



Reflections of the Newborn Lung

Neonatal lung Ultrasound in practice

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Lung POCUS

- Goal/problem oriented
- Performed by the clinician
- At the point-of-care
- Repeatable
- Qualitative (or semi-quantitative)
- Interpreted in the clinical context
- Adjunct to clinical examination and monitoring tools



The newborn baby

- Echogenic
- Small thorax
- Few co-morbidities
- Specific diseases
- Radiation linked risk
- No satisfactory “gold standard”



International evidence-based recommendations for point-of-care lung ultrasound

- Pneumothorax
- Interstitial syndrome
- Lung consolidation
- **Pediatrics and neonatology**

RESEARCH

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International evidence-based guidelines on Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) for critically ill neonates and children issued by the POCUS Working Group of the European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC)



Neonatal lung POCUS

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Diagnosis of pneumothorax

Diagnosis of pleural effusion

Diagnosis of RDS / TTN / MAS

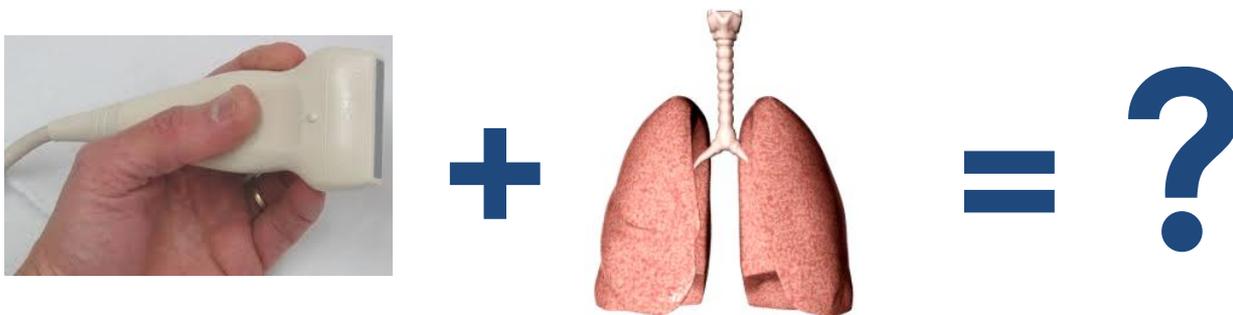
Recognition of lung atelectasis and pneumonia

Evaluation of lung aeration and recruitment

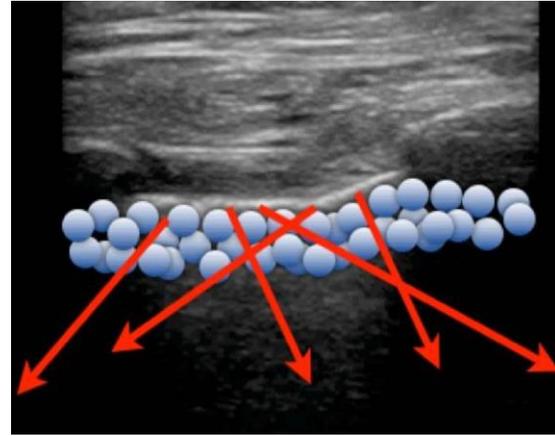
Recognition of lung edema



« Air is the enemy of ultrasound ... »



Principles of lung ultrasound



- Based on the analysis of artifacts (air/fluid ratio)
- Artifacts are dynamic
- Most lesions are in contact with the surface

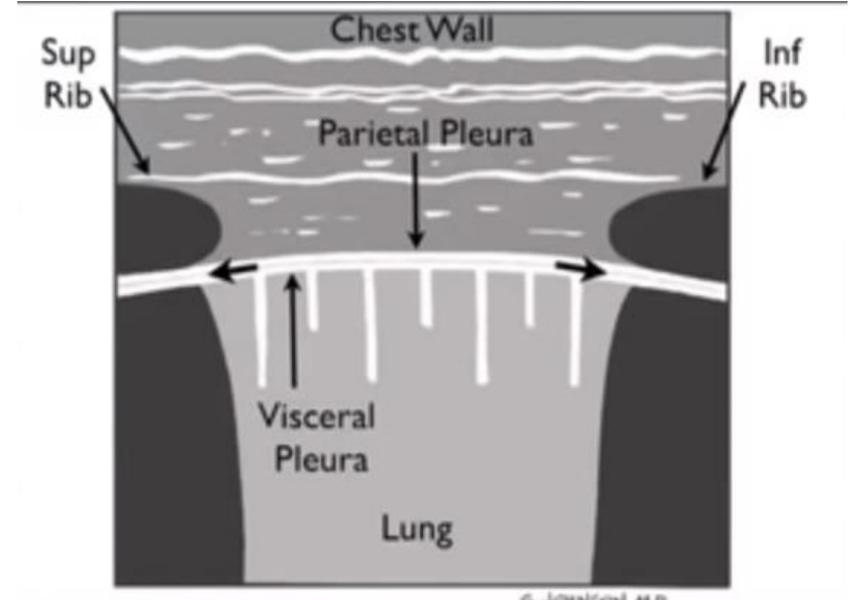
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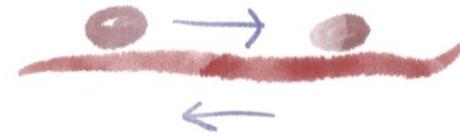
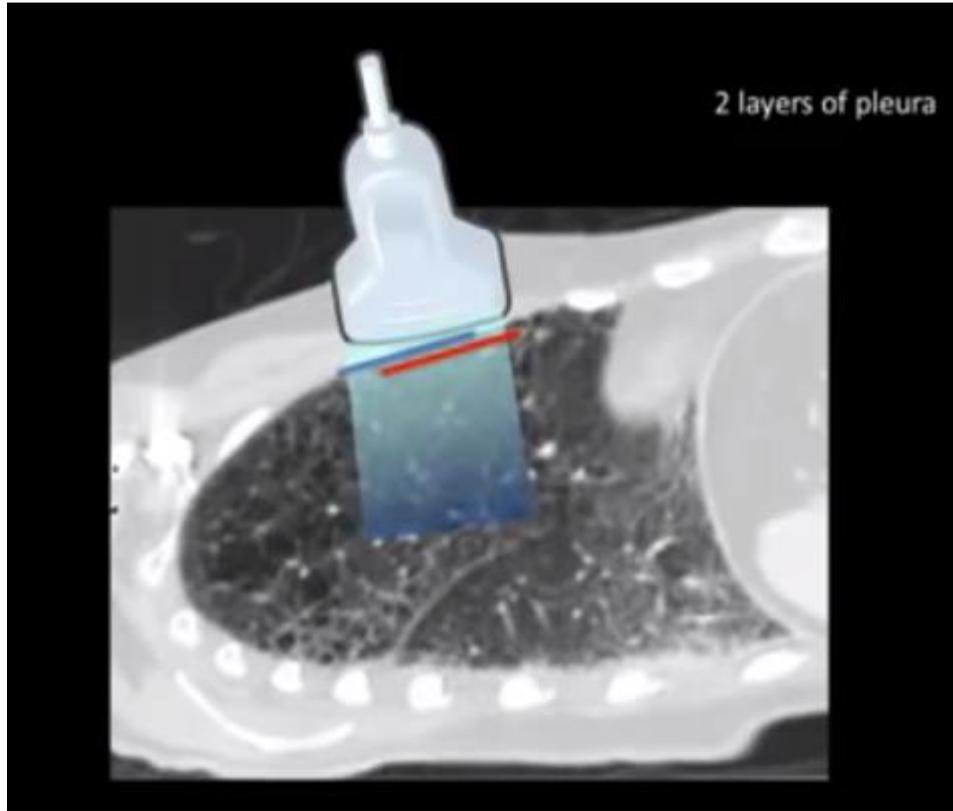


- Lesions must be in contact with the lung surface
- Not possible to evaluate overdistension
- Systematic examination

The pleural line

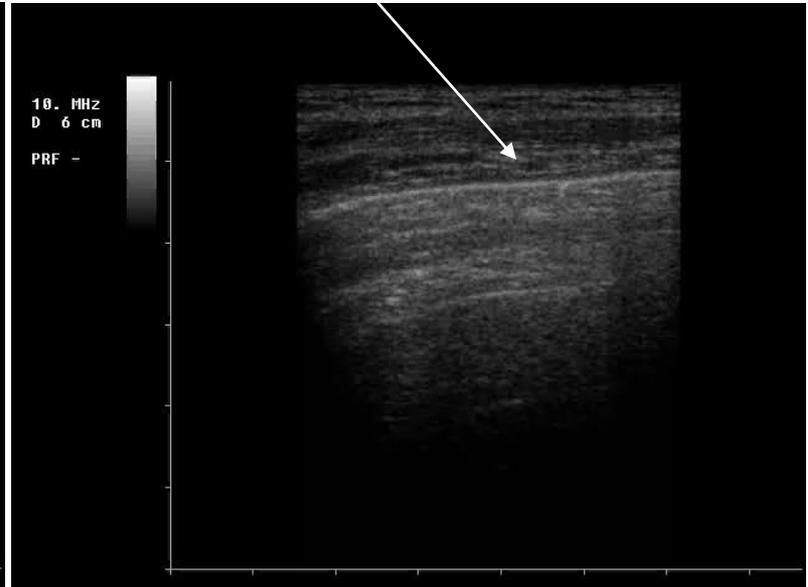
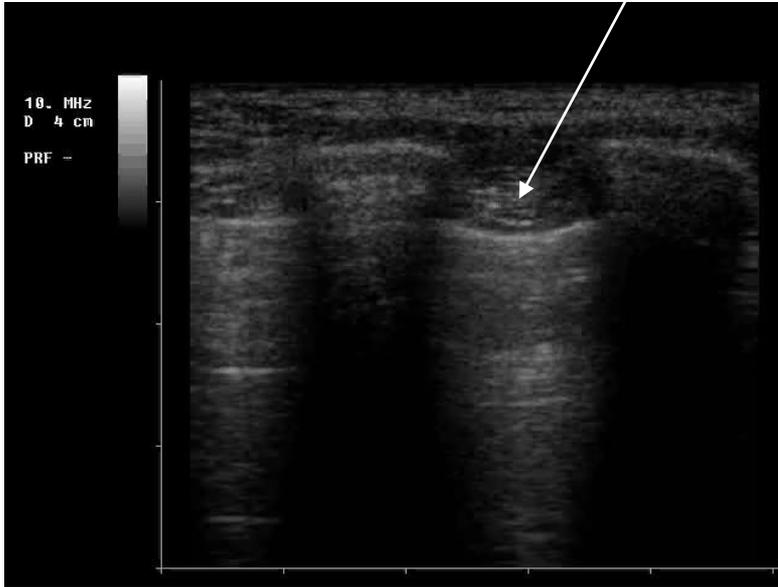
- Regular
- LUNG SLIDING
- « Starting point »





Normal lung

Lung sliding

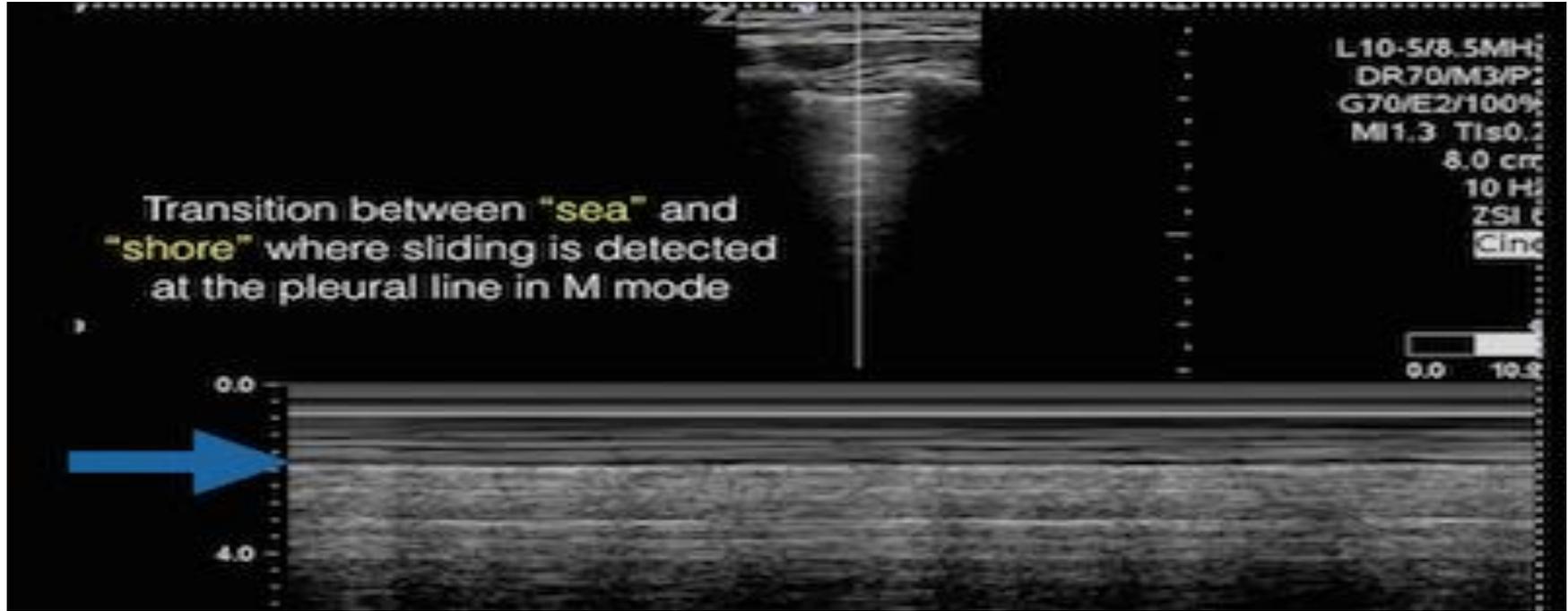


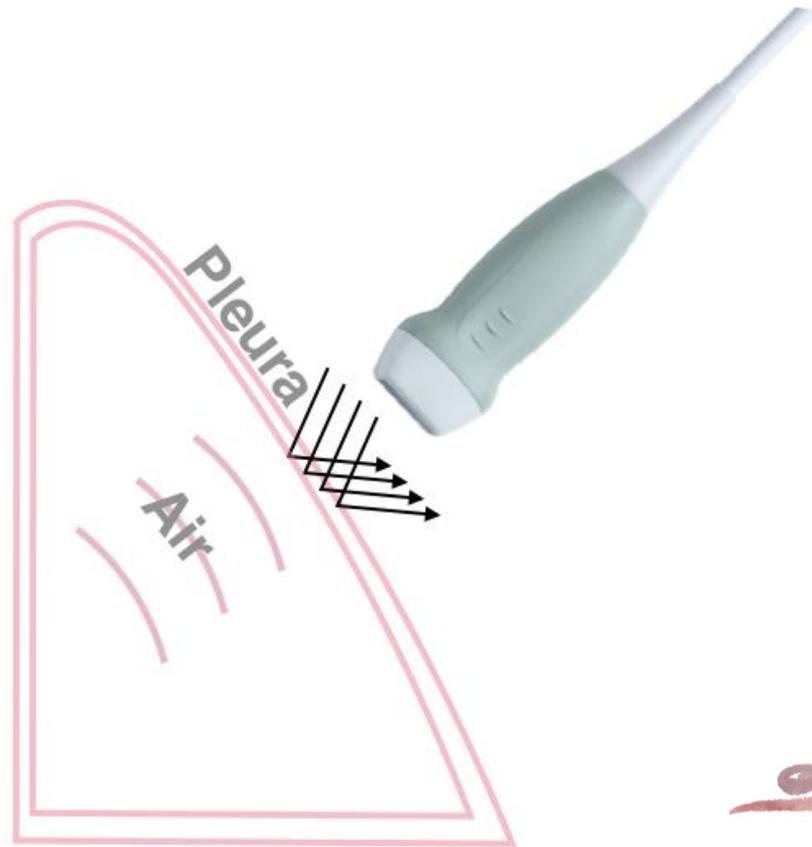
A- lines

A regular pleural line

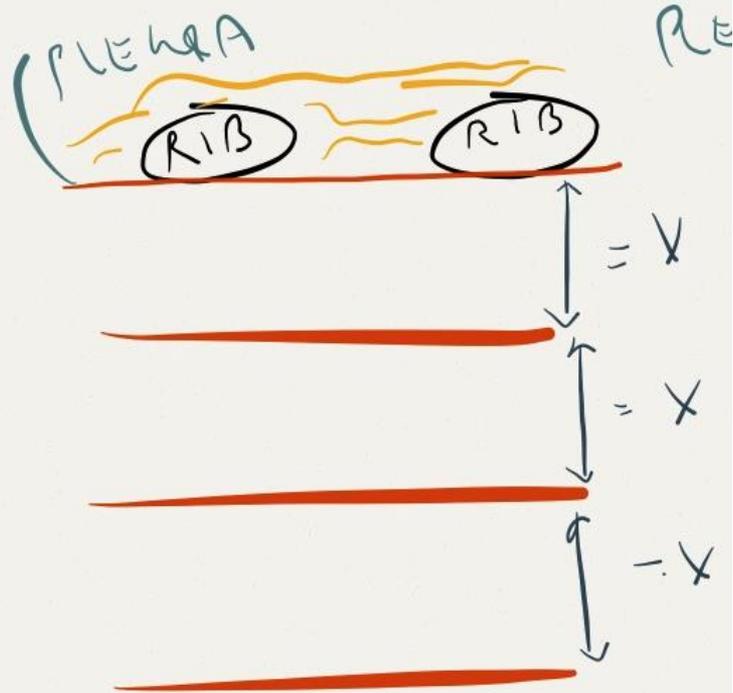
Lung sliding

Normal lung : M-mode



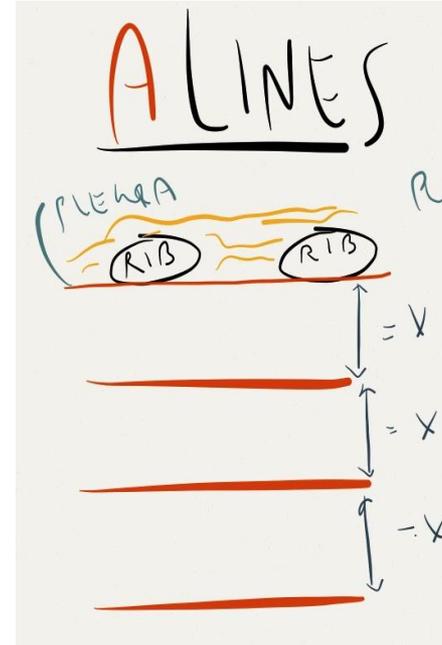
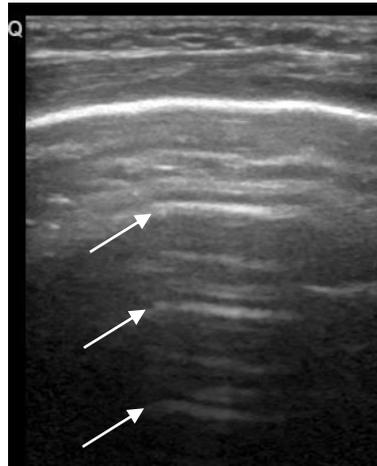
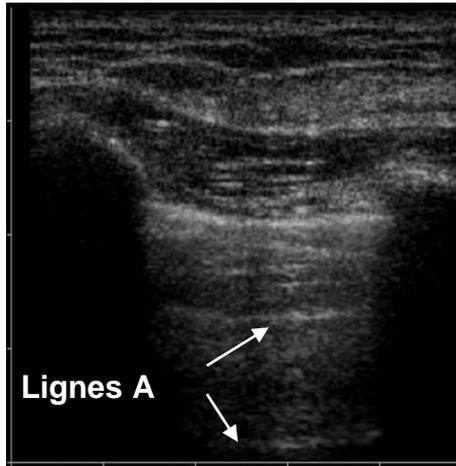


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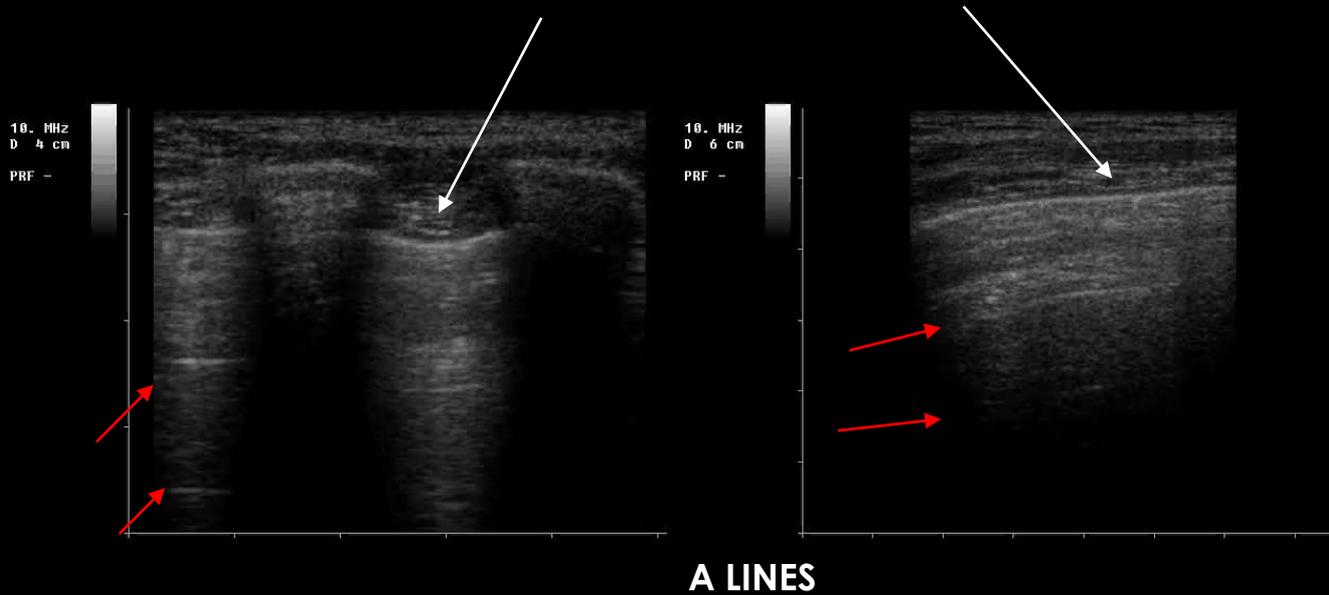


A lines

- A = air (physiological ou pathological)
- Static horizontal lines
- Artifacts of repetition



