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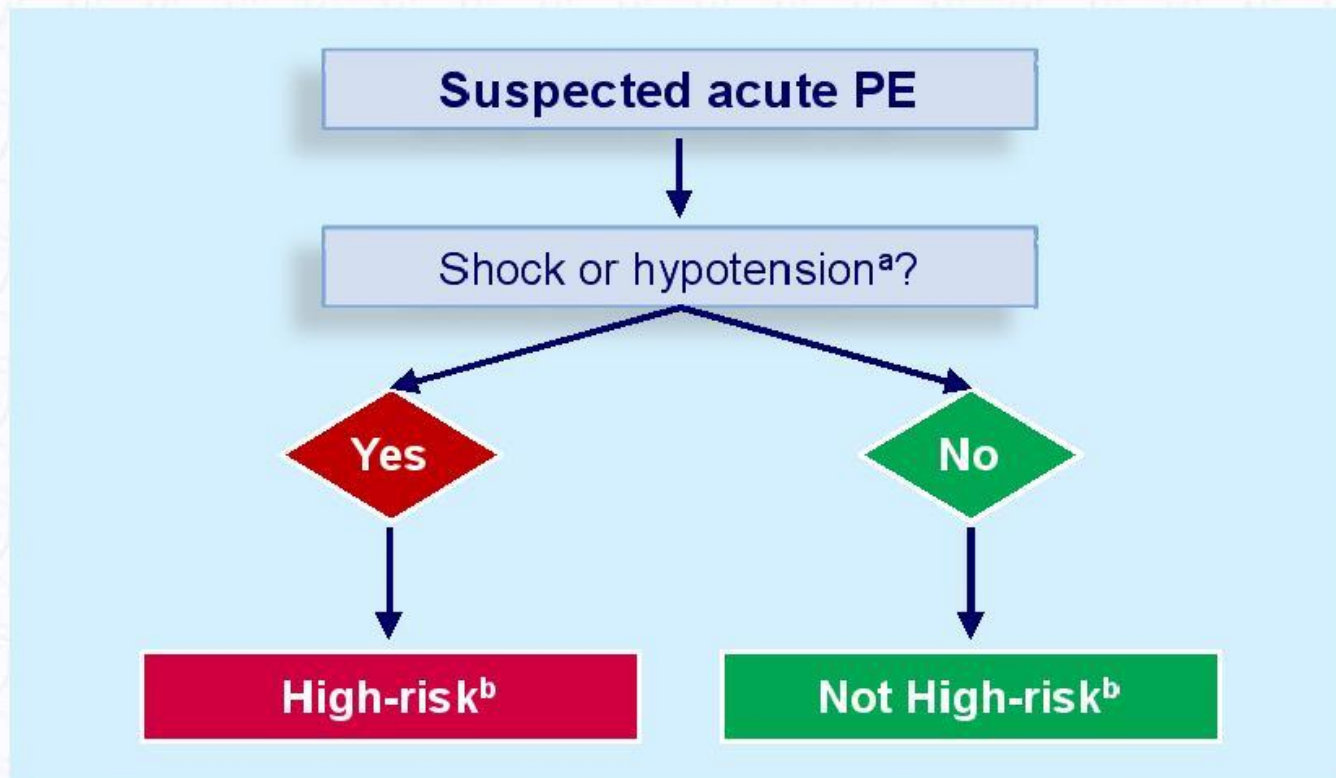
# Σημαντικά δεδομένα Π.Ε

- Υψηλή νοσηρότητα
- Υψηλή θνητότητα
- Συχνή υπερδιάγνωση και θεραπεία
- Ανάγκη επιθετικής θεραπείας

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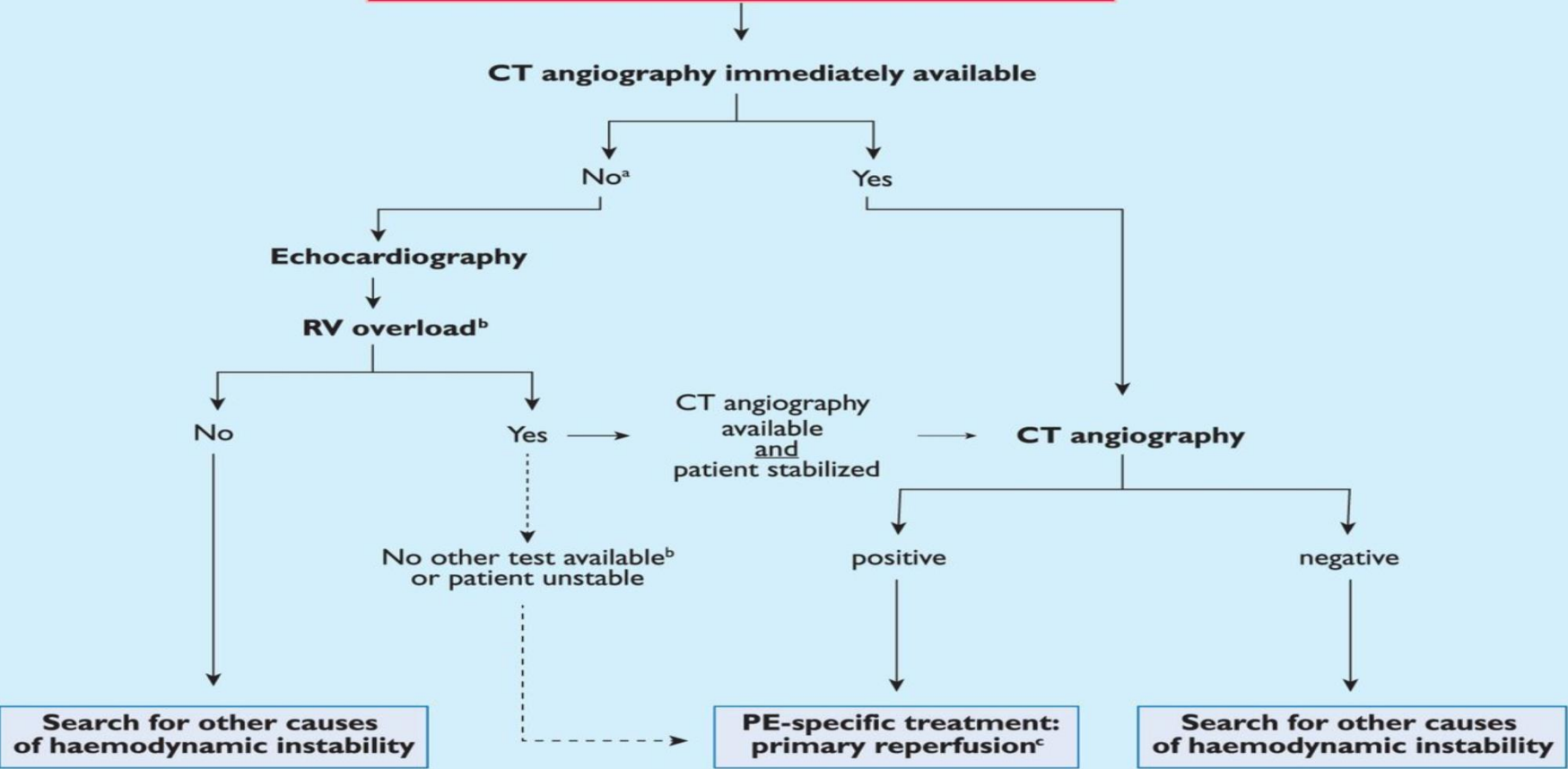
# Initial risk stratification of acute PE



<sup>a</sup> Defined as systolic blood pressure <90 mmHg, or a systolic pressure drop by  $\geq 40$  mmHg, for >15 minutes, if not caused by new-onset arrhythmia, hypovolaemia, or sepsis.

<sup>b</sup> Based on the estimated PE-related in-hospital or 30-day mortality.

**Suspected PE with shock or hypotension**



CT = computed tomographic; PE = pulmonary embolism; RV = right ventricular.

<sup>a</sup>Includes the cases in which the patient's condition is so critical that it only allows bedside diagnostic tests.

<sup>b</sup>Apart from the diagnosis of RV dysfunction, bedside transthoracic echocardiography may, in some cases, directly confirm PE by visualizing mobile thrombi in the right heart chambers. Ancillary bedside imaging tests include transoesophageal echocardiography, which may detect emboli in the pulmonary artery and its main branches, and bilateral compression venous ultrasonography, which may confirm deep vein thrombosis and thus be of help in emergency management decisions.

<sup>c</sup>Thrombolysis; alternatively, surgical embolectomy or catheter-directed treatment (Section 5).

