



ADVANCED POINT-OF-CARE ULTRASOUND



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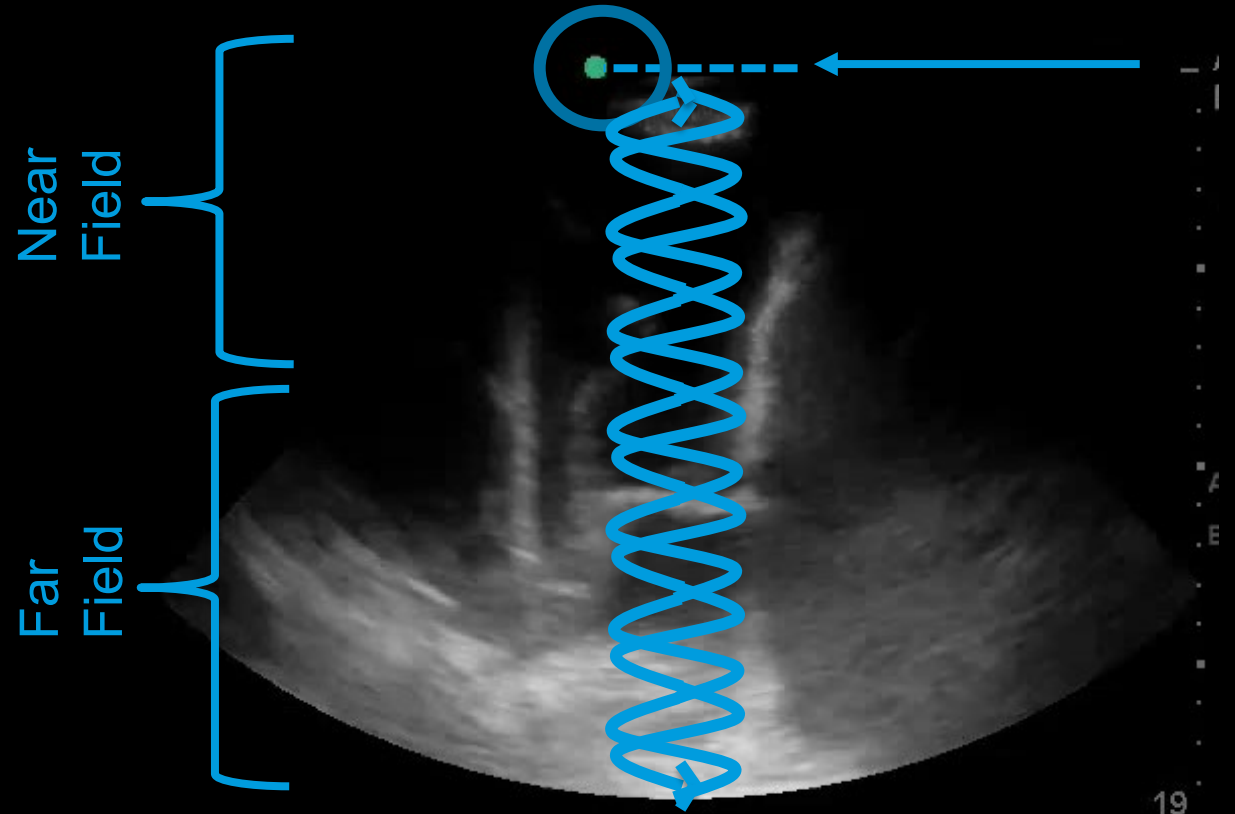
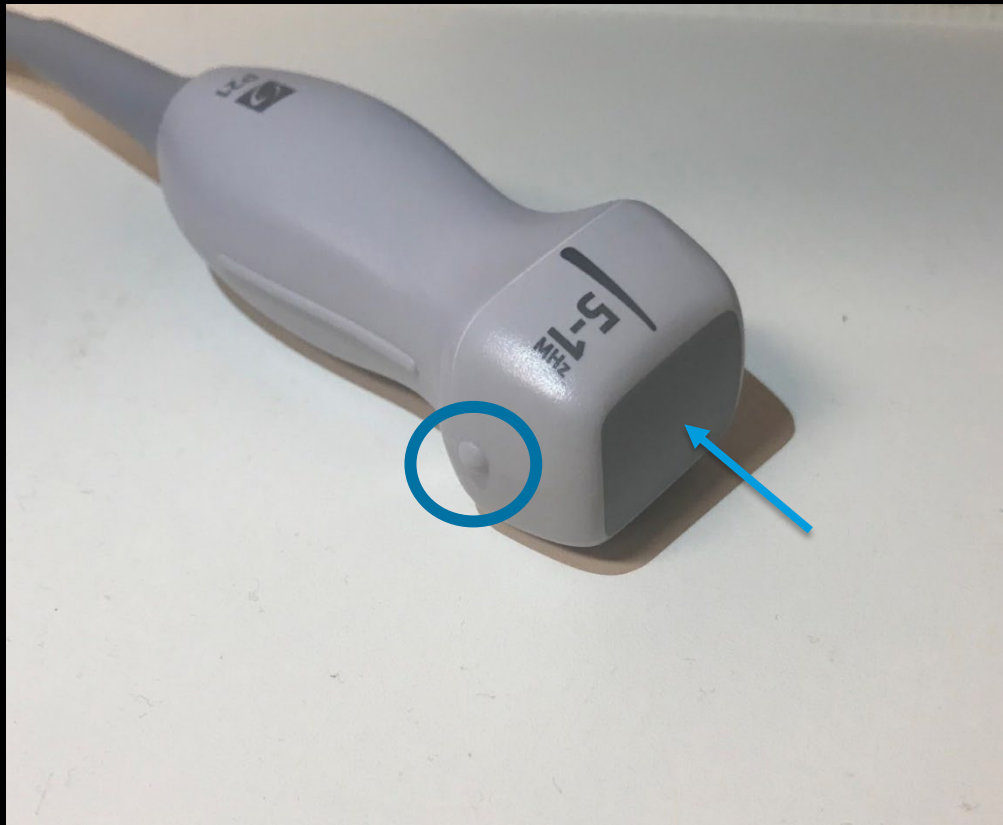
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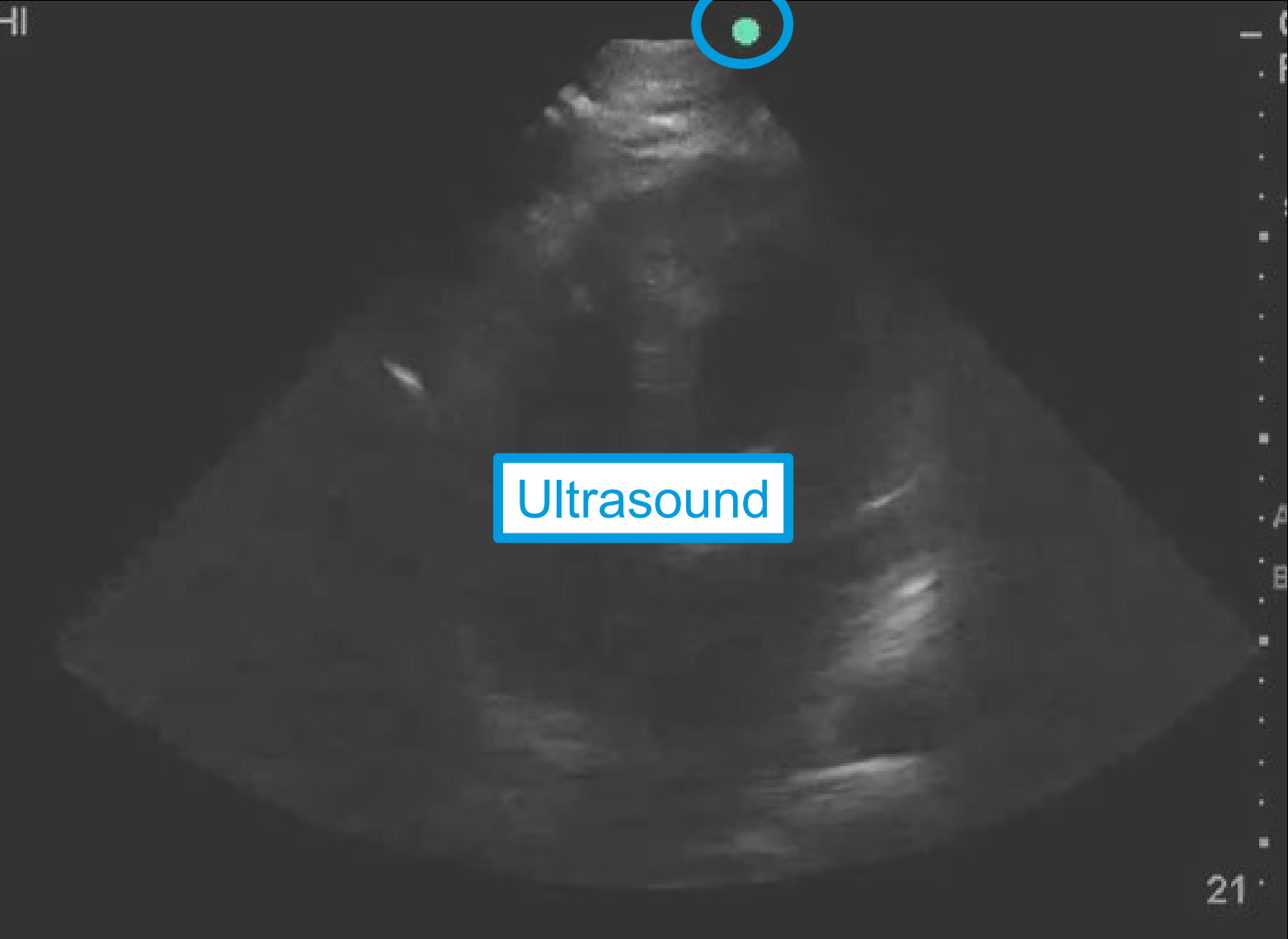
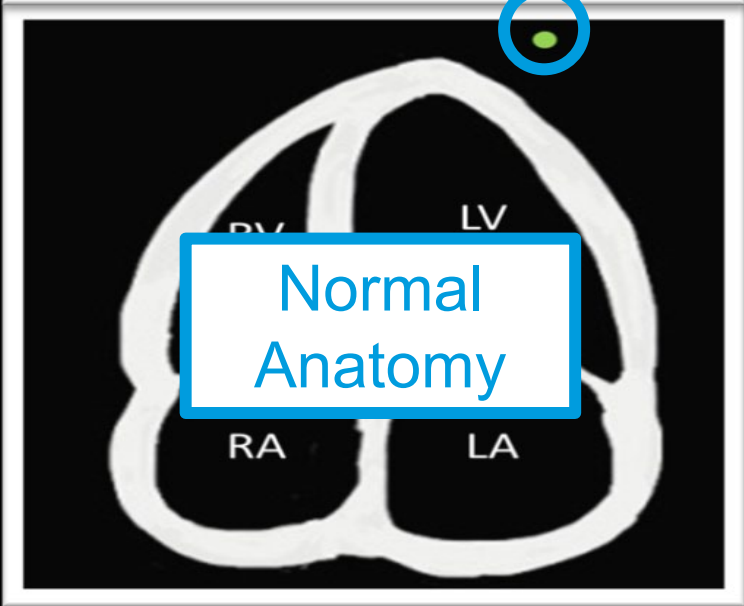
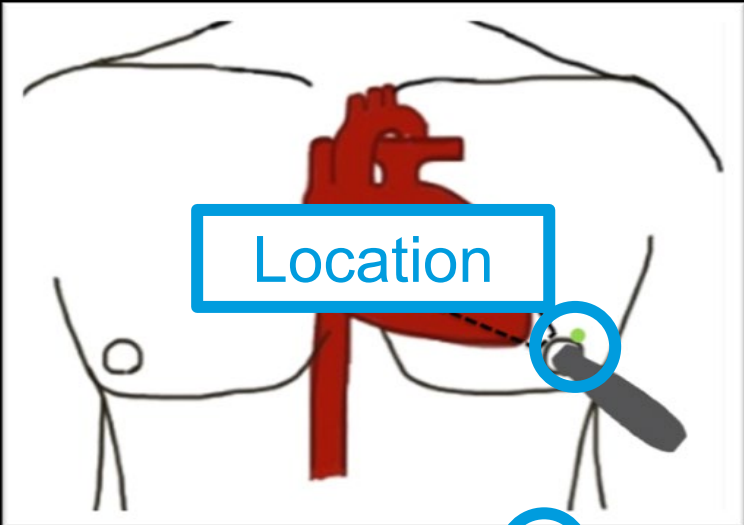
LEARNING OBJECTIVE

- Summarize scope and indications for Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) in the setting of acute, critical illness.
- Interpret POCUS images in the context of acute, critical illness.
- Contrast evidence for standard of care with POCUS.
- Discuss the effect POCUS has on diagnostic evaluation and treatment of acute, critical illness.

ORIENTATION



SLIDE CONVENTION



CASE 1

HPI

- Asked to urgently evaluate a 74 year-old gentleman for confusion and hypotension.
 - Unable to provide history.
- Hospital Course:
 - Admitted for osteomyelitis of the left lower extremity, status post BKA
 - Diagnosed with critical limb ischemia of the right upper extremity and started on a heparin infusion.
 - Dialyzed earlier that day.

HISTORY

- Past Medical History:
 - ESRD on HD
 - Diastolic left ventricular heart failure.
 - Diabetes mellitus type II.
- Past Social History:
 - Smoker (50 pack years).
 - Daily alcohol use.

OBJECTIVE DATA

- Vital Signs:
 - HR 98, BP **84/55** (from 148/90), SpO2 98% on room air, RR 18, Tmax 36.8 Celcius.
- Physical Exam:
 - Mental – Alert to person, not place or time. **Lethargic. CAM positive.**
 - Heart – Regular rhythm and rate.
 - Lungs – **Faint crackles at the left base.**
 - Abdomen – Mildly tender to palpation.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What is this patient's differential diagnosis? What is his leading differential?

Hypovolemia
Sepsis
Hemorrhage
Cardiogenic

POCUS IN SHOCK

- Systematic POCUS protocol
 - RUSH: HI-MAP, RUSH: Pumps/Pipes/Tank, EGLS, FREE
- Central to every protocol:
 - LV size and function
 - RV size and function
 - IVC size and respiratory variation
- Additional:
 - Lungs
 - Aorta
 - Peripheral veins
 - Intra-abdominal cavity



POCUS IN SHOCK

- Goals
 1. Quickly rule in / rule out specific pathology.
 2. Narrow differential diagnosis.
 3. Characterize type of shock / hypotension.

POCUS IN SHOCK

	Hypovolemic	Vasodilatory	Cardiogenic	Obstructive
Heart	Hyperdynamic LV function		Reduced / Severely Reduced LV fxn RV Dilation (MI)	+/- Dilated RV (PE) +/- Pericardial Effusion (Cardiac Tamponade)
IVC	Small IVC		Dilated IVC	Dilated IVC
Morrison's Pouch	+/- Abdominal free fluid (hemorrhage)	Normal	+/- Abdominal free fluid (ascites)	Normal
Aorta	+/- Aortic aneurysm / dissection	Normal	Normal	Normal
Pulmonary	Normal	+/- Consolidation (pneumonia)	B-Lines	+/- Absent lung sliding (pneumothorax)
Peripheral Veins	Normal	Normal	Normal	+/- DVT

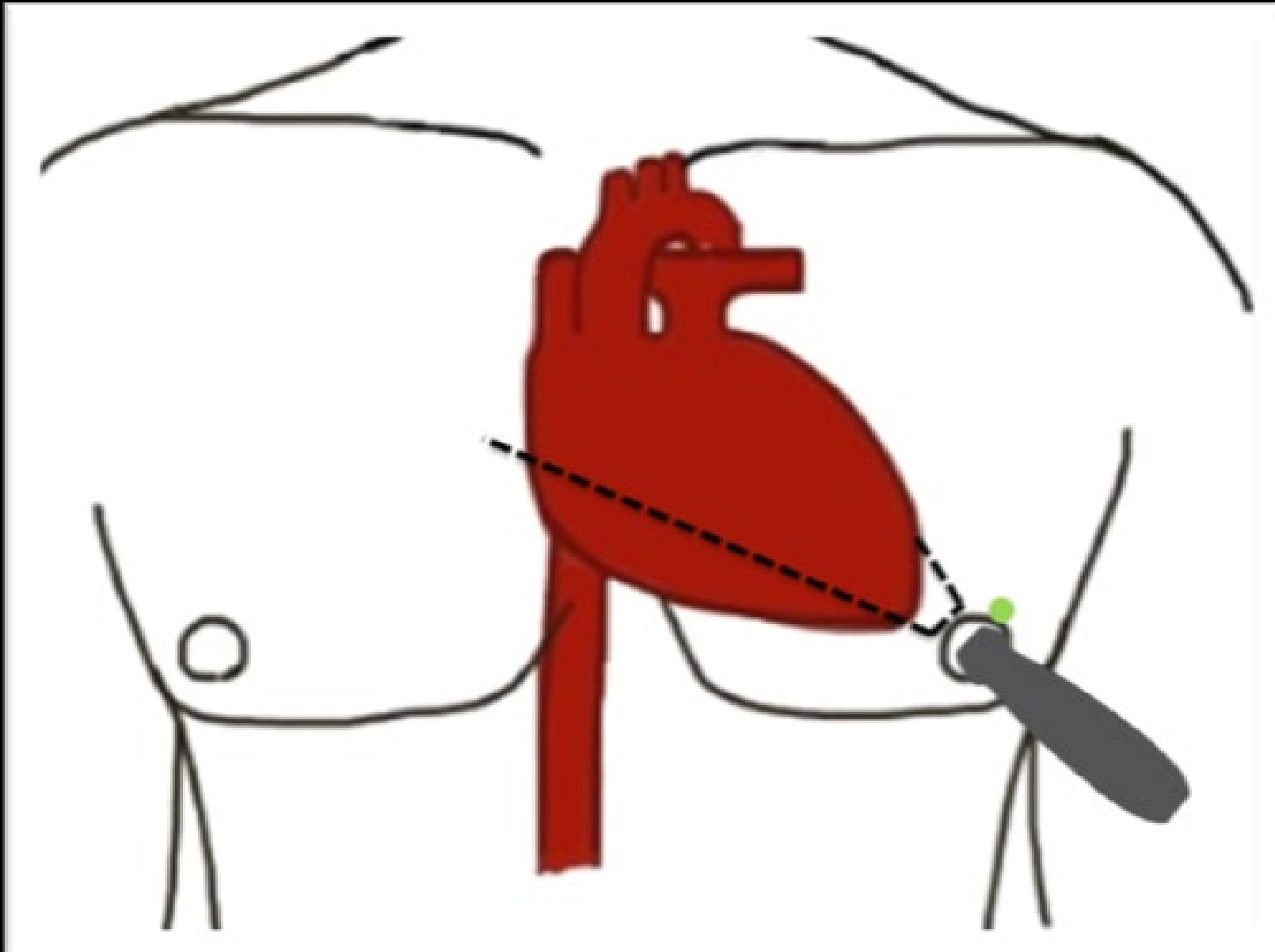
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- Cardinal Views
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 - Inferior Vena Cava (IVC)

