

# Examination of thorax II

## - auscultation

## + physiology and pathophysiology comments

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# Auscultation points - basic 4 points

## Aortic valve:

- 2. right intercostal space

## Pulmonary valve:

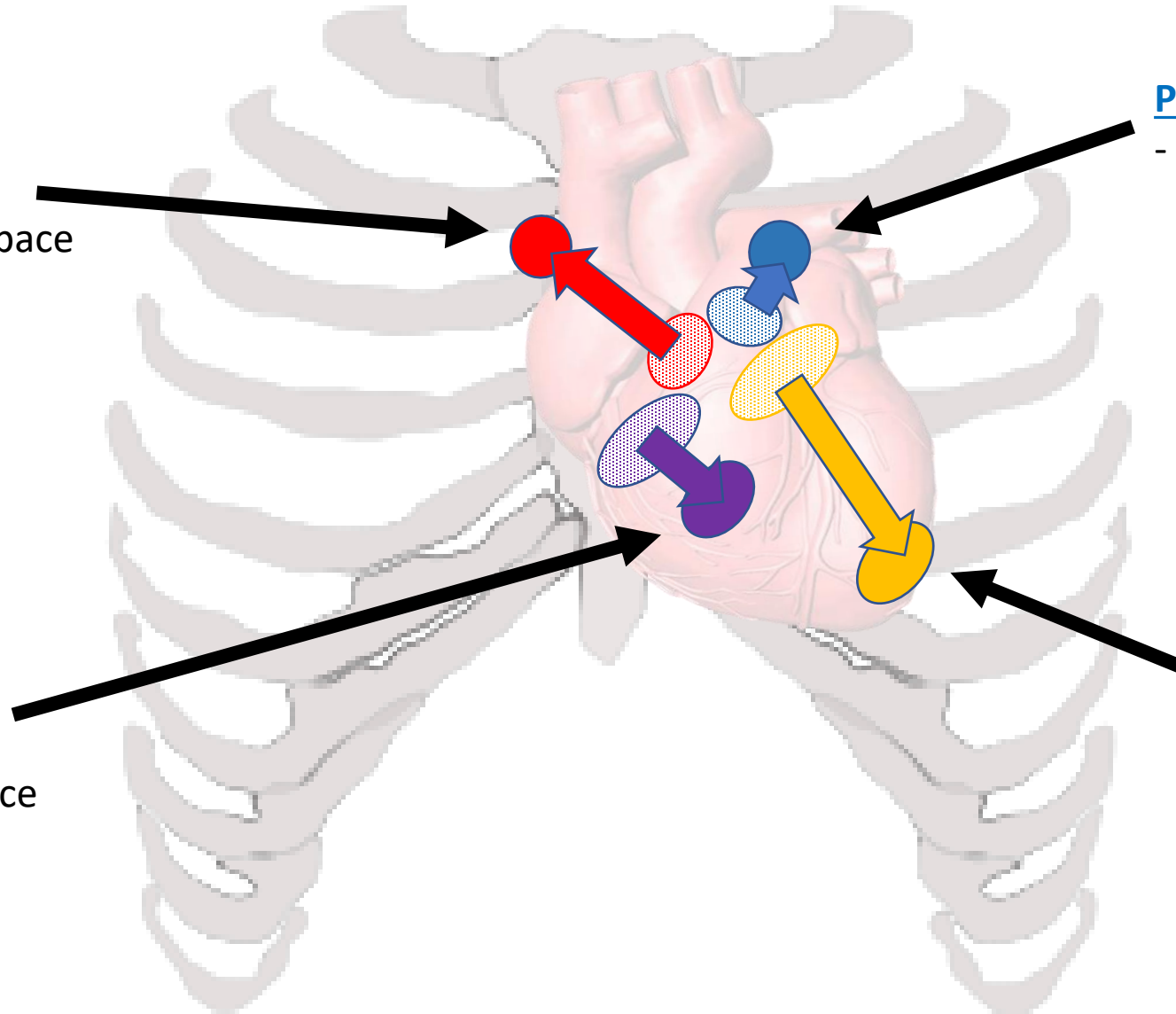
- 2. left intercostal space

## Mitral valve:

- 4.-5 intercostal space in medioclavicular line

## Trikuspid valve:

- 4. left intercostal space



# Auscultation points- radiation points

Radiation – carotid a.:

- neck

Aortic valve:

- 2. right intercostal space

Pulmonary valve:

- 2. left intercostal space

Erb's point:

- 3. (-4.) left intercostal space

Radiace – left atrium:

