



La Funzione Diastolica

Quali parametri ecocardiografici
considerare?

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Firenze



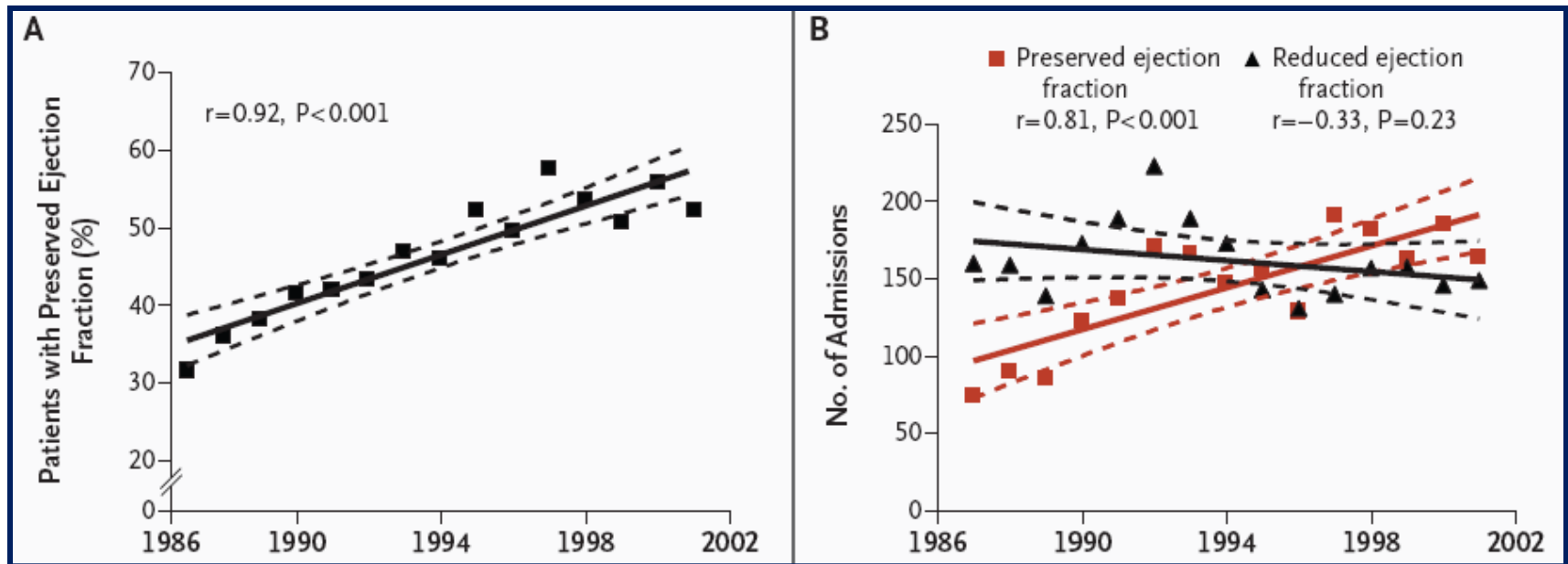
Assessment of left ventricular diastolic function is an essential component of the echocardiographic examination especially in patients with signs and symptoms of heart failure

- ▶ Diastolic dysfunction ,even in patients with chronic heart failure that is a result of systolic dysfunction, correlates most closely with the degree of exercise limitation, independently of the severity of systolic dysfunction
- ▶ Diastolic dysfunction with preserved LV ejection fraction is seen in almost half of patients with heart failure

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

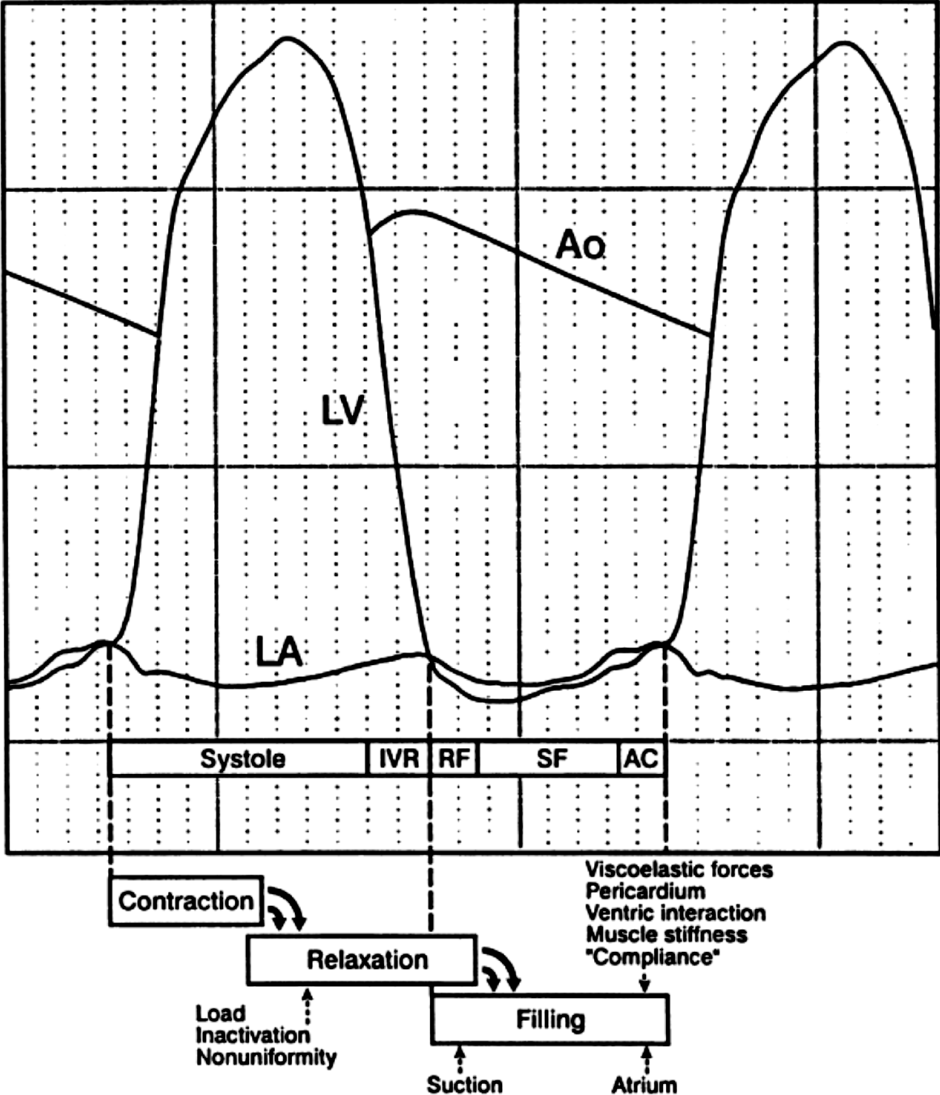
Trends in Prevalence and Outcome of Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction

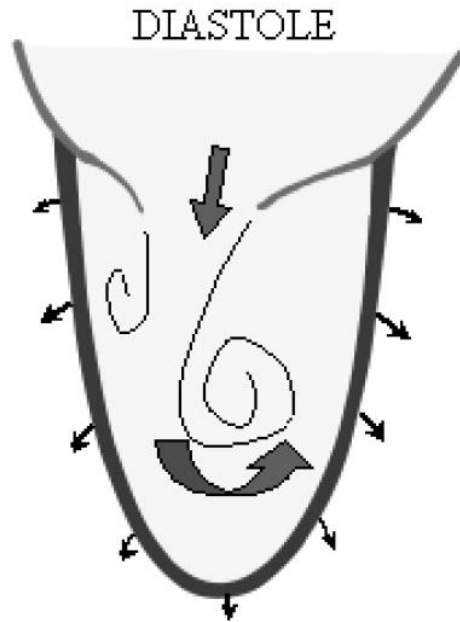
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Secular Trends in the Prevalence of Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction.

Physiology





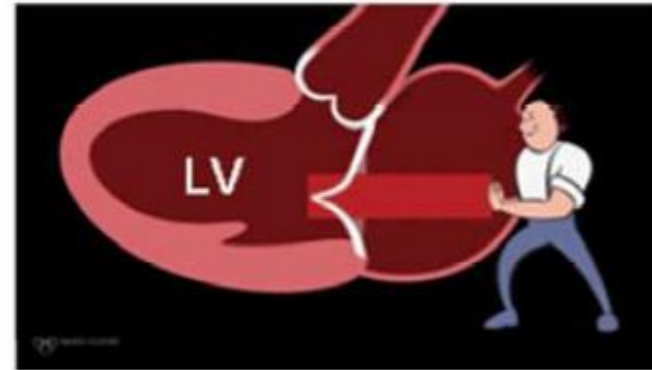
LV filling is primarily dependent on

- * Myocardial relaxation
- * Ventricular compliance

Abnormalities of either can alter LV filling and lead to elevated filling pressures



Normal diastolic function



Diastolic dysfunction

Elevated filling pressures represent the physiologic consequence of diastolic dysfunction

(PCWP) > 12 mm Hg
LVEDP >16 mm Hg

Cardiac Catheterization is the standard technique for direct measurement of filling pressures



Transmitral Blood Flow Reflecting Diastolic Behavior of the Left Ventricle in Health and Disease —A Study by Pulsed Doppler Technique—

