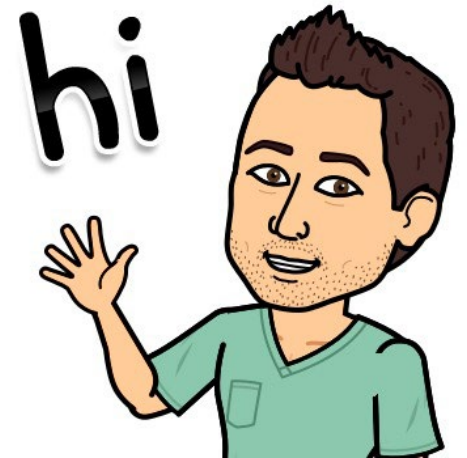


Uncovering the Shocking Truth: An Approach to Undifferentiated Shock

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Objectives

Create a simplified, working frame work to view undifferentiated shock

Discuss the early diagnostic steps when approaching undifferentiated shock

Establish initial steps in the management of undifferentiated shock

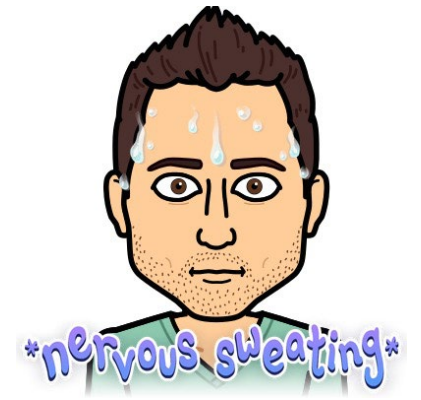
Not Objectives:

An approach to *differentiated* shock

A nuanced discussion of critical care practice

A fool-proof, life-proof, Murphy's Law-proof algorithm

Your Patient



- Is a 64 year old gentleman with a history of DM, HTN, HL
- Admitted 4 days ago with SBO, now POD #3 s/p bowel resection

On your morning rounds...

“He seems confused this morning and he’s not very awake. He is breathing very fast. I’m not sure when that started.”

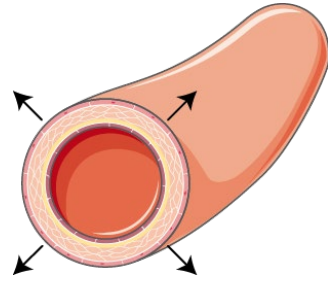
His HR is 116 bpm and his BP by non-invasive cuff is 74/35 mmHg.

What's the actual
diagnosis?

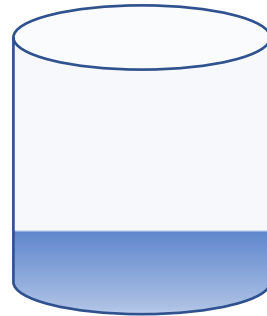
I don't know.

