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# The North East Thames 4th Emergency and Critical Care ECHO Course

for specialists in Acute Medicine, Emergency Medicine,  
Critical Care and Anaesthesia

organised by Barts and The London NHS Trust in partnership with  
Infomed Research and Training, on Wednesday 30 June 2010  
at the Russell Square Conference Centre, 10-12 Russell Square, London

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## Programme Director:

Dr Tim Harris, Consultant Emergency Physician,  
Royal London Hospital

## The Faculty includes:

- Dr Pat O'Callaghan, Consultant Cardiologist,  
Barts and The London NHS Trust
- Dr Ceri Davies, Consultant Cardiologist,  
Barts and The London NHS Trust
- Dr Chris Critoph, SpR in Cardiology,  
Heart Hospital, London
- Dr Mo Thavasoathy,  
Consultant in Intensive Care Medicine,  
Royal London Hospital
- Dr Valentina Puntmann, MD, PhD, MRCP  
SpR in Cardiovascular Clinical Pharmacology and  
Honorary Clinical Lecturer, Imperial College London
- Dr Nicola Jones, SpR in Cardiology
- Ms Judith Kling, Echocardiographer,  
Charing Cross Hospital, London
- Mrs Dinta Tailor, Clinical Lead in  
Echocardiography, Physiological Measurements Ltd
- Ms Marilyn Gabrido, Echocardiographer  
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## This Course is aimed at:

Doctors who are involved in the assessment of acutely unwell patients and as such it is for Consultants, Registrars and Middle Grades in Critical Care, Anaesthesia, Acute Medicine and Emergency Medicine. Doctors with US basic knowledge and some practical experience.

## This Course is about:

- ☑ Using ECHO in the assessment of the acutely unwell patient: learn how to use cardiac ultrasound to perform a limited ECHO and provide reliable information in specific areas including left ventricular function, identifying pericardial effusions/tamponade, identifying valvular dysfunction and assessing right ventricular pressure overload.
- ☑ Using limited ECHO as a useful adjuvant in rapidly assessing patients in cardiac arrest.

## Practical Sessions:

- Obtaining the basic cardiac windows and identifying normal structures
  - Assessing LV function
  - Assessing Valvular Function
  - RV Pressure Overload

## MORE ABOUT THE COURSE

**Echocardiography is a valuable investigation in acutely unwell patients** providing information on the structural integrity and performance of the heart. It takes many years to develop a full skill set and provide comprehensive diagnostic information. However, there is good evidence that a short period of training allows the non cardiologist to use cardiac ultrasound to perform a limited ECHO and provide reliable information in specific areas including left ventricular function, identifying pericardial effusions/tamponade, identifying valvular dysfunction and assessing right ventricular pressure overload (massive and submassive pulmonary embolism) (*Jackson 2000, Mandavia 2001, Moore 2002, Ranazzo 2003*). Clinical evaluation of the prevailing haemodynamic process in shocked patients has been shown to be unreliable (*Boldt 1994*) and may be supplemented by ECHO (*Randazzo 2003*). Limited ECHO has also been shown to be a useful adjuvant in rapidly assessing patients in cardiac arrest providing information on the aetiology and prognosis.

**This course concentrates on providing non cardiologists with basic skills** to assist in the assessment and resuscitation of acutely unwell patients. It is best suited to those who have some basic knowledge of ultrasound techniques. All candidates should read through the brochure and try to visit their echocardiography (or ultrasound) departments prior to the course to maximise learning.

**The objectives of the day are for the candidates to be able to perform the following:**

- Basic ECHO windows – subcostal, PSSA, PSLA, apical 4 chamber
- Assess LV function and grading the performance as hyperdynamic, normal, moderately impaired or severely impaired; measure wall thickness and chamber size
- Identify pericardial and pleural effusions
- Observe aortic and mitral valve motion and identify gross stenosis (no grading) and use Doppler to identify significant regurgitation (not quantify)
- Gross assessment of RV pressure – volume overload – RV:LV ratio > 1 (apical view), IVC plethora (>22mm, respiratory variation) and RV wall thickness

## PROGRAMME

08.30 – 09.00 **Registration**

09.00 – 09.40

### **The role of focussed ECHO for non-cardiologists**

**Dr Alistair Billington**

Consultant in Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine, University Hospital Birmingham

- The SHOC scan
- Role of limited ECHO in
  - assessing the hypotensive patient (AAA, abdominal free fluid, LV fn, RV fn & pericardial fluid, deep vein thrombosis)
  - the arrested patient

09.40 – 10.25

### **How to guide to Critical Care echo** (in joint-up act with **Judith Kling**)

**Dr Valentina Puntmann**, Honorary Clinical Lecturer, Imperial College, London

*(with the aid of a Sonographer a demonstrating on a model with projection on a screen)*

- Revision of Machine set up: Transducers; Probe and the beam; Machine anatomy
- Obtaining best quality images: Probe orientation; Depth; Focus; TGC; Scanning – when left or right
- Cardiac anatomy
- Standard windows (parasternal short / long axis, apical, subcostal):
  - acquisition and echocardiographic cardiac anatomy
  - chambers, valves, pericardium

10.25 – 11.10

**PRACTICAL SESSION A**

### **Obtaining Basic Cardiac Windows and Identifying Normal Structures**

11.10 – 11.25 **Tea and coffee break**

11.25 – 11.55

### **Pericardial Effusion and Tamponade**

**Dr Chris Critoph**, SpR in Cardiology  
Heart Hospital, London

- Identifying pericardial fluid – and pleural fluid
- Identifying tamponade – right atrial and ventricular diastolic collapse

11.55 – 12.25

## RV Acute Pressure Overload

Dr Ceri Davies, Consultant Cardiologist,  
Barts and The London NHS Trust

Topics to be covered:

- RV dilation – apical 4 chamber RV:LV ratio
- Acute vs. chronic RV pressure overload, RV wall thickness
- RV contractility
- Loss IVC collapse

12.25 – 13.25

**PRACTICAL SESSION B**

## RV Pressure Overload

13.25 – 14.05 Lunch

14.05 – 14.50

## LV Performance, Cardiac Output

Dr Ceri Davies, Consultant Cardiologist,  
Barts and The London NHS Trust

Topics to be covered:

- Normal ventricular performance
- Grading LV performance
  - Subjective visual estimation from observation – hyperdynamic, normal > 55%, moderate 30 – 55%, poor < 30%
  - Ejection fraction – accuracy and interpretation
- Left sided chamber size and wall thickness

14.50 - 15.50

**PRACTICAL SESSION C**

## Assessing LV Function

15.50 – 16.05 Tea and coffee break

16.05 – 16.50

## Left Sided Valvular Lesions

Dr Pat O'Callaghan, Consultant Cardiologist,  
Barts and The London NHS Trust

Topics to be covered:

- Visual assessment of aortic /mitral valves
- Assessment of mitral/aortic stenosis and regurgitation (colour flow)
- Brief explanation of how cardiologists grade valve lesions by ECHO
  - Subjective assessment of left sided stenosis and regurgitation; introduction to colour doppler

16.50 – 17.50

**PRACTICAL SESSION D**

## Assessing Valvular Function

17.50 - 18.20

## Q&A, Revision Videos and Cases

Led by Dr Ceri Davies, with all pm lecturers

18.20

**Collection of Attendance Certificates and close**

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