

Andreas Vesalius (1514-1564)



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Anatomy before Vesalius

Ancient

Hippocrates (c. 460–370 BCE) – The "Father of Medicine," who laid the foundations of medical practice, including early anatomical observations based on clinical experience.

Aristotle (384–322 BCE) – A philosopher and biologist who studied comparative anatomy and classified animals, providing insights into human anatomy through dissections of animals.

Galen of Pergamon (129–216 CE) – The most influential anatomist before Vesalius. He compiled extensive anatomical knowledge based on animal dissections, which dominated medical thought for over a thousand years.

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Anatomy before Vesalius

Early Renaissance Anatomists

Razi (Rhazes) (854–925 CE) – A Persian physician who his challenges weakened the absolute authority of Galenic medicine, paving the way for later scholars

Ibn al-Nafis (1213–1288 CE) – An Arab physician who described pulmonary circulation centuries before William Harvey. He also critiqued Galen's anatomical ideas.

Mondino de Liuzzi (1270–1326 CE) – An Italian anatomist who revived human dissection in medieval Europe and wrote *Anathomia*, one of the first dissection manuals.

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Razi (Rhazes)

- His challenges **weakened the absolute authority of Galenic medicine**, paving the way for later scholars like **Ibn al-Nafis** (who corrected Galen's ideas about blood circulation) and eventually **Andreas Vesalius**, who dismantled Galenic anatomy through human dissections.
- Despite his critiques, **Galen's influence remained strong** in Europe, and even Vesalius was trained in Galenic traditions before disproving many of them.
- **Razi was one of the first major physicians to question Galen's theories**, marking an important step toward **more empirical, observation-based medicine**.

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Mansur's Anatomy (Tashrih-i Mansuri, c. 1390 CE)

Illustrated anatomical work with six full-body diagrams

- Focused on **theoretical anatomy** rather than hands-on dissection.
- Heavily **Galenic**, meaning it contained errors from ancient sources.
- **Mansur's Anatomy was an important step in the history of anatomical illustration**, but it was still rooted in **pre-existing knowledge** from Galen and Avicenna.

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Internal organs Muscular system Nervous system

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Key Differences

Feature	Mansur's Anatomy (1390 CE)	Vesalius' Anatomy (1543 CE)
Approach	Theoretical, Galenic	Empirical, based on dissection
Illustrations	Simple schematic drawings	Highly detailed, lifelike woodcuts
Dissection	No human dissection	Extensive human dissections
Influence	Islamic medicine, Galen	Renaissance medicine, direct observation
Errors	Retained Galenic mistakes	Corrected many Galenic errors
Circulation	Liver-centered circulation	Critiqued Galen, precursor to Harvey's findings

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Mondino de Luzzi

Mondino's major work, *Anathomia corporis humani*, written in 1316, is considered the first example of a modern dissection manual and the first true anatomical text.

The earliest edition of the work was printed in Padua between 1475 and 1478, and more than 40 editions are thought to exist.

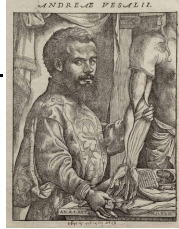
By the 14th century, the practice of anatomy had come to involve the dissection of a cadaver according to prescribed rules; *Anathomia* was intended as a handbook to guide this process.

Much of the medical information included in *Anathomia* is derived from commentaries on Hippocrates, Aristotle, and Galen written by Islamic scholars.

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Andreas Vesalius (1514-1564)

- Vesalius was born as Andries van Wesel on 31 December 1514 in Brussels
- His great-grandfather, Jan van Wesel, probably born in Wesel, received a medical degree from the University of Pavia and taught medicine at the University of Leuven.
- His grandfather, Everard van Wesel, was the Royal Physician of Emperor Maximilian.
- His father, Anders van Wesel, served as apothecary to Maximilian
- In 1532 he decided to pursue a career in medicine at the University of Paris. He studied the theories of Galen. His doctoral thesis, *Paraphrasis in nonum librum Rhazae medici* was a commentary on the ninth book of Rhazes.



