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# *L'Ecografia Bedside : Il Fonendoscopio del Terzo Millennio*

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# The clinical examination

## From Hippocrates' Inspection to Palm/Tab/WiFi US-CD Visit

Accuracy

### US Diagnostic accuracy by time and instruments

250  
200  
150  
100  
50  
0



Hippocrates 460 aC  
 Roentgen 1895  
 US A-mode 1946  
 US B-mode 1957  
 US Doppler 1974  
 US portab 1980  
 US handheld 1999  
 US 3Dport 2005  
 Palm-USB-Tabl-WiFi 2009/17



# Bedside Ultrasound

*A 15 yrs Work in Progress*

## History – 1

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# Bedside Ultrasound

*The EFSUMB Point of View: Echoscropy what is it for?*

## • Echoscropy

*"Only one answer (yes/no) to solve a specific clinical question"*

- Any scanner: pocket size included

## • Point Of Care US - POCUS

*(Moore C, NEJM 2011 )*

*"Ultrasonography performed bedside and interpreted directly by the clinician"*

- **Adequate knowledge** of ultrasonography by the operator

- US scanner capable for this setting

Table 1

Clinical Situation	Clinical Question	Echoscopic answer
Abdominal enlargement. Obesity or ascites?	Free abdominal fluid?	YES or NO
Area of Pulmonary dullness at percussion	Presence of pleural effusion?	YES or NO
Tachycardia, low cardiac tones, low voltages on EKG	Pericardial effusion?	YES or NO
Pulsating mass in epigastrium at palpation	Aortic aneurysm?	YES or NO
Marked decrease or lack of urinary bladder output	Bladder overdistension?	YES or NO
Worsening of renal function	Hydronephrosis?	YES or NO
Jaundice	Dilated intrahepatic biliary tree?	YES or NO
Suspected mass at abdominal palpation	Mass confirmed?	YES or NO
Fluid aspiration required	Fluid confirmation and location prior to aspiration / drainage	Choice of the puncture site
Reduction of urinary output in patients with urinary catheter	Catheter correctly placed in the urinary bladder?	YES or NO
Enlarged spleen?	Measure spleen length, longer than normal?	YES or NO
Suspected cholecistitis	Large gallbladder stones?	Yes or NO



# Bedside Ultrasound in Internal Medicine

## *SIMI US Working Group: Bedside US Training Program Echoscopy vs POCUS*

### ***Echoscopy***

- Pleural, pericardial, peritoneal effusions (p/a, extent)
- Wet or dry lung (p/a)
- Dilated heart ventricles (p/a)
- Severe cardiac systolic dysfunction (p/a)
- Collapsible inferior vena cava (p/a)
- Palpable or suspected abdominal mass (p/a, solid vs liquid)
- Atrophy or megaly of abdominal viscera (p/a)
- Hydrops of the gallbladder (p/a, large stones)
- Hydronephrosis (p/a)
- Intestinal and biliary obstruction (p/a)
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm (p/a)
- Bladder outlet obstruction (p/a)
- Thoracentesis, paracentesis US-assisted
- Catheter into the bladder\* (p/a)

p/a: presence/absence

\*also performed by nursing staff

### ***Point of Care US***

#### **•1° Module: Fundamentals in US**

Fundamentals of clinical bedside examination-Bedside US devices-Indication for referral to 2° Opinion or expert levels - CEUS

#### **• 2° Module: Neck nodules**

Nodule of the neck: clinical approach-normal US findings Salivary Gland Disease-Thyroid Nodule-Superficial lymphadenopathy

#### **• 3° Module: Cardio-respiratory diseases**

Dyspnoea:clinical approach-Normal US findings-Pleural and Pericardial effusions-Interstitial Pathology-Pleural/Pulmonary Consolidation-PNX-Dimension Cardiac Chambers-Inspective EF-SevereValvulopathy-US-guidedThoracentesis

#### **• 4° Module: Abdominal Diseases**

Acute Abdomen:Clinical Approach-Normal US findings Ascites&Abdominal Masses-Focal lesions (>2cm)-Jaundice Cholelithiasis-Cholecystitis-Cholangitis-Renal Failure Hydronephrosis-Renal Stones –Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Bowel Obstruction-Appendicitis-Diverticulitis-IBD-Tumours US-guided Paracentesis

#### **• 5° Module: Limb Edema**

“Swollen” Leg: Clinical Approach-Normal US findings Deep Venous Thrombosis (DVT)





# Bedside Ultrasound in Internal Medicine

## *Echoscopy vs POCUS: Instruments features*

Feature	<i>Echoscopy</i>	<i>POCUS</i>
Form factor	Pocket/probe	Tablet/Handheld
Mobility/Weight	Max/300-800g	Med/1-1,5 kg
Technical data	Instant on, Simple presets, CD+/-	HiRes CDI, Beam Steering, Needle visual
Resolution	Low-Moderate	Moderate-High
Cost	3-8,000 €	15-25,000 €