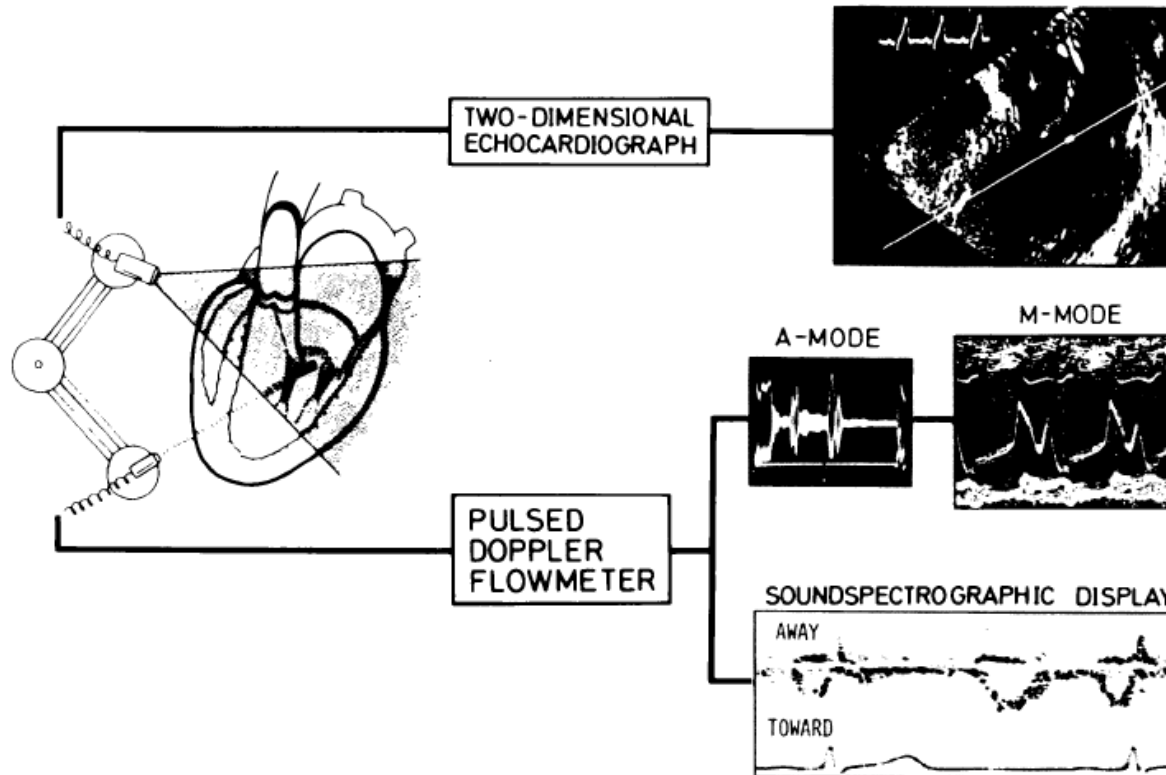
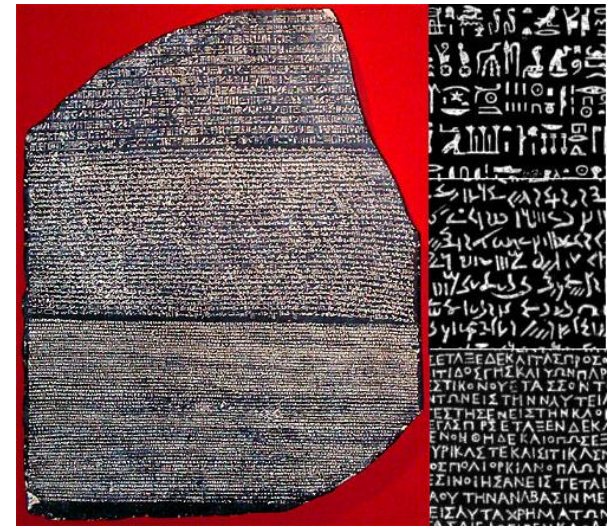
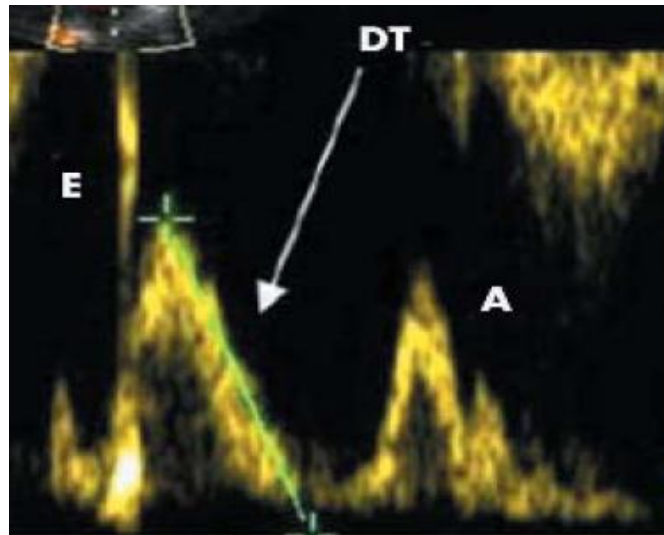


Fig.1. Schematic drawing of the ultrasonic combined system. An illustration of the combined system is shown in the left panel. In the two-dimensional echocardiogram (upper right), the Doppler beam direction is displayed as a white line and a rectangular white mark indicates the sample site along the beam. The Doppler signal obtained by the flowmeter is displayed by a soundspectrograph (lower right).

REVIEW ARTICLE

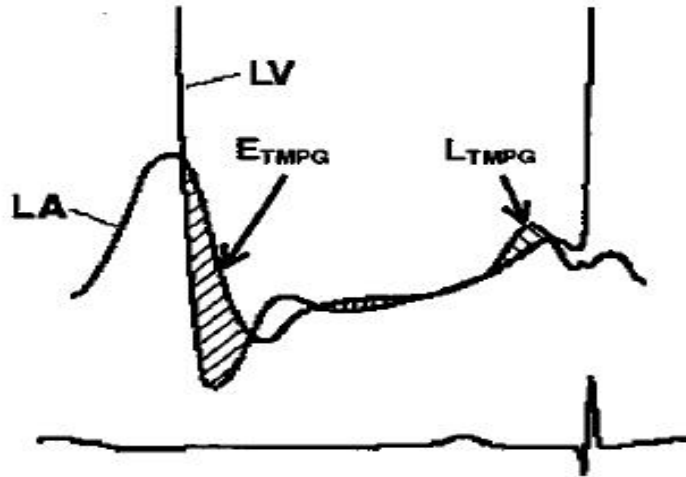
**Evaluation of Diastolic Filling of Left Ventricle in Health and Disease:
Doppler Echocardiography Is the Clinician's Rosetta Stone**

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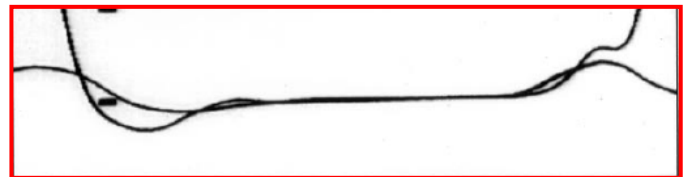
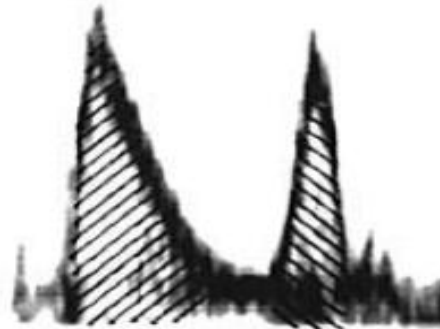


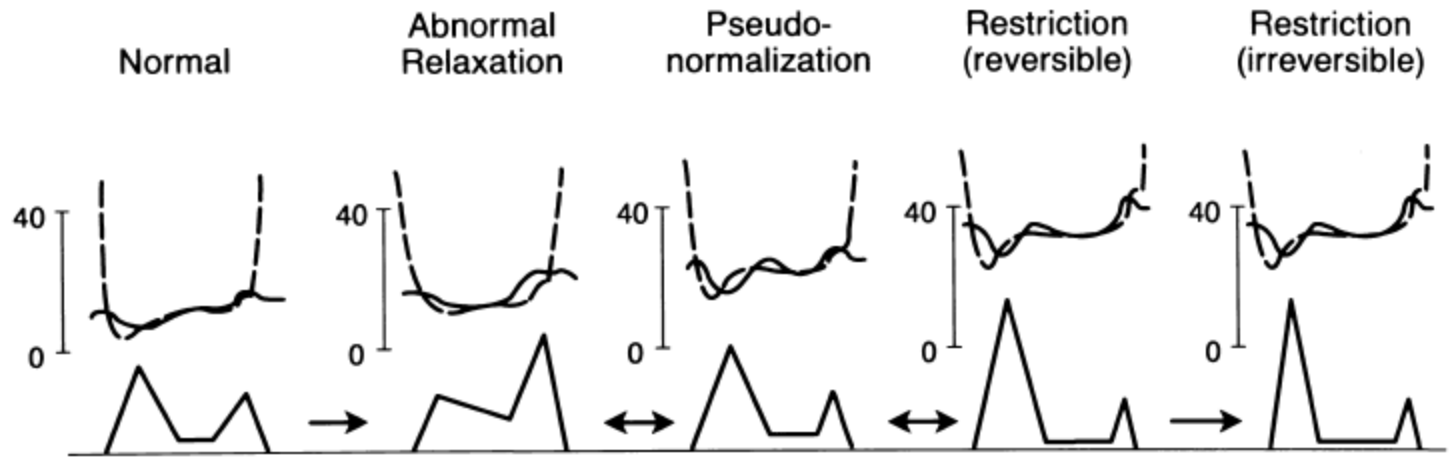
Transmitral pressure gradient



LV filling

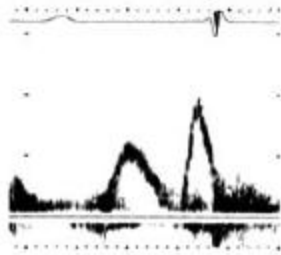
Mitral flow velocity



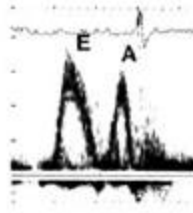


Mean LAP	=	=	↑↑	↑↑↑↑	↑↑↑↑
TAU	=	↑	↑	↑↑	↑↑
NYHA		I-II	II-III	III-IV	IV
Grade diastolic dysfunction		I	II	III	IV

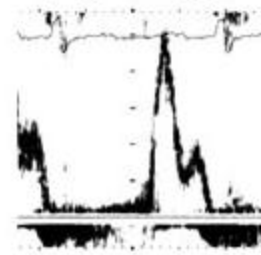
Relaxation
abnormality



Pseudonormal

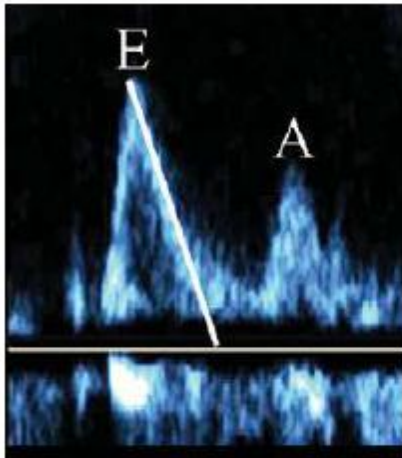


Restrictive
physiology



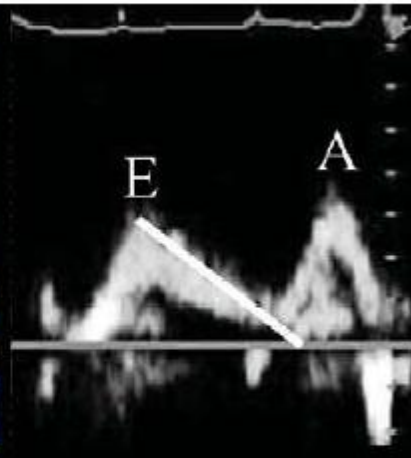
Increased
filling
pressure

NORMAL



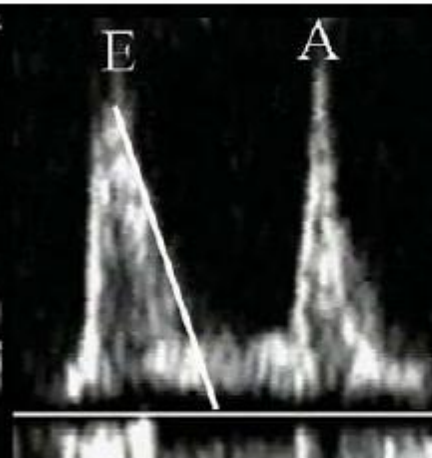
$E/A > 1$
DT 150–240
IVRT < 90 msec

↓ RELAXATION
STAGE I



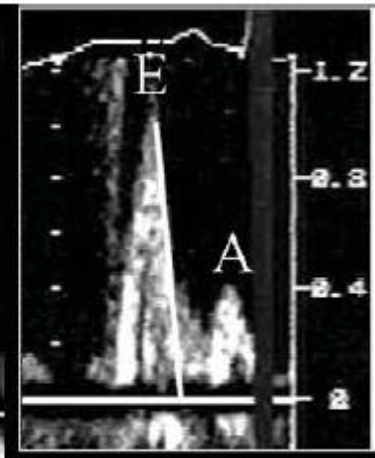
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DT > 240
IVRT > 90 msec

