PanEcho: Complete AI-enabled echocardiography interpretation with multi-task deep

learning

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# **KEY POINTS**

**Findings:** We report the development and validation of an automated AI system for echocardiogram analysis, called *PanEcho*, that performed 18 diagnostic classification tasks with

**Question:** Can artificial intelligence (AI) fully automate echocardiogram interpretation?

a median area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC) of 0.91 and 21 echocardiographic parameter estimation tasks with a median normalized mean absolute error

(MAE) of 0.14.

**Meaning:** An AI system can automate complete echocardiogram interpretation with high accuracy, potentially accelerating workflows and enabling rapid cardiovascular health screening in point-of-care settings with limited access to trained experts.

#### **ABSTRACT**

Importance: Echocardiography is a cornerstone of cardiovascular care but relies on expert interpretation and manual reporting from a series of videos. We propose an artificial intelligence (AI) system, PanEcho, to automate echocardiogram interpretation with multi-task deep learning.

Objective: To develop and evaluate the accuracy of PanEcho on a comprehensive set of 39 echocardiographic labels and measurements on transthoracic echocardiography (TTE).

Design, Setting, and Participants: This study represents the development and retrospective, multi-site validation of an AI system. PanEcho was developed using a sample of TTE studies conducted at Yale-New Haven Health System (YNHHS) hospitals and clinics from January 2016-June 2022 during routine care. The trained model was internally validated in a temporally distinct YNHHS cohort from July-December 2022, externally validated across four diverse external cohorts, and made publicly available.

Main Outcomes and Measures: The primary outcome was the area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC) for diagnostic classification tasks and mean absolute error (MAE) for parameter estimation tasks, comparing AI predictions with the assessment of the interpreting cardiologist.

**Results:** This study included 1.2 million echocardiographic videos from 32,265 TTE studies of 24,405 patients across YNHHS hospitals and clinics. PanEcho performed 18 diagnostic classification tasks with a median AUC of 0.91 (IQR: 0.88-0.93) and estimated 21 echocardiographic parameters with a median normalized MAE of 0.13 (0.10-0.18) in internal validation. For instance, the model accurately estimated left ventricular (LV) ejection fraction (MAE: 4.2% internal; 4.5% external) and detected moderate or higher LV systolic dysfunction (AUC: 0.98 internal; 0.99 external), RV systolic dysfunction (0.93 internal; 0.94 external), and

severe aortic stenosis (0.98 internal; 1.00 external). PanEcho maintained excellent performance in limited imaging protocols, performing 15 diagnosis tasks with 0.91 median AUC (IQR: 0.87-0.94) in an abbreviated TTE cohort and 14 tasks with 0.85 median AUC (0.77-0.87) on real-world point-of-care ultrasound acquisitions by non-experts from YNHHS emergency departments.

Conclusions and Relevance: We report an AI system that automatically interprets echocardiograms, maintaining high accuracy across geography and time from complete and limited studies. PanEcho may be used as an adjunct reader in echocardiography labs or rapid AI-enabled screening tool in point-of-care settings.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Echocardiography is a pillar of cardiovascular diagnostics, providing in-depth phenotyping of cardiac, valvular, and vascular structure and function.<sup>1</sup> More than 7.5 million echocardiographic studies are performed annually in the United States alone, and increasing referrals contribute to rising healthcare expenditures across most nations.<sup>2,3</sup> Accurate reporting of echocardiography requires time, skilled acquisition, and expert readers but remains limited by the availability of sufficient experts and substantial inter-rater variability.<sup>4,5</sup> Reliance on scarcely available expert interpretation poses a barrier to access to this important diagnostic modality, especially given the increasing accessibility of handheld ultrasound devices at the point of care.<sup>6,7</sup>

Artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms have shown promise in automating various aspects of echocardiography reporting, from detecting valvular abnormalities<sup>8–11</sup> to quantifying key measurements such as left ventricular (LV) ejection fraction (EF),<sup>12–17</sup> and others.<sup>18–23</sup> However, existing solutions typically rely on single-view inputs and are limited to single tasks.<sup>8,11,13,20,22–26</sup> This process differs from clinical practice, where multiple views and imaging modes, such as color Doppler imaging, are integrated to form a comprehensive evaluation, spanning functional and structural metrics of all major chambers, valves, and vessels. Versatile AI systems that handle this multi-view, multi-task workflow accurately and robustly would enable efficient, reader-independent phenotyping of echocardiography but are currently lacking.

To bridge this gap and provide a scalable solution for fully automated echocardiographic interpretation, we sought to develop and validate an end-to-end, view-agnostic deep learning model capable of simultaneously performing the full range of key echocardiographic reporting tasks. We present the development of PanEcho, a novel AI model that uses multi-task deep learning on over one million standard 2D B-mode and color Doppler echocardiogram videos to

perform 39 diverse interpretation tasks and report its internal and external validation across a range of acquisition protocols. In addition to this study report, we have publicly released the model and source code to accelerate research on AI-enabled echocardiographic interpretation (https://github.com/CarDS-Yale/PanEcho).

#### **METHODS**

## **Data Source and Patient Population**

This study was approved by the Yale University and local Institutional Review Boards, and the need for informed consent was waived since this research represents secondary analysis of existing data.

PanEcho development and internal validation. Data for model development and internal validation was derived from transthoracic echocardiography (TTE) studies performed at Yale-New Haven Health System (YNHHS) hospitals from 2016-2022 during routine clinical care. We used our previously published approach<sup>8</sup> to extract and deidentify echocardiographic videos by masking out pixels containing protected health information. This study included 2D grayscale and color Doppler videos from all echocardiographic views. The YNHHS cohort was split into development and validation sets, with studies from July to December 2022 set aside as a temporally distinct internal validation set. The remaining studies from January 2016 to June 2022 were used for model development after removing studies from all validation set patients to prevent data leakage. The development set was randomly partitioned into training (92.5%) and tuning (7.5%) sets at the patient level for model training. See the eMethods for full details on YNHHS dataset curation and preprocessing.

