

Questions and Responses from the Ultrasound in Context Presentation:

Echo Assessment of the Heart Failure Patient

Robert Carter: Questions may be asked here

Karen Lamble: So if I only have 2D Echo, which is the best technique?

Karen Lamble: Dr Salgo: if its pure 2D then for an accurate global EF - it must be Simpsons Biplane

Karen Lamble: Dr Salgo: For timing, TDI velocity is the most widely used technique

Karen Lamble: Dr Slago: Speckle tracking technology is gaining a lot of interest for timing because it is not angle dependant, like TDI

Karen Lamble: Stephane Husson: SPEckle advantage gives direct access to the myocardial displacement & deformation

Karen Lamble: Any more questions?

Karen Lamble: Dr Salgo & Stephane Husson are waiting

Karen Lamble: So Tim has this answered your questions about Heart Failure?

Tracey Collinworth: This presentation was very beneficial and informative thank you

tim ranlett: some but how can 3D be used and what is gained over tdi VVi 2d

Tamara Kinnee: If I am using 3D for timing assessment, what are normal values for SD and % R to R on my report pages?

Karen Lamble: Tim: VVi is a 2D technique and is susceptible to foreshortening errors & geometric assumptions

Karen Lamble: 3D has definitely been shown to be more accurate than single plane 2D techniques for assessing global LV function

Karen Lamble: Tamara - we purposely did not give those and there is no official value for the tool - please refer to the published literature - Dr Monaghans paper in circulation Aug 06

Karen Lamble: Tamara - however the larger the SD then it stands to reason that the dysynchrony is worse

Karen Lamble: Hope that helps

tim ranlett: isaSD under 10 considered normal

Karen Lamble: The official position of Philips is not to report any specific value - we do advise you to go to the peer reviewed literature