

Cardiomyopathy Myocarditis

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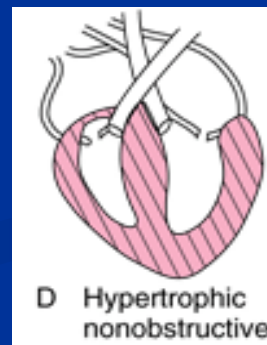
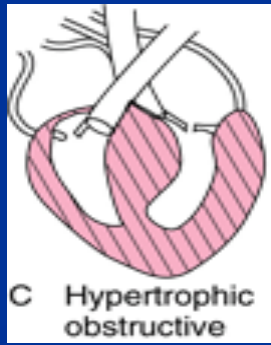
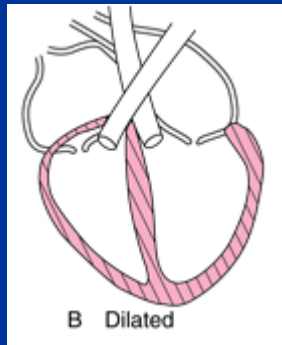
DEFINITION

- a myocardial disorder in which the heart muscle is structurally and functionally abnormal
- in the absence of coronary artery disease, hypertension, valvular disease and congenital heart disease

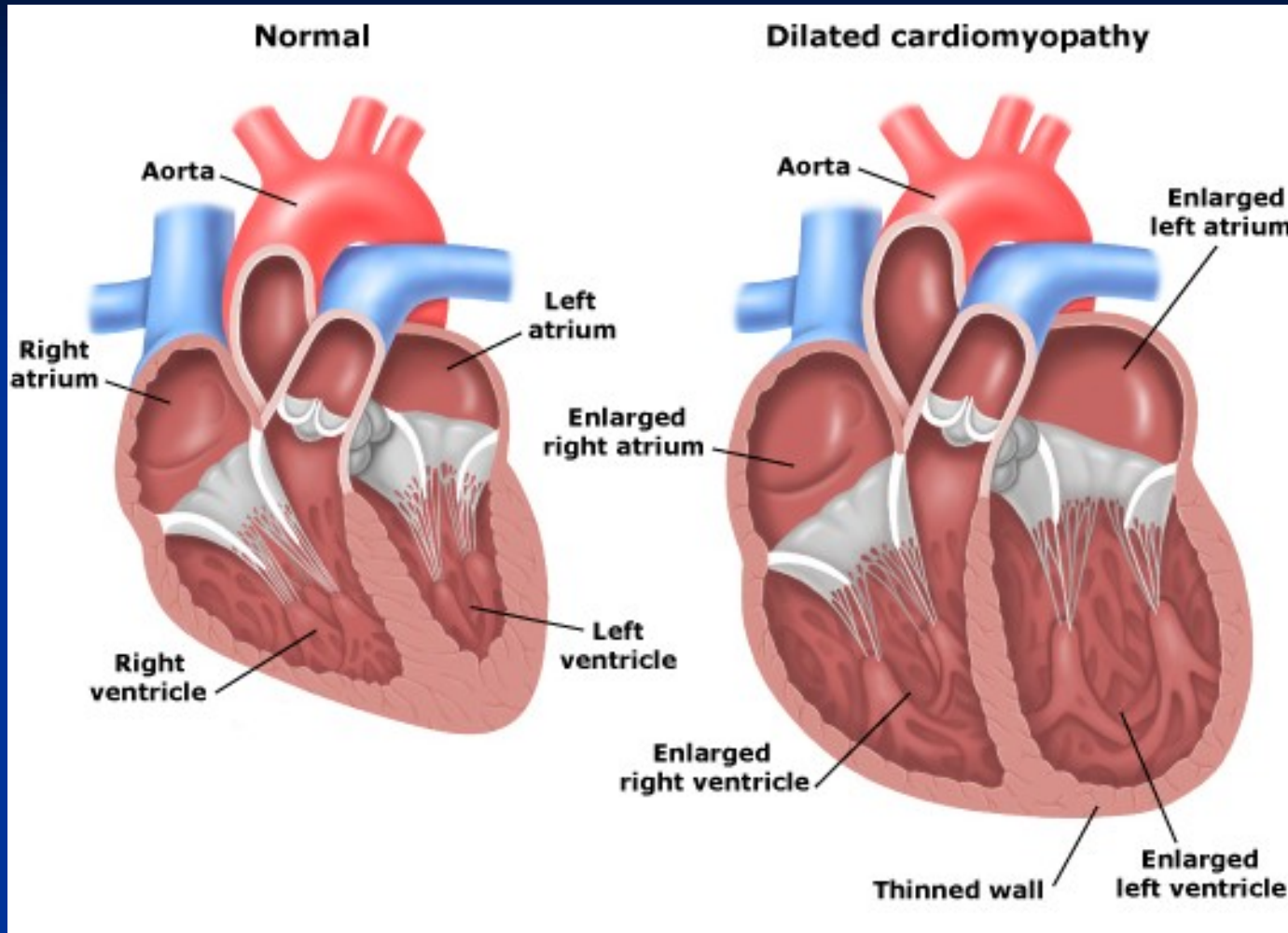


CLASSIFICATION

- Dilated CMP – the most common form
- Hypertrophic CMP – inappropriate LV hypertrophy
- Restrictive CMP – impaired diastolic filling
- Arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy
- Unclassified: Tako Tsubo CMP



DCMP



defined by the presence of *left ventricular dilatation and left ventricular systolic dysfunction*
right ventricular dilatation and dysfunction may be present but are not necessary for the diag



Aetiology of DCMP

■ Familial (idiopathic)

■ Non familial

- * myocarditis – late stage following cardiac infection
- * pregnancy – peripartum cardiomyopathy
- * cardiotoxic drugs
- * alcohol
- * tachycardia induced CMP (Atrial fibrillation)
- * ischemic CMP

■ Inflammatory CMP

chronic **inflammatory cells** in myocardium +

left ventricular dilatation and reduced ejection fraction (< 35 %)



Diagnosis of DCMP

■ Symptoms + anamnesis

- * **left ventricle failure:** shortness of breath , hemoptysis, cough
- * **right ventricle failure:** abdominal swelling or enlargement, swelling of legs or ankles, absence of appetite, abdominal pain
- * **low cardiac output:** temporary and brief loss of consciousness, decreased ability to tolerate physical exertion, palpitations, dizziness, fatigue , low amount of urine during the daytime, but a need to urinate at night



Diagnosis of DCMP

■ Physical signs:

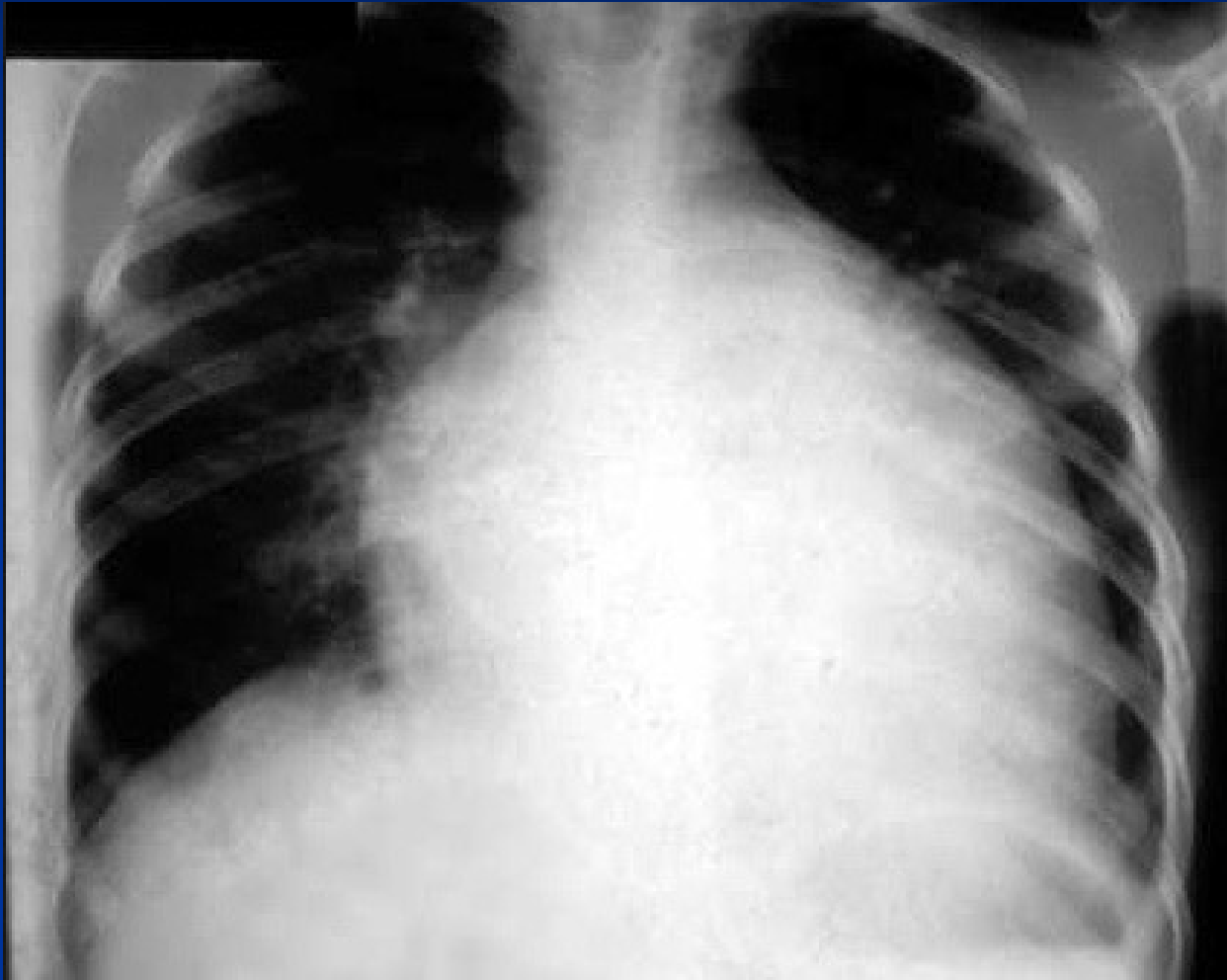
- * **left ventricle failure:** basilar rales, pulmonary edema, gallop, pleural effusion, Cheyne – Stokes respiration
- * **right ventricle failure:** peripheral oedema, jugular venous distention, hepatomegaly, ascites

■ Diagnostic methods:

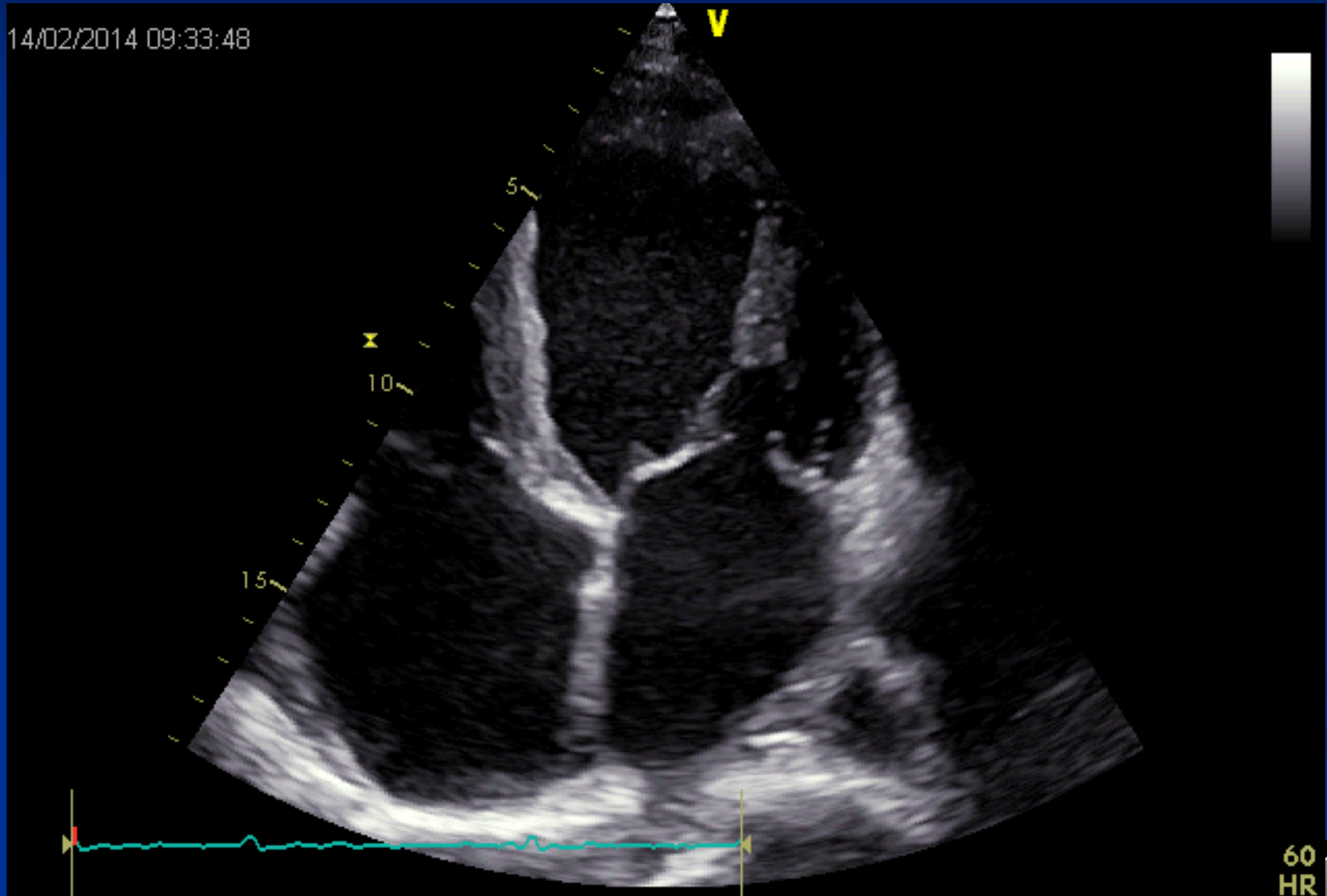
- * laboratory (BNP)
- * ECG
- * chest X -ray
- * Echocardiography
- * MRI
- * cardiac catheterization
- * heart muscle biopsy



