

כאב בחזה בילדים

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קרדיולוגית ילדים

המרכז הרפואי הדסה ירושלים

The problem

- Chest pain accounts to 650,000 physician visit per year in the USA
- 0.25% of outpatient/emergency room visits
- Mean age at presentation 9-14 years

Chest pain in Children

- Overwhelmingly **benign**
- 70% of adolescents had restricted their own activity secondary to the chest pain
- **Activities stopped** until further testing is completed or the child is evaluated by a subspecialist
 - Parents
 - Coaches
 - primary care physicians

Chest pain in childhood

- Cardiac

- Non cardiac

Noncardiac causes of chest pain in children and adolescents

- Idiopathic
- Musculoskeletal
- Trauma
- Costochondritis
- Precordial catch syndrome
- Slipping Rib Syndrome
- Psychogenic
- Respiratory
 - Asthma
 - Pneumonia
 - Pneumothorax / Pneumomediastinum
 - Chronic cough

Other non-cardiac causes

- Gastrointestinal
 - Gastroesophageal reflux
 - Esophagitis
 - Gastritis
- Miscellaneous
 - Breast mass
 - Sickle cell disease
 - Thoracic tumors
 - Herpes zoster
 - Pleurodynia

Cardiac causes of chest pain in children and adolescence

- **Coronary artery disease**
 - Anomalous origin of coronary artery
 - Kawasaki disease, post Kawasaki disease
 - Hyperlipidemia/early coronary artery disease
 - Cocaine abuse
 - Post surgery
- **Dysrhythmias**
- **Inflammatory**
 - Pericarditis
 - Myocarditis
- **Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy**
- **Aortic stenosis**
- **Mitral valve prolapse**

Causes of chest pain in children

	% Different studies							average
Idiopathic	—	13	46	55	28	—	21	40%
Musculoskeletal	—	16	13	—	15	45	15	20%
Costochondritis	—	9	16	2	10	23	9	15%
Asthma	64	12	—	3	4	—	7	10%
Psychogenic	—	9	—	—	—	—	9	5%
Trauma	—	7	3	—	4	—	9	5%

Percentage of causes of chest pain

Different studies

Respiratory	—	11	—	—	6	12.5	10	10%
Pneumonia	—	6	—	—	2	—	4	
Hyperventilation	—	—	23	—	—	—	—	3%
Cardiac disease	—	4	—	6	—	—	4	
Mitral prolapse	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3%
Arrhythmia	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	
GI disease	—	3	3	2	7	—	4	5%
Sickle cell disease	—	3	—	—	—	—	2	

Non-cardiac chest pain

Non-specific (idiopathic) chest pain

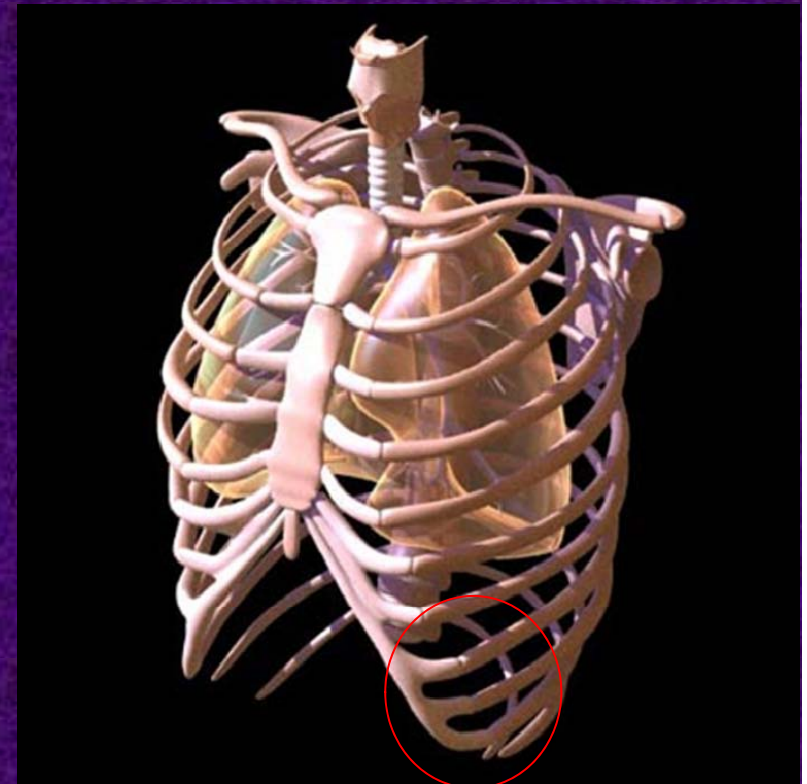
- Probably the most common chest pain in children
- Sharp
- Location: center of the chest or bilow the left nipple
- Duration: seconds-minutes
- Exacerbated by deep breathing
- **No tenderness**

costochondritis

- Usually unilateral
- Usually sharp pain
- Seconds to minutes
- Exacerbated by deep breathing
- **Tenderness**
- No signs for inflammation

