



Advances in Imaging in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: MRI and MDCT

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Introduction

- Although echocardiography is the simplest imaging technique to use for screening,
 - CMR and MDCT are:
 - less operator dependent not subject to acoustic window limitations
- Cine MR imaging with the steady-state free precession pulse sequence can offer the advantages of:
 - multiplanar imaging,
 - complete coverage of the entire myocardium without obliquity,
 - excellent soft-tissue contrast between the myocardial border and the blood pool.



Introduction

- CMR imaging can allow:
 - ▶ better characterization of the pattern and distribution of LV hypertrophy in HCM.
 - ▶ In addition, the status of myocardial blood flow can be assessed by using adenosine stress cardiac MR imaging.
 - ▶ Delayed enhancement (DE) MR imaging techniques can provide unique information for tissue characterization, specifically for the identification of myocardial fibrosis or scarring



Introduction

- In comparison, the spatial resolution of MDCT is higher,
 - ▶ which enables high-quality multiplanar three-dimensional reformatted images
 - ▶ high-quality noninvasive coronary angiography .



- **Diagnostic of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: MRI and MDCT**
 - Phenotype Characterization



30 year old man

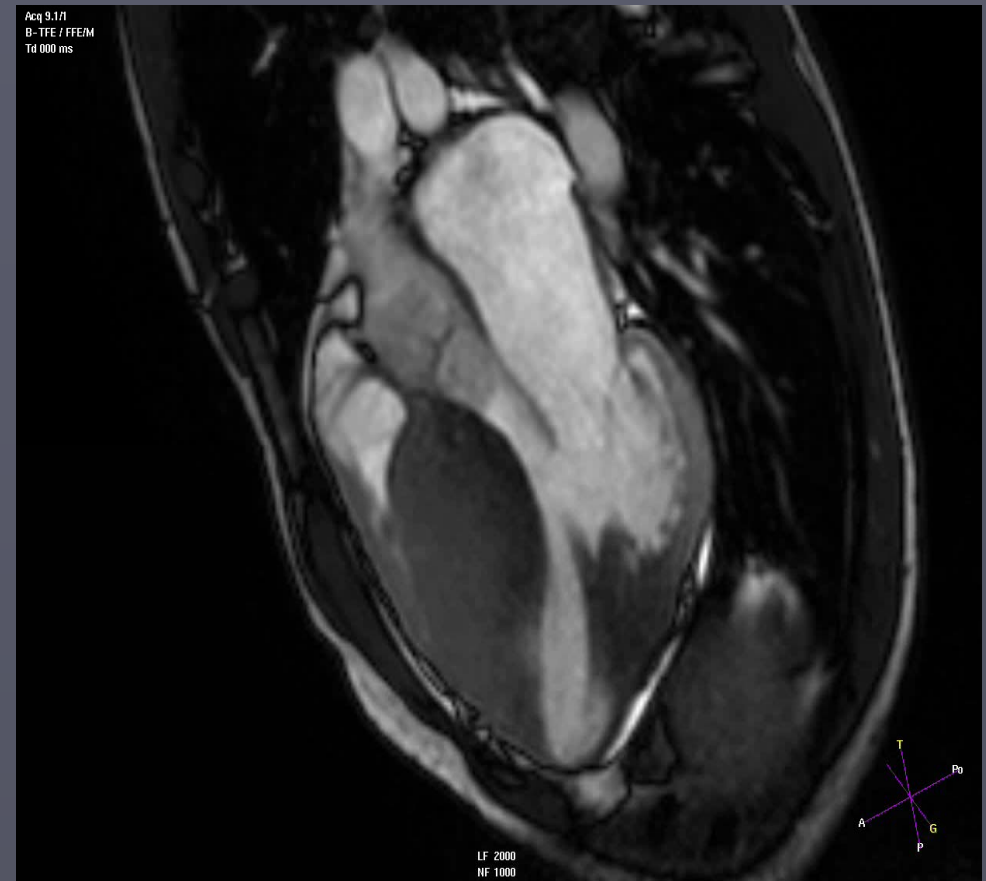
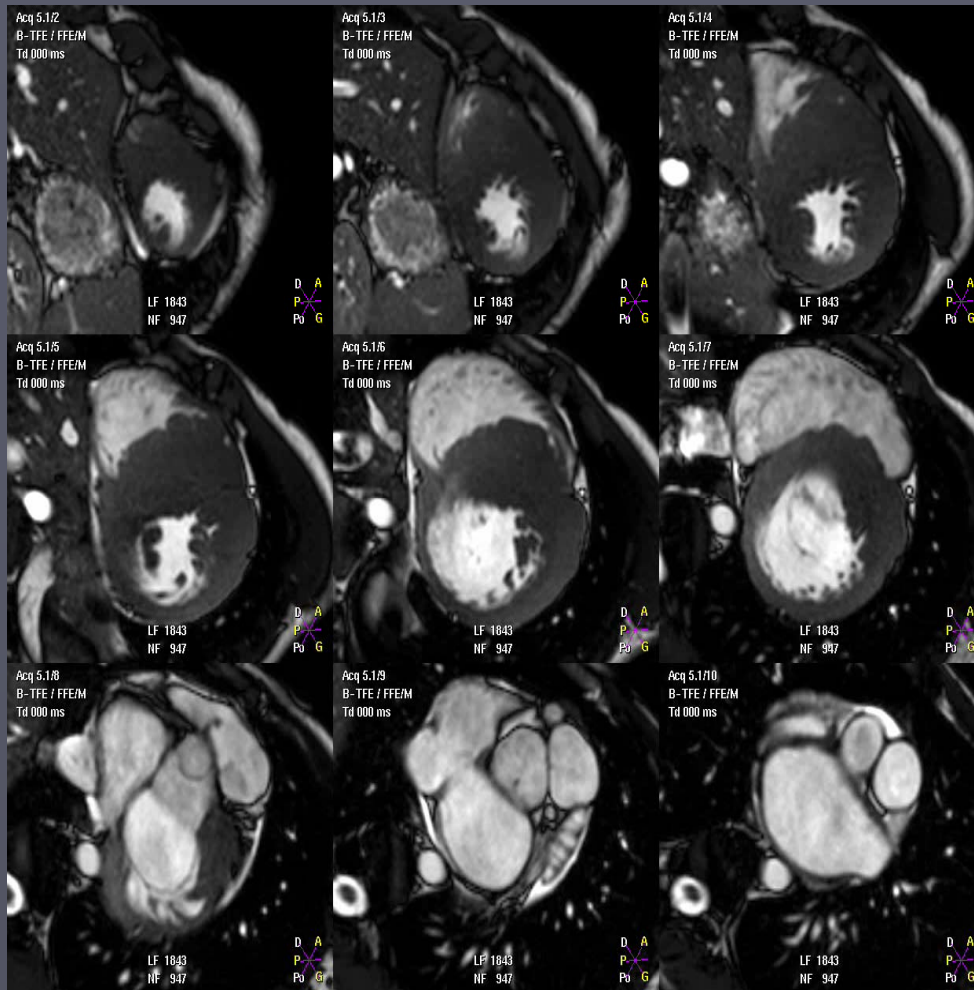
Recent episode of malaise

No particular personal history

Familial history of cardiac arrest in the father related to HCM

ECG abnormalities: Q wave in the inferior leads and deep S wave in right precordial leads

Asymmetric involvement of the interventricular septum



EFLV 68%
EDVi 70 ml/m²
ESVi 15 ml/m²
Mass 171 g (75-175) 101g/m² (63-95)

- Cine cardiac MR imaging clearly demonstrates:
 - systolic anterior motion of the mitral leaflets
 - a high-velocity jet depicted as an area of high signal intensity or signal void within the LVOT



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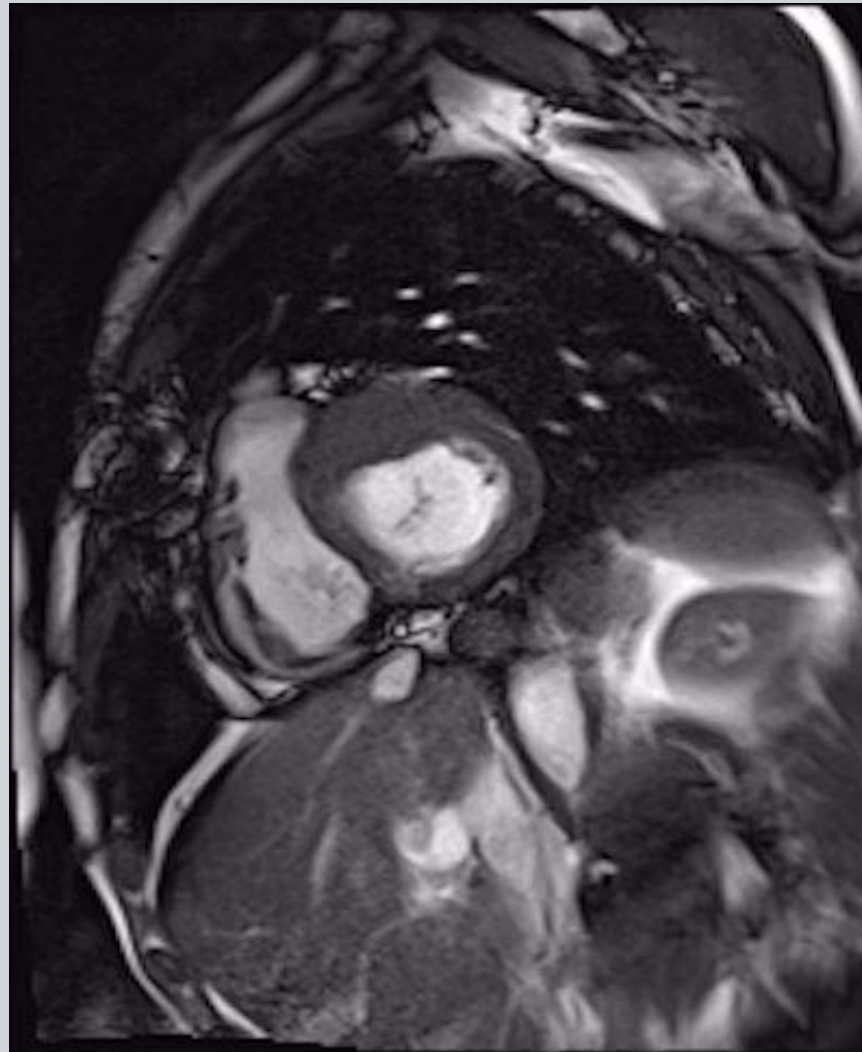


