

Thrombolytics in Cardiac Arrest

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DISCLOSURES

None.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Discuss the epidemiology, pathophysiology, and risk stratification of pulmonary embolisms (PE)**
- 2. Review bedside tools and strategies used to narrow the presentation differential**
- 3. Examine treatment options for the management of massive PE**

The diagnosis of pulmonary embolism (PE) in the emergency department is challenging due to the lack of clinical diagnostic criteria and imperfect investigations. The presenting symptoms are:

- a) symptoms are common and non-specific**
- b) always include from chest pain and shortness of breath**
- c) there is a very low false positive rate with non-invasive testing (d-dimer)**
- d) all of the above**

RISK FACTORS FOR PE

- **Postoperative states**
- **Pregnancy**
- **Malignancies**
Limited mobility
- **Previous venous thromboembolism**
- **Cardiovascular disease**
- **Estrogen use**
- **Obesity**

HOW WE DEFINE PULMONARY EMBOLISM

ANATOMIC

VS

PHYSIOLOGIC

HOW WE DEFINE PULMONARY EMBOLISM

MASSIVE

VS

SUBMASSIVE

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MASSIVE

CARDIAC ARREST

SHOCK

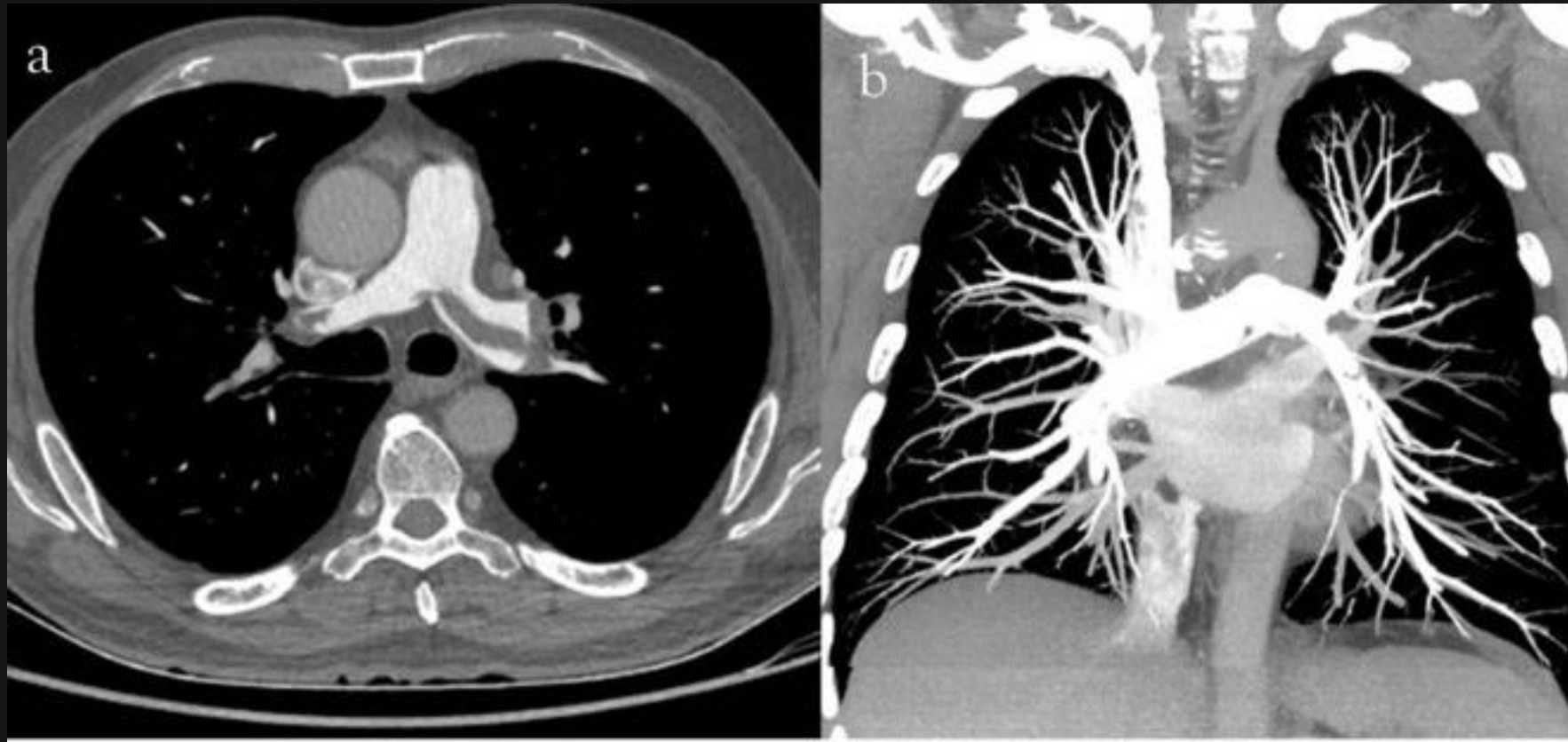
SUSTAINED PRESSORS

SUBMASSIVE

NORMOTENSIVE RV STRAIN

DIAGNOSIS OF MASSIVE PE

DEFINITIVE DIAGNOSIS



DIAGNOSIS OF MASSIVE PE

- EMPIRIC DIAGNOSIS -

PRE-TEST PROBABILITY

RISK FACTORS

BIOMARKERS

ECG

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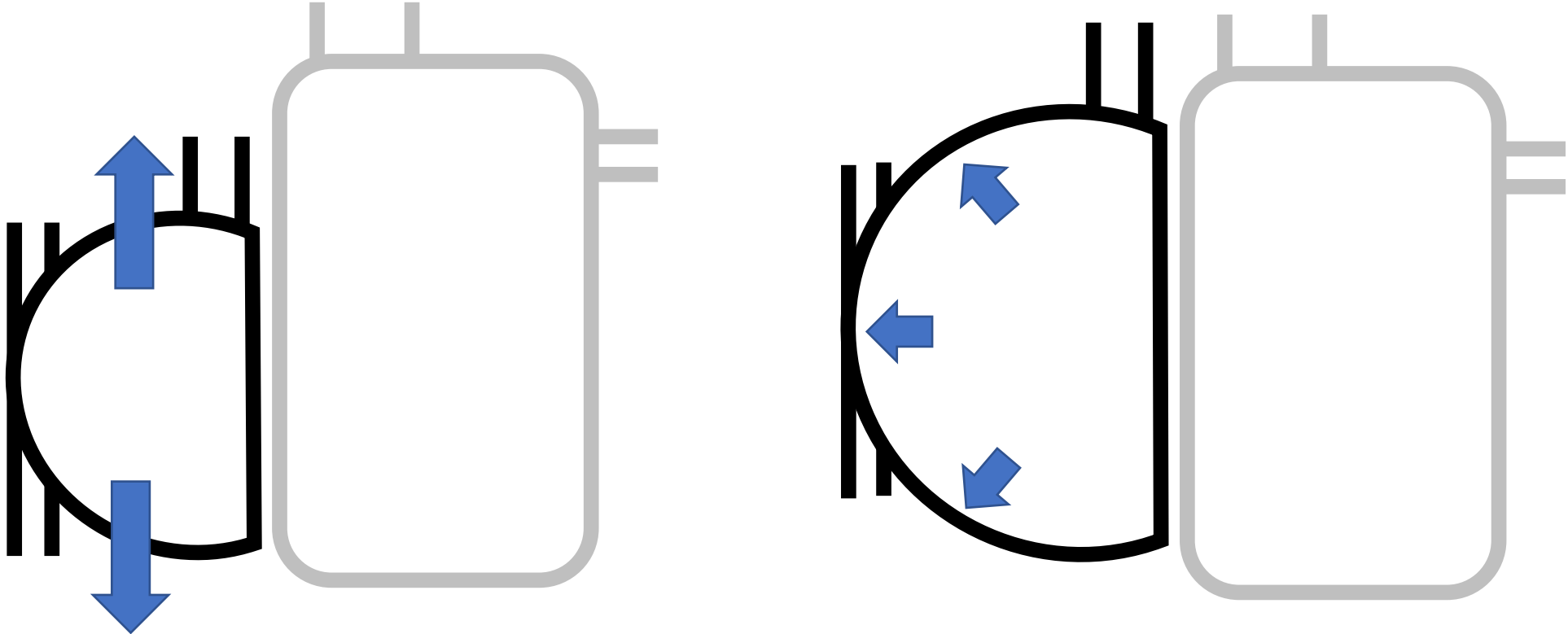
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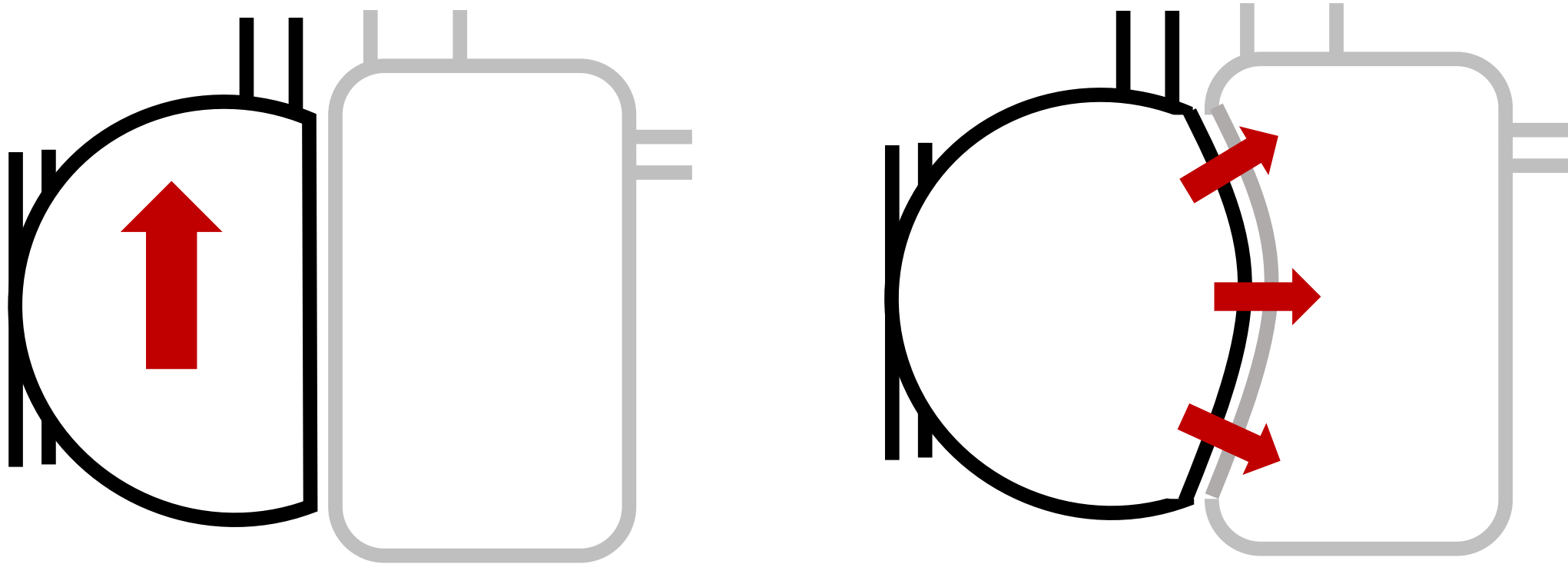
DIAGNOSIS OF MASSIVE PE

