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# **CODING IN ULTRASOUND IMAGING: ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH GUIDELINES AND OPTIMIZING REIMBURSEMENT**

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## Coding in Ultrasound Imaging: Ensuring Compliance with Guidelines and Optimizing Reimbursement

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## Outline

- CPT coding
- ICD-9 and ICD-10
- Supervision requirements
- Appropriate documentation and coding
  - Obstetrical ultrasound
  - Gynecologic ultrasound
  - 3D/4D sonography

## Coding Resources

- Procedures
  - Current Procedural Terminology
  - CPT® 2016
- Diagnosis
  - International Classification of Diseases
  - ICD-10-CM
- Resources
  - ACOG, AMA, AIUM

## Procedural Coding

- CPT book sets the rules
- Descriptions are imperfect

## ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding

- **Diagnostic services during an encounter/visit**
  - Sequence: diagnosis, condition, problem, or other reason (symptom) for encounter/visit
- **Outpatient encounters for diagnostic tests and procedures and the final report is available at the time of coding**
  - **Code any confirmed or definitive diagnosis documented in the interpretation.**
  - Do not code related signs and symptoms as additional diagnosis

[www.cdc.gov/nchs](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs)

## International Classification of Diseases (10<sup>th</sup> Revision) - ICD-10

- ICD-10 promotes international comparability in the collection, classification, processing and presentation of mortality statistics.
- Developed collaboratively between WHO and 10 international centers
- Effective Oct. 1, 2013 (Now delayed to 10/2015)
- The code-set will grow from its current 17,000 codes to more than 141,000, and the format is new with seven alpha-numeric codes instead of five numeric digits.

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## CPT Coding and RVU's

### CPT

- Professional component
- Technical component

### RVU

- Relative value unit associated with each service
- 2016 Conversion \$35.8043

[www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov)

## Professional Component (-26)

### The physician

- Supervises the test
- Interprets the test
- Prepares the written report

## Technical Component (-TC)

### Costs associated with

- The technician's salary/benefits
- The equipment
- Any necessary supplies

## Fully Implemented Non-Facility Billing A code reported without a modifier

### Combines

- Professional component
- Technical component
- Any necessary supplies
- Image storage

## Physician Supervision

- General Supervision
- Direct Supervision
- Personal Supervision

Medicare Requirements for Physician Supervision of Sonographers.  
[www.acog.org/departments](http://www.acog.org/departments)

## Physician Supervision General Supervision

- Procedure is furnished under the physician's overall direction and control
- The physician's presence is not required during the performance of the procedure.
- The training of the nonphysician personnel who perform the diagnostic procedure and equipment maintenance are the responsibility of the physician

Medicare Requirements for Physician Supervision of Sonographers.  
www.acog.org/departments

## Physician Supervision Direct Supervision

- The physician must be present in the office suite and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction throughout the performance of the procedure.
- The physician's in-room presence is not required during the performance of the procedure.

Medicare Requirements for Physician Supervision of Sonographers.  
www.acog.org/departments

## Physician Supervision Personal Supervision

- Physician must be in attendance in the room during the performance of the procedure.

Medicare Requirements for Physician Supervision of Sonographers.  
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## Physician Supervision Personal Supervision of Gyn US

- **Sonohysterography** (ultrasound)
  - 76831 - TC

Medicare Requirements for Physician Supervision of Sonographers.  
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www.cms.gov

2009 National Physician Fee Schedule

HCPCS CODE DESCRIPTION

HCPCS CODE	DESCRIPTION	CONV	DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES	CAL	UNIT	ED	TEAM	TIME	UNIT	CONV	PHYSICIAN SUPERVISION OF PROCEDURE
76000	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, A	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76001	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, B	36.0666	01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76002	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, C	36.0666	01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76003	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, D	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76004	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, E	36.0666	03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76005	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, F	36.0666	03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76006	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, G	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76007	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, H	36.0666	03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76008	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, I	36.0666	03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76009	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, J	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76010	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, K	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76011	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, L	36.0666	01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76012	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, M	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76013	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, N	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76014	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, O	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76015	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, P	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76016	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, Q	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76017	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, R	36.0666	01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76018	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, S	36.0666	01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76019	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, T	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76020	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, U	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76021	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, V	36.0666	01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76022	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, W	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76023	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, X	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76024	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, Y	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76025	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, Z	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76026	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, AA	36.0666	01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76027	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, AB	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76028	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, AC	36.0666	01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76029	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, AD	36.0666	01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76030	Obstetrical ultrasound, obstetric, AE	36.0666	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

www.cms.gov

## Medicare Fee Schedule Supervision Requirements

- 0 Procedure is not a diagnostic test or procedure is a diagnostic test that is not subject to the physician supervision policy.
- 1 Procedure must be performed under the general supervision of a physician.
- 2 Procedure must be performed under the direct supervision of a physician.
- 3 Procedure must be performed under the personal supervision of a physician.
- 9 Concept does not apply.

## Coding – Ob Sonography 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester

- **76801** Ultrasound pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation, first trimester (< 14 weeks 0 days), *transabdominal approach*; single or first gestation
- **76802** ; each additional gestation. Add on code to 76801.

## Coding – Ob Sonography Vaginal Sonography

- **76817** Ultrasound pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, transvaginal
- No contingency for multiple gestations
- If transvaginal examination is done in addition to transabdominal obstetrical ultrasound exam, use 76817 in addition to the appropriate transabdominal code

## Coding – Ob Sonography 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester

- **76805** Ultrasound pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation, after first trimester ( $\geq$  14 weeks 0 days), *transabdominal approach*; single or first gestation
- **76810** ; each additional gestation.
  - Add on code to 76805

## ~~Level 1 Scan~~

### Survey

- Viability (cardiac activity)
- Fetal number
- Fetal presentation
- Amniotic fluid volume
- Placental position

### Fetal biometry

- BPD, HC, AC, FL, EFW

## 76805 Standard Content: Basic Scan

### Survey

- Viability (cardiac activity)
- Fetal number
- Fetal presentation
- Amniotic fluid volume
- Placental position

### Fetal biometry

- BPD, HC, AC, FL, EFW

### Anatomic survey

- Head, face and neck, chest, abdomen, spine, extremities, gender

### Maternal anatomy

- Cervix, adnexa, uterine anomalies

## 76805 Essential Elements of Anatomy

### Head, face and neck

- Cerebellum, choroid plexus, cisterna magna, lateral ventricles, midline falx, lips

### Chest

- 4-chamber cardiac view
- Outflow tracts

### Abdomen

- Stomach, kidney, bladder, cord insertion, cord vessels (adrenal glands)

### Spine

- Cervical, thoracic, lumbar, sacral

### Extremities

- Legs and arms present or absent
- (comment on inability to visualize all extremities)



## Fetal Imaging

Executive Summary of a Joint *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American College of Radiology, Society for Pediatric Radiology, and Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound Fetal Imaging Workshop

*Uma M. Reddy, MD, MPH, Alfred Z. Abuhamad, MD, Deborah Levine, MD, George R. Saade, MD, for the Fetal Imaging Workshop Invited Participants*

Reddy et al. J Ultrasound Med 2014 May;33(5):745-57.  
Reddy et al. Am J Obstet Gynecol 2014 May;210(5):387-97.  
Reddy et al. Obstet Gynecol 2014 May;123(5):1070-82.

## Inability to Visualize Anatomy

### Obese women

- Ultrasound at 20-22 weeks
- 2 weeks later than in the nonobese patient

## Inability to Visualize Anatomy

- If fetal anatomy cannot be assessed completely
- Follow-up examination in 2-4 weeks
- Comment on any limitation of the exam
- Follow-up
- Only as clinically indicated

## Coding – Ob Sonography 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester

- **76811** Ultrasound pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, maternal evaluation plus *detailed fetal evaluation*, transabdominal approach; single or first gestation
- **76812** ; each additional gestation.
  - Add on code to 76811

## Detailed Anatomic Examination 76811

Performed when an anomaly is suspected on the basis of history, biochemical abnormalities, or the results of either the limited or standard [basic] scan

## SMFM Statement on 76811

Because this code is assigned more RVUs than the basic obstetrical sonogram (76805), the SMFM believes the code describes an examination involving significantly more work, and requiring greater expertise than that required for 76805.

## SMFM Statement on 76811

Additionally, sophisticated equipment, rather than typical office level ultrasound machines, will be required to obtain the necessary imaging detail.

## SMFM Statement on 76811

The level of expertise required to perform this examination can generally only be obtained through the extended education beyond residency that is acquired in a fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine or Radiology... Use of this code by general obstetricians should be the exception rather than the rule.

## AIUM – 76811 Consensus Statement

- Previous fetus or child with a congenital, genetic, or chromosomal abnormality
- Known or suspected fetal anomaly or known growth disorder in current pregnancy

76811 Task Force. J Ultrasound Med 2014; 33:189-195.

## AIUM – 76811 Consensus Statement

- Fetal at increased risk for a congenital anomaly:
- Maternal pregestational diabetes or gestational diabetes before 24 weeks
  - High BMI ( $\geq 35 \text{ kg/m}^2$ )
  - Multiple gestation
  - Abnormal maternal serum analytes
  - Teratogen exposure
  - 1<sup>st</sup> trimester NT  $\geq 3.0 \text{ mm}$

76811 Task Force. J Ultrasound Med 2014; 33:189-195.

## AIUM – 76811 Consensus Statement

- Other conditions affecting the fetus:
- Congenital infections
  - Maternal drug dependence
  - Isoimmunization
  - Oligohydramnios
  - Polyhydramnios

76811 Task Force. J Ultrasound Med 2014; 33:189-195.

## 76811

- 655.8
- Suspected or known chromosomal abnormality
- 796.5
- Abnormal finding on antenatal screening
- 278.01
- Severe obesity (BMI  $\geq 35$ )

## Coding – Ob Sonography Limited study

- **76815** Ultrasound pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, limited (e.g., fetal heart beat, placental location, fetal position and/or qualitative amniotic fluid volume), one or more fetuses
- Use 76815 only once per exam and not per element

## Coding – Ob Sonography

### **76815 Limited Examination**

A limited examination is performed when a specific question requires investigation. For example, a limited examination could be performed to confirm fetal heart activity in a bleeding patient or to verify fetal presentation in a laboring patient. In most cases, limited sonographic examinations are appropriate only when a prior complete examination is on record.

## Coding – Ob Sonography 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester, Follow-up study

- **76816** Ultrasound pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, follow-up (e.g., re-evaluation of fetal size by measuring standard growth parameters and amniotic fluid volume, re-evaluation of organ system(s) suspected or confirmed to be abnormal on a previous scan), transabdominal approach, *per fetus*
- Report **76816-59** for each additional fetus examined in a multiple pregnancy.

## Coding – Ob Sonography 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester

- What about the patient who presents for a repeat study later in the pregnancy?
- Code by status of indication
  - If new indication, use **76805**
  - If not new, use **76816**
    - Even if complete biometry and amniotic fluid assessment performed

## Coding – Ob Sonography Biophysical Profile

- **76818** Fetal biophysical profile; with non-stress testing
- **76819** Fetal biophysical profile; without non-stress testing

## Coding – Ob/Gyn Sonography Fetal Echocardiography

- **76825** Fetal initial (2D +/- m-mode)
- **76826** F/U or repeat (2D +/- m-mode)
- **76827** Doppler echo - initial
- **76828** Doppler echo – F/U or repeat
  - Add to 76825, 26826
- **93325** Color mapping
  - Add to 76825, 76826, 76827, 76828

### Coding – Ob/Gyn Sonography Fetal Evaluation

- **76820** Umbilical artery Doppler
- **76821** Middle cerebral artery Doppler

### Coding – Ob/Gyn Sonography 3-D Rendering

- **76376 and 76377**  
3-D rendering with interpretation and reporting of computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound, or other tomographic modality
- Add on codes to appropriate ultrasound code(s)

### Coding – Ob/Gyn Sonography 3-D Rendering

- **76376** 3-D rendering...not requiring image postprocessing on an independent workstation.
- **76377** 3-D rendering...requiring image postprocessing on an independent workstation.

### Coding in Ob-Gyn Sonography Modifiers

- **22** Unusual complexity
- **26** Professional component
- **52** Reduced services
- **59** Distinct procedural service, same day (e.g., referral for suspected fetal anomaly on the same day.
  - Ob uses **76805**
  - Consultant uses **76811-59**

### Coding – Ob Sonography Nuchal Translucency

- **76813** Ultrasound pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, first trimester fetal nuchal translucency measurement, transabdominal or transvaginal; single or first gestation (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

### Coding – Ob Sonography Nuchal Translucency

- **76814** Ultrasound pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, first trimester fetal nuchal translucency measurement, transabdominal or transvaginal; each additional gestation (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)



## ICD-9 Codes

- Use all that apply
- Prioritize
- Sparingly use "V codes" (screening codes) as a primary indication
- Note: Advanced maternal age may not be accepted as an indication for ultrasound or amnio
  - Can use "suspected or known chromosomal abnormality" (655.8)
  - May use diagnosis as reflected on final report

## Coding - Gyn Ultrasound

- Vaginal sonography
  - Dimensions
  - Morphology
  - Dynamic studies
  - 3-D
- Abdominal sonography
- Sonohysterography

## 76830 –Echography, transvaginal

- Complete evaluation of the female pelvic anatomy – vaginal study
- Elements
  - Description and measurements of uterus and adnexal structures (cervix)
  - Measurement of the endometrium
  - Description of the cul-de-sac and fluid
  - Description of the bladder (if applicable)
  - Description of any pelvic pathology

## Adnexa

### Ovaries

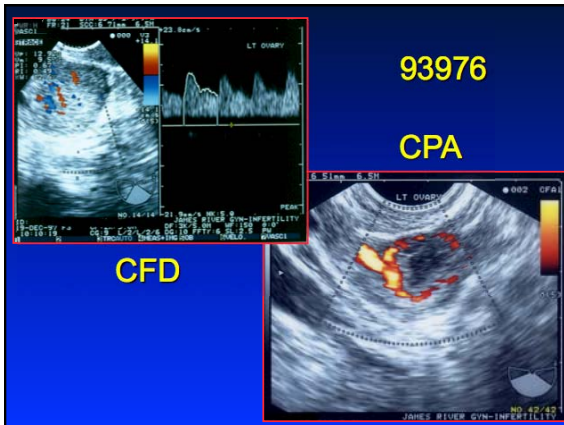
- Dimension
  - Length
  - Width
  - Depth
- Morphology
- Motion
- Doppler
- Fallopian Tubes
  - Usually not visualized

## 76856 – Gyn Abdominal (add to TVS)

- Complete evaluation of the female pelvic anatomy – abdominal study
- Elements
  - Description and measurements of uterus and adnexal structures
  - Measurement of the endometrium
  - Measurement of the bladder (when applicable)
  - Description of any pelvic pathology

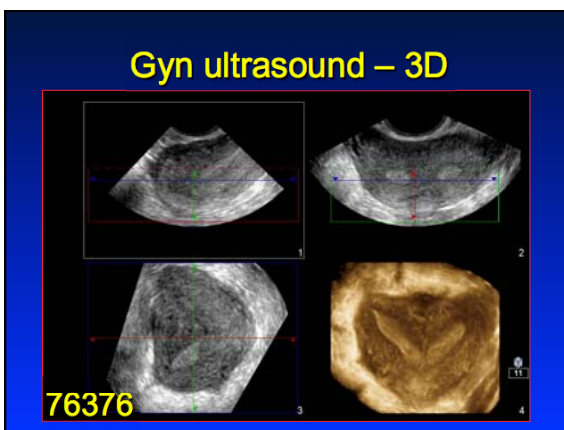
## 76857 – Gyn Limited or follow-up

- Ultrasound, pelvic (nonobstetric), real-time with image documentation; limited or follow-up (e.g. for follicles)
- 76857
  - Used if follow-up of urinary bladder alone, i.e. post-void residual, imaged
- 51798
  - Used for post-void residual non-imaging: i.e. Bladder scan



## Coding Gyn Sonography Doppler Studies

- **93975** Duplex scan of AV flow: Abdomen and pelvic – Complete
- **93976** Duplex scan of AV flow: Abdomen and pelvic - Limited



## Gyn ultrasound – 3D

**76942**

- **76942** Ultrasonic guidance for needle placement imaging supervision and interpretation)

## 76998 – Intraoperative Ultrasound

- Ultrasound guidance, intraoperative
- **76998**
  - Ultrasound guided follicular aspiration
  - Ultrasound guided transfer
  - Ultrasound guided insemination

## 76998 – Intraoperative Ultrasound

- Ultrasound guidance, intraoperative
- Documentation may be incorporated into the operative report. A separate report is not required
  - Reimbursement for TC = 0.00



## Sonohysterography

- **76831** Hysterosonography; with or without color flow Doppler
  - Includes elements of TVS, therefore is no separate charge for TVS
- **58340** Introduction of contrast agent or saline

## Sonosalpingography

- **76831** Saline infusion sonohysterography (SIS), including color flow Doppler, when performed
  - Includes all elements of 76830 (TVS)
- **58340** Catheterization and introduction of saline or contrast material for saline infusion sonohysterography (SIS) or hysterosalpingography

## Endometrial Cryoablation

- **58356** Endometrial cryoablation with ultrasonic guidance, including endometrial curettage, when performed
- Code 58356 cannot be reported with CPT codes 58100, 58120, 58340, 76700, 76856

## CPT Coding Rules

- Pre-service work can be reported only if "significant and separately identifiable."
- Discussions of procedure & obtaining informed consent is NOT reported separately

## CPT Coding Rules

- Pre-service work can be reported if:
  - Performing another procedure or evaluating another problem
  - Evaluating the patient and decide to perform an ultrasound during the visit

## Coding in OB-Gyn Sonography

- Physician interpretation and signed final report are components of all codes
- A signed note in the progress notes or patient chart is adequate
- It is preferable to take photographs and place with the note (compliance issues)
- It is preferable to have a formal, final report, retaining all images for the SOL

## CPT General Coding Rules

- The diagnosis code should demonstrate the medical necessity for the procedure
- Report only the procedures that were performed and documented

## CPT Coding Rules

- Do not change the codes reported in order to obtain reimbursement for non-covered services.
- Report the highest valued procedure code first on the claim form.



Thank You

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# **THE SECOND TRIMESTER GENETIC SONOGRAM: WHAT DOES IT ENTAIL AND IS IT STILL USEFUL?**

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# **THE NORMAL AND ABNORMAL FETAL SKELETON**


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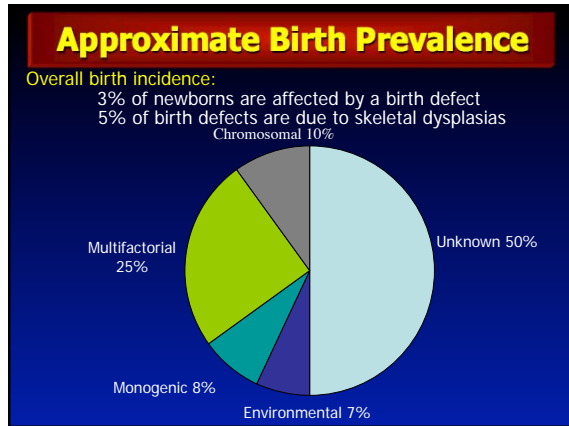






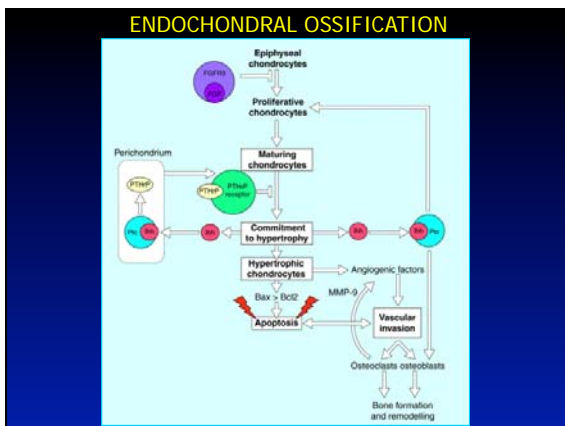
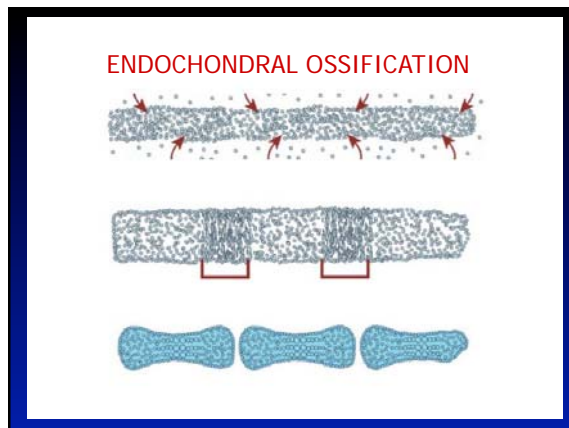
## Normal and Abnormal Fetal Skeletal Anatomy

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### Approximate Birth Prevalence

Dysplasia	Prevalence
Achondroplasia	1/10,000
Thanatophoric dysplasia	1/10,000
Osteogenesis imperfecta type II	1/20,000
Achondrogenes	1/40,000
Asphyxiating thoracic dysplasia	1/70,000
Congenital hypophosphatasia	1/100,000
Campomelic dysplasia	1/110,000
Chondrodysplasia punctata (rhizo)	1/150,000



### Endochondral Ossification

- Clavicle and mandible (8 wks)
- Appendicular long bones, phalanges, ileum and scapula (12 wks)
- Metacarpals and metatarsals (12-16 wk)
- Secondary ossification centers calcaneus (20 wks)
- Distal femur, proximal tibia and proximal humerus (>28 wks)

