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# Cardiac sources of cerebral embolism



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## EACVI recommendations on cardiovascular imaging for the detection of embolic sources: endorsed by the Canadian Society of Echocardiography

Major sources of stroke risk	Minor or unclear sources of stroke risk
Atrial fibrillation	Mitral valve prolapse
Recent myocardial infarction	Mitral annulus calcification
Previous myocardial infarction (LV aneurysm)	Spontaneous echo contrast
All cardiomyopathies including non-compaction and takotsubo cardiomyopathies	Calcified aortic stenosis
Cardiac masses (except calcifications)	Valvular strands
Intracardiac thrombus	Atrial septal aneurysm without PFO
Intracardiac tumours	
Fibroelastoma	
Marantic vegetations	PFO
Rheumatic valve disease (mitral stenosis)	
Aortic arch atheromatous plaques	Atrial septal pouch
Endocarditis	Giant Lamb's excrescences
Prosthetic valve (mechanical especially)	

## Embolic strokes of undetermined source: the case for a new clinical construct

Robert G Hart, Hans-Christoph Diener, Shelagh B Coutts, J Donald Easton, Christopher B Granger, Martin J O'Donnell, Ralph L Sacco, Stuart J Connolly, for the Cryptogenic Stroke/ESUS International Working Group

### Panel 1: Causes of embolic strokes of undetermined source

#### Minor-risk potential cardioembolic sources\*

##### Mitral valve

- Myxomatous valvulopathy with prolapse
- Mitral annular calcification

##### Aortic valve

- Aortic valve stenosis
- Calcific aortic valve

##### Non-atrial fibrillation atrial dysrhythmias and stasis

- Atrial asystole and sick-sinus syndrome
- Atrial high-rate episodes
- Atrial appendage stasis with reduced flow velocities or spontaneous echodensities

##### Atrial structural abnormalities

- Atrial septal aneurysm
- Chiari network

##### Left ventricle

- Moderate systolic or diastolic dysfunction (global or regional)
- Ventricular non-compaction
- Endomyocardial fibrosis

