

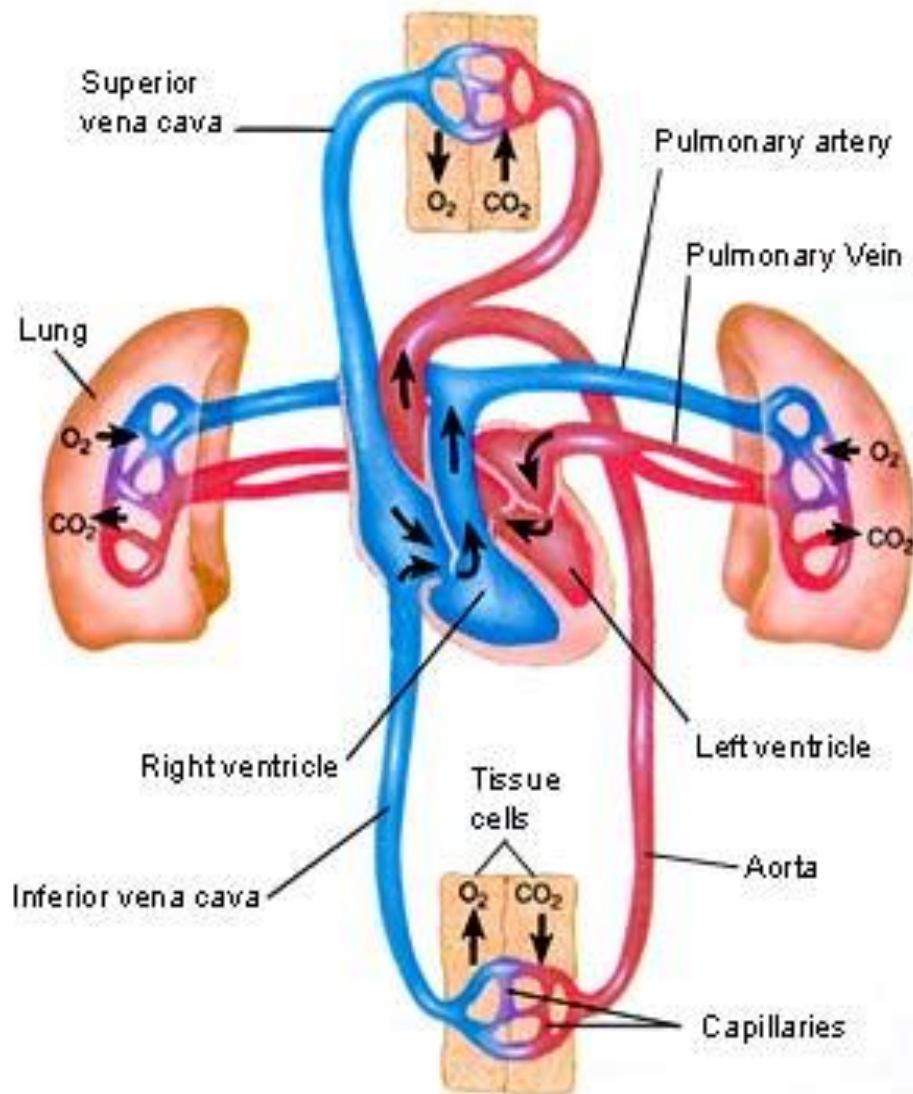
A microscopic image of heart tissue, showing two prominent, dark red, circular structures, likely cross-sections of blood vessels or heart chambers, set against a lighter, yellowish-brown background of muscle fibers. The image has a painterly, textured appearance.

# Congestive Heart Failure

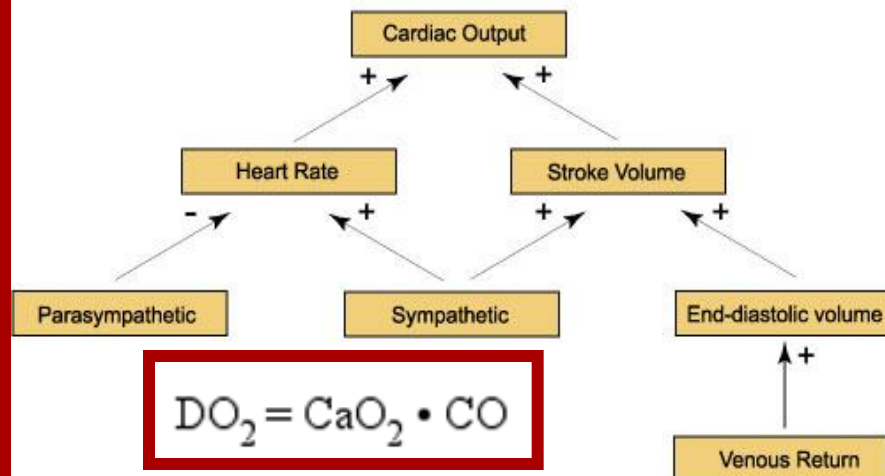
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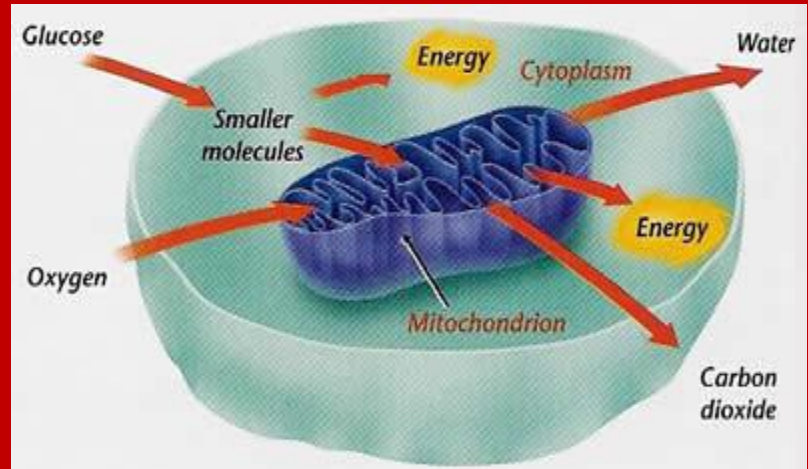
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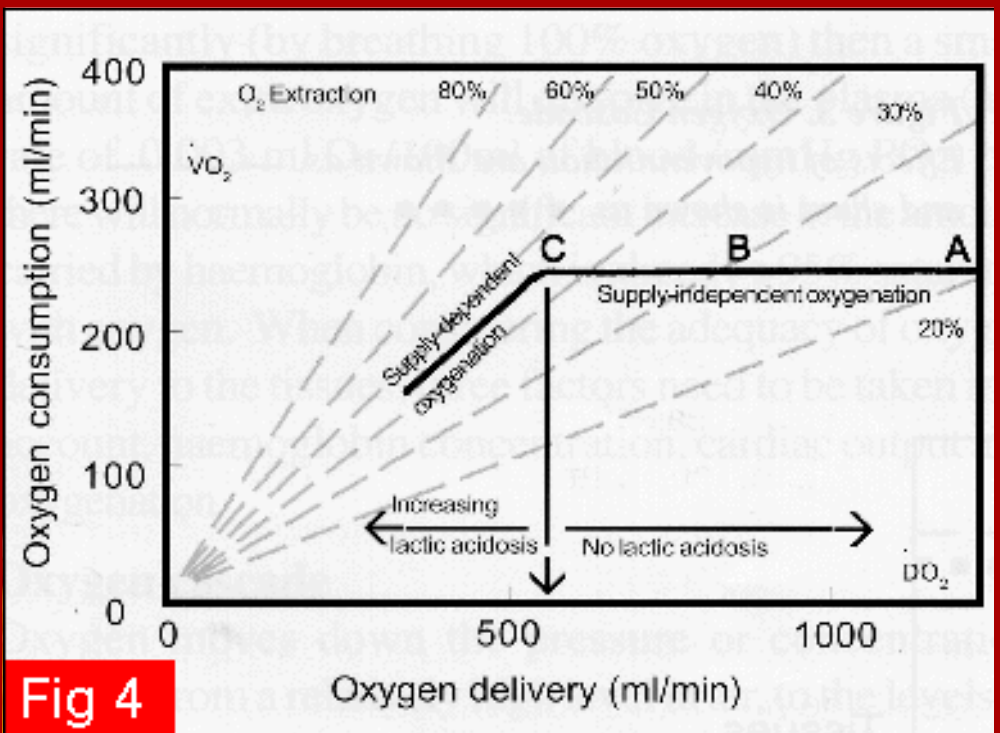
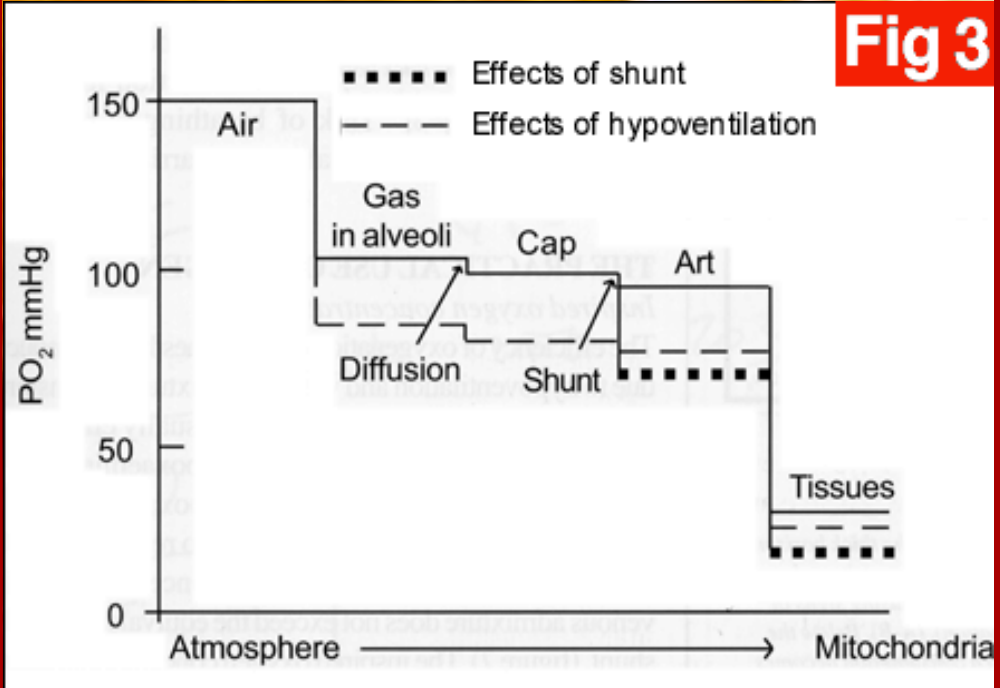
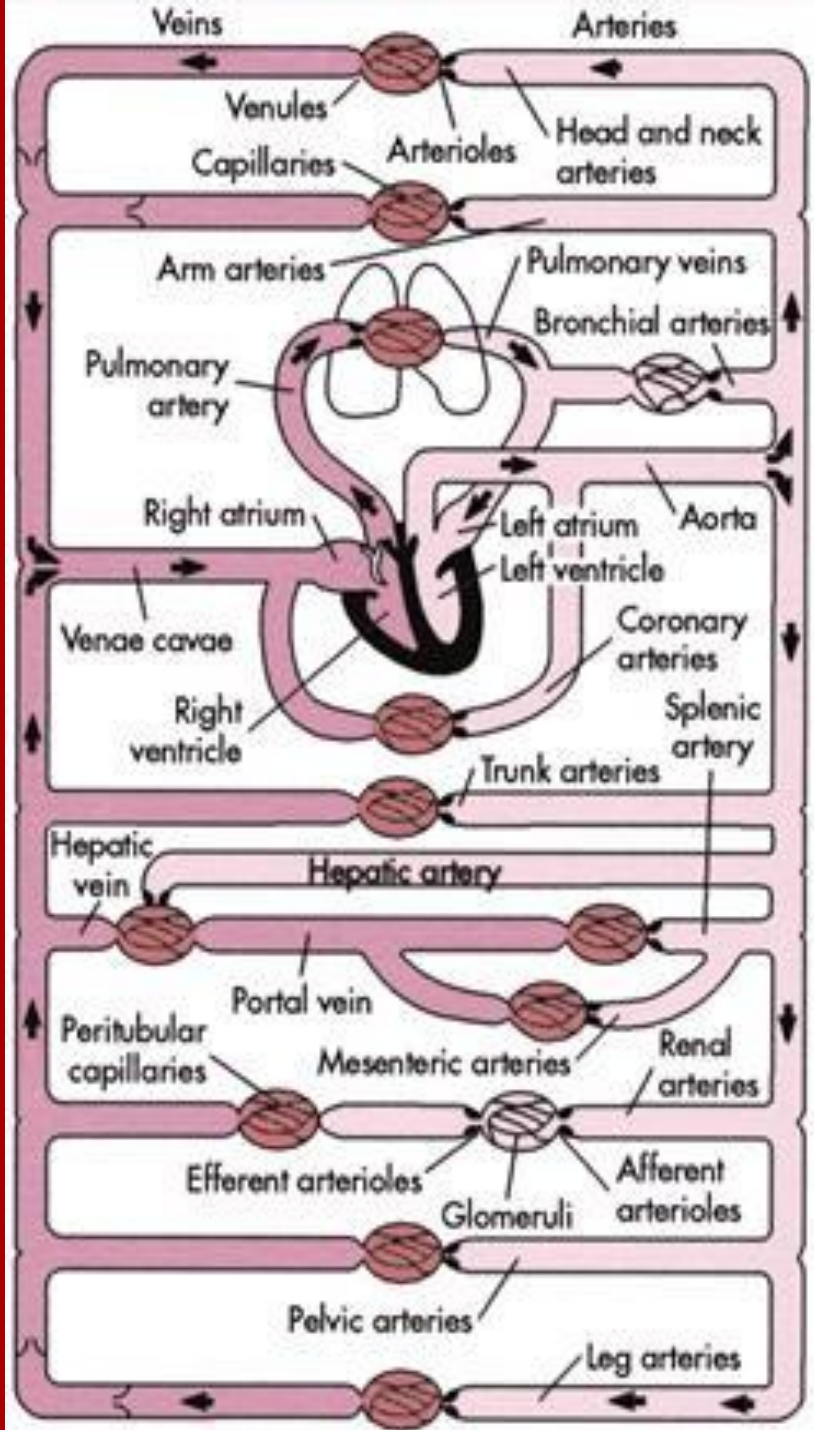


## Summary of Factors Controlling Cardiac Output



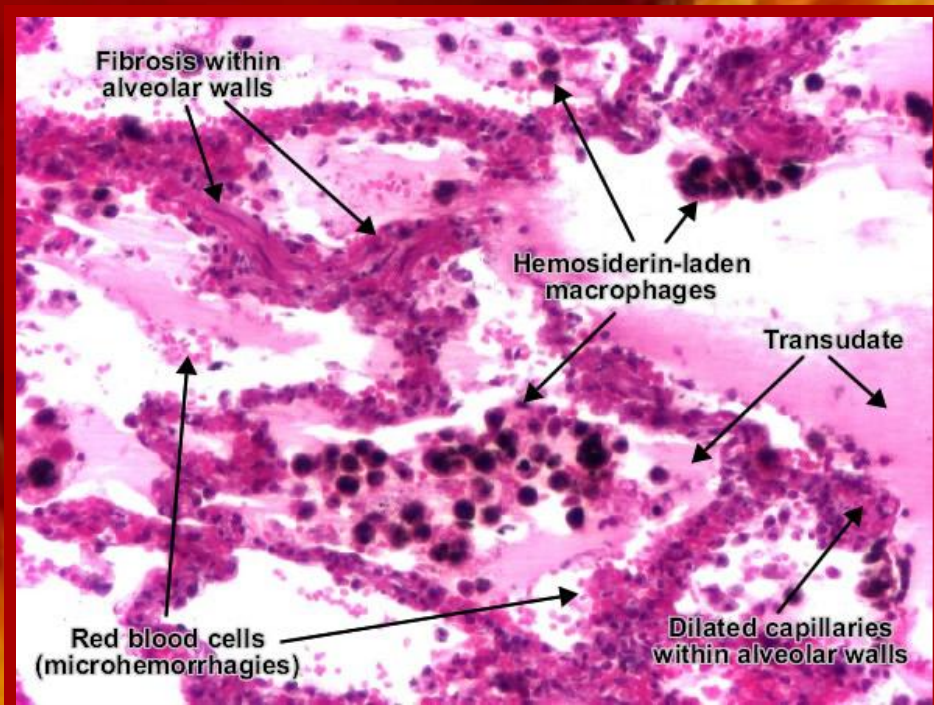
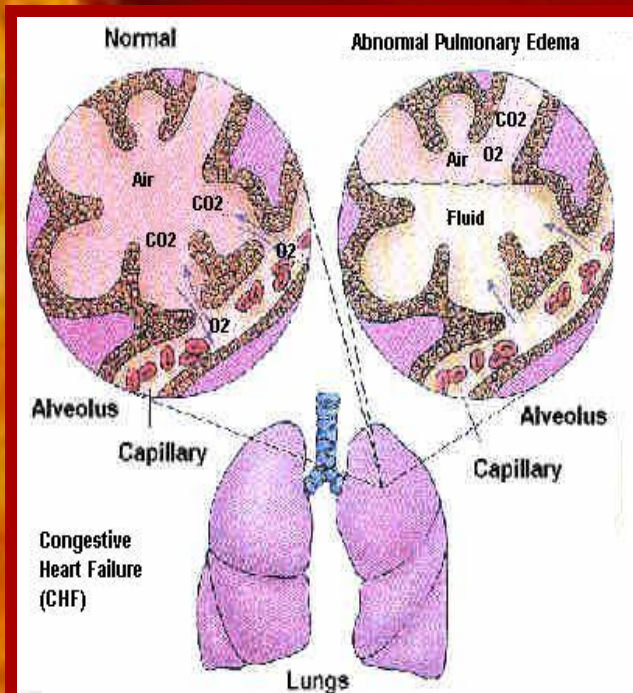
$$DO_2 = CaO_2 \cdot CO$$



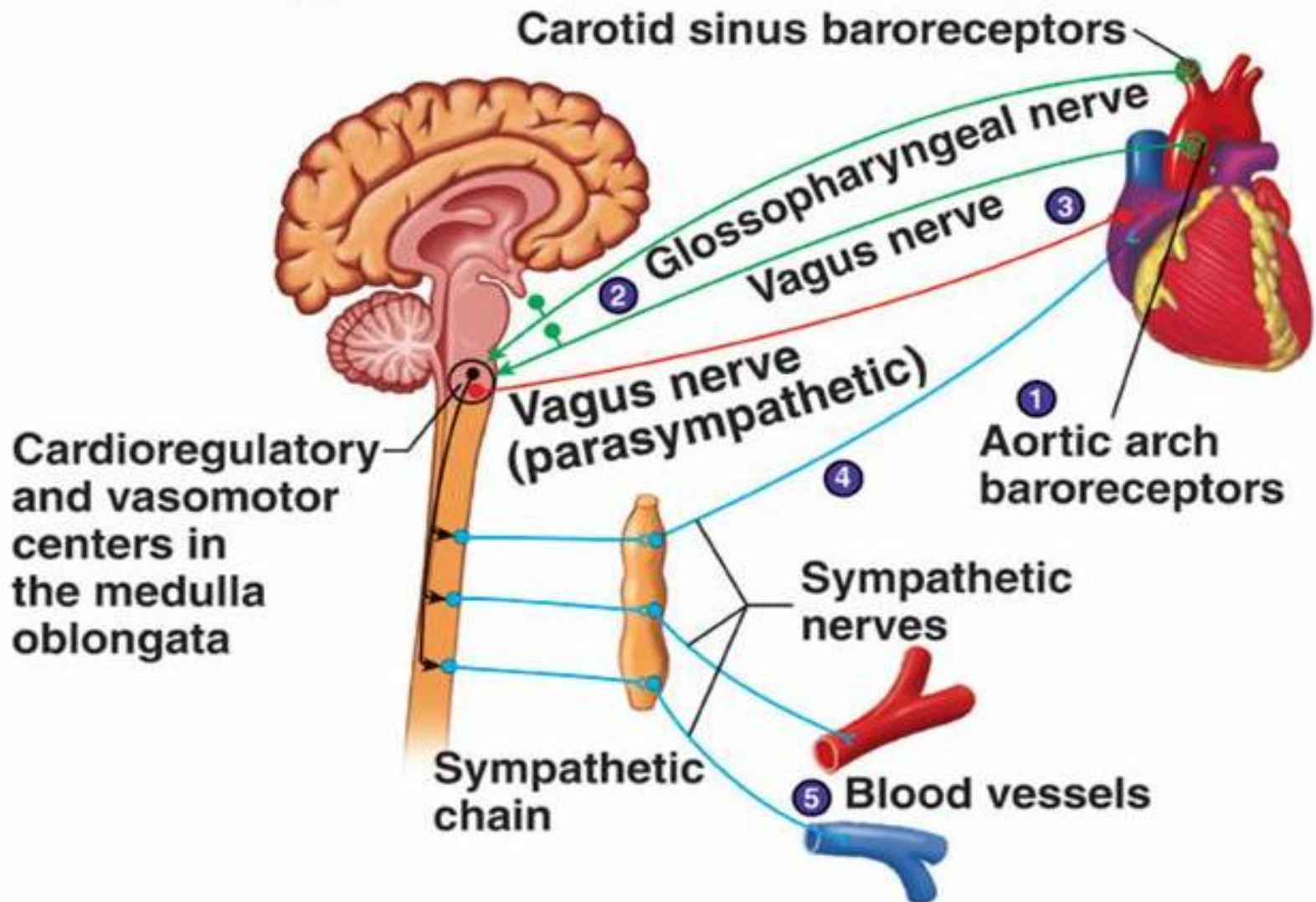


# Congestive Heart Failure

- Clinical syndrome
- Abnormal cardiac function results in retention and accumulation of Na and H<sub>2</sub>O resulting in congestion and edema



# Immediate Response to CHF: BR's

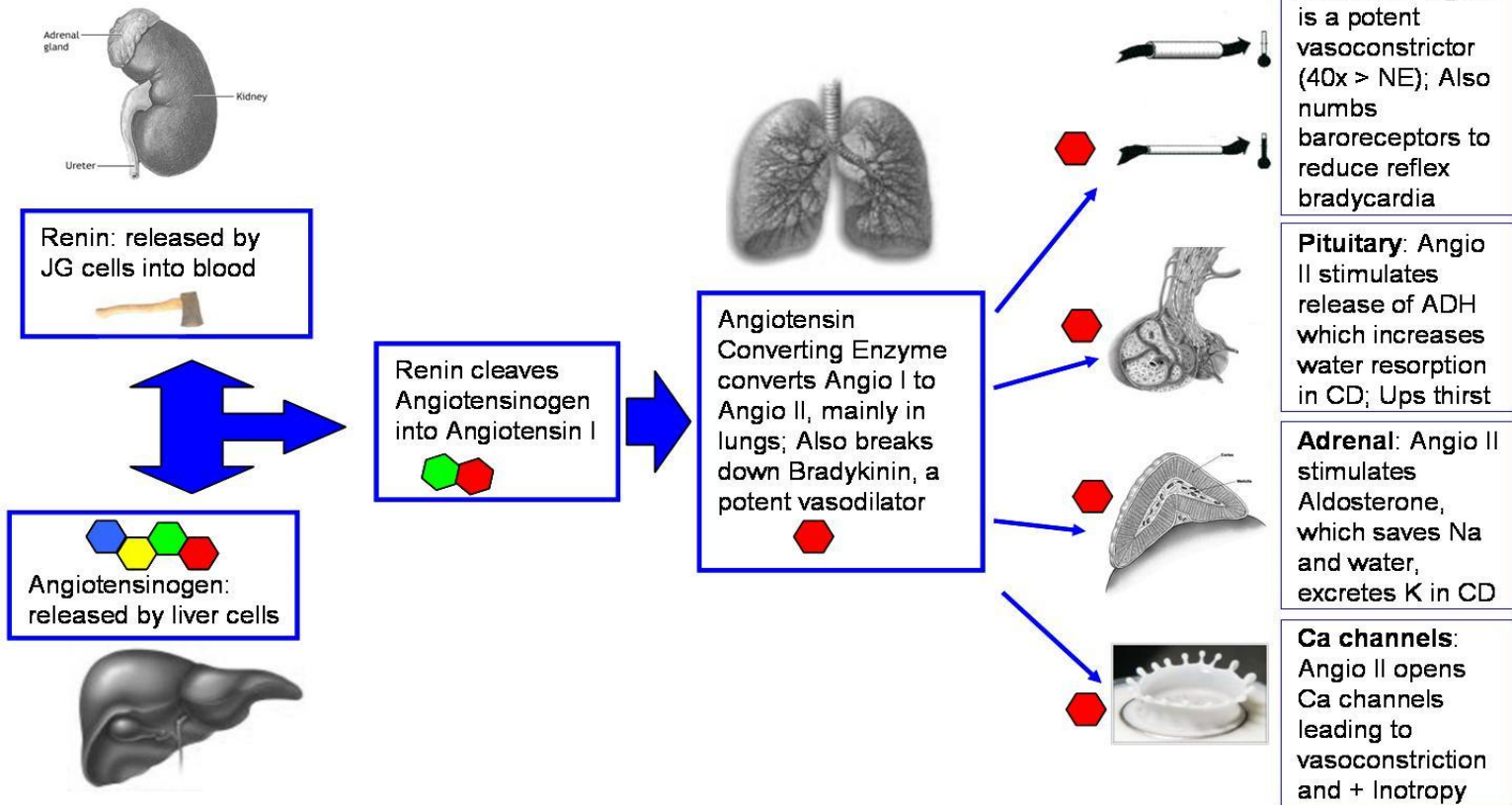


# Prolonged CHF: RAAS

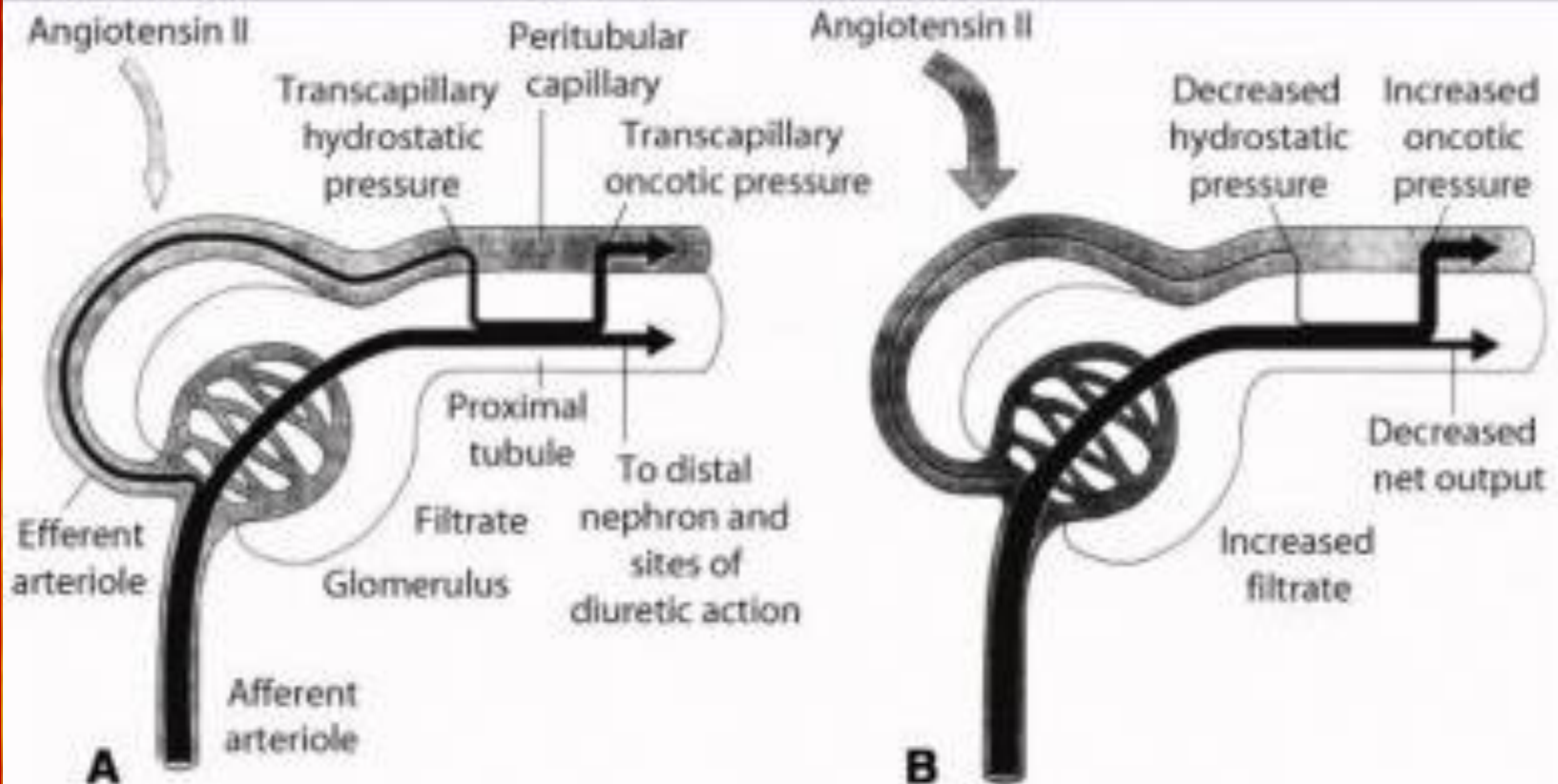
## Cardiovascular Pharmacology

### Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone-System (RAAS)

- In response to low pressures, the JG cells also release renin, initiating the RAAS system in an attempt to increase systemic BP and subsequent renal blood flow and GFR



