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Il Protocollo ECHOTIP *The ECHOTIP Protocol*



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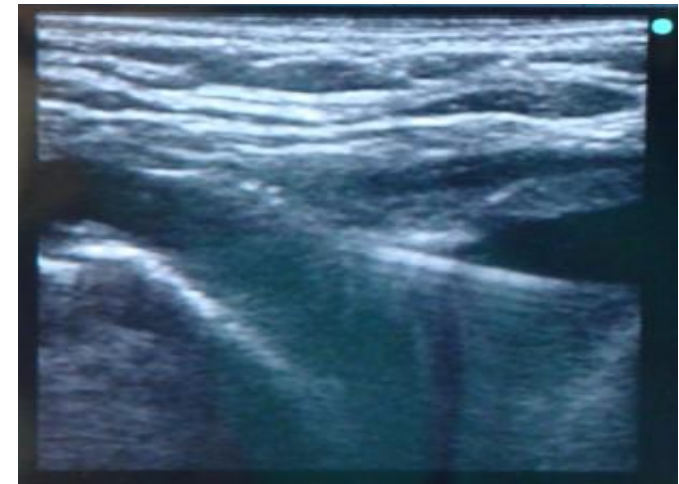
ECHOTIP Protocol: *a picture is worth 1000 words!*

- Rationale
- Published Evidence (EBM)
- Recommendations and Guidelines
- Ultrasound Views
- Bubble Test
- Training



Rationale

- In regard to the prevention of primary malposition US may play two roles:
 - As a „tip navigation“ technique
 - As a „tip location“ technique
- Rule-out a suspected *late* malposition



CLINICALLY-INTEGRATED POCUS in VA placement

- Answer simple clinical questions
- Focused ultrasound view
 - Clinically guided
- Rapid
 - exam time approximately 2 min
- Simple interpretation
 - Which is the safest vein to be punctured?
 - Which is the proper and safe approach?
 - Is the needle inside the vein?
 - ***Is the guidewire and/or the catheter travelling towards the right direction?***
 - ***Where is located the tip?***
 - Is there any complications?
 - ...

Bedside ultrasound to detect central venous catheter misplacement and associated iatrogenic complications: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Author (year)	Study design (period) ¹	Setting (country)	Patients (CVCs), <i>n</i>	Ultrasound protocol	Reference standard	Primary outcome (secondary outcome)	Performing operators (experienced operators), <i>n</i>
Miccini et al. (2016) [46]	Prospective study (Jan 2012–Dec 2014)	Operating theatres (Italy)	302 (302)	Vascular ultrasound and TTE ^a	IF/CXR	Malposition, pneumothorax	2 (2)
Park et al. (2014) [60]	Prospective study	Pediatric ICU (United States)	108 (108)	Vascular ultrasound and TTE ^a	CXR	Malposition (insertion depth CVC)	3 (3)
Arellano et al. (2014) [27]	Prospective study	Operating theatres (Canada)	100 (100)	Vascular ultrasound and TTE ^b	TEE	Malposition	4 (2)
Bedel et al. (2013) [24]	Prospective study (Jan 2010–Nov 2010)	ICU (France)	98 (101)	Vascular ultrasound and TTE ^b	CXR	Malposition (pneumothorax, time until confirmation)	1 (1)
Blans et al. (2016) [18]	Prospective study (Jan 2015–Sep 2015)	ICU (The Netherlands)	53 (53)	Vascular ultrasound, TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Malposition, pneumothorax (time until confirmation)	2 (2)
Matsushima and Frankel (2010) [19]	Prospective study (Nov 2004–Sep 2005)	Surgical ICU (United States)	69 (83)	Vascular ultrasound, TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Malposition, pneumothorax (time until confirmation)	1 (0)
Meggiolaro et al. (2015) [32]	Prospective study (Jan 2013–Sep 2013)	Operating theatres (Italy)	105 (105)	Vascular ultrasound, TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Malposition, pneumothorax (timing bubble test, time until confirmation)	1 (1)
Vezzani et al. (2010) [31]	Prospective study (Apr 2008–Aug 2008)	ICU (Italy)	111 (111)	Vascular ultrasound, TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Malposition, pneumothorax (time until confirmation, cost analysis)	1 (1)
Zanobetti et al. (2013) [61]	Prospective study (Jan 2009–Dec 2011)	Emergency department (Italy)	210 (210)	Vascular ultrasound, TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Malposition, pneumothorax (time until confirmation)	4 + (4+) ³

Table 1. Study characteristics

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Killu et al. (2010) [47]	Prospective pilot study	Surgical ICU (United States)	5 (5)	Supraclavicular ultrasound ^a	CXR	Malposition (time advancement guidewire)	1 (1)
Kim et al. (2015) [26]	Prospective pilot study (Jul 2012–Oct 2012)	Operating theatres (Germany)	51 (51)	Supraclavicular ultrasound ^b	CXR/TEE	Malposition (time until confirmation)	2 (2)
Kim et al. (2016) [25]	Prospective pilot study (Jun 2014–Aug 2014)	Operating theatres (Germany)	20 (20)	Supraclavicular ultrasound ^b	CXR	Malposition (time advancement guidewire)	1 (1)
Baviskar et al. (2015) [48]	Prospective study (Apr 2013–Jan 2014)	Surgical ICU (India)	25 (25)	TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Time until confirmation (malposition)	1 + (1+) ³ experienced staff
Cortellaro et al. (2014) [49]	Prospective study	Emergency department (Italy)	71 (71)	TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Malposition (time until confirmation)	3 (2)
Duran-Gehring et al. (2015) [50]	Prospective study (Dec 2012–Nov 2013)	Emergency department (United States)	50 (50)	TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Time until confirmation (malposition, pneumothorax)	2 (2)
Gekle et al. (2015) [51]	Prospective study (Dec 2012–Mar 2014)	Emergency department (United States)	81 (81)	TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Malposition, pneumothorax (time until confirmation)	Unclear
Kamalipour et al. (2016) [52]	Prospective study (Aug 2013–Jan 2014)	Operating theatres (Iran)	116 (116)	TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Malposition	1 (1)
Lanza et al. (2006) [53]	Prospective study (Nov 2004–Sep 2005)	Pediatric ICU (Italy)	107 (107)	TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Malposition, pneumothorax	1 (1)
Salimi et al. ² (2015) [17]	Prospective study	Nephrology department (Iran)	82 (82)	TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Malposition, pneumothorax	1 (1)
Santarsia et al. (2000) [54]	Prospective study	Nephrology department (Italy)	158 (158)	TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Malposition	Unclear
Weekes et al. (2014) [55]	Prospective study (Jan 2013–Apr 2013)	Emergency department and ICU	147 (152)	TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Malposition	5 (5)
Weekes et al. (2016) [56]	Prospective study (Nov 2013–Mar 2015)	Emergency department and ICU	156 (156)	TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Malposition, pneumothorax (time until confirmation)	Unclear, by or under supervision of study investigator
Wen et al. (2014) [57]	Retrospective study (Jun 2011–Jul 2012)	Nephrology department (Germany)	202 (219)	TTE and CEUS ^a	CXR	Malposition (time until confirmation)	2 + (2+) ³
Alonso-Quintela et al. (2015) [58]	Prospective study (Jan 2012–Jan 2014)	Pediatric ICU (Spain)	40 (51)	Vascular ultrasound and TTE ^a	CXR	Malposition (time until confirmation)	1 (1)
Maury et al. (2001) [59]	Prospective study (Mar 1999–Sep 1999)	ICU (France)	81 (85)	Vascular ultrasound and TTE ^a	CXR	Malposition, pneumothorax (time until confirmation)	3 (0)

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Tip Navigation and Tip location - EBM

AUTHOR	YEAR	Study Design	N of patients	US technique
Maury	2001	observational prospective	81	Vascular US + TTE
Miccini	2016	observational prospective	302	Vascular US + TTE
Bedel	2013	observational prospective	98	Vascular US + TTE
Blans	2016	observational prospective	53	Vascular US + TTE + CEUS
Matsushima	2010	observational prospective	69	Vascular US + TTE + CEUS
Meggiolaro	2015	observational prospective	105	Vascular US + TTE + CEUS
Vezzani	2010	observational prospective	111	Vascular US + TTE + CEUS
Zanobetti	2013	observational prospective	210	Vascular US + TTE + CEUS
Park	2014	prospective (pediatric)	108	Vascular US + TTE
Alonso-Quintela	2015	prospective (pediatric)	40	Vascular US + TTE
Arellano	2014	observational prospective	100	Vascular US + TTE

High specificity but low sensitivity

- The limited sensitivity of US to detect CVC malposition can be explained by the small a priori chance of primary malposition
- Given the small incidence of primary malposition in these studies, they were certainly underpowered
- Therefore, small changes in the number of false negatives could eventually cause dramatic changes in the sensitivity
- Lack of exam standardization

Low sensitivity: why?

- Imperfect reference standard!
 - Excepting for 3 studies in which the reference standard was TEE, in the remaining studies the reference was the CXR which should not be considered always a reliable and accurate diagnostic method for tip location
- There is a large inter-observer variability among radiologists in identifying the cavo-atrial junction on CXRs; therefore, reading of a bedside CXR alone may not be sufficiently accurate to identify tip position

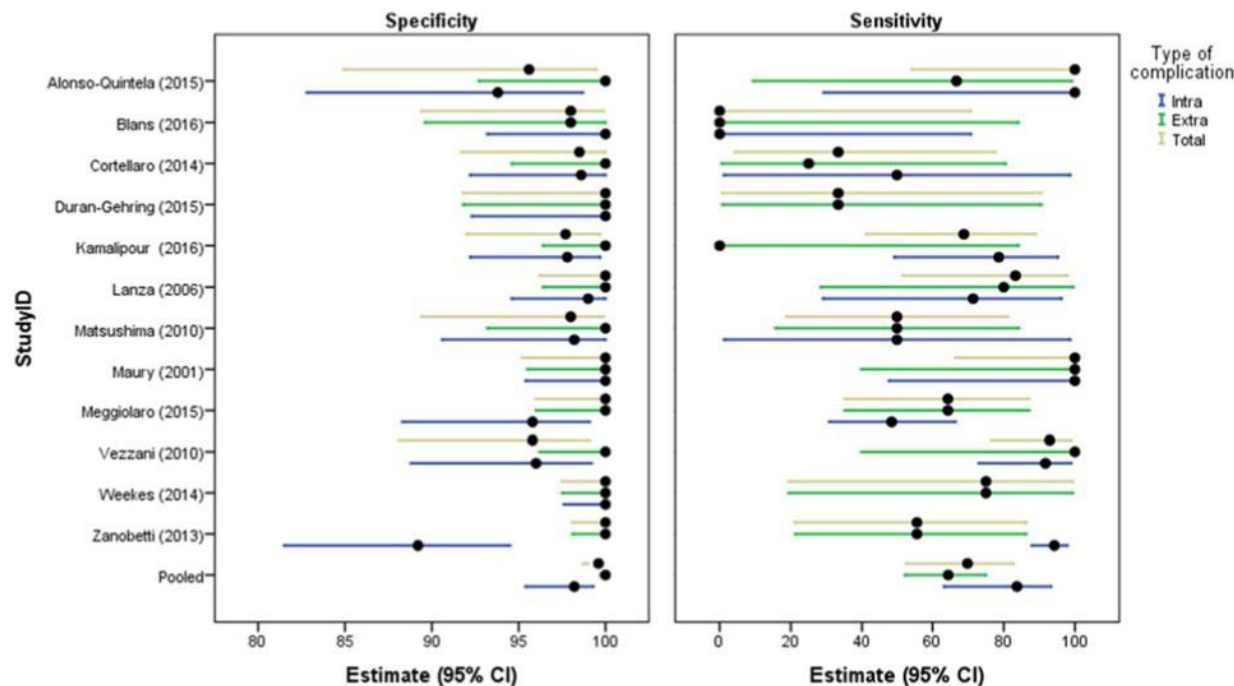
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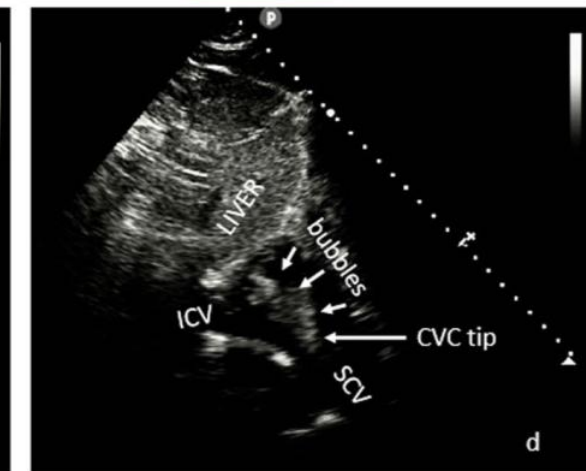
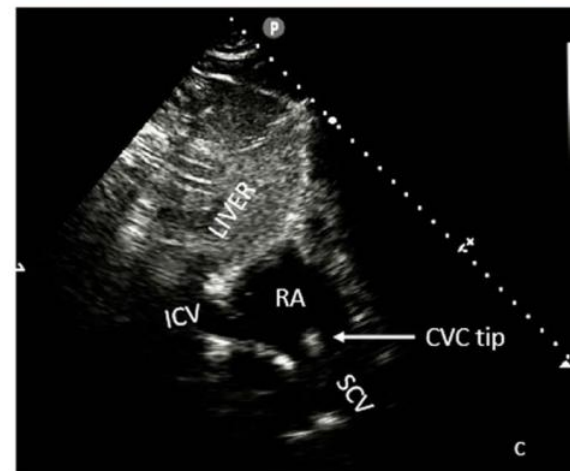
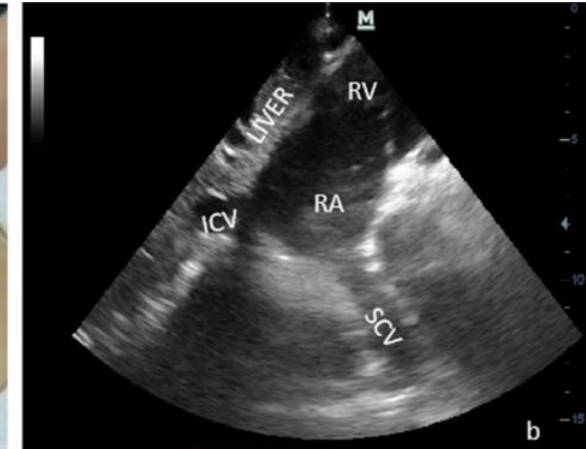
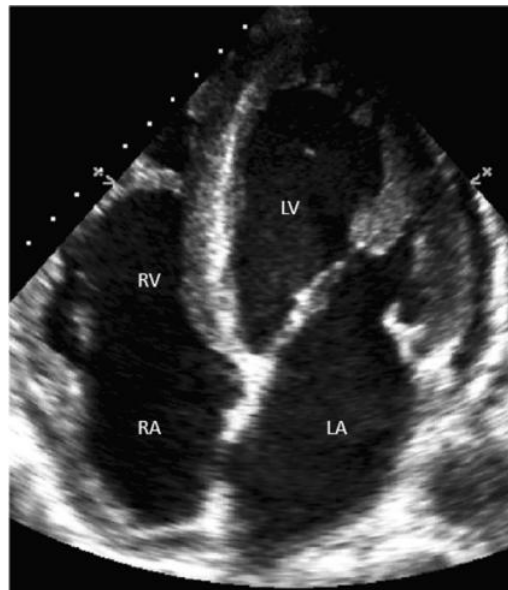
- “...CVC position, according to our meta-analysis, is best verified by vascular US combined with TTE...”
- Theoretically, the best protocol is an US method incorporating a scan of the central vessels bilaterally (if needed) and visualizing the migration of the CVC tip into the heart through CEUS

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TEE

- TEE is the most accurate method for tip location (gold standard), but it is expensive and invasive.

