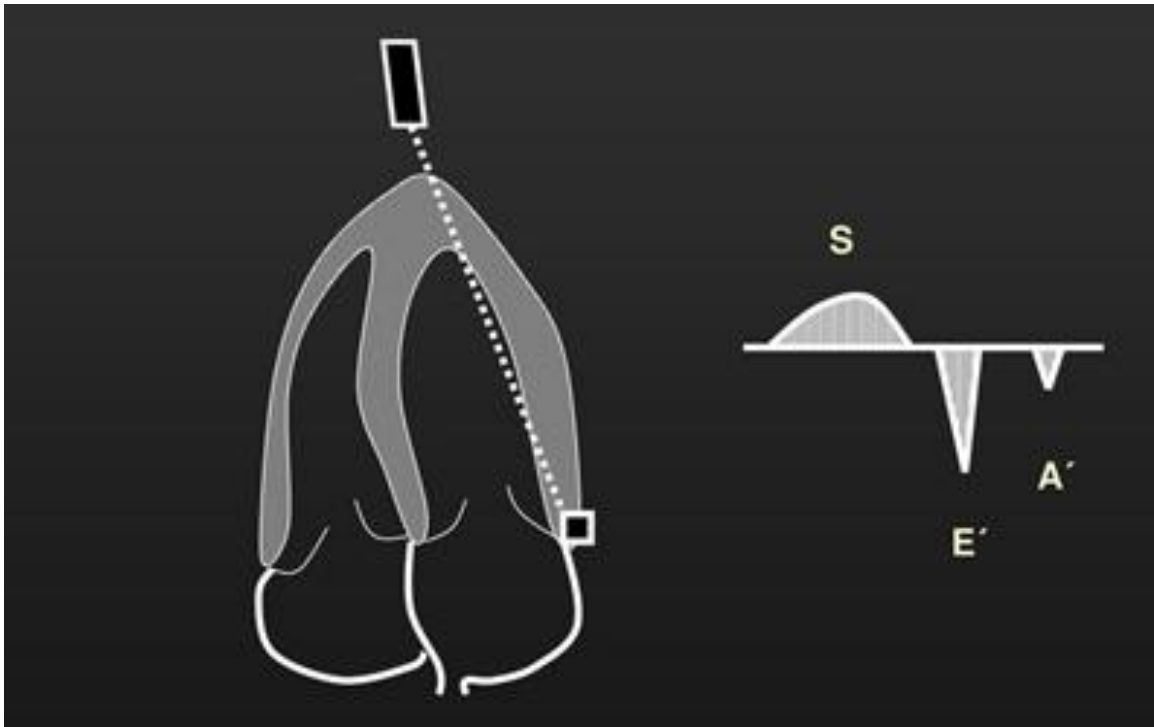


# Ward 118 Veno-arterial ECLS

## Weaning trial guide



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VA ECLS  
Weaning trial

- Minimal or no inotropes
- Pulsatile waveform on arterial line
- FIO<sub>2</sub> & Minute Ventilation acceptable
- Overall haemodynamic stability

Stop trial if patient  
unstable

- Assess Transthoracic windows-if poor organise TOE
- Increase anticoagulation e.g bolus heparin 2500 units
- Do not turn off the sweep gas and keep FIO<sub>2</sub> the same

Qualitative ECHO  
Assessment

- Reduce circuit blood flow rate sequentially by 0.5L/min every 5 minutes lowest 1L/minute
- Perform **qualitative** Echo at each decrement looking for RV dilatation, LV systolic impairment, worsening haemodynamics or oxygenation

Quantitative ECHO  
assessment

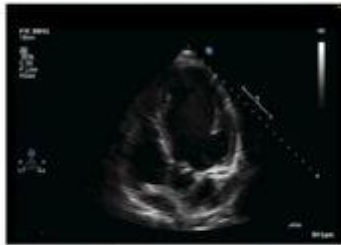
- At circuit flows of 1L/minute perform **quantitative** echo and measure
- LVOT VTI; LVEF; TDSa at lateral mitral annulus; TAPSE

ECHO markers  
suggestive of  
success

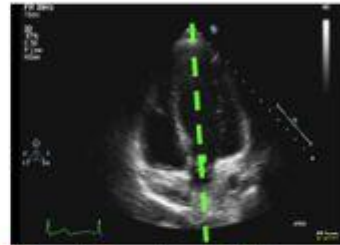
- LVOT VTI=>10cm
- LVEF =>20%
- TDSa lateral mitral annulus=>6cm/s
- TAPSE=>12mm
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### 3. Measurement of LVOT VTI

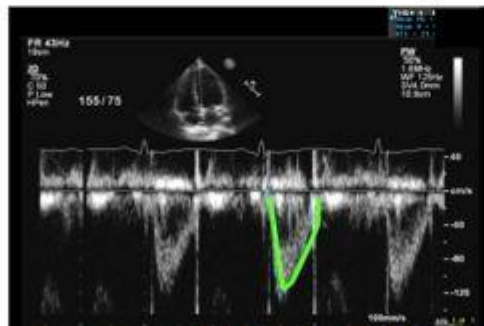
The amount of blood going through the LVOT is given by the VTI (velocity time integral) of the flow, obtained by tracing the signal's envelope:



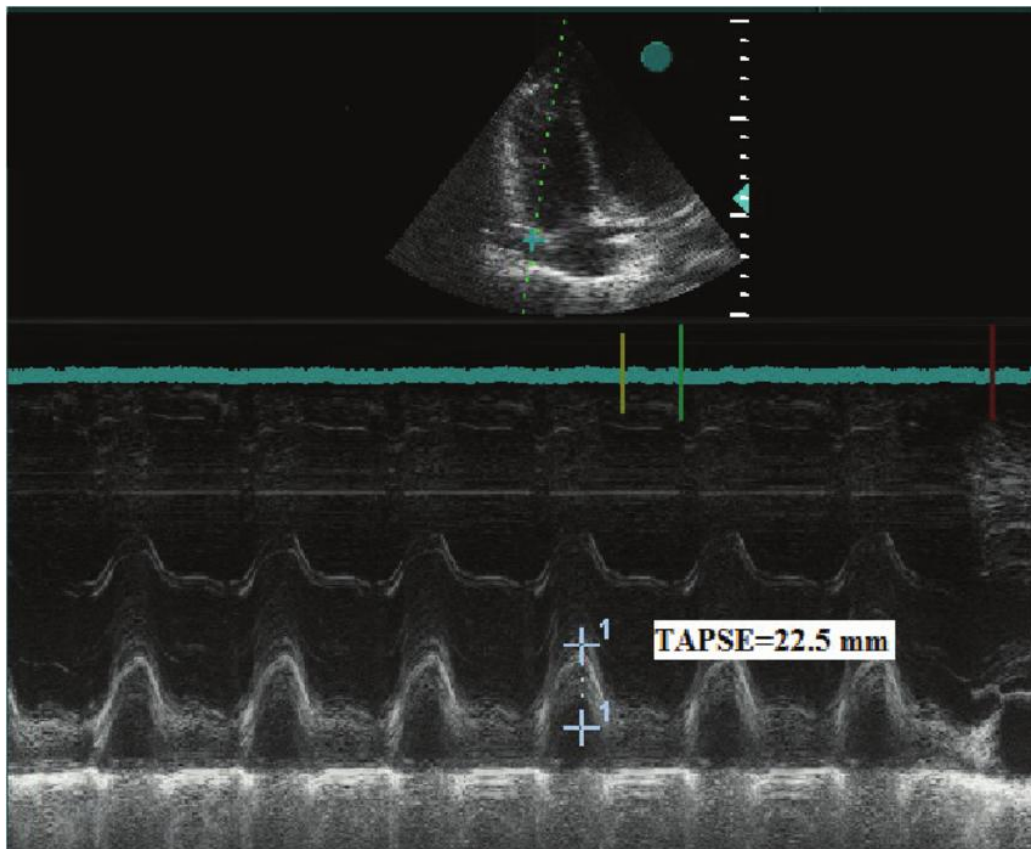
Apical 5 chamber



Pulsed Doppler (PW) sample in LVOT  
+++ Doppler beam MUST be aligned with the LV outflow +++

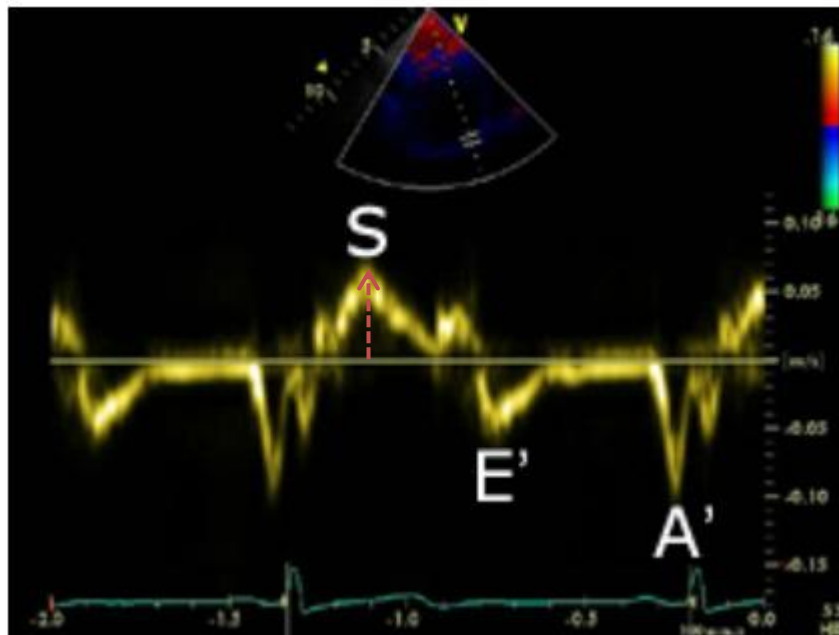
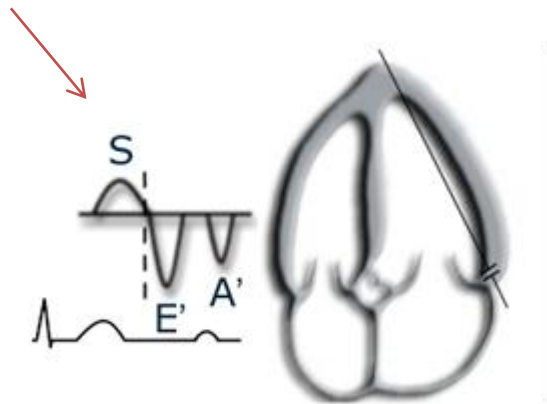


Trace envelope of LVOT flow → VTI of LVOT



## Tissue doppler at the lateral mitral annulus

Measure the height of S' above baseline



Patient label

## VA ECMO Weaning Trial

### Haemodynamic ECHO Chart

#### Prerequisites:

1. Circuit Blood flow rate at 1L/minute
2. Haemodynamically stable patient
3. Adequate TTE apical views OR TOE
4. Anticoagulation increased for duration of weaning trial eg 2500 units heparin at start

Measurement	Value	Markers of success
RV/LV ratio:	$\leq 0.6$ □ $\geq 1.0$	$\leq 1.0$
TAPSE:	= mm	>12mm
LVOT VTI	= cm	>10cm
LVEF	= %	>20%
TDSa lateral mitral	= cm/s	>6cm/s