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Our web collection on statistics for biologists contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

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Data collection	Data was manually collected and stored on the REDCap software.
Data analysis	Analyses were performed using SAS software, version 9.4 (SAS Institute, North Carolina, USA).

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Reporting on sex and gender	The overall number of males and females are highlighted in table 1. As an observational study, using patient electronic records, we were unable to confirm gender. Sex-specific findings were not calculated as the purpose of this study was to compare bedside ultrasound findings to formal echocardiography.
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Population characteristics	Please refer to Table 1. We highlighted patient demographics (age, sex, BMI), previous medical history and echocardiography findings.
Recruitment	We recruited patients using convenience sampling. Sampling bias is a known disadvantage with this type of study design, as well as researcher bias. We attempted to recruit patients from various settings (inpatient ward, ICU, outpatient) to reduce the impact of sampling bias.
Ethics oversight	Ethics approval was obtained from the Ottawa Health Science Network Research Ethics Board and Tufts Institutional Review Board (Supplementary Document).

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	There was no a prior sample size calculation. Patients were prospectively recruited for 16 months, which we thought would allow for a sufficient sample size. At a sample size of 449 participants, we believed we had sample size for our objectives.
Data exclusions	Recruitment: There were no exclusion criteria. Data Analysis: Studies were excluded from the data analysis if the images were non-diagnostic, and the device was unable to calculate a LVEF.
Replication	Replication does not apply to our study design.
Randomization	As this was an observational study, this does not apply.
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☒	☐ Plants

Methods

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☒	☐ Flow cytometry
☒	☐ MRI-based neuroimaging

Clinical data

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Clinical trial registration	This is an observational study and was therefore not registered on clinicaltrials.gov.
Study protocol	The study protocol/ethics submission has been included as a supplementary text.
Data collection	Data collection was completed by extracting FoCUS findings from the ultrasound tablets, and patient demographics and echocardiography findings were extracted from their electronic chart.
Outcomes	The objectives were highlighted in our protocol/ethics submission, which has been included as a supplementary text.