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Cardiac Board-type Case Review

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What's the DDX?



Cyanotic newborn



Cyanosis With Decreased Vascularity

- Tetralogy
- Truncus-type IV
- Tricuspid atresia*
- Transposition*
- Ebstein's

* Also appears on DDx of cyanosis with increased vascularity



What's the diagnosis?



Ebstein's Anomaly



What's the DDX?



8 year-old cyanotic male



Cyanosis With Increased Vascularity

- Truncus types I, II, III
- TAPVR
- Tricuspid atresia*
- Transposition*
- Single ventricle

* Also appears on DDx of cyanosis with decreased vascularity



What's the diagnosis?



TAPVR-Supracardiac type 1



What's the DDX?



Acyanotic newborn



Cardiomegaly with Normal Vasculature

- **Viral myocarditis**
- **Endocardial fibroelastosis**
- **Aberrant left coronary artery**
- **Cystic medial necrosis**
- **Diabetic mother**



What's the diagnosis?



Viral myocarditis



What's the DDX?



Acyanotic newborn



Causes of CHF In Newborn

Impede Return of Flow to Left Heart

- Infantile coarctation
- Congenital aortic stenosis
- Hypoplastic left heart syndrome
- Congenital mitral stenosis
- Cor triatriatum
- Obstruction to venous return from lungs
 - TAPVR from below diaphragm



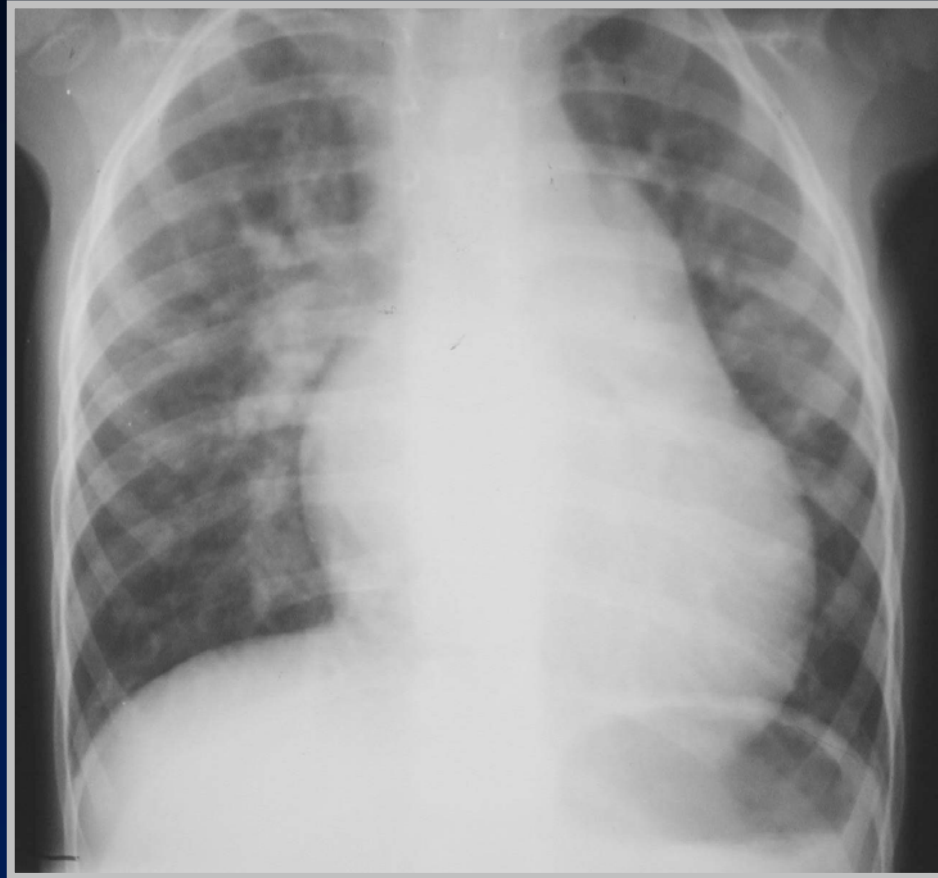
What's the diagnosis?



Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome



What's the diagnosis?



7 yo acyanotic female



Atrial septal defect



Another example



34 yo acyanotic female

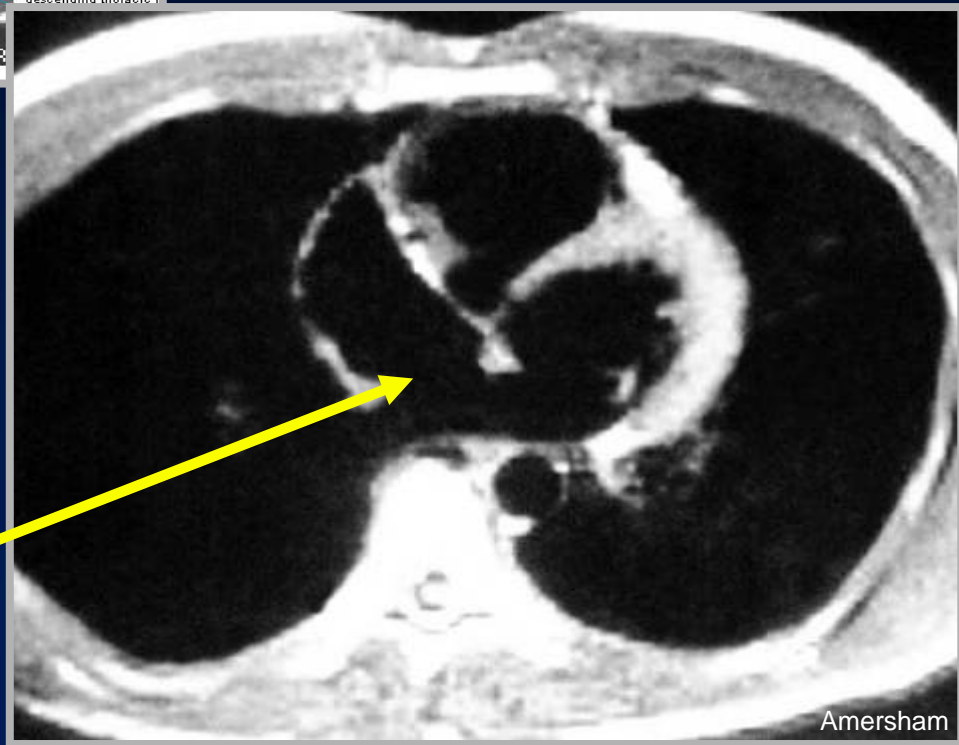
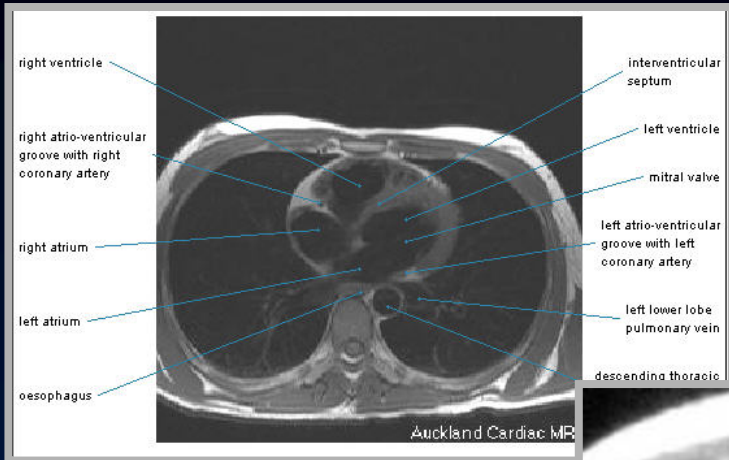


ASD (primum) with PAH



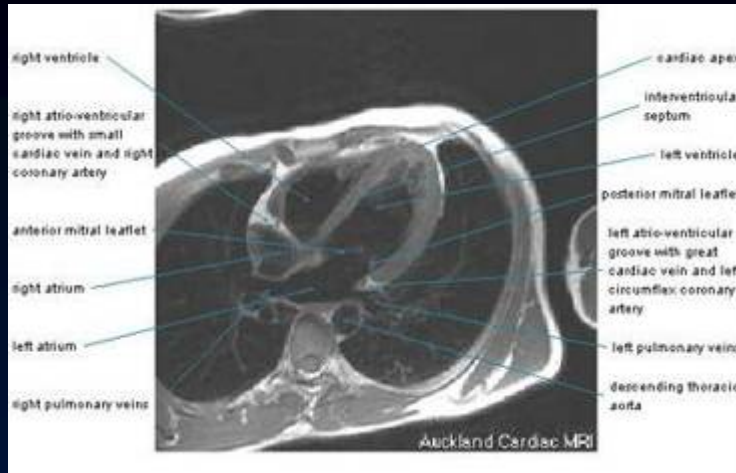
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**Ostium Secundum
 ASD-MRI**

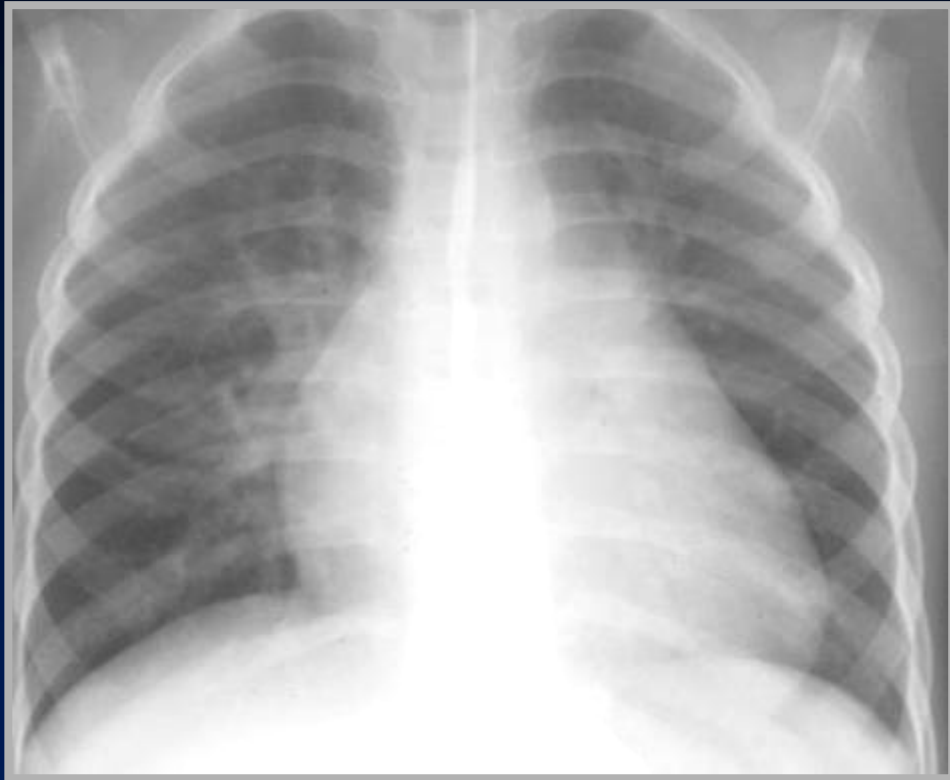




- Discontinuity in the atrial septum with systolic signal void consistent with L to R shunt at atrial level
- Right atrium is slightly dilated; RV, LV and LA size are normal



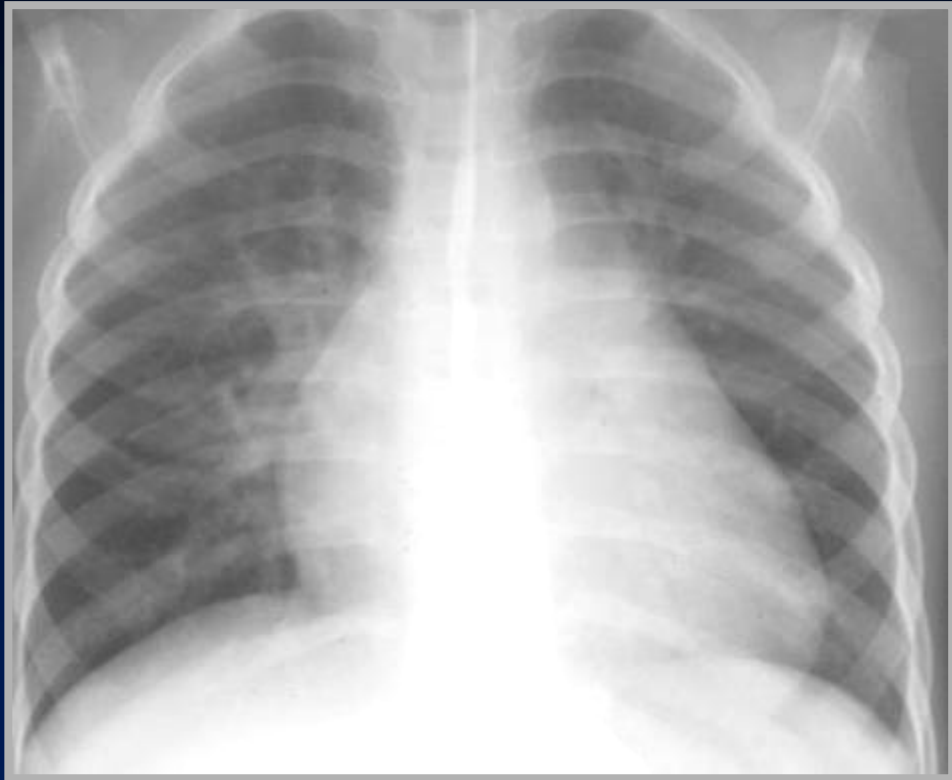
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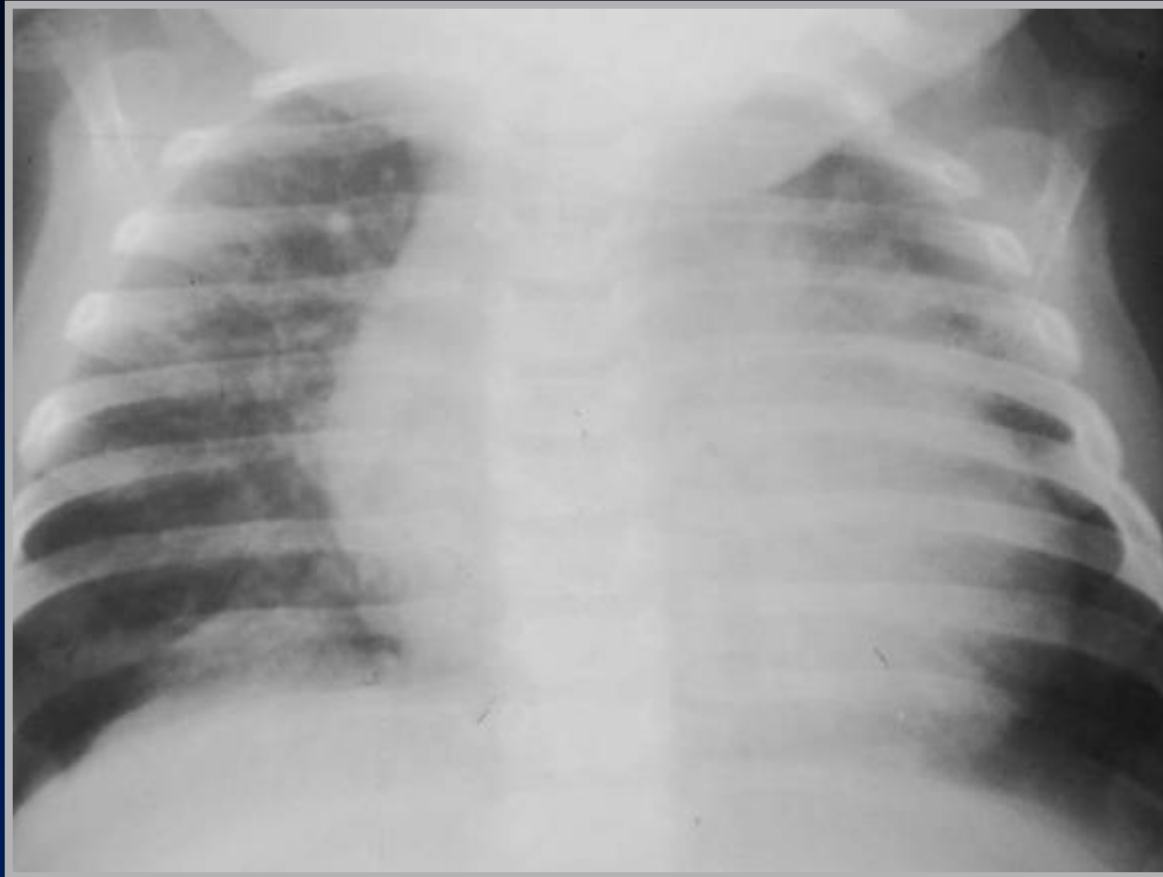
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Ventricular Septal Defect



Another example-VSD

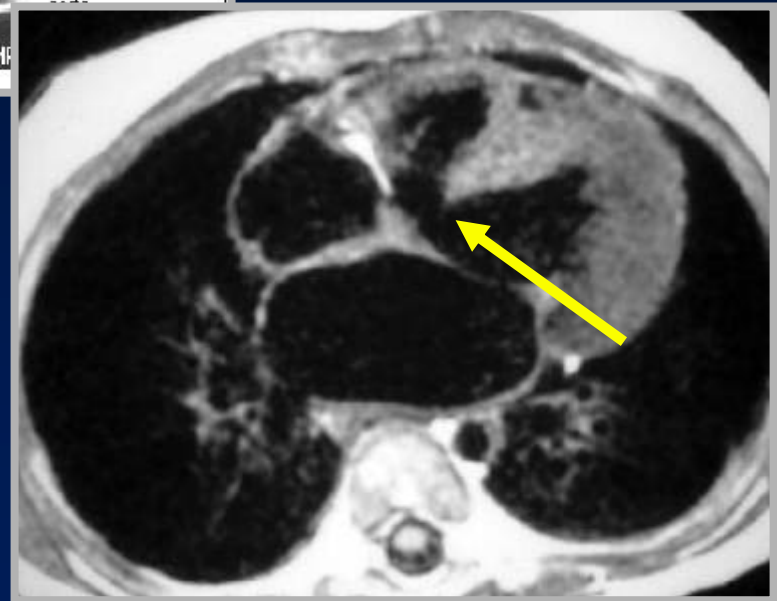


VSD





Membranous VSD-MRI



What's the diagnosis?



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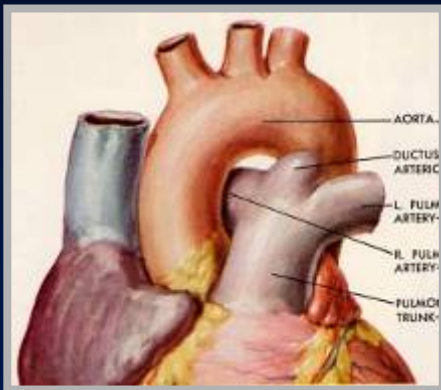


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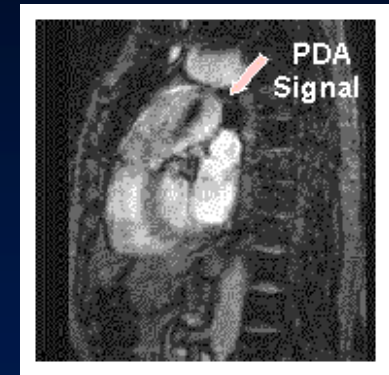
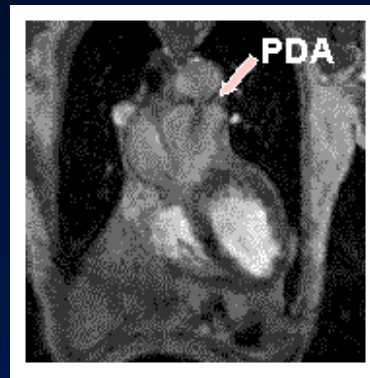


Patent Ductus Arteriosus-MRI

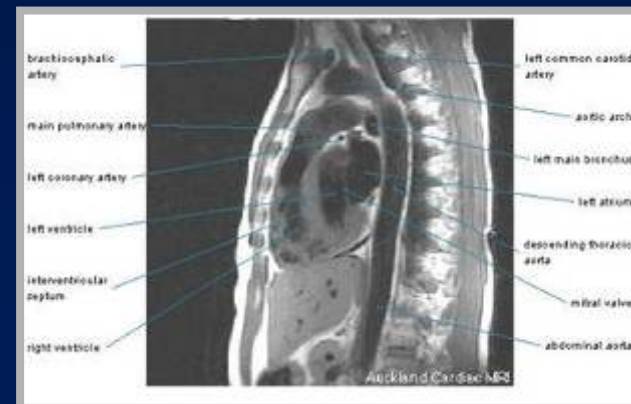
- Jet of signal loss showing continuous flow from the aorta to the MPA consistent with sizeable PDA; MPA is severely dilated at level of PDA



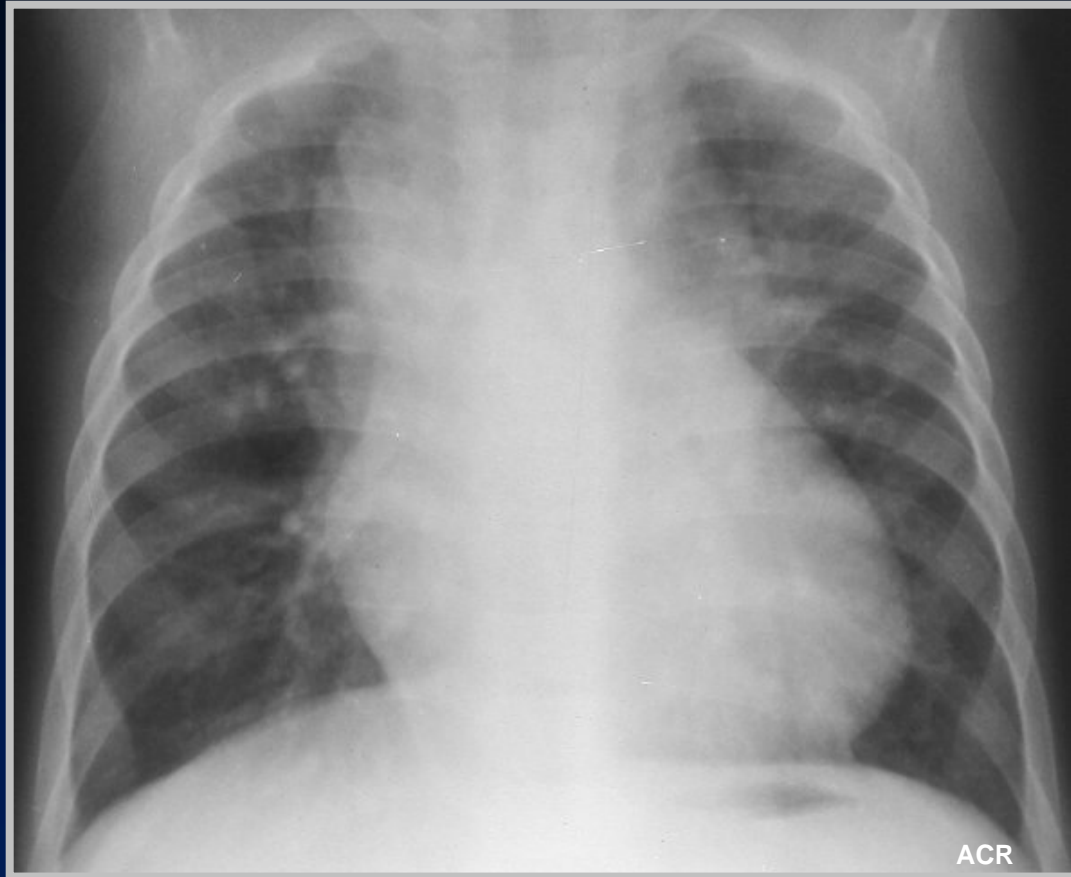
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SCVMR



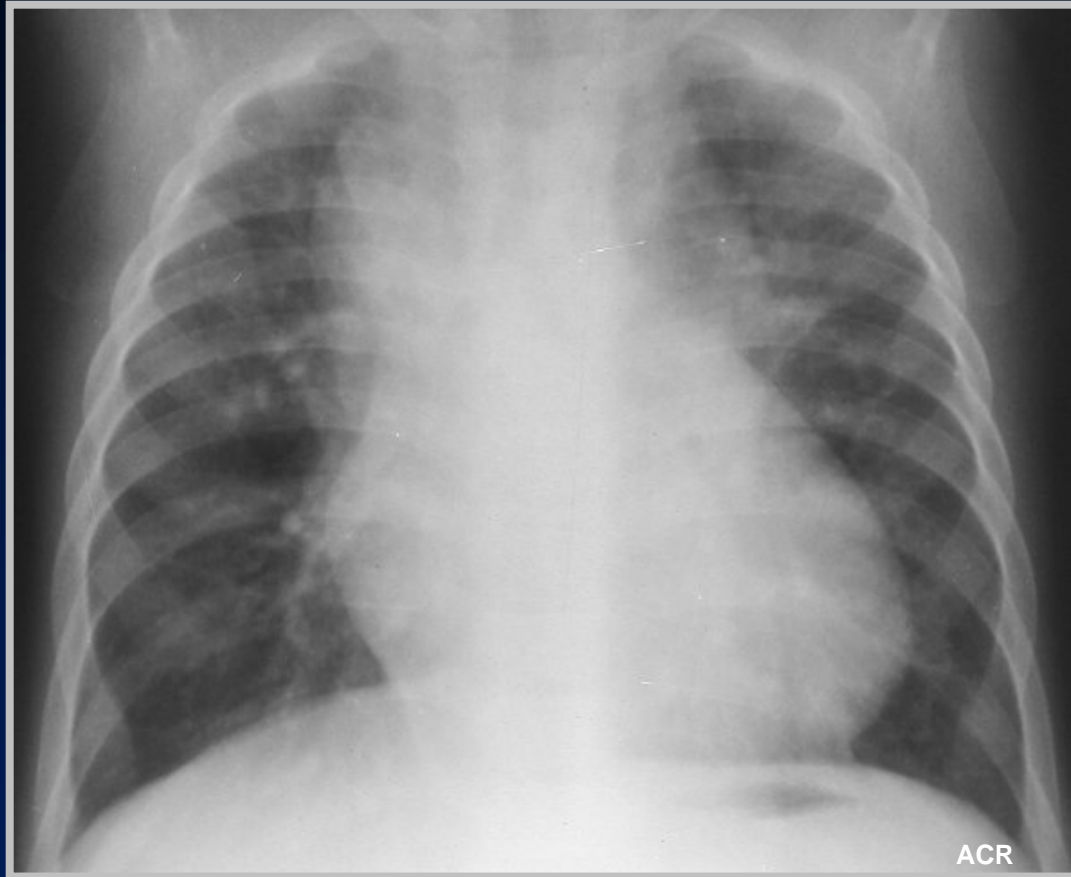
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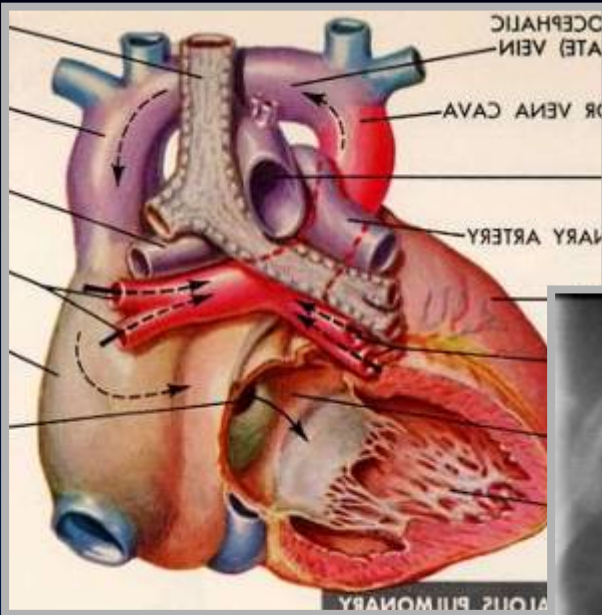
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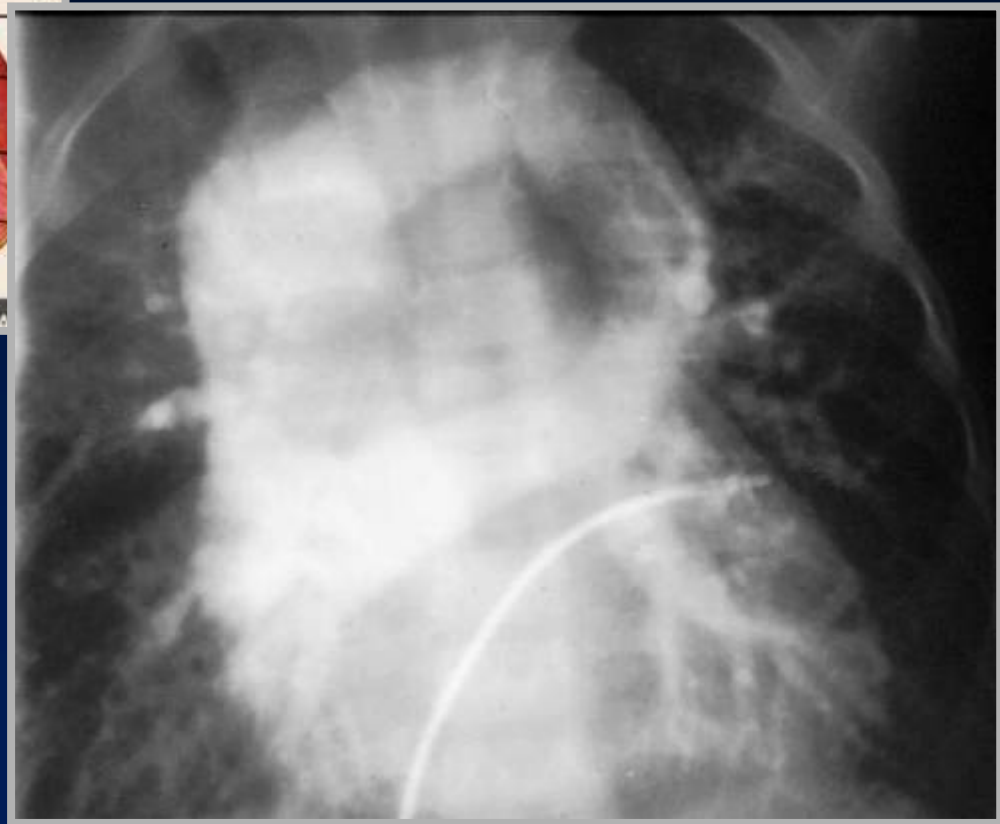
TAPVR-supracardiac type



