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La formation des internes et des médecins non cardiologues en échocardiographie

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La formation des internes et des médecins non cardiologues

- Deux problématiques:
 - Qui: internes (de cardiologie), non cardiologues (internes ou non)
 - Quoi: échocardiographie

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Qui fait quoi?

Table 2 Different types of ultrasound examinations⁹⁻¹⁶

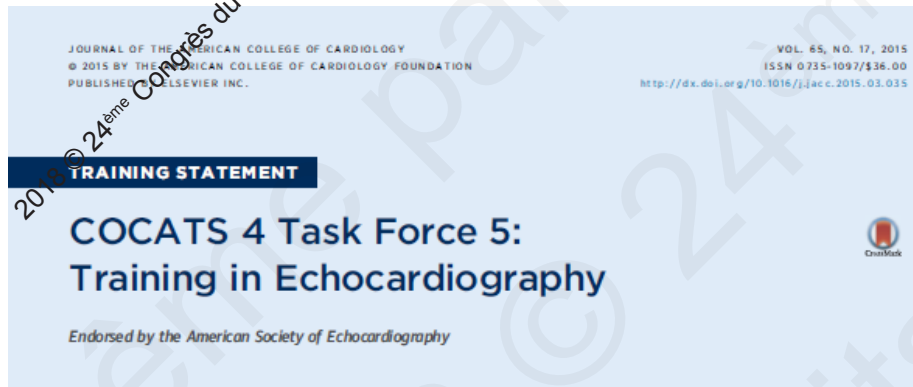
Ultrasonic studies	
<u>Standard or conventional echocardiography</u>	A complete and comprehensive echocardiographic examination, including morphological and functional assessment performed by an operator fully trained in echocardiography, which acquires a well-defined data set
<u>Emergency echocardiography</u>	A standard/conventional echocardiogram performed in emergency environments in the assessment of patients with unstable cardiovascular diseases
<u>Goal-oriented echocardiography</u>	<u>A targeted echocardiographic examination performed by an operator fully trained in echocardiography attempting to obtain an answer to a specific, often critical and frequently complex clinical dilemma</u>
<u>Point-of-care ultrasonography (POCUS)</u>	A goal-oriented, limited ultrasound examination, extending physical examination performed in any body structure and environment with a predefined limited protocol
<u>Focused cardiac ultrasound (FoCUS)</u>	<u>A specific type of 'POCUS' applied to the heart, as an extension of the clinical examination, by an operator not necessarily trained in comprehensive echocardiography, but appropriately trained in FoCUS, usually responsible for decision making and/or treatment</u>

Cardim et al, Eur Heart J CVI, 2018
The EACVI 2018 position statement on the use of handheld ultrasound devices

Objectifs de formation : écho conventionnelle

Internes de cardiologie

Mais aussi autres spécialités (investissement)



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EAE RECOMMENDATIONS

European Association of Echocardiography recommendations for training, competence, and quality improvement in echocardiography

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Table 1 Basic knowledge for competence in echocardiography

Ultrasound physics and biological effects
Principles of echocardiographic image formation and blood flow/tissue velocity measurements
Machine settings and instrumentation handling for an optimal image quality
Normal cardiovascular anatomy, including possible normal variants
Pathological changes in cardiovascular anatomy in different disease states
Normal cardiovascular physiology and fluid dynamics of normal blood flow
Pathological changes in blood flow in different disease states
Indications, contraindications, and appropriateness criteria
Alternative diagnostic techniques for any given situation
Potential complications (e.g. for TEE, stress echo, and contrast procedures)

2 niveaux de compétence:

- Basique: faire de façon indépendante une ETT standardisée, stockée et avec un CR structuré; 6 mois temps plein recommandé; Objectif de passer l'accréditation personnelle de l'EACVI en ETT
- Avancée: ETT spécialisées (3D, ETO, stress, valvulopathies complexes, CRT, strain, cardiomyopathies, structurel)

Popescu et al, Eur Journal of Echocardiography, 2009

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Table 2 Training requirements to achieve basic and advanced level of competence

Echocardiographic technique	Minimum number of examinations performed <u>to become competent</u>	Level of competence	Minimum number of examinations performed/year to maintain competence
TTE	350 (basic)	III	Reasonable exposure
	750 (advanced)	III	100 ^a
TEE	75 (advanced)	III	50
Stress echocardiography	100 (advanced)	III	100

Level III, ability to independently perform the procedure (unsupervised).

^aDetail from reference 32.