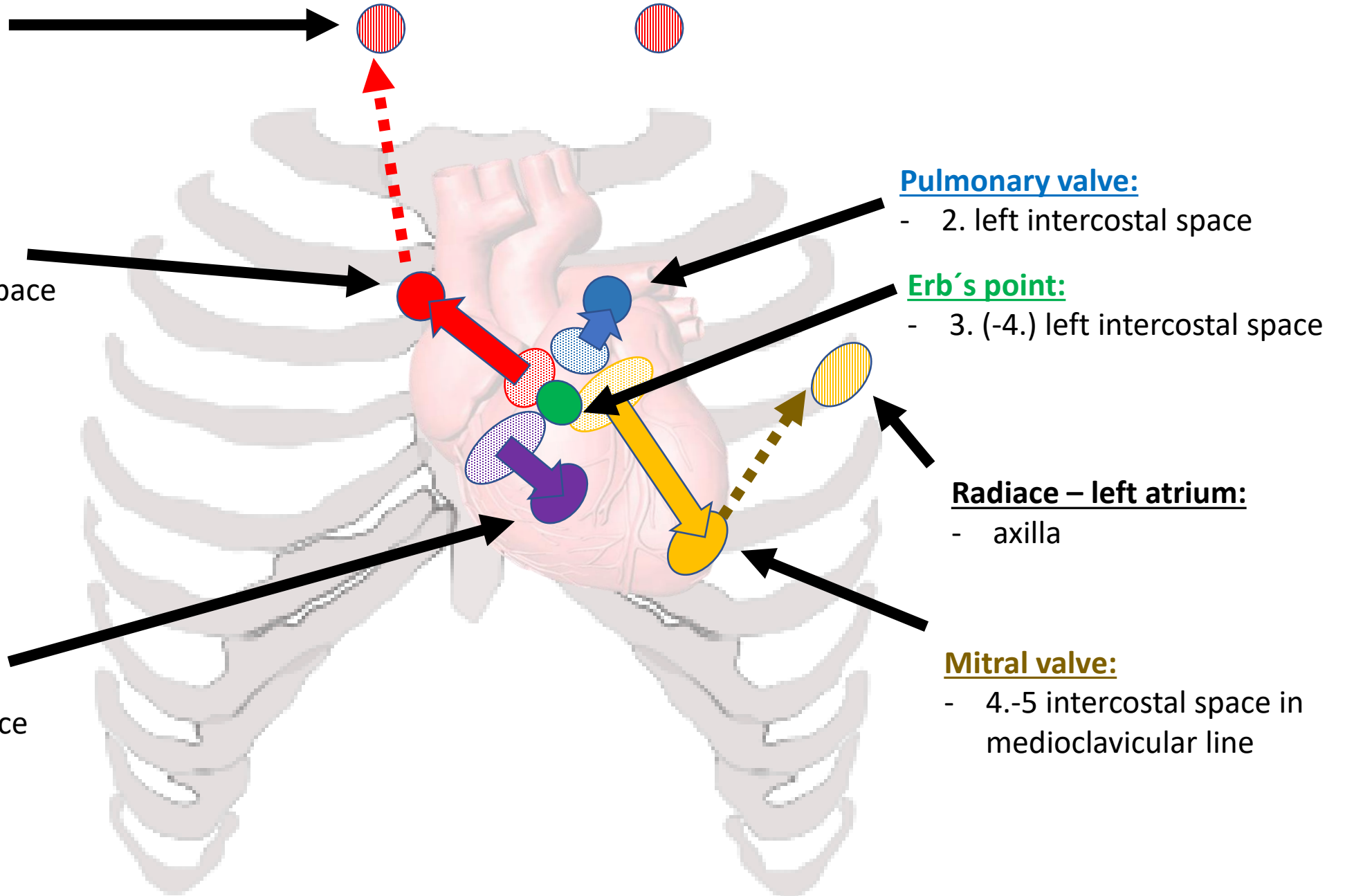
- axilla

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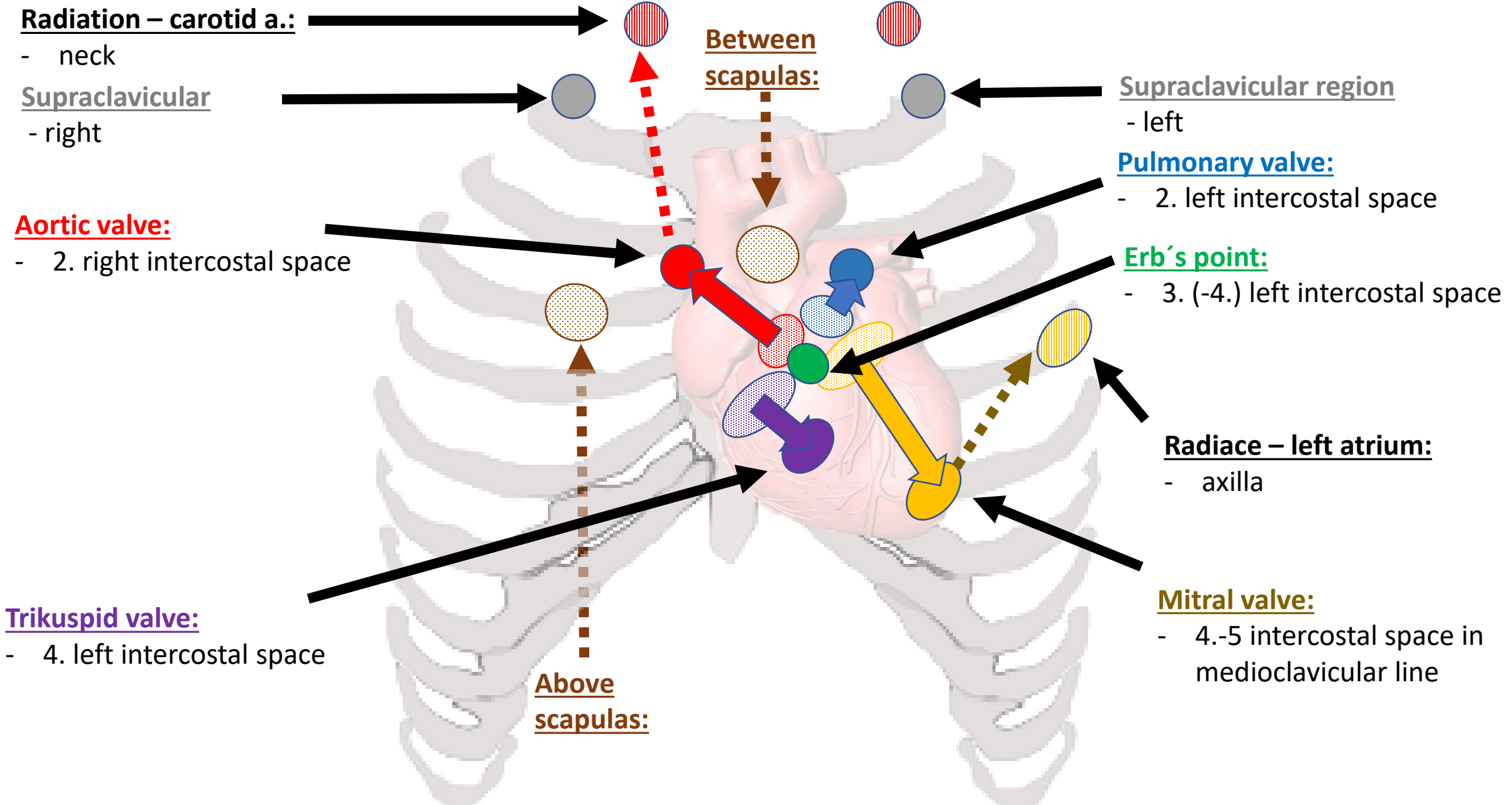
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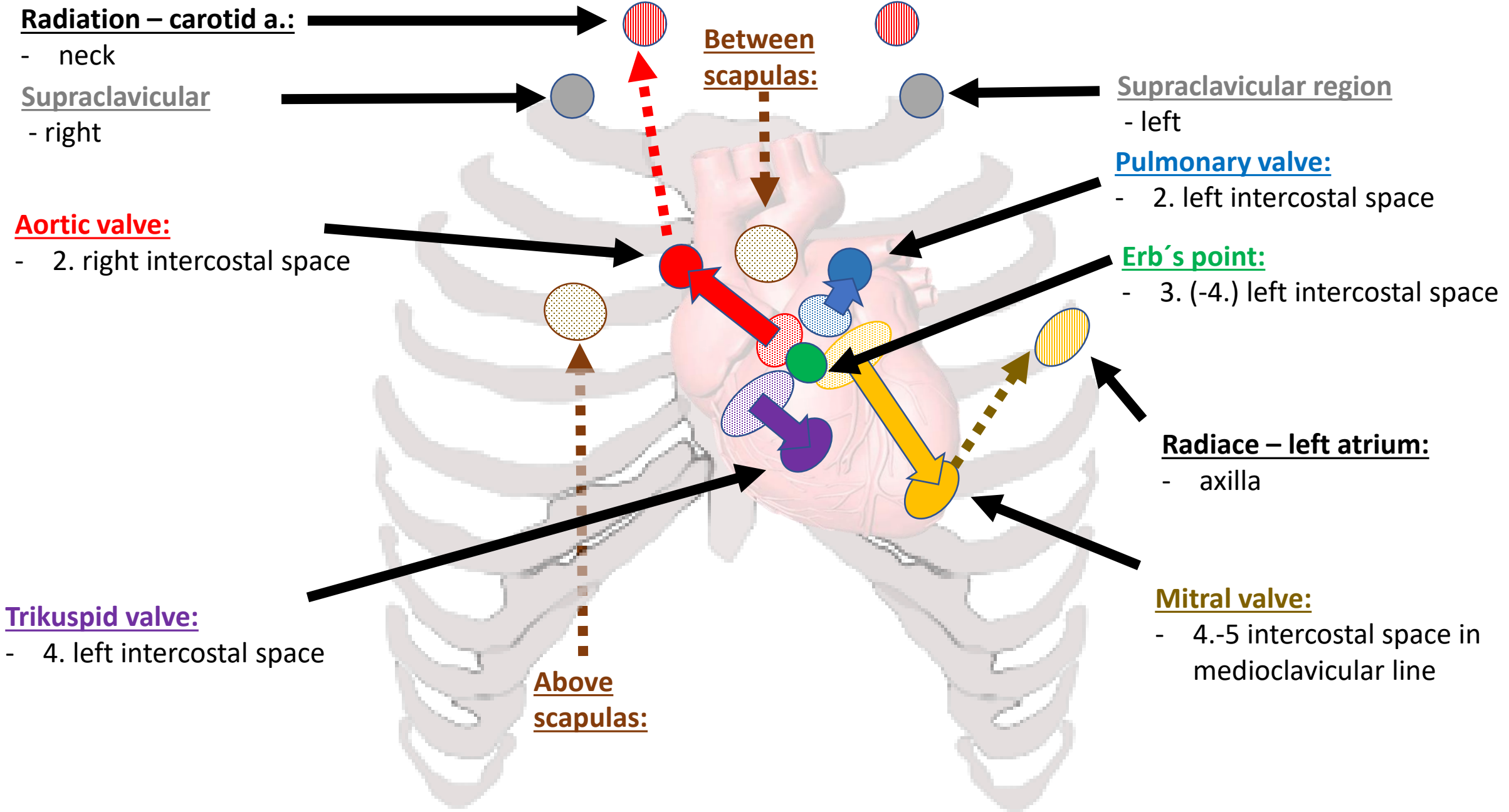
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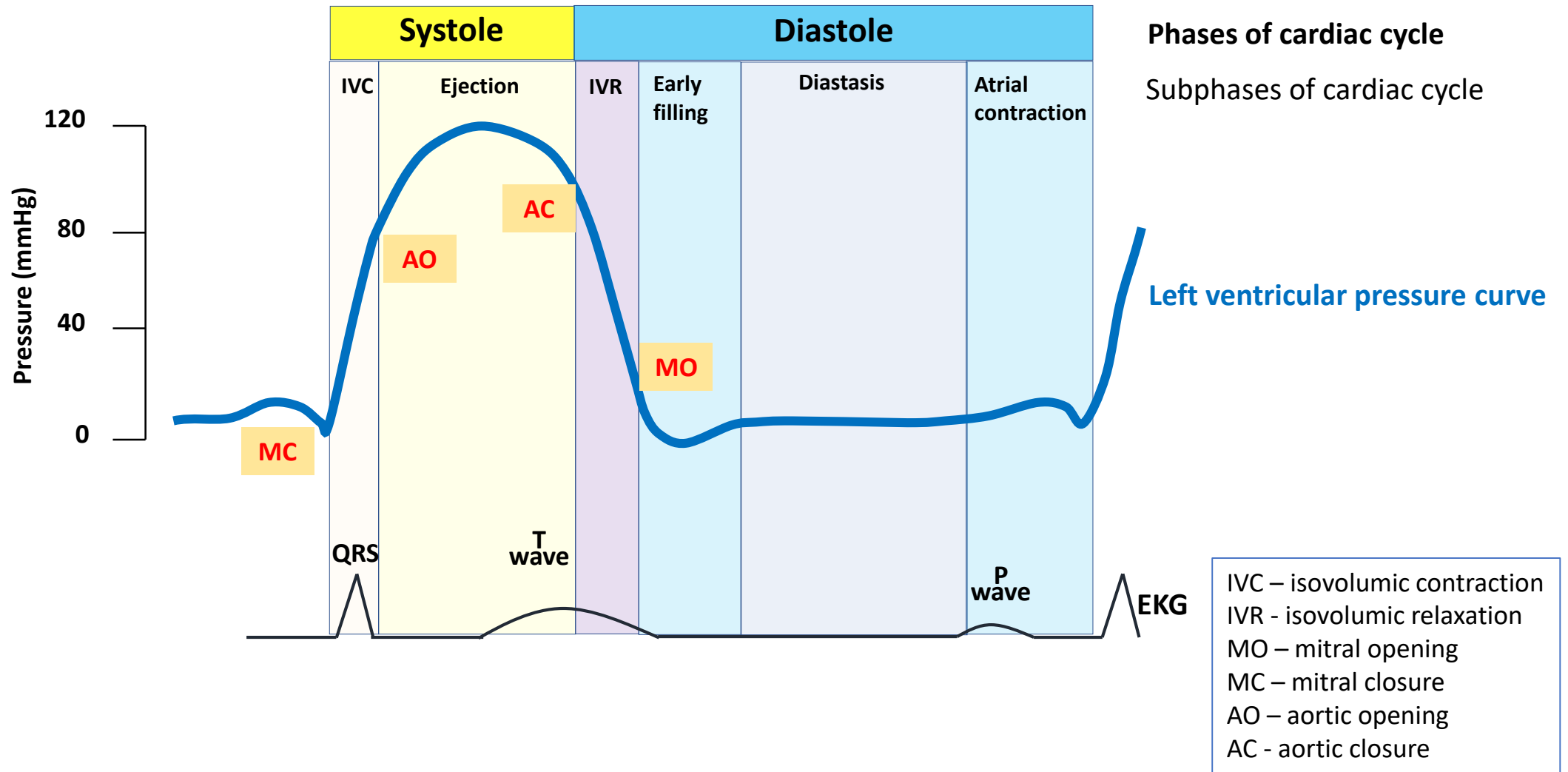
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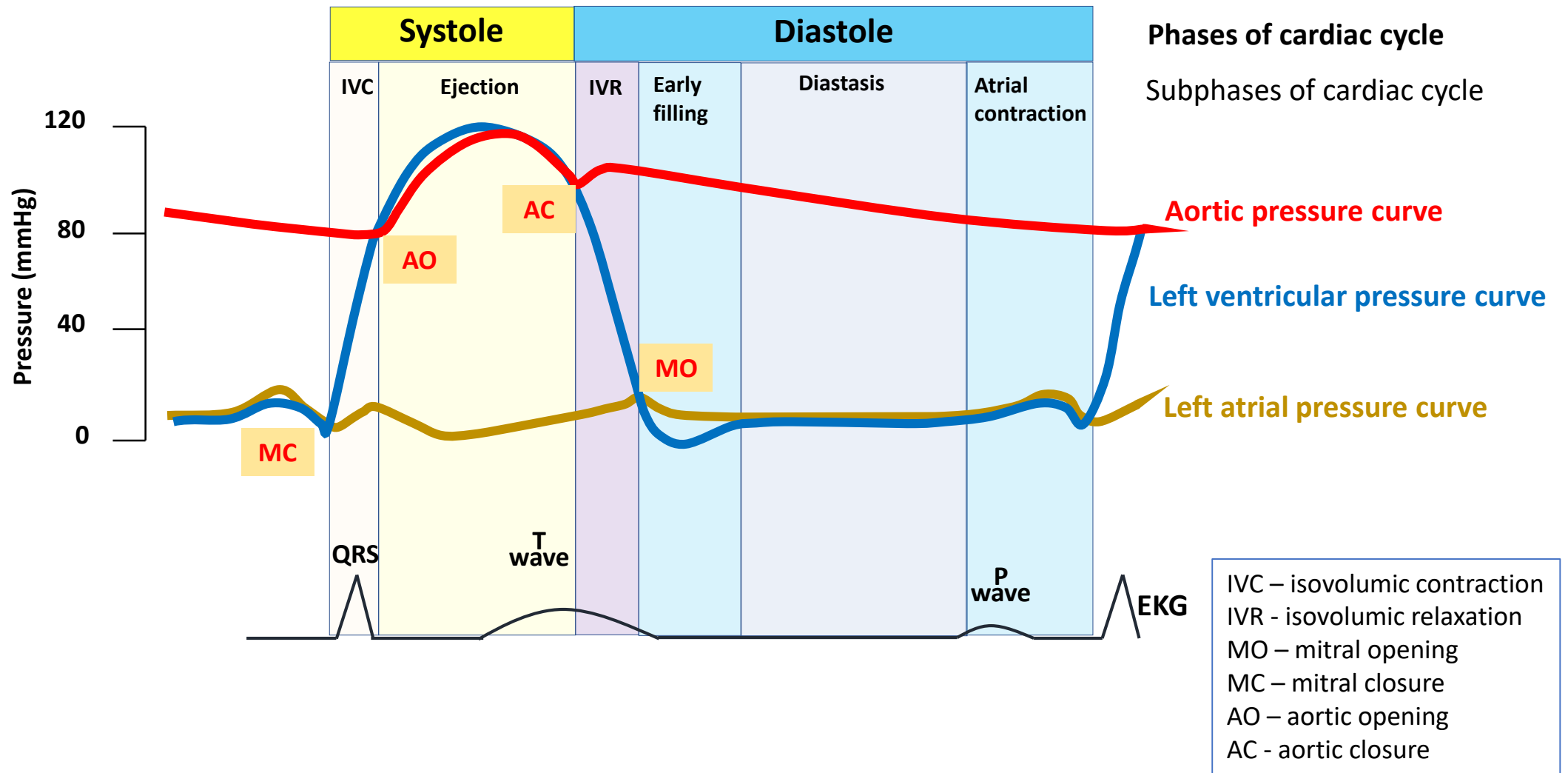
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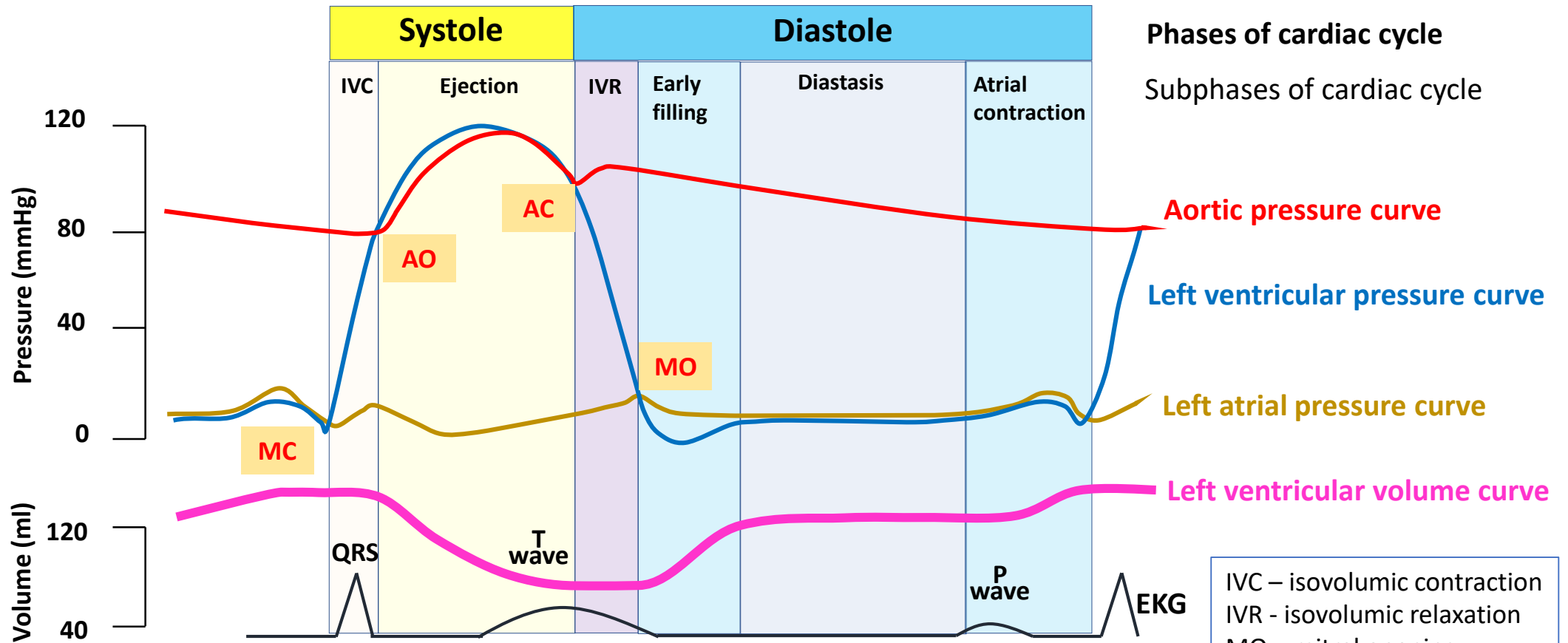
# Cardiac cycle – PRESSURE CURVES and ECG



