

CMR in Pericardial disease

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.....and a bit of Mark W.....



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DOI

- I have nothing to disclose

Pericardium

➤ Congenital Absence

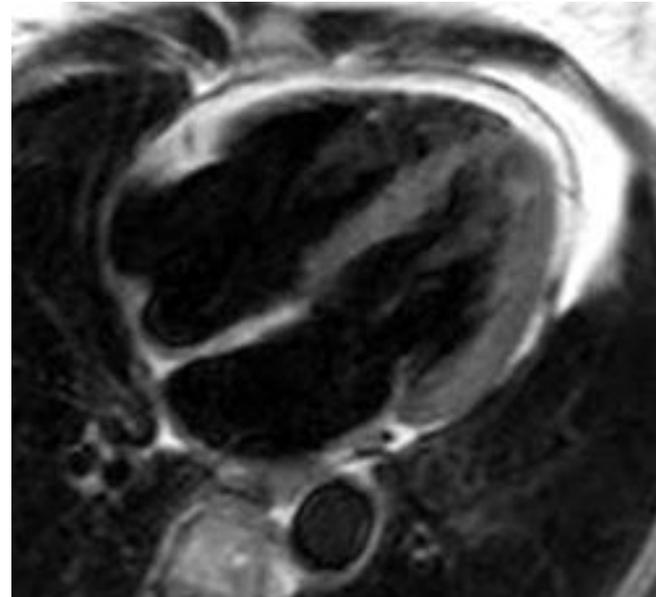
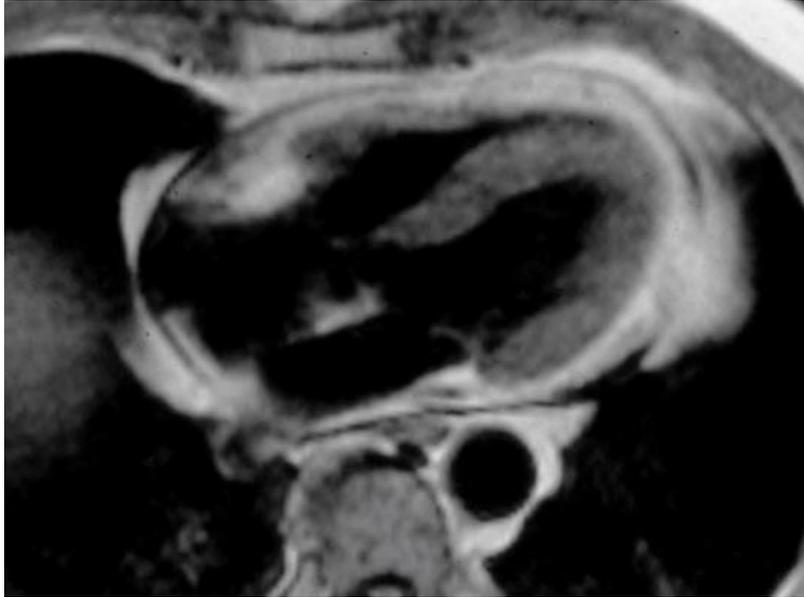
Fluid

This is not a diagnosis!

EASY MARKS!!!!!!!

There are no questions!!!!

Normal pericardium



Normal thickness: 1-3 mm

Congenital Absence of the Pericardium

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Congenital Absence of the Pericardium

Due to premature atrophy of left duct of Curvier

Failure of nourishment of left pleuro-pericardial membrane

Failure of pericardium to develop

Male: Female 3:1

Loss of support of heart

Cardiac Ptosis

Herniation

Displacement into left hemithorax

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Congenital Absence of the Pericardium: CMR

Easily demonstrate displacement of heart

Pilot images

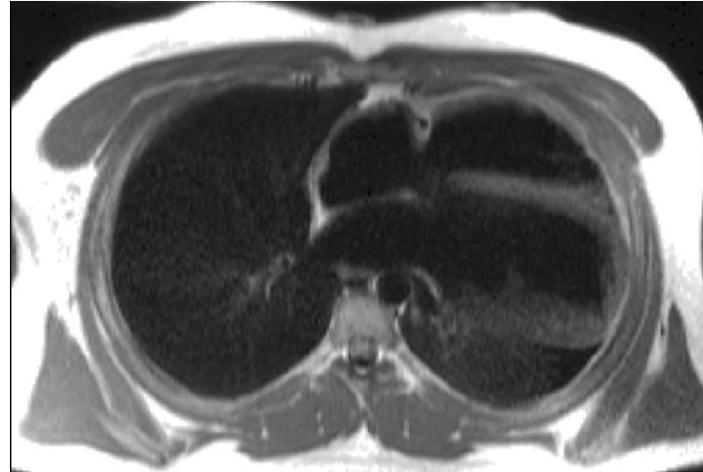
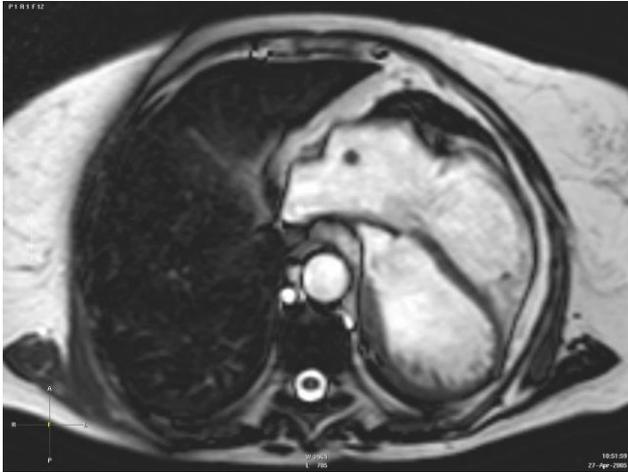
HASTE/Black blood/T1 images

May demonstrate defect in pericardium

Need sufficient pericardial fat for this

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Congenital Absence of the Pericardium: CMR



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Pericardial Cysts



Congenital

If large may be noted as a mass on CXR

Common at right diaphragmatic border

Contain proteinaceous fluid

Do NOT cross tissue planes

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Pericardial Cysts: CMR



Dark on T1 weighted TSE

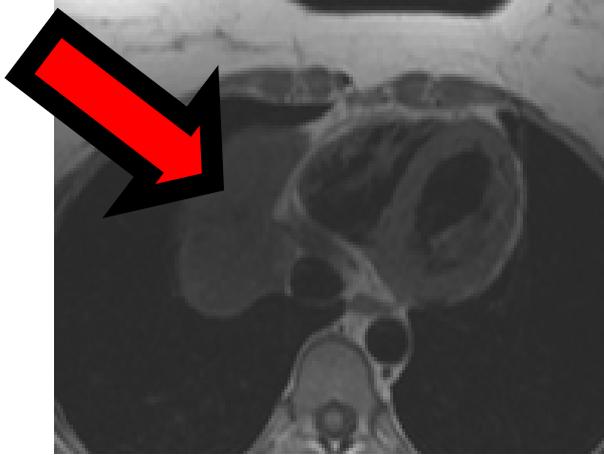
Note does NOT becomes bright if fat saturation is on!

Bright on cine imaging (SSFP)