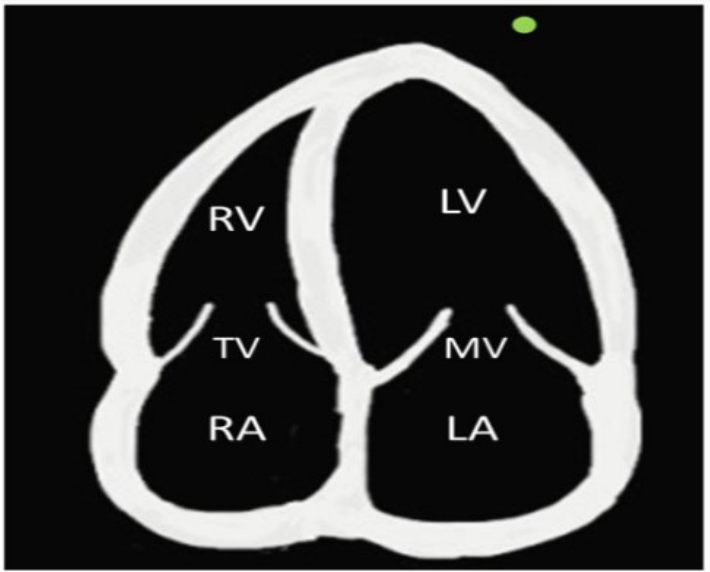
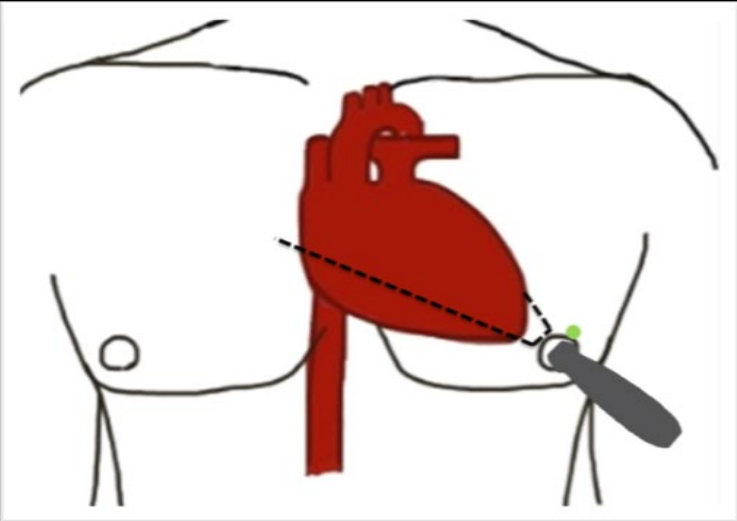
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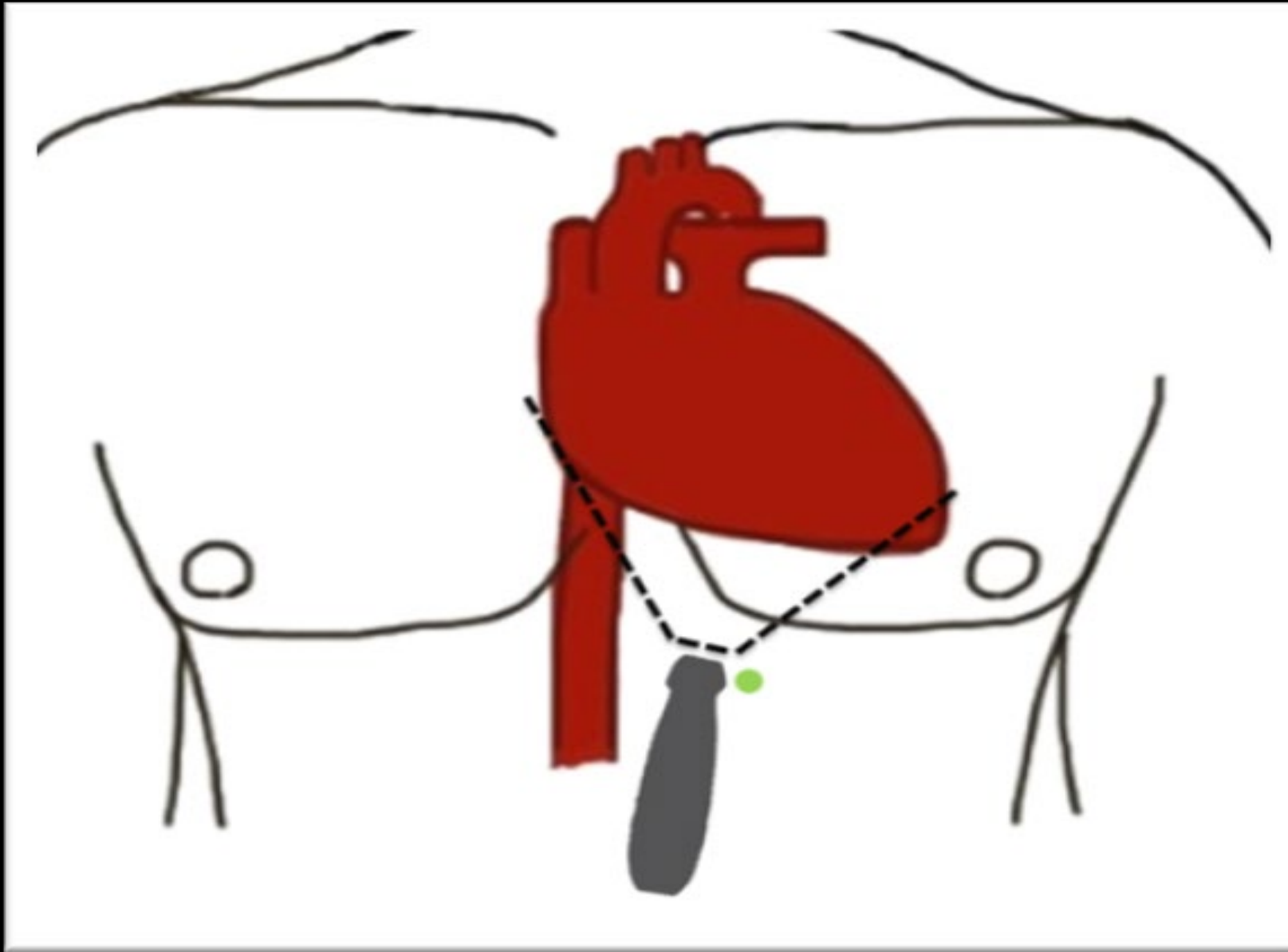
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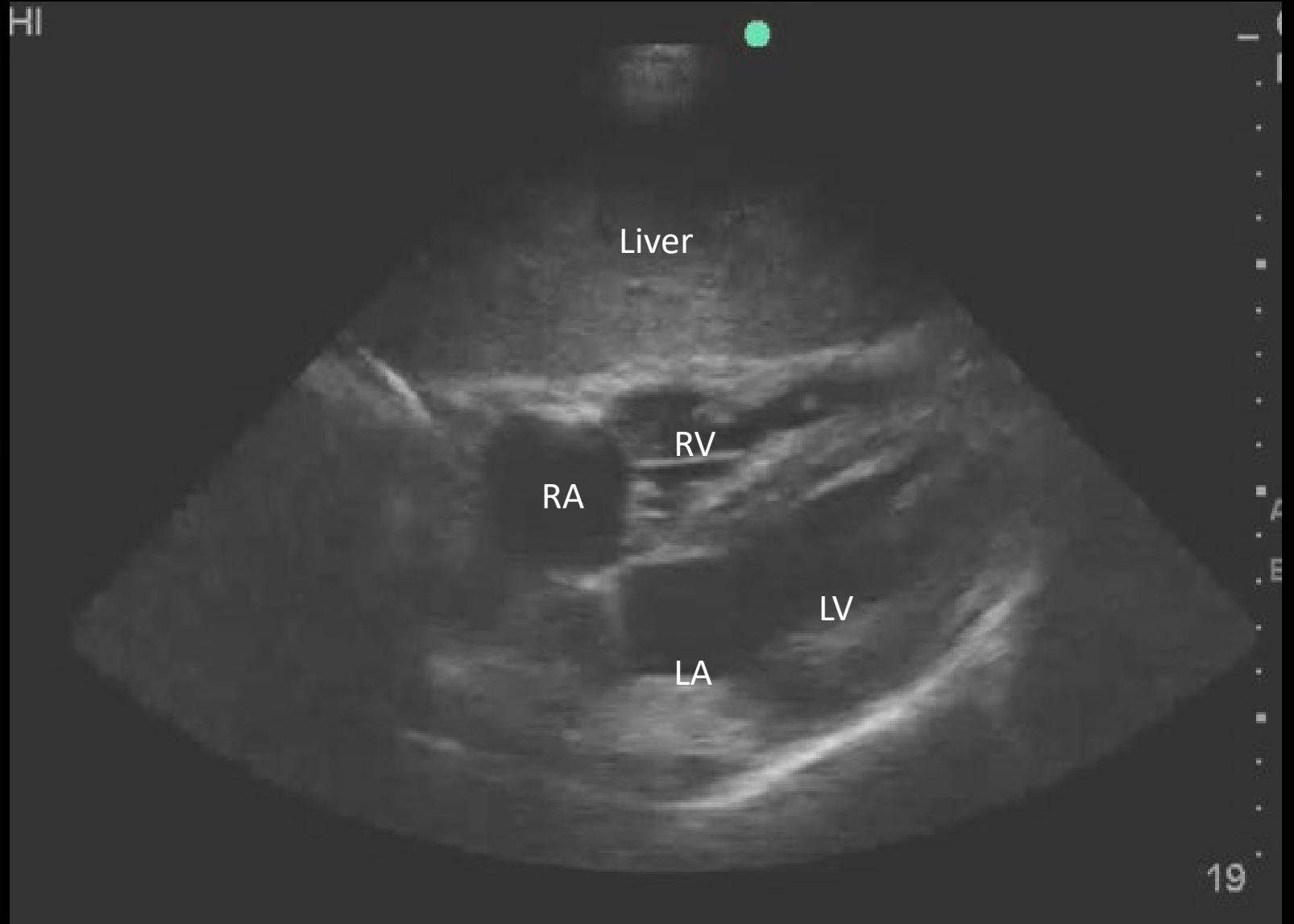
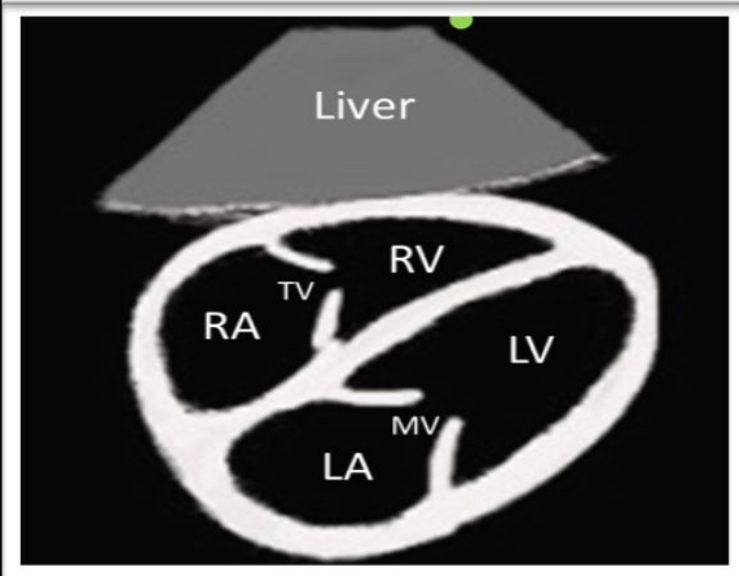
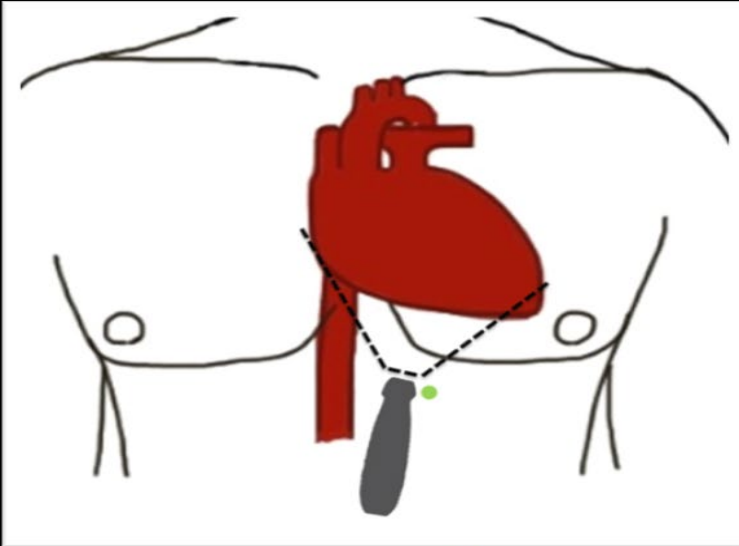
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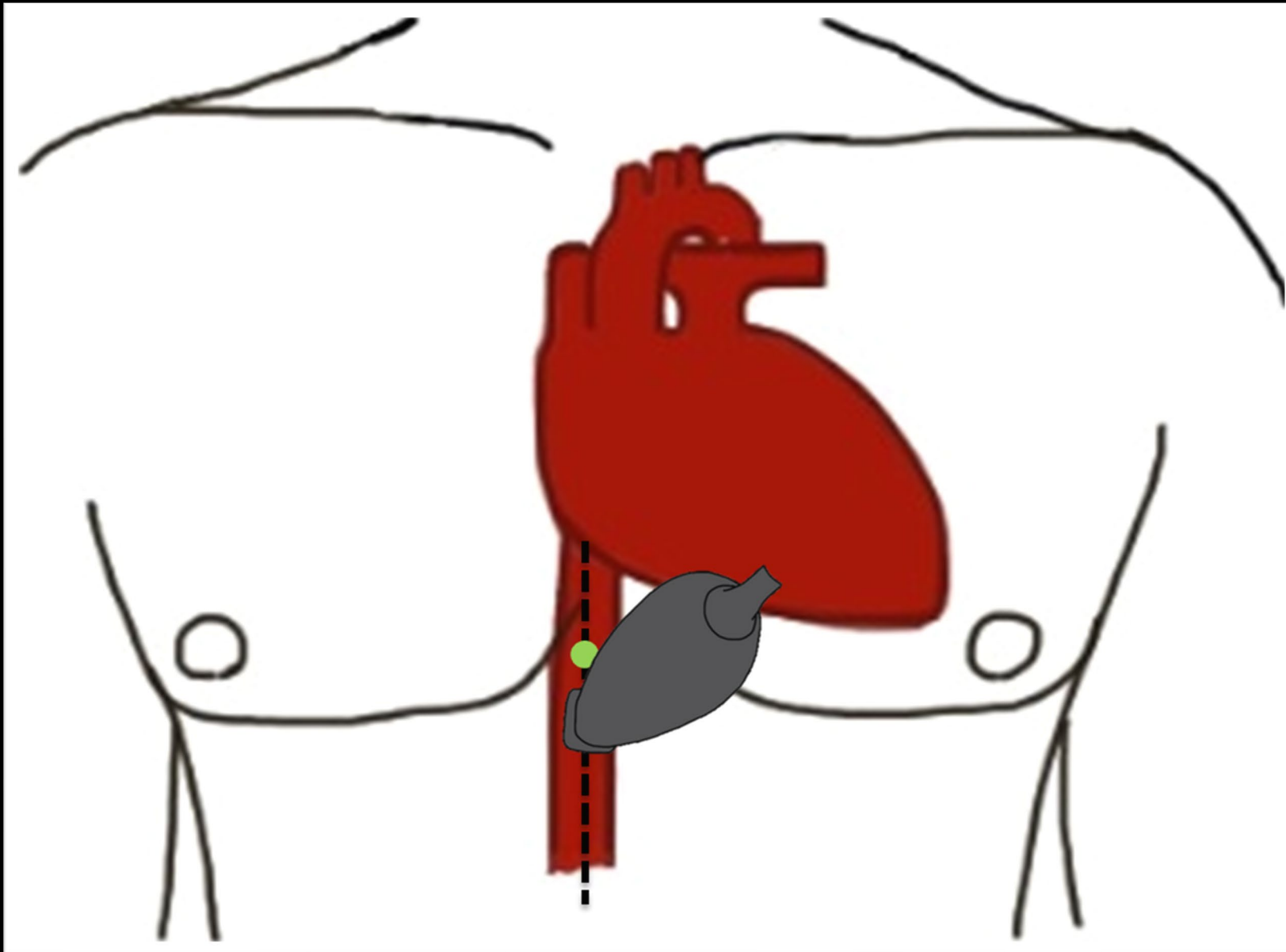
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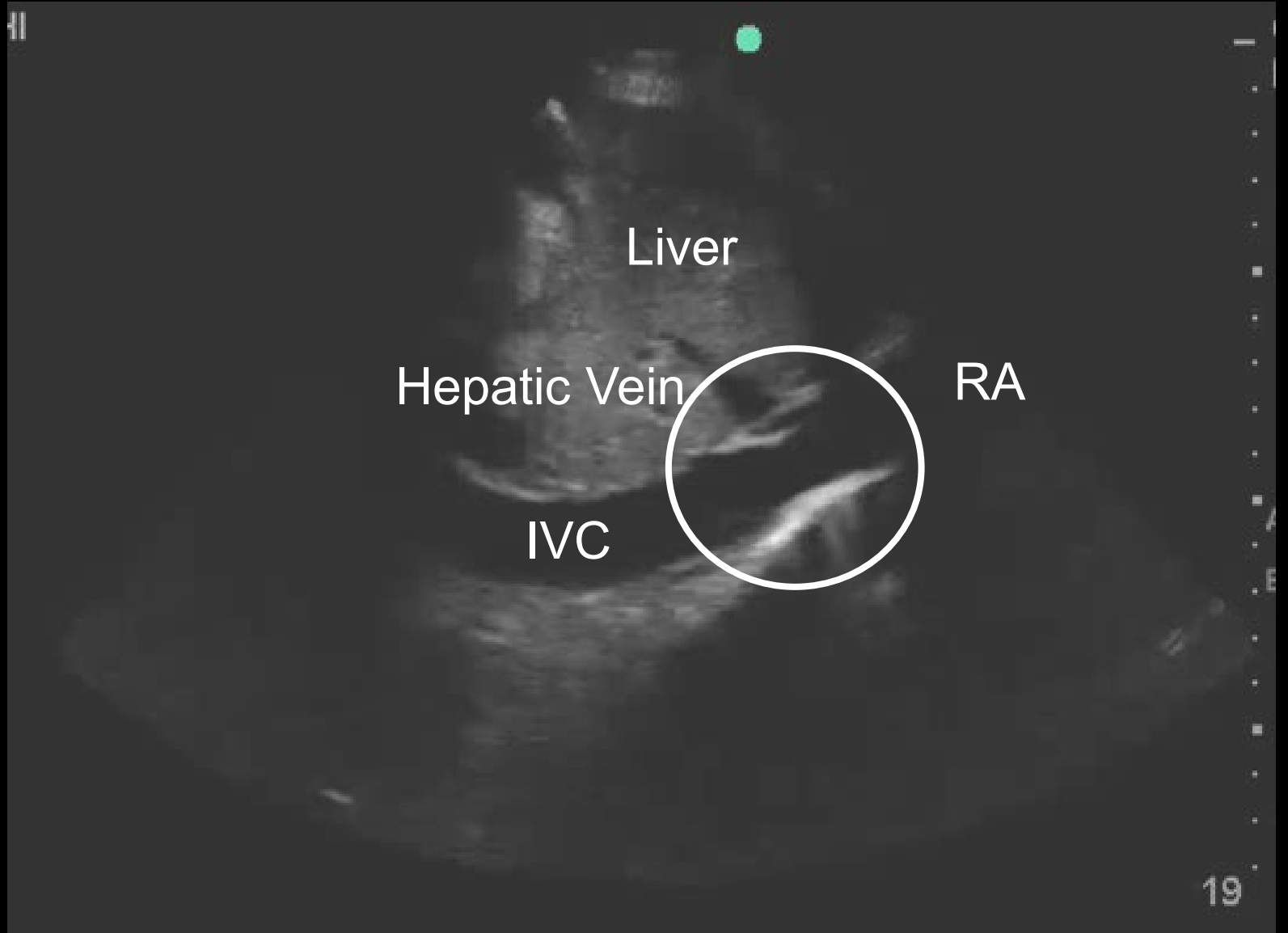
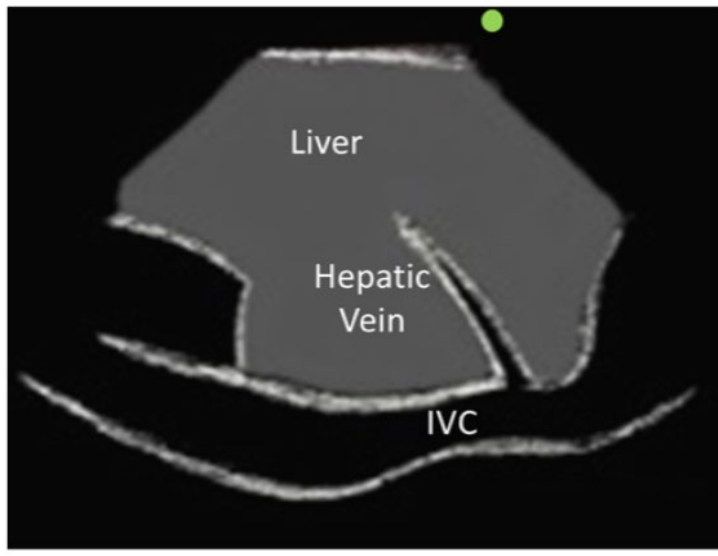
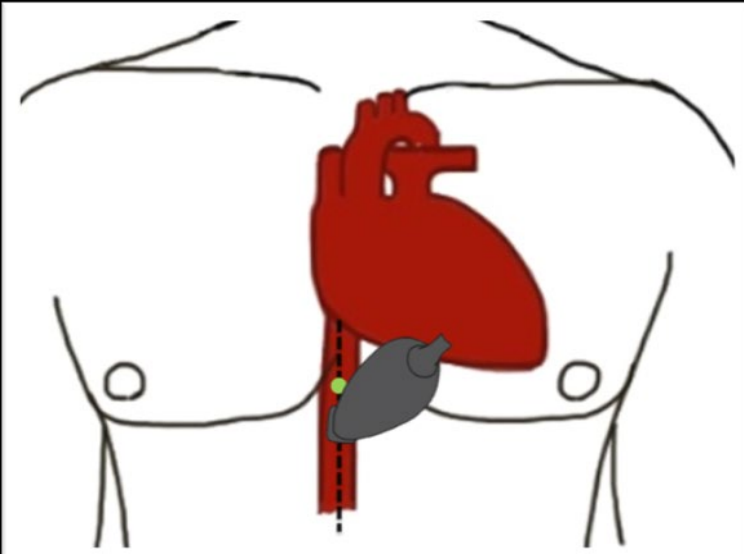
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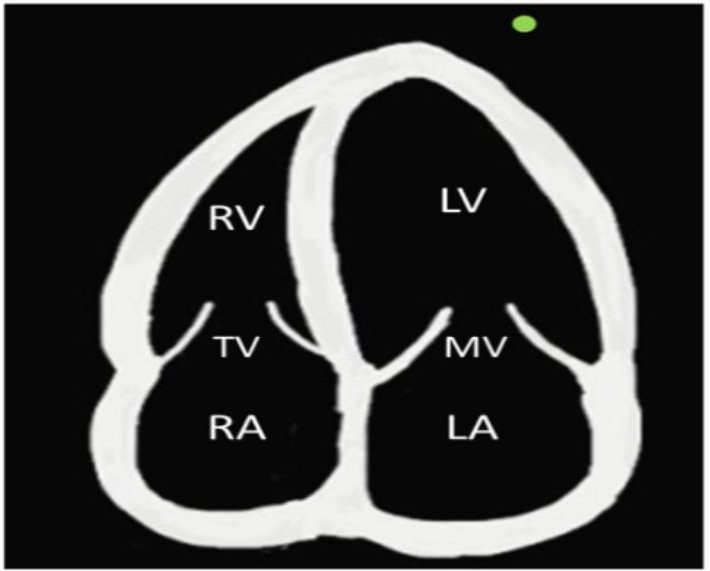
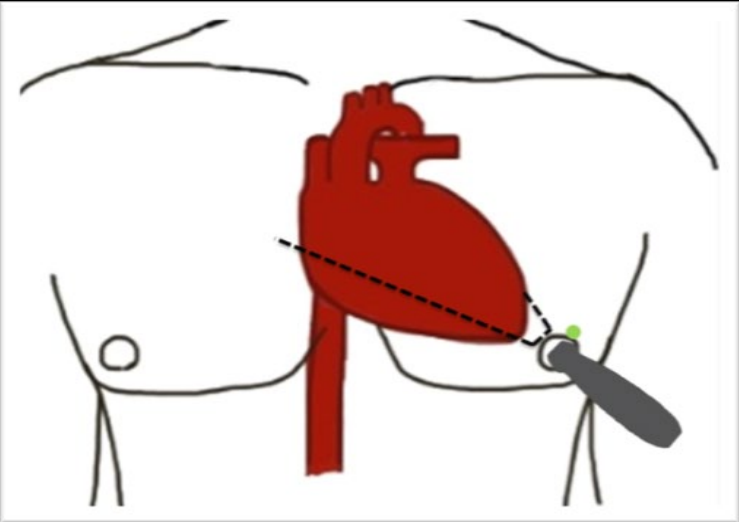
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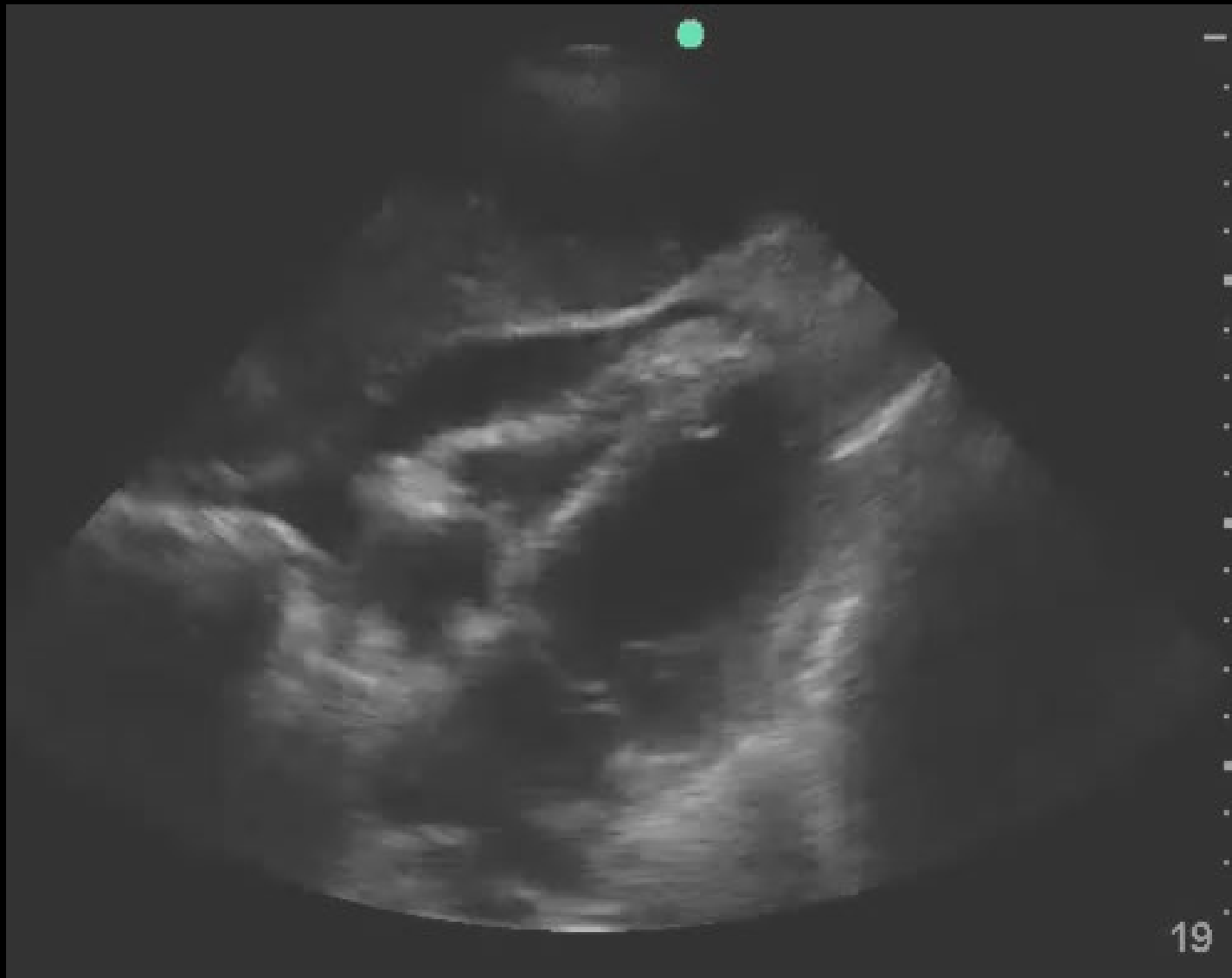
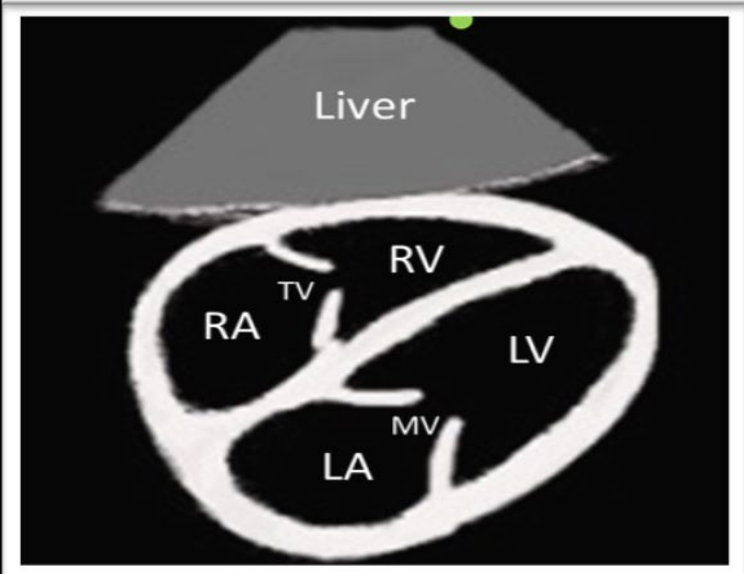
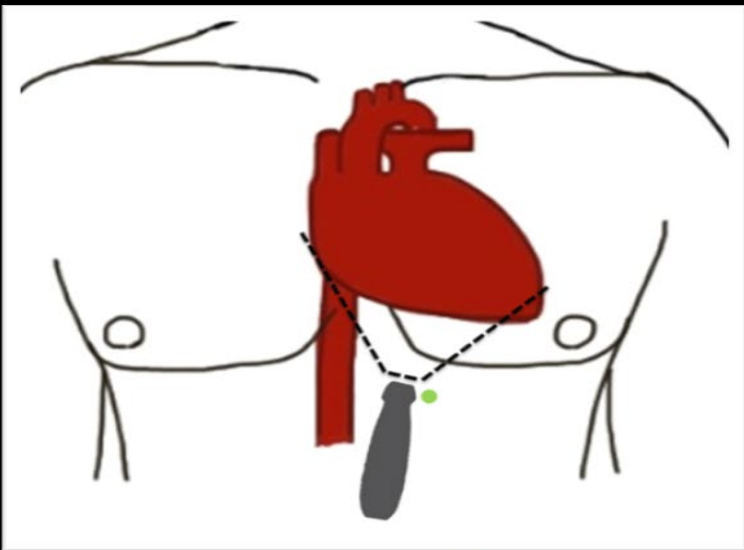
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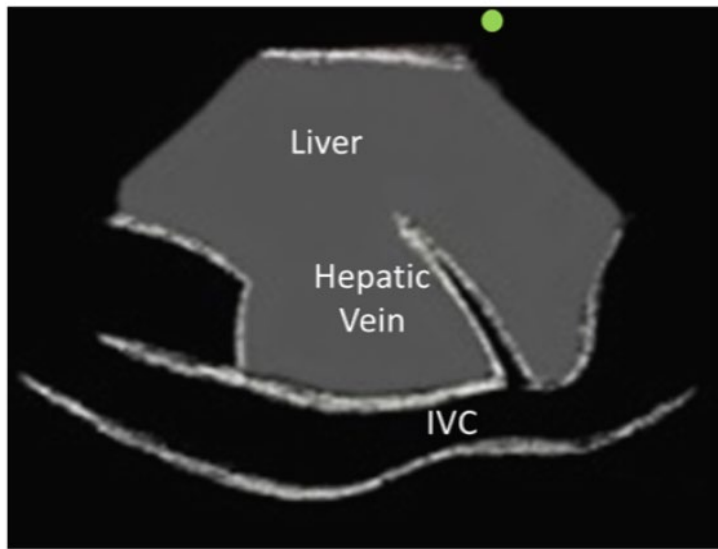
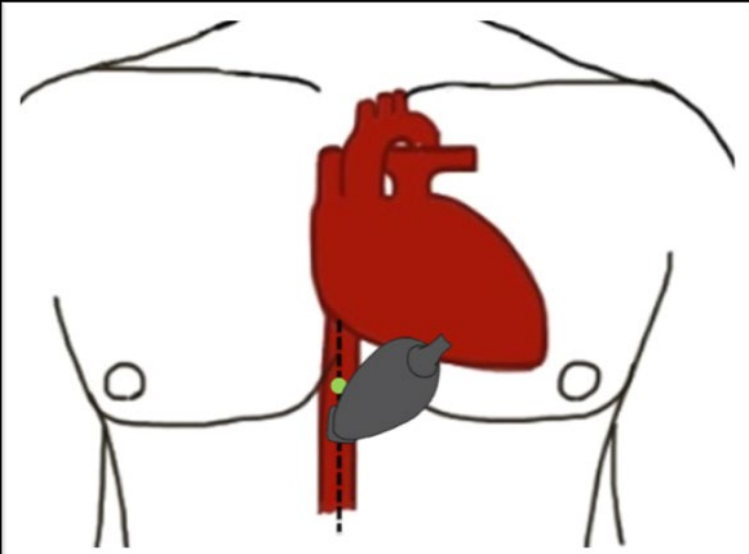
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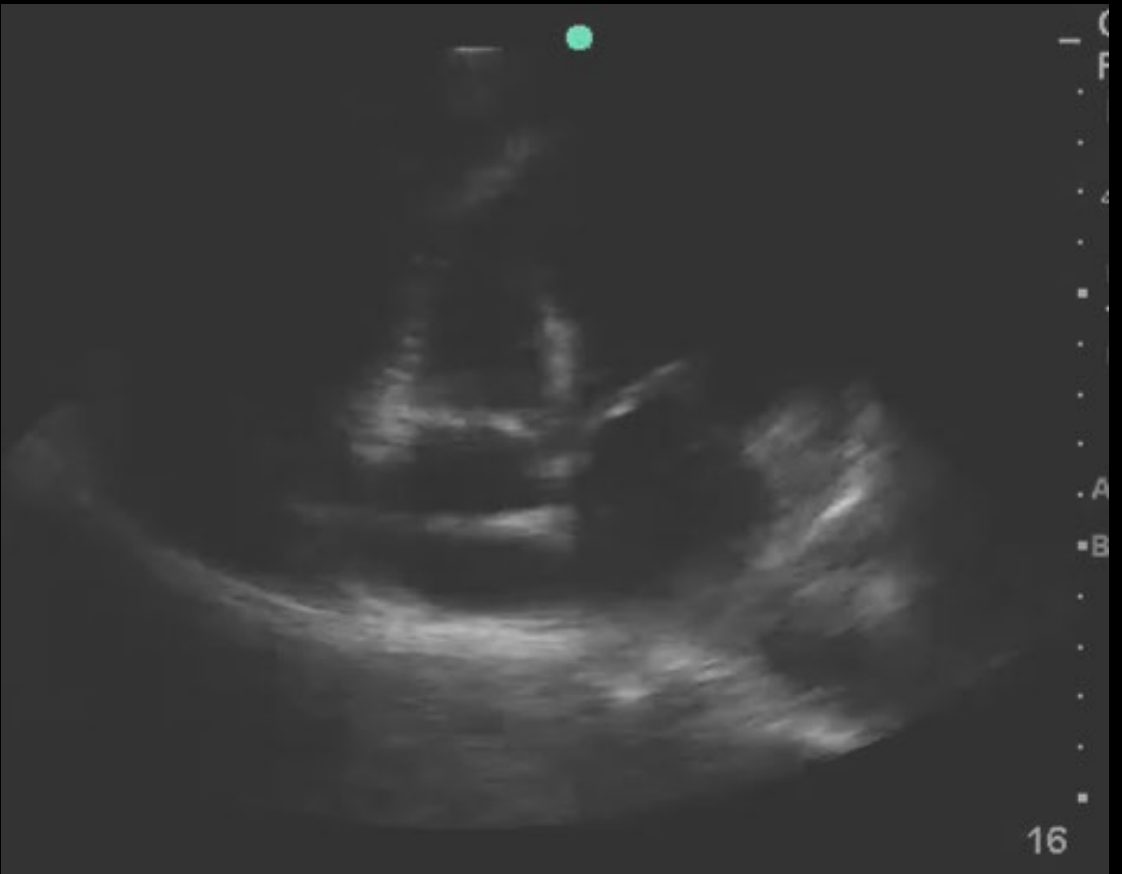
REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What is your interpretation of the patient's FoCUS?

