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BENEFIT OF IMPELLA IN ICU PATIENTS



# When to unload the LV? *Quand décharger le VG?*

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# Conflicts of interest

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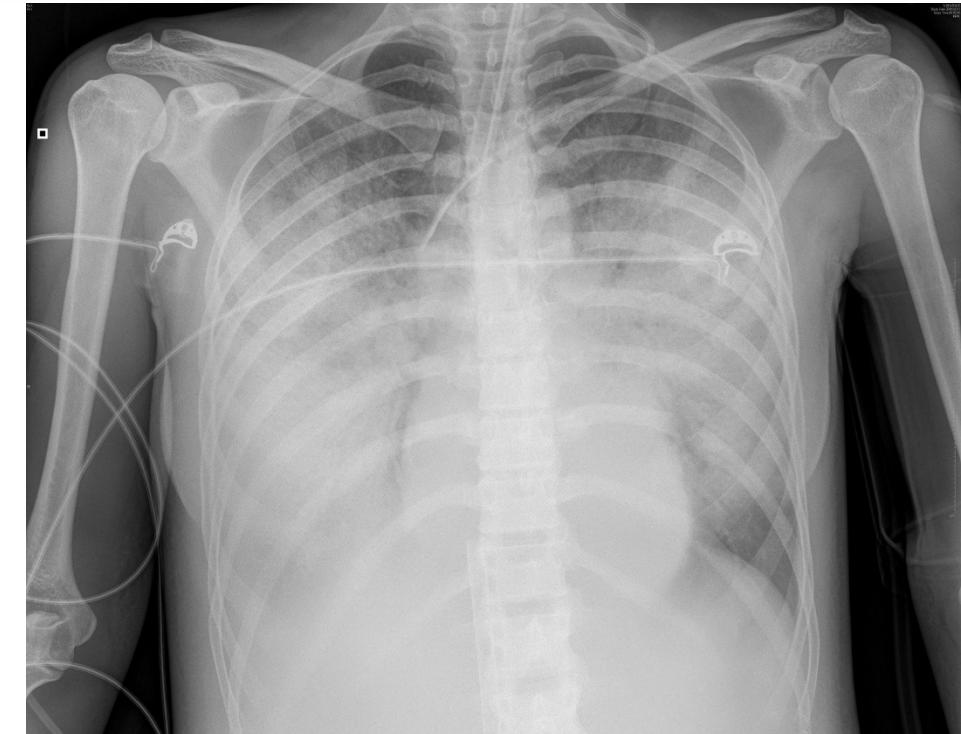
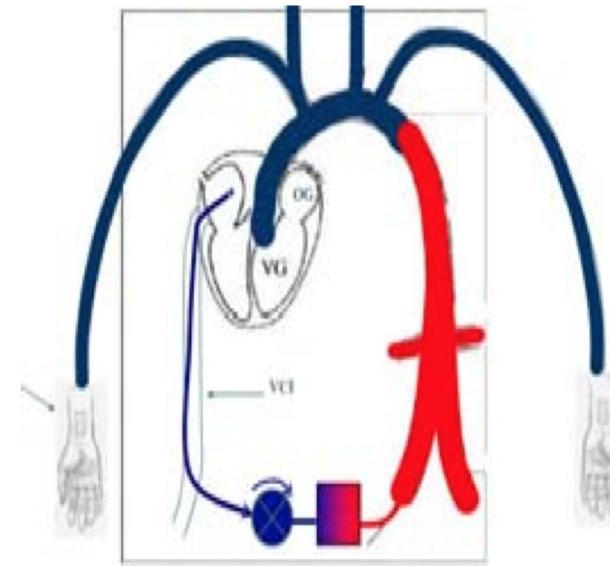
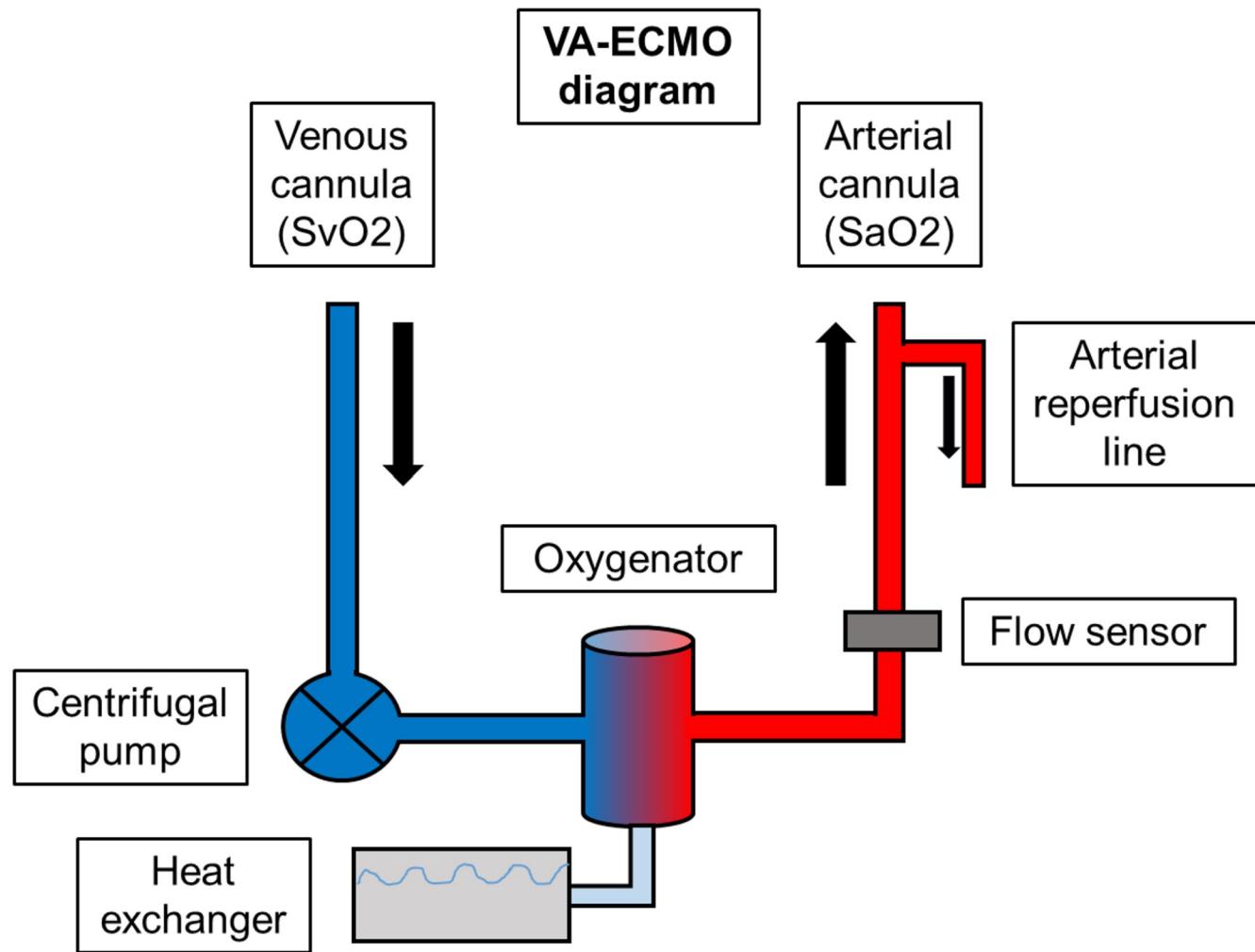
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# Background



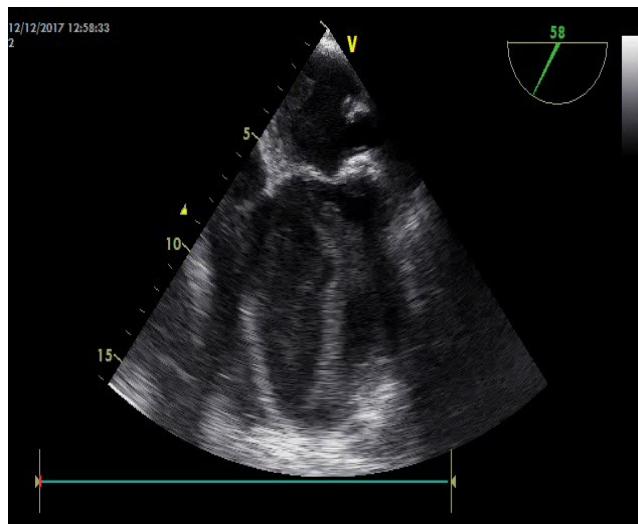
# Case report, man 58 yo

DCM (MRI: LVEF 15% & RVEF 15%)