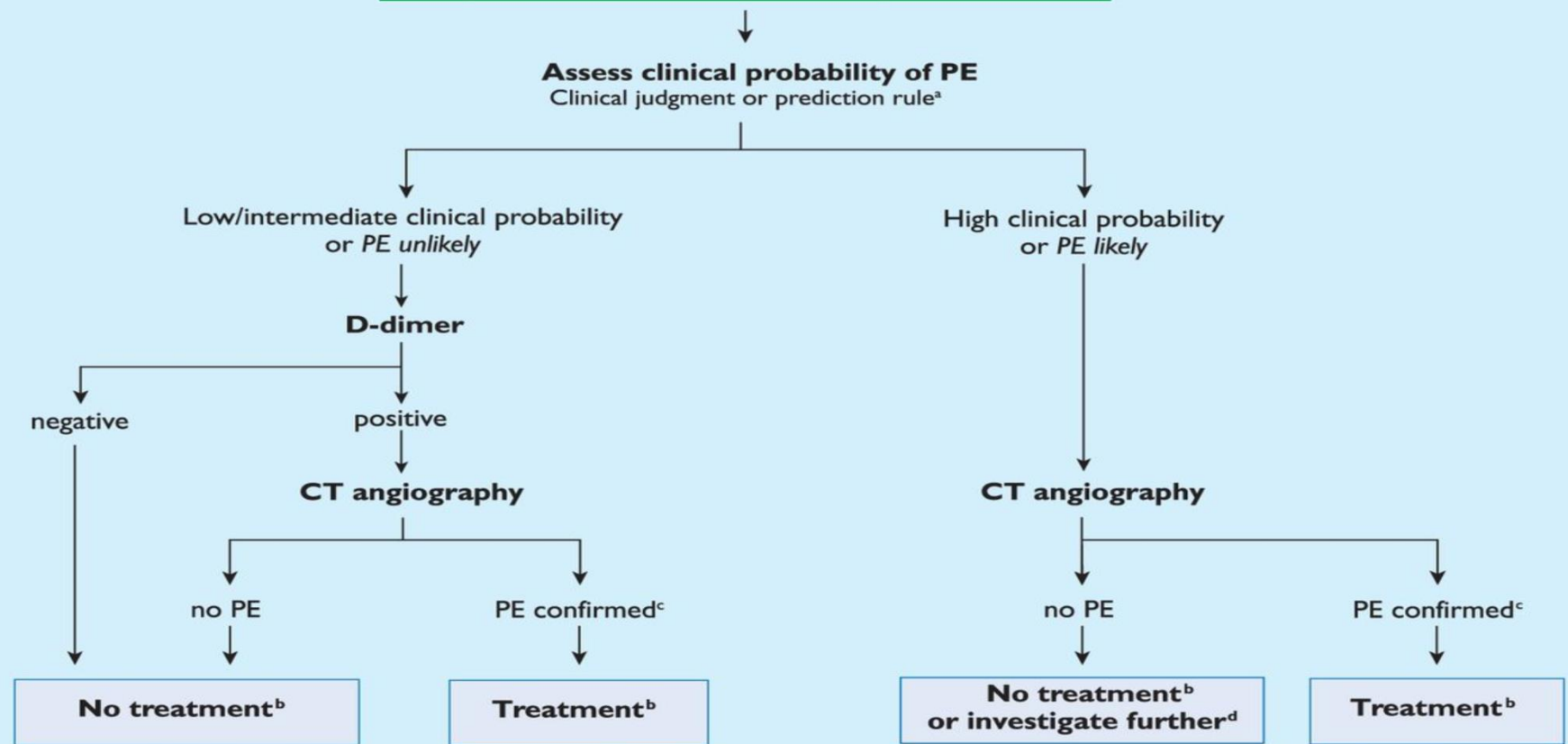
# Υπολογισμός πιθανότητας Π.Ε σε μη υψηλού κινδύνου ασθενείς

Wells score		Revised Geneva score	
Variable	Points	Variable	Points
Previous DVT or PE	1.5	Age >65 years	1
Recent surgery or immobilization	1.5	Previous DVT or PE	3
Cancer	1	Surgery or fracture within 1-month	2
Hemoptysis	1	Active malignancy	2
Heart rate >100 beats/min	1.5	Unilateral lower limb pain	3
Clinical signs of DVT	3	Hemoptysis	2
Alternative diagnosis less likely than PE	3	Heart rate 75–94 beats/min	3
		Heart rate $\geq$ 95 beats/min	5
		Pain on lower limb deep vein at palpation and unilateral edema	4
Clinical probability (3 levels)	Total	Clinical probability (3 levels)	Total
Low	0–1	Low	0–3
Intermediate	2–6	Intermediate	4–10
High	$\geq$ 7	High	$\geq$ 11
Clinical probability (2 levels)		Clinical probability (2 levels)	
PE unlikely	0–4	PE unlikely	0–3
PE likely	>4	PE likely	>3

DVT: Deep vein thrombosis; PE: Pulmonary embolism.



## Suspected PE without shock or hypotension



CT = computed tomographic; PE = pulmonary embolism.

<sup>a</sup>Two alternative classification schemes may be used for clinical probability assessment, i.e. a three-level scheme (clinical probability defined as low, intermediate, or high) or a two-level scheme (PE unlikely or PE likely). When using a moderately sensitive assay, D-dimer measurement should be restricted to patients with low clinical probability or a PE-unlikely classification, while highly sensitive assays may also be used in patients with intermediate clinical probability of PE. Note that plasma D-dimer measurement is of limited use in suspected PE occurring in hospitalized patients.

<sup>b</sup>Treatment refers to anticoagulation treatment for PE.

<sup>c</sup>CT angiogram is considered to be diagnostic of PE if it shows PE at the segmental or more proximal level.

<sup>d</sup>In case of a negative CT angiogram in patients with high clinical probability, further investigation may be considered before withholding PE-specific treatment.

From: 2014 ESC Guidelines on the diagnosis and management of acute pulmonary embolism The Task Force for the Diagnosis and Management of Acute Pulmonary Embolism of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) Endorsed by the European Respiratory Society (ERS)

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# Effect of the Pulmonary Embolism Rule-Out Criteria on Subsequent Thromboembolic Events Among Low-Risk Emergency Department Patients

The PROPER Randomized Clinical Trial



## PERC Rule

- Age less than 50
- Pulse less than 100 bpm
- Hypoxaemia (Pulse Ox > 95%)
- No past history of DVT or PE
- No recent trauma or surgery
- No haemoptysis
- No exogenous estrogen
- No unilateral leg swelling

Derived from 3148 patients. Kline JA et al. J Thromb Haemostasis. 2004.

# Δυνατότητα χρήσης PERC Rule για αποκλεισμό Π.Ε

- Μελέτη μη κατωτερότητας
- Ασθενείς χαμηλού κινδύνου
- Αποκλεισμός κλινικά σημαντικής θρόμβωσης

# Diagnostic tests and pathways: not high-risk PE

Diagnostic criterion	Clinical probability of PE				
	Low	Intermediate	High	PE unlikely	PE likely
<b>Exclusion of PE</b>					
<b>D-Dimer</b>					
Negative result, highly sensitive assay	+	+	-	+	-
Negative result, moderately sensitive assay	+	±	-	+	-
<b>Chest CT angiography</b>					
Normal multidetector CT alone	+	+	±	+	±
<b>V/Q scan</b>					
Normal perfusion lung scan	+	+	+	+	+
Non-diagnostic lung scan and negative proximal CUS	+	±	-	+	-
<b>Confirmation of PE</b>					
Chest CT angiogram showing at least segmental PE	+	+	+	+	+
High probability V/Q scan	+	+	+	+	+
CUS showing proximal DVT	+	+	+	+	+

# Υπέρηχος ΜΟΝΟ για διαστρωμάτωση κινδύνου

Early mortality risk		Risk parameters and scores			
		Shock or hypotension	PESI class III-V or sPESI $\geq 1$ <sup>a</sup>	Signs of RV dysfunction on an imaging test <sup>b</sup>	Cardiac laboratory biomarkers <sup>c</sup>
High		+	(+) <sup>d</sup>	+	(+) <sup>d</sup>
Intermediate	Intermediate-high	-	+	Both positive	
	Intermediate-low	-	+	Either one (or none) positive <sup>e</sup>	
Low		-	-	Assessment optional; if assessed, both negative <sup>e</sup>	

