Cancer Treatment and the Heart — Cardio-Oncology

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Oncology

- Dramatic advances in both the diagnosis & treatment of cancers have occurred in our lifetime
- These advances → have led to improved survivorship

Advances in Cancer Care

- U.S. National Cancer Institute estimates
 - 13.7 Million cancer survivors alive in 2012
 - This number will approach 18 Million by 2022
- 67% of adults diagnosed with cancer today will be alive in 5 years
- 75% of children diagnosed with cancer will be alive in 10 years

Cardio-Oncology

- With improved survivorship has come a startling fact:
 - After surviving cancer, patients are more likely to die
 of Heart Disease than recurrence of Cancer
- This has led to increasing awareness of potential damaging Cardiac effects associated with cancer therapies as well as development of traditional risk factor for CAD
- Renewed Emphasis on ways to diagnose and prevent these occurrences

Cancer and the Heart

- Cancer chemotherapy & radiation therapy can cause short & long-term cardiovascular complications
- The Cardiovascular complications from cancer chemotherapy & radiotherapy may become one of the chief threats to the cancer patient's survival





Cancer and the Heart

Chemotherapy-induced cardiotoxicity is

seen with:

- Anthracycline compounds (doxorubicin)
- Trastuzumab Herceptin



Radiation Therapy can damage Hearts

Valves

Coronary arteries
Pericardium



Women - Very Special to me





Chemotherapy and The Heart — Value of Echocardiography

Can detect changes in global left ventricular function (LVEF & longitudinal strain); hence, can be used:

- Prior to instituting therapy
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Cardiovascular Effects of Chemotherapy - Anthrocycline

- Anthrocycline Doxorubicin Commonly used to treat Leukemia, Lymphoma, cancers of the breast, uterus, ovary, and lung
- Can damage heart muscle
- The effects don't show up for years after therapy
- Potential toxicity associated with cumulative dose
- Patients develop → in LV function (→ in LVEF)
- Prominent once dose reaches 200 mg/m² especially once dose reaches 650 mg/m² (when nearly 50% of the pts will develop CHF)

Trastuzumab - Herceptin

- 5-year survival in early Breast Cancer is currently about 98%
- Survival has improved dramatically in the last 30 years
- Trastuzumab (Herceptin) in HERS-2 + pts associated with 50% lower rates of recurrence & 30% improvement in survival

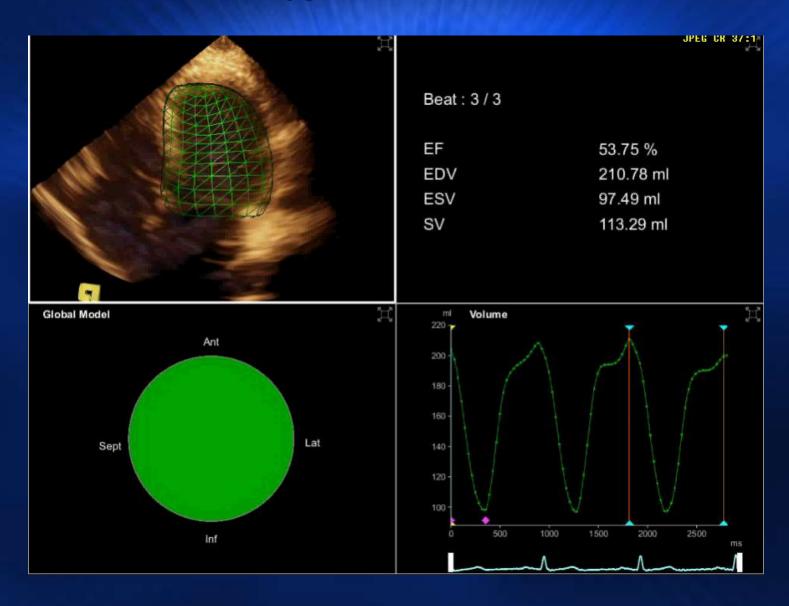
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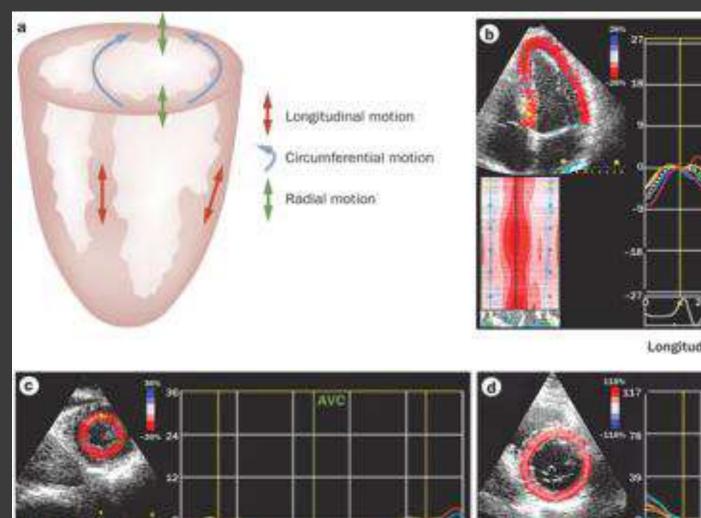
- Trastuzumab (Herceptin)
 - Antibody beneficial in patients with HERS-2 (Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2)
 - Prevents HERS-2 from interacting with HERS-4 Receptor
 - Can have toxic effect on the heart, but effects are not dose dependent and are reversible