TAPVR Supracardiac Type 1

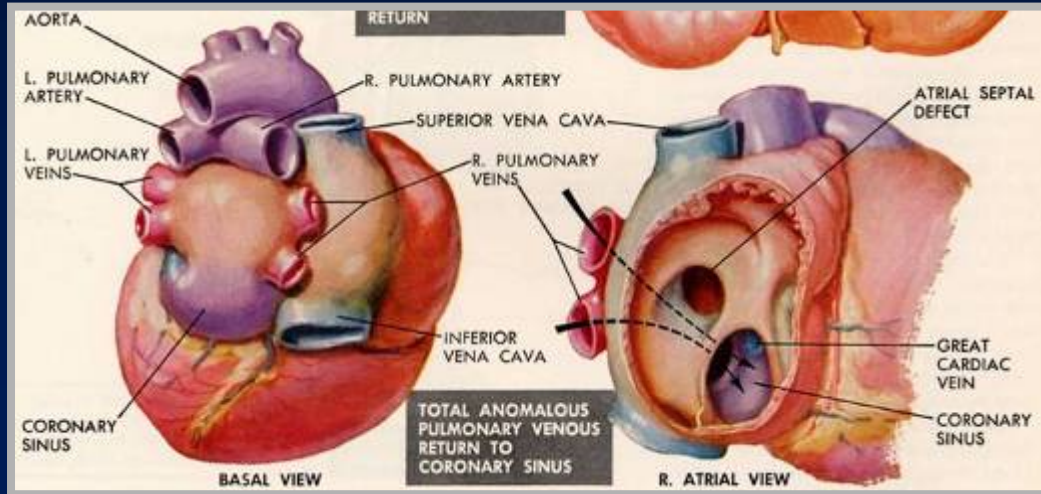
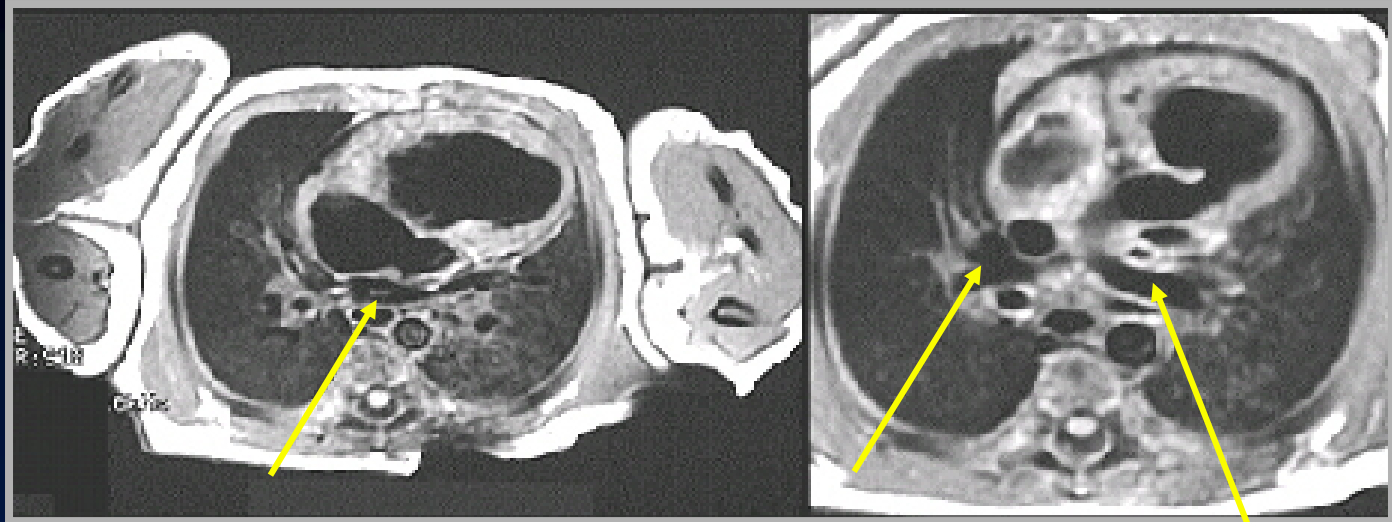


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Angiographic Appearance

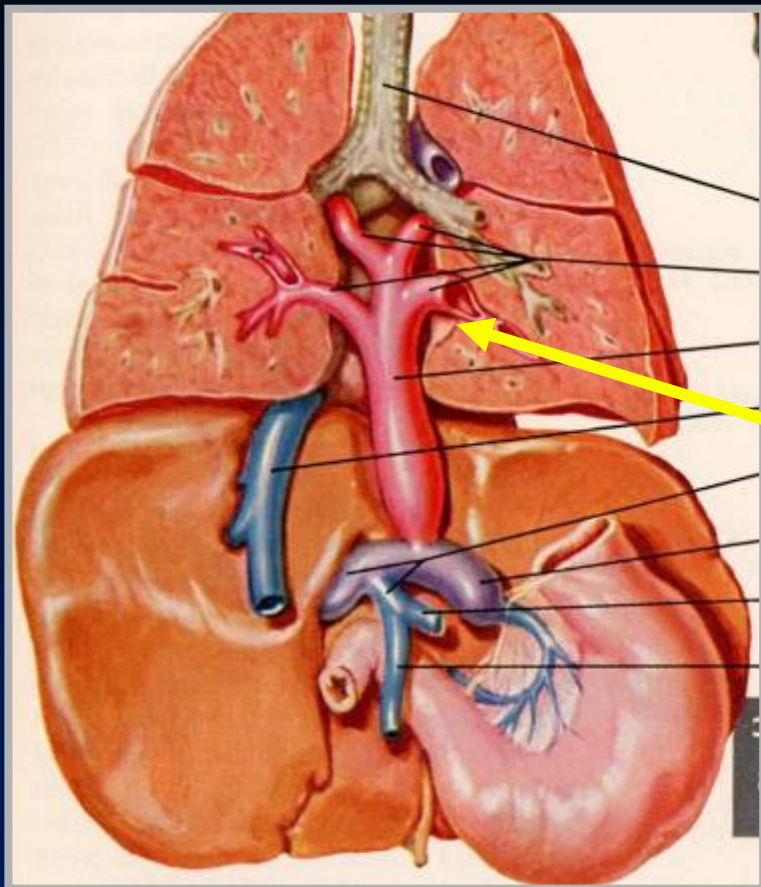




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TAPVR-cardiac type-MRI





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TAPVR-infracardiac type-MRI



What's the diagnosis?



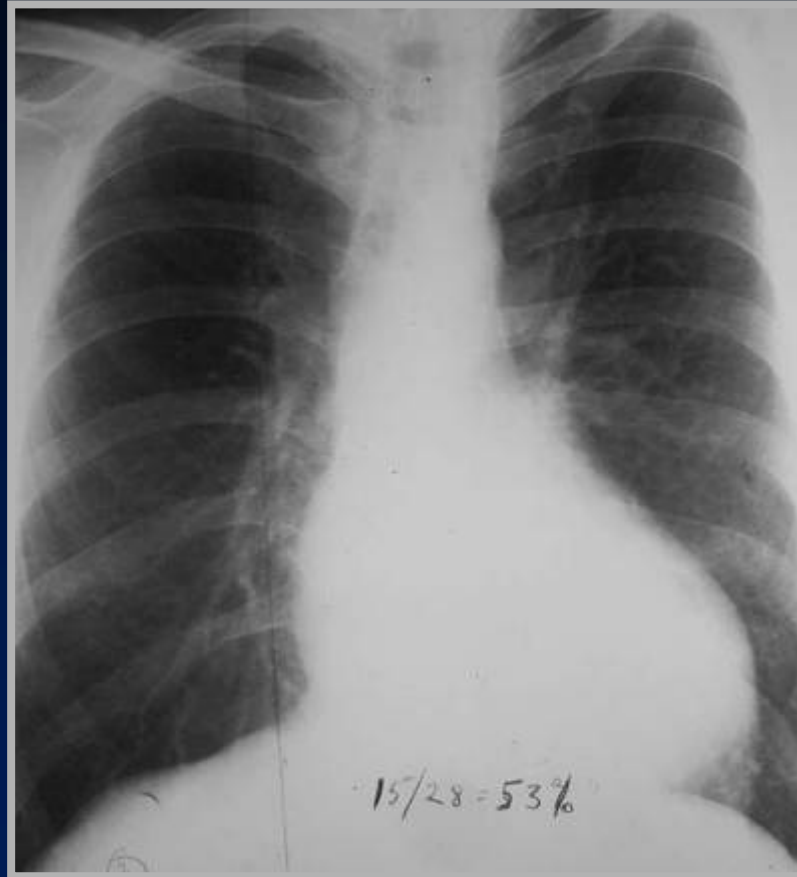
10 yo cyanotic male



Tetralogy of Fallot



Other examples



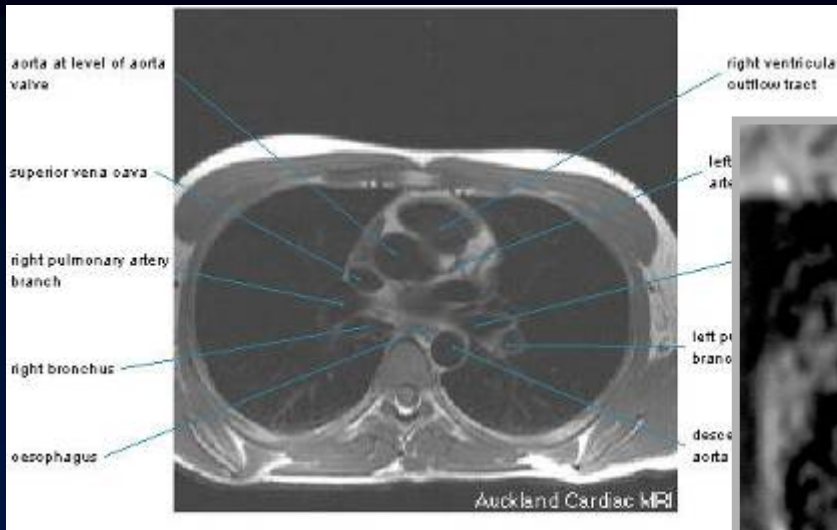
Tetralogy of Fallot





Tetralogy of Fallot-MRI
Overriding aorta, VSD



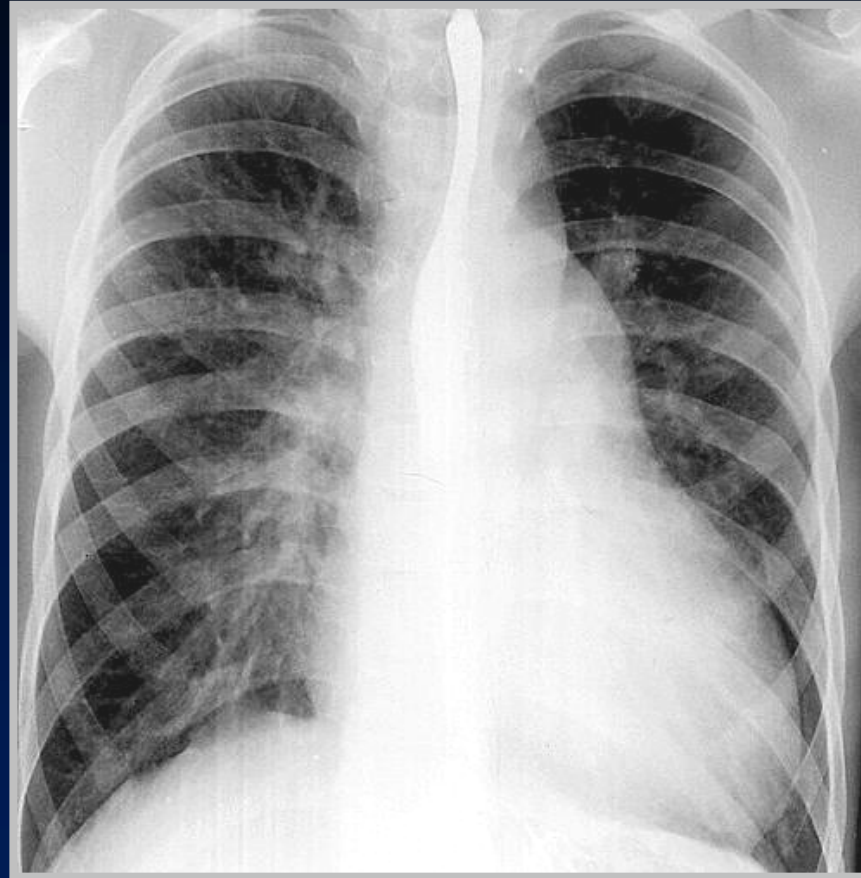


Axial spin-echo MR image shows severe infundibular pulmonic stenosis (arrow).

Tetralogy of Fallot



What's the diagnosis?

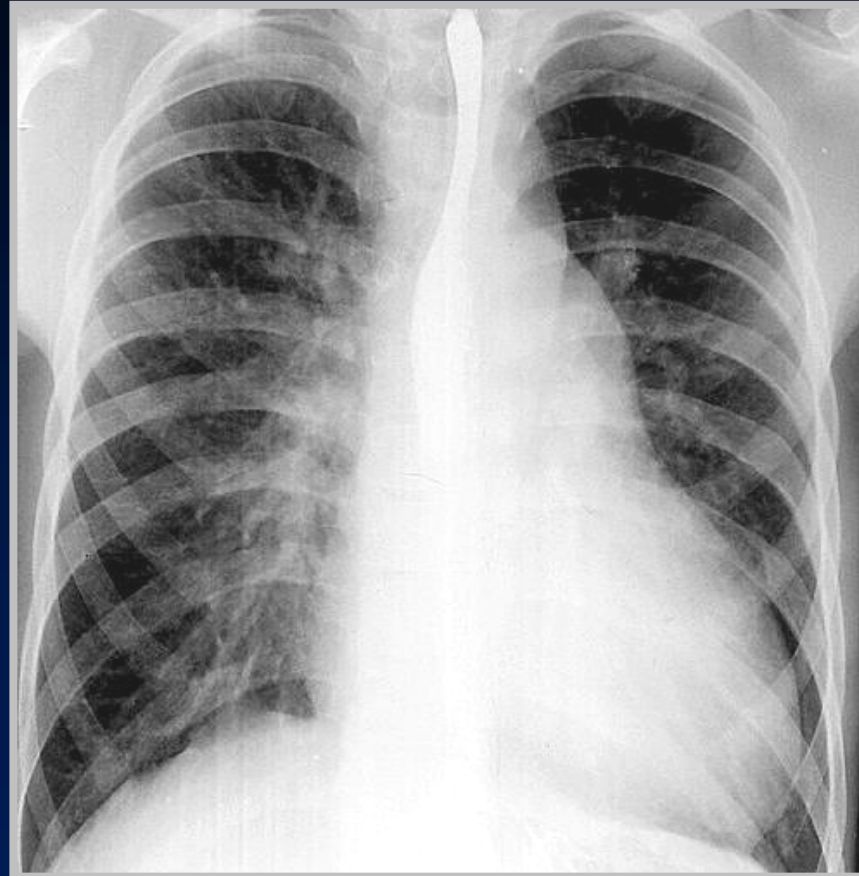


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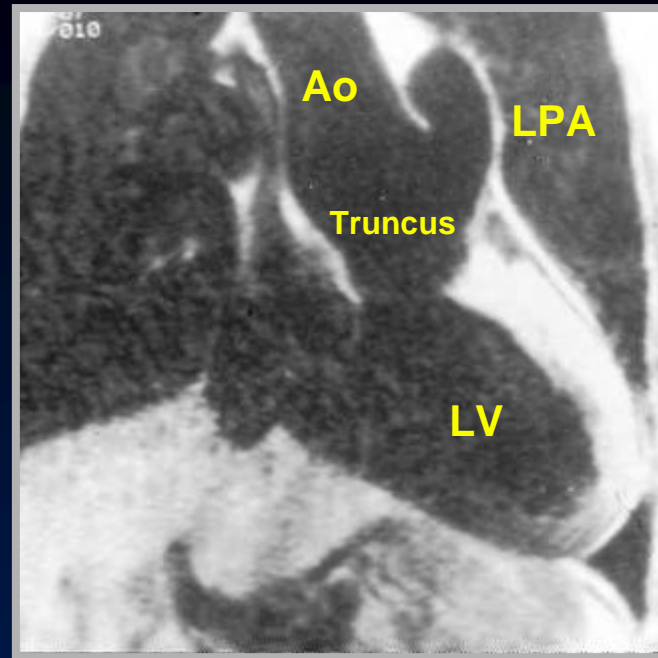
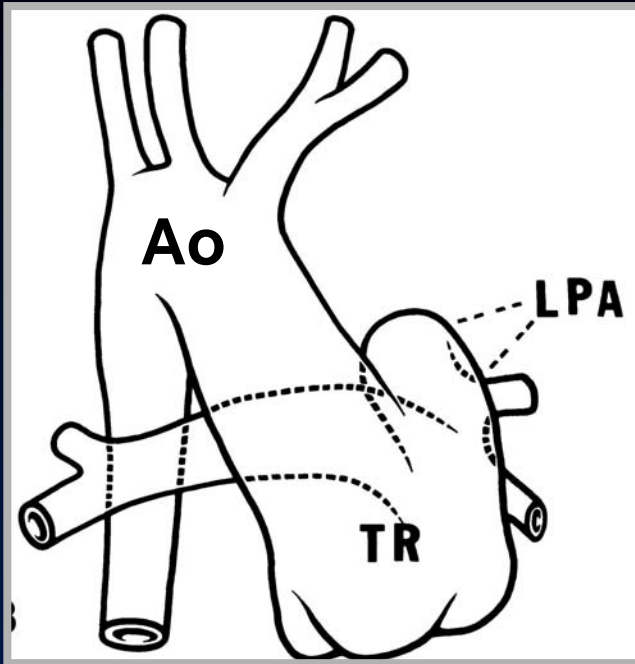
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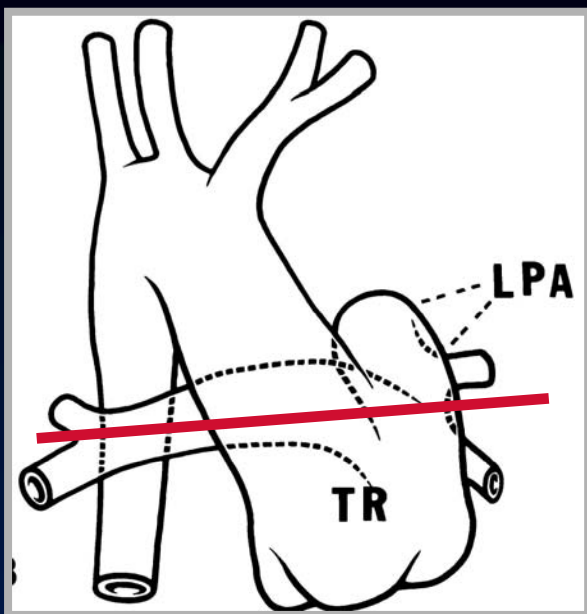
Truncus arteriosus-Type 1



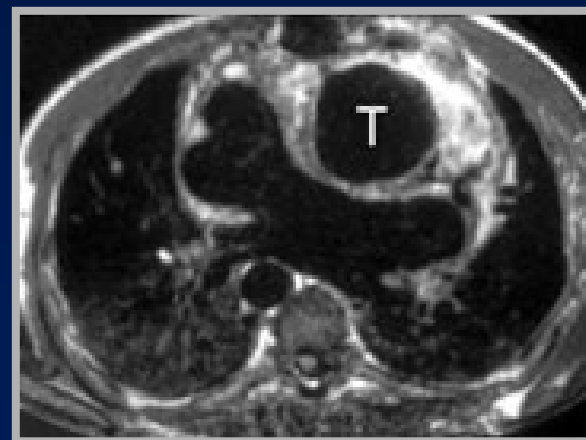
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Truncus Type 1



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Single large artery (T) arising from the heart.
 Pulmonary artery (arrow) originates from the left side of the truncus
 There is a right aortic arch

Truncus Arteriosus Type 1-MRI

Amersham





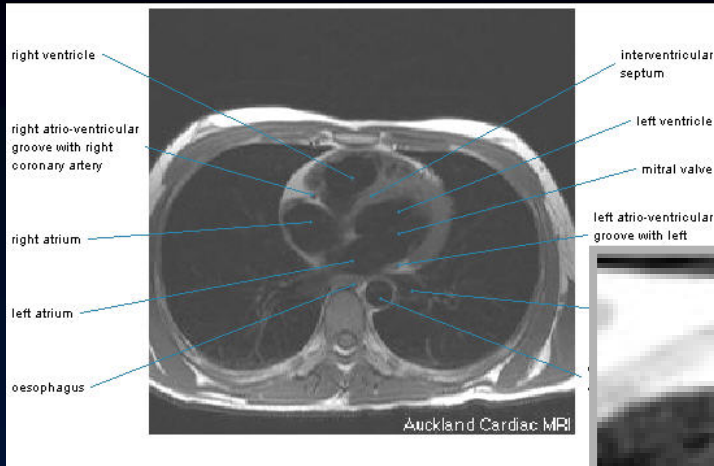
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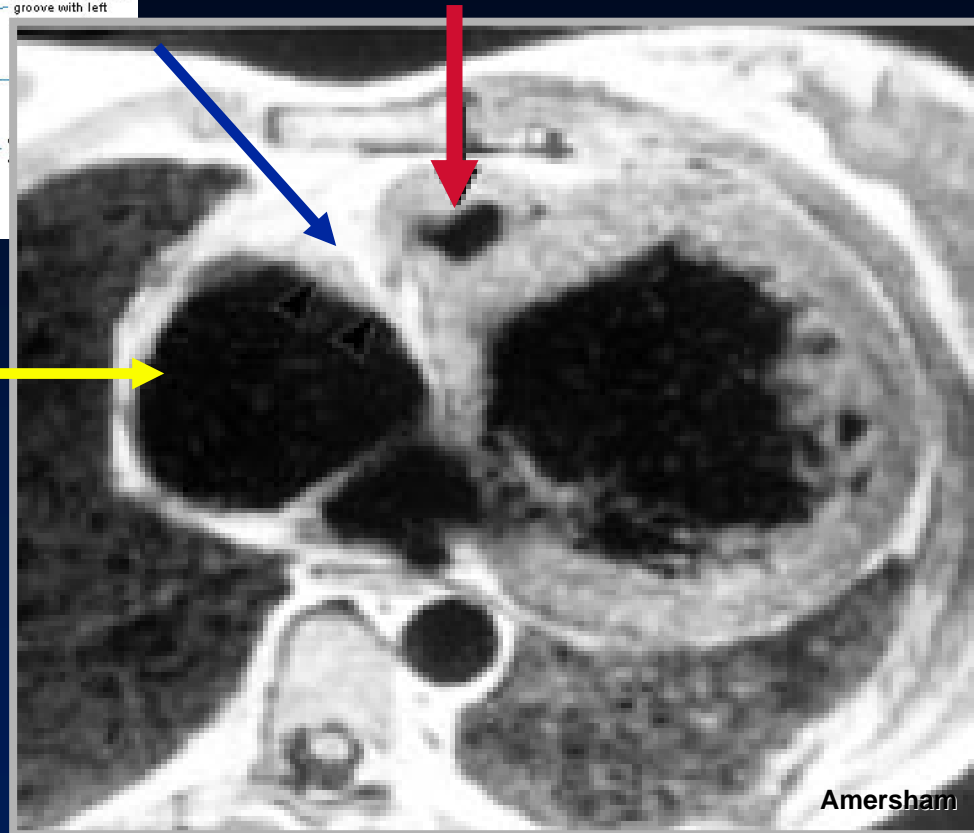


Truncus Type III





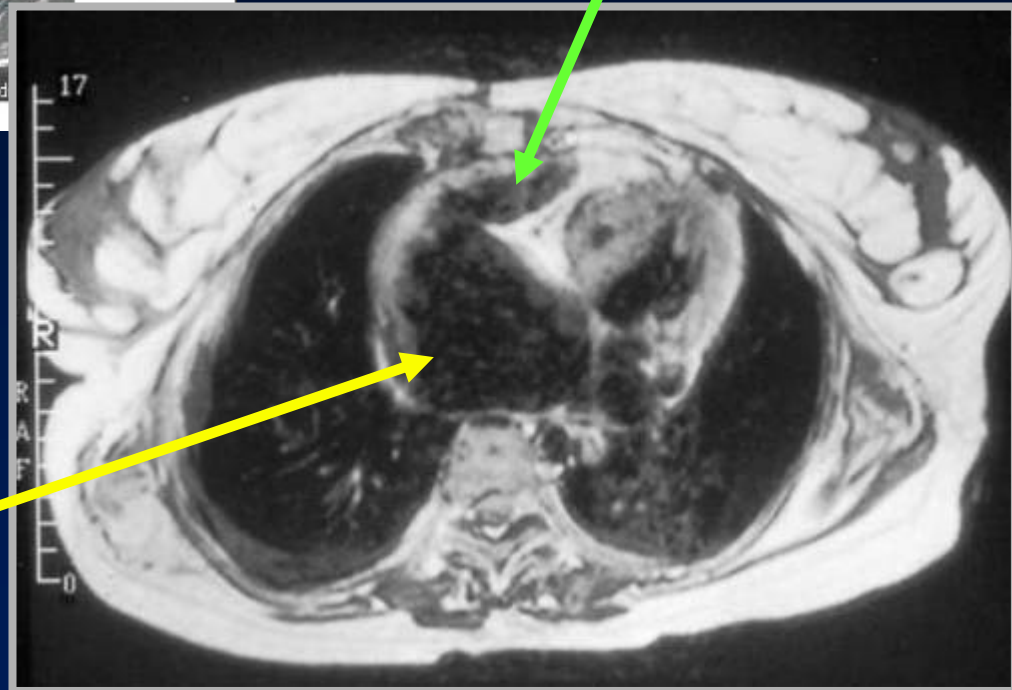
ECG-gated spin-echo transaxial image demonstrates a bar of muscle and fat (blue arrow) (tricuspid atresia) separating the right atrium (yellow arrow) from the hypoplastic right ventricle (red arrow)



Tricuspid atresia-MRI



Small right ventricle

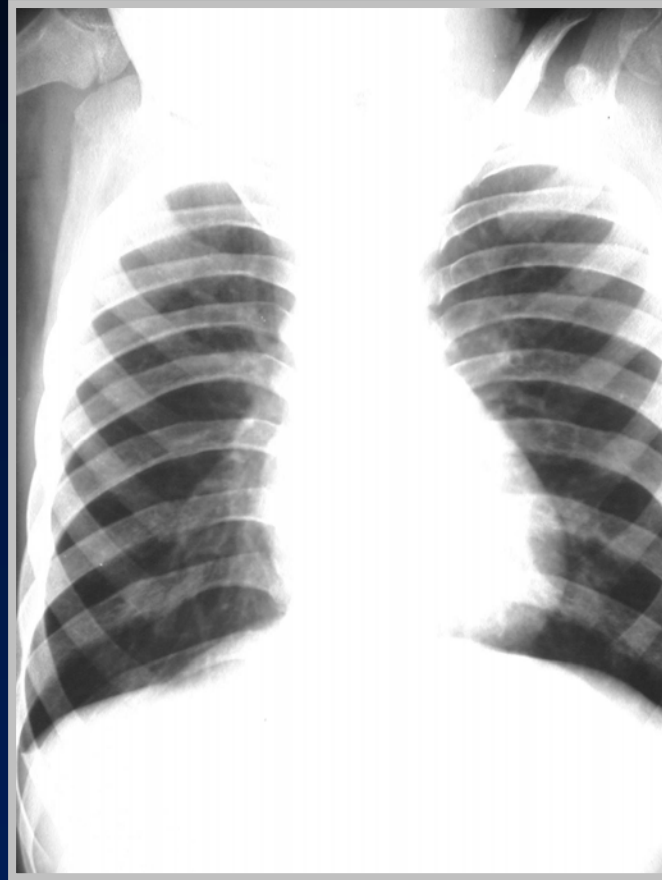


Enlarged right atrium

Tricuspid atresia-MRI



What's the diagnosis?