Worsening status 15d

ICU admission: cardiogenic shock

- VTI = 11; CI = 1,8; Lactate 3,6; Creat 150; CRP 350
- Stabilized / Dobu + Norep & referred to CHU
- Abdominal pain +++
- AF with high rate, VT => VA-ECMO as bridge to decision for HT



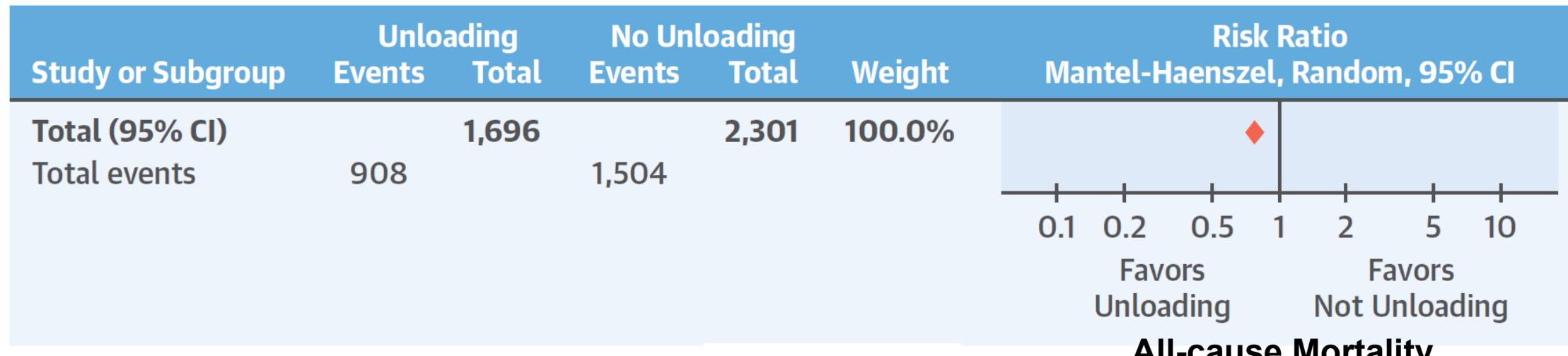
Evolution under VA-ECMO

- Appendicular peritonitis
- Emergency abdominal surgery
- Septic shock (ECMO 6L/Min)
- LV sludge and PAE

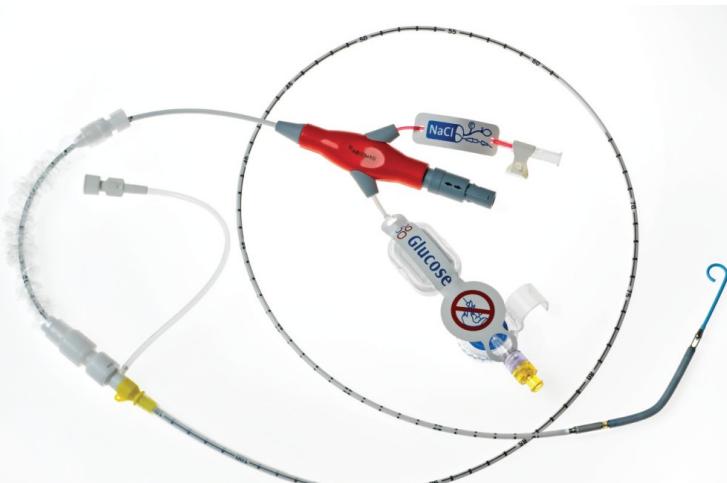
=> Axillary Impella 5.0 at day 2



# LV unloading during VA-ECMO



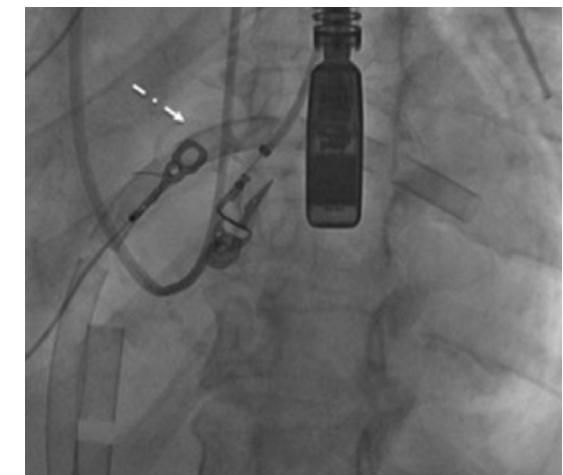
Russo, J.J. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2019;73(6):654-62.



