

# Cardiology

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LV Outflow Obstruction:  
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM)  
(s/p Aortic Stenosis)

HCM

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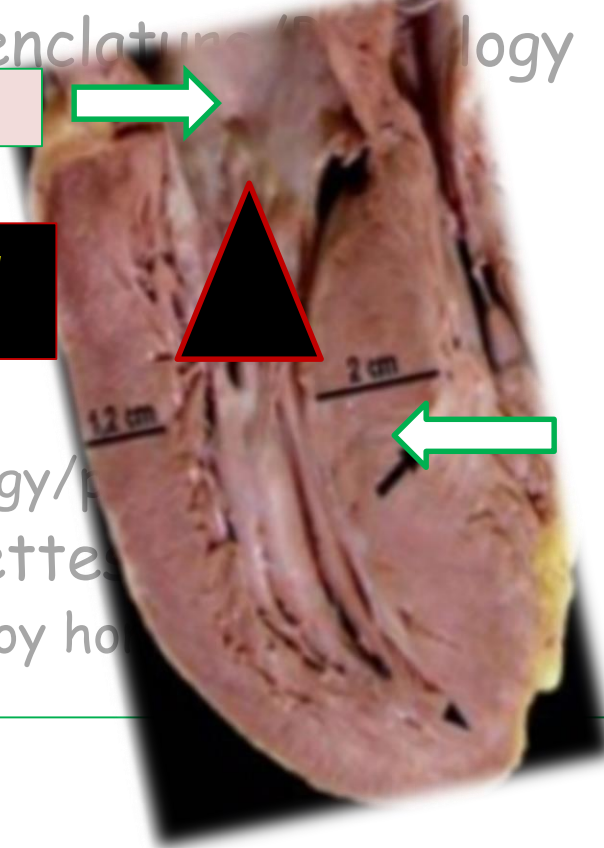
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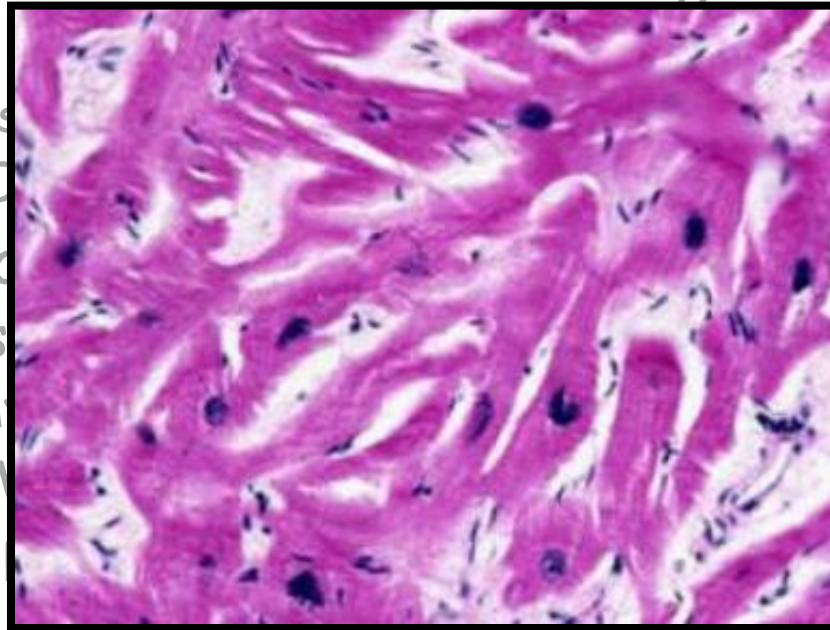
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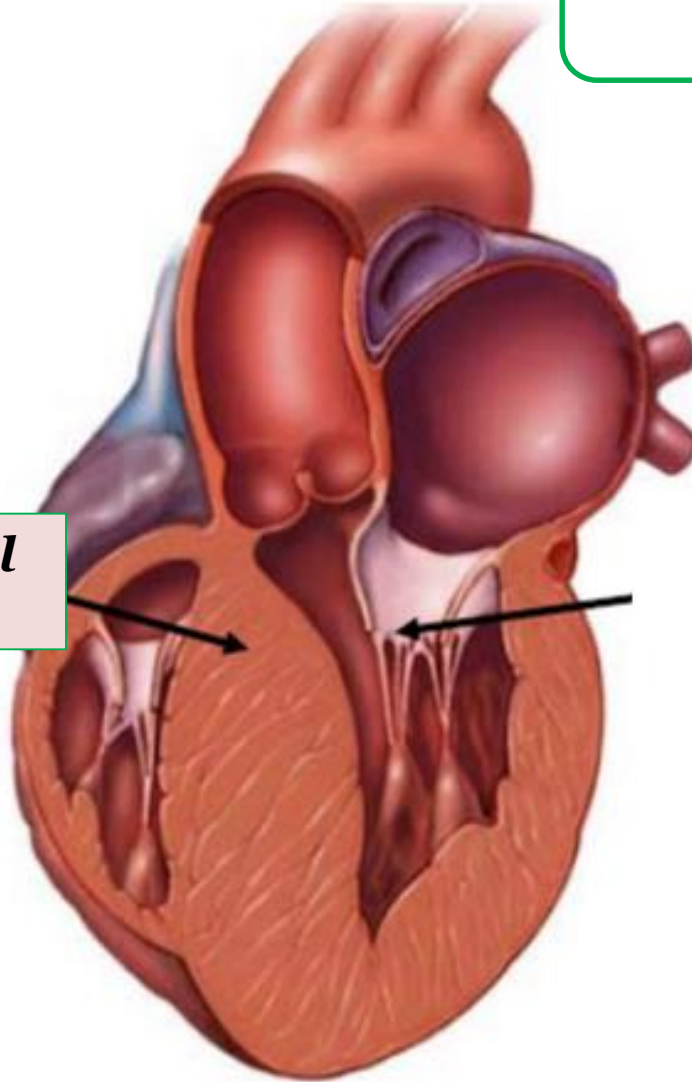
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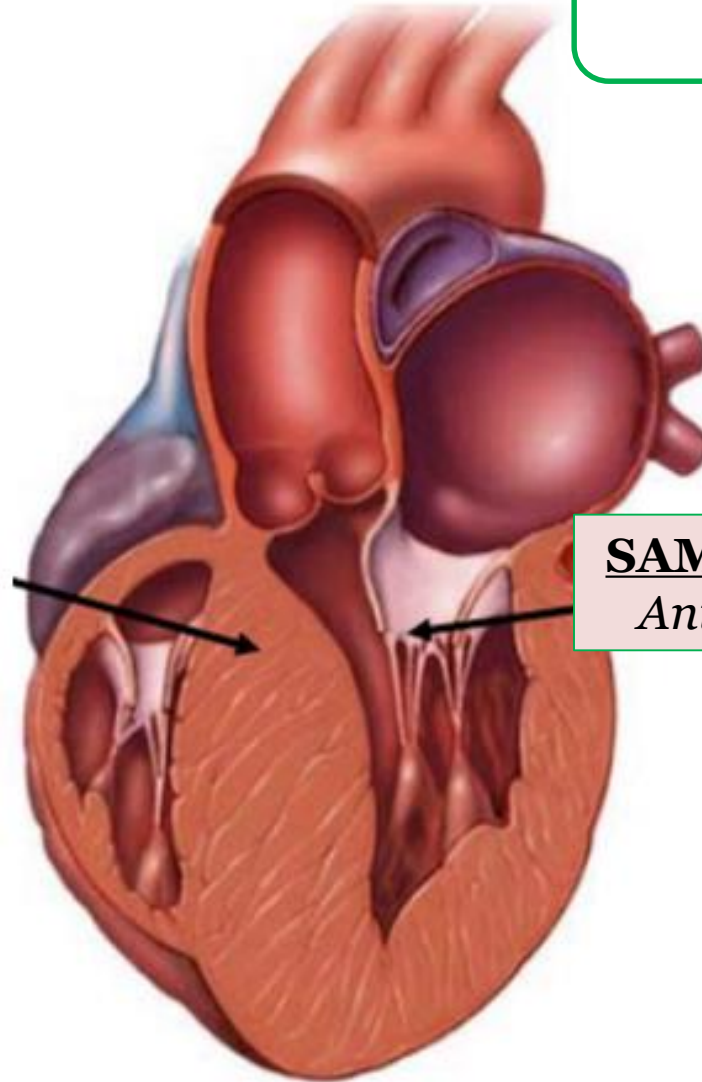


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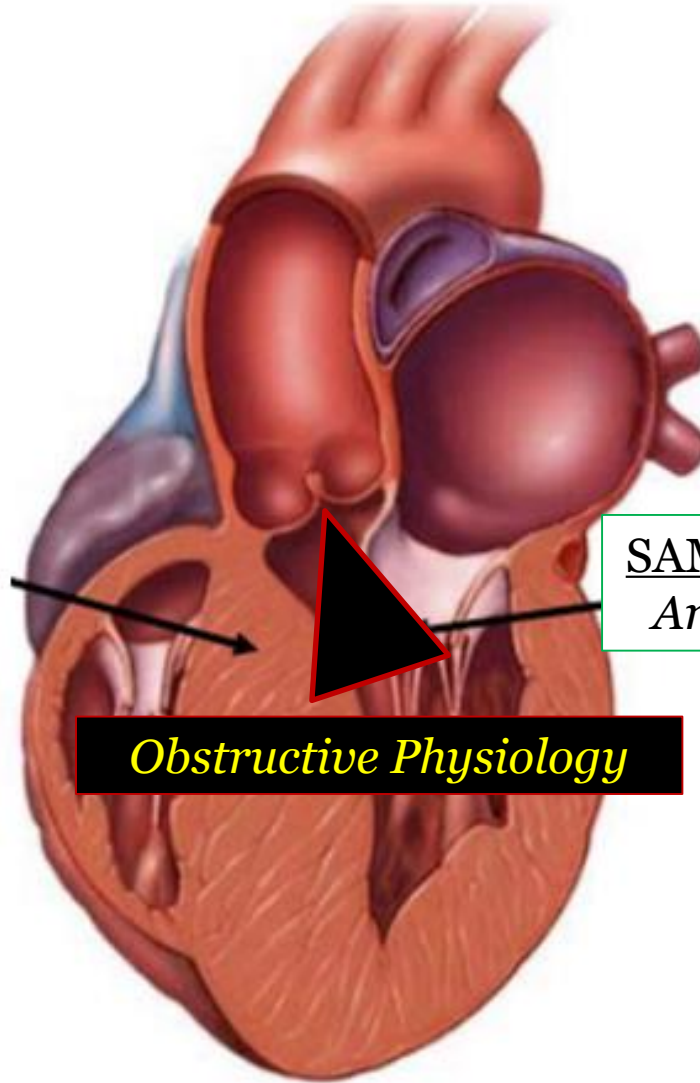


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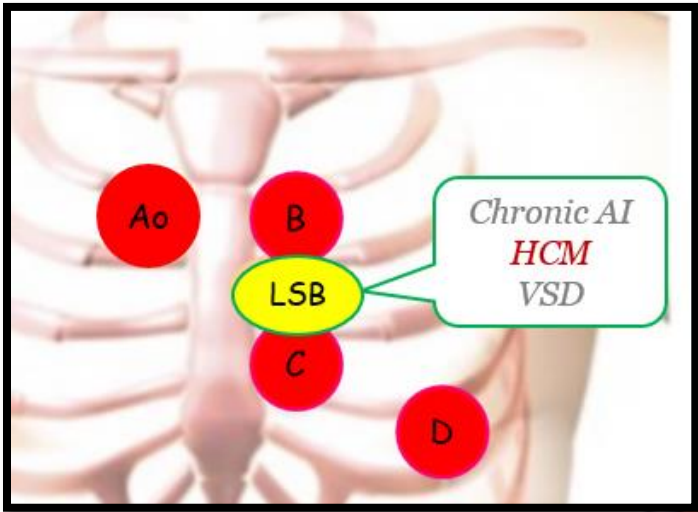
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***Obstructive Physiology***