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# Cardiac cycle – VOLUME + BLOOD FLOWS



Phases of cardiac cycle

Subphases of cardiac cycle

Aortic pressure curve

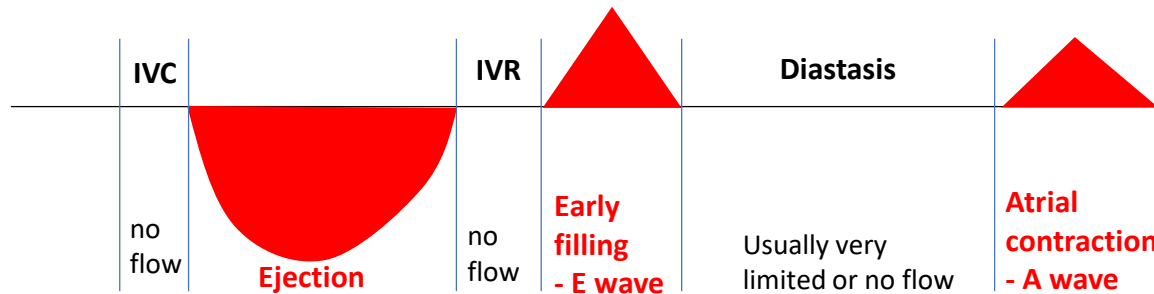
Left ventricular pressure curve

Left atrial pressure curve

Left ventricular volume curve

- IVC – isovolumic contraction
- IVR - isovolumic relaxation
- MO – mitral opening
- MC – mitral closure
- AO – aortic opening
- AC - aortic closure