# Market analysis

## *Ultrasound worldwide 2011-2017*

- Market of medical ultrasound devices (Markets and Markets)
  - 2011: \$5.6 billions
  - 2017: predicted to reach *\$8.1 billions*
- Fastest-growing market categories
  - US systems for EM, anesthesiology and interventional musculoskeletal applications
- Worldwide demand for portable *Point-of-Care* diagnostic tools
  - smaller device size
  - low cost
  - better image quality



# Bedside Ultrasound in Internal Medicine

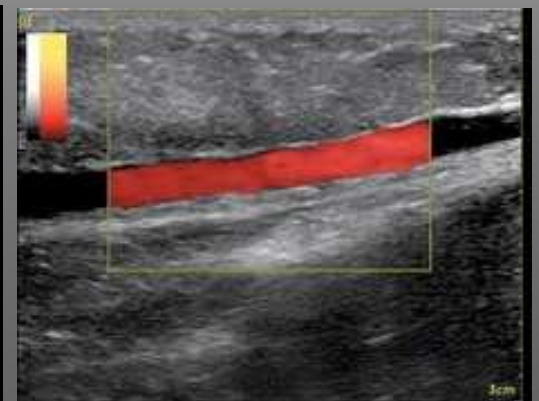
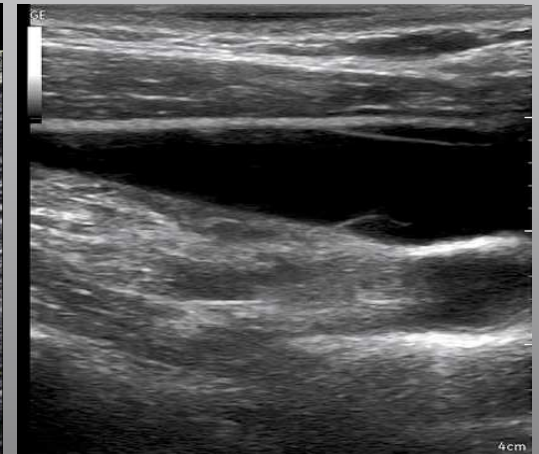
*General Electric -POCUS*

## Venue 40

### High Resolution Images with Reliability



GE Healthcare



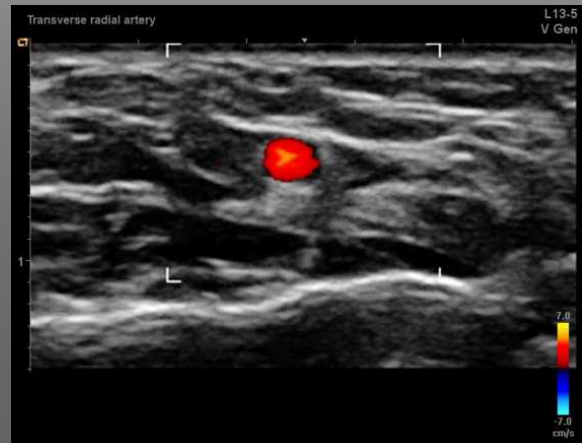
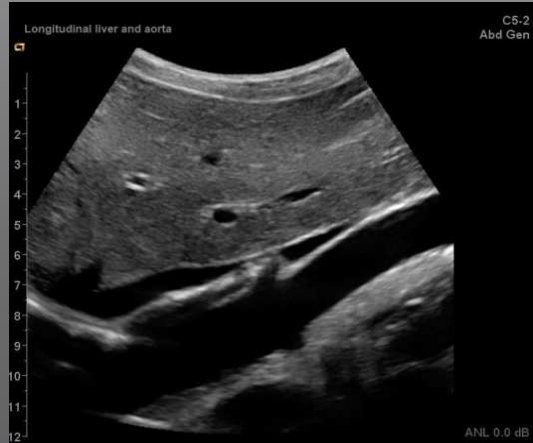
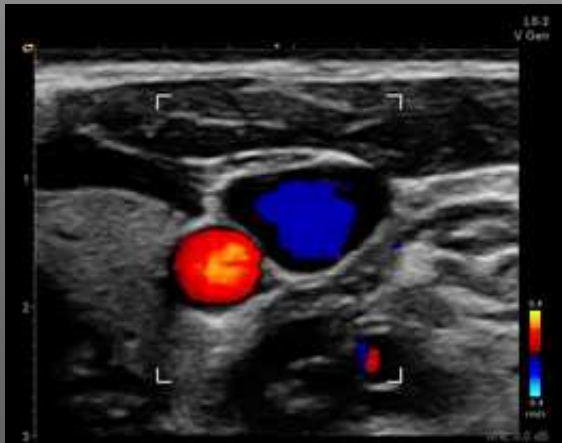