Slipping Rib Syndrome

- Rare
- Intense pain
- Usually 8th, 9th, 10th ribs



Precordial catch syndrome

- Exact etiology is unknown
- Localized, Sharp pain
- Usually at rest
- A split second onset taking the patient by surprise
- Duration: seconds to minutes
- Worse with deep breathing
- Tend to breath shallowly or hyperventilate
- May sit straight up to help relieve the pain
- Physical examination is normal, no tenderness

Trauma

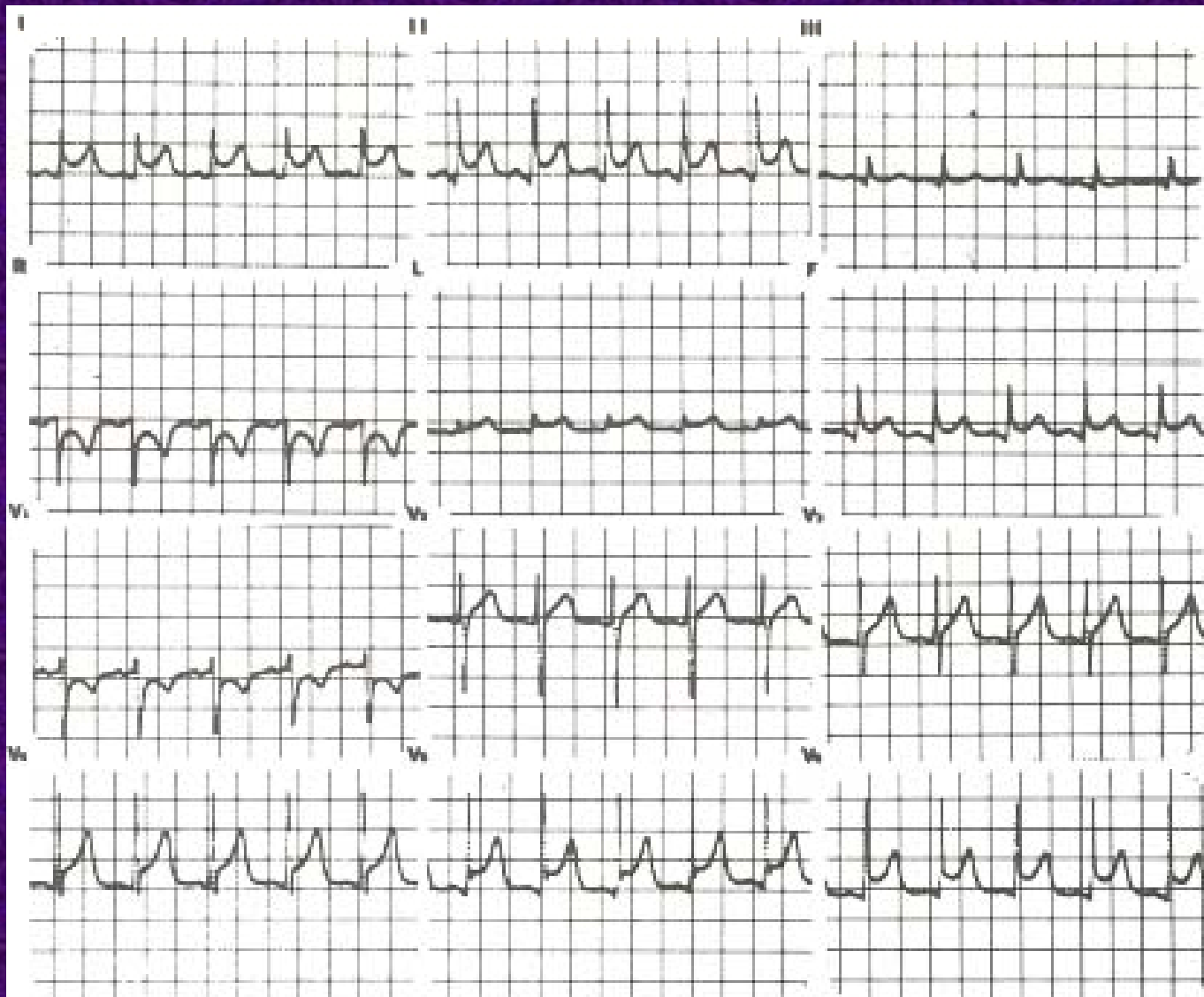
- History
- Tenderness
- Danger for
 - myocardial contusion
 - hemopericardium