External validation of PanEcho. This study featured four cohorts for external validation:

RVENet+, POCUS, EchoNet-Dynamic, and EchoNet-LVH, representing a broad range of phenotypes with standard and point-of-care echocardiographic acquisitions across time and geography. The RVENet+ cohort consisted of complete echocardiographic studies conducted at the Heart and Vascular Center of Semmelweis University in Budapest, Hungary from 2013 to 2021 and included all available 2D views. As previously described, 27,28 this cohort comprised seven distinct subpopulations ranging from elite athletes to heart transplant recipients, representing a diverse population. This cohort underwent the same deidentification and preprocessing steps as the YNHHS cohort.

The POCUS cohort consisted of consecutive patients who underwent cardiac-focused POCUS imaging as part of care in YNHHS-affiliated emergency departments (EDs) from 2016-2023. In contrast to all other cohorts that included studies performed by echocardiography technicians, these abbreviated scans were performed by ED providers. We present analysis in a subset of patients with POCUS imaging and a temporally linked complete echocardiographic exam performed no more than a day apart, essential to provide reliable ground truth labels. This cohort underwent the same deidentification and preprocessing steps as the YNHHS and RVENet+ cohorts, ensuring no patient overlap with the YNHHS cohort. Additional quality control was needed to ensure minimal diagnostic quality in these noisy acquisitions by non-experts, removing non-cardiac views and filtering for studies with at least three of these five key views: parasternal long axis (PLAX), parasternal short axis (PSAX) at the papillary level, A4C, apical 2-chamber (A2C), and apical 5-chamber (A5C). Full POCUS cohort curation details are

described in previous work<sup>29</sup> and the **eMethods**. See **Figure 1A** for an exclusion flowchart of all key internal and external cohorts.

EchoNet-Dynamic<sup>13</sup> and EchoNet-LVH<sup>24</sup> are publicly available datasets for assessment of LV function and structure, respectively, that were included as additional external validation cohorts in this study. EchoNet-Dynamic consists of 10,030 individual A4C videos from unique echocardiograms performed at Stanford University Hospital from 2016-2018 with measurements of LV function and volumes, and EchoNet-LVH consists of 12,000 PLAX videos from echocardiograms performed at Stanford Health Care from 2008-2020 with measurements of LV dimensions.

## **Echocardiographic Reporting Labels**

For each study in the YNHHS, RVENet+, and POCUS cohorts, the team of investigators jointly reviewed and defined a list of 39 key reporting tasks, representing a wide variety of categorical findings and continuous measurements covering all major axes of echocardiographic reporting. This included 18 classification tasks capturing the size, structure, and function of all four heart chambers, valvular disease, etc., and 21 regression tasks quantifying key dimensions of each chamber, blood flow velocities, and more. Labels were extracted from the local electronic echocardiography reporting systems and reflected the final measurements and reporting confirmed by a certified echocardiographer. All interpretations were performed in line with standard guidelines of the American Society of Echocardiography<sup>1</sup> and to the discretion of the echocardiographer; descriptions of all diagnostic labels are detailed in eTable 1. Finally, we extracted a total of 10 labels from EchoNet-Dynamic and EchoNet-LVH based on the LV measurements provided, such as LVEF, LV interventricular septum thickness (IVSd), and others.

Since categorical labels were not explicitly provided, we determined these via thresholds described in the **eMethods**.

PanEcho Model Development

We designed a multi-task, video-based deep learning model with a 2D image encoder, temporal Transformer, and output heads dedicated to individual tasks (**Figure 1B**). In its design, PanEcho mimics a human reader, integrating all available echocardiographic views and assessing all 39 echocardiographic reporting tasks described above. Each video frame is first processed by the 2D image encoder, a convolutional neural network (CNN), which produces a learned embedding of each frame. These frame-wise embeddings are then interpreted as an ordered sequence and modeled using self-attention<sup>30</sup> to learn time-varying associations over the frames. Finally, a video-level embedding is formed and used as input to the task-specific output heads. Rather than develop separate view- and task-specific models, this design efficiently shares computation across views with a unified view-agnostic encoder and parallelizes task-specific modeling with lightweight output heads specialized for each task. PanEcho was trained end-to-end to minimize the mean of all task-specific losses. See the **eMethods** for full implementation details.

Multi-task Evaluation on Diagnostic Echocardiography

PanEcho was first evaluated across all 39 labels in the internal YNHHS validation set as well as the three external cohorts RVENet+ (38 labels), EchoNet-Dynamic (4 labels), and EchoNet-LVH (6 labels) with diagnostic-quality videos from complete echocardiographic studies (**Figure 1C**). Since interpretations are unique to each echocardiographic study, evaluation was performed at the study level using all available videos and tasks. For multi-view datasets like the YNHHS and

RVENet+ cohorts, PanEcho automatically aggregated its predictions across all videos acquired during a study at inference time to form study-level interpretations. In contrast, EchoNet-Dynamic and EchoNet-LVH feature one video per study, evaluating PanEcho's ability to provide interpretations from a single view.

Multi-task Evaluation on Point-of-care Echocardiography

To illustrate the versatility of PanEcho across imaging protocols, we also evaluated its performance in both a simulated abbreviated TTE protocol and a real-world point-of-care setting. To simulate an abbreviated acquisition, inference was performed on the internal YNHHS validation set, but the model was only given access to a single video from each of the following key views per study if available: PLAX, PSAX at the papillary level, A4C, A5C, A2C. Validation was also performed across actual point-of-care acquisitions from YNHHS EDs in the POCUS cohort described above. Since POCUS imaging is focused on ruling out key abnormalities and lacks the protocolized approach for reliable estimation of linear or volumetric measurements, evaluation was restricted to all 15 classification tasks evaluable on grayscale 2D echocardiography; this excluded estimation tasks and diagnostic findings like valvular regurgitation, which require Doppler imaging to properly assess. See the **eMethods** for full details on point-of-care validation.