PSEUDO-NORMAL
STAGE II



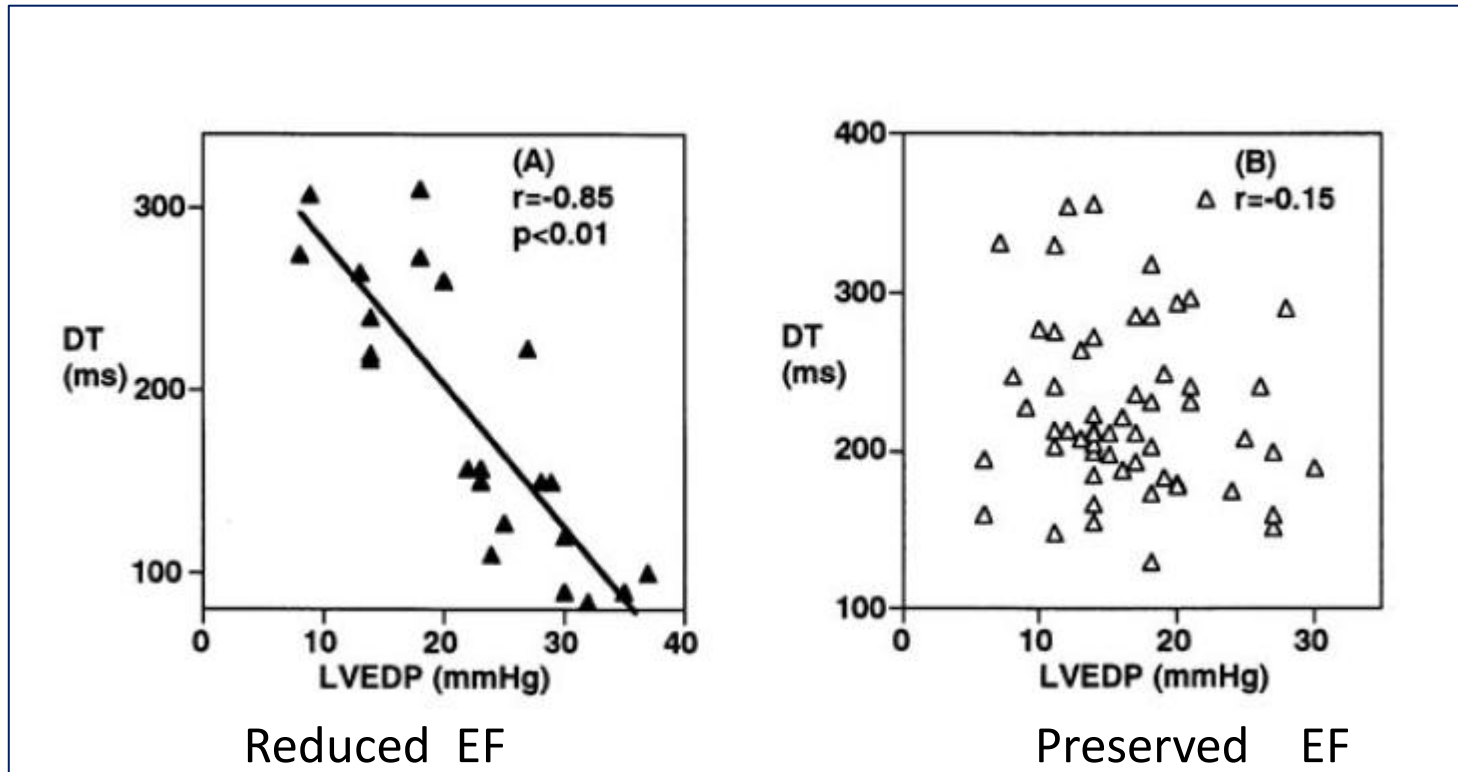
$E/A 1-2$
DT 150–240
IVRT < 90 msec

RESTRICTIVE
STAGE III

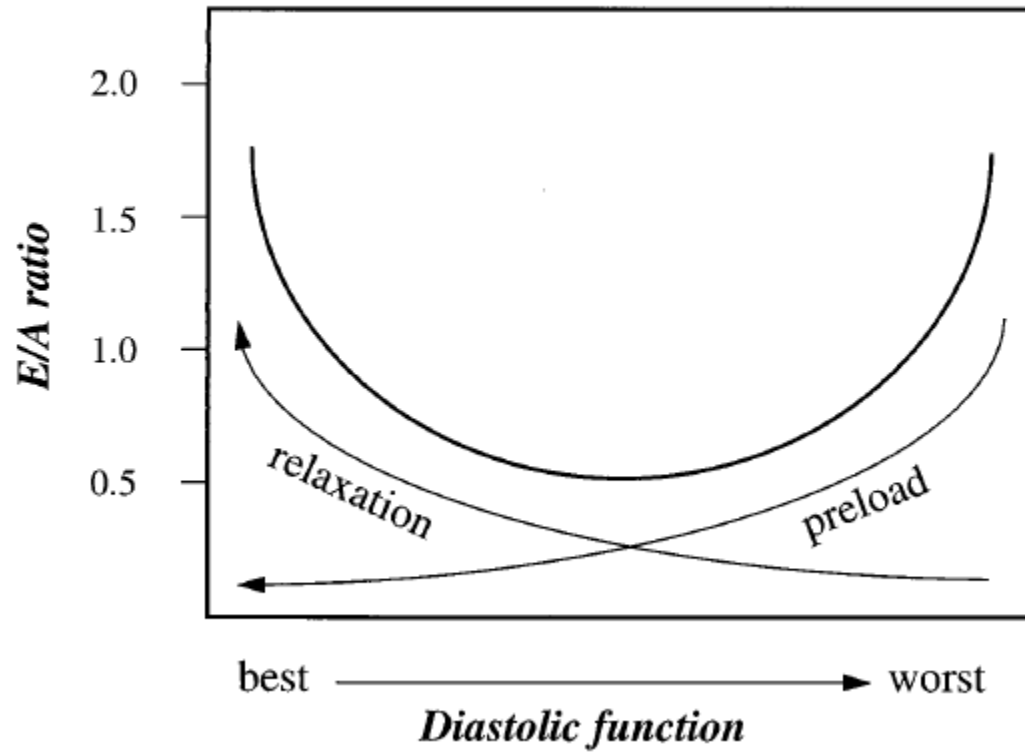


$E/A > 2$
DT < 150
IVRT < 70 msec

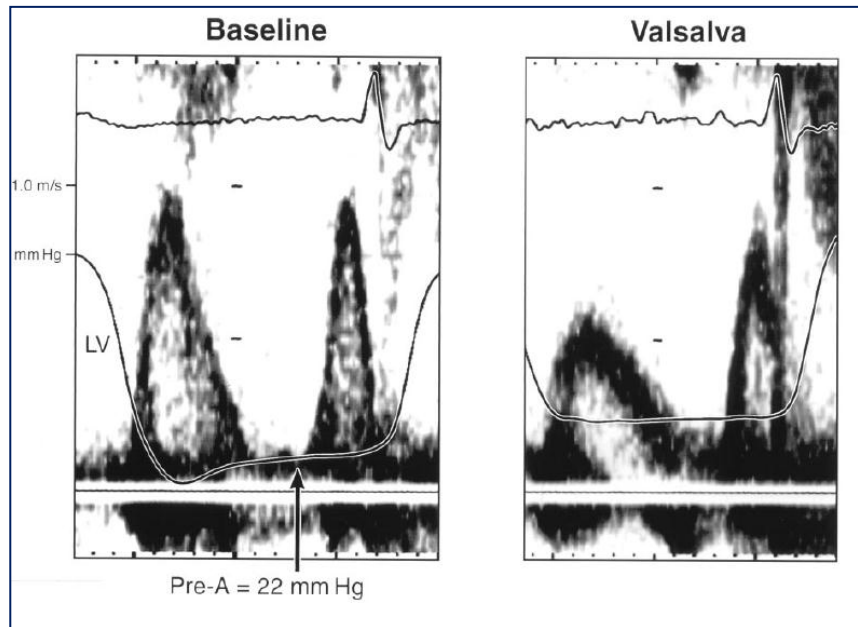
Limitations



Mitral pattern does not predict diastolic dysfunction in pts with preserved EF



Manovra di Valsalva

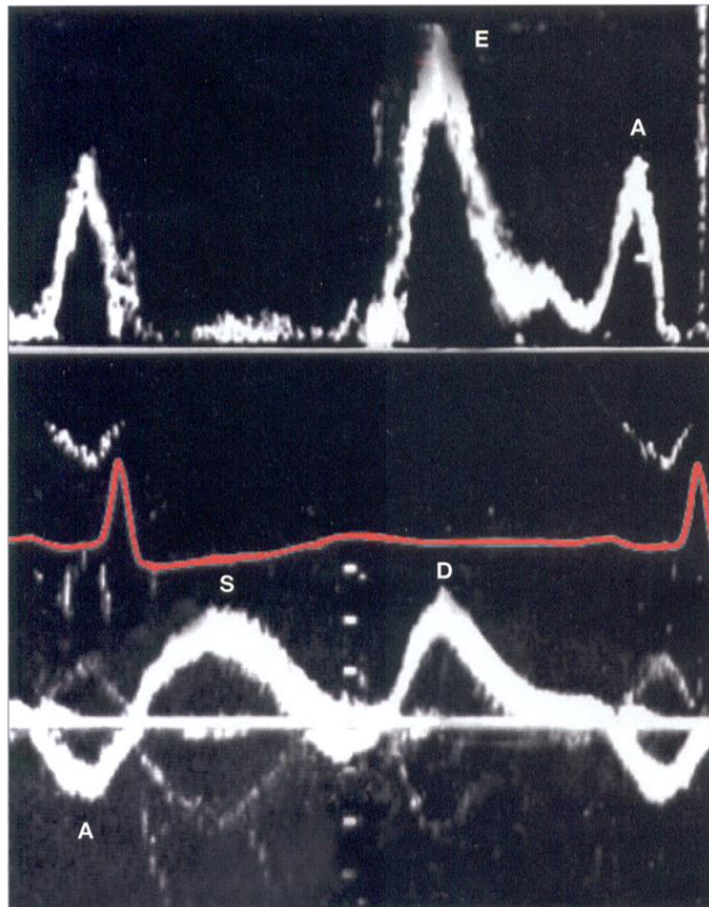
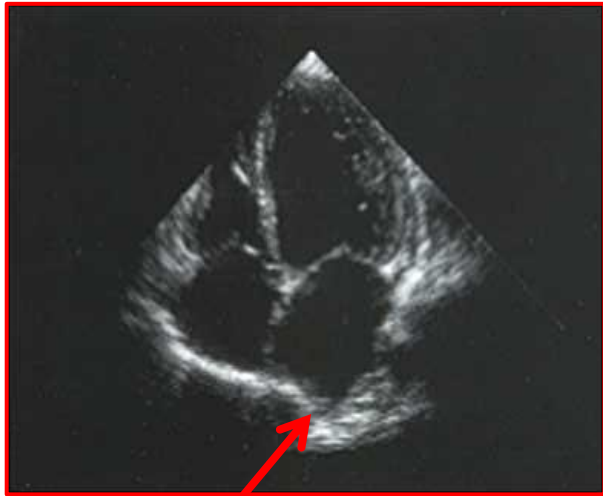


