



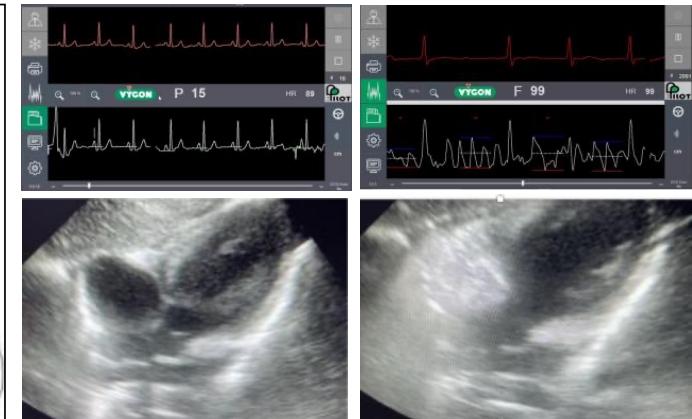
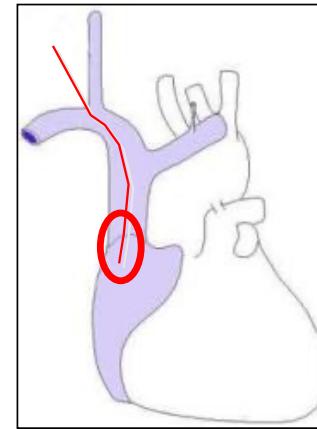
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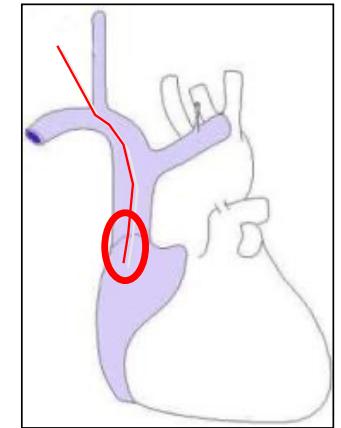
**Tip Location e Tip Navigation dei PICC
Integrazione
ECHOTIP + ECG intracavitario**



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Tip location + navigation: why a clue for integration of techniques

- IC-ECG as a standard for tip location
- Ultrasound as a strong tool for navigation + «location»
- Understanding the limits of both methods
- Advantages of «advanced» techniques
 - «Modified» IC-ECG
 - Bubble/Flush tests
- Advantages of methods integration (EchoTip/IC-ECG)



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- H. Implement strategies to deal with crises such as pandemics by reducing health care facility risk (eg, limit visitors, cancel elective procedures), isolating symptomatic patients, and protecting clinicians (eg, barriers at triage; limit number of staff caring for patient; ensure availability of PPE where most needed, eg, N95 respirators in the presence of aerosol-generating procedures; and adoption of technology, eg, wireless probes, electrocardiogram [ECG] technology to minimize the need for radiological confirmation of device tip location).
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 5. Avoid fluoroscopy except where CVAD placement is difficult or has failed at the bedside, as it requires exposure to ionizing radiation.^{4,53,62,70} (IV)

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Standard status of the technique

1. Standard precautions for electrical safety and signal optimization
2. A standard monitor
3. A universal cable (column of saline technique)
4. Entire pattern of P-wave variations to be visualized



1. Electrical safety



1. Electrical safety + Signal optimization

- Remove all plugged-in devices
- Shift to battery
- Monitor setting / quality



2. Standard monitor

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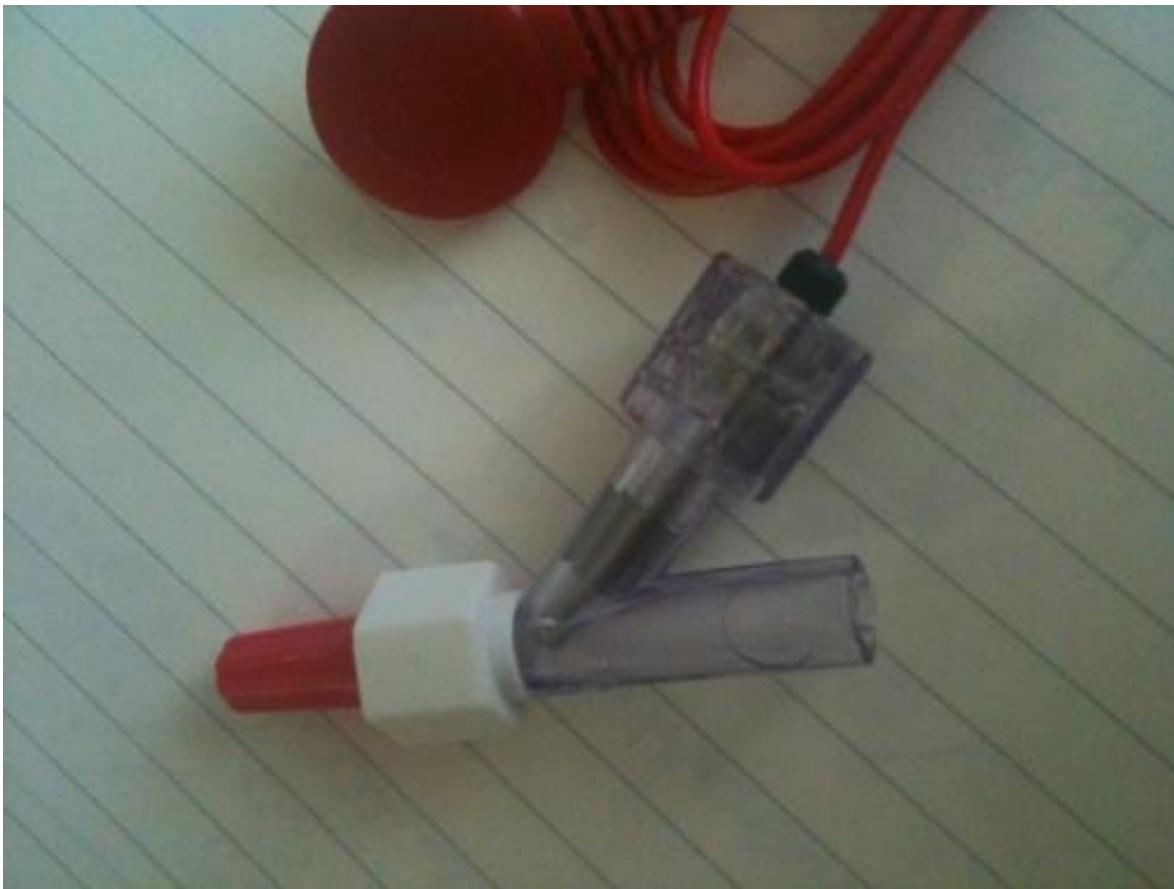
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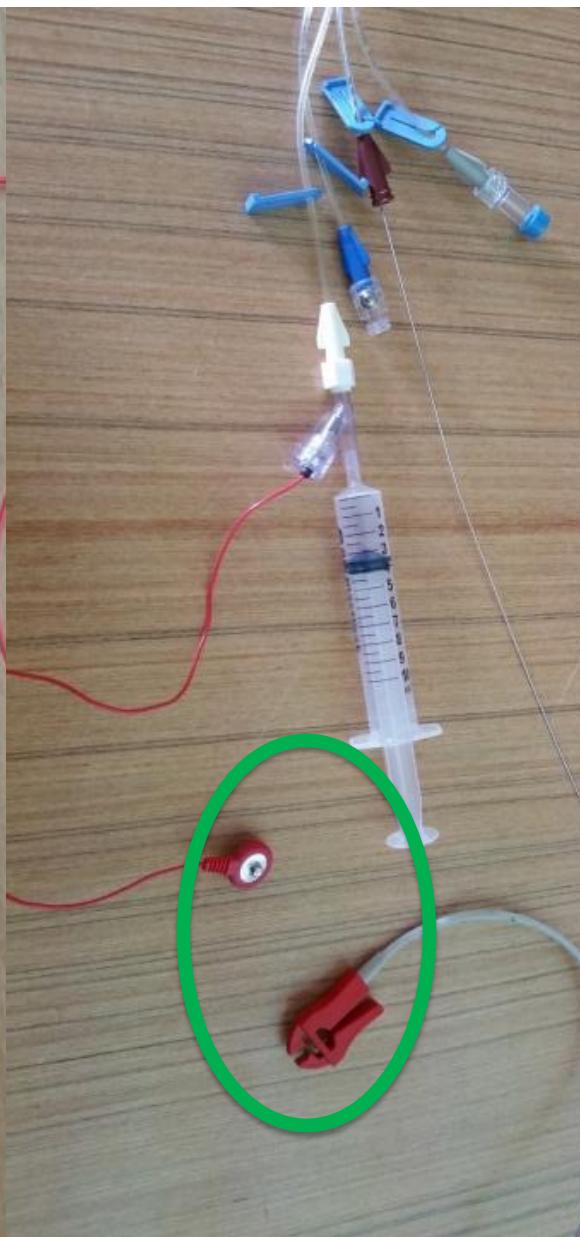
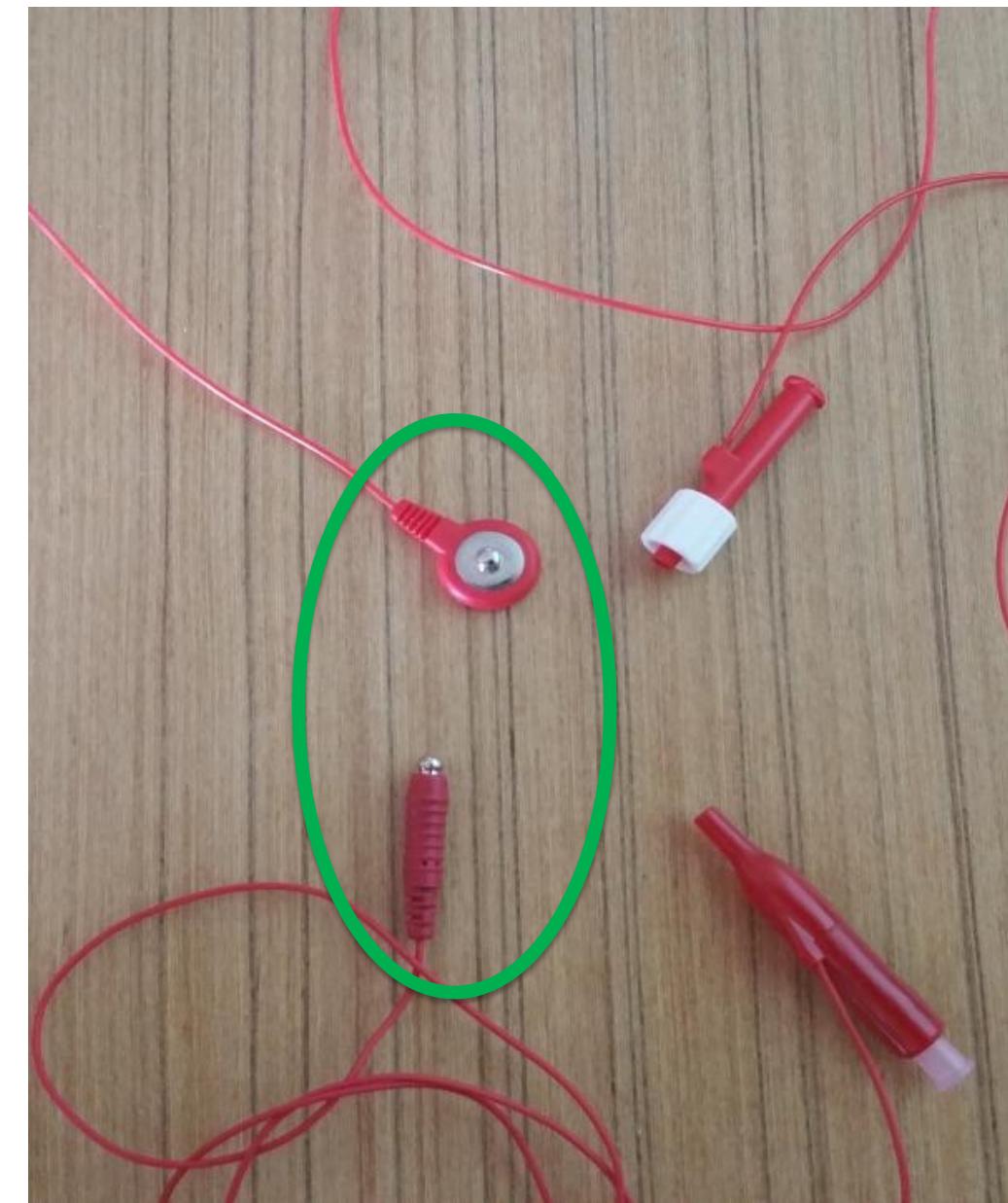
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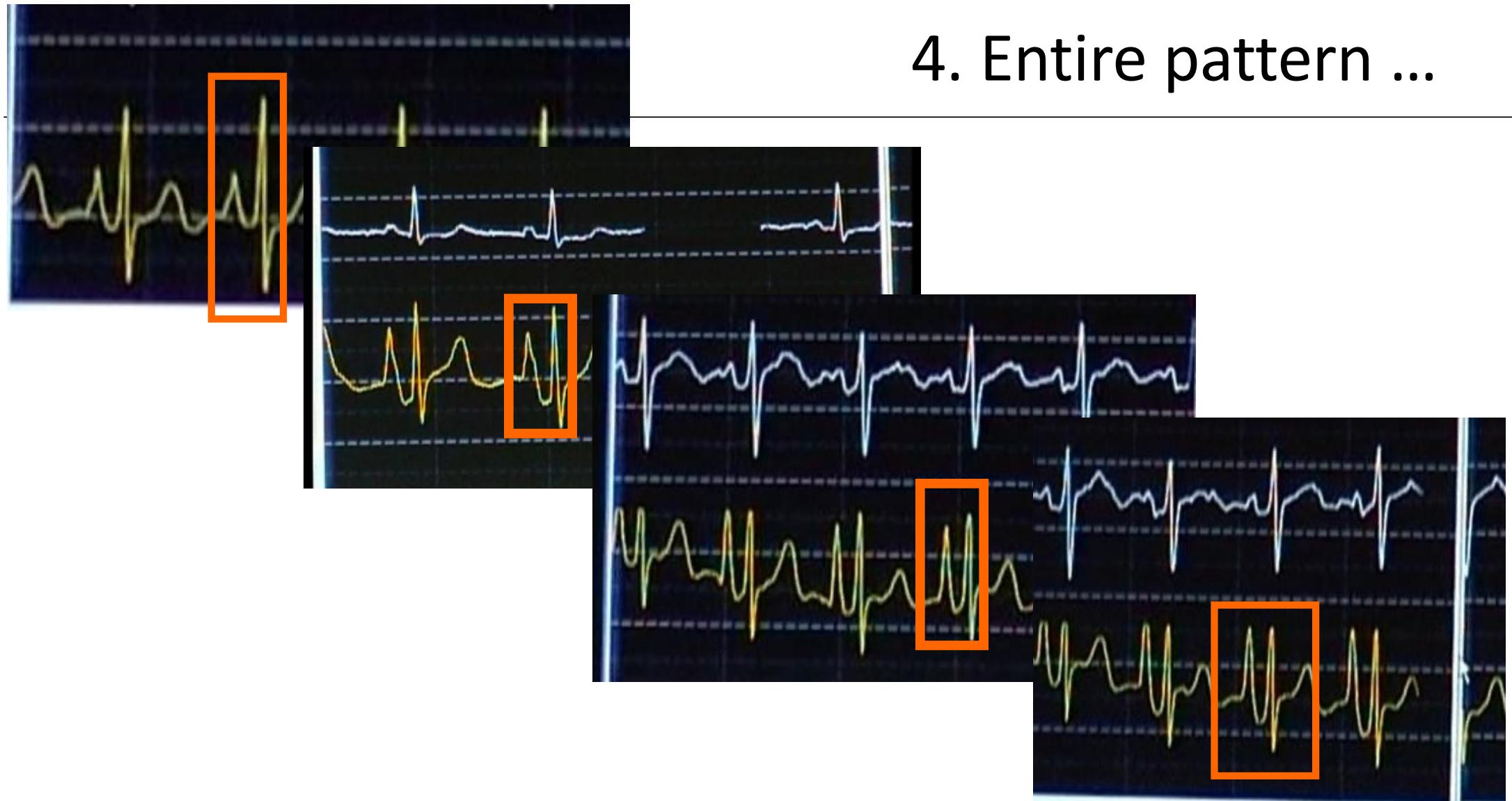
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Column of saline technique