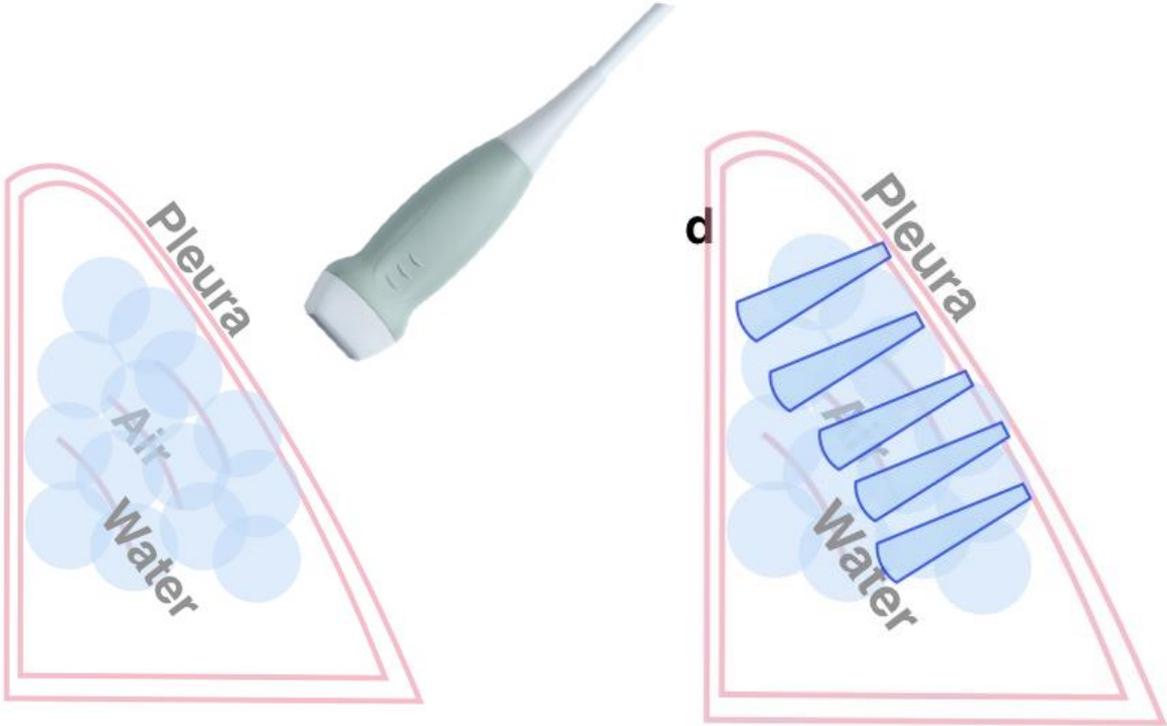
Normal lung

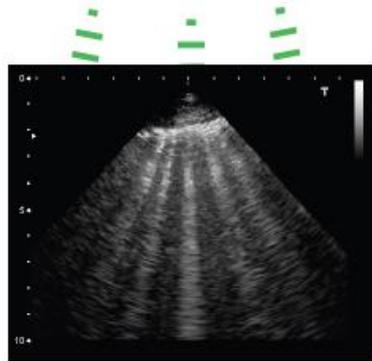
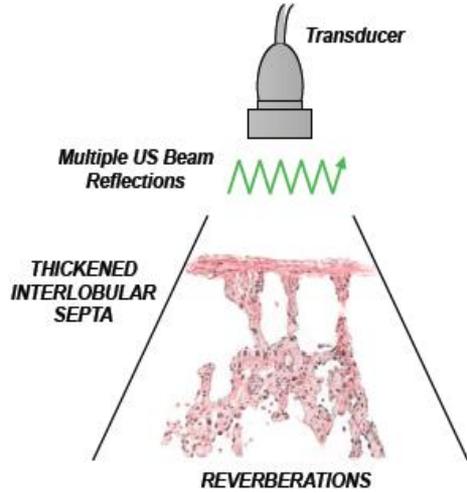


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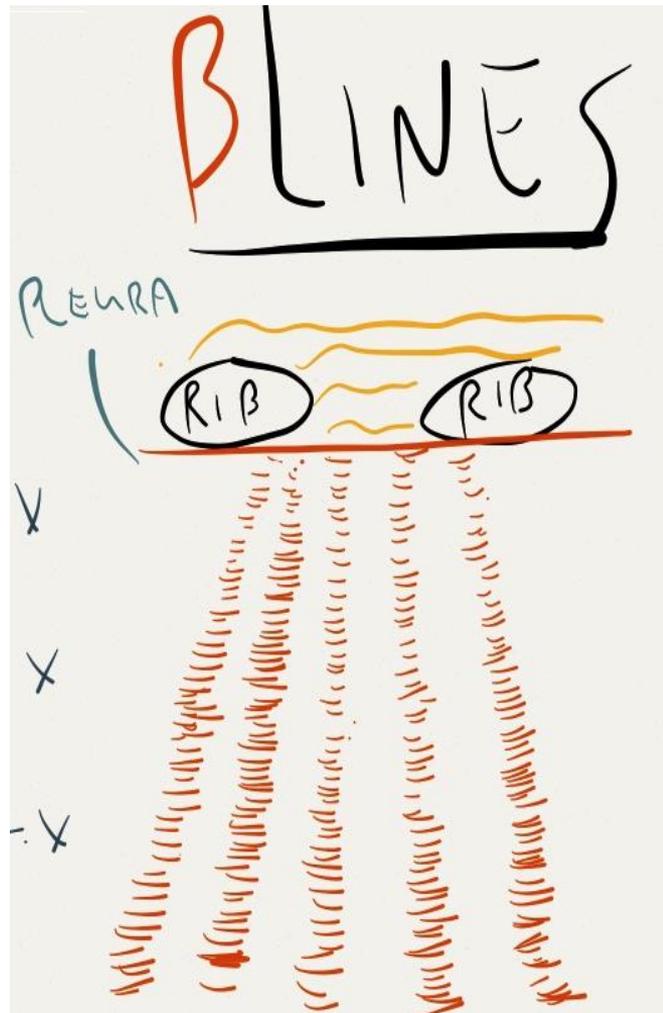
Lung sliding

B for fluid





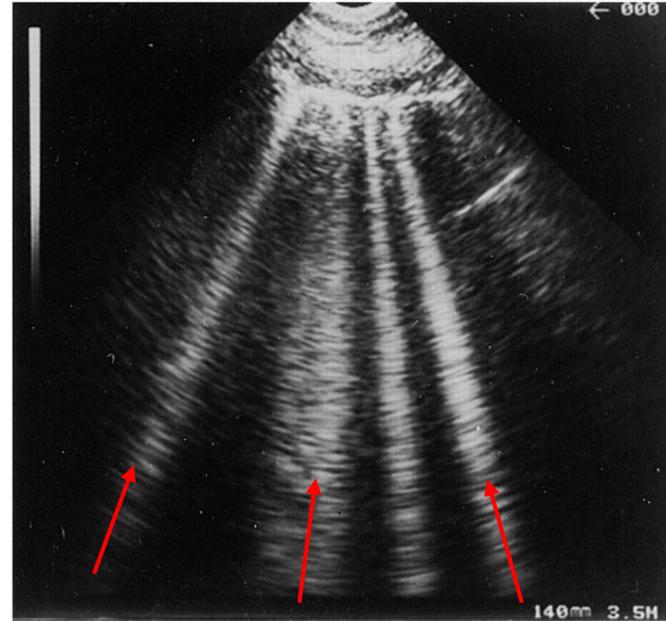
COMET TAILS (B lines)



B lines

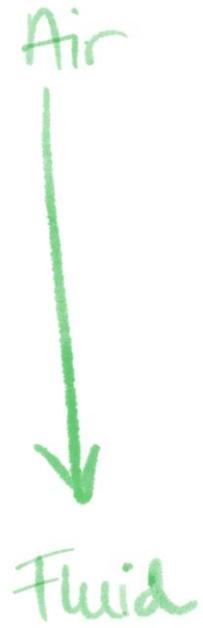
« Comet tails »

- Air/fluid interaction
- Dynamic
- Arise at the pleural line

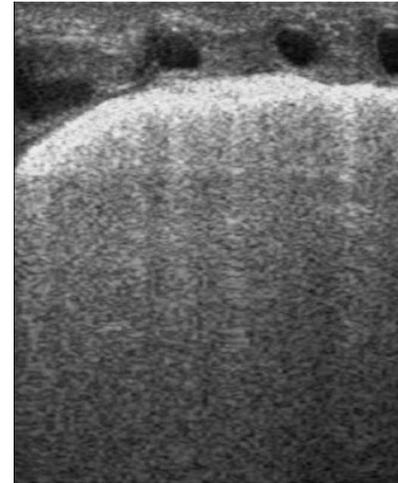
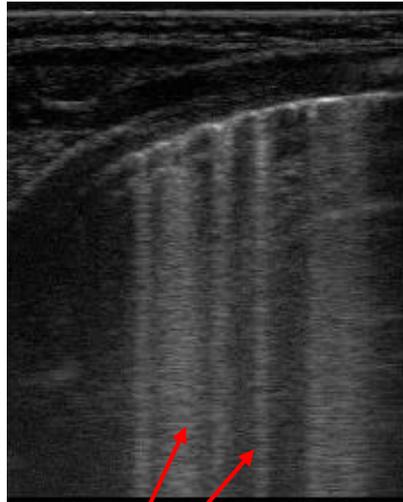
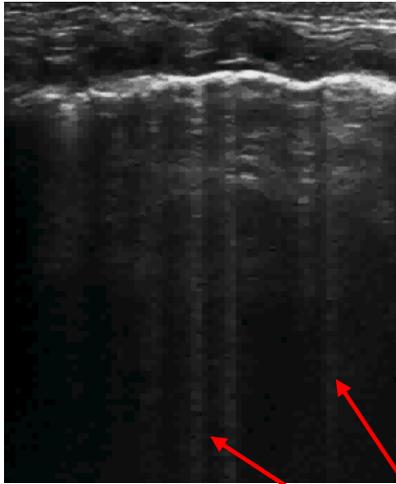


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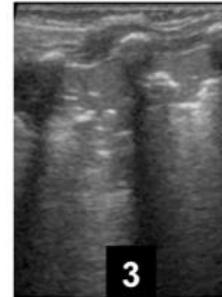
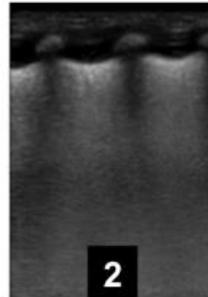
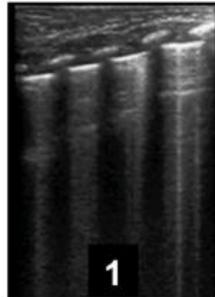
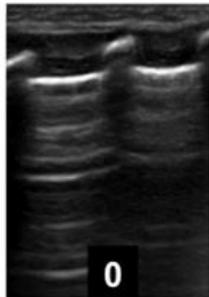
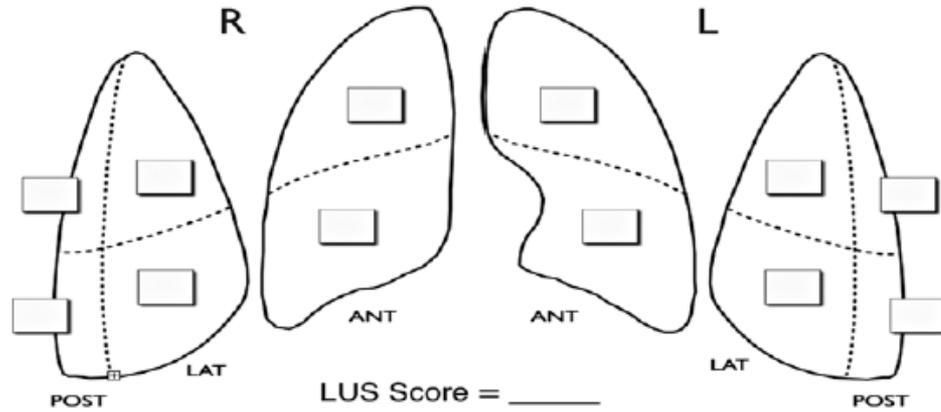
B-lines



B LINES

B-lines/“comet tails”

TO B OR NOT TO B....

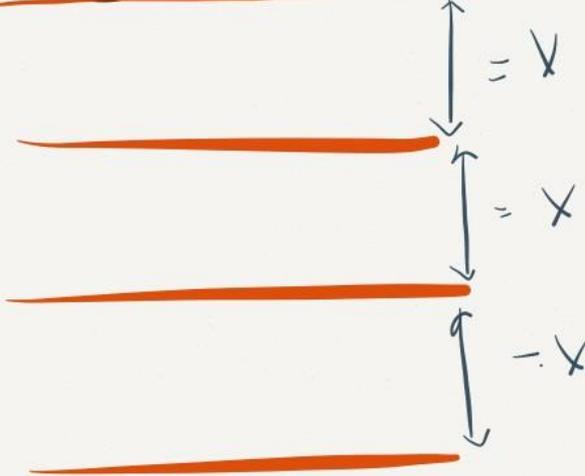


A LINES

PLEURA

RIB

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B LINES

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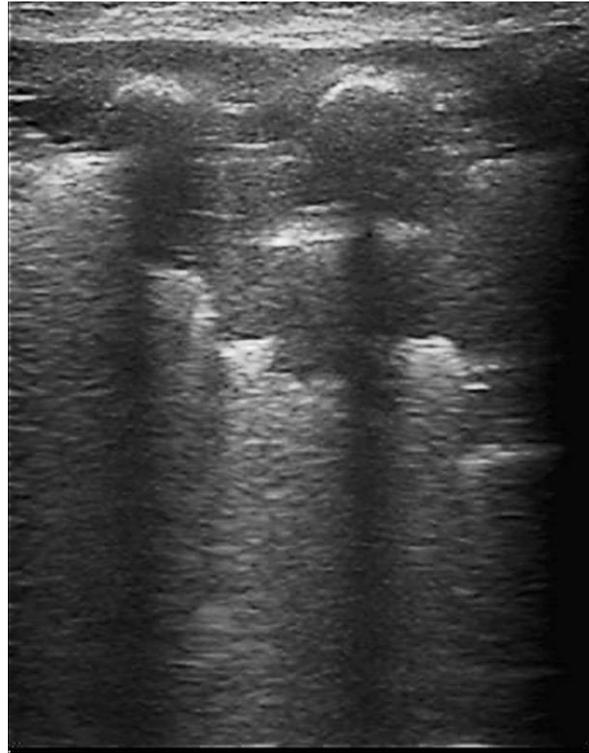
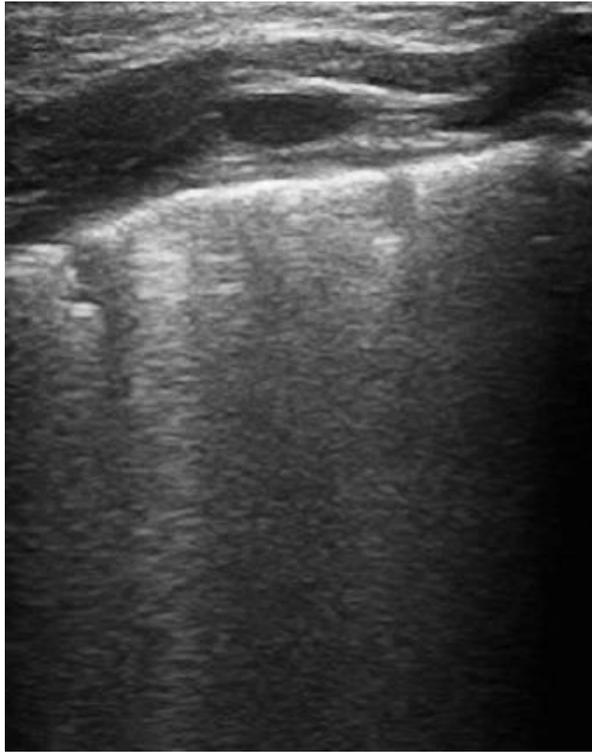
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C = consolidation

- Non aerated lung
- Tissue/solid organ appearance
« Tissue-like sign »
- Bronchograms



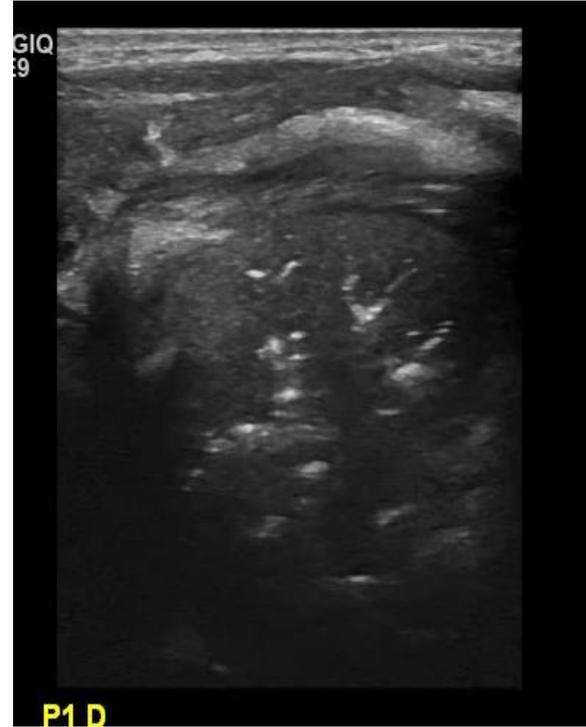


The shred sign = irregular and ill-defined borders

Dynamic bronchogram :
pneumonia?



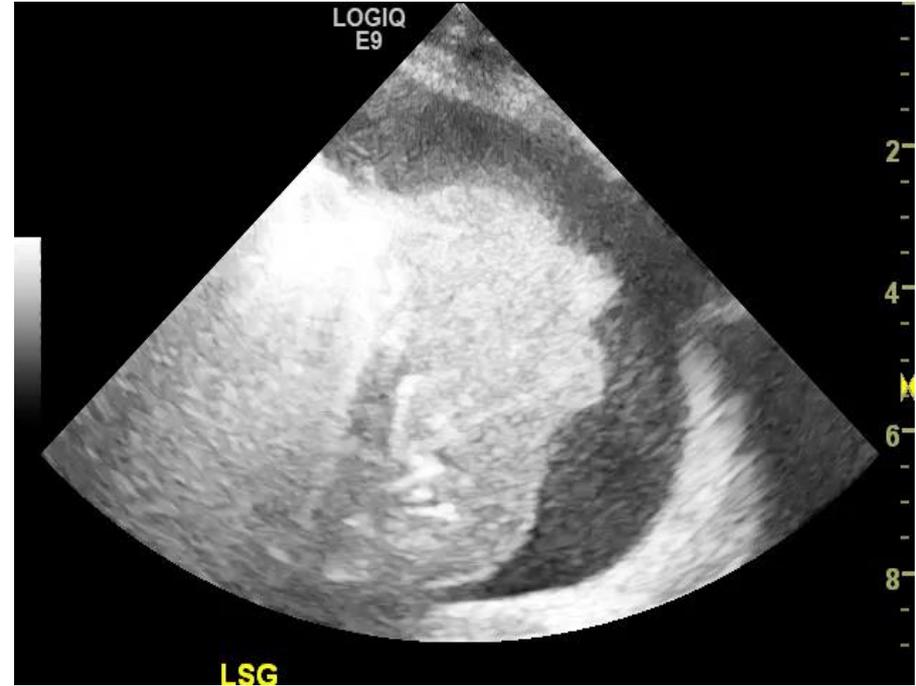
Static bronchogram : atelectasis ?



Pleural effusion

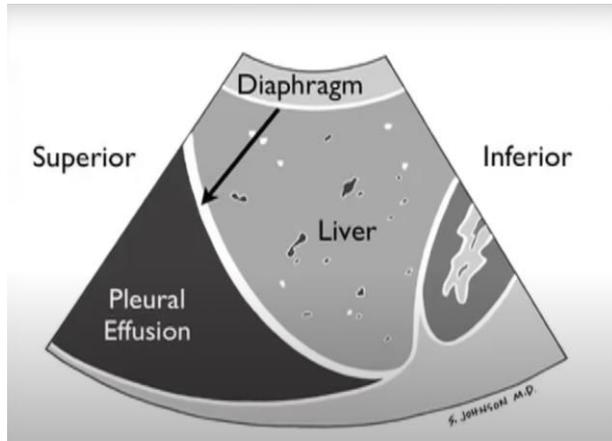
Often black but not always

- A hypoechoic space
- Anatomical structures defined
- Dynamic

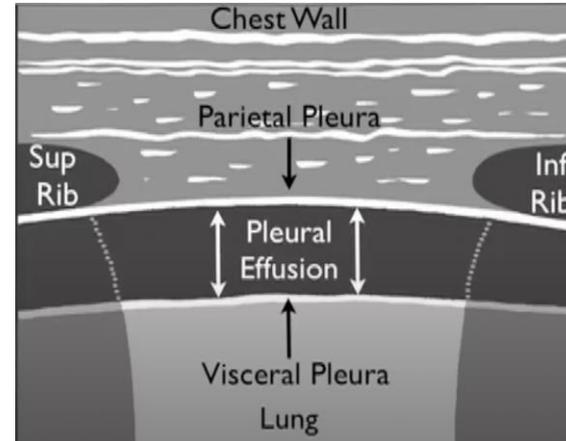


Pleural effusion

Lower frequency probe (3-5Mz)
Transverse view

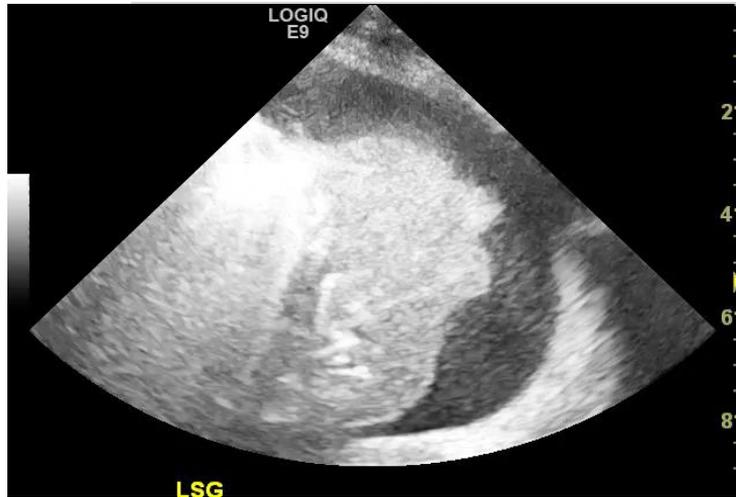


Higher frequency probe (> 10MHz)
Transverse view

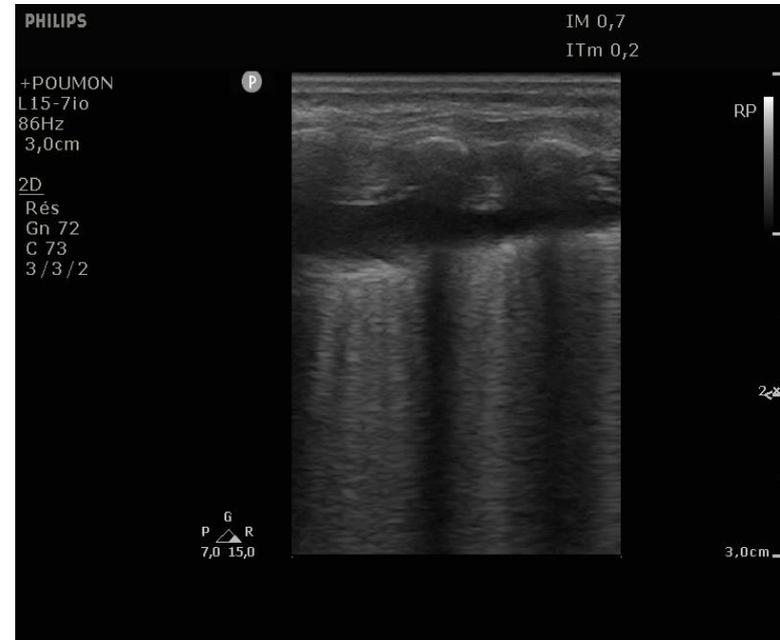


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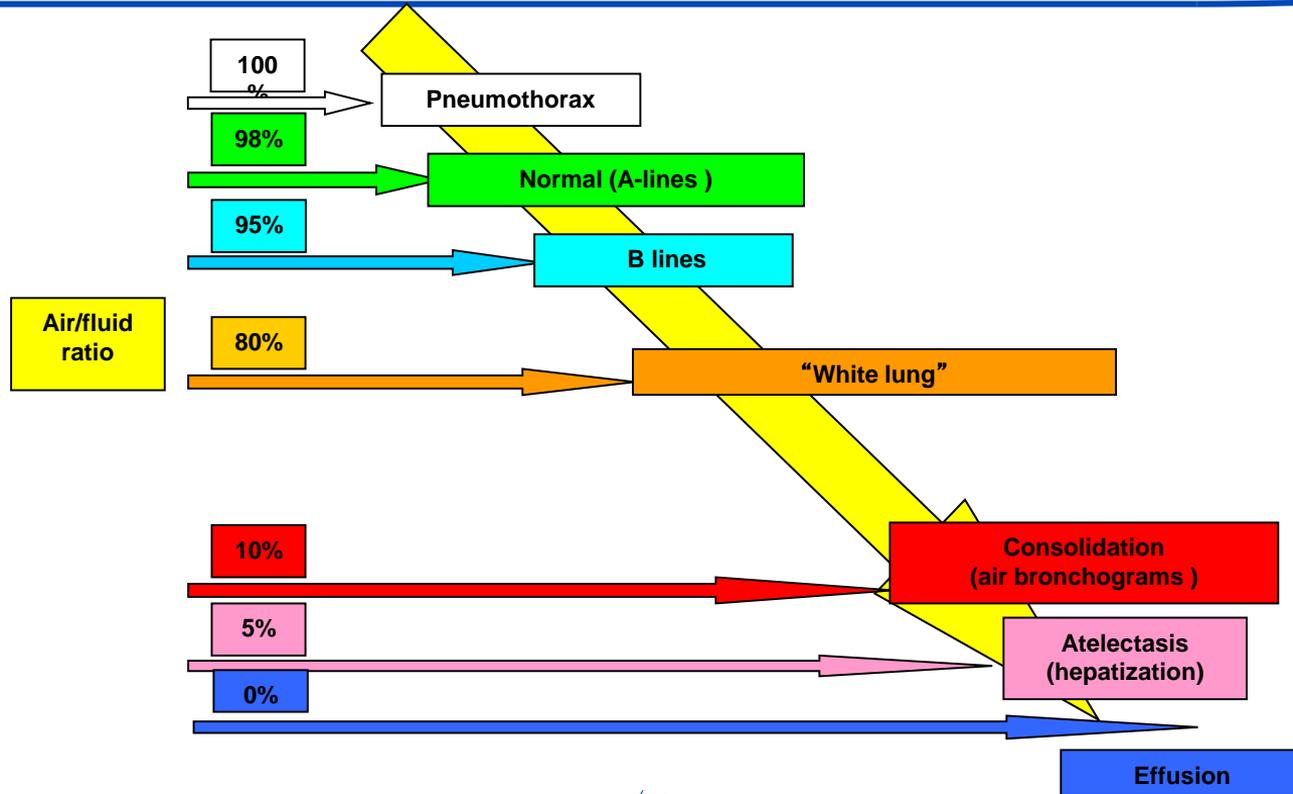
Lower frequency probe (micro/convex)
Transverse view



