Pulsus Paradoxus in A 30 Year Old Patients with Cardiac Tamponade
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Clinical Image
A 30-year-old male with a history of trisomy 21, unrestricted VSD, Eisenmenger's syndrome with pulmonary arterial hypertension presented with increasing shortness of breath. A transthoracic echocardiogram revealed a massive pericardial effusion with resulting cardiac tamponade. An arterial line showed significant drop in his systolic blood pressures during inspiration which is shown in the image below.

Figure 1: Pulsus Paradoxus in a 30-year-old Patient