

# Pulmonary Hypertension and Cardiac Dysfunction in Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia: Knowns and unknowns

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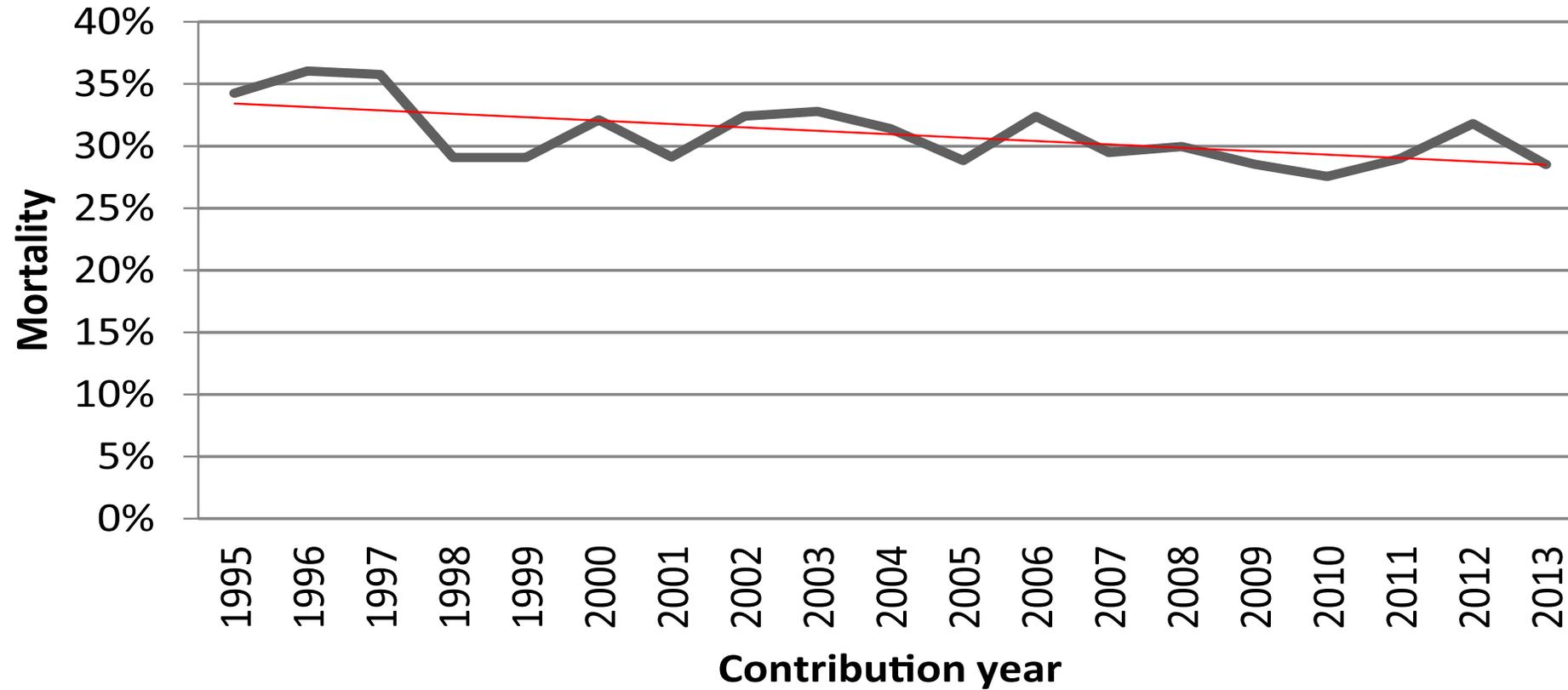
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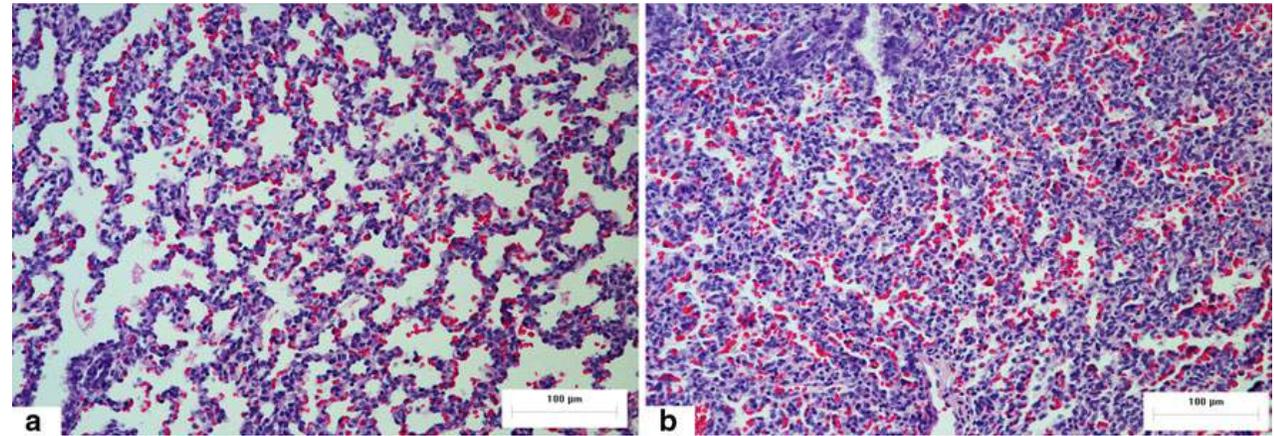


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**Fig. 1.** Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Study Group overall mortality by year.

# Pulmonary hypoplasia

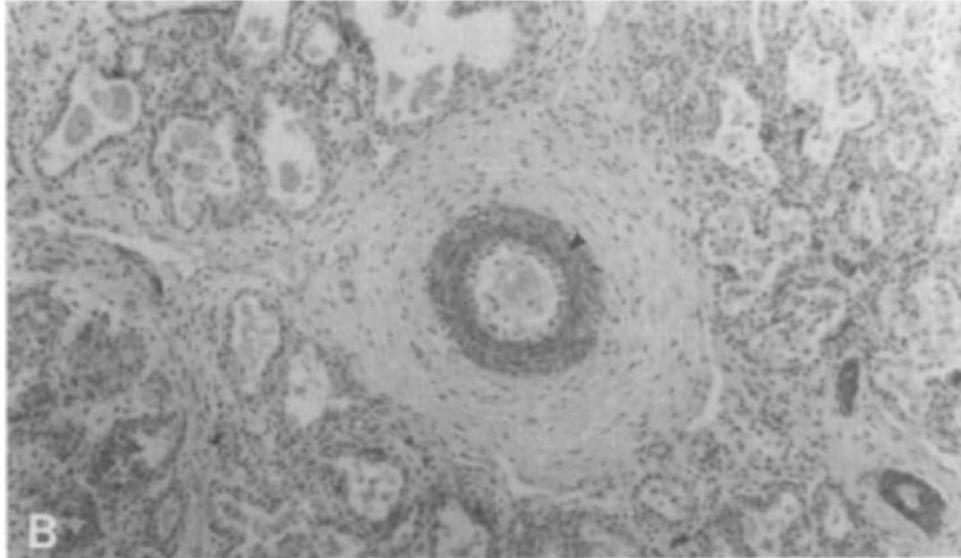


**Fig. 2** **a** Lung of control group. **b** Lung with CDH. The histology showed decrease in airspace with pulmonary hypoplasia in CDH group

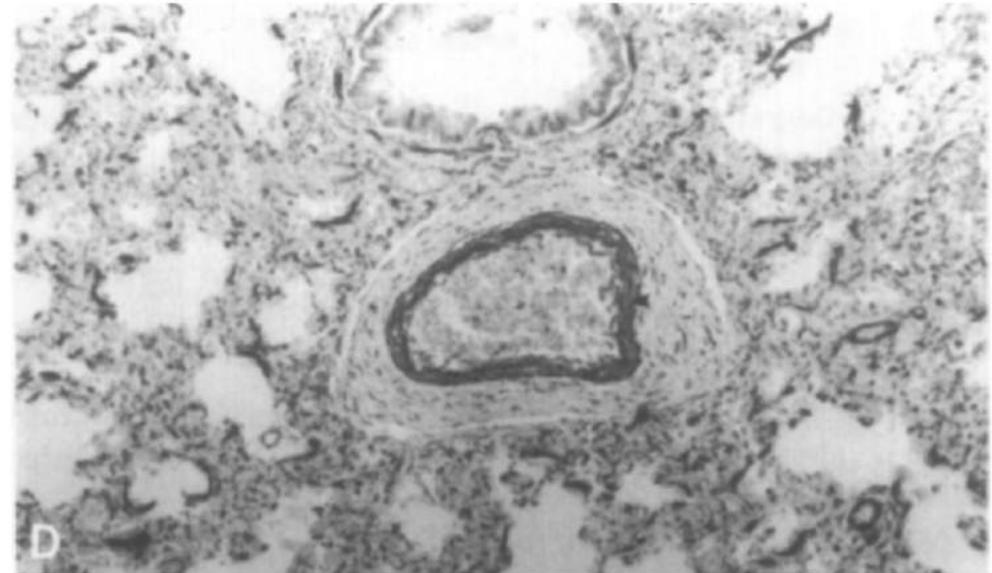
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# Abnormal pulmonary vasculature in CDH

CDH



Control



Yamataka and Puri, J Ped Surg 32 (3), 1997, 387-390

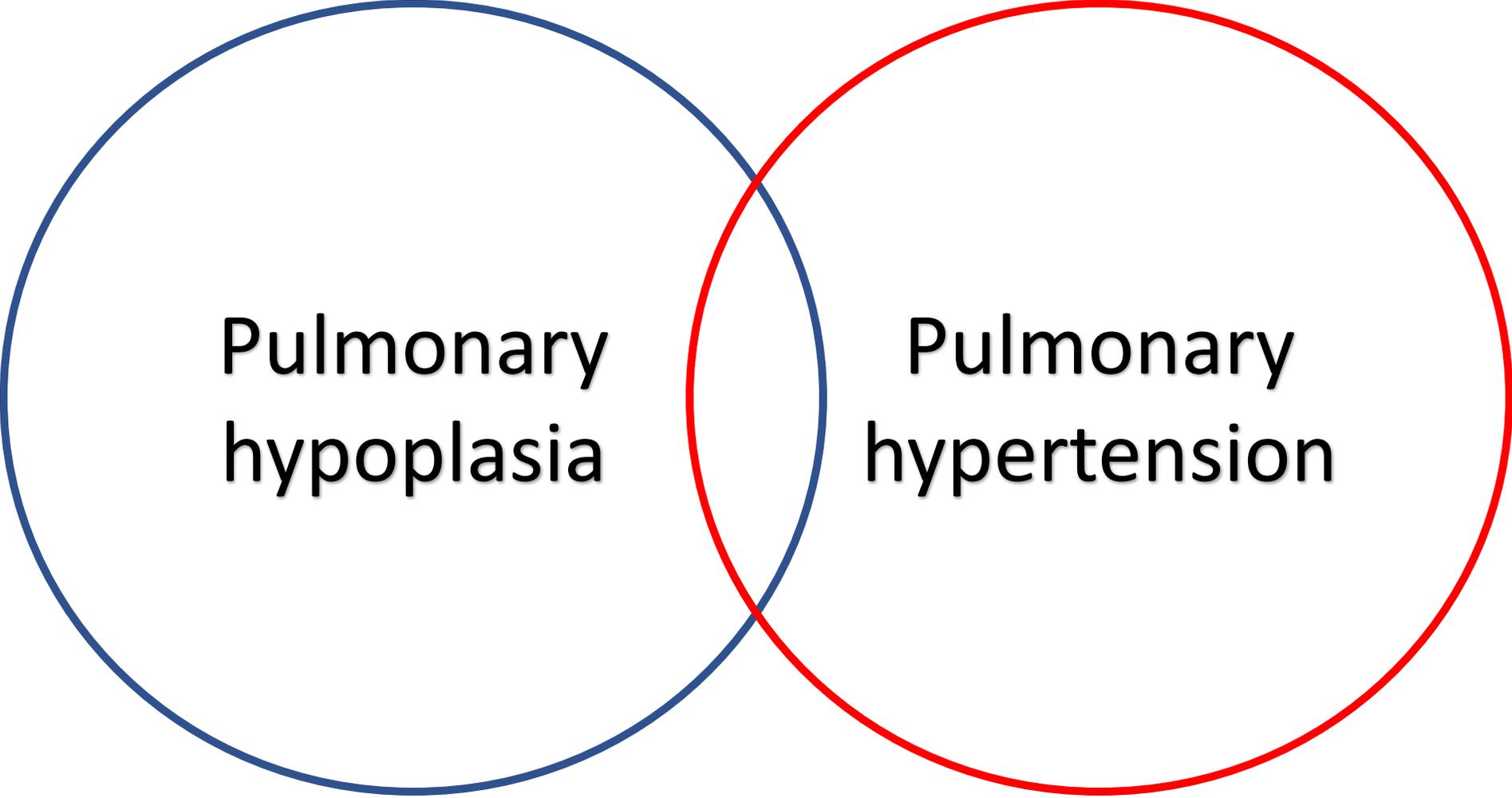
**Table II. Outcomes in infants alive with and without PH at 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 weeks**

	Death			Death or prolonged intubation (≥28 d)			Death or prolonged respiratory support (≥56 d) or home oxygen*		
	% Outcome (N)	P value	AUROC (95% CI)	% Outcome (N)	P value	AUROC (95% CI)	% Outcome (N)	P value	AUROC (95% CI)
Week 1 (n = 136) <sup>†</sup>									
With PH (n = 128) <sup>‡</sup>	18% (23/128)	<i>P</i> = .35	0.73 (0.64, 0.82)	25% (32/128)	<i>P</i> = .20	0.72 (0.65, 0.81)	41% (52/128)	<i>P</i> = .023	0.7 (0.62, 0.79)
Without PH (n = 8)	0% (0/8)			0% (0/8)			0% (0/8)		
Week 2 (n = 133)									
With PH (n = 86)	23% (20/86)	<i>P</i> < .001	0.87 (0.81, 0.94)	34% (29/86)	<i>P</i> < .001	0.83 (0.75, 0.91)	55% (47/86)	<i>P</i> < .001	0.8 (0.72, 0.88)
No PH (n = 47)	0% (0/47)			0% (0/47)			6% (3/47)		
Week 3 (n = 128)									
With PH (n = 55)	27% (15/55)	<i>P</i> < .001	0.83 (0.70, 0.95)	40% (22/55)	<i>P</i> < .001	0.77 (0.64, 0.89)	65% (36/55)	<i>P</i> < .001	0.74 (0.64, 0.83)
No PH (n = 73)	0% (0/73)			3% (2/73)			12% (9/73)		
Week 4 (n = 126)									
With PH (n = 46)	28% (13/46)	<i>P</i> < .001	0.76 (0.59, 0.93)	43% (20/46)	<i>P</i> < .001	0.72 (0.58, 0.86)	65% (30/46)	<i>P</i> < .001	0.73 (0.64, 0.83)
No PH (n = 80)	0% (0/80)			3% (2/80)			16% (13/80)		
Week 6 (n = 123)									
With PH (n = 34)	26% (9/34)	<i>P</i> < .001	0.91 (0.80, 1.00)	-	-	-	62% (21/34)	<i>P</i> < .001	0.63 (0.42, 0.82)
No PH (n = 89)	1% (1/89)						21% (19/89)		

\*Per definition of bronchopulmonary dysplasia in infants >32 wk gestational age.<sup>15</sup> Nine infants were discharged on O<sub>2</sub> prior to 56 d (median 37 d, range 20-55).