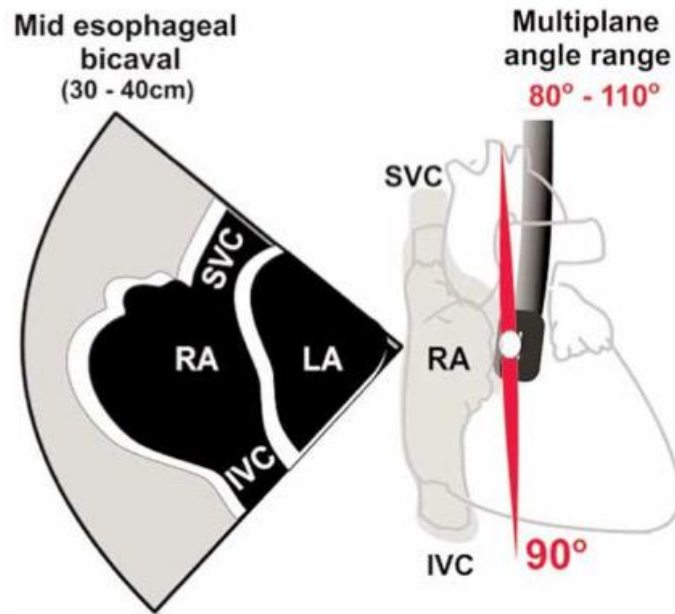
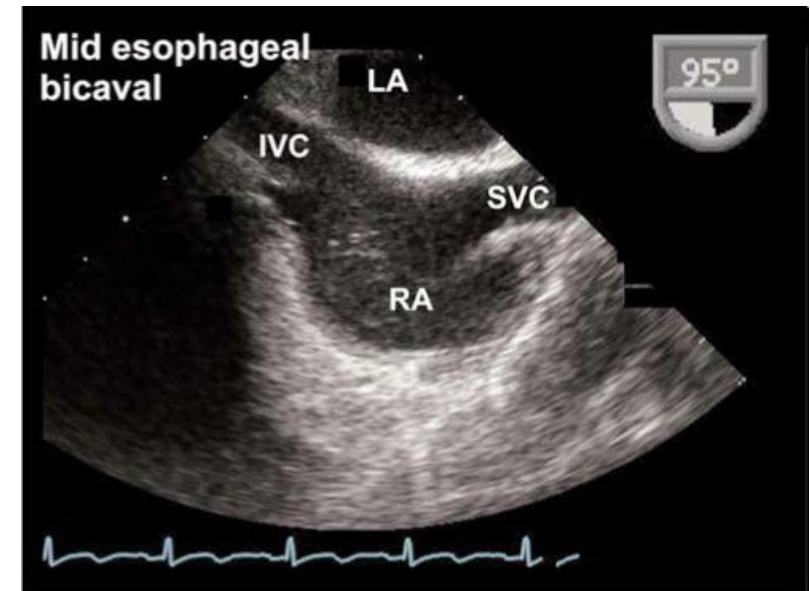


Fig. 19. Midesophageal bicaval (L).



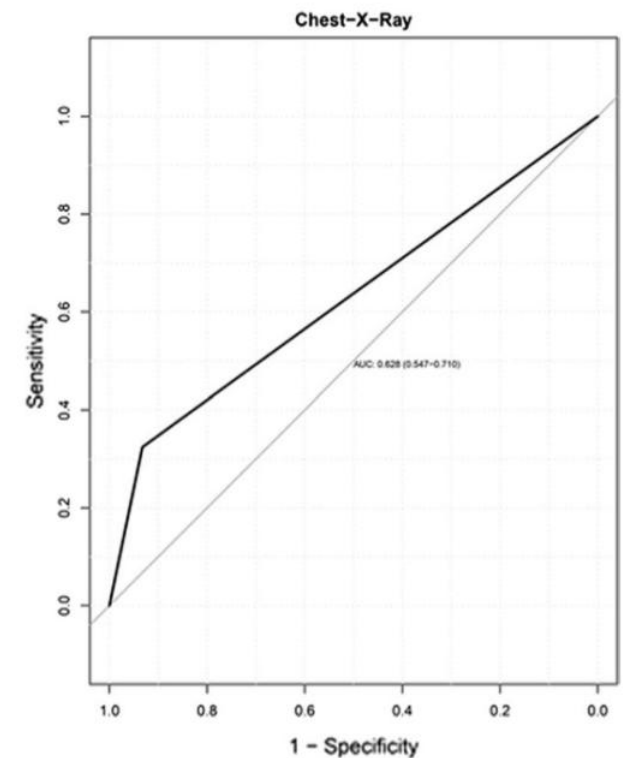
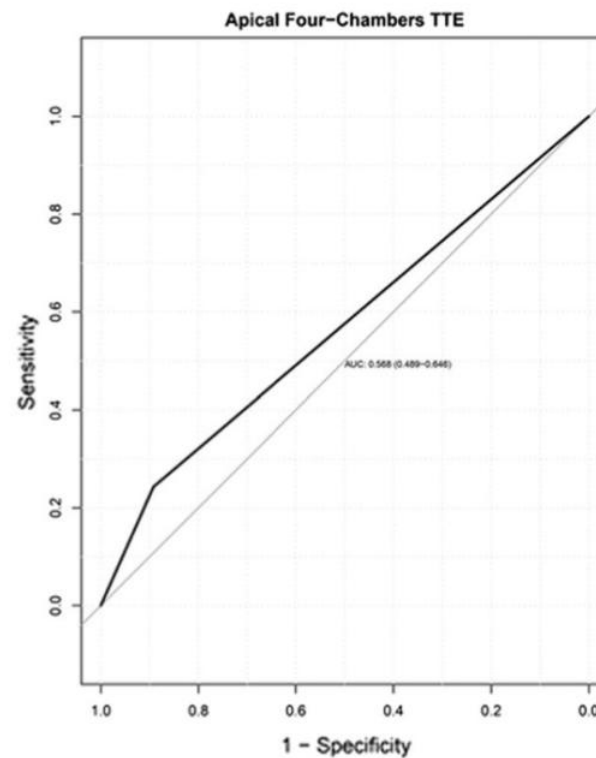
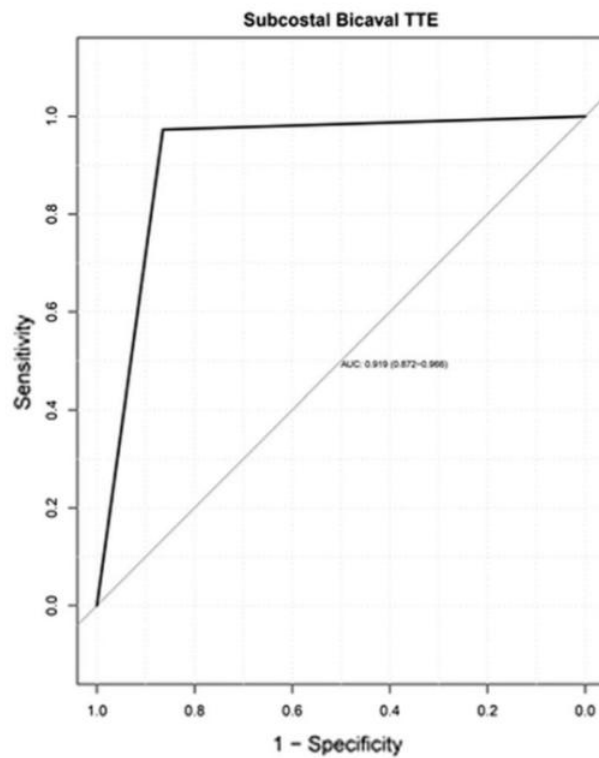
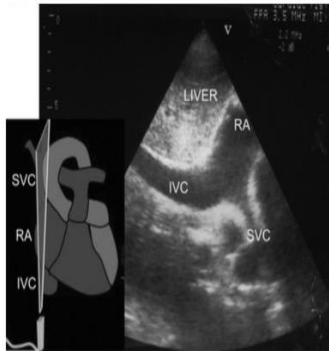
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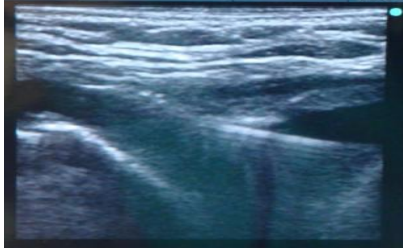
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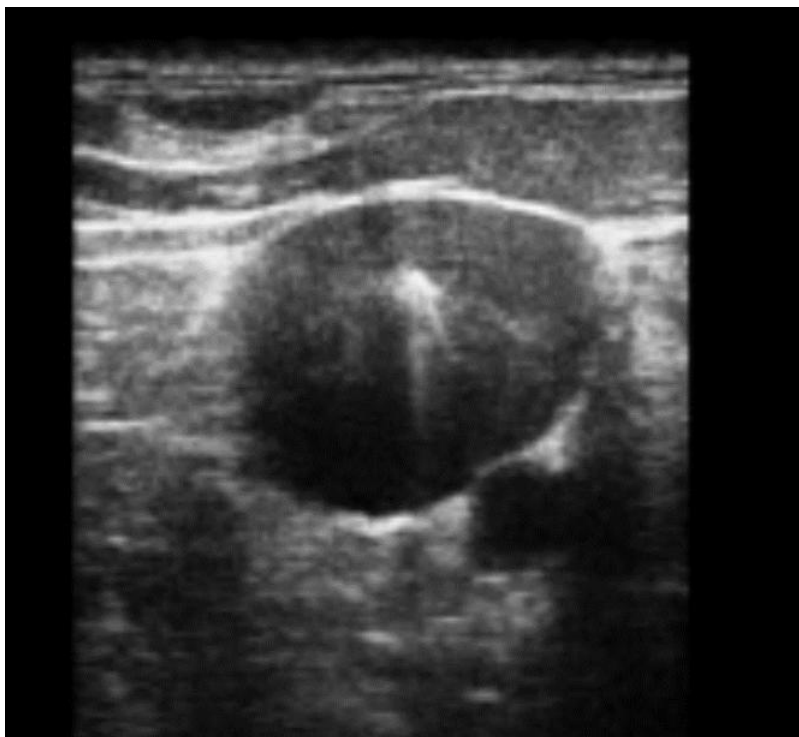
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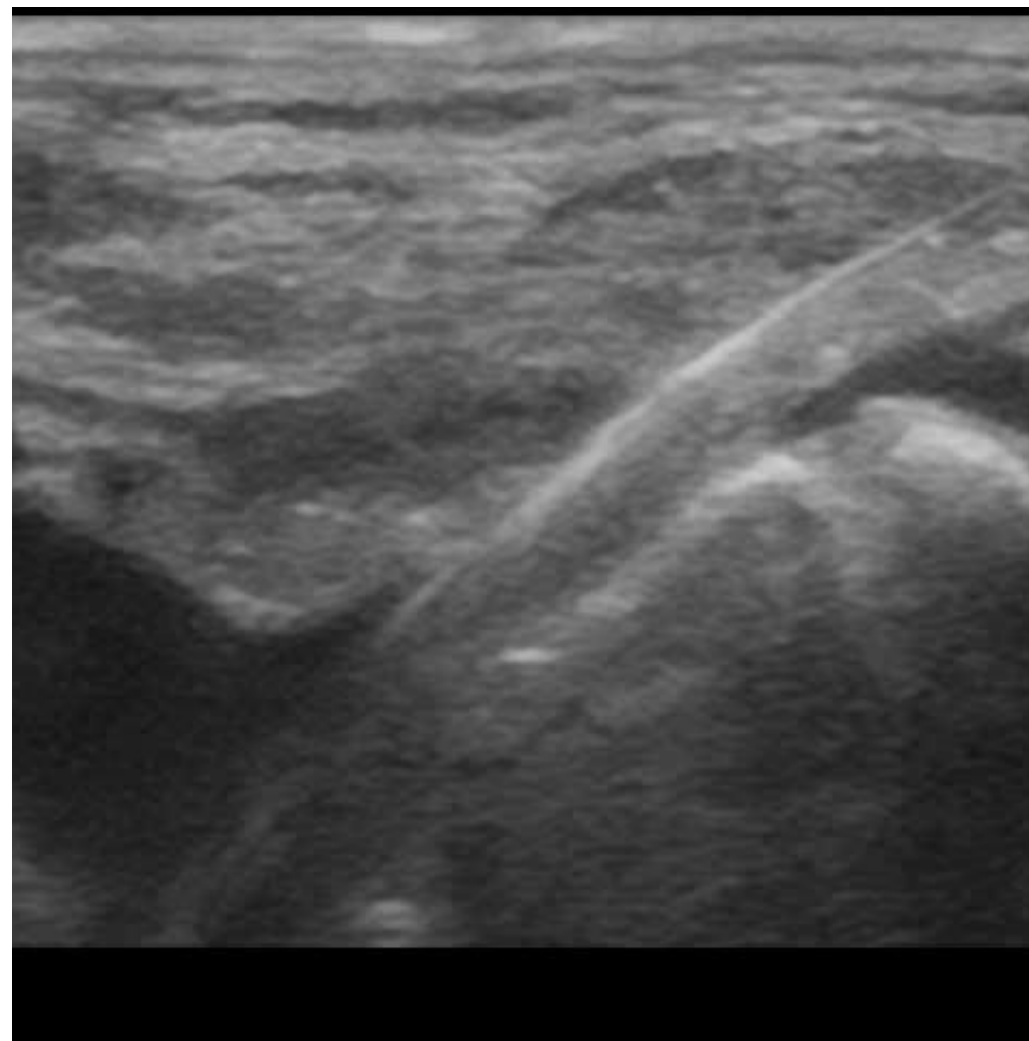
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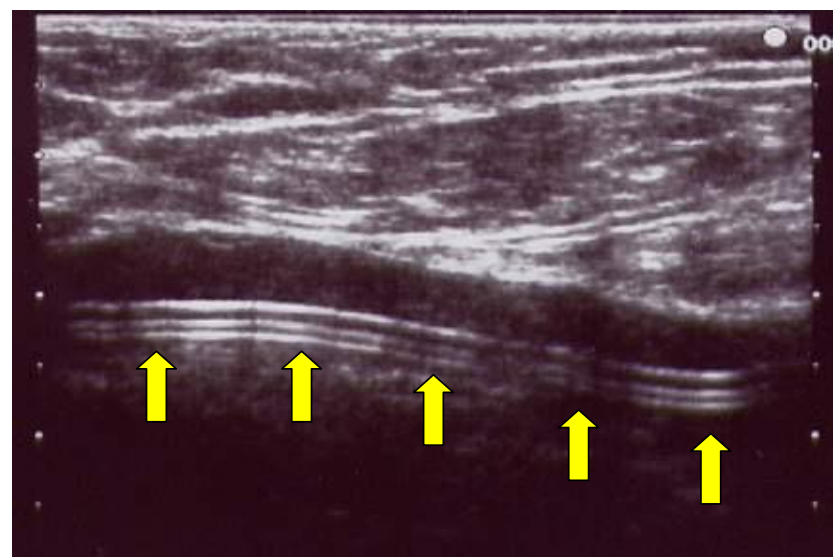
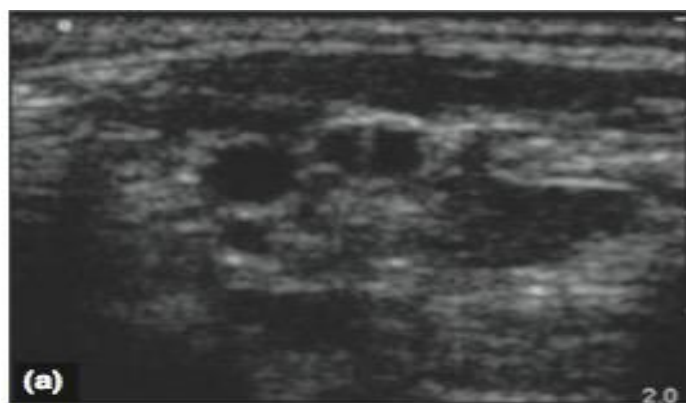
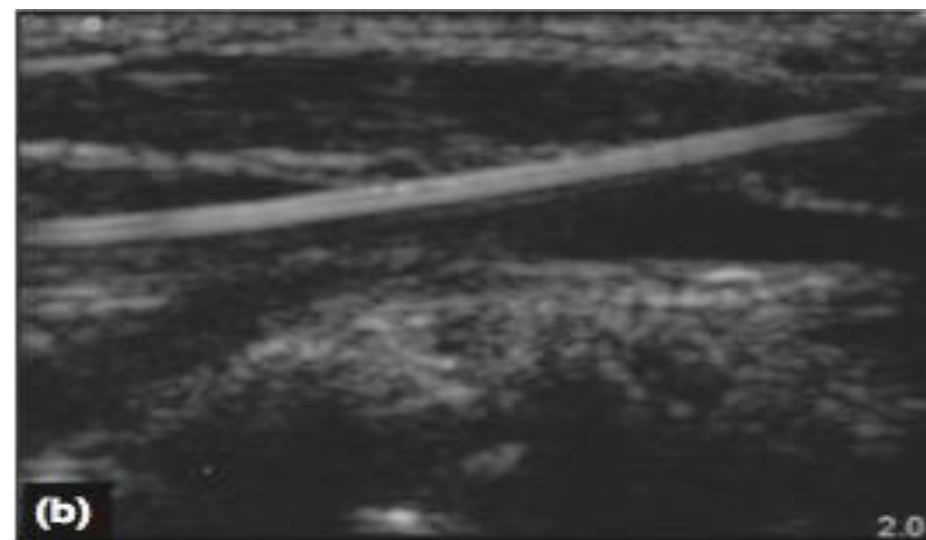
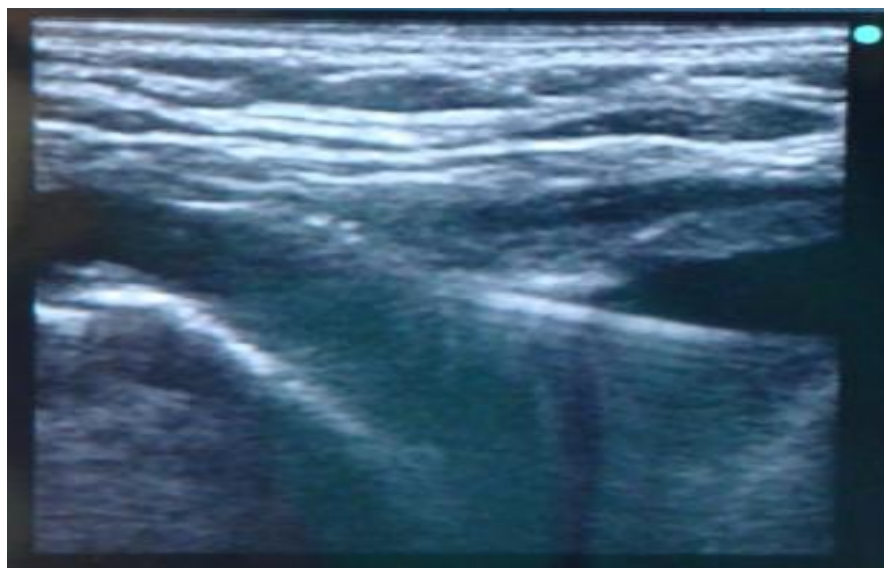
- (1) The quality of evidence on which to base recommendations is generally weak, with relatively small RCTs and prospective cohort studies that have a high degree of heterogeneity.
- (2) When an intracardiac electrocardiogram is not applicable, we recommend using real-time ultrasound to detect and prevent central venous catheter malposition, as it has been shown to be well tolerated, feasible, quickly performed and interpreted at bedside, and more accurate and faster than a chest radiograph **(1C)**.
- (3) We recommend combining vascular ultrasound for guidewire and central venous line tip navigation with transthoracic echocardiography for tip location **(1C)**.

