



Critical Care Echocardiography

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Nothing to disclose

- ⌘ The original description of M-mode echocardiography in 1953, by Inge Edler (1911–2001) and his physicist friend Hellmuth Hertz, marked the beginning of a new diagnostic noninvasive technique.
- ⌘ Edler used this technique primarily for the preoperative study of mitral stenosis and diagnosis of mitral regurgitation

Father of Echocardiography
Inge Edler (1911–2001)



Dr. Inge Edler

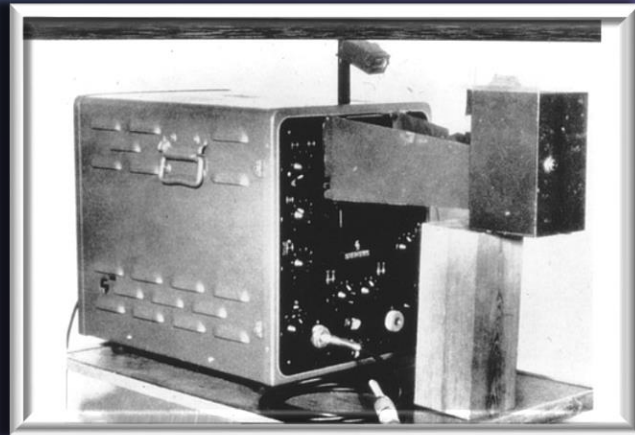
Carl Hertz



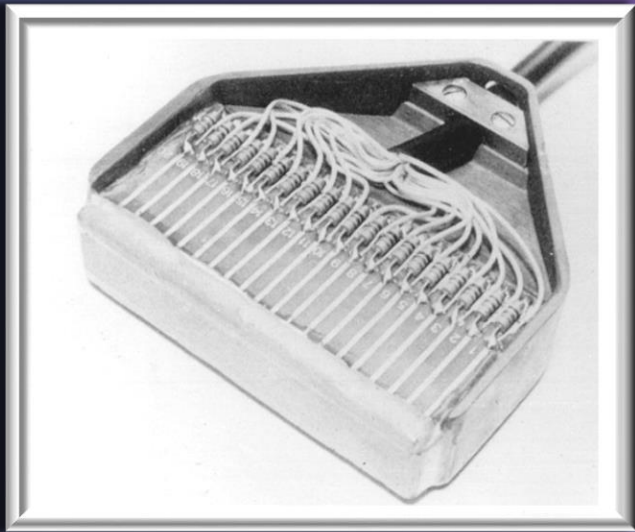
Inge Edler and Hellmuth Hertz happily flanking the poster on the 1977 symposium on Echocardiography in the University Hospital in Lund.

Origin of 'Echocardiography'

- ↻ Edler called it ultrasound cardiography > UCG.
- ↻ First diagnostic US in medicine was by **Neurologist** , to detect midline shift of the brain by an intracranial space-occupying mass !!. echoencephalography.
- ↻ So the ultrasonic examination of the brain was echoencephalography, then the examination of the heart should be echocardiography.
- ↻ ECG abbreviation was already being used for electrocardiography.
- ↻ Abbreviation “echo” > at that time cant be used because it did not differentiate between echocardiography and echoencephalography.
- ↻ Now, the abbreviation (echo) is only used for echocardiography as the echoencephalography disappeared.



Early echocardiographic equipment used by Edler and Hertz to record M-mode echograms



multi-element transducer that provides an electronic linear scan and represents the first real-time, two-dimensional, echographic system

Currently , small , portable , high quality probes & 3 Ds



Pioneer of modern nursing



Florence Nightingale, Crimean War (Oct 1853 - Feb 1856)

"The lady with the lamp"