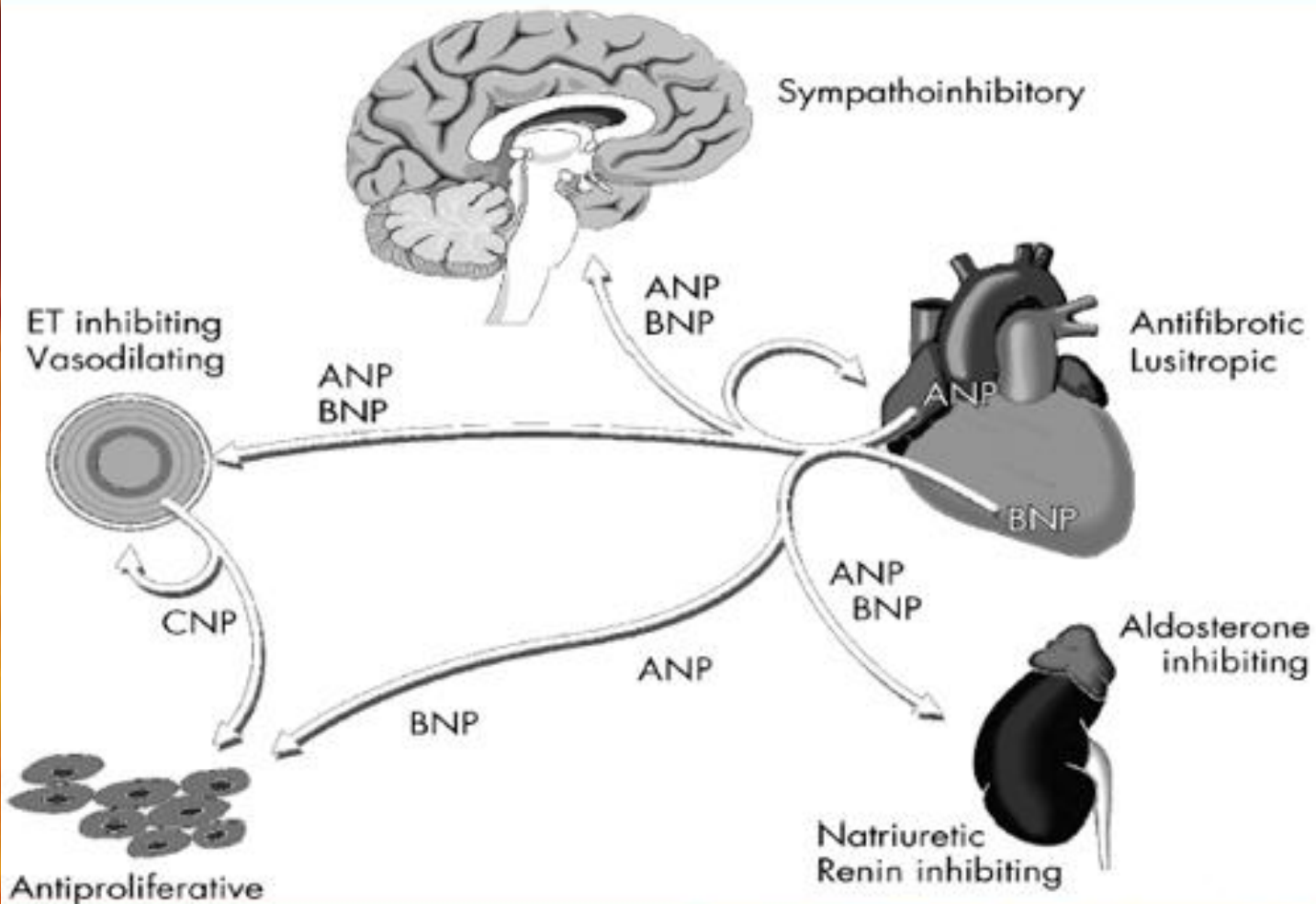
# CHF & RAAS



# Prolonged CHF: NP's

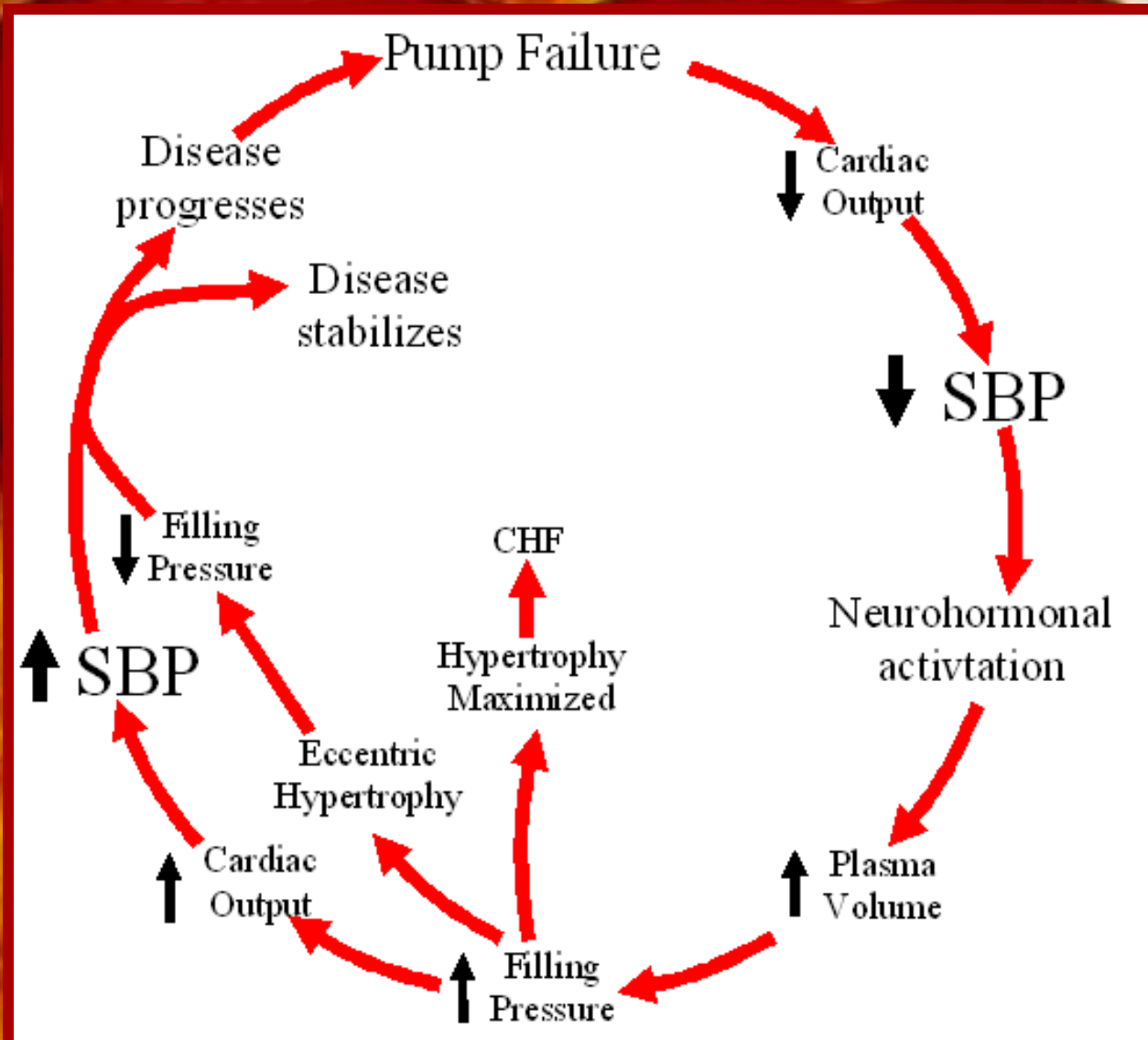
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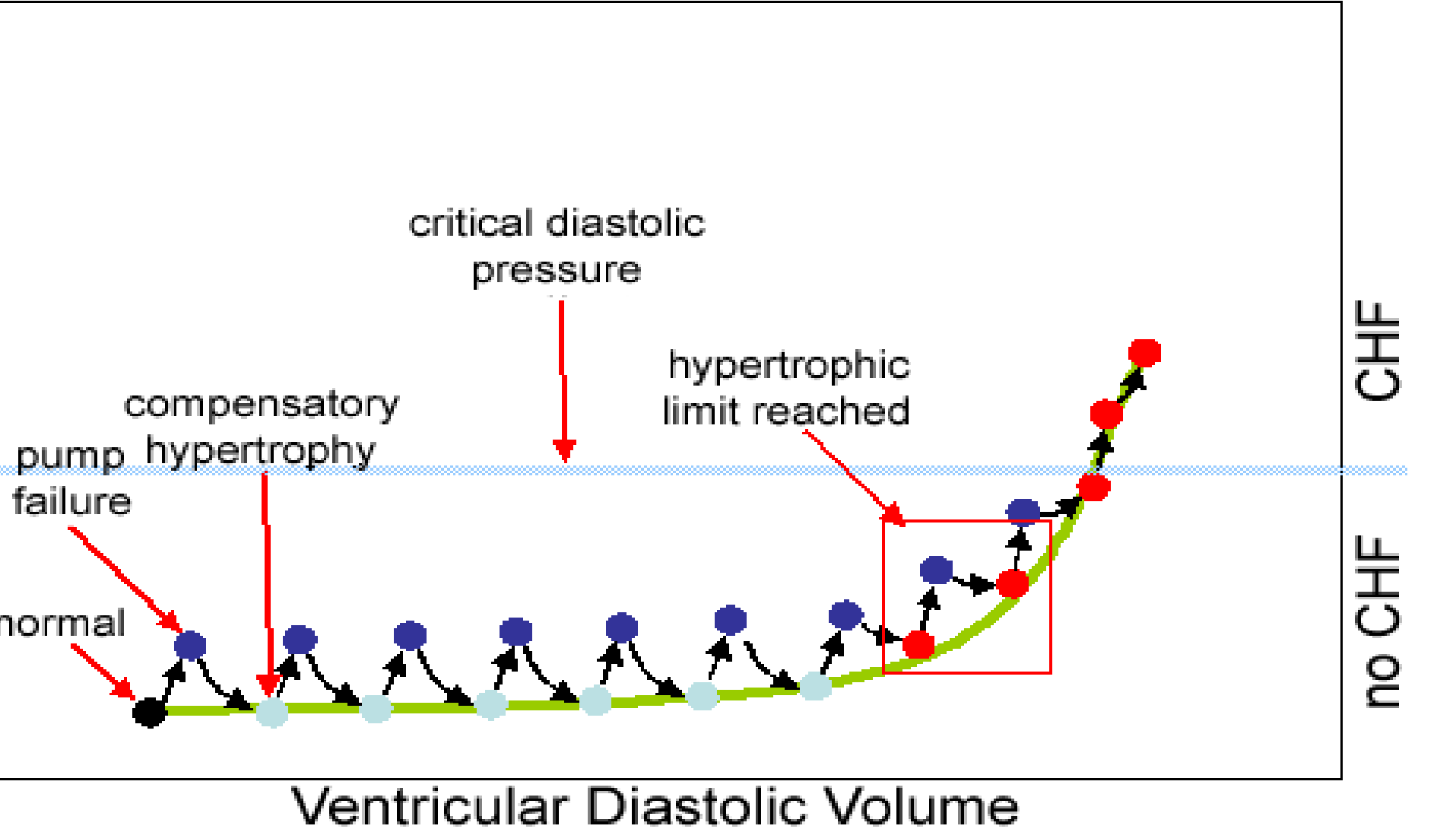
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# CHF: A Viscous Cycle





In pump failure, fluid-retaining mechanisms increase diastolic pressure (dark blue circles).  
 Compensatory eccentric hypertrophy (light blue circles) reduces filling pressure to near-normal  
 increasing ventricular volume. If pump failure progresses, a hypertrophic limit is reached (red  
 box) at which point ventricular diastolic pressure rises and stretches the ventricles. With  
 advanced pump failure, the threshold diastolic pressure is reached (blue line) and CHF ensues.

# Fluid Accumulation in Lungs

$$\text{FLUX} = K_{fc} [ ( P_{iv} - P_{is} ) - \sigma_d ( \pi_{iv} - \pi_{is} ) ]$$

$K_{fc}$  capillary filtration coefficient

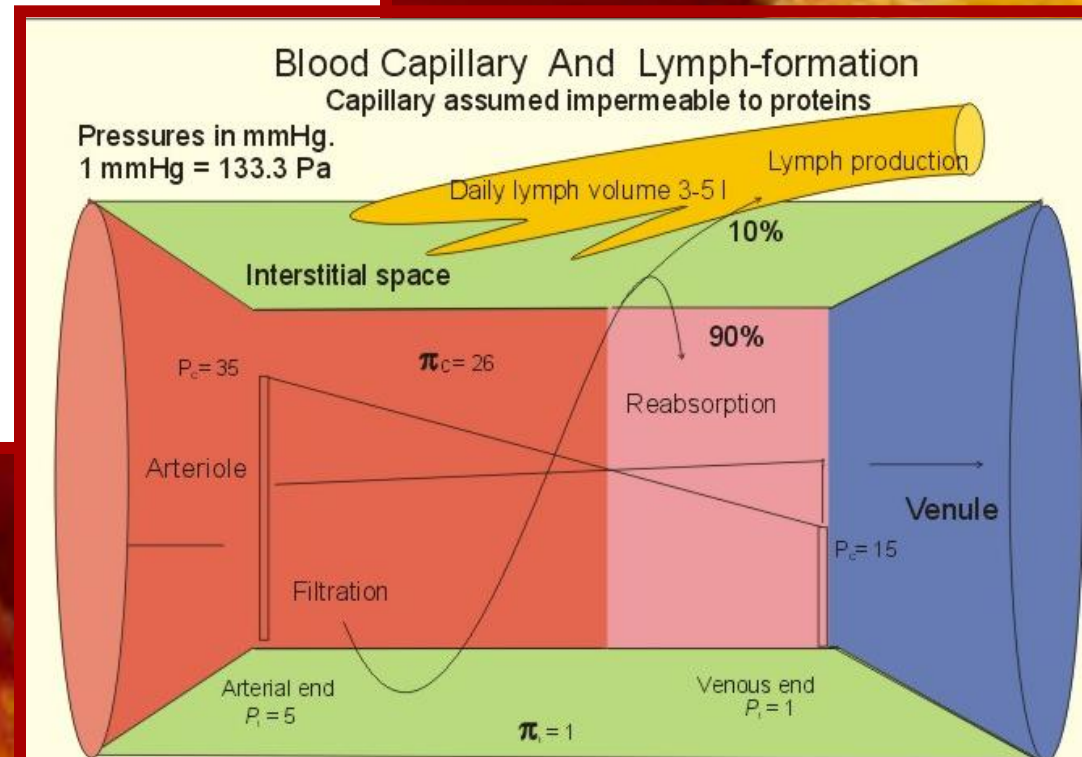
$P_{iv}$  intravascular pressure

$P_{is}$  interstitial pressure

$\pi_{iv}$  intravascular oncotic pressure

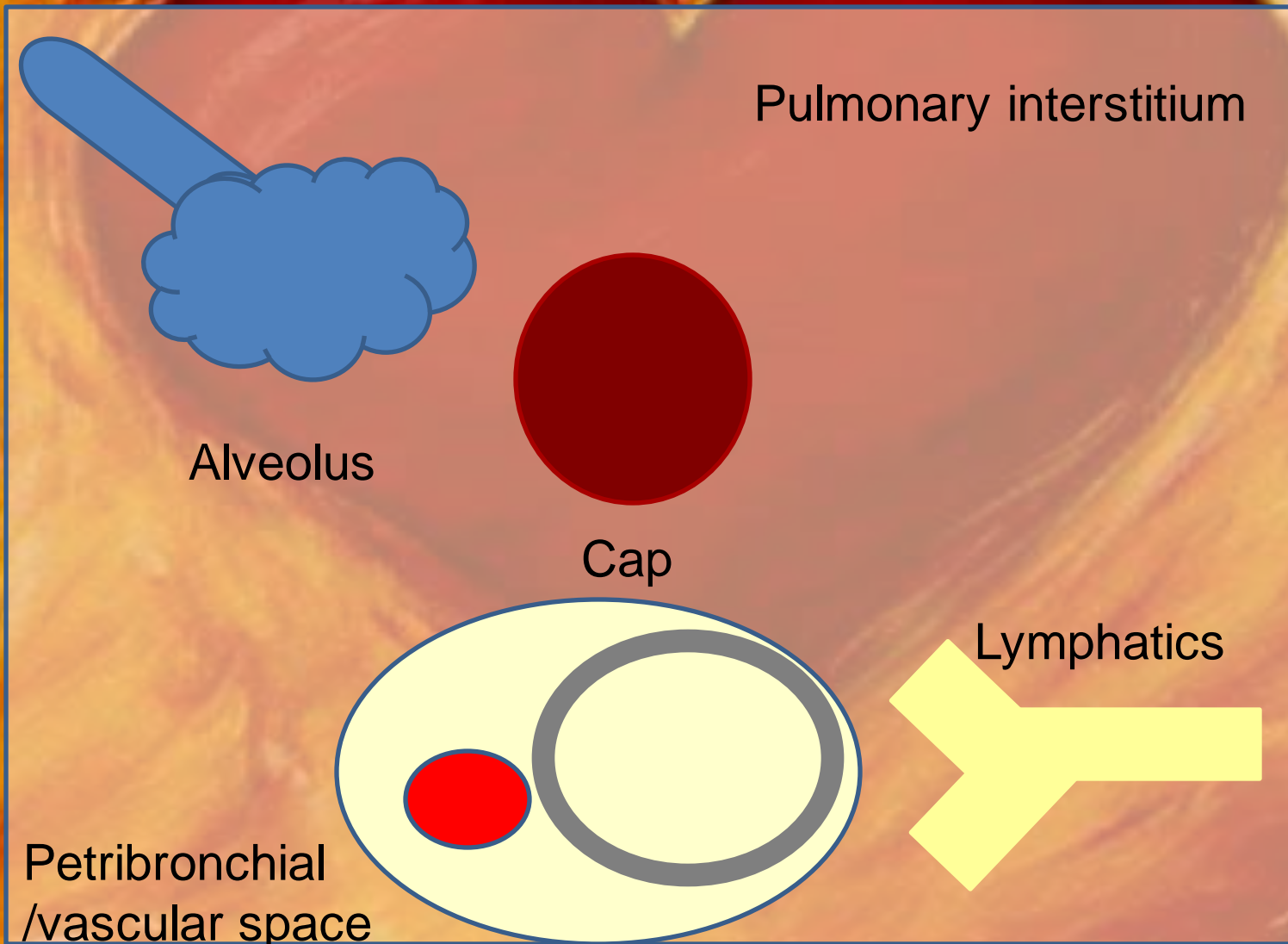
$\pi_{is}$  interstitial oncotic pressure

$\sigma_d$  reflection coefficient

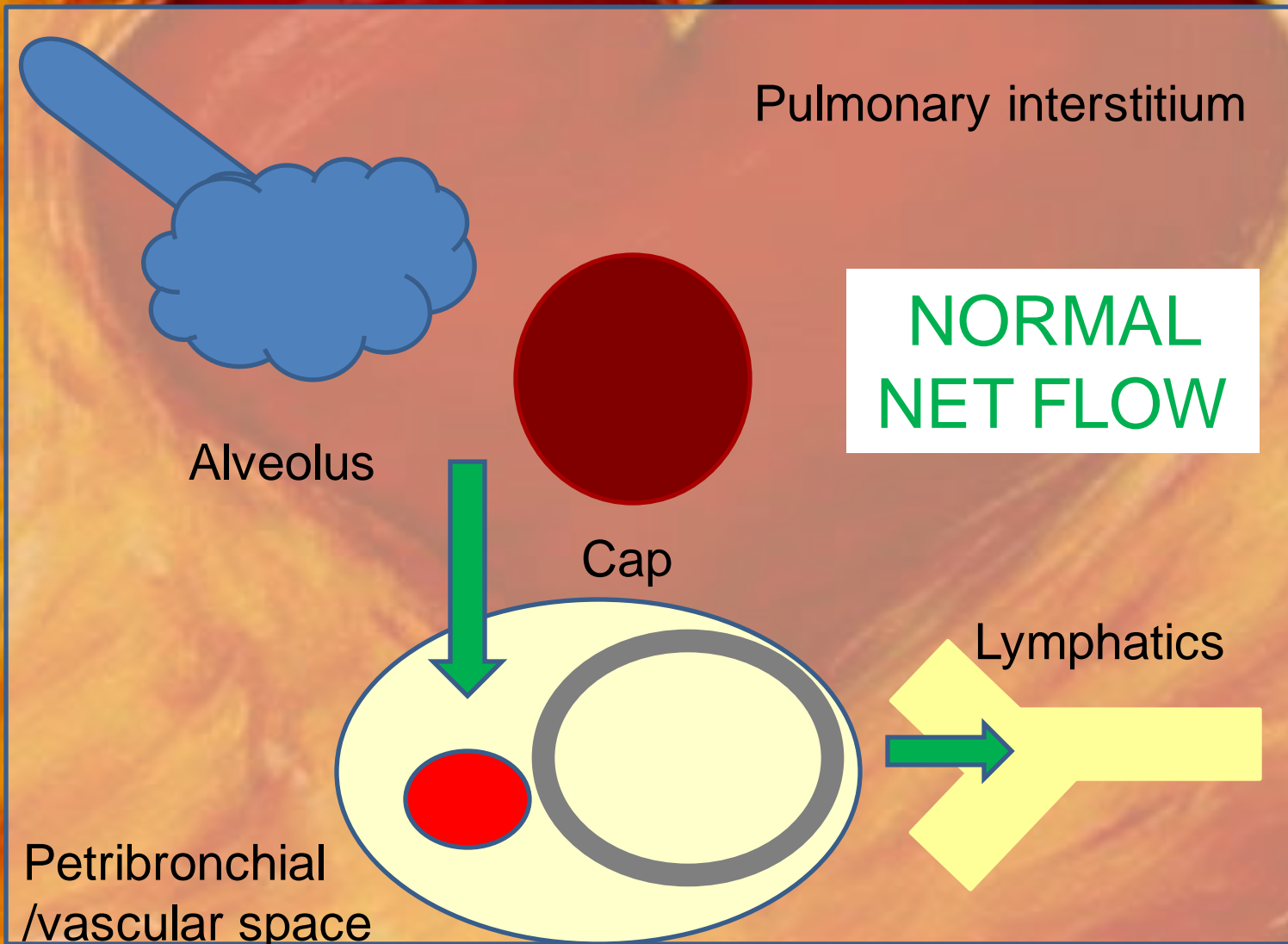


Starling eq.:  $J_r = \text{Cap}_r * [(P_c - P_i) - \sigma(\pi_c - \pi_i)]$ ;  $\text{Cap}_r = 0.075 \text{ ml min}^{-1} \text{ kPa}^{-1}$  (100 g of limb tissue)

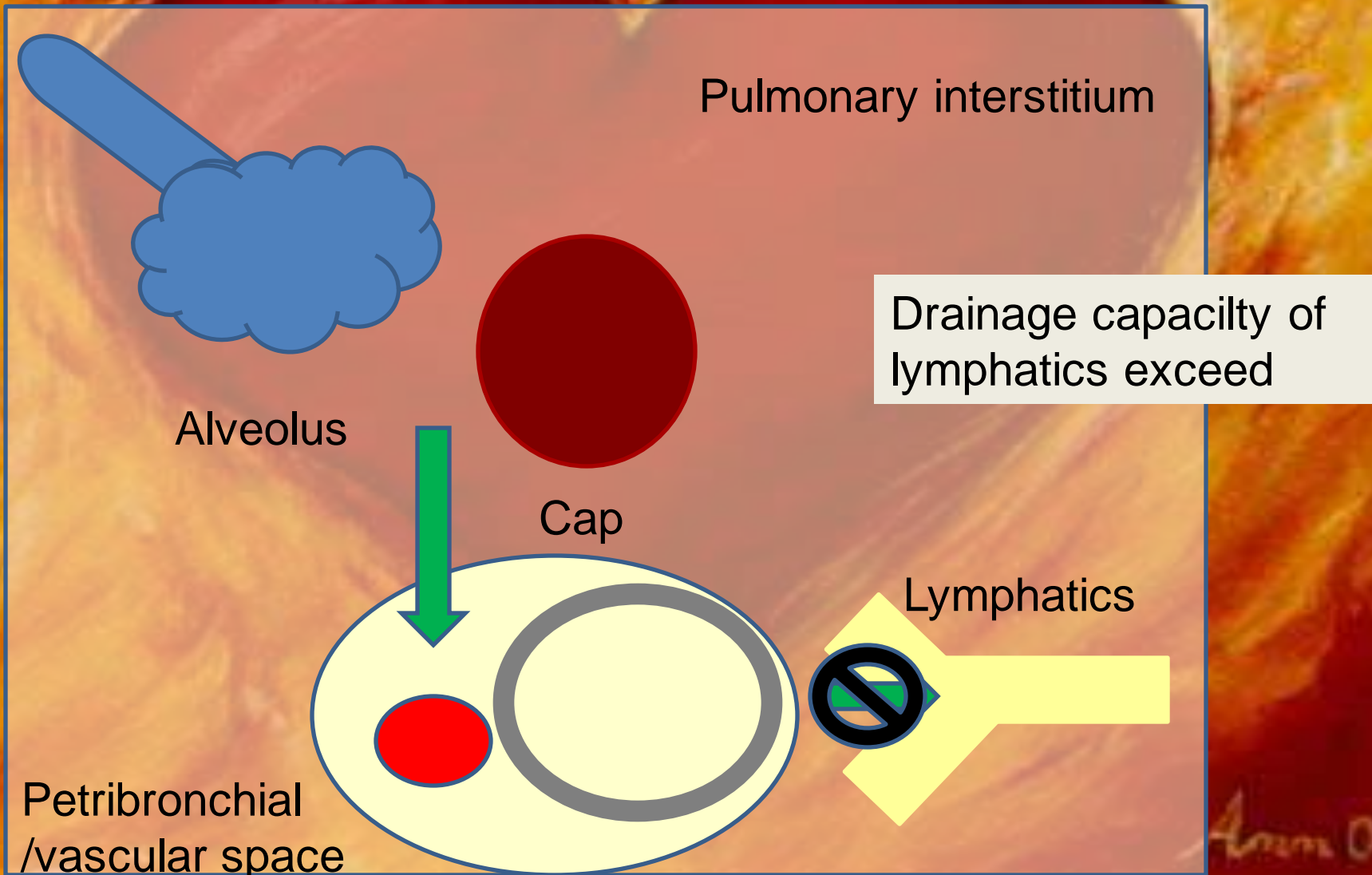
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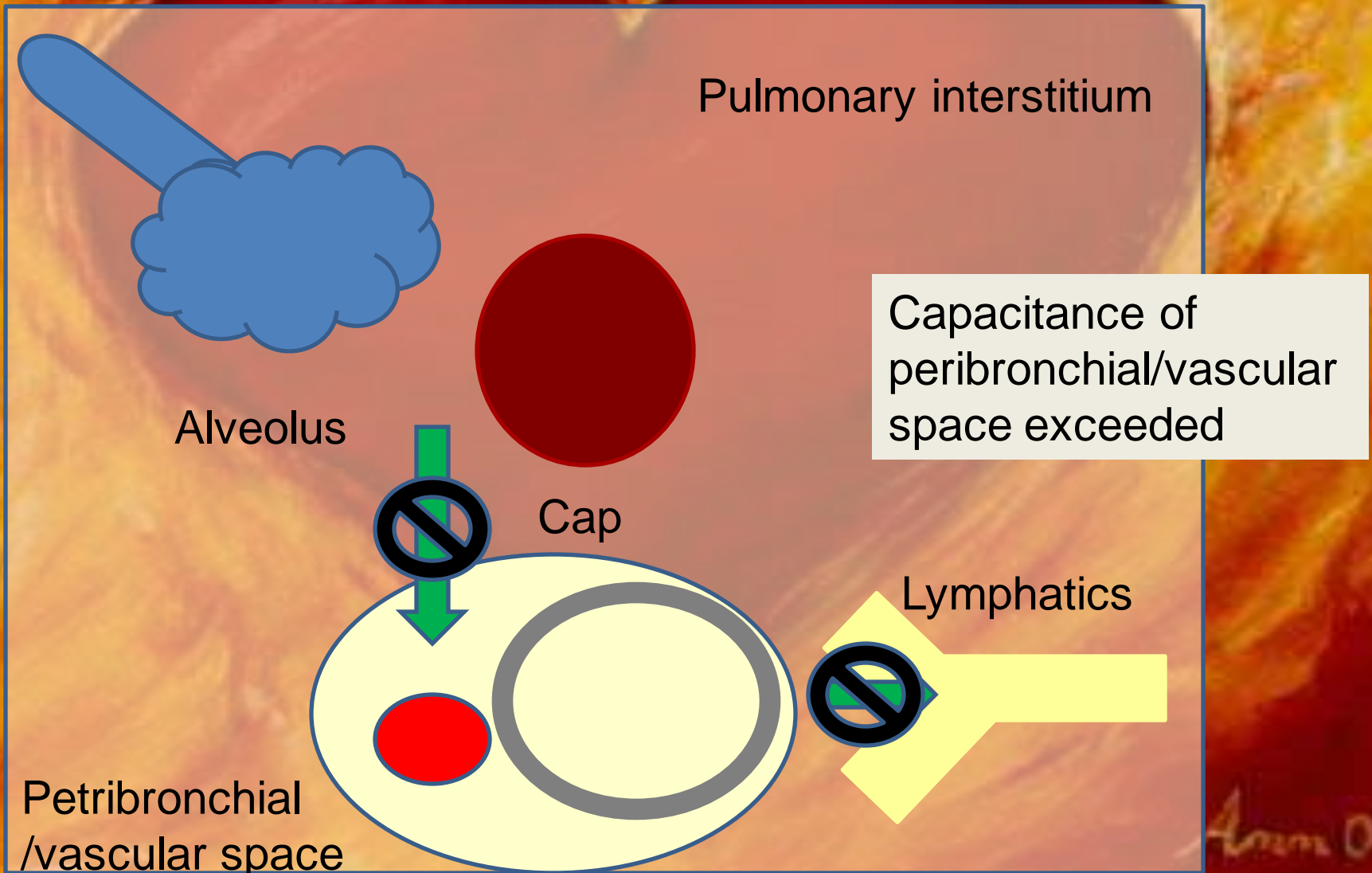
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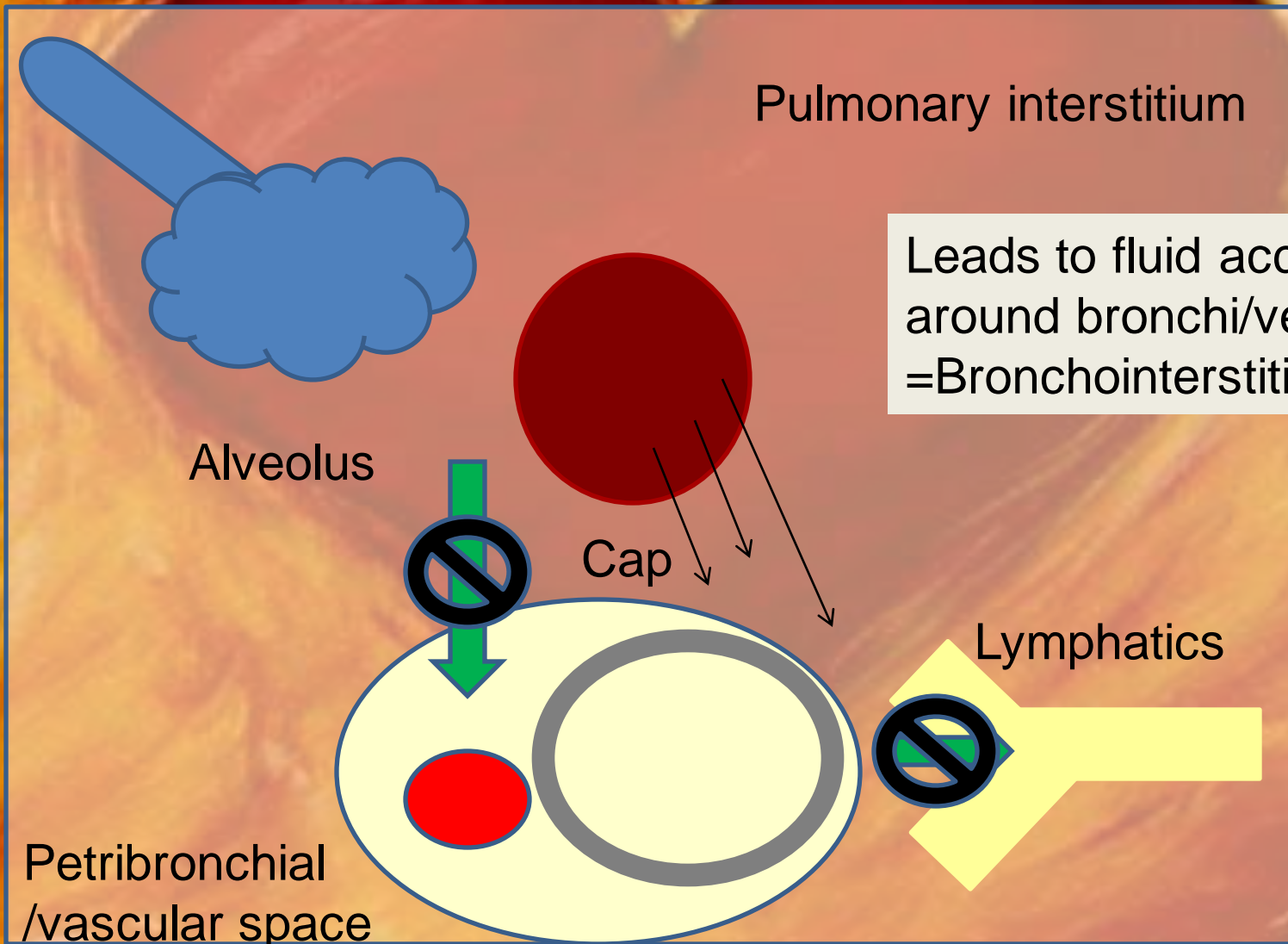
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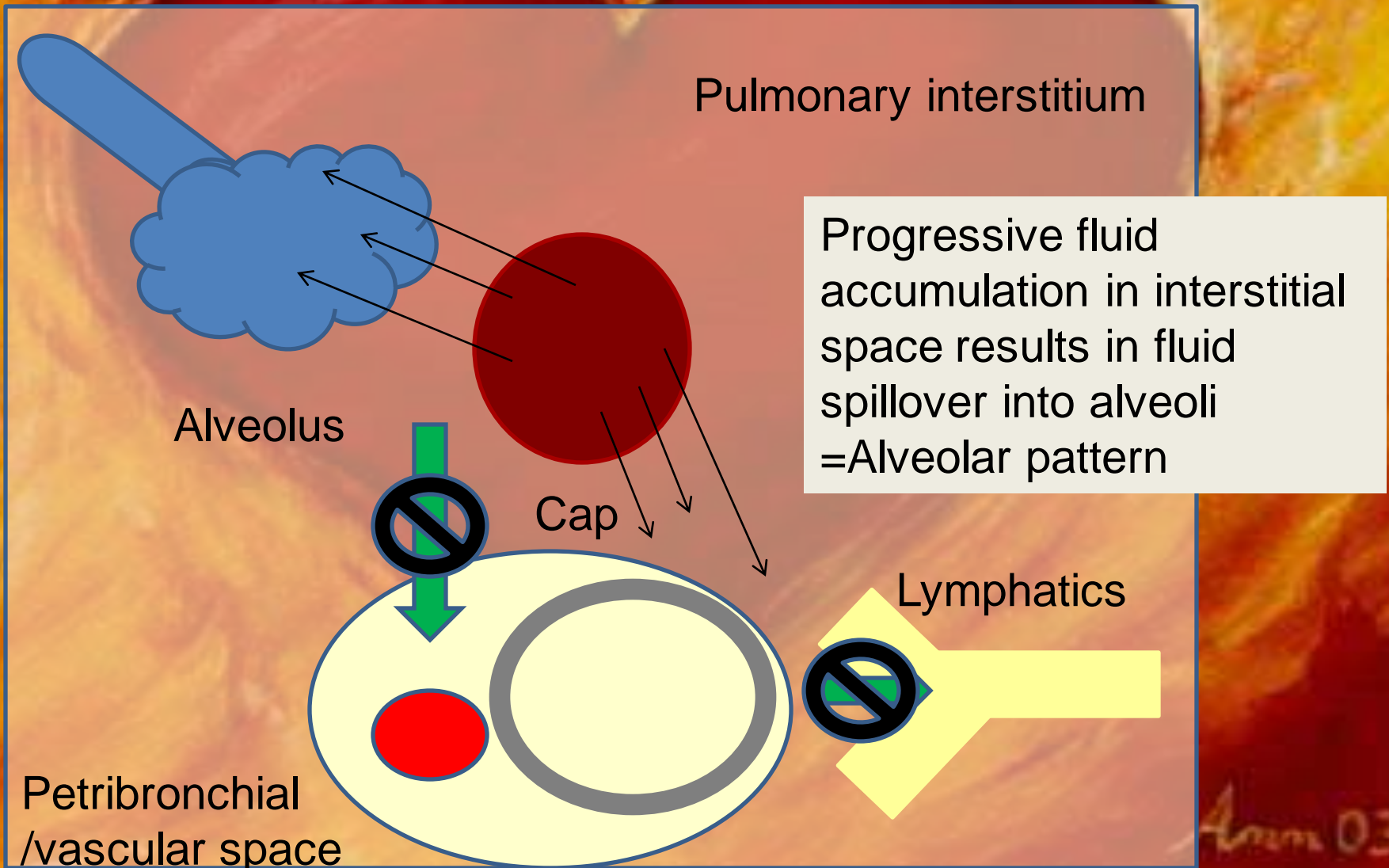


