



Radiology of cardiac diseases

Lecture 5

Objectives

- ❖ Understand available imaging modalities.
- ❖ CXR Diagnostic approach.

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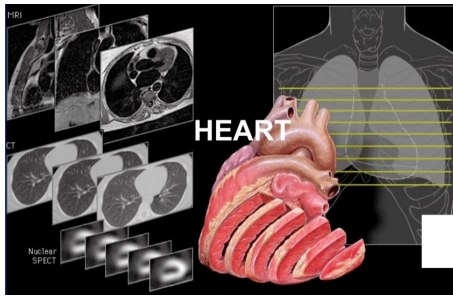
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➤ BASIC CHEST EXAM FOR THE HEART AND GREAT VESSELS



- PLAIN FILM=CHEST X-RAY(CXR) *Gold standard in Emergency*
- CT FOR HEART AND MEDIASTINUM
- ANGIOGRAMS
- MRI
- ULTRASOUND (ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY)
- ISOTOPIC SCANNING

➤ Diagnostic Approach

Need to evaluate:

1. Morphology (Anatomy)

Heart (muscle, valve) + vessel (great vessel aneurysm), morphology is direct in the X-rays

2. Physiology (Function)

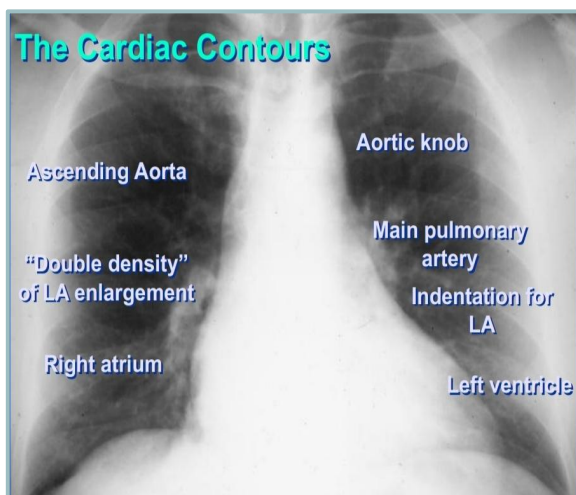
Degree of contrast + narrowing of the vessel, MRI is good to assess the physiology

➤ The Chest X-RAY



- Plain film gives us basic information and it is limited. the findings are weak and sometimes not specific, but it should be the first step.
- Gold standard is erect PA chest X-ray, but it can be done in supine position if he can't stand up (ICU patients, Trauma, HF).
- Plain film is the basic examination for intrathoracic diseases "chest or cardiac".
- CXR helps you to exclude other diseases when a patient presents with chest symptoms so this can help you to avoid additional tests.

➤ The Cardiac contours *There is another important image regarding the anatomy of the heart [Click](#)*

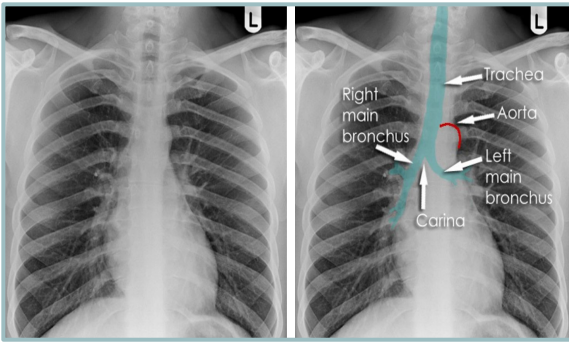


We can't see cardiac details, but only (cardiac shadow /cardiac border)

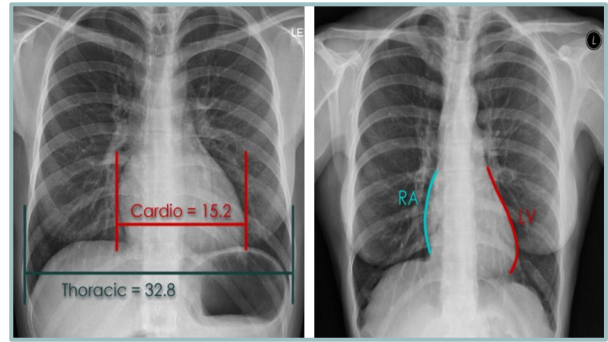
There are 7 contours to the heart in the frontal projection in this system. But only the top five are really important in making a diagnosis. (all except RA and LV)

*Pathology if **main pulmonary artery** is enlarged or abnormality distribution of peripheral vessel, **double density of LA enlargement** mainly mitral valve disease.*

» The Cardiac contours

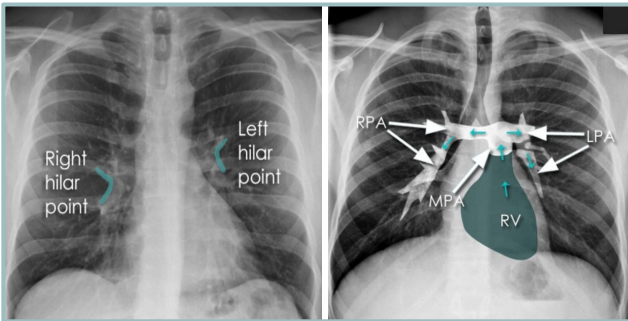


We can see the air opacifying trachea and the bifurcation of trachea. Sometimes when LA is enlarged it affect the acute angle of Carina to be nearly 90 degree angle. “**Splaying of Carina**” is one of the indirect signs for **LA enlargement**.



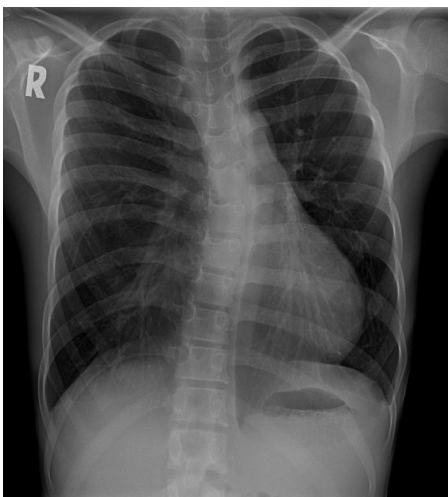
The cardiac transverse diameter should be less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the thoracic transverse diameter. Normally, **nearly $\frac{1}{3}$ of the heart is in the right hemithorax and $\frac{2}{3}$ of the heart is in the left hemithorax.**

» Hilar levels



look for increase in density as well as size. If the hila are out of position, ask yourself if they are pushed or pulled **lung diseases** “collapse”, just as you would when assessing the trachea.

» Cardiac displacement (1-Pectus excavatum)



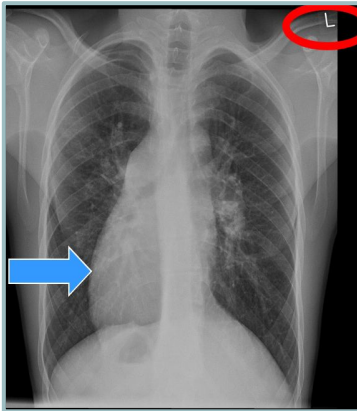
In this image it's noticed that there is **nothing in the right hemithorax & the whole heart is in the left side**. This might give the impression that the heart is enlarged, but if there was nothing in the right side it means it has been displaced like scoliosis in this case and **not cardiac enlargement**, though the spine does not affect the heart much as it is an anterior structure so the gold standard is to have perpendicular views.



This is the lateral view, shows **sternal depression** which causes the heart to be displaced.

» Cardiac displacement (2-DEXTROCARDIA)

DEXTROCARDIA: it's a rare heart condition in which ones heart points toward the right side of ones chest instead of the left side. The blue arrow
That's why x-ray important, if patient have acute left iliac pain it might be appendicitis in this case.

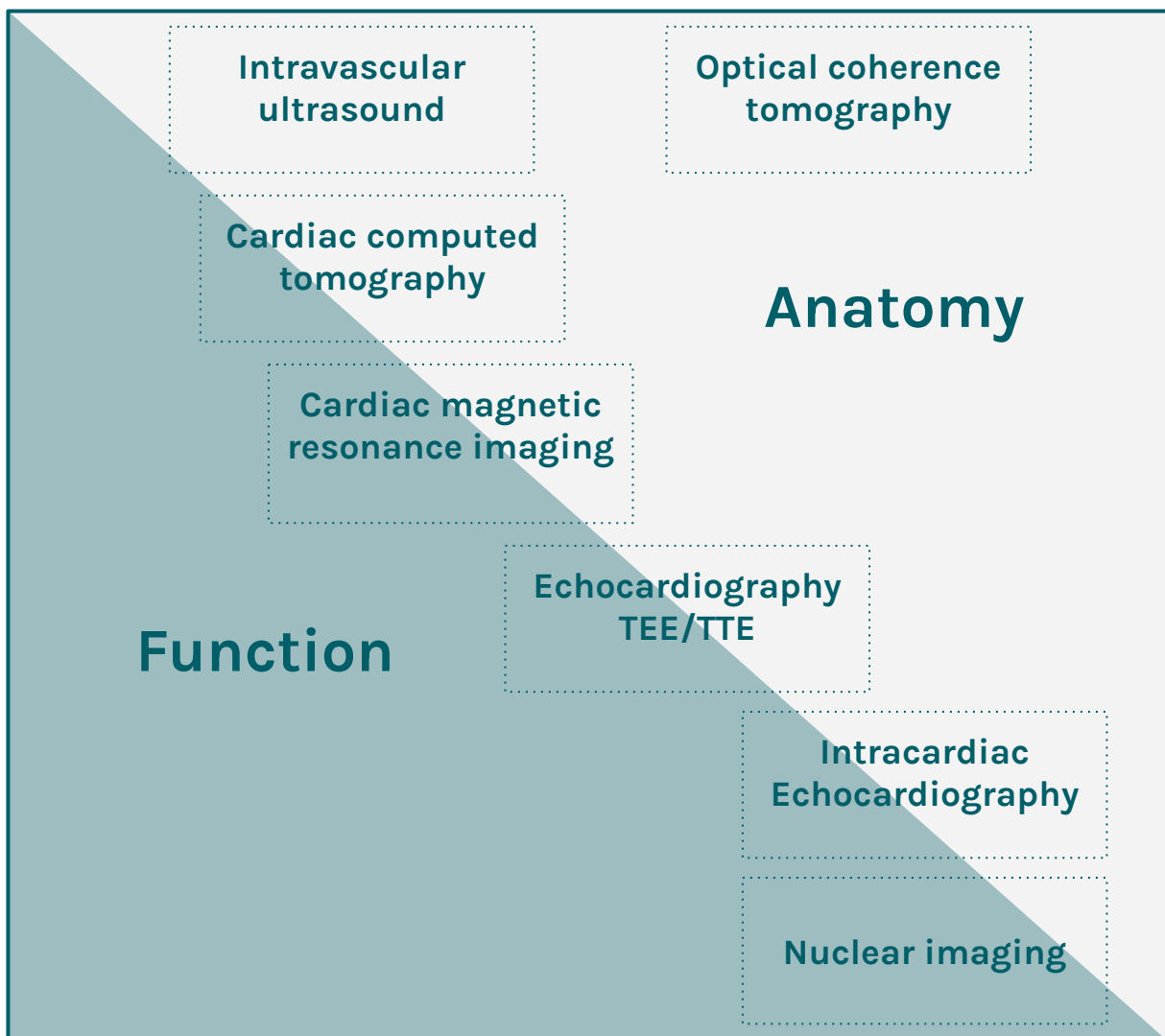


You can also see stomach air bubbles on the right side indicating situs inversus.



