



Signs and symptoms in cardiovascular problems

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Agenda

1. Examination of the **heart**
 - Heart sounds
 - Heart murmurs (systolic, diastolic)
2. **Cyanosis**
3. **Clubbing**
4. **Heart failure-** signs & symptoms
5. **Practical approach** to examination of cardiac system



History taking in cardiac problems

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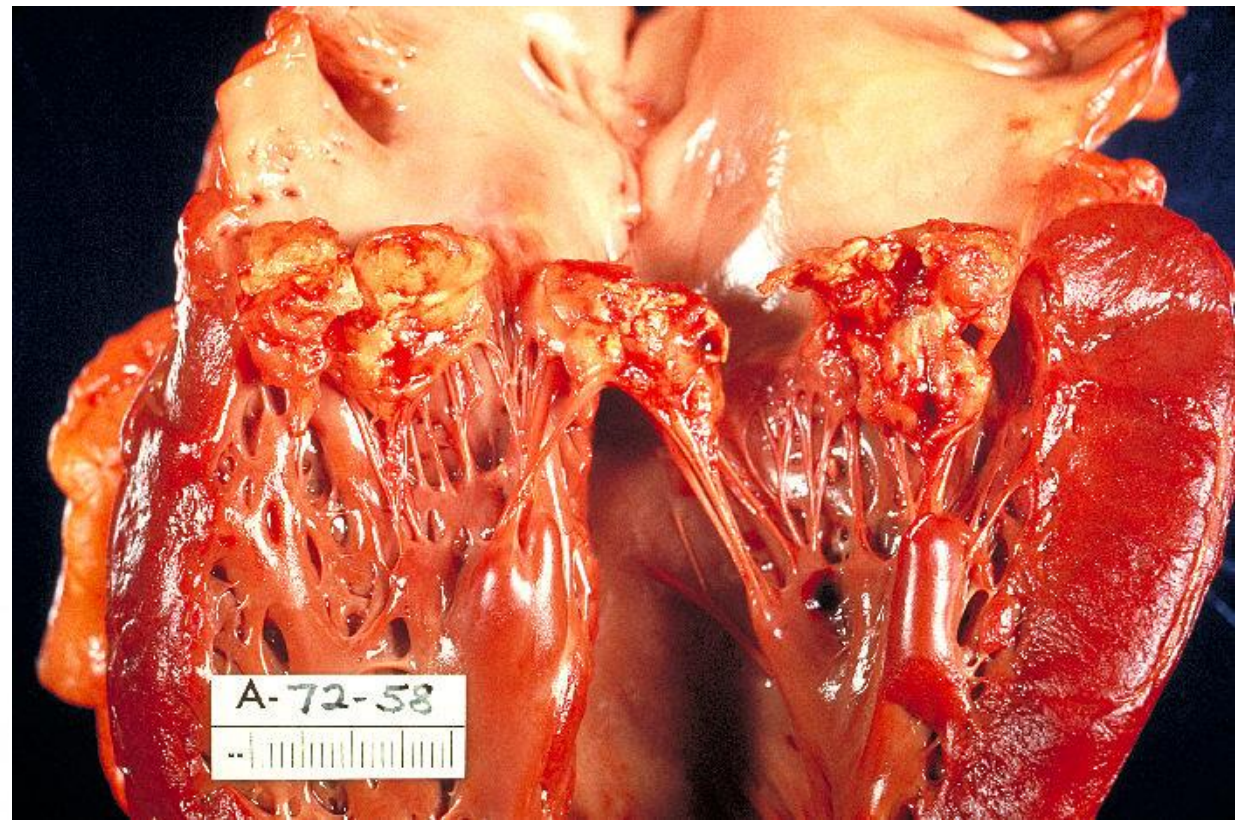
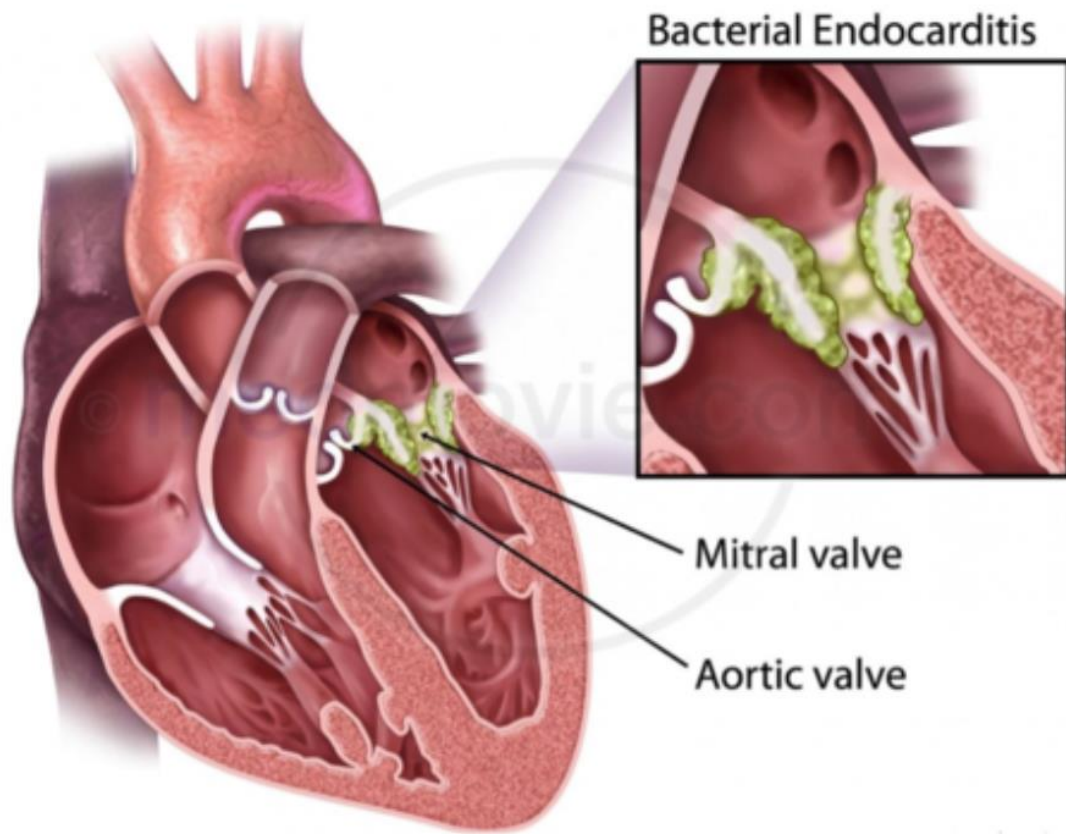


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Infective endocarditis



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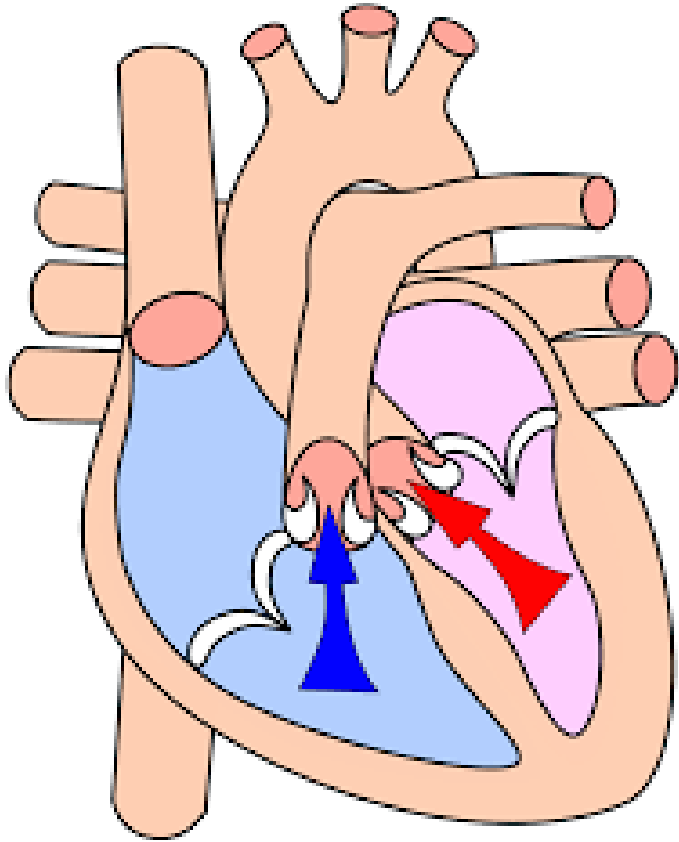
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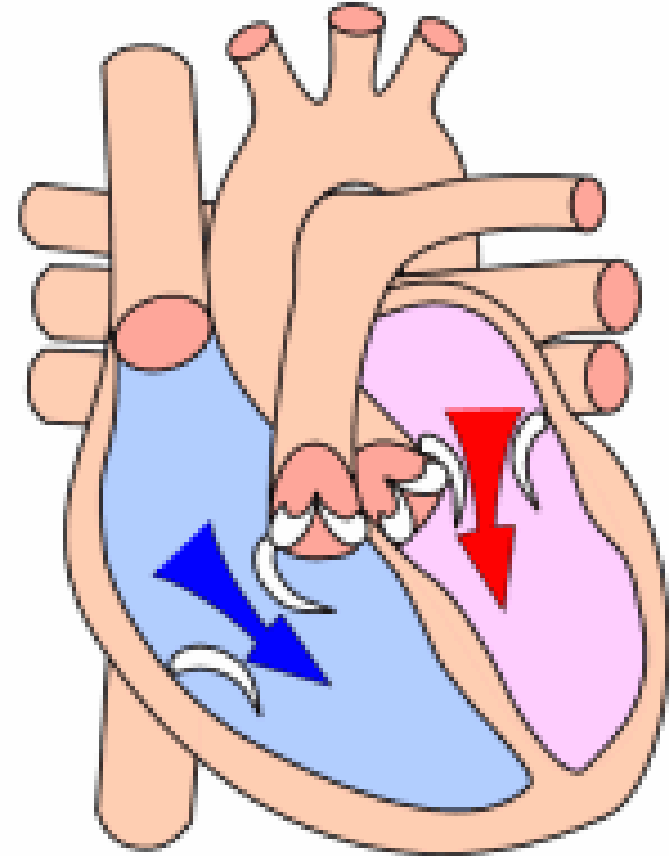
EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

SOUNDS & MURMURS

THE CARDIAC CYCLE



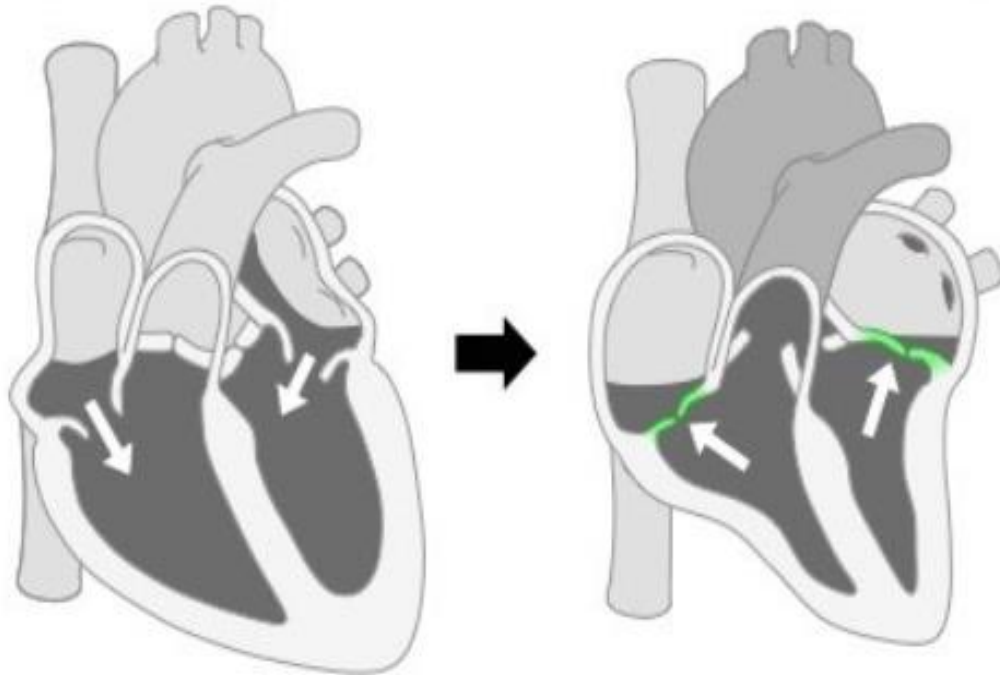
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Heart Valves and Heart Sounds

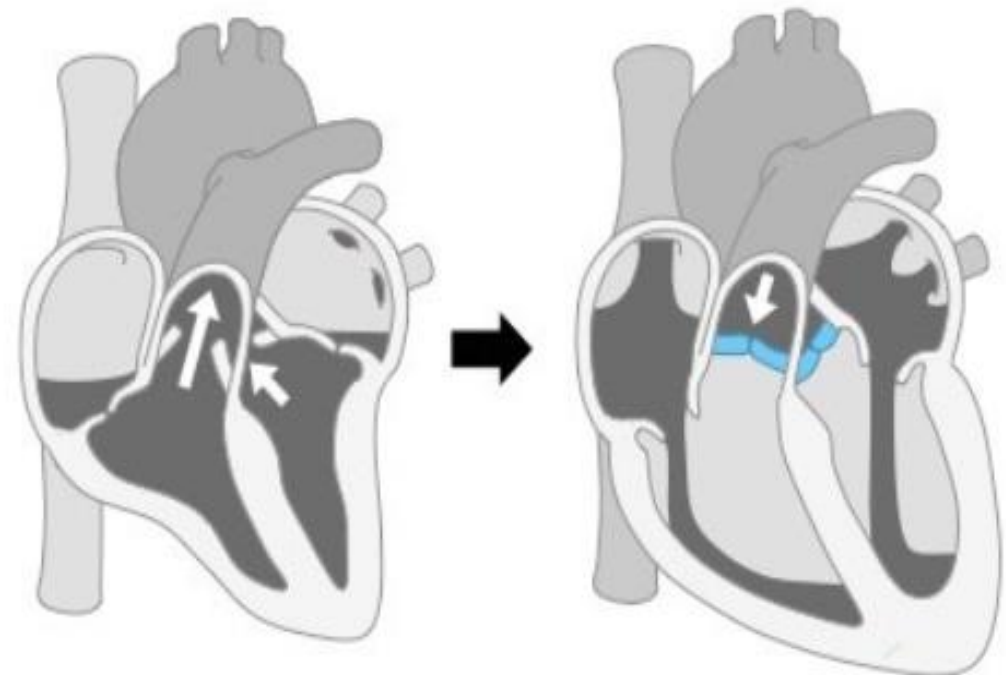
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Atrial Systole

Ventricular Systole

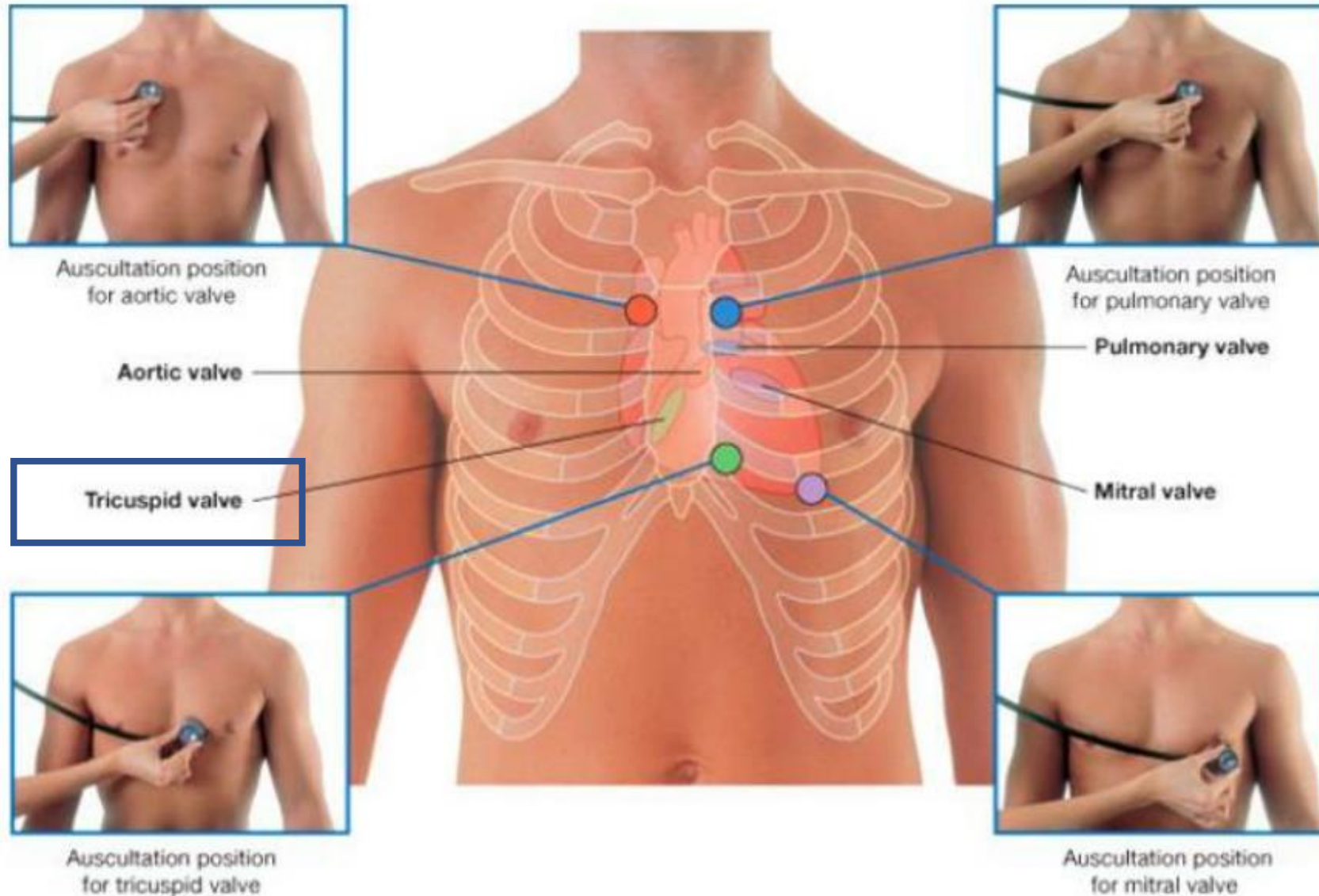
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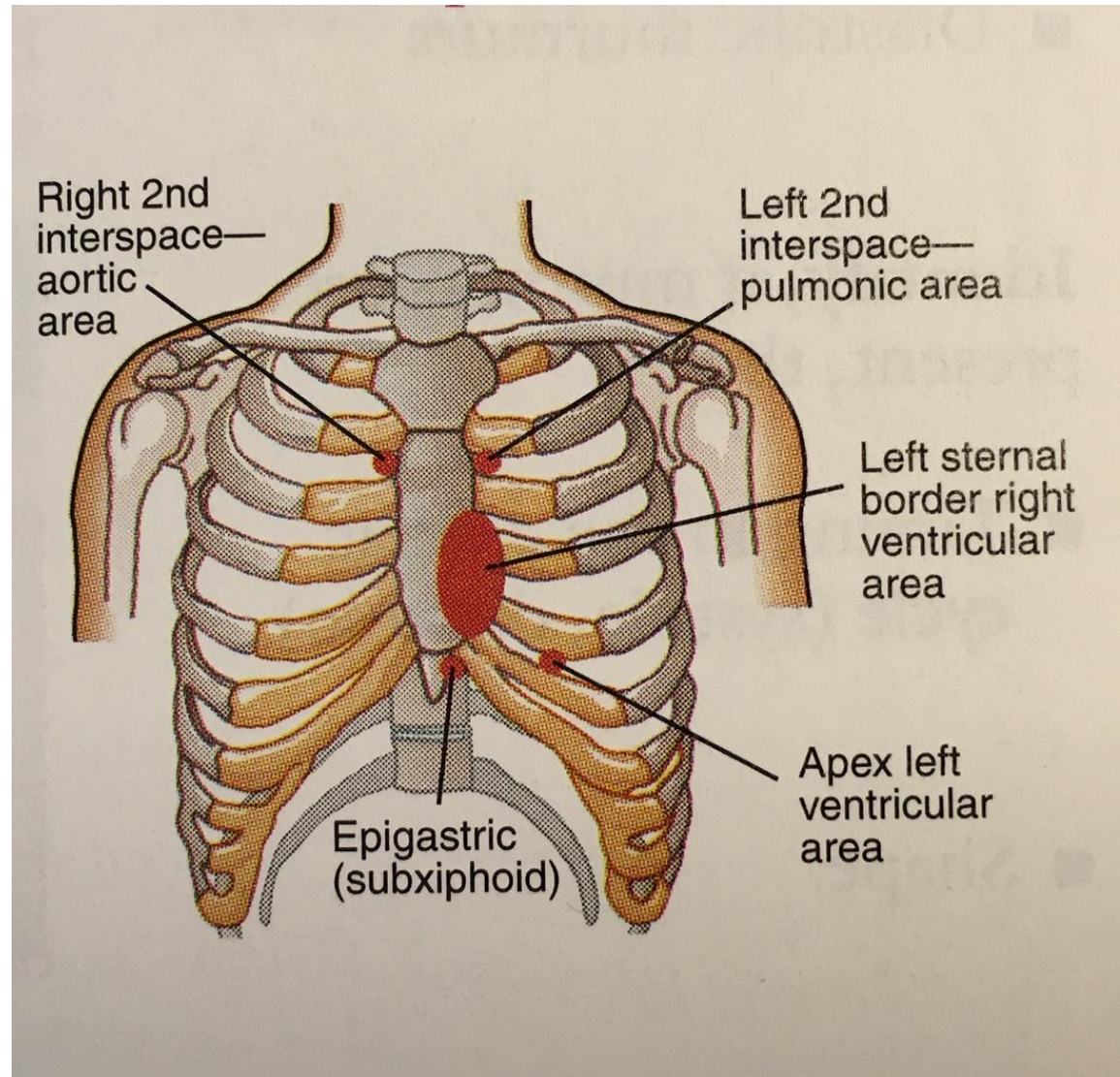