# Υπέρηχος και διάγνωση Π.Ε

## Pathophysiology of Acute PE

Acute obstruction >25% of pulmonary vascular bed

Doppler  
&  
2D Echo

Acute pulmonary hypertension

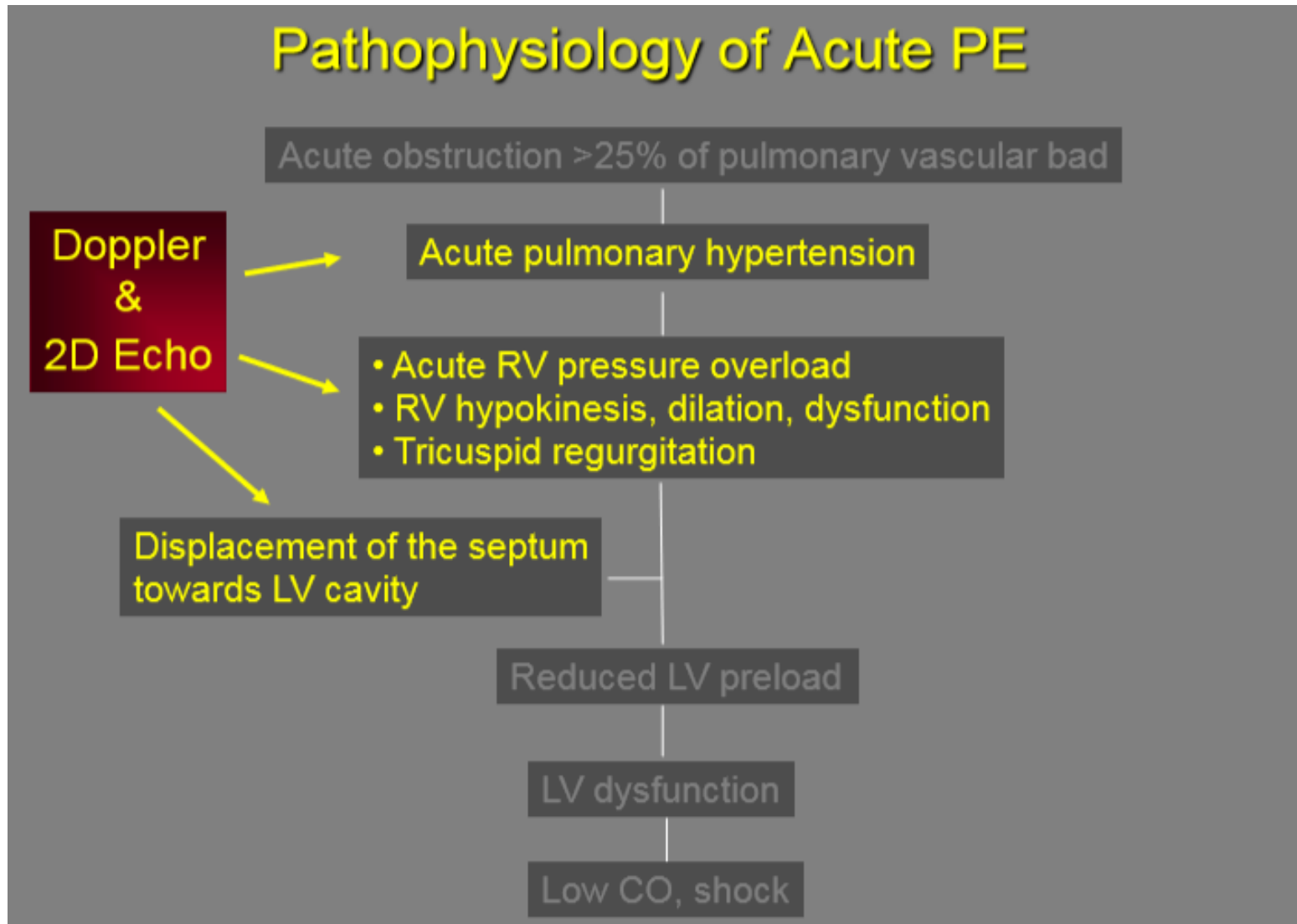
- Acute RV pressure overload
- RV hypokinesis, dilation, dysfunction
- Tricuspid regurgitation

Displacement of the septum  
towards LV cavity

Reduced LV preload

LV dysfunction

Low CO, shock



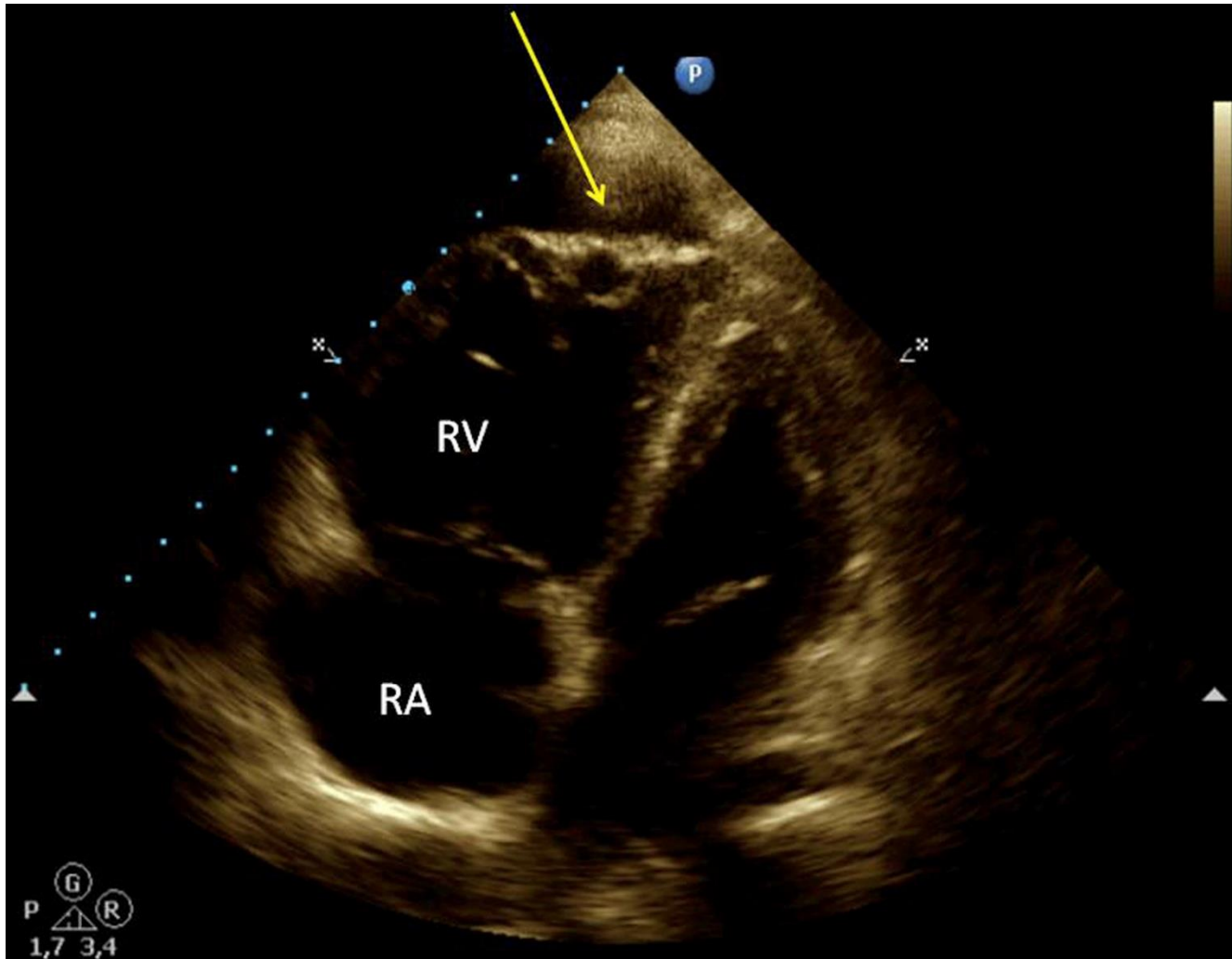
# Echo Signs of PE

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- RV dilatation/hypokinesis and subsequent TR
- RA dilation
- Dilation of PA and its branches
- Dilated (>20mm), non-collapsing (insp) IVC
- Flattened interventricular septum
- Decreased LV size
- Increased RV/LV end-diastolic diameter ratio
- TR jet >2.5 m/s (mild-moderate PA hypertension)
- RVOT mid-systolic “notching” pattern (AcT<80 ms, with mid-systolic deceleration)
- Direct thrombus visualization in the right heart or PA



