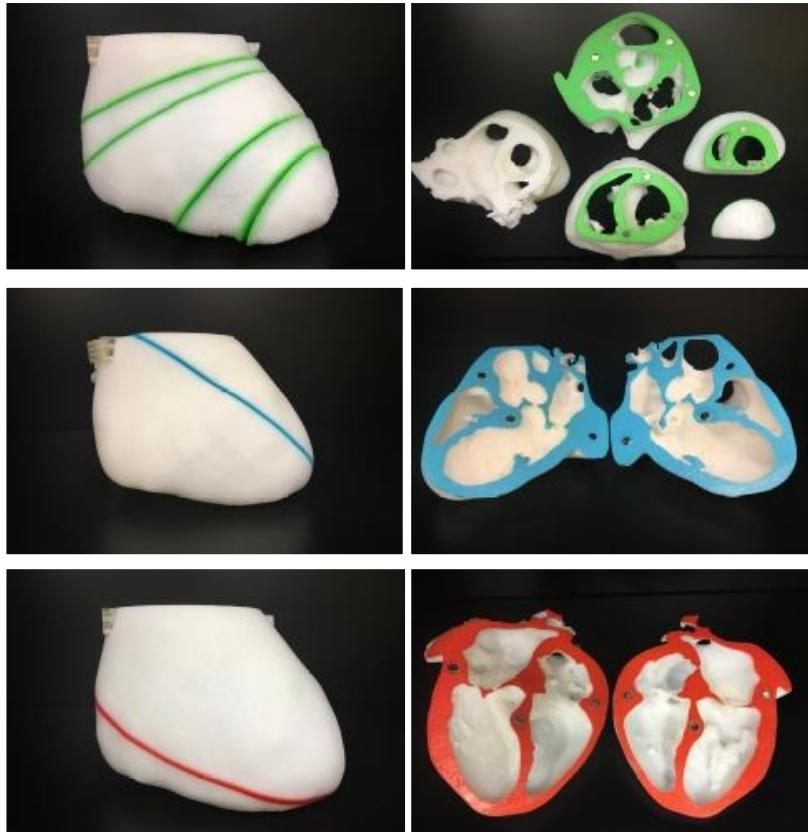


Patient-specific Models

Educational Models & Simulation

Educational Demonstration Models: FOCUS



For ultrasound teaching

Source: Cardiac CT

Segmentation: ITK-SNAP

Post-processing: Meshmixer

Print: Taz 5 + Polylite





Image Credit: Dr. Matthew Bramlet; Jump Trading Simulation and Education Center.



Heart Library

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Welcome to the 3D Heart Library, a collection of digital reproductions of human anatomic hearts, with a specific area of interest in congenital heart disease. The highly accurate 3D representations of hearts have been created directly from patient MRI data. The goal of the 3D Heart Library is to serve as a platform for sharing, collaboration, and education.

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MORE MODELS AND INFO ARE ON THE WAY AS THIS EXCITING NEW COLLABORATION DEVELOPS!

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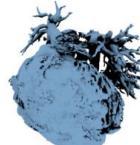
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Diagnosis/Condition

- Any -

Segmentation Method

- Any -



Procedural Phantoms: CHD Surgical Training



The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery

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CONGENITAL: CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY: INVITED EXPERT OPINION

Three-dimensional printing in congenital cardiac surgery—Now and the future

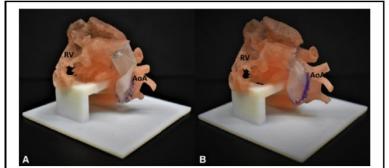
Check for updates

Glen S. Van Arsdell, MD,^{a,b} Nabil Hussein, MBChB,^{c,d} and Shi-Joon Yoo, MD^{c,e}

Feature Editor's Note—Dr Van Arsdell and colleagues

printing. The first is, “the surgeon can decide the surgical plan much as is achieved with intracardiac exploration.” The days of the surgeon having to open up the heart and make an on-the-spot decision as to what type of repair to perform are rapidly fading. Now (like musicians) the surgeon (or trainee) can practice beforehand and have a definite plan for the operation.

“The time for learning curves on patients has passed.” In the current era of transparency and public



A, Coached versus B, noncoached arch reconstruction in the Norwood operation.

CENTRAL MESSAGE

3D printing is changing the landscape for surgical training and surgical planning in complex congenital heart disease.

See Commentary on page 520.

Procedural Phantoms: CHD Surgical Training



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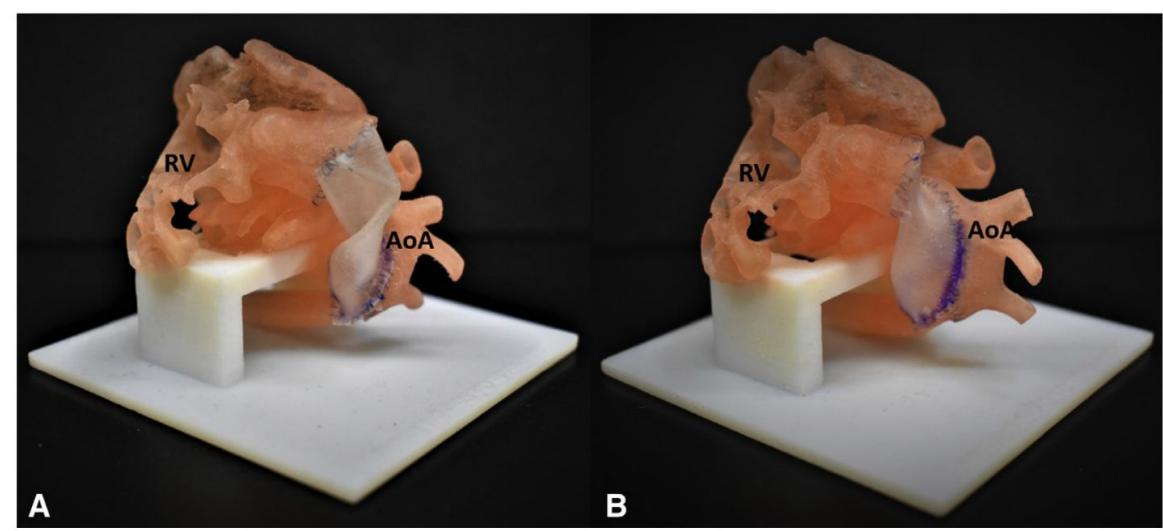


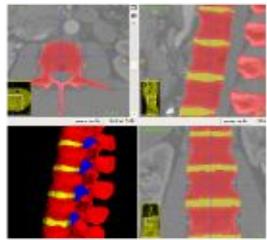
Fig 3. (A) shows a **well coached** Norwood arch reconstruction. The arch will fill nicely, and without obstruction, when pressurized.
(B) shows a **non coached** Norwood reconstruction. Note the inadequate patch size at the proximal end that will result in outlet obstruction.

Procedural Simulation Phantoms

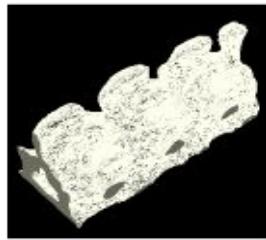
Neuraxial Injection



3D Image
CT / MRI / US

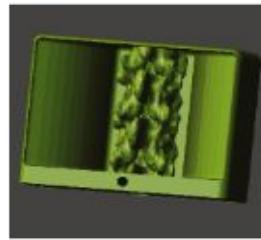


Segmented
Label Map



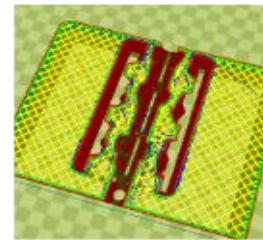
Raw
3D Model

ITK-snap
3D Slicer



Edited
3D Model

OpenSCAD



Printer
Code

Slic3r



3D Print

FDM
(Taz 5)

[Mashari et al. Low-cost three-dimensional printed phantom for neuraxial anesthesia training: Development and comparison to a commercial model. PLOS ONE. 2018;13: e0191664. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0191664](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0191664)

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Procedural Spine Phantom



Simulab^(TM)

Spinal & epidural training phantom. Silicone casing.
Inner material unknown.

Normal & pathological model (1)

\$3500-4000

“Spine Box”

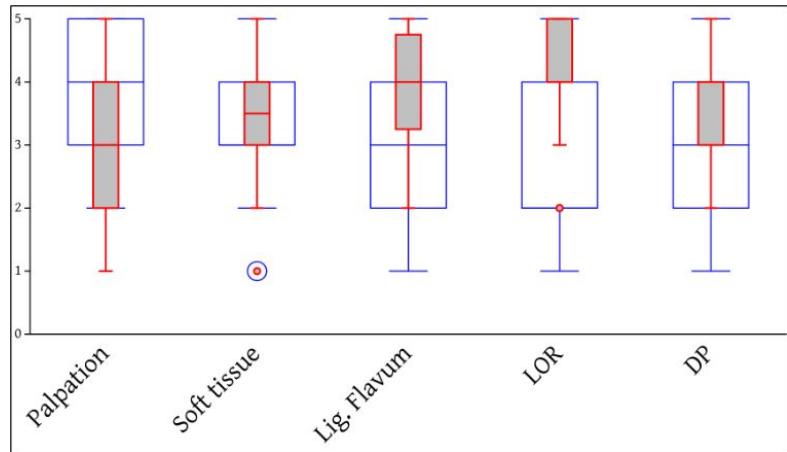
Model generated from CT in public database (Osirix)

Corn-based plastic, boat-sealant silicone, and
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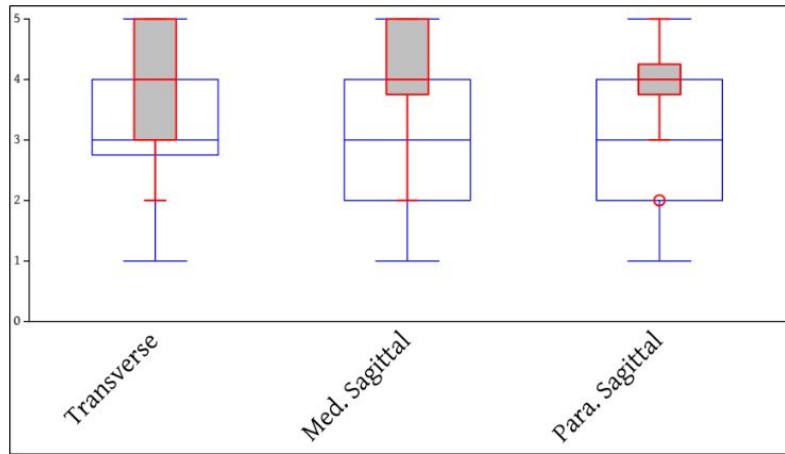
~\$250 (including labour costs)



Expert Evaluation: Tactile & US Fidelity (22 Staff Anesthesiologists)



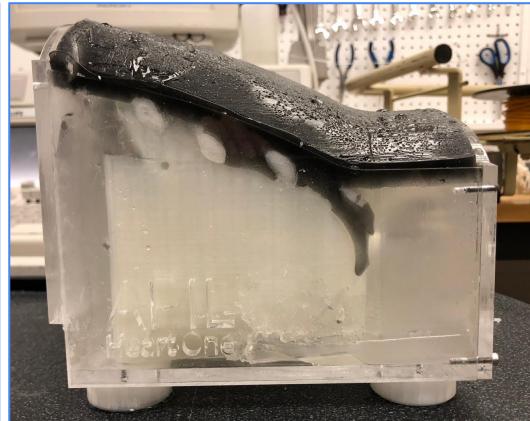
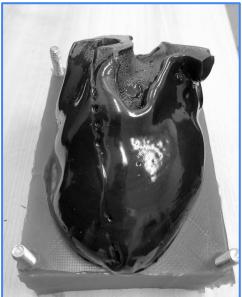
Tactile



Ultrasound



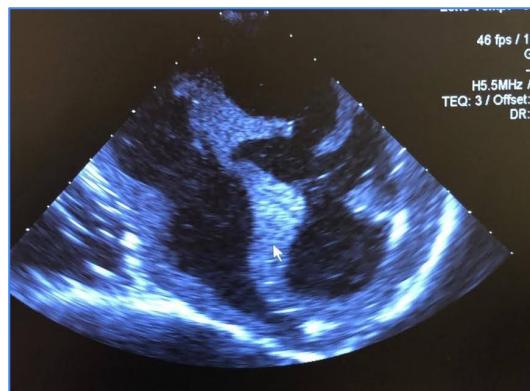
TEE Phantom (Cardiac CT, 3DP, Casting)



Cardiac CT; ITK-Snap/3D Slicer;
Meshmixer; Positive 3D Print
(FDM); Silicone Mold; Ballistic
gel + graphite heart; Gel wax
surround; Silicone cover.
Total cost CAD \$1000-1500



Meineri et al. Evaluation of a
Patient-Specific, Low-Cost,
3D-Printed TEE Phantom.
JCVA. 2021;35: 208–215.
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TEE Phantom: Acceptable Visual Fidelity