Bright on T2 weighted TSE

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Pericardial Cysts: CMR



T1 weighted TSE

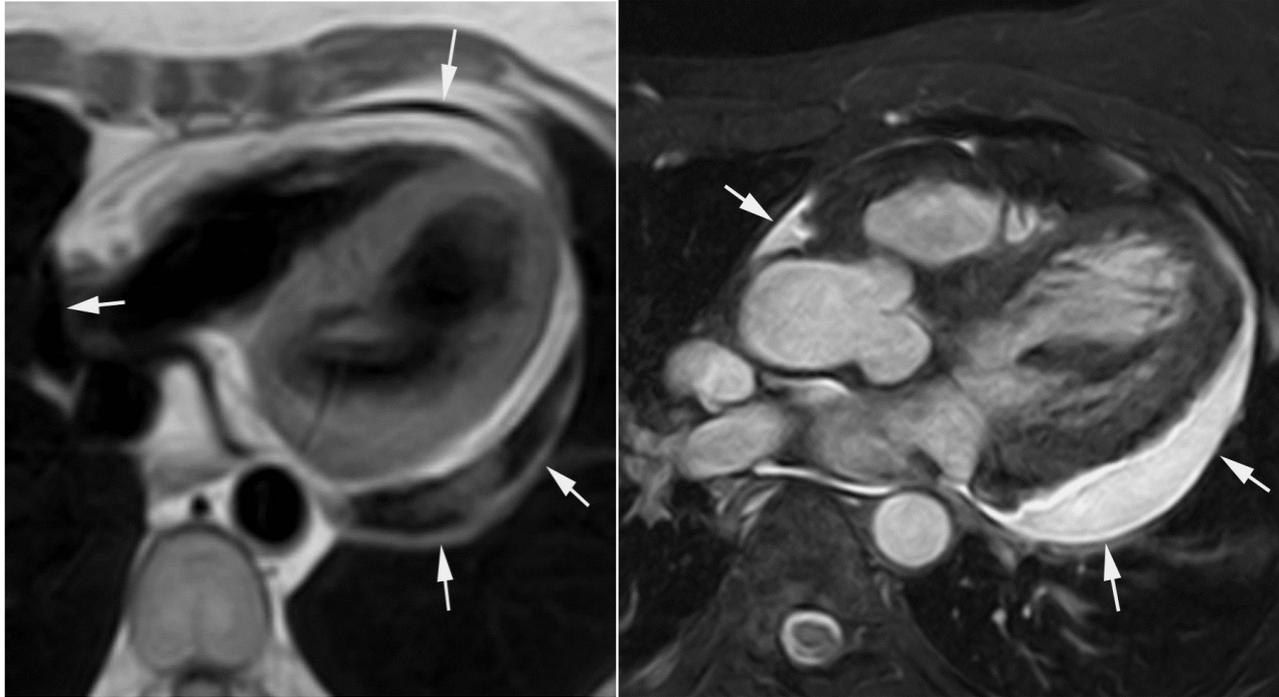
Hypointense (dark) signal in
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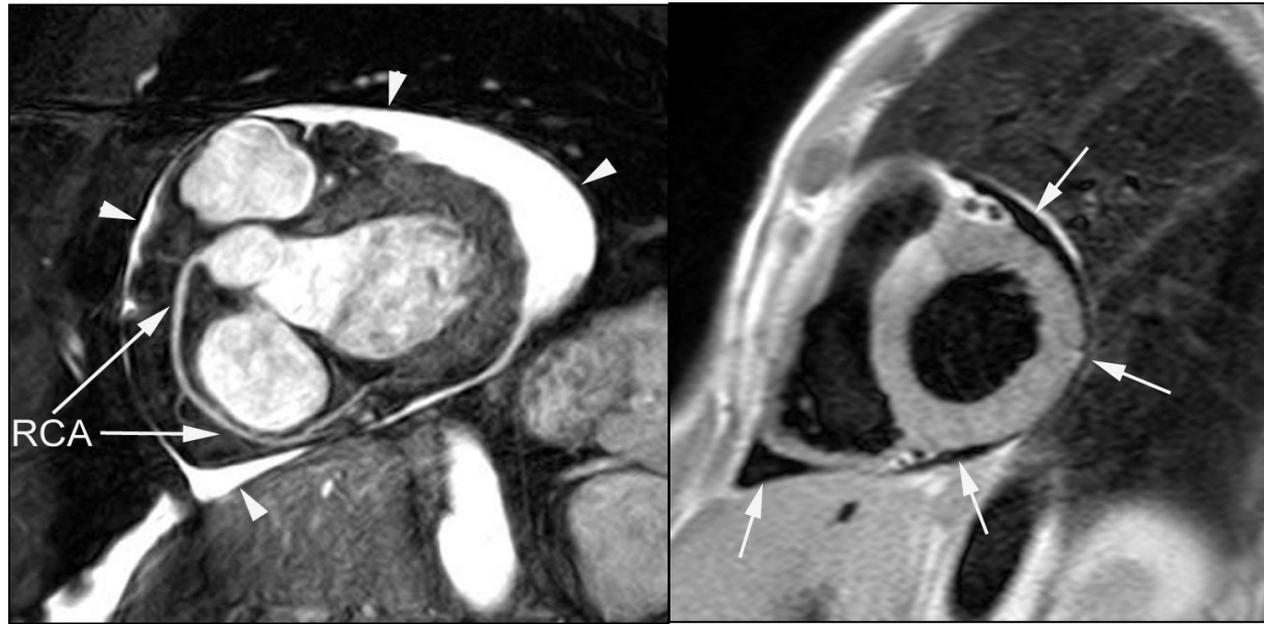


T2 weighted TSE

Hyperintense (bright) signal in
the pericardial cyst
(proteinaceous fluid).

Pericardial Effusion





Sensitivity: > echo

Fluid characterization: transudate – inflammatory - blood

Quantification

Diastolic filling

PERI-MYOCARDITIS: some clinical definitions..... and the second counts

MYOPERICARDITIS = acute pericarditis and:

Elevation of cardiac markers of injury (trop I or T, CK-MB fraction)

Wo new onset of focal or diffuse LV dysfunction by echo or CMR

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MYOCARDITIS

PERICARDITIS



PERICARDITIS OR MYOPERICARDITIS ?

MYOPERICARDITIS	OR	CI	P value
Arrhythmias	17.6	5.7-54.1	<0.001
Male gender	6.4	2.3-18.4	0.01
Age<40 yrs	6.1	2.2-16.9	0.01
ST elevation	5.4	1.4-20.5	0.013
Recent fever	2.8	1.1-7.7	0.044
PERICARDIAL	EFFUSION	LESS	FREQUENT

Imazio M, Heart 2007

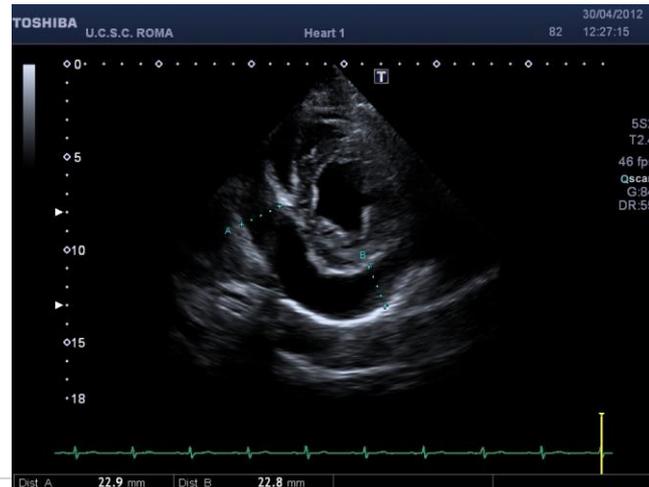
-ITIS IMAGING

ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY (class I):

Pericardial effusion

Increased echogenicity of pericardial layers due do inflammation and fibrin deposition

Decreased LV function (global >> segmentale), even sub-clinical



- ITIS: MAGNETIC RESONANCE

PERICARDITIS:

Pericardial thickening

Pericardial enhancement

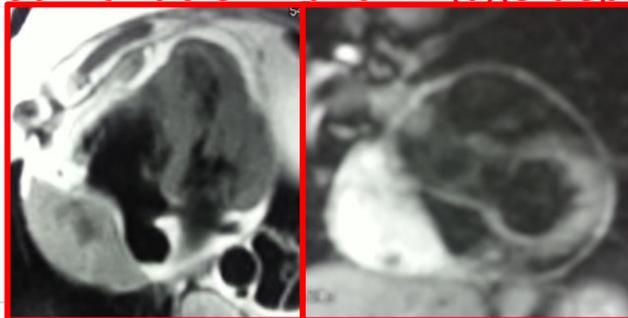
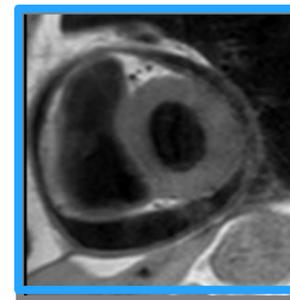
Pericardial effusion characterization:

Transudate: low T1, high T2

Essudate: low-intermed T1, intermed T2

Chilous

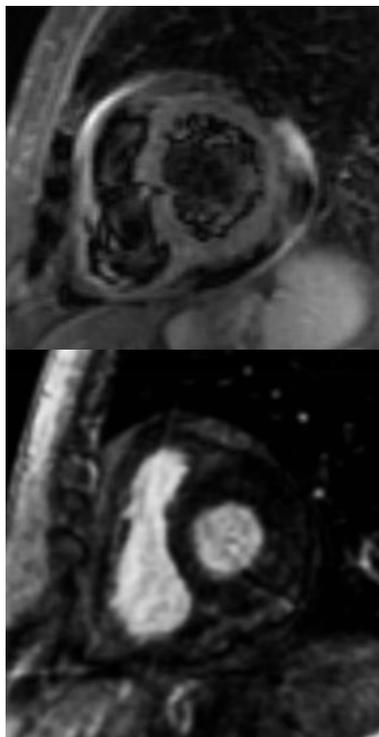
Blood: variable T1 and T2 (age-dependent)