Proposed criteria for identifying pseudonormalization

Decrease $\geq 50\%$ in the E/A ratio

Increase in A velocity

Pulmonary Venous Flow



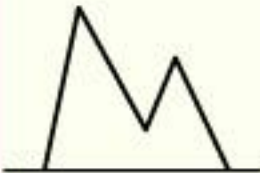
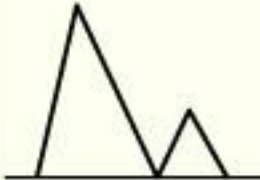

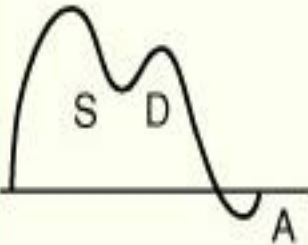
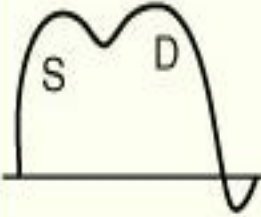
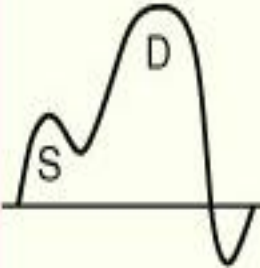
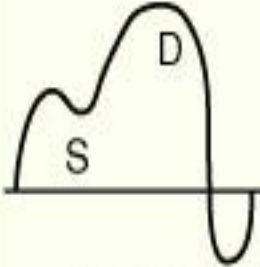
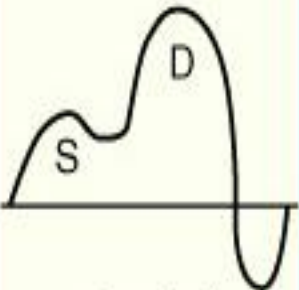


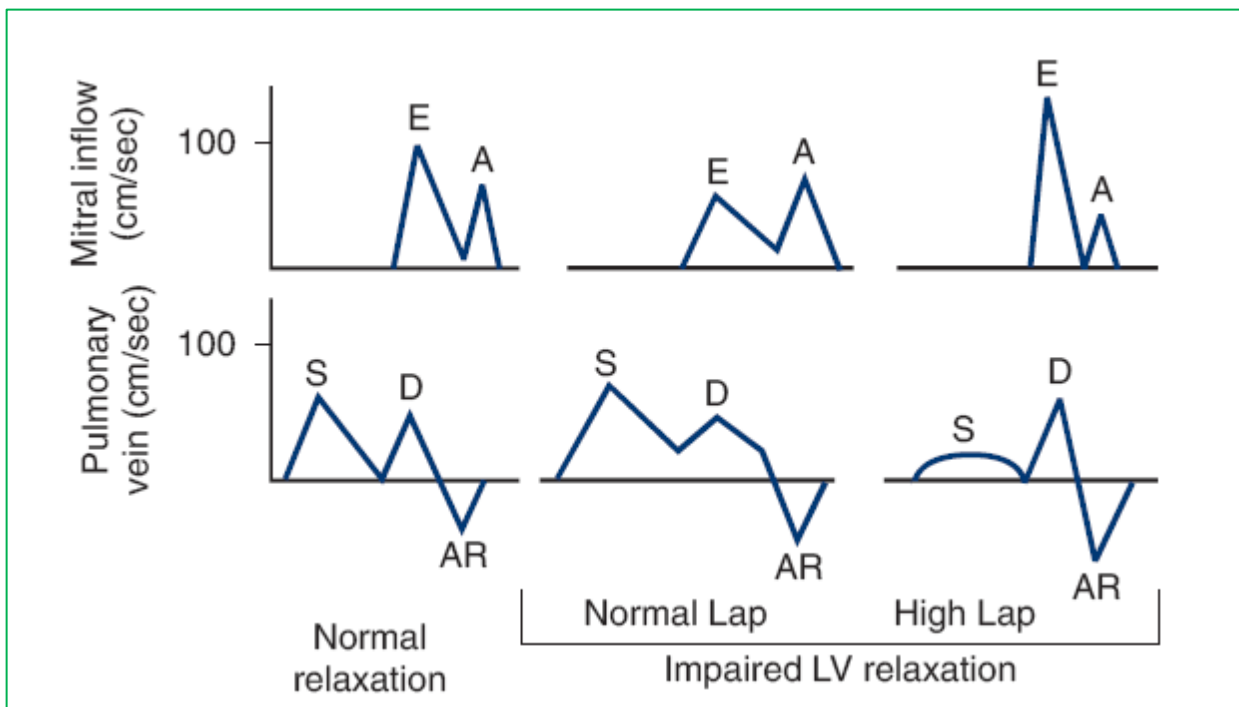
Afflusso mitralico
del LV

Flusso delle vene
polmonari

Pulmonary venous flow

Doppler Evaluation of Diastolic Function

	Normal	Abnormal relaxation	Decreased compliance		
			Moderate	Marked	Severe
Mitral flow velocity					
Pulmonary vein					
	Normal	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4



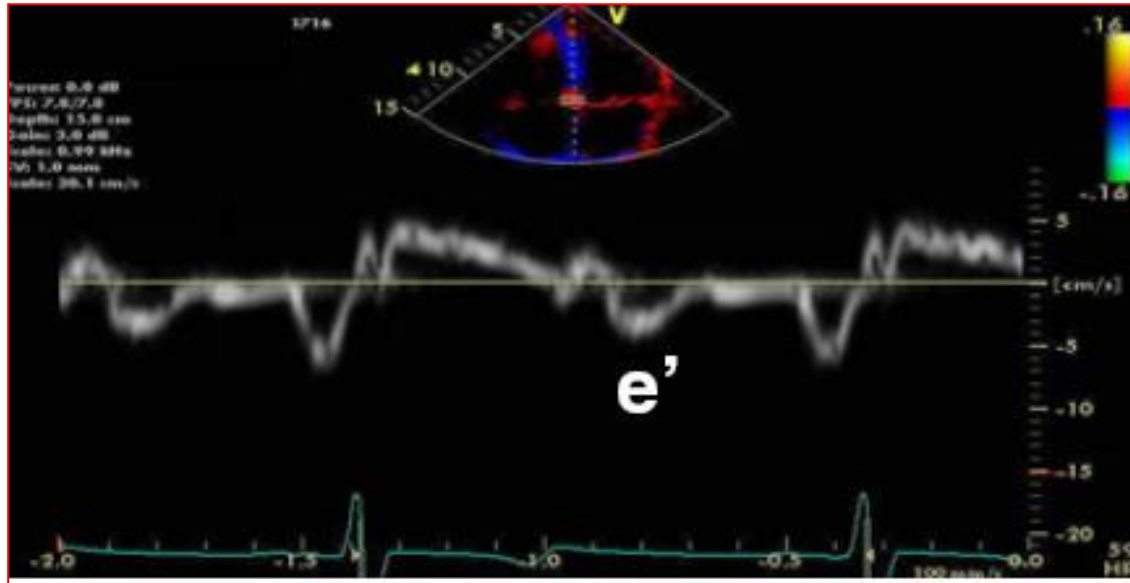
Diastolic dysfunction

- $S/D < 1$
- AR peak $> 35\text{cm/sec}$
- Ar duration - mitral A wave duration $> 30\text{ms}$ *

* Predictive also in patients with HFNEF

E'

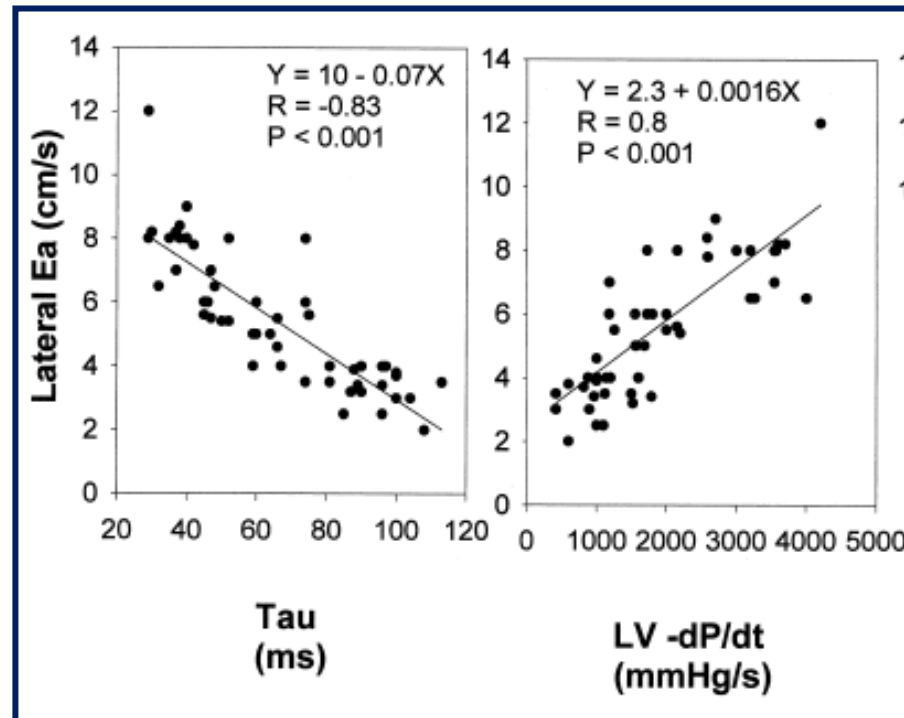
Tissue Doppler Mitral Annulus Velocities



- The e1 velocity is less a less preload dependent measure of myocardial relaxation than transmitral E wave

Hemodynamic Determinants of the Mitral Annulus Diastolic Velocities by Tissue Doppler