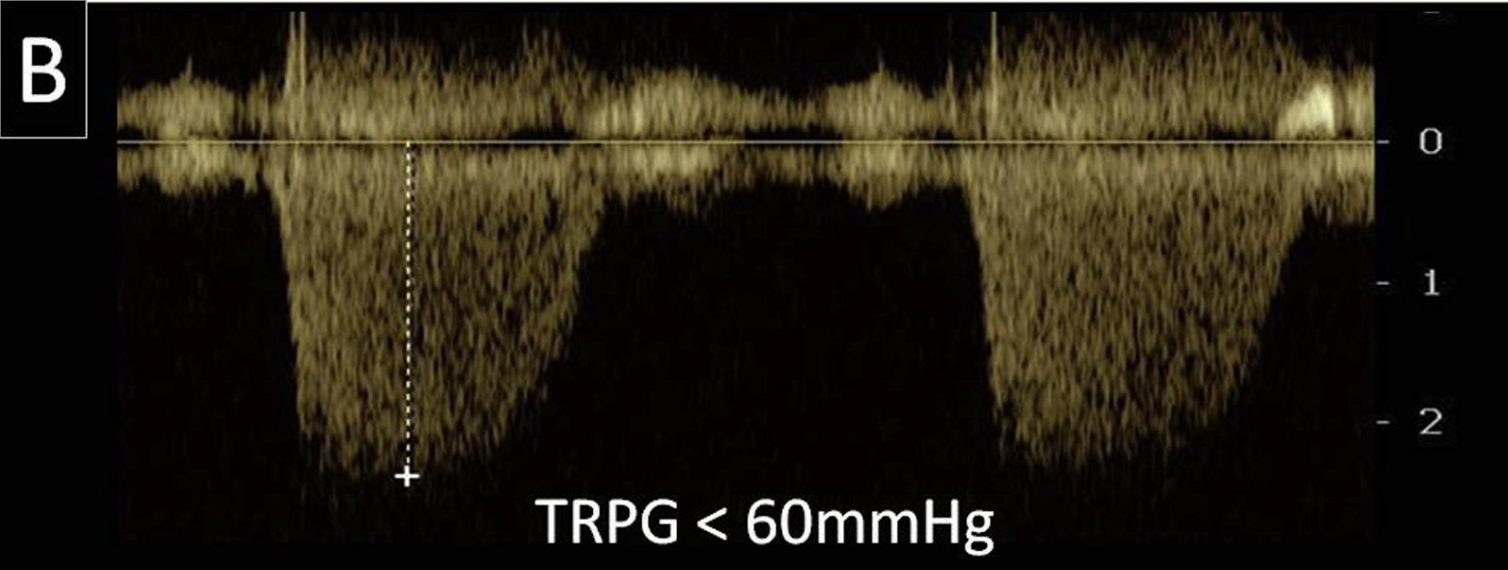
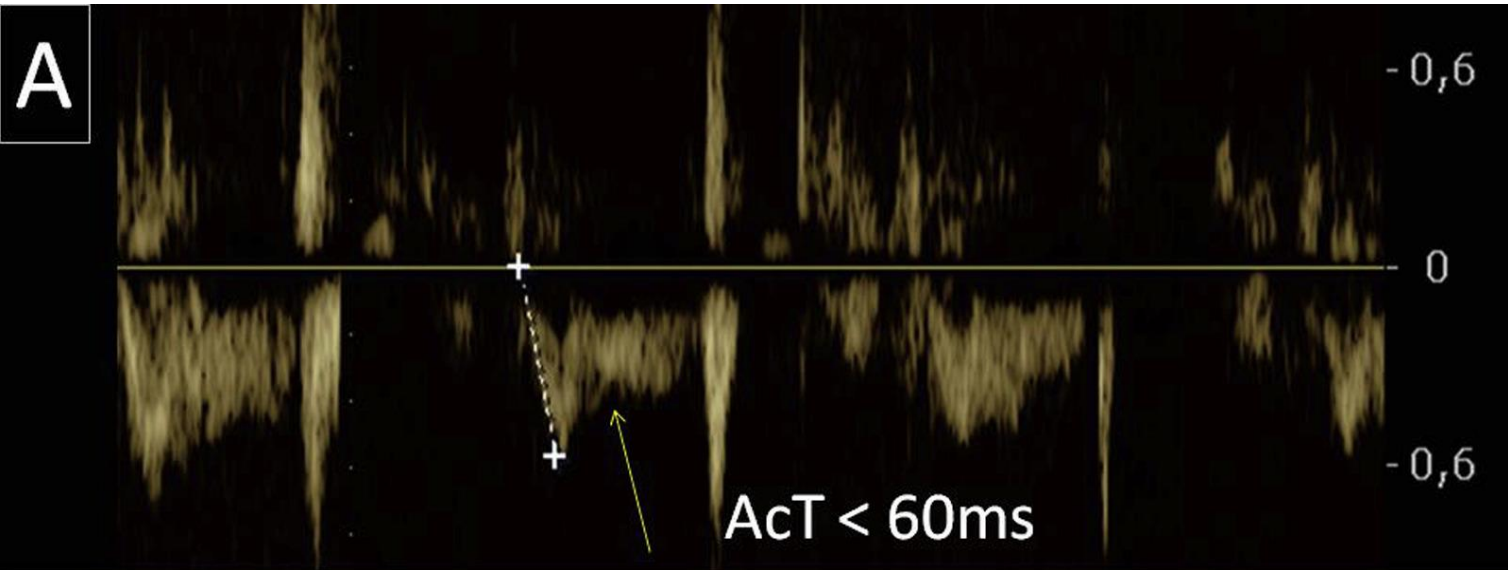
**The McConnell sign.** Hypokinesis of right ventricular free wall with a normal contraction of the apical segment (*arrow*). RA, Right atrium; RV, right ventricle.



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**The 60/60 sign.** Coexistence of shortened AcT < 60 msec **(A)** with midsystolic notch (arrow) and of TRPG < 60 mm Hg **(B)**.



