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#### 1. The 5th Pillar

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#### Time to Add a Fifth Pillar to Bedside Physical Examination Inspection, Palpation, Percussion, Auscultation, and Insonation

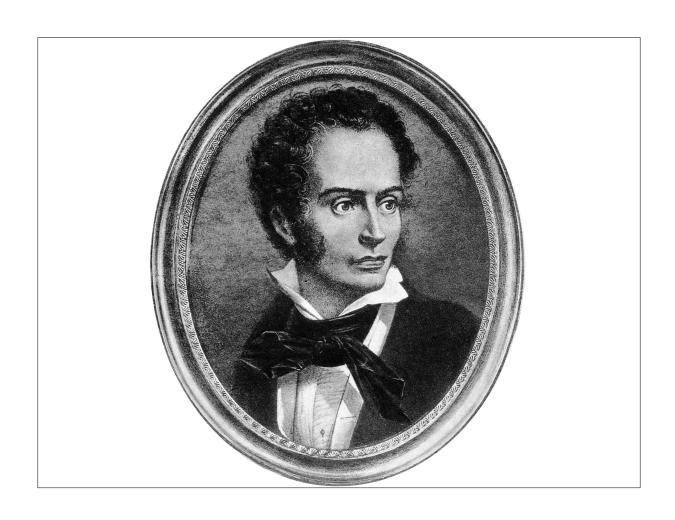
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Inspection, palpation, percussion, and auscultation have been the 4 pillars of clinical bedside medicine. Although these basic methods of physical examination have served us well, traditional bedside examination, for a number of reasons including diminishing interest and expertise, performs well less than what is required of a modern diagnostic strategy. Improving the performance of physical examination is vital given that it is crucial to guide diagnostic possibilities and further testing. Current efforts at improving physical examination skills during medical training have not been very successful, and incorporating appropriate technology at the bedside might improve its performance. Selective use of bedside ultrasound (or *insonation*) can be one such strategy that could be incorporated as the fifth component of the physical examination. Seeing pathology through imaging might improve interest in physical examination among trainees, and permit appropriate downstream testing and possibly superior decision making. Current ultrasound technology makes this feasible, and further miniaturization of ultrasound devices and reduced cost will allow for routine use at the bedside. It is time to have a wider debate and a possible consensus about updates required to enhance current paradigms of physical examination.

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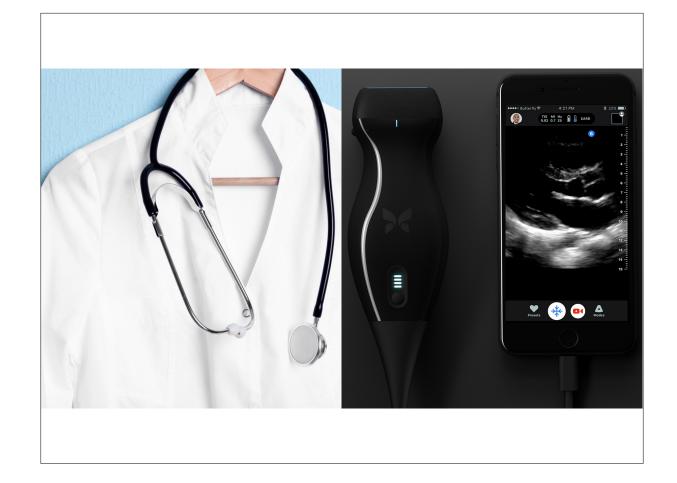
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Stethos = chest Scope = to see







Take Home Message

Ultrasound is the **new** stethoscope

# 2. Do We Have to Worry About the Anti Vax Movement?

JAMA Pediatrics | Original Investigation

## Association of Prenatal Ultrasonography and Autism Spectrum Disorder

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**IMPORTANCE** The prevalence of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) has been increasing rapidly, with current estimates of 1 in 68 children affected. Simultaneously, use of prenatal ultrasonography has increased substantially, with limited investigation into its safety and effects on brain development. Animal studies have demonstrated that prenatal ultrasonography can adversely affect neuronal migration.

**OBJECTIVE** To quantify prenatal ultrasound exposure by the frequency, timing, duration, and strength of ultrasonographic scans in children with later ASD, developmental delay, and typical development.

**DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS** This case-control study included 107 patients with ASD, 104 control individuals with developmental delay, and 209 controls with typical development. Participants were identified from medical records based on prenatal care and delivery at Boston Medical Center, a diverse, academic, safety-net medical center, from July 1, 2006, through December 31, 2014, with a gestational age at birth of at least 37 weeks. Data were analyzed from May 1, 2015, through November 30, 2017.

