

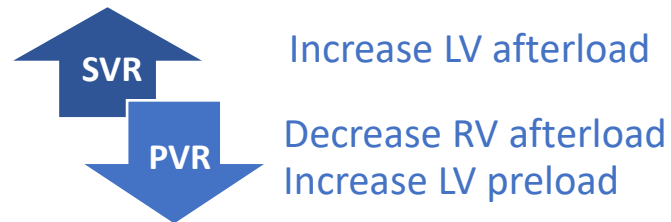
# Minimal Invasive Monitoring of Cardiac Output



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# Introduction

- Transitional period: important physiologic changes in the circulatory system

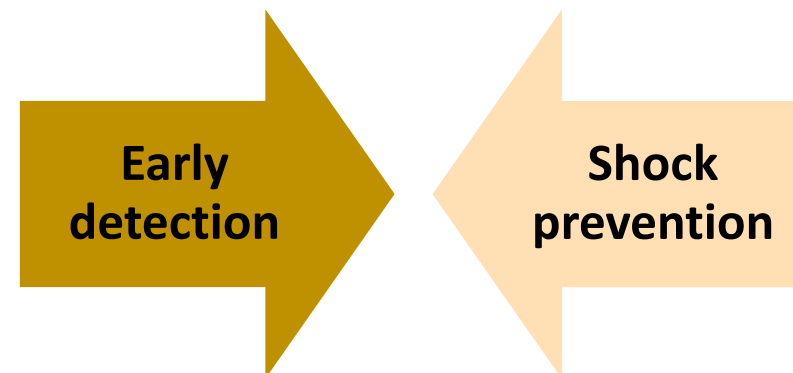


- Considerations in preterm infants:
  - *Impaired systolic and diastolic performance*
  - *Poor tolerance of increased afterload*
  - *Myocardium lacks adequate adrenergic innervation*
  - *Shunts (PDA; PFO)*
- Limitations of standard hemodynamic monitoring to determine tissue blood flow:
  - *“Normal blood pressure doesn’t mean adequate cardiac output”*
  - *Late indicators and poor correlation with treatment response*

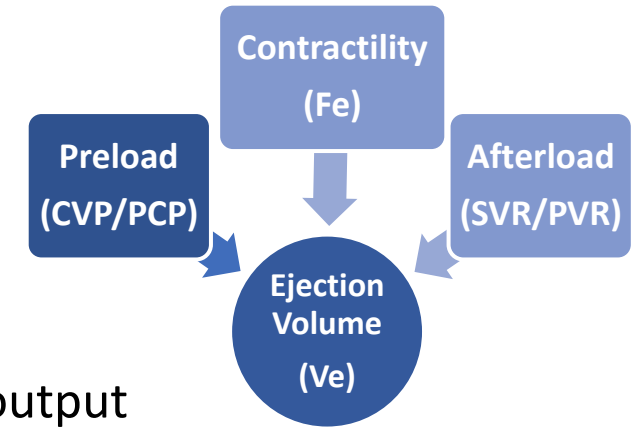
# Introduction

- Circulatory shock is an important cause of morbidity and mortality in patients submitted to intensive care units and an early diagnosis and treatment may be life-saving.
- A reliable tool for diagnosing and monitoring heart performance and vascular status is necessary:
  - Shock types
  - ¿Volume or drug support?
  - Monitoring treatment response

***“Golden Rule” for hemodynamic therapy***



# Cardiac Output Monitoring



- To know each one of the parameters which contribute to the final cardiac output is very important in order to treat the leading etiology of hemodynamic instability.

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## LIMITATIONS

Patient size  
Risk volume overload

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Limited vascular access  
No reference parameters

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Shunts

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## REQUIREMENTS

Minimally invasive  
Continuous

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Monitor treatment changes  
Reproducible

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Efficient

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# Cardiac Output Monitoring

**CoStatus®**  
*(Transonic System)*



**Ultrasound Dilution Technology**

**Aesculon®**  
*(Osypka Medical)*

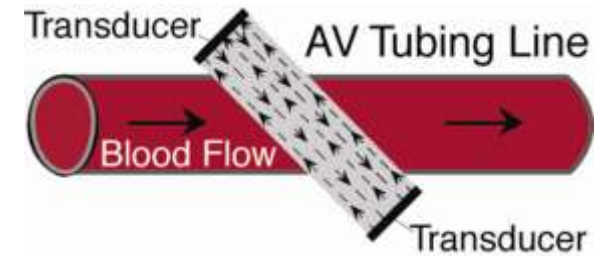


**Electrical Velocimetry**

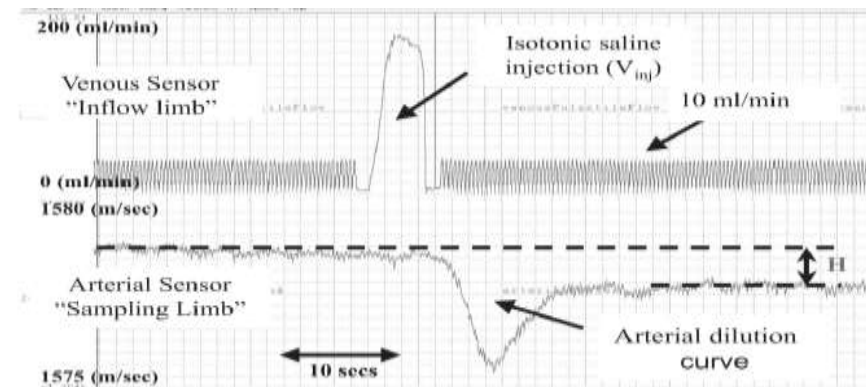
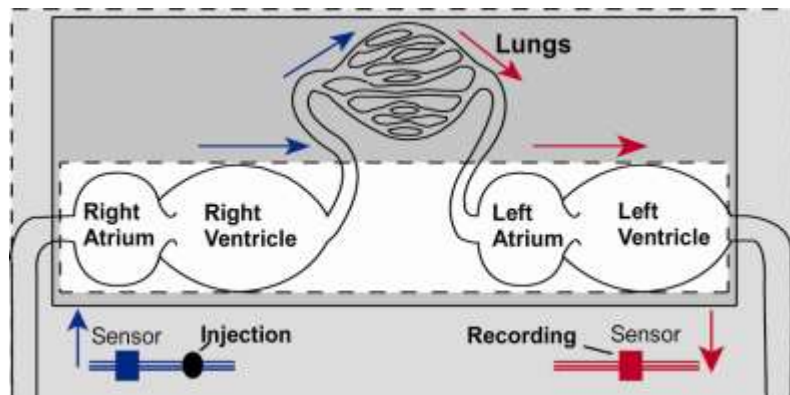
# Ultrasound Dilution Technology