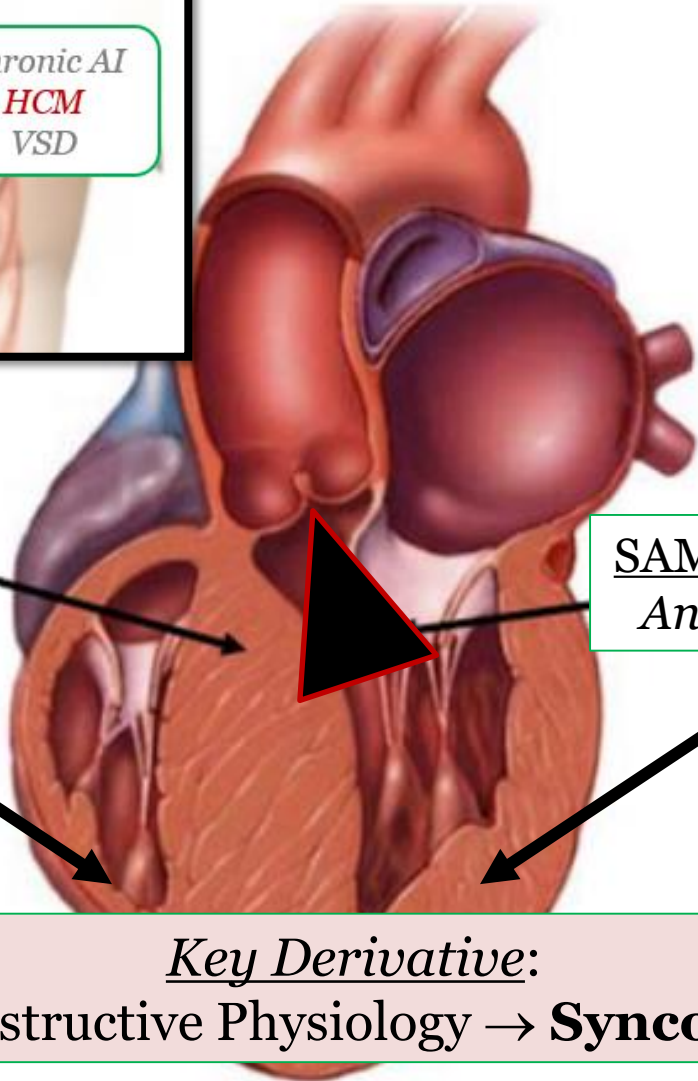
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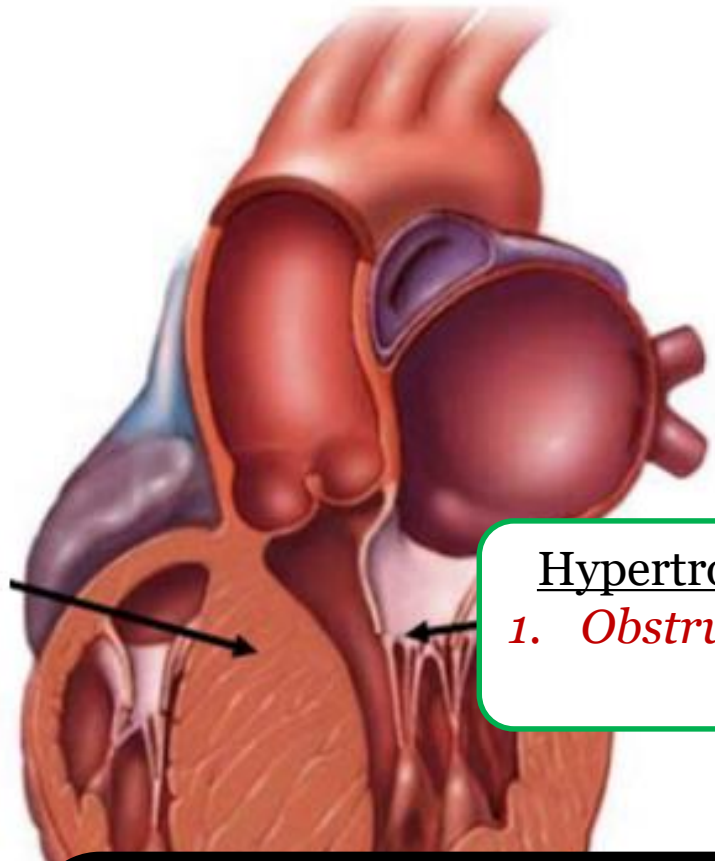
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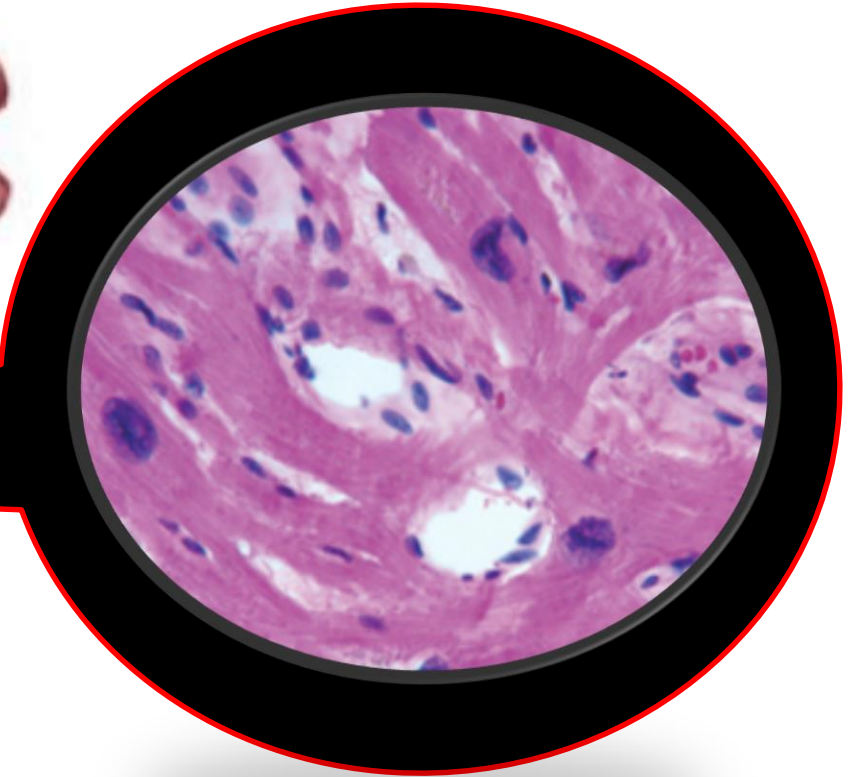
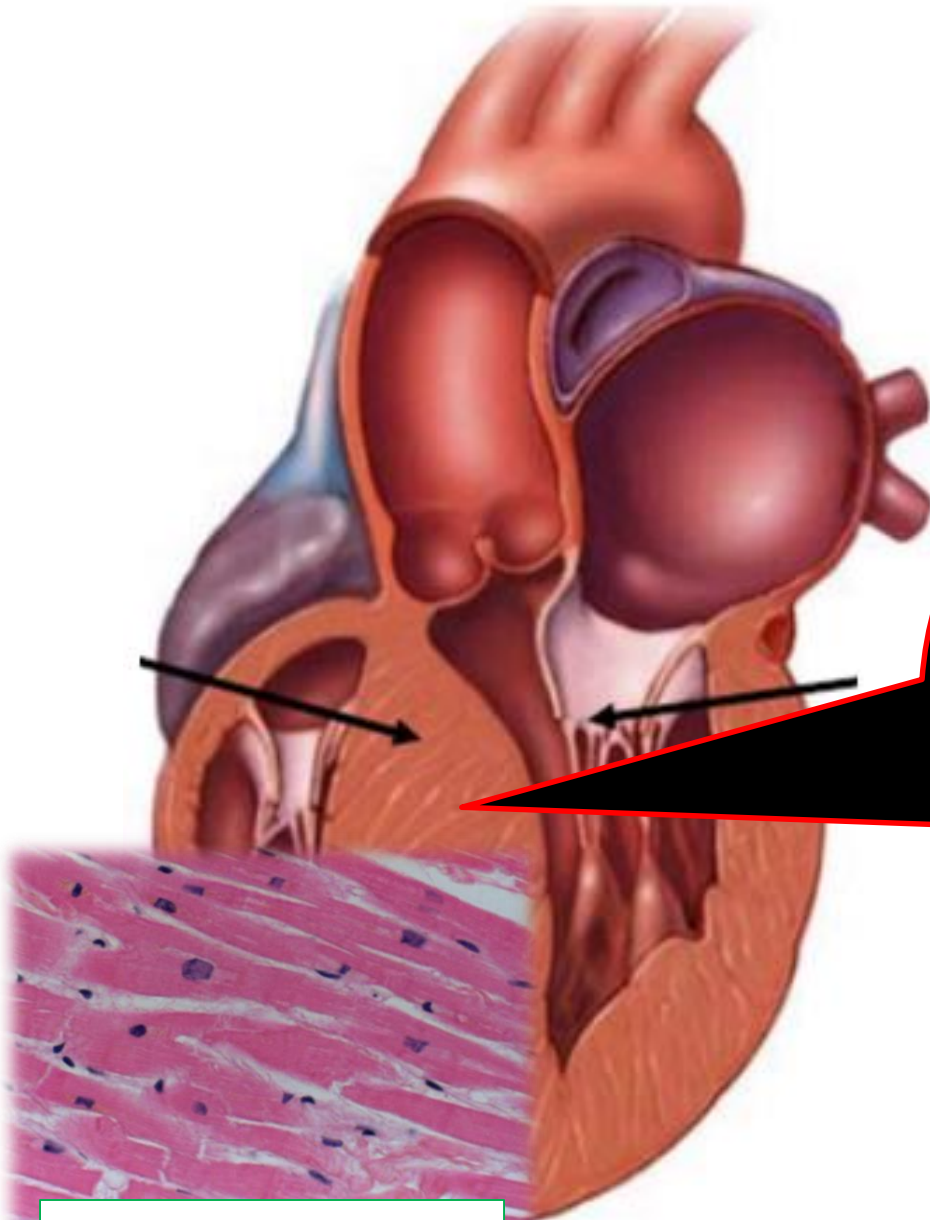
Other Names/Descriptions:

IHSS: Idiopathic Hypertrophic **Subaortic Stenosis**  
ASH: **Asymmetric Septal Hypertrophy**

Implication is outflow obstruction (in combination with **SAM**)

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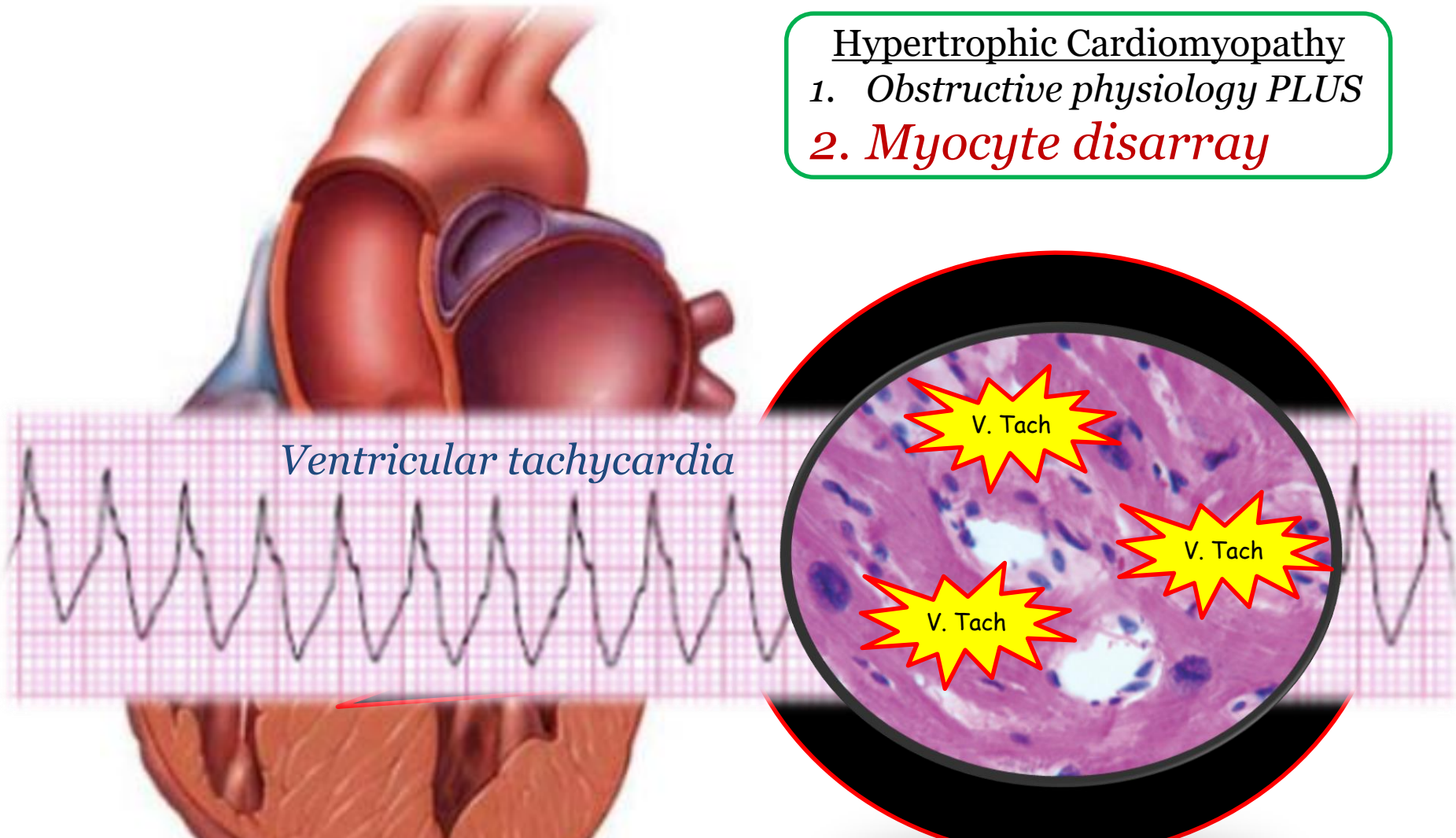
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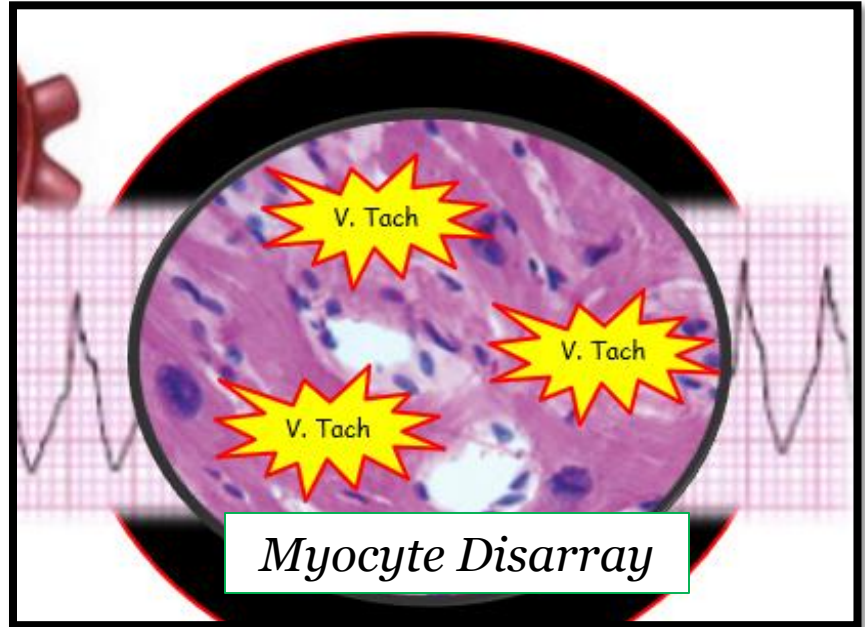
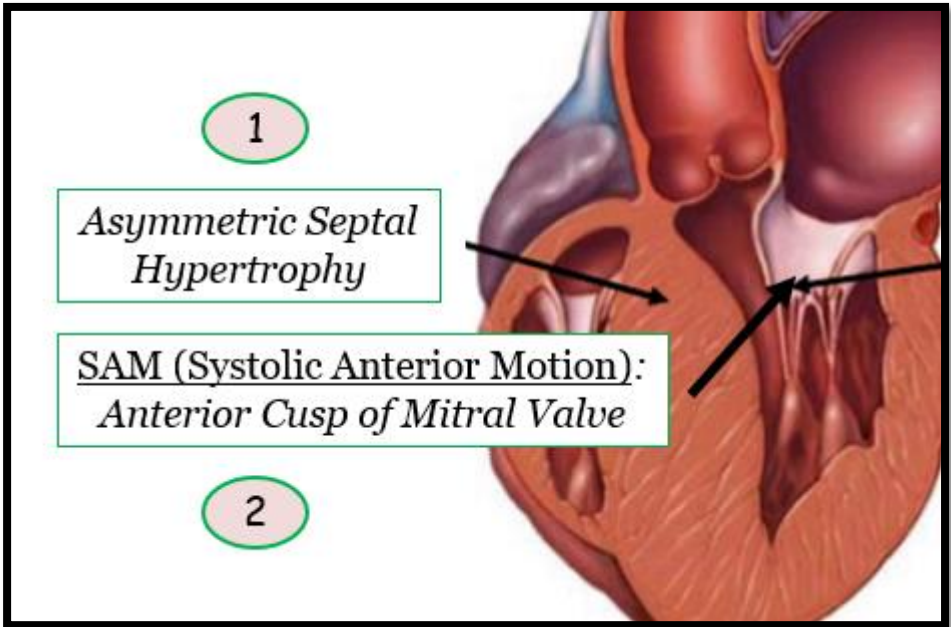
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Key Derivative:  
Myocyte Disarray → Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD) or Syncope