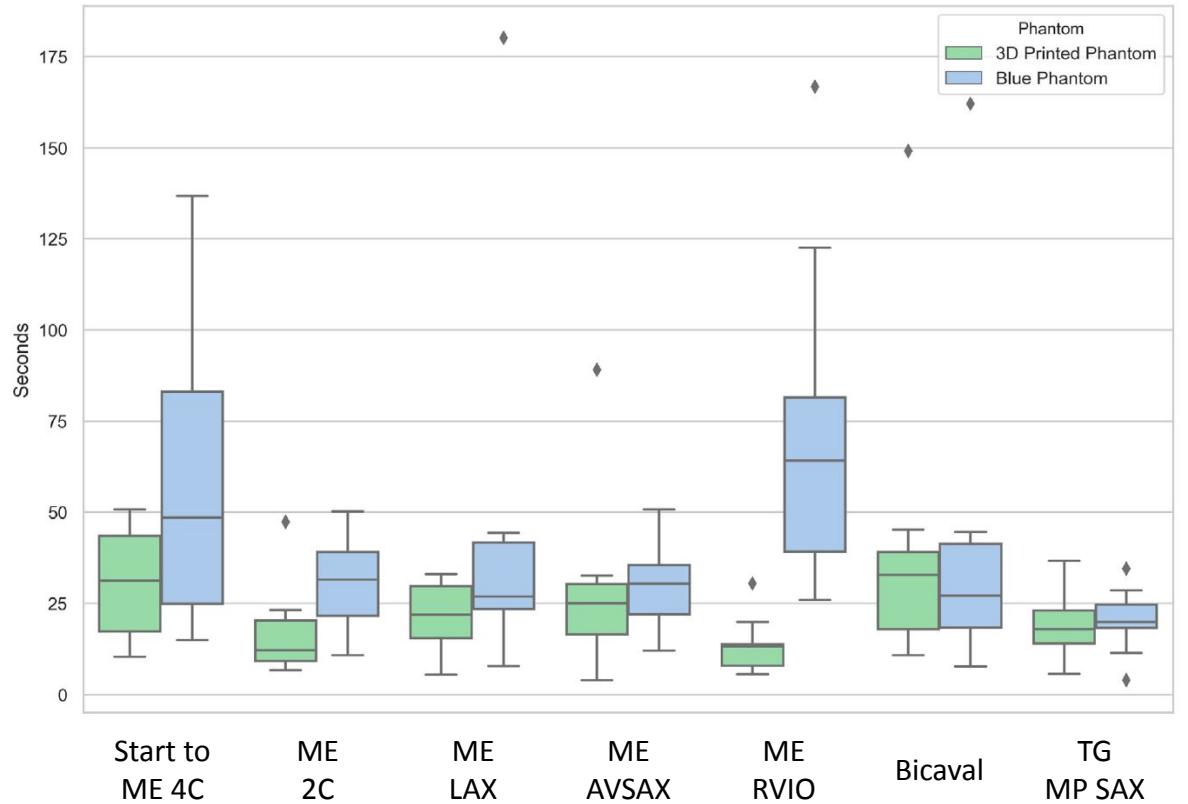
Rating of Each View Proposed Compared With the Same View From a Human Subject on a Likert Scale*

	3D-Printed Phantom	Commercial Phantom	<i>p</i>
ME AV SAX	2 (1.5)	2 (1)	NS
ME 4C	3 (1.5)	2 (1)	NS
ME 2C	3 (0.75)	3 (1.5)	< 0.05
TG SAX	2 (1)	3 (0.75)	NS
ME bicaval	2 (0)	2 (1)	NS
ME LAX	3 (0)	4 (1)	NS

1 = not comparable with the equivalent view obtained on a human subject;
5 = equivalent to the view obtained on a human subject.



TEE Phantom: Expert Acquisition Time

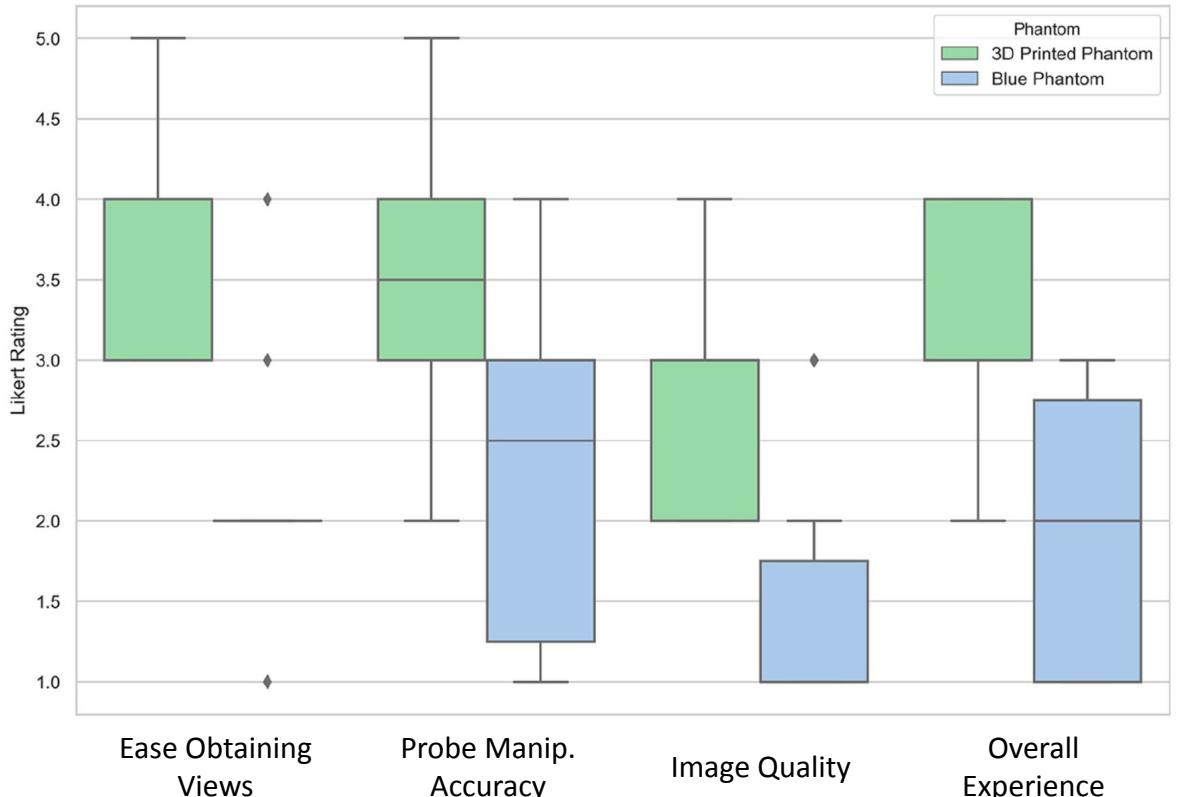


Phantom

- 3D Printed Phantom
- Blue Phantom

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TEE Phantom: Usability



Phantom
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Custom Fabricated Educational Phantoms



Parotto et al. Evaluation of a low-cost, 3D-printed model for **bronchoscopy training**. Anaesthesiol Intensive Ther. 2017;49: 189–197. doi:[10.5603/AIT.a2017.0035](https://doi.org/10.5603/AIT.a2017.0035)



Peacock et al. **Subclavian Central Venous Access (Echogenic)**. Evaluation in progress.



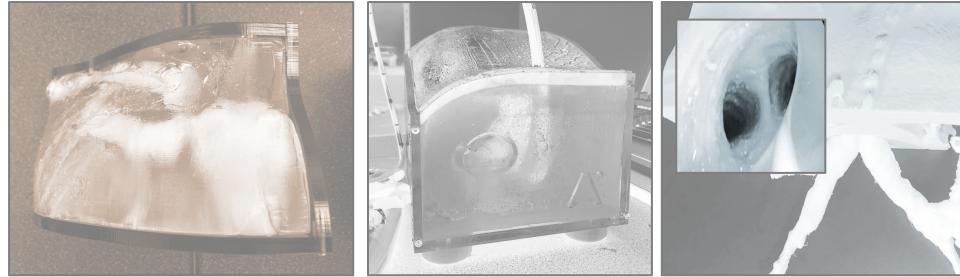
Ultrasound guided vascular access



Custom Fabricated Educational Phantoms

Greater Range of Models

Normal variants
Spectrum of disease
Rare conditions



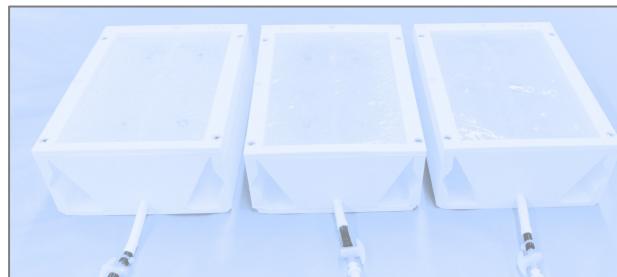
Highly Customizable

Tailored to learning objectives,
educational approach & evidence

**Integration into
evidence-based
multi-modal
curriculum**

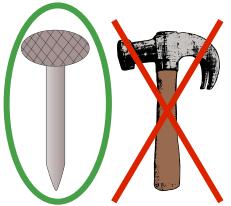
Easy Collaboration

Growing open source collections



Lower Cost

Procedural Training Phantoms: Development Approach



1. Procedural phantoms should be developed as **part of a need-driven curriculum** (Nail-First Approach)

2. Identify **task elements and steps** of the procedure and corresponding **learning objectives**

Set-Up; Positioning; Landmarking; Ultrasound Anatomy;
Eye-Hand-Needle Coordination; Tactile Feedback

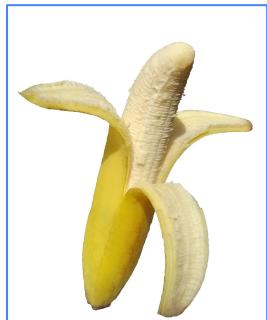
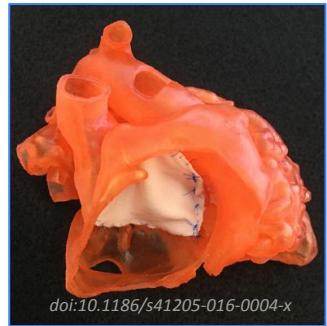
3. Identify **learning stages** and organize **objectives by stage**

4. Identify **type** (tactile, visual, ultrasound) & **optimal level of fidelity required** for each stage

Live tissue is not the gold standard!

5. Identify **required interactions & corresponding modalities** for each stage: 2D, 3D print / Render / VR / AR / Banana / Chicken

Cost, Accessibility, Usability, Interactions, Storage



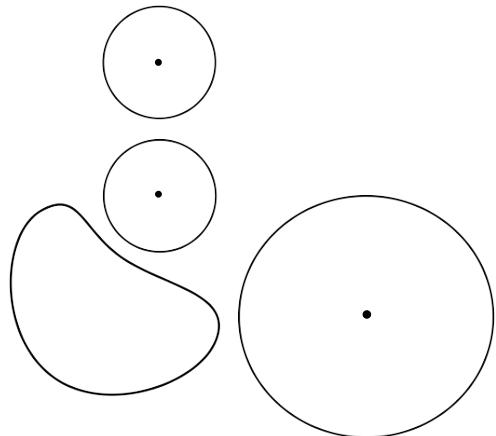
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Echo Anatomy Teaching Example: Combining 2D and 3D modalities

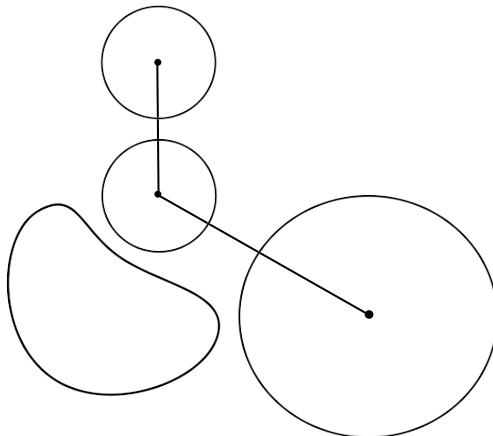
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Heart Base

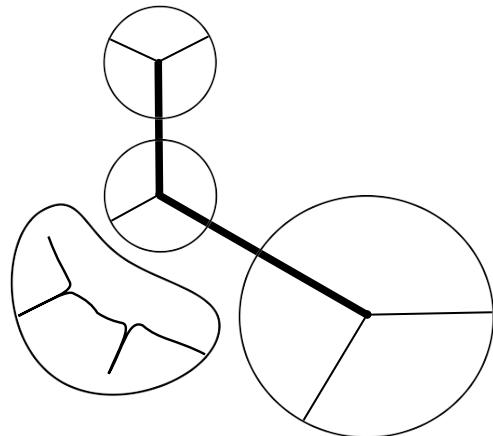
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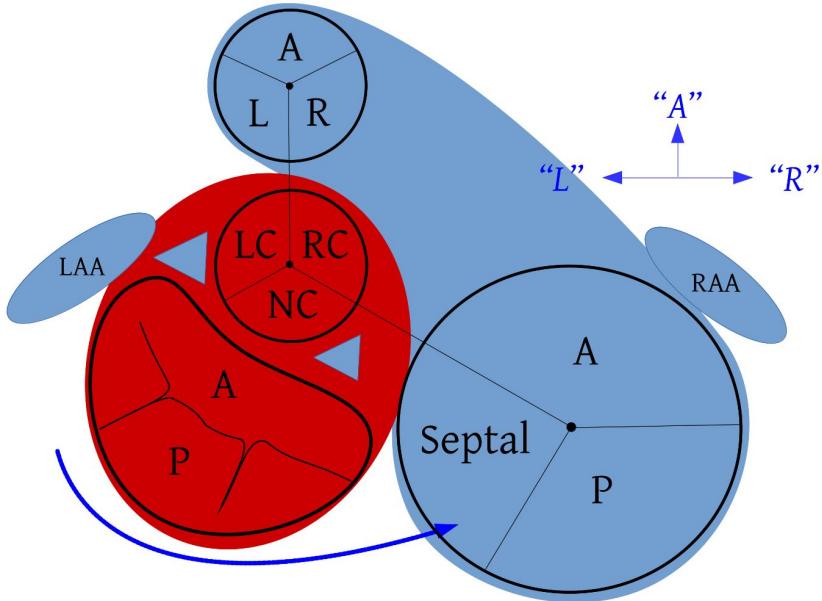
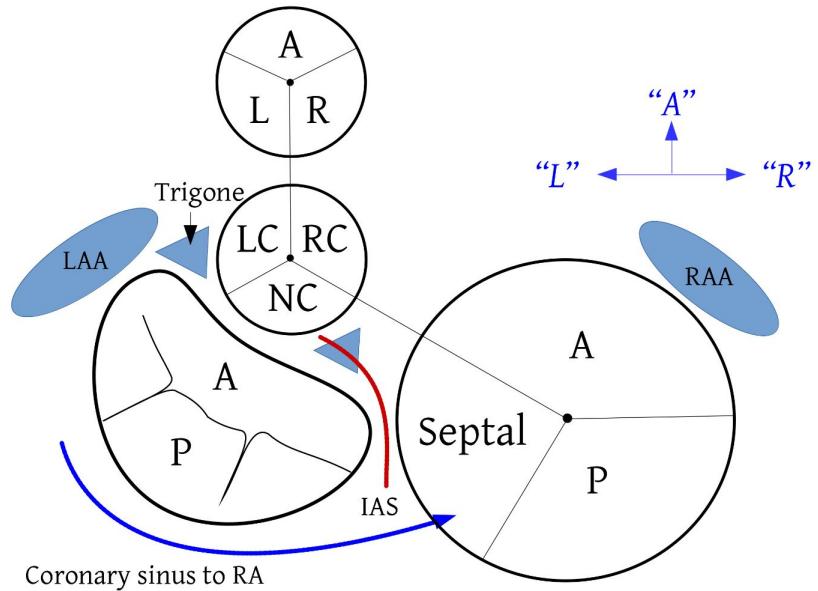


