

La diagnostica nella cardiopatia ischemica cronica. Ecocardiogramma da sforzo o ecostress farmacologico? Quali sono i criteri di scelta?

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Cardiopatía ischemica cronica

Pazienti con ECG basalmente alterato

Pazienti con comorbidità (es vasculoptie)

Vitalità miocardica

Territorio ischemico

Stress echocardiography, stress single-photon-emission computed tomography and electron beam computed tomography for the assessment of coronary artery disease: A meta-analysis of diagnostic performance

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Table II. Pooled sensitivity, specificity, and log of the diagnostic odds ratio and corresponding 95% confidence intervals per type of test using a random effects meta-analysis

Test	No. of studies	Sensitivity % (95% CI)	Specificity % (95% CI)	InDOR (95% CI)
Exercise echo	55	82.7 (80.2-85.2)	84.0 (80.4-87.6)*	3.0 (2.7-3.3)
Adenosine echo	11	79.2 (72.1-86.3)	91.5 (87.3-95.7)	3.0 (2.5-3.5)
Dipyridamole echo	58	71.9 (68.6-75.2)	94.6 (92.9-96.3)*	3.0 (2.8-3.2)
Dobutamine echo	102	81.0 (79.1-82.9)	84.1 (82.0-86.1)*	2.9 (2.7-3.0)
Combined echo	226	79.1 (77.6-80.5)	87.1 (85.7-88.5)*	2.9 (2.8-3.0)
Exercise SPECT	48	88.1 (85.8-90.3)‡	68.8 (62.8-74.8)	2.7 (2.6-3.0)
Adenosine SPECT	14	90.5 (89.0-91.9)‡	81.0 (73.5-88.6)	3.4 (3.0-3.8)**
Dipyridamole SPECT	23	90.4 (87.3-93.5)‡	75.4 (66.2-84.6)	2.7 (2.3-3.1)
Dobutamine SPECT	16	83.6 (78.4-88.8)	75.1 (71.1-79.0)	2.5 (2.1-2.9)
Combined SPECT	103	88.1 (86.6-89.6)‡	73.0 (69.1-76.9)	2.8 (2.6-3.0)
EBCT	21	93.1 (90.7-95.6)‡	54.5 (45.3-63.8)‡	2.6 (2.2-3.0)

CI, Confidence interval; InDOR, natural logarithm of the diagnostic odds ratio.

*Nonoverlapping confidence intervals indicating a statistically higher specificity than the corresponding SPECT test.

**Nonoverlapping confidence intervals indicating a statistically higher InDOR than exercise and dobutamine SPECT and EBCT.

‡Nonoverlapping confidence intervals indicating a statistically higher sensitivity than the corresponding echocardiography test.

‡Nonoverlapping confidence intervals indicating a statistically higher sensitivity than all other tests, except for adenosine and dipyridamole SPECT and a statistically lower specificity than all other tests except for exercise SPECT.

Valutazione prognostica

J Am Coll Cardiol. 2007 Jan 16;49(2):227-37. Epub 2006 Dec 29.

The prognostic value of normal exercise myocardial perfusion imaging and exercise echocardiography: a meta-analysis.

Metz LD, Beattie M, Horn R, Redberg RF, Grady D, Fleischmann KE.

Department of Medicine, New York University School of Medicine, New York, New York, USA.

Metaanalisi (articoli dal '90 al '05)

9000 pazienti

Eco stress negativo bassissima incidenza di eventi (<1% anno nei successivi 4-5 anni, rischio annuale del 0,4-0,9% l'anno) Metz et Al, JACC 2007

Eco stress positivo: 10-30% di eventi spontanei o perioperatori nei successivi anni.

Stress Echo Risk Titration of a Negative Test

1-year risk (hard events)	Very low ($<0.5\%$ year)	Low (1–3% year)
Stress	Maximal	Submaximal
Resting EF	$>50\%$	$<40\%$
Anti-ischaemic therapy	Off	On
CFR	>2.0	<2.0

CFR, coronary flow reserve.

Stress Echo Risk Titration of a Positive Test

1-year risk (hard events)	Intermediate (1-3% year)	High (>10% year)
Dose/workload	High	Low
Resting EF	>50%	<40%
Anti-ischaemic therapy	Off	On
Coronary territory	LCx/RCA	LAD
Peak WMSI	Low	High
Recovery	Fast	Slow
Positivity or baseline dyssynergy	Homozonal	Heterozonal
CFR	>2.0	<2.0

LAD, left anterior descending artery; LCx, left circumflex; RCA, right coronary artery.

ECHO stress

- **Esercizio fisico**
- treadmill
- cyclette (in ortostatismo, supina)
- **esercizio isometrico**
- **Farmacologico**
- dobutamina
- dipiridamolo
- adenosina
- **ergonovina**
- **arbutamina**
- **Altri**
- **atrial pacing**
- **cold pressor test**
- **stress mentale**
- **iperventilazione**

Vantaggi dei test farmacologici

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- -qualità delle immagini (nessuna interferenza del respiro né del movimento; possibilità di monitorare le immagini per l'intera durata dell'esame)
- -possibilità di valutare la riserva di flusso coronarico (quando si usano vasodilatatori)
- -facilità nell'applicare nuove metodiche

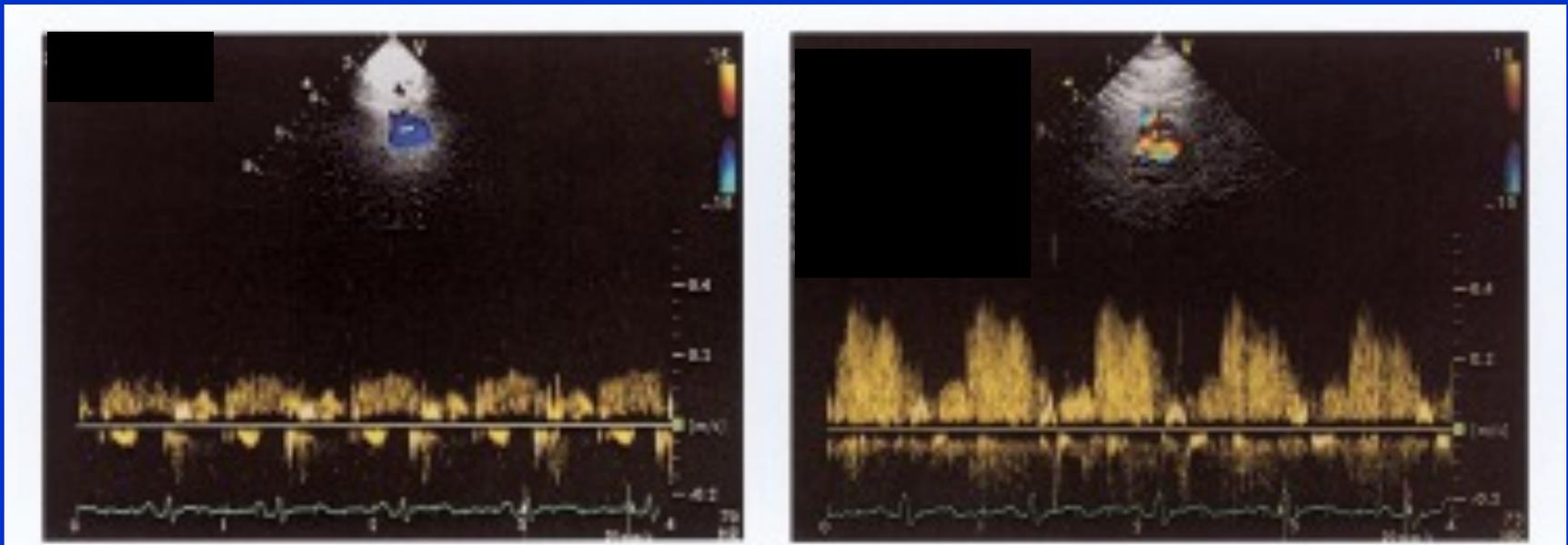
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Eco stress con vasodilatatori

Basale

Dipiridamolo



Valutazione prognostica

Potere prognostico addizionale combinando la valutazione della riserva di flusso coronarico e le modificazioni della cinetica durante test al dipiridamolo (Cortigiani, JACC 2007; Rigo, Eur Heart J 2007)

In 460 pts con **echo dipiridamolo negativo per alterazioni della cinetica regionale**, lo studio della riserva di flusso coronarica su IVA permetteva di identificare pattern prognostici diversi: riserva di flusso ridotta, in particolare su IVA, forte capacità predittiva di eventi maggiori.

Cortigiani et Al, Heart 2009.

Valutazione della riserva di flusso coronarico

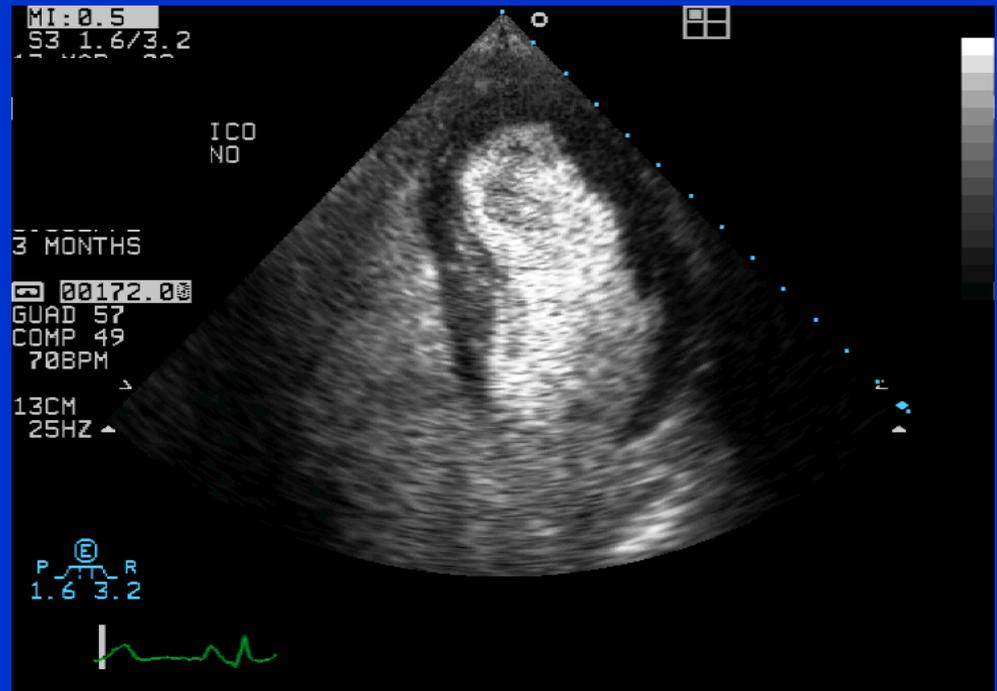
- **Valutazione limitata alla IVA**
- **Impossibilità a distinguere la componente legata al macro- e al microcircolo**
- **Valutazione di flusso e di cinetica (la alterazione della cinetica parietale è più efficiente per identificare la presenza di stenosi coronarica significativa, la normalità della riserva di flusso coronarico è più efficace nell'escluderla).**

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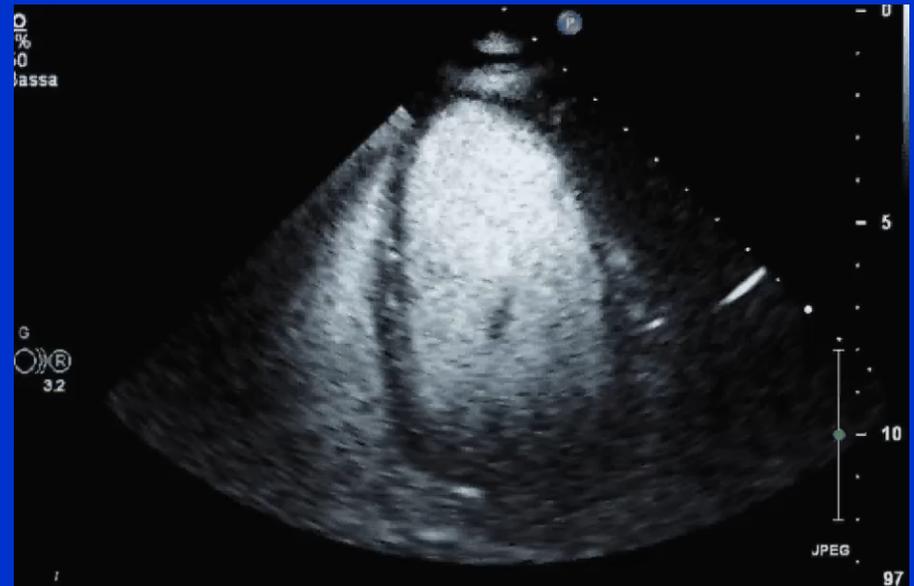
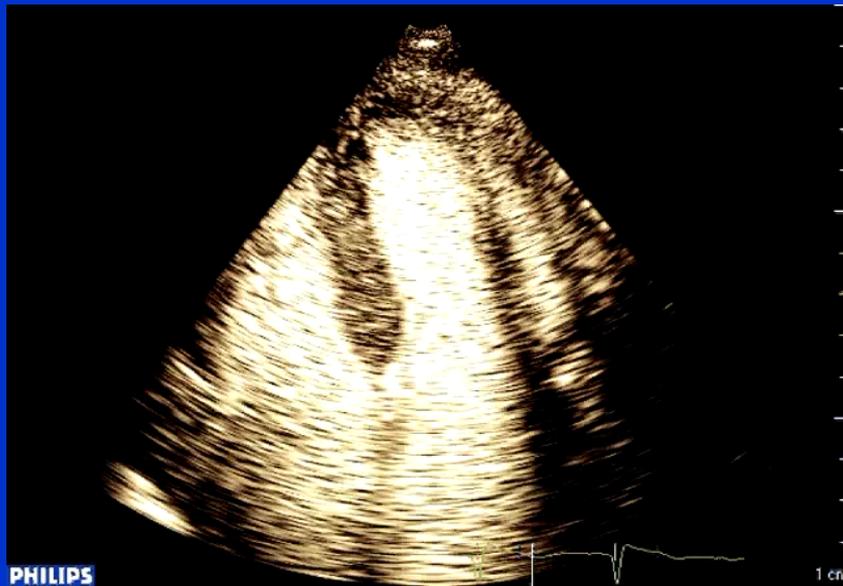
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Nuove tecnologie applicate a stress Echo: Ecocontrasto

- Migliore visualizzazione dell'endocardio con opacizzazione di LV (nei pazienti con finestra ecocardiografica di scarsa qualità)



Valutazione della perfusione



Incremental value of contrast myocardial perfusion to detect intermediate versus severe coronary artery stenosis during stress-echocardiography