**Impella**



**IABP**



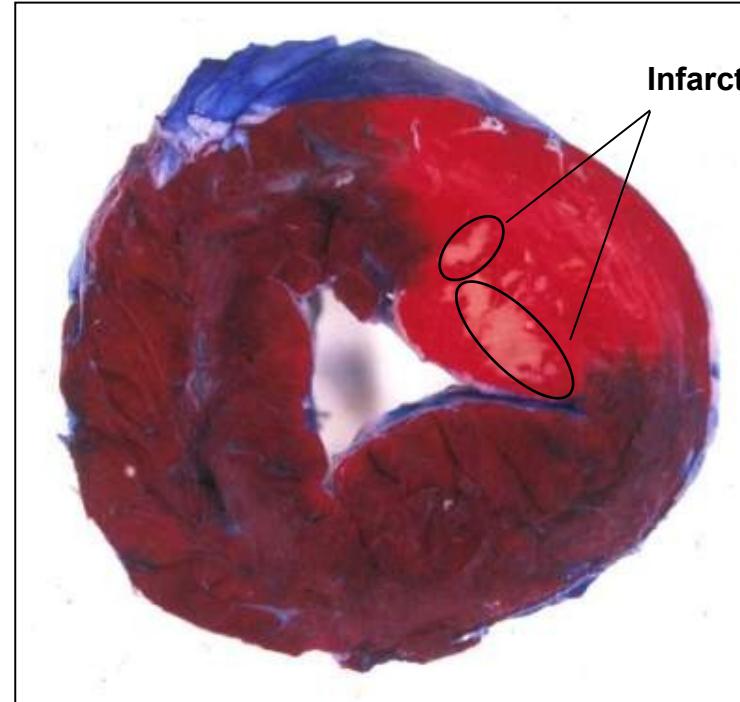
**Transseptal LA cannula**

# Potential Reduction of Infarct Size

LAD occlusion in Animal model



Without  
Impella Support

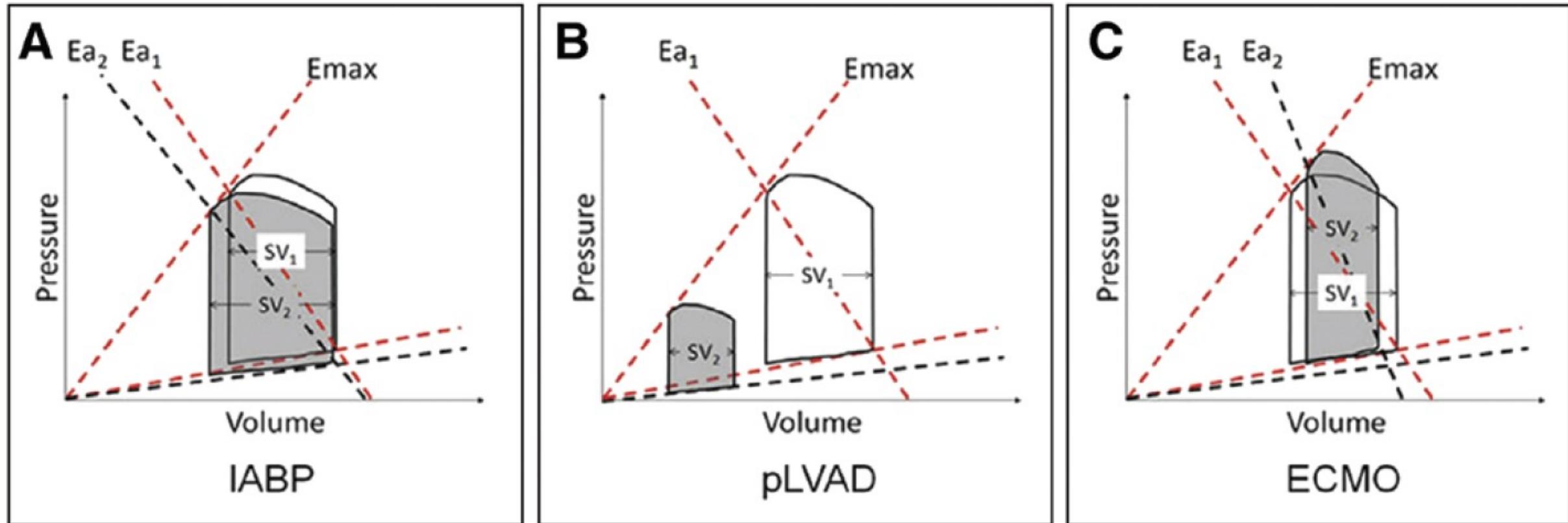


With  
Impella Support



Impella study – Flameng et al 2000

# PV loops during TCS : decrease of cardiac workload by Impella



## Advanced Percutaneous Mechanical Circulatory Support Devices for Cardiogenic Shock

(Crit Care Med 2017; 45:1922–1929)

P. Elliott Miller, MD<sup>1</sup>; Michael A. Solomon, MD<sup>1,2</sup>; Dorothea McAreavey, MD<sup>1</sup>

# Unload LV to protect myocardium and enhance myocardial recovery

	Controls (N = 41)	LV-Protect (N = 26)	p
Acute myocardial infarction (N = 67)			
Successful weaning (SW) from TCS at D7 after the end of support	12 (29.3)	16 (61.5)	.009
[SW + discharged from ICU + Alive] at D30	7 (17.1)	13 (50.0)	.004
Mortality D90	30 (73.2)	9 (34.6)	.002

Tableau 3. Facteurs associés à la mortalité à J90

	Univariée		Multivariée	
	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	p	OR-ajusté (95% CI)	p
Age	1.04 (0.99-1.10)	.129	1.04 (0.98-1.10)	0.204
IGS 2	1.01 (0.99-1.03)	.386	-	-
ACR pré-ACMt	0.91 (0.35-2.36)	.841	-	-
Lactate J0 ACMt	1.08 (0.96-1.21)	.191	-	-
SOFA	1.01 (0.87-1.17)	.900	-	-
Score ENCOURAGE	1.06 (0.99-1.13)	.111	-	-
Stratégie LV-Protect	0.30 (0.11-0.80)	.017	0.32 (0.11-0.87)	.025

## LV-Protect:

- Within first 48h of TCS
- Mechanical LV unloading (Impella alone or added to VA-ECMO)
- And/or Pharmacological unloading without drugs increasing MVO<sub>2</sub> (Levosimendan)

Gaudard, retrospective study. Abstract SFAR 2019

# Unload LV and restore transpulmonary blood flow

## Pulmonary artery catheter

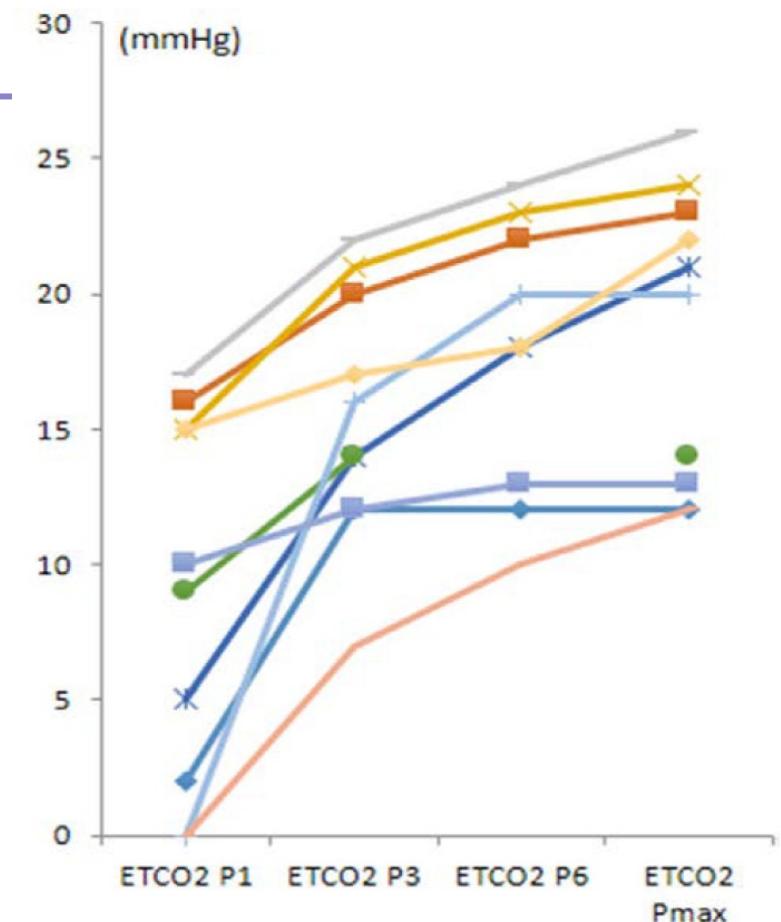
- CO by thermodilution
  - Difficult if very low (<1 to 1.5L/min)
  - False if tricuspid regurgitation (may be increased by ECMO)
- Pulmonary artery occlusion pressure and mixed venous saturation not affected

## Monitoring of EtCO<sub>2</sub> on mechanical ventilation

- Indicate participation of pulmonary circulation on gaze exchange

## Pulse pressure

- Indicate LV stroke volume
- Not correlated to transpulmonary BF in case of LV unloading device



ASAIO Journal 2017

Adult Circulatory Support

## Effect of Impella During Veno-Arterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation on Pulmonary Artery Flow as Assessed by End-Tidal Carbon Dioxide

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# Predictive value of EtCO<sub>2</sub> and pulse pressure for native CO < 1L/min

Mourad et al. *Critical Care* (2020) 24:569  
https://doi.org/10.1186/s13054-020-03280-z

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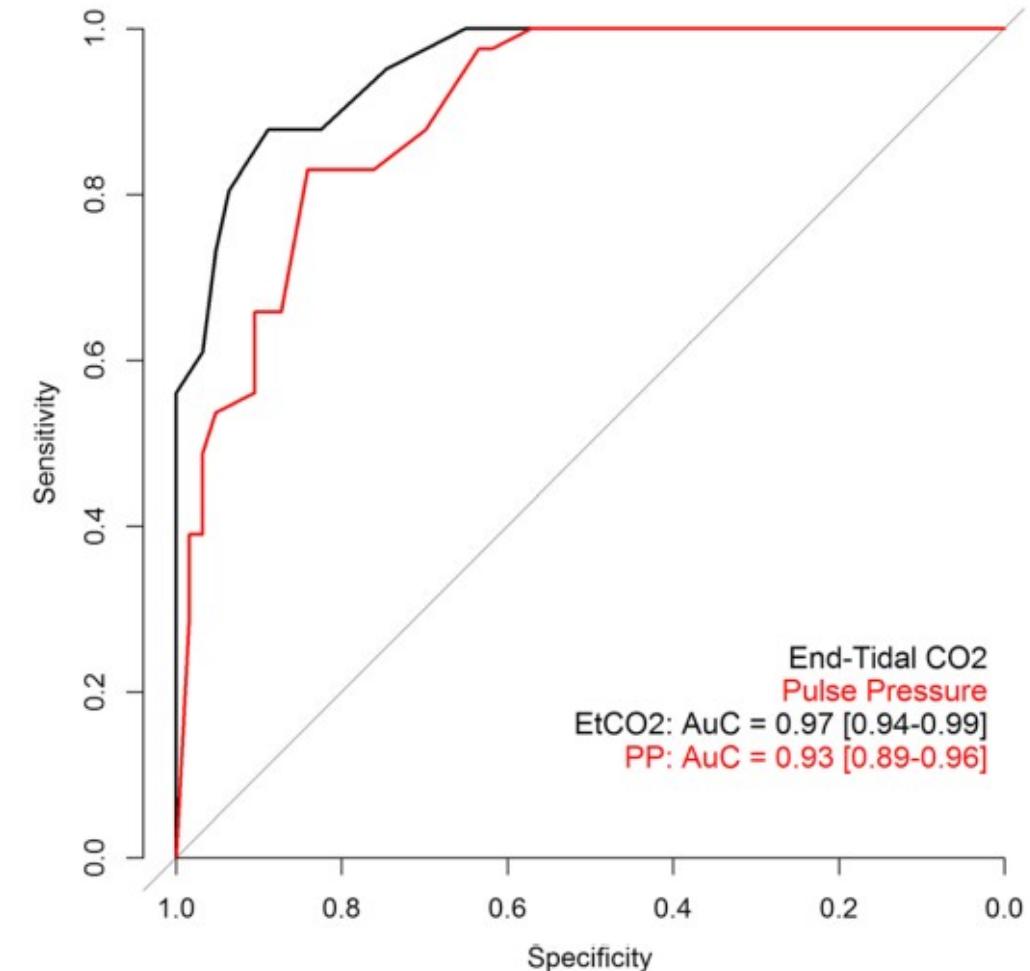
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## Pulse pressure and end-tidal carbon dioxide for monitoring low native cardiac output during veno-arterial ECLS: a prospective observational study