Lateral view

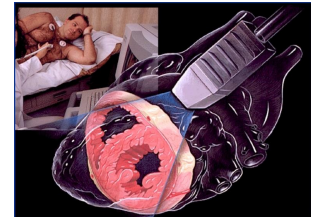
» Heart



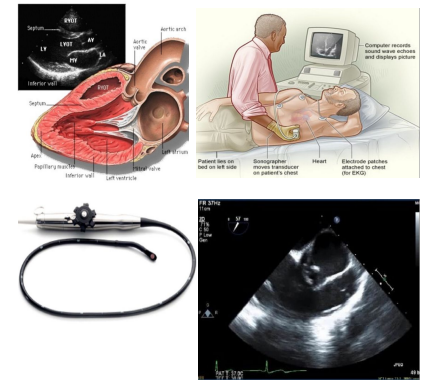
➤ Echocardiography

It's a very good modality for assessment of cardiac conditions

- **Transthoracic echocardiography (routine)**
- **Transesophageal echocardiography**
 - Evaluate for cardiac source of embolism (36%).
 - Endocarditis (14%).
 - Prosthetic Valve function (12%).
 - Valvular disease, aortic dissection or aneurysm, tumor, mass or thrombus (6-8%).
 - Congenital Heart disease.
 - Interventional cardiology guidance.
 - Intraoperative evaluation cardiothoracic surgery.
- **Intracardiac echocardiography**
- **Intravascular echocardiography**



Transthoracic echocardiography



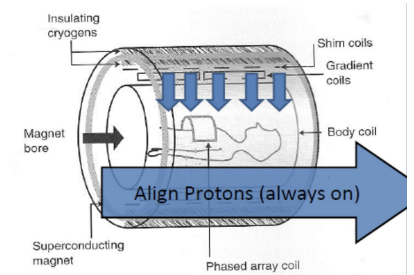
➤ MRI

Best in pediatrics with congenital heart disease

I.V. Gadolinium contrast agent, prospective imaging planes.

Pros: best for myocardial diseases, LV and RV volumes, masses, function and viability testing and for congenital heart diseases.

Cons: Expansive, time consuming, expert reader, perfusion and stress wall motion MRI are rarely available, does not show coronary arteries.



➤ Cardiac Magnetic Resonance

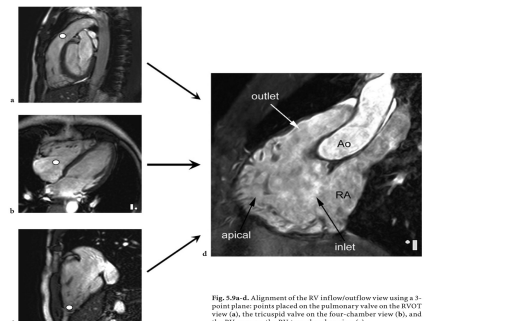
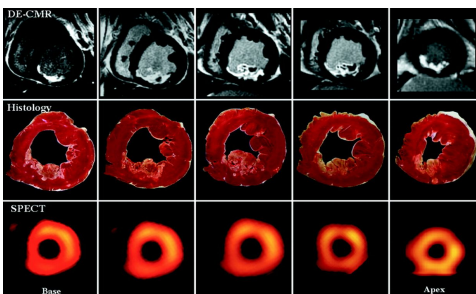


Fig. 5.9a-d. Alignment of the RV inflow/outflow view using a 3-point plane: points placed on the pulmonary valve on the RVOT view (a), the tricuspid valve on the four-chamber view (b), and the RV apex on the RV two-chamber view (c)

Viability assessment

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CMR Delayed Hyperenhancement

Can get details of cardiac size, measure CO. You can compare it to SPECT, that shows muscle and blood supply and supply defect in case of MI or myocardial insufficiency, but not CO or contractility.

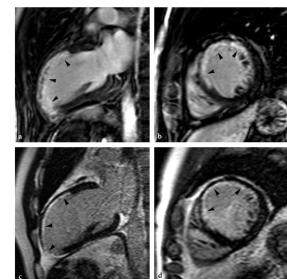
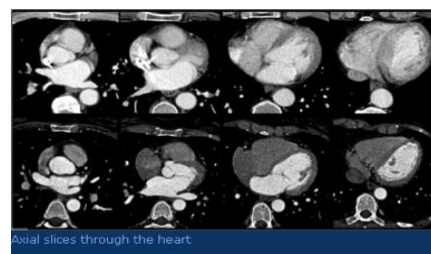


Fig. 8.36a-d Defect shrinkage demonstrated in 36-year-old patient after LAD occlusion. Top row: CE-MR MRI study during the subacute phase (day 29) shows almost complete transmural enhancement in a large area located in the anterolateral wall (arrowheads) with several small no-reflow areas at the endocardial border. Bottom row: corresponding vertical long-axis (c) and short-axis (d) images taken 4 months later show significant decrease in the infarct size

Disadvantages:

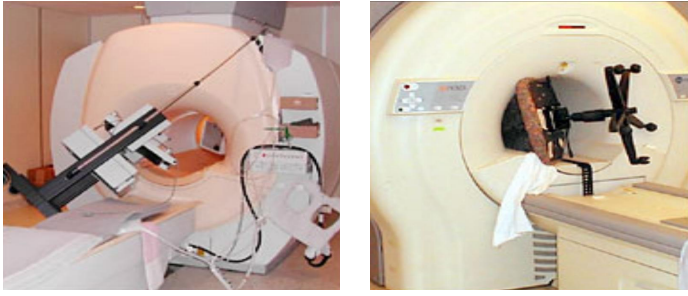
1. takes time (40-60 mins).
2. Magnetic field -> Get rid of any metallic objects before entry.
3. Pediatric and claustrophobic need anesthesia.

Advantages:

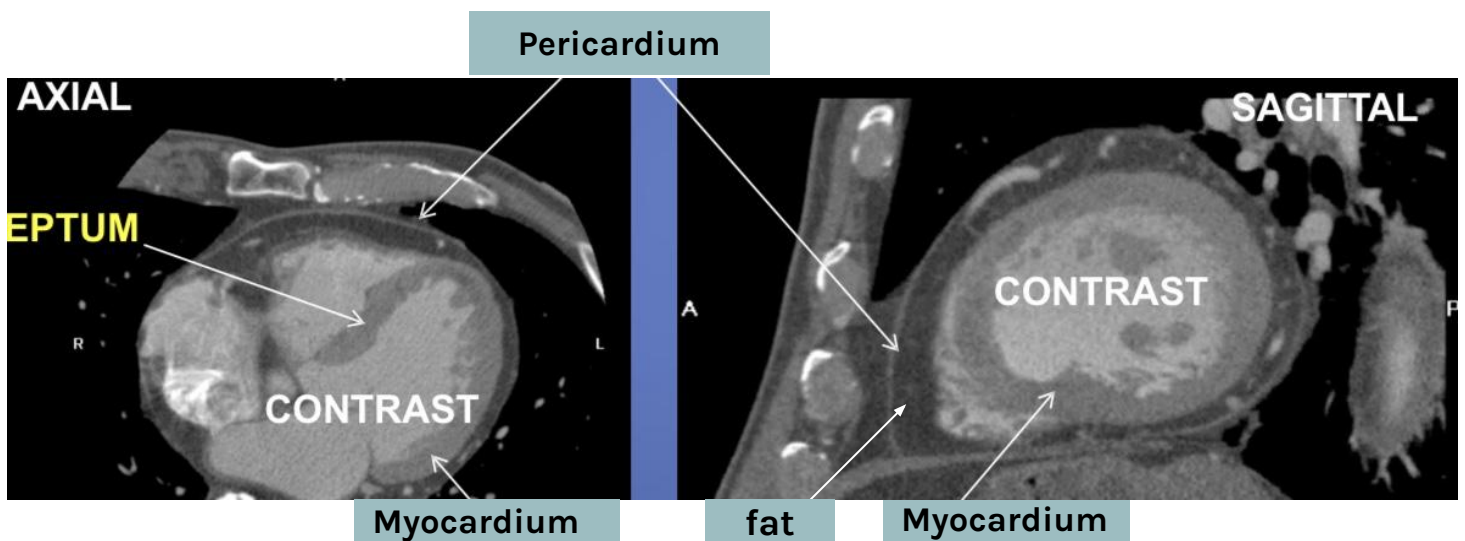
1. Can detect any abnormality.
2. No radiation.

» Hazards of MRI

Magnet-Seeking Projectiles



» CT For the heart and coronary vessels

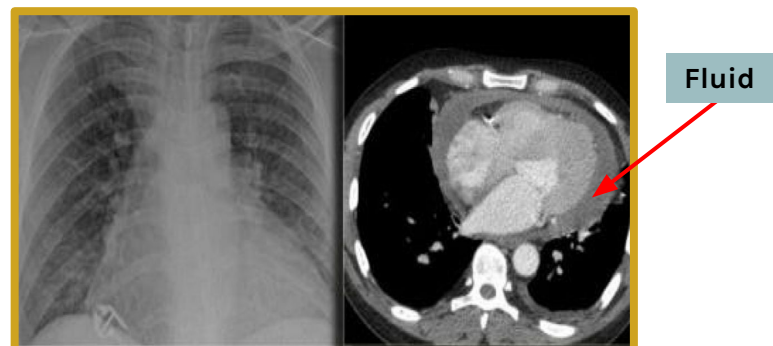


Inside the cardiac cavities you can see the contrast, the lungs are black in appearance. **The heart is separated from surrounding by:**

- Fat (dark grey near black, gets thicker if the patient is obese or having cushing syndrome).
- Pericardium (grey).

Pericardial Effusion

- Whenever we encounter a large heart figure, we should always be aware of the possibility of pericardial effusion simulating a large heart.
- On the CXR it looks as if this patient has a dilated heart while on the CT it is clear, that it is the pericardial effusion that is responsible for the enlarged heart figure.



In the CT:

The heart is surrounded by fluid (light grey) not fat. Pericardial effusion is diagnosed by CT or US.

