

# TREATMENT IN BRADYCARDIA

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- 0-3 years: <100 bpm
- 3-9 years: <60 bpm.
- 9-16 years: <50 bpm

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## 24-hour ambulatory monitoring

- 0-2 years : <60 bpm/asleep <80 bpm/ awake
- 2-6 : <60 bpm.
- 6-11: <45 bpm
- >11: <40 bpm
- > 11 years who are well-trained athletes: <30 bpm

# MECHANISMS OF BRADYCARDIA

- Sinus bradycardia
- AV node or the bundle of His block

# CAUSES

## **Intrinsic causes**

### **Cardiomyopathy**

Familial

Inflammatory

Myocarditis

Pericarditis

### **Collagen vascular disease**

Systemic lupus erythematosus

### **Congenital Heart Disease**

Atrial septal defect

Atrioventricular canal

Long QT syndrome

Pulmonary stenosis

Ventricular septal defect

Transposition of the great arteries

Wolff Parkinson White syndrome

### **Myocardial ischemia or infarction**

### **Surgical trauma**

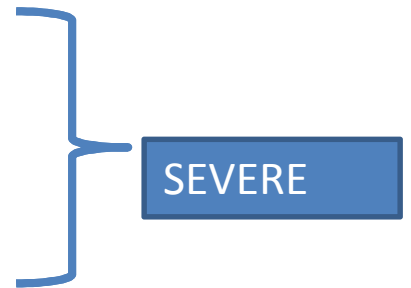
Atrial operations

# CAUSES

<b>Extrinsic causes</b>
<b>Medications</b>
Antiarrhythmic agents
<b>Beta-adenergetic blockers</b>
Calcium-channel blockers
Clonidine
Digoxin
<b>Hypothermia</b>
<b><u>Hypervagotonia</u></b>
Breath-holding spells
Coughing
Esophageal or nasopharyngeal stimulation
Increased intracranial pressure
Medications
Edrophonium, physostigmine, bethanechol, neostigmine, acetylcholine, hyoscyamine, phenylephrine, methoxamine, morphine
Neurocardiac syncope
Sleep

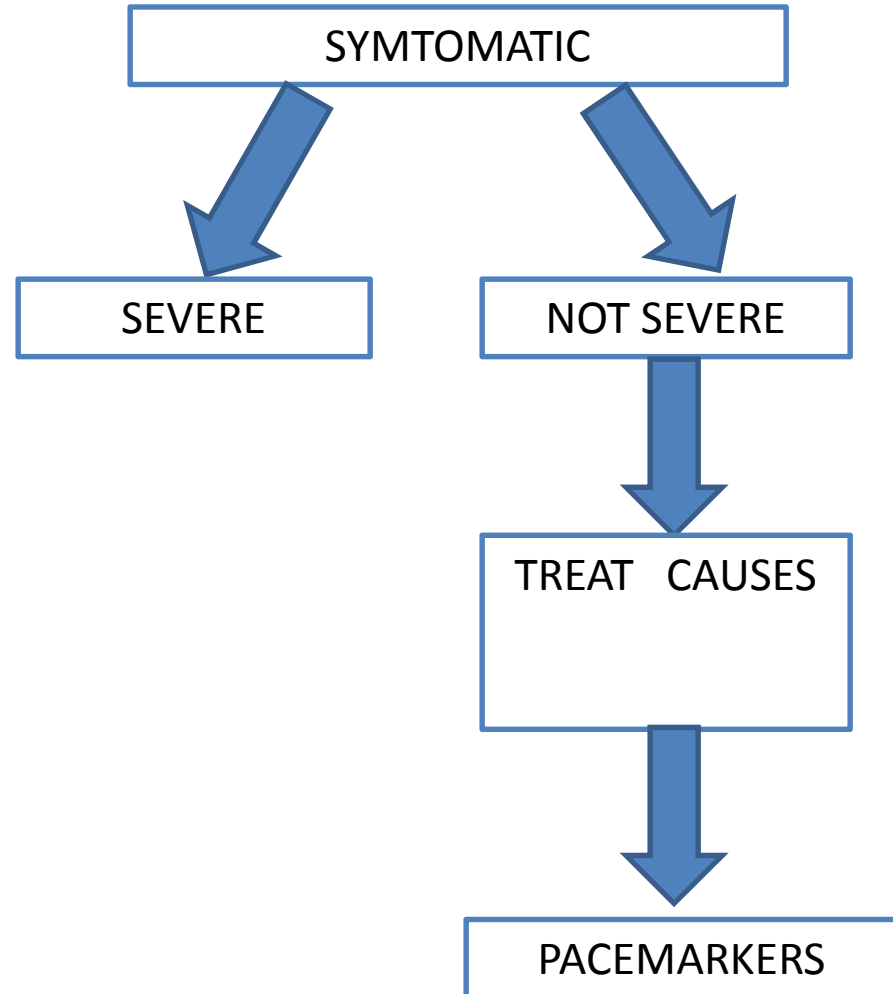
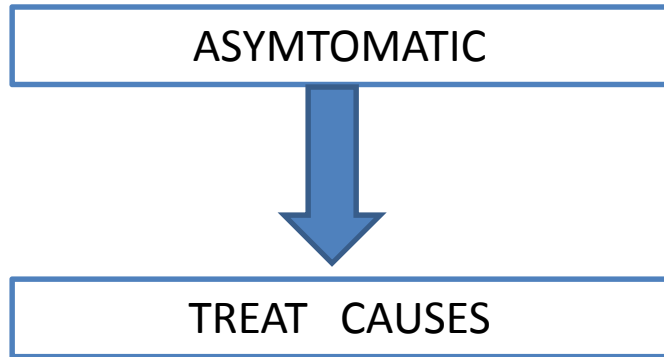
# CLINICAL PRESENTATIONS