Cardiac causes

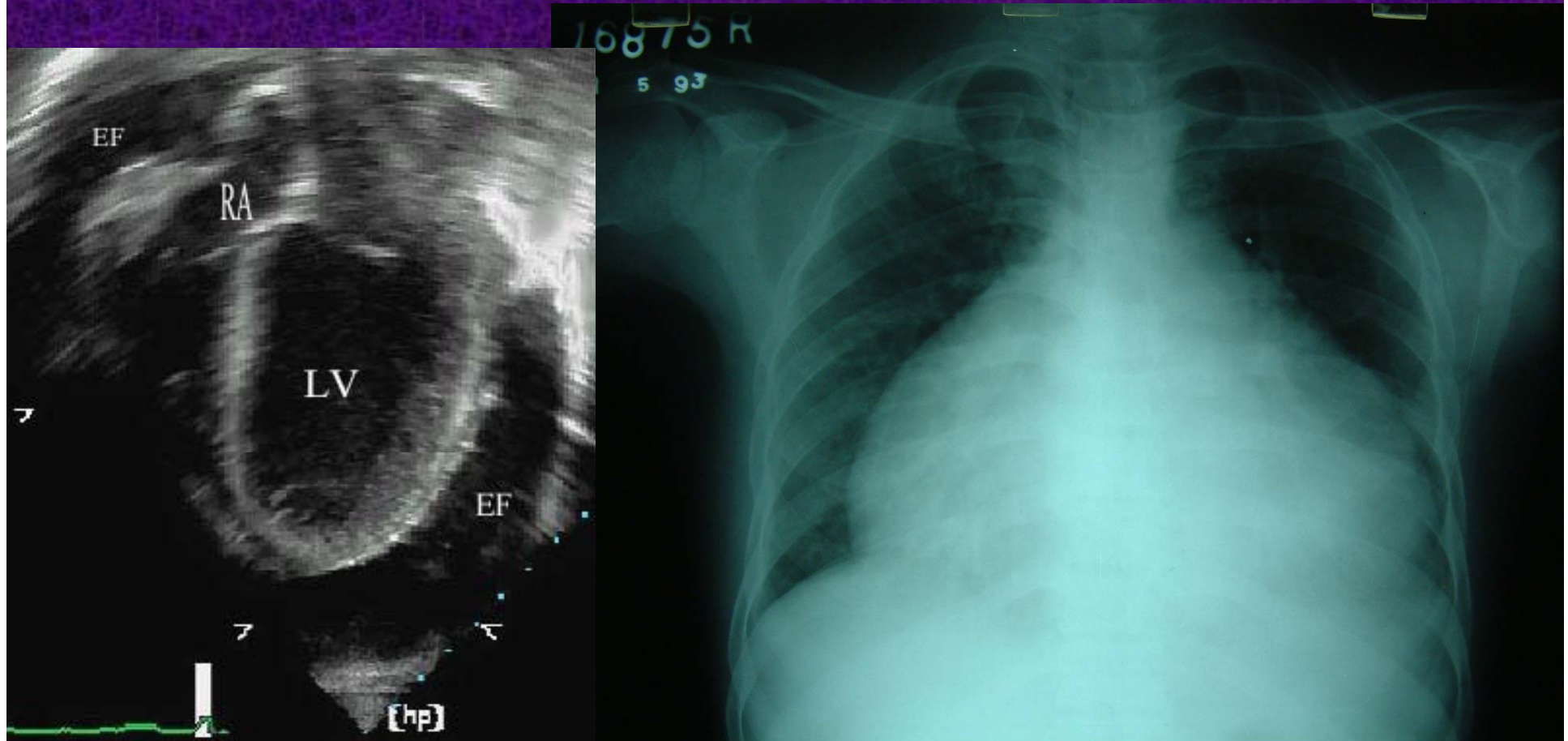
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- History of viral disease – not always
- Renal disease, oncology
- Usually more severe pain
- Intensified when lying down and lessens when leaning forward
- ECG – generalized ST elevation
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Pericarditis - ECG

