Doppler Ultrasound

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Overview

About the device

Doppler imaging is based on the Doppler principle, which states that when a wave is transmitted from or reflected off a moving object, its frequency shifts. Because sound waves emitted from a moving compressed source are expanded depending the on direction of movement, this occurs.



Doppler imaging types

- **Color Flow Doppler:** it converts Doppler pulses into colors
- Continuous Wave Doppler: it uses continuous transmission and reception of ultrasound waves.
- Pulsed Wave Doppler: shows the power or amplitude of sound signals rather than a shift in frequency.
- Other types: Power Doppler, duplex ultrasound

Importance

Intracardiac pressure

Blood Flow

Musculoskeletal Disorders

Doppler can be used in

Tumor Characterization

Distinguishing Solid from Fluid-Containing Structures

Early Detection of Inflammatory Arthropathy



Components

Doppler imaging main components



Transducer

a handheld device, The transducer probe makes the sound waves and receives the echoes



Display Screen

It's a monitor that shows the processed data from the CPU



CPU

It contains the microprocessor, memory and power supplies for the microprocessor and transducer probe



Disk storage

The processed data and/ or images can be stored on disk



Printer

used to capture a hard copy of the image from the display



Keyboard/Cursor

These devices allow the operator to add notes to and take measurements from the data.

Theory

Wave Parameters

Doppler echocardiography devices emit ultrasound waves (above the range that human can hear) to create a picture of organs, tissues, and other structures inside the body.



Duration



A Doppler ultrasound test is usually done in a clinic. A special gel is rubbed on the part of the body being tested to improve sound quality. Then, a transducer is held against your skin while images of the blood vessels are recorded.



A computer takes all the sound waves and turns them into moving images that you can see live on a screen. It usually takes about 30 to 60 minutes (include scanning and results).

Tissue interaction



Specular reflections

reflections form the most apparent boundaries on images are termed specular reflection





All sound waves are attenuated when they travel through tissue or fluid



Diffuse reflection

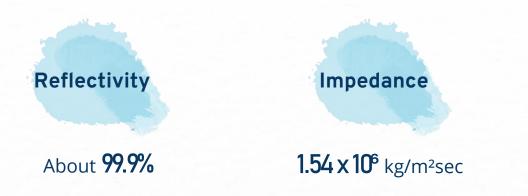
reflections that arise from within relatively homogeneous tissues tend to be scattered in various directions

Refraction



Finally, refraction occurs when ultrasound is reflected at an angle from the original ultrasound beam

Parameters of soft tissue



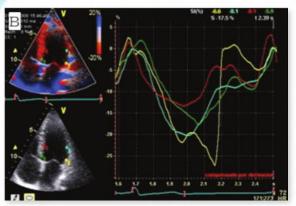
Attenuation coefficient

0.75 dB/MHz cm

Materials

- Plastic: some type of polymers and Teflon
- ➤ Metal: it include aluminum, steel alloys and iron

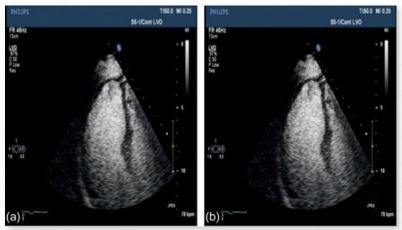
Samples



Color Doppler



spectral Doppler



Apical three-chamber view from a subject with suboptimal endocardial visualization

Risks & precautions

Analysis

- There are no known risks with an ultrasound, including a Doppler ultrasound and There is usually no need to restrict foods or fluids, or to make any special preparations before a Doppler ultrasound test.
- There are some Factors that can cause issues with the results include:



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Thanks

Do you have any questions?