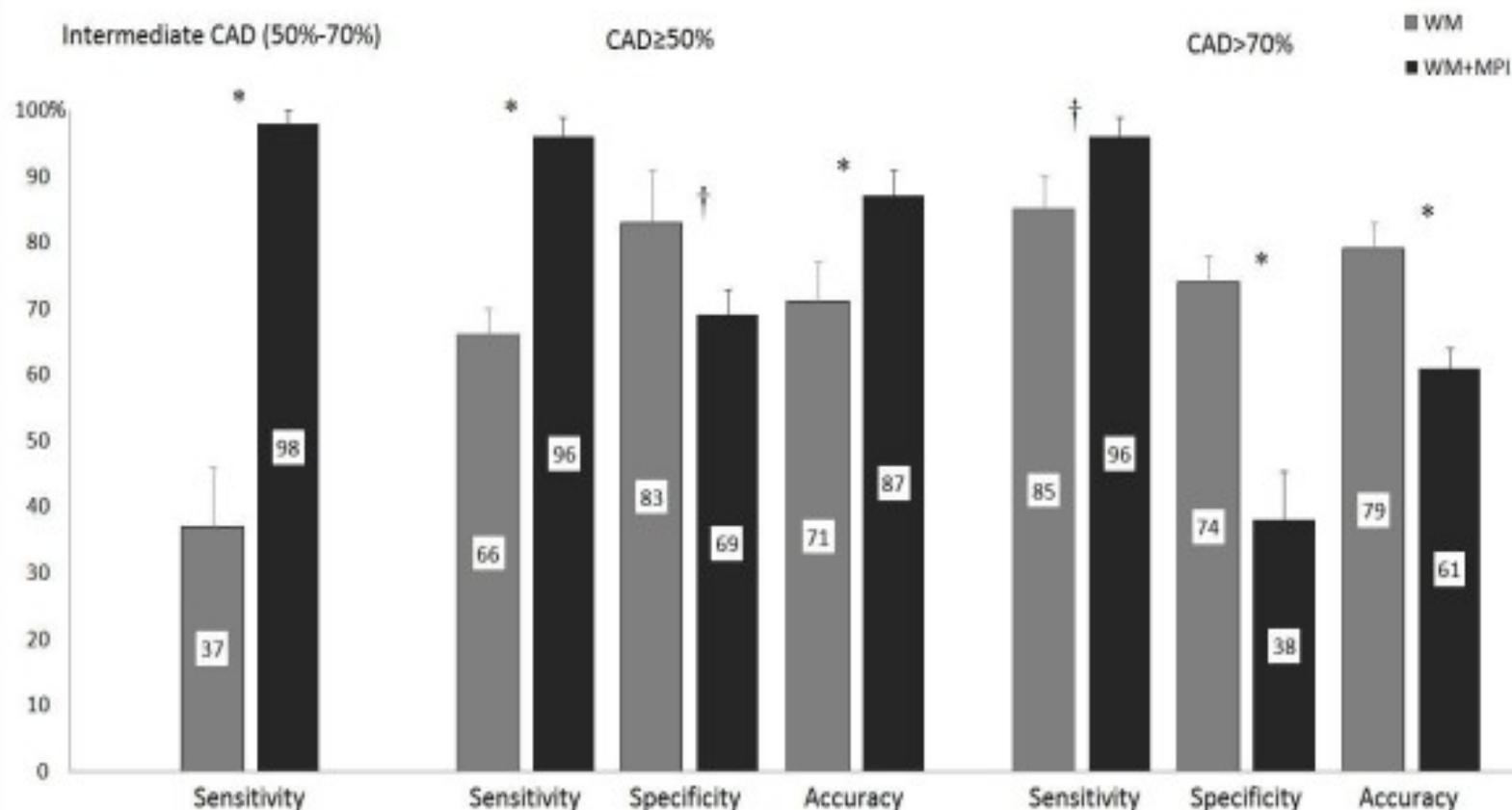
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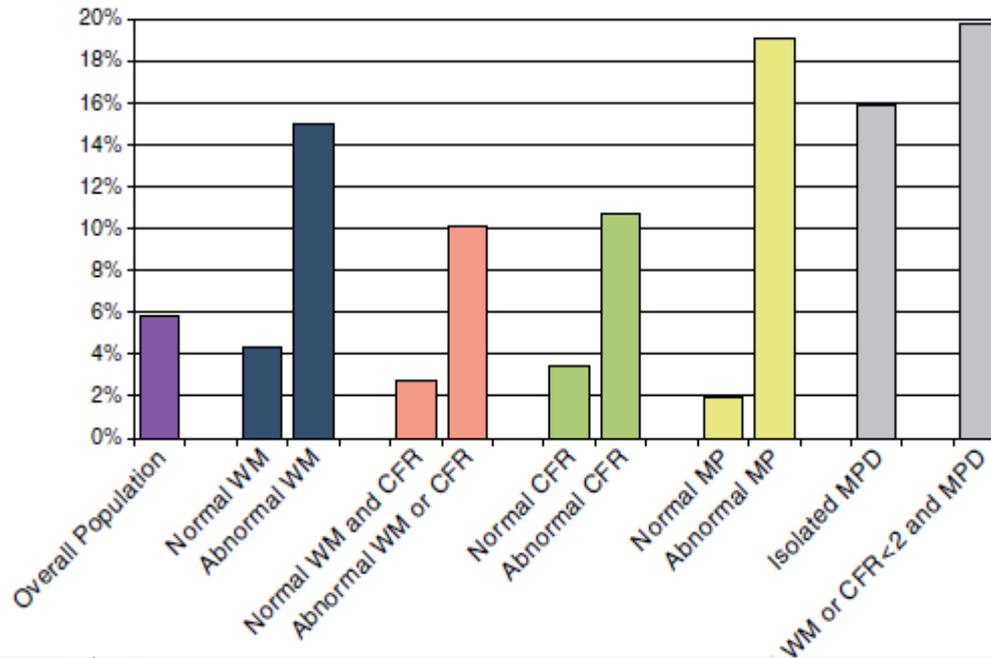
J Am Coll Cardiol. 2004 Dec 7;44(11):2185-91 .

Comparative accuracy of real-time myocardial contrast perfusion imaging and wall motion analysis during dobutamine stress echocardiography for the diagnosis of coronary artery disease.

Elhendy A, O'Leary EL, Xie F, McGrain AC, Anderson JR, Porter TR.

Department of Internal Medicine, Section of Cardiology, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska, USA.

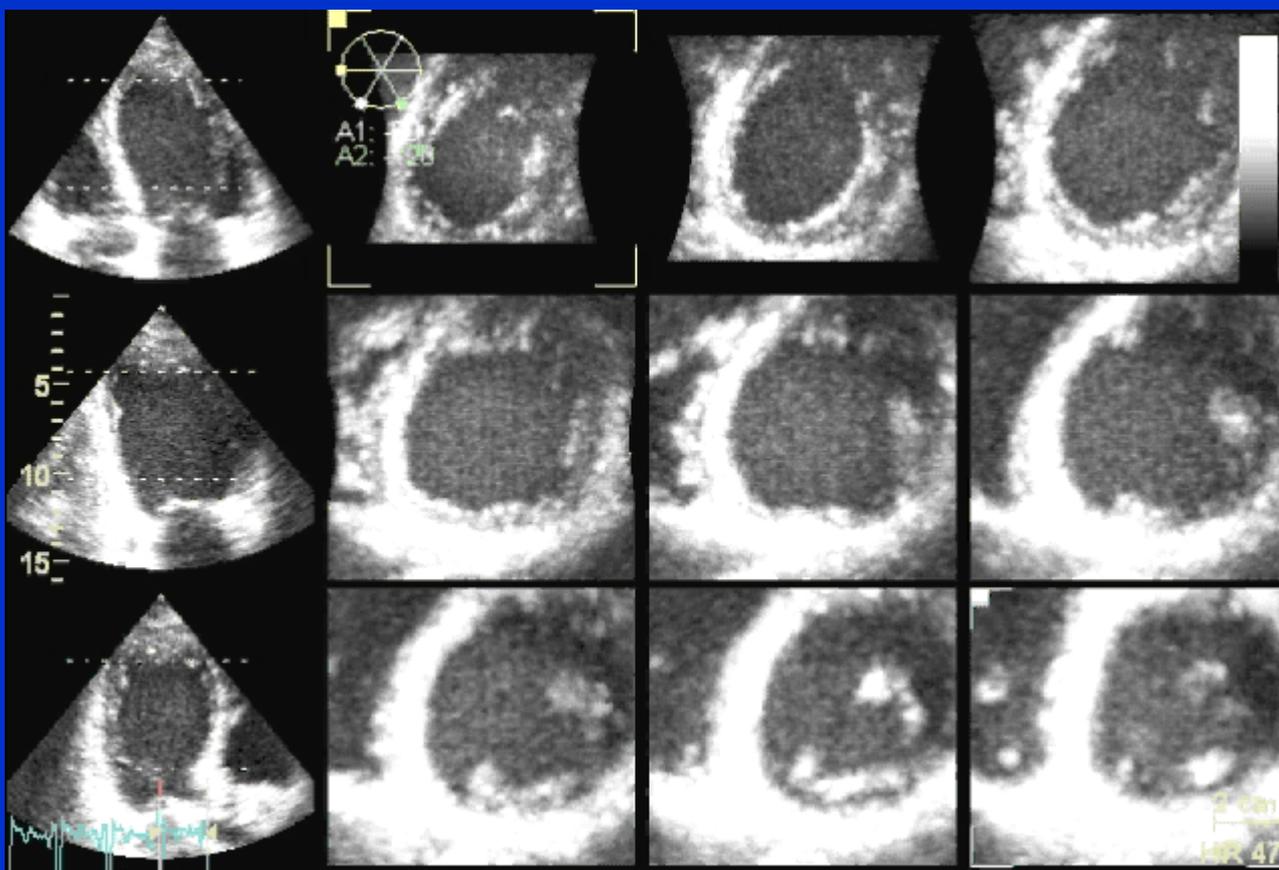
Sensitivity of MCE was higher than that of WMA at maximal stress (91% vs. 70%; $p = 0.001$) and at intermediate stress (84% vs. 20%; $p = 0.0001$). **Specificity** was lower for MCE compared with WMA (51% vs. 74%; $p = 0.01$). Overall accuracy was higher for MCE than for WMA (81% vs. 71%; $p = 0.01$). Sensitivity for detection of CAD based on abnormalities in ≥ 2 vascular regions was higher for MCE than for WMA (67% vs. 28%; $p < 0.01$).



interobserver agreement : 80% per la perfusione

95% per le alterazioni della cinetica parietale

Ecocardiografia tridimensionale



High Volume-Rate Three-Dimensional Stress Echocardiography to Assess Inducible Myocardial Ischemia: A Feasibility Study

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(J Am Soc Echocardiogr 2010;23:628-35.)

Table 3 Sensitivity and specificity of 3DE and 2DE for the detection of coronary artery disease

Coronary artery territory	Sensitivity (%)			Specificity (%)		
	3DE	2DE	P	3DE	2DE	P
All	80	78	NS	87	91	NS
Left anterior descending	87	78	.011	90	93	NS
Right	82	77	NS	85	88	NS
Left circumflex	65	63	NS	94	92	NS

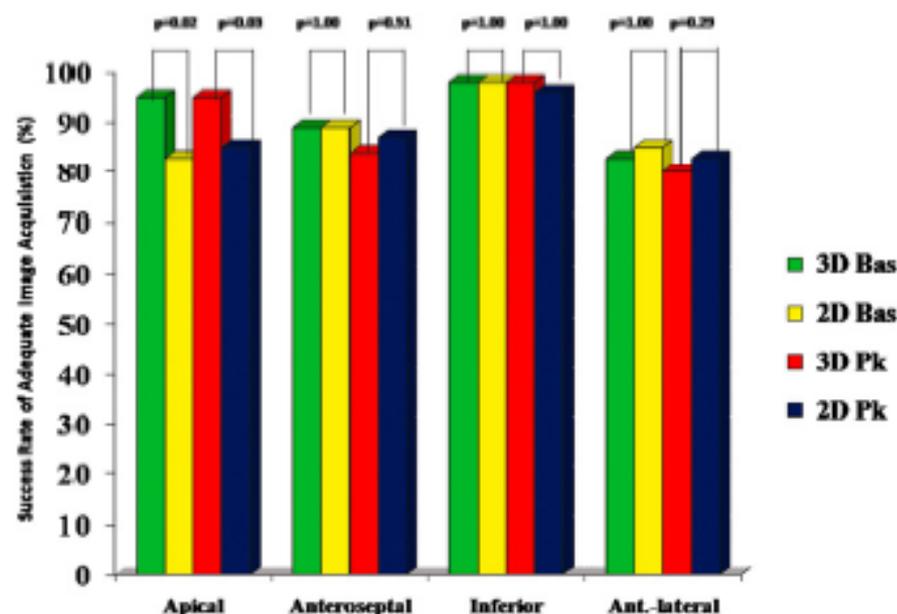
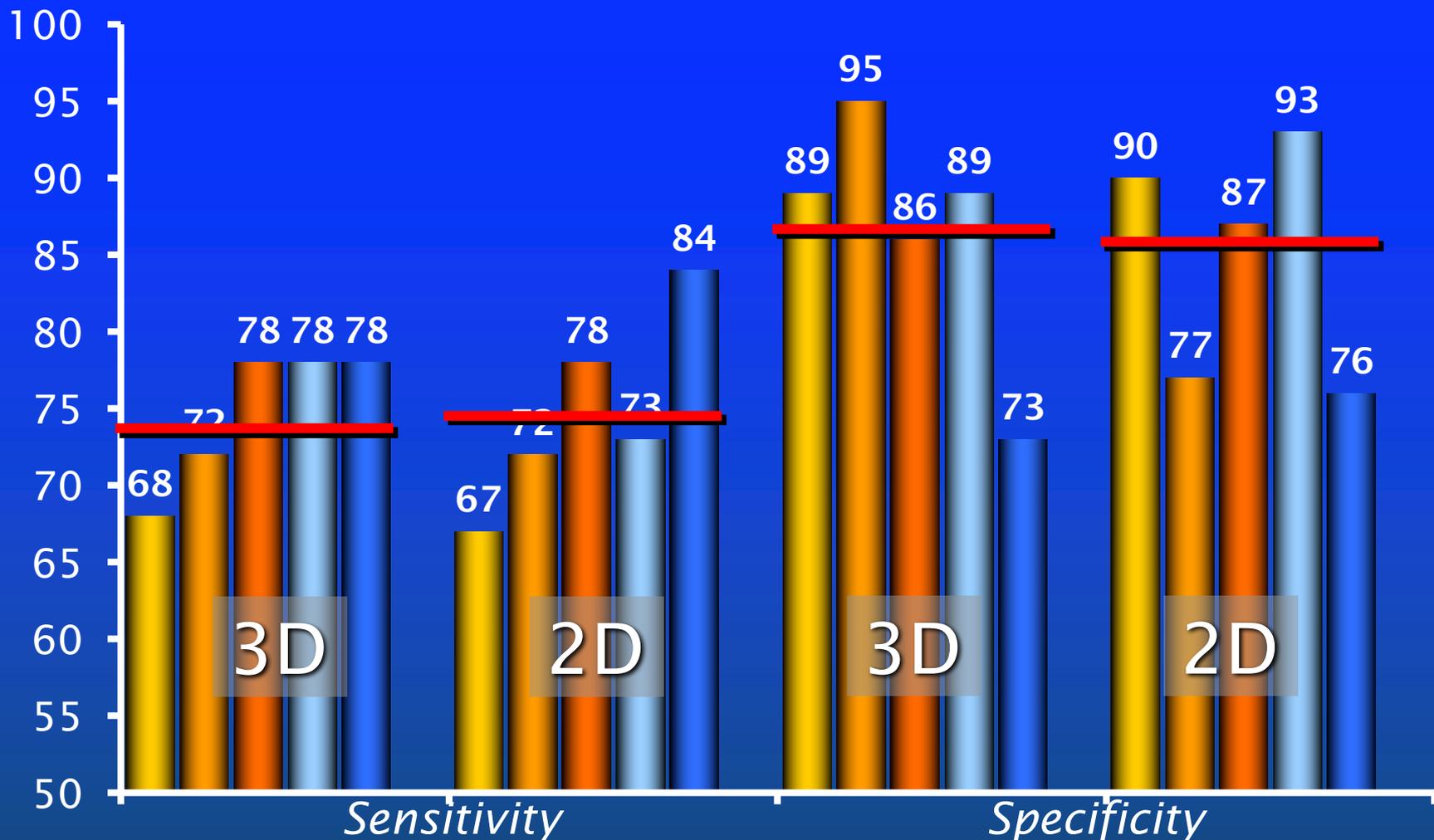


Figure 4 Success rate of adequate LV segment visualization at baseline (Bas) and during peak stress (Pk) using 3DE and 2DE in 4 left ventricular regions. The only significant difference could be detected in the apical region.