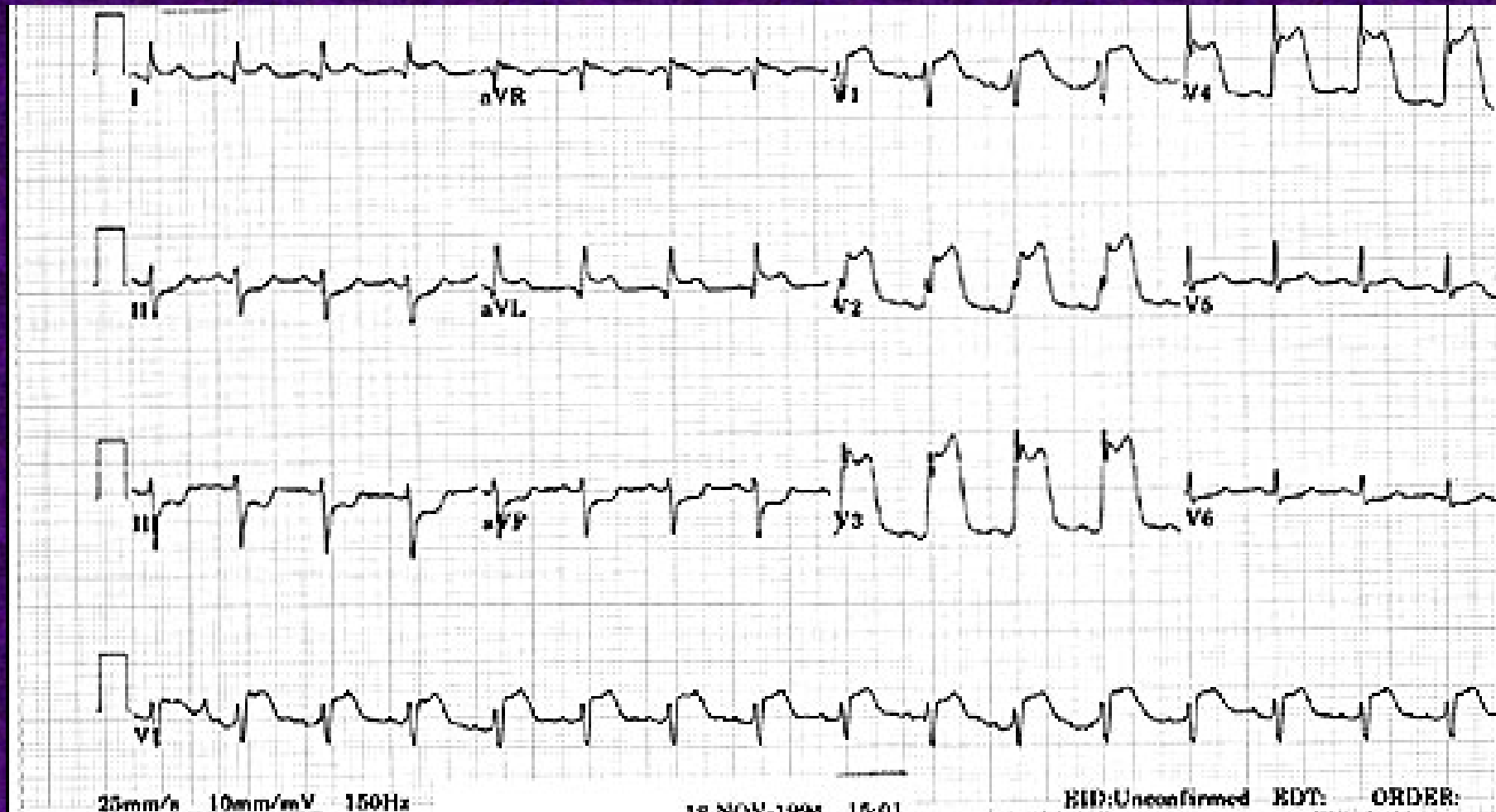


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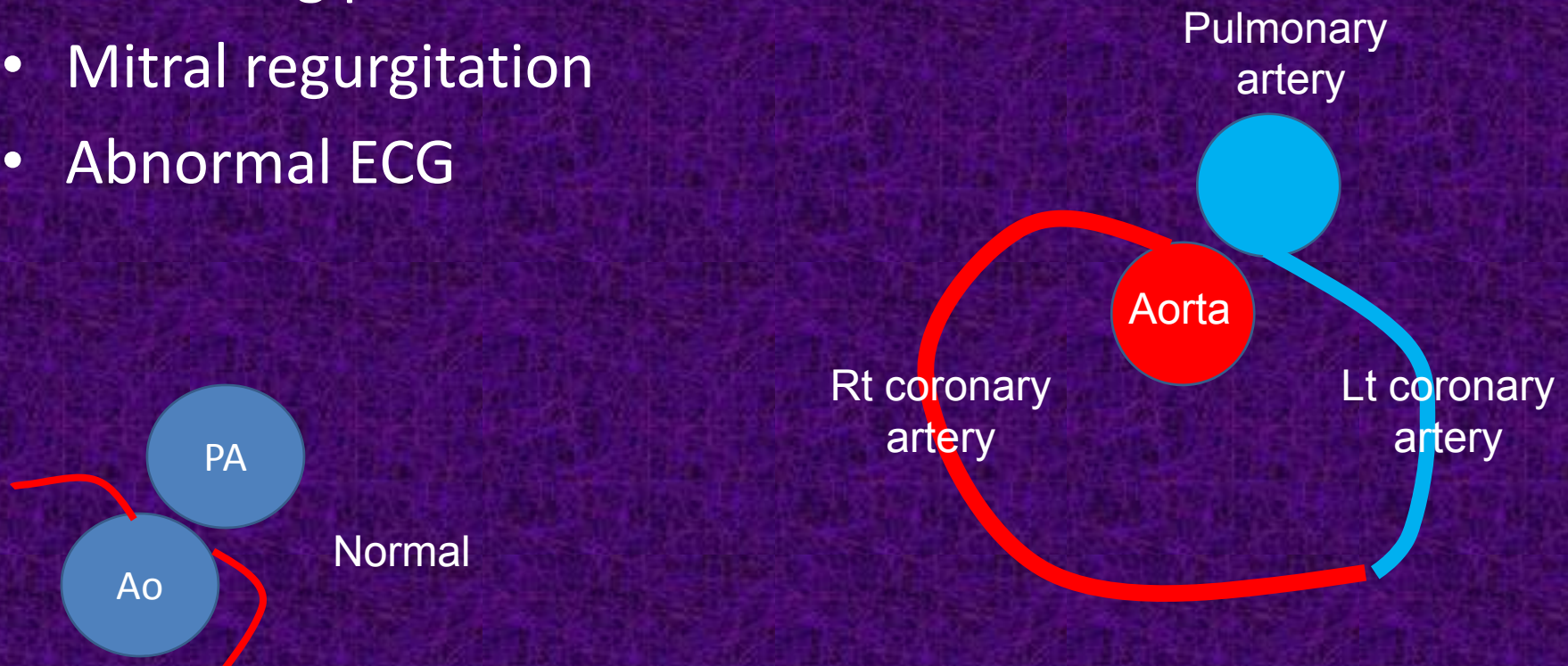
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Chest pain