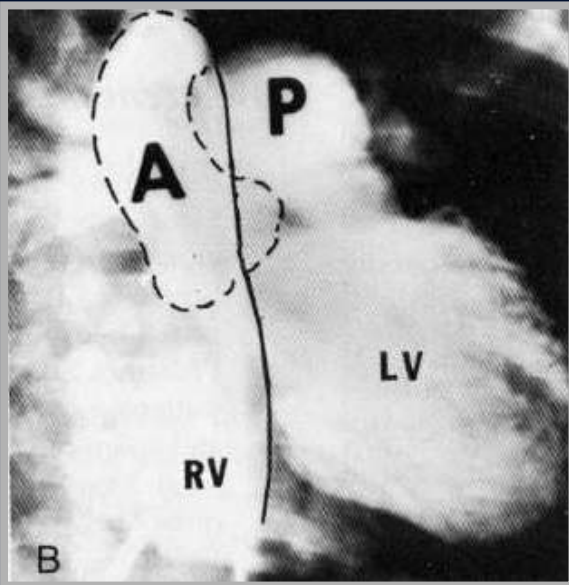
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Transposition of the Great Vessels

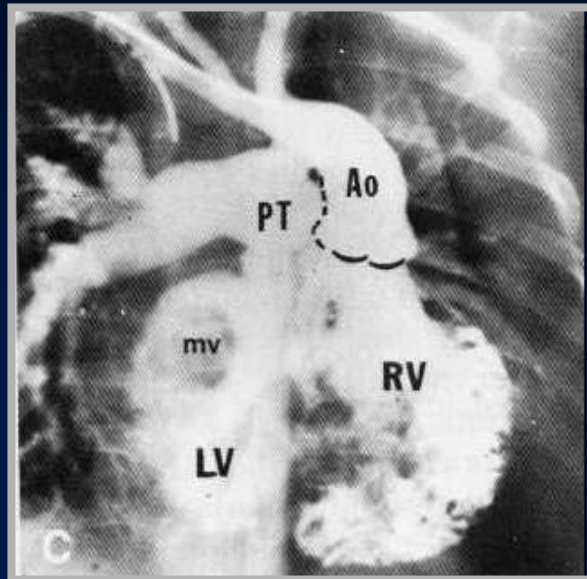


In Transposition, pulmonic valve is



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Normal



Corrected Transposition

Posterior

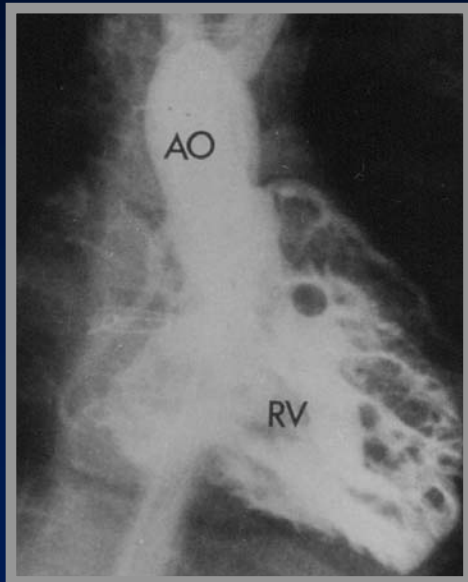
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Inferior

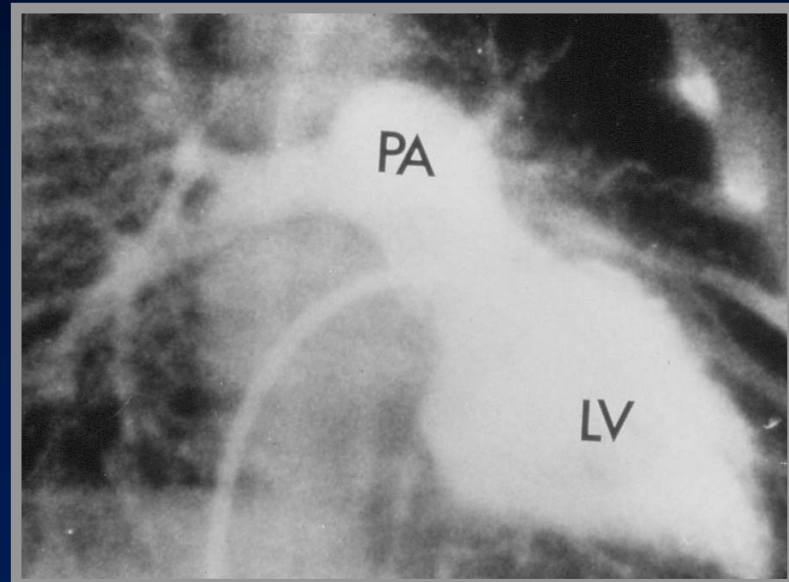
To the aortic valve



Anatomic Ventricles



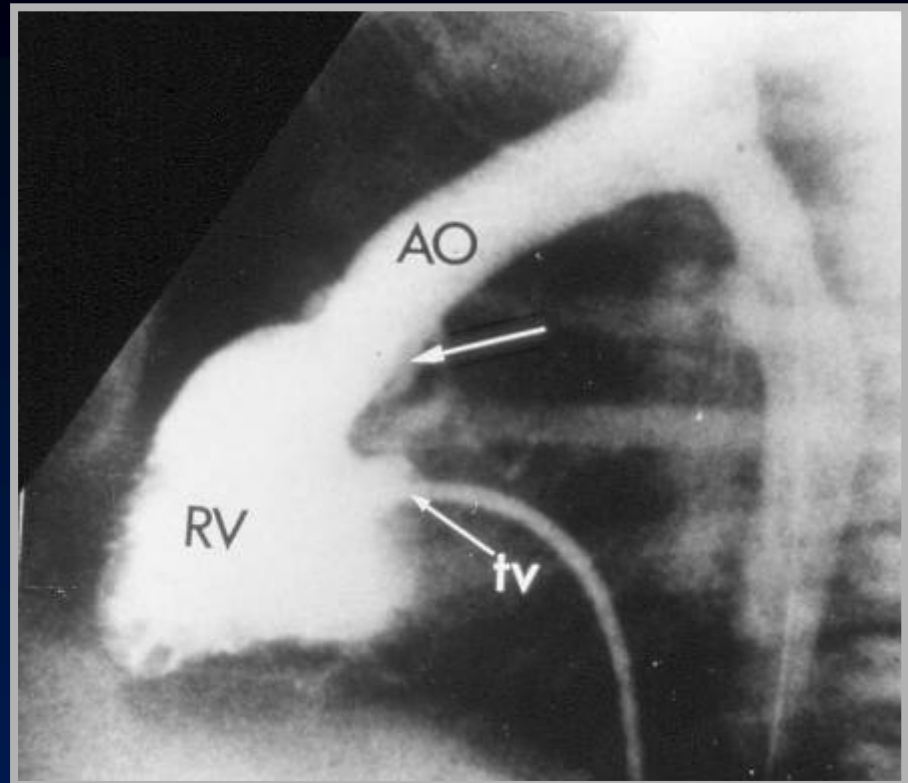
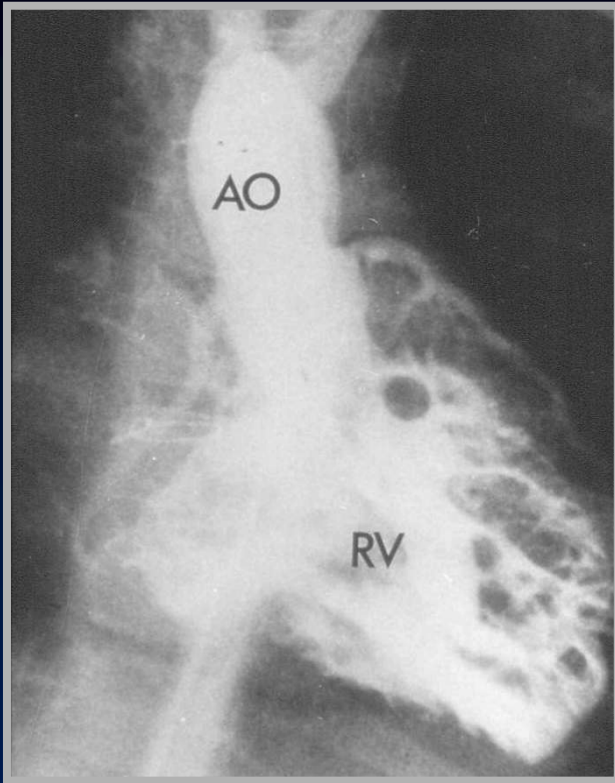
**Trabeculated ventricle-
Anatomic Right**



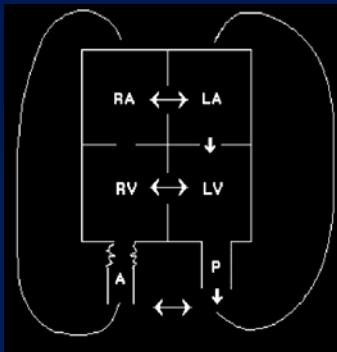
**Smooth ventricle-
Anatomic Left**

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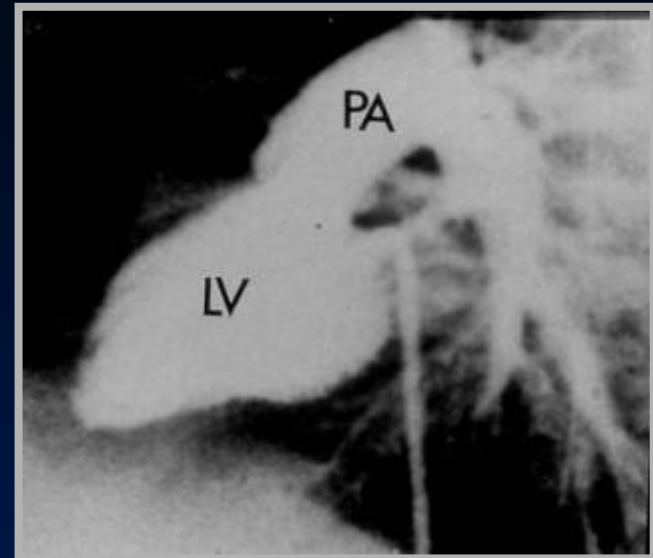
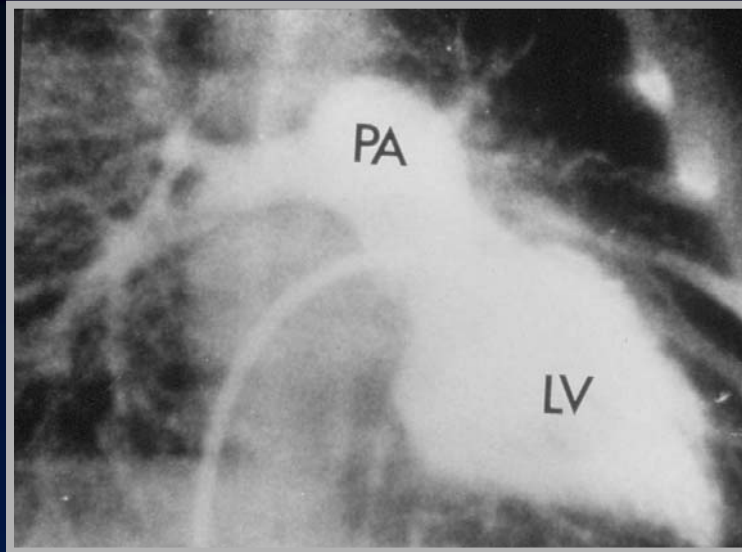


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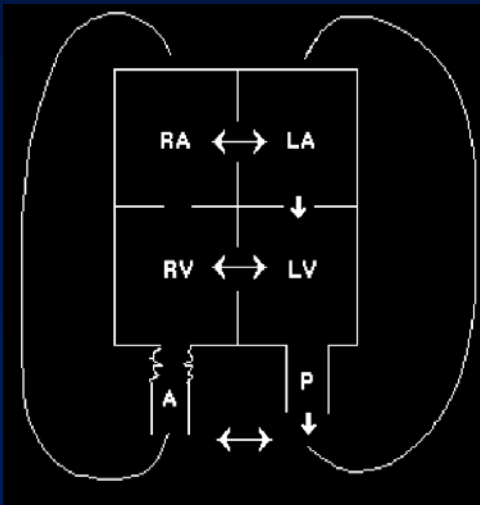


Transposition of the Great Vessels - RVgram



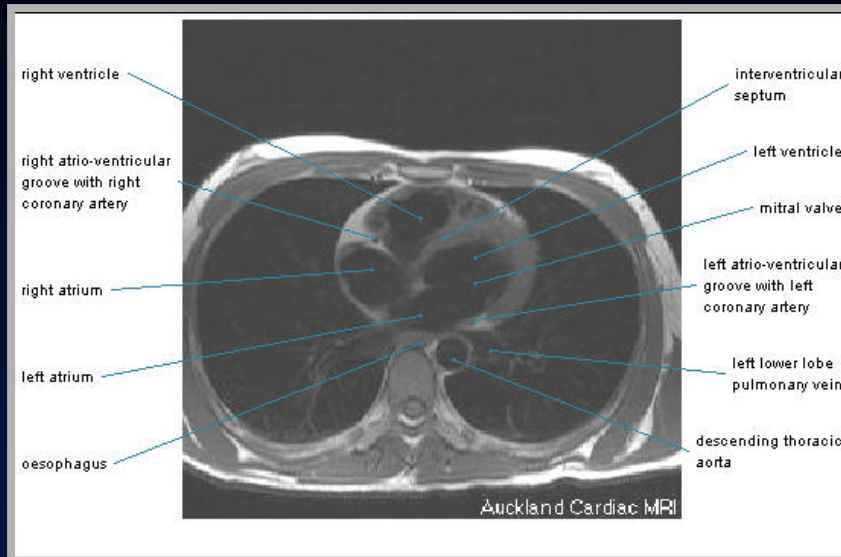


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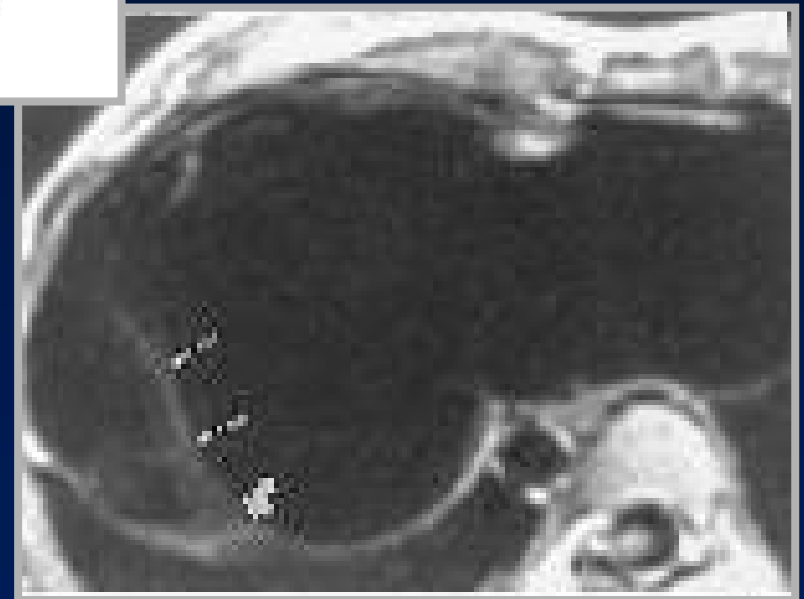


Transposition of the Great Vessels - LVgram





Oblique axial spin-echo image shows displaced attachment (thick arrow) of the posterior leaflet (thin arrows)



Ebstein's Anomaly

What's the diagnosis?



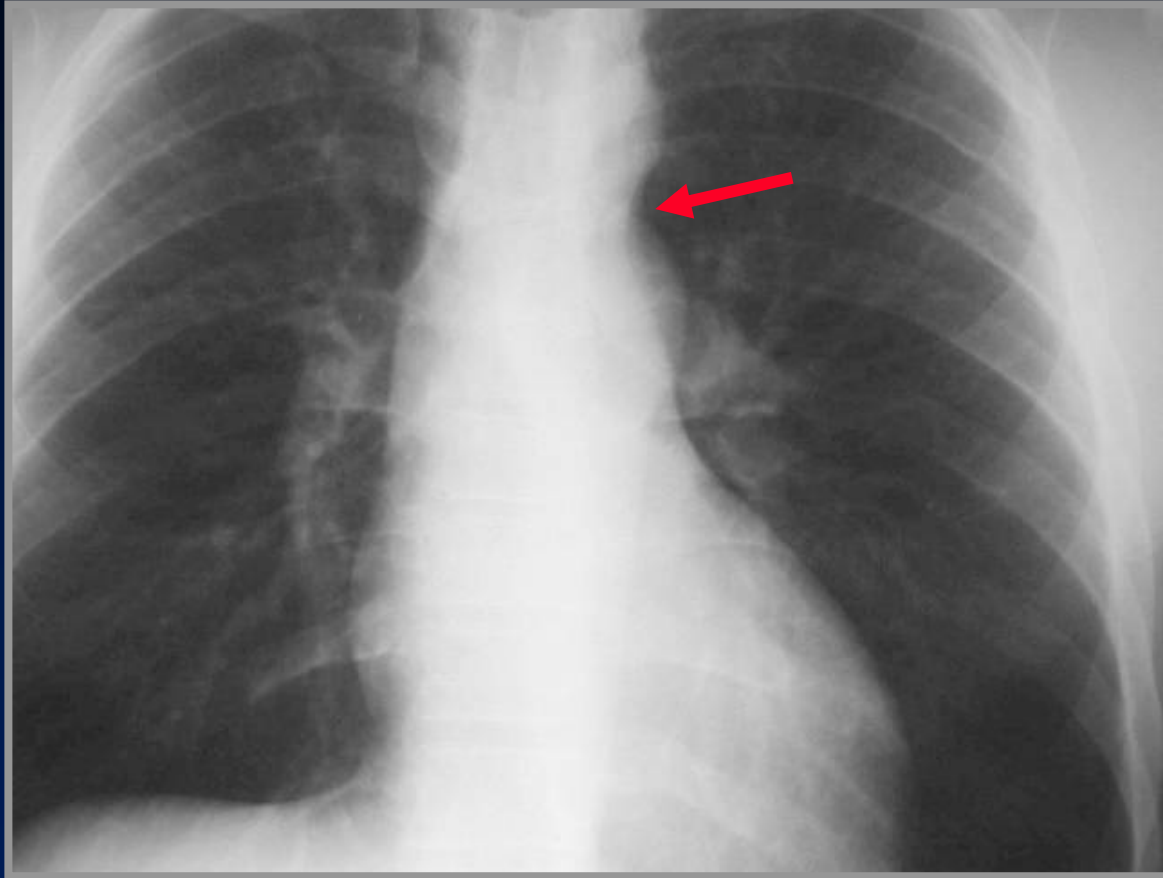
Acyanotic adult



Coarctation of the aorta



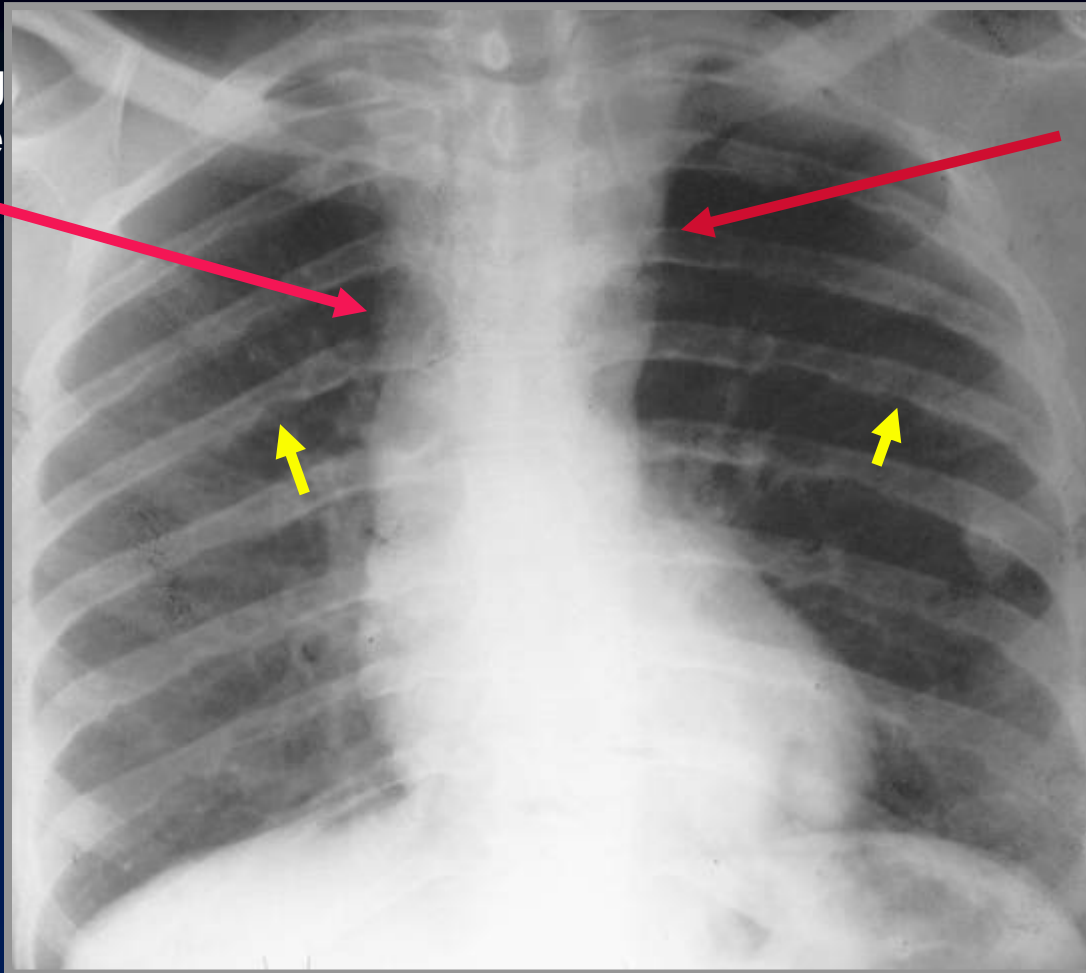
Coarctation of the aorta



Arrow points to indentation representing area of coarctation with dilated aorta (or LSCA) above and post-stenotic dilatation below coarct



**Ascending
Ao may be
dilated,
normal or
small**

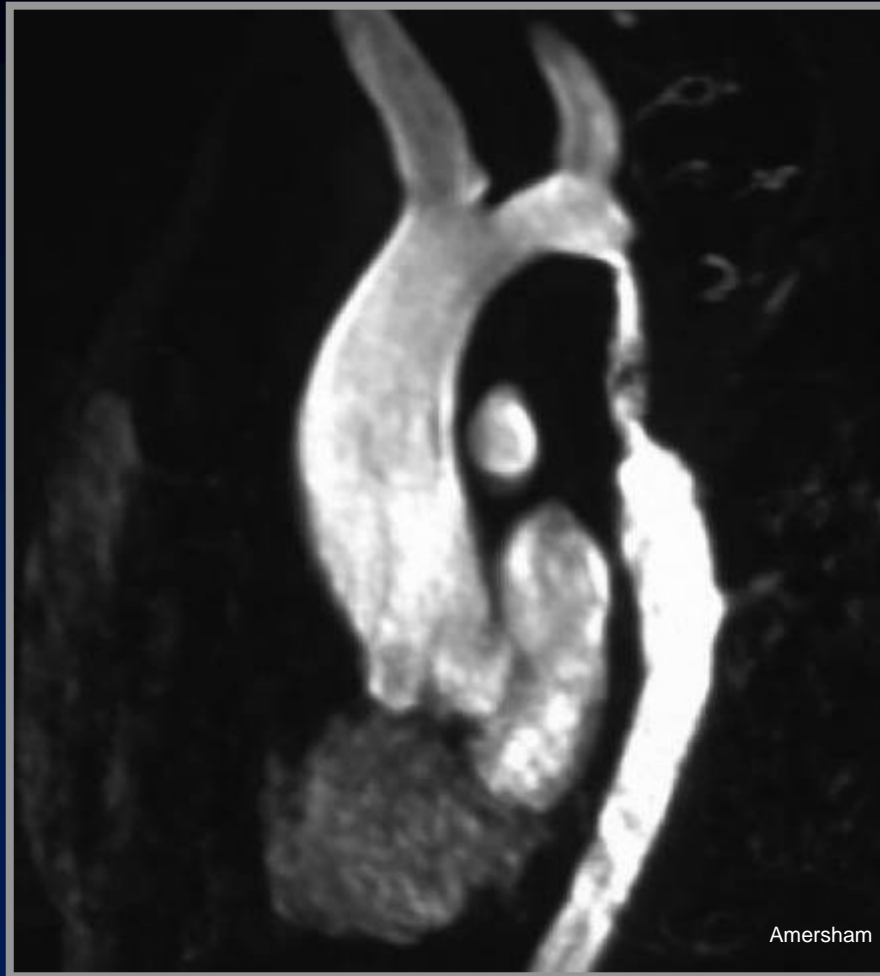


**Convexity
above aortic
knob due to
dilated LSCA
or Aorta
proximal to
coarct**

**Yellow
arrows
point to
rib-
notching**

Coarctation of the Aorta





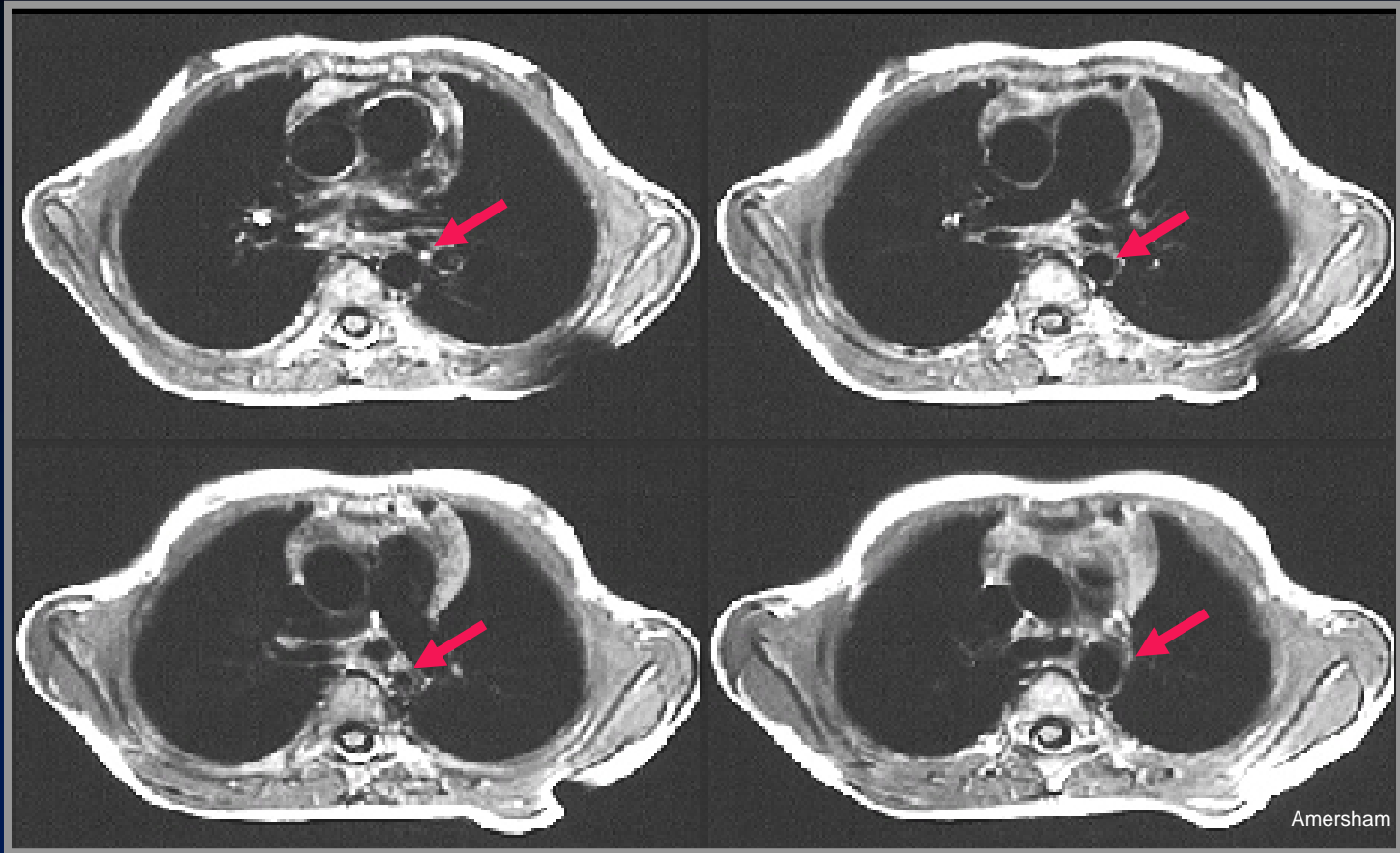
**Contrast enhanced MRA shows
long segment coarctation of the aorta**





Oblique sagittal spin-echo-Coarctation of the Aorta





Axial spin-echo MRI-Coarctation of the Aorta



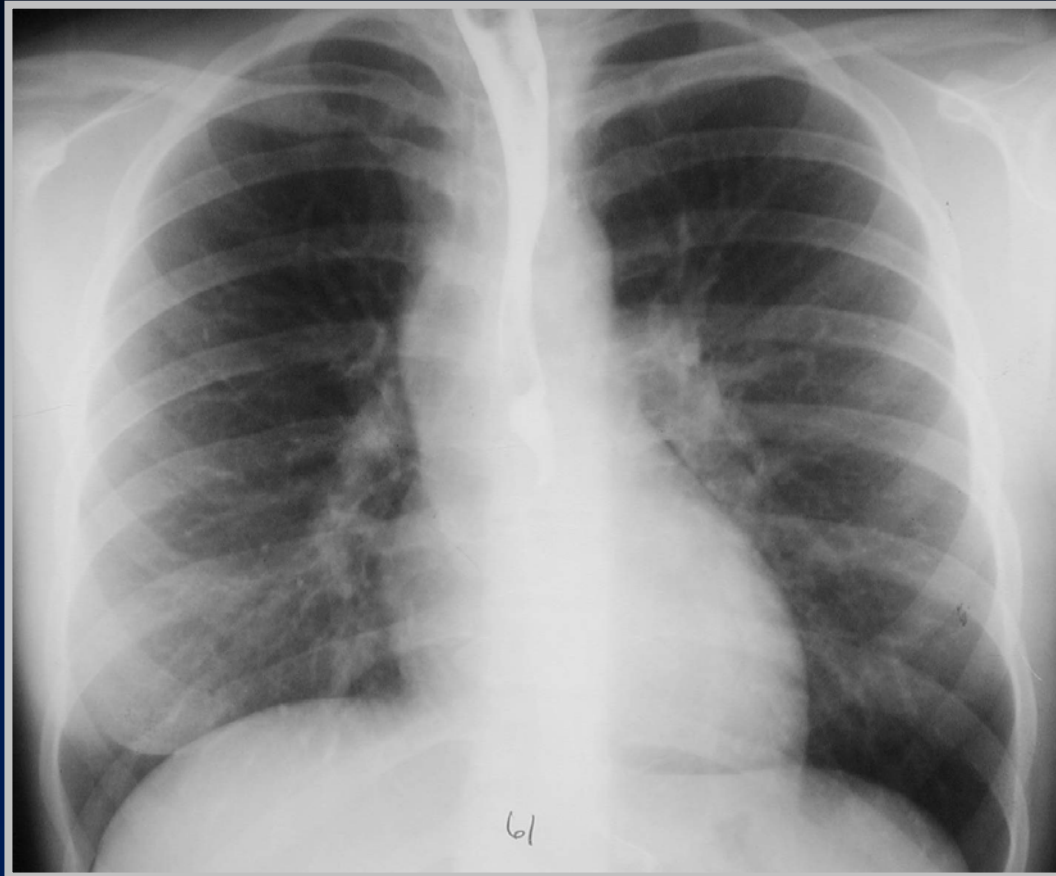
What's the diagnosis?