### Covert paroxysmal atrial fibrillation

#### Cancer-associated

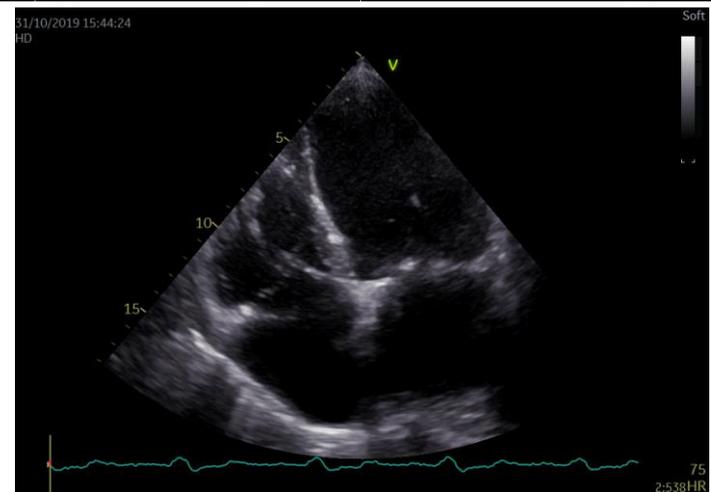
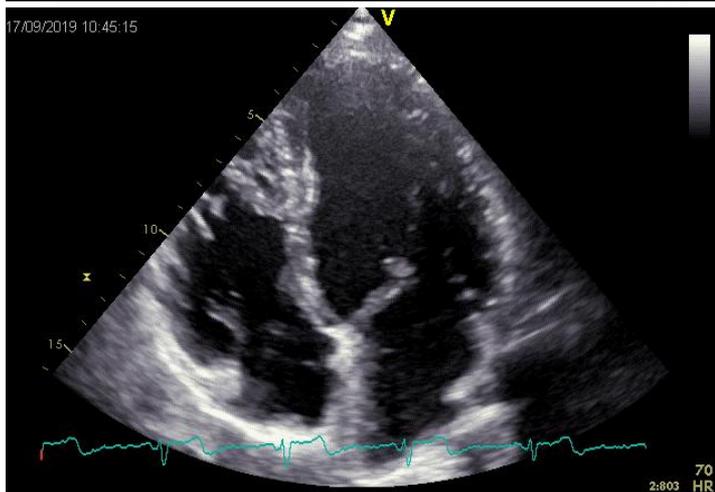
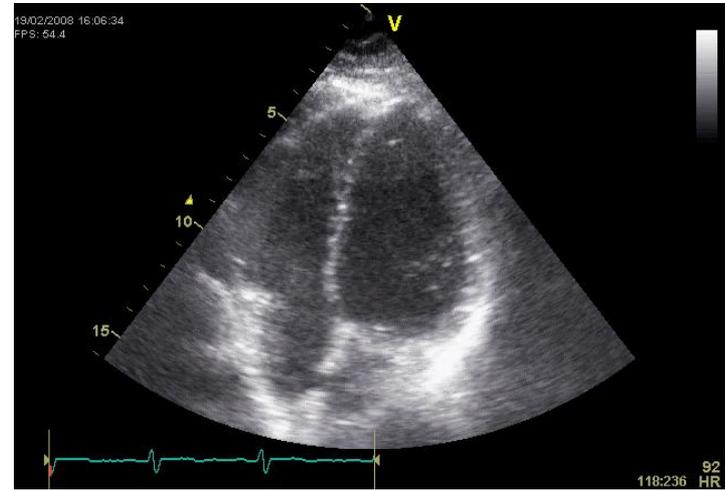
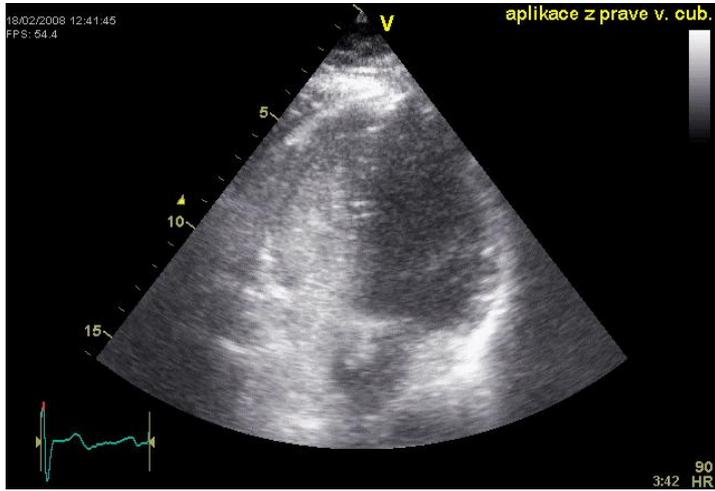
- Covert non-bacterial thrombotic endocarditis
- Tumour emboli from occult cancer

#### Arteriogenic emboli

- Aortic arch atherosclerotic plaques
- Cerebral artery non-stenotic plaques with ulceration

#### Paradoxical embolism

- Patent foramen ovale
- Atrial septal defect
- Pulmonary arteriovenous fistula

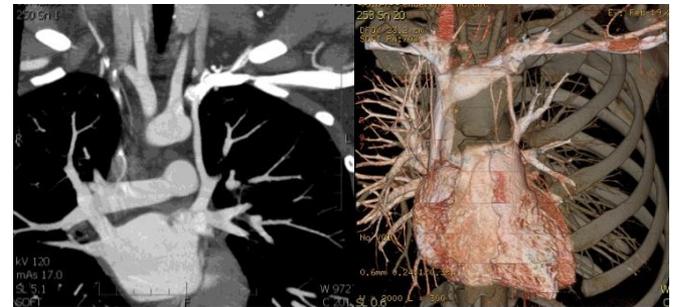
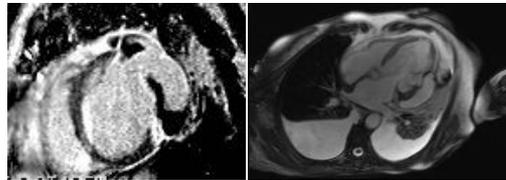


# Cardiovascular imaging tools

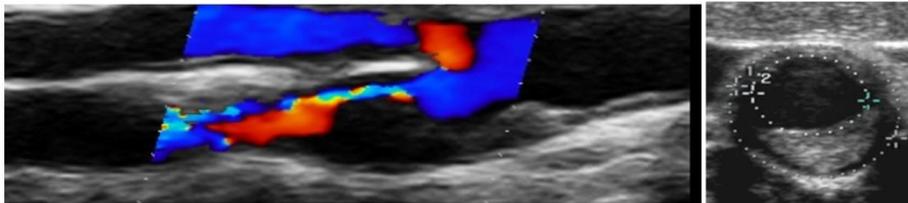
## 1. Transthoracic and transoesophageal echocardiography