RIGHT HEART ULTRASOUND



DIAGNOSIS OF MASSIVE PE

RIGHT HEART ULTRASOUND



**DIAGNOSIS OF PULMONARY
EMBOLI DURING
CARDIAC ARREST**

PULMONARY EMBOLISM



PULMONARY EMBOLISM

TRAIT

PULMONARY EMBOLISM

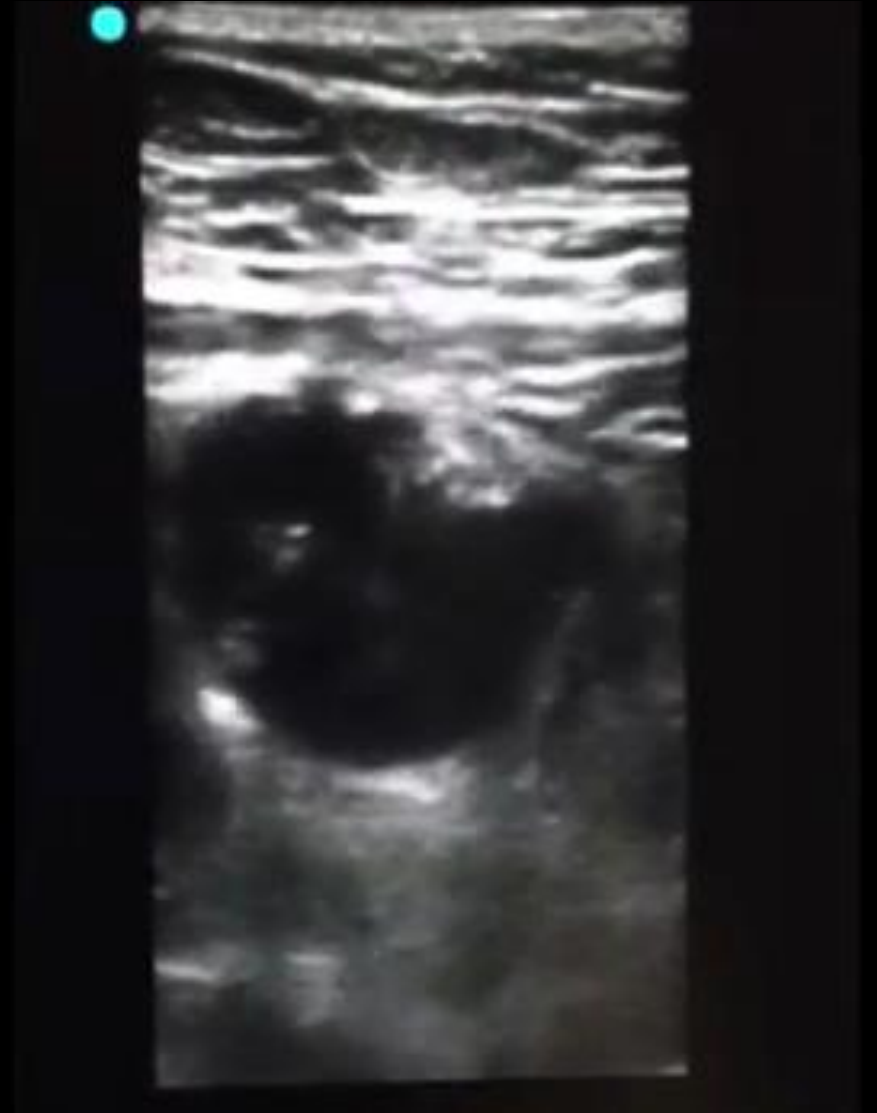
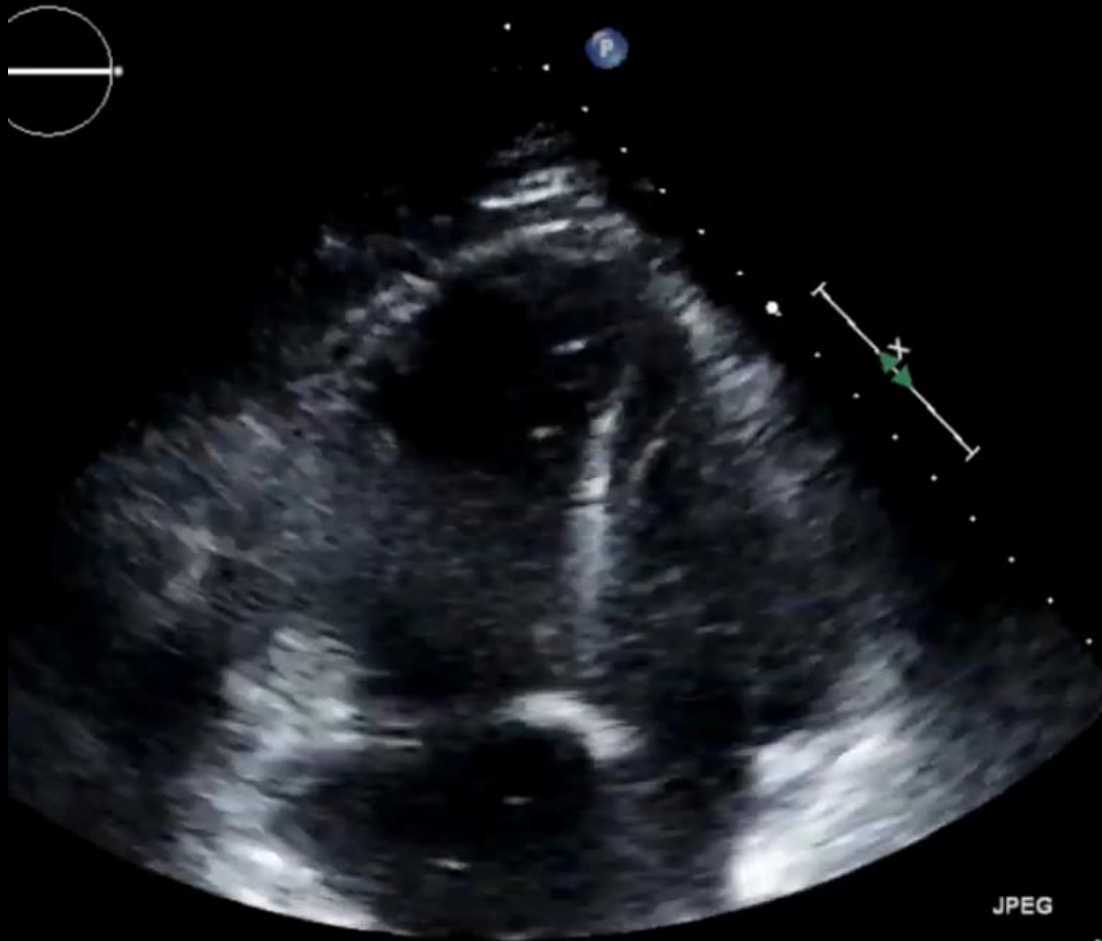