Chest X ray



Echo in DCMP



Therapy of DCMP

Complex:

- regime
- Pharmacotherapy (ACEI, BB, diuretic)
- cardiostimulation or resynchronization therapy
- LVAD (left ventricle assist devices)
- orthotopic heart transplantation

- = therapy of chronic heart failure



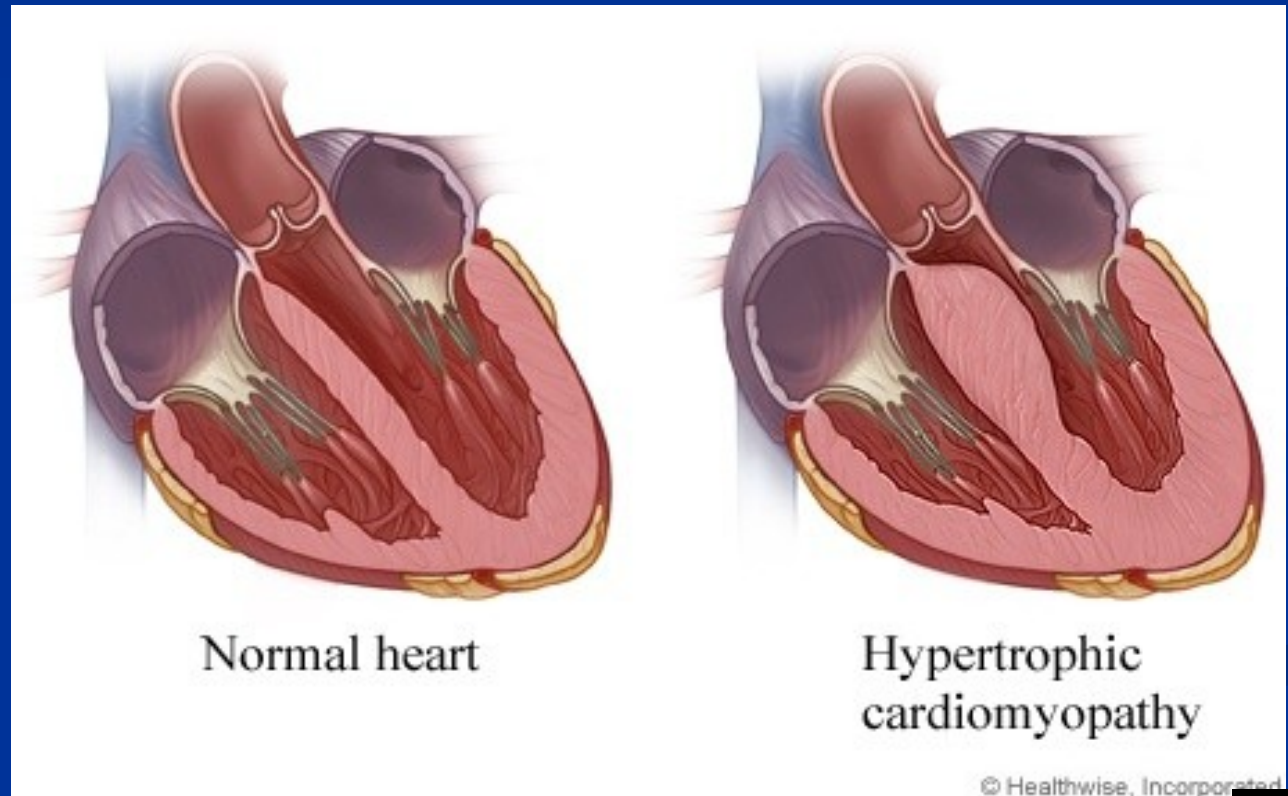
Prognosis of DCMP

- Prognosis of patients with CHF is poor.
- 50% of patients with CHF die in five years!!!
- Young patients up to 65 years have a big chance in OTS (orthotopic heart transplantation)



Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

- the majority of patients have **asymmetrical** pattern of hypertrophy, with a predilection for the interventricular septum
- anteroseptal
- apical