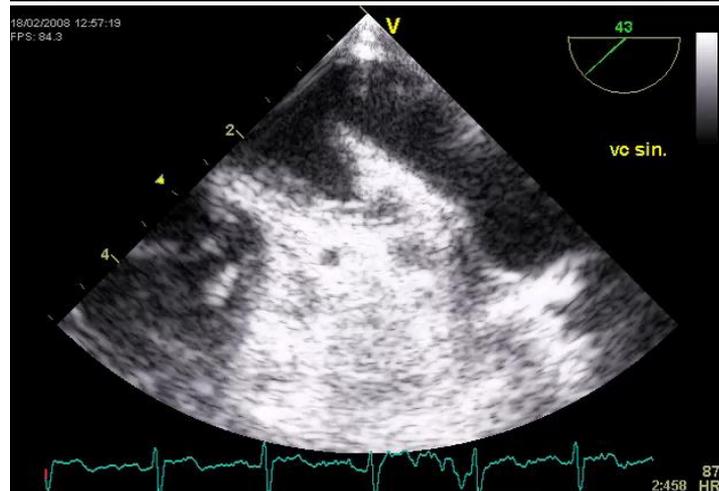
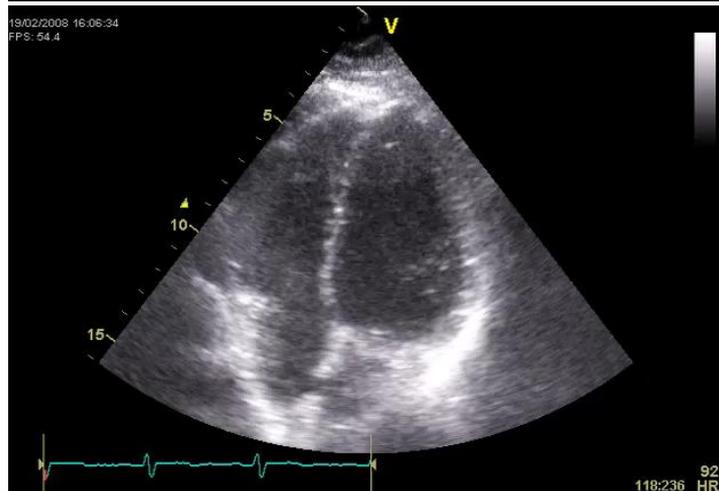
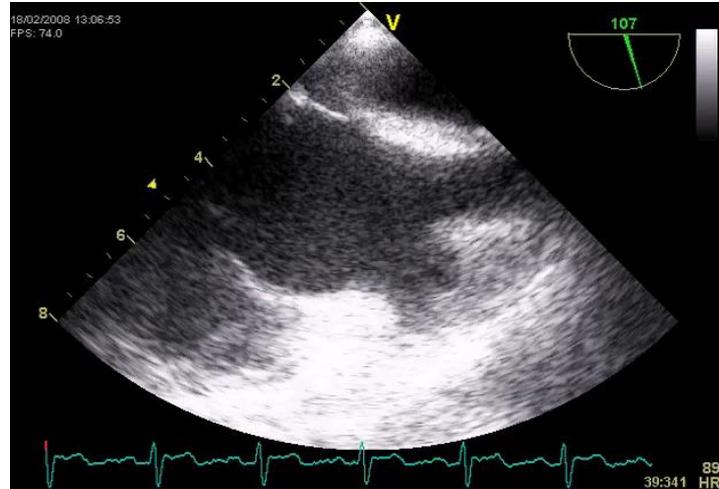
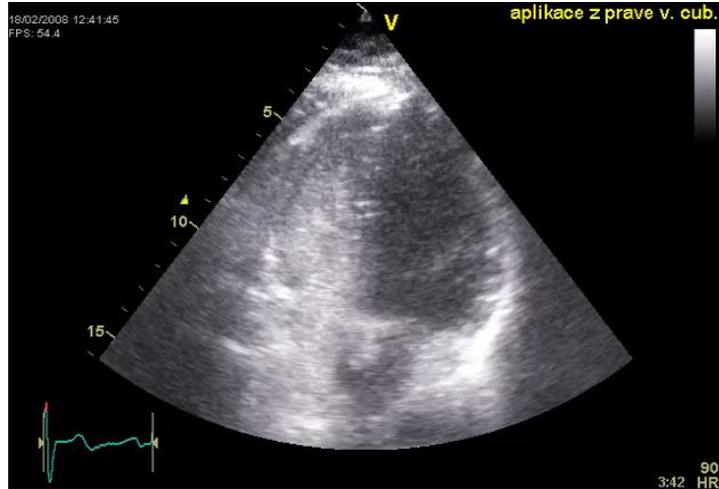