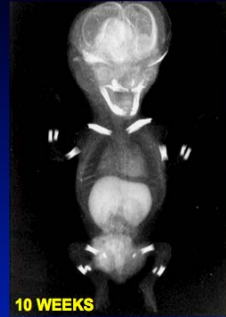
### Endochondral Ossification



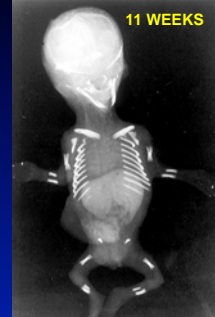
19 WEEKS

Courtesy of Rieteke M. van Zalen-Sprock

### Endochondral Ossification



10 WEEKS



11 WEEKS

### Endochondral Ossification



12 WKS



14 WKS

Skeletal Bones: Normal

### Profile: 16 Weeks



Img 1 m: 1

Lin DCM / Id ID

### Hand: 16 Weeks 2D



Img Tm: 15:09:45

27:23

SMI 0 2

### Sternum: 16 Weeks



### Feet: 16 Weeks 2D



### Ischia: 19 Weeks 2D



### Skeletal: 20 Weeks



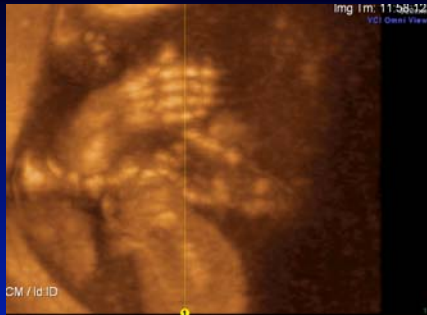
### LE: 20 Weeks



### Metopic Suture: 20 Weeks



### Hands: 20 Weeks 3D VCI Omni View



### Ileum: 21 Weeks 2D



### Sternal Center: 21 Weeks



### Radius / Ulna: 25 weeks 2D



### Radius / Ulna: 25 Weeks 3D Static



### Tibia / Fibula: 25 Weeks 3D VCI Omni





### Tibia / Fibula: 25 Weeks 3D Static



### Humerus: 25 Weeks 2D



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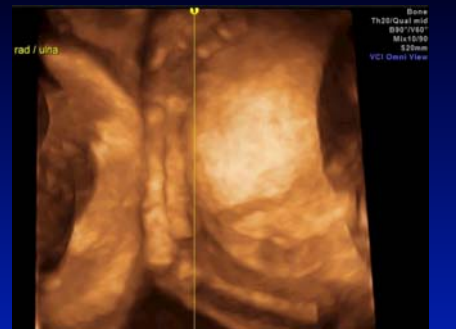
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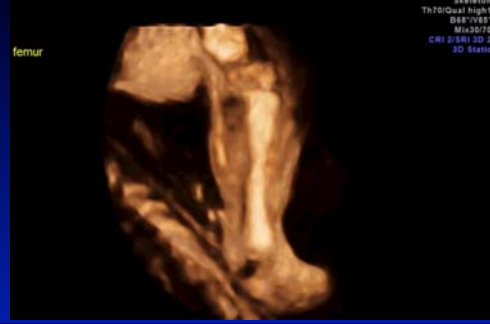
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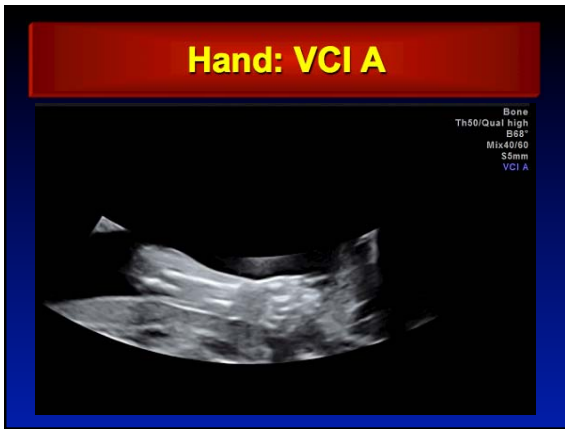


### Sternal Ossification



### Scapula: 2D





### Hand: 3D Static



### Normal Long Bones



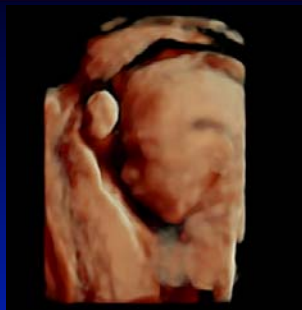
### Normal Long Bones



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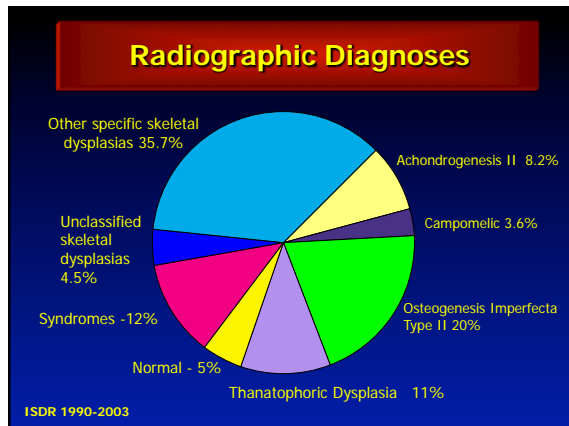
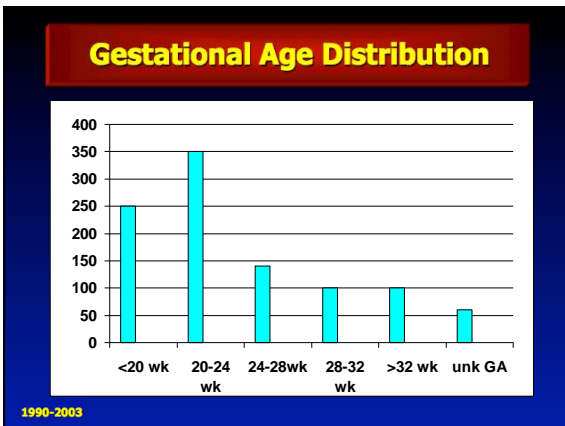
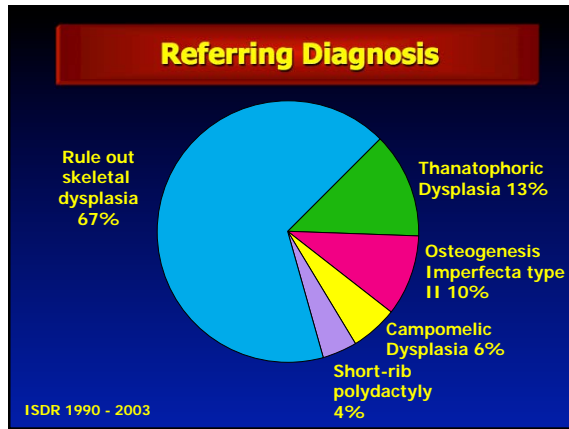
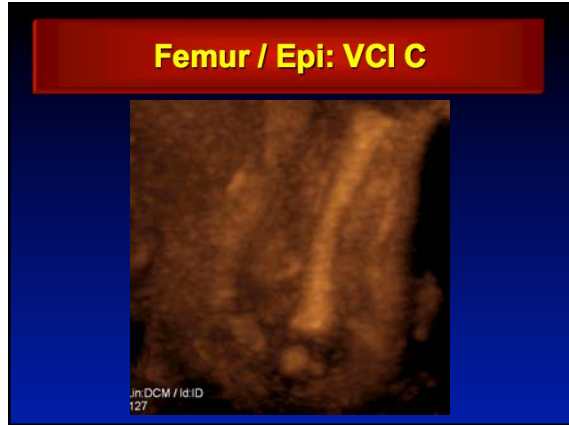
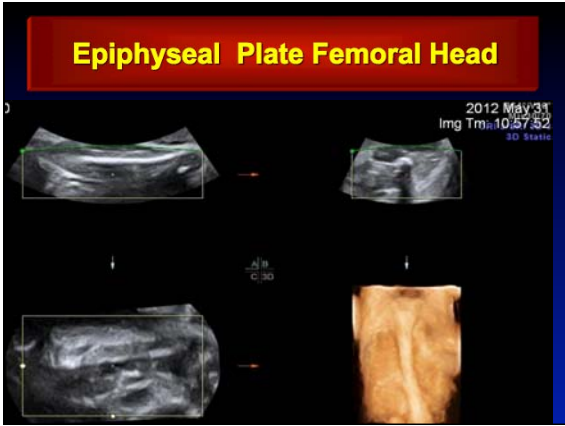
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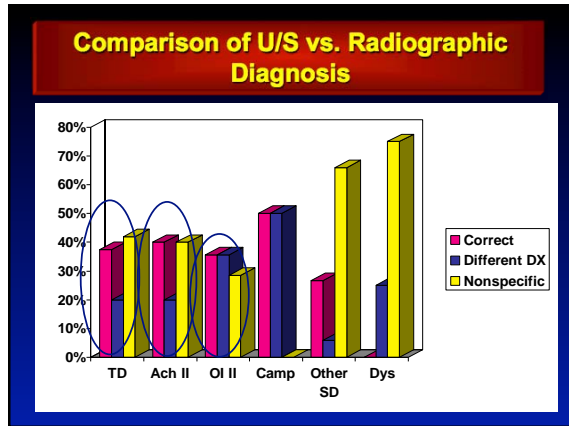
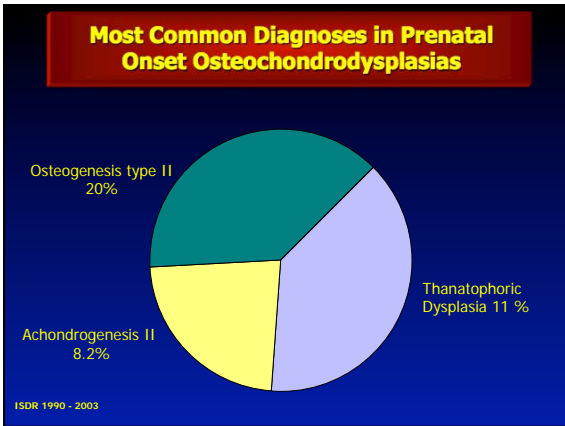


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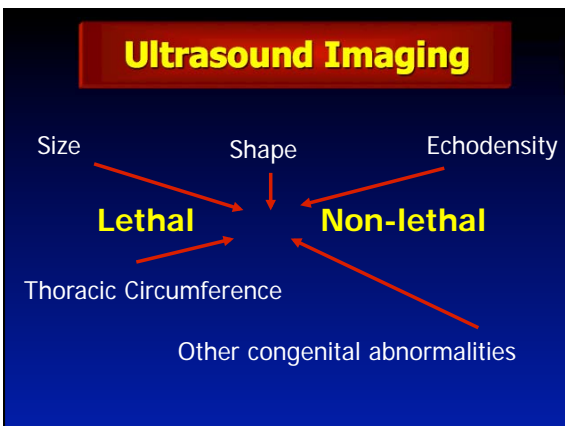




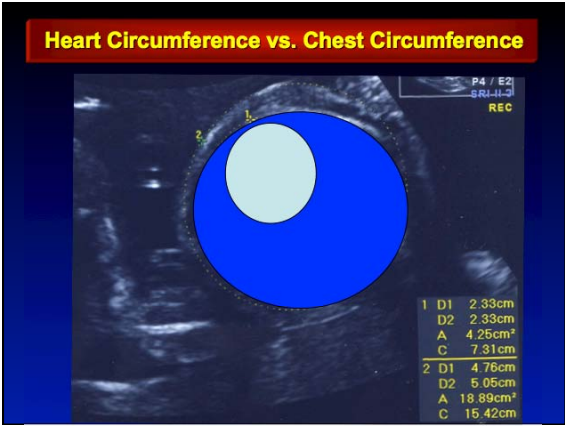


- ### Difficulties in Ultrasound Diagnosis
- Relative rarity of the skeletal dysplasia (1.1-7.6/10,000)
  - Findings on U/S may not be pathognomonic of a particular osteochondrodysplasia
  - Varying degrees of expertise in U/S
  - Findings can be GA dependent
  - Most occur sporadically in LR pregnancies
  - Overlap of radiographic and U/S findings in different disorders (EVC vs. SRP III)
  - Biologic variability

- ### Lethal Skeletal Dysplasias
- Definition - Without heroic measures, the majority of affected individuals will die in the first few months of life.
  - Death is secondary to pulmonary insufficiency or associated anomalies.
  - There are almost always milder forms of the disorder.
    - Asphyxiating Thoracic Dystrophy
    - Type II collagen disorders: Achondrogenesis II, Hypochondrogenesis, Spondyloepiphyseal Dysplasia Congenita
    - Diastrophic Dysplasia Sulfate Transporter disorders: Achondrogenesis IB, Atelosteogenesis II, Diastrophic Dysplasia and recessive Multiple Epiphyseal Dysplasia



- ### Lethality and Chest Circumference
- Most critical parameter to determine in the prenatal period
  - Can be done subjectively
  - Can be done based on diagnosis
  - Chest circumference to abdominal circumference < .6
  - Heart circumference is > 50% of the chest circumference
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### Ultrasound Parameters

**Key Measurements**  
 BPD, HC, FL, AC  
 All long bones  
 Foot  
 Scapula  
 Clavicle

**Other Parameters**  
 Cranium, profile, facies  
 Vertebrae/pelvis  
 2° epiphyseal centers  
 Hands, phalanges

**Other Findings**  
 Cystic hygroma  
 Edema, hydrops  
 Abnl posturing

### Ratios that aid in the diagnosis of disproportion

- AC to HC
- FL to AC (<0.16)
- FL to Foot Length
- FL to HC
- HC to Thoracic Circumference
- AC to Thoracic Circumference
- Rib Cage Perimeter to Thoracic Circumference

### It's all about disproportion, dysmorphology, And of course, the radiology!

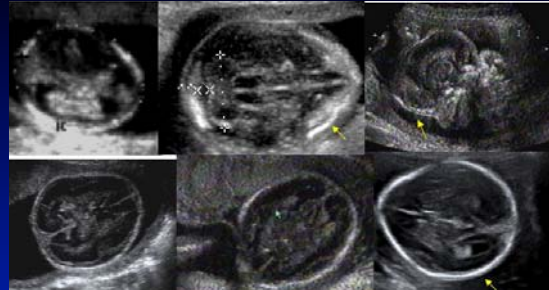
### OI Type II/III

- Lethal
- Poor mineralization of the calvarium
- "Crumpled" long bones
- Platyspondyly
- Thoracic hypoplasia
- "Beaded ribs"
- Equinovarus
- Relative normal appearing hands
- Hydrops
- COL1A1, COL1A2, CRTAP, P3H1 mutations
- Recurrence risk 2-6% due to gonadal mosaicism or 25% due to autosomal recessive inheritance

### OI type II/III

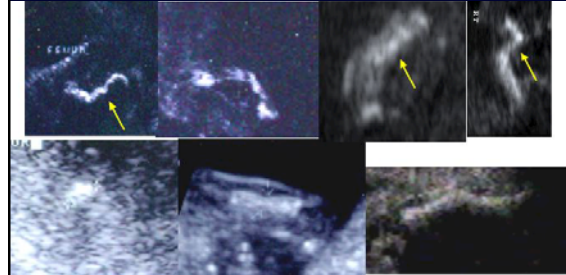
**Ultrasound Findings:**  
 Early onset of findings  
 Hypomineralization of calvarium  
**FRACTURES**  
**BENDS**  
**VARIABILITY**

### OI Type II - Hypomineralization of the Calvarium



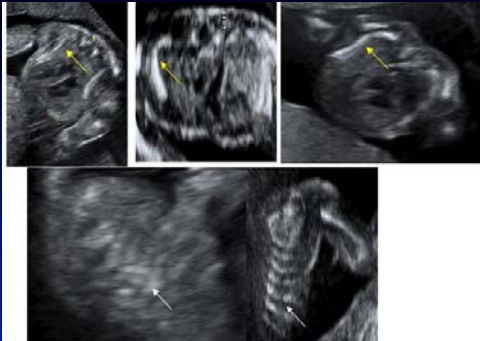
14-20 weeks

### OI type II/III - Femurs

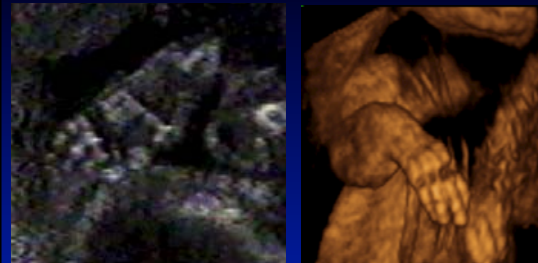


14 - 20 weeks

### Osteogenesis Imperfecta – perinatal lethal type

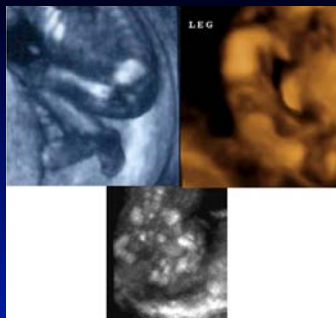


### OI type II/III - Phalanges



### OI Type II - 3D Imaging

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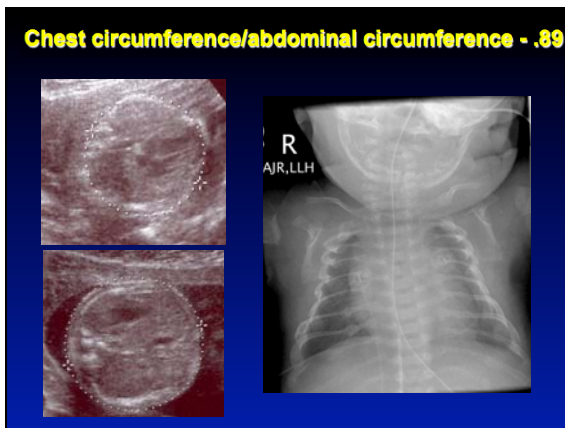
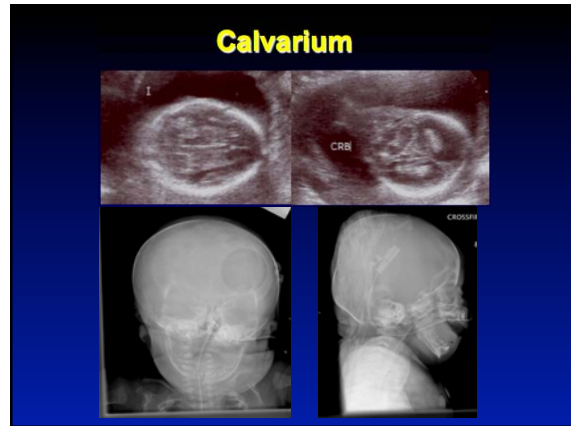
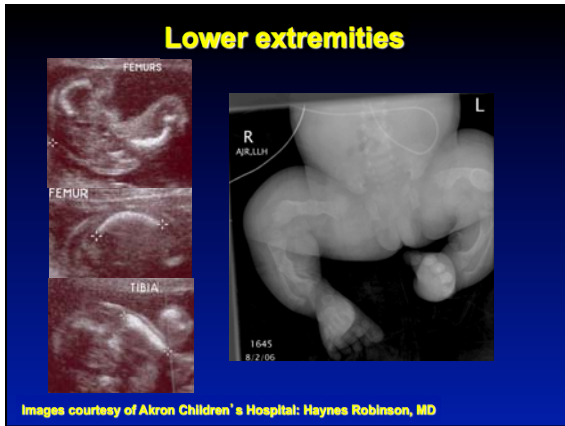


16-18 weeks

### Case Presentation

- G1P0
- US @ 20 w revealed bowed femurs measuring 17 w
- US @ 21 w confirmed bowed femurs and estimated long bones to be at or just below the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile
- Preliminary diagnosis – Osteogenesis Imperfecta type II/III
- Type I collagen testing - (DNA), no identified mutation





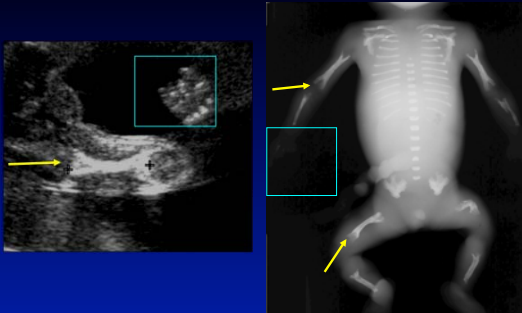
## Take home message!

- **Ultrasound and postnatal radiographs consistent with Osteogenesis Imperfecta type II/III**
- **Molecular analysis showed that this fetus has a recessive form of OI due to mutations in CRTAP**
- **Familial recurrence risk now 25%, not 2% as previously thought based on germline mosaicism**

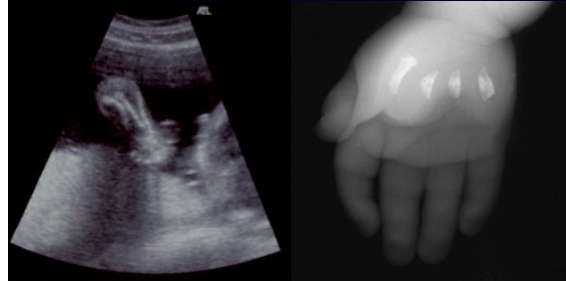
## Differential Diagnosis of Hypomineralization Disorders

<p><b>Osteogenesis Imperfecta</b>          Demineralized calvarium          Fractures          Platyospondyly          Normal appearing hands</p>	<p><b>Cleidocranial Dysplasia</b>          Autosomal Dominant          Demineralization of the calvarium          Clavicle hypoplastic          Relatively normal appearing long bones</p>
<p><b>Hypophosphatasia</b>          Autosomal Recessive          Fractures          "Chromosome-appearing" bones          Very poor mineralization of the hands</p>	

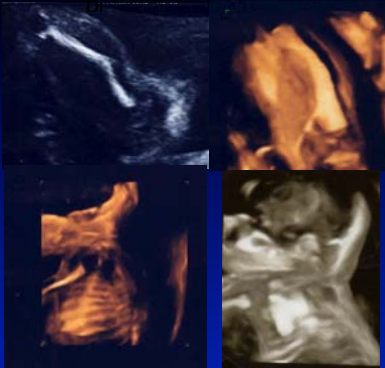
## Hypophosphotasia



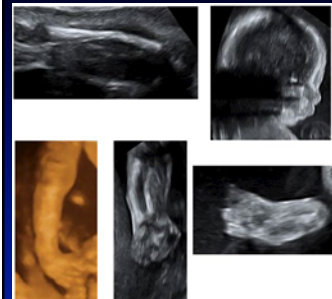
## Hypophosphotasia



## OI vs. Campomelic Dysplasia



## Campomelic Dysplasia



- AD
- Heterozygosity SOX9
- Recurrence - germline mosaicism
- Micrognathia
- Micro/macrocephaly
- Equinovarus
- Brachydactyly
- Multiple organ system involvement
- Not uniformly lethal

## Thanatophoric Dysplasia



- Lethal
- Disproportion
- Severe micromelia
- Relative Macrocephaly
- Craniosynostosis
- Frontal bossing
- Midface hypoplasia
- Narrow chest
- Straight versus curved long bones
- No epiphyseal delay
- Rare other organ system anomalies
- FGFR3 mutation
- Paternal in origin

## Thanatophoric Dysplasia


### RADIOLOGIC FINDINGS



- Long narrow trunk
- Platyspondyly
- Marked shortening of long bones
- Lateral spikes
- Abnormal pelvis

### Thanatophoric Dysplasia

**U/S Findings:**  
 Cloverleaf skull  
 Curved or straight femurs  
 Generalized micromelia  
 Small narrow thorax  
 Platyspondyly  
 Very small hands and feet  
 Polyhydramnios



### Thanatophoric Dysplasia

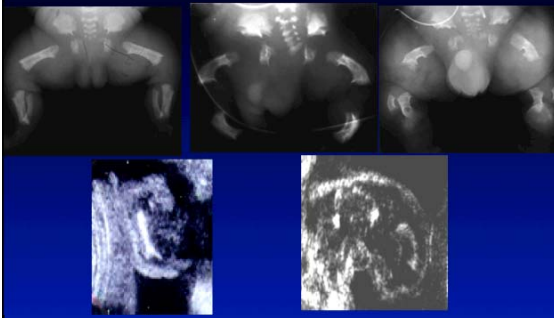


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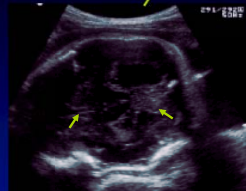