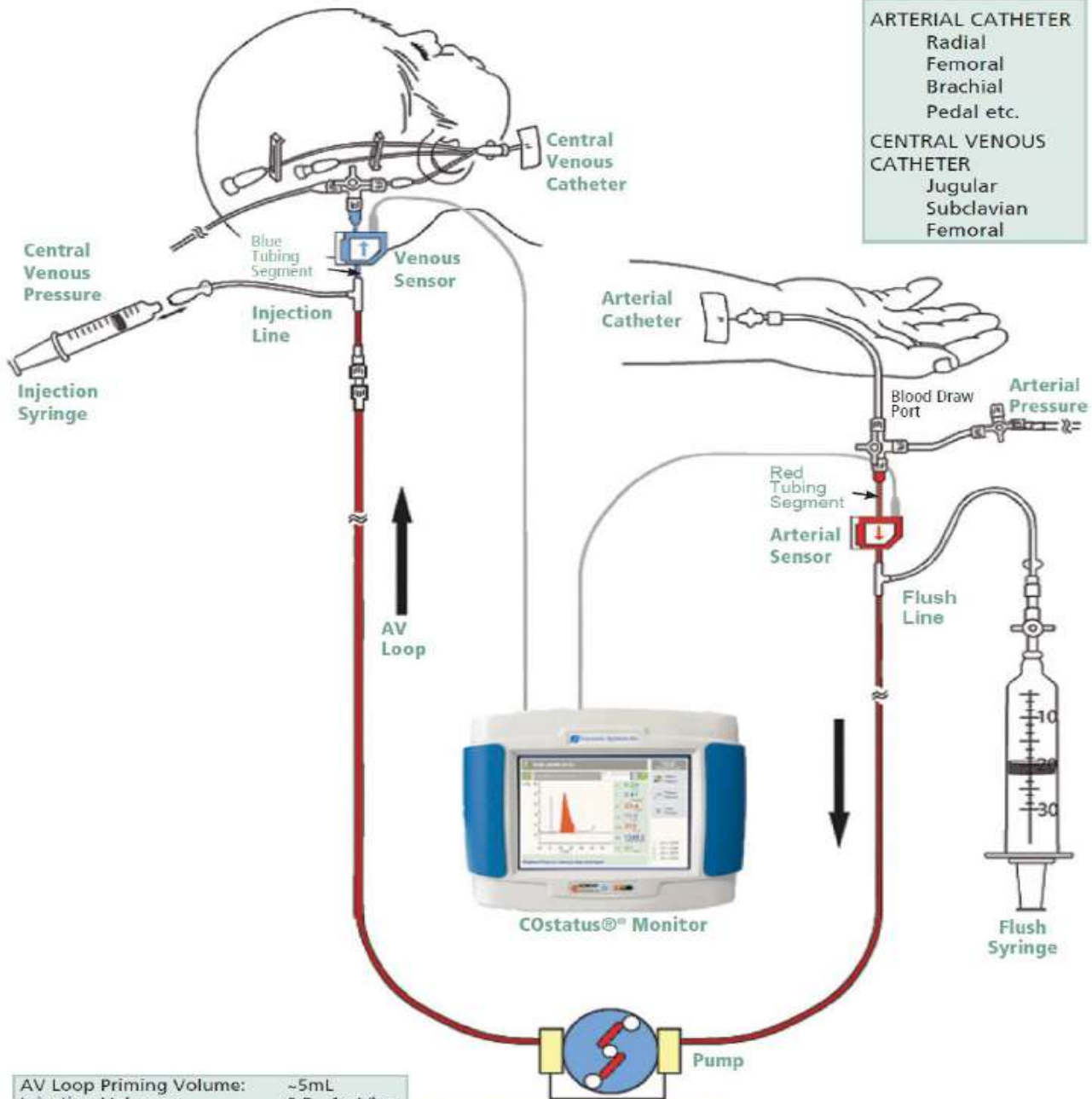


- Blood ultrasound velocity (1560-1585 m/sec):
  - Blood protein concentration
  - Temperature
  - Plasmatic ion concentration



- Injection of body temperature isotonic saline (ultrasound velocity of saline is 1533 m/sec) into the AV loop decreases blood ultrasound velocity, producing dilution curves

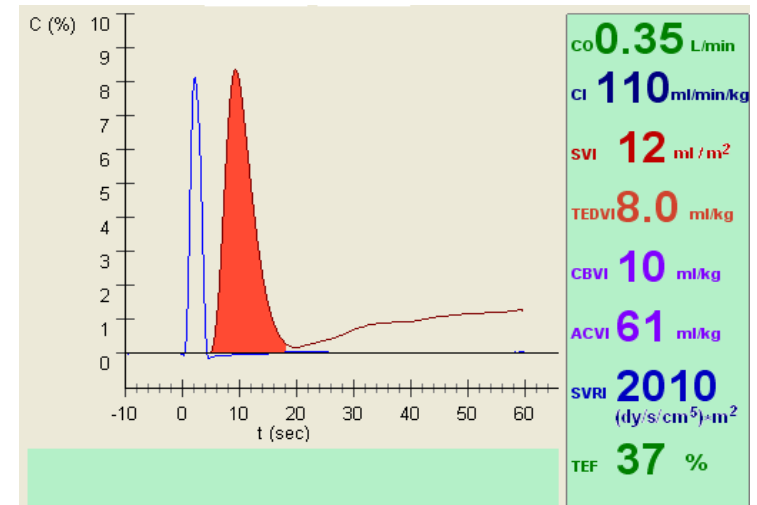
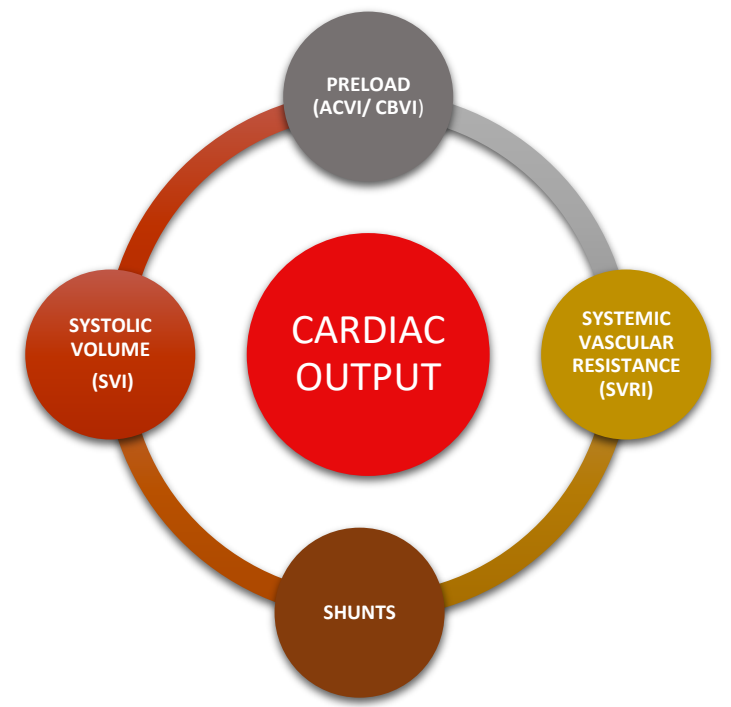