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Arrhythmia



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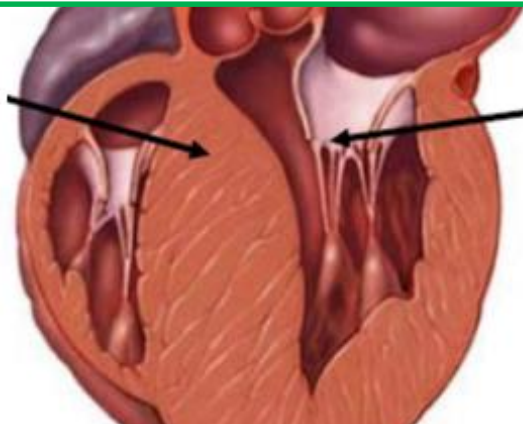
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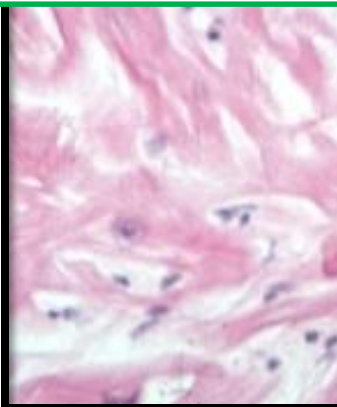
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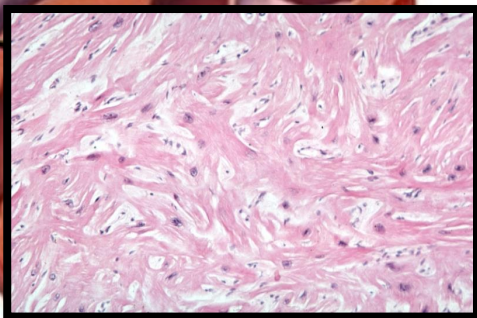
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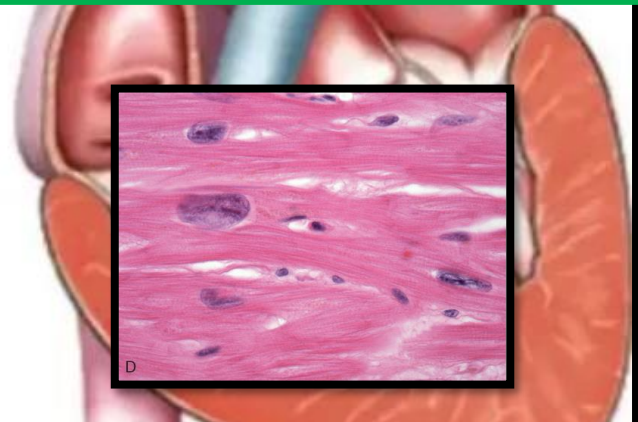
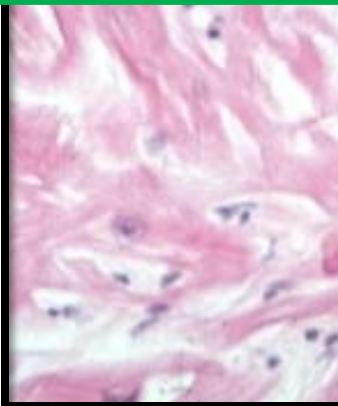
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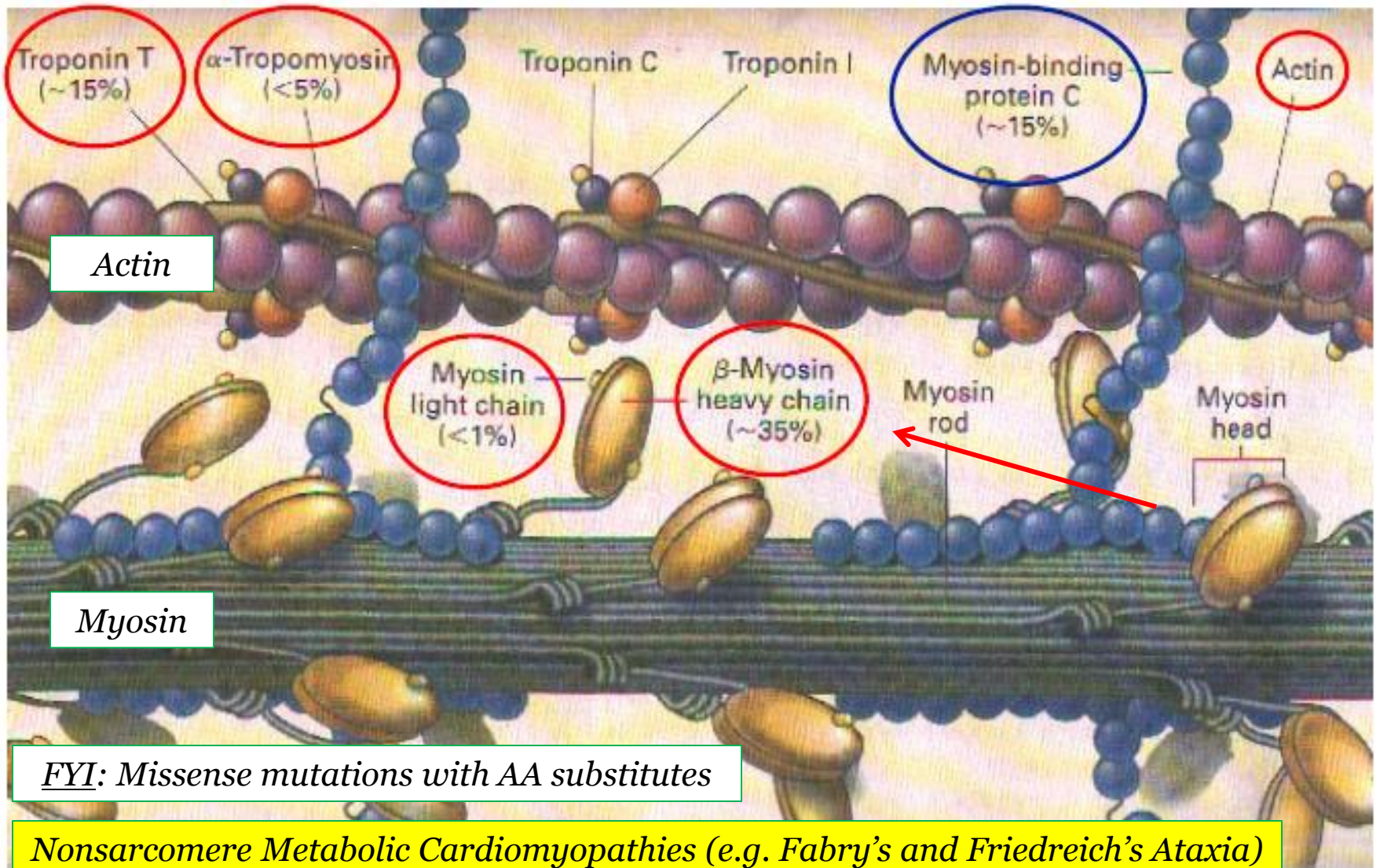
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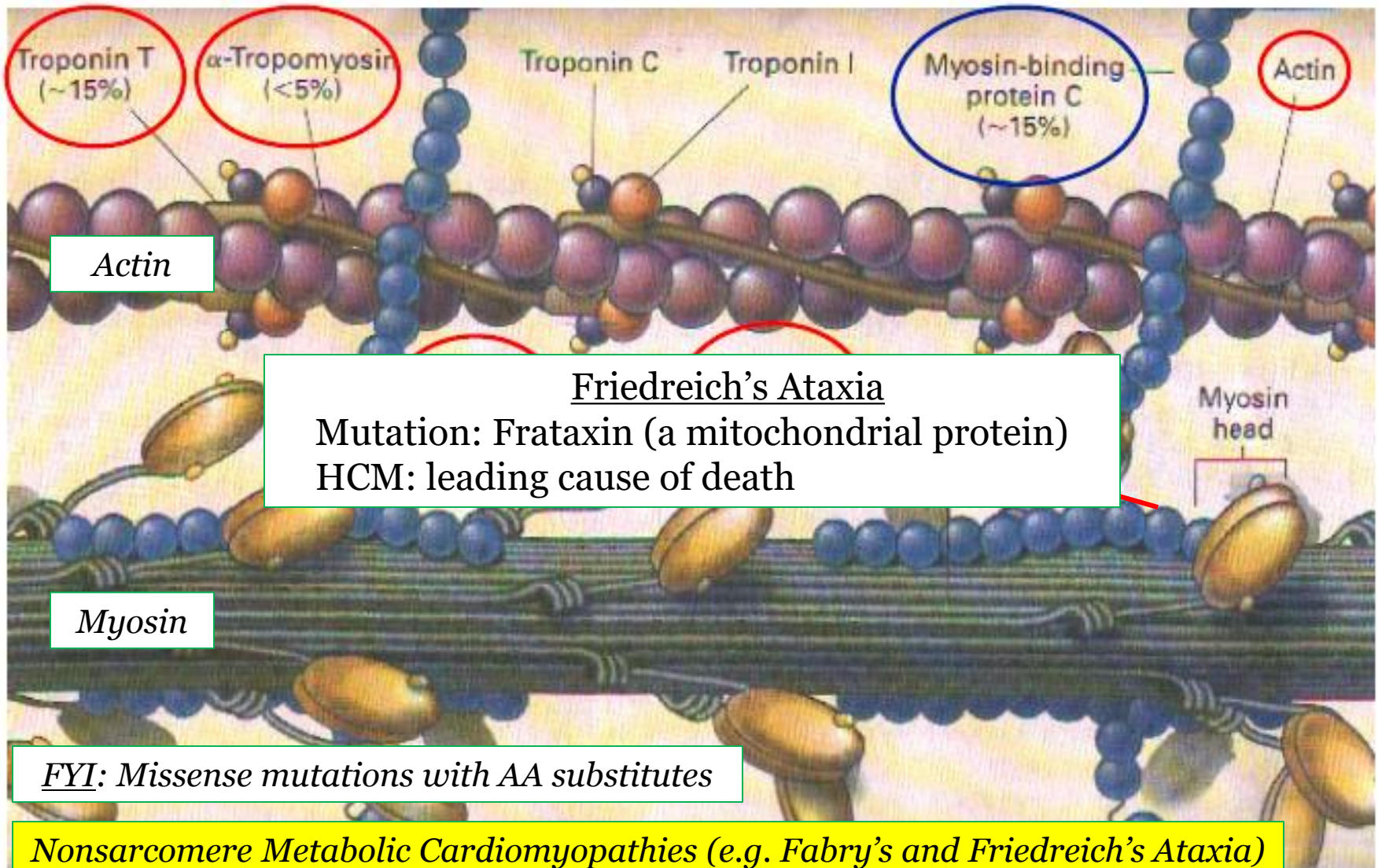
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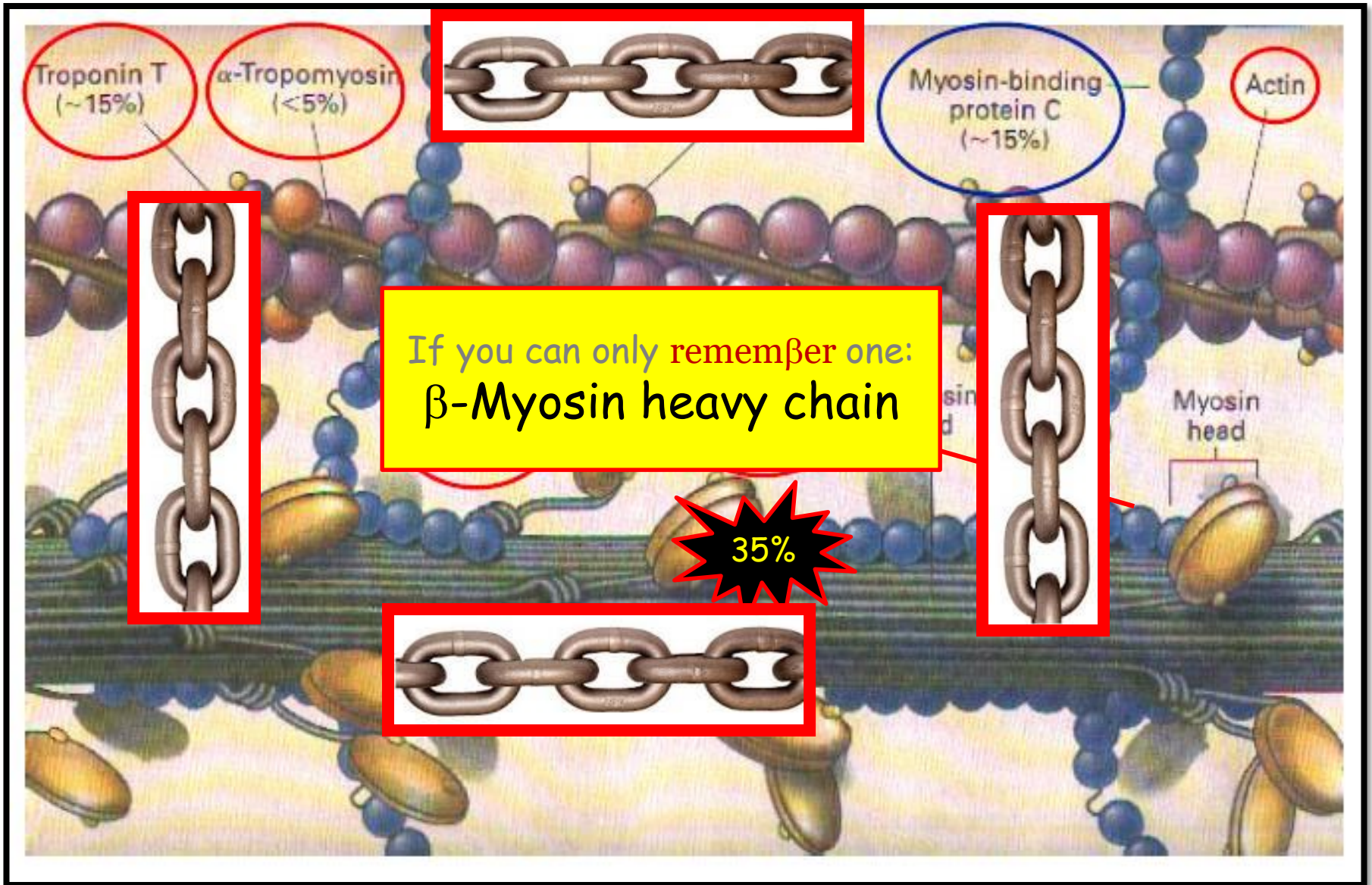