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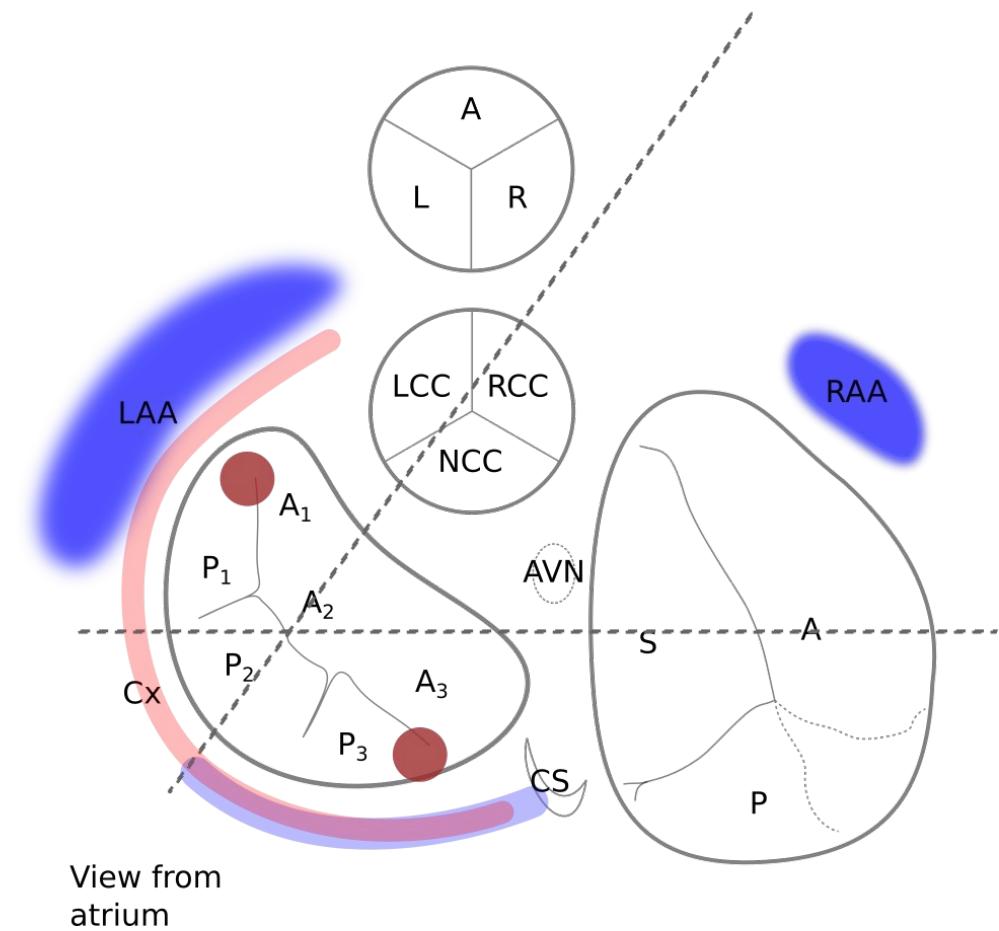
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CT-based Model: <https://skfb.ly/6LGwF>



3D Model

Cardiac-gated CT (3DSlicer - FLOSS)

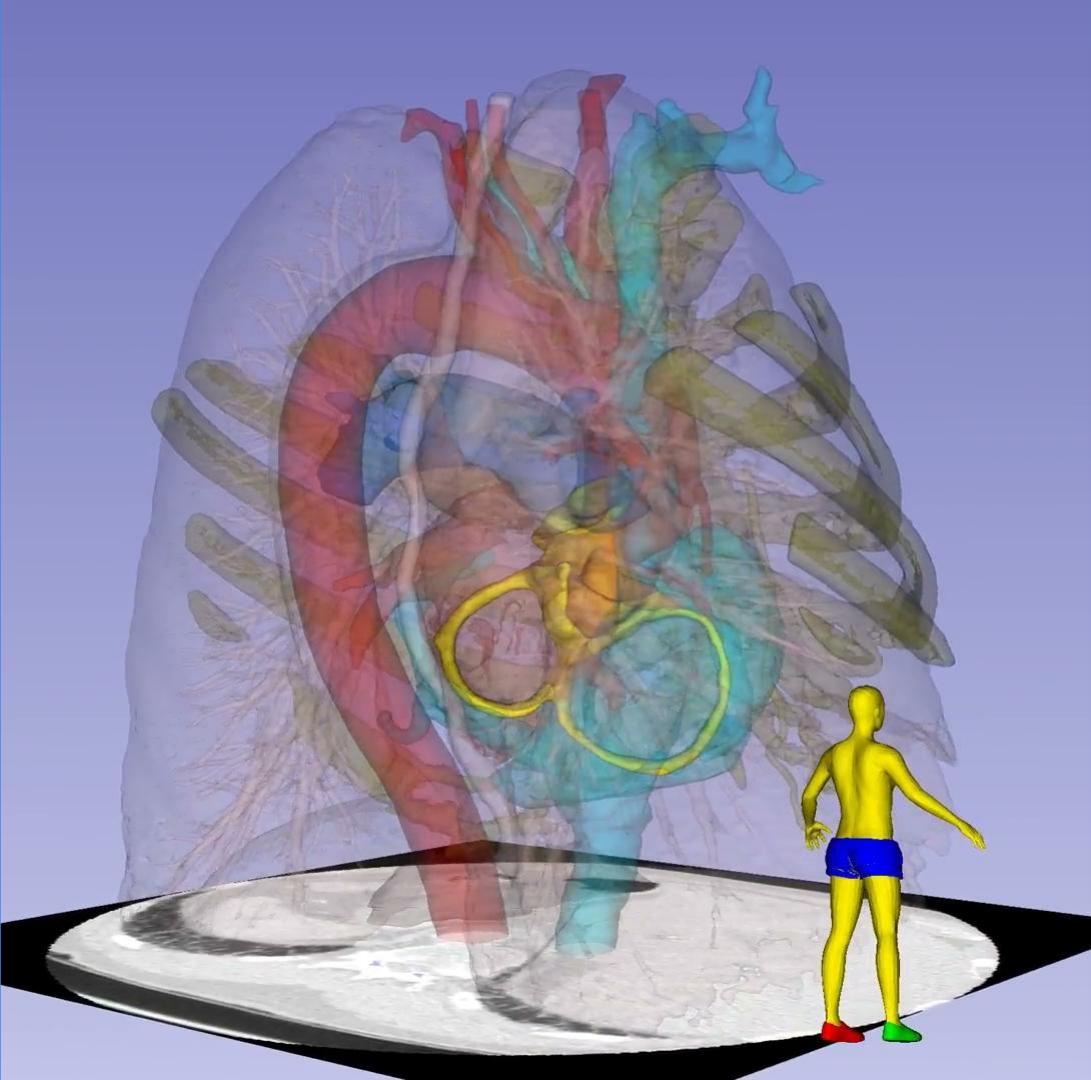
Blood volumes inside chambers & vessels (*walls removed*)