Accuracy of Stress Echo

3D / 2D vs. Thallium-SPECT / Coronary AnGIO



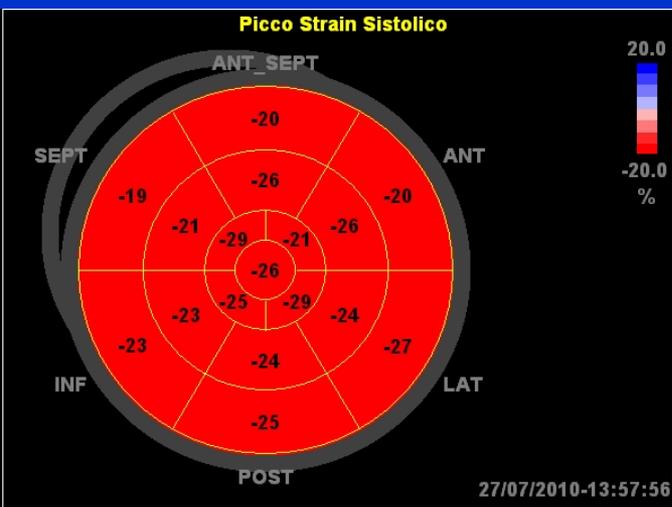
From: Matsumura, Eur Heart J 2005; Eroglu, Eur Heart J 2006;
Peteiro, JASE 2007; Aggeli Heart 2007; Yoshitani, JASE 2009

**Strain percentuale dell'accorciamento delle fibre miocardiche
relativo alla sua dimensione originale
Strain rate è la sua derivata temporale**

**Speckle tracking permette la valutazione della deformazione
ventricolare nelle 3 direzioni (longitudinale, circonferenziale,
radiale)**

**Ischemia inizia nello strato subendocardico, la funzione
longitudinale dipende soprattutto dalle fibre subendocardiche**

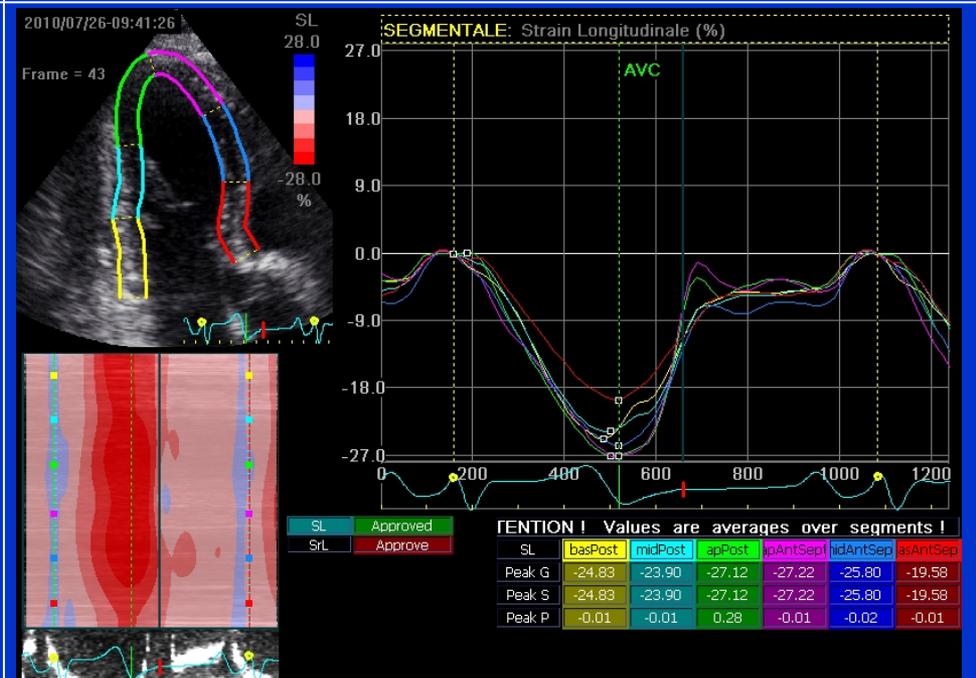
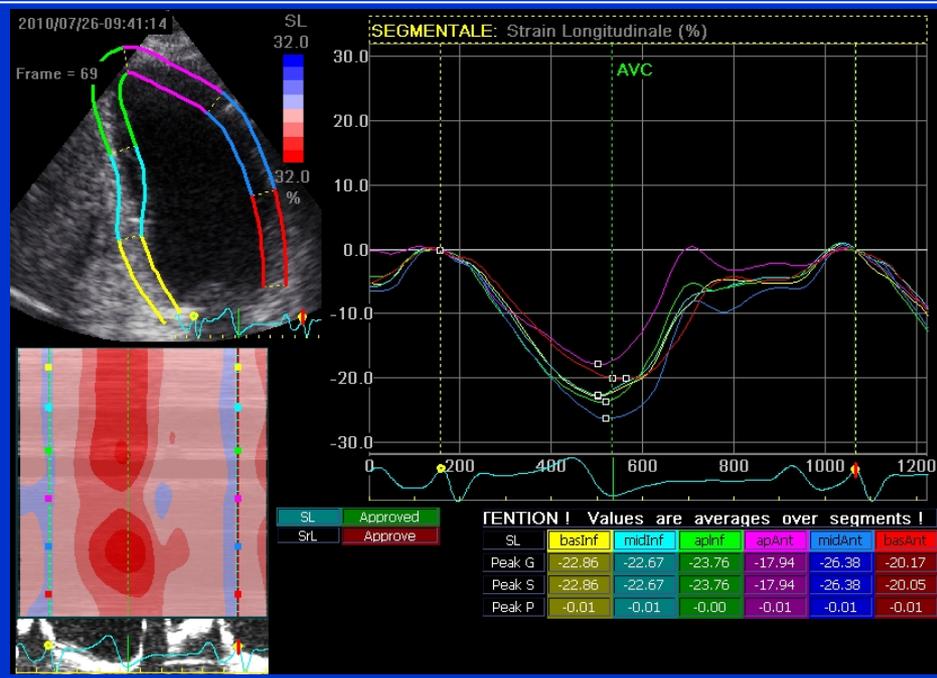
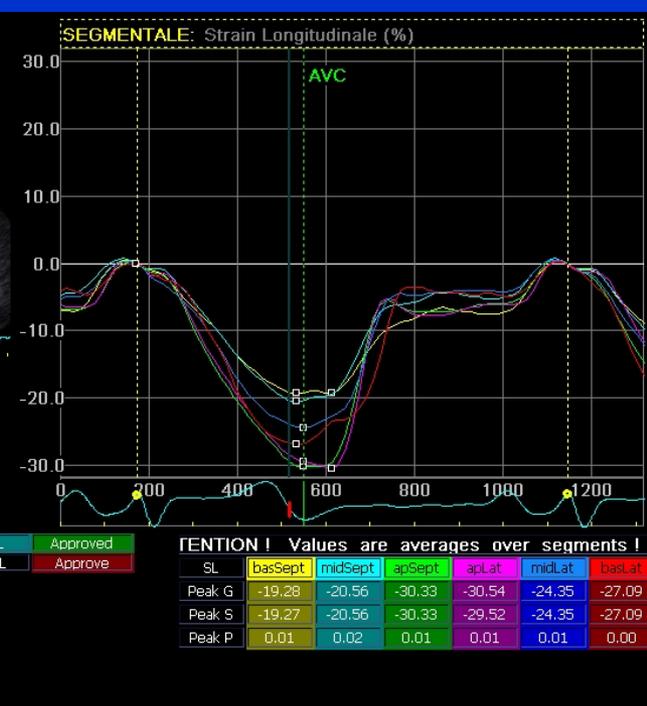
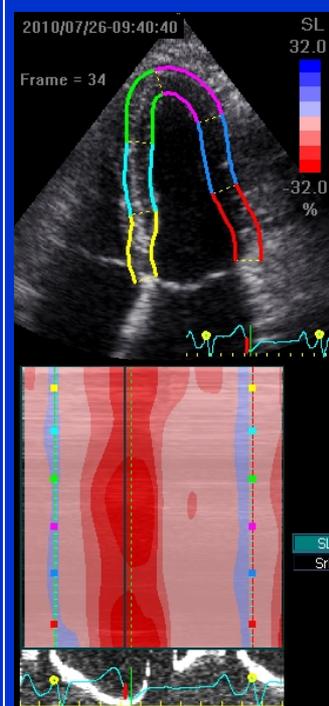
**I parametri di deformazione longitudinali potrebbero essere
più accurati e precoci nell'evidenziare ischemia anche durante i
test provocativi**



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Normale
Indic: soffio
cardiaco
4-camere
Strain
longitudinale

GLPS_LAX	-24.3 %	AVC_AUTO	361 msec
GLPS_A4C	-25.6 %	HR_ApLAX	64.8 bpm
GLPS_A2C	-21.5 %		
GLPS_Avg	-23.8 %		



Parametro accurati per ischemia: strain e strain rate sono ridotti in caso di ischemia

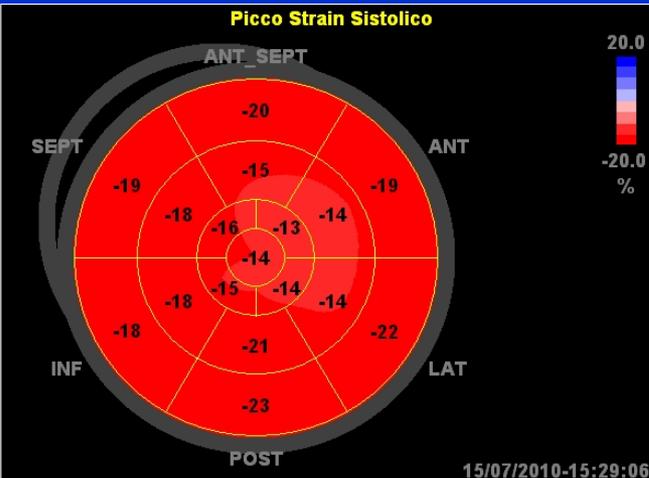
PSS (post systolic shortening, ispessimento miocardico dopo la chiusura della valvola aortica), parametro molto precoce e sensibile per la diagnosi di ischemia acuta.

Patologico se: compare >90 msec dopo la chiusura della valvola aortica

Durante test provocativi, l'incremento di strain e strain rate è ridotto nei segmenti ischemici