**EXPOSURES** Ultrasonographic exposure was quantified by the number and timing of scans, duration of exposure, mean strength (depth, frame rate, mechanical index, and thermal index), and time of Doppler and 3- and 4-dimensional imaging.

107 ASD patients

104 Non-ASD developmental delay patients

209 Developmentally normal

#### ASD Associated With

Fewer **number** of ultrasounds

Shorter duration of ultrasound

Received 1st ultrasound 10 days later

Greater mean depth

## DEPTH???

Ultrasound beams **lose energy** as they penetrate tissue

Depth is a **measurement** and dependent on body habitus

# (AIST



Take Home Message

There is **no** evidence that ultrasound causes autism

Remember ALARA, and never use color doppler on the fetus

# 3. Cochrane Review of FAST



**Cochrane** Database of Systematic Reviews

Point-of-care ultrasonography for diagnosing thoracoabdominal injuries in patients with blunt trauma (Review)

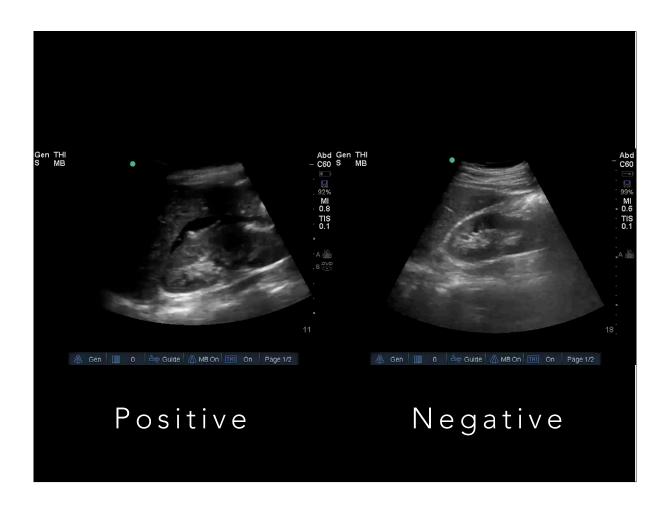
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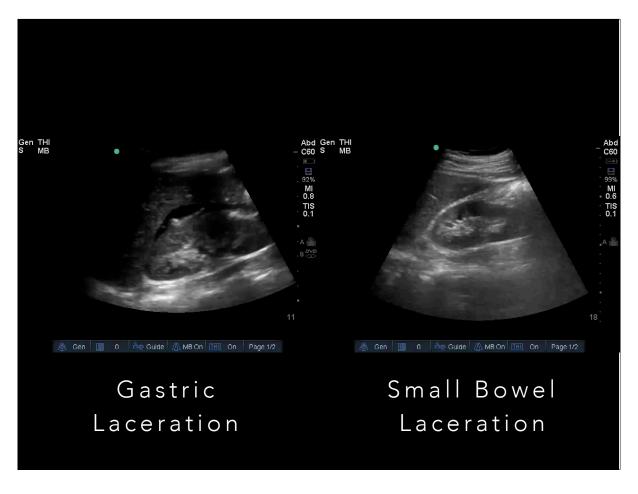
34 studies8,635 patients

Intra-abdominal Injury

Sensitivity 68%

Specificity 95%





Solid organ injury

Bowel injury

Mesenteric injury

Diaphragm injury

Retroperitoneal hemorrhage



Take Home Message

A negative FAST does not rule out intra-abdominal injury

# 4. Fasting and Stomach Fullness

"Full Stomach" Despite the Wait: Point-ofcare Gastric Ultrasound at the Time of Procedural Sedation in the Pediatric Emergency Department

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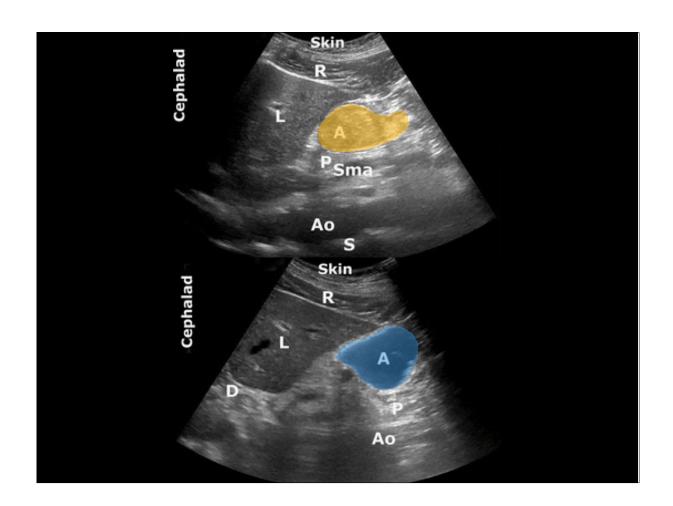
#### **ABSTRACT**

Objectives: The objective was to use gastric point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) to assess gastric contents and volume, summarize the prevalence of "full stomach," and explore the relationship between fasting time and gastric contents at the time of procedural sedation.