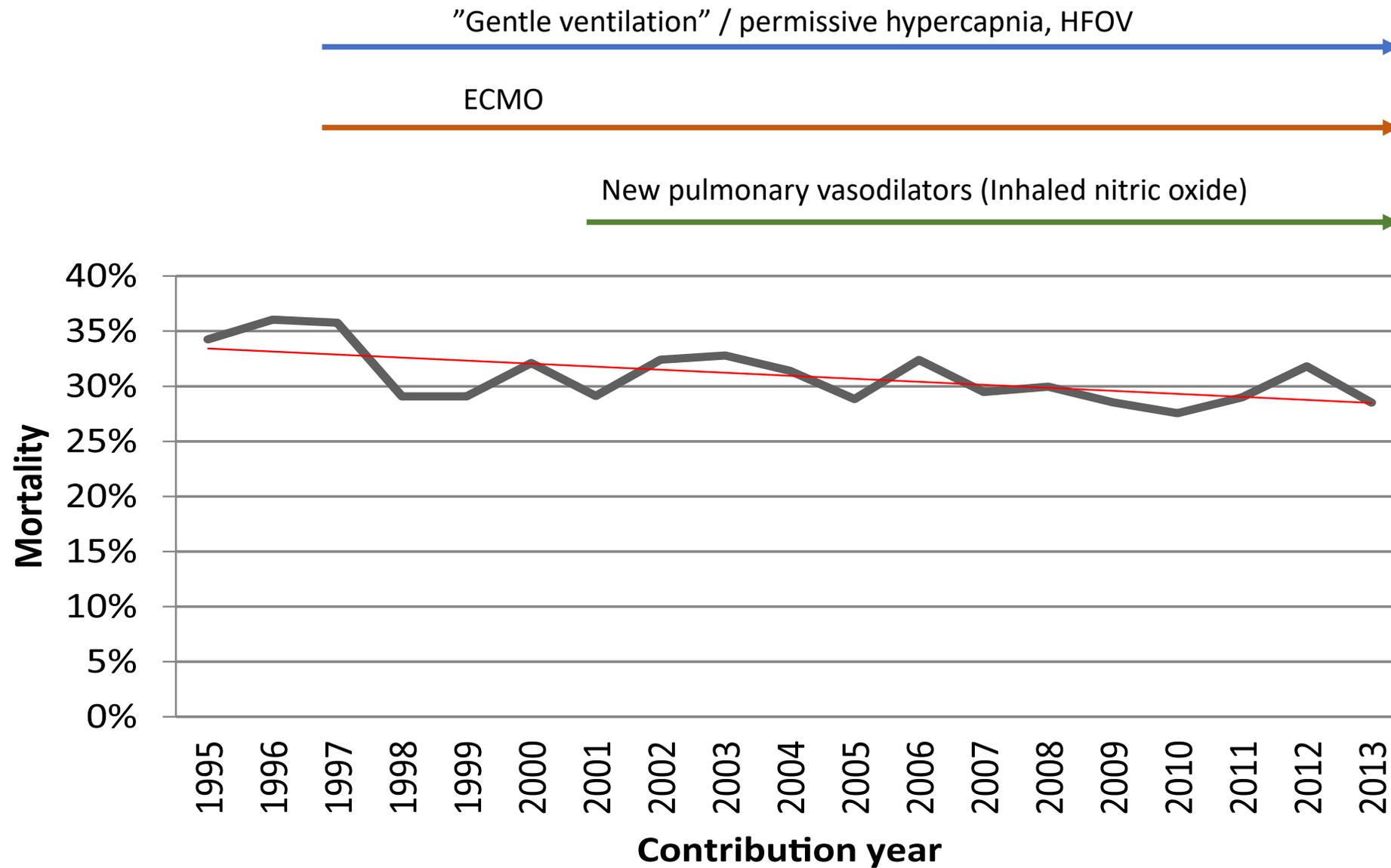
<sup>†</sup>Four infants died prior to 1 wk echocardiogram.

<sup>‡</sup>PH is defined as estimated pulmonary arterial pressures ≥2/3 systemic pressures.

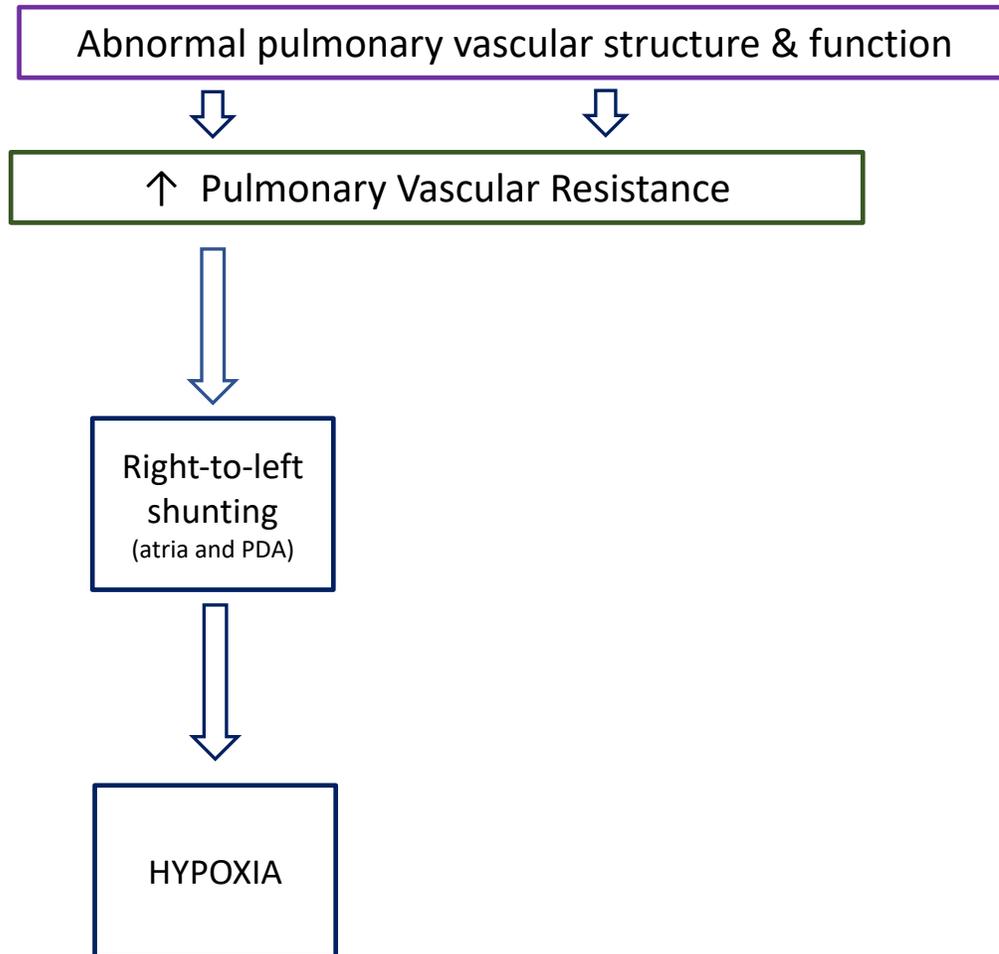


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hypoplasia

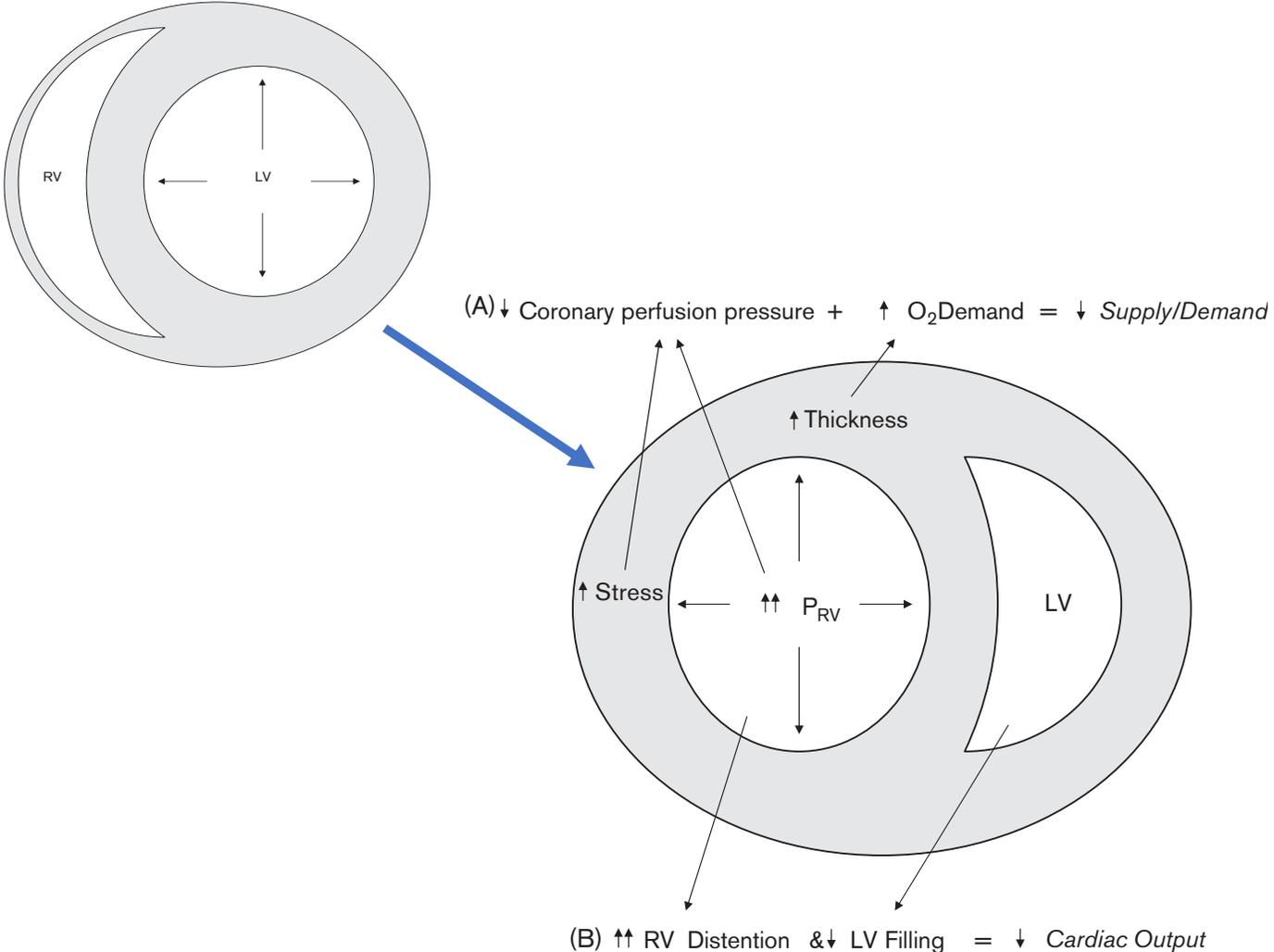
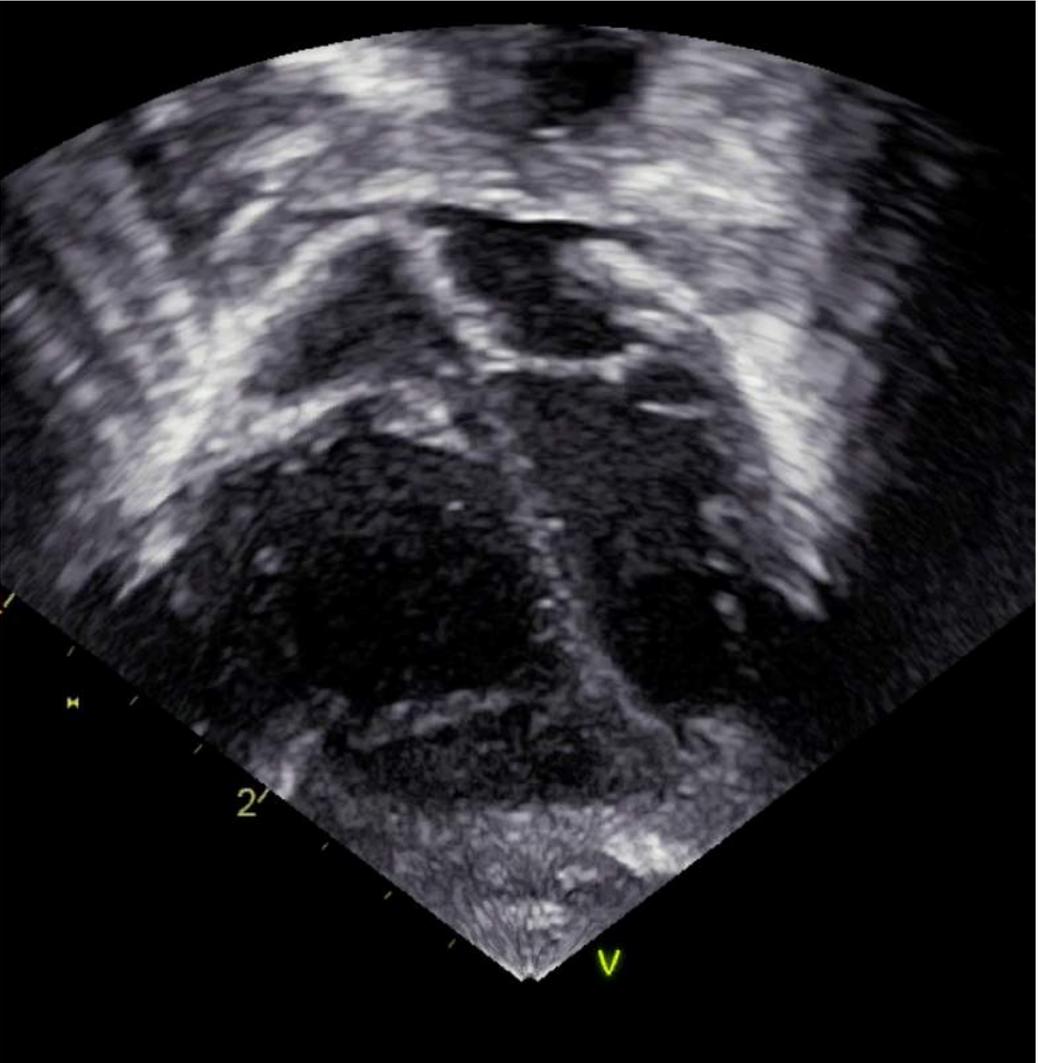
Pulmonary  
hypertension



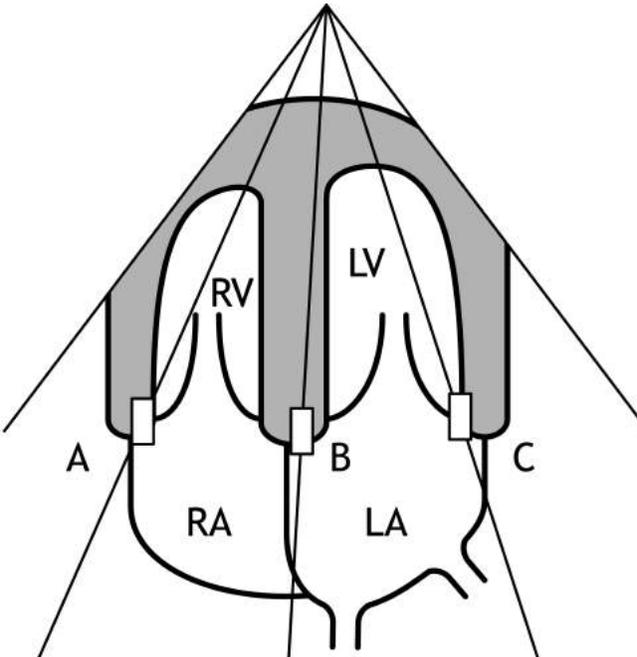
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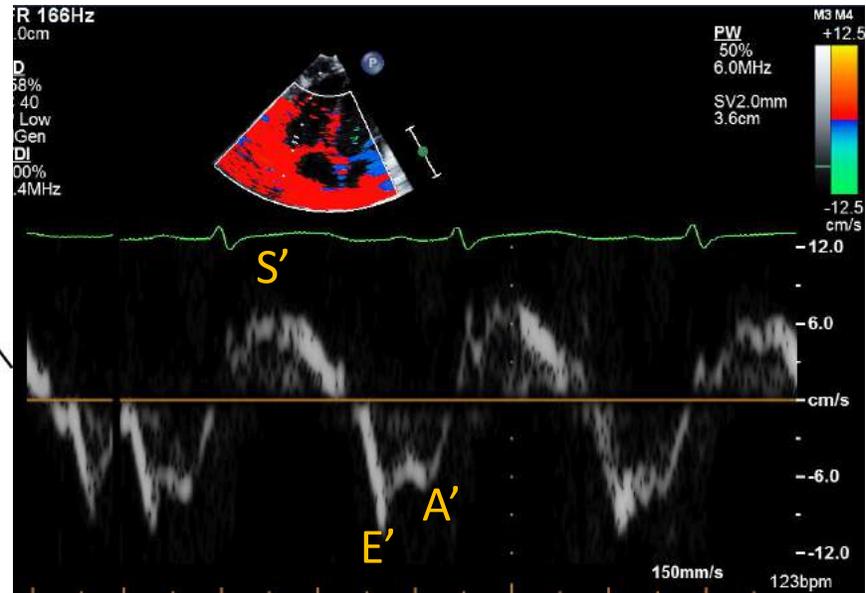
# RV dilatation and hypertrophy in pulmonary hypertension



