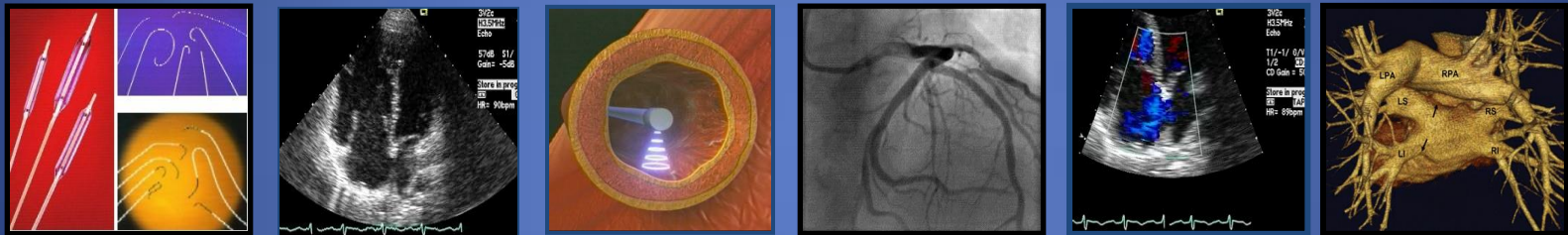


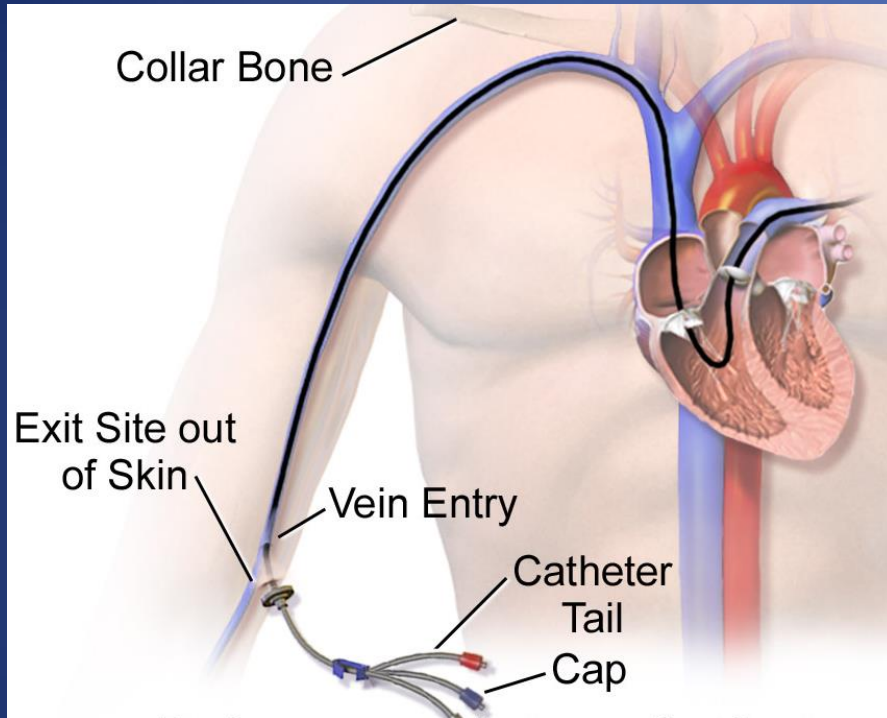
Cath Lab Essentials: Basic Hemodynamics for the Cath Lab and ICU



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Right Heart Catheterization





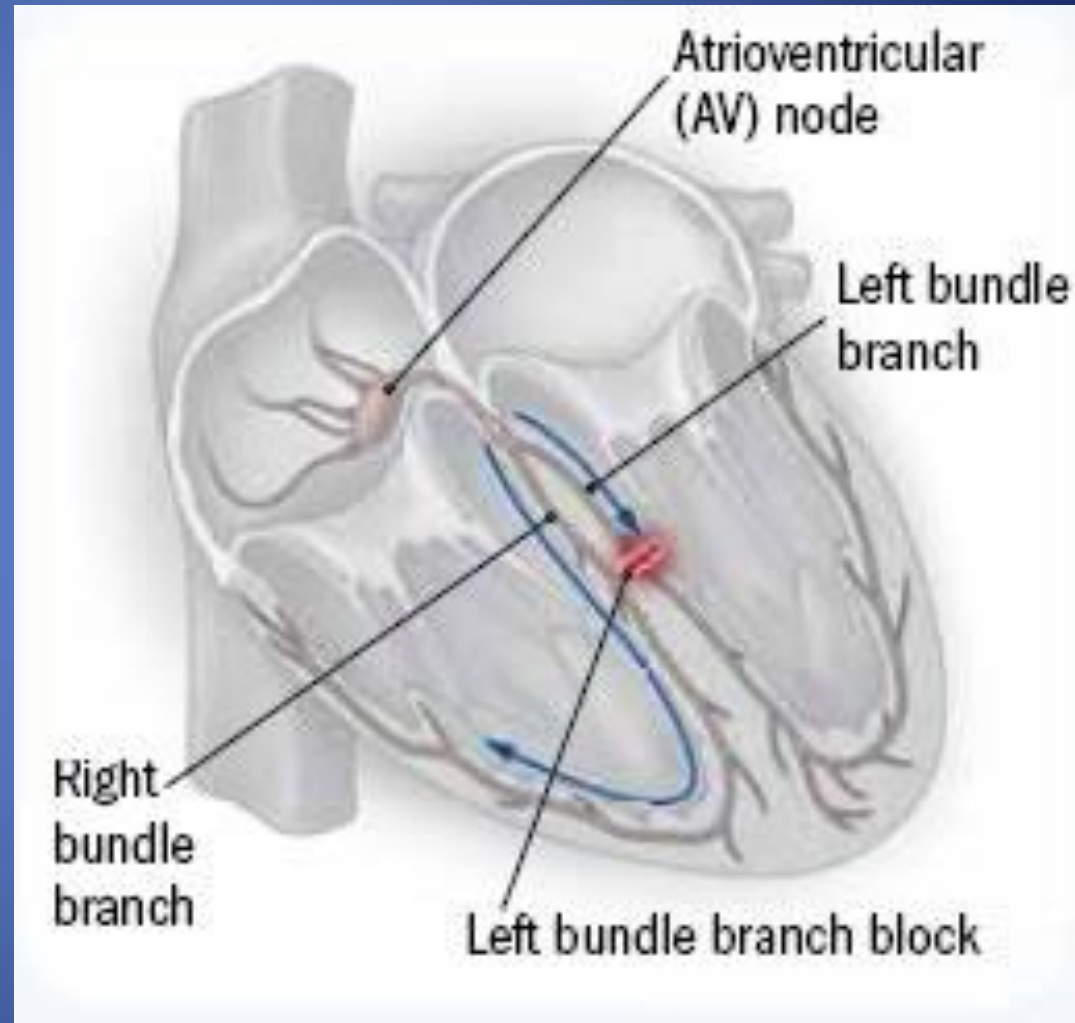
INDICATIONS

- Cause of shock
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Fluid management and hemodynamic monitoring
- Guidance for pericardial tamponade
- Constrictive versus restrictive cardiomyopathy
- Diagnosis of left to right shunt