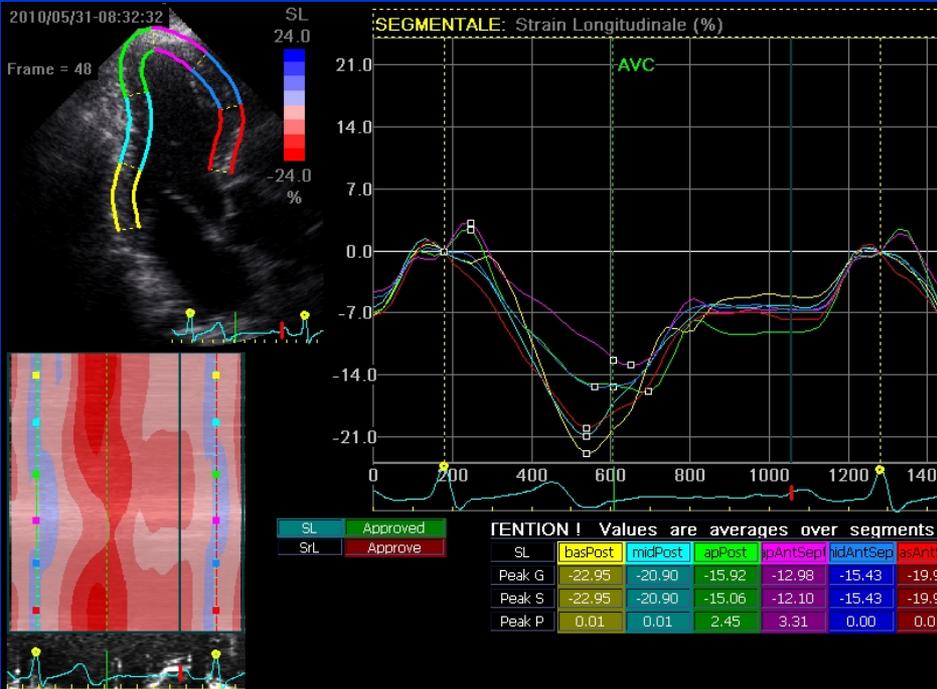
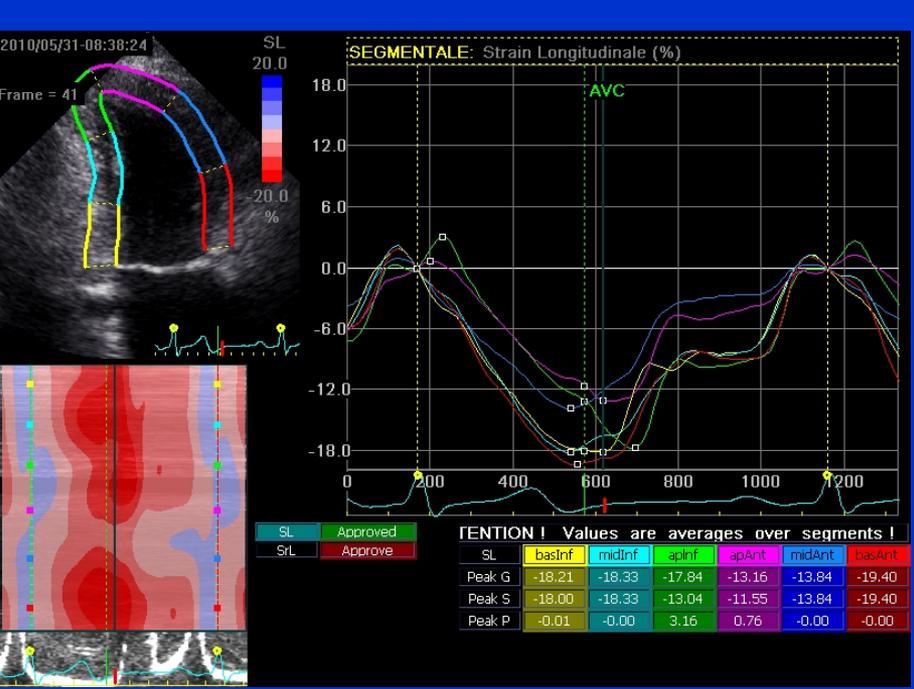
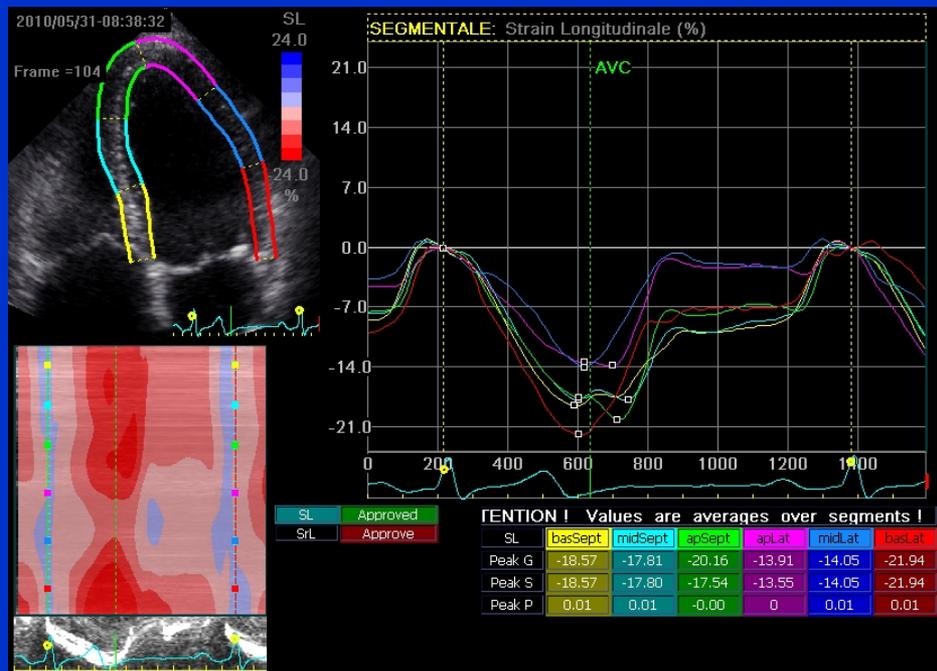
PSS è identificato nel 100% dei segmenti ischemici al picco dello stress

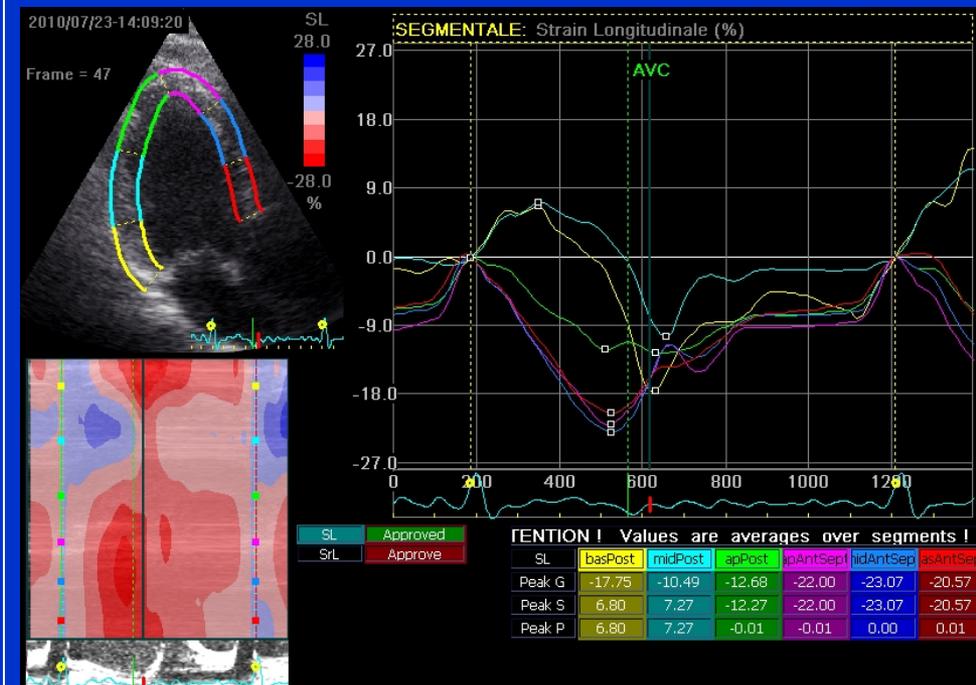
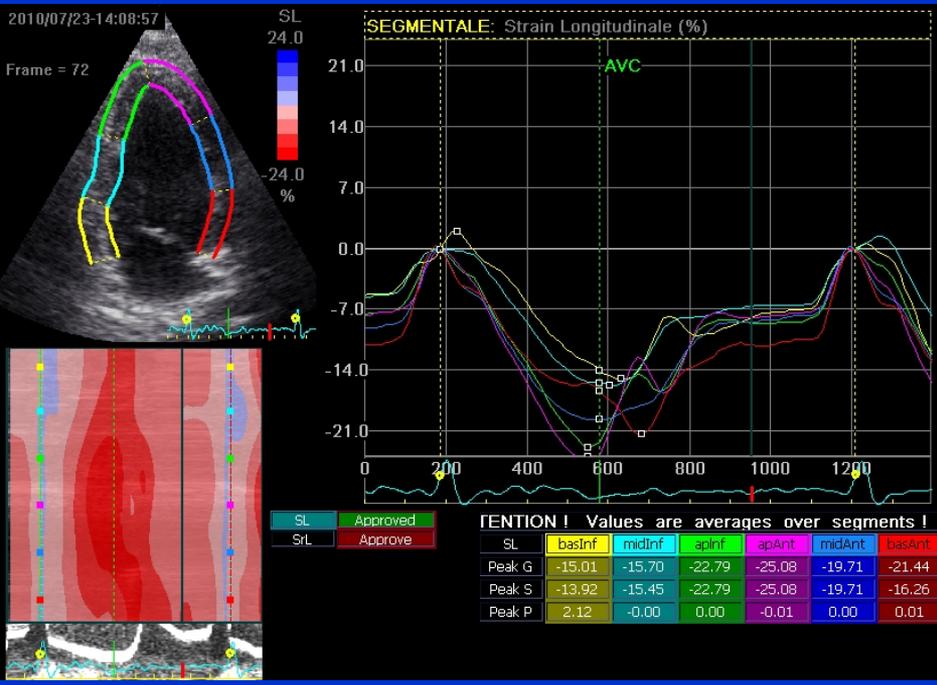
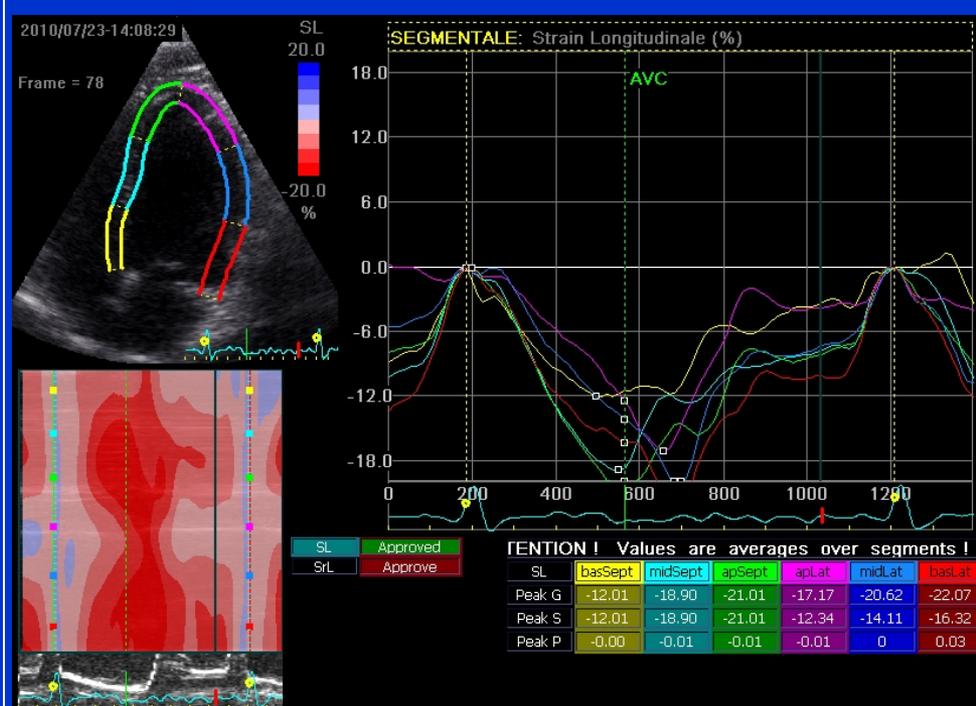
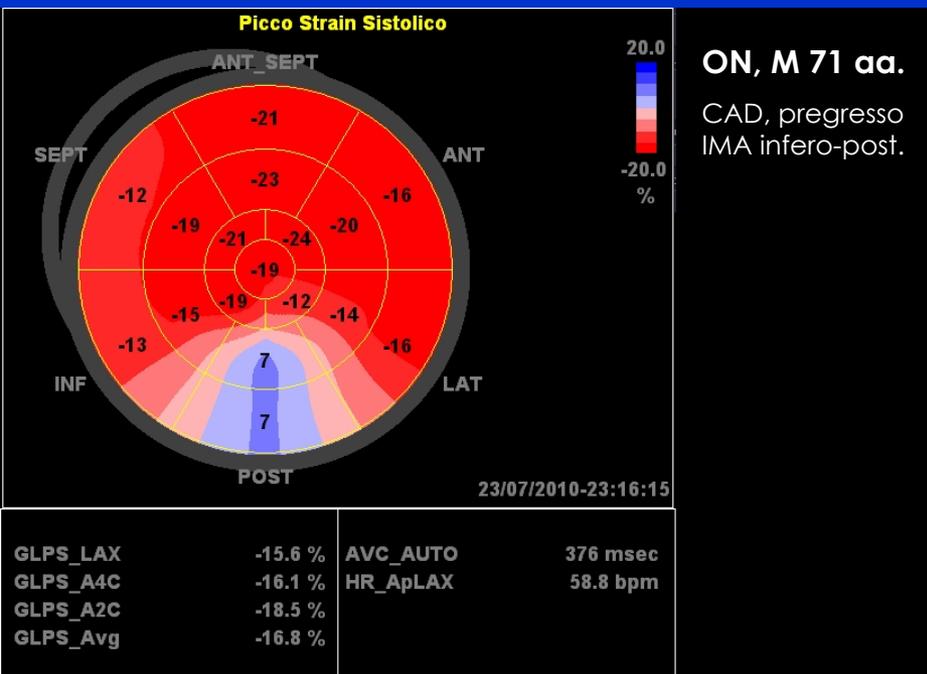
Progetto Balanced
Scorecard



GL, M 74 aa.
CAD con normale funzione

GLPS_LAX	-17.7 %	AVC_AUTO	427 msec
GLPS_A4C	-17.8 %	HR_ApLAX	54.5 bpm
GLPS_A2C	-15.6 %		
GLPS_Avg	-17.0 %		





PSS e PSI(rapporto tra PSS e massimo accorciamento) parametro migliore per identificare ischemia durante stress (sensibilità 82%, specificità 85%)

Alcuni studi hanno identificato segmenti «sentinella» su cui valutare i vari parametri

Utilità in associazione alla valutazione della cinetica parietale per identificare i segmenti vitali

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Lettoergometro

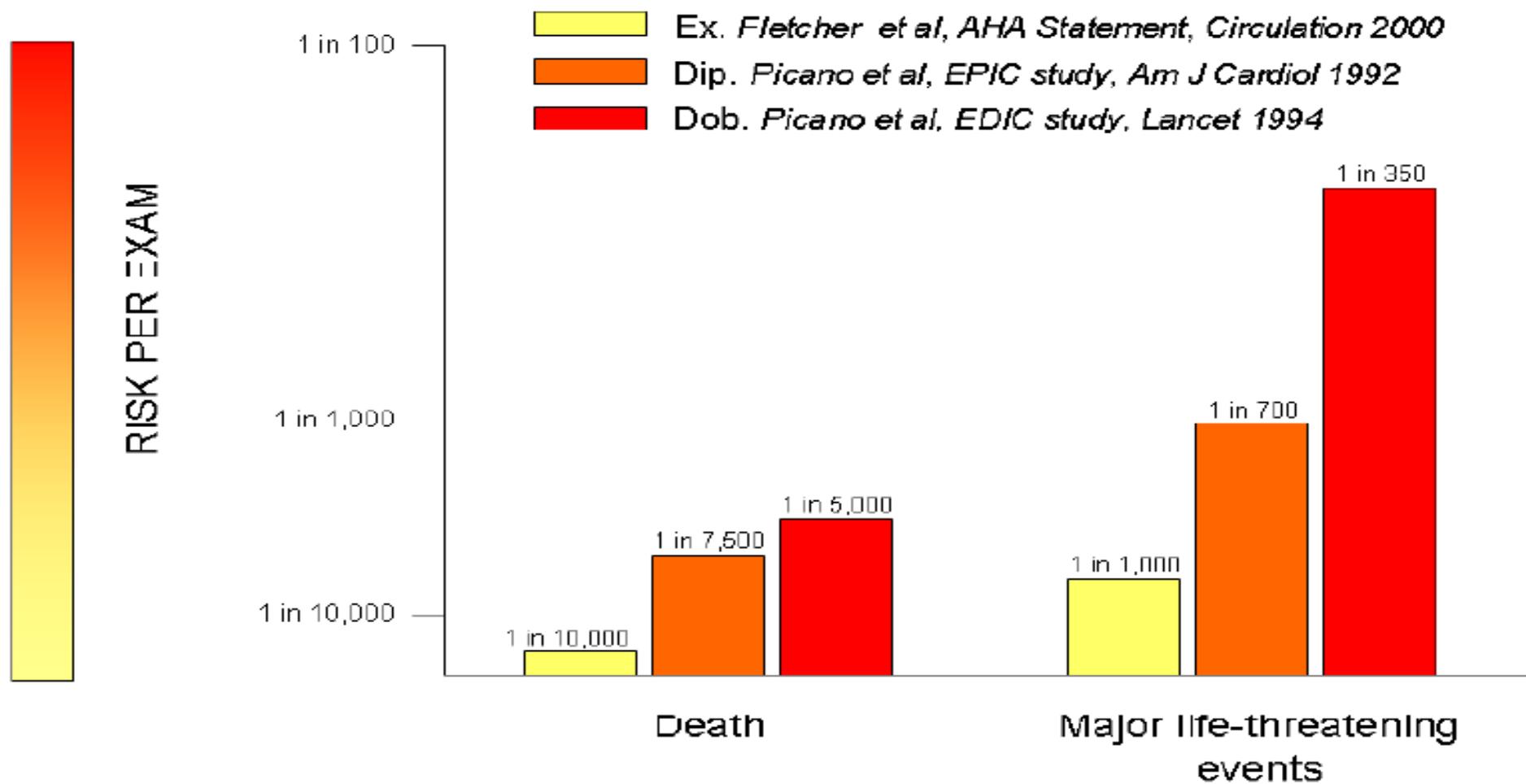
- Permette il monitoraggio continuo ecocardiografico
- Valutazione della cinetica durante e al picco dello sforzo (20% delle alterazioni della cinetica parietale regrediscono entro 1')



