



# Eco polmonare: Congestione emodinamica o congestione clinica?



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# The Congestion Iceberg in Heart Failure

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**SYSTEMIC  
CONGESTION**  
(JVD, edema...)

Dyspnea

↑ RV + RA pressure

Increase PA pressure

Increased PCWP

Redistribution in pulmonary  
vascular bed

**PULMONARY CONGESTION**

**HEMODYNAMIC CONGESTION**

↑ LA and LV diastolic pressure

Valvular heart  
disease

**Abnormal LV function (Sys and/or Dia)**

↑ Hydrostatic pressure  
↓ Oncotic pressure  
↑ Permeability  
Lymphatic drainage capacity  
Alveolar-capillary membrane integrity

# Assessing and grading congestion



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REVIEW

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volume status prior to discharge; however, there is no established algorithm for the assessment of congestion.<sup>16</sup> Currently, the gold standard for evaluating haemodynamic congestion in HF patients is cardiac catheterization to measure right atrial pressure and PCWP.<sup>50</sup> However, the invasive nature of catheterization limits



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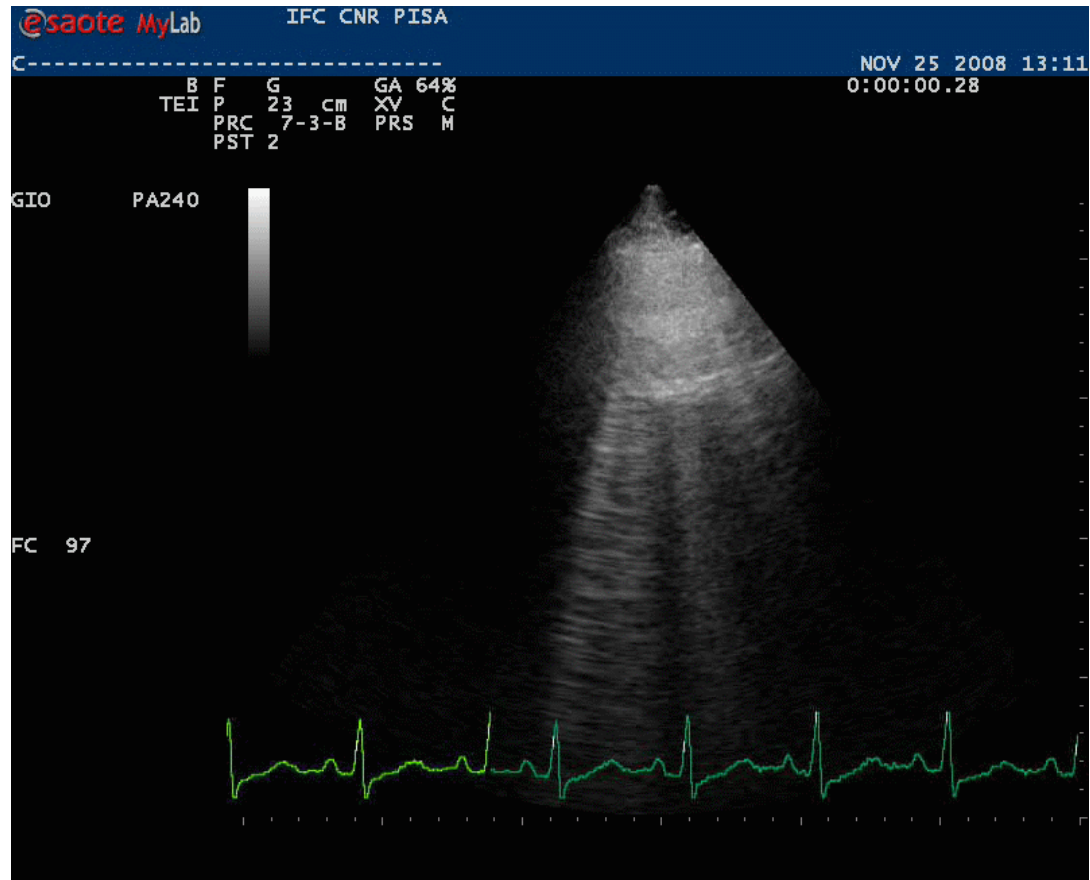
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Ultrasonography of the lungs using an echocardiographic probe is another potentially useful way to assess pulmonary congestion. In patients with pulmonary congestion, images defined as ‘ultrasound lung comets’ can be visualized by scanning with cardiac probes along the intercostal spaces.<sup>97</sup> A correlation exists between the number of ‘ultrasound lung comets,’ pulmonary congestion demonstrated by radiographic signs, interstitial oedema documented by computed tomography, extravascular lung water measured by the indicator dilution technique, and PCWP.<sup>98,99</sup>

Gheorghiade M et al. Eur J Heart Fail 2010;12:423-33.

# Linee B: definizione

Artefatti di riverberazione verticali ed iperecogeni, che originano dalla pleura



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## **International evidence-based recommendations for point-of-care lung ultrasound**



# International Evidenced-based Recommendations for Point-of-Care Lung Ultrasound

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## *Scanning and training methodology*

### B-D2-S1 (strong: level A)

- Multiple B-lines are the sonographic sign of lung interstitial syndrome.

# Sindrome interstiziale polmonare

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## International evidence-based recommendations for point-of-care lung ultrasound

- The presence of multiple diffuse bilateral B-lines indicates interstitial syndrome. Causes of interstitial syndrome include the following conditions:
  - Pulmonary edema of various causes
  - Interstitial pneumonia or pneumonitis
  - Diffuse parenchymal lung disease (pulmonary fibrosis)

# When to assess pulmonary congestion



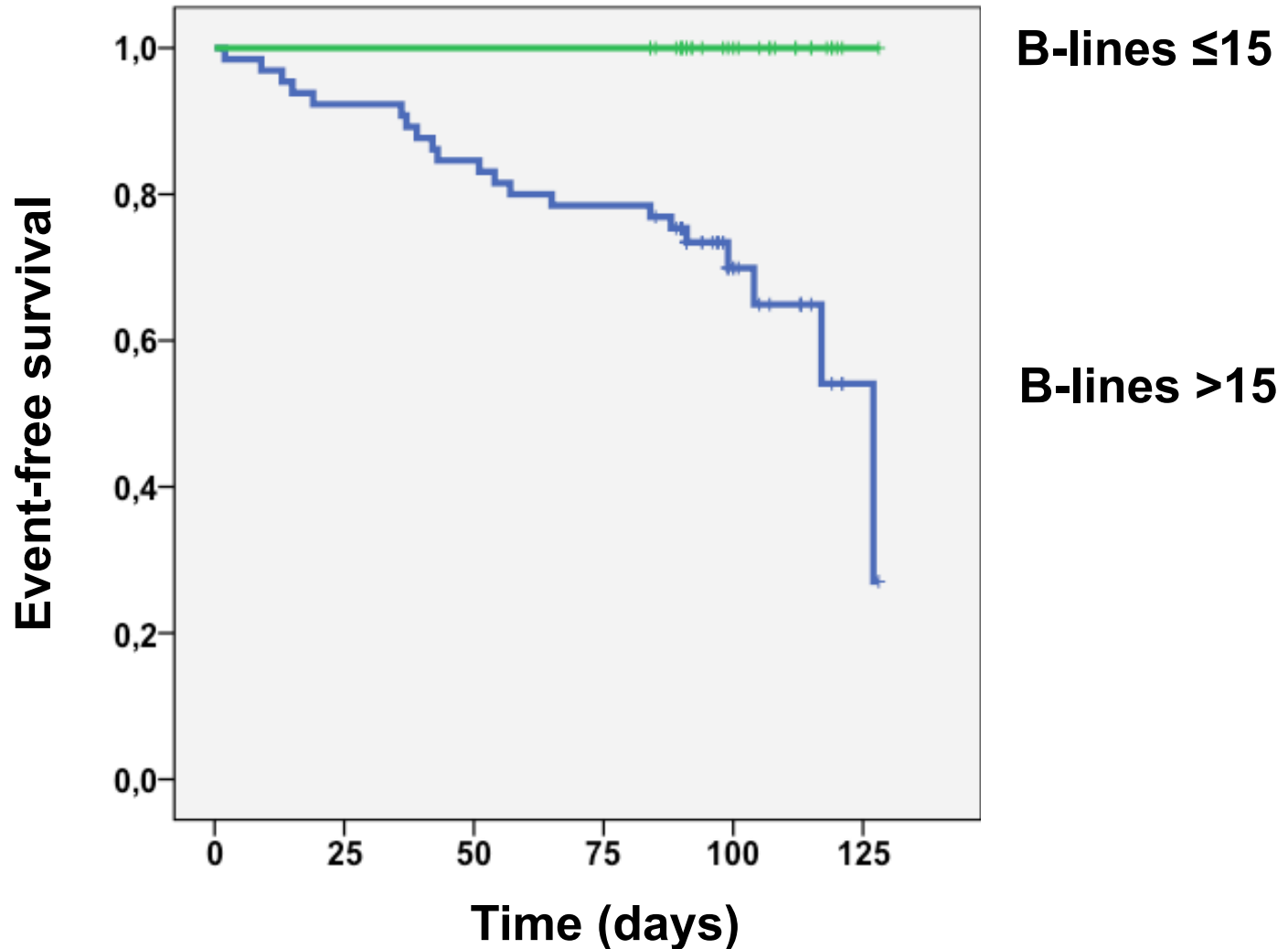
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# Heart failure out-patients

21 ri-ospedalizzazioni per scompenso

n=97



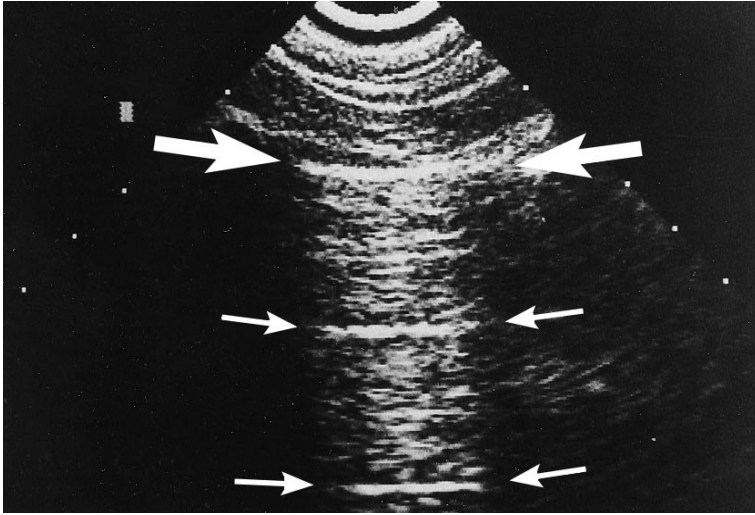
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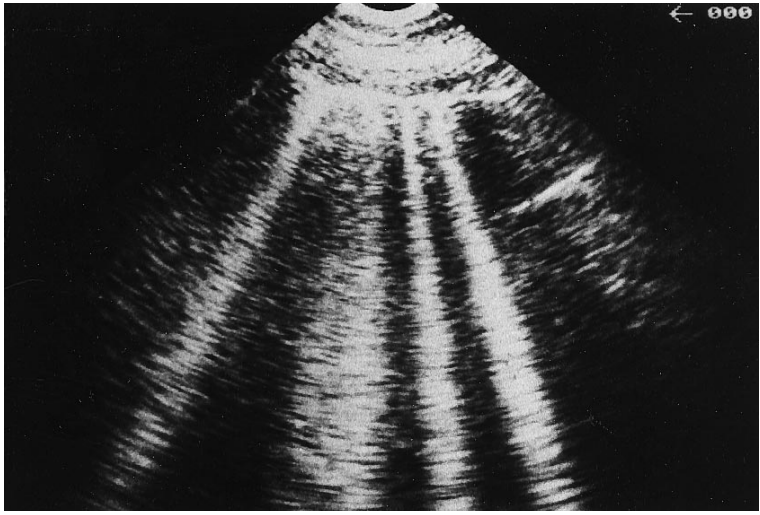
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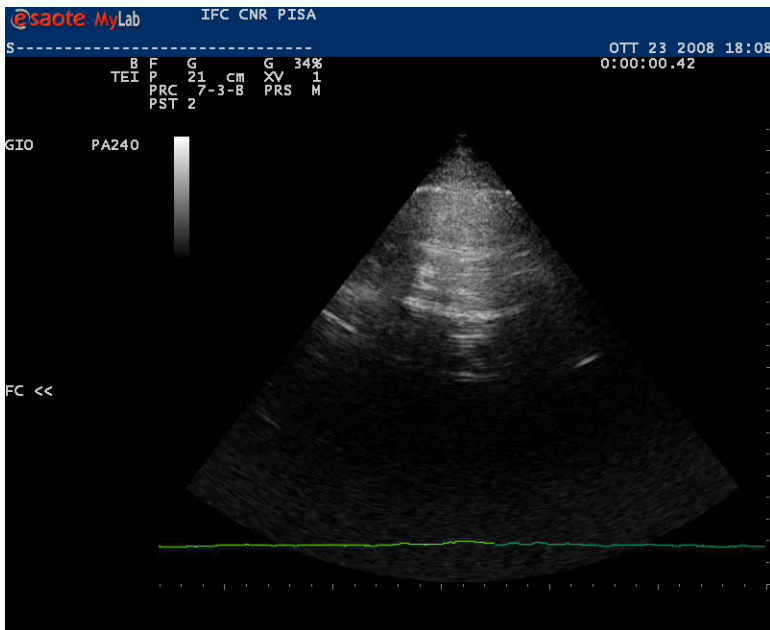
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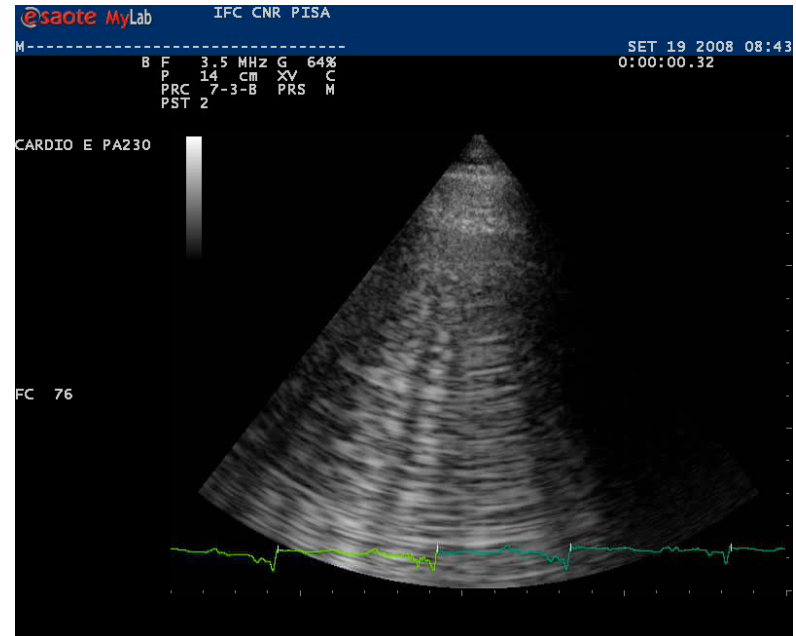
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# Emergency echocardiography: the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging recommendations

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## Lung ultrasound examination

In recent years, lung ultrasound (LUS) has been proposed as a useful point-of-care tool in emergency.<sup>25</sup>

The LUS examination can be performed with any commercially available 2-D scanner, including pocket-size devices, by using a cardiac, convex or microconvex transducer, with the patient in the near-supine, supine, sitting, or even standing position.

In addition to the detection of pleural effusion, LUS may help in the diagnosis of acute dyspnoea, allowing the differential identification of pneumothorax, pulmonary consolidations, acute respiratory distress syndrome, and cardiogenic pulmonary oedema.<sup>25</sup>

The absence of multiple bilateral B-lines, a sign of increased extravascular lung water, excludes cardiogenic pulmonary oedema with a negative predictive value close to 100%.<sup>26</sup>

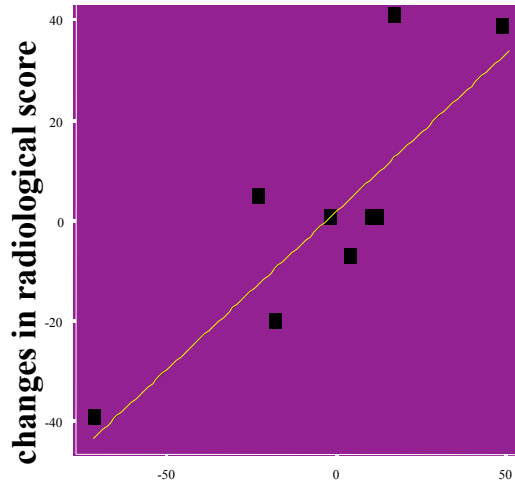
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# Prima e dopo terapia

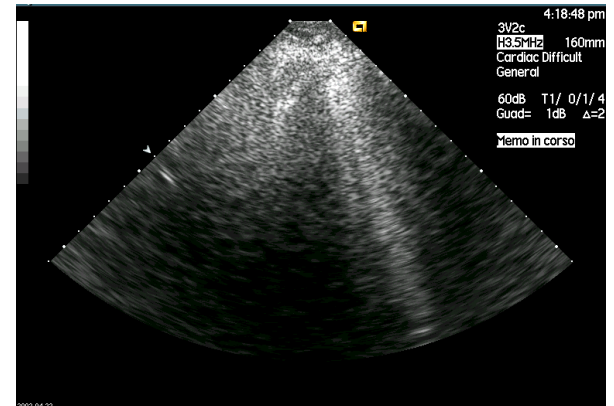
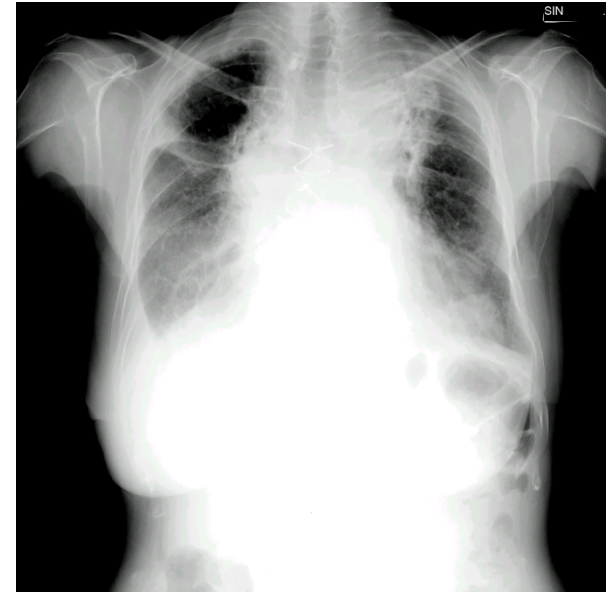


changes in B-lines score

$$n = 9$$

$$r = 0.84$$

$$p < 0.01$$



Chest X-ray and B-lines at admission

Chest X-ray and B-lines after 3 days

# AF, 81 anni, CMD, FE 18%

- Ammesso per scompenso cardiaco acuto
- In terapia con ACEi, beta-bloccanti, anti-aldosteronici, furosemide

## Esame obiettivo all'ingresso

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Azione cardiaca aritmica. Toni parafonici. Soffio sistolico mitralico 2/6 L.