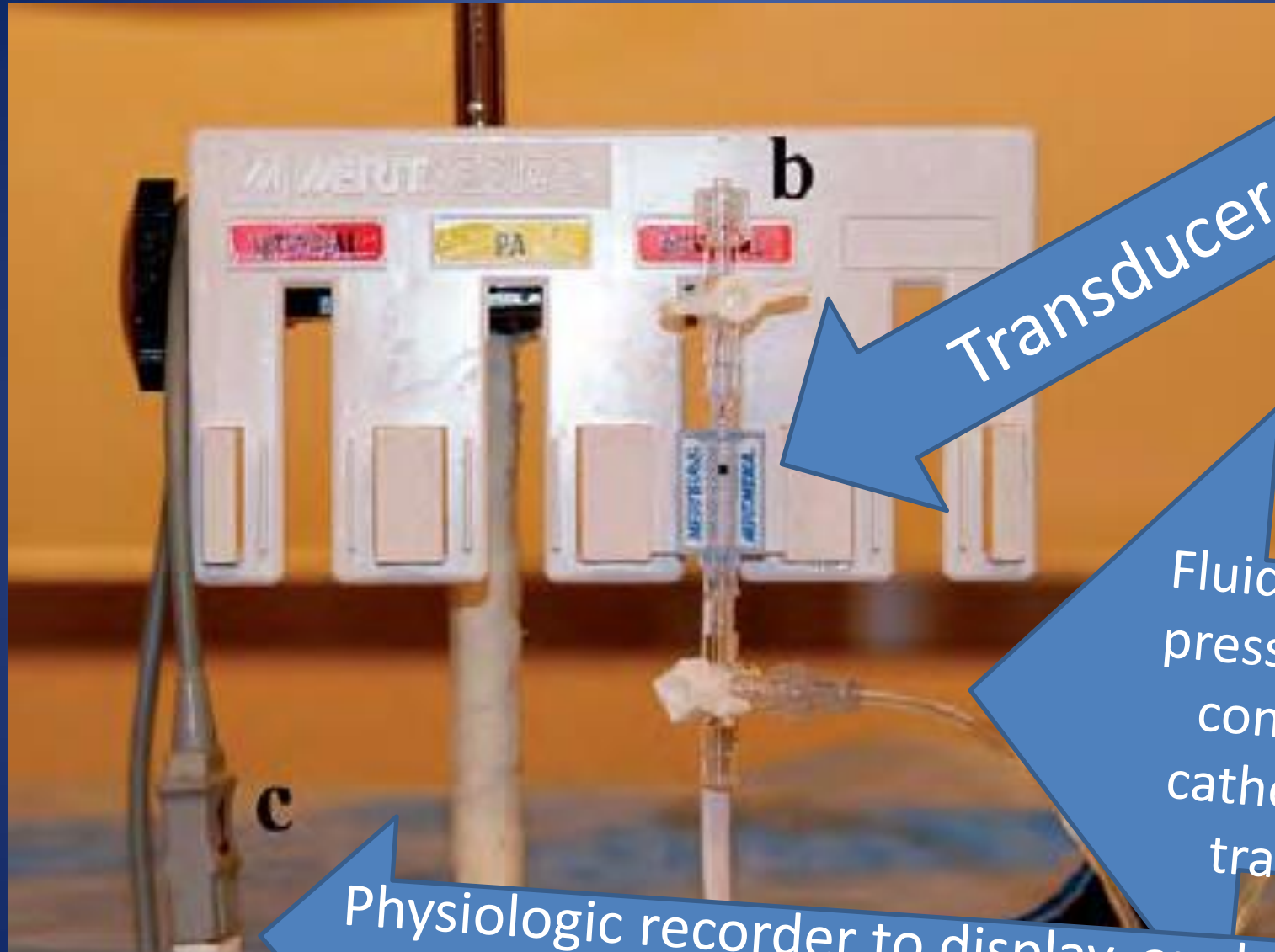


CONTRAINDICATIONS

- **ABSOLUTE** contraindications:
 - None
- **CAUTION:**
 - Pulmonary hypertension
 - Elderly
 - Left bundle branch block



EQUIPMENT



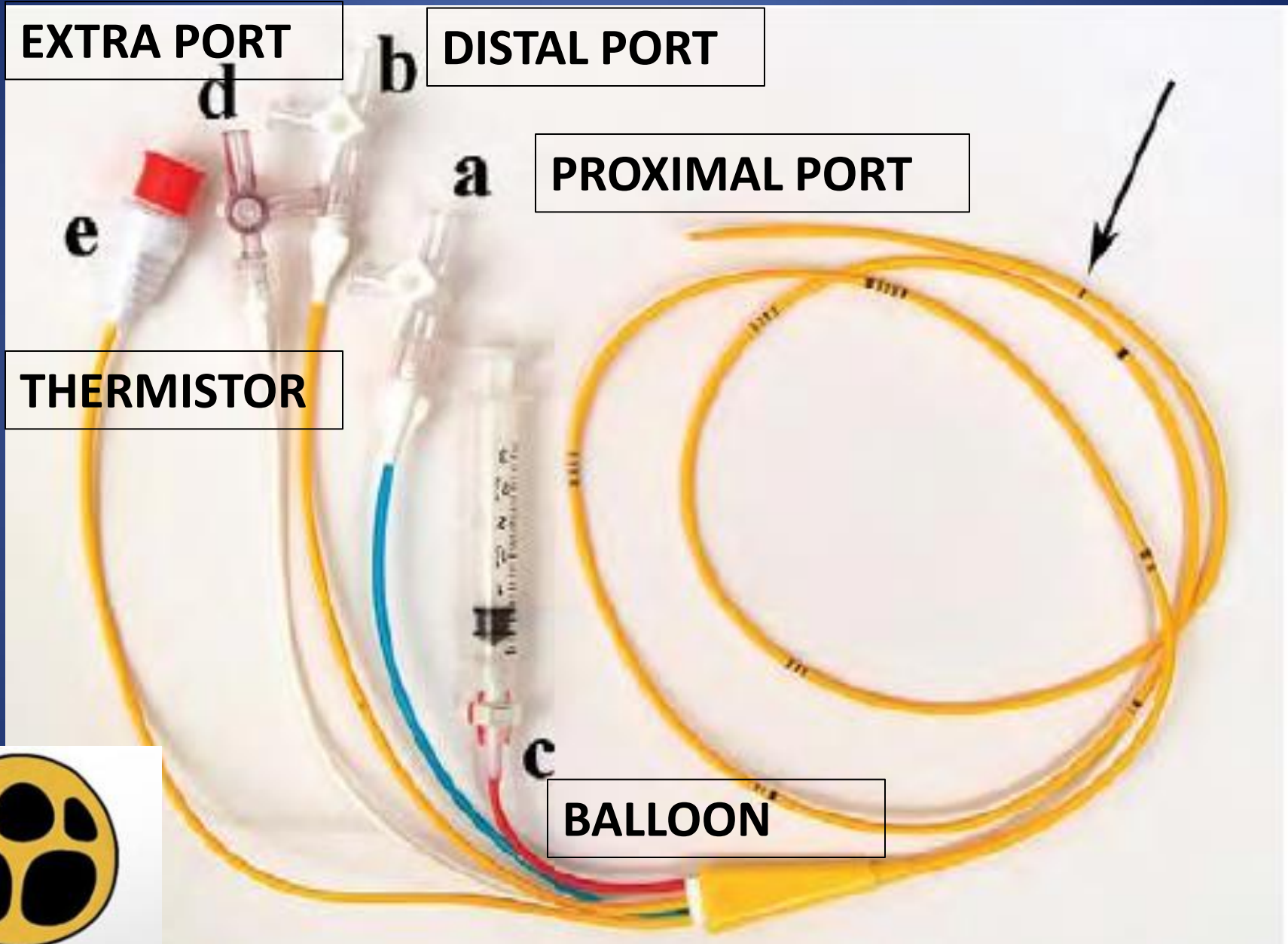
Transducer

Fluid-filled (high pressure) tubing connects the catheter to the transducer

Physiologic recorder to display, analyze, and store the hemodynamic waveforms



PULMONARY ARTERY CATHETER



TECHNIQUE



A Systematic Approach to Hemodynamic Interpretation

1. Establish the zero level and balance transducer.
2. Confirm the scale of the recording.
 - 40 mmHg for RHC, 200 mmHg for LHC
3. Collect hemodynamics in a systematic method using established protocols.
4. Critically assess the pressure waveforms for proper fidelity.
5. Carefully time pressure events with the ECG.
6. Review the tracings for common artifacts



Components of a Right Heart Catheterization

1. Right atrium

– **Mean** (1-5 mmHg)

2. Right ventricle

– **Phasic** (25/5 mmHg)

3. Pulmonary capillary wedge

– **Mean** (7-12 mmHg)

4. Pulmonary artery

– **Phasic** and **mean** (25/10 mmHg; mean 10-20 mmHg)