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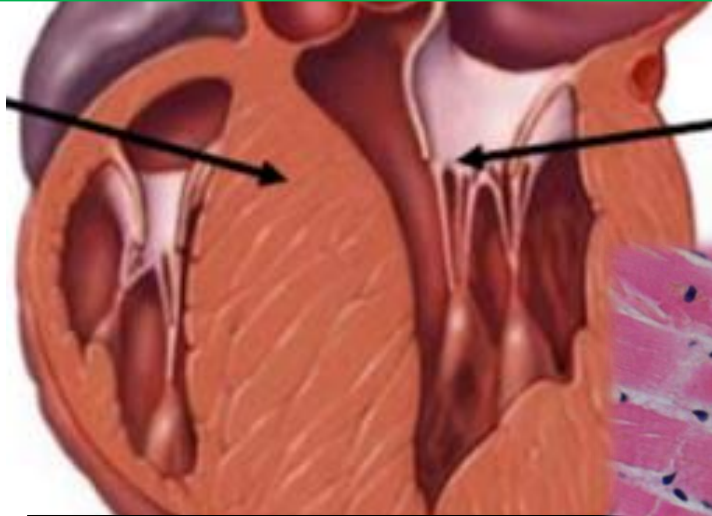




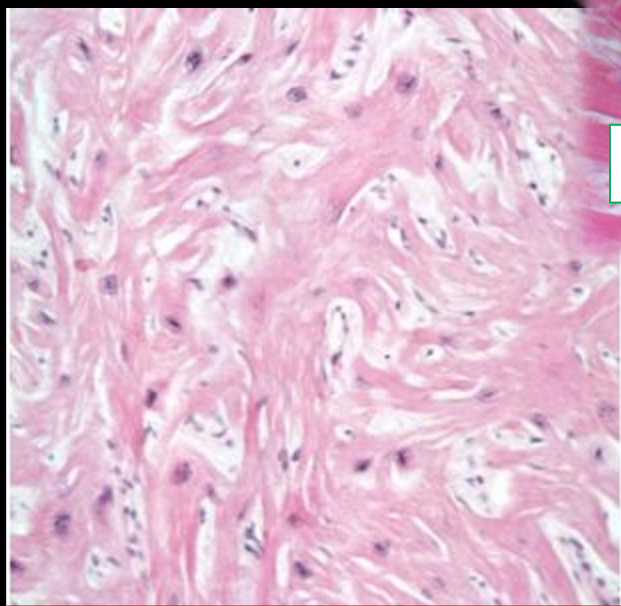


Variety of Genotypes:  $\beta$ -Myosin heavy chain is favorite!

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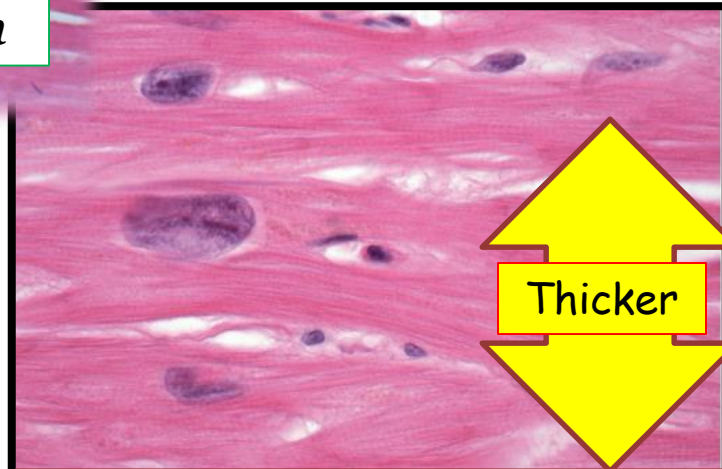
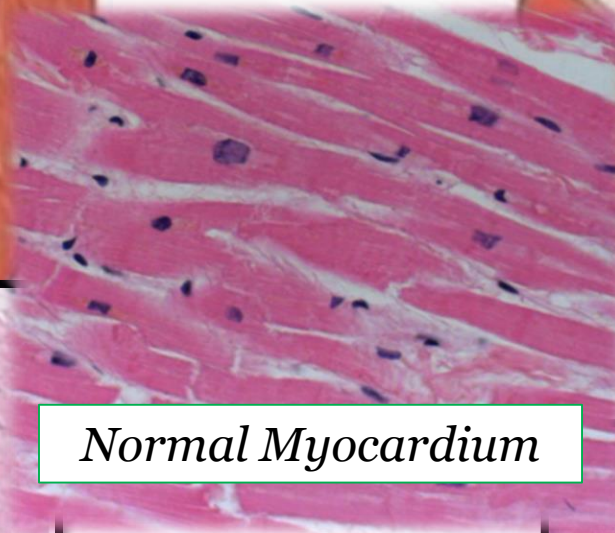


Increased Afterload (e.g. AS/HTN)





Normal Myocardium

Myocyte disarray  
(*genetic* mutation)

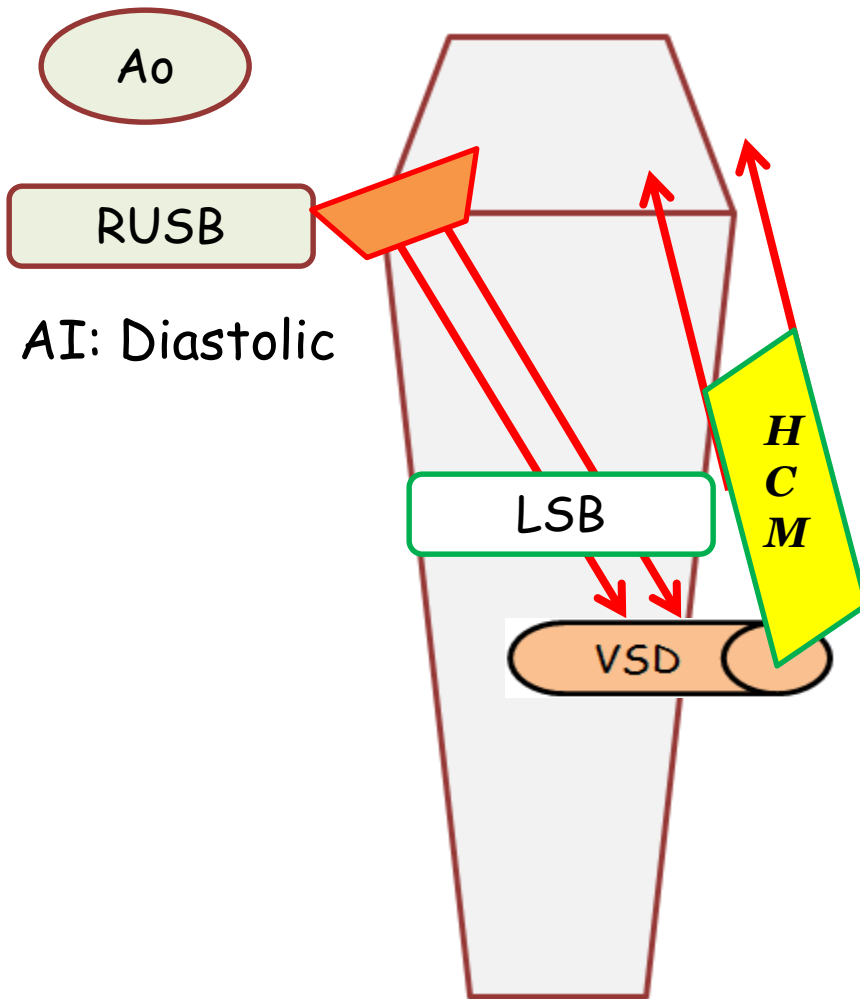


Hypertrophy  
(*adaptive*: ↓ wall stress)

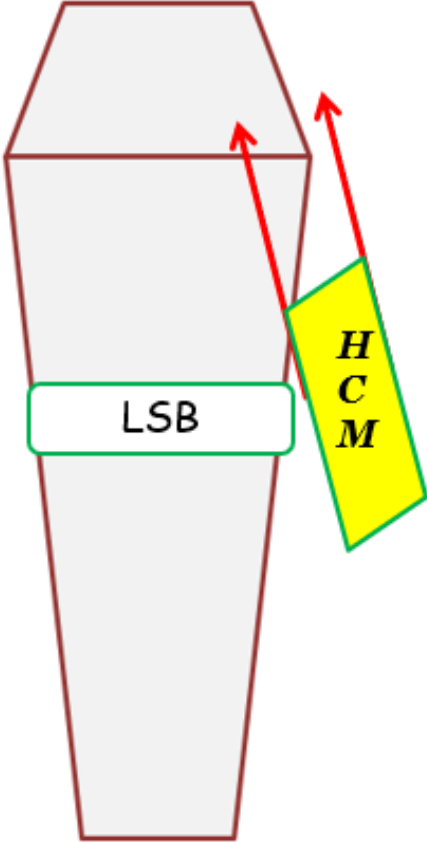
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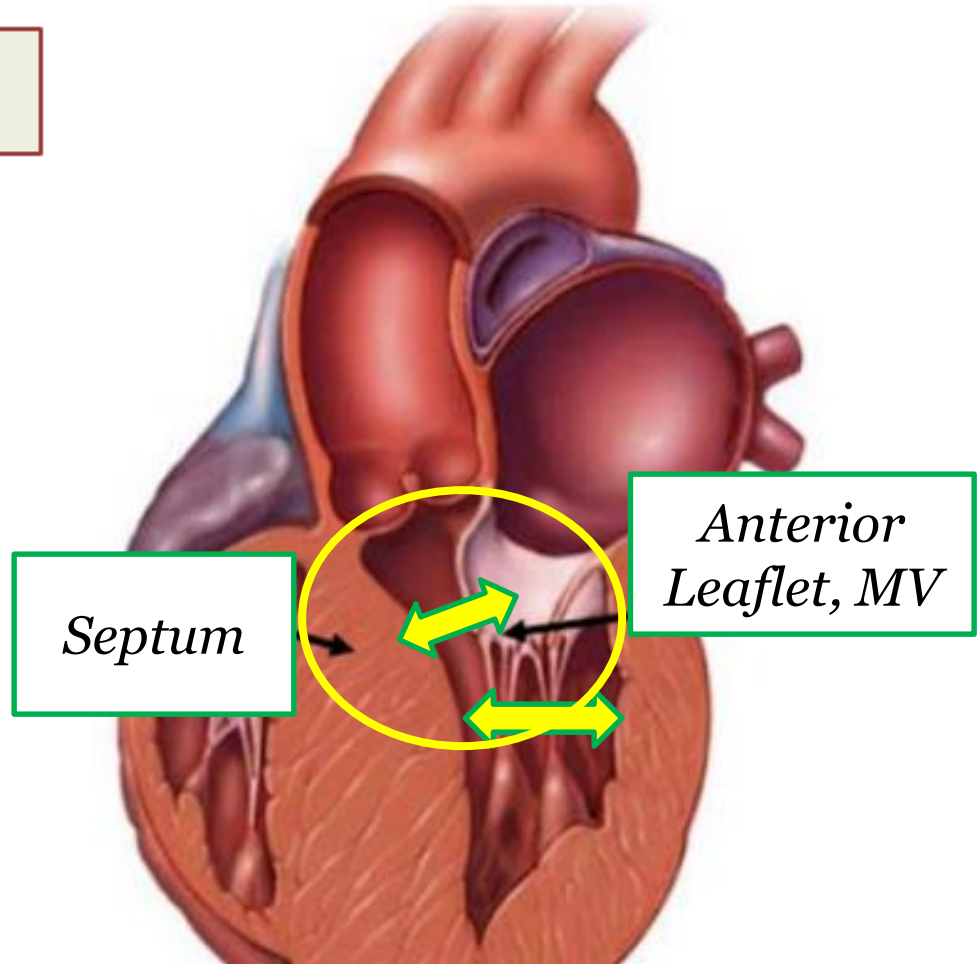
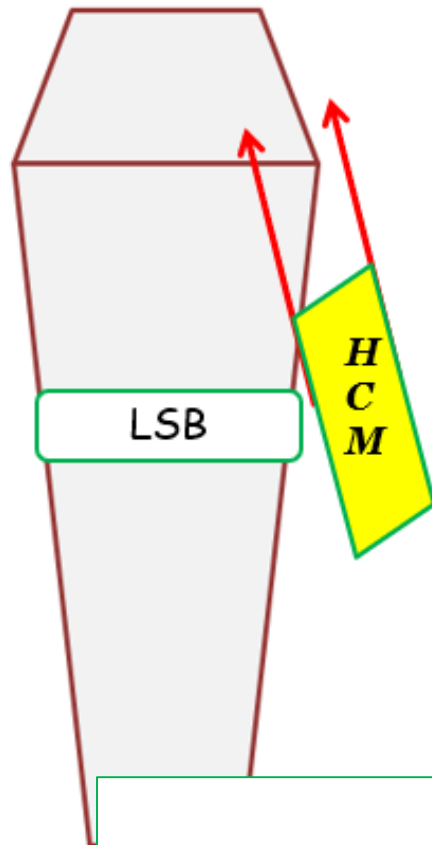
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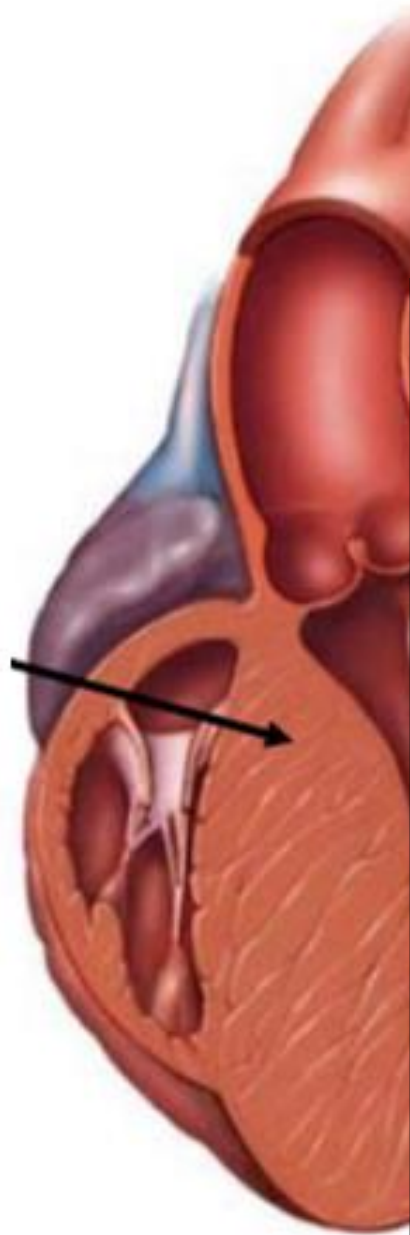