## 2. Computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging



## 3. Vascular imaging







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## Jaké další vyšetření budete indikovat?

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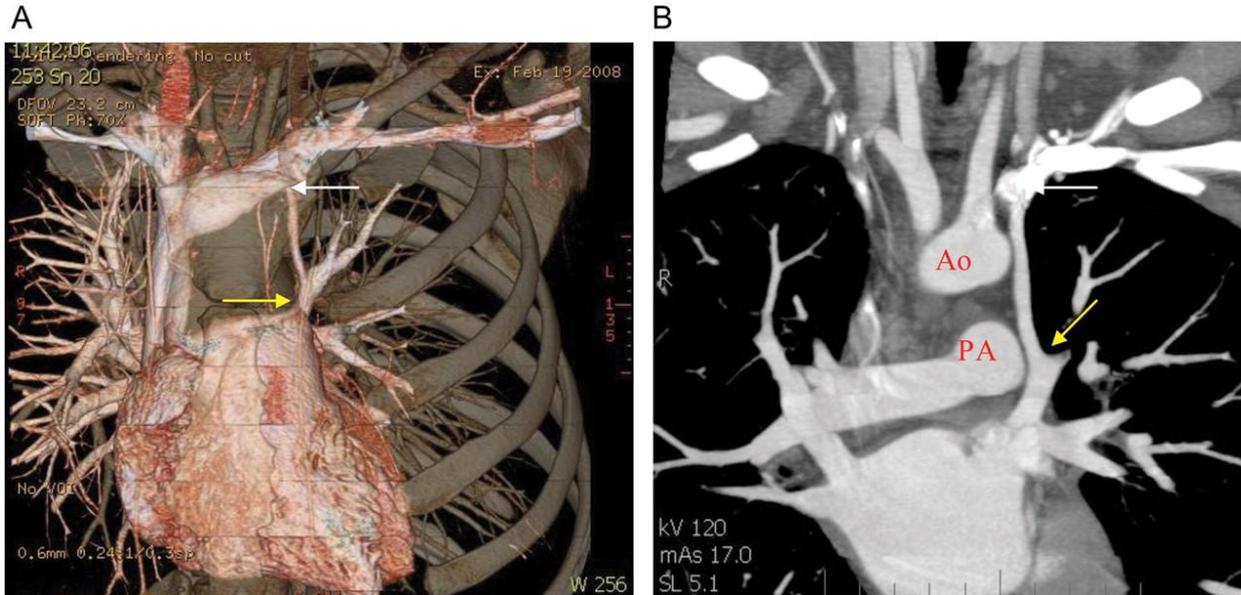


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# Persistent left superior vena cava - detection

Computed tomography of the chest.

