

Ultrasound Diagnosis & Prognosis of Common Cardiac Abnormalities



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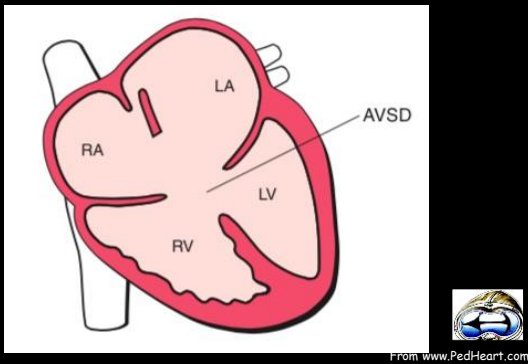
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Common Cardiac Abnormalities

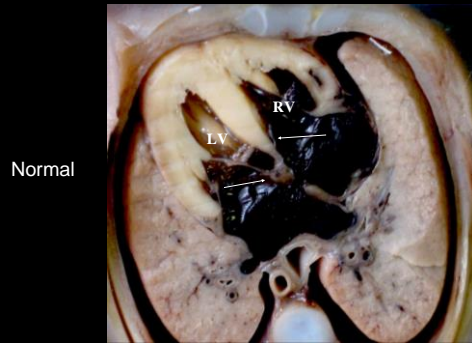
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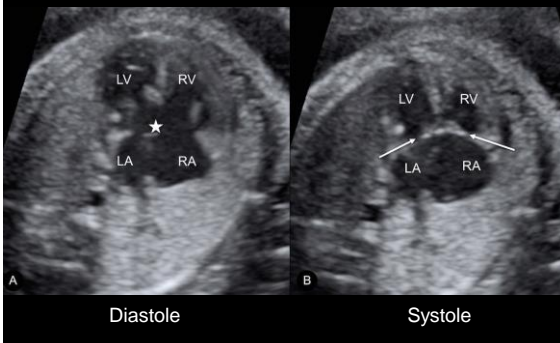
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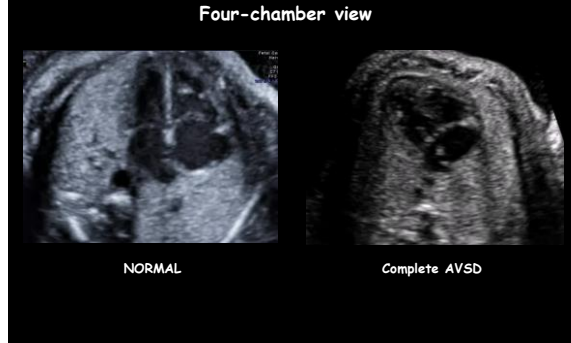
Atrioventricular Valves



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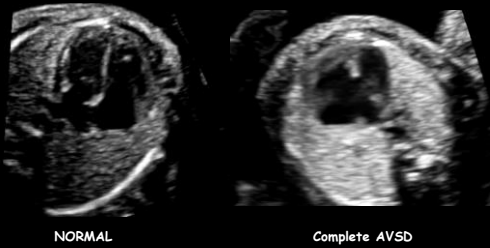


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Atrioventricular Septal Defect

Four-chamber view



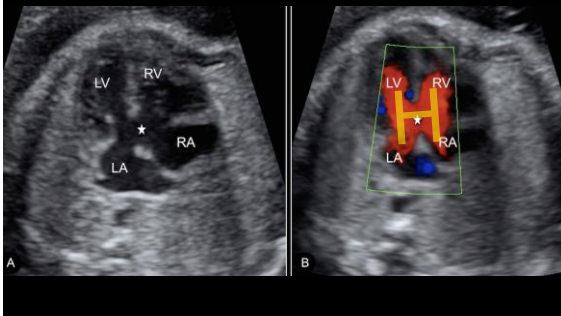
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Ultrasound Findings:

- Apical 4-chamber view – most optimal
Linear arrangement of valves

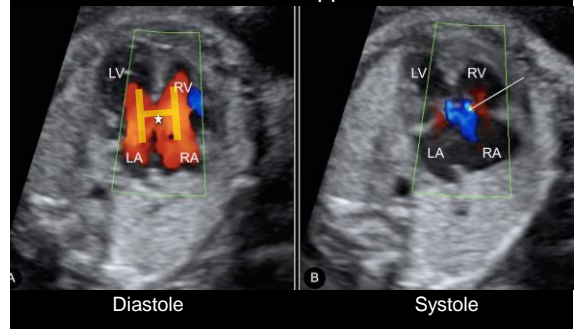
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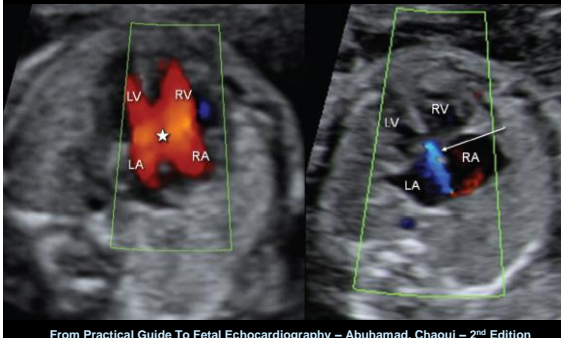
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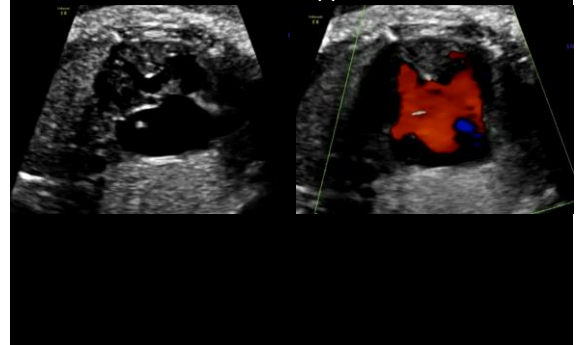
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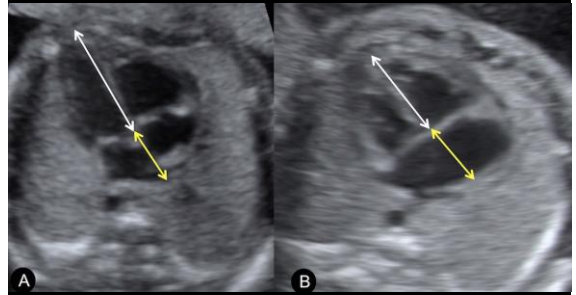


Atrioventricular Septal Defect

Ultrasound Findings:

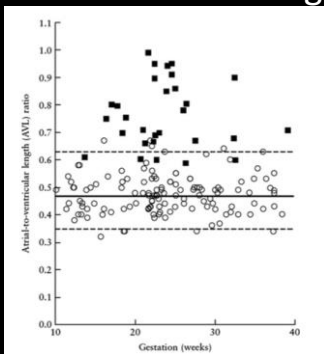
- Apical 4-chamber view – most optimal
- Color Doppler very helpful
 - Regurgitation & H sign

Atrioventricular Length



Ultrasound Obstet Gynecol 2004;24(6):618-622

Atrioventricular Length



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Atrioventricular Septal Defect

Ultrasound Findings:

- Apical 4-chamber view – most optimal
- Color Doppler very helpful
- Look at atrioventricular length ratio
 - Increased in AVSD

Atrioventricular Septal Defect

Short axis view



Atrioventricular Septal Defect

Ultrasound Findings:

- Apical 4-chamber view – most optimal
- Color Doppler very helpful
- Look at atrioventricular length ratio
- Short-axis views are diagnostic
 - Single valve with multiple leaflets

Atrioventricular Septal Defect

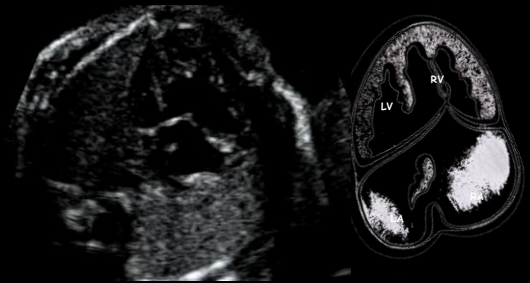
- Accounts for 4-5% of CHD in infants and occurs in 0.19 per 1000 live births.
- Most common form of CHD diagnosed in the fetus, accounting for 18% of fetal CHD
- Synonyms include endocardial cushion defect and atrioventricular canal defect

AVSD forms

Balanced

Unbalanced

Atrioventricular Septal Defect



Unbalanced type

Atrioventricular Septal Defect

Partial

- Atrial septum primum defect
- Cleft in mitral valve
- Two distinct mitral & tricuspid valve annuli

Atrioventricular Septal Defect

Partial



AVSD and Down syndrome

- > AVSD accounts for 40% of congenital heart disease in children with Down syndrome
- > AVSD does NOT change the survival rate in patients with Down syndrome



1) Complete balanced AVSD

2) Partial AVSD

3) Complete Unbalanced AVSD

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Atrioventricular Septal Defect

Clues to Diagnosis

- Apical 4-chamber view is the most optimal
- Color Doppler very helpful (H sign / regurgitation)
- Short-axis views are diagnostic
- Note the atrioventricular length
- Partial & small defects are difficult to detect

Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

Spectrum of Malformations

Severe hypoplasia of left ventricle
and left ventricular outflow tract



Obstruction to Systemic Cardiac Output

Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

Classic Types:

Mitral & aortic atresia

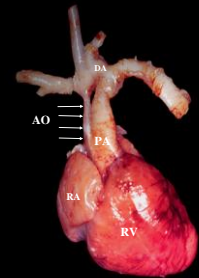
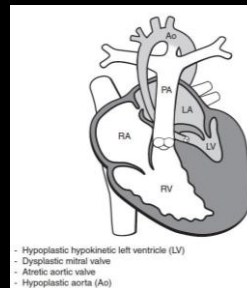


Aortic atresia (Patent MV)



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Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome



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Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

Variants:

- Critical AS with hypoplastic LV
- Severe coarctation of Aorta
- Severely unbalanced AVSD

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Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

- Incidence: 0.1 – 0.25 / 1000 live births
- Karyotypic abnormalities in 5 %
- Extracardiac anomalies in up to 28%
- Preponderance in ♂ fetuses (7/10)
- Represents 5 % of all CHD

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Pediatrics 1988;82:698

Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

Prenatal US follow-up

Fetal Growth Restriction due to
20 % reduction in combined cardiac
output

Am J Epidemiol 1996;143:505

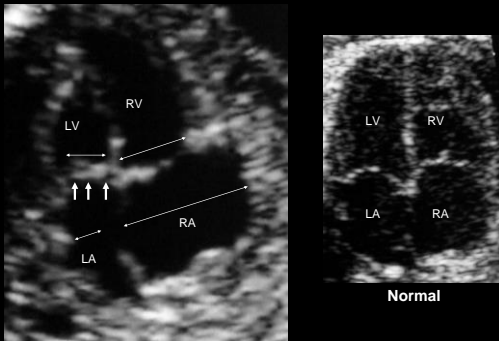
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Four-Chamber View

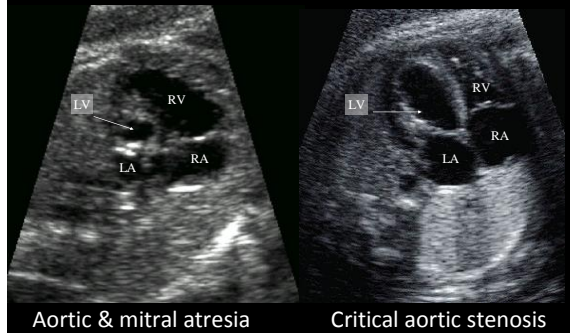
- Diminutive, hypertrophic, hypokinetic LV
- RV apex forming
- Mitral valve dysplastic echogenic and stenotic
- Foramen ovale leaflet from left to right
- Color Doppler fills RV only



Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome



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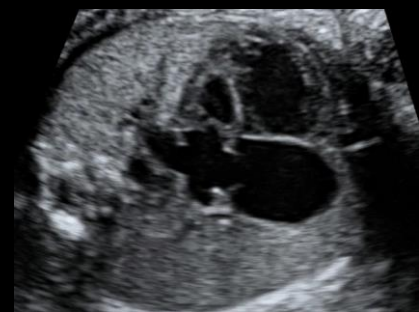


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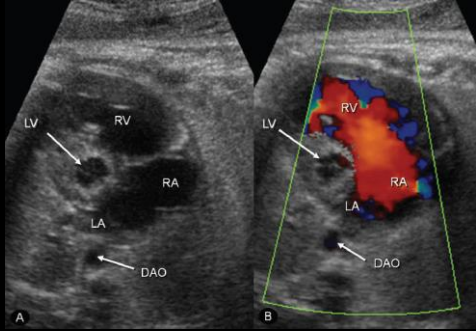
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Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome



Four-Chamber View

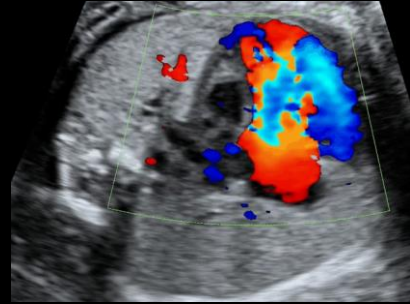
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4-Chamber Color Doppler

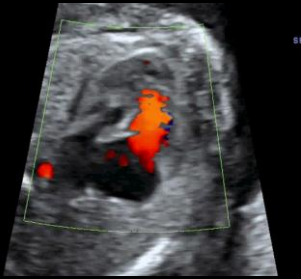
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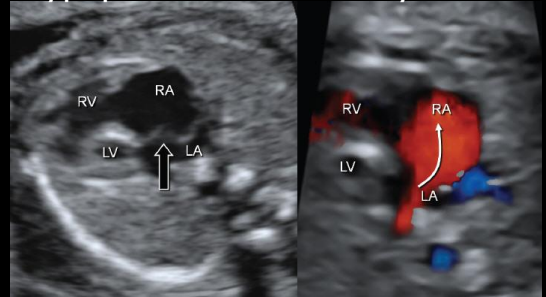
4-Chamber Color Doppler

Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome



4-Chamber Color Doppler

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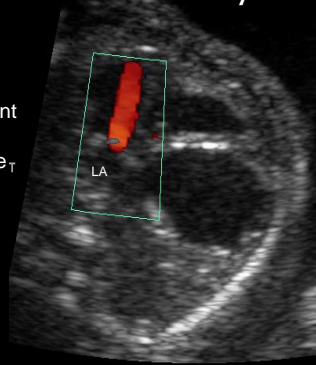


Color Doppler – Foramen Ovale

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Left-to-right shunt
At
Foramen Ovale_T



Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome



Left Ventricular Outflow Tract

Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome



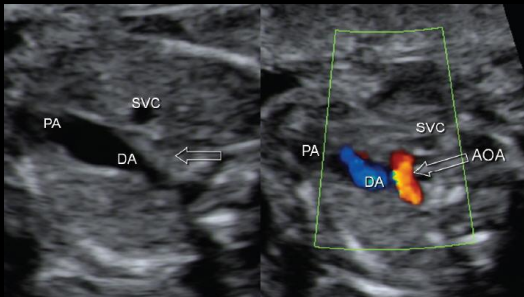
Right Ventricular Outflow Tract

Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

Three-Vessel Trachea View

- Two vessels are seen
- Dilated PA, next to SVC
- Nonvisible or diminutive aorta
- Color Doppler shows reverse flow in aortic isthmus

Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome



3-Vessel Trachea View

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3 Vessel-Trachea View

Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome



3 Vessel-Trachea View

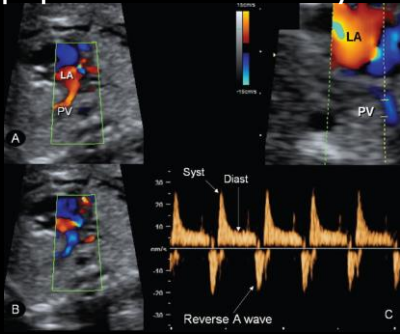
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Prenatal Follow-up:

- Monthly
- Fetal growth (Fetal Growth Restriction)
- Size inter-atrial communication (PV Doppler)
- Function of tricuspid valve - RV

Semin Fetal Neonatal Med 2005;10(6):553

Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome



Restriction of flow across foramen

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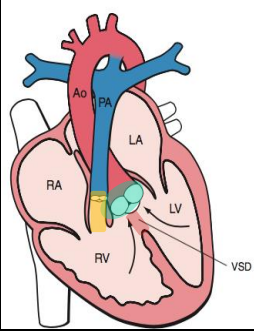
Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

Poor Prognostic Factors:

- Low birth weight
- Prematurity
- Non-cardiac anomalies
- Obstruction to PV return (restricted atrial septum)
- Poor RV function

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Pediatrics 2007;119(1):109

Tetralogy of Fallot



Subaortic malaligned VSD

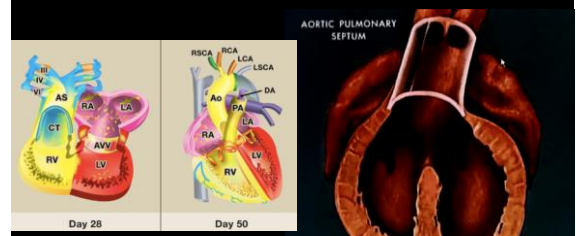
Overriding dilated aortic root

Narrow stenotic PA

RV hypertrophy is not present in fetus

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Embryology of Conotruncus



Srivastava - Cell 2006

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DIUk9IXUaI> - Rushmer, Blandau

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Tetralogy of Fallot

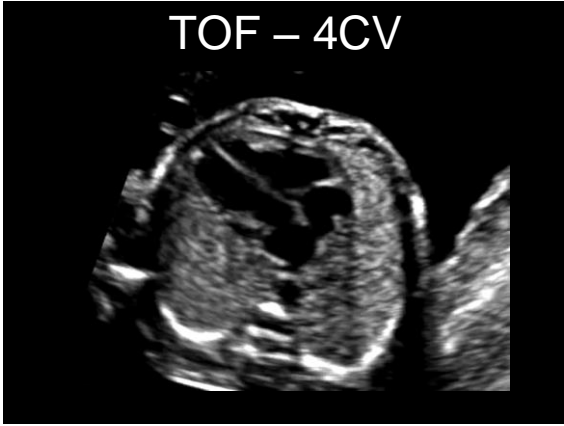
- Classic form (PS) (~ 80 %)
- Pulmonary atresia with VSD
- Absent pulmonary valve