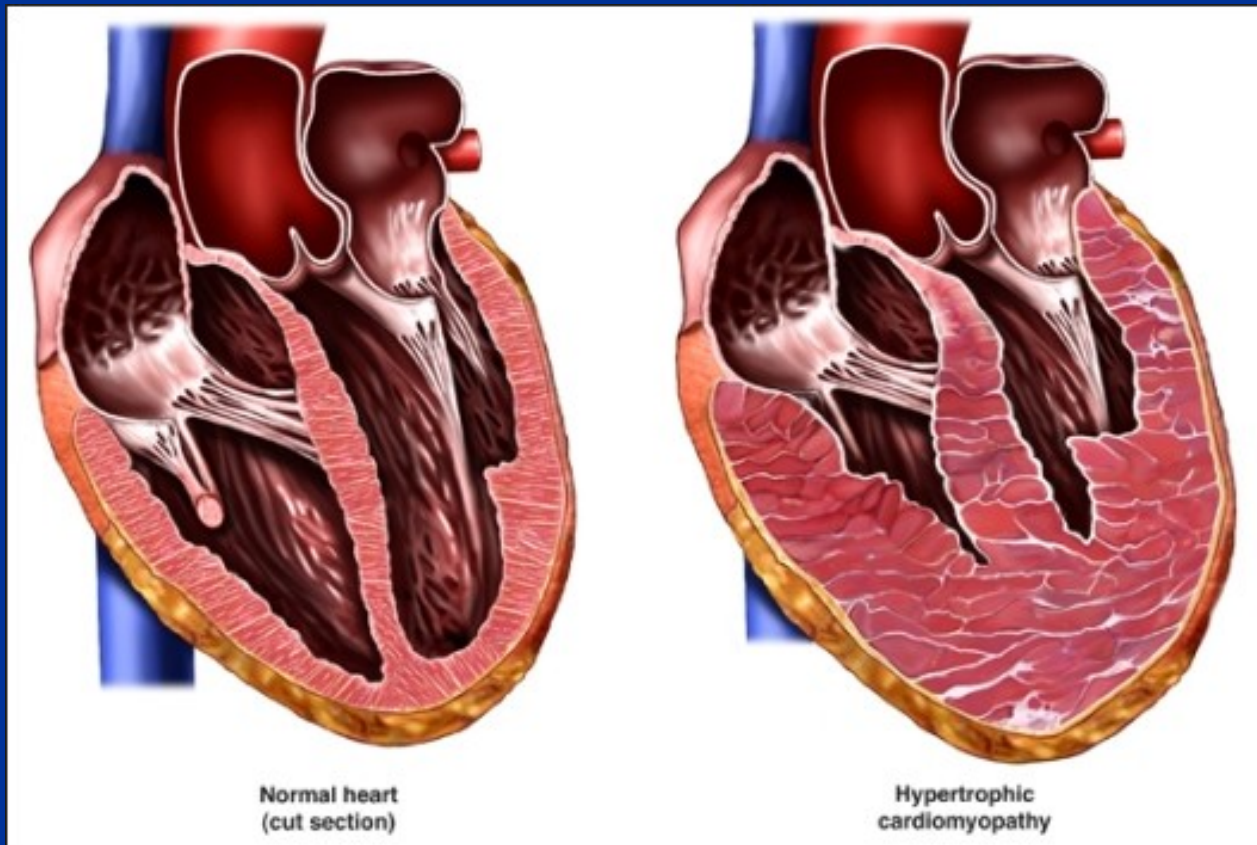


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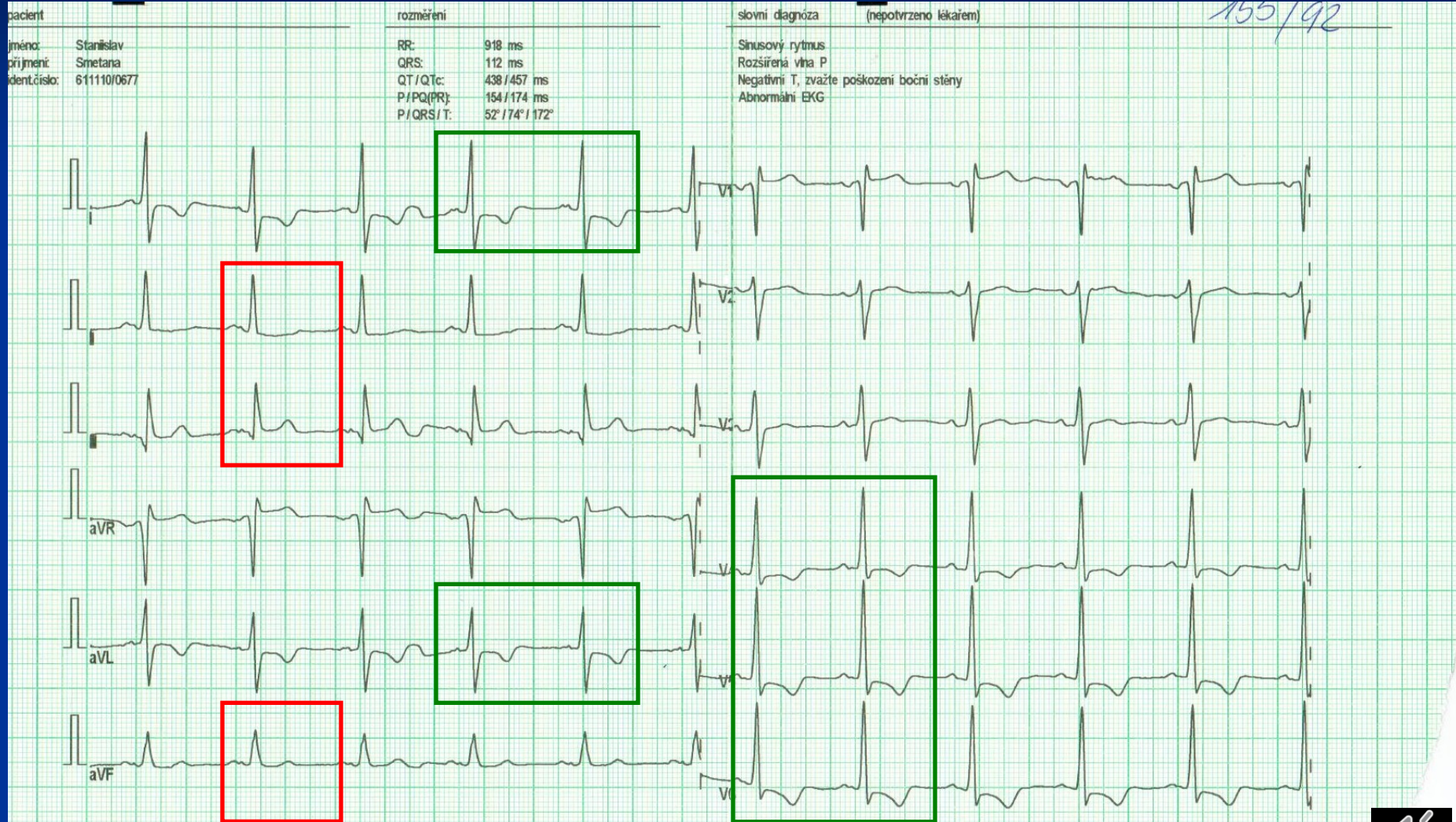


Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

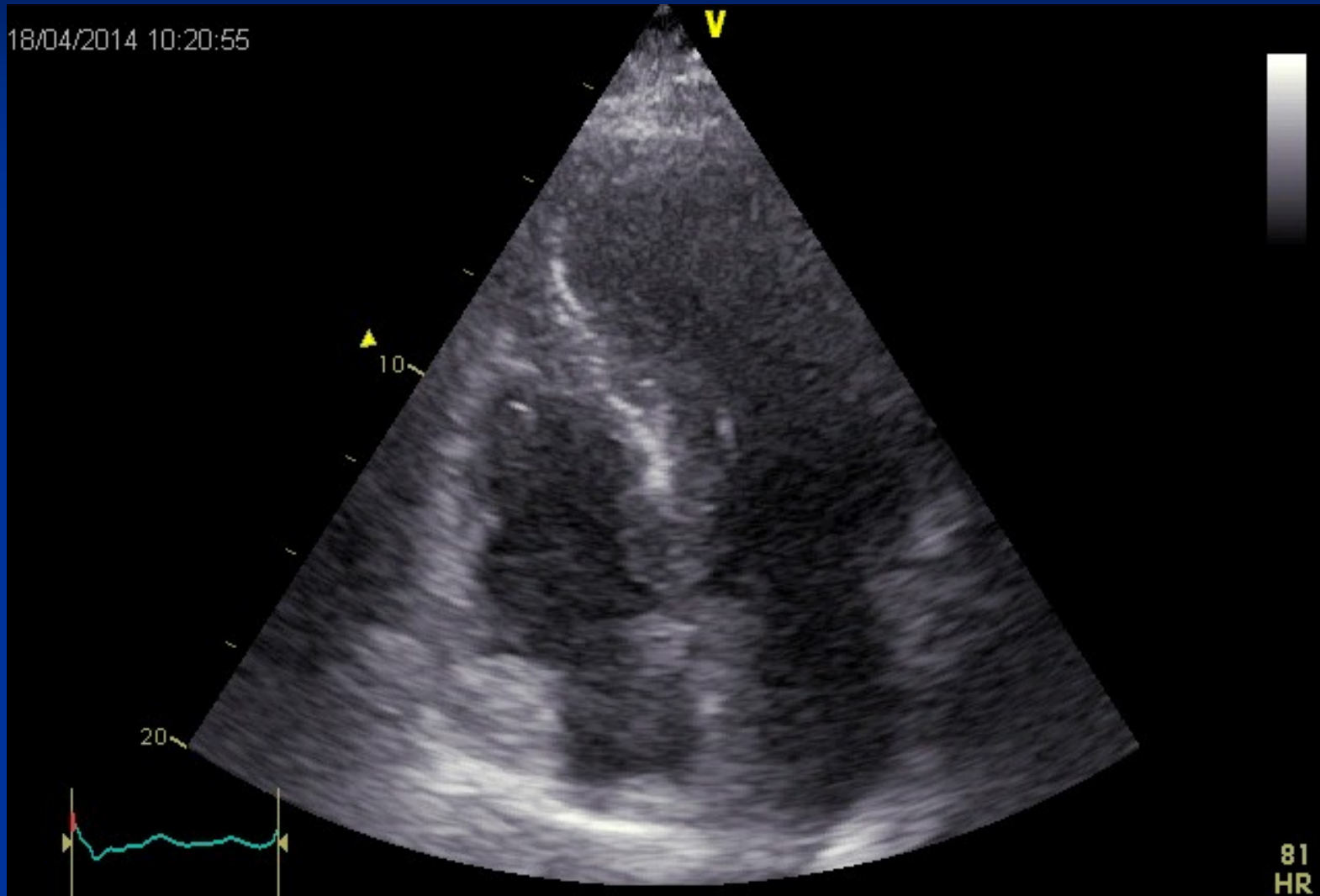
- **concentric hypertrophy** is more frequent in patients with metabolic disorders and hypertension.



ECG in HCMP



Echo in HCMP



Hypertrophic CMP

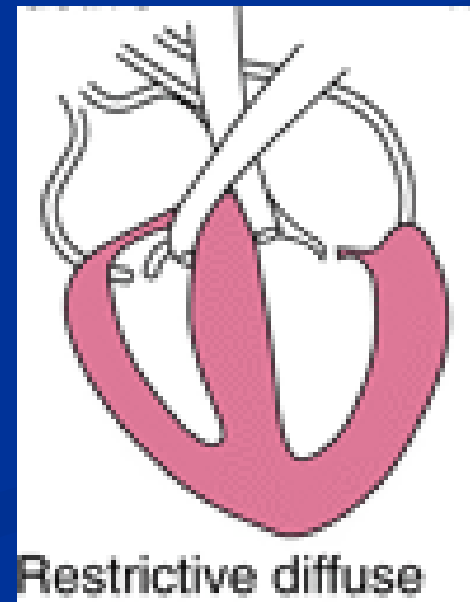
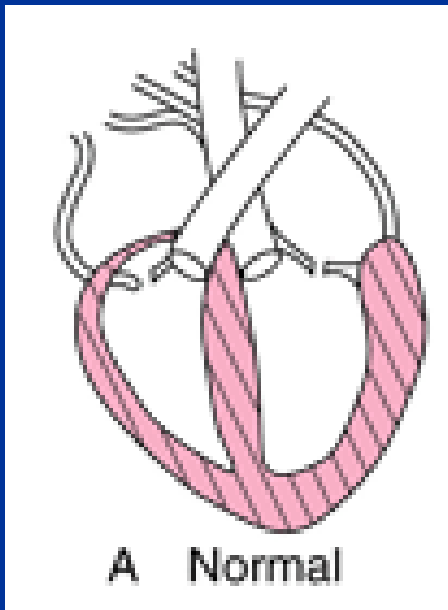
Treatment – in symptomatic patients

- Betablockers, calcium antagonists antiarrhythmic
- DDD stimulations, ICD therapy in high risk patients
 - posit. FH
 - septum > 30mm
 - occur. of VT, syncope, CPR
 - decrease of BP during stress test
- Alcoholic septal ablations
- Surgical treatment- myectomy



Restrictive Cardiomyopathy

- is defined **functionally** - not morphologically
- normal or reduced diastolic volumes
- normal or reduce systolic volumes
- normal ventricular wall thickness