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*Siemens Acuson - POCUS*



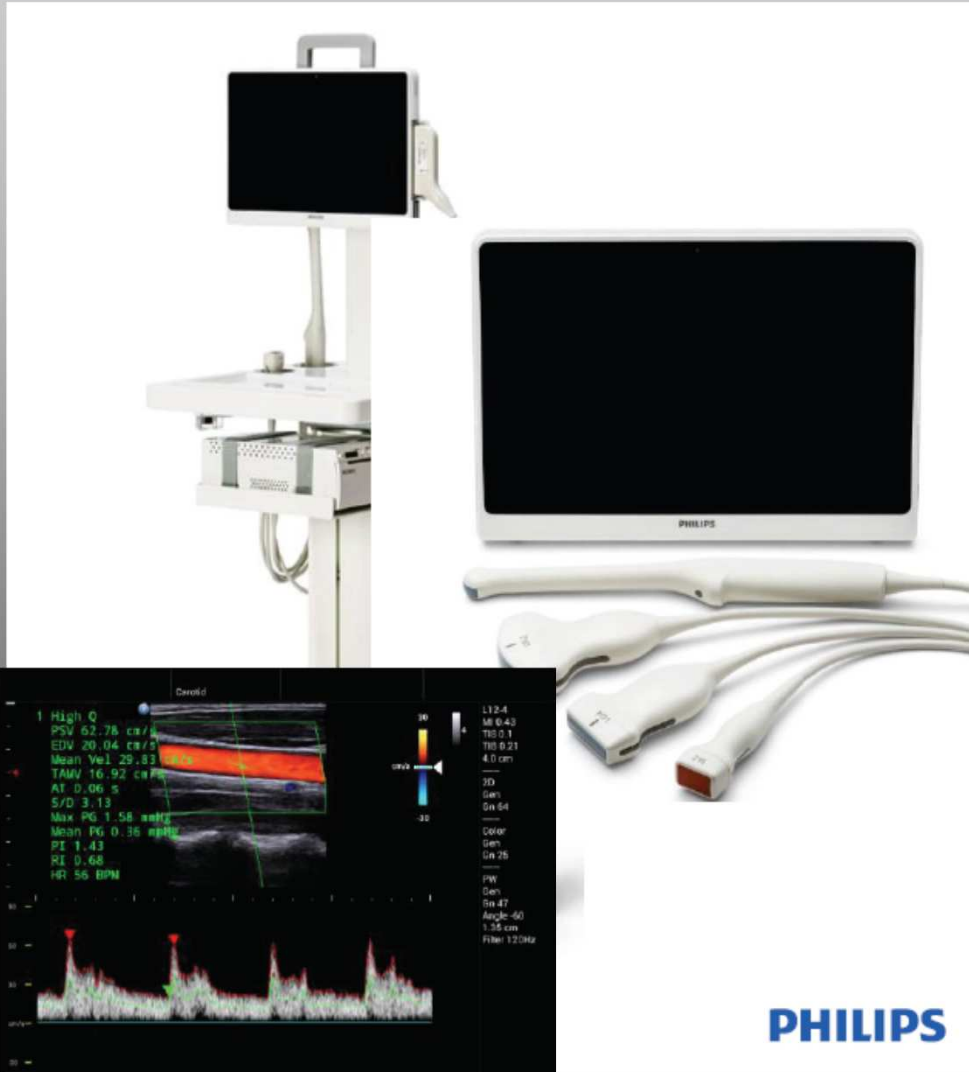
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ACUSON Freestyle Ultrasound System