History of intensive care December 1953 (65 yrs) old



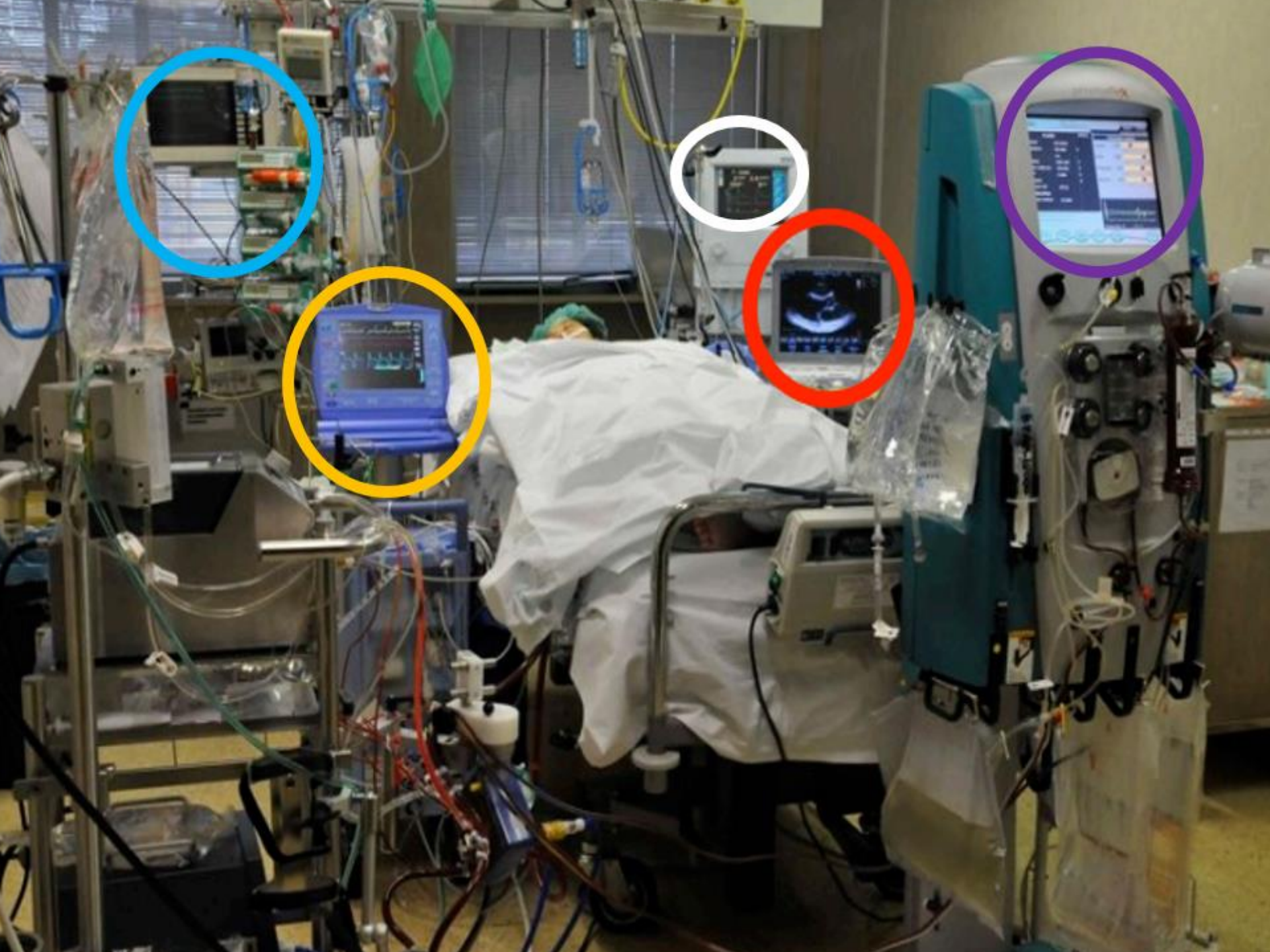
- ♪ In 1952 Bjorn Ibsen , a Danish anesthetist was involved in a Polio epidemic of 2722 cases in 6 months
- ♪ Supply of the traditional iron lung ventilators became overwhelmed
- ♪ Ibsen used PPV after intubating patients and enlisting a rota of 1500 medical students, nurses and volunteer retired staff to manfully ventilate them
- ♪ Dedicated ward, where each patient could have their own nurse. Thus, in **December 1953**, the specialty of intensive care was born.
- ♪ Reduction in mortality from 90% to 15 % .
- ♪ Ibsen is considered the founding father
of intensive care