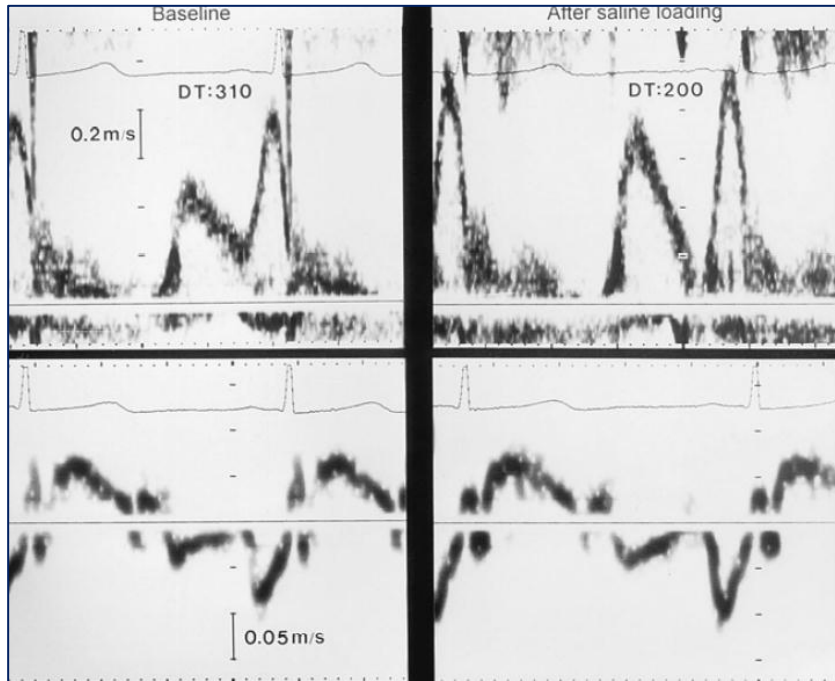
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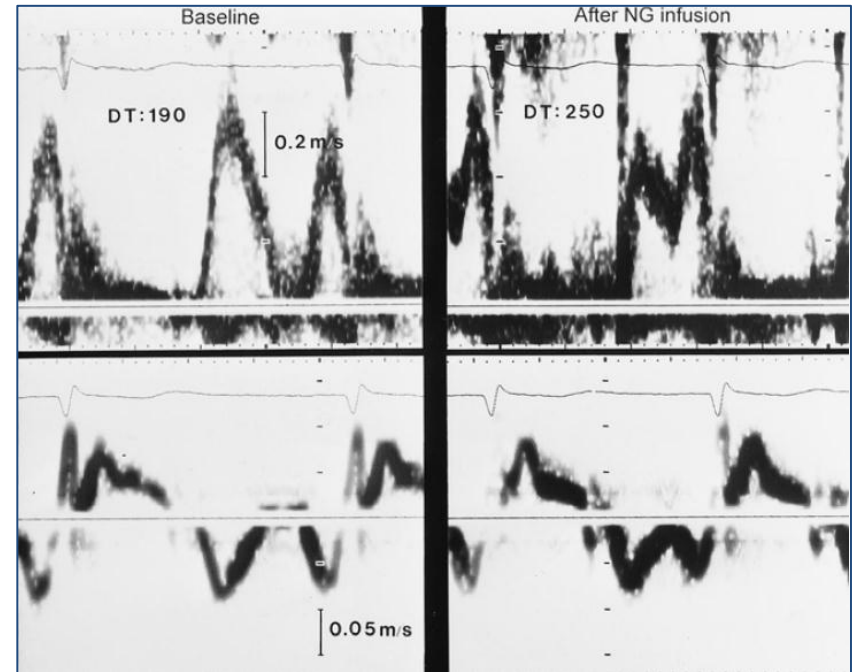
Relation of lateral annular Ea to tau and to LV -dP/dt

E'

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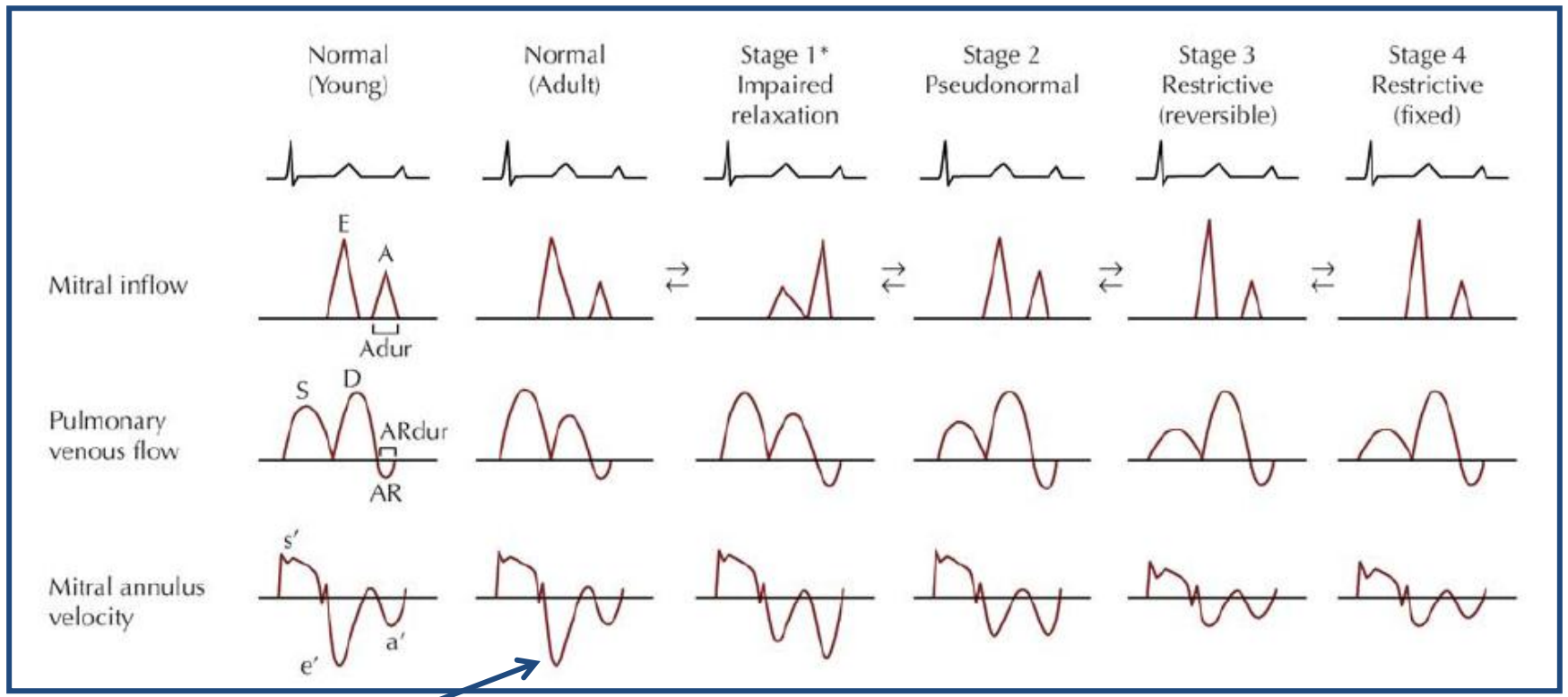
Before and after saline loading



Before and after nitroglycerin infusion

E'

E' velocity falls with progressive diastolic dysfunction



E'

E' may be a subclinical marker of cardiac disease

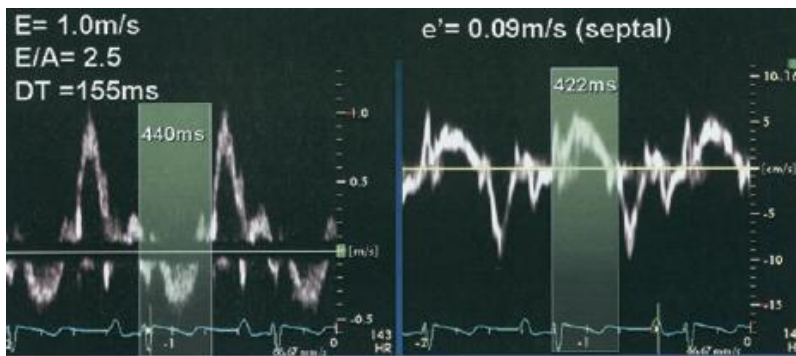
Demographic, Two-Dimensional, and Doppler Echocardiographic Parameters				
	Control Group	NCA Group	CA Group	P <
Age	65.7 ± 8.5	71.2 ± 9.8	66.9 ± 10.9	NS
LAD (mm)	37.3 ± 3.7	39.7 ± 5.6	44.6 ± 6.3*	0.0001
LAA _{ind} (cm ² /m ²)	8.9 ± 1.6	11.1 ± 1.8 [#]	13.4 ± 2.1 ^ξ	0.0001
LVDD _{ind} (mm/ m ²)	25.4 ± 2.5	26.2 ± 3.1	24.8 ± 3.3	NS
LVSD _{ind} (mm/ m ²)	15.7 ± 2.4	15.5 ± 2.9	16.2 ± 4.3	NS
FS (%)	38.4 ± 6.6	41 ± 7	35.3 ± 12	NS
IVS (mm)	9.9 ± 1.1	10.5 ± 0.9	15.8 ± 2.6 ^ξ	0.0001
PW (mm)	9.9 ± 0.8	10.3 ± 0.9	15.9 ± 2.3 ^ξ	0.0001
LV mass _{ind} (g/m ²)	89.2 ± 21.8	96.3 ± 22	162.9 ± 36.2 ^ξ	0.0001
RVDD (mm)	26.5 ± 4.1	25.4 ± 5.9	27.4 ± 5.5	NS
RVFW (mm)	5.3 ± 1	6.6 ± 1.2 [£]	7.4 ± 1.2	0.01
LVEDV (mL)	92.5 ± 27.5	78.4 ± 21.7	75.7 ± 24.3**	0.05
LVESV (mL)	34.9 ± 12	32.4 ± 13.7	33.5 ± 17.7	NS
EF (%)	62.3 ± 5.5	59.2 ± 10.5	57.1 ± 11.1	NS
E (cm/sec)	61.6 ± 11	77.1 ± 15.6 [#]	80.4 ± 17.7*	0.0001
A (cm/sec)	67.5 ± 18.1	89 ± 17.9 [#]	58.4 ± 28.1*	0.0001
E/A	0.95 ± 0.23	0.89 ± 0.2	1.72 ± 0.9 ^ξ	0.0001
E' (cm/sec)	9.1 ± 2.2	7.6 ± 2.1 [£]	4.6 ± 1.1 ^ξ	0.0001
E/E'	7.2 ± 2.4	10.8 ± 3.9 [£]	18.2 ± 5.7 ^ξ	0.0001
MPISX	0.4 ± 0.1	0.34 ± 0.1	0.55 ± 0.26***	0.0001
TAPSE (mm)	23.5 ± 4	22.1 ± 3.8	17.5 ± 4.6*§	0.0001

no cardiac amyloidosis

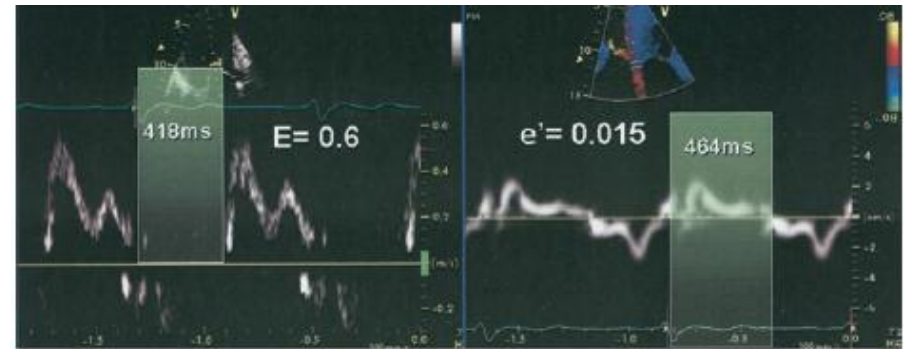
cardiac amyloidosis

$T_{E-e'}$

Increased time interval between E and E' onset predicts elevated filling pressure