- Asymptomatic
- Dizziness
- Syncope
- Exercise intolerance
- Poor systemic perfusion or shock
- Cardio-respiratory arrest
- Sudden death



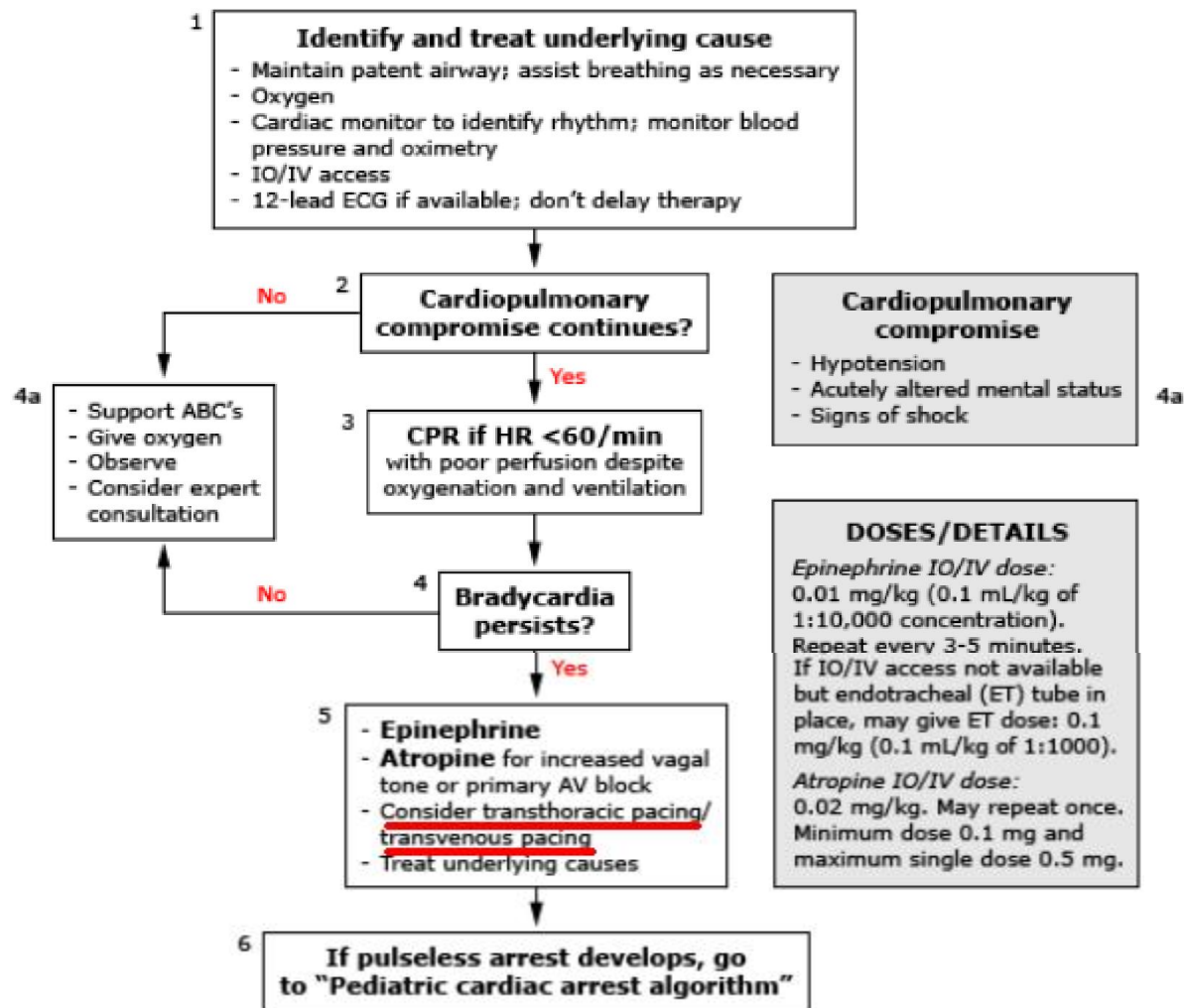


# Treatment



# Treatment- Severe Bradycardia

## Pediatric bradycardia algorithm (with a pulse and poor perfusion): 2010 PALS guidelines





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## **AHA Practice Guideline**

**ACC/AHA/HRS 2008 Guidelines for Device-Based Therapy of Cardiac Rhythm Abnormalities**

**A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines (Writing Committee to Revise the ACC/AHA/NASPE 2002 Guideline Update for Implantation of Cardiac Pacemakers and Antiarrhythmia Devices): *Developed in Collaboration With the American Association for Thoracic Surgery and Society of Thoracic Surgeons***

SIZE OF TREATMENT EFFECT →

ESTIMATE OF CERTAINTY (PRECISION) OF TREATMENT EFFECT

	CLASS I <i>Benefit &gt;&gt;&gt; Risk</i> Procedure/Treatment <b>SHOULD</b> be performed/ administered	CLASS IIa <i>Benefit &gt;&gt; Risk</i> <i>Additional studies with focused objectives needed</i> <b>IT IS REASONABLE</b> to per- form procedure/administer treatment	CLASS IIb <i>Benefit ≥ Risk</i> <i>Additional studies with broad objectives needed; additional registry data would be helpful</i> Procedure/Treatment <b>MAY BE CONSIDERED</b>	CLASS III <i>Risk ≥ Benefit</i> Procedure/Treatment should <b>NOT</b> be performed/adminis- tered <b>SINCE IT IS NOT HELP- FUL AND MAY BE HARMFUL</b>
LEVEL A Multiple populations evaluated* Data derived from multiple randomized clinical trials or meta-analyses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendation that procedure or treatment is useful/effective</li> <li>Sufficient evidence from multiple randomized trials or meta-analyses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendation in favor of treatment or procedure being useful/effective</li> <li>Some conflicting evidence from multiple randomized trials or meta-analyses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendation's usefulness/efficacy less well established</li> <li>Greater conflicting evidence from multiple randomized trials or meta-analyses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendation that procedure or treatment is not useful/effective and may be harmful</li> <li>Sufficient evidence from multiple randomized trials or meta-analyses</li> </ul>
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# TREATMENT- NOT SEVERE