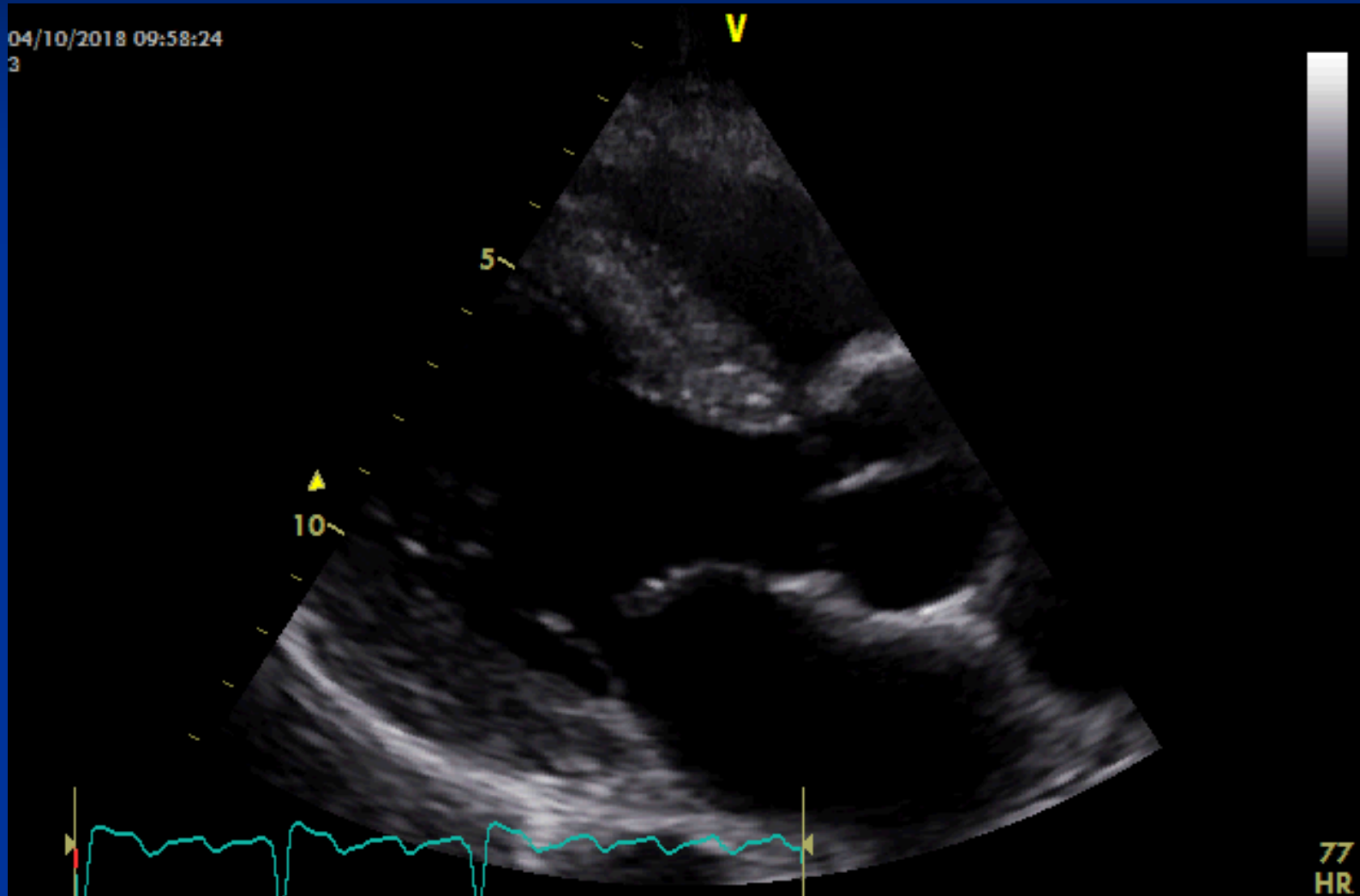


Restrictive Cardiomyopathy

- **EASY definition:** rigid heart walls with diastolic (and systolic) dysfunction due to increase stiffness
- **high pressure rise to a small increase in volume**
- **Causes:**
 - * familial: sarcomeric protein mutation, familial amyloidosis, hemochromatosis, ..
 - * nonfamilial : amyloidosis
sarcoidosis, scleroderma
carcinoid heart disease, metastatic cancers
drugs (anthracycline toxicity), radiation

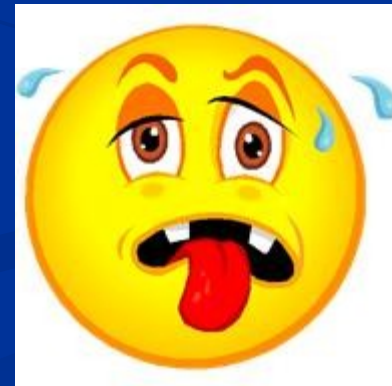


Restrictive Cardiomyopathy



Restrictive Cardiomyopathy

- **Symptoms:** exercise intolerance, dyspnea, weakness, chest pain, peripheral edema, enlarged liver, ascites, anasarca (symptoms of CHF)
- **Diagnostic:** ECG – low voltage on ECG
ECHO – restrictive filing of LV
MRI
myocardial biopsy
- **Therapy:** only symptomatic



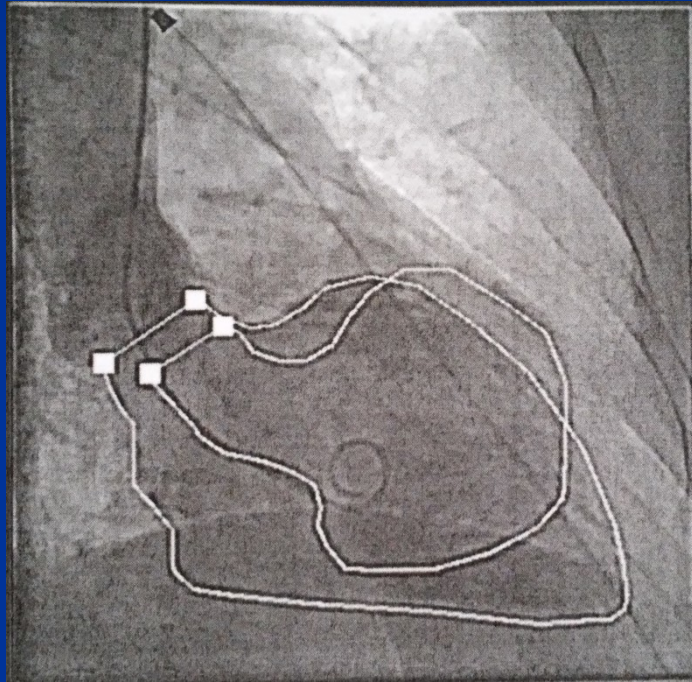
Tako Tsubo CMP

- **Definition:** transient regional systolic dysfunction involving the left ventricular apex and or mid ventricle
- **in the absence of obstructive coronary disease on coronary angiography**