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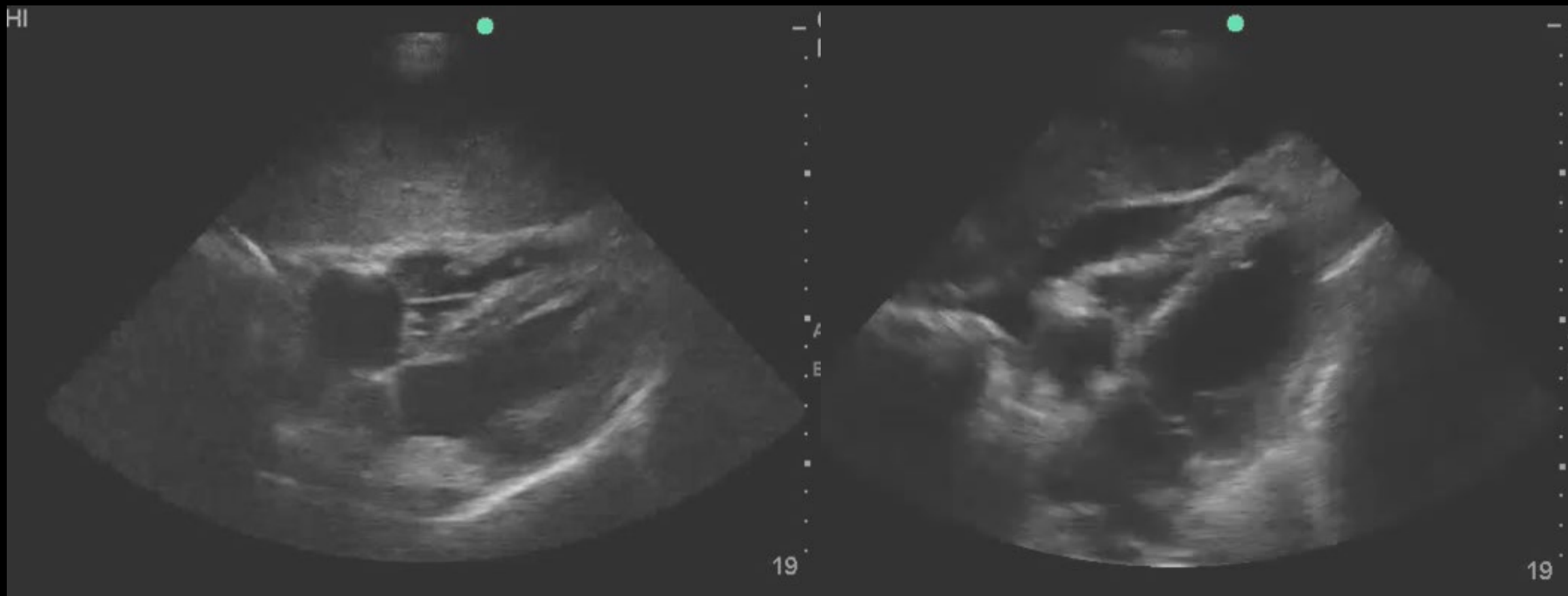


Normal



Patient's

SUBCOSTAL 4 CHAMBER (S4C)



Normal

Patient's

SUBCOSTAL 4 CHAMBER (S4C)



Normal



Patient's

CASE 1

- Findings **VERY** concerning for cardiac tamponade.
- Transferred to the Cardiac ICU for emergent pericardial drain placed.
- Diagnosed with hemorrhagic pericarditis causing cardiac tamponade.

LITERATURE REVIEW – CASE 1

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

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

LITERATURE REVIEW – CASE 1

- Diagnostic Evaluation

Measurement	Standard of Care	Standard of Care + POCUS
Number of viable Diagnoses on initial eval	9	4
Provider confidence in diagnosis	50%	80%
Patient's with definitive diagnosis on initial eval	0.8%	12.7%

- Diagnosis by POCUS has excellent concordance with final consensus diagnosis ($k=0.80$).
- Evidence mixed on CT, IVF, Inotropes/Vasopressor usage

- Shokoohi H, Boniface KS, Pouramand A, Liu YT, et al. Bedside Ultrasound Reduces Diagnostic Uncertainty and Guides Resuscitation in Patients With Undifferentiated Hypotension. *Critical Care Medicine Journal* 2015;43(12):2562-2569.
- Jones AE, Tayal VS, Sullivan DM, et al: Randomized, controlled trial of immediate versus delayed goal-directed ultrasound to identify the cause of nontraumatic hypotension in emergency department patients. *Crit Care Med* 2004; 32:1703–1708
- Atkinson PR, Milne J, Diegelman L, Lamprecht H, Stander M, Lussier D, et al. Does Point-of-Care Ultrasonography Improve Clinical Outcomes in Emergency Department Patients With Undifferentiated Hypotension? An International Randomized Controlled Trial From the SHoC-ED. *Annals of Emergency Medicine* 2018.

LITERATURE REVIEW – CASE 1

- The diagnostic accuracy of a point-of-care ultrasound protocol for shock etiology: A systematic review and meta-analysis (2019)
 - Hypovolemic shock: LR+ 8.25, LR- 0.19
 - Cardiogenic shock: LR+ 24.14, LR- 0.24
 - Obstructive shock: LR+ 40.54, LR-0.13
 - Distributive shock: LR+ 17.56, LR- 0.30
 - Mixed shock: LR+ 12.91, LR- 0.32

“RUSH exam performs better when used to rule in causes of shock, rather than to definitely exclude specific etiologies.”

- Stickles SP, Carpenter CR, Gekle R, Kraus CK, Scoville C, Theodoro D, Tran VH, Ubiñas G, Raio C. The diagnostic accuracy of a point-of-care ultrasound protocol for shock etiology: A systematic review and meta-analysis. CJEM. 2019 May;21(3):406-417. doi: 10.1017/cem.2018.498. Epub 2019 Jan 30. PMID: 30696496.

LITERATURE REVIEW – CASE 1

- Pericardial Effusion
 - Sensitivity 96%, Specificity 98%
- Cardiac Tamponade

FoCUS Findings	Sensitivity	Specificity
RA Systolic Collapse	64-100%	82%
RV Diastolic Collapse	60-92%	85-100%
Normal IVC*	97%	N/A

- Mandavia DP, Hoffner RJ, Mahaney K, Henderson SO. Bedside echocardiography by emergency physicians. *Ann Emerg Med.* 2001;38:377-382.
- Gillam LD, Guyer DE, Gibson TC, et al. Hydrodynamic compression of the right atrium: a new echocardiographic sign of cardiac tamponade. *Circulation.* 1983;68(2):294-301.
- Singh S, Wann LS, Schuchard GH, et al. Right ventricular and right atrial collapse in patients with cardiac tamponade – a combined echocardiographic and hemodynamic study. *Circulation.* 1984;70(6):966-971.

	Sensitivity	Specificity
Hypotension	26% (16-36%)	N/A
Elevated JVP	76% (62-90%)	N/A
Muffled heart sounds	28% (21-35%)	N/A
Pulsus Paradoxus	82-98%	83%

- Jacob S, Sebastian JC, Cherian PK, Abraham Aril, John SK. Pericardial effusion impending tamponade: a look beyond beck's triad. *Am J of Emerg Med.* 2009;27:216-219.
- Roy CL, Minor MA, Brookhart MA, Choudhry NK. Does this patient with a pericardial effusion have cardiac tamponade? *JAMA.* 2007;297(16): 1810 – 1818.
- Guberman BA, Folwer NO, Engel PJ, Gueron M, Allen JM. Cardiac tamponade in medical patients. *Circulation.* 1981;64(3): 633-640.



CASE 2

HPI

- A 72 year-old male presents who was directly admitted to the hospital service for evaluation of fevers, rigors, fatigue, and shortness of breath and presumed COVID-19.
- PMH:
 - HLH
 - Pancytopenia
 - Disseminated Mycobacterium chimaera infection
 - CHF

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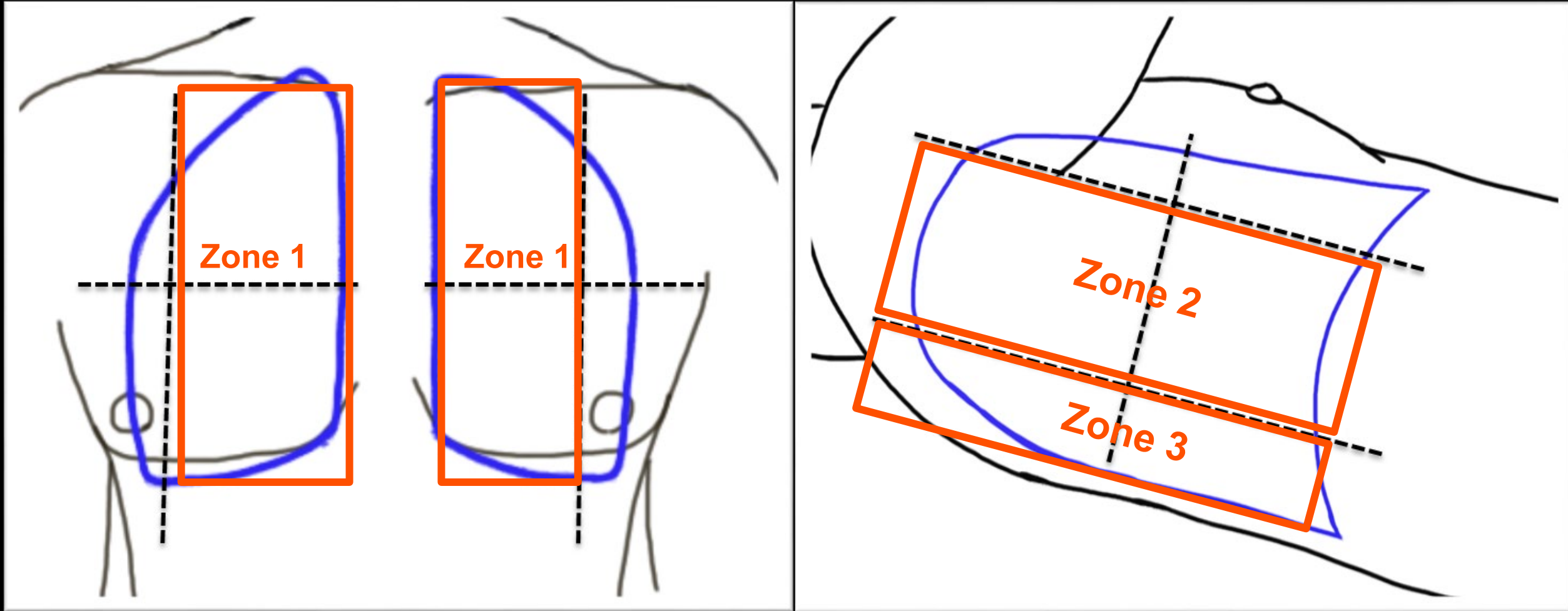
- Vital Signs
 - HR **115**, BP **134/67**, SpO2 90% on room air, RR **26**, Tmax **37.8** Celcius
- Labs
 - CBC + BMP
 - Inflammatory markers
 - Sars-COV-2 PCR
 - Chest x-ray