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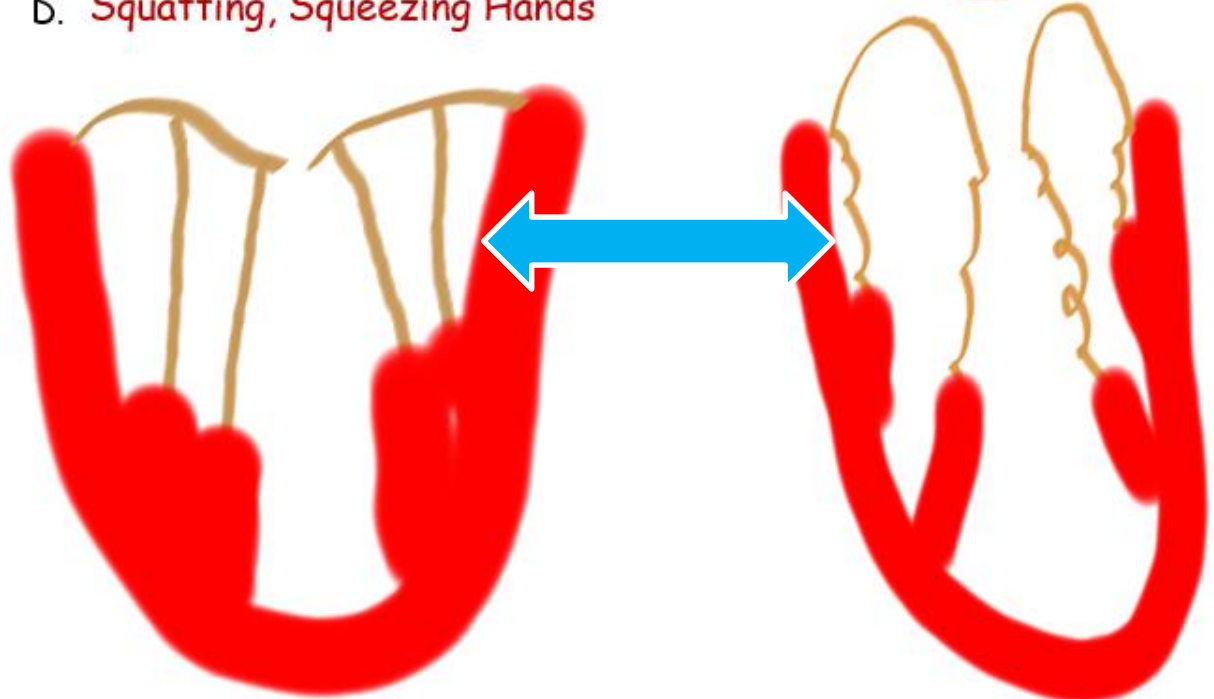
Maneuvers attempt to:

1. Quiet murmur through separation of walls (and MV), or
2. Accentuate murmur by bringing walls into close proximity



### How to fill chamber?

- A. Standing, Squeezing Abdomen
- B. Standing, Squeezing Hands
- C. Squatting, Squeezing Abdomen
- D. **Squatting, Squeezing Hands**



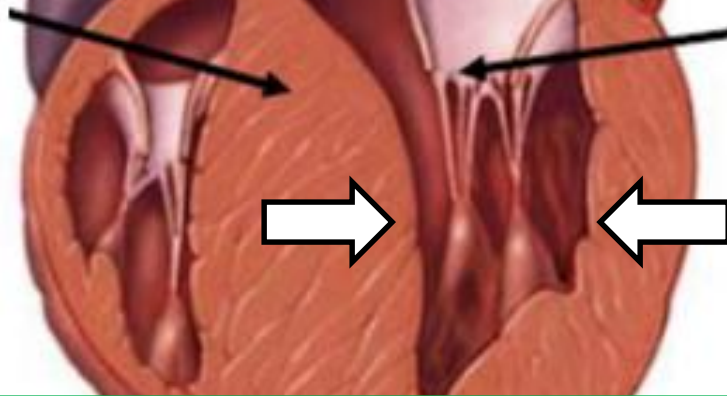




*Valsalva*



*Standing*



*'...the apposition of the hypertrophic septum to the free ventricular wall...'*

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(empty chamber)



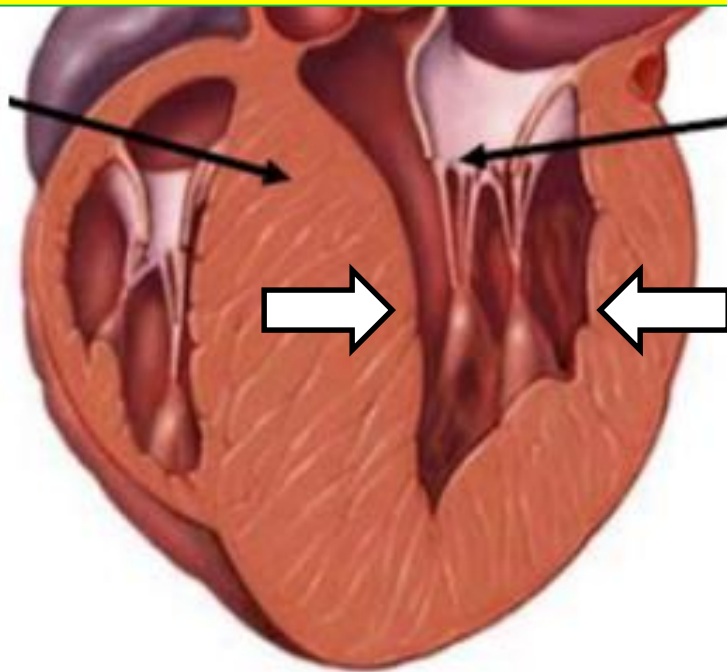


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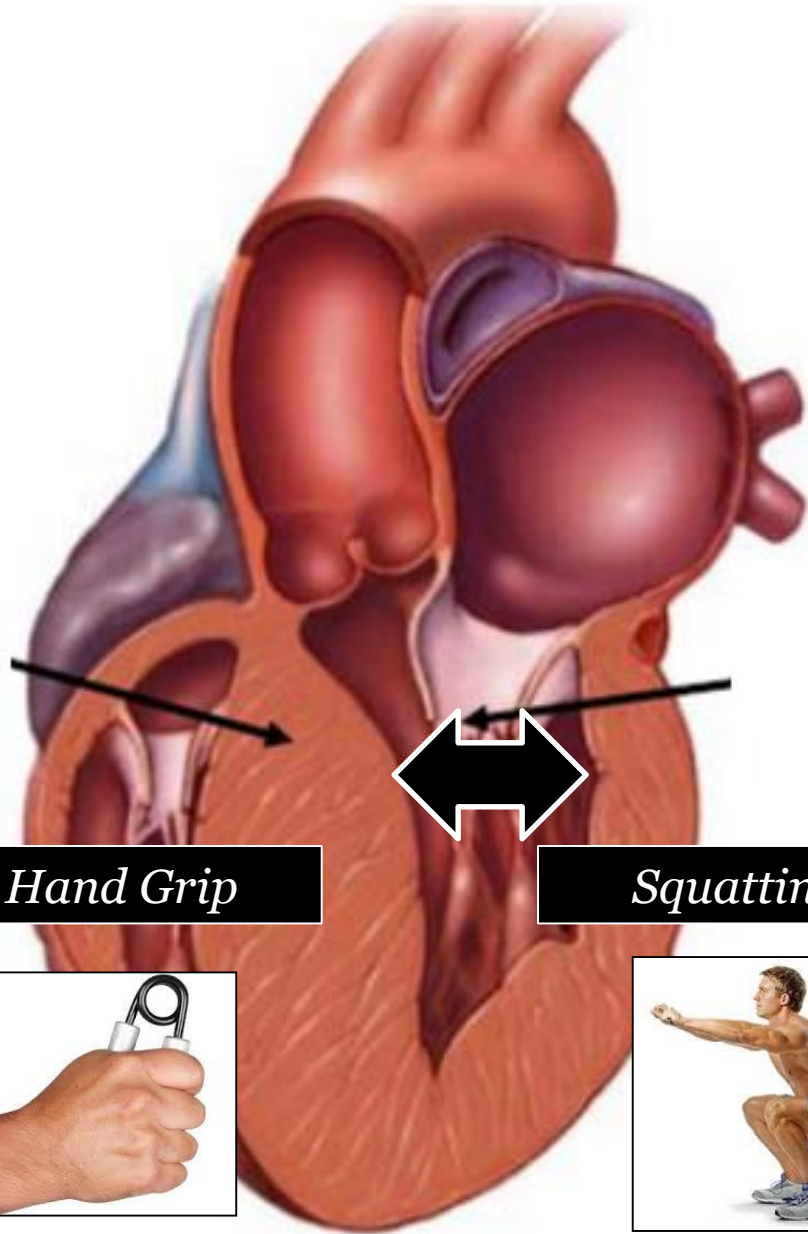
*Standing*

*Decreased LV EDV → worsens outflow gradient*



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*Hand Grip*

*Squatting*



Afterload  
Squatting  
(fill chamber)



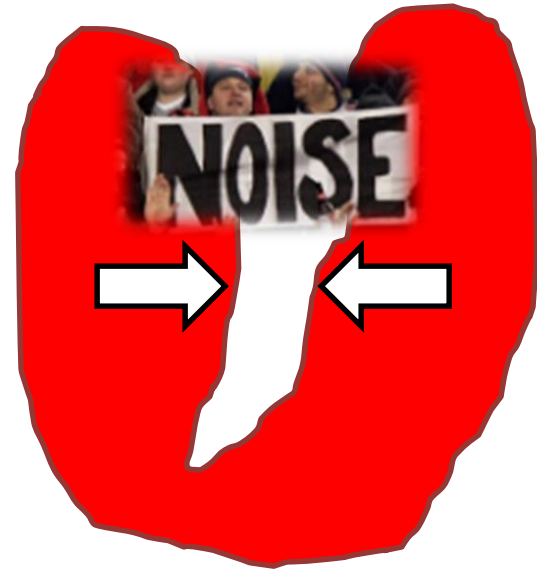


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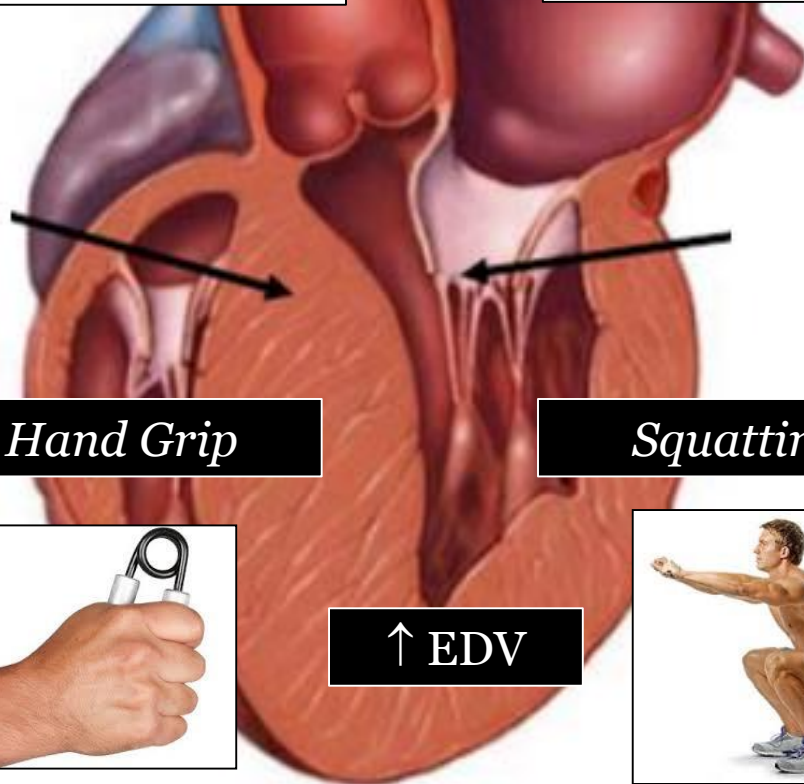
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*Outflow (Obstruction) Gradient*