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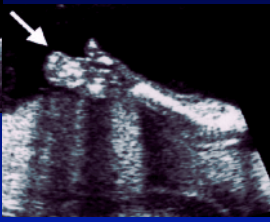
### Thanatophoric Dysplasia



### FGFR2 disorders

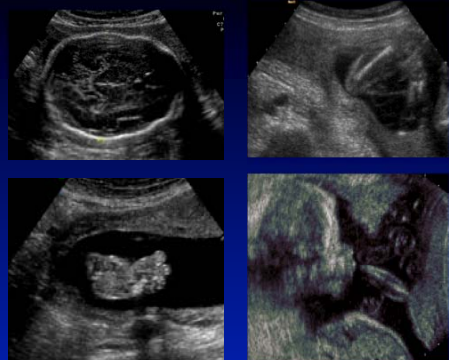


Normal



Apert's syndrome

### Craniosynostosis

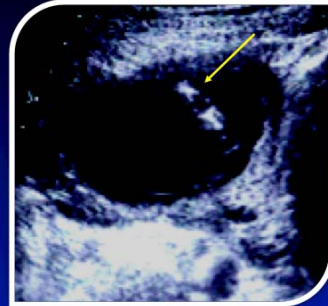


## Achondrogenesis II

- Lethal
- Defects in COL2A1
- Cystic hygroma
- Hydrops
- Mid-face Hypoplasia
- Micrognathia
- Severe Micromelia (all segments)
- Equinovarus
- Absent mineralization of the vertebral bodies
- Metaphyseal "spikes"



## Achondrogenesis II -14 weeks



## Achondrogenesis II

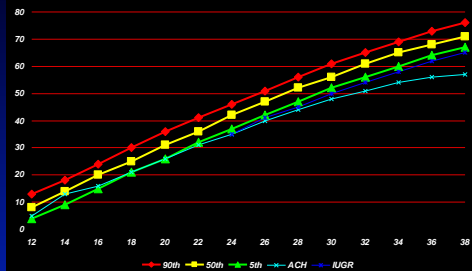


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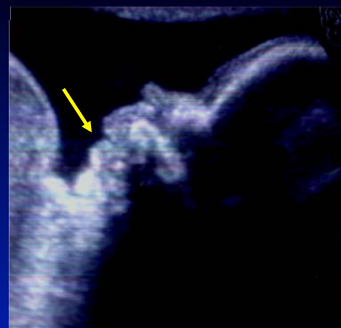
- Autosomal Dominant
- 80% cases arise *de novo*
- Exclusively on the paternal allele
- Frequently not diagnosed until the 3rd trimester
- Frequent complications: orthopedic, ENT, and neurologic



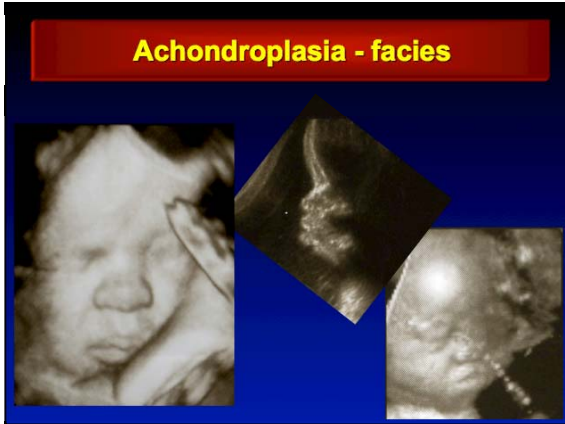
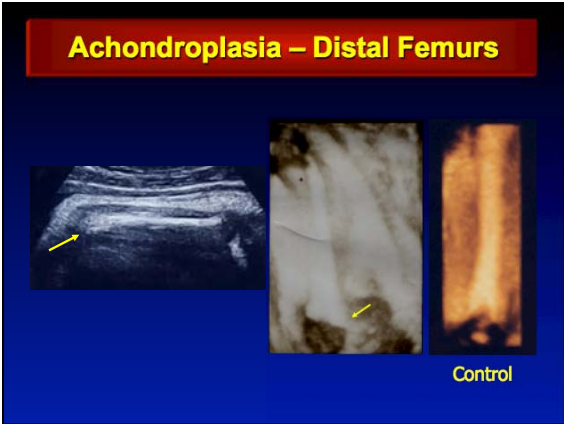
## Fetal femur growth curves in Achondroplasia



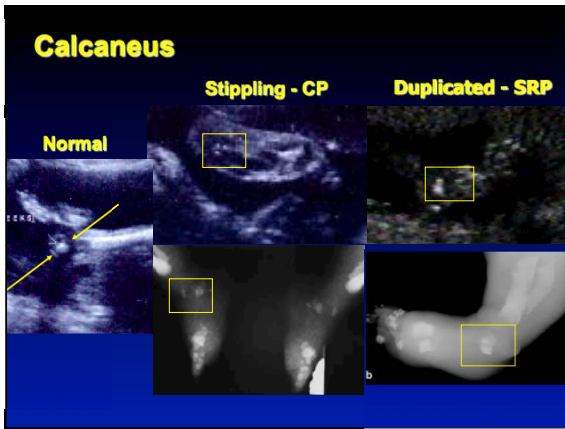
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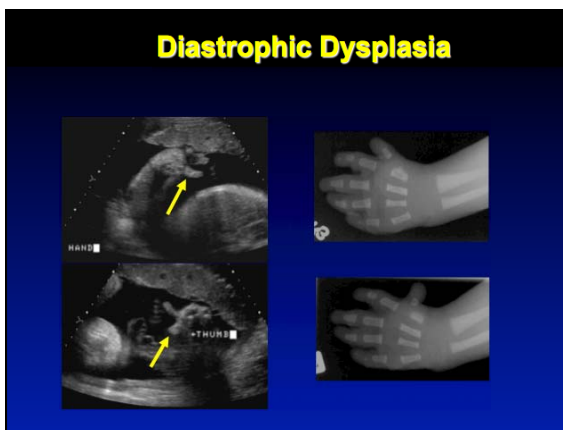
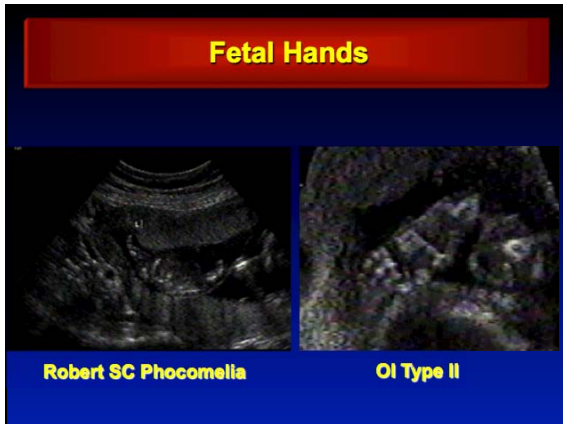






- ### Abnormal Calcaneus
- Phenytoin
  - Warfarin
  - Alcohol
  - Rubella
  - Trisomy 21; Trisomy 18; Mosaic trisomy 9
  - Mucopolysaccharidosis I
  - Gangliosidosis I
  - Smith-Lemli Opitz syndrome
  - Chondrodysplasia punctata, all types
  - Thanatophoric Dysplasia
  - Short-rib polydactyly syndromes
  - Chondrodermal dysplasia
  - Asphyxiating thoracic dysplasia
  - Larsen syndrome
  - Atelosteogenesis types I and III
  - Roberts-SC Phocomelia





- ### Conclusions
- Ultrasound can be an effective method for the diagnosis in the prenatal-onset skeletal dysplasias.
  - Improved accuracy in diagnosis can be achieved by application of the established radiographic findings in the specific disorders.
  - Ultrasound parameters need to be expanded to look for a constellation of findings for more precise diagnosis.
  - 3D ultrasound is an effective modality for visualization of the dysmorphic findings in the skeletal dysplasias.
  - Final diagnosis of a prenatal-onset skeletal dysplasia should be based on radiology and histomorphology.
  - Some diagnoses cannot be accurately made in the prenatal period.

- ### Management of a fetus with a skeletal dysplasia
- Determine lethality
  - Educate obstetrical team
  - Delivery: pre-viable versus at term
  - Role of adoption
  - Mode of delivery
  - Does the newborn need higher level of care
  - Post-delivery diagnosis
  - Post-delivery management
  - Parental support groups (LPA, grief-loss groups)

### Management of a fetus with a skeletal dysplasia

- Delivery: pre-viable versus at term
- Will awaiting DNA diagnosis affect parental decisions?
- Mode of delivery/Availability of trained personal
- Importance of counseling regarding NEED for postnatal diagnosis by autopsy (x-rays, histomorphology of relevant tissues, DNA diagnosis as appropriate)
- Coordination of pediatric personal regarding resuscitation including pre-delivery agreement on management plan
- Mode of delivery at term: issues regarding breech presentation, relative macrocephaly and intrapartum fetal distress
- Counseling re: lethality is not frequently, not immediate

### Management of the fetus with a non-lethal skeletal dysplasia

- Is the diagnosis definitive?
- What is the differential diagnosis?
- Within the differential diagnosis is the natural history associated with a small percentage of lethality or respiratory compromise?
- Is there a possibility the child will need a higher level of care?
- Osteogenesis Imperfecta - no evidence of increased fractures with vaginal versus C/S, do not recommend instrumental delivery
- High incidence of C/S due to relative macrocephaly
- Cord blood for a source of DNA
- Full genetic survey

### Management of maternal patients with short stature

#### OBSTETRICS AND OBSTETRICAL ANESTHESIA ISSUES IN WOMEN WITH DWARFISM

JE Hoover-Fong, G Oswald, D Miller, J Leadroot, H Barnes, J Rossiter, D Penning, I Berkowitz, D Krakow

- ✓ Advocacy for reproductive rights of individuals with skeletal dysplasias (short stature)
- ✓ Education of the obstetrical and anesthesia communities
- ✓ What are the risks to the mother, the fetus? Are they real?

### Management of maternal patient with short stature

- What is the maternal diagnosis?
- What is the mode of inheritance?
- Non-assortive mating in the short stature community
- What is the diagnosis in the partner?
- Has mutational analysis been performed on both parents prior to pregnancy? Is it even possible?
- What are the couple's feeling regarding prenatal diagnosis and termination if necessary?
- Should a short stature individual take the risk of pregnancy for a lethal disorder?
- Who is going to care for the patient?

### Management of maternal patient with short stature

- Maternal diagnosis
  - Long trunk versus short trunk
    - Achondroplasia, pseudoachondroplasia
    - SEDC, OI type III, Cartilage Hair Hypoplasia, Diastrophic Dysplasia
- Normal pregnancy associated with increased pulmonary dead space and increased heart rate.
- The increased incidence of pulmonary compromise in short trunk dwarfism. Increasing fundal pressure on diaphragm!

### Management of maternal patient with short stature

- Non-assortive mating
  - Compound heterozygosity
    - Achondroplasia/Achondroplasia
    - Achondroplasia/SEDC
    - SEDC/pseudoachondroplasia
    - Achondroplasia/acrolaryngeal



## Management of maternal patient with short stature

- **Non-assortive mating**
  - Preimplantation diagnosis for determining affected embryo status
  - Is PGD effective in determining compound heterozygosity? Which diagnosis would the couple prefer?
  - Chorionic villous sampling in short stature women can be challenging due to high incidence of retroverted or anteverted uteri.
    - May need abdominal CVS or 15-20 wk amniocentesis

## Management of maternal patient with short stature

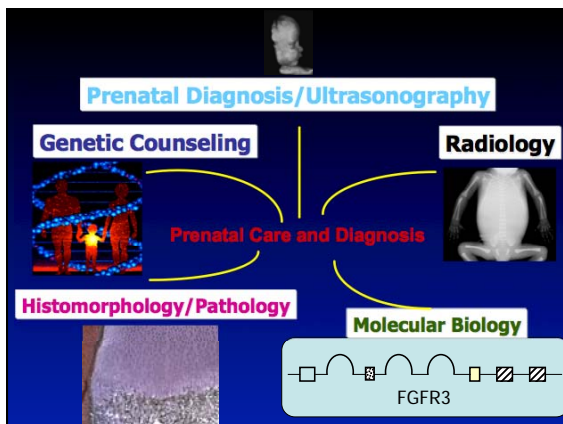
- **Length of gestation**
  - 8% of the general population delivers preterm
    - 16% if 1 previous PTD
    - 32% if 2 previous PTD,
    - >50% with 3 or more PTD
  - Most LP decrease physical activity around 24-28 weeks
  - Delivery at 34-36 weeks after documentation of fetal lung maturity
  - Vast majority of LP are delivered by C/S

## Management of maternal patient with short stature

- **Management of Delivery**
  - **Anesthesia**
    - Maternal Diagnosis
    - Epidural versus spinal versus general anesthesia; adult or weight doses???
    - For disorders associated with spinal stenosis or spinal abnormalities, pre-pregnancy MRIs can be helpful
    - For disorders with risk for odontoid hypoplasia, general anesthesia with intubation should be done with care
    - Pre-delivery anesthesia consult with anesthesia

## Pregnancy in Short Stature Women

- **Most short stature women tolerate pregnancy well!**
- **Major concerns include proper care, compound heterozygosity, preterm labor, shortness of breath, back pain (achondroplasia), mode of delivery and anesthesia**
- **Osteogenesis Imperfecta: bisphosphonates are contraindicated in pregnancy, what are the long term effects are bone in pregnancy and lactation?**



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# **FETAL NEUROSONOGRAPHY IN EARLY GESTATION: WHAT CAN BE DIAGNOSED TODAY?**

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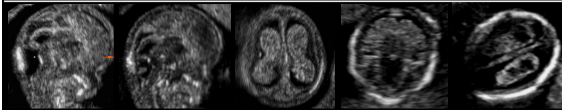
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GUIDELINES

Sonographic examination of the fetal central nervous system: guidelines for performing the 'basic examination' and the 'fetal neurosonogram'

## What is Fetal Neurosonography?

### Basic Examination

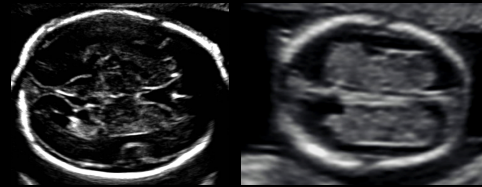
1. Screening (performed on everybody)
2. Usually transabdominal ultrasound
3. Three axial planes

### Fetal Neurosonogram

1. Performed by indications
2. Transabdominal and transvaginal ultrasound
3. Multiple axial, coronal and sagittal planes
4. Extra training and expertise

## Basic Examination

### transventricular plane

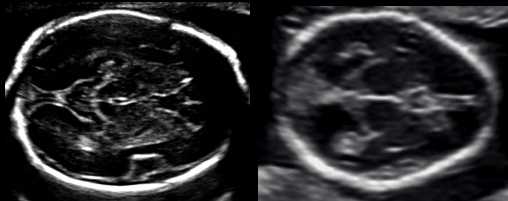


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## Basic Examination

### transthalamic plane

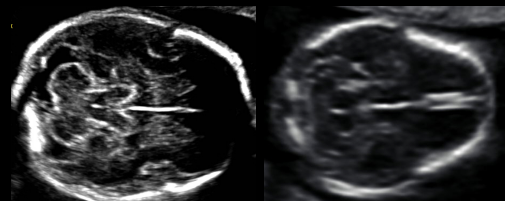


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## Basic Examination

### transcerebellar plane



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## First Trimester Fetal Imaging:

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ISUOG Practice Guidelines: performance of first-trimester fetal ultrasound scan



**Transverse View**

- Presence of:
- skull bones
  - 2 hemispheres
  - 2 symmetrical ventricles
  - Homogenous appearance of choroid plexus



**Midsagittal View**

- Assessment of:
- the brainstem
  - 4<sup>th</sup> ventricle - IT?
  - cisterna magna

## Intracranial Translucency (IT)

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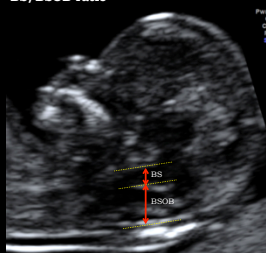
## Nuchal translucency (NT)

- Fetus in mid-sagittal plane
- Fetal head & neck region occupies majority of image
- Fetal head in neutral position
- Fetus observed away from amnion
- Margins of NT edges clear
- (+) calipers used
- Horizontal crossbars placed correctly
- Calipers placed ⊥ to long axis of fetus
- Measurement at widest NT space



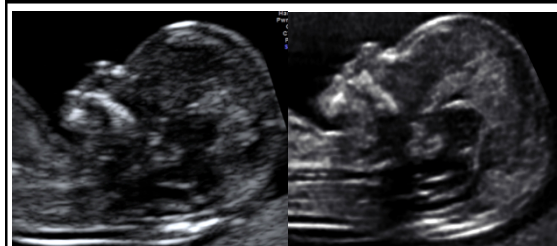
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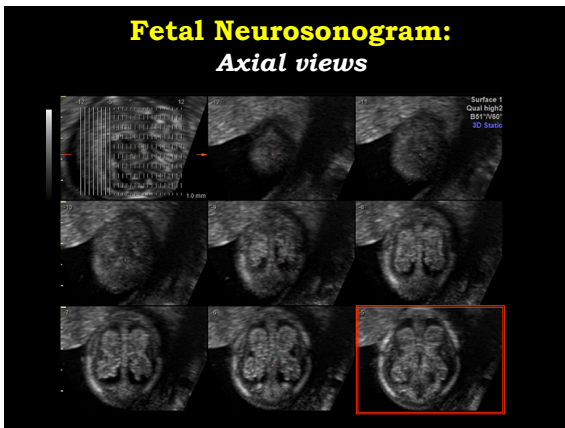
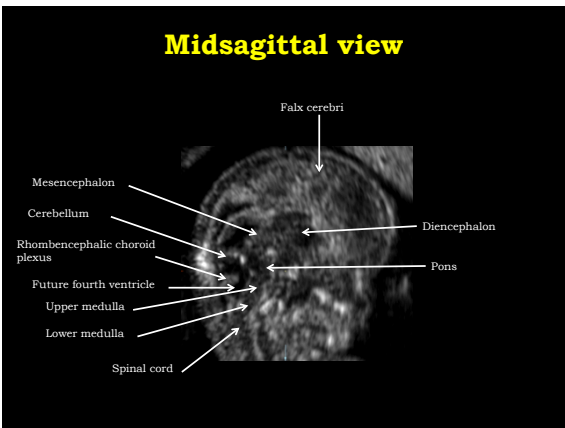
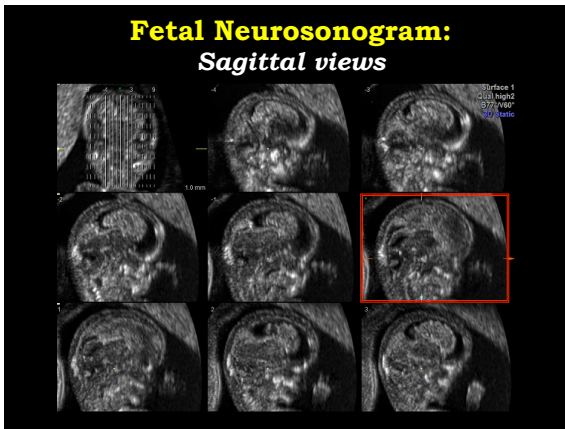
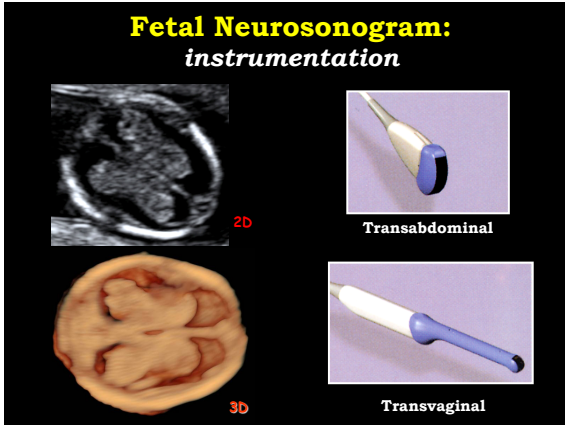
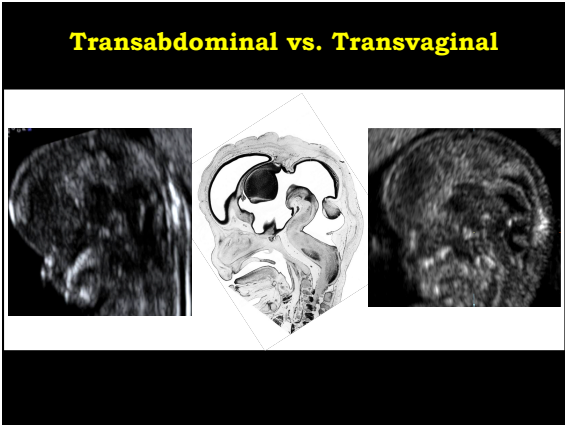
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- brain stem to occipital bone diameter (BSOB)
- BS/BSOB ratio

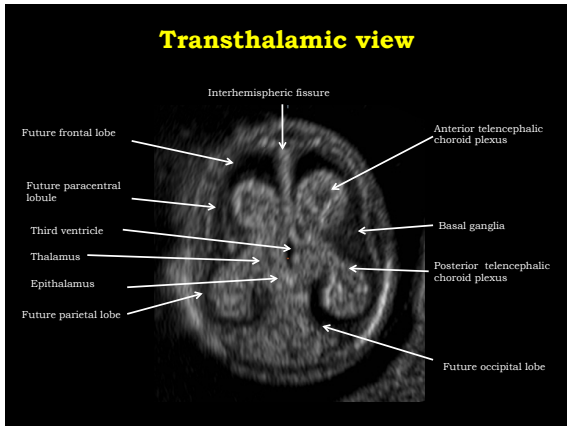


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## Limitations of the IT interpretation







### First Trimester Fetal Neuro Imaging:

Several studies have suggested that 1<sup>st</sup> trimester CNS screening for ..