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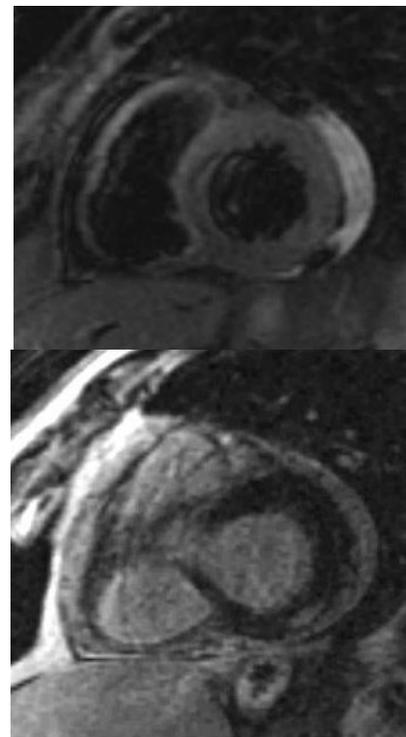
MYOPERICARDITIS

EF 61%

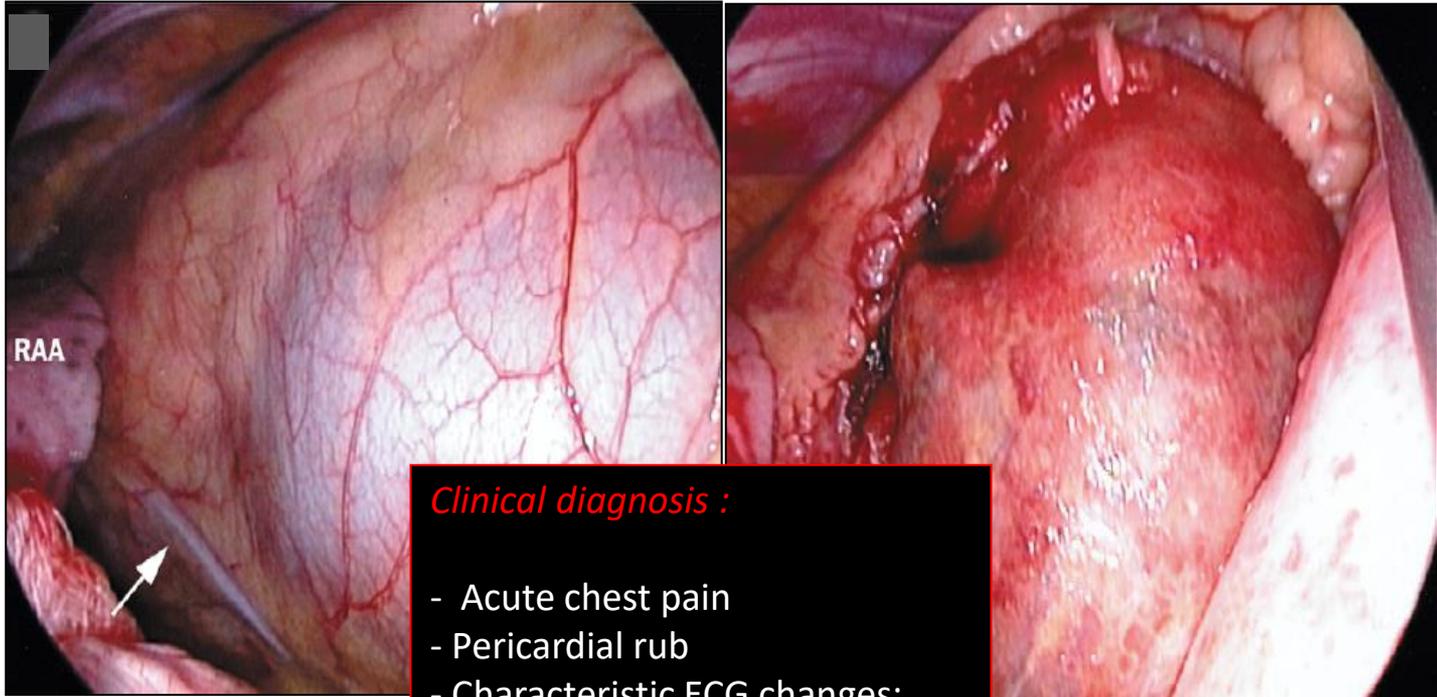


PERIMYOCARDITIS

EF 49%



Acute Pericarditis



Clinical diagnosis :

- Acute chest pain
- Pericardial rub
- Characteristic ECG changes:
 - widespread ST elevation
 - T inversion

Acute Pericarditis

- Common (1% at autopsy)¹

Friman G et al Scand J Infect Dis Suppl 1993; 88: 7–10

- Variable etiology

- Fibrinous “sicca” pericarditis

- Pericardial layers thickening +/- effusion

- Possible development of constrictive pericarditis

- Inflammation amount at pathology correlates with enhancement amount

Taylor AM et al Eur Radiol 2006

- D/d: effusion vs constriction

Causes of acute pericarditis

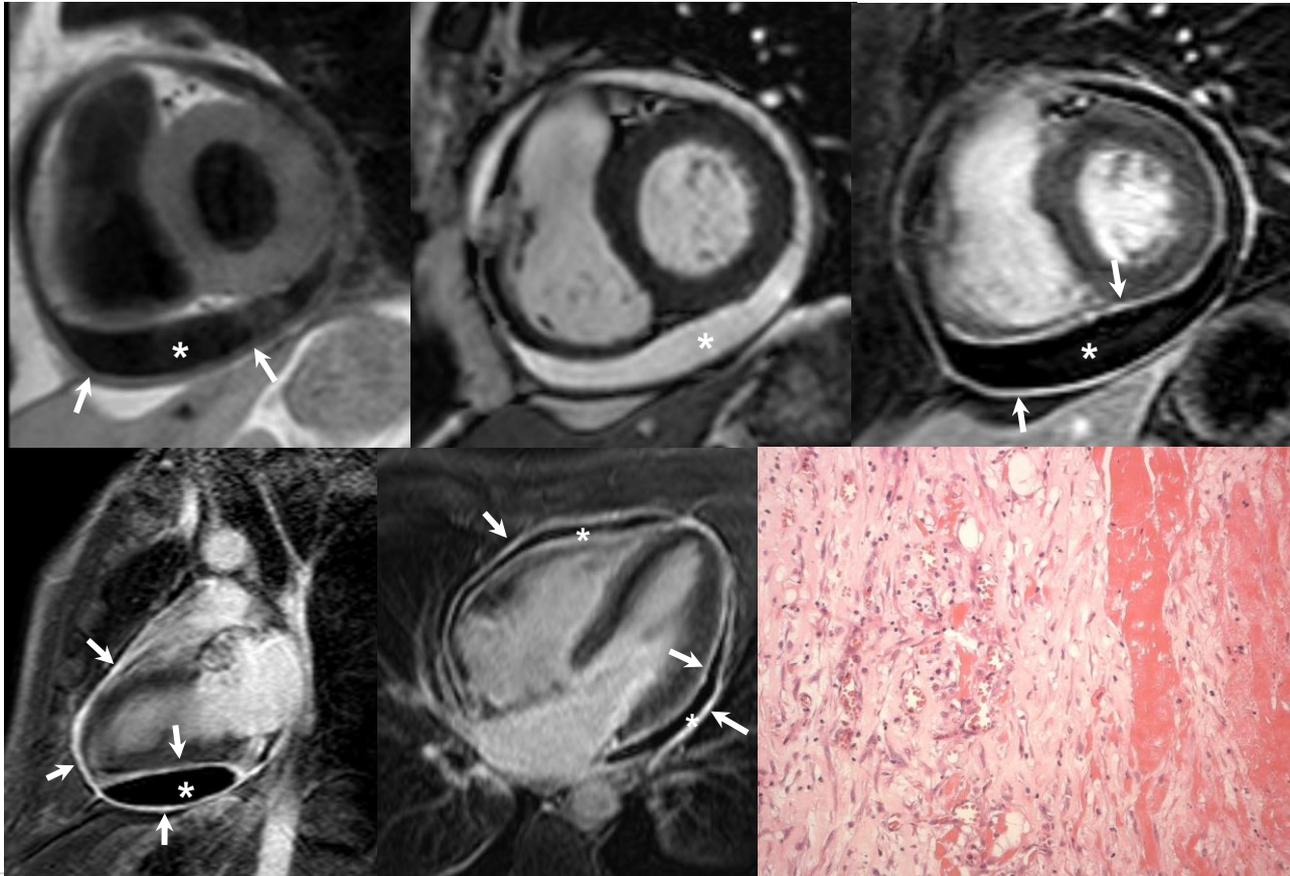
- Idiopathic
- Infections (viral, tubercular, fungal)
- Acute myocardial infarction (acute, delayed)
- Neoplasm
- Post-cardiac injury syndrome (trauma, surgery)
- Systemic autoimmune disease (SLE, rheumatoid arthritis, serum-negative spondylitis, panarterite nodosa)
- After mediastinal radiation