Edema sottopalpebrale bilateralmente. Segni di glossite. Subittero sclerale.

Polsi arteriosi presenti a sede poplitea e femorale, normosfigmici e simmetrici; non valutabili in sede pedidia e tibiale posteriore.

Non soffi vascolari. Lieve turgore giugulare con riflesso epato-giugulare presente. Presenza di elettrostimolatore a sede prepettorale sinistra.

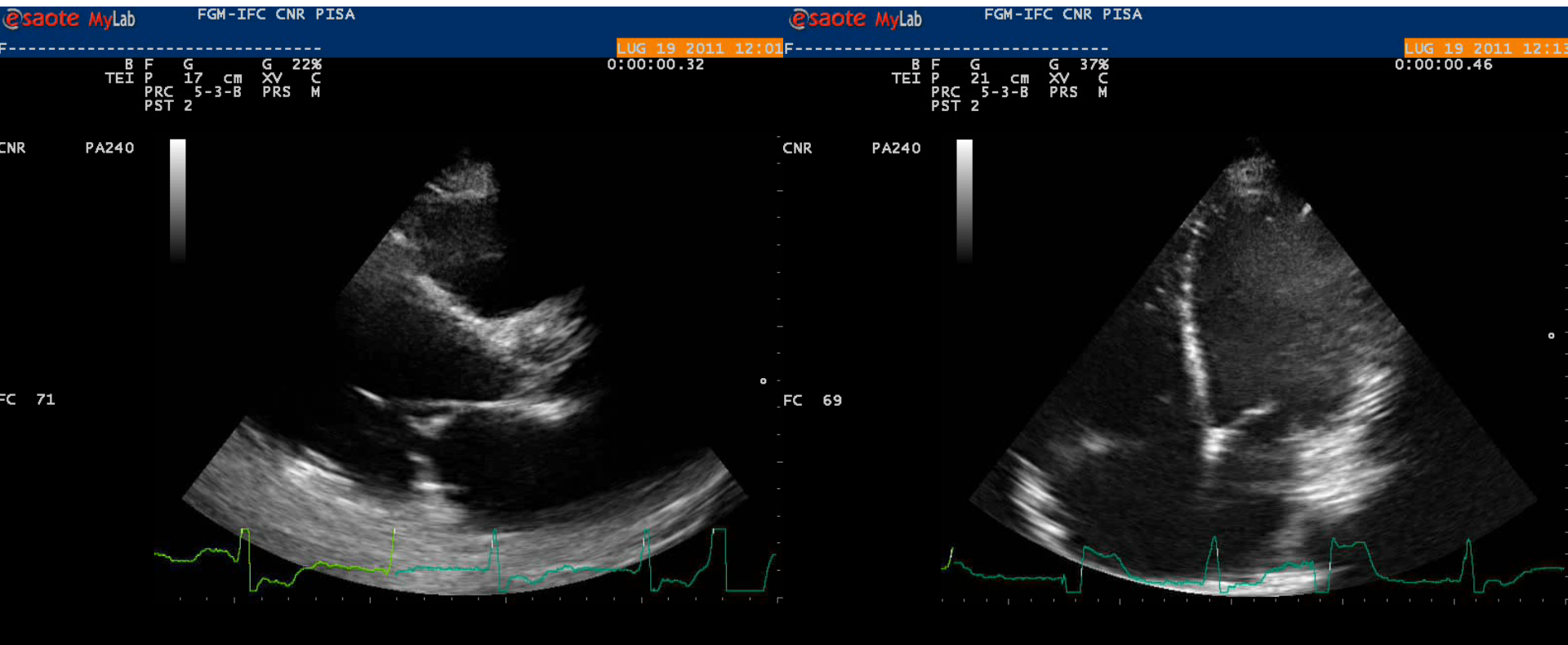
Rumore respiratorio ridotto a sede bibasilare. Lieve imbibizione del pannicolo sottocutaneo a livello del dorso e del sacro.

Addome trattabile alla palpazione superficiale e profonda; margine inferiore del fegato debordante due dita trasverse dall'arcata costale in inspirazione profonda. Esiti chirurgici addominali.

Edemi declivi improntabili a livello di gamba bilateralmente. Segni di flebopatia cronica agli arti inferiori.

Peso 86,3 Kg; altezza 184 cm. BMI 25,49. Sup. corporea 2,09. Pressione arteriosa 110/80 mmHg. Polso 70 b.p.m.

# Ecocardiogramma



FE 18%

E/A 2.8

E/e' 17

IM moderata

TAPSE 14 mm

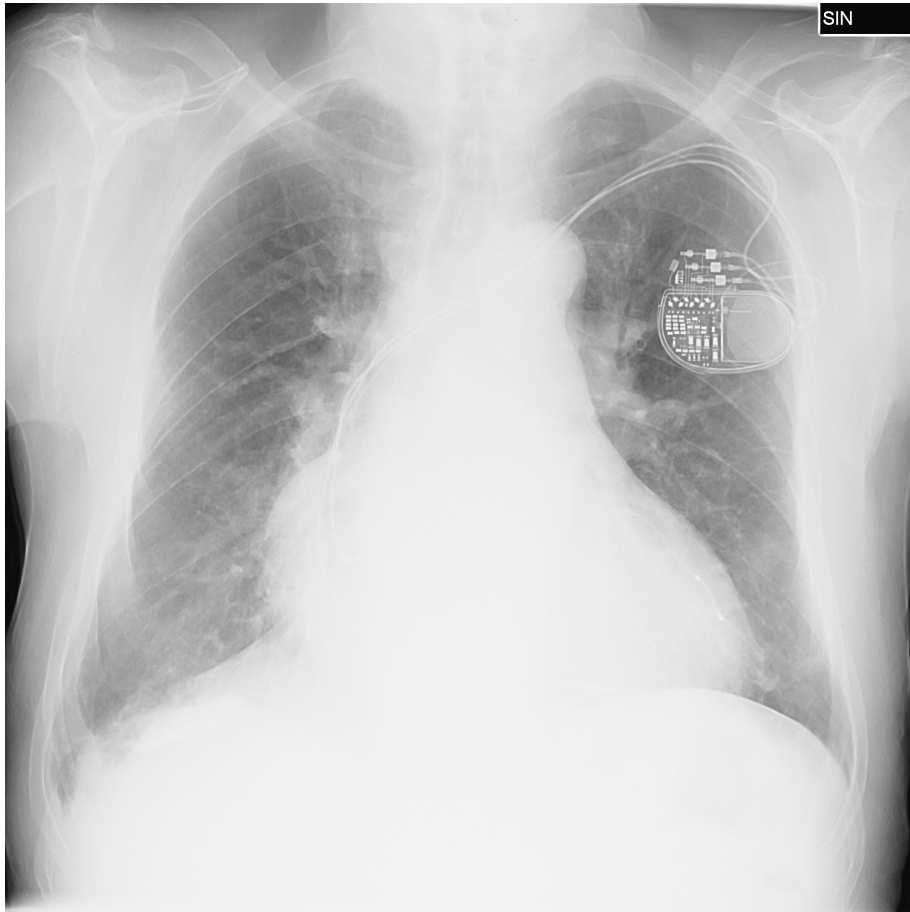
PASP 42 mmHg

# Dispnea in EF 18%

## *Diario*

Il paziente lamenta dispnea. Obiettività: crepitii bibasilar. Sat O<sub>2</sub>=96% in aria ambiente. Si aumenta infusione di lasix da 10 a 15 cc (PA=105/70 mmHg). La dispnea, alla luce anche del dato emogasanalitico e clinico potrebbe essere dovuta ad respiro periodico centrale. Inizia O<sub>2</sub> terapia con occhialini a 2 l

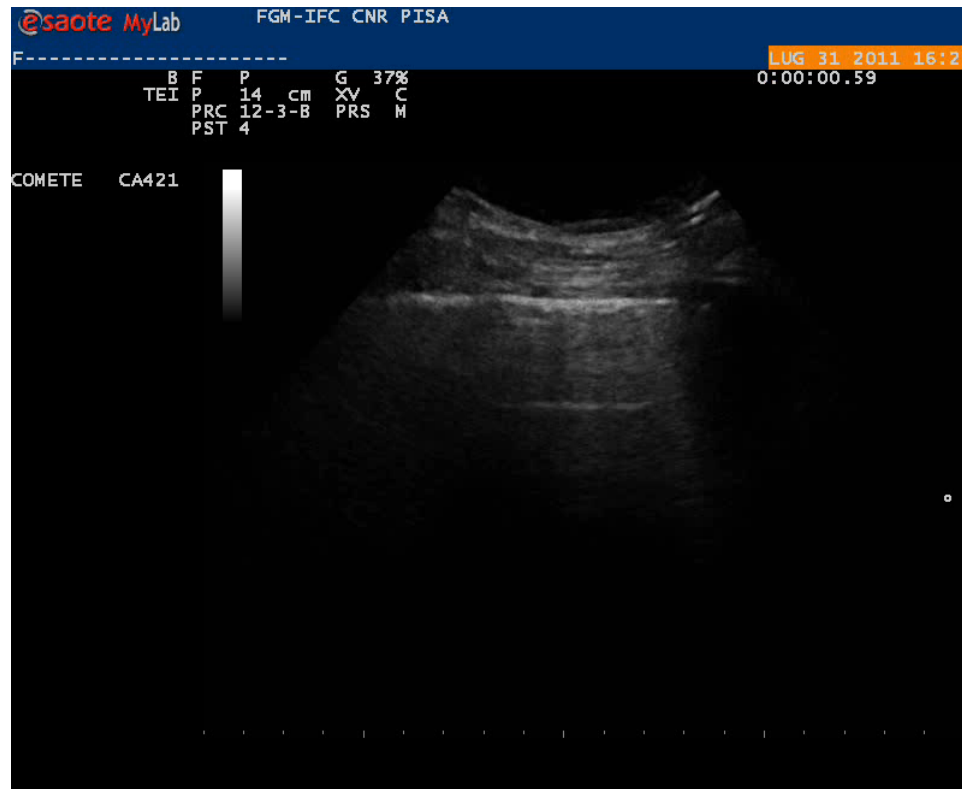
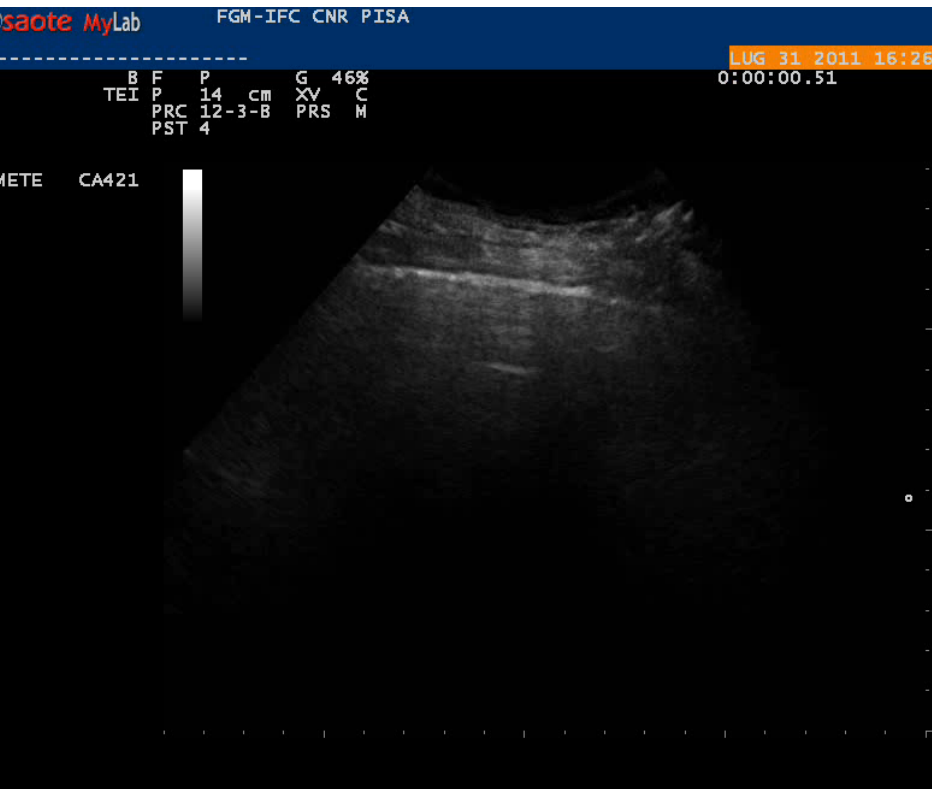
# Radiografia del torace



## *Radiografia Torace a letto*

ombra cardiaca ingrandita in toto, peduncolo vascolare slargato, diffuso rinforzo della trama, sollevamento dell'emidiaframma di sinistra.

# Ecografia polmonare



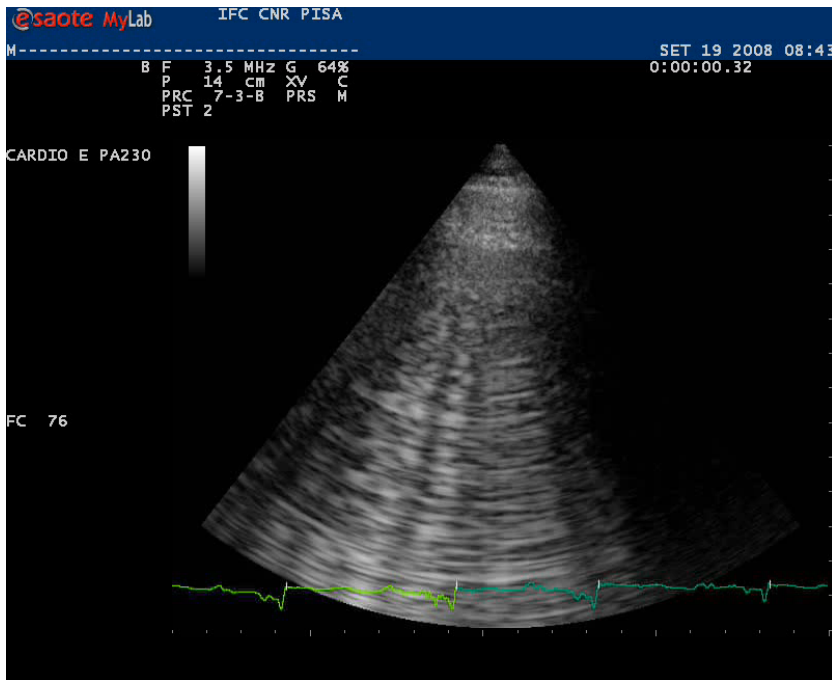


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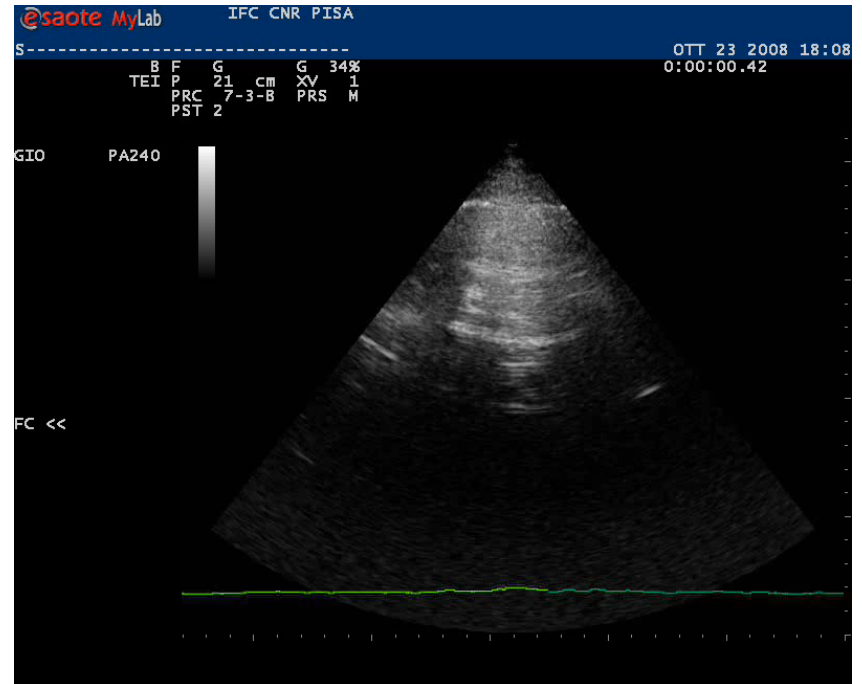
Paziente scarsamente responsivo. Diuresi 24 ore 2000 ml. Agli esami bioumorali severa emoconcentrazione (Hb 20.1 g/dL, Hc 57.6%), persistente aumento di azotemia e creatininemia. L' EGA mostra ipossiemia lieve e lieve acidosi. Si decide per idratazione (1ml/Kg/ora) 1000 ml di SF in 24 ore + 500 ml di aminoacidi in 24 ore. Non diuretico. Si posiziona urometro per diuresi oraria e si richiede bilancio idrico delle 24 ore.