*Hand Grip*






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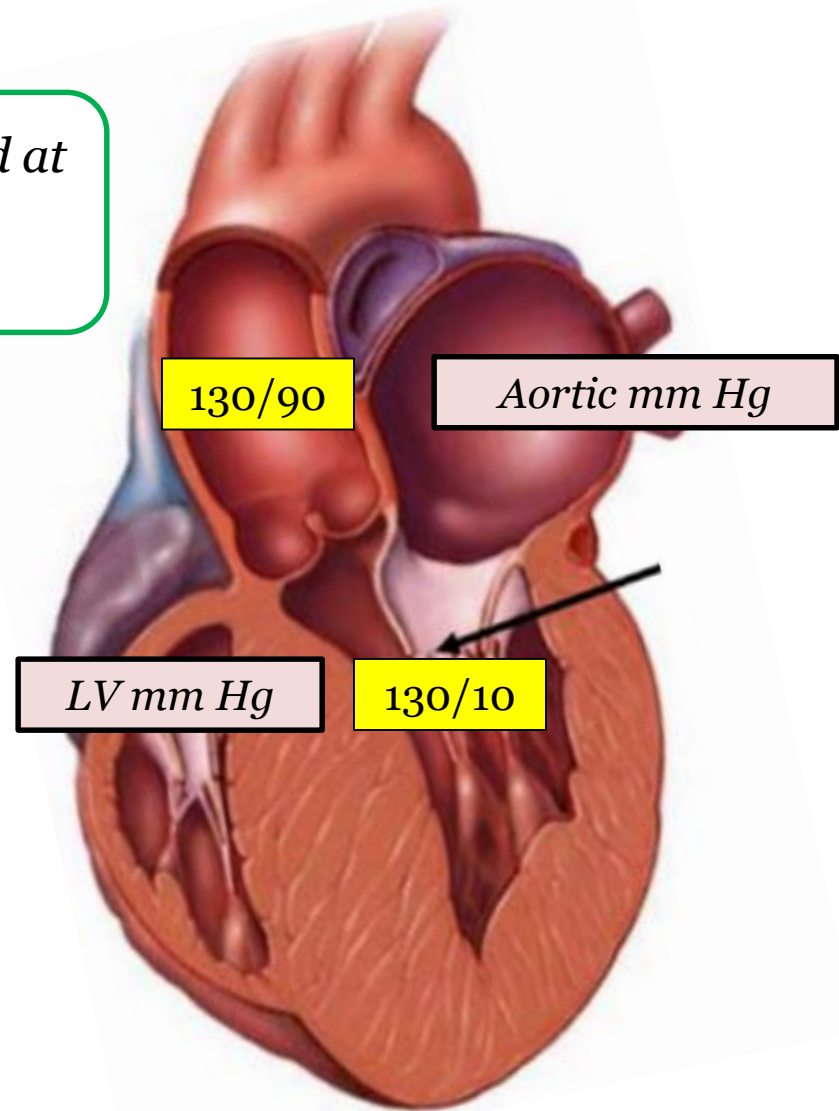


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*Resting pressures* recorded.



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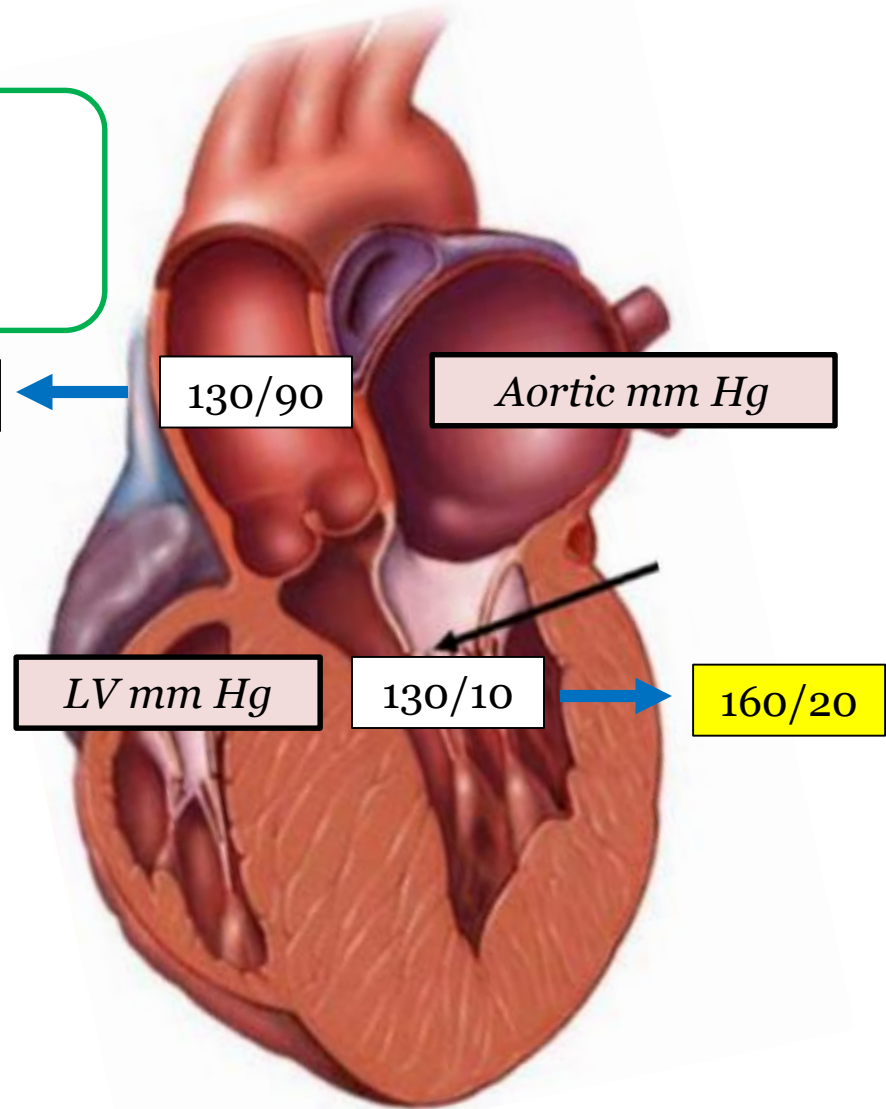
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A *normal* patient is now taken into the cath lab.  
An *inotropic agent* is infused.  
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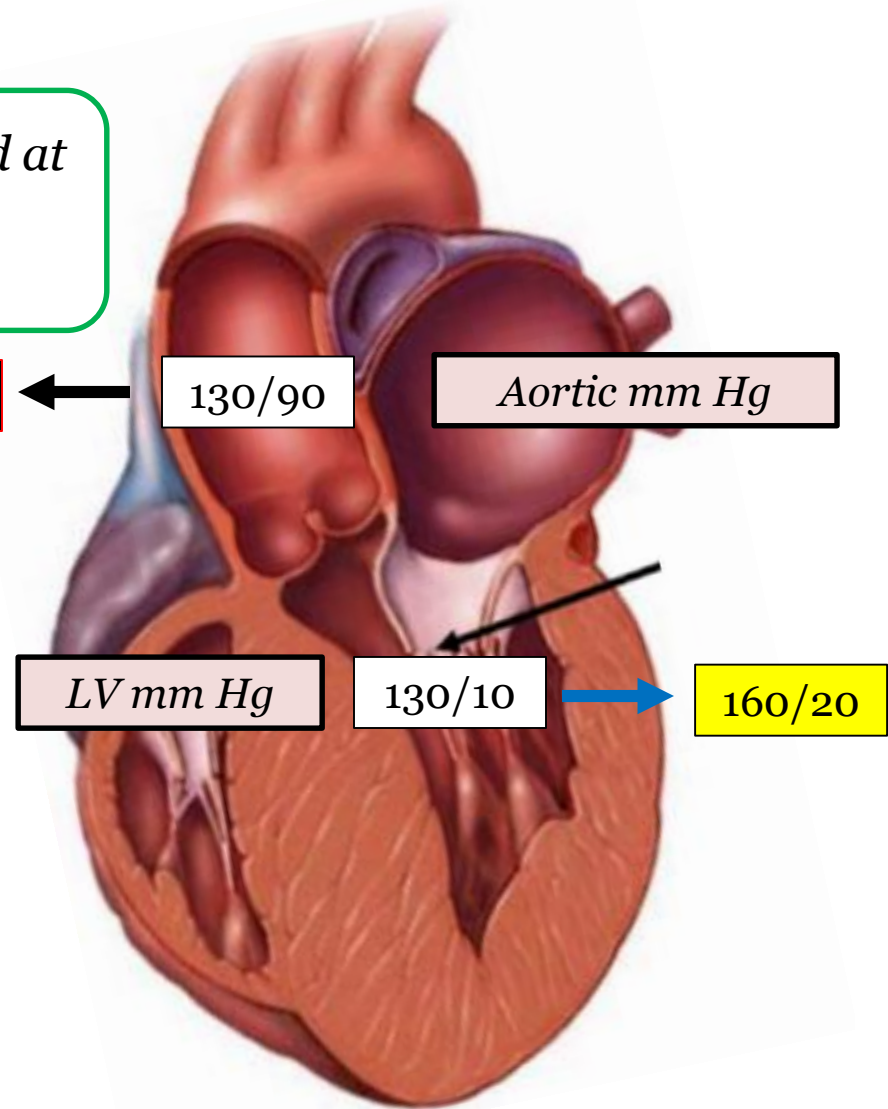
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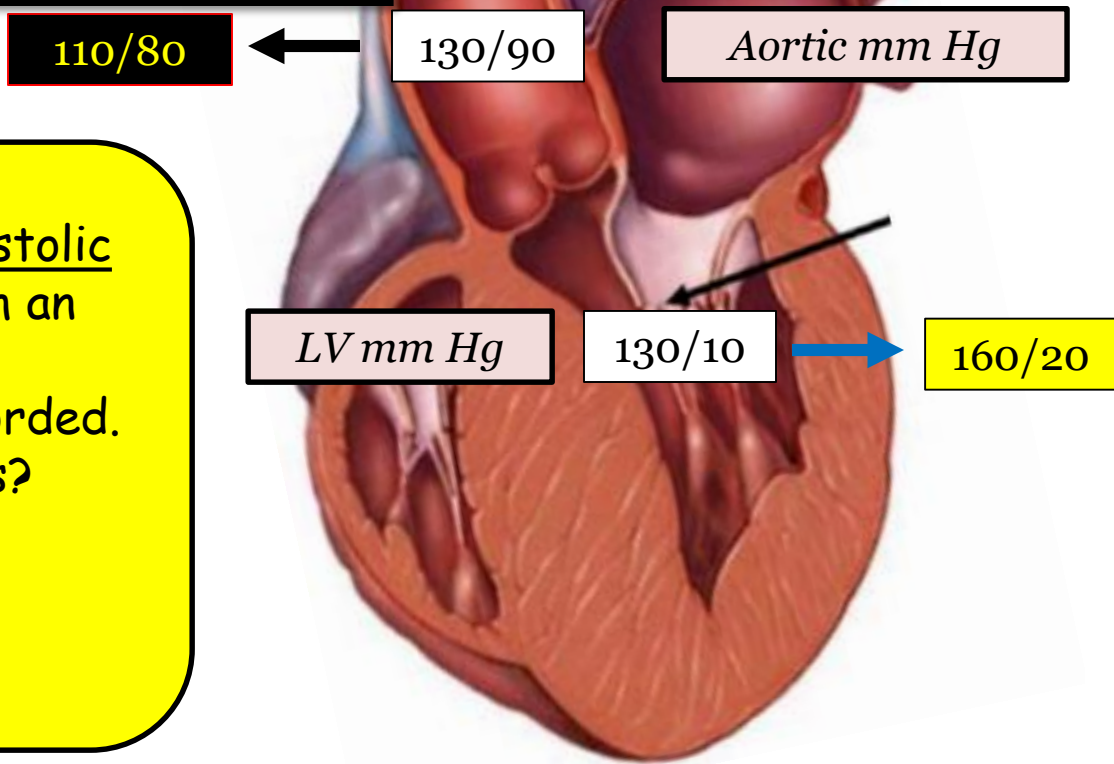
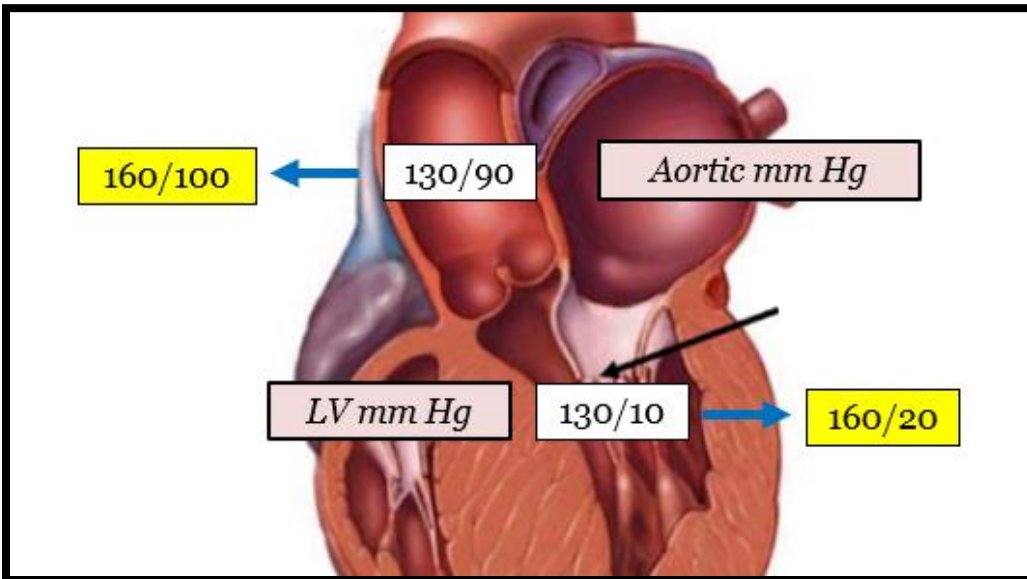
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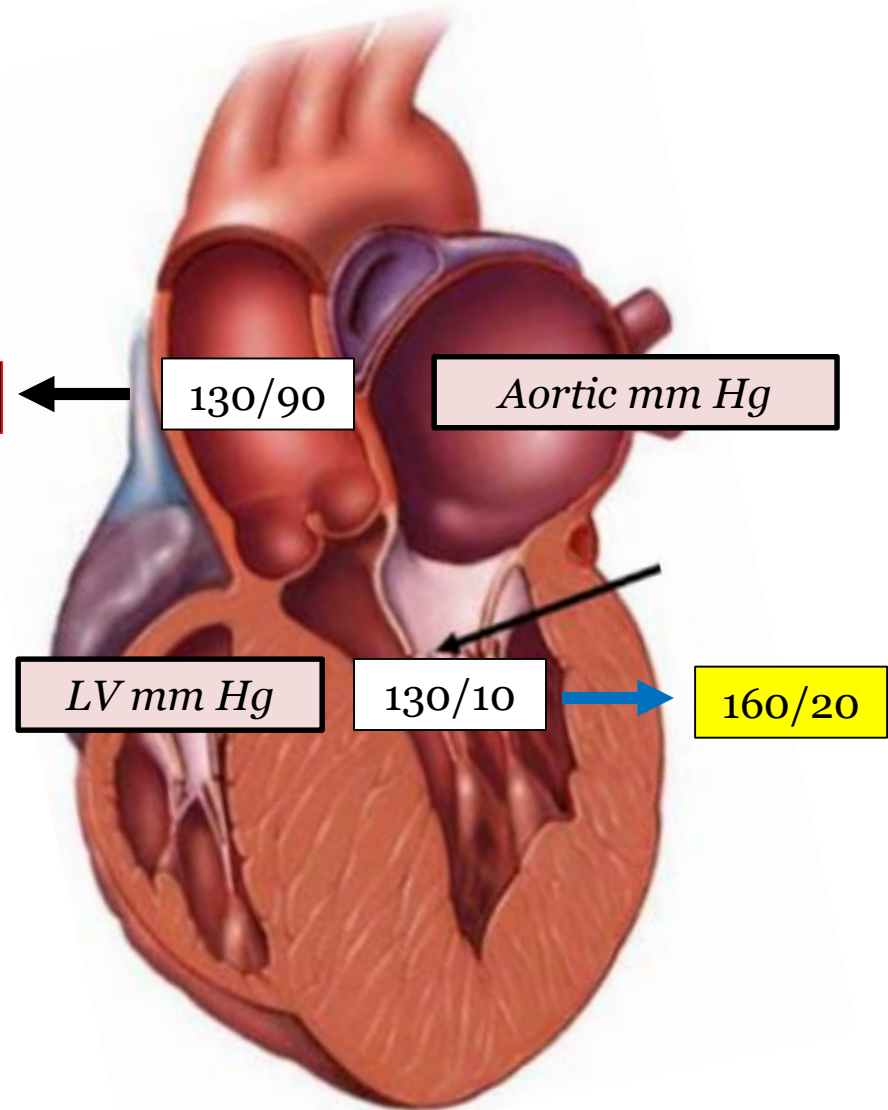