Acute Pericarditis



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Post-infarction pericarditis



Post-myocardial infarction syndrome (Dressler's Syndrome)

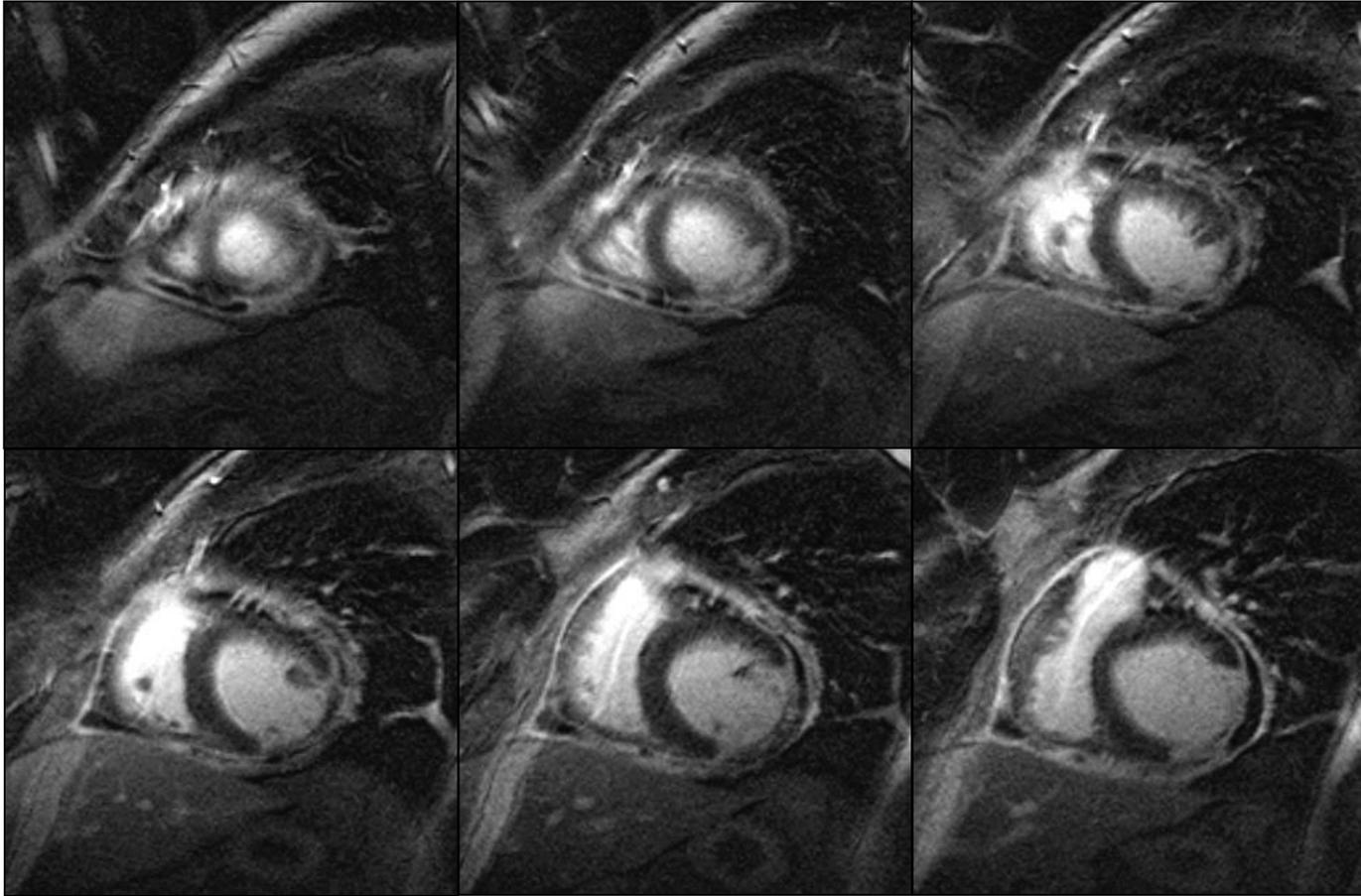
- does not require a transmural infarction
- appears after week-months
- High sedimentation rate
- Considerable “pericardial” pain,
- Frequent pericardial effusions, pleuritis,
- Often pneumonitis associated
- Autoimmune etiology
- Very rare



Epistenocardiac pericarditis

- Transmural infarction
- Coincident with AMI
- Few systemic signs
- Paucisymptomatic
- Direct injury to visceral pericardium
- Not unfrequent