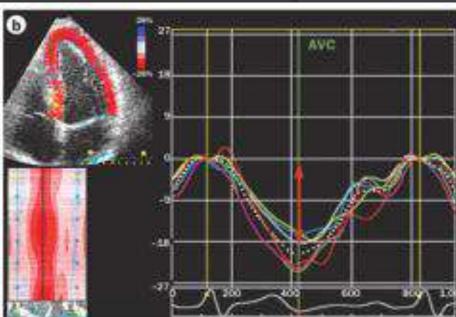
Herceptin

- Surveillance & early detection of myocardial damage is critical
- Echocardiography is of value to:
 - Assess global left and right ventricular function and changes over time
 - Assess left ventricular longitudinal strain & changes over time
- Biomarkers, such as Troponin & MPO are of benefit

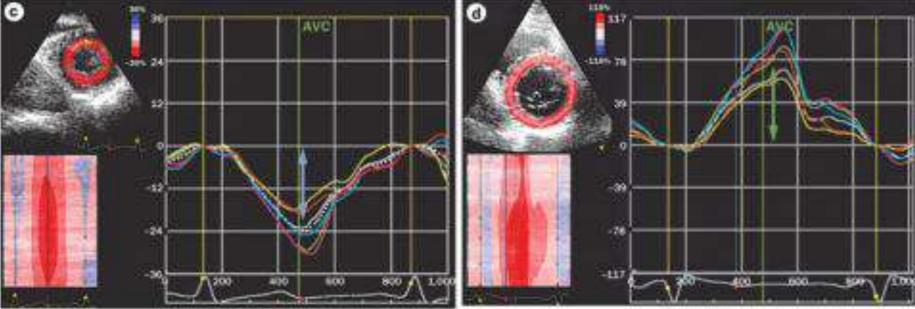
DB—LVEF=54%





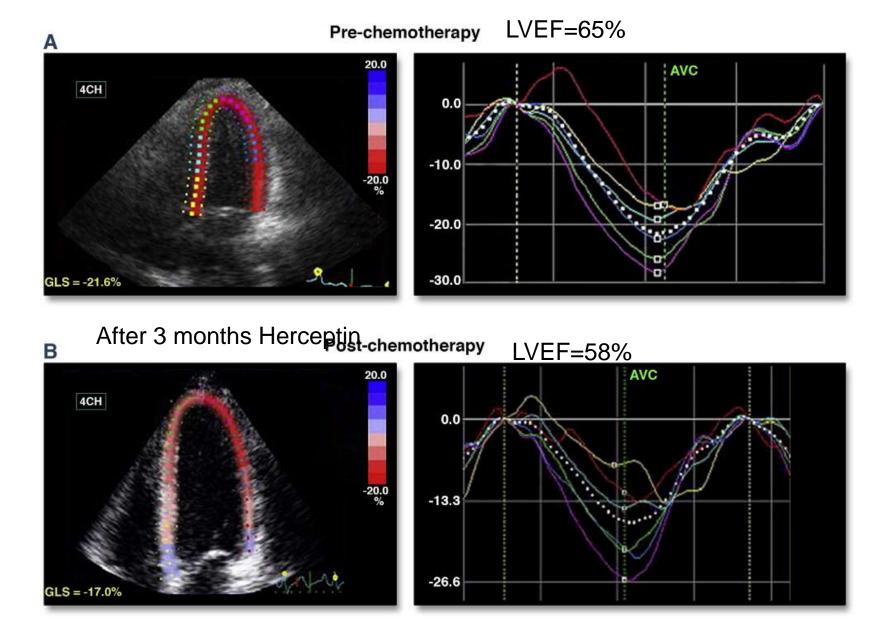


Longitudinal strain



Circumferential strain

Radial strain



From: Noninvasive Imaging of Cardiovascular Injury Related to the Treatment of Cancer