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On the day of his graduation he was immediately offered the chair of surgery and anatomy at the University of Padua. It was founded in 1222 by a group of students and teachers from the University of Bologna, and it is the second-oldest university in Italy, as well as the world's fifth-oldest surviving university.



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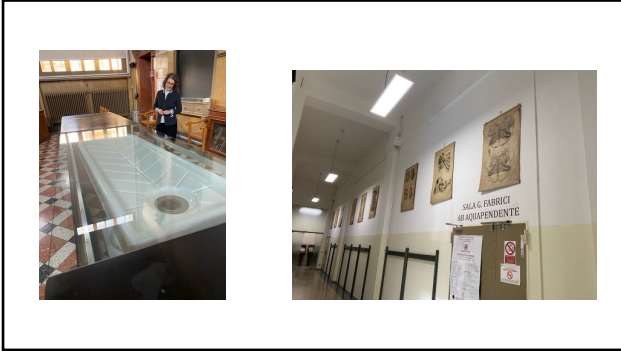
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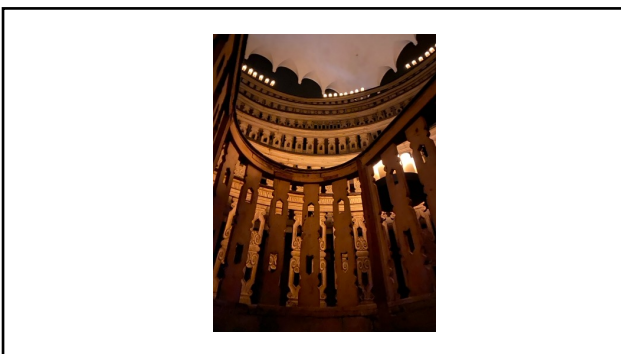
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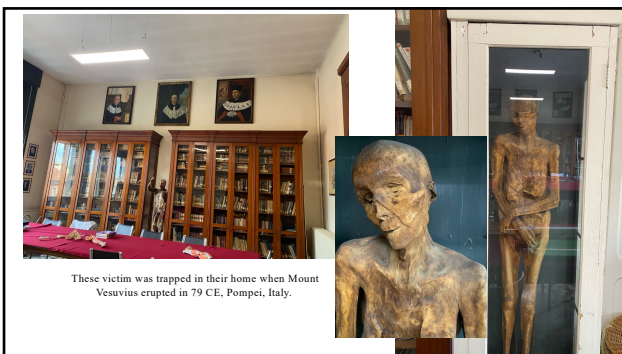
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De Humani Corporis Fabrica (1543)
(On the Fabric of the Human Body)

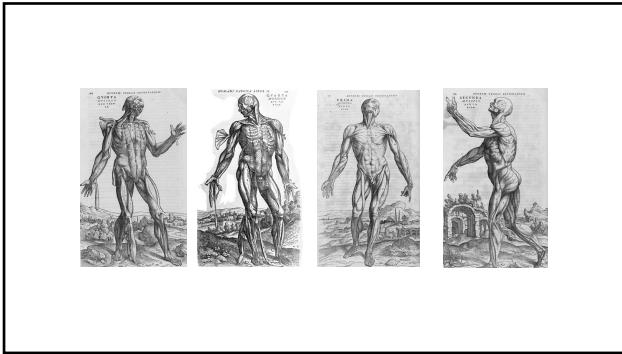
De Humani Corporis Fabrica Libri Septem
Divided into **seven books**, covering bones, muscles, veins, arteries, nerves, internal organs, and the brain.

Disproves many of Galen's anatomical errors using evidence from human dissection.

Large, **intricate woodcut illustrations**, designed for scholars and advanced students.

Focused on **scientific accuracy**, sometimes making it difficult for beginners.

