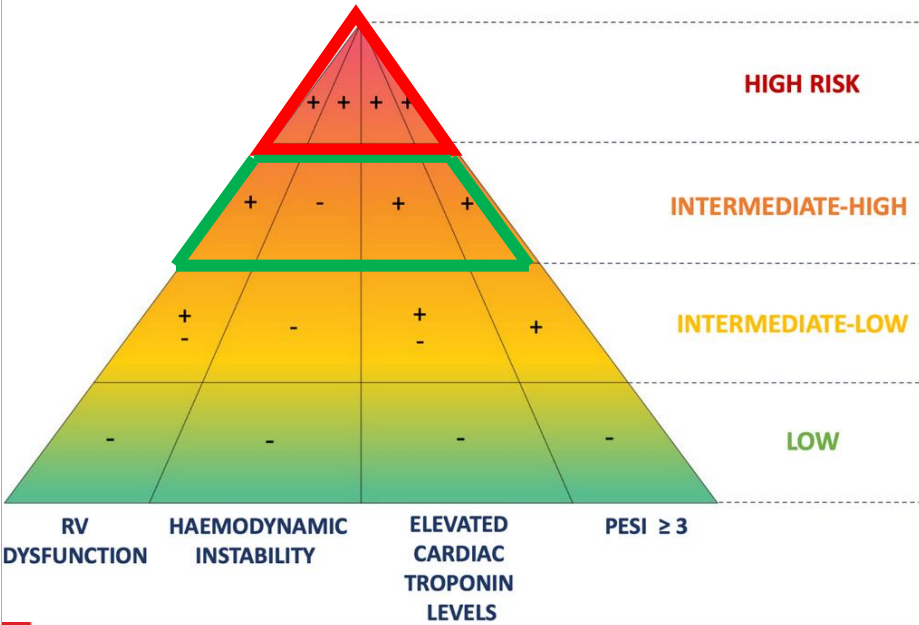


# Manažment pľúcnej embólie v praxi jedného centra

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**PE RISK STRATIFICATION**



(1) Cardiac arrest	(2) Obstructive shock <sup>68-70</sup>	(3) Persistent hypotension
Need for cardiopulmonary resuscitation	Systolic BP < 90 mmHg or vasopressors required to achieve a BP ≥90 mmHg despite adequate filling status	Systolic BP < 90 mmHg or systolic BP drop ≥40 mmHg, lasting longer than 15 min and not caused by new-onset arrhythmia, hypovolaemia, or sepsis
	And	
	End-organ hypoperfusion (altered mental status; cold, clammy skin; oliguria/anuria; increased serum lactate)	

Konstantinides SV et al., Eur Heart J. 2020;41(4):543–603

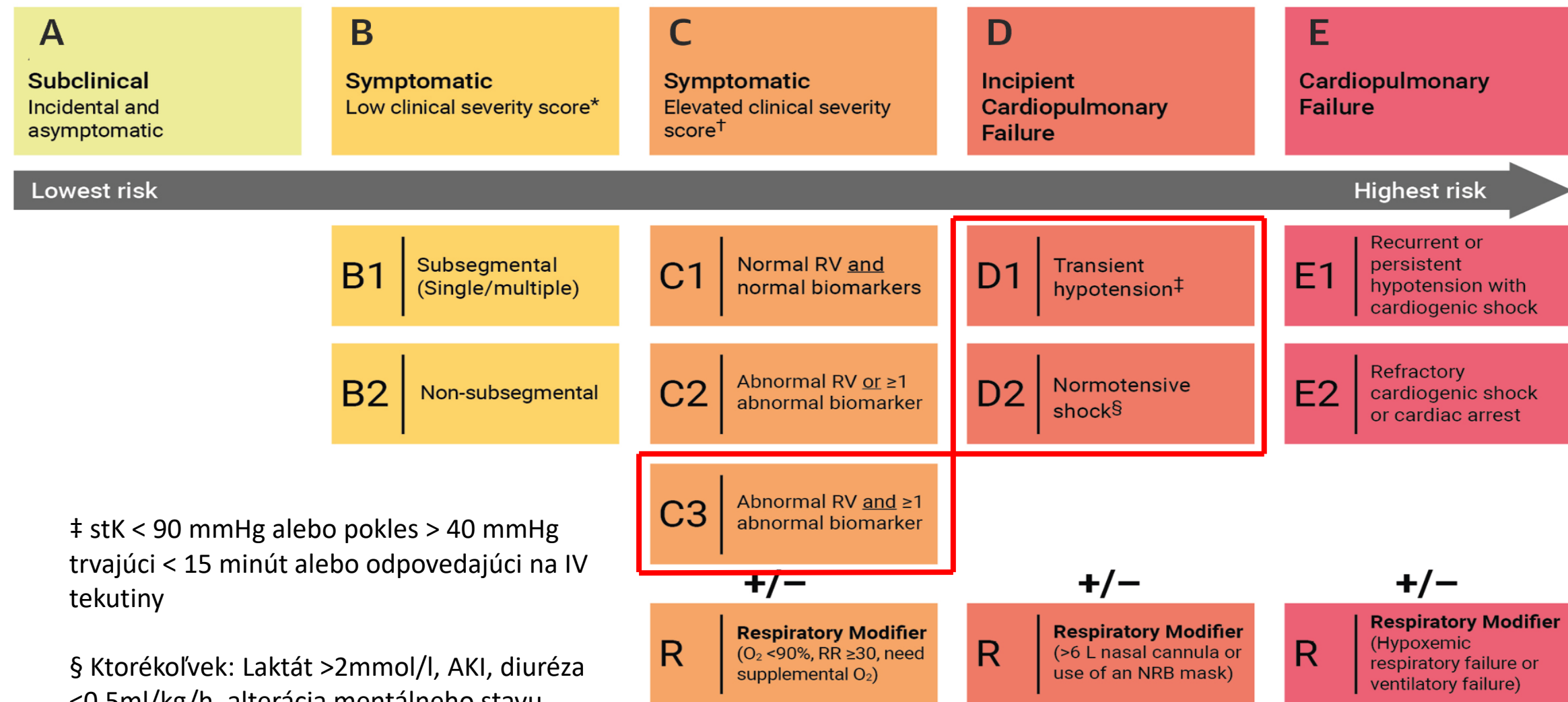
Guarnieri et al., Int J Cardiol 2025

Clinical
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Heart rate &gt;100 bpm</li> <li>– BP 90-100 mmHg</li> <li>– Respiratory rate &gt;20 breaths per minute</li> <li>– SaO<sub>2</sub> &lt;90%</li> <li>– Comorbidities: chronic heart failure, active neoplasm</li> </ul>
Imaging
Echocardiography (at least 1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– RV/LV &gt;1.0</li> <li>– TAPSE ≤16 mm</li> <li>– Congested IVC</li> </ul> CTPA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– RV/LV &gt;1.0</li> </ul>
Laboratory
Elevated cardiac troponin levels or NT-proBNP >600 pg/mL, or serum lactate 2 mmol/L

Physiological parameters	3	2	1	0	1	2	3
Respiration rate (breaths per minute)	≤8		9-11	12-20		21-24	≥25
SpO <sub>2</sub> (%)	≤91	92-93	94-95	≥96			
Any supplemental oxygen		Yes		No			
Temperature (°C)	≤35.0		35.1-36.0	36.1-38.0	38.1-39.0	≥39.1	
Systolic BP (mmHg)	≤90	91-100	101-110	111-219			≥220
Heart/pulse rate (beats per minute)	≤40		41-50	51-90	91-110	111-130	≥131
Level of consciousness, AVPU scale				A			V, P or U
Level of consciousness: A: alert; V: responds to voice; P: responds to pain; U: unresponsive. From National Early Warning Score (NEWS): Standardising the assessment of acute-illness severity in the NHS. Report of a working party. Royal College of Physicians, London, 2012 <sup>24</sup> . BP: blood pressure; SpO <sub>2</sub> : oxygen saturation							

Pruszczyk et al., Eurointervention 2022;18(8):e623-e638.

# AHA/ACC Acute PE Clinical Categories



‡ stK < 90 mmHg alebo pokles > 40 mmHg trvajúci < 15 minút alebo odpovedajúci na IV tekutiny





§ Ktorékoľvek: Laktát >2mmol/l, AKI, diuréza <0,5ml/kg/h, alterácia mentálneho stavu, CI<2,2l/min/m2, MAP < 60mmHg, ↑ SCAI stage/CPES score

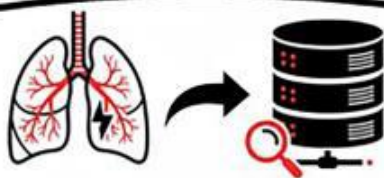
# Register PERT Consortium

11,436 patients with acute PE in the PERT Consortium® registry

13.7% high risk, 62.5% intermediate risk

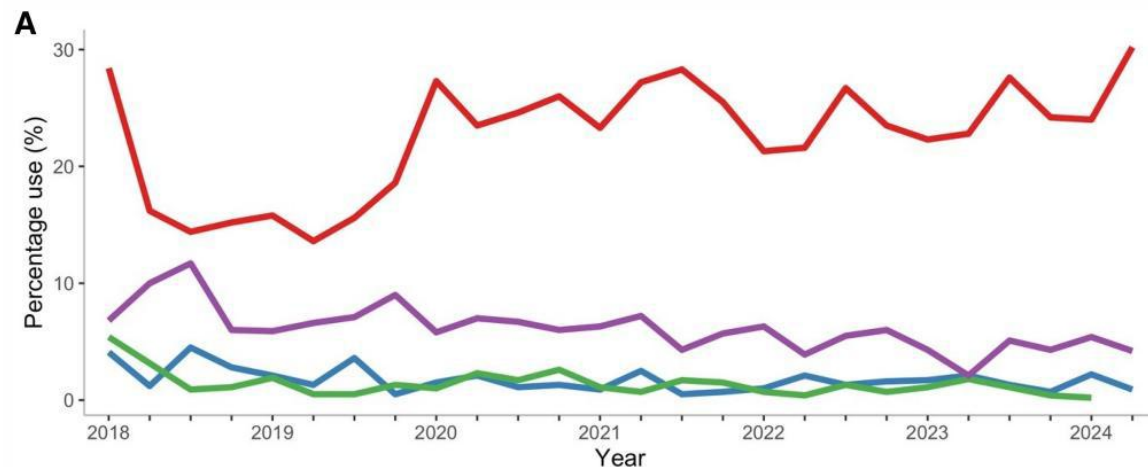
managed from pulmonary embolism reponse teams (PERT)

			
<b>Catheter-directed treatment</b>	<b>Systemic thrombolysis</b>	<b>Surgical embolectomy</b>	<b>ECMO</b>
<b>23.1%</b> <i>+0.36% quarterly increase</i>	<b>5.6%</b> <i>-0.17% quarterly decrease</i>	<b>1.1%</b> <i>-0.06% quarterly decrease</i>	<b>1.6%</b> <i>-0.06% quarterly decrease</i>

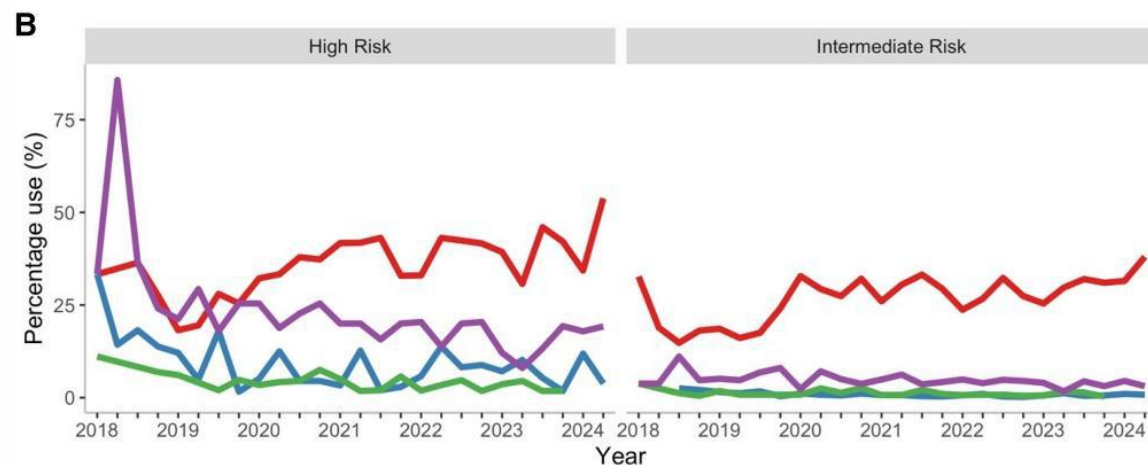


Matched comparison to the Nationwide Inpatient Sample

+22% ↑ CDT use  
-1.3% ↓ in-hospital mortality  
-0.75 ↓ days of hospital stay



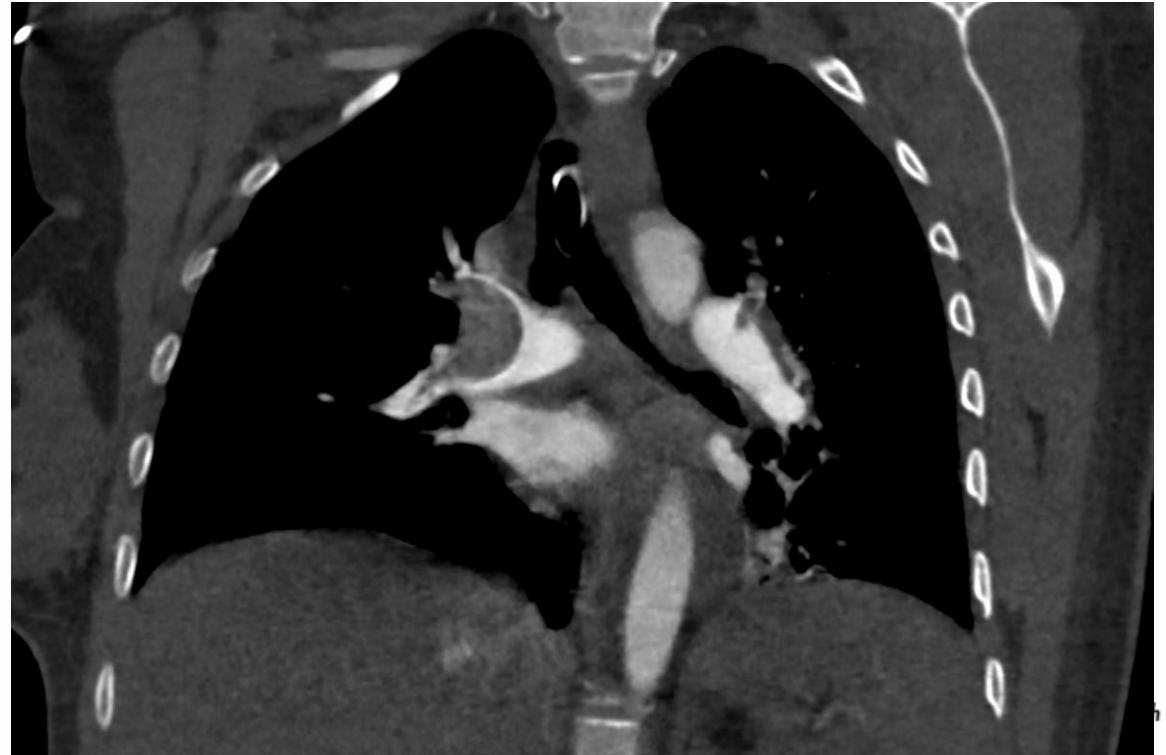
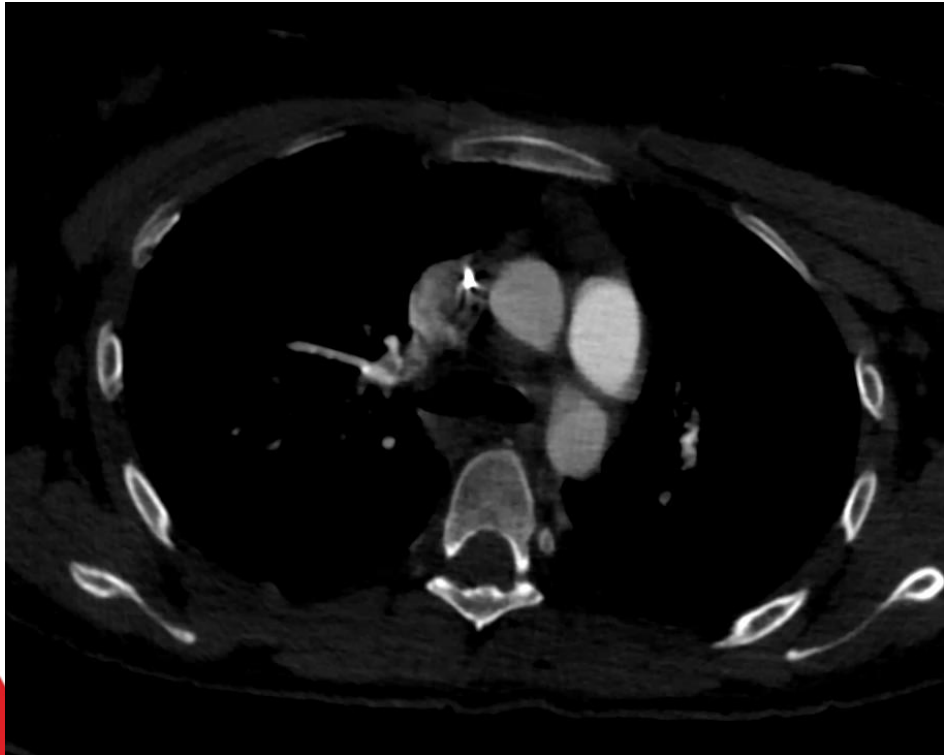
Advance therapy: Catheter-directed treatment (red), Systemic thrombolysis (purple), ECMO (blue), Surgical embolectomy (green)