Methods: This was a prospective study of patients aged 2 to 17 years fasting prior to procedural sedation. A single sonographer scanned each patient's gastric antrum in two positions: supine with the upper body elevated and right lateral decubitus (RLD). Gastric content (empty, liquid, or solid) was noted, and the gastric volume (mL/kg) was estimated from antral cross-sectional area (CSA). "Full stomach" was defined as any solid content or >1.2 mL/kg of liquid gastric content.

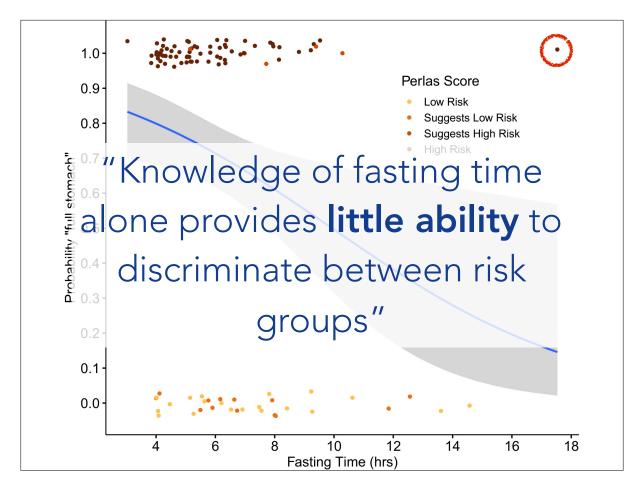
Results: We enrolled 116 subjects, with a median fasting time of 5.8 hours. Of the 107 with evaluable images, 74 patients, 69% (95% confidence interval [CI] = 60%–77%), were categorized as having a full stomach. Each hour of fasting was associated with lower odds (odds ratio = 0.79, 95% CI = 0.65–0) of a full stomach. However, the knowledge of fasting time alone provides little ability to discriminate between risk groups (C-index = 0.66).

Conclusions: Gastric POCUS classified many patients as having a full stomach at the time of expected procedural sedation, despite prolonged fasting times. These findings may inform risk-benefit considerations when planning the timing and medication choice for procedural sedation.



107 patients
Empty stomach 33
Full stomach 74







## "Do not delay procedural sedation in adults or pediatrics in the ED based on fasting time"

-2014 ACEP Clinical Policy



Take Home Message

Fasting times do not correlate with empty stomachs in kids

(And don't bother learning gastric ultrasound)

# 5. Novel Approach to Pericardiocentesis

#### Ultrasound-guided pericardiocentesis: a novel parasternal approach

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**Objective** The aim of this study was to evaluate a novel pericardiocentesis technique using an in-plane parasternal medial-to-lateral approach with the use of a high-frequency probe in patients with cardiac tamponade.

Background Echocardiography is pivotal in the diagnosis of pericardial effusion and tamponade physiology. Ultrasound guidance for pericardiocentesis is currently considered the standard of care. Several approaches have been described recently, which differ mainly on the site of puncture (subxiphoid, apical, or parasternal). Although they share the use of low-frequency probes, there is absence of complete control of needle trajectory and real-time needle visualization. An in-plane and real-time technique has only been described anecdotally.

Methods and results A retrospective analysis of 11 patients (63% men, mean age:  $37.7 \pm 21.2$  years) presenting with cardiac tamponade admitted to the tertiary-care emergency department and treated with parasternal medial-to-lateral in-plane pericardiocentesis was carried out. The underlying causes of cardiac tamponade were different among the population. All the pericardiocentesis were successfully performed in the emergency department, without complications, relieving the hemodynamic instability. The mean time taken to perform the eight-step procedure was  $309 \pm 76.4$  s, with no procedure-related complications.

Conclusion The parasternal medial-to-lateral in-plane pericardiocentesis is a new technique theoretically free of complications and it enables real-time monitoring of needle trajectory. For the first time, a pericardiocentesis approach with a medial-to-lateral needle trajectory and real-time, inplane, needle visualization was performed in a tamponade patient population. European Journal of Emergency Medicine 00:000-000 Copyright © 2017 The Author(s). Published by Wolters Kluwer Health, Inc.