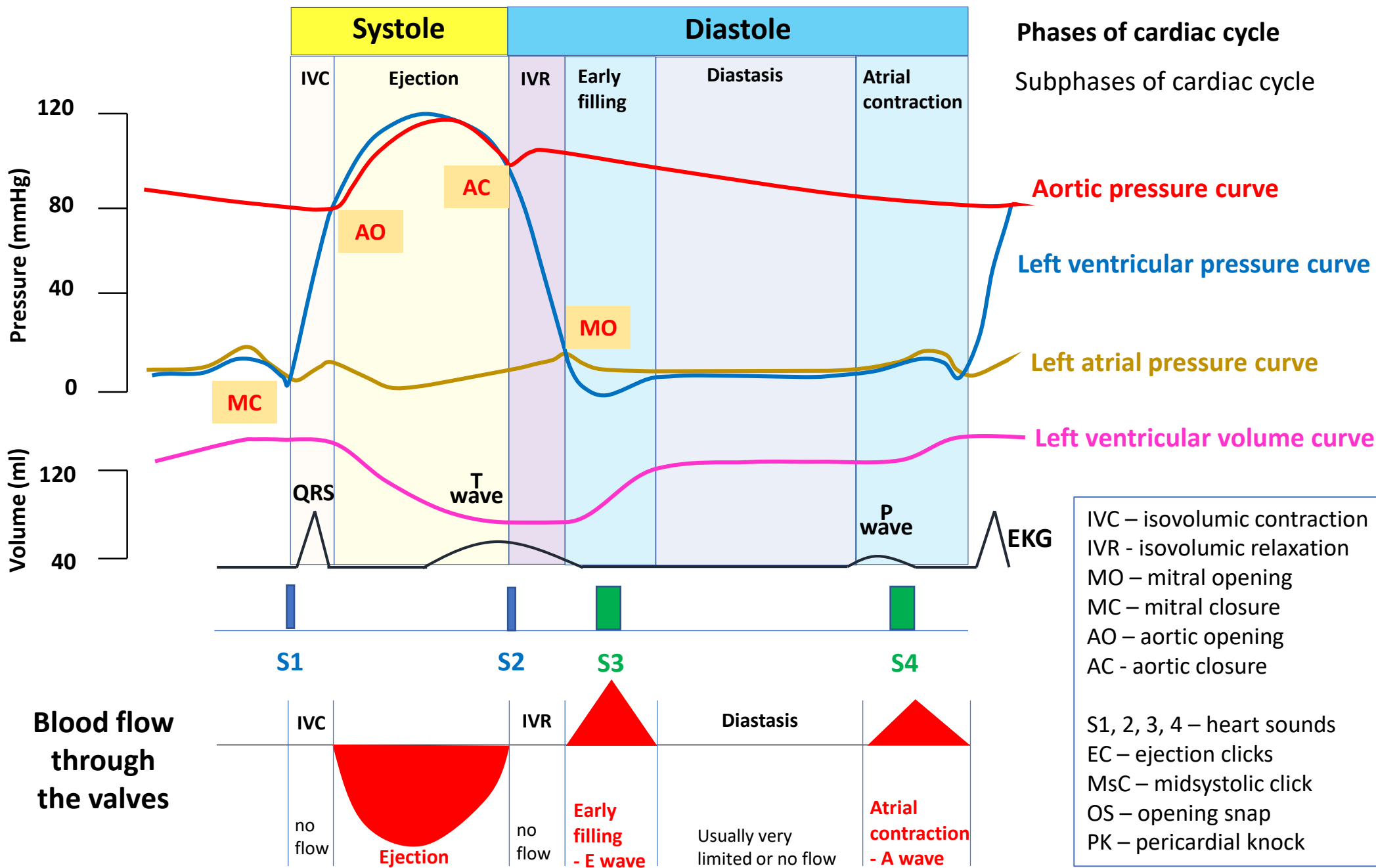
Blood flow through the valves



- S1, 2, 3, 4 – heart sounds
- EC – ejection clicks
- MsC – midsystolic click
- OS – opening snap
- PK – pericardial knock