Acyanotic adult



Aortic Stenosis

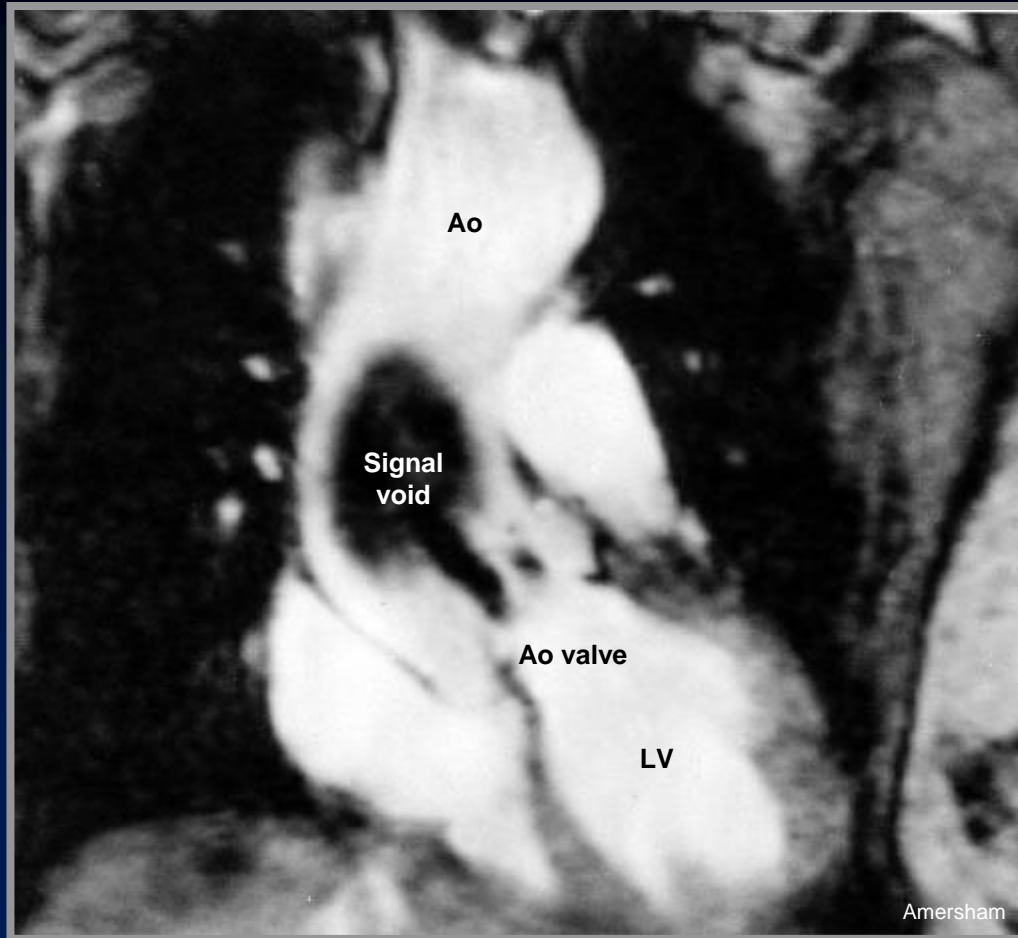


**Prominence
of ascending
aorta from
post-stenotic
dilatation**



Aortic stenosis



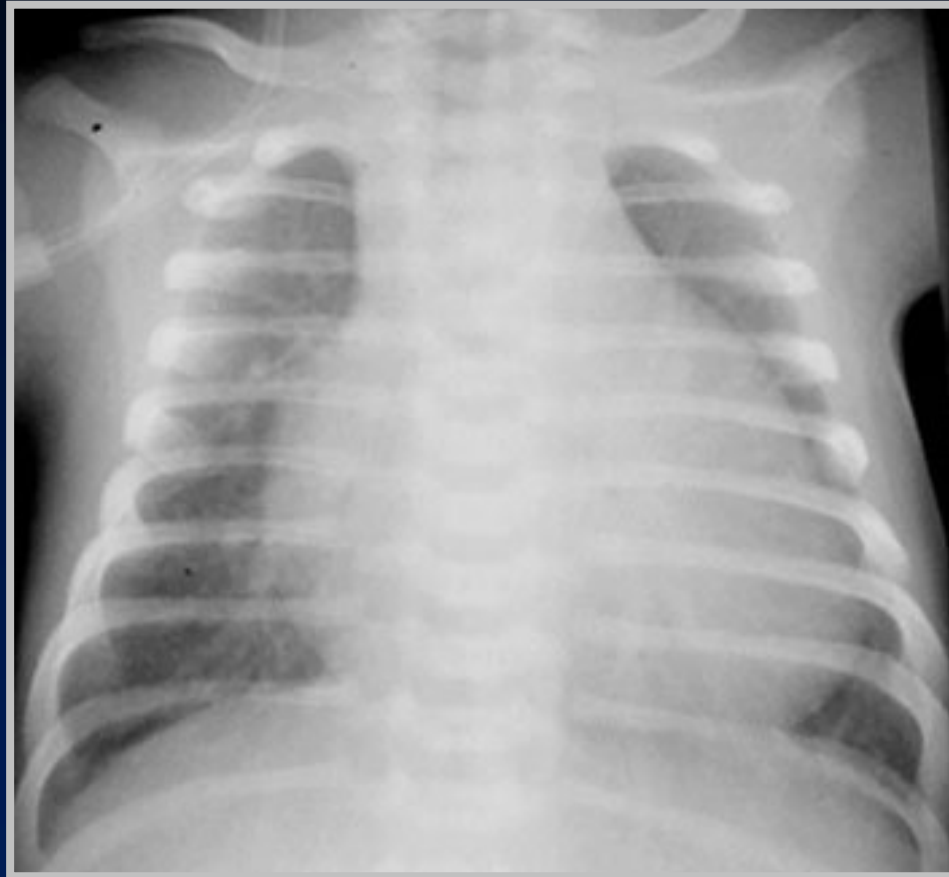


Aortic Stenosis

Coronal cine MRI image demonstrates a systolic signal void originating at the stenotic aortic valve. Ascending aorta is dilated

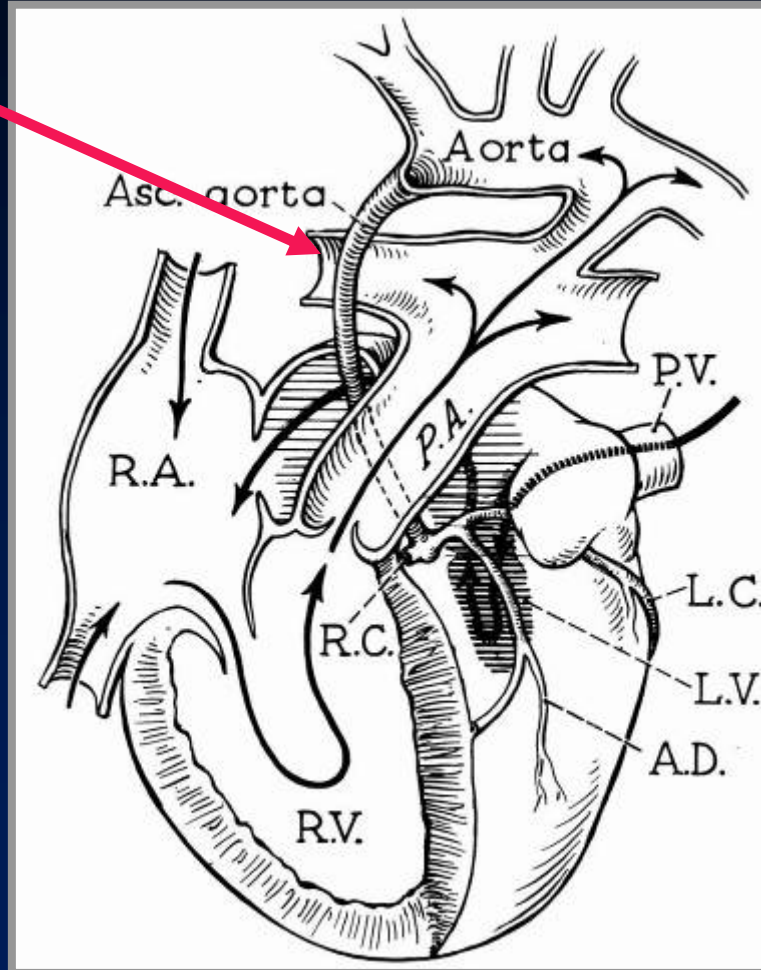
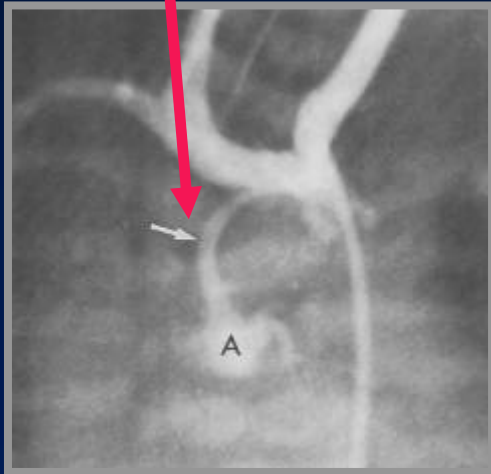


Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome



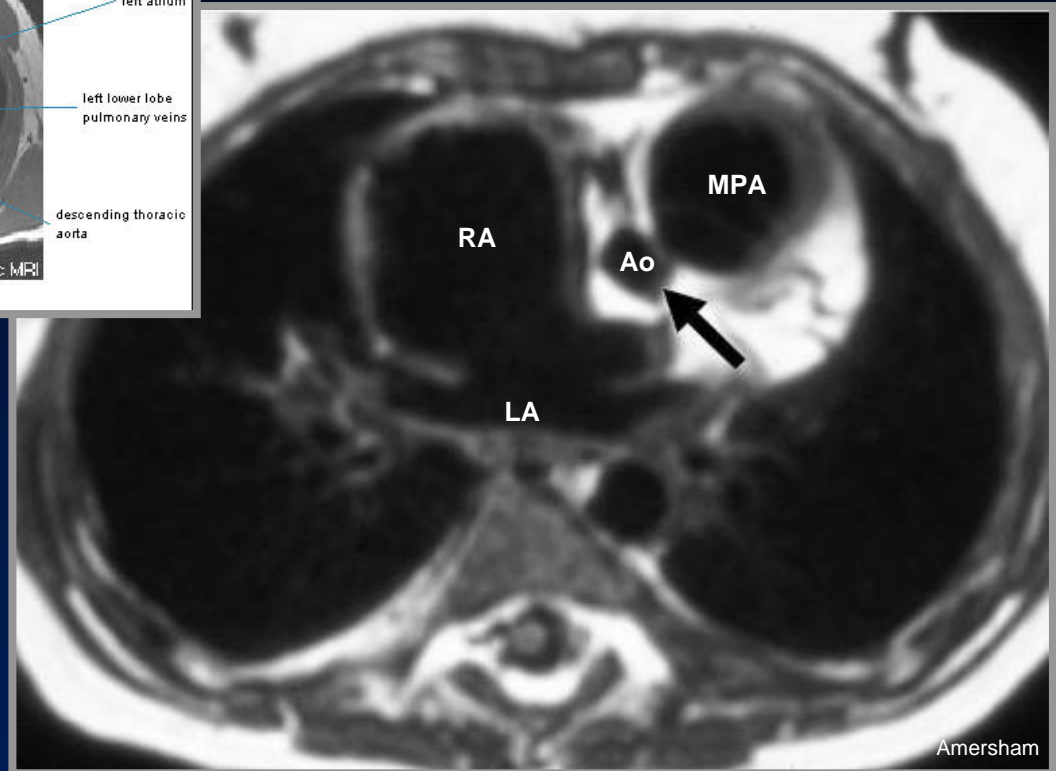
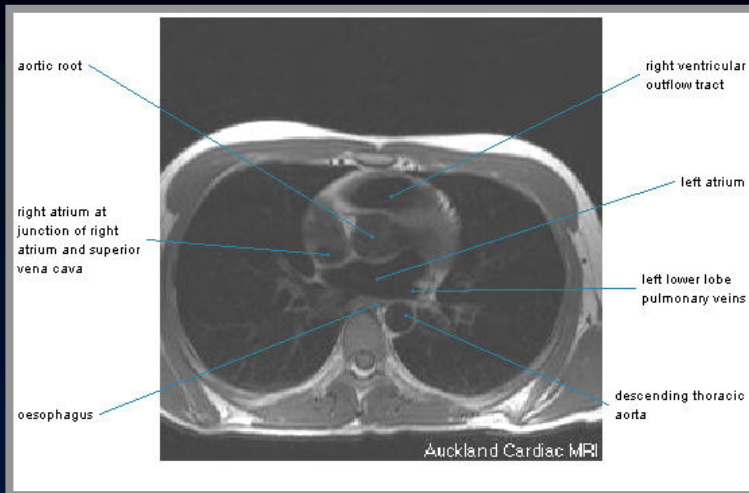
Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

Atretic aorta



Neufeld, HN, Circulation, 1962



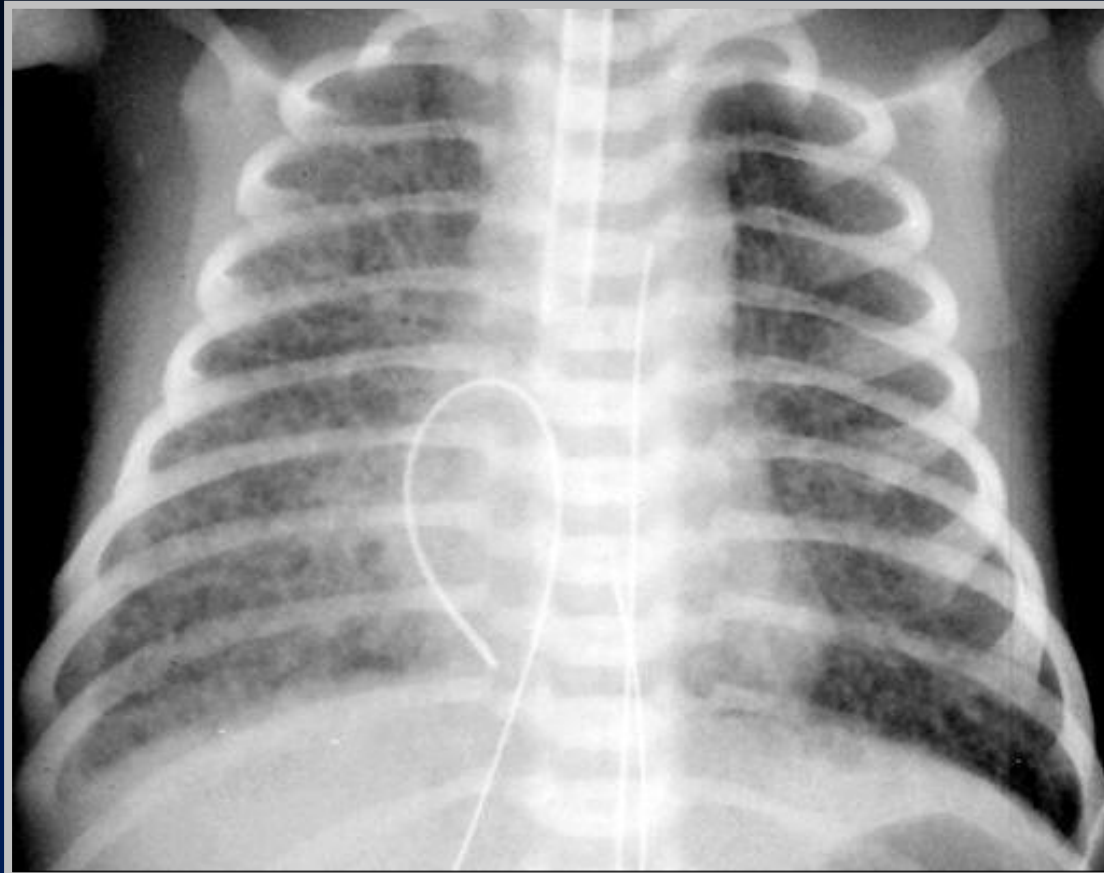


Hypoplastic Left heart Syndrome

Gated spin echo at base of heart shows hypoplastic aorta (arrow) posterior and right of main pulmonary artery



Cor triatriatum

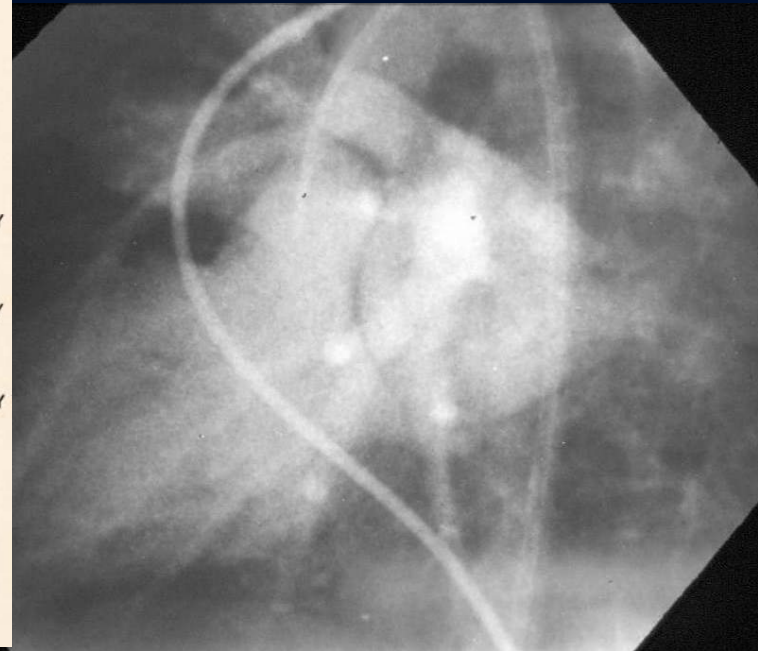
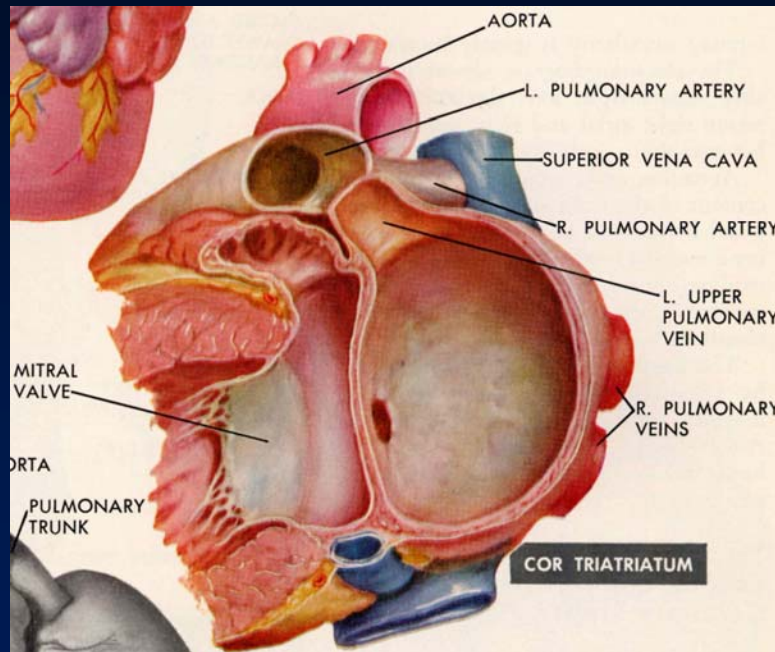


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Frontal radiograph demonstrates CHF

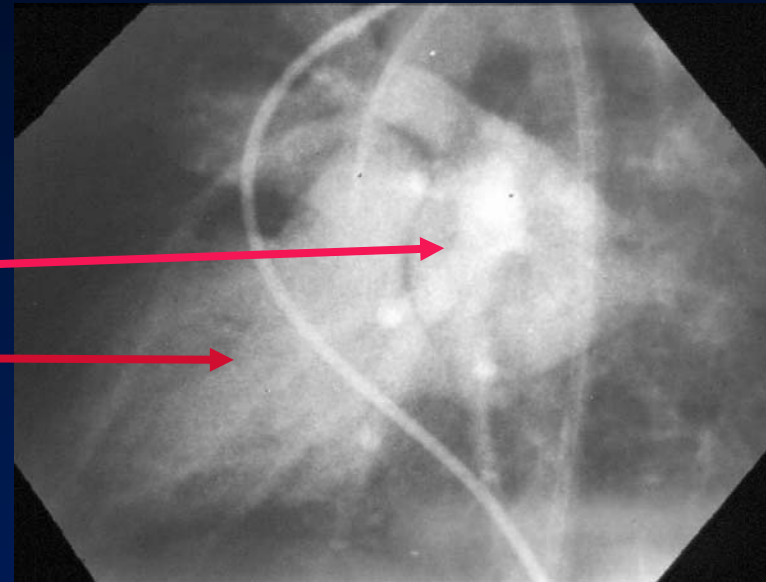
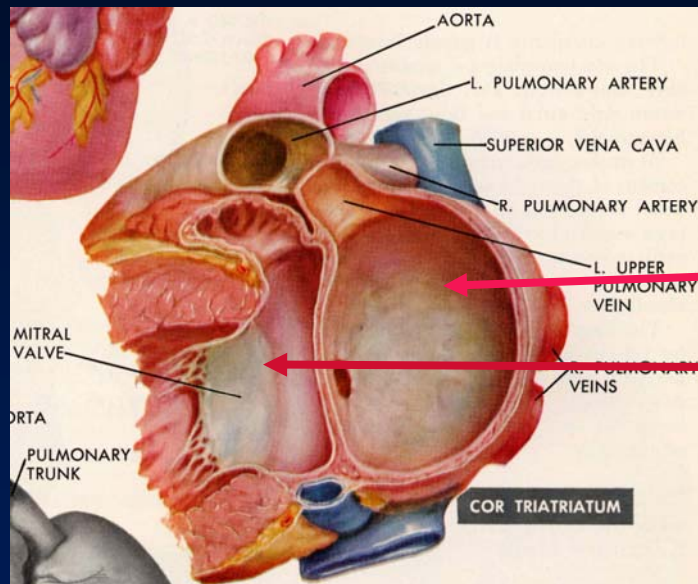


Cor Triatriatum - angiography



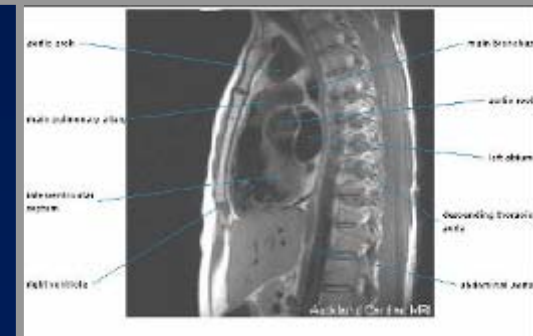
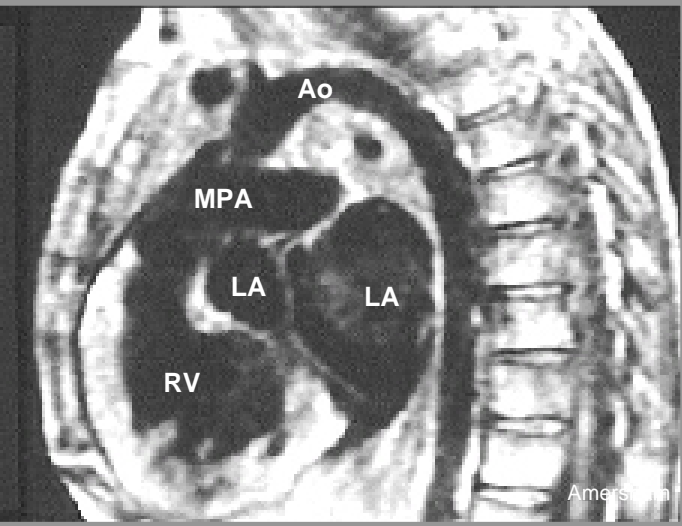
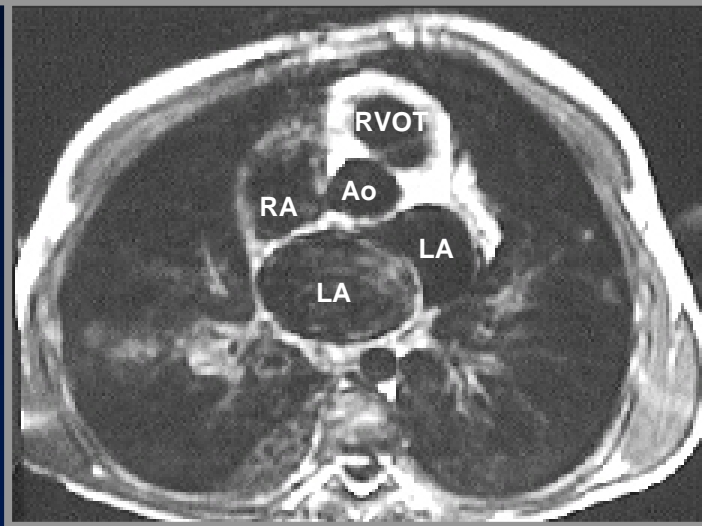
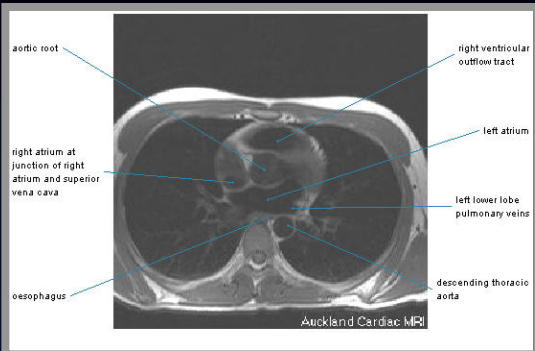
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Cor Triatriatum - angiography



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Cor Triatriatum





Aortic Regurgitation

Cine MR image during diastole shows signal void emanating from the aortic valve



What's the diagnosis?

