

Examination Information (continued)

Examination Content Outline

1. Patient Safety Considerations

- A. Contraindications
- B. Complications of Transesophageal Echocardiography
- C. Mechanical and Electrical Safety
- D. Infection Control

2. Echocardiographic Imaging: Acquisition and Optimization

- A. Principles of Ultrasound
- B. Transducers
- C. Structural Imaging
- D. Principles of Doppler Ultrasound
- E. Image Troubleshooting and Optimization

3. Normal Cardiac Anatomy and TEE Imaging Plane Correlation

- A. Imaging Plane Orientation
- B. Cardiac Anatomy Correlation Imaging Planes
- C. Cardiac Valves
- D. Major Vessels
- E. Other Structures

4. Global Ventricular Function

- A. Normal Left and Right Ventricular Systolic Function
- B. Abnormal Left Ventricular Systolic Function
- C. Right Ventricular Function
- D. Quantitative Evaluation of Ventricular Function

5. Regional Ventricular Systolic Function & Recognition of Pathology

- A. Myocardial Segmental Anatomy
- B. Imaging Planes and Segmental Anatomy
- C. Normal and Abnormal Segmental Function Recognition
- D. Recognition of Ventricular Pathology

6. Basic Recognition of Cardiac Valve Abnormalities

- A. Normal Valve Anatomy
- B. Acquired Valve Diseases
- C. Valve Pathology Recognition

7. Identification of Echocardiographic Findings in Non-Cardiac Surgery

- A. Tumors
- B. Thrombi
- C. Devices and Foreign Bodies
- D. Aortic Pathology
- E. Other

8. Basic Perioperative Hemodynamic Assessment

- A. Evaluation of Hypotension and Cardiovascular Instability
- B. Basic Perioperative Hemodynamic Assessment
- C. Hemodynamic Pressure Estimation
- D. Doppler Valve Profiles
- E. Basic Diastolic Function

9. Basic Recognition of Congenital Heart Disease in the Adult

- A. Atrial Septal Defects
- B. Ventricular Septal Defects
- C. Persistent Left Superior Vena Cava
- D. Bicuspid Aortic Valve

10. Surface Ultrasound for Vascular Access

- A. Normal Anatomy and Imaging Planes
- B. Atypical Anatomical Orientations
- C. Technique for Central Venous Cannulation
- D. Intravascular Pathology

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