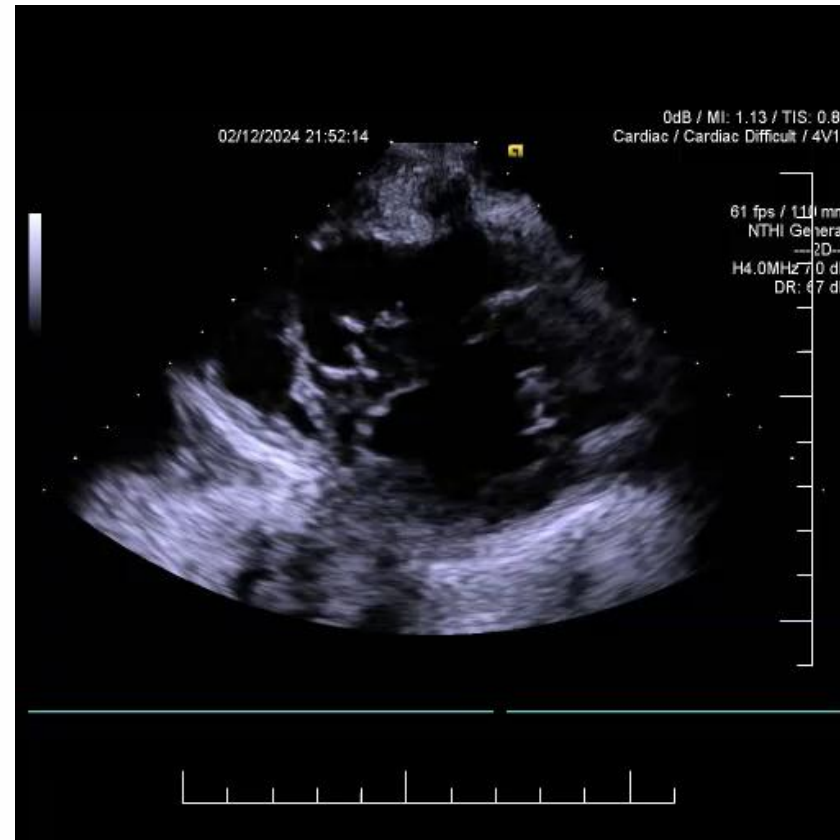
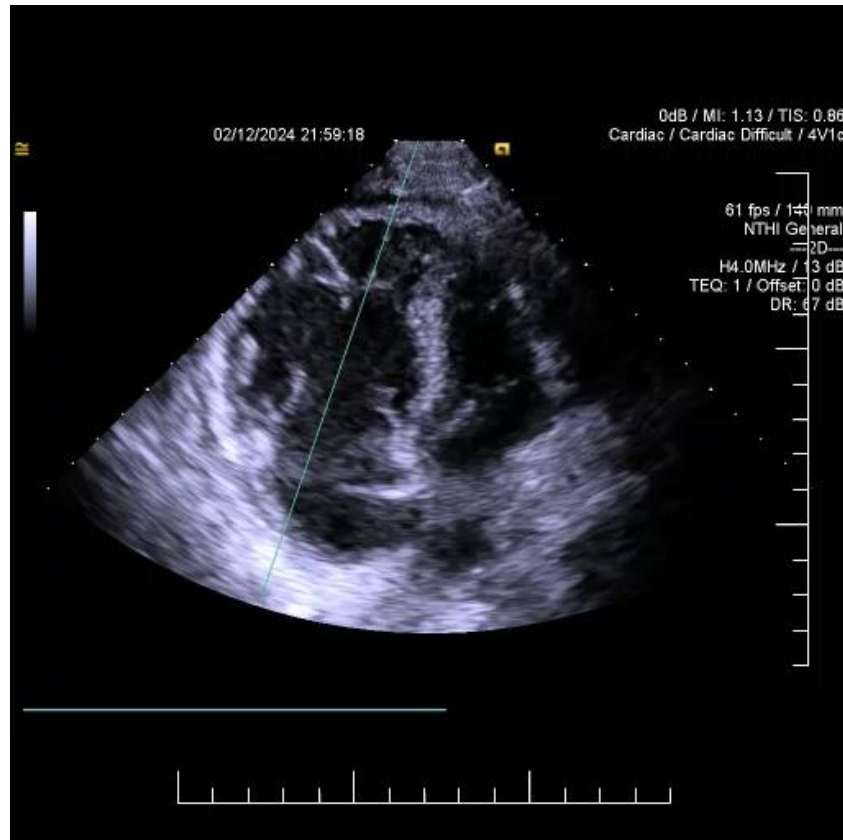
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# Kazuistika č. 1

- 27 roč. pacientka, po sec. Caesarea, 3,5 hod. po výkone zástava obehu, opakovanou KPR s ROSC do 5 minút, OTI + UPV
- Bed side TTE dilat. PK, D-shape
- CTPA – masívna PE
- TK 95/60 mmHg (NA 0,06ug/kg/min), CVT 15 mmHg, SF 130/min, SpO2 98% (FiO2 60%)

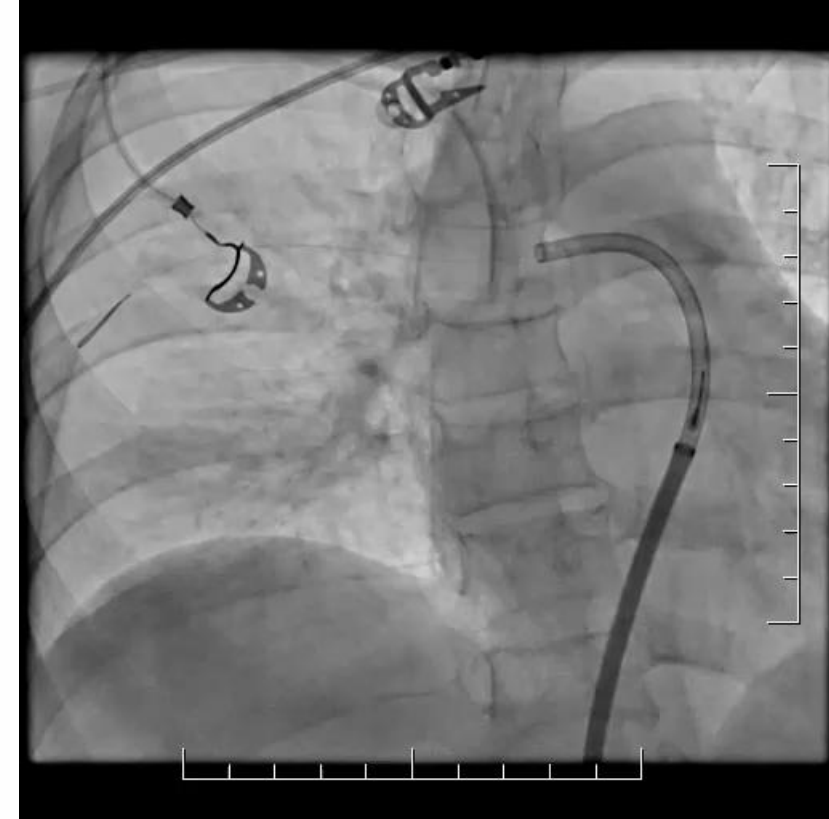
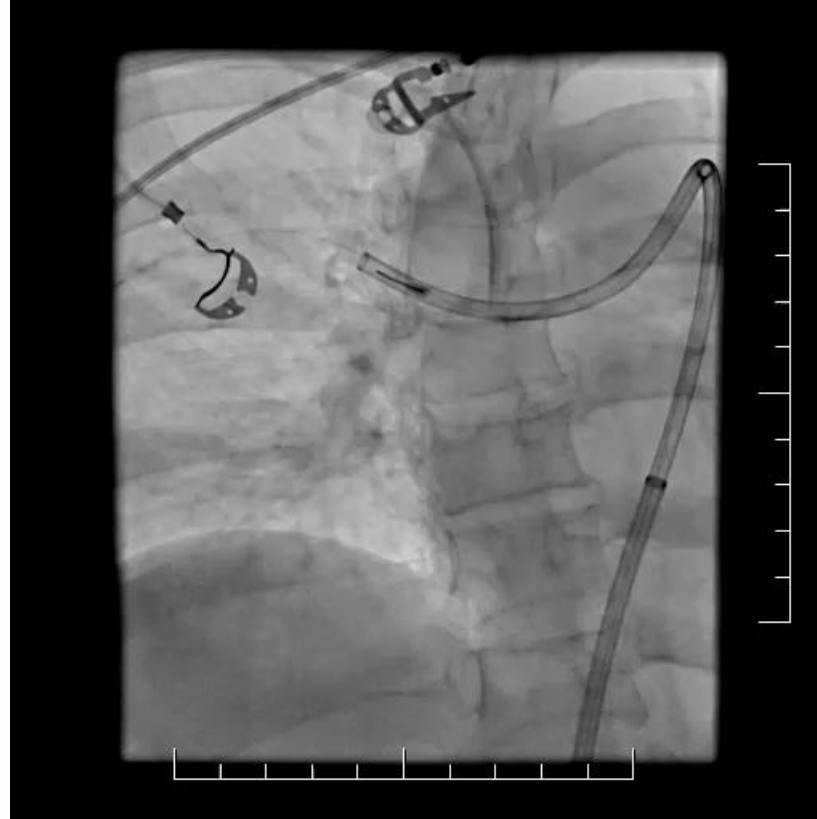
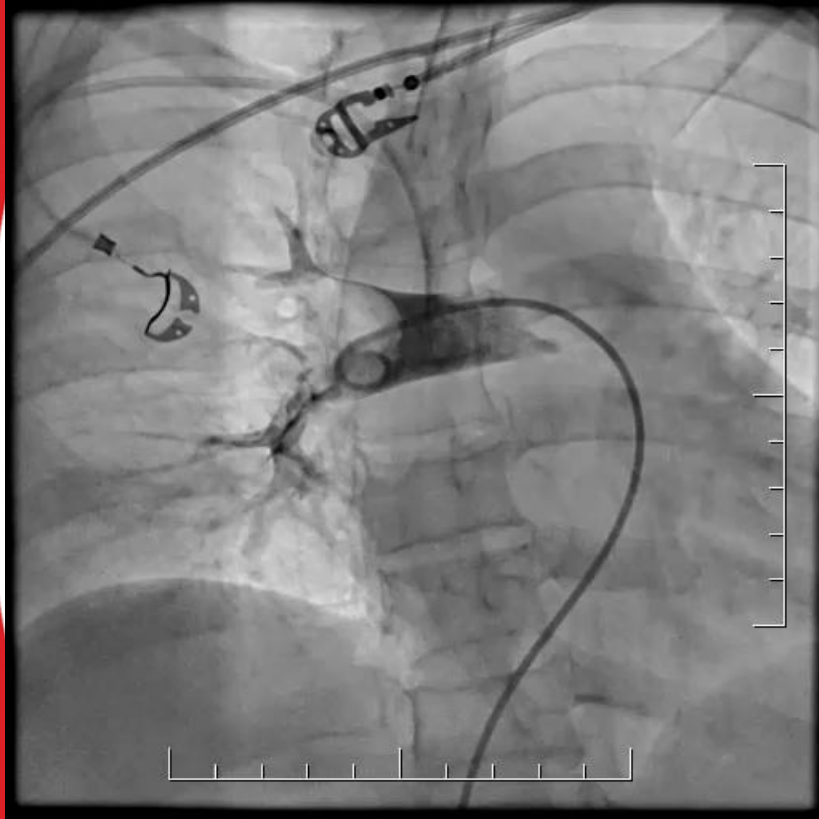


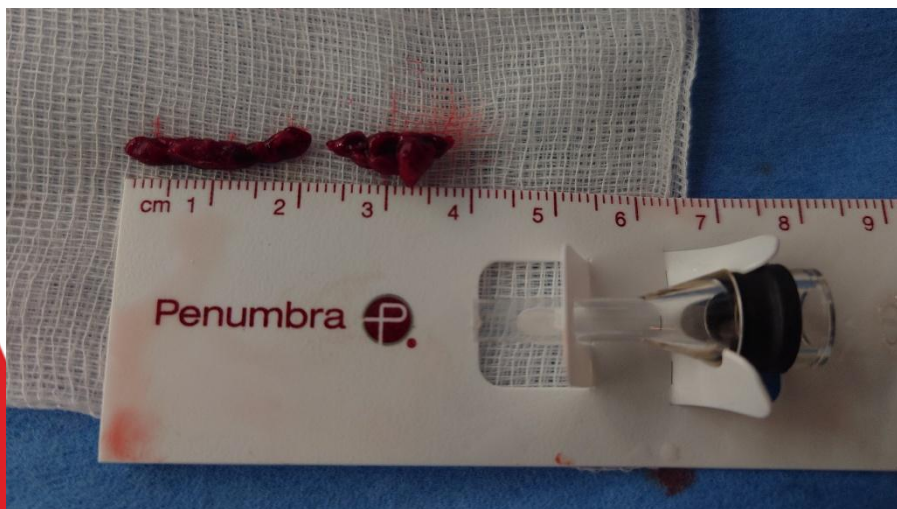
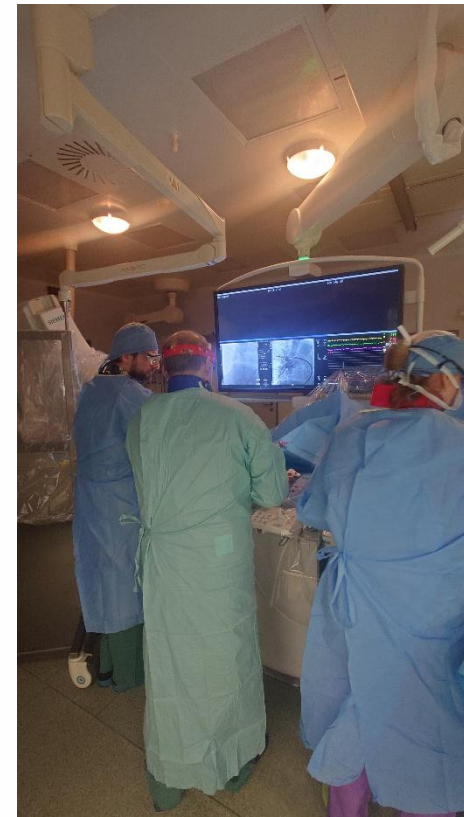
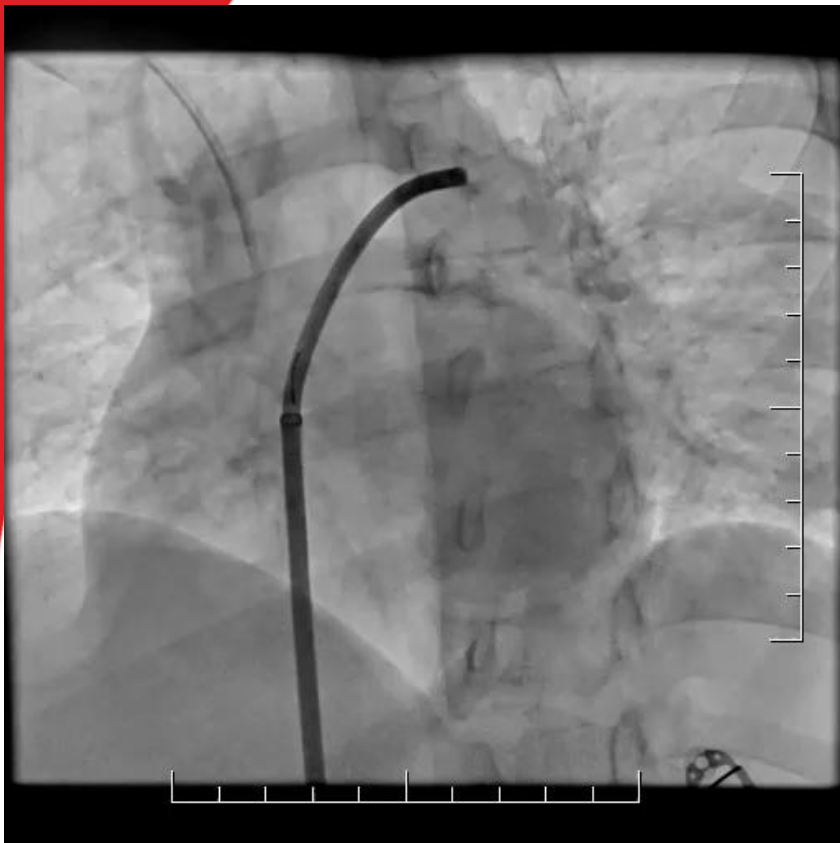
- TNI 1735 ng/l, NTproBNP 983 pg/ml, lakt. 4,6 mmol/l, Hgb 75g/l, PESI 117b (IV), sPESI 3b,
- ESC - High risk, ACC/AHA E2R