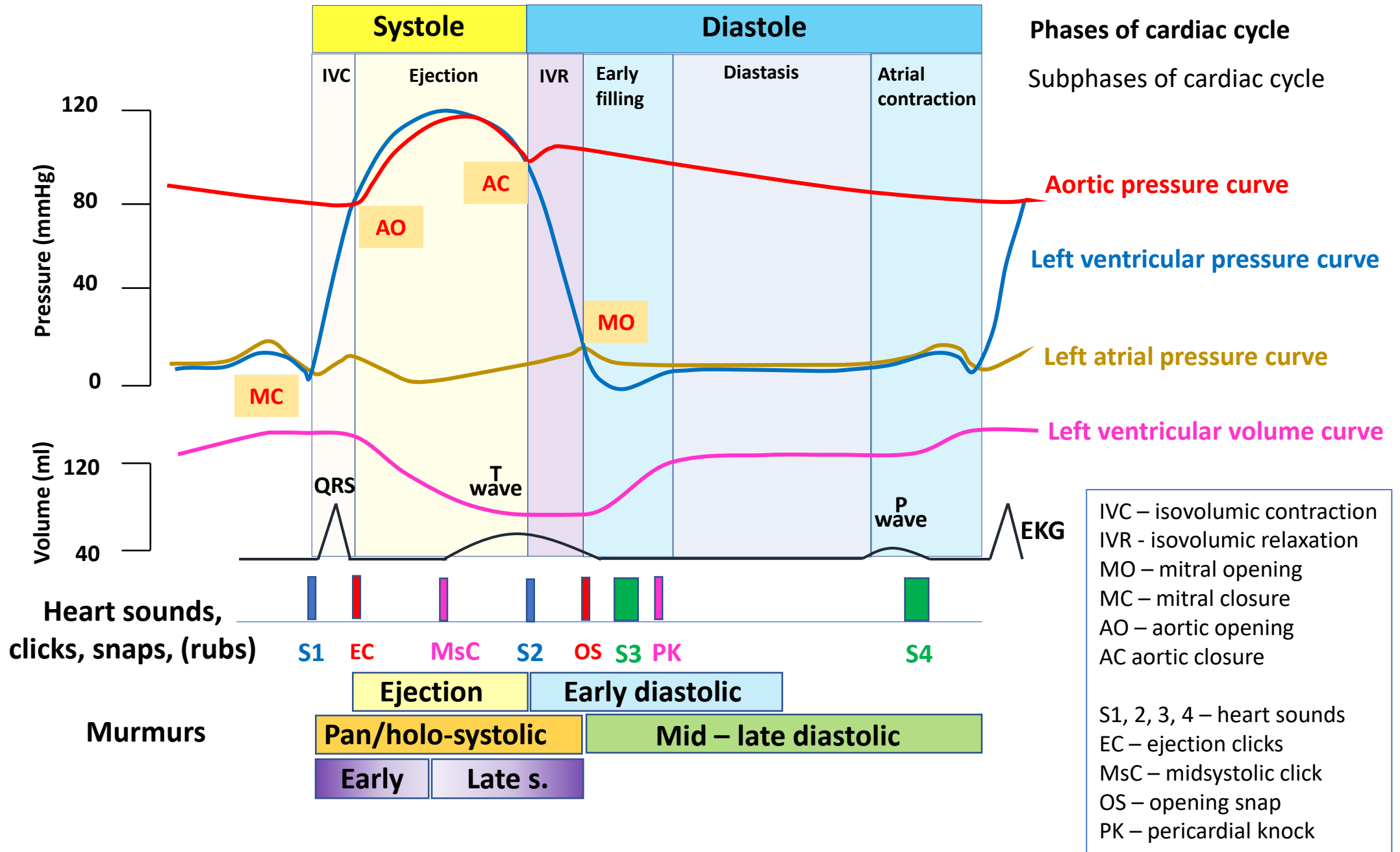
# Cardiac cycle – HEART SOUNDS





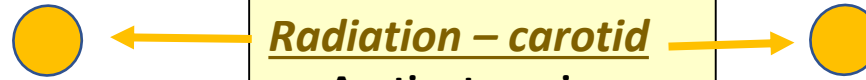


# Cardiac cycle – MURMURS – diastolic





# Sounds, clicks, murmurs - locations

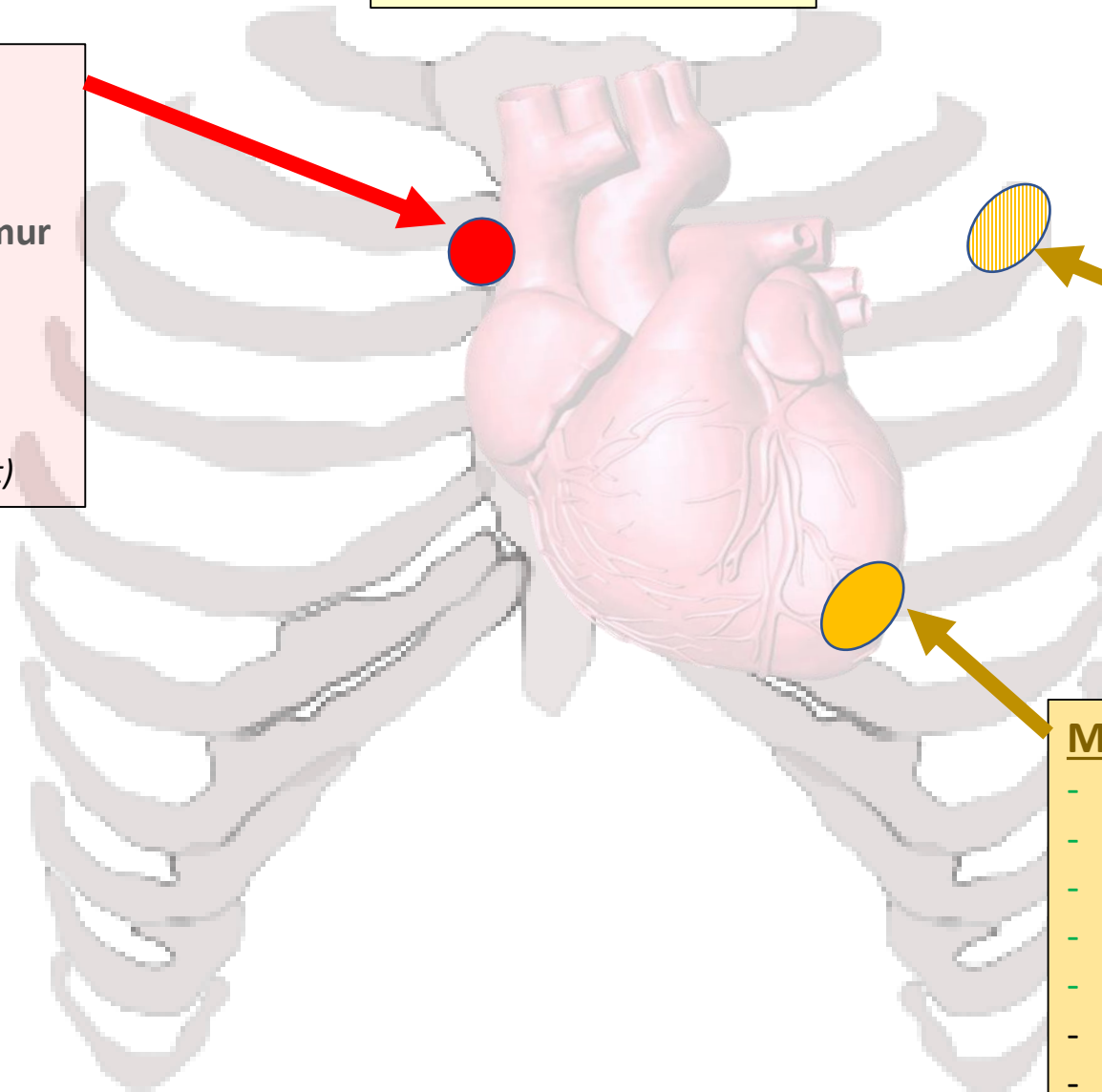


## Radiation – carotid

- **Aortic stenosis**
- *(aortic regurgitation)*

## Aortic valve:

- **A2**
- **Ejection aortic click**
- **Innocent aortic ejection murmur**
- **Innocent mammary souffle**  
*(continuous murmur)*
- **Aortic stenosis**
- *Aortic coarctation (weakly)*
- *Aortic regurgitation (Erb's point)*



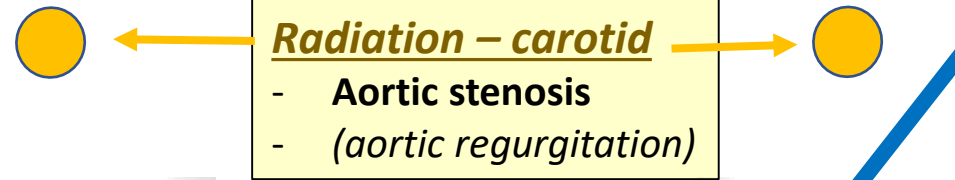
## Radiation - axilla:

- **Mitral regurgitation**

## Mitral valve:

- **M1**
- **Left sided S3 a S4**
- **Late systolic click (prolaps)**
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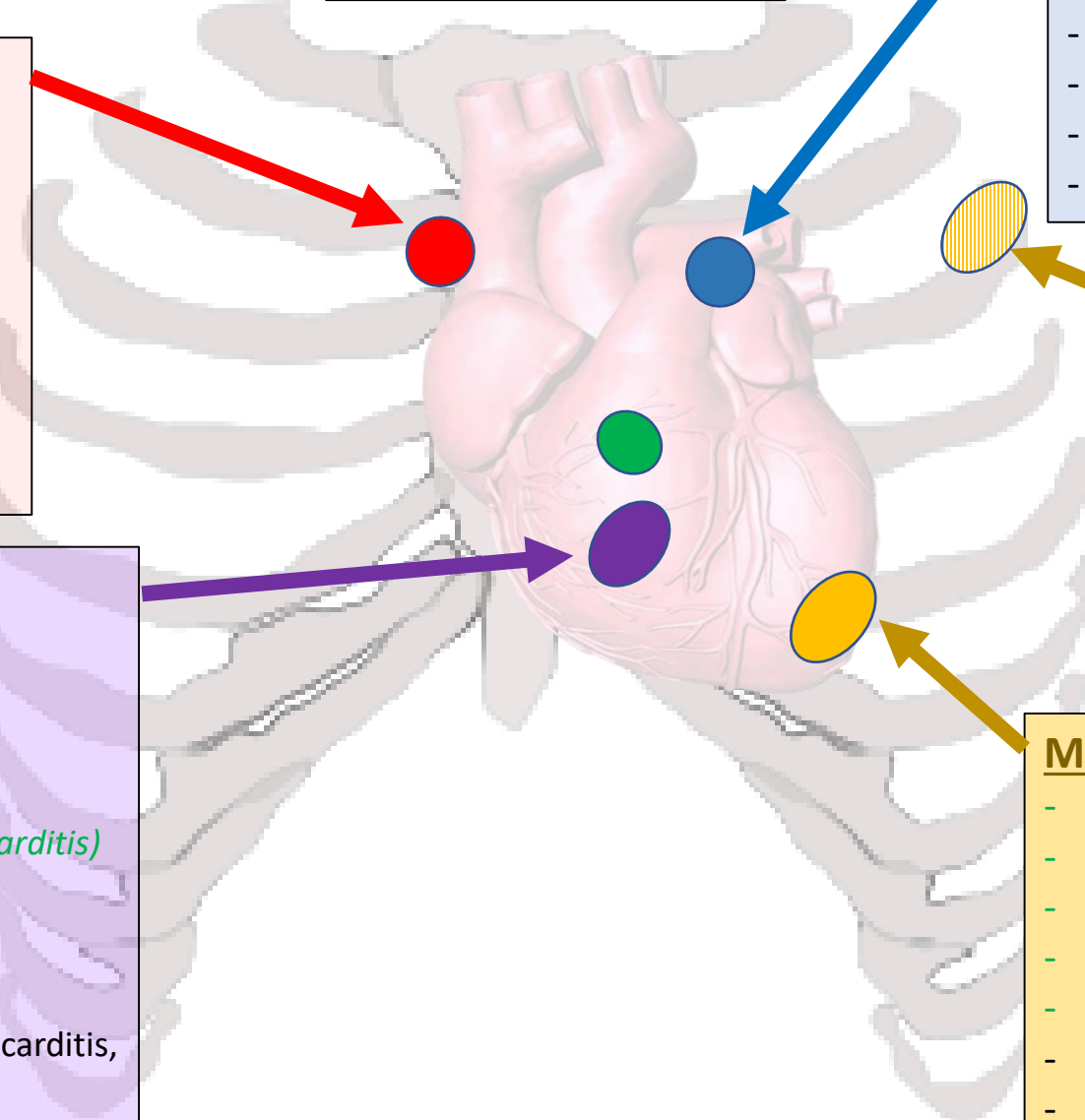


