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**ASSESSMENT OF THE FETAL HEART PRIOR TO 15 WEEKS' GESTATION** *[Title is in bolded caps.*

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**Objective:** To document fetal cardiac anatomy by ultrasound prior to 15 weeks' gestation.

*[Heading bolded – main question, objective or hypothesis.]*

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**Methods:** This is a prospective observational study with institutional ethics approval. Following informed written consent, fifty-seven women underwent transabdominal ... *[Heading bolded – study design, participants, outcome measures]*

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**Results:** In all cases the four chamber view was obtained and ventricular function assessed. The tricuspid and mitral valves were seen in 52 (92% of cases)... *[Heading bolded -- summary of data]*

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**Conclusions:** The fetal heart can be examined early in pregnancy and a significant proportion of major structural defects identified. . . *[Heading bolded – summary and interpretation/significance of findings]*

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