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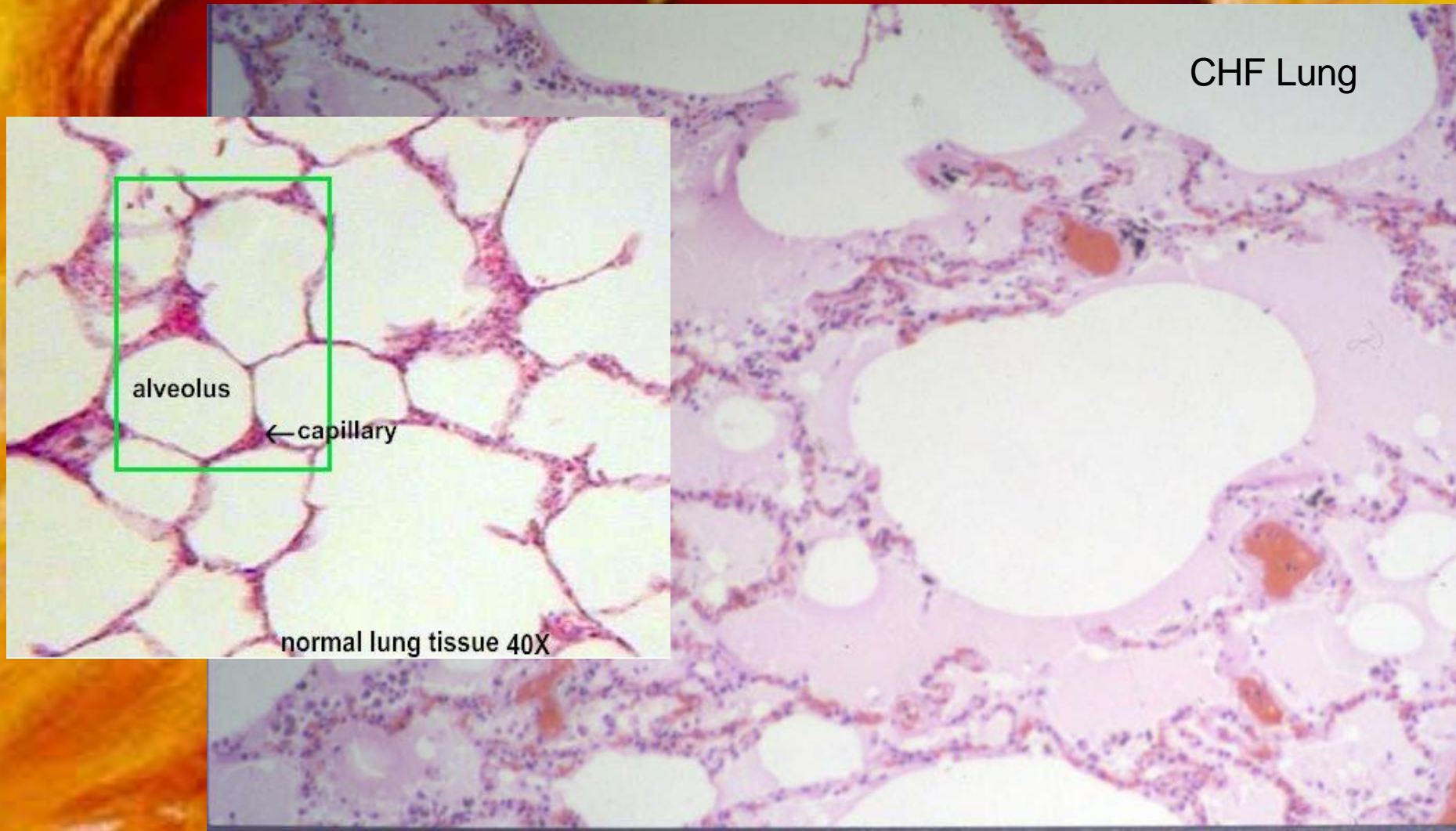




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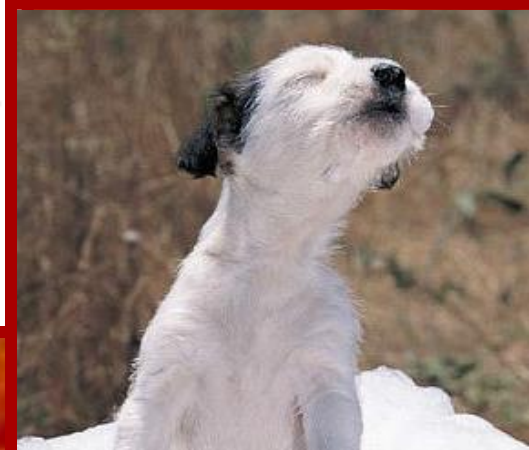
# Causes of CHF

**Table 8-1. Common cardiovascular disorders classified by functional alteration**

Functional classification	Morphologic classification	Examples
Primary systolic myocardial failure		Dilated cardiomyopathy
Secondary systolic myocardial failure	Infectious myocarditis Drugs, chemicals, toxins Physical damage Nutritional Ischemic Infiltrative Other cardiac disorders	Bacterial, fungal, viral, protozoal Doxorubicin (Adriamycin), alcohol Heat stroke, electric shock, trauma Taurine deficiency Atherosclerosis Neoplasia, metabolic (amyloid) Valvular insufficiency, shunts
Pressure overload	Hypertension Anatomic outflow obstruction Dynamic outflow obstruction	Systemic or pulmonary hypertension Aortic stenosis, pulmonic stenosis  Hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy
Primary volume outflow	Valvular insufficiency Left-to-right shunt High-output states	Mitral insufficiency Patent ductus arteriosus, ventricular septal defect Hyperthyroidism, atrioventricular fistula, anemia
Impedance to cardiac inflow	Pericardial disease Diastolic dysfunction Atrioventricular valvular obstruction Space-occupying lesions	Pericardial effusion, constrictive pericarditis Hypertrophic and restrictive cardiomyopathy Mitral and tricuspid stenosis Atrial mass lesions, right ventricular outflow tract tumors, Budd-Chiari syndrome

# CHF: Clinical Signs

- Exercise intolerance
- Lethargy
- Anorexia
- Tachypnea
- Cough
- Orthopnea
- Respiratory distress

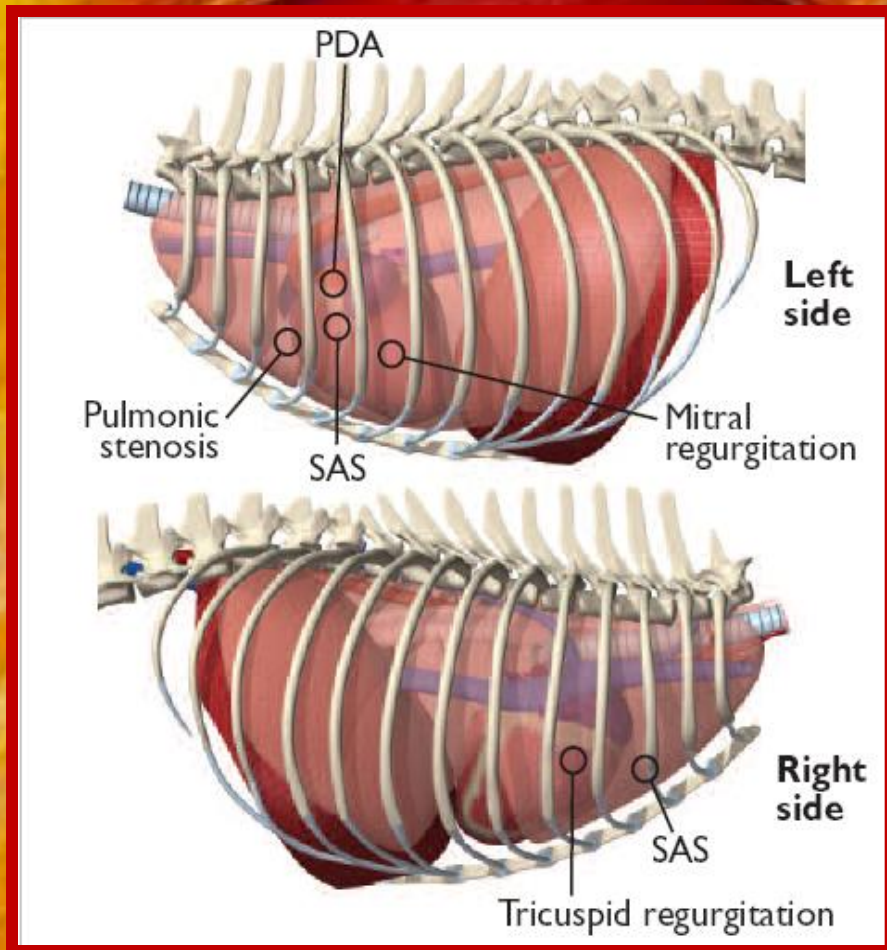


# CHF: Clinical Signs

**Table 1. Clinical and Physical Examination Signs Associated with Cardiac and Pulmonary Diseases**

<i>Disease/Condition</i>	<i>Sign</i>						
	<b>Coughing</b>	<b>Exercise intolerance</b>	<b>Syncope</b>	<b>Cyanosis</b>	<b>Pulmonary crackles</b>	<b>Poor pulse quality</b>	<b>Palpable dysrhythmia</b>
CHF	Yes	Yes	±	±	Yes	±	±
Pulmonary parenchymal disease	±	±	±	±	±	No	±
Heartworm disease	Yes	±	±	±	±	±	±
Tracheal collapse	Yes	±	No	±	No	No	No
Fungal disease	Yes	±	No	±	±	No	No
Neoplasia	Yes	±	± <sup>a</sup>	±	±	No	± <sup>a</sup>

# CHF: Physical Exam and POC Tests

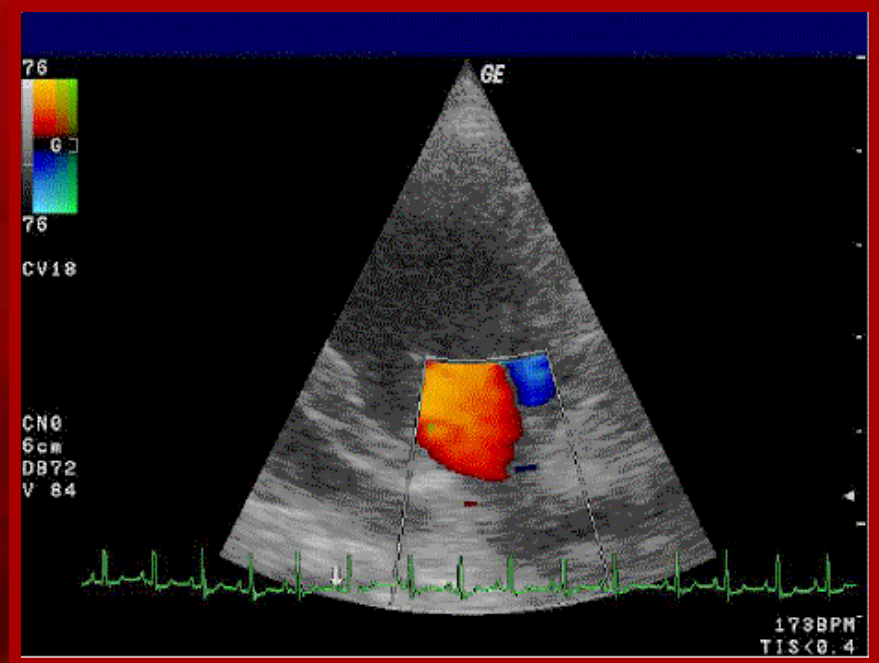


+/- murmur, arrhythmia

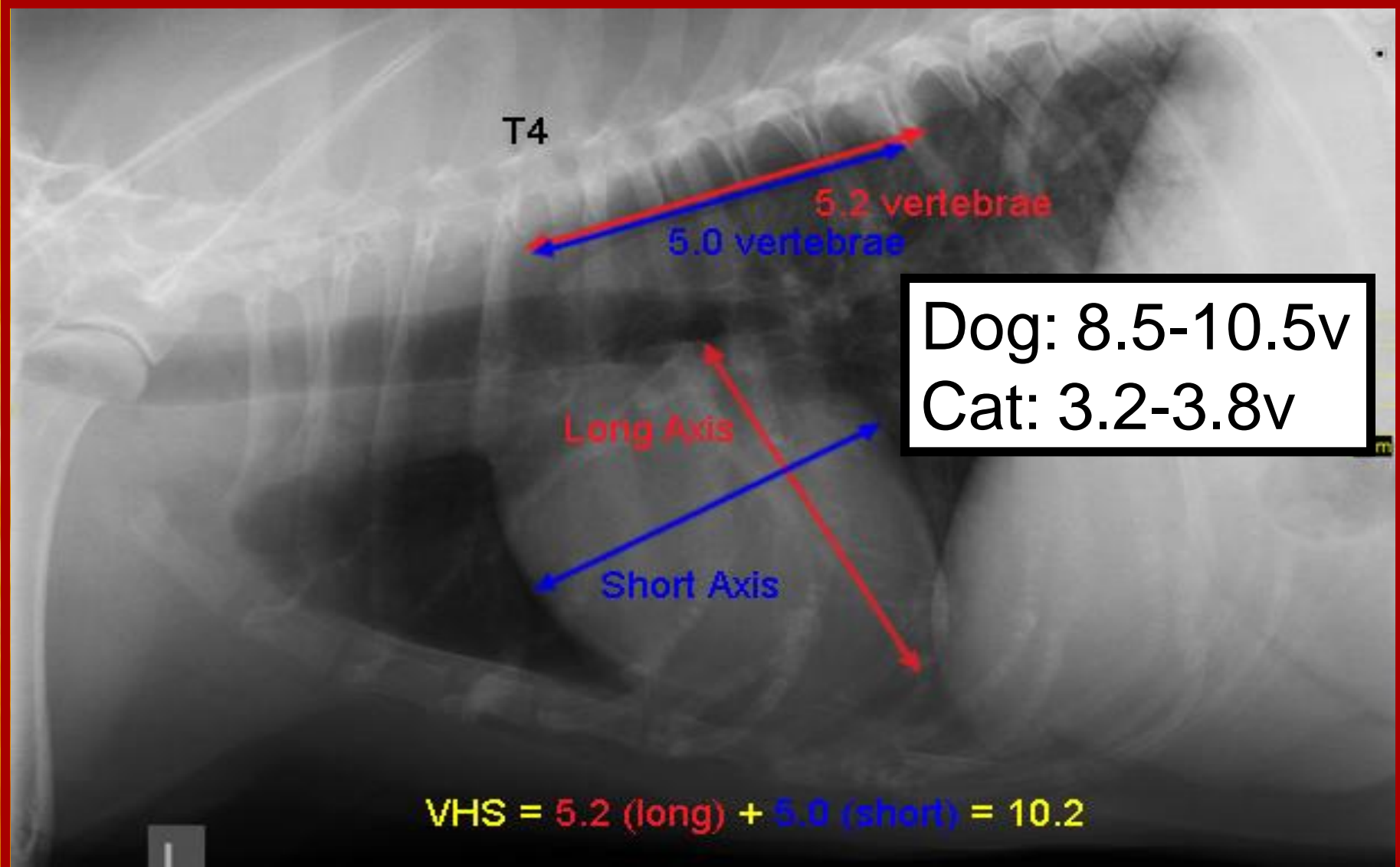
- Pale mm
- CRT > 2sec
- Cyanosis
- Tachycardia
- Cool limbs
- Hypothermia
- Increased lactate
- Low venous PaO<sub>2</sub>
- Azotemia

# CHF: Diagnosis

- ECG (minor contribution)
- Thoracic radiographs
- Echocardiography
- Pulmonary fluid analysis



# CHF: Thoracic Radiographs

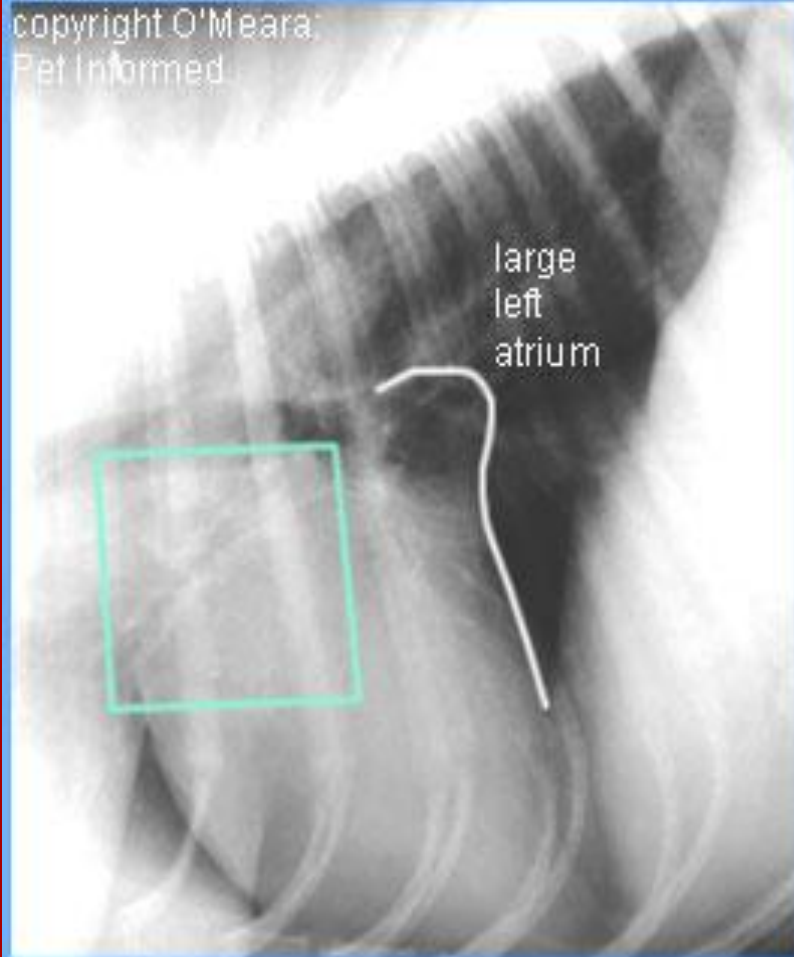




# CHF: Thoracic Radiographs

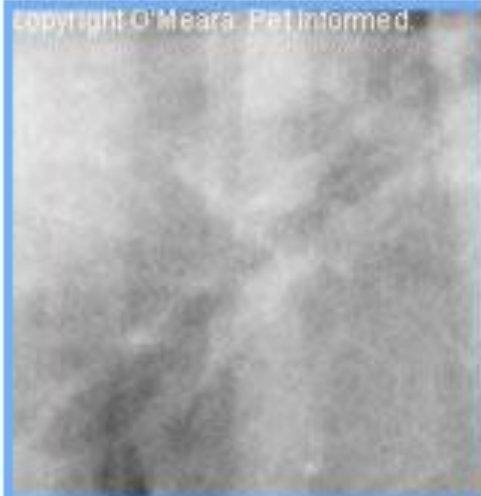
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## Thoracic Radiographs