- SINUS BRADYCARDIA
- AV BLOCK

# TREATMENT- NOT SEVERE SINUS BRADYCARDIA

- Causes :
  - Sick sinus syndrome
  - Exaggerated vagal activity
  - Increased intracranial pressure
  - Acute myocardial infarction
  - Obstructive sleep apnea
  - Drugs
- Atropine in acute myocardial infarction
- Chronic medical therapy for symptomatic sinus bradycardia is usually not effective
- Pacemaker

# Pacing in SINUS BRADYCARDIA

- **Class I :**

- Sinus node dysfunction with correlation of symptoms during age-inappropriate bradycardia (Level of Evidence B)

- **Class IIa:**

- Sinus bradycardia for the prevention of recurrent episodes of intra-atrial reentrant tachycardia; SND may be intrinsic or secondary to antiarrhythmic treatment. (Level of Evidence: C)
- Sinus bradycardia with complex congenital heart disease with a resting heart rate less than 40 bpm or pauses in ventricular rate lasting longer than three seconds, Impaired hemodynamics due to sinus bradycardia (Level of Evidence: C)

# AV BLOCK

- First-degree AV block does **not** cause bradycardia
- Second-degree AV block Mobitz 1 : asymptomatic, not progress to complete block
- Second-degree AV block Mobitz 2: frequently progresses to complete heart block
- Advanced second-degree AV block: two consecutive P waves present that should but fail to conduct to the ventricle
- Third-degree AV block



# TREATMENT NOT SEVERE AV BLOCK

## CAUSES

- Congenital complete heart block
  - Neonatal lupus
  - Structural cardiac defects
    - Corrected transposition of the great arteries
    - Polysplenia with atrioventricular canal defect
- Acquired complete heart block
  - Myocarditis
  - Acute rheumatic disease
  - Myocardial infarction
  - Trauma
  - Injury from surgery or catheterization
  - Cardiomyopathy

# Pacing in AV block

- **Class I**

- Third and advanced second-degree AV heart block that is associated with symptomatic bradycardia, ventricular dysfunction, or low cardiac output (Level of Evidence C)
- Children who have third or advanced second-degree AV heart block after cardiac surgery that is not expected to resolve or that persists **seven days** after surgery (Level of Evidence B)
- Congenital third-degree AV block with a wide QRS escape rhythm, complex ventricular ectopy, or ventricular dysfunction. (Level of Evidence B)
- Congenital third-degree AV block in the infant with a ventricular rate less than **55 bpm** or with congenital heart disease and a ventricular rate less than **70 bpm**. (Level of Evidence C)

- **Class IIa**

- Congenital third-degree AV block beyond the first year of life with an average heart rate less than 50 bpm, abrupt pauses in ventricular rate that are two or three times the basic cycle length, or symptoms due to chronotropic incompetence. (Level of Evidence: B)
- Unexplained syncope in the patient with prior congenital heart surgery complicated by transient complete heart block with residual fascicular block after a careful evaluation to exclude other causes of syncope. (Level of Evidence: B)