L'EACVI insiste sur l'importance du case mix +++

Popescu et al, Eur Journal of Echocardiography, 2009

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Table 3 Case-mix for basic-level training in transthoracic echocardiography

Cardiac disease/clinical scenario	Knowledge and skills to be acquired
Valvular heart diseases	
Aortic stenosis	Display views for the diagnosis
Aortic regurgitation	Recognition of diagnostic features
Mitral stenosis	Evaluation/quantification of severity
Mitral regurgitation	Distinction between chronic and acute lesions (regurgitant lesions)
Tricuspid stenosis	Evaluation of the consequences on the size, geometry, and function of the cardiac chambers
Tricuspid regurgitation	Criteria and timing for intervention, amenability for surgical repair, and suitability for percutaneous intervention
Pulmonary stenosis	Echocardiographic (2D and Doppler) findings of normal function and malfunction of biological and mechanical valves
Pulmonary regurgitation	Define the need for complementary diagnostic approaches
Prosthetic valves	Define the need for regular follow-up studies
Ischaemic heart disease	
Myocardial infarction	Recognition of the signs and consequences of myocardial ischaemia and infarction
Ischaemic cardiomyopathy	Localize segmental wall motion abnormalities in a standardized format
	Evaluation of infarct size and the amount of myocardium at risk
	Evaluation of global and regional LV systolic and diastolic function
	Diagnose mechanical complications of MI and their haemodynamic consequences
	Recognition of the prognostic implications of structural and functional parameters
Cardiomyopathy	
Dilated cardiomyopathy	Perform a complete M-mode, 2D, and Doppler examination which allows to establish the diagnosis, accurately quantify disease severity, and help to choose the proper therapeutical modality
Myocarditis	Make the differential diagnosis of athlete's heart vs. hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	Identify patients who are appropriate candidates for cardiac resynchronization therapy
Constrictive and infiltrative cardiomyopathies	
Heart failure	Outline echocardiographic features of cardiomyopathies, coronary heart disease, valvular heart disease, myocarditis, constrictive pericarditis, pulmonary hypertension, and other conditions associated with heart failure
	Identify causes of acute heart failure
	Recognize the prognostic implications of functional parameters
	Recognize typical complications in heart failure (spontaneous echo contrast and thrombus formation, pleural effusion, etc.)
Hypertension	
	Calculation of LV mass, relative wall thickness, evaluation of LV geometry
	Assessment of LV systolic function and diastolic function
	Estimation of LV filling pressures
Infective endocarditis	
Emergency echocardiography	
Simple CHDs	
Cardiac tumours and masses	
Sources of embolism	
Pulmonary embolism	
Pulmonary hypertension	
Diseases of the aorta	
Diseases of the pericardium	
Normal examinations	Not more than one-third of total studies

Level III competence in general adult TTE as recommended in the ESC Core Curriculum for general cardiologists.⁸

Popescu et al, Eur Journal of Echocardiography, 2009

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Formation avancée doit être réalisée dans un laboratoire qui répond aux critères d'accréditation par l'EACVI, au mieux dans les laboratoires répondant aux critères d'accréditation avancée

Popescu et al, Eur Journal of Echocardiography, 2009

Accreditation of laboratories by the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging (EACVI)



With their programme of accreditation for laboratories, EACVI is setting the standards in laboratory practice and patient care. This programme is a voluntary process that must function within national and local regulations. It is designed to apply to all ESC member countries whatever their model of provision of echocardiography. This process does not provide a legal framework for practice.

Objectives:

- raise quality standards of practice and equipment
- be used as an educational tool to improve the overall quality of laboratories
- provide standards against which labs can benchmark themselves
- be used to reinforce a case for the purchase or upgrade of equipment and facilities to meet these standards

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Dossier assez lourd (nombre d'examens, type de machines, système d'**acquisition** et de stockage, protocoles médicaux, paramédicaux, nombre de m² des salles, publications issues du laboratoire d'échocardiographie)

Formation: réunions hebdomadaires (présentations, cas difficiles, indications, complications, **comparaisons avec les autres modalités;** formations suivies validantes au moins 1 fois par an (congrès etc...), **implication dans les travaux de recherche du laboratoire**

Compte rendus d'une journée tirée au sort aléatoirement

Différents niveaux selon les examens: ETT, ETO, stress echo: **standard** ou **advanced** echo lab



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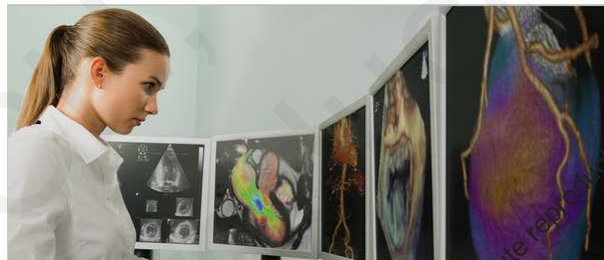
- Superviser
- Critiquer
- Corriger
- Faire participer les étudiants aux activités de recherche

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Standardization of adult transthoracic echocardiography reporting in agreement with recent chamber quantification, diastolic function, and heart valve disease recommendations: an expert consensus document of the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging

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Reporting standardisé EACVI?