# Bedside Ultrasound in Internal Medicine

*Philips - POCUS*





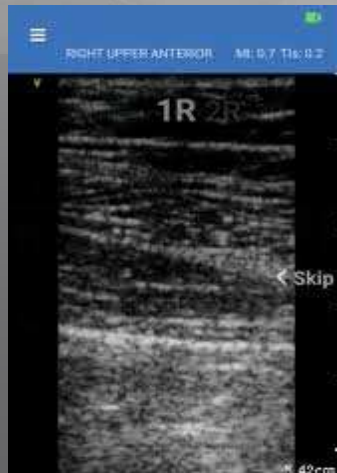


# Bedside Ultrasound in Internal Medicine

General Electric - Echoscapy



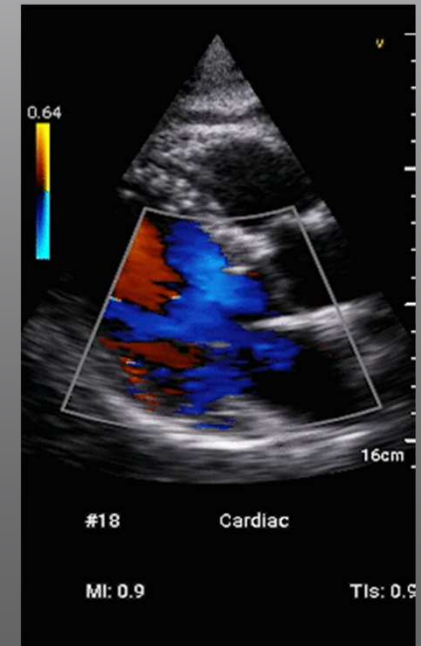
Thyroid



Lung



Liver



Heart





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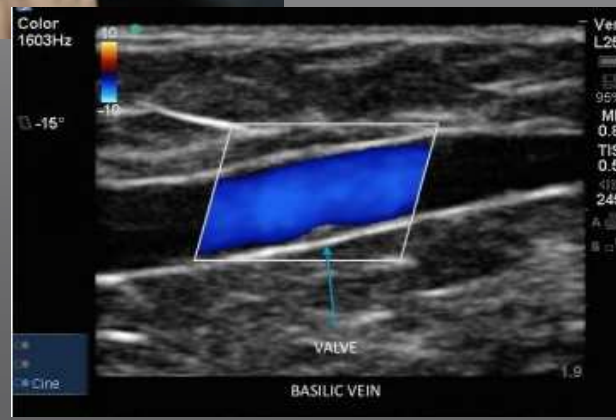
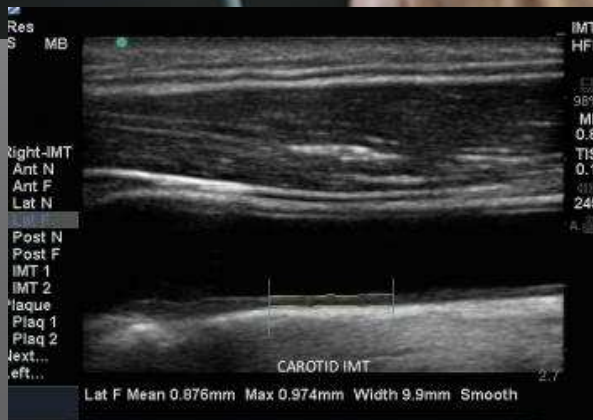
## SonoSite FujiFilm Echoscapy

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Value from Innovation

SonoSite iViz



- Ergonomic one-handed operation allows for easy manipulation of image settings, especially useful in crowded environments or inside vehicles when space is a premium
- Small in size does not mean compromise on image. The iViz combines DirectClear Technology, advanced image processing (SonoHD3) and a high-resolution display
- The SonoSite iViz is manufactured using aircraft aluminum with beveled edges protecting the display and device from ingress. All systems and transducers are drop-tested to 1m (3 feet).
- Transducers are IPX-7 rated meaning they are fully submersible in water.





# Bedside Ultrasound in Internal Medicine

## Philips - Echoscopy



- The *Lumify* app and all three transducers (L12-4, C5-2, and S4-1) completed rigorous environmental and durability testing to ensure reliability for emergency, critical care, and ambulance use.
- The S4-1 transducer and cable weighs 152 grams and is smaller than a smartphone, adding to its versatility and mobility.
- Beyond integrating with everyday technology, such as off-the-shelf, compatible smart devices, Lumify also uses cloud-enabled technology to connect with PACS, shared networks and IT health systems.



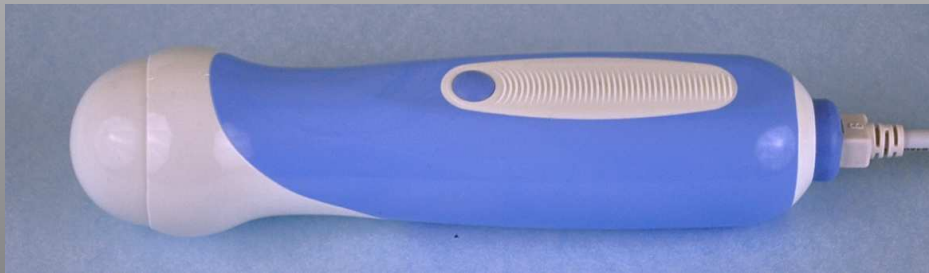


# Interson SeeMore™

USB probes: 7.5 MHz Linear and 3.5 MHz Sector



SR 7.5-24.0 MHz



GP 3.5 – 5.0MHz

- Plugs into the *USB 2.0 port* of any MS Windows laptop or tablet, with "*instant-on*" function
- Fully Digital B mode, 256 shades of gray scale. Real time, 15 frames per second. No Doppler
- SeeMore software is installed on the computer and the probe(s) are connected. After the USB drivers are automatically installed, the SeeMore application may be opened to control the probe and display real-time images.
- Auto Scan mode. Save, send, and print images. Built in measurements, calculations, and patient reports.
- Windows 7 or Windows 8 OS
- Minimum processor – 2.5 GHz (or 1.6 GHz if Intel - i5)
- Minimum RAM – 4 GB
- USB 2.0 port
- Minimum Display - 1366 X 768 resolution, 32 bit color, IPS



# Panasonic Toughbook

## *Hand held PC-CF-H2 Health*



- Windows® 8 or 7 pro Intel® Core™ i5 3437U vPro™ Processor
- 4GB DDR3L SDRAM (max. 8GB), 500GB HDD (SATA) or 128GB SSD, Intel® HD Graphics 4000, USB 3.0, LAN and Serial Port , WLAN Advanced-N 6235 802.11 a/b/g/n, 3G Mobile Broadband (HSPA+)
- 10.1" sunlight-viewable TFT plus LCD, 1024 x 768 res, with Dual Touch (up to 6.000cd/m<sup>2</sup> reflective brightness)
- Vibration and shock resistant (90 cm drop), Water , alcohol wipe and dust resistant
- Lightweight 1.58kg, 274mm × 268mm × 58mm
- Dual hot swappable batteries (up to 7 hrs life)
- Integrated Barcode Reader , Contact Smartcard Reader, 3MP Camera, GPS, Fingerprint Reader