Little man & CT Slice for orientation

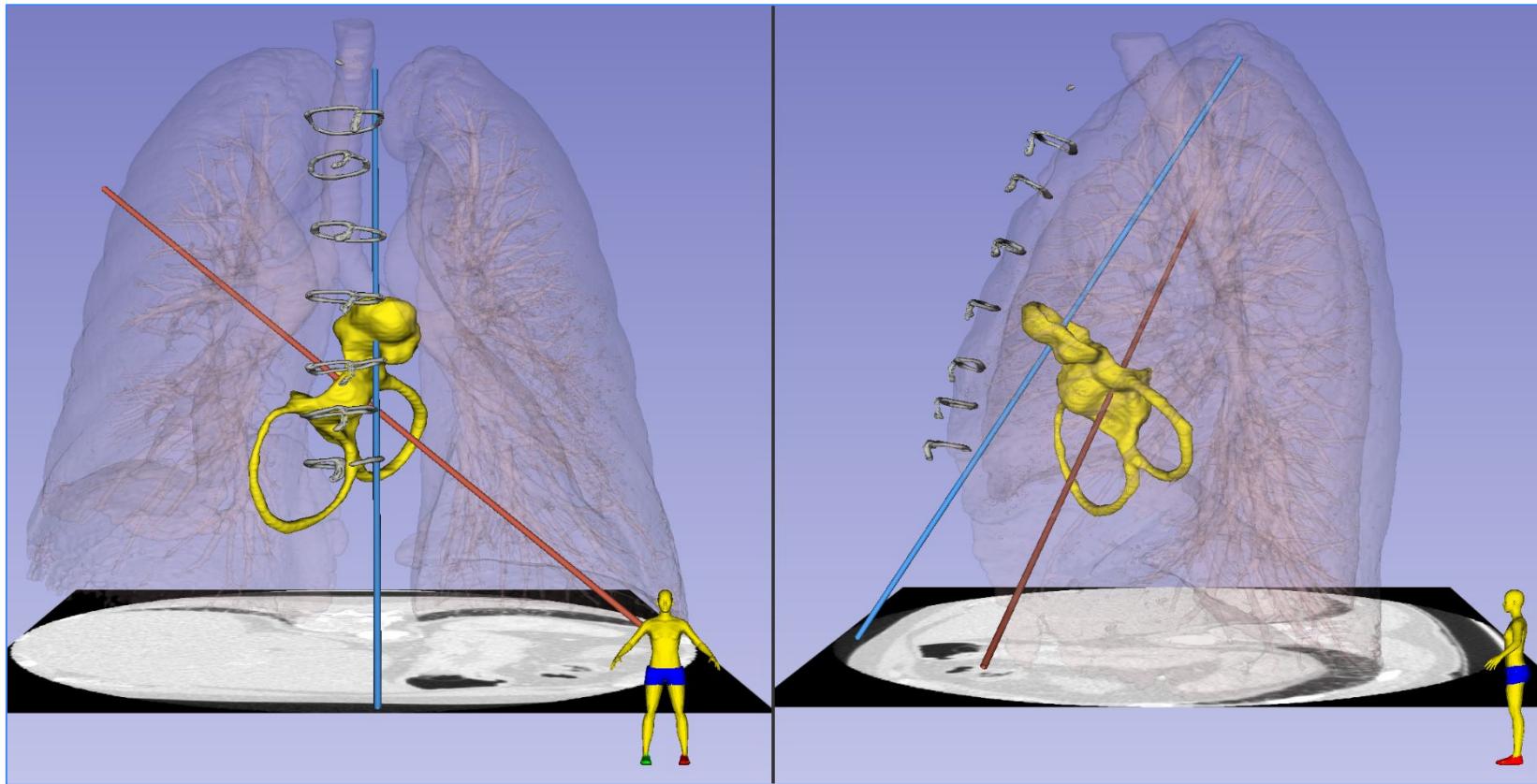
Normal anatomy

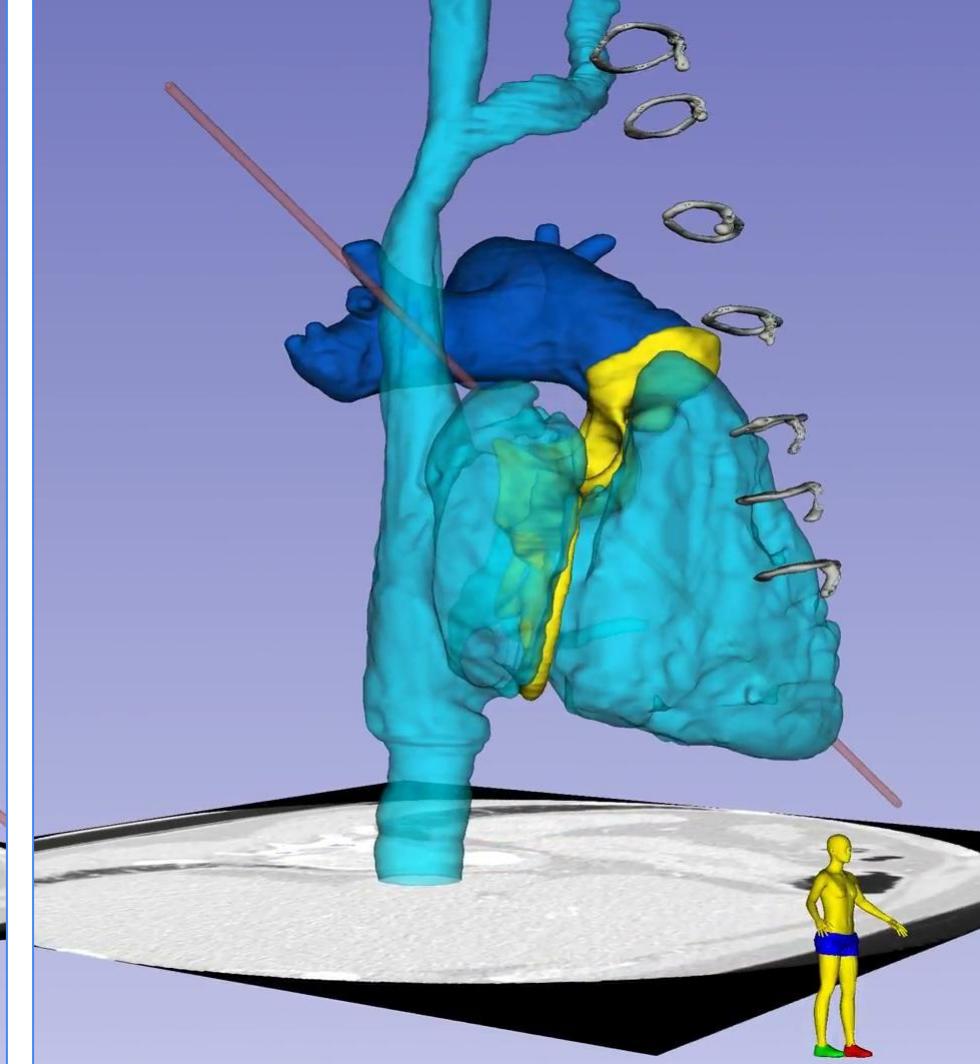
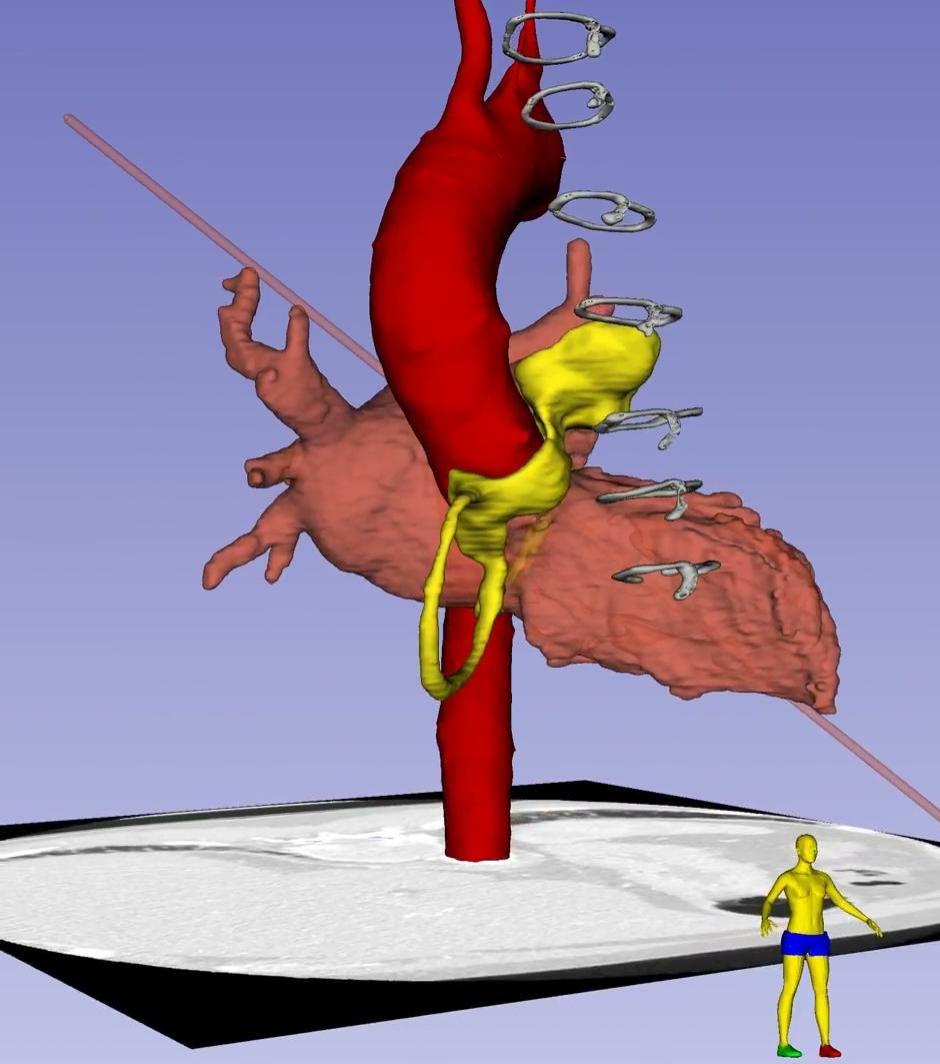
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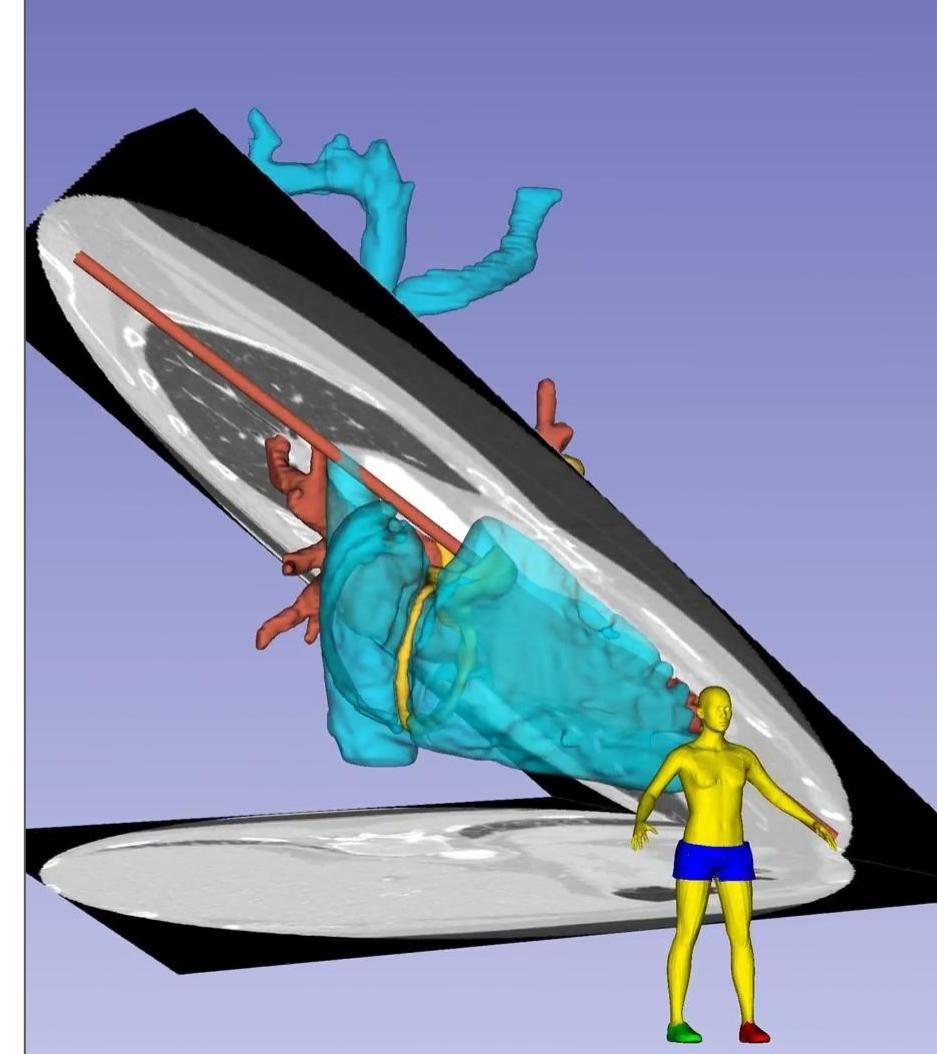
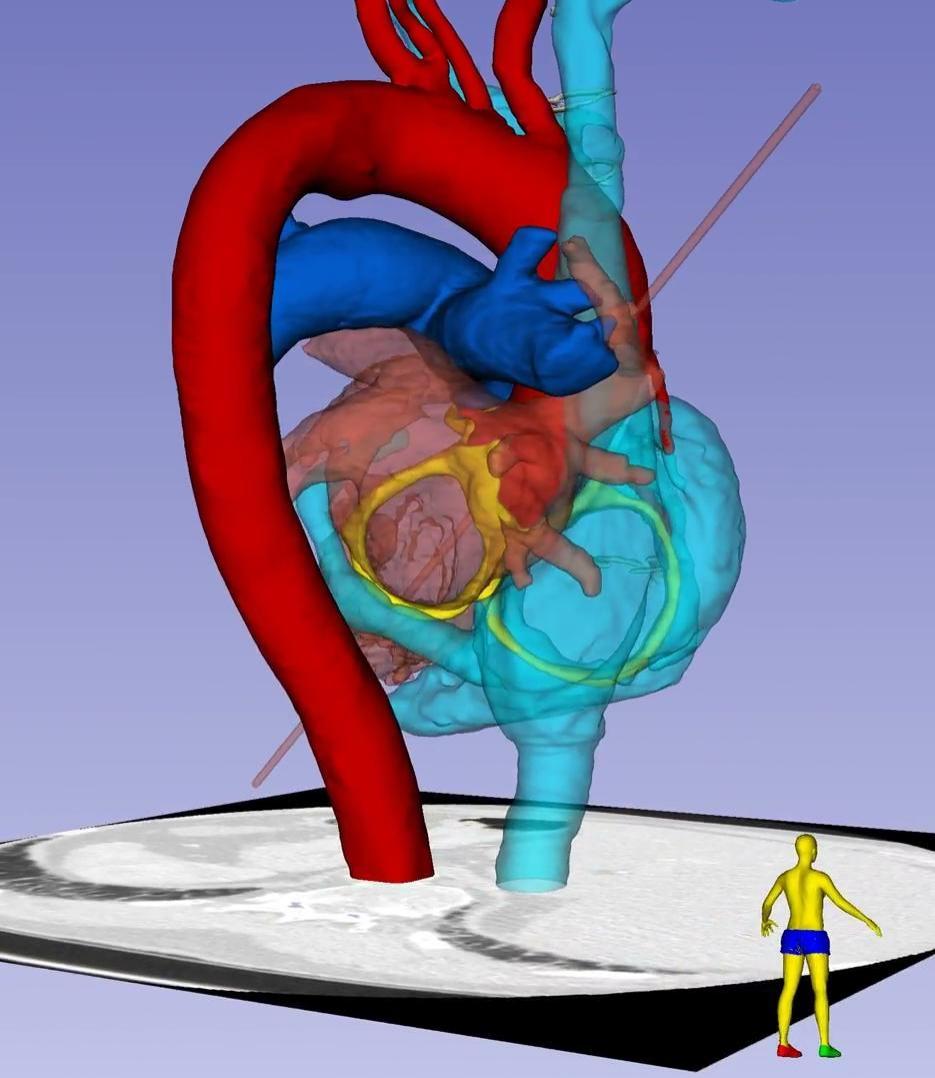
- Vein grafts coming off the ascending aorta
- Mobilized LIMA to LAD
- Sternal Wires



Heart Base: 3D Morphology







Cut-planes | Windows | Views

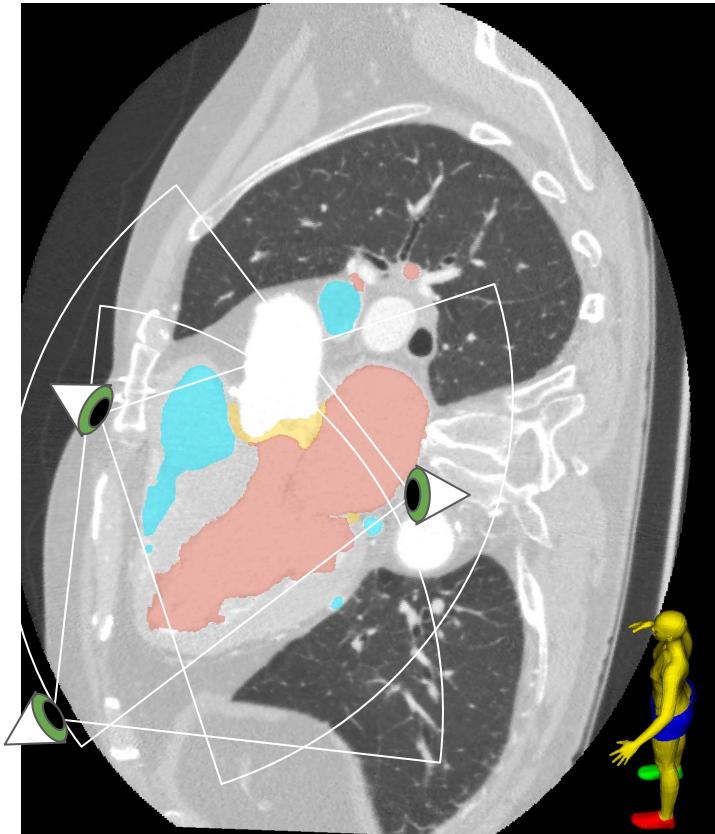
A cut-plane is the unique tomographic plane that includes **3 landmark points**.

e.g. **LV Long-Axis** cut-plane:

1. Aortic Valve Center
2. Mitral Valve Center
3. LV Apex

Views of LAX cut-plane from different **Windows**:

- Parasternal (TTE) window
 - Parasternal LAX
 - Parasternal AV LAX (zoom view of PLAX)
- Apical (TTE) window
 - Apical LAX
- Mid-Esophageal (TEE) window
 - Mid-esophageal LAX



