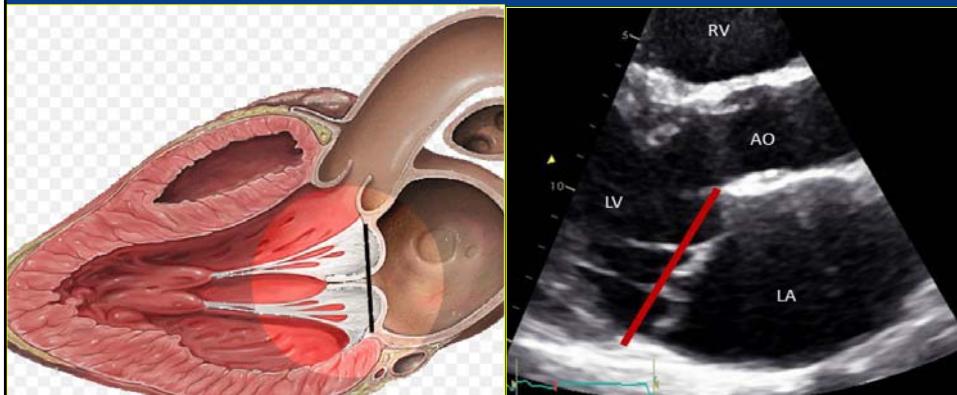


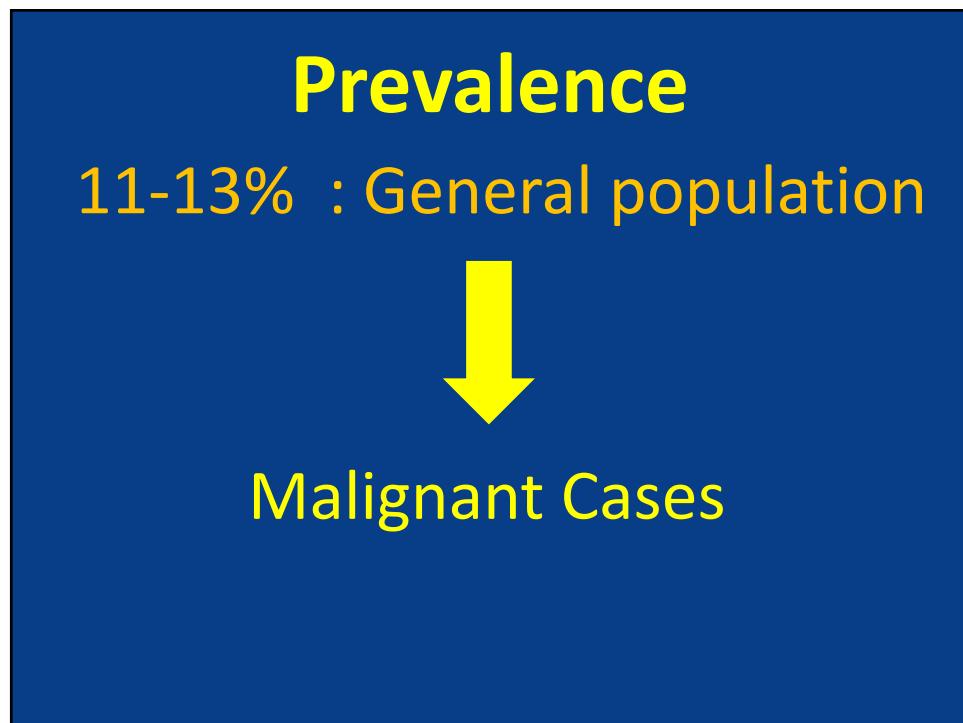
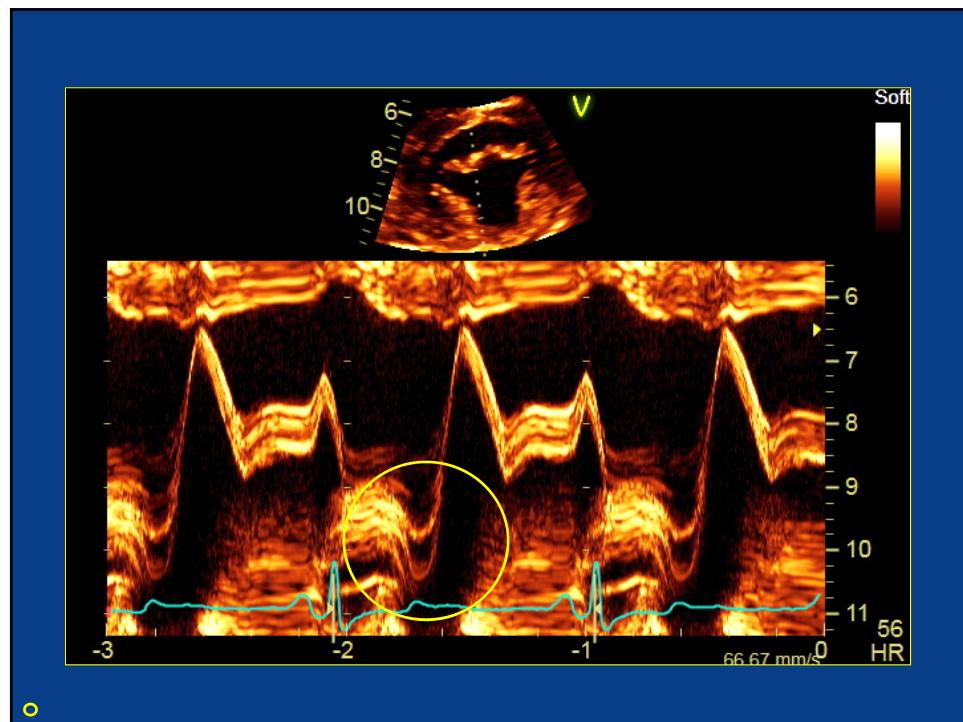
# Mitral Valve Prolapse and the Pickelhaube