High frequency linear probe
Transverse view



Lung aeration : artifacts and « real » images



The newborn baby

- All ultrasound signs are found in the newborn
- Fluid-rich lung at birth

Vertical scan



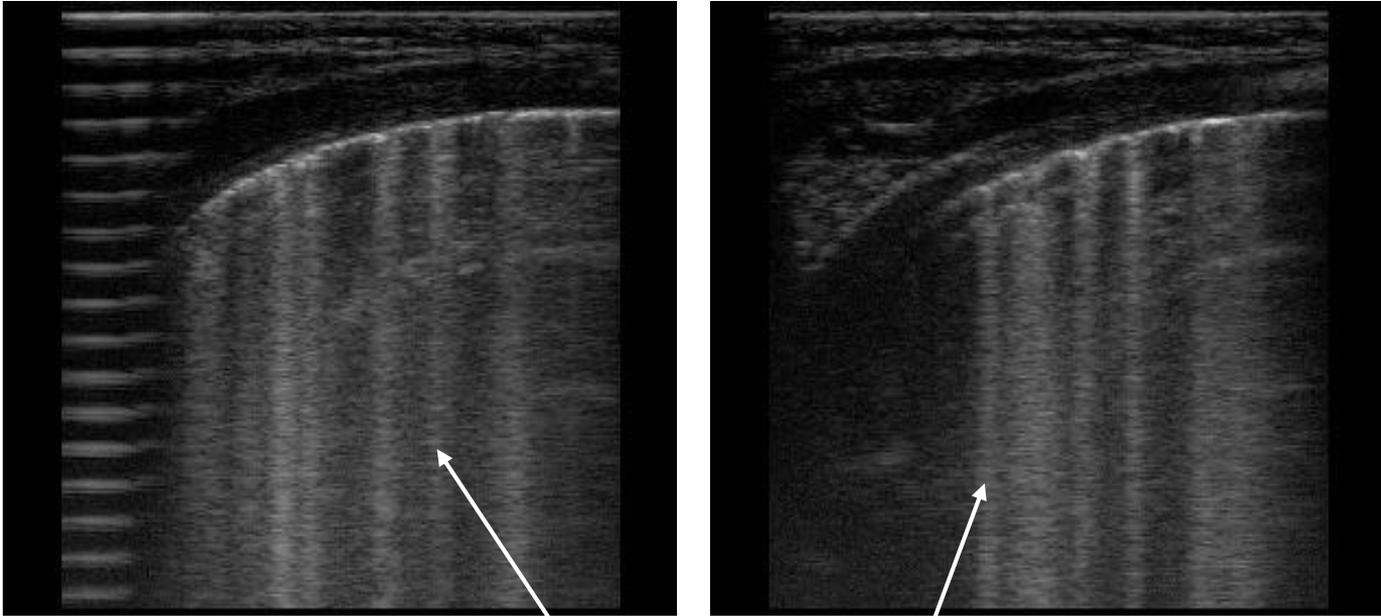
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Horizontal scan





The transitional period



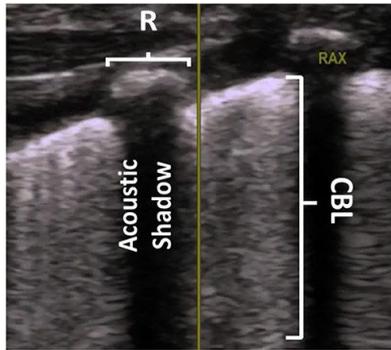
Many B-lines

Lung ultrasound immediately after birth to describe normal neonatal transition: an observational study

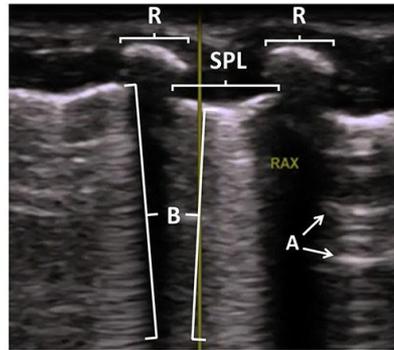
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- ▶ In a population of healthy newborns, all infants achieved lung aeration and partial airway liquid clearance within the first 20 min after birth.
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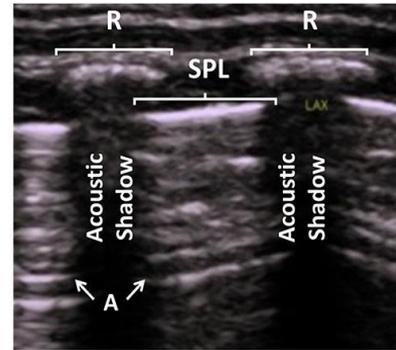
Lung Ultrasound Grading



Type 1: Fluid retention, pleural line blunt, “white-out” appearance from coalescence of B-lines (CBL)



Type 2: Establishment of a clear, sharp pleural line (SPL) and partial fluid clearance, vertical B-lines (B) obscuring horizontal A-lines (A) are seen



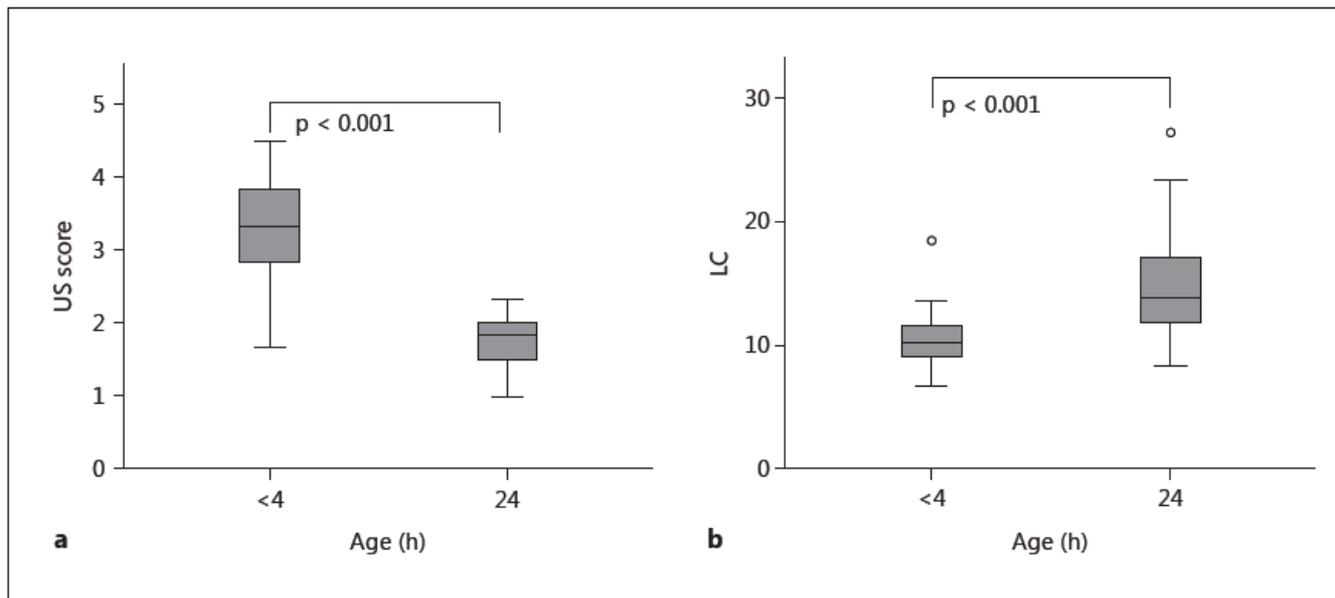
Type 3: Full aeration and fluid absorption, sharp pleural line (SPL), only horizontal A-lines are seen



Lung Ultrasound and Static Lung Compliance during Postnatal Adaptation in Healthy Term Infants

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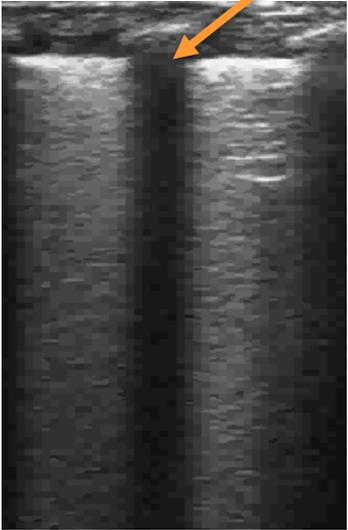
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TTN

Regular
pleural line

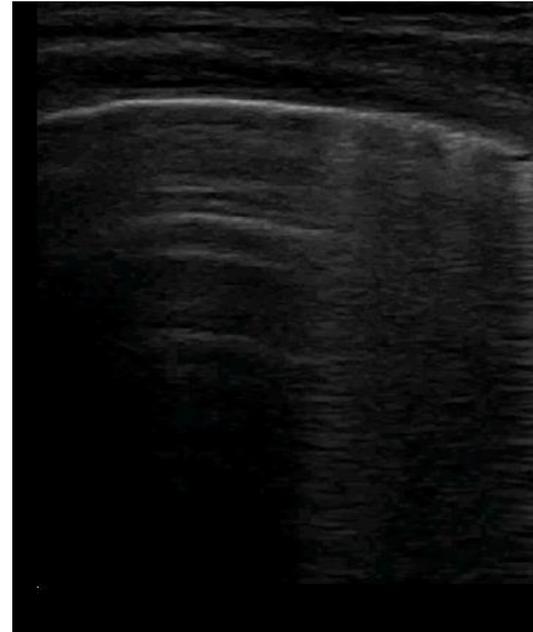
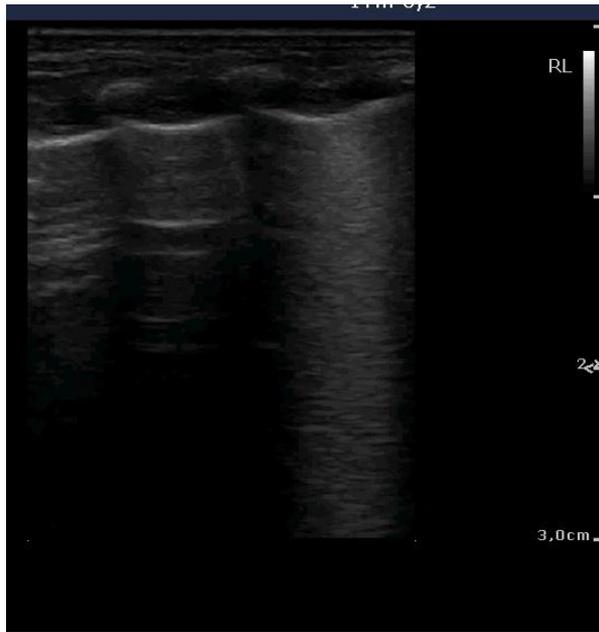


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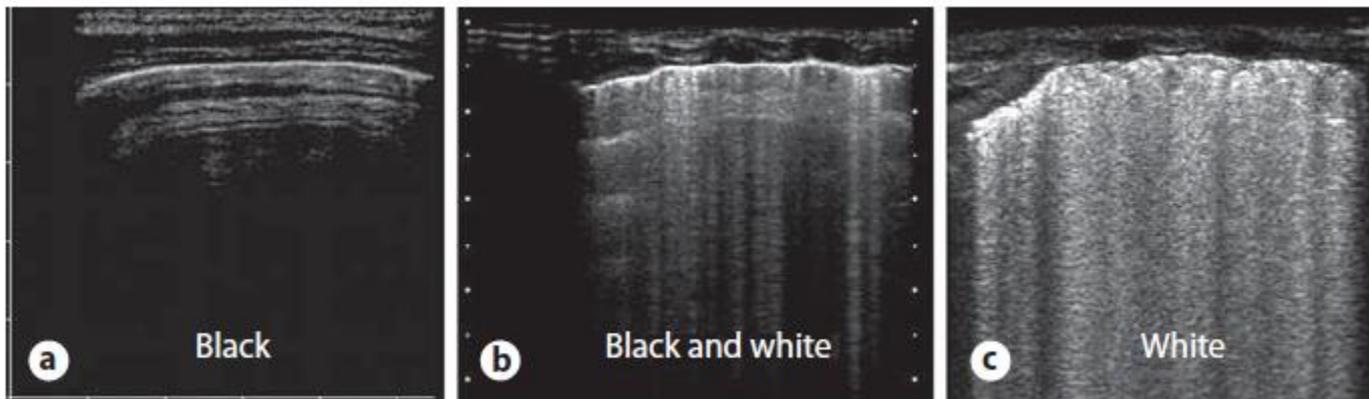
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The « double lung point »

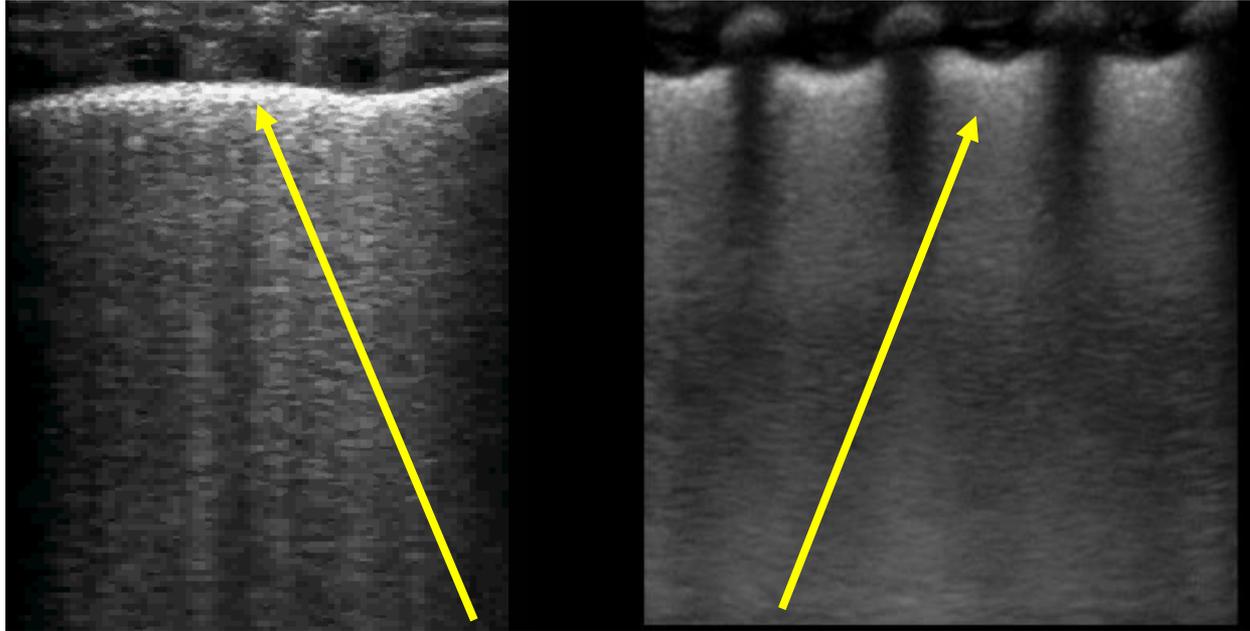


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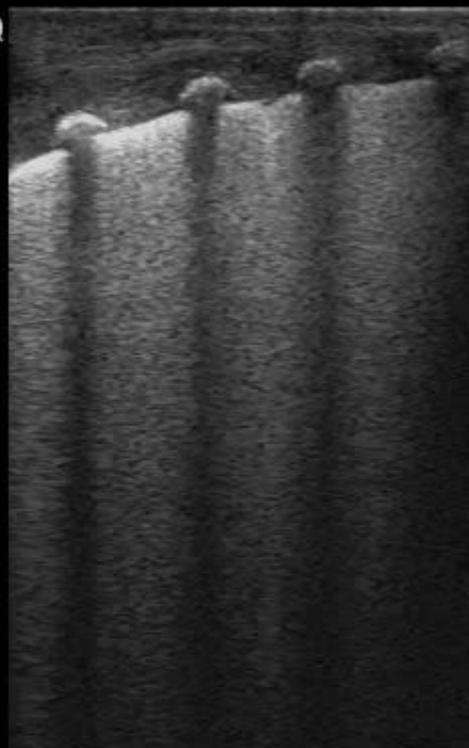
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RDS



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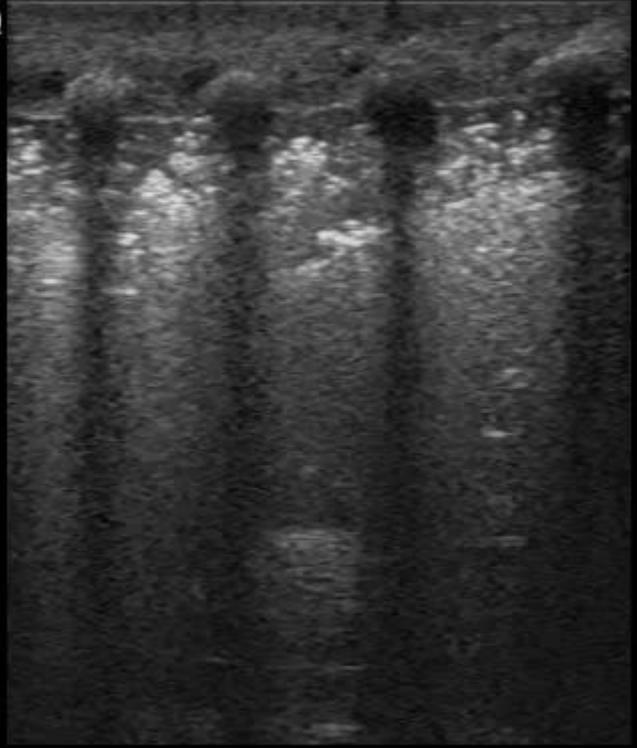
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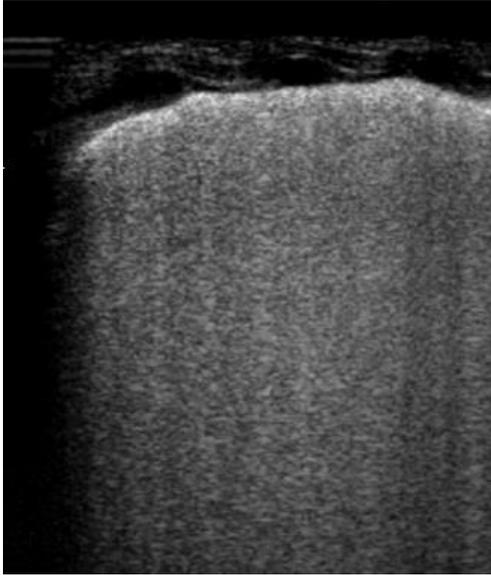
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RDS vs TTN



Look for the A-lines!