Well equipped ,
monitoring , therapeutic
devices , availability ,
tailored to patient need

- ♥ Competency
- ♥ Holistic approach
- ♥ Evaluate , integrate and develop set of priorities
- ♥ Objective care for the patients
- ♥ Multidisciplinary team
- ♥ Dedicated nurse and physicians
- ♥ High nurse/patient & physician/patient ratio





INTRODUCTION

- ⌘ Critical care ultrasonography (CCUS) refers to the use of ultrasonography in patients who are critically ill/Unstable.
- ⌘ Multiple terms are used to describe various elements of CCUS.
 - ⌘ point-of-care ultrasonography [POCUS],
 - ⌘ thoracic ultrasonography (TUS; lung, pleural, and/or heart), lung ultrasonography (LUS),
 - ⌘ abdominopelvic ultrasonography,
 - ⌘ vascular ultrasonography,
 - ⌘ cardiac ultrasonography (basic and advanced critical care echocardiography [CCE])

Critical care echocardiography CCE

- ♪ CCE uses portable equipment that is compact and relatively inexpensive.
- ♪ Image acquisition and interpretation are performed by the intensivist at the bedside, so results can be immediately integrated into a comprehensive management plan.
- ♪ CCE is typically best suited for patients with imminently life threatening processes, to categorize shock and respiratory failure, to check for coexisting diagnoses and complications of therapy, and to track the evolution of the critical illness by serial examinations.
- ♪ **Several studies showed use of CCE result in immediate change in management in up of 50%**



Echo By Non-Cardiologist

~ One study of pocket-sized ultrasound devices in an ICU The investigators found good correlation with conventional echocardiography in assessment of global left ventricular systolic function (87%), severe right ventricle dilation (87%), inferior vena cava dilation (90%), respiratory variation of inferior vena cava diameter 84%, as well as pericardial effusion (75%) and compressive pericardial effusion (100%).

~ ICU physicians were given a short course limited to interpretation of LV size and function, RV dilation, pericardial effusion, and pleural effusion. They were able to get 93% of clinical questions with close agreement with the interpretation of expert operators.

Vignon, P. et al. *Intensive Care Medicine*, 33, 1795- 1799

~In a similar study, intensivists were given a 10 hour course in echo after which they performed hand-held bedside examinations. Their interpretations correlated well with those of experienced echocardiographers in 84% of the examinations and led to immediate treatment adjustments in 40% of the subjects .

Manasia, A.R. et al. *Journal of Cardio-thoracic and Vascular Anesthesia*, 19, 155-159.

Questions need to be answered by Focus Echo

- ∞ What is the LV function ?
- ∞ What is the RV function ?
- ∞ Is there any evidence of pericardial effusion & cardiac tamponade ? Pulmonary embolism ? Aortic dissection ?
- ∞ What is filling pressure ?
- ∞ Fluid responsiveness ?
- ∞ Acute ischemia/mechanical complications
- ∞ Intracardiac source of infection



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The use of echocardiography in acute cardiovascular care: Recommendations of the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging and the Acute Cardiovascular Care Association

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Evaluation of shock



- ③ in patients with undifferentiated shock, multiorgan CCUS that includes basic CCE is useful for the following:
 - ③ Classification of shock
 - ③ Identification of life-threatening cardiac causes of shock
 - ③ Guides the intensivist in establishing initial management strategy with volume /intropes/vassopresors/MCS
 - ③ Tracking evolution of disease and response to therapy using serial CCE examinations
- ③ CCE study often yields immediate results allowing for the initiation of therapy, while a follow-up advanced study brings the advantage of further refining the diagnosis and providing an in-depth hemodynamic assessment

Rapid Ultrasound for Shock and Hypotension – the RUSH Exam

- The components of the RUSH exam are: **H**eat, **I**nferior vena cava (IVC), **M**orrison's/FAST abdominal views, **A**orta, and **P**neumothorax (**HI-MAP**).
- A more simple method is to think of:
 - **Pump** (Heart): Tamponade, LVEF, and RV size
 - **Tank** (Intravascular): IVC, thoracic and abdominal compartments
 - **Pipes** (Large Arteries/Veins): Aorta and femoral/popliteal veins

Sepsis why ECHO ?

