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AUTOMATED 3-D CHARACTERIZATION AND QUANTIFICATION OF PROXIMAL ISOVELOCITY SURFACE AREA AND VENA CONTRACTA OF MITRAL REGURGITATION BY REAL-TIME VOLUME COLOR DOPPLER IMAGING: INITIAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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Background: Current 3-D color flow Doppler (CFD) imaging is limited by gated acquisition and assumption of shape to quantify PISA surface area. Also, manual identification of the PISA limits the clinical work-flow. We investigated the feasibility of the real-time (RT), every heart beat volume CFD to image, and automatically identify PISA and VC to calculate effective regurgitant orifice (ERO) in mitral regurgitation (MR).

Methods: 12 patients with mild to severe MR were imaged by transthoracic RT volume CFD optimized to view the PISA and VC. 3-D PISA surface area (cm²) was measured by direct 3-D quantification (no shape assumption) and by modeling to a 3-D ellipsoid shape. 2-D PISA was conventionally modeled to a hemisphere. ERO (cm²) was computed using PISA surface area and by 3-D VC area.

Results: 3-D PISA surface area by direct method was greater than 3-D ellipsoid (3.9+1.9 Vs. 2.9+1.4) and 2-D hemisphere (3.2+2.2). ERO by direct 3-D PISA was 0.17+0.01 for mild-moderate MR and 0.33+0.12 for moderate-severe MR. Similarly, 3-D VC was 0.16+0.01 and 0.37+0.4 for mild/moderate and moderate/severe MR, respectively. Figure shows RT volume CFD of moderate MR with automatically derived 2-D reference planes, on the left. On the right, top panel shows automatically modeled PISA and the bottom panel shows 3-D VC.

Conclusions: This is the first description of a potential automatic quantification of ERO in MR using PISA and VC from real-time, every heart beat volume CFD imaging. Further validation studies are necessary.