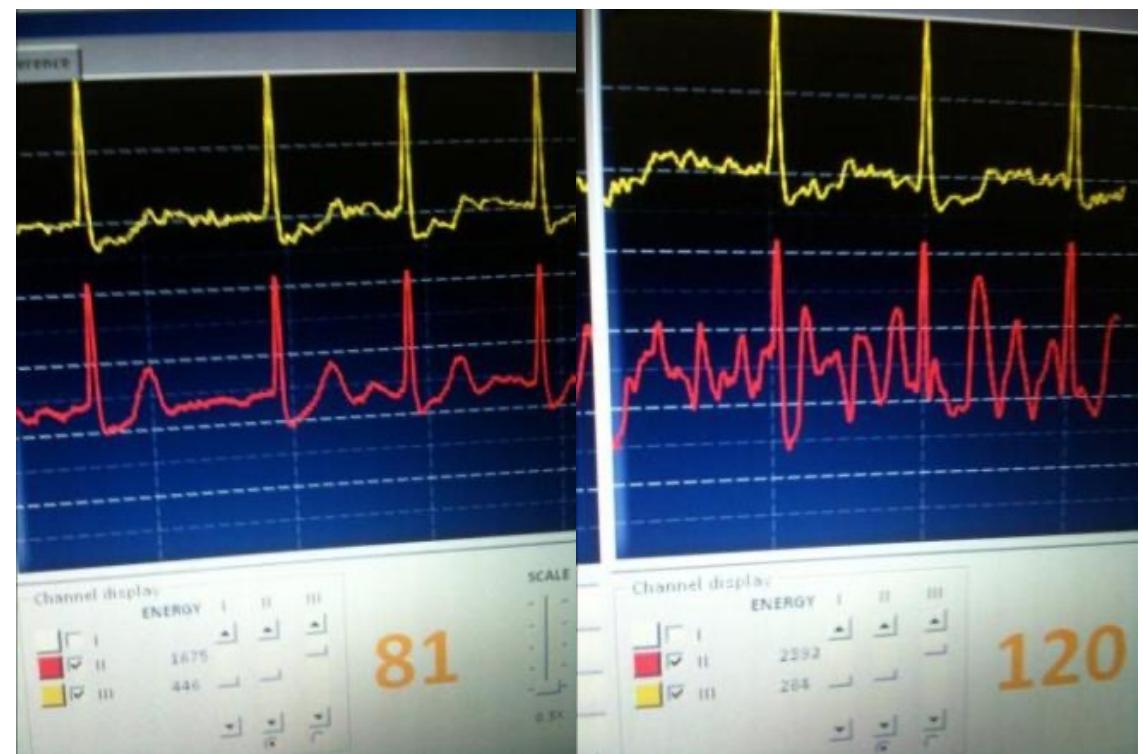
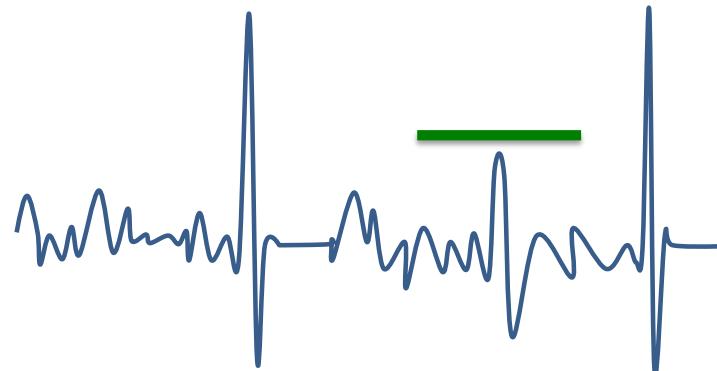
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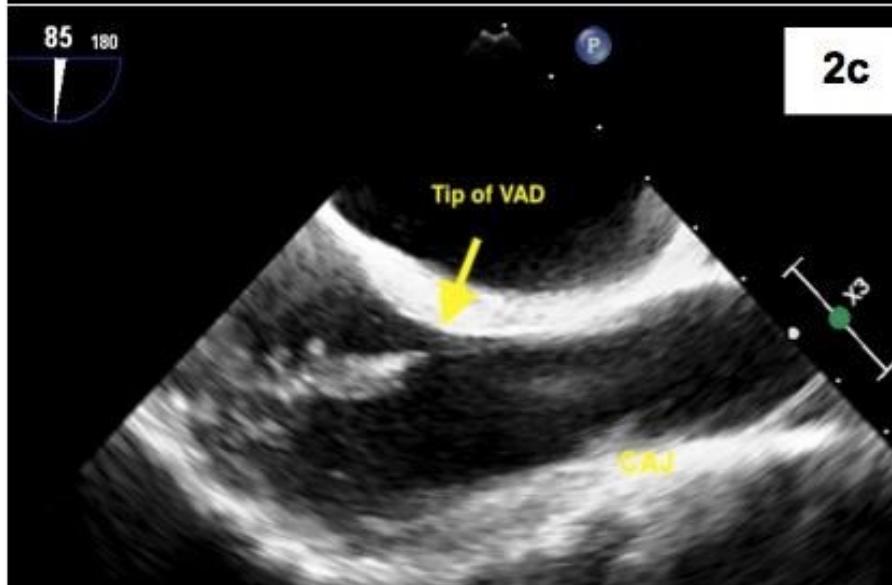
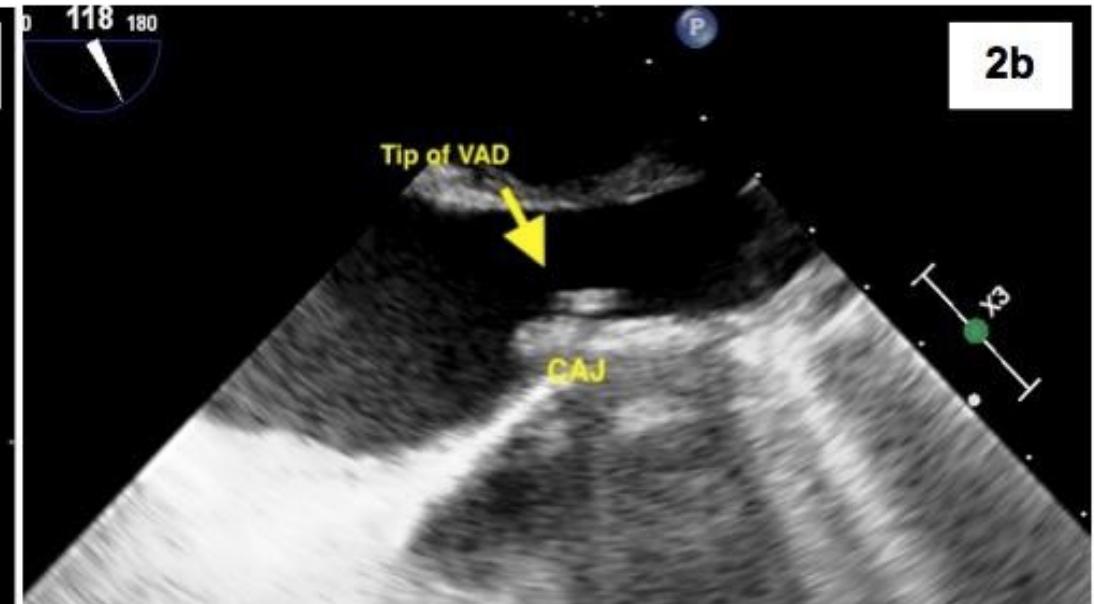
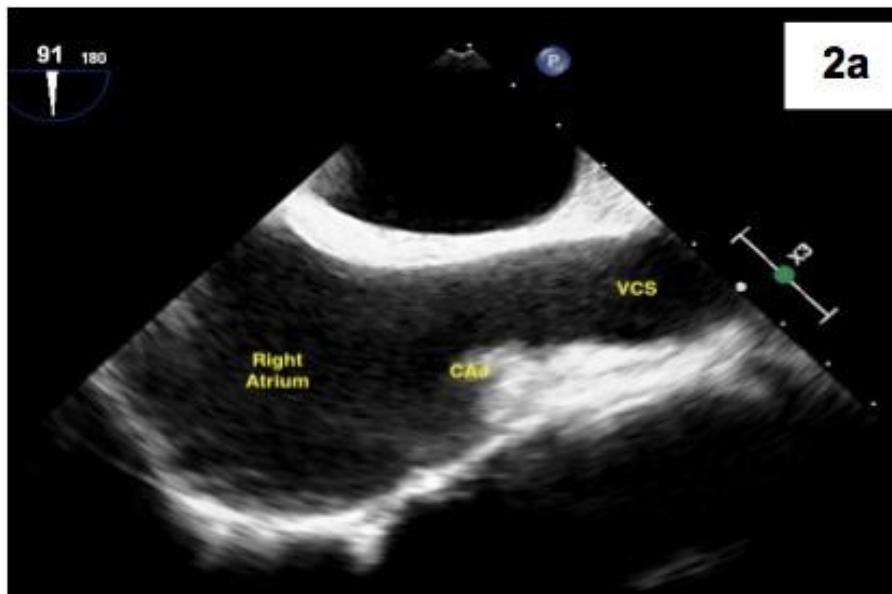


A modified intracavitory electrocardiographic method for detecting the location of the tip of central venous catheters in atrial fibrillation patients

Modified ECG for atrial fibrillation

- Highest f wave in a T-Q segment
- Repeat in at least 10 T-Q segments
- Sum and obtain the mean value





With the tip placed at the CAJ, the mean value of the *f* waves was significantly higher than in the other two positions.

ANOVA
p <.001
for all

Pairwise
p <.05
for each

Methods to measure the F-wave	Anatomical site	Mean ± SD (number of observations)	Pairwise comparison*
Method A	SVC	1,9 ± 0,89 (385)	SVC vs CAJ
	CAJ	3,33 ± 1,47 (590)	CAJ vs RA; CAJ vs SVC
	RA	2,08 ± 0,75 (376)	RA vs CAJ
Method B	SVC	2,11 ± 1,32 (180)	SVC vs CAJ
	CAJ	4,52 ± 1,87 (180)	CAJ vs RA; CAJ vs SVC
	RA	2,03 ± 0,9 (180)	RA vs CAJ
Method C	SVC	2,34 ± 1,39 (180)	SVC vs CAJ
	CAJ	5,07 ± 2,07 (180)	CAJ vs RA; CAJ vs SVC
	RA	2,32 ± 0,93 (180)	RA vs CAJ

Legend. SVC =superior vena cava; RA =right atrium; CAJ = ~~cavo~~-atrial junction; SD =standard deviation; mm =millimeter.

* ANOVA was significantly different for all ($p<0.001$); each pairwise comparison was individually significant ($p<.05$) at post-hoc analysis (~~Scheffè~~ test for all pairwise comparisons).

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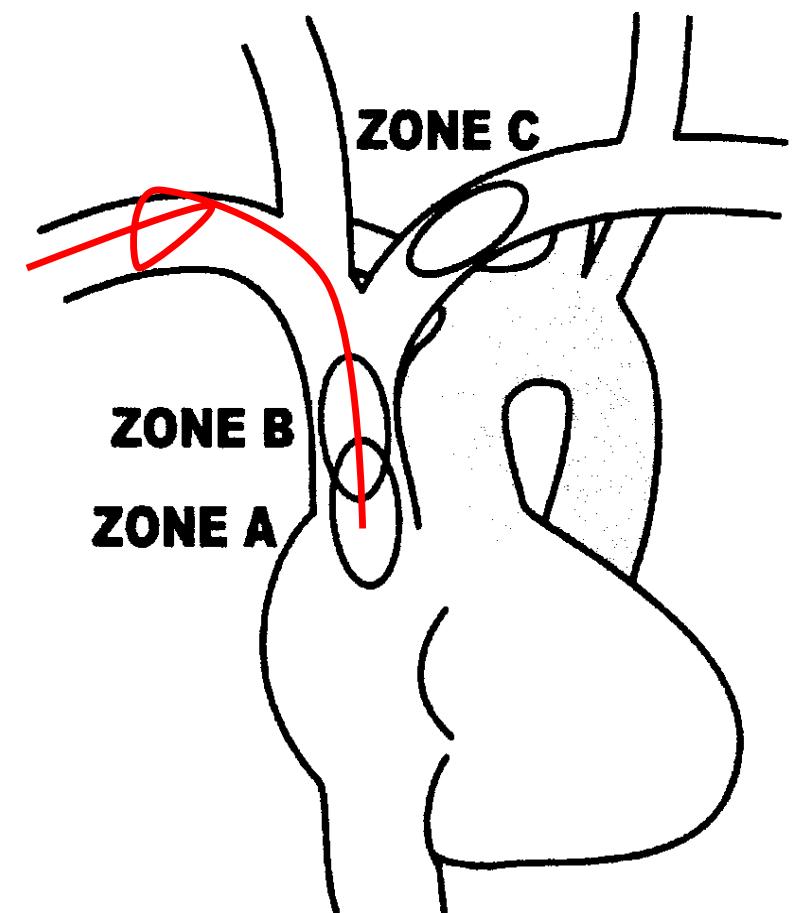
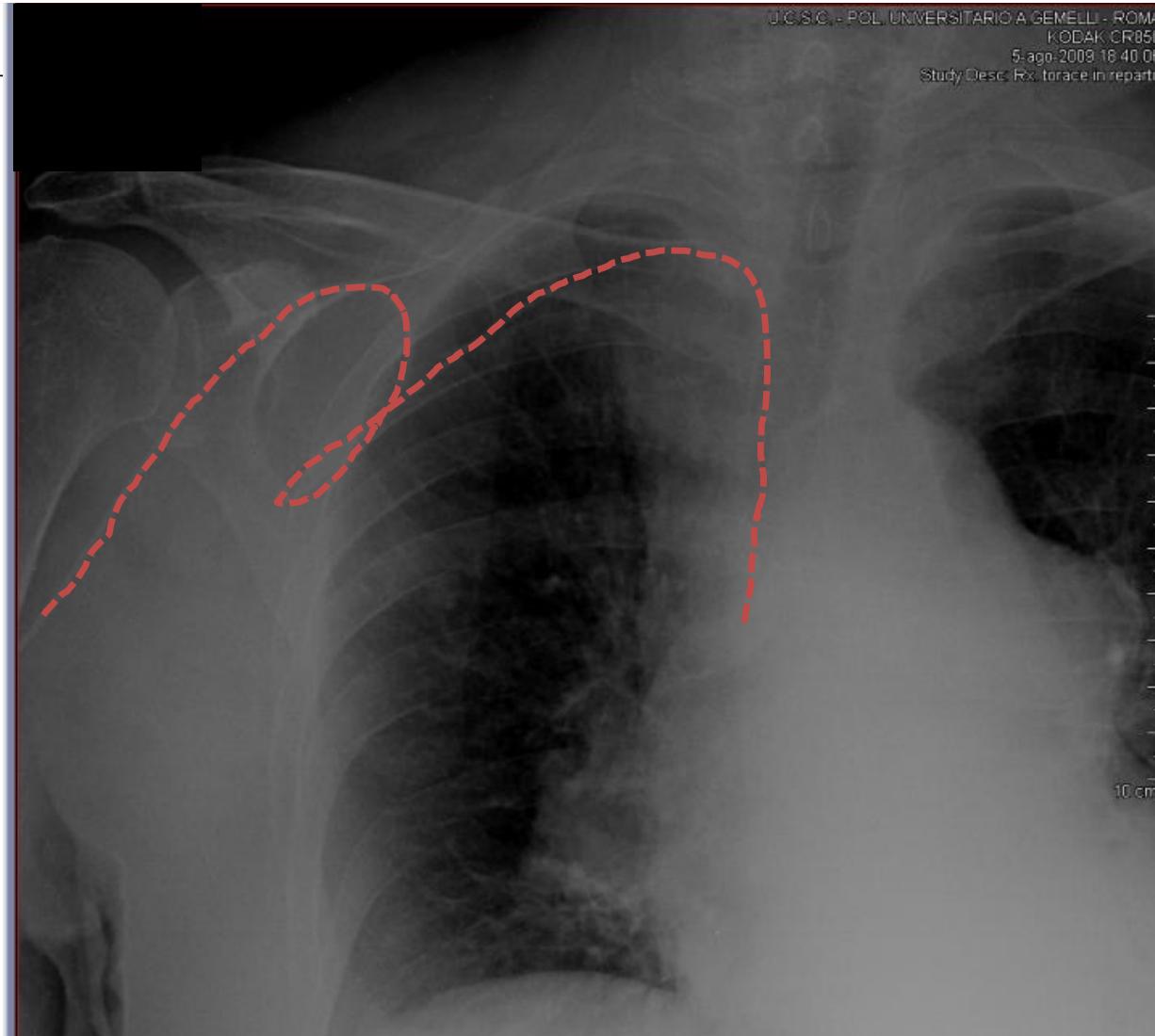
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 - 2. Assess patient for known history of cardiac dysrhythmias and the presence of a P wave on ECG (if available) before planning to use ECG technology for placement. Contraindications to the use of ECG technology include patients with an abnormal ECG rhythm with an absence or alteration in the P wave (eg, presence of pacemakers, extreme tachycardia). Recent prospective observational studies have demonstrated safety and efficiency of using ECG to confirm catheter tip position in patients with atrial fibrillation.^{,51,62} (IV)

