Cardiac Myxoma..*So Common, Yet So Rare!*

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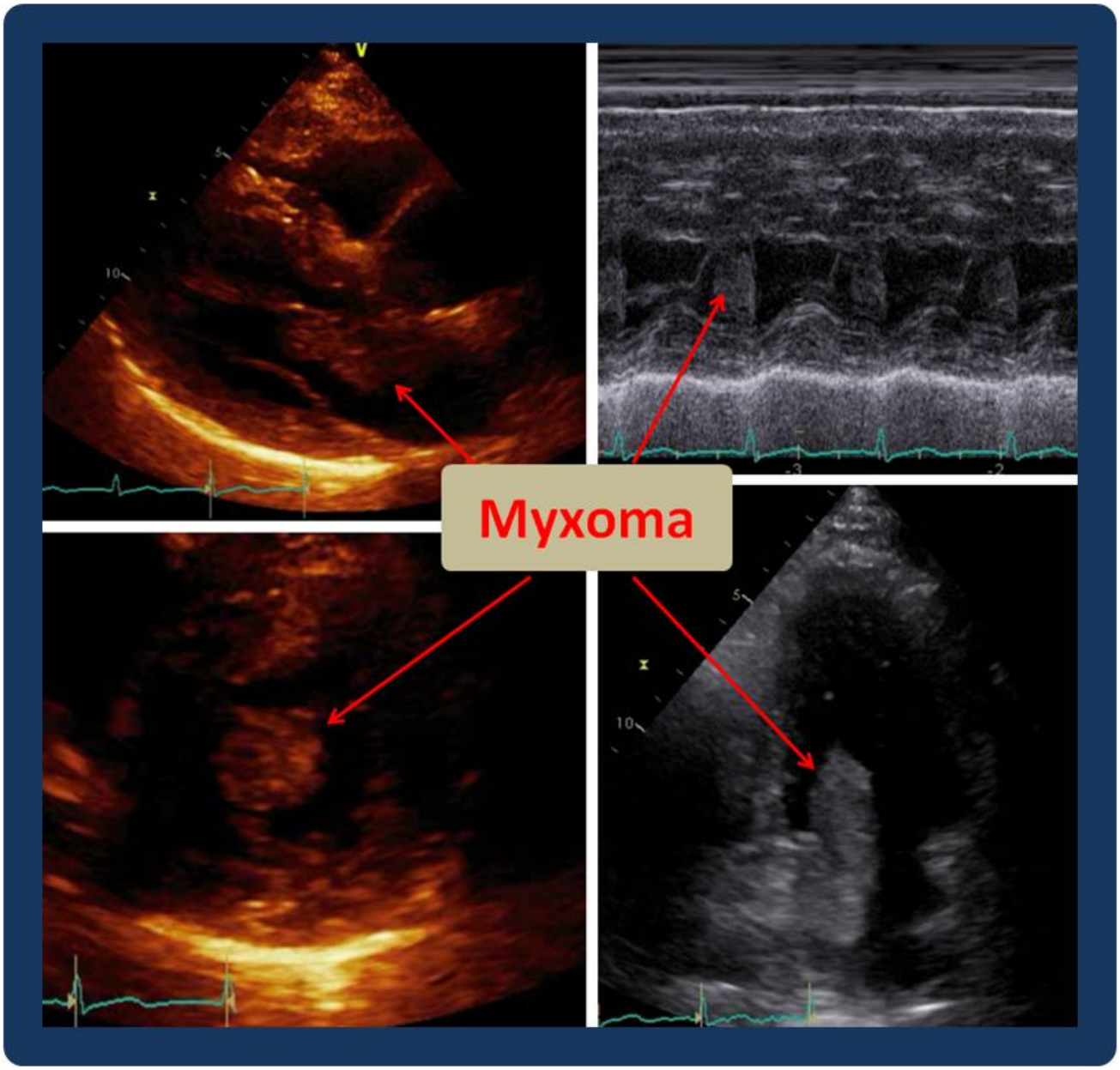

Description

*C*ardiac myxoma is a benign tumor of the heart that can be responsible for a variety of systemic, inflammatory and embolic manifestations [1].

Echocardiography usually provides the initial suspicion or diagnosis, however, multimodality imaging is often required for more accurate

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definition [2]. Myxoma is often sporadic and isolated, but may also be multiple and recurrent, part of the Carney complex, an autosomal dominant syndrome associated with spotty skin pigmentation, endocrinopathy, in addition to endocrine and nonendocrine tumors [3]. Surgical excision is often curative [4], with long term follow-up needed to assess for recurrence [5].

When discussing cardiac myxoma in relation to other cardiac tumors, it is a celebrity, often described as the most common (> 50%) benign or primary cardiac tumor [6, 7]. However, cardiac tumors overall are uncommon, and therefore, cardiac myxoma is often reported as a rare finding, mostly in case reports or case series [8, 9].

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