- ✎ It represent complex situation where early hemodynamic assessment and support is the key of success
- ✎ Sepsis and SS are common causes of cardiovascular failure in critical care > Heart is the victim
- ✎ Heart may the source of sepsis
- ✎ Evidence showed that the use Echo in SS leads to change in therapy in large number of patients , majority of which concern volume status and intropes .
- ✎ Using Echo in ED in patient with undifferentiated shock had specificity of 94% for identifying sepsis .

Cardiac abnormalities in severe sepsis

Left ventricular dilatation

Left ventricular contraction impairment

Global

Segmental

Left ventricular diastolic dysfunction

Right ventricle systolic/diastolic dysfunction

Ventricular outflow obstruction

Valvular lesions

Functional

Endocarditis

Sepsis

DOCUMENT REASSESSMENT OF VOLUME STATUS AND TISSUE PERFUSION WITH:

EITHER

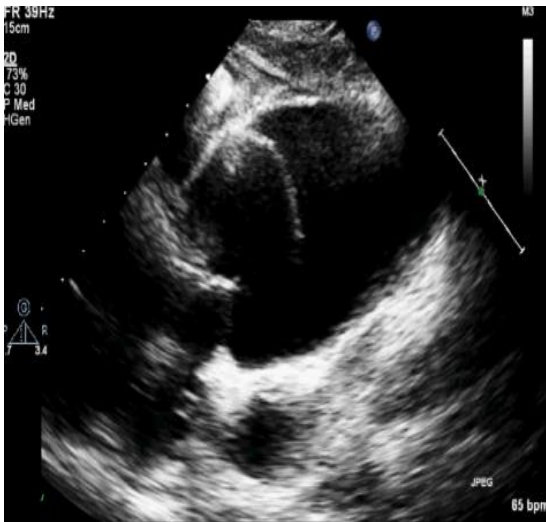
- Repeat focused exam (after initial fluid resuscitation) including vital signs, cardiopulmonary, capillary refill, pulse, and skin findings.

OR TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:

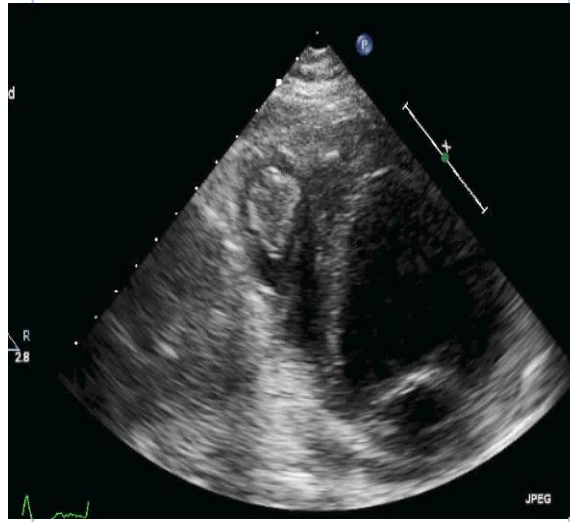
- Measure CVP
- Measure ScvO₂
- Bedside cardiovascular ultrasound
- Dynamic assessment of fluid responsiveness with passive leg raise or fluid challenge