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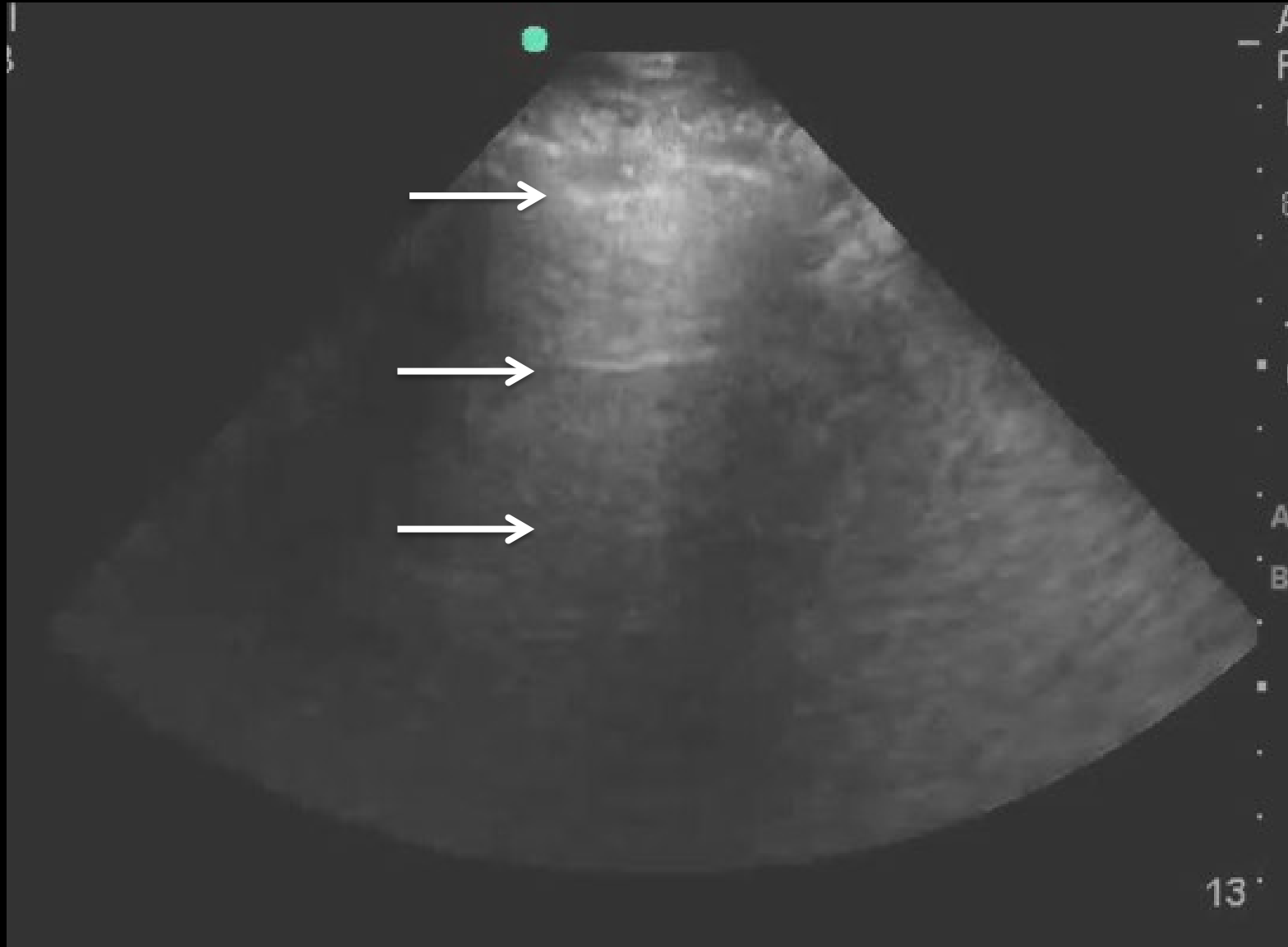
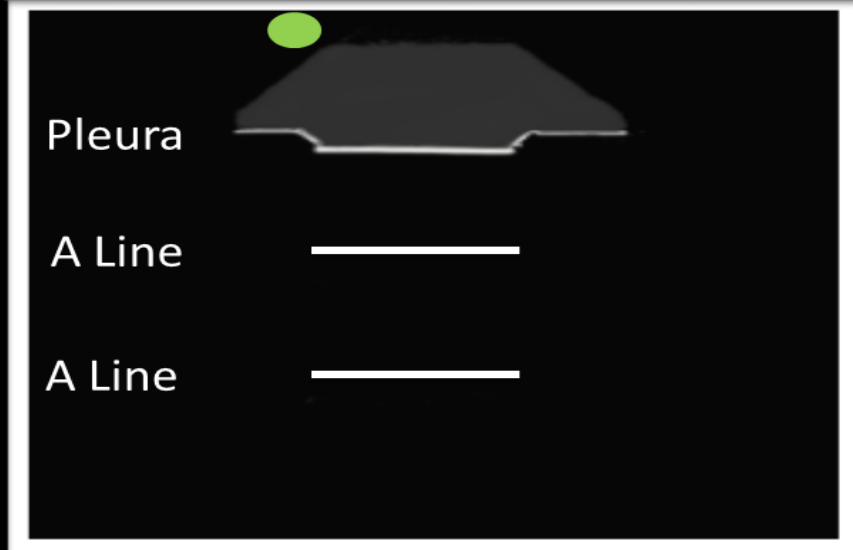
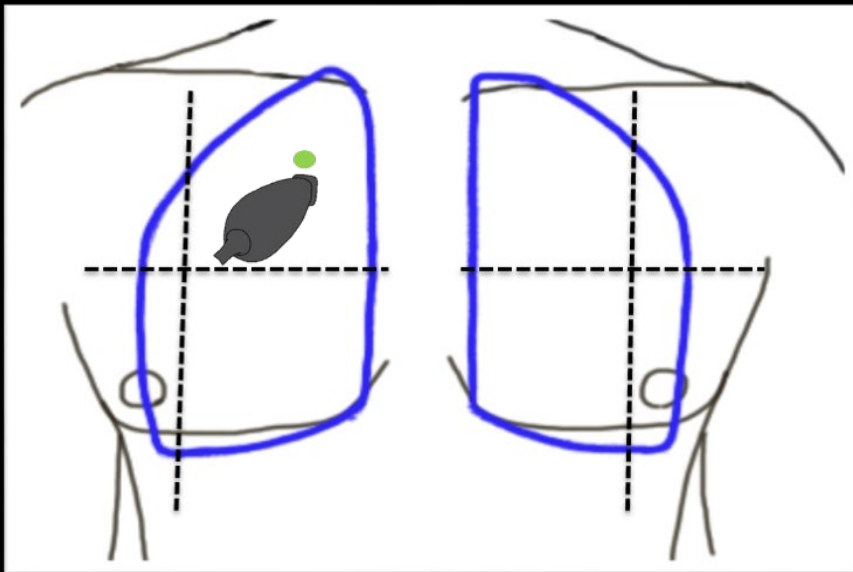
- Scope:
 - Pulmonary edema
 - Consolidation/Pneumonia
 - Pleural effusions
 - Pneumothorax
 - PE, Asthma, COPD (in the absence of other findings)
- Indications:
 - Hypoxia / Dyspnea.
 - Cough
 - Assessing volume status / Fluid resuscitation.

COVID-19

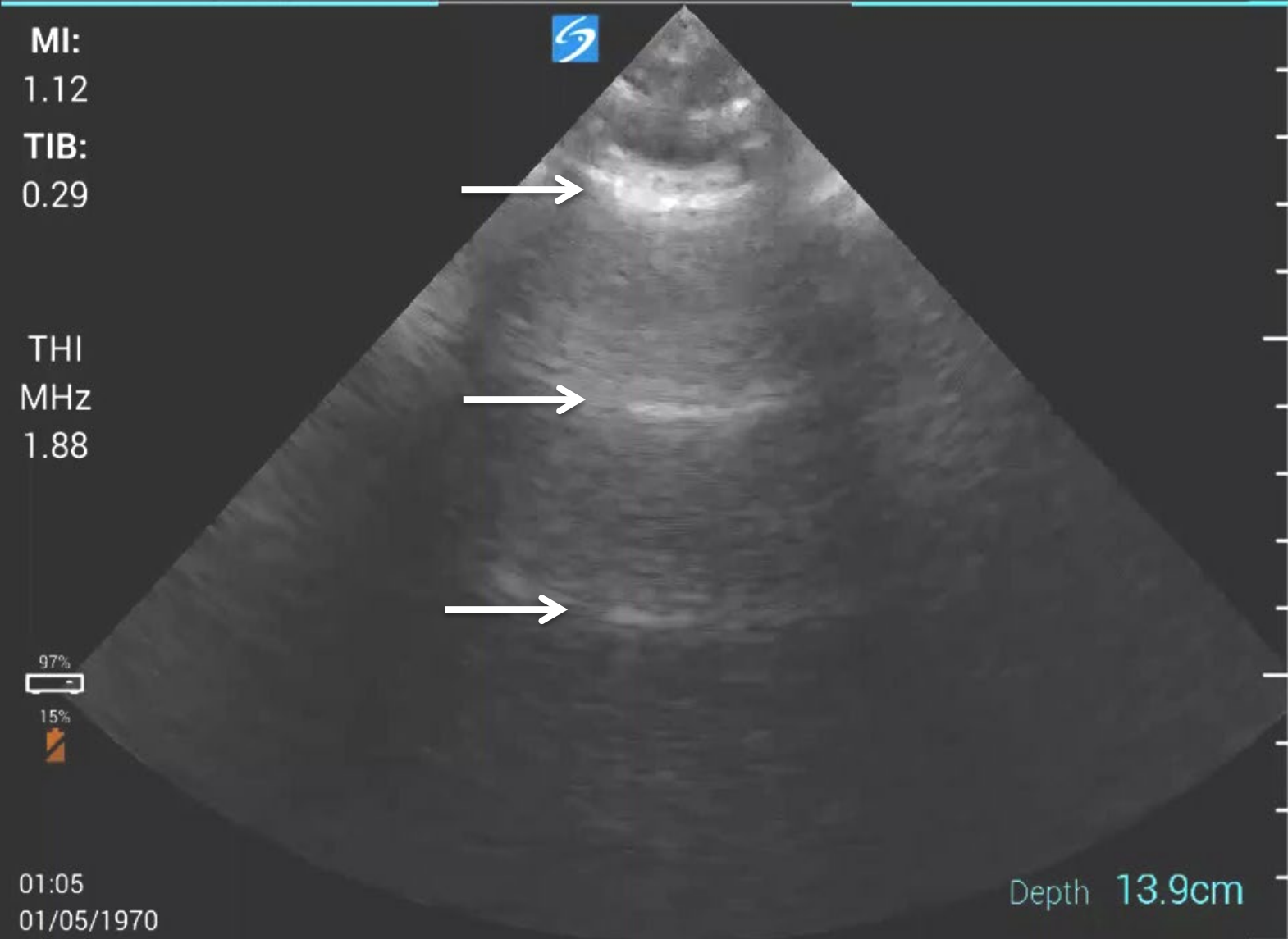
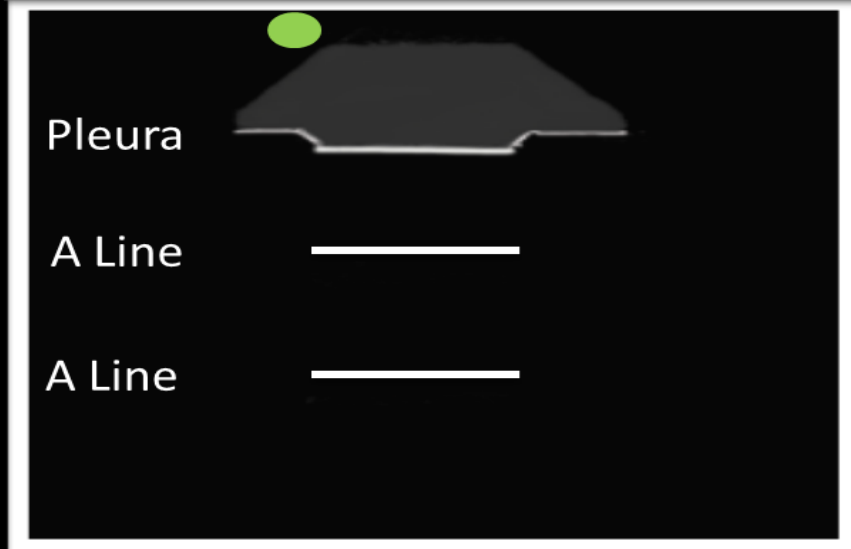
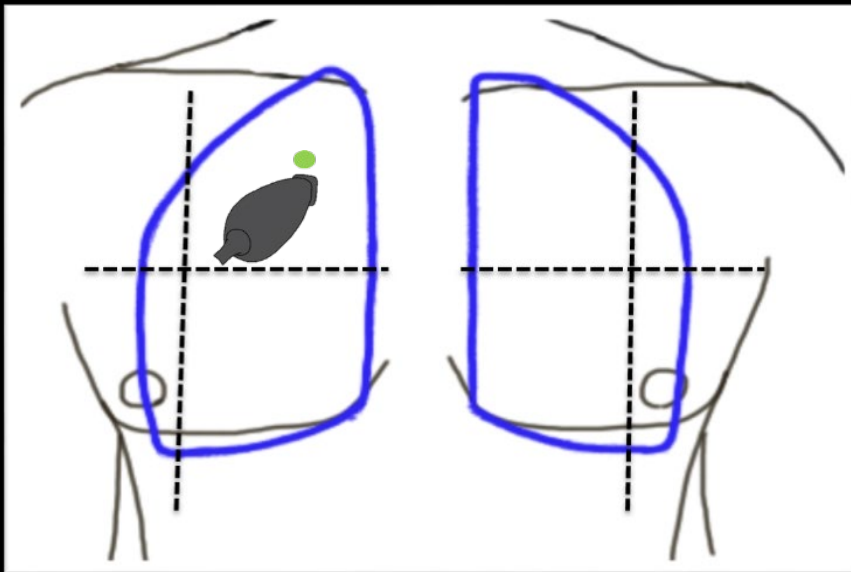
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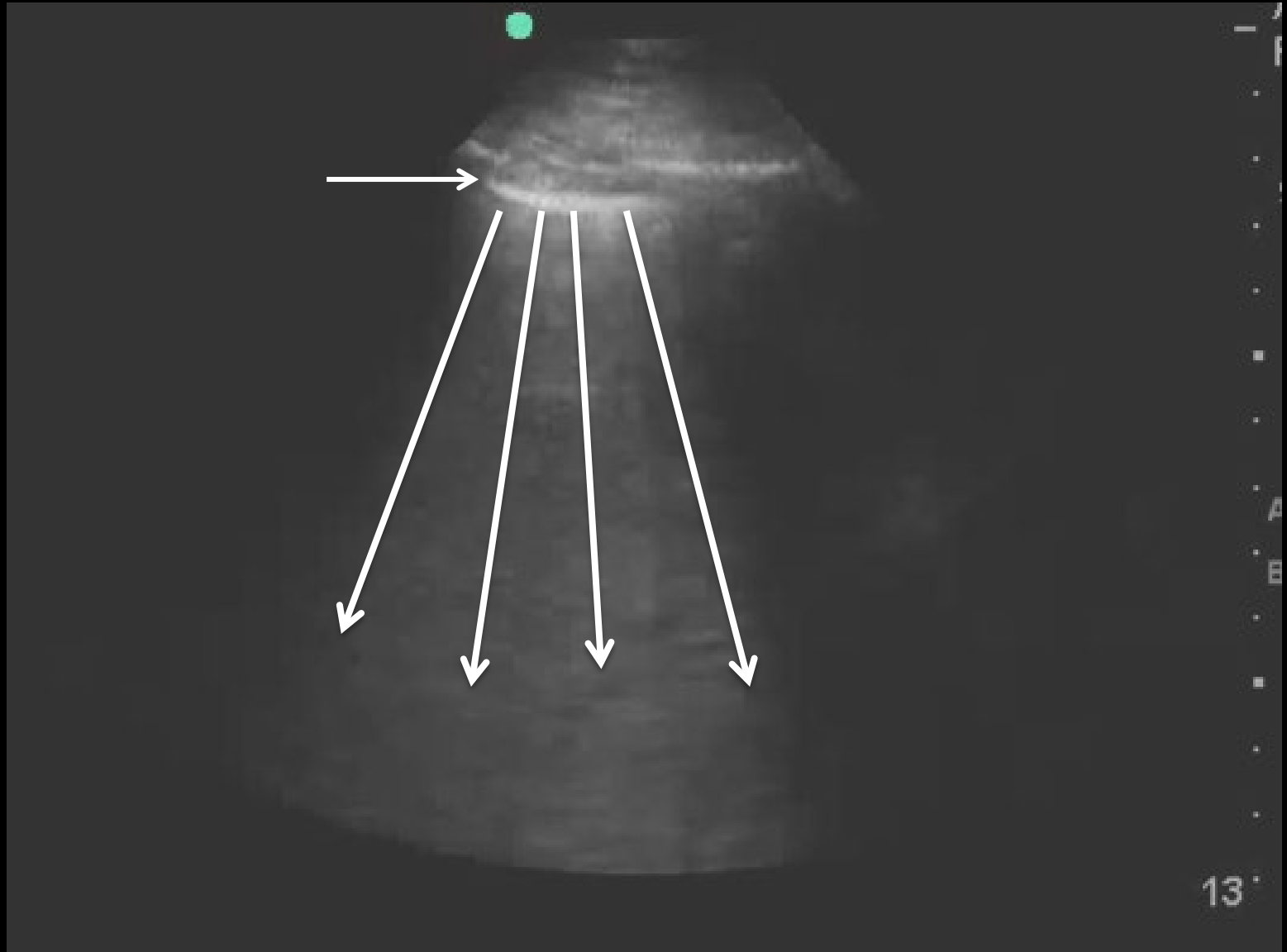
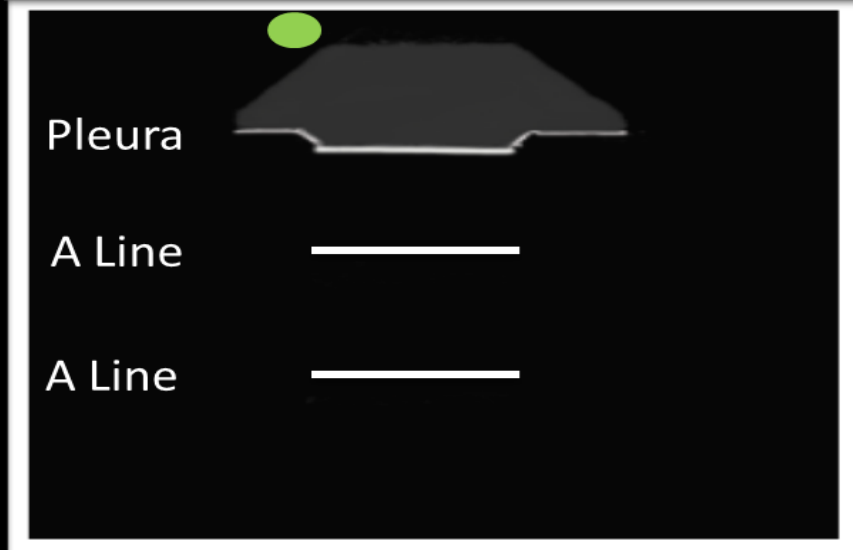
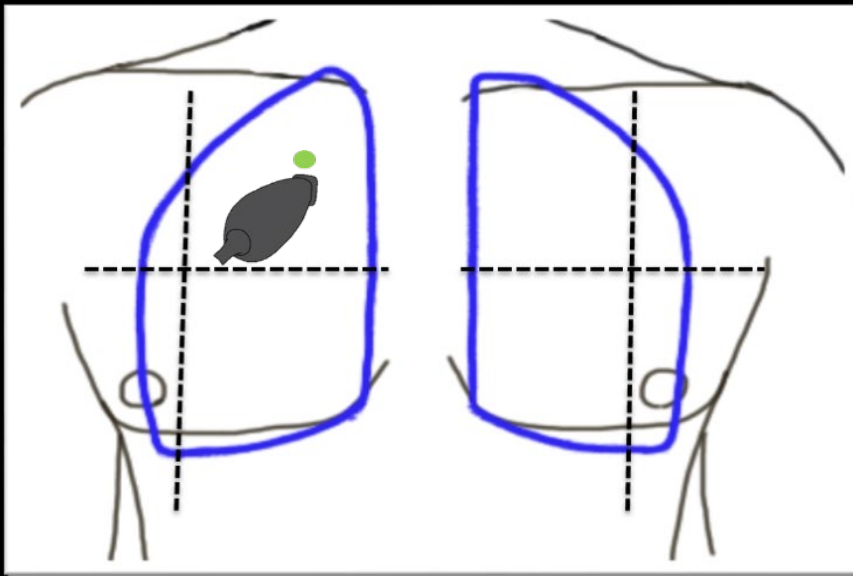
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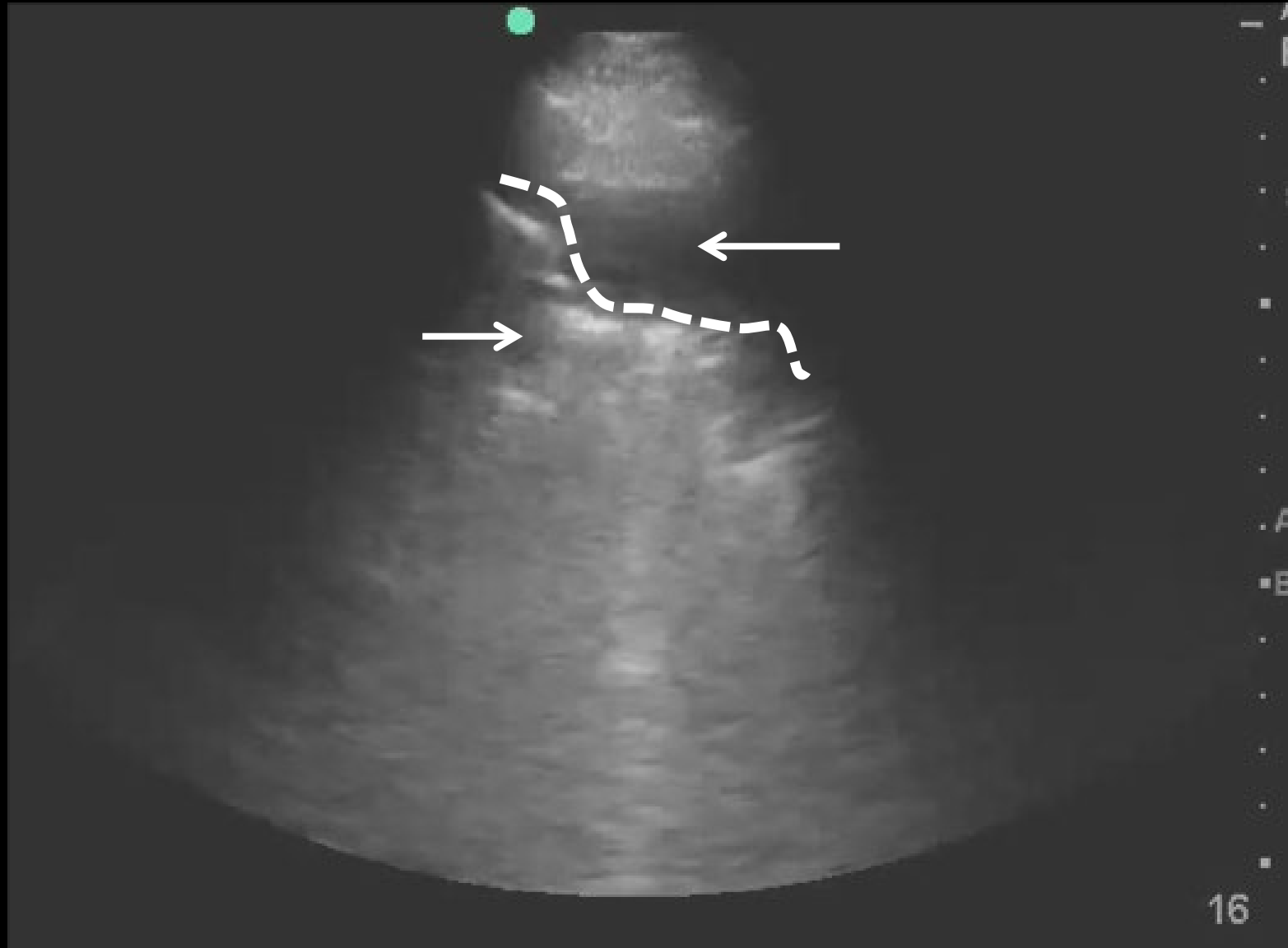
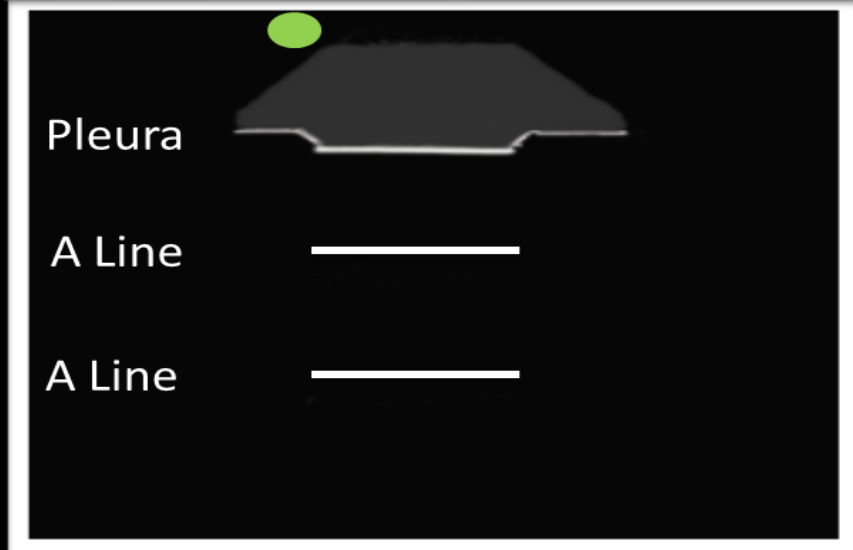
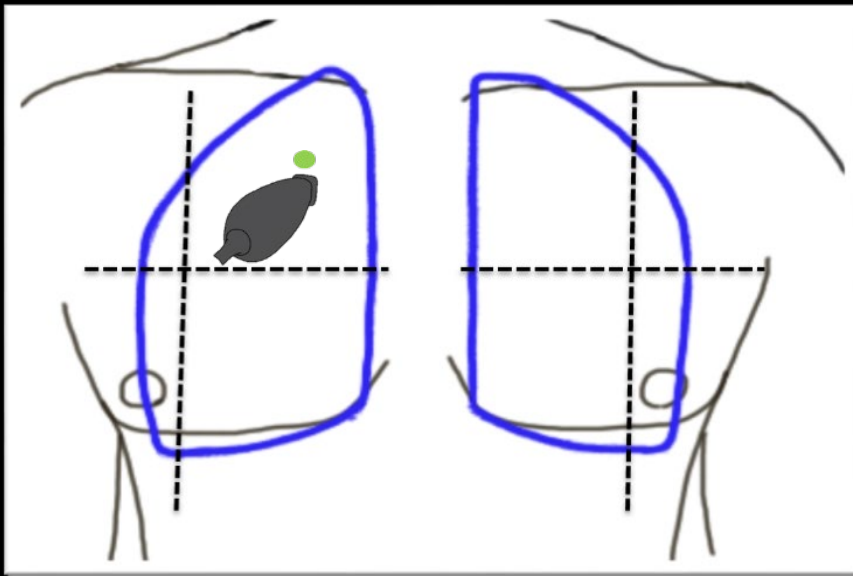
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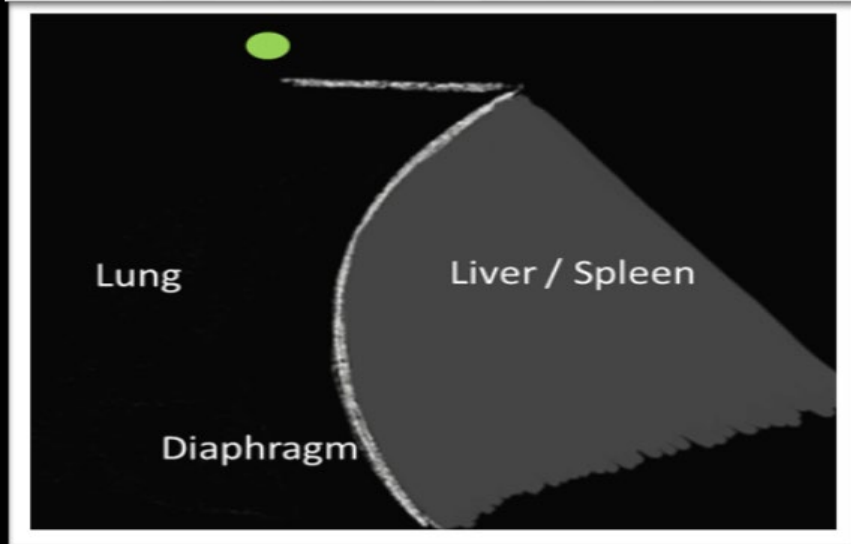
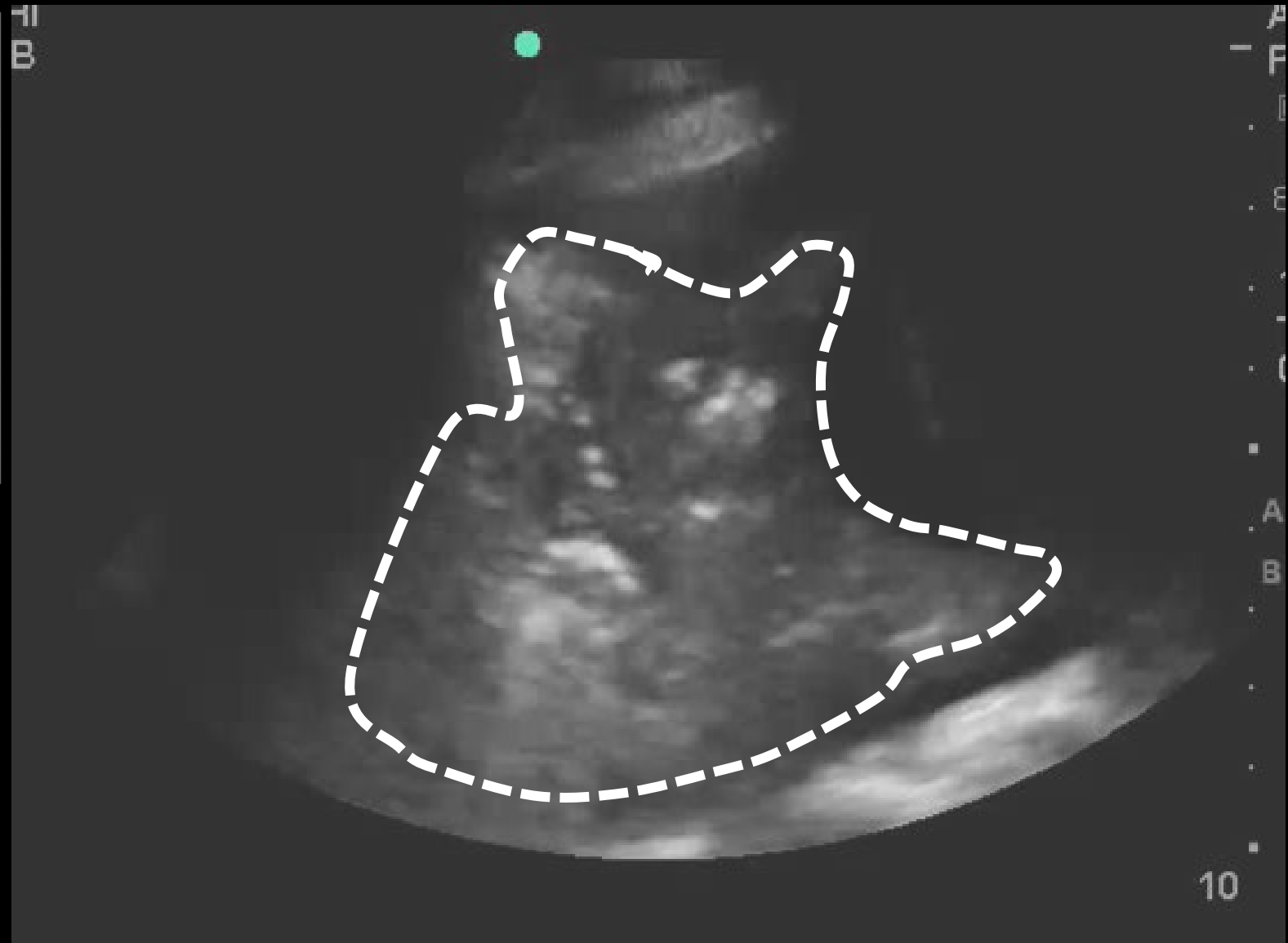
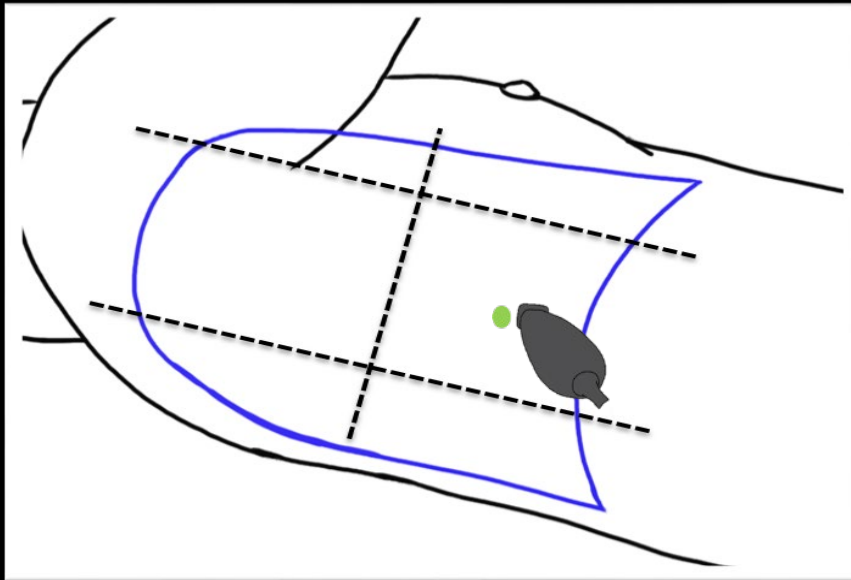
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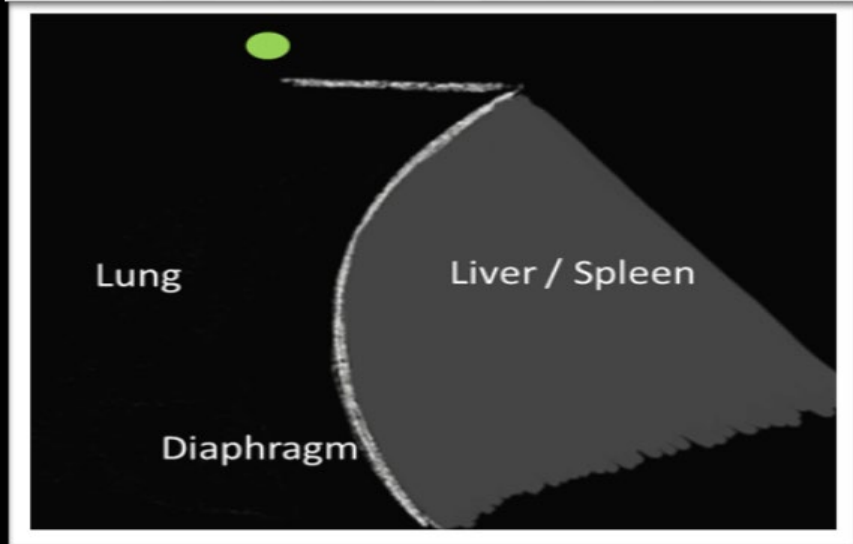
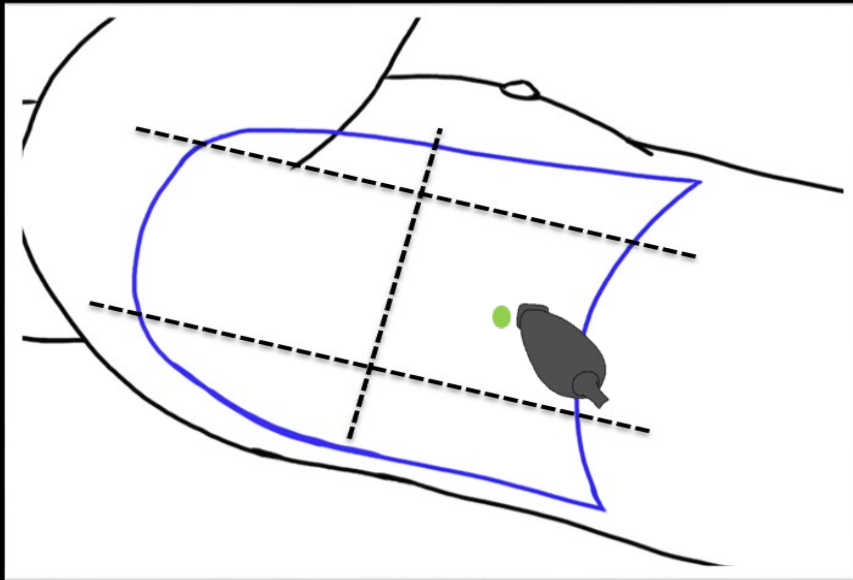
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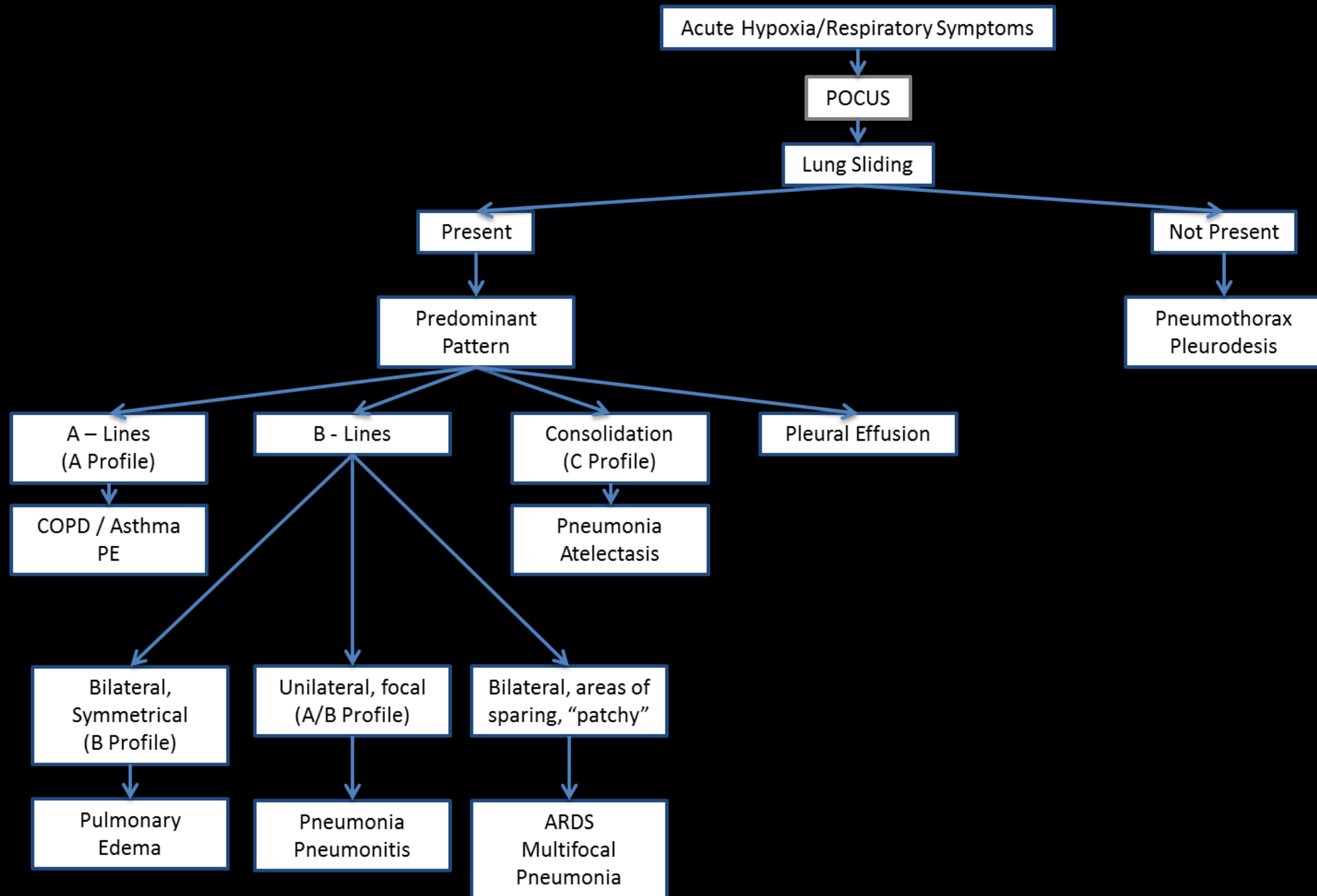