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## Mitral Valve Prolapse



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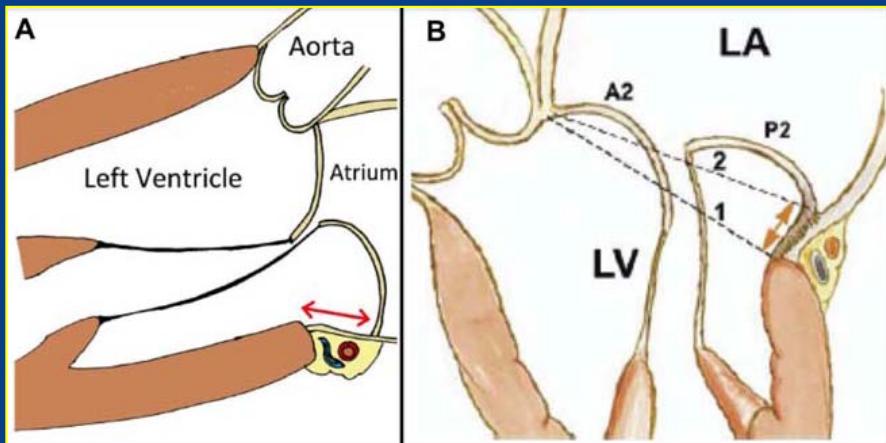


## High Risk features

- Mitral annulus disjunction
- Systolic curling
- Pickelhaube Spike

## Mitral annulus disjunction

Hypermobility of the MV apparatus



# Mitral annulus disjunction

Hypermobility of the MV apparatus

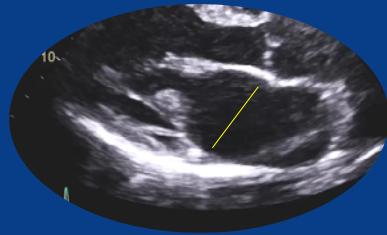


Mitral annulus disjunction  
Paradoxical systolic increase of the  
mitral annulus diameter



## Mitral annulus disjunction

Paradoxical systolic increase of the mitral annulus diameter



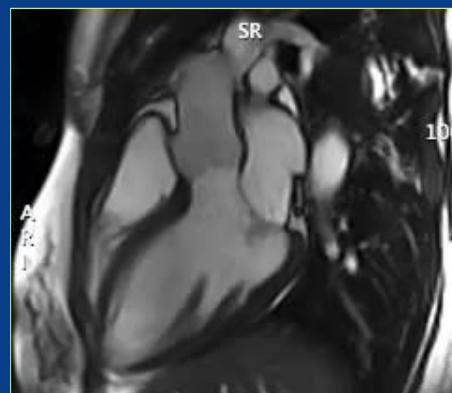
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Systole

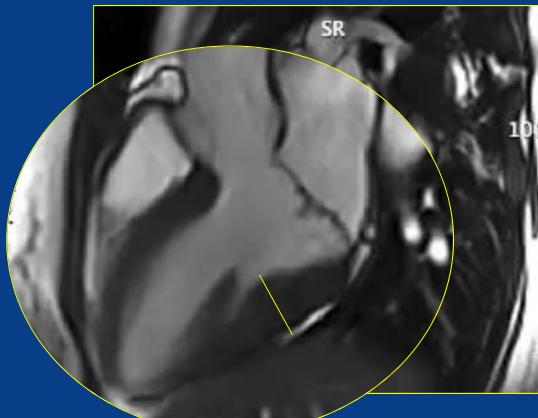
## Systolic Curling

Increased myocardial function adjacent to the prolapsed leaflet



## Systolic Curling

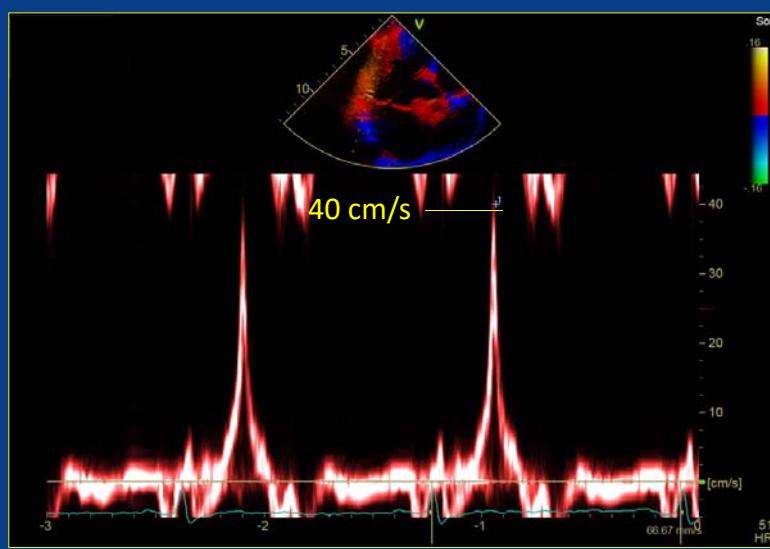
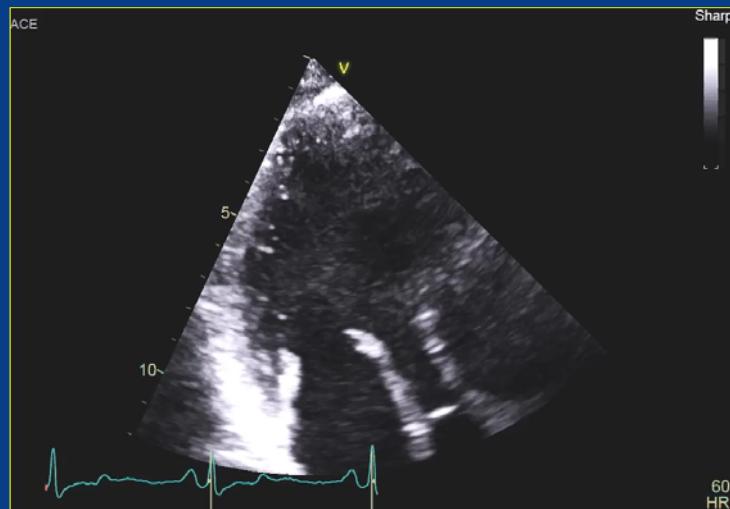
Focal hypertrophy of the LV base  
Basal to mid LV wall thickness ratio >1.5