# Take-home message



AM, maschio, 57 anni  
FE circa 20%, CMD

Non invasive PCWP = 23 mmHg  
PASP = 40 mmHg

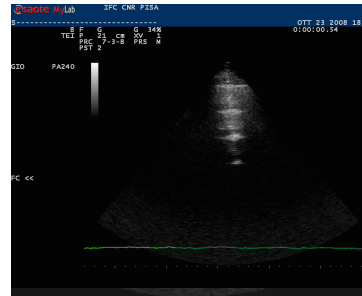


CM, maschio, 32 anni  
FE circa 20%, CMD

Non invasive PCWP = 21 mmHg  
PASP = 38 mmHg

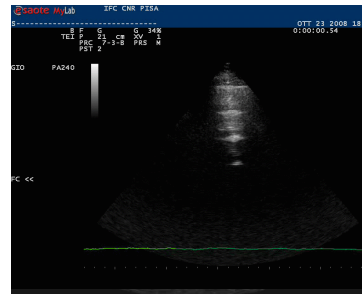
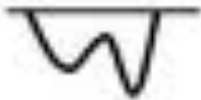
# Congestione emodinamica vs congestione polmonare

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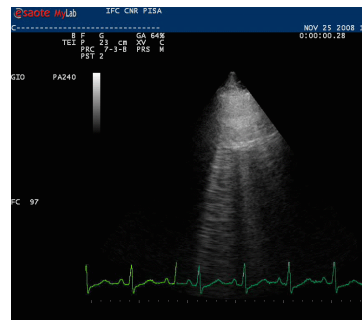
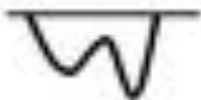
no congestion

elevated



hemodynamic  
congestion

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pulmonary  
congestion

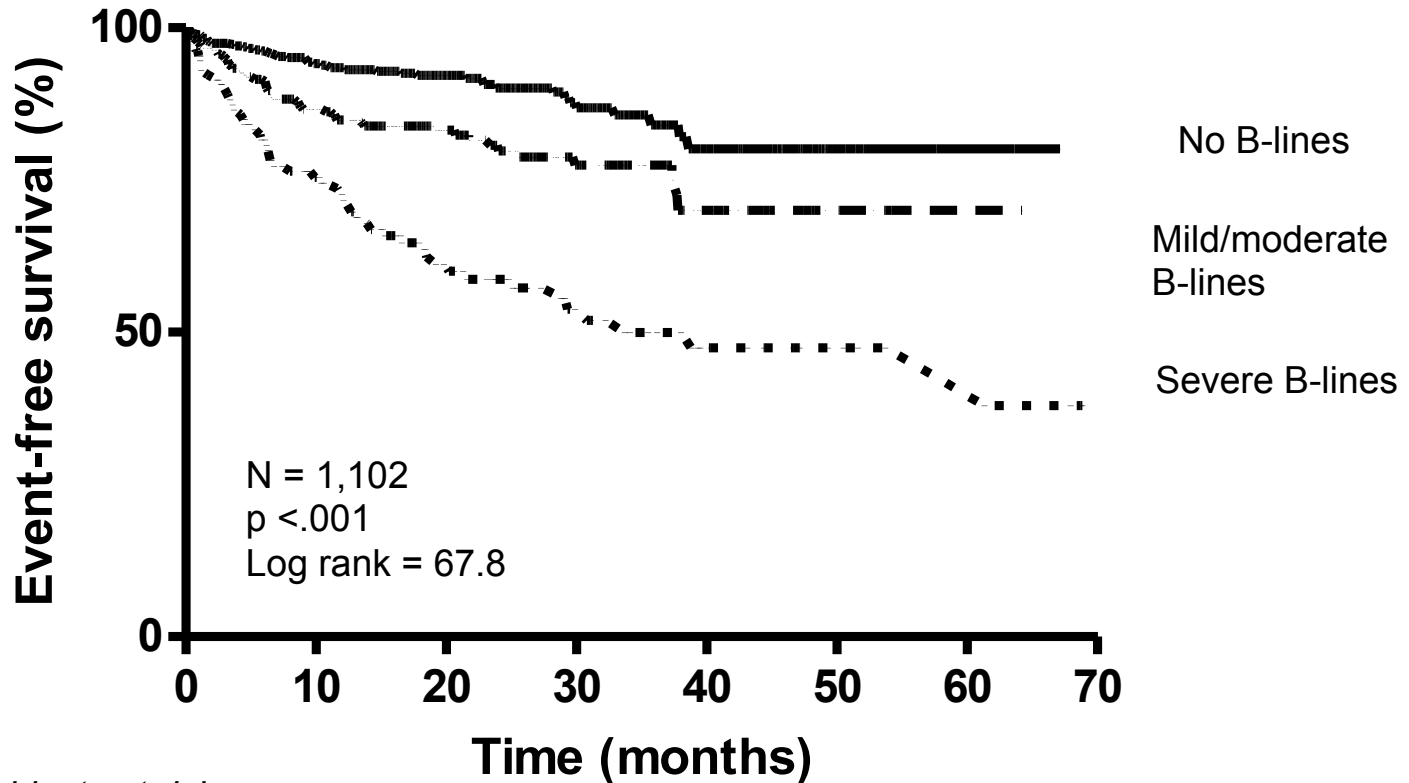
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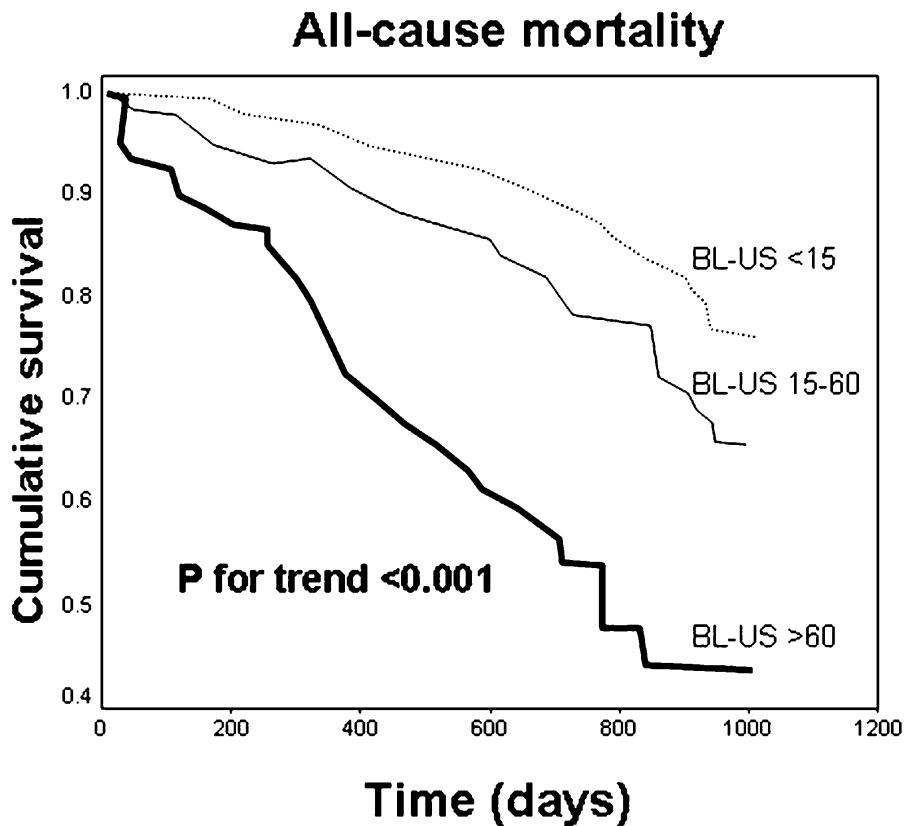
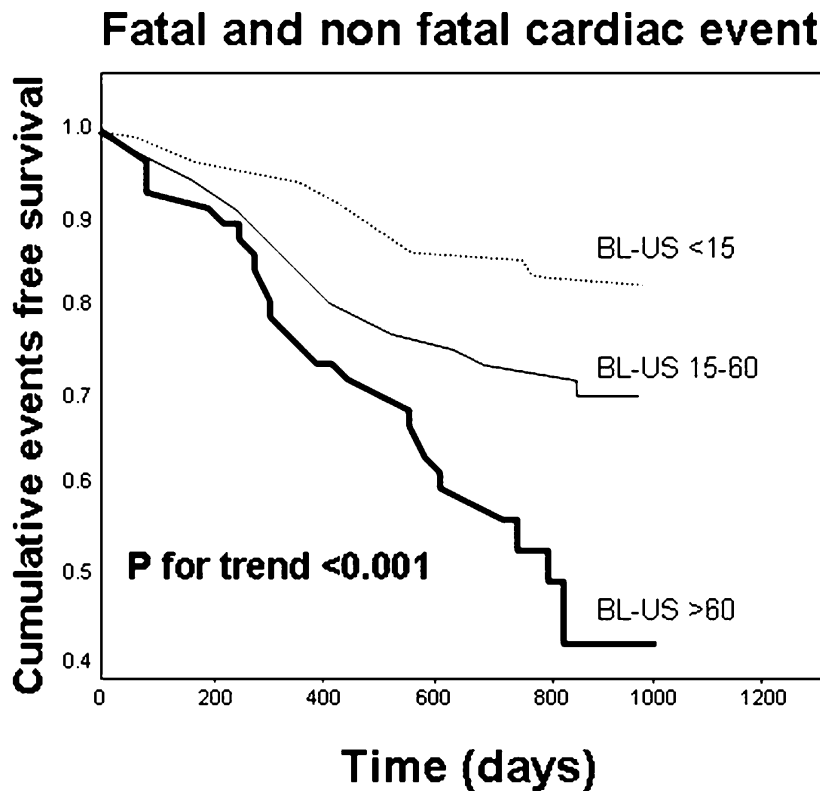
206 events (death, AMI, decompensated heart failure)



*Subjects at risk*

—	616	483	462	437
- -	342	291	267	249
· · · ·	144	117	106	96

# Prognosi in pazienti in dialisi





# Come fare?



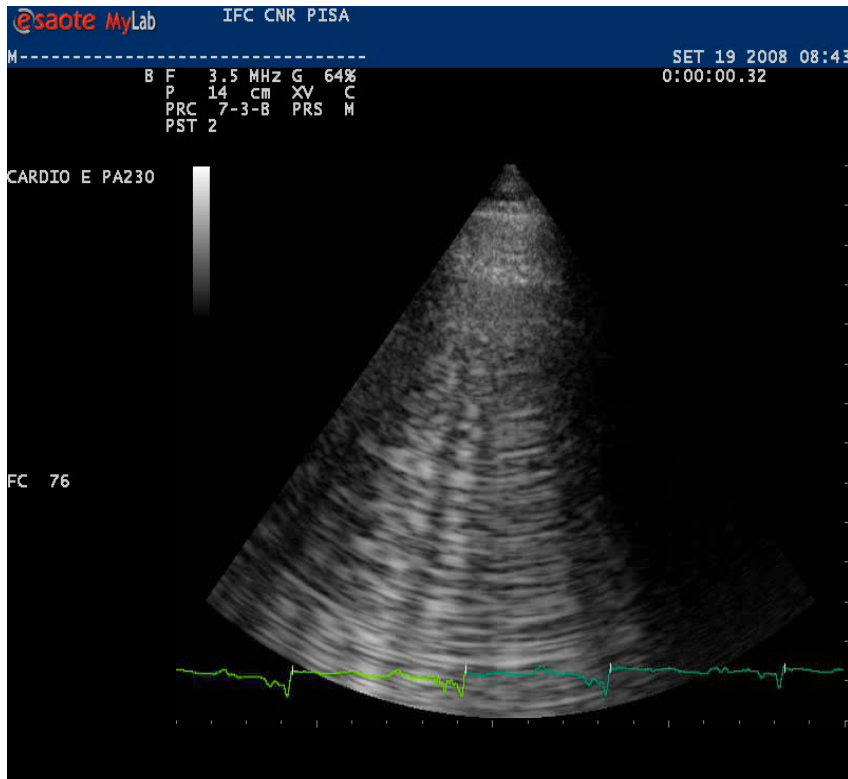
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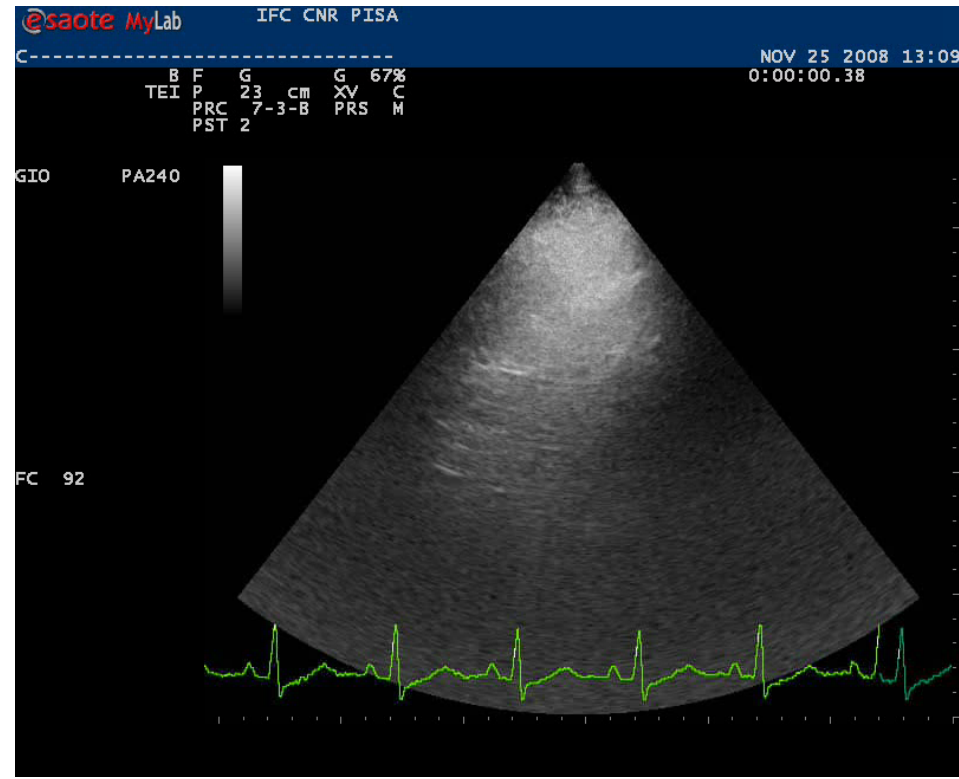
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- **Operatore-dipendenza**
- **Quantificazione**

# Come contare le linee B?



About 100% = 10 B-lines



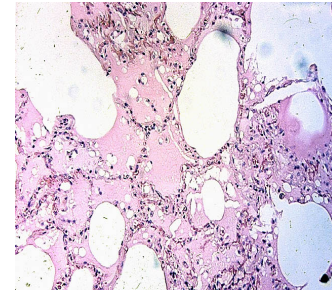
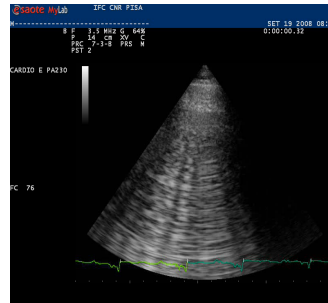
About 50% = 5 B-lines

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- **Quantificazione**
- **Specificità**

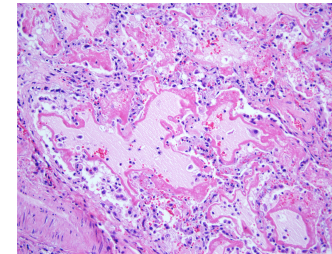
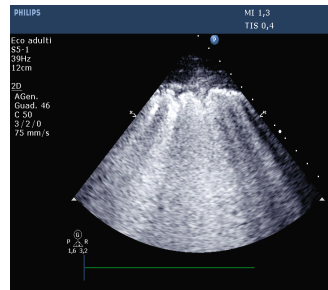
# Linee B: un segno non specifico di sd interstiziale polmonare

**Edema polmonare cardiogeno**



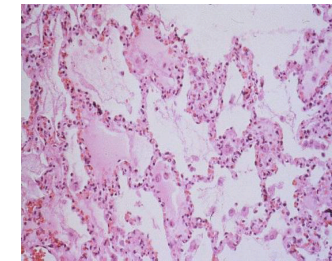
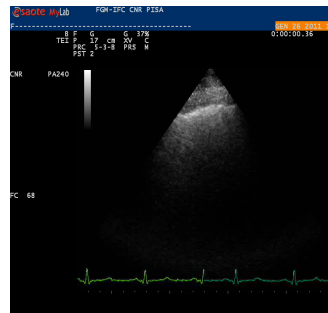
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**Edema polmonare non cardiogeno**



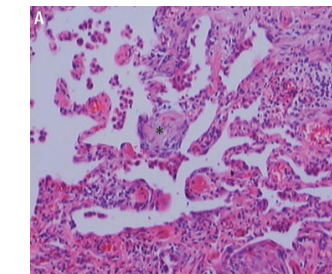
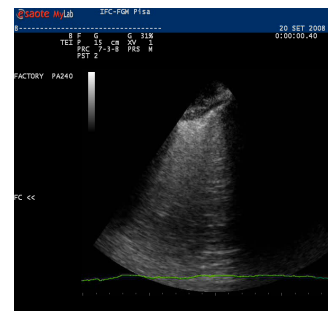
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**Polmonite interstiziale**