$E/e' = 11.1$

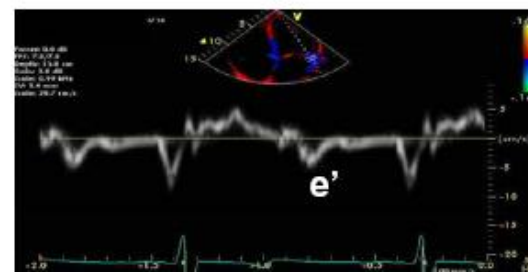
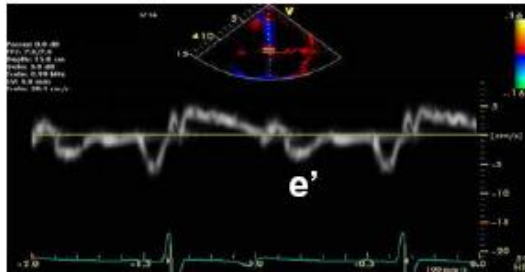
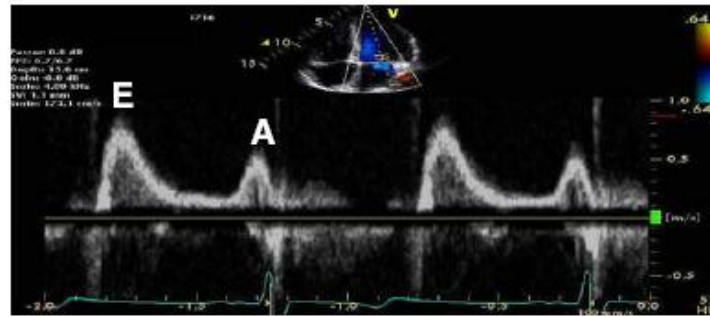


$E/e' = 40$

- $T_{E-e'} > 29ms$
- $IVRT / T_{E-e'} > 2$

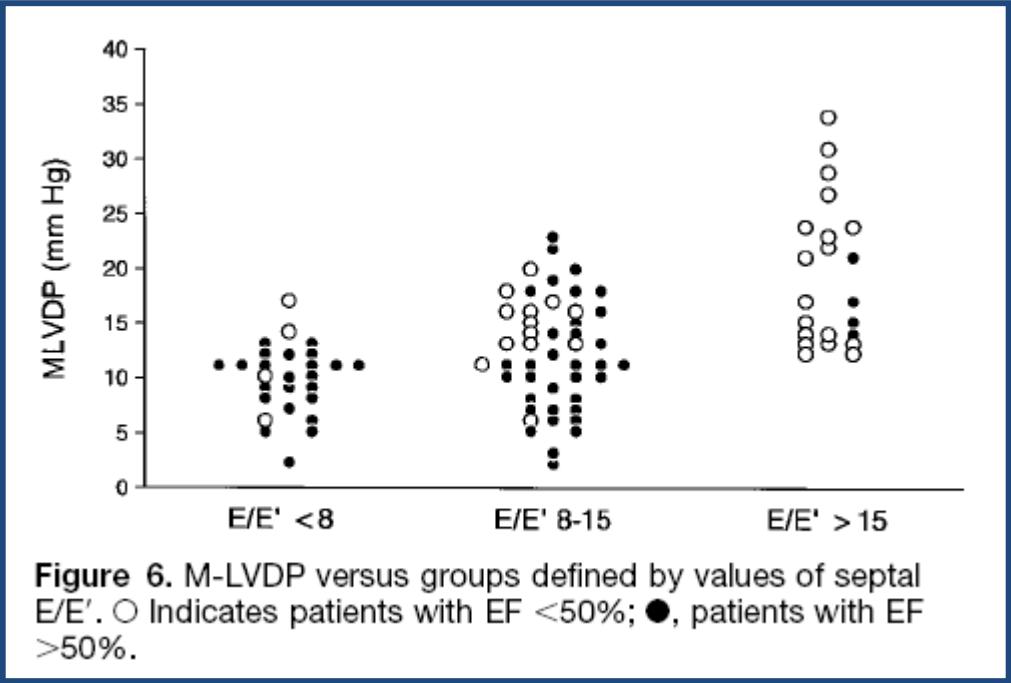
E/e'

Mitral Inflow and Annulus TD



With E/e' ratio, e' velocity for the myocardial relaxation contribution to mitral E velocity allowing an estimate of LV filling pressure

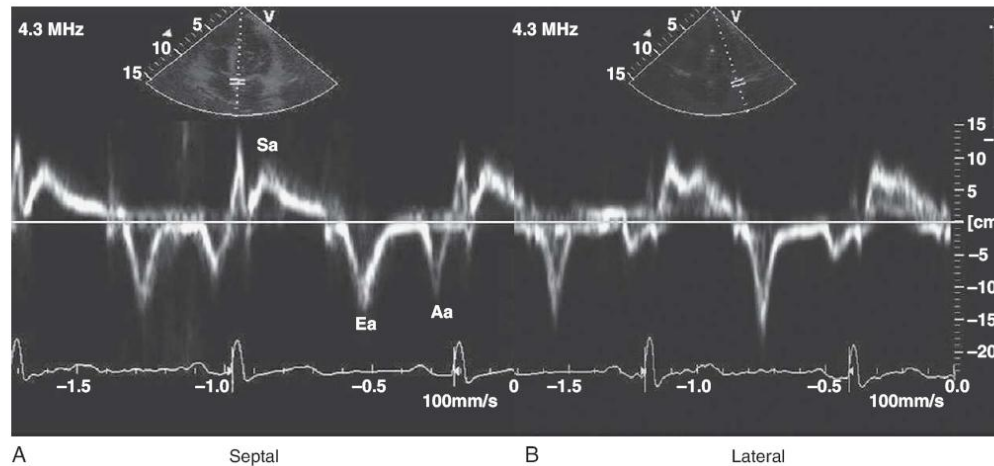
E/e'



E/E' < 8 normal filling pressure
E/E' > 15 elevated filling pressure

E/e'

Septal e' velocity is lower than the lateral e' velocity

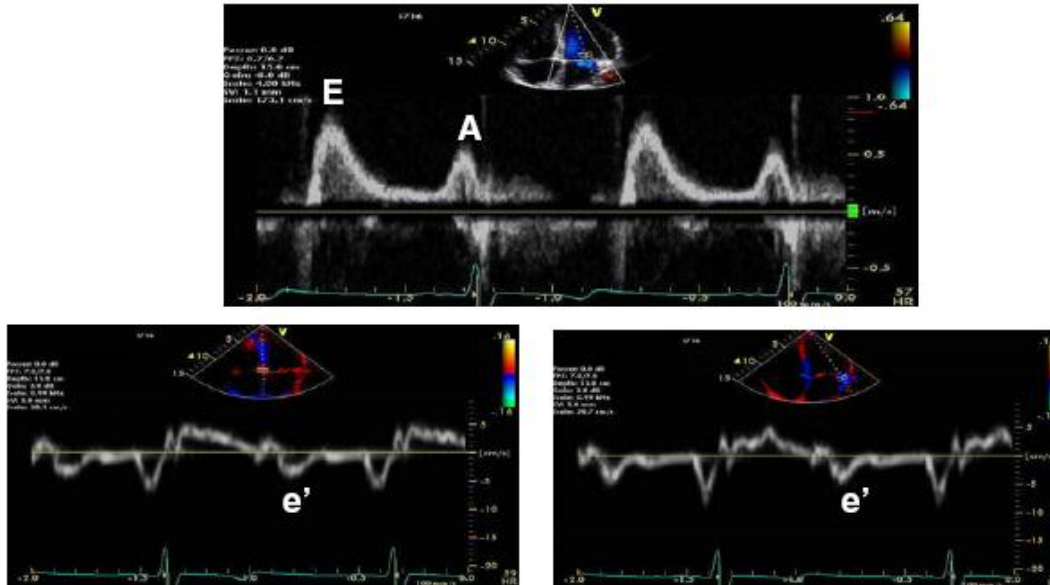


Different cut-off for predicting elevated filling pressures

Septal $e' \geq 15$.

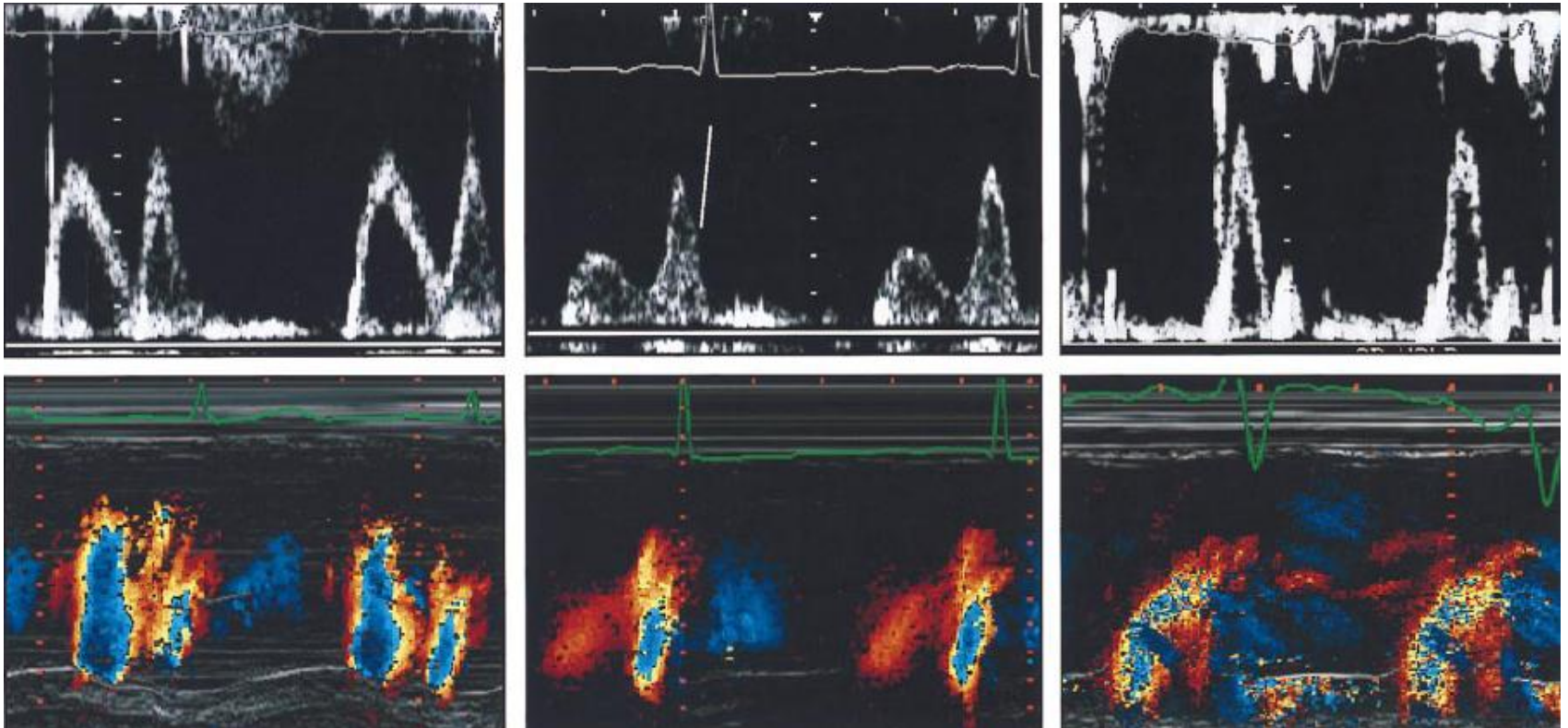
Lateral annulus: E/e' ratio ≥ 12

Average of the septal and lateral annular E/e' ratio ≥ 13



- E/e' ratio has the best correlation with LV filling pressure in pts with normal EF
- Recent data suggest that the correlation between E/e' and LV filling pressures may be modest in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and in pts with severe systolic dysfunction

Mitral inflow propagation velocity (Vp).