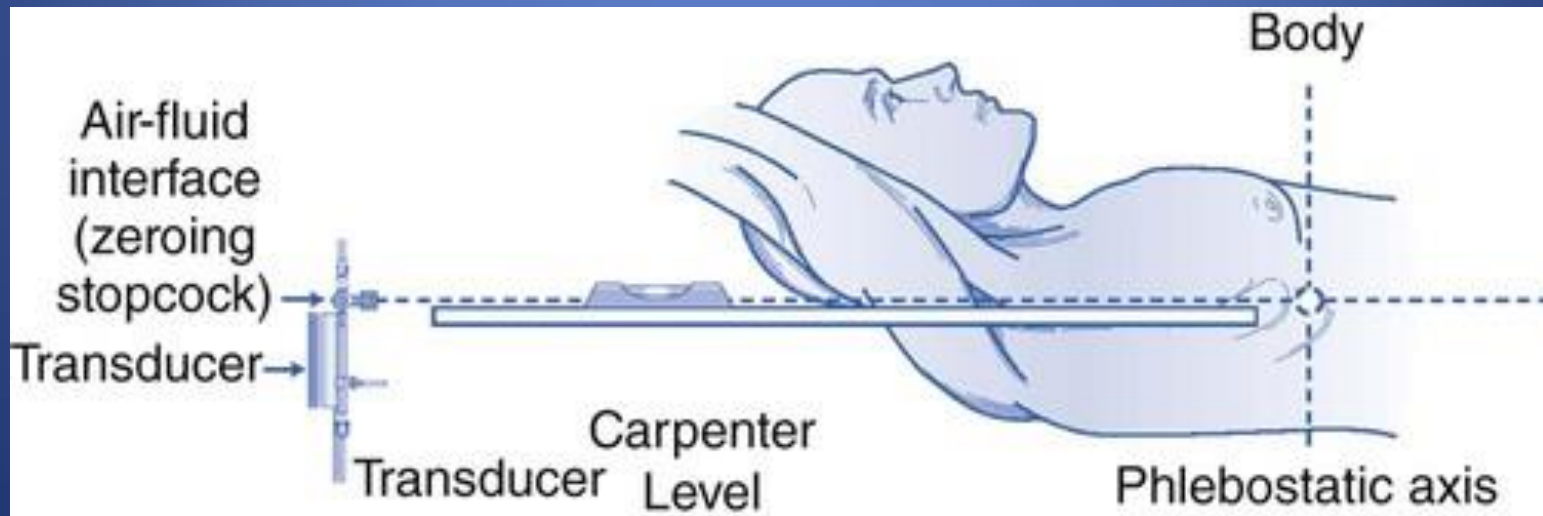
Pulm HTN: mean

PA pressure > 25mmHg

PCWP < 15mmhg

Precautions

- Always record pressures at end-expiration
- During inspiration, pressures will be lower due to decrease in intrathoracic pressure
- Always zero and reference the system



“SAT RUN”

SVC to RA STEP UP

If highest values are used, at least $\geq 11\%$
If average of multiple samples, then $\geq 7\%$



SVC



RIGHT
ATRIUM



IVC

RA to PA STEP UP

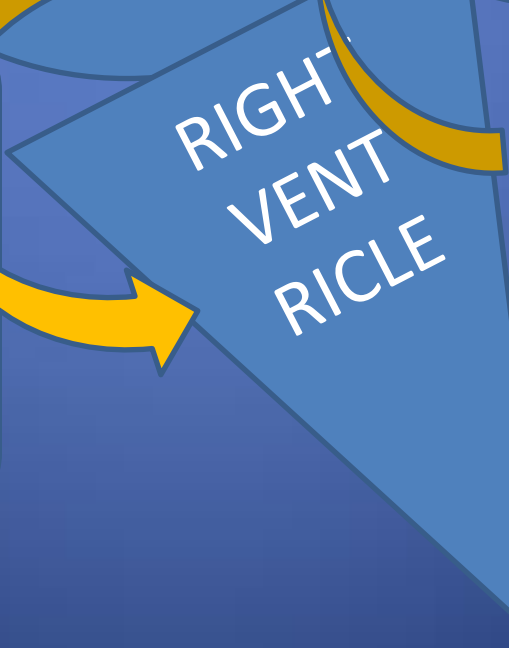
highest or average values $\geq 5\%$



PULM
ARTERY



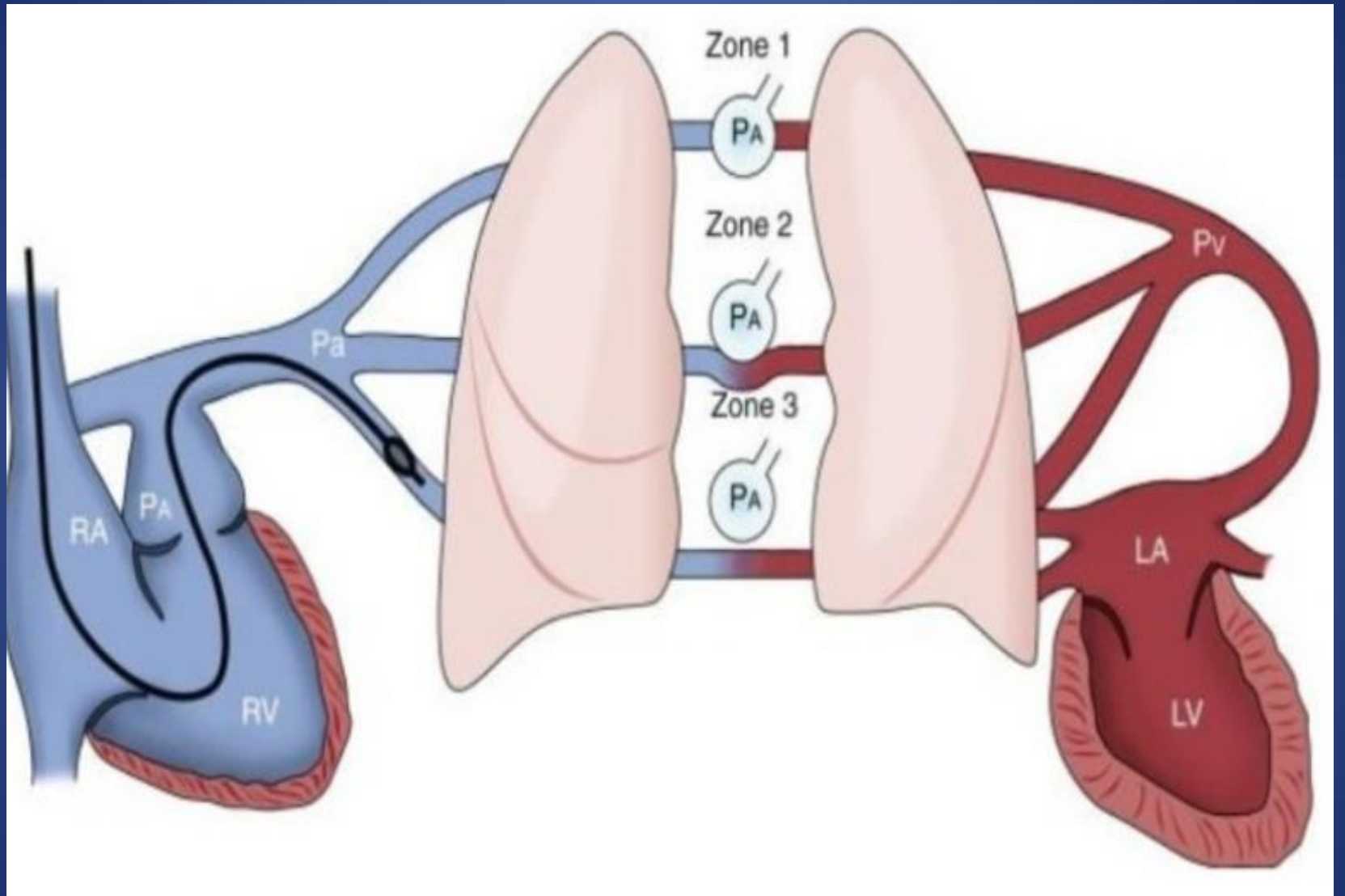
LUNGS



RIGHT
VENT
RICLE

RA to RV STEP UP

highest values are used, at least $\geq 10\%$
If average of multiple samples, then $\geq 5\%$
(for L- \rightarrow R shunt)