- ARTERIAL CATHETER
  - Radial
  - Femoral
  - Brachial
  - Pedal etc.
- CENTRAL VENOUS CATHETER
  - Jugular
  - Subclavian
  - Femoral

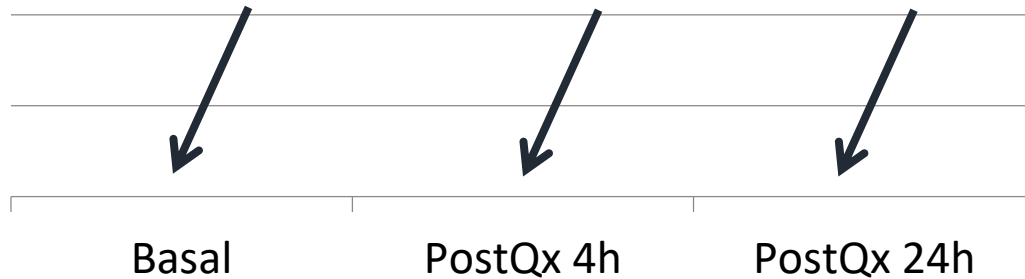
AV Loop Priming Volume: ~5mL  
 Injection Volume: 0.5 - 1mL/kg  
 Maximum Volume: 30mL  
 Pump Rate: 8-12mL/min  
 Measurement Time: 5 - 8 min

Fig. 1: Schematic of AV Loop with connections to the patient's existing arterial and CV catheters.



# Ultrasound Dilution Technology

## Cardiac Output Monitoring in Congenital Cardiac Disease



Number of measurements in each period: x3  
Injection volume per measure: 1ml/kg

Echocardiography  
NIRS monitoring  
Arterial and venous gasometry

Early Stage Low  
Cardiac Output  
Detection

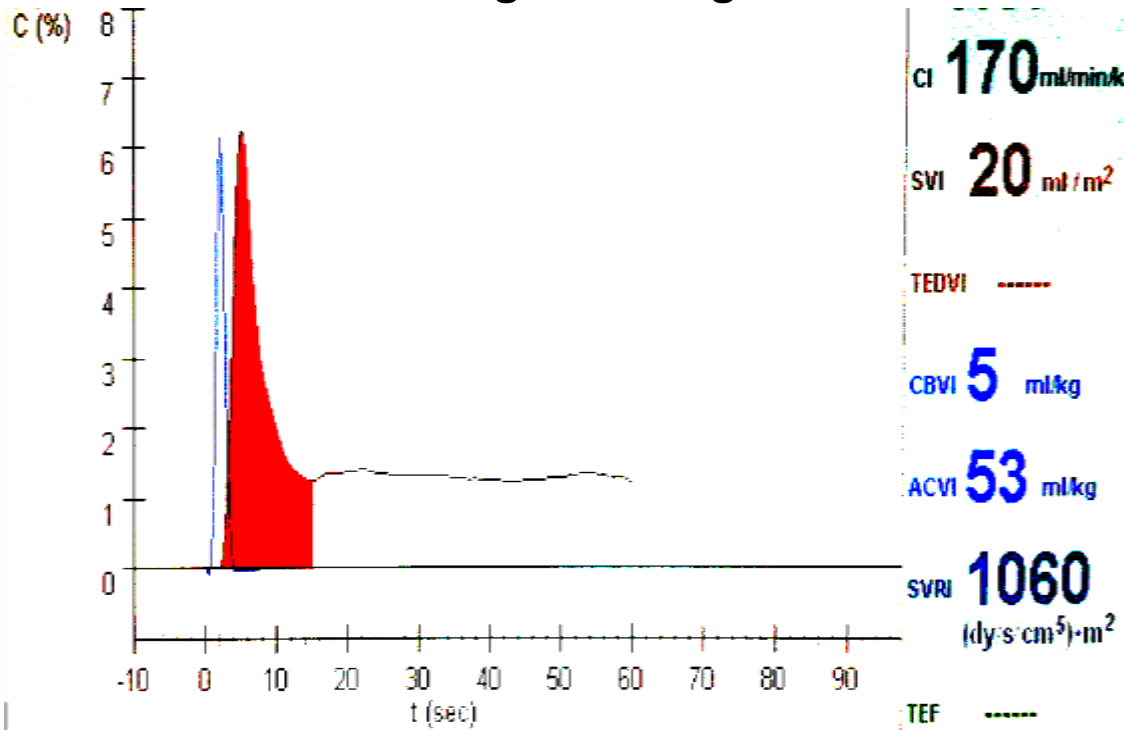
Therapeutic Strategy  
Volume vs Inotropics