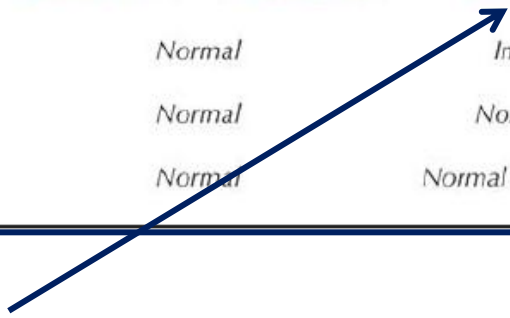
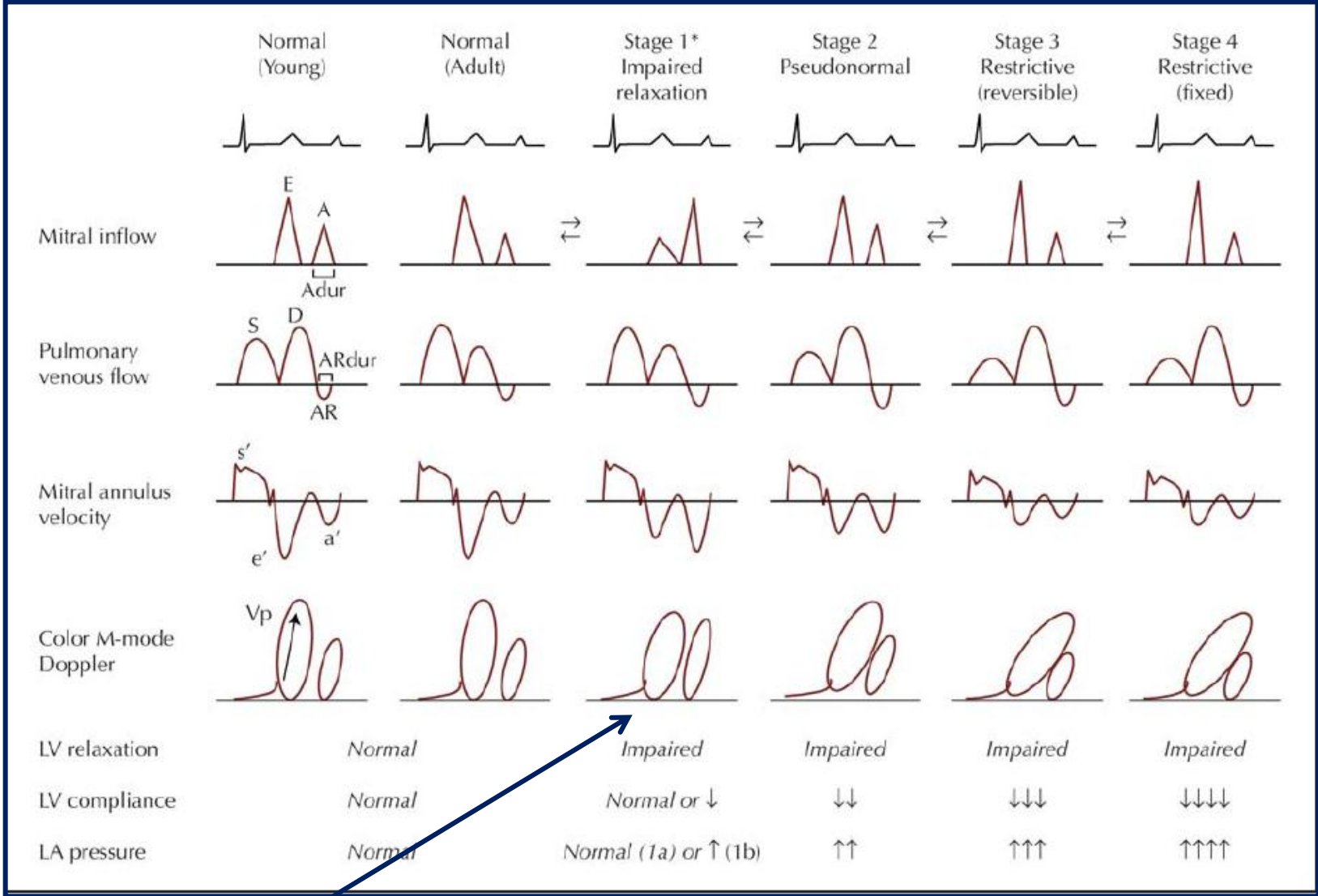
Normal

Delayed relaxation

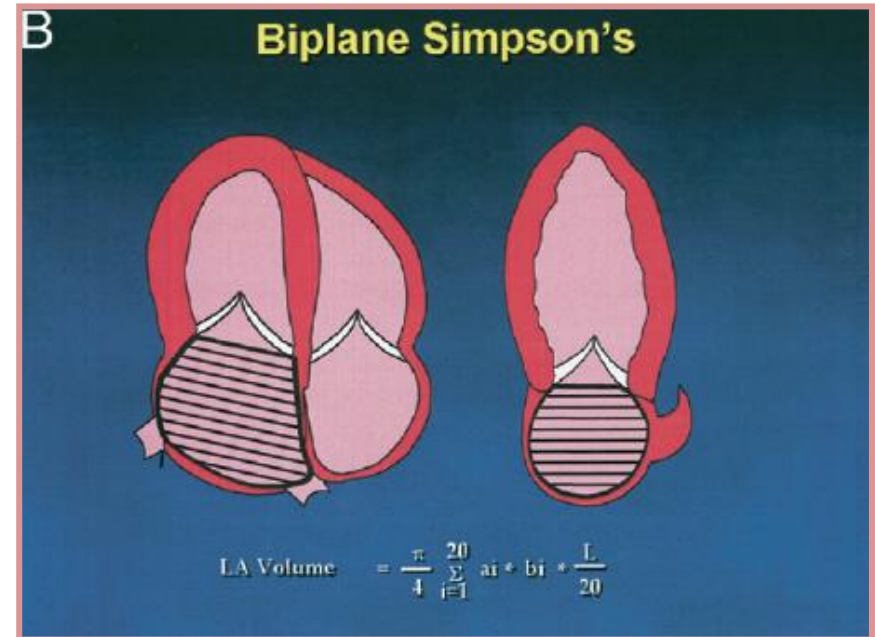
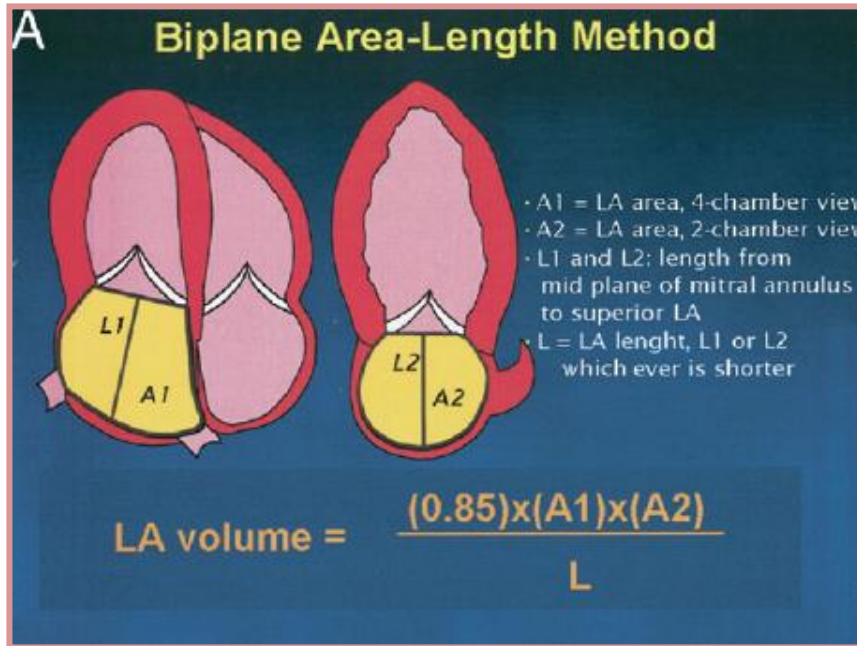
Restrictive

Normal > 50cm/sec

E/Vp >1.5 suggestive for high PCWP

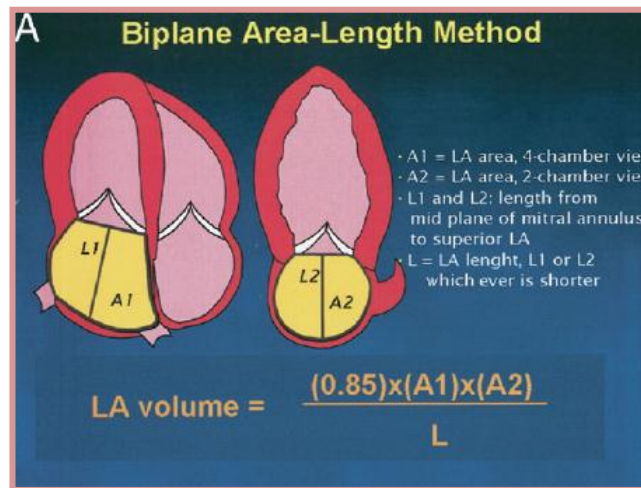


Over time, exposure of the LA to increased filling pressure will result in its remodeling



Left atrial volume is regarded as a “barometer” of the chronicity of diastolic dysfunction

LA volume is to diastolic function and to all forms of heart disease as the HbA1c is to diabetes.