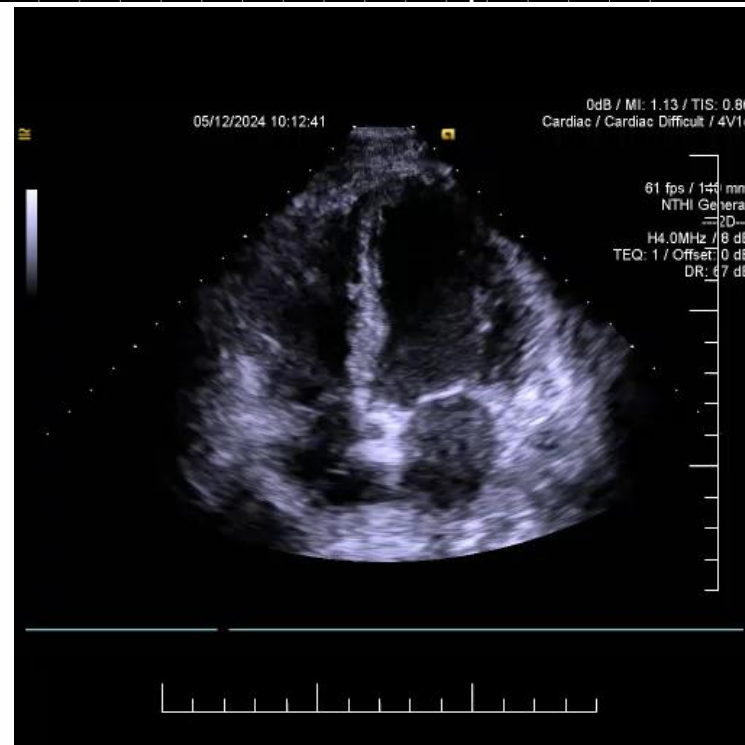
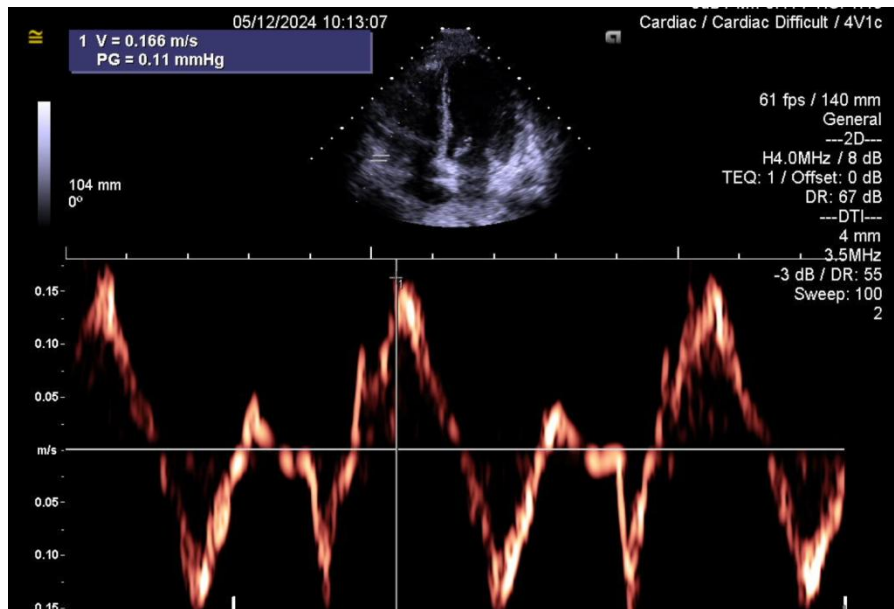
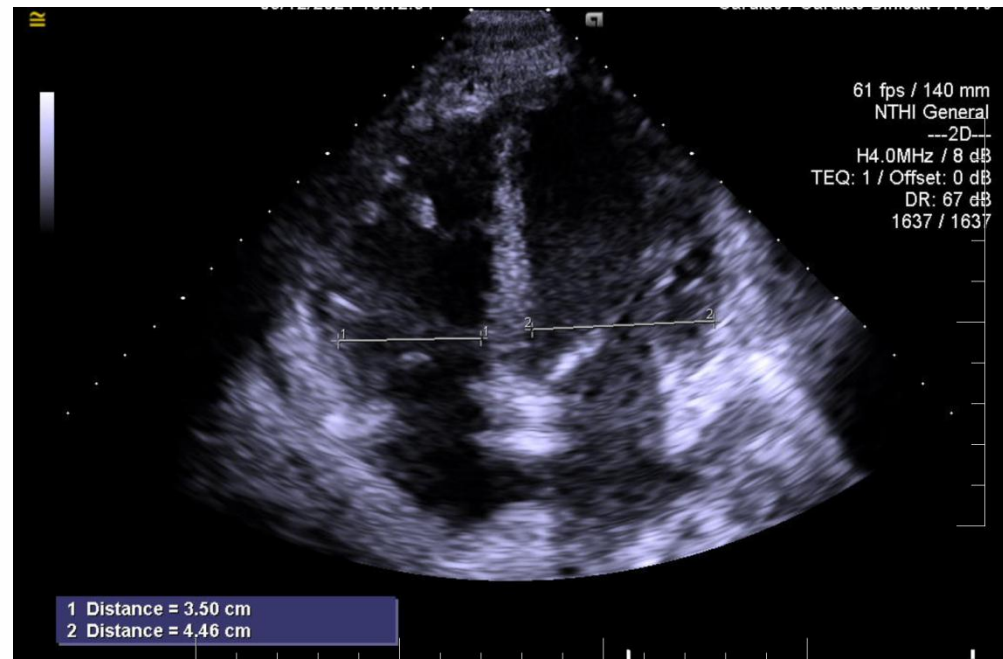
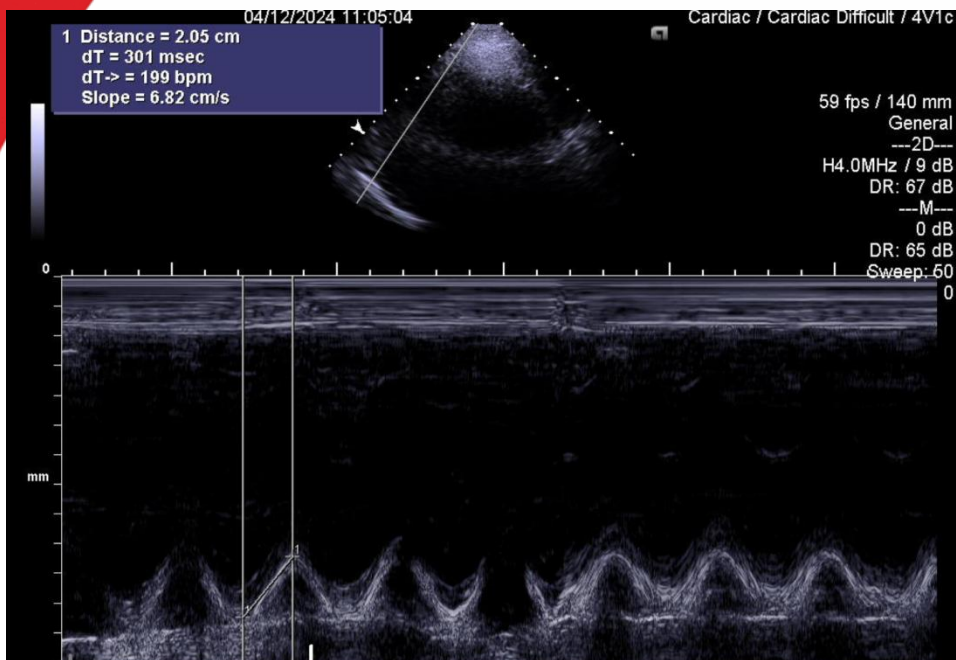


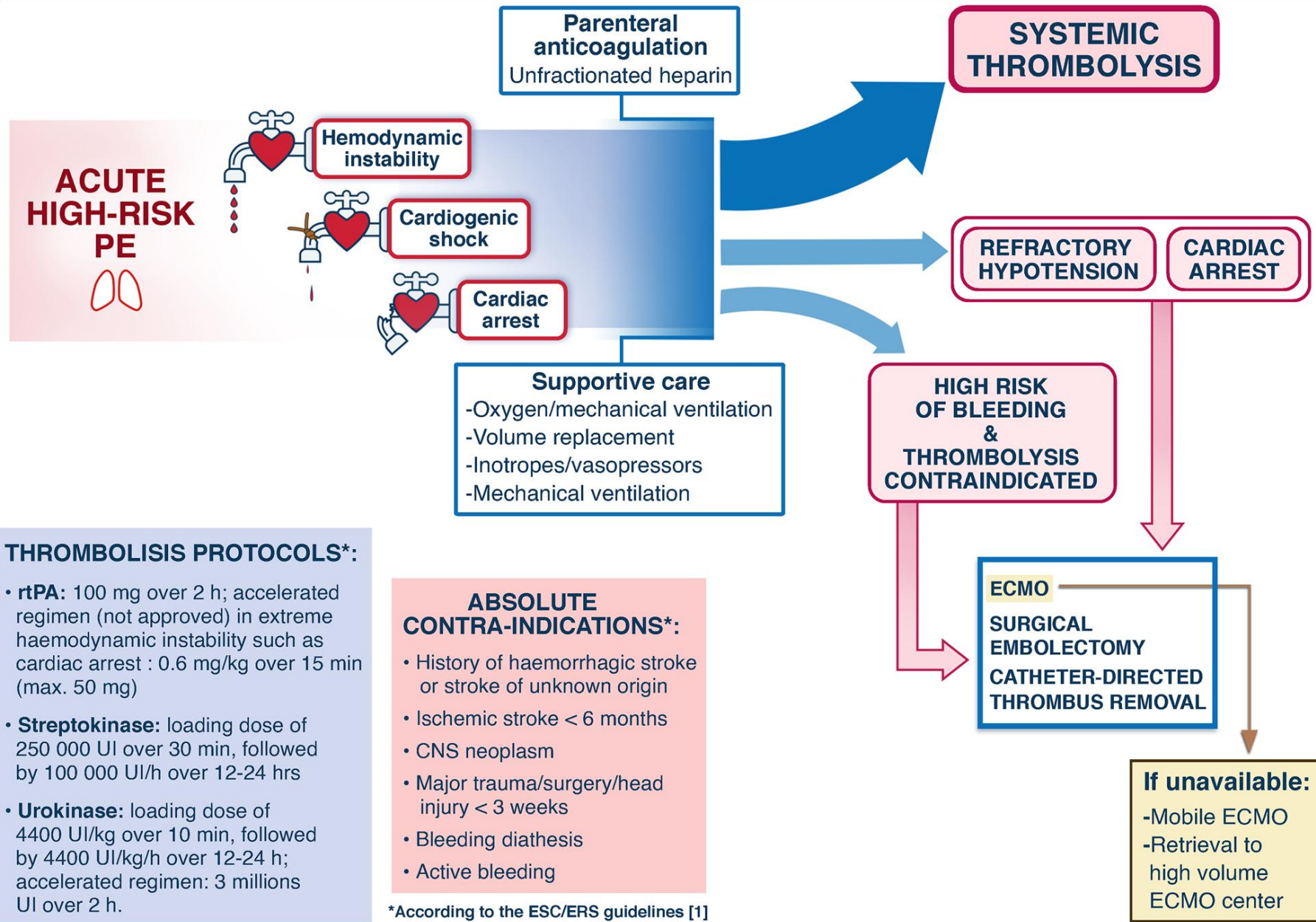
- PERT tím – ECMO (19F ven. Kanyla a 15F art. Kanyla) + MET