Traditional Teaching: Types of Shock

- Distributive



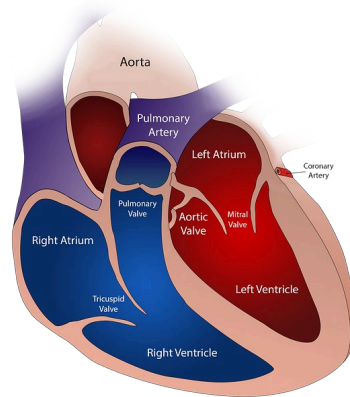
- Hypovolemic



- Cardiogenic

- Obstructive

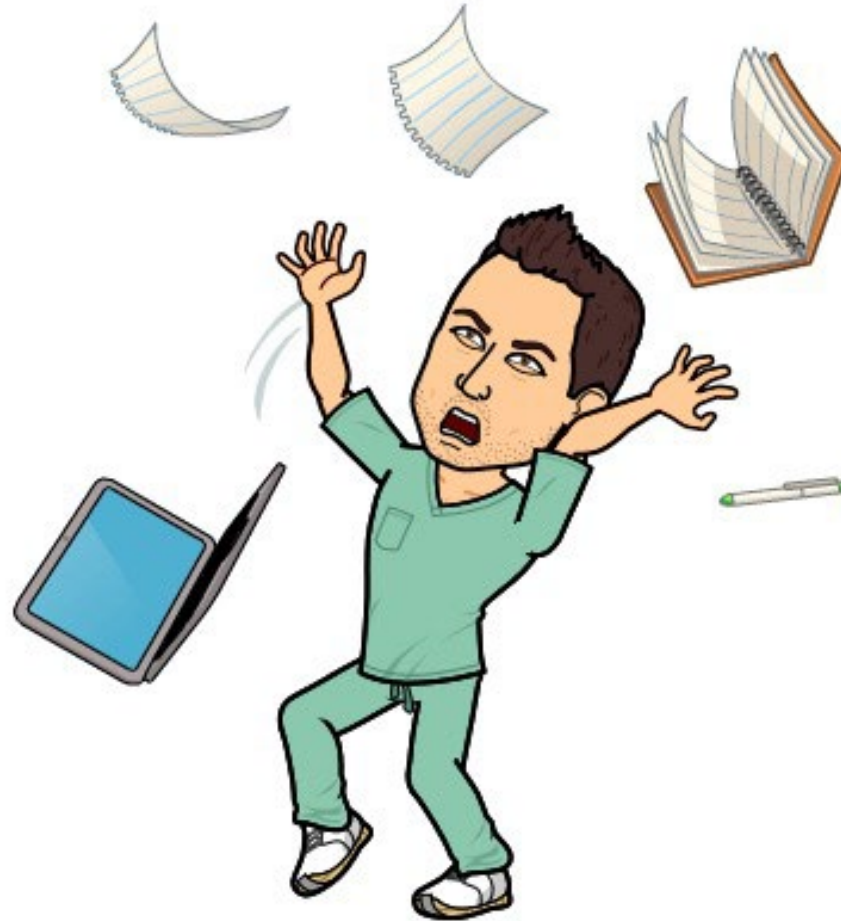
- Neurogenic



The Problem with Tradition

Doesn't the pathophysiology of distributive shock and hypovolemic shock...

Why is tamponade obstructive and pericarditis...



massive PE causes hypotension, isn't that genic shock?

Isn't you just say distributive shock is distributive???

Are you even my real mom?!?

The Problem with Tradition

Traditional classification of shock
requires a final diagnosis

Your Patient

- 64 year old gentleman with a history of DM, HTN, HL
- Admitted 4 days ago with SBO, now POD #3 s/p bowel resection

This Morning:

- Altered mental status, somnolence
- Tachypnea
- HR: 116 bpm
- BP: 74/35 mmHg

A “traditional” approach to shock...

History

Evidence for infection

Risk for PE

Risk for CAD/ACS

Risk for hypovolemia or
bleed

Medications

THINKING...



Physical Exam

Heart/lung sounds

Edema

JVD

Skin temperature/tu

Capillary refill



Clinical examination for diagnosing circulatory shock

Bart Hiemstra, Ruben J. Eck, Frederik Keus, and Iwan C.C. van der Horst

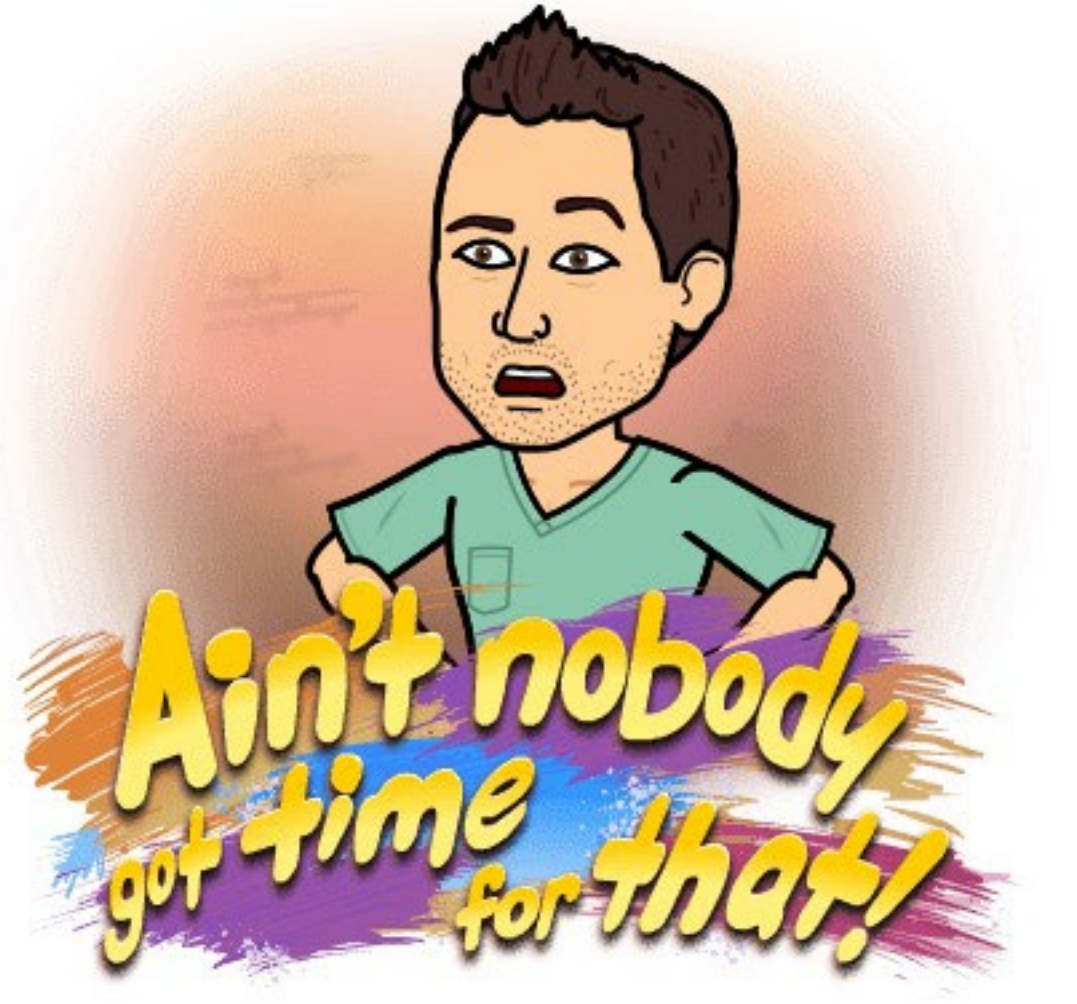


“clinical examination equals a coin flip”

Labs and Imaging

Go ahead and send
them...

