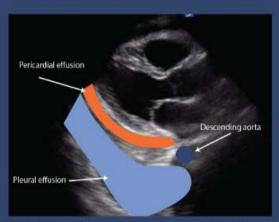
# PERICARDIAL EFFUSION

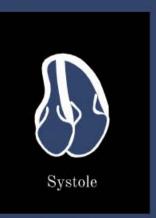
#### Pleural vs Pericardial?



In Plax View: Is fluid above or below descending aorta?

### Right Sided Collapse?





RA Collapse- Valves are closed RV Collaspe- Valves are open

## Classification?

Onset

Acute
Subacute
Chronic (>3 months)

Size

Mild < 10 mm
Moderate 10-20 mm
Large > 20 mm

Distribution

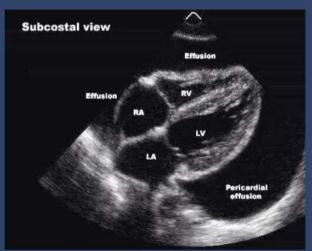
Circumferential
Loculated

Composition

Transudate
Exudate

NL Fluid is 30-50ml of thin clear straw colored fluid.

## Approaching Tamponade?



Large Effusions- take time and pericardium accomadates
Moderate Effusions- take days or hours, pericardium hasn't adapted



The Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Certification Academy™ exists to provide physicians and advanced care providers the opportunity to collaborate in the shared mission of improving global health and setting the standards of excellence in POCUS.

Pocus.org/Tips