## Ballerina foot Deformity



# APLAX



# Pickelhaube



German  
Helmet



## Pickelhaube

High-velocity systolic signal with  
tissue Doppler imaging  
resembling the Pickelhaube



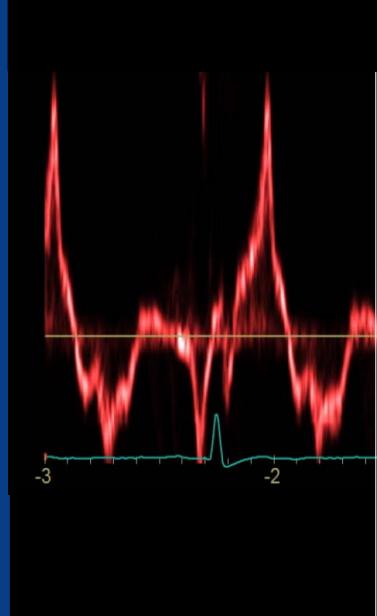
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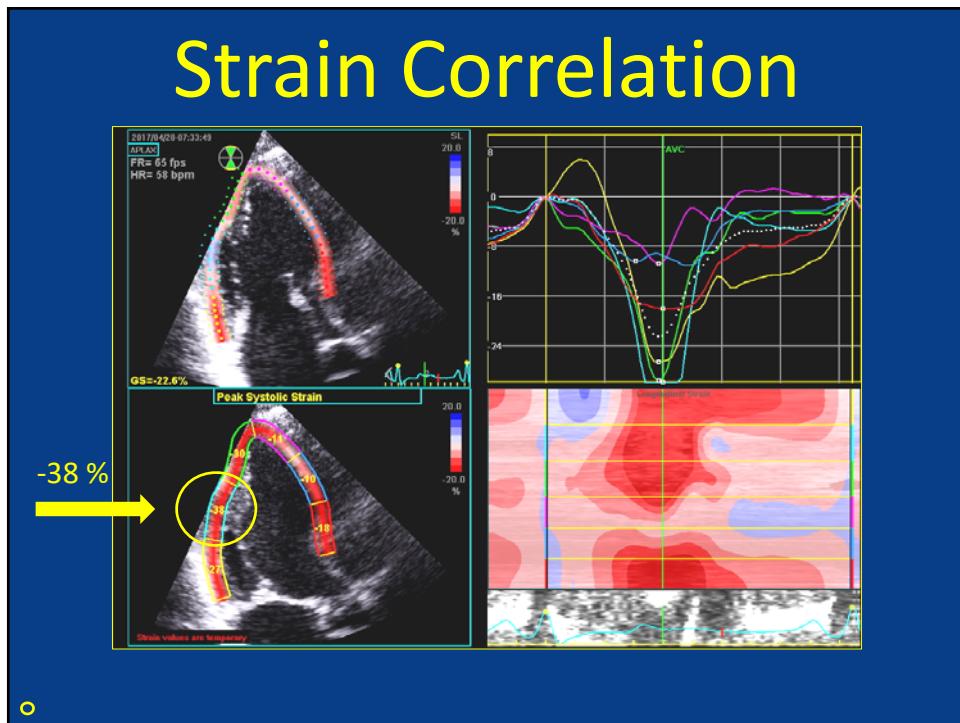
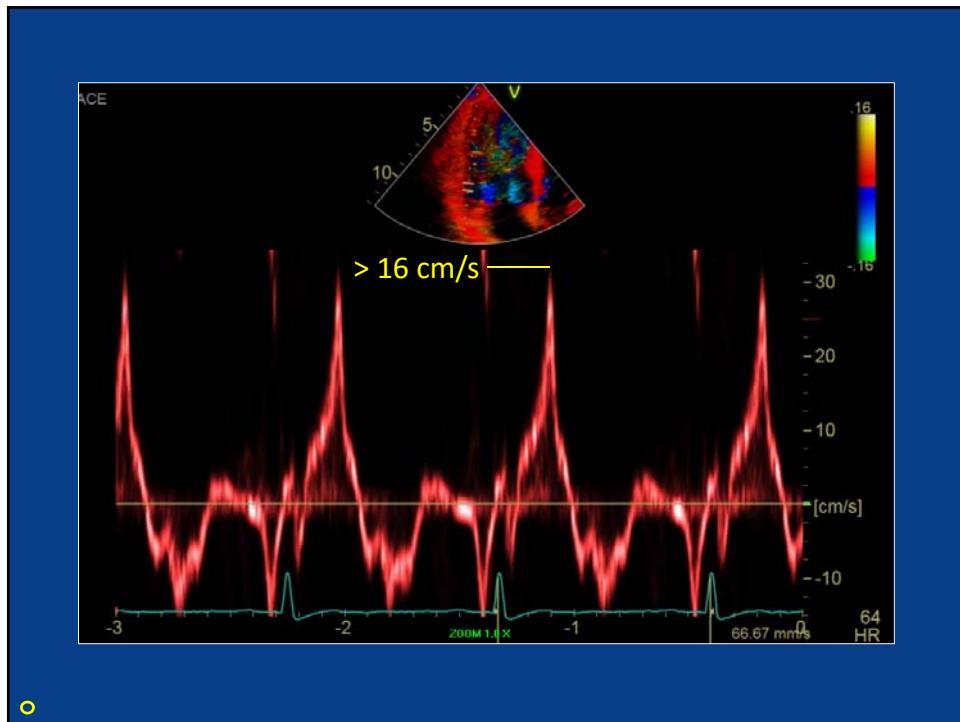
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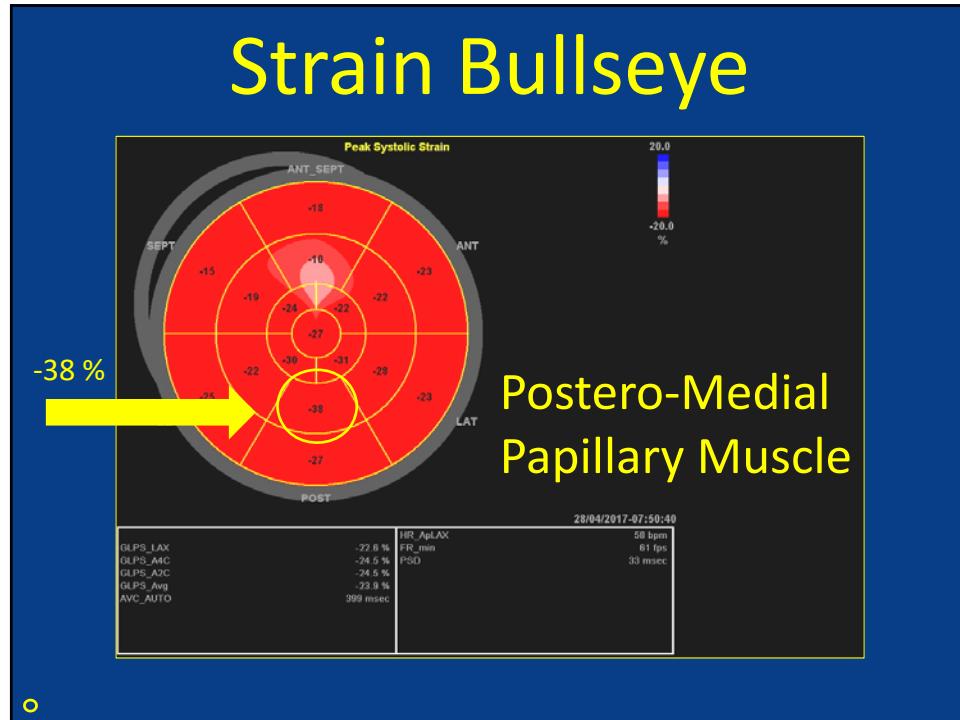
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“The tugging of the posteromedial papillary muscle in mid-systole by the myxomatous prolapsing leaflets causes the adjacent posterobasal LV wall to be pulled sharply toward the apex”