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Vesaliana

Dr. Harvey Cushing listed all publications on Vesalius and his works, the so-called Vesaliana.

 A screenshot of a webpage titled 'Vesaliana'. The page lists various editions of Vesalius's works, including the 1543 edition (1st edition) and subsequent editions in 1579, 1629, 1685, 1714, 1744, 1789, 1829, 1871, 1908, 1938, 1976, and 1982. The page also includes a list of translators and editors, such as William Richardson and John Carman.

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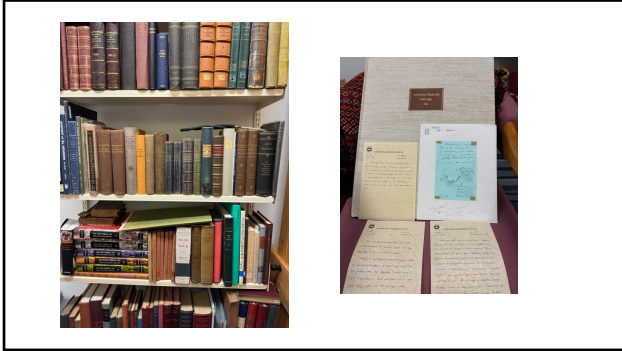
A screenshot of the 'Medical Heritage Library' website. The page features a grid of 'Digitized Collections' with various categories such as 'Arabic & Persian Manuscripts', 'Earl Warren Collection', 'Bibliographies', 'Cut-View Photographs', 'George S. Papanicolaou', 'Henry Cushing Photographs', 'Leon Quez Perinigo', 'Medical & Scientific Illustrations', and 'Medical Heritage Library'. A large photograph of a historical anatomical dissection is shown on the right side of the page.

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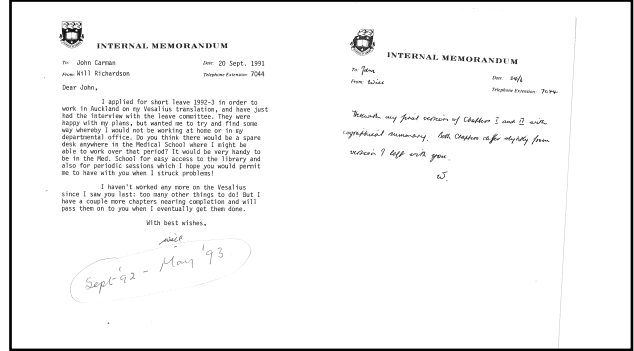
The first complete English translation of Andreas Vesalius' *De Humani Corporis Fabrica* was done by William Richardson and John Carman in 1998 at the University of Auckland.

 Emeritus Professor John Carman (Anatomy Department) and Dr. Will Richardson (Classics) have collaborated on the translation of the sixteenth-century work by Vesalius—*On the Fabric of the Human Body*. John Carman details the process of ensuring anatomical accuracy in the translation of this most important work.

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De Humani Corporis Fabrica Epitome (1543)
 (A Summary of the Fabric of the Human Body)

A condensed summary of the *Fabrica*, making anatomy easier to understand. Focused on practical learning with clear, labeled illustrations.

Meant for medical students who didn't have time for the full *Fabrica*. Some illustrations were designed to be cut out and assembled into a 3D model of the human body.



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From the forward of the Epitome

But I have assumed that there is no need to demonstrate here our negligence in learning Anatomy, the base and foundation of the whole art of medicine, and how very necessary it is that we, who have enlisted in the practice of medicine, should be thoroughly acquainted with the parts of the human body;

Ancient medicine has now been almost restored in very many schools to its former splendor, and those who dedicate themselves to it are beginning to understand sufficiently how slight and how feeble work in Anatomy has been from the times of Galen to the present; and he, although he is easily the foremost of the leaders in this field, never worked on a human body, and is now understood to have described (not to say, imposed on us) the parts of a monkey rather than those of a man, whose fabric differs from a monkey's in innumerable areas.