# D shape LV

HR: 120

TIS0.5 MI 1.3

M3

Adult Echo

S4-2

45Hz

18cm

2D

75%

C 50

P Low

HGen

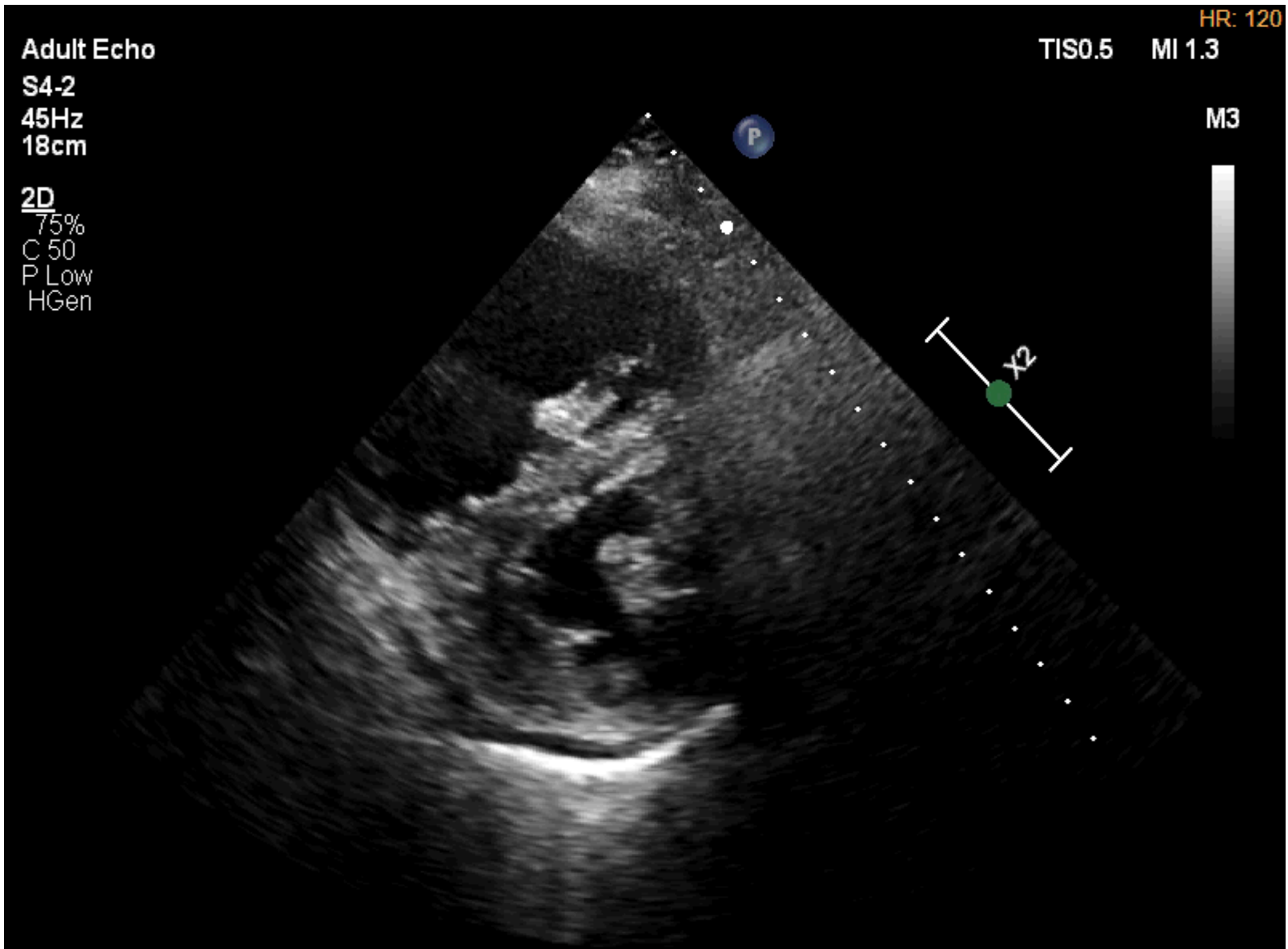
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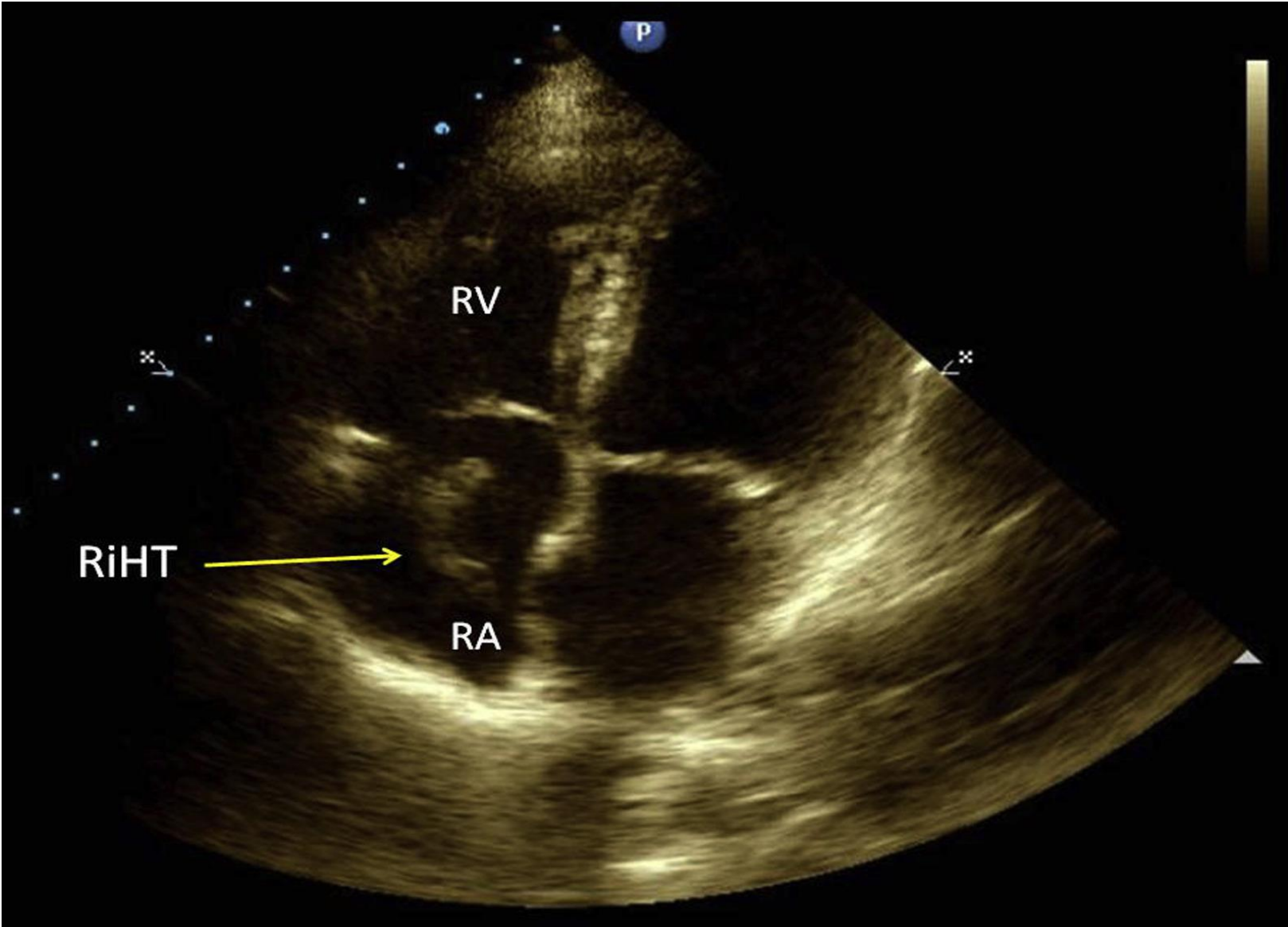
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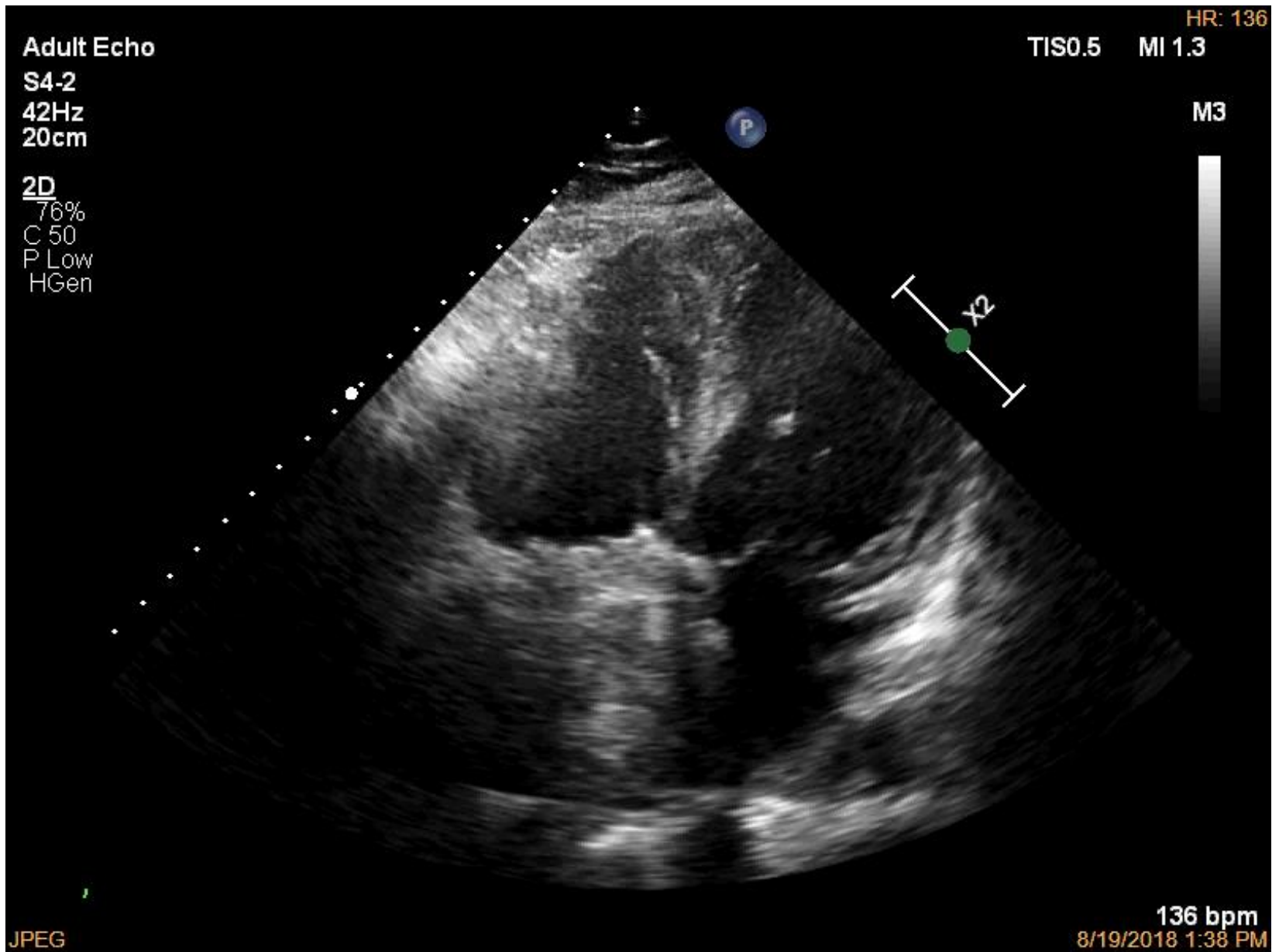


**Right heart thrombus (RiHT) (arrow).** *RA*, Right atrium; *RV*, right ventricle.





# Right heart thrombus





# Thrombus in pulmonary artery



Pooled test characteristics of echocardiographic signs of pulmonary embolism.

<b>Sign</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Sensitivity (95% CI), %</b>	<b>Specificity (95% CI), %</b>	<b>LR+ (95% CI)</b>	<b>LR- (95% CI)</b>
McConnell's sign	571	22 (16–29)	97 (95–99)	8.5 (4.4–16.5)	0.8 (0.7–0.9)
Paradoxical septal motion	925	26 (22–31)	95 (93–97)	5.1 (3.6–7.6)	0.8 (0.7–0.8)
Elevated RV end-diastolic diameter	473	80 (61–92)	80 (67–89)	4.5 (3.5–5.9)	0.3 (0.2–0.3)
RV hypokinesis	627	38 (31–44)	91 (88–94)	4.2 (3.0–6.0)	0.7 (0.6–0.8)
Abnormal RV:LV ratio	879	55 (49–60)	86 (83–89)	3.9 (3.1–4.8)	0.5 (0.5–0.6)
Right-sided heart strain	1,986	53 (45–61)	83 (74–90)	3.4 (2.9–4.0)	0.6 (0.5–0.6)

CI, Confidence interval; LR+, positive likelihood ratio; LR-, negative likelihood ratio; RV, right ventricle; LV, left ventricle.

**Table 2**

Echocardiographic parameters of 511 patients with confirmed PE according to the severity of PE

Parameter	All PE (n = 511)	High-risk PE (n = 16)	<i>P</i>	Non-high-risk PE (n = 495)
LV dimension (mm)	41.5 ± 6.8	38.1 ± 11.0	.19	41.6 ± 6.5
RV dimension (mm)	38.3 ± 8.1	45.0 ± 8.3	<b>.004</b>	38.0 ± 8.0
RV/LV	0.94 ± 0.3	1.3 ± 0.4	<b>.003</b>	0.92 ± 0.3
TRPG (mmHg)	34.4 ± 16.4	49.2 ± 22.3	<b>.02</b>	33.9 ± 16.0
AcT (msec)	87.4 ± 28.8	60.6 ± 12.6	<b>&lt;.0001</b>	88.3 ± 28.8
TAPSE (mm)	21.2 ± 5.8	16.5 ± 4.9	.40	21.3 ± 5.8
Flattened IVS	94 (18.4)	11 (68.8)	<b>&lt;.0001</b>	83 (16.8)
RVD*	102 (20.0)	13 (81.2)	<b>&lt;.0001</b>	89 (18.0)
McConnell sign	101 (19.8)	12 (75.0)	<b>.0003</b>	89 (18.0)
RiHT	9 (1.8)	3 (18.8)	<b>&lt;.0001</b>	6 (1.2)
60/60 sign	66 (12.9)	5 (31.2)	.14	61 (12.3)
Distended IVC	66 (12.9)	3 (18.7)	.80	63 (12.7)

IVS, Interventricular septum; RiHT, right heart thrombus; TAPSE, tricuspid annular plane systolic excursion.