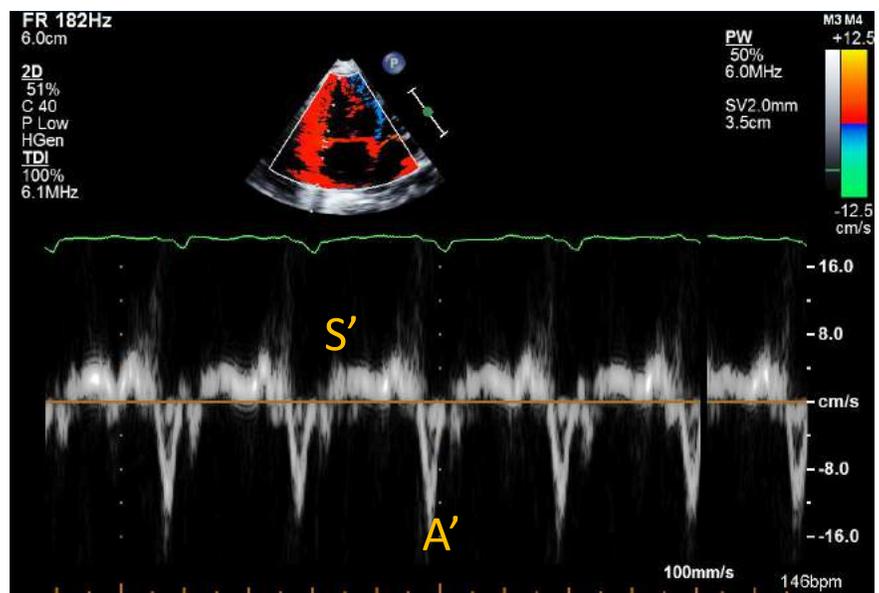
# RV Diastolic dysfunction in PH: Tissue Doppler Imaging



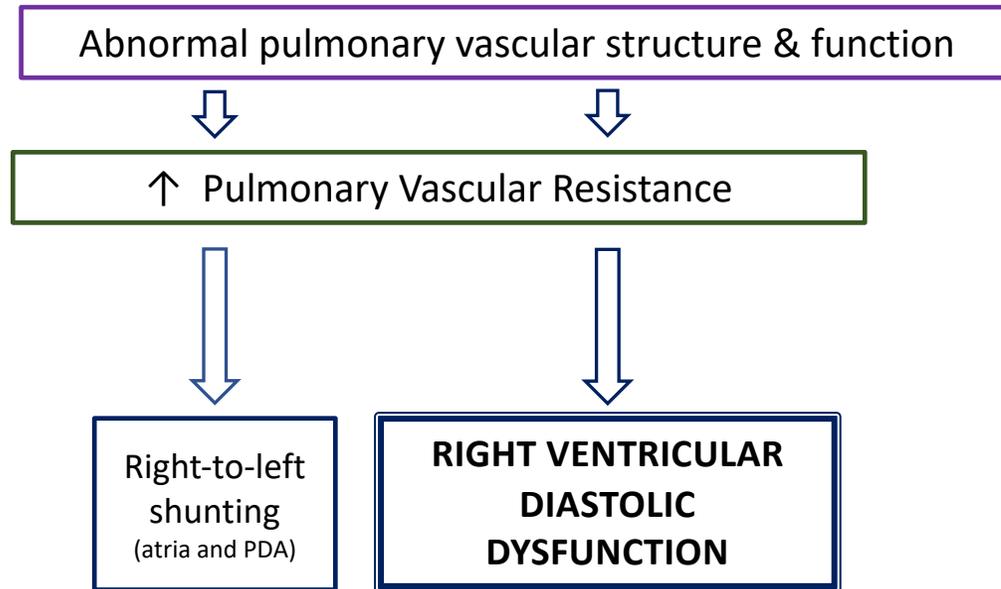
Control infant – RV

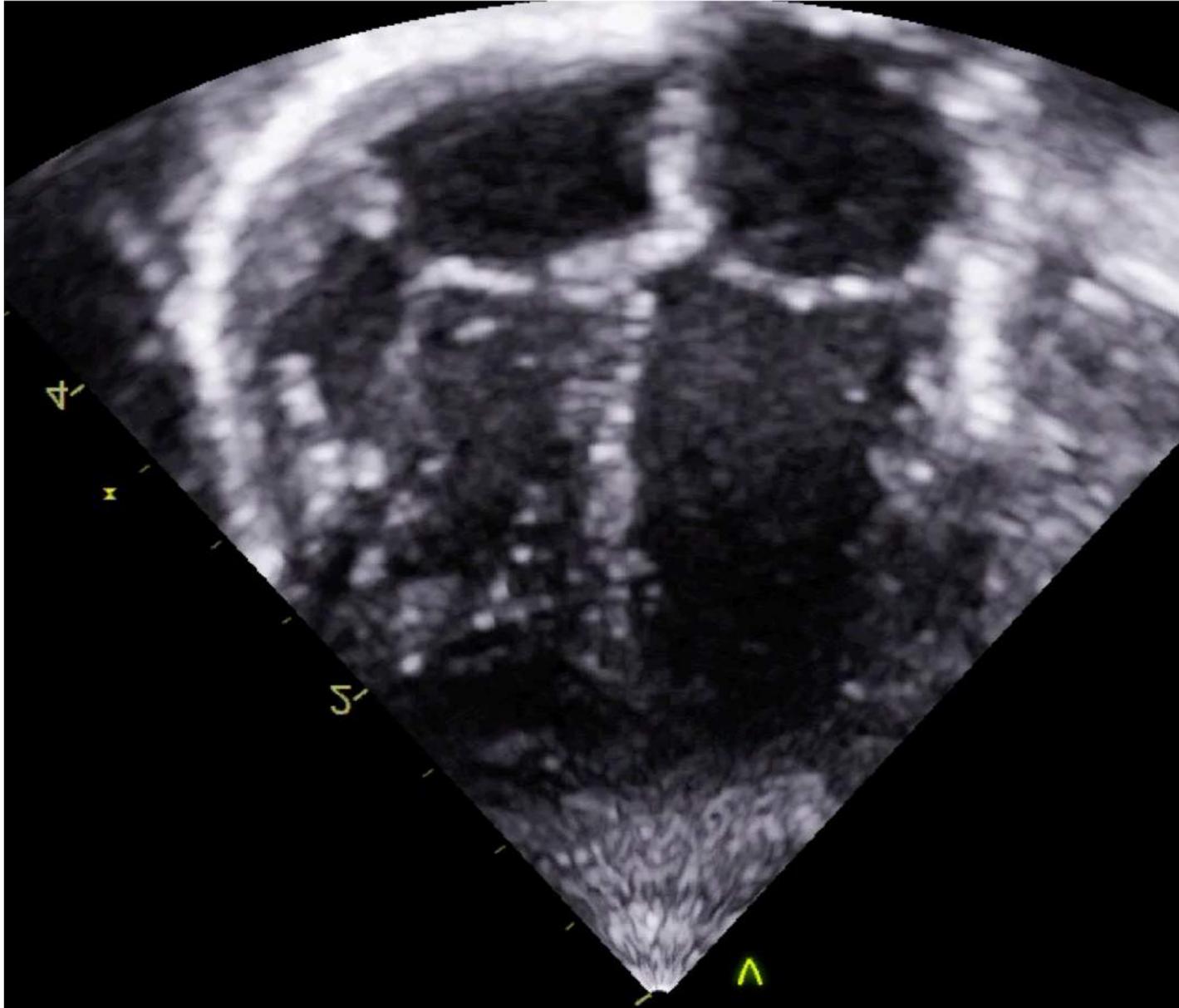


RV in PH



- Reduced systolic velocities
- Loss of diastolic E' velocity

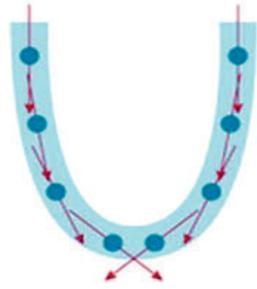




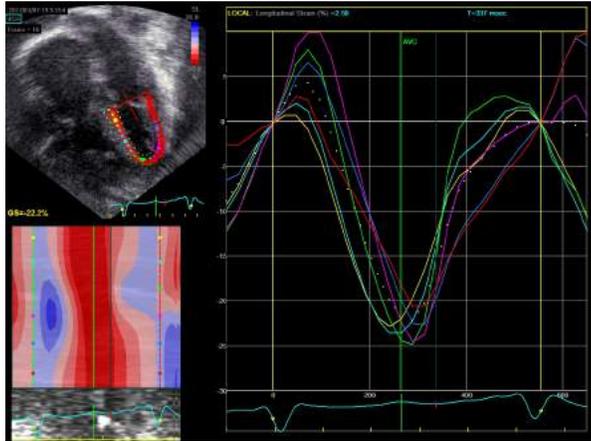
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# Assessing cardiac function: speckle tracking echocardiography

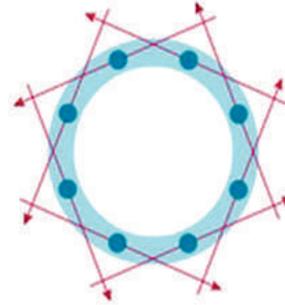
Global longitudinal strain (GLS)



longitudinal



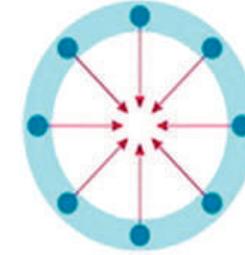
Global circumferential strain (GCS)



circumferential



Global radial strain (GRS)