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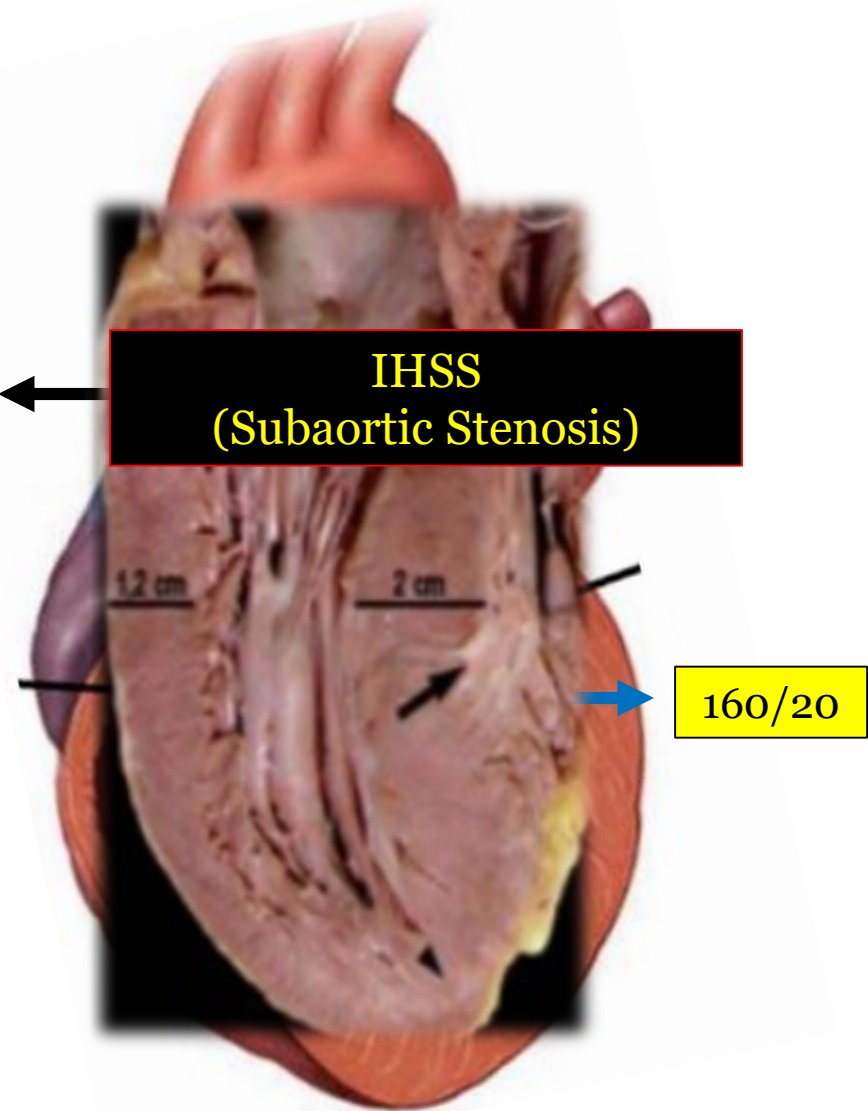
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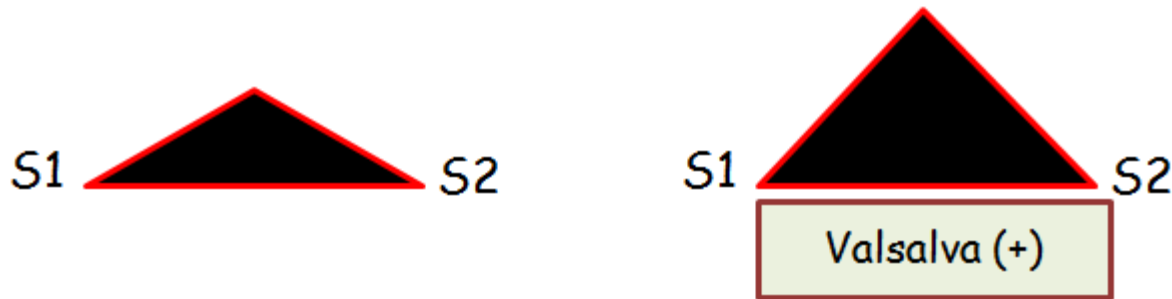


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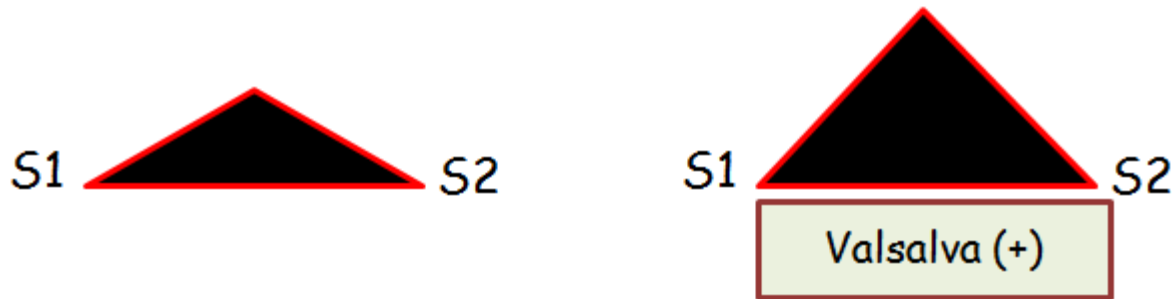
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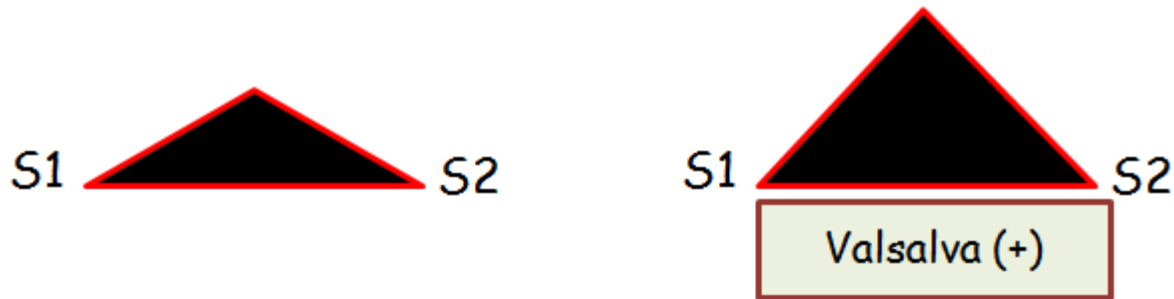
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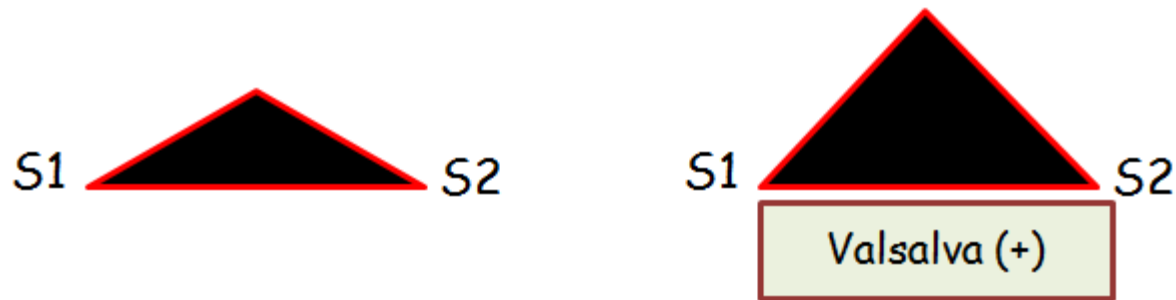
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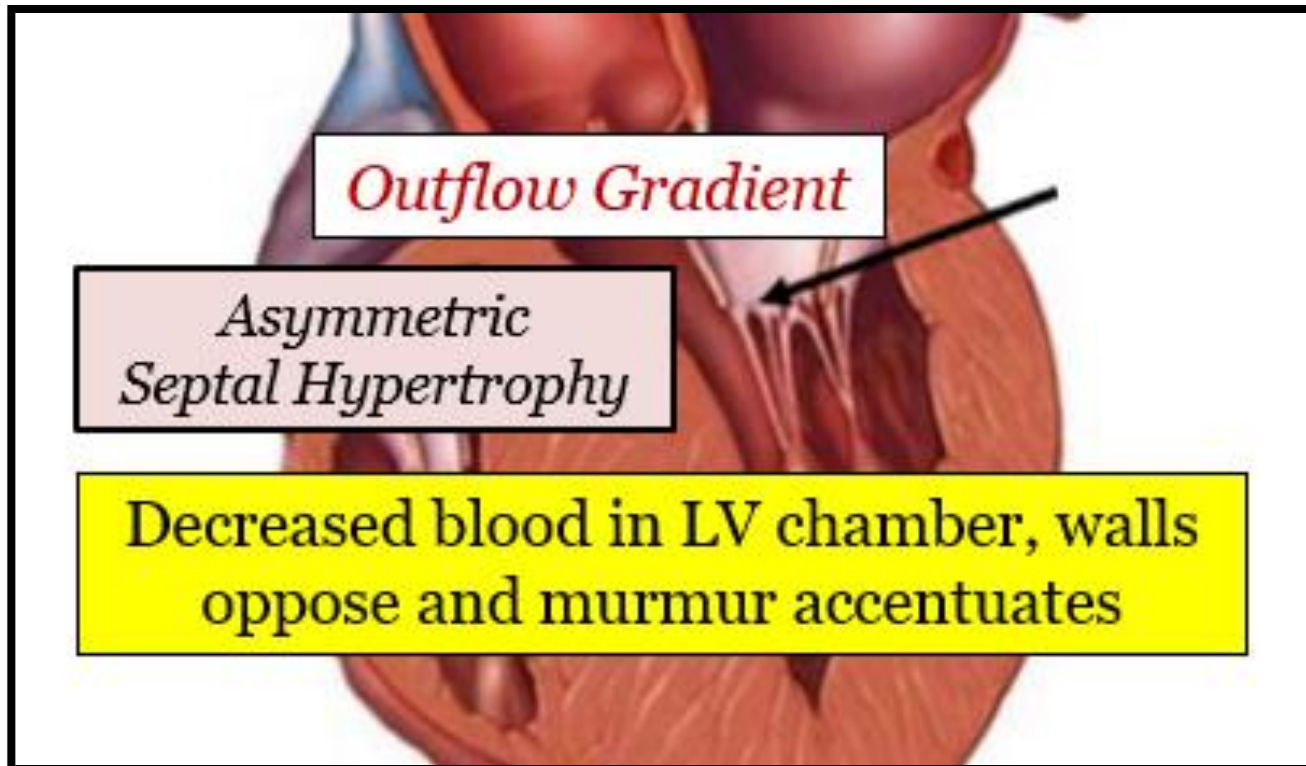
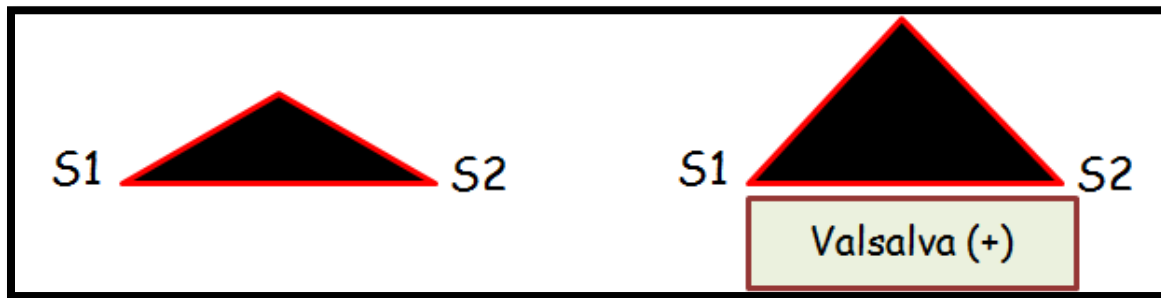