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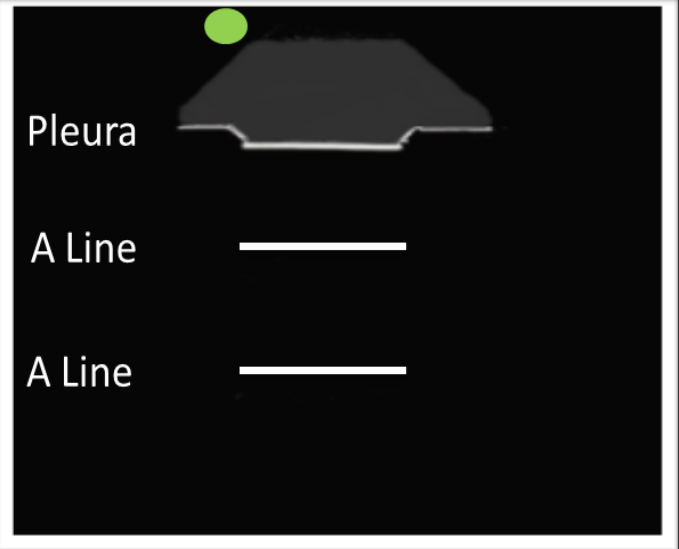
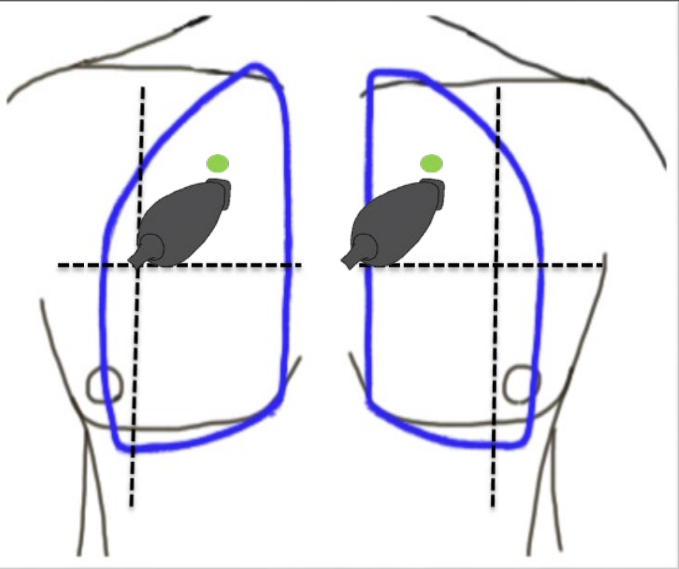


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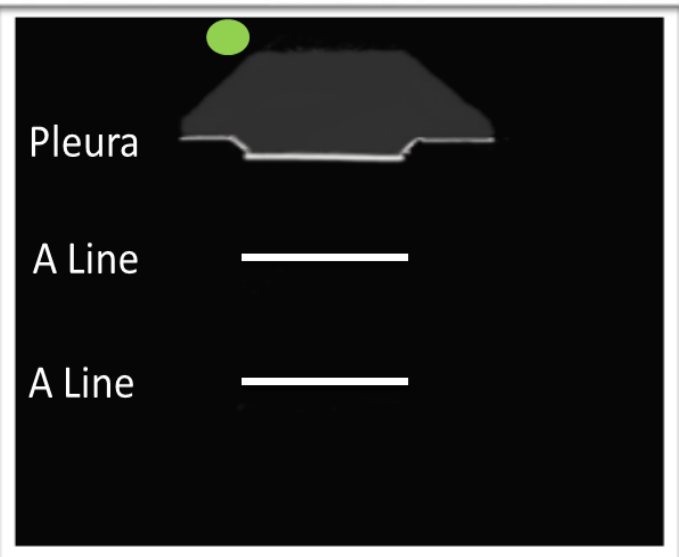
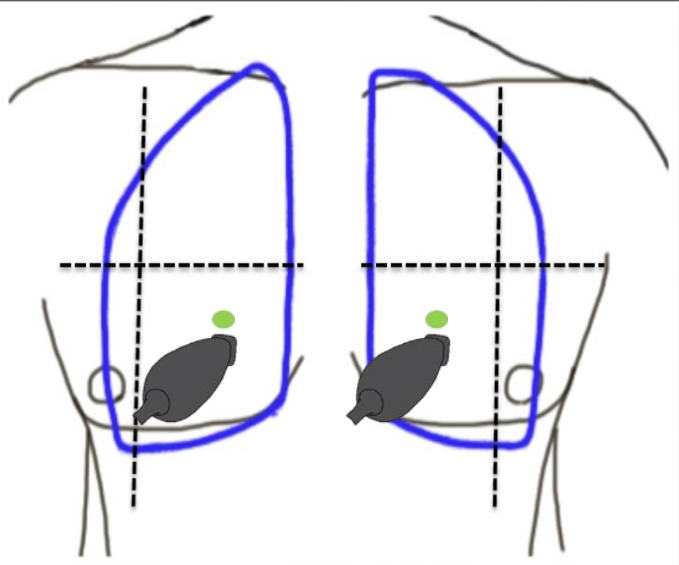