Ventricular Systole

Ventricular Diastole

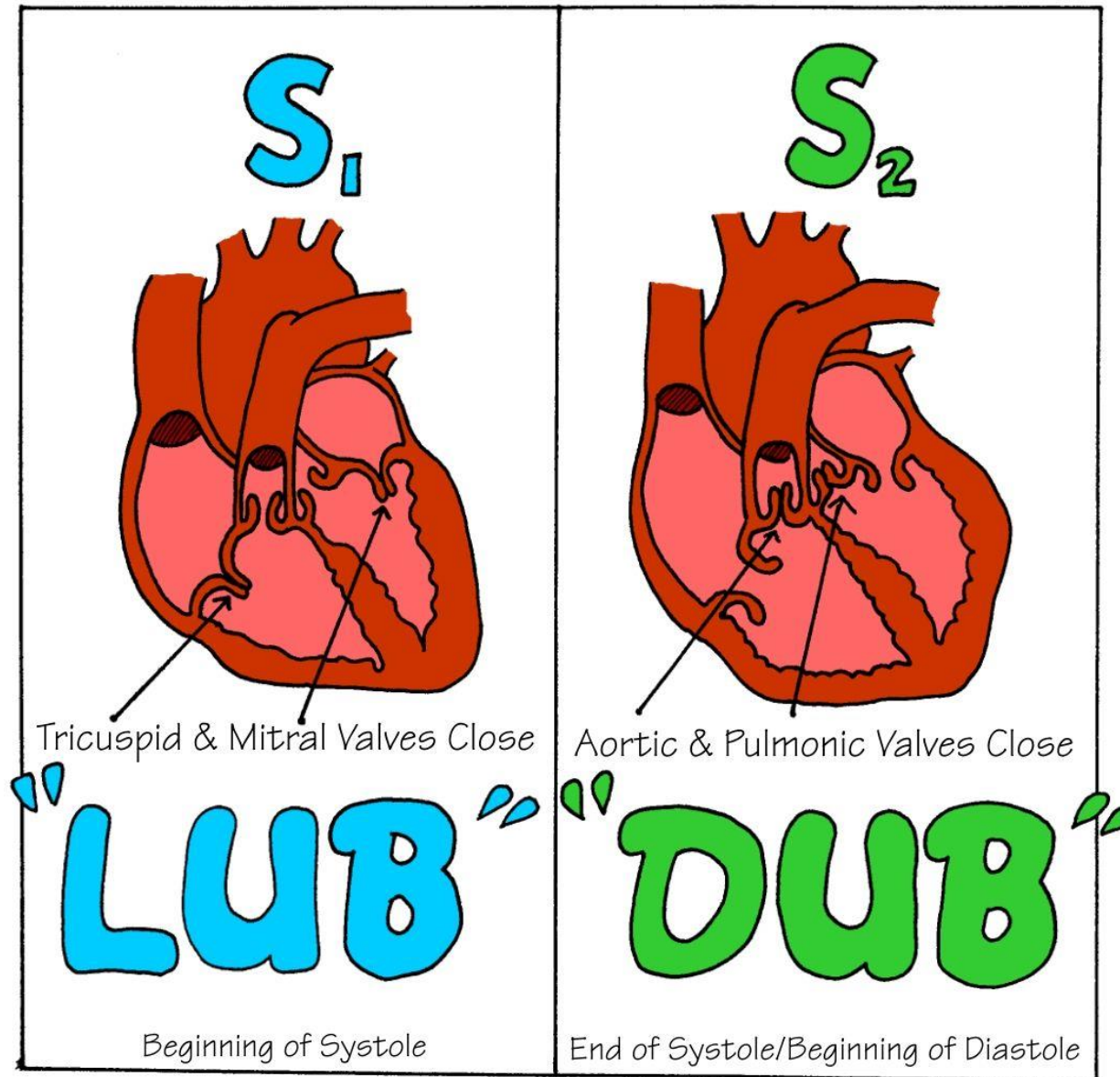
WHERE DO WE AUSCULTATE HEART SOUNDS?

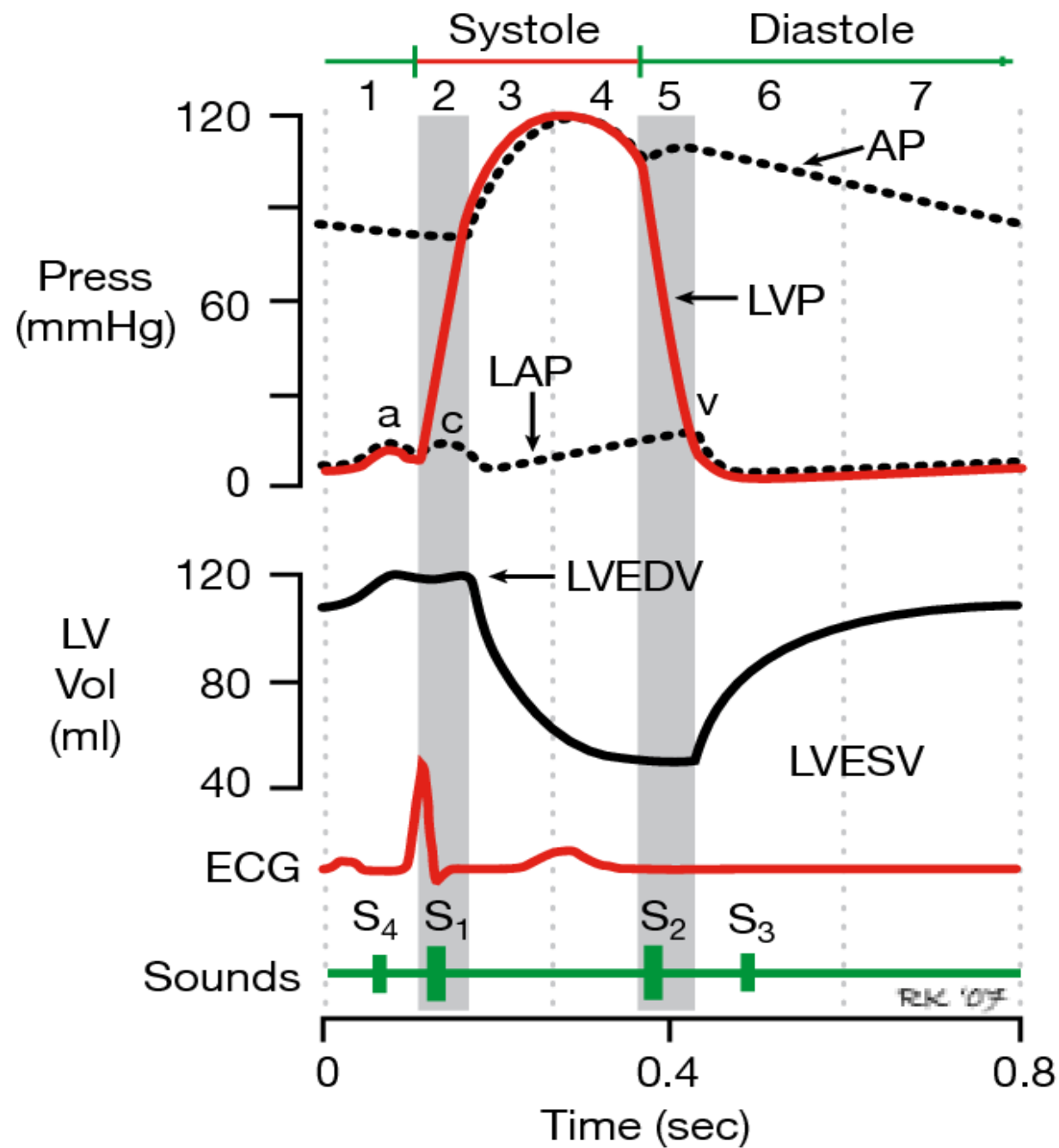




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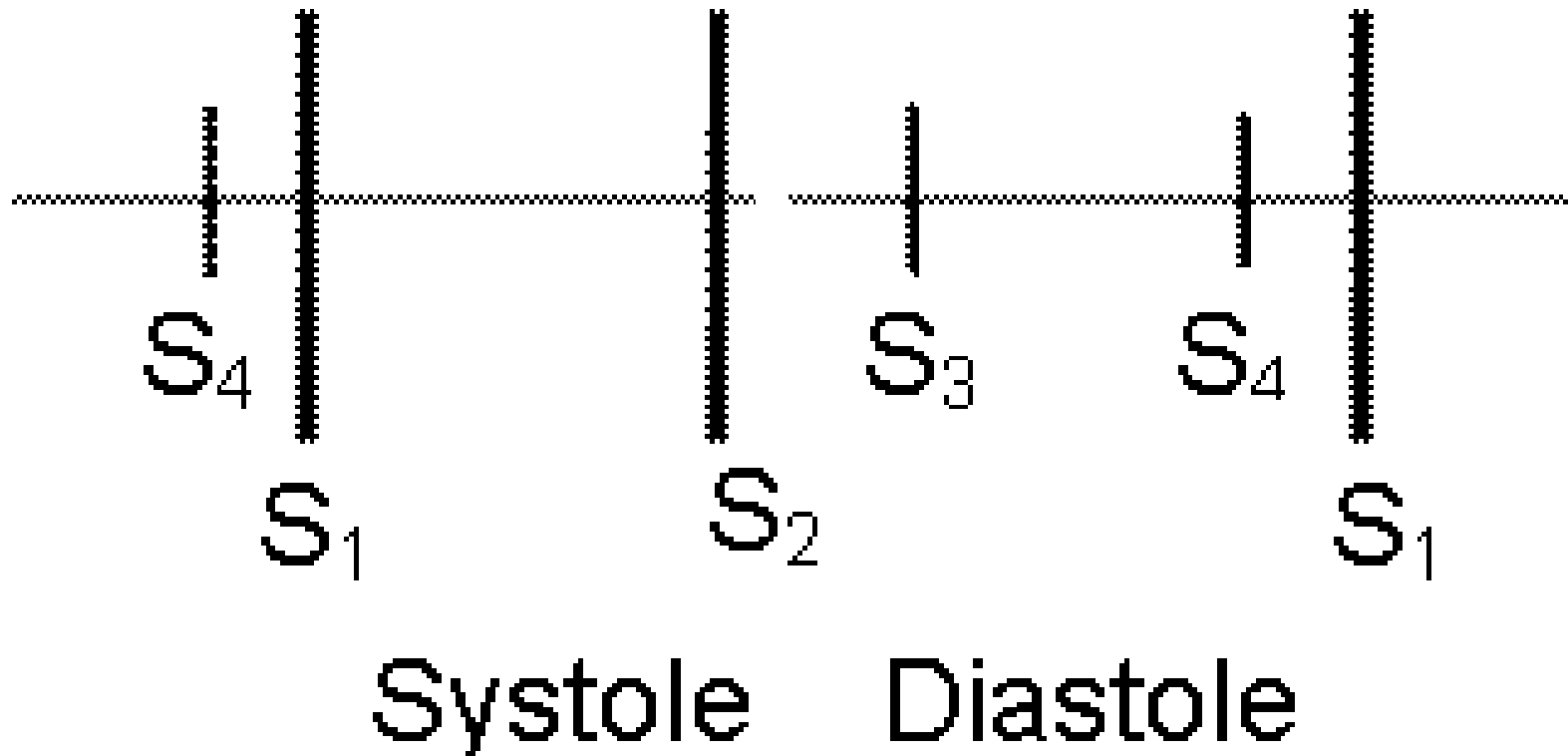
HEART SOUNDS





NORMAL HEART SOUNDS

=WHAT DO I HEAR?



Normal heart sound

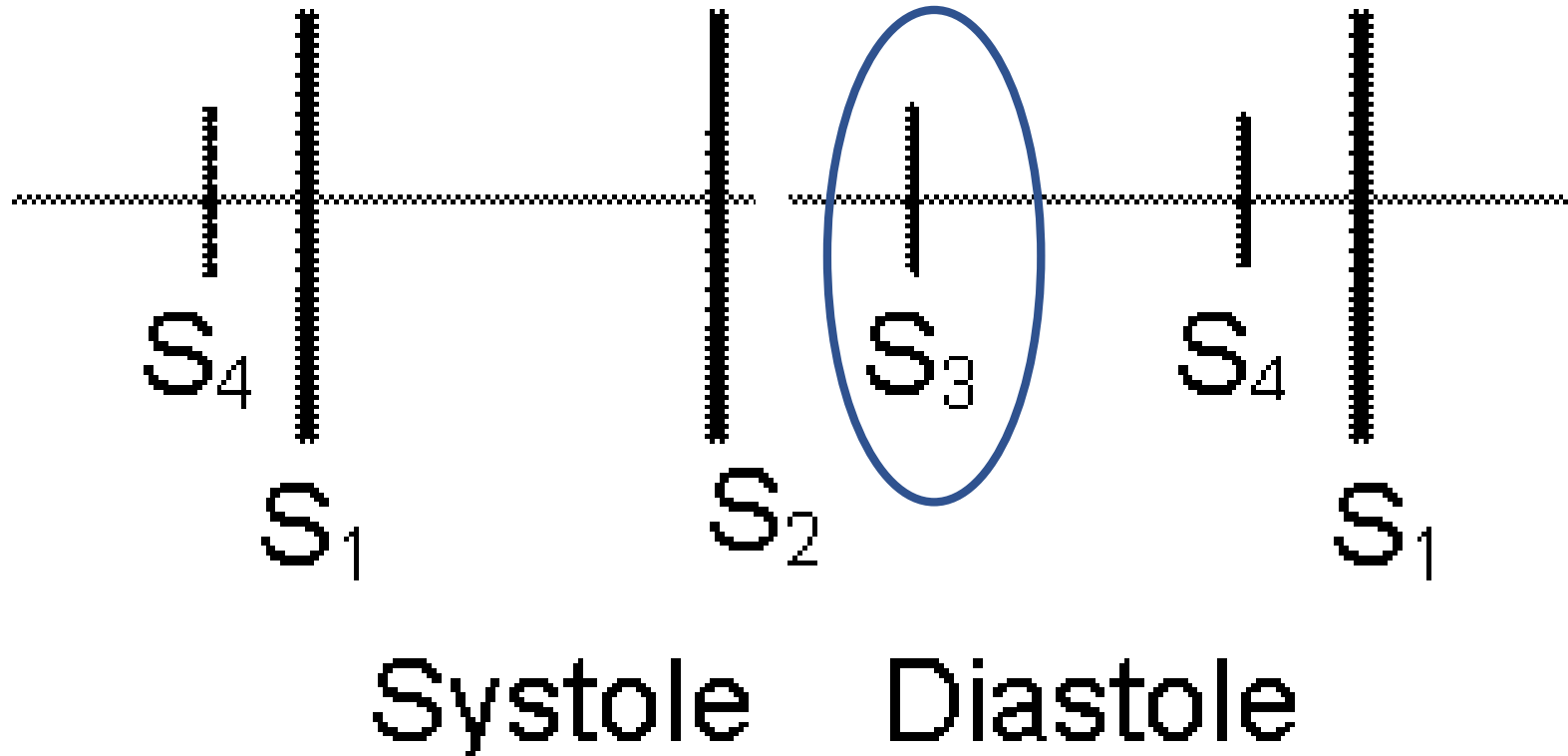
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ABNORMAL HEART SOUNDS & MURMURS

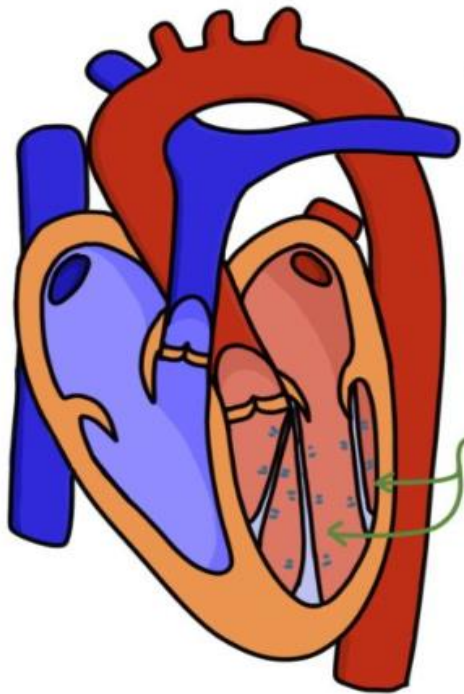
1. Extra heart sounds (S3, S4)
2. Splitting of S1 & S2
3. Alteration in intensity
4. Additional heart sounds (extrasystoly)
5. Murmurs

NORMAL HEART SOUNDS

=WHAT DO I HEAR?