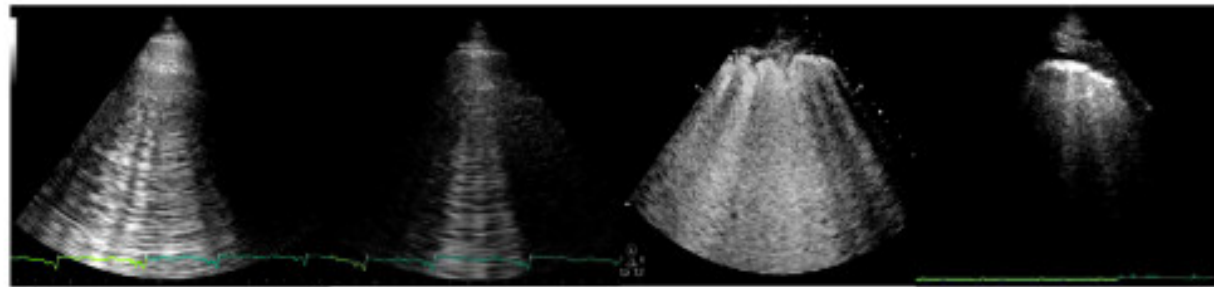
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**Fibrosi polmonare**



**Collagene**

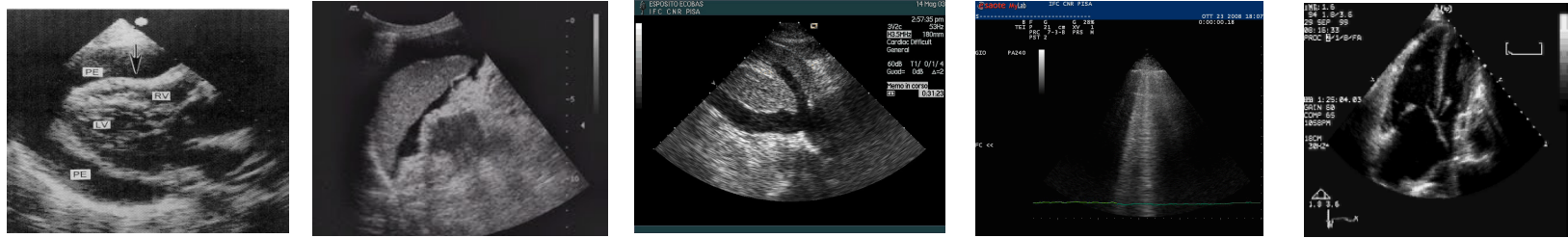
# Lung ultrasound: a new tool for the cardiologist



	Acute cardiogenic pulmonary edema	Chronic heart failure	ALI/ARDS	Pulmonary fibrosis
<b>Clinical setting</b>	acute	chronic	acute	chronic
<b>B-lines number</b>	++++	+ / ++ / +++	++++	+ / ++ / +++
<b>B-lines distribution</b>	multiple, diffuse, bilateral (white lung)	multiple, diffuse, bilateral, following decubitant regions (black and white lung)	non-homogeneous distribution, presence of spared areas	more frequently posterior at lung basis
<b>Other LUS signs</b>	pleural effusion	pleural effusion	pleural effusion, pleural alterations, parenchymal consolidations of various size	pleural thickening
<b>Echocardiogram</b>	abnormal	abnormal	likely normal	likely normal

ALI = acute lung injury; ARDS = acute respiratory distress syndrome; LUS = lung ultrasound.





**Table 2** The list of nine possible ultrasound patterns diagnosed in patients admitted for undifferentiated hypotension and the corresponding combination of findings detected at multiorgan point-of-care ultrasonographic evaluation

Ultrasound pattern	Organ evaluation	Corresponding signs
Hypovolemic	Heart Inferior vena cava Lungs Abdomen	Hyperkinetic LV <sup>a</sup> Diam. <2 cm + Resp. collapse >50 % <sup>a</sup> A pattern <sup>a</sup> Free fluids/Aortic aneurysm <sup>a</sup>
Distributive	Heart Inferior vena cava Lungs	Hyperkinetic LV Diam. <2 cm + Resp. collapse >50 % B pattern with consolidation or consolidation with air bronchograms <sup>b</sup>
Hypovolemic/distributive	Heart Inferior vena cava Lungs Abdomen	Hyperkinetic LV <sup>a</sup> Diam. <2 cm + Resp. collapse > 50 % <sup>a</sup> A/B pattern <sup>a</sup> Free fluids <sup>a</sup>
Obstructive cardiac tamponade	Heart	Pericard. effusion with tamponade
Obstructive pulmonary embolism	Heart Inferior vena cava Lungs Peripheral veins	Dilated/Hypokinetic RV <sup>a</sup> Sludge or no respiratory collapse and max. diam. >2 cm <sup>a</sup> A pattern <sup>a</sup> Deep vein thrombosis <sup>a</sup>
Obstructive tension pneumothorax	Heart Inferior vena cava Lungs	Dilated/Hypokinetic RV Sludge or no respiratory collapse and max. diam. >2 cm No sliding and pulse, no B-lines, no consolidation <sup>b</sup>
Cardiogenic	Heart Lungs	Hypokinetic left ventricle B pattern <sup>b</sup>
Mixed	Pattern where criteria for more than a single diagnosis are satisfied (other than hypovolemic/distributive)	
Indefinite	Pattern where criteria for a single diagnosis are not satisfied or uncertain	

LV left ventricle, RV right ventricle

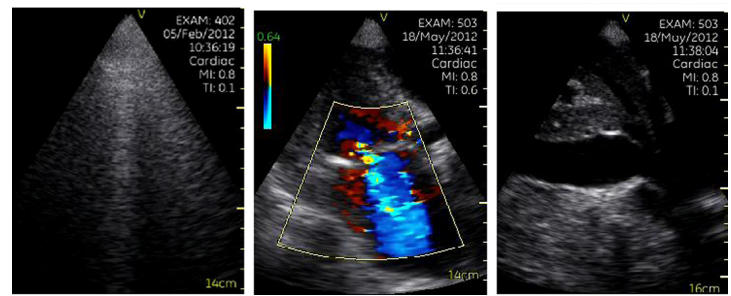
<sup>a</sup> At least two of these signs

<sup>b</sup> Necessarily present



# Rapid evaluation by lung-cardiac-inferior vena cava (LCI) integrated ultrasound for differentiating heart failure from pulmonary disease as the cause of acute dyspnea in the emergency setting

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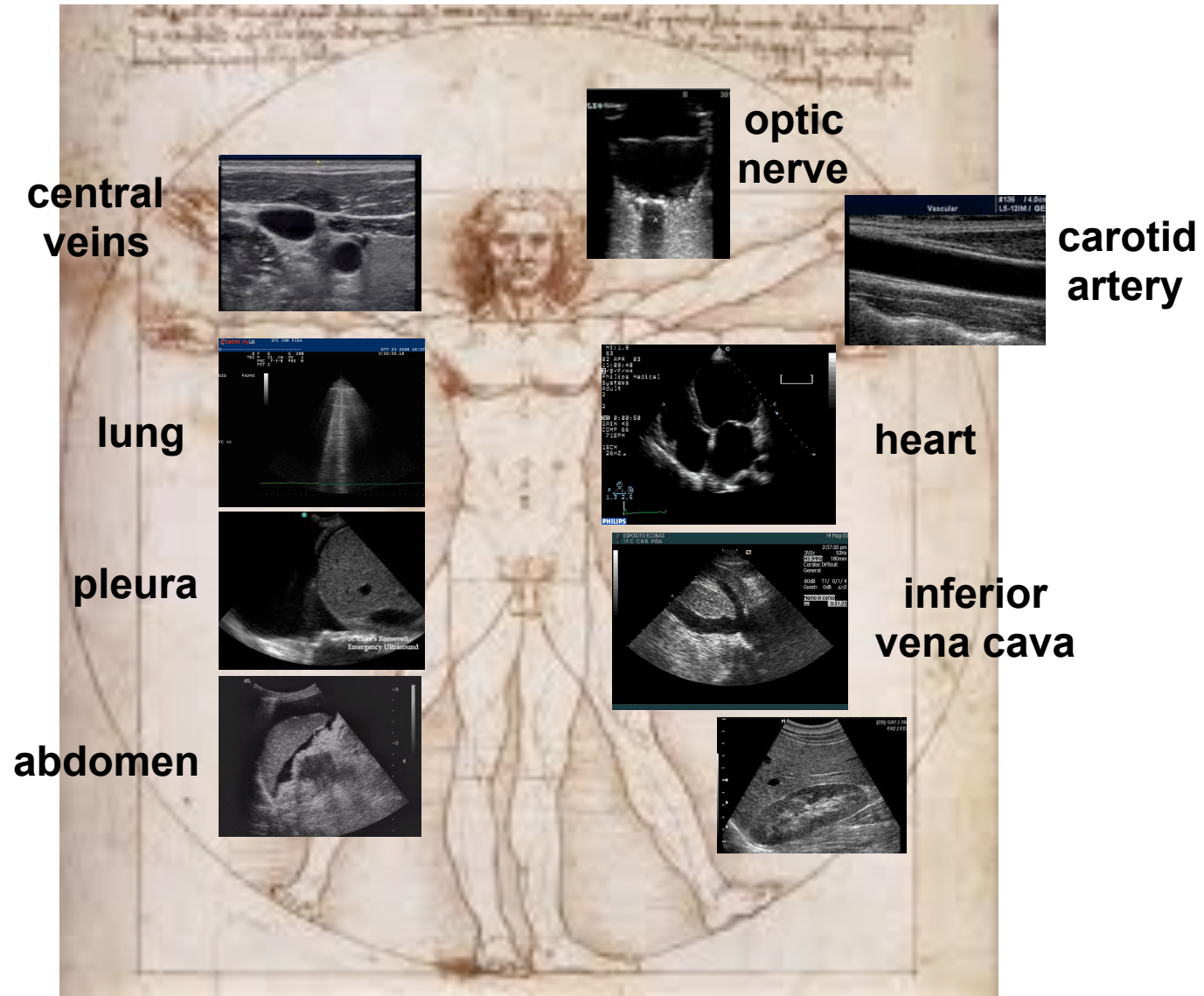


**Table 2 Plasma BNP, lung ultrasound alone or combined with BNP, cardiac findings, and the LCI integrated ultrasound for diagnosis of AHFS**

	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	NPV (%)	PPV (%)	Accuracy (%)
BNP $\geq$ 100 pg/ml	92.4	35.1	76.4	67.1	68.8
Framingham criteria*	79.2	56.7	65.6	64.6	70.0
Lung ultrasound alone	96.2	54.0	90.9	75.0	78.8
Both Lung ultrasound and BNP ( $\geq$ 100 pg/ml)	88.6	67.6	80.6	79.8	80.0
Reduced EF (LVEF $<$ 40%)	26.4	86.5	45.1	73.7	51.1
MR or TR $\geq$ moderate	92.4	81.0	88.2	87.5	87.7
IVC collapsibility $<$ 50%	83.0	81.1	76.9	86.3	82.2
Both preserved EF and MR $\geq$ moderate	56.7	100.0	61.6	100.0	67.0
Both reduced EF and either MR or TR $\geq$ moderate	30.1	94.5	48.6	88.9	56.7
Lung-cardiac-inferior vena cava (LCI) integrated ultrasound	94.3	91.9	91.9	94.3	93.3

# Toward an integrated ultrasound approach

## Point-of-care, focused whole-body ultrasound



# Eco polmonare:

# congestione emodinamica o congestione clinica?



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## Ultrasound lung comets: the shape of lung water

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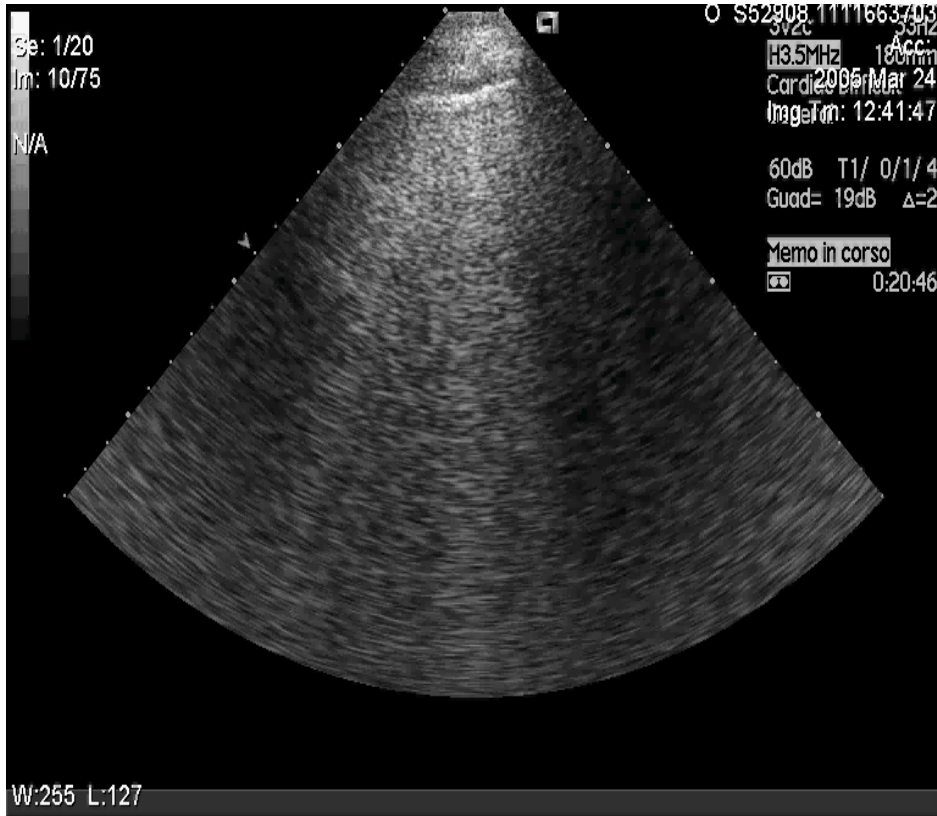


## Congestione polmonare

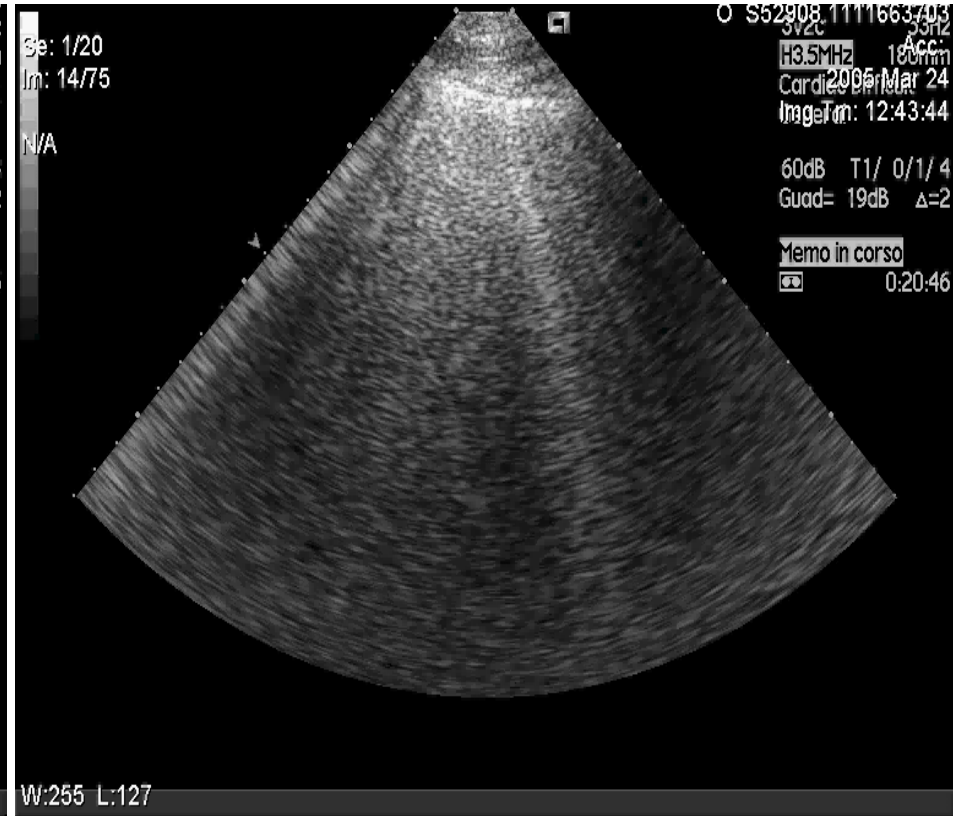
# FG, 74 aa, ambulatorio eco

- Maschio
- Cardiopatia ischemica, FE 30%
- Terapia: ASA, Ramipril, Carvedilolo, furosemide
- NYHA II
- Ecocardiogramma annuale di routine: invariato