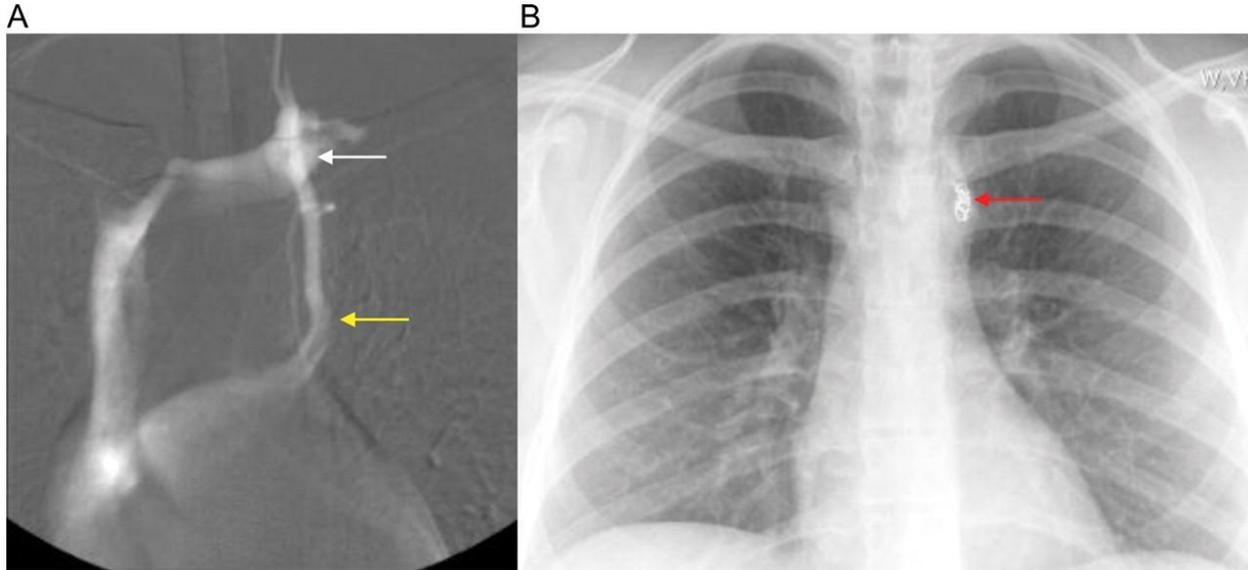


Reconstructed images using volume rendering (A) and a two-dimensional image (B) demonstrates that the persistent left superior vena cava originates from the left brachiocephalic vein (white arrow) and drains (yellow arrow) into the left upper pulmonary vein, which leads directly into the left atrium.

*Ao, aorta; PA, pulmonary artery*

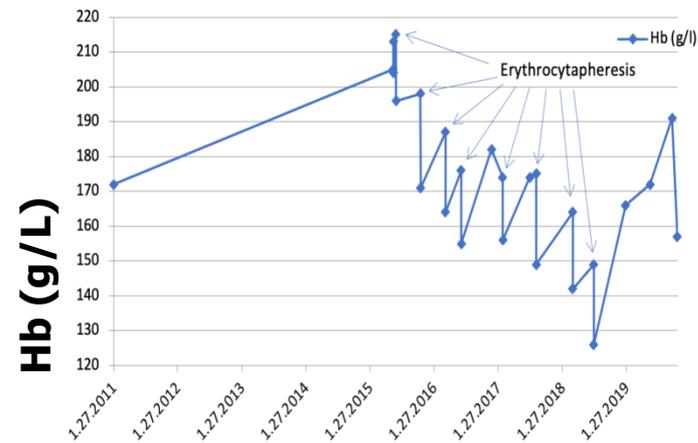
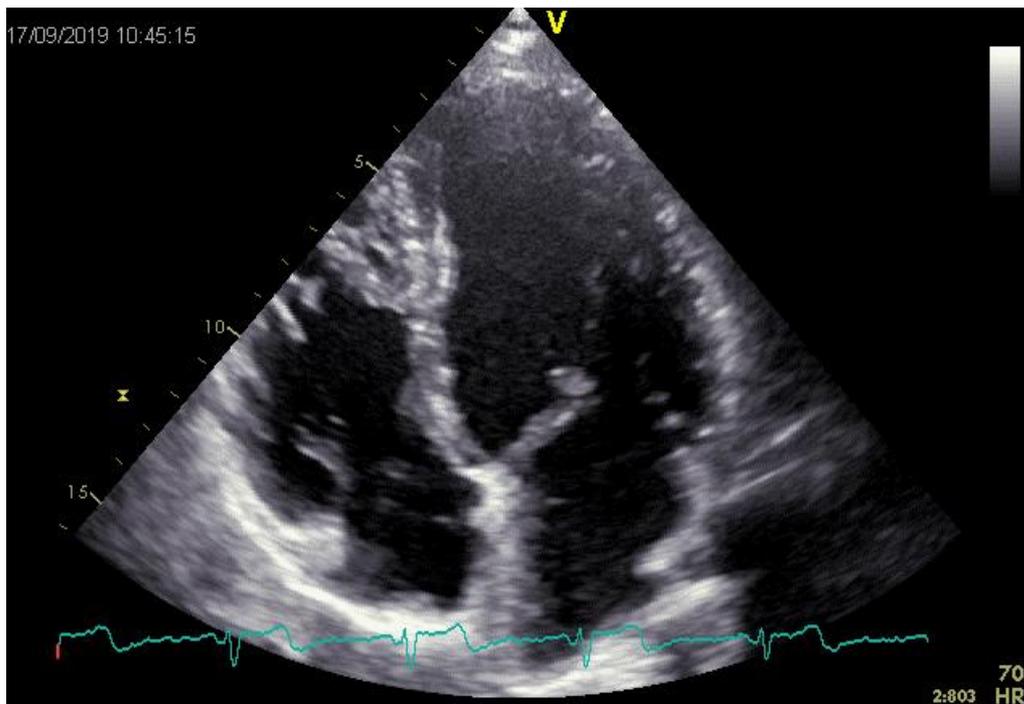
# Persistent left superior vena cava – confirmation and occlusion