A third heart sound (S3)



THIRD HEART SOUND

LUB	DE DUB
S1	S2 S3

RAPID VENTRICULAR FILLING

CHORDAE TENDINEAE "TWANG"

AGE 15-40 - NORMAL

OLDER - HEART FAILURE

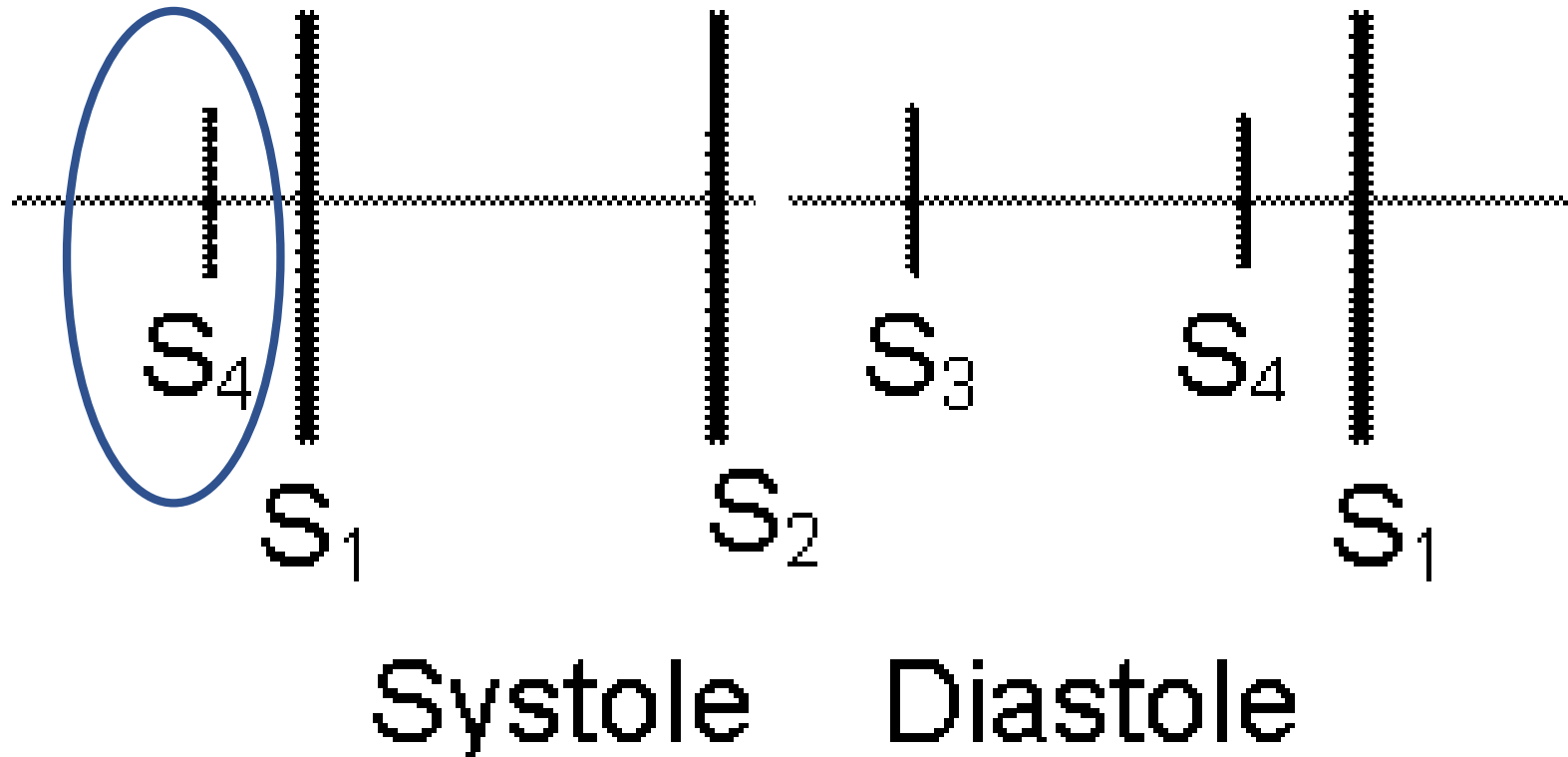
- is heard roughly 0.1 seconds after the second heart sound.
- **Due to rapid ventricular filling** causing the ***chordae tendineae*** to pull to their full length &
- „twang like a guitar string”
- **can be normal in children, teenagers and young healthy adults (15-40 years) - because the heart functions so well that the ventricles easily allow rapid filling**
- In older patients it can indicate heart failure, as the ***ventricles*** and ***chordae*** are stiff and weak so they reach their limit much faster than normal.

S3 słuchamy

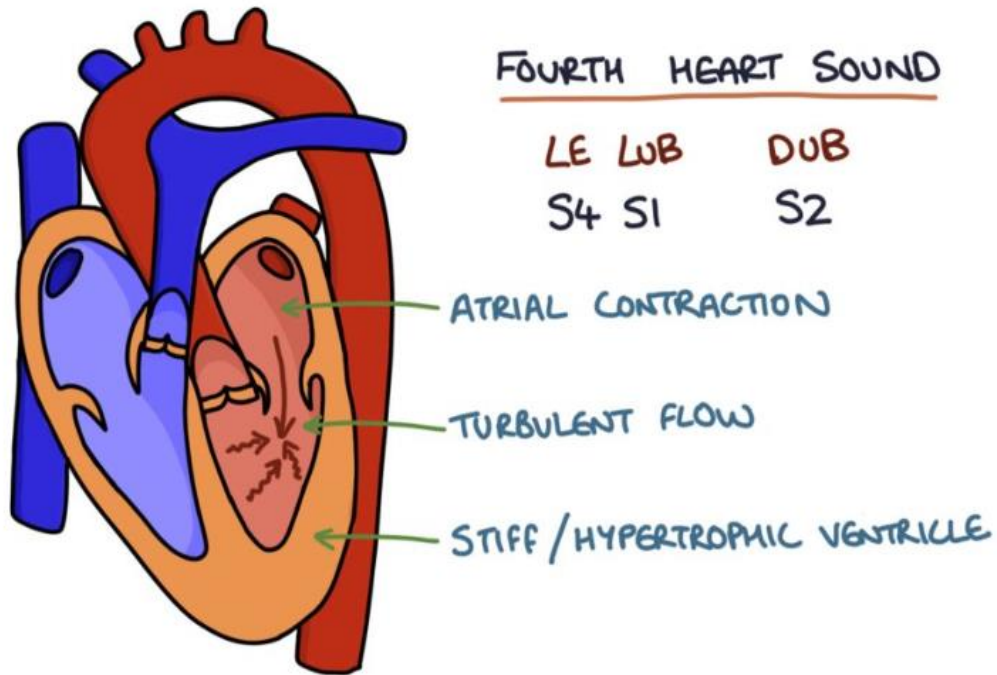
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NORMAL HEART SOUNDS

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A fourth heart sound (S4)

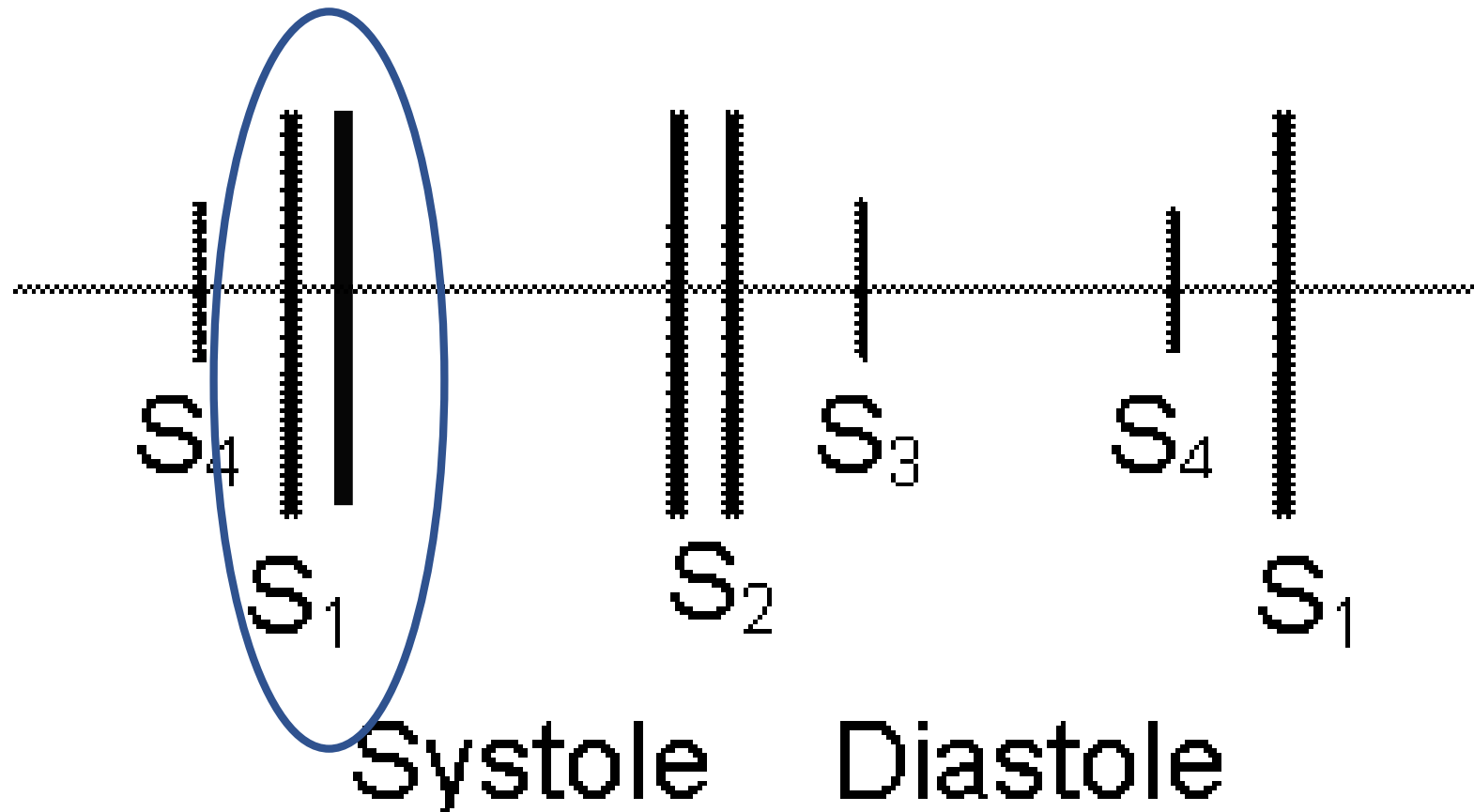


- is heard directly before **S1**.
- is always abnormal
- relatively rare to hear
- indicates a stiff or hypertrophic ventricle and is caused by **turbulent flow from an atria contracting against a non-compliant ventricle**

S4- słuchamy

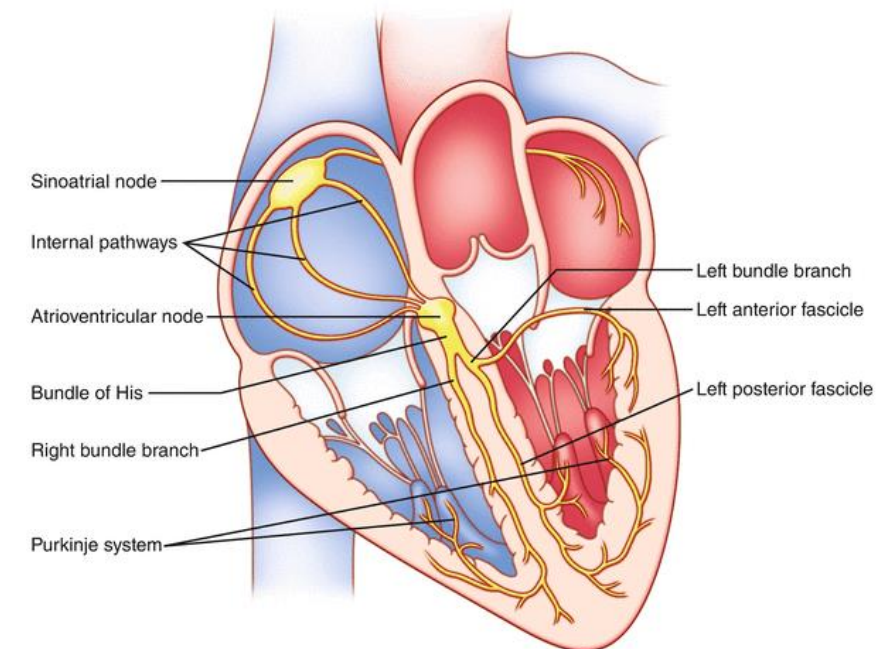
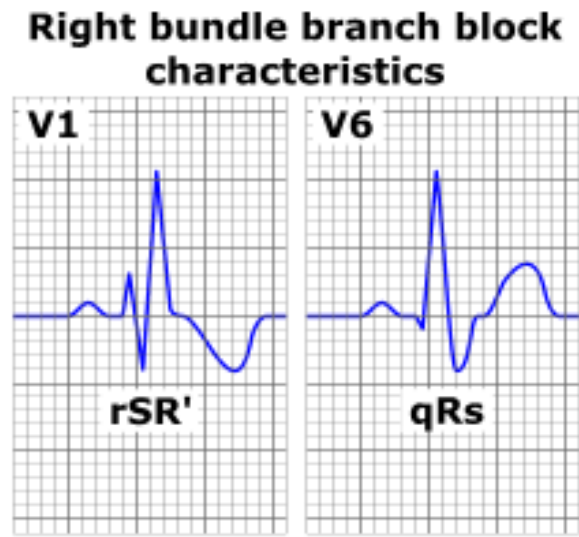
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NORMAL HEART SOUNDS =WHAT DO I HEAR?



Split of S1

- You will listen to S1 split **when MV and TV do not close exactly at the same time**
- M1 usually closes first (M1), then the TV (T1)
- S1 split is **usually normal finding**
- **May be heard in RBBB**

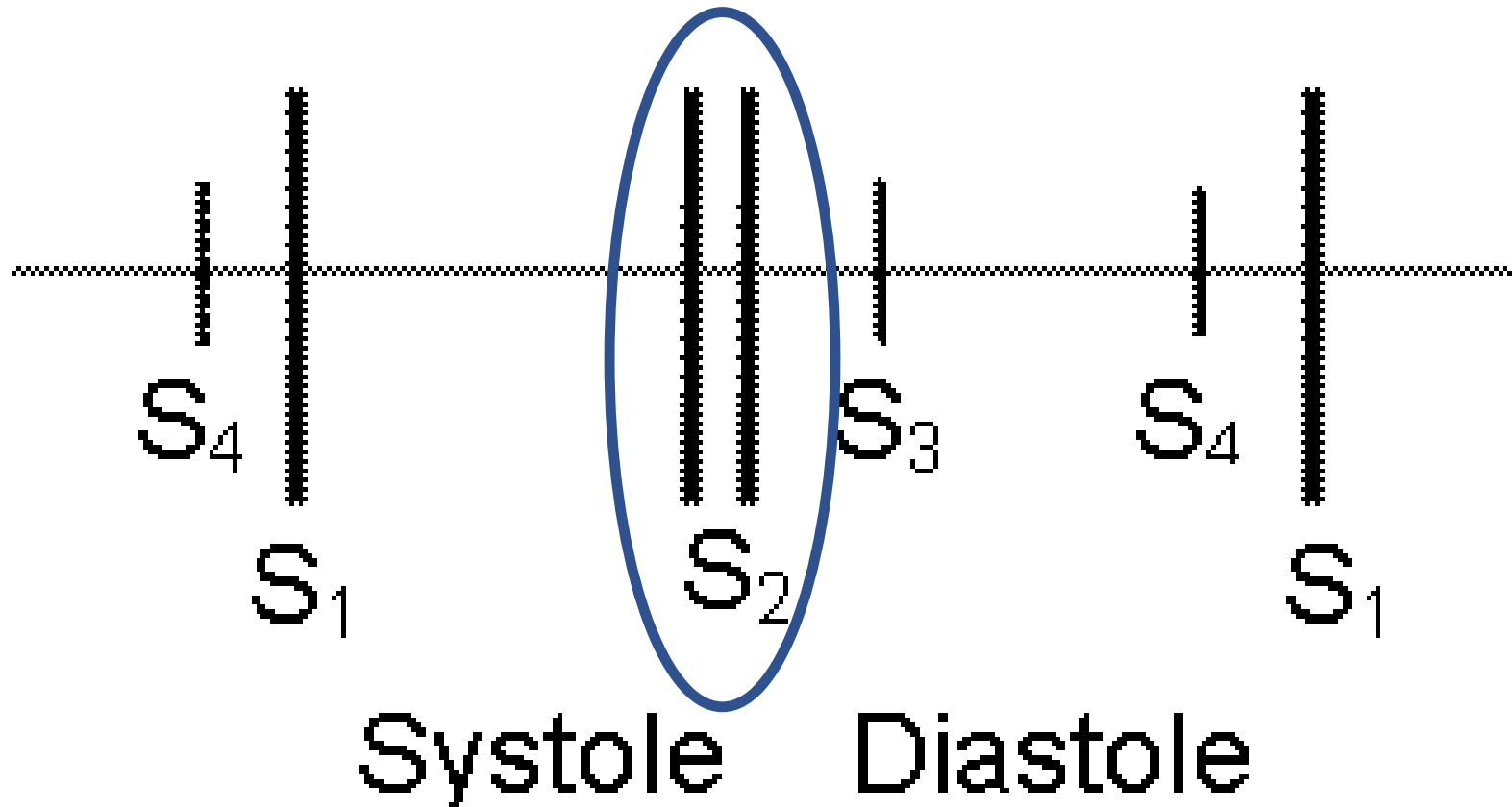


Split S1-słuchamy

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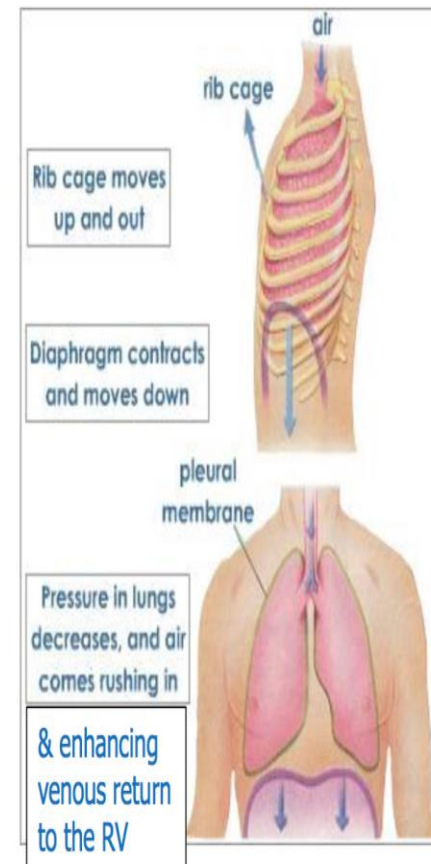


Split S2

- Split of S2 can be normally heard **on deep inspiration**
- because **when a person takes a deep breath, a decrease of intrathoracic pressure causes an increase of venous blood (VCS & VCI)...**
- This **rapid venous return** on the right side of the heart **may cause a slight delay RV emptying and a slight delay of PV closure** (in comparison to Ao valve)

During the isovolumetric relaxation, the aortic valve closes before the pulmonary valve

Inspiration causes splitting of S₂ (A₂, P₂), delaying closure of the pulmonic valve.