...I won't wait.



A new paradigm:

The Pump, then the Tank



“The greatest chance to help

The smallest chance to hurt”

But first...

What is shock?

Shock is not hypotension.

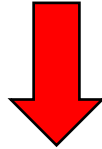
Hypotension is not shock.

Perfusion
matters.

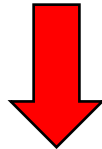
Imperfect surrogates of perfusion

- Blood pressure
- Mental status
- Pulses
- Capillary refill
- Skin exam
- Urine output
- Laboratory evidence of organ function/damage
 - BUN/Creatinine
 - Liver-related tests
 - Troponin

$$DO_2 = CO \times [(Hb \times 1.39 \times SaO_2) + (PaO_2 \times 0.003)] \times 10$$



$$\text{Perfusion} = \text{Cardiac output} \times (\text{Hemoglobin} \times 1.39 \times \text{SaO}_2 + \text{PaO}_2 \times 0.003) \times 10$$



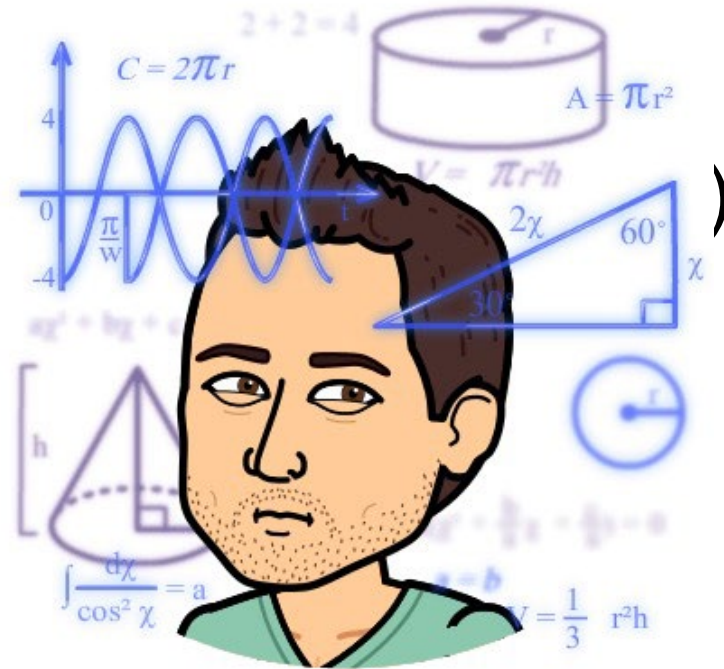
$$\text{Cardiac Output} = \text{Stroke Volume} \times \text{Heart Rate}$$