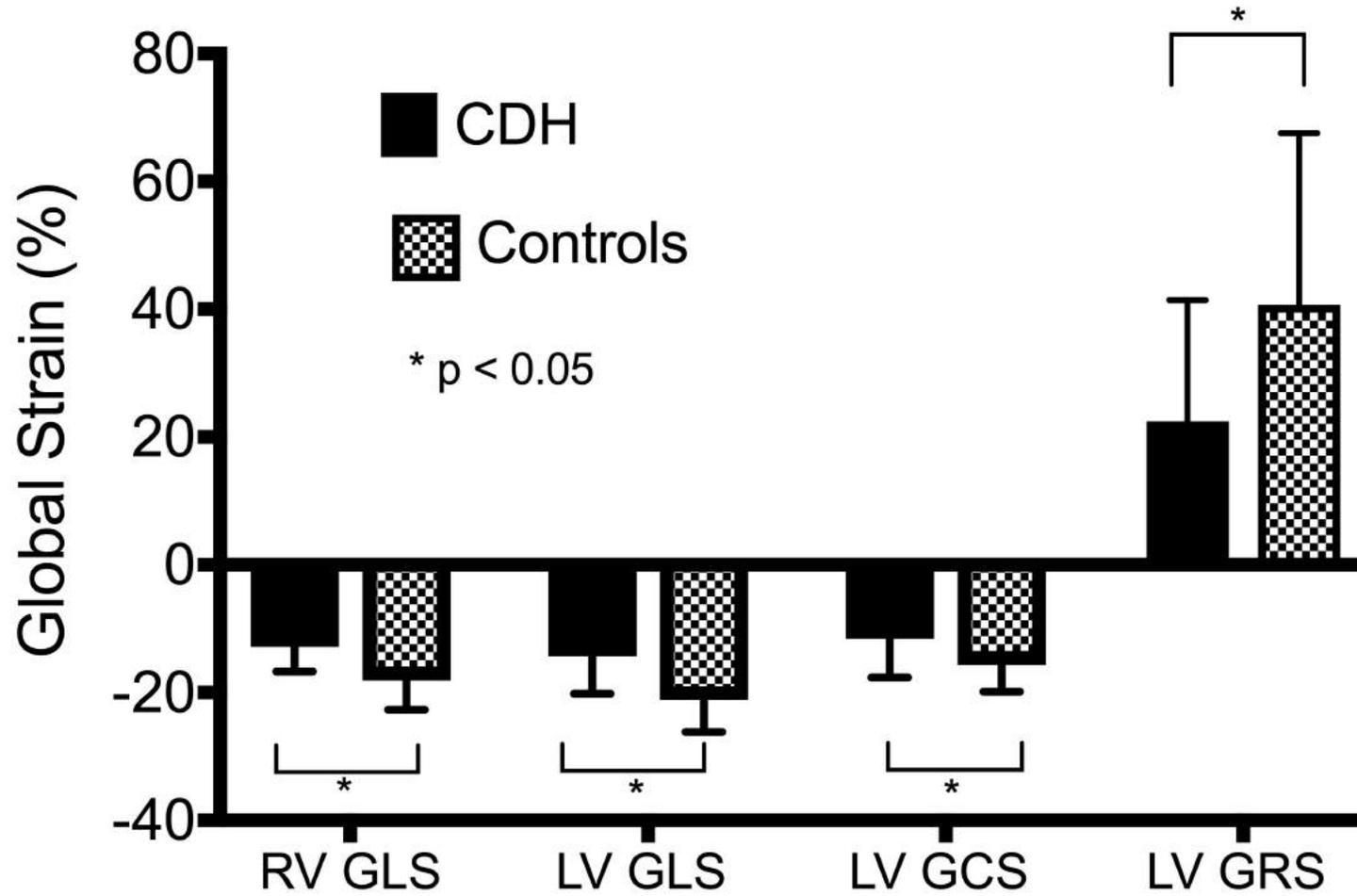


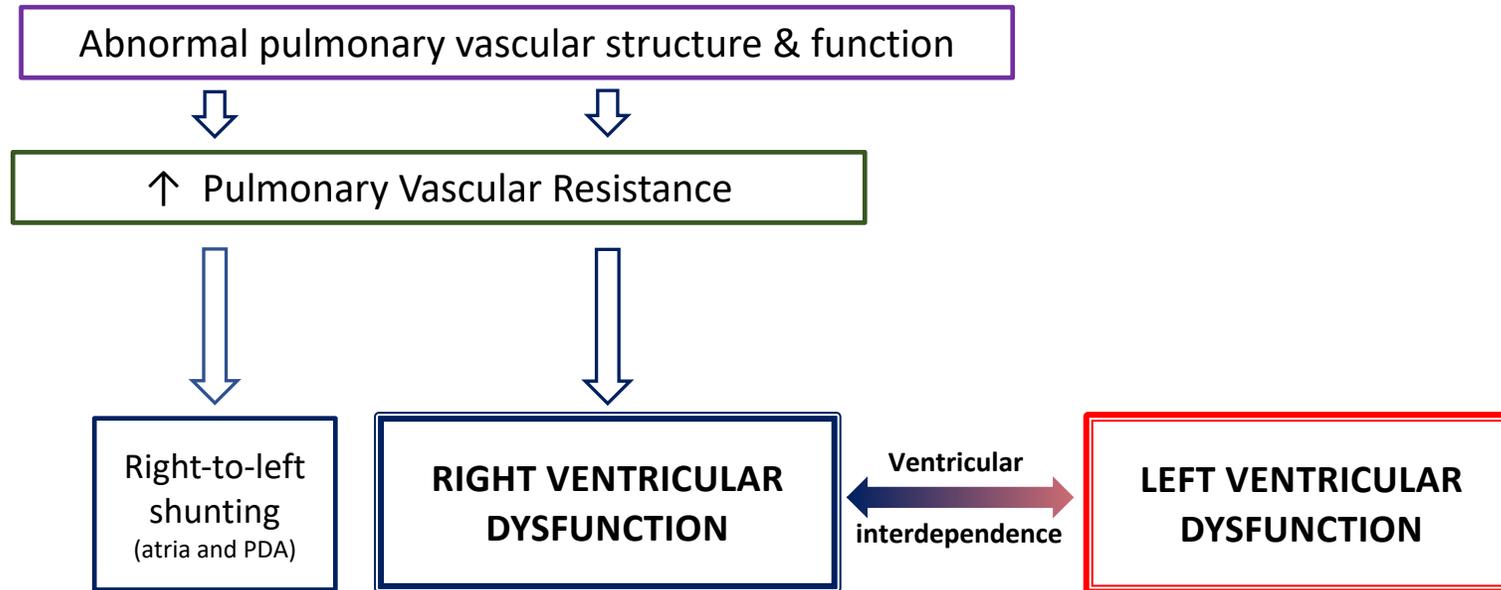
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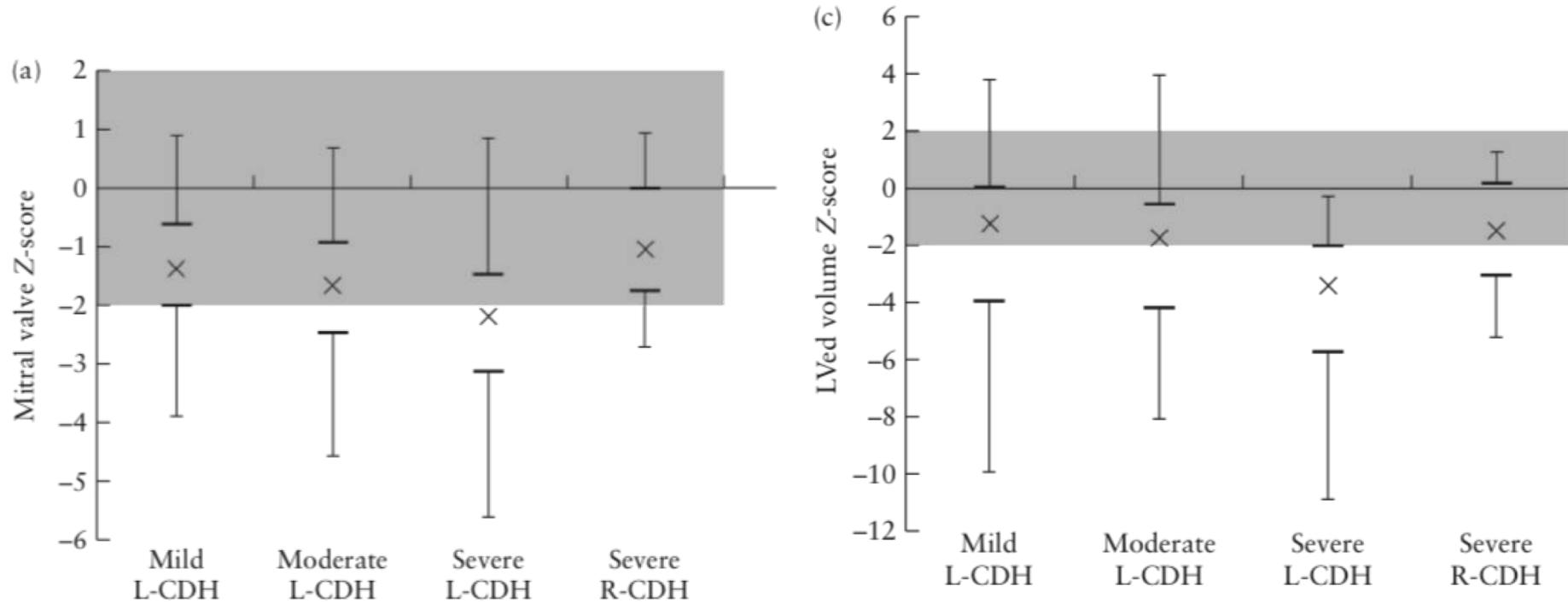
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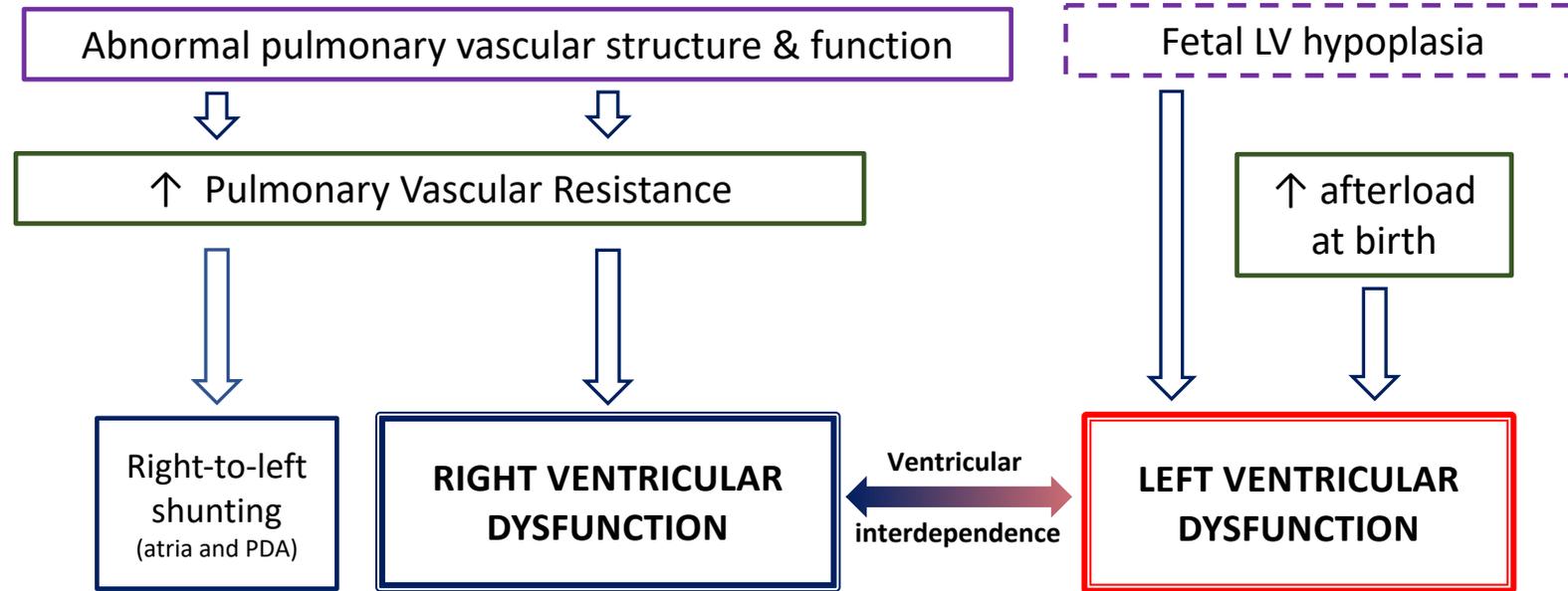


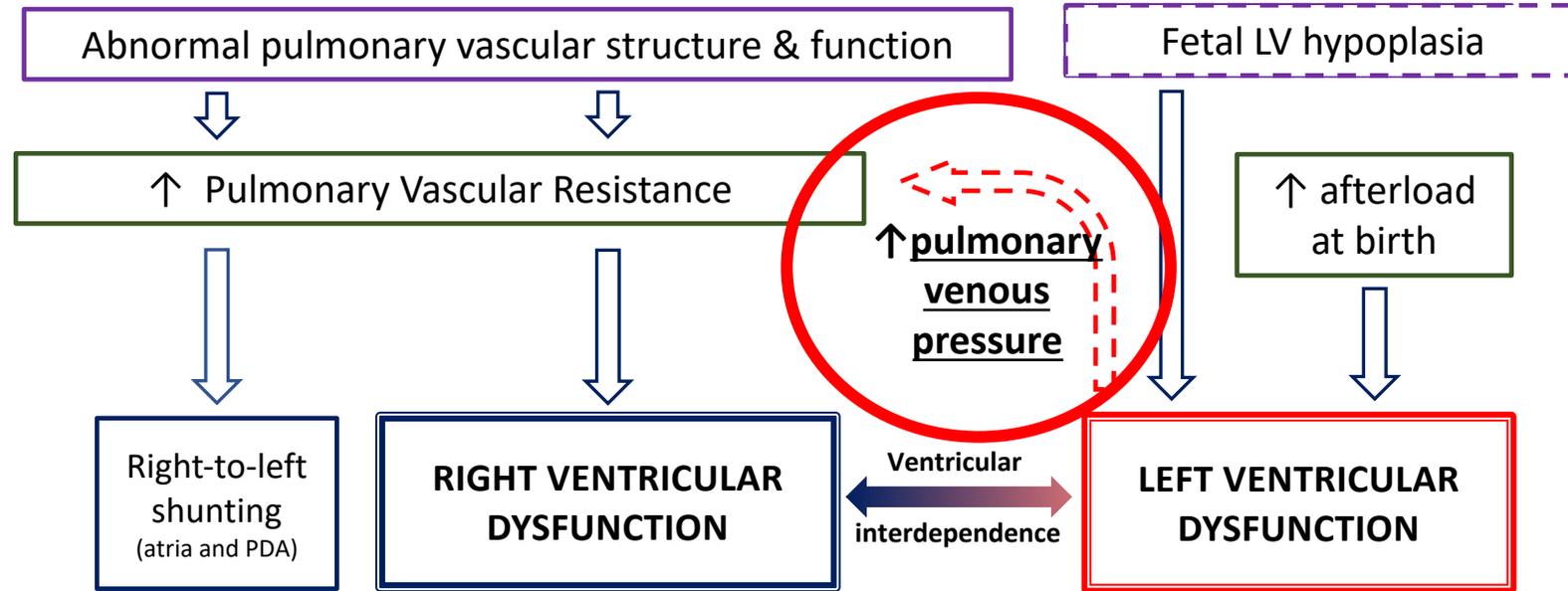
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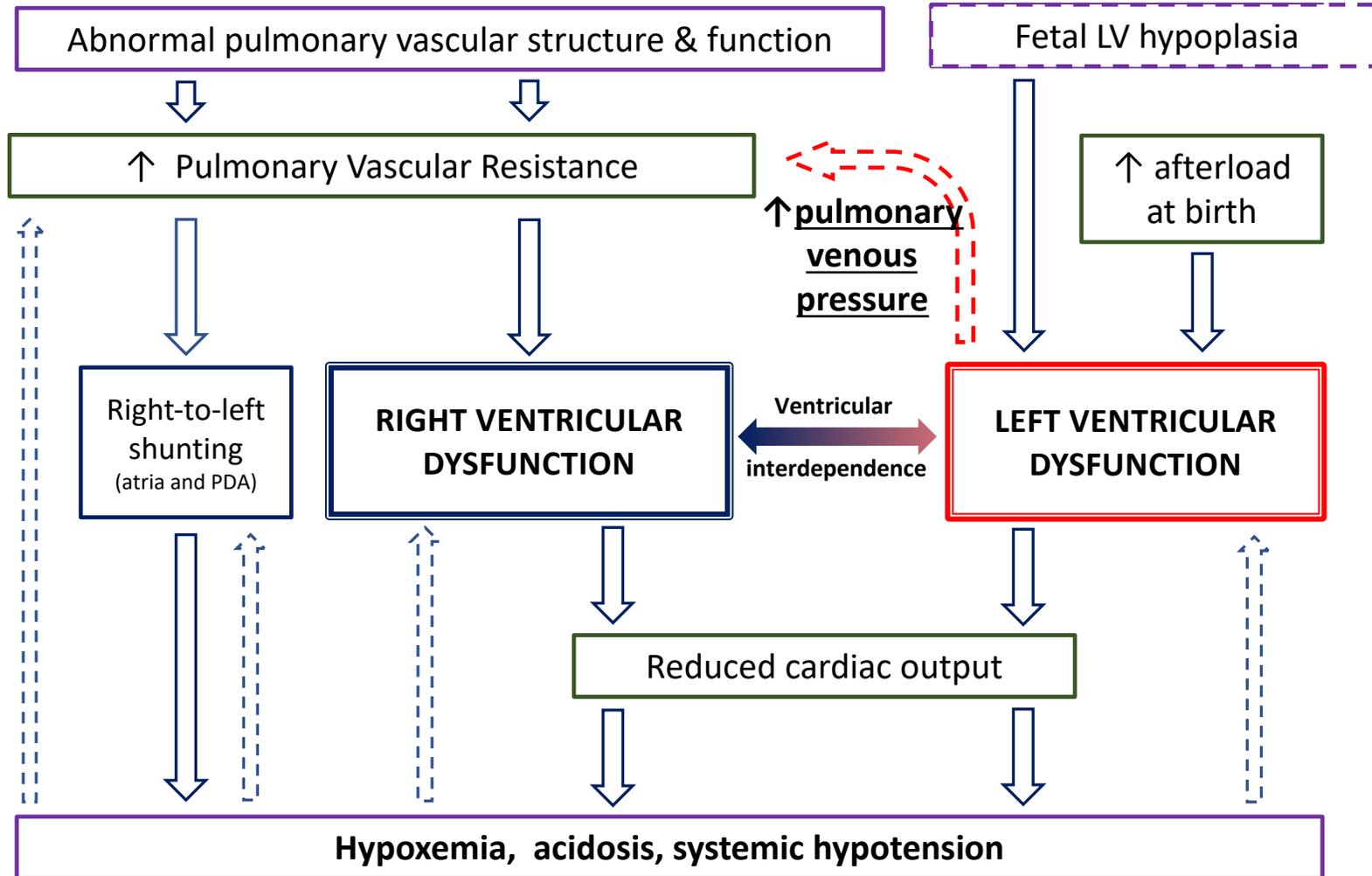
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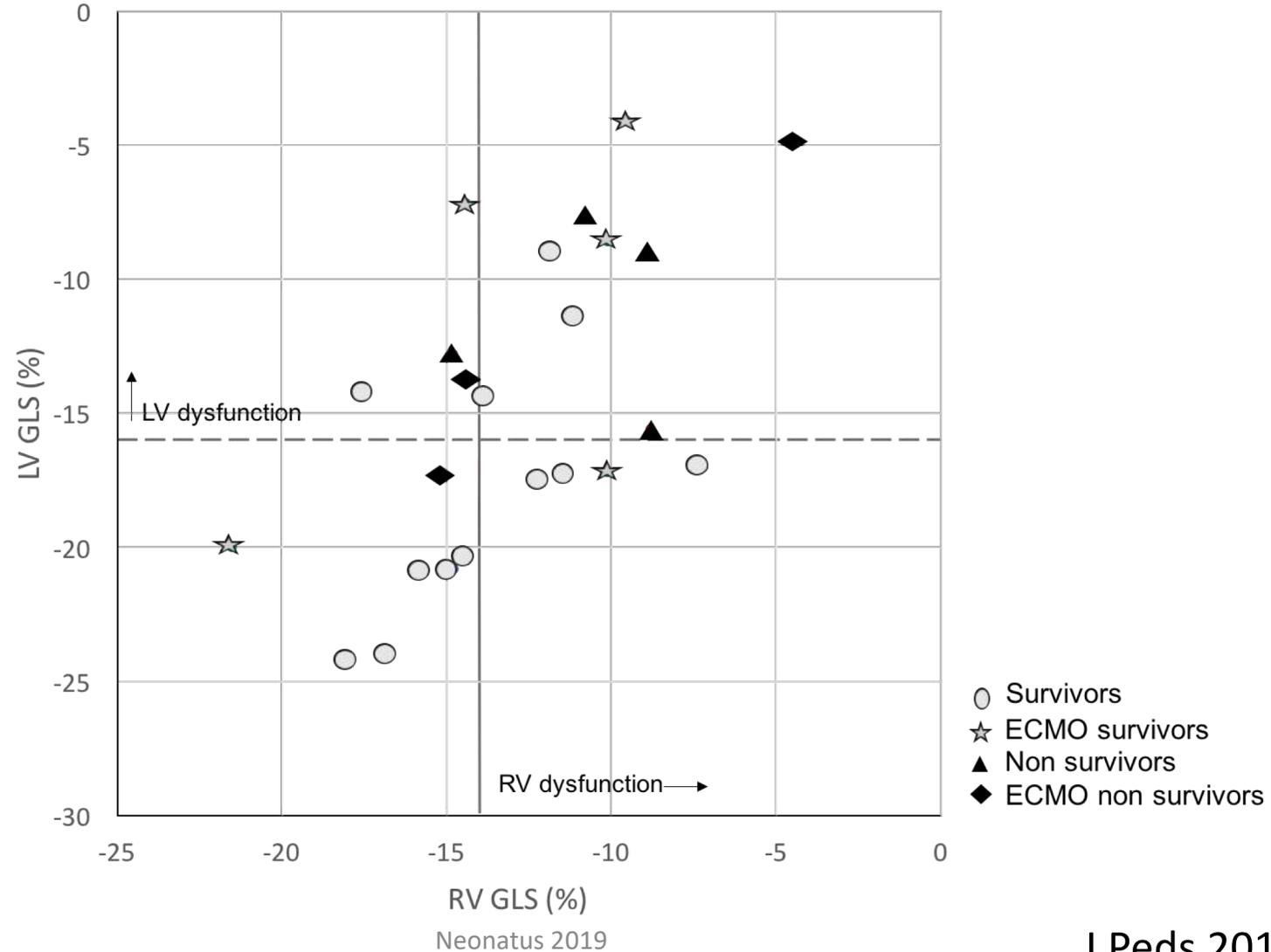