PULMONARY EMBOLISM

TPA IT



PULMONARY EMBOLISM



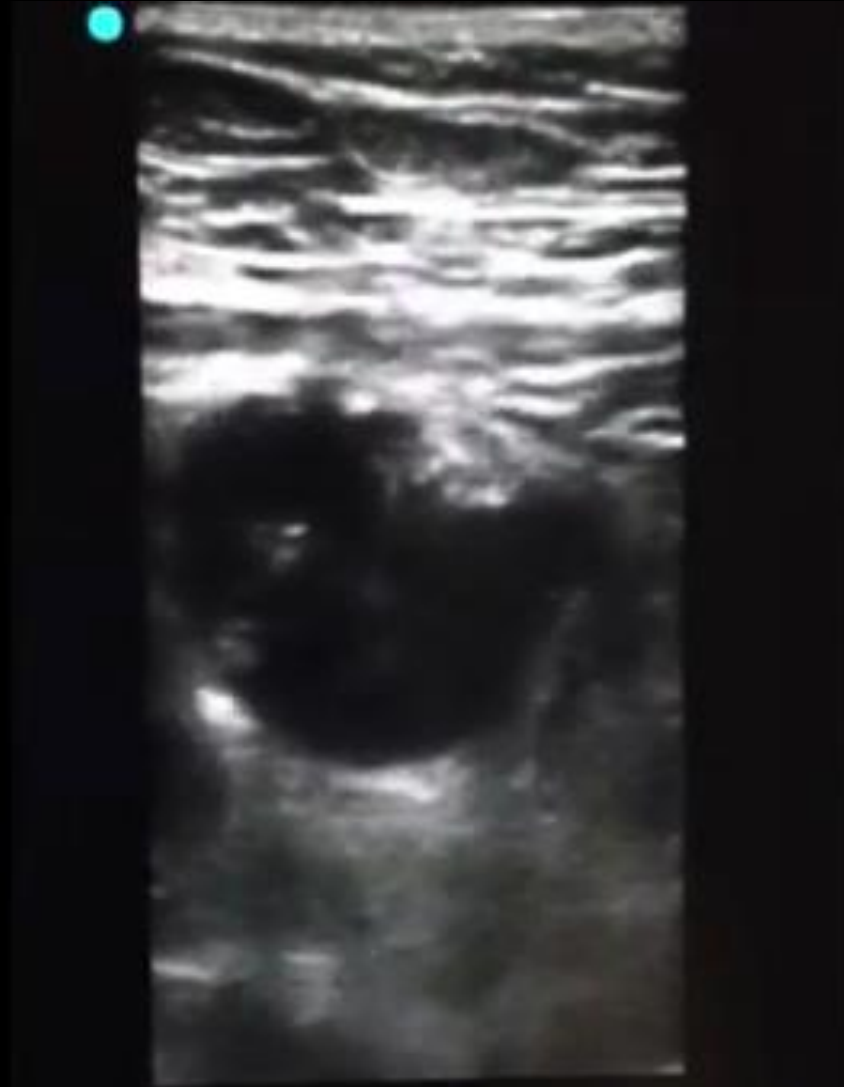
PULMONARY EMBOLISM



TPA IT

JPEG

PULMONARY EMBOLISM



PULMONARY EMBOLISM

A grayscale ultrasound image of a blood vessel. A small red dot is visible at the top left of the vessel lumen, indicating a potential pulmonary embolism. The vessel walls and internal structure are visible as dark and light gray areas.