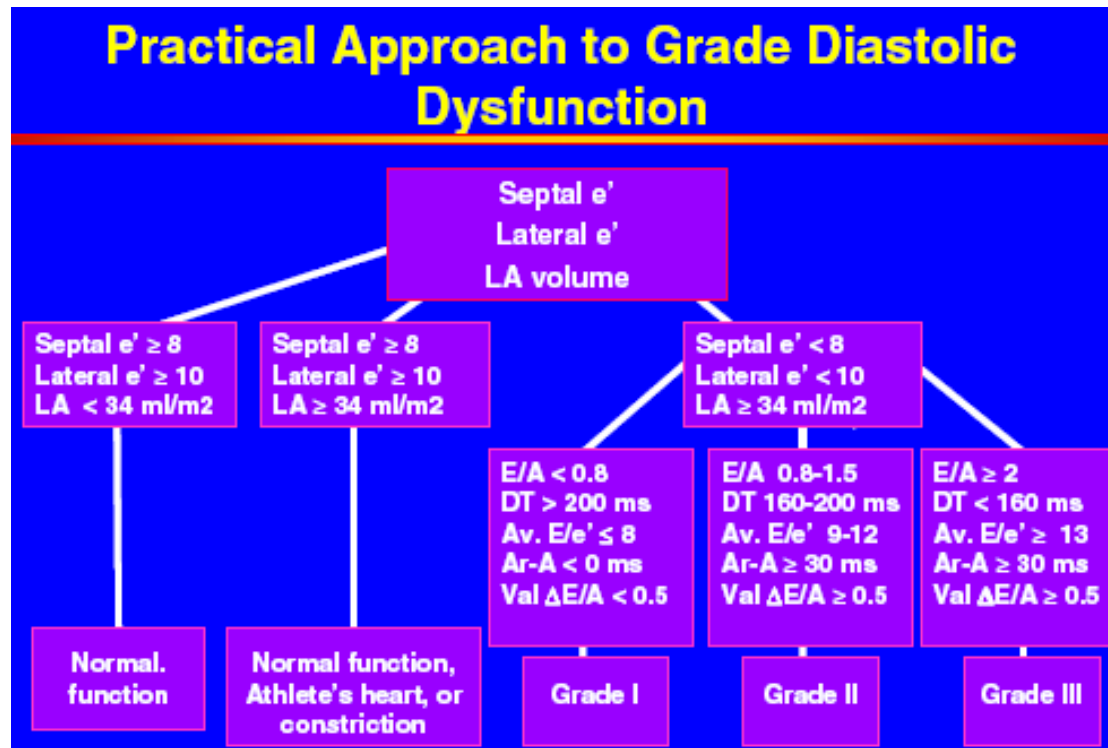
Measure of LA volume provides significant insight into an individual's risk for the development of adverse cardiovascular events (myocardial infarction, stroke, atrial fibrillation, and heart failure)

Left atrial volume is graded relative to risk

- **Mild** 28 to 33ml/m² mild
- **Moderate** 34 to 39 ml/m²
- **High or Severe** ≥ 40ml/m²

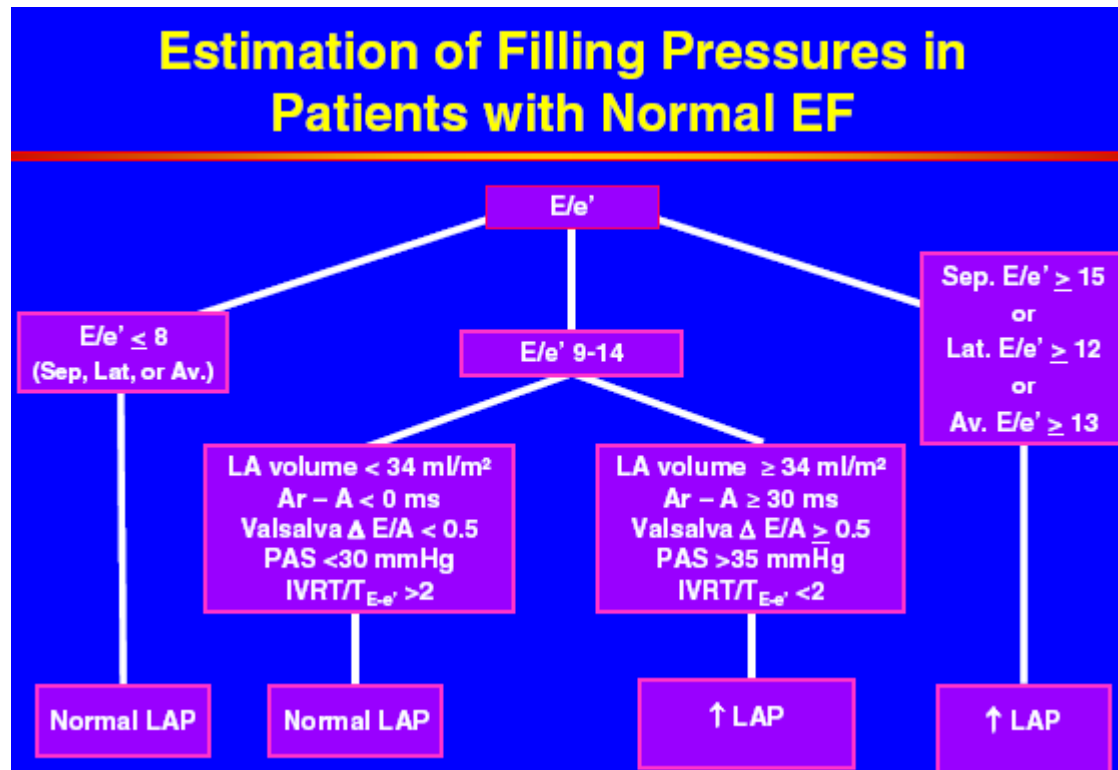
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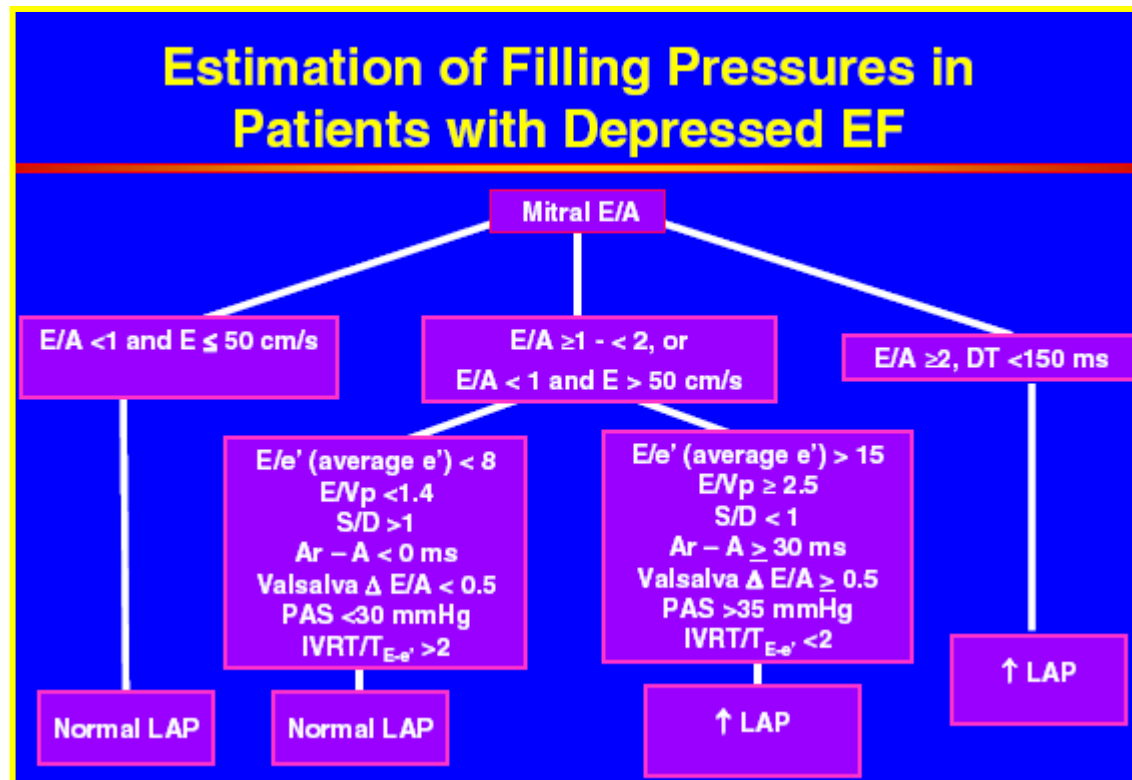
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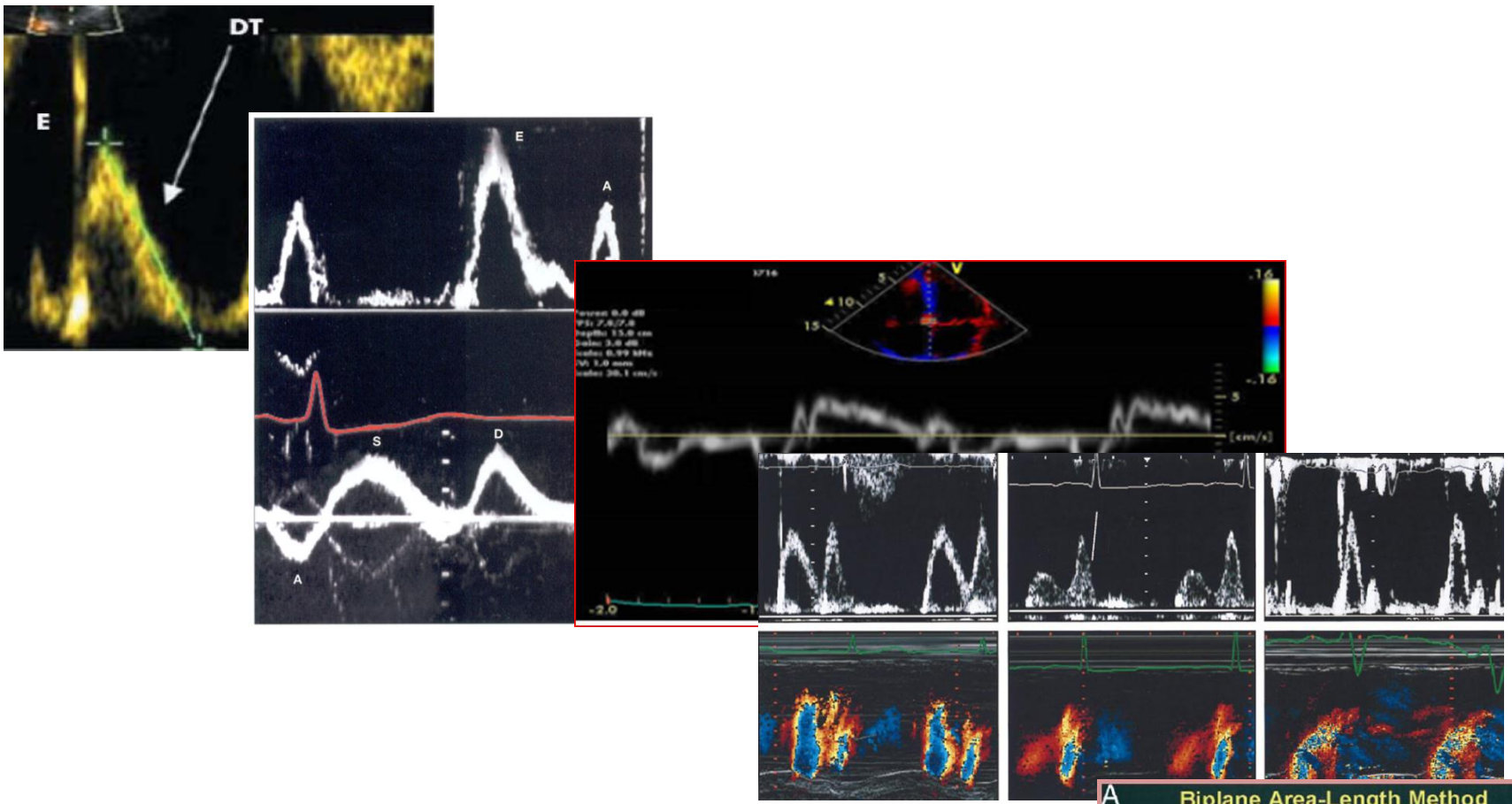
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Conclusioni



A Biplane Area-Length Method

- A1 = LA area, 4-chamber view
- A2 = LA area, 2-chamber view
- L1 and L2: length from mid plane of mitral annulus to superior LA
- L = LA length, L1 or L2 which ever is shorter

$$LA \text{ volume} = \frac{(0.85) \times (A1) \times (A2)}{L}$$