# BRADYCARDIA IN FETUS

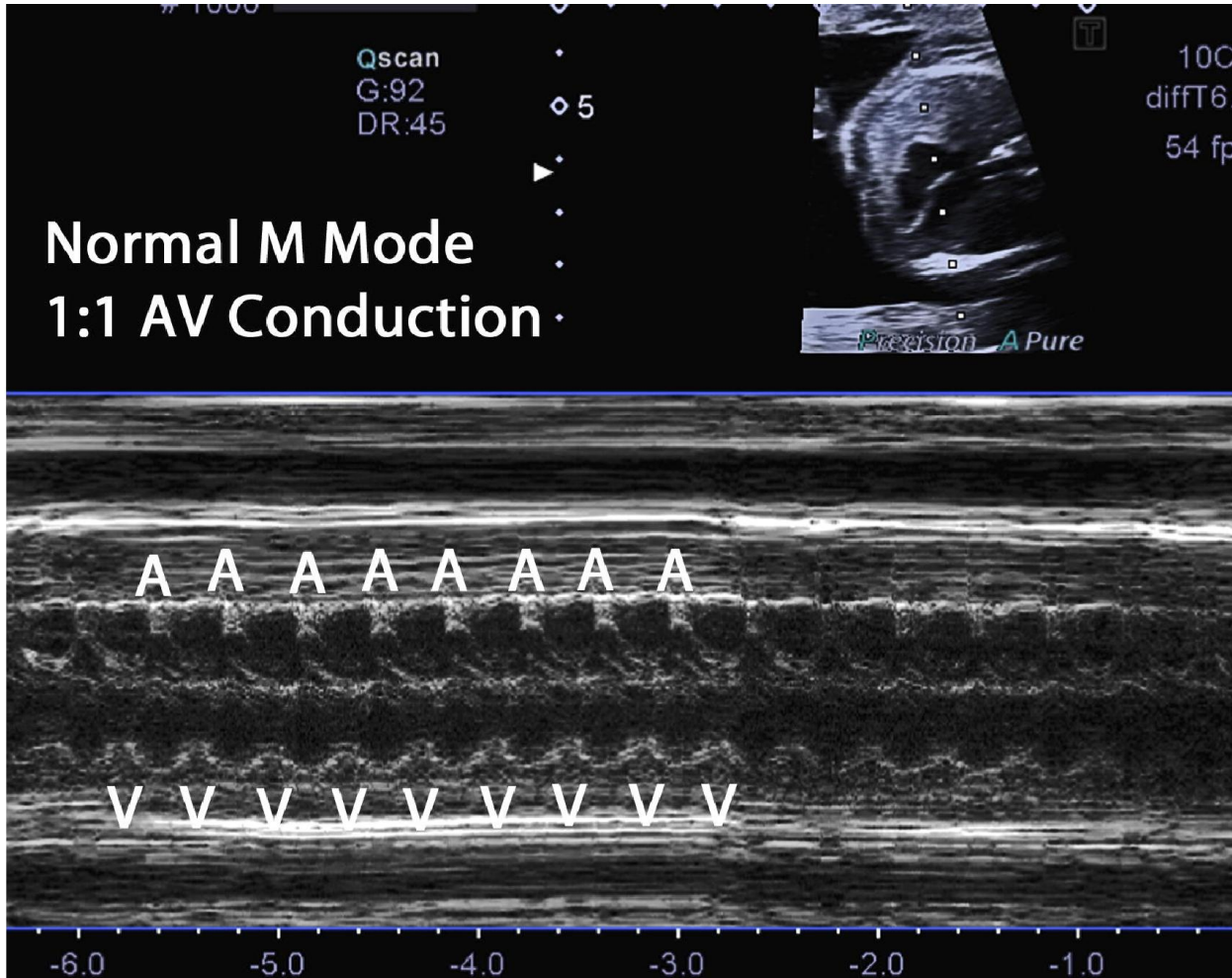
# DEFINITION

- Normal: 110 to 180 bpm
- Bradycardia:  $< 110$  bpm  $/ > 10$  m
- Distinguished from fetal heart rate changes in response to hypoxia