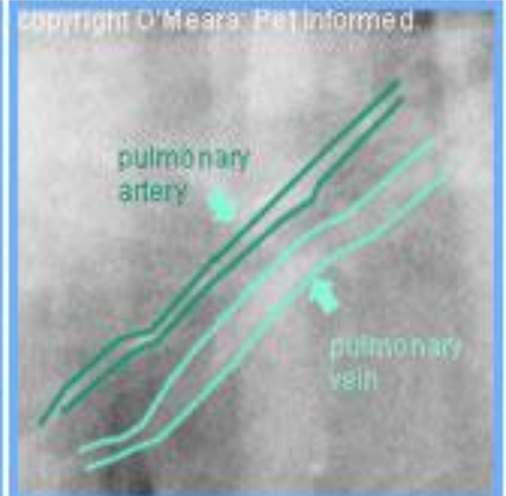
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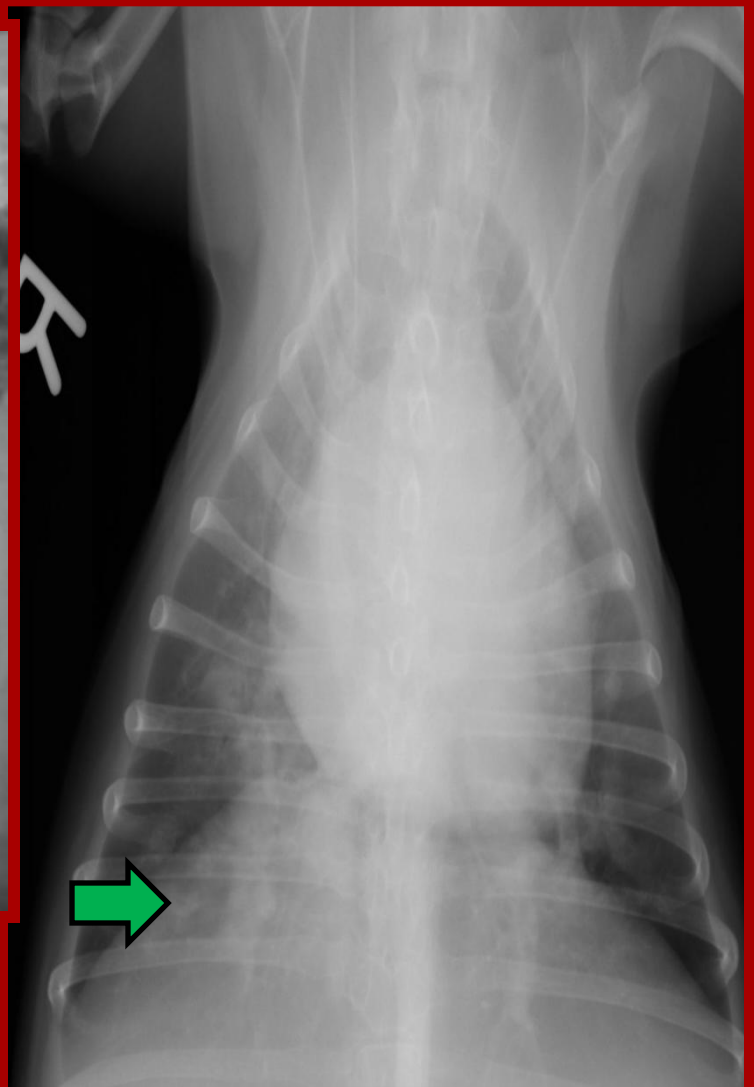
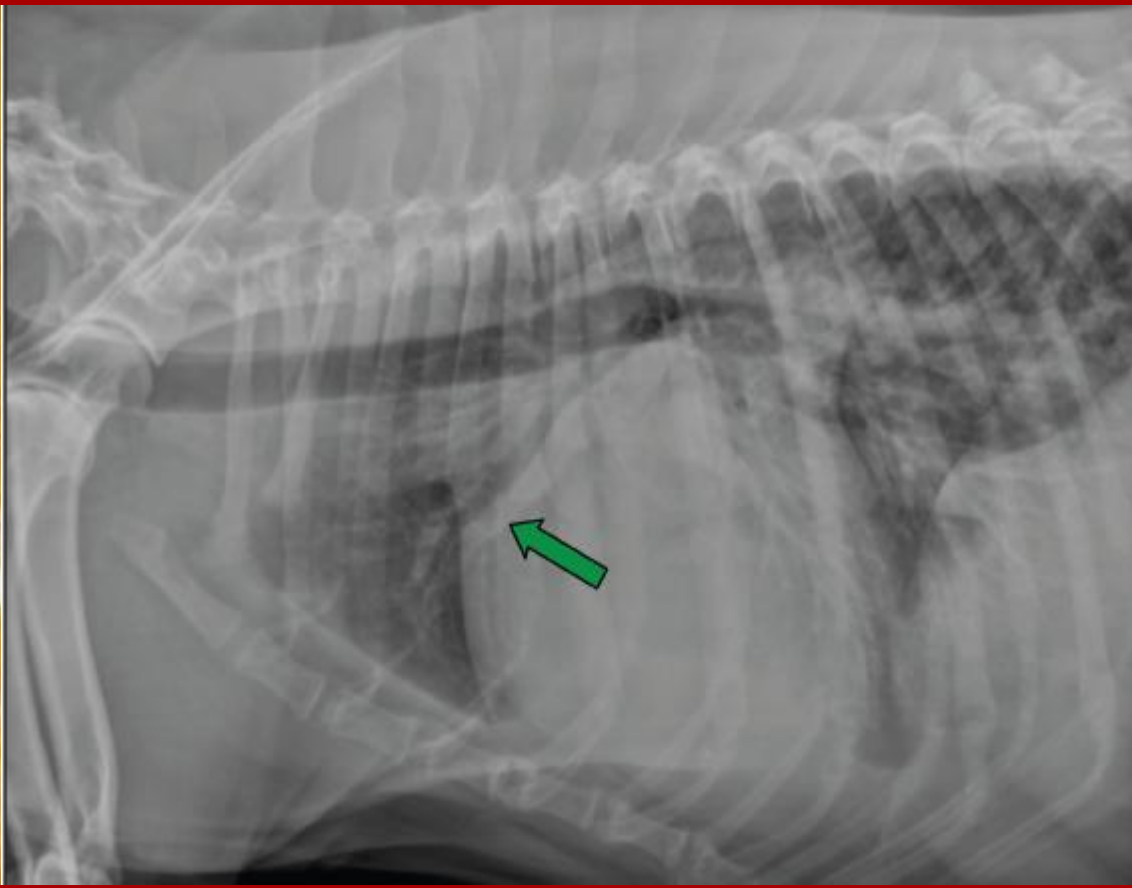
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pulmonary  
artery

pulmonary  
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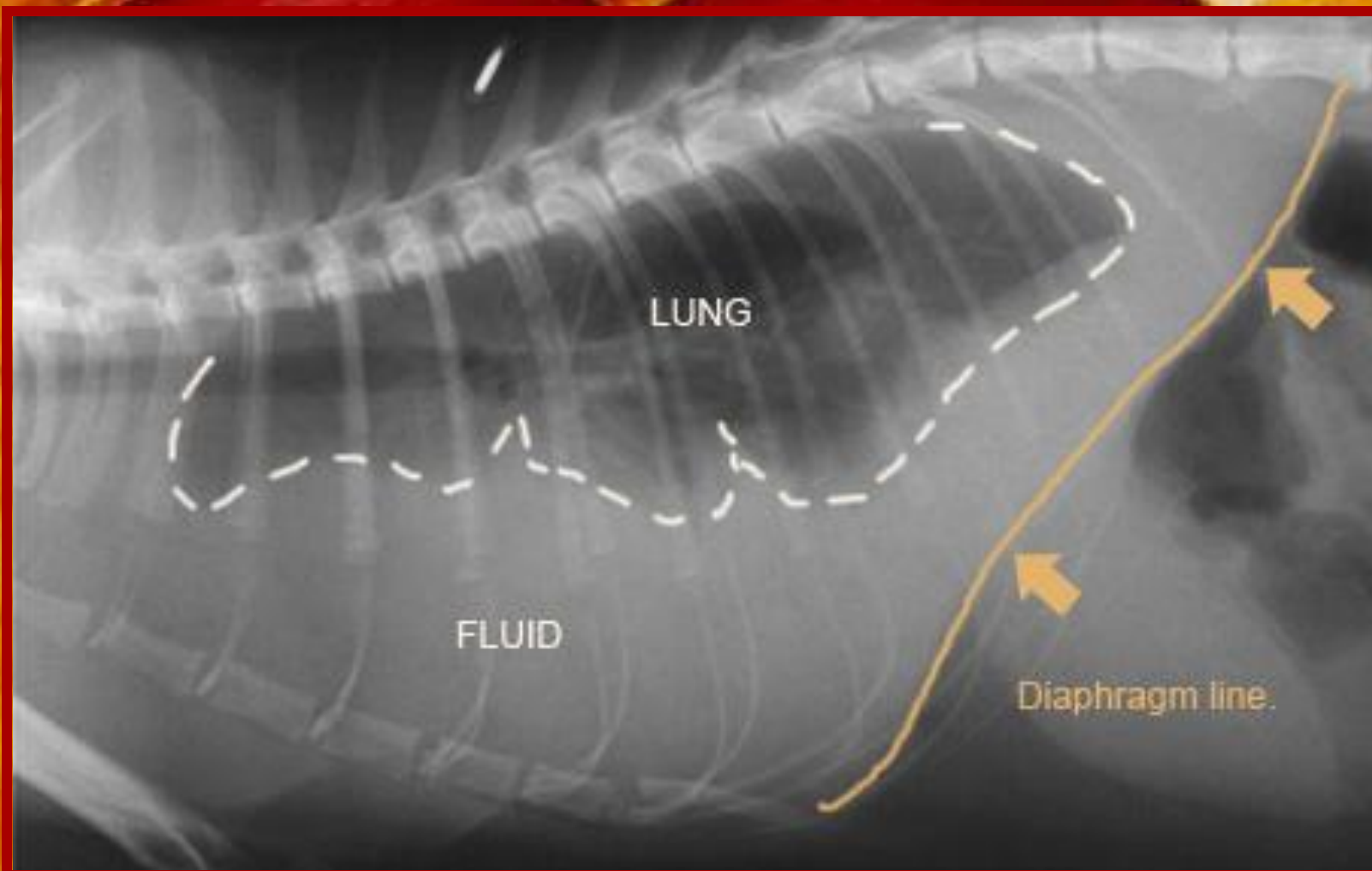


# CHF: Thoracic Radiographs



**Pulmonary veins > pulmonary arteries**

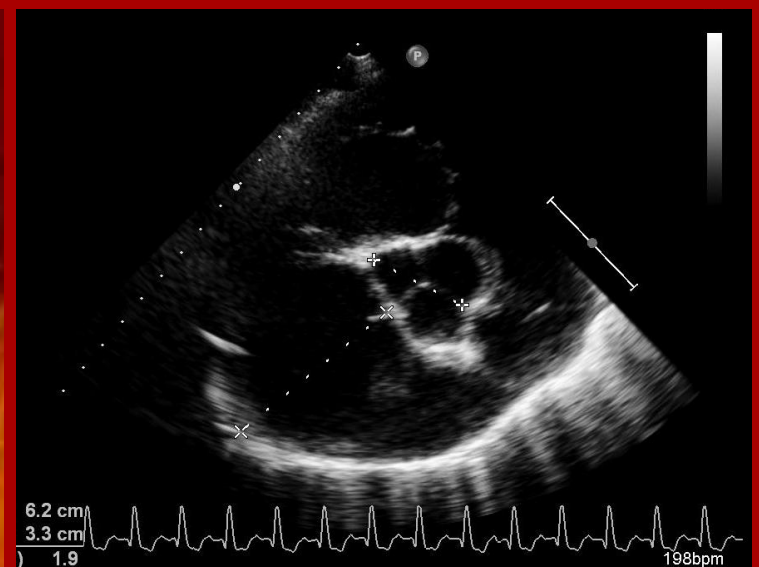
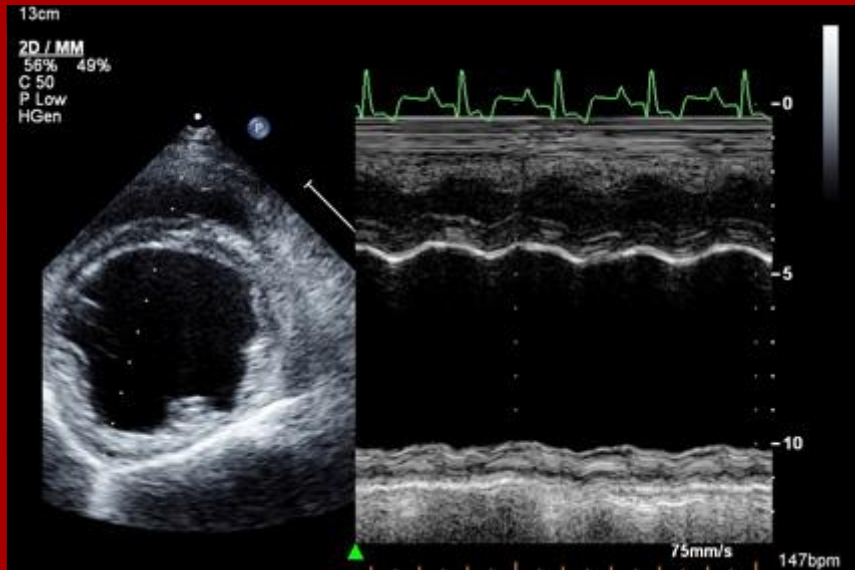
# Cats...Always the Exception



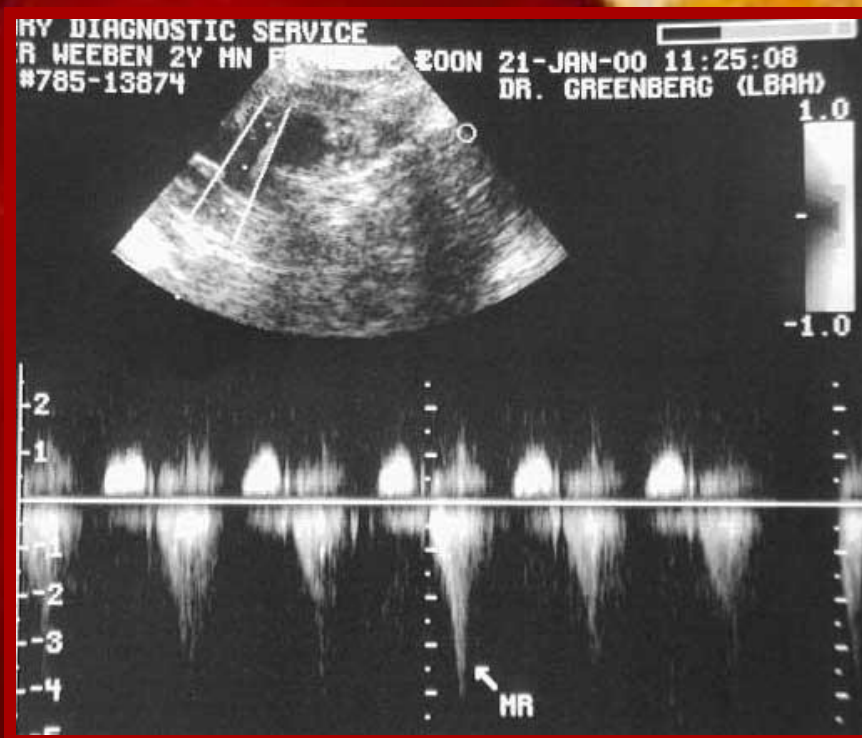
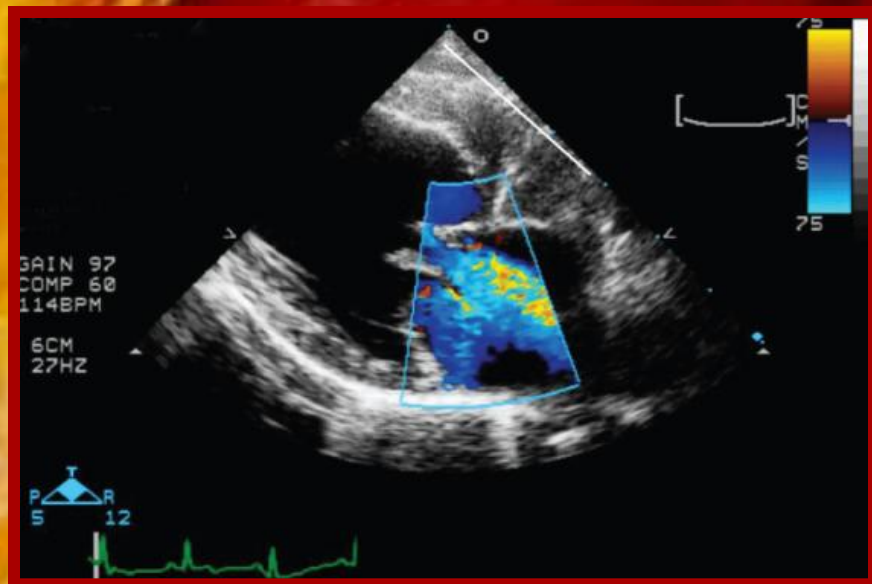
# CHF: Echocardiography

- Evaluate heart function
- Diagnose cardiac disease as cause of CHF
- Left atrial enlargement

Normal LA:AO for dogs and cats:  $<1.5$ - $1.5$



# CHF: Echocardiography



Normal velocity across AV valves:

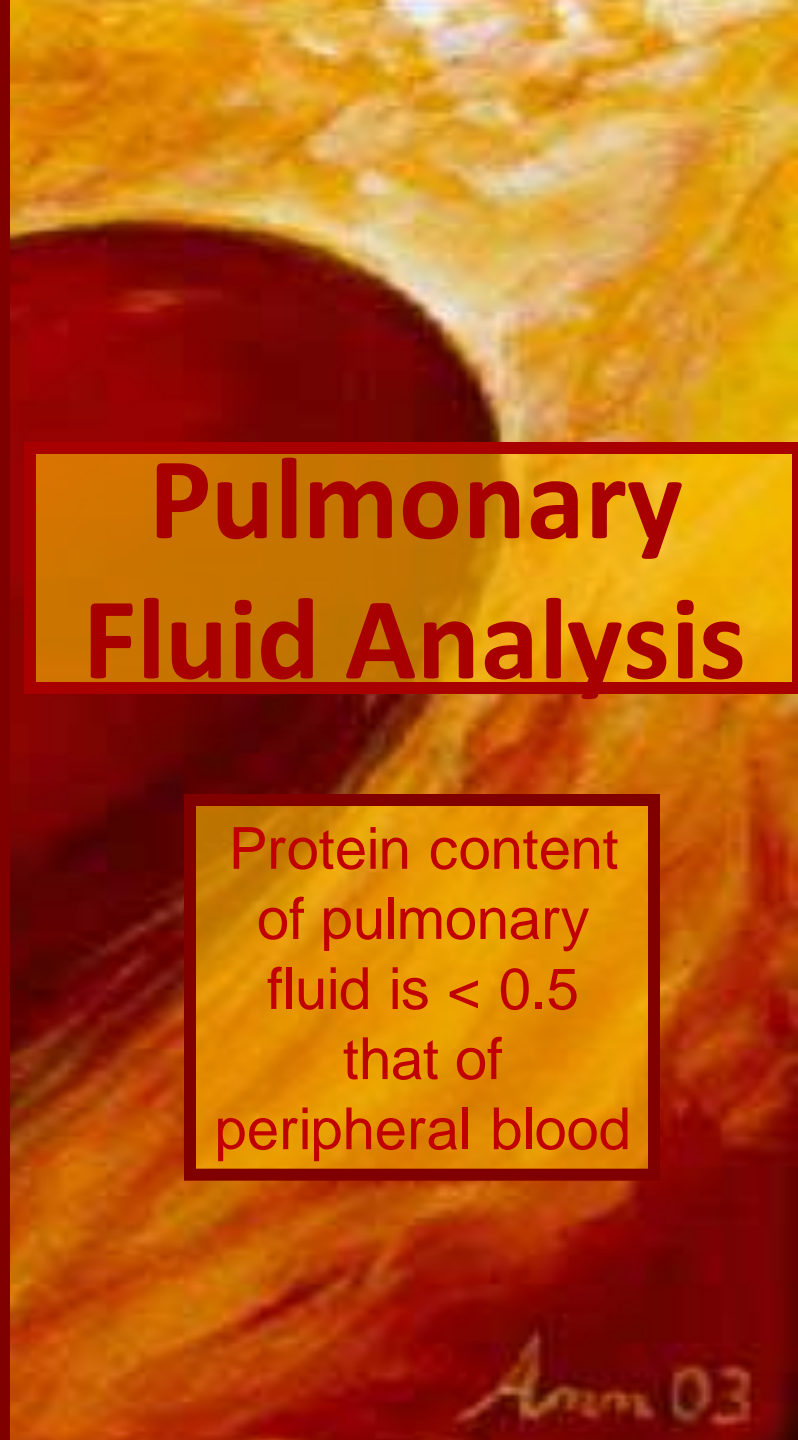
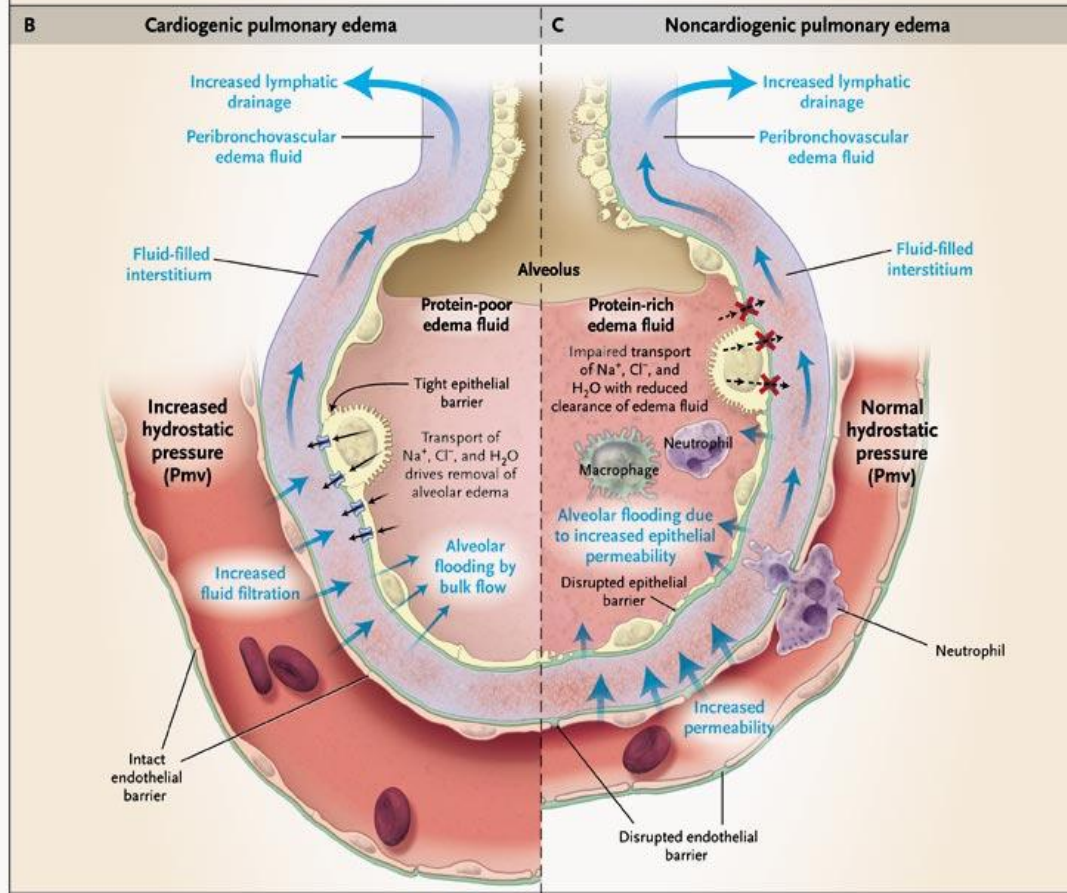
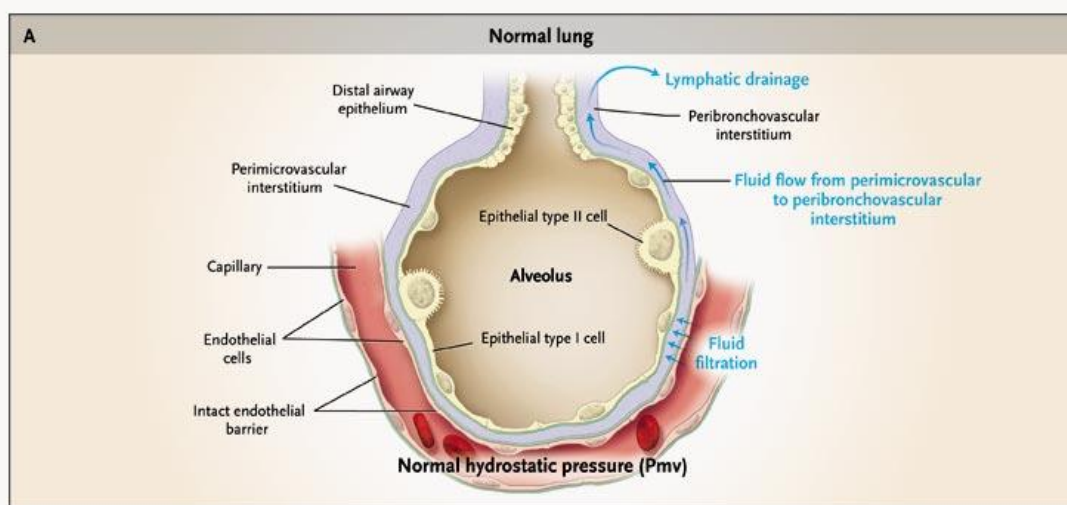
$<2\text{m/s}$

Velocities associated with regurgitation:

$5\text{-}6\text{m/s}$

Modified Bernoulli Equation

$$P=4V^2$$



# Pulmonary Fluid Analysis

Protein content of pulmonary fluid is  $< 0.5$  that of peripheral blood

# CHF: Emergent Treatment

- Improve oxygenation
  - Oxygen supplementation
  - Resolve pulmonary edema
- Improve CO



# CHF: Emergent Treatment



- Minimize stress
- Oxygen therapy
- Diuretics
- Vasodilators

Table 2

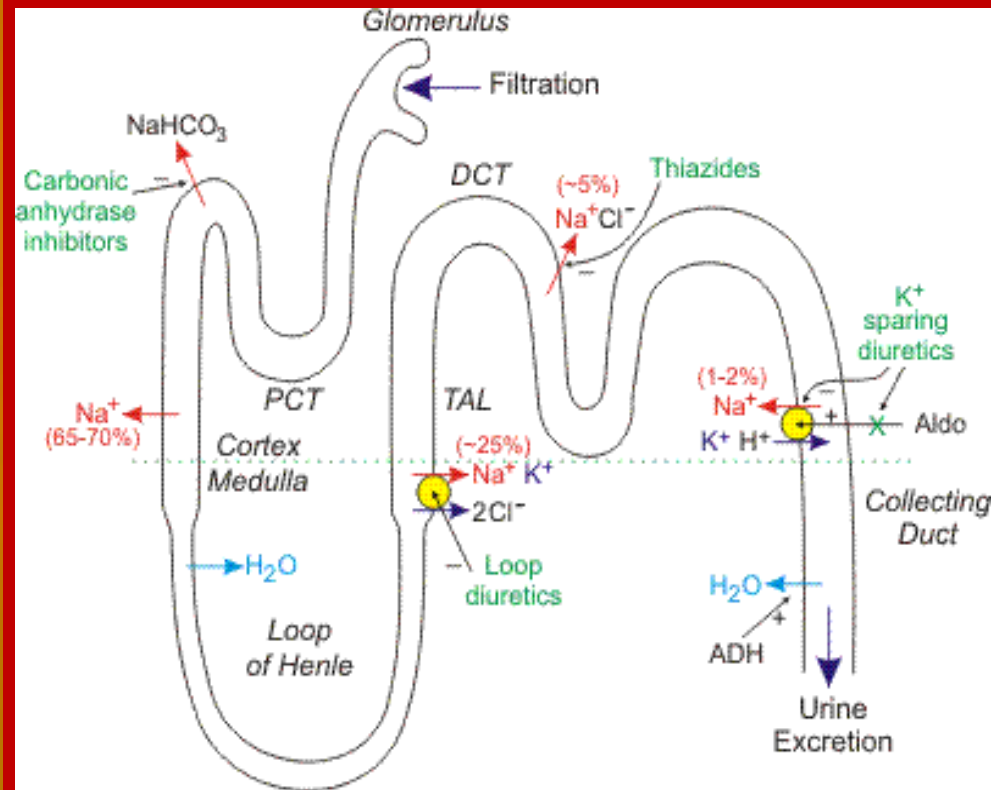
Approximate  $\text{FiO}_2$  levels for different methods of oxygen administration

Method of oxygen administration	Approximate inspired oxygen concentration ( $\text{FiO}_2$ )
$\text{O}_2$ cage	40%
Nasal cannula (unilateral)	40–50%
Nasal cannula (bilateral)	50–60%
Tight-fitting face mask	70–90%
Oxygen tent	60–70%
Intubation	100%



# CHF: Emergent Treatment

- Diuretics
  - Furosemide
    - 2-4mg/Kg IM, IV, SQ
    - CRI 0.7-1mg/kg/hr
- Vasodilator
  - Nitroglycerin paste
    - ¼-1in q8hr
    - V > A



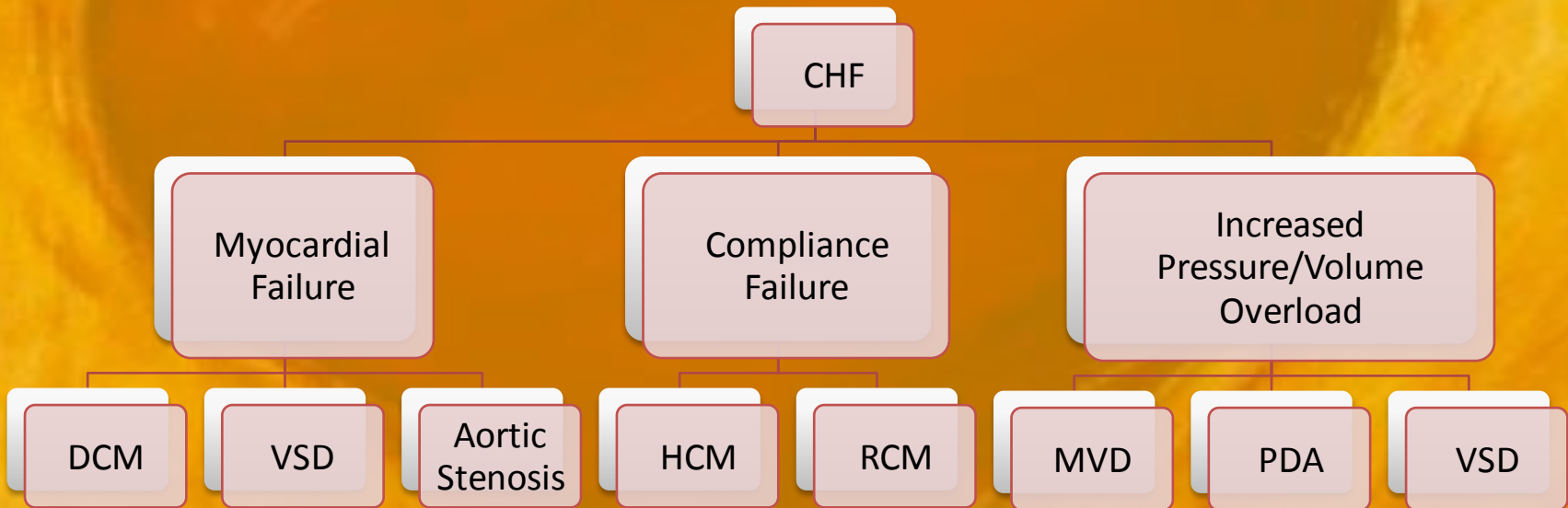


An anatomical illustration of a heart valve, showing two leaflets (cusps) in a closed position. The leaflets are dark red and are set against a lighter, yellowish background representing the valve's supporting structure. The illustration is detailed, showing the texture of the leaflets and the surrounding tissue.