Monitoring Treatment  
Changes

Shunts Detection



- Term neonate. Weight: 3300 gr



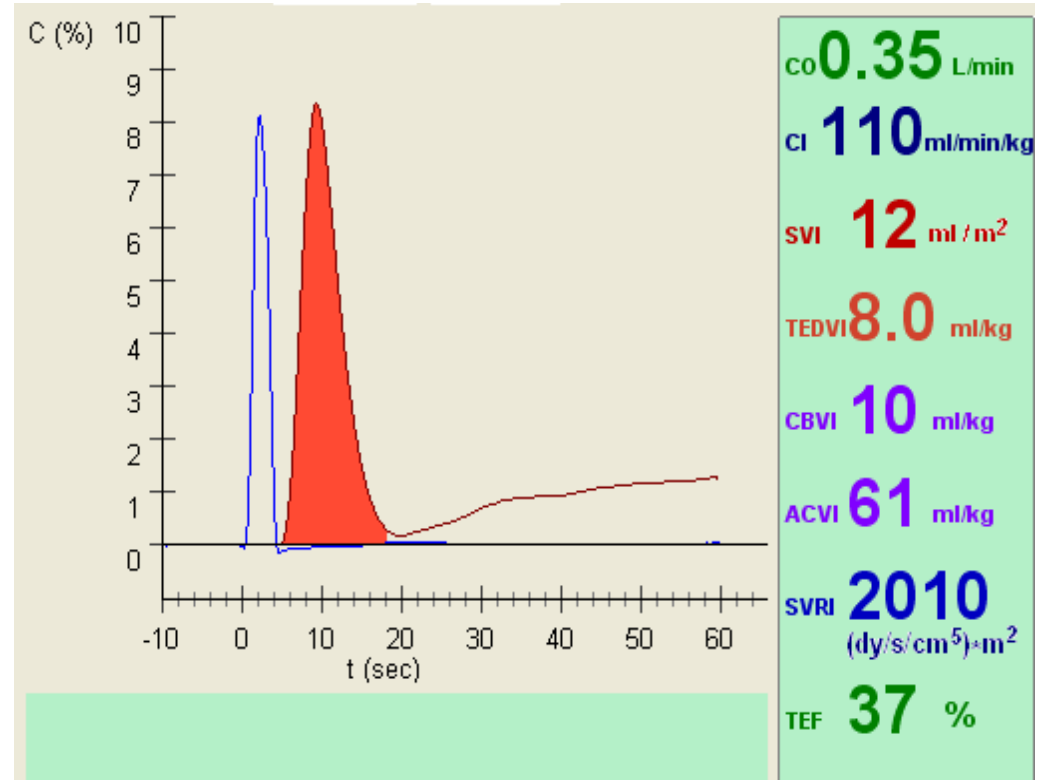
## PRESURGICAL SITUATION

BP	62/39 mmHg
HR	133 lpm
CVP	6 mmHg
SatO <sub>2</sub>	81%
Lactate	1,6 mmol/L
OER	27
rSO <sub>2c</sub>	72

## POST- SURGICAL SITUATION

- Dopamine 5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{min}$   
Milrinone 0.7  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{min}$
- Mechanical Ventilation ( $\text{FiO}_2$  0.4)
- Echocardiography: no residual lesions.  
Normal biventricular function

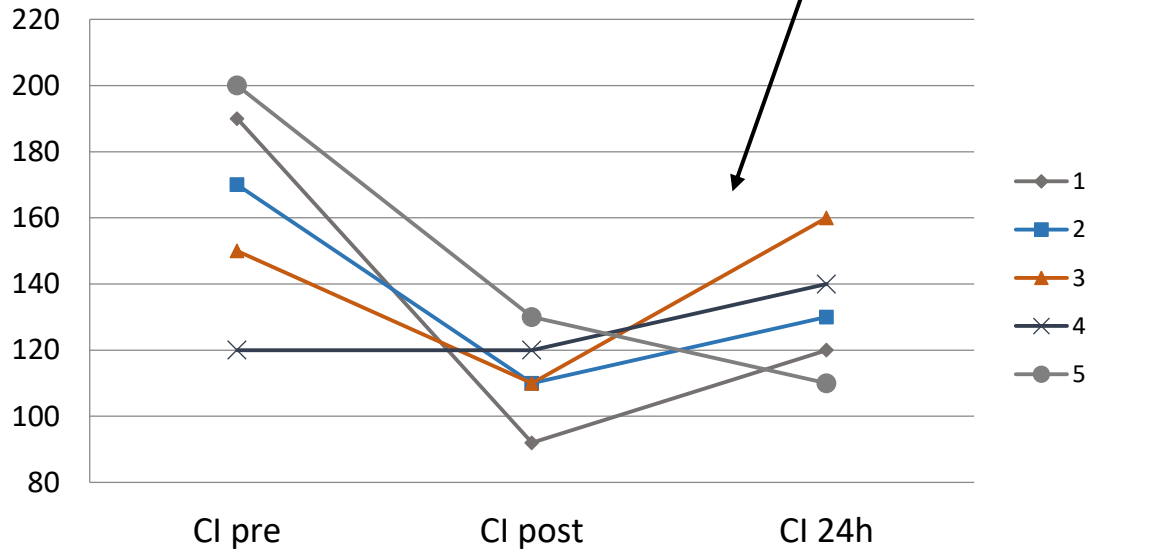
BP	61/41 mmHg
HR	140 lpm
CVP	4 mmHg
SatO <sub>2</sub>	97 %
Lactate	1,1 mmol/L
OER	27
rSO <sub>2c</sub>	70



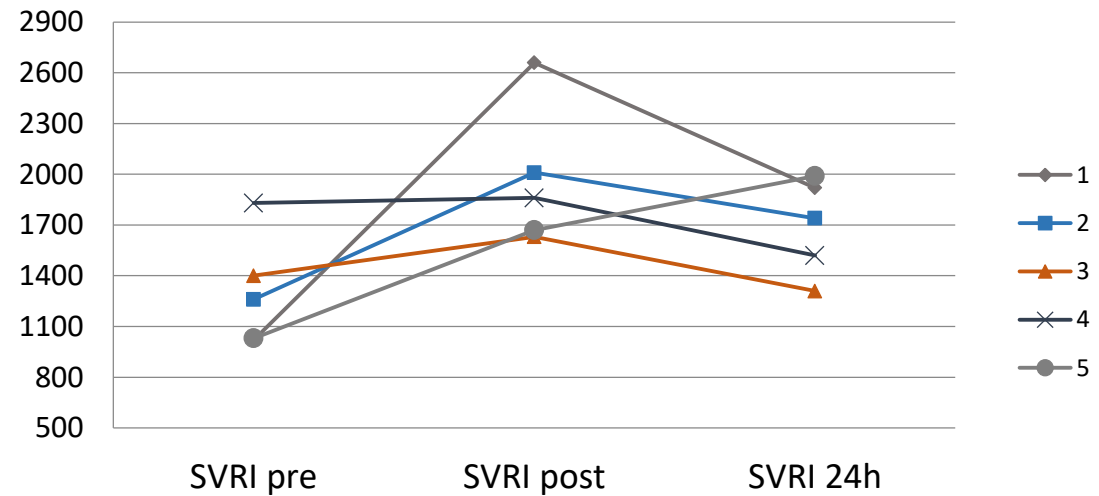
Early Stage Low  
Cardiac Output  
Detection