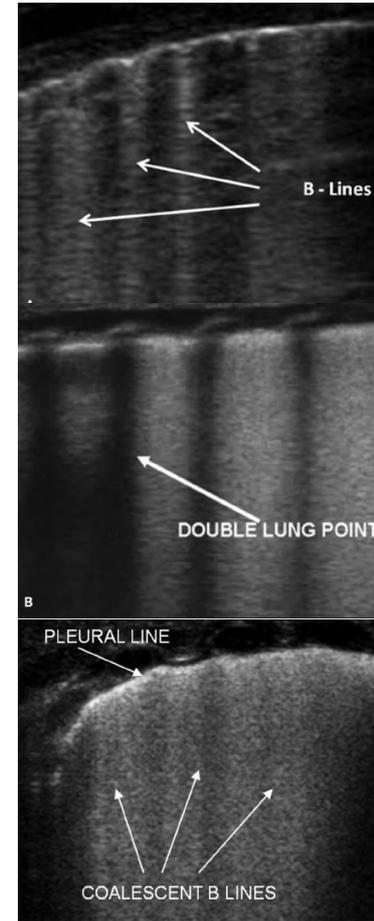
Neonatal Lung Sonography

Interobserver Agreement Between Physician Interpreters
With Varying Levels of Experience

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Table 2. Interobserver Agreement Between Main and Expert, Intermediate, and Beginner Control Interpreters

Interobserver Agreement	κ 1 (95% CI)	κ 2 (95% CI)	κ 3 (95% CI)
General	0.94 (0.88–1.00)	0.72 (0.61–0.83)	0.81 (0.71–0.90)
RDS specific	0.94 (0.87–1.00)	0.90 (0.81–0.99)	0.87 (0.78–0.97)
TTN specific	0.95 (0.89–1.00)	0.76 (0.64–0.88)	0.81 (0.70–0.91)



Lung ultrasound vs CT scans

Sensitivity - Specificity

Pleural effusion	97 - 94%
Consolidation	90 - 98%
Interstitial syndrome	100 - 100%
Pneumothorax	100 - 91%
« Occult » Pneumothorax	79 - 100%

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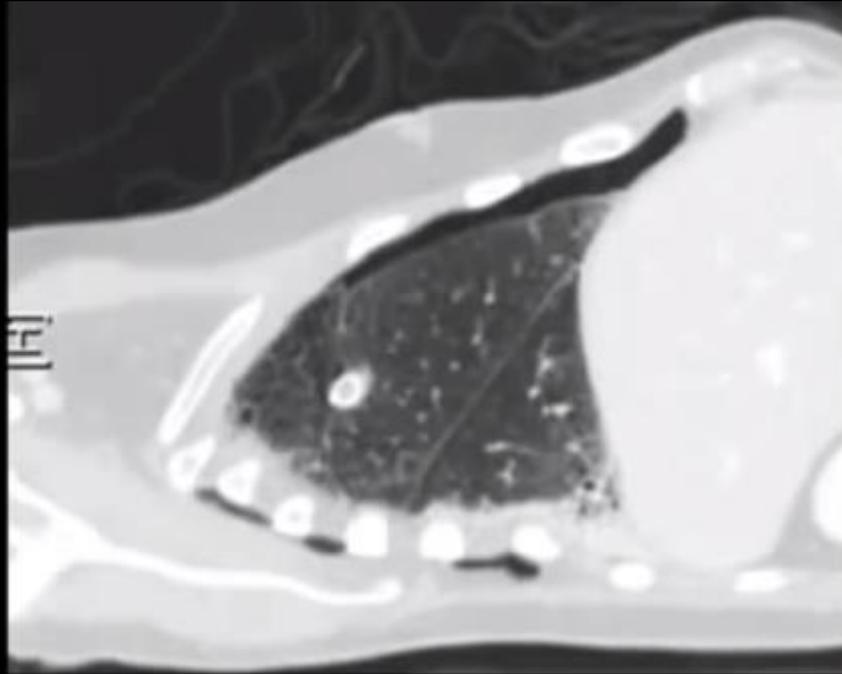
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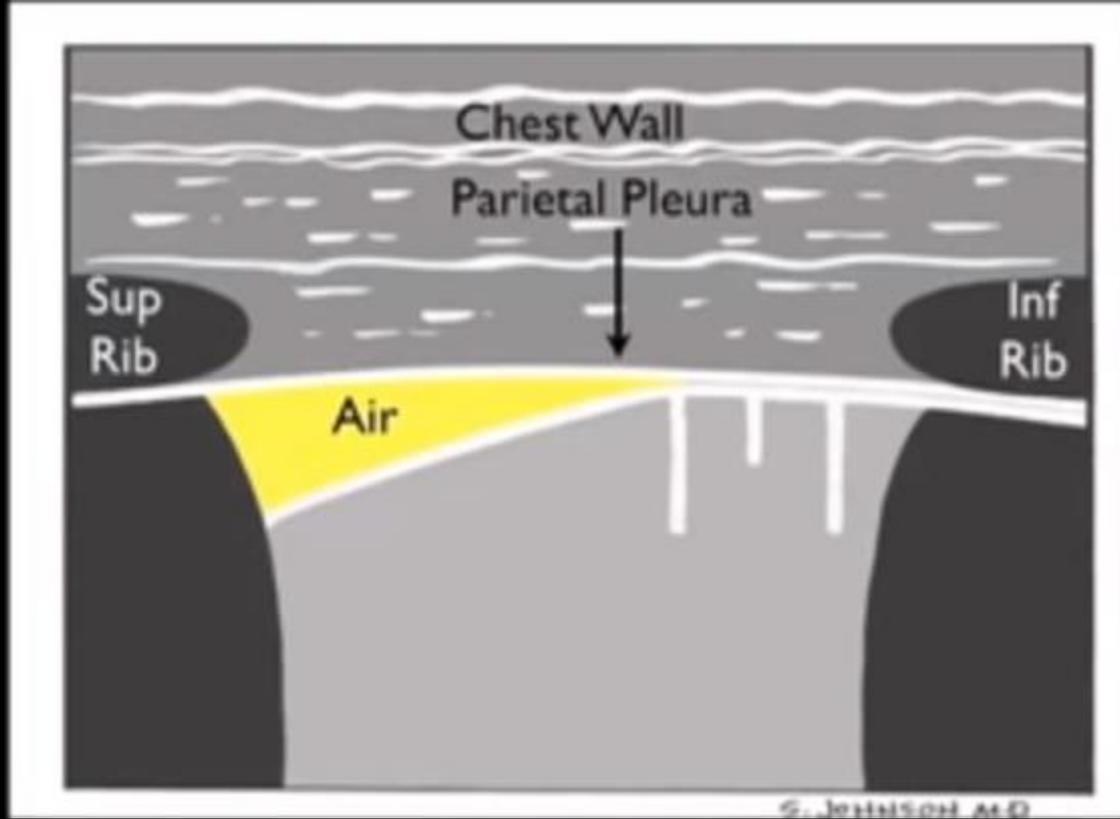
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Pneumothorax

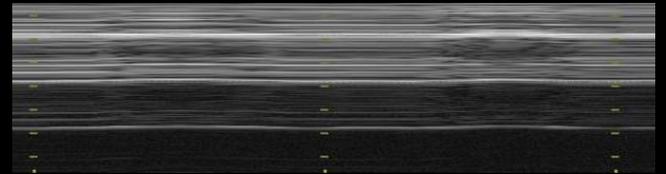
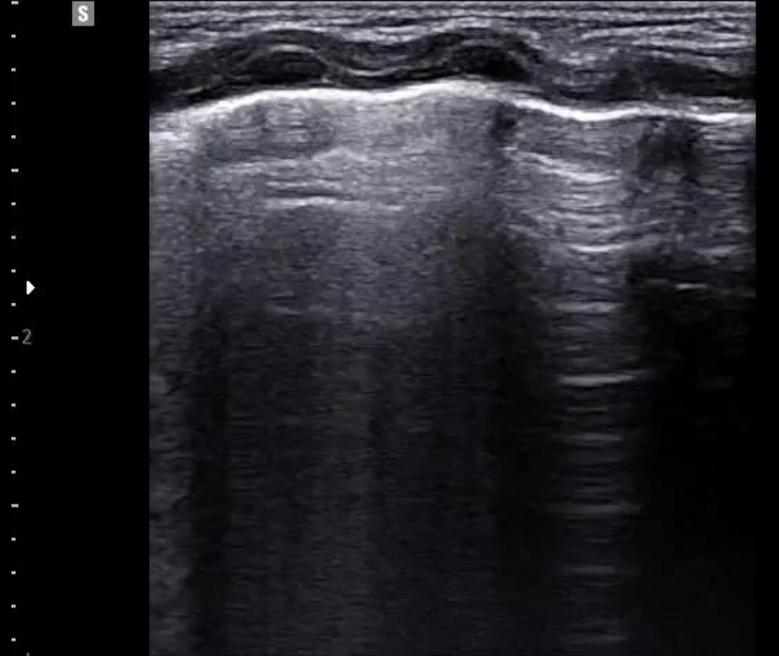




Western Sono : Lung Ultrasound – Interpreting the lung and pleural «signatures »

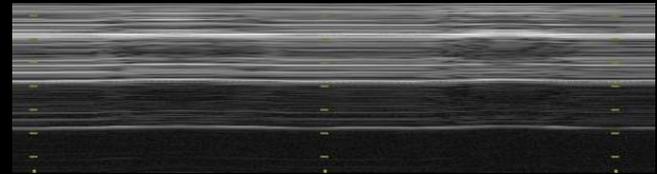
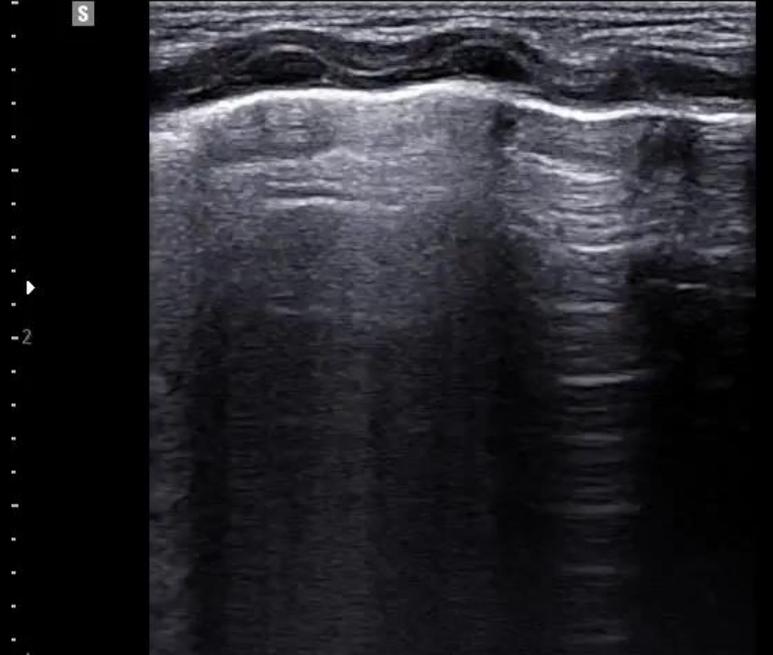
Pneumothorax

1. Absence of lung sliding



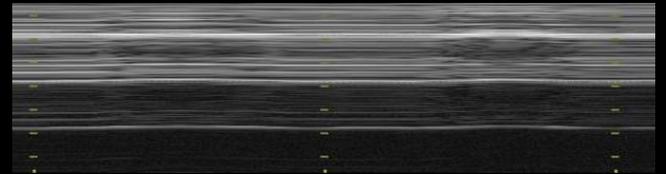
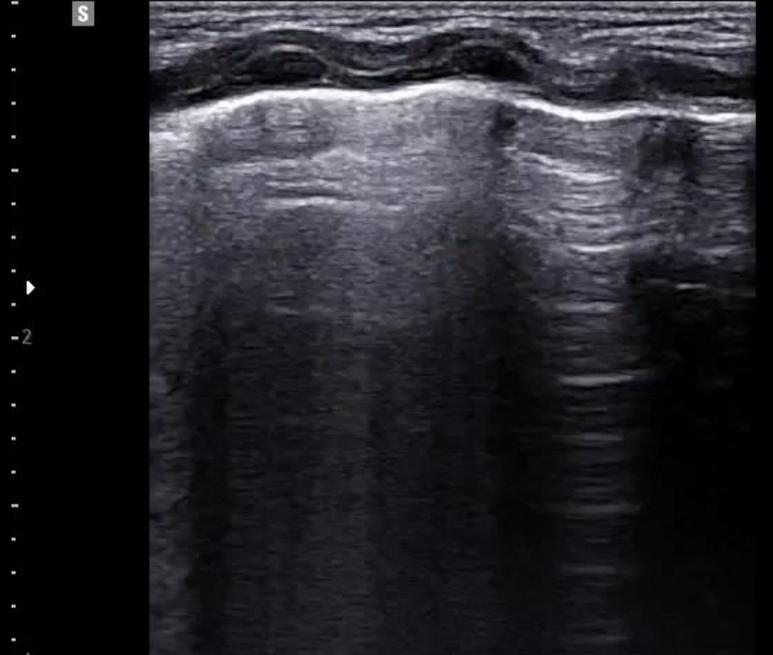
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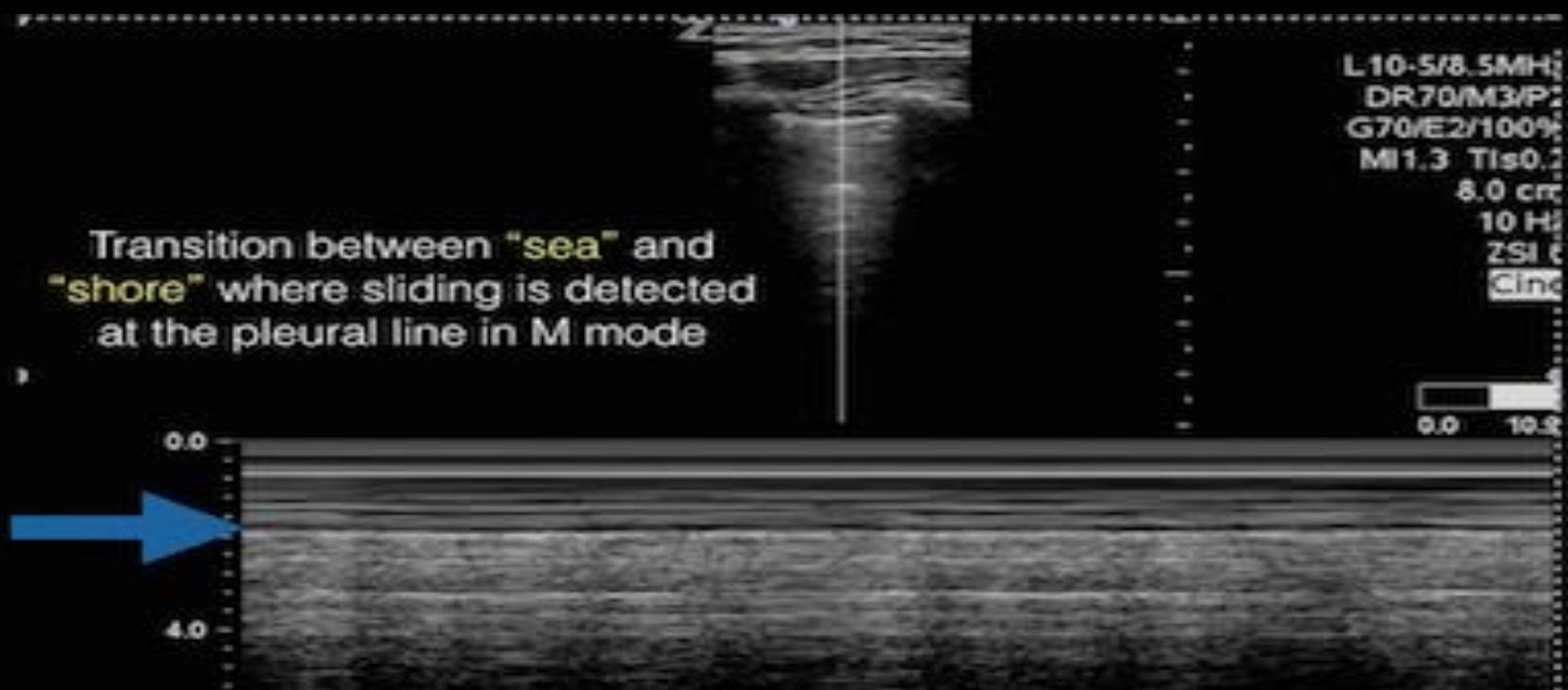
1. Absence of lung sliding
2. No B-lines (only A-lines)



Pneumothorax

1. Absence of lung sliding
2. No B-lines (only A-lines)
3. Stratosphere sign in M-mode

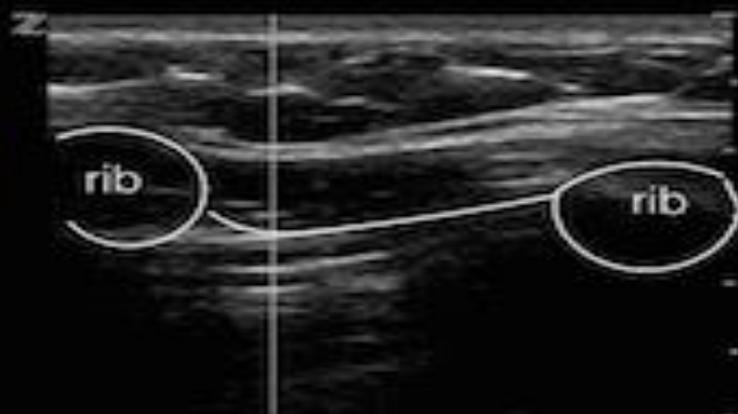




Transition between "sea" and "shore" where sliding is detected at the pleural line in M mode



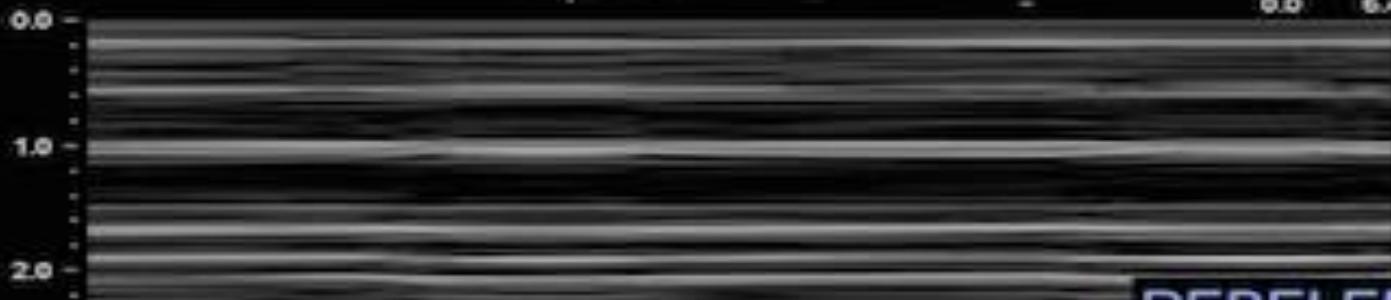
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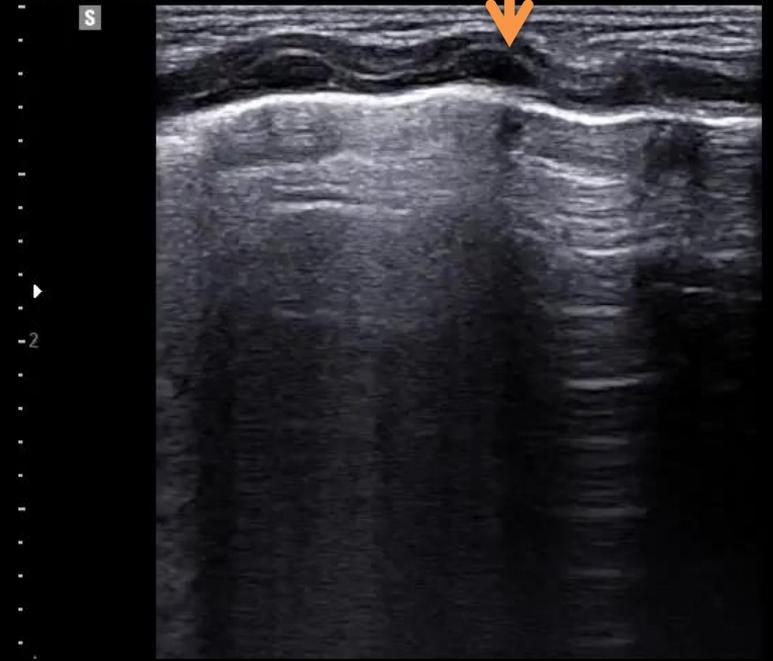
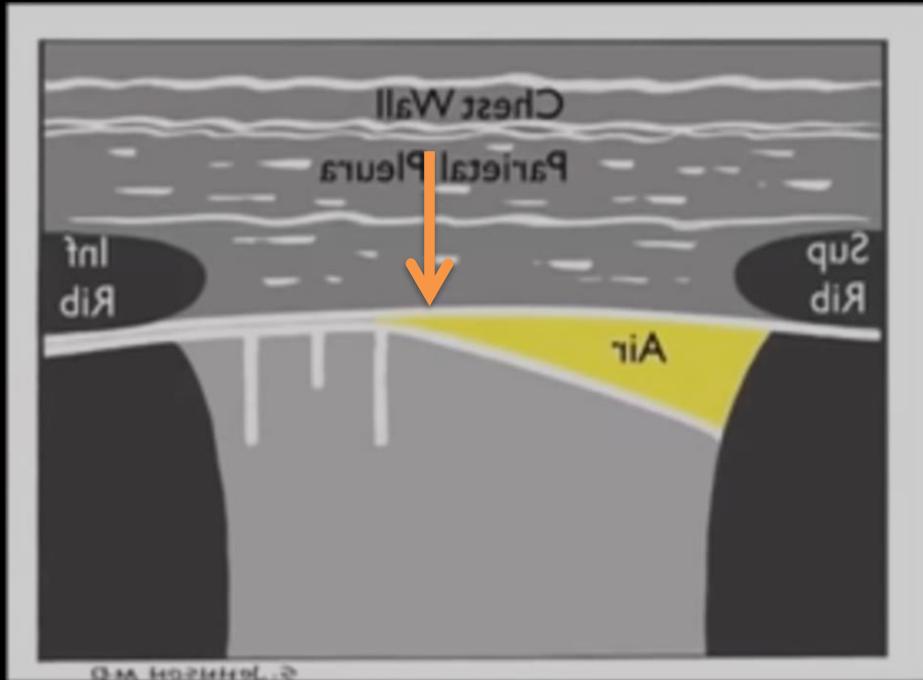


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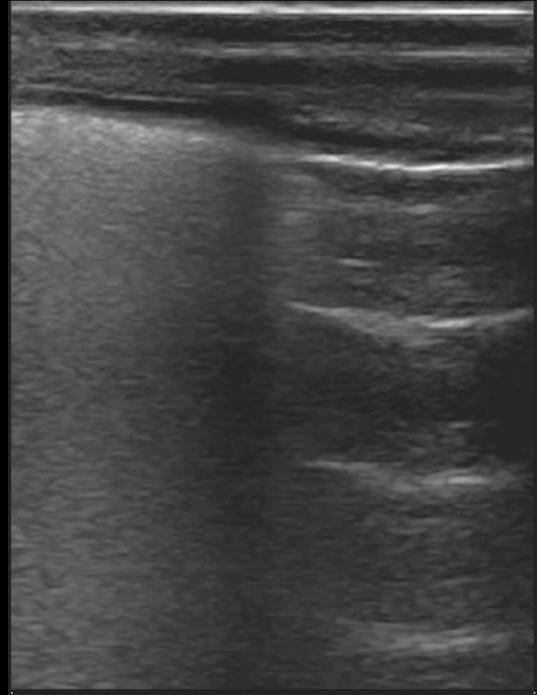
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Pneumothorax



The lung point confirms diagnosis

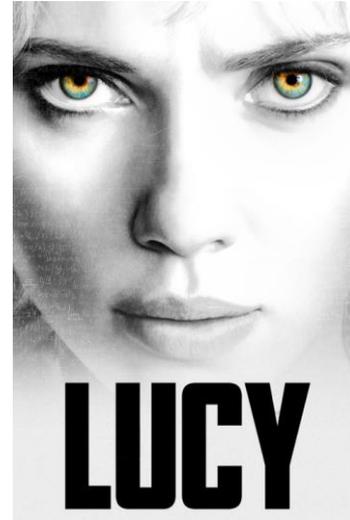
Pneumothorax



Lung ultrasound in the crashing infant

- International multicenter trial
- “Crashing neonates”
- Rule in/out pneumothorax
- 26/42 pneumothorax
- Echo = 5.3 min vs RxT = 19 min
- Excellent sensitivity and specificity

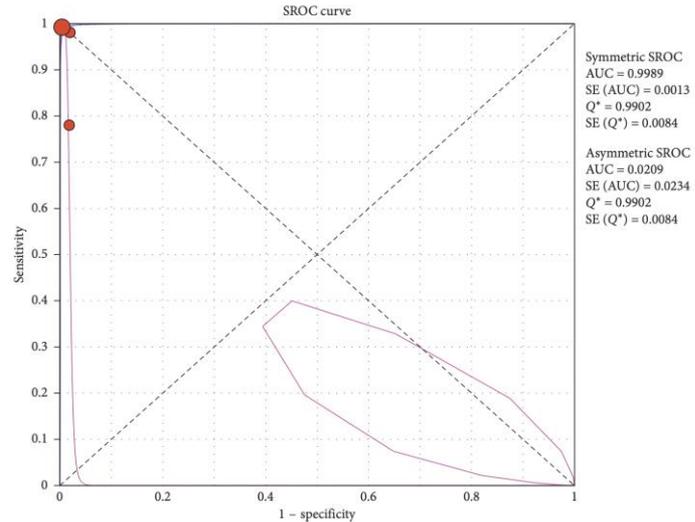
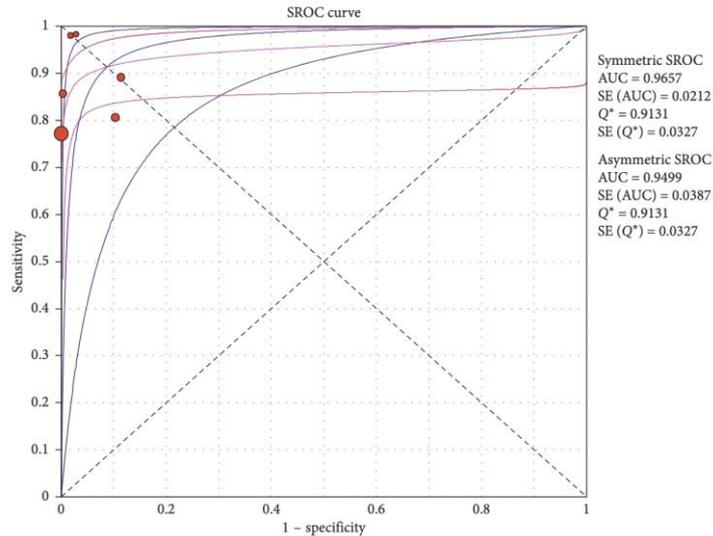
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- General population