Venography (A) and chest X-ray after catheter closure of PLSVC (B)



**(A)** After application of a contrast agent, the persistent left superior vena cava can be seen, originating from the left brachiocephalic vein (white arrow) draining into the left upper pulmonary vein at the conflux with the pulmonary vein (yellow arrow), from where the flow is seen as a negative contrast (darker endovascular content) is apparent. Furthermore, there is an evident of normal venous inflow into the right atrium through the superior vena cava.

**(B)** The position of the coil under the left clavicle is visible after the catheter closure procedure (red arrow).



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# Pulmonary artery to left atrial fistula

- Communication between right pulmonary artery and left atrium is a rare anomaly. It was first described in 1950 by Friedlich et al., it is usually a congenital anomaly, however it can also occur in a post-traumatic setting. True prevalence of this anomaly is unknown, in current literature approximately a hundred cases exist, almost all of them from right pulmonary artery (PA) to left atrium (LA), only three cases of left PA-to-LA fistula have been reported.
- In 70 % cases it is diagnosed before age of twenty, in 30 % before the age of ten. Prevalence is higher in men than women (3:1)
- Typical symptoms are shortness of breath, cyanosis, clubbing of the fingers, polycythemia, hypoxia. Larger shunts usually present earlier with heart failure and subsequent death. First symptoms in moderate shunts can be paradoxical embolism resulting in infarcts or abscesses throughout the body.



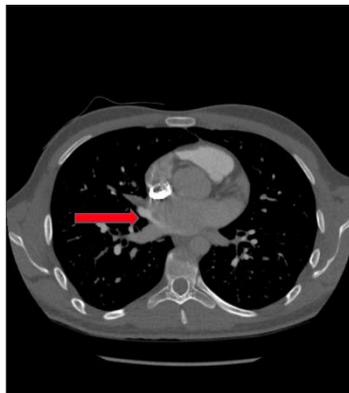
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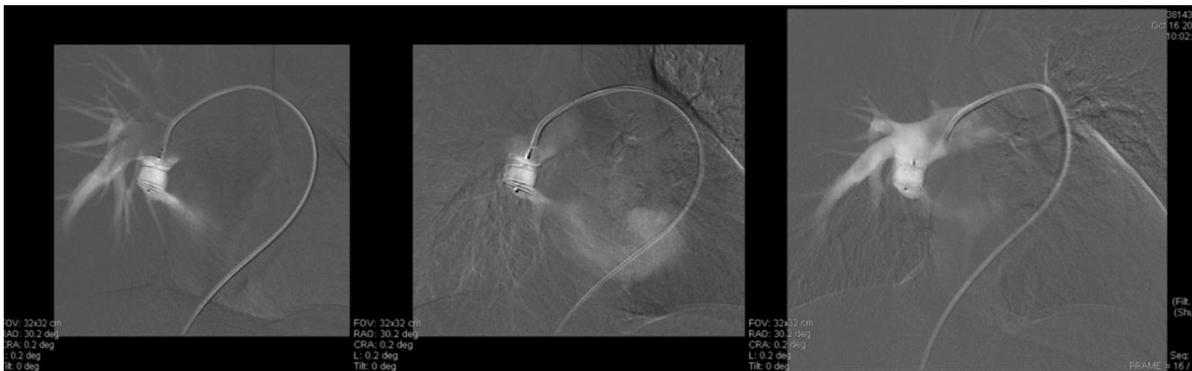
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## Pulmonary artery to left atrial fistula – detection and occlusion