# Kazuistika



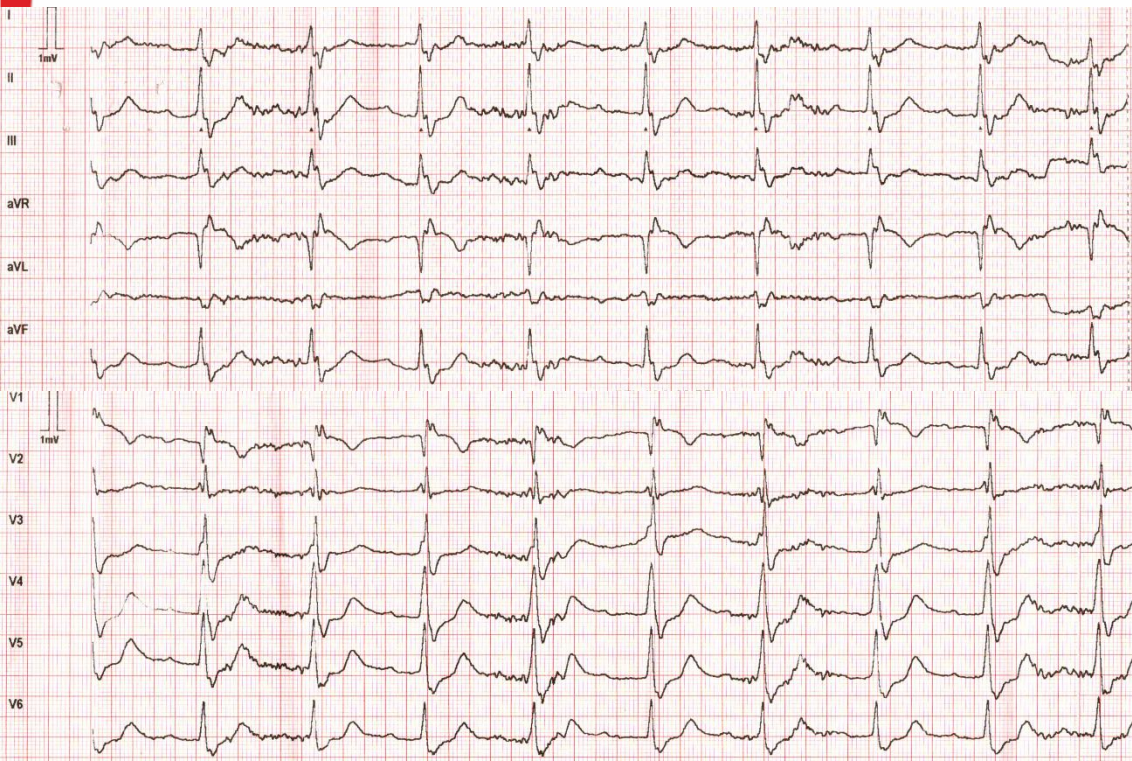






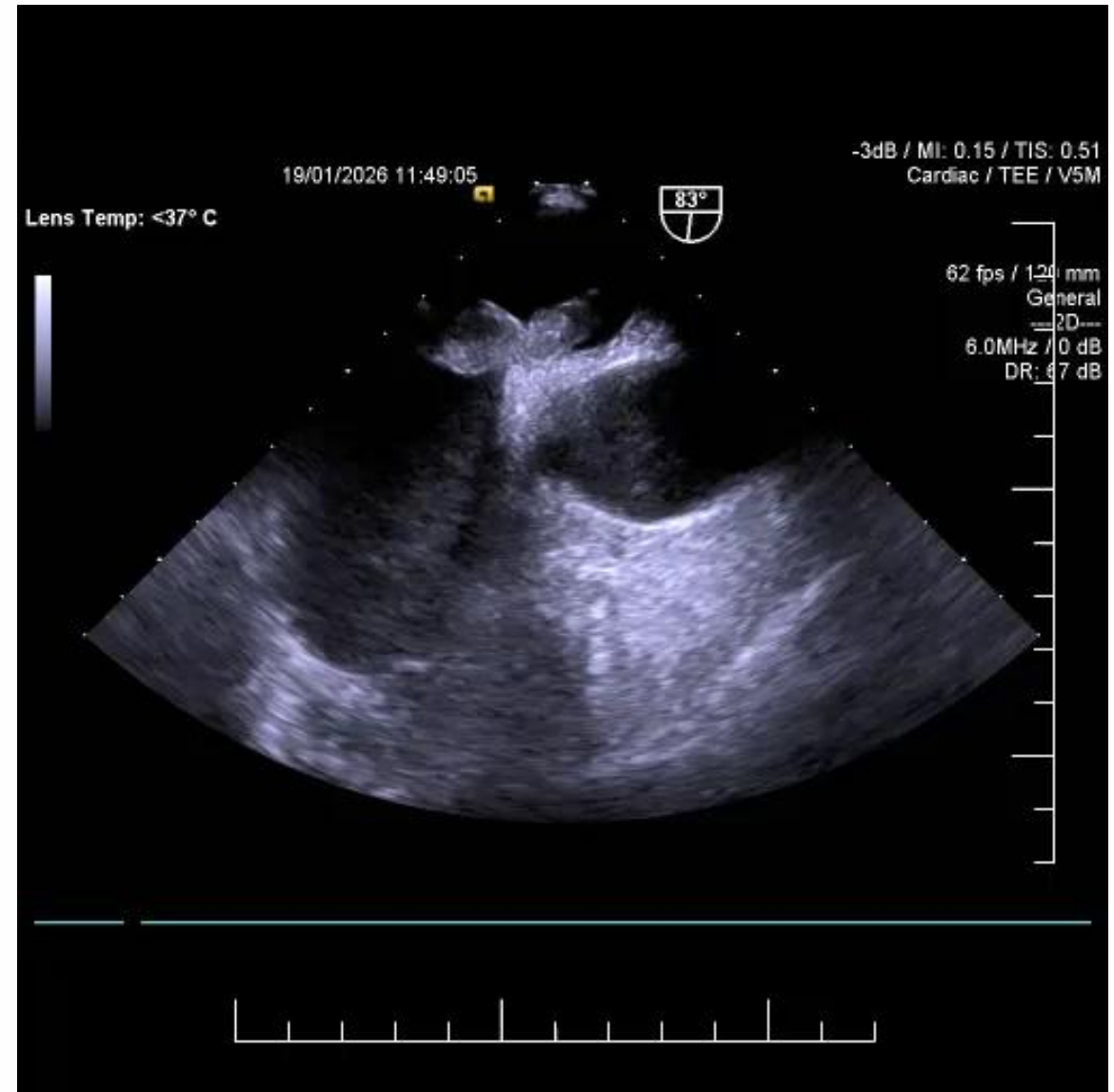
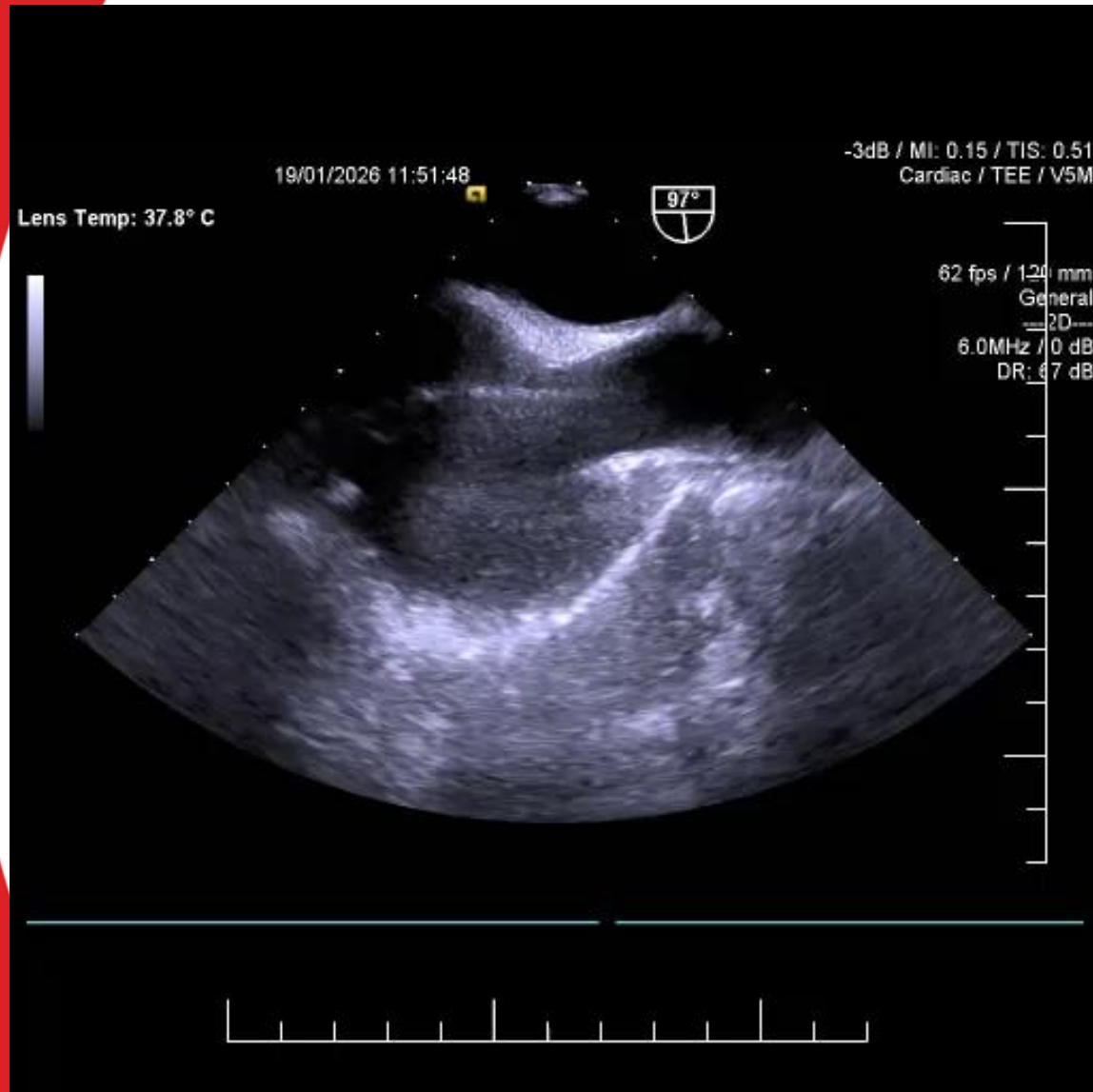
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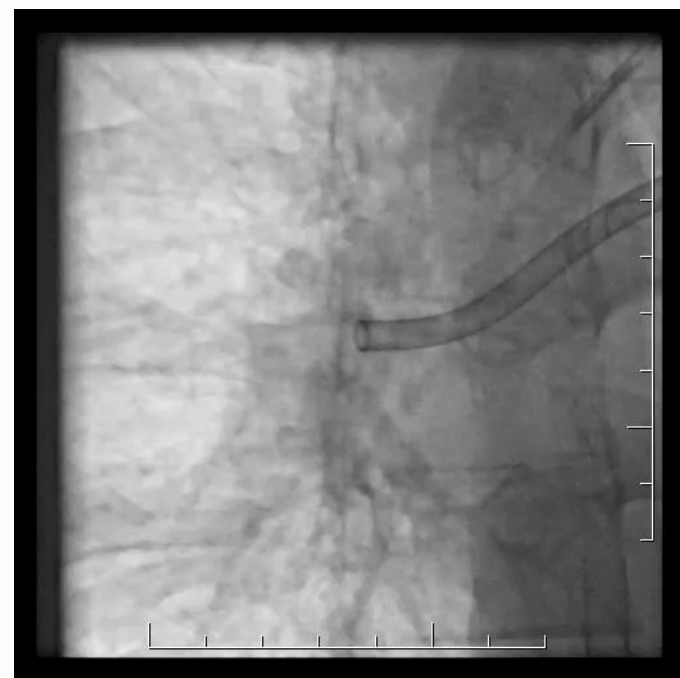
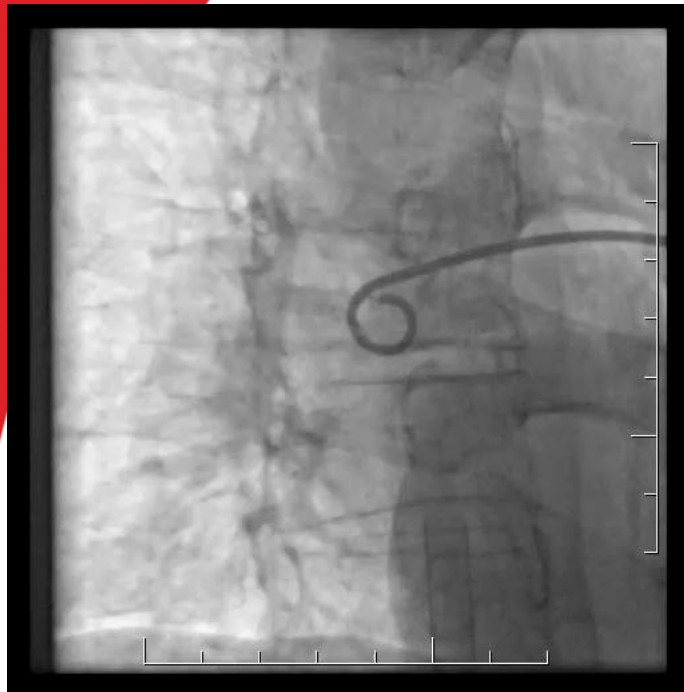
- 43 r. muž, kolaps ráno na toalete, bolesti brucha, dyspnoe, TK PHK 85/50 mmHg, LHK nemeateľný, SF 130/min - počas transportu BEA → asystólia
  - OTI+UPV, KPR (LUCAS), čas zástavy 10:27, príchod do VÚSCH 10:59
- EKG: sin. tachykardia, BPTR
- TTE na CPO – dilatácia pravostranných oddielov, podaná Actilyse 50mg/10 min (11:07)
- Zavedenie VA ECMO (11:30) + TEE, Noradrenalín 0,7ug/kg/min, Embessin 2,4IU/h



Acido-bazický status			
↓ pH	6,576		[ 7,320 - 7,420 ]
↑ pCO <sub>2</sub>	12,3	kPa	[ 5,45 - 6,78 ]
↑ pO <sub>2</sub>	10,6	kPa	[ 2,70 - 5,30 ]
Vypočítané hodnoty			
?↓ ABE,c	-30,3	mmol/L	[ -2,5 - 2,5 ]
↓ SBE,c	-26,0	mmol/L	[ -2,5 - 2,5 ]
↓ cHCO <sub>3</sub> -(P),c	8,1	mmol/L	[ 22,0 - 26,0 ]
↑ mOsm,c	307,0	mmol/kg	[ 275,0 - 300,0 ]
Hodnoty elektrolytů			
cNa <sup>+</sup>	142	mmol/L	[ 136 - 146 ]
↑ cK <sup>+</sup>	5,4	mmol/L	[ 3,4 - 4,5 ]
↑ cCl <sup>-</sup>	115	mmol/L	[ 98 - 106 ]
cCa <sup>2+</sup>	1,30	mmol/L	[ - ]
Hodnoty metabolitů			
↑ cGlu	22,5	mmol/L	[ 3,9 - 5,8 ]
↑ cLac	20	mmol/L	[ 0,5 - 2,2 ]
Hodnoty oximetrie			
sO <sub>2</sub>	63,6	%	[ 40,0 - 80,0 ]
ctHb	104	g/L	
FHHb	36,0	%	
Hct,c	32,0	%	
↓ FCOHb	-0,2	%	[ 0,5 - 1,5 ]
FMetHb	1,4	%	[ 0,0 - 1,5 ]
FO <sub>2</sub> Hb	62,8	%	[ 20,0 - 100,0 ]

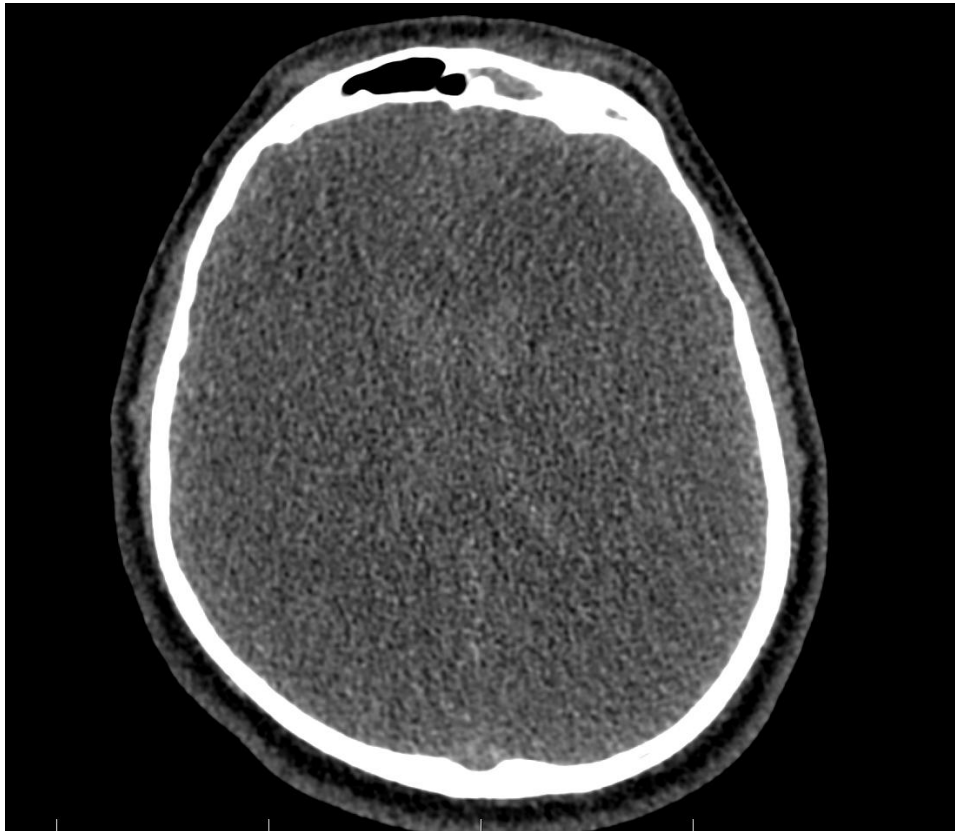
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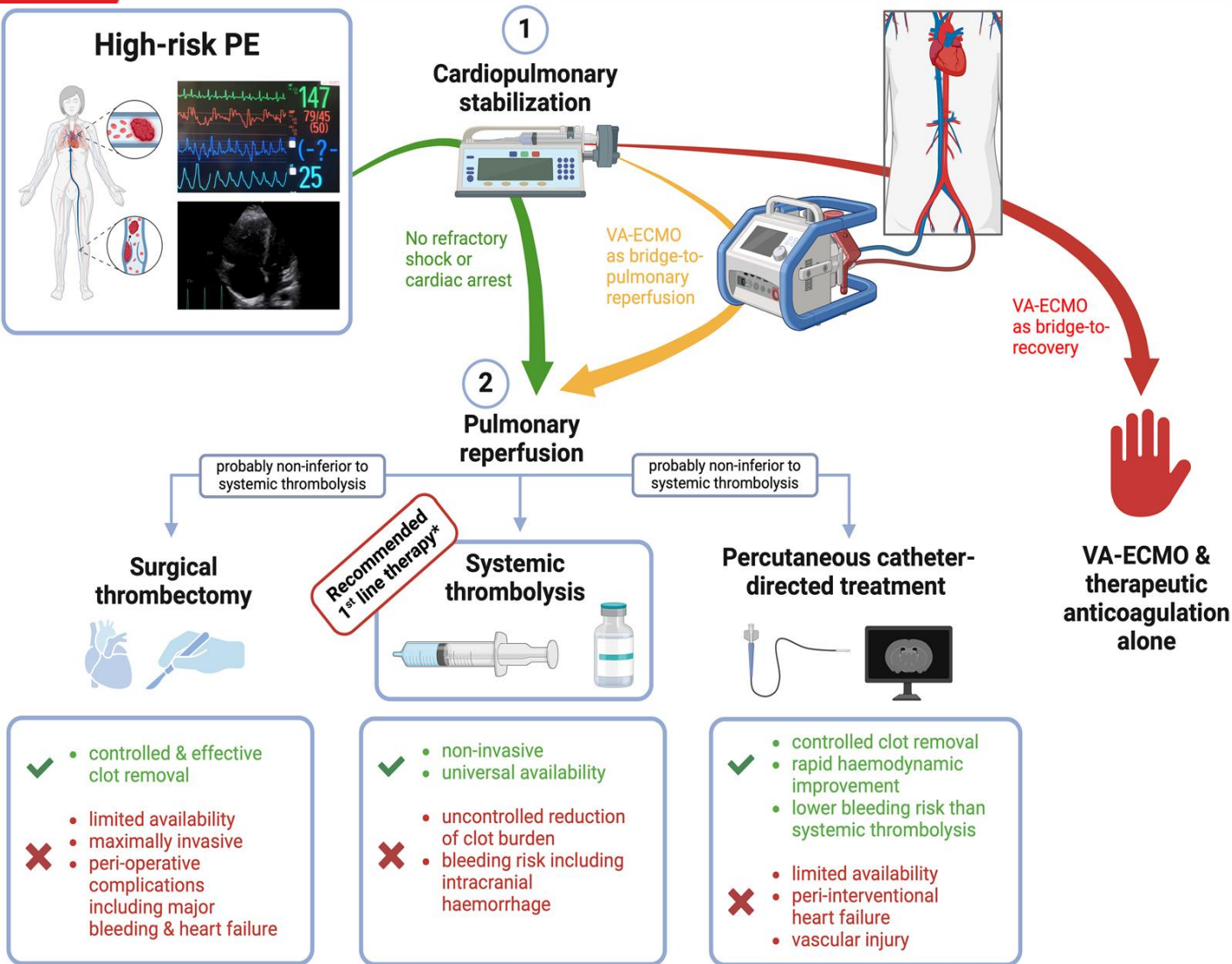