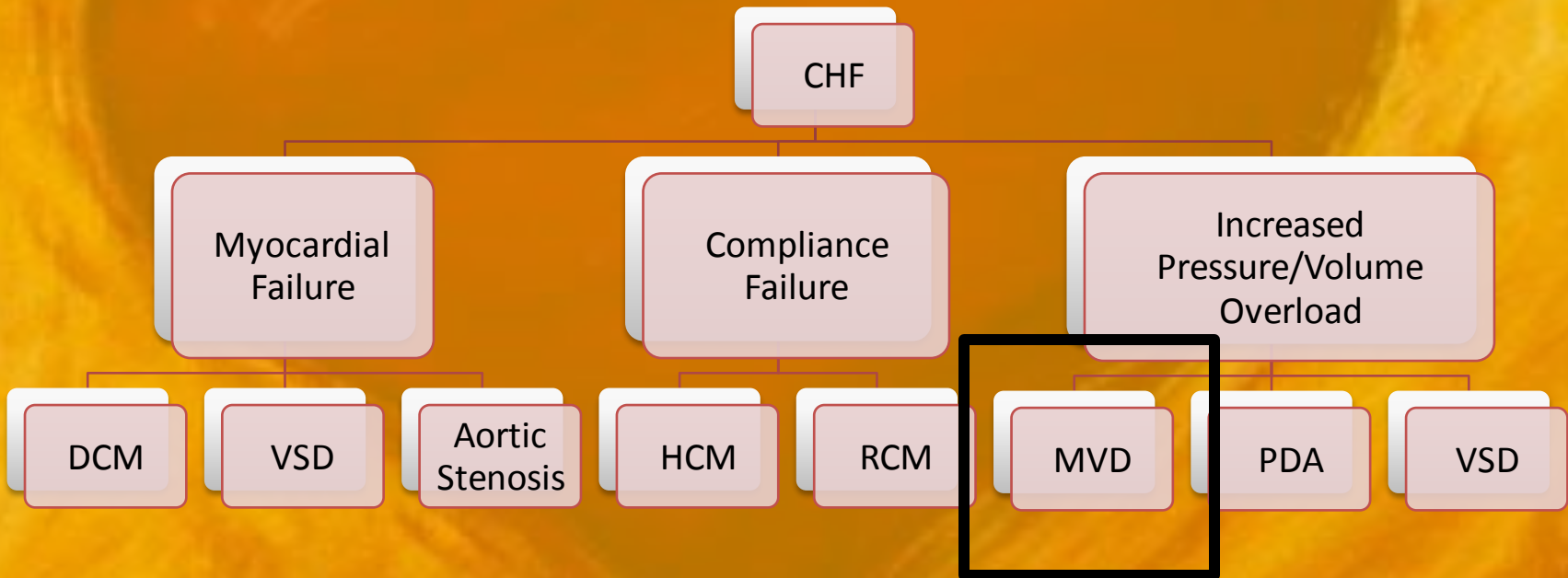
# Congestive Heart Failure Take 2

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# Congestive Heart Failure: Etiology



# Congestive Heart Failure: Etiology



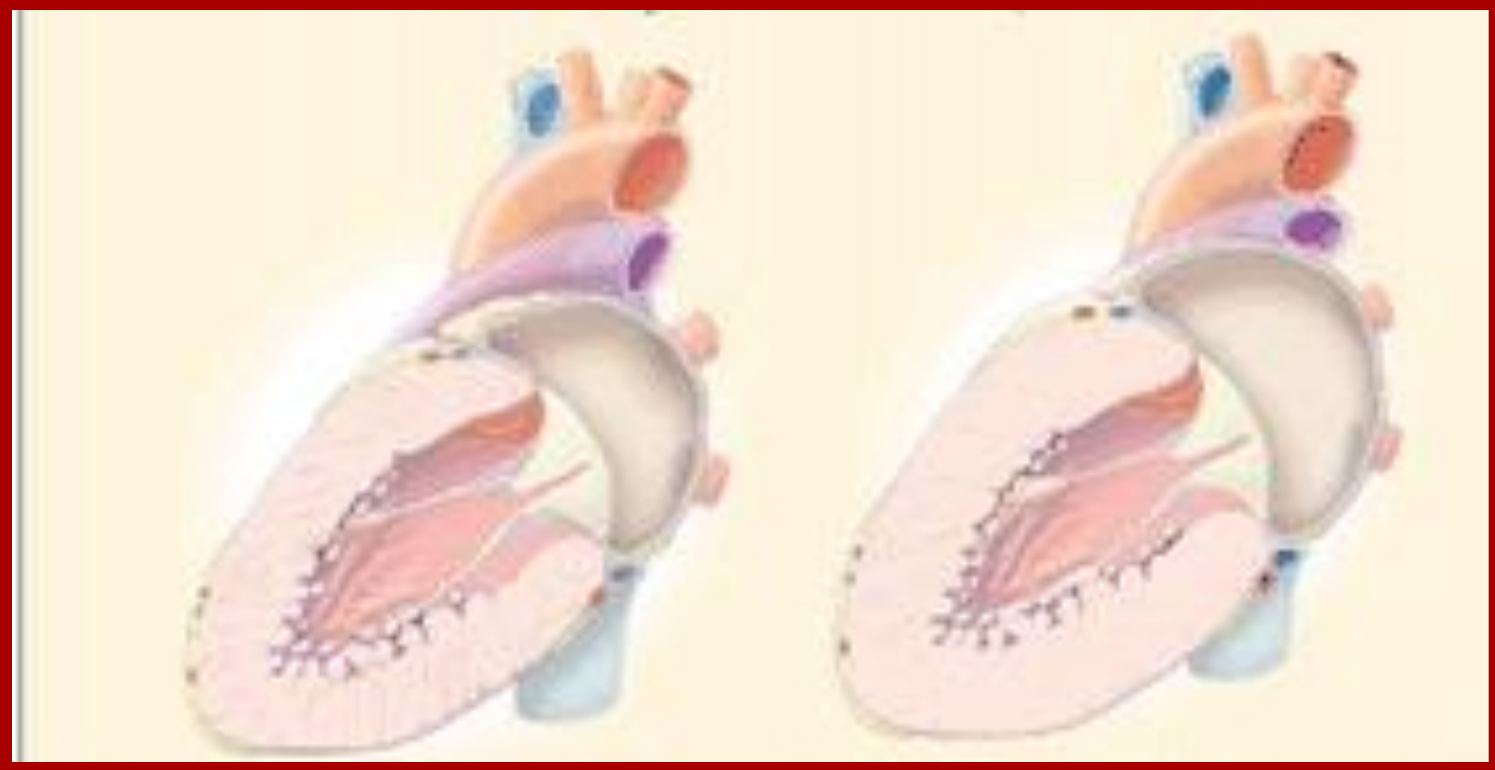
Most Common

# Mitral Valve Insufficiency

- Small toy breed dogs
- Males>females
- Cause: endocardiosis
  - Degeneration with MPS deposition
- Progresses with age
- Hx: cough, exercise intolerance, syncope, anorexia/weight loss
- CS: left systolic apical murmur, +/- arrhythmia

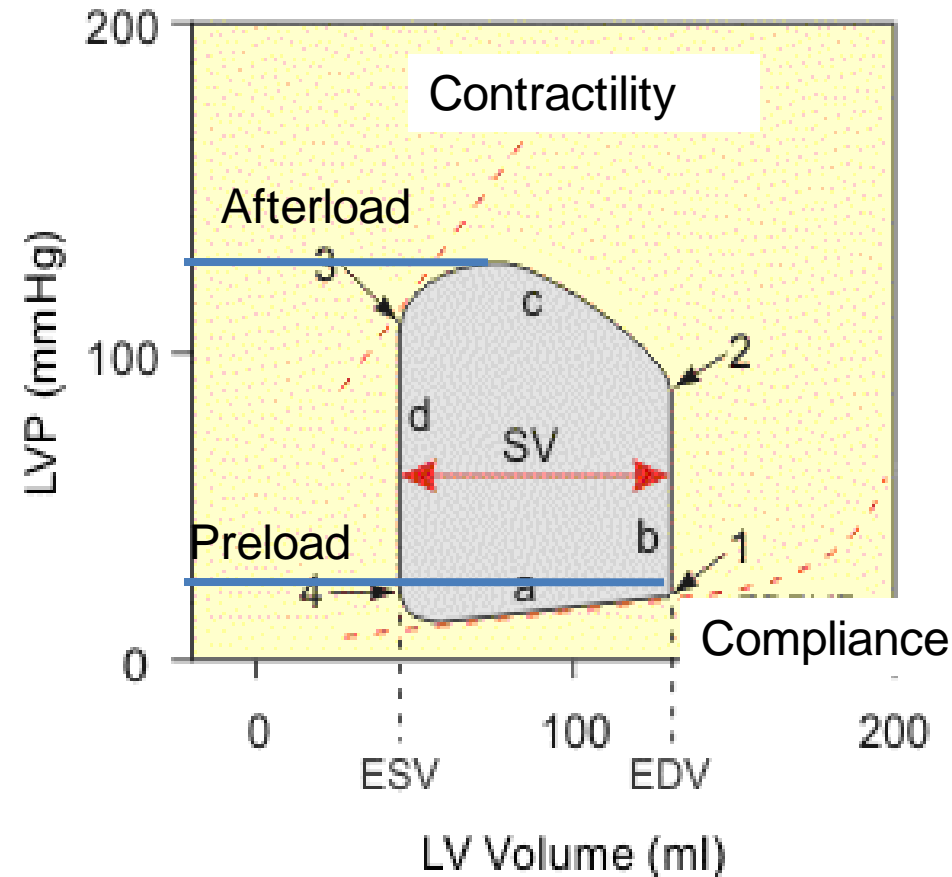
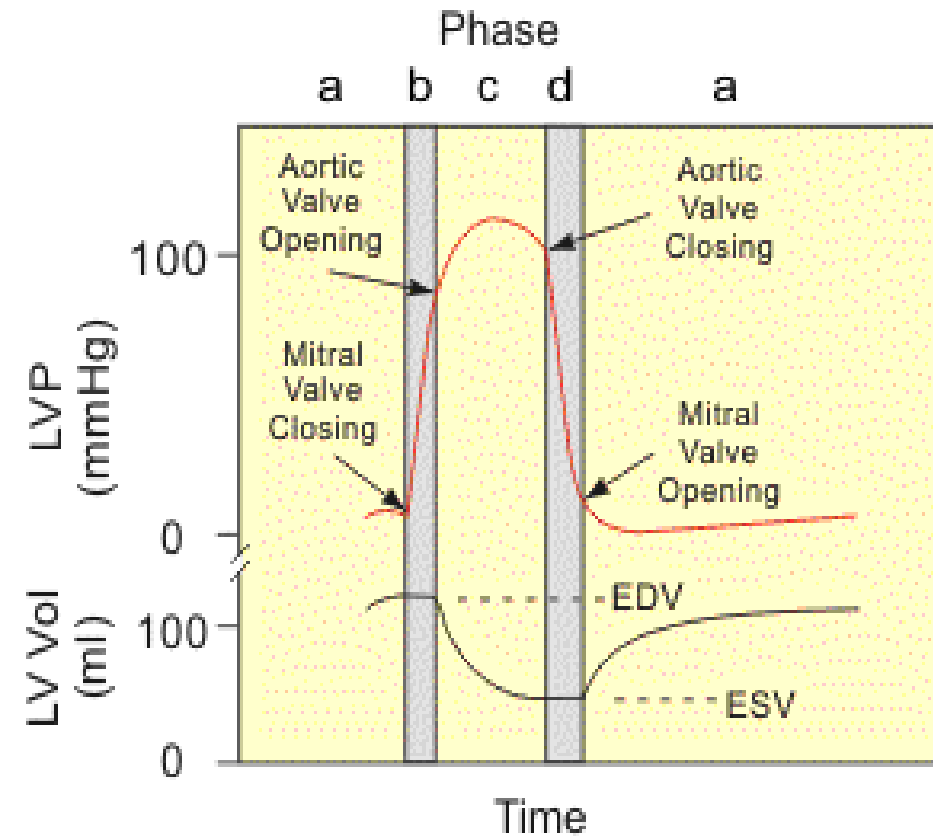


# Cardiac Remodeling in MVI



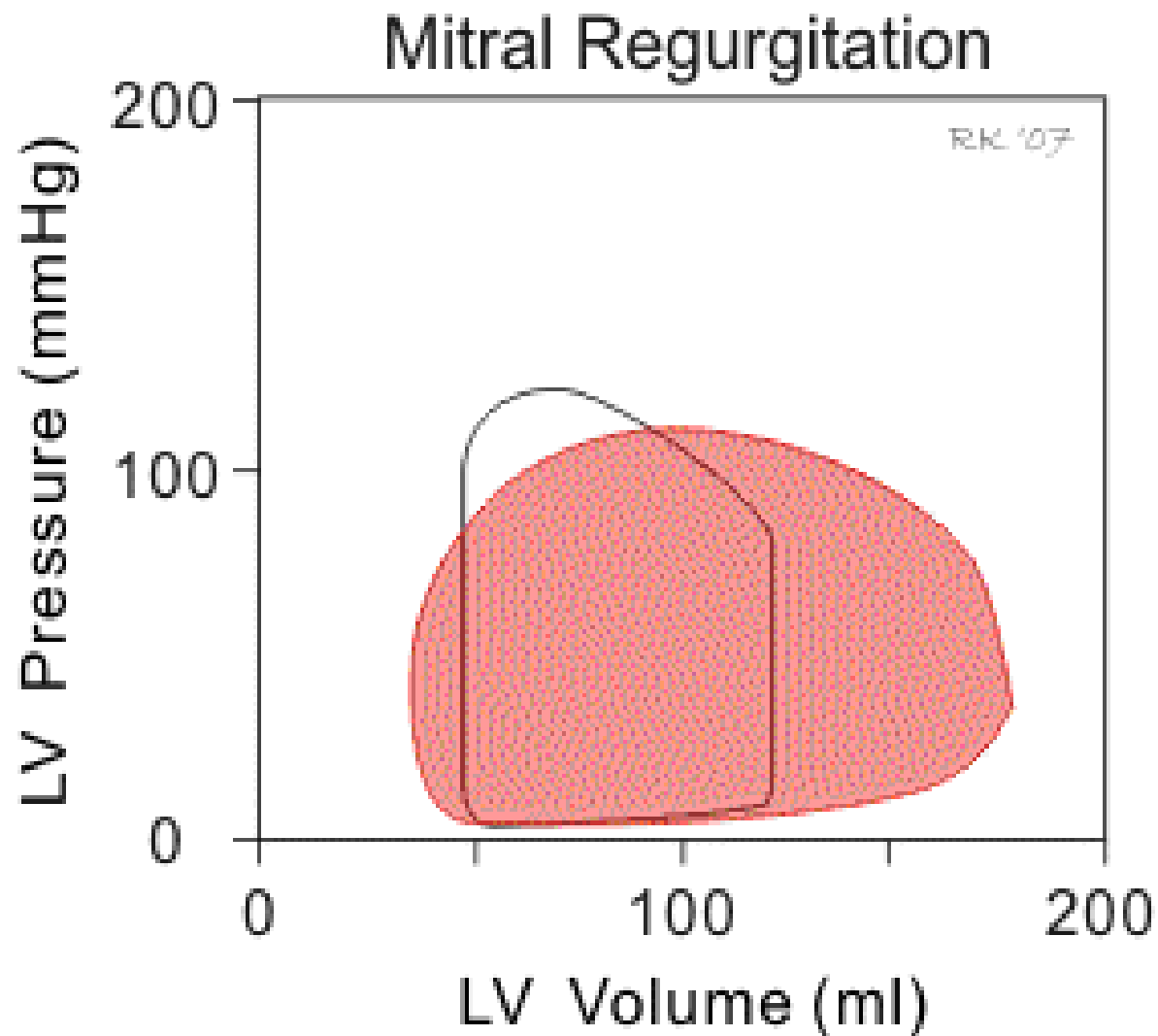
Compensatory volume overload (concentric) hypertrophy in LV and pressure overload (eccentric) hypertrophy in LA

# Normal Cardiac Physiology

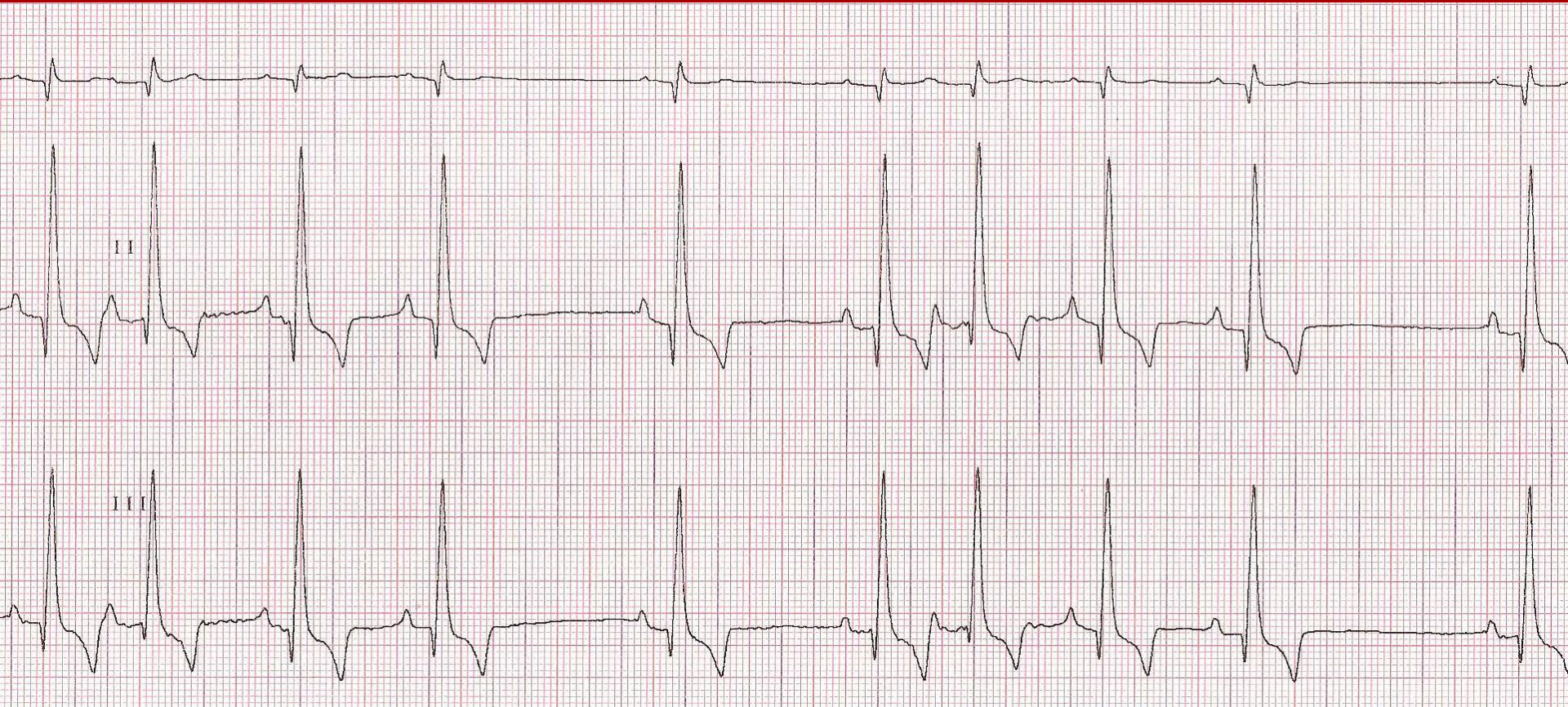




# Uncompensated MVI



# ECG Findings in MVI



LA enlargement: wide p wave

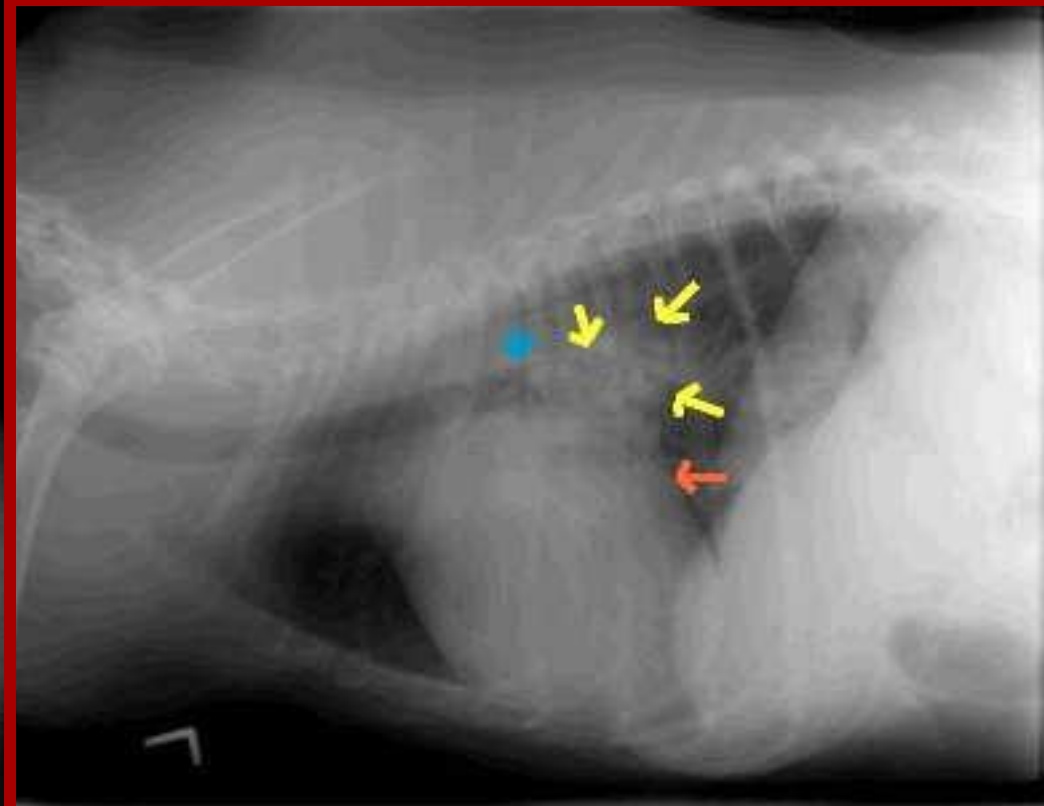
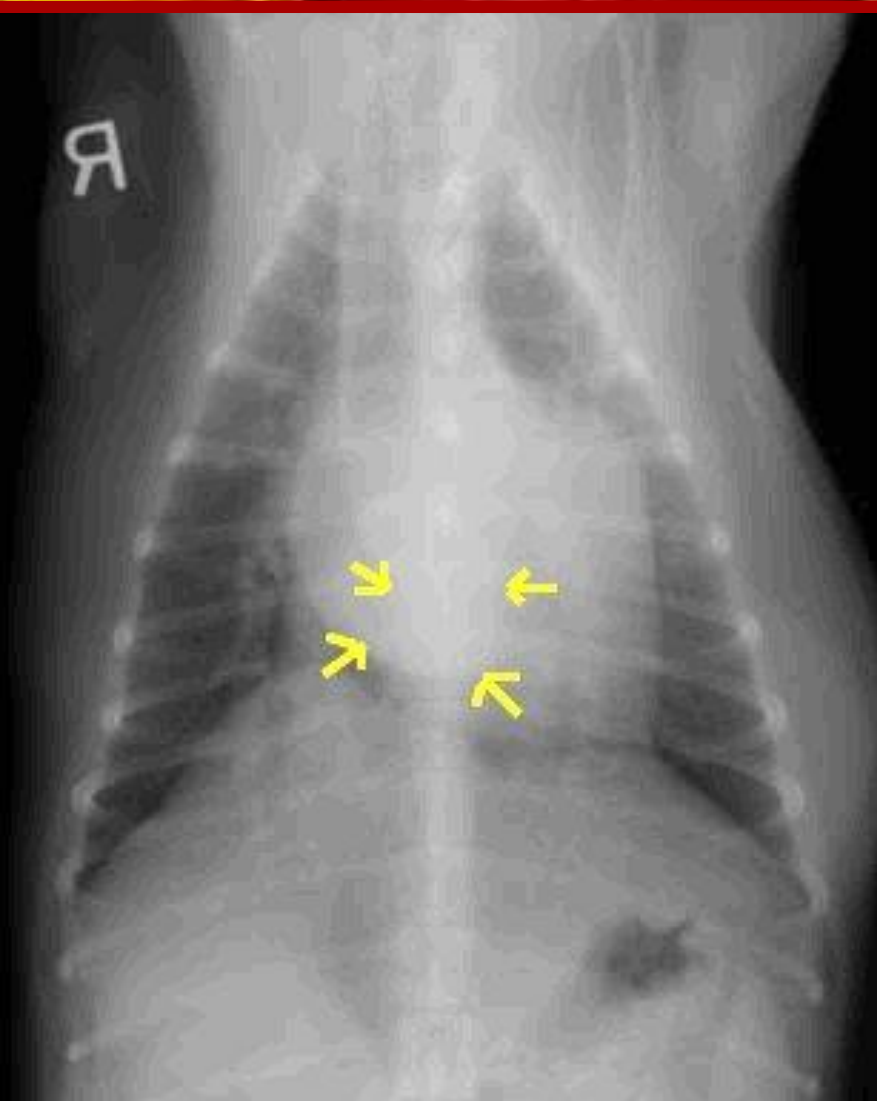
LV enlargement: tall R, wide QRS, left axis shift

# Radiographic Findings



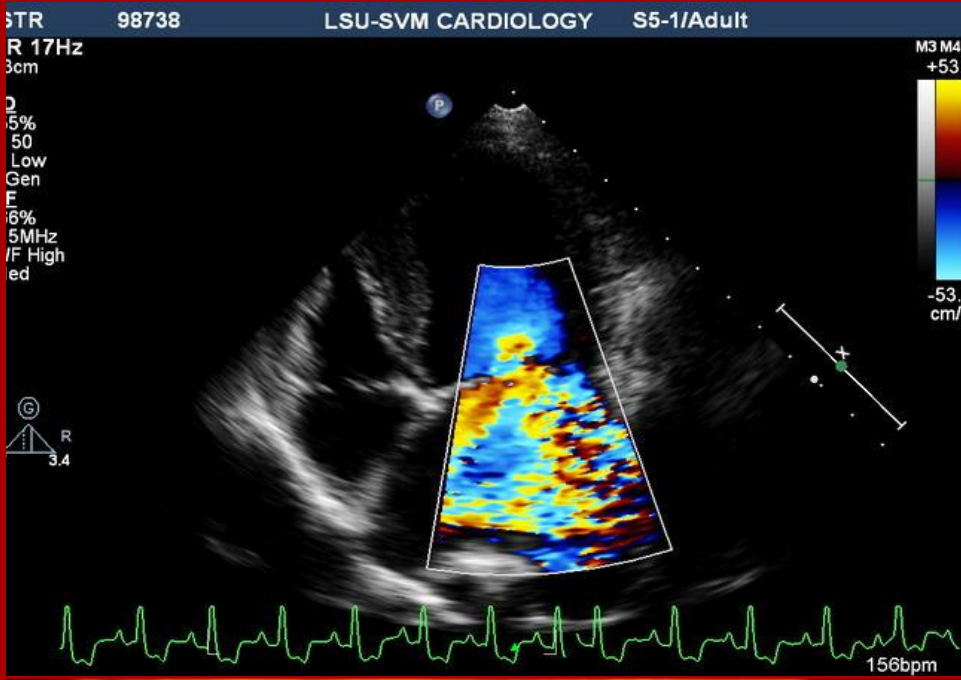
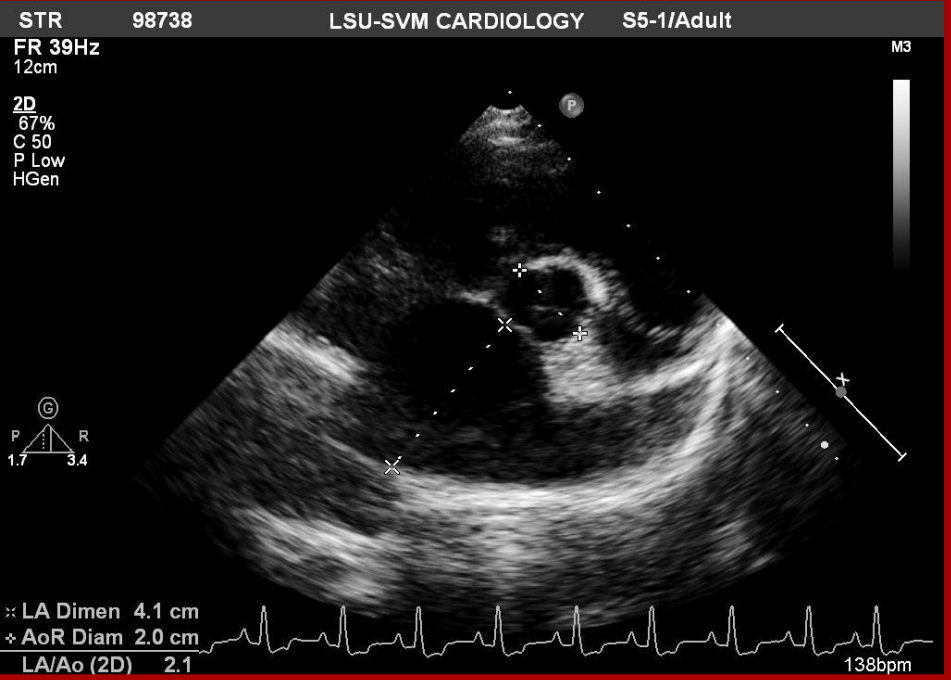
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# Radiographic Findings



Annex 03

# Echocardiographic Findings of MVI



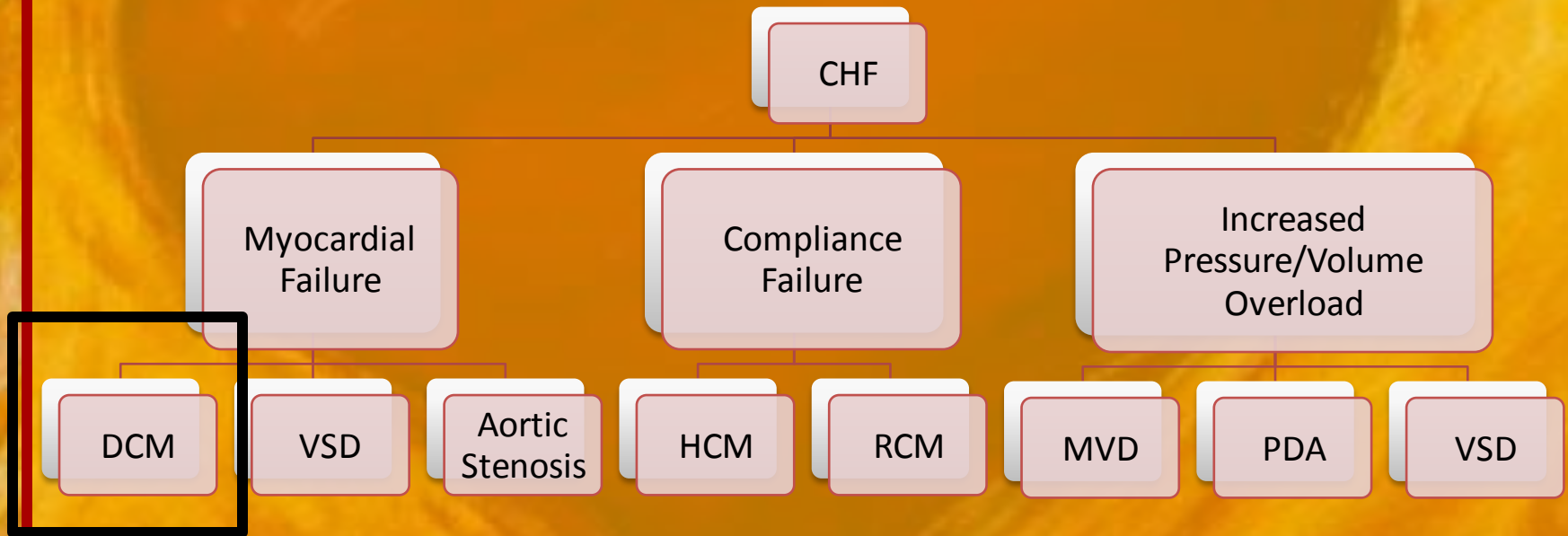
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# MVI CHF Treatment

- Furosemide, O<sub>2</sub> therapy
- ACE inhibitor
- +/- Pimobendan
- Manage arrhythmias