Vantaggi dell'ecocardiografia da sforzo

- 1) Fisiologica correlazione dell'ischemia con l'esercizio e significato ai diversi carichi**
- 2) Possibilità di valutare meglio i sintomi lamentati dal paziente**
- 3) Eventuale comparsa di aritmie durante l'esercizio**
- 4) Semplicità di esecuzione, sicurezza**

Acute risks of stress



Complication	Incidence	Incidence (range)	Mechanism	Treatment
Overall				
Mortality	<0.01%	0.00%–0.01%	VF, cardiac rupture	Per underlying cause
Mechanical complications				
Cardiac rupture	<0.01%	0.00%–0.01%	Rupture of akinetic or dyskinetic segments	Stop dobutamine, ± pericardiocentesis, ± surgery
Coronary spasm	0.14%	True incidence unknown	α1-receptor mediated vasoconstriction	Sublingual nitroglycerin (note beta-blocker would worsen spasm, consider long-term calcium channel blockade)
Thrombotic complications				
Myocardial infarction	0.02%	0.00%–0.1%	Plaque rupture, platelet aggregation	Stop dobutamine, coronary revascularization
Cerebrovascular accident	<0.01%	0.00%–0.1%	Embolism, shearing forces with increased BP	Stop dobutamine, MRI, neurology evaluation
Arrhythmia complications				
Asystole	<0.01%	0.00%–0.03%	Sinus node deceleration or arrest due to ischemia	Stop dobutamine, atropine bolus (0.5–2 mg), ± pacing
Ventricular fibrillation	0.04%	0.00%–0.18%	Underlying ischemia and/or scar	Stop dobutamine, initiate ACLS
Sustained ventricular tachycardia	0.15%	0.00%–0.78%	Effect on QTc, increased intracellular calcium which triggers automaticity	Stop dobutamine, administer IV beta-blockade (5–10 mg), administer IV procainamide or amiodarone, cardiovert if unstable
SVT	PAC 7.8% SVT 1.3% AF 0.9%	PAC (0.7%–27.8%) SVT (0.0%–7%) AFib (0.3%–2.2%)	More common in patients with decreased EF, increased left atrial size and pressure	Stop dobutamine, administer beta-blocker (5–10 mg), verapamil (10 mg) or digoxin (0.5 mg), cardioversion if unstable
Atrioventricular block	0.23%	0.03%–0.68%	Myocardial ischemia, Bezold–Jarisch reflex, latent abnormalities of His-Purkinje system	For Mobitz I, stop dobutamine and administer atropine For Mobitz II, stop dobutamine (atropine may worsen block); assess for myocardial ischemia (usually seen with wall motion abnormality)
Hypotension	1.7%	0.2%–7.6%	β2 agonist reduces SVR; inadequate increase in cardiac output to compensate for decrease in SVR	Stop dobutamine, Trendelenburg position, IV fluids, consider atropine
Hypertension	1.3%	0.2%–5.5%	More common in patients with a history of HTN or intermittent beta-blocker use	Stop dobutamine, administer IV beta-blockers or vasodilator as needed

Stress Echocardiography Expert Consensus Statement—Executive Summary

European Association of Echocardiography (EAE) (a registered branch of the ESC)

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DIPIRIDAMOLO

Author, year	Patients	Complications
Multicentre registry		
Picano <i>et al.</i> , 1992	10 451	1 cardiac death, 1 asystole, 2 AMI, 1 pulmonary oedema, 1 sustained VT
Varga <i>et al.</i> , 2006	24 599	19 (1 death)
Total	35 050	25

AMI, acute myocardial infarction; VT, ventricular tachycardia.

DOBUTAMINA e DIPIRIDAMOLO

	Dobutamine	Dipyridamole
% submaximal tests	10%	5%
Side effects	1/300 exams	1/1000
VT, VF	++	+
High grade AV block	+	++
Death	1/5000	1/10000

AV, arteriovenous; VF, ventricular fibrillation; VT, ventricular tachycardia.

Attrezzatura del laboratorio
Esperienza dell'operatore

Caratteristiche del paziente



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Contraindication to exercise	3	1	1
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Asthmatic patient	2	3	1
Under theophylline therapy	1	3	1
Severe hypertension	3	1	3
Well controlled hypertension	2	1	2
Relative hypotension	1	3	3
Ventricular ectopy	1	1	3
2nd–3rd degree atrioventricular block	1	3	2
Suboptimal acoustic window	3	1	2
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Positive EET in hypertensives, women, baseline ECG changes	1	2	2
Asthmatic patient	2	3	1
Under theophylline therapy	1	3	1
Severe hypertension	3	1	3
Well controlled hypertension	2	1	2
Relative hypotension	1	3	3
Ventricular ectopy	1	1	3
2nd-3rd degree atrioventricular block	1	3	2
Suboptimal acoustic window	3	1	2
Evaluation of anti-ischemic therapy efficacy	1	2	3
Unstable carotid disease	2	2	2
Permanent pacemaker		Pacemaker stress echo	

1: Especially indicated; 2: Relatively contraindicated; 3: Contraindicated.
ECG: Electrocardiogram; EET: Exercise-electrocardiography test.

Paziente	esercizio	dipiridamolo	dobutamina
Impossibilità ad eseguire esercizio	no	si	si
Controindicazione esercizio	no	si	si
Scarsa qualità della finestra acust	no	si	si
Asma	possibile	no	si
Assunzione di teofillinici	si	no	si
Blocco AV avanzato	si	no	possibile
Ipotensione	si	no	no
Aritmie ventricolari	si	si	no
Valutazione efficacia terapia	si	possibile	no
Valutazione vitalità			si

Ipertensione

Non-Invasive Diagnostic Testing for Coronary Artery Disease in the Hypertensive Patient: Potential Advantages of a Risk Estimation-Based Algorithm

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Table 1 | Comparison of non-invasive diagnostic tests for detection of coronary artery disease in hypertensive subjects

	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV	Cost	Biological impact	Indications	Not recommended
EET	+++	++	+++	++++	+	0	Pts at intermediate risk of CAD	In women, young pts, or unable to exercise, or with resting ECG abnormalities
Dipyridamole echocardiography	++++	++++	++++	++++	++	+	Pts at intermediate risk of CAD unable to exercise/ with positive EET (especially women and >75 aa)/with interfering abnormalities ECG (LVH, LBBB)	In pts with poor acoustic window, or with resting abnormal wall motion; or with contraindication to pharmacologic stressor agents
Dobutamine echocardiography	++++	++++	++++	++++	++	+		
Exercise echocardiography	++++	++++	++++	++++	++	0		
MPS	++++	++	+++	++++	++++	++++	Pts at intermediate risk of CAD unable to exercise/ with positive EET (especially women and >75 aa)/ with interfering abnormalities ECG (LVH, LBBB); asymptomatic pts at high risk of CAD or with a strong familiarity for CAD	In young and women; in pts with contraindication to pharmacologic stressor agents
CCT	++++	++++	++++	++++	+++	++++	Pts at intermediate risk of CAD with positive EET pts and low/intermediate risk unable to exercise/ with interfering abnormalities ECG (LVH, LBBB);	Women or young pts or with serum creatinine >1,5 mg/dl
CMR	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	++++	+	Pts at intermediate risk of CAD unable to exercise/ with positive EET/with interfering abnormalities ECG (LVH, LBBB)	In claustrophobic pts, or with ferromagnetic objects, or with creatinine clearance <30 ml/min; in pts with contraindication to pharmacologic stressor

- 2200 ipertesi, sottoposti ad eco dipiridamolo o dobutamina
- **fattibilità**
- **Dobutamina**
- ipertesi 88,8%
- normotesi 93,4%
- **Dipiridamolo**
- ipertesi 97%
- normotesi 97,5%
- Complicanze più frequenti con dobutamina negli ipertesi.

• Cortigiani et Al, J Hypertension 2002

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Echocardiography

Intracranial Hemorrhage as a Complication of Dobutamine Stress Echocardiography: Case Report and Review of the Literature

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Intraparenchymal haemorrhage and uncal herniation resulting from dobutamine stress echocardiography.

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Ipertensione arteriosa

- 59 pazienti ipertesi
- 59 normotesi
- Sottoposti a coronarografia per dolore toracico
- Sottoposti ad ecocardiogramma da sforzo in assenza di terapia e, negli ipertesi, dopo normalizzazione dei valori di P.A. con nifedipina.
- CAD significativa (stenosi >50% in 22 ipertesi e 41 normotesi)
- Maltagliati et al, Hypertension, 2000

ipertesi

	WO		Nif		<u>normotesi</u>	
	Echo	ECG	Echo	ECG	Echo	ECG
• Sensibilità	95%*	68%	91%*	45%	87%*	51%
• Specificità	94%*	70%	100%	81%	72%	72%
• Acc diagn	94%*	69%*	96%*	67%	83%*	57%
•	Maltagliati et Al, Hypertension, 2000					

2014 ESC/EACTS Guidelines on myocardial revascularization: the Task Force on Myocardial Revascularization of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS). Developed with the special contribution of the European Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions (EAPCI).

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**Rivascolarizzazione indicata nei pz con con
scompenso si se vi è angina**

**Nei pazienti con vitalità, la rivascolarizzazione
migliora la sopravvivenza, quando il miocardio
vitale è >10%**



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Stress echocardiography expert consensus statement

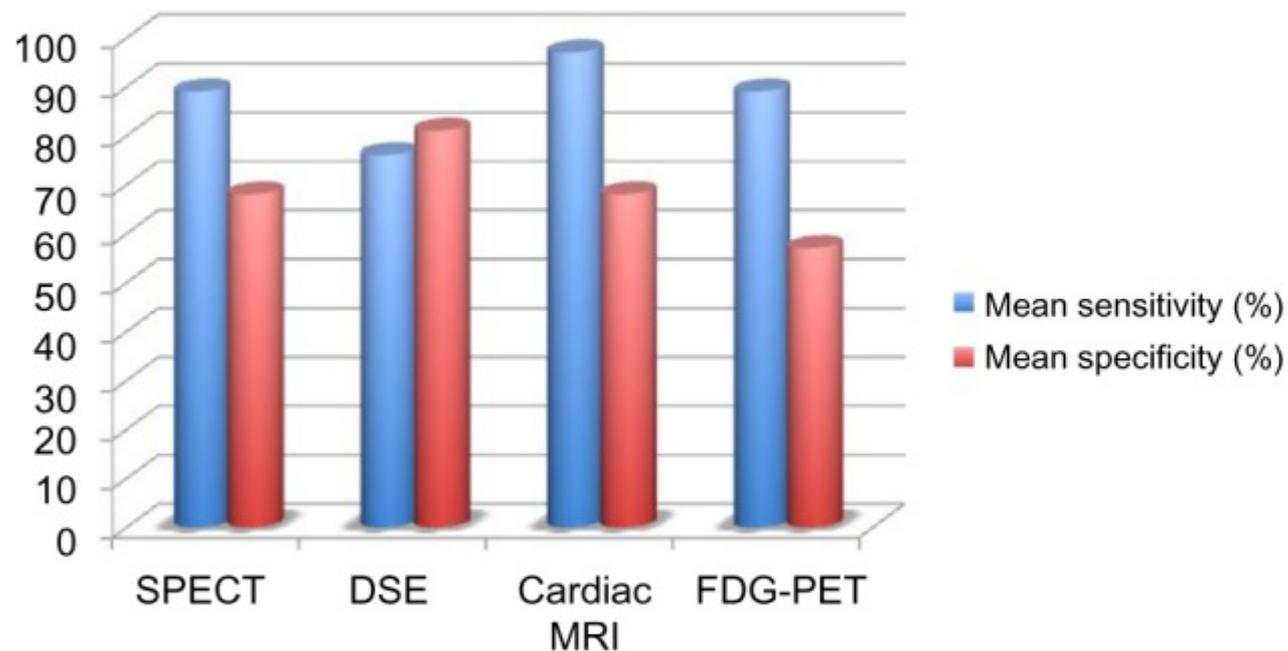
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- Ricerca della vitalità
- Dobutamina a basse dosi con step di 3'
- Dipyridamolo a basse dosi