Case study

Patient is a 47 y/o female diagnosed with stage IIa (pT2, pN0, M0) Triple + grade III infiltrating ductal CA if right breast in March of 2013.

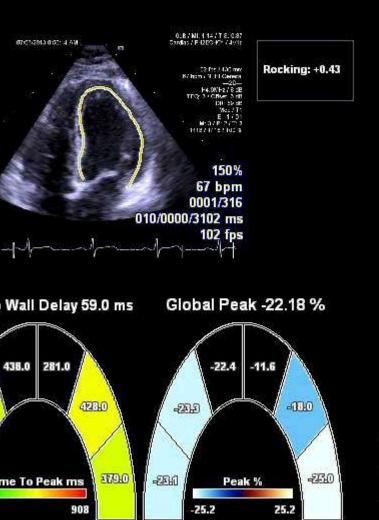
Her treatment will be adjuvant TCH chemotherapy followed by radiation

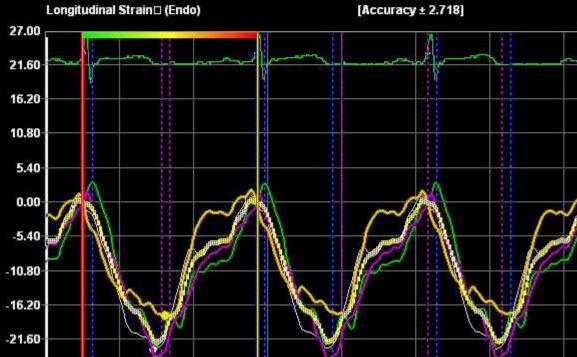
Taxotere

Carboplatinum

Herceptin

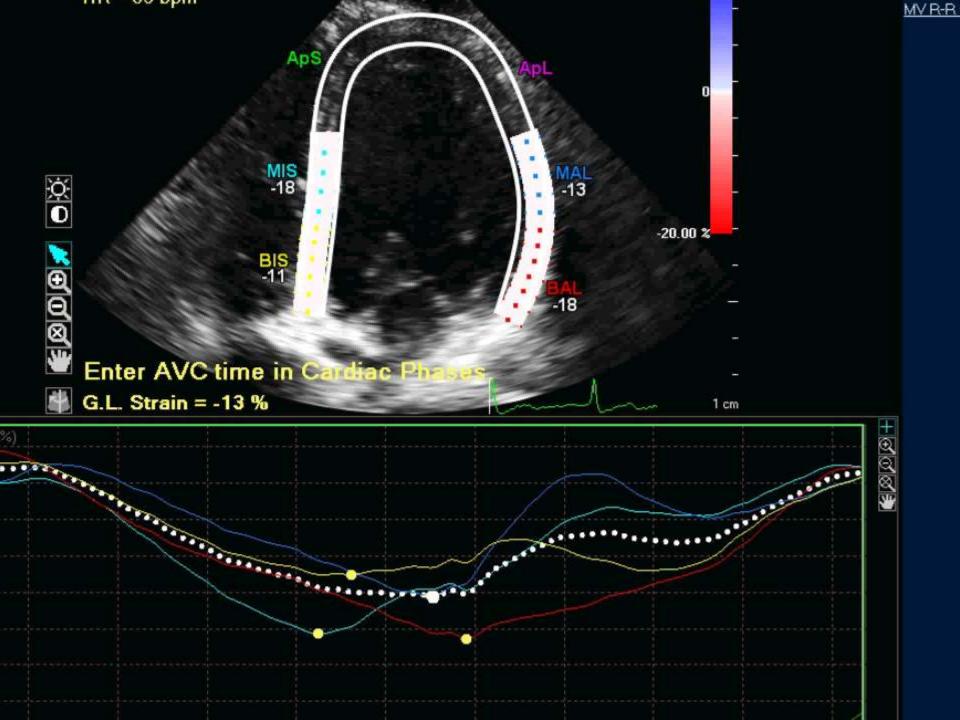
LVEF=65% GLS=-22.18%