A Indication for echo exam:

Name:

Date of birth:

Age (yrs):

Height (cm):

Weight (cm) : BSA(m²):

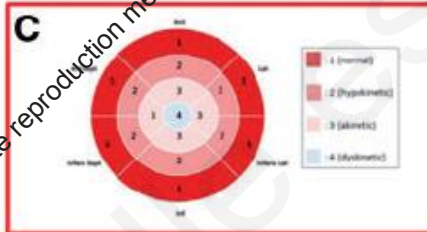
Heart Rhythm: sinus other

Heart Rate (bpm):

Blood Pressure (mmHg):

B Machine Type and model:

Beam quality:



D

Chamber	Parameter	Observed value	Normal Value
Left Ventricle	LV end-diastolic dimension (mm)		≤ 58.4 (M) ≤ 52.2 (F)
	LV end-systolic dimension (mm)		≤ 39.8 (M) ≤ 34.8 (F)
	Relative wall thickness (cm)		≤ 0.42
	LV mass/BSA (g/m ²)		≤ 102 (M) ≤ 88 (F)
	LV EDD/BSA (mm/m ²)		< 75 (M) < 62 (F)
	LV ESD/BSA (mm/m ²)		< 32 (M) < 25 (F)
	LV E' biplane (%)		> 52 (M) > 54 (F)
	LV S' by Doppler (mL/m ²)		> 35
Left ventricular diastolic function	LV GLS (%)		> 20
	Transmitral E/a ratio		> 0.8 or < 2.0
	E velocity DT (msec)		> 160 and < 120
	Transmitral E velocity DT (cm/sec)		< 120
	e' velocity (septal and lateral) (cm/sec)		> 7 and > 10
Left Atrium	E/e' ratio		< 8
	Maximal LAVI (mL/m ²)		≤ 34
Estimated LV filling pressure (mmHg)			Normal, Abnormal, Indeterminate
Aortic root dimension (indexed value)	Annulus (cm/m ²)		≤ 1.4 (M & F)
	Sinus of Valsalva		≤ 1.9 (M) ≤ 2.0 (F)
	Sinotubular junction		≤ 1.7 (M & F)
	Proximal ascending aorta		≤ 1.7 (M) ≤ 1.9 (F)
Right Ventricle	Basal diameter (mm)		< 42
	Mid diameter (mm)		< 36
	RVOI proximal diameter (mm)		< 36
	RVOI distal diameter (mm)		< 28
	TAPSE (mm)		> 17
	Fractional area change (%)		< 35
	Free wall GLS (%)		> 23
Right atrium	RA volume (mL/m ²)		< 30 (M) < 28 (F)
Inferior Vena Cava	IVC diameter (cm)		< 2.1
	IVC collapsibility (%)		> 50
	Regurgitant jet velocity (m/sec)		< 2.8
Tricuspid regurgitation (if any)	Estimated sPAP (mmHg)		< 31

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Mitral valve			
Valve apparatus description (degenerative, dilation, calcification, prolapse)			
Regurgitation	EROA (mm ²)		Degree of MR
	Vena Contracta (mm)		
Stenosis	PHI (msec)		Degree of MS
	Peak and mean pressure gradient (mmHg)		
	Mitral valve area (anatomic/functional) (cm ²)		
Aortic Valve			
Valve apparatus description (degenerative, dilation, calcification, prolapse)			
Regurgitation	PHI (msec)		Degree of AR
	Vena Contracta (mm)		
Stenosis	Peak and mean pressure gradient (mmHg)		Degree of AS
	Peak velocity (m/sec)		
	Aortic valve area (anatomic/functional) (cm ²)		
Tricuspid valve			
Valve apparatus description (degenerative, dilation, calcification, prolapse)			
Regurgitation	EROA (mm ²)		Degree of TR
	Vena Contracta (mm)		
Stenosis	Mean pressure gradient (mmHg)		Degree of TS
Pulmonary valve			
Valve apparatus description (degenerative, dilation, calcification, prolapse)			
Regurgitation	PHI (msec)		Degree of PR
Stenosis	Peak pressure gradient (mmHg)		Degree of PS

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Echocardiographie transthoracique et échographie de stress

Sexe : Homme
Age : 78 années
Date de naissance : 25/02/1942
Taille : 170.0 cm
Poids : 69.0 kg
Surf Corp : 1.80 m²
Pression sanguine (mmHg) : 168/100
Indication de l'examen : évaluation d'un rai
Date : 22/02/2018
Localisation patient : TERNE

Echogénicité :
bonne
Modèle d'échographe : Vivid E95 - GE
Fabricant GE Vingmed Ultrasound