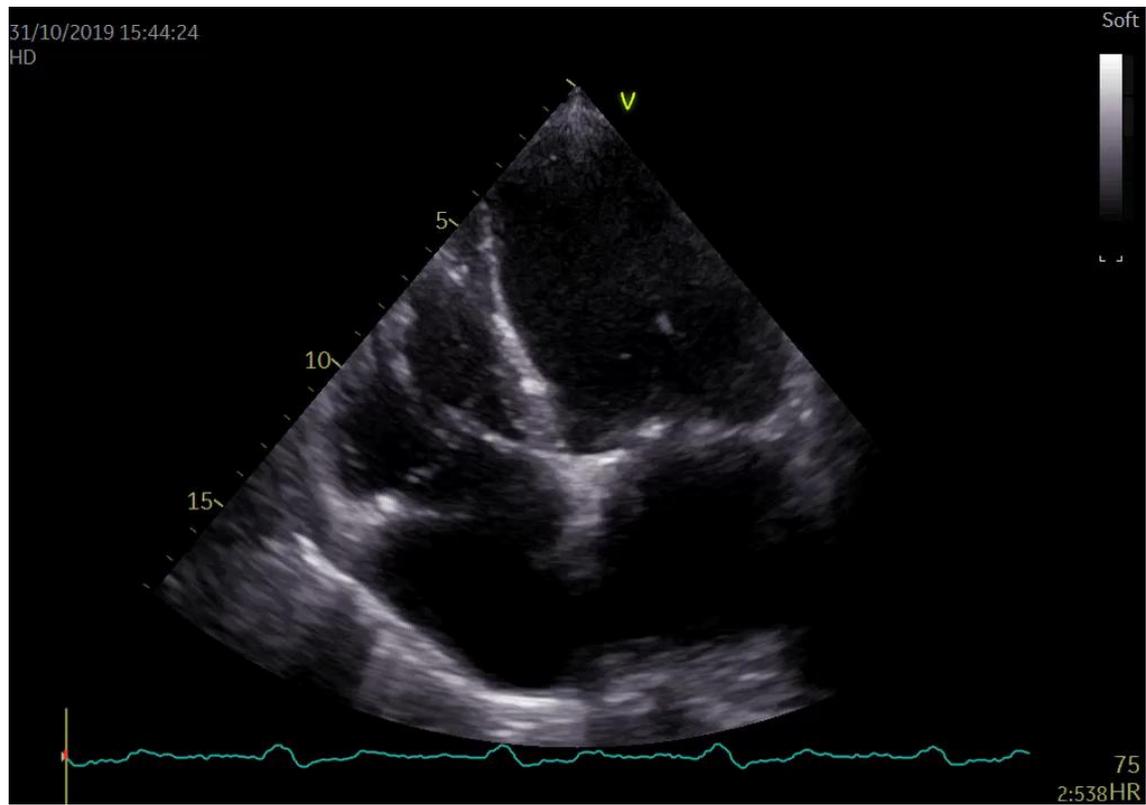


CT angiography of the chest. Reconstruction (2D and 3D) demonstrates the communication between right pulmonary artery and left atrium.



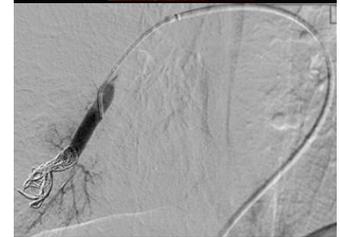
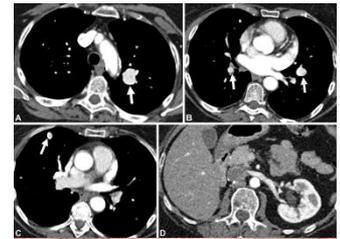
Digital subtraction angiography and interventional treatment with implantation of occluder.