# USB-probe/Handheld PC US System

*Interson GP 3.5 MHz & Panasonic Toughbook CF-H2*



The system setup



The SeeMore™ software imaging

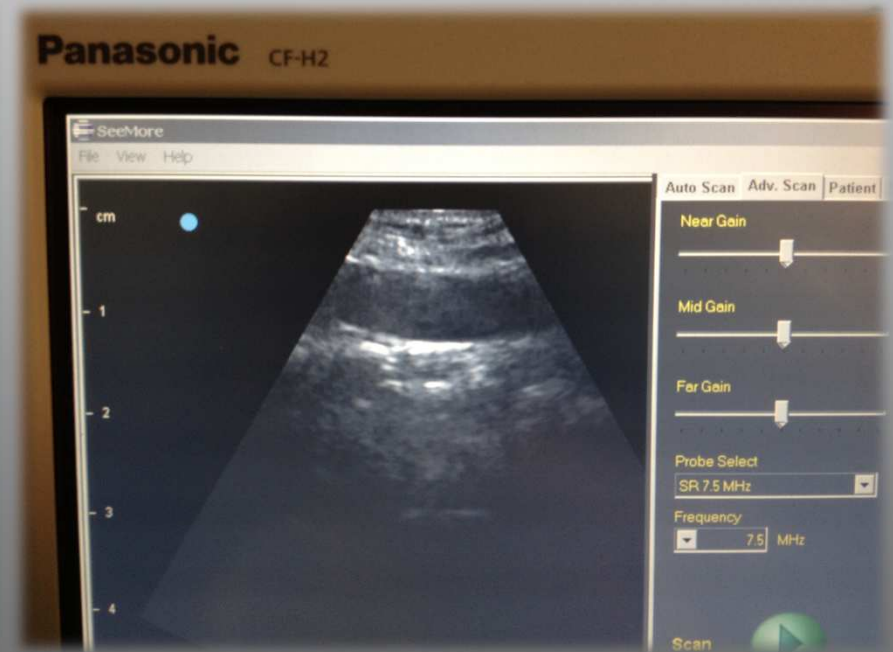


# USB-probe/Handheld PC US System

*Interson SR 7.5 MHz & Panasonic Toughbook CF-H2*



The system setup



The SeeMore™ software imaging





# USB-probe/Handheld PC US System

*Cost-Effectiveness of USB-probe Echoscropy for allocation  
at admission in Internal Medicine*

## ■ Background

- Internal Medicine Departments in Italy are now undergoing a huge process of reorganization according with different levels of care (high, medium, low)

## ■ Purpose

- To verify the cost-effectiveness of USB-probe-tablet echoscropy with respect to standard handheld ultrasound machines (HUS) for patient allocation in areas with different level of care

## ■ Material & Methods I

- In April 2013 we started a sixth months prospective survey to assess the impact of bedside ultrasound performed by internists on the appropriateness of allocation and outcome of patients admitted to Internal Medicine A (1400 admissions/year).



# USB-probe/Handheld PC US System

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## ■ Material and Methods II

- As in this setting USB-probe-tablet devices have not tested yet, we perform a second study along with the former, to determine the *diagnostic power* and *cost-effectiveness* of this device with respect to standard HUS used in the survey.
- any patient admitted from ED to Medicine A underwent an *echoscropy with USB-probe-tablet* (SeeMore USB 3.5 and 7.5MHz probes connected with a Panasonic CF-H2 Toughbook).
- A *5 minutes* thorax, abdomen and calf echoscropy was performed to identify specific items to allocate patients to the high level of care area, such as: a) B-lines at thorax scanning for pulmonary edema; b) gallbladder hydrops or kidney hydronephrosis for acute abdome; c) venous thrombosis (CUS). Immediately after the same internist performed a standard HUS to confirm the previous diagnosis.



# USB-probe/Handheld PC US System

*Cost-Effectiveness of USB-probe Echoscapy for allocation  
at admission in Internal Medicine*

## ■ Material and Methods III

- Contingency tables and chi square test were used for statistical analysis.