Marc Mourad<sup>1\*</sup> , Jacob Eliet<sup>1</sup>, Norddine Zeroual<sup>1</sup>, Marine Saour<sup>1</sup>, Pierre Sentenac<sup>1</sup>, Federico Manna<sup>2</sup>, Nicolas Molinari<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Gaudet<sup>3</sup>, Pascal H. Colson<sup>1,4†</sup> and Philippe Gaudard<sup>1,5†</sup>

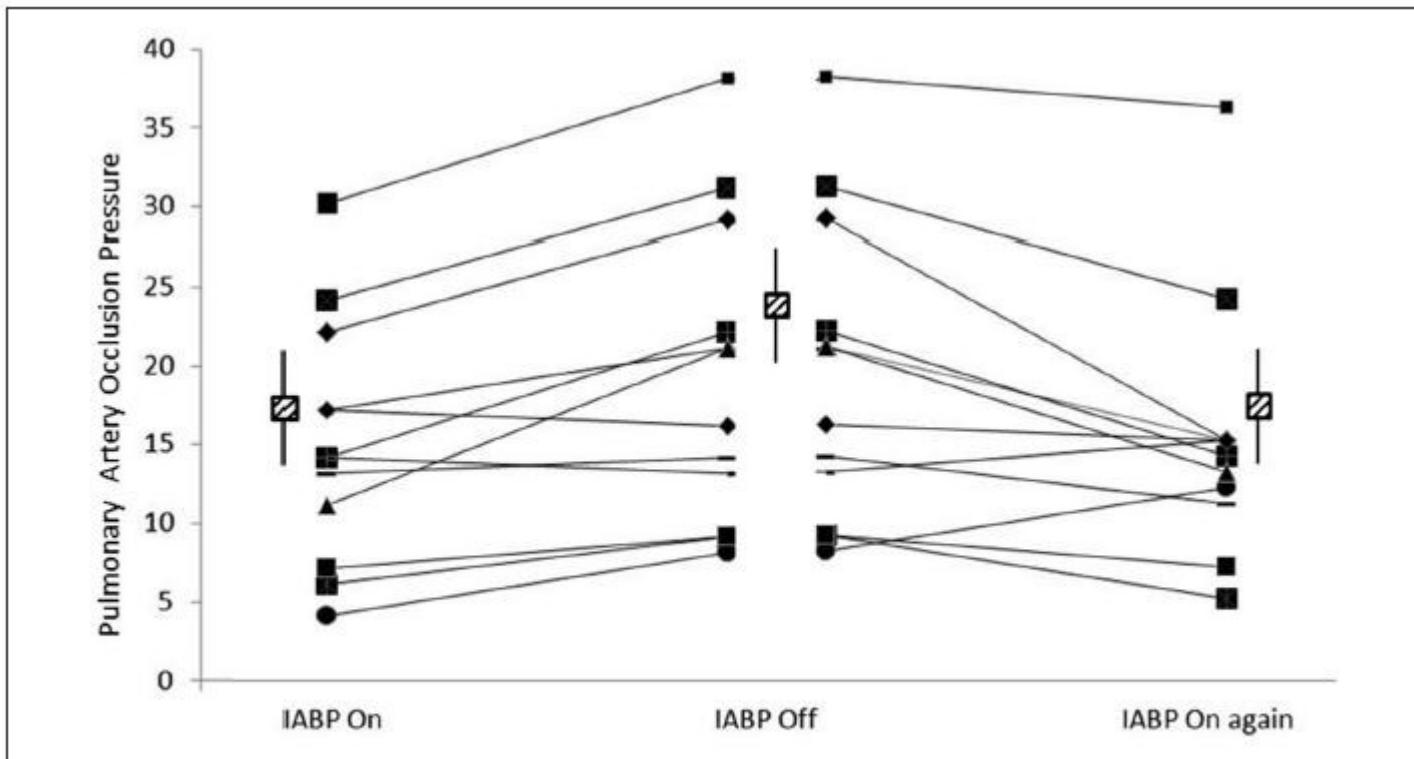
**Cut-off values**  
**EtCO<sub>2</sub> = 14**  
**PP = 15**



# Unload LV to prevent pulmonary edema

## Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump Effects on Macrocirculation and Microcirculation in Cardiogenic Shock Patients Supported by Venoarterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation