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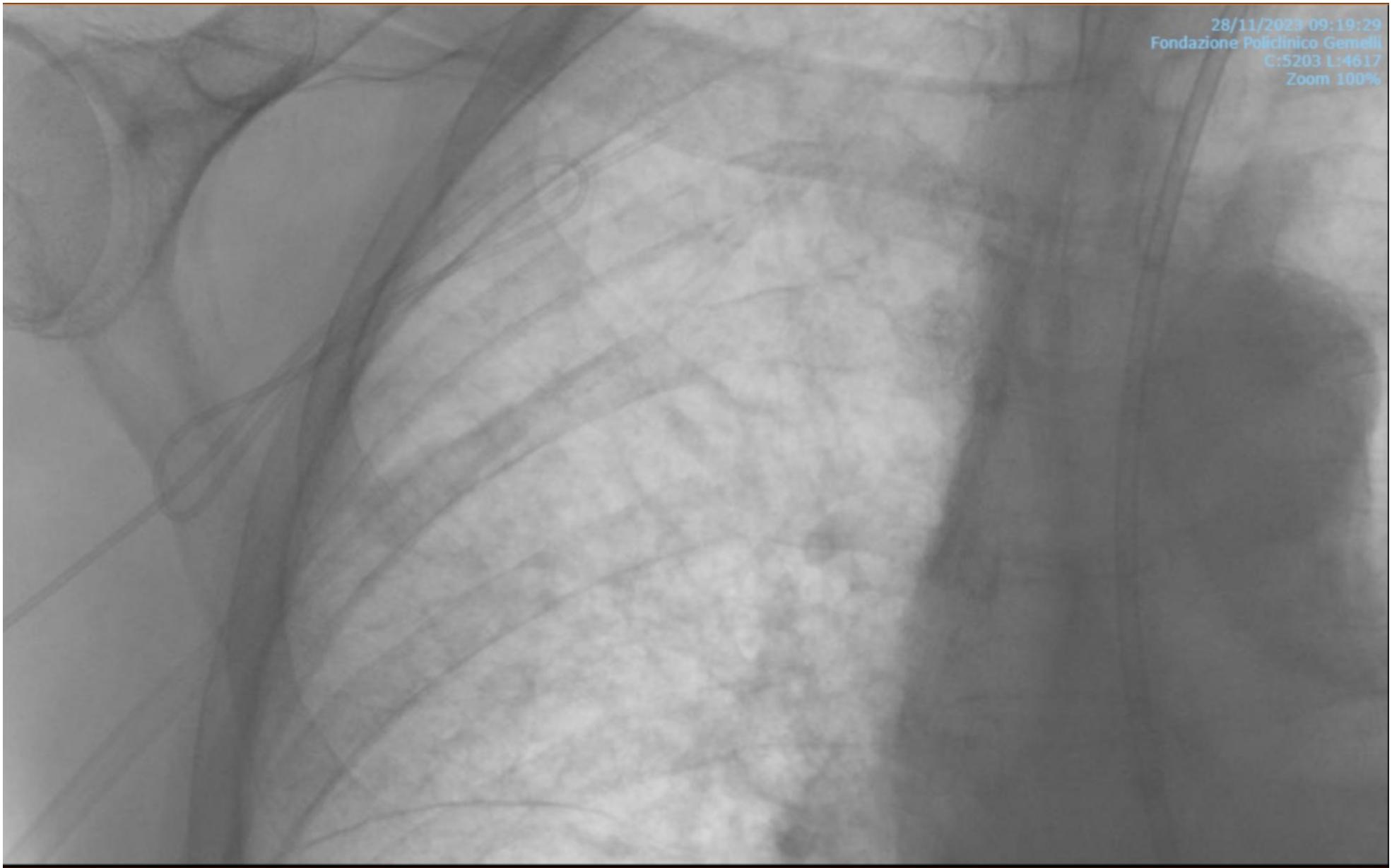


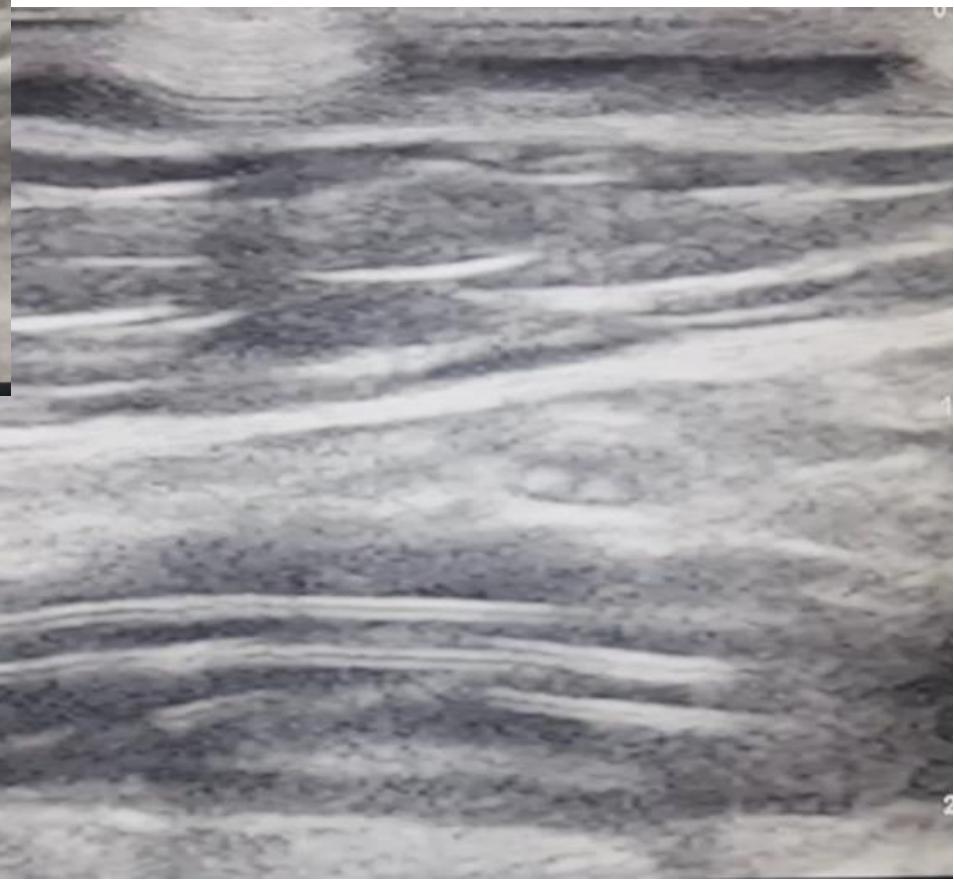
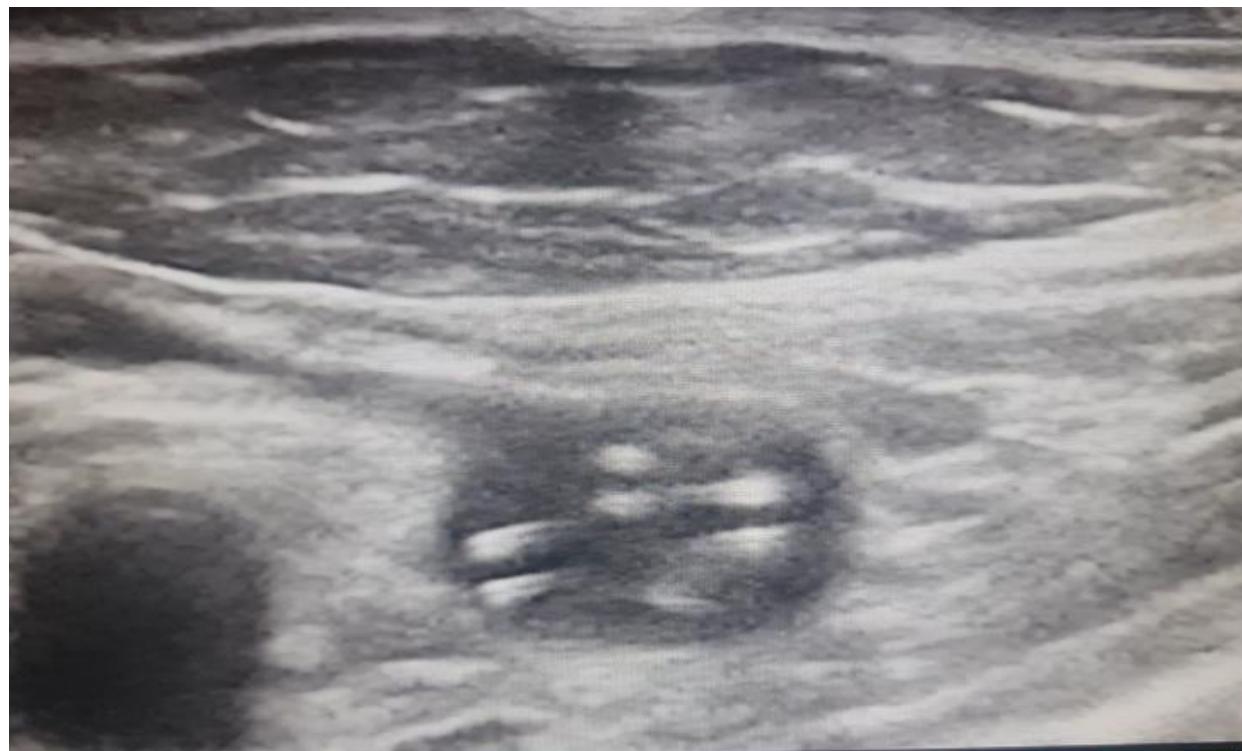
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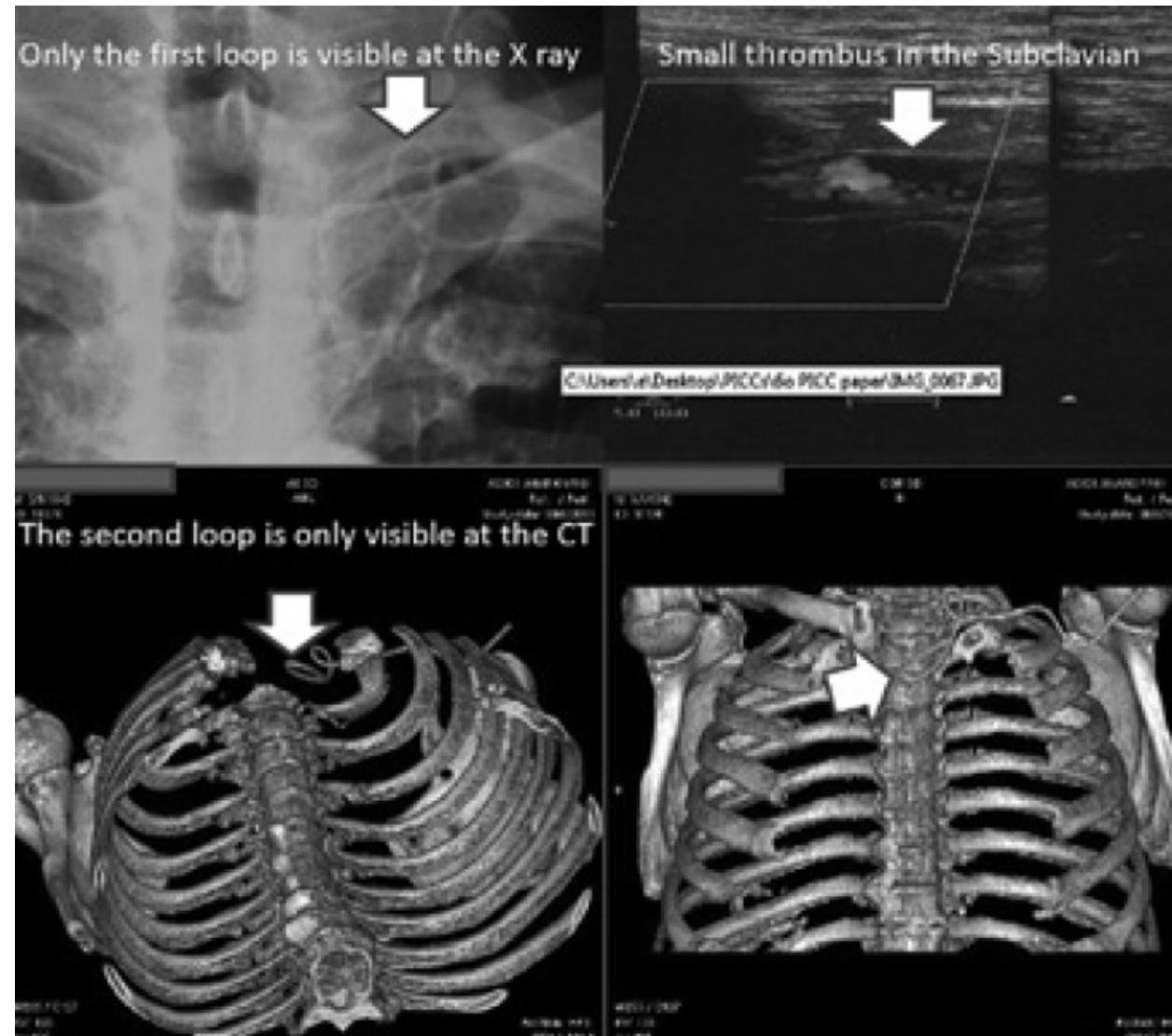
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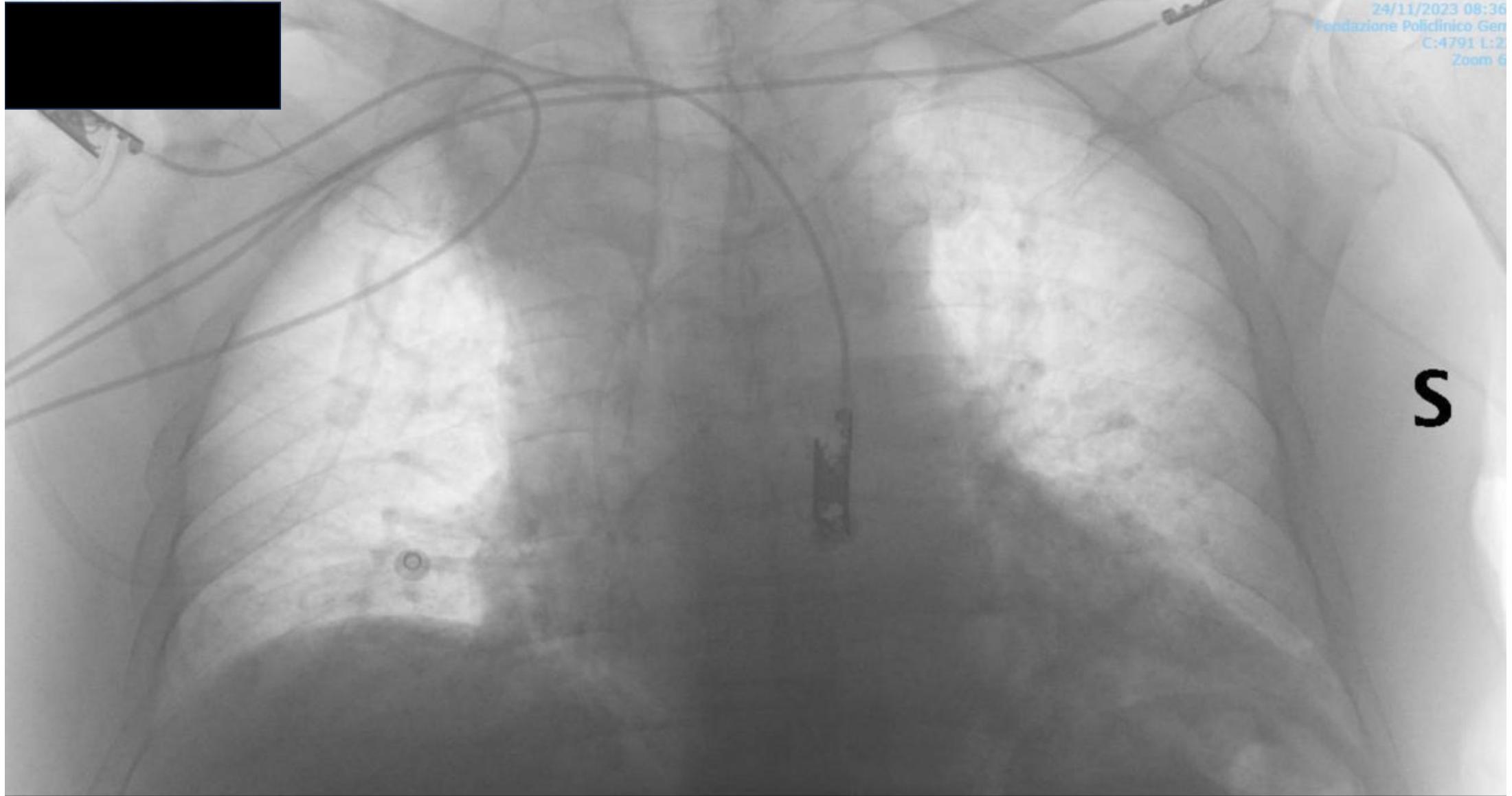
Do we need navigation systems in the vascular access practice? A case of peripherally inserted central catheter malposition