Chest Wall - Bone - Lung = TTE Windows

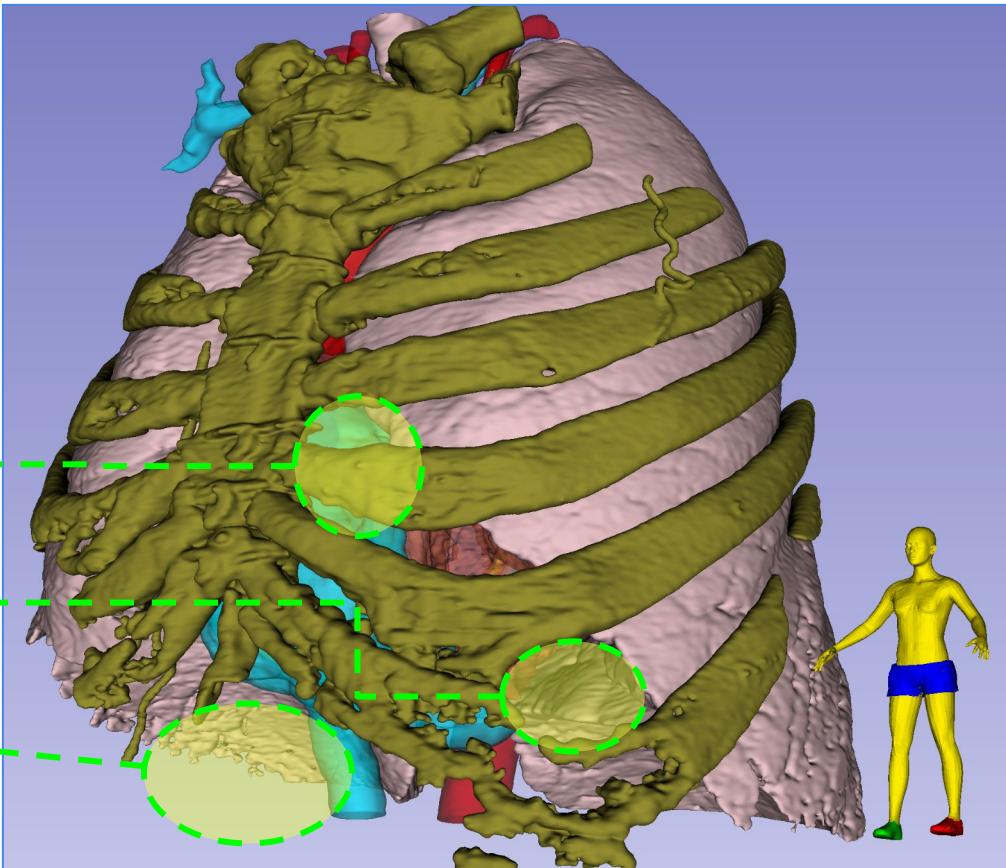
Parasternal Window



Apical Window



Sub-costal Window



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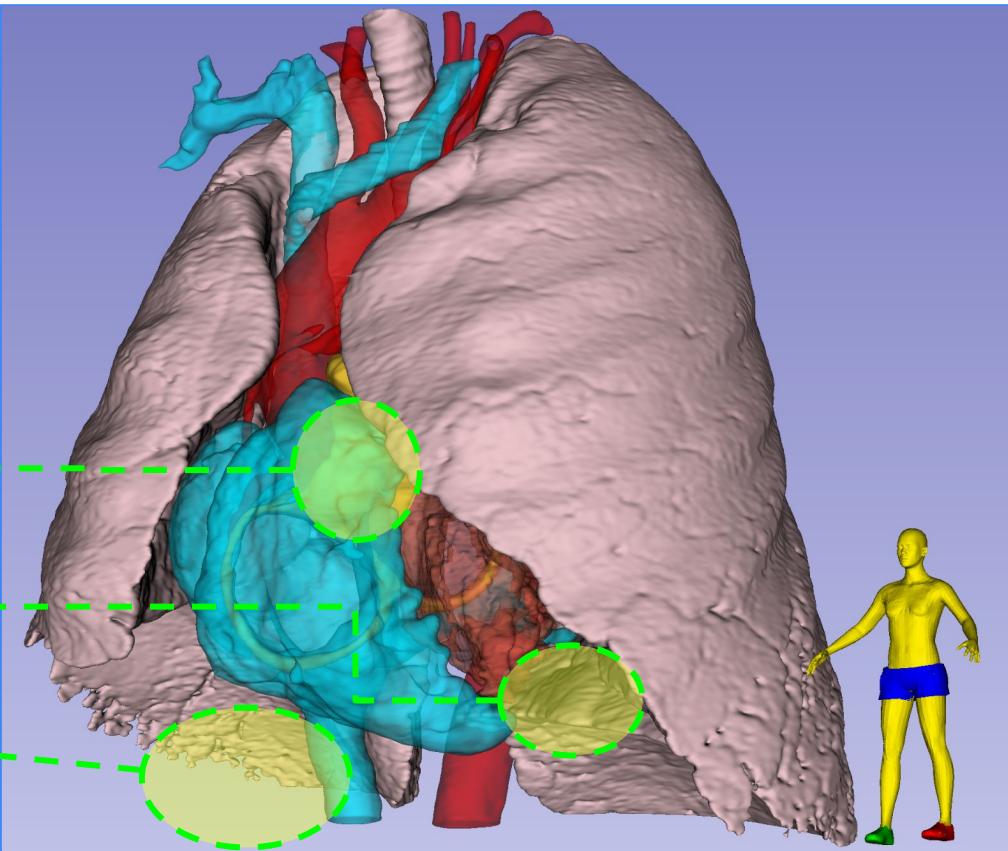
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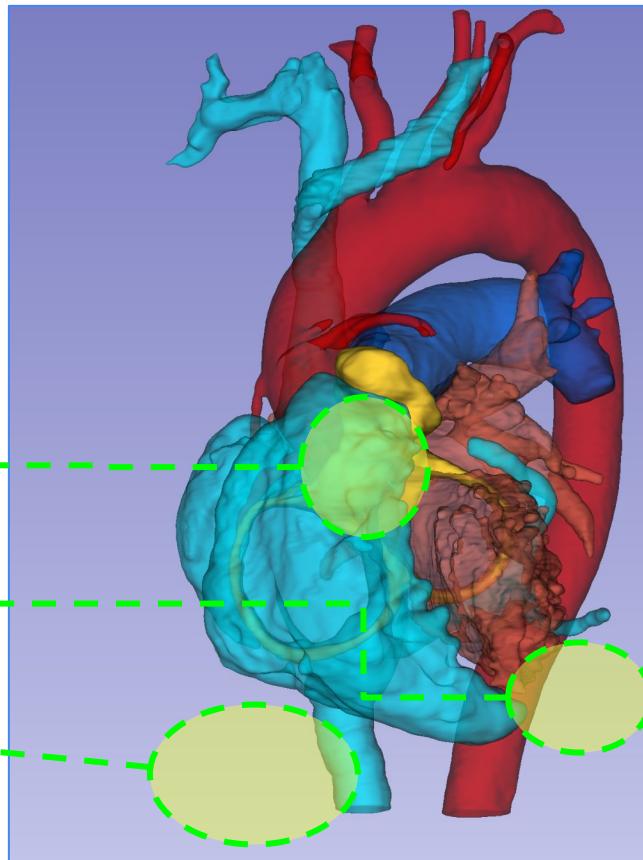
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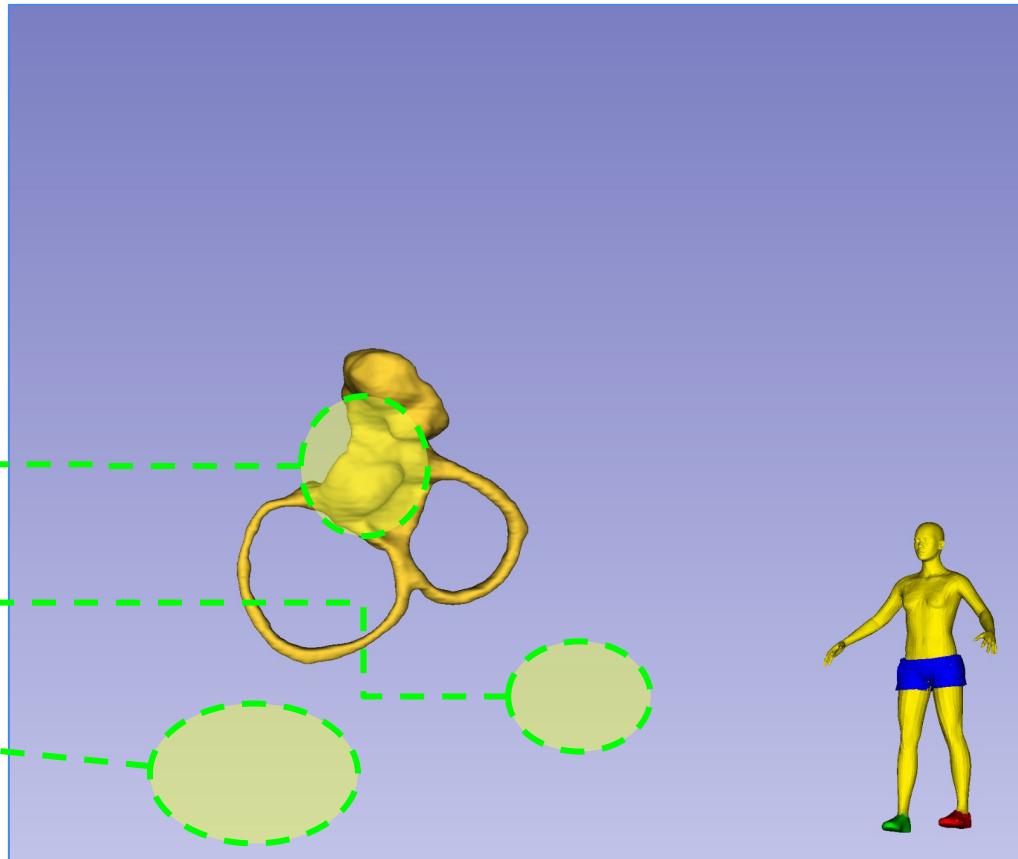


Chest wall - Bone - Lung = TTE Windows

Parasternal Window

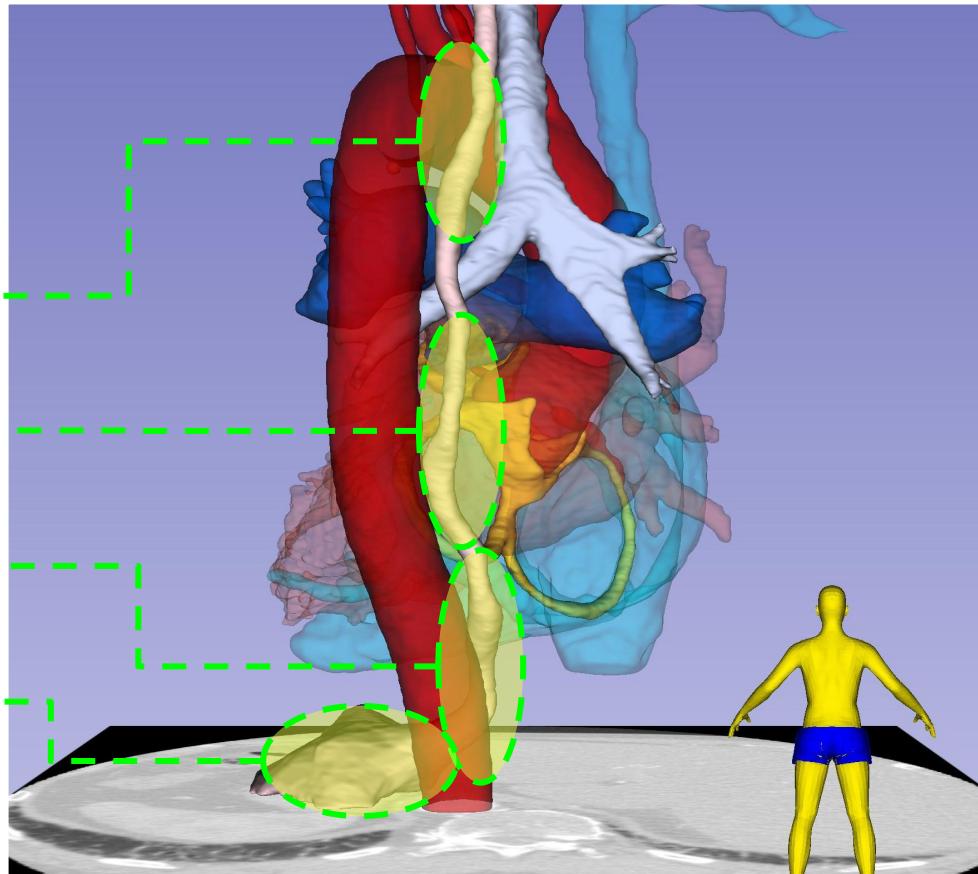
Apical Window

Sub-costal Window



Esophagus - Airway = TEE Windows

- Upper Esophageal (UE) Window
- Mid-Esophageal (ME) Window
- Lower Esophageal (LE) Window
- Trans-gastric (TG) Window