SIMULTANEOUS RIGHT- and LEFT- HEART CATHETERIZATION

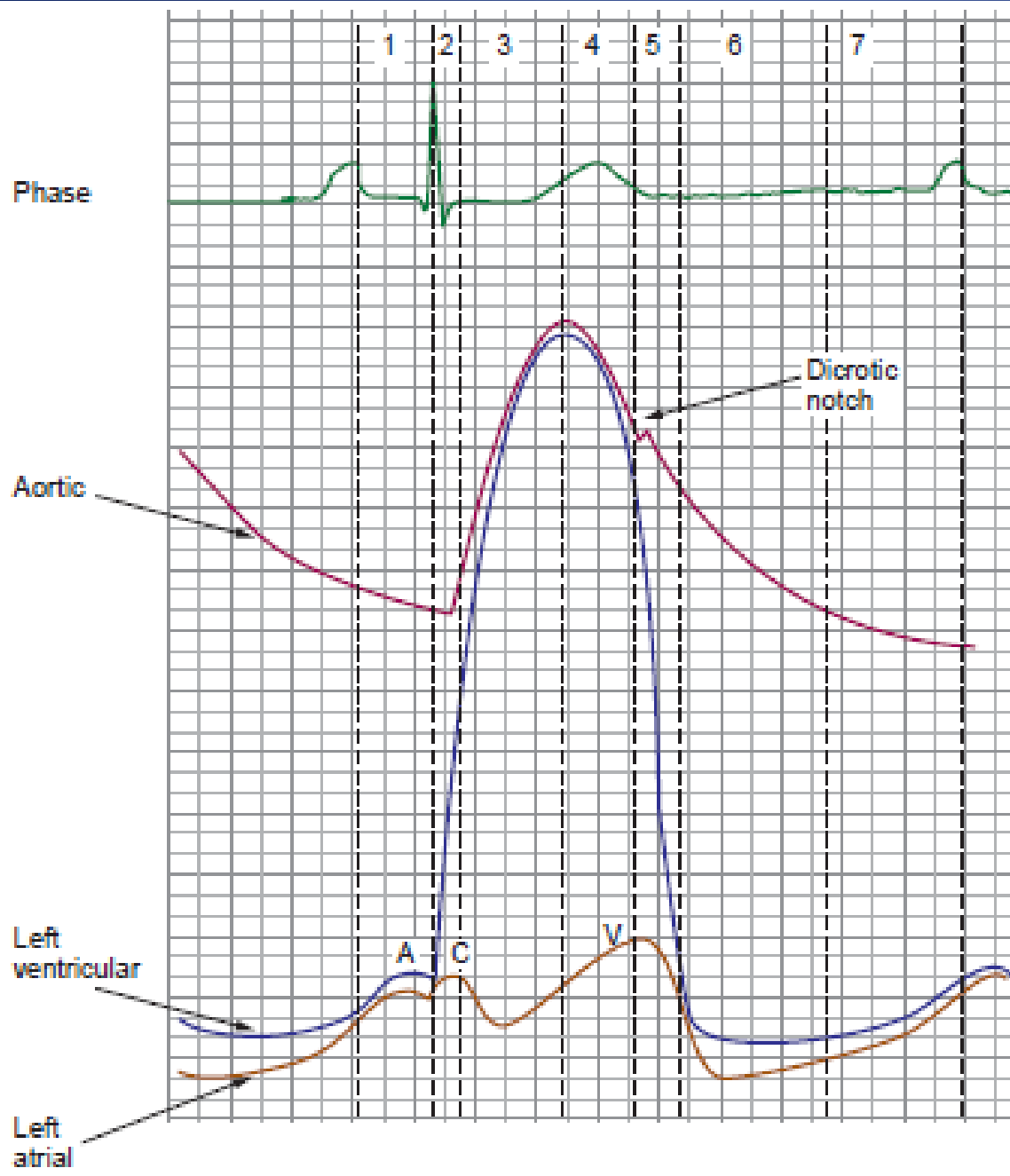
1. Pulmonary artery (PA) catheter to pulmonary artery
2. Measure cardiac output by measuring oxygen saturation in PA and AO blood samples to determine Fick output or by thermodilution (x3); screen for shunt.
3. Record aortic pressures with AO catheter. Cross the AV into the ventricle -> Wedge the PA catheter -> Measure simultaneous LV-PCWP (mitral valve assessment).
4. Pull back from PCWP to PA.
5. Pull back from PA to right ventricle (RV) (to screen for pulmonic stenosis) and record RV.
6. Record simultaneous LV-RV (constriction vs restriction).
7. Pull back from RV to right atrium (RA) (to screen for tricuspid stenosis) and record RA
8. Pull back from LV to AO (to screen for aortic stenosis).



CARDIAC CYCLE



PHASES



1: Atrial Contraction

2: Isovolumic Contraction
(TV/MV closure to PV/AV opening)

3: Rapid Ejection

4: Reduced Ejection
(PV/AV opening to PV/AV closure)

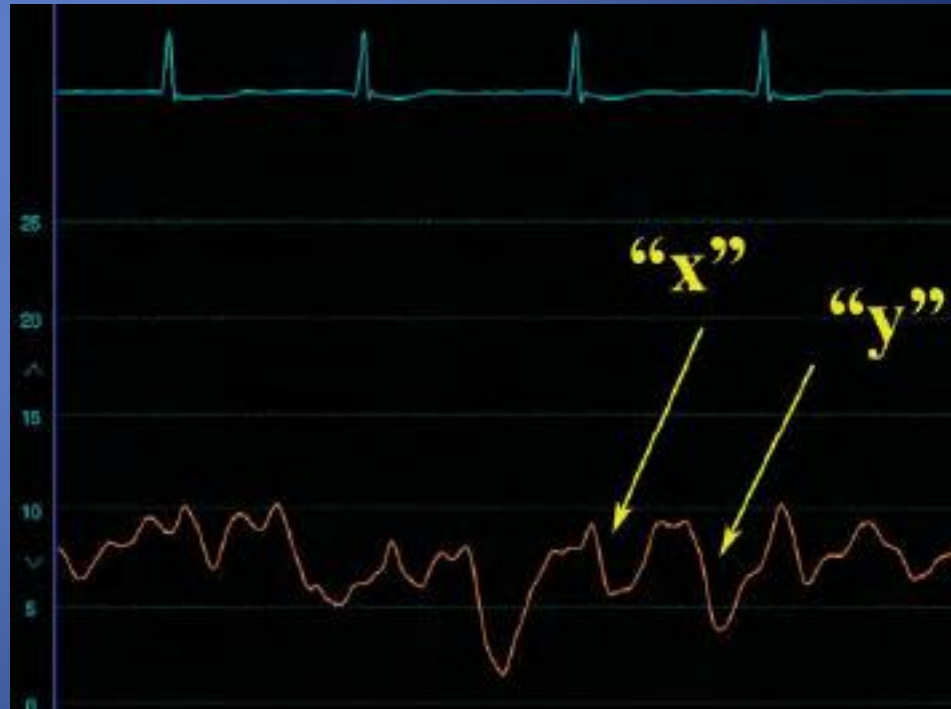
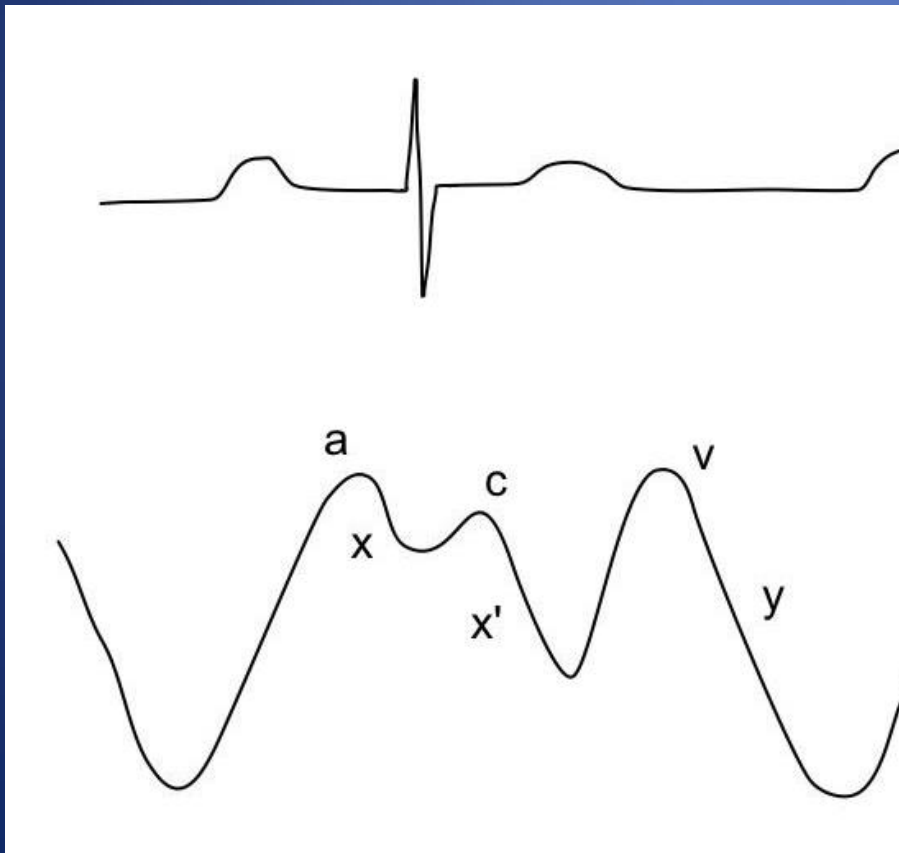
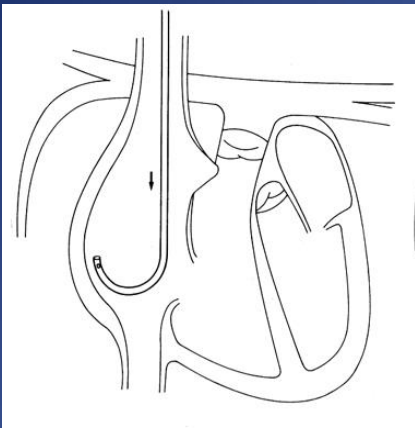
5: Isovolumic Relaxation
(PV/AV closure to TV/MV opening)