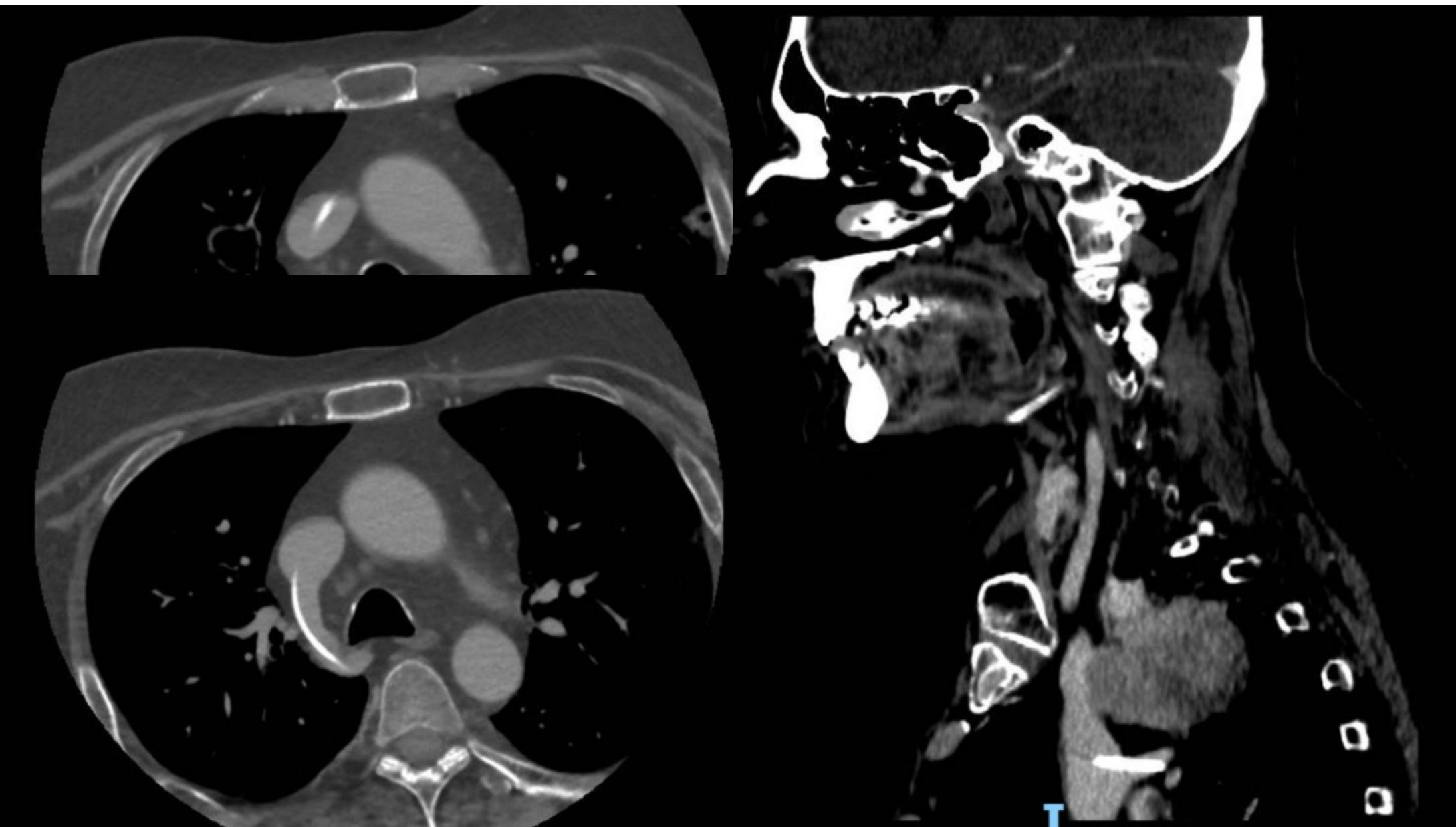


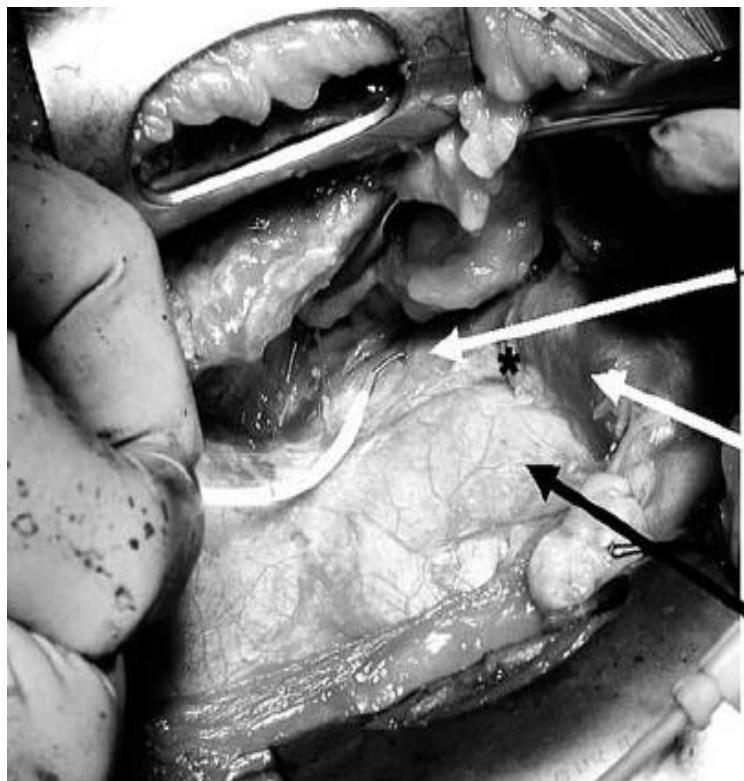


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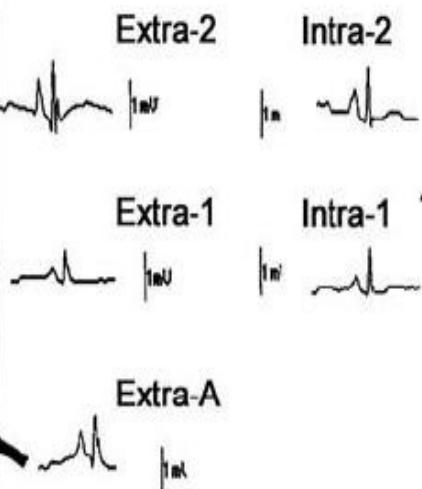
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EKG-Ableitung analoger Positionen



"Extravasal position of central venous catheters despite unsuspicious ECG-guidance"
Schummer W, AINS 2005

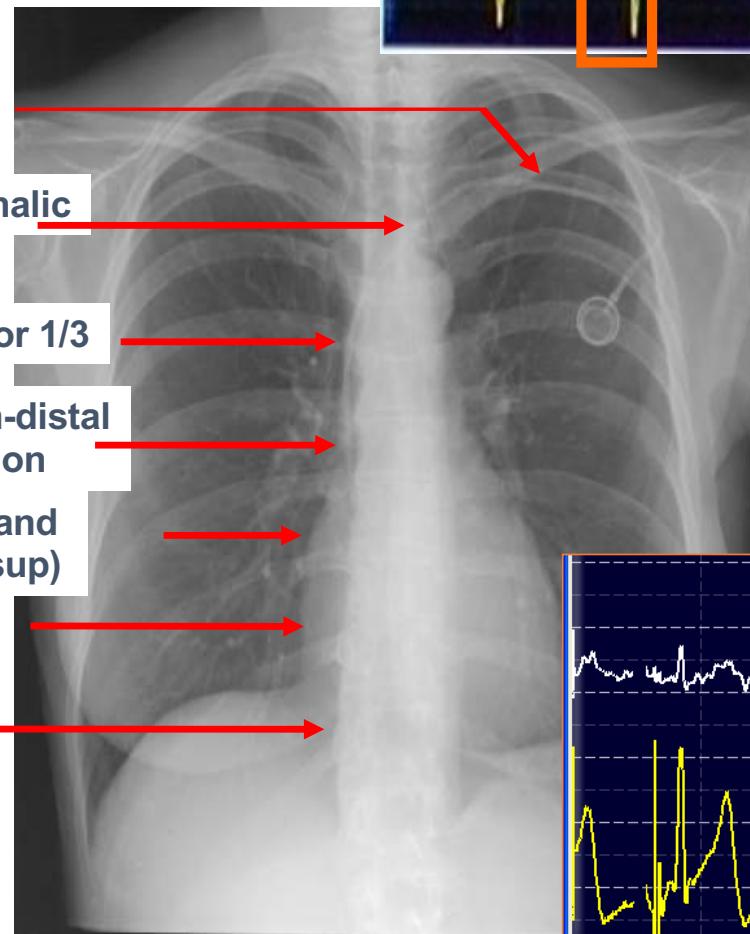
**An “atrial” P wave
does not exclude an
extravascular tip
position ...**

**... nor a “near-
atrial” tributary
vessel tip
position !!!**

IC-ECG

Incomplete mapping

1a. Axillary



1b. Brachiocephalic

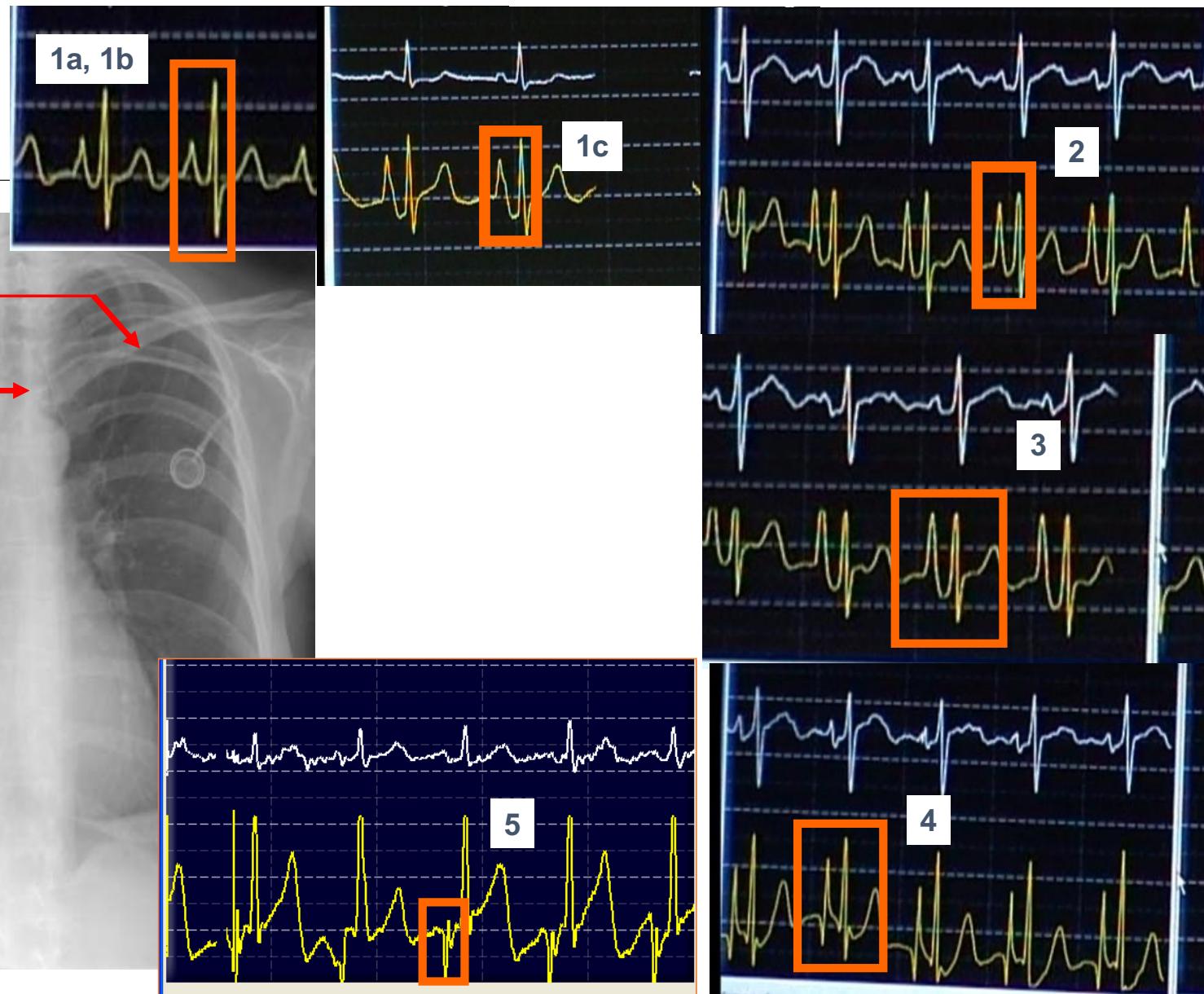
1c. SVC, superior 1/3

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3. RA (junction and superior 1/3 sup)

4. Deep atrium

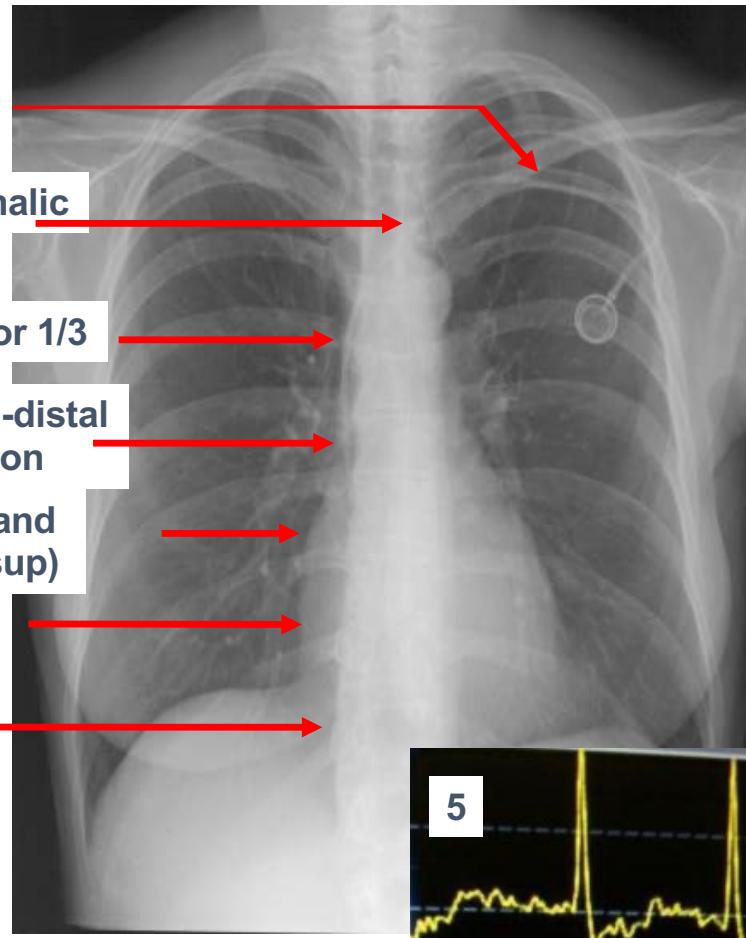
5. IVC



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Tip navigation: useful in all CVCs insertions

Used during the procedure to help the operator in directing the guide wire and/or the catheter in the right direction.