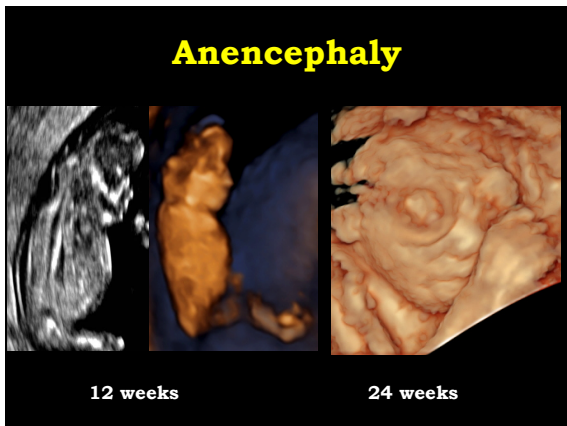
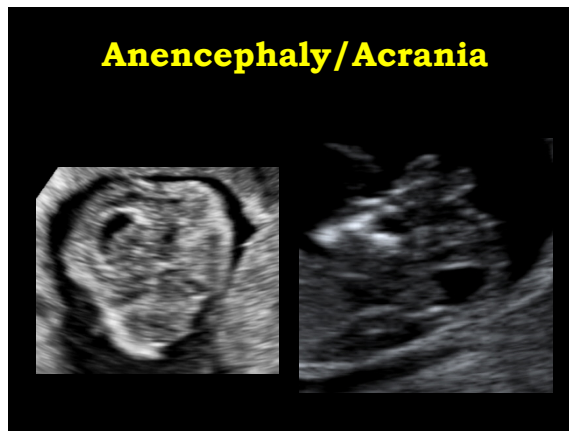
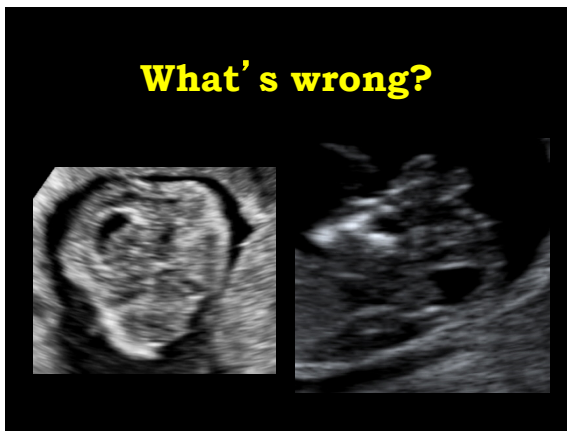
- acrania
- exencephaly/anencephaly
- encephalocele
- Holoprosencephaly
- hydrocephaly

Recent studies have also demonstrated that performance of detailed evaluation of fetal brain between 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> weeks may allow detection of..

- Spina bifida
- Dandy-Walker malformation
- Agenesis of corpus callosum

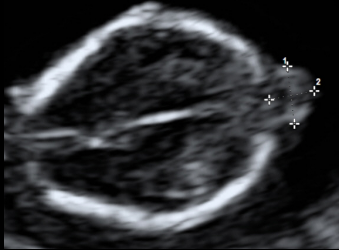
...can be just as effective in diagnosing these conditions as 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester screening

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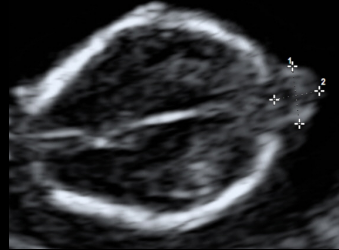




## What's wrong?



## Encephalocele



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**Sonographic spectrum of first-trimester fetal cephalocele: review of 35 cases**

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Location of the lesion	Incidence, %
Occipital	77%
Parietal	9%
Frontal	9%
Multiple	6%

## Iniencephaly



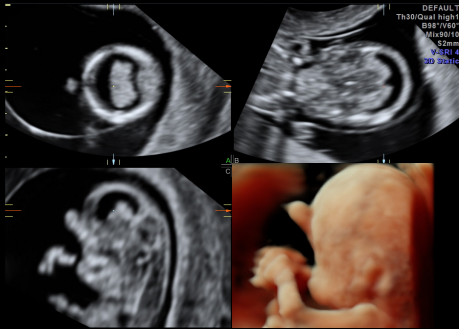
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## Alobar Holoprosencephaly



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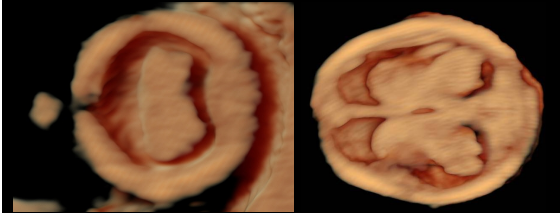
## First trimester screening for holoprosencephaly with choroid plexus morphology ('butterfly' sign) and biparietal diameter

Waldo Sepulveda\* and Amy E. Wong

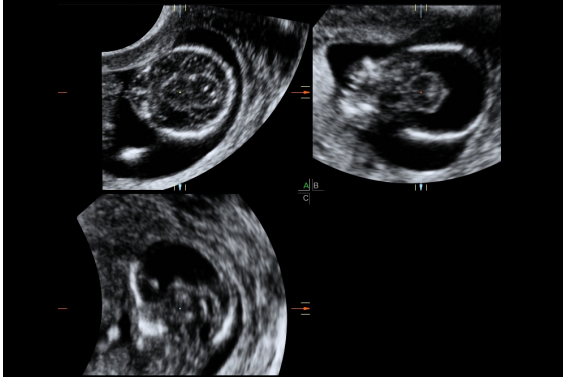
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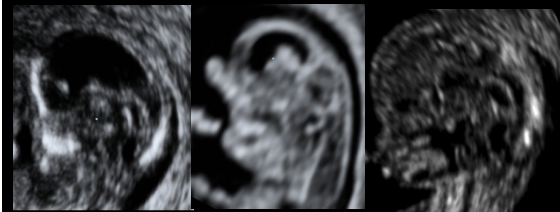
**Conclusions** The 'butterfly' sign appears to be a highly sensitive marker for HPE in the first trimester. On the other hand, BPD measurements had a lower sensitivity, implying that microcephaly is not a prominent first-trimester feature in these cases. Incorporation of the 'butterfly' sign into the first trimester anatomy scan is simple and can facilitate the identification of the vast majority of fetuses with HPE in the first trimester. © 2013 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.



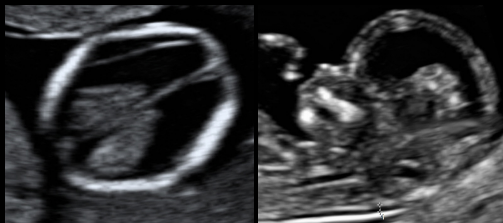
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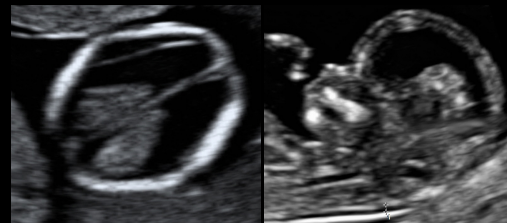
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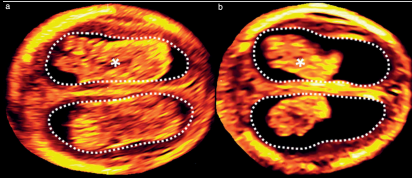
## Ventriculomegaly



### Lateral ventricles in fetuses with aneuploidies at 11–13 weeks' gestation

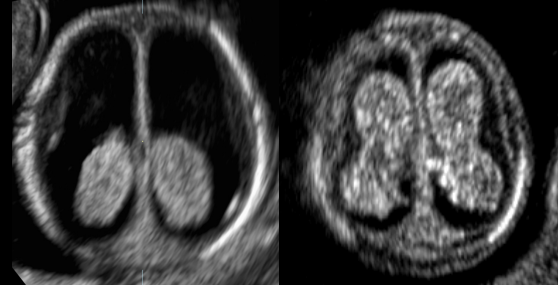
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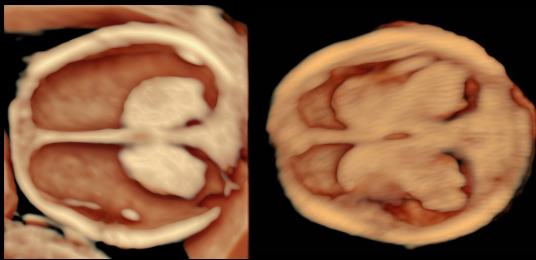


The finding of **contracted choroid plexus** should raise suspicion of **ventricular dilation**

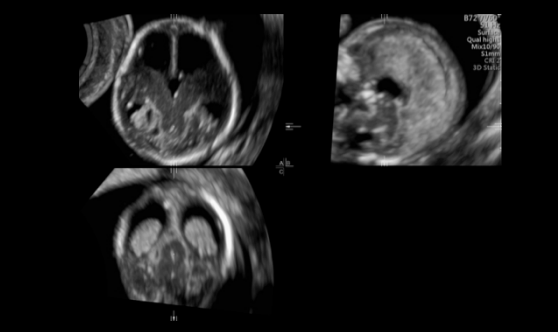
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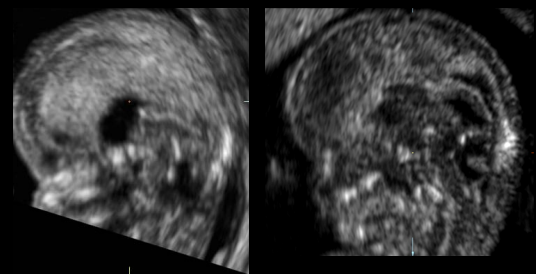


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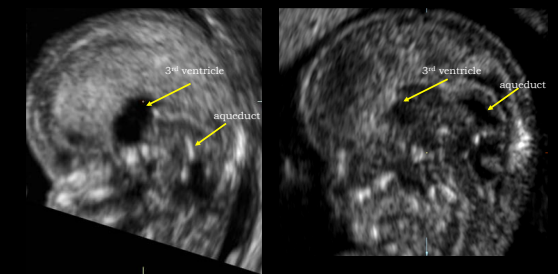


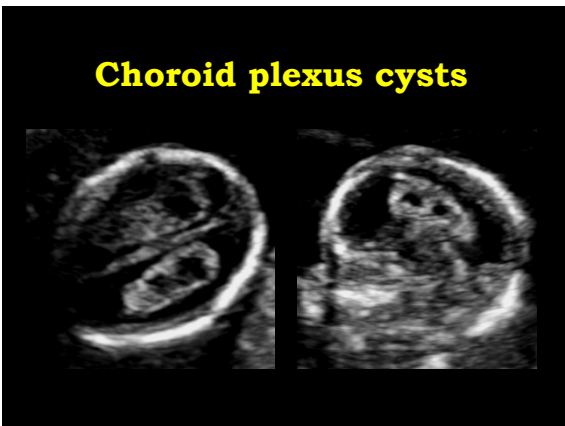
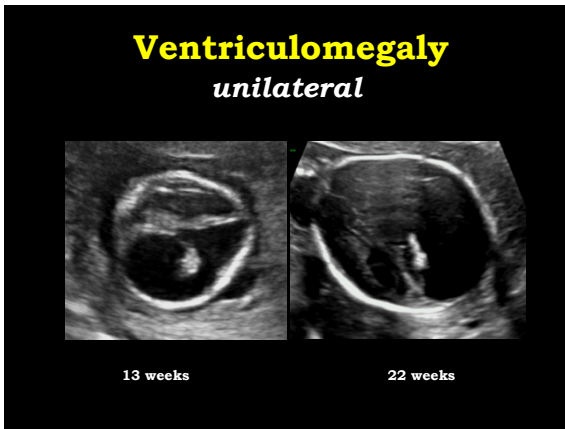
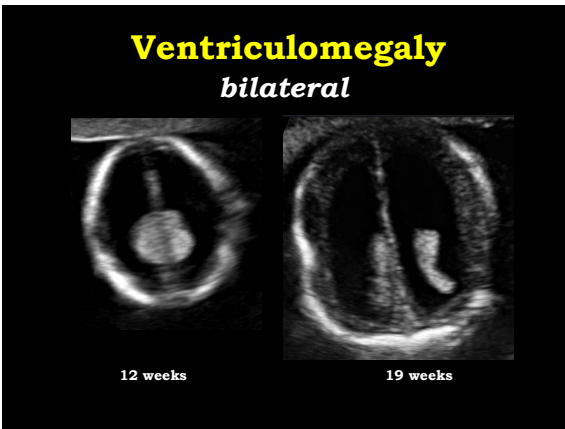
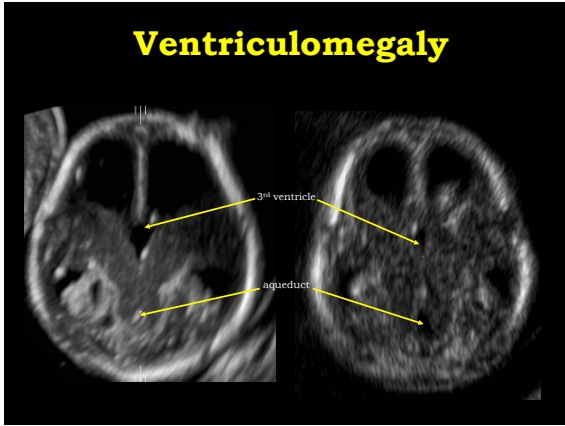
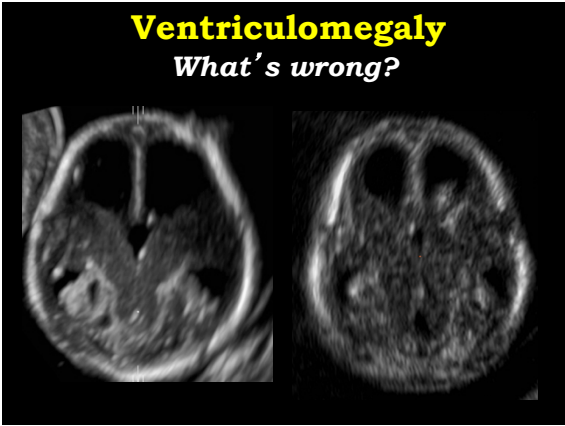
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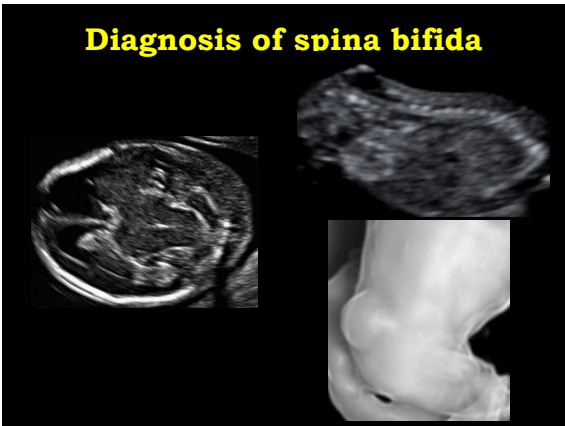
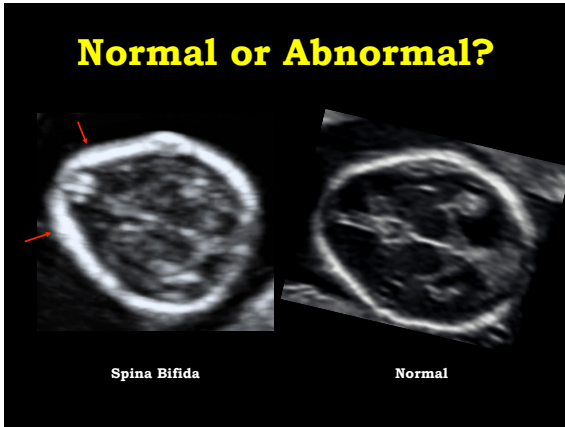
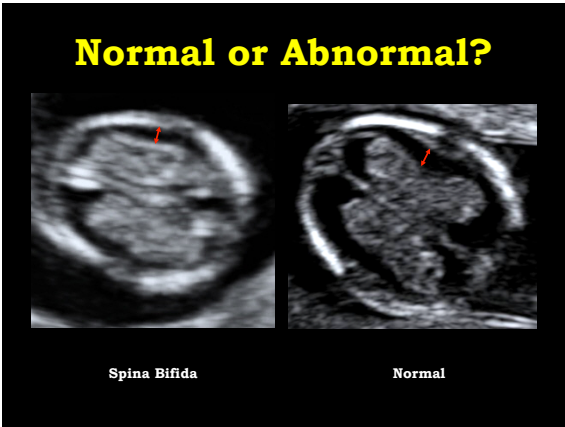
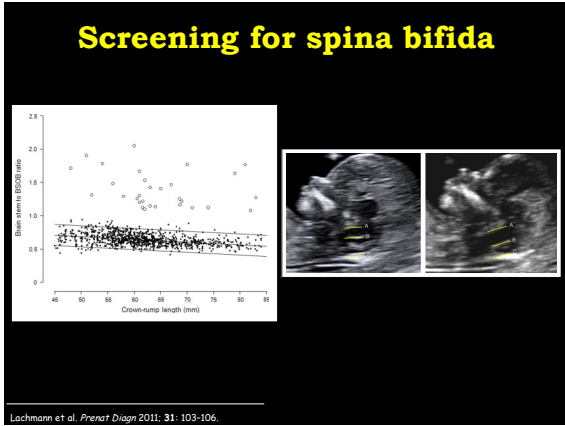
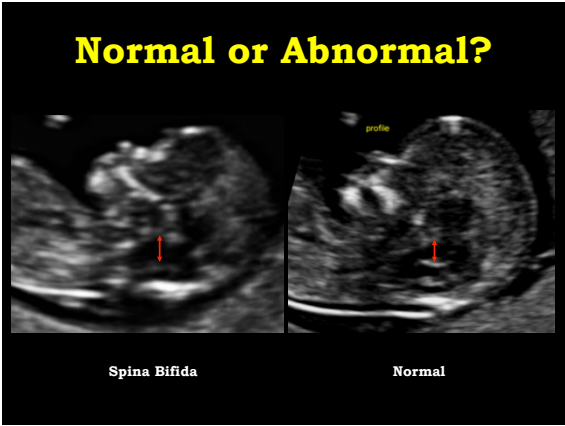
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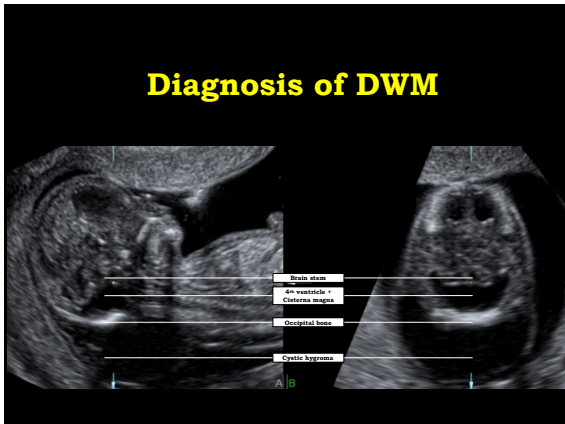
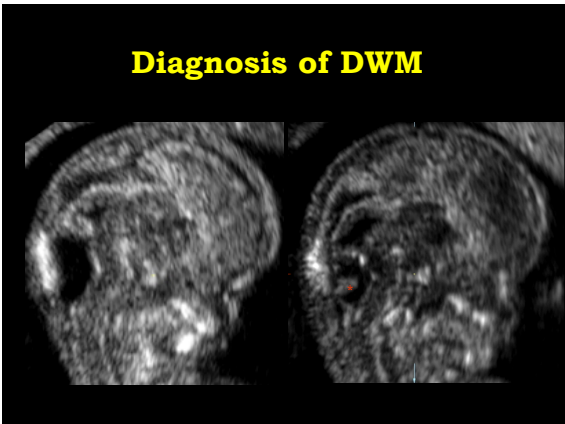
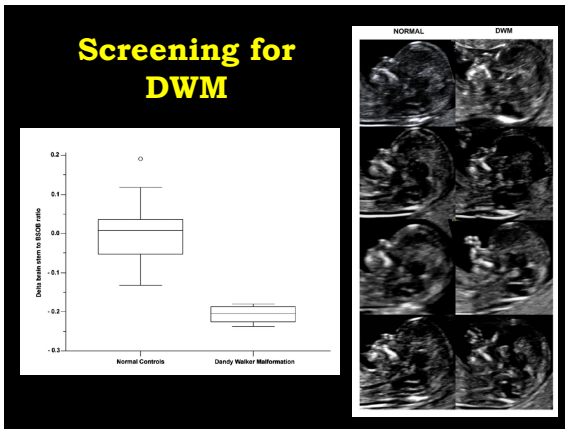
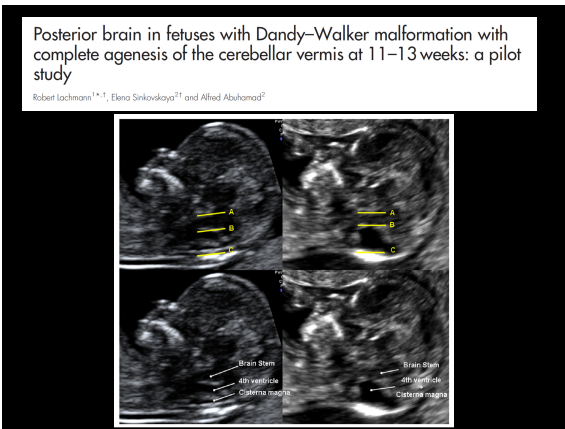
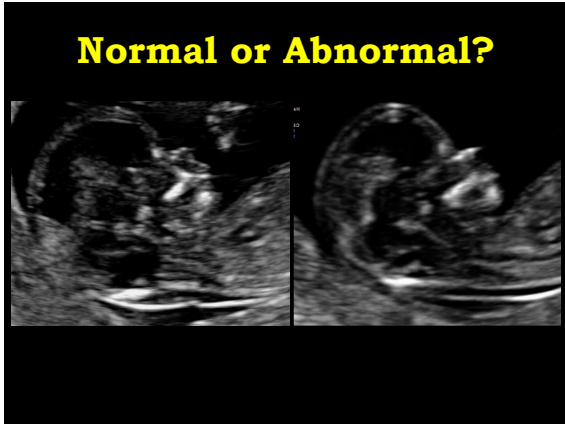
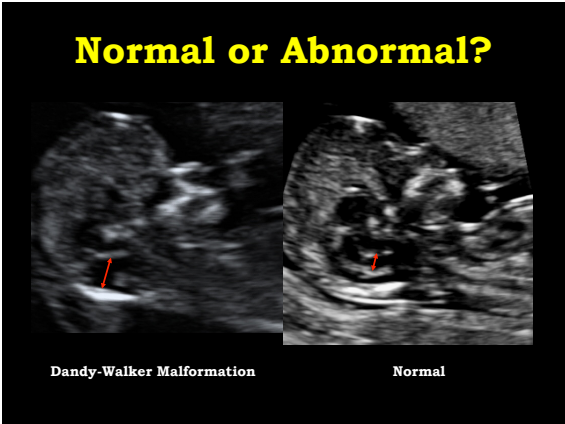
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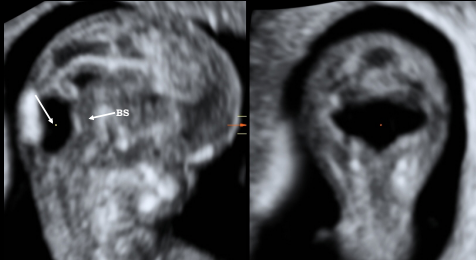