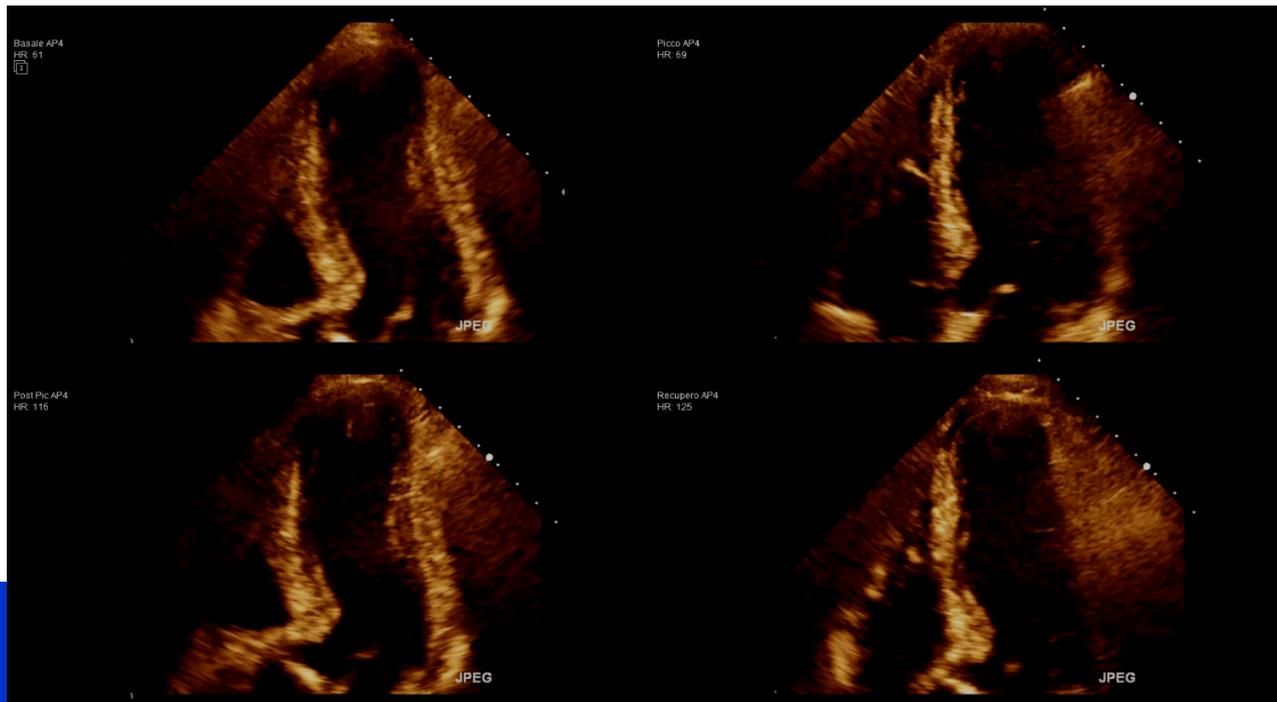
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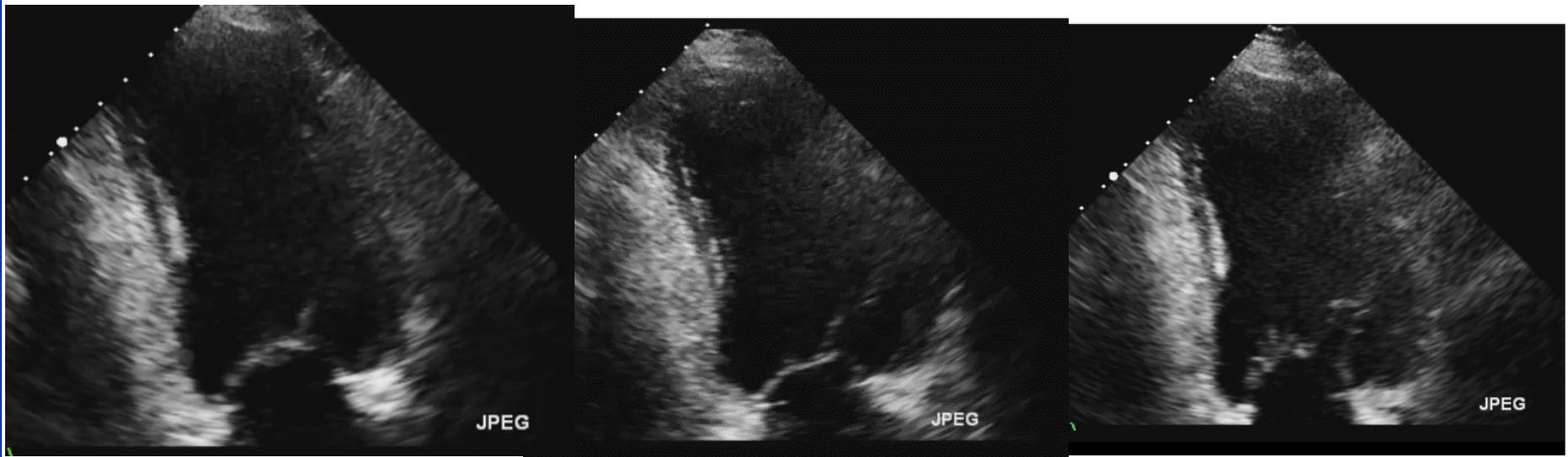


Protocollo dobutamina

- **Differenti possibili risposte:**
- **Risposta bifasica (iniziale miglioramento della cinetica seguito da peggioramento)**
- **Probabile vitalità ed ischemia**



- **Marcato miglioramento**
- **Probabile espressione di necrosi subendocardica**

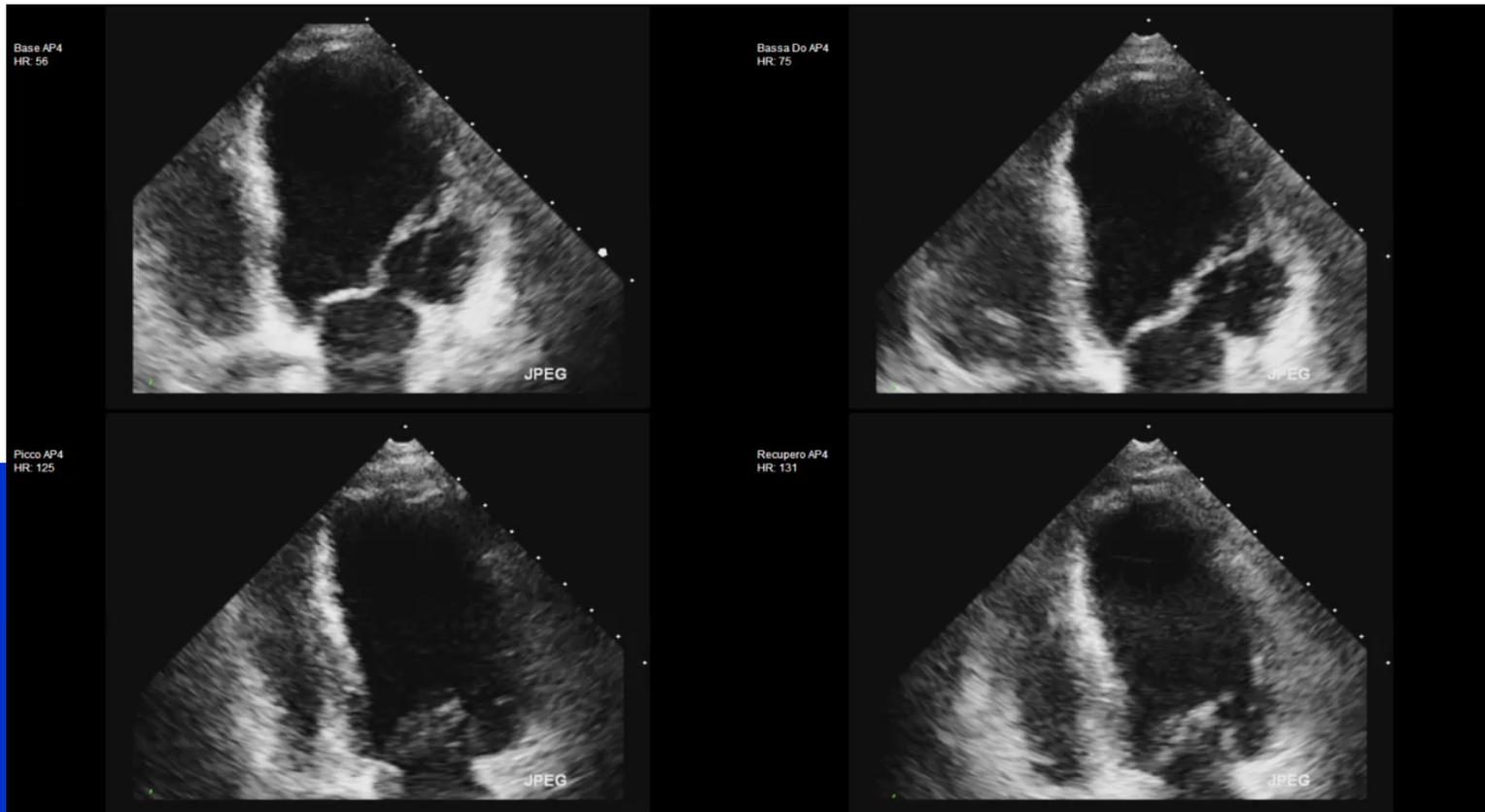


Basale 3 camere

Bassa dose

Picco

- **Nessun miglioramento**
- **Espressione di presenza tessuto cicatriziale transmurale**



INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY AND SURGERY

Long term prognostic value of myocardial viability and ischaemia during dobutamine stress echocardiography in patients with ischaemic cardiomyopathy undergoing coronary revascularisation

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5 segmenti vitali e/o incremento del WMS >25%

Extensive Left Ventricular Remodeling Does Not Allow Viable Myocardium to Improve in Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction After Revascularization and Is Associated With Worse Long-Term Prognosis

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Background—Extensive left ventricular (LV) remodeling may not allow functional recovery after revascularization, despite the presence of viable myocardium.

Methods and Results—Seventy-nine consecutive patients with ischemic cardiomyopathy (left ventricle ejection fraction [LVEF] $29 \pm 7\%$) underwent surgical revascularization. Before revascularization, viability was assessed by metabolic imaging with F18-fluorodeoxyglucose and SPECT. LV volumes and LVEF were assessed by resting echocardiography. LVEF was re-assessed by echocardiography 8 to 12 months after revascularization. Three-year clinical follow-up (events: cardiac death, infarction, and hospitalization for heart failure) was also obtained. Forty-nine patients had substantial viability; 5 died before re-assessment of LVEF. Of the remaining 44 patients, 24 improved $\geq 5\%$ in LVEF after revascularization, whereas 20 did not improve in LVEF. LV end-systolic volume was the only parameter that was significantly different between the groups (109 ± 46 mL for the improvers versus 141 ± 31 mL for the nonimprovers; $P < 0.05$). The change in LVEF after revascularization was linearly related to the baseline LV end-systolic volume, with a higher LV end-systolic volume associated with a low likelihood of improvement in LVEF after revascularization. During the 3-year follow-up, the highest event-rate (67%) was observed in patients without viable myocardium with a large LV size, whereas the lowest event rate (5%) was observed in patients with viable myocardium and a small LV size. Intermediate event rates were observed in patients with viable myocardium and a large LV size (38%), and in patients without viable myocardium and a small LV size (24%).

Conclusion—Extensive LV remodeling prohibits improvement in LVEF after revascularization and affects long-term prognosis negatively, despite the presence of viability. (*Circulation*. 2004;110[suppl III]:II-18–II-22.)

Key Words: myocardial viability ■ hibernating myocardium ■ heart failure ■ left ventricle remodeling

Importanza del volume ventricolare

Pazienti con LV end-systolic volume >130 ml prognosi peggiore, minore probabilità di incremento di LVEF

**Parametri di deformazione nella valutazione di vitalità
Diversi pattern, a seconda del substrato**

**-Stunning: a riposo ridotto strain e strain rate, presenza di PSS
Dopo dobutamina quasi completa normalizzazione della
deformazione sistolica, scomparsa di PSS**

**-Miocardio Ibernato ed ischemia cronica: iniziale lieve aumento di
Strain e strain rate, seguito da riduzione alle alte dosi, con
incremento del PSS.**

**-Infarto non transmurale: riduzione dello strain e strain rate,
presenza di PSS**

**-Infarto transmurale: nessuna deformazione a riposo e durante
infusione di dobutamina, comparsa di discinesia**

**I parametri di deformazione incrementano la sensibilità
nell'identificare la vitalità; specificità invariata.**

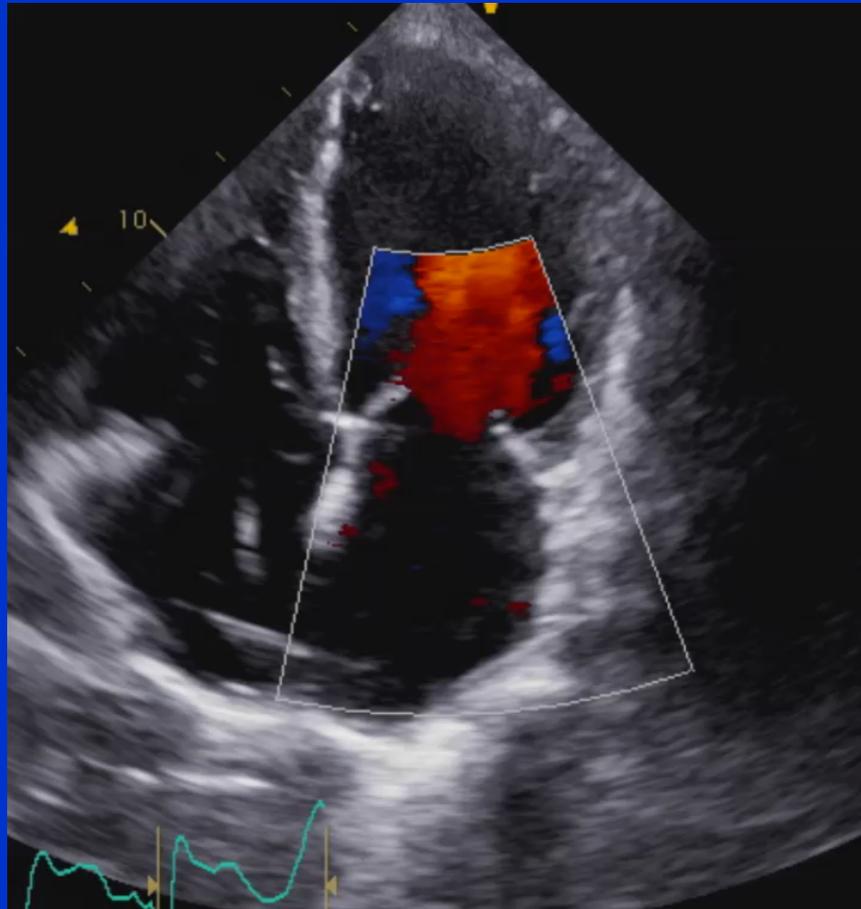
**Lo strain circonferenziale basale e a bassa dose di dobutamina
predice la ripresa funzionale indipendentemente dalla cinetica
parietale; differenza infarto subendocardico da quello transmurale.**

Cardiopatia ischemica cronica

Insufficienza mitralica secondaria

Presente in circa il 50% dei pazienti dopo IMA

17% sviluppa moderata/severa insufficienza mitralica secondaria



Linee guida per il trattamento delle valvulopatie (versione 2012)

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Importance of Ischemic and Viable Myocardium for Patients With Chronic Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation and Left Ventricular Dysfunction

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The objective of this investigation is to determine the importance of ischemic viable myocardium for clinical outcomes in patients with severe chronic ischemic mitral regurgitation and severe left ventricular dysfunction undergoing surgical correction of mitral regurgitation. The study included 54 patients with left ventricular ejection fraction of $27 \pm 9\%$. Positron emission tomography was performed preoperatively for the identification of ischemic viable myocardium. The patients with a large amount of ischemic viable myocardium (≥ 5 segments) had significantly lower 6-month mortality rates than those with less viable myocardium (0 to 4 segments) after the surgery. ©2003 by Excerpta Medica, Inc.