Preload

Contractility

Afterload



The Pump, then the Tank



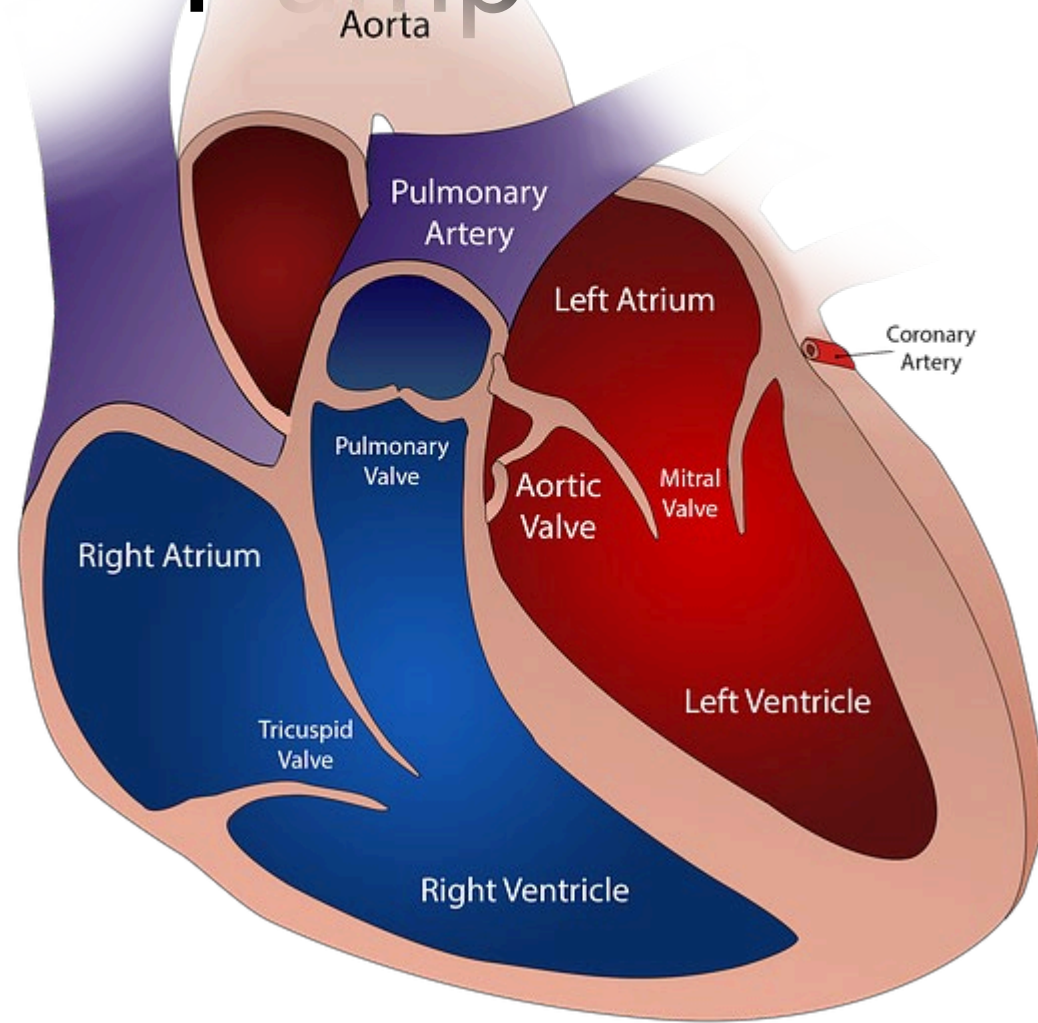
Contractility



Preload/Afterload

Part I: Assessment

The Pump

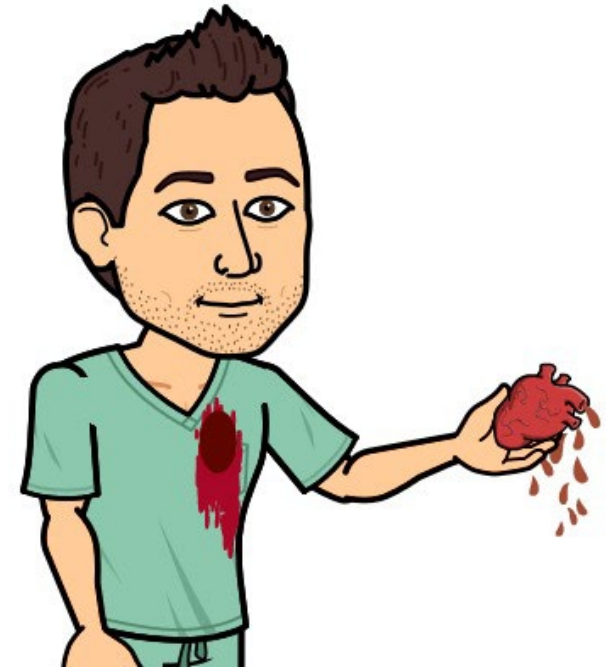


Assessment: The Pump

1. Is there an effusion?

2. How is the LV function?

3. How is the RV function?



ORIGINAL RESEARCH

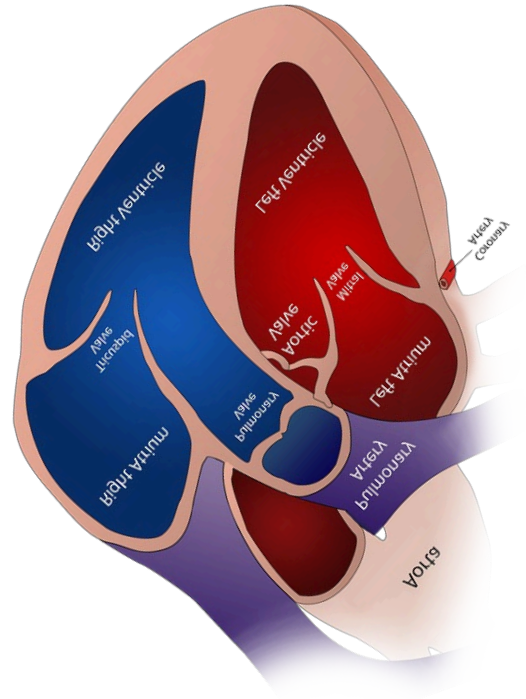
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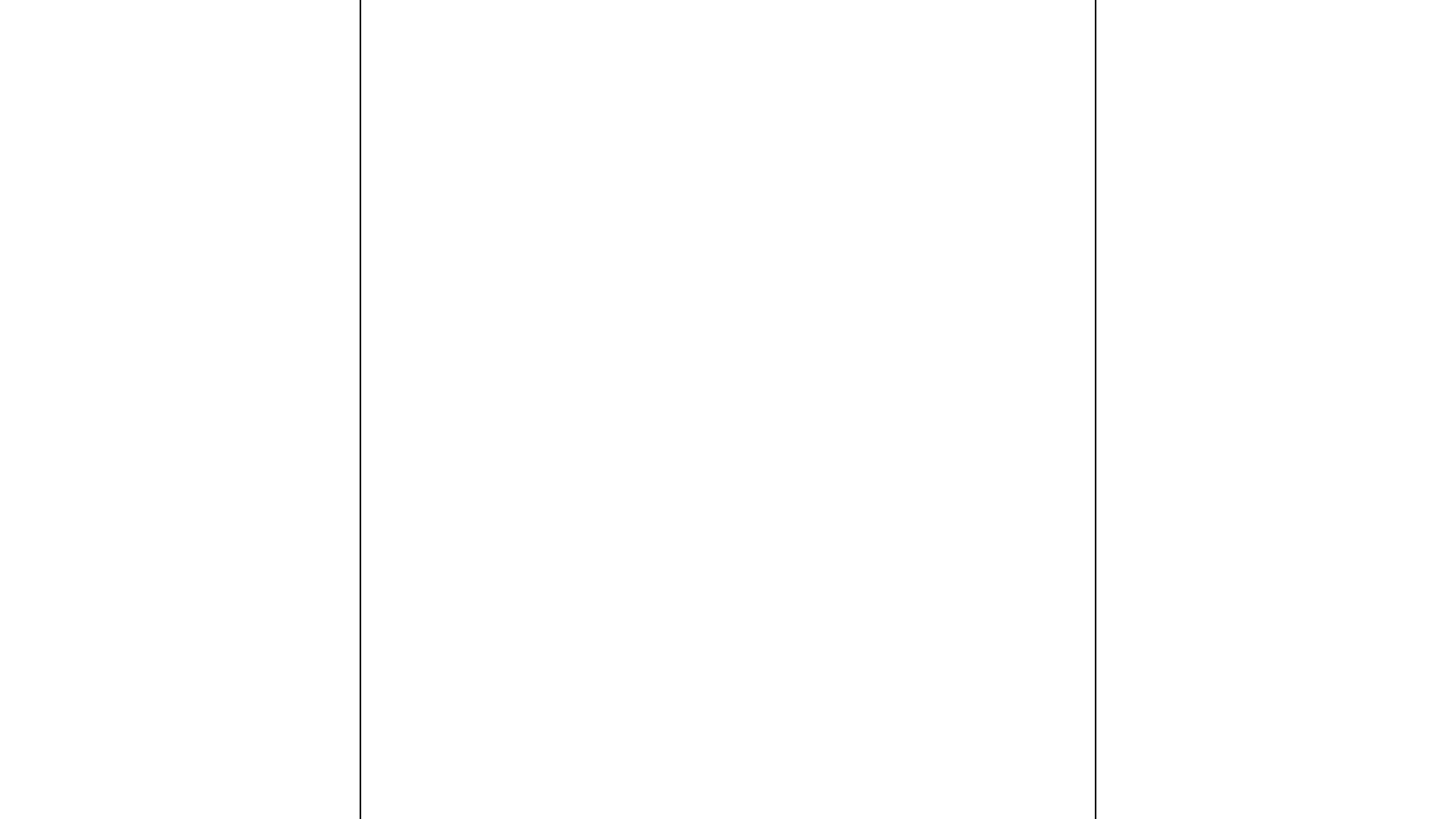
Assessment of cardiac pathology by point-of-care ultrasonography performed by a novice examiner is comparable to the gold standard

Christian Alcaraz Frederiksen^{1,3*}, Peter Juhl-Olsen^{2,3}, Niels Holmark Andersen^{1,3} and Erik Sloth^{2,3}

- Compared residents to cardiologists
- Assessed
 - Pericardial effusion
 - LV dilation
 - RV dilation
 - LVH
 - LV failure
 - Aortic Stenosis

95% agreement between resident and cardiologist





Assessment: The Tank



The Tank

1. Is there a problem with the fluid level?
2. Is there a problem with the container?
3. Is there a hole in the bucket (a bleed)?



The Problem with Fluid Response

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Passive leg raising for prediction of fluid responsiveness: a systematic review and meta-analysis