Therapeutic Strategy

**Cardiac Index**  
(CI: ml/kg/min)



**Systemic Vascular Resistances Index**  
(SVRI: dy/s/cm<sup>-5</sup>\*m<sup>2</sup>)

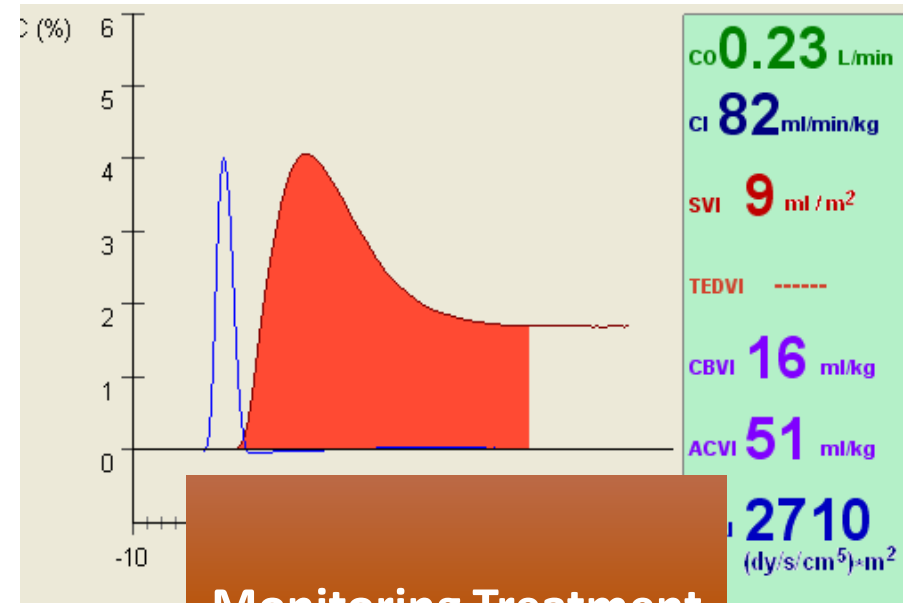


## Case 2

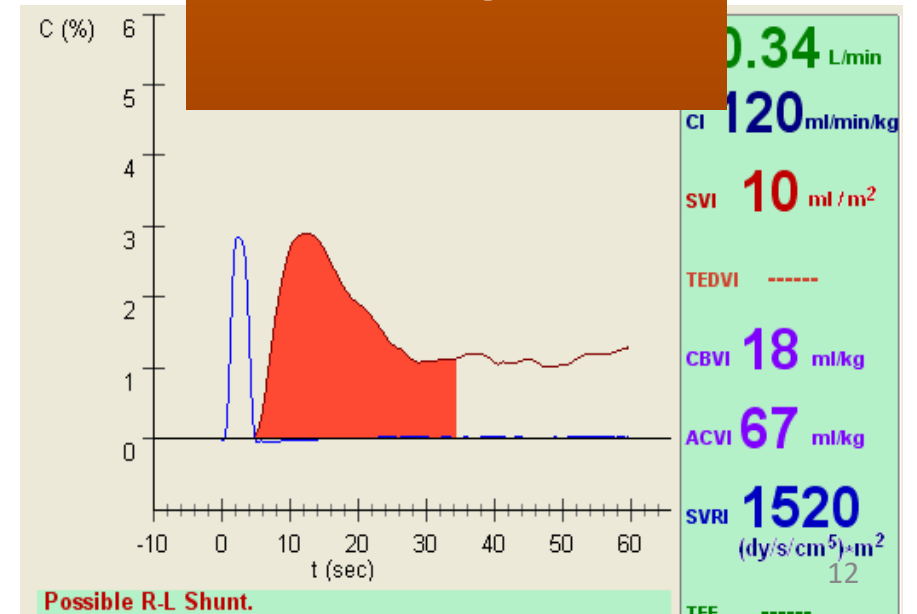
- Term neonate. Weight: 2800 gr
- **Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome**
- Furosemide 0.5 mg/kg/12 h
- Respiratory support: nCPAP (FiO<sub>2</sub> 0.21)

### PRESURGICAL SITUATION

BP	63/37 mmHg
HR	128 lpm
CVP	5 mmHg
SatO <sub>2</sub>	<b>90%</b>
Lactate	1,5 mmol/L
OER	12
rSO <sub>2c</sub>	61



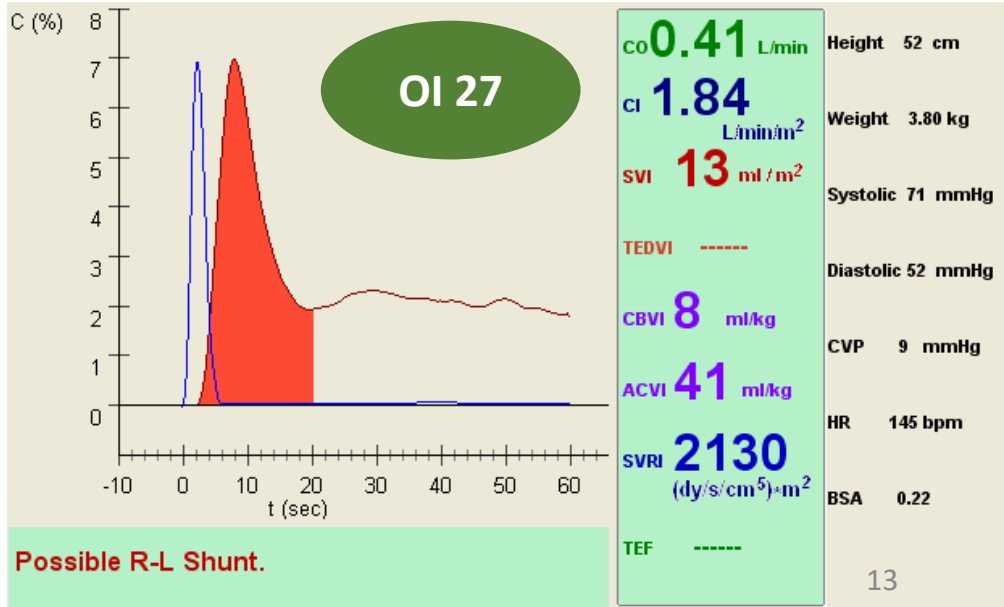
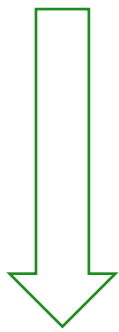
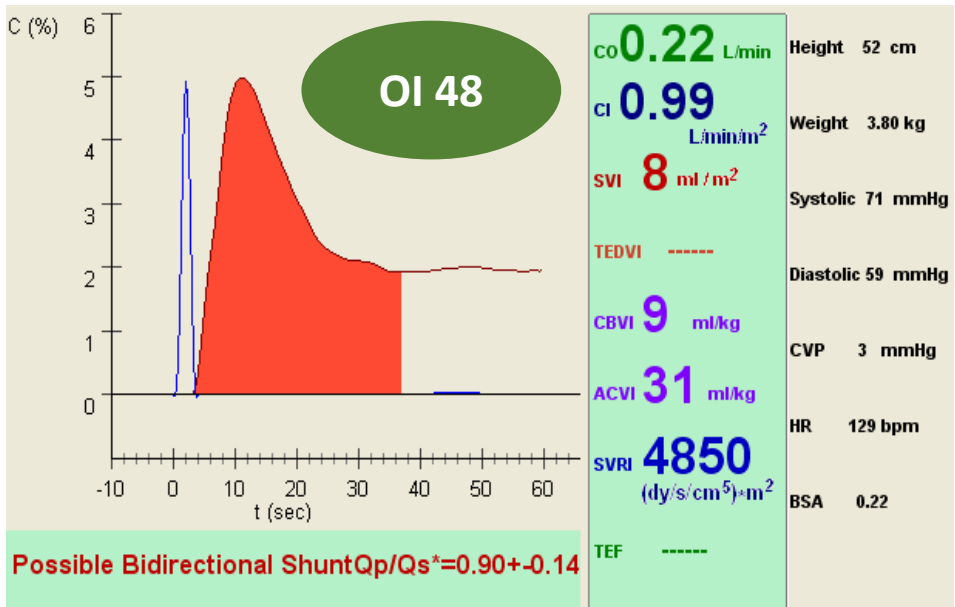
Monitoring Treatment Changes



