

## 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.