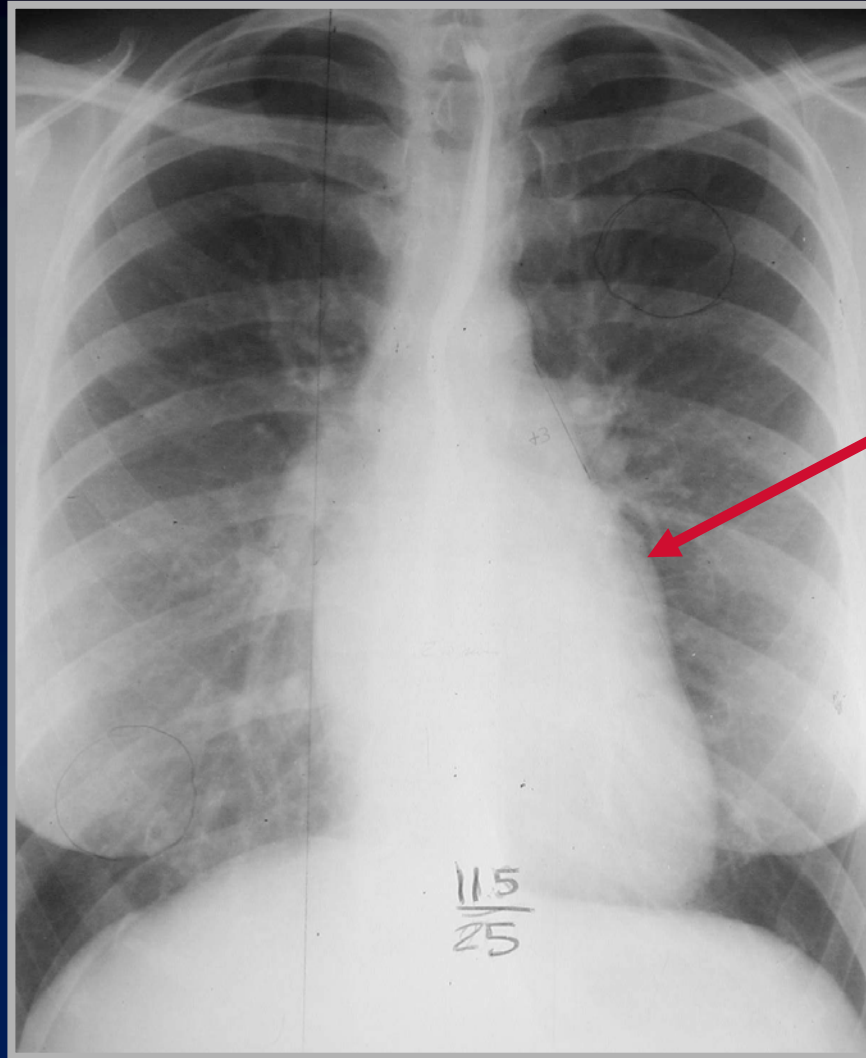


Acyanotic adult



Mitral Stenosis

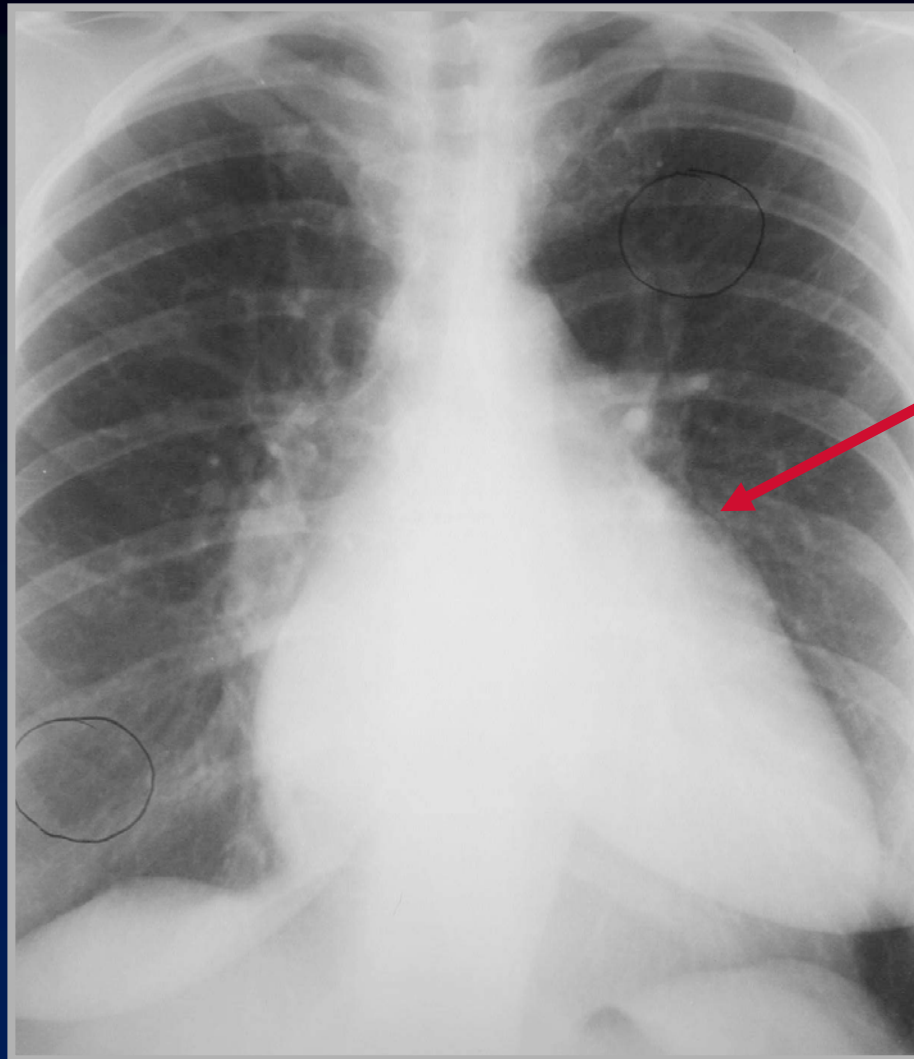




**Convexity from
enlarged left
atrial appendage**

Mitral Stenosis

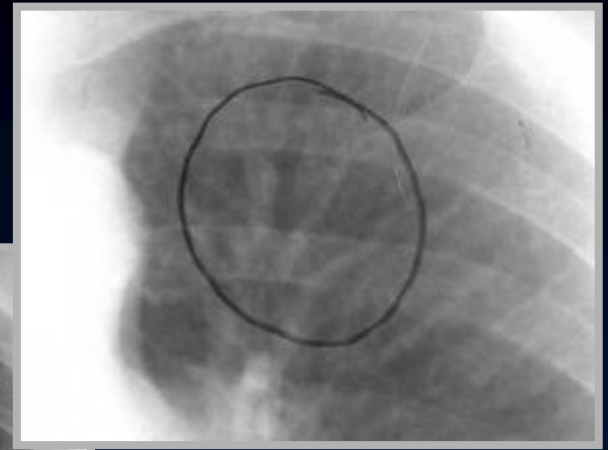




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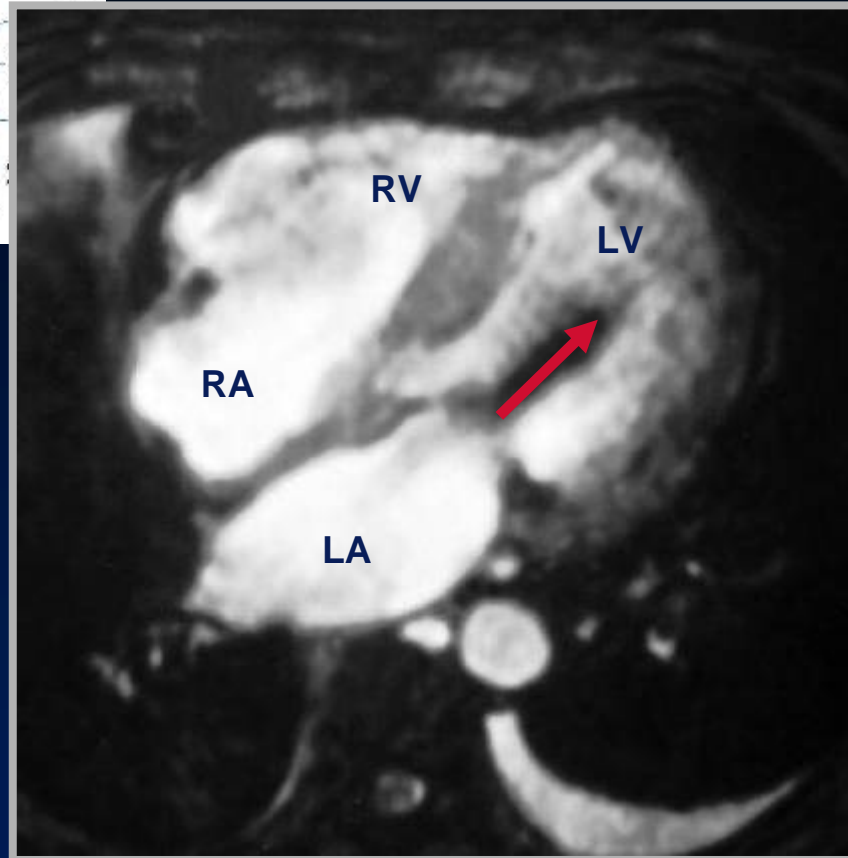
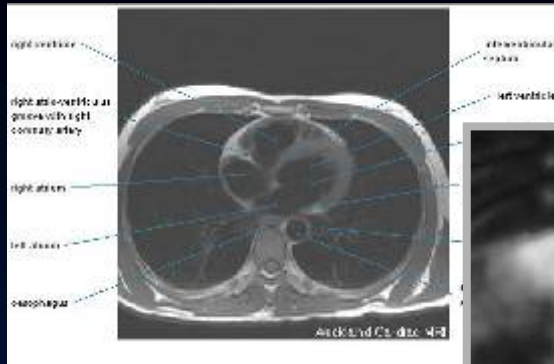
Mitral Stenosis





**Upper lobe
vessels equal
to or larger
than size of
lower lobe
vessels =
Cephalization**

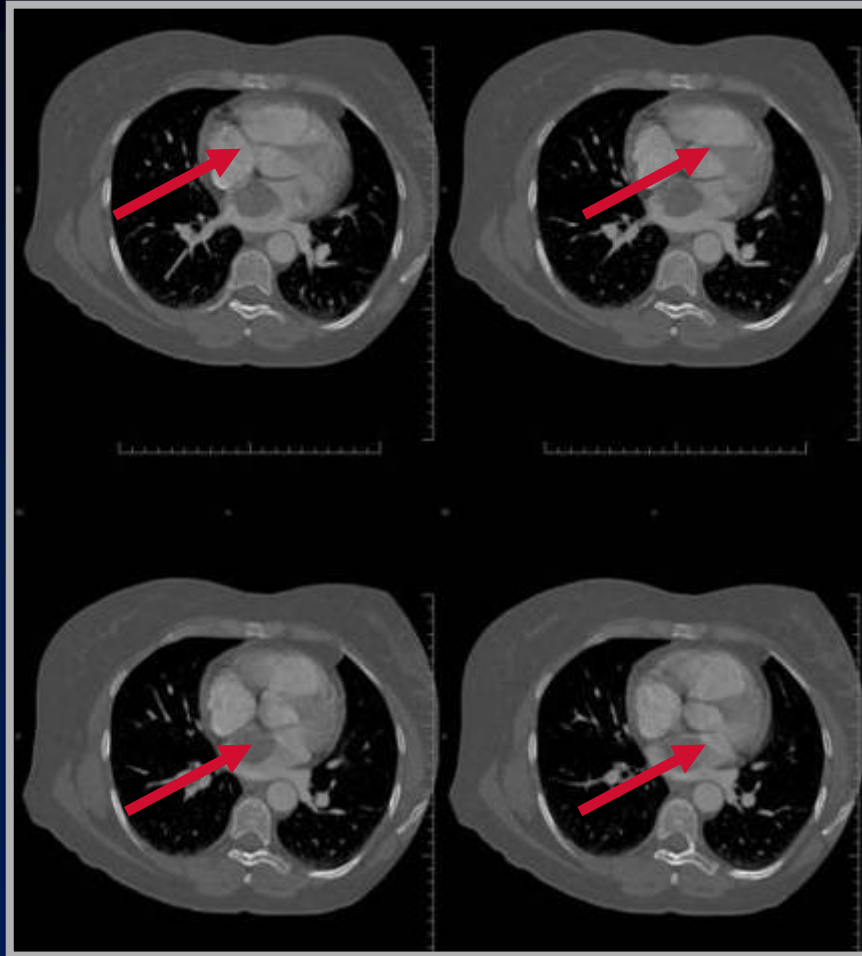




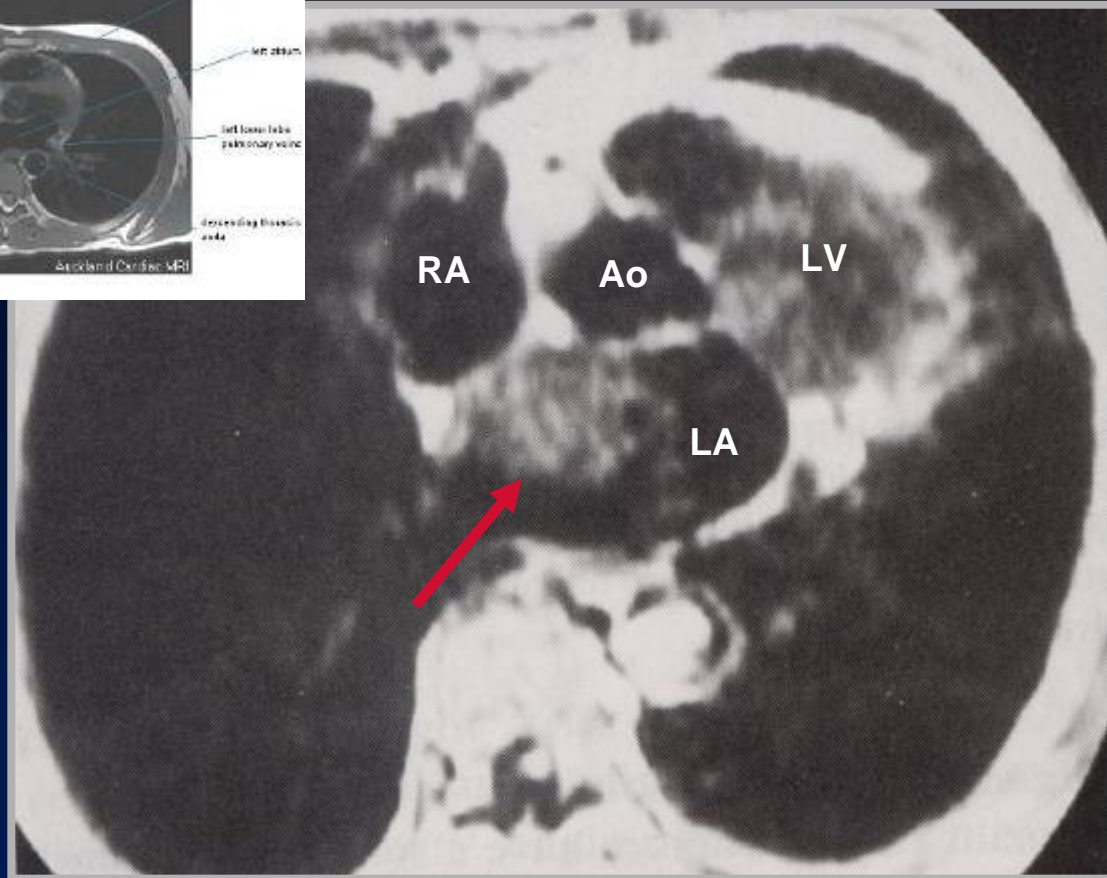
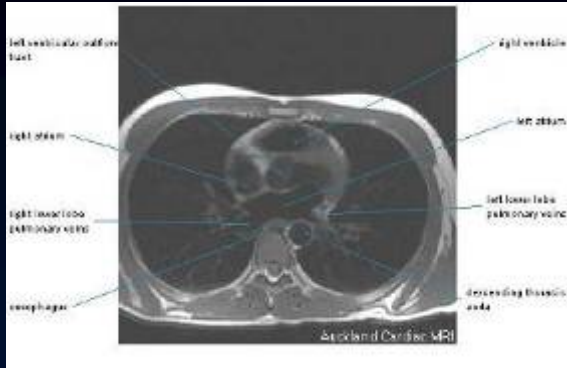
Mitral Stenosis

Cine MR image in axial plane demonstrates a diastolic signal void emanating from the mitral valve





Left Atrial Myxoma
Contrast-enhanced CT shows large filling defect in lumen of LA



Left Atrial Myxoma

Cine MRI shows soft tissue mass arising from wall of left atrium and projecting into lumen



What's the diagnosis?

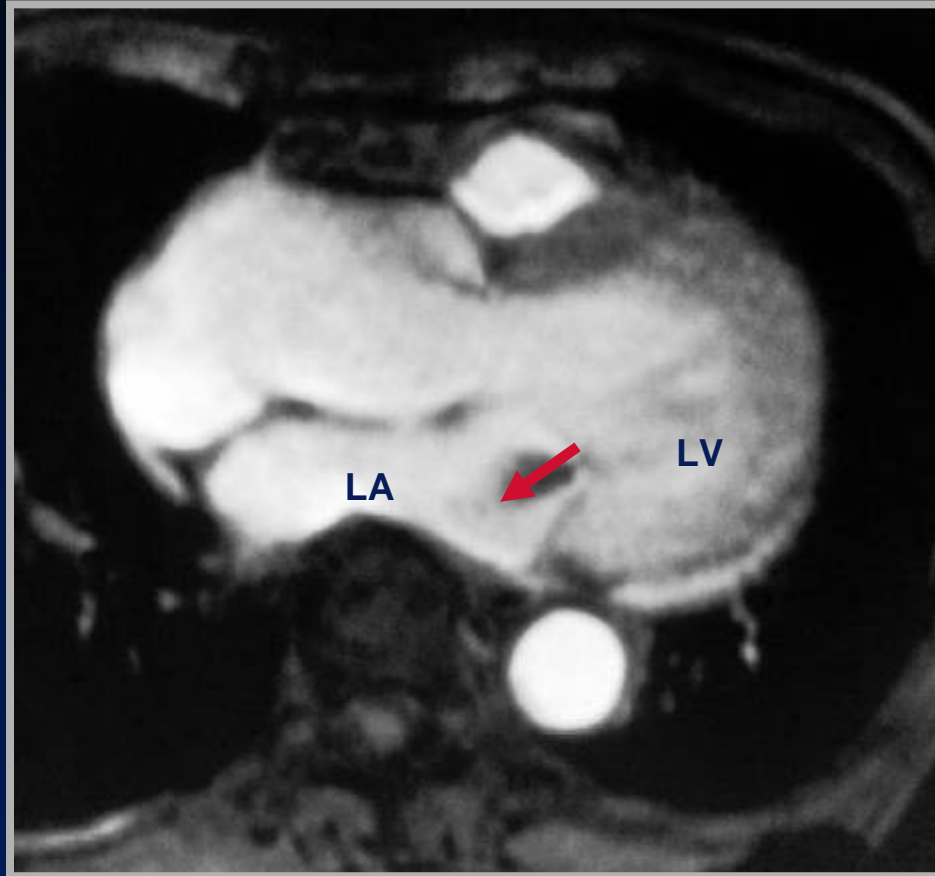


Acyanotic adult



Mitral regurgitation



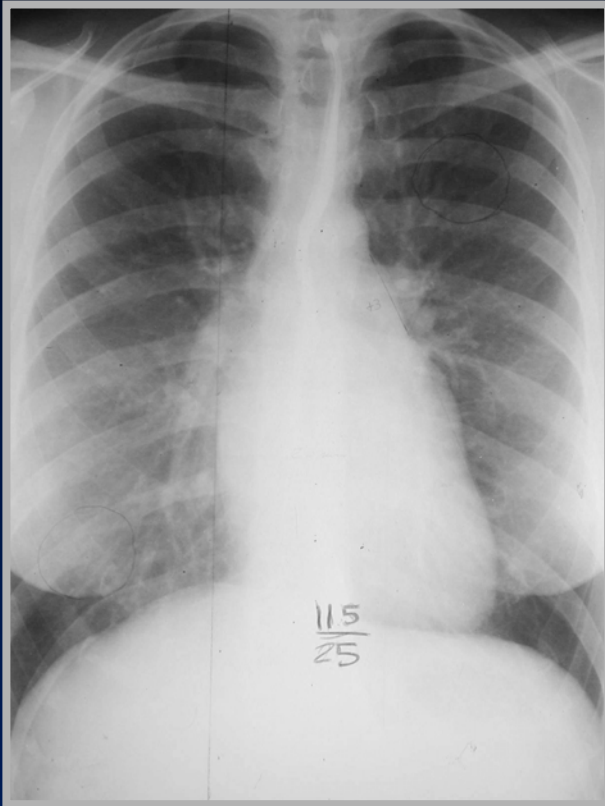


Mitral Regurgitation

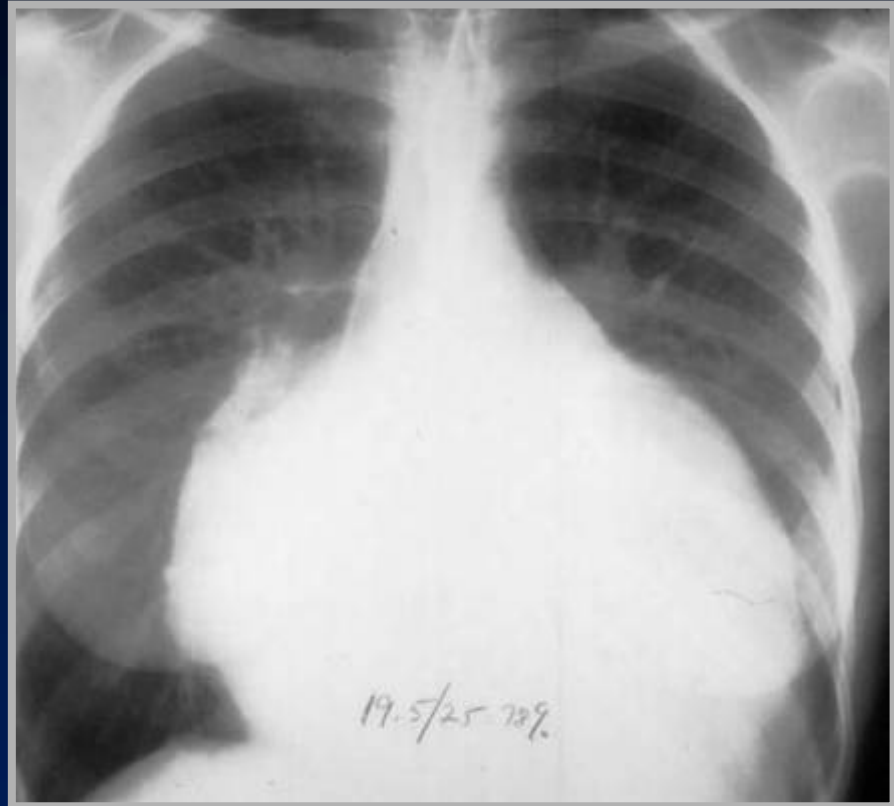
Cine MR image in axial plane during systole depicts a signal void emanating from the mitral valve



Difference in heart size – MS and MR

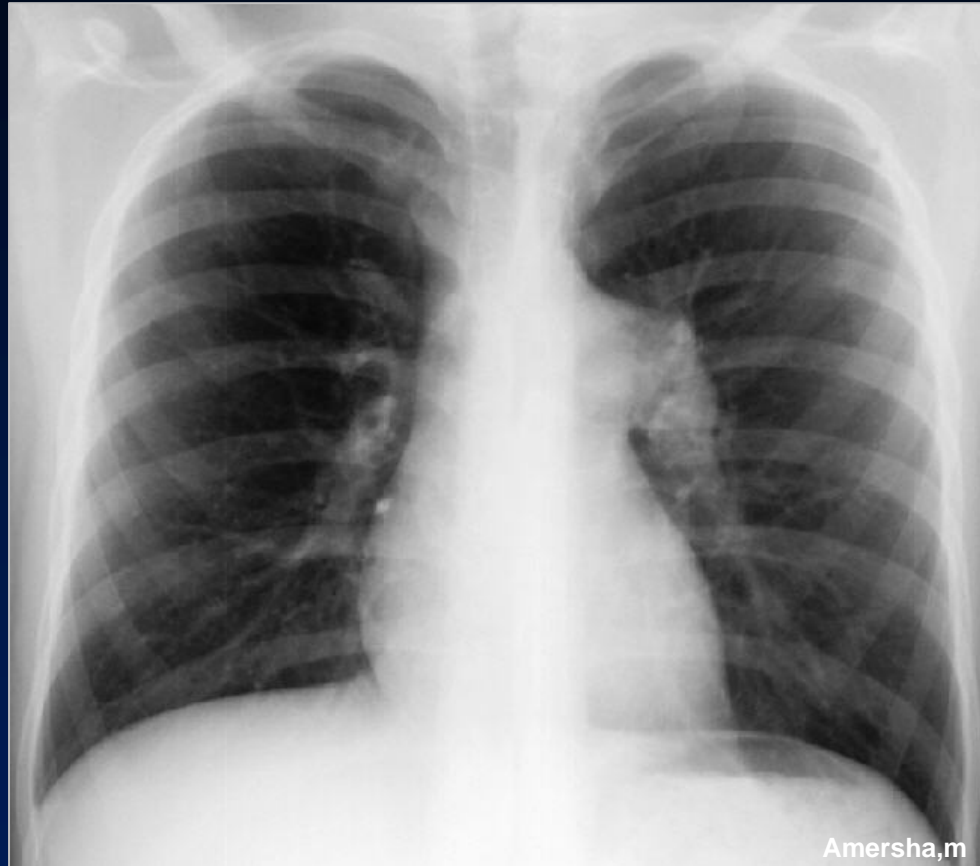


Mitral Stenosis



Mitral Regurgitation

What's the diagnosis?



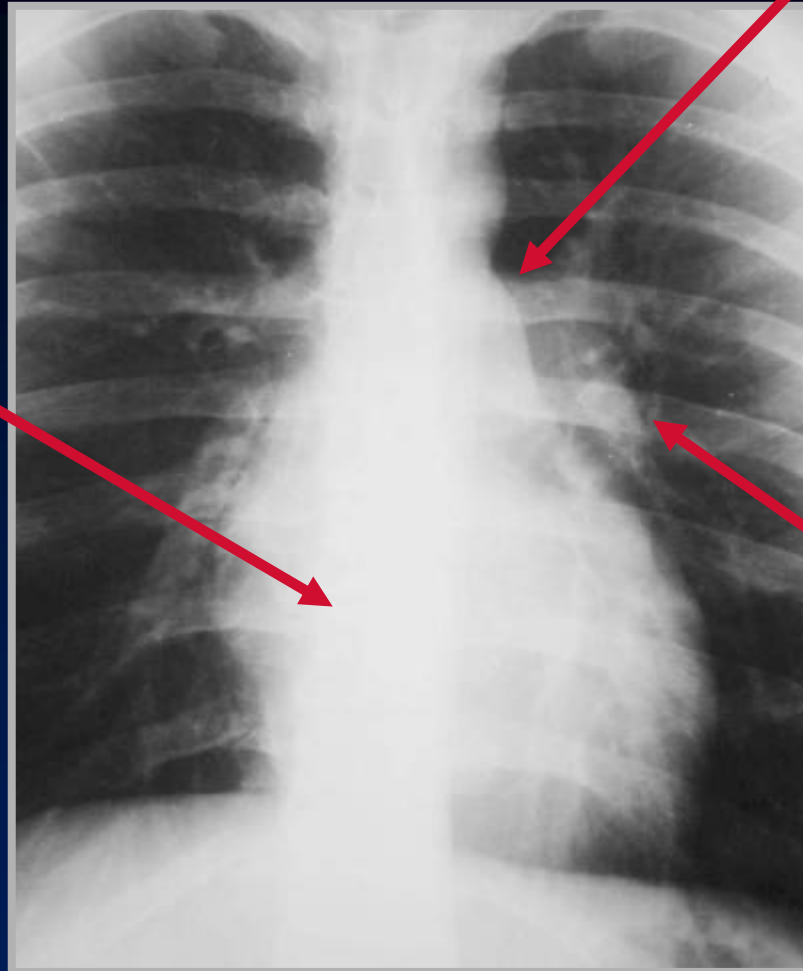
Acyanotic adult



Pulmonic stenosis



Normal-sized heart



Prominent main pulmonary artery segment

Enlargement of left pulmonary artery

Pulmonic Stenosis



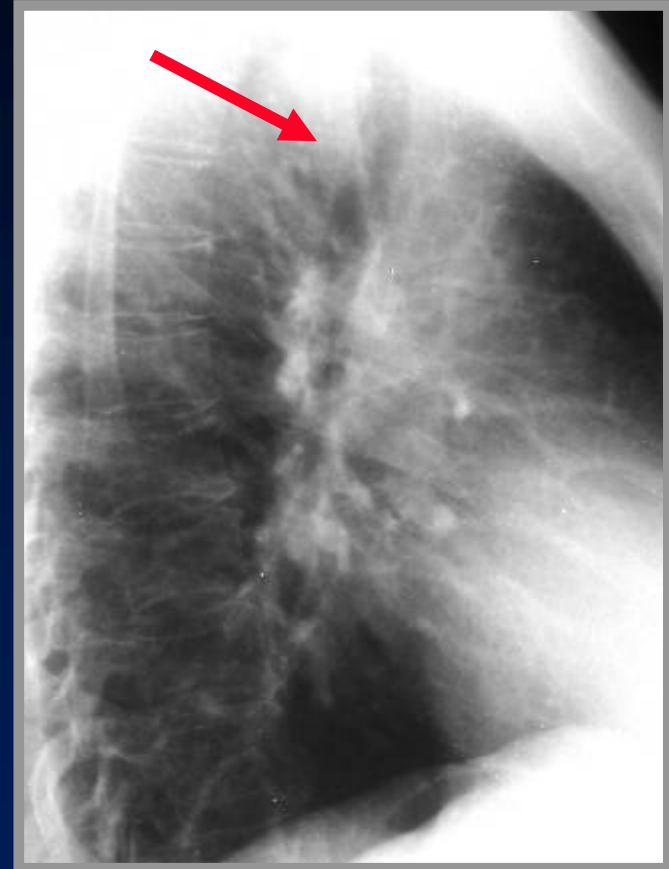
What's the diagnosis?