They do not replace ‘tip location’ methods

Still, they are particularly useful to reduce the risk of primary malpositions:

- when difficulties of catheter advancement are anticipated or experienced during line insertion
- when intra-procedural ‘tip location’ methods are not applicable or not feasible or of difficult interpretation

US-based tip location and navigation: GUIDELINES

Table 4 Recommendations on ultrasound vascular access in adults and cost-effectiveness

Ultrasound vascular access in adults				
Domain code	Suggested definition	Level of evidence	Degree of consensus	Strength of recommendation
D4.SD2.S1	Ultrasound guidance should be routinely used for short-term central venous access in adults	A	Very good	Strong
D4.SD2.S2	Ultrasound guidance should be routinely used for long-term central venous access in adults	A	Very good	Strong
D4.SD2.S3	PICCs should be routinely inserted at mid arm level by ultrasound guidance using micro introducer technique	A	Very good	Strong
D4.SD2.S4	Use of ultrasound guidance should be taken into consideration for any kind of peripheral intravenous line when difficult access is anticipated	B	Very good	Strong
D4.SD2.S5	Ultrasound-guided arterial catheterization improves first-pass success and should be used routinely in adults	A	Very good	Strong
D4.SD2.S6	Ultrasound can accurately detect pneumothorax and should be routinely performed after central venous catheter cannulation when the pleura could have been damaged	B	Very good	Strong
D4.SD2.S7	CEUS (contrast-enhanced ultrasound) is a valid method for detecting a central venous catheter tip in the right atrium	B	Very good	Strong
Cost-effectiveness of the use of ultrasound for vascular cannulation				
D5.S1-3	Ultrasound-guided vascular access has to be used because it results in clinical benefits and reduced overall costs of care makes it cost-effective	A		

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International evidence-based recommendations on ultrasound-guided vascular access

**WoCoVA-GAVeCeLT Consensus
Intensive Care Medicine 2012**

2012

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

2020

When an intracavity 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 the bedside, and it is more accurate and faster than chest radiograph (**1C**).

US-based tip location and navigation: STANDARD STATUS OF THE TECHNIQUE

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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1. Tip navigation: ultrasound-based visualization of the guidewire and/or of the catheter to verify the correct direction into the superior vena cava (SVC) or inferior vena cava (IVC).
2. Tip location by direct visualization of the final position of the tip of the catheter, usually at the junction between right atrium and SVC or between right atrium (RA) and IVC.
3. Tip location by indirect visualization of the final position of the tip of the catheter, using the so-called “bubble test” (visualization of micro-bubbles inside the vasculature after injection of saline or saline/air mixture into the catheter).

Table I. (a) ECHOTIP protocol for CICCs.

	Probe	Technique
Tip navigation	7–12 MHz linear probe	Visualization of the cannulated vessel (wire/catheter inside the vein) Visualization of the deep vessels of neck and chest according to RaCeVA
Tip location	2–6 MHz sectorial probe As alternative option: 3–8 MHz convex probe	Immediate visualization (<1 s) of bubbles in RA after flushing First option: subcostal views (four-chamber or bi-caval) Second option: four-chamber apical view

(b) ECHOTIP protocol for PICCs.

	Probe	Technique
Tip navigation	7–12 MHz linear probe	Visualization of the deep veins of the arm and of the infra/supraclavicular area according to RaPeVA and RaCeVA
Tip location	2–6 MHz sectorial probe As alternative option: 3–8 MHz convex probe	Immediate visualization (<2 s) of bubbles in RA after flushing First option: subcostal views (four-chamber or bi-caval) Second option: four-chamber apical view

ECHOTIP - PICC NAVIGATION according to RaPeVA

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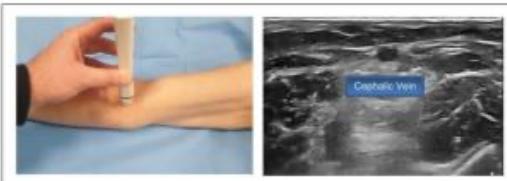


Figure 1. Step 1: Visualization of the cephalic vein at the antecubital fossa.



Figure 2. Step 2: Identification of the artery and brachial veins and visualization of the confluence between the antecubital vein and basilic vein.



Figure 3. Step 3: Identification of the basilic vein along the bicipital-humeral groove, sliding the probe upwards.

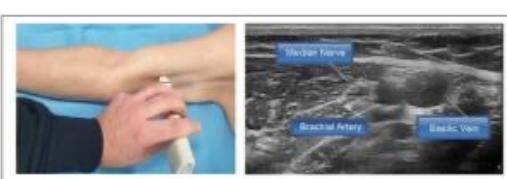


Figure 4. Step 4: Examination of the nerve-vascular bundle of the arm.

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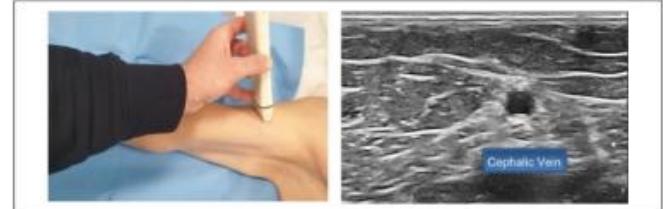


Figure 5. Step 5: Visualization of the cephalic vein, moving laterally over the biceps muscle.

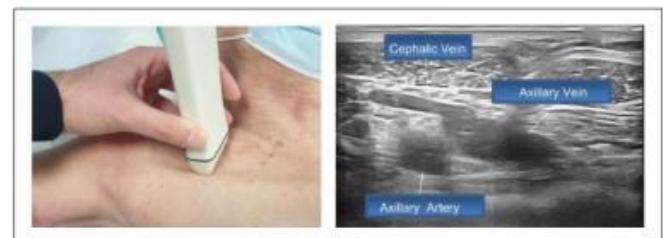


Figure 6. Step 6: Rapid examination of the axillary vein in the infraclavicular area.

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Editorial
The SIP protocol update: Eight strategies, incorporating Rapid Peripheral Vein Assessment (RaPeVA), to minimize complications associated with peripherally inserted central catheter insertion

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Figure 7. Step 7: Visualization of the subclavian, brachiocephalic, and internal jugular vein in the supraclavicular area.

ECHOTIP - CICC e PICC - tip location (1)

Tip location: per l'adulto, manovra di supporto / rescue al metodo di scelta (ECG endocavitario), anche in urgenza:

- a) supporto: nei pazienti per i quali si prevede non applicabilità del metodo (pace-maker attivi sull'atrio) o difficile fattibilità (aritmie atriali, scarsa collaborazione/tremore)
- b) rescue: pazienti senza fattori predittivi di non applicabilità/fattibilità ma per i quali l'ECG non dà il risultato atteso o è di dubbia interpretazione

ECHOTIP - CICC e PICC - tip location (2)

1. Sonda:

- Prima scelta: settoriale cardiologica
- Seconda scelta: convex

2. Finestra acustica:

usare le seguenti 2 proiezioni:

- prima scelta: sottocostale epigastrica 4 camere
 - ad integrazione (facoltativa) della precedente: sottocostale epigastrica bi-cavale
- seconda scelta: apicale 4 camere (in caso di inadeguatezza della sottocostale)

ECHOTIP - CICC e PICC - tip location (3)

Tip location: il target, a differenza del neonato e del bambino, **NON E'** la visualizzazione diretta del catetere nelle camere cardiache, ma la **localizzazione indiretta** della punta mediante visualizzazione degli effetti del flush/bubble test:

3. Procedura: Una volta posizionata la punta del catetere nella supposta regione target (giunzione tra VCS e atrio di destra) eseguire un flush rapido di soluzione fisiologica da 5-10 ml (lume distale se catetere multilume)

- Flusso laminare immediato in atrio destro: punta in prossimità della giunzione atrio-cavale
- Flusso turbolento immediato in atrio destro: punta intra-atriale
- Flusso laminare con latenza percepibile: catetere in direzione corretta ma probabilmente con punta «alta»
- Flusso laminare con latenza > 2 secondi: catetere malposizionato

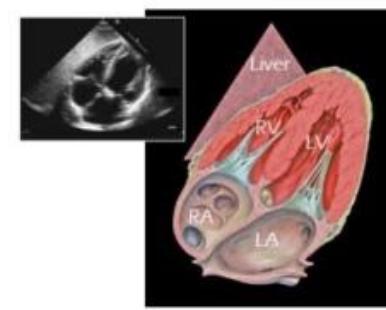
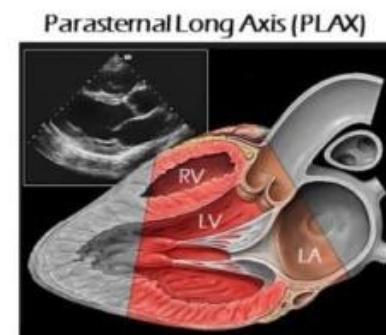
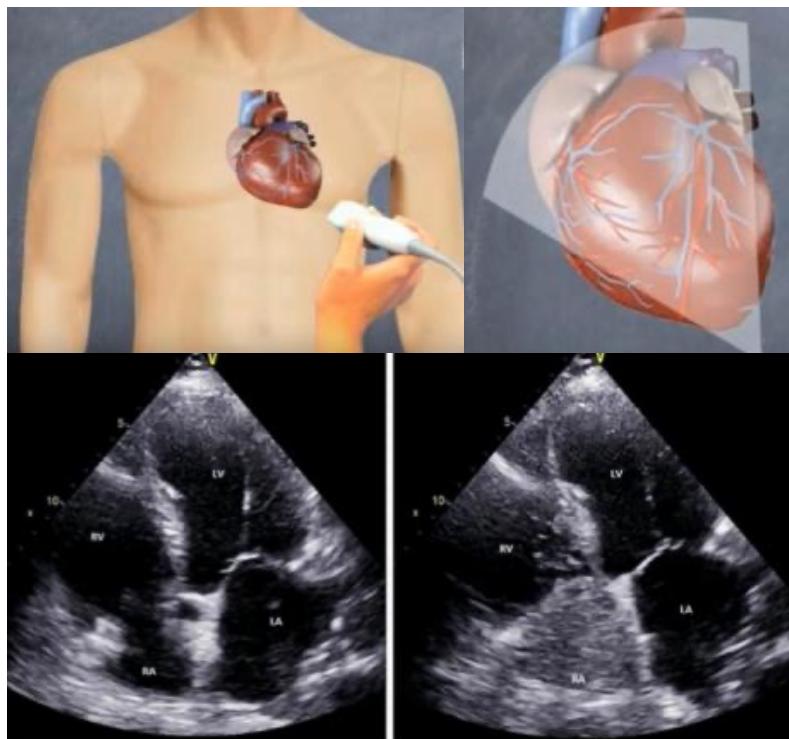
ECHOTIP - CICC e PICC - tip location (4)

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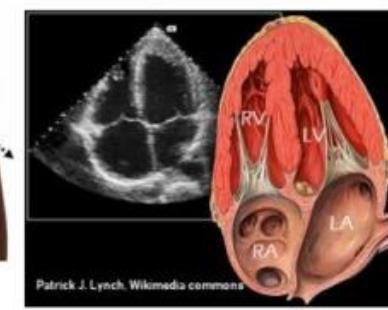
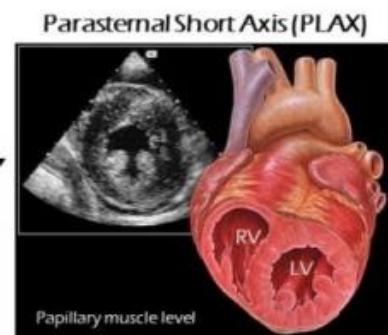
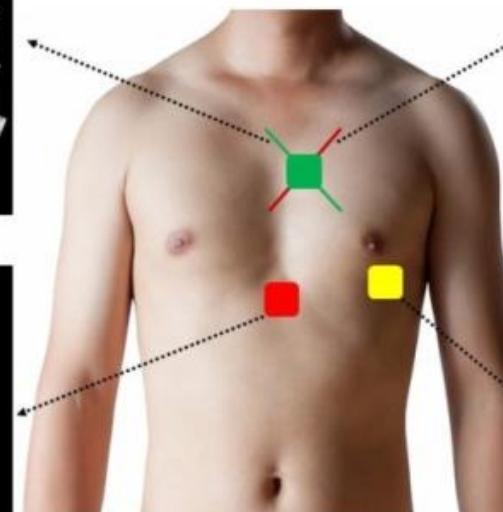
- Materiale: soluzione fisiologica standard
- Modalità di preparazione:
 - Primo livello: aspirazione semplice (**FLUSH TEST**)
 - Secondo livello (in caso di insoddisfacente risultato con il primo livello): miscelazione (shaking) di 9 ml di SF con 1 ml di aria (tecnica del rubinetto a 3 vie) (**BUBBLE TEST**)