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and mitral valve repair or replacement. The exclusion criteria were intrinsic mitral valve disease, moderate or severe aortic stenosis, and acute MR secondary to acute myocardial infarction. A total of 54 patients fulfilled the enrollment criteria. Dipyridamole stress and rubidium-82 perfusion at rest and F-18-2-fluoro-2-deoxyglucose metabolic PET images were acquired with a Posicam scanner (Positron, Houston, Texas). A reversible perfusion defect (ischemia) was defined by an improvement in relative tracer concentration of $\geq 15\%$ from the stress to the images at rest. Myocardial hibernation was defined as increased uptake of the F-18-2-fluoro-2-deoxy-glucose tracer concentration to $\geq 15\%$. Myocardial scarring was defined as a concordant decrease in rubidium-82 perfusion and F-18-2-fluoro-2-deoxy-glucose tracer concentrations.

Prognosi migliore dei soggetti con significativa vitalità (>5 segmenti) sottoposti a CABP e correzione di severa IM secondaria.

2017 AHA/ACC Focused Update of the 2014 AHA/ACC Guideline for the Management of Patients With Valvular Heart Disease

A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Clinical Practice Guidelines

Developed in Collaboration With the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, American Society of Echocardiography, Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists, and Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Recommendations for Secondary MR Intervention			
COR	LOE	Recommendations	Comment/Rationale
IIa	C	Mitral valve surgery is reasonable for patients with chronic severe secondary MR (stages C and D) who are undergoing CABG or AVR.	2014 recommendation remains current.
IIa	B-R	It is reasonable to choose chordal-sparing MVR over downsized annuloplasty repair if operation is considered for severely symptomatic patients (NYHA class III to IV) with chronic severe ischemic MR (stage D) and persistent symptoms despite GDMT for HF (69,70,125,127,130-139).	NEW: An RCT has shown that mitral valve repair is associated with a higher rate of recurrence of moderate or severe MR than that associated with mitral valve replacement (MVR) in patients with severe, symptomatic, ischemic MR, without a difference in mortality rate at 2 years' follow-up.
See Online Data Supplement 18 (Updated From 2014 VHD Guideline)			
In an RCT of mitral valve repair versus MVR in 251 patients with severe ischemic MR, mortality rate at 2 years was 19.0% in the repair group and 23.2% in the replacement group (p=0.39) (70). There was no difference between repair and MVR in LV remodeling. The rate of recurrence of moderate or severe MR over 2 years was higher in the repair group than in the replacement group (58.8% versus 3.8%, p<0.001), leading to a higher incidence of HF and repeat hospitalizations in the repair group (70). The high mortality rate at 2 years in both groups emphasizes the poor prognosis of secondary MR. The lack of apparent benefit of valve repair over valve replacement in secondary MR versus primary MR highlights that primary and secondary MR are 2 different diseases (69,125,127,130-139).			
IIb	B	Mitral valve repair or replacement may be considered for severely symptomatic patients (NYHA class III to IV) with chronic severe secondary MR (stage D) who have persistent symptoms despite optimal GDMT for HF (125,127,130-140).	2014 recommendation remains current.
IIb	B-R	In patients with chronic, moderate, ischemic MR (stage B) undergoing CABG, the usefulness of mitral valve repair is uncertain (71,72).	MODIFIED: LOE updated from C to B-R. The 2014 recommendation supported mitral valve repair in this group of patients. An RCT showed no clinical benefit of mitral repair in this population of patients, with increased risk of postoperative complications.
See Online Data Supplement 18 (Updated From 2014 VHD Guideline)			
In an RCT of 301 patients with moderate ischemic MR undergoing CABG, mortality rate at 2 years was 10.6% in the group undergoing CABG alone and 10.0% in the group undergoing CABG plus mitral valve repair (HR in the combined-procedure group = 0.90; 95% CI: 0.45 to 1.83; p=0.78) (71). There was a higher rate of moderate or severe residual MR in the CABG-alone group (32.3% versus 11.2%; p<0.001), even though LV reverse remodeling was similar in both groups (71). Although rates of hospital readmission and overall serious adverse events were similar in the 2 groups, neurological events and			

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supraventricular arrhythmias were more frequent with combined CABG and mitral valve repair. Thus, only weak evidence to support mitral repair for moderate secondary MR at the time of other cardiac surgery is currently available (71,72).

Insufficienza mitralica secondaria

Indicazioni all'eco da stress

- 1) Pazienti con dispnea da sforzo incongrua con la severità della disfunzione ventricolare a riposo ed il grado di rigurgito mitralico
- 2) Pazienti con episodi di edema polmonare non giustificato
- 3) Pazienti con rigurgito mitralico moderato prima della rivascolarizzazione

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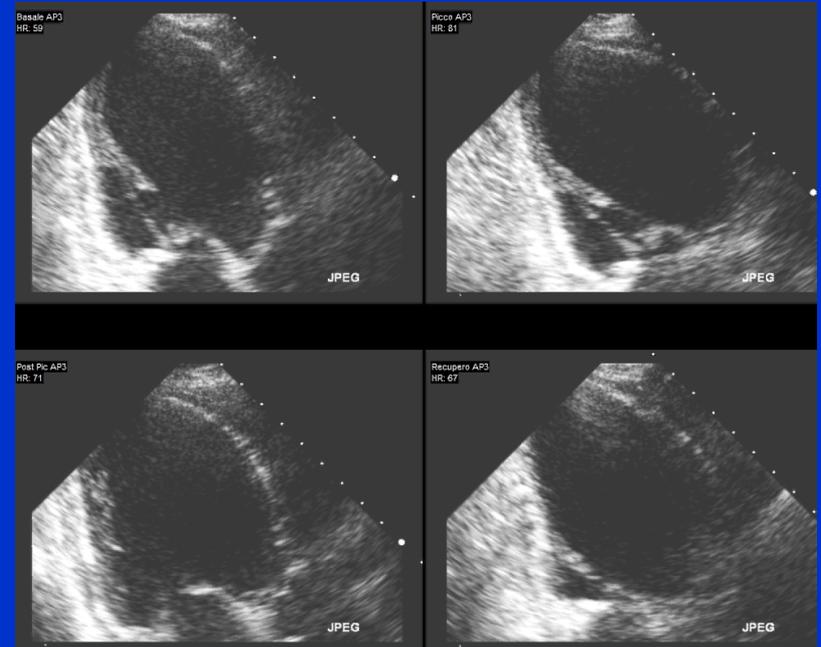
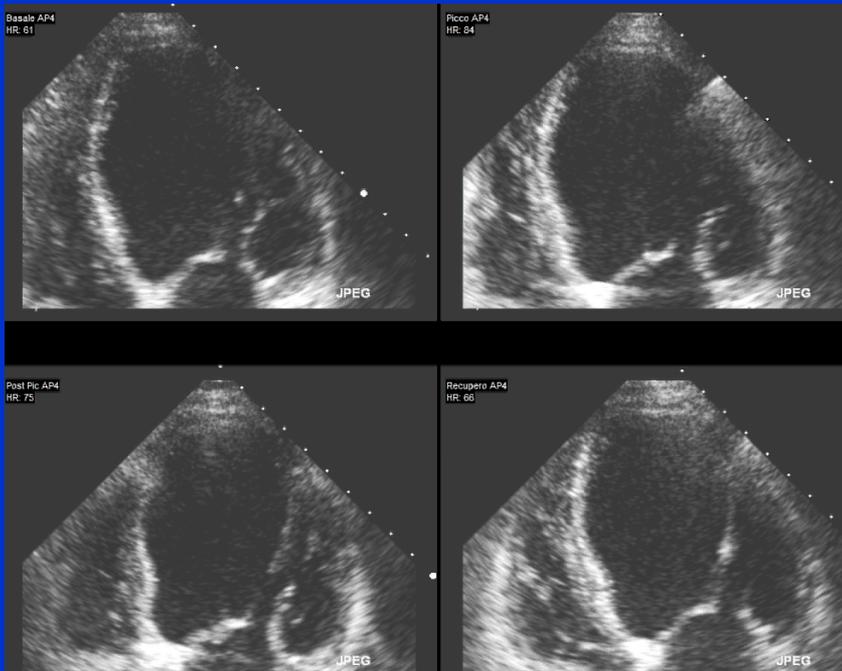
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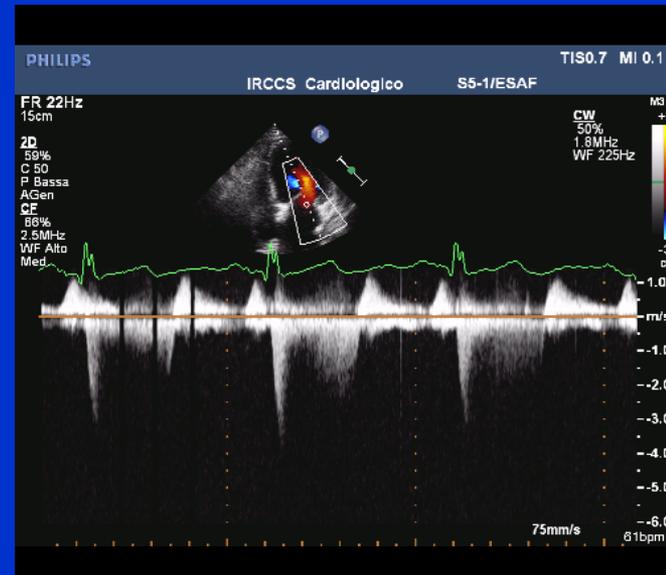
Il trattamento dell'IM ischemica moderata nei pazienti candidati ad intervento di CABG è fonte di continuo dibattito. In questi casi, è preferibile procedere alla riparazione valvolare. Nei pazienti con ridotta FEVS, la chirurgia valvolare mitralica sarà più facilmente presa in considerazione qualora si riscontri la presenza di miocardio vitale e una bassa comorbidità. Nei pazienti in grado di effettuare la prova da sforzo, ogniqualvolta possibile deve essere presa in considerazione l'ecocardiografia da sforzo. L'insorgenza di dispnea da sforzo ed un considerevole aumento del grado di severità dell'IM e della pressione sistolica polmonare contribuiscono a favorire l'indicazione all'intervento associato.

Non vi sono evidenze a supporto della correzione chirurgica dell'IM lieve.

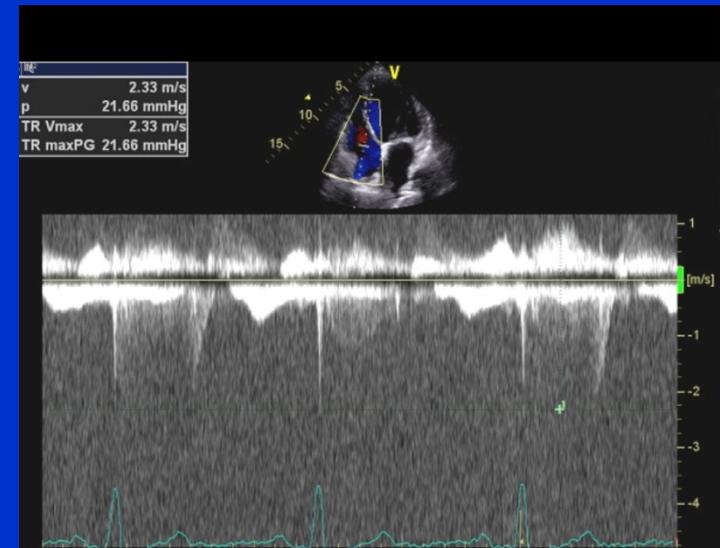


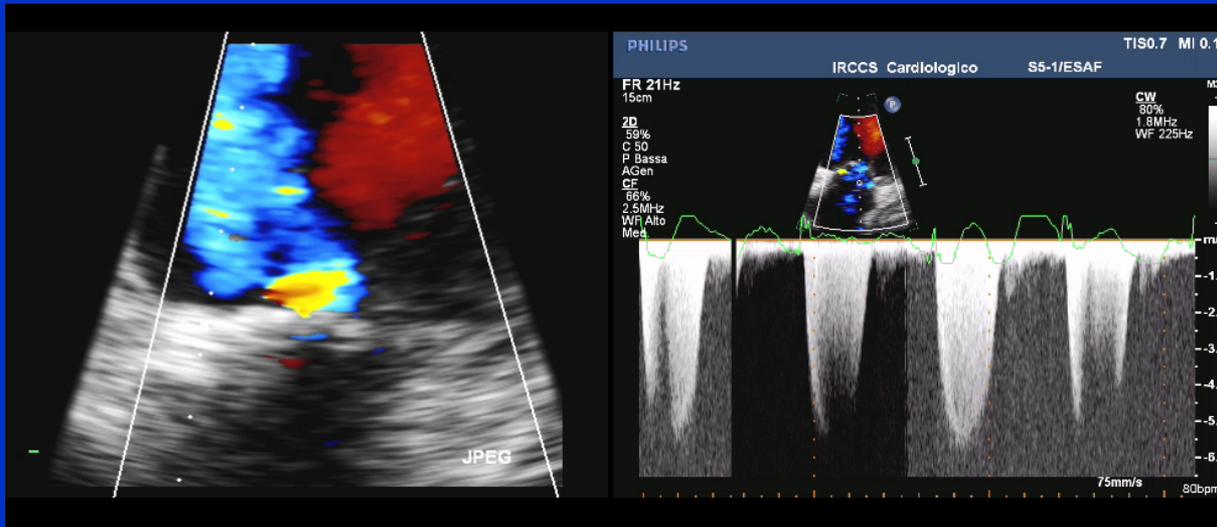
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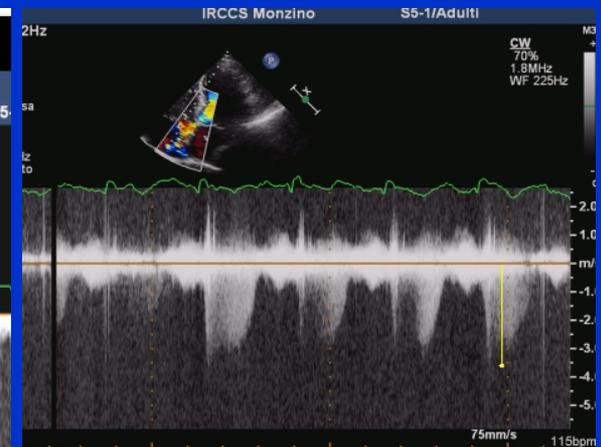
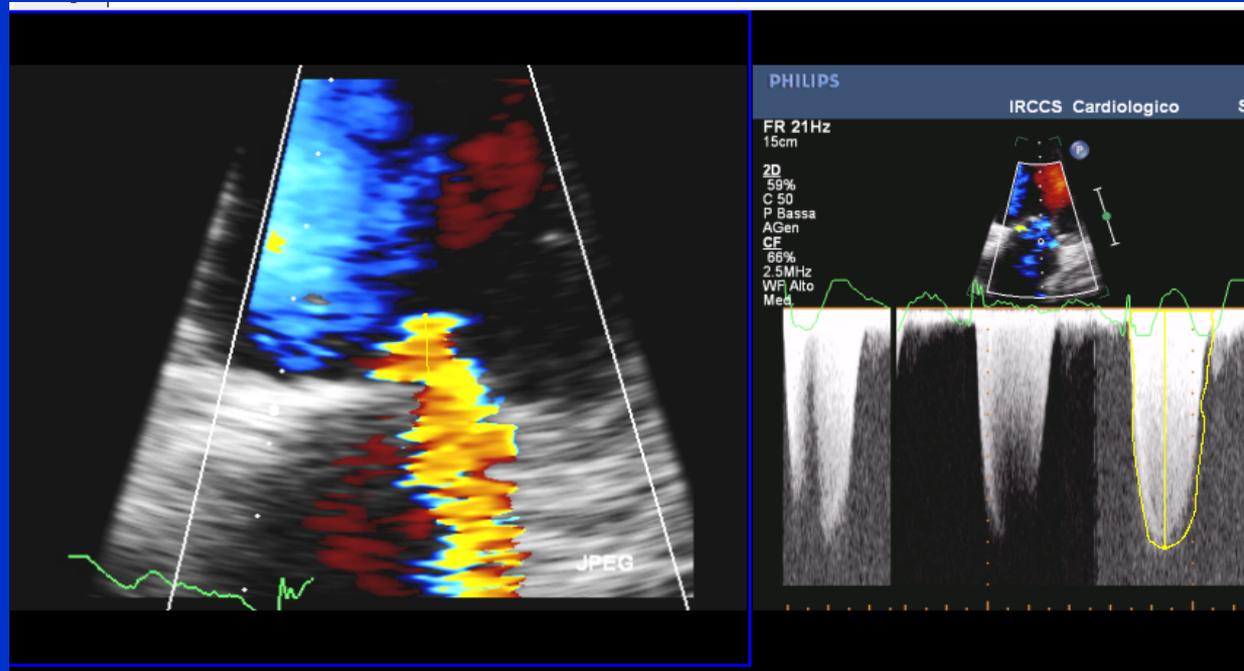