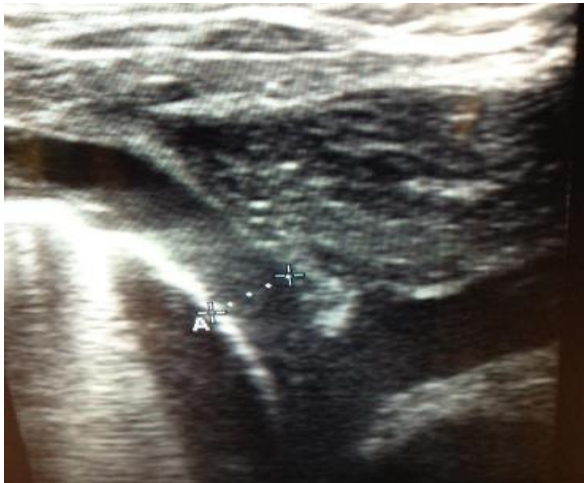
US views - 'Tip navigation'

- They provide information about the presumed position of the catheter tip during its trajectory
- They help us to identify the 'wrong' direction of the tip
 - in the ipsilateral wrong veins
 - in the contralateral tributary caval veins (brachio-cephalic, subclavian, jugular)

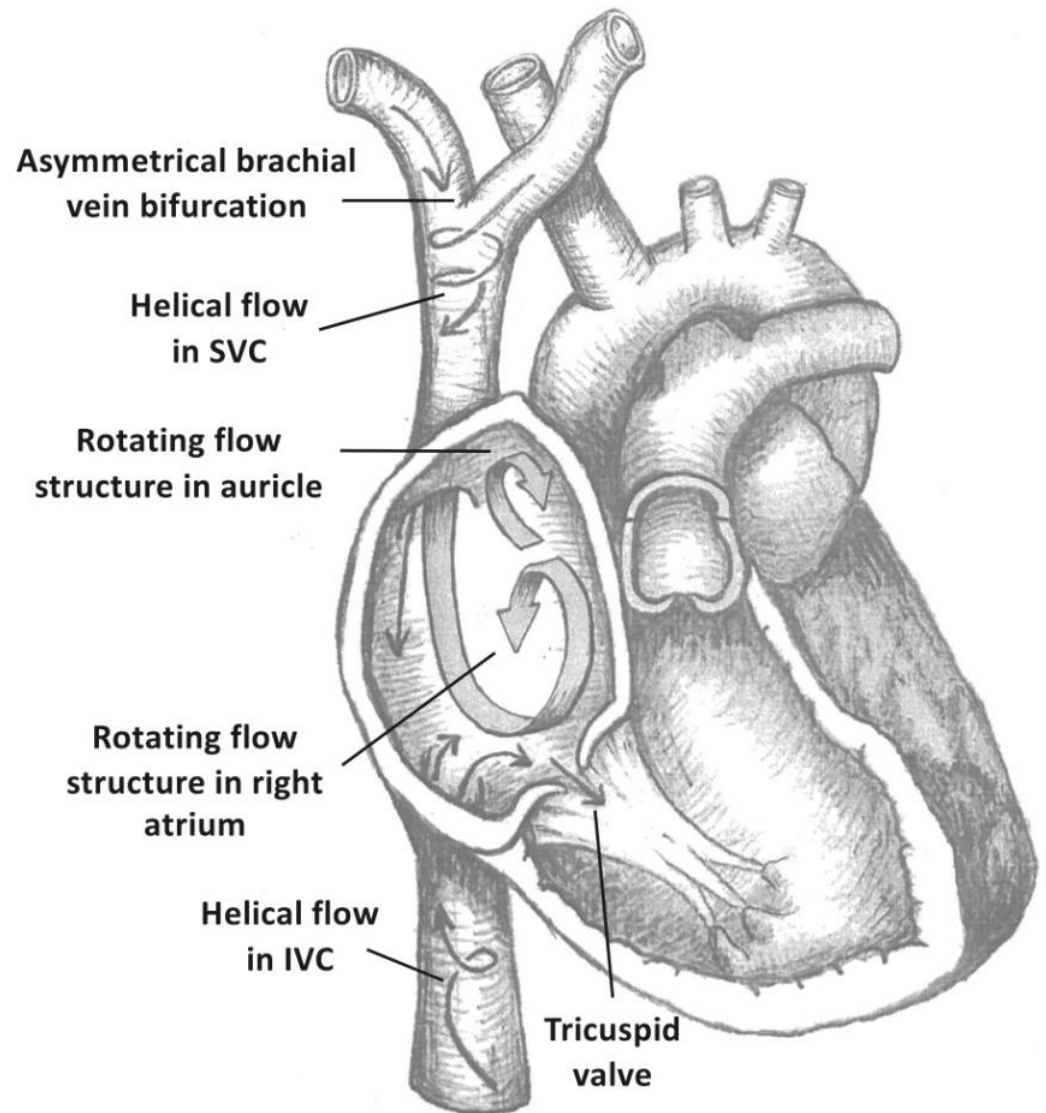
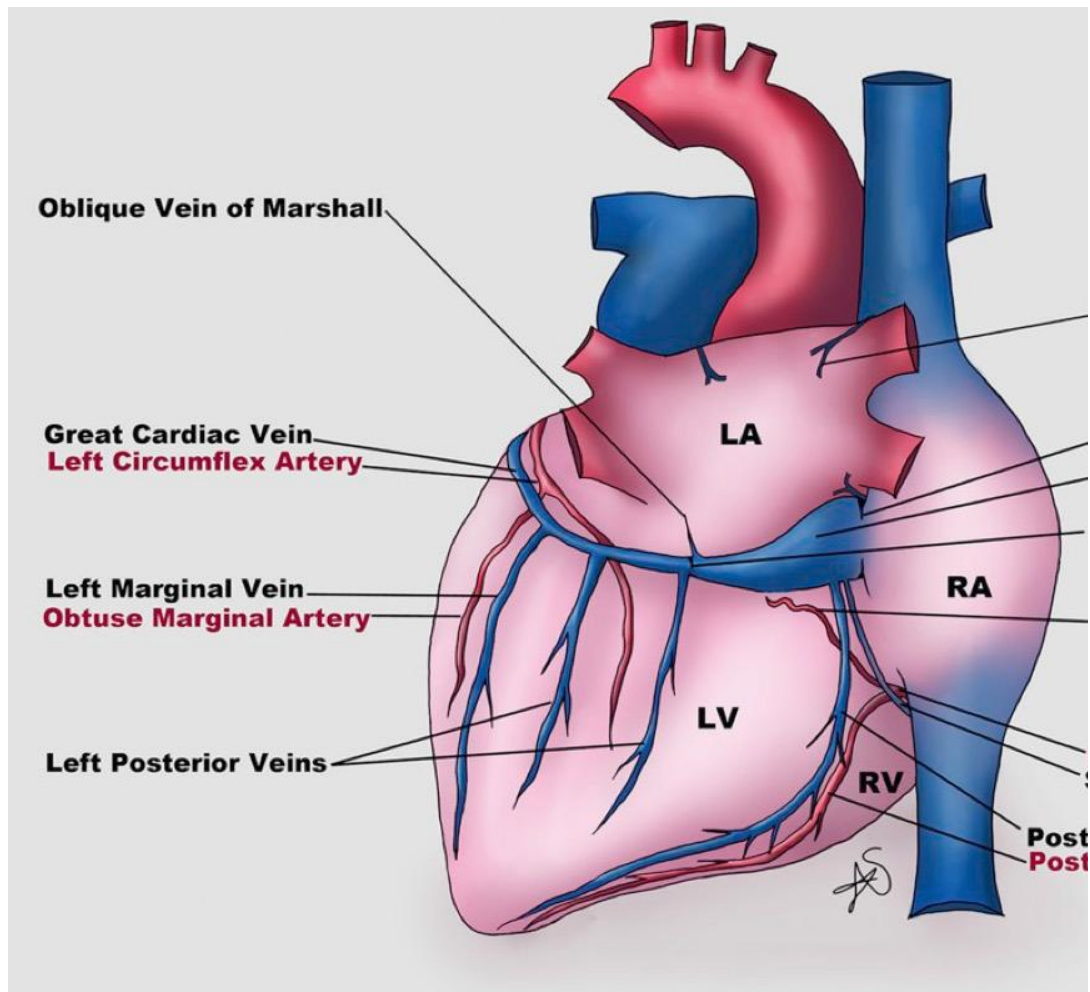


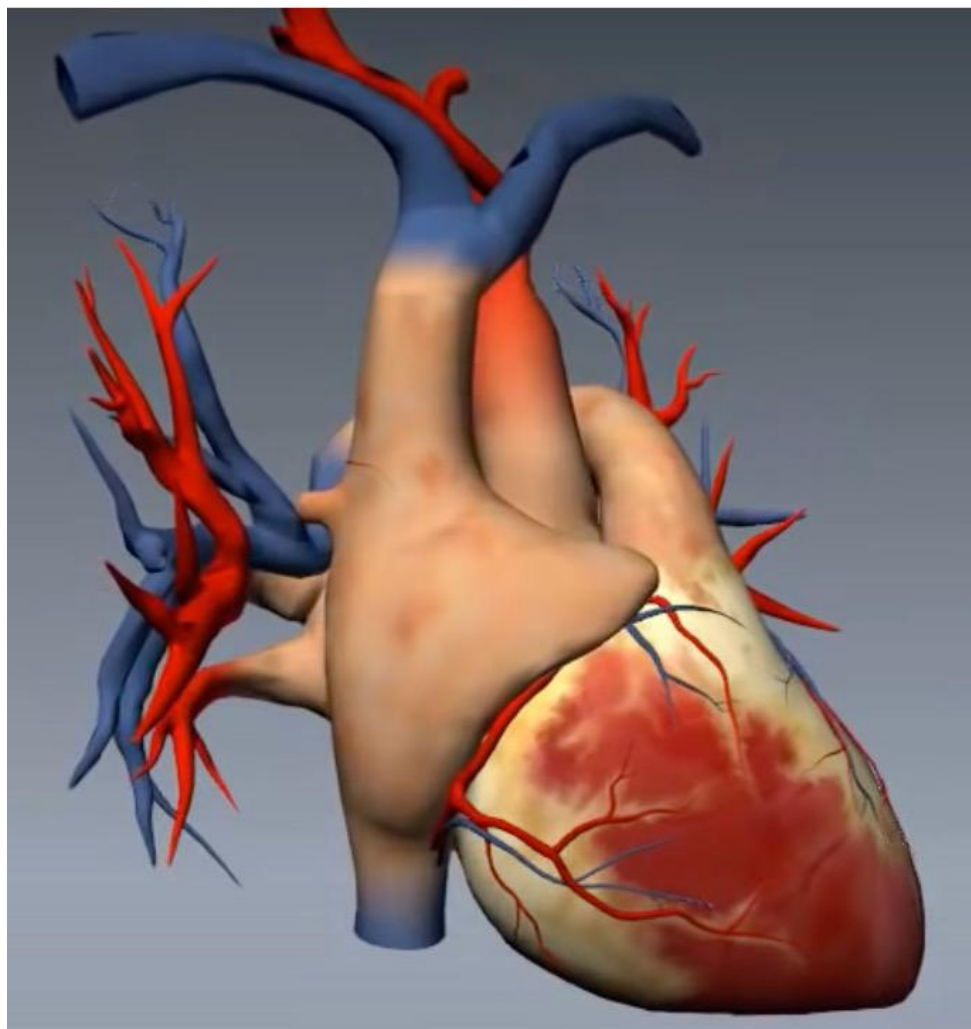




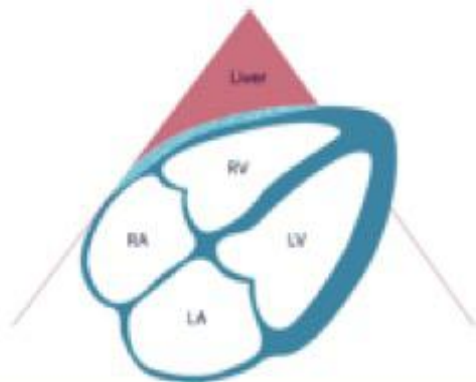
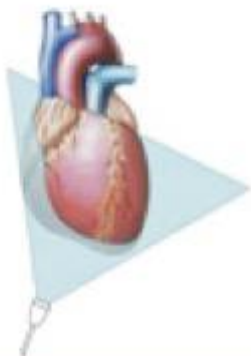


Ultrasound Views

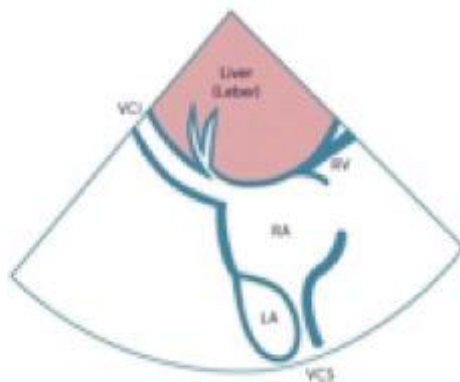
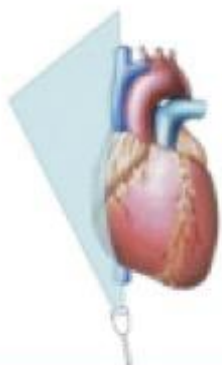




Subcostal Views

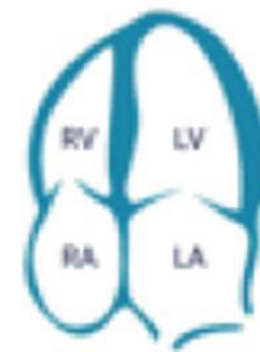
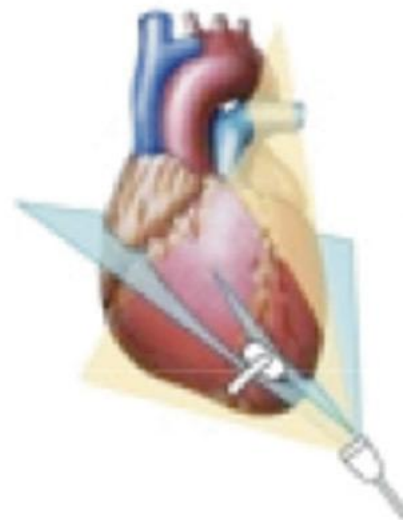