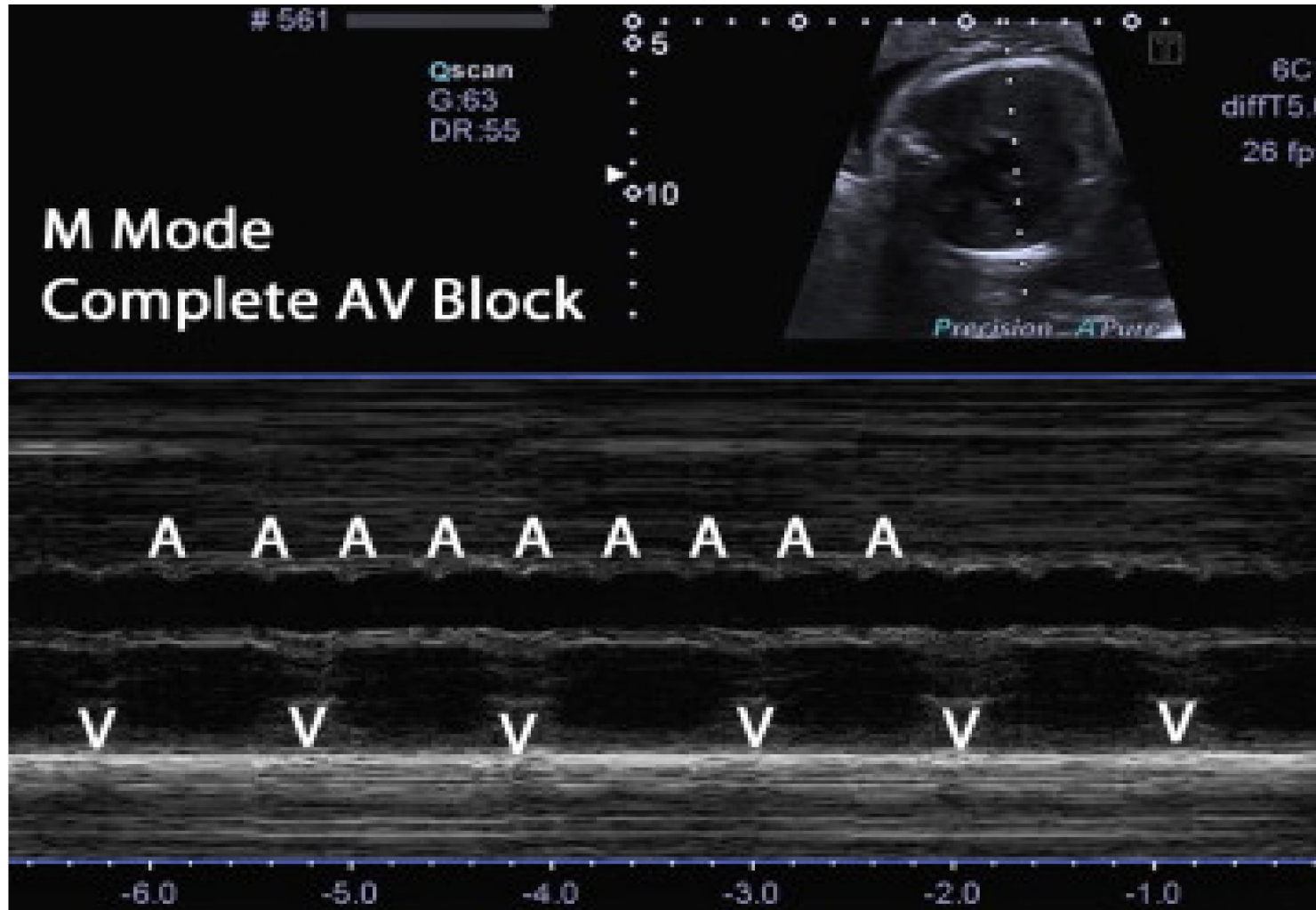
# DIAGNOSIS

- Two-dimensional ultrasound
  - M –mode
  - Doppler
  - *Evaluation of AV Relationship and Atrial/ventricular Rate*