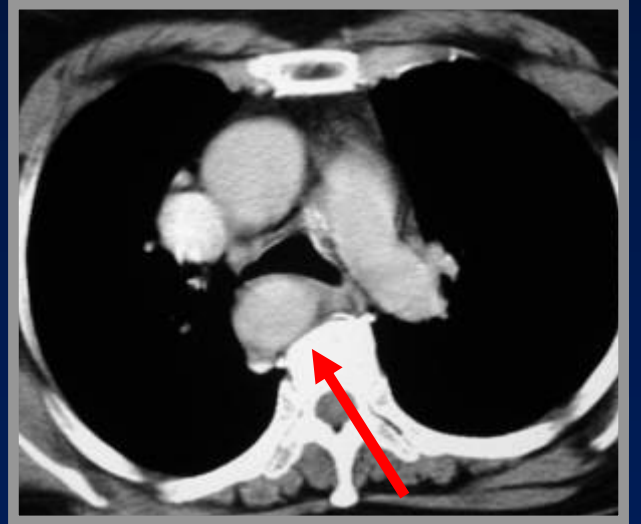
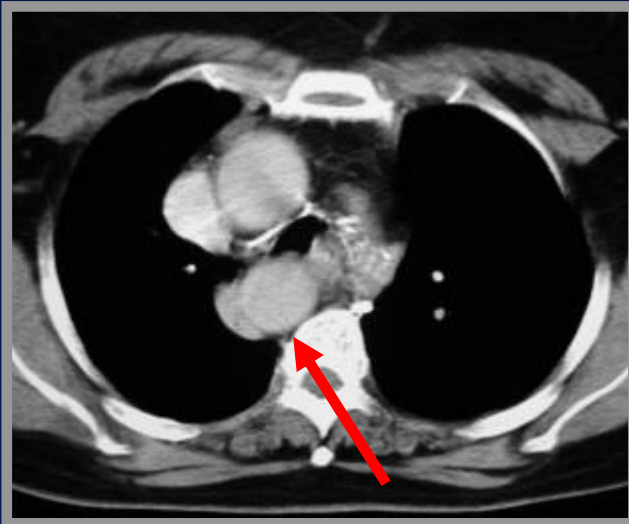
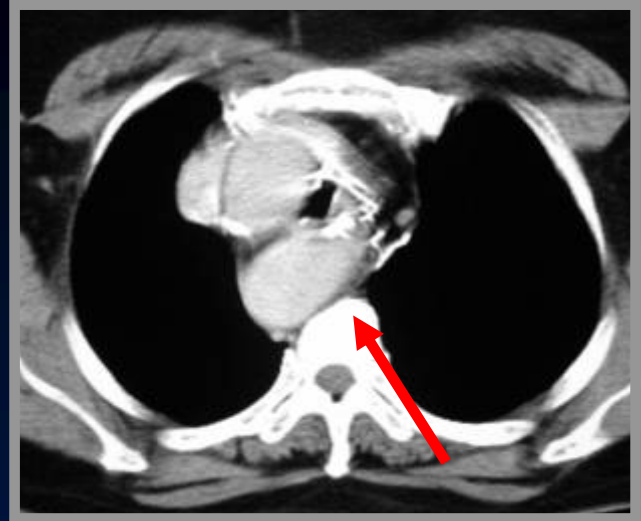
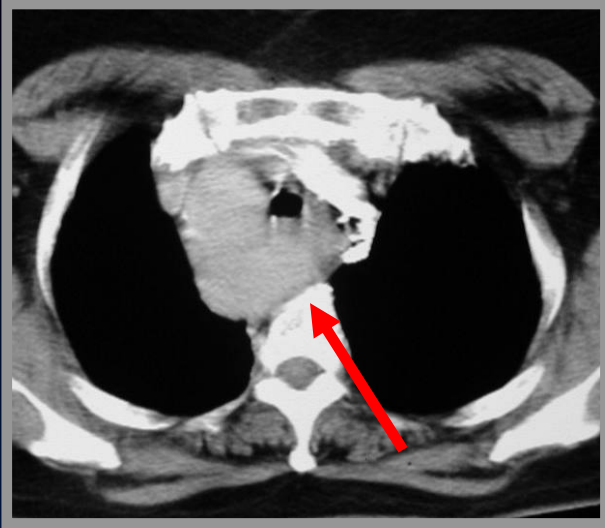
Acyanotic adult



Right Arch with Aberrant Left SCA



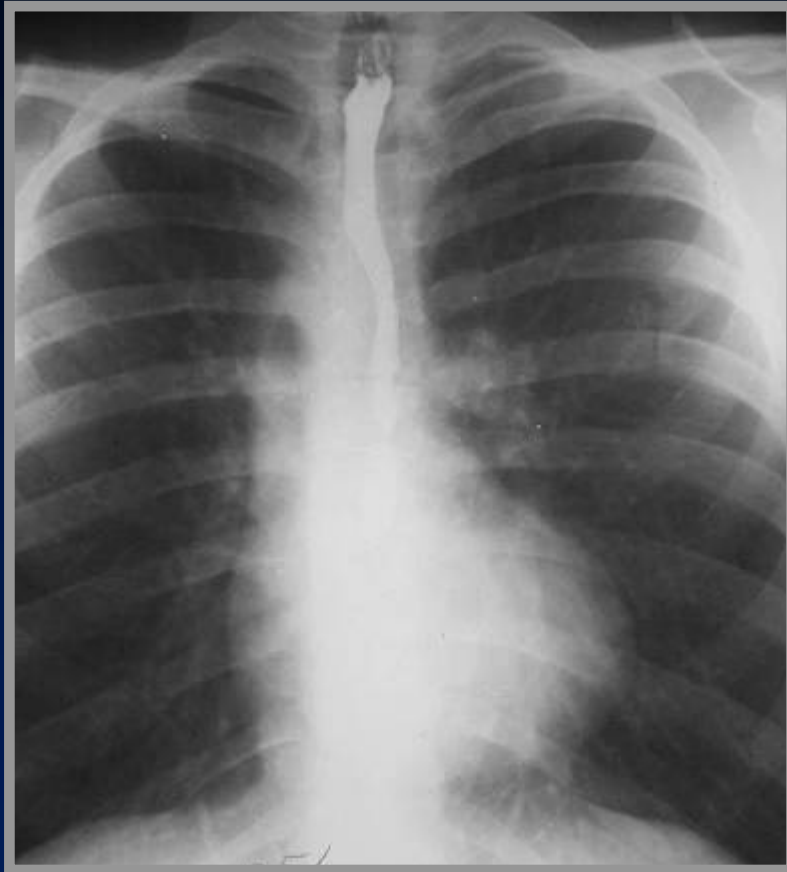
Trachea is bowed forward by aberrant left subclavian artery (arrow)



Right Aortic Arch with Aberrant Left Subclavian (Arrows)



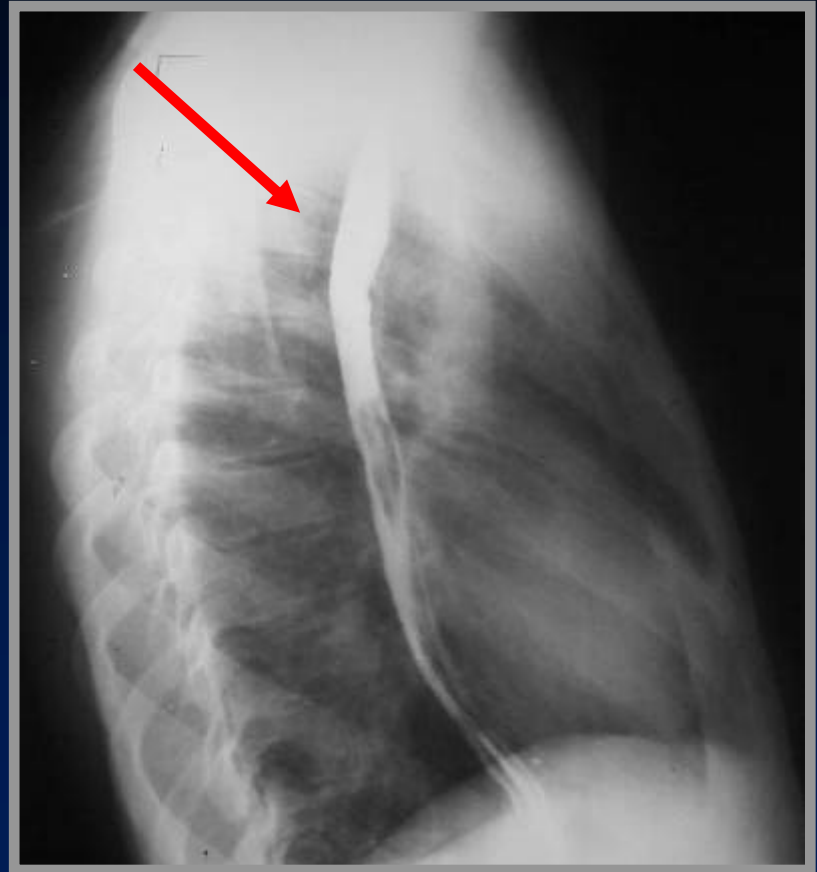
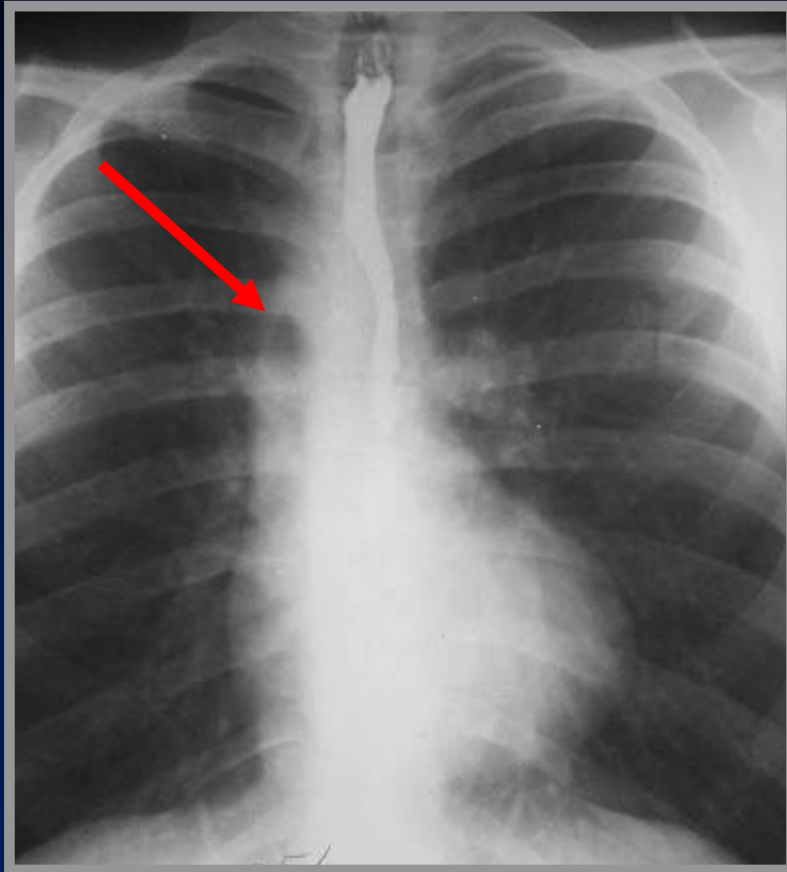
What's the diagnosis?



36 yo cyanotic female

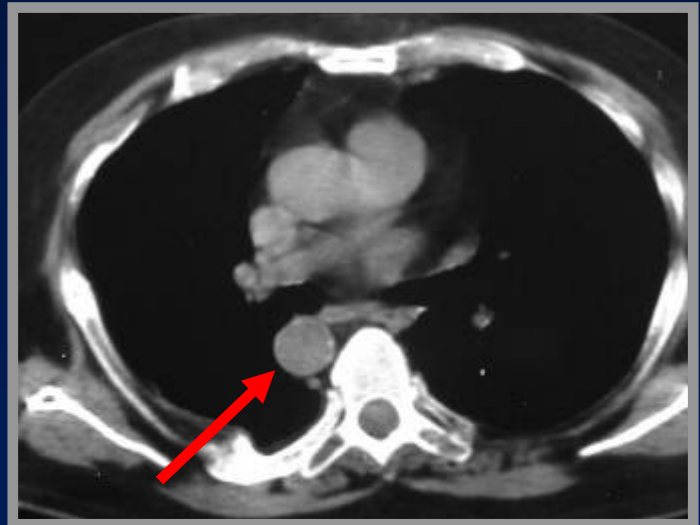
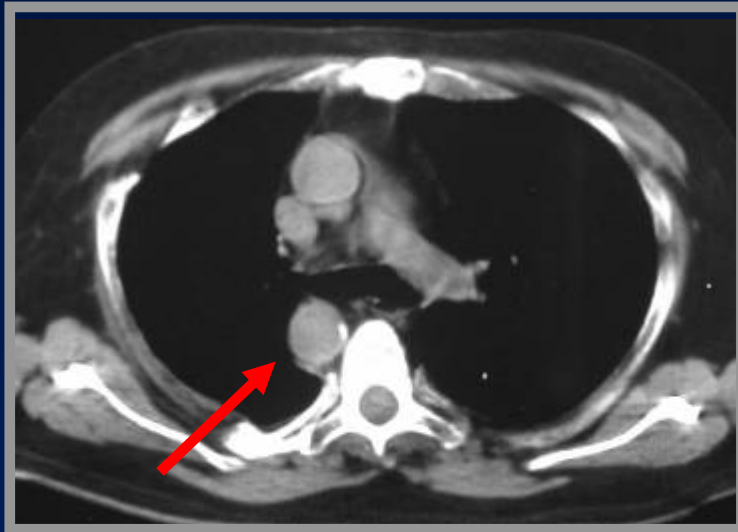
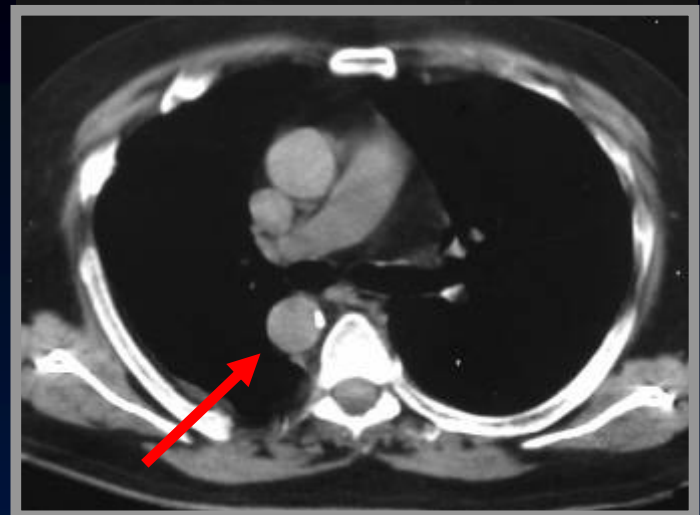
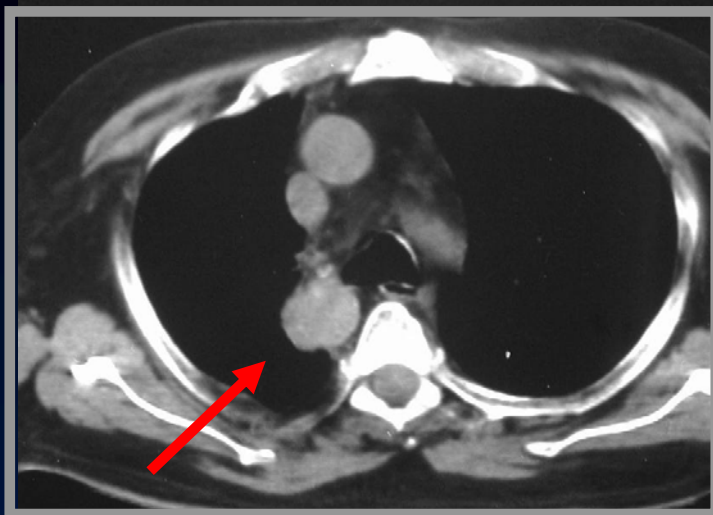


Mirror image Right aortic arch with TOF



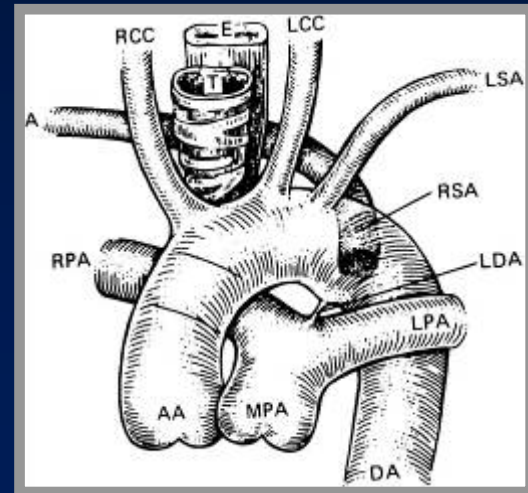
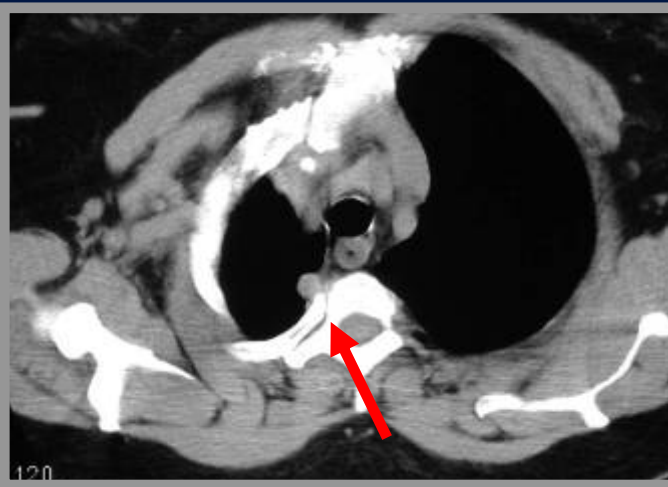
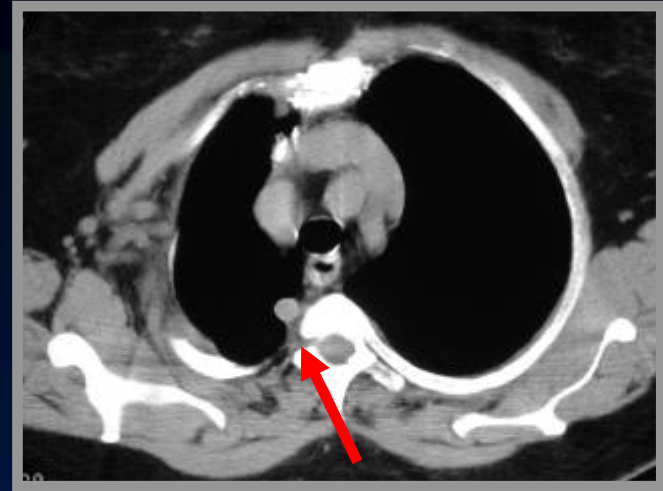
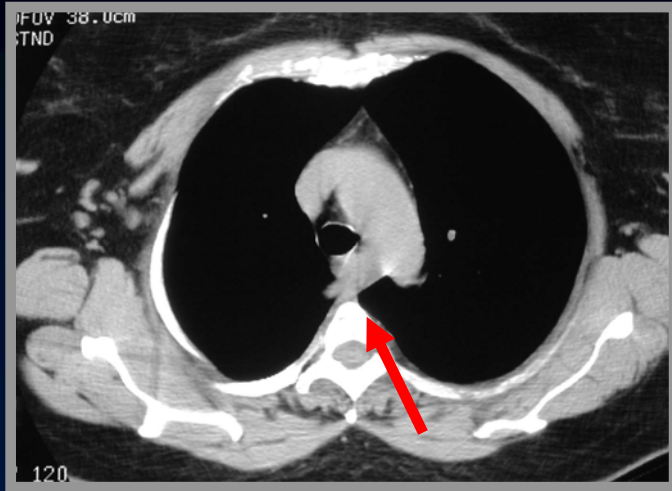
Trachea is not bowed forward





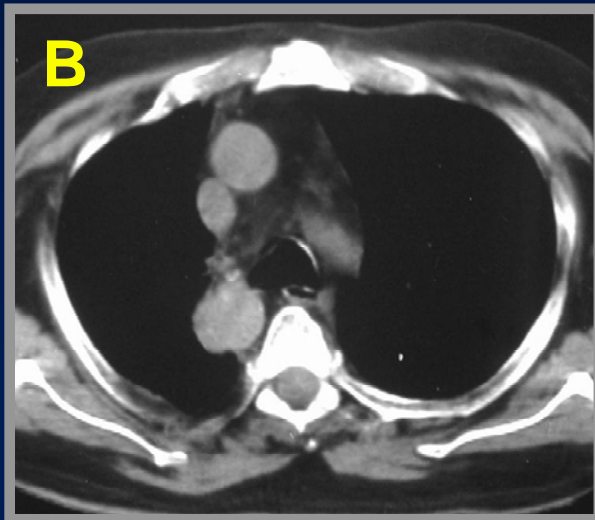
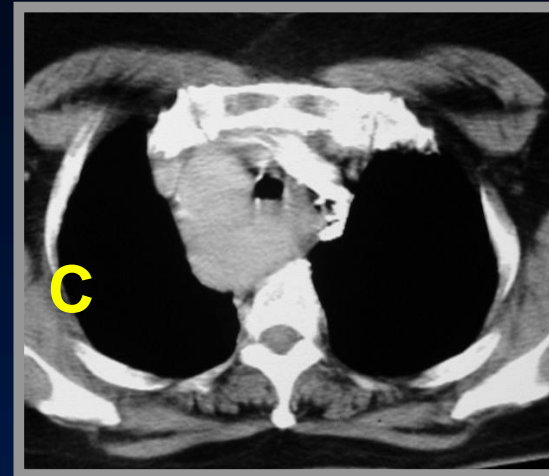
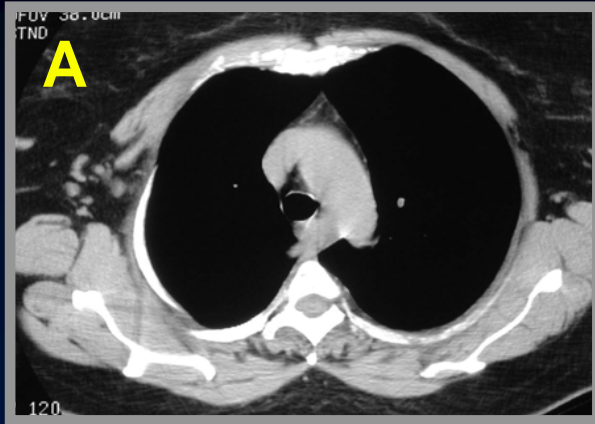
Mirror Image Right Aortic Arch





Left Aortic Arch with Aberrant R SCA

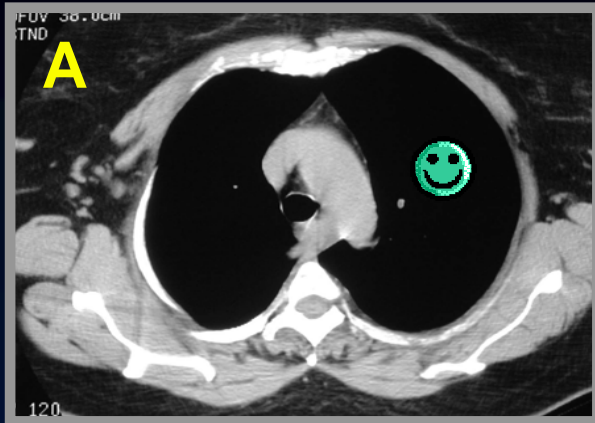




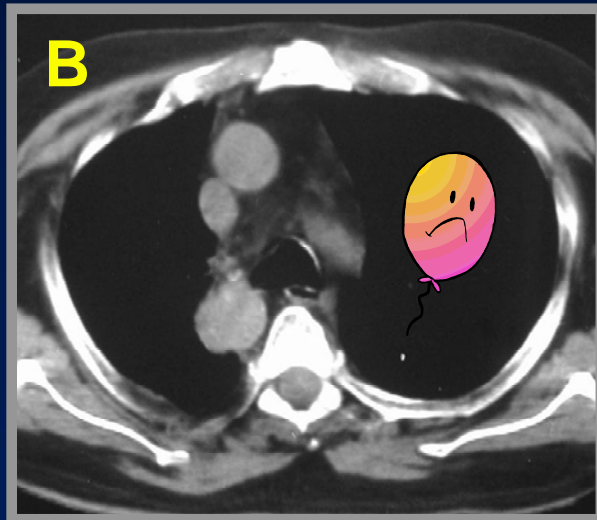
Review-

Name the abnormalities.

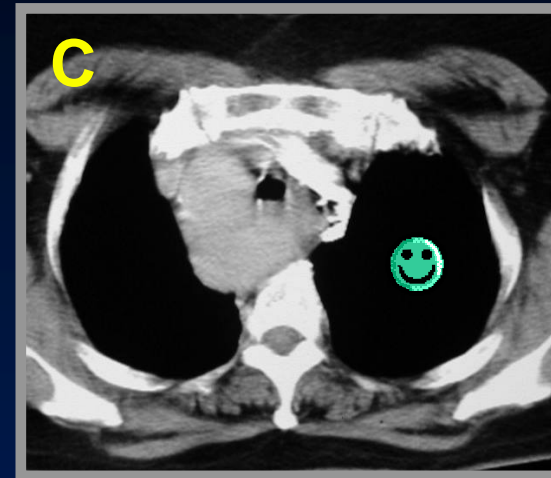
Are they the “good” or “bad” variety?