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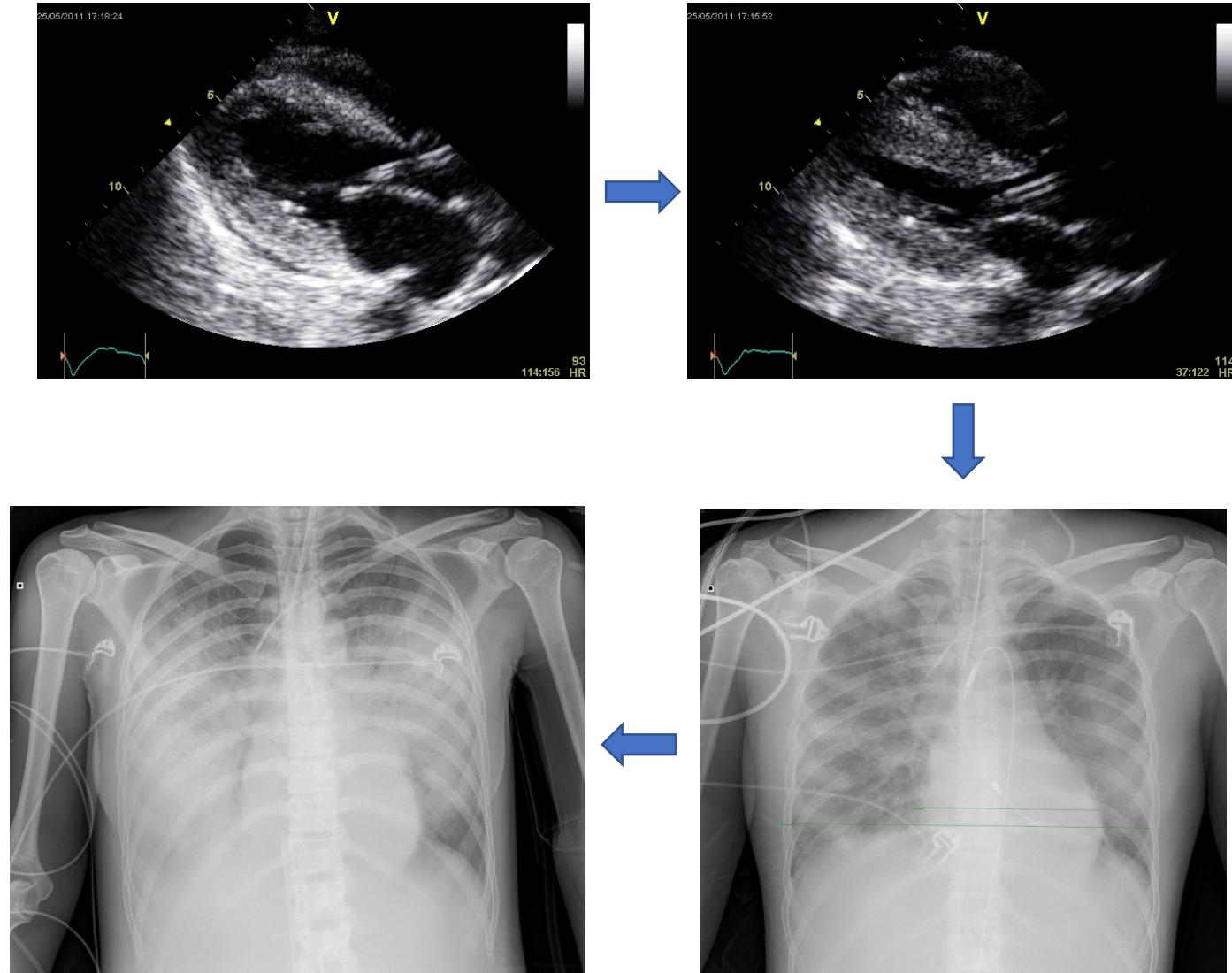
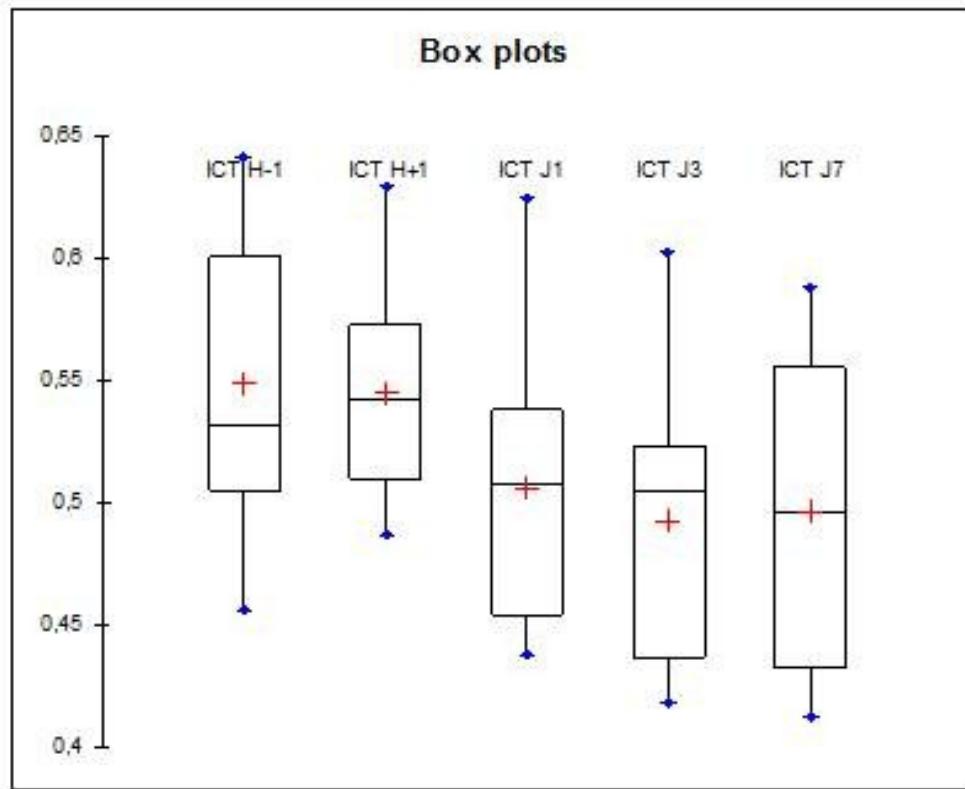
Crit Care Med 2014; 42:2075-82

**Figure 1.** Pulmonary artery-occlusion pressure before and 30 min after interrupting and restarting intra-aortic balloon pump (IABP) in the 12 patients on extracorporeal membrane oxygenation. The three squares represent the mean  $\pm$  sd.

# Efficacy of unloading with percutaneous Impella

10 patients Impella 2.5 added to va ECMO

Cardiothoracic ratio decreased significantly from **0.55** (H-1) to **0.49** (J3) ( $p = 0.002$ )



# Efficacy of unloading with percutaneous Impella 5.0

	Before implantation	6 Hours	24 Hours	48 Hours
Vasoactive-Inotropic score	51 [13-117]	43 [18-82]	24 [8-56]*	9 [0-32]*
Inotrope score	9.3 [2-14]	1 [0-9]*	0 [0-4]*	0 [0-0.4]*
Pulse pressure (mmHg)	31 [11-42]	5 [0-30]*	10 [0-24]*	17 [0-26]
Blood lactate (mmol/L)	3.4 [1.7-5]	2.7 [1.5-3.6]	1.6 [1.2-2.8]*	1.5 [1-2.1]*
Cardiothoracic ratio	0.58 [0.52-0.66]	-	0.55 [0.49-0.6]*	0.54 [0.49-0.59]*
NT-proBNP (ng/L)	3736 [1436-8024]	-	1638 [799-5689]*	1780 [745-3931]*

Median values; NT-proBNP, N-terminal pro-brain natriuretic peptide.

\*, p < 0.05 compared to values before Impella implantation, paired Wilcoxon test.