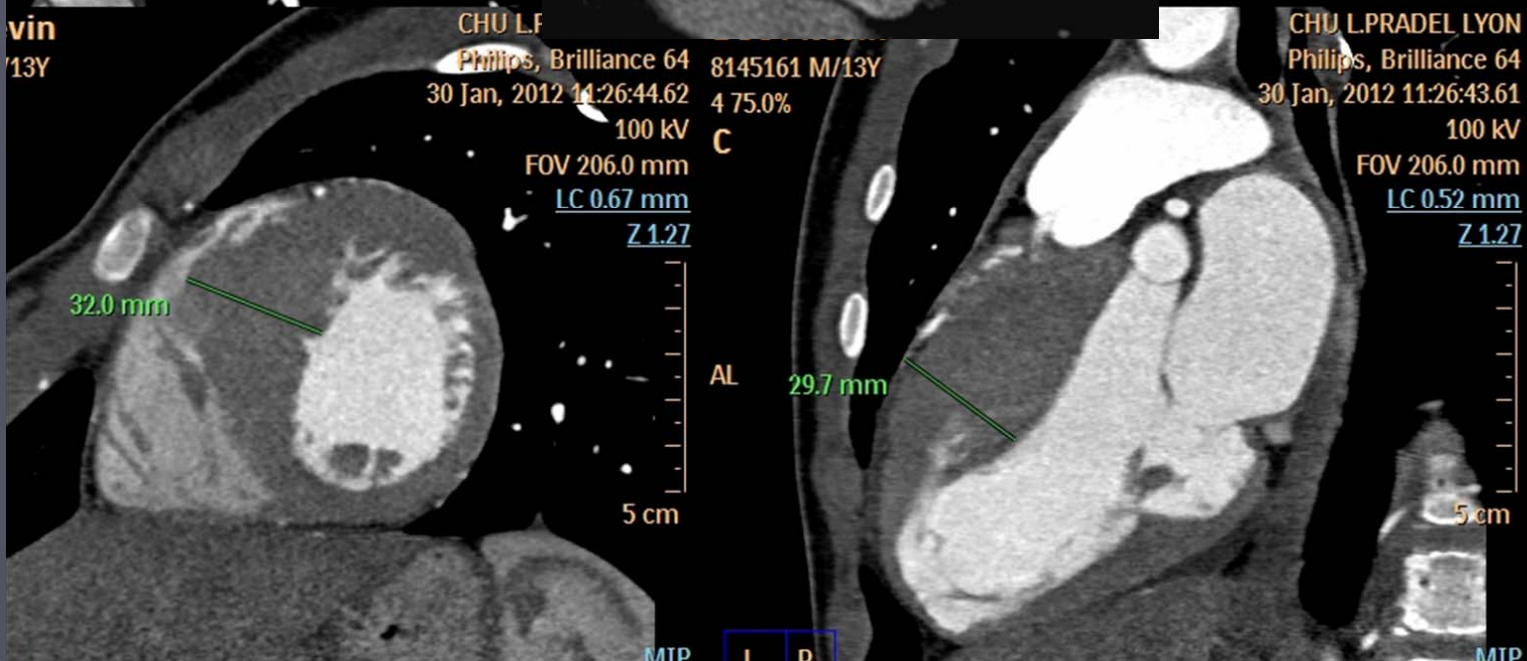
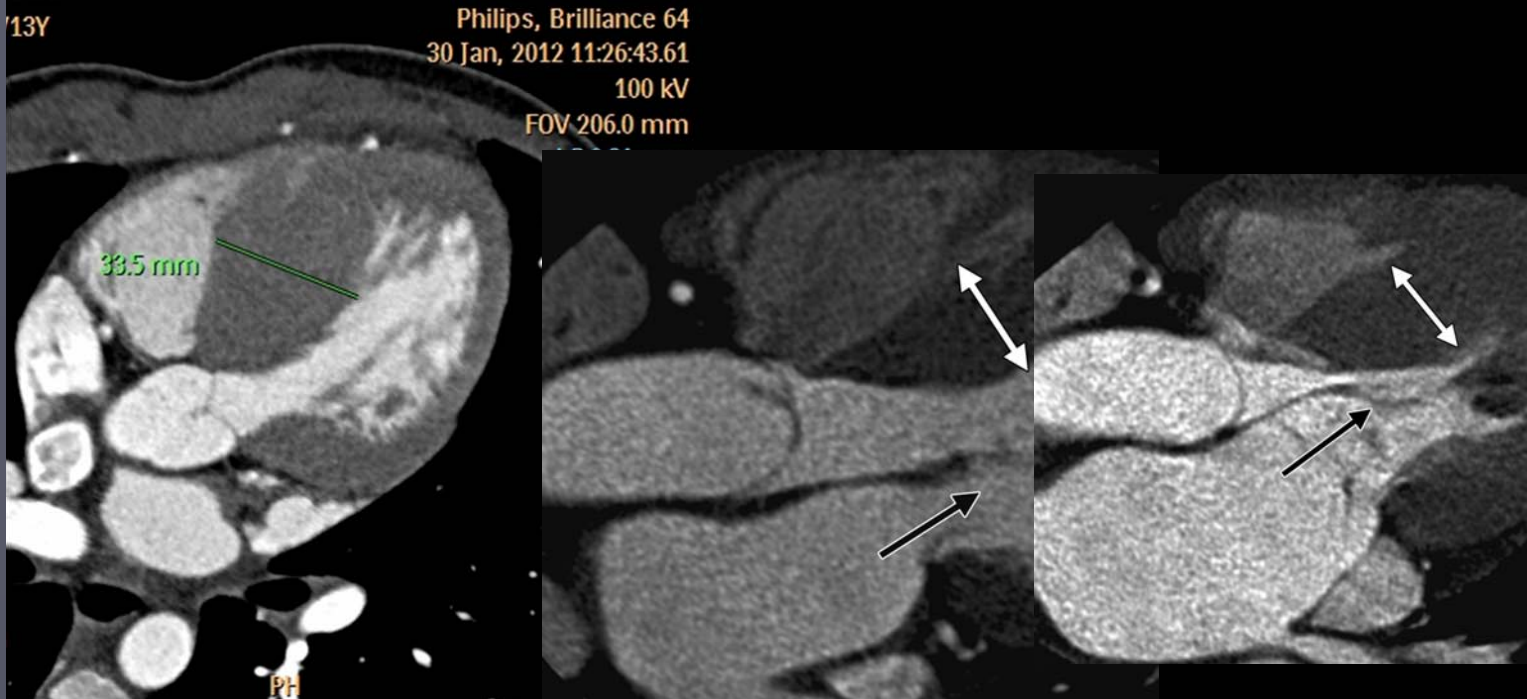
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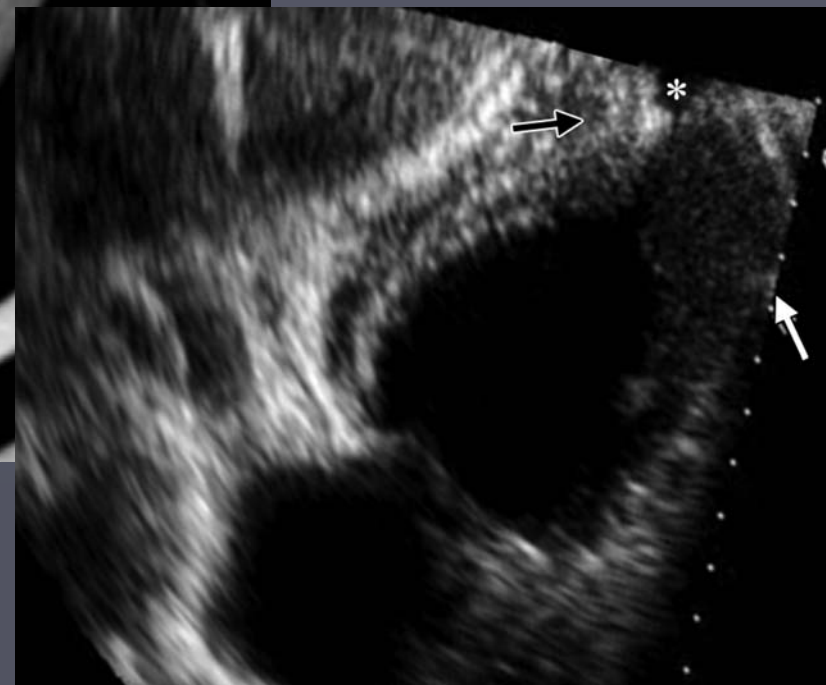
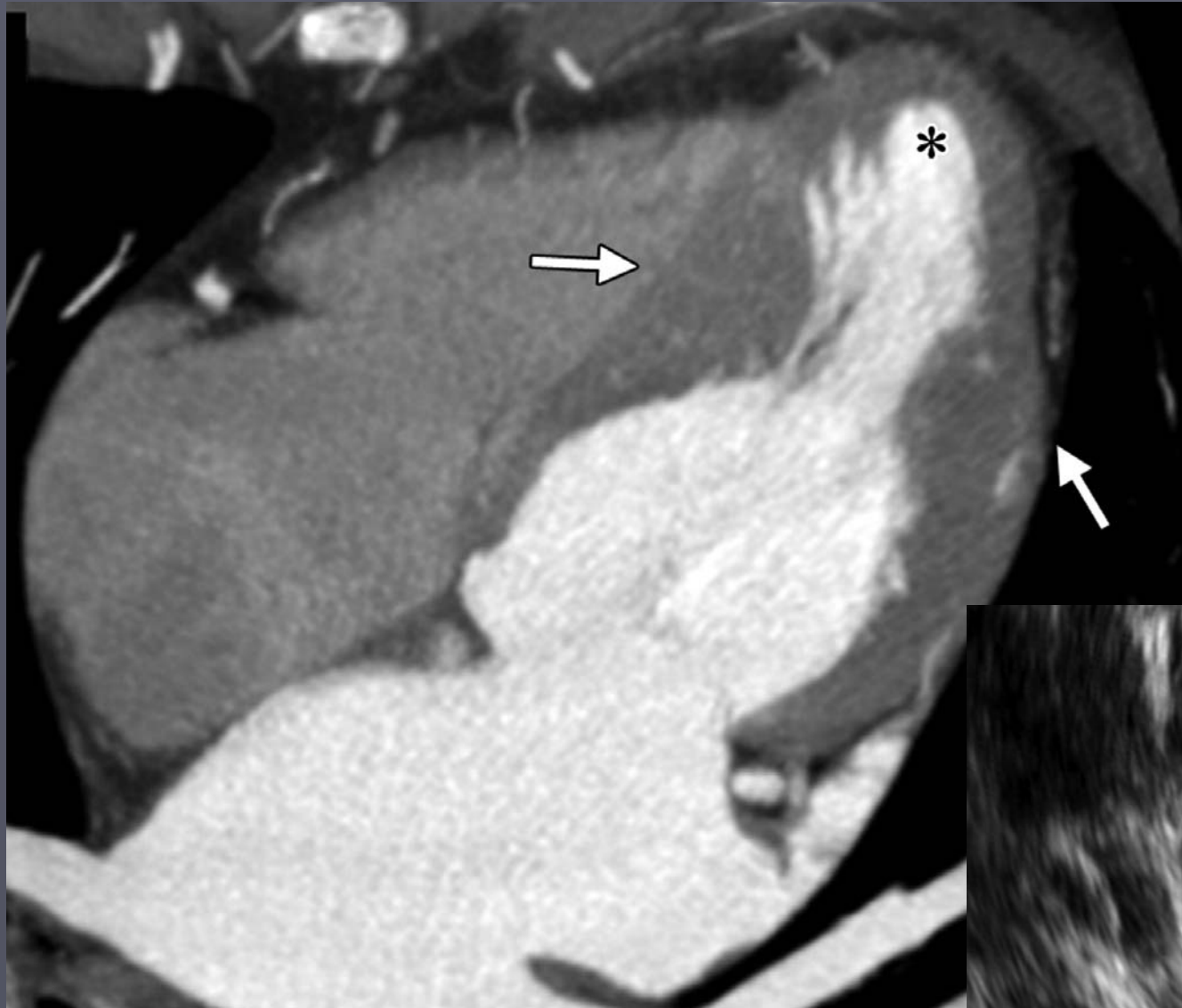