Tetralogy of Fallot

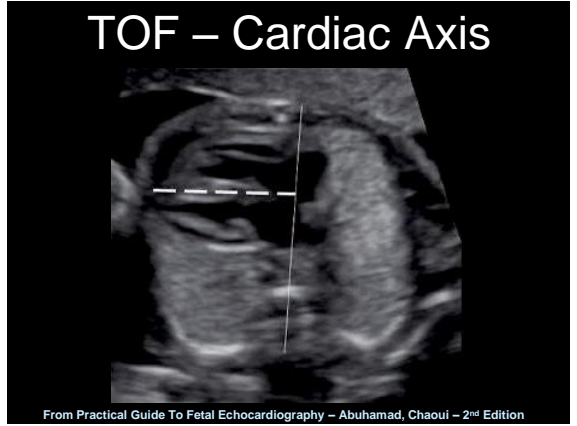
Ultrasound Findings:

- Four chamber view normal
- Left axis deviation

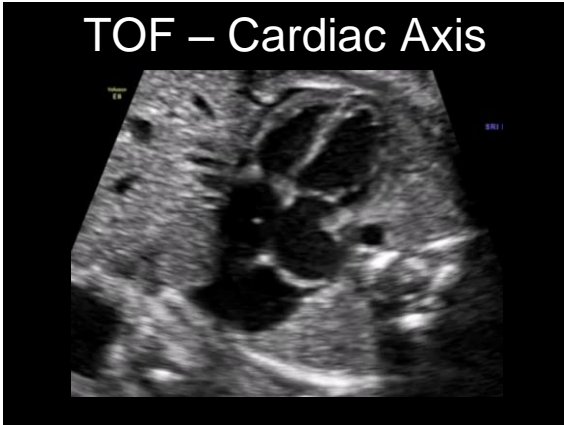
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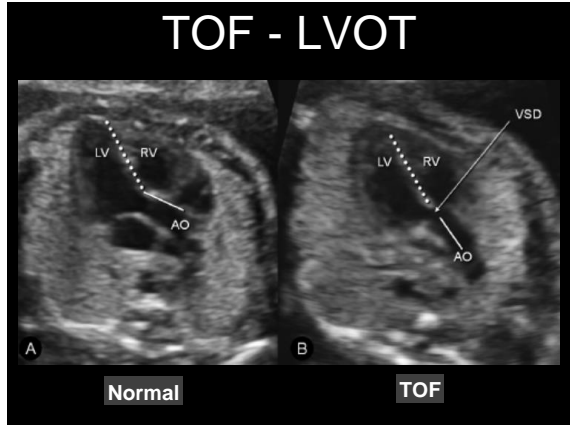
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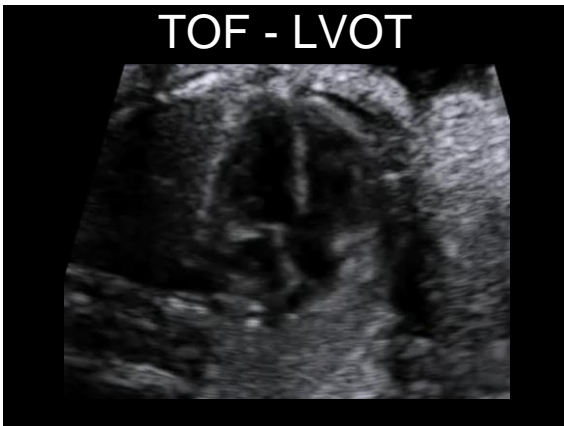
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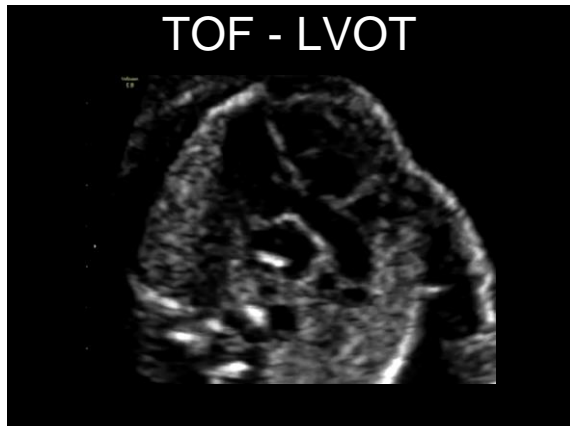
TOF - LVOT