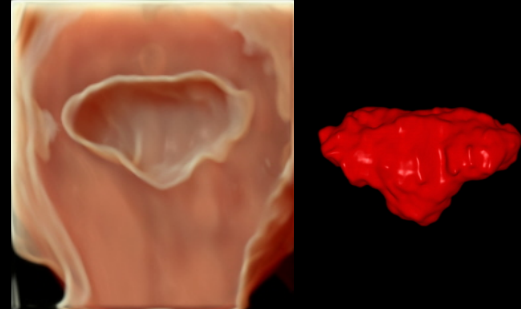




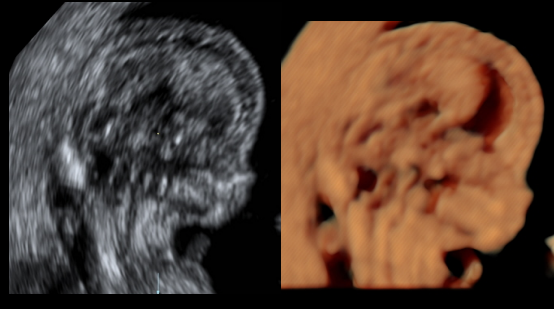
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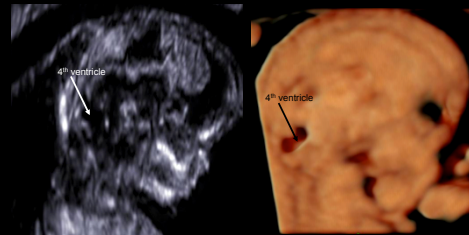
## Diagnosis of DWM



## Dandy-Walker Variant 12+3 weeks gestation



## Blake's pouch cyst 13+4 weeks gestation



## To take home....

1. A screening technique using both transverse and midsagittal view of the fetal head allows for early detection of major fetal CNS anomalies
2. In experienced hands detailed fetal neurosonography can be performed in early gestation using combined TA&TV approach in patients with high-risk for fetal CNS abnormalities

## EVMS

## First Look







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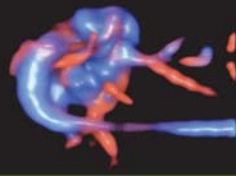
# **THE APPROACH TO FETAL CARDIAC IMAGING IN EARLY GESTATION**

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## Advanced Evaluation of the Fetal Heart



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## The Top 5 Critical Anatomic Regions in Fetal Cardiac Imaging

### Top 5 Critical Anatomic Regions

1. Normal Left Atrium
2. Normal Left Ventricular Outflow
3. Normal Semilunar Valves
4. Normal 3VT View
5. Normal Cardiac Axis in Early Gestation

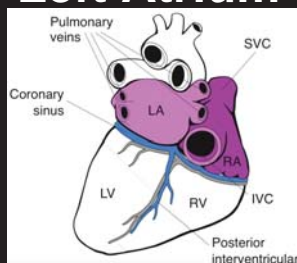
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### Top Critical Anatomic Regions

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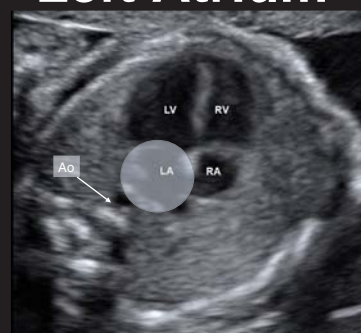
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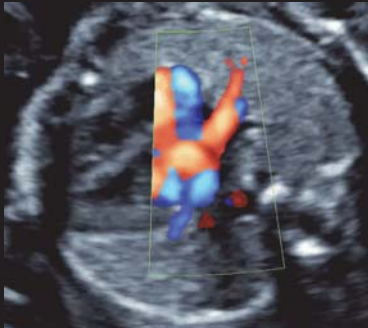


Posteriorly located, over the spine  
Anterior and posterior portion is smooth  
Receives four pulmonary veins  
Left atrial appendage is narrow, fingerlike with coarse walls

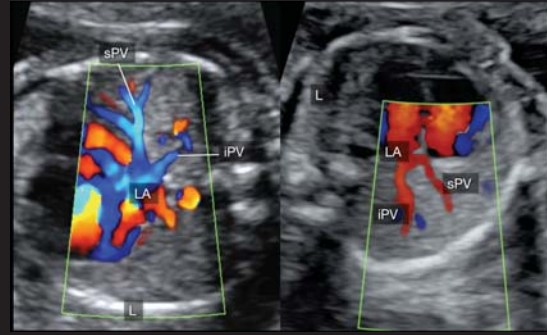
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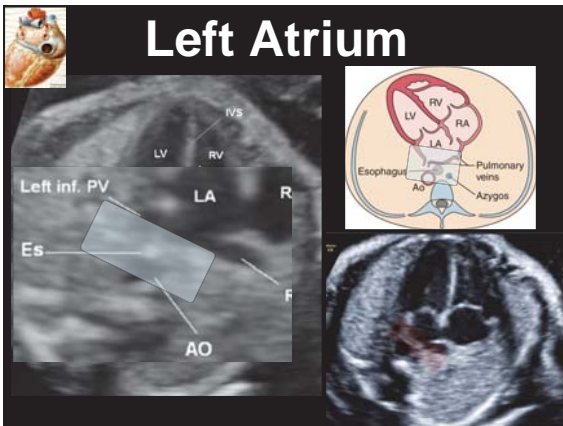
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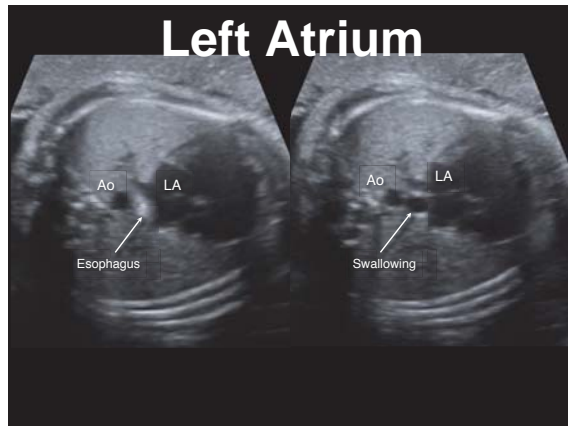
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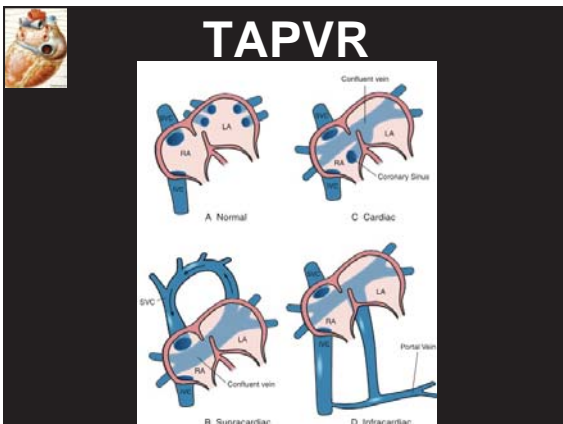
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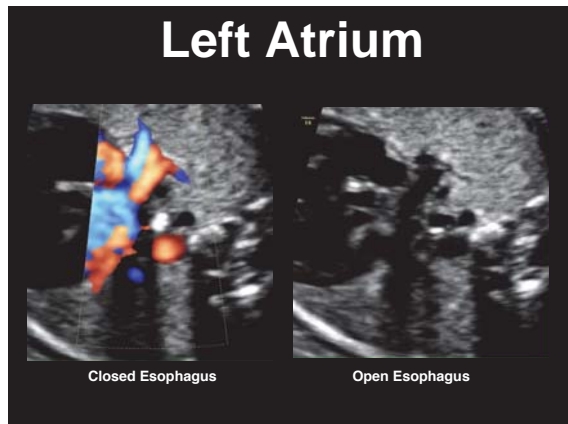
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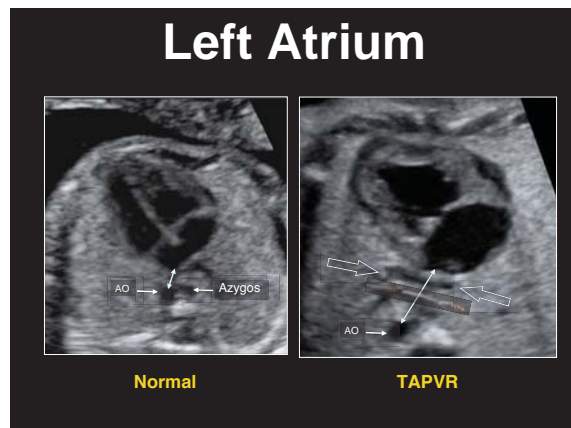
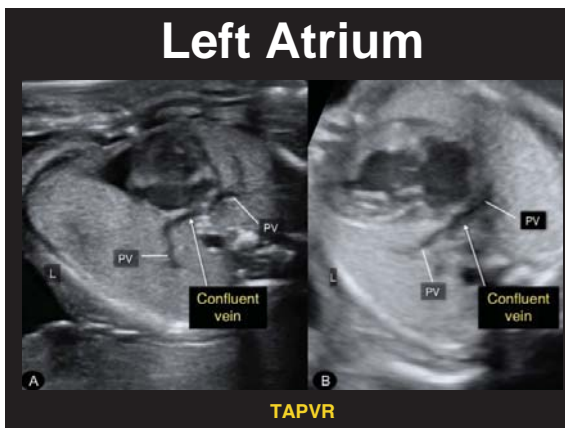
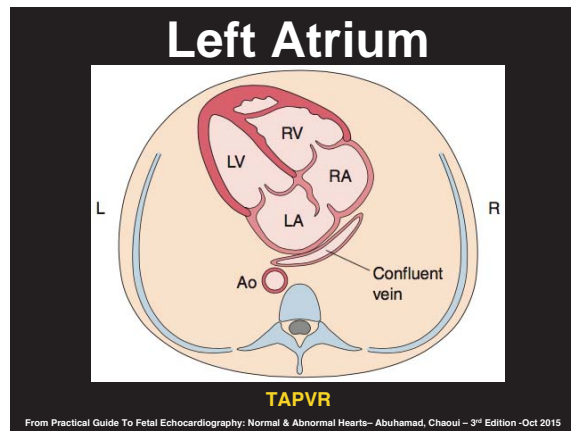
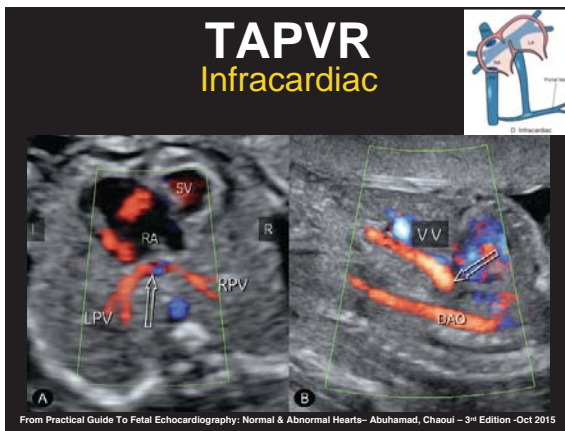
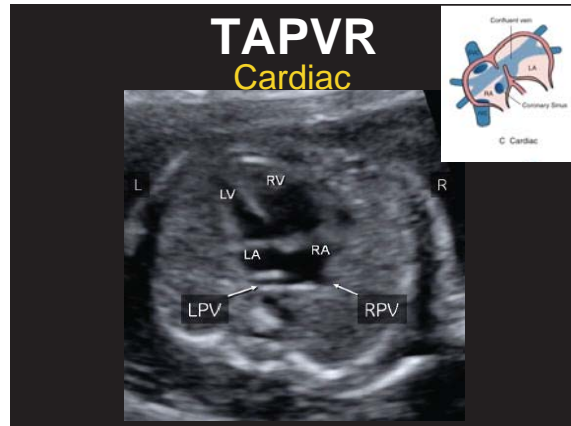
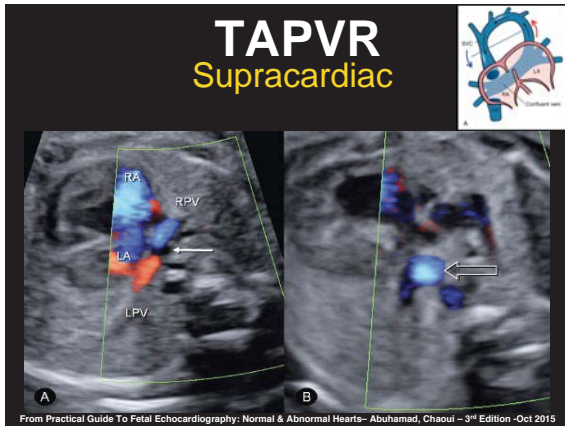


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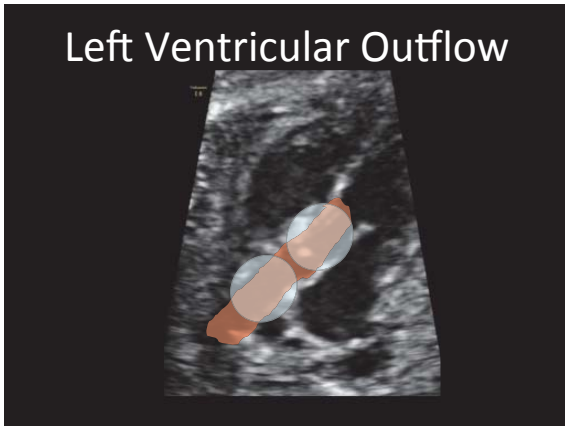
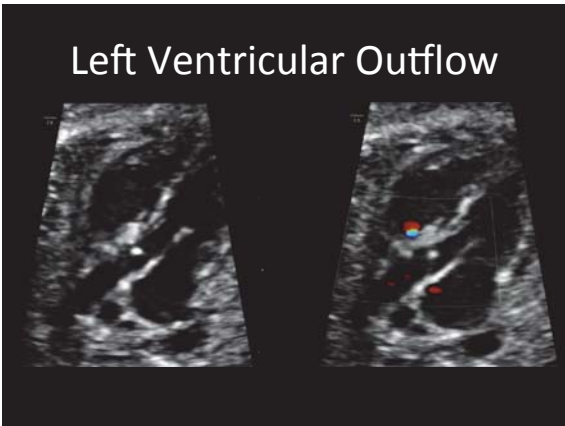
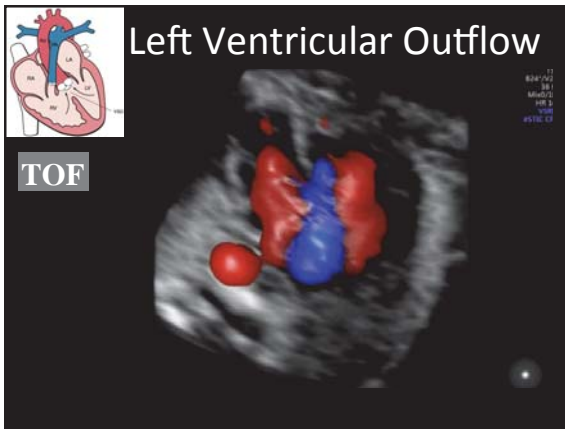
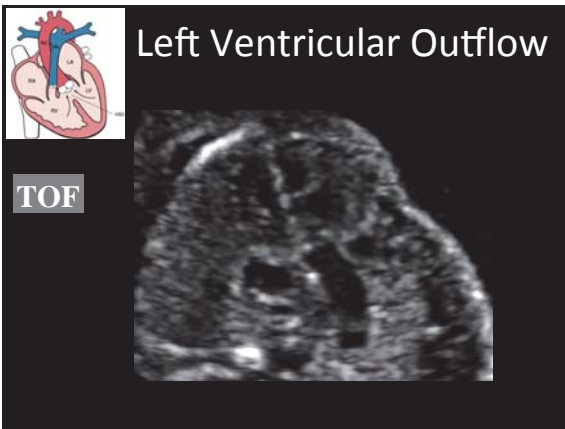
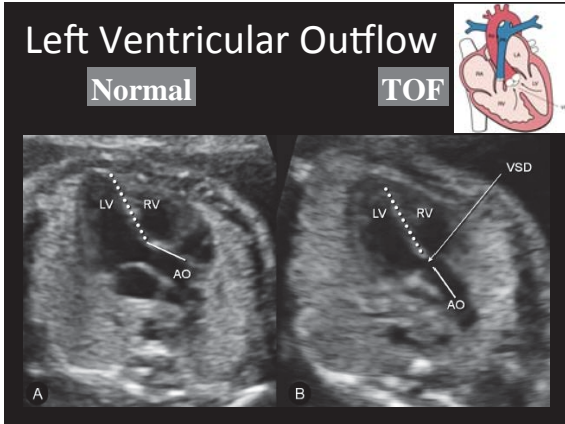
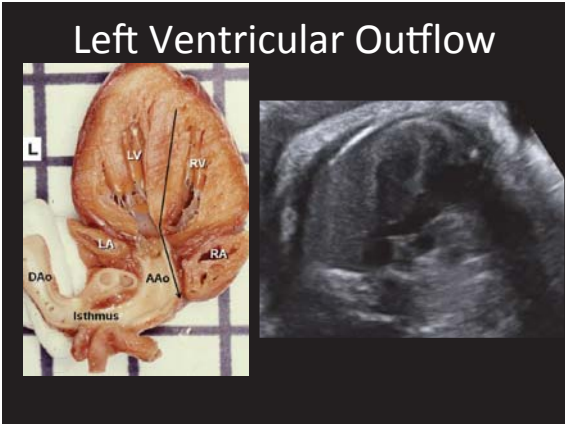
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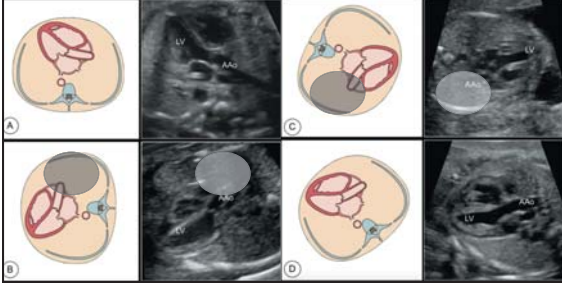








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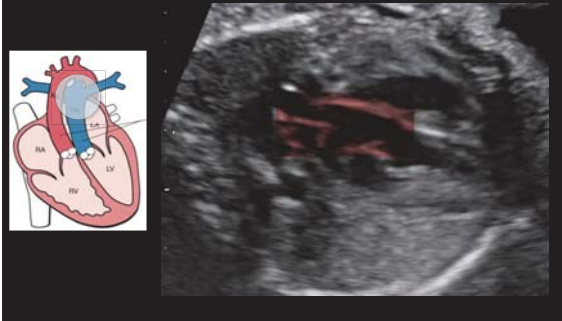


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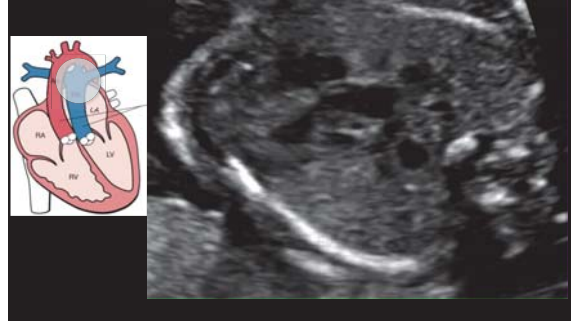
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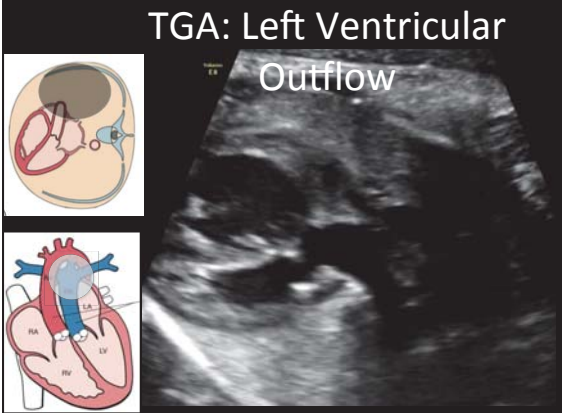
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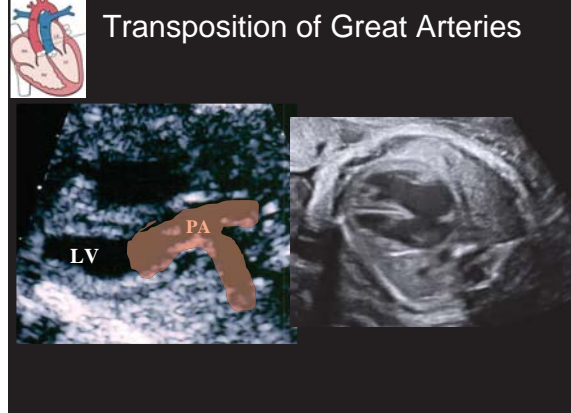
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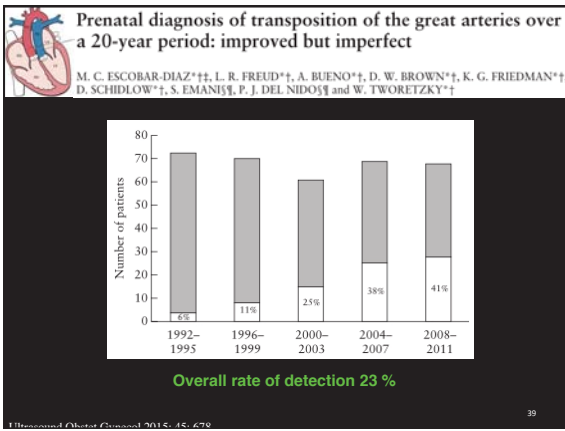
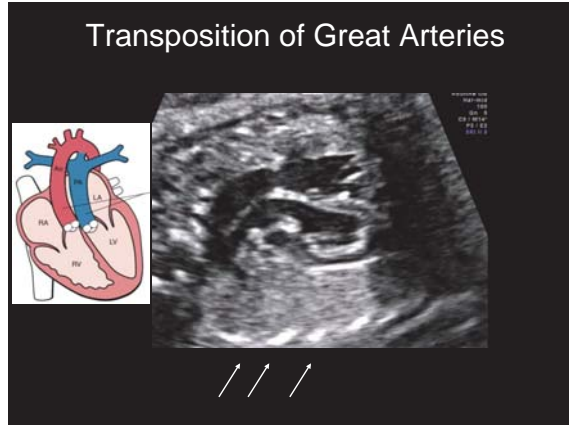
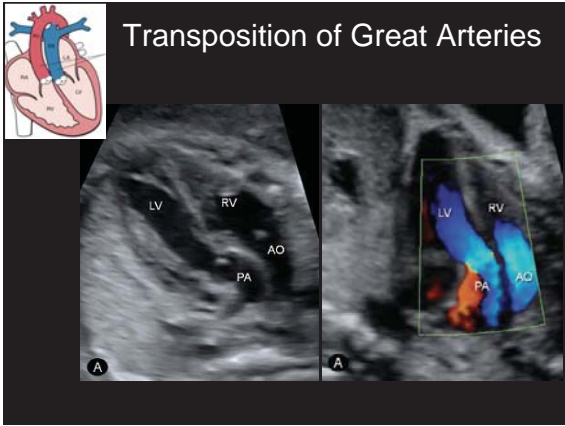
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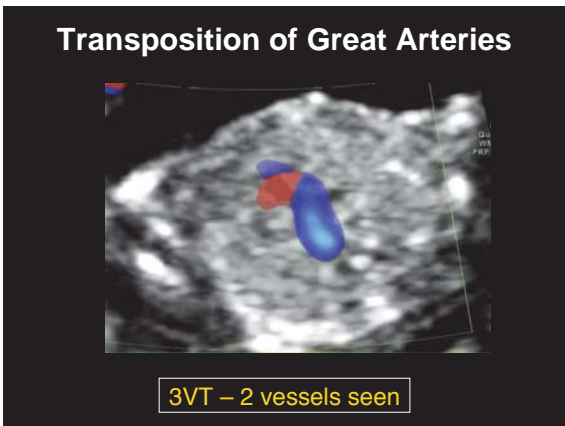
### Transposition of Great Arteries