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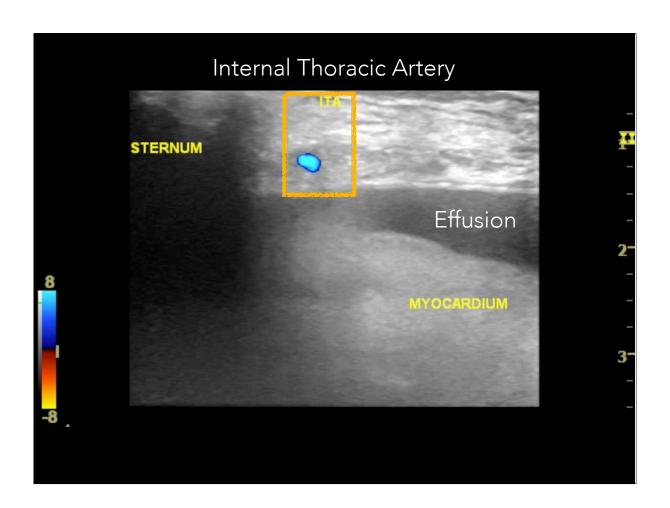
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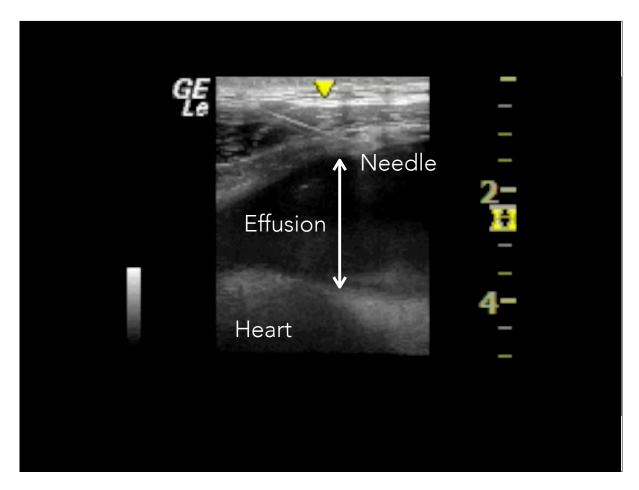
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11 patients

100% success Mean time 5.15 min

No complications



Take Home Message

Use the **anterior** approach with a linear probe in thin patients with a large anterior effusion

# 6. Confused About Standstill

#### Variability in Interpretation of Cardiac Standstill Among Physician Sonographers

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**Study objective:** Cardiac standstill on point-of-care ultrasonography has been widely studied as a marker of prognosis in cardiac arrest. Return of spontaneous circulation has been reported in as few as 0% and as many as 45% of patients with cardiac standstill. When explicitly documented, the definition of cardiac activity in these studies varied from any slight change in echogenicity of the myocardium to any kinetic cardiac activity. We hypothesize that the variability in research definitions of cardiac activity may affect interpretation of video clips of patients in cardiac arrest. The goal of this study is to assess the variability in interpretation of standstill among physician sonographers.

**Methods:** We surveyed physician sonographers at 6 conferences held at 3 academic medical centers in the Greater New York area. Survey respondents were allotted 20 seconds per slide to determine whether each of 15 video clips of patients in cardiac arrest were standstill or not. Data were collected anonymously with radio frequency remotes.

**Results:** There were 127 total participants, including faculty, fellows, and resident physicians specializing in emergency medicine, critical care, and cardiology. There was only moderate interrater agreement among all participants ( $\alpha$ =0.47). This lack of agreement persisted across specialties, self-reported training levels, and self-reported ultrasonographic expertise.

**Conclusion:** According to the results of our study, there appears to be considerable variability in interpretation of cardiac standstill among physician sonographers. Consensus definitions of cardiac activity and standstill would improve the quality of cardiac arrest ultrasonographic research and standardize the use of this technology at the bedside. [Ann Emerg Med. 2018;71:193-198.]