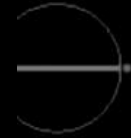
TPA IT?

PROB NOT.

PULMONARY EMBOLISM



PULMONARY EMBOLISM



TPA IT?

MAYBE NOT?

CLOT IN TRANSIT



TPA IT.

RV FAILURE +

DVT



TPA IT.



RV FAILURE +
HIGH PRE-TEST

TPA IT



DVT +

HIGH PRE-TEST



TPA IT



HIGH PRE-TEST



TPA IT?

TPA IT. > *TPA IT* > *TPA IT?*

Which of the following are the common ultrasound features of RV dysfunction in PE:

- a) RV wall hypokinesis**
- b) RV larger than LV in subcostal or apical view**
- c) free-floating right-heart thrombus**
- d) All of the above**

Use of fibrinolysis in PE is a controversial topic. Which the following are true:

a) most agree that cardiac arrest and hemodynamic instability (SBP < 90mmHg) are indications for thrombolysis.

b) controversy surrounds thrombolysis for stable patients with RV dysfunction on echocardiography

c) the benefit must be weighed against the risk of hemorrhage with thrombolytic therapy

d) thrombolysis has not been shown to improve mortality

MANAGEMENT OF MASSIVE PULMONARY EMBOLI DURING NON-CARDIAC ARREST

MANAGEMENT

ABCS

MANAGEMENT

AIRWAY + BREATHING

HFNC

INTUBATION OF RV FAILURE

**ROUGH TRANSITION TO POSITIVE PRESSURE
VENTILATION**



INTUBATION OF RV FAILURE

RSI VERSUS AWAKE

INTUBATION

INTUBATION OF RV FAILURE

RSI VERUS AWAKE

INTUBATION

INTUBATION OF RV FAILURE

TOPICALIZE

AEROSOLIZE

LOW-DOSE KETAMINE

AWAKE INTUBATION

VENTILATION OF RV FAILURE

PRESSURE SUPPORT

INSPIRATORY SUPPORT 5-8

PEEP 0

TITRATE PEEP UP AS TOLERATED

MANAGEMENT

CIRCULATION

NOREPINEPHRINE

**+ VASOPRESSIN/
MILRINONE**

MANAGEMENT

CIRCULATION

FLUIDS₂

WHAT DOSE OF TPA?

Recombinant tissue plasminogen activator (TPA) (alteplase)	100 mg intravenous over 2 h
Tenecteplase	One bolus of 30 mg to 50 mg (depending on body weight) over 5 s to 10 s
Retepase	Two boluses of 10 U at a 30 min interval
Streptokinase	1.5 million IU over 2 h in continuous infusion
Urokinase	3 million IU over 2 h in continuous infusion

WHAT DOSE OF TPA?

Study	Publication Year	N	Low-Dose tPA Dosing Regimen	Comparator Regimen
Sors et al	1994	53	0.6 mg/kg (Max = 50 mg) IV over 15 min	100 mg IV tPA over 2 hours
Le Conte et al	2003	21	0.6 mg/kg (Max = 50 mg) IV over 15 min	None
Wang et al	2010	118	50 mg IV over 2 hours	100 mg IV tPA over 2 hours

WHAT DOSE OF TPA?

Reference	Lytic Regimen	ROSC, n/N (%)		Survival 24 hours, n/N (%)		Survival to Discharge, n/N (%)	
		Lytic	Control	Lytic	Control	Lytic	Control
Kurkciyan (2000)	50 mg bolus x 2 OR 15 mg bolus + 85 mg infusion over 90 min	17/21 (81)*	9/21 (43)	NR	NR	2/21 (10%)	1/21 (5%)
Lederer (2001)	15 mg bolus → 50 mg over 30 min → 35 mg over 60 min	76/108 (70.4)*	110/214 (51.0)	52/108 (48.1)*	71/214 (32.9)	27/108 (25)*	33/214 (15.3)
Ruiz-Bailen (2001)	50 mg bolus (2-3 min) then 50 mg bolus (5 min) after 30 min	NR	--	NR	--	4/6 (66.7)	--
Janata (2002)	0.6 – 1.0 mg/kg (max of 100 mg)	24/36 (67)	13/30 (43)	19/36 (53)*	7/30 (23)	7/36 (19)	2/30 (7)

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SALVAGE THERAPY

ECMO

SURGICAL THROMBECTOMY

CDT

CONCLUSION

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