



Using a simple heart model the wall motion is recorded by means of the ultrasonic time-motion method (M-mode). From the M-mode recording the frequency and the heart volume (HZV) are determined.

### Basics

In echo-cardiography a special ultrasonic method is applied for the investigation of heart movements. The time-motion mode called TM-mode, is indicated particularly as one-dimensional technique but shows still two dimensions: One spatial dimension (superimposed interfaces or structures) and one temporal dimension (changes of the structures in the systole and diastole). By the TM-mode motion of heart structure (cardiac wall, septum or cardiac wall and vessel valve) are displayed the measurement of the end diastolic and end systolic ventricular diameter (distance of the cardiac walls) the corresponding heart volume EDV (end diastolic volume) and ESV (end systolic volume) are determined.

$$HZV = (EDS - EDV) * HF$$

HF = Heart Frequency

### Procedure

After filling the heart model with water the probe shall be fixed to a tripod in such a way that the echo of the membrane appears at a sufficient distance to the impingement surface. Since in water the attenuation of the ultrasonic wave is negligible the measurements can be performed without use of the TGC the software parameter sound velocity is adjusted to water (1480 m/s). The rubber membrane simulates the heart wall motion. The motion of membrane is recorded in M-mode and can be printed.