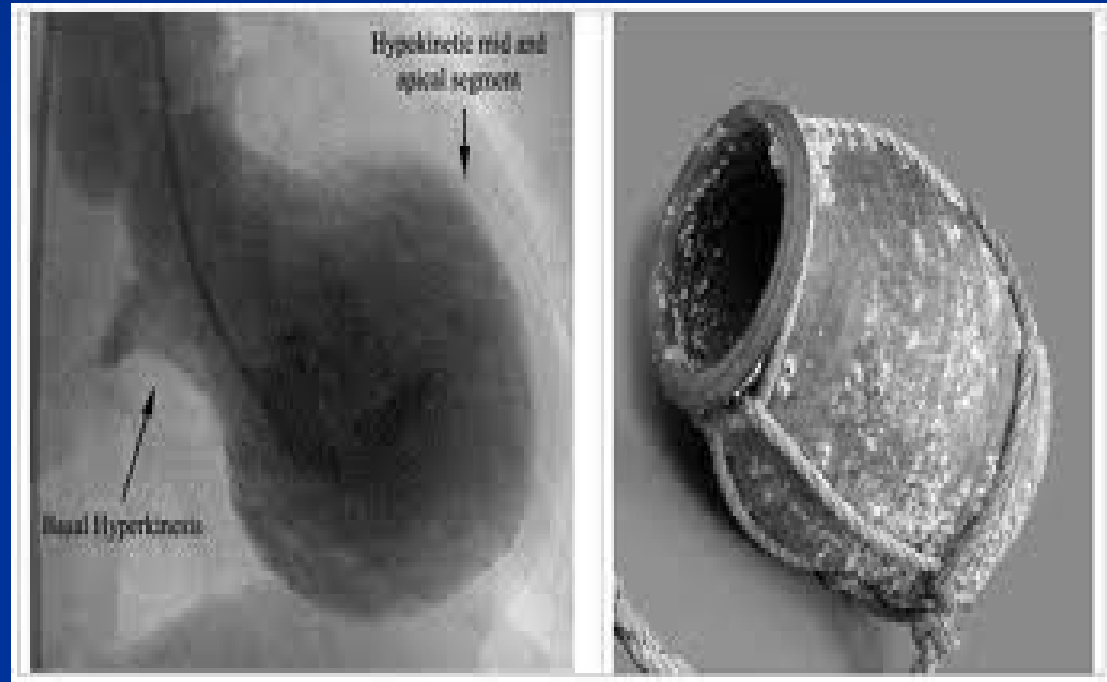


Tako Tsubo CMP

- In this syndrome, the heart (left ventricle) takes the shape of an octopus trap



mid-ventricular form



apical form



Tako Tsubo CMP

- **Symptoms:** patients present with an abrupt onset of **angina like chest pain** - **like acute myocardial infarction**
- diffuse T waves inversion, sometimes preceded by ST segment elevation, QT-interval prolongation
- mild cardiac enzyme elevation
- **Diagnosis:** coronarography - negative
- **Incidence:** post - menopausal women (the most often)
- symptoms are often preceded by emotional or physical stress
- left ventricular function usually normalizes over a period of days to weeks



Perimyocarditis

- **Myocarditis** - inflammatory disease of the myocardium
- **Inflammatory cardiomyopathy** - myocarditis in association with cardiac dysfunction (histological, functional diagnosis)
- **Dilated cardiomyopathy** – is a clinical diagnosis characterized by dilation and impaired contraction of the left or both ventricles



Perimyocarditis

- **Definition:** inflammatory disease of the myocardium
- **Causes:** * infectious myocarditis
 - viral
 - bacterial
 - protozoal
 - fungal
 - parasitic
- * immune mediated myocarditis
- * toxic myocarditis –drugs, heavy metals, hormones, radiation, electric shock



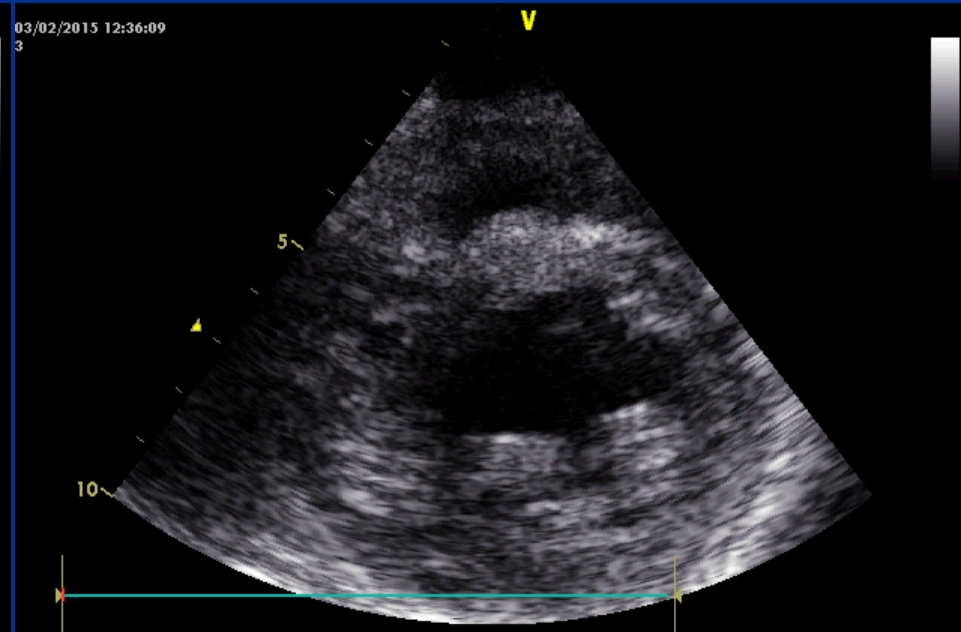
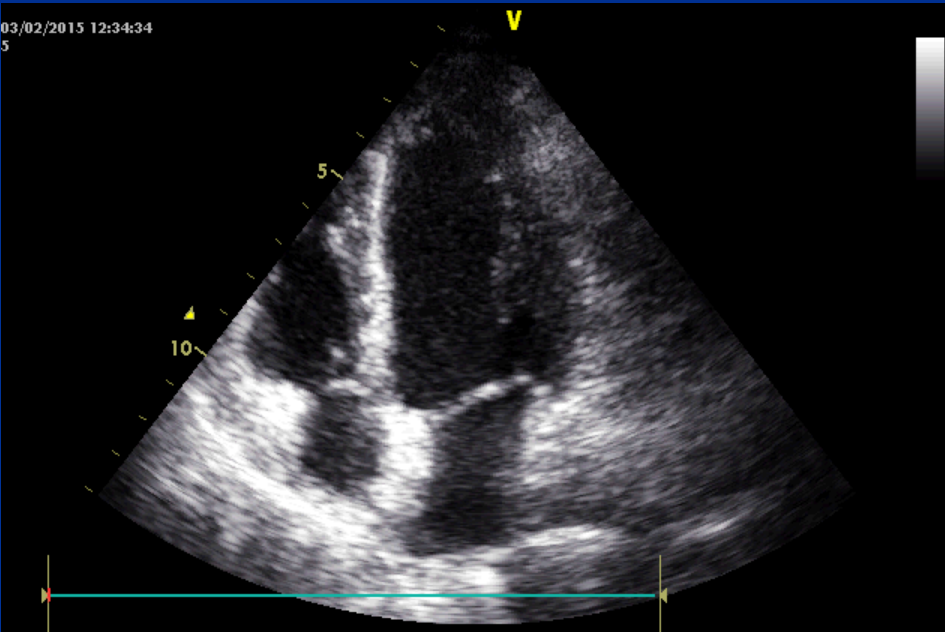
Perimyocarditis