Sensitivity = 98.6% (97.7%–99.2%),

Specificity = 85.1% (88.18%–88.5%),

Odds ratio = 387.72% (76.204–1972.7)

- Neonates

Sensitivity = 96.7% (88.3%–99.6%)

Specificity = 100% (97.7%–100%),

Odds ratio = 1343.1% (167.20–10788.9)

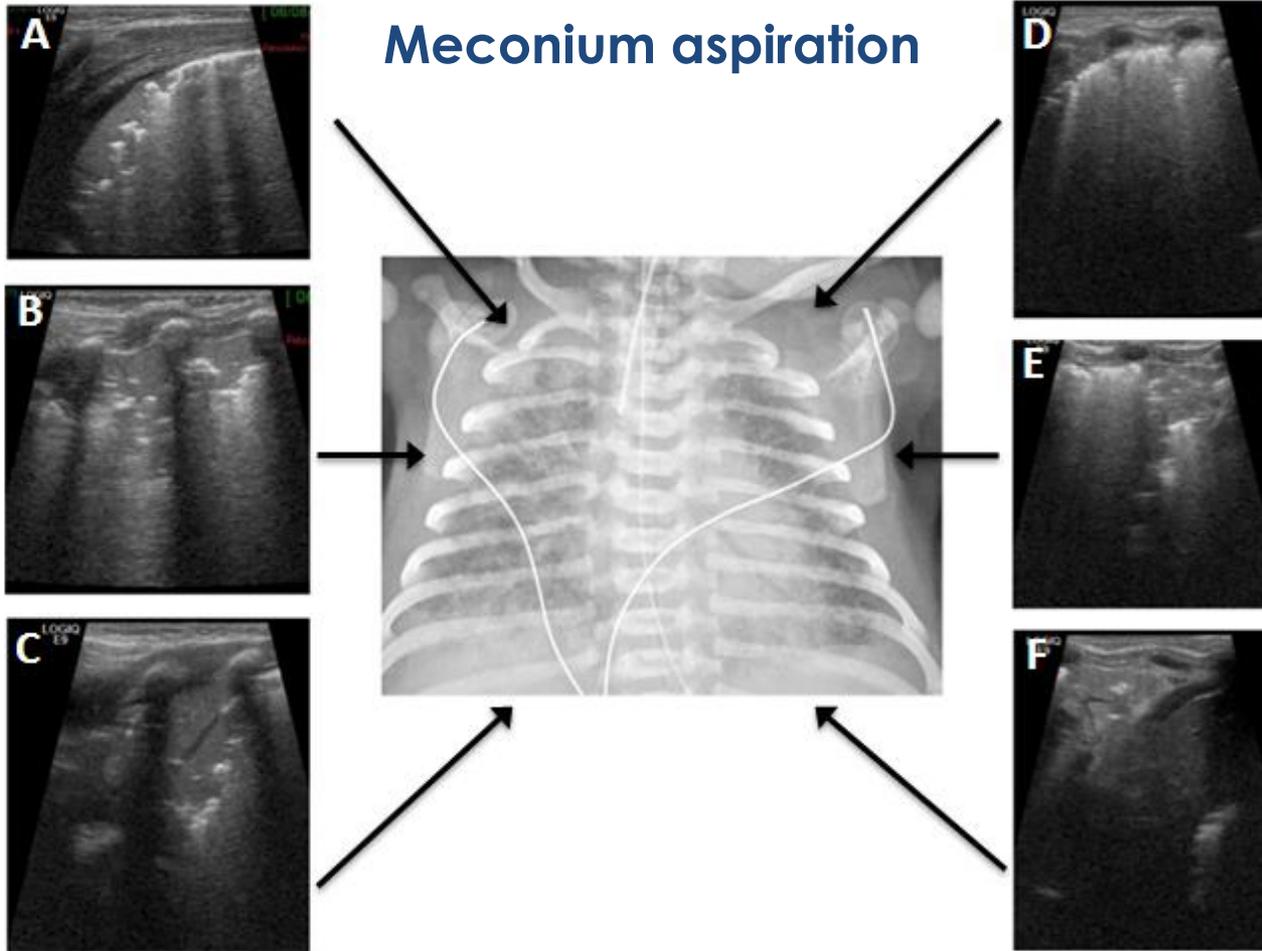
- Adults

Sensitivity = 82.9% (78.3–86.9%)

Specificity = 98.2% (97.0%–99.0%)

Odds ratio = 423.13% (45.222–3959.1),

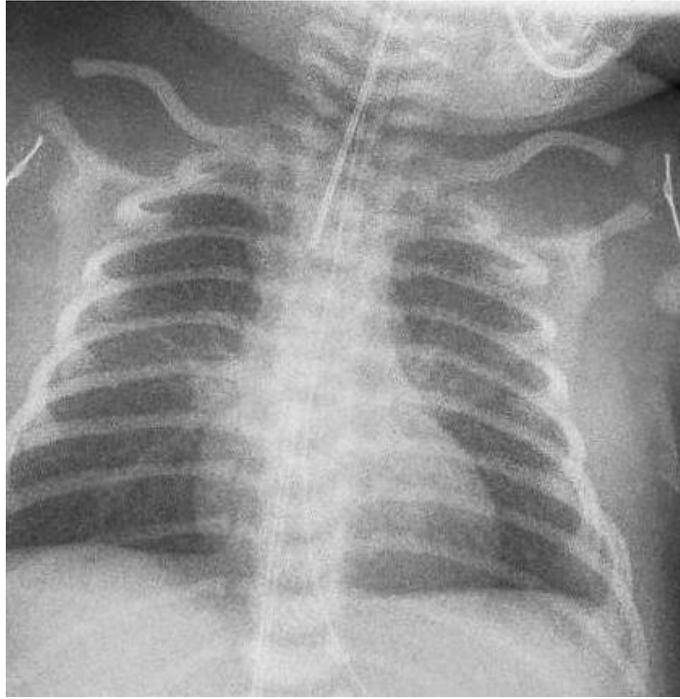
Meconium aspiration



Clinical case

- **Term baby, pregnancy OK**
- **No history for infection**
- **Severe and progressive respiratory distress**

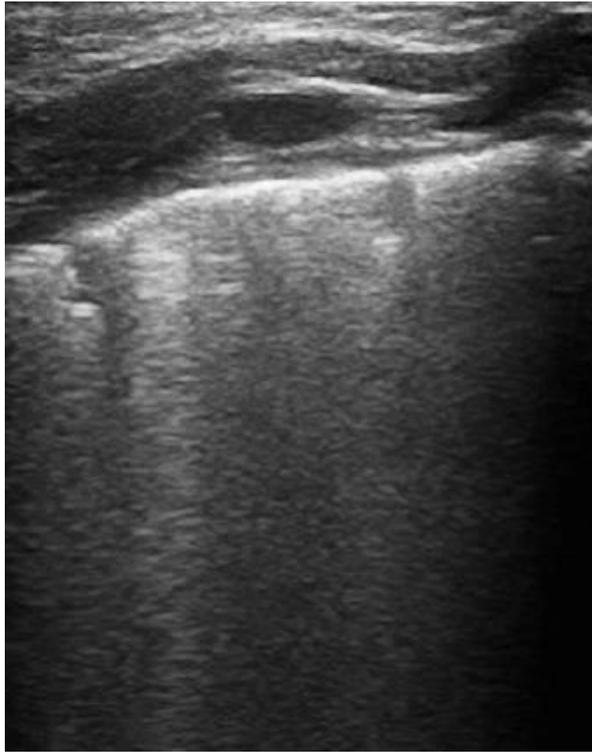
- **Tainted amniotic fluid, but nothing on intubation**
- **Hypoxic on FiO₂ 100%**
- **HFOV, iNO by transport team**



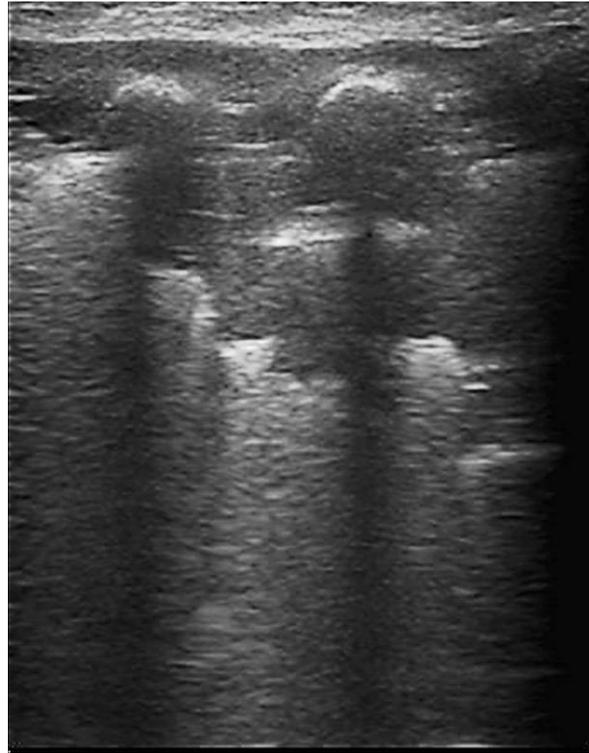
Corresponding chest X-ray

Clinical case

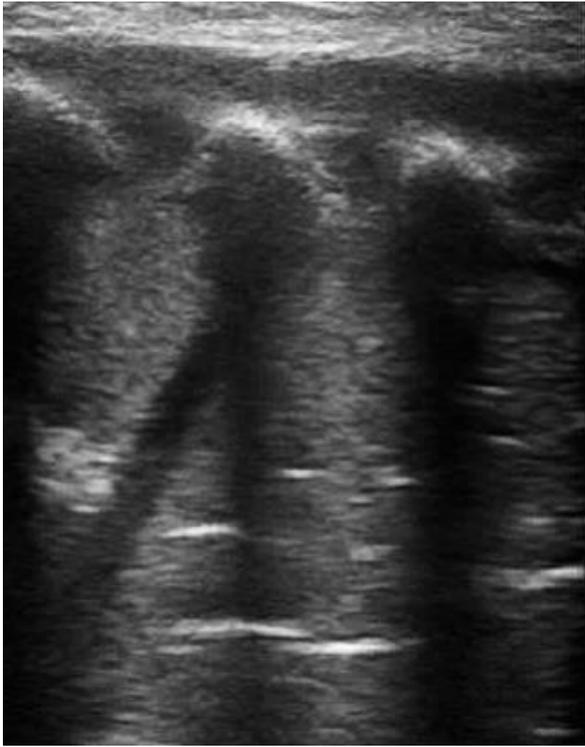
- HFOV, iNO by transport team
- Curare
- Sat 90% on FiO2 100%
- Suspected congenital heart disease
- SOS cardiology
- Admitted to NICU for stabilization



Anterior scan
Irregular pleural line and B-lines



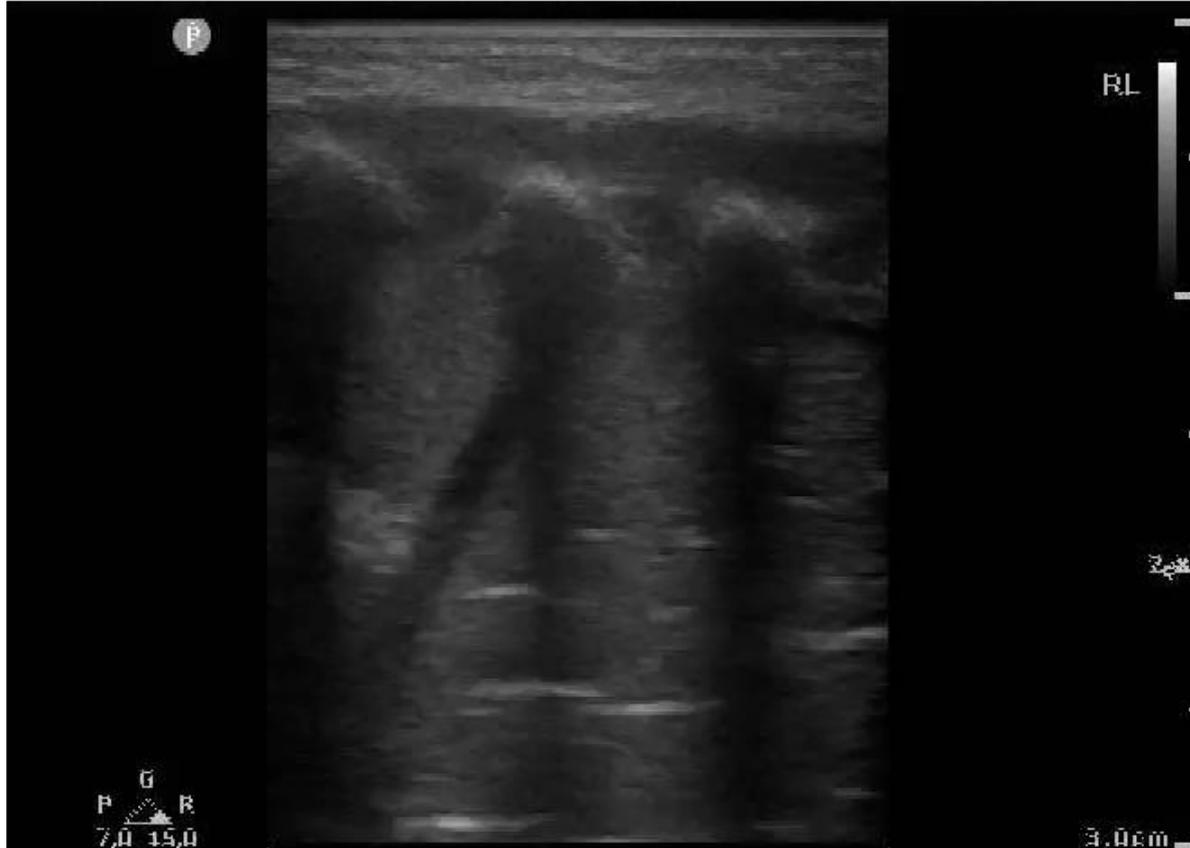
Lateral vertical scan
Consolidation and B-lines



**Lateral vertical scan
Atelectasis**



**Horizontal scan - posterolateral
Atelectasis with pleural effusion**



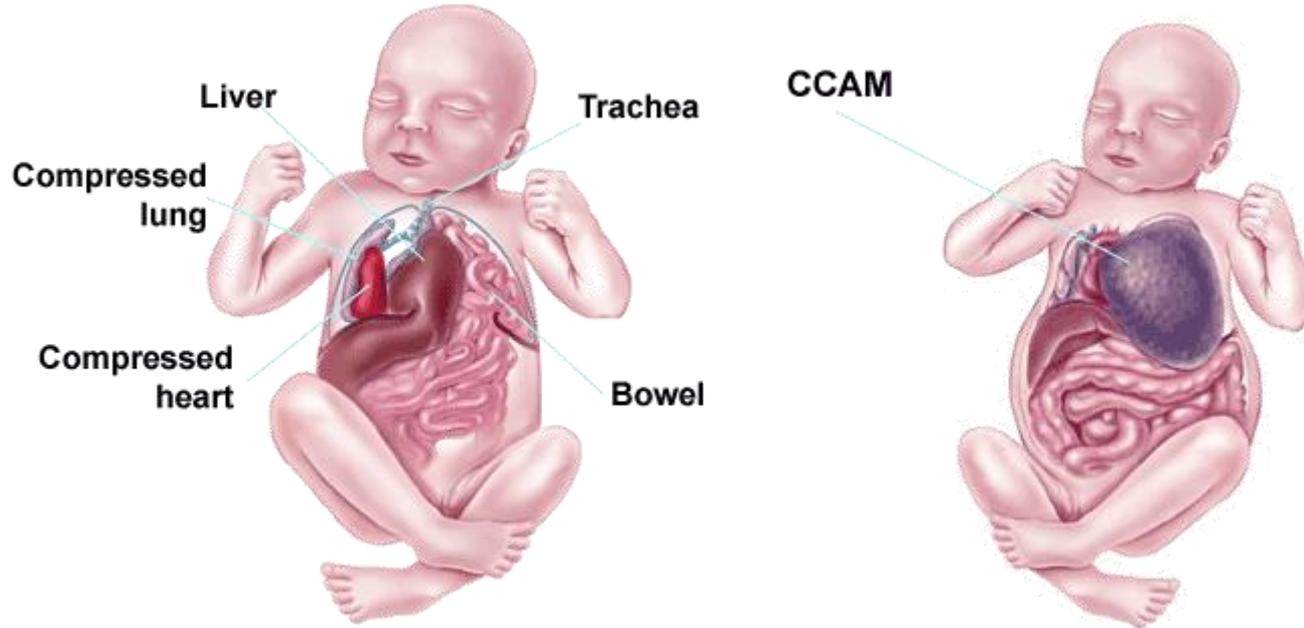


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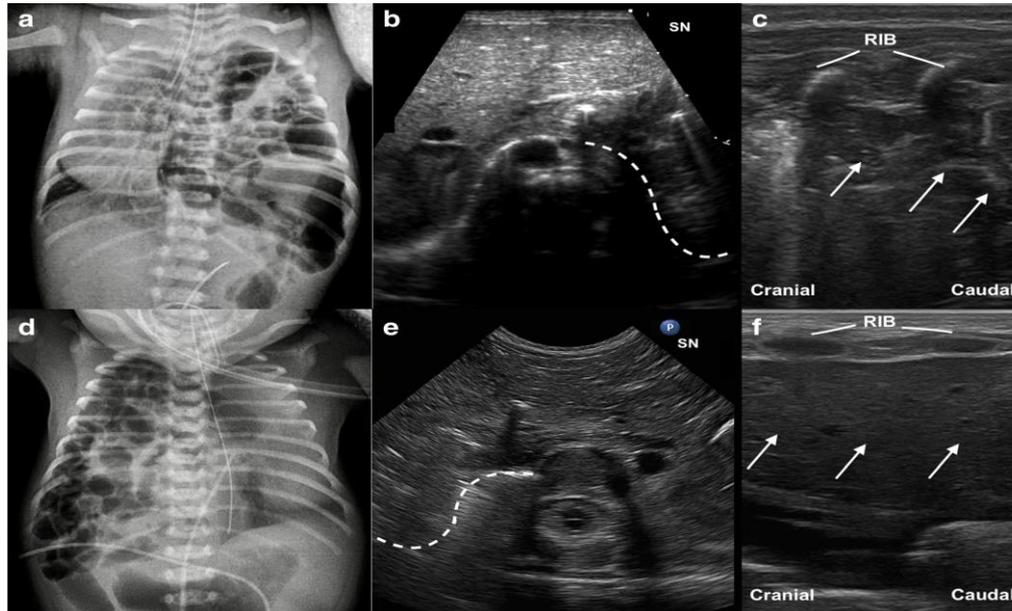
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Congenital lung malformations

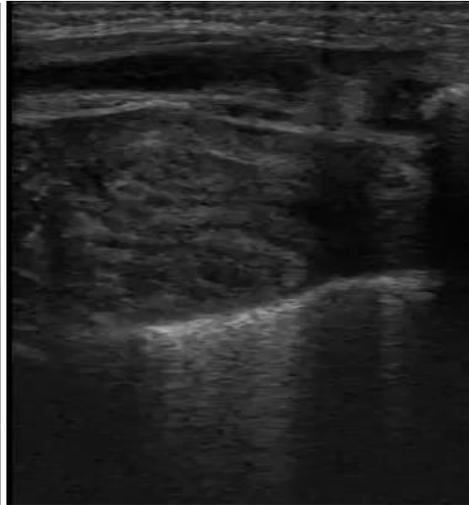
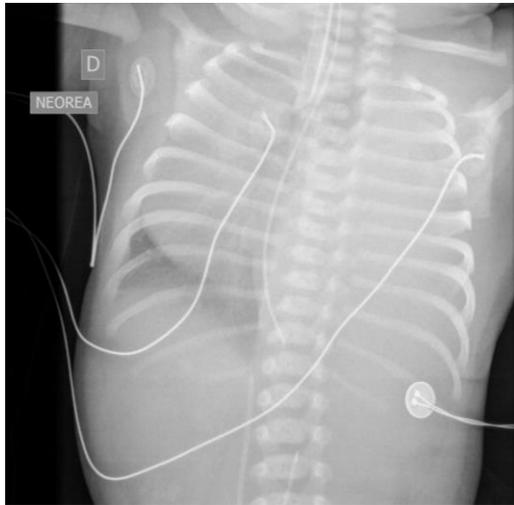


Lung ultrasound findings in congenital diaphragmatic hernia

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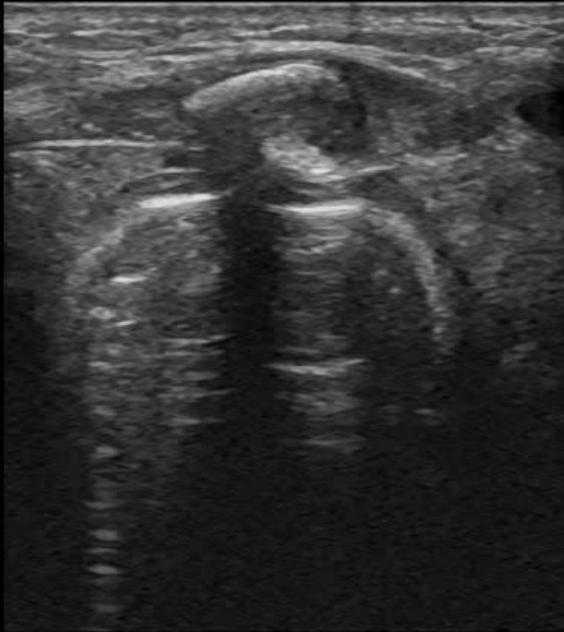


Congenital diaphragmatic hernia



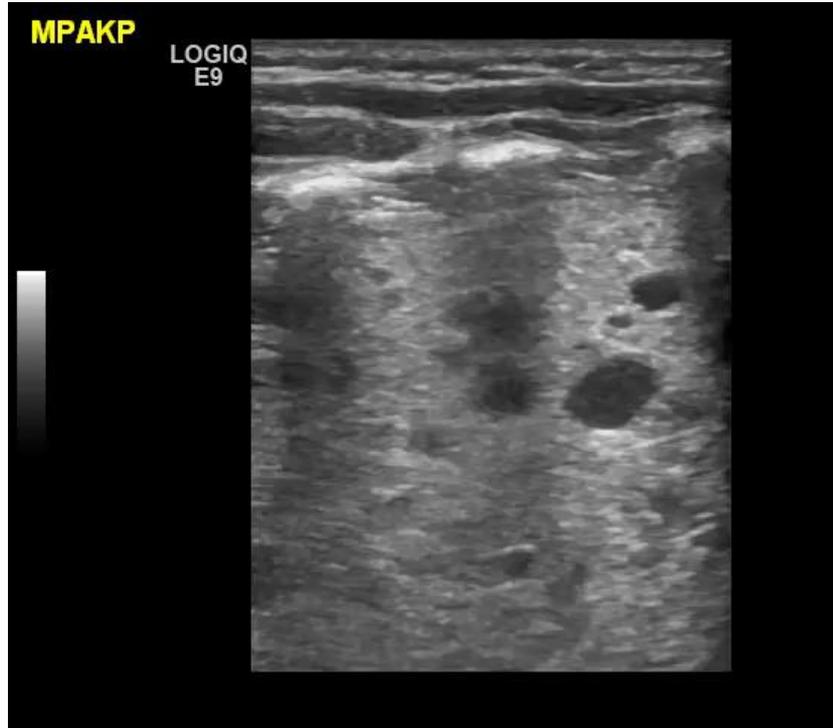
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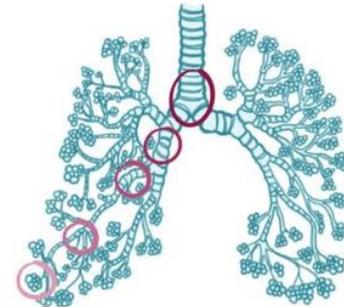