- ### Normal Left Ventricular Outflow
- Mitral - aortic continuity
  - Aorta within left ventricle
  - Angle of ascending aorta with ventricular septum
  - Aorta does not divide
  - Close observation of aortic valves



## Top 5 Critical Anatomic Regions

1. Normal Left Atrium
2. Normal Ascending Aorta
3. Normal Semilunar Valves

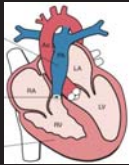
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## Normal Semilunar Valves



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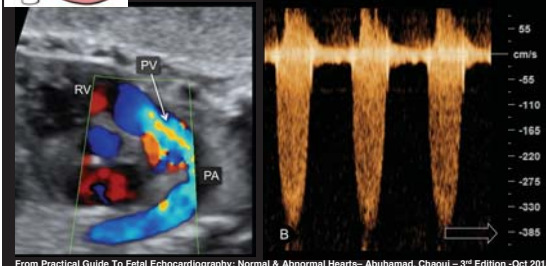
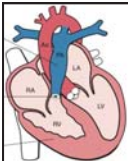
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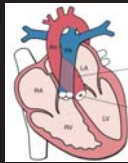


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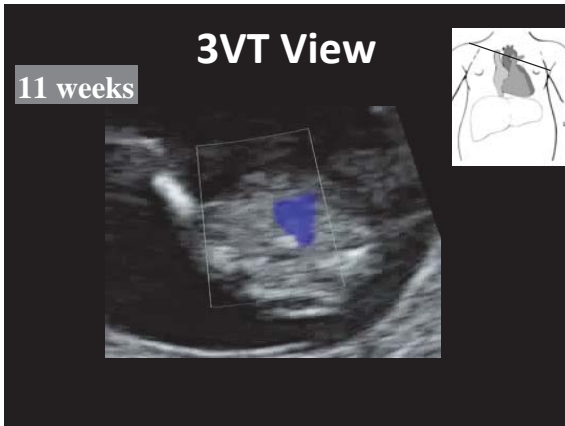
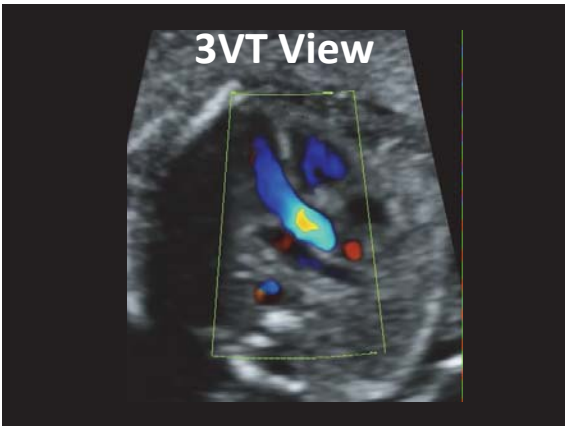
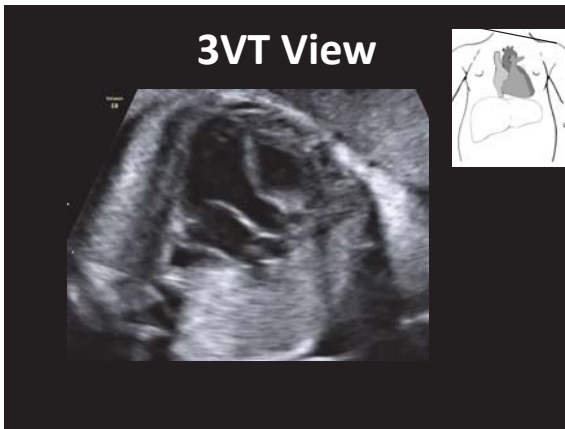
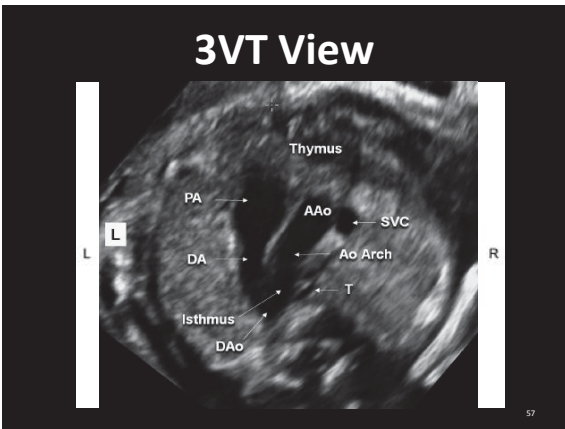
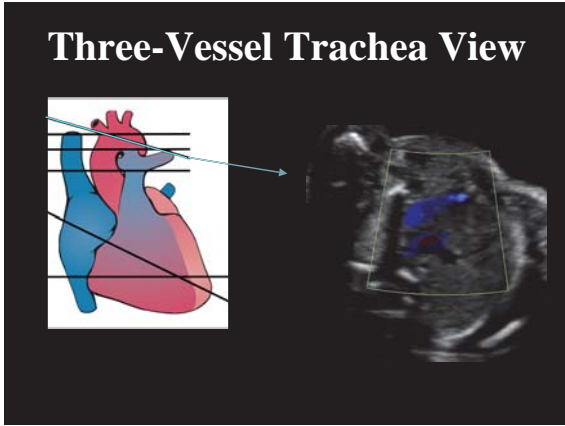
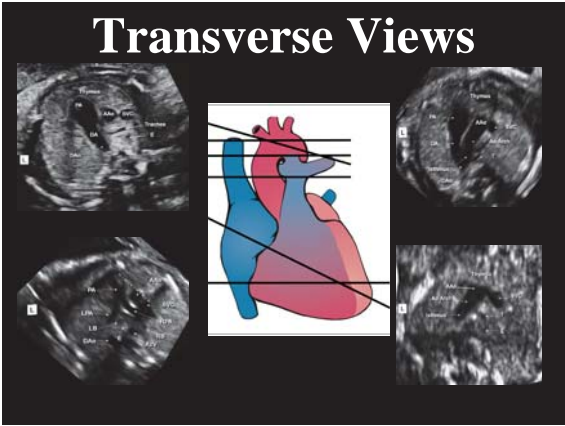


### Pulmonary/Aortic Stenosis

- Look at valve echogenicity
- Look at valve excursion in systole (cineloop should open fully in systole)
- Look at wall of vessel beyond the annulus
- Look at color Doppler for aliasing
- Look at pulsed Doppler for velocity



- ### Top 5 Critical Anatomic Regions
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  4. Normal 3VT View

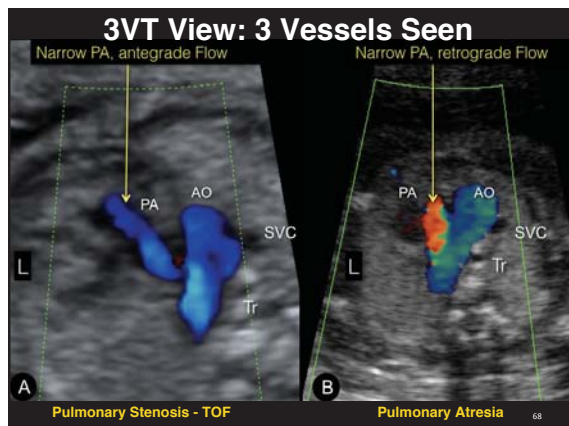
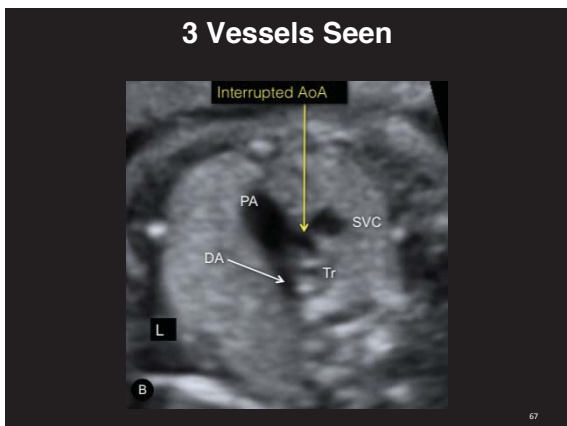
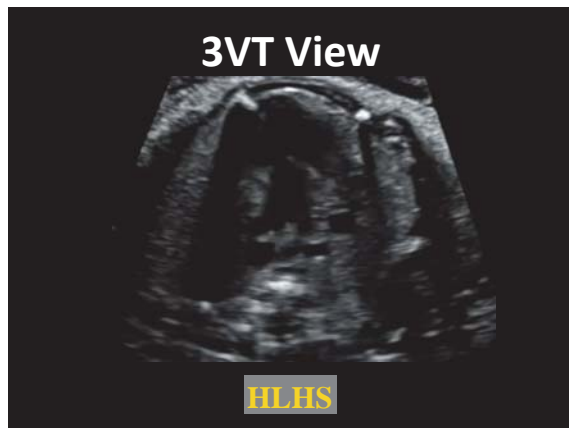
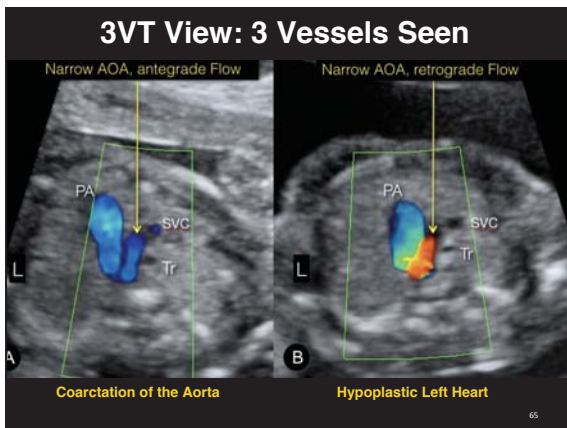


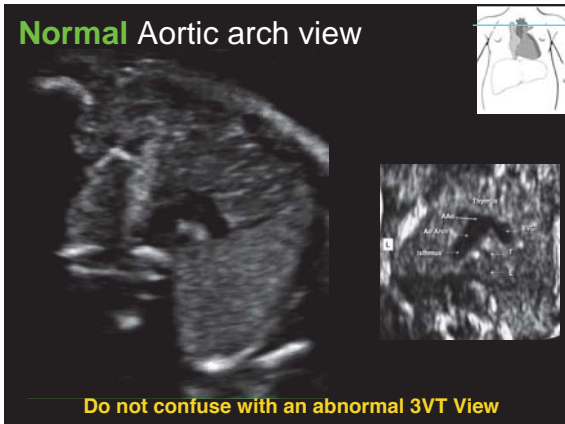
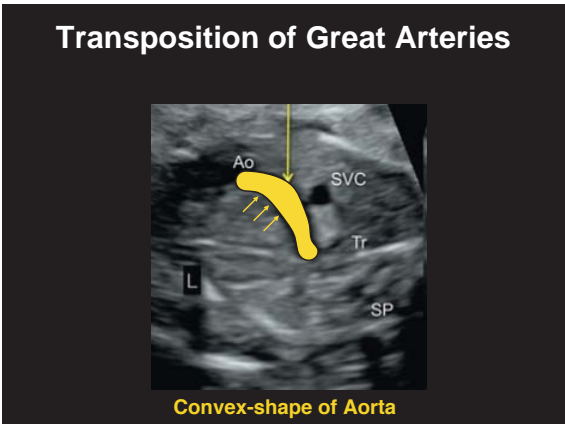
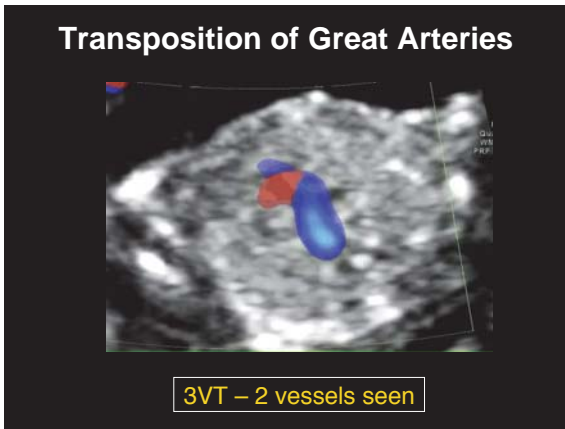
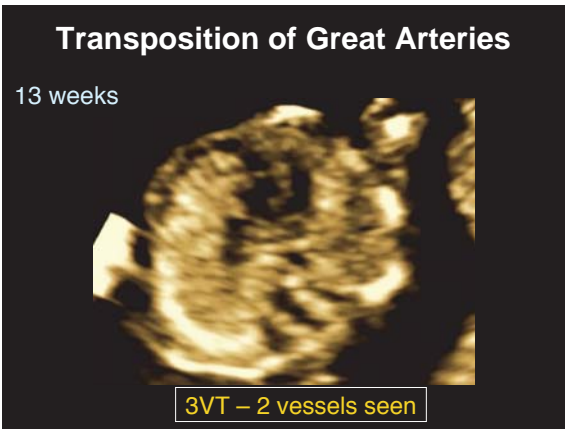
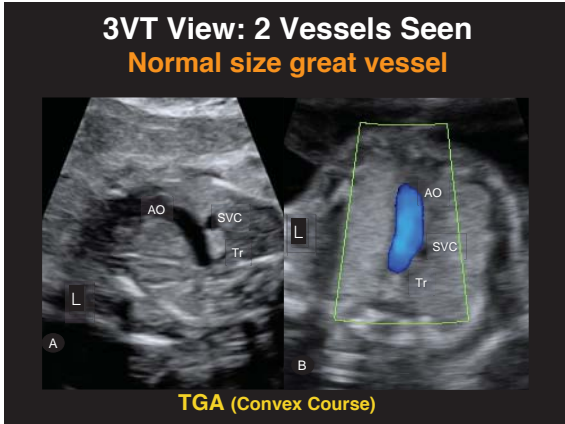
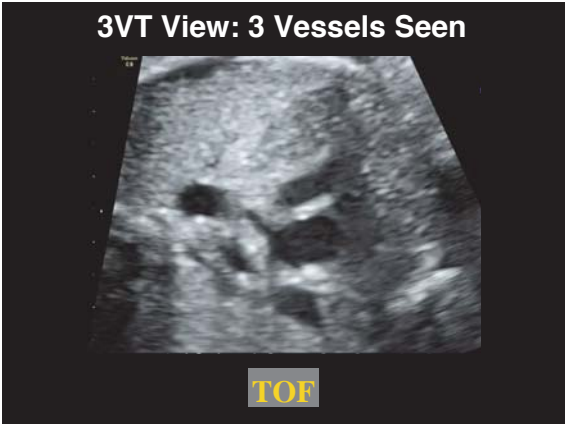


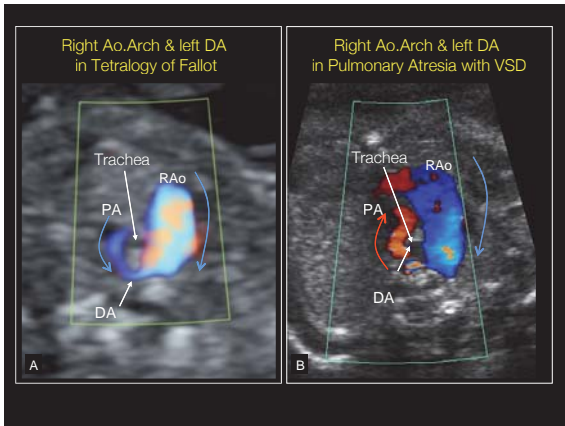
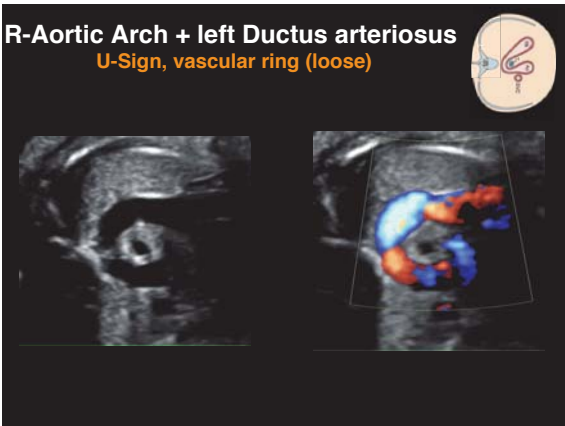
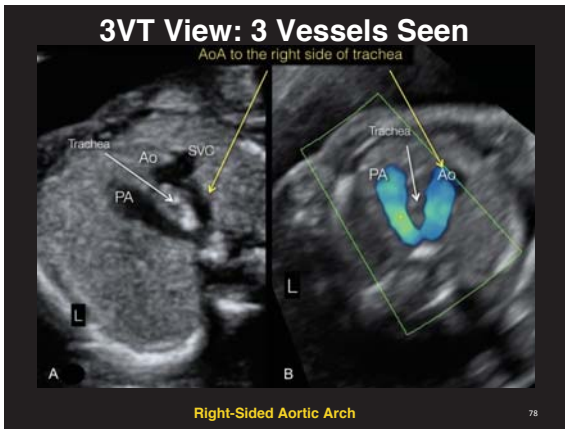
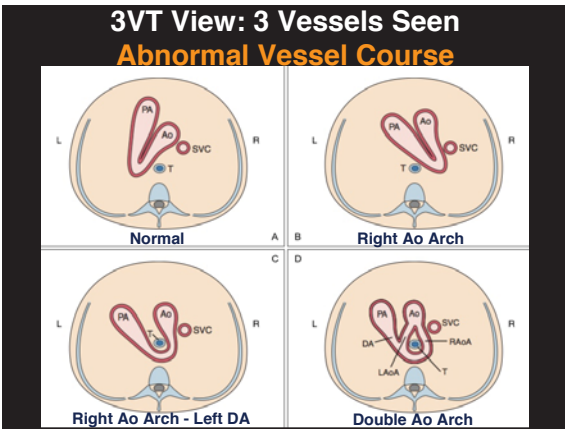
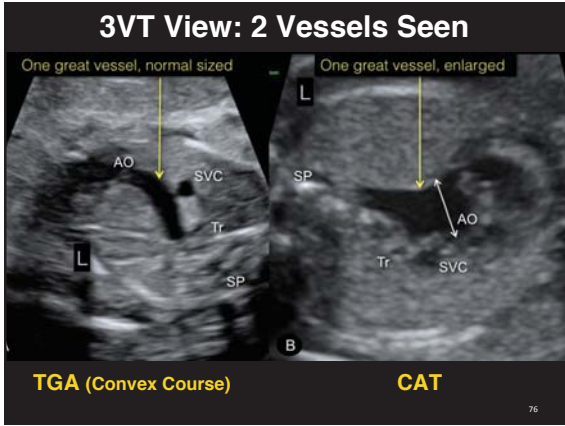
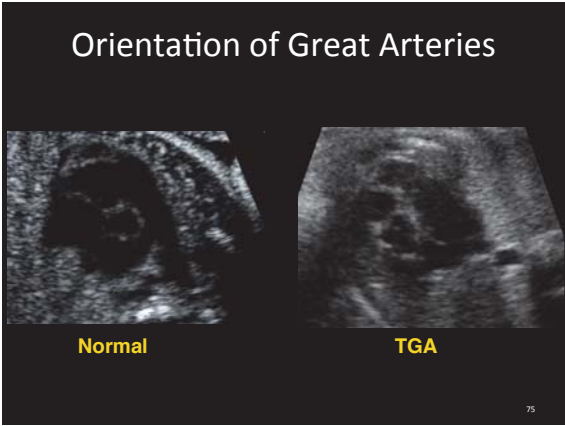


### Checklist 3-VT-view

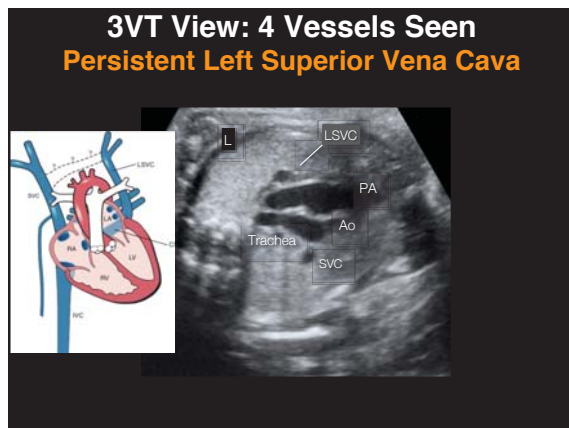
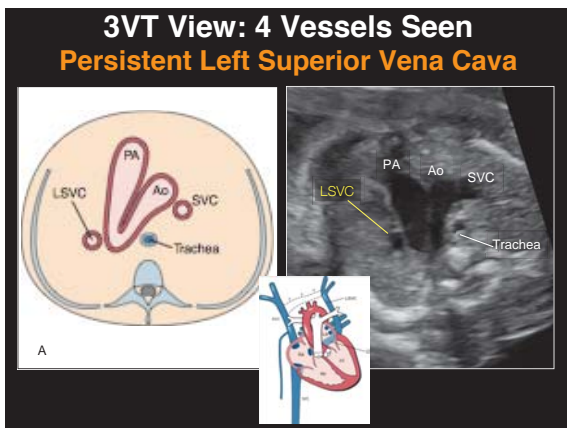
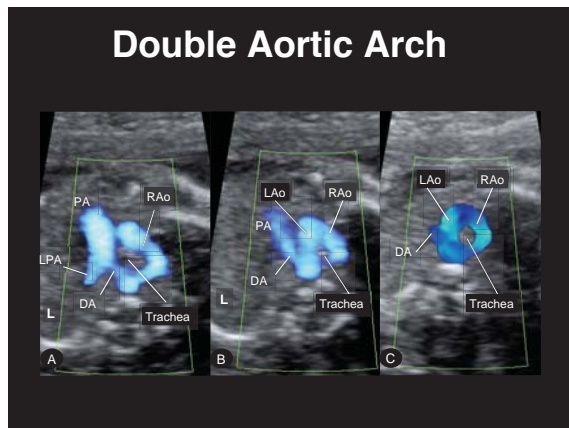
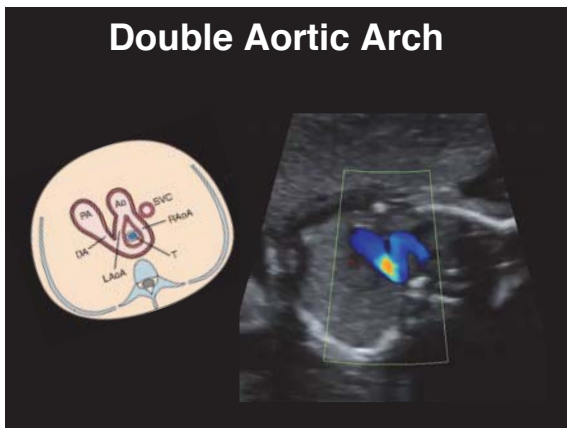
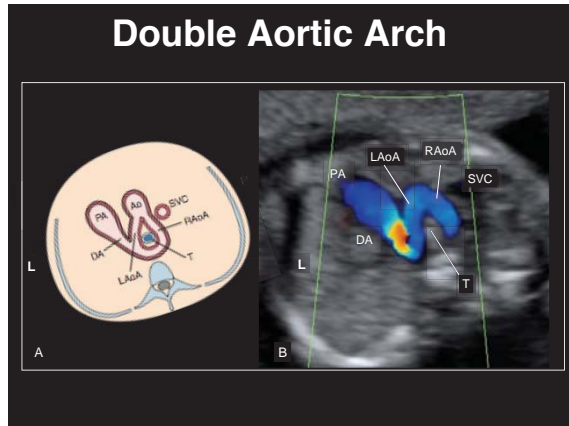
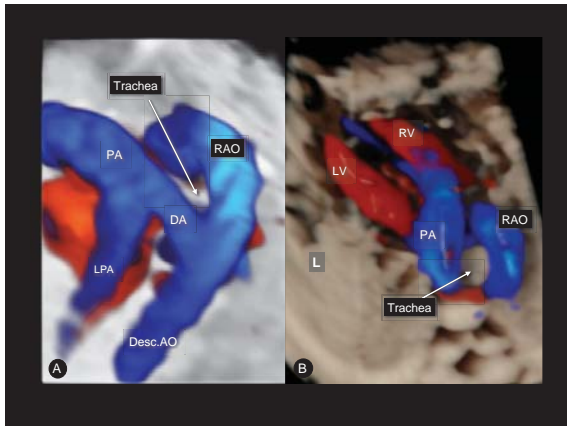
- Course and size of PA, Ao and SVC
- Aortic isthmus and ductus arteriosus
- Aortic arch right or left-sided ?  
(Trachea as landmark)
- Thymus visualized
- Assessment with Color Doppler: "Blue V" or "Red V"
- Atypical vessels (left persistent SVC - Vertical Vein)