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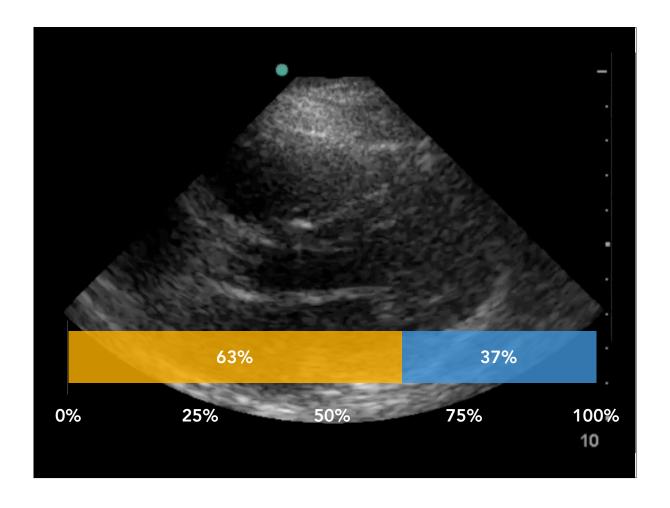
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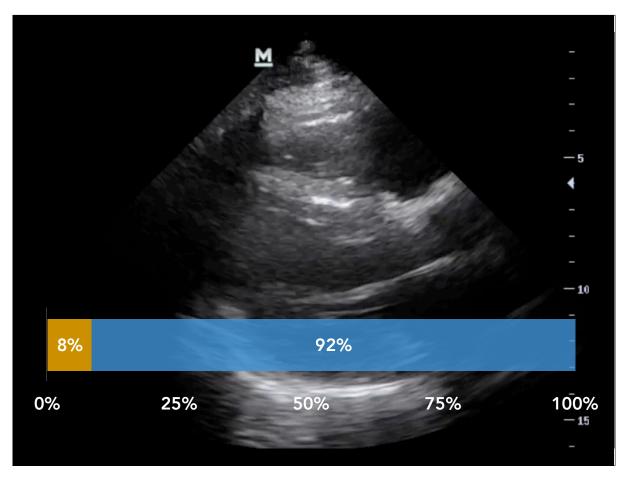
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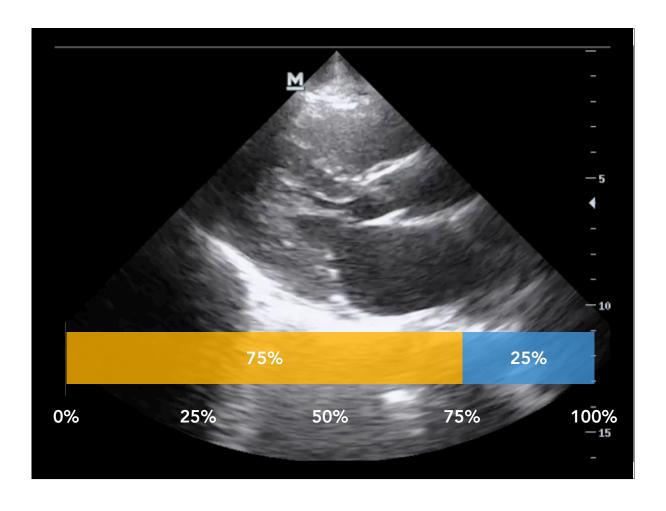
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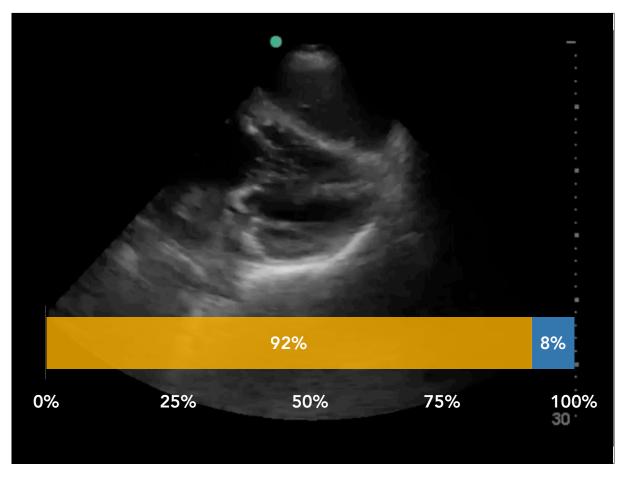
127 physicians

**Moderate** interrater agreement alpha = 0.47













Take Home Message

We need clear and consistent definitions of cardiac standstill and activity

#### 7. Are You SHoC-ed?

#### Does Point-of-Care Ultrasonography Improve Clinical Outcomes in Emergency Department Patients With Undifferentiated Hypotension? An International Randomized Controlled Trial From the SHoC-ED Investigators

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Study objective: Point-of-care ultrasonography protocols are commonly used in the initial management of patients with undifferentiated hypotension in the emergency department (ED). There is little published evidence for any mortality benefit. We compare the effect of a point-of-care ultrasonography protocol versus standard care without point-of-care ultrasonography for survival and clinical outcomes.

**Methods:** This international, multicenter, randomized controlled trial recruited from 6 centers in North America and South Africa and included selected hypotensive patients (systolic blood pressure <100 mm Hg or shock index >1) randomized to early point-of-care ultrasonography plus standard care versus standard care without point-of-care ultrasonography. Diagnoses were recorded at 0 and 60 minutes. The primary outcome measure was survival to 30 days or hospital discharge. Secondary outcome measures included initial treatment and investigations, admissions, and length of stay.