# Pulmonary AV malformation - screening

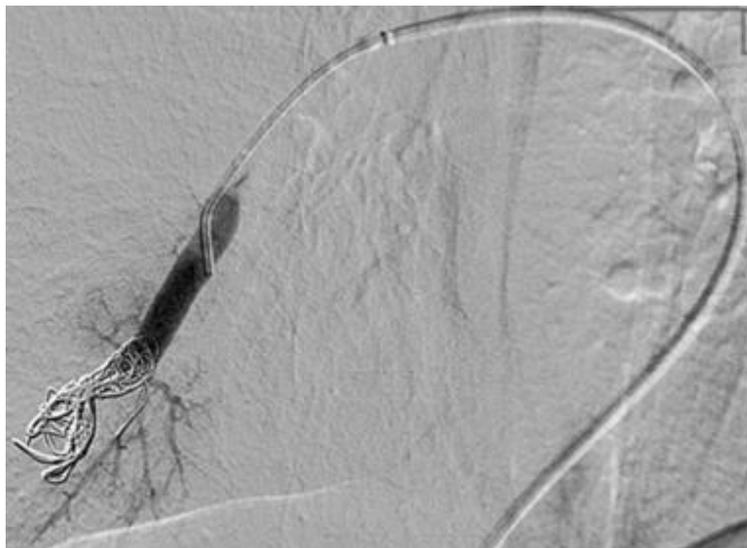
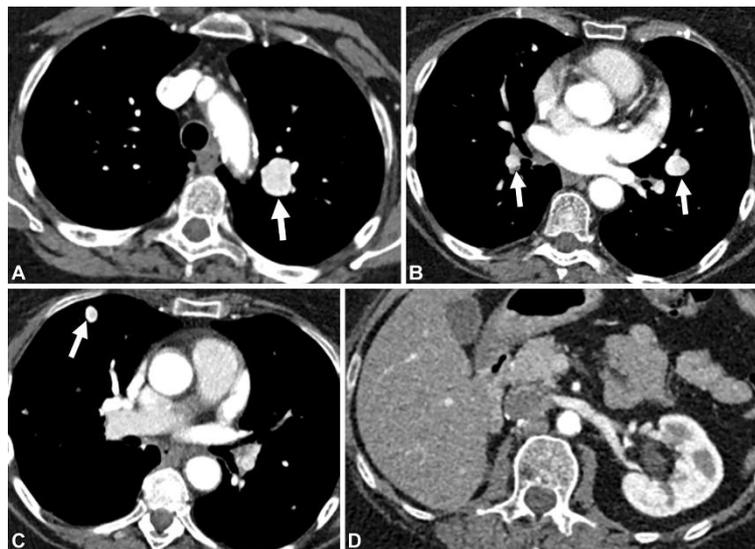


# Pulmonary AV malformation

- Pulmonary arteriovenous malformations (PAVMs) are characterised by the presence of a direct pulmonary artery–vein shunt
- Most PAVMs are congenital and are closely associated with hereditary haemorrhagic telangiectasia.
- PAVMs have a low incidence worldwide and usually produce no obvious clinical manifestations. However, serious complications such as stroke, brain abscesses, haemoptysis, haemothorax, and hypoxaemia sometimes occur because of the absence of a capillary bed.
- Endovascular embolisation is recommended as the first-line treatment for PAVMs with a feeding artery of  $\geq 3$  mm in diameter.

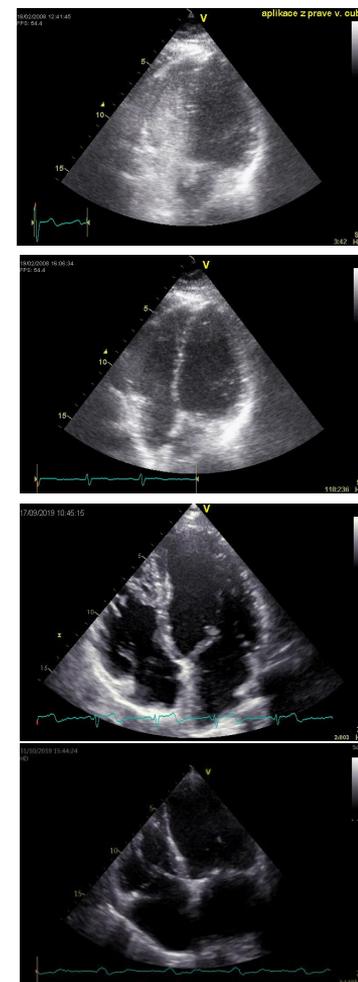


# Pulmonary AV malformation – detection and closure



## In contrast echocardiography, it is important...

1. administer contrast medium into the **left upper extremity vein**
2. observe the **sequence of filling of the heart** with the contrast agent
3. to record the site of contrast agent **entry** into the heart (there may be more than one at the same time)
4. observe the presence of contrast agent **in the left atrium, left ventricle and aorta** and determine **the (semi)quantity** of contrast agent in the left atrium spontaneously and during provocation manoeuvres
5. describe the **delay** in contrast agent penetration into the left-sided cardiac compartments compared with the right atrium





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