# CT mozgu

- Malígný edém mozgu s tonzilárnou herniáciou a kompresiou 3. a 4. mozg. komory.
- **Bez jednoznačne diferencovateľnej kontrastnej náplne v artériach Willisovho okruhu,** extrakraniálne artérie so suboptimálnou náplňou.
- Uzáver AMI. Distálne stenózy viscerálnych vetiev.



# ECMO – most alebo destinačná liečba?



ECMO may be considered, in combination with surgical embolectomy or catheter-directed treatment, in patients with PE and refractory circulatory collapse or cardiac arrest.<sup>d 252</sup>

IIb	C
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COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
2a	B-NR	2. In patients with acute, refractory cardiogenic shock as a result of known or suspected acute PE (AHA/ACC PE Category E2), it is reasonable to institute VA-ECMO, provided appropriate resources are available, to stabilize hemodynamics and improve oxygenation. <sup>3-6</sup>
2b	C-LD	3. In patients with acute PE in AHA/ACC PE Category E2 who are placed on VA-ECMO support, the usefulness of additional advanced therapies is not well established. <sup>7-9</sup>

# ECMO – most alebo destinačná liečba?

- Retrospektívne dáta 1060 pacientov s High-Risk PE, 34 centier (2012-2022)
- Tzv. „trial emulation“ napodobňujúca dizajn RCT

VA ECMO  
N=126

Systémová TLL  
n=643  
ECMO 30,2%

Chirurgická embolektómia  
N=49  
ECMO 53,1%

Katétrová liečba  
N=173  
ECMO 24,3%

73%

Celková mortalita

44%

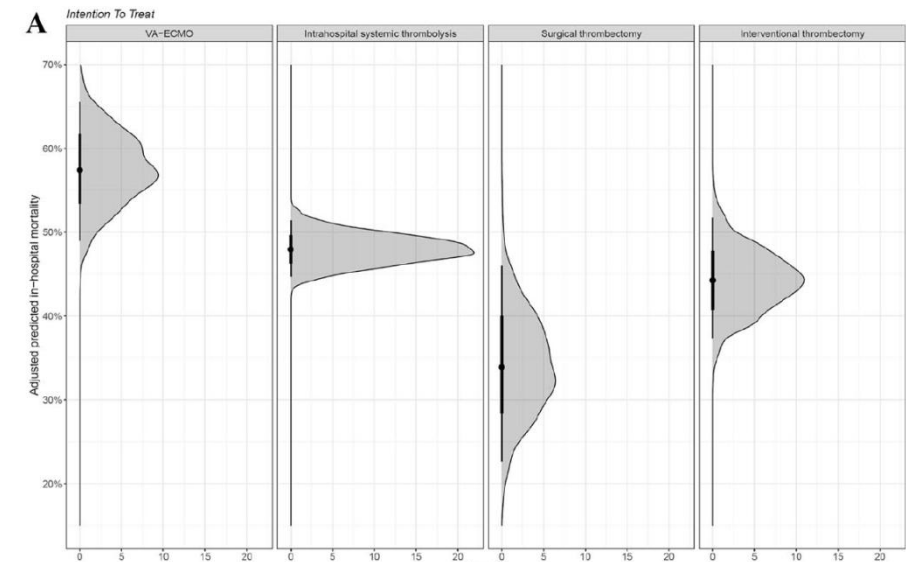
47,6%

Závažné krvácanie

26%

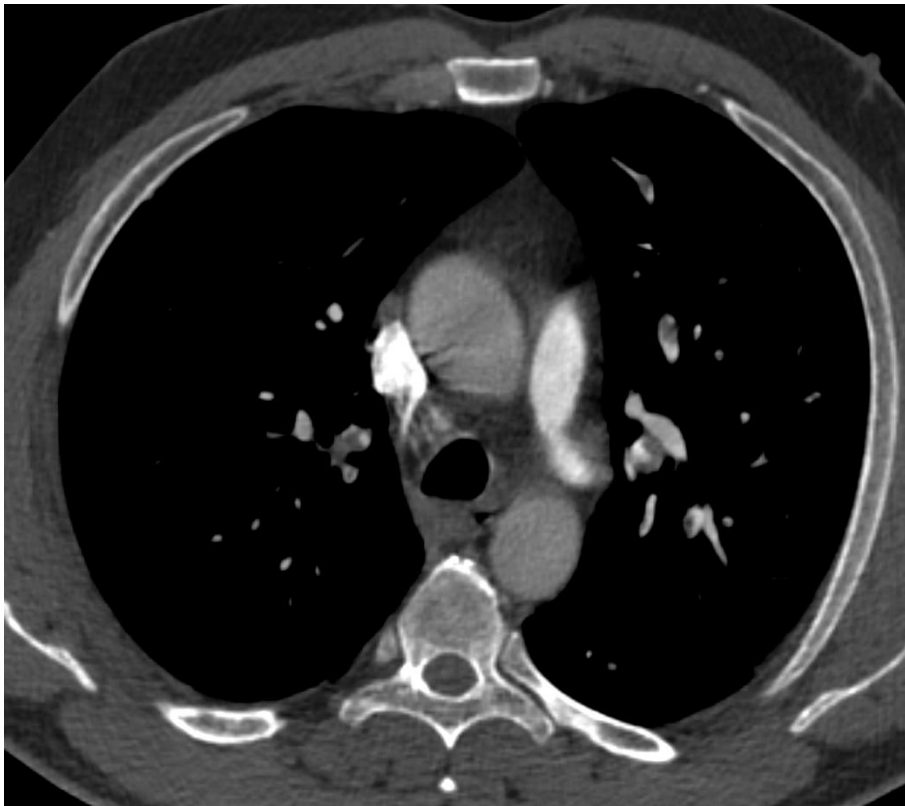
ECMO vs. Reperfúzna liečba ( $\pm$ ECMO)

↑ celkovej mortality (OR 1,34; 95% CI 1,07-1,67)

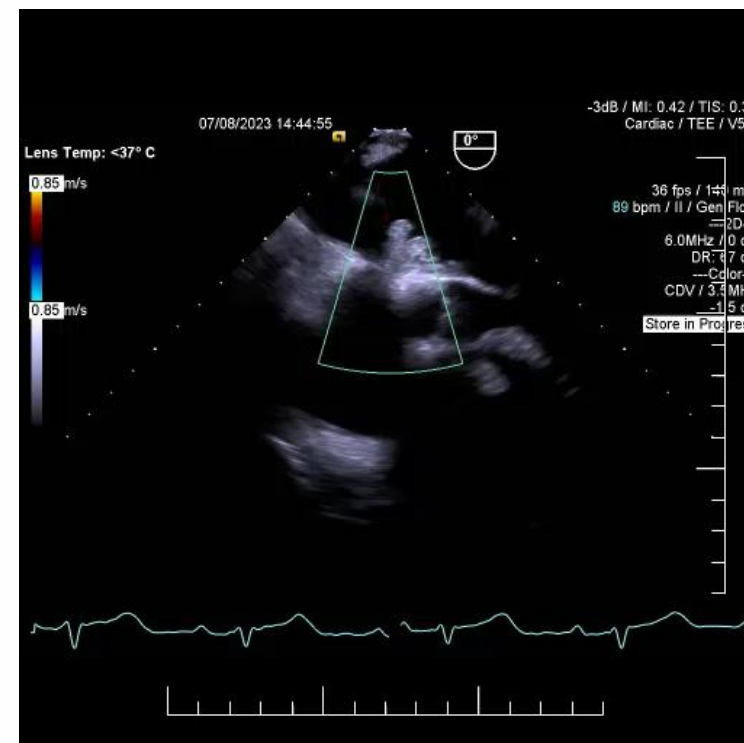
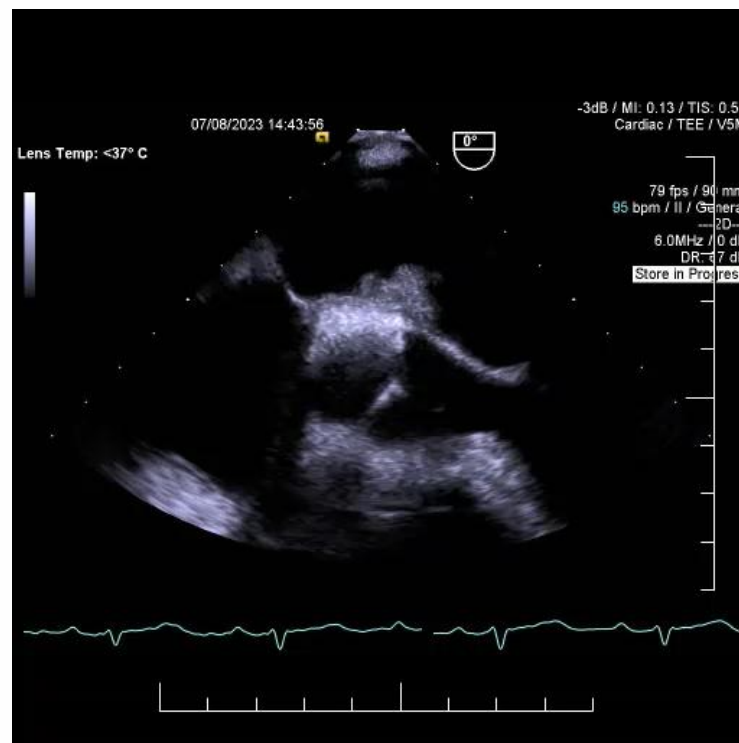
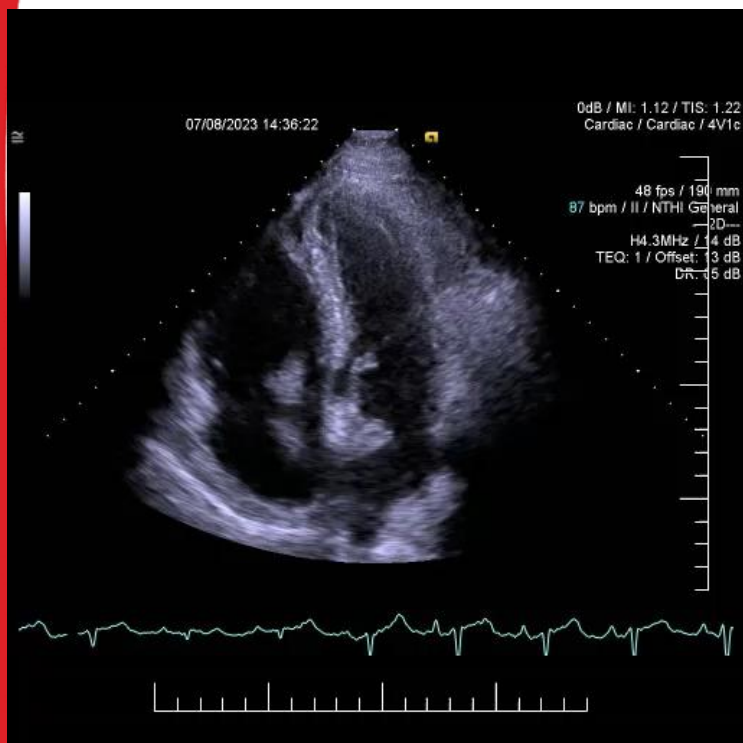


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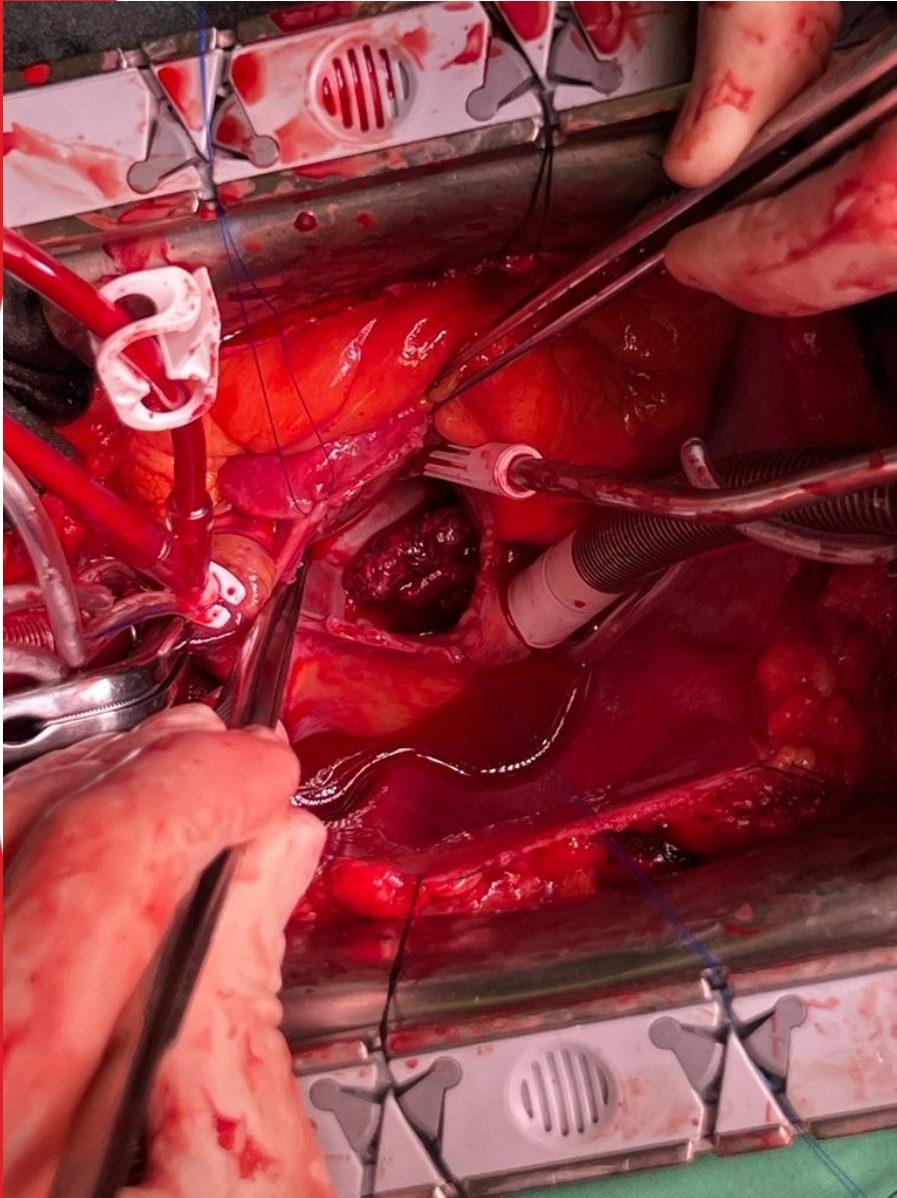
- 51 r. muž, st. p. trombóze ĽDK (FV Leiden heterozygot), synkopa, TK 102/67 mmHg, SF 115/min, DF 25/min, SpO2 87%, pravostranná hemiparéza deň pred príjmom na pár minút
- CT-PA: bilat. PE; CT mozgu: F vľavo subkortikálne hypodenzná area 10mm
- TNI 2687 ng/l, NTproBNP 1487 pg/ml, RV/LV 1,09, lakt. 0,9 mmol/l, PESI 101b (III), sPESI >1