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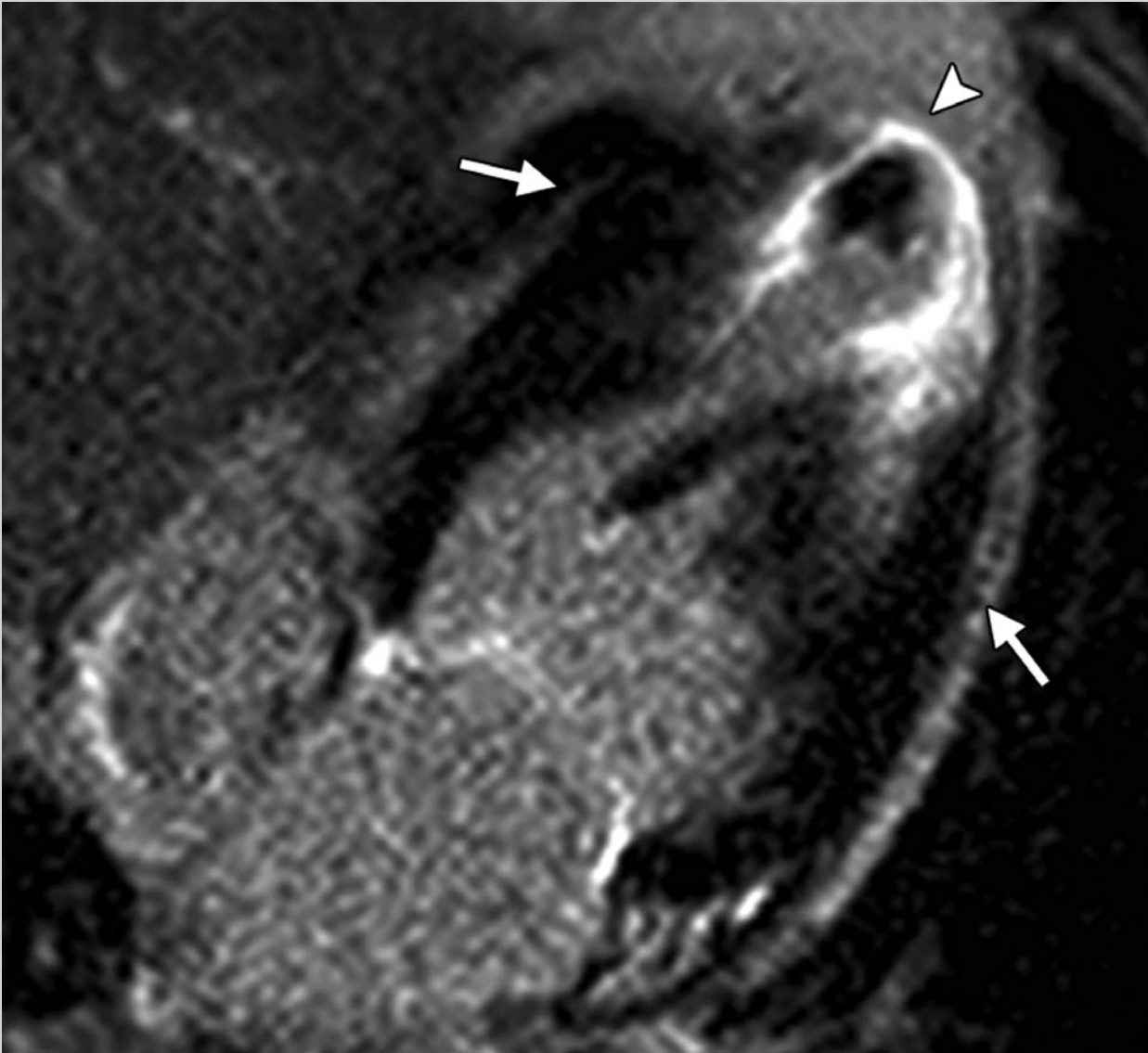




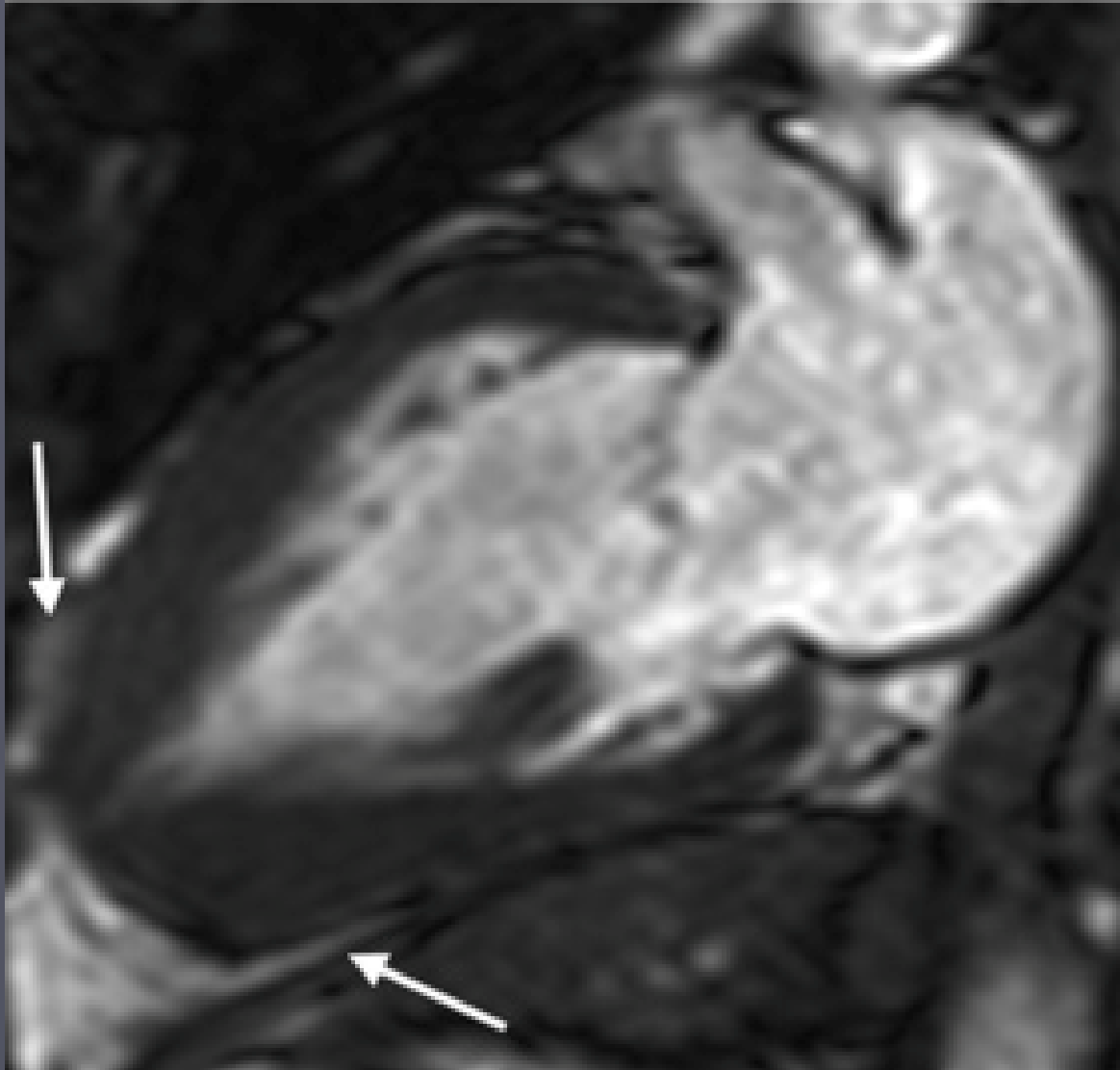
Midventricular HCM in a 56-year-old man with dyspnea.



Midventricular to apical HCM in the burned-out phase in a 43-year-old woman with severe dyspnea.

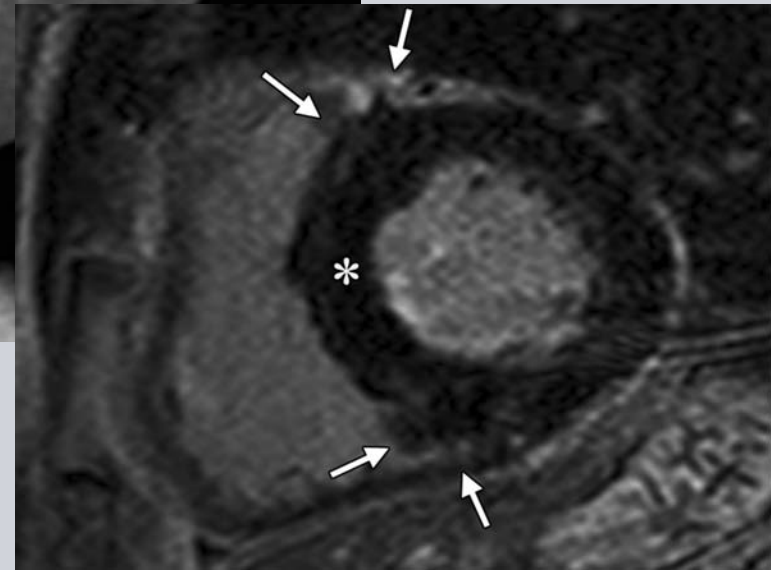
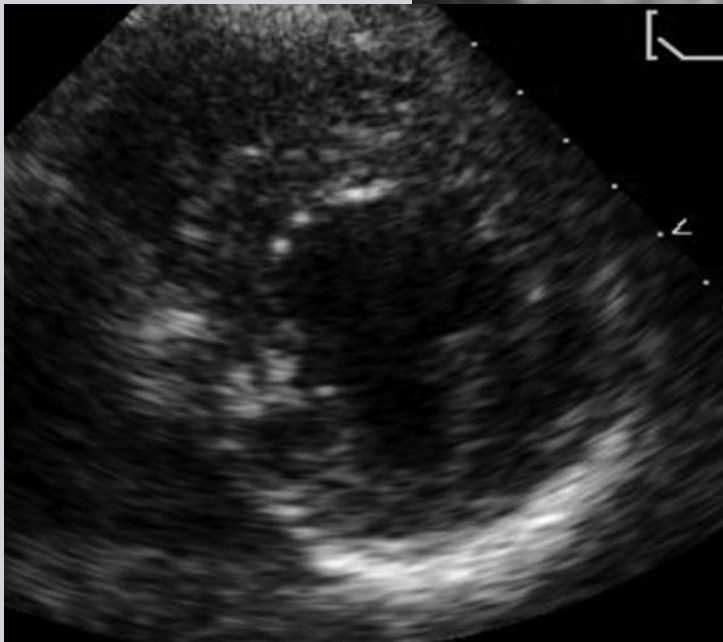
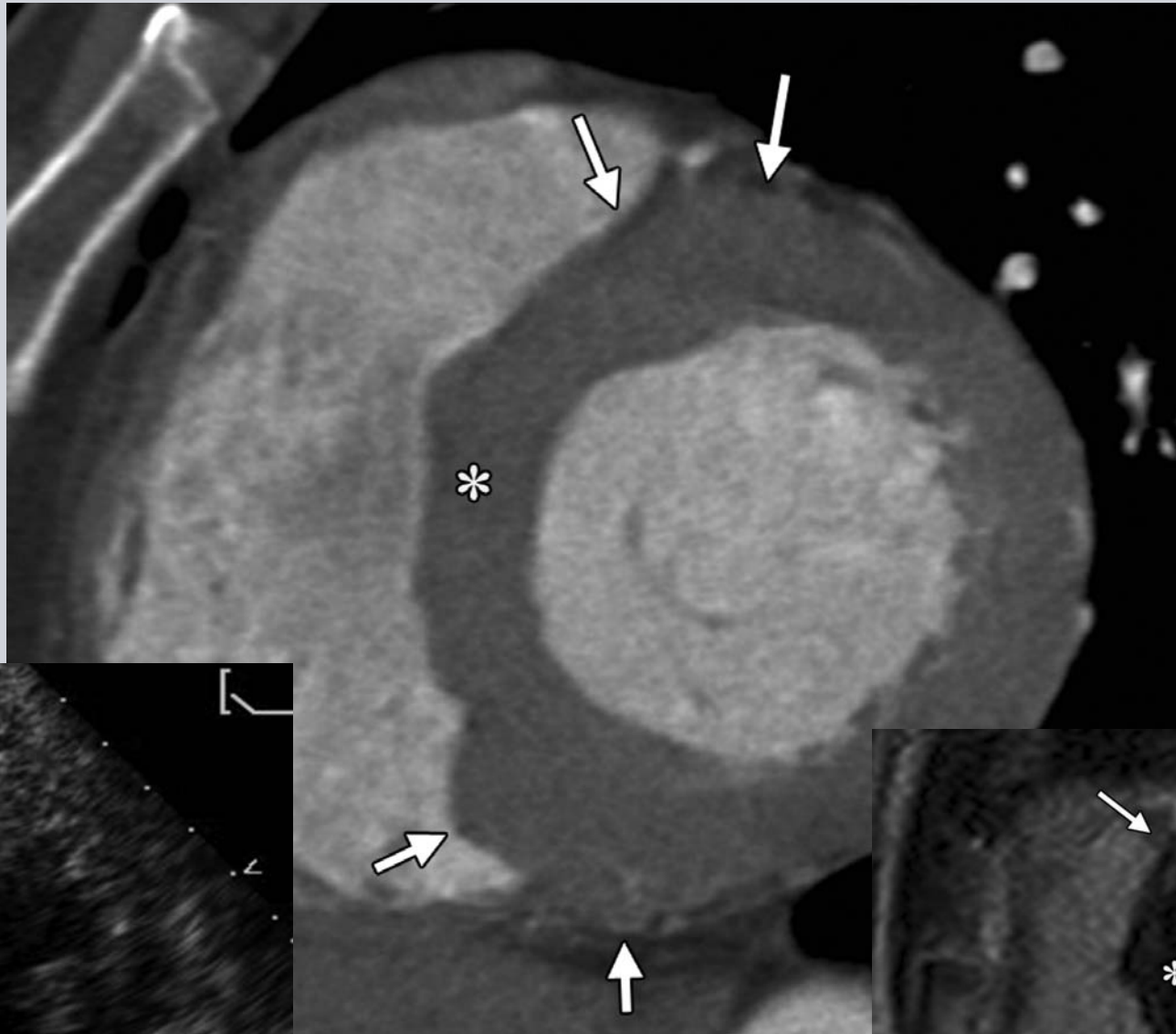


Apical HCM in a 56-year-old man with dyspnea.