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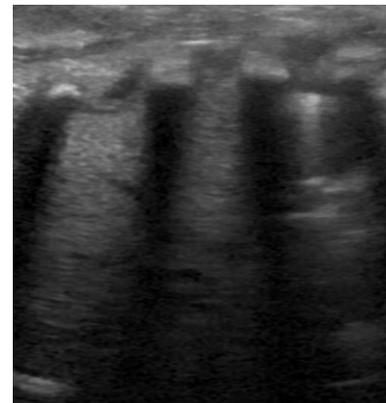
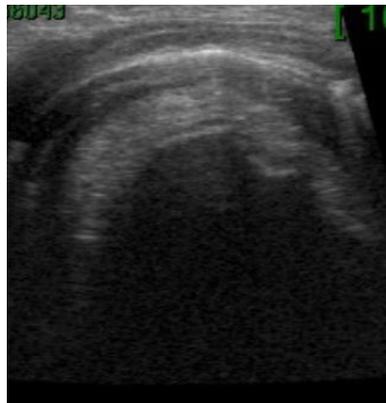
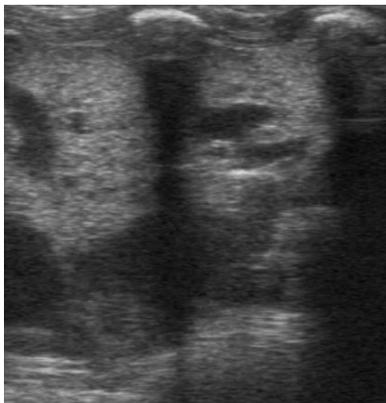


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Lung Ultrasound Findings in Congenital Pulmonary Airway Malformation

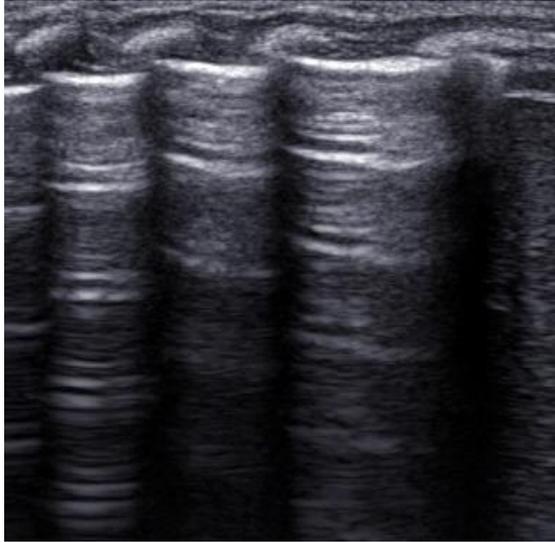
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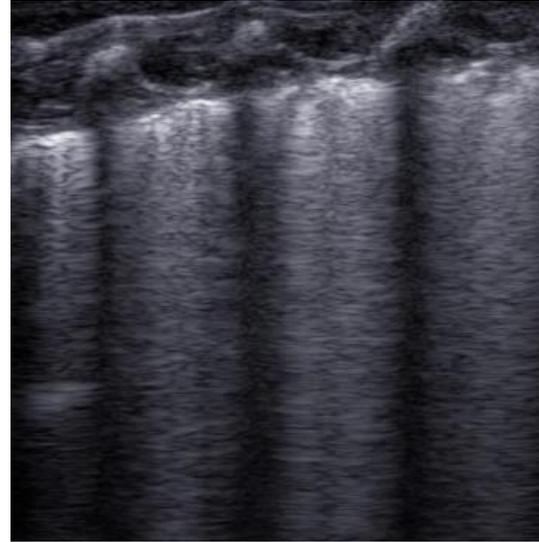
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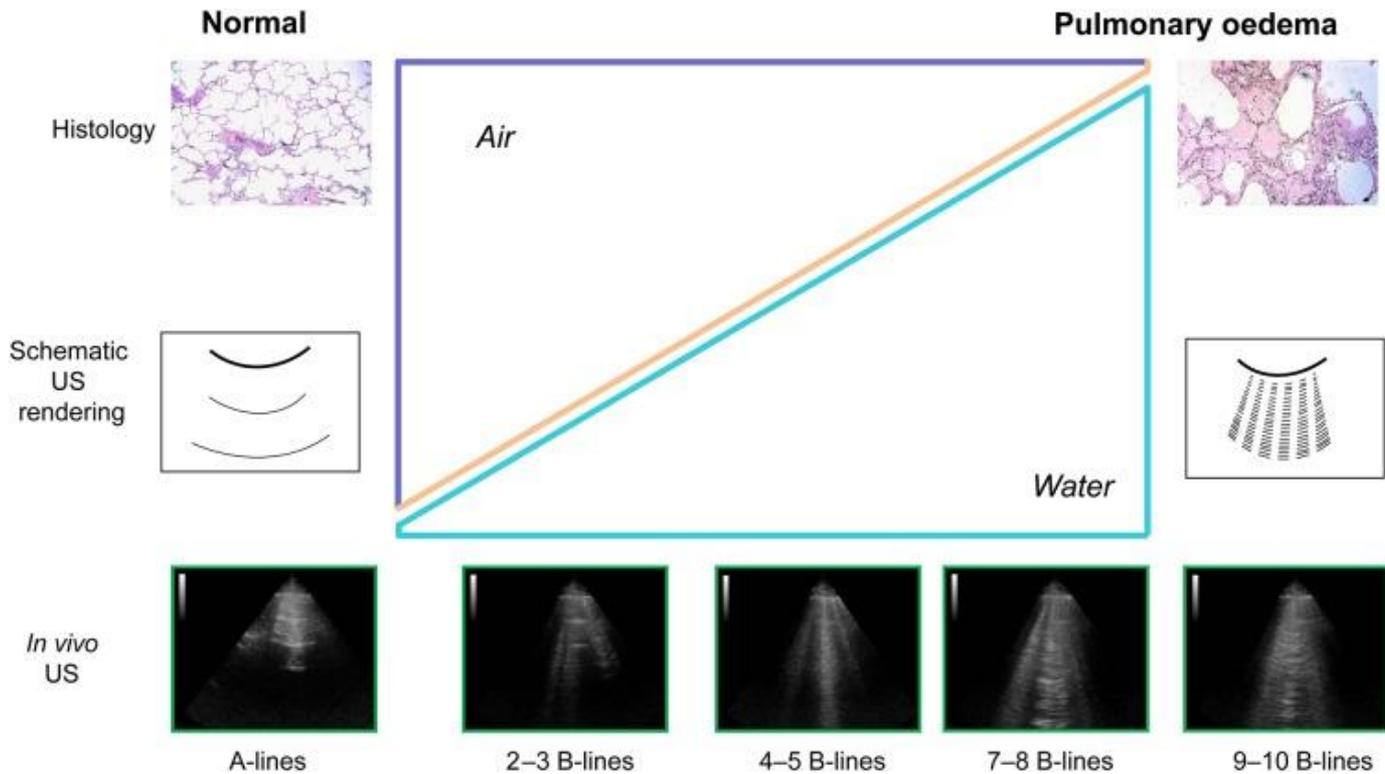
Lung ultrasound evaluates loss of lung aeration



Normal lung

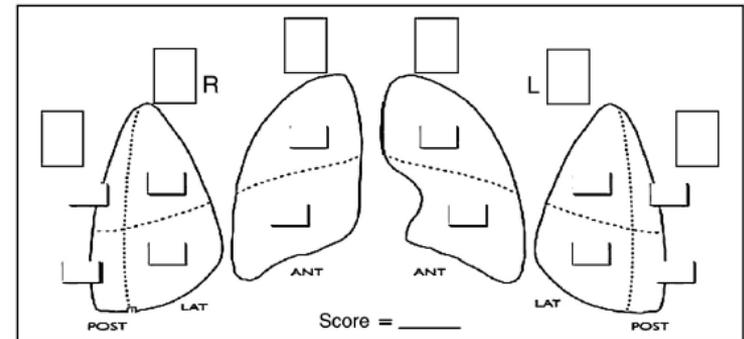
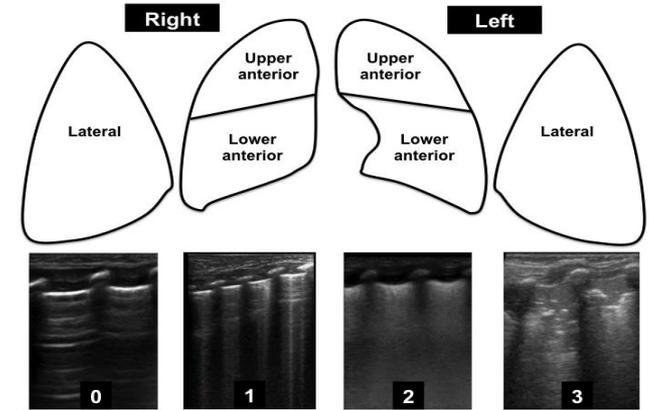


“White” lung as in RDS
Loss of aeration

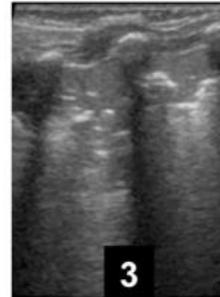
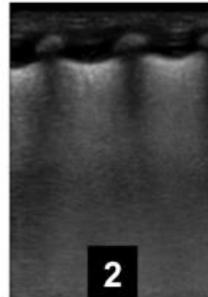
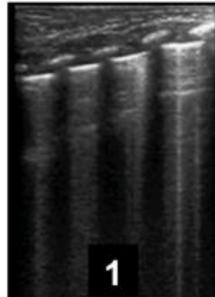
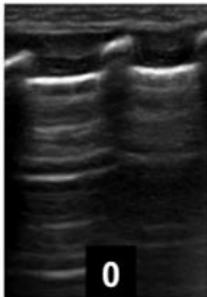
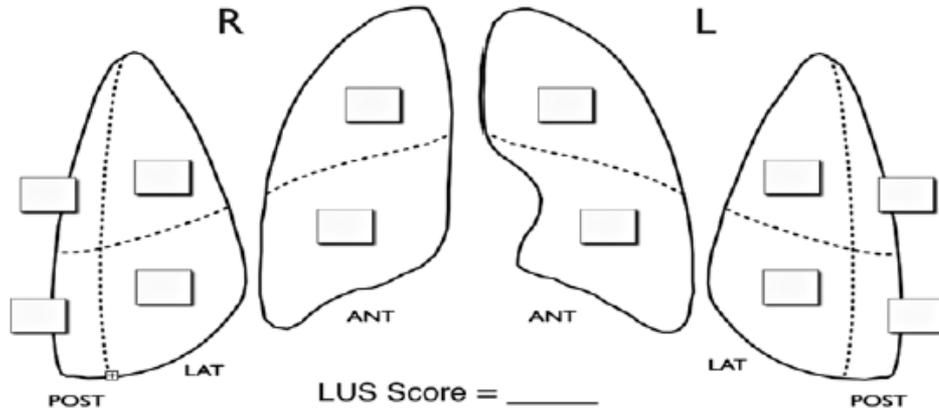


Multiple lung ultrasound scores available

- **Guide respiratory management**
- **Evaluate for EVLW**
- **Response to treatment**
- **Progression towards CLD**
- **Adapted neonatal scores**
 - **Surfactant**
 - **Progression towards CLD**



TO B OR NOT TO B....



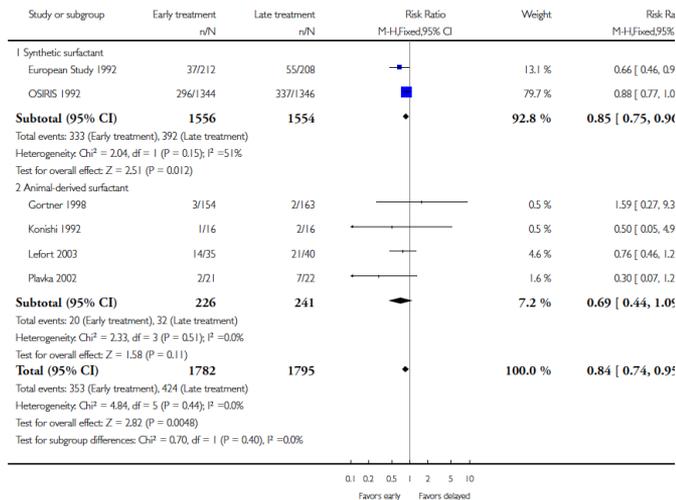
Surfactant elective administration now recommended

- Early surfactant (3 hrs) reduces mortality and BPD
- No easy bedside tools to estimate lung volumes

Review: Early versus delayed selective surfactant treatment for neonatal respiratory distress syndrome

Comparison: 1 Early versus delayed selective surfactant treatment

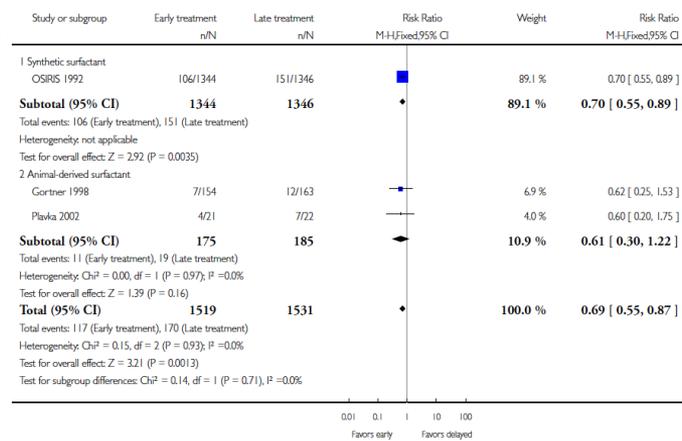
Outcome: 1 Neonatal mortality



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Outcome: 5 Chronic lung disease

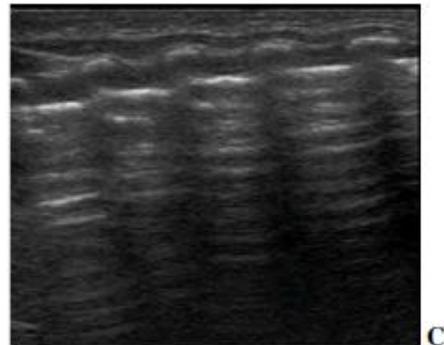
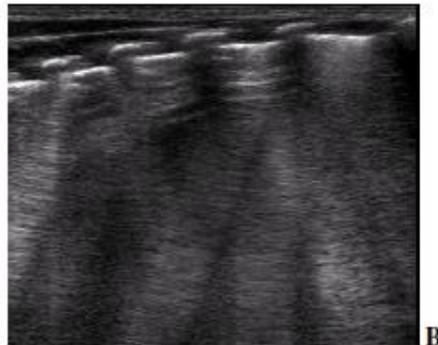
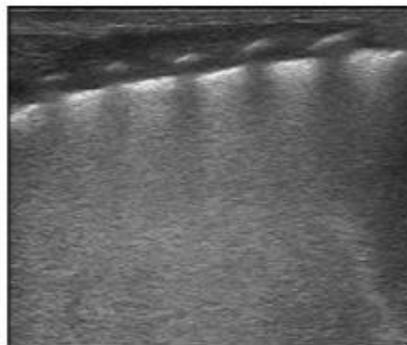


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Can neonatal lung ultrasound monitor fluid clearance and predict the need of respiratory support?

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A semi-quantitative score can predict surfactant need

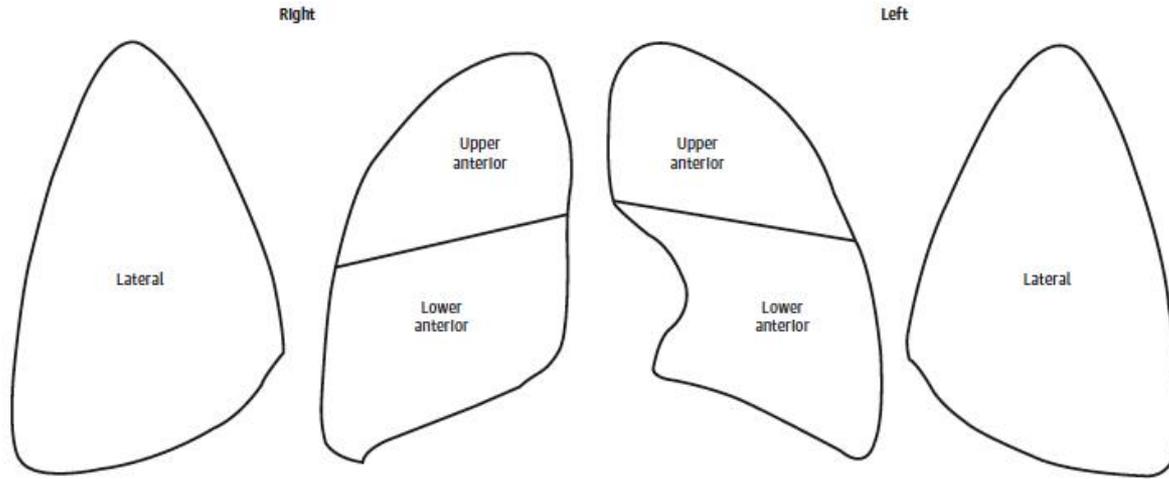


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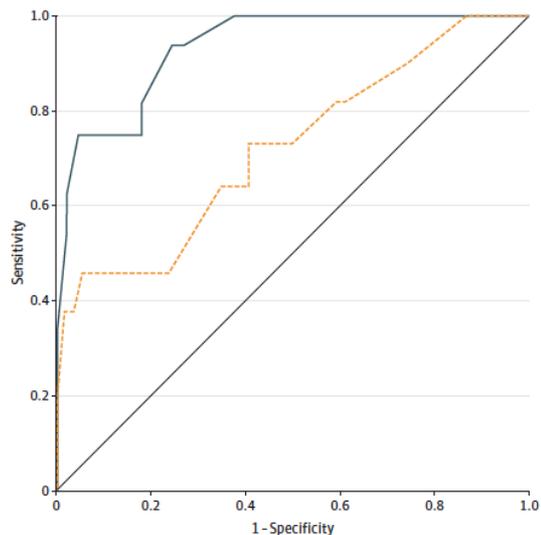


Lung Ultrasonography Score to Evaluate Oxygenation and Surfactant Need in Neonates Treated With Continuous Positive Airway Pressure

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Figure 3. Receiver Operating Characteristic Analysis for the Prediction of Surfactant Administration



Dark blue line indicates lung ultrasonography score for babies with a gestational age less than 34 weeks; yellow line, lung ultrasonography score for babies with a gestational age of 34 weeks or greater. Area under the 2 curves is significantly different ($P = .02$).



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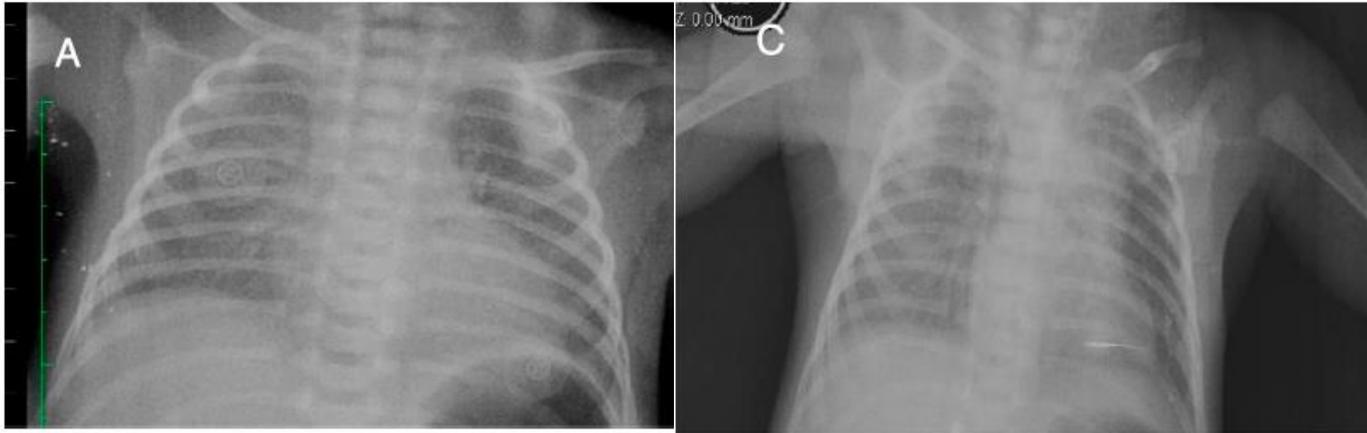
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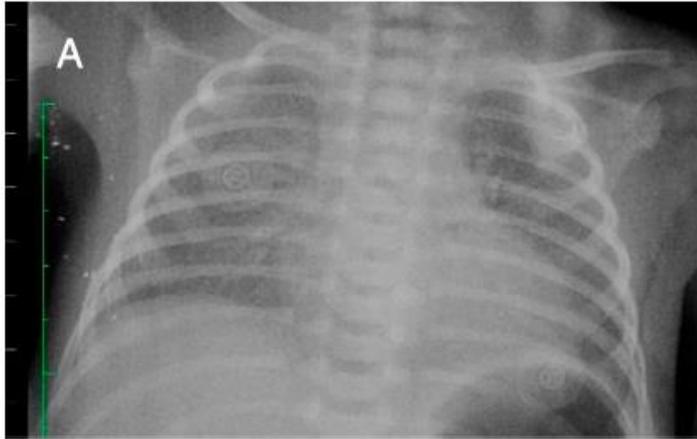
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TABLE 2 Concordance of Ultrasound and Radiographic Results

Ultrasound Result	Radiographic Result			
	Grade 4	Grade 3	Grade 2	Grade 1
Type 1	0	0	7	9
Type 2	0	0	6	6
Type 3	0	0	2	22
Type 1/2	0	0	0	2



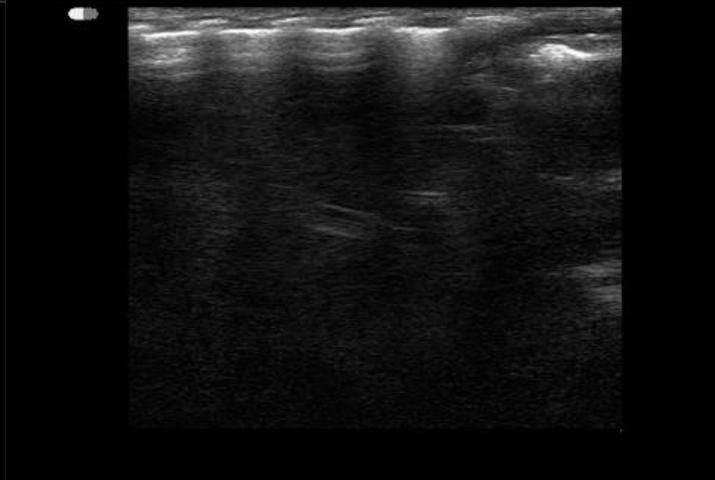
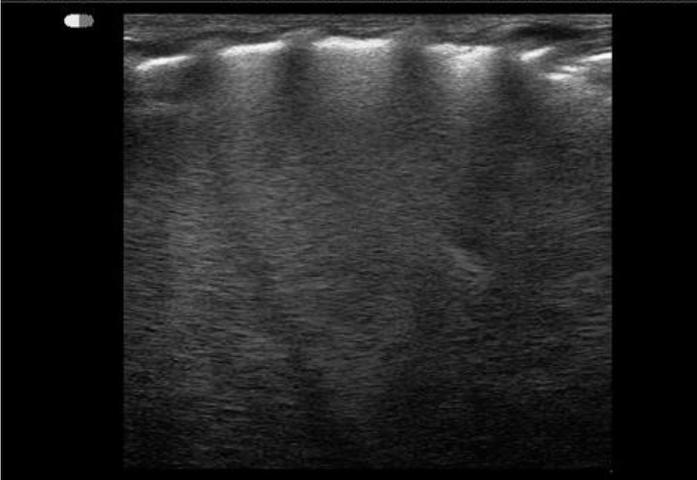


