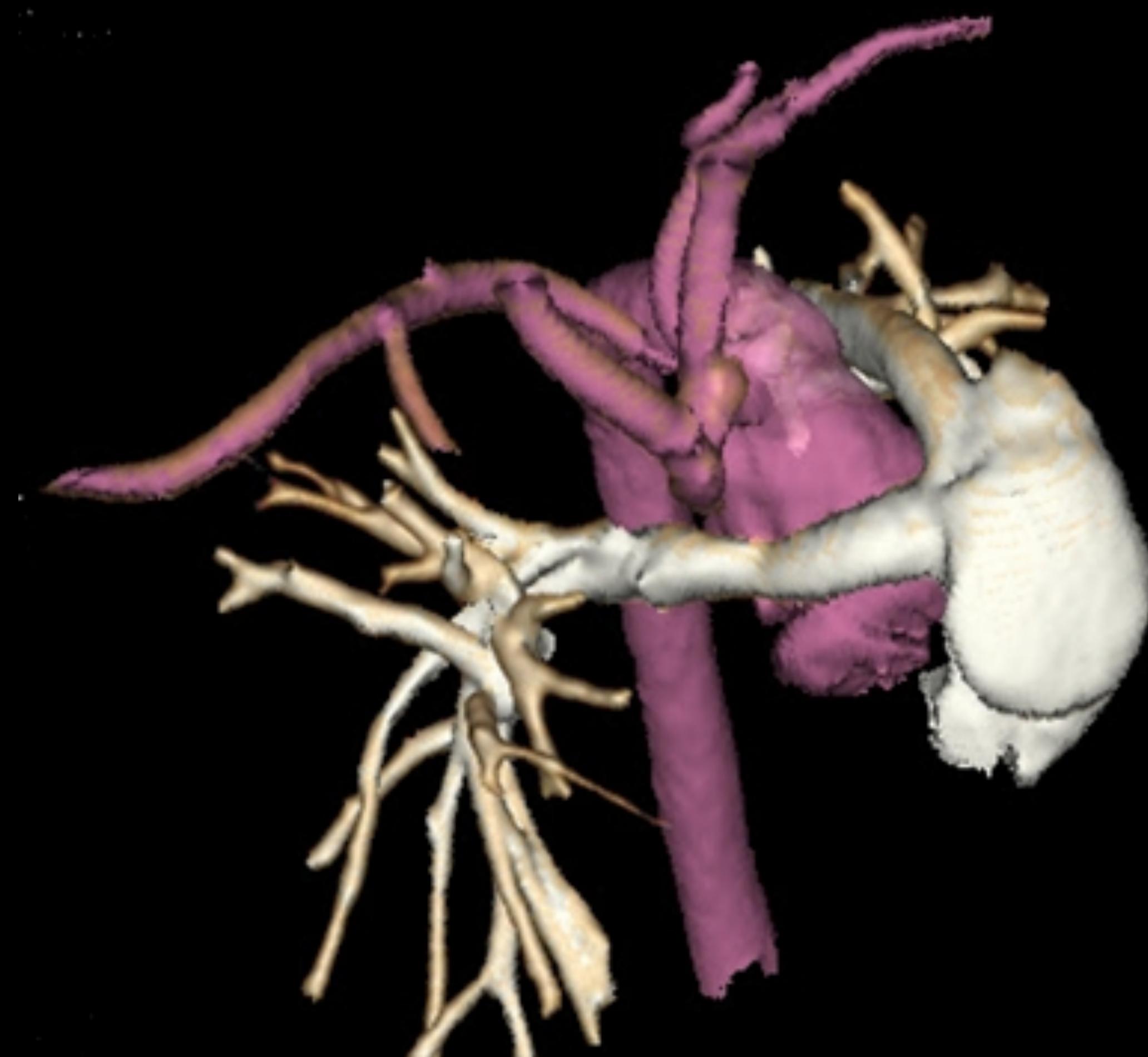
# Outflow tracts after the arterial switch for TGA