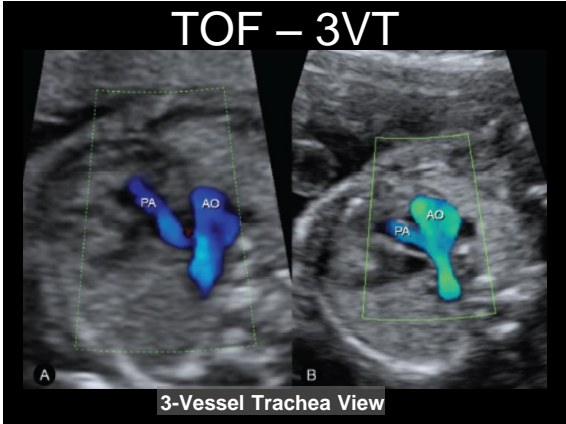
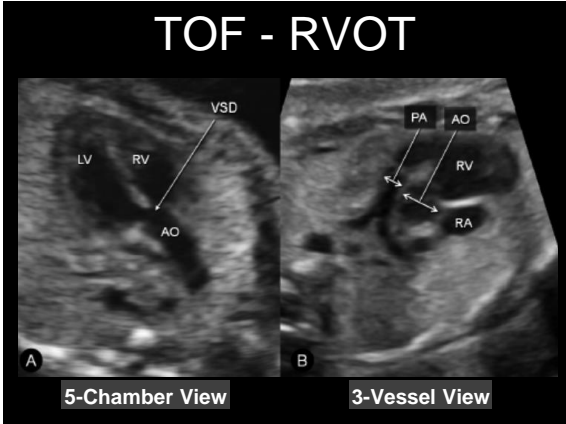
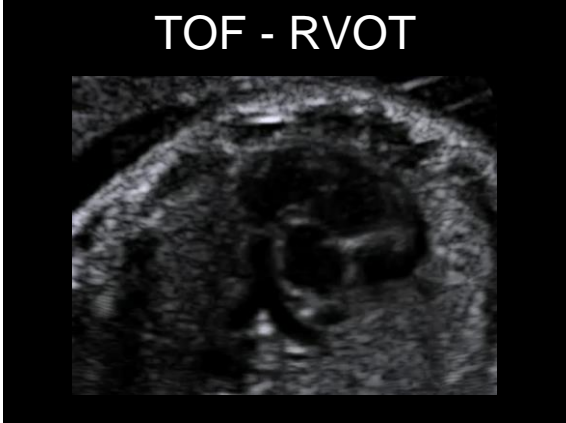
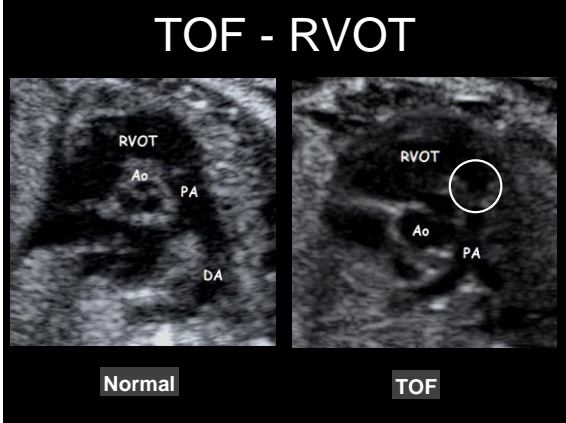
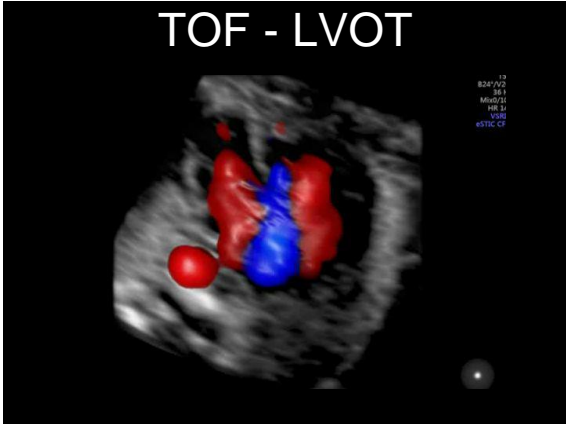
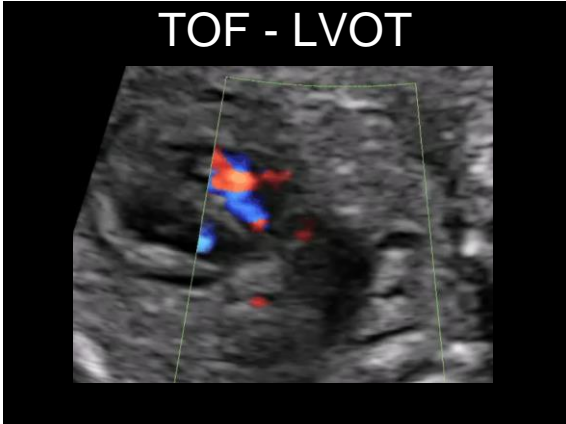


TOF - LVOT



TOF - LVOT





Tetralogy of Fallot

Ultrasound Findings:

- Five chamber view abnormal
- Aortic dextroposition
- Dilated aortic root (3rd trimester)
- Perimembranous subaortic VSD
- Infundibular pulmonary stenosis