Fat :deep negative (-100-(-300))

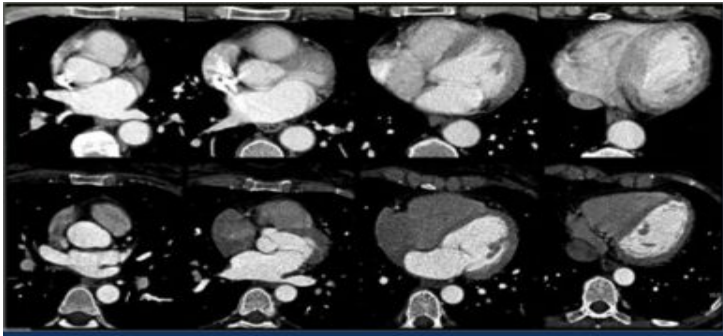
Fluid:around zero (-1,0,3)

Pus:30-40

Blood:60-70

Contrast:(200-300)

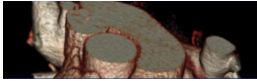
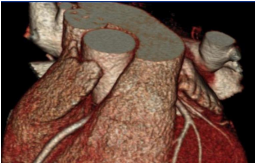
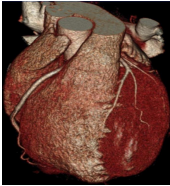


Cardiac chambers



Axial slices through the heart

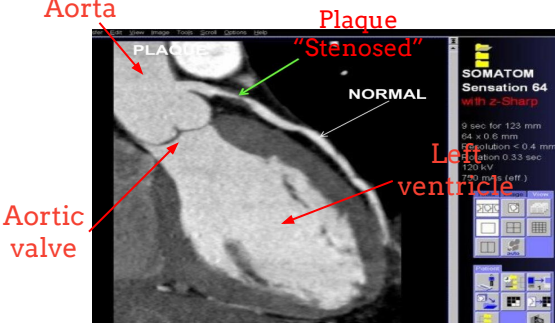



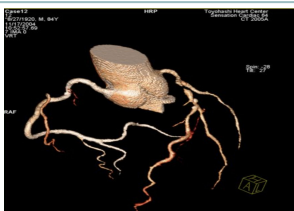
4-chamber view. RA=right atrium, RV=right ventricle, LA=left atrium, LV=left ventricle

<p>4 to 64 slice scans: five heartbeats</p>	 <p>10mm detector pitch ~0.25 3cm in 5 sec</p>	 <p>20mm detector pitch ~0.25 6.2cm in 5 sec</p>	 <p>3-D volume rendered 40mm detector pitch ~0.25 12.5cm in 5 sec</p>
<p>CTC</p>			

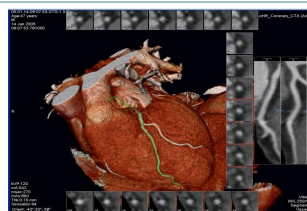
Coronary Arteries Maximum Intensity Projection

It is important to understand differences between CT angiography (CTA) and catheter.

<p>1- Soft plaque in proximal LAD 2- Narrowed lumen</p>	
<p>Curved Planar Image</p>	 <p>coronary vessels</p>



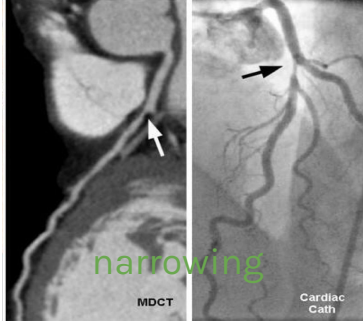
You can get 3D images and remove the cardiac shadow to see only the vessels.



Closing vessels

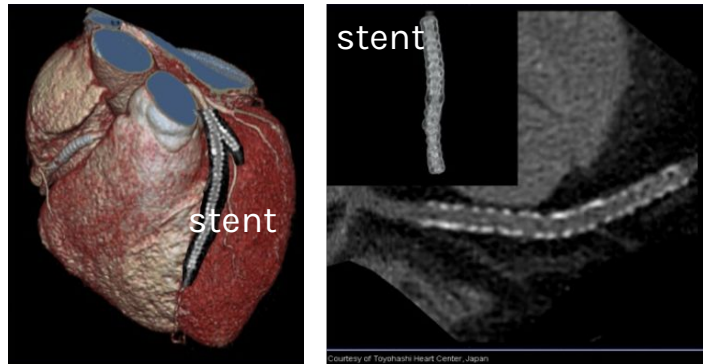


Non invasive exam
But no intervention.

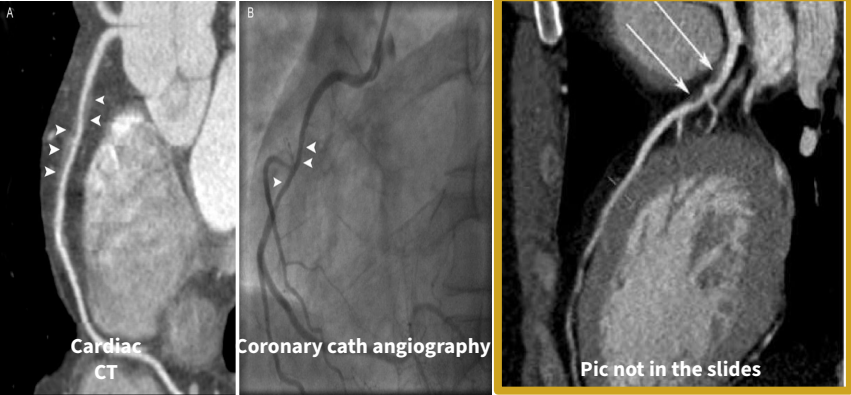
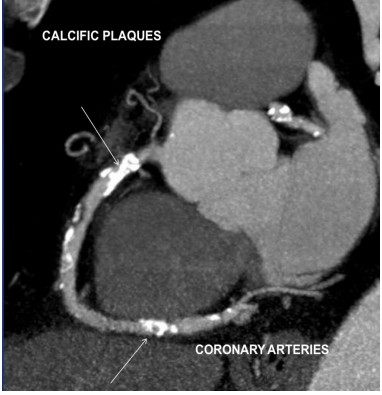


Invasive but You can do angioplasty and insert stent.

Cardiac cath is an **invasive** technique and can be **interventional, time consuming**
CTA or MRI of the heart Are **not invasive, not interventional = non therapeutic**
High risk pts to ACS >> Do catheter
Low risk pts such as young >> Do CT or MRI.
If the patient is already having stent and you want to check you can do CT angiography with Contrast



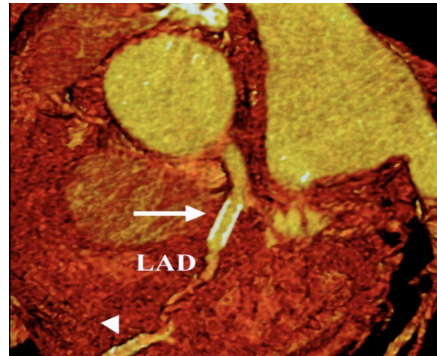
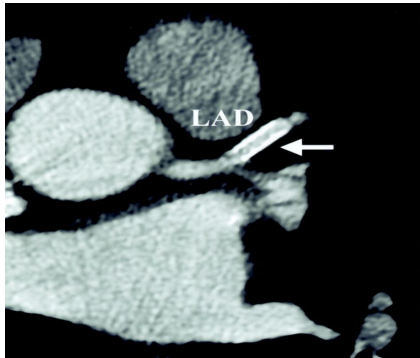
Types of Plaque

Soft Plaque visualization	Calcific Plaque
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plaque is black and not calcified which is area of stenosis is called soft plaque, it can be treated by balloon. In cardiac cath, they have advantage, when they see the area of narrowing, they put stent, the exam takes time. 	<p>Plaque is calcified is called calcific plaque or hard plaque, it is hard to treat. sometimes it needs coronary open heart surgery.</p>

In cardiac CT you can differentiate between Calcifications and soft tissue.
In coronary Cath angiography you can see narrowing but can't differentiate.

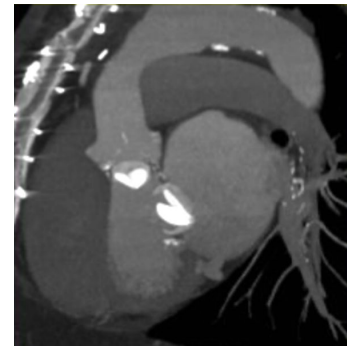
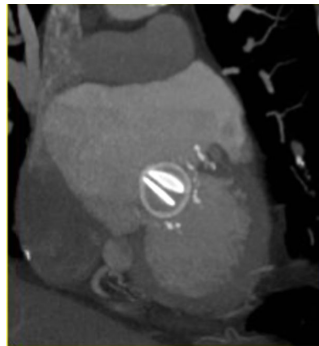
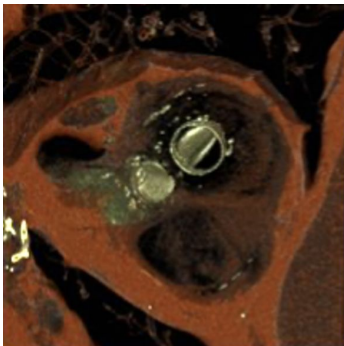
» Plaque

LAD (Left anterior descending)

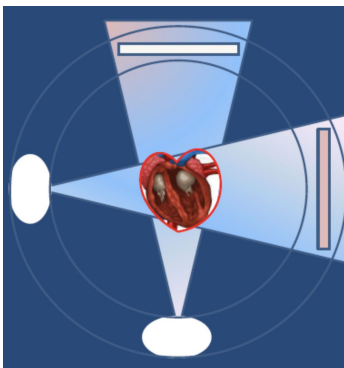


Replaced Valve 442;Skipped by Dr

You can see the replaced valve , status of sternum

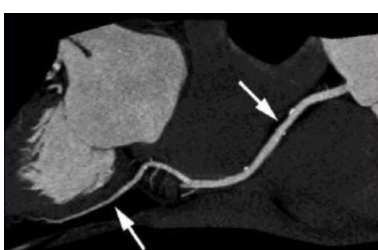


Dual CCT of the heart

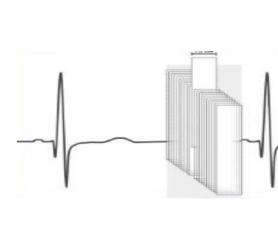
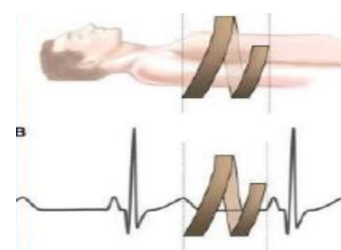


it scans on each atrial diastole.
2 Tube alternate working to take images in the diastolic phase dual CT take less time but you need to give the patient drug that cause bradycardia to prolong the diastolic period.