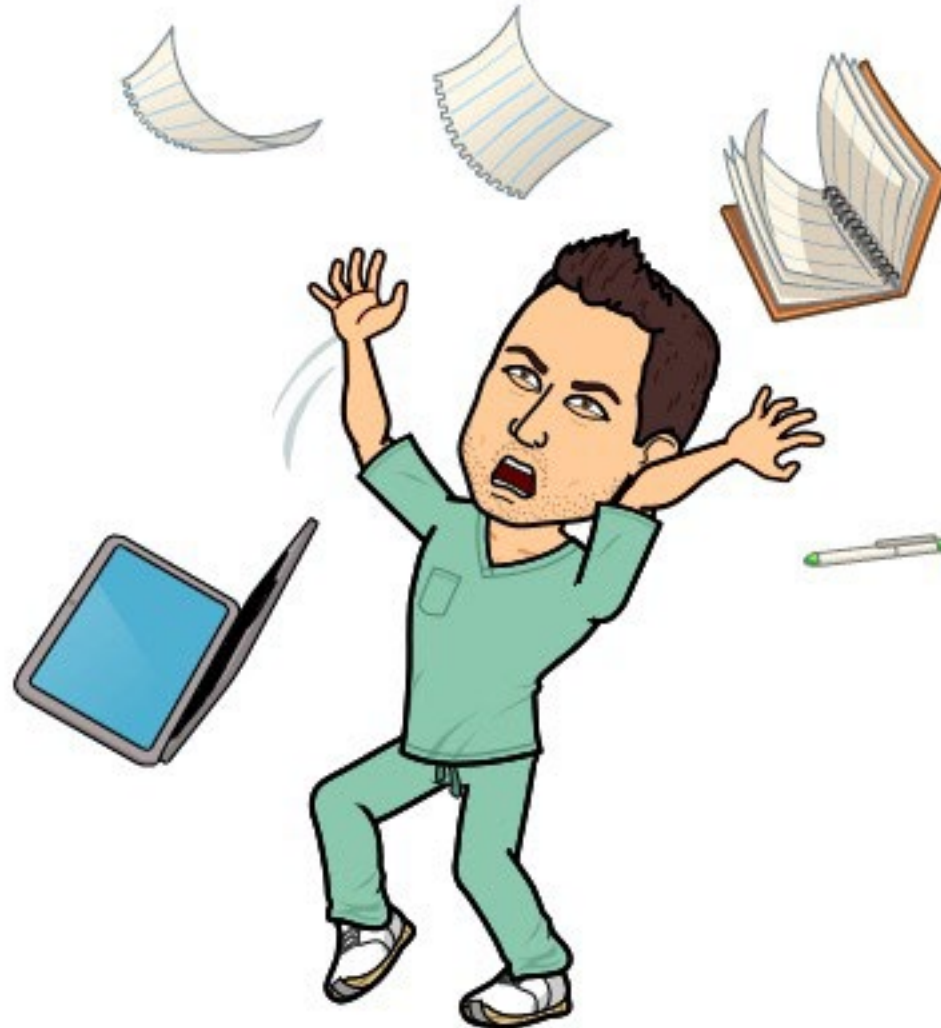
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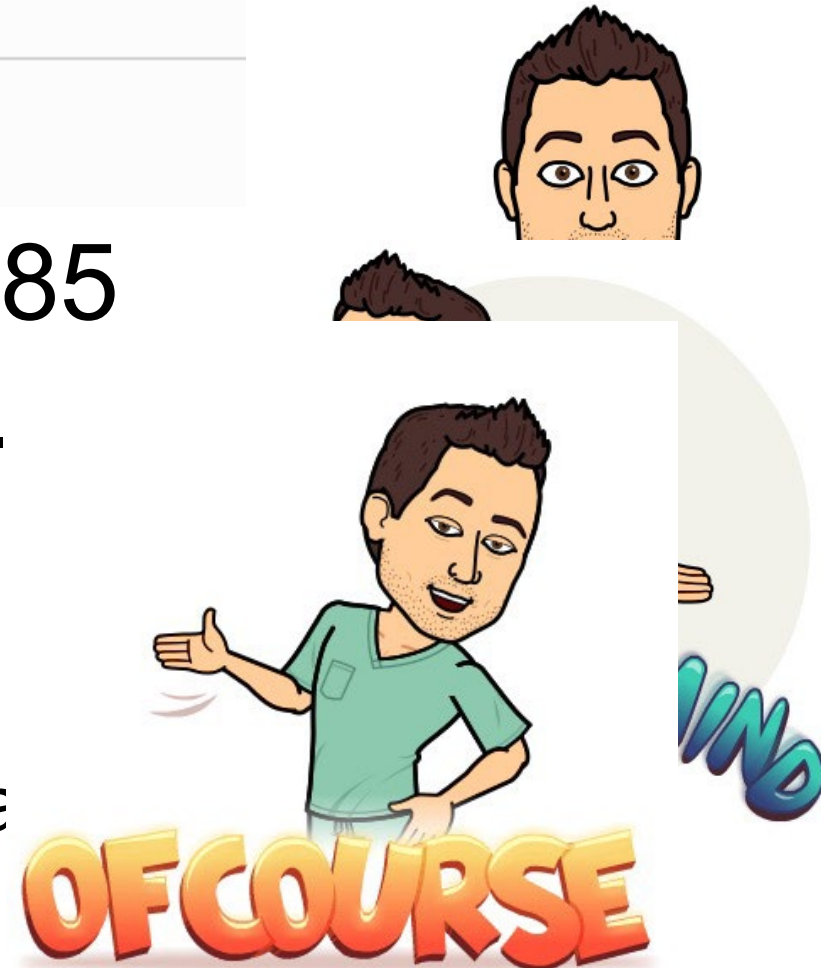
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Using Cardiac Output: 0.85
Using Blood Pressure: 0.

So far, the only thing on par with a fluid challenge
is a fluid challenge...



Fluid Challenge

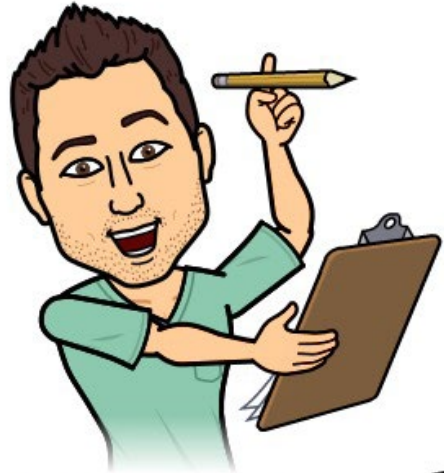
Small bolus of balanced crystalloid

Measure Response:

- Change in Cardiac Output
- Change in Shock Index (HR/Blood Pressure)
- Change in indicators of perfusion (capillary refill, mental status, urine output)

Part II: Management

Early Management of Undifferentiated Shock



1. Airway and Access

2. Mobilize resources

3. Protect the MAP (> 65 mmHg)

WILL DO 

Early Management of Undifferentiated Shock

Pump, then Tank



“The highest chance to help,
The lowest chance to hurt.”