# Case 3

- Term neonate. Weight: 3800 gr
- **Meconium Aspiration Syndrome**
- Dopamine 10 µg/kg/min
- Noradrenaline 1 µg/kg/min
- HFOV: MAP 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>O; FiO<sub>2</sub> 100%

**iNO 20 ppm**  
**Dobutamine 10 µg/kg/min**  
**Volume 10 ml/kg**



# Ultrasound Dilution Technology



## ADVANTAGES

Minimally invasive method

Highly accurate

Uses existing catheters

Innocuous isotonic saline indicator

No blood loss

Independent of patient size

## WEAKNESSES

No invasive blood pressure monitoring during the measurement period

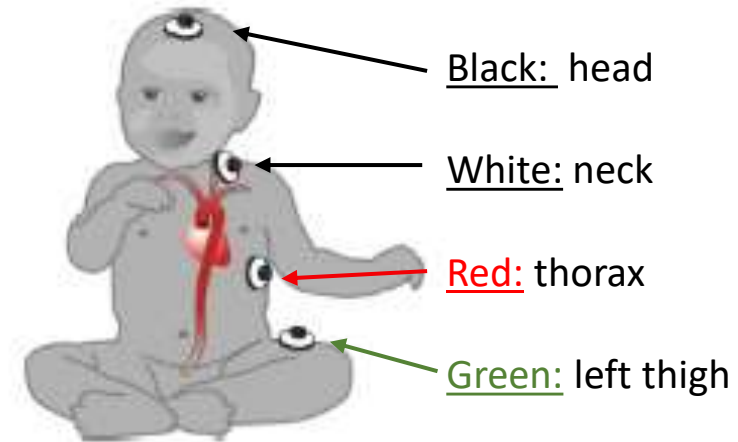
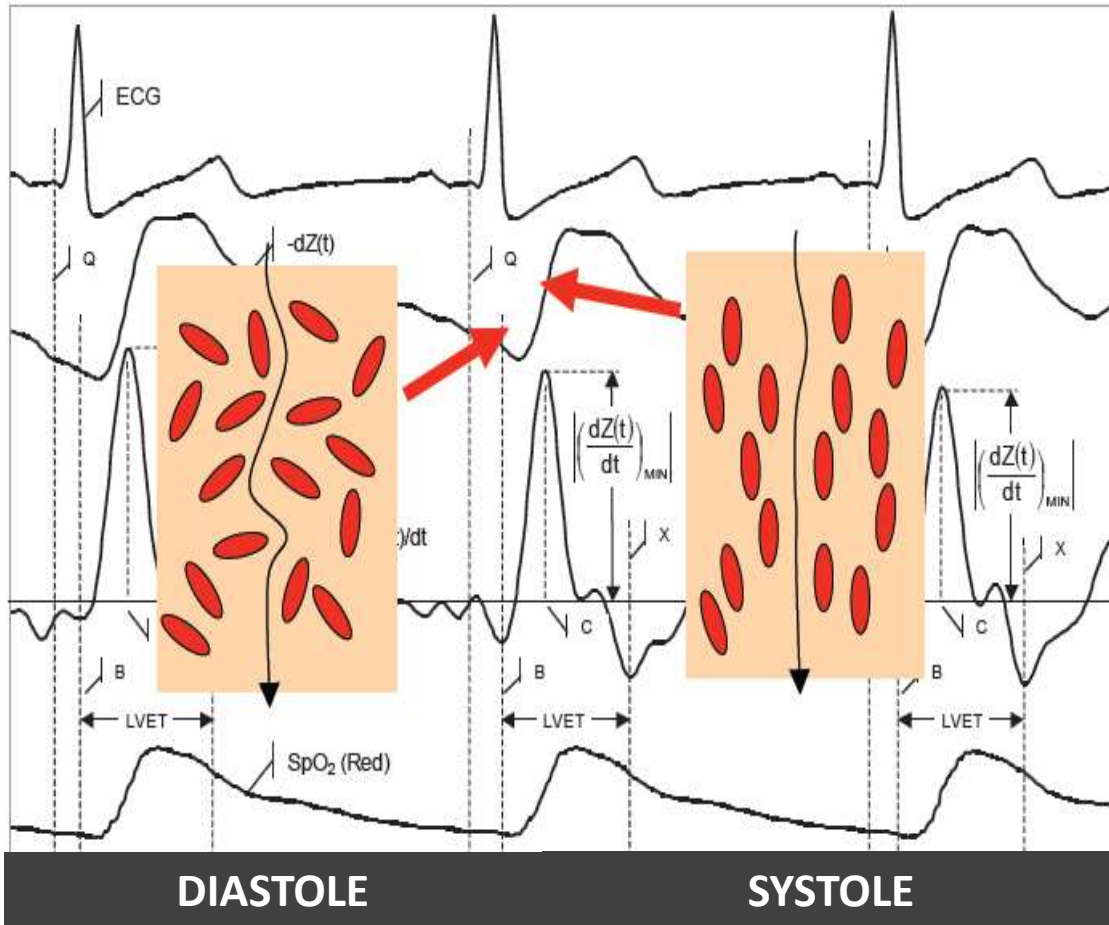
Risk overload volume in repeated measurements

Abnormal shapes in the dilution curves in presence of shunts

# Preterms Cardiac Output Evaluation

- Singular preterm characteristics
- Transition conditions
- The immature myocardium is very sensitive to minimal changes in load conditions.
- Hemodynamic instability: PDA, NEC, septic shock...