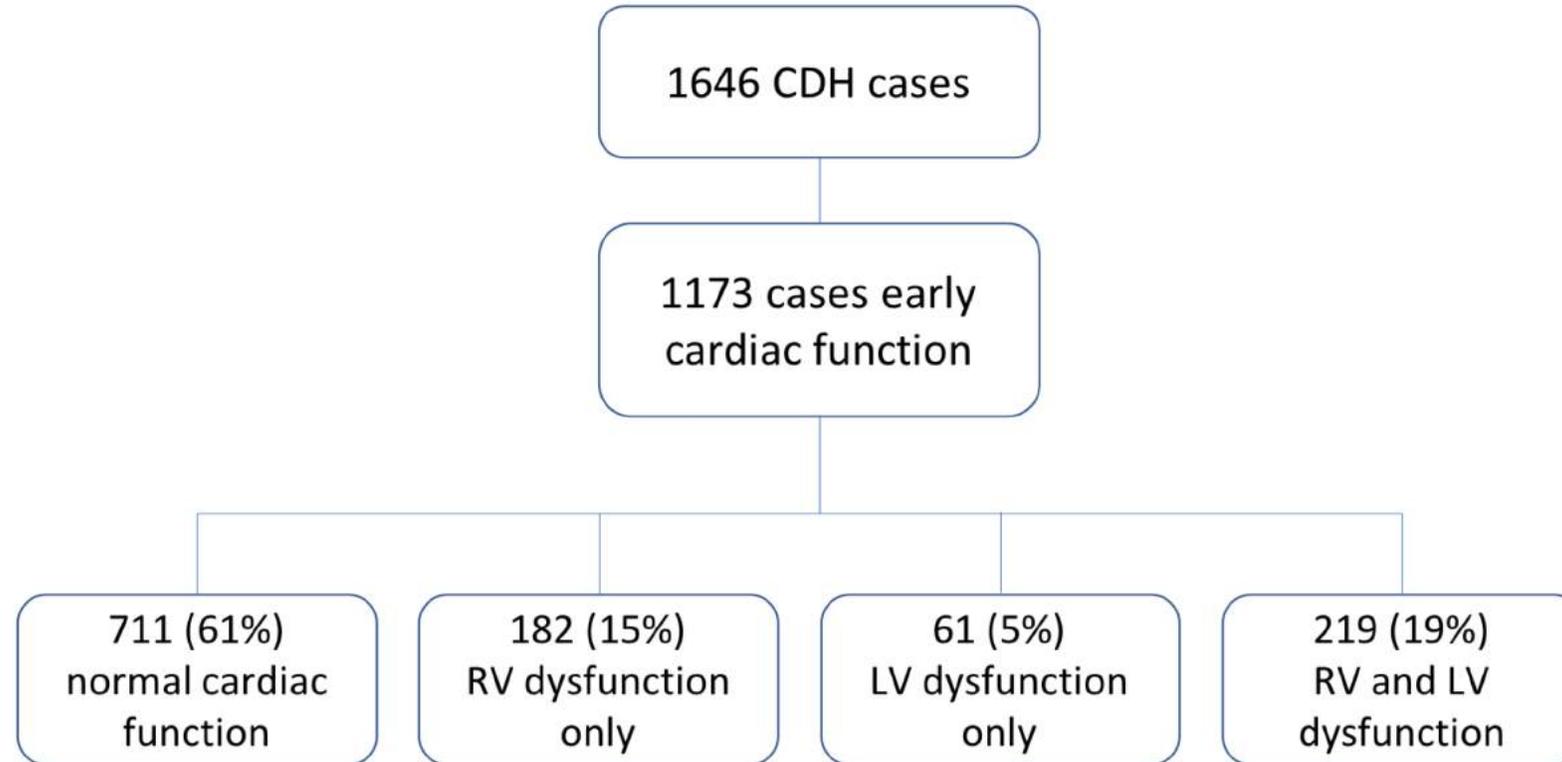
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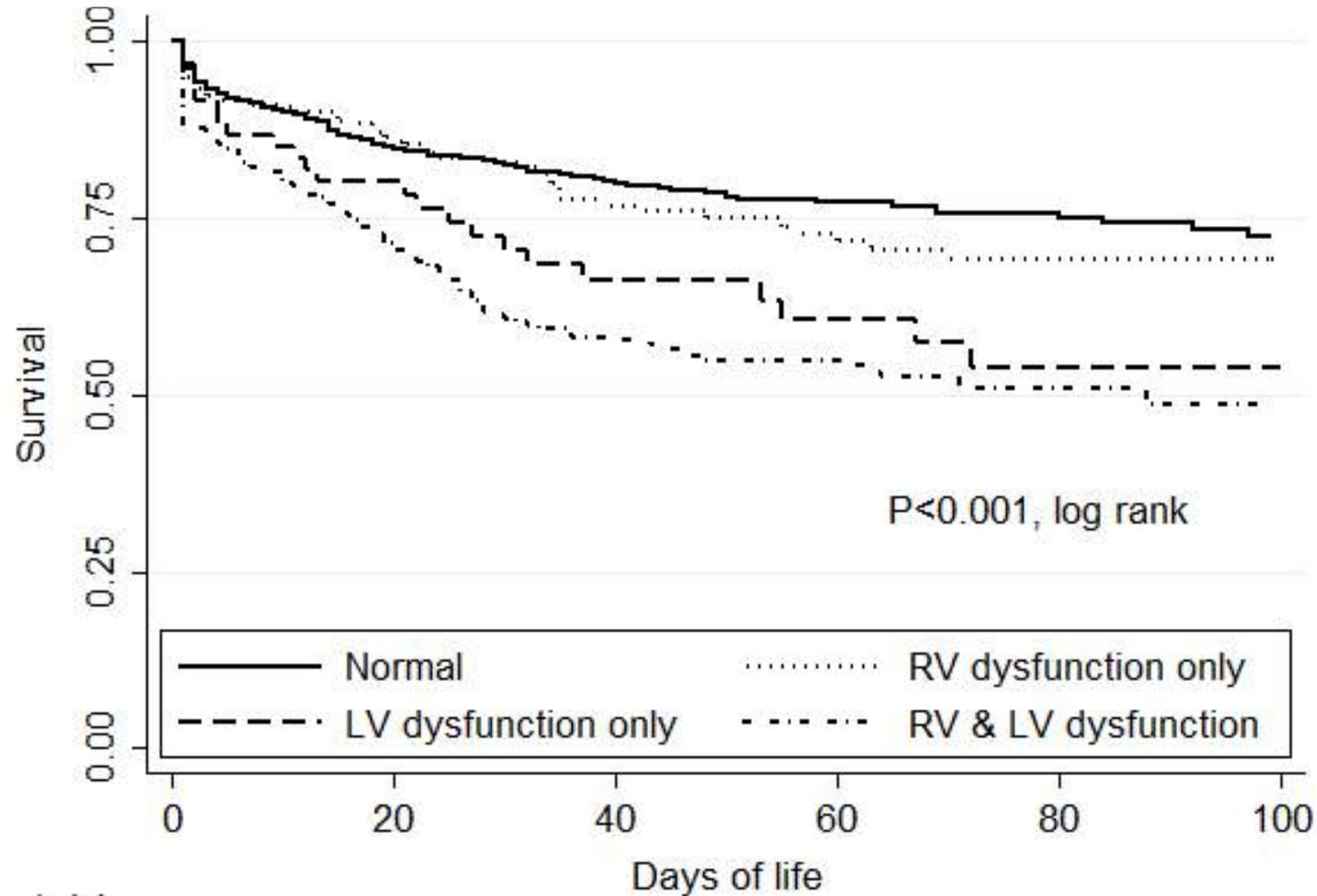
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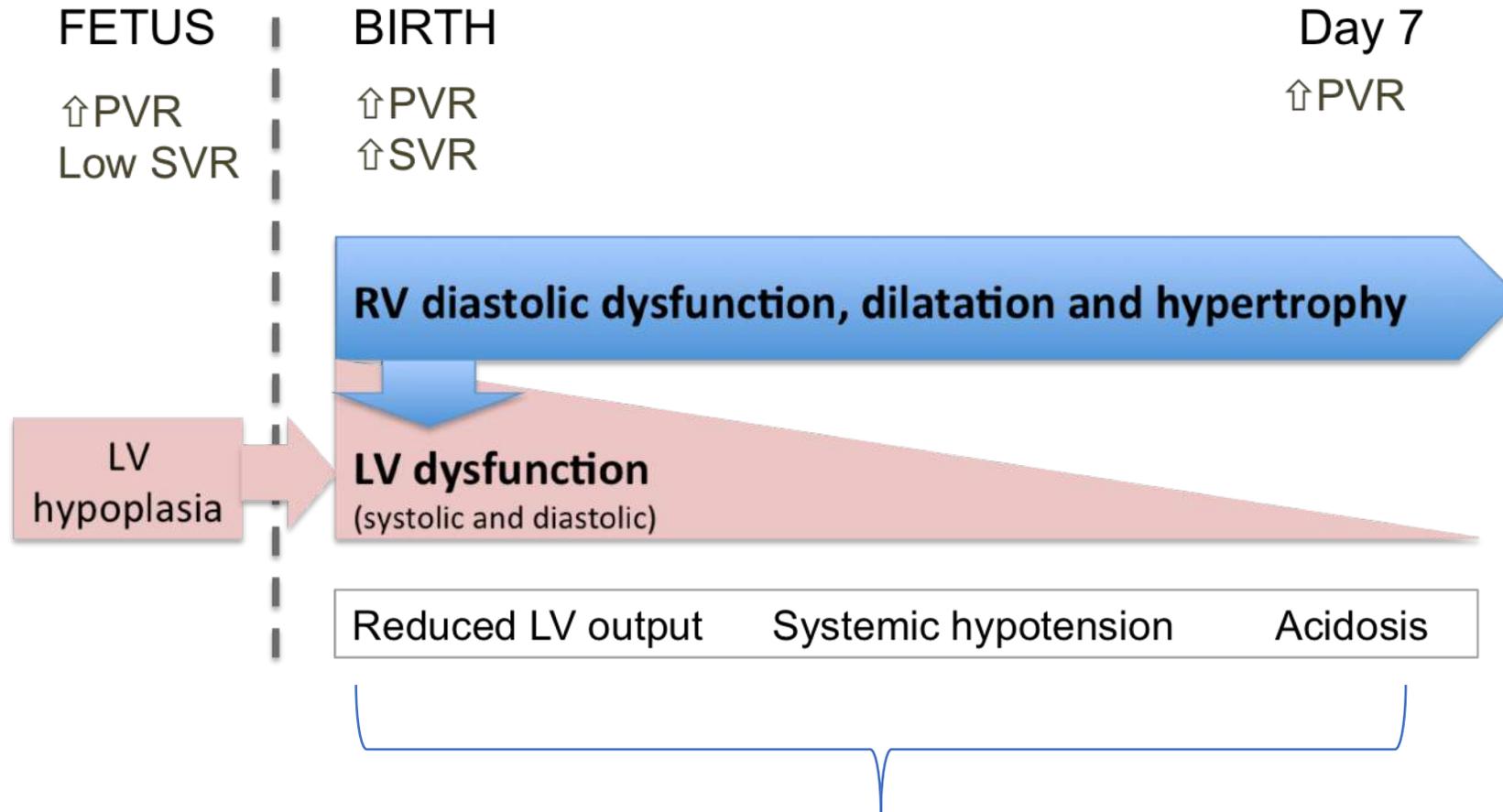
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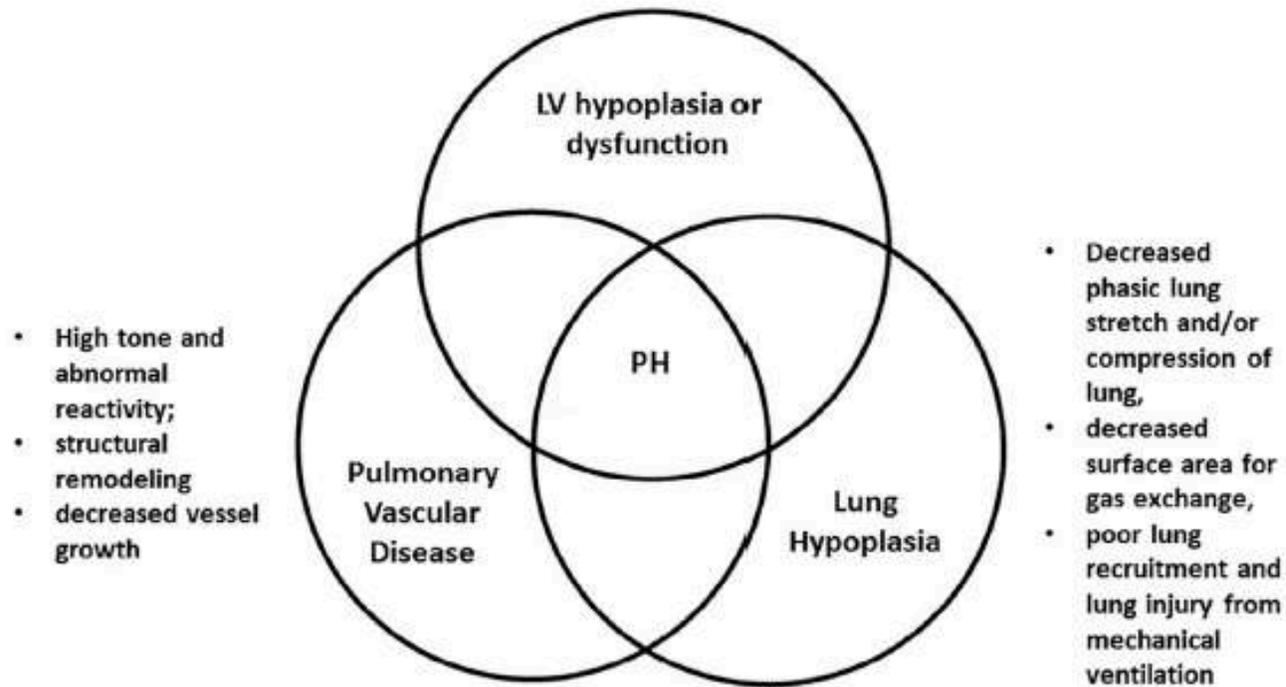
**Associated with outcomes:**

- Duration ventilation
- Length of stay
- Survival
- ECMO

# The Left Ventricle in Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia: Implications for the Management of Pulmonary Hypertension

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- Pulmonary Venous Hypertension
- Decreased cardiac output
- Pulmonary edema, worsened with PH drug therapy