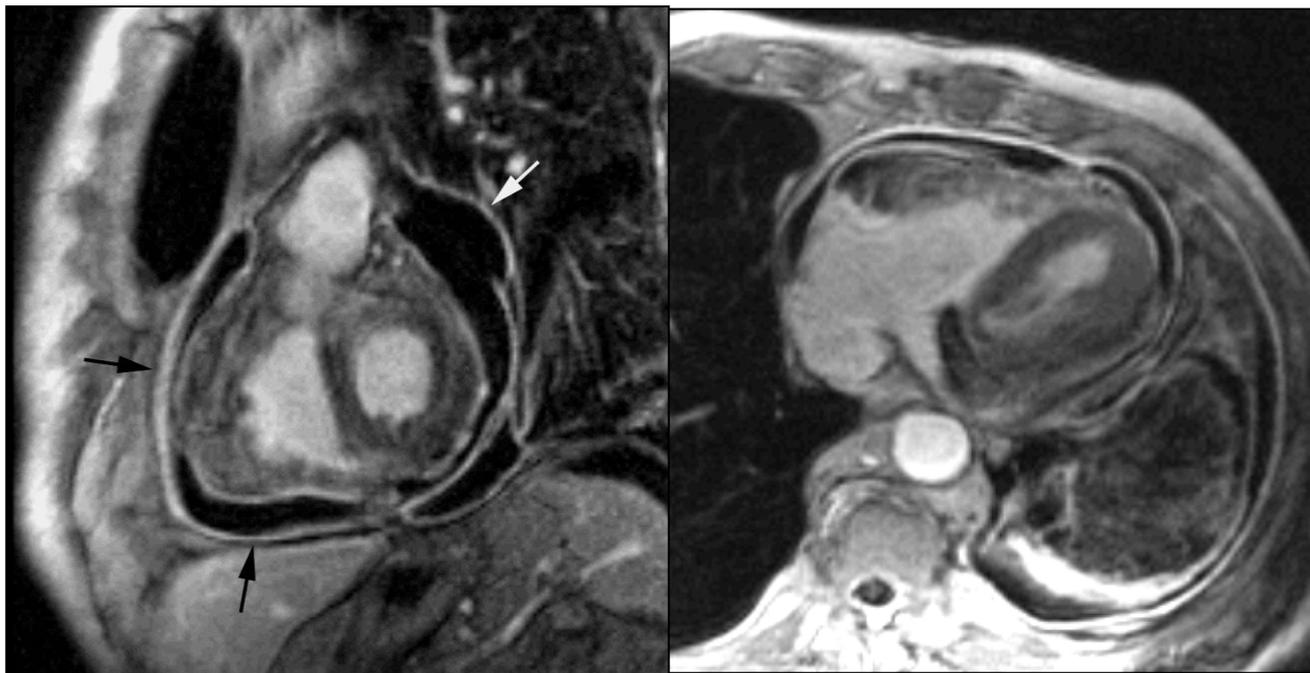
Post-infarction pericarditis



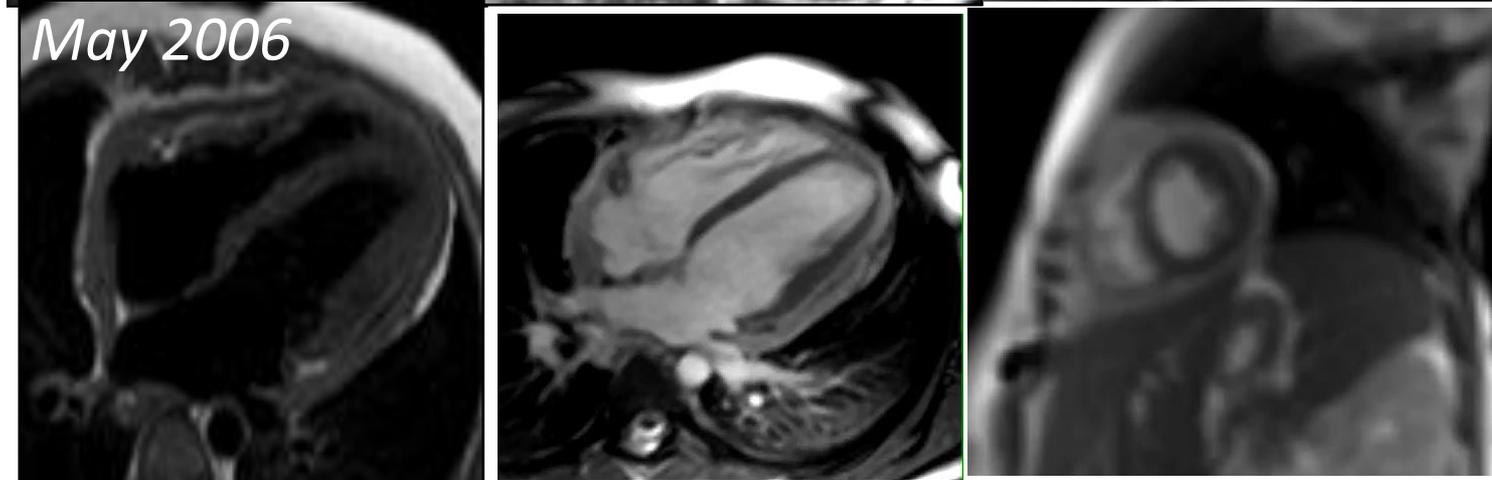
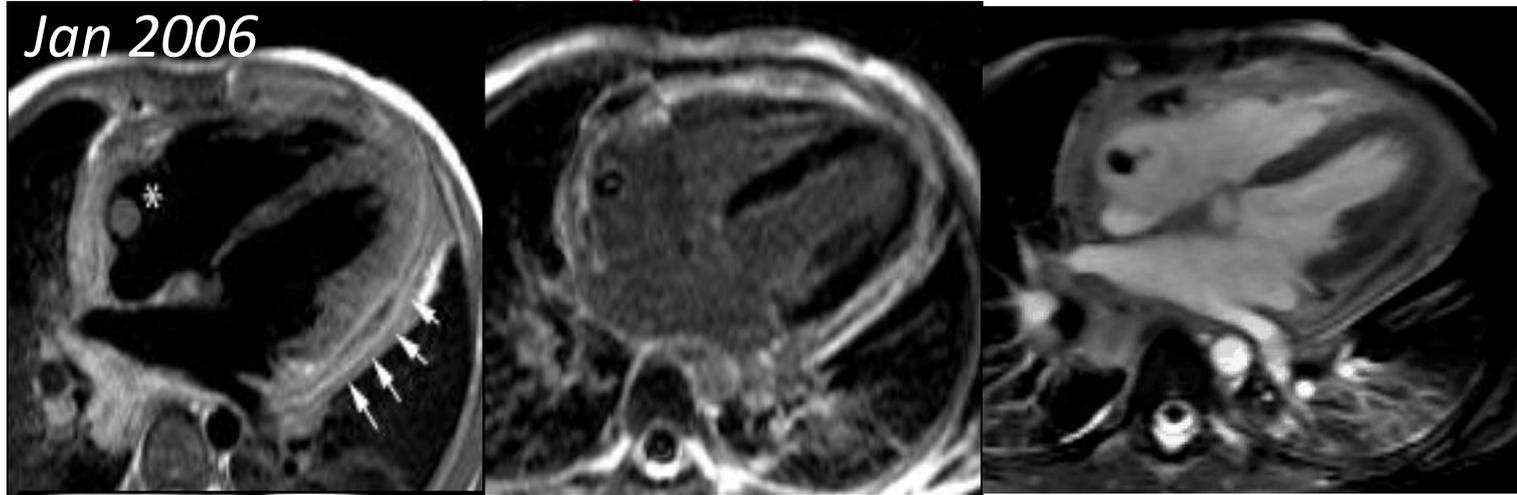
Mycotic Pericarditis in HIV patient



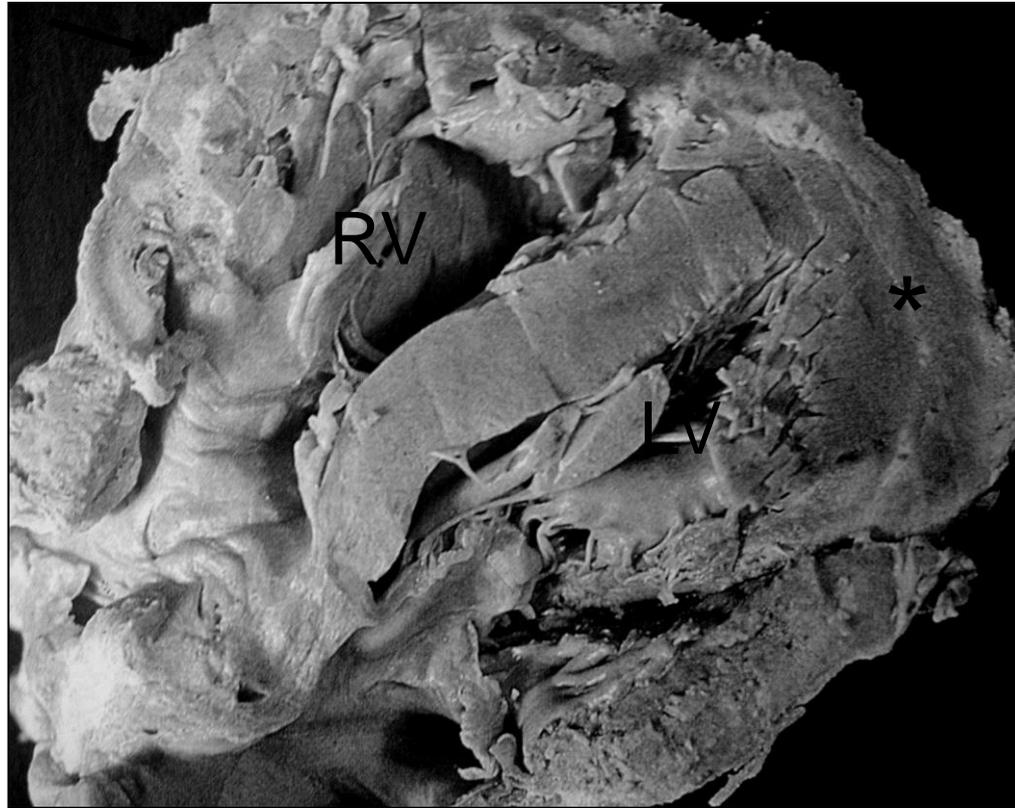
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TBC pericarditis



Constrictive Pericarditis

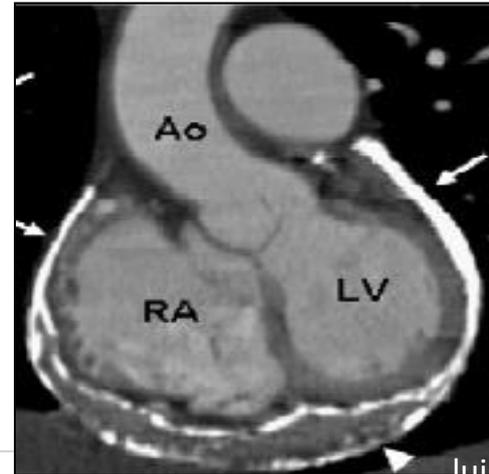
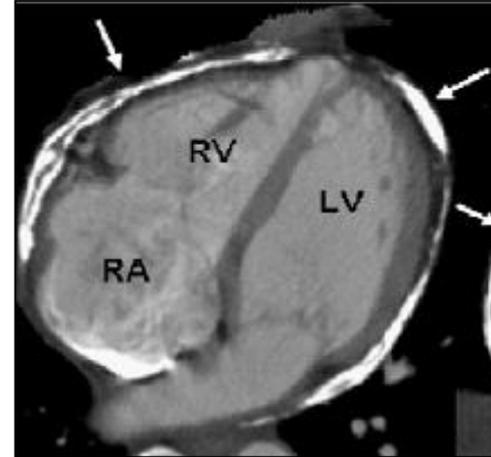
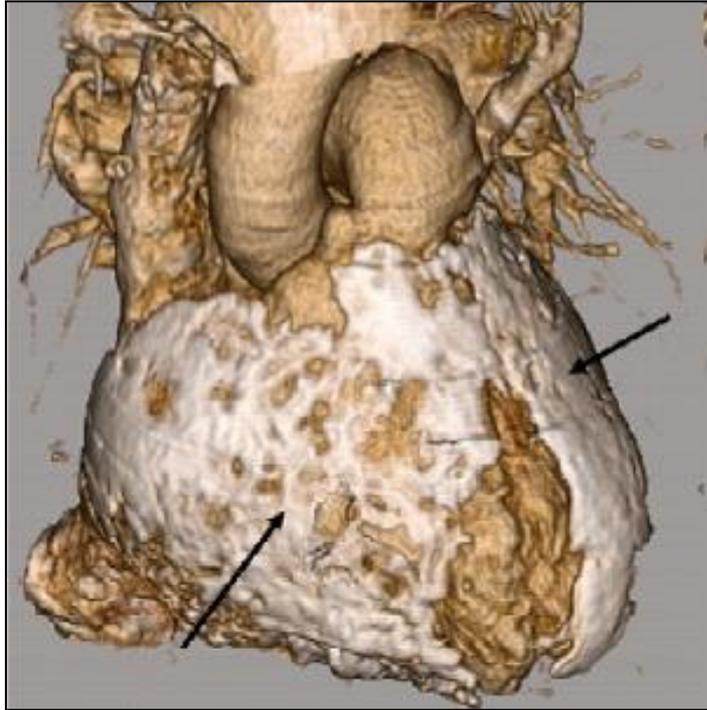