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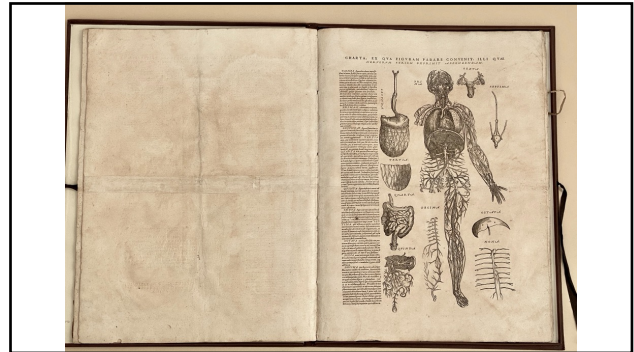
THE ORGANS THAT SERVE TO PROPAGATE THE SPECIES
CHAPTER 6

In the beginning, for the purpose of the conservation of the species, the designer of the human fabric constructed two humans, so that a man should present the primary principle of the infant, while a woman should receive it, and nourish the little infant that grew from this principle as a member of her own body until the infant had become strong enough to be brought out into the air that surrounds us. The man and the woman have received organs suited and special to these functions, and in these organs is implanted such powerful pleasure, such an enticement to generation that animals incited by it, whether young animals or foolish animals lacking reason, apply themselves to the propagation of the species as if they were extremely wise.

The man has two testes^a, covered by skin, which here is called the scrotum^b, and by the fleshy membrane. The testes are made of a substance that is white and continuous, and very particular; this is contained by a strong membrane^c which is very closely attached in a circle all around this substance, and which receives the insertion and connection of all the things that implant into the testis, and

The enumeration of all the parts that enter into the fabric of the human body ends here; there follows in the succeeding pages a representation of those parts, much condensed, to the extent that it was possible, and complete, to be examined in the order that we prescribed at the very beginning.

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Figure F

All the figures printed on this page are intended to form together one figure, which is to be pasted from the head, or however you think more convenient, on that figure which presents the system of the nerves, and can be seen on the sheet marked m [M] that is the last of all.

That is for the information of those who meet with copies of these pages that have not been prepared, and who make them up by their own care and attention: in that process both in pasting and in cutting the individual figures away from excess paper, and in applying colours if that seems useful, each should take as much care as he wishes. Then for firmer paper it will be very useful to paste a sheet under the whole of this page, before the whole page is divided into as many pieces as it contains figures. To [each of] those figures I shall assign a number to explain in which place each is to be attached, and to assist the work of students as much as I can.

The FIRST figure, which is the principal figure and the foundation, so to speak, of all the others, we have drawn, like all the others that appear here, to the scale of the figure presenting the image of a naked woman; this figure first must be cut away from the rest of the page all around its outside, but with a slightly wider piece retained at the top of the head, from which it can be pasted afterwards, as soon as the other parts have been attached to it.

The SECOND figure presents the oesophagus and the anterior area of the stomach together with the upper membrane of the omentum, and with the vessels and the *nervi* of these parts; this figure must have some others pasted on to it before it is attached to the first.

For the THIRD, which represents the posterior region of the whole area of the lower membrane that lies under the colon where that extends along the stomach, is to be pasted to the upper membrane of the omentum in such

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Terminology in the Fabrica & Epitome

The Epitome does differ from the Fabrica significantly in the matter of anatomical terminology.