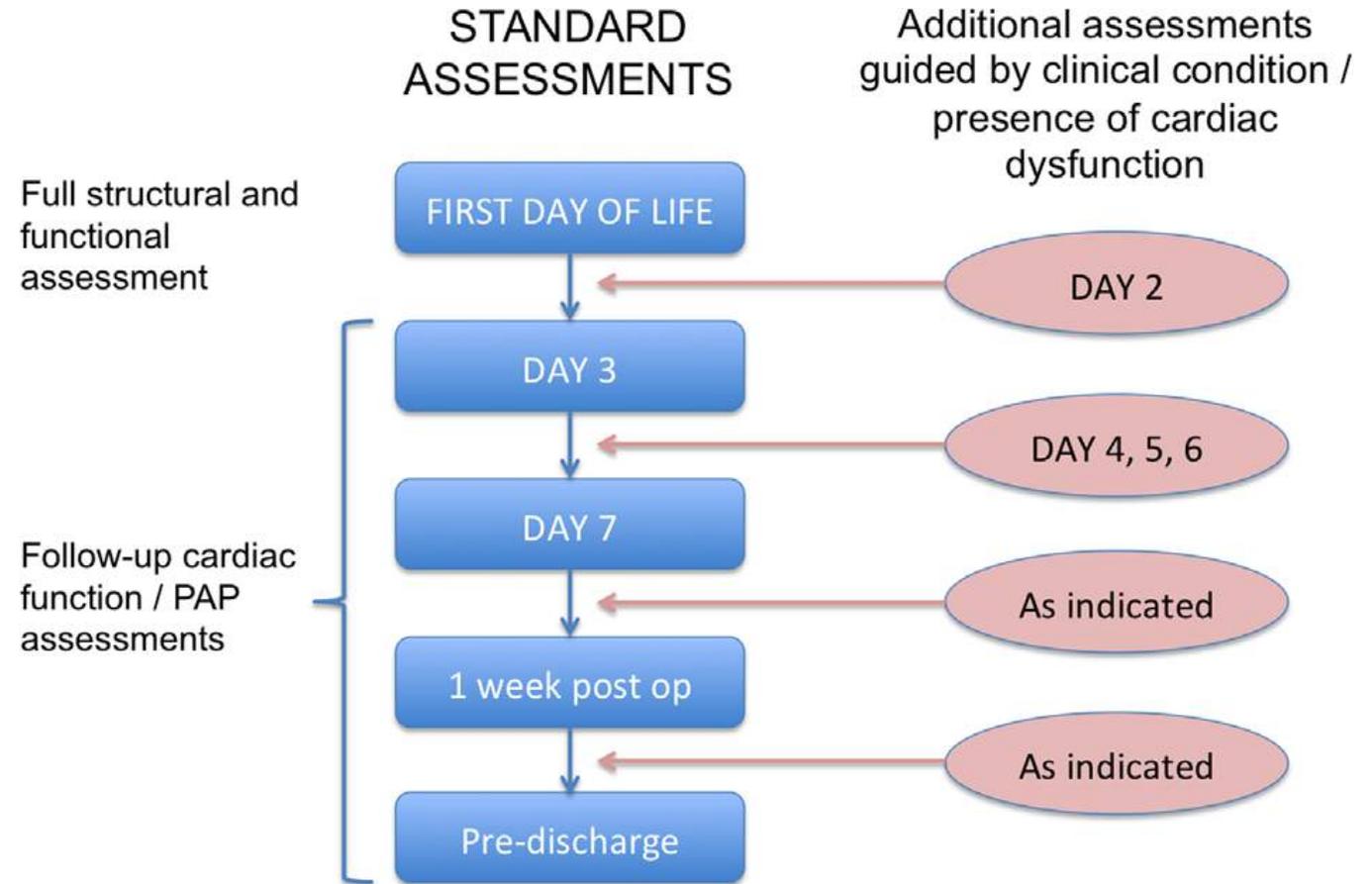


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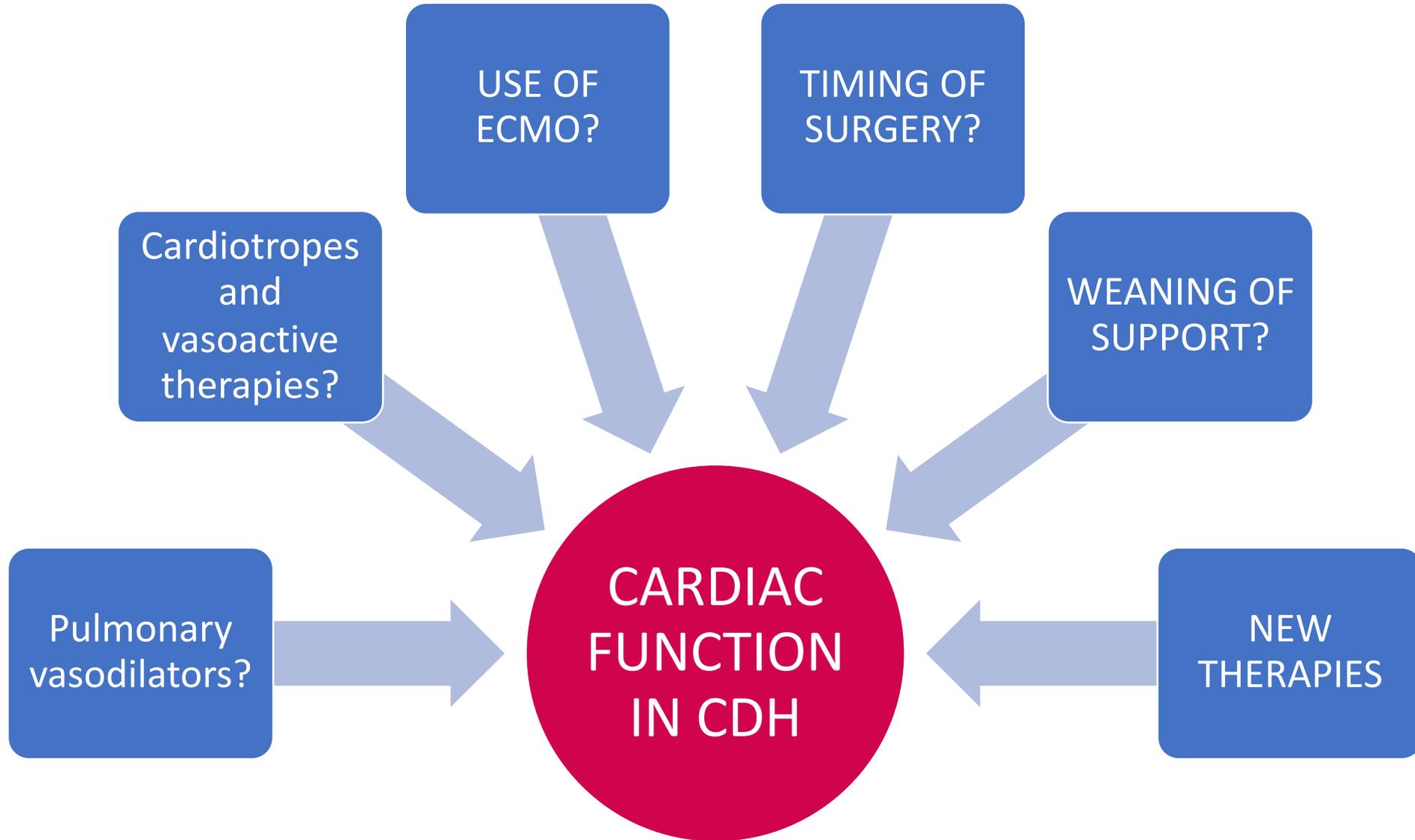
# Management of CDH: Assessment

PULMONARY HYPOPLASIA / RESPIRATORY FUNCTION	PVR / PAP	CARDIAC FUNCTION
Fetal measures lung volume. O:E LHR, O:E TFLV	Pre-post ductal saturations	Blood pressure analysis: pulse pressure
Blood gases, PaO <sub>2</sub> , PaCO <sub>2</sub>	Echocardiographic assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tricuspid regurgitation velocity</li> <li>• PDA shunting pattern</li> <li>• Time to peak velocity in pulmonary artery</li> <li>• Septal shape</li> </ul> <b>Challenging!</b>	Echocardiographic assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Eyeballing” from 2d loops</li> <li>• Quantitative measures:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tissue Doppler imaging</li> <li>➤ Speckle tracking echocardiography</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>? Cardiac dimensions?</b>
Ventilation requirements		
(Chest x-ray)		

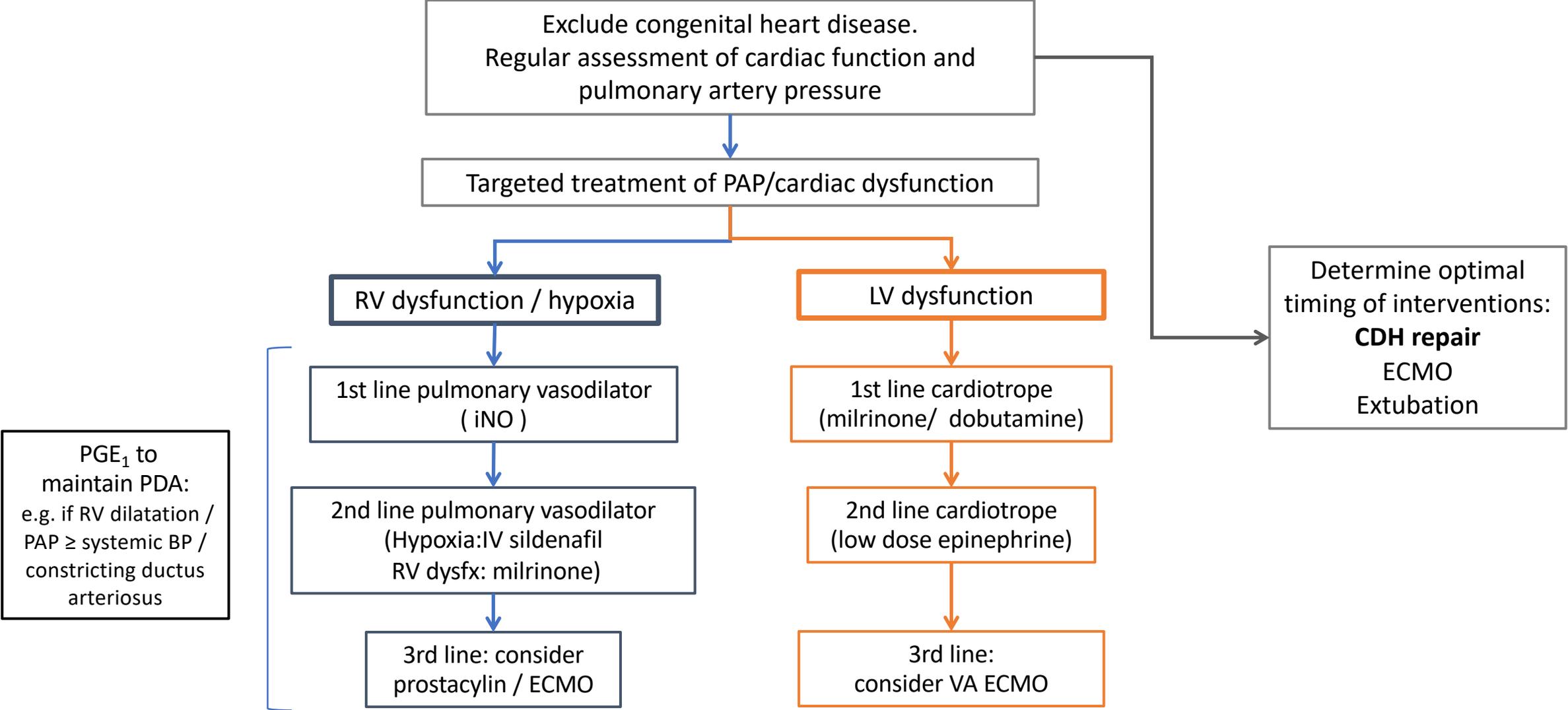
# 1. Assessment of PAP / cardiac function in CDH-PH



**Fig. 3.** Example protocol for timing of cardiac function assessment in CDH.



# 2. Targeted therapy of PH and cardiac dysfunction



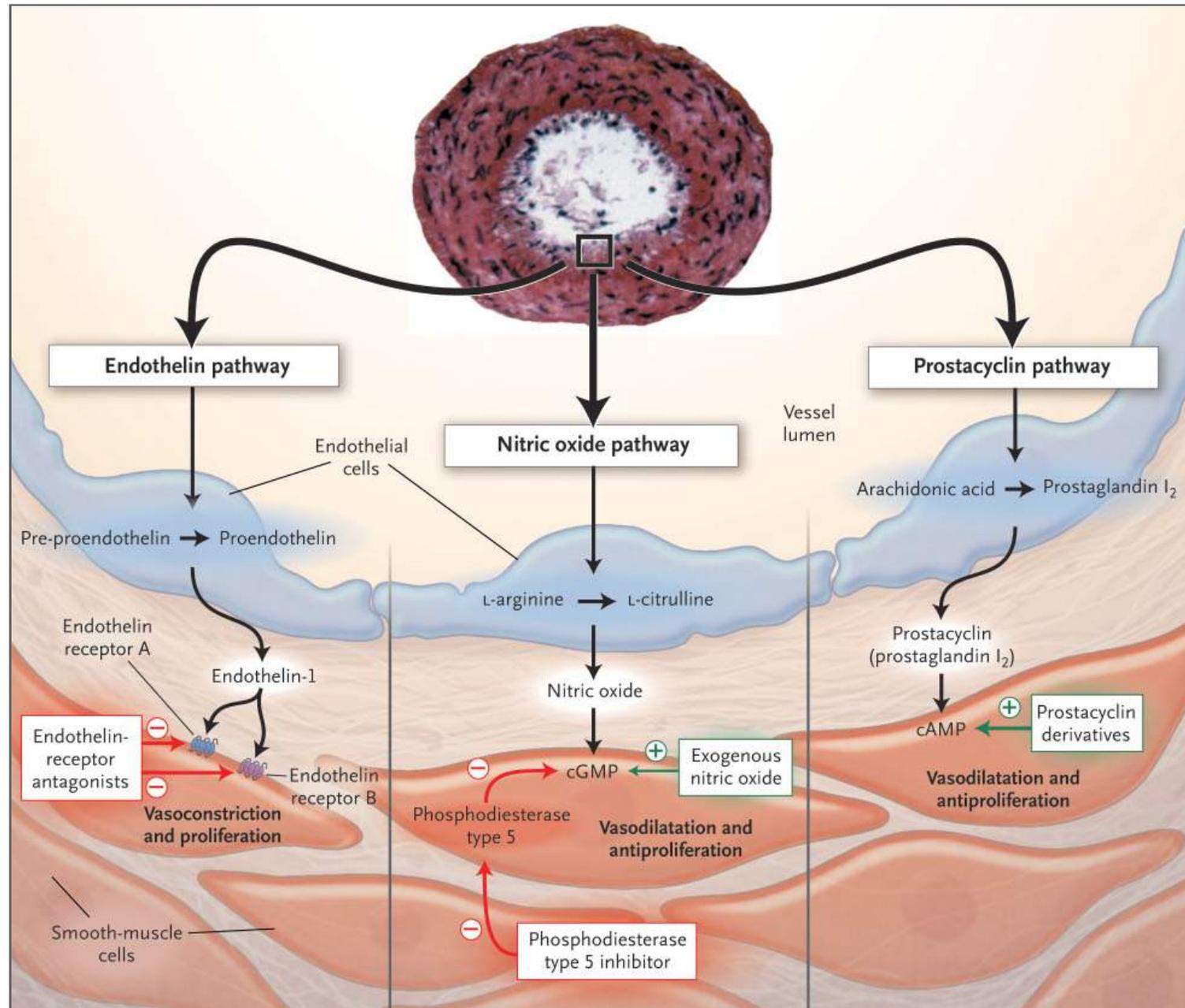
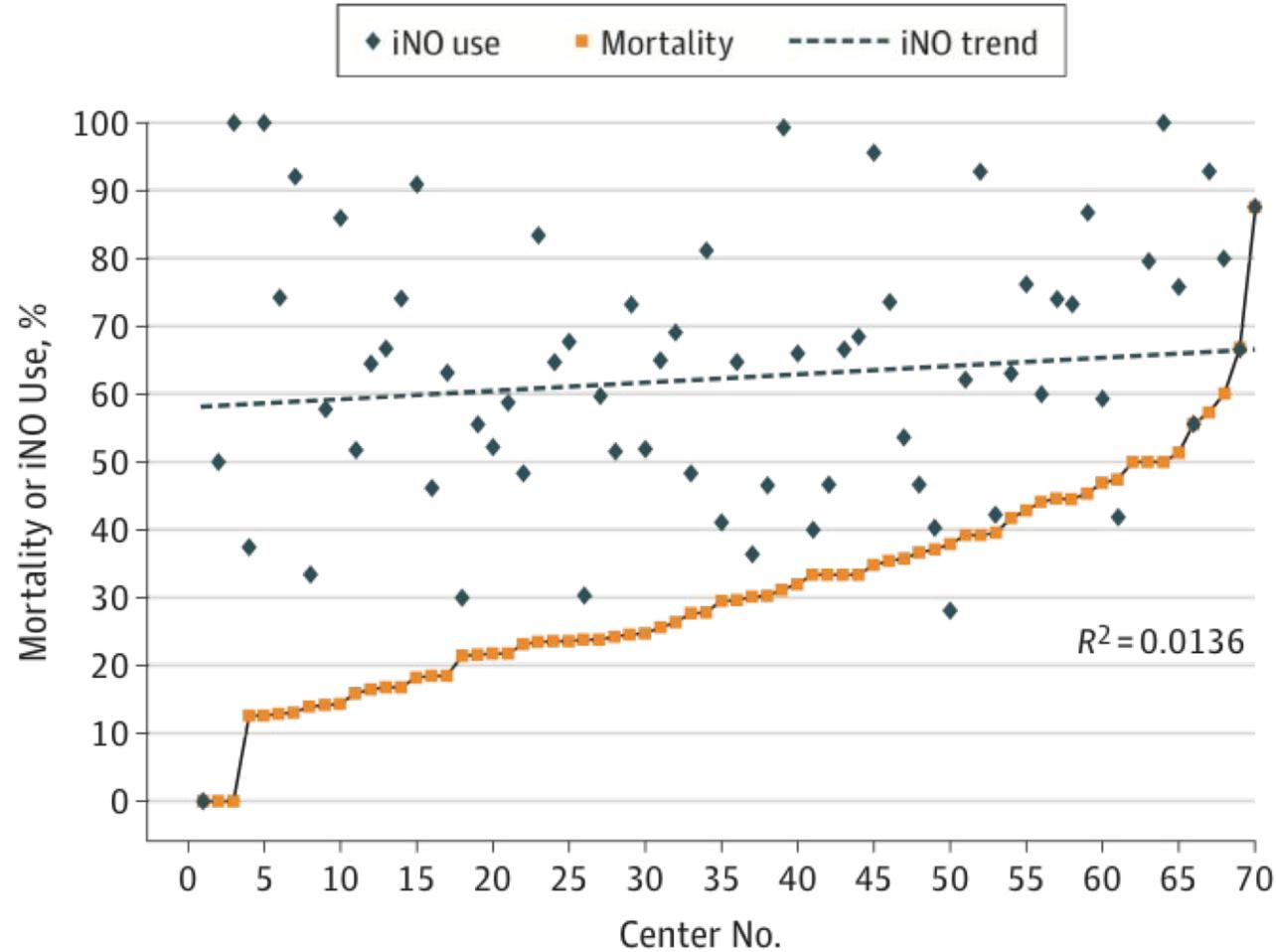


Figure 1. Targets for Current or Emerging Therapies in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension.