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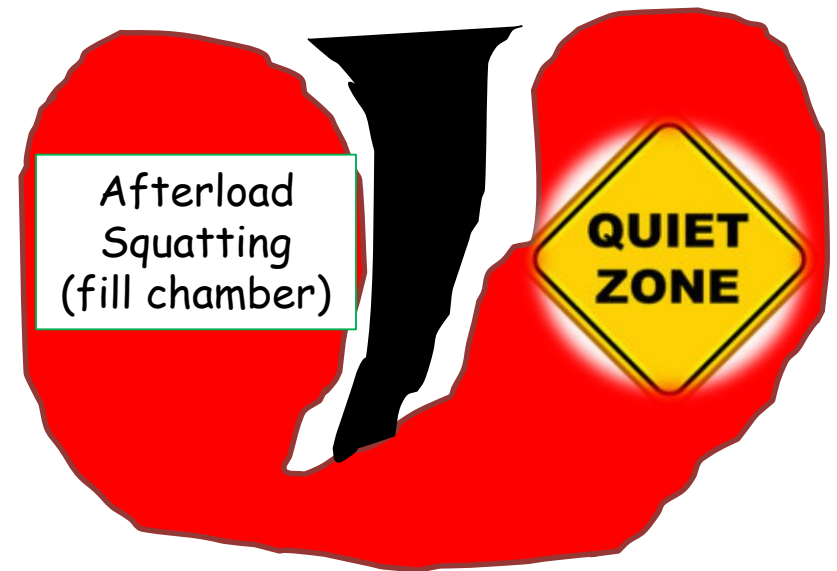




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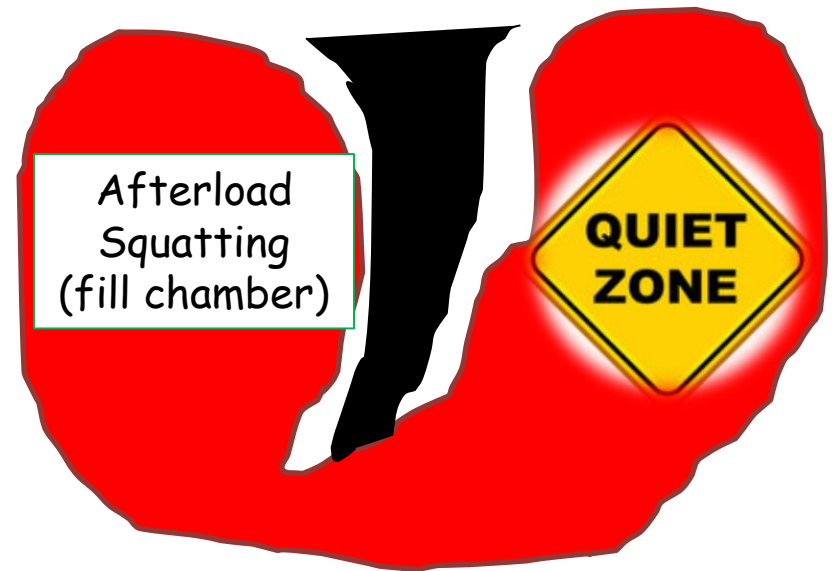
Decreased Preload (nitrate)  
Decreased LVEDV (diuretic)

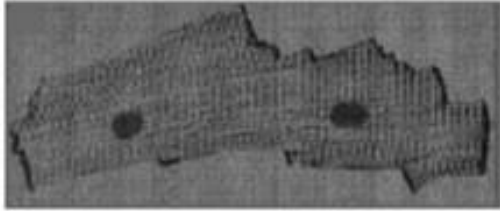
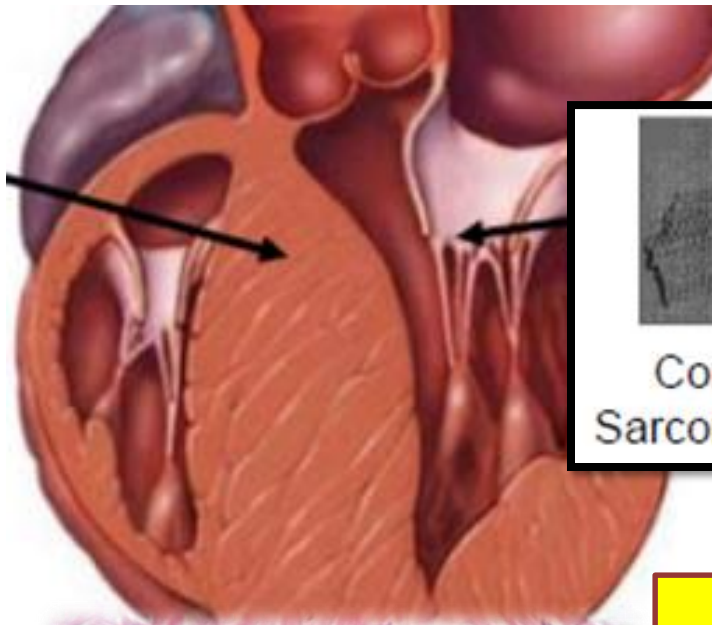
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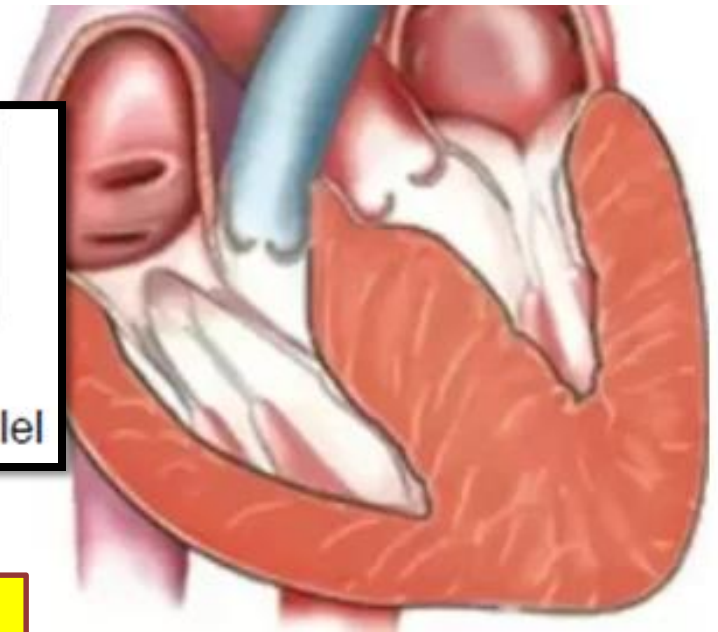
Agents with negative chronotropic (and inotropic) properties, promote LV filling (and decreased outflow gradient)

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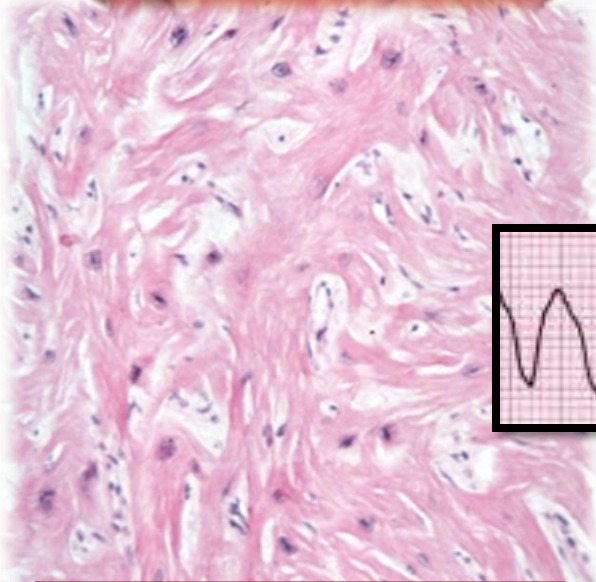




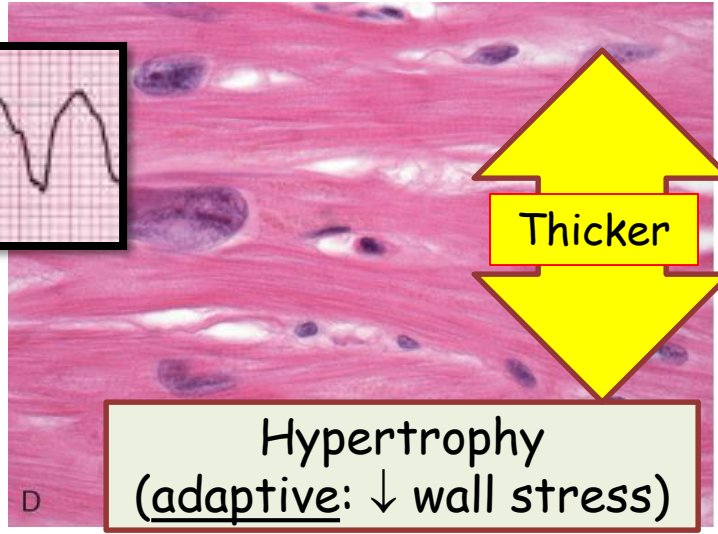
Concentric Hypertrophy  
Sarcomeres added in Parallel



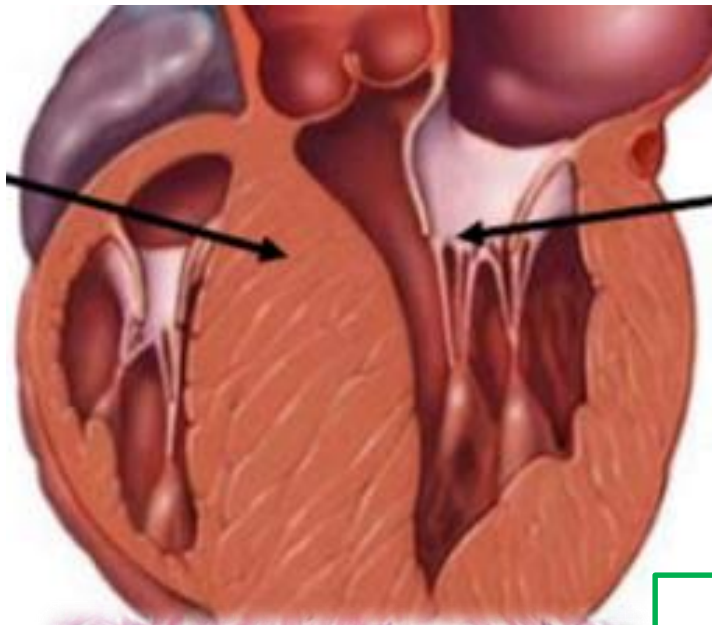
Pop Quiz:  
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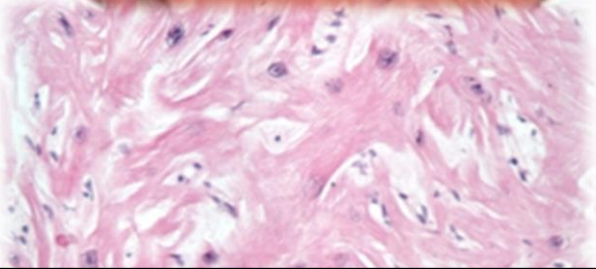
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Hypertrophy  
(adaptive: ↓ wall stress)



Pop Quiz:  
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*Myocardial Fibrosis*

Myocyte disarray  
(genetic mutation)

Concentric Hypertrophy  
Sarcomeres added in Parallel

Hypertrophy  
(adaptive: ↓ wall stress)

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# HCM (*Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy*)

- Background
  - **Obstructive** physiology → *Dynamic Outflow Gradient*
  - Pathology description: *Myocyte Disarray*
    - Key Derivative: *Syncope* or *SCD* (especially in the young athlete)
- Definition/Nomenclature/Pathology
  - **HCM is an inherited disorder**
    - Sarcomere or Nonsarcomere Metabolic Dysfunction
  - HCM is *not* LVH (adaptation to disorders of afterload)
- Physical Exam
  - Maneuvers → *Outflow Gradient*
  - Applied physiology/pharmacology
- Questions/Vignettes
  - Bring this bad boy home...

# Cardiology

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LV Outflow Obstruction:  
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM)  
(s/p Aortic Stenosis)

HCM

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