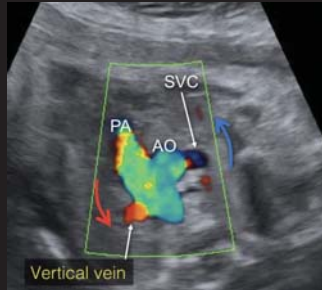
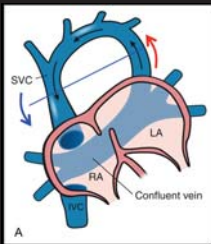






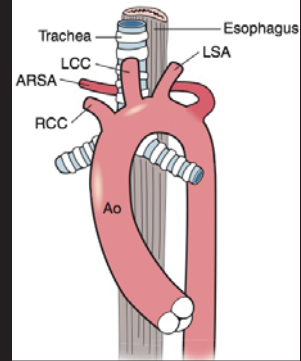


### 3VT View: 4 Vessels Seen Supracardiac TAPVR

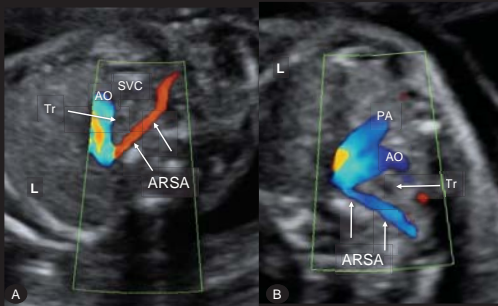


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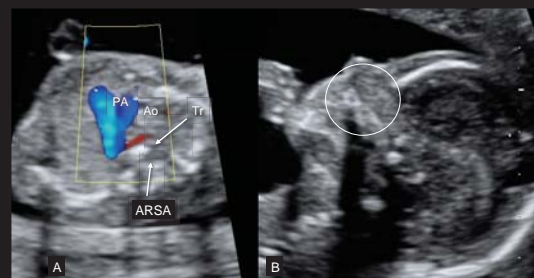
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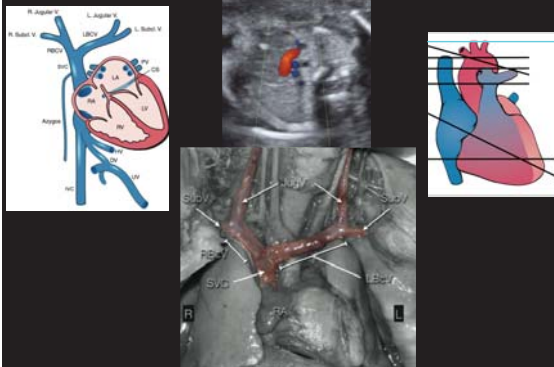
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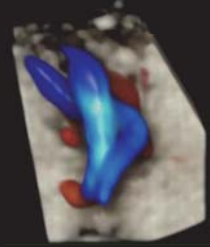
### Left Brachiocephalic Vein



### 3VT View

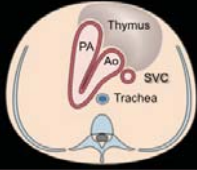
#### Abnormal in:

- HLHS
- HRHS
- TGA
- DORV
- TOF
- CAT
- TAPVR
- PA-VSD
- PS / PA
- Critical Ao Stenosis
- Coarctation of Ao
- ARSA
- LSVC
- TA-VSD
- RAA
- Double Ao Arch
- Ebstein
- Interrupted Ao Arch



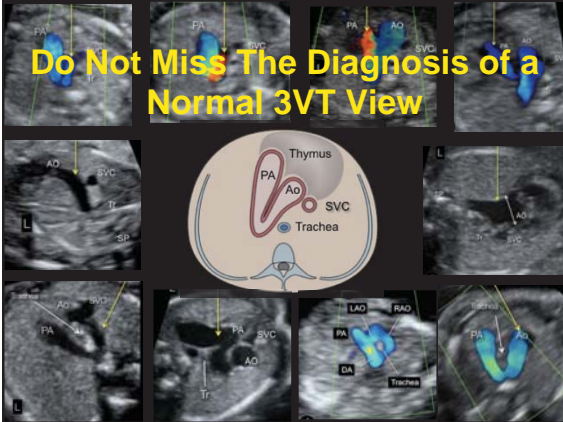
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# 3VT View



- In my opinion, the most important ultrasound view in the fetus
- It is easy to obtain - especially in early gestation
- Anatomic landmarks easy to identify and master
- It is affected in most major CHD
- Strong consideration should be given to its incorporation in screening ultrasound examinations

# Do Not Miss The Diagnosis of a Normal 3VT View



# Top Critical Anatomic Regions

1. Normal Left Atrium
2. Normal Ascending Aorta
3. Normal Semilunar Valves
4. Normal 3VT View
5. Normal Cardiac Axis in Early Gestation

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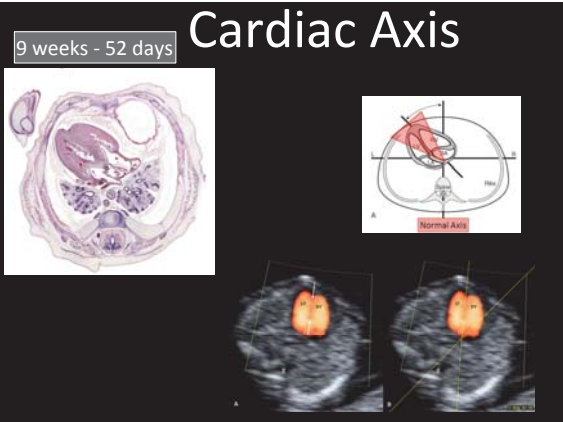
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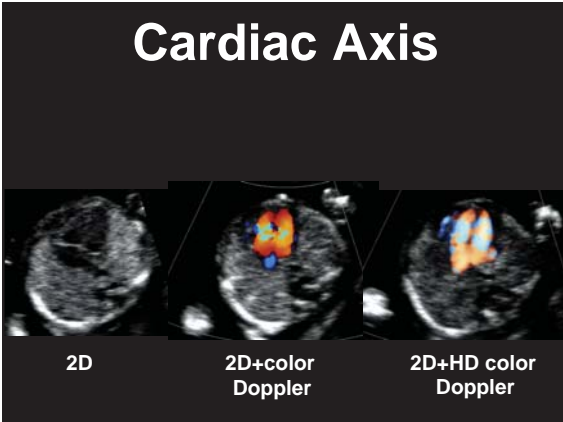
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# Cardiac Axis

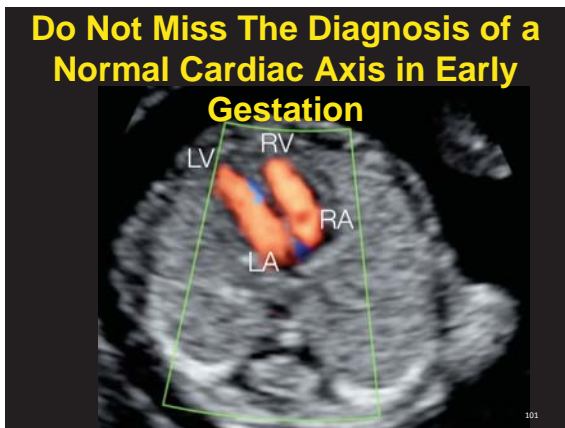
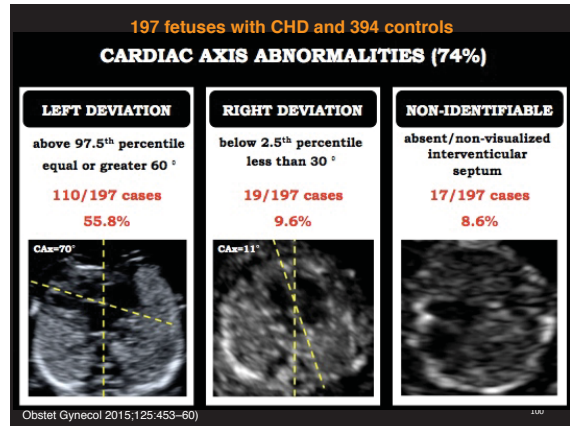
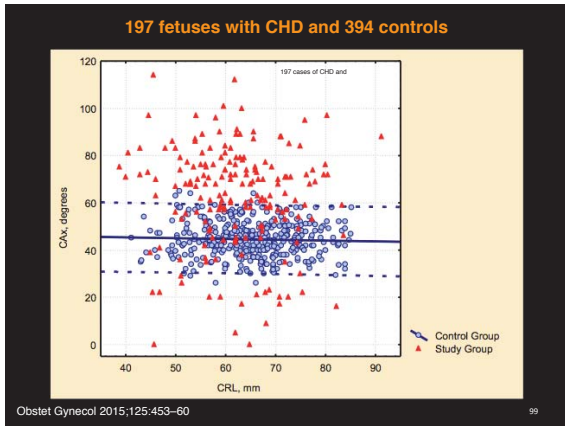
9 weeks - 52 days



# Cardiac Axis



2D      2D+color Doppler      2D+HD color Doppler



- 5 Top Anatomic Regions**
- **Normal left atrium:** rule out TAPVR, Isomerism, Interrupted IVC
  - **Normal ascending aorta:** rule out TOF, TGA, DORV
  - **Normal semilunar valves:** rule out AS, PS, HLHS, PA
  - **Normal 3VT view:** rule out conotruncal anomalies, RAA, HLHS, coarctation of Ao
  - **Normal cardiac axis in early gestation:** rule out major CHD in first trimester

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# **HANDS-ON SCANNING DEMONSTRATION: FETAL ANATOMY REVIEW IN EARLY GESTATION**

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# **ANOMALIES OF THE FETAL GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT**

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## FETAL GASTROINTESTINAL MALFORMATIONS AND ABDOMINAL WALL DEFECTS



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### Objectives

- Identify normal sonographic appearance of the fetal GI tract, diaphragm and abdominal wall
- Learn normal views of these structures
- Systematic approach to evaluate anomalies
- Understand pitfalls in imaging the fetal abdomen

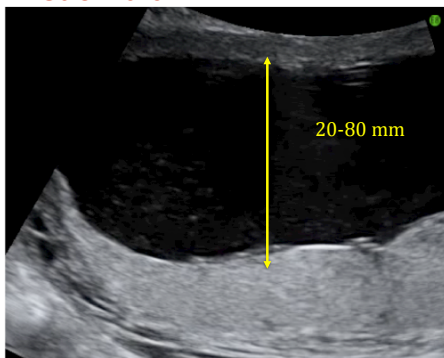
### Systematic approach to diagnosing GI malformations

- Become familiar with normal views to detect what is normal
- Abnormal structures in the abdomen
  - Isolated or multiple?
  - If cystic, discrete or corrected?
- Anatomical landmarks to locate region
  - Upper or lower abdomen, midline or lateral?
  - Arising from or near which organ?
- Amniotic fluid

### Check the fluid levels

- Amniotic fluid
- Fluid outside the organs (ascites)
- Fluid filled organs
- Too much?
- Too little?

### Amniotic Fluid



### Amniotic Fluid

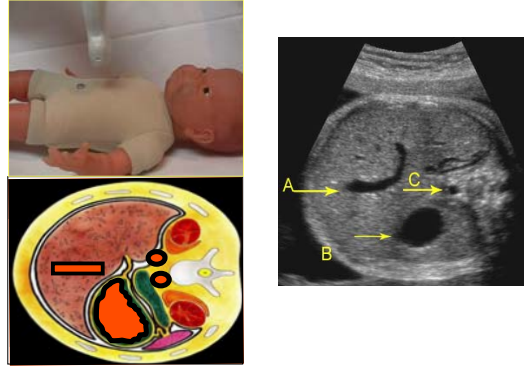
- Too much?
  - Look for gastrointestinal obstructions
- Too little?
  - Evaluate possible urogenital disorders



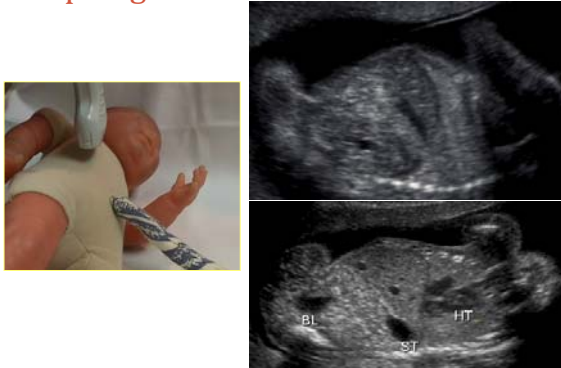
## Anatomical Landmarks

- Amniotic fluid
- Diaphragm
- Liver
- Stomach
- Intestine
- Abdominal wall
- Umbilical vein
- Bladder
- Kidneys

## Stomach, Umbilical Vein, and Aorta



## Diaphragm



## Small Bowel

- Middle-to-lower part of the fetal abdomen
- Hyperechoic



## Fetal Diaphragm



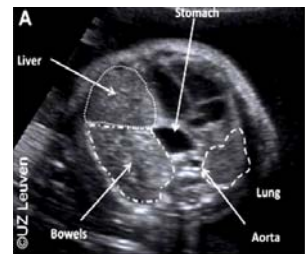
## Diaphragm Evaluation from a 4-Chamber View

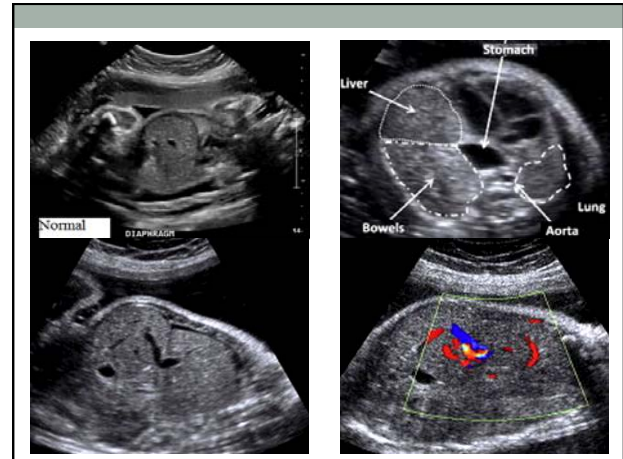
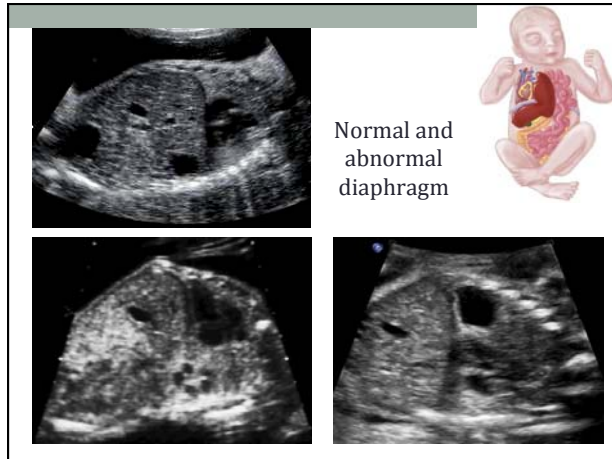


### Normal



### Abnormal

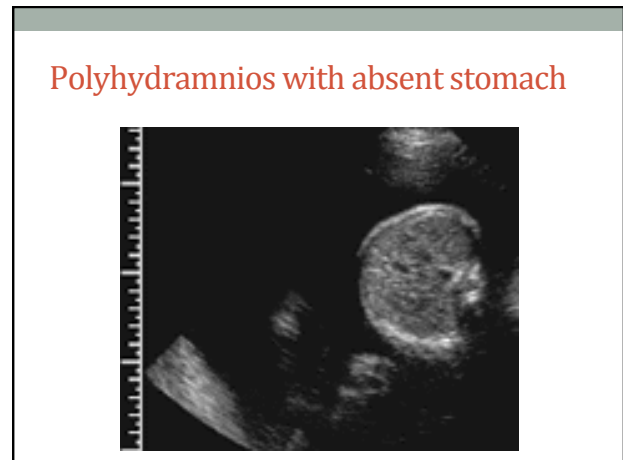




### Gastro-intestinal Obstructions

What are the causes?

- **Intrinsic**
  - Atresia
  - Web
- **Extrinsic**
  - Bands
  - Volvulus
- Exact cause is not seen antenatally

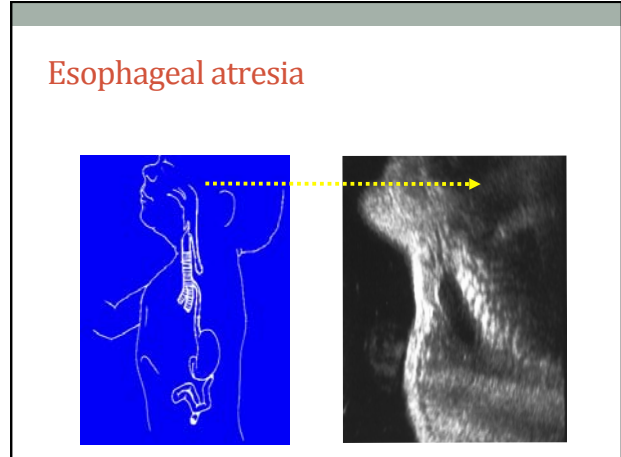
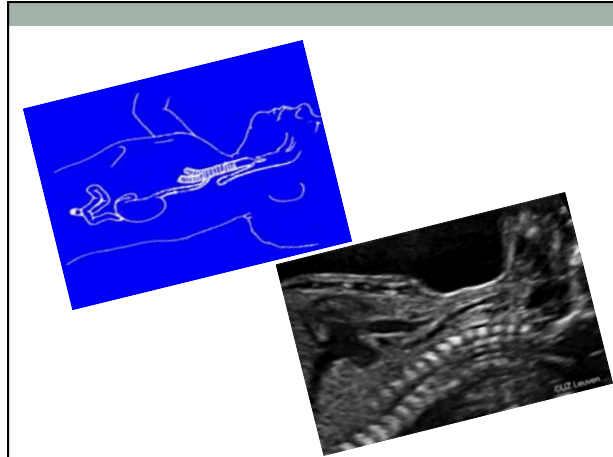


### Esophageal atresia

- Indirect signs
  - Small or invisible stomach
  - Polyhydramnios

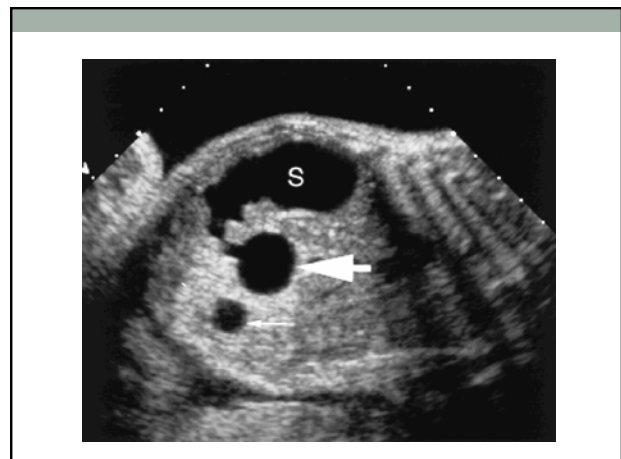
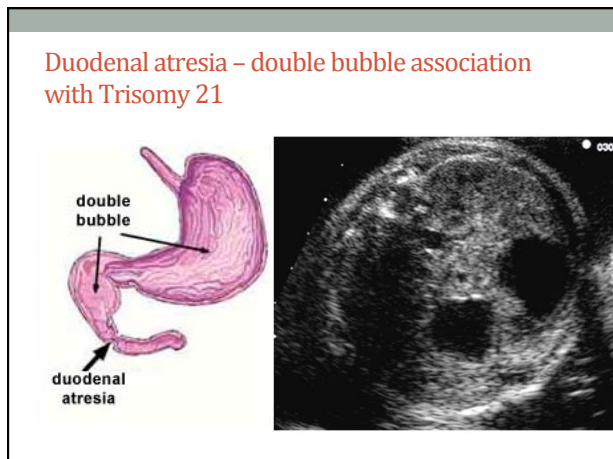
When the stomach is not visible ... wait for an hour and look again

This panel shows an ultrasound image of a fetus with a small stomach. A clock icon is present, indicating the need to wait for an hour before re-examining the fetus. A red circle with the number '1' is also shown.