Morphology + diastolic dysfunction

Constrictive Pericarditis

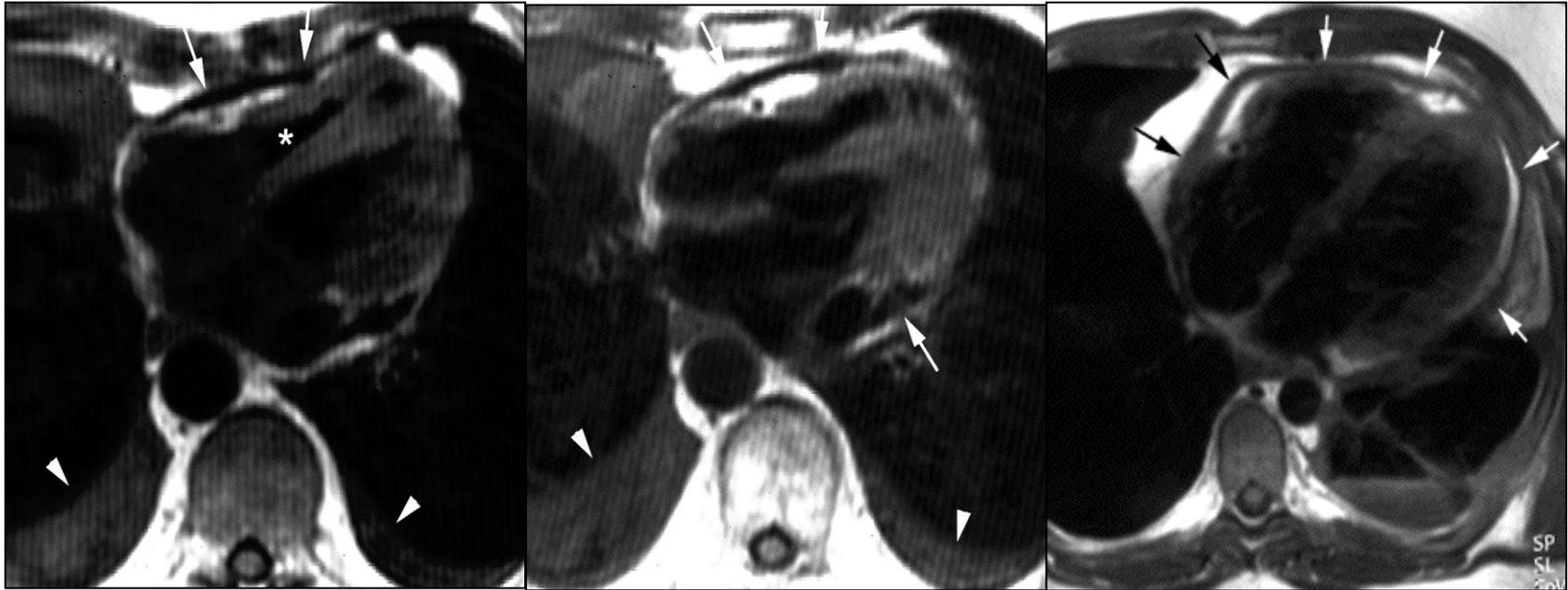


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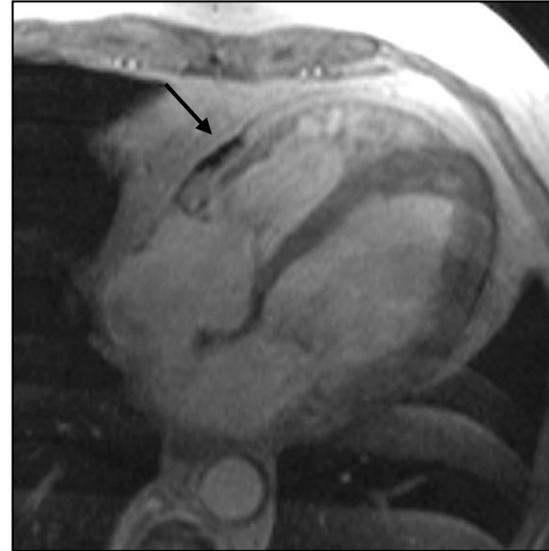


“egg-shell calcifications”

Constrictive Pericarditis



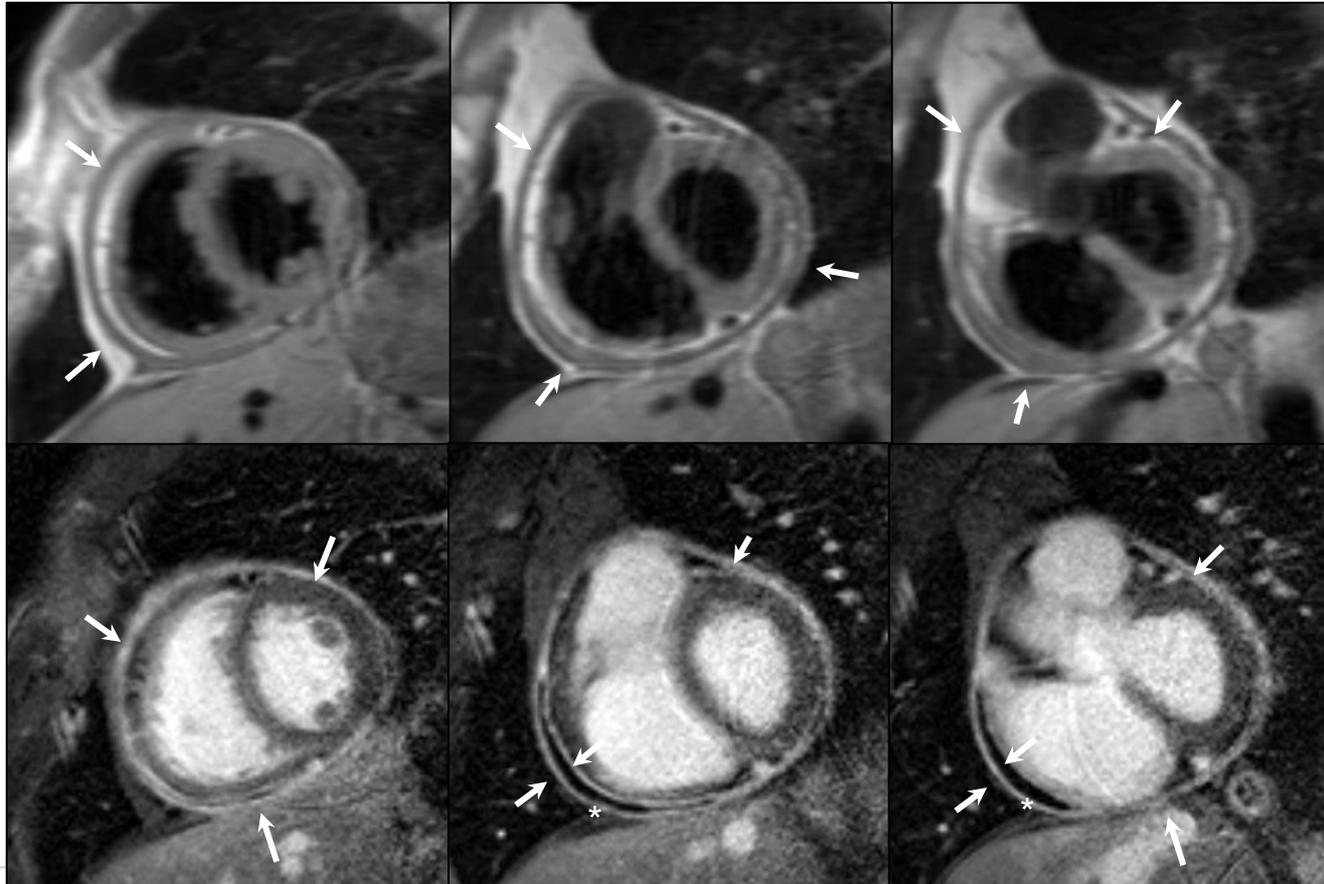
Constrictive pericarditis: focal thickening