High pitch Coronary CT scan 442;Skipped by Dr



Full course of the artery with tiny calcific foci



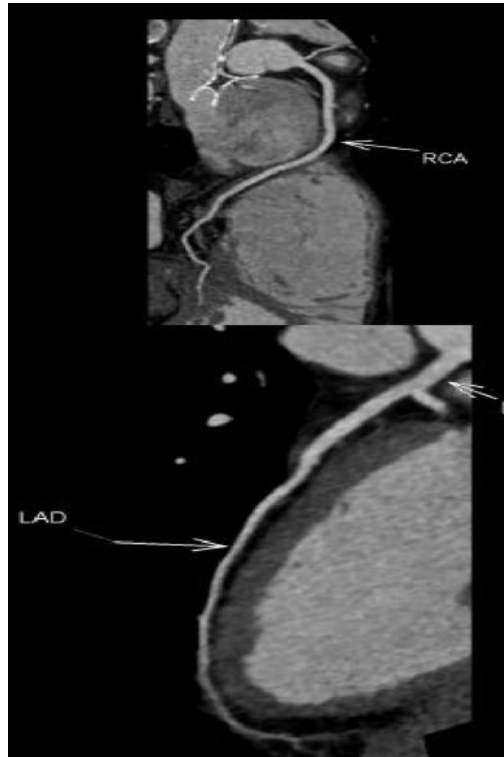
You can examine each segment of the vessel individually

Gated with contrast

Right coronary artery



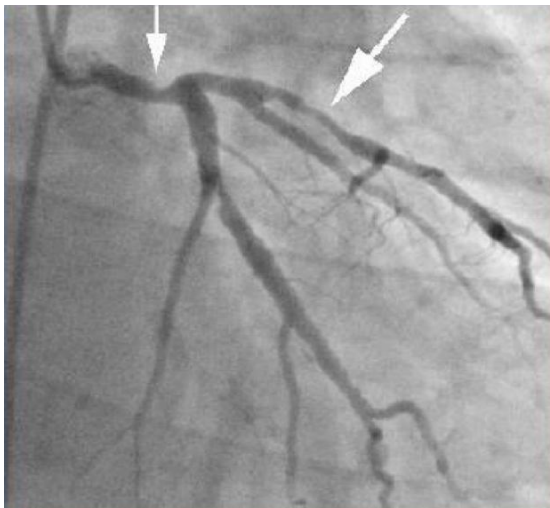
Right coronary artery



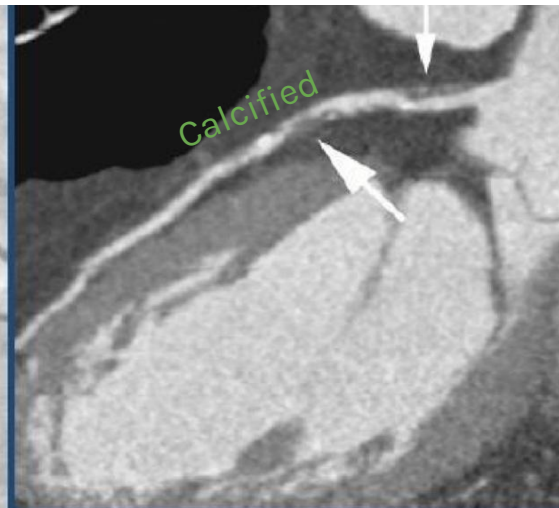
Left anterior descending

Plaque visualization

Notice the difference



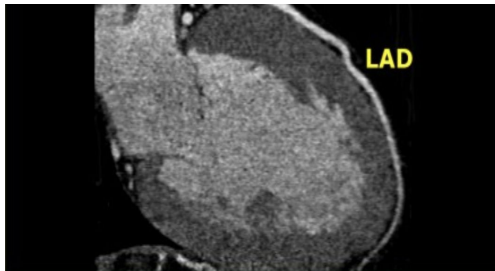
Catheter Angiography



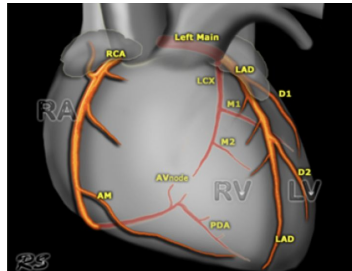
CT

➤➤ Anatomy of Coronary vessels Skipped by the doctor

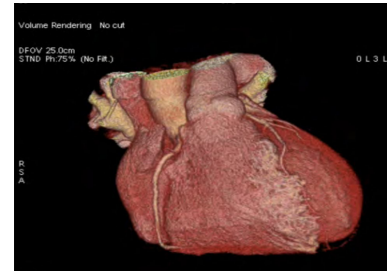
- Knowledge of normal anatomy will allow for ideal imaging planes and sections.
- Knowledge of normal anatomy will allow for identification of pathology and proper CT scan interpretation.



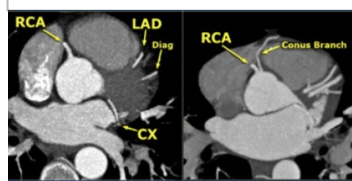
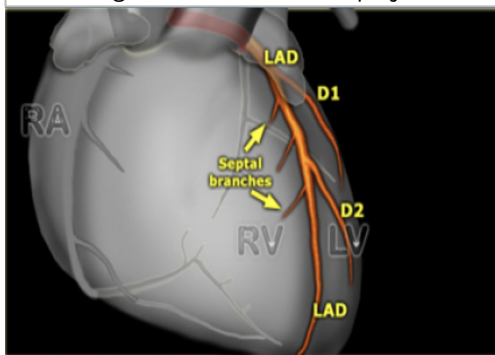
CT image of the LAD and RAD projection



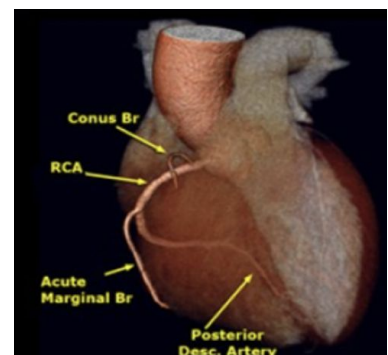
RCA, LAD and LCx in anterior projection



Volume Rendering No cut
FOV: 25.0cm
STND: Ph:75% (No FR.)

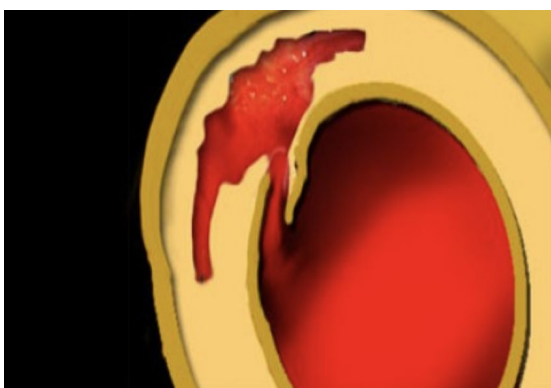


Left: RCA comes off the right sinus of valsalva
Right: Conus artery comes off directly from the aorta

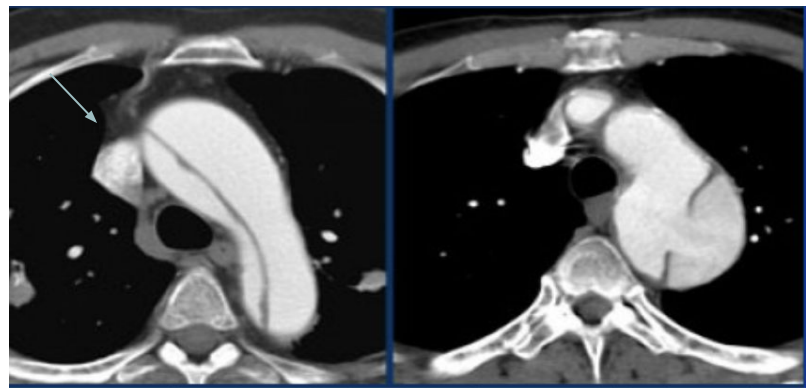


➤➤★ Aortic Dissection

- An aortic dissection condition in which a tear occurs in the inner layer of the body's main artery (aorta).
 - Blood rushes through the tear, causing the inner and middle layers of the aorta to split (dissect).
 - If the blood goes through the outside aortic wall, aortic dissection is often deadly.
- In most cases, this is associated with a **sudden onset of severe chest or back pain**, often described as "tearing" in character. **Hypertension** is a risk factor.



Classic aortic dissection
It gets bigger and compress the main lumen need early intervention or could cause HF



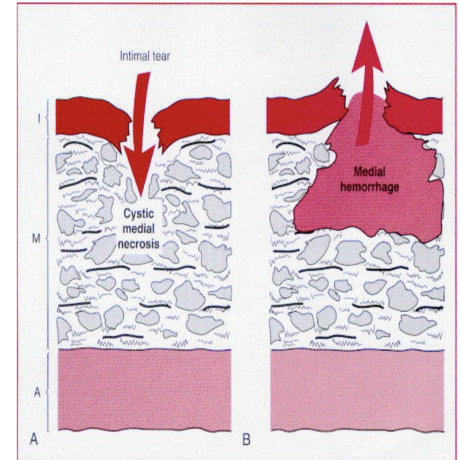
Left: Type A dissection with clear **Intimal flap** seen within the aortic arch.
Right: Type B dissection. Entry point distal to left subclavian artery.
Separating the two laumens of the Aorta

Pathophysiology

- **There are two theories:**

A. An intimal tear exposes the media to the pressure of intraluminal blood which then penetrates the medial layer and cleaves it longitudinally.

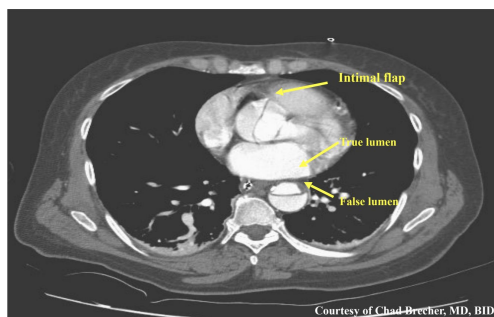
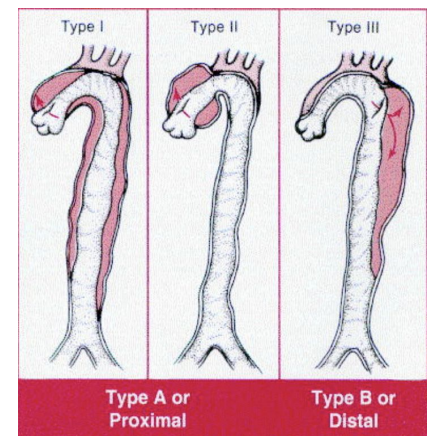
B. Rupture of the vasa vasorum within the media leads to secondary rupture through the intima.



Classification

- **Classification is based on origin and extension of the dissection**

- 65% occur in the ascending aorta.
- 20% occur in the descending aorta.
- 10% occur in the aortic arch.
- 5% occur in the abdominal aorta.
- Dissection in the ascending aorta requires surgery.



Stanford Type A Aortic Dissection

Risk Factors

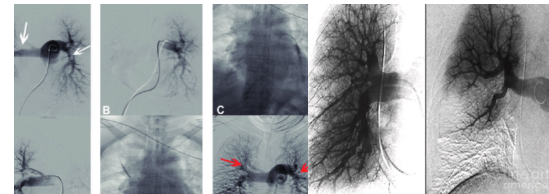
- Advanced age.
- **Hypertension (72-80% of cases).**
- Bicuspid aortic valve.
- Collagen diseases (Marfan's, Ehlers-Danlos).
- Congenital abnormalities (ie Coarctation).
- Turner, Noonan syndromes.
- Pregnancy.
- Trauma (esp. iatrogenic).