**Statistical Analysis** 

Categorical values are summarized as count (%), whereas continuous variables are summarized as median (IQR) to account for skewness. Classification tasks were primarily evaluated by area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC) in addition to sensitivity, specificity,

average precision, and Brier score; class-specific thresholds were determined by maximizing Youden's index on the tuning set. Regression tasks were primarily evaluated by mean absolute error (MAE) in addition to Pearson's correlation coefficient (r), median absolute deviation, root-mean-squared error, R<sup>2</sup>, and normalized MAE (divided by the mean ground truth measurement). For multi-class classification tasks, we present AUC results on the most severe class in the main text to simplify the presentation. When summarizing performance across regression tasks with different units, we report median normalized MAE to account for variations in scale across measurements. We computed 95% confidence intervals for all metrics with 1,000 bootstrap samples at the study level using the percentile method. Performance analysis was performed using Python version 3.10.8.

#### **RESULTS**

# **Study Cohorts and Model Development**

The YNHHS cohort included 1,193,876 echocardiographic videos comprising all 2D views from 32,265 transthoracic echocardiography studies of 24,405 unique patients across YNHHS hospitals (median [IQR] age: 69.0 [58.0-79.0] years, 16,819 [52.1%] males, 5,884 [19.2%] reported non-White). PanEcho was developed using 999,727 videos from 25,130 studies of 18,343 YNHHS patients from January 2016-June 2022, while 5,130 studies from 4,588 distinct patients from July-December 2022 were used as a temporally distinct internal validation set. This set featured a broad range of echocardiographic phenotypes with a median (IQR) LVEF of 61.4% (57.0-65.0), 284 (5.8%) studies with moderate or higher LV systolic dysfunction, 86 (1.8%) severe aortic stenosis, 612 (12.2%) moderate or higher mitral regurgitation, among others (Table 1).

The external RVENet+ cohort included 18,862 echocardiographic videos from 944 complete echocardiographic studies of 831 patients from the Heart and Vascular Center of Semmelweis University in Budapest, Hungary from November 2013-March 2021 (median [IQR] age: 50.0 [25.0-66.0] years, 586 [62.1%] males, 944 [100%] reported White). This cohort featured a unique composition of seven subpopulations, with 57.5% (52.2-61.4) median (IQR) LVEF, 122 (12.9%) studies with moderate or higher LV systolic dysfunction, 85 (9.0%) severe aortic stenosis, 141 (17.0%) moderate or higher mitral regurgitation, etc. Finally, the POCUS cohort consisted of 25,407 videos from 3,310 studies of 3,170 patients undergoing cardiac-focused point-of-care echocardiography in YNHHS-affiliated EDs from September 2015-November 2023 (median [IQR] age: 66.0 [53.0-79.0] years, 1,811 [54.8%] males, 1,122 [35.4%] reported non-White) (Table 1). Full description and statistics of all cohorts can be found in eTable 2.

# Validation on Diagnostic Echocardiography

PanEcho performed 18 diagnostic classification tasks with 0.91 (IQR: 0.88-0.93) median AUC in internal YNHHS validation and 17 diagnostic tasks with 0.91 (0.85-0.94) median AUC in international RVENet+ validation (**Figure 2**, **eTable 3**). The model accurately assessed ventricular structure and function, with internal AUCs of 0.94 (95% CI: 0.93-0.95) [external: 0.98 (0.98-0.99)] for moderate or higher increased LV size, 0.98 (0.98-0.99) [0.99 (0.98-0.99)] for moderate or higher LV systolic dysfunction, 0.92 (0.91-0.93) [0.92 (0.90-0.93)] for moderate or higher LV diastolic dysfunction, 0.88 (0.86-0.90) [0.98 (0.97-0.99)] for LV wall motion abnormalities, and 0.94 (0.91-0.94) [0.94 (0.92-0.96)] for RV systolic dysfunction. PanEcho also achieved excellent discrimination of valvular disease, with internal AUCs of 0.98 (0.98-0.99)

[1.00 (0.99-1.00)] for severe aortic stenosis, 0.96 (0.94-0.98) [1.00 (1.00-1.00)] for mitral stenosis, 0.91 (0.90-0.91) [0.92 (0.91-0.94)] for moderate or higher mitral regurgitation, and 0.90 (0.89-0.91) [0.91 (0.90-0.93)] for moderate or higher tricuspid regurgitation. Additional phenotypes such as pericardial effusion and LV outflow tract obstruction were classified with internal AUCs of 0.91 (0.83-0.97) [0.94 (0.89-0.98)] and 0.94 (0.88-0.89), respectively.

Beyond categorical classification, PanEcho estimated 21 echocardiographic parameters with 0.13 median normalized MAE (IQR: 0.10-0.18) in internal validation and 0.16 median normalized MAE (0.11-0.23) in the external RVENet+ cohort (Figure 3, eTable 4). The model accurately quantified LV dimensions and function, with MAEs ranging from 4.2% (95% CI: 4.1-4.3) [external: 4.5% (4.3-4.7)] for LVEF to 1.3 mm (1.3-1.3) [1.3 mm (1.3-1.4)] for LV interventricular septum thickness (IVSd), 1.2 mm (1.1-1.2) [1.1 mm (1.0-1.1)] for LV posterior wall thickness (LVPWd), and 3.8 mm (3.7-3.9) [3.7 mm (3.6-3.7)] for LV internal diameter (LVIDd). For the RV, PanEcho estimated RVIDd with 4.0 mm (3.9-4.1) MAE [3.9 mm (3.7-4.0)], tricuspid plane excursion velocity (TAPSE) with 3.4 mm (3.3-3.4) MAE [3.8 mm (3.6-3.9)], and RV systolic excursion velocity (RV S') with 1.9 cm/s (1.9-2.0) MAE [2.0 cm/s (1.9-2.1)]. Atrial dimensions such as left atrial (LA) internal diameter (LAIDs) and LA volume were estimated with internal MAEs of 4.0 mm (3.9-4.1) [4.0 mm (3.8-4.3)] and 9.4 cm<sup>3</sup> (9.2-9.6) [13.4 cm<sup>3</sup> (12.9-13.9)]. Finally, PanEcho quantified Doppler-derived measurements with MAEs of 0.3 m/s (0.3-0.3) [0.4 m/s (0.3-0.4)] for peak aortic velocity, 5.6 mmHg (5.4-5.7) [6.5 mmHg (6.1-6.9)] for tricuspid peak gradient, and 2.0 (1.9-2.0) [2.2 (2.1-2.3)] for mean E/e' ratio. See **eFigure 1** for Bland-Altman plots comparing key AI vs. ground truth measurements.