# Congestive Heart Failure



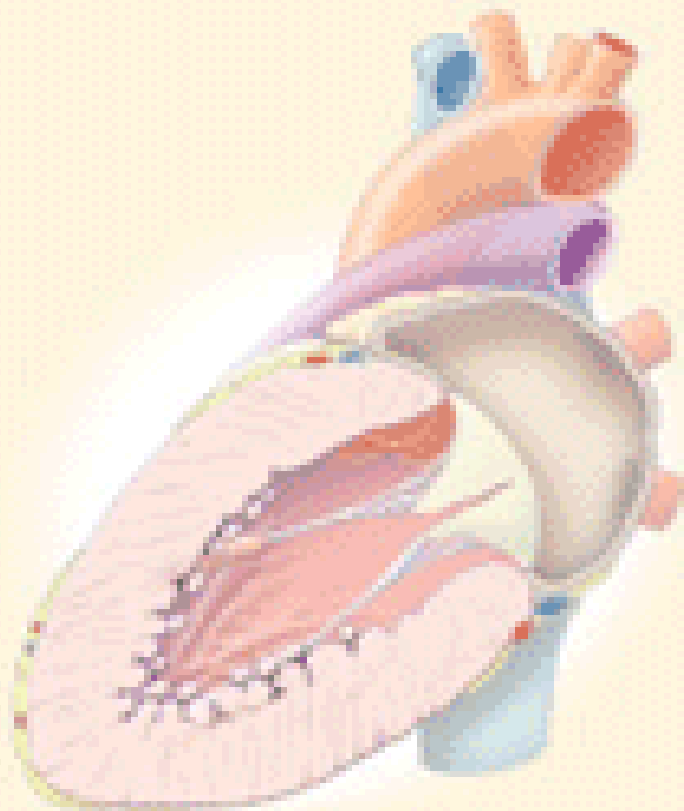
# Dilated Cardiomyopathy

- Primary myocardial disorder
- Reduced contractility and ventricular dilation
- Genetic factors, tachycardia, taurine/carnitine deficiency, toxins, immunologic, viral
- Purebreds > Mixed
  - Dobies, Boxers, PWD
  - ACSp, GRet, Labs, IWH, SB
- Males > females
- Adults
  - PWD: young

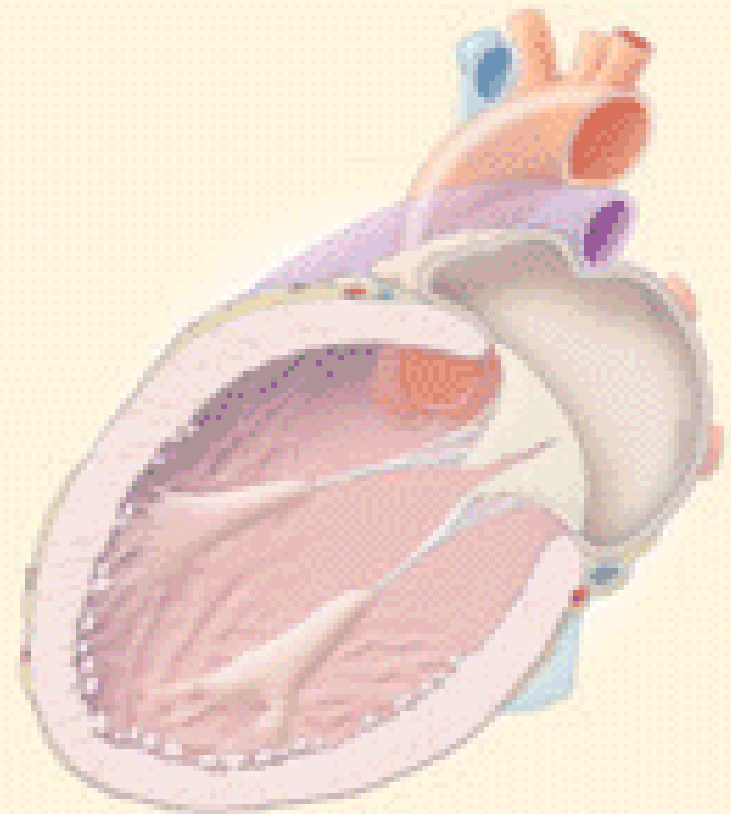




# Cardiac Remodeling

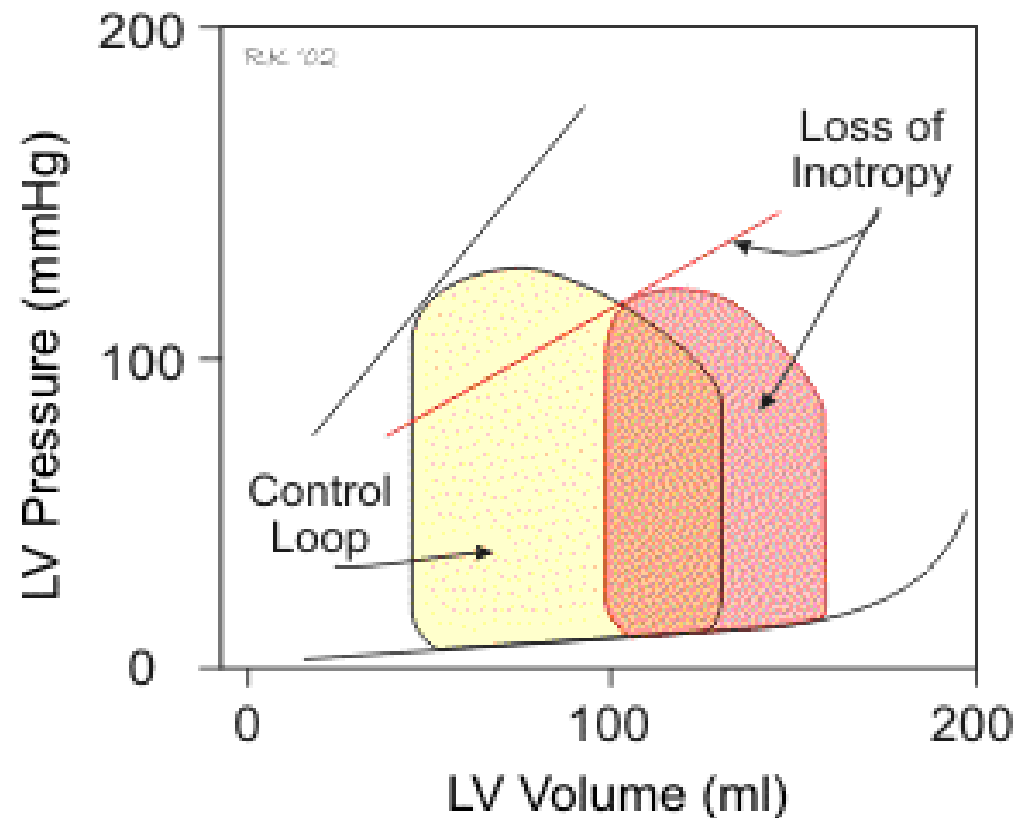
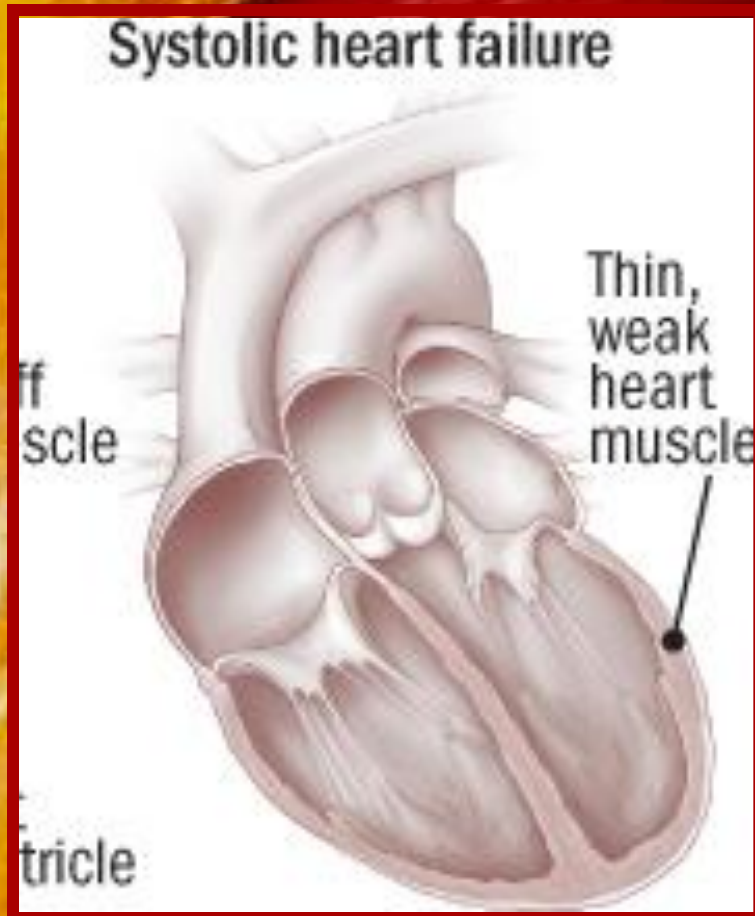


Normal heart

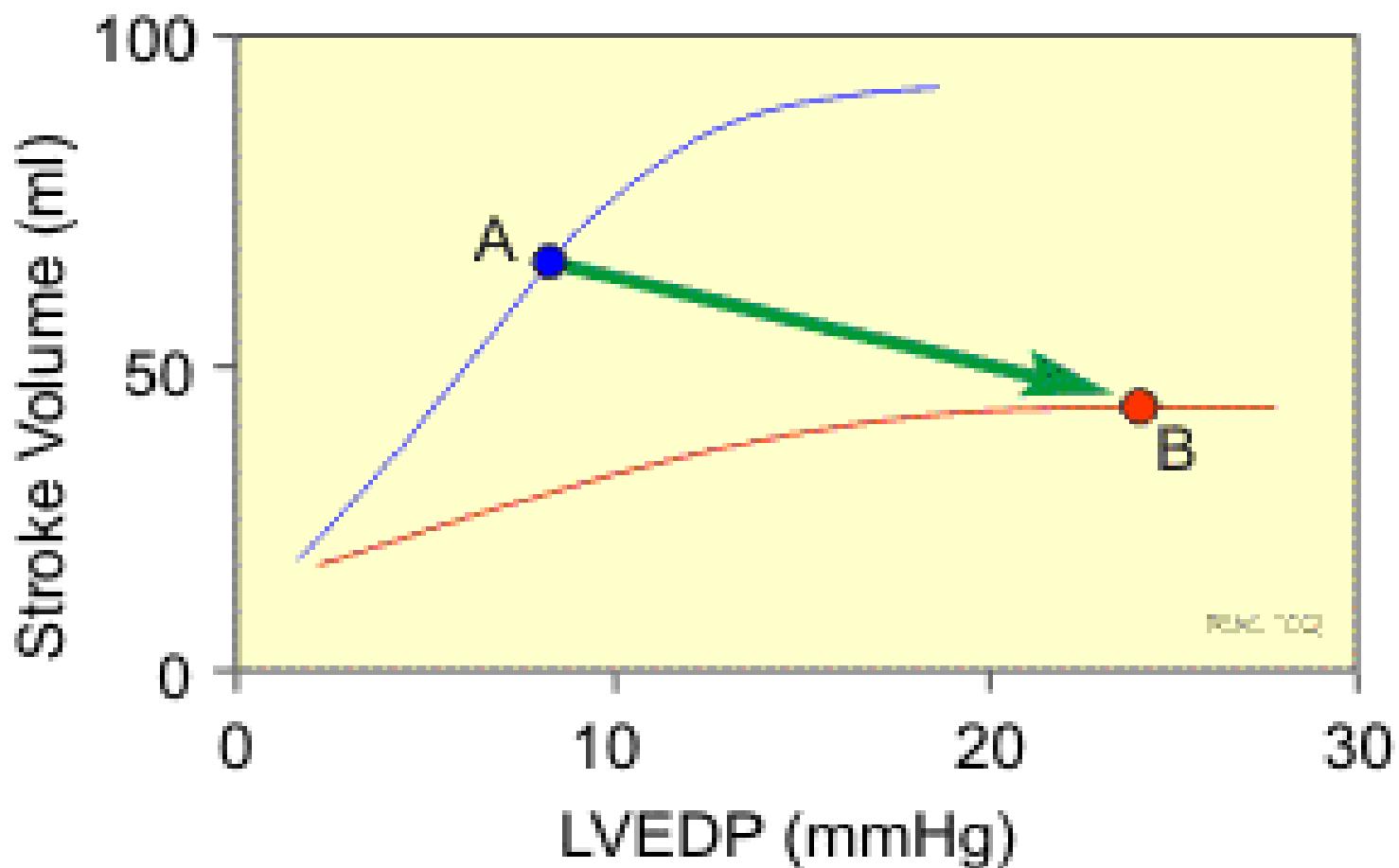


Dilated heart  
(systolic heart failure)

# Dilated Cardiomyopathy

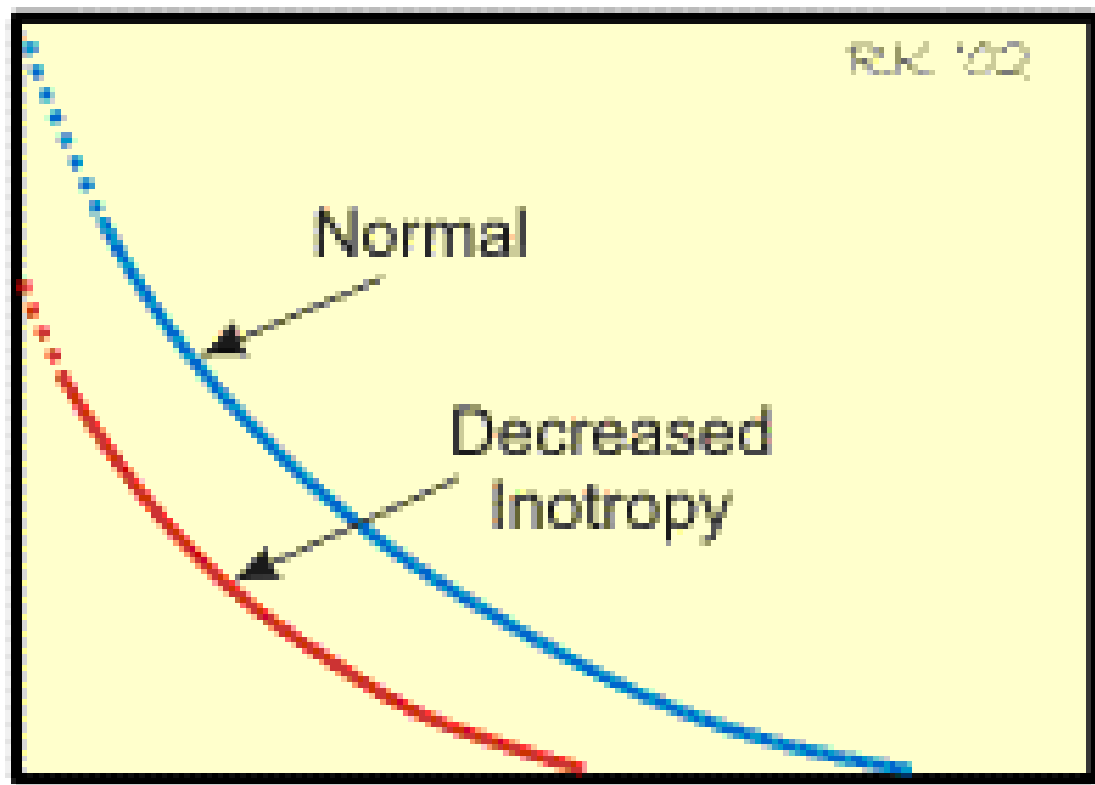


**Figure 2.** Effects of acute left ventricular failure (loss of inotropy) on left ventricular pressure-volume loop. Heart rate unchanged.



**Figure 1.** The Frank-Starling relationship showing the effects of heart failure (ventricular systolic dysfunction, loss of inotropy) on stroke volume and ventricular preload (left ventricular end-diastolic pressure, LVEDP). Point A, control point; point B, ventricular failure.

Muscle  
Fiber  
Shortening  
Velocity

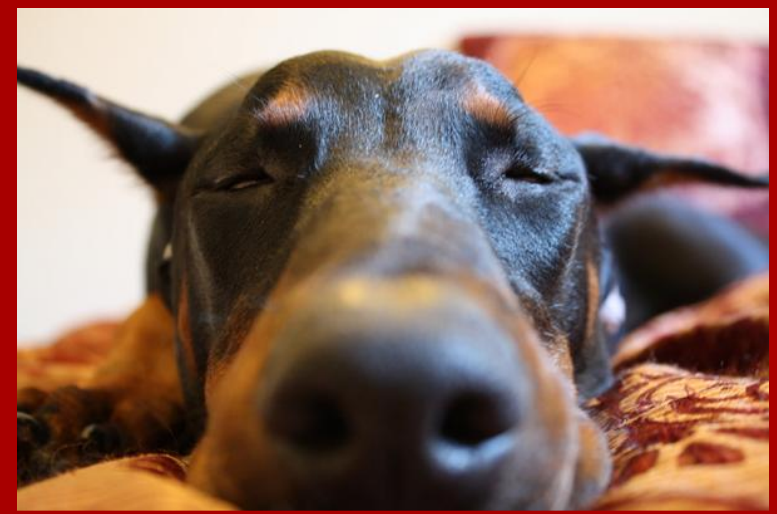


Afterload (Force)

**Figure 3.** Effects of ventricular failure (decreased inotropy) on the force-velocity relationship. Decreased inotropy decreases velocity of fiber shortening at any given afterload.

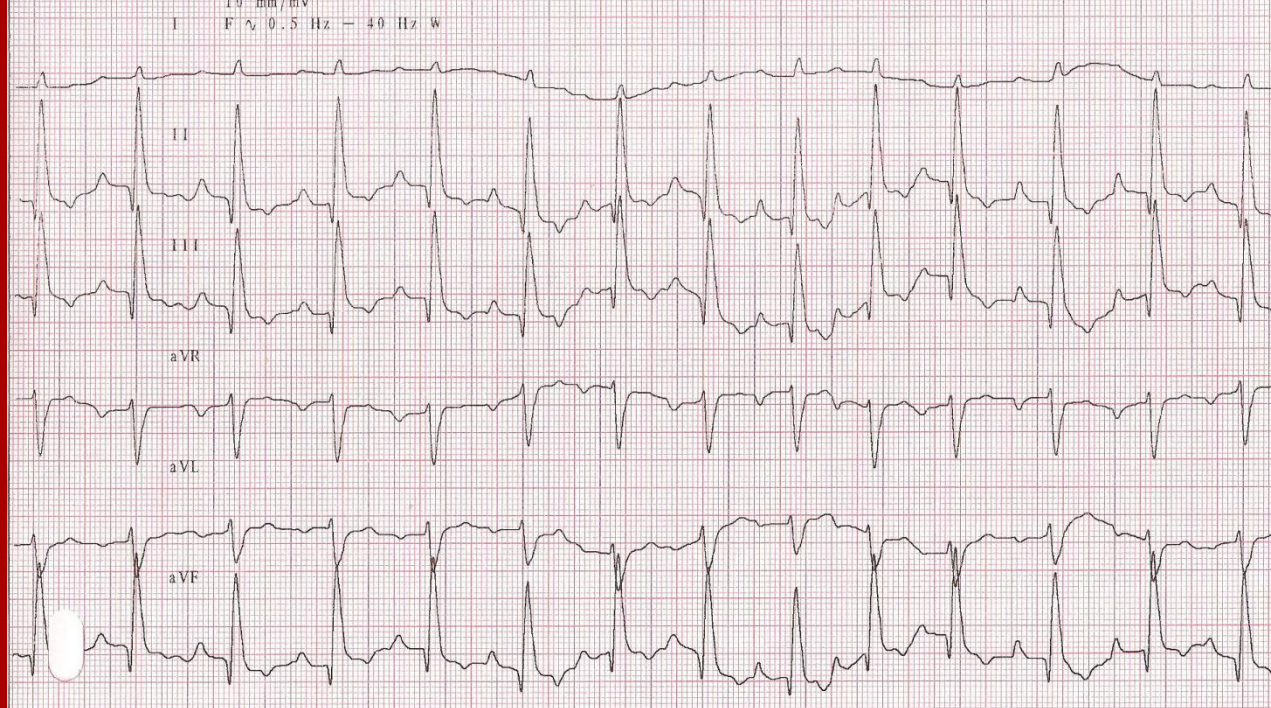
# Clinical Signs

- Cachexia, weakness, lethargy, dyspnea
- Sinus tach, A-fib, VPC's
- +/- gallop rhythm
- Murmurs (MVI, TVI)
- +/- jugular distension
- +/- abdominal fluid wave

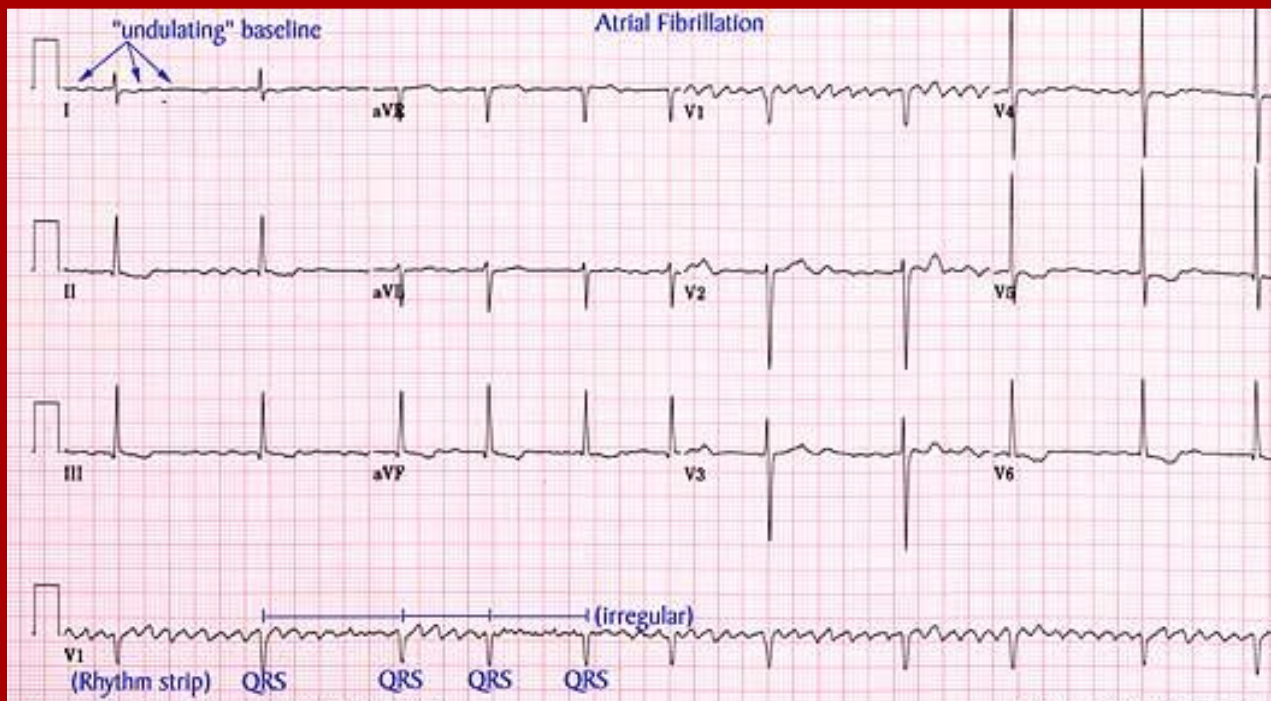


# ECG Findings

SVT with LBBB

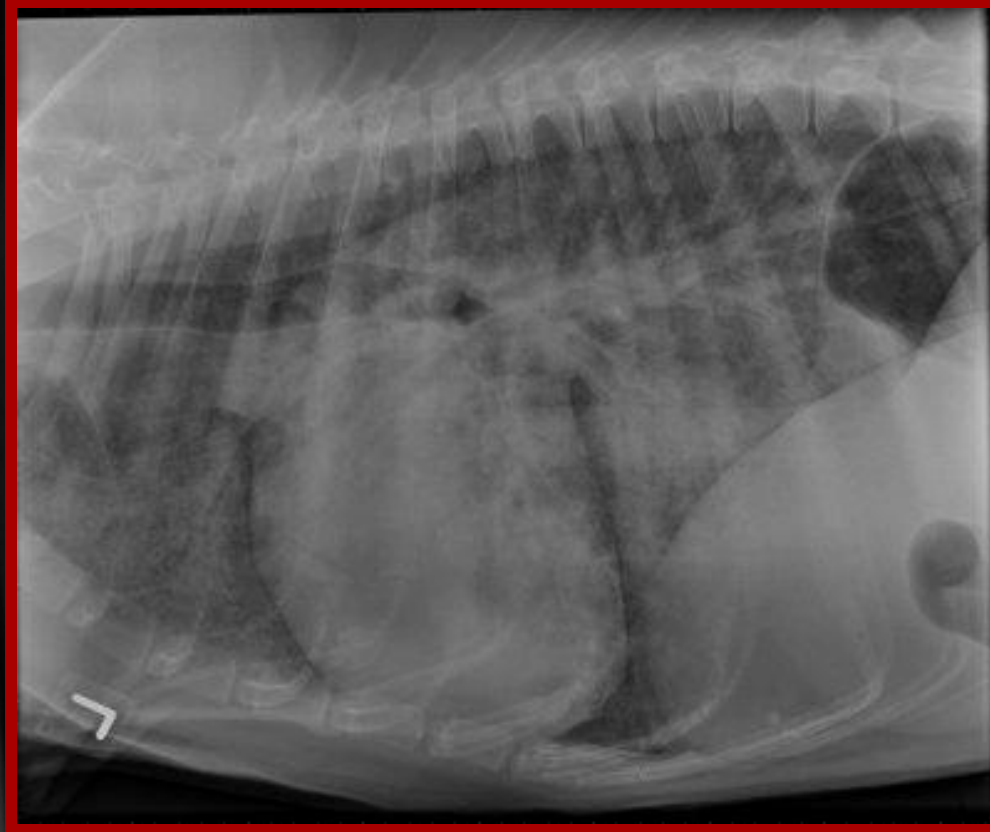


A-fib



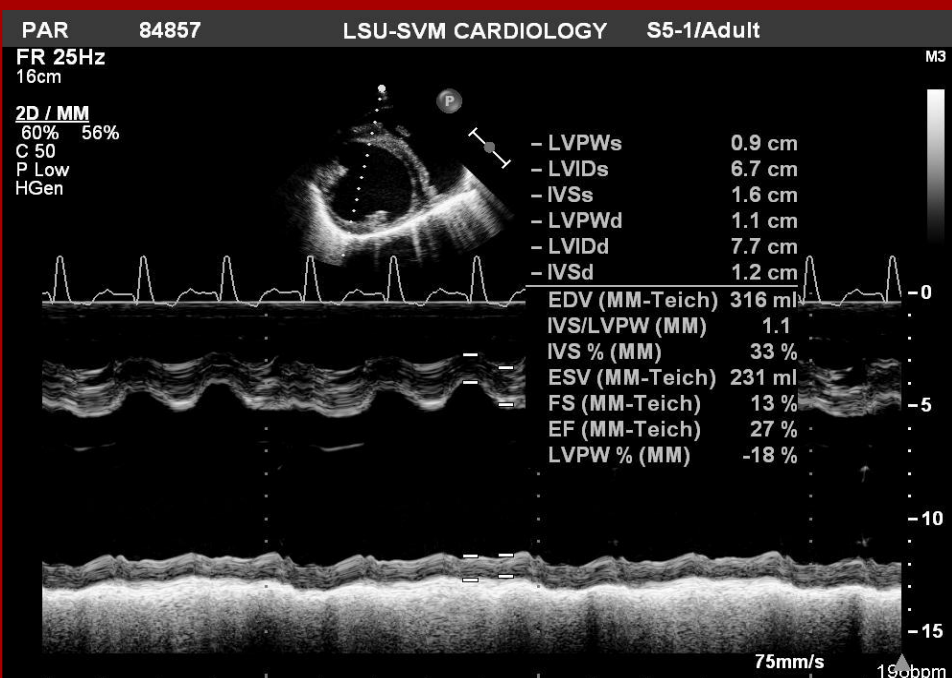
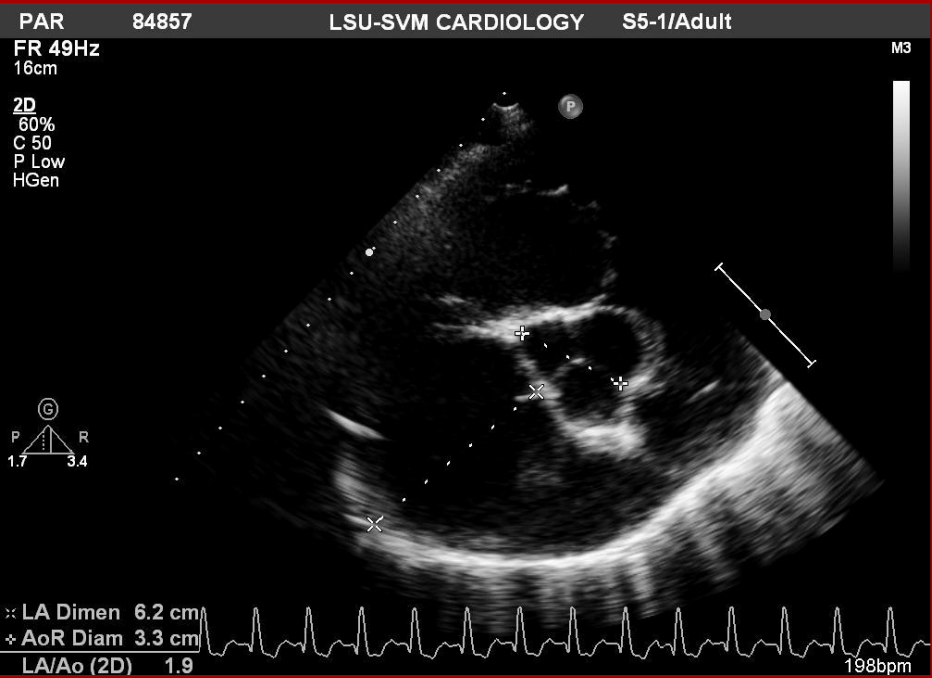