Intrathoracic pressure decreases
↓
Increases venous return to the RV
↓
Increases RV preload (RVEDV)
↓
Results in increased stroke volume and prolongs RV ejection time
↓
Delays closure of P₂

Split S2 – słuchamy

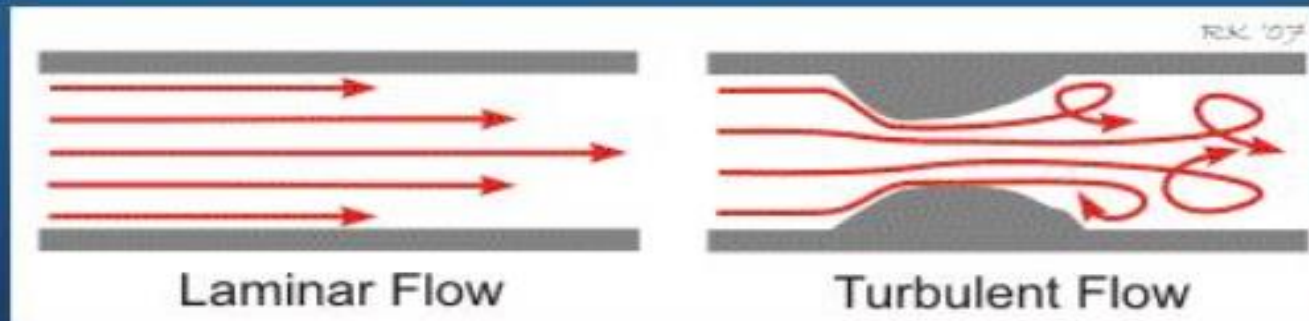
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HEART MURMURS



Physiology: Sounds

- Murmurs:
 - Cause: Turbulence / Non-laminar flow
 - Reynold's number
 - = inertial force / viscous force
 - = (length X velocity X density) / (viscosity)
 - = length X velocity X constant
 - Reynold's number > 30: turbulent or non-laminar flow
 - When:
 - High flow rate through normal or abnormal orifice
 - Flow through constricted or irregular orifice into dilated area
 - Backwards or regurgitant flow



Assessing a Murmur (SCRIPT mnemonic)

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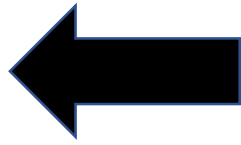
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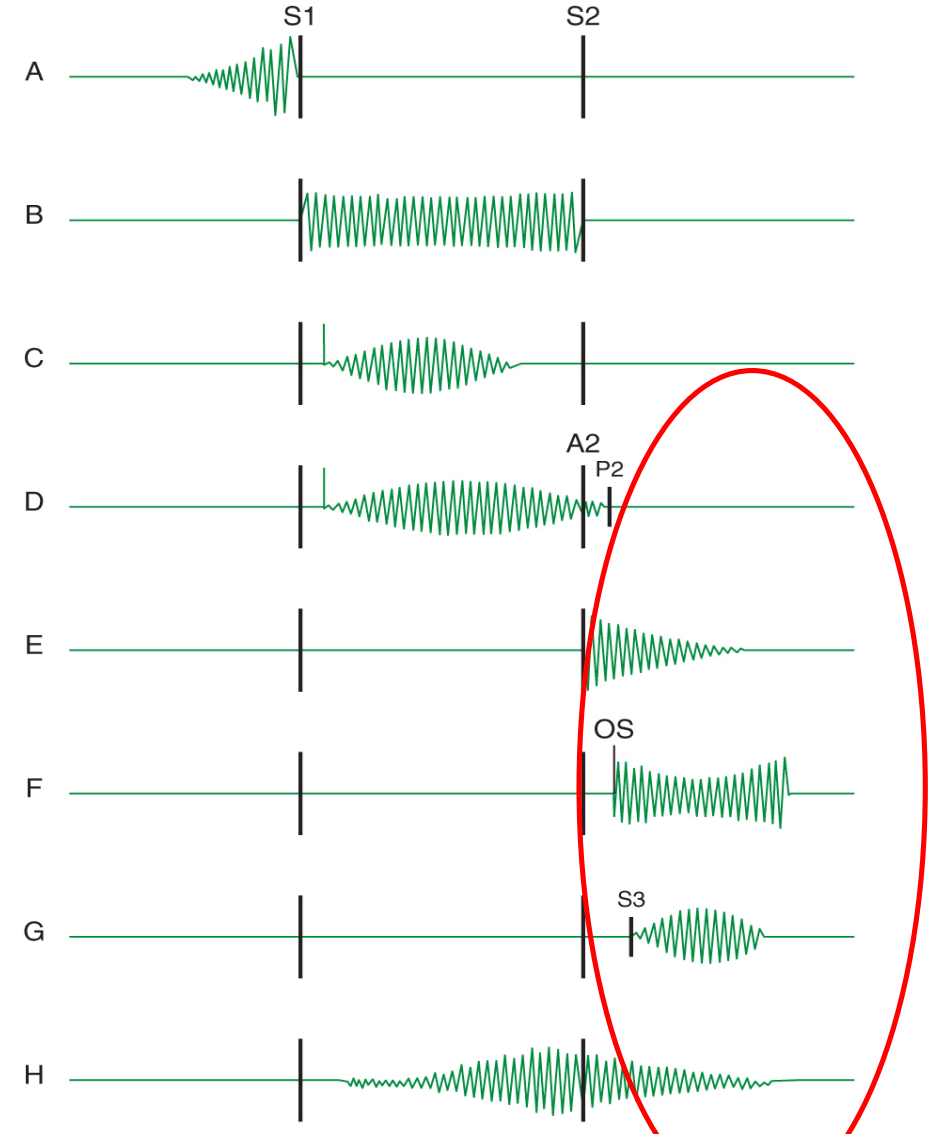
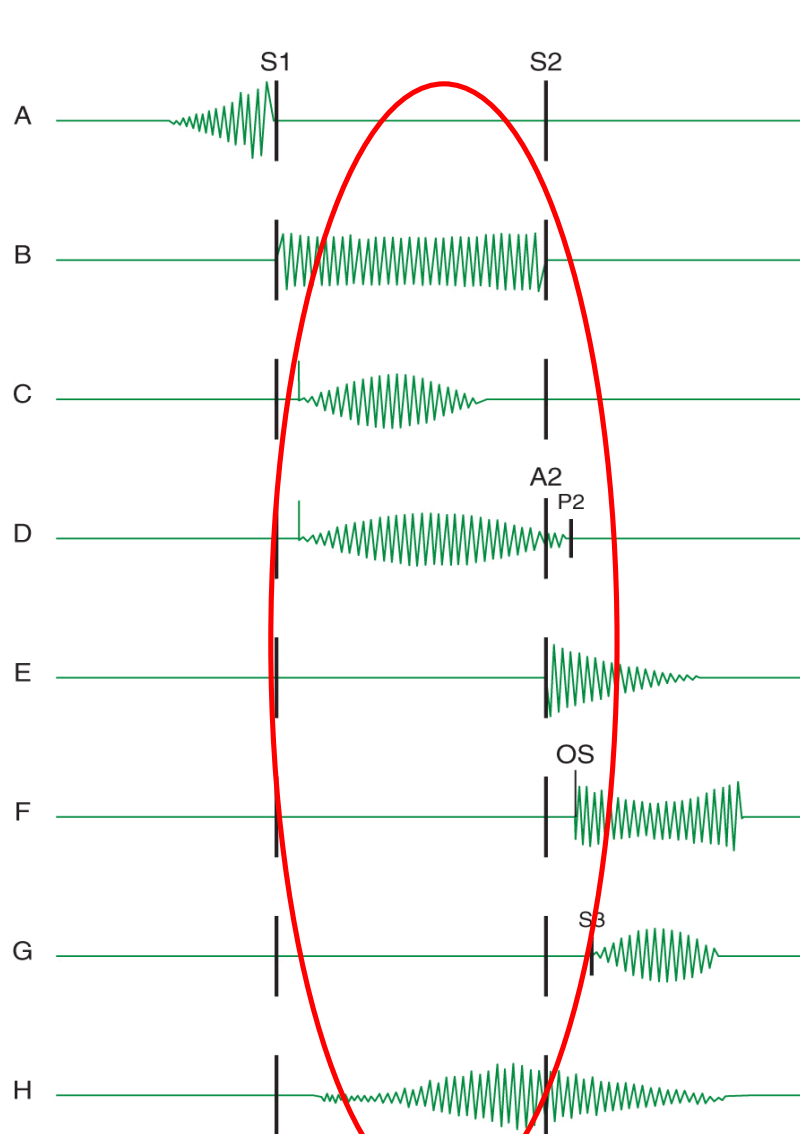
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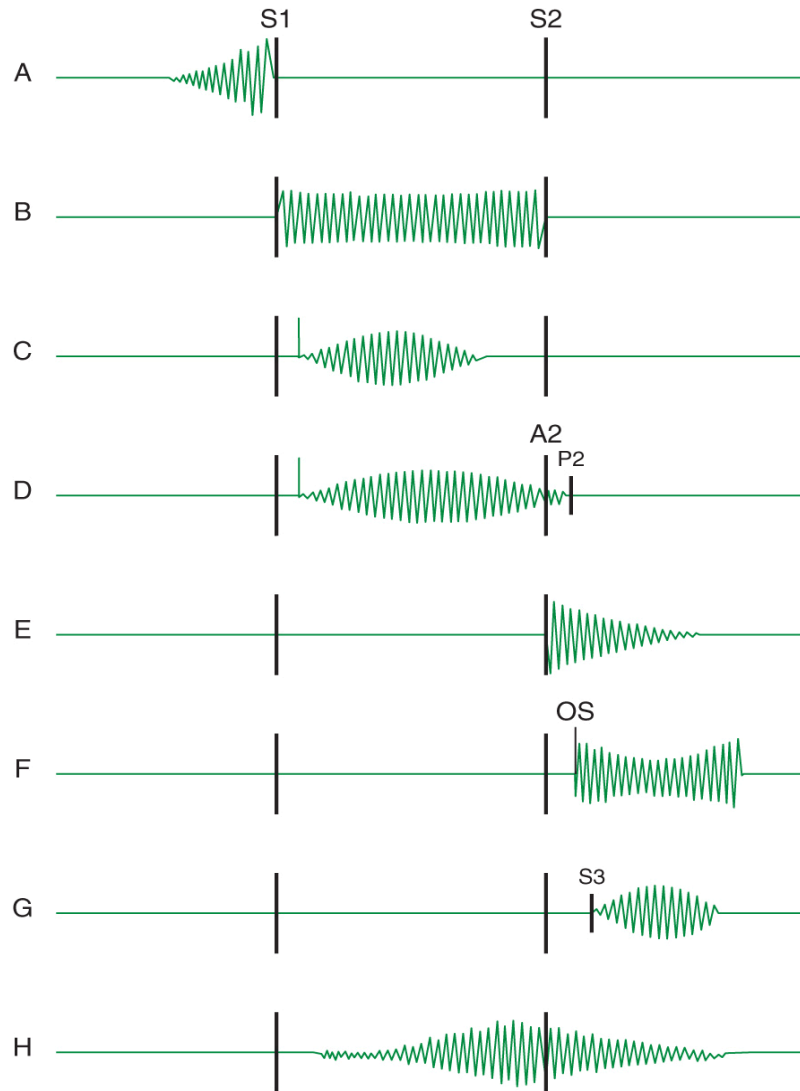
MURMURS



DIASTOLIC



MURMURS



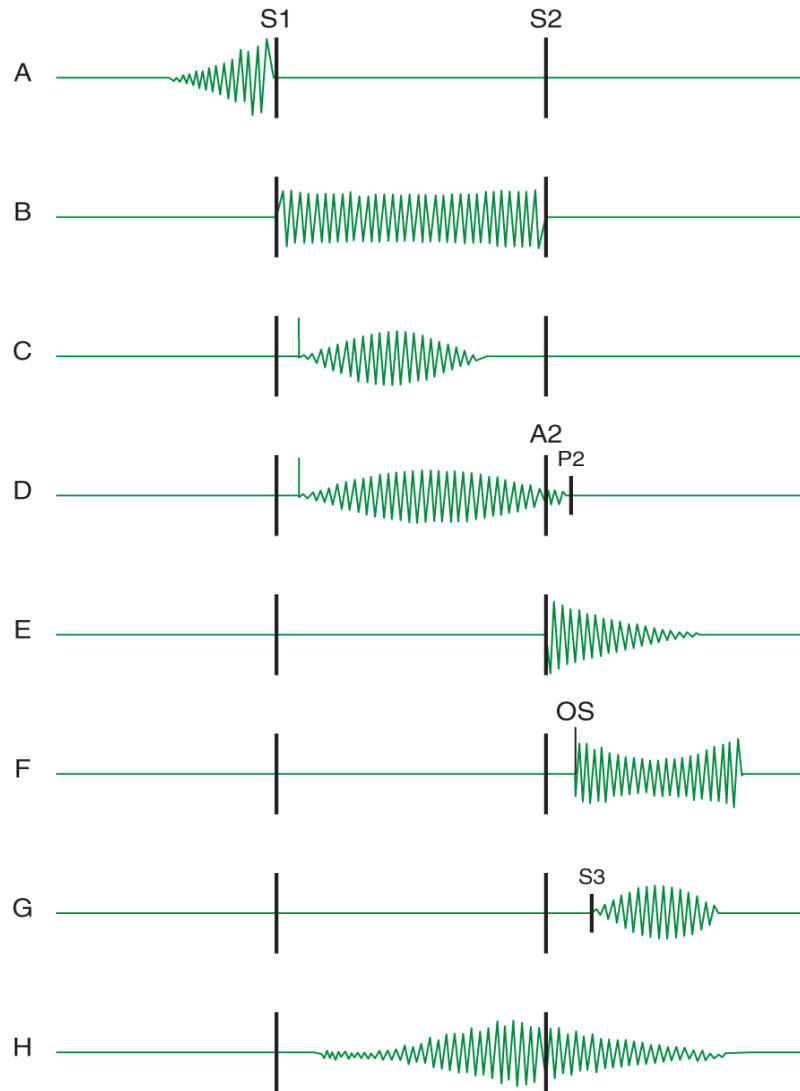
- **Holo-** systolic= **Pansystolic**

- **Early-** systolic

- **Mid-** systolic

- **End-** systolic

MURMURS

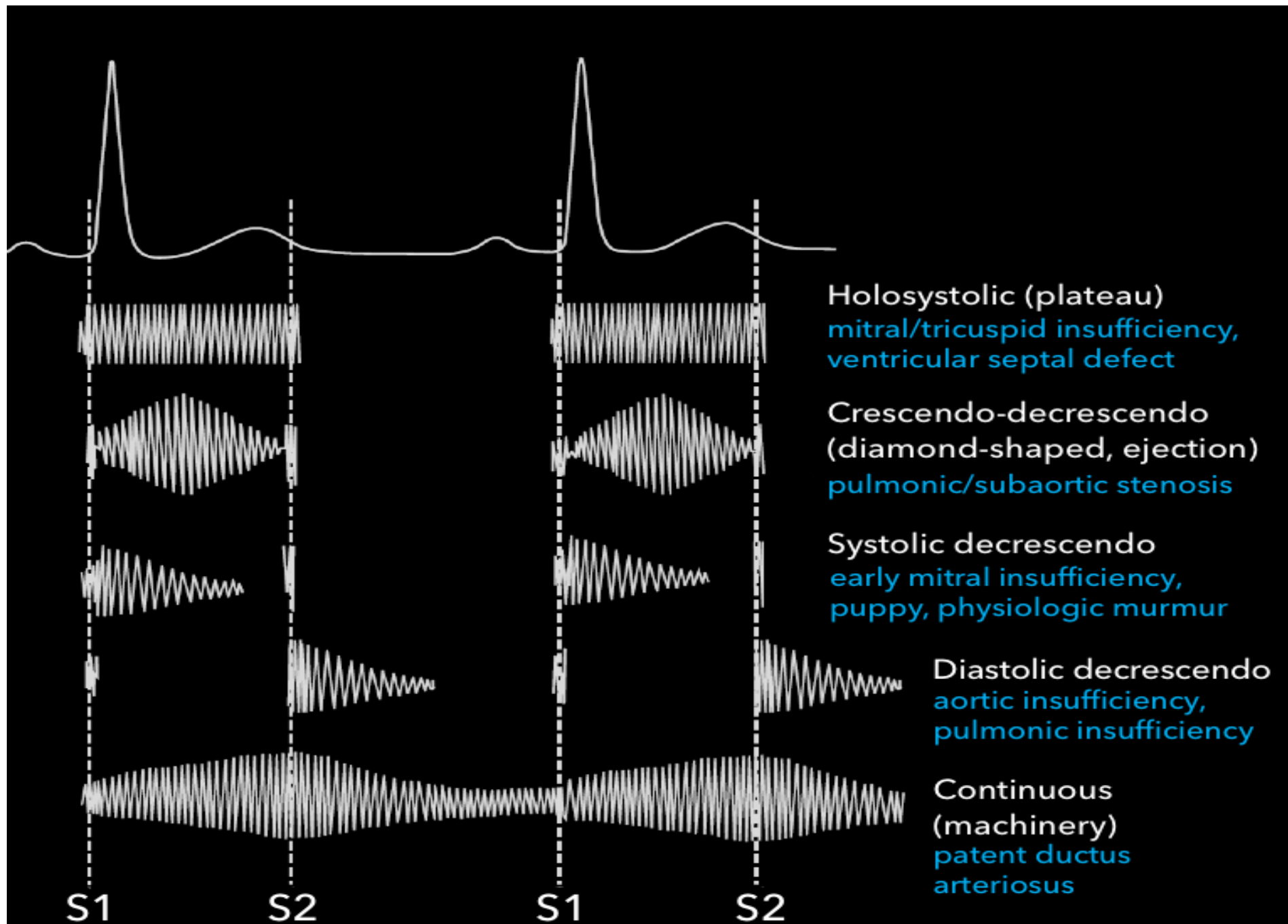


- **End-diastolic**

- **Early-** diastolic

- **Holo-** diastolic

- **Mid-** diastolic



Systolic Murmurs

Early systolic

Mitral

Acute MR

VSD

Muscular

Nonrestrictive with pulmonary hypertension

Tricuspid

TR with normal pulmonary artery pressure

Mid-systolic

Aortic

Obstructive

Supravalvular—supravalvular aortic stenosis, coarctation of the aorta

Valvular—AS and aortic sclerosis

Subvalvular—discrete, tunnel or HOCM

Increased flow, hyperkinetic states, AR, complete heart block

Dilation of ascending aorta, atheroma, aortitis

Pulmonary

Obstructive

Supravalvular—pulmonary artery stenosis

Valvular—pulmonic valve stenosis

Subvalvular—infundibular stenosis (dynamic)