Subcostal 4 chamber view

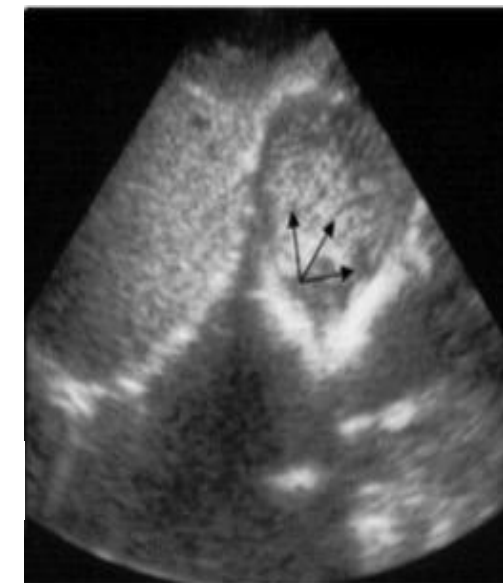
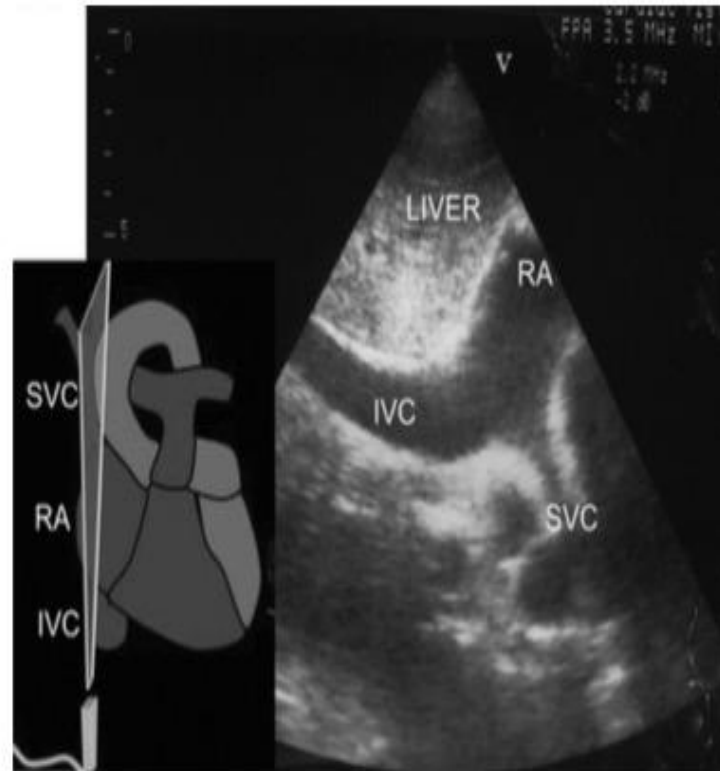


Vena cava inferior view

Apical Views



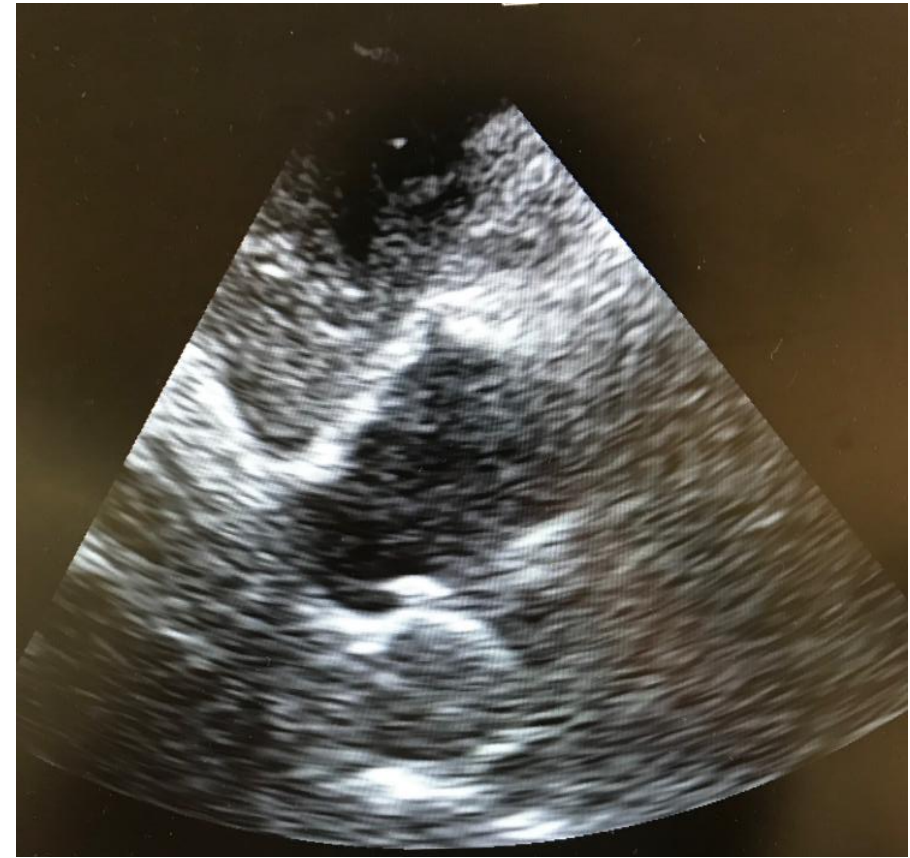
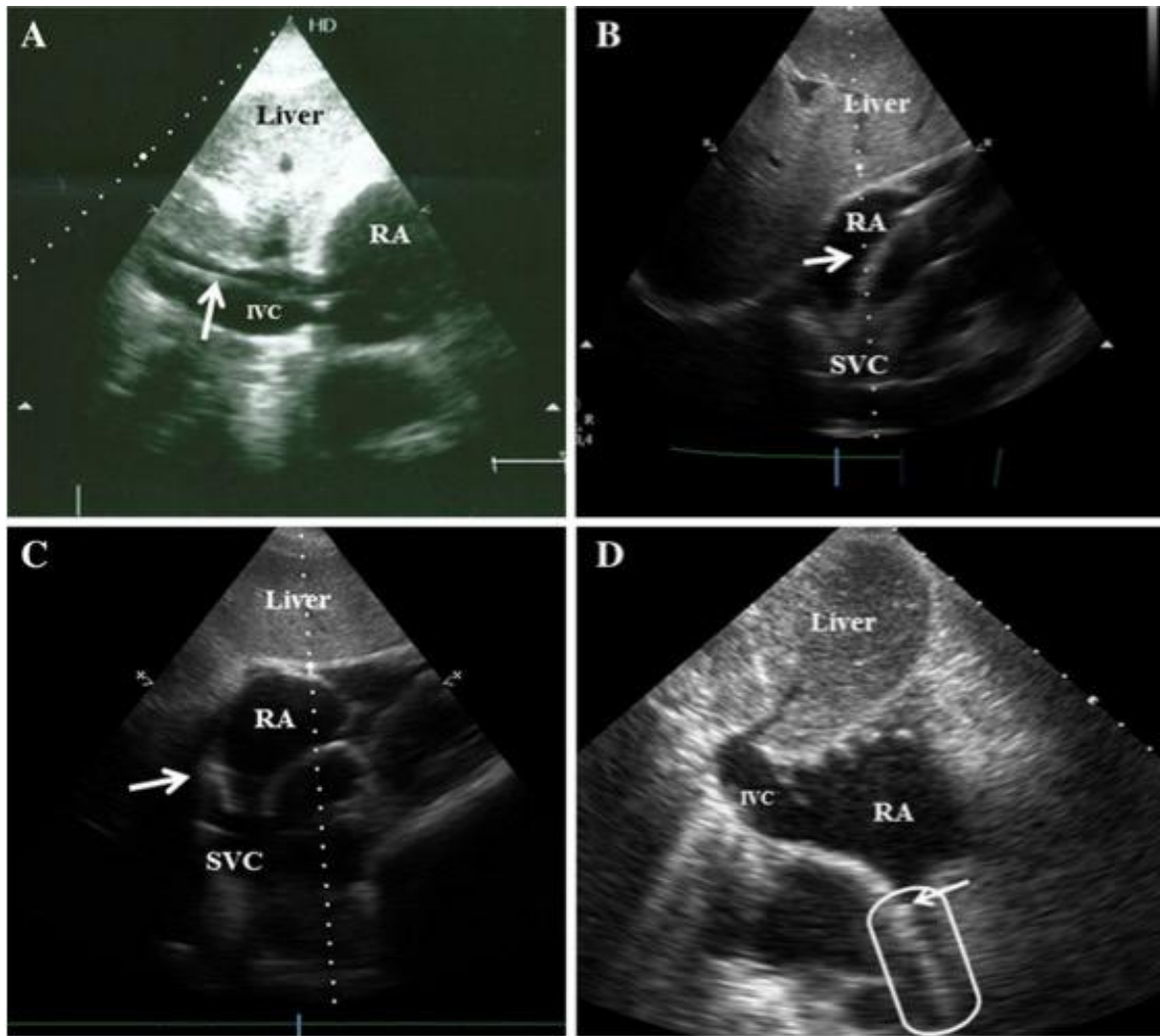
4 chamber view



Ultrasound localization of central vein catheter and detection of postprocedural pneumothorax: An alternative to chest radiography*

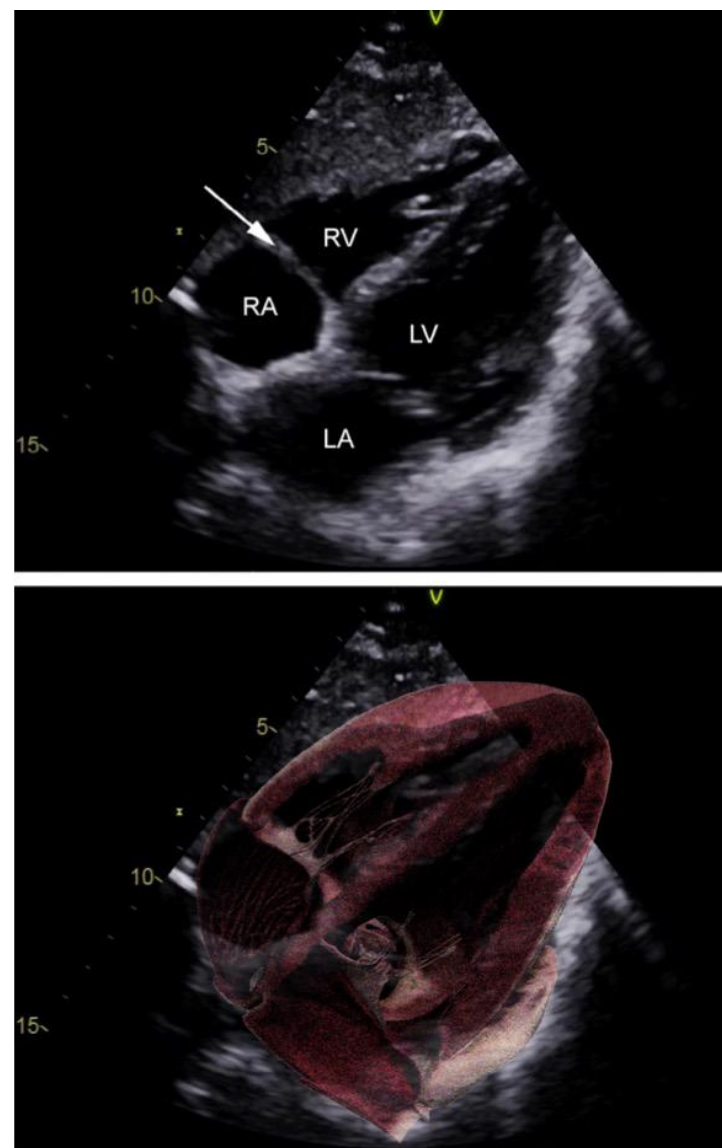
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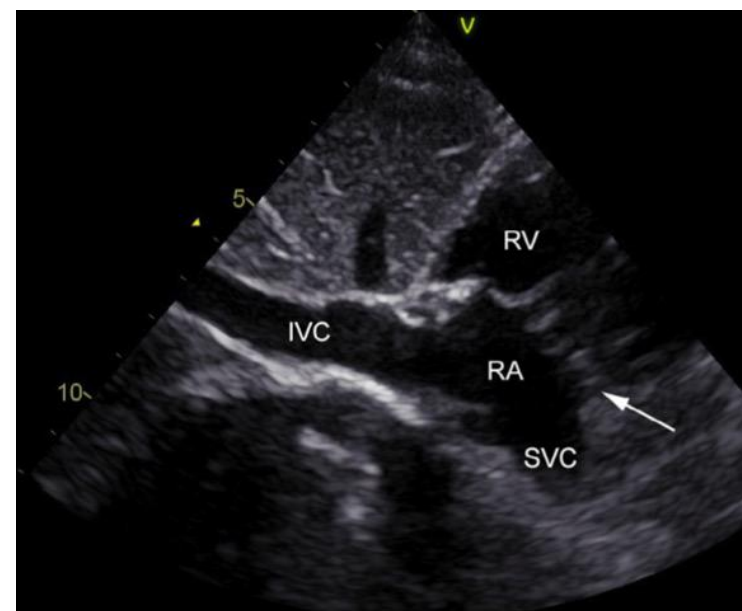
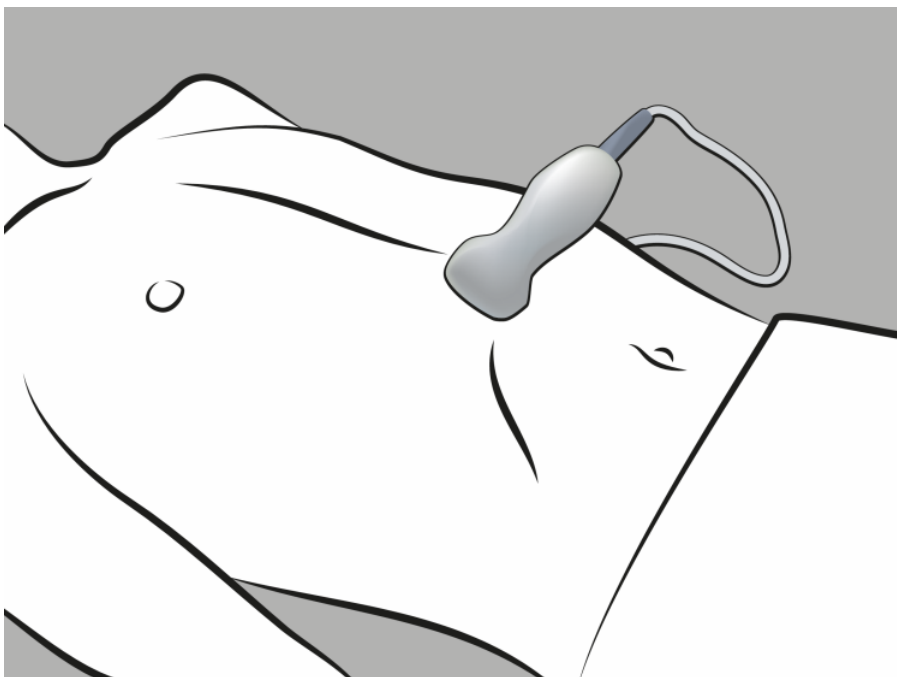
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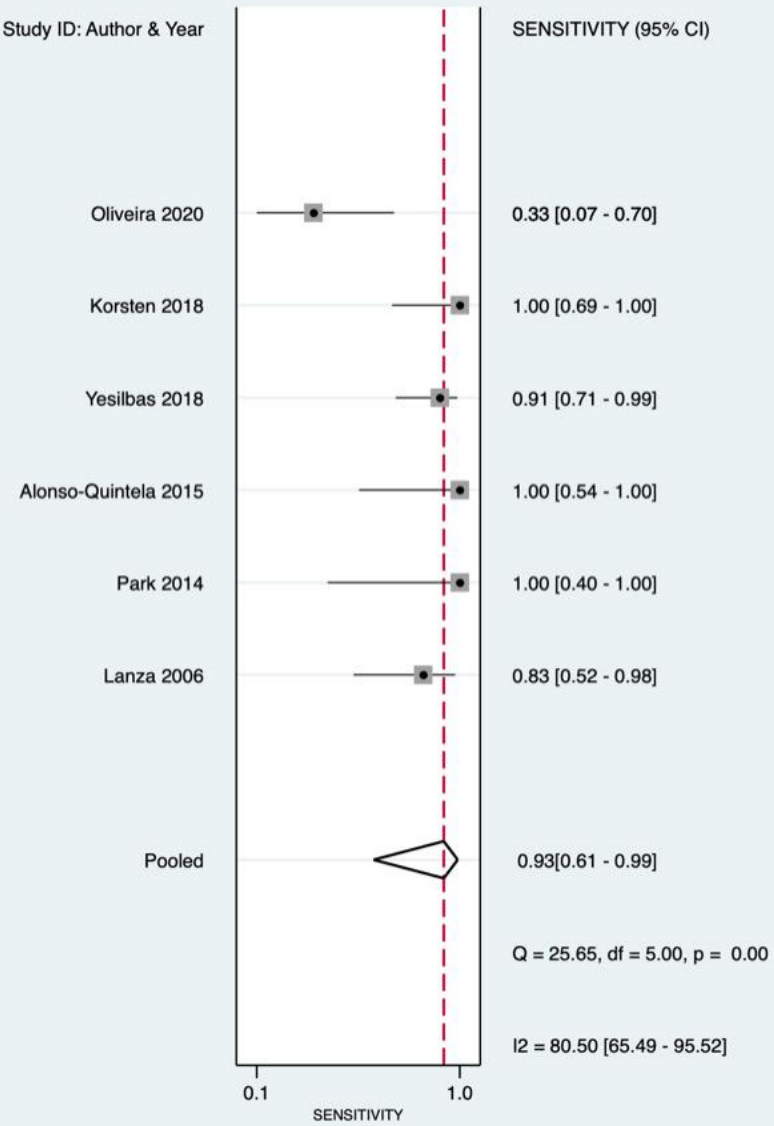