In addition to accuracy, PanEcho demonstrated interpretability by correctly identifying the most relevant views for each task (eFigure 2), fairness by exhibiting demographic parity

across sex and race (eFigure 3), and robustness by reliably estimating LVEF under varying image quality (eFigure 4). A full description of these auxiliary analyses can be found in the eMethods.

Validation on Point-of-care Echocardiography

PanEcho performed 15 diagnostic classification tasks with 0.91 median AUC (IQR: 0.87-0.94) in an abbreviated TTE cohort, as well as 14 tasks with 0.85 (0.77-0.87) median AUC in a real-world POCUS cohort of bedside ED acquisitions (**Figure 4, eTable 5**). Ventricular assessment remained strong in these limited settings, with AUCs of 0.98 (95% CI: 0.97-0.98) for moderate or higher LV systolic dysfunction in the simulated point-of-care cohort [POCUS: 0.93 (0.92-0.94)], 0.94 (0.92-0.95) [0.89 (0.87-0.90)] for moderate or higher increased LV size, 0.91 (0.89-0.92) [0.83 (0.82-0.85)] for moderate or higher LV diastolic dysfunction, 0.93 (0.91-0.94) [0.85 (0.83-0.87)] for moderate or higher increased LV wall thickness, 0.92 (0.90-0.93) [0.85 (0.84-0.86)] for RV systolic dysfunction, and 0.88 (0.86-0.90) [0.87 (0.86-0.89)] for moderate or higher increased RV size. PanEcho also accurately detected severe aortic stenosis with 0.96 (0.94-0.97) AUC [0.86 (0.81-0.92)] and mitral stenosis with 0.94 (0.92-0.96) [0.92 (0.88-0.95)] from simplified acquisitions. Additional diagnostic findings of pericardial effusion and elevated LV outflow tract pressure were detected with AUCs of 0.91 (0.82-0.97) [0.86 (0.84-0.88)] and 0.94 (0.87-0.99), respectively.

**DISCUSSION** 

We present PanEcho, a view-agnostic deep learning model for automated echocardiography interpretation developed and validated on over one million videos spanning a broad range of

acquisitions and phenotypes. PanEcho advances the current state-of-the-art in AI-enabled echocardiography, enabling simultaneous estimation of all key parameters of cardiac structure and function from any combination of 2D views. The model integrates multi-view information from complete echocardiographic studies while maintaining accurate reporting on simplified imaging protocols and technically limited POCUS acquisitions from the ED. PanEcho is open-source, extensively validated internationally, and at the point of care, and may signal a shift from specialized single-task models toward generalized multi-task AI models poised for clinical deployment.

PanEcho was developed to address a critical gap in AI for echocardiography: the predominance of single-view, single-task models. Unlike prior approaches that require a particular echocardiographic view or sequence, <sup>12,14,16,24,31</sup> PanEcho flexibly integrates videos from all available 2D views. Further, while prior work has primarily been limited to specialized single-task models, <sup>8,13,14,20,22–24</sup> PanEcho performs end-to-end estimation of all variables forming the core of a complete echocardiographic report. This unified approach is closer to clinical practice – where a cardiologist synthesizes multiple views and imaging modes to assess all aspects of cardiovascular health – and more efficiently scales to clinical deployment. In the previous paradigm, single-task models would pose considerable implementation challenges, especially in computationally constrained environments such as on-device deployment on a handheld device for point-of-care use.

To understand the contributions of this study, PanEcho should be evaluated in the context of state-of-the-art commercial systems<sup>16,31</sup> and academic efforts.<sup>25,32</sup> While all report video-based AI models that are capable of automating many aspects of echocardiographic reporting, key differences exist in accessibility and extent of validation. First, unlike commercial products,

PanEcho is fully open-source, accelerating research on AI for echocardiography. Second,
PanEcho is evaluated across 39 diverse labels spanning key diagnostic findings in a complete
echocardiographic report, while comparable studies validate only on subsets of these labels.
Finally, PanEcho has been internationally validated across multiple sites on both complete
diagnostic-quality studies and technically limited acquisitions by non-expert operators, in
contrast to prior work. This extensive validation enables unique opportunities for advancing
diagnostic care in point-of-care settings and community clinics, where access to equipment and
personnel needed for complete diagnostic echocardiography is limited.

There are three primary clinical applications for PanEcho: (i) as a preliminary reader for assisted interpretation in echocardiography labs, (ii) as a tool to identify potentially missed abnormalities in existing echocardiography databases, and (iii) as an efficient screening system for accelerated protocols and point-of-care exams performed by non-experts. Given its excellent performance on complete echocardiograms, PanEcho can support expert readers by identifying key abnormalities for further interrogation. Prospective integration into a real-world echocardiography lab workflow is needed to evaluate factors such as interface design and the effect of human-AI collaboration on interpretation speed and accuracy. PanEcho may also be used to efficiently parse existing repositories of echocardiograms for potential clinical abnormalities that were missed at the time of examination to be flagged for review. Finally, PanEcho is uniquely suited for point-of-care settings and community clinics given its extensive validation on POCUS acquisitions. Given the scarcity of echocardiographic expertise<sup>33,34</sup> and increasing accessibility of portable ultrasound devices,<sup>6,7,35</sup> PanEcho could provide cardiovascular healthcare that might otherwise be inaccessible to many communities. Future

work to validate this approach includes prospective human vs. PanEcho evaluation on point-ofcare scans from non-sonographers.