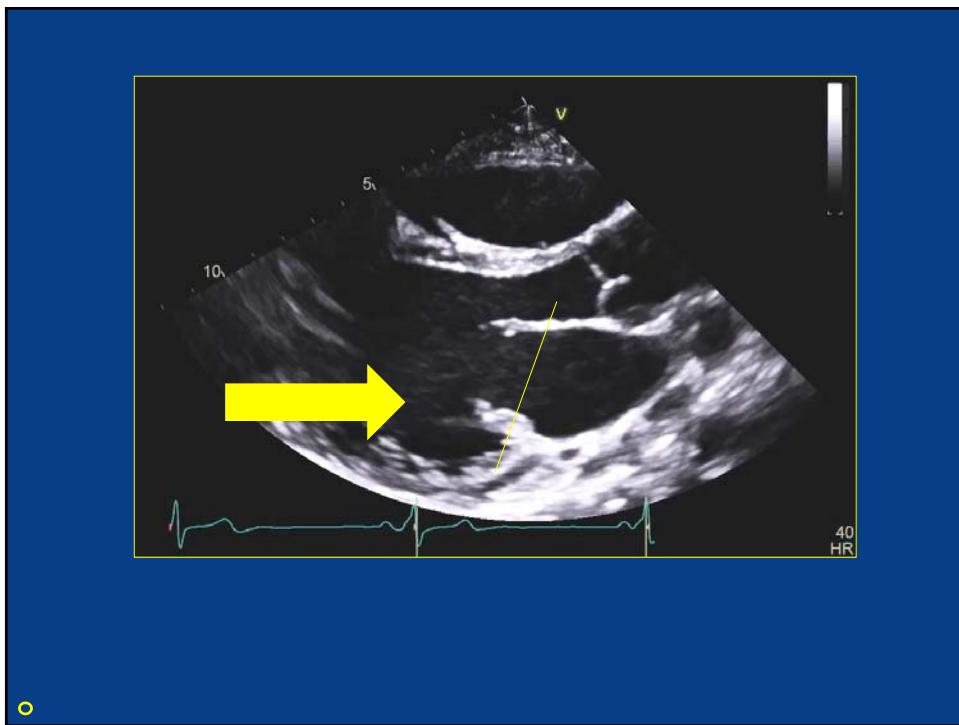
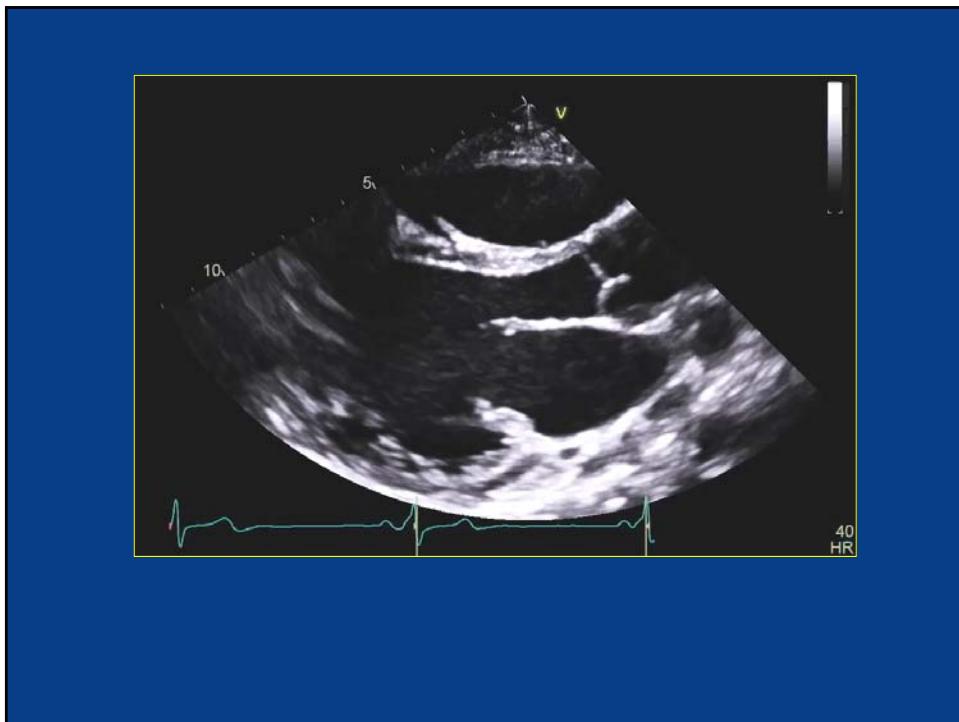