US-based tip location and navigation: LIMITATIONS

Acoustic windows: rescue strategies



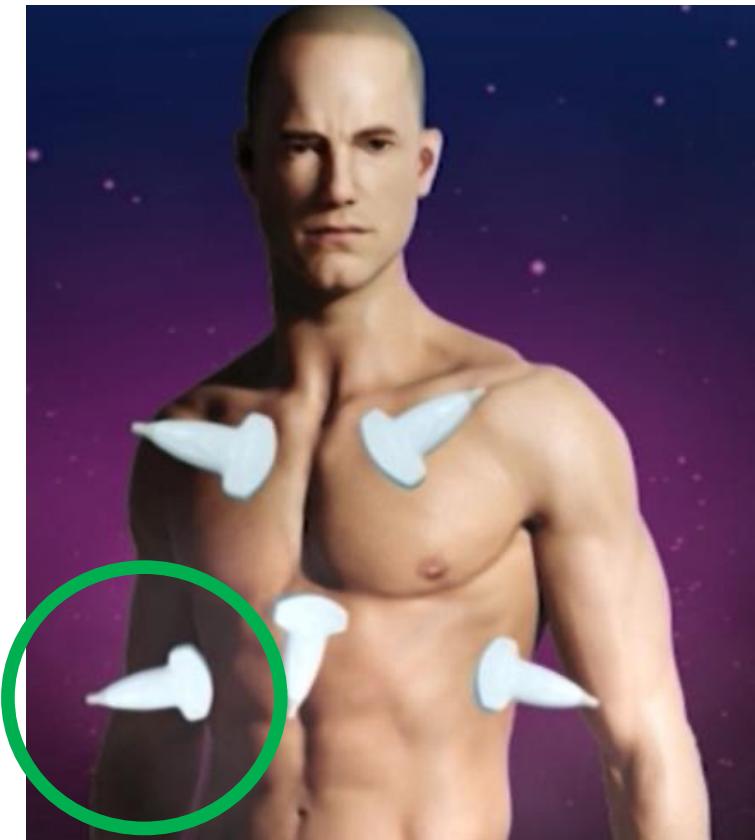
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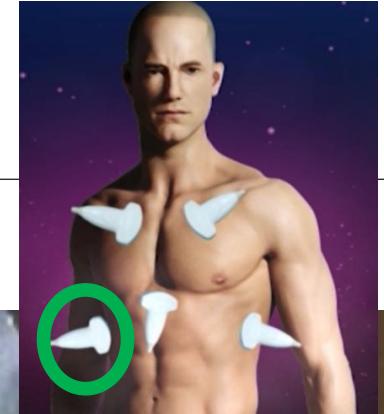
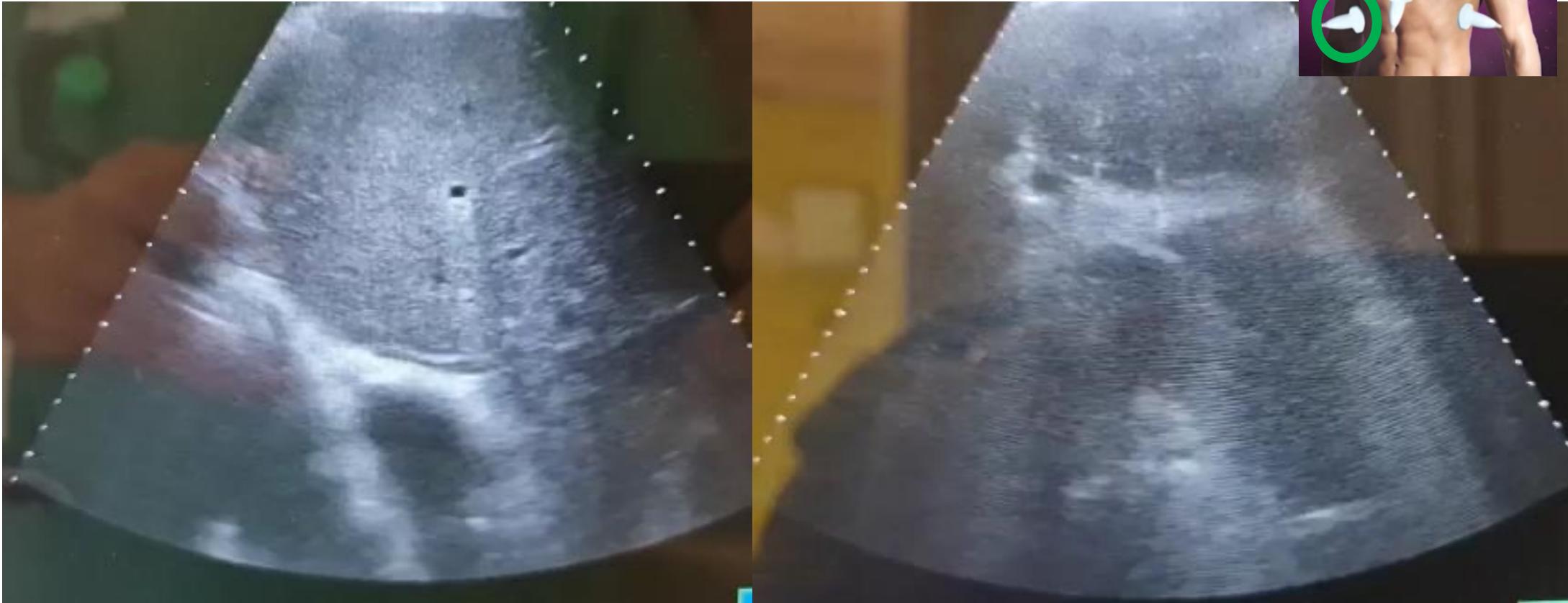
Acoustic windows: rescue strategies

Lateral Trans-hepatic 4 Chambers



Acoustic windows: rescue strategies

Lateral Trans-hepatic 4 Chambers



Which quantifiable parameters

- How to EFFECTIVELY measure the «time to bubble»?
- Which «time to bubble» cutoffs are reliable ?

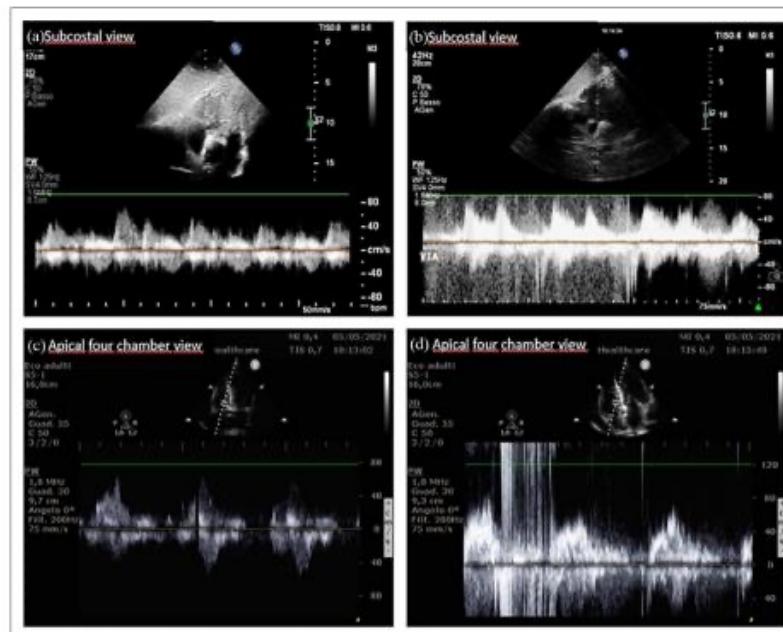


Figure 3. Example of MBT with pulse Doppler: (a) subcostal view; tricuspidal Pulse Doppler before microbubble injection, (b) subcostal view; tricuspidal Pulse Doppler during microbubble injection: MES appear immediately after the injection, (c) apical four chamber view; tricuspidal Pulse Doppler before microbubble injection, and (d) apical four chamber view; tricuspidal Pulse Doppler during microbubble injection: MES appear immediately after the injection.

Original research article

Can the length of a catheter change the time to bubble at the tip performing the “Bubble Test”? A bench study

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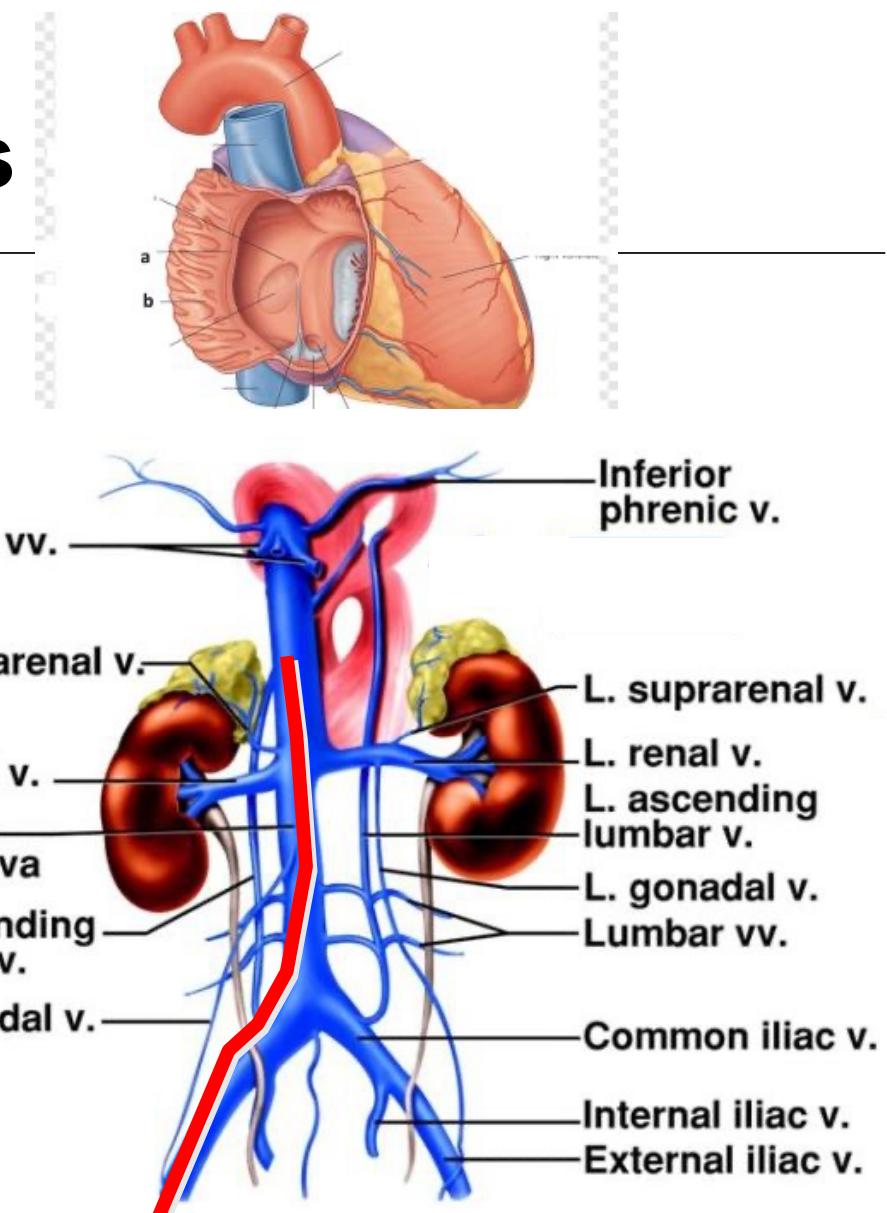
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A last clue: IC-ECG + US for femoral lines

Avoid malposition in tributary veins

Reach the desired final tip position (which position? Sure more proximally than the common iliac)



Peroperative electrocardiographic control of catheter tip position during implantation of femoral venous ports