Rythme cardiaque (sinusal - autre) :
sinusal
Fréquence cardiaque
FC : 84 BPM

WMSI=1.00

- 1 : Normal
- 2 : Hypokinétique
- 3 : Asymétrique
- 4 : Dyskinétique

Ventricule gauche

Paramètre	Valeur mesurée	Valeurs de référence
Diamètre diastolique VG (mm)	VGd : 44.9 mm	<50.5 (H) <52.3 (F)
Diamètre télédiastolique VG (mm)	VGda : 33.5 mm	<39.8 (H) <34.7 (F)
Épaisseur parietale relative (H)	EP : 0.73	<0.43
Ep. septum (mm)	SEPd : 17 mm	
Massa VG indexée ASE (g/m ²)	Massa ind VGd (ASE) : 172 g/m ²	<102 (H) <88 (F)
Volume télédiastolique VG indexé (ml/m ²)	Volume TD du VG indexé (ml/m ²) : 66 ml/m ²	<75 (H) <82 (F)
Volume télédiastolique VG indexé (ml/m ²)	Volume TD du VG indexé (ml/m ²) : 21 ml/m ²	<32 (H) <25 (F)
Volume télédiastolique bipan (ml)	VG Vol ID (EP sin) : 125 ml	
Volume télédiastolique bipan (ml)	VG Vol ID (EP sin) : 39 ml	
FE VG bipan (%)	FE (EP) : 66 %	>52 (H) >54 (F)
VES indexé doppler (ml/m ²)	VG Velac ind (ep) : 44 ml/m ²	>35
Débit cardiaque (l/min)	VG Débit Card : 7.4 l/min	
Strain longitudinal global (%)	G plc GL (Moy) : -14.8 %	>-20



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Objectifs de formation des internes

– « Self assessment »

- Accréditation: publications, livres
- Tutoriels: ESC, e-learning (Cardimage en France sur le site Echoweblin)

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Objectifs de formation des internes

- ETO: idéalement, exposition à l'ETO périopératoire



Table 5 Knowledge and skills required for competence in transoesophageal echocardiography

Knowledge

- Basic general knowledge related to echocardiography (*Table 1*)
- Strengths and weaknesses of TEE for a given indication
- Differential benefit compared with other imaging techniques, in particular TTE and other tomographic techniques
- Indications, contraindications, risks, and complications of the TEE procedure
- Infection control measures and electrical safety issues related to the use of TEE
- Techniques and risks of local anaesthesia and sedation; pharmacology of involved drugs
- Anatomy of the upper gastrointestinal tract with special emphasis on potential problems and hazards during oesophageal intubation
- Knowledge of normal and abnormal cardiovascular anatomy on TEE, and of the typical cross-sections used
- Ability to communicate examination results to the patient and to other healthcare professionals

Skills

- Ability to perform a complete TTE examination
- Ability to obtain a focused history of upper gastrointestinal disorders
- Operation of the TEE probe and biteguard, including manipulation of the probe tip and change in imaging plane orientation
- Ability to operate the echo machine, including all controls affecting image quality
- Techniques of oesophageal intubation (both in ventilated and non-ventilated patients) including sedation techniques, appropriate monitoring, readiness of supportive equipment
- Proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Manipulating the probe to generate the necessary imaging cross-sections for answering specific clinical questions
- Familiarity with obtaining typical sets of imaging and other data (cross-sections, Doppler data, and others) to be obtained during TEE for specific indications (e.g. search for cardiac source of embolism, prosthetic valve dysfunction, etc.), including intravenous right heart contrast injection for shunt detection
- Ability to recognize anomalies of cardiac structure and function as imaged by TEE, and to recognize artefacts
- Ability to perform qualitative and quantitative analyses of the echocardiographic data
- Ability to produce a logical and comprehensive written report of the echocardiographic findings, including the possible clinical implications
- Competence in disinfecting the probe and detecting technical defects, in particular in electrical insulation



Table 2. Advantages of simulation for competency-based medical education.**• Advantages for training**

- Enables repetitive practice in a safe learning environment
- Allows experience with a wide range of clinical scenarios or pathology
- Avoids concerns regarding patient safety and comfort
- Compensates for inadequate patient volume
- Reduces use of clinical resources for teaching
- Preserves faculty time for advanced training

• Advantages for assessment

- Provides feedback
- Enables standardized testing (metrics are objective and cases are simulated)
- Informs trainee and faculty of trainee progress
- Saves faculty time spent recruiting and scheduling patients

Sheehan F et al, Vascular Medicine, 2018

Table 4. Current echocardiography simulators with skill metrics.

Image source	Mode	Feedback to trainee	Metrics
Synthetic	TEE	Visual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economy and efficiency (time, path length, velocity, acceleration) • Probe handling fluidity and smoothness (jerk, peak, spectral arc length)
Patients	TEE and TTE	Quantitative and visual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angle between acquired view and anatomically correct view • Probe location: distance from correct location

TEE, transesophageal echocardiography; TTE, transthoracic echocardiography.