- ### Esophageal atresia
- Prenatal detection rate 40%
  - Associated anomalies 80%
  - Prenatal diagnosis usually occurs in 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester

- ### Duodenal atresia - double bubble
- Associated with polydramnios
  - “Double bubble” sign is the result of a dilated stomach and proximal duodenum
  - Two communicating cystic masses appear in the upper abdomen
  - 30% of duodenal atresia cases are associated with T21
  - **Caution urged not to misinterpret a normal gallbladder adjacent to the stomach as a “double bubble”**



## Dilation of Small Bowel & Colon

- Diameter of lumen of fetal small bowel rarely >6 mm
- Congenital small bowel syndrome:
  - Fatal, but rare condition
  - Few familial cases reported associated with malrotation
  - U/S presentation: delayed return of midgut to the abdominal cavity, dilated loops and polyhydramnios
- Diameter of lumen of fetal colon rarely >20 mm

## Jejunal atresia

- Most upper bowel obstruction seen with polyhydramnios and dilated loops of bowel may also be seen
- Jejunal atresia may give rise to a “triple bubble” sign
- Typical appearance:
  - Proximal small bowel dilatation appears as multicystic sonolucent masses
  - May be a single, fluid-filled bubble in the abdomen
  - Peristaltic movement of small particles in the fluid-filled lesion
  - No dilatation is visible in other parts of the interesting

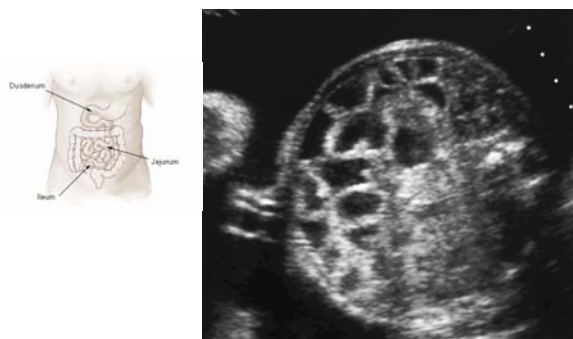
## Proximal jejunal atresia



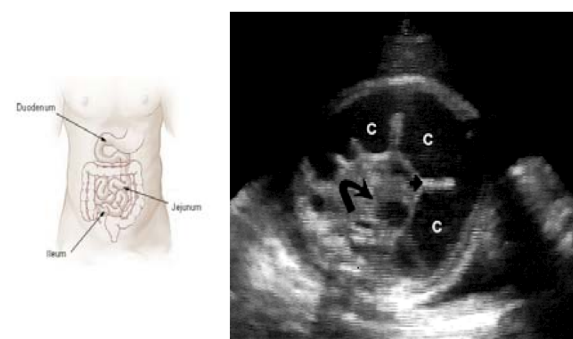
## Distal jejunal atresia



## Ileal atresia



## Colonic atresia



## Unusual lesions – mesenteric cysts

## Meconium peritonitis

- Meconium released by a bowel perforation causes chemical peritonitis



- Meconium deposits may calcify creating a “snowstorm” appearance



## Causes of Fetal Ascites

- Gastrointestinal causes
  - Bowel atresias
  - Volvulus
  - Meconium peritonitis
  - Bowel obstruction with perforation

## Ascites



## Echogenicity / Calcification



**NOTE: Calcium has a distal shadow, echogenicity does not**

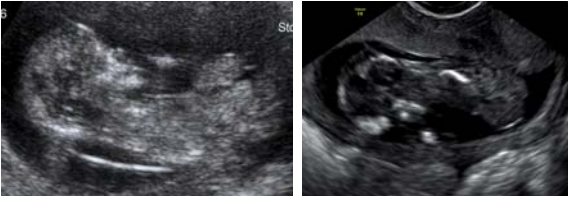
## Echogenic Bowel





## Limb-Body Wall Complex

- Lethal condition with severe anterior abdominal wall defect (defect is usually placed laterally involving the umbilical cord insertion size)

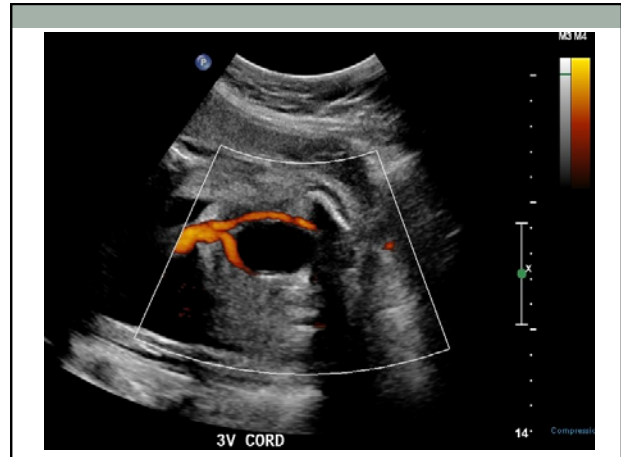


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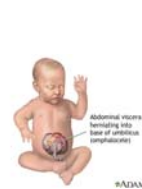
- Associated with Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber syndrome
- Diagnosed in presence of multiple surface masses producing limb hypertrophy
- Hydrops may occur



## Fetal Abdominal Wall: Anterior



## Omphalocele: High-risk Trisomies 13 & 18



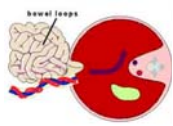
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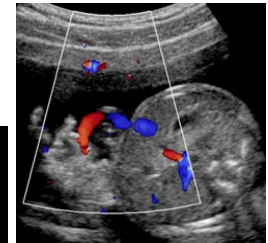
### Omphalocele



### Gastroschisis: Low risk aneuploidy



### Gastroschisis



### Gastroschisis



Intestine protruding through abdominal wall defect



### Pitfalls in diagnosing GI abnormalities





## Take home points

- When you find an anomaly ...



- Try to complete the examination



- Assess for any other signs of aneuploidy

- If you find one abnormality, there is often another one waiting to be found





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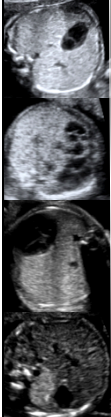
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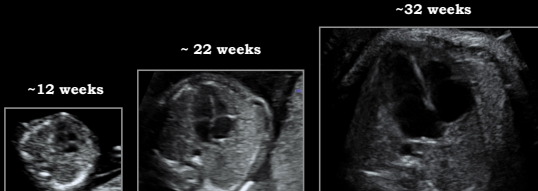
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## ANOMALIES OF THE FETAL CHEST

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### SCREENING EVALUATION



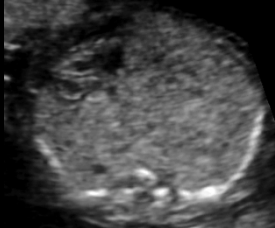
~12 weeks      ~ 22 weeks      ~32 weeks

On ultrasound fetal lungs appear as homogeneous and slightly echogenic tissue surrounding the heart;  
no evidence of effusion

### What is wrong?



### Congenital high airway obstruction (CHAOS)




**Incidence:** very rare

**Causes:**

- Laryngeal atresia
- Tracheal atresia
- Subglottic stenosis
- Laryngeal web

### CHAOS: sonographic presentation




**Fetal Lungs mass**

- Bilateral
- Enlarged
- Symmetric distended
- Echogenic
- Homogeneous

**Fetal Heart**

- Anterior and midline
- Compressed (restrictive CMP)

### CHAOS: sonographic presentation



**Other findings:**

- Flattened/inverted diaphragm
- fluid-filled bronchi & trachea
- Ascites/Hydrops
- Poly-/Oligohydramnios
- Placentomegaly

## CHAOS: prognosis & management

**Associated anomalies:** more than 50% (Fraser's syndrome)

**Expectant management:** poor outcome (<10% survival)

**Fetal treatment:** poor outcome

**Postnatal management:** *ex utero* intrapartum

treatment (EXIT) with tracheostomy (reported to have 90% survival)

Cavoretto P et al. UOG 2008;32:769-783

## Congenital Cystic Adenomatoid Malformation (CCAM)



**Incidence:** is most common thoracic mass in the fetus

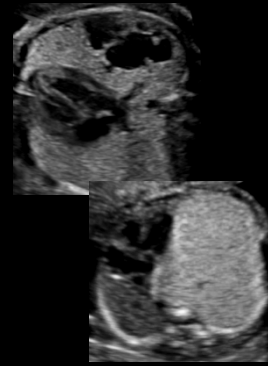
Prenatal studies: 1:4,000

Postnatal studies: 1:25,000

**Associated anomalies:** 8-12 %

Risk for chromosomal anomalies is not increased

## CCAM: imaging overview



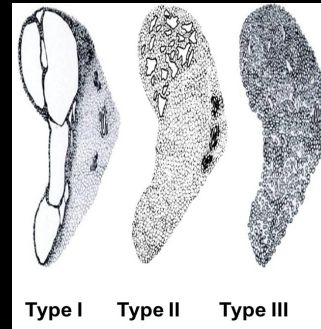
### Fetal Lungs mass

- Usually unilateral
- Well defined
- Involves part of the lung
- Solid or cystic
- No systemic blood supply

### Fetal Heart

- Is displaced right/left
- Compressed in severe cases

## CCAM: Histological classification



Stocker JT et al. Human Pathol 1977;8:155-171

## CCAM: imaging overview



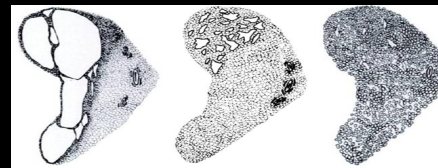
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Mixed

Microcystic



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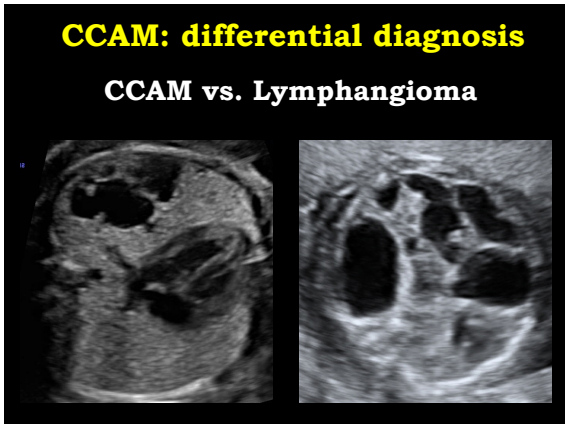
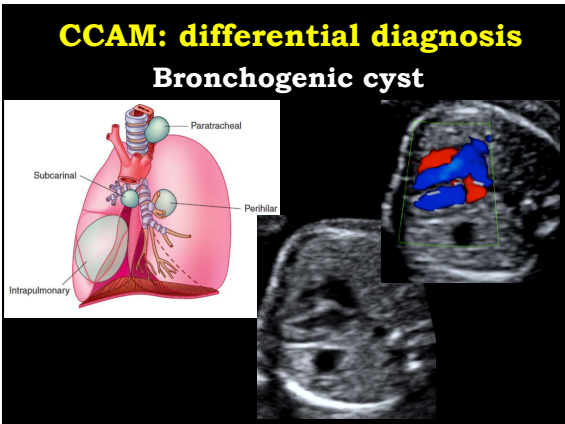
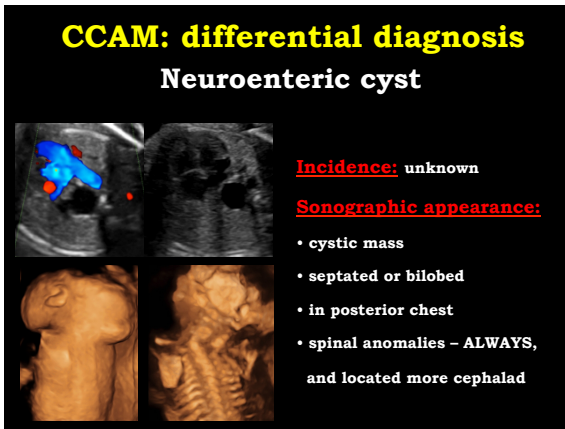
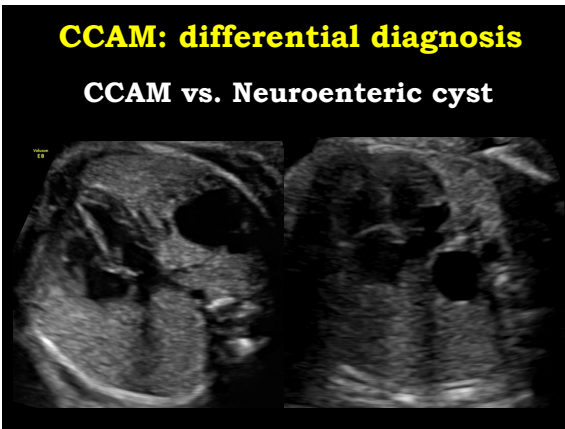
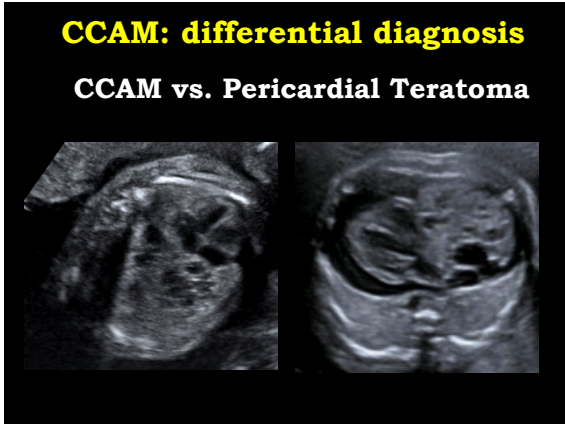
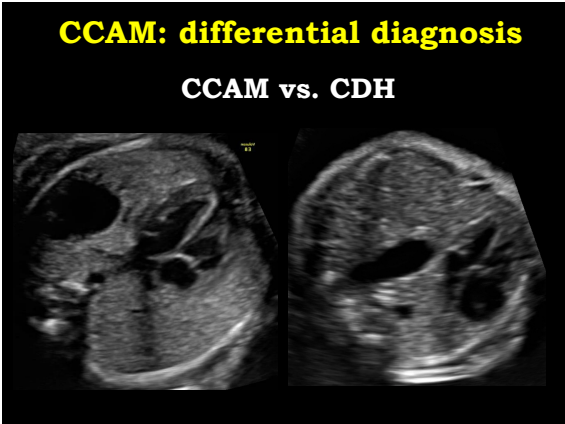


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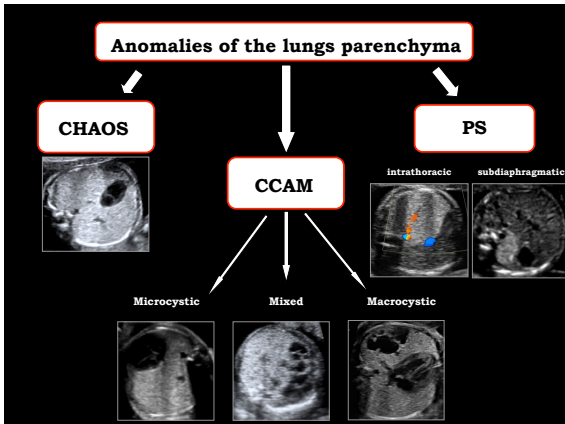
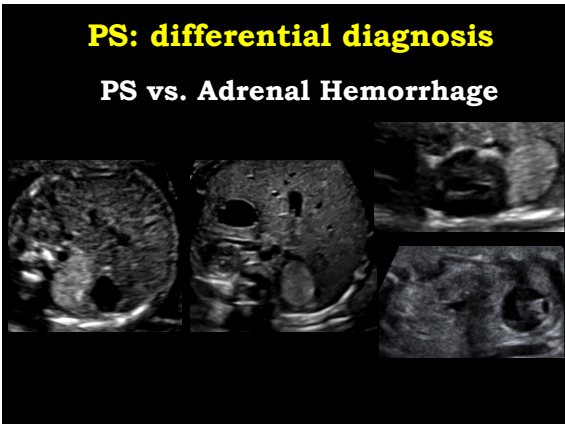
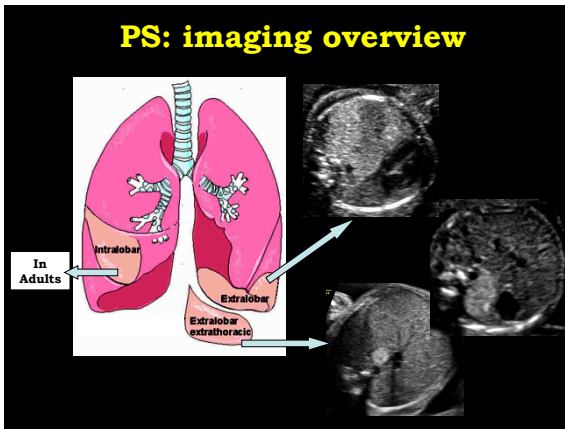
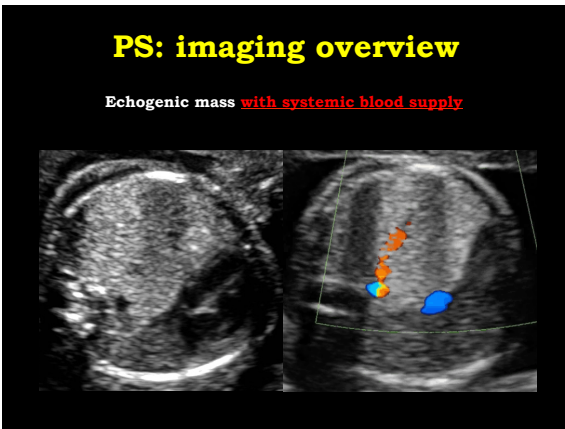
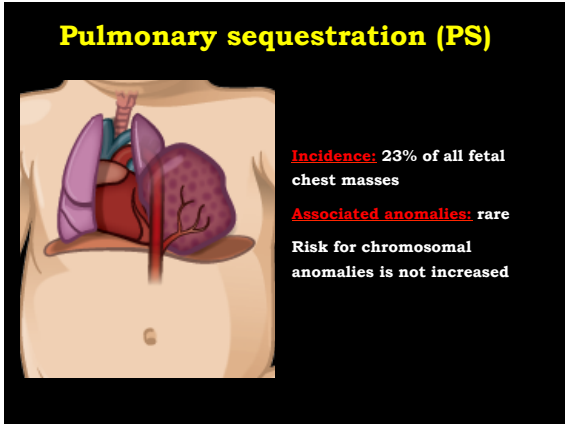
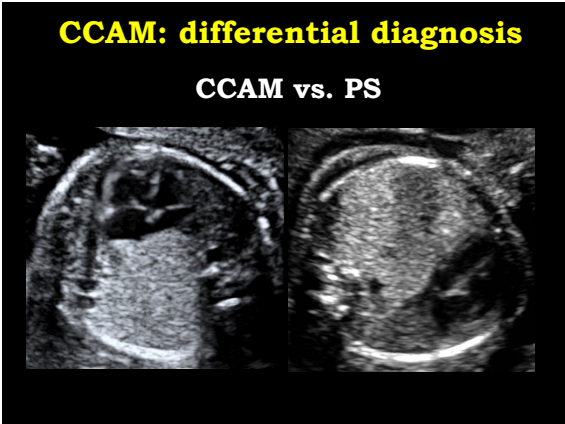
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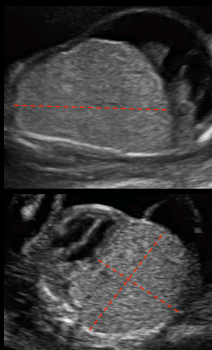




### ULTRASOUND PROTOCOL

- Mass location (unilateral, bilateral)
- Mass size (MVR)
- Homogeneity
- Presence of mediastinal shift
- Diaphragm distortion
- Evidence of hydrops
- Evidence of polyhydramnios
- Cardiac function

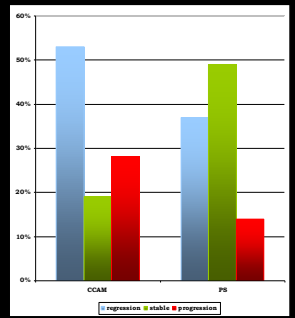
### CCAM volume ratio (MVR)




$$\frac{L(\text{cm}) \times W(\text{cm}) \times H(\text{cm}) \times 0.52}{\text{Head Circumference (cm)}}$$

**CVR > 1.6**  
predicts Hydrops in 75%

### Change with gestation

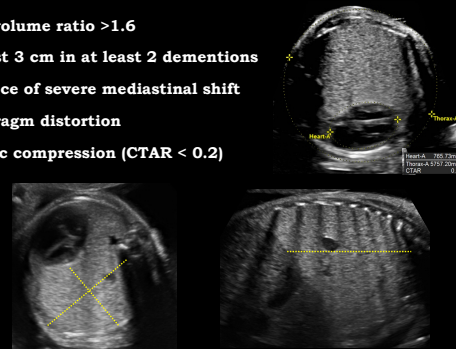


Lesion	Regressive	Stable/Progressive
20 weeks	~35%	~18%
29 weeks	~28%	~38%
36 weeks	~38%	~15%



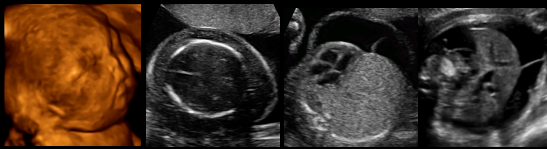
### High-risk group

- Mass volume ratio > 1.6
- At least 3 cm in at least 2 dimensions
- Presence of severe mediastinal shift
- Diaphragm distortion
- Cardiac compression (CTAR < 0.2)

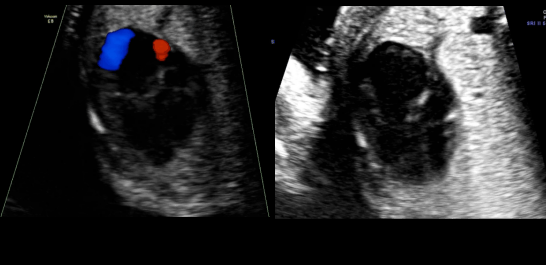


### Complications

- 5.7% cases of CCAM resulted in hydrops fetalis
- 6.2% cases PS is associated with plural effusion



### All fetuses with large lesions have signs of myocardial dysfunction



### CCAM: prognosis & management **STERIODS**

- Administering betamethasone antenatally to fetuses with CCAM and non immune hydrops there was complete resolution of hydrops
- This area needs further research owing to the small data sample.

### CCAM and PS: prognosis & management

- In the absence of hydrops: >95% survival
- CCAM with hydrops:
  - expectant 95% mortality
  - shunting 65% survival
  - fetal surgery 45% survival
- Availability of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) is crucial for infant survival with large lesions

### CCAM and PS: Prognosis

- Outcome is good in the absrnce of the hydrops
- Intrauterin amelioration appears to be common but lesions rarely regress
- All CCAM should be removed
- Large lesions increase risk for scoliosis

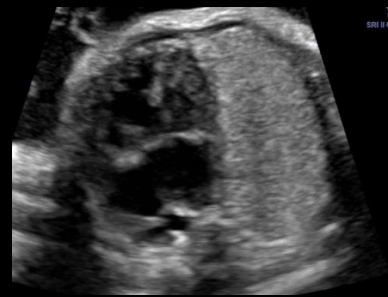
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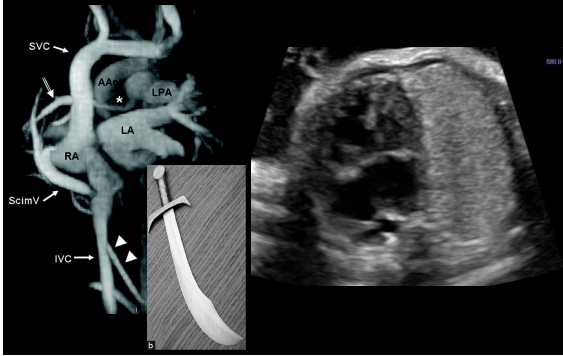
### Unilateral lung agenesis



### What is wrong?



## Scimitar syndrome





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