# Electrical Velocimetry

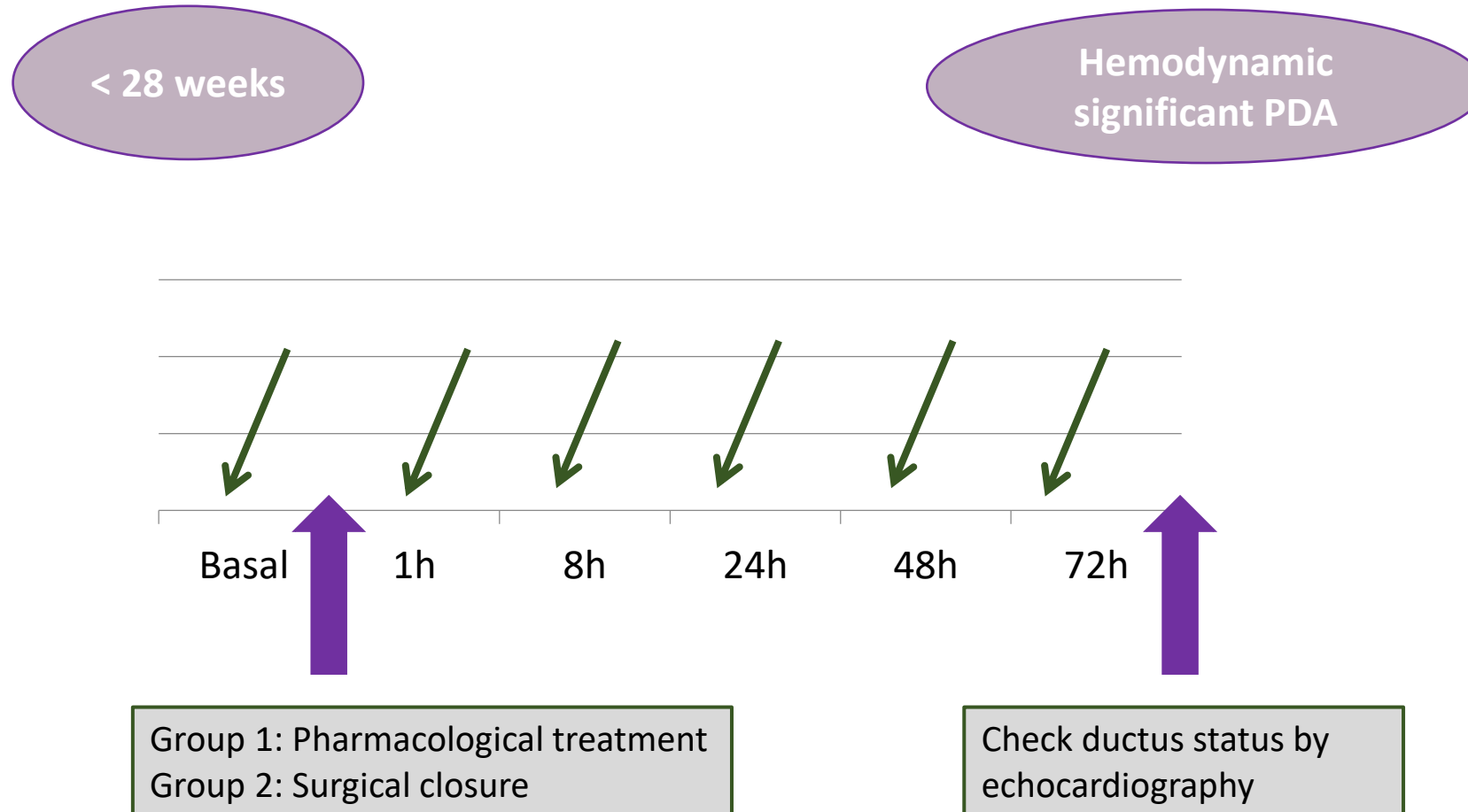


## CARDIAC INDEX (CI)

Systolic Volume	SVI (systolic volume index)
Preload	SVV (systolic volume variation)
Contractility	ICON
Afterload	SVRI (systemic vascular resistances)

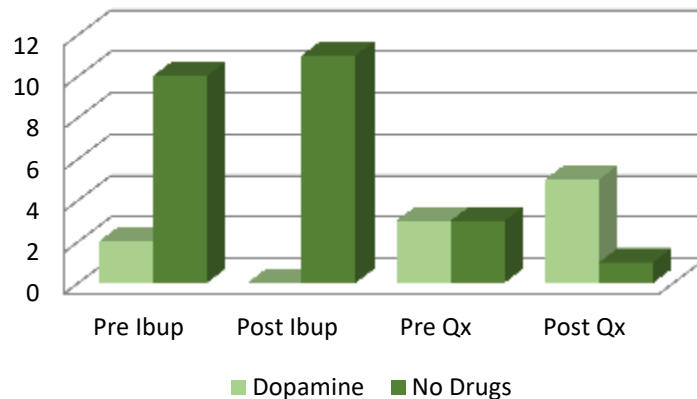


# PDA treatment monitoring

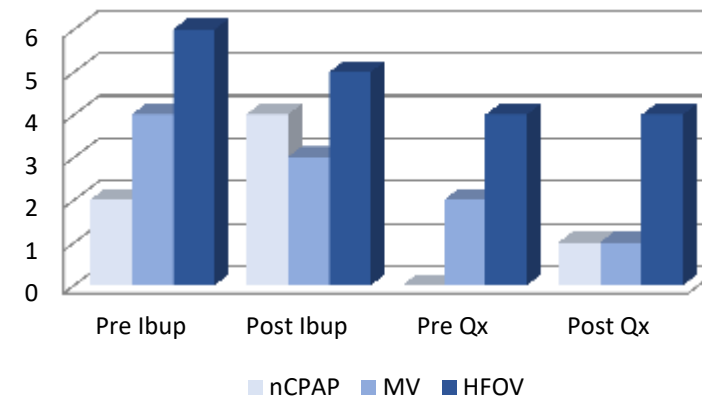


PHARMACOLOGICAL		SURGICAL
12	<i>N</i>	6
26 <sup>+5</sup> (25 <sup>+5</sup> -27 <sup>+3</sup> ) weeks	<i>Gestational age</i>	25 <sup>+2</sup> (24-26 <sup>+3</sup> ) weeks
875 (670-1010 g)	<i>Weight</i>	745 (660-820) g
♂8 ♀4	<i>Sex</i>	♂4 ♀2
4 (2-6.5) days	<i>Days of life at treatment</i>	20 (15.5-24) days
58%	<i>Confirmed closure</i>	100%