Data are expressed as mean ± SD or as number (percentage). Statistically significant *P* values are in boldface type.

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TES and potentially incidental echocardiographic findings according to the severity of PE and the presence of RVD

Parameter	All PE (n = 511)	High-risk PE (n = 16)	P	Non-high-risk PE		
				RVD (n = 89)	No RVD (n = 406)	
McConnell sign	101 (19.8)	12 (75.0)	.79	70 (78.7)	<.001	19 (4.7)
RiHT	9 (1.8)	3 (18.8)	<b>.048</b>	2 (2.3)	.66	4 (1.0)
60/60 sign	66 (12.9)	5 (31.2)	.64	37 (41.6)	<.001	24 (5.9)
At least one TES	135 (26.4)	16 (100.0)	.60	77 (86.5)	<.001	42 (10.3)
Incidental findings*	46 (9.0)	6 (37.5)	>.001	3 (3.4)	.09	37 (9.1)

RiHT, Right heart thrombus.

Data are expressed as percentages. Statistically significant *P* values are in boldface type.

\* Incidental echocardiographic findings were defined as the presence of LVEF  $\leq$  35%, significant AS or AR, or significant MR.

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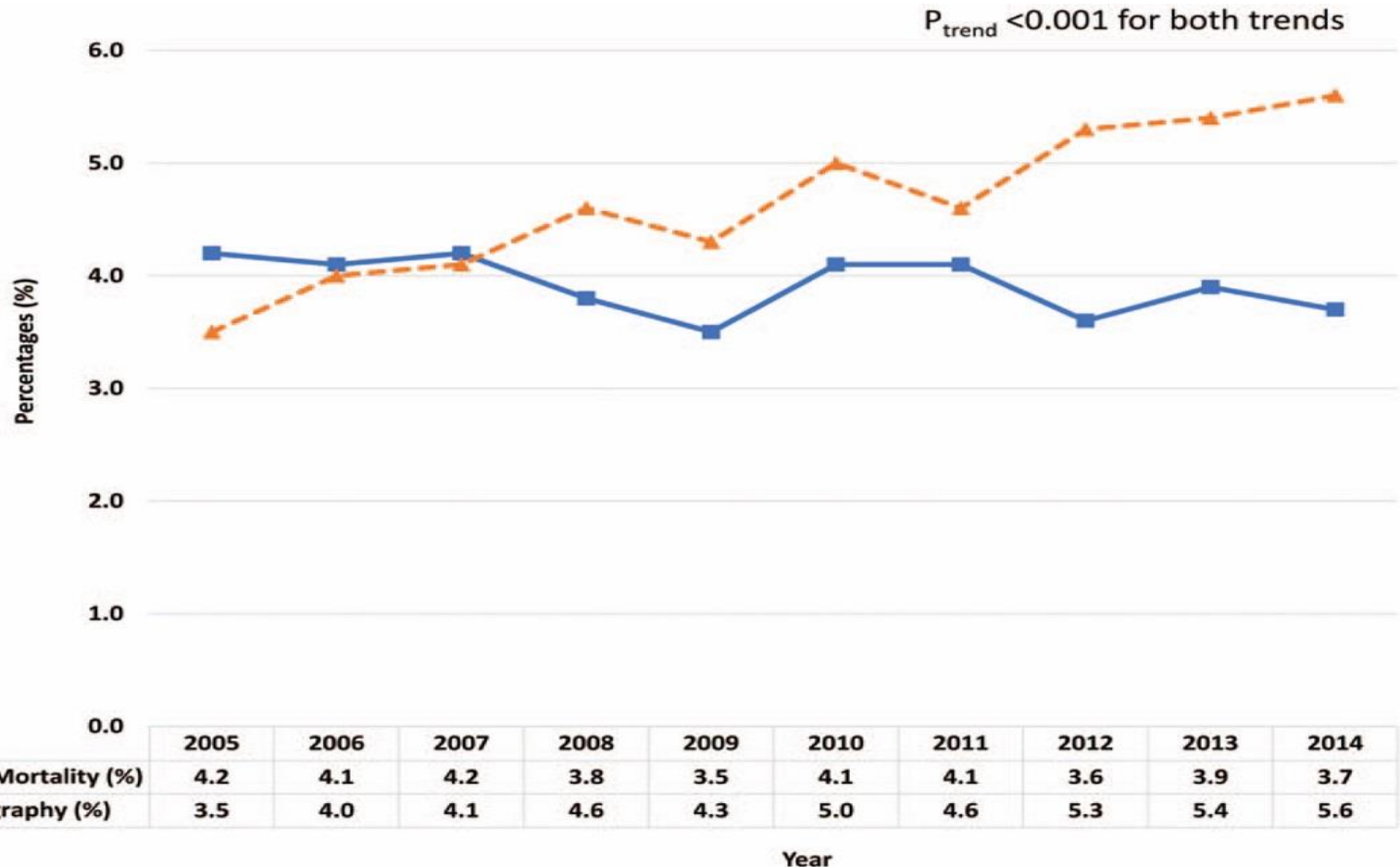
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- 71% ασθενών με Π.Ε χωρίς ευρήματα από τον υπέρηχο
- 10% τυχαία ευρήματα στον υπέρηχο
- Υψηλού κινδύνου ασθενείς-διατεταμένη υποκινητική RV
- RVD κριτήριο – McConnell + 1 σημείο επιπλέον

# Υπέρηχος και διαστρωμάτωση κινδύνου



## Trends in the use of echocardiography in pulmonary embolism

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# Υπέρηχος και Θνητότητα

Outcome	PE without ECHO	PE with ECHO	P
Before propensity			
In-hospital mortality, %	3.9	4.0	.75
Odd ratio (95% confidence interval)	1.07 (0.99–1.15)		
Length of stay in days, median (IQR)	5 (3–7) <sup>*</sup>	6 (4–9) <sup>†</sup>	<.001
Total charges in US dollars, median (IQR)	24,366 (14,478–43,027) <sup>*</sup>	34,468 (19,954–65,023) <sup>†</sup>	<.001
After propensity			
In-hospital mortality, %	5.2	3.9	<.001
Odd ratio (95% confidence interval)	0.75 (0.68–0.83)		
Length of stay in days, median (IQR)	5 (3–8) <sup>‡</sup>	6 (4–9) <sup>§</sup>	<.001
Total charges in US dollars, median (IQR)	27,803 (16,195–50,415) <sup>‡</sup>	34,379 (19,922–64,794) <sup>§</sup>	<.001

IQR=interquartile range, PE=pulmonary embolism.

<sup>\*</sup> 269,577 cases.

<sup>†</sup> 13,008 cases.

<sup>‡</sup> 25,697.

<sup>§</sup> 12,970.

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**Table 3. Mortality in Patients With Pulmonary Embolism With and Without Right Ventricular Dysfunction**

Source	No. of Patients		Total Mortality, No. (%)				Mortality Related to PE, No. (%)			
			Short-term		Long-term		Short-term		Long-term	
	RVD Present	RVD Absent	RVD Present	RVD Absent	RVD Present	RVD Absent	RVD Present	RVD Absent	RVD Present	RVD Absent
Goldhaber et al, <sup>8</sup> 1993	46	55	2 (4)	0	NDA	NDA	2 (4)	0	NDA	NDA
Ribeiro et al, <sup>9</sup> 1997	70	56	10 (14)	0	15 (21)	4 (7)	9 (13)	0	9 (13)	0
Kasper et al, <sup>10</sup> 1997	87*	230*	16 (18)	13 (6)	16 (18)	14 (6)	11 (13)	2 (1)	11 (13)	3 (1)
Goldhaber et al, <sup>7</sup> 1999	NDA	NDA	16†	8†	21†	15†	NDA	NDA	NDA	NDA
Gritoni et al, <sup>11</sup> 2000	110 (65‡)	99 (97‡)	14 (13)	3 (3)	NDA	NDA	13 (12) (3 [5]‡)	0	NDA	NDA
Gritoni et al, <sup>18</sup> 2001	48	69	NDA	NDA	4 (8)	8 (11)	NDA	NDA	3 (3)	0
Jerjes-Sanchez et al, <sup>19</sup> 2001	28	12	5 (18)	0	NDA	NDA	4 (14)	0	NDA	NDA

Abbreviations: NDA, no data available; PE, pulmonary embolism; RVD, right ventricular dysfunction.