Ghersin et al. Comprehensive multidetector CT assessment of apical hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. *Br J Radiol* 2006;79(948):e200–e204

Noncontiguous HCM in a 38-year-old man with electrocardiographic abnormalities of ST elevation in leads V2 through V4 and T-wave inversion in leads V4 through V6.



Maron MS, et al. Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy phenotype revisited after 50 years with cardiovascular magnetic resonance. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2009;54(3):220–228.



Preclinical HCM: LV Crypt





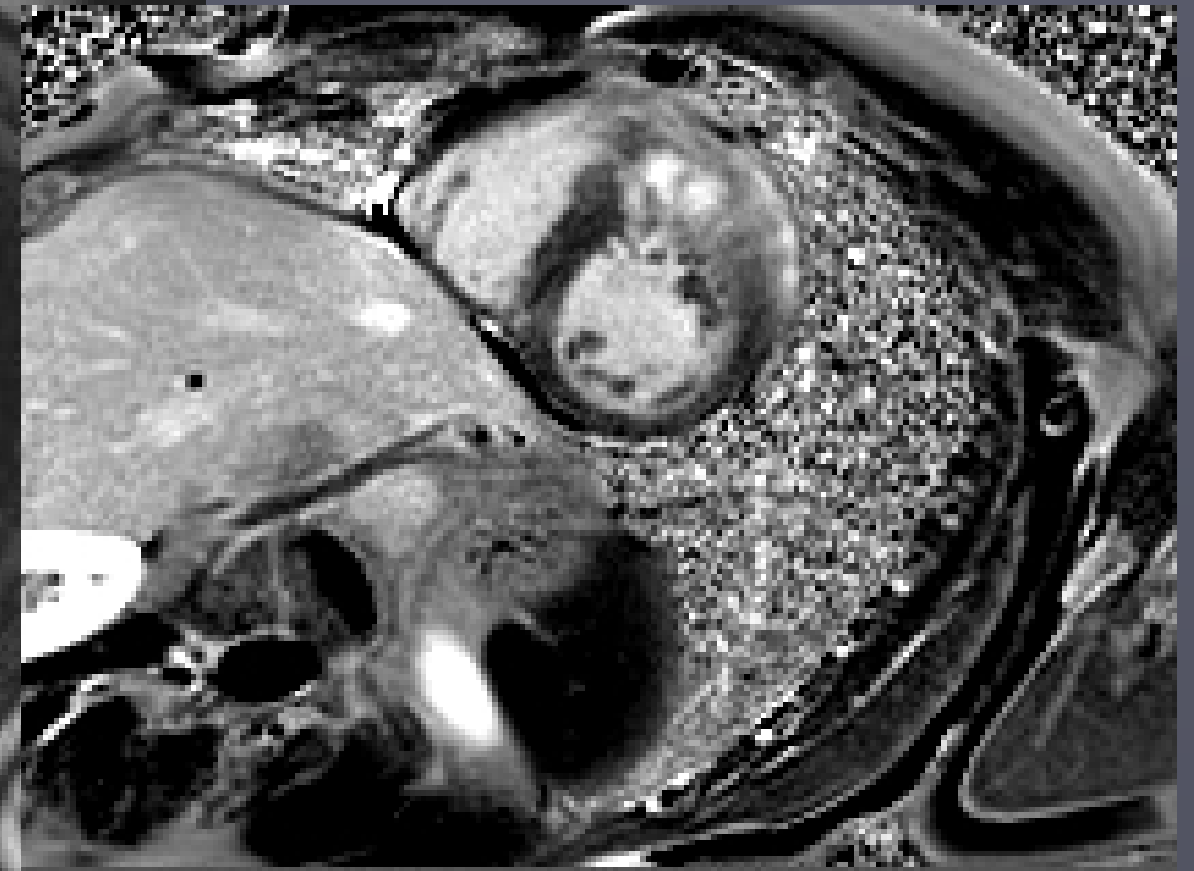
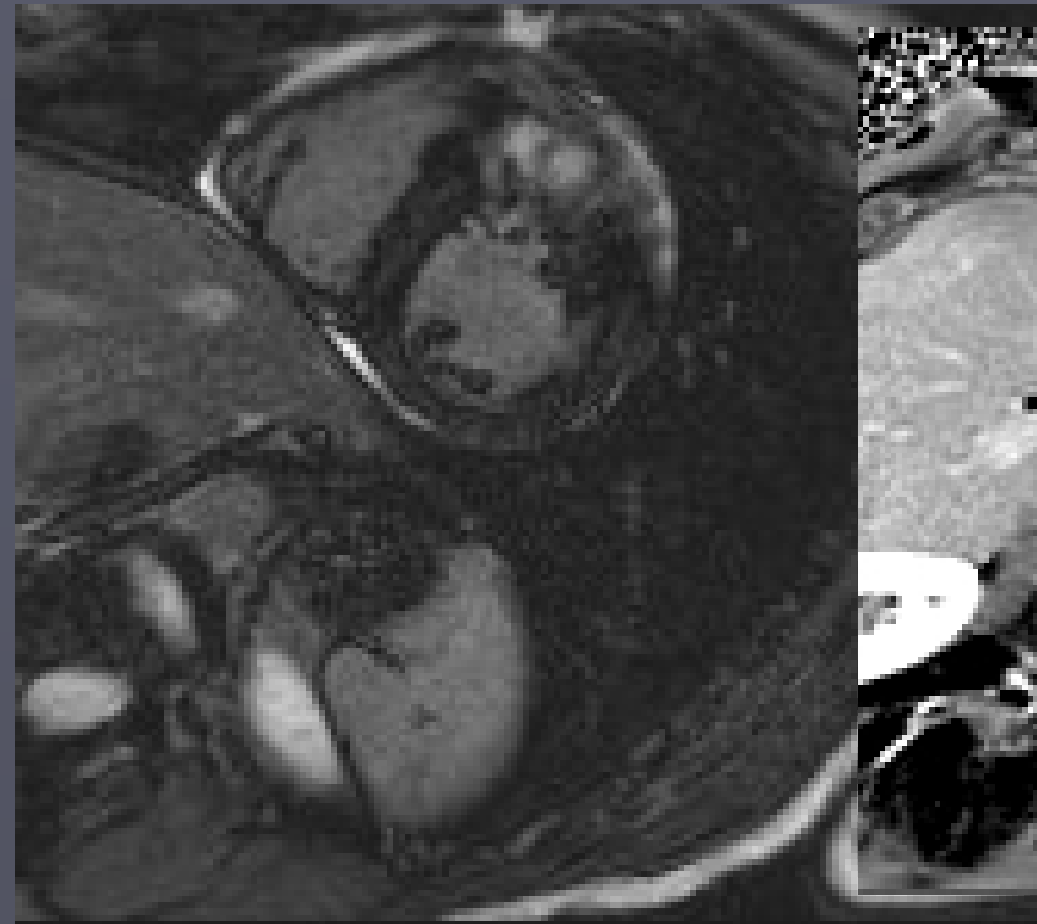
Risk Stratification of HCM

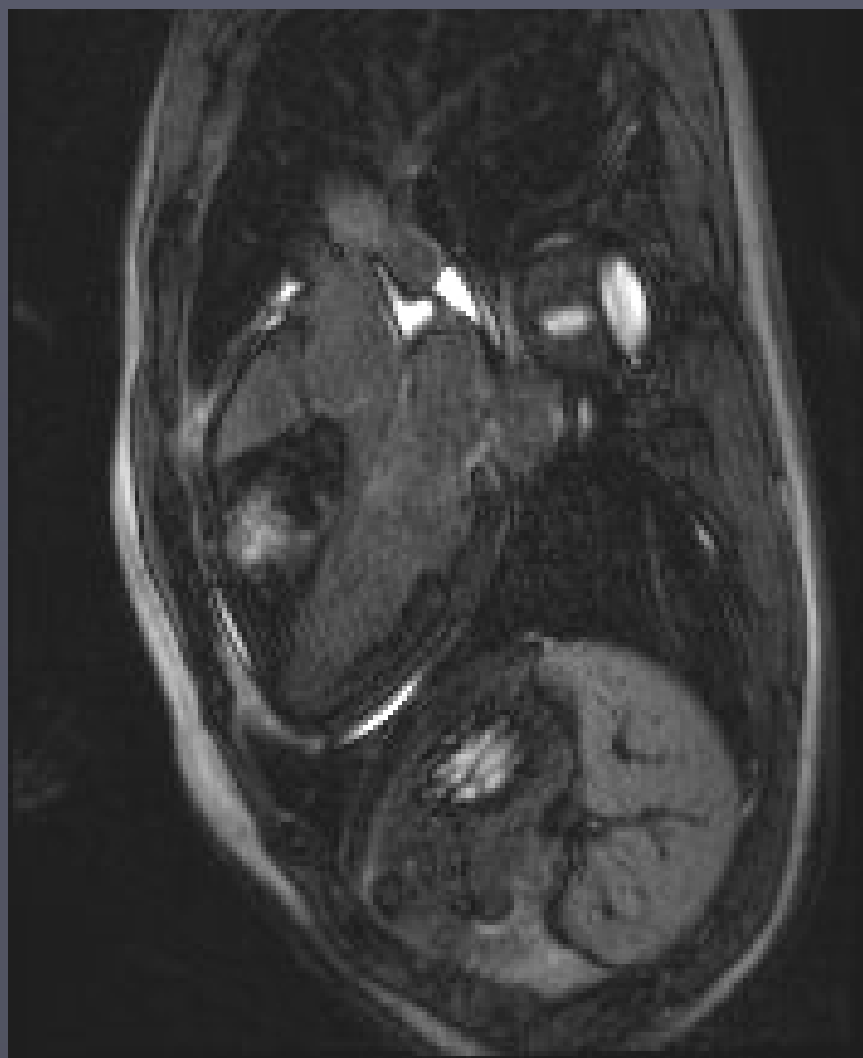
(predictor of the risk of sudden death)

- LV maximal wall thickness of 30 mm or more
- LVOT gradient of 30 mm Hg or more at rest or 50 mm Hg or more with provocation
- LV dilatation with depressed ejection fraction
- Presence of fibrosis
- Perfusion defect
- Reduced functional reserve flow