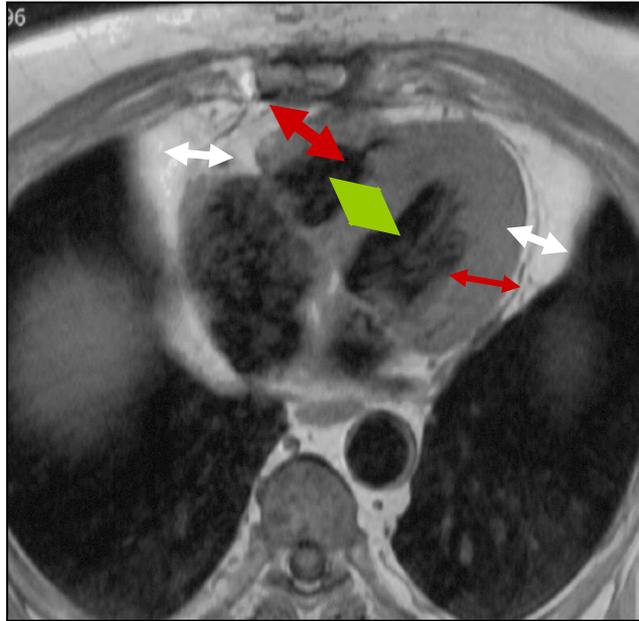


Constrictive pericarditis: pericardial layers enhancement



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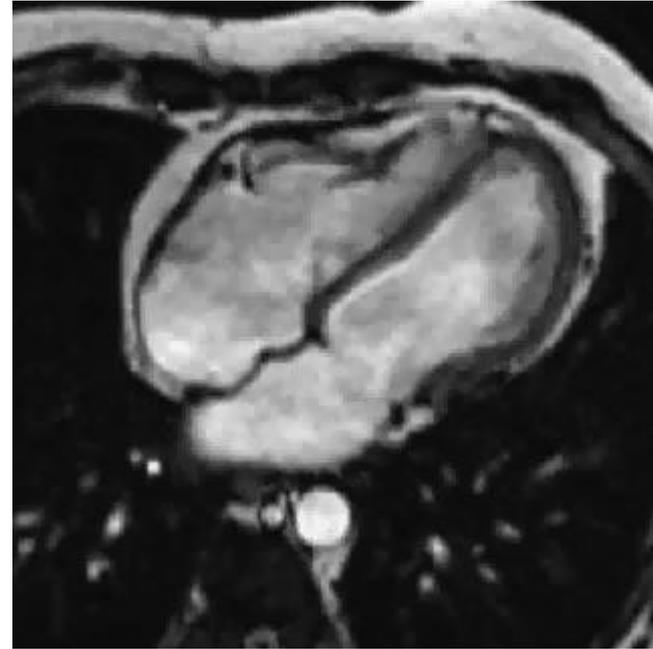
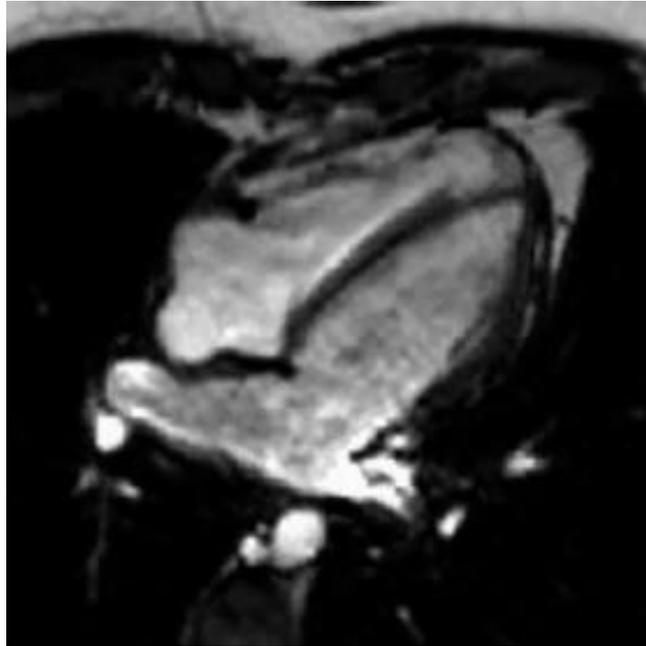


Interaction between:

- Pleura - Pericardium
- Pericardium – Ventricle
- LV \Leftrightarrow RV

- (1) Imbalance between intra-thoracic and intra-cardiac pressures
(pericardium acts as a “barrier”)
- (2) Reduced filling = increase trans-septal ΔP

Paradoxical septal motion



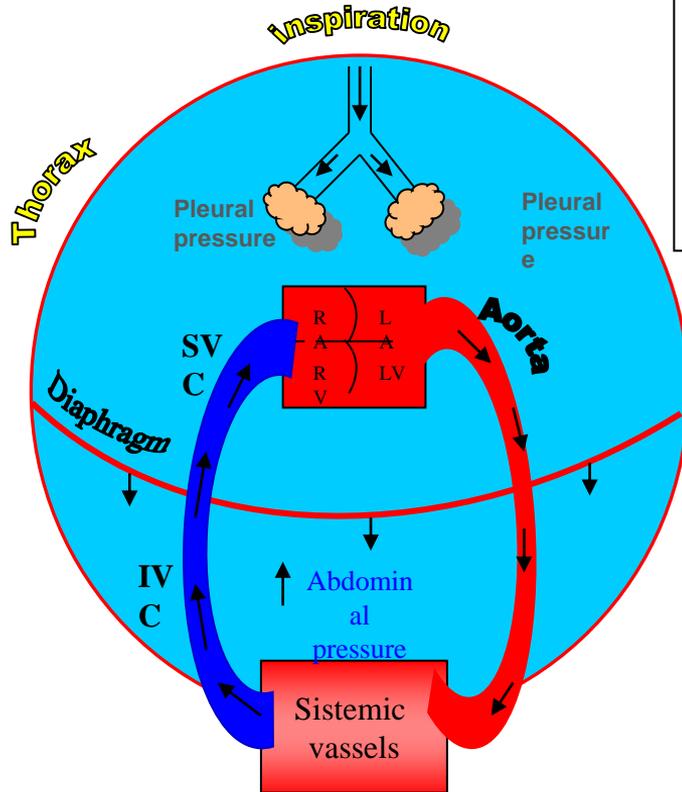
Real-Time MRI

JOURNAL OF MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING 21:305-309 (2005)

