

## **Focused cardiac ultrasound: "Fact or fiction?"**

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Focused cardiac ultrasound is a screening method to rapidly detect the presence of an underlying cardiac disease. This technique performed by non-cardiologists is used for diagnosis and management of human emergency patients or when a cardiologist is not on site and would be of great benefit to general practitioners and emergency clinician in veterinary medicine. This lecture will summarize the utility of focused cardiac ultrasound to detect common cardiac clinical presentation including left-sided congestive heart failure in dogs and cats, various stage of degenerative mitral valve disease or moderate to severe pulmonary hypertension.