- TK: 130/76 mmHg, SF 85/min, DF 18/min, SpO2 94-95% bez O2
- TTE+TEE: tranzitný trombus 30x5mm v ĽP a 42x8mm v PP v DPS secundum s ĽP skratom
- PERT tím: Chirurgická embolektómia (MTE – riziko syst. embolizácie, TLL – riziko embolizácie a KI pre recentnú NCMP)



# Chirurgická embolektómia



# Trombus v prechode/uviaznutý v PFO

- Prítomný v cca. 2-4% pacientov
- 358 pac. s trombom prichyteným v PFO
- 13% nemocničná mortalita, 21,2% ischemická NCMP, 4,6% akútny IM
- Akútny IM - ↑ celkovej mortality (OR 7,83; 95%CI 2,7-22,7; p<0,001)
- Chirurgická trombektómia - ↓65% nemocničnej mortality (OR 0,35; 95%CI 0,18 – 0,70; p=0,003)

Logistic regression model in-hospital death.

Variable	Odds Ratio	95% Confidence Interval	P-value
Male sex	1.70	0.90–3.21	0.10
Age, per year	1.02	0.997–1.04	0.10
Myocardial infarction	7.83	2.70–22.7	<0.0001
Surgical thrombectomy	0.35	0.18–0.69	0.002

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
2a	C-LD	1. In patients with acute PE in AHA/ACC PE Categories C3-E2 who have evidence of free-floating right atrial and/or RV clot-in-transit, the utilization of advanced therapies over anticoagulation alone is reasonable to reduce the risk of clinical deterioration. <sup>1</sup>

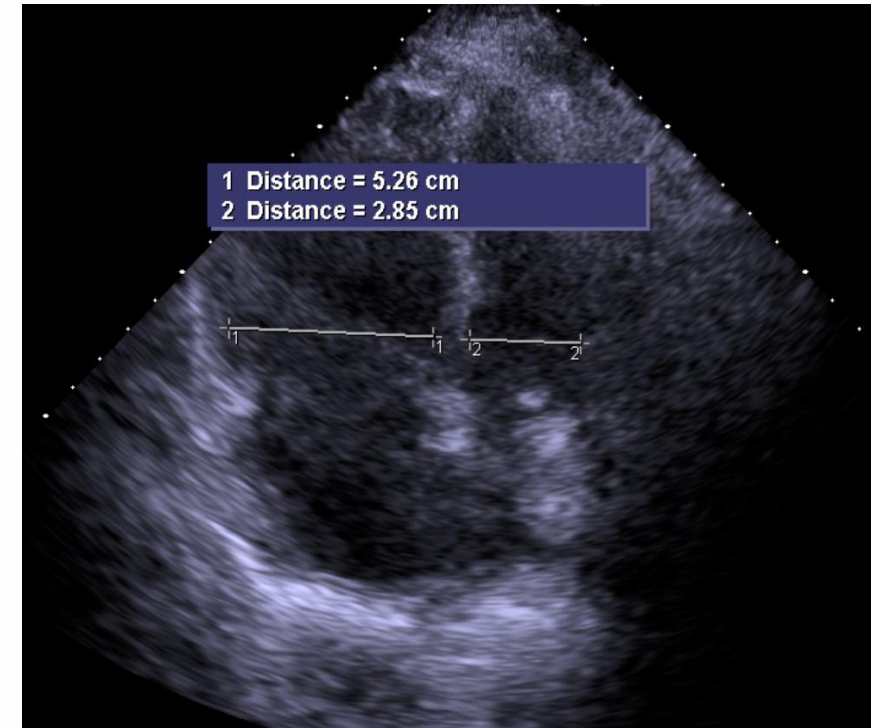
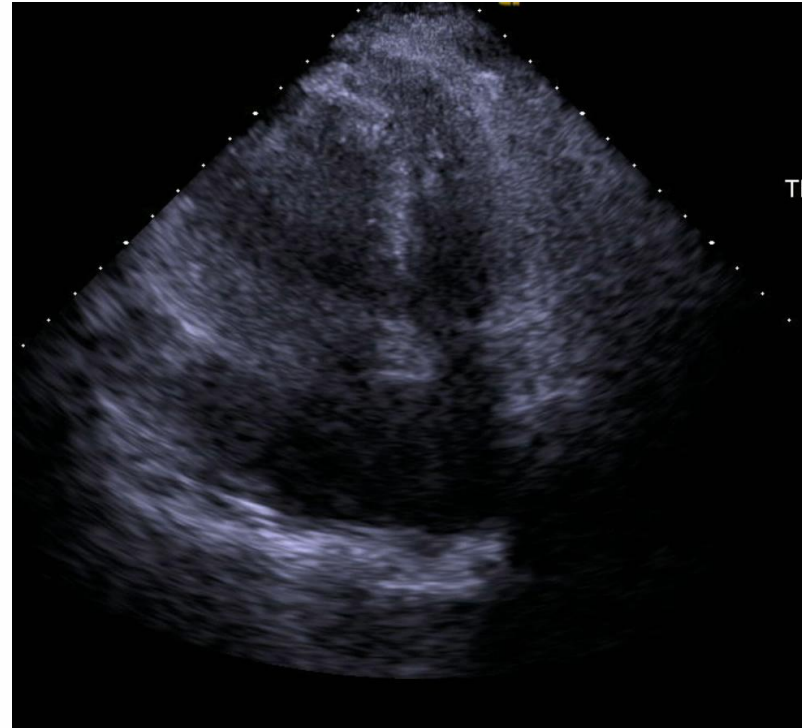
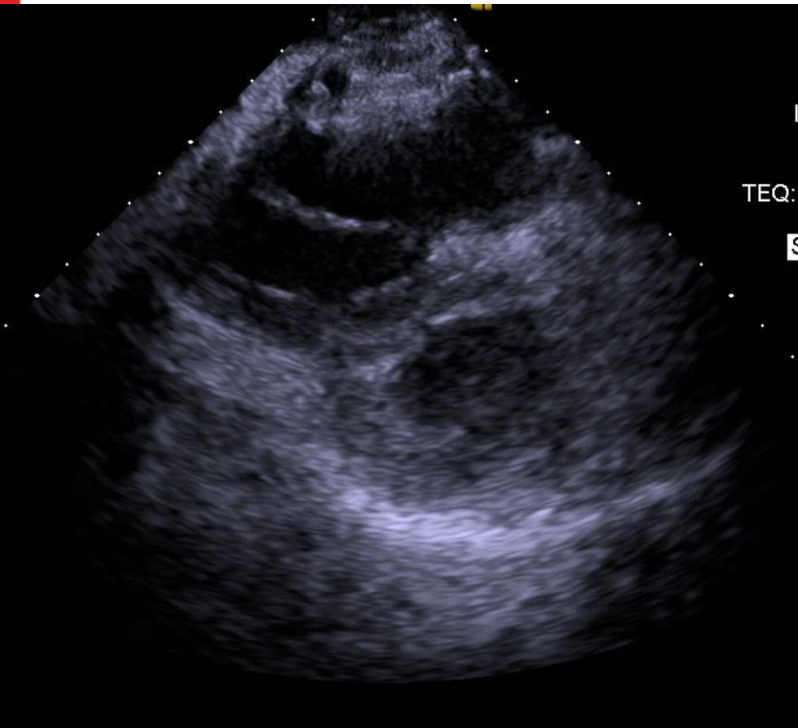
# Kazuistika 4

- 68 r. pacientka, synkopa, dyspnoe, sTK 80/50 mmHg (NA 0,07ug/kg/min), SF 110/min, RR 20/min, SpO2 80%, EKG S1, Q3, T3, PESI 151b (V), sPESI 4b;
- ESC – High Risk; ACC – AHA E1R-
- TNI 450,8 NTproBNP 14601, A-Lakt 2,7 mmol/l, Hgb 144g/l
- CT – masívna PE, susp. Tu ezofágu



# TTE

- TTE – D-shape, LV/RV 1,84, TAPSE 11mm
- UFH i.v.
- Angiológ/kardiológ – rozhodnutie o EKOS



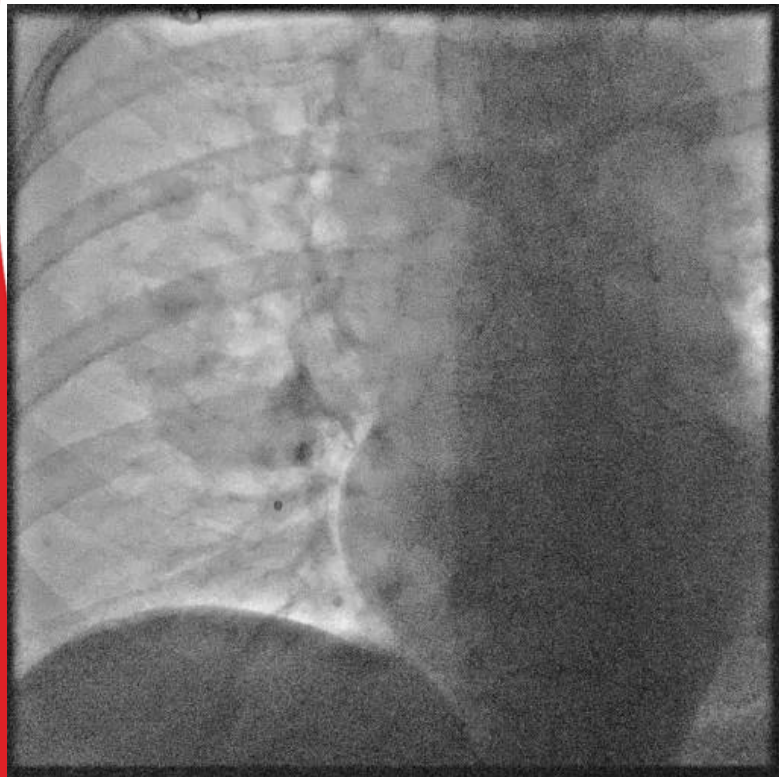
# Katétrová liečba – EKOS

- 2x F1/1 50ml + Actilyse 4 mg injektomatom 6,25ml/hod (celkovo 8mg - 8 hod.)
- 2x F1/1 1000ml + Heparin 1000IU infúzomatom 35ml/hod

3: No Benefit

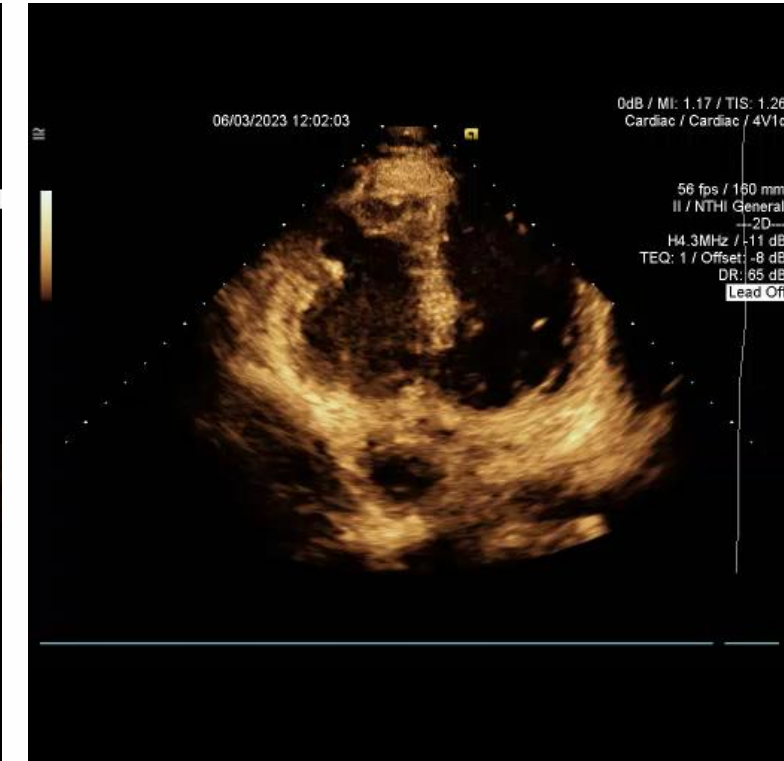
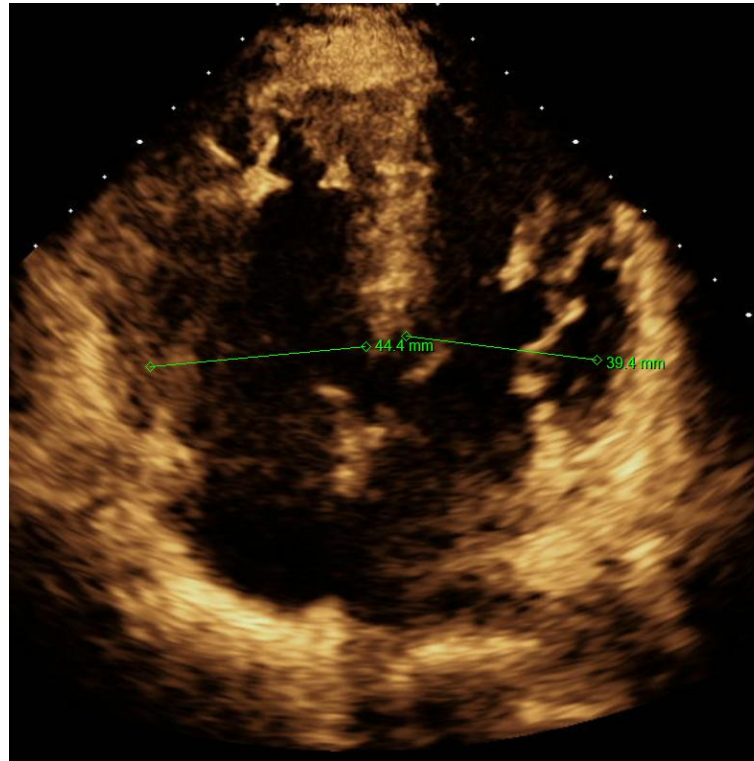
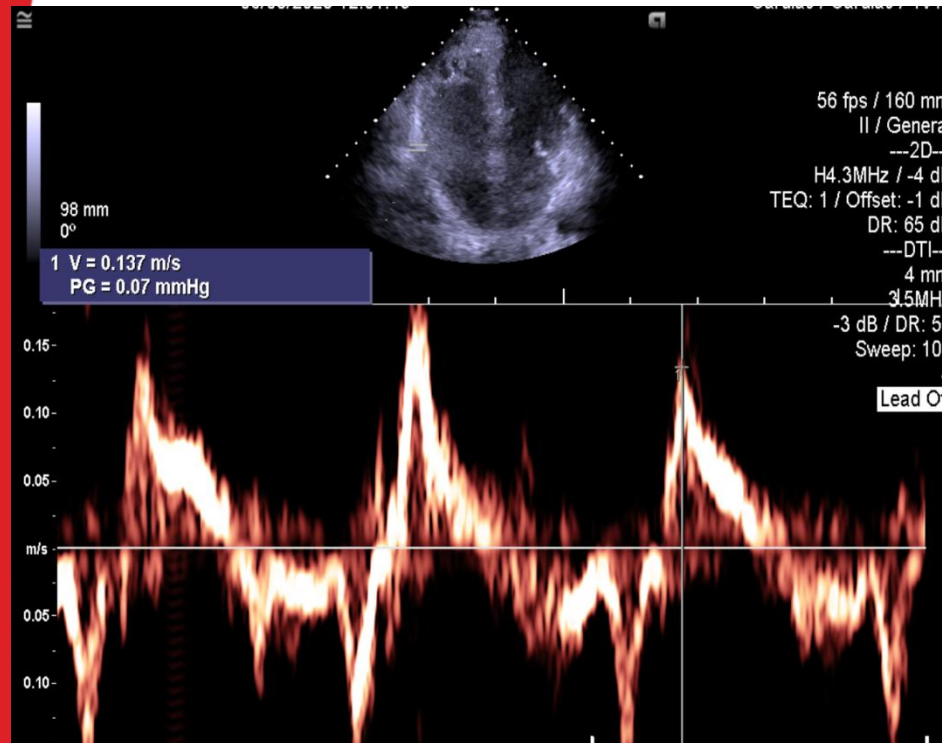
B-NR