Gaudard et al. *Critical Care* (2015) 19:363  
DOI 10.1186/s13054-015-1073-8



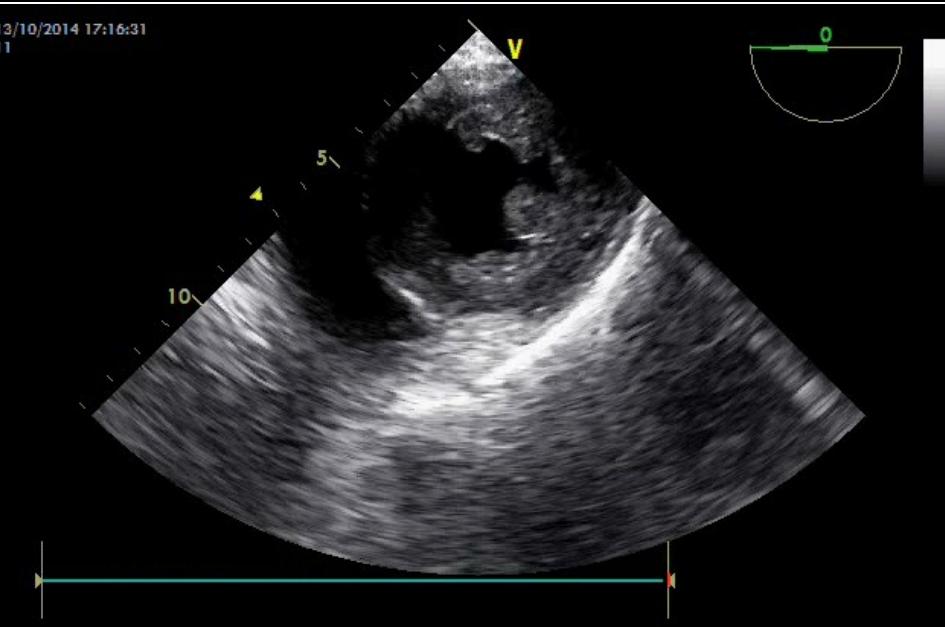
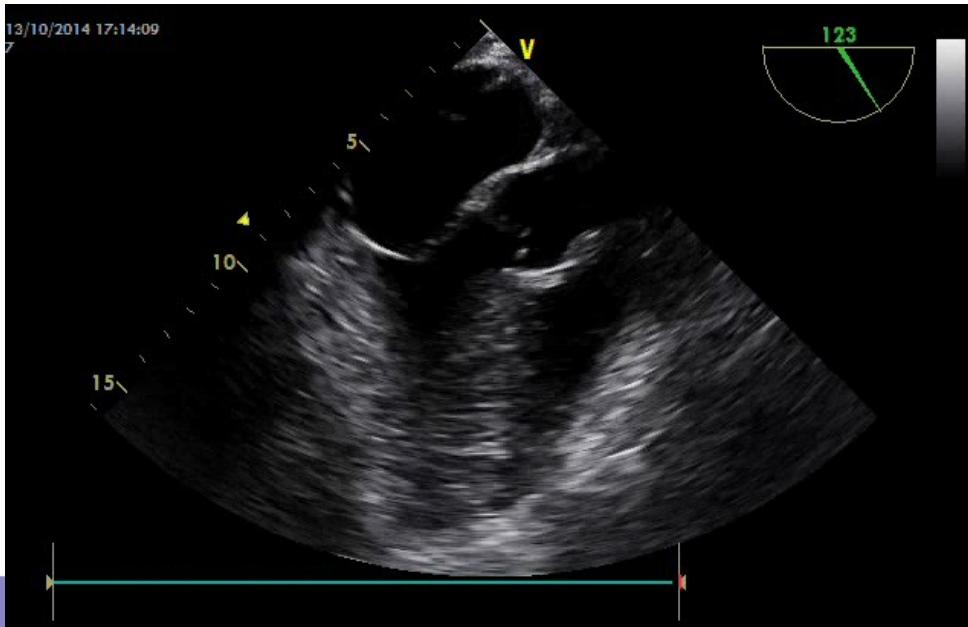
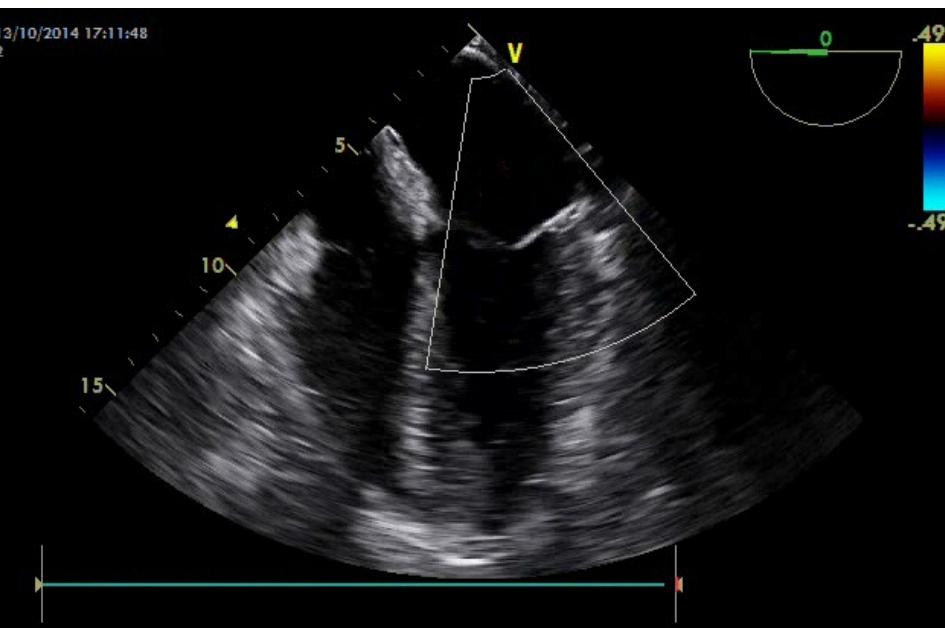
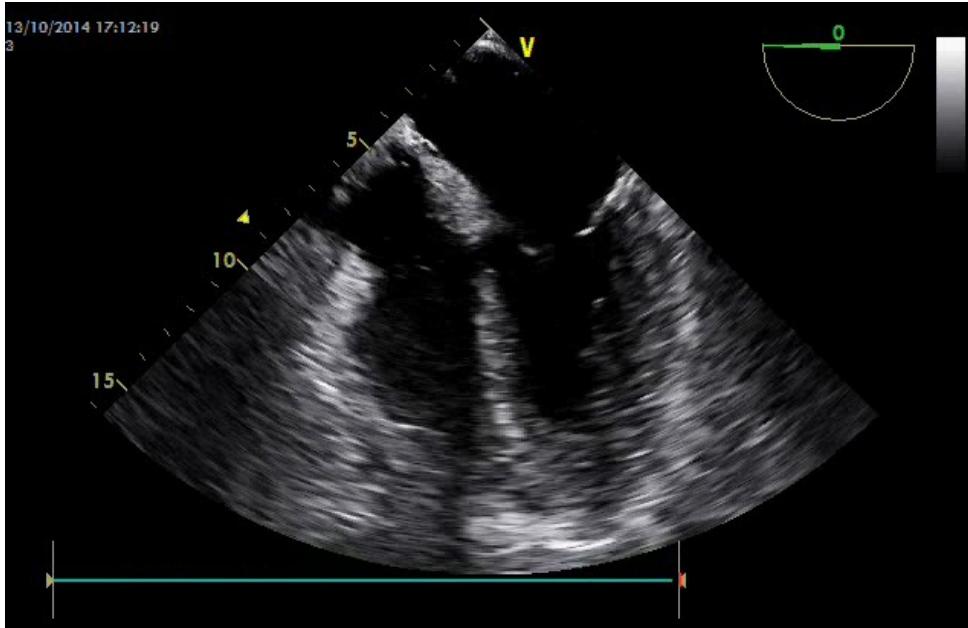
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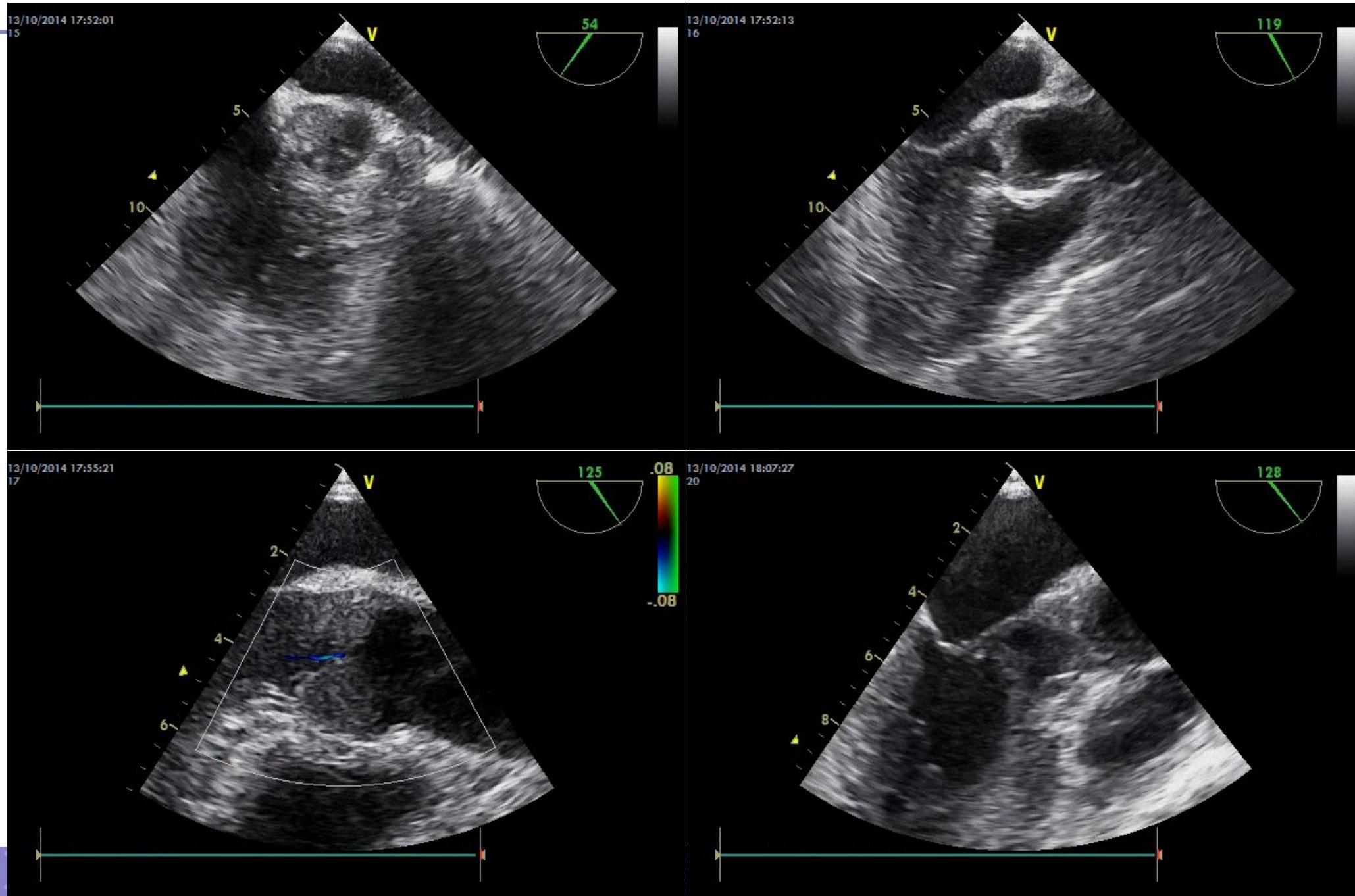