Chest Pain with hemodynamic instability

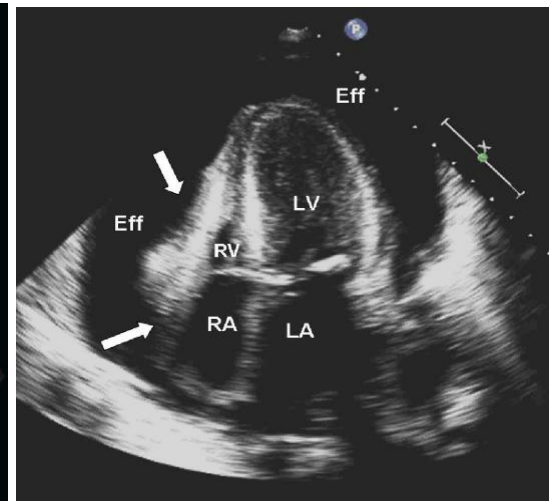
Acute aortic dissection



Pul embolism with RV thrombus



Pericarditis with tamponade



Recommendations for echocardiography in patients with acute dyspnoea



Assessment of LV size and function in patients with suspected clinical diagnosis of HF

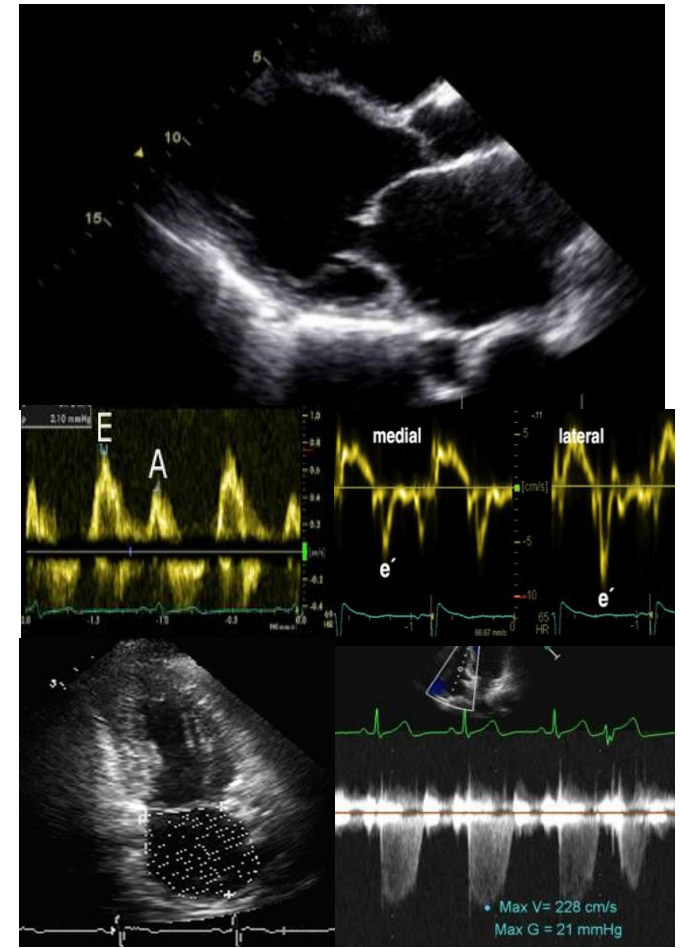
Assessment of Diastolic function

A/E ratio

E/e

LA volume

RVSP



Lung US


- ⌘ Differentiate cardiac edema from primary lung disease
- ⌘ Pleural effusion diagnosis and aspiration
- ⌘ Pneumothorax

Respiratory Failure

Critical Care Ultrasonography Differentiates ARDS, Pulmonary Edema, and Other Causes in the Early Course of Acute Hypoxemic Respiratory Failure

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**use of bedside-focused cardiac and thoracic
CCUS in AHRF result in early identification of
underline etiology
(acute ARDS, CPE, p.effusion and other)**

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- @ A meta-analysis of seven prospective cohort studies reported that bedside CCE had a sensitivity and specificity of 94 % and 92 %, respectively.
 - @ In a prospective study of 136 patients with acute respiratory failure, adding CCE to thoracic ultrasonography improved diagnostic accuracy for cardiogenic pulmonary edema, pulmonary embolism, and pneumonia, when compared with thoracic US alone .

