03. TREATMENT

Tamponade constitutes a real emergency and fluid removal is initiated immediately, using echocardiography to guide pericardial puncture. Fluid removal can then be completed by surgical drainage.

Film 8 : Cardiac tamponade in a patient presenting a severe pericardial effusion.

Film 9 : In the same patient as in *film 8,* injection of a few milliliters of shaken physiological saline ensures that the puncture needle is positioned in the effusion.
Film 10 : In the same patient, needle drainage of approximately 1200 ml enabled re-expansion of the heart cavities.