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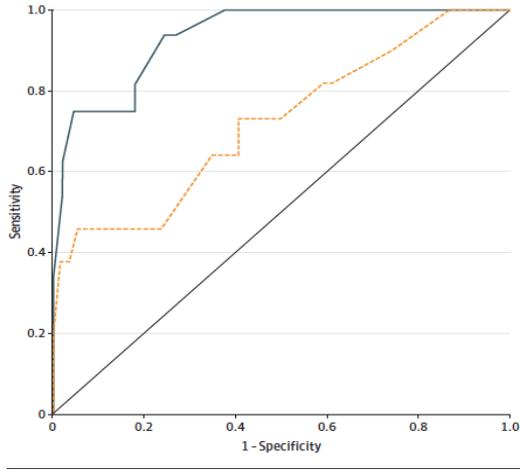
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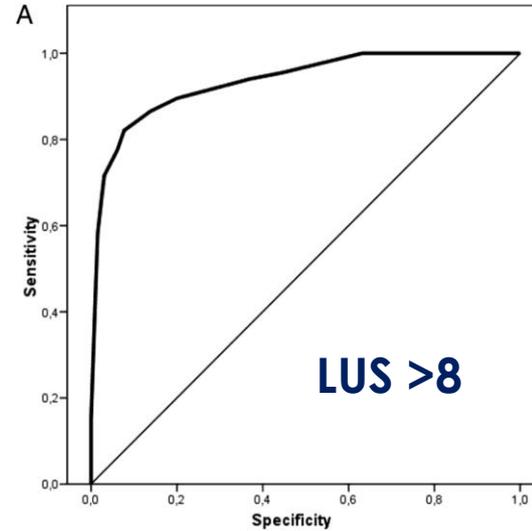
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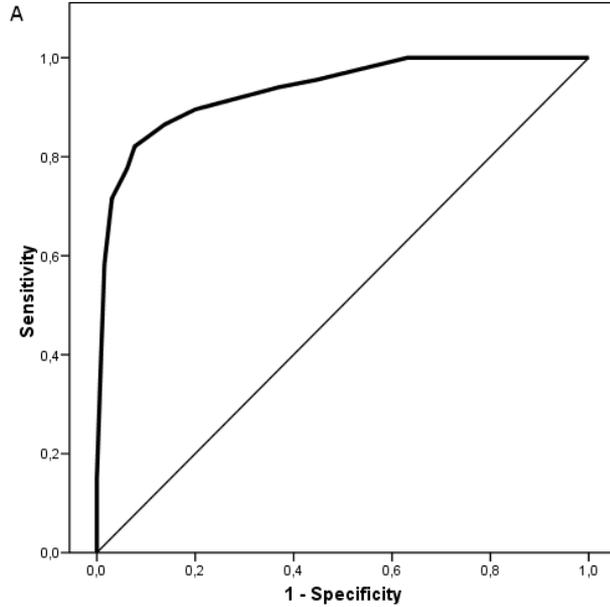
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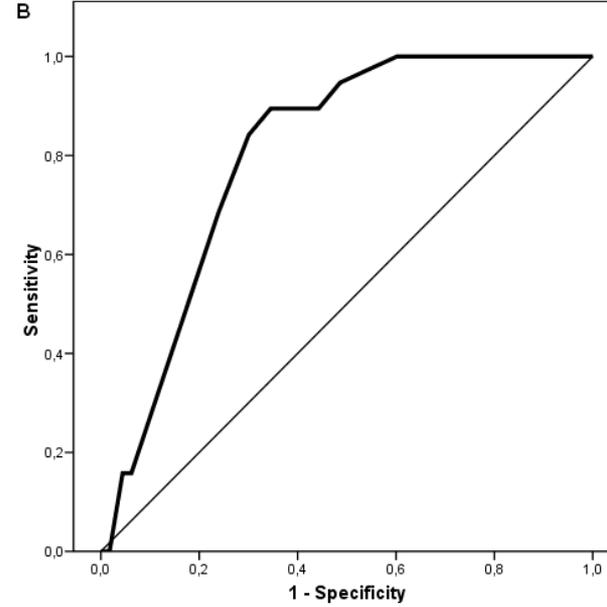


Surfactant treatment

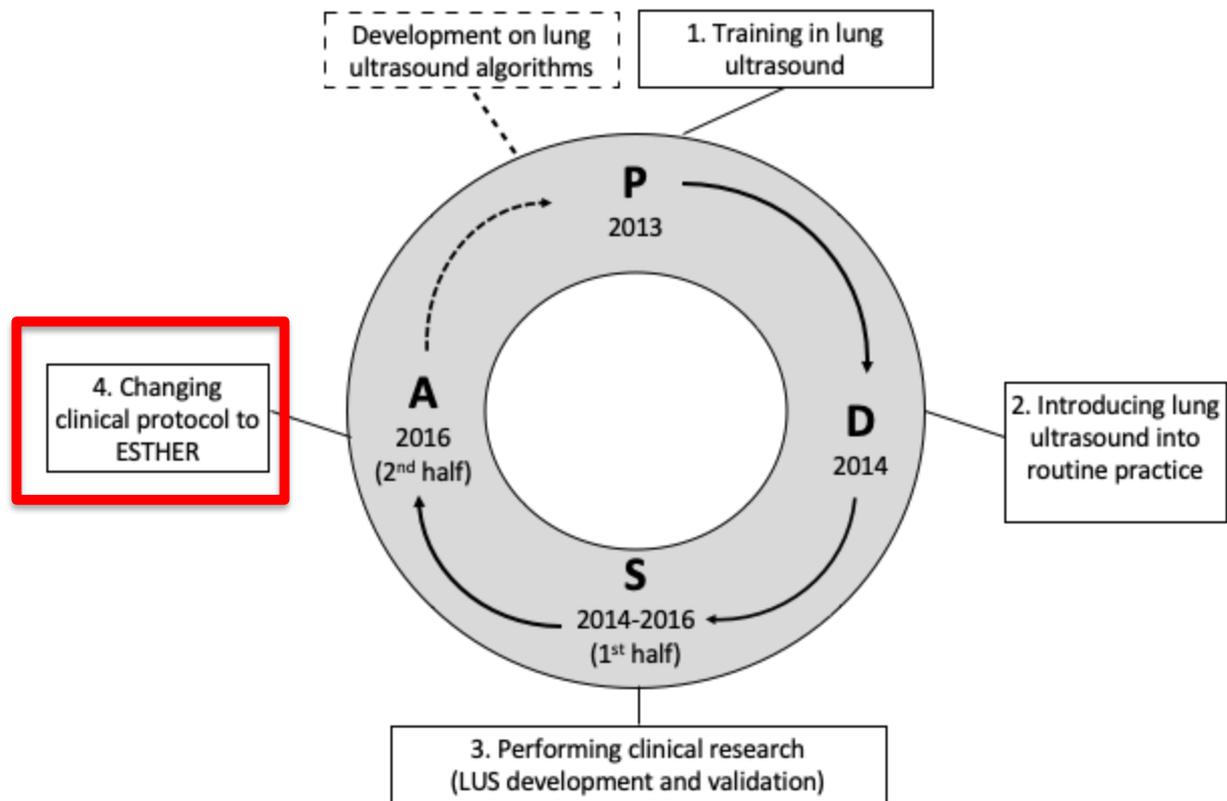


AUC 0.94 (95%CI: 0.90-0.98;p<0.0001)
Global accuracy 89%

Surfactant re-treatment

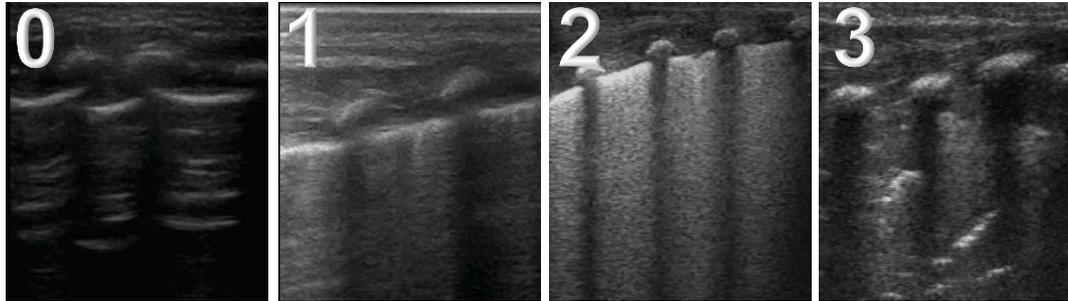
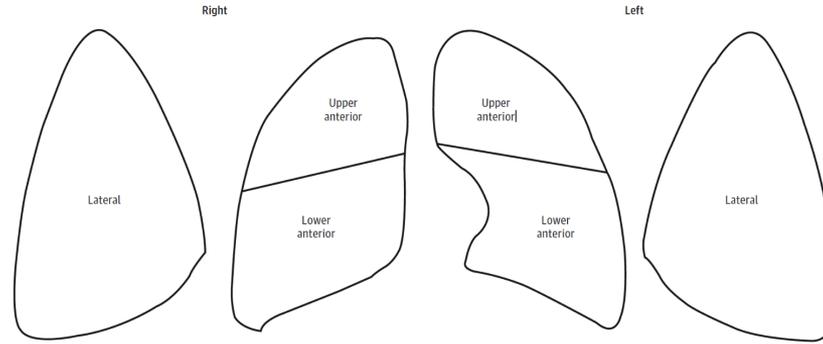


AUC 0.803 (95%CI: 0.72-0.89;p<0.0001)
Global accuracy 73%

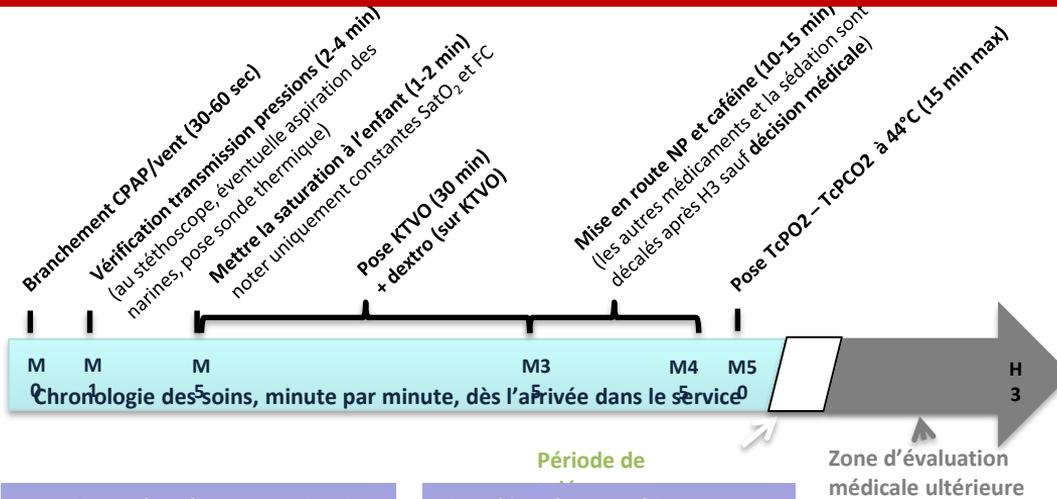


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“Echography”-guided Surfactant THERapy



La première heure en RNN pour les enfants ≤ 28 semaines – “golden hour”



Ce qui peut être fait entre H1 et H3 (sur demande médicale)

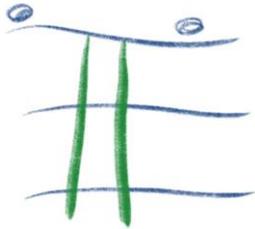
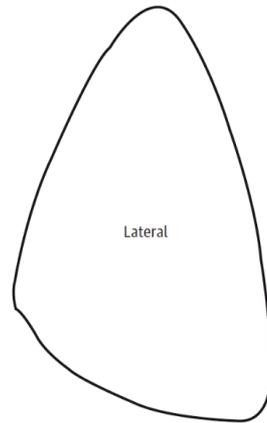
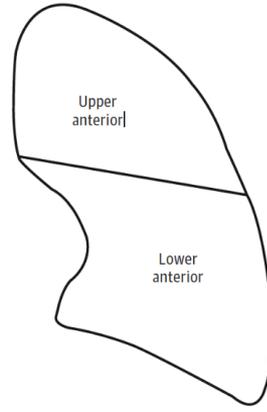
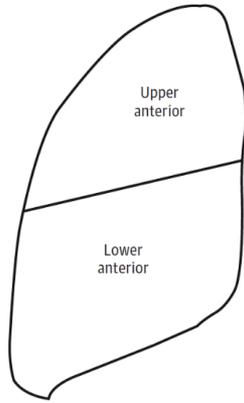
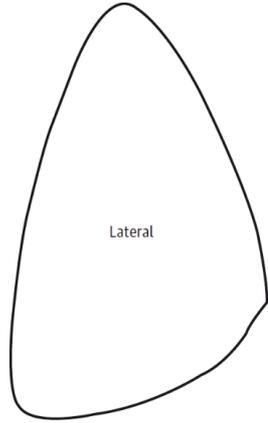
- Pose d'un KTA
- Administration des antibiotiques

Ce qu'il ne faut pas faire avant

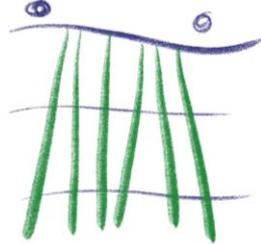
- H3 Administration de la sédation
- Prise de tension au brassard
- Mesurer la température, la taille, le PC
- Prélèvements bactériologiques
- Prélèvements sanguins autres que glycémie capillaire au KTVO
- Vérifier le repère de la sonde endo-trachéale
- Mettre des électrodes sur le thorax

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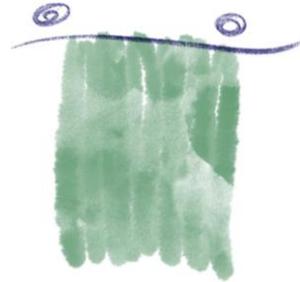
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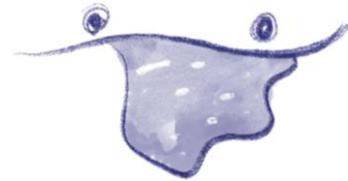
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ESTHER: Echo-guided Surfactant THERapy

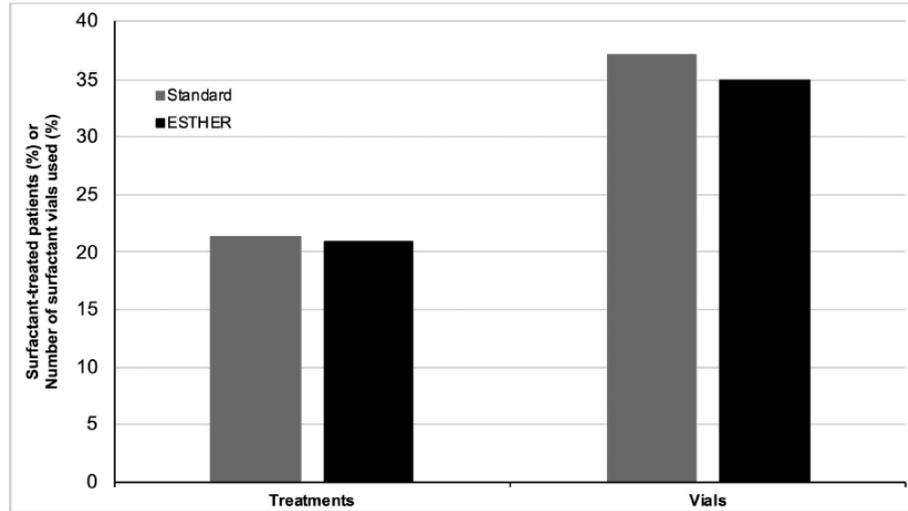


Fig. 1 Use of surfactant before and after the introduction of the ultrasound-guided administration policy. Data are expressed as (1) proportion of preterm (gestational age $\leq 32^{6/7}$ weeks) neonates with respiratory distress syndrome receiving at least one surfactant dose; and (2) proportion of vials used in preterm (gestational age $\leq 32^{6/7}$ weeks) neonates. In the first case, the denominator is represented by the total number of preterm (gestational age $\leq 32^{6/7}$ weeks) neonates admitted to the NICU; in the second case, the denominator is represented by the total number of vials used in the NICU for neonates of any gestational age. Gray and black represent the "standard" and "echography-guided surfactant therapy" periods, respectively. Raw data are in the text. ESTHER, echography-guided surfactant therapy; NICU, neonatal intensive care unit.

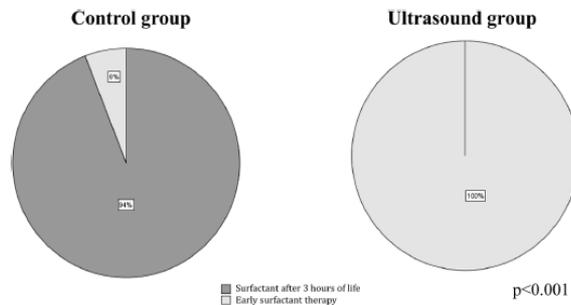
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Fig. 4 Pie graph representing the proportion of patients who received early surfactant therapy (within the first 3 h of life) in each group



	Ultrasound group (n = 29)	Control group (n = 27)	p
FiO ₂ after surfactant (%)	28 (25–30)	35 (31–40)	< 0.001
SpO ₂ after surfactant (%)	93.5 (92–95)	90 (90–90.8)	0.001
S/F after surfactant	345 (290–381)	285 (241–300)	0.012
MV	5 (17.2%)	10 (37.0%)	0.095
Duration of MV (days)	2 (1–4.5)	2 (1.8–4.3)	0.523
Ventilator-free days	28 (28–28)	28 (26–28)	0.082
NIV	29 (100%)	27 (100%)	1.000
Duration of NIV (days)	3 (2–17)	4 (3–22)	0.428
Duration of oxygen (days)	6 (2–23.5)	5.5 (3–22.8)	0.926
Length of stay in the NICU (days)	47 (34–69)	52 (38–68)	0.780
BPD	3 (10.3%)	3 (11.1%)	1.000

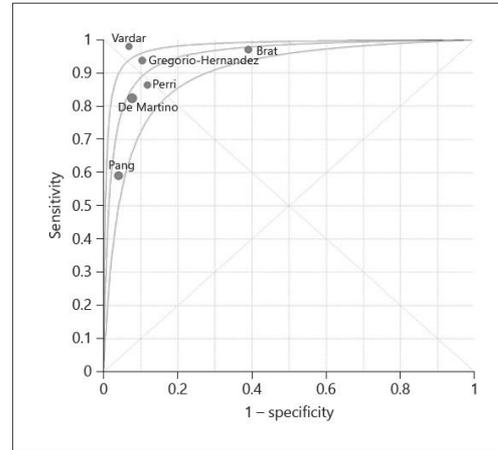
Data are expressed as mean (standard deviation) or median (25th–75th percentile) and number (%) as appropriate. BPD bronchopulmonary dysplasia, MV invasive mechanical ventilation, NICU neonatal intensive care unit, NIV non-invasive mechanical ventilation, and S/F SpO₂/FiO₂ ratio

4 DTA studies

Table 3 Pooled analysis of diagnostic accuracy parameters of studies using lung ultrasonography score >5–6 for evaluating the need for surfactant therapy or mechanical ventilation

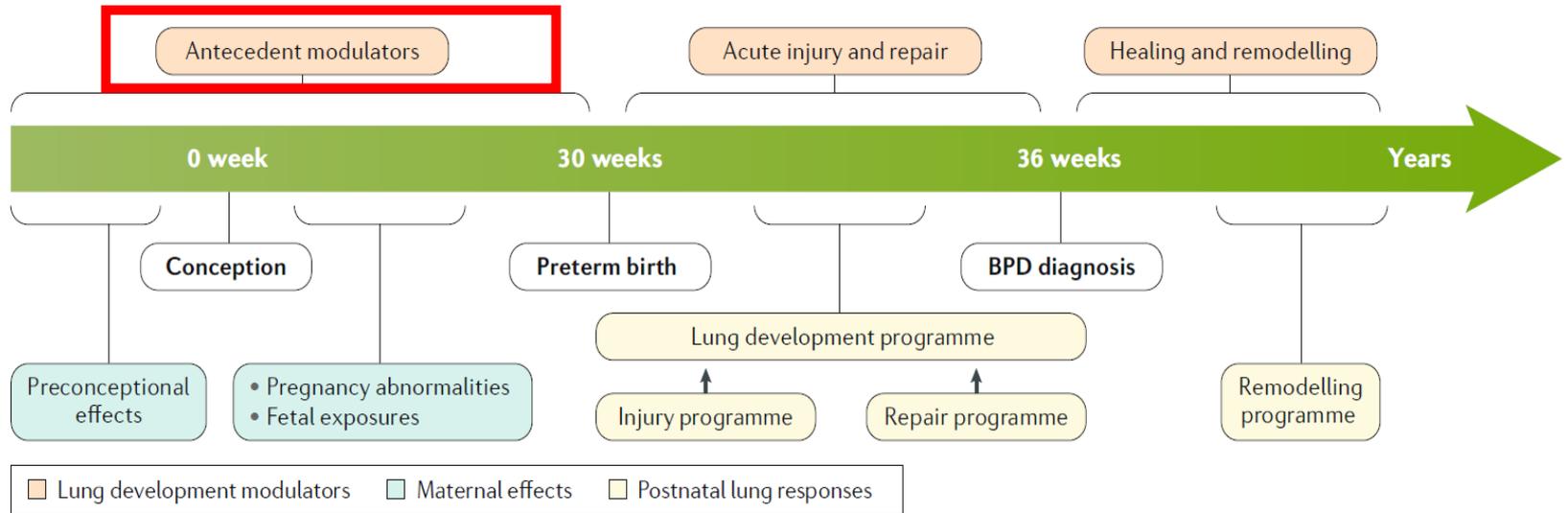
Parameter	Pooled analysis
Pooled sensitivity	0.88; 95% CI 0.80 to 0.93; two studies; 189 participants
Pooled specificity	0.82; 95% CI 0.74 to 0.89; two studies; 189 participants
Pooled false positive rate	0.17; 95% CI 0.11 to 0.25; two studies; 189 participants
Pooled diagnostic OR	38.58; 95% CI 6.18 to 70.98; two studies; 189 participants
Pooled likelihood ratio +ve	5.17; 95% CI 2.90 to 7.44; two studies; 189 participants
Pooled likelihood ratio –ve	0.13; 95% CI 0.05 to 0.21; two studies; 189 participants

6 DTA studies



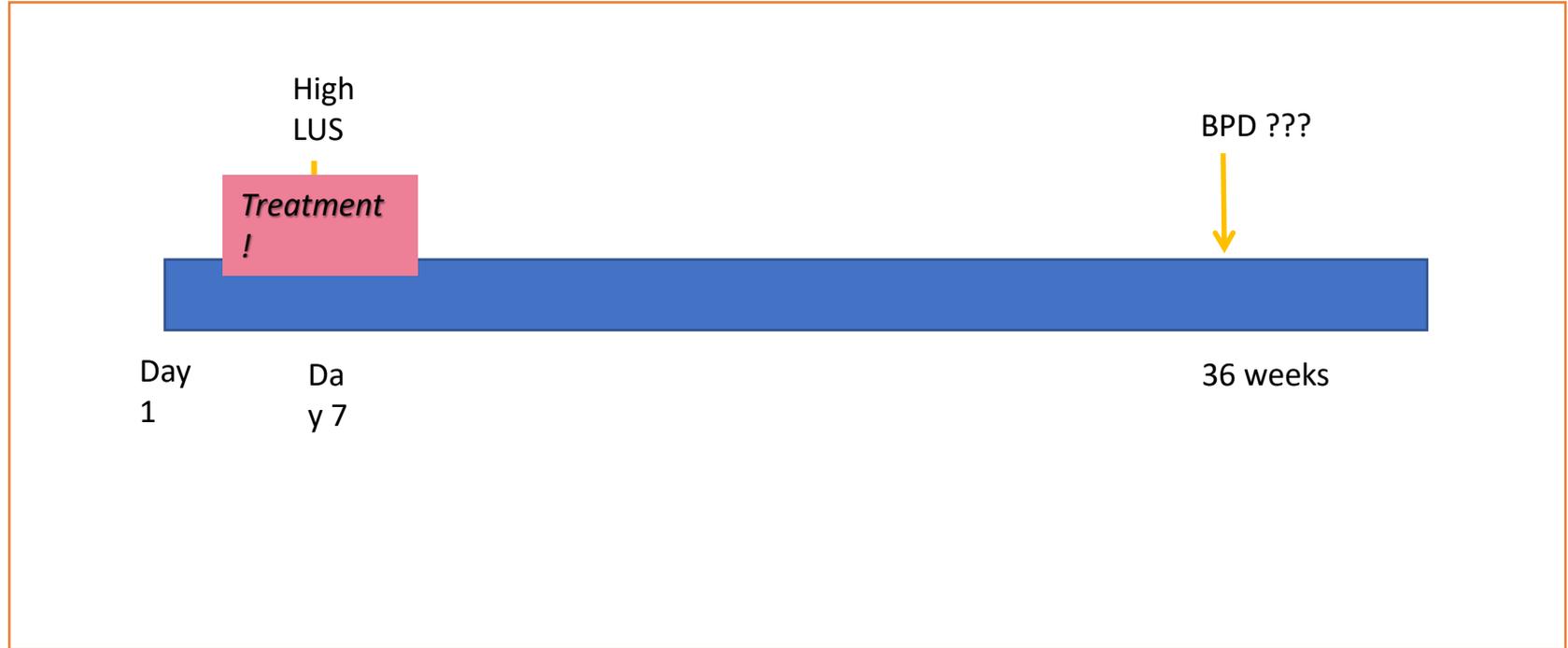
Can LU predict BPD?