➤ Pulmonary embolism

- is Embolic occlusion of the pulmonary arterial system.
- The majority of cases result from thrombotic occlusion
- Acute or chronic
- We Investigate:
 1. Acute status
 2. Effect
 3. Etiology (source of embolism)

List of radiologic investigation

- Plain film (CXR)
- CTA
- Isotopic scan (VQ scanning)
- US lower limbs for DVT (source)
- Pulmonary catheter angiography: (morbidity and mortality makes it NOW only indicated in certain situations and as a therapeutic option)



Gold standard now for diagnosis of Acute pulmonary embolism is **CT angiography of the Chest**

(CTA pulmonary embolism protocol)

1-Short time of exam 2-Noninvasive

3-Good resolution and detection (axial, coronal ,sagittal ,oblique's)

Case:

Patient came to ER, he was bedridden for some time because of fracture for 4 months. After 4 months, he has chest pain and difficulty in respiration. He came to ER the most suspicious clinical diagnosis is acute pulmonary embolism because he is **bedridden** probably develop DVT in the lower limb. ★**The gold standard is CT Angiography.**

Usually the scenario includes:

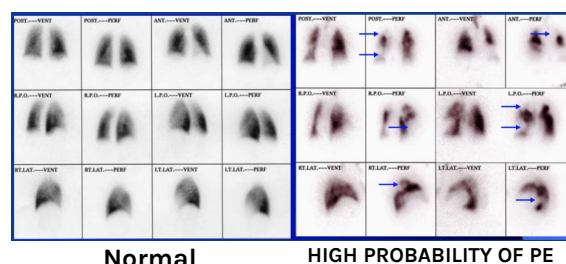
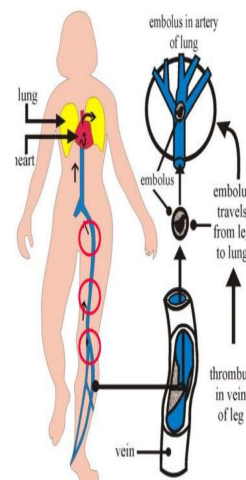
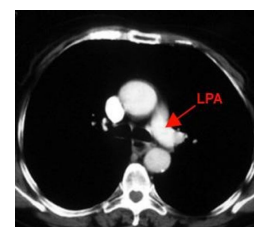
- Came to the Emergency room with chest pain.
- bedridden patient.
- Traveling long distance.
- Dehydration.
- Road traffic accident (e.g. Pelvis fracture).
- Post c-section.

These two scenarios may come in your exam

V/Q SCAN:

Will show the deficiency of blood flow, but will not show the cause and it does not correlate well with the severity.

Left pulmonary artery

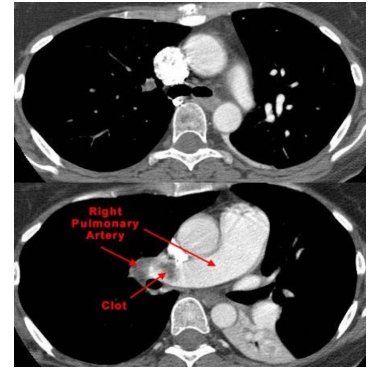


» Pulmonary Embolism

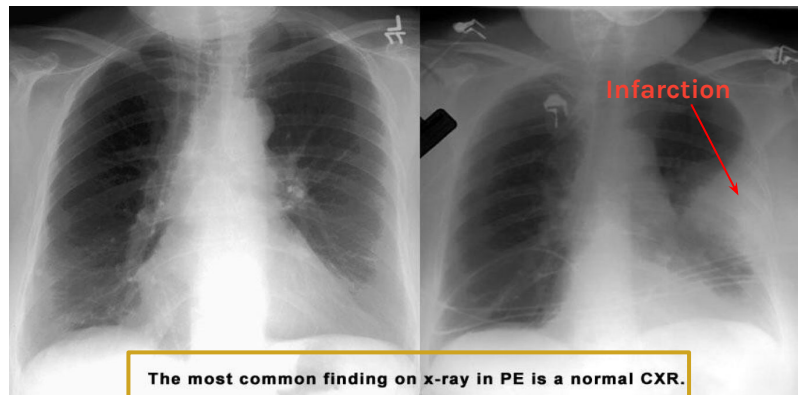
The gold standard for diagnosis of PE is **CTA (CT Angiography)**.

Acute pulmonary embolism is one of the fatal diseases, so you have to investigate the patient very early.

When we do x-ray, there are many patients their result will be negative, but this does not mean they don't have PE. So, the gold standard today is CT angiography, we give IV contrast and do CT angiography for pulmonary vessels or for chest to check for PE.

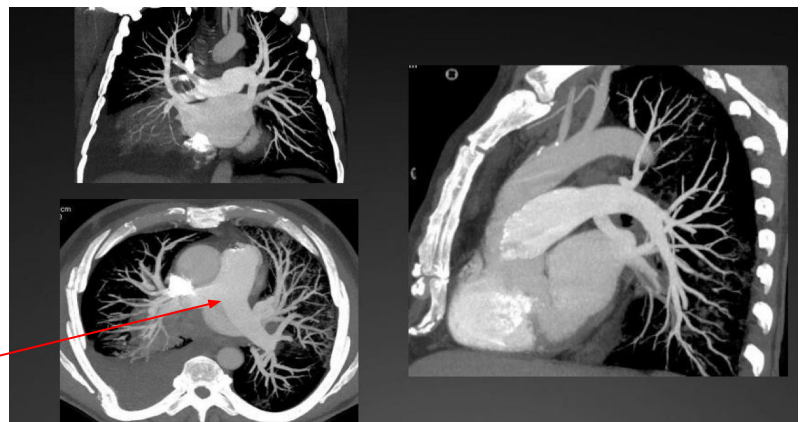
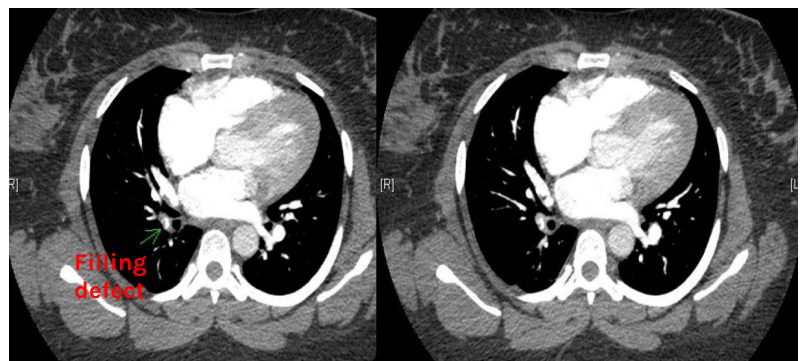
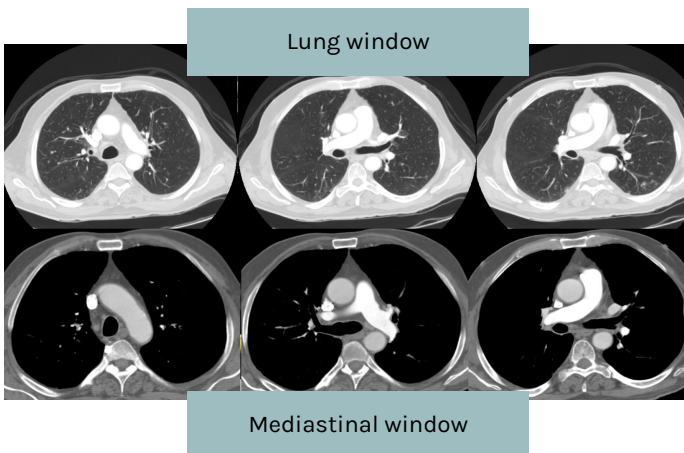
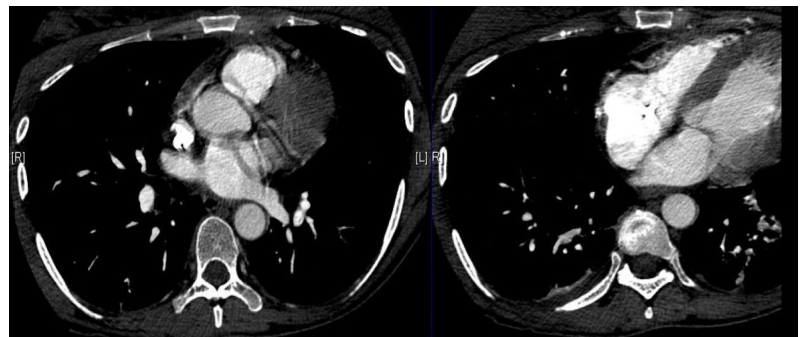


The picture on the left is normal but the patient actually have PE! his clinical symptoms were neglected because of the normal CXR. He was sent home but one day later, he came back to the ER with worsening symptoms. CXR was taken and showed pulmonary infarction in the left lung (right picture)



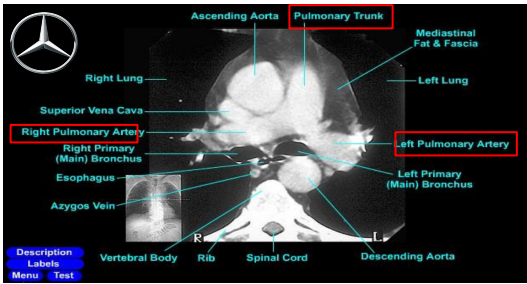
The most common finding on x-ray in PE is a normal CXR.

- The level in which we see all vessels together is the level of hilum.
- When the embolism is more to the peripheral its clinical significance decreases

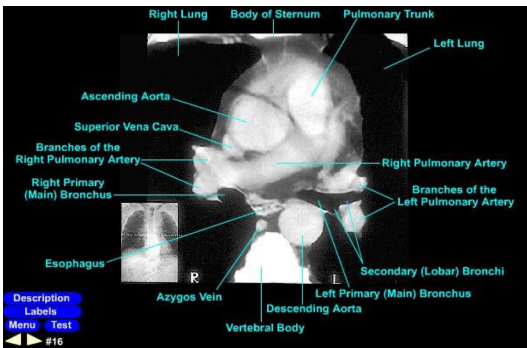


» CTA Pulmonary vasculature

➤➤ Anatomy in CT angiography of the chest (pulmonary) CTA

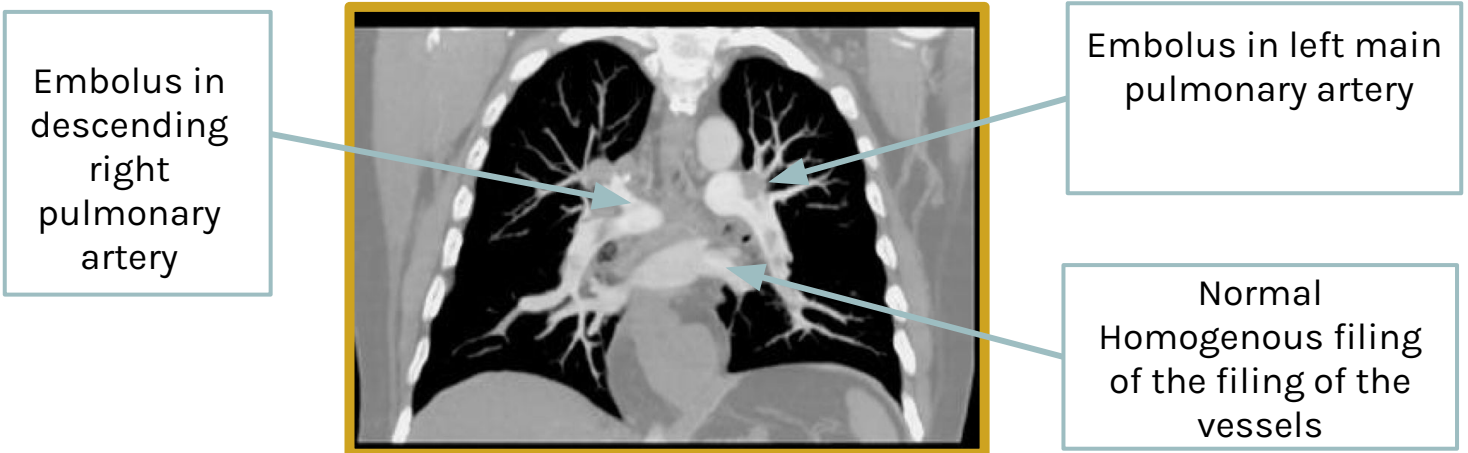


The most important level (at level of hilum) you get what we call (**Mercedes sign**) looking for filling defect, if you see IV contrast is homogenous with blood in this area (no filling defect) that is mean the patient doesn't have major problem, if the patient has embolus here it is may be fatal.