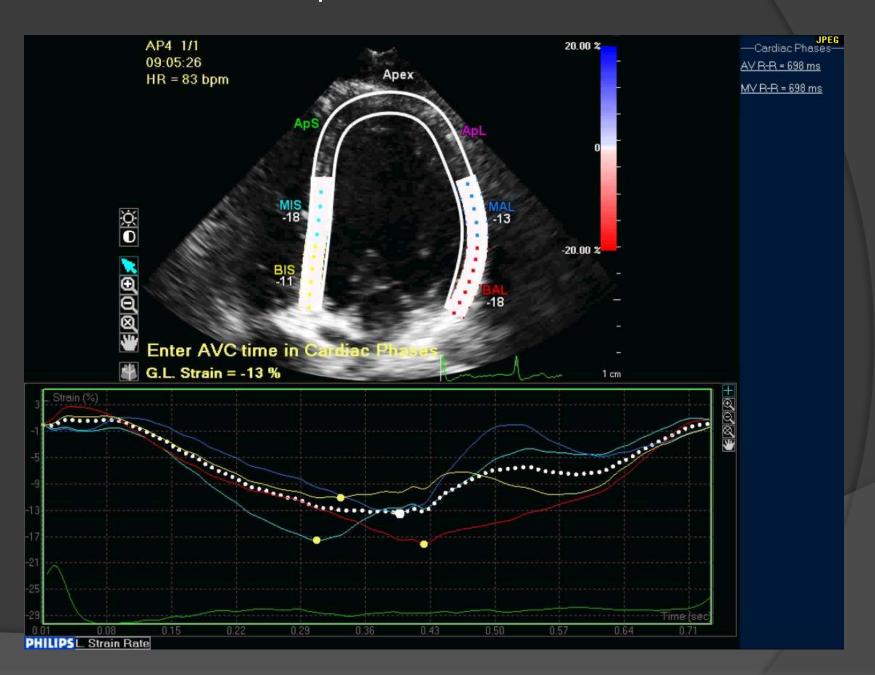


Taxotere and Carboplatinum(Q 3 weeks for 6 cycles)

Herceptin (Q week, and after 3 months the dose increases)



3 Months of Herceptin-LVEF=48% and GLS=-13%



Radiation Therapy



Radiation-Induced Heart Disease

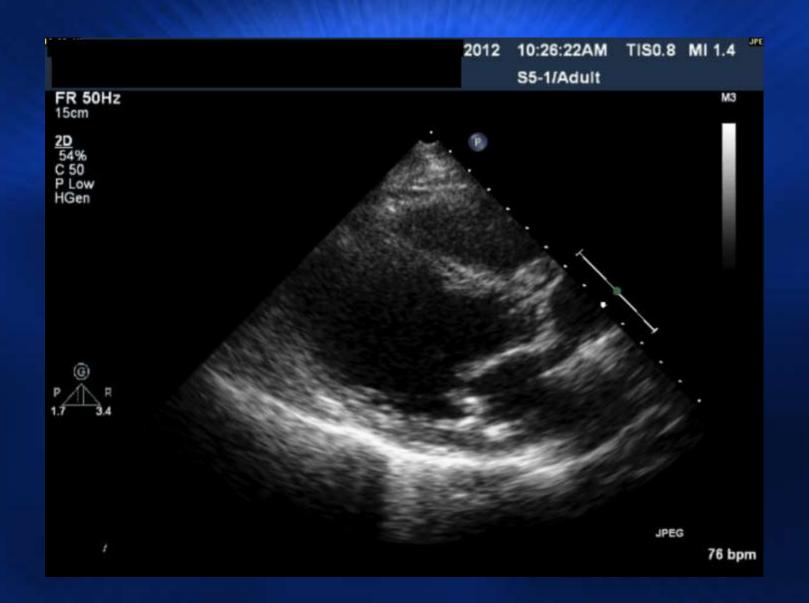
- Most common in Lymphoma & Breast
 Carcinoma
 - Less common with modern cardiac shielding
- Cumulative dose
- Potentiated by simultaneous chemotherapy