Results: Follow-up was completed for 270 of 273 patients. The most common diagnosis in more than half the patients was occult sepsis. We found no important differences between groups for the primary outcome of survival (point-of-care ultrasonography group 104 of 136 patients versus standard care 102 of 134 patients; difference 0.35%; 95% binomial confidence interval [CI] –10.2% to 11.0%), survival in North America (point-of-care ultrasonography group 76 of 89 patients versus standard care 72 of 88 patients; difference 3.6%; CI –8.1% to 15.3%), and survival in South Africa (point-of-care ultrasonography group 28 of 47 patients versus standard care 30 of 46 patients; difference 5.6%; CI –15.2% to 26.0%). There were no important differences in rates of computed tomography (CT) scanning, inotrope or intravenous fluid use, and ICU or total length of stay.

Conclusion: To our knowledge, this is the first randomized controlled trial to compare point-of-care ultrasonography to standard care without point-of-care ultrasonography in undifferentiated hypotensive ED patients. We did not find any benefits for survival, length of stay, rates of CT scanning, inotrope use, or fluid administration. The addition of a point-of-care ultrasonography protocol to standard care may not translate into a survival benefit in this group. [Ann Emerg Med. 2018;72:478-489.]

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273 patients

138 in POCUS group135 in control group

Survival

POCUS group **76.5%**Control group **76.1%** 

#### No Difference







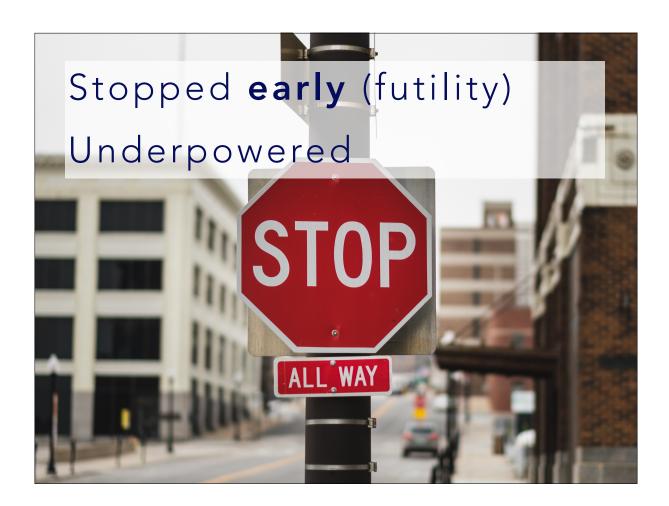
Noncardiogenic 88% Sepsis 52%

#### Exclusions











#### Take Home Message

In this trial of ED patients with undifferentiated shock, a POCUS protocol did **not** affect 30 day mortality



Take Home Message

But remember... POCUS is still a **powerful tool** in differentiating cause of shock and has huge potential to change patient care

#### 8. Primum non nocere

## Point-of-care ultrasound use in patients with cardiac arrest is associated prolonged cardiopulmonary resuscitation pauses: A prospective cohort study



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Objective: We aim to evaluate if point-of-care ultrasound use in cardiac arrest is associated with CPR pause duration.

Methods: This is a prospective cohort study of patients with cardiac arrest (CA) presenting to an urban emergency department from July 2016 to January 2017. We collected video recordings of patients with CA in designated code rooms with video recording equipment. The CAs recordings were reviewed and coded by two abstractors. The primary outcome was the difference CPR pause duration when POCUS was and was not performed.

Results: A total of 110 CPR pauses were evaluated during this study. The median CPR pause with POCUS performed lasted 17s (IQR 13 - 22.5) versus 11s (IQR 7 - 16) without POCUS. In addition, multiple regression analysis demonstrated that POCUS was associated with longer pauses (6.4 s, 95%CI 2.1 - 10.8); ultrasound fellowship trained faculty trended towards shorter CPR pauses (-4.1 s, 95%CI -8.8–0.6) compared to non-ultrasound fellowship trained faculty; and when the same provider led the resuscitation and performed the POCUS, pause durations were 6.1 s (95%CI 0.4 -11.8) longer than when another provider performed the POCUS.