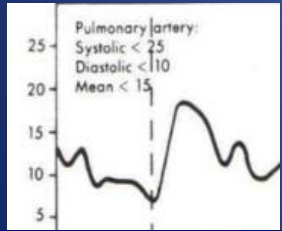
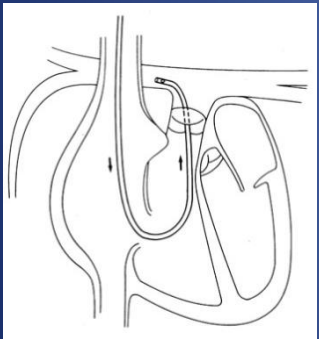
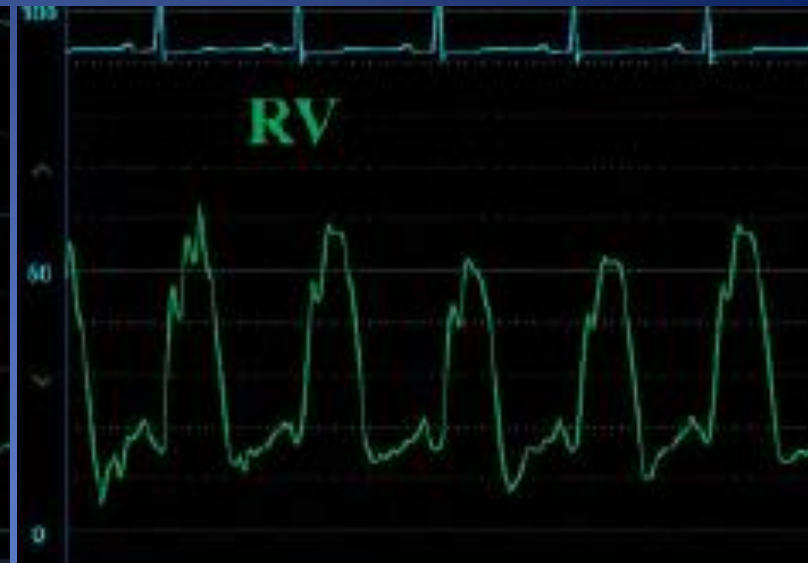
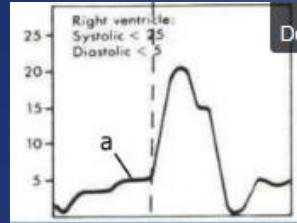
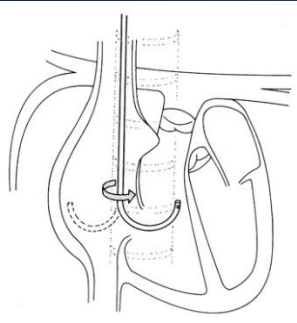
6: Rapid Ventricular Filling

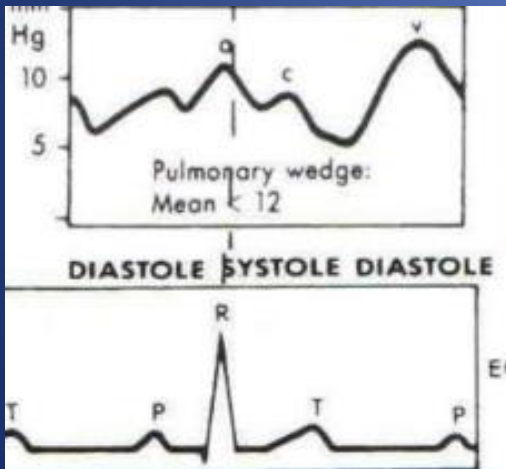
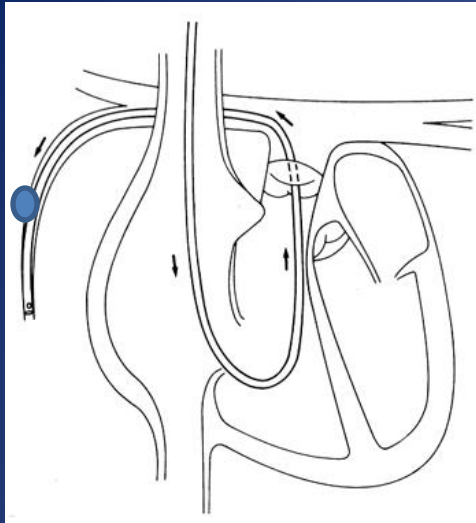
7: Reduced Ventricular Filling
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PRESSURE WAVE INTERPRETATION