Sheehan and Zierler

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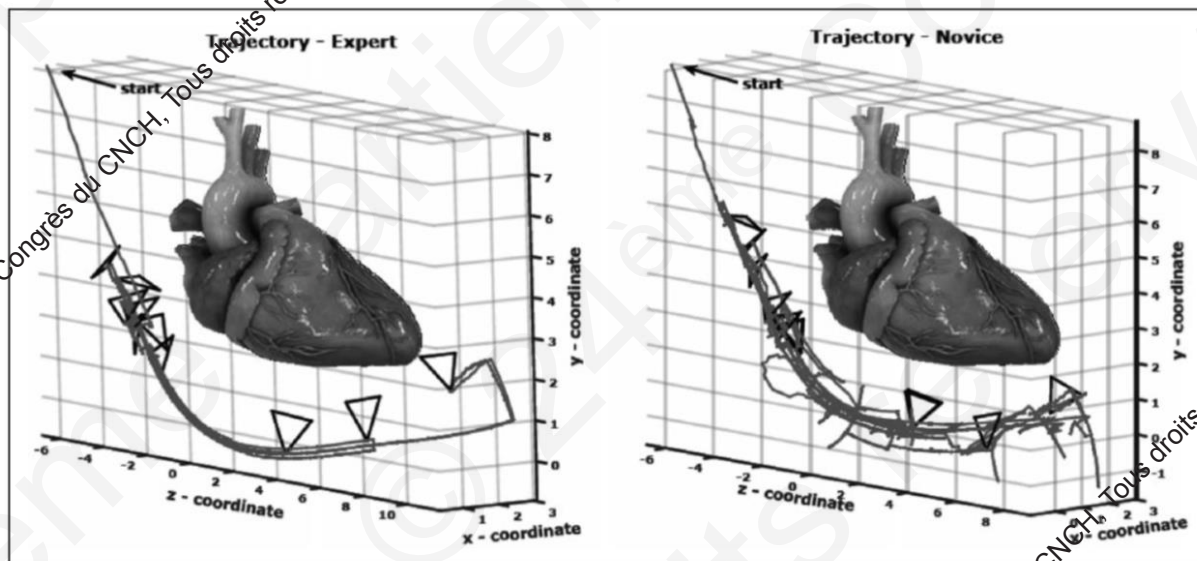


Figure 3. Kinematic metrics of skill in transesophageal echo (TEE) in the HeartWorks simulator.⁶¹ Probe tip trajectory and depth of the transesophageal echo probe are smoother and more fluid for the expert than for the novice. Reproduced from ref. 61 (© Springer International Publishing Switzerland 2016) with permission of Springer.

Objectifs de formation des internes

- Stress echo:
 - Maitriser l'ETT, accreditation personnelle recommandée
 - Laboratoire à haut volume, corrélations angiographiques
 - Lecture conjointe expert / étudiant



Table 6 Staff requirements for stress echocardiography

Training requirements for performance and interpretation of stress echocardiography

Understanding the basic principles, indications, applications, and technical limitations of echocardiography

Level III training in TTE

Specialized training in stress echocardiography with performance and interpretation of 100 or more stress studies under appropriate supervision by an echocardiographer with level III of competence in stress echocardiography

Maintenance of competence in stress echocardiography

Performance and interpretation of 100 or more stress studies per year

Participation in continuing medical education in echocardiography

At least two persons are required to record and monitor stress echo studies. One should be qualified in advanced life support, the other in basic life support. A nurse should always be present to support the physician performing the test

If the study is performed by a sonographer/technician, a physician with expertise in both echocardiography and resuscitation should be always attending in case a life-threatening complication occurs

Popescu et al, Eur Journal of Echocardiography, 2009

Objectifs de formation des internes



- Congénital
 - Anomalies communes: CIA, CIV, canal artériel, membrane sous aortique, transposition, Fallot, Ebstein, veine cave supérieure gauche
- Echo de contraste
 - Niveau d'expérience en stress echo nécessaire

Popescu et al, Eur Journal of Echocardiography, 2009

Objectifs de formation des internes



- Preuve de la compétence:
 - Accréditation
 - » Evidence (formateur)
 - » Examen des connaissances
 - » Evaluation des pratiques (log book, case mix)



The ESC Congress & Events Journals Guidelines Education Research

European Society of Cardiology Education Career Development Certification Adult transthoracic echo

Career Development

Certification

Training Grants and Fellowships

Accreditation

Adult Transthoracic Echocardiography (TTE)

The successful completion of the EACVI certification provides formal acknowledgement of excellence to individuals and a European recognition, governed by a scientific society.

TTE Certification exam will be held on 29 August 2018, during ESC Congress in Munich, Germany.
The registration is open until 18 August.



Popescu et al, Eur Journal of Echocardiography, 2009

Objectifs de formation des internes



In summary, the EAE requires candidates to undertake a supervised programme of training in a suitable echo laboratory and to demonstrate knowledge through a written examination and skill through submission of a log book of echo study reports.