"This is another level. It is lower than the previous one - picture on left - and as you go down, the LPA will start to fade; just few parts are shown in this level", when embolism central part in the 'major pulmonary vessel main left or right' it's called massive PE.

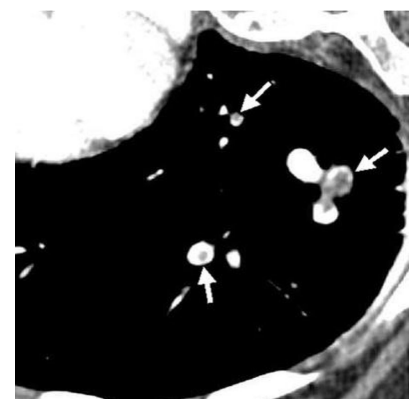
➤➤ CTA (Coronary Reconstruction)



This shows multiple embolisms which indicates Acute Massive PE Filling defect in the major pulmonary vessel

➤➤ CT Angiogram

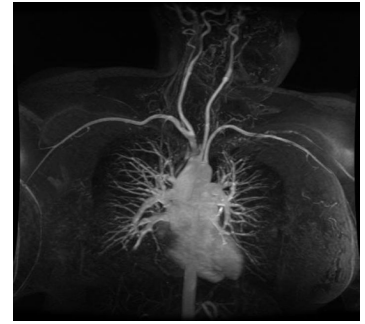
You can see even small peripheral vessels. The arrows here show filling defects which indicate the presence of clots within the vessel. They indicate that the patient is having acute peripheral PE questionable to give anticoagulant or not but the massive PE should get anticoagulant



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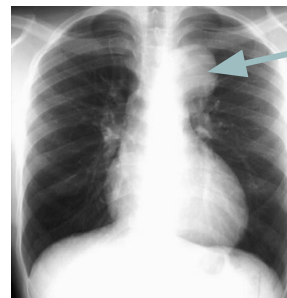
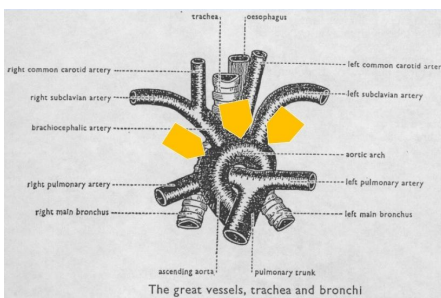
» Aortic Arch anatomy

Another advancing revolution is MRI angiography. you can see the details of the heart and vessels, It can also show you the veins alone or arteries alone as well, but it takes around one hour while the CT takes less than 10 mins.



» Aortic arch/great vessels

» Aortic Aneurysms

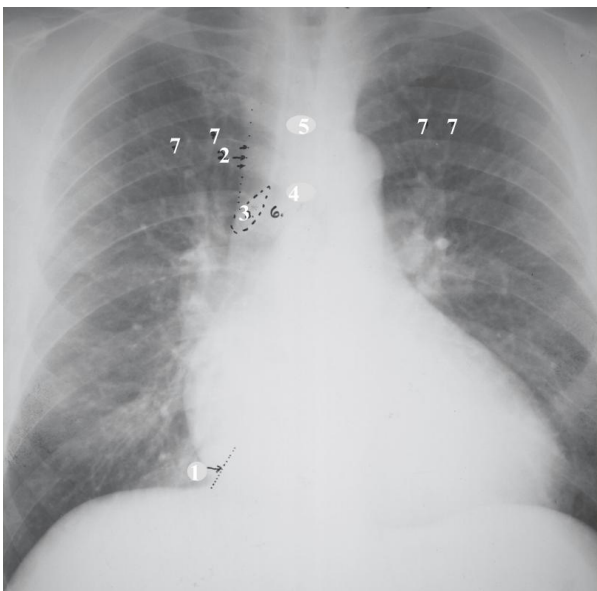


Aortic knob/
knuckle

Large aortic knuckle, which means having aortic aneurysm which can be caused mainly by severe HTN, sometimes by dissection.

» Heart and vessels

Cardiomegaly plus early Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)



Key:

1. Inferior vena cava (IVC)
2. Superior vena cava (SVC)
3. Azygos vein
4. Carina
5. Trachea
6. Right main stem bronchus
7. Prominent pulmonary vessels

Any and or all heart chambers may enlarge when the heart becomes diseased. Cardiomegaly = a big heart.

A patient's heart enlarges due to a number of diseases e.g. valve disease, high blood pressure, congestive heart failure.

If the heart fails, the lung often become congested. Early on the pulmonary vessels appear more prominent as in this case. More advanced failure can result in a condition of pulmonary edema which is fluid flooding into the alveoli of the lungs causing the patient marked shortness of breath.

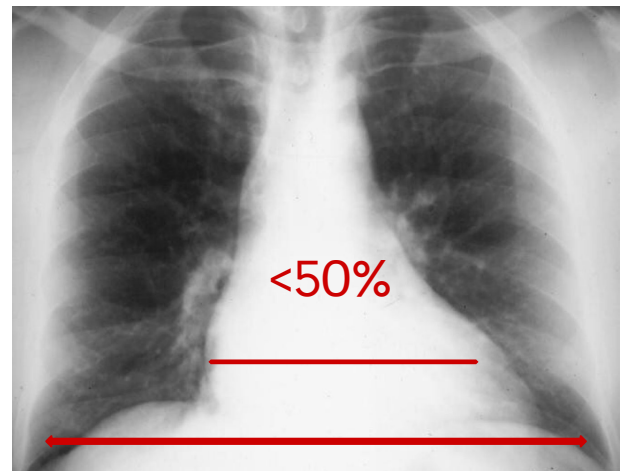
» Cardiothoracic ratio

One of the easiest observations to make is something you already know:

- the cardiothoracic ratio which is the widest diameter of the heart compared to the widest internal diameter of the rib cage and it **must be <50%**.

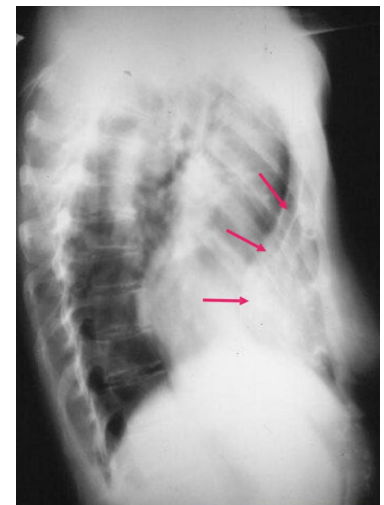
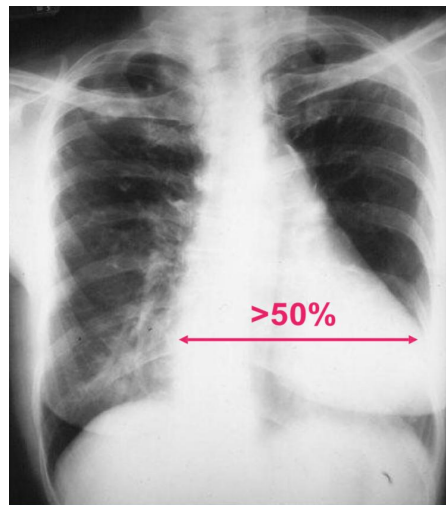
(the X-ray must be posterior-anterior view)

It is not used anymore because sometimes you can get less than 50% but patient actually has cardiomegaly.



Sometimes, CTR is more than 50% But Heart is Normal

And sometimes it is Falls enlargement due to compress of the sternum Here is a heart that is larger than 50% of the cardiothoracic ratio, but is still a normal heart. This is because there is an extracardiac cause for apparent cardiomegaly. On the lateral film, the arrows point to the inward displacement of the lower sternum in a pectus excavatum deformity



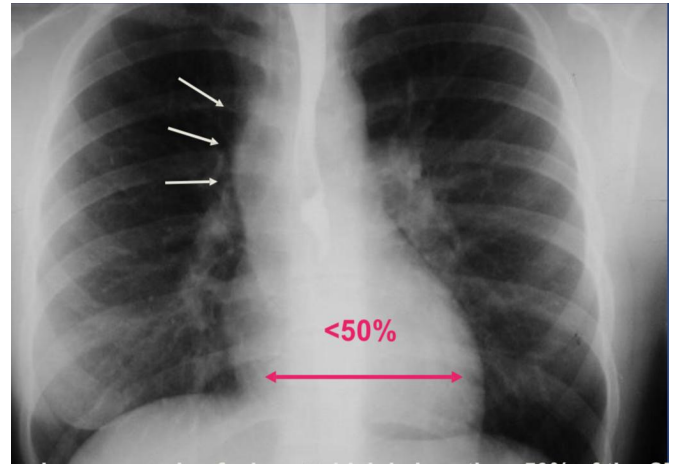
CTR is more than 50% but heart is <u>normal</u>	CTR is less than 50% But heart is <u>abnormal</u>
<p>Extracardiac causes of cardiac enlargement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - portable AP films - Obesity - Pregnant - Ascites - Straight back syndrome - Pectus excavatum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outflow obstruction of ventricles , ventricle hypertrophy - Must look at cardiac contours

Cardiothoracic ratio

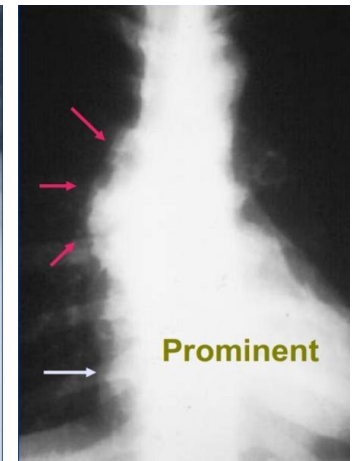
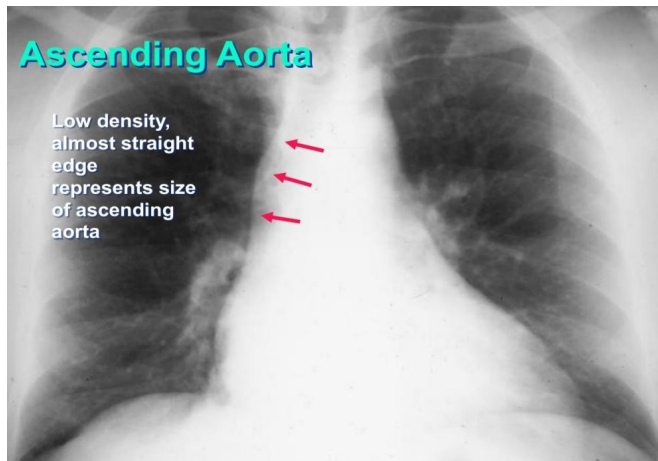
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Here is an example of a heart which is less than 50% of the CTR in which the heart is still abnormal.