Figure 3. Association Between Inhaled Nitric Oxide (iNO) Use, Center, and Mortality  $P = .01$  for Trend



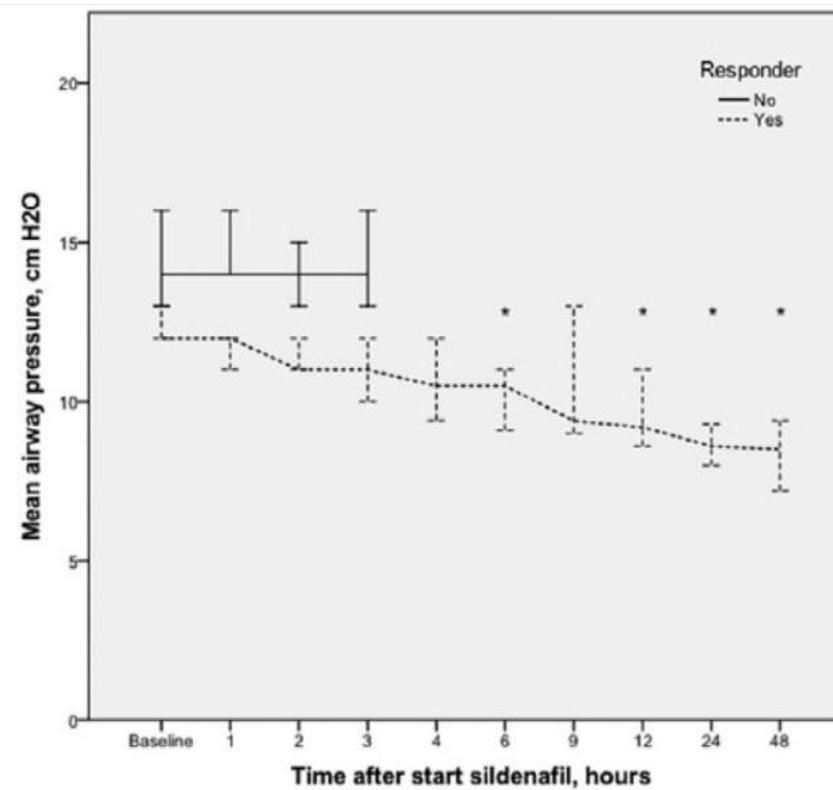
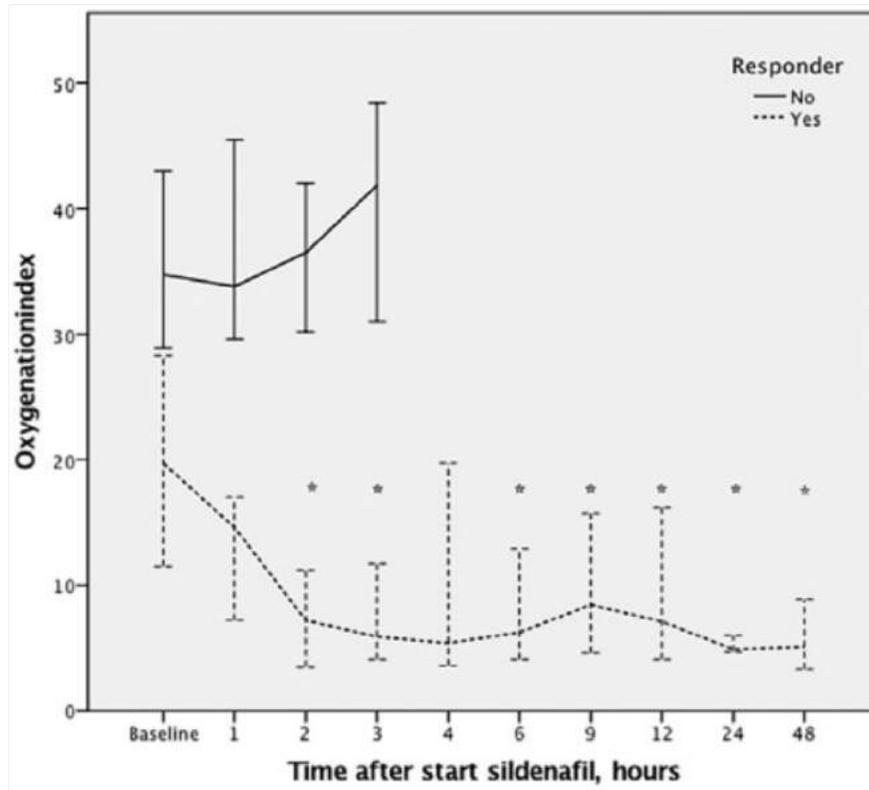
Overall, there was a positive association between the trend of iNO use and mortality by center.

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# Continuous intravenous sildenafil as an early treatment in neonates with congenital diaphragmatic hernia

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11 responders  
15 non-responders

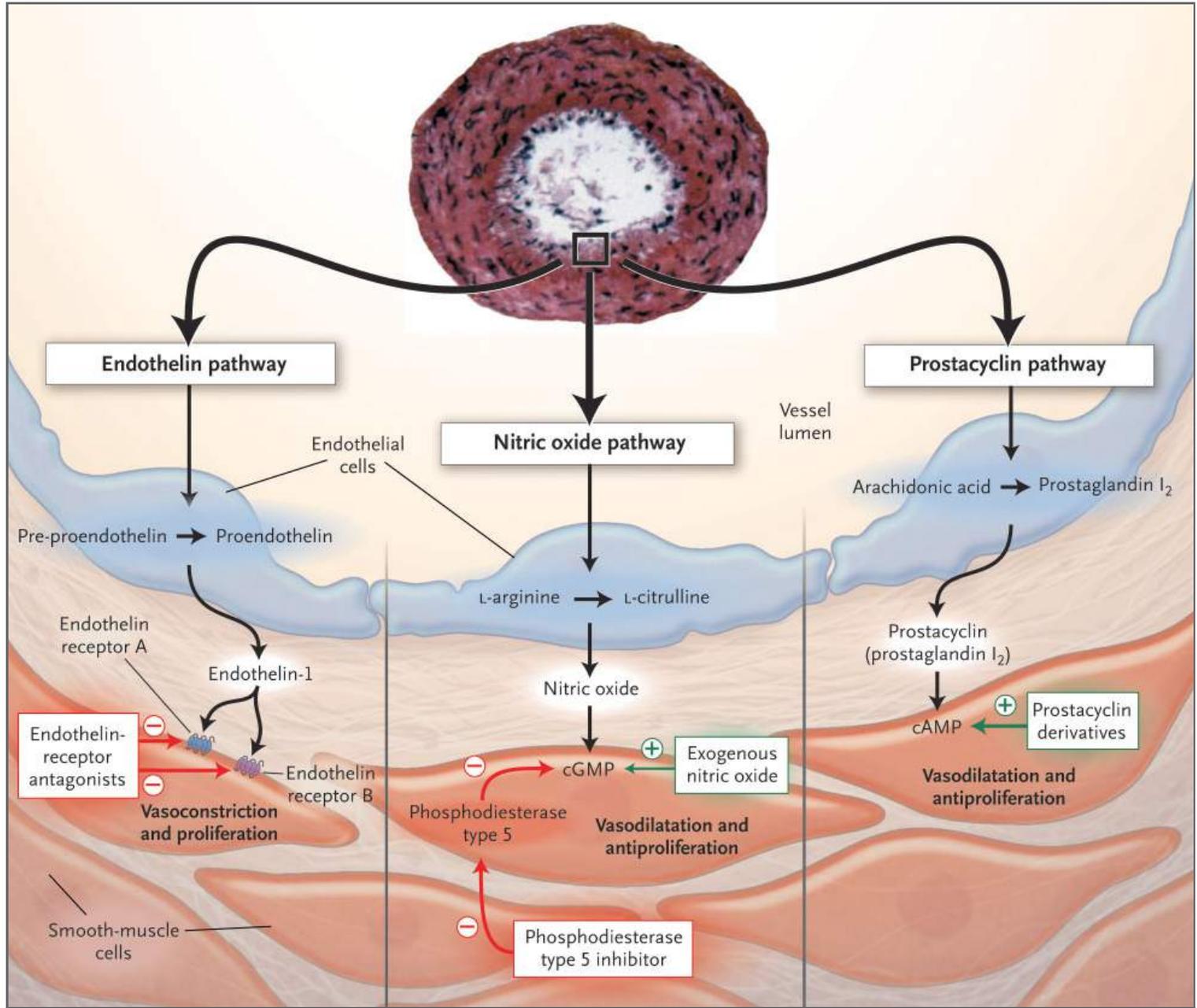
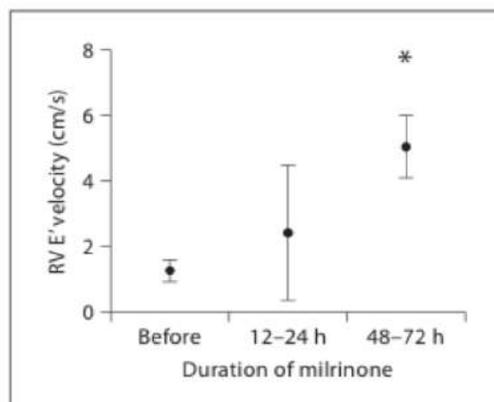


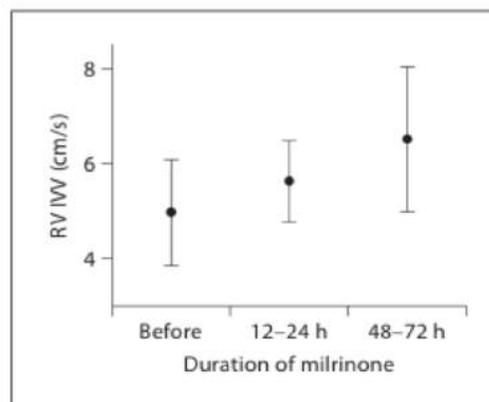
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# Use of Milrinone to Treat Cardiac Dysfunction in Infants with Pulmonary Hypertension Secondary to Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia:

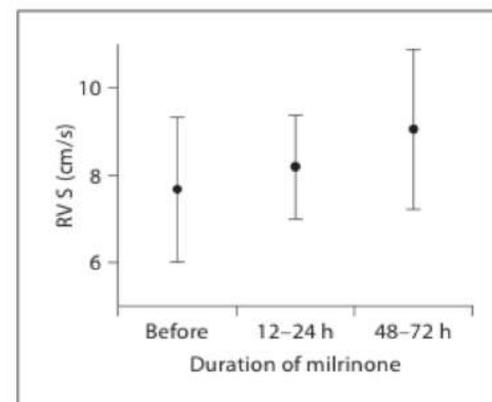
		Duration of milrinone therapy		
		pre	12-24 h post	48-72 h post
PDA flow velocity, m/s	left to right	0.8 (1.1)	0.8 (0.4)	0.5 (0.13)
	right to left	1.9 (0.6)	1.3 (0.1)	1.1 (0.3)
FiO <sub>2</sub>		0.55 (0.19)	0.47 (0.25)	0.47 (0.43)
Mean airway pressure, cm H <sub>2</sub> O		11.8 (4.1)	10.3 (5.8)	8.6 (1.7)
OI		10.6 (5.6)	7.9 (6.2) *	5.1 (2.6)*.***
Mean BP, mm Hg		52.7 (4.3)	53.7 (11.5)	51 (7.3)
Systolic BP, mm Hg		72.6 (6.3)	75 (20.7)	67 (9.9)
Diastolic BP, mm Hg		42.8 (4.2)	43 (6.9)	43 (6.3)



**Fig. 1.** Early diastolic velocities (E') in the RV before and during milrinone therapy. Circles represent means, bars represent 95% CI. \* p < 0.05.

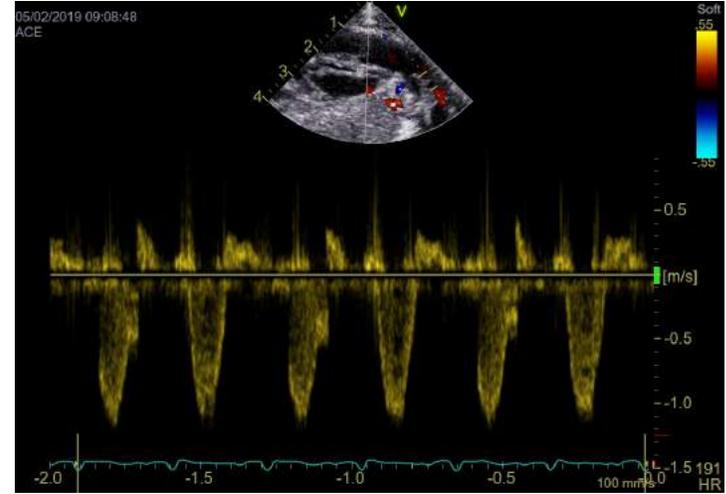
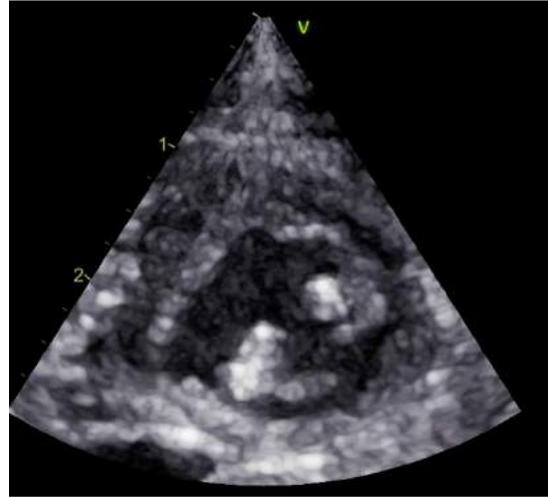
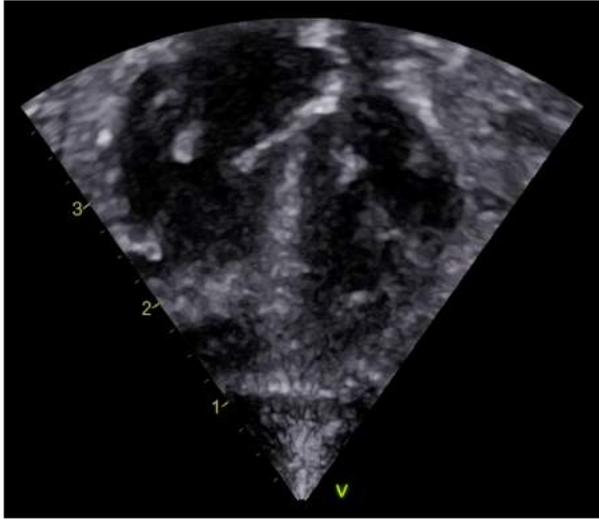


**Fig. 2.** Isovolumic contraction velocities (IVV) in the RV before and during milrinone therapy. Circles represent means, bars represent 95% CI.