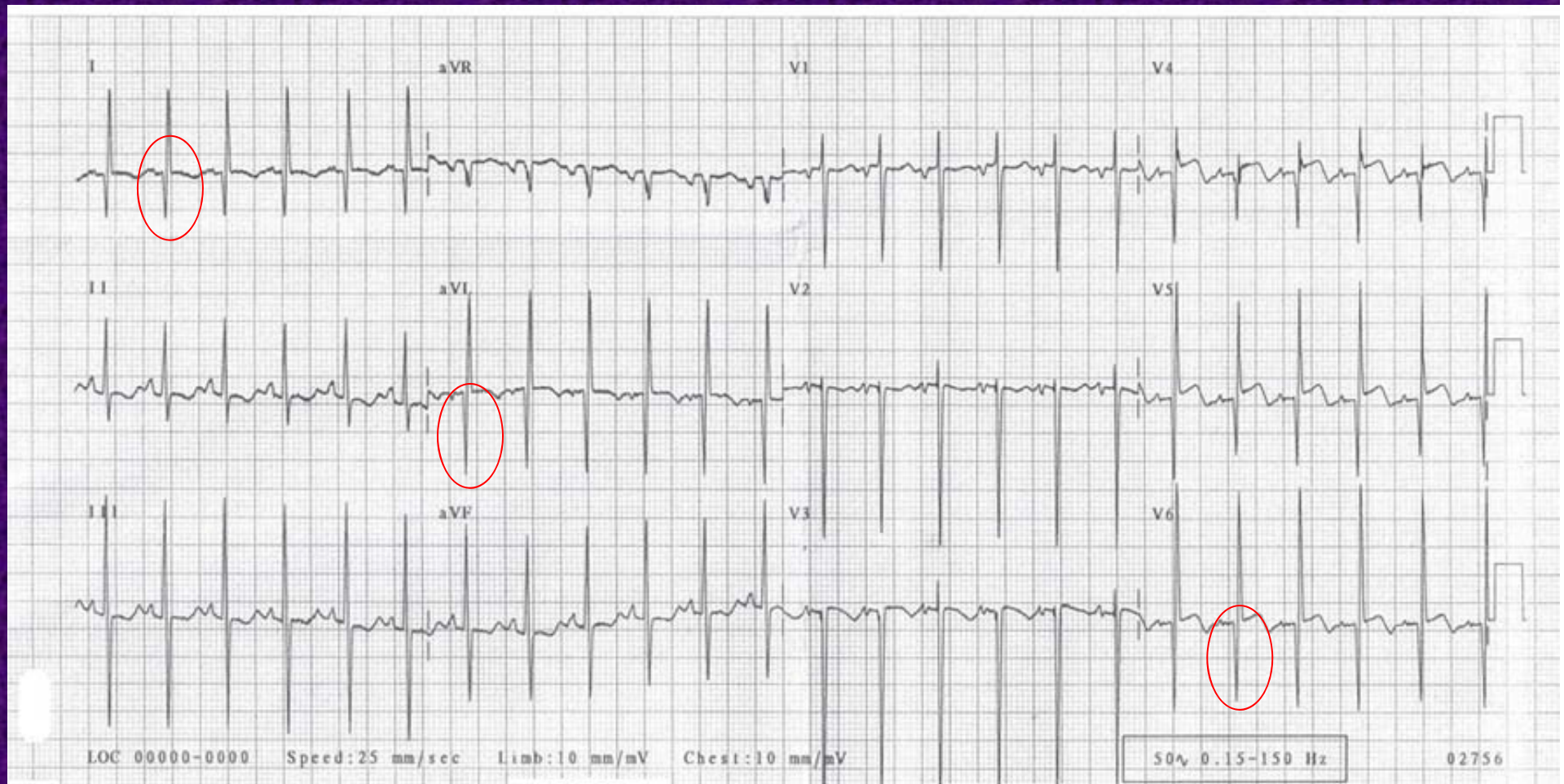


Anomalous origin of the left coronary artery from the pulmonary artery

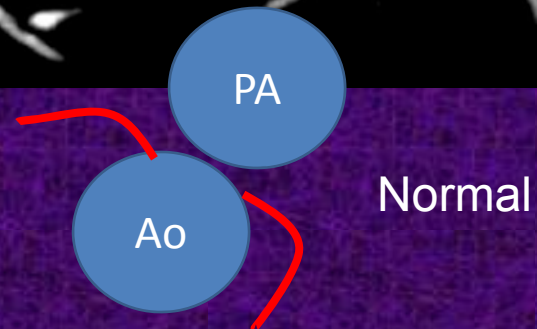