5. In patients with acute PE who are undergoing CDL, a reduced thrombolytic dose of <5 mg of alteplase per PA is not recommended over a standard dose of 5 to 10 mg of alteplase per PA to reduce the risk of bleeding and/or reduce the rate of fatal or nonfatal clinical deterioration.<sup>3,5</sup>



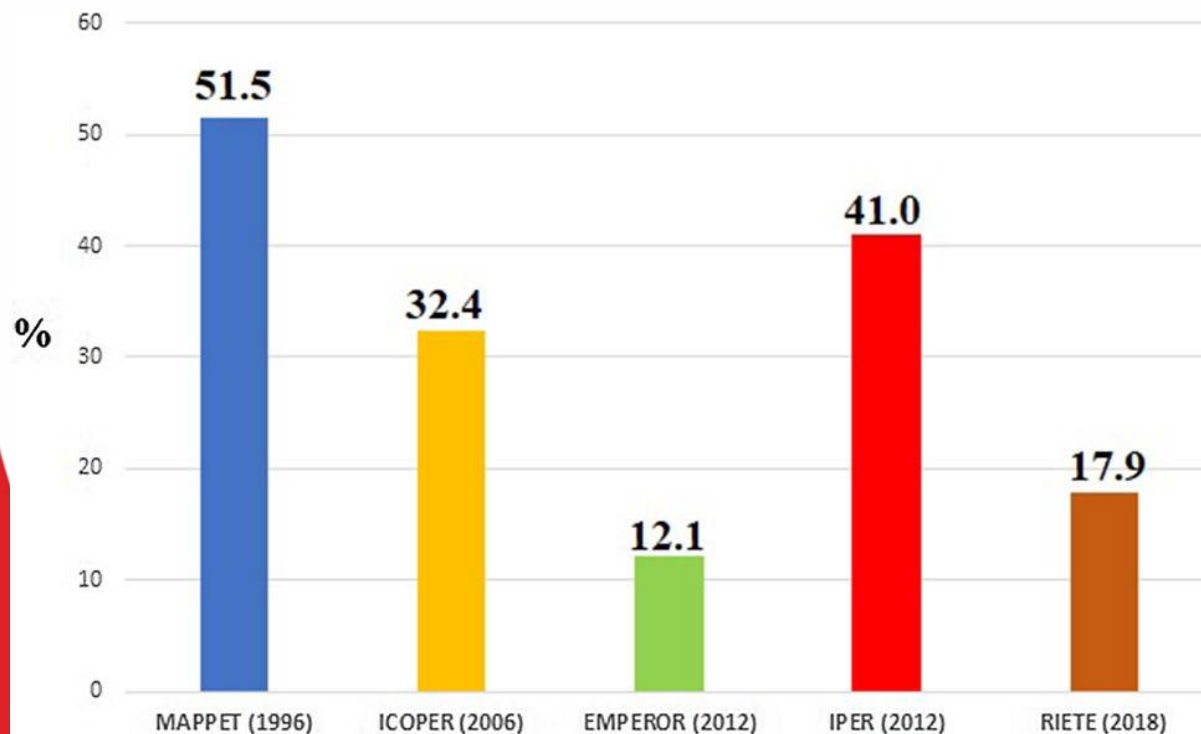
# Kontrolné TTE

- CUS – trombóza vv. Tibiales posterior
- DOAK
- TTE: S' 13,7 cm/s, RV/LV 1,12 (1,84) = ↓60%

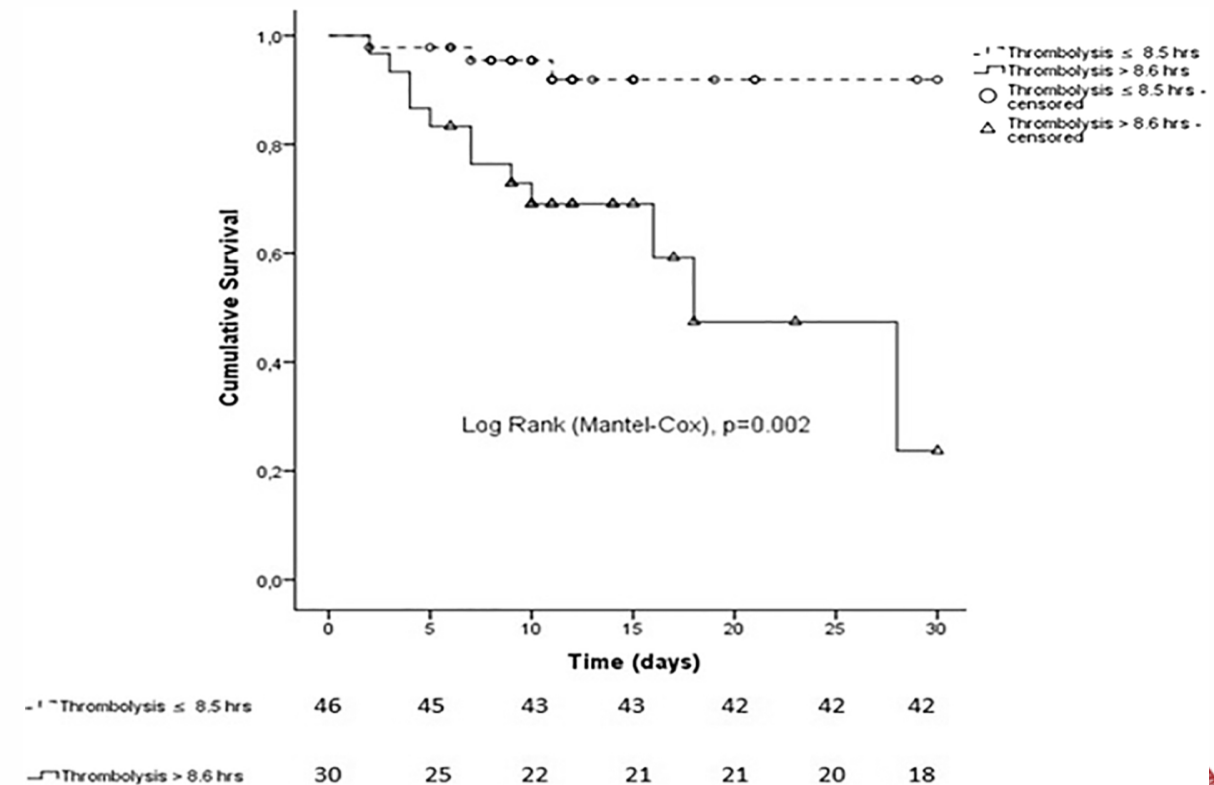


# Systemová trombolýza

- TLL je stále podužívaná a odpoveď na liečbu klesá s dĺžkou trvania sypmtómov
- Podanie po 8,5 hodinách vs. do 8,5 hod. bolo spojené s vyššou 30 dňovou KV mortalitou (HR 7,81; 95%CI 1,84-33,05, p=0,005) a incidenciou závažného krvácania (40% vs. 6,5%, p<0,001) a klinickým zhoršením stavu (23,3% vs. 6,5%; p=0,03)



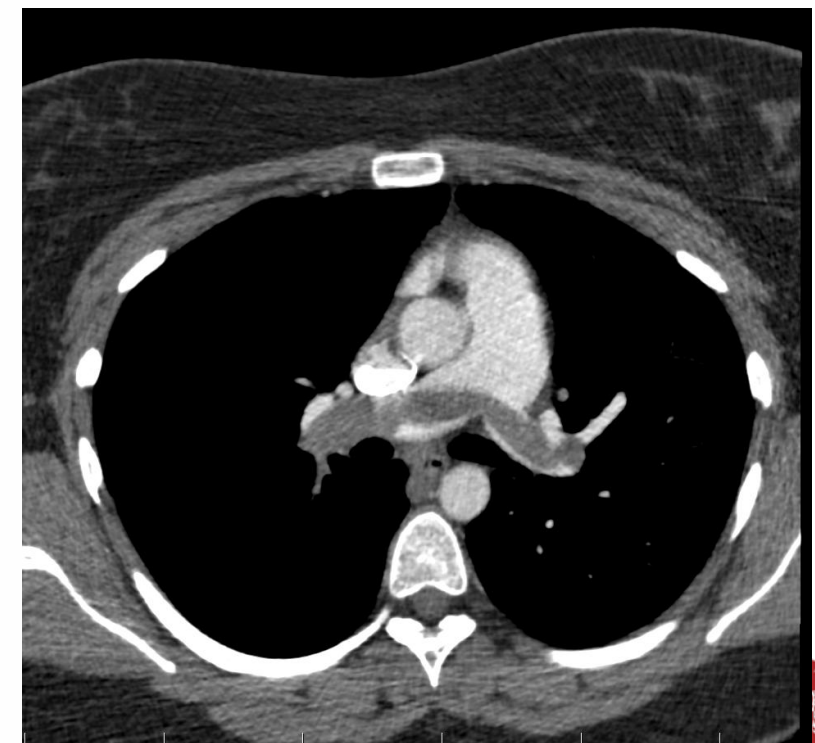
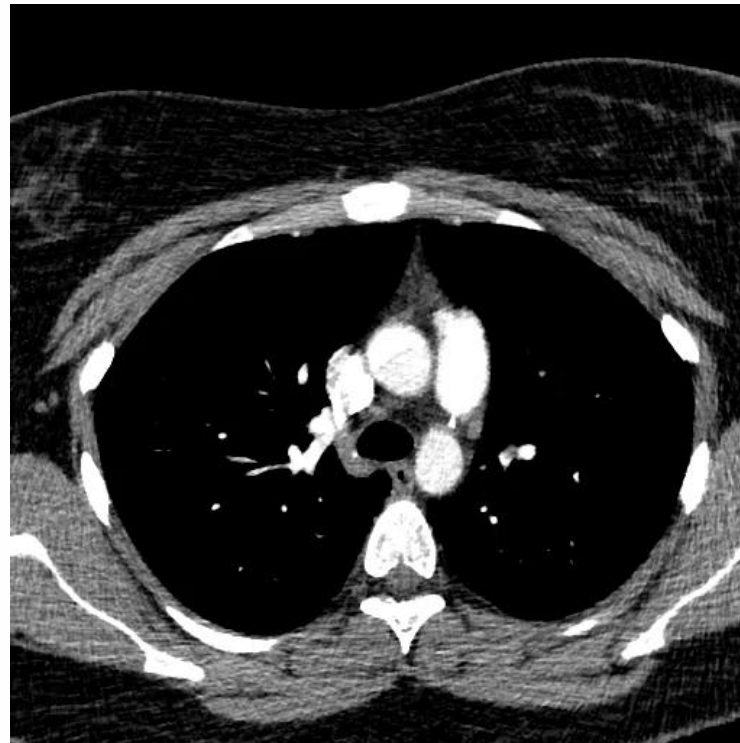
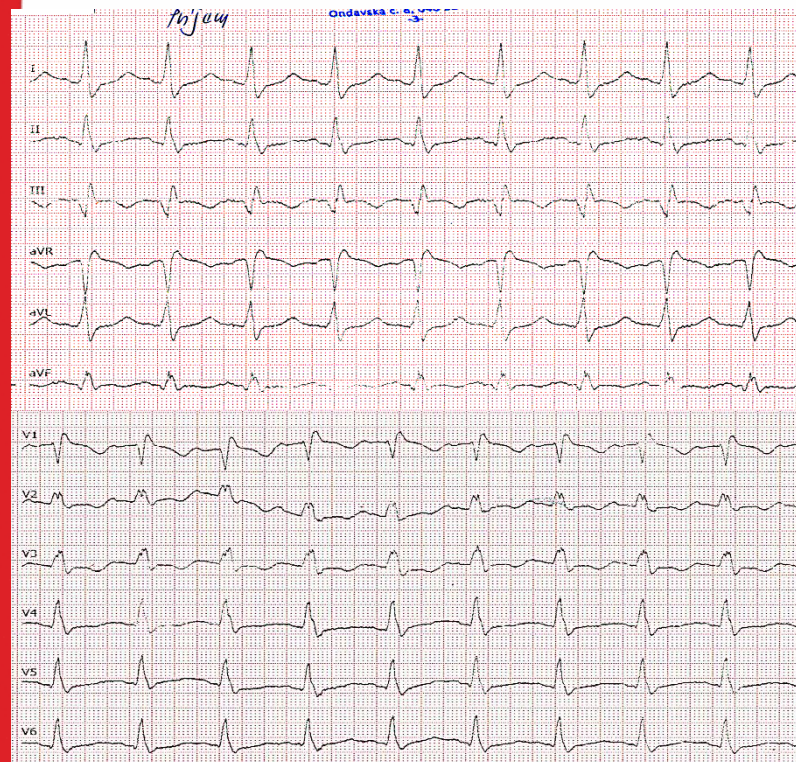
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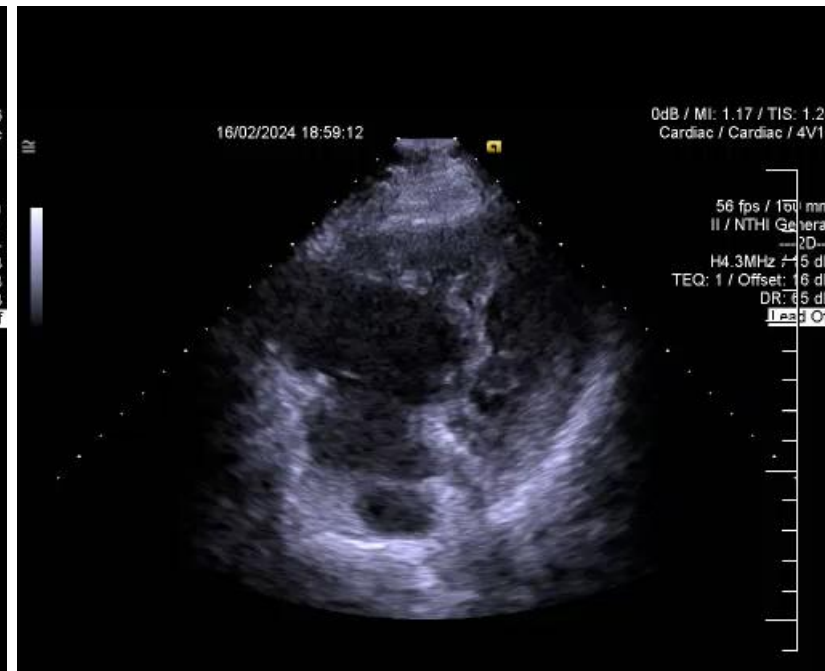
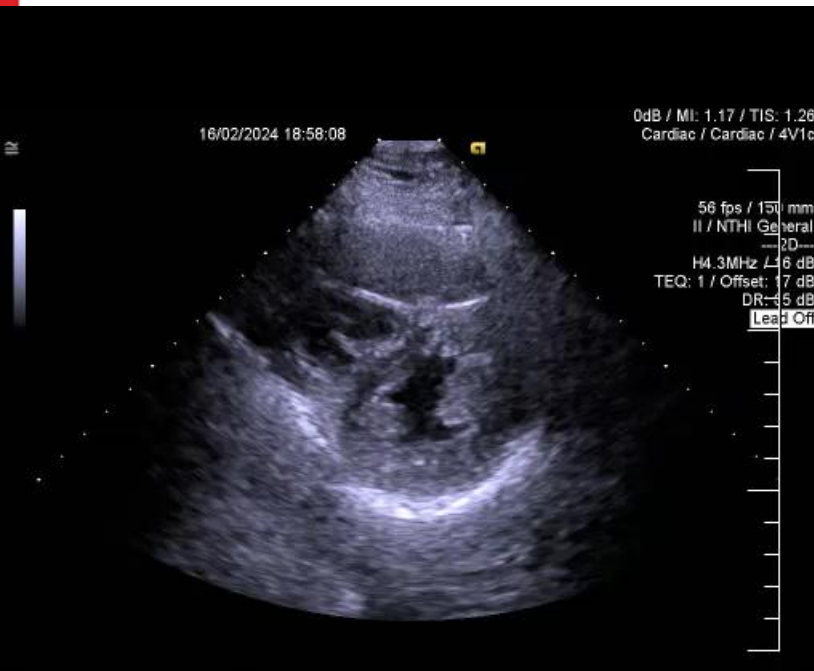
# Kazuistika 5