Increased flow, hyperkinetic states, left-to-right shunt (e.g., ASD)

Dilation of pulmonary artery

Late systolic

Mitral

MVP, acute myocardial ischemia

Tricuspid

TVP

Holosystolic

Atrioventricular valve regurgitation (MR, TR)

Left-to-right shunt at ventricular level (VSD)

Early Diastolic Murmurs

Aortic regurgitation

Valvular: congenital (bicuspid valve), rheumatic deformity, endocarditis, prolapse, trauma, post-valvulotomy

Dilation of valve ring: aortic dissection, annulo-aortic ectasia, cystic medial degeneration, hypertension, ankylosing spondylitis

Widening of commissures: syphilis

Pulmonic regurgitation

Valvular: post-valvulotomy, endocarditis, rheumatic fever, carcinoid

Dilation of valve ring: pulmonary hypertension; Marfan syndrome

Congenital: isolated or associated with tetralogy of Fallot, VSD, pulmonic stenosis

Mid-Diastolic Murmurs

Mitral

Mitral stenosis

Carey-Coombs murmur (mid-diastolic apical murmur in acute rheumatic fever)

Increased flow across nonstenotic mitral valve (e.g., MR, VSD, PDA, high-output states, and complete heart block)

Tricuspid

Tricuspid stenosis

Increased flow across nonstenotic tricuspid valve (e.g., TR, ASD, and anomalous pulmonary venous return)

Left and right atrial tumors (myxoma)

Severe AR (Austin Flint murmur)

Continuous Murmurs

Patent ductus arteriosus

Coronary AV fistula

Ruptured sinus of Valsalva aneurysm

Aortic septal defect

Cervical venous hum

Anomalous left coronary artery

Proximal coronary artery stenosis

Mammary souffle of pregnancy

Pulmonary artery branch stenosis

Bronchial collateral circulation

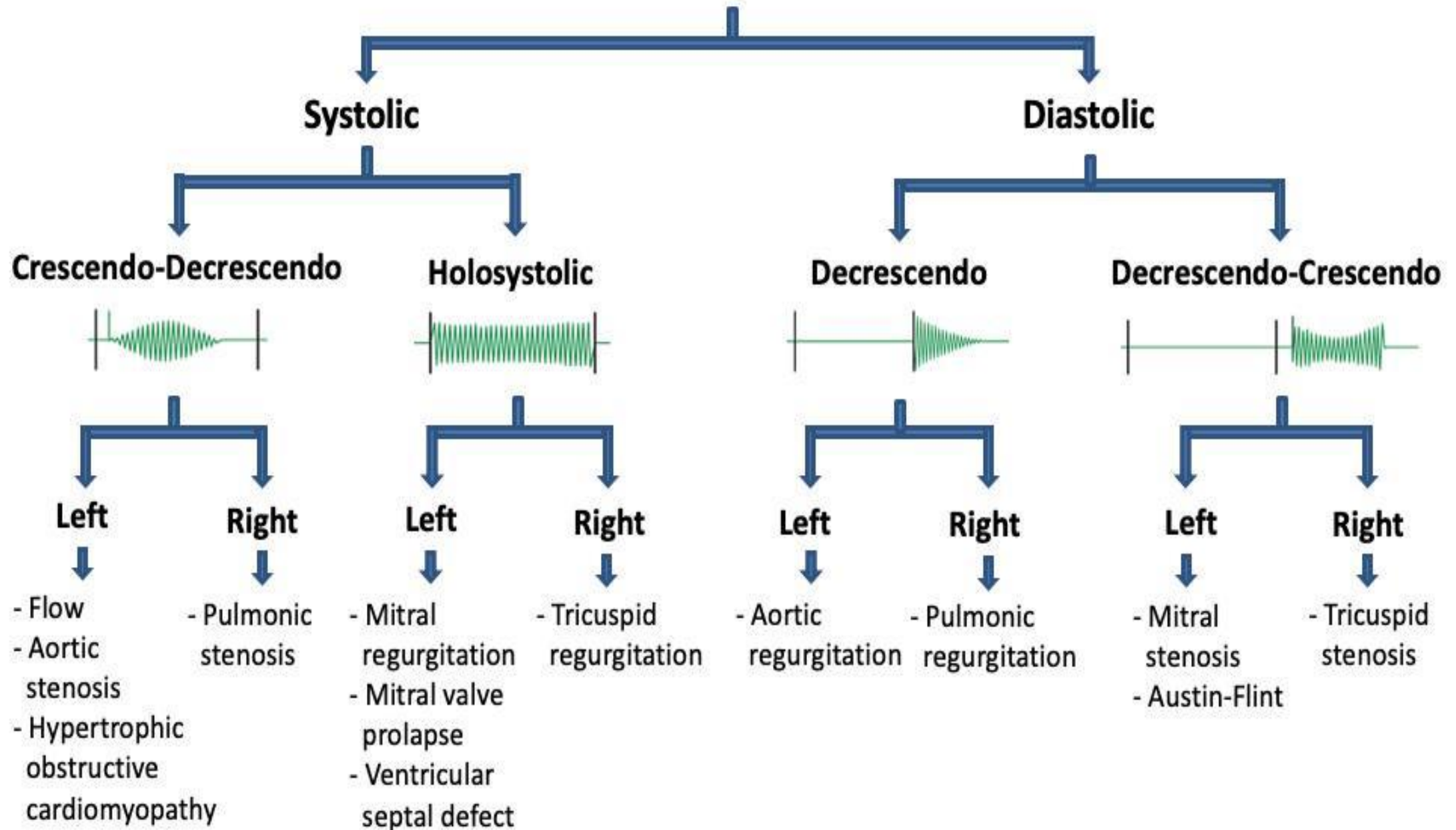
Small (restrictive) ASD with MS

Intercostal AV fistula

Abbreviations: AR, aortic regurgitation; AS, aortic stenosis; ASD, atrial septal defect; AV, arteriovenous; HOCM, hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy; MR, mitral regurgitation; MS, mitral stenosis; MVP, mitral valve prolapse; PDA, patent ductus arteriosus; TR, tricuspid regurgitation; TVP, tricuspid valve prolapse; VSD, ventricular septal defect.

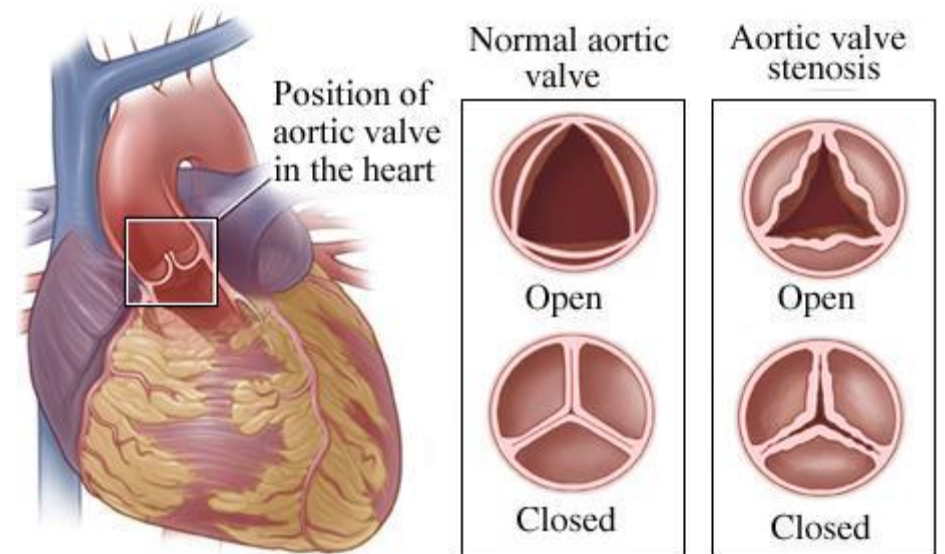
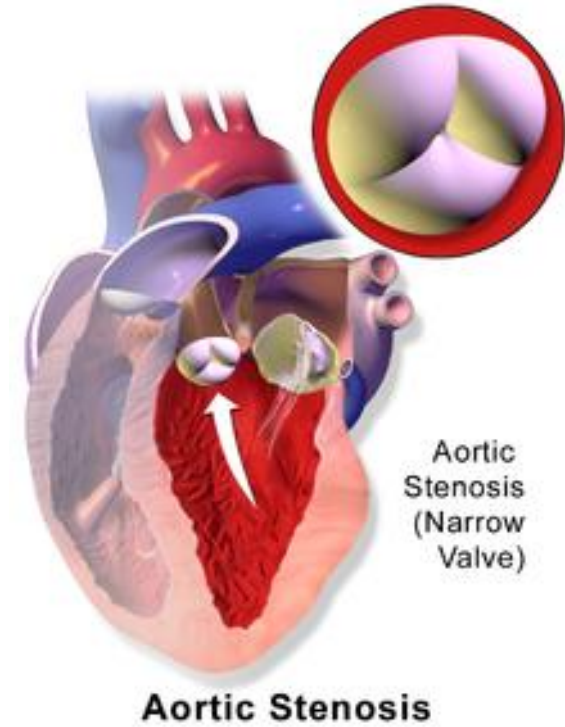
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Heart Murmurs Adults



Aortic stenosis (AoS)

- In a child with AoS, because the AoV is very narrow, **the pressure in LV is much higher** than normal and the **heart must work harder** to pump blood out into the body arteries
- Over time this CHD can cause **hypertrophy and damage to the overworked heart muscle**- should be treated (balloon or surgery)
- On examination- **systolic ejection murmur** due to **turbulent flow through the AoV**

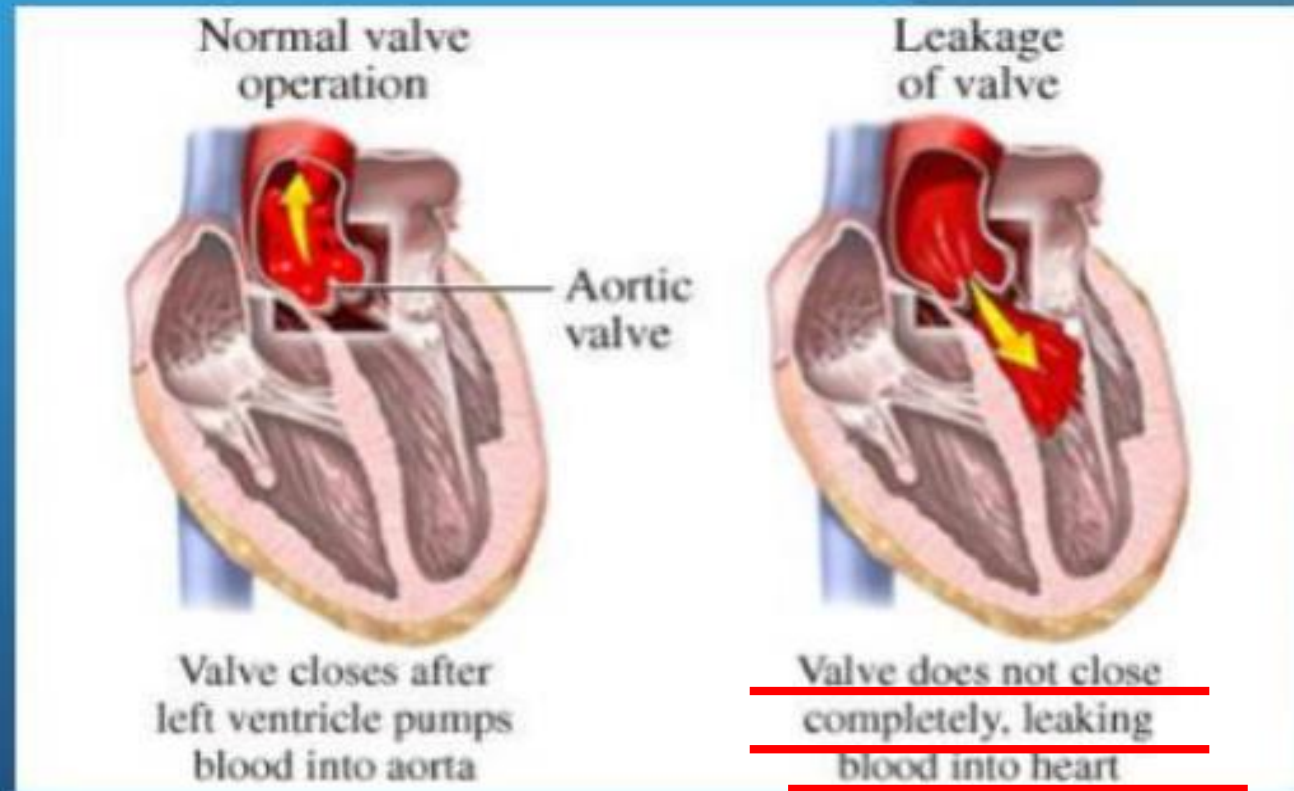


Aortic stenosis- słuchamy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgDWz1JybzE&t=15s>

Pathology: Aortic Valve Regurgitation

- Incompetent aortic valve
- Maybe in conjunction with aortic stenosis
- Maybe associated with dilated aorta root

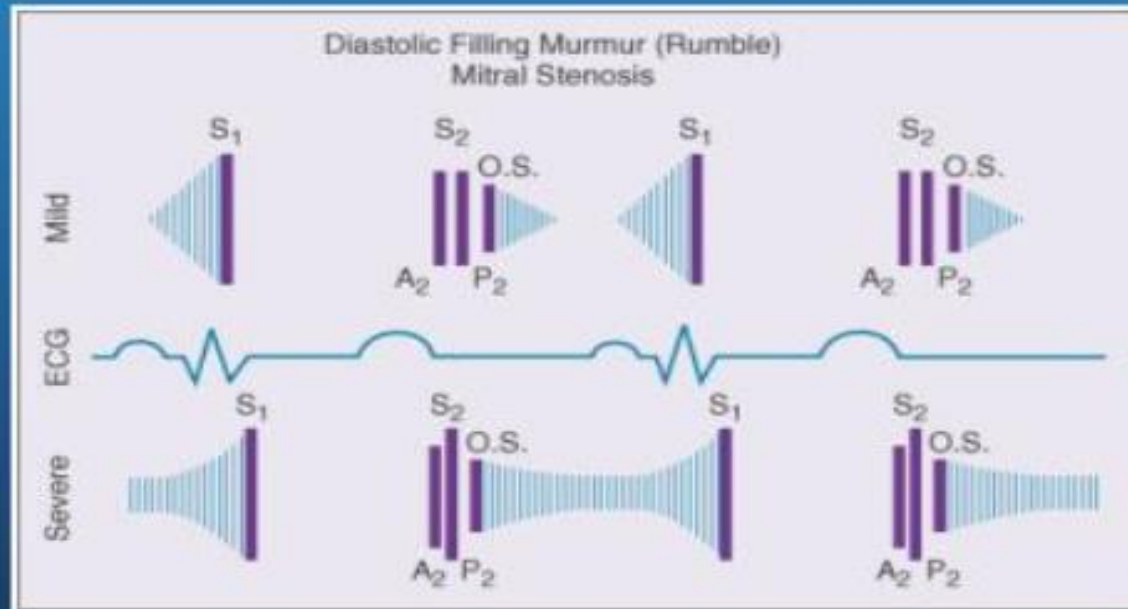


Ao regurgitation- słuchamy

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Pathology: Mitral

- Mitral stenosis
 - Mid-diastolic and pre-systolic low frequency “rumble”
 - Murmur after mitral opening snap
 - Opening snap: depend on calcification $\propto 1/\text{valve mobility}$
 - Often difficult to hear as soft and low frequency
 - Aerobic exercise and left lateral decubitus position accentuate