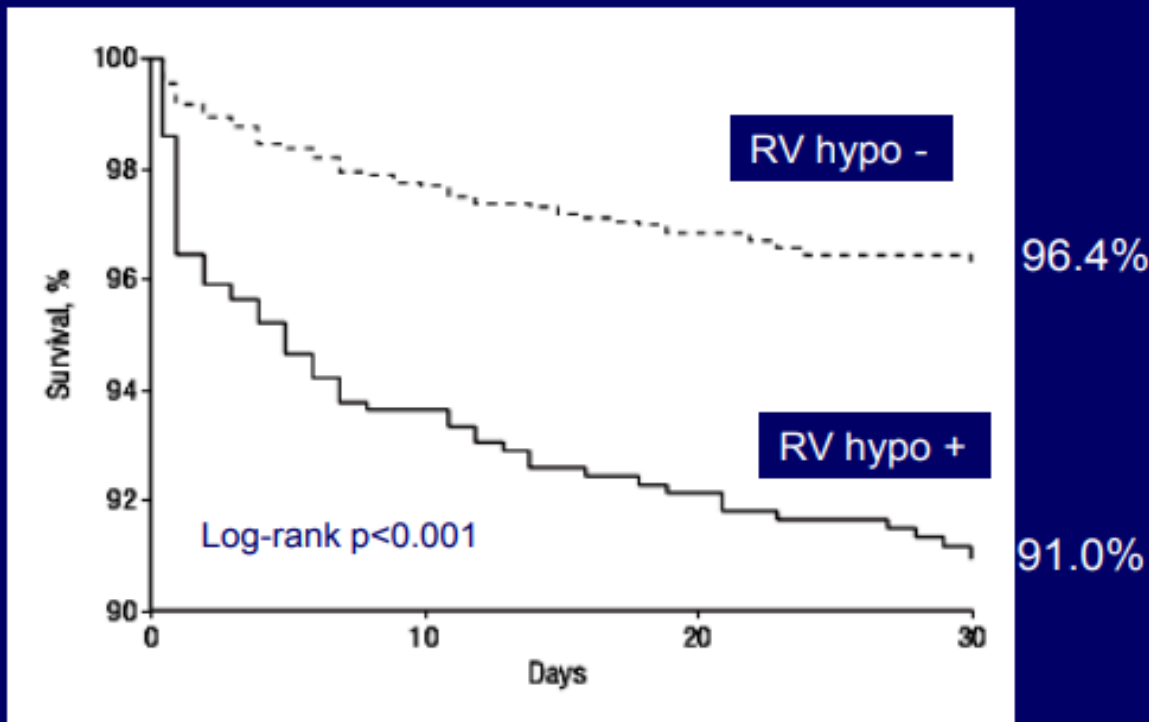
\*Pulmonary embolism was not objectively confirmed in all patients.

†Percentage estimated from the Kaplan-Meier curve.

‡Normotensive patients.

# Impact of RV Dysfunction on Survival\* in Pts with Acute PE and Preserved Systolic Arterial Pressure

- 1035 ICOPER pts with PE
- SBP  $\geq 90$  mmHg at presentation
- Baseline echo for RV hypokinesia



RV hypokinesia  
in pts with PE and  
SBP  $\geq 90$  mmHg:

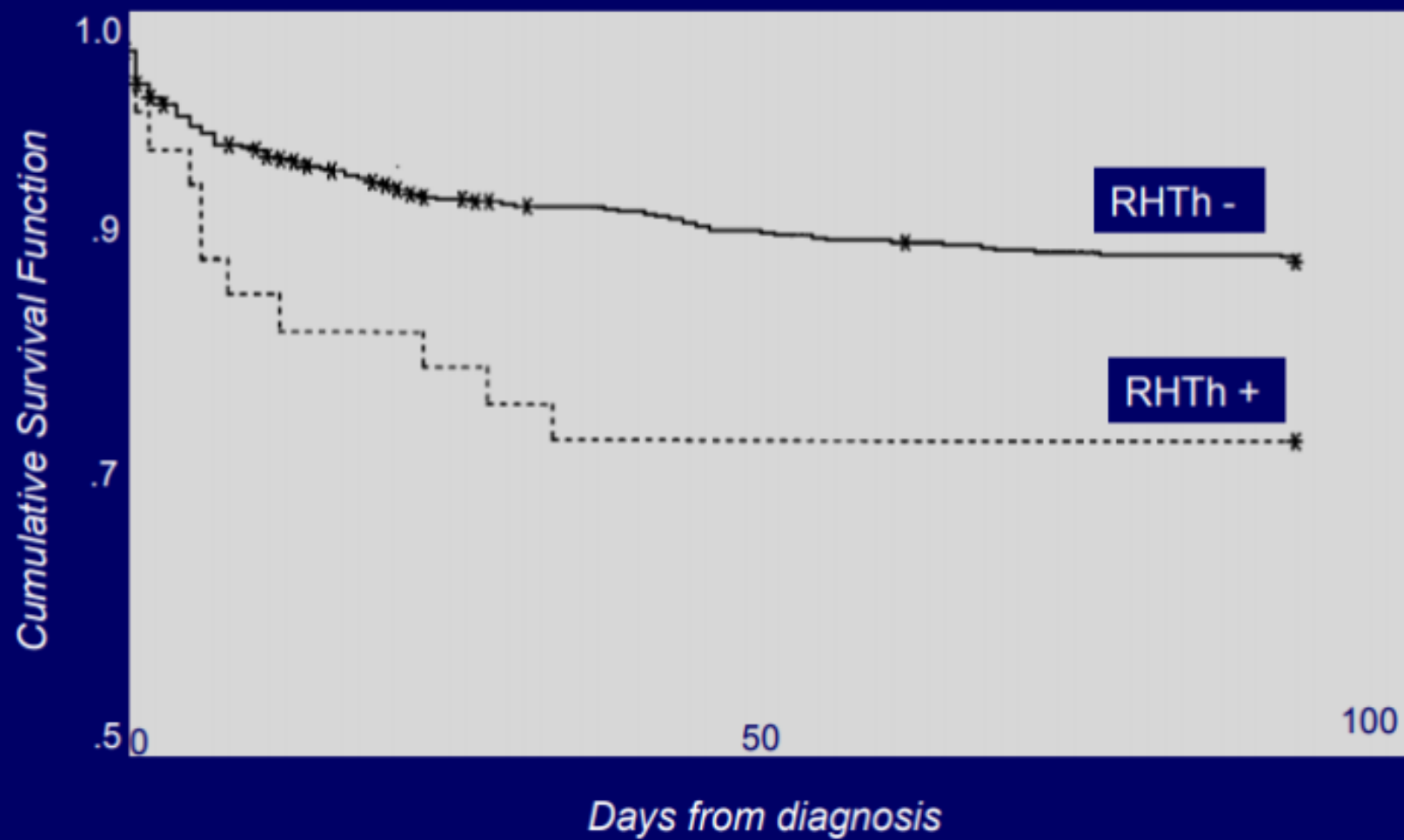
Independent  
predictor of  
30-day  
mortality

HR 1.94 (1.23-3.06)

\*, Survival adjusted for:  
cancer, CHF, COPD, age, and TA

Kucher N, et al (ICOPER). Arch Intern Med 2005

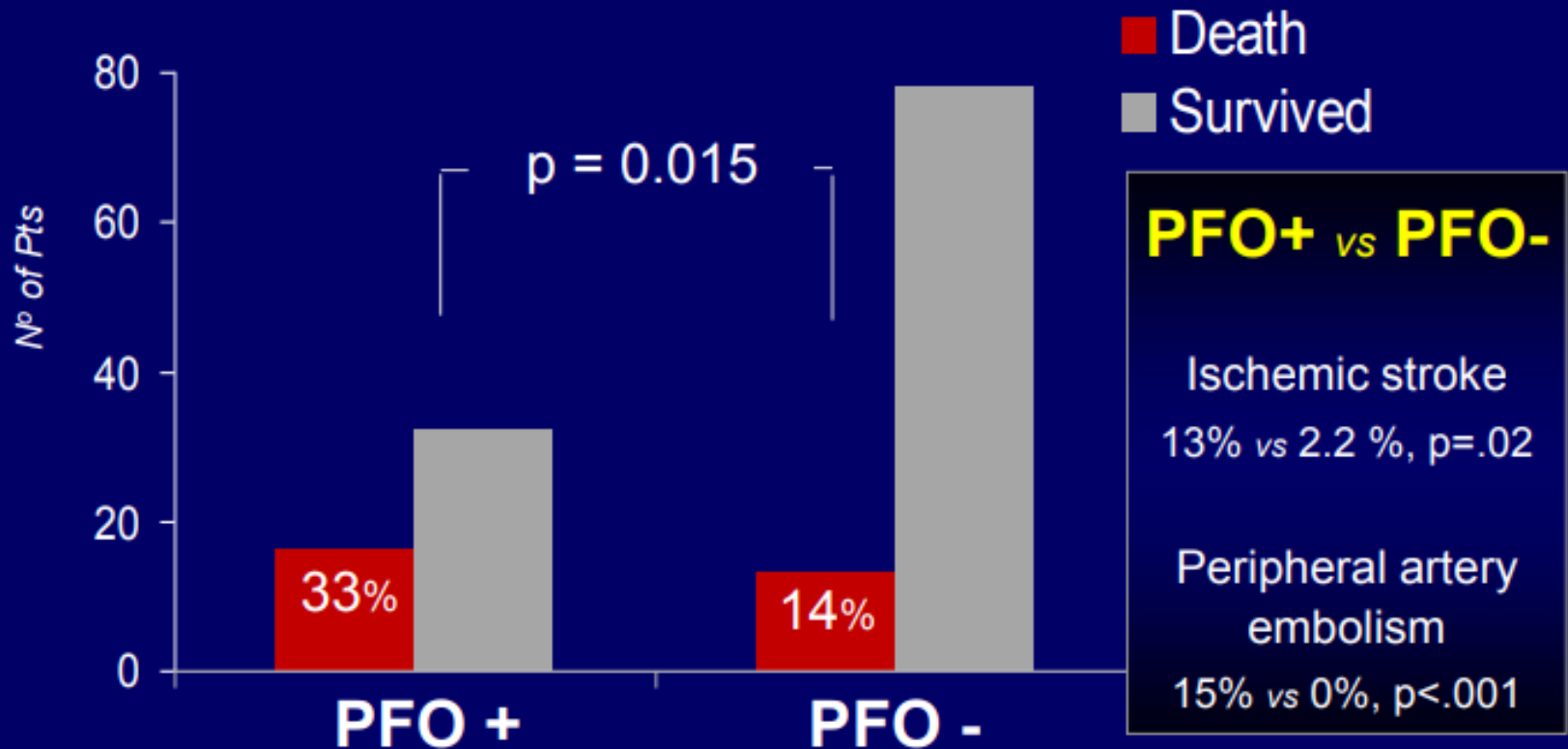
# 3-Month Survival According to the Presence or Absence Of Right Heart Thrombi on Baseline Echo