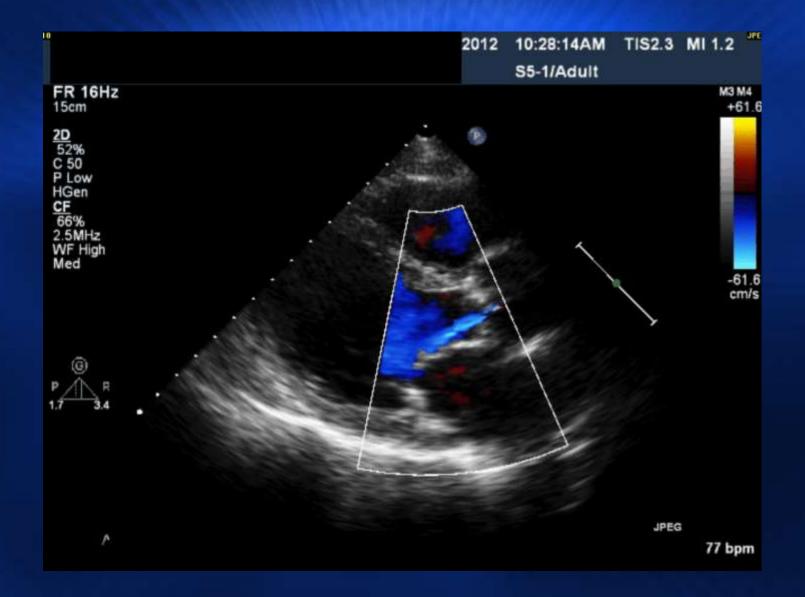
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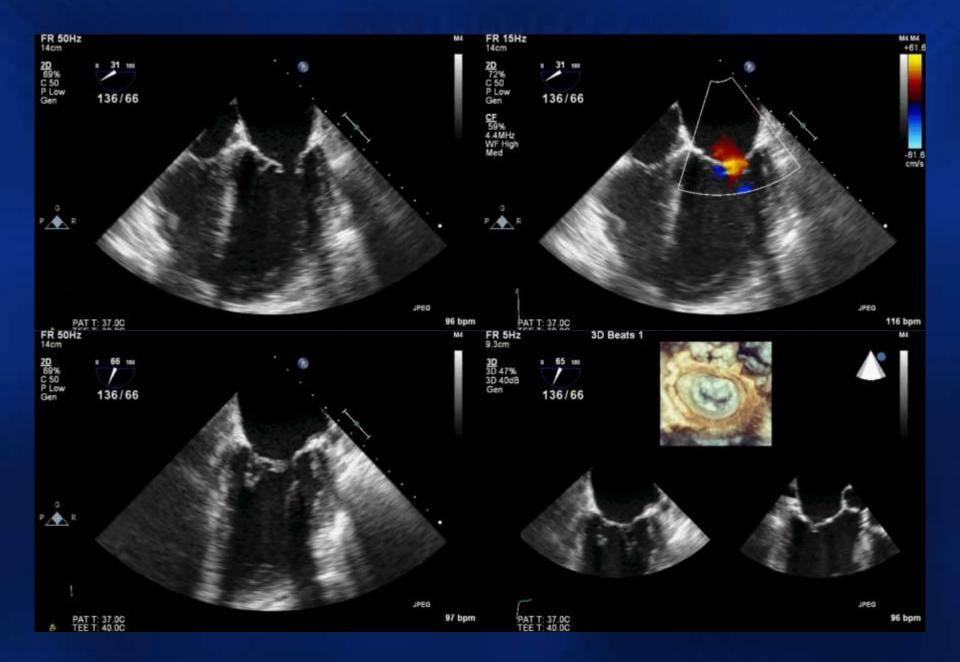
- Can affect the pericardium causing constriction
- Can affect valves leading to a Valvulopathy
- Can affect the coronary arteries seen especially in left-sided Breast Cancer radiation
 - Increasing dose of radiation † risk of coronary events in women undergoing radiation for Breast Cancer

- 59-year-old female
- With increasing DOE
- Mediastinal radiation for Hodgkin's in 1975

TTE 2011







Radiation Therapy and The Heart — Value of Echocardiography

Can be used in pts receiving radiation, to detect

- pericardial effects of radiation
- valvular abnormalities from radiation

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