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation



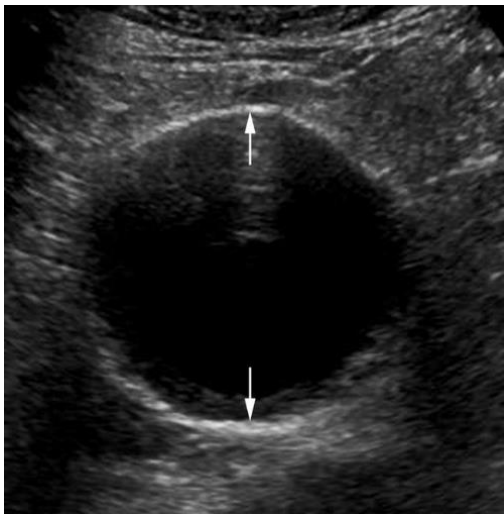
- ∩ Bedside Echo has been used during pulse checks :
 - ∩ pericardial tamponade,
 - ∩ profound hypovolemia,
 - ∩ thrombus in transit with
 - ∩ acute cor pulmonale

- ∩ Absent cardiac contractility following a reasonable period of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) indicates limited probability for return of spontaneous circulation

VASCULAR ULTRASONOGRAPHY



- ⌘ Central and peripheral vein catheter placement (studies have shown reduced complications).
- ⌘ Arterial access for catheter placement
- ⌘ ECMO cannulation



- ⌘ Abdominal aortic syndromes

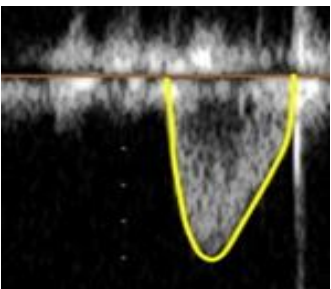
Volume status Assessment



- ~Rt & LV side filling pressure
- ~IVC collapsibility
- ~Dispensability index
- ~Aortic blood velocity variation
- ~Systolic pressure variations



Hemodynamic assessment



- ♥ LV and RV size and function
- ♥ Diastolic function
- ♥ Cardiac out put ,CI & CPO

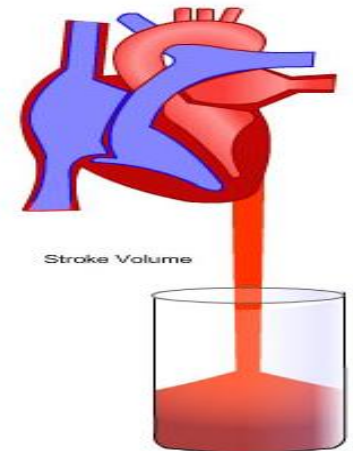
Stroke Volume

LVOT diameter

VTI

$$CO = SV * HR$$

- ♥ Dynamic LVOT obstruction
- ♥ Tamponade physiology



ECMO

Echo is very essential in pre ECMO evaluation

During cannulation Echo is used for proper positioning of cannula

Biventricular size and function

Biatrial size and volume

Follow up of any pre-existing pathology

Volume status

Presence of thrombus ,pericardial effusion

Valvular regurgitation

Assessment for weaning

VV

LVEF, TR and RVSP

RV size and function (TAPSE, FAC,

S at tricuspid annulus)

