

PARASTERNAL SHORT-AXIS (PSAX) VIEWS

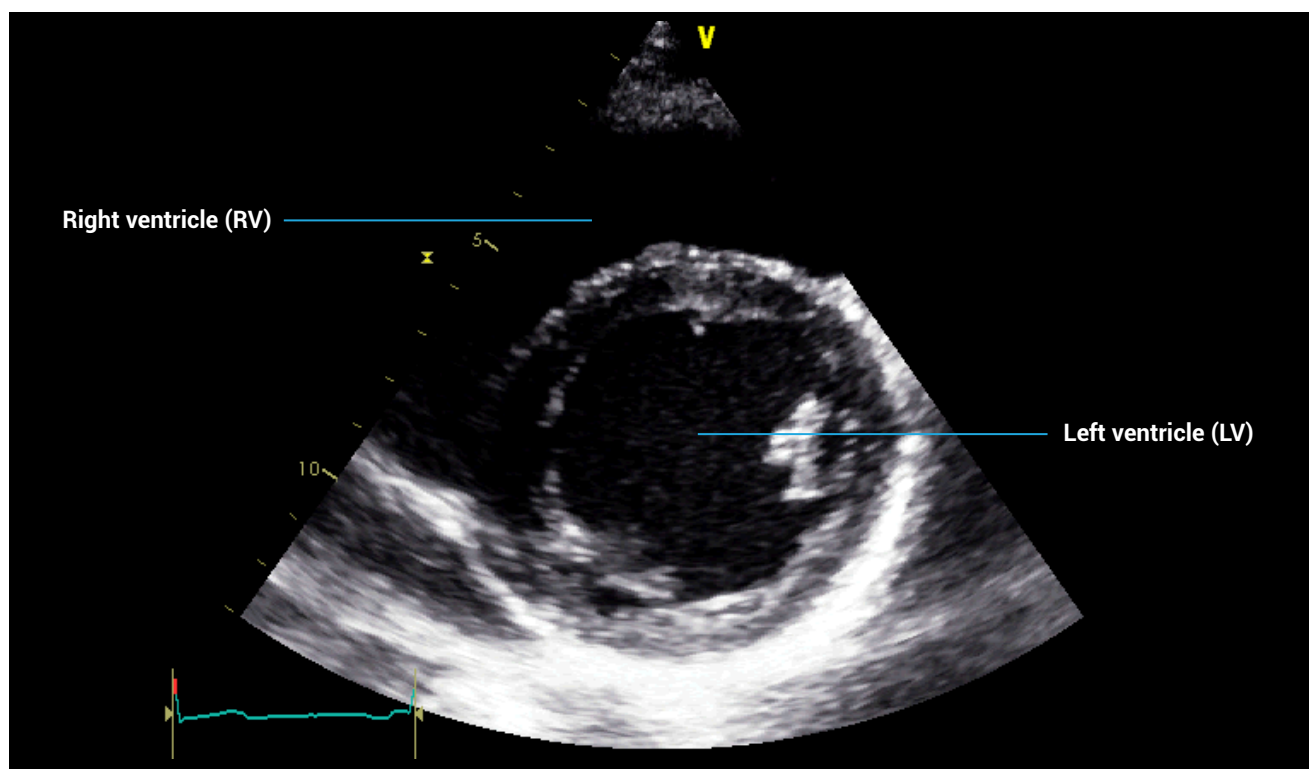
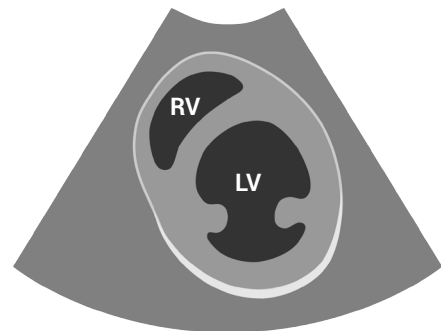
Mastering the PSAX papillary muscle view

Patient position: lying on left side, left arm raised, raise the back of the bed or use pillows under the left shoulder

Probe position: 4th intercostal space, left sternal edge

Probe orientation: notch towards patient's left shoulder

Tilt the probe even further towards the spine keeping the left ventricle as a circle but showing the papillary muscles instead of the mitral valve.



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