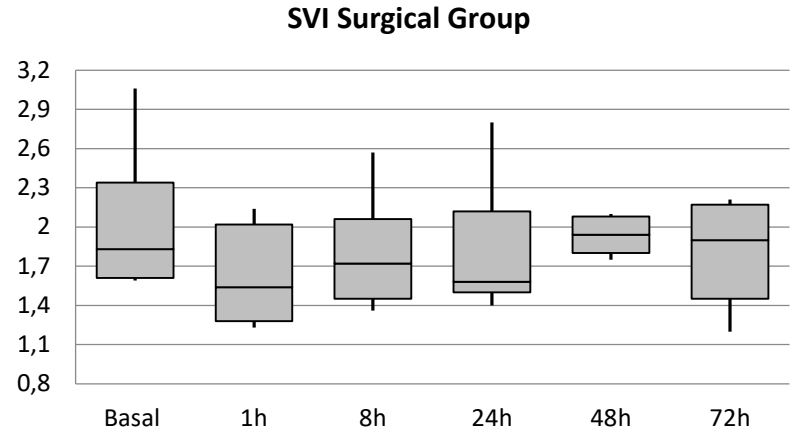
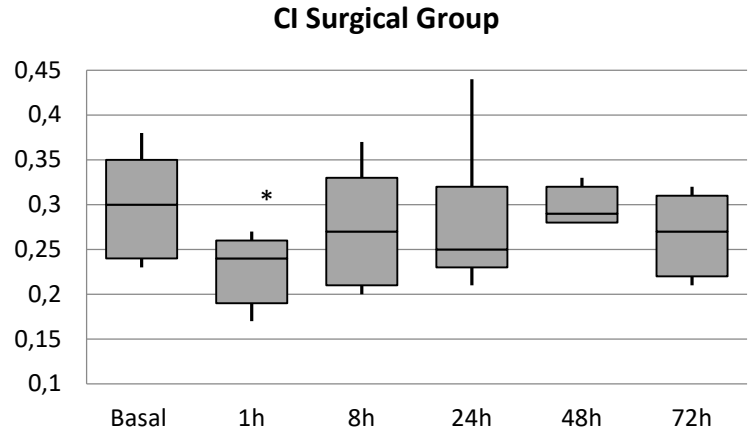
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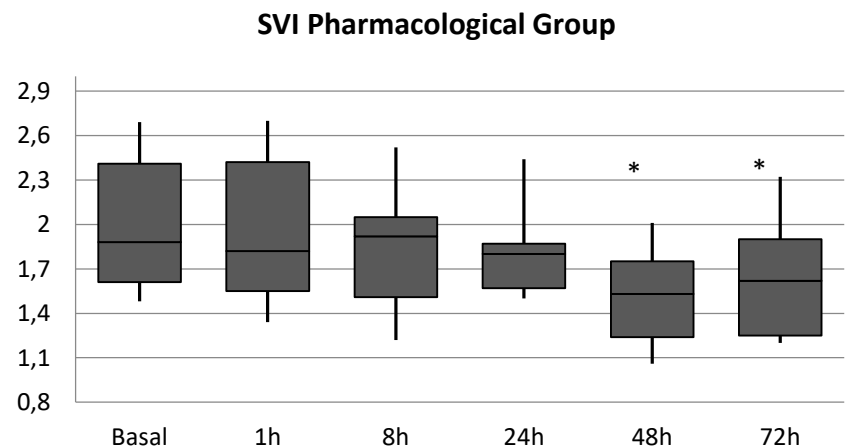
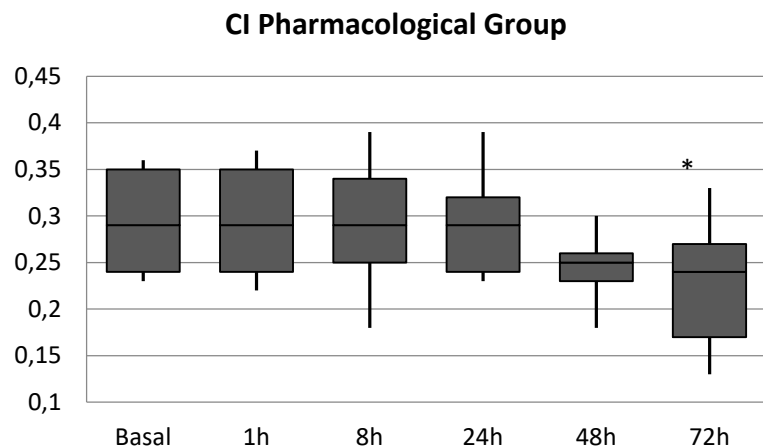
### Respiratory Support



No significant changes in heart rate were documented



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# Cardiac Output changes related to ductus closure

## SURGICAL CLOSURE

- Ductus ligation generates an acute decrease in the systolic volume
- Acute decrease in LV preload with a significant increase in afterload.
- Deterioration in contractility is mostly determined by the load status.

## PHARMACOLOGICAL CLOSURE

- Same hemodynamic changes detected
- Appearing after the second dose of drug administration.
- The gradual drug induced closure might have caused better clinical tolerance to changes in cardiac output.

# Electrical Velocimetry



## ADVANTAGES

Non invasive method  
Continue monitoring

No interference with other monitoring systems

Good correlation with echocardiography  
Any size patient

## WEAKNESSES

Electrodes' inappropriate contact can lower the signal quality

Interference by HFOV

No studies in unstable patients

Overestimation if presence of PDA

Trends more than absolute values

# Conclusions

- Need for a more comprehensive approach to the hemodynamic monitoring of sick neonates
- *Ultrasound Dilution:*
  - Detects changes in an early stage
  - Identifies blood shunts
- *Electrical Velocimetry:*
  - Preterms continuous hemodynamic evaluation
- Holistic approach in therapeutic decisions, in accordance with clinical and echocardiographic information

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