Significance and Clinical Implications of LGE

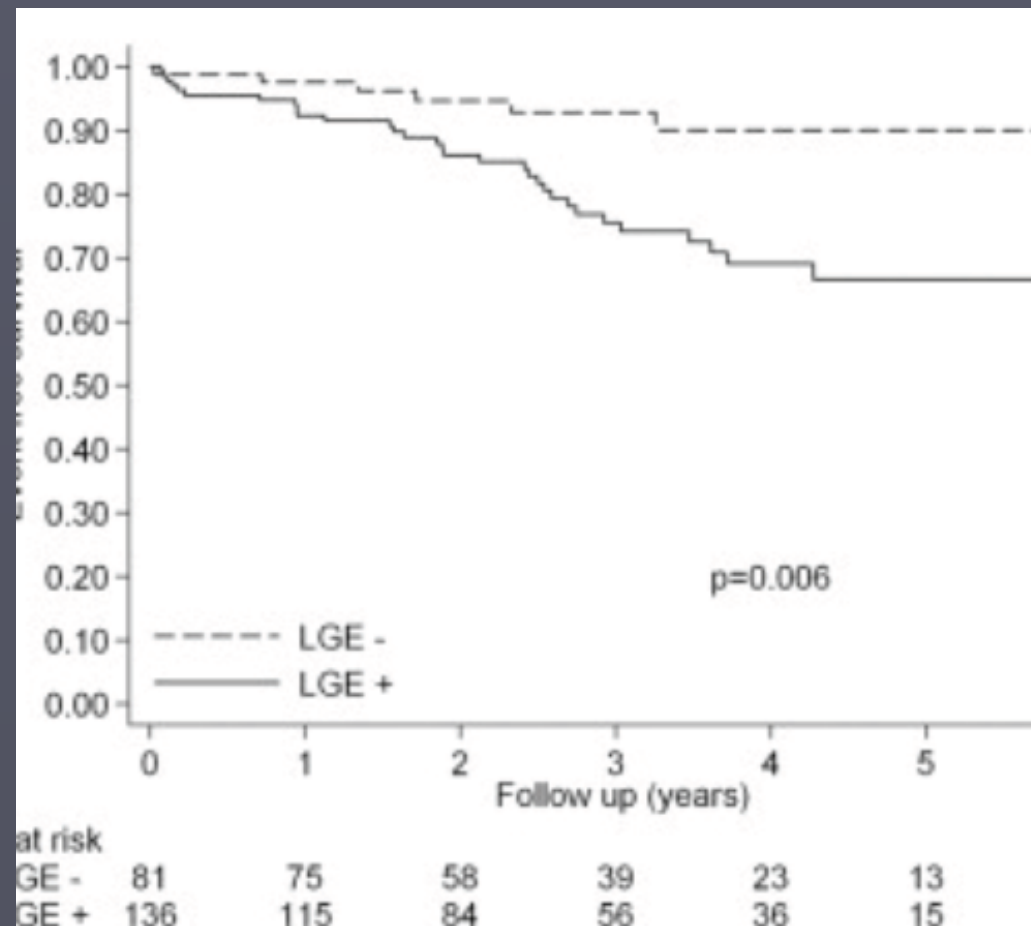




Prognostic Significance of Myocardial Fibrosis in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

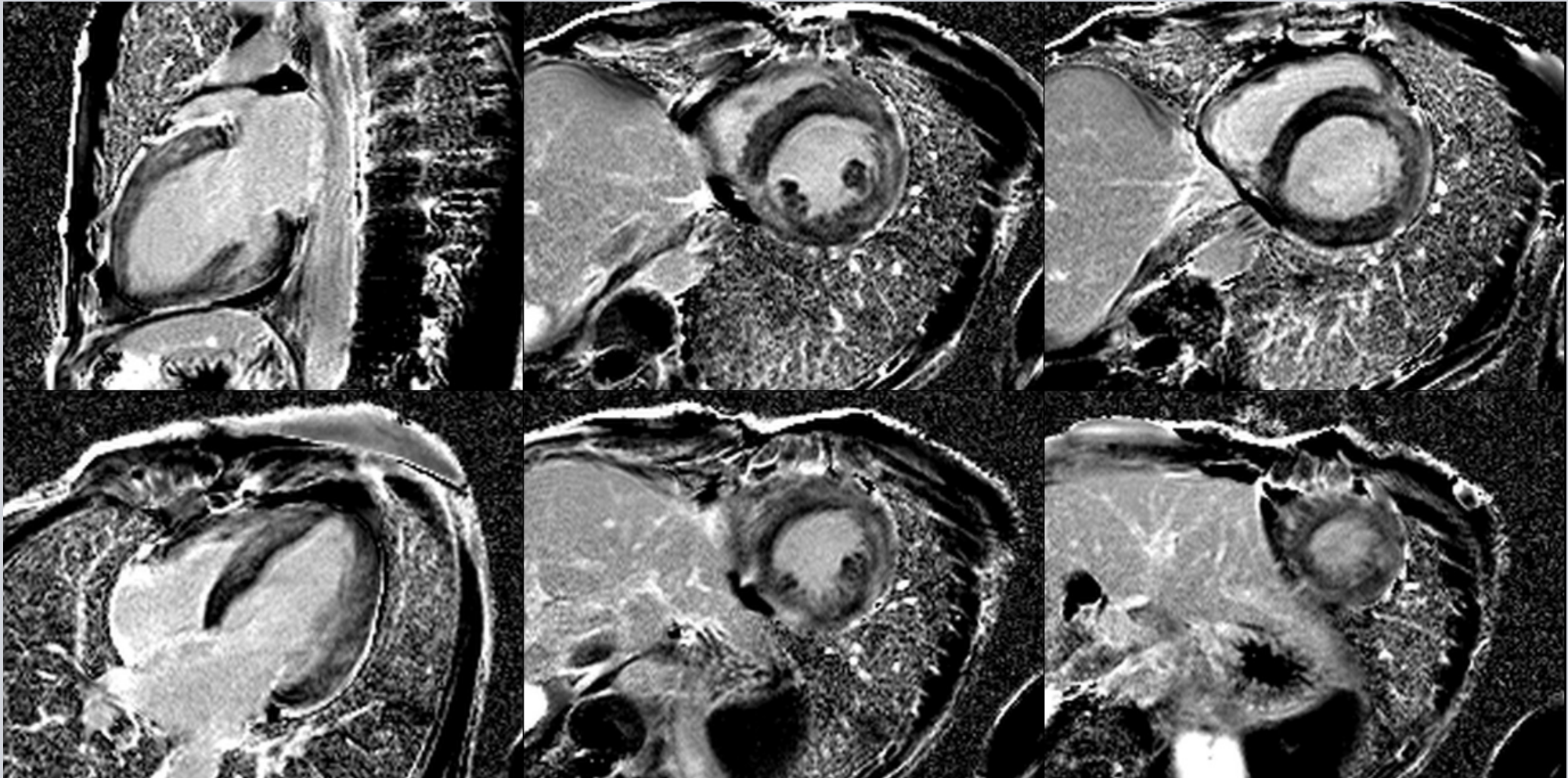
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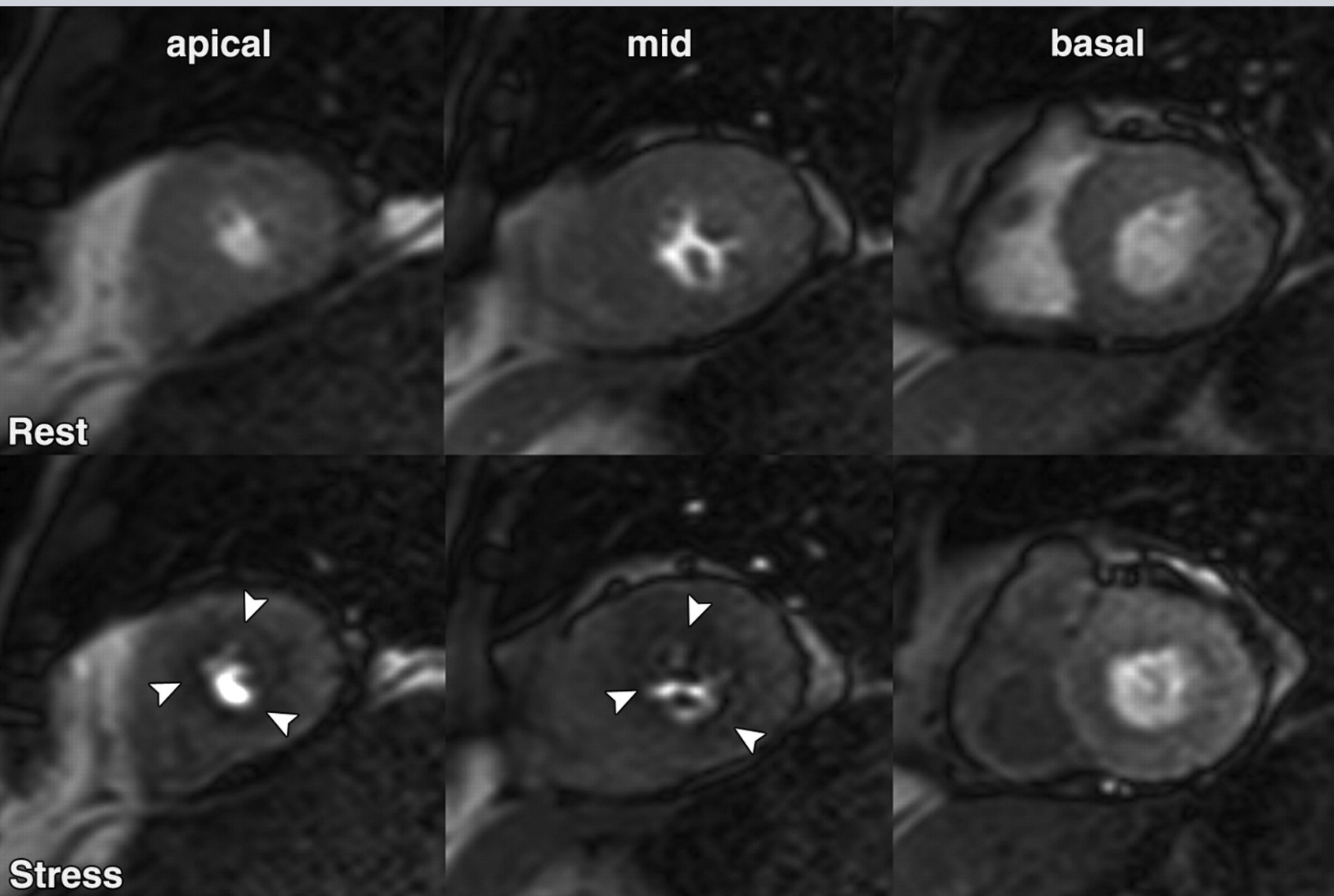


HCM in a 46-year-old man with recurrent ventricular tachycardia.

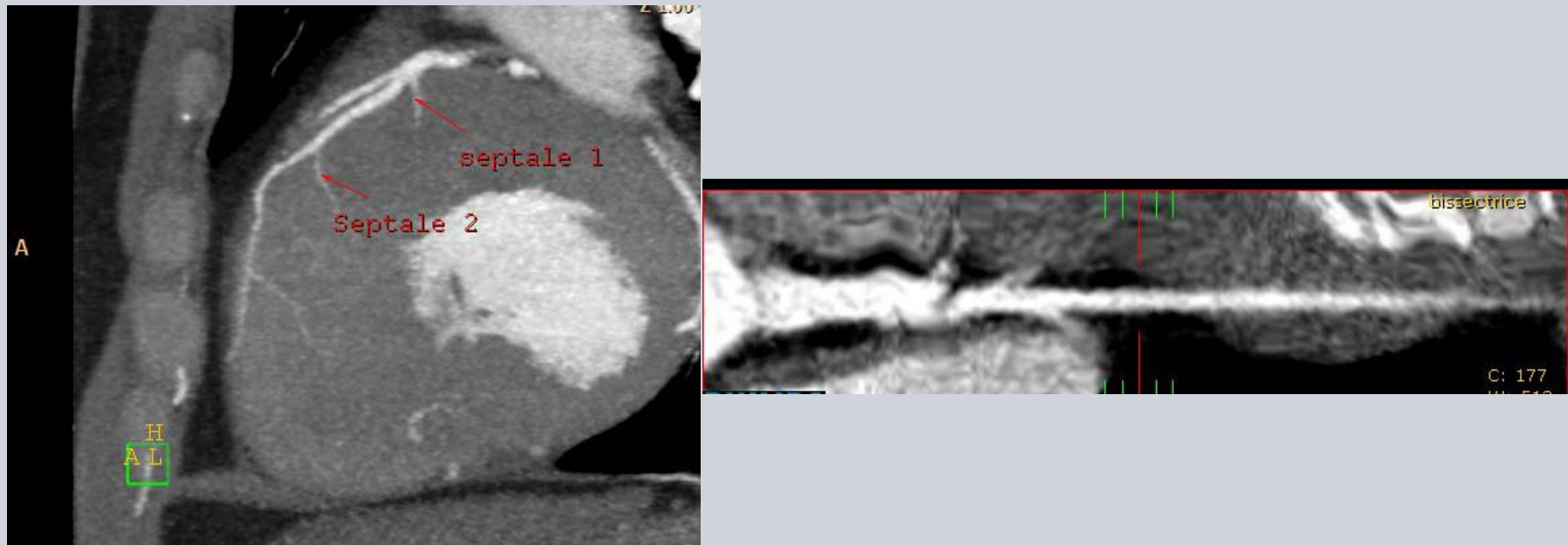


- **Delayed hyperenhancement has been correlated with**
 - **wall thickness**
 - **regional wall motion abnormalities**
 - **development of ventricular tachyarrhythmia**

Midventricular to apical HCM in a 67-year-old man with chest discomfort.