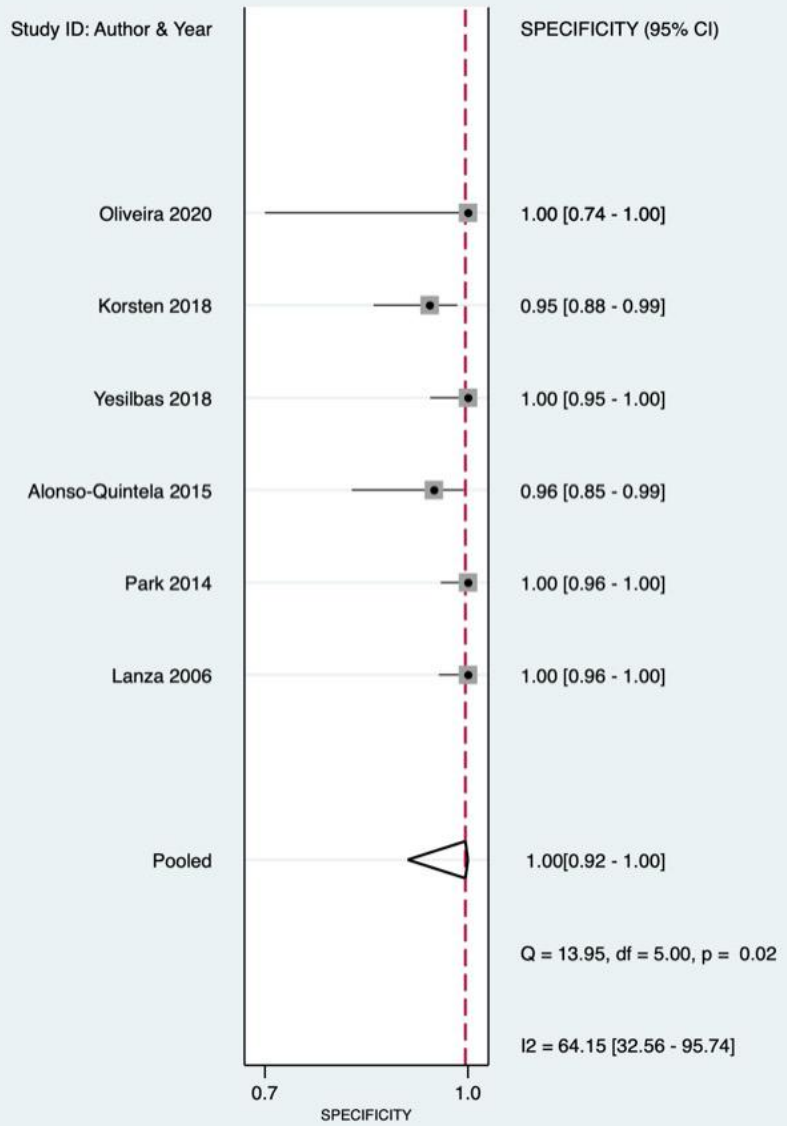


STUDY	SAMPLE SIZE	PROTOCOL	PROBE	VIEWS
LANZA 2006	107	Tip navigation	Linear Convex	Short axis of neck veins Coronal view of SVC
		Tip location + ‘bubble’ test	Convex	Subcostal 4-chambers view
PARK 2014	106	Tip location, no ‘bubble’	Small Sectorial	Right parasternal in long and short axis
ALONSO-QUINTELA 2015	40	Tip navigation	Linear Small Sectorial	Short and long axis view of IJV, SV, BCV and FV Coronal view of SVC (for CICC) Subcostal Longitudinal View of IVC (for FICC)
		Tip location	Small Sectorial	Subcostal bi-caval or right parasternal (as alternative)
YESILBAS 2018	77	Tip location + ‘bubble’ test	Small Sectorial	Subcostal 4-chambers or apical 4-chambers (as alternative)
KORSTEN 2018	100	Tip location + ‘bubble’ test	Small Sectorial	Subcostal 4-chambers or apical 4-chambers (as alternative)
OLIVEIRA 2020	21	Tip location + ‘bubble’ test	Convex	Apical 4-chambers

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Neo-ECHOTIP: A structured protocol for ultrasound-based tip navigation and tip location during placement of central venous access devices in neonates

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ECHOTIP: A structured protocol for ultrasound-based tip navigation and tip location during placement of central venous access devices in adult patients

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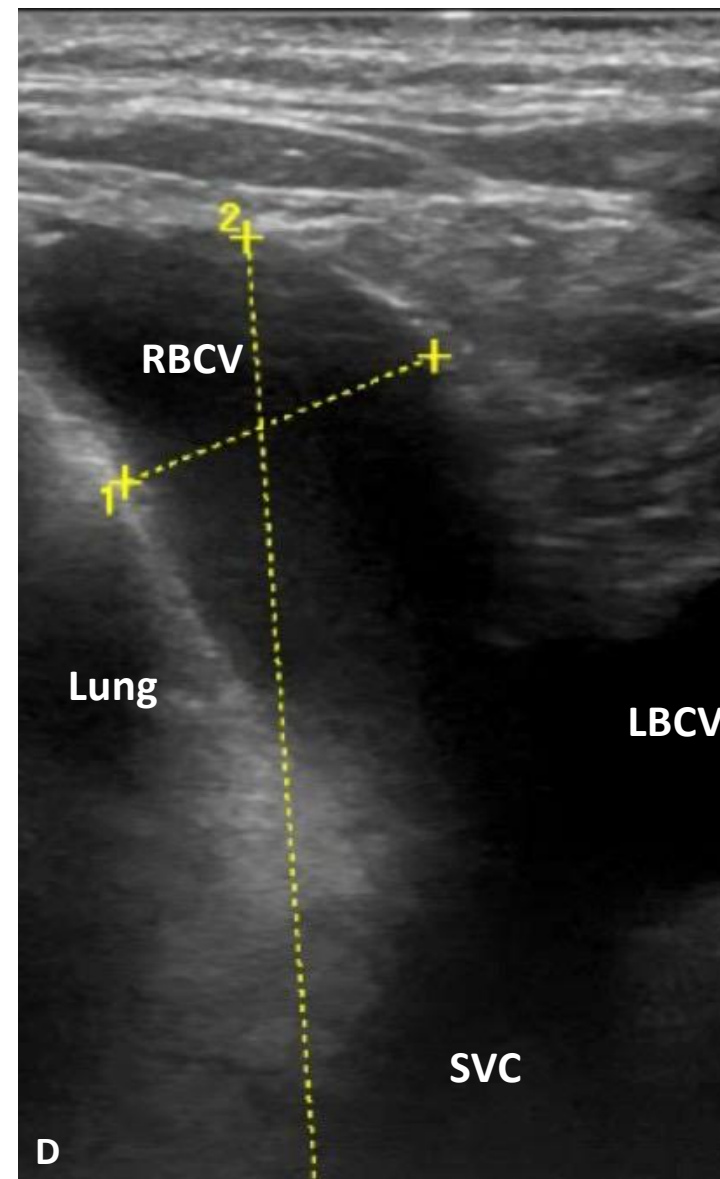
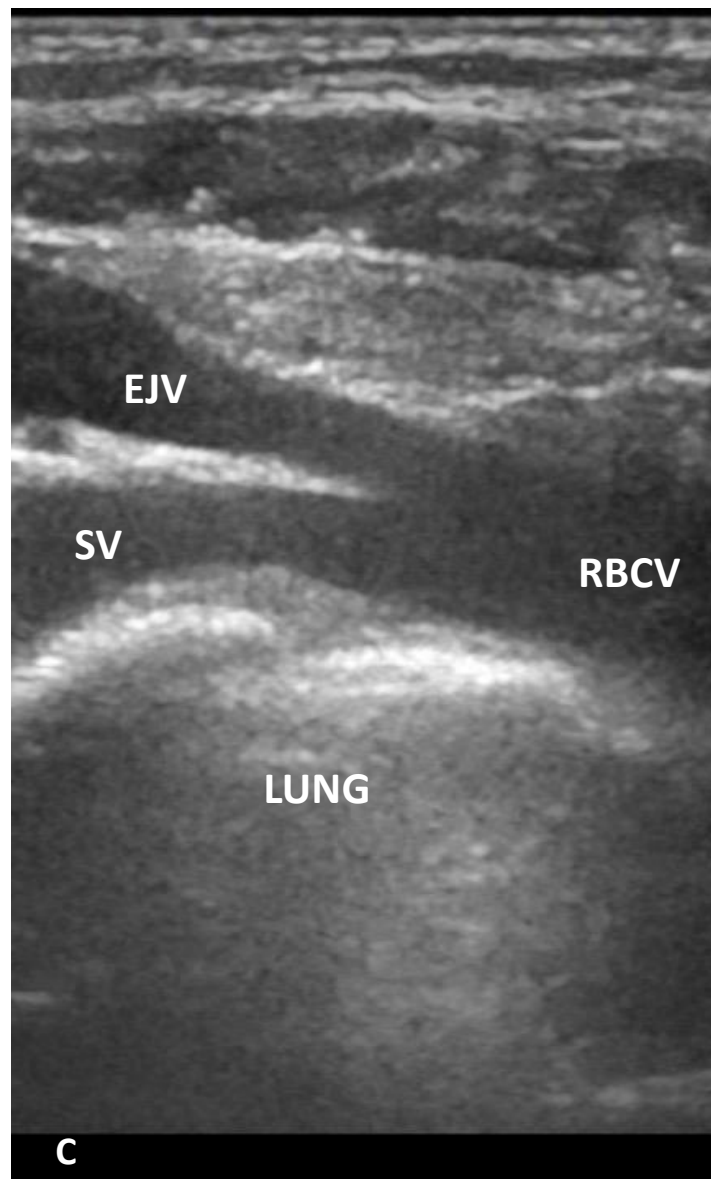
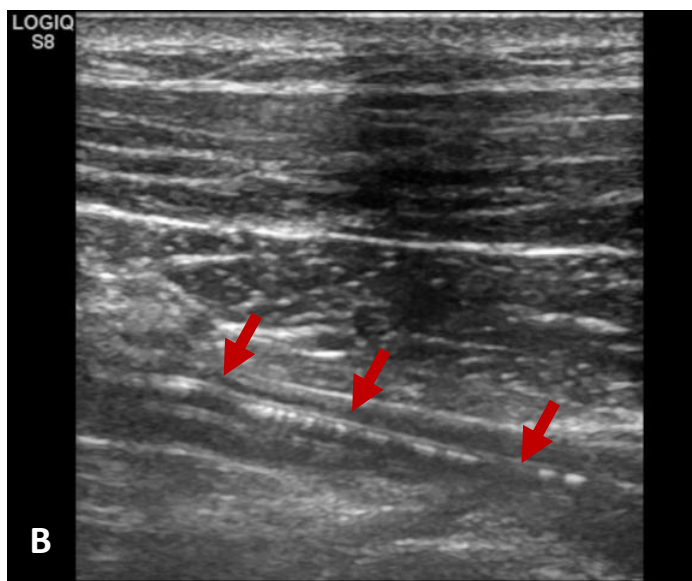
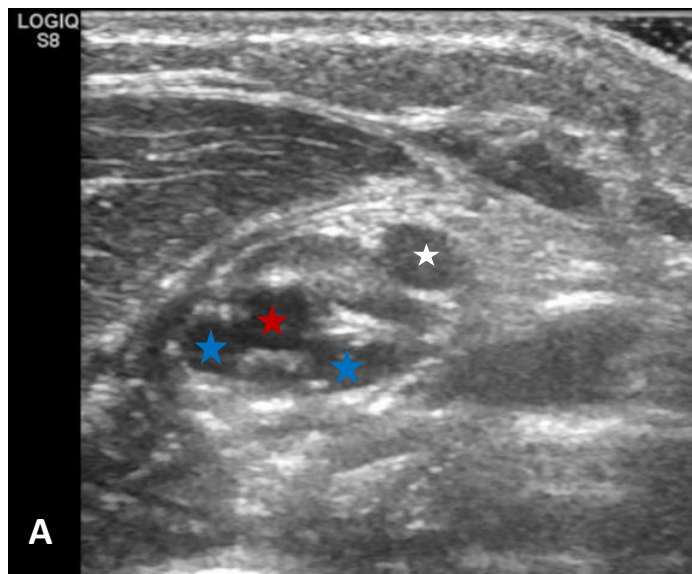
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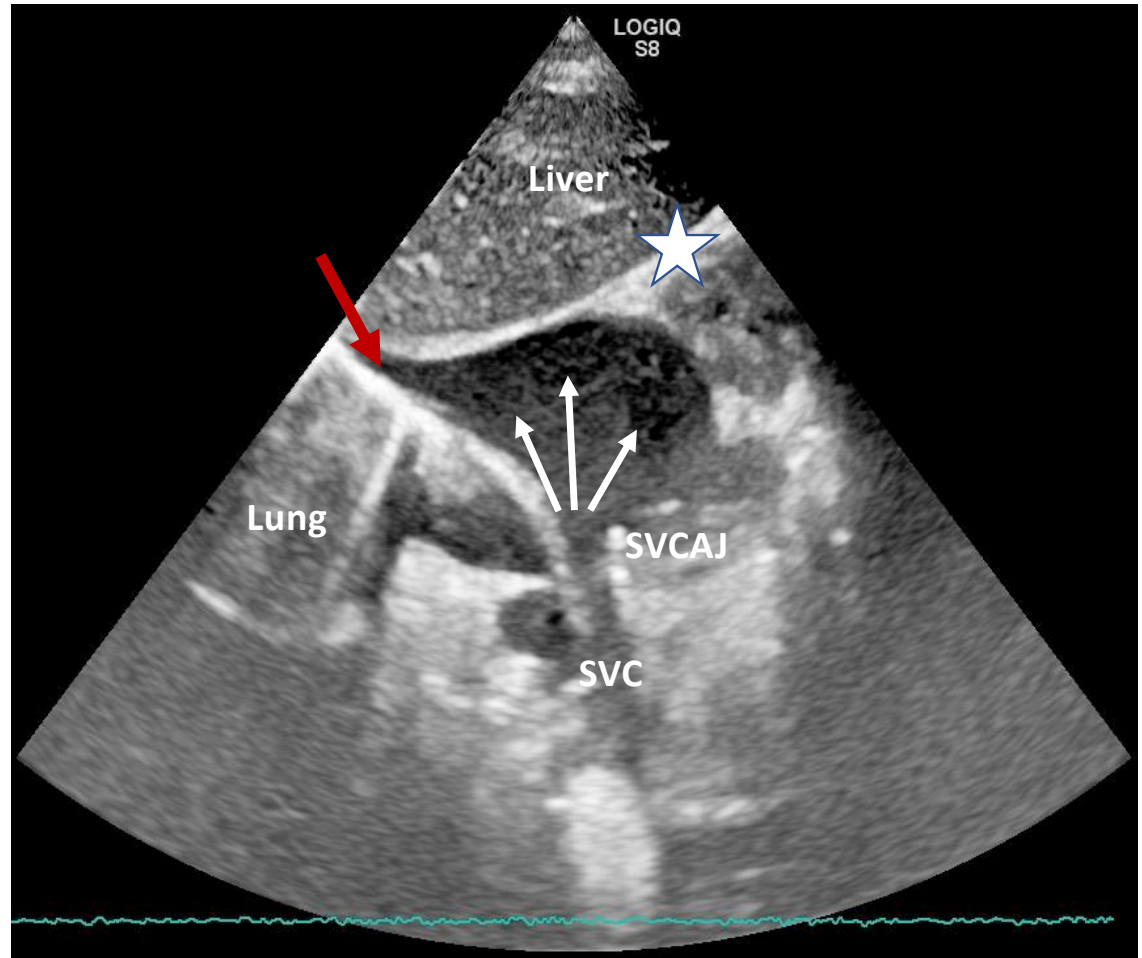
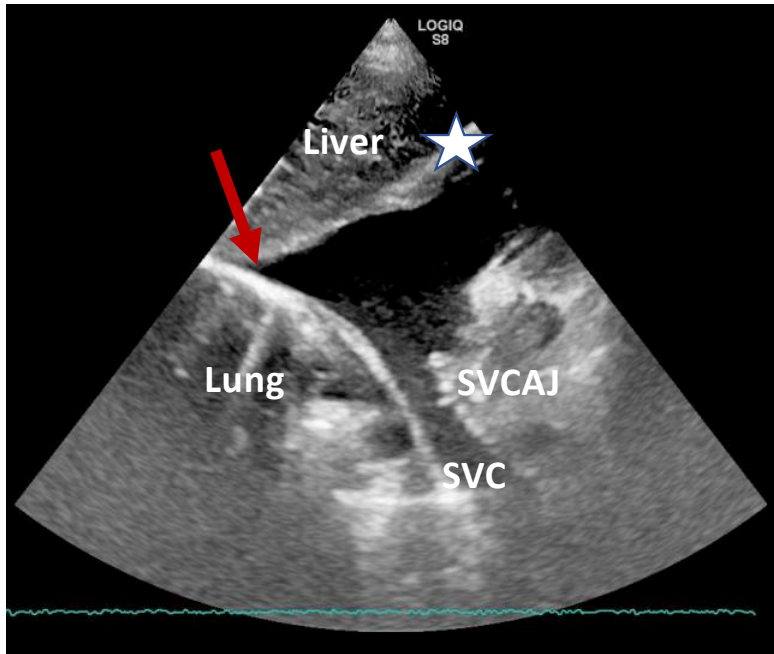
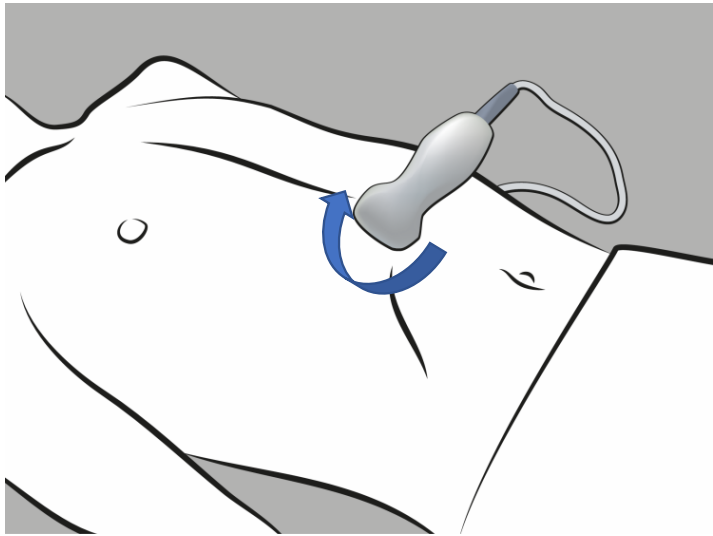
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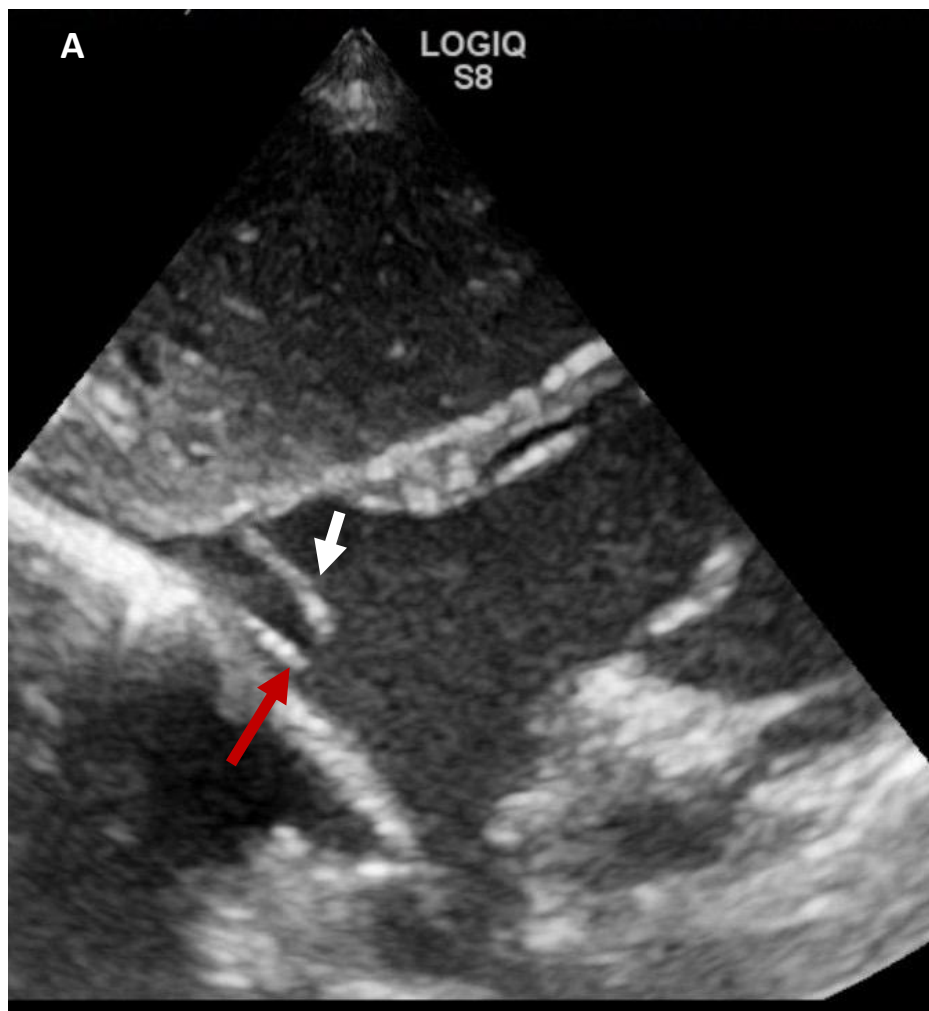
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CVC	Protocol	Probe	Windows
CICC	Tip navigation	linear 'hockey stick' probe, 10-14 MHz	Same acoustic windows as RaCeVA
	Tip location	micro-convex probe, 4-8 MHz, or small sectorial probe, 3-7 MHz	Subcostal bi-caval view (recommended) or 4-chambers apical view (as alternative option)
PICC	Tip navigation	linear 'hockey stick' probe, 10-14 MHz	Same acoustic windows as RaPeVA and RaCeVA
	Tip location	micro-convex probe, 4-8 MHz, or small sectorial probe, 3-7 MHz	Subcostal bi-caval view (recommended) or 4-chambers apical view (as alternative option)
FICC	Tip navigation	linear 'hockey stick' probe, 10-14 MHz, or micro-convex probe, 4-8 MHz	Short + long axis views of the femoral vein and external iliac vein; and short + long axis views of IVC
	Tip location	micro-convex probe, 4-8 MHz	Subcostal longitudinal view of the IVC