**Left Aortic Arch
with Aberrant R SCA**

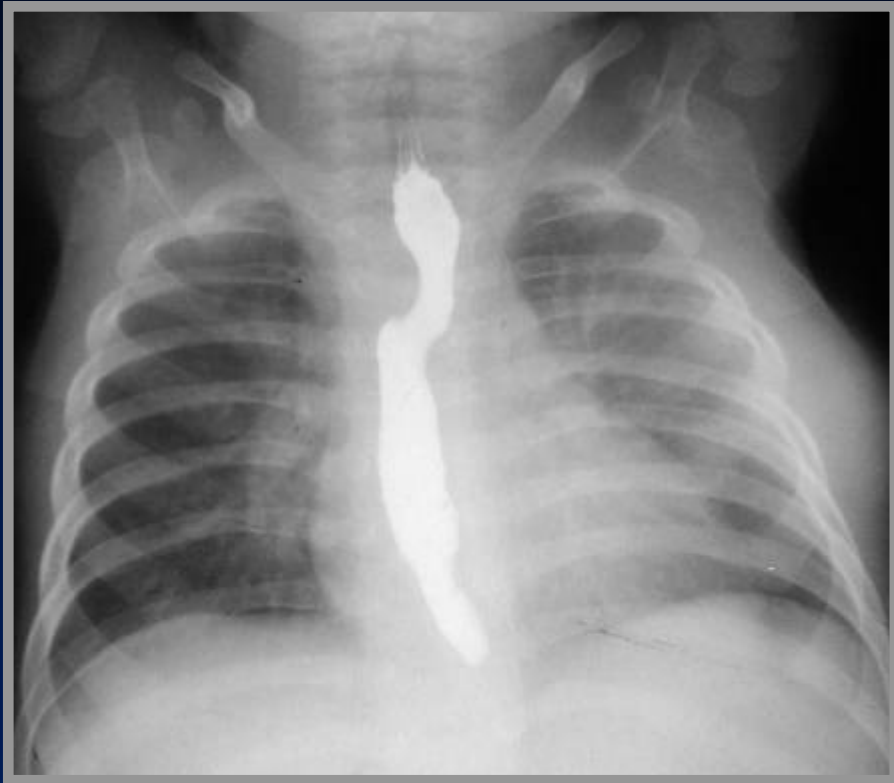


**Mirror Image
Right Aortic Arch**



**Right Aortic Arch with
Aberrant Left Subclavian**

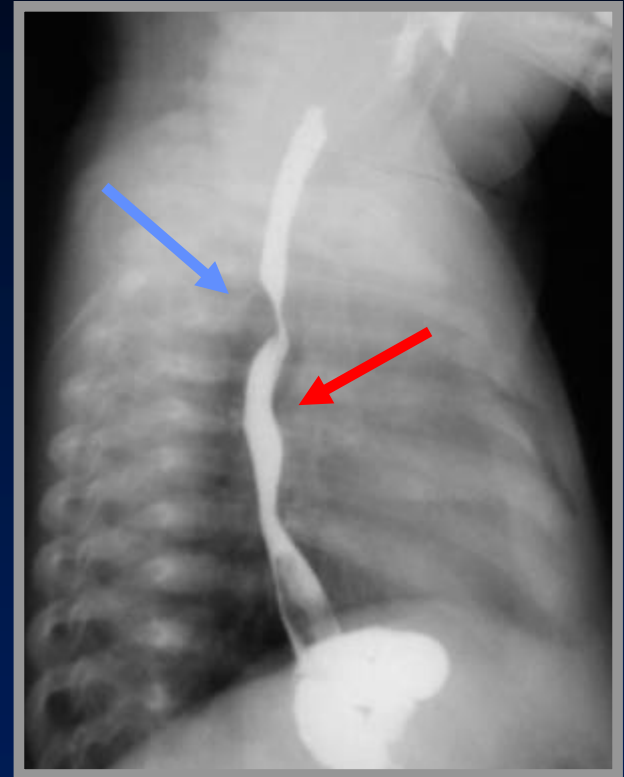
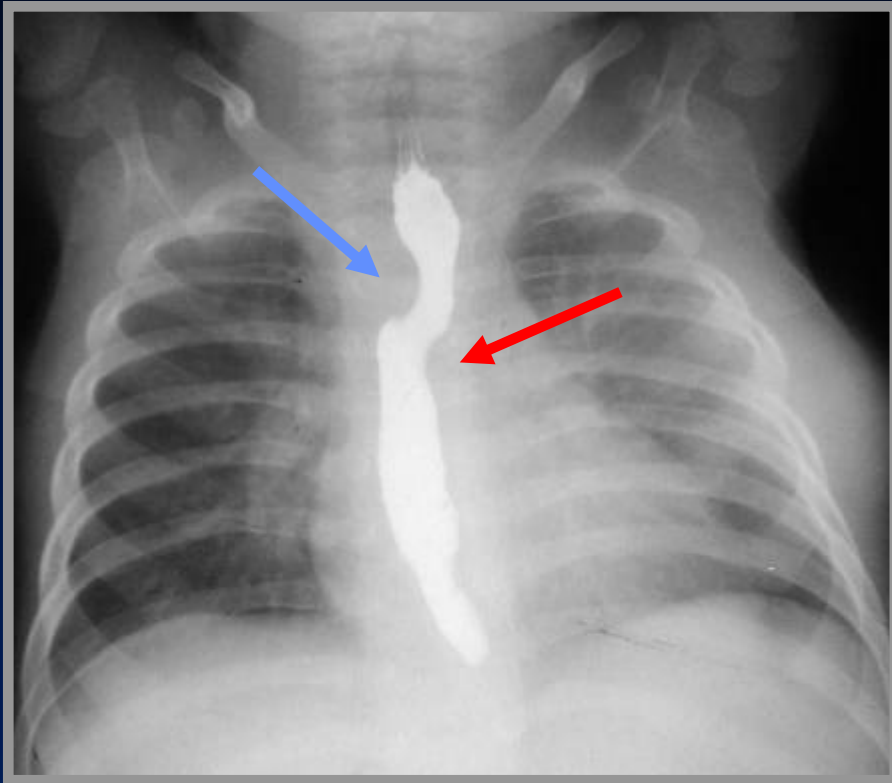
What's the diagnosis?



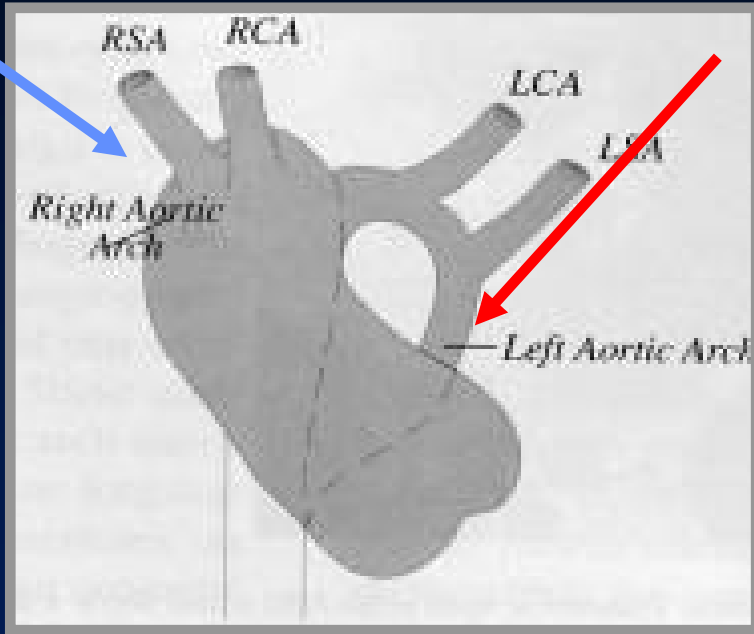
2 month old with stridor



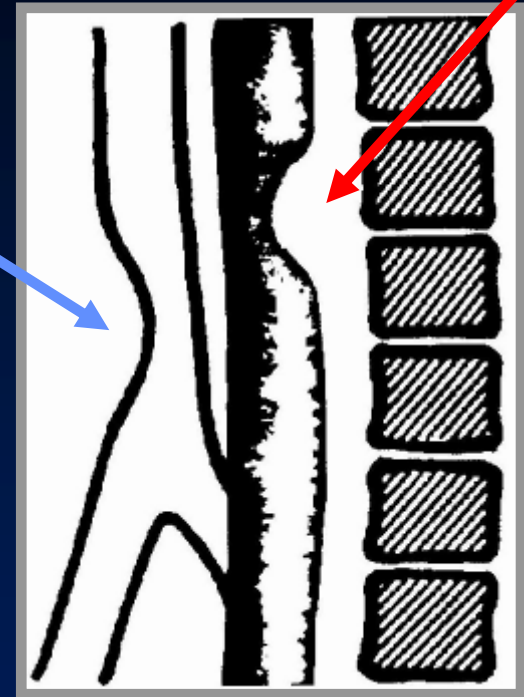
Double aortic arch



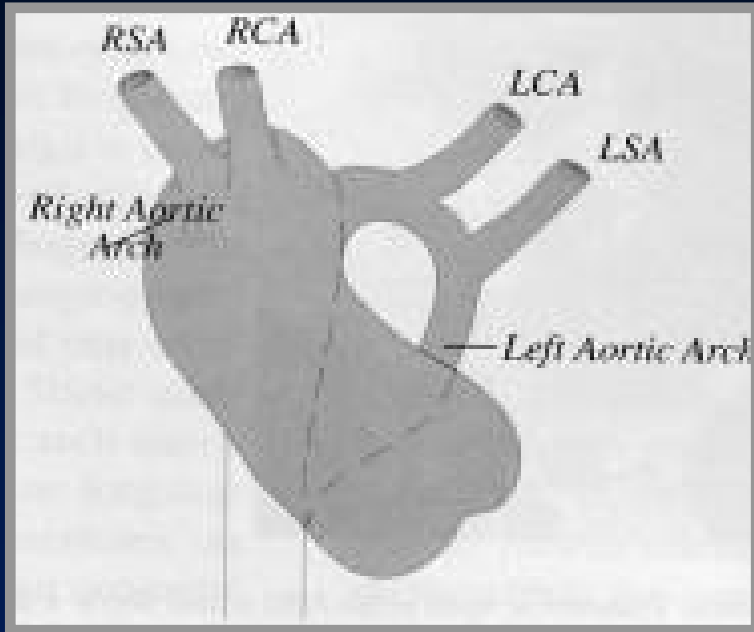
Right arch is larger and higher
Left arch is smaller and lower



Miller-requisites



Double Aortic Arch

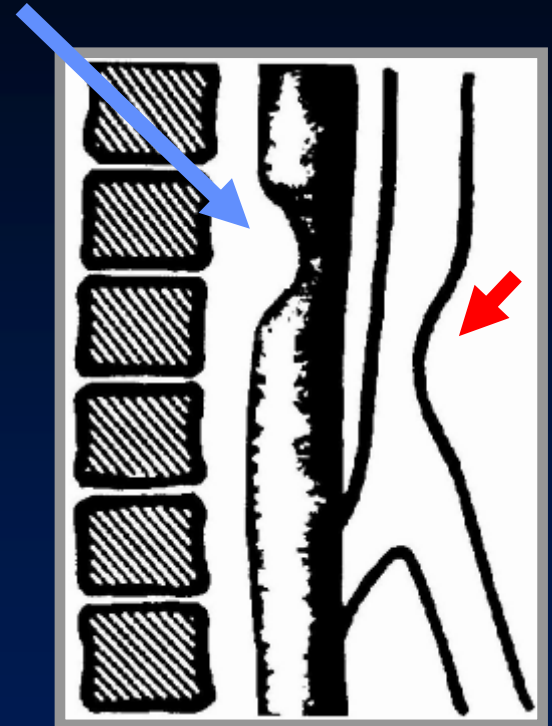
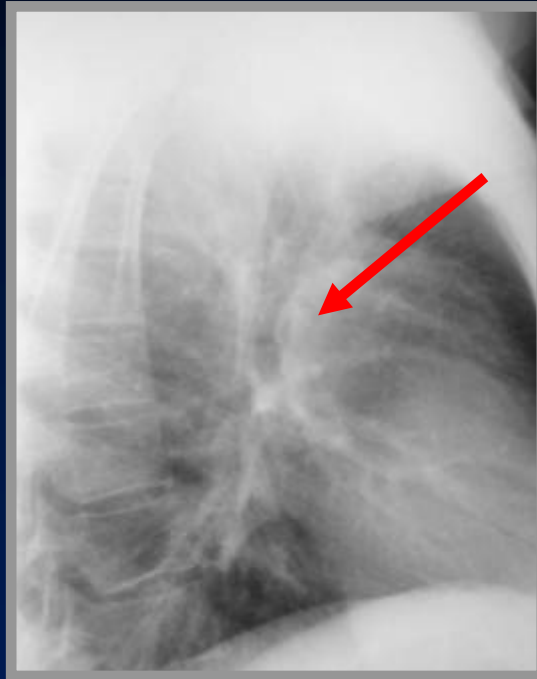
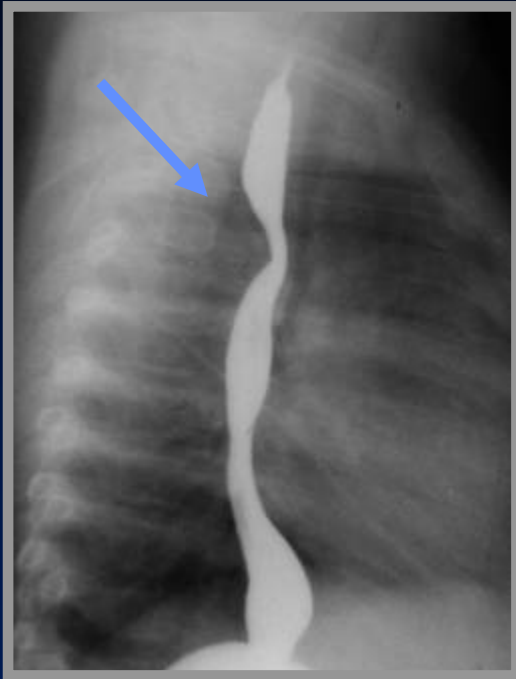


Miller-requisites



Double Aortic Arch-angiographic appearance



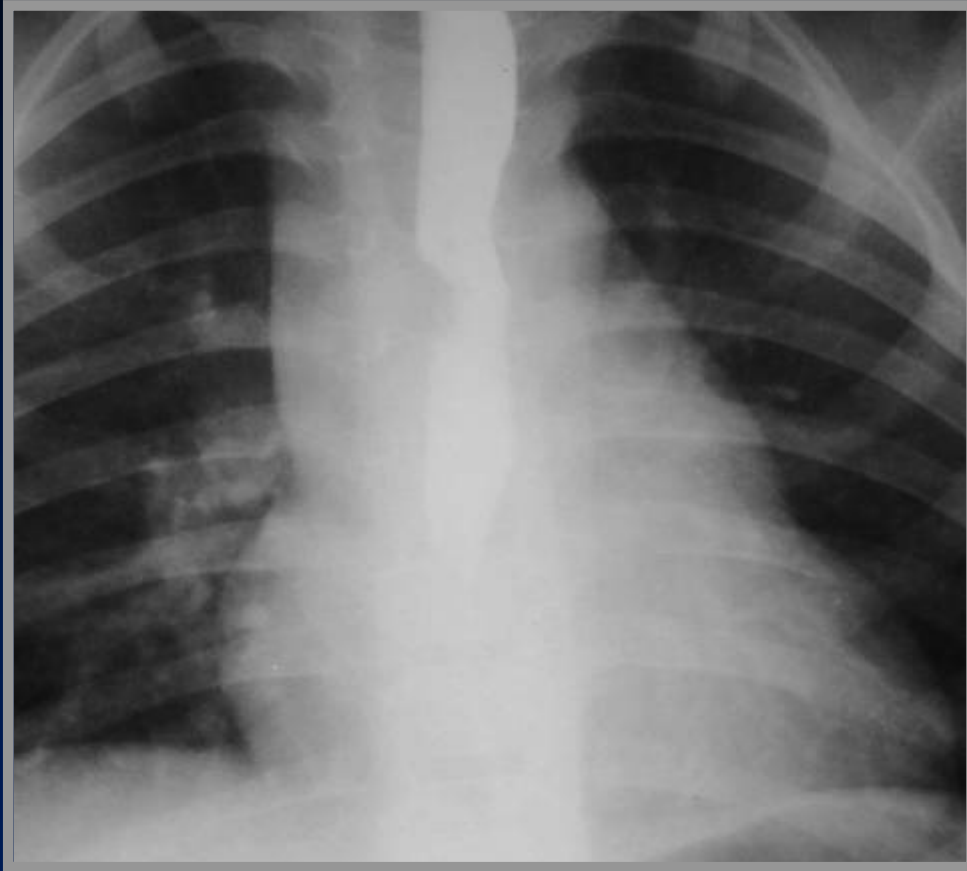


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**Double Aortic Arch
Impressions on Trachea and Esophagus**



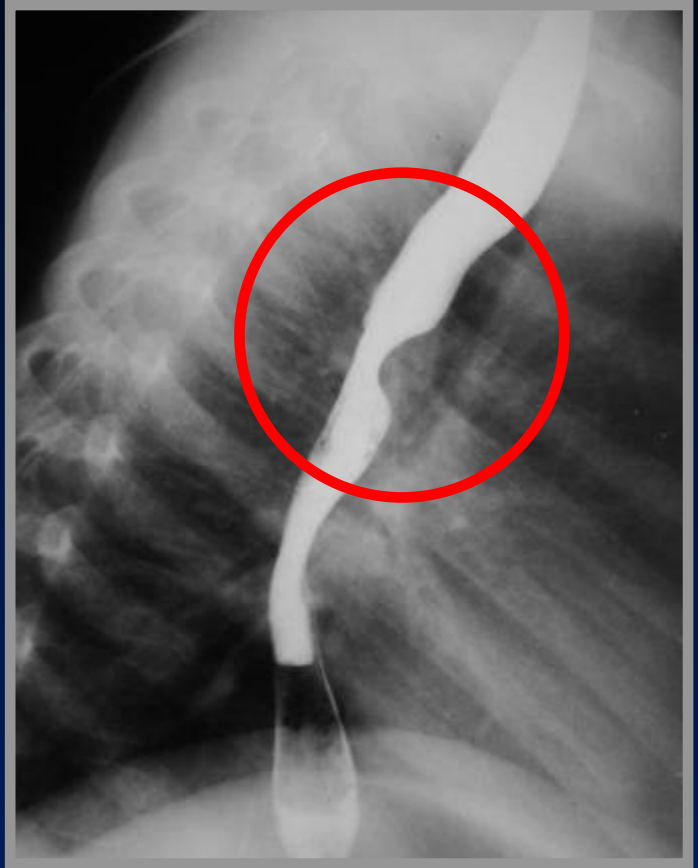
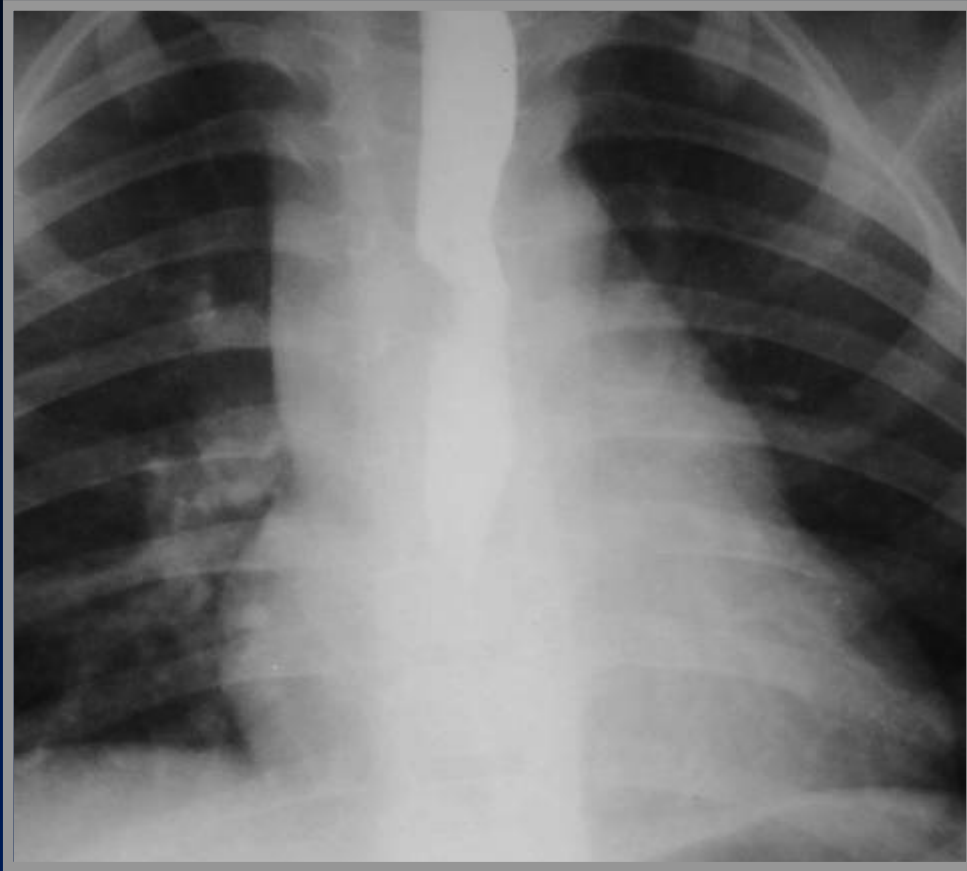
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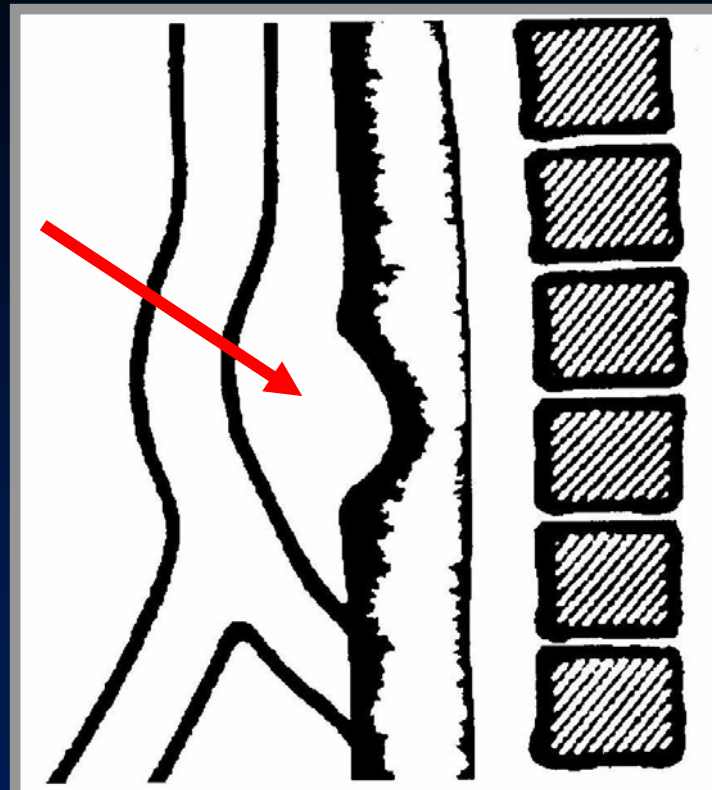
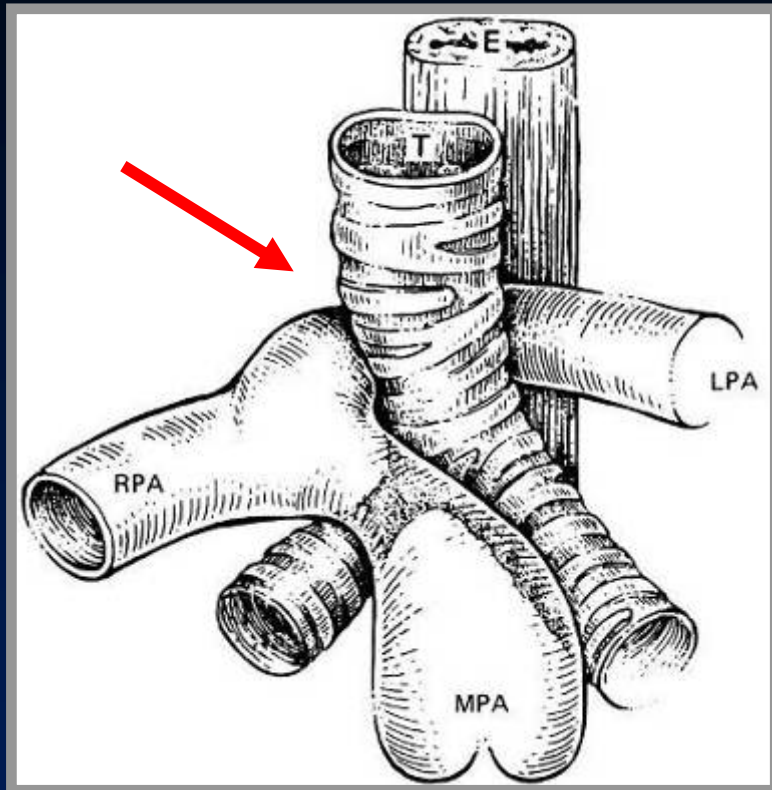


4 month old with stridor



Pulmonary Sling



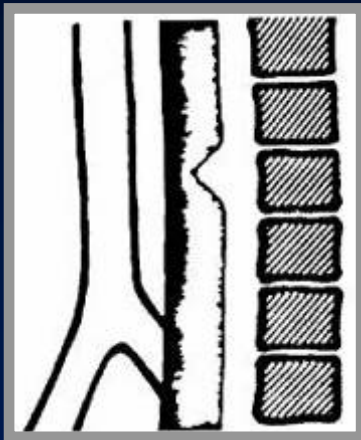


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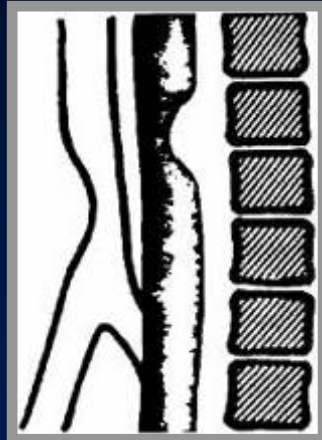
Pulmonary Sling



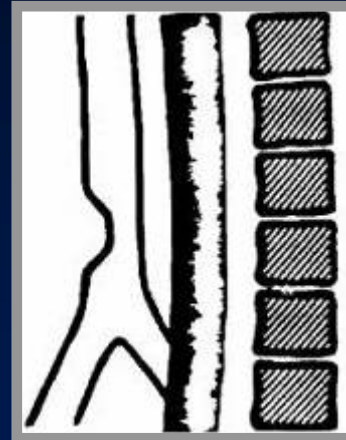
Tracheal/esophageal impressions



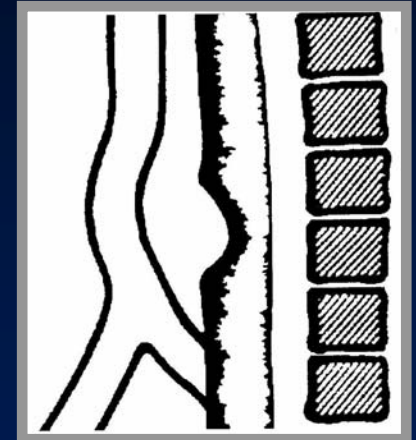
Aberrant SCA



Double Ao Arch



**Isolated Anomalies
(Rare)**



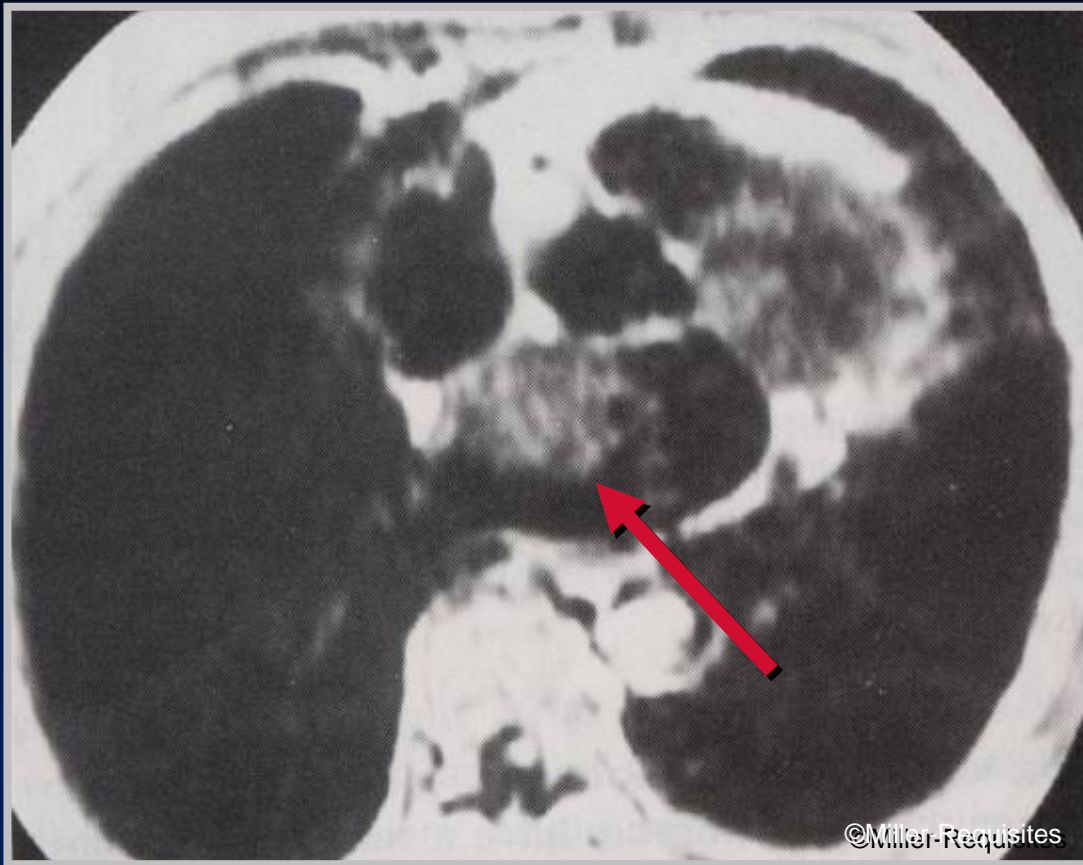
Pulmonary Sling

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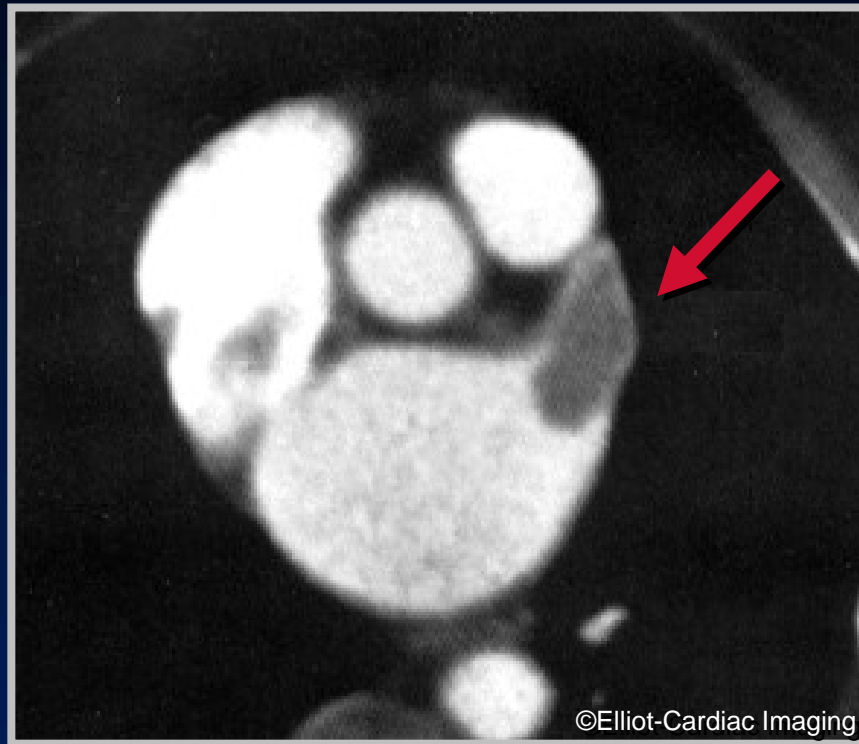