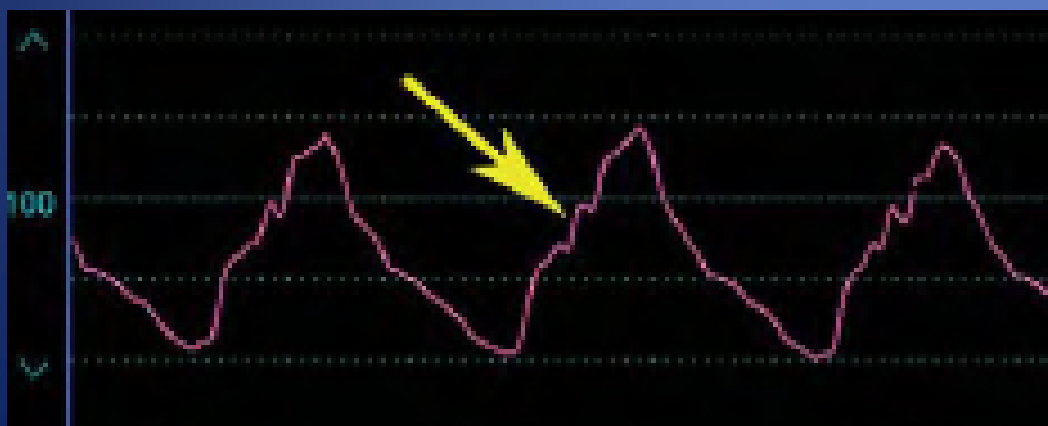
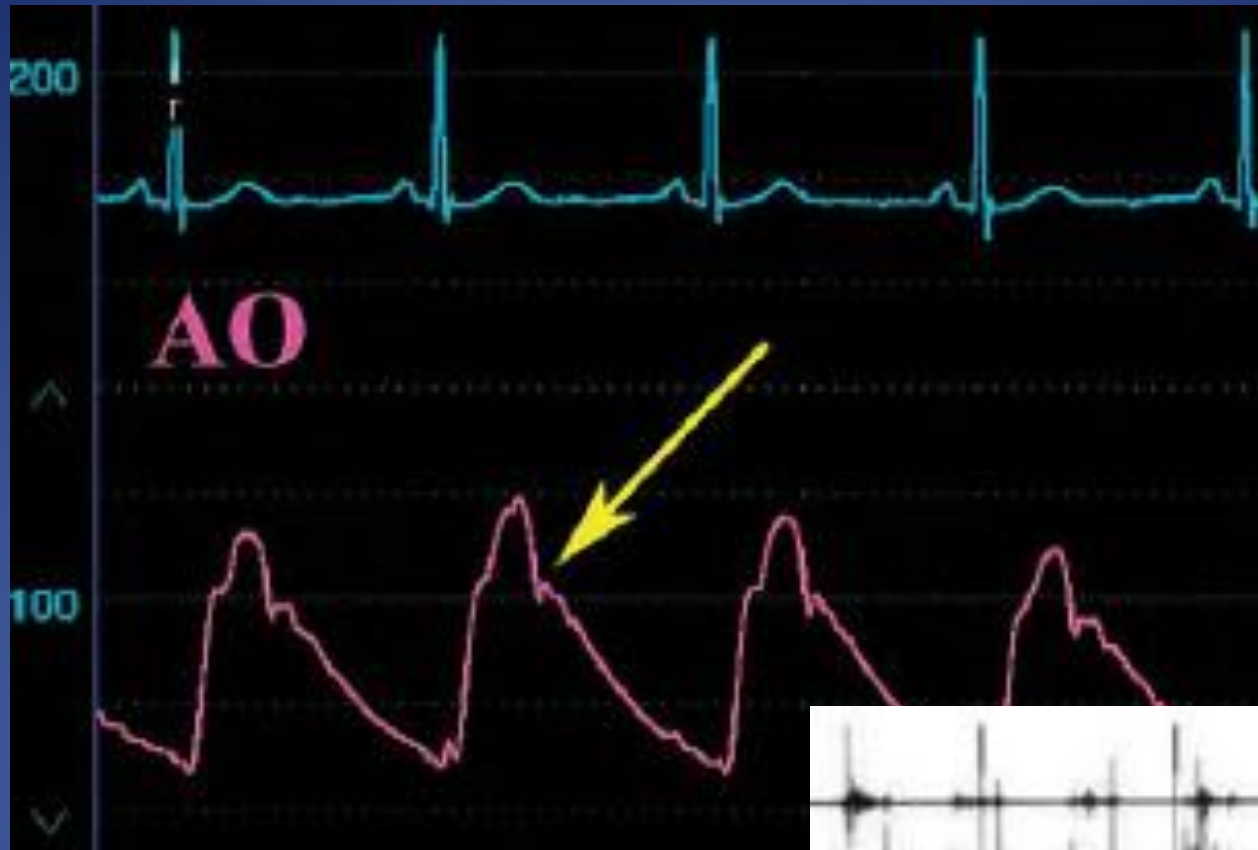