Paradoxical septum

VA

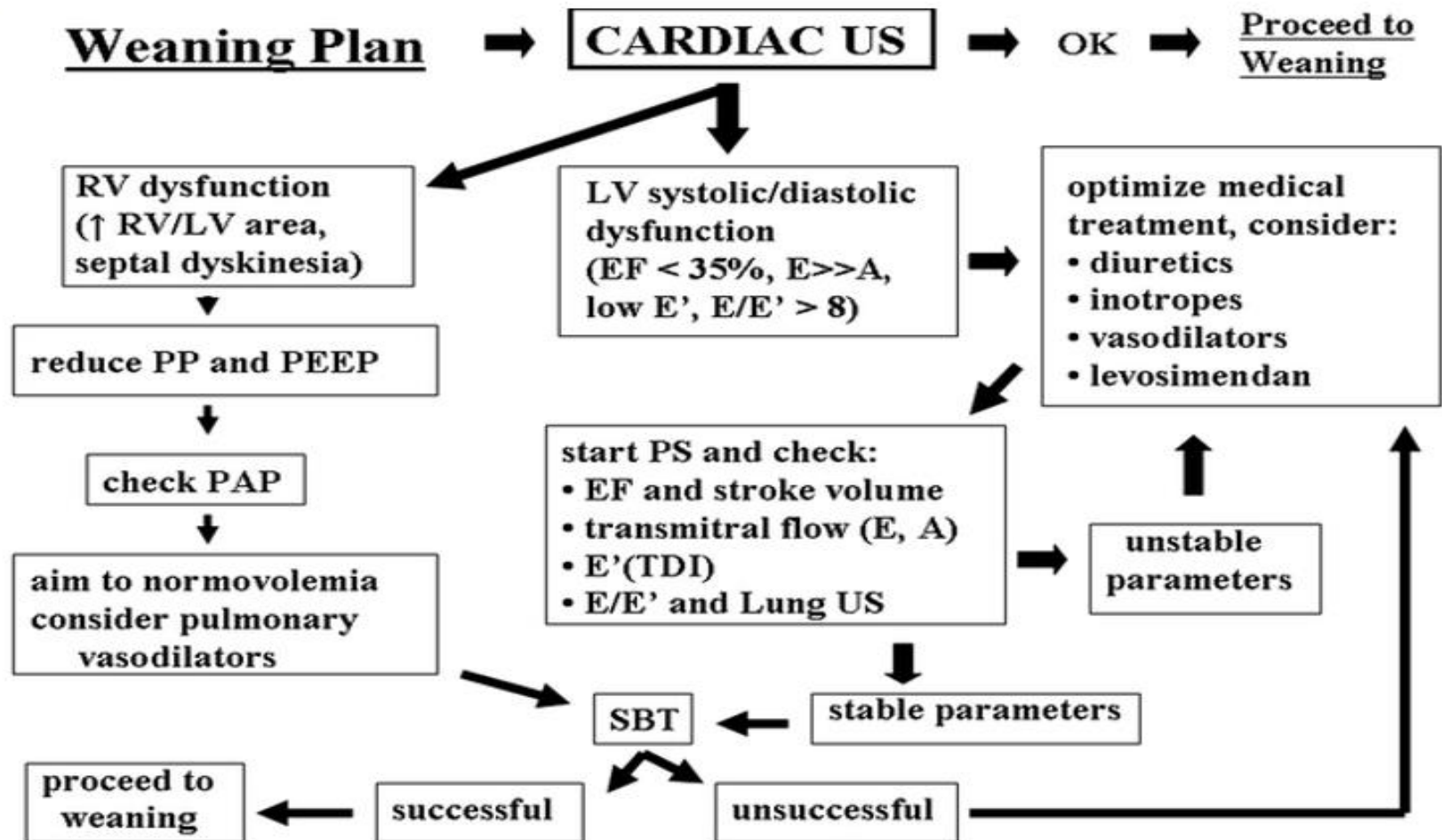
LVEF , TR and RVSP

LVOT VTI

S wave at lateral annulus

RV size and function

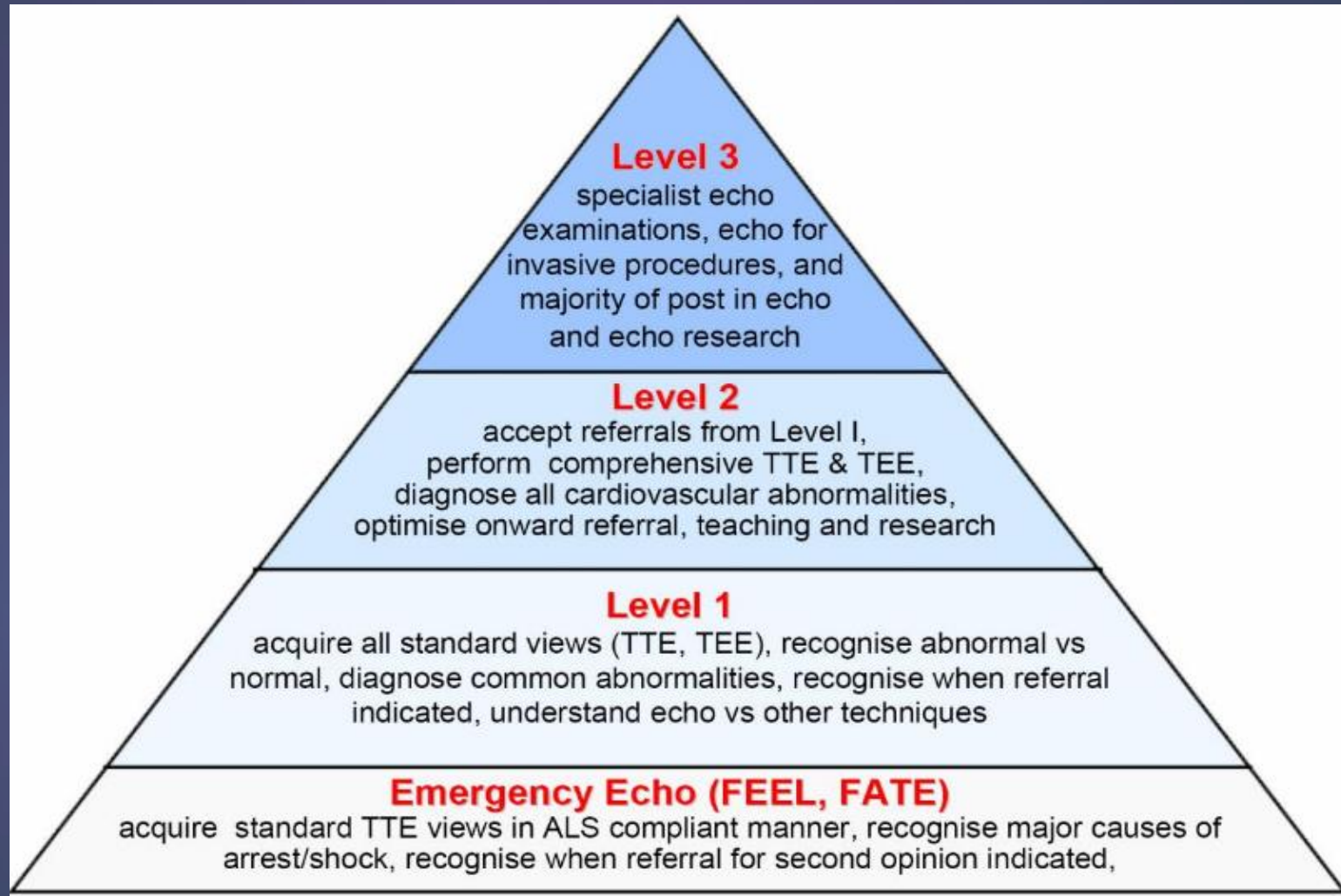
Weaning From Mechanical Ventilation



Competency

- ⌘ **Competency in basic critical care echocardiography is now regarded as a mandatory part of critical care training with clear guidelines available. The majority of pathologies found in shocked patients are readily identified using basic level 2D and M-mode echocardiography.**

Competency



Summary


Basic Critical care echocardiography is useful in the evaluation of patients with undifferentiated shock or acute respiratory failure as well

CCE offers a wide range of hemodynamic parameters to help the intensivist in adjusting therapy in patients with cardiopulmonary compromise

CCE scan in critical care patients can be challenging due to equipment that surrounds the patient , mechanical ventilations ,tubes & drains

Integrated approach is the key to proper management

Formal training is important for safe application of focused CCE in clinical practice

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- ♥ The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease.

William Osler



Thank You