# Radiographic Findings



+/- pleural effusion

# Echocardiographic Findings

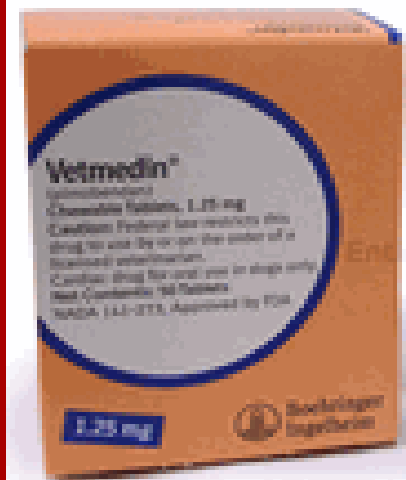


Echo: gold standard for dx (decreased FS)  
Normal FS: 15-25%

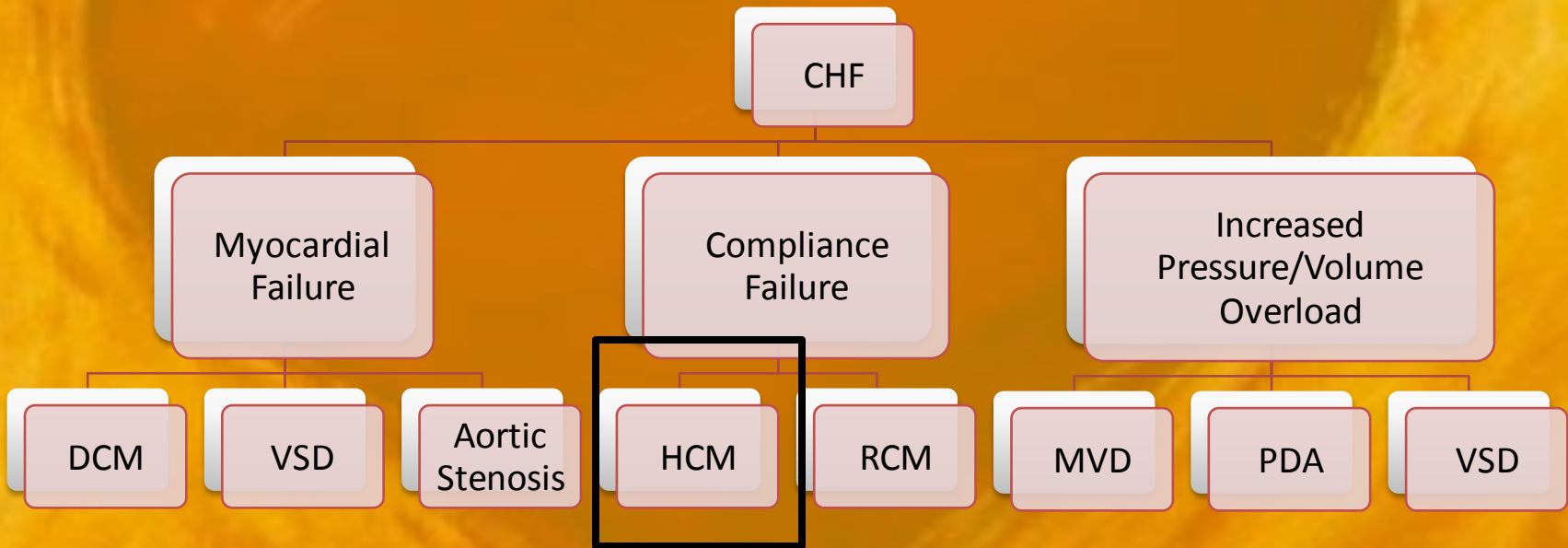


# DCM CHF Treatment

- Furosemide, O<sub>2</sub> therapy
- ACE inhibitor
- Positive inotrope
  - Dobutamine Vs Pimo
- Preload reduction
  - NG ointment, SNP
- Manage arrhythmias
  - Atrial: diltiazem,  $\beta$  blockade, digoxin
  - Ventricular: lidocaine, procainamide, mexilitine



# Congestive Heart Failure: Etiology

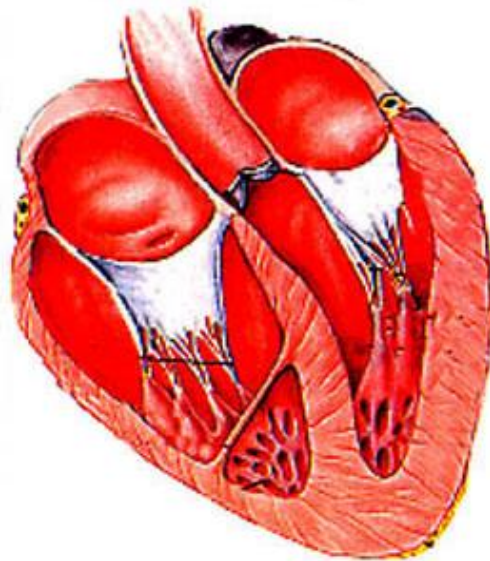


# Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

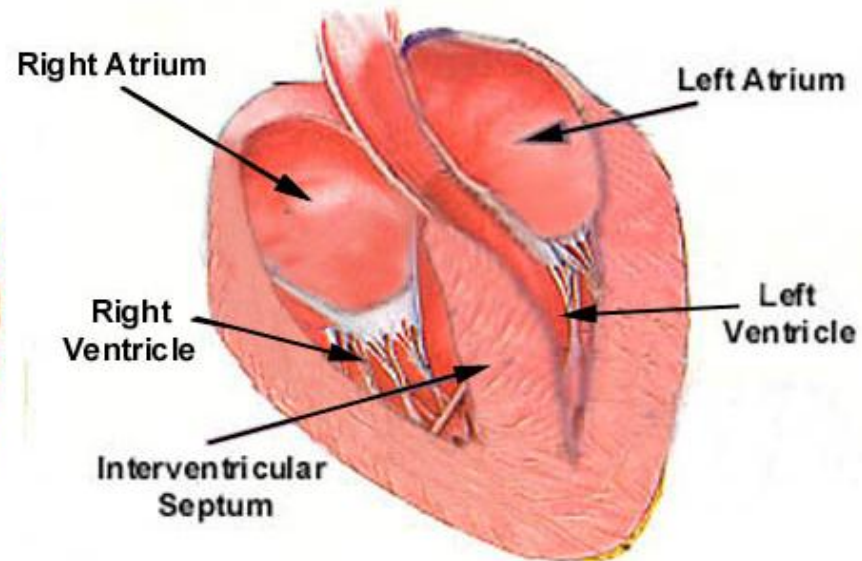
- Most common feline CV disease
- Idiopathic
  - Familial in Maine Coon cats
- Hypertension and hyperthyroidism need to be ruled out
- Middle aged males
- Hx: lethargy, inappetence, weight loss, hiding, syncope, respiratory distress, +/- posterior paralysis
  - Cough is rare
- CS: +/- murmur, gallop or arrhythmia,
- Sudden death!



# Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy



Normal Heart

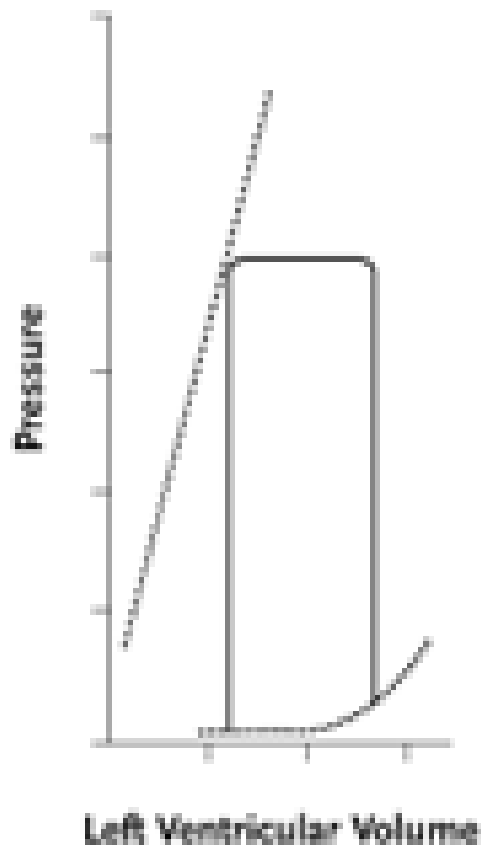


Hypertrophied Heart

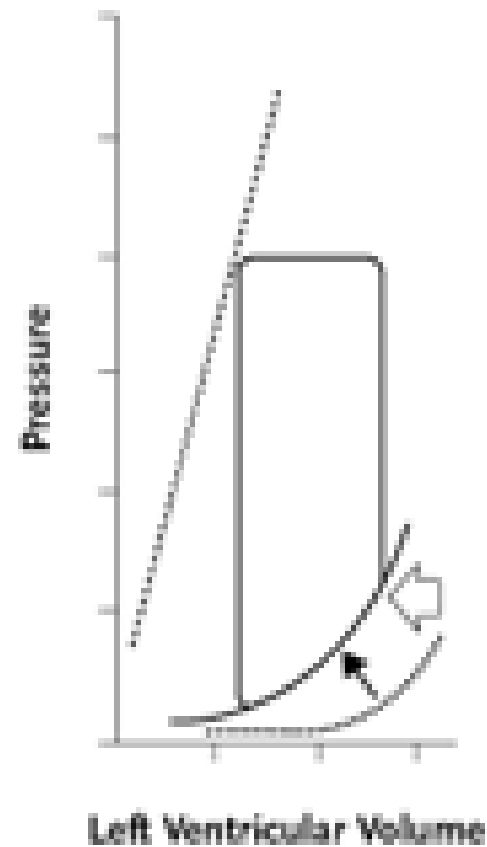
- Increased cardiac mass with hypertrophied, non-dilated LV
- +/- dynamic obstruction of LVOFT
- SAM may be present

# Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

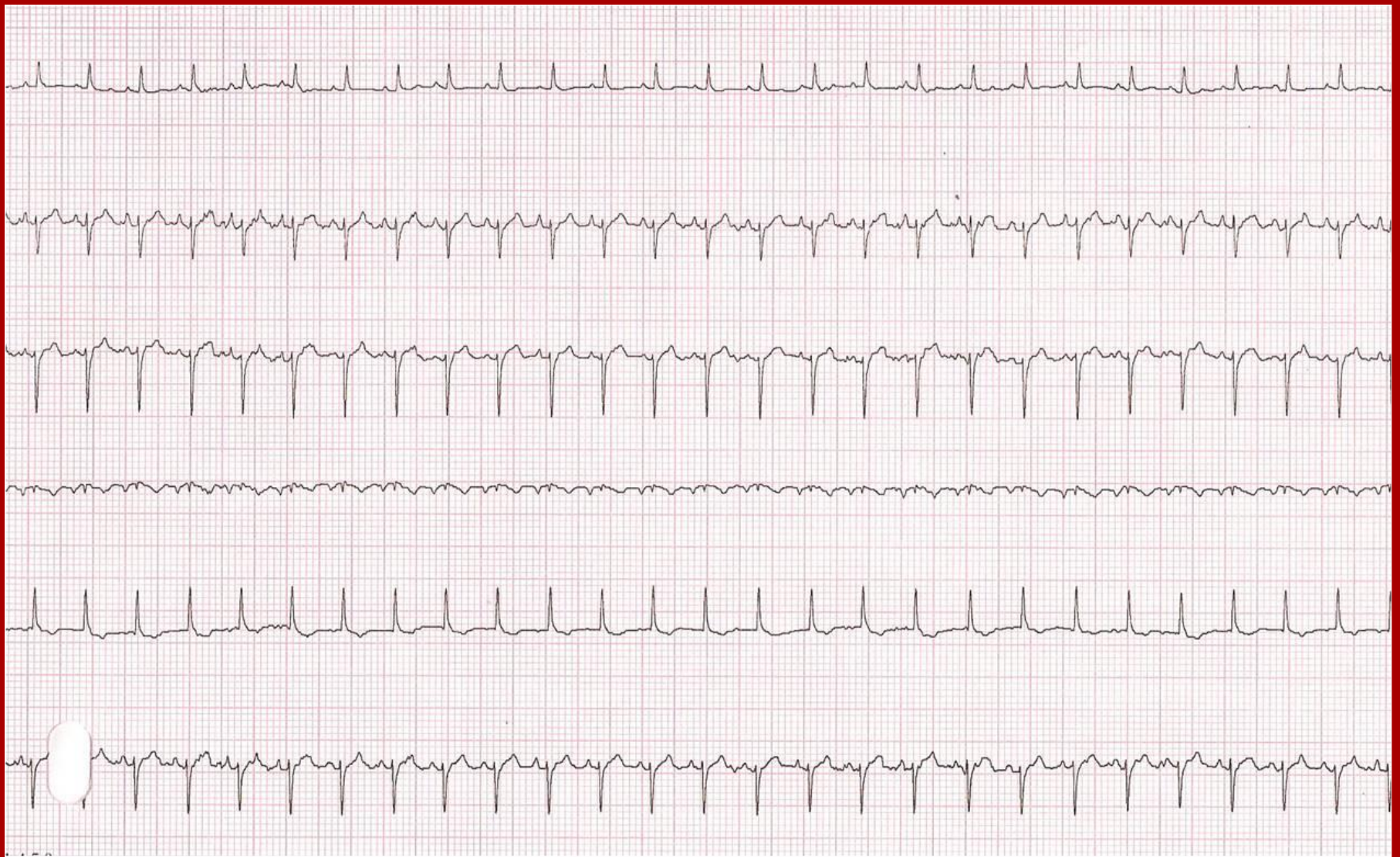
**B Normal**



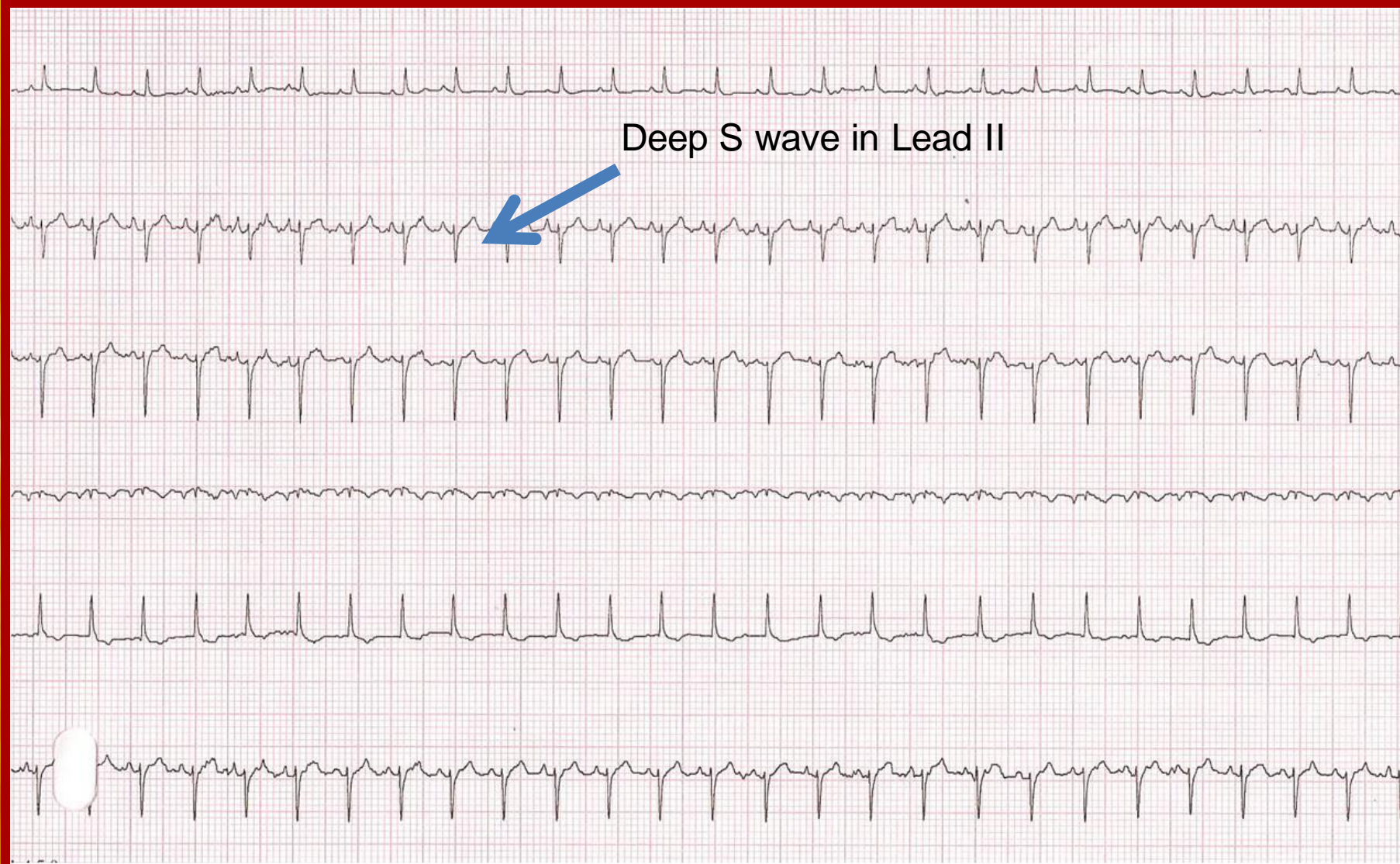
**C Diastolic Dysfunction**



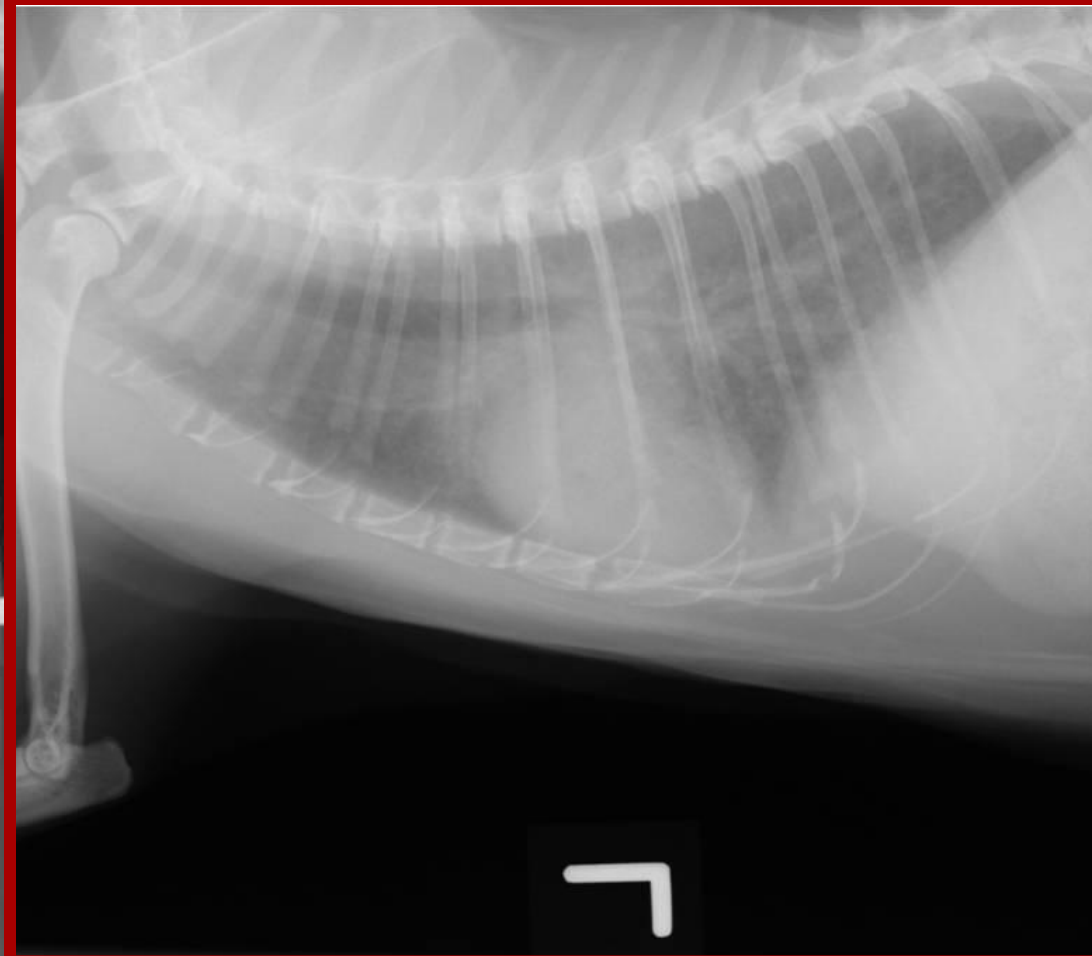
# ECG Findings in HCM



# ECG Findings in HCM



# Radiographic Findings of HCM



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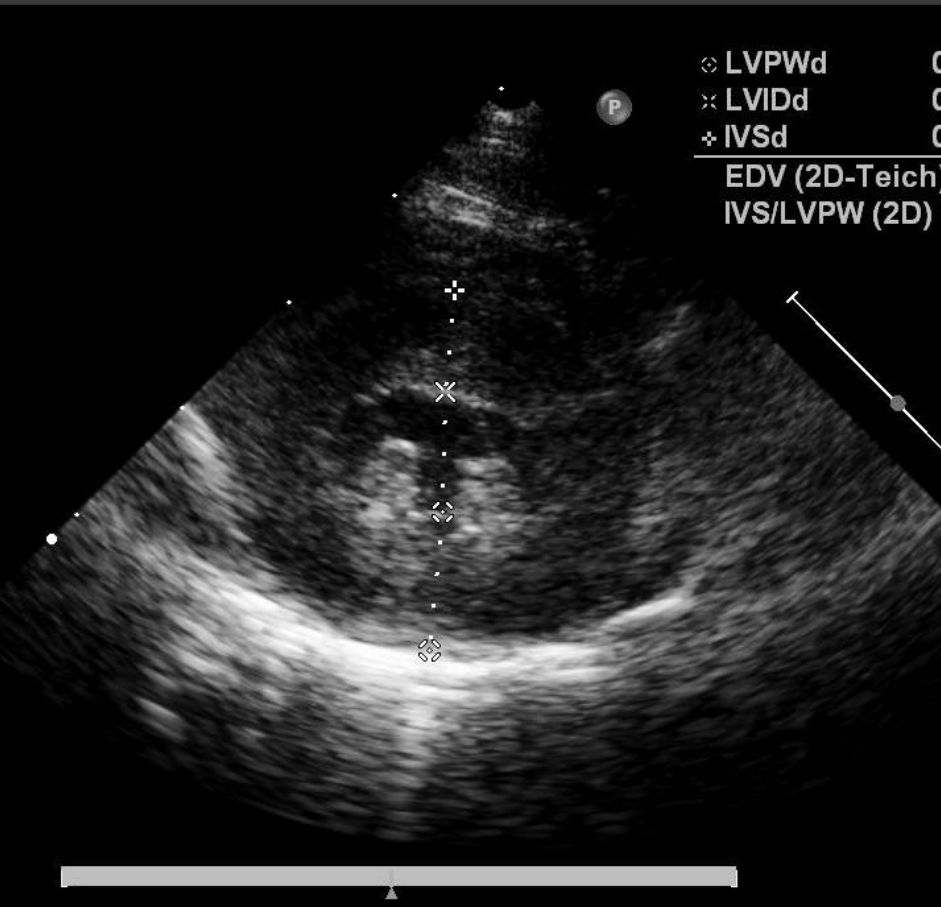


# Echocardiographic Findings of HCM

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S12-4/SMDOG

◇ LVPWd 0.9 cm  
× LVIDd 0.8 cm  
+ IVSd 0.7 cm  
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EDV (2D-Teich) 100 ml  
IVS/LVPW (2D) 0.77



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LSU-SVM CARDIOLOGY

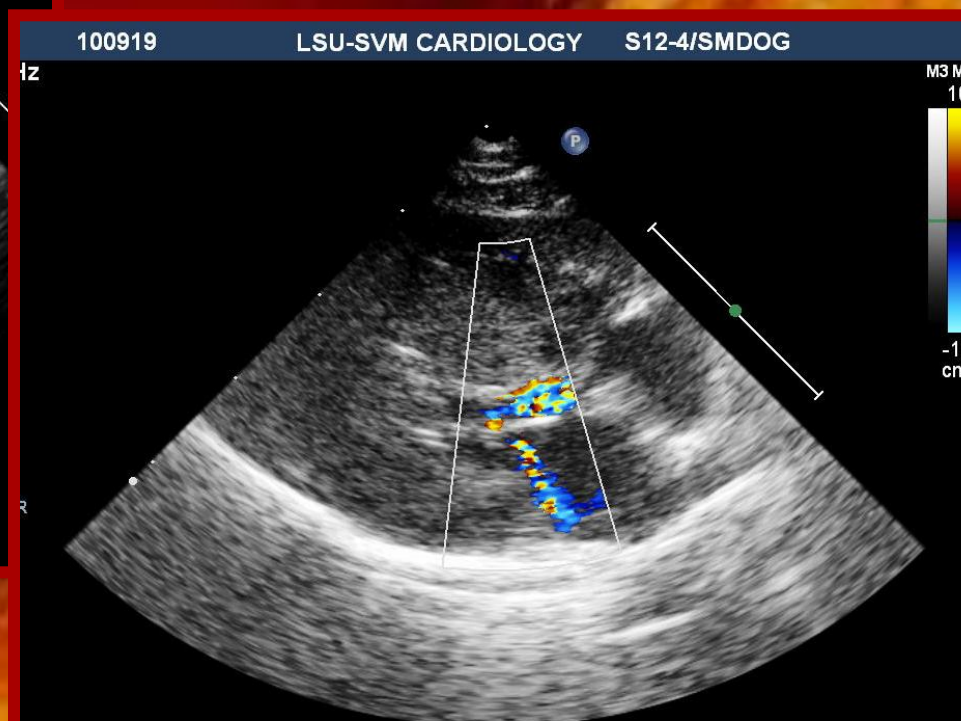
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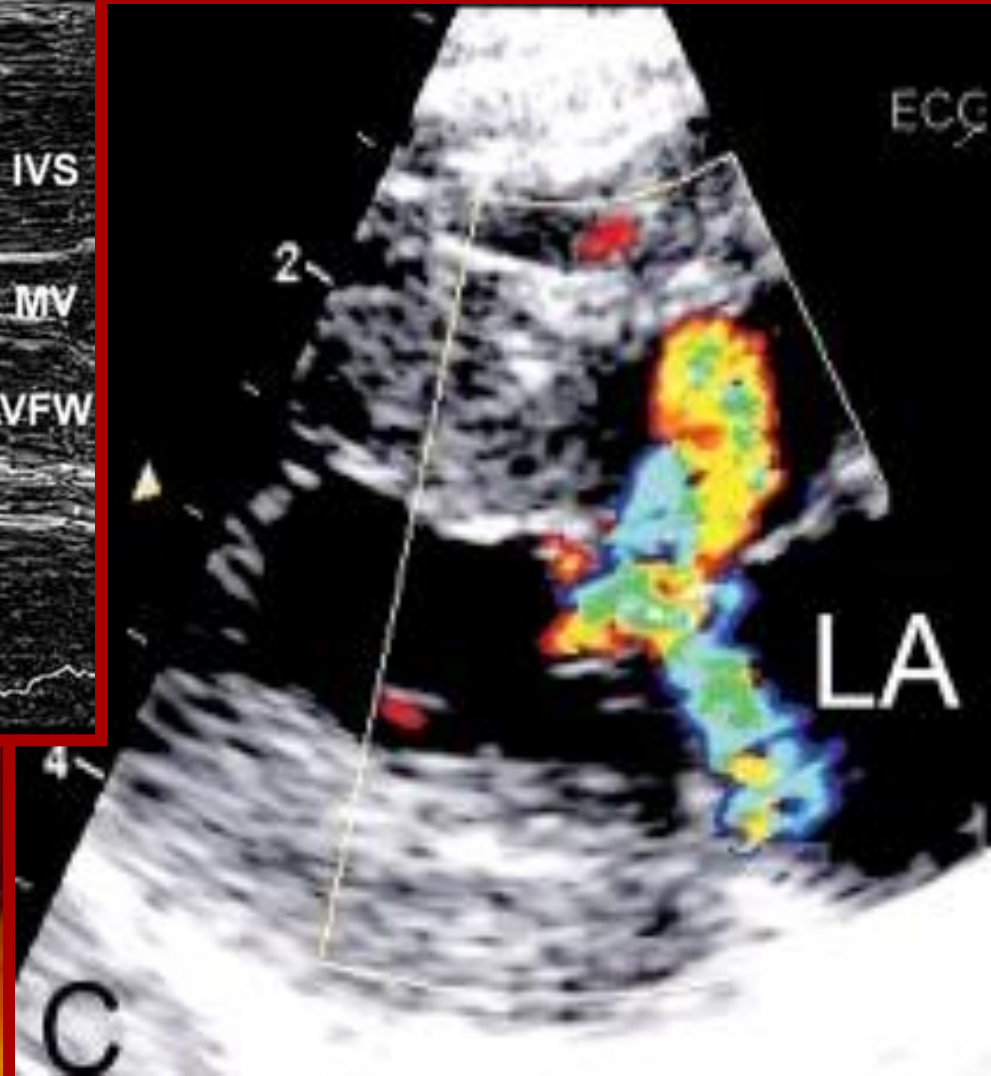
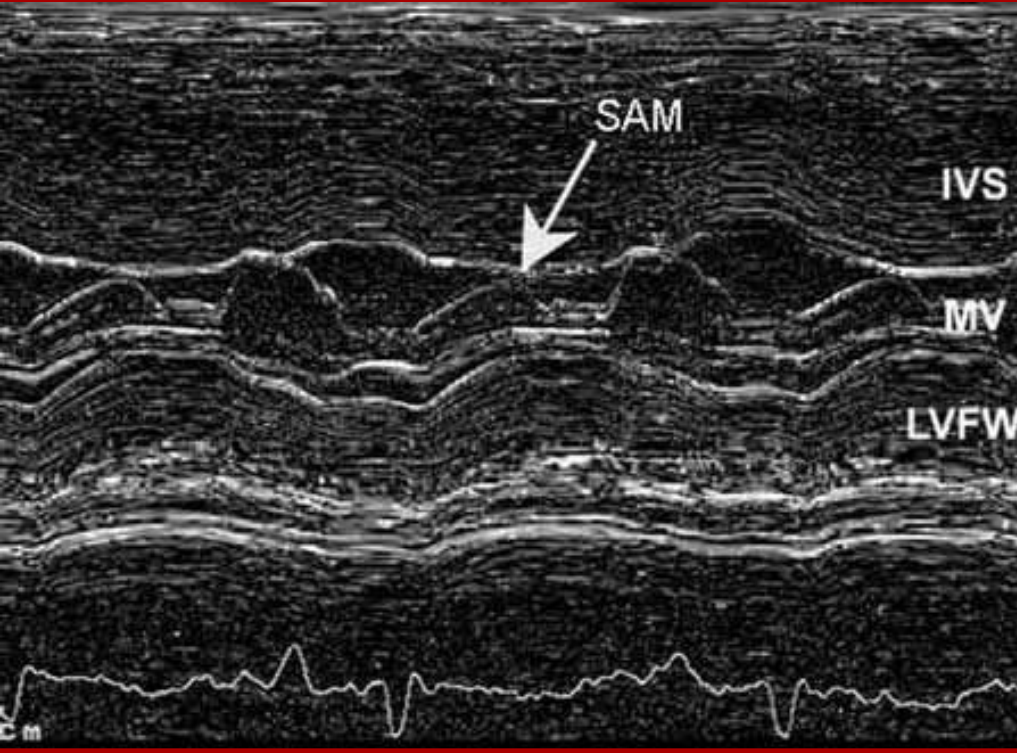
M3 M4