BUBBLE TEST...

Ultrasound localization of central vein catheter and detection of postprocedural pneumothorax: An alternative to chest radiography*

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Crit Care Med 2010; 38:533–538

Characteristics	Interpretation
No bubbles	Negative test: an aberrant or too distal tip position must be considered.
Few bubbles or appearance time > 2 secs	Test to be repeated: if confirmed, possible misplacement (probably in the SV or IJV).
Numerous bubbles indistinguishable separately turbulent flow coming from atrium within 2 secs	Negative test; intra-atrial positioning.
Numerous bubbles indistinguishable separately linear flow coming from superior vena cava within 2 secs	Positive test: CVC tip correctly placed in the SVC.

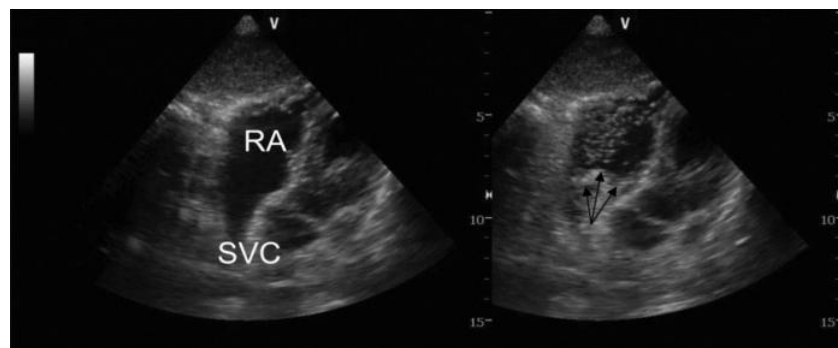
ORIGINAL RESEARCH CONTRIBUTION

Central Vascular Catheter Placement Evaluation Using Saline Flush and Bedside Echocardiography

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The mean ($\pm$ SD) times of onset of turbulence for CVC tips in proximal and distal SVC zones were 1.12 ($\pm$ 0.33) and 1.10 ($\pm$ 0.30) seconds, respectively.

2014



2015

Confirmation of correct central venous catheter position in the preoperative setting by echocardiographic “bubble-test”

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sis, a cut off value of 500 ms had the highest diagnostic accuracy with a sensitivity of 100% (95% C.I. lower limit=60%) and a specificity of 99% (95% C.I. lower limit=84%) for CVC malposition. The inter-observer agreement on a cut

Transthoracic echocardiography as bedside technique to verify tip location of central venous catheters in patients with atrial arrhythmia

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When the tip was well positioned, the mean ($\pm$ SD) time for onset of the bubble effect was 0.89 ± 0.33 s in patients with CICC and 1.1 ± 0.20 s in those with PICC; this time difference was not statistically significant ($p > 0.05$).

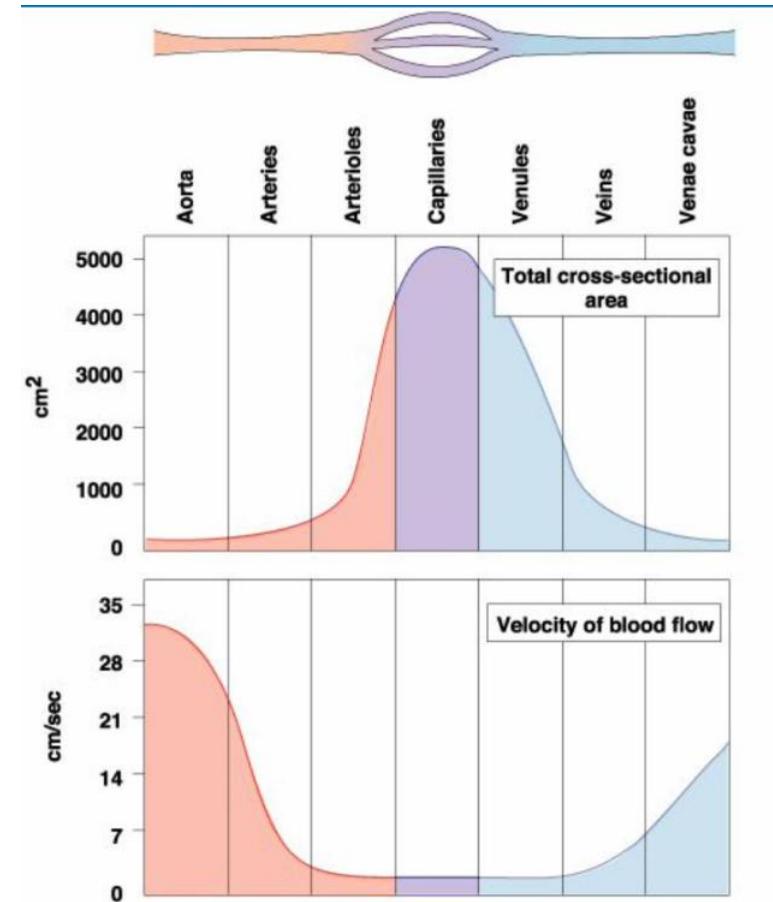
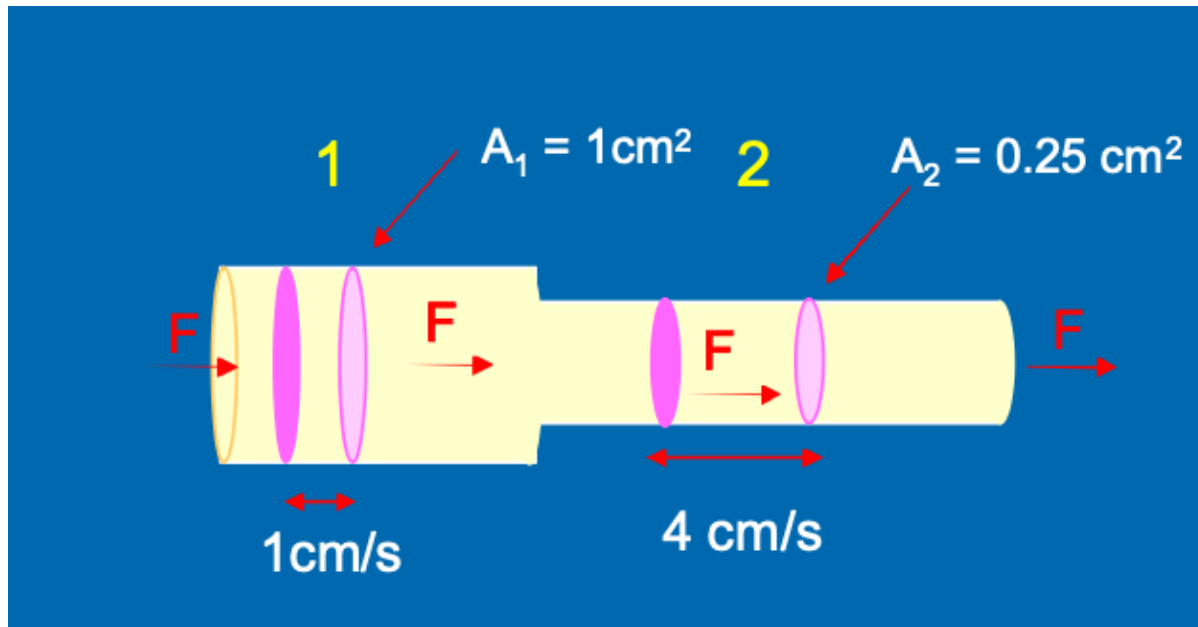
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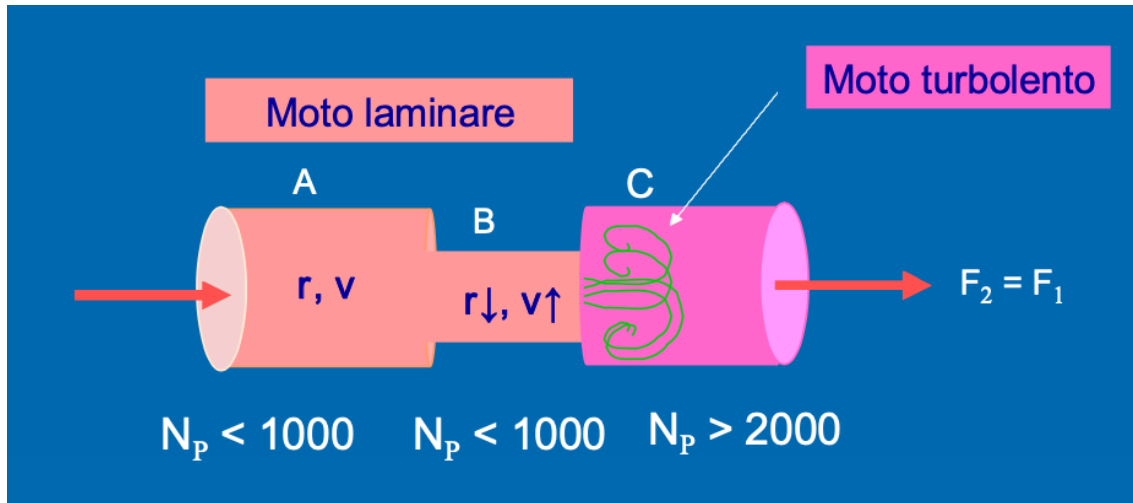
In conclusion, TTE with bubble test is feasible, safe, and accurate in verifying bedside correct tip location at the CAJ in patients with atrial arrhythmia. When the tip is in the correct position, the appearance of bubbles in the right atrium is immediate, and the time from the injection is much fewer than 2 s. Tip location by TTE can also be applied in PICC, but further studies may be needed to confirm its use in this type of catheter.