- **BPD a multifactorial and complex diseases**
- **No new treatment options**
- **Transabdominal approach used previously. Limited view**
- **Growing evidence using the transthoracic approach**





And then ... what ??



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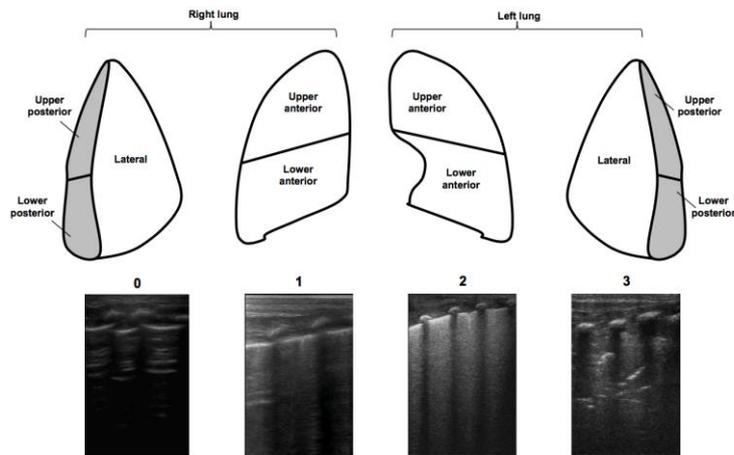
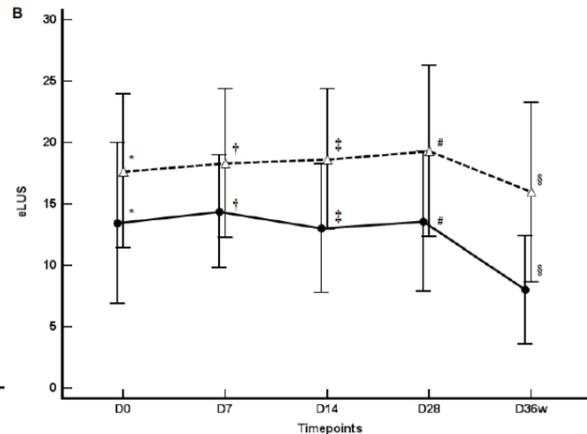
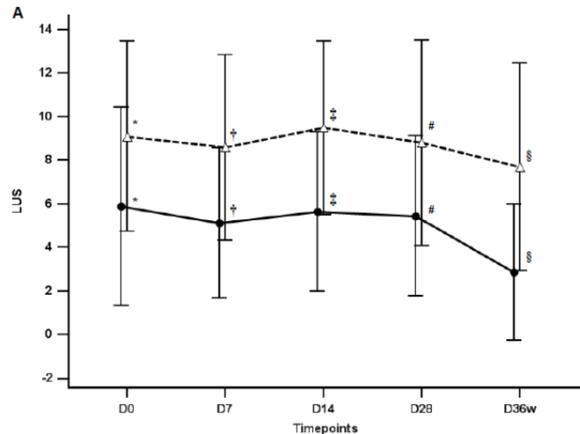
**Multicenter, international, prospective, longitudinal, cohort,
diagnostic accuracy study consecutively enrolling inborn neonates
with gestational age $\leq 30+6$ weeks.**

Lung ultrasound (D1, D7, D14, D28) + blood gases + WOB score.

**BPD severity and GA-adjusted LUS significantly correlated at 7 and 14
days ($p < 0.0001$).**

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Meta-Analysis of Lung Ultrasound Scores for Early Prediction of Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia

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Table 1. Characteristics of articles included in the meta-analysis and their population details

Author/Country [Year]	Neonates	Males	Prenatal Steroids	GA (wk)	IMV (d)	BPD	Probe	Frequency (MHz)
Mohamed (Canada) 2021 (32)	152	67 (44)	110 (56)	26.5 ± 1.2	10 ± 23	87 (57)	Linear	20
Liu (China) 2021 (33)	130	62 (48)	70 (54)	29.2 ± 1.8	N/A	50 (39)	Linear	9
Alonso-Ojembarrena (Spain) 2021 (34)	298	174 (58)	273 (92)	28.3 ± 2.3	8.2 ± 17.4	155 (52)	Linear or microlinear	8–15
Raimondi (Italy) 2021 (35)	172	81 (47)	167 (97)	28.4 ± 2	N/A	23 (13)	Linear or microlinear	10–15
Loi (France and Italy) 2020 (36)	147	77 (52)	123 (84)	27.3 ± 1.9	7.2 ± 12.8	72 (49)	Linear or microlinear	10–15
Oulego-Eroz (Spain) 2020 (37)	42	29 (69)	29 (69)	29.1 ± 2.4	4.3 ± 10.9	21 (50)	Linear	6
Abdelmawla (Canada) 2019 (38)*	27	15 (55)	15 (56)	27.3 ± 1.5	21 ± 4.2	14 (52)	Microlinear	14
Alonso-Ojembarrena (Spain) 2019 (39)	59	34 (58)	46 (78)	28.7 ± 3.1	5.9 ± 4.7	21 (36)	Microlinear	15

Definition of abbreviations: BPD = bronchopulmonary dysplasia; GA = gestational age; IMV = invasive mechanical ventilation; N/A = not available. Proportions are reported as *n* (%) and continuous variables are described as mean ± standard deviation. Data exclusively refer to neonates of gestational age ≤32 weeks enrolled in each study. Prenatal steroid prophylaxis was considered if a complete course was given. Invasive ventilation was considered as total duration of ventilation during the neonatal intensive care unit stay.

*This study was the only one with a retrospective design (38).

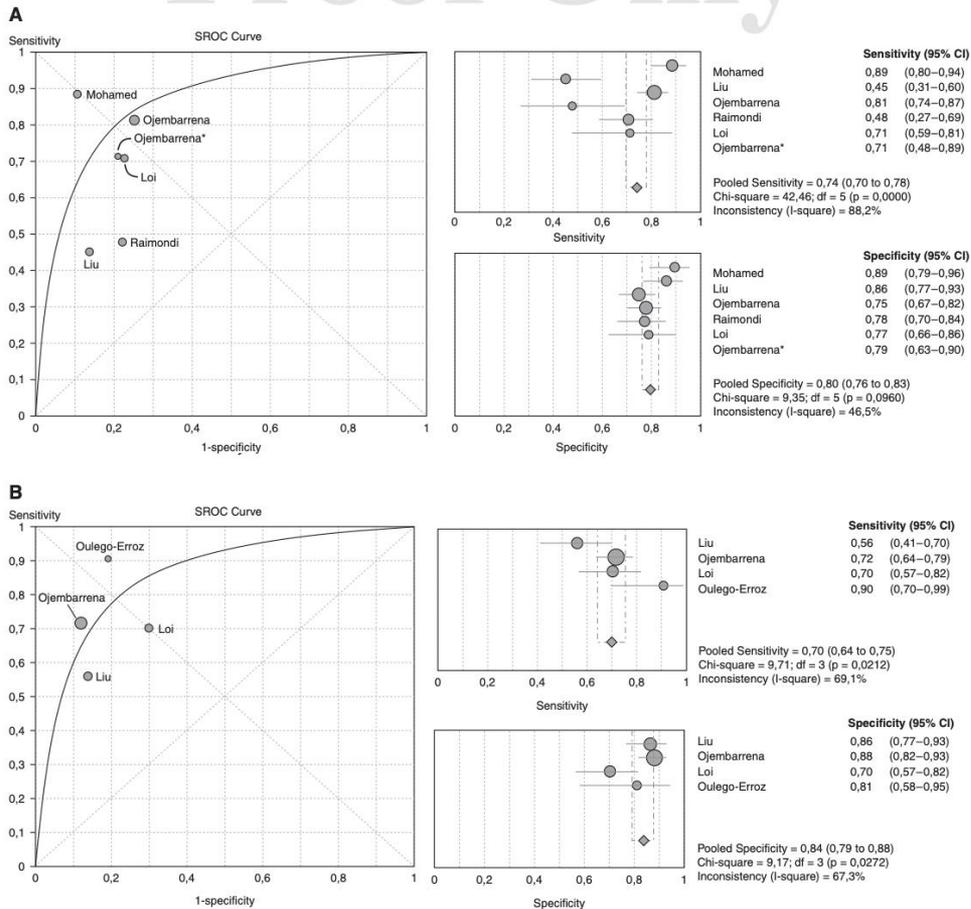


Figure 2. Prediction of bronchopulmonary dysplasia at 7 days of life. (A and B) The results of SROC analysis for lung ultrasound score (LUS) and extended lung ultrasound score (eLUS), respectively; $N=958$ (A) and $N=584$ (B). Both A and B show the SROC curve, and each study is represented by a gray circle whose diameter is proportional to study weight. Diamonds and horizontal lines represent the pooled sensitivity or specificity and their 95% confidence interval, respectively. Studies are identified with their first author's name; *indicates the first study performed by Alonso-Ojembarrena and colleagues (39). Thresholds associated with best sensitivity and specificity ranged between 4 and 10 for LUS and between 10 and 13 for eLUS (with the exception of Oulego-Eroz and colleagues (37) reporting a threshold of 5). CI = confidence interval; SROC = summary receiver operator characteristics.

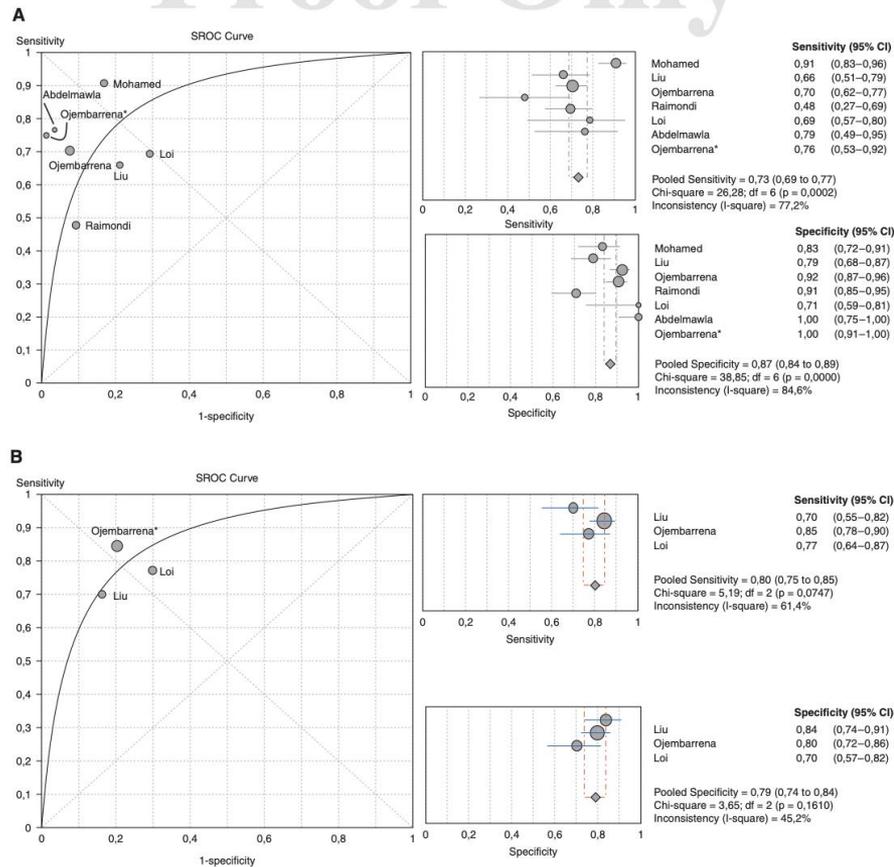
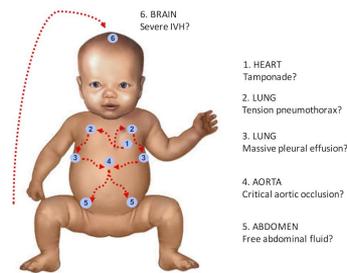
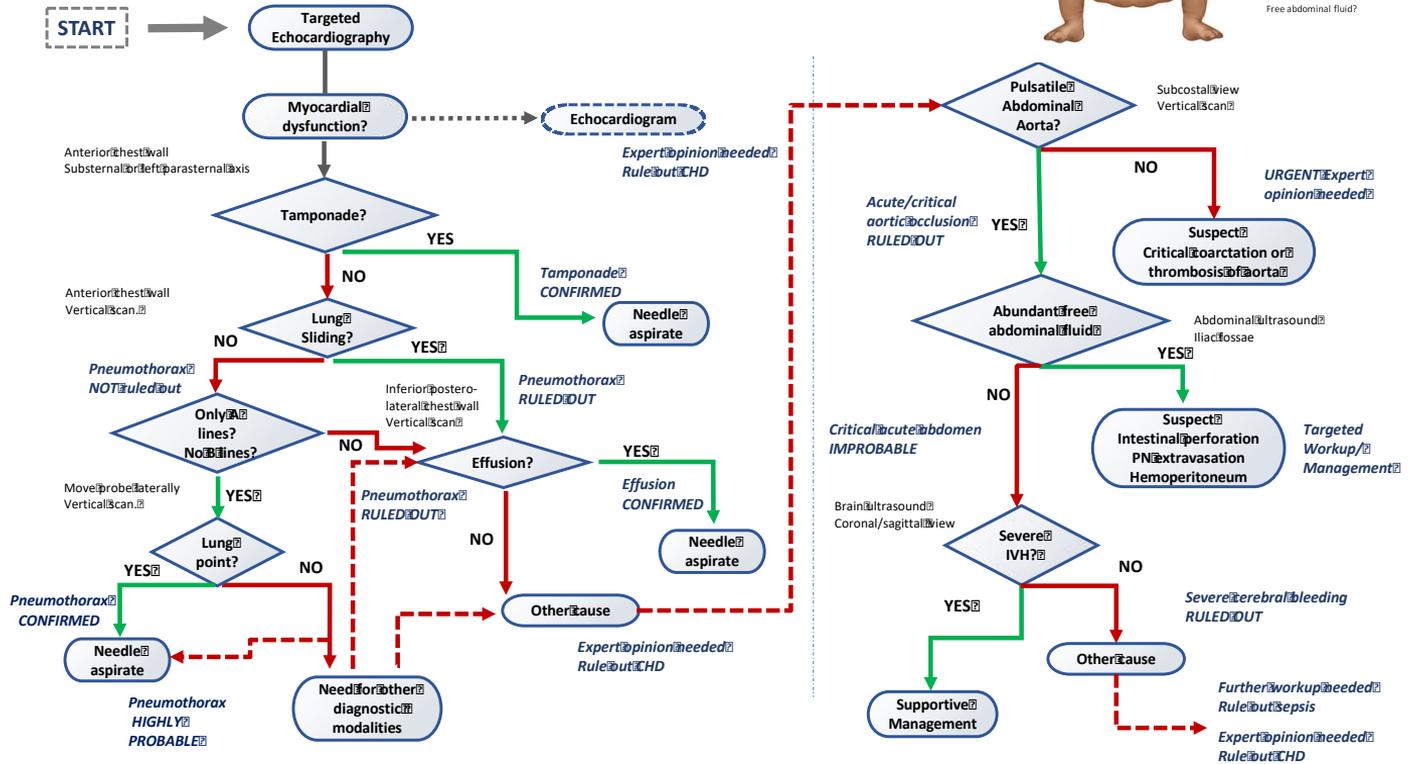
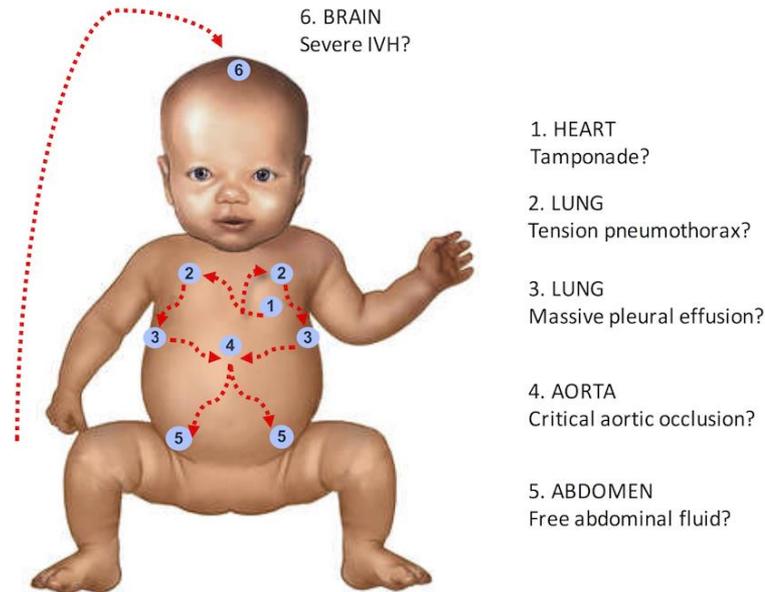
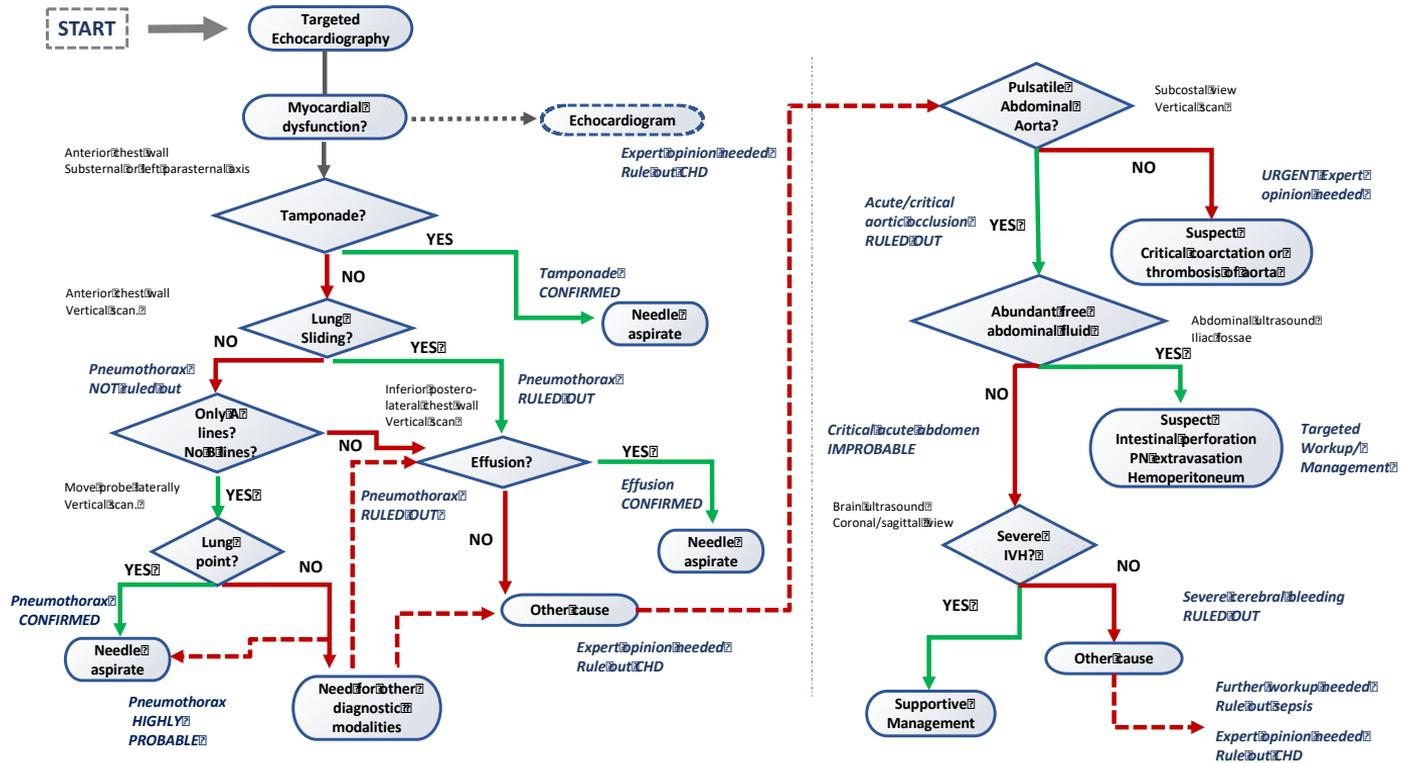


Figure 3. Prediction of bronchopulmonary dysplasia at 14 days of life. (A and B) The results of SROC analysis for lung ultrasound score (LUS) and extended lung ultrasound score (eLUS), respectively; $N=985$ (A) and $N=542$ (B). Both A and B show the SROC curve, and each study is represented by a gray circle whose diameter is proportional to study weight. Diamonds and horizontal lines represent the pooled sensitivity or specificity and their 95% confidence interval, respectively. Studies are identified with their first author's name; *indicates the first study performed by Alonso-Ojembarrena and colleagues (39). Thresholds associated with best sensitivity and specificity ranged between 5 and 11 for LUS (with the exception of Liu and colleagues (33) reporting a threshold of 1) and was 6, 8, and 13 for eLUS in Alonso-Ojembarrena and colleagues (34), Liu and colleagues (33), and Loi and colleagues (36), respectively. CI = confidence interval; SROC = summary receiver operator characteristics.

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Steep learning curve



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Many barriers remain

- “Resistance” to change = multifactorial
- Significant variation in clinical practice
- Poor governance structure
- Poor training structure
- Medico-legal concerns?



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- Specific pediatric guidelines published
- Educational guidelines/Training **(Urgent!)**
- Certification/Governance **(Urgent!)**
- Functional LU/Integration into POCUS protocols: **The future?**



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