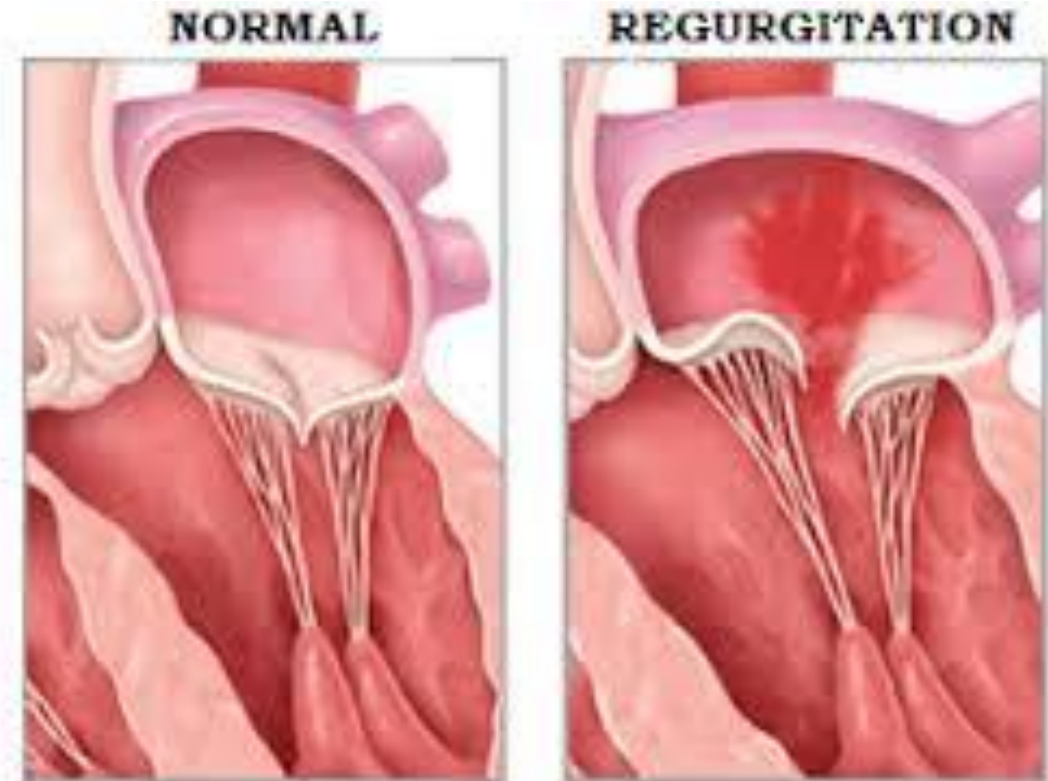
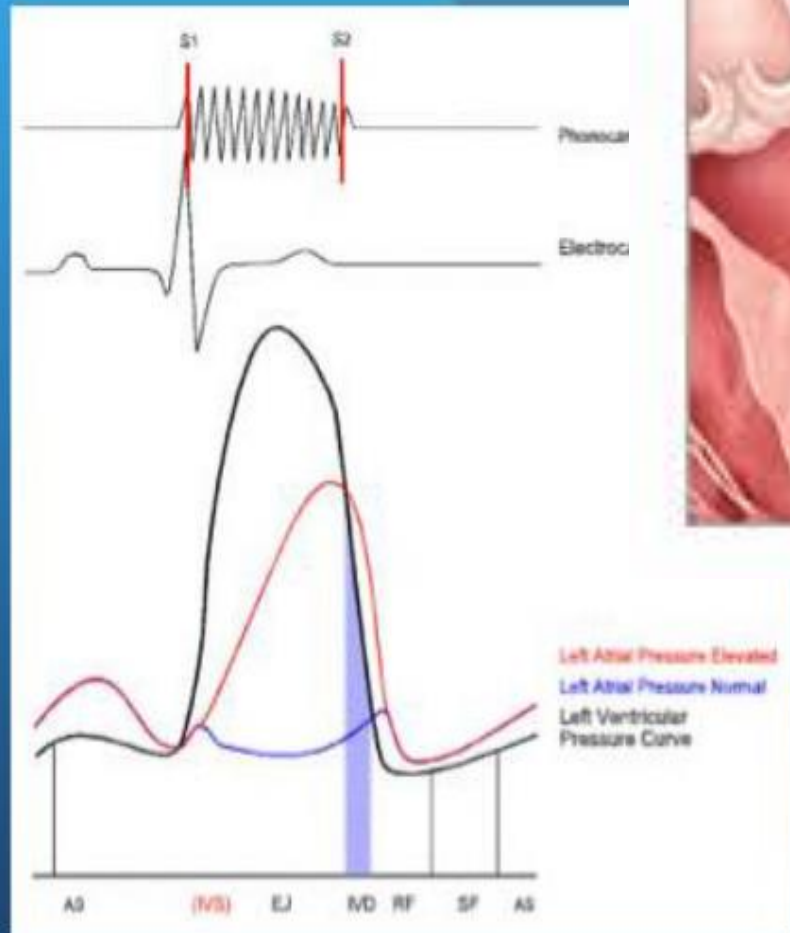


Mitral stenosis- słuchamy

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Pathology: Mitral

- Mitral regurgitation
 - Holosystolic constant high-frequency
- Maneuvers:
 - Typical MR and Rheumatic MR:
 - Increase with increase afterload
 - Not effected much by respiration
 - Mitral valve prolapse:
 - Significant changes with respiration

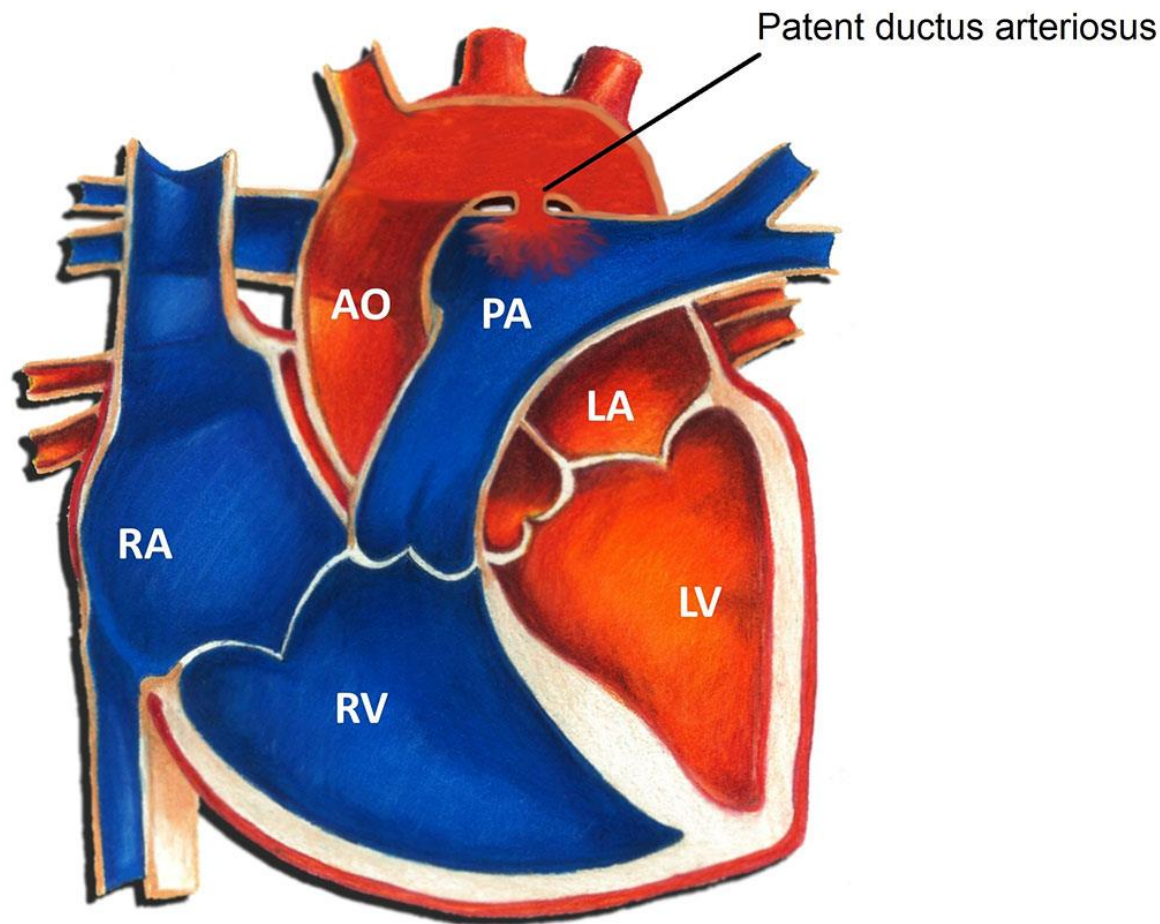


→ MV cannot close completely causing leakage of the blood during systole of the heart cycle

Mitral- Tricuspid Valve Regurgitation Holosystolic Murmur

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Continuous machinery murmur- PDA (Gibson's murmur)

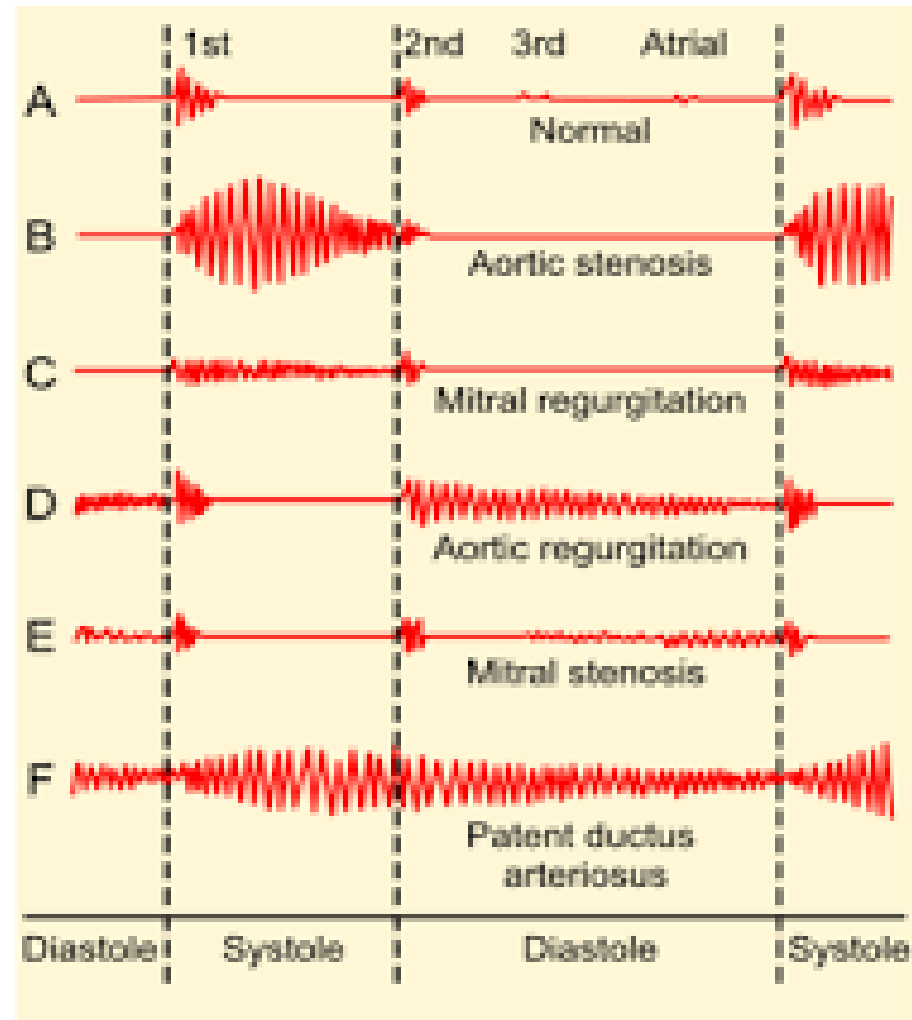


- In PDA, abnormal blood flow occurs between Ao and pumonary trunk
- Typical machinery systolic-diastolic murmur

Continuous murmur- PDA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LduljbtF7kA>

Heart murmurs- summary



Phonocardiograms from normal
and abnormal heart sounds

Murmur Grade- Levine's grading

- 1. Difficult to hear**
- 2. Quiet**
- 3. Easy to hear with stethoscope, but no palpable thrill**
- 4. Easy to hear with a palpable thrill**
- 5. Can hear with stethoscope barely touching chest**
- 6. Can hear with stethoscope off the chest**

→ Grading a murmur is quite subjective but is helpful in assessing the severity of the defect and will make you sound clever.

→ If in doubt it is probably grade 2 or 3.

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Special manoeuvres

- can be used to emphasise certain murmurs:
 - Patient on their left side → ***mitral stenosis***
 - Patient sat up, leaning forward and holding exhalation → ***aortic regurgitation***

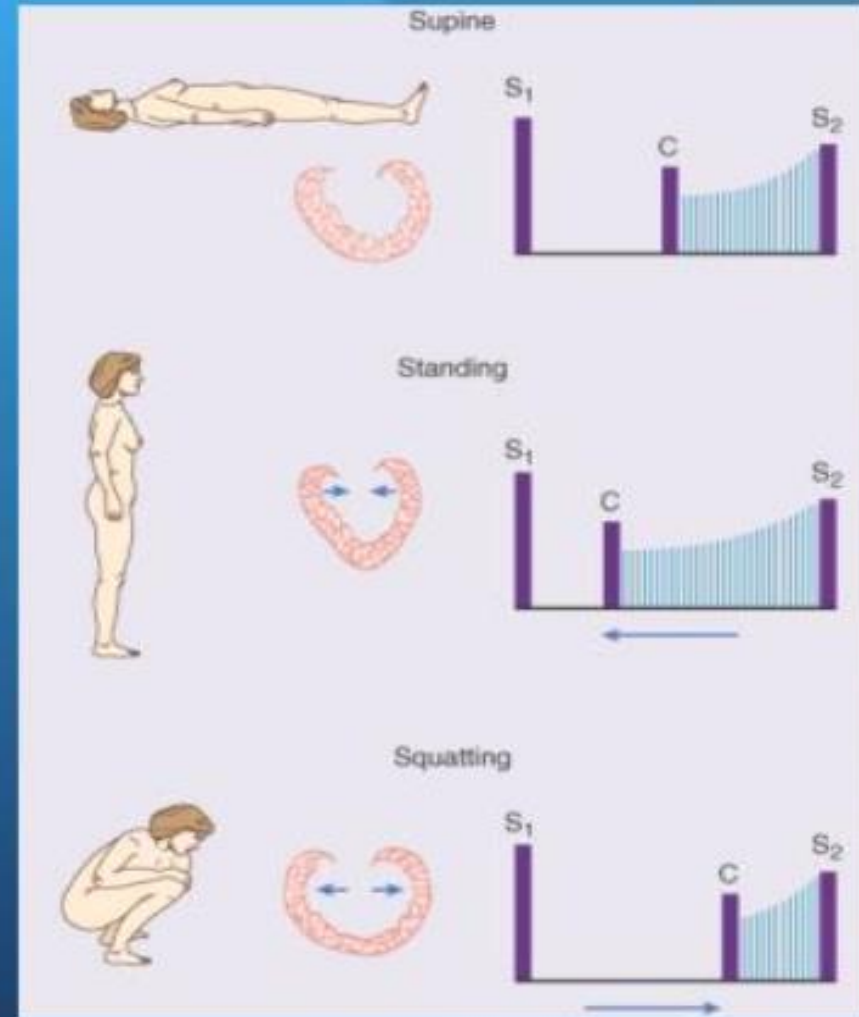
Physiology: Maneuvers

- Position

- Supine:
 - Increase preload: increased blood volume in heart
- Rapid standing:
 - Decrease preload: decreased blood volume in heart
- Valsalva (bear down)
 - Decrease venous return (preload)

- Breathing

- Deep breath in: Increased preload
- Deep breath out: Decrease preload



But....

... not every murmur is a pathology



Innocent murmurs



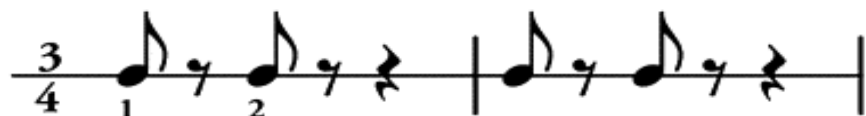
- In healthy children
- Caused by turbulent blood flow through **anatomically healthy heart**
- **Asymptomatic**
- Always **systolic**
- **Postural**- volume varies with sitting/ standing
- Intensifies with **increased cardiac output** (eg.fever, emotions, exercise)
- **Short** duration
- **Soft** and **quite** in quality < 3 grade
- **No radiation**
- Otherwise **normal physical examination**- no palpable thrill, no SOB, no FTT, normal BP, HR, SaO₂

Innocent murmur- słuchamy

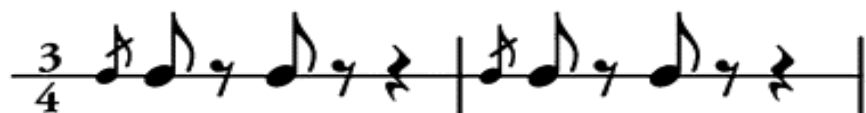
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Heart sounds

Normal 1st and 2nd heart sounds



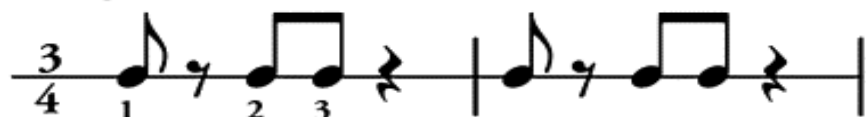
Split 1st heart sound



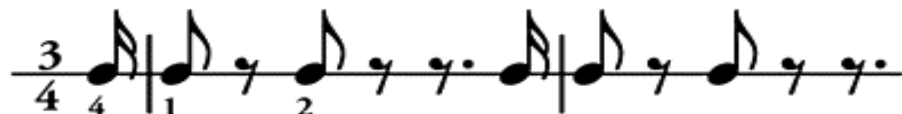
Split 2nd heart sound



Added 3rd heart sound



Added 4th heart sound

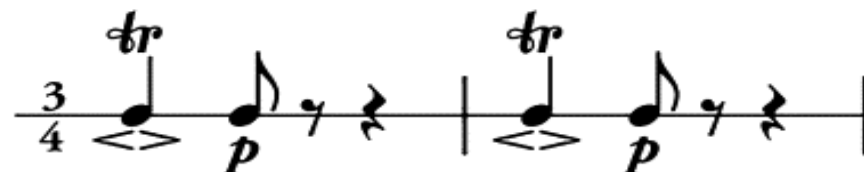


Summation gallop

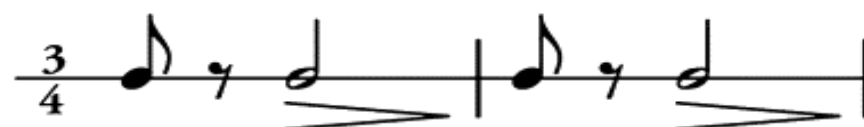


Left-sided murmurs

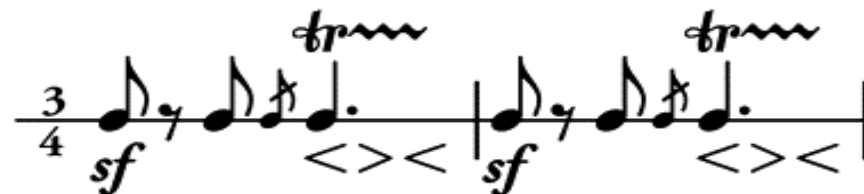
Aortic stenosis



Aortic regurgitation



Mitral stenosis



Mitral regurgitation



CYANOSIS



CYANOSIS

- the bluish or purplish **discoloration** of the **skin or/ and mucous membranes** due to **low oxygen saturation** of the tissues near the skin surface
- Is a result of **deoxygenated haemoglobin** or **abnormal haemoglobin** in the blood
- Is apparent **when there is ≥ 5 g/dl of reduced haemoglobin**
- Anemic patients may not become cyanotic even in the presence of marked arterial desaturation
- In the light-skinned patients cyanosis is usually noted with arterial $\text{SaO}_2 < 85\%$, whereas:
- In the dark-skinned patients, the SaO_2 may be lower