Popescu et al, Eur Journal of Echocardiography, 2009



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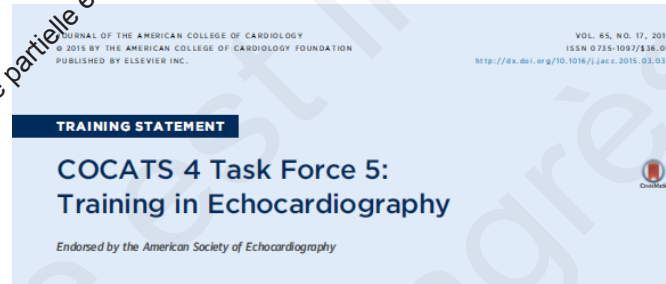
- Niveau 1:
 - 3 ans de formation; pas d'indépendance, ETT, exposition à ETO, stress
- Niveau 2 (minimal):
 - 3 ans de formation; examens qualifiants dans un domaine spécialisé; indépendance; ETT, ETO, stress, contraste; accréditation par l'ASE
- Niveau 3:
 - Au-delà de 3 ans, cas complexes, recherche, direction d'un laboratoire d'échocardiographie; développement de nouvelles techniques; encadrement par du niveau 3

Objectifs de formation en échocardiographie conventionnelle

Objectifs, outils pour les évaluer

- **Connaissances médicales**: présentation de conférences, observation, pendant la formation
- **Prise en charge des patients, compétences techniques**: observation directe, logbook, simulation
- **Fonctionnement du labo**: observation directe, évaluation multisource
- **Voies d'amélioration en pratique**: présentation de conférences, observation directe
- Professionnalisme, canaux de communication

Objectifs de formation des internes



- Plusieurs formateurs
- Niveau d'activité: 2000 examens/an
- Accreditation du laboratoire fortement encouragée
- Implication dans l'amélioration de la qualité, compte rendu standardisé, l'amélioration des process et l'utilisation appropriée de l'examen
- Possibilité de formation en recherche (méthodologie, biostat, design des études, levée de fonds)
- Echo portables: adjonction, chez un étudiant préparé par la formation à l'échocardiographie classique
- ++++ Corrélation avec la clinique, les autres techniques, implications sur la prise en charge médicale ou chirurgicale du patient

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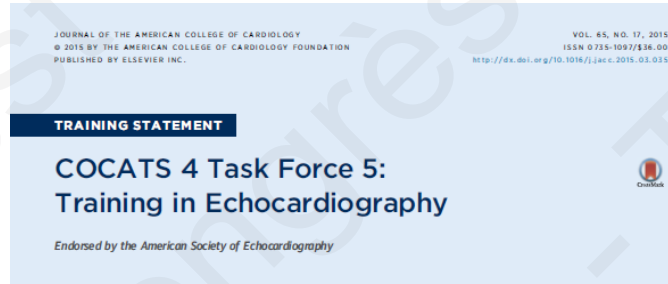


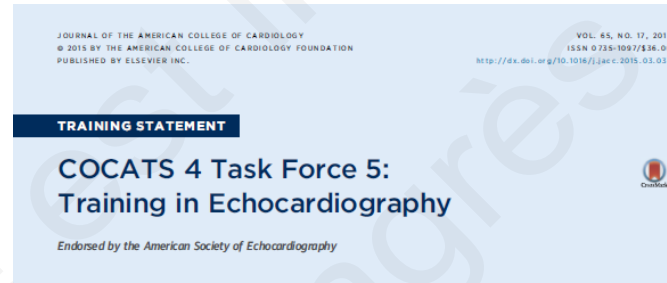
TABLE 2 Summary of Training Requirements for Echocardiography

Level	Duration of Training* (Months)	Cumulative Duration* of Training (Months)	Minimal No. of TTE Examinations Performed	Minimal No. of TTE Examinations Interpreted	TEE and Special Procedures
I	3	3	75	150	Yes†
II	3	6	150 (75 Add)	300 (150 Add)	Yes‡
III	3	9	300 (150 Add)	750 (450 Add)	Yes

*Typical duration assuming acceptable progress toward milestones and demonstrated competency. †Exposure to TEE and other special procedures. ‡Completion of Level II and additional special training are needed to achieve full competence in TEE and other special procedures.

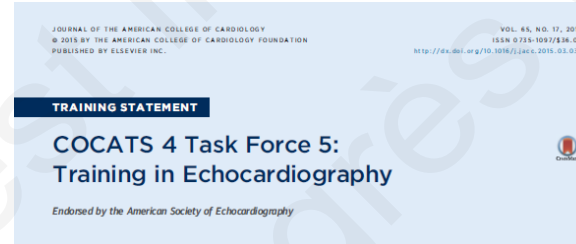
Add = additional; TEE = transesophageal echocardiography; TTE = transthoracic echocardiography.