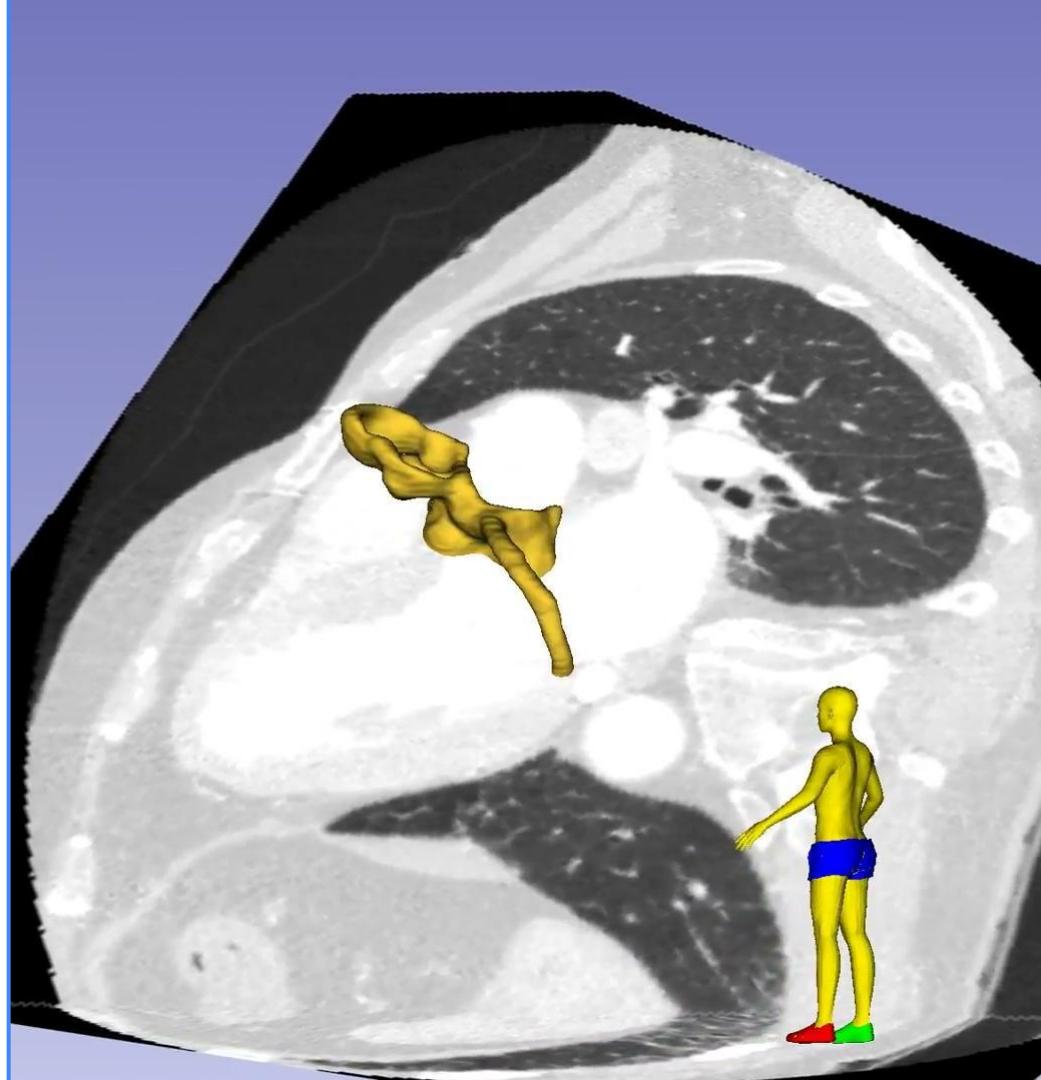
LV Long-Axis Cut-Plane

Landmarks

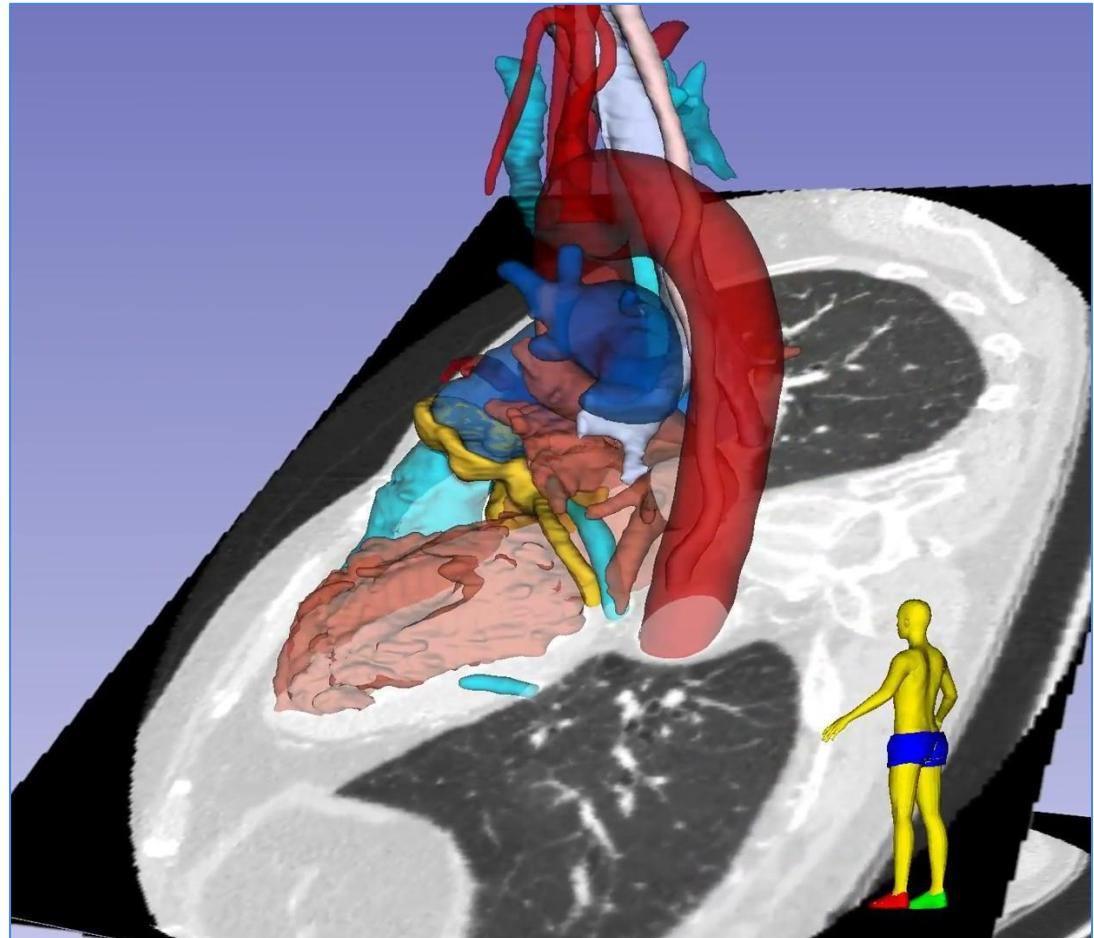
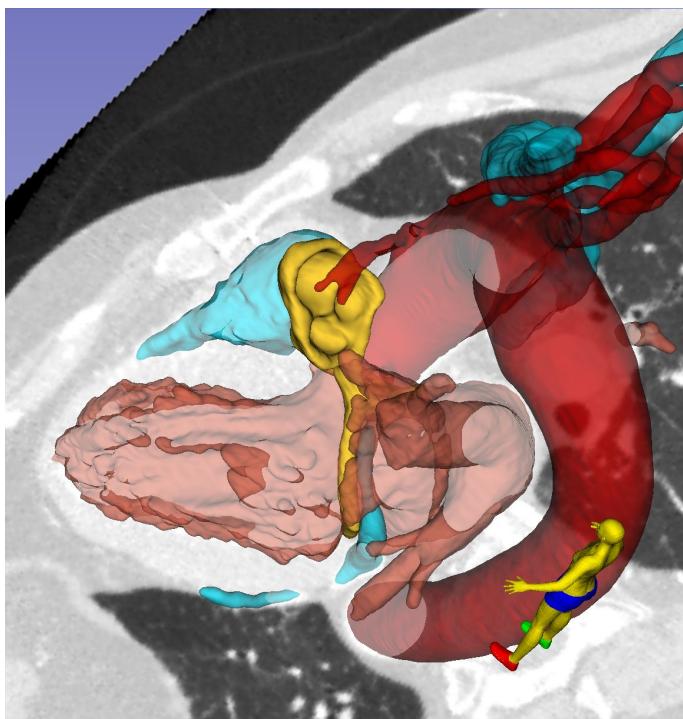
1. Center of AV
2. Center of MV
3. Apex

Views

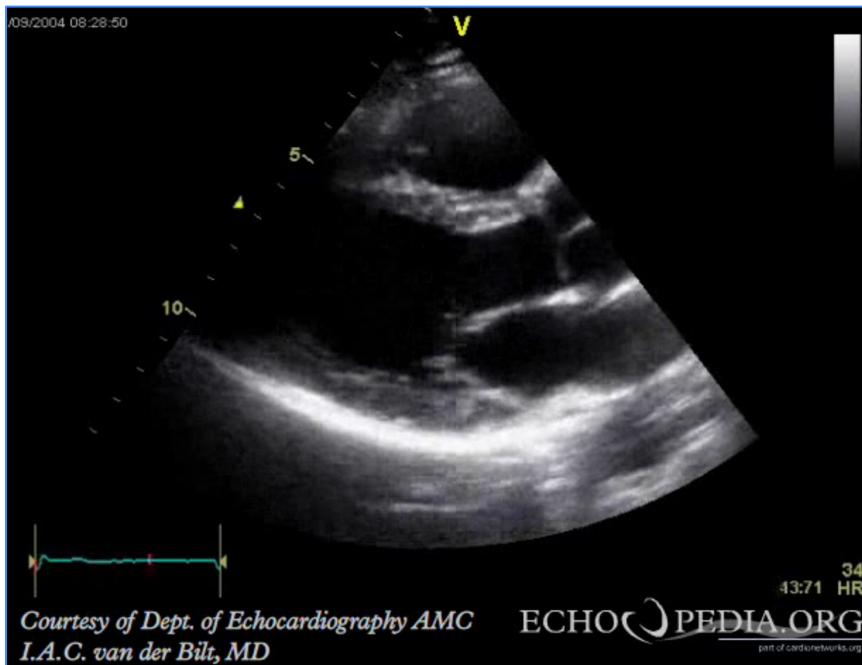
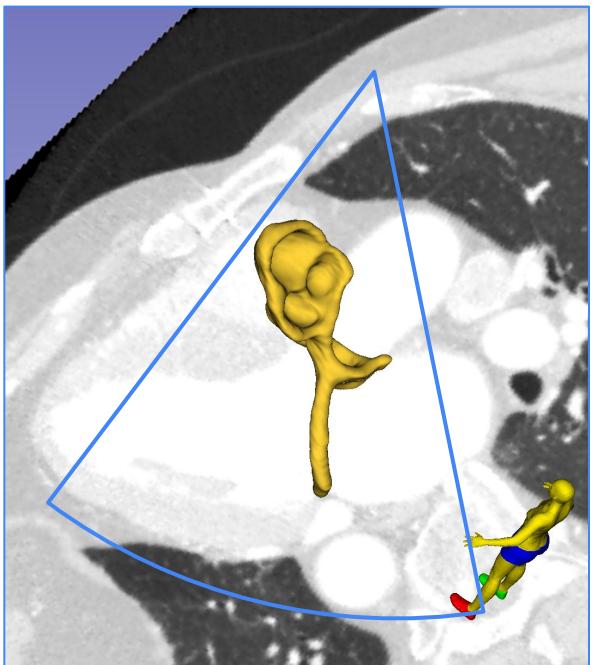
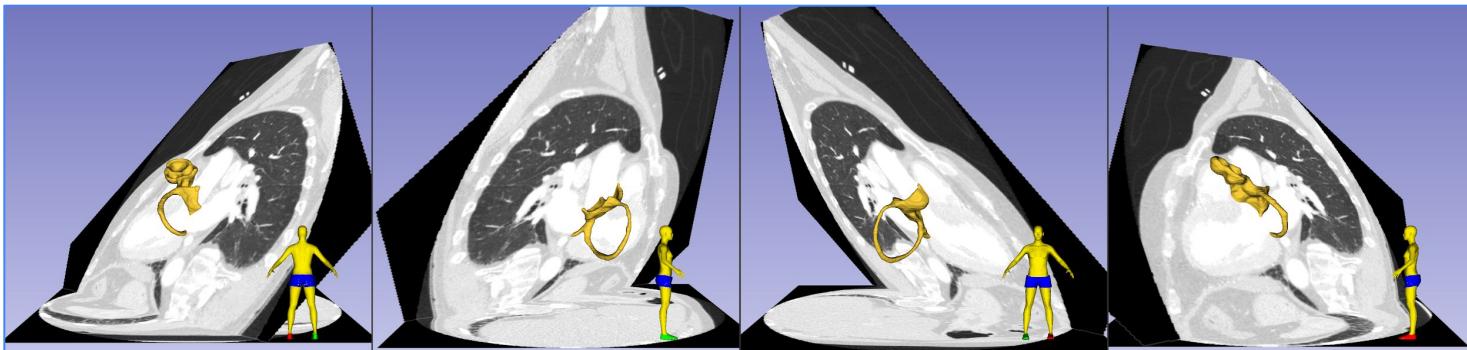
- **Parasternal LAX**
- **Apical LAX (3-chamber)**
- ME LAX
- ME Aortic Valve LAX



LV Long-Axis Cut-Plane



PSLAX view (of LV LAX cut-plain)



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3D Printed Modular Hearts & Base

Modular blood-pool models

For Anatomy training

Scale 50,100,200 %

Patient-specific

Source: Cardiac CT

Segmentation: ITK-SNAP, 3D Slicer

Post-processing: Meshmixer, Blender

Print: Prusa MK3S + Polylite, PLA



Heart Atlas

35 Models to-date (De-identified, patient-based models collected with patient consent)

- ACHD
- Normal morphology
- Aortic root
- Heart Base

Open-source (cc-by 4.0 Int).

Printed models sold to fund project.