CYANOSIS

CENTRAL

is due to a circulatory or ventilatory problem that leads to poor blood oxygenation in the lungs

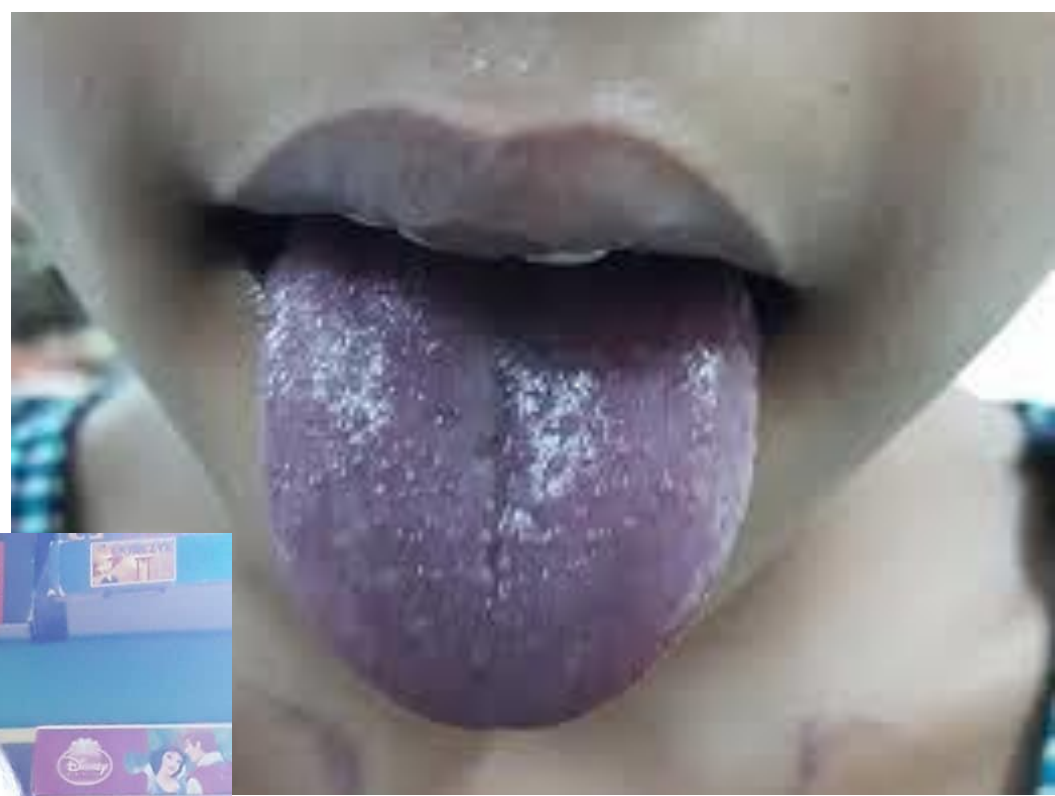
- lips
- tongue

PERIFERAL

Is due to an inadequate or obstructed circulation

- only the extremities or fingers



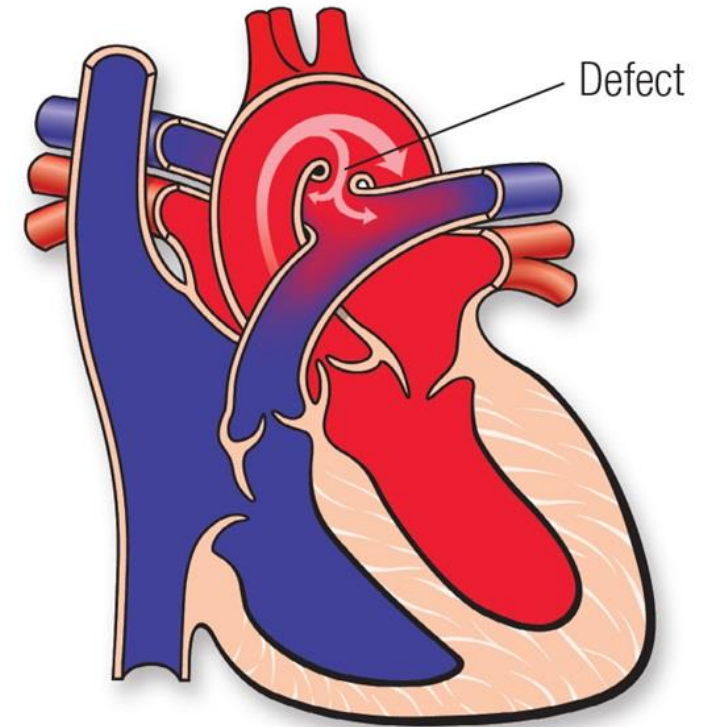


Causes of central cyanosis

1. Cardiovascular diseases:

- Congenital heart disease with R-L shunt
- Heart failure
- Valvular heart disease
- Myocardial infarction

Patent Ductus Arteriosus



Causes of central cyanosis

2. Respiratory system:

- Severe pneumonia
- Bronchiolitis
- Bronchospasm
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Pulmonary embolism
- Hypoventilation
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Cystic fibrosis



Causes of central cyanosis

3. Central nervous system (impairing normal ventilation):

- Intracranial **hemorrhage**
- **Drug overdose** (e.g. heroin) → **apnea** or/ and **airway obstruction**
- **Tonic–clonic seizure** (e.g. grand mal seizure)



Causes of central cyanosis

4. Blood :

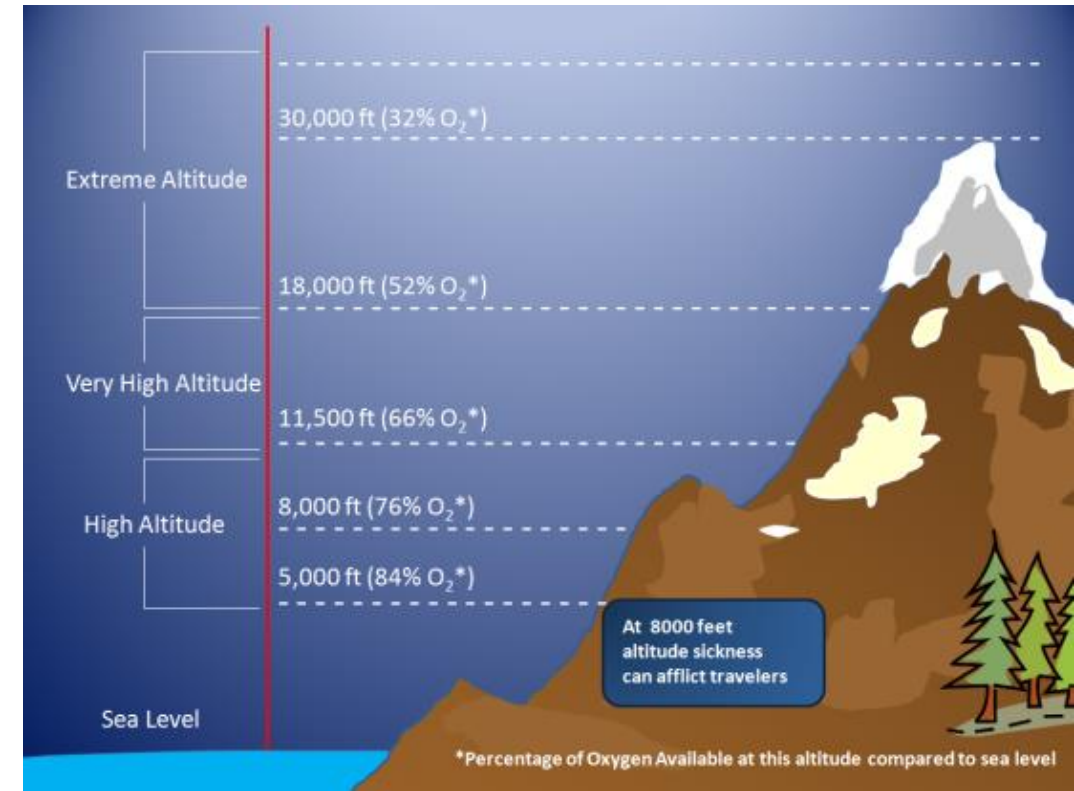
- **Congenital cyanosis** (HbM Boston) arises from a mutation in the α -codon which results in a change of primary sequence
- **Methemoglobinemia**- patient appears cyanosed even in the presence of a normal arterial oxygen level due to conversion of iron in hemoglobin from the ferrous [Fe^{2+}] to the ferric [Fe^{3+}] → acquired (drugs, chemicals & toxins eg. aniline dyes, chlorates, and bromates)
- **Polycythaemia**



Causes of central cyanosis

5. Others:

- **High altitude**, cyanosis may develop in ascents to altitudes >2400 m.
- **Hypothermia**
- Severe obstructive sleep apnea (**apnea**)



Peripheral cyanosis



may be due to the following causes:

- All common causes of central cyanosis
- Reduced cardiac output (e.g. heart failure or hypovolaemia)
- Cold exposure
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Arterial obstruction (e.g. Raynaud phenomenon)
- Venous obstruction (e.g. deep vein thrombosis)



Is it cyanosis?



Is it cyanosis?



Argyria or argyrosis is a condition caused by excessive exposure to chemical compounds of the **element silver** or to **silver dust**

- skin turns purple or purple-grey
- **Generalised (with mucus membranes, eyes) or local**
- Argyria **worsens** and builds up as exposure to silver continues, and **does not resolve once exposure stops**

CLUBBING



NAIL CLUBBING



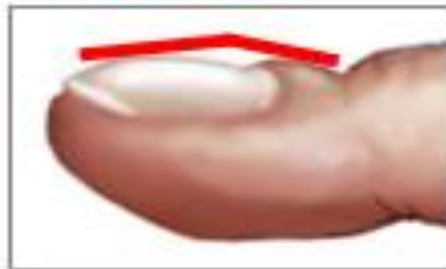
NAIL CLUBBING

- is a deformity of the **fingers** and/or **toes nails** associated with a number of diseases, mostly of the heart and lungs
- occurs when **the tips of the fingers enlarge and the nails curve around the fingertips,**
- usually over the course of years
- is often **the result of low oxygen** in the blood and could be a sign of various types of heart and/ or lung disease
- Patomechanism- unknown

$< 180^\circ$ NAIL CLUBBING



Normal angle
of nail bed

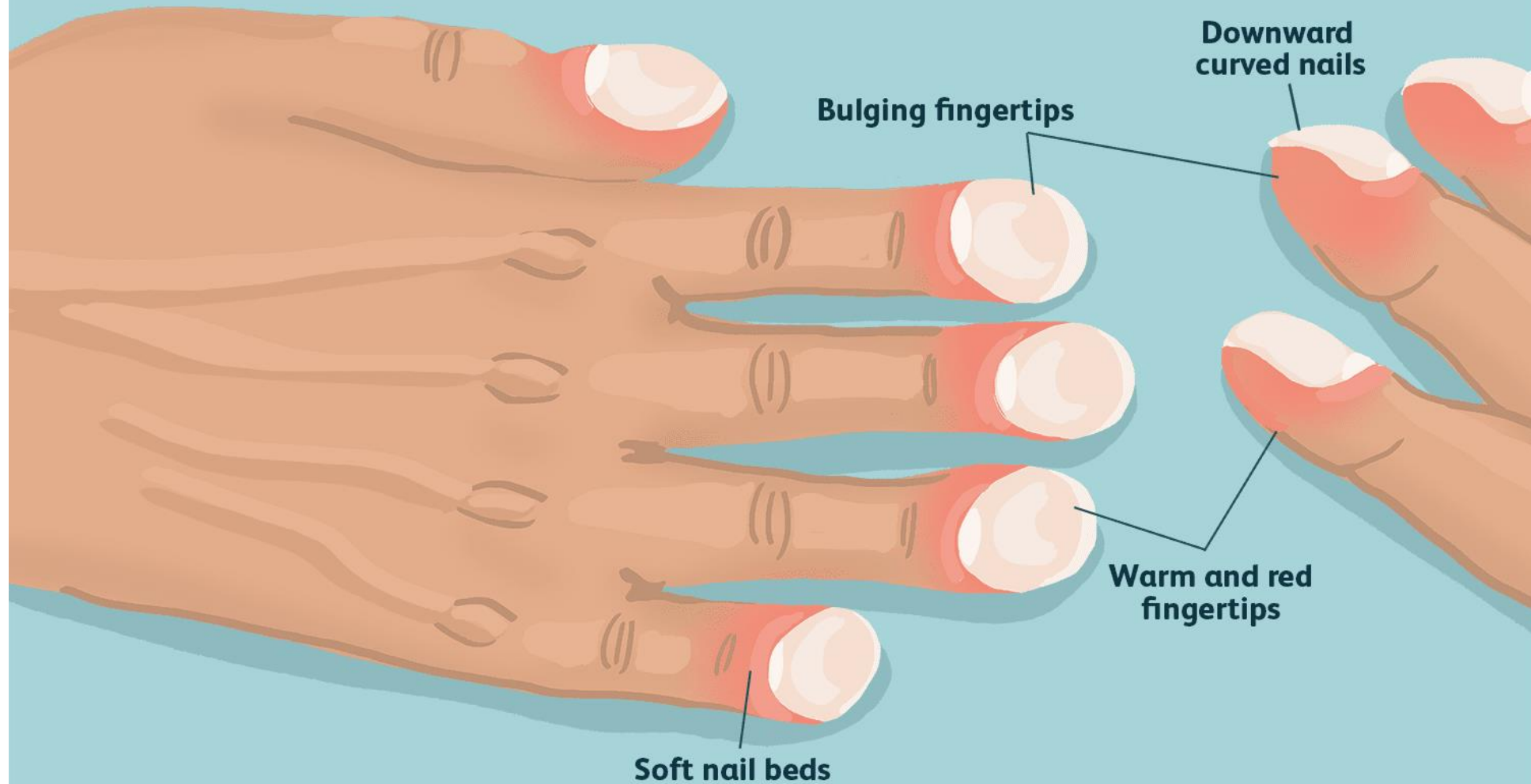


Distorted angle
of nail bed

Clubbed fingers



Clubbing: Common Symptoms



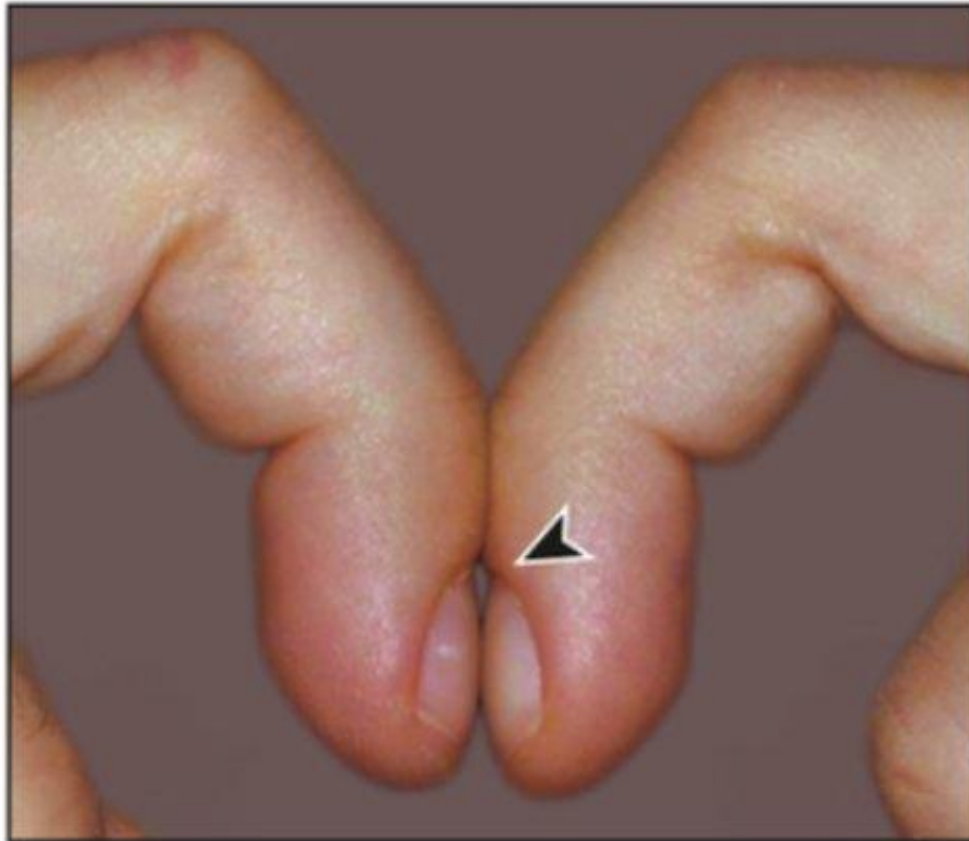
NAIL CLUBBING- TEST (Schamroth sign)