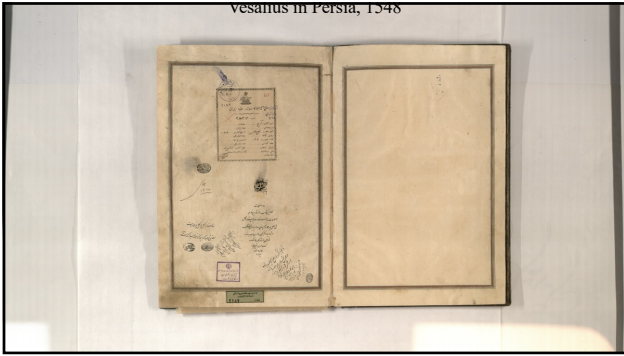
That was very various in the sixteenth century, within Latin and between Latin and the other languages of earlier texts and practitioners, Greek, Arabic, and Hebrew

Vesalius had already recorded not only Greek terms, but also Arabic and Hebrew in the Tabulae Anatomicae.

In the Fabrica he records Greek, Arabic, and Hebrew, as well as Latin, throughout, and discusses differences of terminology and of the application of terminology.

The Epitome offers both less than the Fabrica and more: it does not mention Arabic or Hebrew, but in the margins it offers very many Greek terms that the Fabrica does not

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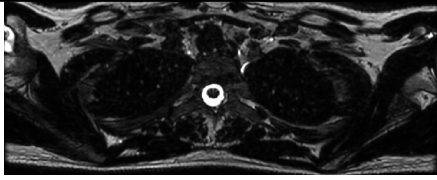
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Is anatomy a "dead" subject?

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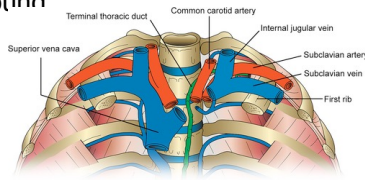
Dynamic studies of the human thoracic duct and lymphovenous junction using heavily T2 MRI: pilot study

Lomani O'Hagan, Alys Clark, Anthony Phillips, John Windsor, SA Mirjalili



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Background



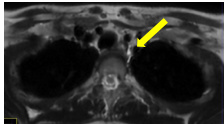
Hinton et al. Clinical anatomy 35(4):447-453

- Effective lymphatic drainage is critical to homeostasis
- Impaired lymph drainage contributes to edema, and subsequently to organ failure

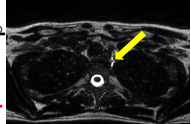
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Heavily T2-weighted MRI

- Highlights **slow moving/near stationary** fluid (such as cerebrospinal fluid, lymph)
- No exogenous contrast, can be used to characterize healthy lymph anatomy
- Pilot study to determine feasibility in four healthy volunteers
- Imaging conducted on GE 3-T Scanner, at Mātai, Gisborne, NZ

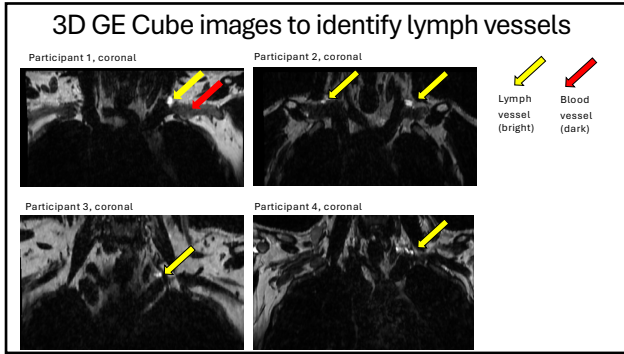


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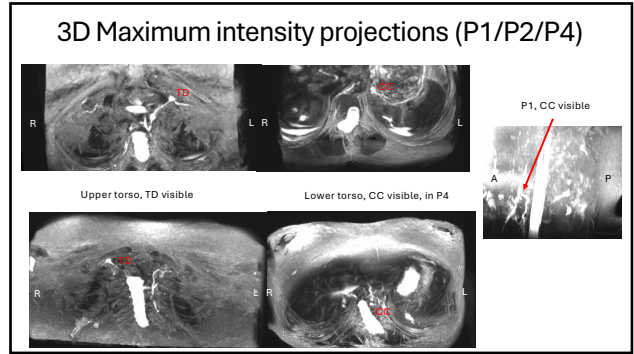