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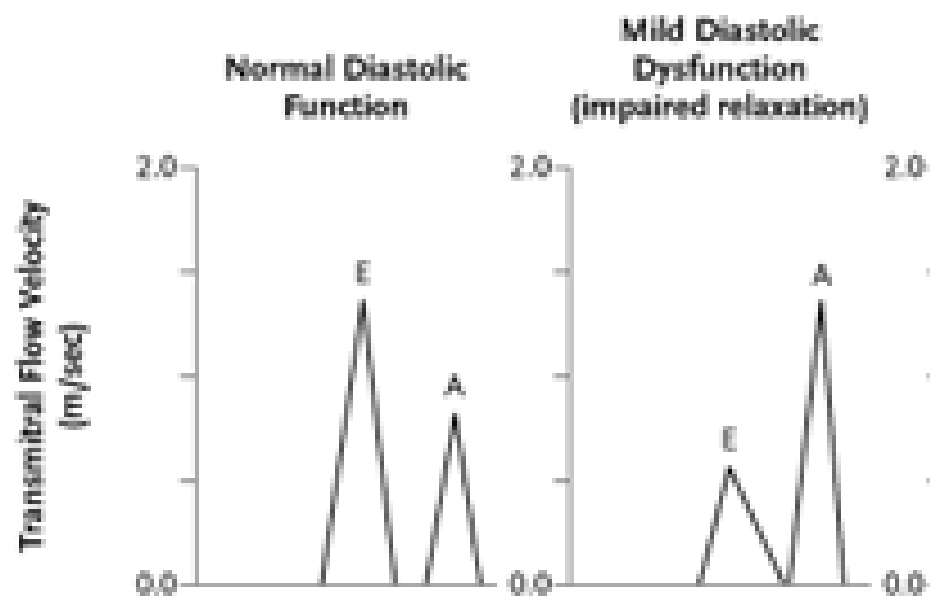
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cm/s



# Echocardiographic Findings of HCM

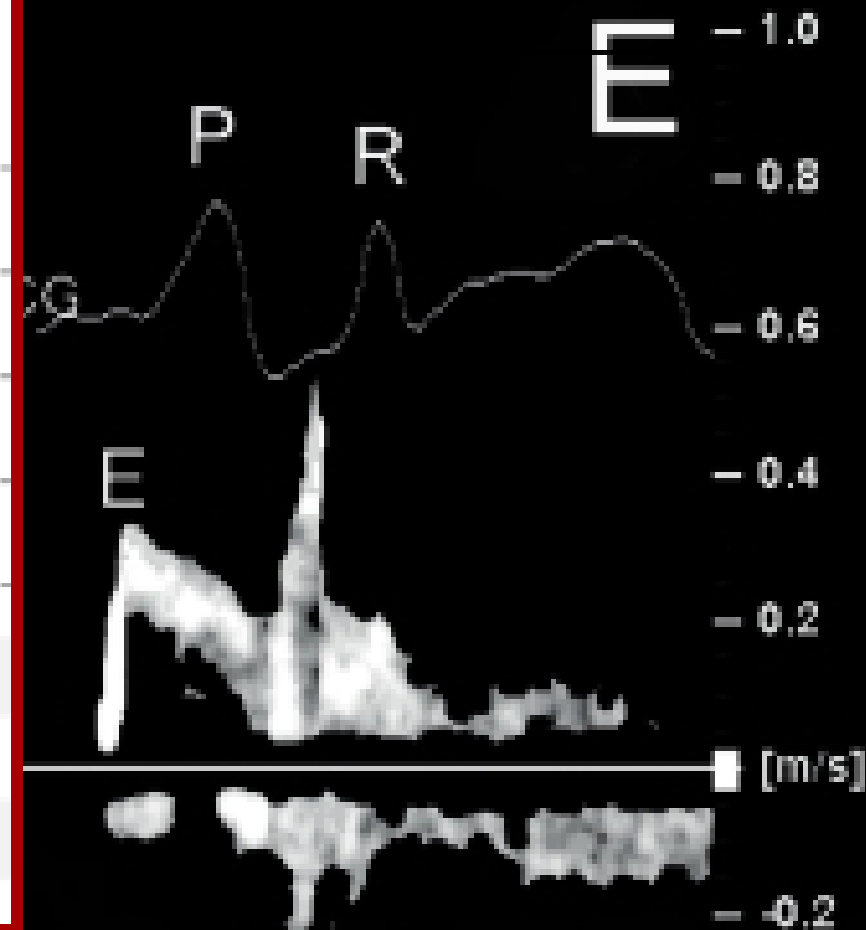


# E to A Reversal with HCM



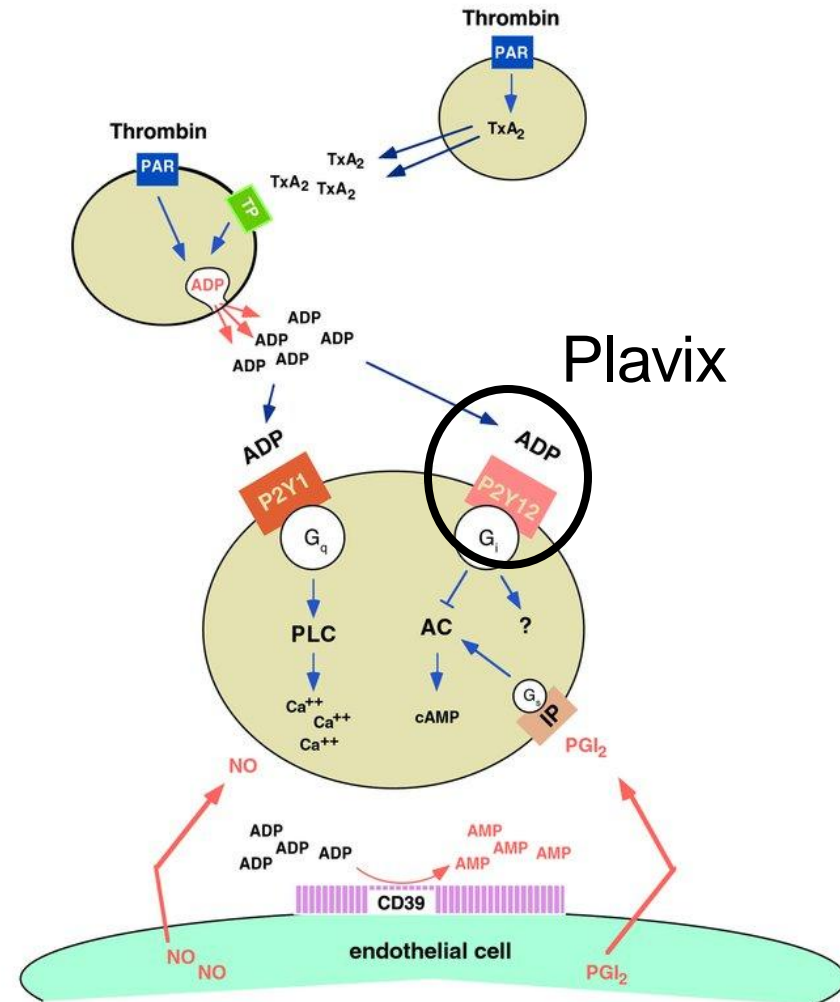
Left Ventricular Relaxation  
Left Ventricular Compliance  
Atrial Pressure

Left Ventricular Relaxation	Normal	Impaired
Left Ventricular Compliance	Normal	Normal to ↓
Atrial Pressure	Normal	Normal to ↑



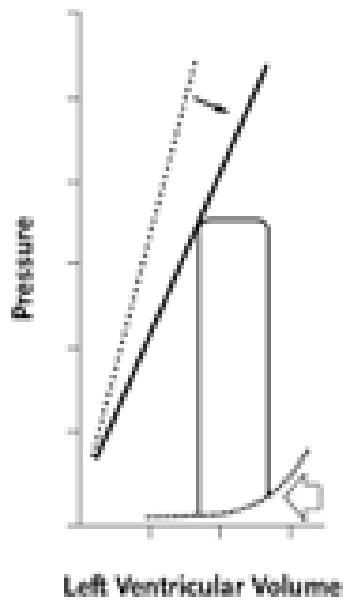
# HCM CHF Treatment

- Furosemide
- O<sub>2</sub> therapy
- +/- ACE inhibitor
- +/- Anti-thrombotics
  - Aspirin
  - Plavix
- Rate control

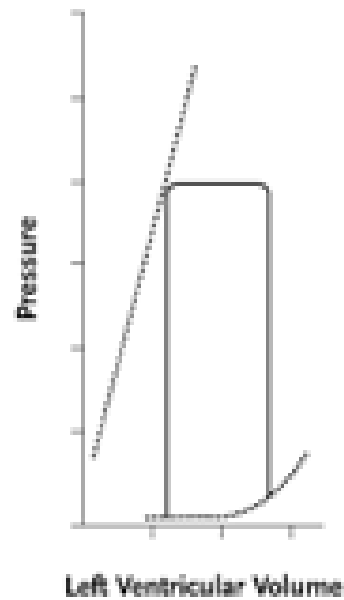


# Review

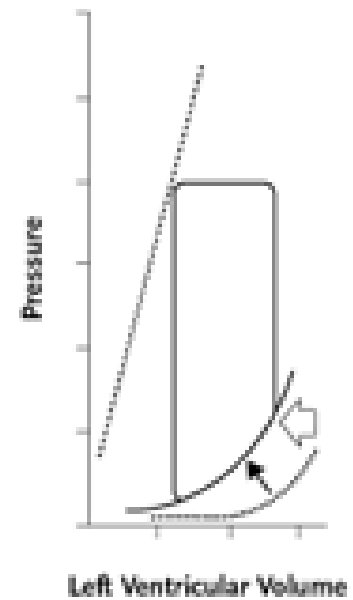
**A** Systolic Dysfunction



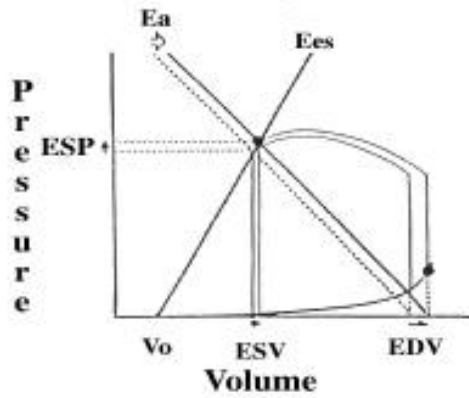
**B** Normal



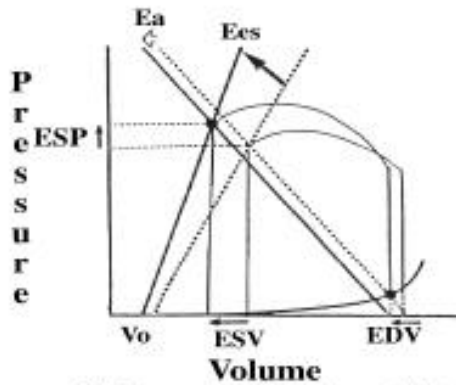
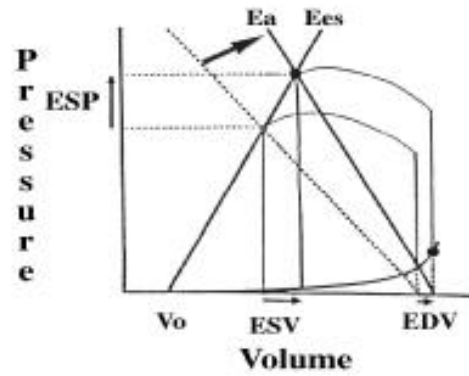
**C** Diastolic Dysfunction



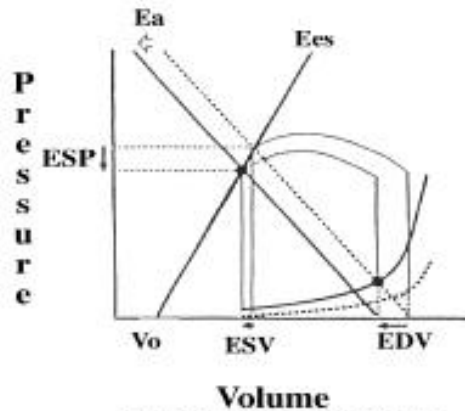
**A. Increased preload**



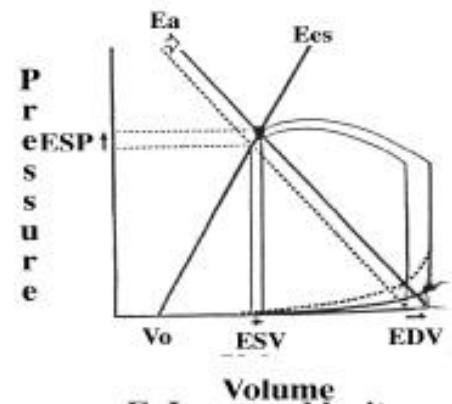
**B. Increased afterload**



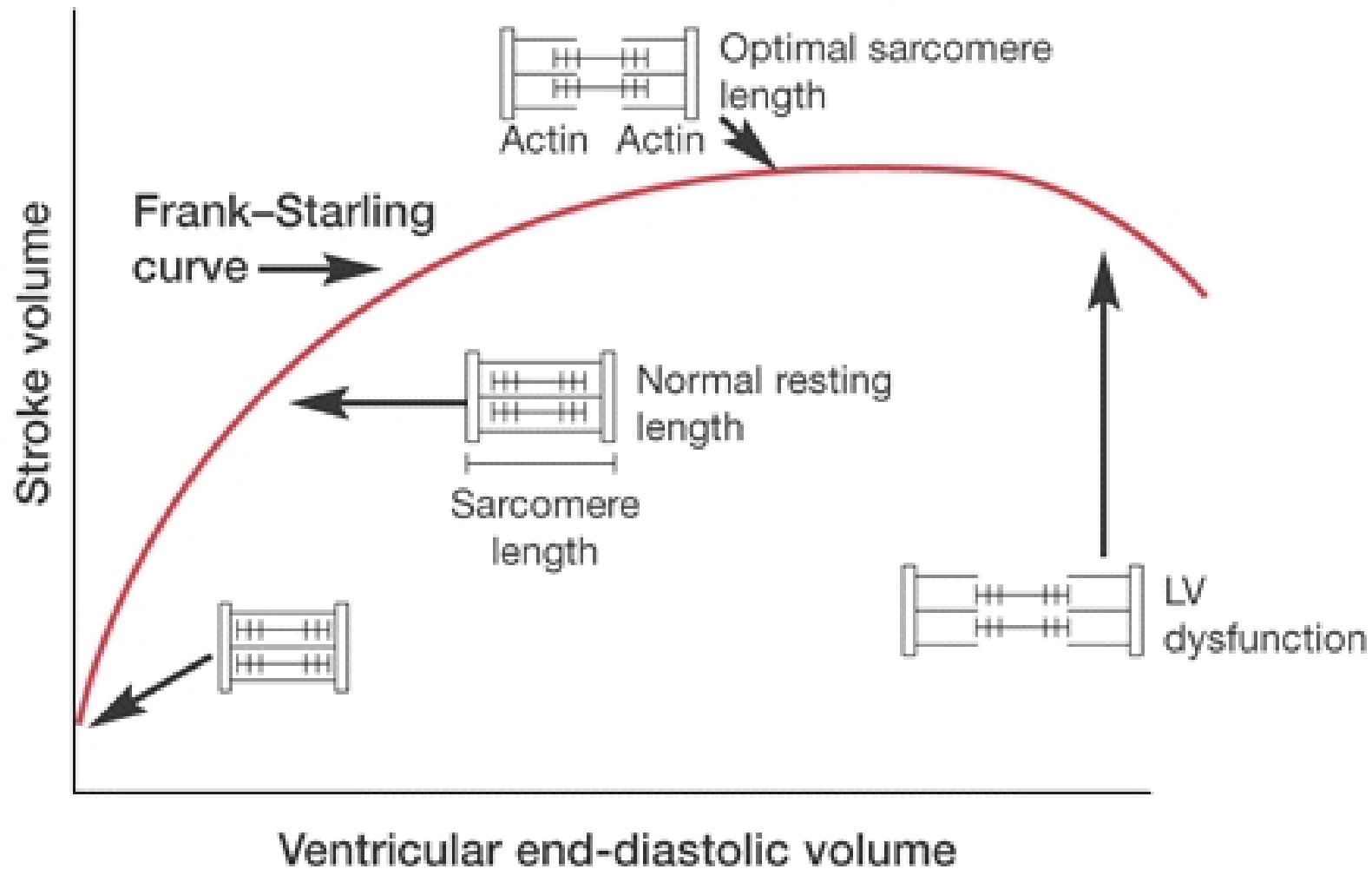
**C. Increased contractility**

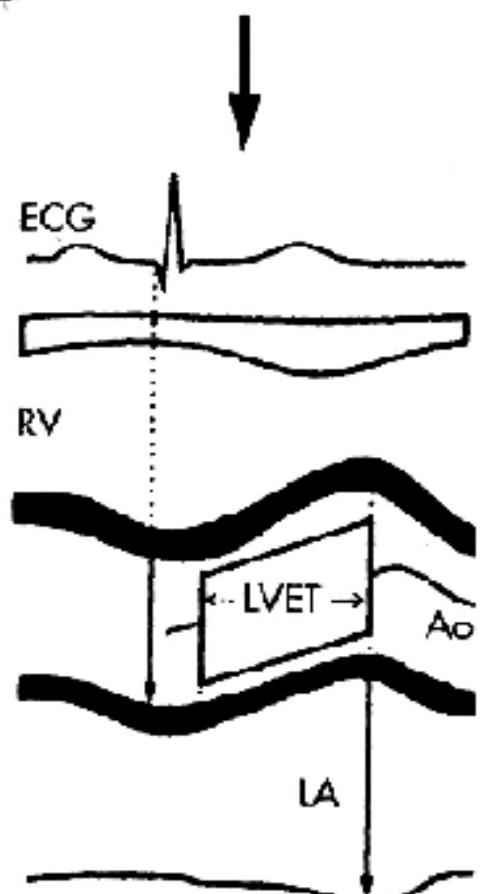
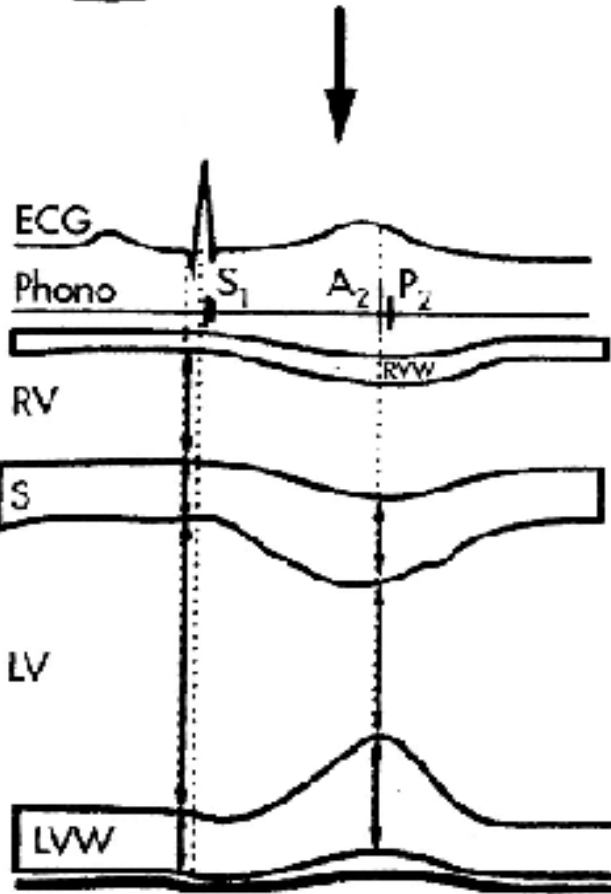
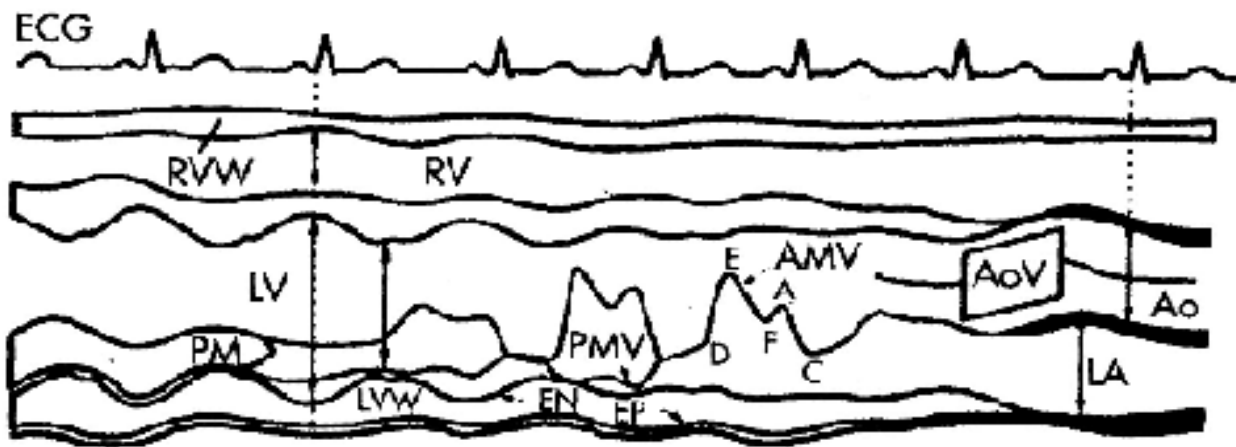


**D. Increased stiffness  
(or decreased lusitropy)**



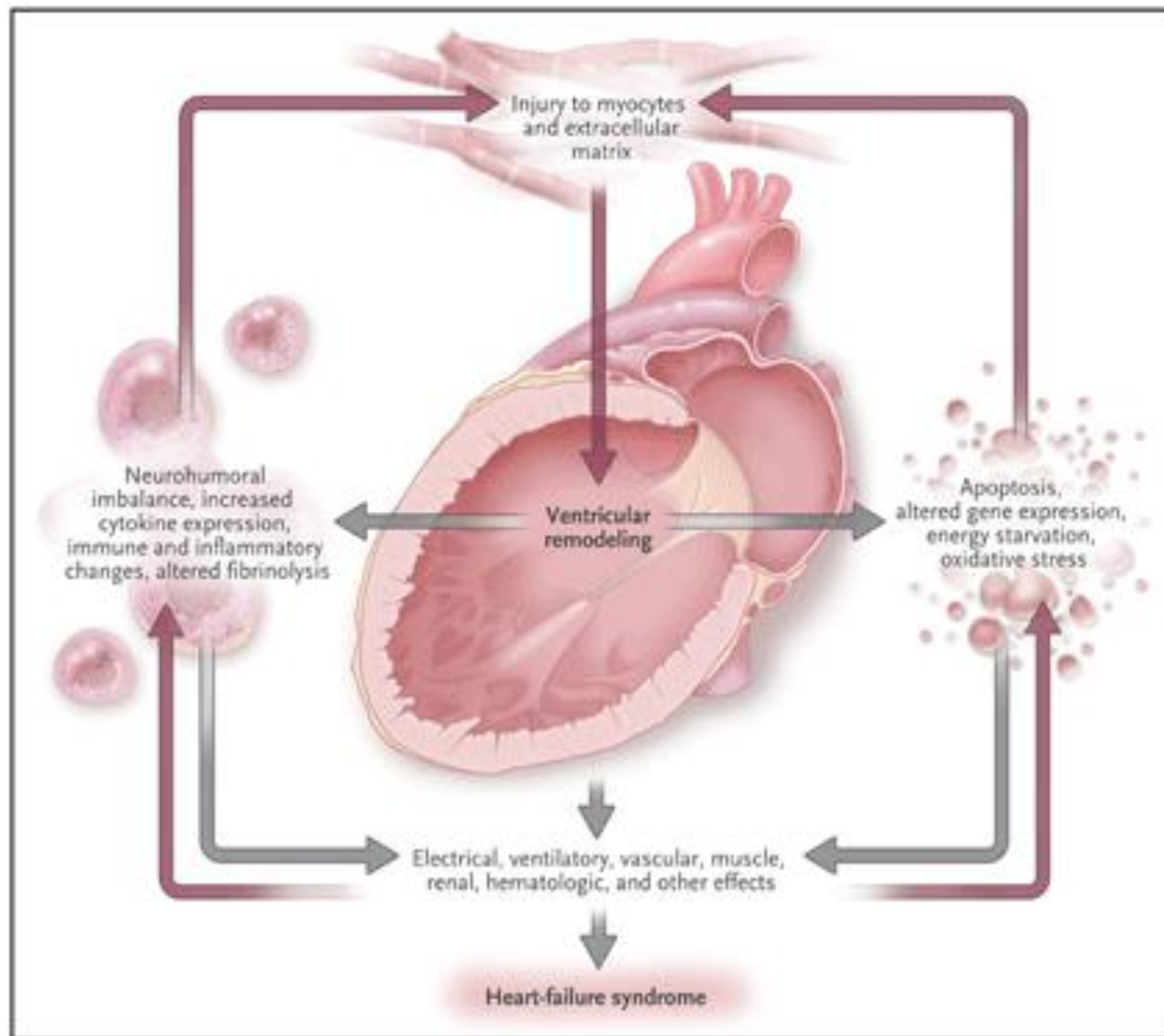
**E. Increased lusitropy  
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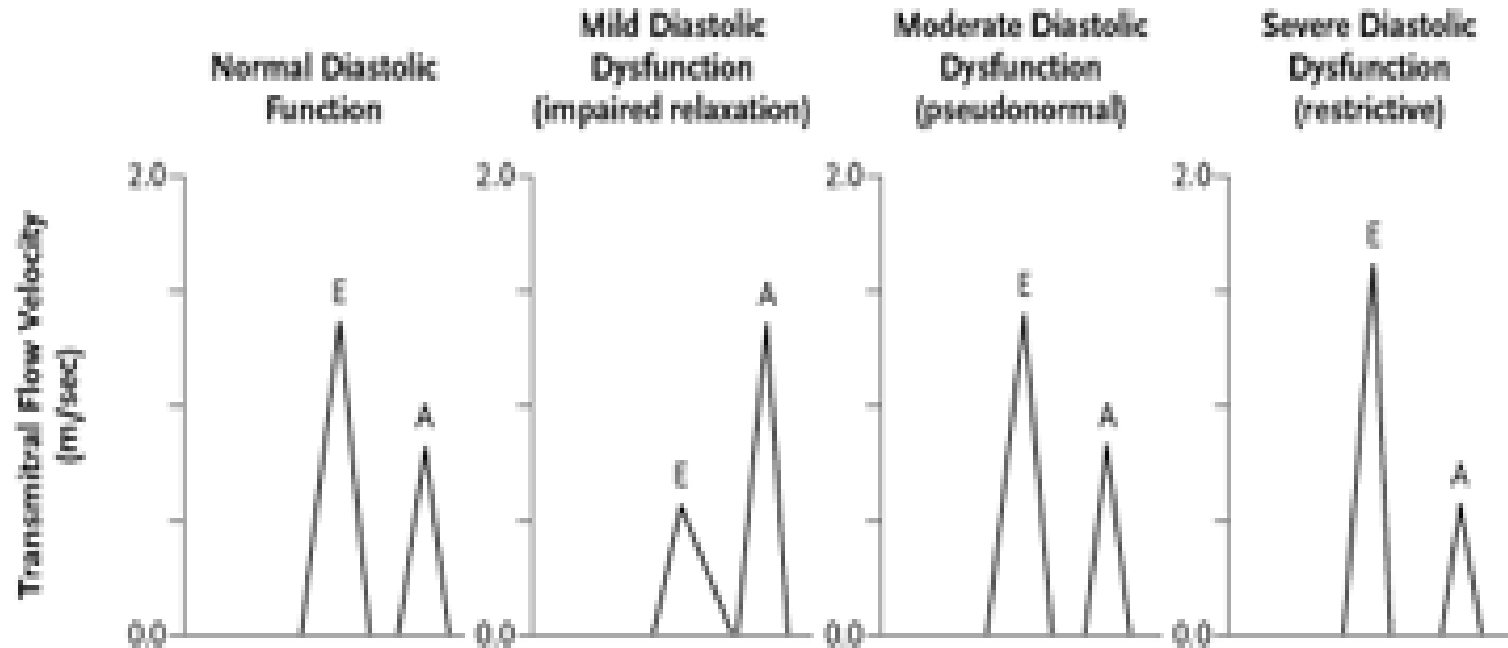




# Cardiac Remodeling



# Review



Left Ventricular  
Relaxation  
Left Ventricular  
Compliance  
Atrial Pressure

Left Ventricular Relaxation	Normal	Impaired	Impaired	Impaired
Left Ventricular Compliance	Normal	Normal to ↓	↓↓	↓↓↓
Atrial Pressure	Normal	Normal to ↑	↑↑	↑↑↑