## ■ Results

- from April 5<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> we examined *86 consecutive patients* (48 F, 38 M, 45-94 yrs). The final diagnoses with the two different US systems (Echoscapy vs HUS) were:
  - Pulmonary edema: 16 vs 19/86 (p=ns)
  - Gallbladder hydrops: 9 vs 12/86 p=ns)
  - Pleural effusion: 15 vs 15/86 (p=ns)
  - Hydronephrosis: 12 vs 14/86 (p=ns)
  - Deep venous thrombosis: 4 vs 6/86 (p=ns)



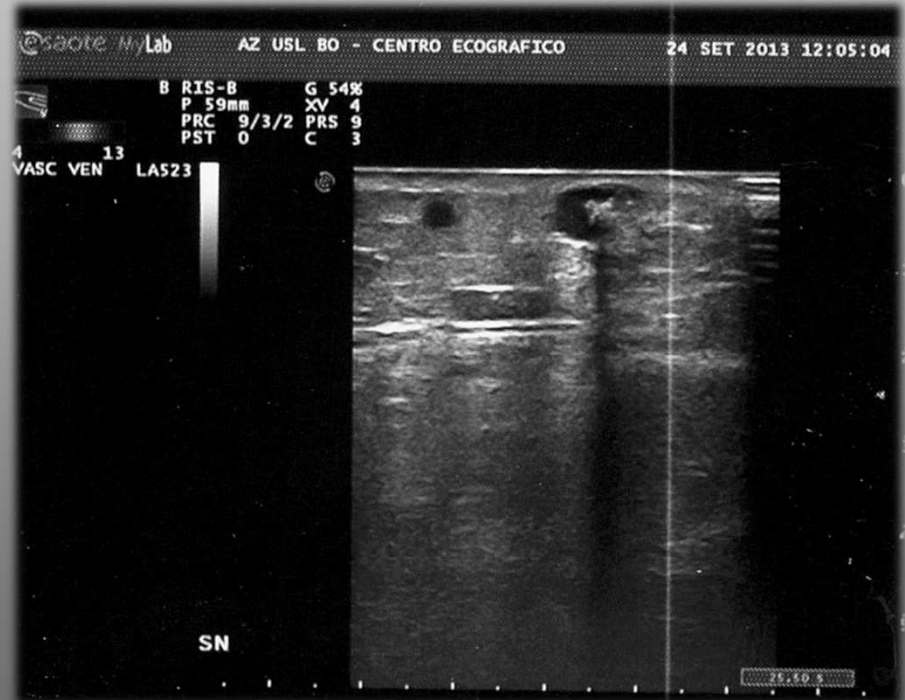
# USB-probe Echoscropy vs. Handheld POCUS

*Head to head comparison*

## Echoscropy



## POCUS



Superficial venous thrombosis (SVT) with calcification (c)



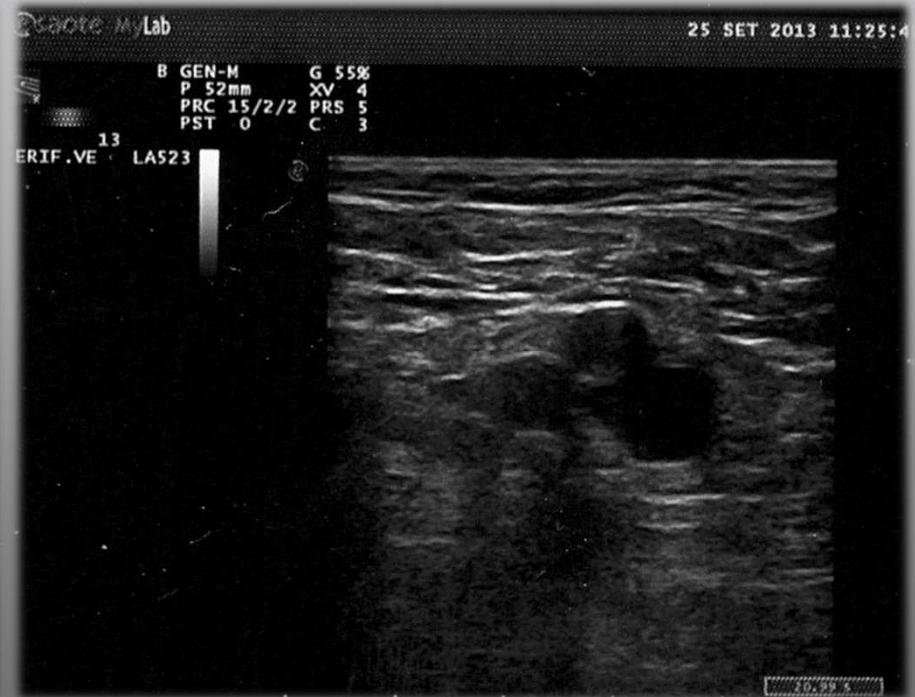
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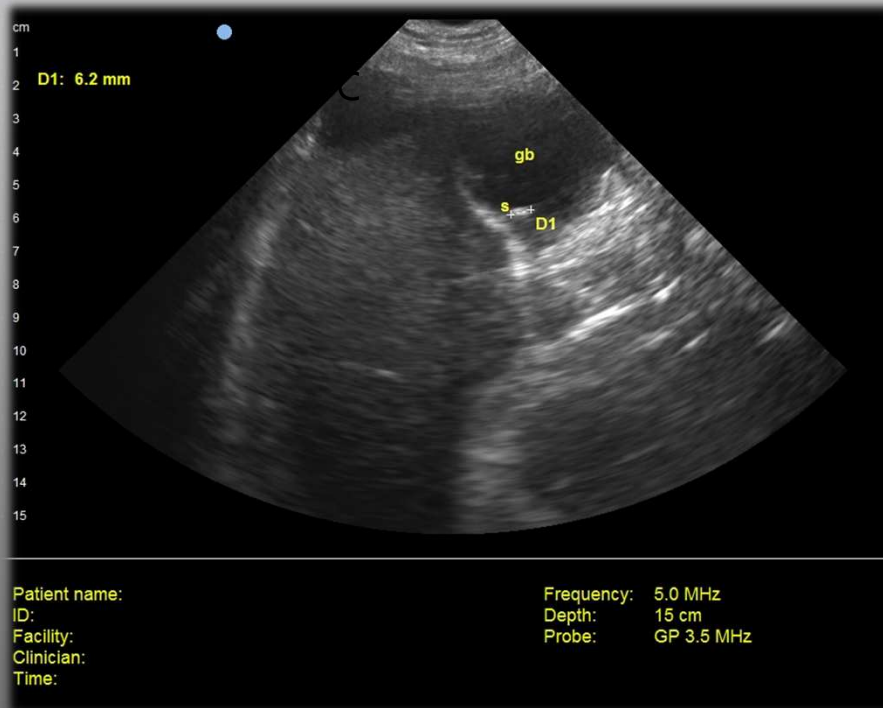
“*Mickey Mouse sign*”: the great saphenous vein (GSV) and the accessory saphenous vein (ASV) join the common femoral vein (CFV)