#### Limitations

Certain limitations merit consideration. First, our model is limited to 2D grayscale and color Doppler echocardiographic videos, excluding other acquisitions such as still frames, spectral Doppler, strain imaging, and 3D echocardiography, which could improve the predictive performance and versatility of PanEcho. Second, unlike other approaches, 13,15-17,31 our method does not incorporate a segmentation step for echocardiographic measurements. While our direct estimation approach yields strong numerical results, it may limit the model's interpretability; future iterations of PanEcho may supplement our current approach with a segmentation overlay on select views for improved transparency and ease of use in clinical deployment. Systematic differences in measurement methods<sup>36</sup> limit performance on tasks such as LV volumes, where RVENet+ labels were derived from 3D echocardiography vs. the mixture of 2D and 3D methods used in routine practice across other cohorts. Similarly, performance on certain labels – such as bicuspid aortic valve and right atrial abnormalities – is limited by low prevalence<sup>37</sup> and difficulty of interpretation for human experts, <sup>38–40</sup> causing class imbalance and noisy ground truth labels, respectively. Finally, PanEcho is limited to the specific suite of 39 tasks as defined in this study and, for certain tasks, may fail to provide sufficiently granular interpretations to independently guide patient care. For this reason, a PanEcho-assisted workflow would still ultimately rely on expert supervision to ensure reliable diagnosis and treatment based on the broader clinical context of each patient beyond echocardiography.

**CONCLUSION** 

We report the development and validation of an AI system that automatically interprets key

aspects of echocardiograms – spanning ventricular structure and function to valvular disease and

more – maintaining high accuracy across geography and time from complete and technically

limited studies. PanEcho and similar tools may be used as an adjunct reader in echocardiography

labs or rapid AI-enabled screening tools in point-of-care settings.

**DATA AVAILABILITY** 

The YNHHS data used in this study is not available for public sharing due to the restrictions in

our IRB agreement. However, deidentified validation data may be made available to researchers

under a data use agreement upon publication. While the external RVENet+ dataset has not been

approved for release, the original RVENet data is available through

https://rvenet.github.io/dataset/. The external EchoNet-Dynamic and EchoNet-LVH datasets can

be accessed through the Stanford AIMI Shared Datasets repository at the following links,

respectively: https://stanfordaimi.azurewebsites.net/datasets/834e1cd1-92f7-4268-9daa-

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**CODE AVAILABILITY** 

The code repository for this study is available at https://github.com/CarDS-Yale/PanEcho.

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**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES** 

Dr. Oikonomou is a co-founder of Evidence2Health LLC, has been an ad hoc consultant for Ensight-AI Inc, and Caristo Diagnostics Ltd, a co-inventor in patent applications (18/813,882, 17/720,068, 63/508,315, 63/580,137, 63/619,241, 63/562,335 through Yale University) and patents (US12067714B2, US11948230B2 through the University of Oxford), and has received royalty fees from technology licensed through the University of Oxford outside this work. Dr. Kovács serves as Chief Medical Officer of Argus Cognitive, Inc., and receives financial compensation for his work, not related to the content of the present manuscript. Dr. Khera is an Associate Editor of JAMA and receives research support, through Yale, from the Blavatnik Foundation, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Novo Nordisk, and BridgeBio. He is a coinventor of U.S. Provisional Patent Applications 63/177,117, 63/428,569, 63/346,610, 63/484,426, 63/508,315, 63/580,137, 63/606,203, 63/562,335, and a co-founder of Ensight-AI, Inc and Evidence2Health, LLC. All other authors declare no competing interests.

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Table 1 | Description of Internal and External Validation Cohorts