This is recognizable because there is an abnormal contour to the heart (arrows).



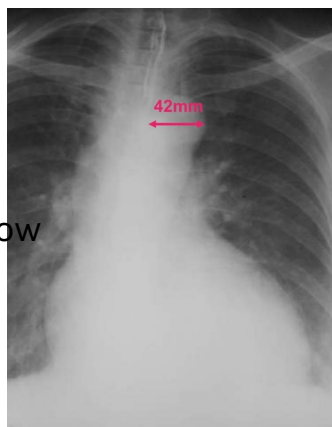
» Ascending aorta



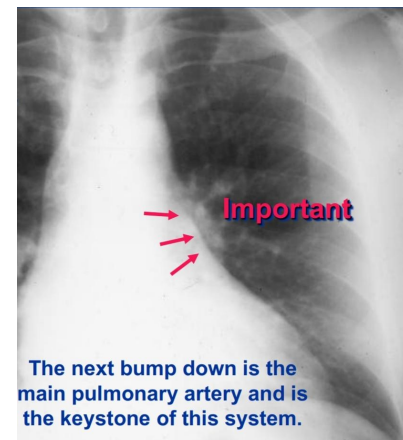
» Aortic knob

Enlarged with:

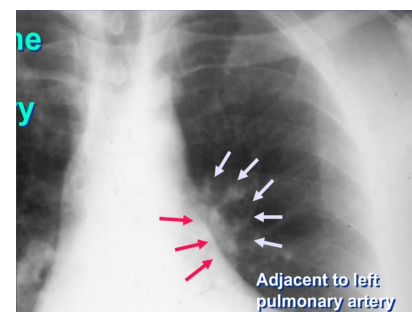
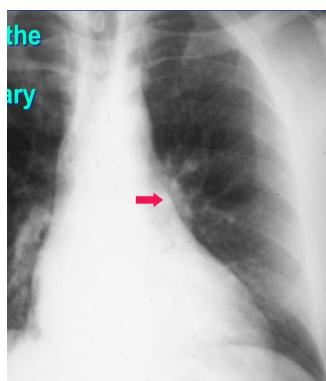
- Increased pressure
- Increased flow
- Changes in aortic wall



» Main pulmonary artery



» Finding the main pulmonary artery

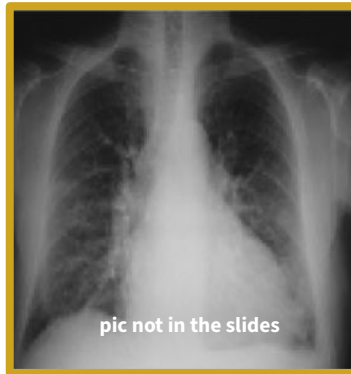
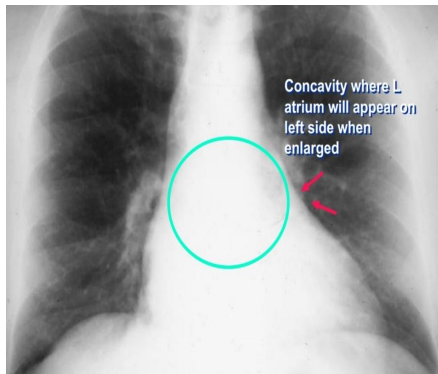


We can measure the main pulmonary artery

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Left atrial enlargement

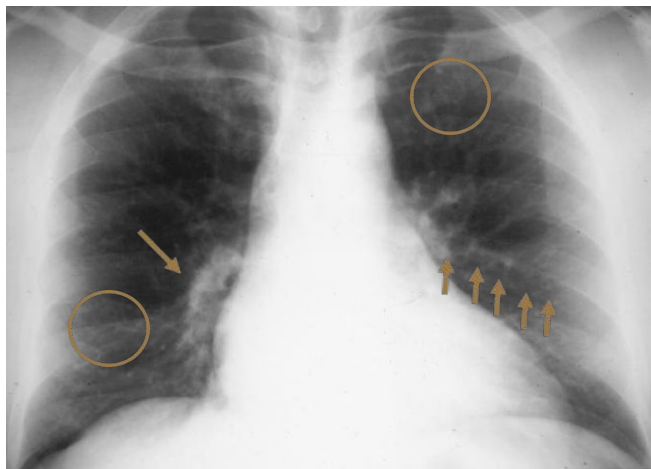
Concavity where L atrium will appear on left side when enlarged (circle)



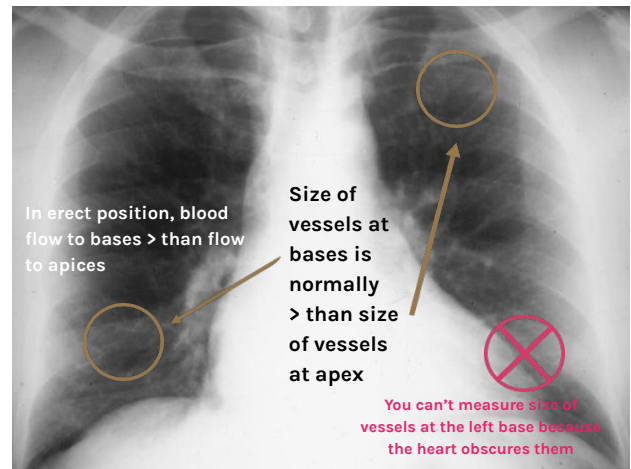
The Pulmonary vasculature

Five states of the pulmonary vasculature:

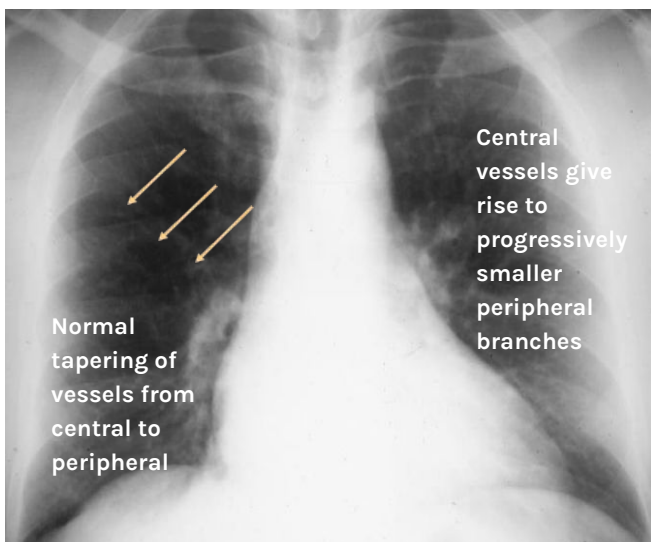
- Normal
- pulmonary venous hypertension
- Pulmonary arterial hypertension
- Increased flow
- Decreased flow



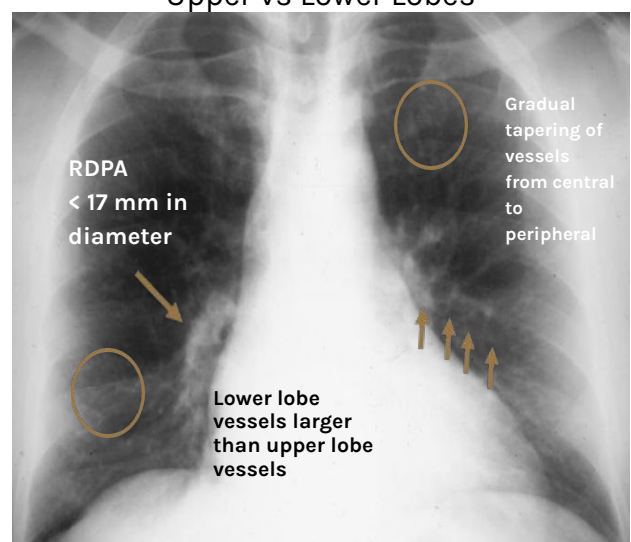
1) What to Evaluate



2) Normal Distribution of Flow
Upper vs Lower Lobes



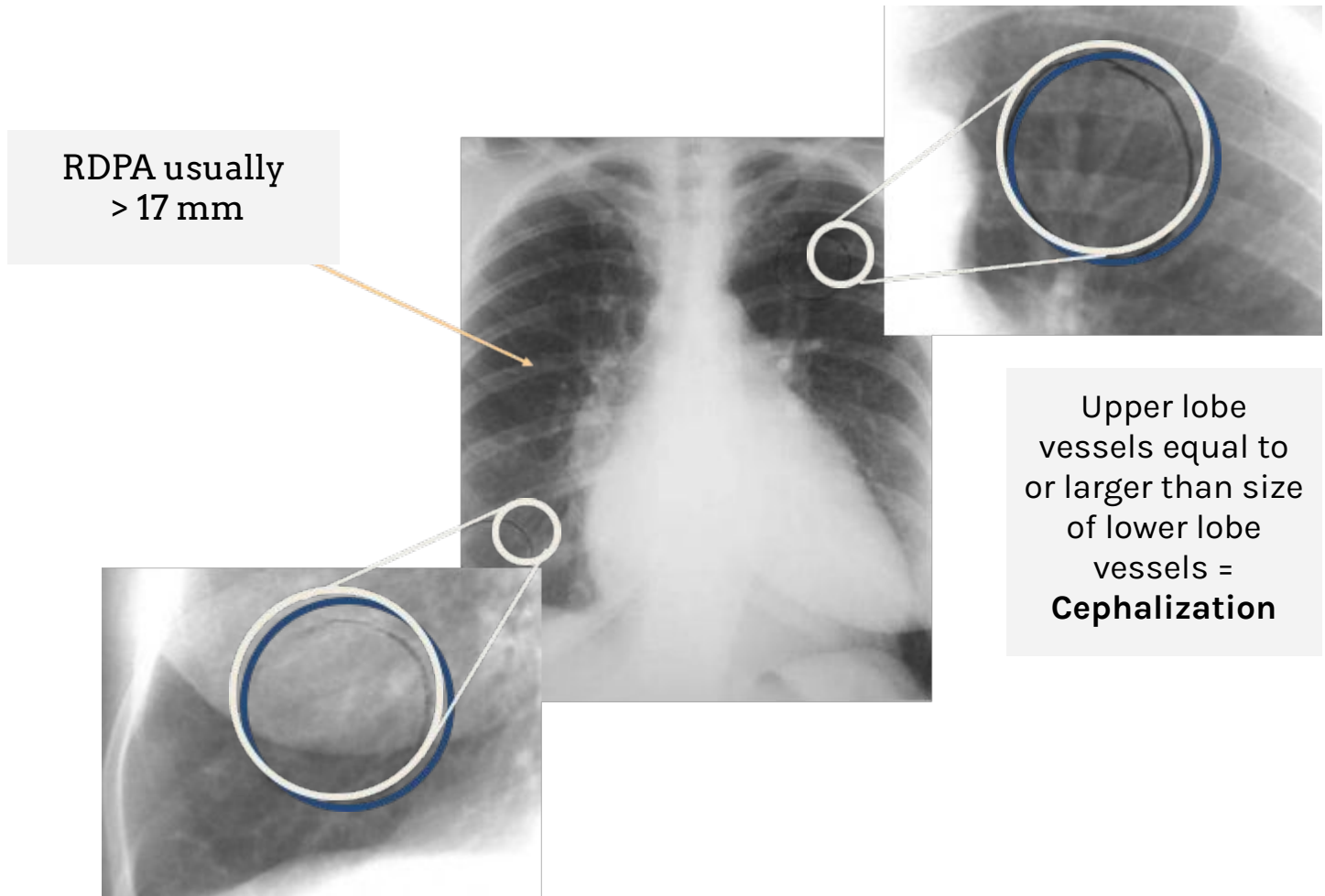
3) Normal Distribution of Flow
Central vs peripheral