# FG, 74 aa, ambulatorio eco



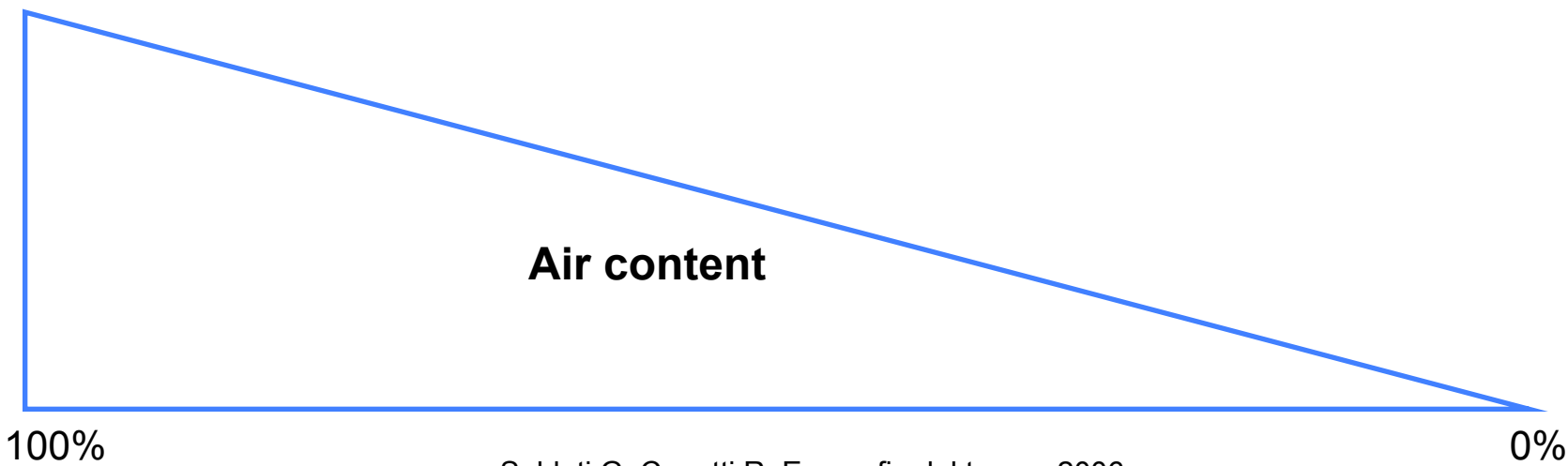
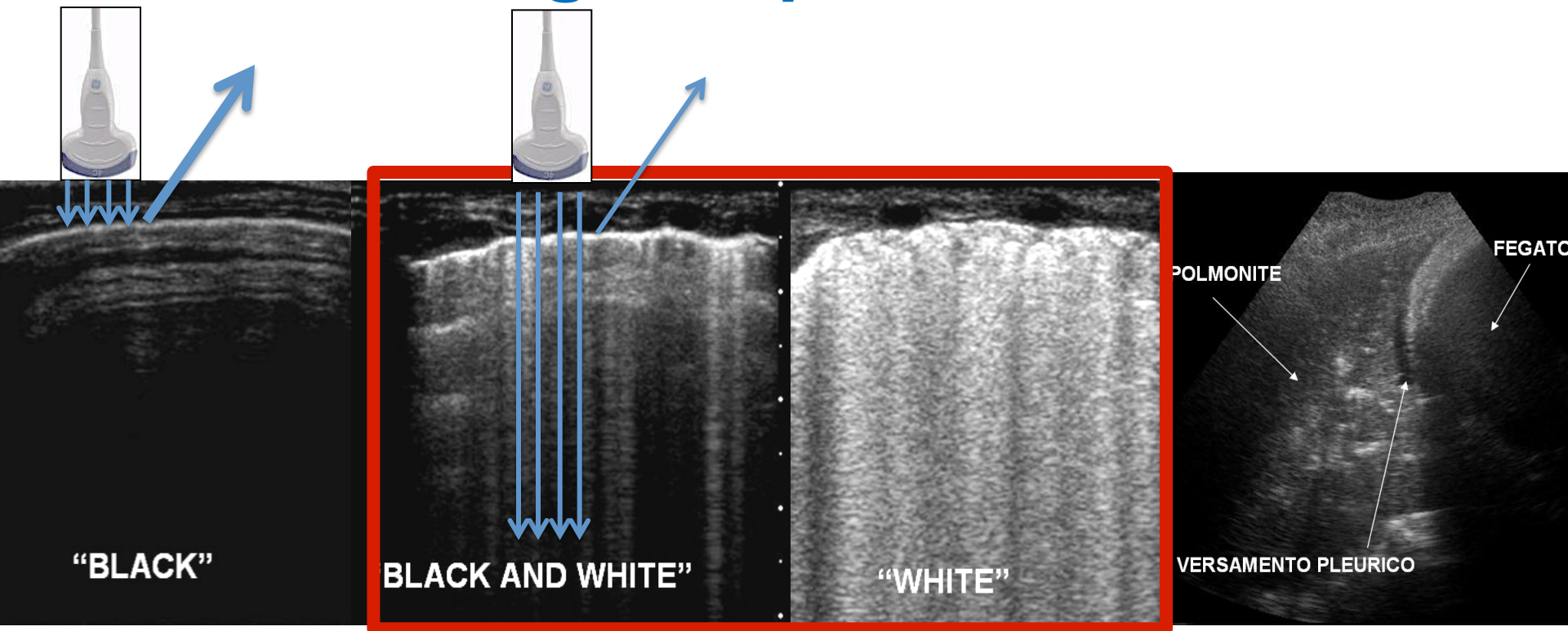
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**Impending decompensation**

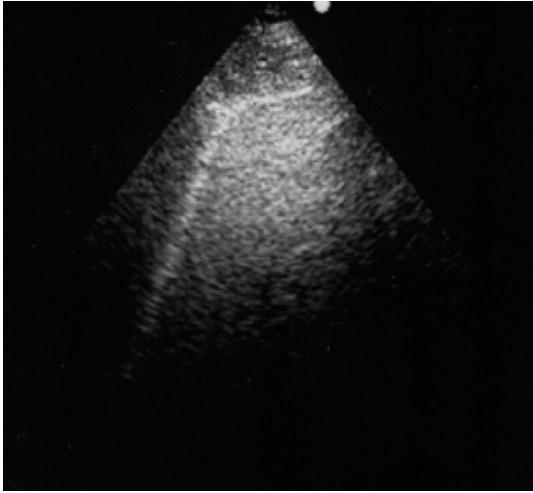
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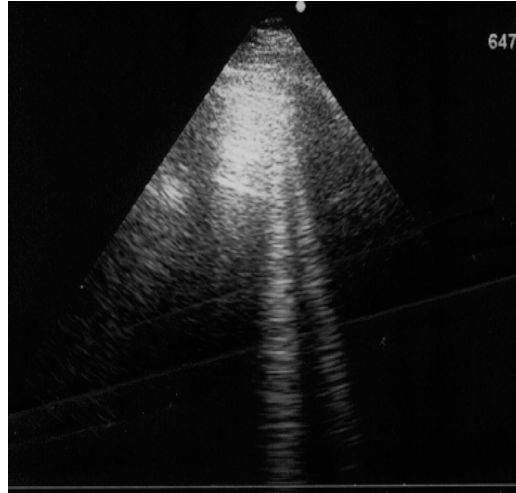




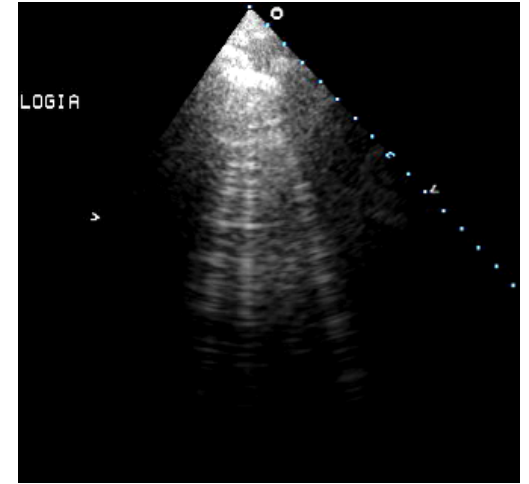
# How to count B-lines



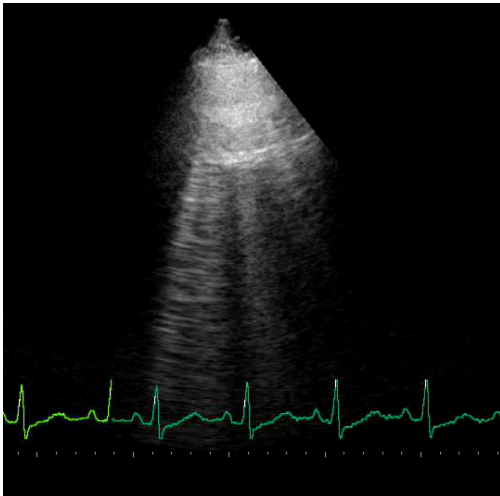
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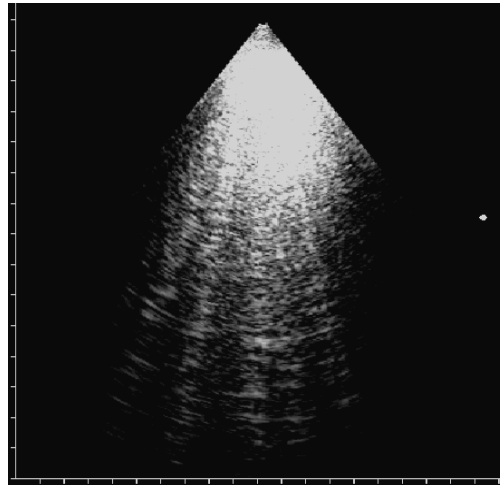
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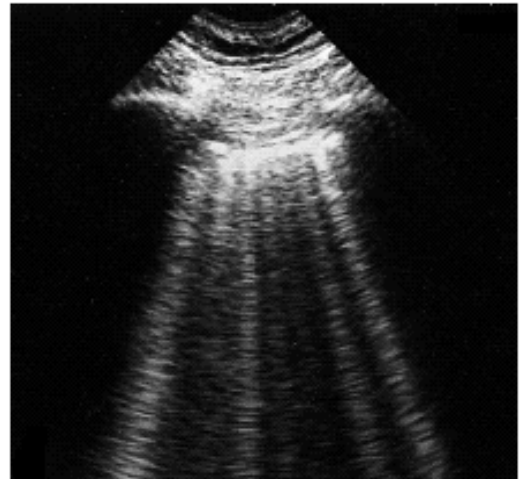
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# Lung ultrasound and chest X-ray



# The use of pocket-size imaging devices: a position statement of the European Association of Echocardiography

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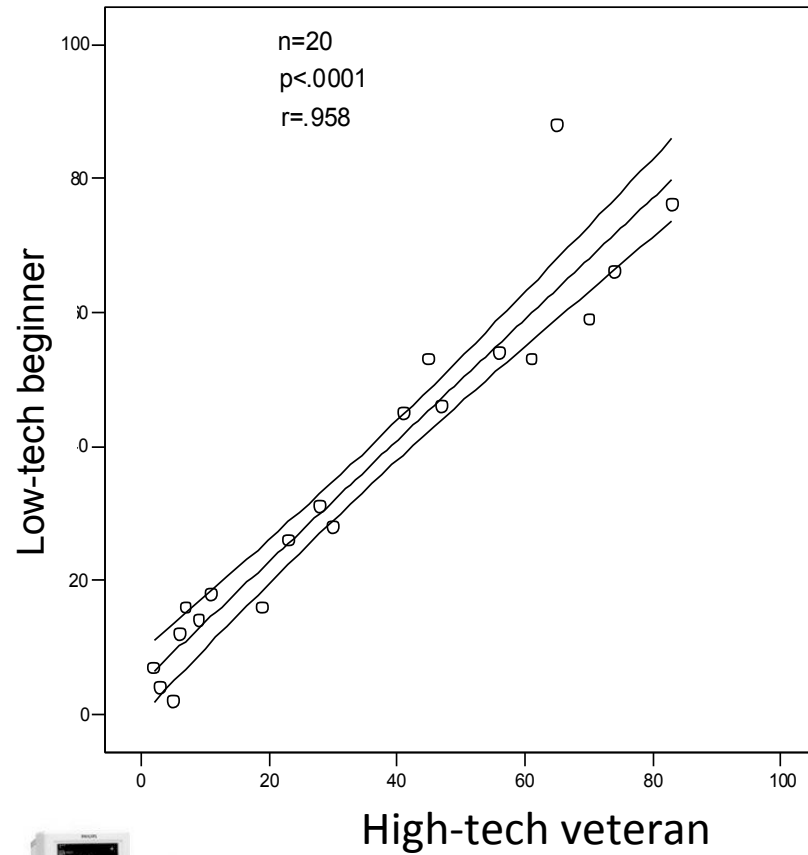
## **Table 2** Summary of indications for pocket-size devices

1. Complement to a physical examination in the coronary and intensive care unit
2. Tool for a fast initial screening in an emergency setting
3. Cardiologic counselling in- or outside health-care facilities and hospitals
4. First cardiac evaluation in ambulances
5. Screening programmes in schools, industry, and community activities
6. Triaging candidates for a complete echocardiographic examination
7. Teaching tool
8. Semi-quantification of extravascular lung water

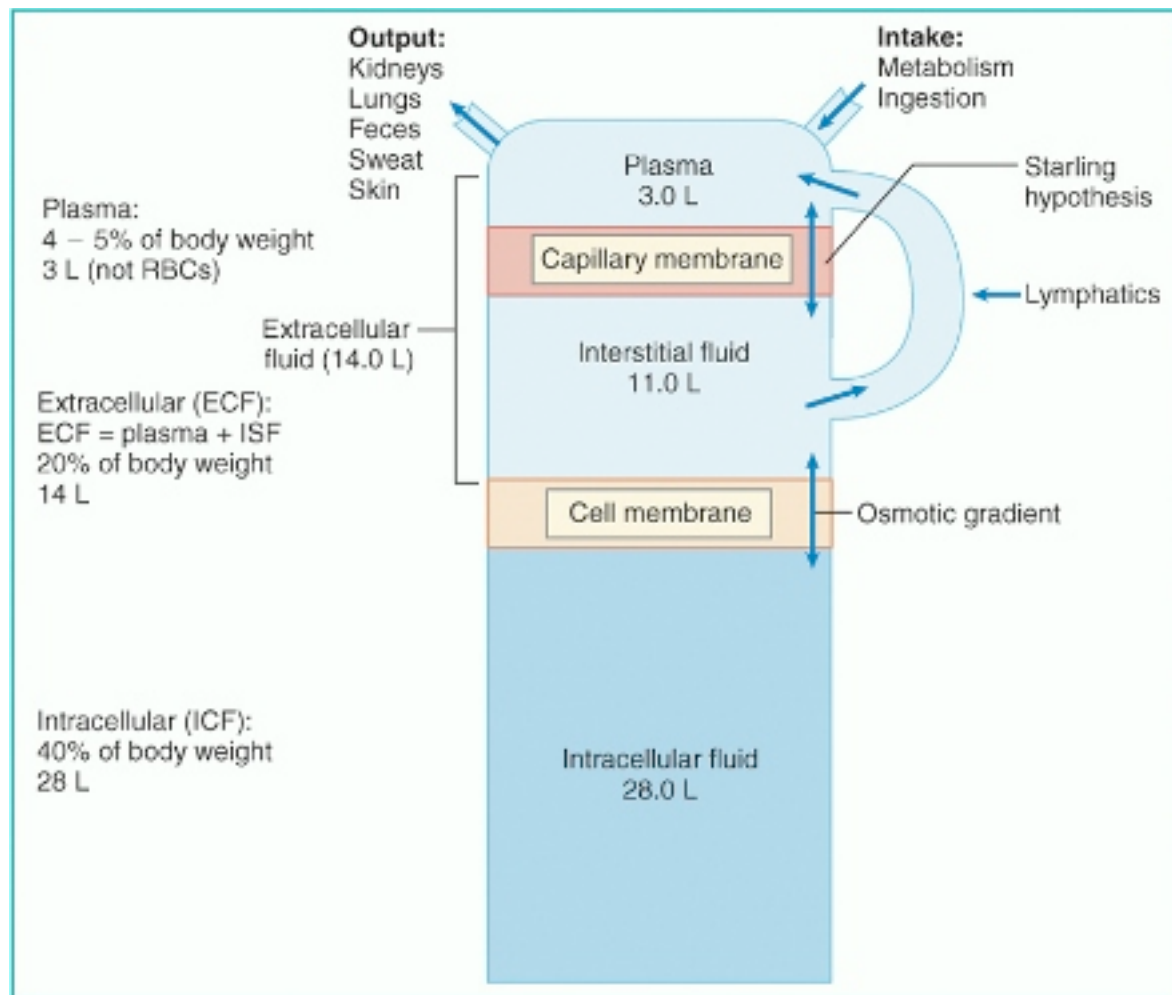
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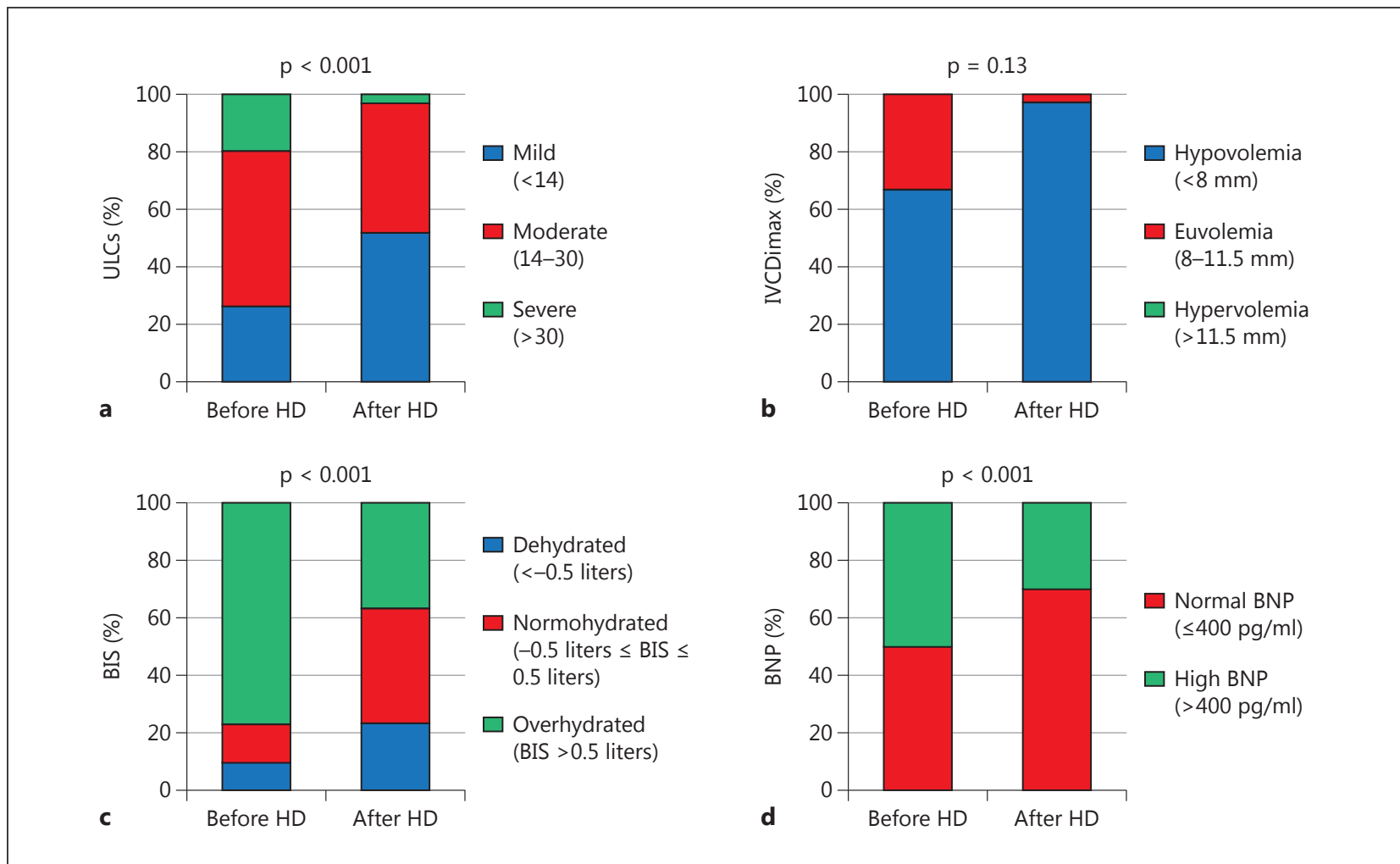
(<1 hour experience)