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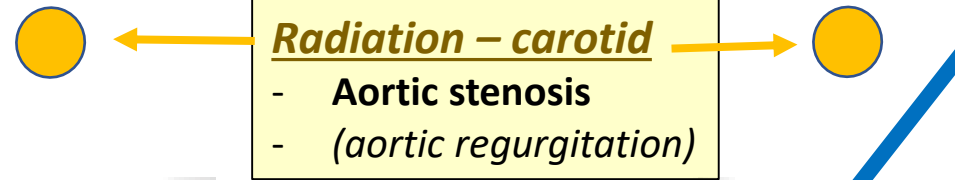
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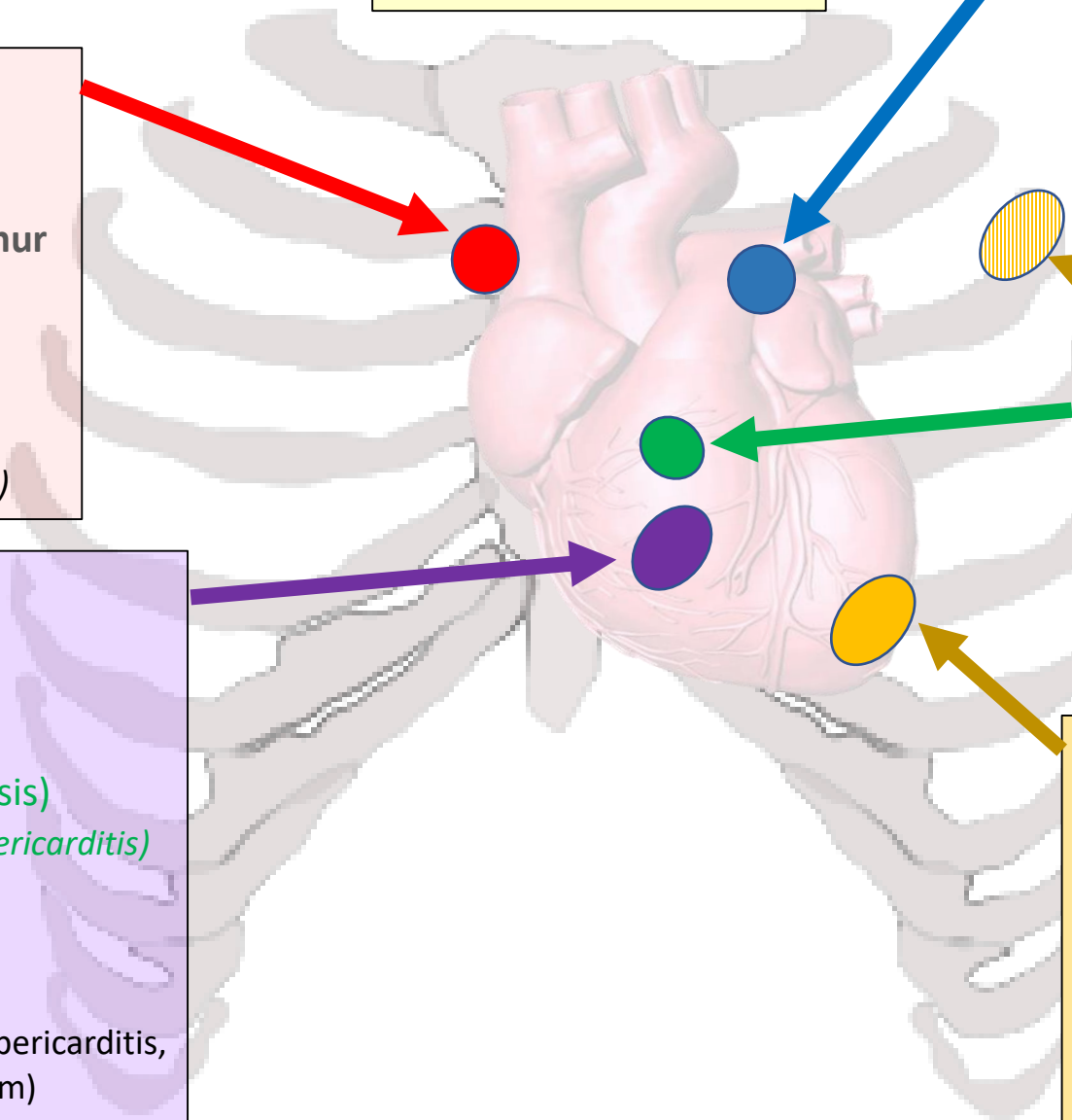
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## Supraclavicular right:

- Innocent supraclavicular murmur (truncus brachiocephalicus)
- Venous hum (innocent)

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## Between scapulas :

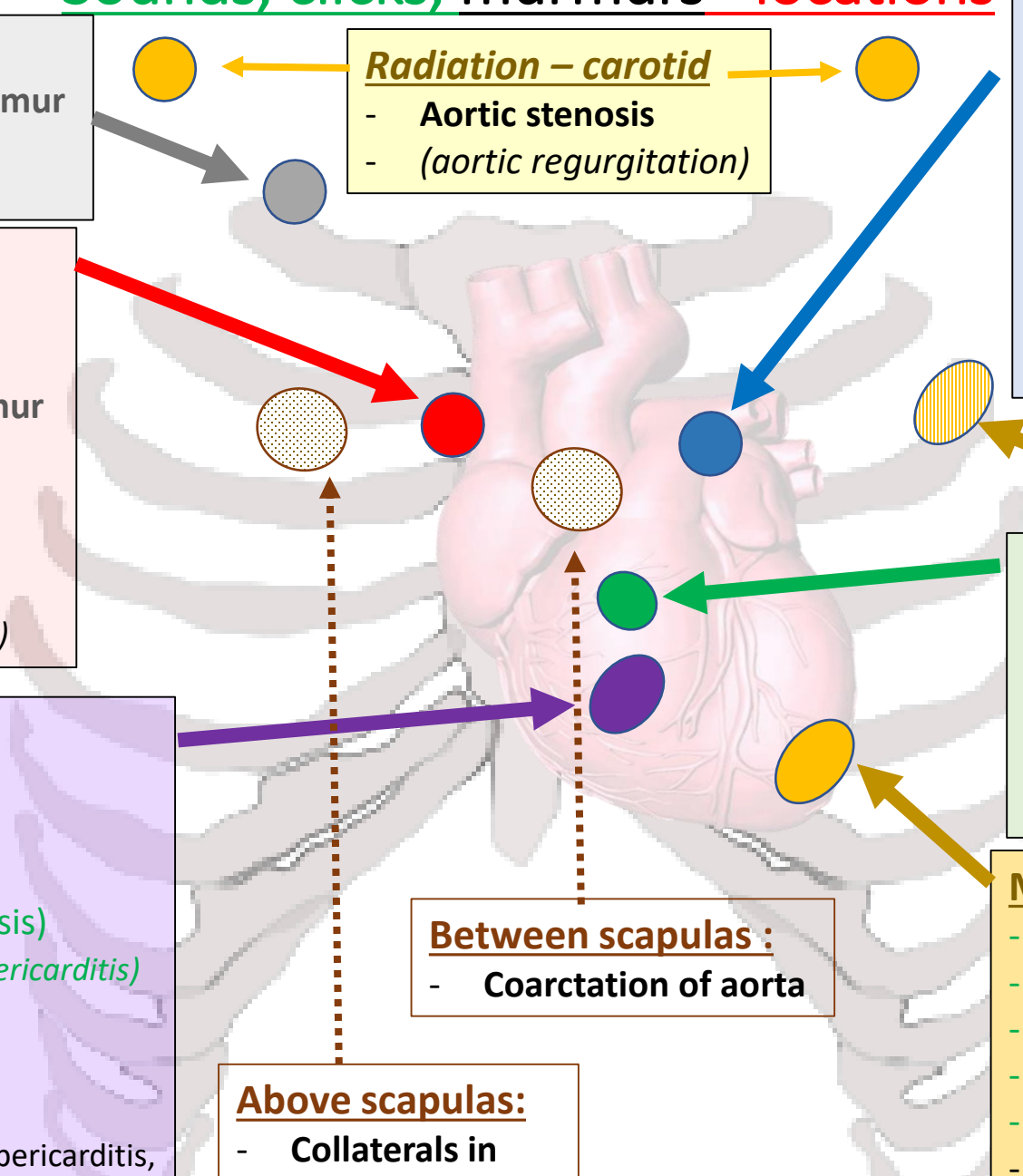
- **Coarctation of aorta**

## Above scapulas:

- **Collaterals in aortic coarctation**

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2. Degree of **splitting** (*lower left sternal border – better heard T1*)

## ↑ **intensity (loud)**

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↑ **stroke volume/contractility**  
(*exercise, pregnancy, fever...*)

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**Preclosure AV valves** - 1st degree AV block  
→ rapid ↑ LV diastolic pressure: **Acute AR**

**Murmur** (*murmur blunting S1*)  
→ **M1 - MR, VSD**

**Systolic dysfunction** → **LV dysfunction**

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## Wide split S1

**Delayed RV filling**  
→ delayed T1 → TS, Ebstein, ASD

**Delayed RV activation** (earlier LV activation)  
→ delayed T1 → RBBB, LV pacing

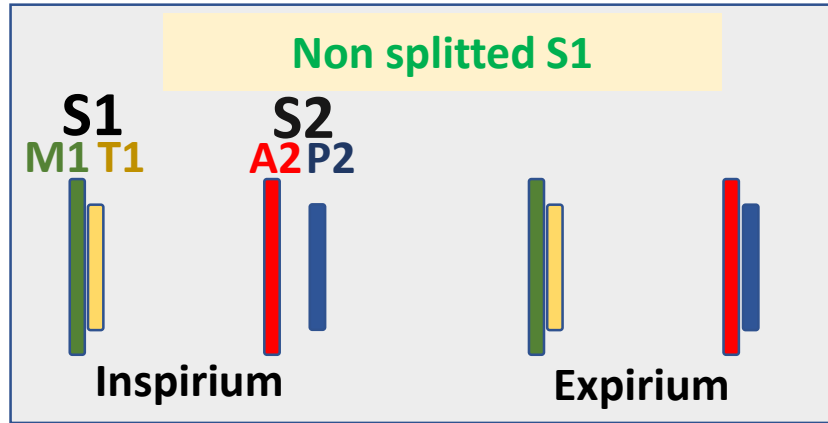
## Paradoxical (reverse) split S1

**LV systolic dysfunction**  
→ delayed M1 → LV systolic dysfunction

**Prolonged LV filling**  
→ delayed M1 → MS, myxome (LA)

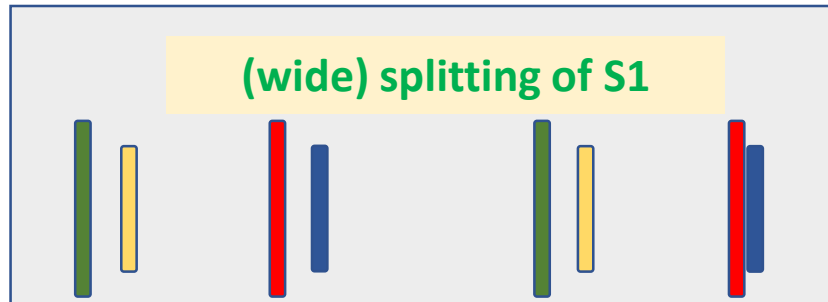
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# S1 – first heart sound