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		YNI		RVENet+	POCUS			
		Development	Validation					
Dates Sampled		1/2016-6/2022	7/2022-12/2022	11/2013-3/2021	9/2015-11/2023			
Unique patients, n		19,817	4,588	831	3,170			
Unique studies, <i>n</i>		27,135	5,130	944	3,310			
Unique videos, n		1,079,596	114,280	18,862	25,407			
Unique videos per study, median (IQR)		39.0 (30.0-48.0)	17.0 (12.0-31.0)	19.5 (17.0-22.0)	6.0 (5.0-9.0)			
Demographics								
Age (years), median (IQR)		69.0 (58.0-79.0)	68.0 (57.0-78.0)	50.0 (25.0-66.0)	66.0 (53.0-79.0)			
Sex, n (%)	Male	14234 (52.5)	2585 (50.4)	586 (62.1)	1,817 (54.9)			
	Female	12901 (47.5)	2545 (49.6)	358 (37.9)	1,493 (45.1)			
	American Indian	68 (0.3)	15 (0.3)	0 (0)	115 (3.7)			
	Asian	436 (1.7)	112 (2.3)	0 (0)	68 (2.2)			
D (0/)	Black	3711 (14.4)	679 (14.0)	0 (0)	871 (27.7)			
Race, n (%)	Other	693 (2.7)	124 (2.6)	0 (0)	10 (0.3)			
	Pacific Islander	36 (0.1)	10 (0.2)	0 (0)	12 (0.4)			
	White	20874 (80.9)	3893 (80.6)	944 (100)	2,073 (65.8)			
	Non-Hispanic	24316 (92.1)	4486 (90.5)	944 (100)	372 (11.4)			
Ethnicity, n (%)	Hispanic	2094 (7.9)	472 (9.5)	0 (0)	2,884 (88.6)			
	Outpatient	16842 (62.5)	3511 (68.7)	524 (55.5)	0 (0)			
Patient Status, n (%)								
	Inpatient	8398 (31.2)	1296 (25.4)	420 (45.5)	0 (0)			
	Observation	1638 (6.1)	291 (5.7)	0 (0)	0 (0)			
	Emergency	63 (0.2)	11 (0.2)	0 (0)	3,310 (100)			
Hypertension, n (%)		19982 (73.6)	3,577 (69.7)	372 (39.4)	2,323 (70.2)			
Diabetes, n (%)		7266 (26.8)	1,243 (24.2)	119 (12.6)	1,001 (30.2)			
Dyslipidemia, n (%)		5754 (21.2)	1,164 (22.7)	239 (25.3)	493 (14.9)			
Chronic Kidney Disease, n (%)		2576 (9.5)	350 (6.8)	108 (11.4)	442 (13.4)			
Coronary Artery Disease, n (%)		5520 (20.3)	824 (16.1)	91 (9.6)	1,103 (33.3)			
Left ventricle								
LV Systolic Dysfunction,	Mild	1,906 (7.5)	319 (6.5)	130 (13.8)	430 (13.8)			
n (%)	≥ Moderate	1,989 (7.9)	284 (5.8)	122 (12.9)	755 (24.2)			
LV Ejection Fraction (%), median (IQR)		62.0 (56.2-66.9)	61.4 (57.0-65.0)	57.5 (52.2-61.4)	57.0 (40.0-63.0)			
LV Diastolic Dysfunction,	Mild	6,872 (35.9)	1,214 (29.8)	182 (22.0)	473 (26.7)			
n (%)	≥ Moderate	2,965 (15.5)	333 (8.2)	159 (19.2)	416 (23.5)			
Increased LV Size, n (%)	Mild	1,489 (7.3)	338 (7.9)	81 (8.6)	351 (13.3)			
	≥ Moderate	1,283 (6.3)	270 (6.3)	89 (9.4)	547 (20.8)			
LVIDd (mm), median (IQR)		45.5 (40.9-50.1)	46.0 (41.8-50.7)	49.0 (45.0-55.0)	47.2 (42.1-52.8)			
LVIDs (mm), median (IQR)		29.5 (25.7-34.0)	30.0 (26.2-34.0)	33.0 (28.0-38.0)	32.2 (27.6-39.0)			
Increased LV Wall Thickness,	Any	13,499 (54.8)	1,971 (40.2)	232 (24.6)	1,206 (44.1)			
n (%)	≥ Moderate	3,260 (13.2)	315 (6.4)	46 (4.9)	258 (9.4)			
IVSd (mm), median (IQR)		10.9 (9.1-12.6)	10.0 (8.8-11.5)	11.0 (9.0-12.0)	10.0 (8.9-11.7)			
LVPWd (mm), median (IQR)		10.4 (9.0-12.0)	10.0 (8.7-11.2)	9.0 (8.0-10.0)	10.0 (8.9-11.4)			
LV Wall Motion Abnormalities,								
n (%)		1,847 (20.7)	348 (22.6)	116 (12.3)	630 (44.5)			
Right ventricle								
RV Systolic Dysfunction, n (%)		2,785 (11.3)	371 (7.8)	76 (8.1)	819 (29.1)			
TAPSE (mm), median (IQR)		21.0 (18.0-24.9)	21.2 (18.0-24.8)	21.0 (17.0-26.0)	19.0 (16.0-23.0)			
RV S' (cm/s), median (IQR)	λ (: 1 .1	12.3 (10.4-14.4)	12.6 (10.9-14.7)	13.0 (11.0-15.0)	11.9 (9.5-14.0)			
Increased RV Size, n (%)	Mild	2,483 (10.0)	457 (9.6)	94 (10.0)	427 (15.3)			
	≥ Moderate	1,515 (6.1)	215 (4.5)	112 (11.9)	411 (14.7)			
RVIDd (mm), median (IQR)		31.0 (27.1-35.1)	30.9 (27.0-34.9)	31.0 (28.0-35.0)	32.0 (28.2-36.3)			

Left atrium					
Lett att lulli	Mild	4,897 (18.0)	805 (15.7)	125 (14.9)	402 (12.2)
Increased LA Size, n (%)				125 (14.8)	403 (12.2)
	≥ Moderate	5,392 (19.9)	798 (15.6)	273 (32.3)	741 (22.4)
LA Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> ), median (IQR)		58.5 (45.0-74.3)	55.2 (43.0-70.0)	64.5 (46.2-91.3)	61.9 (47.0-79.0)
Right atrium					
RA Transverse Dim. (mm), median (IQR)		37.3 (33.0-43.0)	37.0 (33.0-42.0)	40.5 (35.0-45.0)	40.0 (34.0-46.0)
Increased RA Size, n (%)	Any	3,219 (29.7)	507 (29.3)	220 (23.3)	541 (41.3)
Valvular assessment					
AV Stenosis, n (%)	Mild-Moderate	2,808 (12.1)	401 (8.5)	9 (1.0)	164 (7.1)
	Severe	1,934 (8.3)	86 (1.8)	85 (9.0)	38 (1.6)
AV Regurgitation, n (%)	Mild	4,309 (17.7)	773 (16.4)	140 (14.8)	398 (15.3)
	≥ Moderate	1,645 (6.8)	272 (5.8)	31 (3.3)	164 (6.3)
AV Structure, n (%)	Bicuspid	212 (0.9)	52 (1.1)	8 (0.8)	10 (0.4)
MV Stenosis, n (%)	Any	812 (4.1)	89 (2.1)	11 (1.3)	71 (3.4)
MV Regurgitation, n (%)	Mild	8,594 (33.5)	1,419 (28.3)	209 (25.2)	815 (29.1)
	$\geq$ Moderate	4,000 (15.6)	612 (12.2)	141 (17.0)	544 (19.4)
TV Regurgitation, n (%)	Mild	8,829 (33.8)	1,580 (31.1)	310 (32.8)	939 (30.7)
	≥ Moderate	3,960 (15.2)	610 (12.0)	102 (10.8)	692 (22.6)
RV Systolic Pressure, median (IQR)		29.0 (23.0-38.0)	27.5 (22.5-35.0)	28.0 (22.0-38.0)	37.0 (28.0-49.0)
Other					
Aortic Root Dim. (mm), median (IQR)		33.0 (30.0-36.0)	33.0 (30.0-36.6)	32.0 (30.0-34.2)	33.0 (30.0-36.0)
Pericardial Effusion, n (%)	Any	1,006 (4.0)	21 (3.4)	47 (5.0)	305 (10.9)
Elevated RA Pressure, n (%)	≥8 mmHg	4,940 (20.8)	722 (15.5)	531 (56.2)	1,200 (43.2)