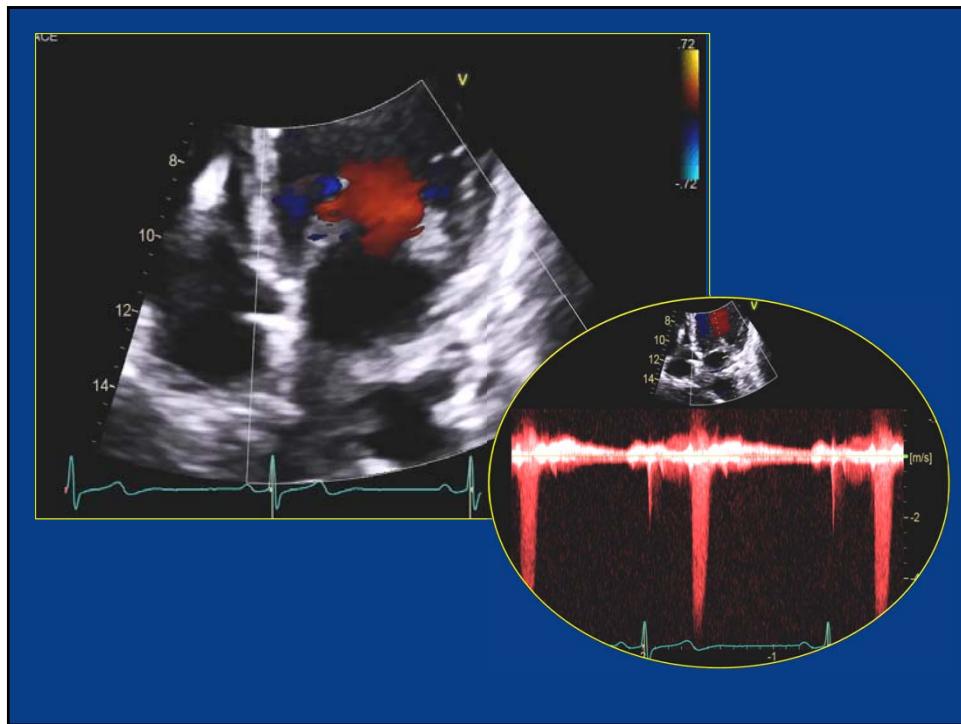
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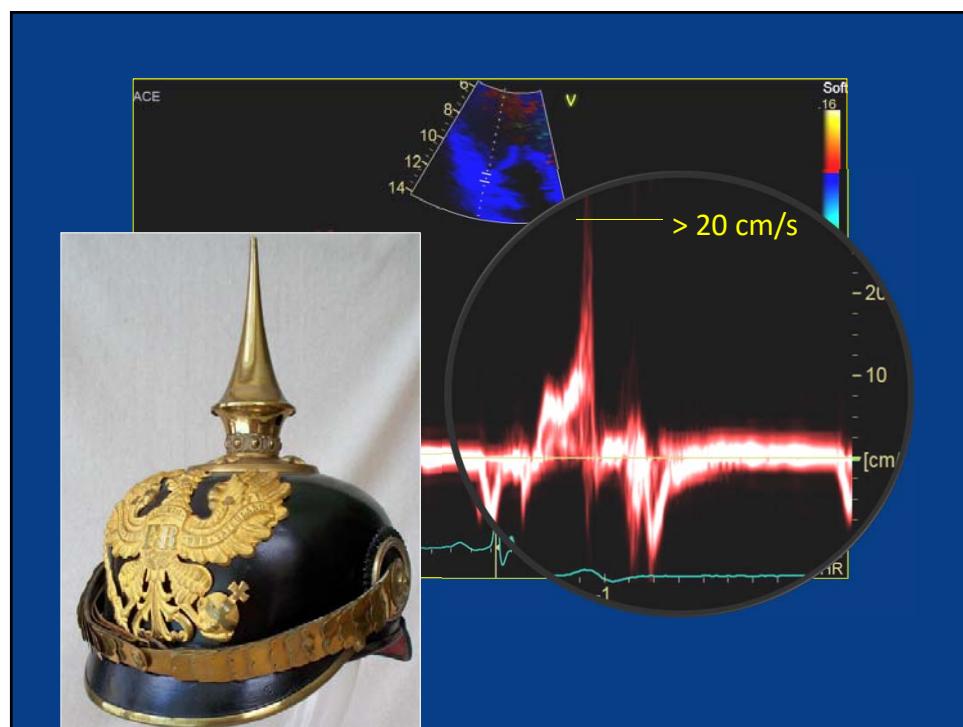
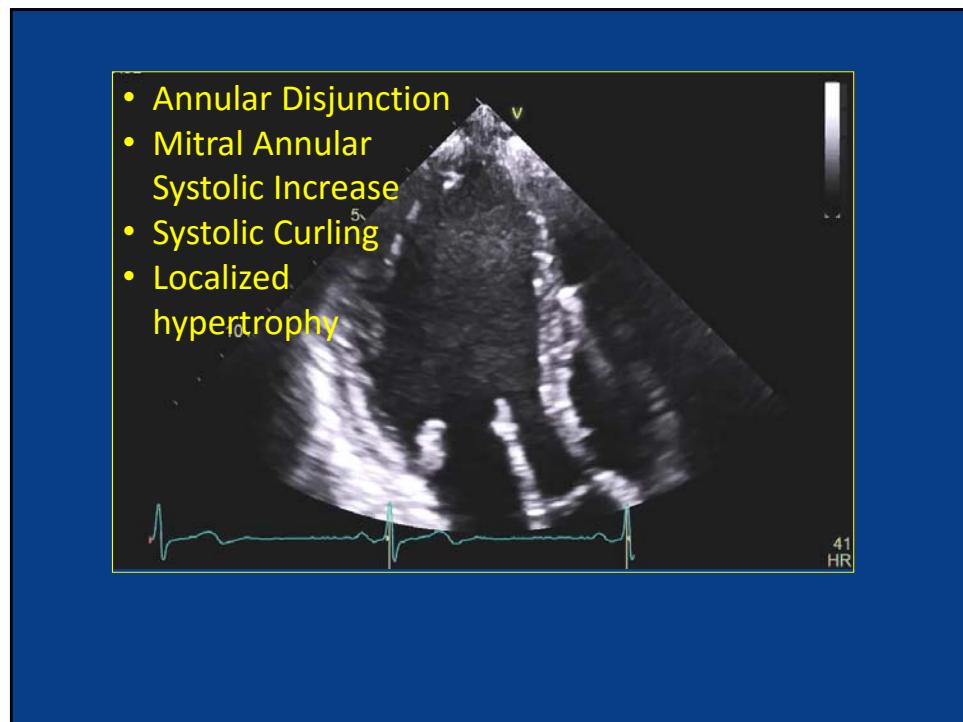
42 y.o. woman