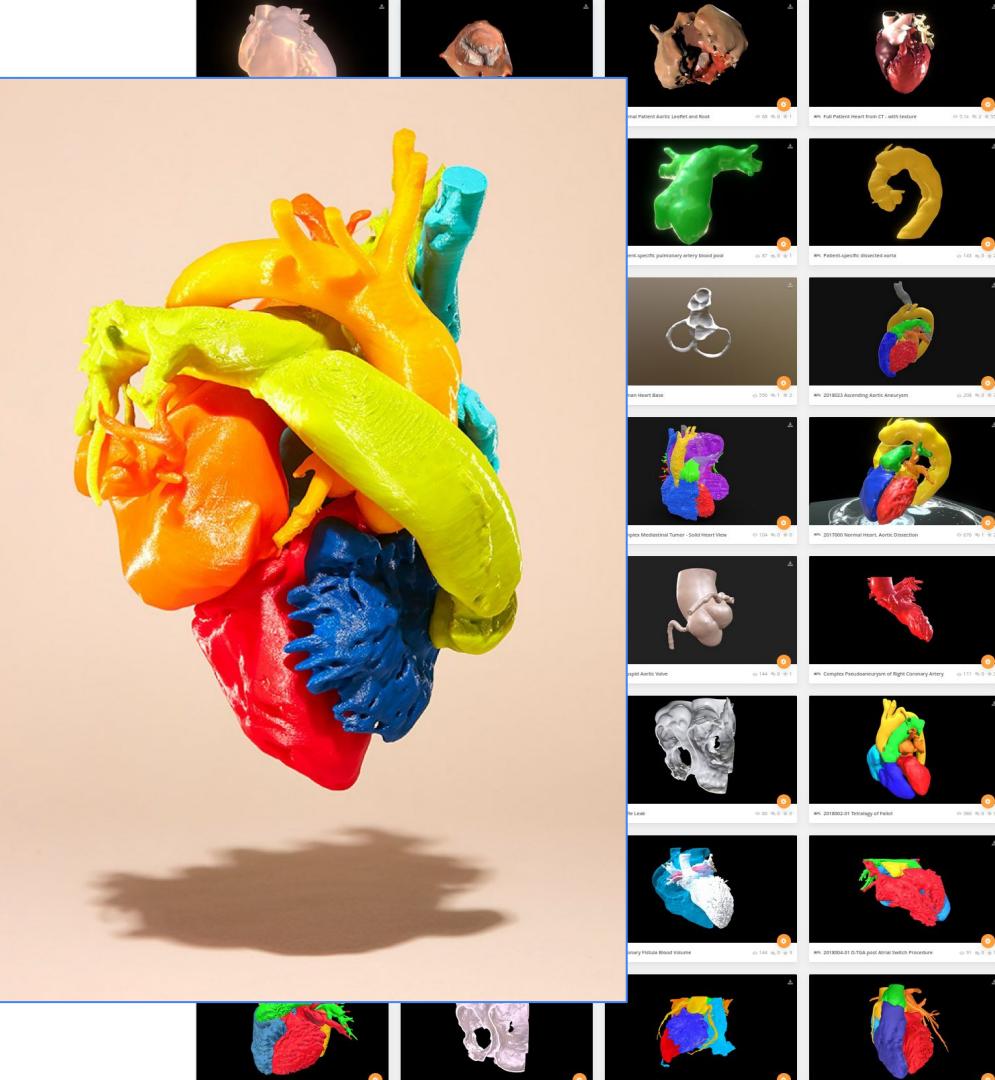
Free download: <https://github.com/tgh-apil/TorontoHeartAtlas>

3D gallery in development:

V1: <https://apil.ca/toronto-3d-heart-atlas>

V2: <https://apil-experiments.web.app/#/3dviewer/viewer>

Plan to link with NIH Heart Library



3DP Educational Models - Evidence/Gaps

Small studies showing [high user satisfaction](#), some [benefits in immediate comprehension](#) compared to traditional methods.

Kirkpatrick Levels 1-2, reaction & learning. Logistical and funding challenges for higher level evaluation

[No systematic exploration of 2D/3D visualization/interaction modes](#) for different [types of learning](#).

e.g. VR/AR vs On-screen rendering vs 3DP for anatomy teaching

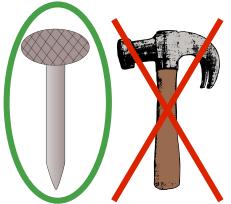
No established best-practices for [phantom-based procedural teaching curricula](#)

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Chytas et al. Three-dimensional printing in [anatomy teaching: current evidence](#). Surg Radiol Anat. 2020;42: 835–841.
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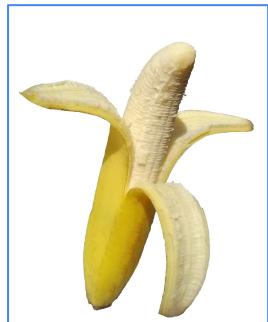
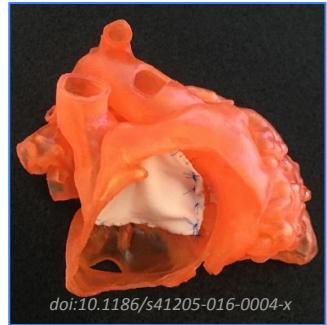
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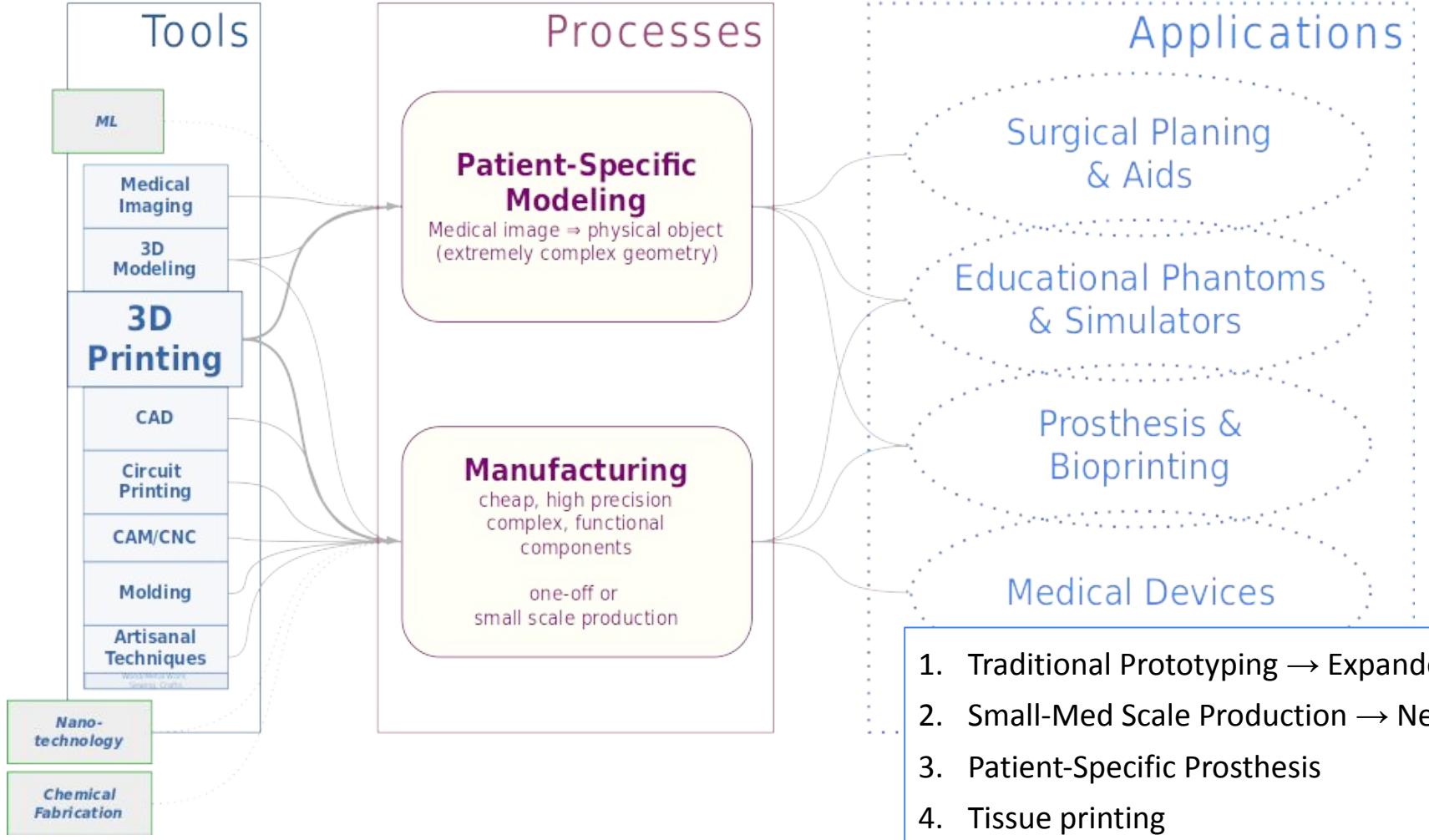
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Manufacturing



Industrial Additive Manufacturing - Industrial Printers



<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jenniferhicks/2016/03/22/fda-approved-3d-printed-drug-available-in-the-us/?sh=575f165b666b>

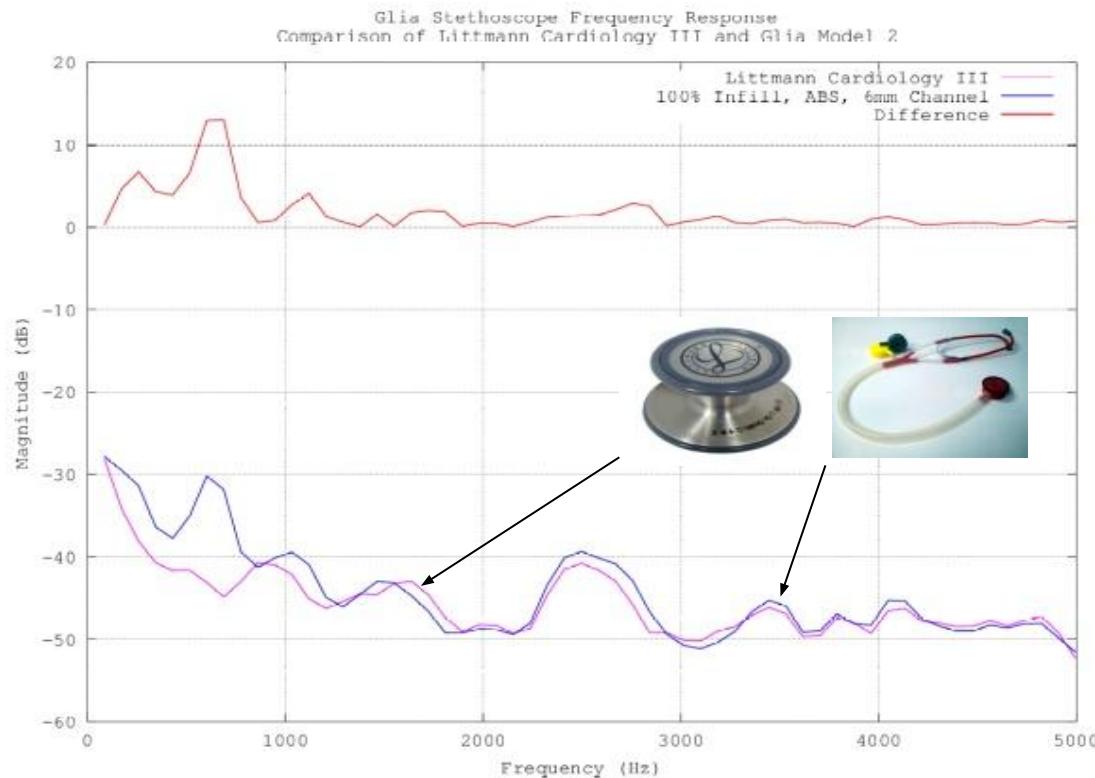
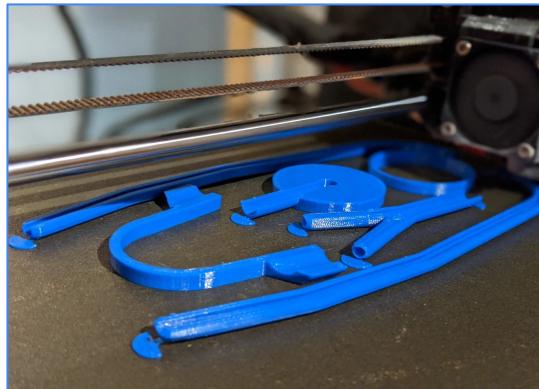


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<https://3dwithus.com/3d-printing-in-medicine>

3D Printed Stethoscope (Glia) os repository: <https://github.com/GliaX/Stethoscope>



open software



open hardware

Local Manufacturing - Desktop Printers

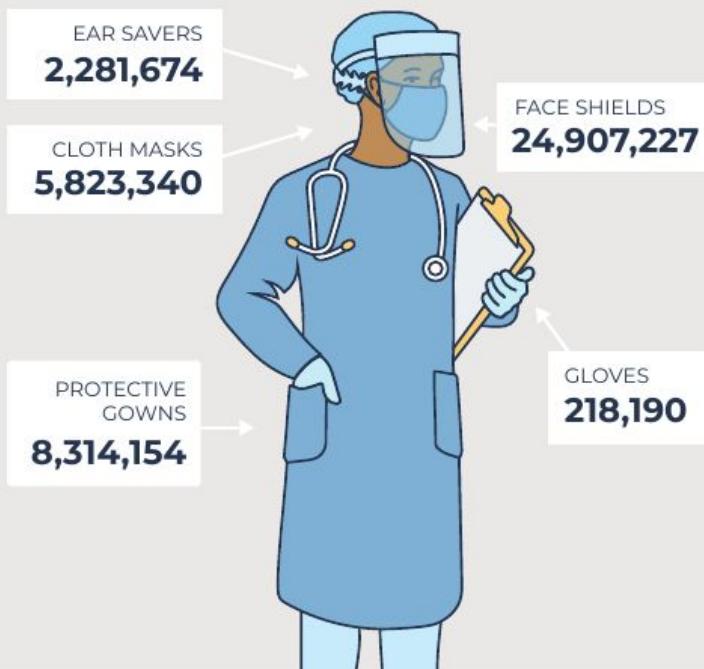
Created hundreds of new open source designs for medical supplies

200+ DESIGNS

available in the OSMS Library for **35 categories of PPE & supplies**

6,000% increase in unique visitors to the NIH 3D Print Exchange within 24 hours of engaging the maker community

Numerous medical inventions



Manufactured & delivered **OVER 48 MILLION** pieces of PPE and medical supplies

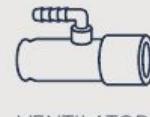
worth **\$271 million** including critical items such as:



NASAL SWABS
45,000



PAPR HOODS
59,289



VENTILATOR PORTS
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Stop-gap Silicone Respirator Mask (William Ng, TGH APIL)

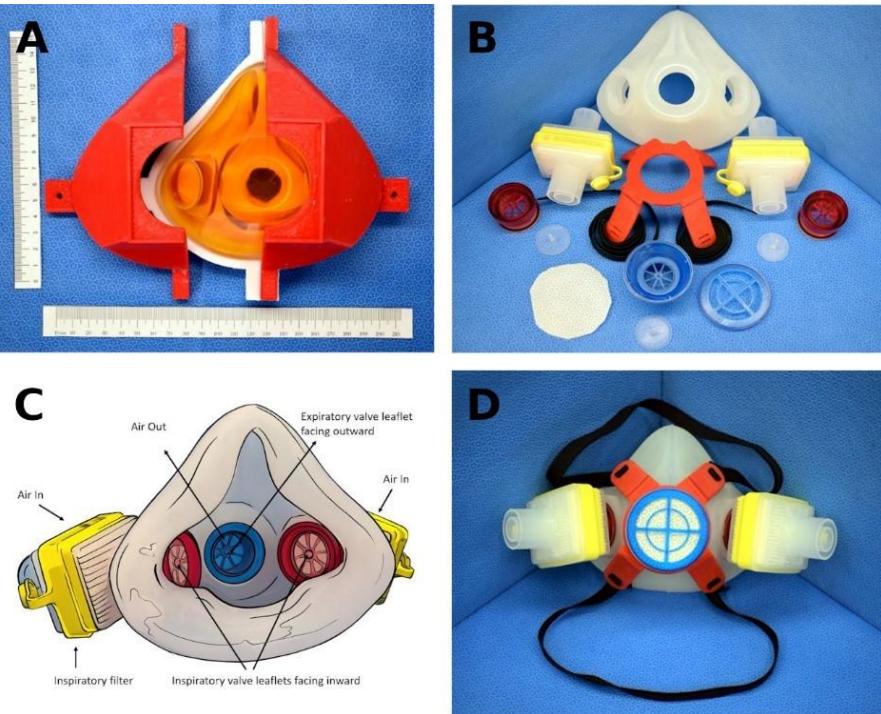
Goal: Develop a locally manufacturable, reusable respirator meeting or exceeding N95 protection

Progress:

- Second generation design. Exceeds N95 filtration performance. Validated in 40 HCW.
- Undergoing testing and refinement to meet technical standards for resistance and CO₂ retention.
- Planned application for HC Emergency Use.