## The Lecompte manoeuvre

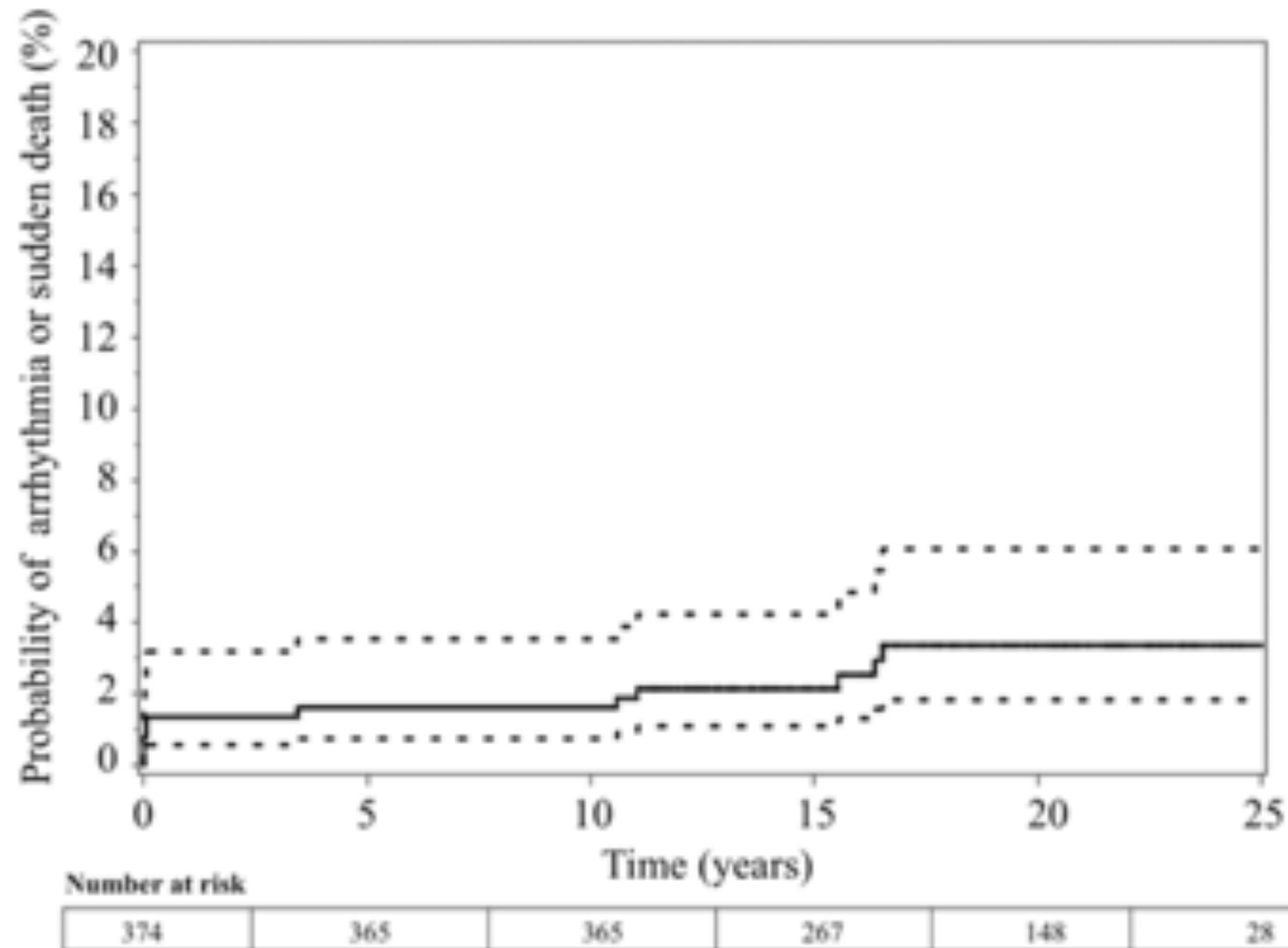


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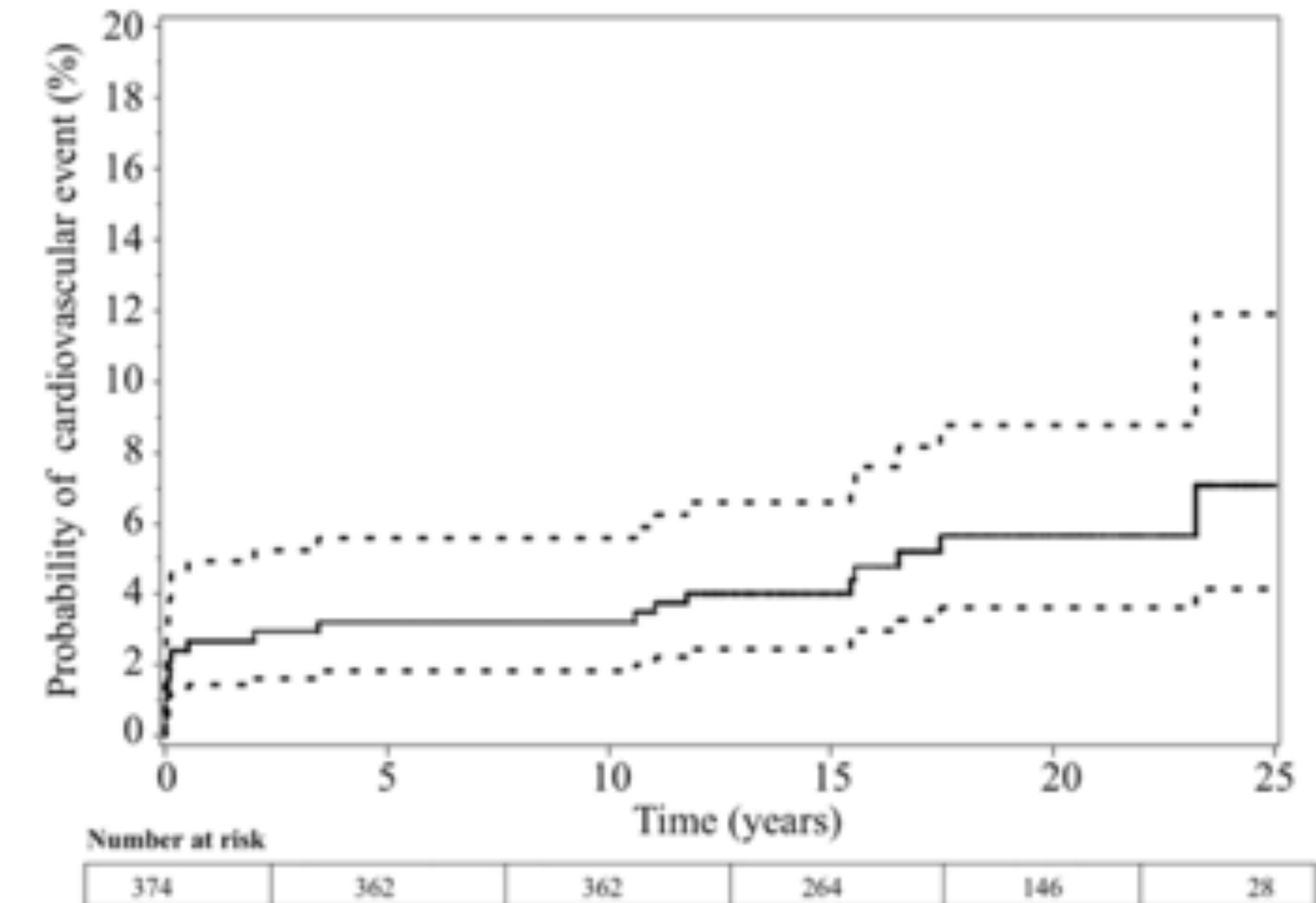
## The Lecompte manoeuvre



# Cardiovascular events in the long term



Cumulative probability of arrhythmia or sudden death



Cumulative probability of the combined cardiovascular outcome