(>2 years experience)

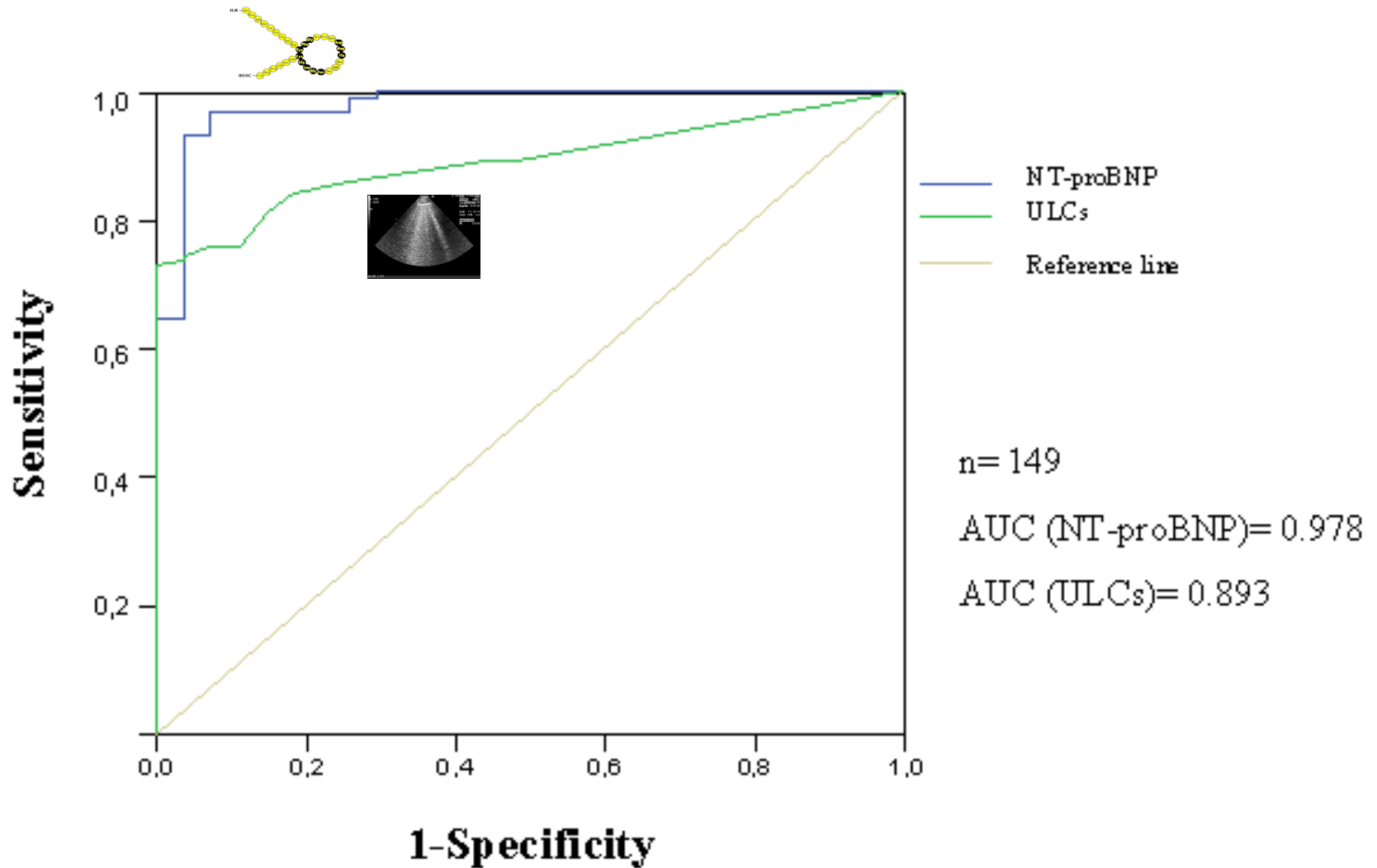


# Comparison and Reproducibility of Techniques for Fluid Status Assessment in Chronic Hemodialysis Patients



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# B-lines and natriuretic peptides

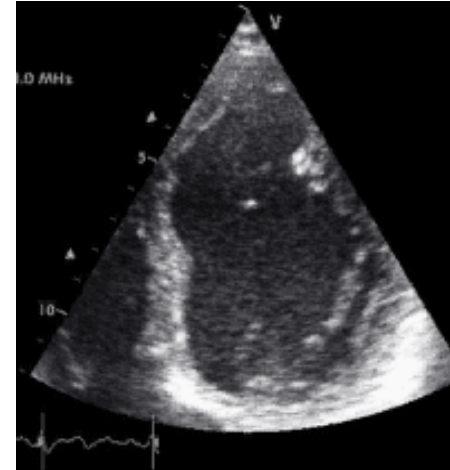
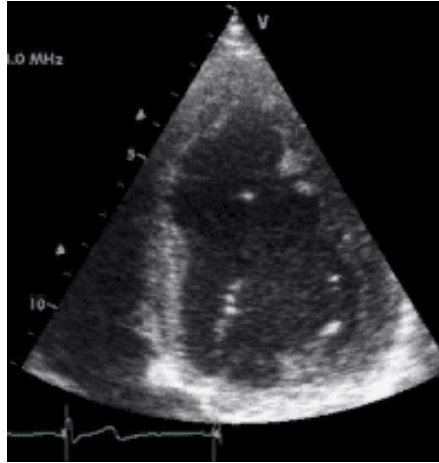


# Pulmonary congestion stress-echo

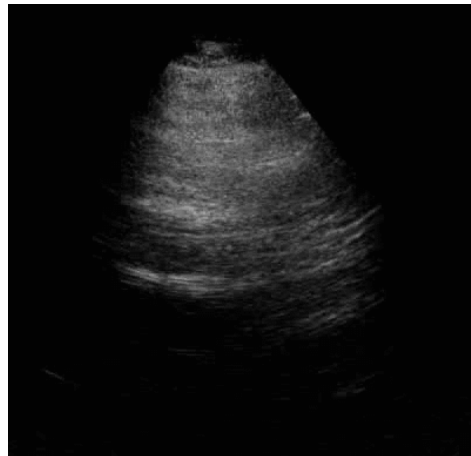
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Peak stress

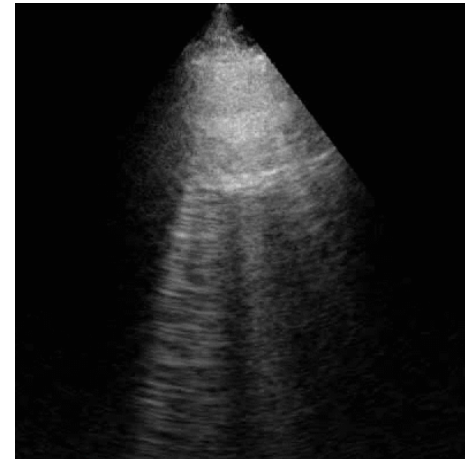
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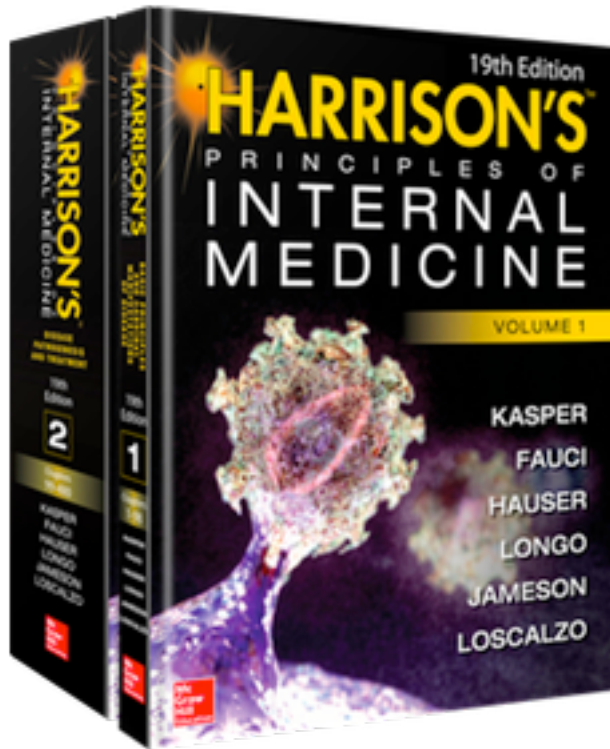
B-lines



n = 72  
p = .0001



# Air: an insurmountable obstacle?



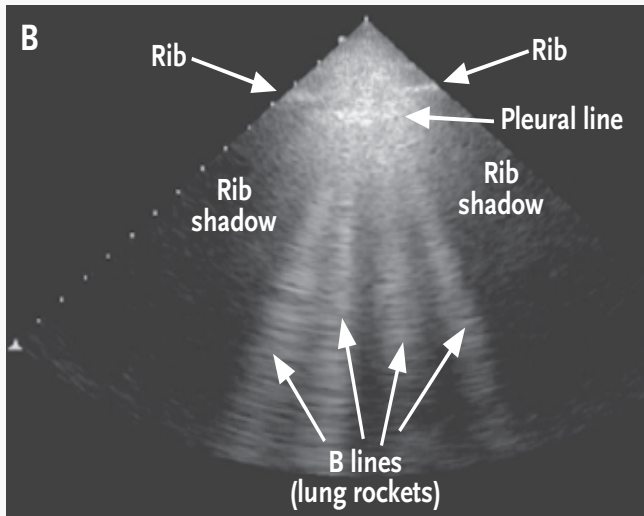
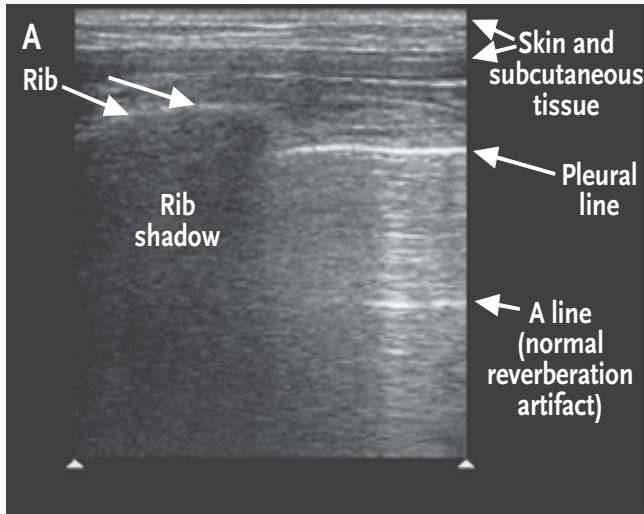
«Because ultrasound energy is rapidly dissipated in air, **ultrasound imaging is not useful for evaluation of the pulmonary parenchyma.**»



CURRENT CONCEPTS

## Point-of-Care Ultrasonography

Recently, lung ultrasound has emerged as a new sonographic technique to evaluate many pulmonary conditions.

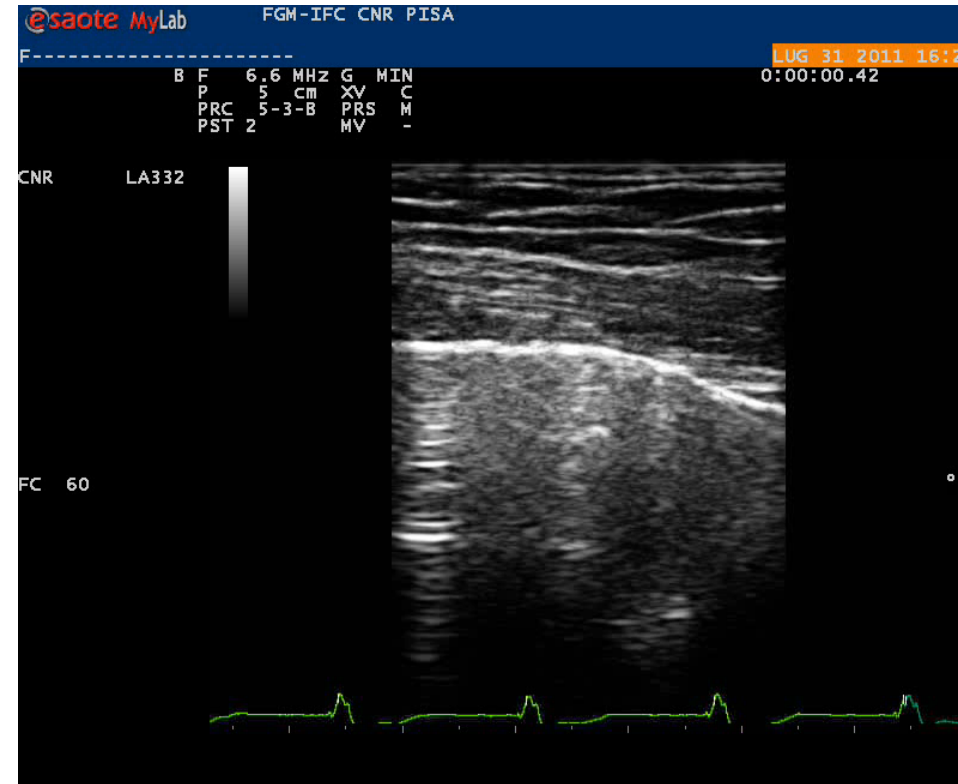
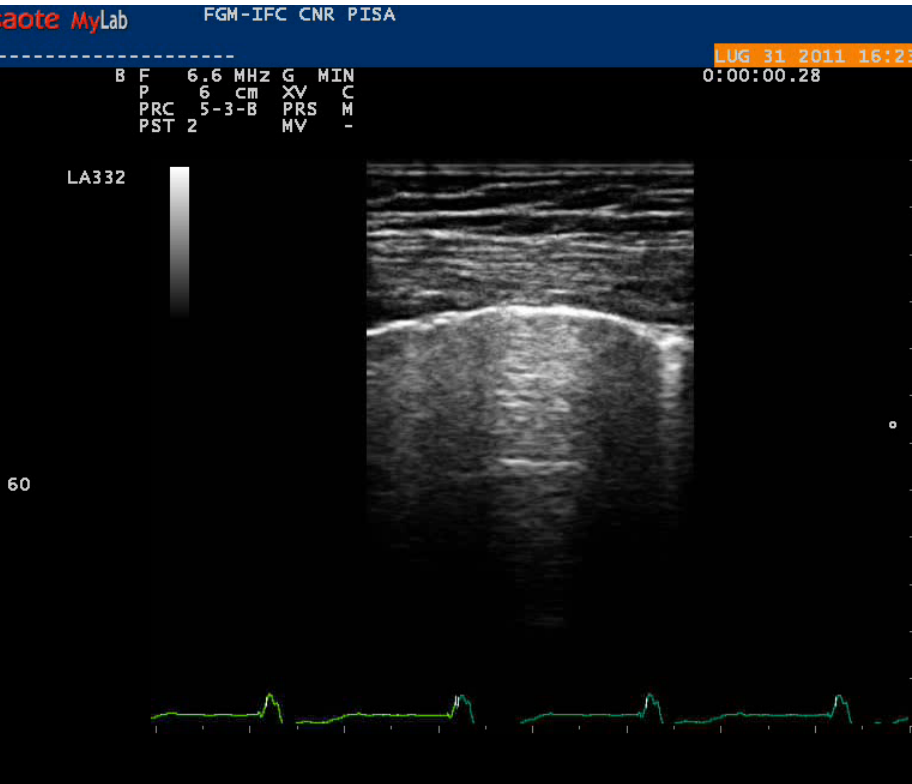


# Acute heart failure

**Table 4** Positive ultrasound lung scans in the 11 individualizable thoracic areas at admission (phase 1) and control (phase 2) in 70 patients admitted for ADHF

Thoracic area	Phase 1 <sup>a</sup>	Phase 2 <sup>a</sup>	<i>P</i> ( <i>W</i> )
Anterior superior right	51 (73%)	3 (4.3%)	<.001
Anterior medium right	54 (77%)	2 (2.9%)	<.001
Anterior basal right	65 (93%)	4 (5.7%)	<.001
Lateral superior right	64 (91%)	5 (7.1%)	<.001
Lateral medium right	67 (96%)	10 (14%)	<.001
Lateral basal right	68 (97%)	21 (30%)	<.001
Anterior superior left	52 (74%)	6 (8.6%)	<.001
Anterior medium left	58 (83%)	6 (8.6%)	<.001
Lateral superior left	63 (90%)	6 (8.6%)	<.001
Lateral medium left	70 (100%)	11 (16%)	<.001
Lateral basal left	70 (100%)	20 (29%)	<.001

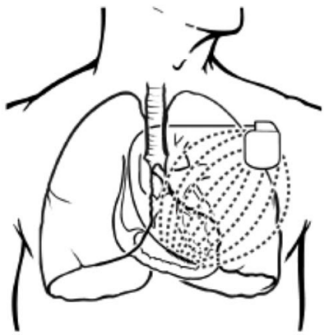
# Ecografia polmonare



## Diario

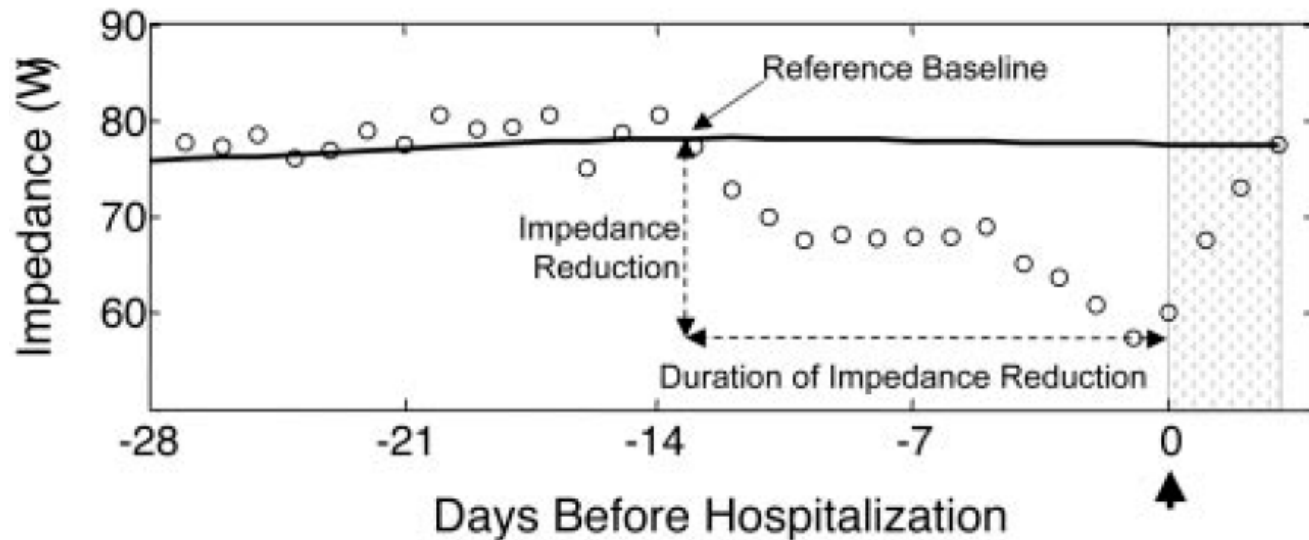
Il paziente lamenta dispnea ingravescente. EO: presenza di fini crepitii diffusi. Tachipnea. Si esegue EGA con riscontro di iponatremia (sodio 129 mEq/L). All'Rx torace quadro compatibile con edema polmonare. Si sospende infusione in corso e si applica Sol Fis 100 cc + NaCl 40 mEq in 1 ora, a metà infusione applica Lasix 250 mg in pompa siringa in 5 ore. Si posiziona catetere vescicale per il monitoraggio della diuresi.