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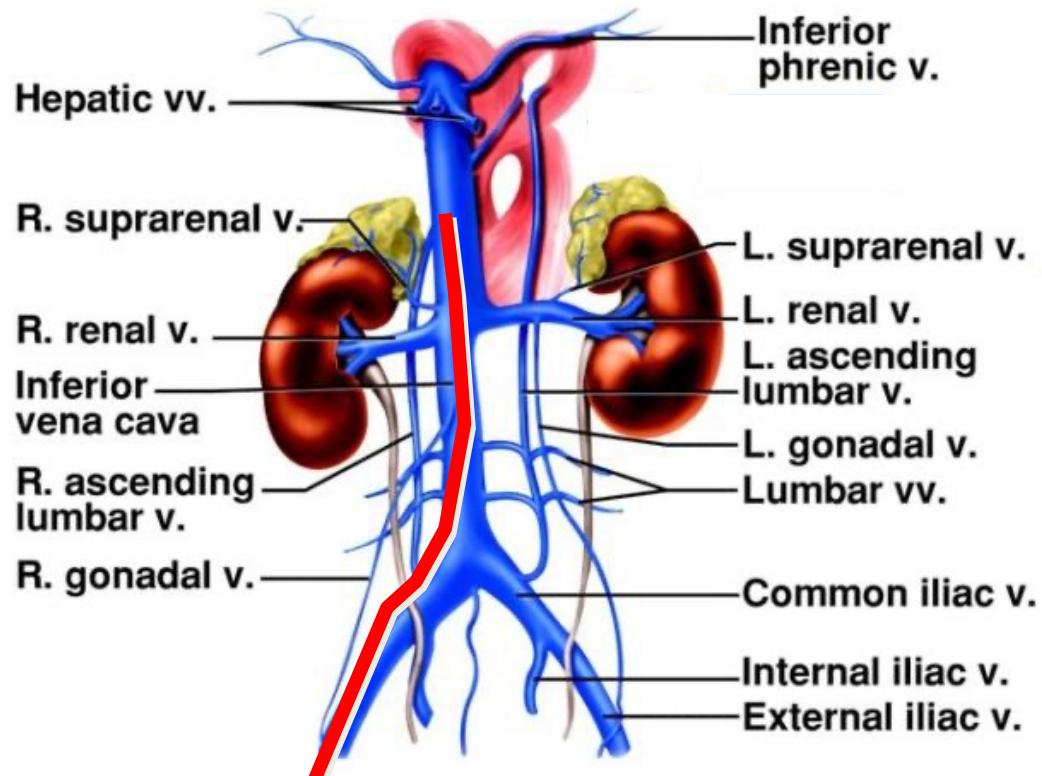
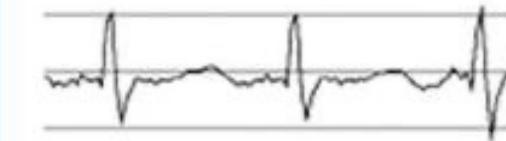
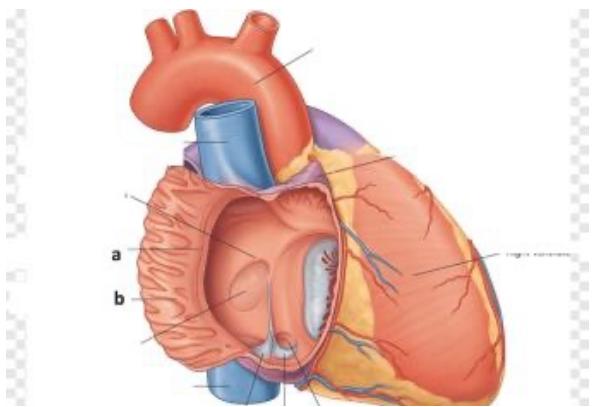
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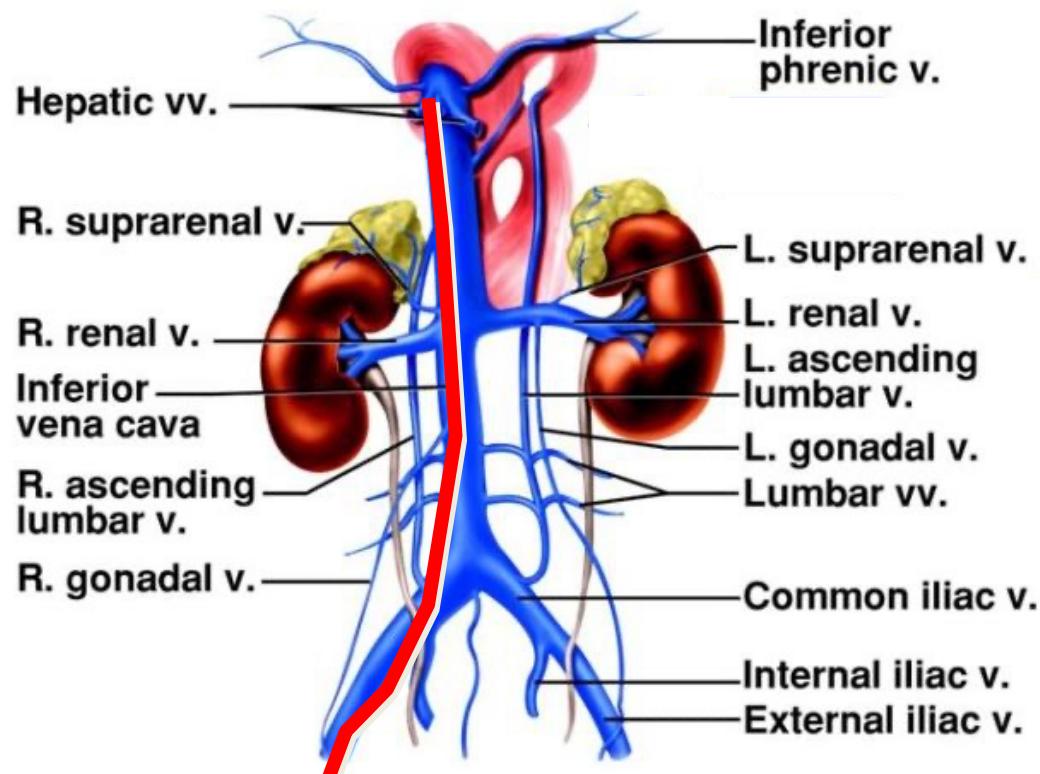
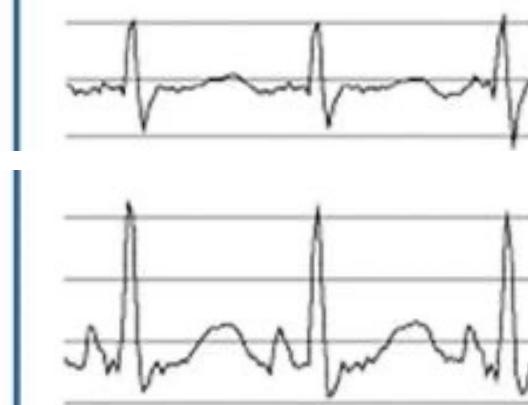
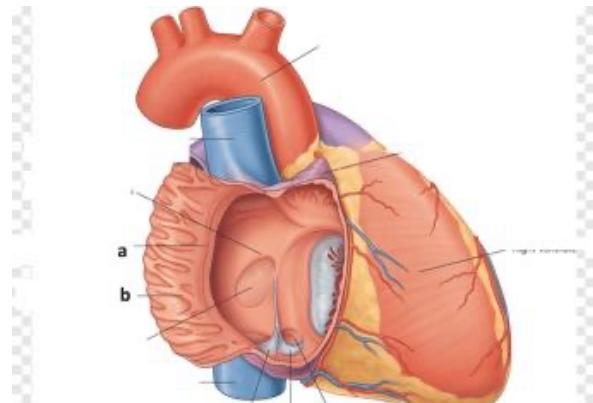
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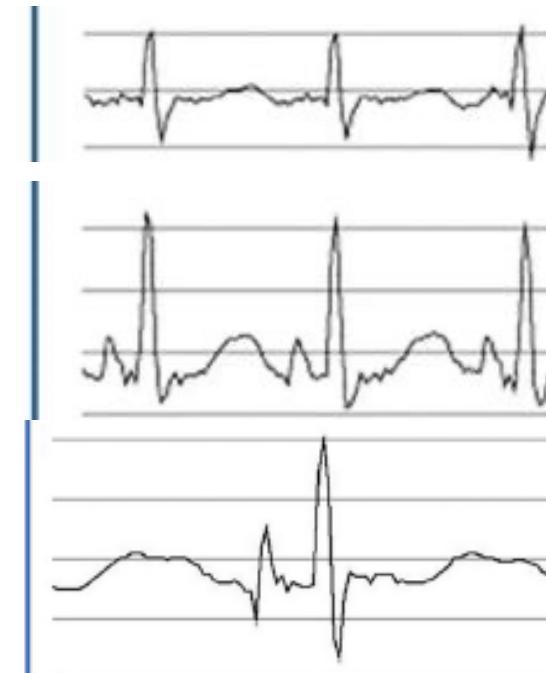
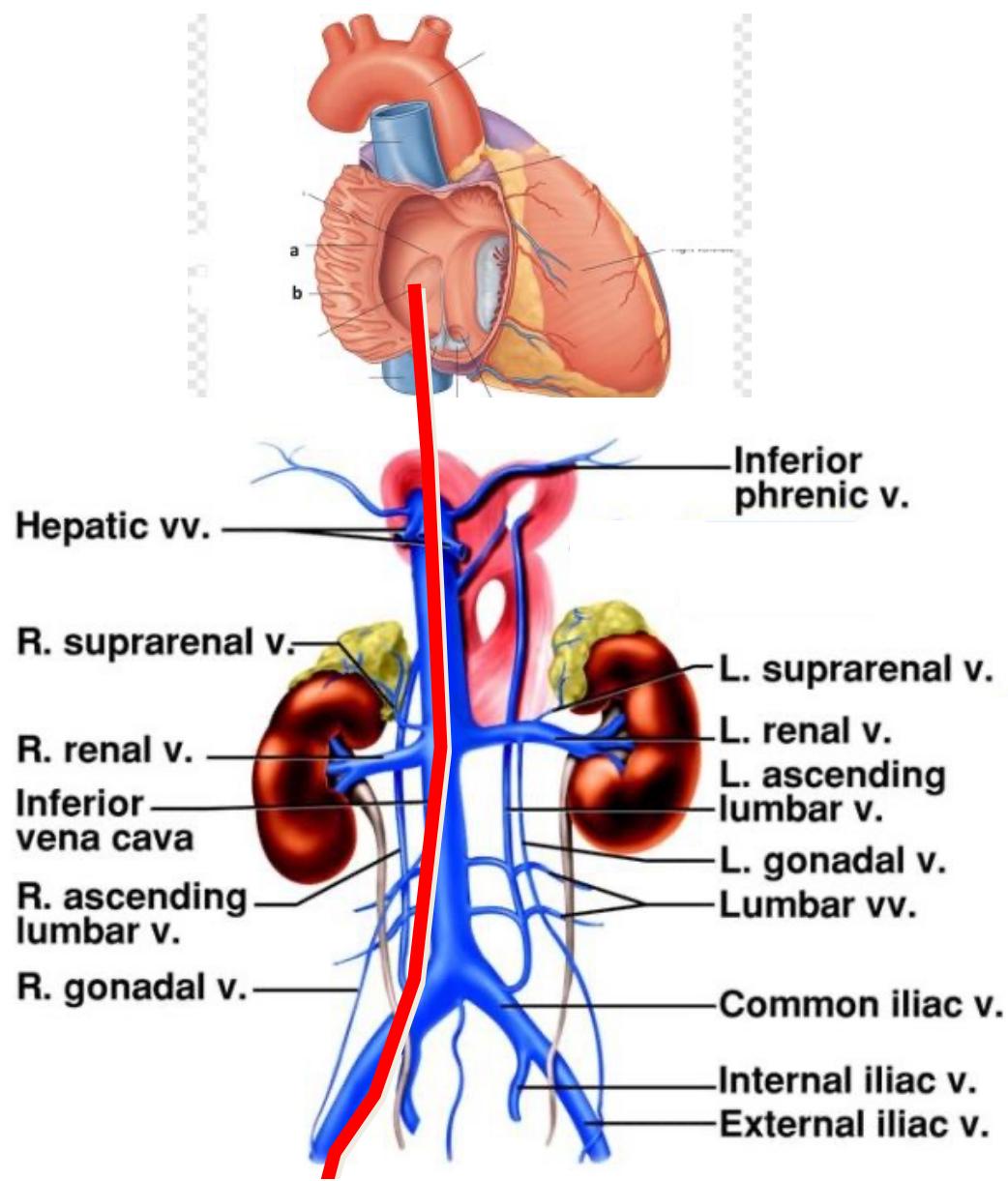
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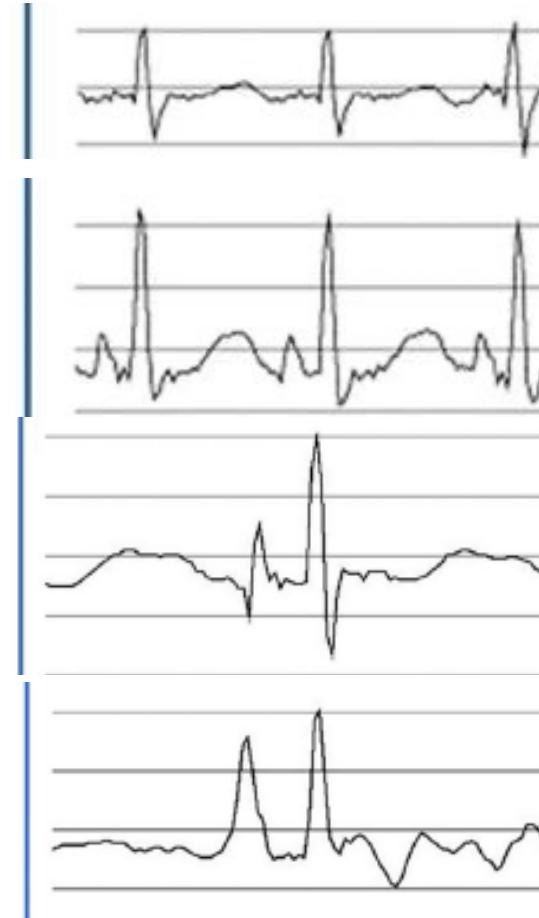
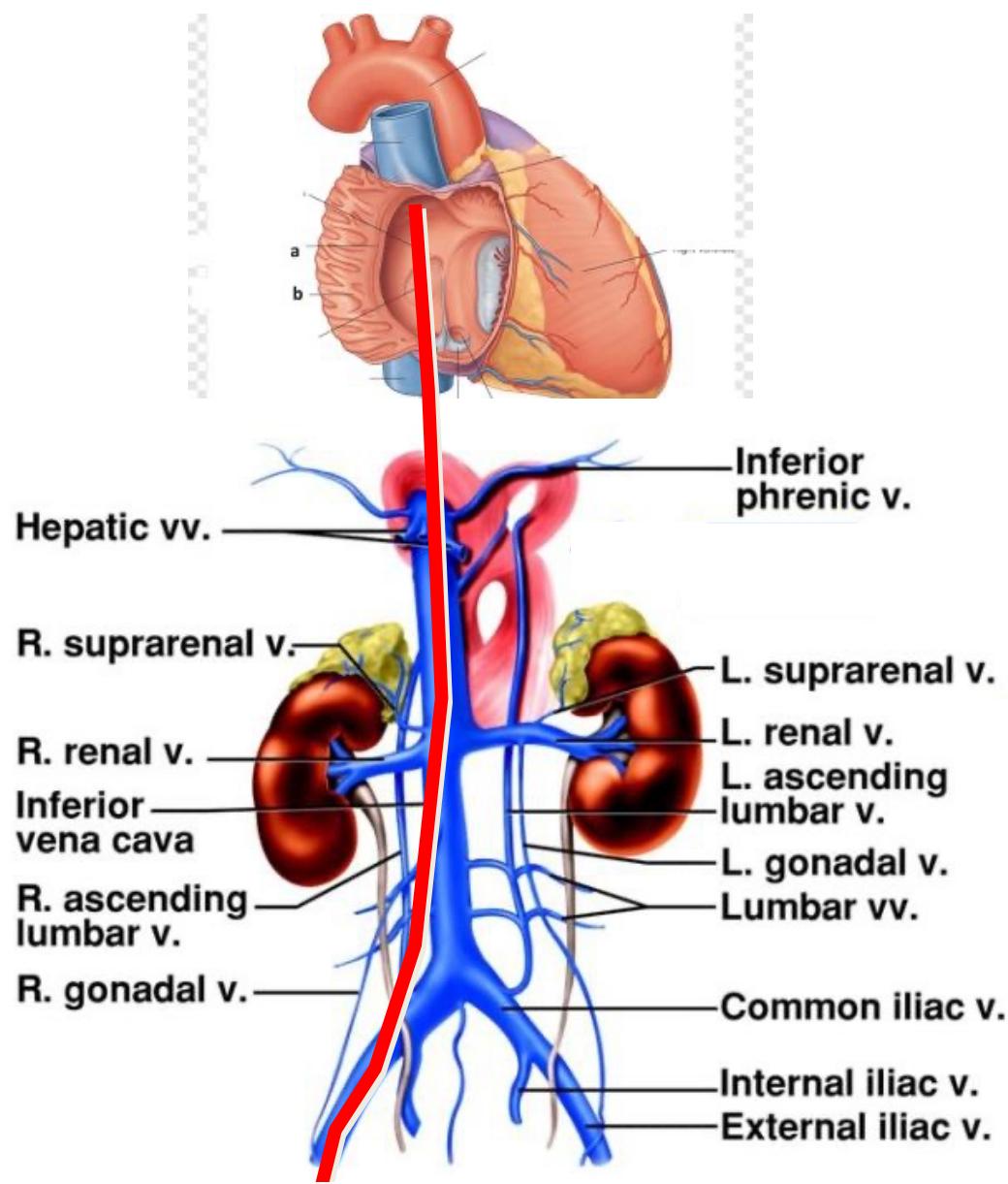
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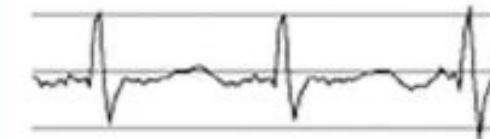
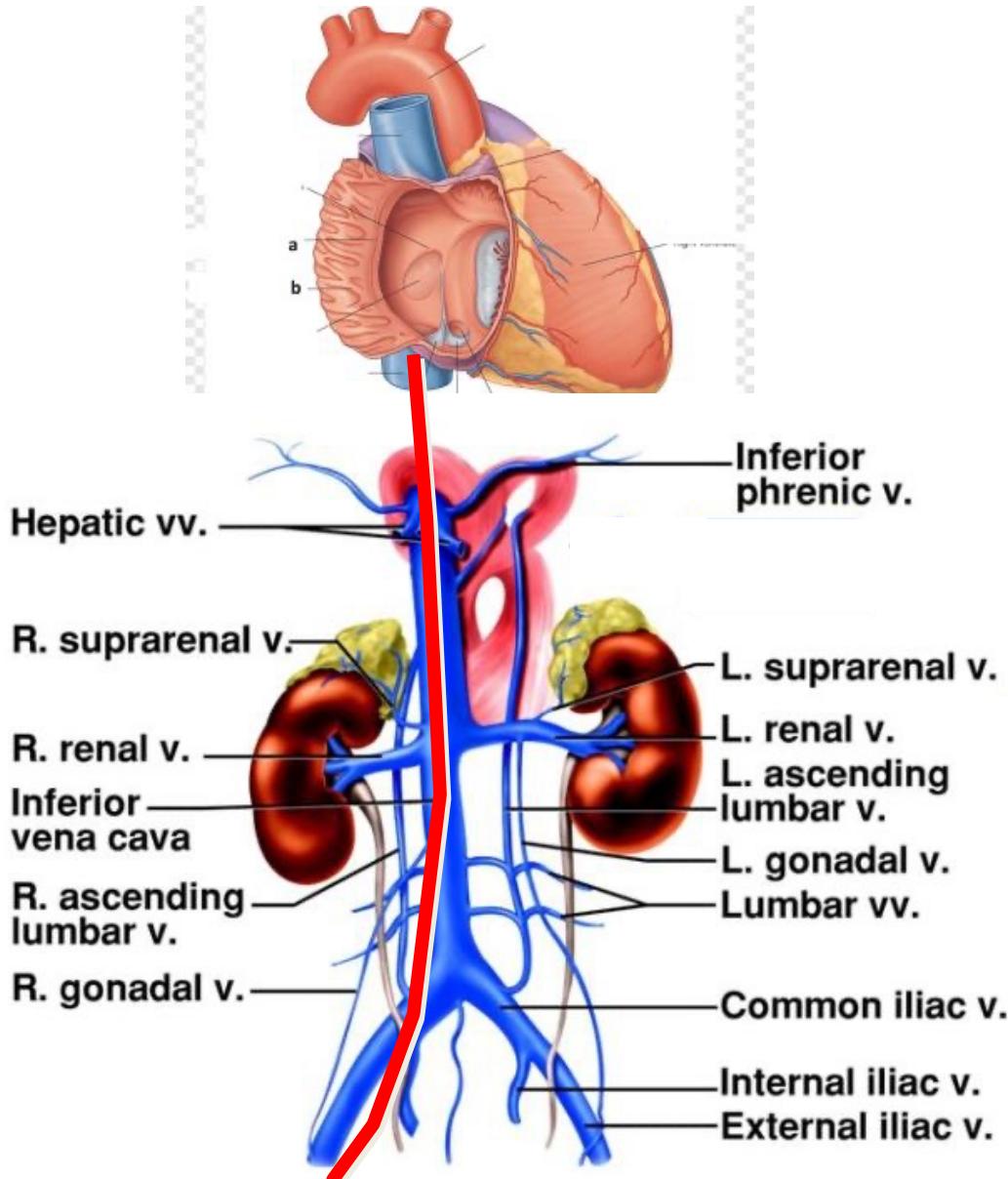
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Inferior atriocaval junction (ultrasound) landmark: the Eustachian valve