3D GE "Cube" acquisition
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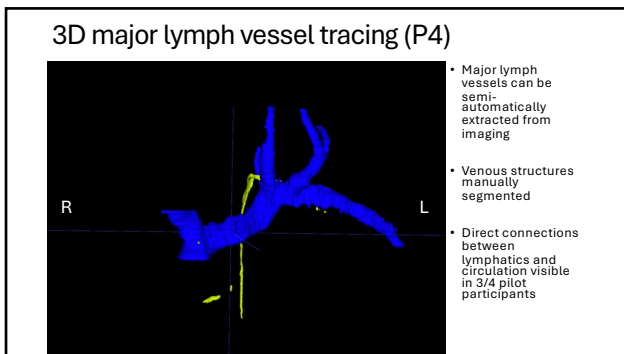
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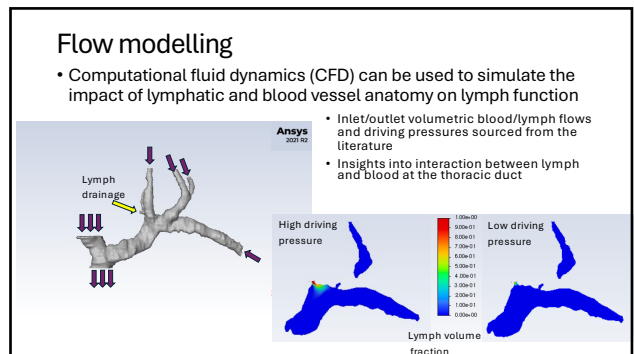
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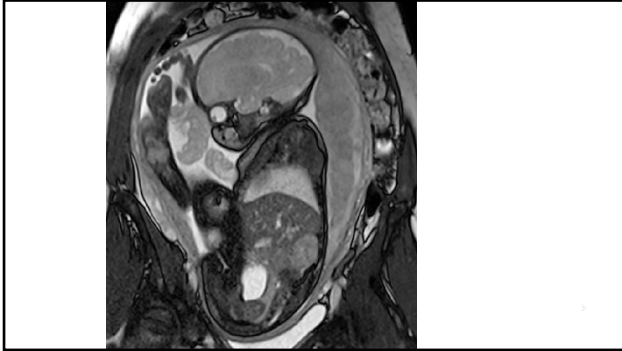
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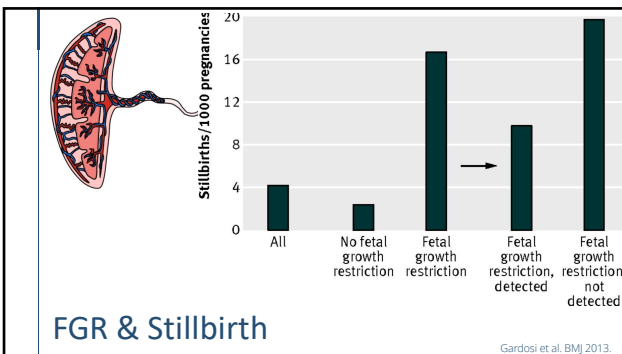
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When a fetus, due to pathological processes, does not reach their growth potential.

- Fetal factors
- Maternal factors
- Placental factors

Fetal Growth Restriction (FGR)

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Supine sleeping position is a modifiable independent risk factor for late stillbirth

3-FOLD INCREASE IN STILLBIRTH >28 WEEKS

IN FGR PREGNANCIES:
15.7-FOLD INCREASE

www.sleepside.org.nz
 Cronin R.L. et al. (2019). *EclinicalMedicine* 10: 49-57.
 McCowan L.M.E. et al. (2017). *PLoS ONE* 12 (6)

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Maternal Blood Flow in Supine vs. LLD Position

In the supine position (compared to Left lateral decubitus):

- IVC blood flow – 85% reduction
- Azygos vein flow - 220% increase
- Cardiac output - 16.4% reduction
- Abdo Aorta flow – 32.3% reduction

Humphries, A. et al. (2019). The Journal of Maternal-Fetal & Neonatal Medicine, 32(9), 3823.