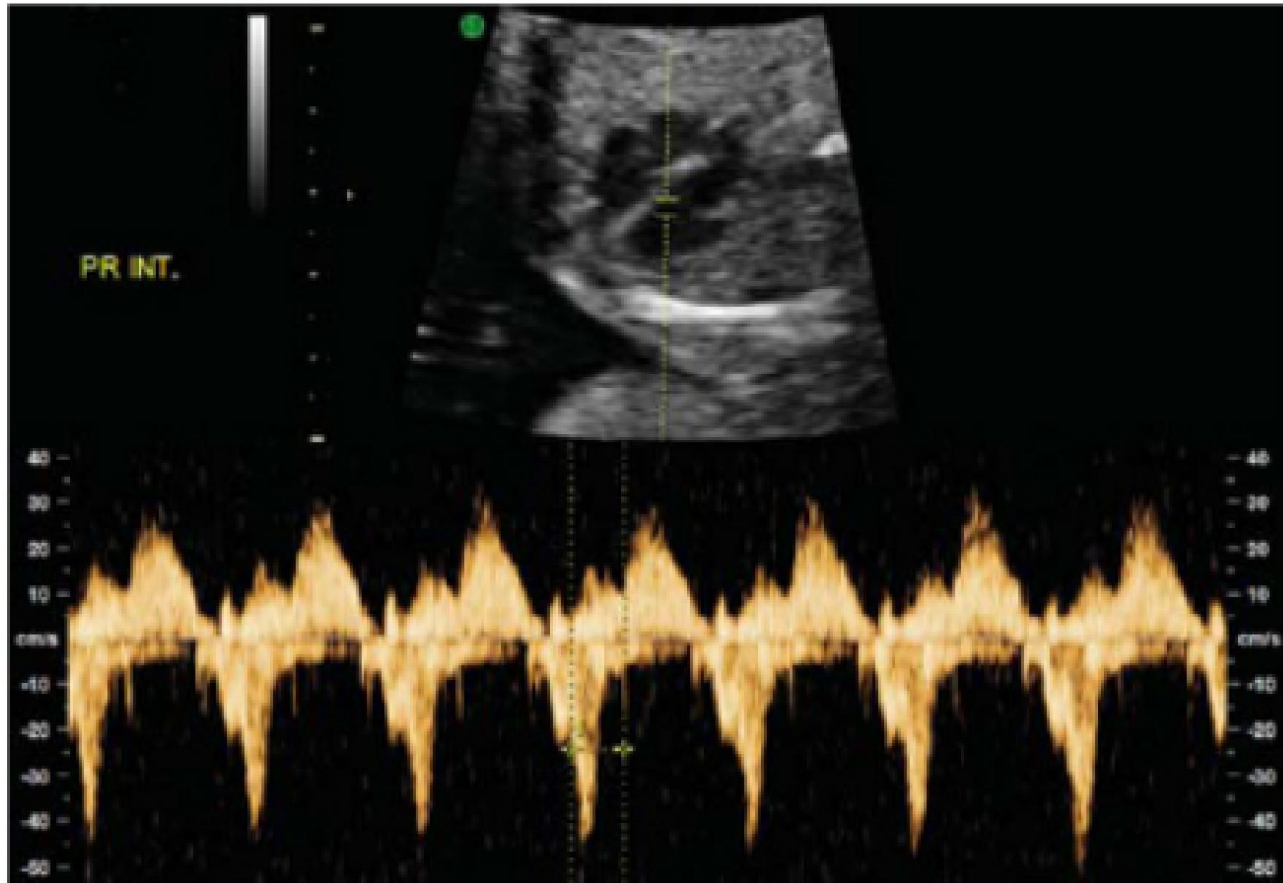
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# DOPPLER



**Figure 3:** Pulsed Doppler of the mechanical PR interval



# FETUS BRADYCARDIA

A-V RATE

1:1

- **Sinus bradycardia**
- Sinus node dysfunction
- Atrial Bradycardia

≠ 1:1

- Blocked atrial bigeminy
- **AV block**
  - structural heart disease
  - immune-mediated

# Sinus bradycardia in fetus

- Causes (**100 to 110 bpm** )
  - Fetal distress
  - Structural cardiac anomalies: heterotaxy
  - Long Q-T syndrome
  - Maternal hypothyroidism
  - Fetal CNS abnormalities
  - Maternal medications or illness
  - Familial sinus bradycardia

# Sinus bradycardia in fetus

- Treatment
  - Cause
  - Weekly obstetrical follow-up

# AV BLOCK in fetus

- **CAUSE (<60 bpm or 60 and 80 bpm )**
  - L-transposition of the great arteries
  - Polysplenia
  - Maternal lupus autoantibodies
    - 2-18% AVB

# TREATMENT AV block in fetus

Due to the low incidence of complete AV block in the general population, studies are mainly *observational, retrospective and involve small cohorts of patients*

AV BLOCK / FETUS

Maternal SSA/Ro and SSB/La antibody titers  
Structure of heart

Normal Structure of heart  
and SSA/Ro SSB/La (+)

1-2<sup>0</sup>

Dexamethasone

3<sup>0</sup>

Dexamethasone

FHR < 55 / fetal  
hydrop

Sabutamol +/- Ivlg

No FHR < 55 / fetal  
hydrops

Follow

Abnormal Structure of  
heart

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