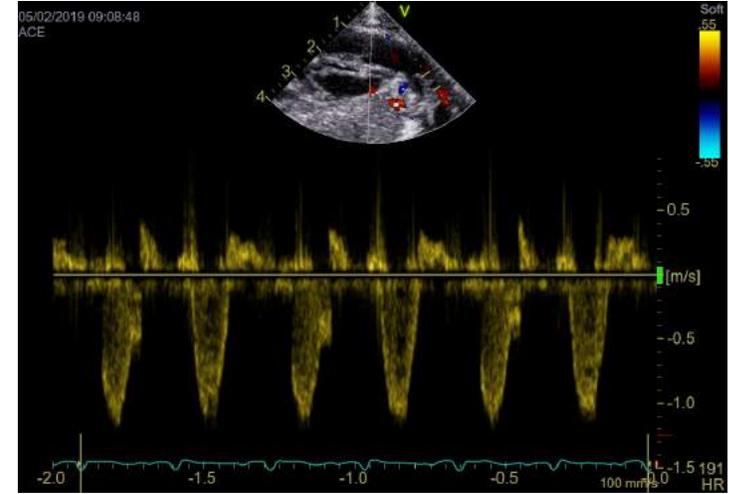
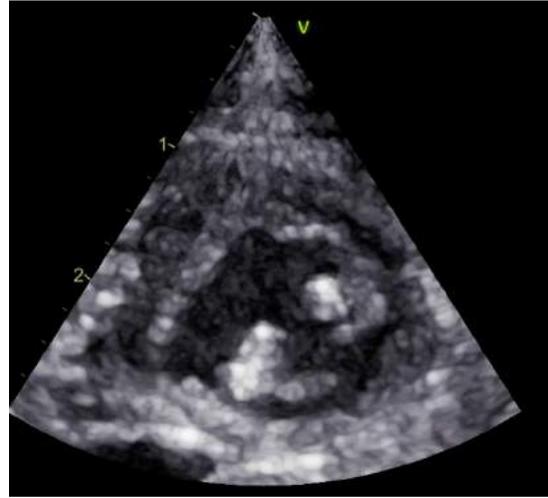
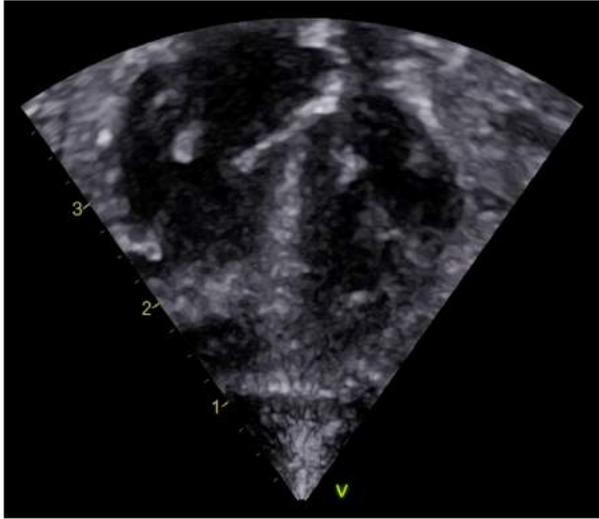


**Fig. 3.** Systolic ejection velocities (S) in the RV before and during milrinone therapy. Circles represent means, bars represent 95% CI.

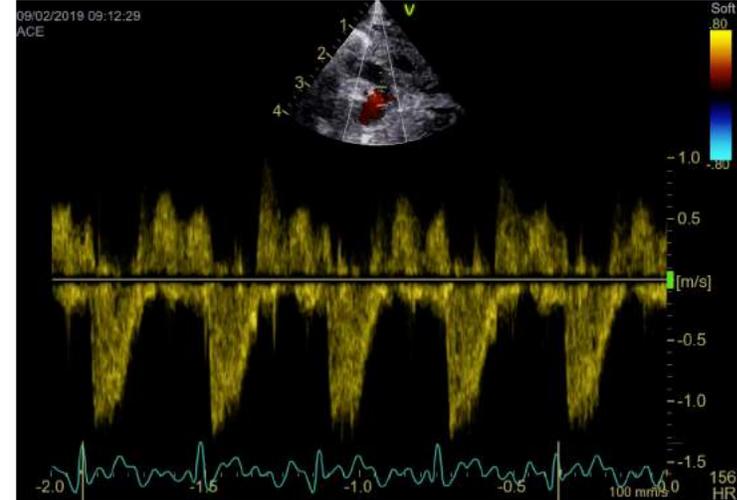
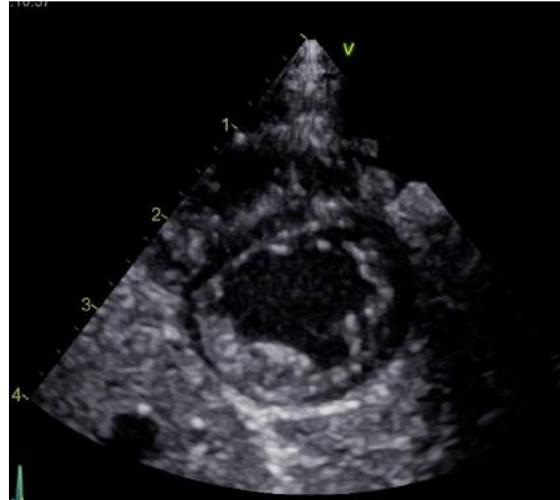
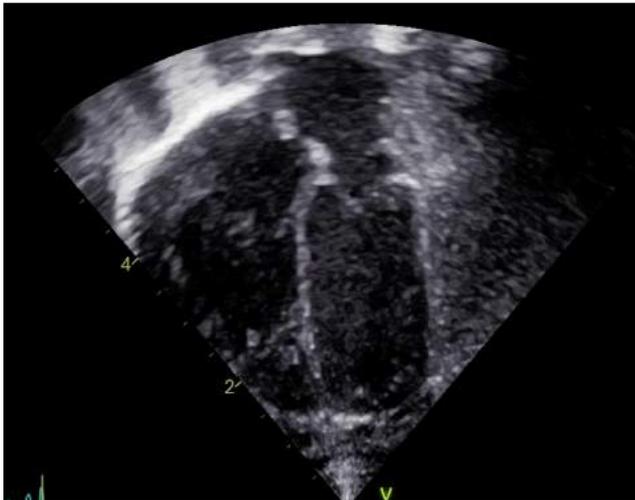
- 36/40. 2.8kg. L CDH. Day 1 of life
- Ventilation 26/6, FiO<sub>2</sub> 1.0. Sats 89 / 79%, BP 42/29 (34)mmHg. Lactate 3 mmol/L



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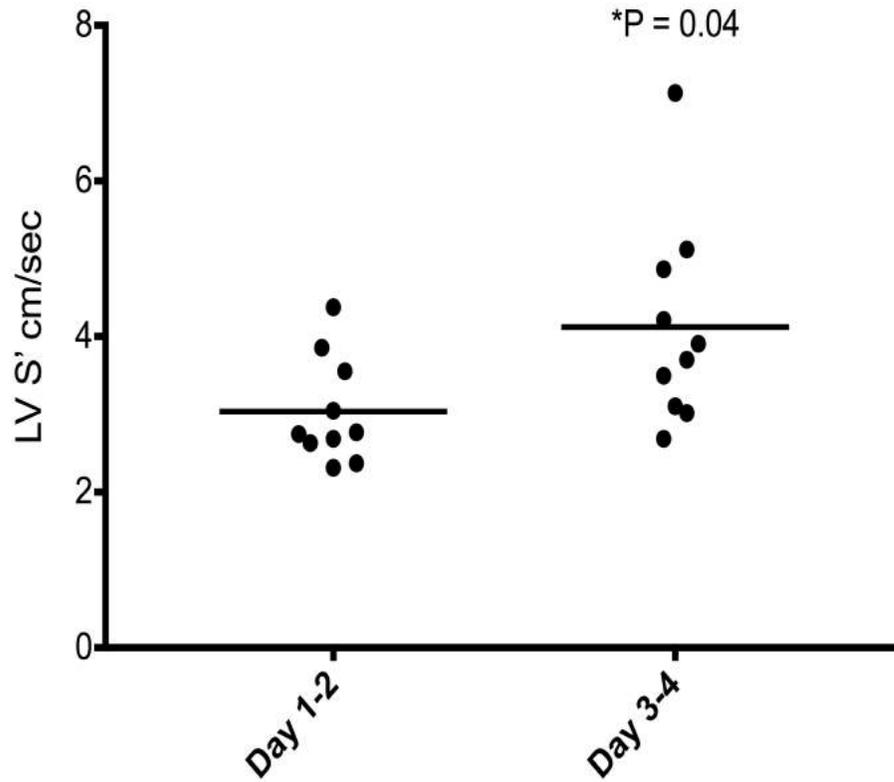


- Day 1: IV adrenaline (0.1mcg/kg/min), milrinone, IV sildenafil → VA ECMO
- Day 4: Decannulated from ECMO, repair day 5. Type C defect

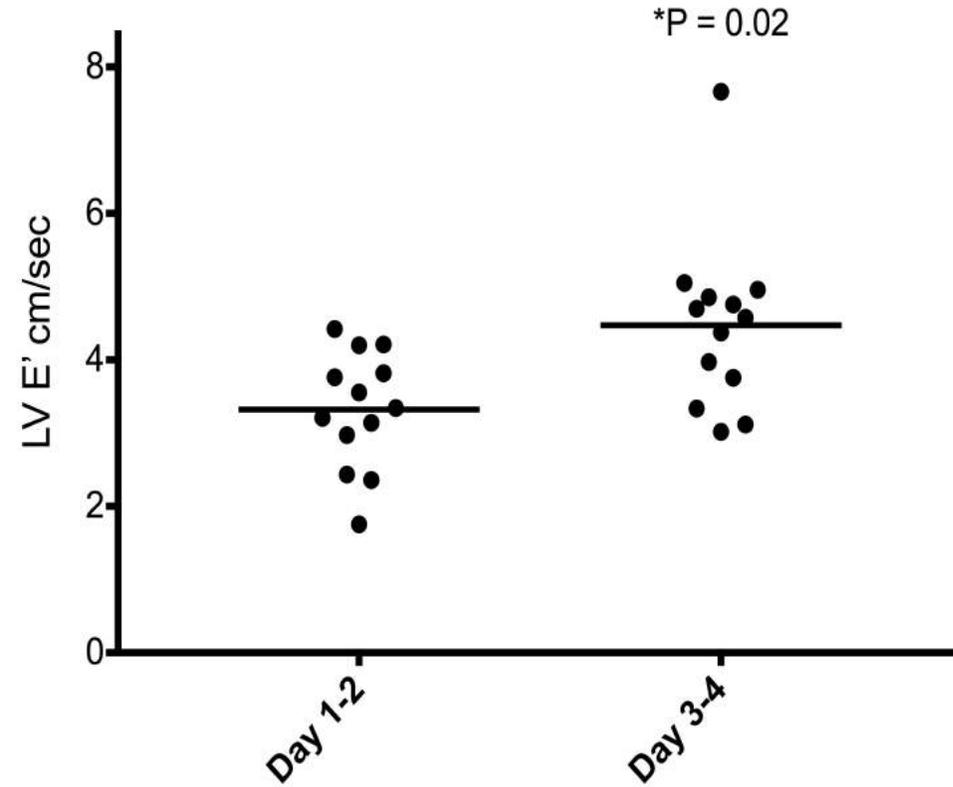


# Early LV dysfunction improves in the first days of life

Systolic TDI velocities (LV S')



Diastolic TDI velocities (LV E')

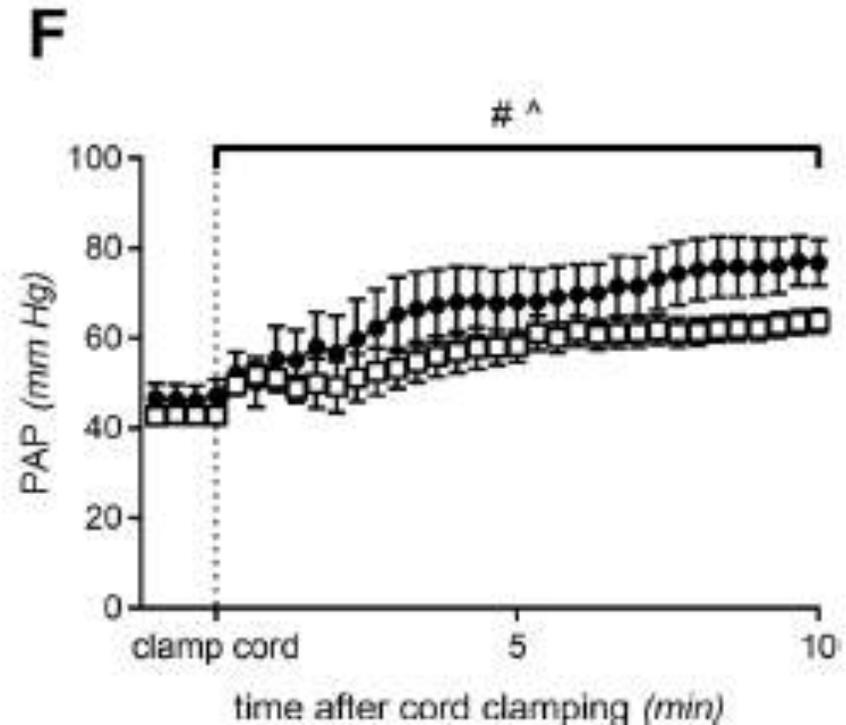
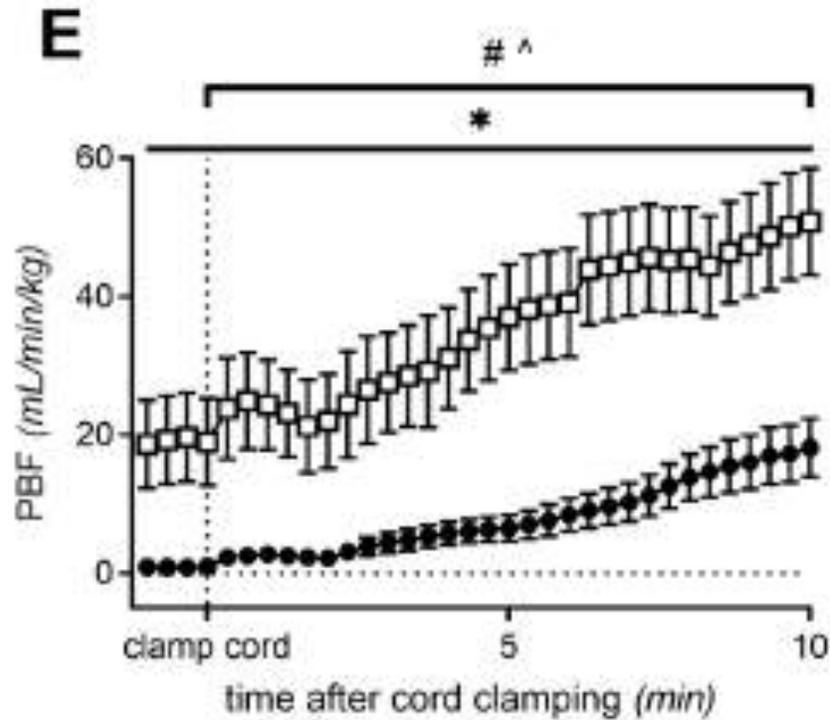


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# New therapies in CDH: Physiological based cord clamping?

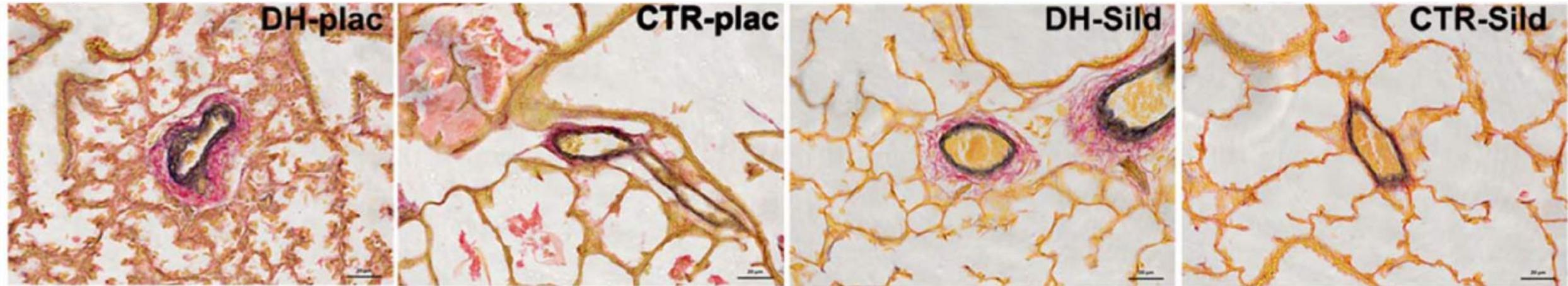
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