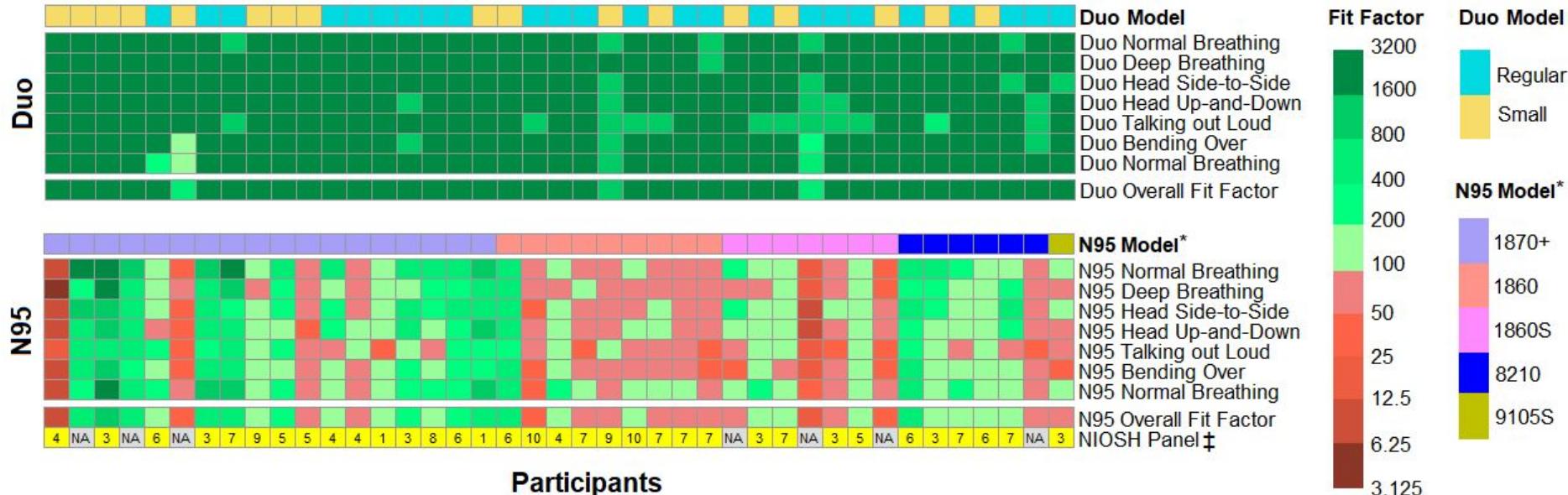
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4. Version 2 MS in review



Stop-Gap Respirator (Duo) vs N95:

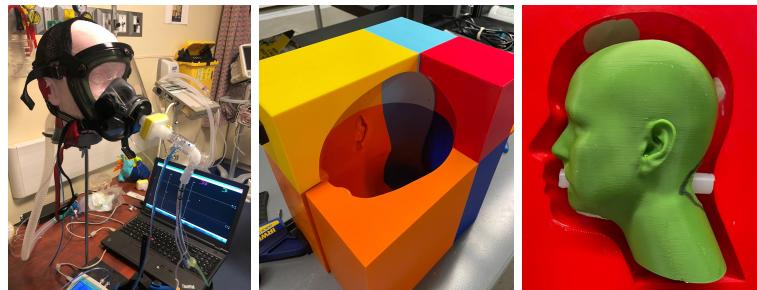
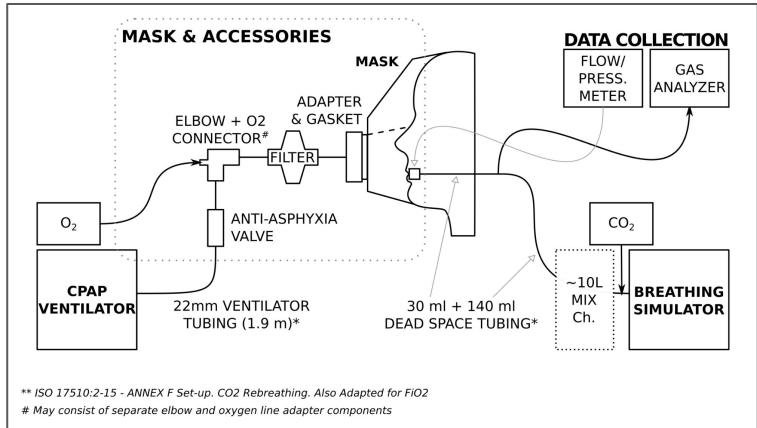
Quantitative Fit Testing in 40 HCW



Overall Pass Rate:

- **N95: 58.5%** (most failures in dynamic maneuvers; difference across models)
- **Reusable SGR: 100%**

Hospital-based Emergency Manufacturing



Clinkard et al. Evaluation of N95 respirators, modified snorkel masks and low-cost powered air-purifying respirators: a prospective observational cohort study in healthcare workers. Anaesthesia. 2021;76: 617–622.
doi:10.1111/anae.15392

Locally Manufacturable Medical Devices

Devices in development

Pulse Oximeter: Clinical Validation and regulatory application

ECG: Clinical Validation and regulatory application

Otoscope: Evaluation

Dialysis components and adaptors

Ultrasound, CT

Standards, best practice, Regulatory frameworks

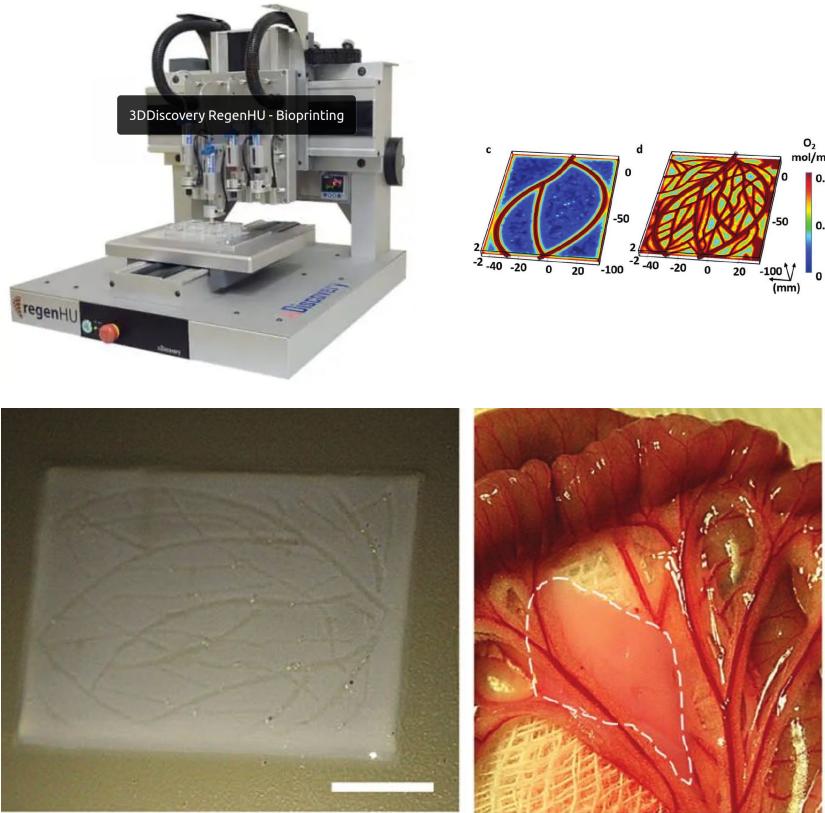
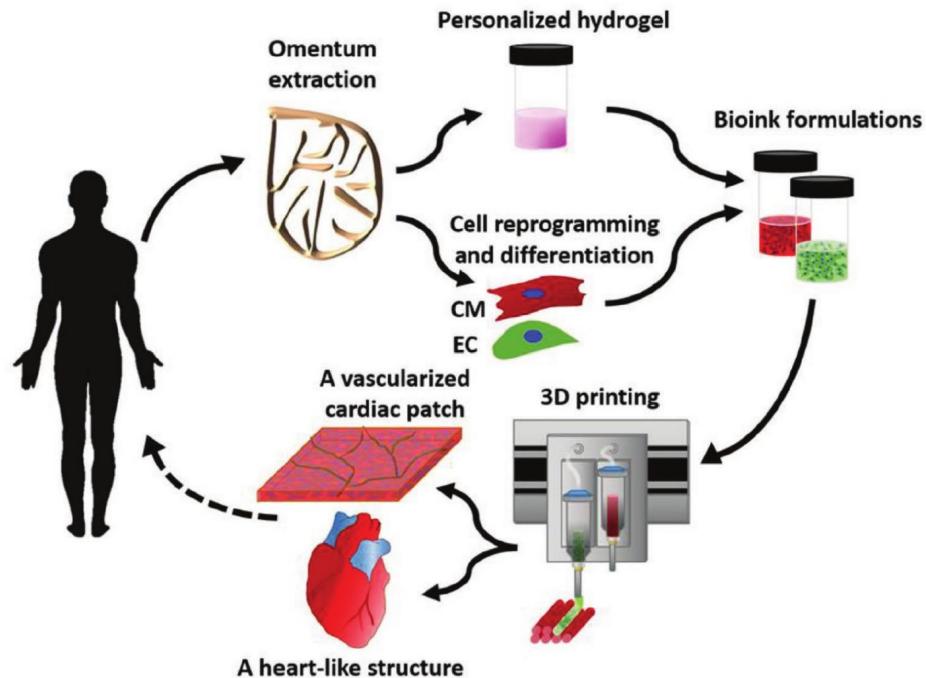


Why? Access, Customization, Resilience ...

Emergency Preparedness for Supply Chain Disruption: [open-source digital stockpile](#) of essential devices

Merlo S. (2020) Building Medical Supply Chain Resilience through a U.S. Manufacturing Reserve and Digital Stockpile. Day One Project; <https://www.dayoneproject.org/post/u-s-prototyping-manufacturing-reserve-u-s-digital-stockpile>

Bioprinting



Noor N, Shapira A, Edri R, Gal I, Wertheim L, Dvir T. 3D Printing of Personalized Thick and Perfusionable Cardiac Patches and Hearts. *Advanced Science*. 2019;6: 1900344. doi:10.1002/advs.201900344

The Costs



3D Printing in Medicine Future ...

Clinical Planning

Multi-modal visualization

Image fusion

3DP, AR/VR, Rendering

In-situ, intra-procedural visualization

Demonstration Education Models

Digital modalities will likely gain wider use due to range of interactions and ease of access if AR/VR hardware becomes more widespread

Industrial manufacturing

Curriculum-based procedural education

“The time for learning curves on patients has passed”

The time for force fittin curricula to the limits available devices is passing.

Locally manufacturable medical devices

Institutional support; regulatory progress

Bio-printing & Tissue engineering

Implantable tissue: skin grafts, functional patches, whole organs.

Role of 3DP specifically vs other TE methods?

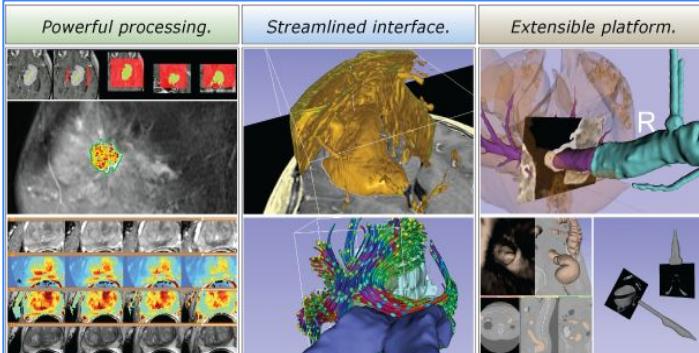
Hope

Desktop 3D printing makes it possible for almost anyone (with basic digital literacy and semi-reliable electricity) to build complex, functional objects of almost every imaginable shape with high quality, at scale with initial infrastructure costs similar to a new cell phone

Lots of potential ...

But very little of has been translated into improving the care of the sick (beyond isolated cases)

Much of the potential (& challenges & hazards) lie in the democratization of the technology
Not just in terms of **Access** but also of **Technology Development**



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Educational VR Set-up & Workflow:
<http://perk.cs.queensu.ca/sites/perkd7.cs.queensu.ca/files/Lasso2019.pdf>

3D Slicer Annual Boot Camp: (Course content at link below)
<https://github.com/PerkLab/PerkLabBootcamp/tree/bootcamp-2021>

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