Management and outcome of patients supported with Impella 5.0 for refractory cardiogenic shock

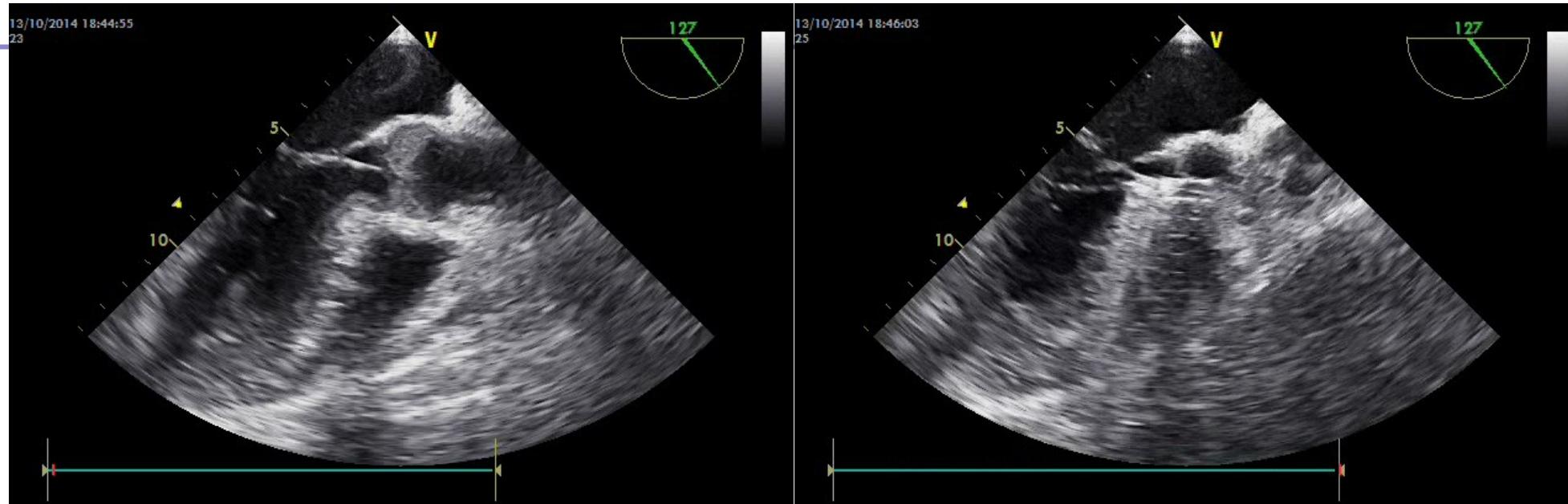
# When is it time to unload?



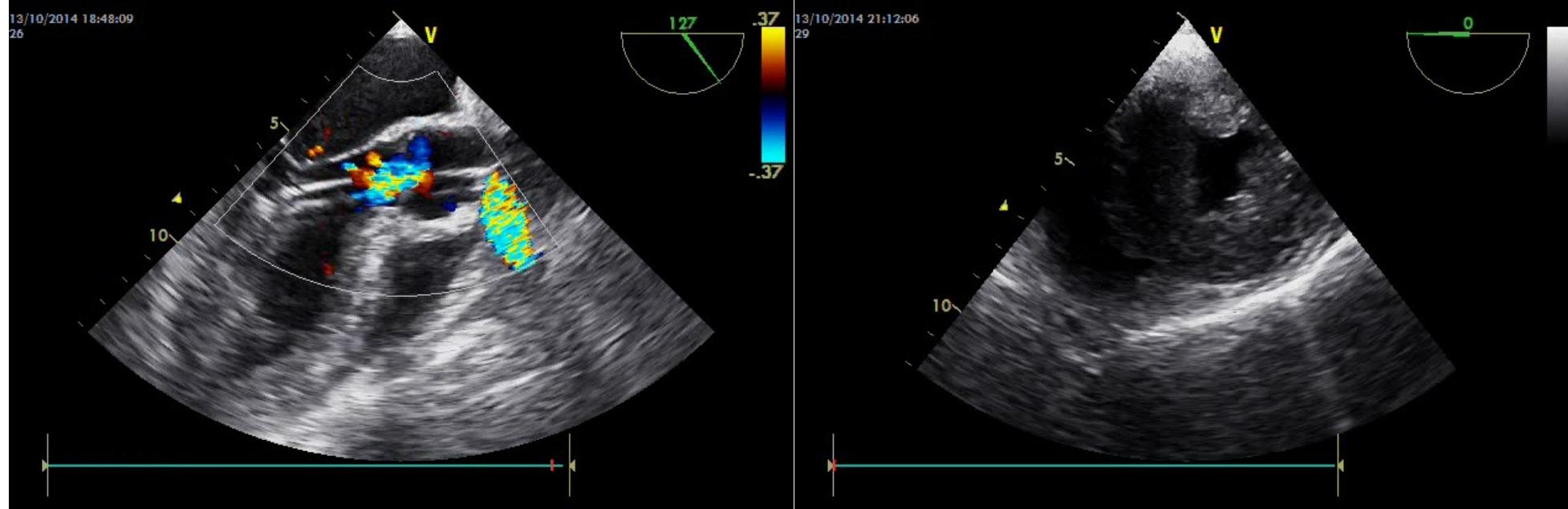
ECMO H2  
(FV post-PCI, mitral regurgitation)



30 min  
later...