**If you see cases like
these, you passed...**





Myxoma in Left Atrium



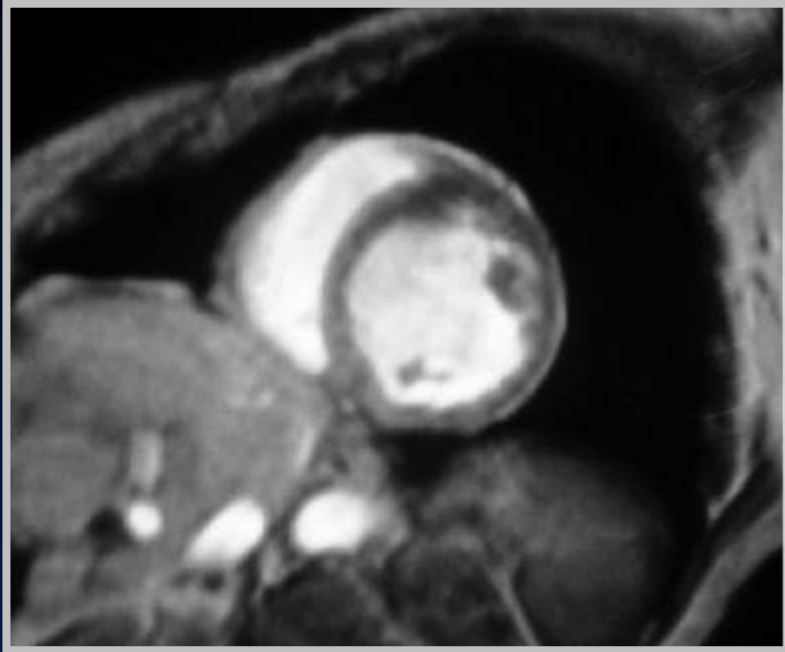
Thrombus in left atrial appendage



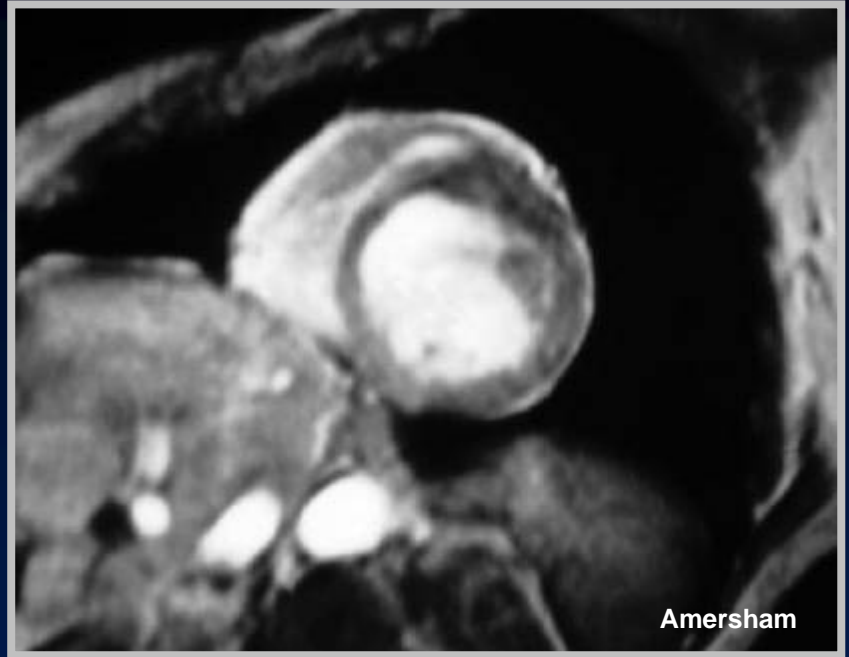


Dilated Cardiomyopathy





End systole

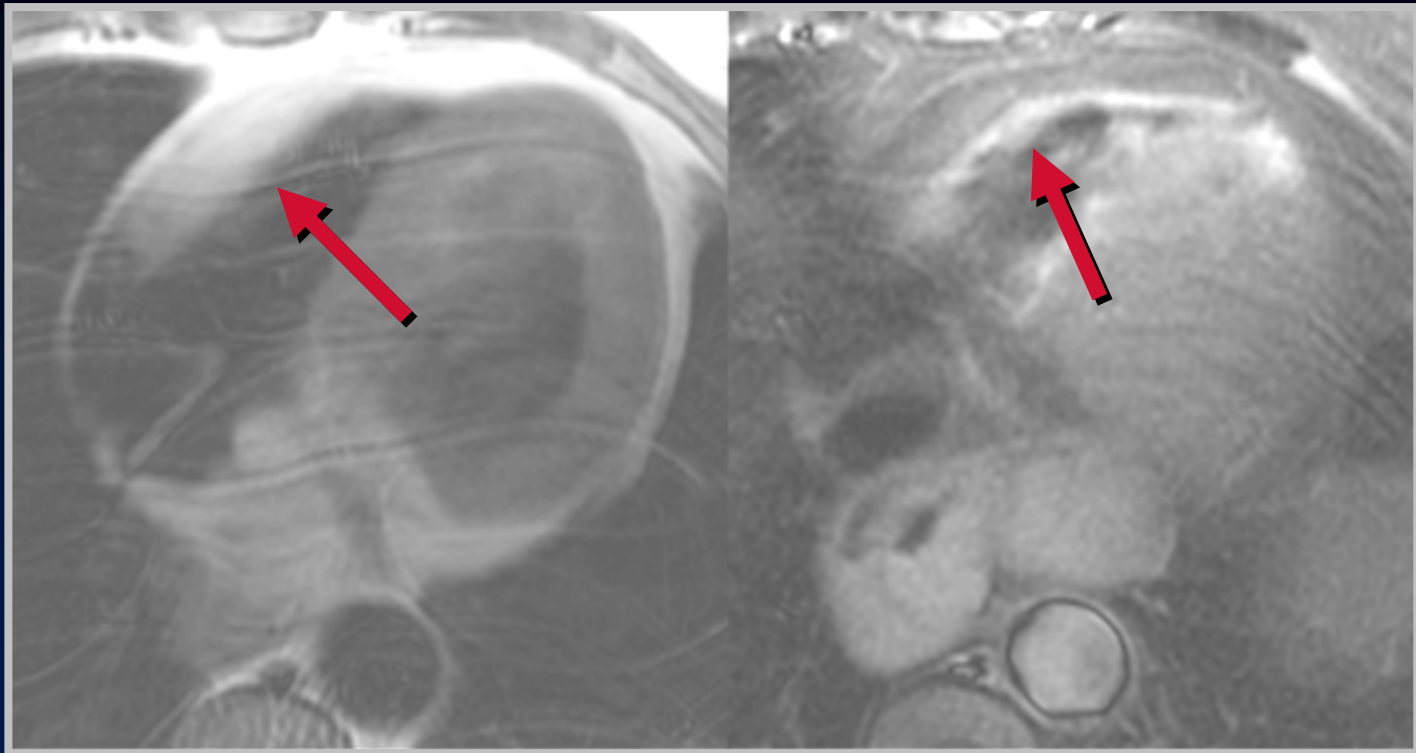


End diastole

Dilated Cardiomyopathy

Cine MR images in the short axis plane show little change in size between end diastole and end systole

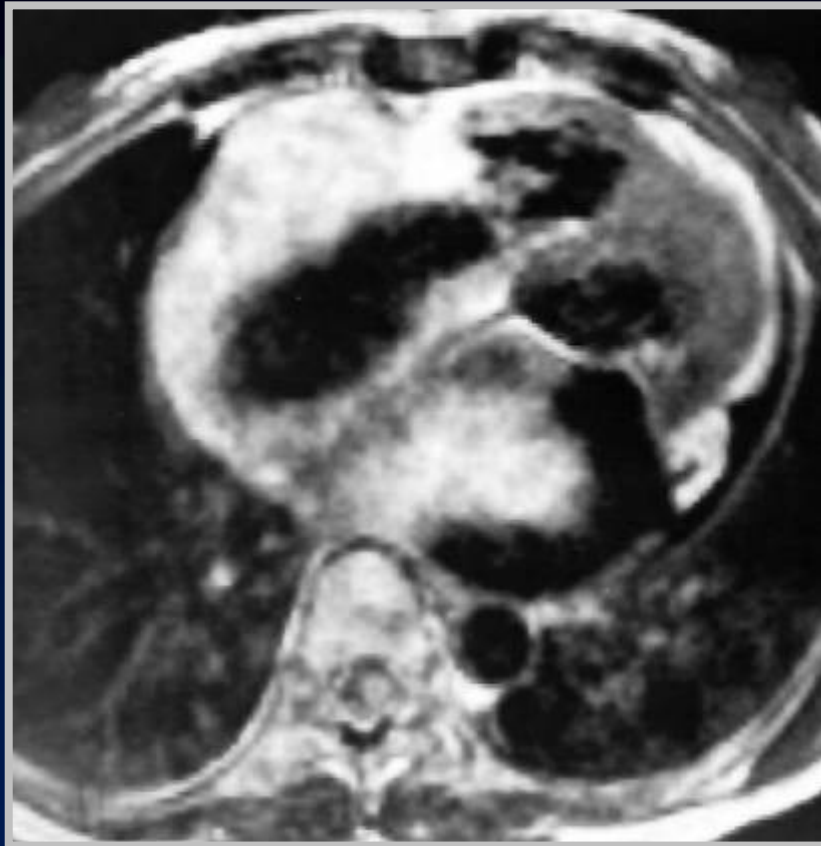




Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia

**Left-thickening and replacement of RV anterior wall by fatty tissue.
Fat suppression (right) - loss of signal in RV anterior wall,
confirming fatty nature of these changes**

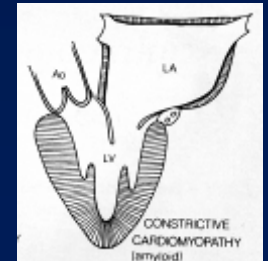




Amersham

Restrictive cardiomyopathy

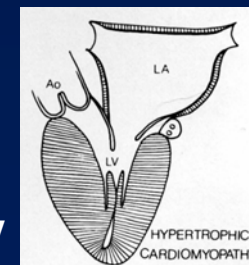
ECG-gated spin-echo image - enlargement of both atria and normal size of ventricles with thickened walls



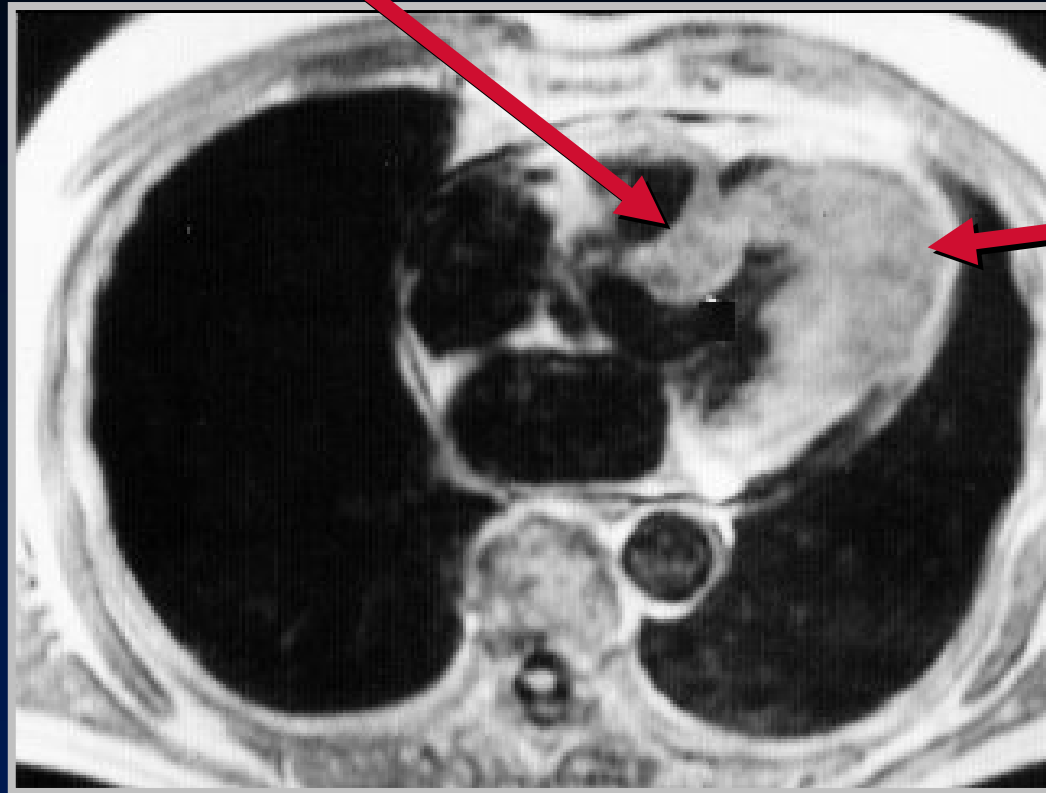


Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

ECG-gated spin-echo image in coronal plane - severe symmetrical hypertrophy of LV



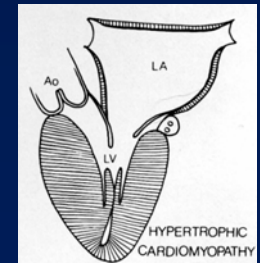
Asymmetric septal hypertrophy



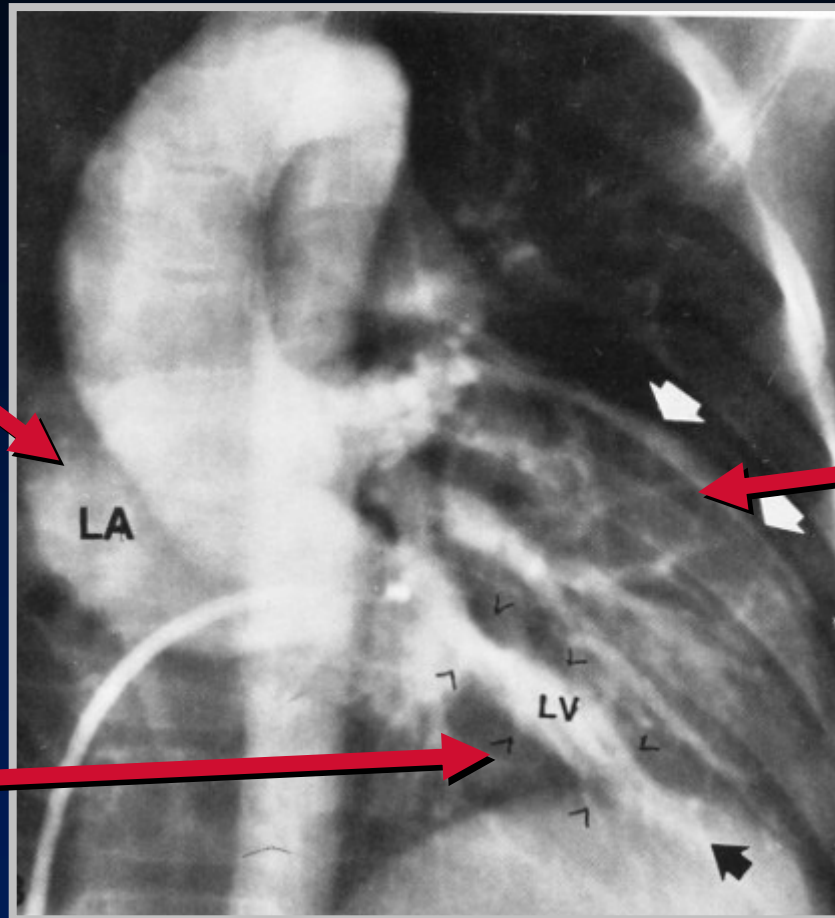
Thickened apex

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Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy



**Mitral
Regurgitation
From SAM**

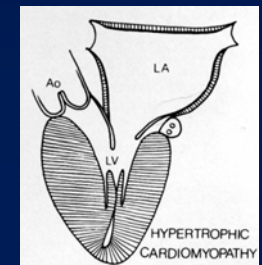


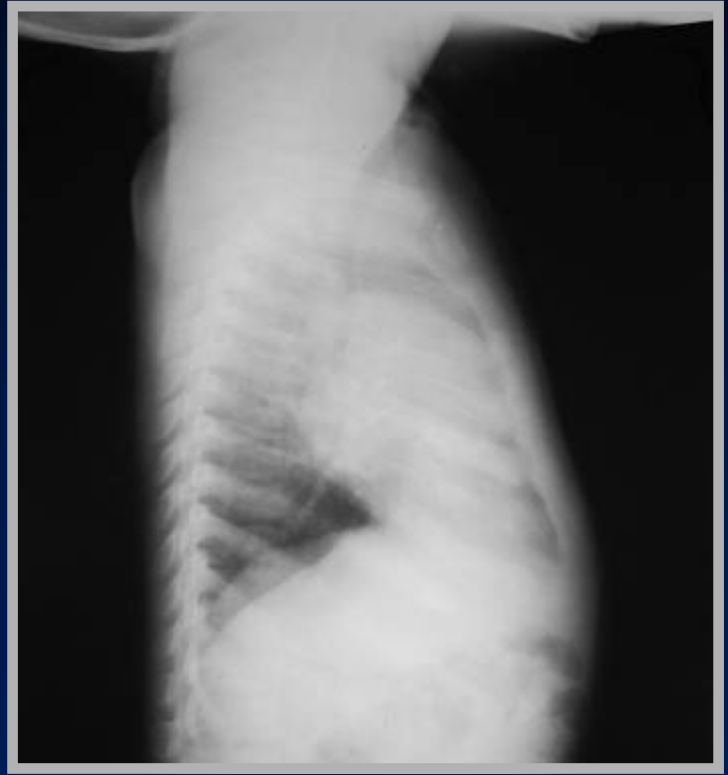
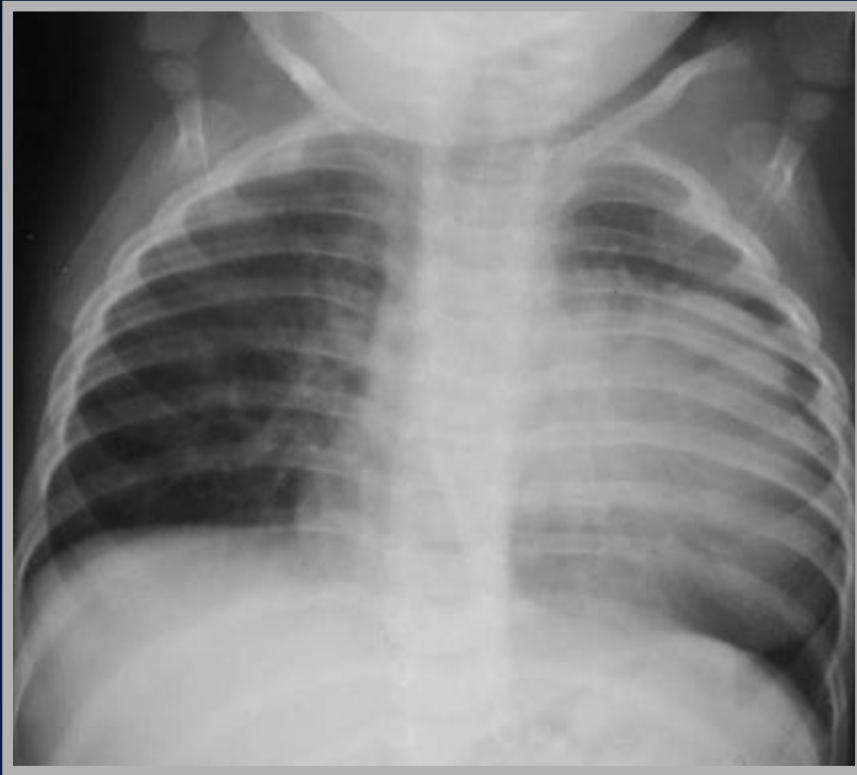
**Marked
wall
thickening**

**Almost
complete
emptying of
LV**

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Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy





Congenital Defect in the Pericardium

Cardiac Malpositions



Cardiac Malpositions

Types

- **Situs solitus with dextrocardia**
- **Situs inversus with levocardia**
- **Situs inversus with dextrocardia**



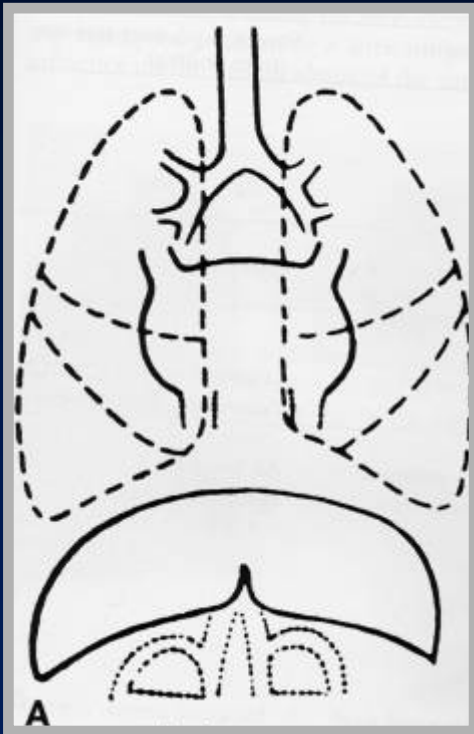
Rule of Thumb



- If aortic arch/apex of heart are on opposite sides from stomach bubble, high incidence of CHD

Asplenia

Bilateral Right-sidedness



- Male
- Cyanotic
- High risk of infection
- Severe cardiac abnormalities
 - Transposition
 - TAPVR

Polysplenia

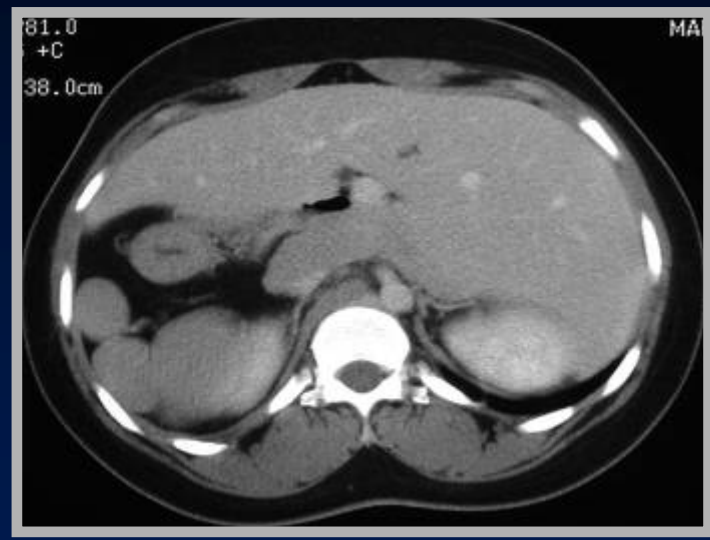
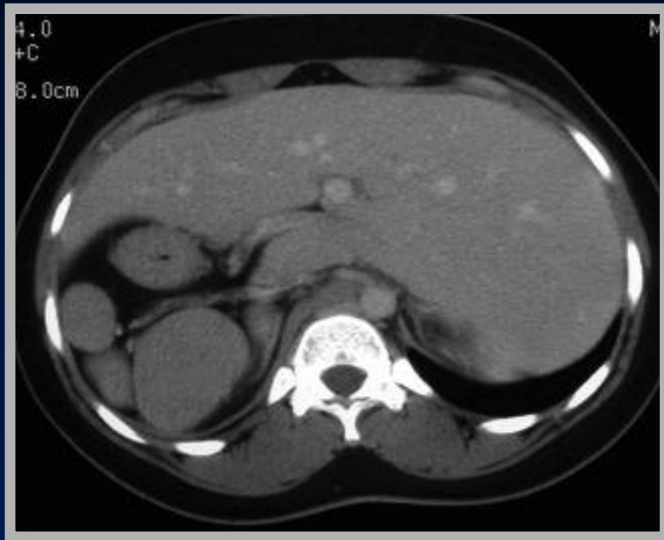
Bilateral left-sidedness

- Female
- Abnormalities are more benign
 - Azygous continuation of IVC
 - Bilateral superior vena cava
 - PAPVR
 - ASD

Asplenia/Polysplenia

- **Asplenia – bad boy**
- **Polysplenia – good girl**



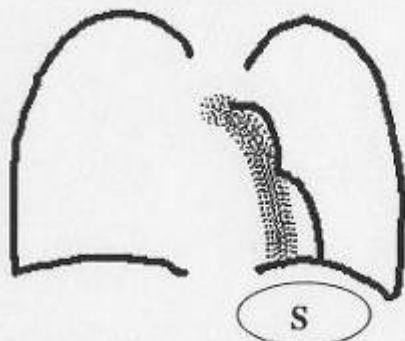


Situs Ambiguous-polysplenia



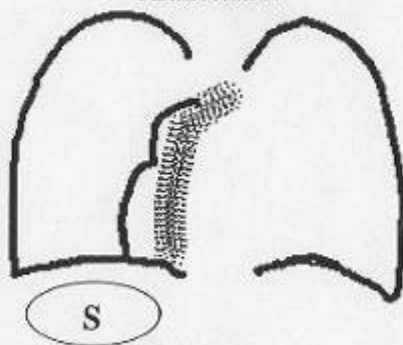
CARDIAC MALPOSITIONS

SITUS SOLITUS



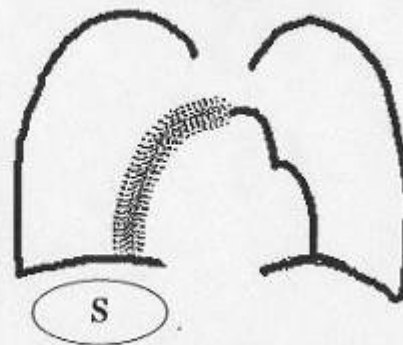
Aortic arch and LA are always on the same side except with isolated R arch
0.6-0.8% CHD

SITUS INVERSUS WITH DEXTROCARDIA



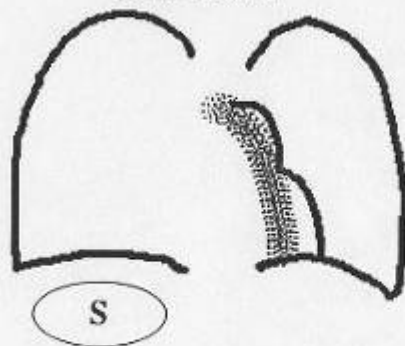
3-5% CHD
Most common is corrected transposition (Kartageners)

SITUS INVERSUS WITH LEVOCARDIA



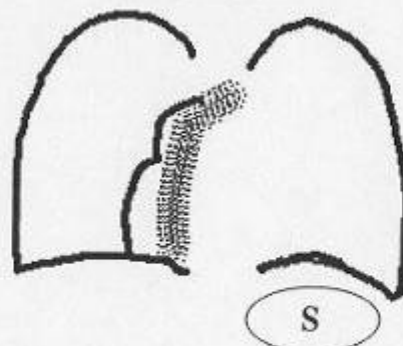
Rare, but 95-100% CHD; no specific prevalence. If asplenia, 100% have common ventricle. Interruption of IVC common.

SITUS SOLITUS WITH MALPOSITION OF THE STOMACH

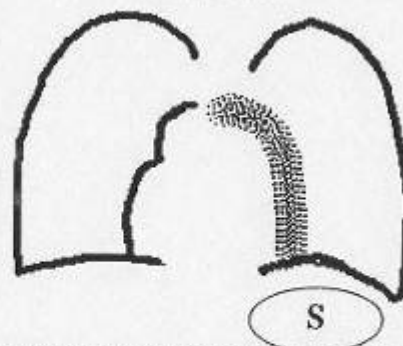


R/O asplenia
Most have CHD (L→R shunt)
Most with polysplenia and azygous continuation of IVC

SITUS INVERSUS WITH MALPOSITION OF THE STOMACH



SITUS SOLITUS WITH DEXTROCARDIA



95% CHD of which 80% are corrected transposition. If cyanosis with shunt vessels, then tricuspid atresia. If cyanosis and ↓vasc, then corrected transposition. If asplenia, 100% have common ventricle. Interrupted IVC common.



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Good Luck