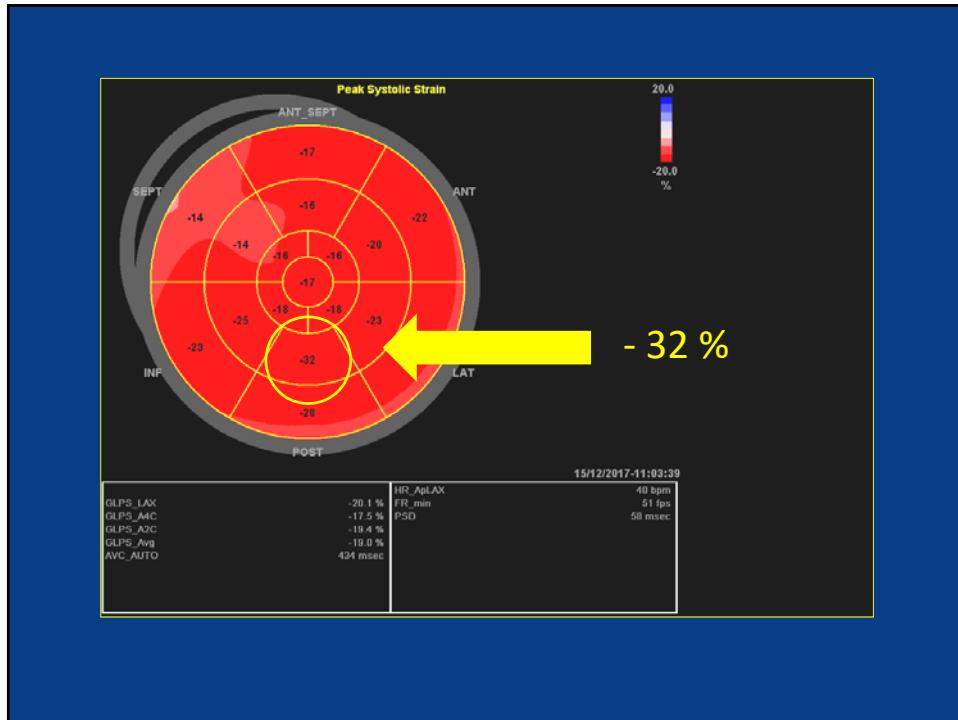
h/o Postpartum  
Cardiomyopathy, 2009

s/p Single chamber ICD









## Malignant MVP

- Annular Disjunction
- Systolic Curling
- Pickelhaube
  - Systolic peak > 16 cm/s
  - Exaggerated Strain Value