Inferior atriocaval electrical landmark:
transition from biphasic to flat (an area, not
a spot)

Negative p-wave as a marker of the
«terminal»inferior vena cava not constant

Catheter long enough to reach the p-wave
modifications



As soon as p-wave flattens
again during catheter
withdrawal

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Different optimal tip position (retrohepatic) = direct tip location possible



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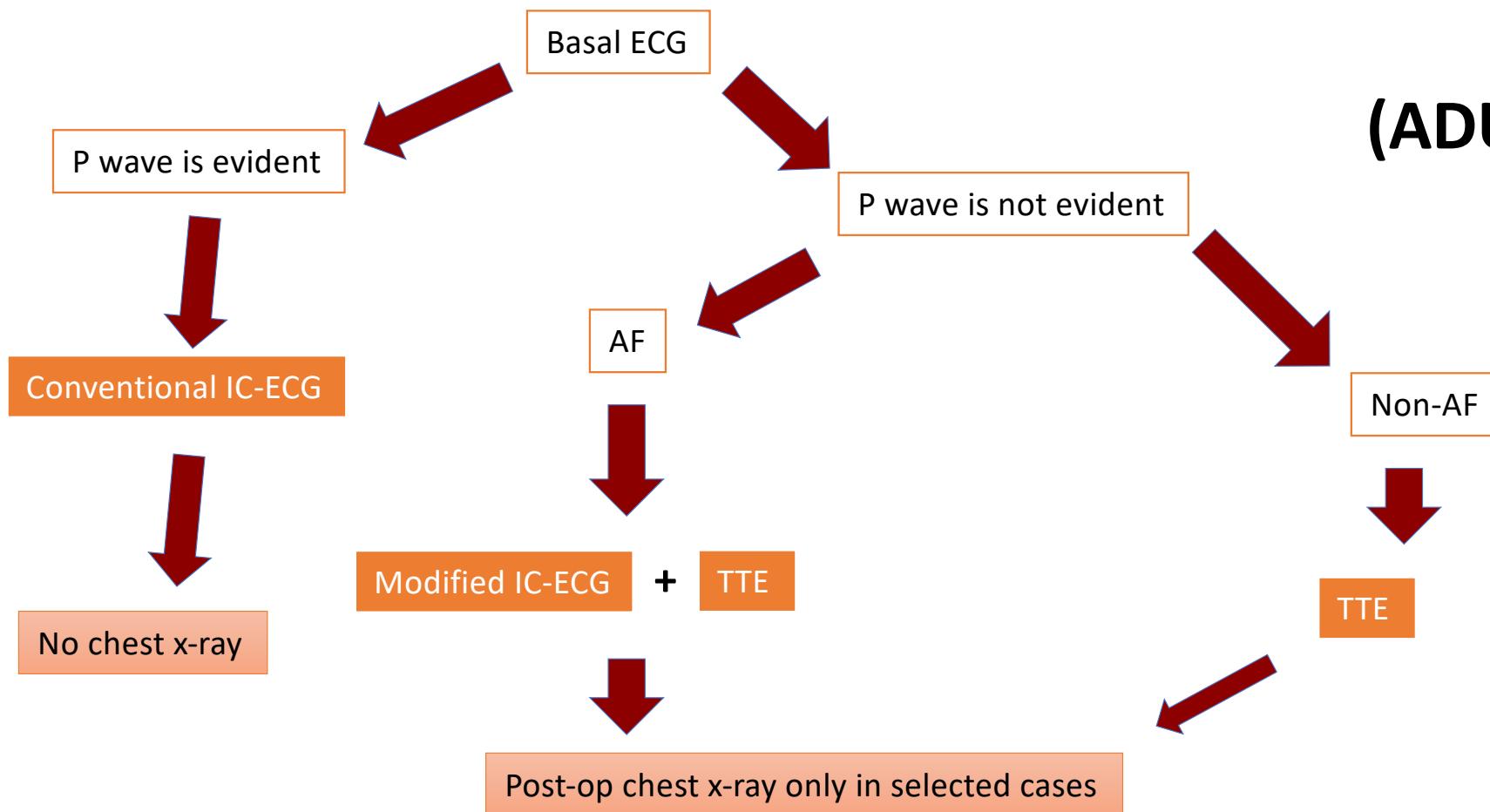
Tip location by US (direct visualization+bubble)

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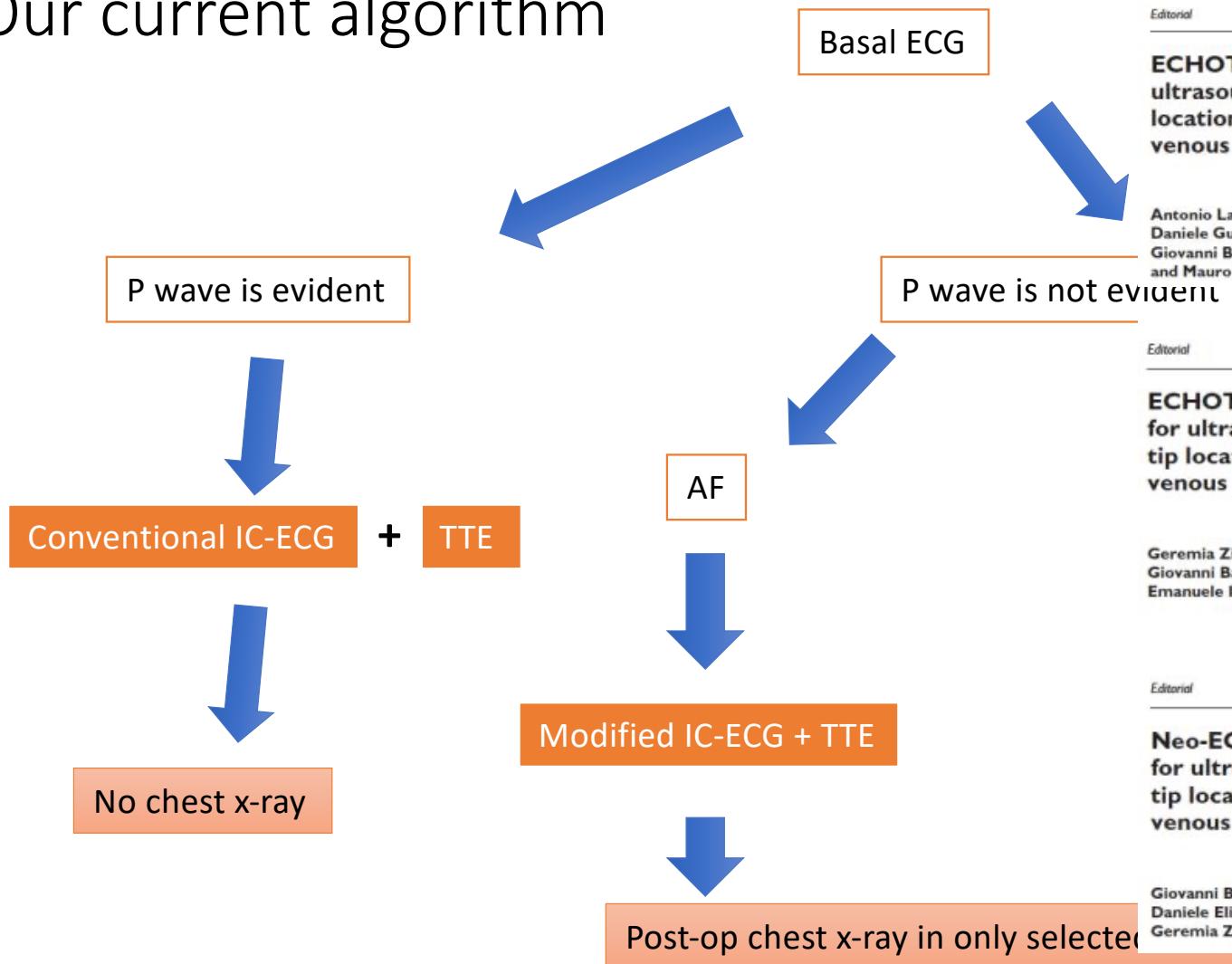
IC-ECG as a support

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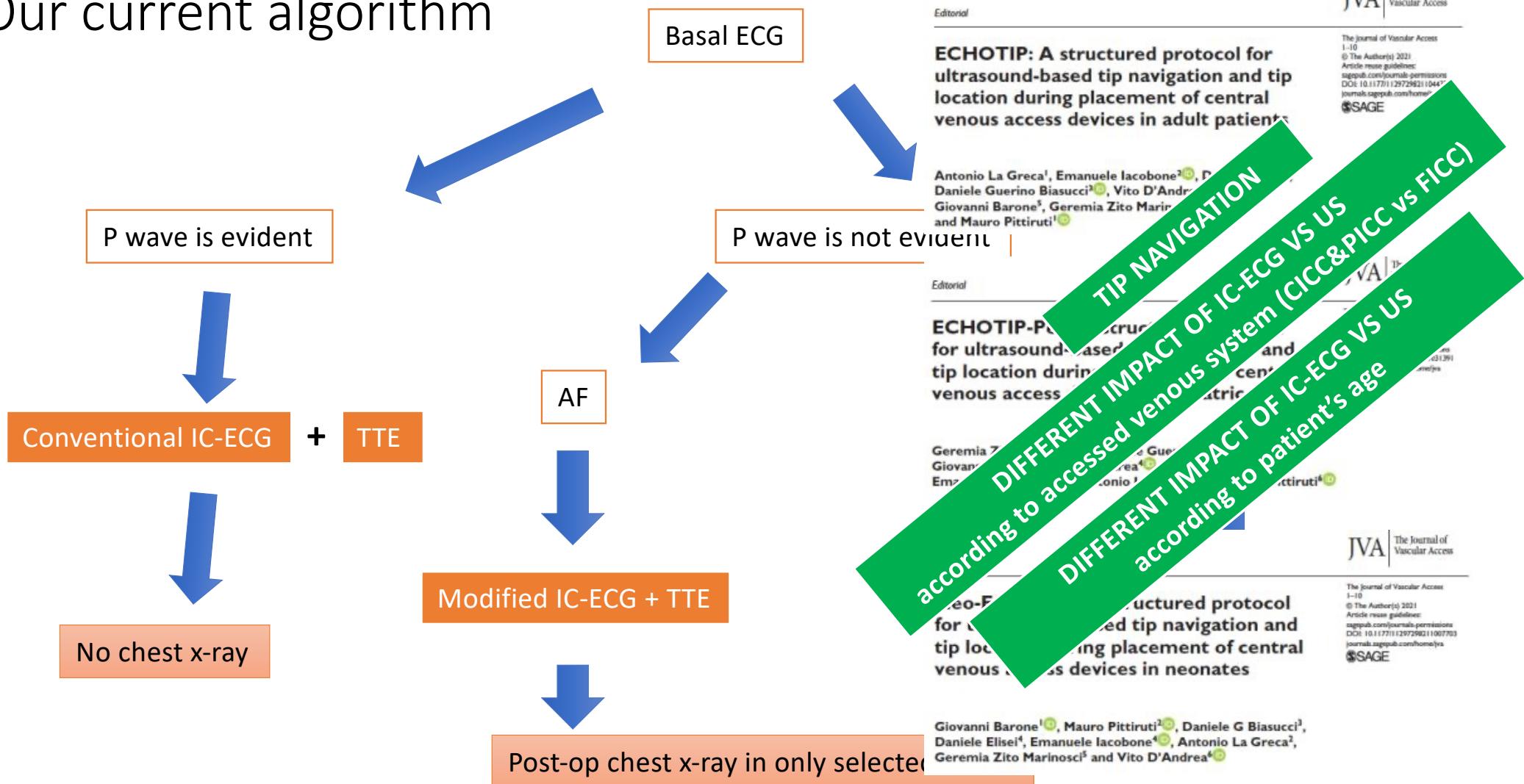
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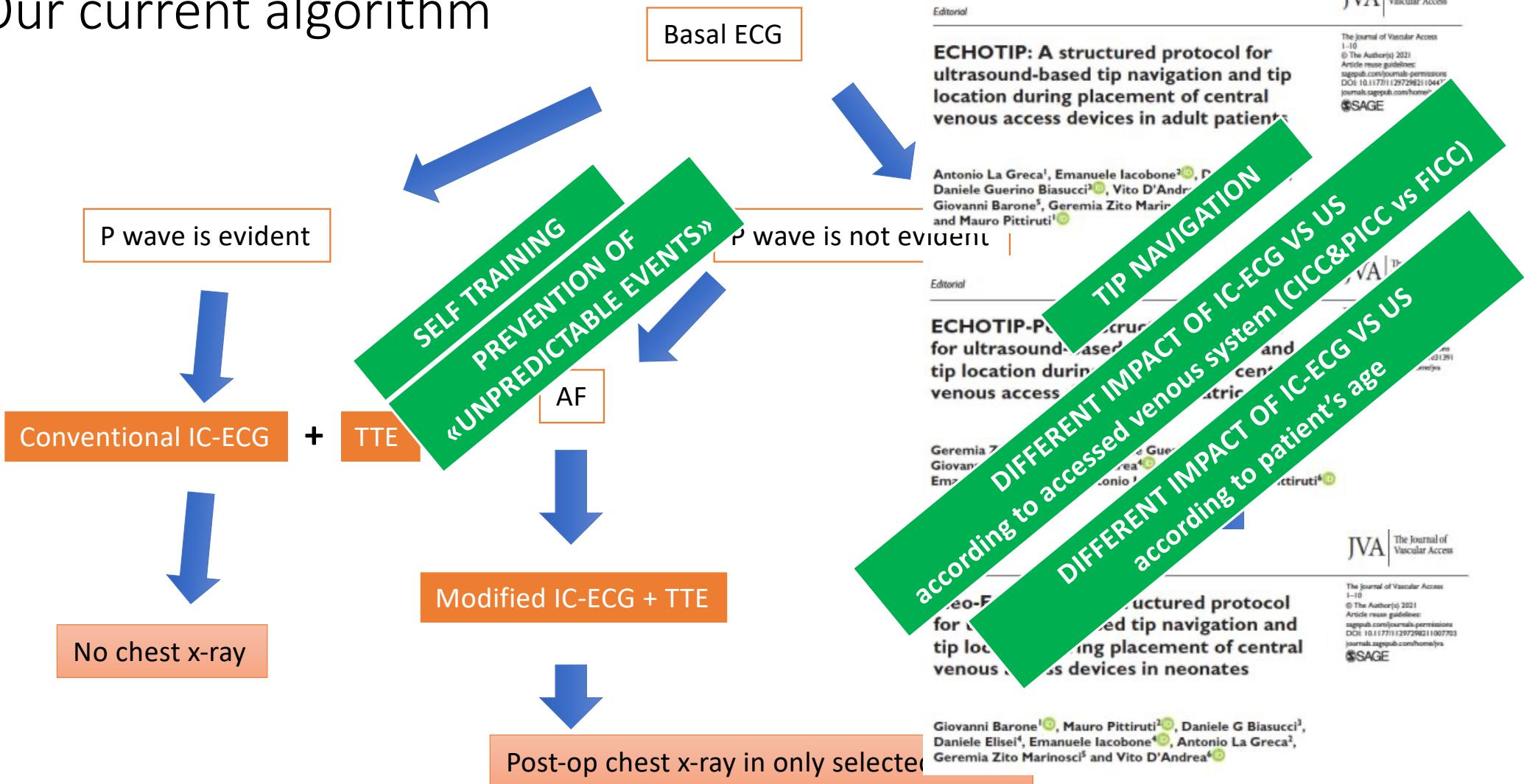
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