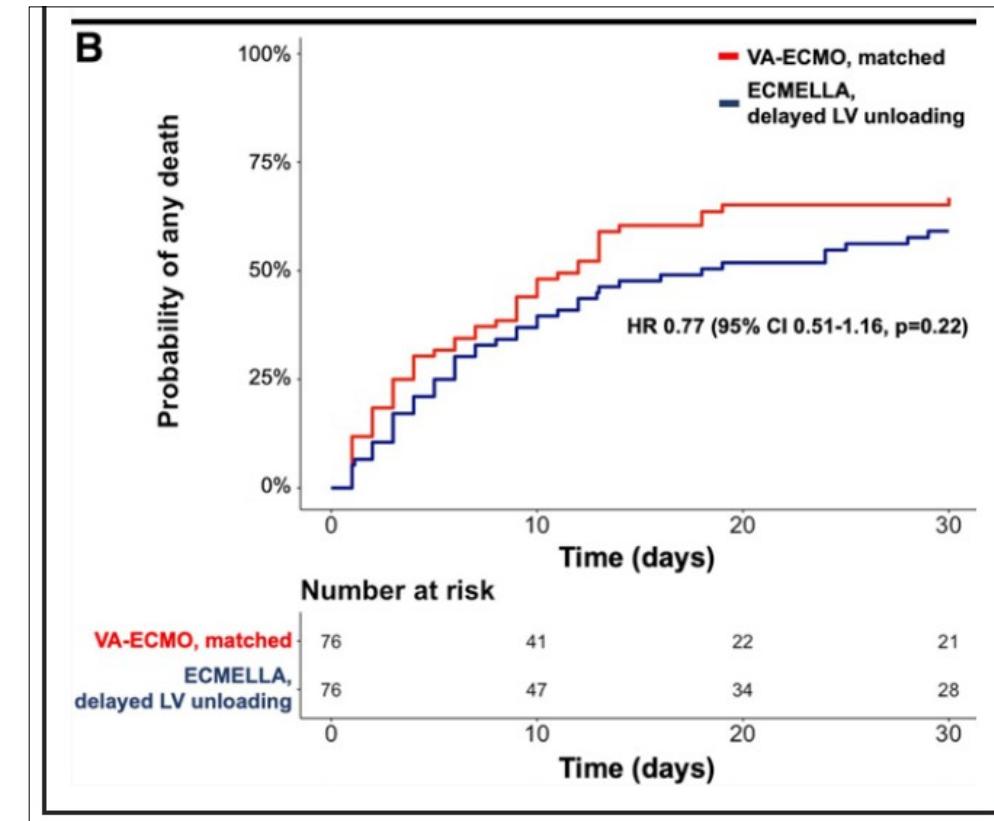
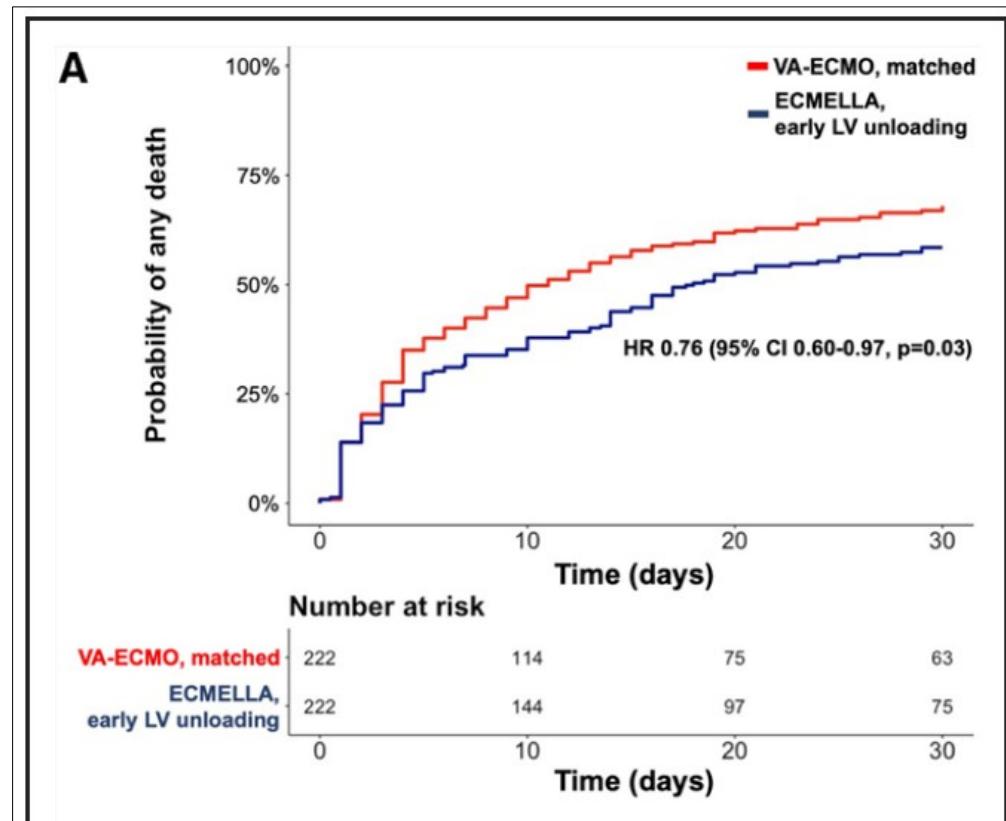
Impella 5.0  
implantation



ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

**Left Ventricular Unloading Is Associated With Lower Mortality in Patients With Cardiogenic Shock Treated With Venoarterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation Results From an International, Multicenter Cohort Study**

*Circulation.* 2020;142:2095–2106. DOI: 10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.120.048792



# (Refractory) Cardiogenic Shock V-A ECMO + Impella (ECpella)

J0

J2

J5

J7

J12

Early LV unloading: Prefer axillary Impella 5.0 or 5.5 +/- levosimendan cure ?

Progressive flow transfer from ECMO => Impella

Organ failure recovery

Transplant project

LVAD project

Recovery

List registration

No donor

BiVAD  
TAH

LVAD

Weaning V-A ECMO

Weaning MV

Active Rehabilitation

Simultaneous or staggered support weaning depending on TTE assessment

If failed

ECpella:

Dual support management  
and weaning project

# LV unloading: Take home message

## Who ?

- Recovery potential (myocardial protection)
- High risk of VA-ECMO side effects (low native CO)
  - $\text{EtCO}_2 < 14$  or Pulse Pressure  $< 15$  despite volume optimization and ECMO flow reduction

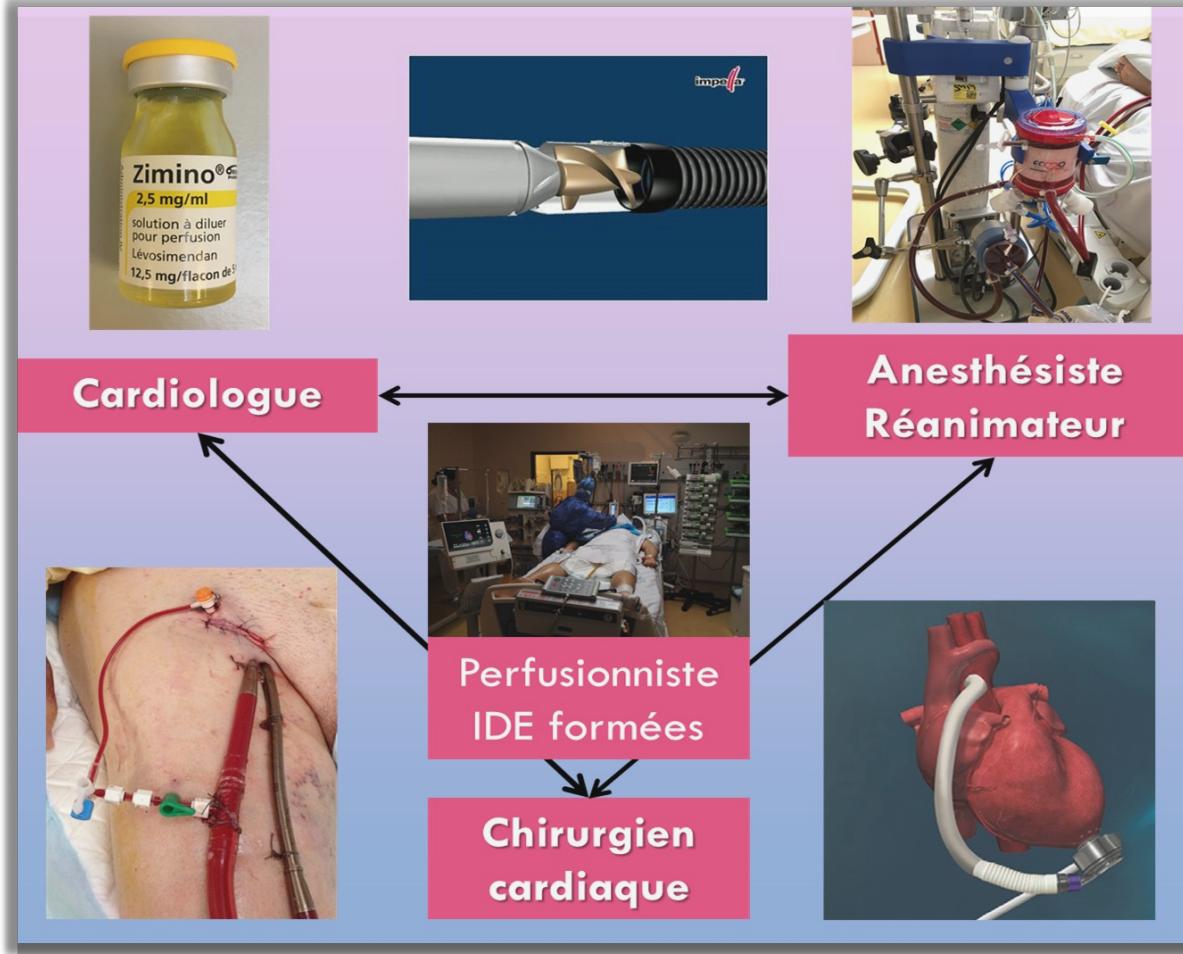
## When ?

- Early +++
- Limited benefits after 2 days
- After assessing neurologic prognosis and futility

## How ?

- IABP in prevention?
- Impella 5.0 > CP > 2.5: direct & transvalvular unloading
- Non catecholergic inotrope
- Integrated strategy in the global care plan (what's next?)

**MERCI !**



# HEART-TEAM