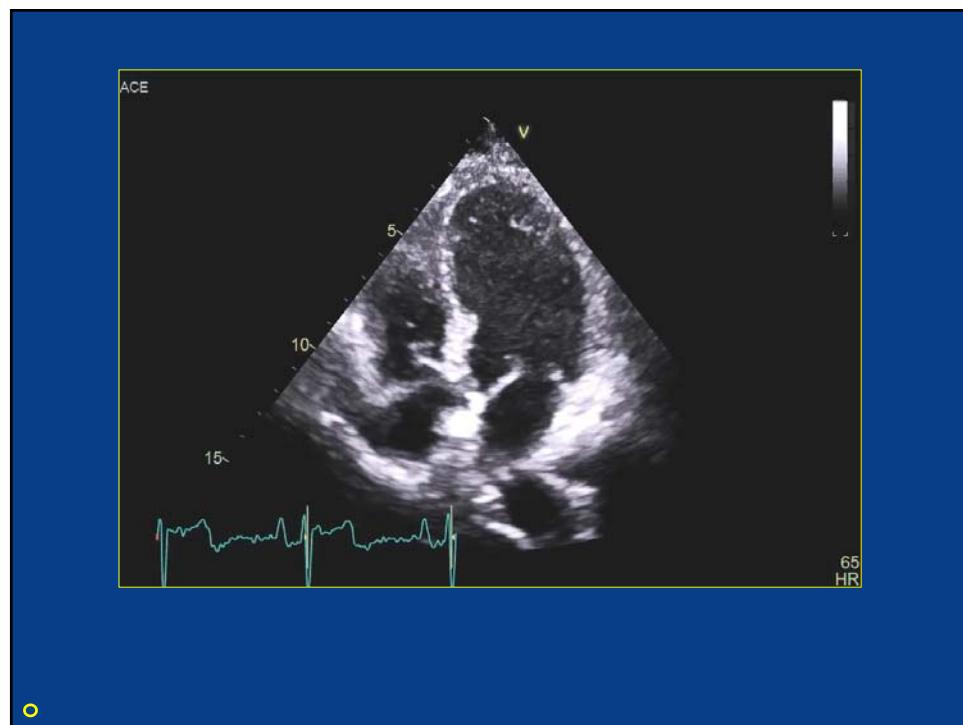
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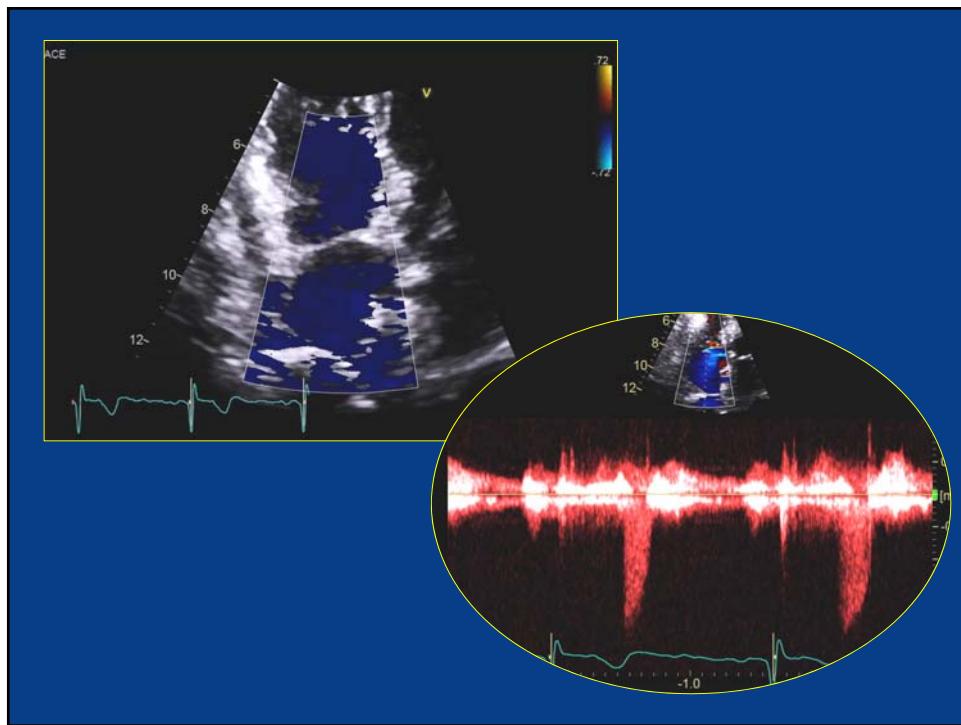
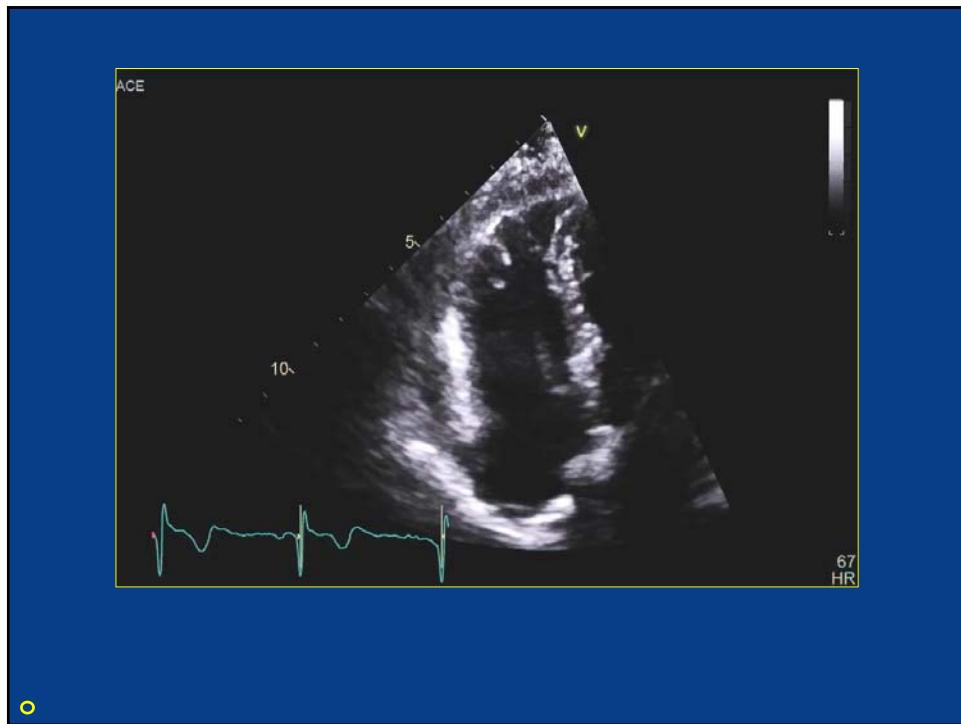
66 y.o. woman