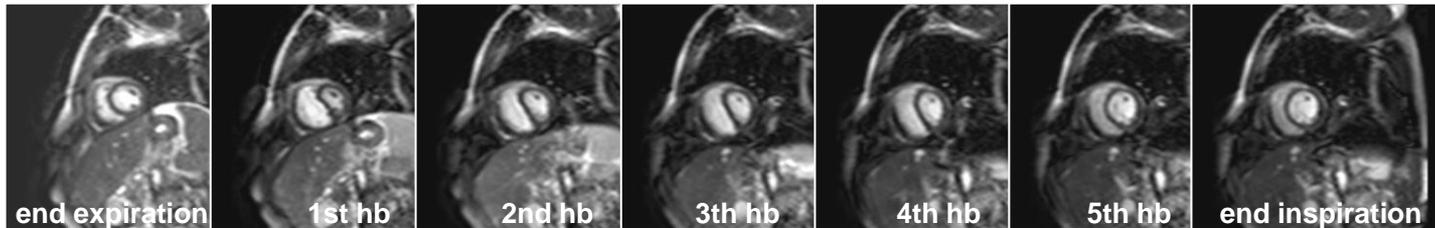
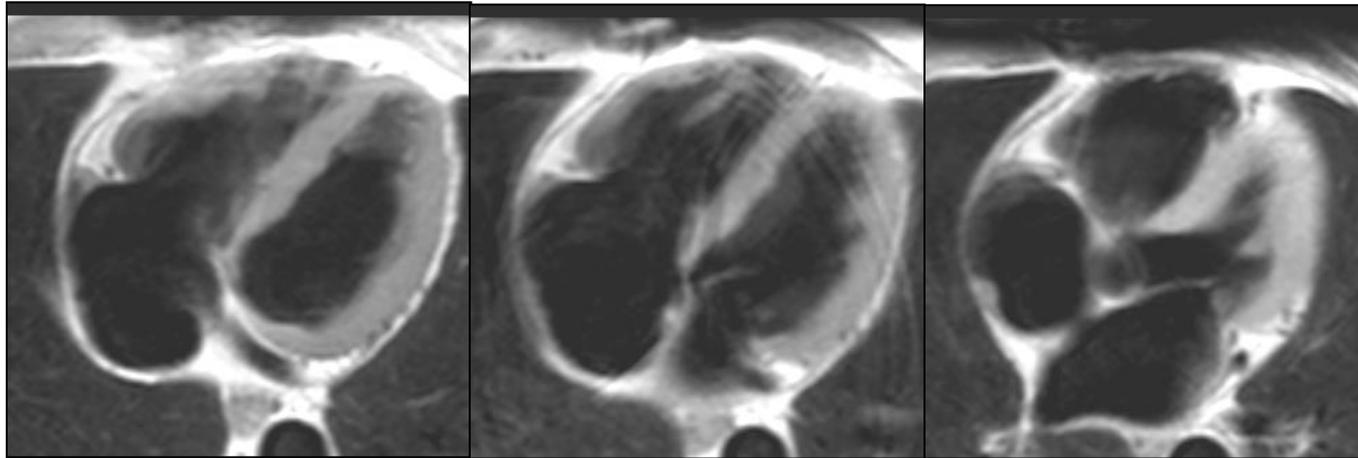
Clinical Note _____

Real-Time Cine MRI of Ventricular Septal Motion: A Novel Approach to Assess Ventricular Coupling

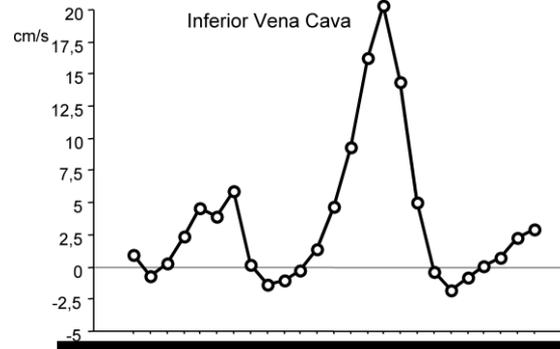
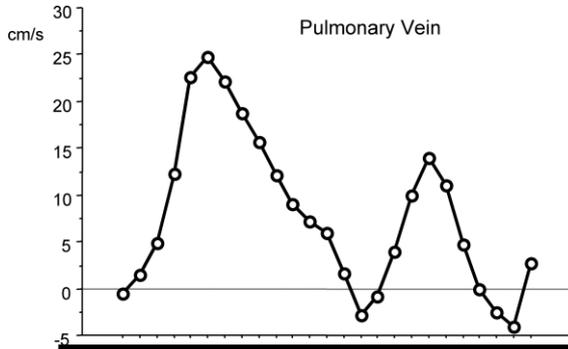
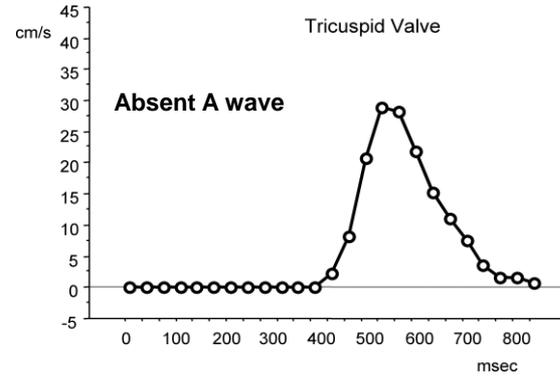
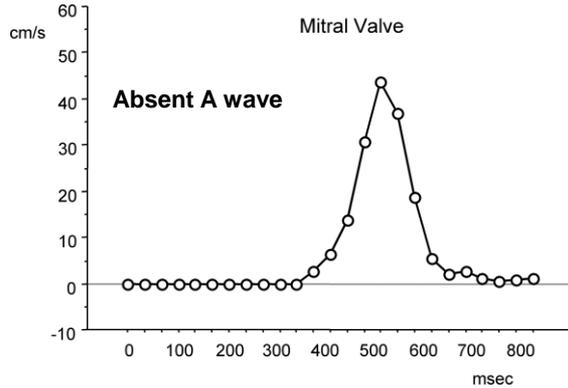
Marco Francone, MD, Steven Dymarkowski, MD, PhD, Maria Kalantzi, MD, and Jan Bogaert, MD, PhD*



Constrictive pericarditis without thickening



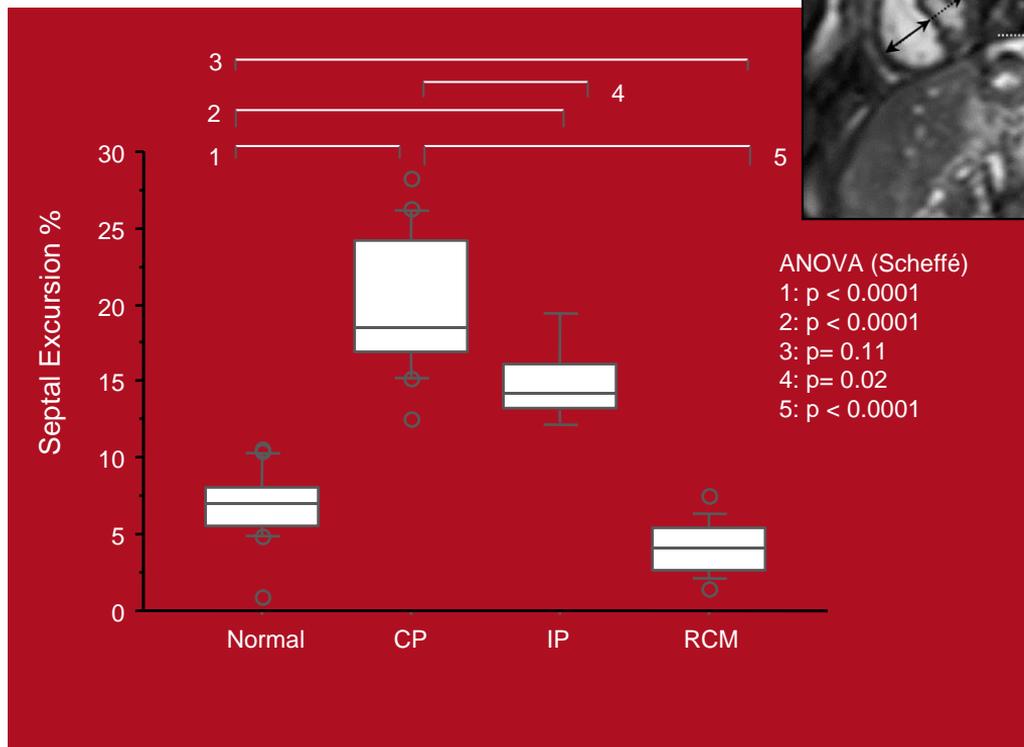
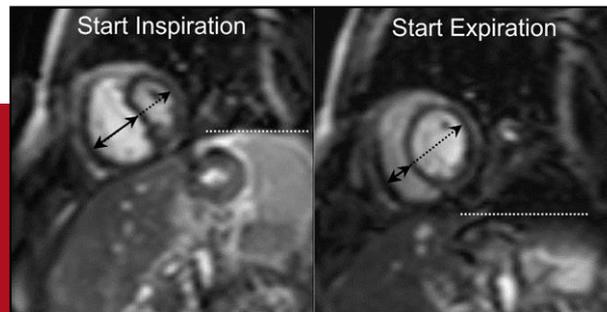
Constrictive pericarditis: velocity mapping



Reduced anterograde systolic flow

Reduced anterograde systolic flow

IVS motion analysis



Pericardial diseases: the essentials

Acute Pericarditis

T1w TSE: layers thickening

GRE-IR: delayed enhancement

Cine SSFP global an regional function

Constrictive pericarditis

T1w TSE: layers thickening > 4mm + atria and ventricles size and shape

VENC: E/A; ↓ anterograde systolic flow IVC

Cine SSFP + RT-MRI basal and insp/exp paradoxical septal motion

GRE-IR: pericardial layers delayed enhancement

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