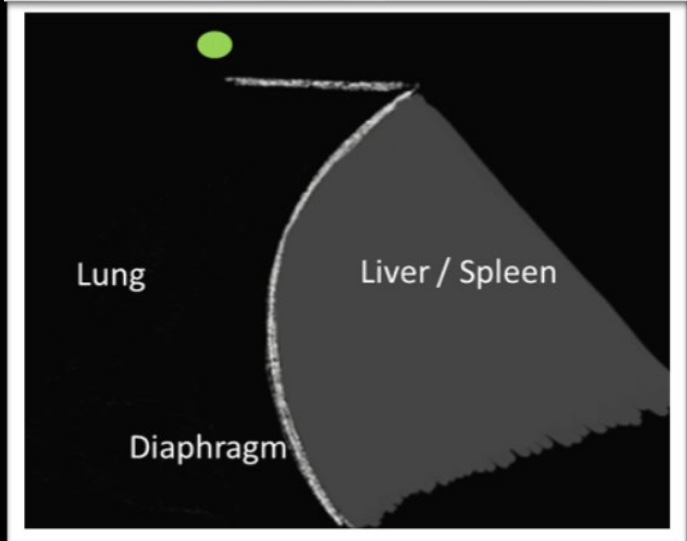
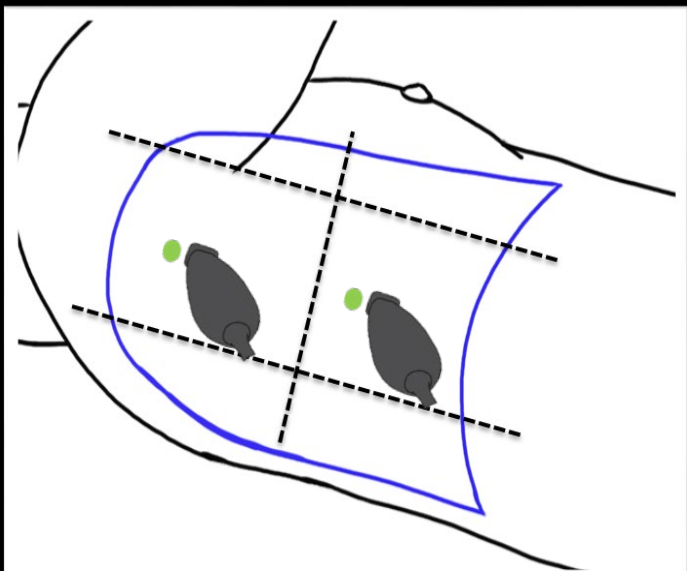
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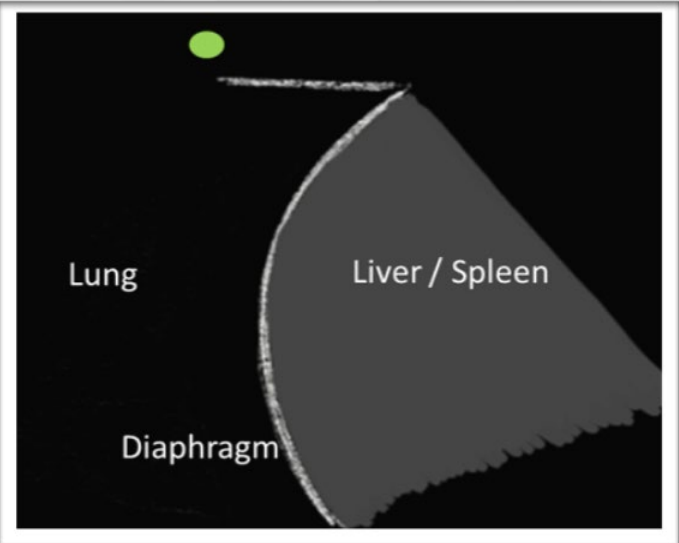
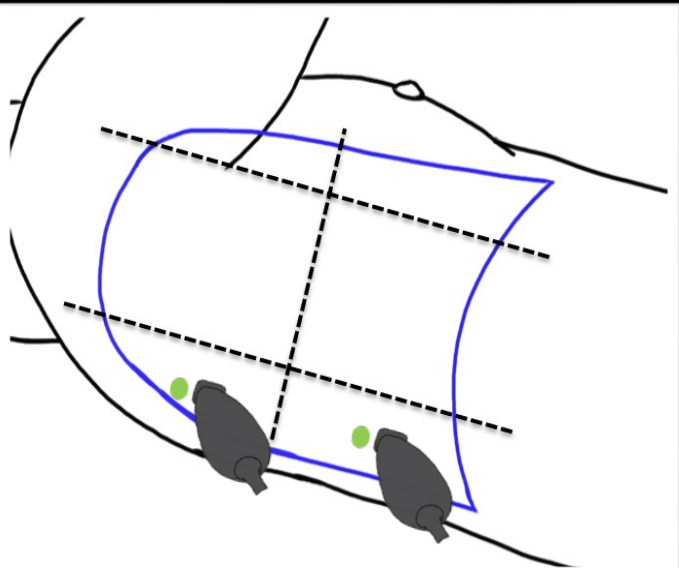
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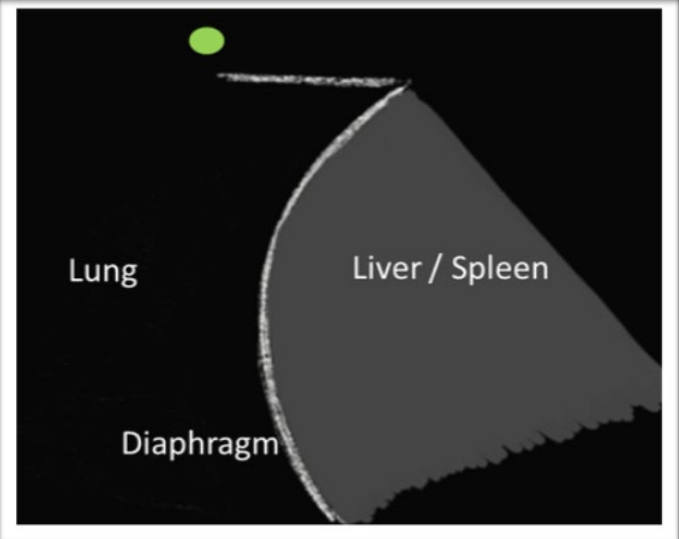
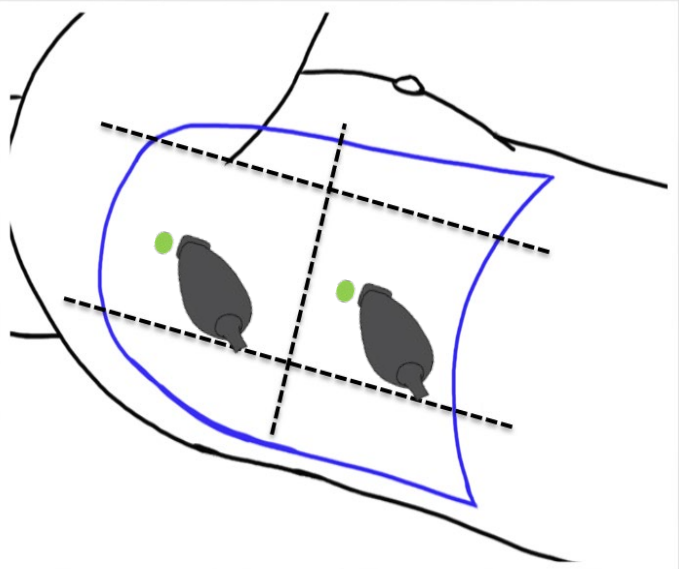
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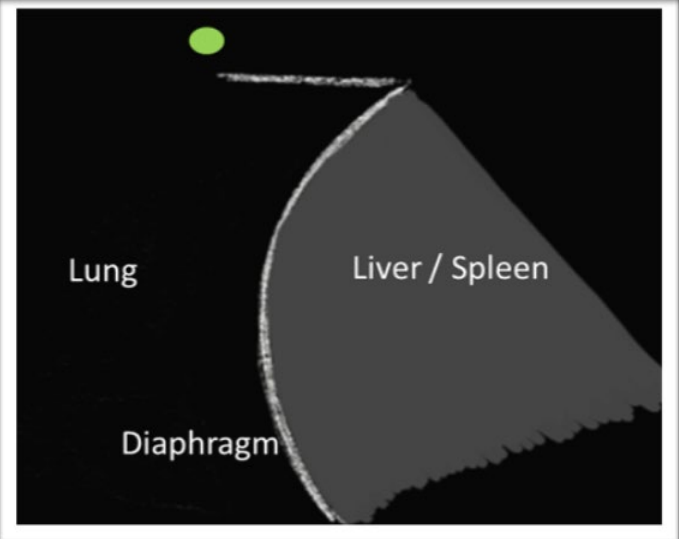
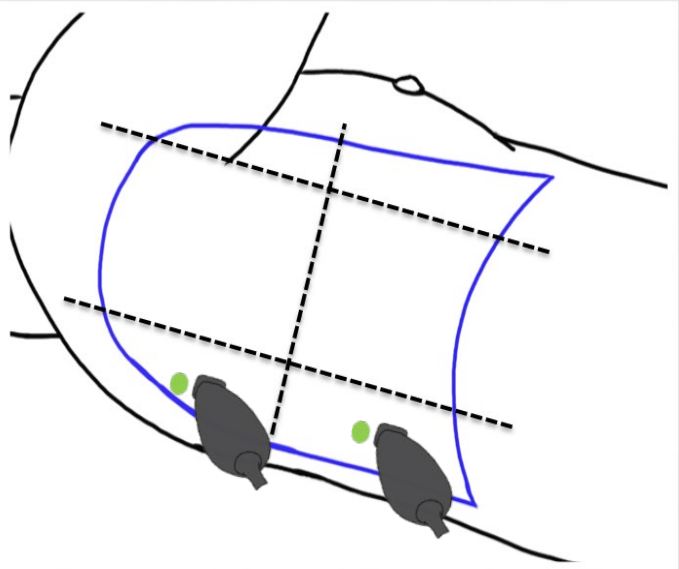
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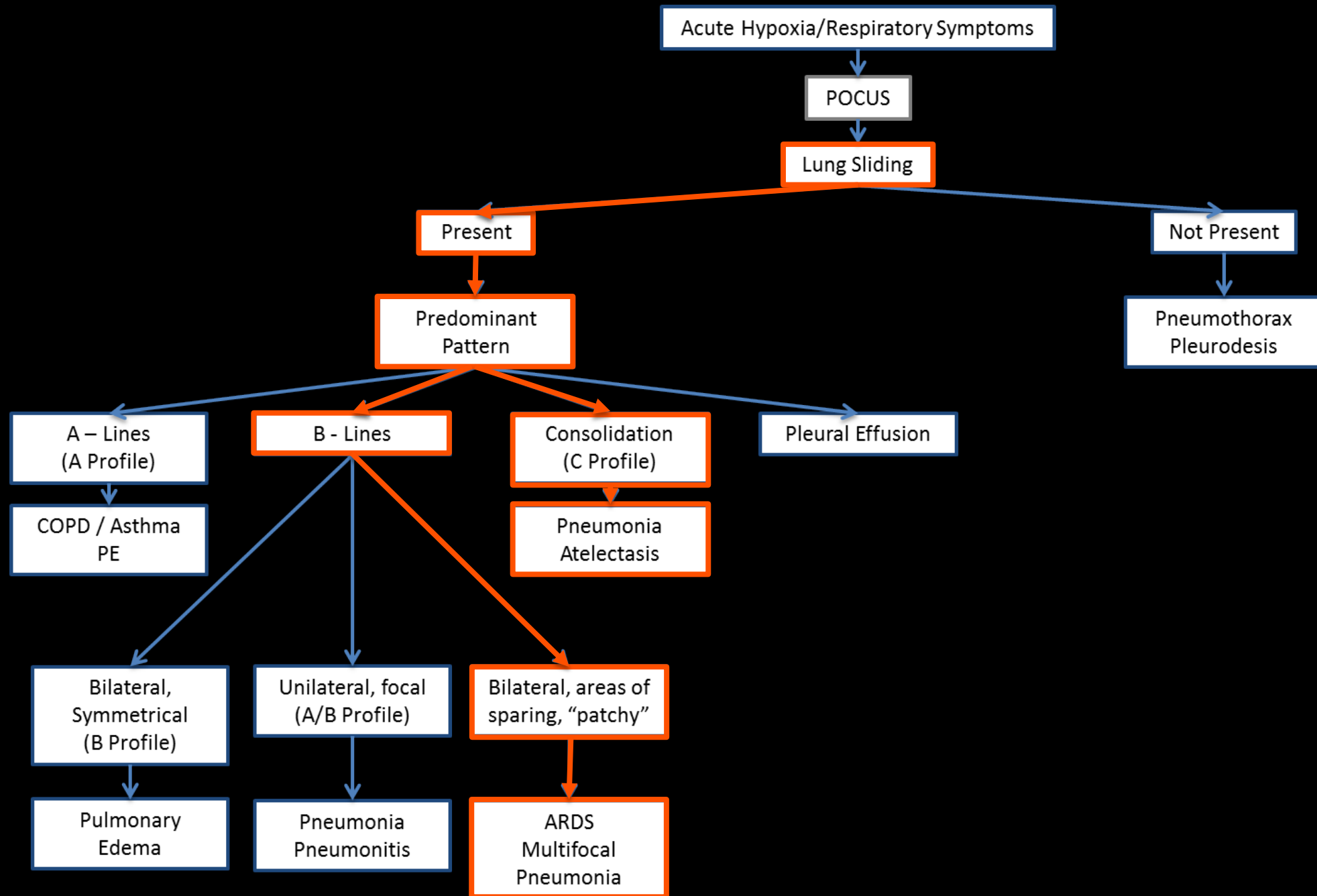


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CASE 2 – LITERATURE REVIEW

- Findings
 - Change depending on the severity of the disease. Patchy, multifocal peripheral findings.
 - A Lines → B Lines → Confluent B Lines → Consolidation +/- Pleural Effusion
- Diagnosis
 - CXR sensitivity 51.9%; LUS sensitivity 88.9%.
- Multi-organ point-of-care ultrasound for COVID-19 (PoCUS4COVID): international expert consensus

Hussain, A., Via, G., Melniker, L. *et al.* Multi-organ point-of-care ultrasound for COVID-19 (PoCUS4COVID): international expert consensus. *Crit Care* **24**, 702 (2020).
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CASE 2 – LITERATURE REVIEW

- Prognostication:
 - Li et al.
 - Adverse outcomes – Sensitivity 90.5%, Specificity 91.9%
 - De Alencar et al.
 - ICU Admission – OR 1.14 (95% CI 1.07 – 1.21, $p < 0.001$)
 - Endotracheal Intubation – OR 1.17 (95% CI 1.09 – 1.26, $p < 0.001$)
 - Mortality – OR 1.13 (95% CI 1.07 – 1.21, $p < 0.001$)
 - Lichter et al.
 - Endotracheal Intubation or Mortality – 1.12 (95% CI 1.05 – 1.2, $p = 0.008$)

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- In the setting of severe COVID-19, would you fluid resuscitate this patient?

VOLUME STATUS

Exam Finding	Sensitivity	Specificity	-LR	+LR
Dry Axilla	50%	82%	0.6	2.8
Prolonged Capillary Refill	34%	95%	0.7	6.9
Dry Mucous Membranes	85%	58%	0.3	2.0
Postural Hypotension (non-bleeding)	29%	81%	0.9	1.5
Postural tachycardia (non-bleeding)	43%	75%	0.8	1.7
Postural tachycardia (bleeding)	22% (moderate loss) 97% (large loss)	98% -	0.8	11

FLUID RESPONSIVENESS

Exam Finding	Sensitivity	Specificity	-LR	+LR
CVP	62%	76%	0.5	2.6
Passive Leg Raise (Pulse Pressure)	79 – 86%	80 – 90%	0.45	3.6
Passive Leg Raise (Cardiac Output)	88%	92%	0.13	11

LITERATURE REVIEW – CASE 2

- POCUS-Guided Fluid Resuscitation
 - DO NOT IGNORE THE GUIDELINES.
 - POCUS may be beneficial to help guide IVF.
 - IVF Resuscitation is not a benign treatment.

LITERATURE REVIEW – CASE 2

DOES RESPIRATORY VARIATION IN INFERIOR VENA CAVA DIAMETER PREDICT FLUID RESPONSIVENESS: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS

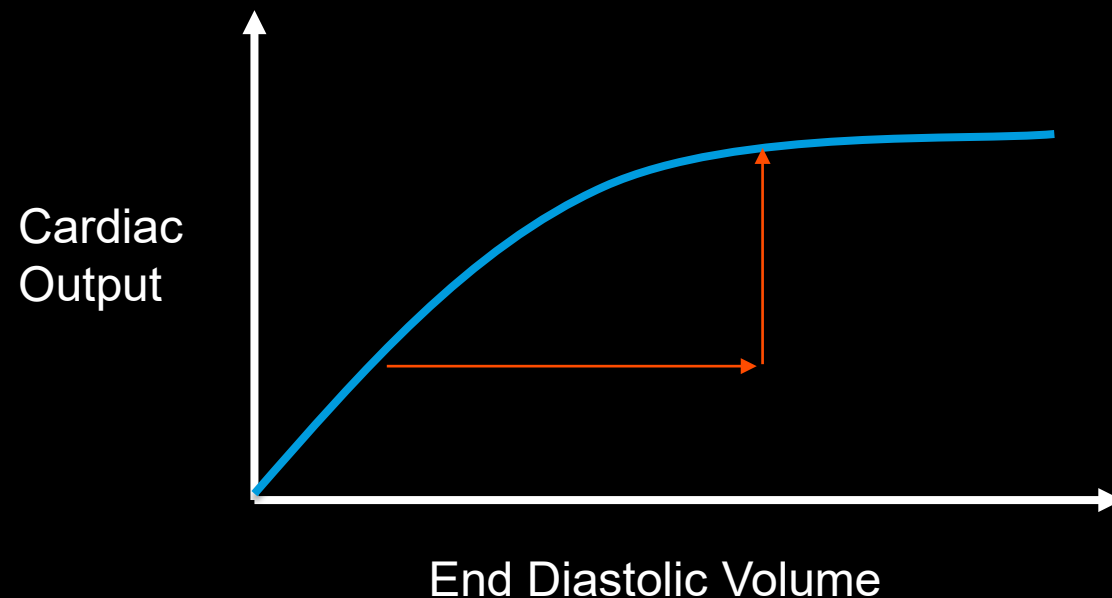
- “A small IVC is moderately predictive of fluid responsiveness, however, a dilated IVC cannot rule out fluid responsiveness.”

LITERATURE REVIEW – CASE 2

- Accuracy of Ultrasonographic Measurements of Inferior Vena Cava to Determine Fluid Responsiveness: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis (2020)
 - Pooled sensitivity 71%, specificity 75%.
 - “Ultrasound evaluation of the diameter of the IVC and its respiratory variations does not seem to be a reliable method to predict fluid responsiveness.”

LITERATURE REVIEW – CASE 2

- Fluid Tolerance – The ability to receive IV fluids without developing adverse affects; such as, pulmonary edema/hypoxia.
- Clinical Question -> Can POCUS help determine who will likely tolerate additional fluid administration?
 - Integrated POCUS exam of heart, IVC and lungs.
 - Based upon expert opinion; not supported by current evidence.



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FOCUS

- Scope:

- LV size / systolic function
- RV size / systolic function
- IVC size and respiratory variation
- Pericardial effusions / Cardiac Tamponade

Hyperdynamic
 Normal
 Reduced / Severely Reduced
 (not Quantitative)

- Indications:

- Hypotension
- Respiratory Failure
- Intravascular volume assessment

IVC \approx RAP / CVP

IVC Findings	CVP
IVC < 2.1 cm, with > 50% collapse	3 (range 0 – 5)
IVC < 2.1 cm, with < 50% collapse IVC > 2.1 cm, with > 50% collapse	8 (range 5 – 10)
IVC > 2.1 cm, with < 50% collapse	15 (range 10 – 20)

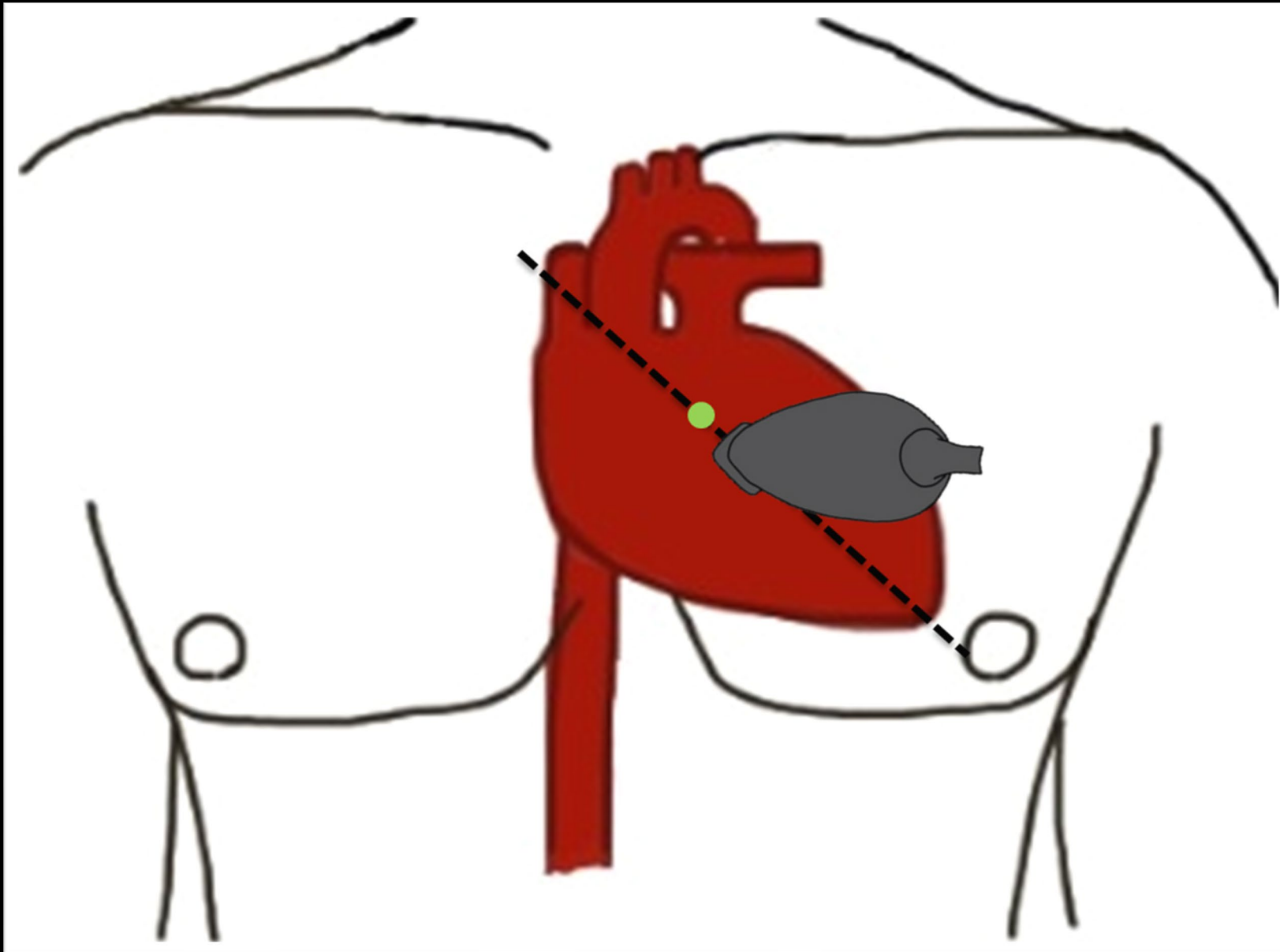
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- Cardinal Views
 - Parasternal Long Axis (PLAX)
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 - Apical 4 Chamber (A4C)
 - Subcostal 4 Chamber (S4C)
 - Inferior Vena Cava (IVC)