Objectifs de formation des internes



- ETO: au moins 500 examens/an dans le labo, 25 intubations, 50 examens (souvent 50 de plus nécessaires);
- Simulation +++
- ETO peropératoire: 100 ETO de plus
- ETO en salle de KT: pas de recommandation, formation dans centre à haut volume

Objectifs de formation des internes



- Stress echo:
 - Niveau 2, 100 examens
 - Interprétation, avantages, limites et risques de la technique
 - Niveau 3 pour valvulopathies, cardiomyopathies hypertrophiques, hypertension pulmonaire, viabilité myocardique
- Niveau 2 ou 3 pour le contraste (optimisation réglages etc....)
 - 3D (CIA, valvulopathies, volumes ventriculaires): niveau 2, niveau 3 pour indépendance
- Strain: niveau 3

Objectifs de formation des médecins non cardiologues

- Peuvent être similaires à ceux d'un cardiologue
- **Niveau 1**, voire 2

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Objectifs de formation des médecins non cardiologues



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POSITION PAPER

Focus cardiac ultrasound: the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging viewpoint

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Pratique encouragée par l'EACVI, mais chez des professionnels suffisamment entraînés
FoCUS différent d'échocardiographie d'urgence (où les compétences requises sont les mêmes
pour les cardiologues et les non cardiologues)
Examen restreint, opérateur totalement ou non totalement autonome en échocardiographie,
entraîné en FoCUS, responsable de la prise en charge

Echocardiographie FoCUS

Table 1 Clinically relevant limitations of the FoCUS when compared with comprehensive echocardiography

1. Technical inferiority of the imaging devices typically used for FoCUS examination compared with fully equipped high-end echocardiographic machines
2. Limited skills and experience of the operators
3. Typically unfavourable settings (emergencies, critically ill, time constraints)
4. Narrow list of detectable evidence-based targets
5. 'Absent/Present' or 'Yes/No' reporting style (related to 1–4)
6. Subtle/complex cardiac abnormalities (i.e. regional asynergy) difficult to assess (related to 1–4)

Table 2 Evidence-based targets of FoCUS examination and related emergency cardiovascular scenarios/conditions that might be addressed

Targets

- Global LV systolic function and size
- Global RV systolic function and size
- Pericardial effusion
- Intravascular volume assessment

Scenarios

- Circulatory compromise/shock
- Cardiac arrest
- Chest pain
- Chest/cardiac trauma
- Respiratory compromise

Conditions

- Ischaemic LV/RV Dysfunction
- Cardiomyopathies (i.e. DCM, HCM, Takotsubo)
- Myocarditis
- Cardiac tamponade
- Pulmonary embolism
- Hypovolaemia

Training en échocardiographie FoCUS

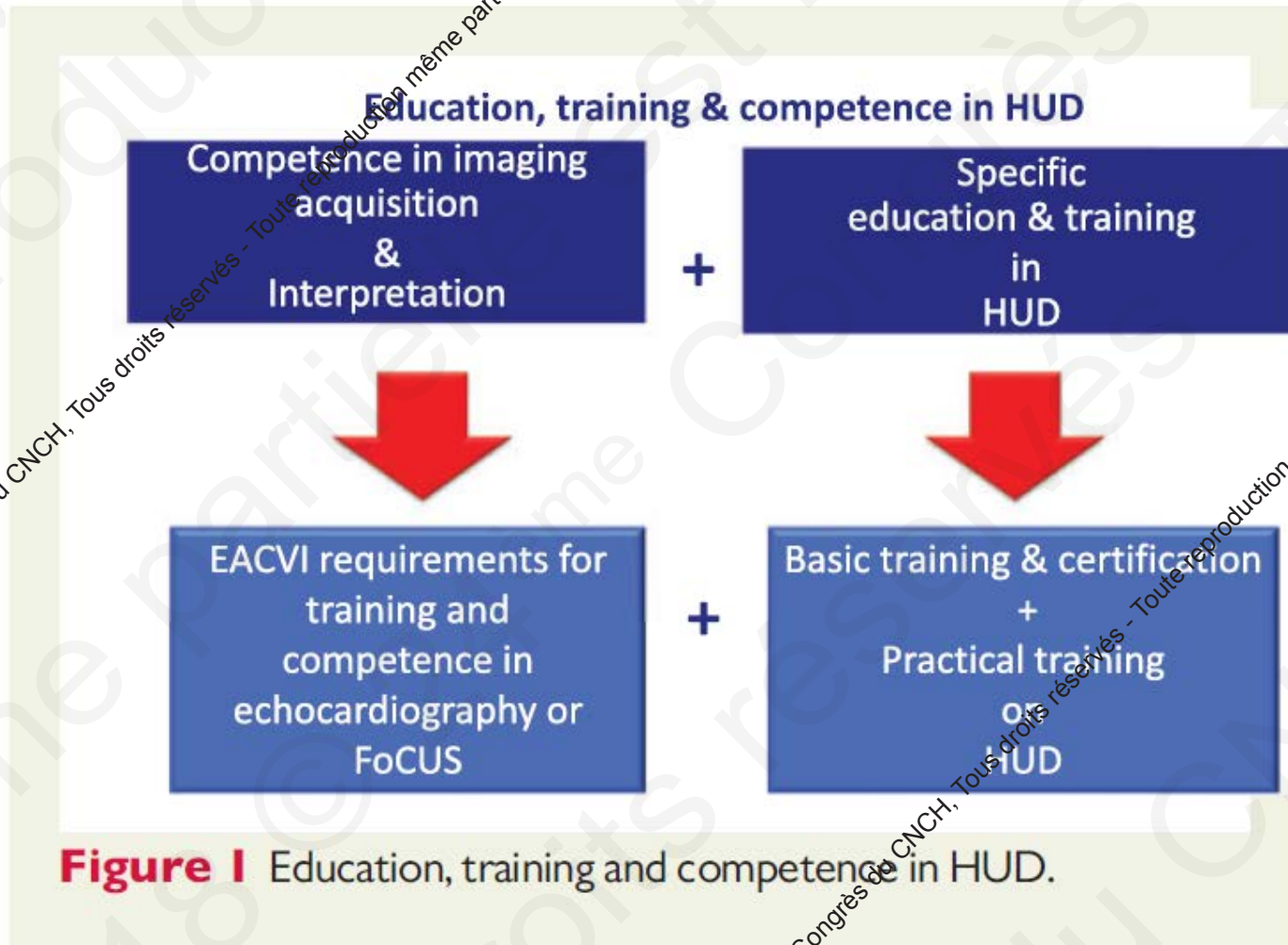
Table 1 Classification of currently available echocardiographic machines according to their size and functions (modified with permission from Sicari et al.⁵)