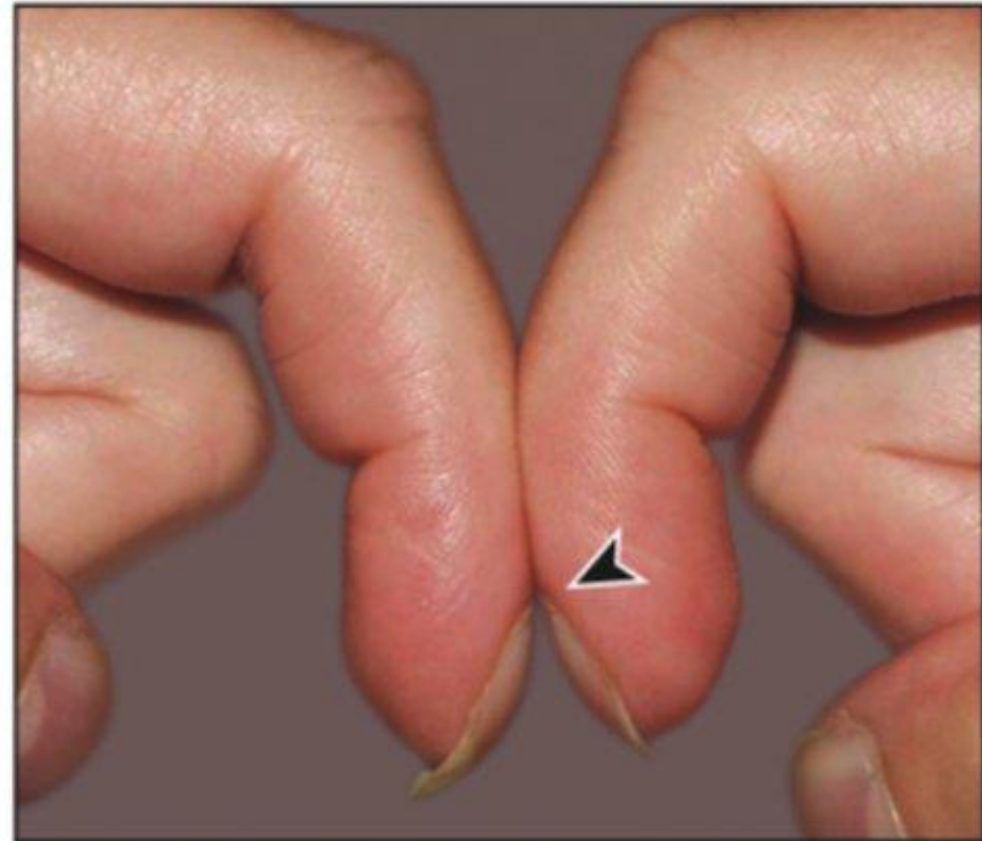
NAIL CLUBBING- TEST

Schamroth sign

Normal



Clubbed



NAIL CLUBBING





NAIL CLUBBING ↔ DRUMSTICKS



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NAIL CLUBBING- COMMON CAUSE



1. **Congenital cyanotic heart defects**
2. Any heart disease featuring **chronic hypoxia**
3. **Infective endocarditis**
4. **Pulmonary conditions** (eg CF, pulmonary hypertension)
 - **Lung cancer** mainly non-small-cell (54% of all cases), not seen frequently in small-cell lung cancer (< 5% of cases)
 - **Interstitial lung disease** most commonly idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
 - **Complicated tuberculosis**
 - Suppurative lung disease: lung abscess, empyema, bronchiectasis, **cystic fibrosis**
 - **Mesothelioma** of the pleura
 - **Arteriovenous fistula** or malformation
 - **Sarcoidosis**

NAIL CLUBBING- COMMON CAUSE

5. **Hereditary**

6. **GI disease** (Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, cirrhosis, especially in primary biliary cirrhosis)

7. **Idiopathic**



HEART FAILURE

HEART FAILURE IN ADULTS

New York Heart Association (NYHA) Functional Classification

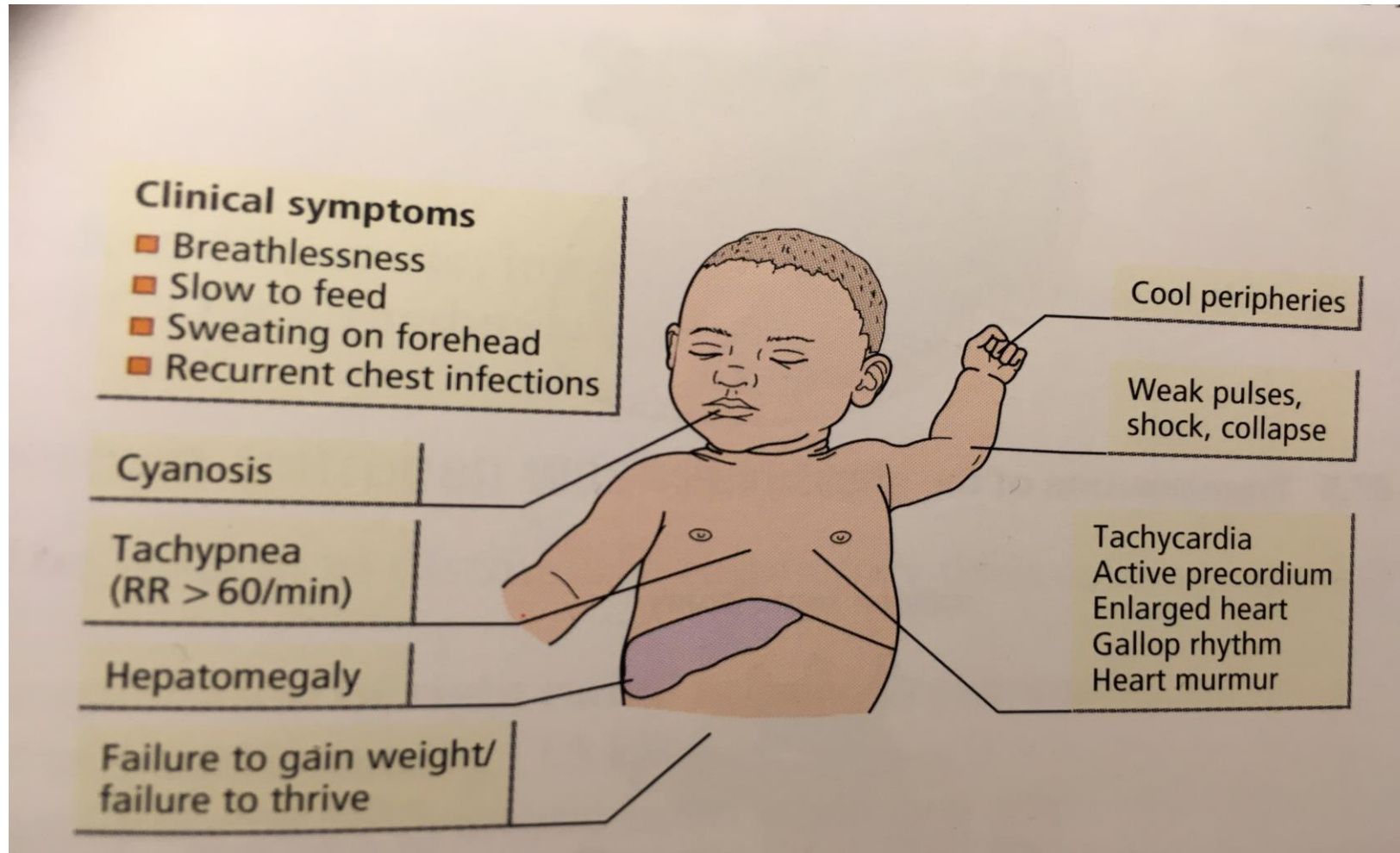
Classifying the extent of heart failure

NYHA Class	Symptoms
I	Cardiac disease, but no symptoms and no limitation in ordinary physical activity, e.g. no shortness of breath when walking, climbing stairs etc.
II	Mild symptoms (mild shortness of breath and/or angina) and slight limitation during ordinary activity.
III	Marked limitation in activity due to symptoms, even during less-than-ordinary activity, e.g. walking short distances (20–100 m). Comfortable only at rest.
IV	Severe limitations. Experiences symptoms even while <i>at rest</i>

Heart failure in children

- May be manifested by symptoms of **poor tissue perfusion alone** (eg. fatigue, poor exercise tolerance, confusion) or
- by symptoms of **congestion of circulation** (e. SOB, pleural effusion, pulmonary or peripheral oedema, hepatomegaly) without evoking compensatory mechanisms
- **Underlying pathophysiology mechanisms** leading to HF include
 - increased afterload (pressure work) eg. valves stenosis
 - Increased preload (volume work) eg. shunts
 - Myocardial abnormalities (eg. Cardiomyopathies)
 - Tachyarrhythmias

HEART FAILURE IN CHILDREN





Common causes of HF in children

Left to right shunting (high-output failure)

Patent ductus arteriosus

Atrioventricular septal defect (AVSD)/large ventricular septal defect (VSD)

Left ventricular outflow obstruction

(duct-dependent systemic circulation)

Severe coarctation of the aorta

Critical aortic valve stenosis

Hypoplastic left heart syndrome

Myocarditis/cardiomyopathy

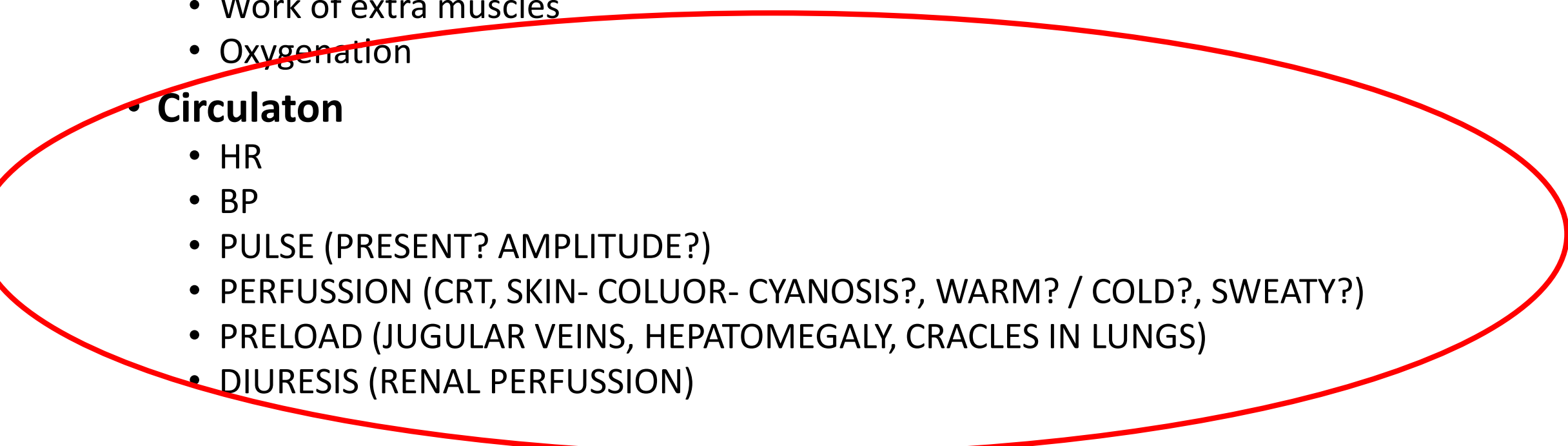
Arrhythmias

Supraventricular tachycardia (SVT)

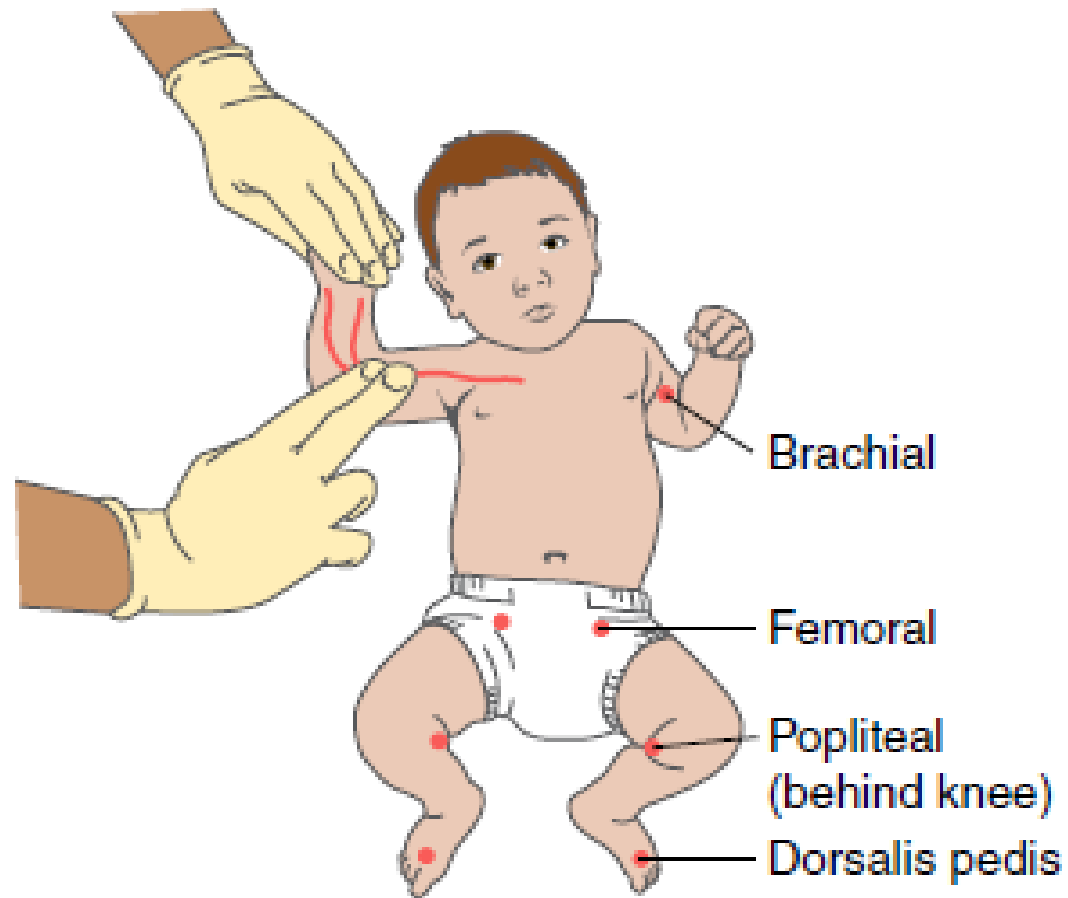
Non-cardiac

Severe anemia, polycythemia, arteriovenous malformation, e.g. vein of Galen malformation

Practical approach to physical examination of circulation

- **Airway**
 - **Breathing**
 - Respiratory Rate
 - Tidal Volume
 - Work of extra muscles
 - Oxygenation
 - **Circulation**
 - HR
 - BP
 - PULSE (PRESENT? AMPLITUDE?)
 - PERFUSION (CRT, SKIN- COLOR- CYANOSIS?, WARM? / COLD?, SWEATY?)
 - PRELOAD (JUGULAR VEINS, HEPATOMEGALY, CRACKLES IN LUNGS)
 - DIURESIS (RENAL PERFUSION)
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Checking the pulse in children

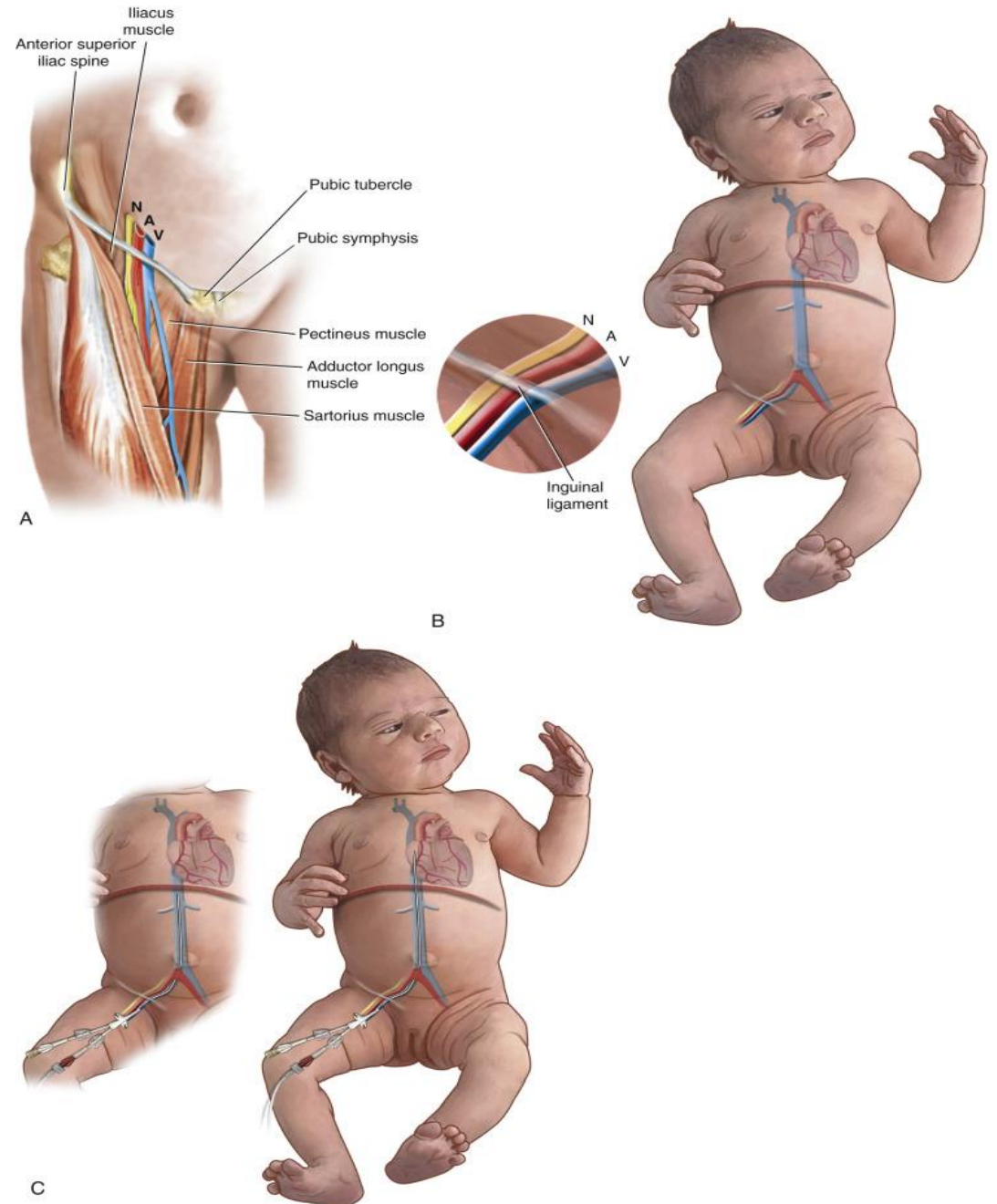


Pulse - Brachial

- Used for infants and small children
- Place fingertips of first 2 or middle 3 fingers over the brachial pulse area
 - Inside of the elbow
- Lightly press your fingertip on the pulse area



Checking the pulse in neonates



Thank you for your
attention!



"It's got a nice beat and it's easy to dance to!"