# Congestion precedes hospitalization



## Intrathoracic Impedance Monitoring in Patients With Heart Failure

### Correlation With Fluid Status and Feasibility of Early Warning Preceding Hospitalization



# Lung ultrasound in the ED



201 pts admitted with acute dyspnoea

	Specificity	Sensitivity	Positive predictive value	Negative predictive value
Chest X-ray	96%	69%	91%	85%
Lung ultrasound	90%	97%	78%	99%

cardiogenic origin of acute dyspnea



## Imaging congestion with a pocket ultrasound device - prognostic implications in patients with chronic heart failure

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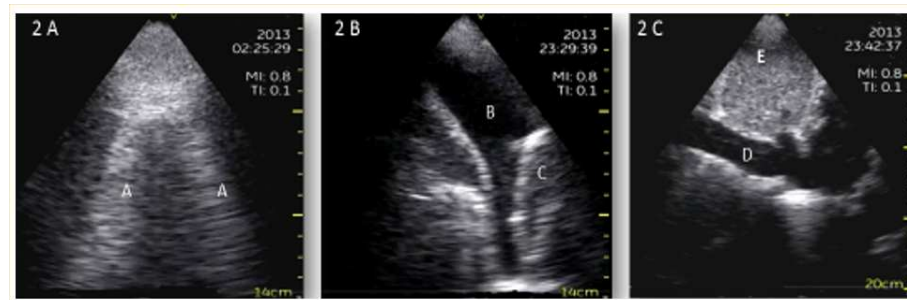
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	Hazard ratio (CI 95%), p Unadjusted	Hazard ratio (CI 95%), p Adjusted model 1	Hazard ratio (CI 95%), p Adjusted model 2
CTA (>3)	3.0 (1.4-6.7), 0.007	3.5 (1.5-7.9), 0.003	2.9 (1.3-6.6), 0.011
PE	3.3 (1.2-8.9), 0.017	3.9 (1.4-10.8), 0.008	1.9 (0.6-6.2), 0.23
CTA or PE	3.1 (1.4-7.1), 0.005	3.7 (1.6-8.5), 0.002	4.9 (1.2-20.1), 0.01

Age >72 years

LV <40%

NT-proBNP (log<sup>10</sup>)



evaluate clinically when right-sided HF is predominant, but a dilated VCI, a marker of elevated right atrial filling pressures, was not significantly associated with a bad outcome in our study. According to a report by de Lorenzo et al.<sup>22</sup> most of the patients with VCI diameter



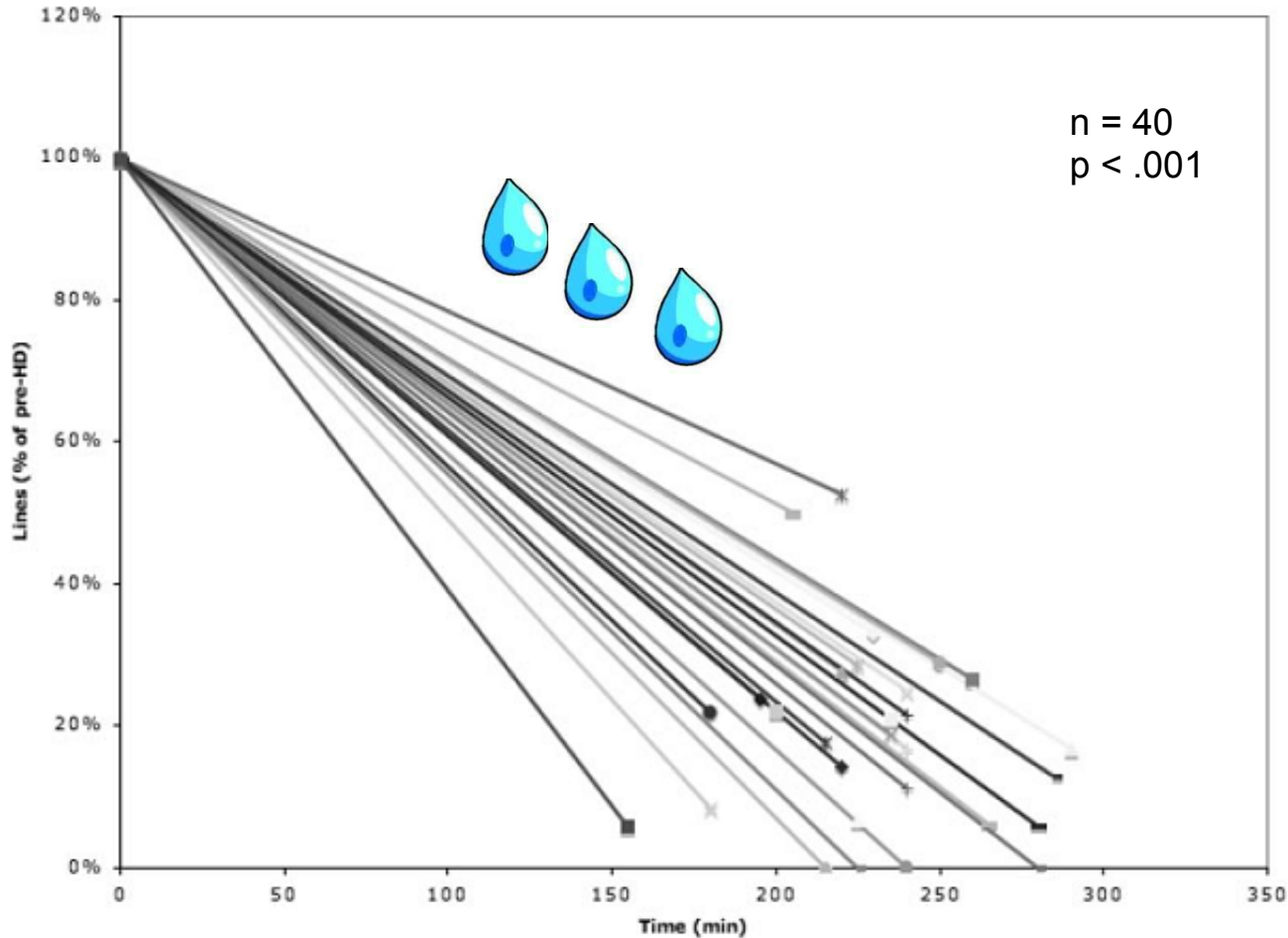
# Ultrasound Assessment for Extravascular Lung Water in Patients Undergoing Hemodialysis\*

Time Course for Resolution

microconvex probe



feasibility = 100%  
10-15 mins

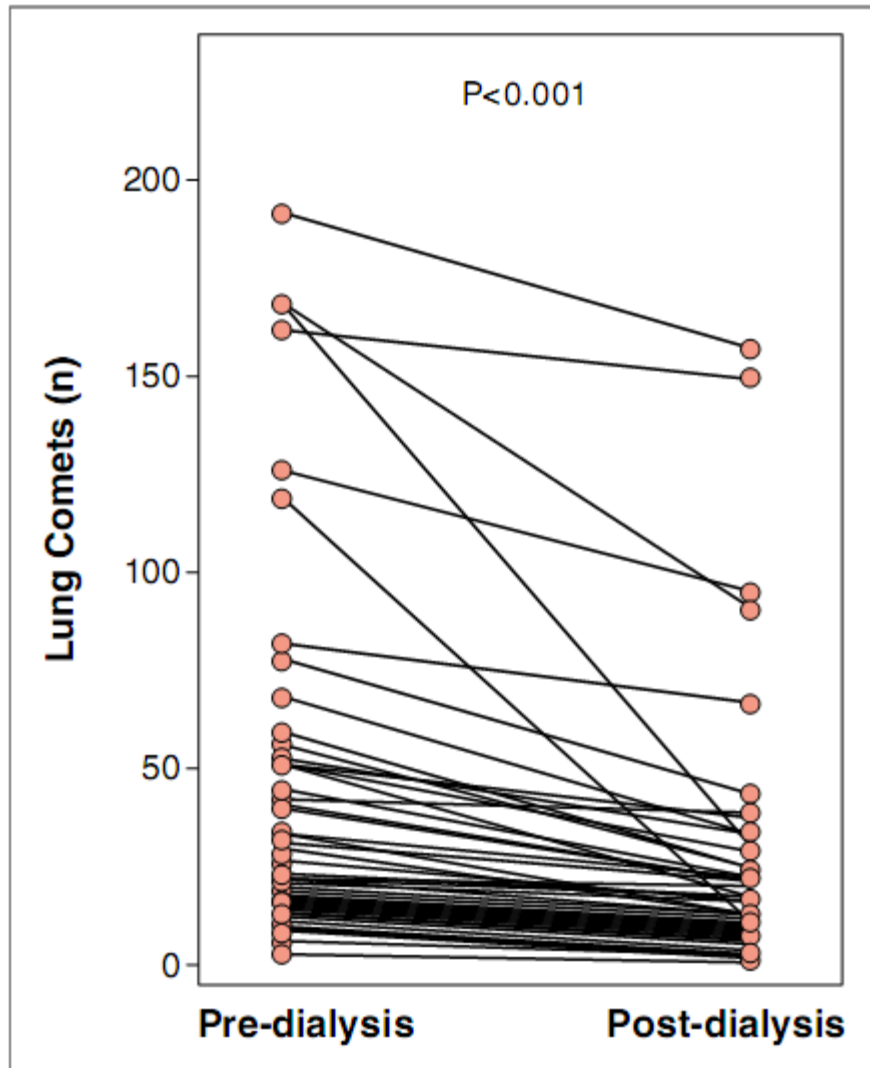


# Detection of Pulmonary Congestion by Chest Ultrasound in Dialysis Patients



cardiac  
probe

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- $n = 75$
- feasibility = 100%
- mean time needed = 4 mins (range 3-6)



# Future directions



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Working Group

**Lung water by Ultra-Sound-guided Treatment  
to prevent death and cardiovascular complications  
in high risk end-stage renal disease patients  
with cardiomyopathy**



# LUST



# EURECA-m

# LUST

500 patients  
with MI or HF

250 patients

US guided UF regimen  
& drug treatment

250 patients

Control Group, standard  
care

>15 lung comets

<15 lung comets

UF intensification  
(longer and/or additional  
dialyses)

Monitoring  
Lung US at least 1/w until  
the goal is achieved

Then, lung US 1 /month

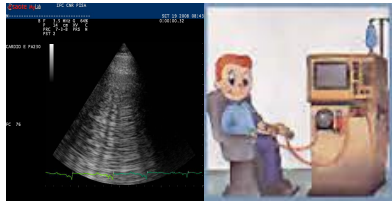
No UF intensification.  
No change in drug  
treatment.

Monitoring (monthly Lung US)

>15 lung comets

<15 lung comets

(continue monthly  
lung US monitoring)



# Lung ultrasound in the ED



## Emergency Thoracic Ultrasound in the Differentiation of the Etiology of Shortness of Breath (ETUDES): Sonographic B-lines and N-terminal Pro-brain-type Natriuretic Peptide in Diagnosing Congestive Heart Failure

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Combination of lung ultrasound (a comet-tail sign) and N-terminal pro-brain natriuretic peptide in differentiating acute heart failure from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma as cause of acute dyspnea in prehospital emergency setting

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## Diagnostic accuracy and reproducibility of pleural and lung ultrasound in discriminating cardiogenic causes of acute dyspnea in the Emergency Department

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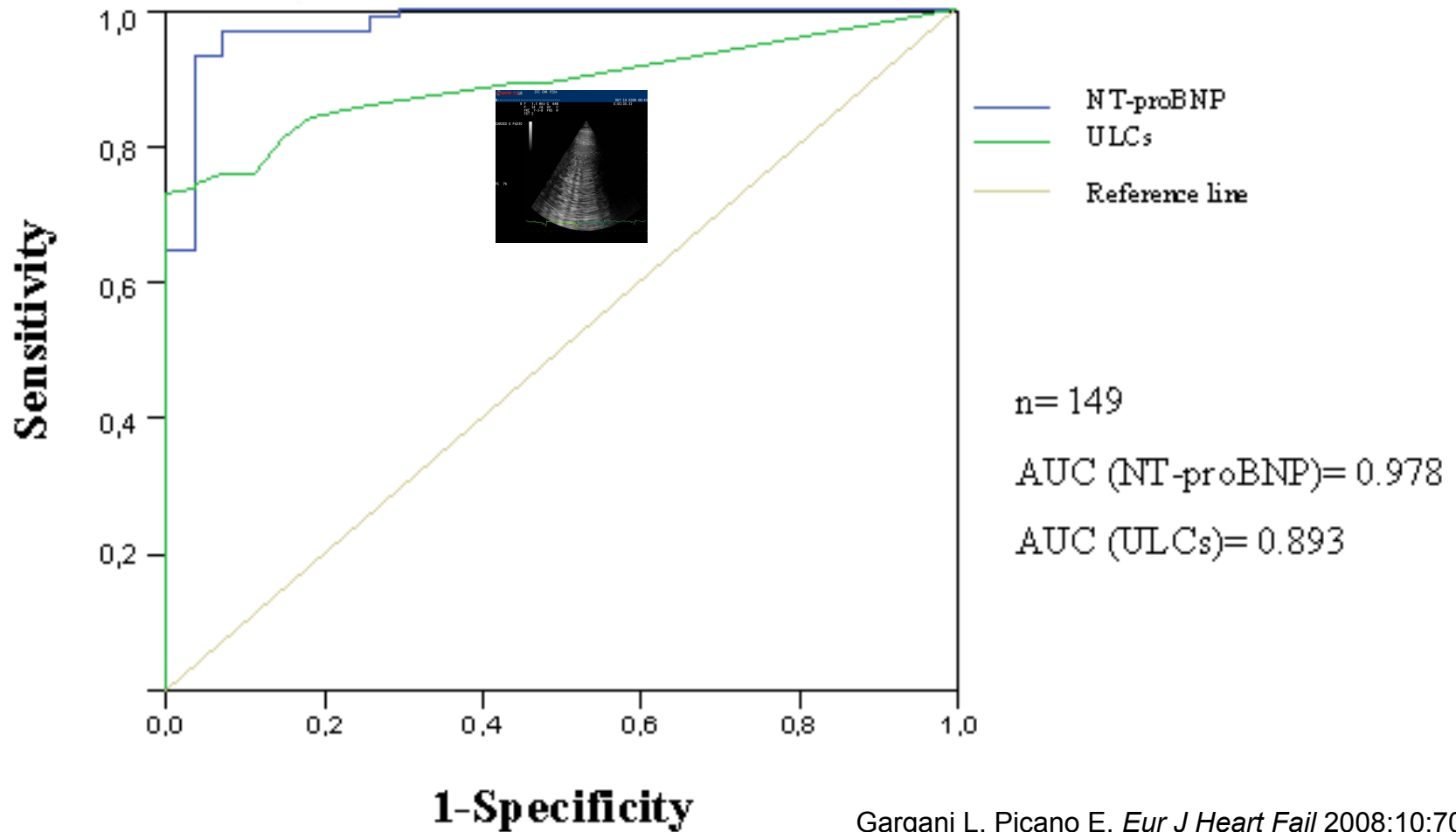
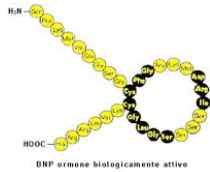
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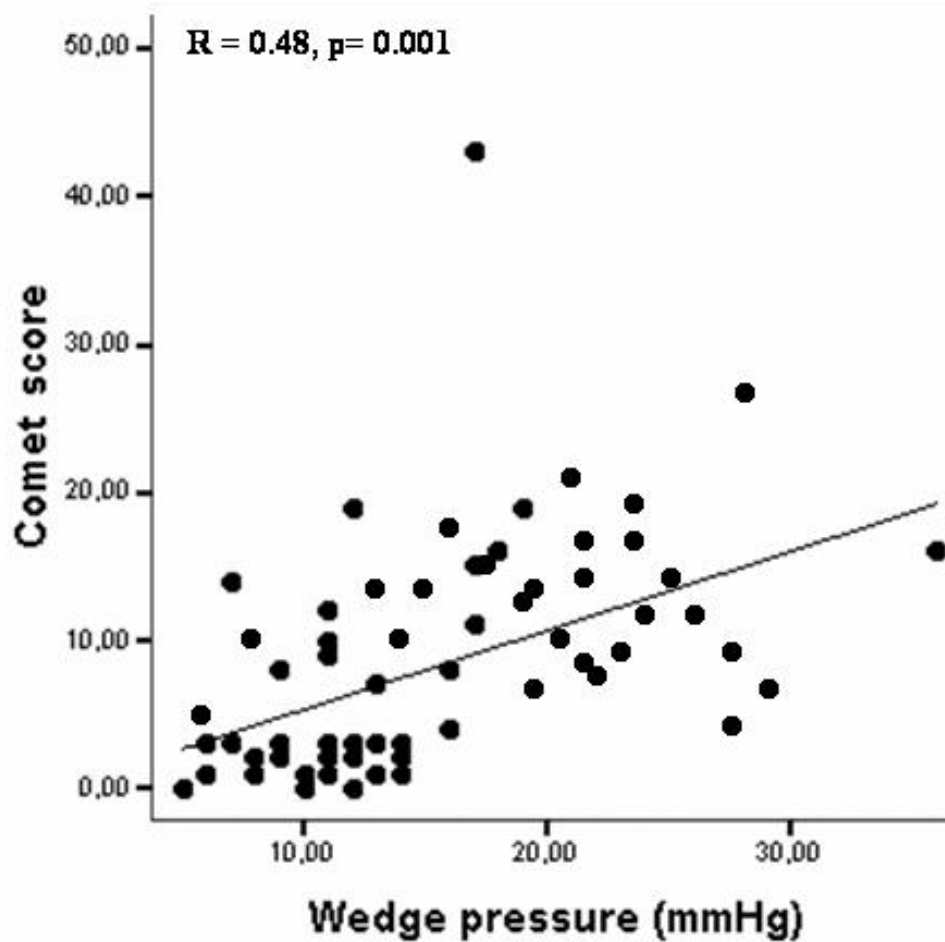
Progressive Clinical Practice