HCM: MDCT Myocardial Bridge

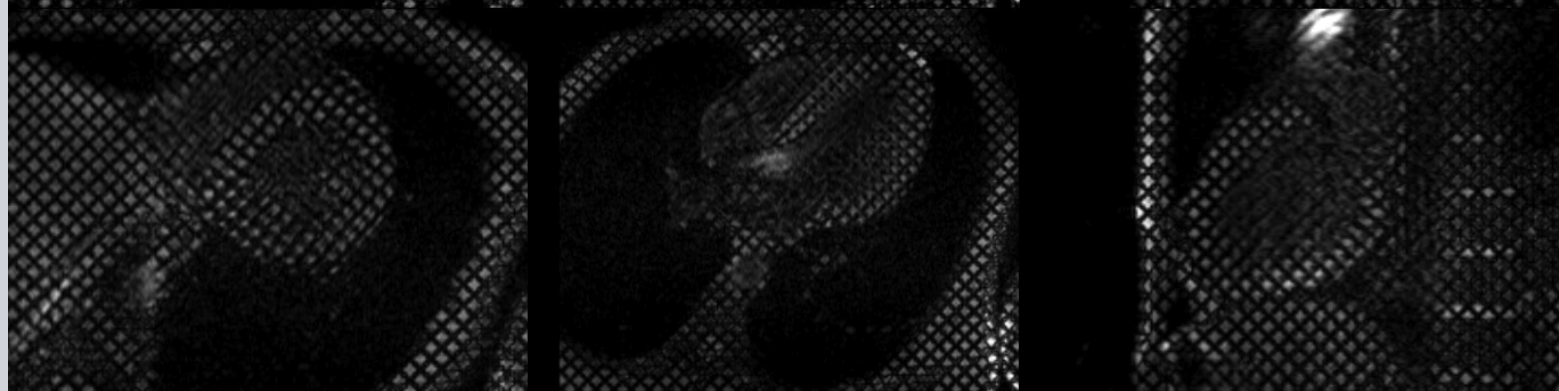




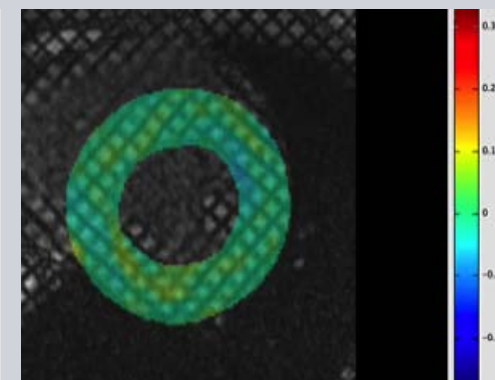
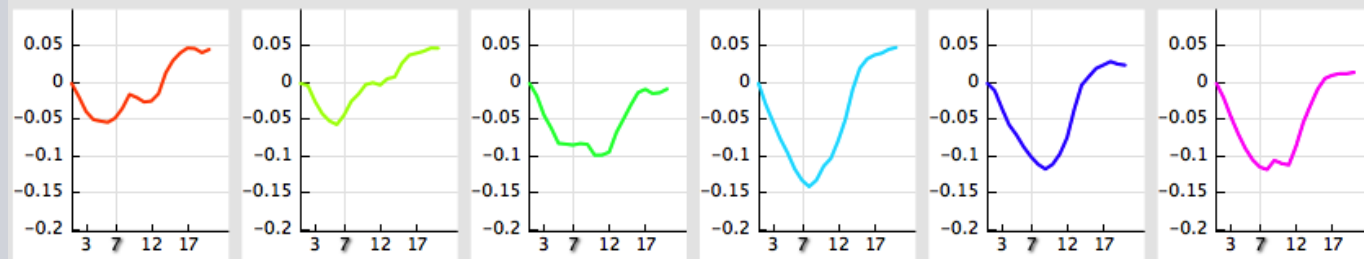
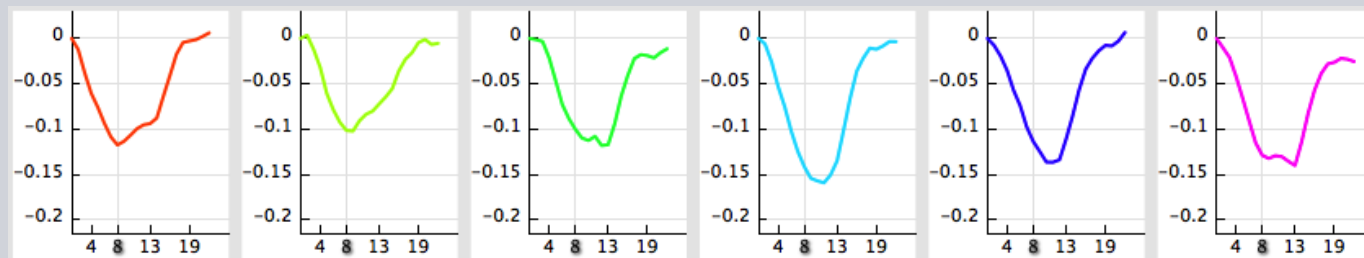
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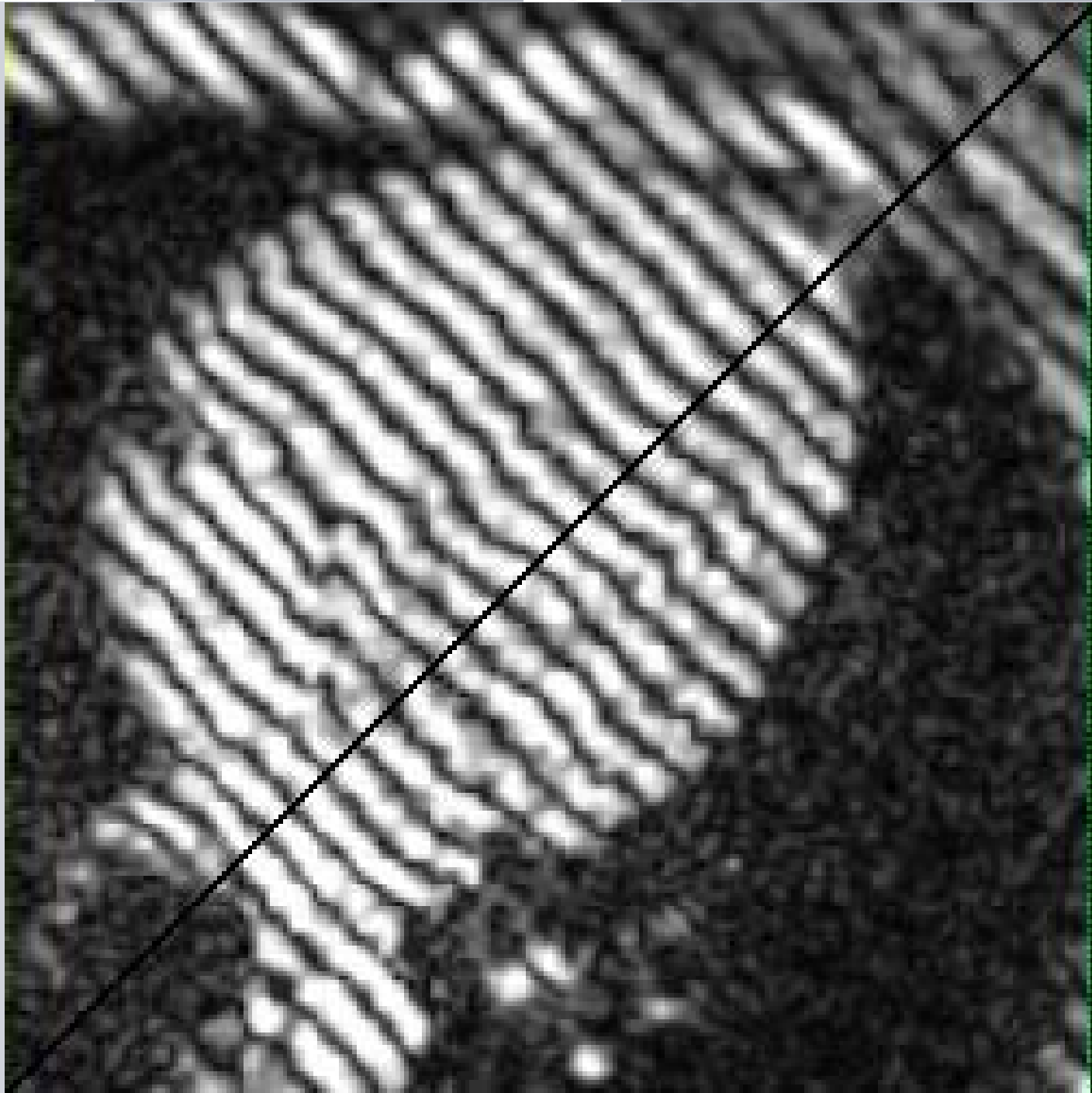
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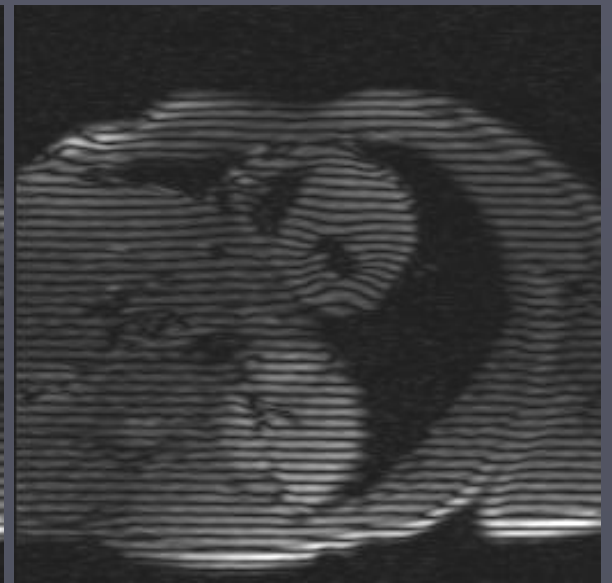
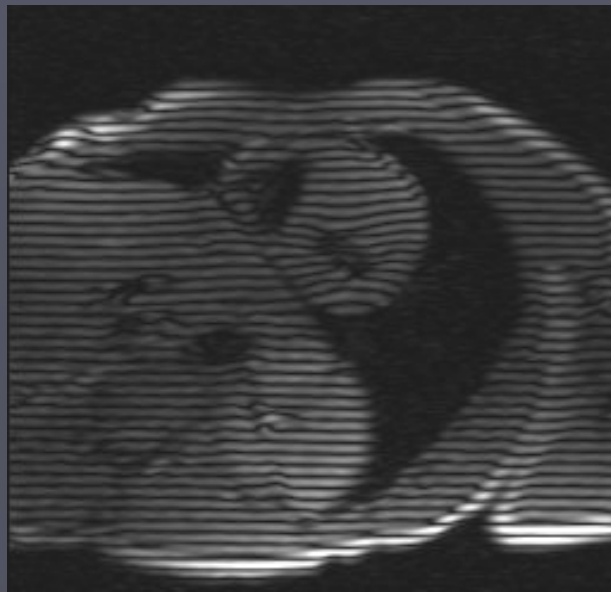
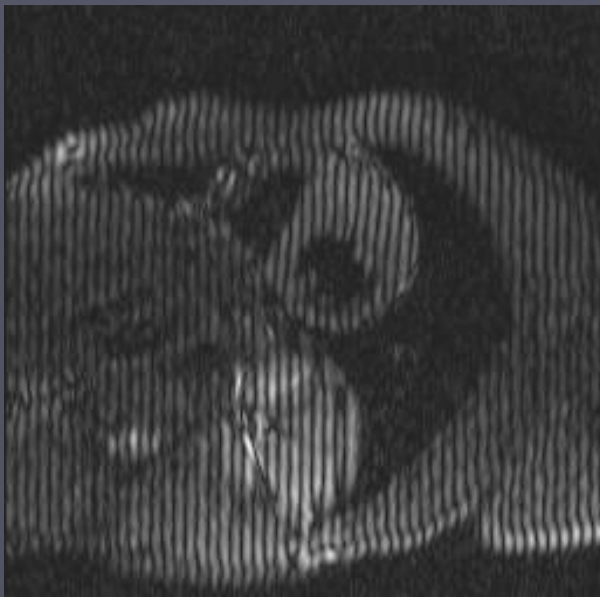
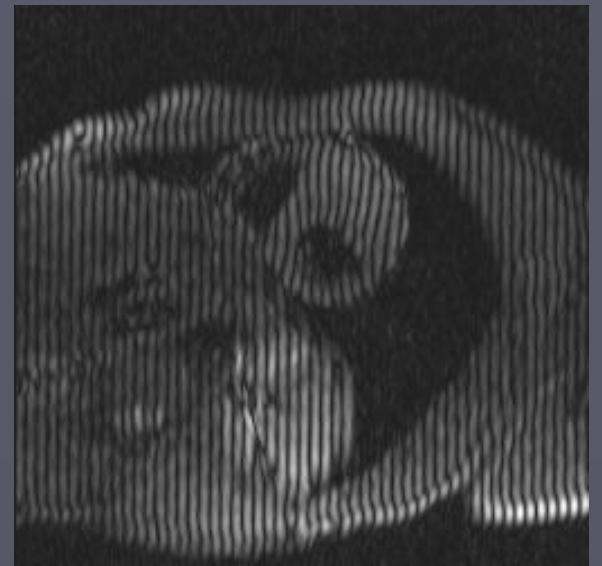
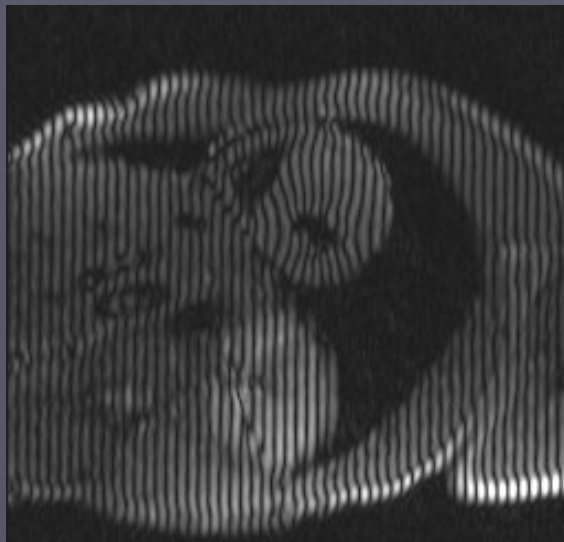
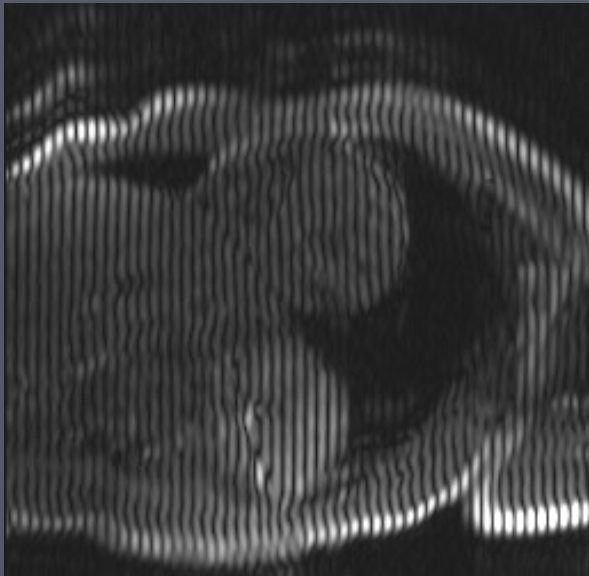