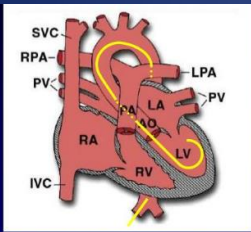




LEFT HEART CATHETERIZATION







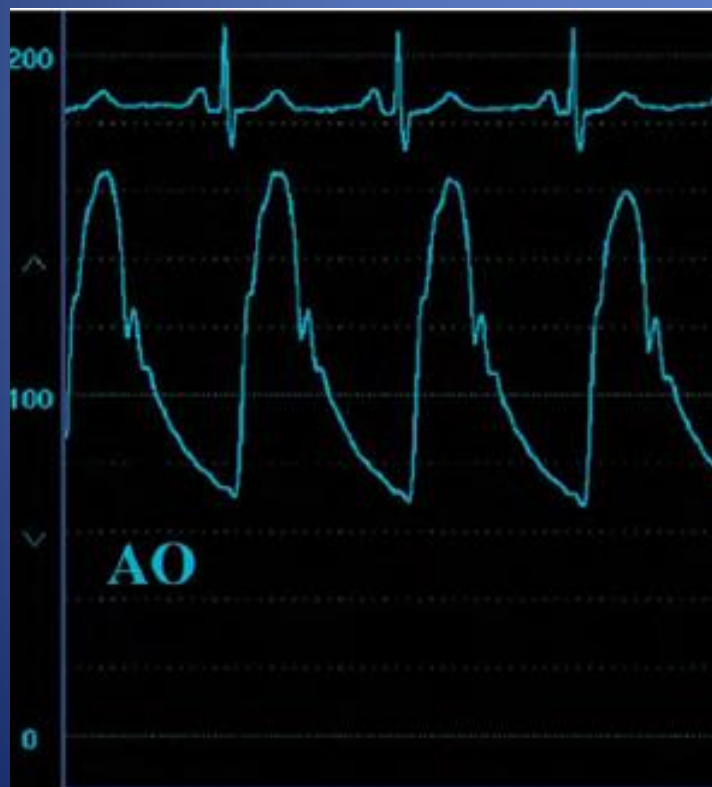
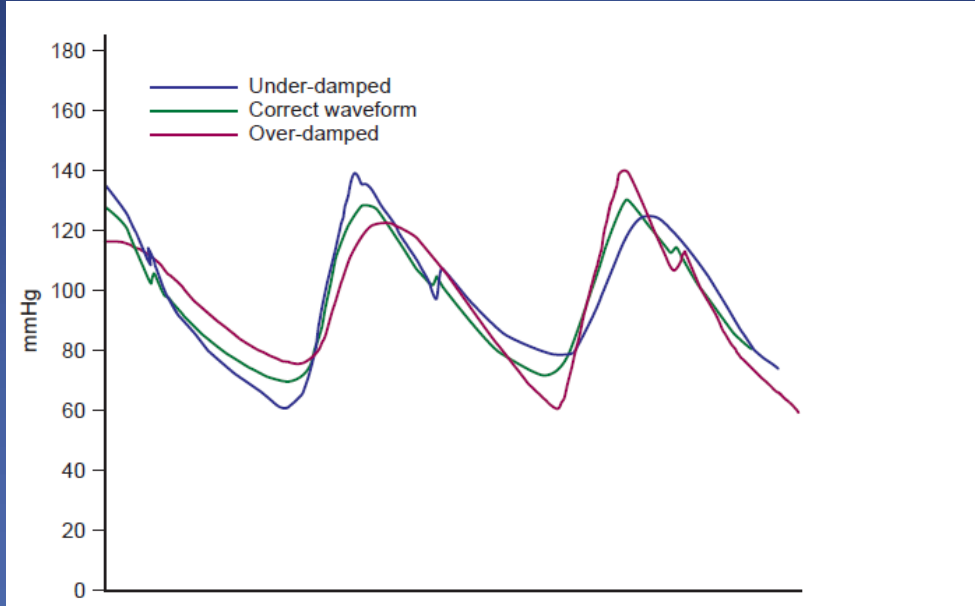
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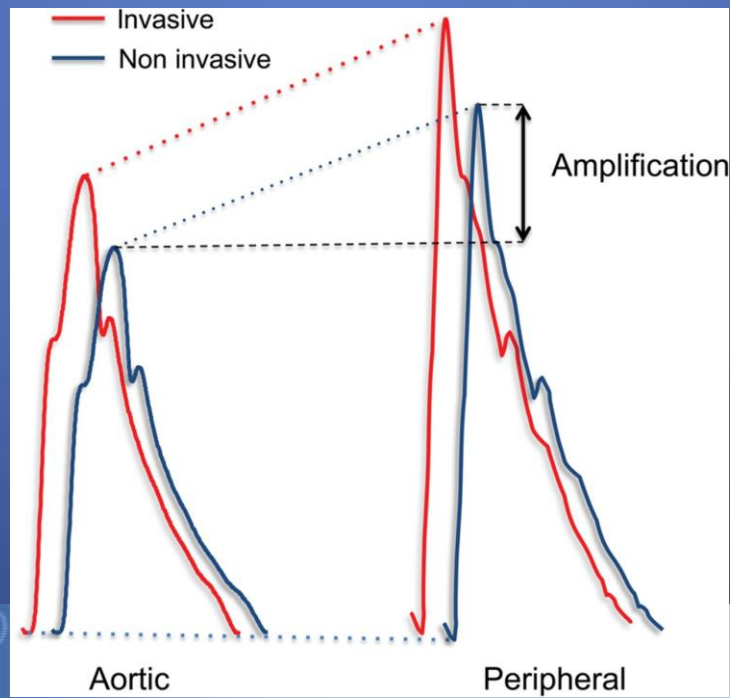
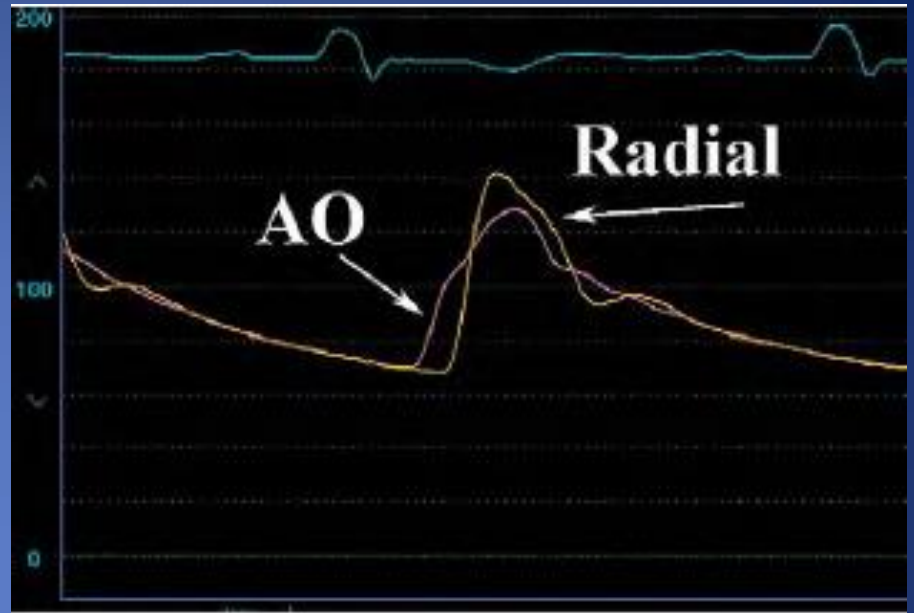
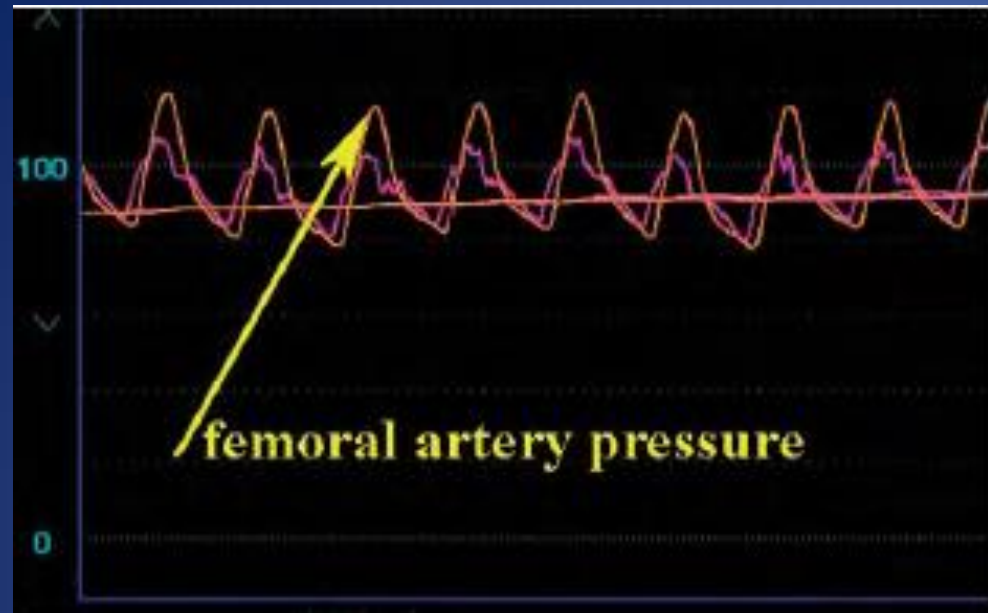
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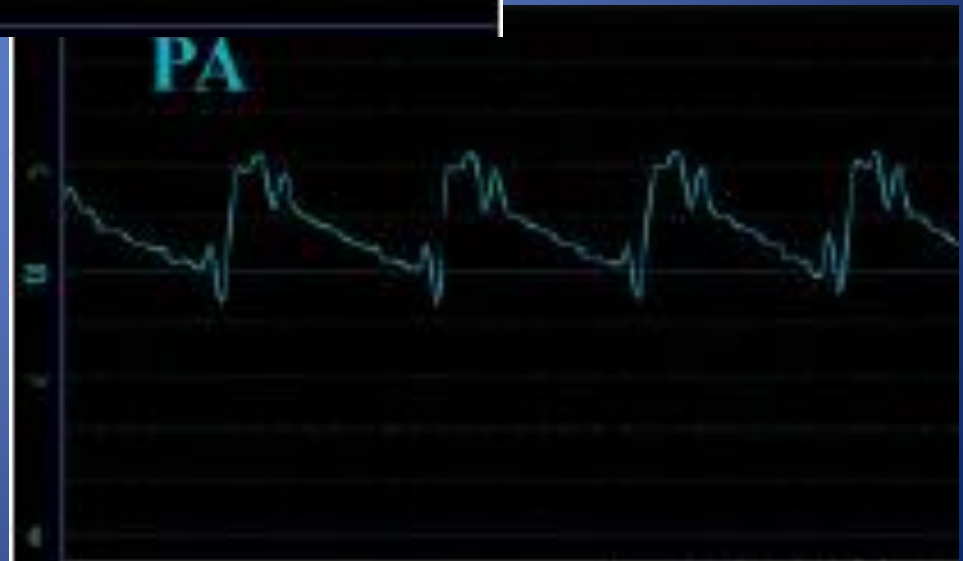
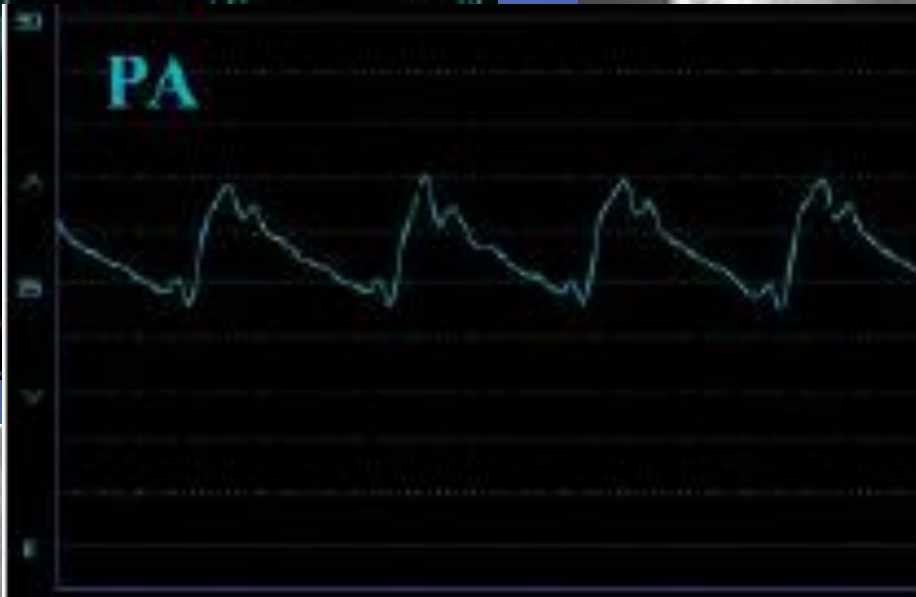
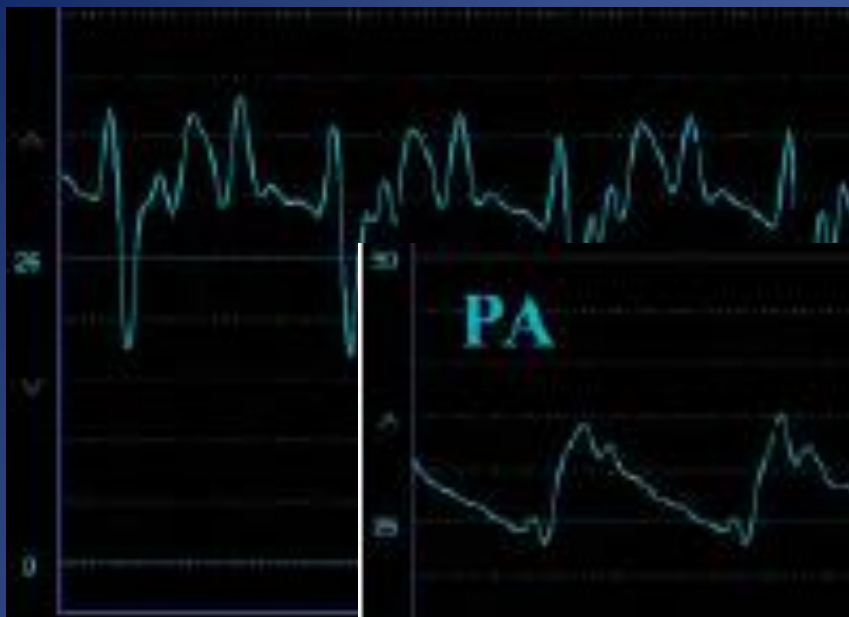






