

Supplementary table 2 | Common challenges in volume status assessment in the acute setting

Parameter	View and technique	Relevant value(s)	Notes
Static parameters			
LV end-diastolic area	Short-axis LV on 2D echo	• $<5.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{m}^2$	• Might be marker of severe hypovolaemia, but no normal values • Not valid in LV disease • Might appear underfilled as a result of RV dysfunction, not hypovolaemia • Might be affected by intracardiac shunt
IVC end-expiratory dimension	Subcostal view, maximal dimension 1–2 cm from IVC to RA junction on M-mode or 2D echo	• Spontaneous breathing: $<1 \text{ cm}$ • PPV: $<1.5 \text{ cm}$	• Affected by pressures: intrathoracic, intra-abdominal, and intrapericardial • Right heart pathology affects IVC size; might have large IVC, but be profoundly hypovolaemic in the presence of any of these pathologies
Tricuspid TDI	Apical four-chamber on TDI	• Velocity $>1.5 \text{ cm/s}$	• Might reflect role of the right ventricle in limiting capacity of the heart to increase SV rather than hypovolaemia <i>per se</i>
Dynamic parameters			
Δ Peak aortic VTI	LVOT PW Doppler	• $>12\%$ indicates up to 15% increase in SV	• Sensitivity 90%, specificity 100%, but false positives likely for high tidal volumes, and false negatives if low tidal volumes
Δ IVC dimensions	Subcostal M-mode or 2D echo	• Spontaneous breathing: $\% \Delta \text{IVC} >50\%$ indicates volume responsiveness • PPV (IVC distensibility index) $>18\%$ predicts potential 15% increase in SV in response to volume	• Sensitivity 100%, specificity 90% • Unreliable with prominent eustachian valve, large BSA, narrowing of IVC–RA junction, or tissue present in IVC
SVC collapsibility index	TOE 90–100° in mid-high oesophageal view	• $\% \Delta \text{SVC} >36\%$ indicates potential 15% increase in SV in response to volume	• Only in patients who are entirely passively ventilated
Passive leg raising Δ SV	LVOT PW Doppler	• SV increase of 12% correlates with fluid responsiveness	• Sensitivity 77%, specificity 100% • Must perform PLR correctly: passive change of patient position from semi-recumbent (45°) to supine • Limitations: profound hypovolaemia, high intra-abdominal pressures, MCS, patient awareness/comfort, RV dysfunction

BSA, body surface area; Echo, echocardiography; IVC, inferior vena cava; LV, left ventricular; LVOT, left ventricular outflow tract; MCS, mechanical circulatory support; PLR, passive leg raising; PPV, positive pressure ventilation; PW, pulsed-wave; RA, right atrial; RV, right ventricular; SV, stroke volume; SVC, superior vena cava; TDI, tissue Doppler imaging; TOE, transoesophageal echocardiography; VTI, velocity time integral.