Tetralogy of Fallot

Common Associated Cardiac Anomalies

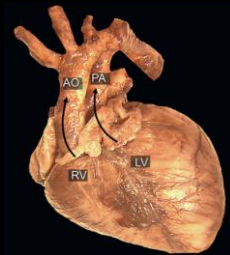
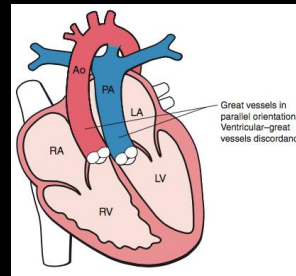
- Patent foramen ovale/ ASD in 85%
- Right sided Aortic arch in 25%
- Persistent LSVC in 11%

Tetralogy of Fallot

Associated Extracardiac Anomalies

- Chromosomal abnormalities in 30%
- Anomalies of anatomic organs, common
- Deletion 22q11 (DiGeorge) in 10-15%
 - Right Aortic arch
 - Thymic hypogenesis / agenesis
 - Extracardiac anomalies
 - Polyhydramnios

Transposition of Great Arteries



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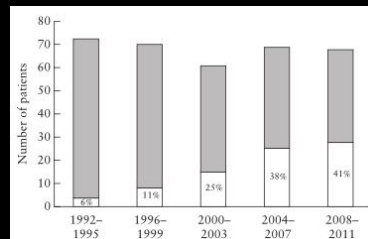
How often is TGA detected prenatally?

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Prenatal diagnosis of transposition of the great arteries over a 20-year period: improved but imperfect

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Overall rate of detection 23 %

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Does it matter to detect TGA prenatally?

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Prenatal detection of transposition of the great arteries reduces mortality and morbidity

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Table 2 Frequency and outcome of indicators of perinatal morbidity in 139 infants with transposition of the great arteries (TGA) between 2002 and 2012

Clinical characteristic	Category of TGA	With prenatal diagnosis (n=34)	Without prenatal diagnosis (n=105)	P
Lowest pH value	All	7.20 ± 0.13	7.24 ± 0.12	0.088
	presurgery	7.19 ± 0.16	7.24 ± 0.14	0.113
Highest lactate level presurgery (mmol/L)	All	4.75 ± 2.43	4.97 ± 4.82	0.807
	Simple	4.82 ± 2.66	3.44 ± 5.46	0.589
Oxygen saturation at admission (mmHg)	All	71.6 ± 13.9	67.0 ± 15.15	0.048*
	Simple	69.4 ± 15.6	63.3 ± 15.1	0.099
Result				
disfraction†	All	102 (4.3)	178 (15.1)	0.039*
AST (units/L)	Simple	178 (5.6)	150 (11.7)	0.021*
	All	60.9 ± 23.9	204.3 ± 94.5	0.613
ALT (units/L)	Simple	59.3 ± 26.1	256.0 ± 1085.0	0.613
	All	38.7 ± 29.3	90.2 ± 489.6	0.730
ALT (units/L)	Simple	32.4 ± 18.3	112.6 ± 561.9	0.673
	All	—	119 (12.4)	0.002*
Outcome of care				
Infract PGE therapy†	Simple	—	13 (64 (19.7))	0.002*
	All	7 (3 (2.1))	27 (0 (26.2))	0.602
Intropes presurgery	Simple	7 (3 (2.1))	22 (7 (21.6))	0.712
	All	20 (3 (6.6))	67 (0 (64.4))	0.691
Rashkind procedure	Simple	17 (2 (6.0))	37 (7 (74.0))	0.517

1st year mortality overall 4.9 %
0% in prenatal diagnosis
11.4% without prenatal diagnosis

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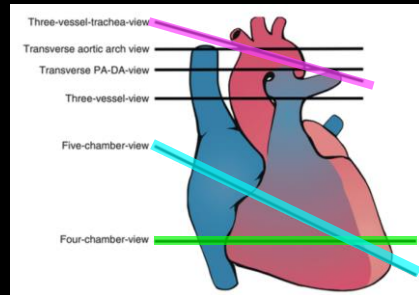
Transposition of Great Arteries

Ultrasound Views for Diagnosis

- Four-chamber view
- Left Ventricular outflow tract
- Three-vessel trachea view
- Spatial orientation of great arteries

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Transverse Views



TGA: Four-Chamber View



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TGA: Four-Chamber View



TGA with Mesocardia

TGA: Four-Chamber View



Four-chamber view is typically normal except for:

- Associated VSD
- Mesocardia
- Significant LV Outflow obstruction

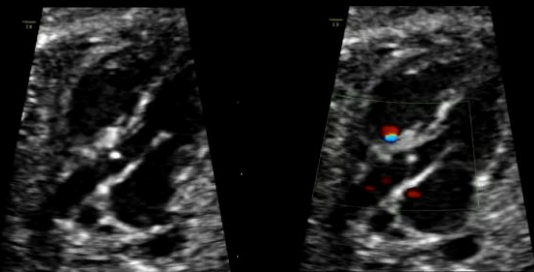
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TGA: Left Ventricular Outflow