AV = aortic valve; IVSd = interventricular septum thickness at diastole; IQR = interquartile range; LA = left atrium; LV = left ventricle; LVIDd = left ventricular internal diameter at diastole; LVIDs = left ventricular internal diameter at systole; LVPWd = left ventricular posterior wall thickness at diastole; RA = right atrium; RV = right ventricle; RVIDd = right ventricular internal diameter at diastole; RVS' = right ventricular systolic excursion velocity; RVS' = right ventricular plane systolic excursion; RV = r0 tricuspid valve; RVS' = r1 tricuspid valve; RVS' = r1 tricuspid valve; RVS' = r2 tricuspid annular plane systolic excursion; RV = r3 tricuspid valve; RVS' = r4 tricuspid valve; RVS' = r5 tricuspid valve;

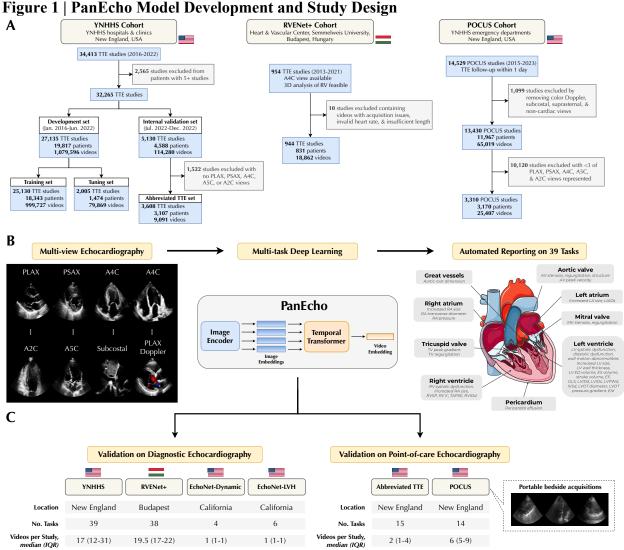


Diagram of PanEcho workflow and study design with flowchart describing internal and external validation cohorts (A). PanEcho is an AI model that analyzes all 2D views acquired during a transthoracic echocardiogram and automatically performs 39 key echocardiographic interpretation tasks (B). The model is externally validated on complete diagnostic-quality echocardiograms as well as limited acquisitions acquired at the point of care (C). A2C = apical 2-chamber; A4C = apical 4-chamber; A5C = apical 5-chamber; AV = aortic valve; ED = end-diastolic; ES = end-systolic; IVSd = interventricular septum thickness diastole; LA = left atrium; LV = left ventricle; LAIDs = left atrial internal diameter systole; LVIDd = left ventricular internal diameter diastole; LVIDs = left ventricular internal diameter systole; LVOT = left ventricular outflow tract; LVPWd = left ventricular posterior wall thickness diastole; PLAX = parasternal long axis; POCUS = point-of-care ultrasound; PSAX = parasternal short axis; PG = pressure gradient; RA = right atrium; RV = right ventricle; RVIDd = right ventricular internal diameter diastole; RV S' = right ventricular systolic excursion velocity; TTE = transthoracic echocardiography; TV = tricuspid valve; YNHHS = Yale-New Haven Health System.

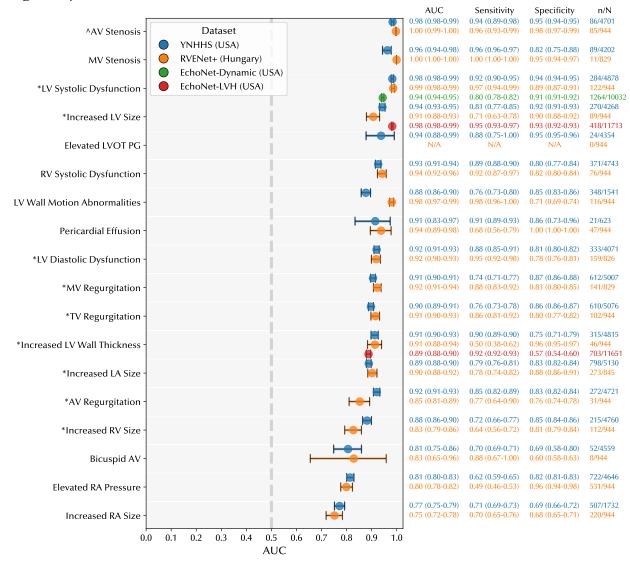


Figure 2 | Multi-task Classification Performance Evaluation

Multi-task international validation of PanEcho on diagnostic classification tasks. Results are presented on the internal YNHHS validation cohort (blue) and the external RVENet+ (orange), EchoNet-Dynamic (green), and EchoNet-LVH (red) cohorts. Error bars and values in parentheses represent bootstrapped 95% confidence intervals. n = number of studies meeting the label definition; N = number of non-missing labels; \* = moderate or higher; ^ = severe.

AUC = area under the receiver operating characteristic curve; AV = aortic valve; LA = left atrium; LV = left ventricle; LVOT = left ventricular outflow tract; PG = pressure gradient; RA = right atrium; RV = right ventricle; TV = tricuspid valve; YNHHS = Yale-New Haven Health System.