The Pump

1. Is there an effusion?

2. How is the LV function?

3. How is the RV function?

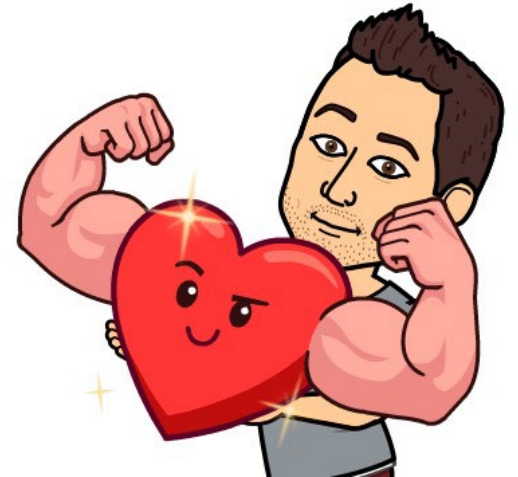
Heart Problems

1. Is there an effusion/tamponade?

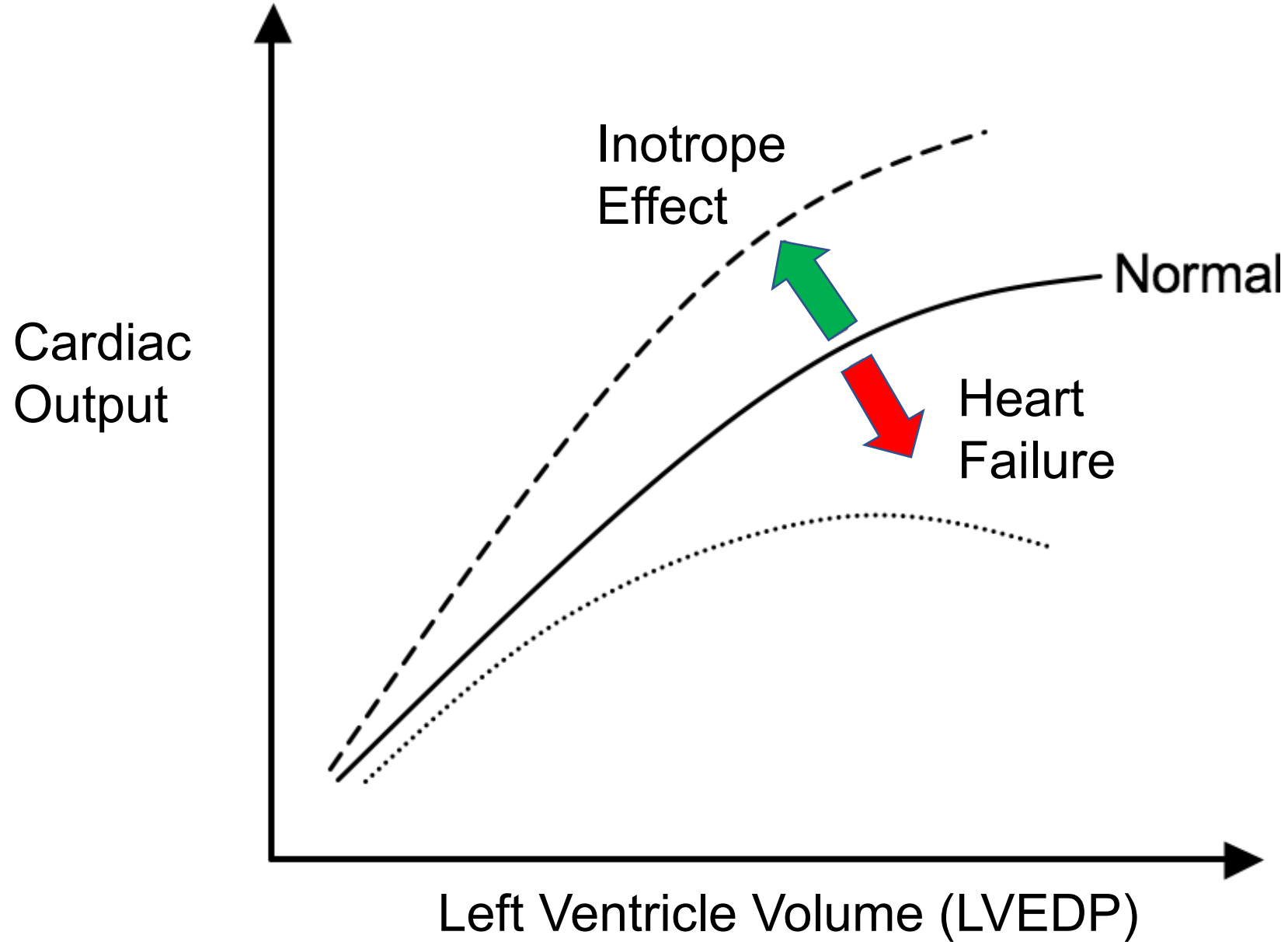
- Give preload
- Drain the effusion

2. Is there RV or LV dysfunction?

- **Give inotropes** (Epinephrine, dobutamine, milrinone)
- Fix electrolytes
- Fix major acid/base disturbance



Why the pump is first



Tank Time!