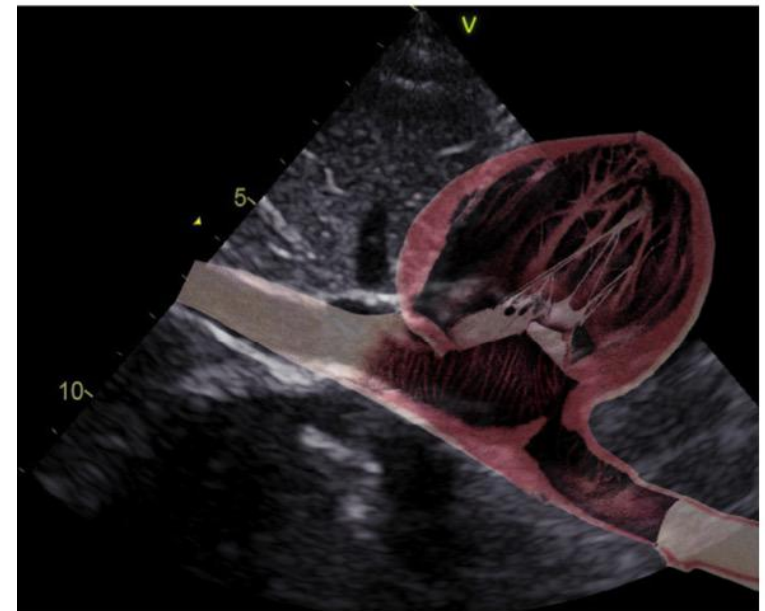
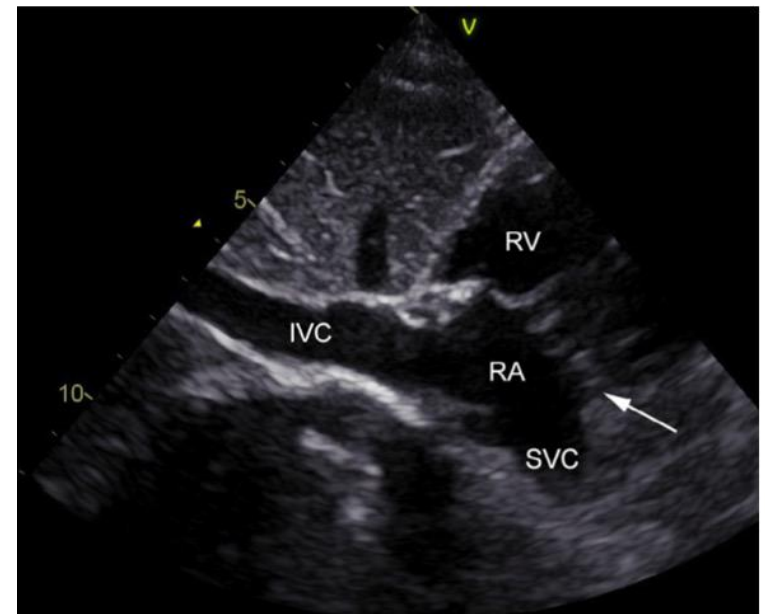
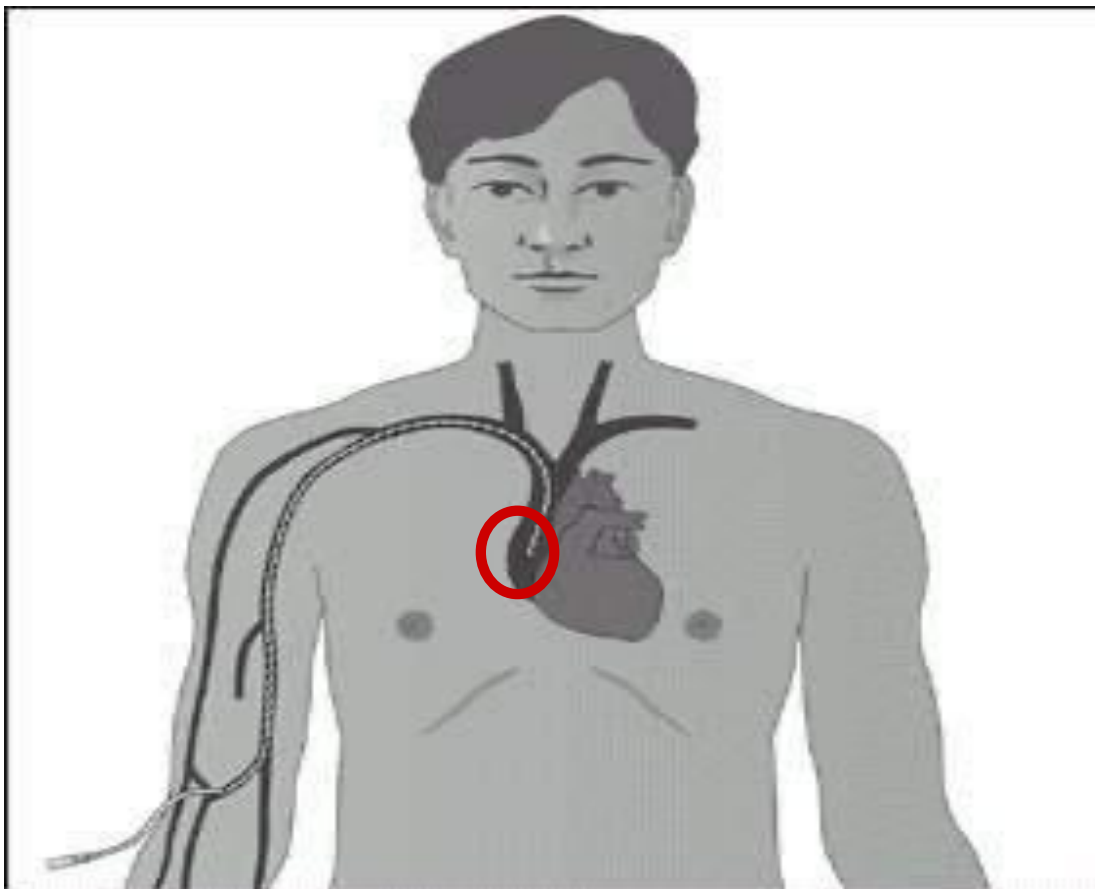


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Tip location

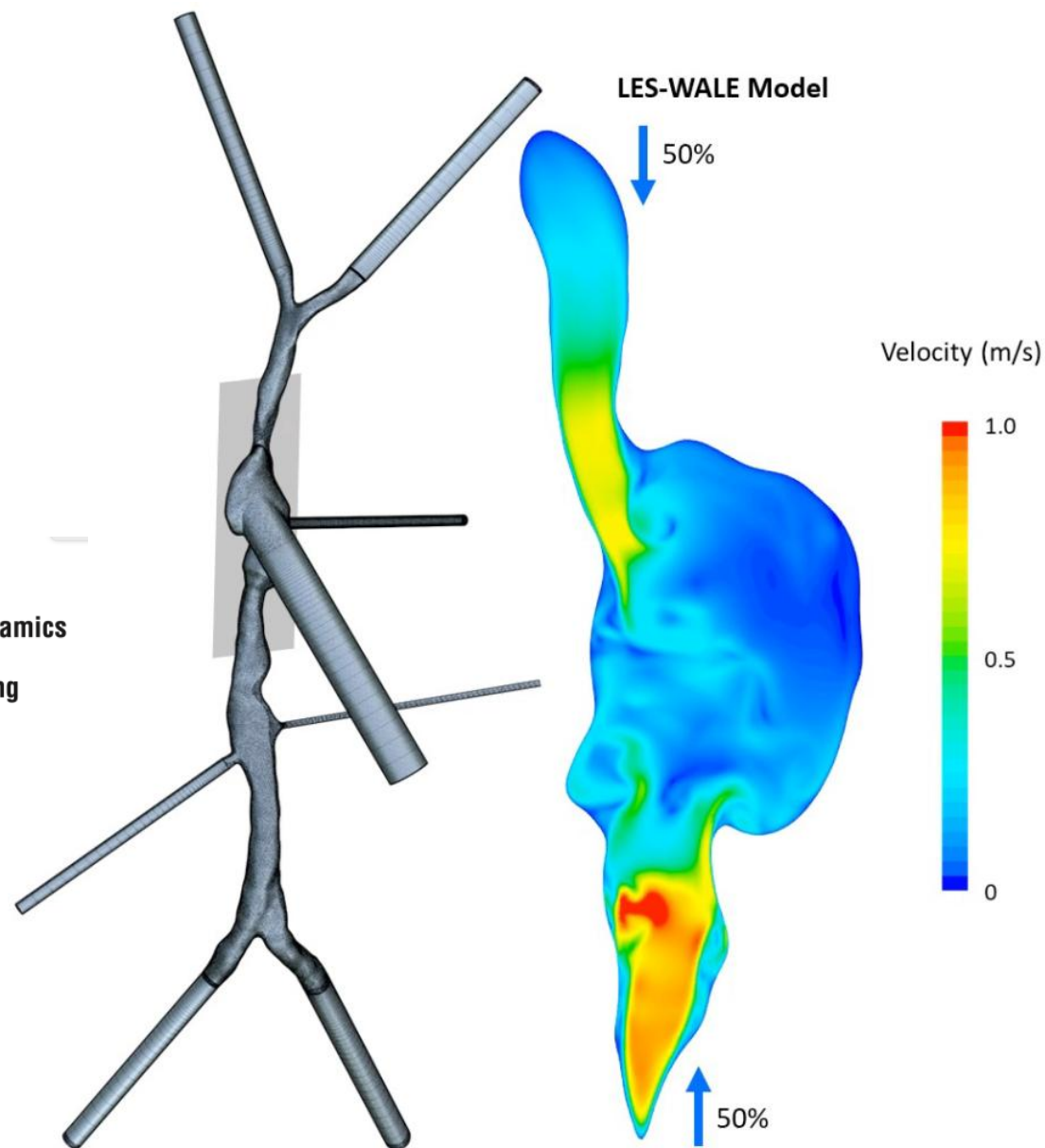


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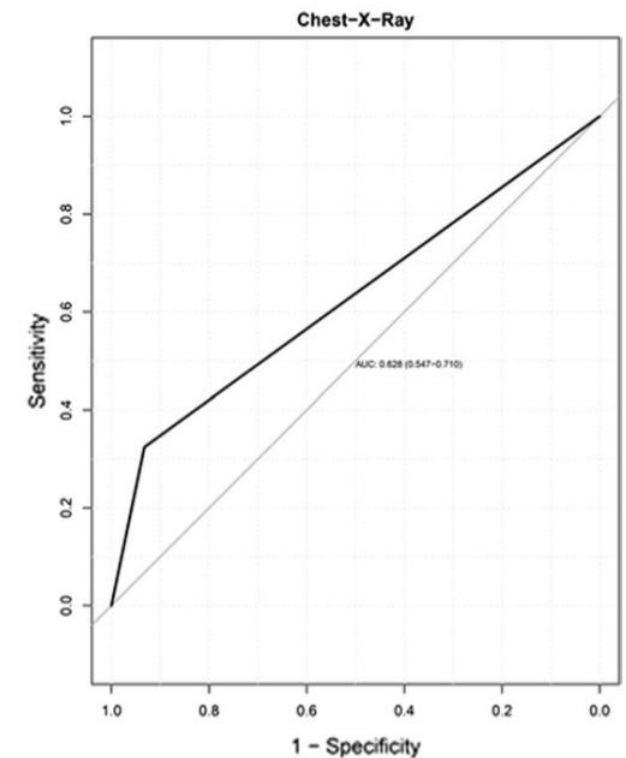
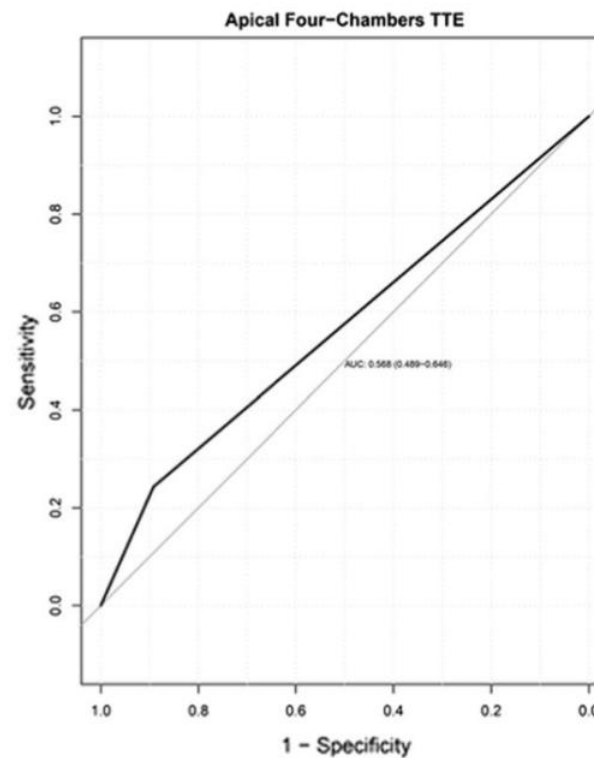
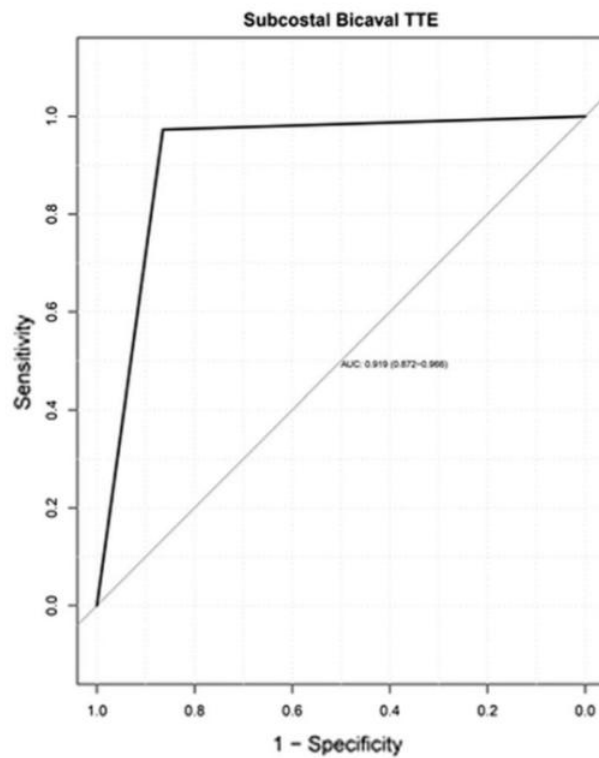
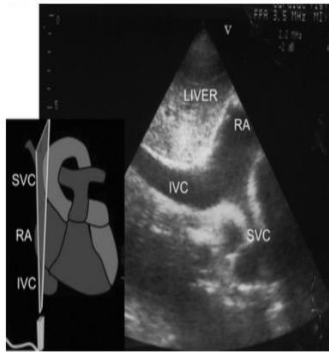
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Ultrasound localization of central vein catheter tip by contrast-enhanced transthoracic ultrasonography: a comparison study with trans-esophageal echocardiography

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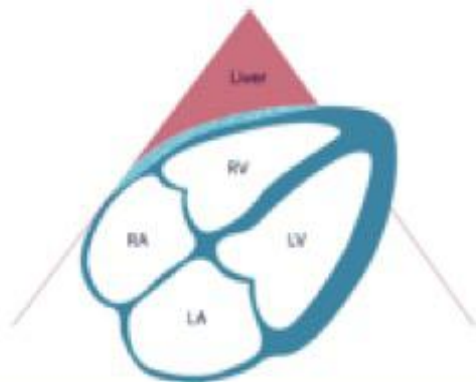
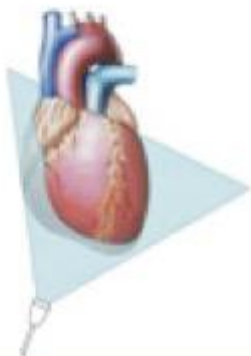
Bubble test?

- Which is the optimal cut-off time?
- Should we deal still with a 'cut-off' time or better with the optimal view associated with a specific range of cut-off time?
 - Which cut-off time for subcostal 4 Ch view?
 - Which one for apical 4 Ch view?
- Which kind of diagnostic accuracy?
 - Positive or Negative Predictive Value?