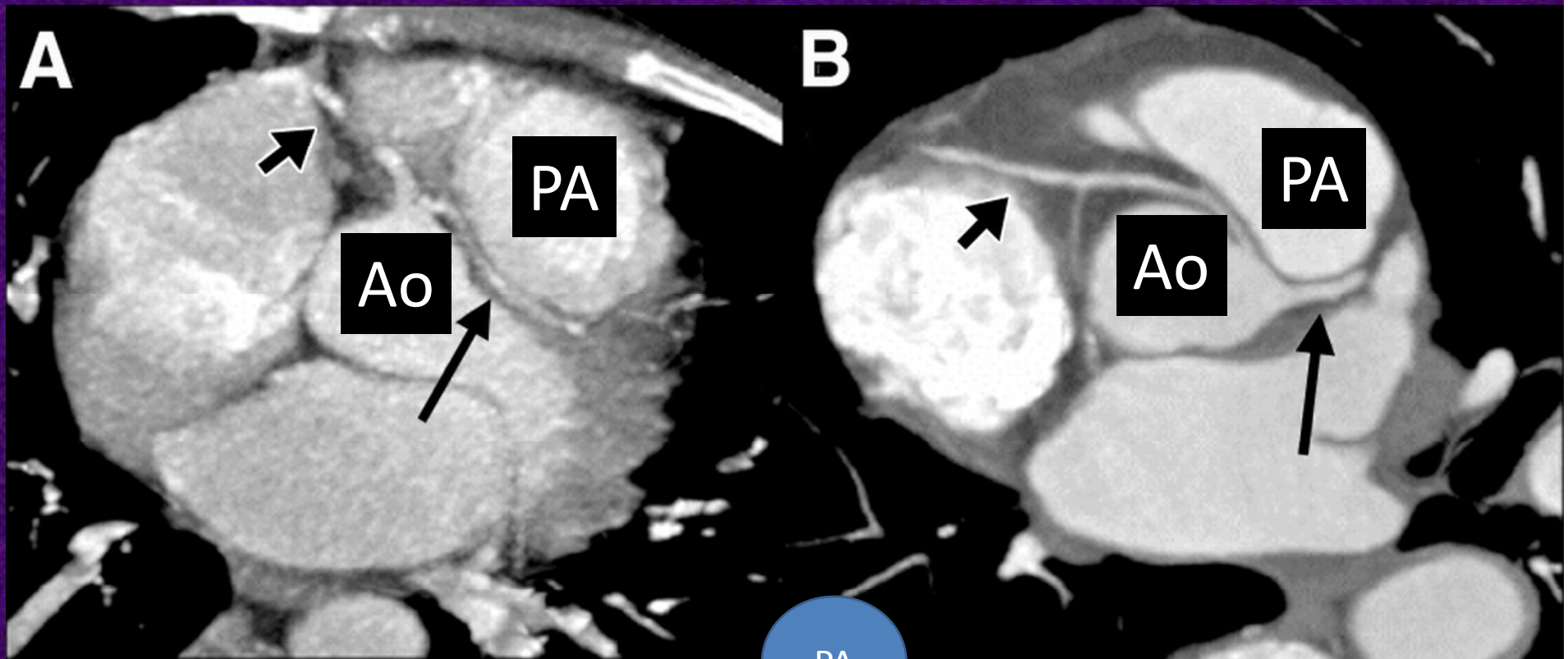
- Symptoms usually in the first 2 months
- Irritability
- Breathing problems
- Mitral regurgitation
- Abnormal ECG