## Physiologic S1

- Forms „lub“ of „lub-dub“
- M1 precedes T1 slightly
- Low frequency (low-pitched)

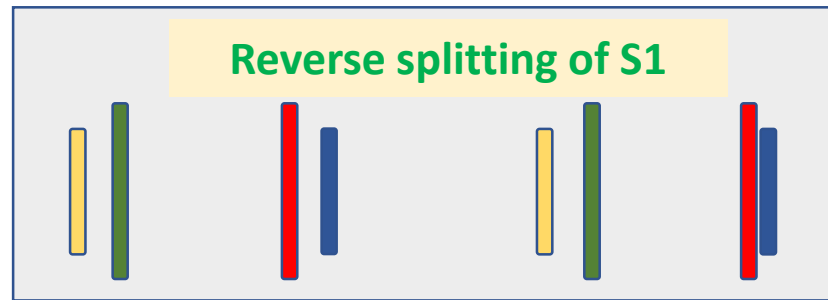


## Delayed T1

- Trikuspid stenosis
- Ebstein anomaly
- Atrial septal defect

## Late right ventricular activation

- RBBB
- Pacing of LV



## Delayed M1

- Systolic LV dysfunction
- Mitral stenosis
- (Myxoma)

## Later left ventricular activation

- LBBB
- Pacing of RV

## Loud S1 (M1)

- **Mitral stenosis** (*rheumatic*)
- **Increased stroke volume** (*exercise, pregnancy, fever, thyreotoxikosis, anemia*)

## Decreased intensity of S1 (M1)

- **Systolic LV dysfunction**
- **Aortic stenosis**
- **Aortic regurgitation**
- **Mitral stenosis** (*calcified*)
- **Mitral regurgitation**
- **Ventricular septal defect**

## Loud T1

- **Tricuspid stenosis**
- **Ebstein anomaly**
- **Atrial septal defect**

## Variable intensity S1

- **Arrhythmias** (AV block 2. a 3. d., atrial flutter and fibrillation)
- **Tamponade** („auskultatory alternans“)

# S2 - second heart sound

1. **Intensity** (loudness, amplitude) – 2 audible components: A2 and P2

2. Degree of **splitting** (2nd left intercostal – better heard P2)

+ variation with **respiration**,

↑ **intensity**

**Great vessel dilatation** (aorta, P. artery)

**Hypertension** (systemic, pulmonary)

↓ **intensity**

**Murmur** (during IVR, murmur blunting S2)

→ A2 - MR, VSD

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**RV pressure overload** (prolonged RV systole)  
→ delayed P2 → PS, PH

**Acceleration „LV emptying“** (shorter LV systole)  
→ early A2 → MR, VSD

**Paradoxical (reverse) split S2**

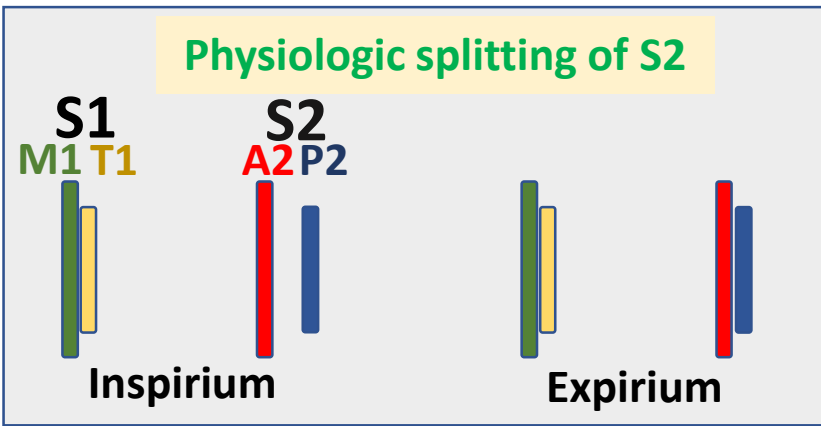
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**RV volume overload** (prolonged RV systole)  
→ delayed P2 → ASD (large)

# S2 – second heart sound



Physiologic S2

**Delayed P2**

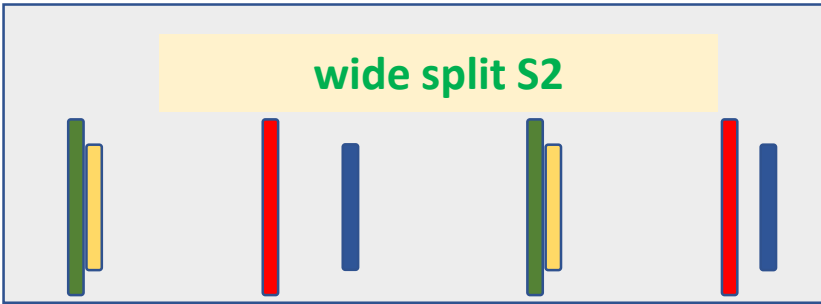
- Pulmonary stenosis
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Masive pulmonary embolism

**Early A2**

- Mitral regurgitation
- Ventricular septal defect
- *Constrictive pericarditis*

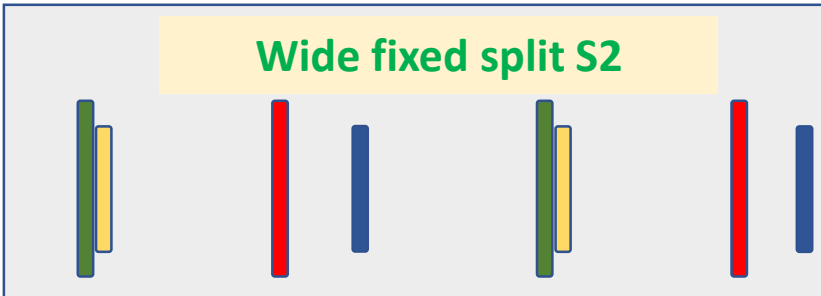
**Decreased intensity of A2**

- Aortic stenosis (calcified)
- Aortic reurgitation
- Mitral regurgitation
- Ventricular septal defect
- Systolic LV dysfunction



**Loud A2**

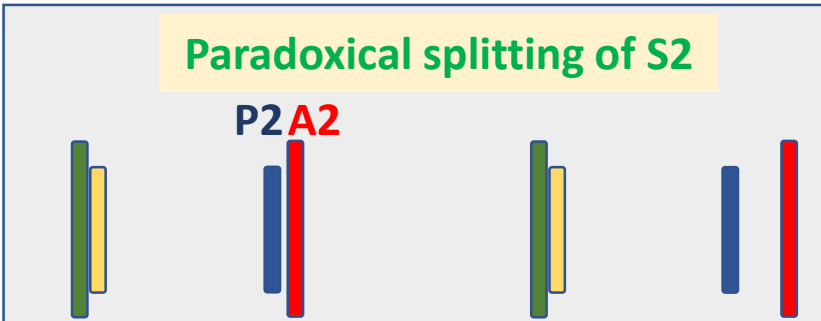
- Systemic arterial hypertension
- Aortic root dilatation
- *Aortic stenosis (rheumatic)*



- Atrial septal defect
- *Pulmonary hypertension with RF failure*

**Decreased intensity P2**

- Pulmonary stenosis (*heavily altered not mobile valve*)
- Pulmonary regurgitation
- *HCMP (delayed A2 + murmur → not audible P2)*



**Delayed A2**

- Aortic stenosis
- HCMP
- Coarctation of aorta

**Early P2**

- Tricuspid regurgitation

**Loud P2**

- Pulmonary hypertension
- Dilatation of pulmonary artery
- *Pectus excavatum*



# S3 – „ventricular gallop“

- ↑ velocity of early filling („S1=Ken; S2=tuck; S3=y“)
- can be a sign of congestive heart failure (systolic)

## S3

↑ pressure gradient in early diastole  
→ higher degree of diastolic dysfunction  
(*pseudonormalisation, restrictive filling*)  
→ HF (systolic= ↓ EF, ...not exclusively)

↑ Volume overload – („chronic“)  
→ chronic regurgitation (MR, AR, PR, TR)  
→ renal failure  
→ iatrogenic (i.v. fluids, transfusions)  
→ L-R shunts (ASD, VSD, PDA)

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- ↑ velocity of late filling (atrial contraction); "Tennessee" (S4= Ten)
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### S4

↑ pressure gradient in late diastole  
→ mild degree of diastolic dysfunction  
(*impaired relaxation*)  
→ HF („diastolic -preserved EF; not only)

↑ Volume overload - acute  
→ acute regurgitation (MR, AR)

↑ pressure afterload (↑ LV stiffness)  
→ **stenosis** (AS, PS, .. coarctation, HCM)  
→ hypertension (AH, PH)

↑ cardiac output states (+ tachycardia)  
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## S3 and S4 (gallops)

### Left-sided S3

#### Left-sided heart failure

- Preserve or reduced EF

#### High output states

- Anemia
- Thyrotoxicosis
- AV fistula

#### Shunts

- Left-right shunts (VSD, PDA)