# PFO is Important Predictor of Adverse Outcome in Pts with Major PE

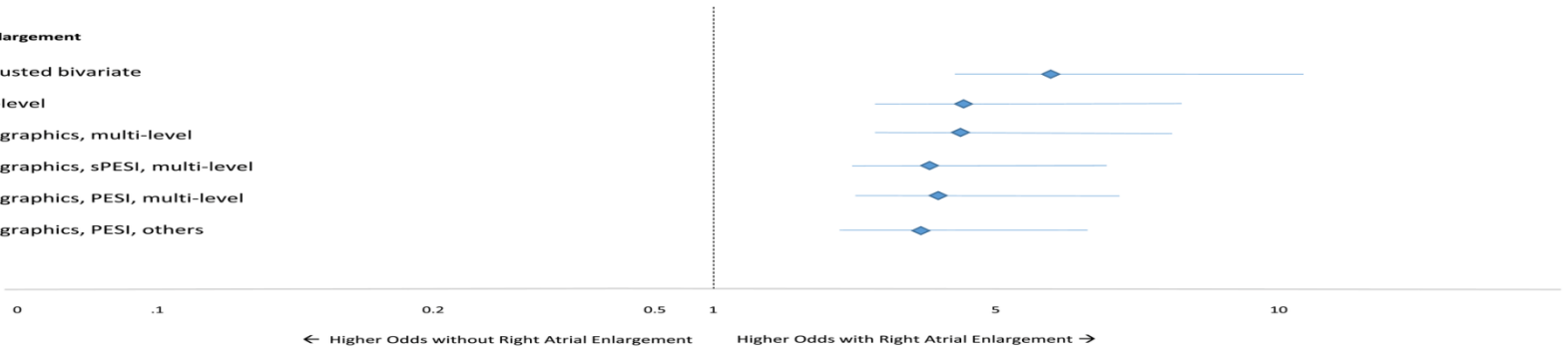
- 139 consecutive with major PE
- Contrast Echo for PFO detection at presentation
- F/U: in-hospital death and complications

PFO in 48/139 pts (35%)



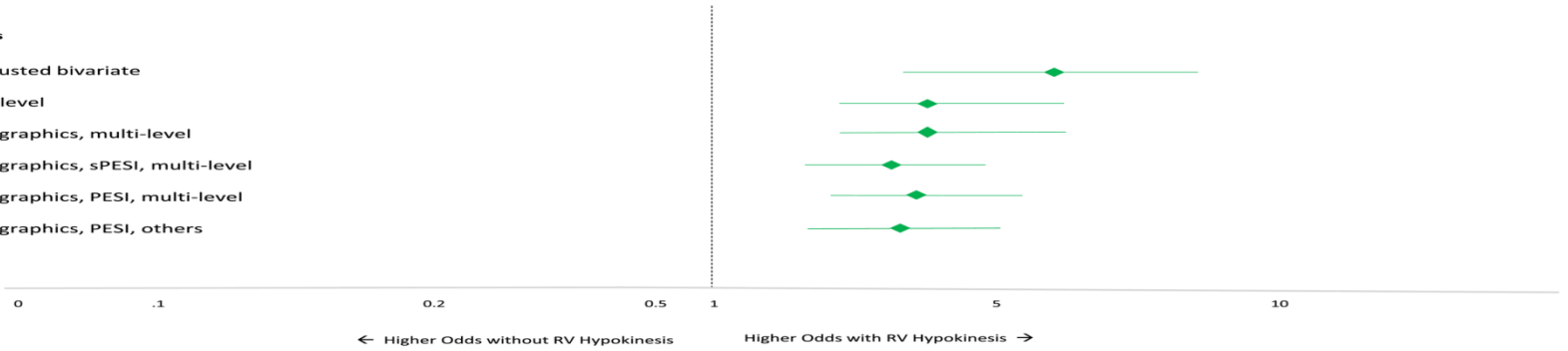
**A) Right Atrial Enlargement**

- Unadjusted bivariate
- Multi-level
- Demographics, multi-level
- Demographics, sPESI, multi-level
- Demographics, PESI, multi-level
- Demographics, PESI, others



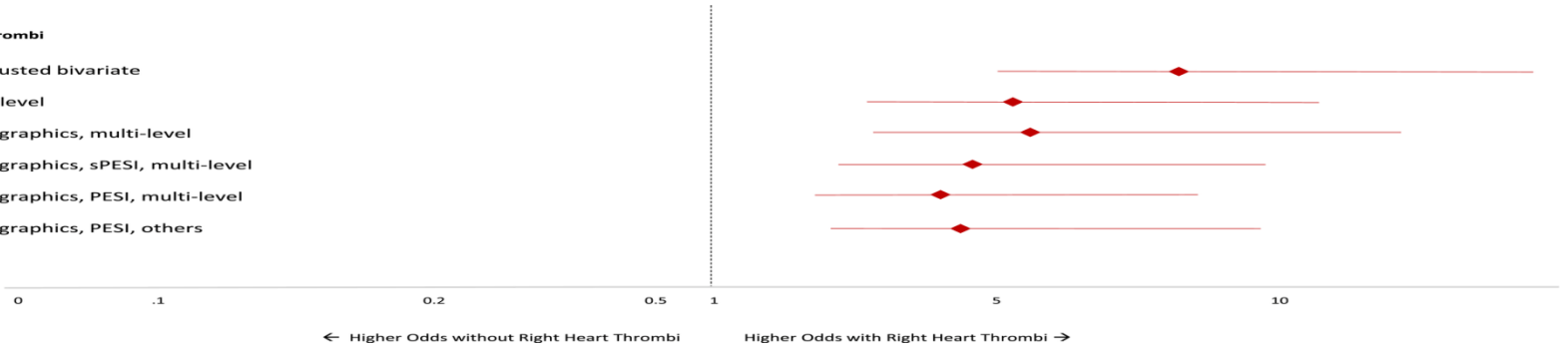
**B) RV Hypokinesia**

- Unadjusted bivariate
- Multi-level
- Demographics, multi-level
- Demographics, sPESI, multi-level
- Demographics, PESI, multi-level
- Demographics, PESI, others



**C) Right Heart Thrombi**

- Unadjusted bivariate
- Multi-level
- Demographics, multi-level
- Demographics, sPESI, multi-level
- Demographics, PESI, multi-level
- Demographics, PESI, others



# Κριτήρια διεξαγωγής υπερήχου

<b>Variables</b>	<b>Odd ratio (95% confidence interval)</b>	<b>P</b>
Thrombolytics	1.27 (1.15–1.40)	<.001
Acute deep vein thrombosis	1.05 (1.02–1.09)	.004
Hypotension	1.34 (1.24–1.45)	<.001
Atrial fibrillation or flutter	1.50 (1.43–1.58)	<.001
Syncope	1.44 (1.30–1.59)	<.001
Acute respiratory failure	1.25 (1.19–1.32)	<.001
Ischemic stroke	2.89 (2.54–3.28)	<.001
Hospital status		
Rural	Reference	
Urban nonteaching	1.26 (1.17–1.35)	<.001
Urban teaching	2.29 (2.13–2.46)	<.001
Size of hospital		
Small	Reference	
Medium	1.36 (1.28–1.46)	<.001
Large	1.69 (1.59–1.80)	<.001

# Κριτήρια διεξαγωγής υπερήχου





# Take Home Messages

- ΤΤΕ **ΟΧΙ για διάγνωση** ΠΕ σε χαμηλού κινδύνου ασθενείς-screening
- ΤΤΕ βοηθητικό για διάγνωση **HIGH RISK** ασθενών –SAP < 90mmHg αν βρεθούν σημεία **RVD**
- ΤΤΕ για **διαστρωμάτωση κινδύνου**-άγνωστο σε ποιους ασθενείς μετρίου κινδύνου πρέπει να διεξάγεται