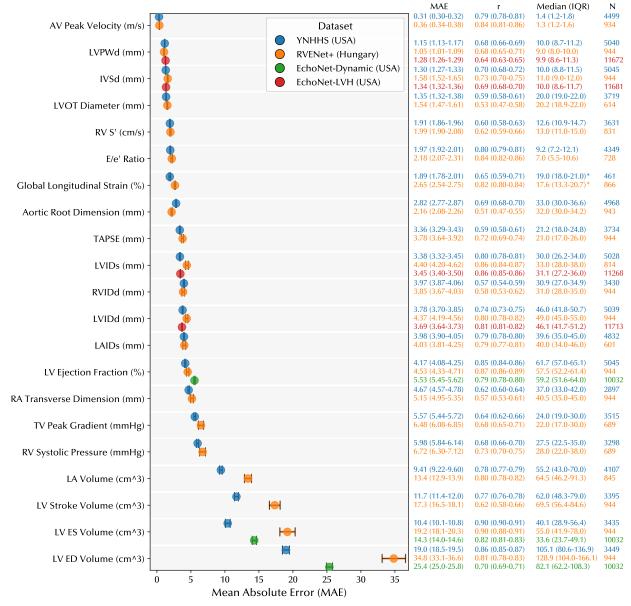


Figure 3 | Multi-task Regression Performance Evaluation

Multi-task international validation of PanEcho on continuous parameter estimation tasks. Results are presented on the internal YNHHS validation cohort (blue) and the external RVENet+ (orange), EchoNet-Dynamic (green), and EchoNet-LVH (red) cohorts. Error bars and values in parentheses represent bootstrapped 95% confidence intervals. The "Mean" column represents the mean (SD) value of measurements in each cohort. N = number of non-missing measurements.

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AUC Sensitivity Specificity 0.98 (0.97-0.98) 0.81 (0.77-0.85) 0.86 (0.82-0.90) 212/3440 \*LV Systolic Dysfunction Dataset 0.93 (0.92-0.94) 0.89 (0.87-0.91) 0.80 (0.79-0.82) 755/3114 Abbreviated TTE 0.94 (0.87-0.99) 0.54 (0.37-0.71) 0.73 (0.56-0.88) 22/3096 **POCUS** Elevated LVOT PG N/A N/A N/A 2/2433 0.94 (0.92-0.96) 1.00 (1.00-1.00) 0.97 (0.96-0.97) 67/2915 MV Stenosis 0.92 (0.88-0.95) 0.95 (0.95-0.96) 0.63 (0.54-0.72) 71/2062 0.96 (0.94-0.97) 0.42 (0.33-0.53) 0.83 (0.75-0.90) ^AV Stenosis 0.86 (0.81-0.92) 0.55 (0.41-0.68) 0.96 (0.95-0.96) 38/2311 0.94 (0.92-0.95) 0.63 (0.58-0.69) 0.76 (0.71-0.81) \*Increased LV Size 0.89 (0.87-0.90) 0.72 (0.69-0.75) 0.89 (0.88-0.90) 547/2632 0.93 (0.91-0.94) 0.99 (0.99-0.99) 0.90 (0.89-0.91) 250/3355 \*Increased LV Wall Thickness 0.85 (0.83-0.87) 0.70 (0.68-0.71) 0.83 (0.79-0.86) 258/2710 0.91 (0.82-0.97) 0.99 (0.98-1.00) 0.91 (0.89-0.93) Pericardial Effusion 0.86 (0.84-0.88) 0.48 (0.46-0.50) 0.93 (0.90-0.95) 0.92 (0.90-0.93) 0.99 (0.99-0.99) 0.90 (0.89-0.91) **RV Systolic Dysfunction** 0.85 (0.84-0.86) 0.71 (0.69-0.72) 0.81 (0.79-0.83) 0.88 (0.86-0.90) 0.27 (0.22-0.33) 0.69 (0.63-0.75) \*Increased RV Size 0.87 (0.86-0.89) 0.97 (0.96-0.98) 0.38 (0.37-0.40) 0.91 (0.89-0.92) 0.51 (0.46-0.57) 0.85 (0.81-0.88) \*LV Diastolic Dysfunction 0.83 (0.82-0.85) 0.79 (0.75-0.82) 0.74 (0.72-0.76) 0.87 (0.86-0.88) 0.56 (0.53-0.60) 0.74 (0.72-0.77) \*Increased LA Size 0.78 (0.77-0.80) 0.67 (0.64-0.69) 0.74 (0.72-0.75) 0.86 (0.84-0.88) 0.72 (0.67-0.76) 0.73 (0.68-0.78) LV Wall Motion Abnormalities 0.77 (0.75-0.79) 0.81 (0.78-0.83) 0.53 (0.50-0.56) 0.80 (0.78-0.82) 0.48 (0.44-0.53) 0.62 (0.58-0.66) Elevated RA Pressure 0.75 (0.74-0.77) 0.96 (0.95-0.97) 0.22 (0.20-0.23) 0.75 (0.72-0.77) 0.87 (0.84-0.89) 0.70 (0.68-0.73) Increased RA Size 0.74 (0.72-0.77) 0.36 (0.34-0.39) 0.89 (0.87-0.91) 0.77 (0.70-0.84) 1.00 (0.99-1.00) 0.75 (0.74-0.76) Bicuspid AV 0.70 (0.56-0.85) 0.95 (0.94-0.95) 0.30 (0.00-0.56) 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 8.0 0.9 **AUC** 

Figure 4 | Performance Evaluation at the Point of Care

Multi-task validation of PanEcho on diagnostic classification tasks in a simulated and real-world POCUS dataset. YNHHS Five-View refers to evaluation on the internal YNHHS validation set, except only using up to one video from the following key views per study: PLAX, PSAX, A4C, A5C, A2C. Error bars and values in parentheses represent bootstrapped 95% confidence intervals. Grey dashed line represents the performance of random guessing. n = number of studies meeting the label definition; N = number of non-missing labels; \* = moderate or higher,  $^{\wedge} =$  severe.

A2C = apical 2-chamber; A3C = apical 3-chamber; A4C = apical 4-chamber; A5C = apical 5-chamber; AUC = area under the receiver operating characteristic curve; AV = aortic valve; LA = left atrium; LV = left ventricle; LVOT = left ventricular outflow tract; PG = pressure gradient; RA = right atrium; PLAX = parasternal long axis; PSAX = parasternal short axis; RV = right ventricle; TV = tricuspid valve; YNHHS = Yale-New Haven Health System.