# USB-probe Echoscapy vs. Handheld POCUS

## *Head to head comparison*

### Echoscapy



### POCUS



Subdiaphragmatic septic fluid collection (FC) and  
gallbladder cholecystitis with stone (D1)





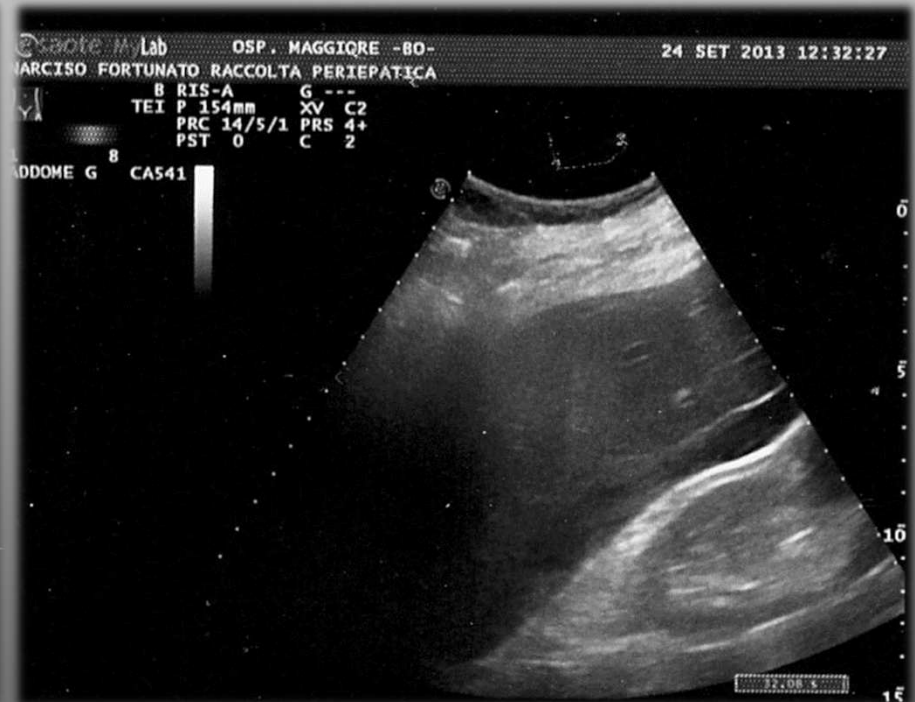
# USB-probe Echoscscopy vs. Handheld POCUS