Visited family practice  
doctor for neck pain

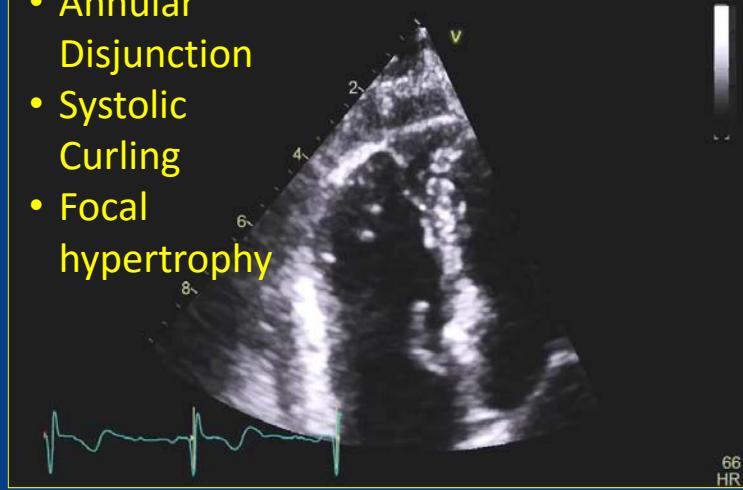
2/6 systolic murmur







- Annular Disjunction
- Systolic Curling
- Focal hypertrophy

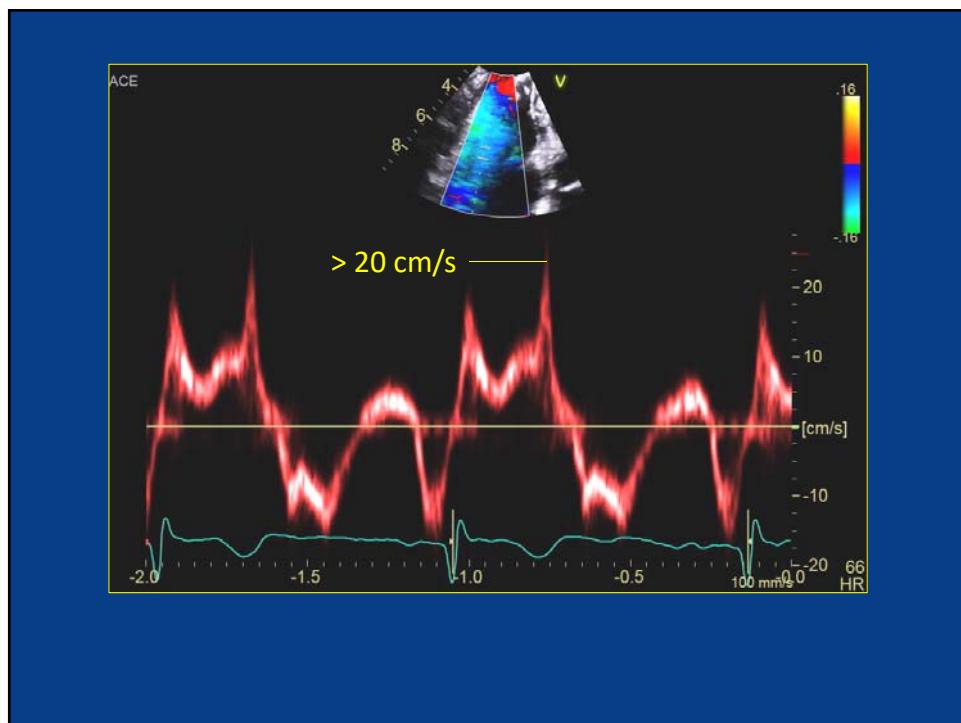
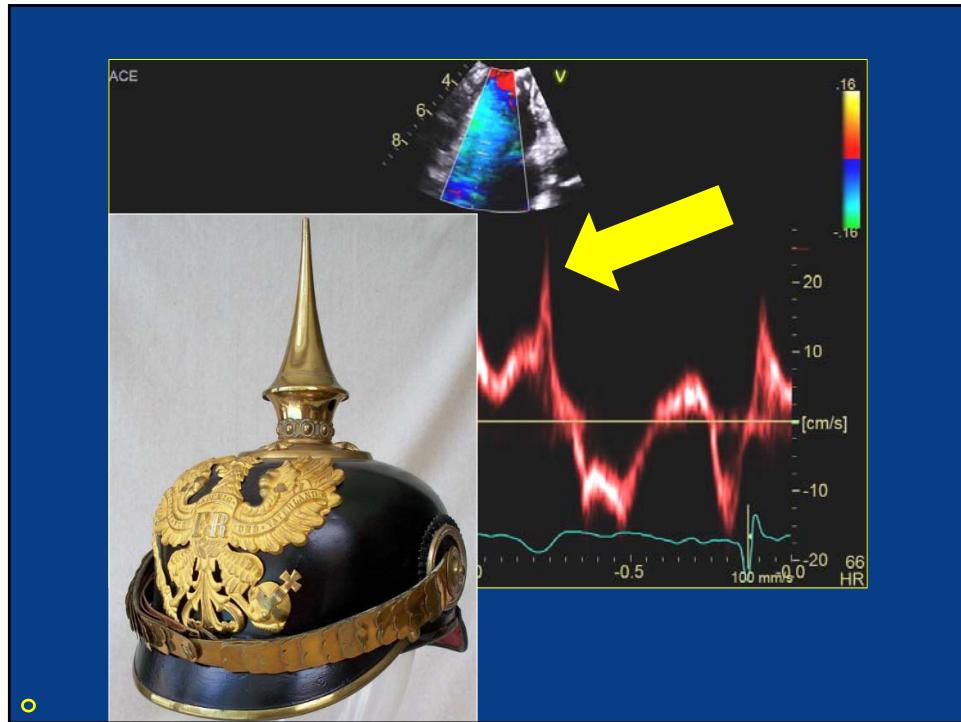


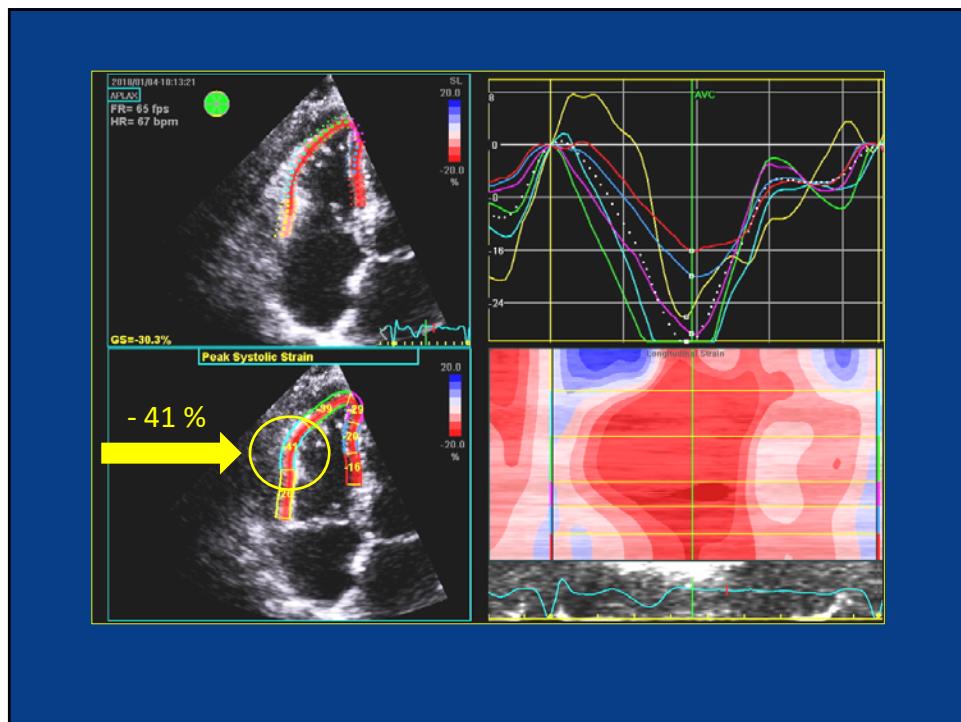
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