Echo machines	Capabilities
Stationary high-end systems	Full range of standard echo modalities and measurements (MM, 2D, PW, CW, Colour, TDI, TEE) and advanced modalities
Mobile systems	Full range of standard echo modalities and measurements (MM, 2D, PW, CW, Colour, TDI, TEE)
Portable machines	Basic standard echo modalities and measurements (MM, 2D, PW, CW, colour)
Handheld ultrasound devices (HUD)	Limited functions (2D, Colour) and measurements package

2D, two-dimensional; Colour, colour Doppler; CW, continuous Doppler; MM, M-mode; PW, pulsed wave; TDI, tissue Doppler imaging; TEE, transesophageal echocardiography.



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Cardim et al, Eur Heart J CVI, 2018

Competence in imaging
acquisition
&
Interpretation



EACVI requirements for
training and
competence in
echocardiography or
FoCUS

Echocardiographie FoCUS

- Différents protocoles de training existent par les différentes sociétés savantes et sont sous leur responsabilité / collaboration avec les sociétés savantes d'échocardiographie
- EACVI insiste sur la nécessité de recourir à l'échocardiographie si données complexes (valvulopathies, masses cardiaques, cinétique segmentaire)
- EACVI recommande: nombre significatif, scénarios cliniques, case mix
- Disponibilité constante des échocardiographistes
- Labo d'écho doit être le hub pour le contrôle qualité et la supervision des examens FOCUS qui ne sont que le prolongement de l'examen clinique

Neskovic et al, Eur Heart J CVI, 2014

Specific
education & training
in
HUD



Basic training & certification
+
Practical training
on
HUD

Echocardiographie avec les Hand Held Ultrasound devices

- E learning: <http://learn.escardio.org/eacvi-pocket-size-programme>
- Workflow sur simulateur ArtWork



- Courses include an instructional lecture with illustrating figures and movies, references for further reading, multiple choice questions for self-assessment and teaching cases.
- EACVI Certification can be obtained by the completion of the self-assessment questions as well as a by submitting a proof of successful hands-on training in a hospital echo department.

Programme Description

The European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging (EACVI) recommends specific training and certification for all users of pocket size ultrasound devices with the exception of cardiologists who are certified for transthoracic echocardiography according to national legislation. This programme was specifically designed to prepare for this EACVI certification. This Programme is composed of several courses which introduce the principles of cardiac ultrasound, explain echocardiographic image interpretation and cover relevant cardiologic topics from the daily routine of a non-cardiologist.

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On-line teaching

This EACVI Education Programme is composed 8 courses offering on-line teaching in the fields of:

- 1) Introduction to Echocardiography
- 2) The Left Ventricle
- 3) The Right Ventricle
- 4) Valvular Diseases
- 5) Atria And Vena Cava Inferior
- 6) Assessment of the Pericardium
- 7) Assessment of Pleura and Lung
- 8) Clinical Scenarios - How to approach a patient with...



Conclusions

- La formation en échocardiographie est exigeante, nécessite un accompagnement constant, des formateurs aguerris, des laboratoires d'échocardiographie répondant à des standards de qualité (Accréditation)
- Importance de l'évaluation des compétences des étudiants mais aussi des échocardiographistes confirmés (certification valable pour 5 ans)

Conclusions

- Le développement des machines ultrasonores de poche est en pleine expansion
- Elles sont utilisables par tous
- Grande rigueur dans la formation des médecins non cardiologues ne bénéficiant pas de la formation complète en échocardiographie
- Développement d'outils spécifiques dans ce cadre (e-learning, simulation, etc....)



Merci pour votre attention

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<https://www.escardio.org/Education/Career-Development/Accreditation/EACVI-Laboratory-accreditation/Accredited-Laboratories>



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