

MYXOMAS

ETIOLOGY

- Benign tumors.

HINT

Usually one myxoma
M-mode and video case
(TEE) on the exam.

PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

- Over 75% of myxomas are left atrial.
- Atrial myxomas may mimic mitral stenosis.

HINT

Symptoms mimic mitral
stenosis.

PHYSICAL SIGNS

- Malaise.
- Chest pain (rare).
- Dyspnea.
- Murmur of mitral stenosis with prolapsing left atrial myxomas.

ECHO

- Atrial myxomas usually attach to the interatrial septum.
- Intracavitary tumors will usually move with blood flow.
- Intramyocardial tumors usually have borders or texture which is different from myocardium.

HINT

LA myxomas are
usually attached where?

interatrial septum

DOPPLER

- Stenosis and regurgitation may be present with obstructive left atrial masses.