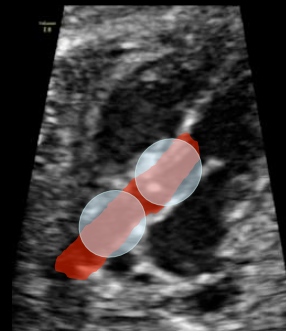
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Left Ventricular Outflow



Normal

Left Ventricular Outflow

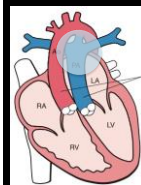


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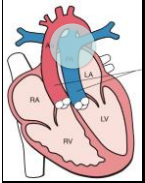


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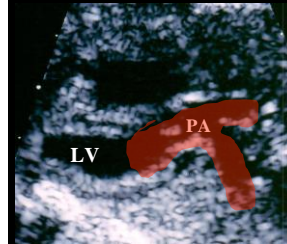
TGA: Left Ventricular Outflow



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Left ventricular outflow view is always abnormal:

No override

LV outflow divides into 2 branches

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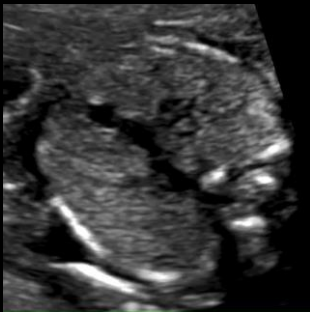
3VT View

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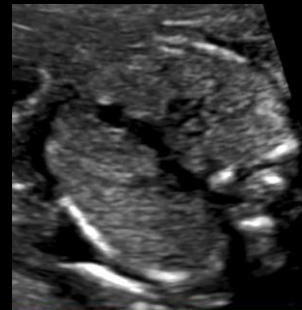
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TGA: 3VT View



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Transposition of Great Arteries



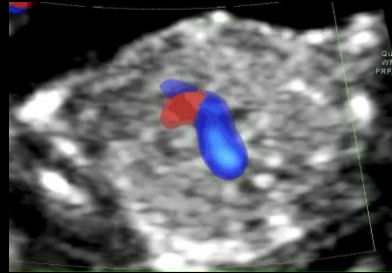
3VT - 2 vessels seen

Transposition of Great Arteries



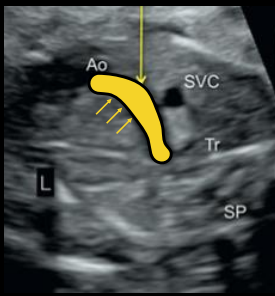
3VT – 2 vessels seen

Transposition of Great Arteries



3VT – 2 vessels seen

Transposition of Great Arteries



Convex-shape of Aorta

TGA: 3VT View

3VT view is very commonly abnormal:

2 vessels seen

Aorta and SVC

PA is posterior to Ao

Ao has a convex appearance

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TGA: Orientation of Great Arteries



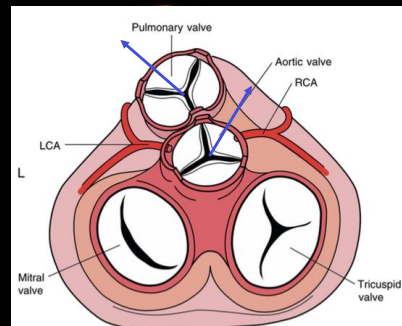
Aorta

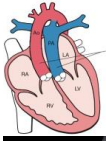
- Points to right shoulder
- Posterior to PA
- Gives head & neck vessels
- Aortic arch (candy cane)

Pulmonary

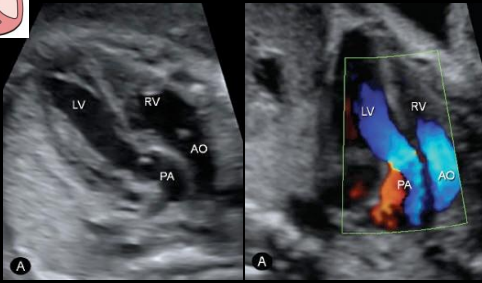
- Points to left shoulder
- Anterior to aorta
- Divides to right & left
- Ductal arch (hockey stick)

Orientation of Great Arteries



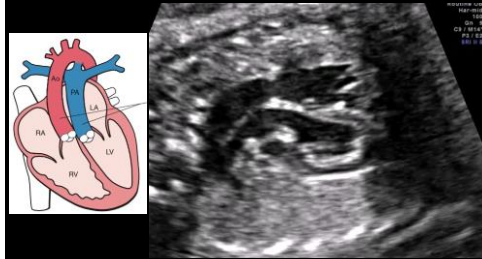


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Normal



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Common Cardiac Malformations

- Learn normal cardiac anatomy
- Understand anatomic features of cardiac malformations
- Know informative ultrasound planes for diagnosis
- Learn about associated cardiac and extracardiac malformations

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