Normal Vasculature - review

» Venous Hypertension

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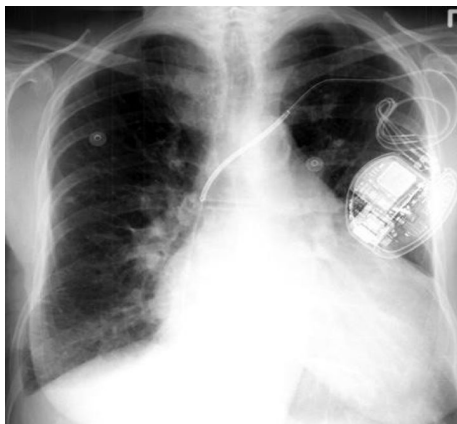
» The Pulmonary Vasculature

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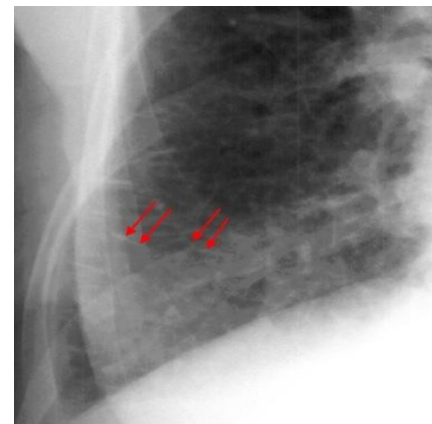
- Normal
- Pulmonary venous hypertension
- Pulmonary arterial hypertension
- Increased flow
- Decreased flow - mostly unrecognizable even when it is present

» Kerely's B-lines

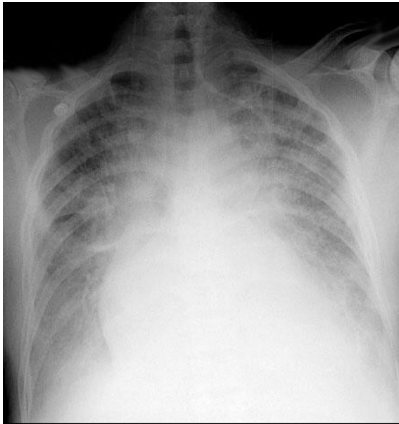
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» CHF vs APE



Congestive heart failure

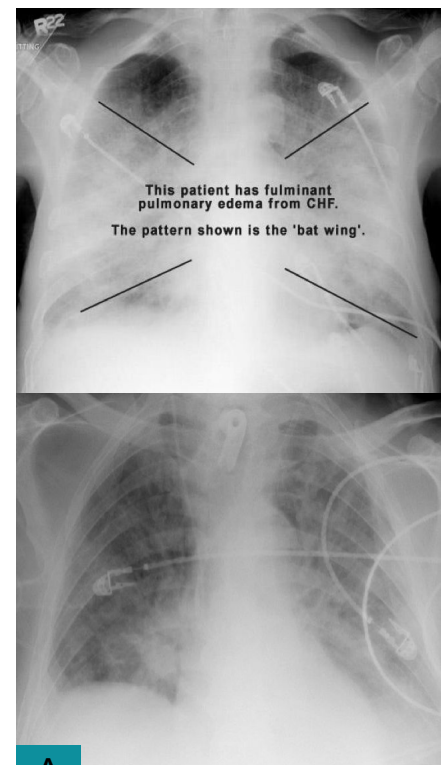
Congestive heart failure: Opacity in the lungs, ill defined cardiac contours, ill defined vessels, Increased cardiothoracic ratio.

- Heart failure can lead to pulmonary edema

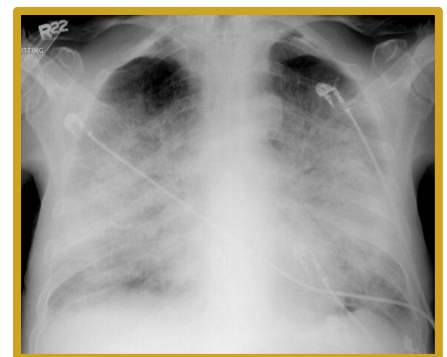
Acute Pulmonary Edema

Acute pulmonary edema: One of supporting things is ill defined lung opacifications called **(Batwing/butterfly)**. indicative of acute pulmonary edema.

- Pneumonia is taking consolidation in the segment like middle lobe, right lower lobe but here is not taking segments **(butterfly or batwing)** so you have to suspect APE
- How to differentiate between pneumonia and heart failure? Pneumonia come with fever, heart failure maybe low-grade fever.
- We give the patient diuretics and redo the X ray. We will see improvement in the chest, the symptoms are improving and X-ray will be like in figure-A. This will not happen in case of pneumonia. So, this is **called diagnostic test.**

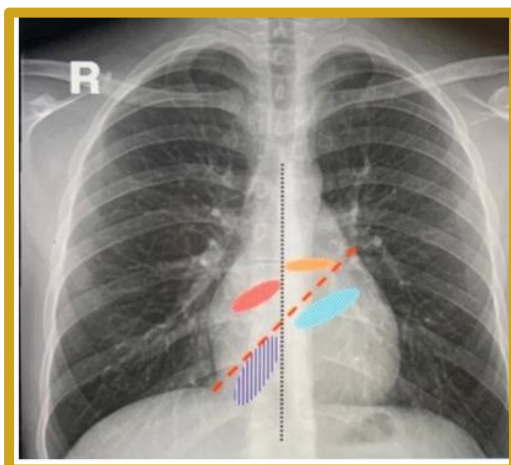


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Cleared **APE**

	Advantages	Disadvantages
X-ray	Widely available, portable, cheap. Proper in assessing heart size & position. Lung assessment.	Use Ionizing radiation. Limited assessment of heart chambers and myocardium & valves & pericardium & mediastinum.
Angiogram	Minimal invasion. Proper in assessing and treating coronary diseases.	Use Ionizing radiation. Invasive procedure. Contrast complications.
Echocardiogram	Proper in assessing heart morphology & function by using doppler effect. Proper in assessing pericardial effusion.	Operator dependent. Not proper to assess coronary arteries.
CT scan	Gold standard for Pulmonary embolism. Proper in assessing heart anatomy, pulmonary artery, aorta & coronary arteries. Proper in assessing structure around the heart and mediastinal vessels.	Uses Ionizing radiation. Heart rate < 60 beat/min for an adequate cardiac exam. Intravenous contrast complications.
MRI	No Ionizing radiation. Better soft tissue Characterization. Proper in assessing myocardium, cardiac valves & aorta.	Not widely available. Contraindications (cardiac devices) Intravenous contrast complications.
Nuclear scan	Assess physiology/ pathophysiology. Proper in assessing myocardial perfusion & lung perfusion.	Use ionizing radiation. Not widely available. Poor in assessing anatomy.
V/Q scan	To diagnose PE. Includes ventilation phase and perfusion phase. Normal exam shows similar lungs uptake in ventilation and perfusion phases.	



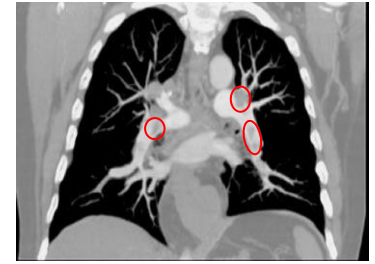
Golden★
positions of heart valves on chest X-ray :

Light blue=mitral valve
Purple=tricuspid valve
Orange=pulmonary valve
Red=aortic valve

⇒ Pulmonary Embolism

The most common findings on chest x-ray in case of PE is normal CXR

The gold standard to diagnose PE is CT- angio



Normal	Homogeneous filling of the vessels	Indicate an Embolus	Filling defect
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⇒ Cardiomegaly

When cardiothoracic ratio is more than 50%.

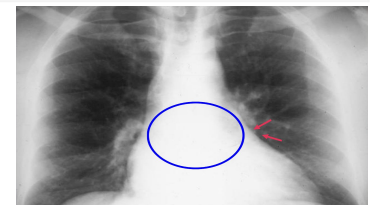
But, it is not that accurate, there are some cases of abnormal heart with Cardio-thoracic Ratio less than 50% and cases of normal heart with cardiothoracic ratio more than 50%.



CTR>50% with normal heart	CTR< with abnormal heart
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⇒ Left atrial enlargement

- Concavity where Left atrium will appear on left side when enlarged



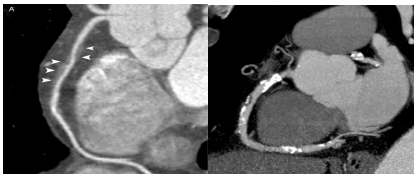

⇒ Enlargement of the Aortic knob

Occur due to:

- Increased pressure
- Increased flow
- Changes in aortic wall

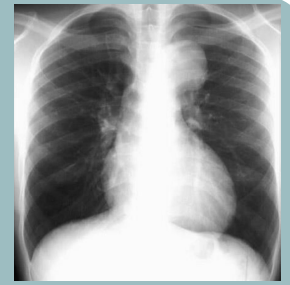


⇒ CT Angio vs Coronary catheter

CT- angio	Catheter Angiography
<p>Less invasive, Immediate intervention is not applicable=non therapeutic Usually we use it with young or low-risk of coronary artery disease patients</p> 	<p>invasive procedure, Immediate intervention is applicable=by stent More time consuming. We use it with high risk patients or patients with</p> 

1. 68 years old male, with BMI of 44.7. he started smoking before 40 years ago. CXR as shown, What is the diagnosis

- a. PE
- b. Heart Failure
- c. COPD
- d. Aortic Aneurysm



2-1. 36-year-old man who presents to your A&E department with shortness of breath, he has been immobile for 6 weeks because He has been in a plaster cast for a left sided lower limb injury which was removed last week. The oncall physician suspected PE. **What is the golden standard test to diagnose it?**

- a. Simple CXR
- b. CXR with contrast
- c. CT angiogram
- d. Spirometry

3- 22 years old man presented to ER with chest pain, he has very low probability of coronary artery disease, which modality is the best to use in this case?

- a. screening CT
- b. catheter angio
- c. CXR
- d. MRI

4- This is an CT Angiogram of 26 years old post c-section women, what is the diagnosis?

- a. coronary artery disease
- b. PE
- c. complicated parapneumonic effusion
- d. left heart failure



5- False positives high cardio thoracic ratio could be due to:

- a. sternal fracture
- b. sternal depression
- c. sternal elevation
- d. not related to sternum at all

6- What's the disadvantage of using CT angio (compared to catheter)?

- A) More time consuming
- B) Less accurate in localizing plaques
- C) Less information about heart and mediastinum
- D) We can't perform a therapeutic procedure.

Answers
1) D
2) C
3) A
4) B
5) B
6) D