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- 2 To evaluate LV negative dp/dt ($-dp/dt$), using diastolic BP (DBP) and isovolumic relaxation time (IVRT) by Doppler method.
- 3 To compare $-dp/dt$ by DBP-IVRT with the Doppler MR methods in the evaluation of LV diastolic function.

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