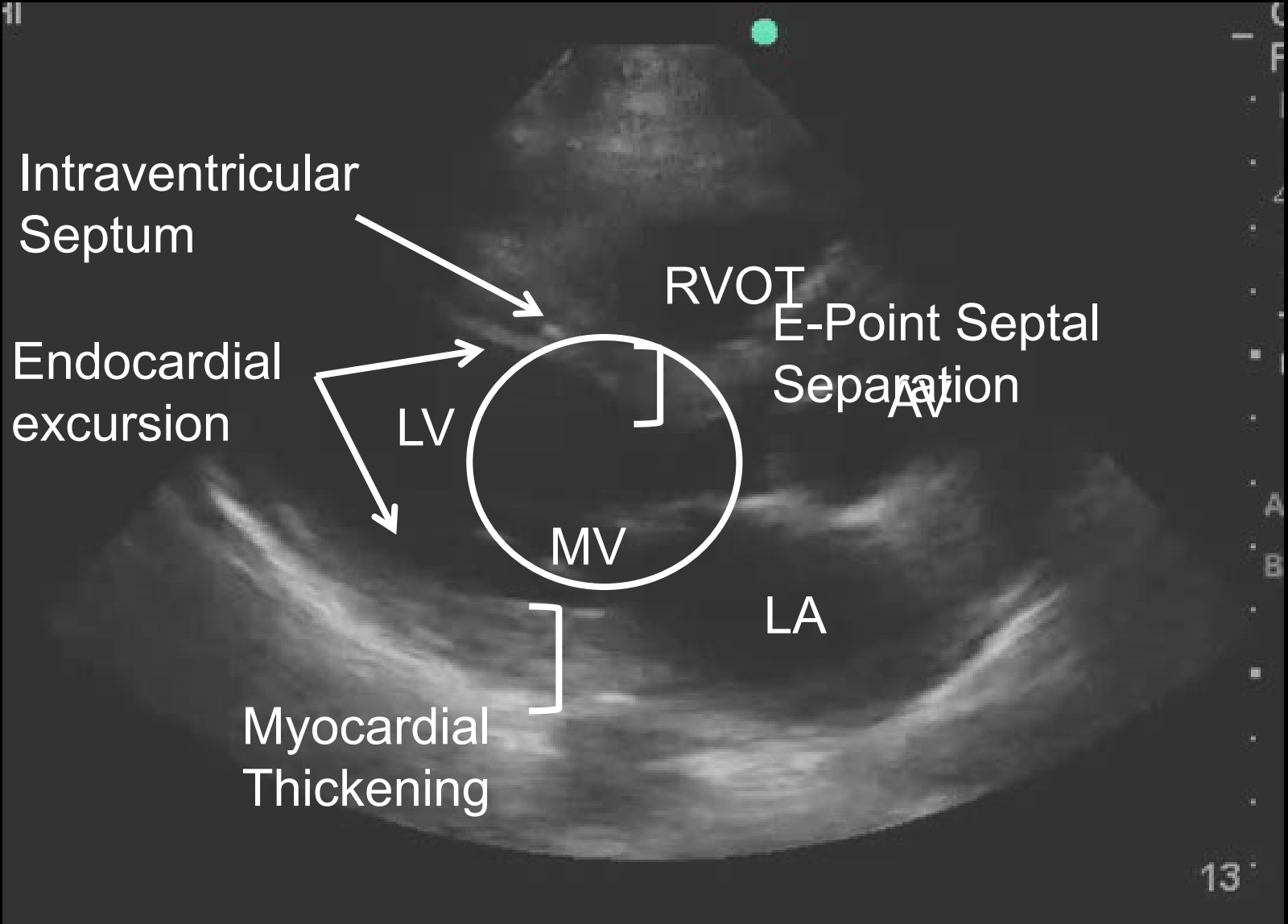
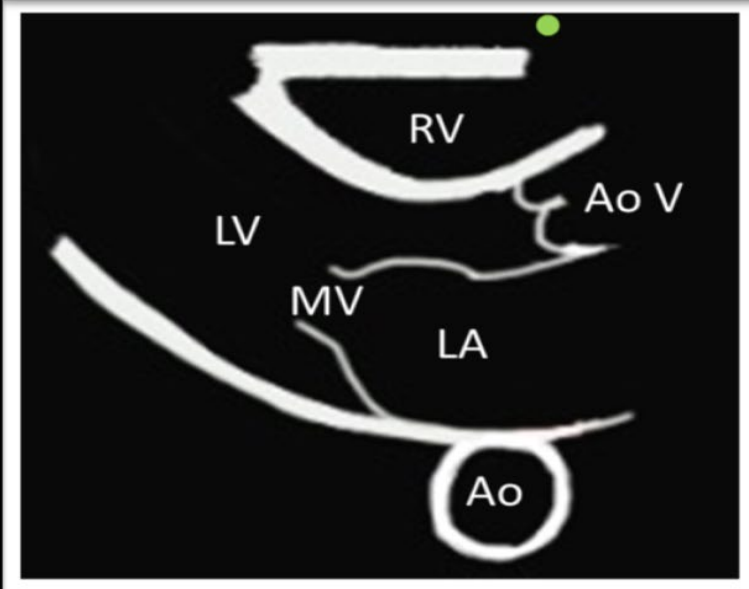
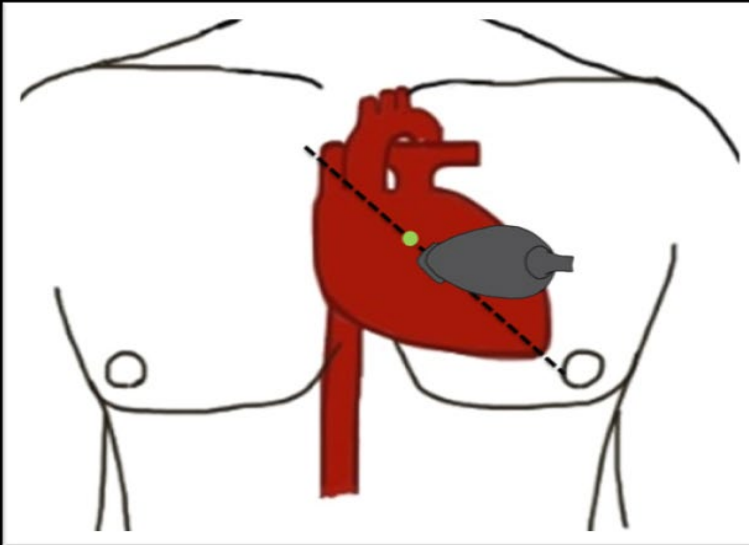
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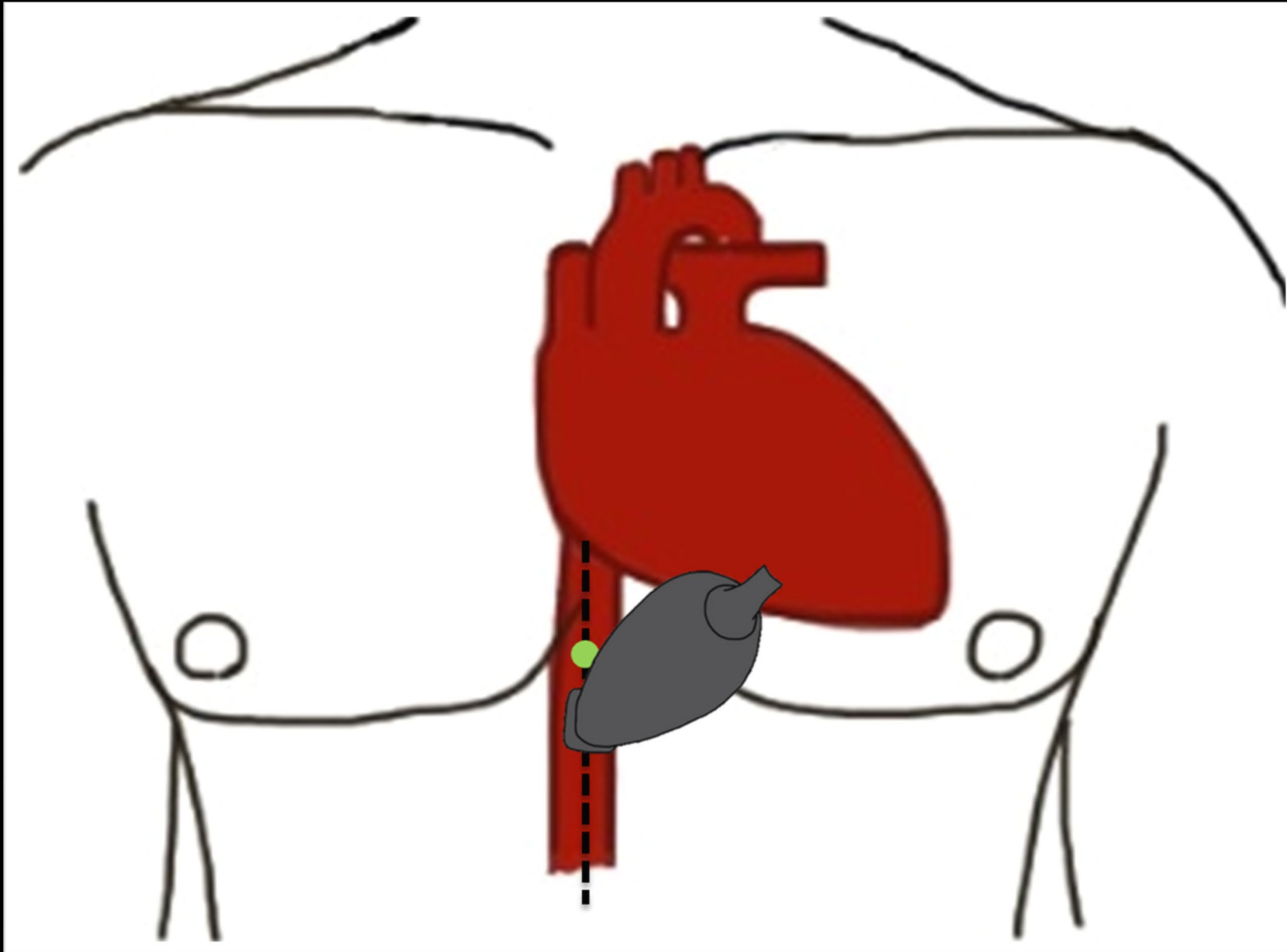
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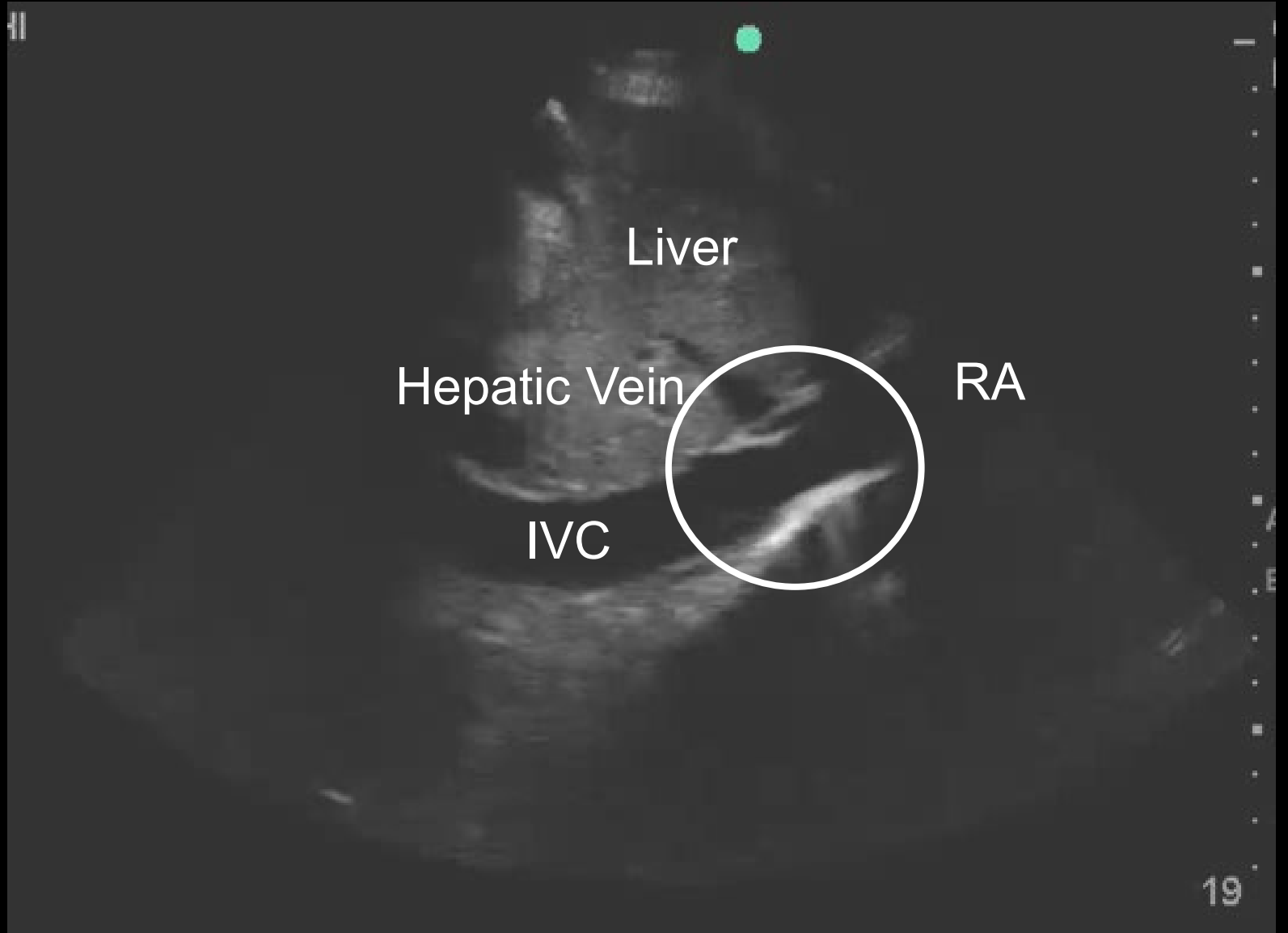
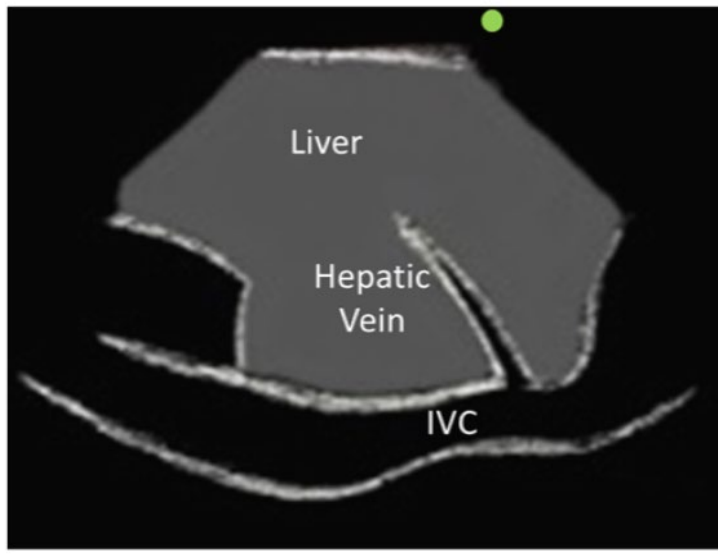
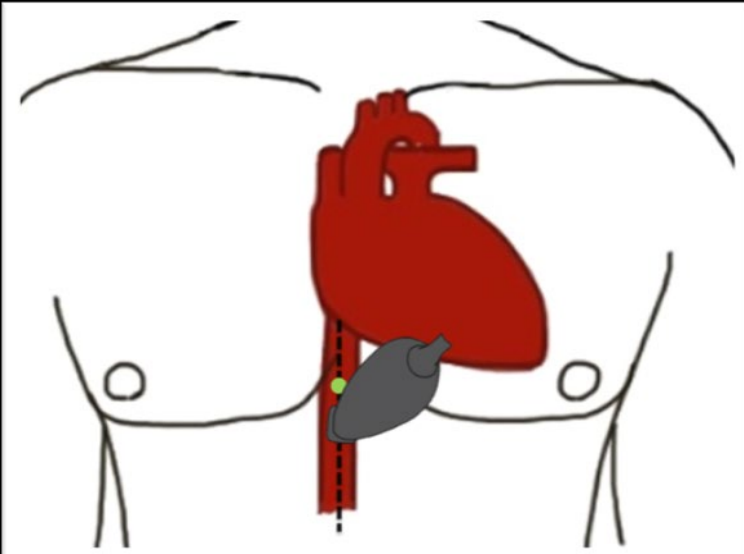
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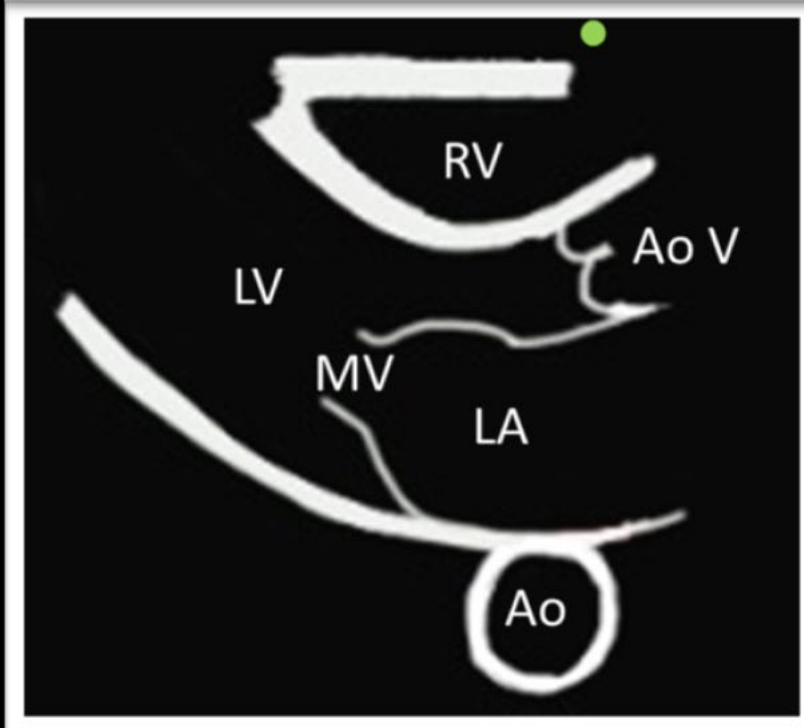
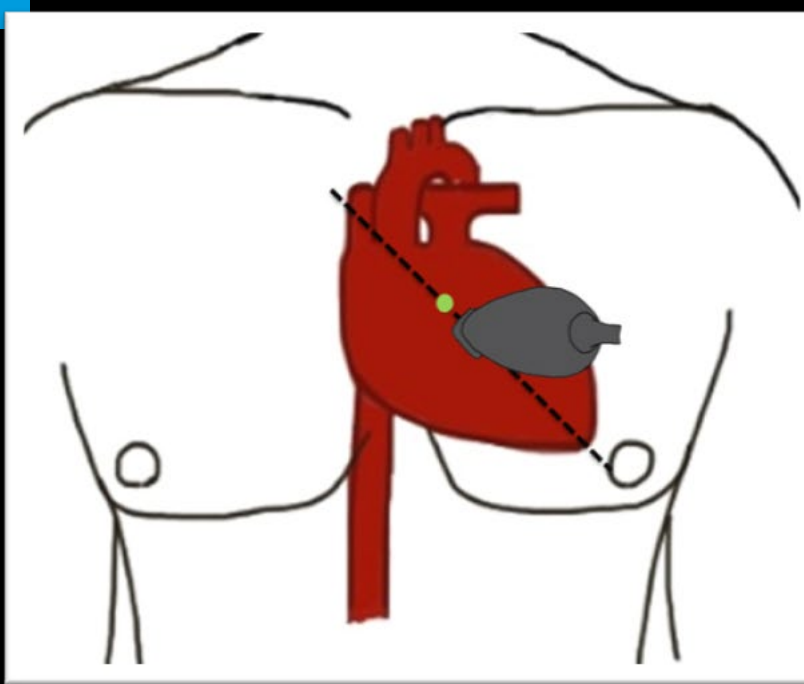
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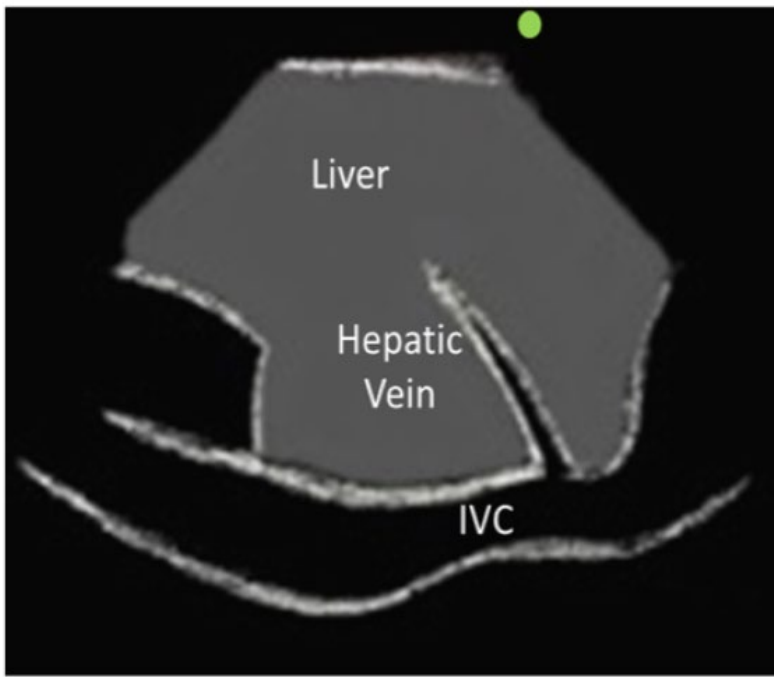
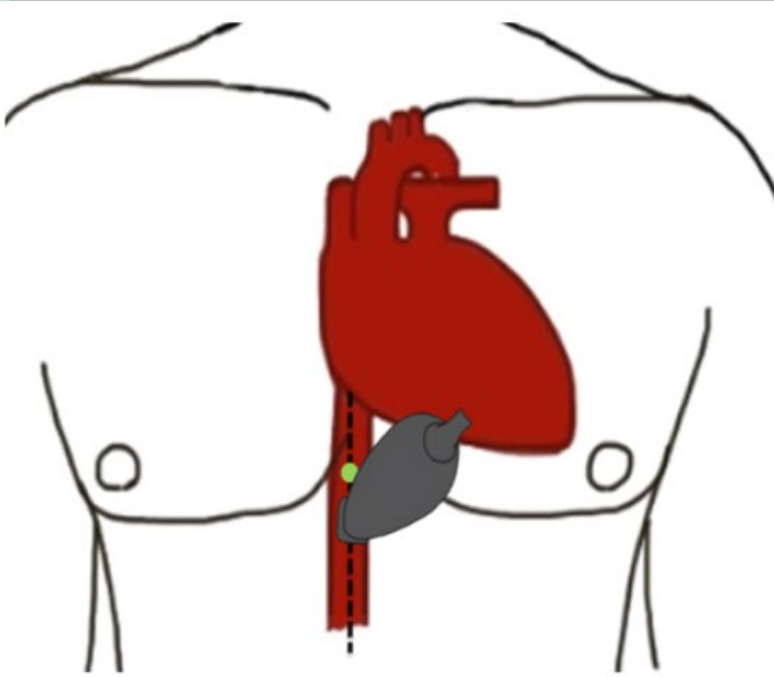
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PARASTERNAL LONG AXIS (PLAX) – CASE 2



INFERIOR VENA CAVA (IVC) – CASE 2



CASE 2

Evaluation

- Sars-Cov-2 PCR +
- Lymphopenic; inflammatory markers elevated
- Chest X-ray largely unremarkable.

Treatment

- Required Supplemental O2
- Prednisone
- Remdesivir
- IVF



CASE 3

HPI

- A 62 year-old female was admitted to your service overnight from the ED for complaints of fevers and rigors over the last 2 days.
- She endorses:
 - Dysuria
 - Urinary frequency
 - Urinary urgency

HISTORY

- Past Medical / Surgical History:
 - Pseudomonas aeruginosa UTI (~3 months prior).
 - Hypertension
 - Left ventricular diastolic heart failure
- Social History:
 - No alcohol, tobacco or illicit drug use. Lives independently.
- Family History:
 - Noncontributory.

OBJECTIVE DATA

- Labs:
 - Hgb 15.2 g/dL.
 - WBC **16.7** x 10⁹ /L
 - Creatinine **2.6** mg/dL
 - Lactate **3.1** mmol/L
- Urinalysis
 - Many gram negative bacilli on Gram stain.
 - WBC > 100 / hpf.

CLINICAL COURSE

- Emergency Department Course:
 - Diagnosis: Sepsis due to UTI
 - IVF: LR 30 ml/kg.
 - Antibiotics: Cefepime.
- Hospital Admission:
 - Continued on cefepime.
 - Placed on maintenance fluids.

CLINICAL COURSE

- PM Vital Signs:
 - HR **112**, BP **98/55**, RR **24**, SpO2 **88%** on room air, Tmax **39.0**.
- AM Labs:
 - WBC **15.9** x 10⁹ /L
 - Creatinine **2.2** mg/dL
 - Lactate **2.4** mmol/L
- I/O's:
 - Net fluid +2.5 L
- Physical Exam:
 - No acute distress. CAM negative for delirium. Flushed and diaphoretic, warm to the touch.
 - Tachycardic, with a regular rhythm. Lungs clear to auscultation.
 - Abdominal exam normal, no CVA tenderness

POCUS IN SEPSIS

- Accuracy of point of care ultrasound to identify the source of infection in septic patients: a prospective study

Standard of Care (History / Physical / Basic labs)

vs

Standard of Care + Targeted POCUS (Kidneys, soft tissues, lungs, gallbladder, etc.)

