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Echocardiography at the Front Door

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Clinical assessment of the heart has traditionally been done at the bedside with stethoscope as the major tool. I present a series of cases managed in our emergency department where echocardiography at the bedside performed by emergency physicians helped clinch the diagnosis which otherwise may have been missed. I would hope my presentation would encourage clinicians to appreciate the deficiencies of the stethoscope and embrace point of care echocardiography not solely but mainly for assessment of critically ill patients.

Biography:

Dr. Ash Mukherjee obtained his undergraduate medical degree from Kolkata, India. He then completed his EM training in the UK and after 8 years as a NHS consultant decided to move to sunny Perth. For the past 6 years he has been at Armadale Hospital's emergency department as a consultant in emergency medicine and lead for point of care US. He is also a Senior Clinical Lecturer at University of Western Australia. He incorporated US into his clinical practice since 1999. With a passion for point of care echocardiography in emergency medicine he has a special interest in pulmonary hypertension and its undiagnosed existence in patients presenting critically ill to the emergency department.