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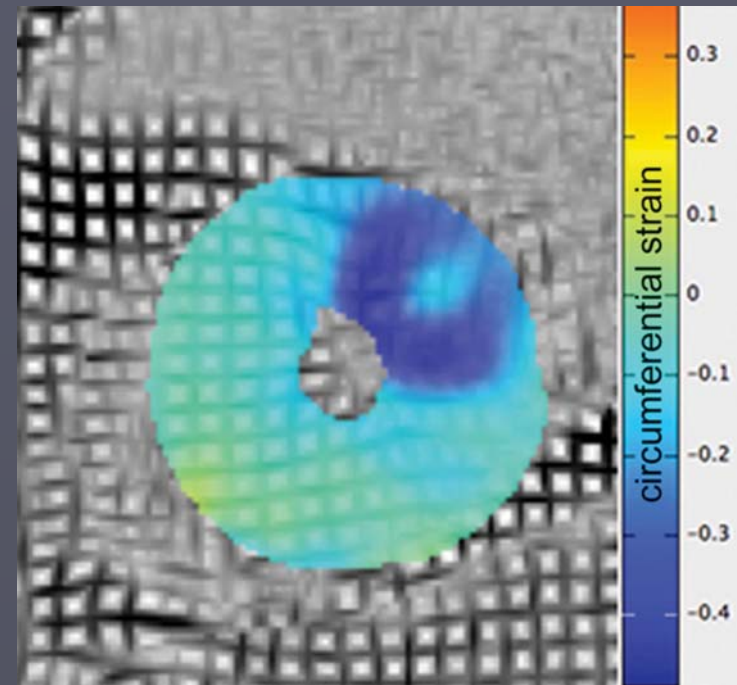
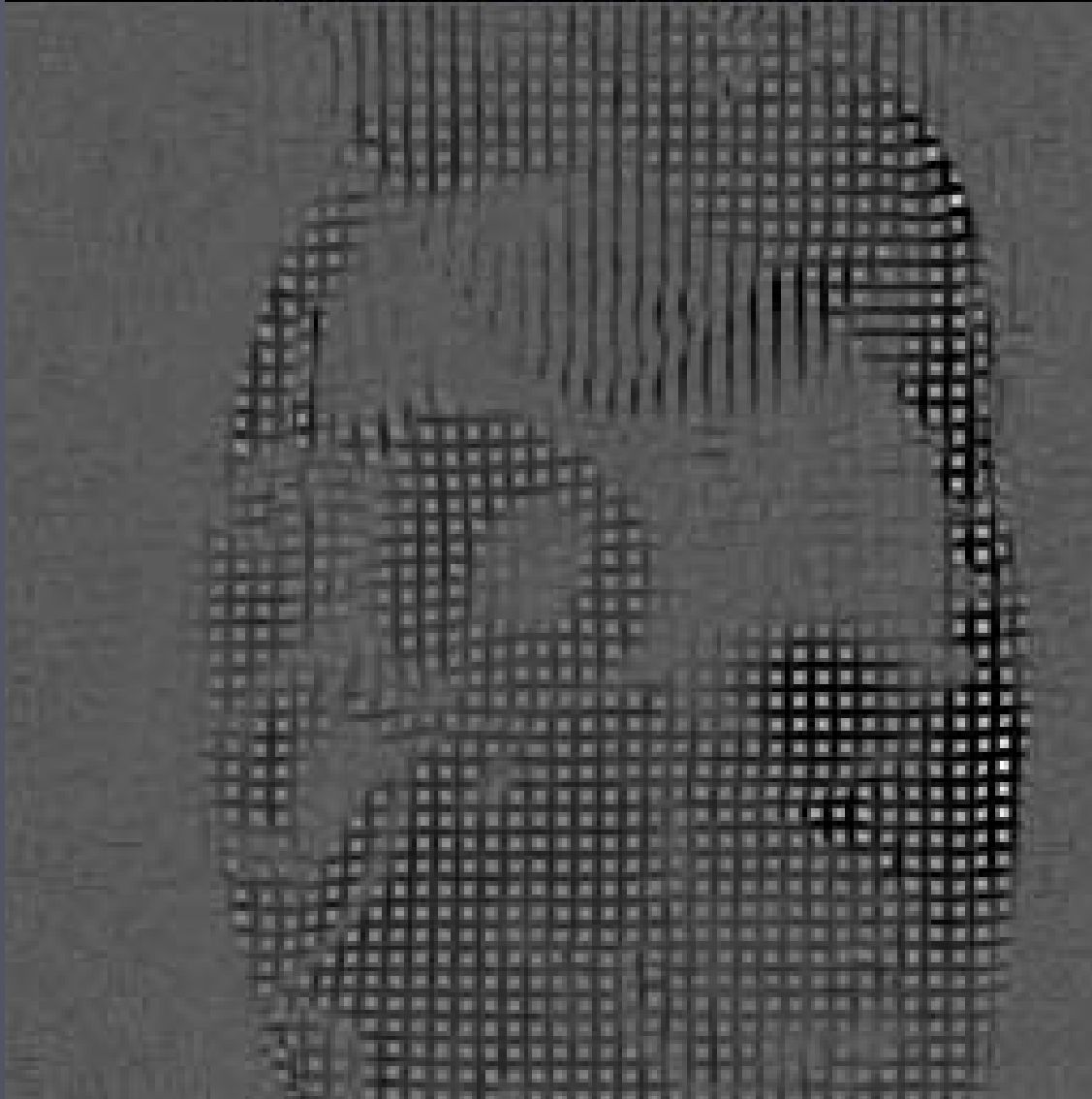


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Avert.: Non à usage diagnostique