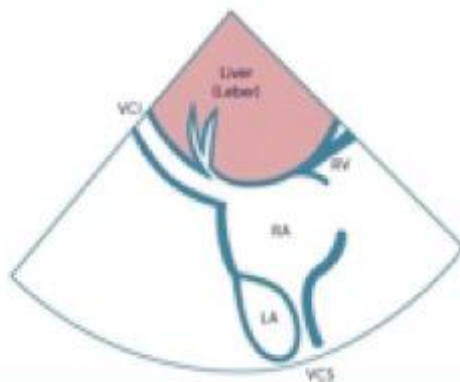
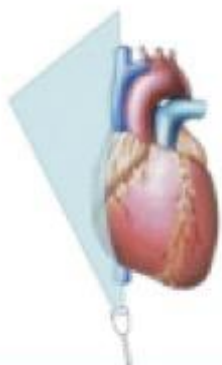
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Subcostal Views

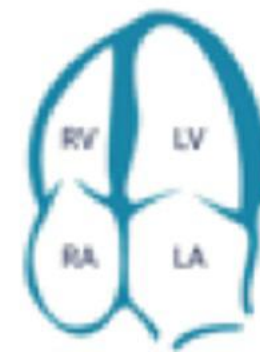
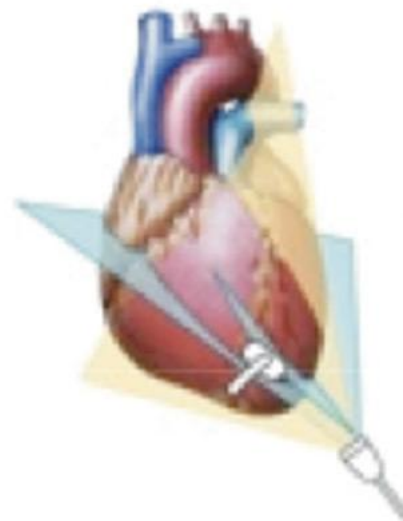


Subcostal 4 chamber view

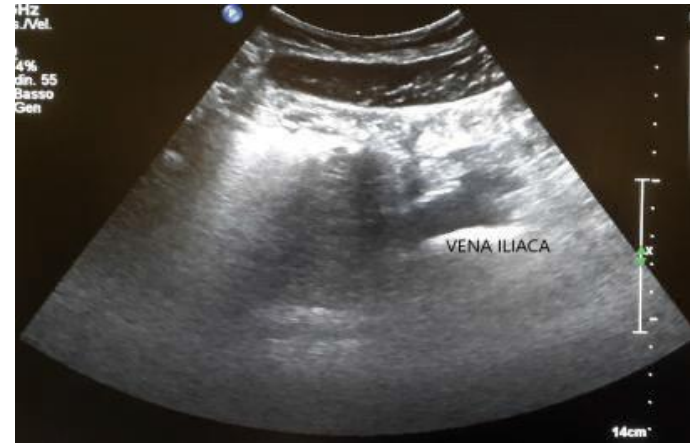


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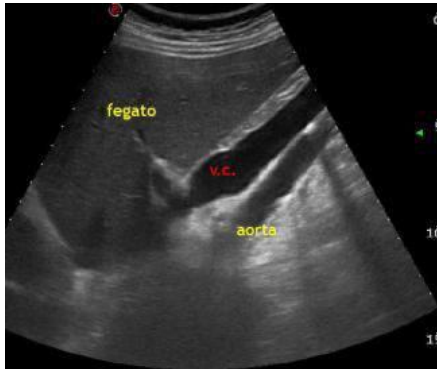
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4 chamber view









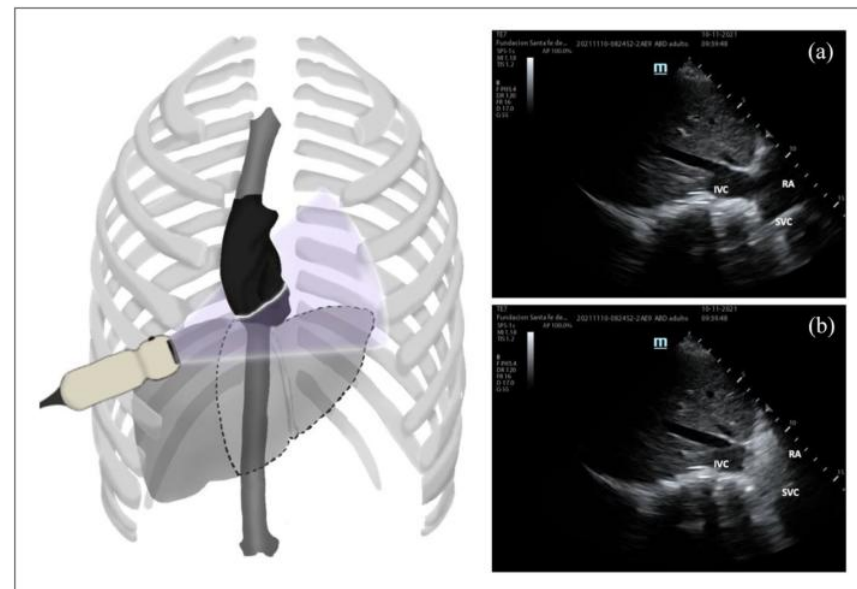
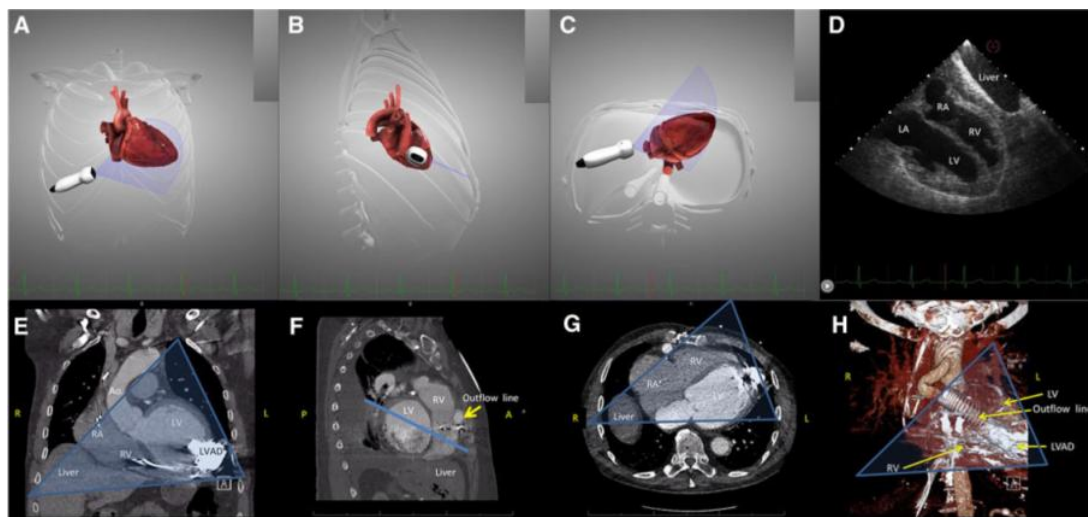
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Transhepatic echocardiography: a novel approach for imaging in left ventricle assist device patients with difficult acoustic windows

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Letter to the Editor

Transhepatic right heart ultrasound for central venous catheter tip location in patients with difficult acoustic windows

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How to Train?

Acquiring and maintaining point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) competence for anesthesiologists

L'acquisition et le maintien des compétences en échographie au chevet (POCUS) pour les anesthésiologistes

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Examination	Views
Basic critical care echocardiography	Parasternal long axis
	Parasternal short axis
	Apical four-chamber view
	Sub-xiphoid four-chamber view
	Inferior vena cava-long axis
Lung and pleura	Anterior chest wall
	Anterolateral chest wall
	Posterosuperior chest wall
	Posteroinferior chest wall
Abdominal free fluid	Right upper quadrant view
	Left upper quadrant view
	Suprapubic view
Guidance for vascular access	Short axis of vessel and surrounding structures
	Long axis of vessel with guidewire <i>in situ</i>

Point-of-Care Ultrasound in General Practice: A Systematic Review

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ABSTRACT

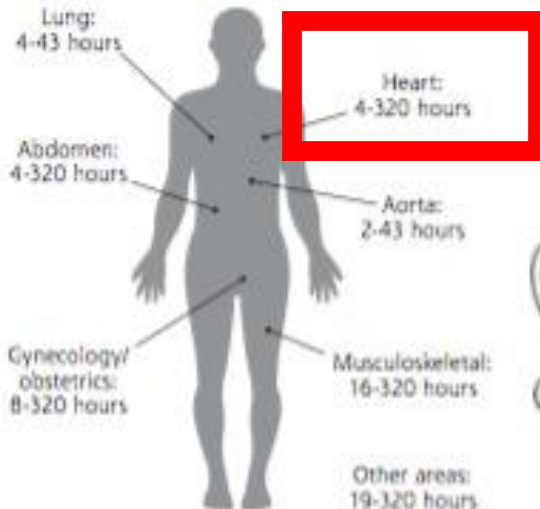
PURPOSE Ultrasound examinations are currently being implemented in general practice. This study aimed to systematically review the literature on the training in and use of point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) by general practitioners.

METHODS We followed the Cochrane guidelines for conduct and the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) guidelines for reporting. We searched the databases MEDLINE (via PubMed), EMBASE, CINAHL, Web of Science, and Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials using the key words *ultrasonography* and *general practice* in combination and using thesaurus terms. Two reviewers independently screened articles for inclusion, extracted data, and assessed the quality of included studies using an established checklist.

RESULTS We included in our review a total of 51 full-text articles. POCUS was applied for a variety of purposes, with the majority of scans focused on abdominal and obstetric indications. The length of training programs varied from 2 to 320 hours. Competence in some types of focused ultrasound scans could be attained with only few hours of training. Focused POCUS scans were reported to have a higher diagnostic accuracy and be associated with less harm than more comprehensive scans or screening scans. The included studies were of a low quality, however, mainly because of issues with design and reporting.

CONCLUSIONS POCUS has the potential to be an important tool for the general practitioner and may possibly reduce health care costs. Future research should aim to assess the quality of ultrasound scans in broader groups of general practitioners, further explore how these clinicians should be trained, and evaluate the clinical course of patients who undergo scanning by general practitioners.

Figure 3. Training in ultrasound examinations by anatomic area.

Training Time	Elements of Training	References
 Lung: 4-43 hours Abdomen: 4-320 hours Gynecology/ obstetrics: 8-320 hours Musculoskeletal: 16-320 hours Other areas: 19-320 hours Heart: 4-320 hours	 Heart Elements of training: lectures: 5 studies; hands-on: 6 studies; e-learning: 2 studies; case review: 2 studies; supervised scans: 2 studies; training in hospital: 2 studies	20-22, 27, 32, 39, 52, 58, 65, 67
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	 Aorta Elements of training: lectures: 7 studies; hands-on: 6 studies; e-learning: 3 studies; case review: 3 studies; supervised scans: 6 studies; training in hospital: 3 studies	17, 19, 20, 22, 32, 37, 51, 57, 59, 62, 63, 65
	 Abdomen Elements of training: lectures: 6 studies; hands-on: 6 studies; e-learning: 1 study; case review: 2 studies; supervised scans: 4 studies; training in hospital: 4 studies	20, 25, 26, 31-33, 37, 51, 57, 62, 63, 65
	 Gynecology/obstetrics Elements of training: lectures: 9 studies; hands-on: 9 studies; e-learning: 2 studies; case review: 3 studies; supervised scans: 7 studies; training in hospital: 8 studies	20, 23, 24, 35, 36, 40, 45, 46, 49-51, 55-57, 60-62, 64
	 Musculoskeletal Elements of training: lectures: 1 study; hands- on: 2 studies; e-learning: 1 study; case review: 1 study; training in hospital: 1 study	20, 24, 62
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How fast is the focused assessment with sonography for trauma examination learning curve?

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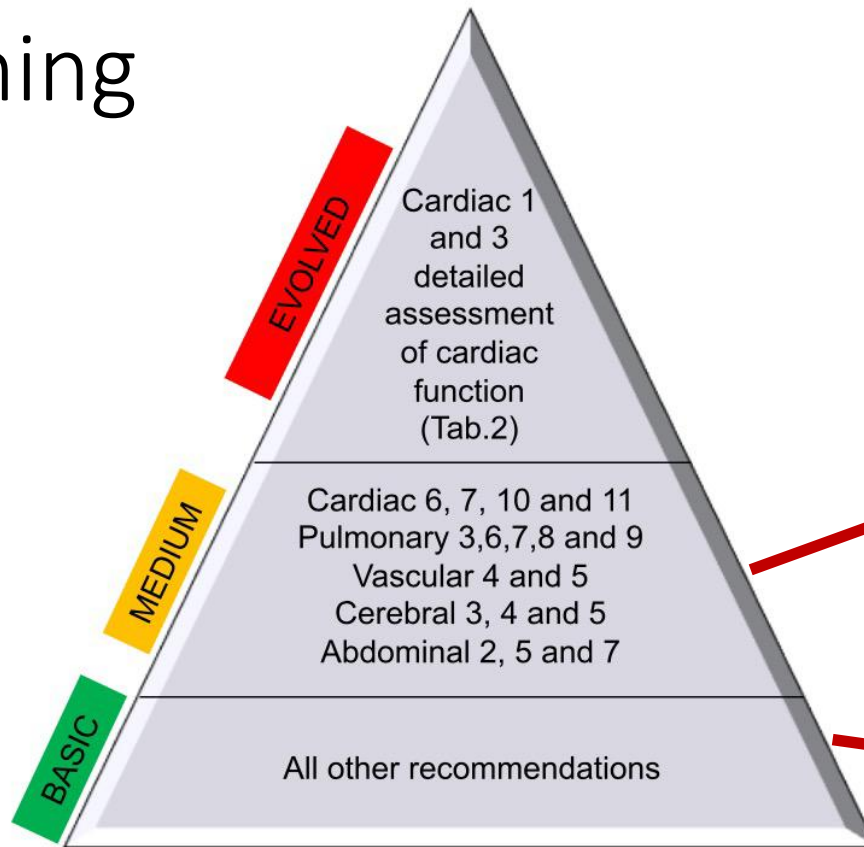
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Table 1. Accuracy of FAST examination interpretation at baseline, 6 months, 12 months and 18 months for examinations with varying sizes of AS

	Accuracy percentage (95% CI)			
	Baseline	6 months	12 months	18 months
No AS	79.8 (70.3–86.9)	85.9 (77.1–91.8)	91.9 (84.2–96.2)	92.9 (85.5–96.9)
Small AS	27.8 (10.7–53.6)	50.0 (26.8–73.2)	66.7 (41.2–85.7)	72.2 (46.4–89.3)
Medium AS	63.0 (42.5–79.9)	80.6 (63.4–91.2)	86.1 (69.7–94.8)	91.7 (76.4–97.8)
Large AS	77.8 (57.3–90.6)	92.6 (74.2–98.7)	85.2 (65.4–95.2)	100.0 (84.5–100)
Cardiac view	80.0 (64.9–89.9)	86.7 (72.5–94.5)	91.1 (77.9–97.1)	91.1 (77.9–97.1)
RUQ view	77.8 (62.5–88.3)	91.1 (77.9–97.1)	95.6 (83.6–99.2)	95.6 (83.6–99.2)
LUQ view	64.4 (48.7–77.7)	77.8 (62.5–88.3)	80.0 (64.9–89.9)	82.2 (67.4–91.5)
Pelvic view	66.7 (50.9–79.6)	73.3 (57.8–84.9)	82.2 (67.4–91.5)	97.8 (86.8–99.9)
Mean number FAST per EM resident	0	13	35	73

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International evidence-based guidelines on Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) for critically ill neonates and children issued by the POCUS Working Group of the European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC)



Posizionamento PICC
Tip location ecografica
Diagnosi PNX
Incannulamento arterie

Puntura ecoguidata vasi venosi
cervico-toracici e vena femorale

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Training & assessment methods

- **Observe 5** ultrasound guided procedures
- **Perform 5** ultrasound scans on patients
- Logbook that documents every procedure
- **5 supervised** ultrasound guided procedures of each type
- For each ultrasound guided vascular access procedure the practitioner should be signed off as competent for that procedure by an expert trainer using a **global rating scale** before they perform the procedure unsupervised.
- To be eligible for completion of competency-based training in both adult and pediatric US guided vascular access the practitioner should have performed **30 US guided vascular access procedures of any type in a 12 months period**

European Society of Anaesthesiology guidelines on peri-operative use of ultrasound-guided for vascular access (PERSEUS vascular access)

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ECHOTIP... what's next?

- Large multicenter trials aimed at
 - Confirming diagnostic accuracy of each ultrasound view
 - Clarifying role and optimal cut-off time of the '**bubble test**' by assessing positive and negative predictive value for both extra- and intra-cardiac malposition
- Assessing inter- and intra-rater variability of each ultrasound view associated or not to the 'bubble test'
- **Consensus on the appropriate training** on ultrasound based tip-location

Thanks a lot