1. Fluid Challenge- Measure response
2. Volume Resuscitation
3. “Shrink the Tank”- Give Vasopressors
(norepinephrine, phenylephrine, vasopressin)



Let's revisit our patient!

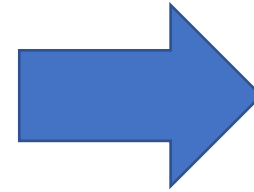
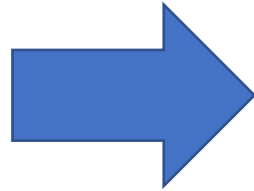
Poll #5

What would be your first step in the management of this patient?

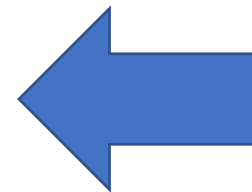
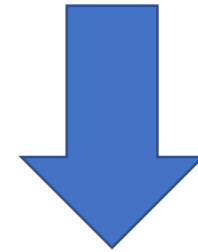
- A. Give a bolus of IV crystalloid fluid
- B. Start peripheral vasopressors (ie norepinephrine, phenylephrine)
- C. Start an inotrope (ie dobutamine, low-dose epinephrine)
- D. Do something else!

Reassess after each intervention

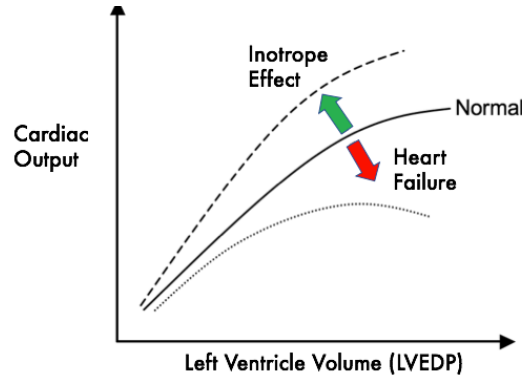
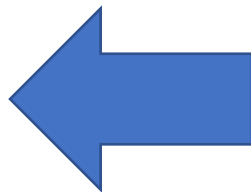
Vasopressor



Inotrope



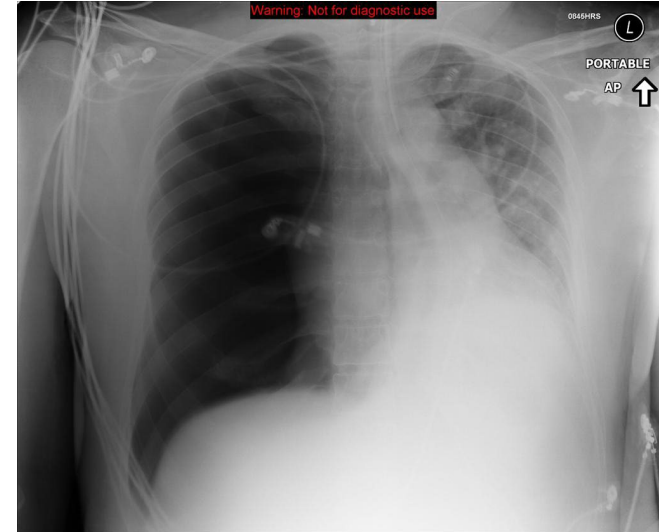
Fluid challenge



The Traps

Tension Pneumothorax

- Physical Exam
- Chest X-ray
- Ultrasound



Severe valve disease (mitral, aortic)

- Physical Exam
- Ultrasound

Let's Recap!

- Thought about history, exam, ordering diagnostics
- Secured airway, obtained access



- Looked at the heart
- Addressed tamponade
- Addressed RV or LV failure



- Considered volume status, gave a fluid challenge
- Gave volume resuscitation
- Gave vasopressors

What next?



Effusion?

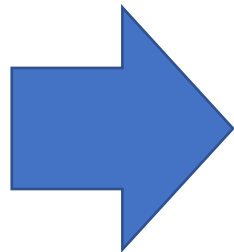
Consider aortic dissection

LV Dysfunction?

Consider ACS/MI

Cardiomyopathies

Electrolytes/Acid Base



RV dysfunction?

Consider PE

Consider RV infarct

Consider FAST, lung ultrasound

Obtain Labs

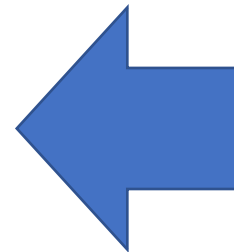
- WBC, hgb
- BMP/Electrolytes
- Lactate
- Troponin
- Cultures

Obtain EKG

Obtain Formal Echocardiogram

Additional imaging

- CXR
- CT Chest- PE, dissection
- Bleeding source



Consider sepsis

Consider hypovolemia

Consider hemorrhage

Consider adrenal axis dysfxn

So, what was wrong with our patient?

I don't know.

And that's OK.

Questions?

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