- 20 ročná pacientka, synkopa (20s bezvedomie), TK 150/90 mmHg, SF 160/min, SpO2: 92%, Užívanie HAK, RR 21/min
- CT-PA – masívna PE, dilatácia PK, sedlovitý trombus
- sPESI 1, PESI 40b – tr. I !!!
- ESC – Intermediate High risk, ACC/AHA – D2 R-
- Hs-TNI 939,3 ng/l, NTproBNP 215 pg/ml, A-Lakt 2,1 mmol/l



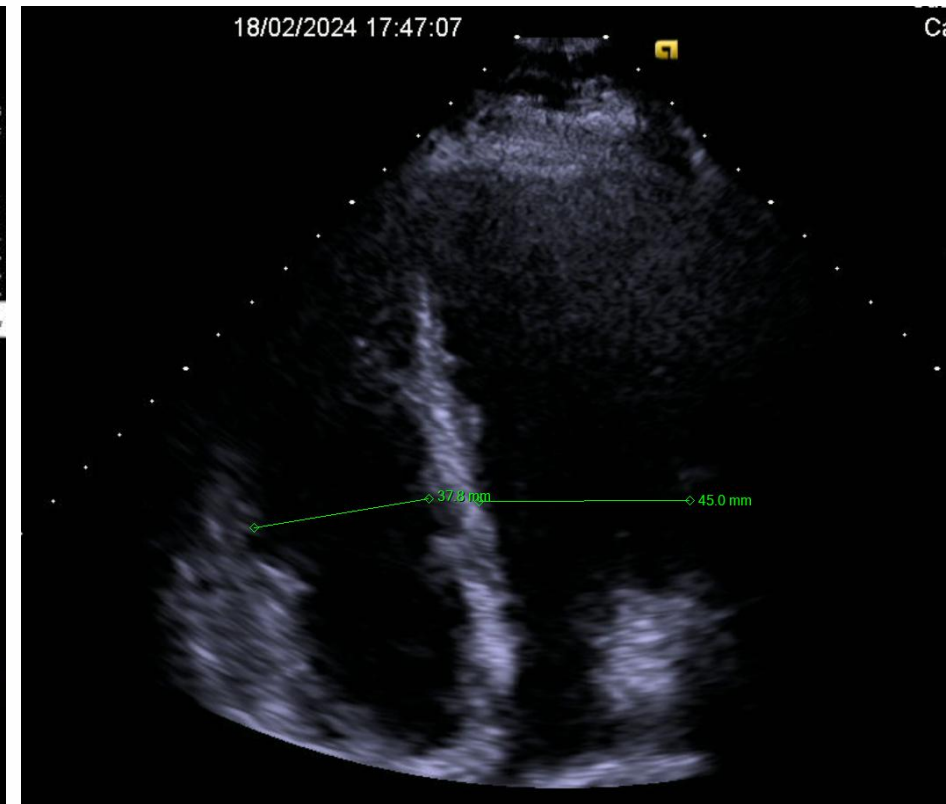
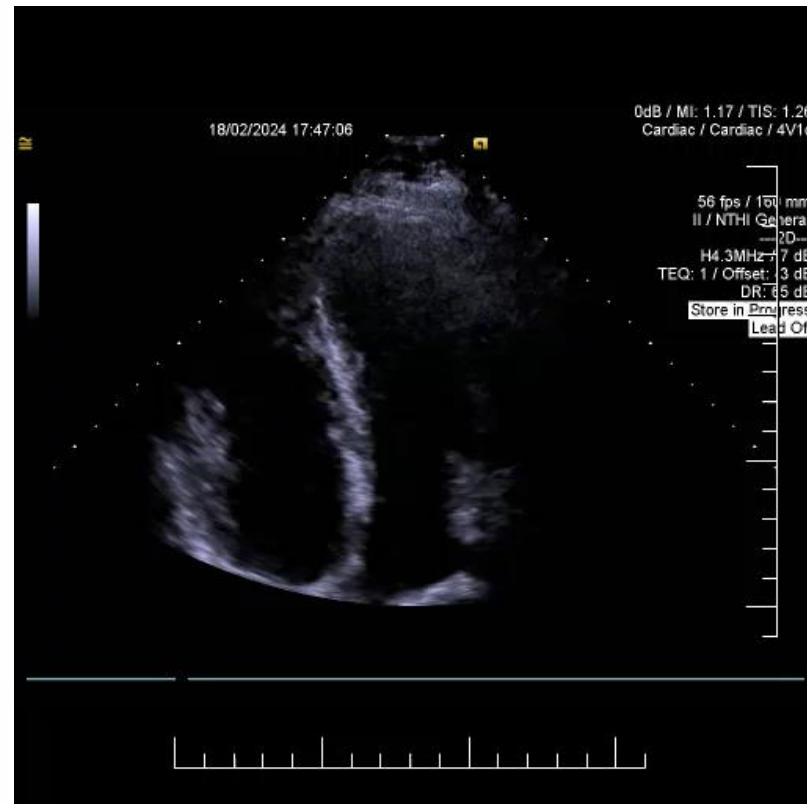
# Kazuistika

- TTE – dilatácia PK (RVD1 49mm) + dysfunkcia, RV/LV 1,45
- NEWS Skóre – 9 (RR 2b, SF 3b, potreba O2 2b, SpO2 2b)
- CPES skóre - 6
- PERT tím – absencia kontraindikácií - podanie TLL

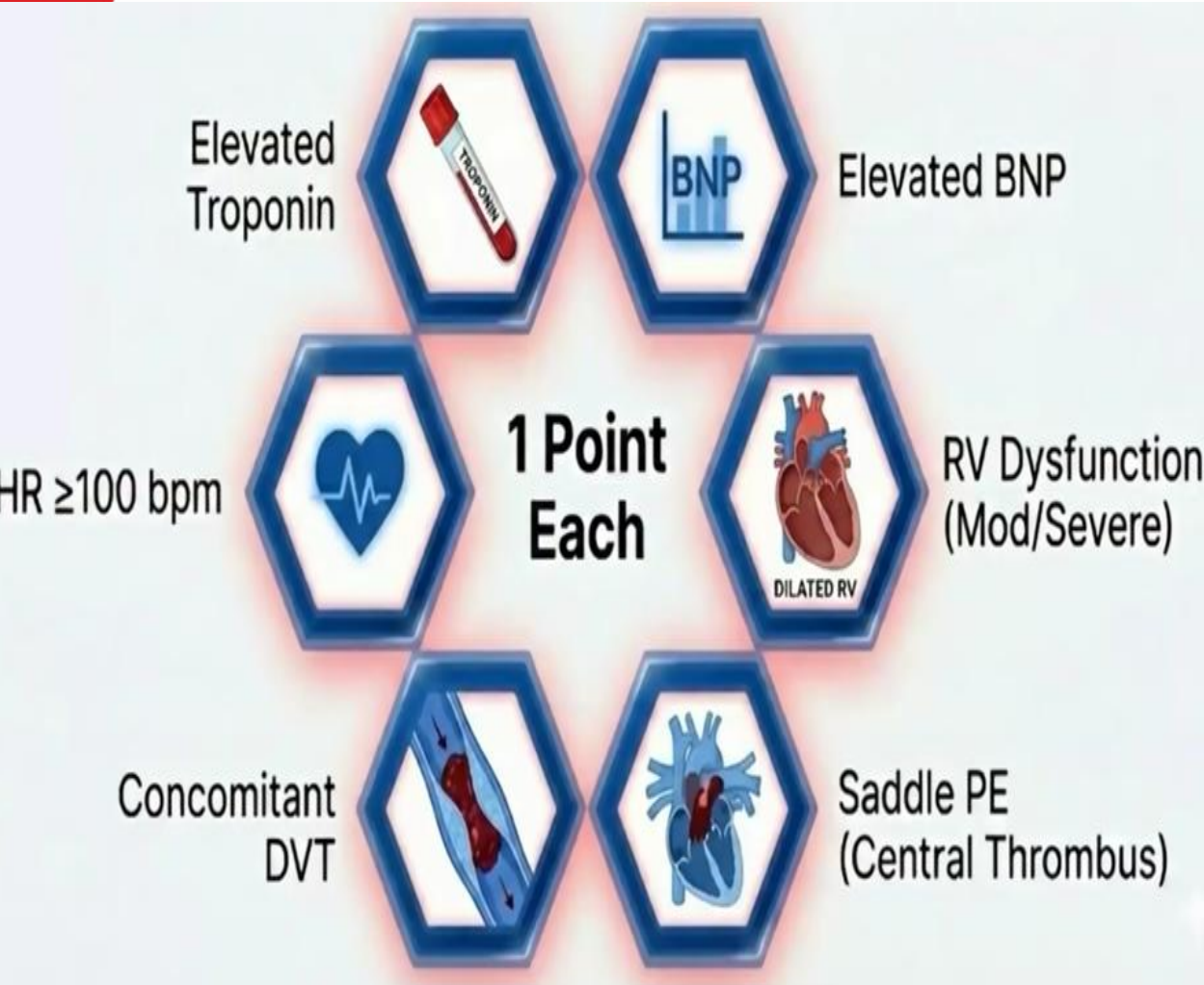


# TTE kontrola

- CUS – trombóza vv. Tibiales posterior
- DOAK
- TAPSE 19mm, S' 13,1cm/s ,  $RV/LV\ 0,84\ (1,45) = \downarrow 43\%$



# CPES skóre



## Composite Pulmonary Embolism Shock Score and Adverse Clinical Outcomes

### Primary Composite Outcome



Adjusted HR = 1.81; 95% CI: 1.29-2.54, p = 0.001

### In Hospital Mortality



aHR=1.76; 95% CI: 1.04-2.96  
p=0.033

### Resuscitated Cardiac Arrest



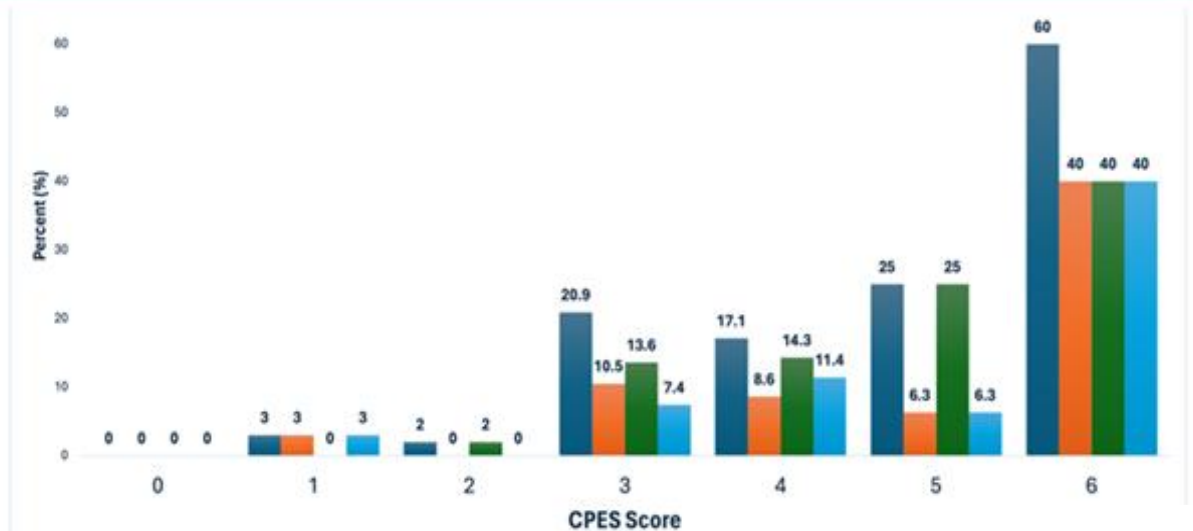
aHR=1.99; 95% CI: 1.17-3.38  
p=0.011

### Hemodynamic Decompensation



aHR=1.96; 95% CI: 1.34 -2.89  
p=0.001

### Percentage of Patients Experiencing the Primary Composite Outcome with a Specific CPES Score



# High- or intermediate-high-risk pulmonary embolism



- Patient profile, comorbidities
- Contraindication to lysis?
- RV dysfunction?
- Hemodynamic instability?

Catheter-based treatment considered?

No Yes

High-volume PE Center

No Yes  
Consider transfer

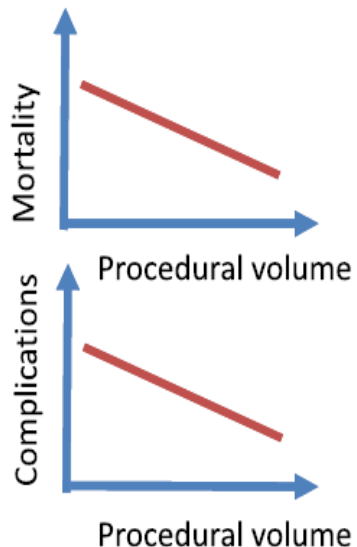


**PERT**

- Patient profile
- Contraindication to fibrinolysis
- Expertise



+/- mechanical circulatory support



Anticoagulation  
Systemic fibrinolysis

Early transfer if deterioration

## Recommendations for Interhospital Transfers

Referenced studies that support recommendations are summarized in the Evidence Table.

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
2b	C-LD	1. For patients with acute PE who exhibit high-risk features* but are hemodynamically stable (AHA/ACC PE Categories C3-D), transferring to a center that can provide advanced therapies† may be considered to ensure access to appropriate interventions. <sup>1</sup>
3: Harm	C-EO	2. Unstable patients with acute PE (AHA/ACC PE Category E) should not be transferred to another medical center before stabilizing their condition.

\*High-risk features include RV dysfunction and elevated cardiac biomarkers.  
†Advanced therapy examples: surgical embolectomy, CDL, MT, ECMO, and placement of an IVC filter.

## Recommendation for PERT

Referenced studies that support the recommendation are summarized in the Evidence Table.

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
1	B-NR	1. In patients with acute PE who are at increased risk of adverse outcomes (ie, AHA/ACC PE Categories C-E)*, a multidisciplinary PERT assessment is recommended to improve in-hospital clinical care delivery. <sup>1-18</sup>

\*AHA/ACC PE Categories A or B with multiple comorbidities may also benefit from a PERT (eg, Category B with intracranial hemorrhage).

# Záver

- Trombolýza ostáva zlatým štandardom pri high risk pľúcnej embólii, je efekt klesá s časom od nástupu symptómov.
- Voľba reperfúznej stratégie musí byť individuálna, rozhoduje anatómia, kontraindikácie a komorobidity.
- ECMO má skôr význam ako most k reperfúzii, nie ako destinačná liečba.
- PERT tím má najväčší význam v komplexných a hraničných prípadoch a v komunikácii so spádovými nemocnicami.