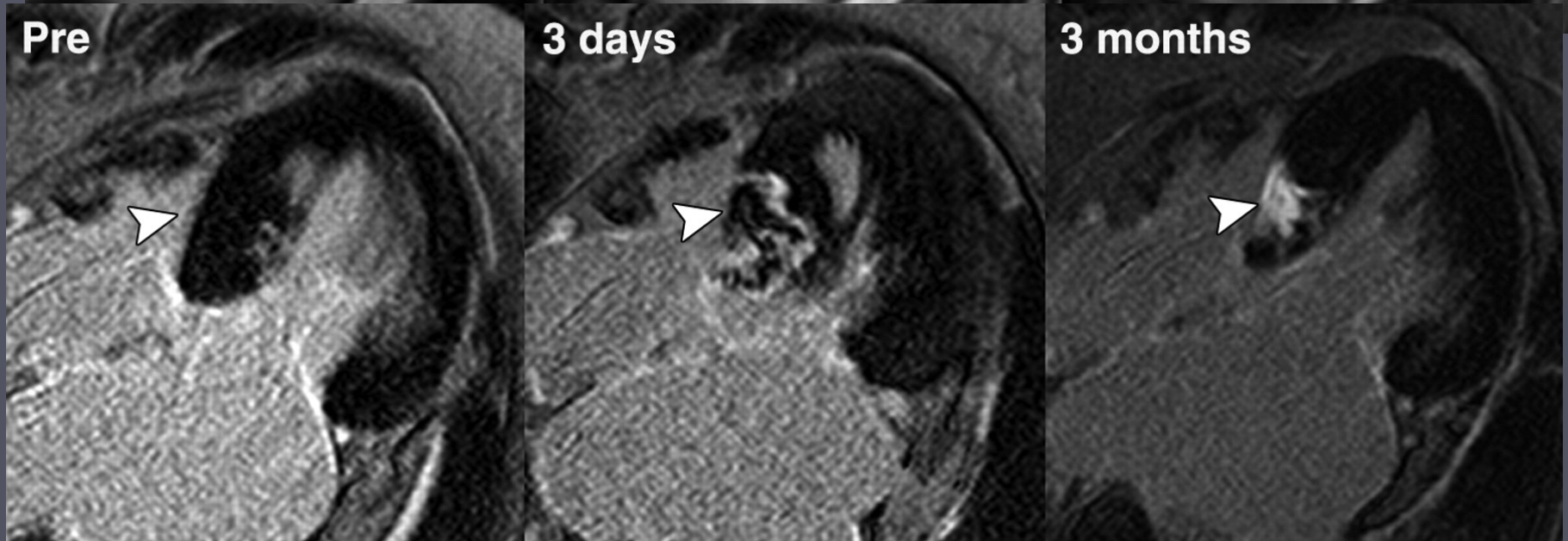
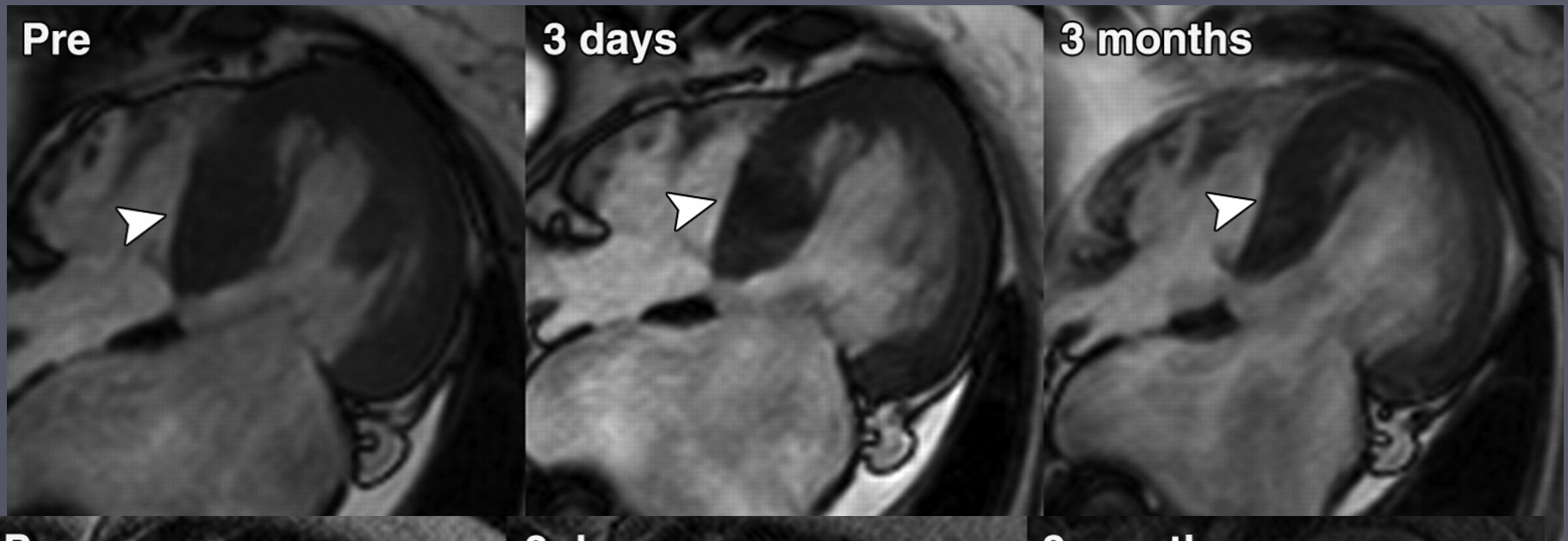




Additional Considerations

Alcohol septal ablation

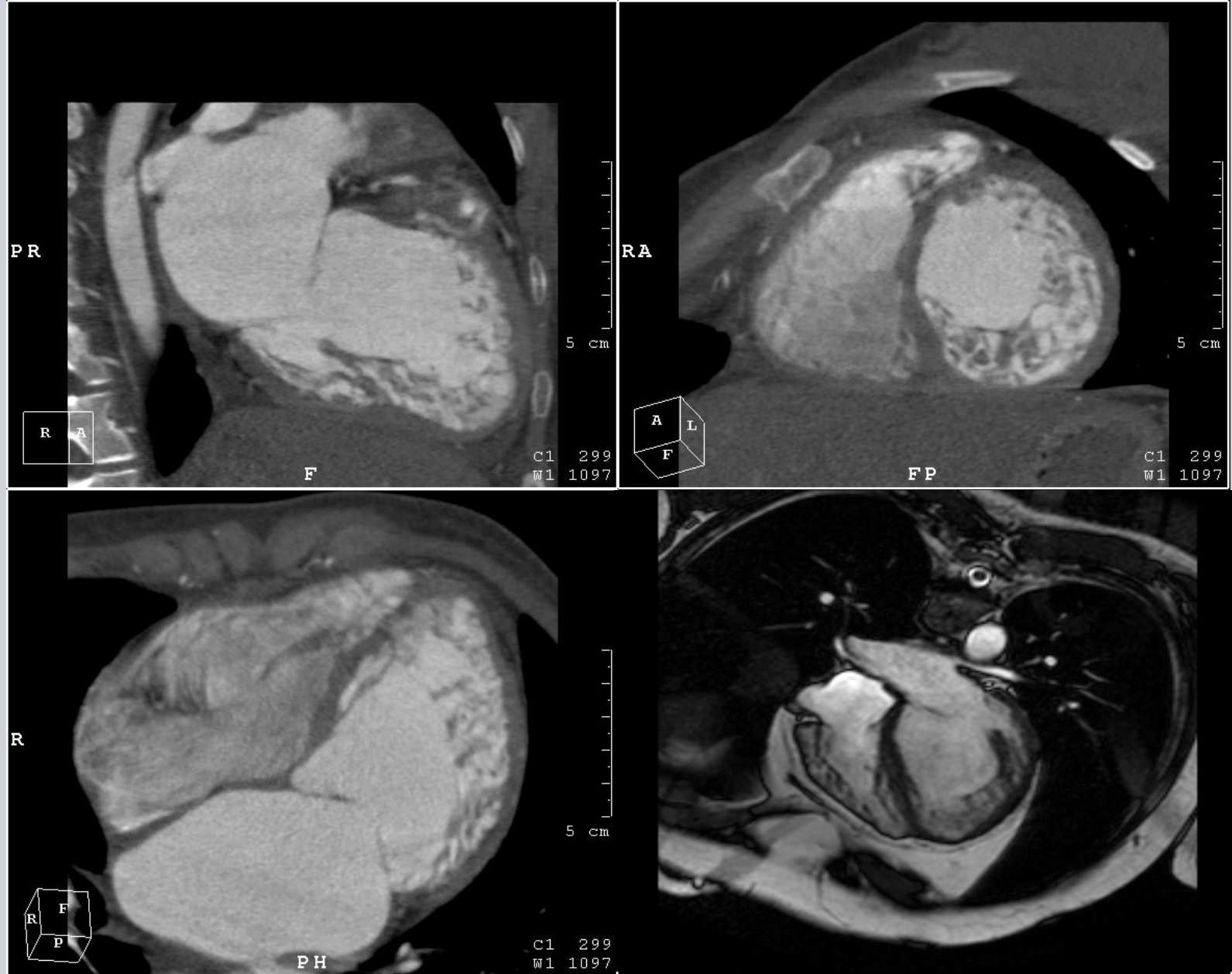
Asymmetric (septal) HCM with LVOT obstruction in a 74-year-old man who was treated with septal alcohol ablation.



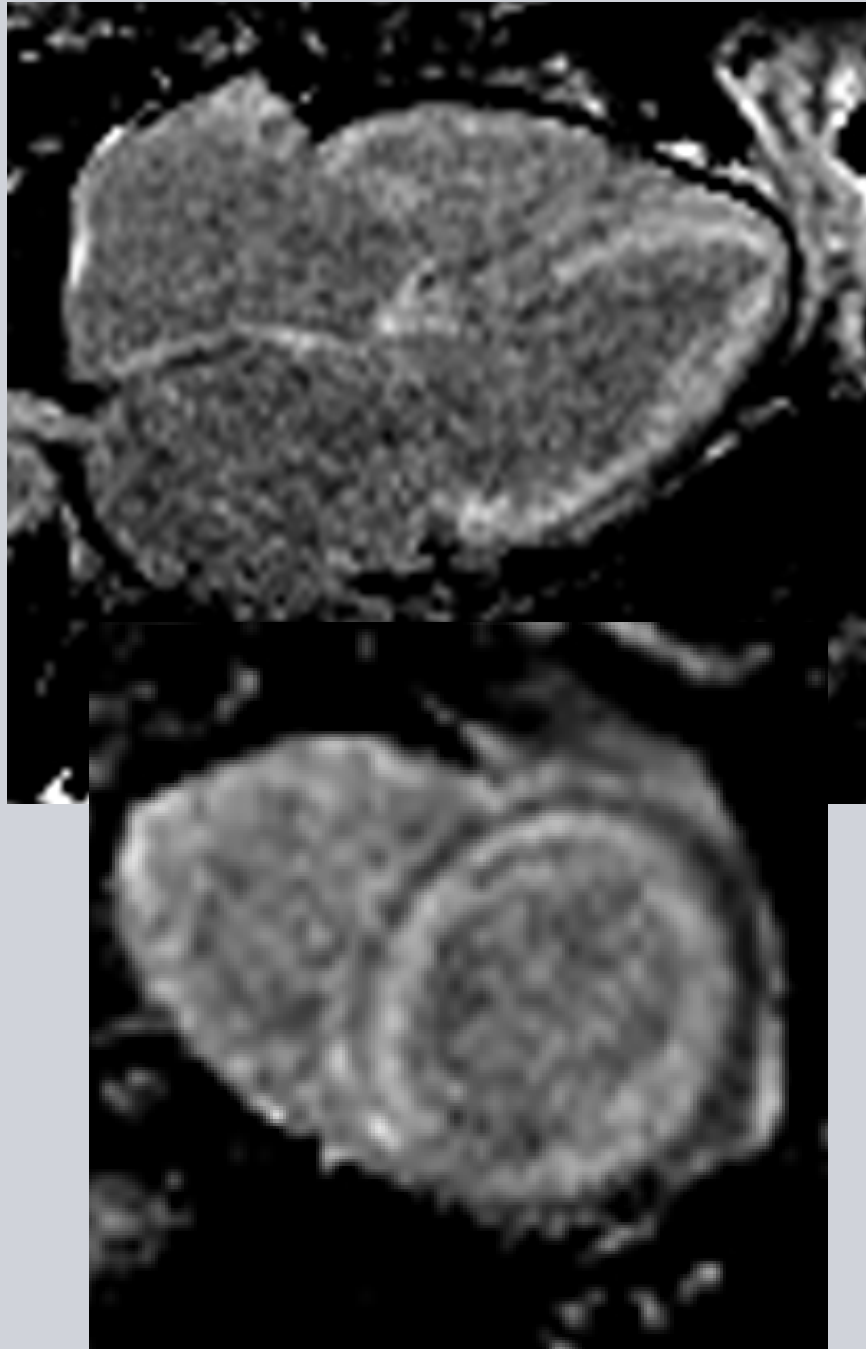


Role for CMR in Differential Diagnosis of LV hypertrophy

Differential Diagnosis: MDCT MRI LV Non Compaction



Symmetric HCM (concentric HCM:) Cardiac amyloidosis in a 58-year-old man with dyspnea.





CONCLUSIONS

- Cardiac MR imaging or MDCT should be considered as the reference standard for establishing a diagnosis of HCM when
 - the results from echocardiography are inconclusive
 - are suspected of being false-negative findings.
- Cardiac MR imaging is a powerful imaging modality for :
 - differentiating HCM from other cardiomyopathies
 - risk stratification of HCM in selected patients.
- Cardiac MDCT is less useful for the assessment of HCM currently because:
 - MDCT involves radiation exposure and contrast medium– related problems
 - provides less information than MR imaging:
 - hemodynamic information, tissue characterization such as fibrosis
- Cardiac MDCT would be more appropriate :
 - when specific anatomical details are requested
 - to exclude coronary artery disease and i
 - In patients with contraindications for MR imaging, such as a pacemaker