EROA 0,18 cm²
PAPs 27mm Hg





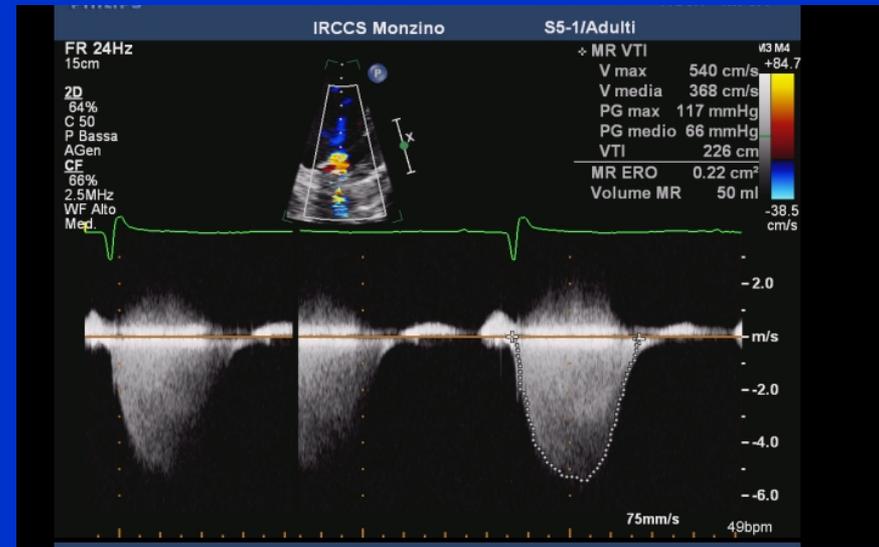
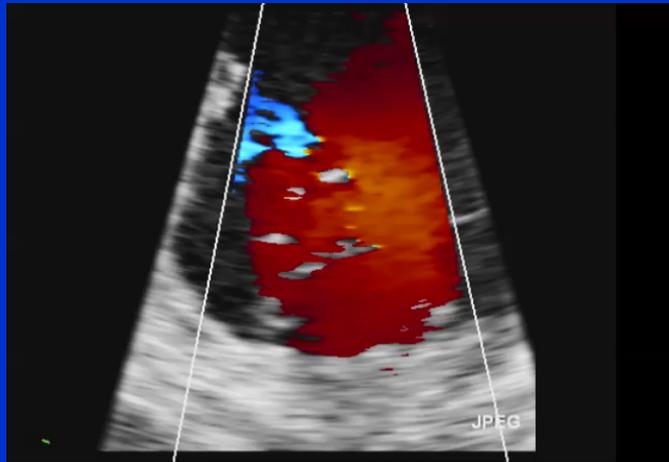
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Paziente di anni 63

Pregresso IMA inferiore e by-pass
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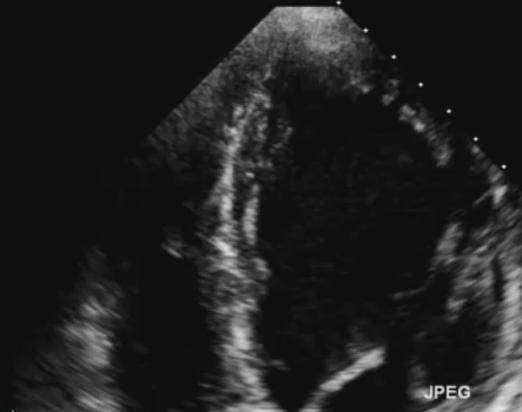
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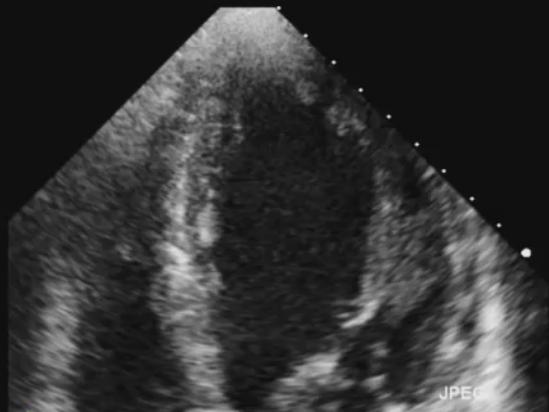
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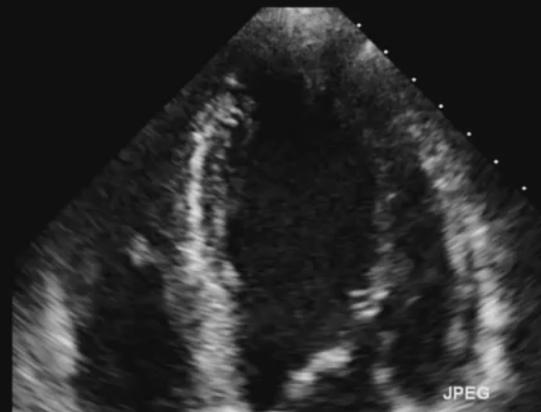
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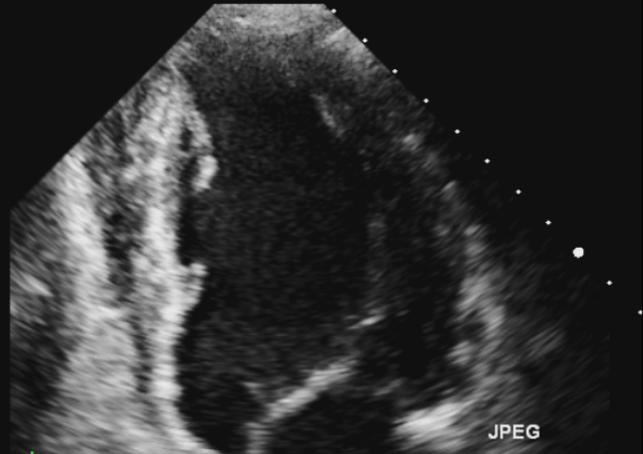
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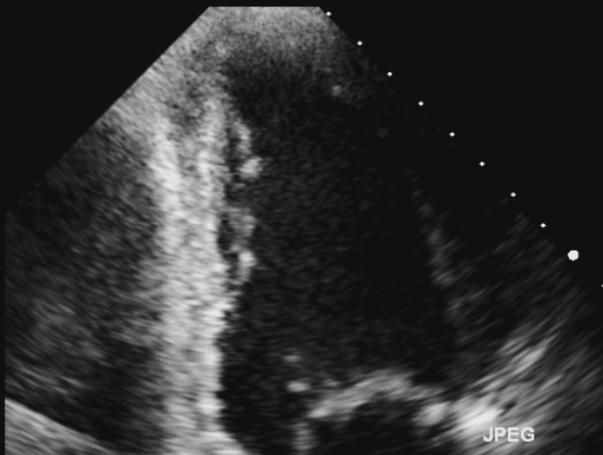
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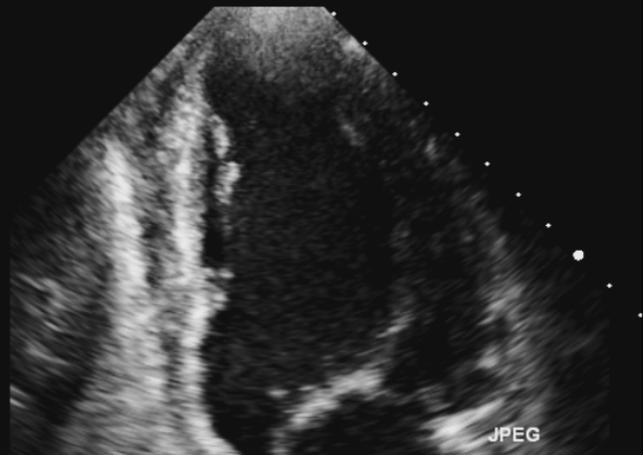
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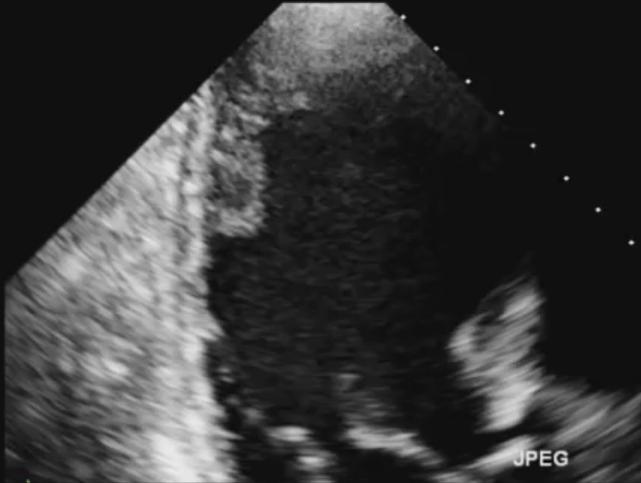
Picco AP2
HR: 52



Recupero AP2
HR: 51



Base AP3
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Bassa Do AP3
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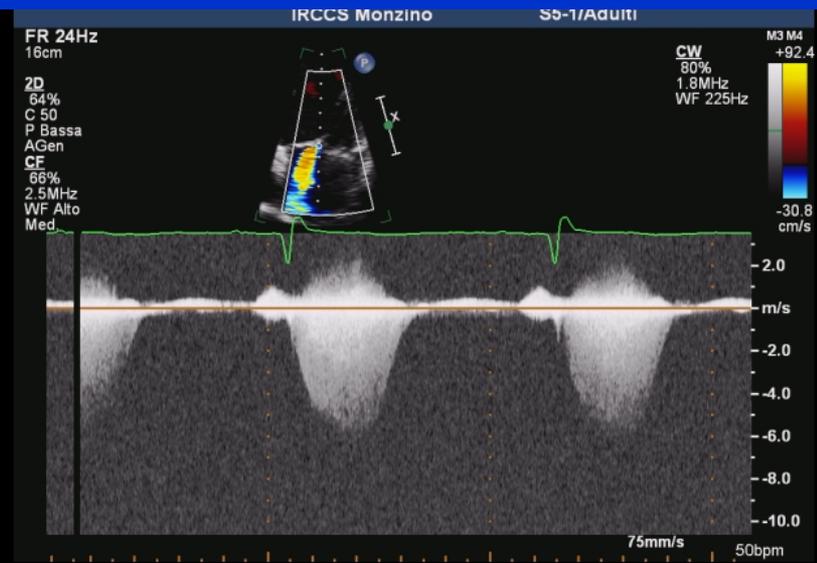
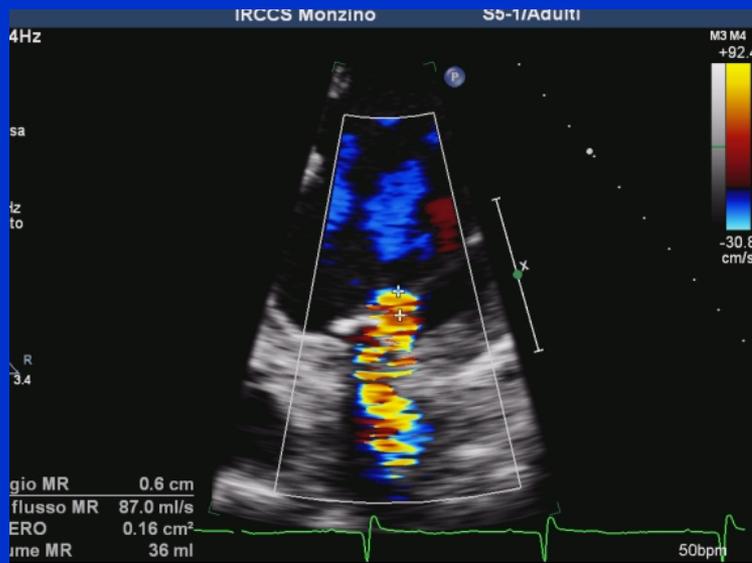
Picco AP3
HR: 50



Recupero AP3
HR: 52



Picco



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Authors' conclusions

The authors conclude that Tap-TEE is a very accurate test for both ruling in and ruling out CAD, although its invasiveness may limit its clinical acceptability. Exercise is a well-balanced satisfactory test for both ruling in and ruling out CAD, but performance might be lower in the elderly. Dobutamine offers a reasonable compromise to exercise. Dipyridamole might be good for ruling in but not for ruling out CAD. Adenosine was the least useful stressor in diagnosing CAD.

Attrezzatura del laboratorio
Esperienza dell'operatore
Caratteristiche del paziente

Nel nostro laboratorio:

1700 esami/anno
> 95% test con esercizio

Impossibilità all'esercizio
Controindicazione esercizio
(es aneurisma aortico)
Scarsa qualità della finestra
acustica