#### Fluid retention and ↑ administr.

- Renal failure
- ↑ i.v. fluids, transfusions

#### Chronic LV volume overload

- Aortic regurgitation (chronic)
- Mitral regurgitation (chronic)

### Right-sided S3

#### Right-sided heart failure

- Various causes

#### RV volume afterload

- Pulmonary regurgitation
- Tricuspid regurgitation
- Shunts - ASD

S3 – physiologically  
– children, young adults

### Left-sided S4

#### ↑ LV afterload (↑ LV stiffness)

- Aortic stenosis
- Coarctation of aorta
- HCM with LVOT obstruction
- Systemic arterial hypertension (někdy)

#### Ishemic heart dis. (akute, chronic)

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#### Acute LV volume overload

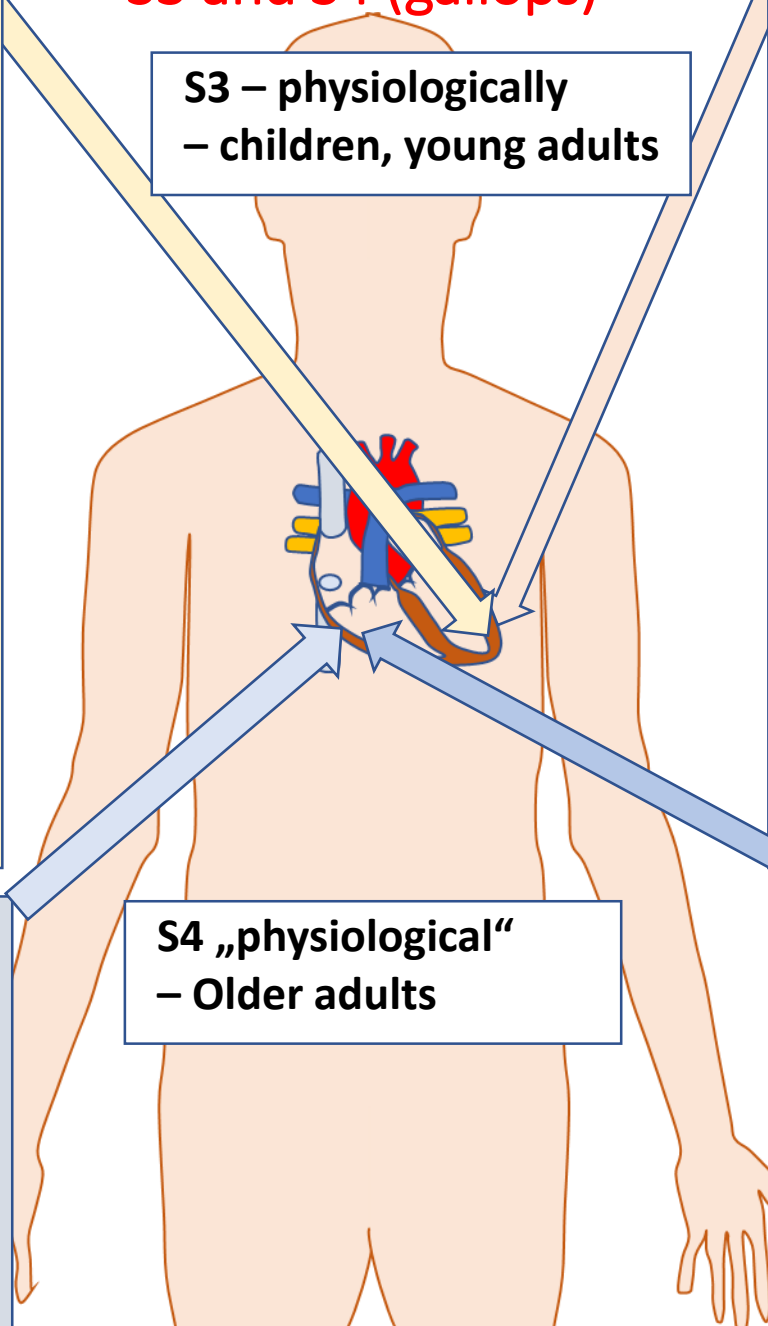
- Aortic regurgitation (acute)
- Mitral regurgitation (acute)

S4 „physiological“  
– Older adults

### Right-sided S4

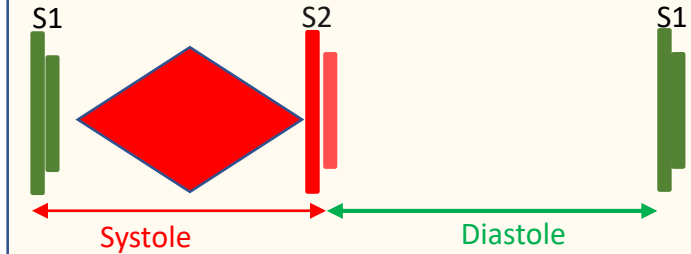
#### ↑ RV afterload

- Pulmonary hypertension
- Pulmonary stenosis
- RVOT obstruction



# Murmurs – schematic diagrams - systolic

## Ejection (midsystolic)



### Stenotic

- Aortic and pulmonary stenosis
- HKMP with LVOT obstruction
- Aortic coarctation

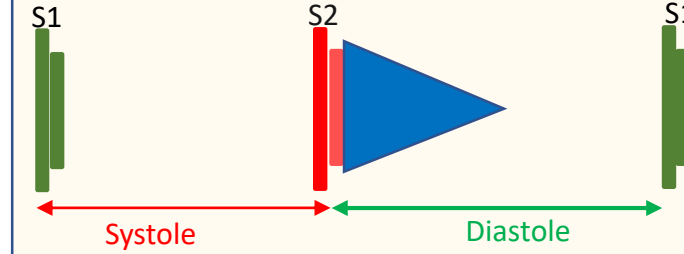
### Non obstructive

- Dilatation of aortic root
- Dilatation pulmonary artery
- Aortic sclerosis/calcification
- Bicuspid aortic valve

### Flow

- Aortic regurgitation (aorta)
- Atrial septal defect (pulm.a.)
- *Innocent aortic ejection m.*
- *Innocent pulmonary ejection m.*

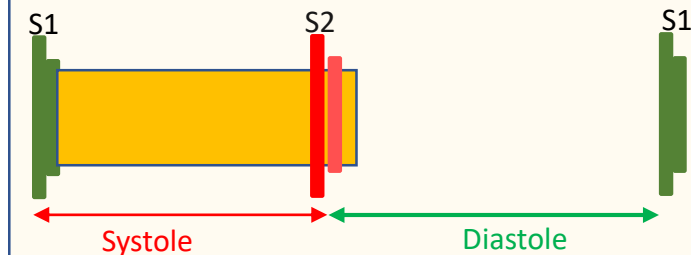
## Early diastolic



### Regurgitation

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- Pulmonary regurgitation

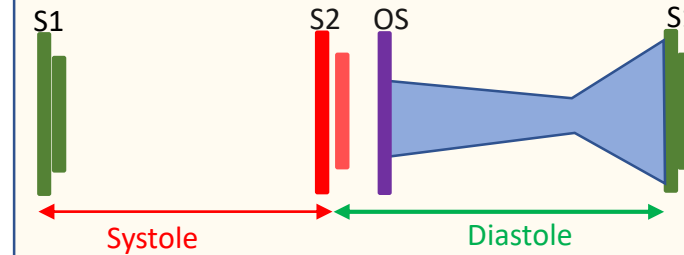
## Holosystolic (pansystolic)



### Regurgitation

- Mitral regurgitation
- Tricuspid regurgitation
- VSD (small to mid size)

## Mid (to late) diastolic



### Stenotic

- Mitral stenosis
- (*Carey-Coombs murmur*)
- (*Austin-Flint murmur – AR*)
- Tricuspid stenosis

### Flow

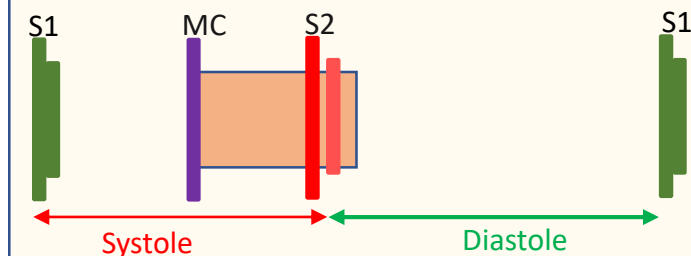
Mitral valve:

- High cardiac output
- shunts: VSD, PDA
- Mitral regurgitation

Tricuspid valve

- Tricuspid regurgitation
- Shunts: ASD

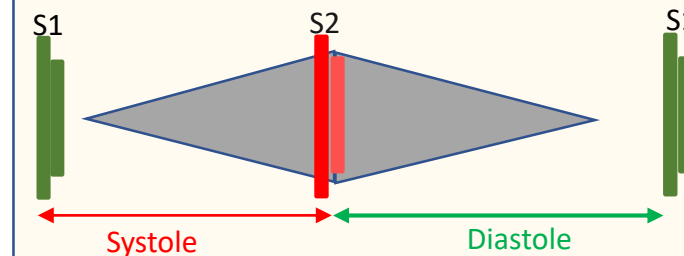
## Late systolic



### Regurgitation - prolapses

- Mitral valve prolaps
- Tricuspid valve prolaps
- Papillary muscle ischemia

## Continuous



### Aorto-pulmonary

- PDA
- **Venous** (louder in diastole)
- *Innocent supraclavicular*
- **Arterial** (louder in systole)
- **Coarctation of aorta** (severe)
- *Innocent mammary souffle*