 ${\it Conclusion:} \ In this prospective cohort trial of 24 patients with CA, POCUS during CPR pauses was associated with longer interruptions in CPR.$ 

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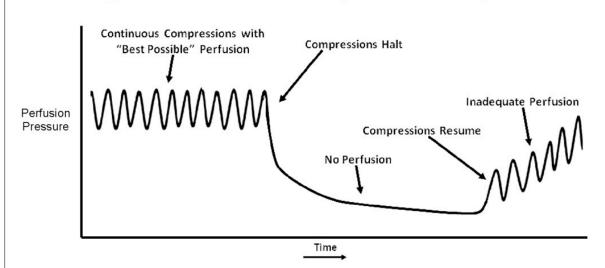
82 cardiac arrestsresuscitated in the ED24 had video recordings

#### CPR Pause Duration

POCUS: median 17 sec

No US: median 11 sec

### Chest Compressions During Cardiac Arrest Magnitude of Perfusion Resulting from Chest Compressions





Be mindful that POCUS during CPR pauses is associated with longer interruptions

9. Primum non nocere: One Solution

## Implementation of the Cardiac Arrest Sonographic Assessment (CASA) protocol for patients with cardiac arrest is associated with shorter CPR pulse checks $^{\star}$



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Methods: This was a quasi-experimental pre and post intervention study completed over 19 months in an urban Emergency Department. CA resuscitations were filmed and analyzed with respect to pulse check duration and use of point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS). After one year, an intervention was implemented: ED residents and faculty were taught the CASA protocol and instructed on how to implement it within CA resuscitation. The primary outcome was the difference in CPR pulse check duration between the pre and post intervention period. Videos from pre and post intervention CA resuscitations were coded by two reviewers.

Results: Data was collected prospectively for 267 sequential cardiac arrests. 38 pre-intervention and 45 post-intervention resuscitations were videoed and included in analysis. Both groups had a median of 3 pulse checks and 2 POCUS exams performed per code. CPR pulse checks involving POCUS exams were 4.0 s (95%CI 1.7-6.3) shorter in the post-intervention group than in the pre-intervention group. CPR pause durations were 3.1 s (95%CI 0.7-5.6) shorter when the ultrasound probe was placed on the chest before stopping CPR compared to placement after stopping CPR, and 3.1 s (95%CI 0.6-5.6) shorter when an ED ultrasound fellowship trained faculty was present compared to non-ultrasound fellowship faculty. The proportion of pulse checks with ultrasound use increased from 64% before the intervention to 80% after the intervention.

Conclusion: In this pre and post-intervention study, the implementation of a structured algorithm for ultrasound use during cardiac arrest significantly reduced the duration of CPR interruptions when ultrasound was performed.

#### **Preparation**

Machine plugged in
Machine on
Correct probe
Gel on probe
Probe on patient before
halting CPR

Probe ready on chest

Mean **3.1 sec** shorter CPR

pauses



### **CASA Protocol**

1st pause: PCE

2nd pause: RV strain

3rd pause: contractility

During CPR: FAST, PTX

CPR Pause Duration

Pre-CASA: mean 19.8 sec

Post-CASA: mean 15.8 sec



Take Home Message

Simple steps can reduce pauses in CPR

Answer one question per pause

### 10. Primum non nocere: Another Solution?

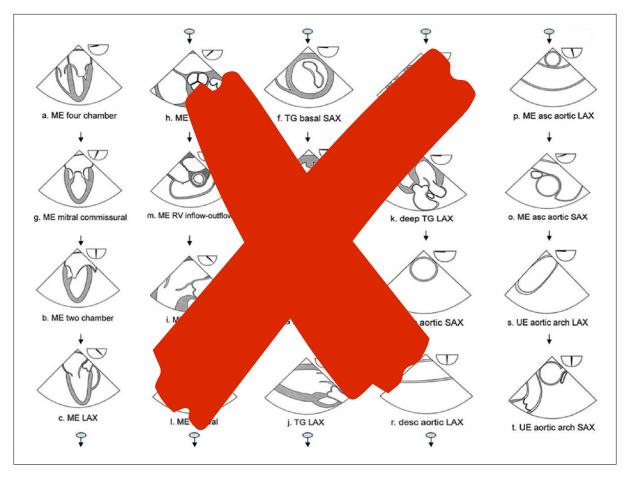
#### Transesophageal Echocardiography: Guidelines for Point-of-Care Applications in Cardiac Arrest Resuscitation