## Point-of-care Ultrasonography for the Diagnosis of Acute Cardiogenic Pulmonary Edema in Patients Presenting With Acute Dyspnea: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

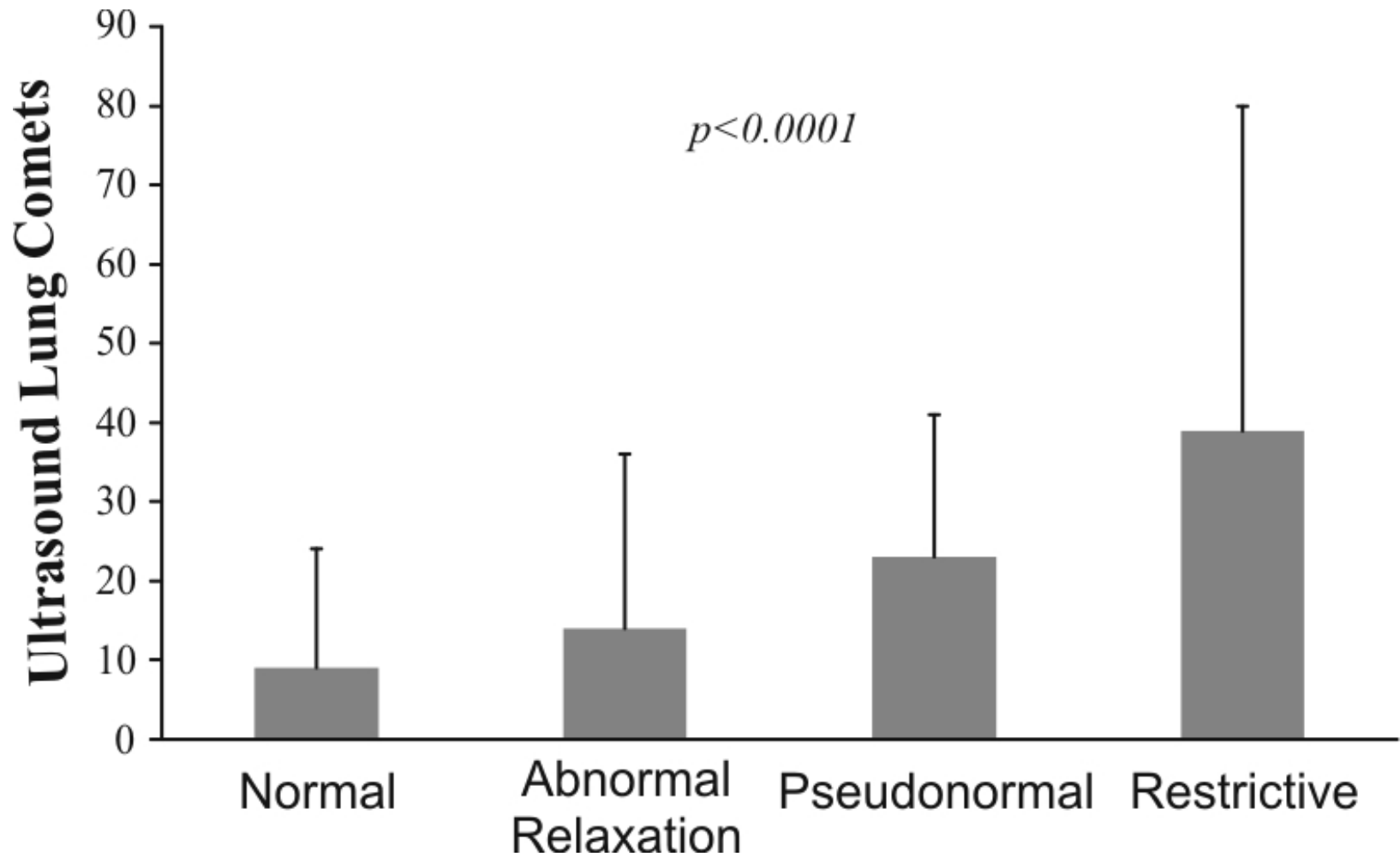
# B-lines and natriuretic peptides



# B-lines and PCWP



# B-lines and diastolic dysfunction



# La congestione nello scompenso cardiaco

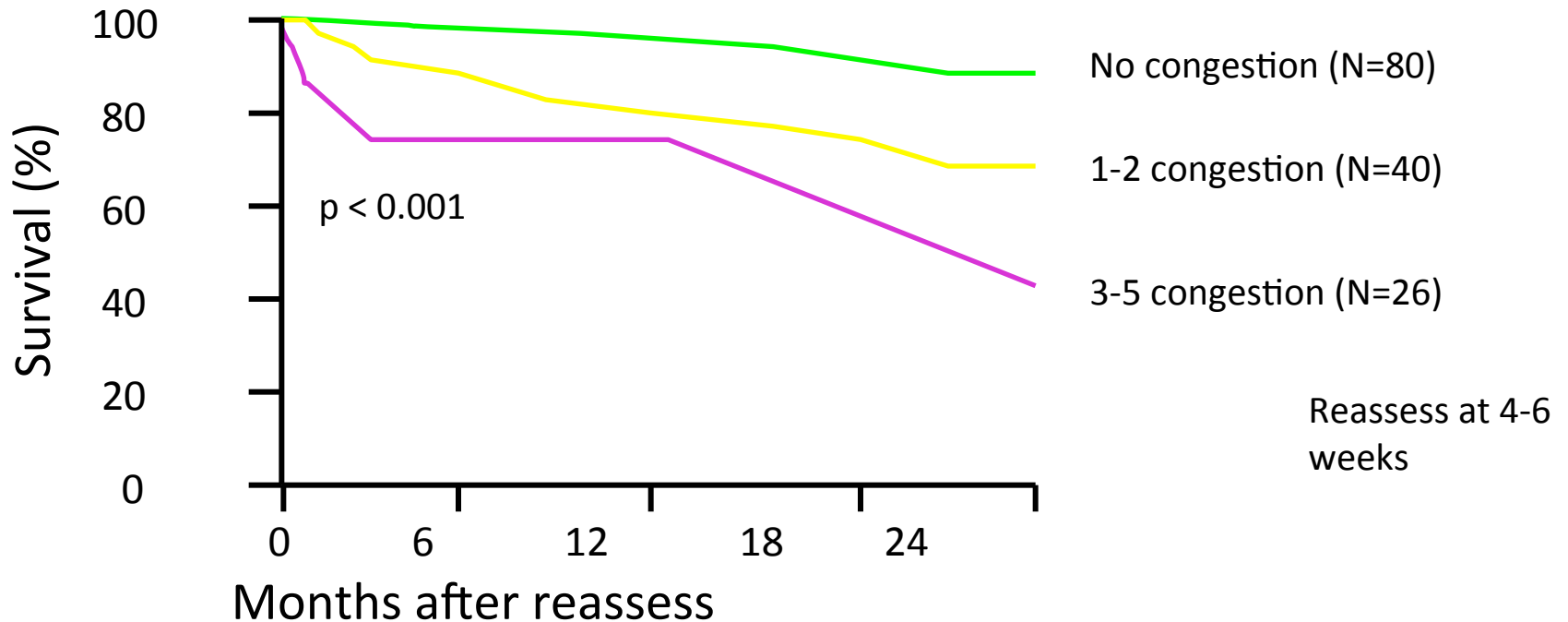
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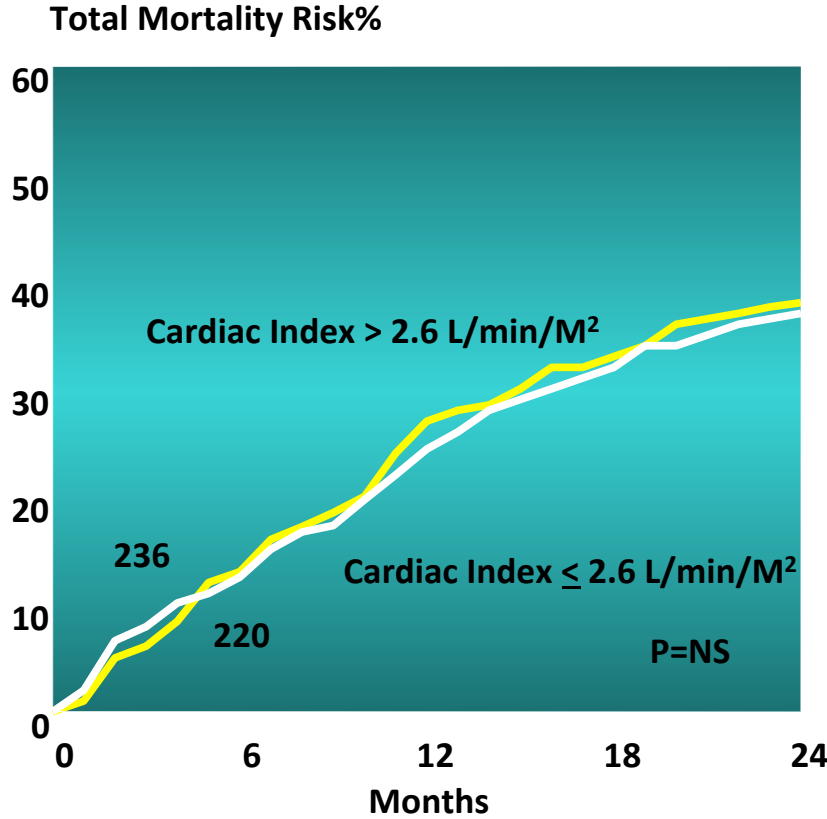
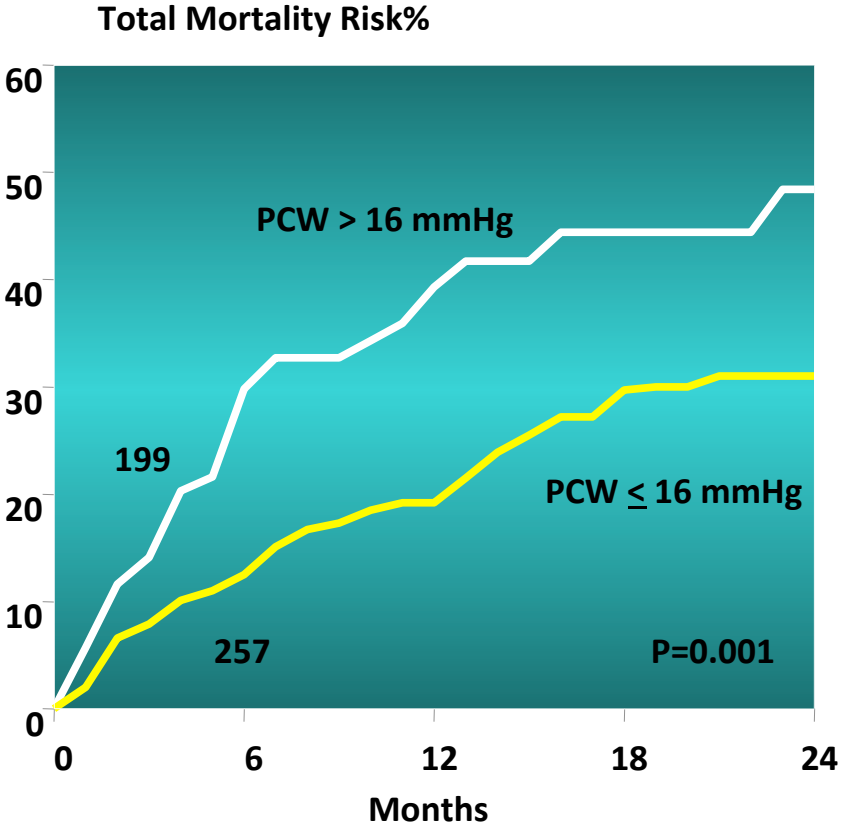


# Prognostic implications: clinical congestion



Criteria for congestion: Orthopnea, JVD, wt. gain  $\geq 2$  lb. in a week, need to increase diuretic dose, leg edema.

# Prognostic implications: hemodynamic congestion



Final hemodynamics measurement in 456 advanced HF patients after tailored therapy

# La congestione nello scompenso cardiaco

1. Why

2. When

3. How

# When to assess pulmonary congestion



When	Diagnostic target
Outpatient	Exclude impending instabilization
ER	AHF diagnosis
Ward	Therapy titration
Pre-discharge	Risk stratification

# La congestione nello scompenso cardiaco

1. Why

2. When

3. How

# Conventional tools to assess changes in pulmonary congestion

- Signs and symptoms
- Daily weights
- CXR
- Natriuretic peptides (BNP and NT-proBNP)
- Right heart catheterization

# Hystory and physical examination

Variable	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Accuracy (%)
Hx of HF	62	94	80
Dyspnea	56	53	54
Orthopnea	47	88	72
Rales	56	80	70
S3	20	99	66
JVD	39	94	72
Edema	67	68	68

Dao, Q., Maisel, A. et al. *J. American College of Cardiology*, Vol 37, No. 2, 2001

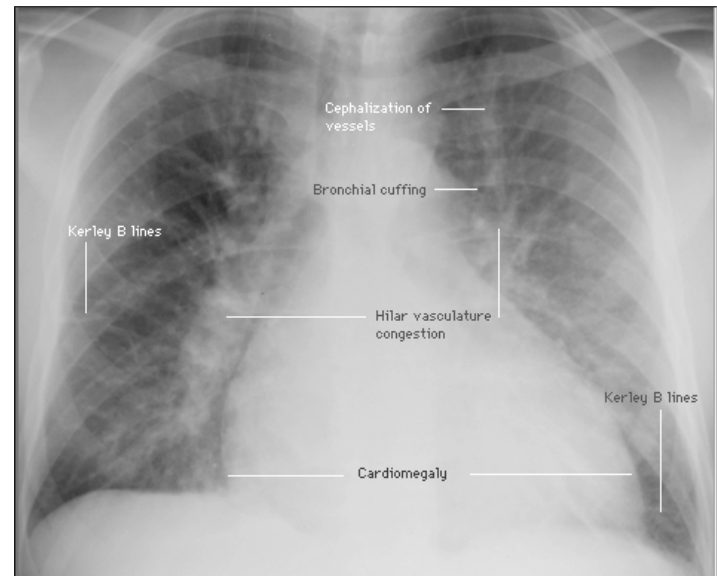
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# How good is CXR in diagnosing heart failure?

- Misses 20% of echo proven cardiomegaly
- Detection of pleural effusion if supine
  - 67% sensitivity
  - 70% specificity
- Even worse if done portable



# Dyspnea in ejection fraction 18%

## *Diario*

Il paziente presenta dispnea. EO: tachipnea, parziale disorientamento ST, rumori umidi diffusi su tutto l'ambito. PA 105/85 mmHg, Sat O2 95% in O2 con cannule nasali a 5 l/min. Diuresi 900 cc. Si incrementa la velocità del diuretico a 4 cc/ora e si applica telemetrico.

## *Diario*

Il paziente e' scarsamente responsivo e disorientato. Presenta evidente respiro periodico che non era presente ieri. PA 100/75 mmHg, al monitor ritmo indotto da PM. EGA pH 7.43, pCO2 41, pO2 70, B 2.5, HCO3- 26.6. La variazione del quadro neurologico potrebbe dipendere da emoconcentrazione (Hb 20) per cui si idrata il paziente con SF 1L in 24 h e Lasix 125 mg, si richiede inoltre TC cranio urgente senza mdc per escludere possibile sanguinamento. Si richiede infine monitoraggio del respiro.

## *Diario*

Incremento della creatininemia, si aggiunge idratazione (Sol Fis 1000 cc + aminoacidi 500 cc). Si somministra Lasix 250 mg in 8 ore. Crepitii alle basi. Risponde agli stimoli verbali.