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Aims:

Blood Flow to the placenta

Fetoplacental Oxygen Saturation

Blood Flow to the Fetus

FGR vs. normal

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Method: MRI Scan

- 1.5T MRI
- Randomised Supine and Left Lateral positions
- 25-30 minutes in each position
- FGR – pre-scan CTG

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Method: Phase Contrast MRI

MC

MG

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Method:
Diffusion-rElaxation Combined
Imaging for Detailed Placental Evaluation (DECIDE)

$T_2(S) = \frac{386ms}{1 + e^{-0.356(s-0.88)}}$

Y-axis: T_2 (ms)

X-axis: Oxygen Saturation (%)

Alghamdi et al. MICCAI 2016

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Method:
DECIDE MRI = T2 + DWI

Placental cellular tissue

Short T2 (46 ms), Low Diffusivity

Fetal Blood

Mid-Long T2, Rapid pseudo-diffusivity

Maternal Blood

Long T2 (240ms), Low Diffusivity

Melbourne et al. Magnetic Resonance in Medicine 2019
Melbourne et al. Placenta 2021
Fitzpatrick et al. PLoS 2017

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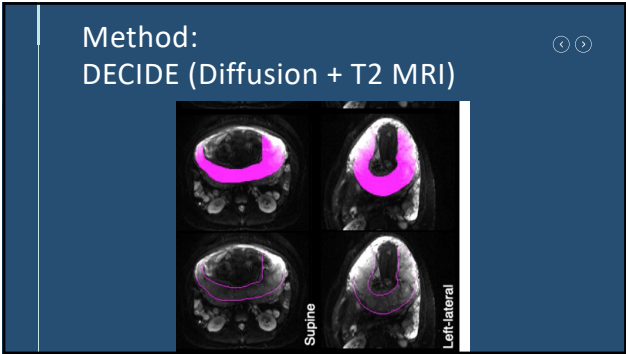
Method:
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Placental Flux (mm^2s^{-1}) =
Diffusivity (mm^2s^{-1}) x Fetal blood oxygen saturation (%)

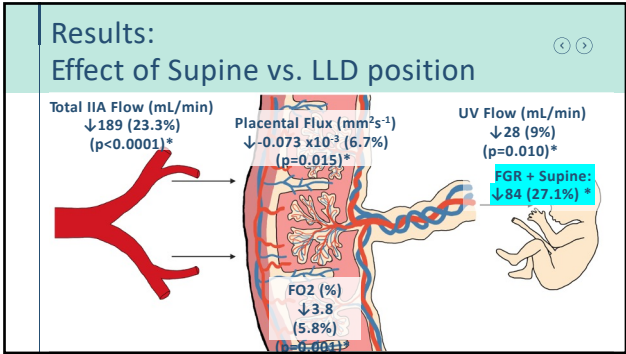
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Diffusion weighted imaging = Perfusion and
Tissue structure

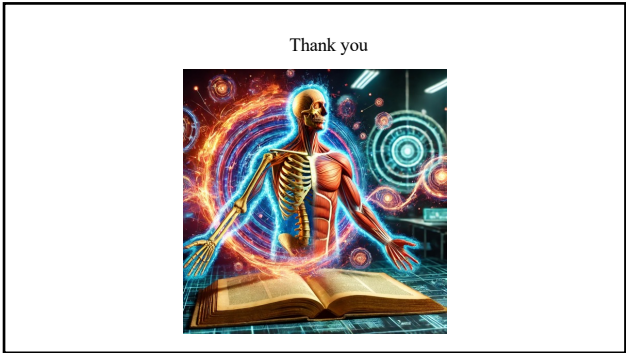
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