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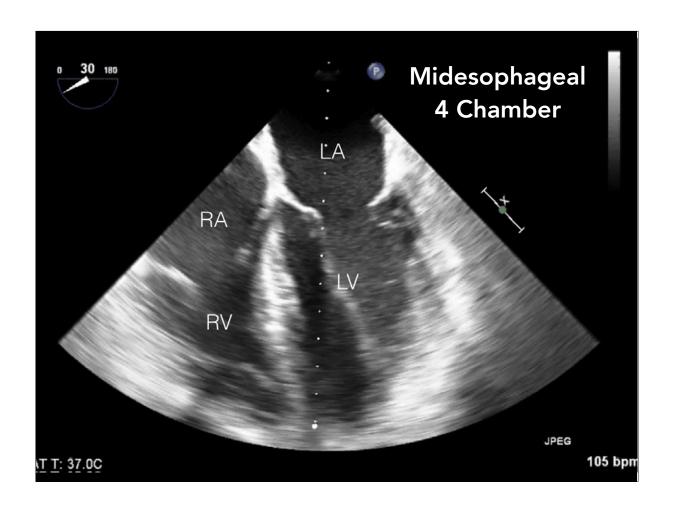
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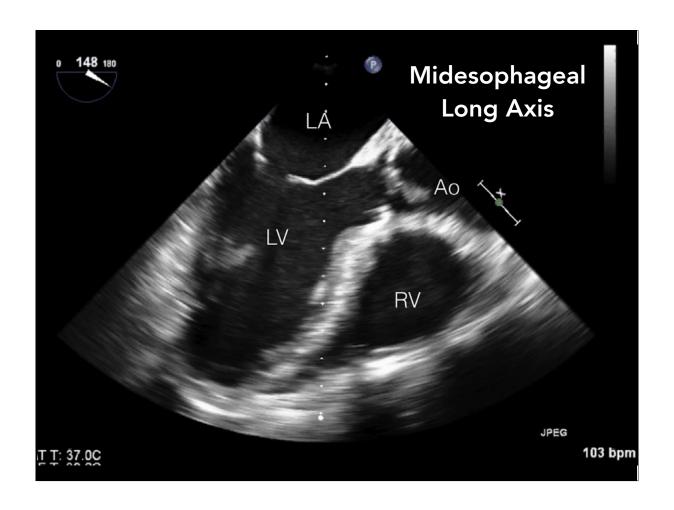
Cardiac arrest is one of the most challenging patient presentations managed by emergency care providers, and echocardiography can be instrumental in the diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment guidance in these critically ill patients. Transesophageal echocardiography has many advantages over transthoracic echocardiography in a cardiac arrest resuscitation. As transesophageal echocardiography is implemented more widely at the point of care during cardiac arrest resuscitations, guidelines are needed to assist emergency providers in acquiring the equipment and skills necessary to successfully incorporate it into the management of cardiac arrest victims. [Ann Emerg Med. 2018;71:201-207.]

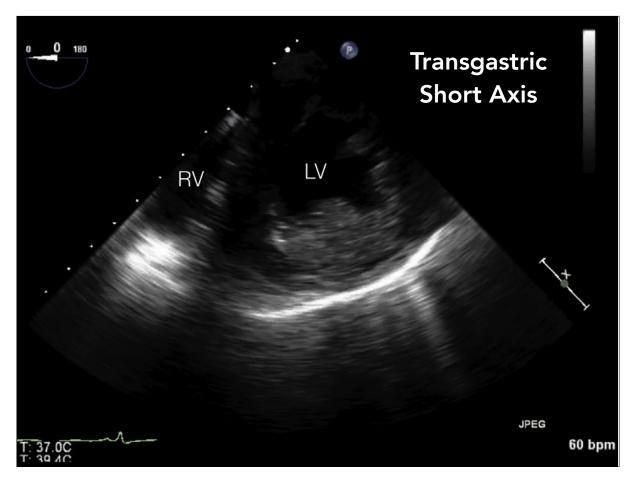




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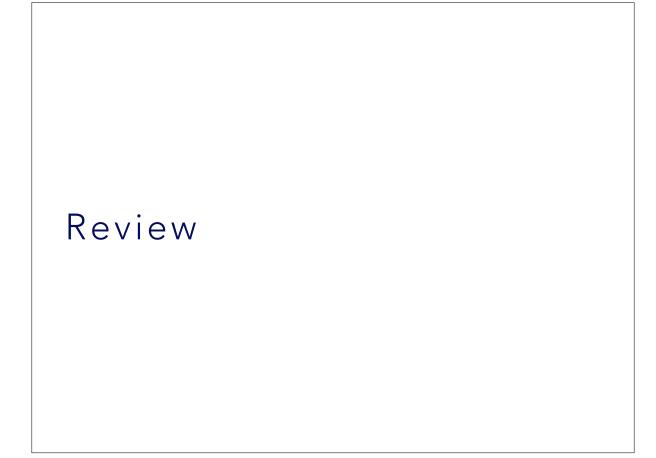
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- 4. Volume status
- 5. Pericardial effusion



Take Home Message

Brace yourselves

**TEE** is coming



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### 9. Answer **one question** (with POCUS) per pause

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## 10. **Resuscitative TEE** is coming to an ED near you