POCUS IN SEPSIS

- Accuracy of point of care ultrasound to identify the source of infection in septic patients: a prospective study

	Standard of Care	Standard of Care + POCUS
Sensitivity	48%	73%
Specificity	86%	95%
LR+	3.54	16.1
LR-	0.59	0.28
Diagnostic Accuracy	53%	75%

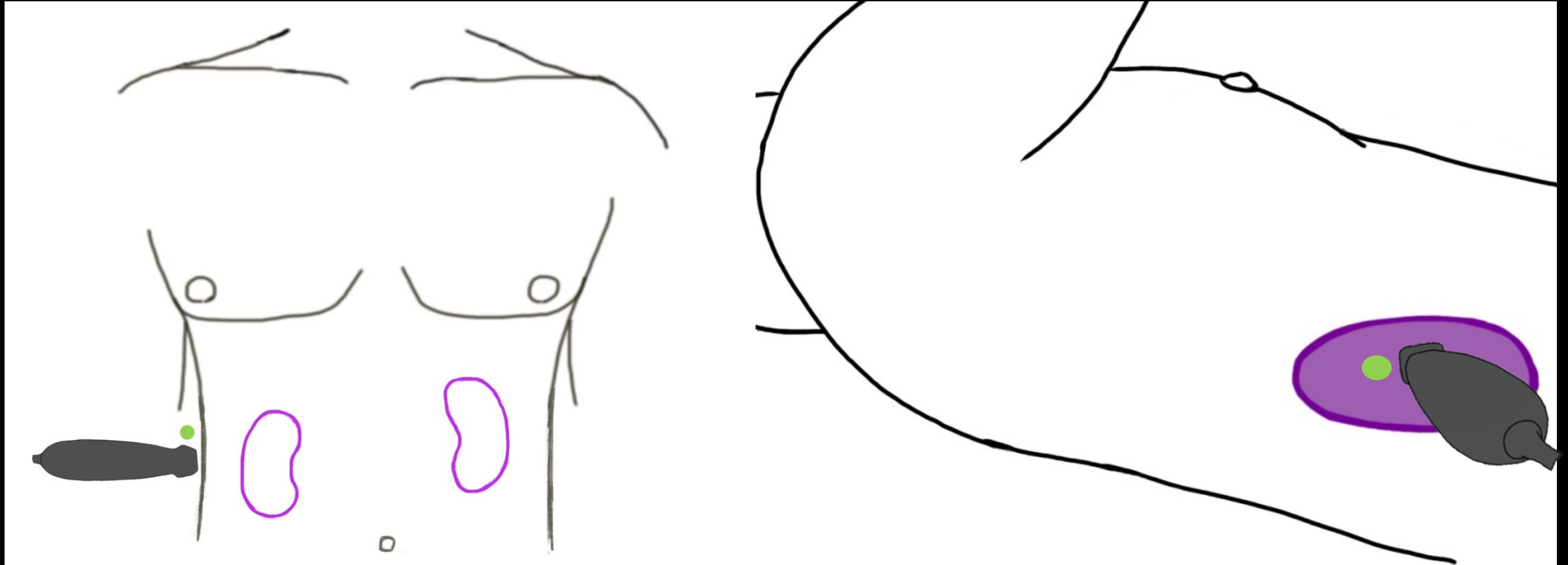
POCUS IN SEPSIS

- Accuracy of point of care ultrasound to identify the source of infection in septic patients: a prospective study
 - Antibiotic Regimen altered in 24% of cases
 - Diagnosis made substantially quicker

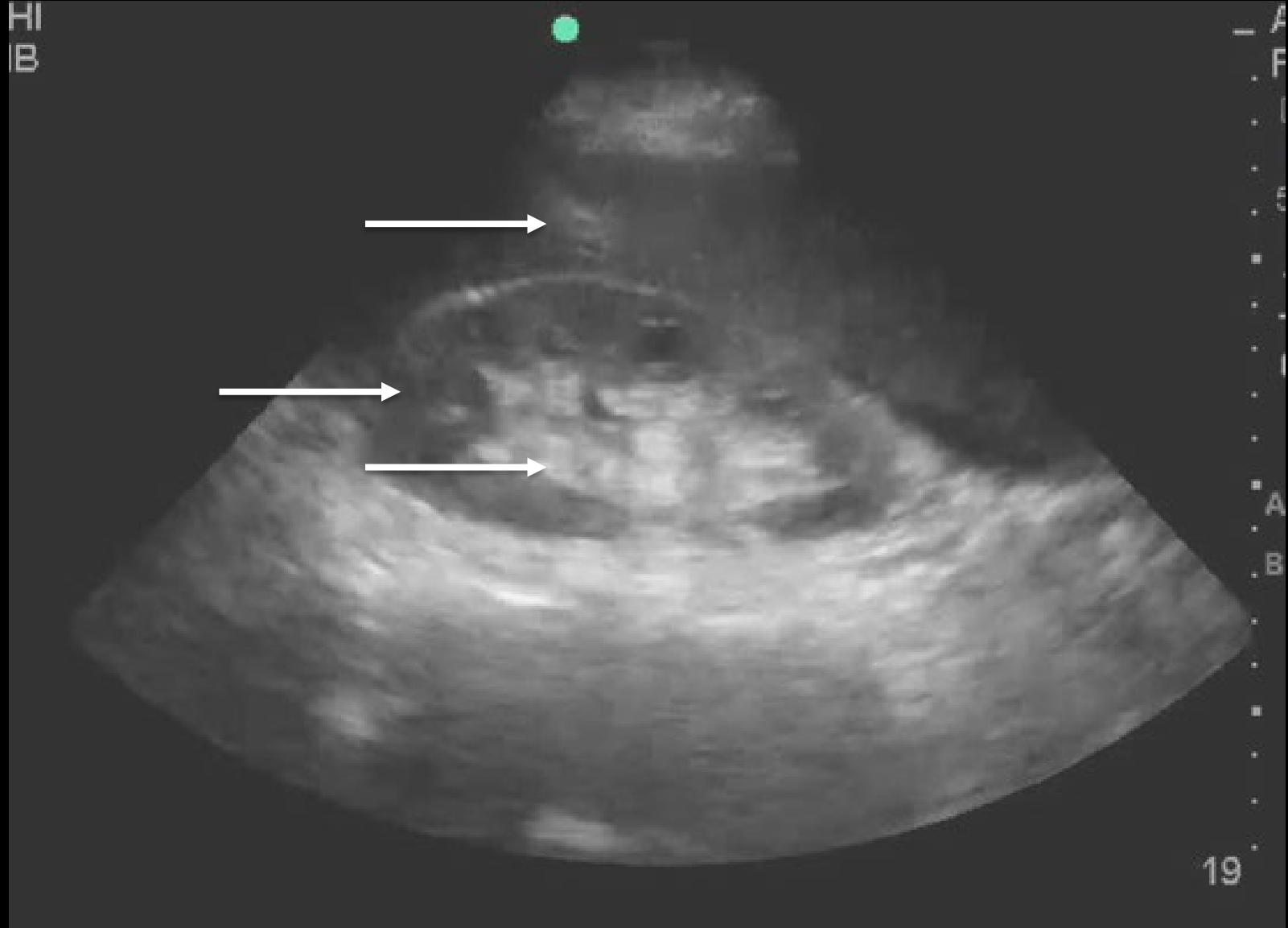
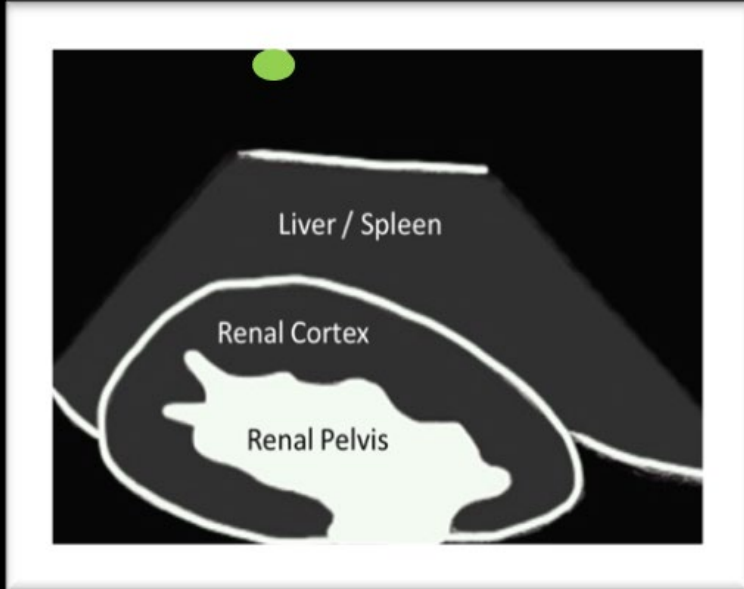
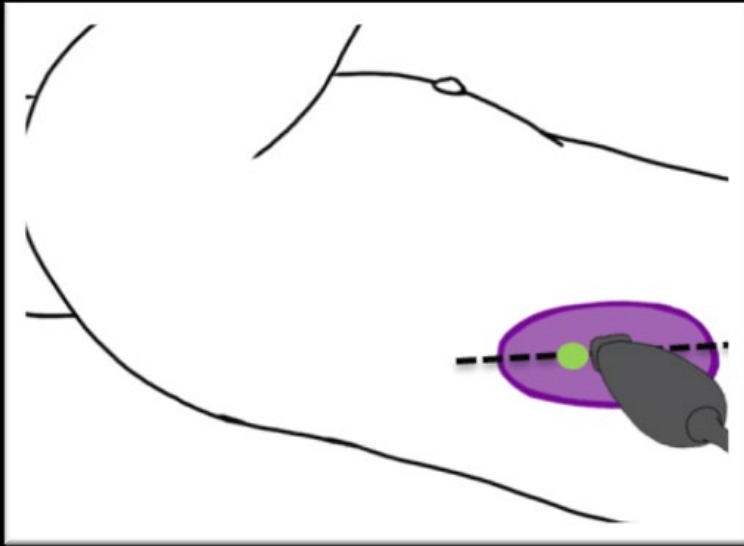
FOCUSED RENAL ULTRASOUND

- Scope:
 - Nephrolithiasis
 - Hydronephrosis
- Indications:
 - AKI
 - UTI with Sepsis
 - Renal colic

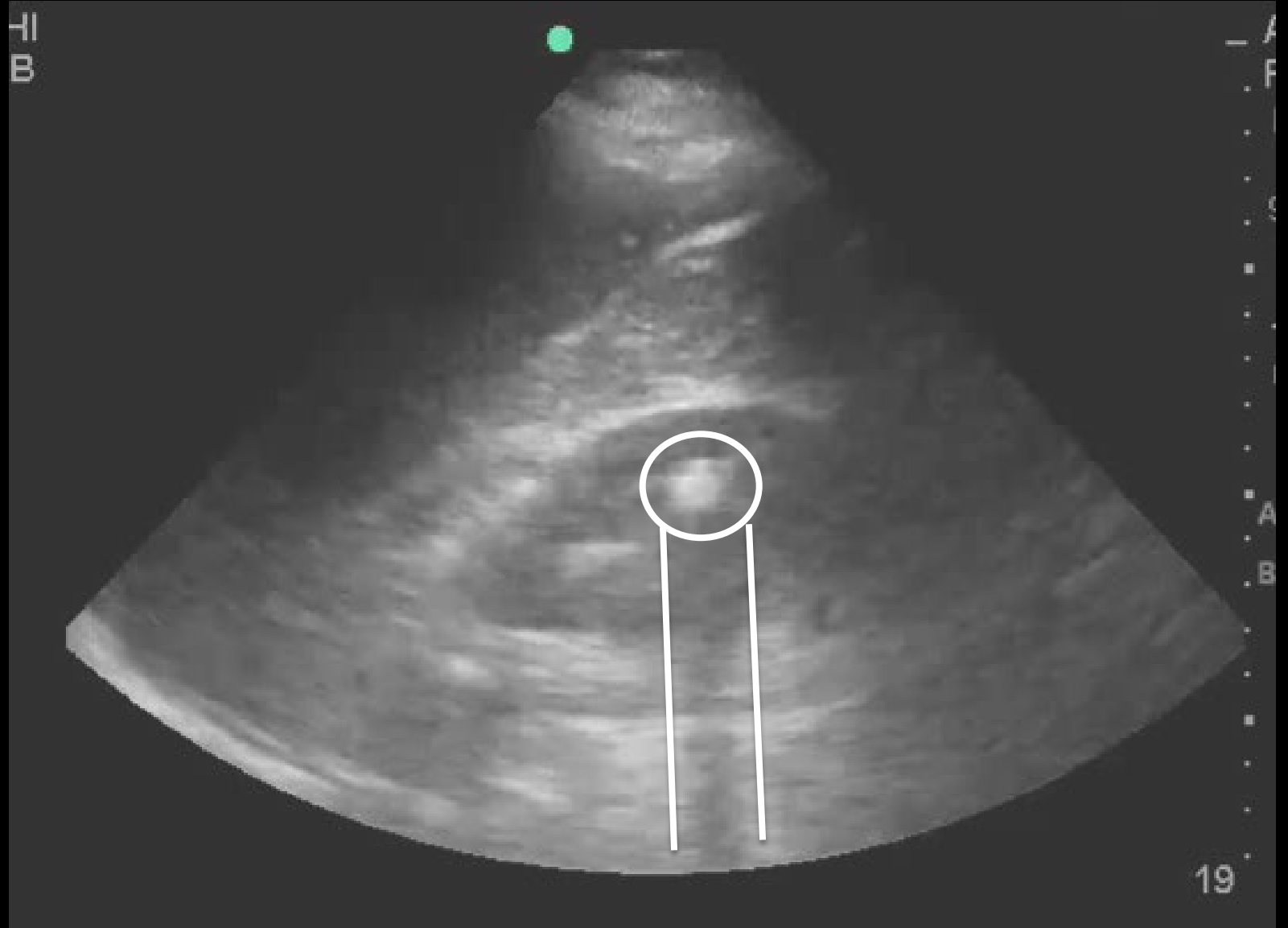
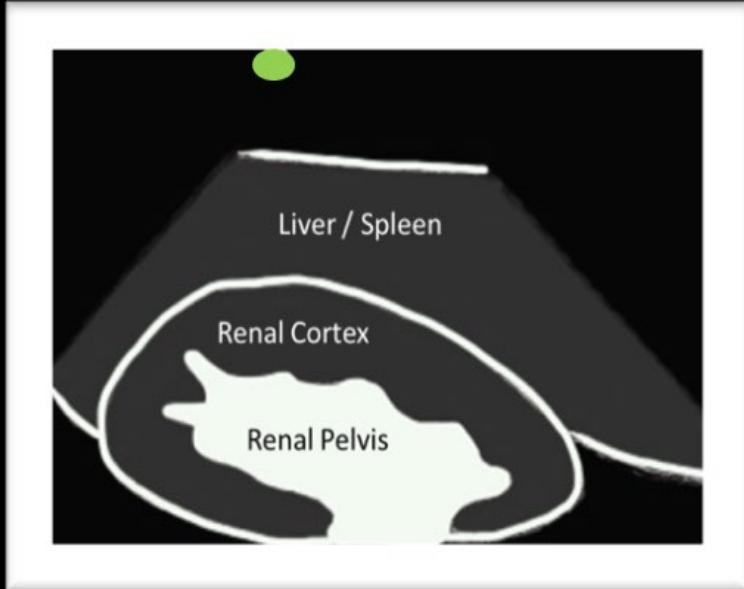
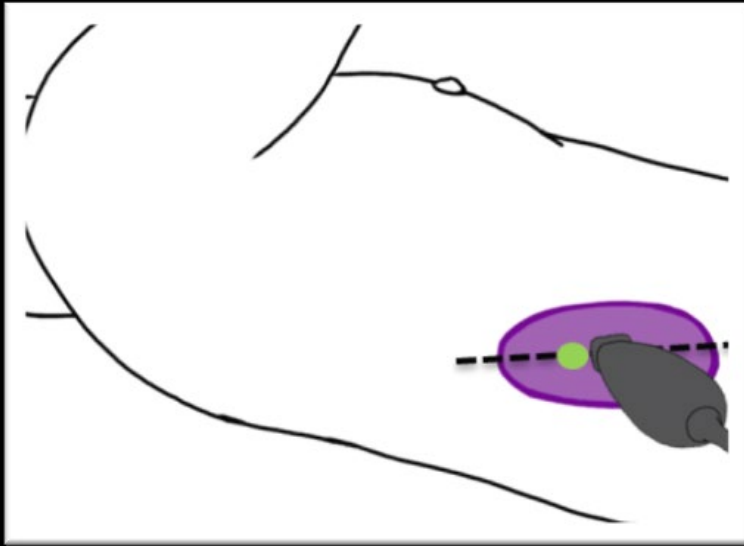
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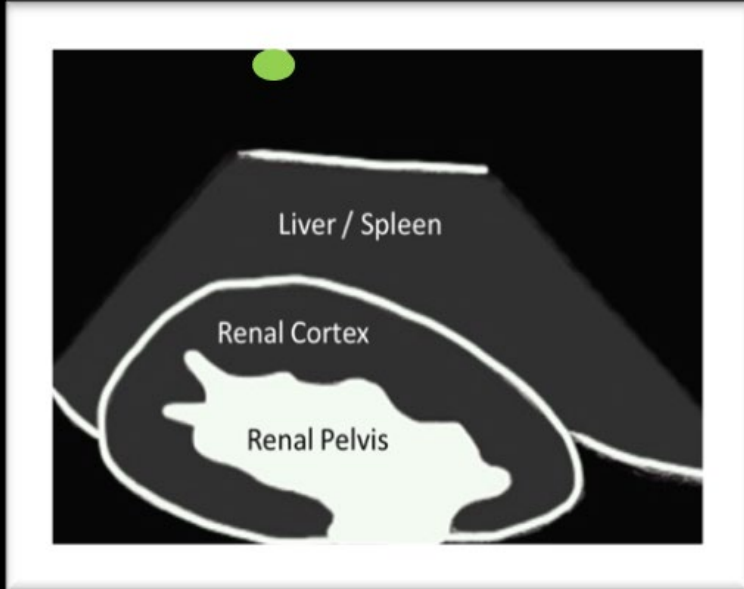
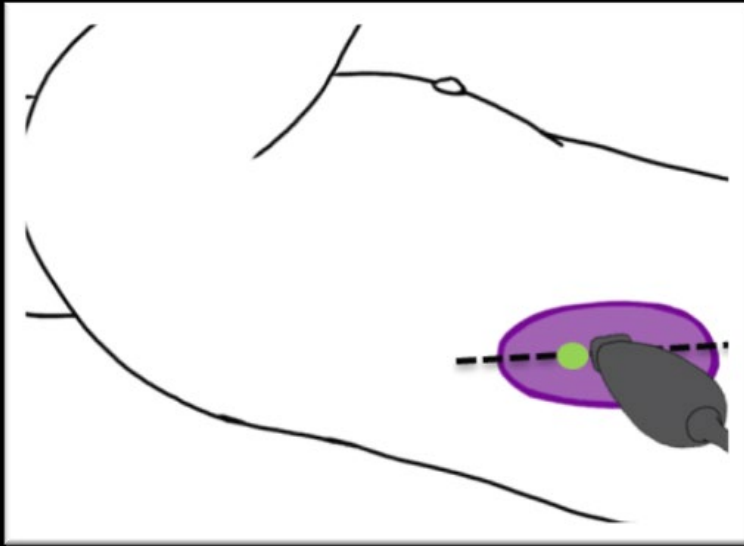
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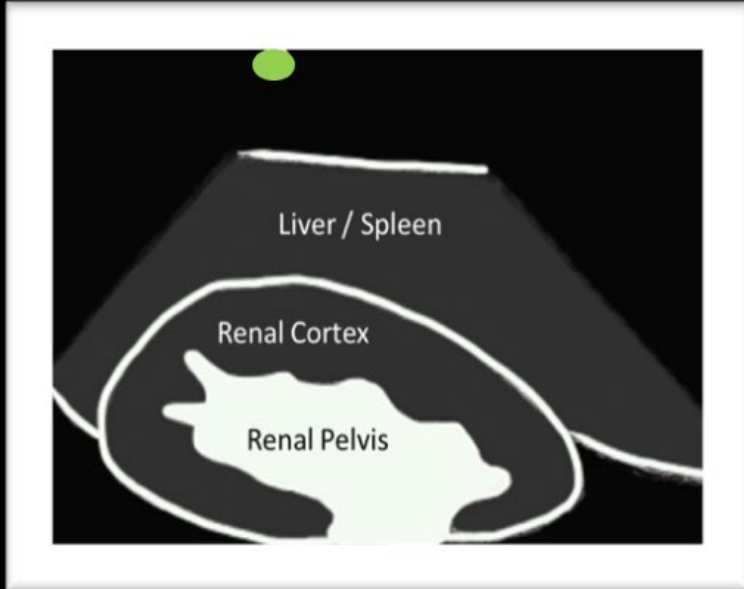
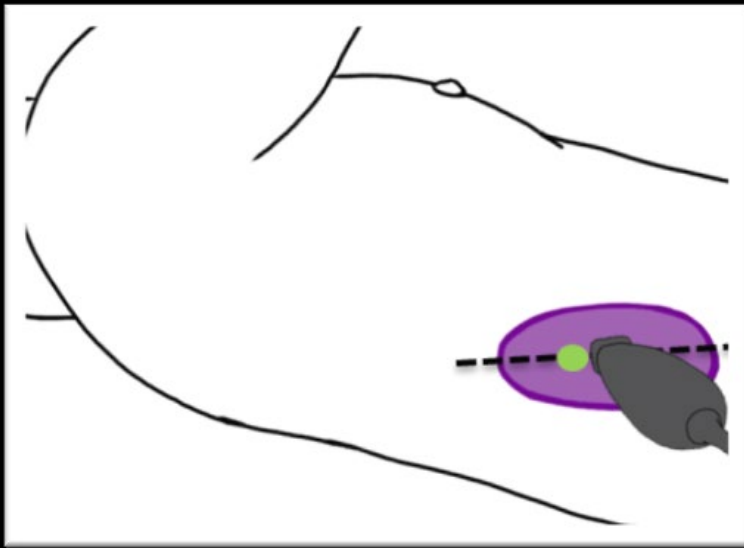
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FOCUSED RENAL ULTRASOUND



CASE 3



CASE 3

- Focused Renal Ultrasound demonstrates unilateral hydronephrosis, concerning for distal obstruction.
 - CT abdomen/pelvis confirms obstructive stone.
 - Emergent urostomy tube placed.

LITERATURE REVIEW – CASE 3

	Sensitivity	Specificity
Nephrolithiasis	19 – 62%	90 – 98%
Hydronephrosis	72 – 97%**	73 – 93%

**Sensitivity improved with IV fluid resuscitation.

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LITERATURE REVIEW – CASE 3

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Ultrasonography versus Computed Tomography for Suspected Nephrolithiasis

Rebecca Smith-Bindman, M.D., Chandra Aubin, M.D., R.D.M.S., John Bailitz, M.D., Rimon N. Bengiamin, M.D., R.D.M.S., Carlos A. Camargo, Jr., M.D., Dr.P.H., Jill Corbo, M.D., R.D.M.S., Anthony J. Dean, M.D., Ruth B. Goldstein, M.D., Richard T. Griffey, M.D., M.P.H., Gregory D. Jay, M.D., Ph.D., Tarina L. Kang, M.D., Dana R. Kriesel, M.P.H., M.S., et al.

- POCUS vs Radiology Ultrasound vs CT for initial evaluation.
- No statistical difference in:
 - Serious adverse events
 - Average pain score (at day 7)
 - Return ED visits or Hospitalizations
 - Overall diagnostic accuracy.

Smith-Bindman R, Aubin C, Bailitz J, et al.
Ultrasonography versus computed tomography for
suspected nephrolithiasis. N Engl J Med.
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QUESTIONS?