ARTIFACTS





CARDIAC OUTPUT

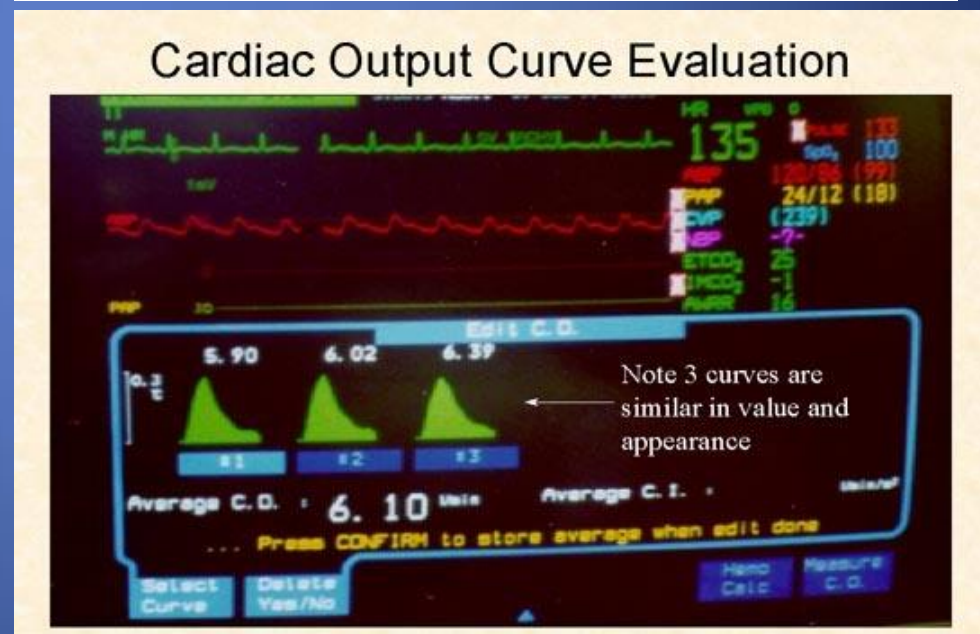
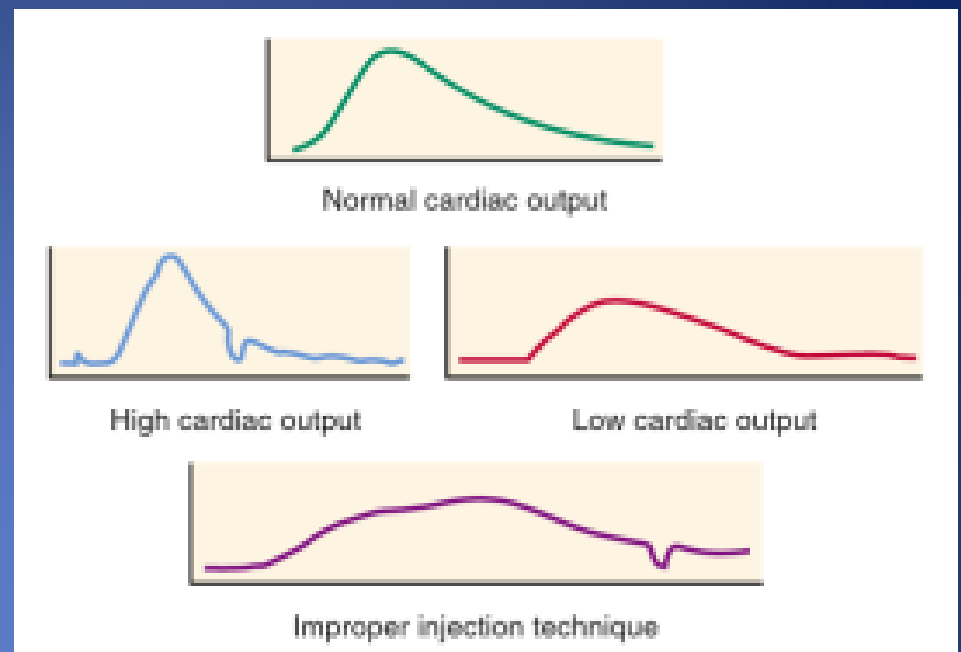


Cardiac Output

- Thermodilution
- Fick Method

Thermodilution

- Bolus injection of saline into the proximal port
- Change in temperature is measured by thermistor in the distal portion of the catheter



Fick Principle

- Described in 1870
- Assumes rate of O₂ consumption is a function of rate of blood flow times the rate of O₂ pick up by the RBC

$$\text{Cardiac output} = \frac{\text{Oxygen consumption}}{(\text{Arterial saturation} - \text{Mixed venous saturation}) \times (\text{Hgb}) \times 13.6 \times 10}$$

Oxygen consumption

1. Direct Fick:
 - Directly measured
2. Indirect Fick:
 - 3 ml O₂/kg

Limitations

Thermodilution

- Not accurate in tricuspid regurgitation
- Overestimated cardiac output at low output states

Fick

- Oxygen consumption is often estimated by body weight (indirect method) rather than measured directly
- Large errors possible with small differences in saturations and hemoglobin.
- Measurements on room air



THANK YOU



Normal Pressures

Site	Normal Value (mmHg)	Mean Pressure (mmHg)	Saturation
Right Atrium (or CVP)	0-5		75%
Right Ventricle	25/5		75%
Pulmonary Artery	25/10	10-20	75%
PCWP	7-12		95-100%
LV	120/10		95-100%
Aorta	120/80		95-100%

Normal Values

Site	Value
SvO ₂	0.60-0.75
Stroke Volume	60-100 ml/beat
Stroke Index	33-47 ml/beat/m ²
Cardiac Output	4-8 L/min
Cardiac Index	2.5-4.0 L/min/m ²
SVR	800-1200 dynes sec/-cm ⁵
PVR	<250 dynes sec/-cm ⁵
MAP	70-110 mmHg

RA/PCWP

Wave pattern	Mechanism	Condition
Cannon 'a' wave	AV dissociation	Complete heart block, ventricular tachycardia, AVNRT
Tall 'a' wave	Increased atrial pressure	Mitral or tricuspid stenosis
No 'a' wave	Loss of atrial kick	Atrial fibrillation
Tall 'v' wave	Increased volume during ventricular systole	Mitral or tricuspid insufficiency, VSD
Loss of 'y' descent	Equalization of diastolic pressures	Cardiac tamponade
Exaggerated 'y' descent	Rapid diastolic filling	Constrictive pericarditis

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