## Head to head comparison

### Echoscscopy



### POCUS



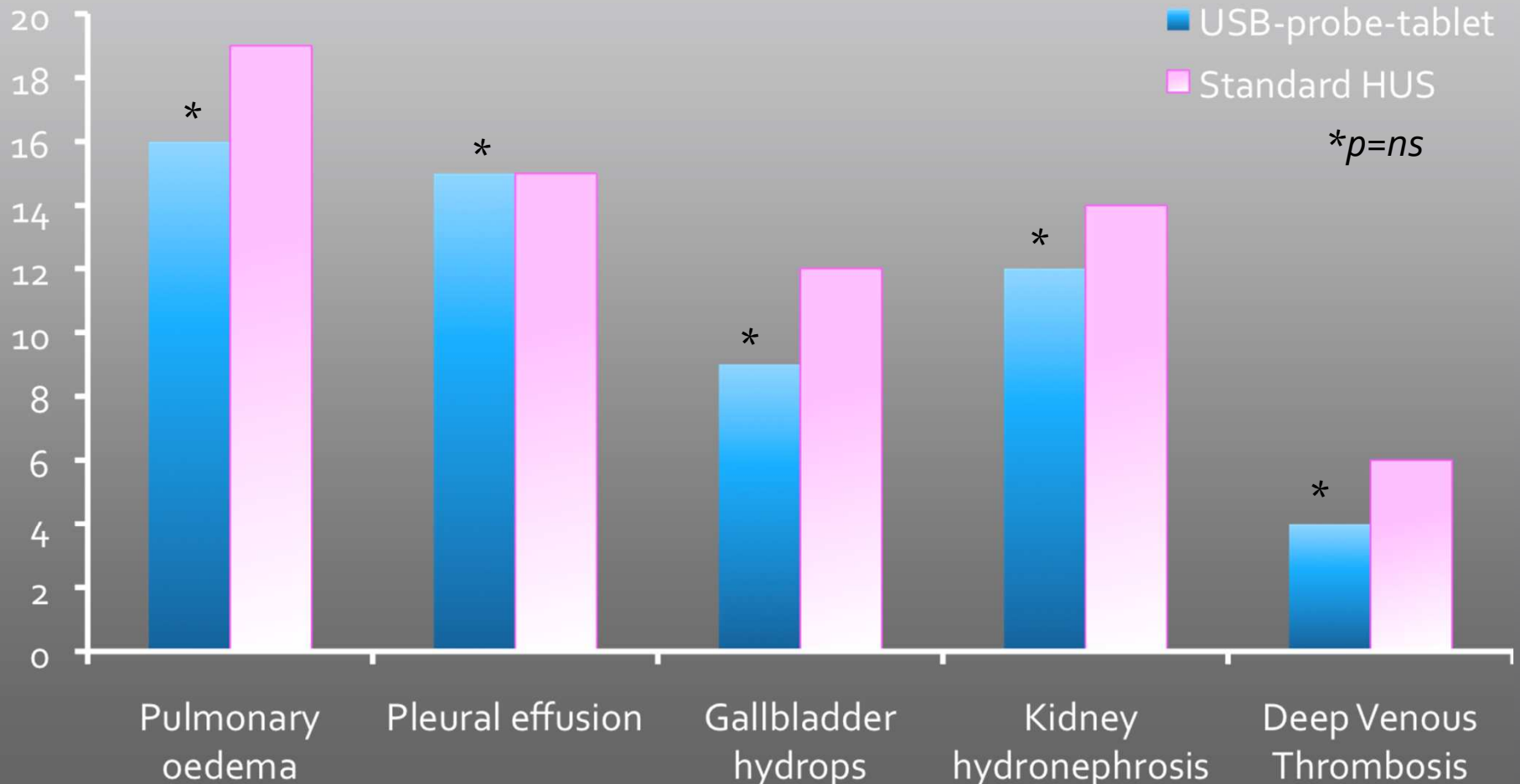
Right liver lobe (D1): hypoechoic intrahepatic fluid collection (AB)



# Bedside Ultrasound in Internal Medicine

*USB-probe Tablet Echoscropy vs Standard Handheld-US*

US Diagnosis on 86 cases at admission in Internal Medicine





# USB-probe Ultrasound

## Pros and Cons

### PROS

- Very light and small US probe/tablet system (200+5-600 g)
  - *Patientside vs. bedside*
- Fast and simple use
  - *Instant on (10-15sec), U-button record video, cloud ready, PDF mail reports*
- Low price
  - *1/3 to 1/4 vs. POCUS systems (3,500 -5,000 USD)*


### CONS

- No Doppler (*but...coming*)
- *Lower resolution vs. POCUS systems (but..coming)*

SeeMore  
*Point-of-Care USB Ultrasound*

**Abdominal Imaging**  
• 25 cm scan depth, 2.5 – 7.5 MHz scan frequency

- **General Purpose** – Liver, Kidney, Aorta, Heart
- **OB GYN** – IUP, Position, Date, IUD position
- **Urology** – Bladder, PVR, POUR
- **Trauma** – FAST Exam, IVC
- **Musculoskeletal** – MSK



SeeMore  
*Point-of-Care USB Ultrasound*

**Small Parts Imaging**  
• 10 cm scan depth, 5 - 10 MHz scan frequency

- **Line Placement** – PICC
- **Pneumothorax** – eFAST Exam
- **Musculoskeletal** – MSK
- **Pain Management**





# Bedside Ultrasound in Internal Medicine

*Future New Applications in the Core of Specialty*

## One-day Educational Courses of Clinical *POCUS* Ultrasound

### ■ Metabolic syndrome

- *Kohn N, et al. Bedside Ultrasound in the diagnosis of non alcoholic fatty liver disease. W J Gastroenterol 2014*

### ■ Deep Vein Thrombosis

- *Pedraza-Garcia, et al. Comparison of the accuracy of Emergency Department POCUS in the diagnosis of lower extremities DVT. J Emerg Med 2018*

### ■ Nutritional assessment in Critical illness and dementia

- *Mourtzakis M, et al. Bedside Ultrasound Measurements of skeletal muscle. Curr Opin Clin Nutr Metab Care 2014*

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