presents in many different ways ranging from mild to life threatening

- **clinical presentation:**
- acute chest pain (starting within 1-4 weeks of a respiratory or gastrointestinal infection) , **mimic MI**
- new onset or worsening HF (in the absence of CAD)
- chronic heart failure
- life threatening arrhythmias and sudden cardiac death
- cardiogenic shock



Fulminant Perimyocarditis

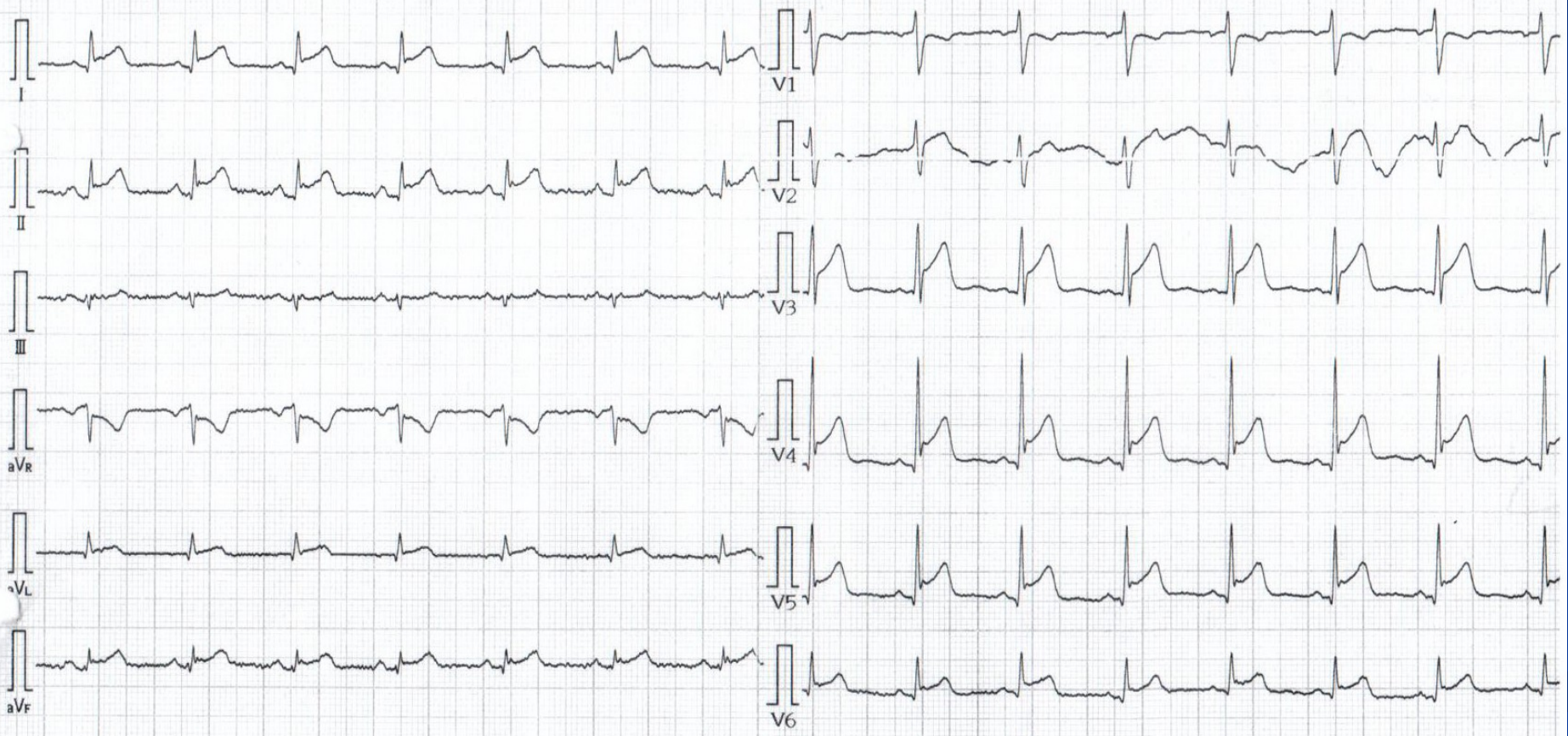


Perimyocarditis

- **Diagnosis:**
- **Symptoms + anamnesis**
- **Laboratory:** **nonspecific**; Trop T, BNP, CK, Leu, CRP
- **ECG:** **nonspecific**- inversion of T wave, ST changes, VT, AVB, ...
- **ECHO:** physiological, low EF, segmental hypokinesis, global hypokinesis
- **MRI:** inflammatory changes
- **Endomyocardial biopsy:** gold standard, invasive ☹️



Perimyocarditis



Perimyocarditis

Treatment

- Conventional medical treatment of heart failure
 - rest (3 months)
 - pharmacotherapy (ACEI, BB)
 - ICD + CRT
 - LVADs, OTS
- Immunosuppressive therapy (eosinophile, lymes boreliosis, great-cell myocarditis)



Perimyocarditis



Prognosis (acute myocarditis)

- depends on aetiology , clinically presentation and disease stage
- 50% resolves in the first 2-4 weeks
- 25% will develop persistent cardiac dysfunction
- 12-25% deteriorate, die or progress to end stage DCMP with a need for OTS