Anomalous origin of the left coronary artery from the pulmonary artery



Origin if coronary artery from the wrong sinus



Kawasaki Disease

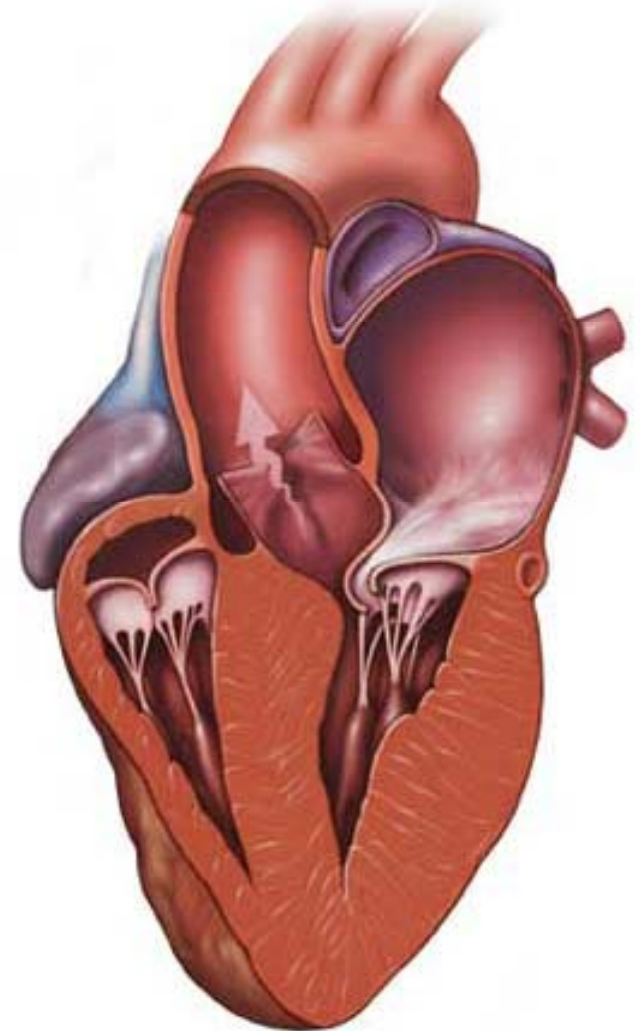
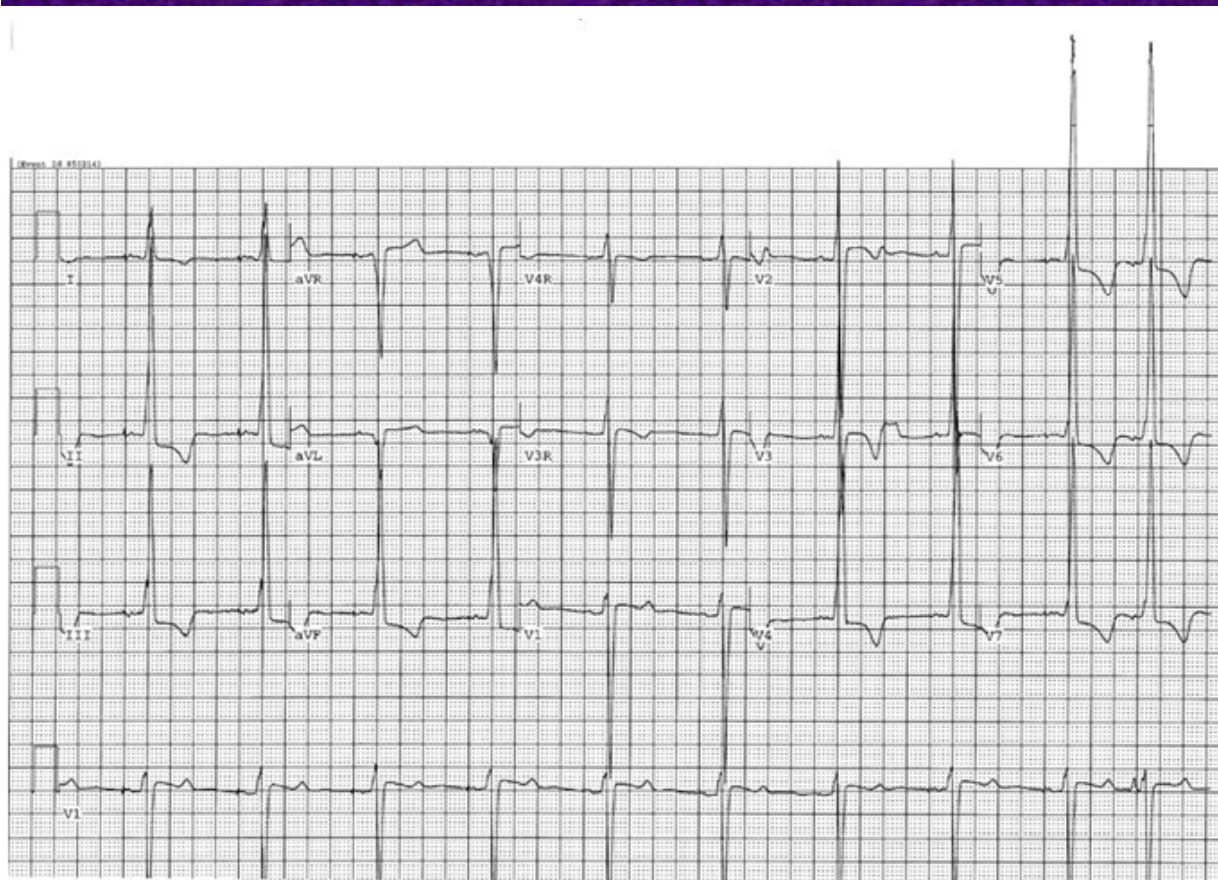
- Usually late after significant coronary arterities
- Angina or MI



Other cardiac problems

- Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- Severe aortic stenosis
- Williams syndrome
 - coronary stenosis
- Pulmonary atresia – intact ventricular septum
coronary fistula
- Marfan Syndrome
 - Aortic dissection

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy



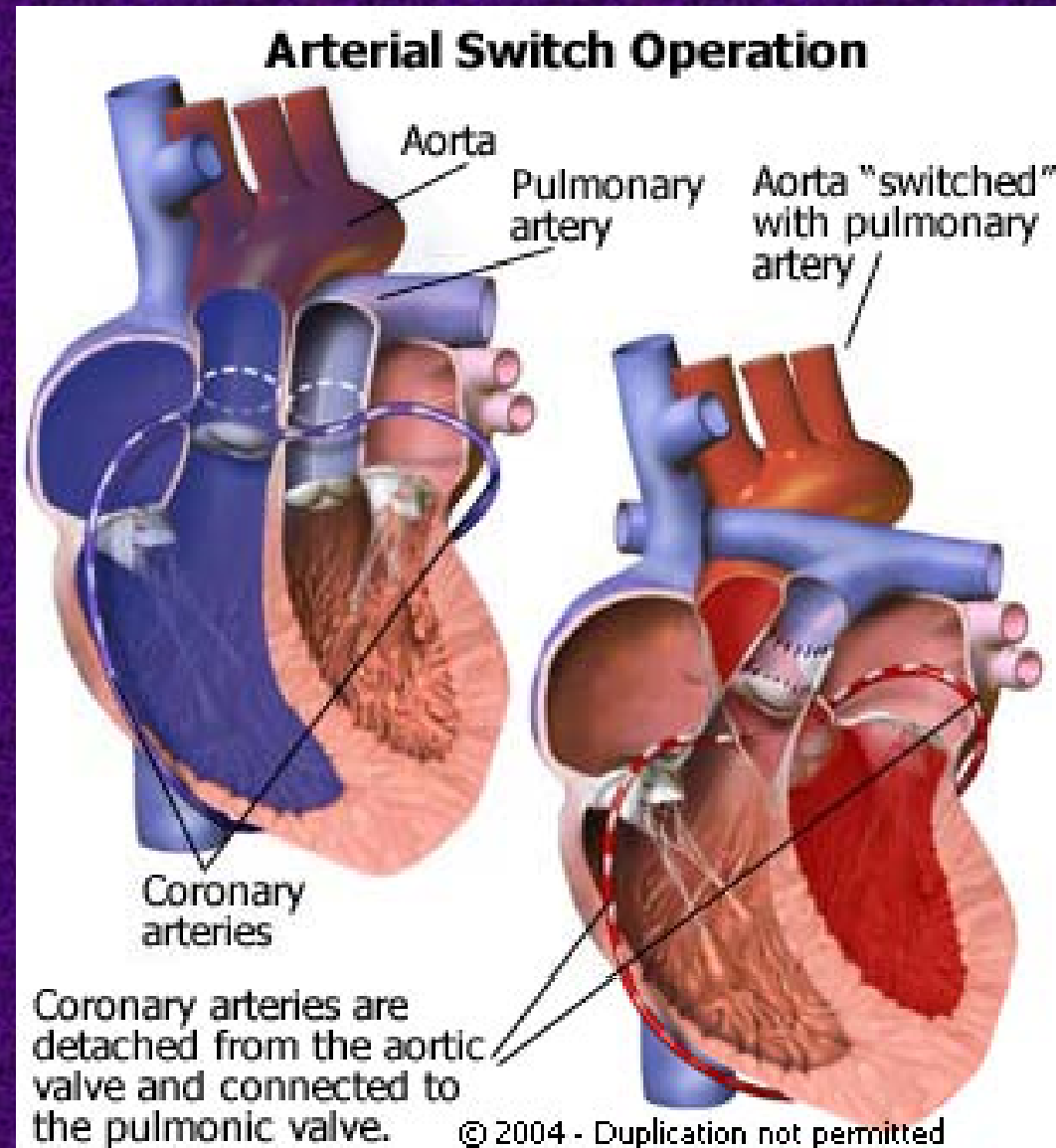
Beware the patient
after cardiac
intervention

Post operative problems

- Pericardial / pleural effusion
- Post pericardiotomy syndrome
- Infection
- Surgical wound problems
- Scar tenderness

Transposition of the Great Arteries

Arterial Switch



Post catheterization

History

- History of heart disease / surgery
- Family history
- Character of pain
 - Type
 - Location
 - What brings it / relieves it
 - Duration
 - Exercise

History

- Fever
- Respiratory complaints
- Palpitations
- Dizziness or syncope
- Vomiting or dysphagia

Physical Examination

- Signs of injury such bruising or swelling
- Symmetry
- Breasts in girls and in boys
- Palpate the entire thoracic cage
- Auscultation
 - Arrhythmia
 - Murmur / Pericardial friction rub
 - Pneumonia
 - bronchospasm

Maneuvers to illicit the pain

- Twist
- Raise arm over the head
- Push or pull against resistance
- Inhale deeply

Further investigations

- ECG
 - Arrhythmia
 - Q waves
 - ST-T changes
 - Hypertrophy

Further investigations

- Chest X ray
 - Pericardial/pleural effusion
 - Lung disease
 - Pneumothorax / pneumomediastinum
 - Chest wall disease

Further investigations

- **Echocardiography**
 - Cardiac anomaly
 - Coronary origin / anomalies
 - Pericarditis / pleuritis

Further investigations

- Exercise test
- Nuclear perfusion - MUGA

Test for coronary disease in adults

	sensitivity	Specificity
Exercise ECG	50%	90%
Nuclear perfusion	85%	85%

Reasons to Refer Children Who Have Chest Pain to a Cardiologist

- Abnormal cardiac findings
- During exercise
- Syncope
- Palpitations
- ECG abnormalities
- Family history of
 - Arrhythmias/Sudden death
 - genetic disorders
 - Familial hypercholesterolemia
- History of cardiac surgery or interventions
- History of Kawasaki disease

גישה לילד עם כאבים בחזה

- אנמנזה שלילית
- בדיקה גופנית תקינה
- אין צורך בבדיקת נוספות
- מספר מחקרים הראו שללא אינדיקציות ברורות, בדיקות נוספות כגון אקו ומבחן מאמץ לא שיפרו את הסיכוי לאבחנת הגורם לכאבים

הגישה לילד עם כאבים בחזה

- לעיתים קרובות הרופא מעדיף לשלוח את הילד לבדיקות נוספות כדי להרגיע את ההורים, ואת עצמו
- לבדיקות נוספות יכולה להיות השפעה הפוכה, מגביר את הדאגה:

"כי אם צריך עוד בדיקות כנראה יש בעיה"