Congenital Heart Disease



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General Consideration

 Severe forms appear in early childhood while mild form seen during adolescence & adulthood
Incidence is 0.8% of live births
Causes are exposure of mother to infections, drugs & toxins



INCIDENCE AND RELATIVE FREQUENCY OF CONGENITAL CARDIAC MALFORMATIONS

Lesion

Ventricular septal defect VSD30Atrial septal defect ASD10

- Patent ductus arteriosus PDA 10
- Pulmonary stenosis PS 7
- Coarctation of aorta Co A 7
- Aortic stenosis AS 6
- Tetralogy of Fallot TOF 6
- Complete transposition of great arteries TGV
- Others

% of all CHD defects

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Associtions

- Rubella ... PDA , ASD , VSD
- Alcoholic mother.... ASD, VSD
- SLE Congenital Heart Block
- Down's syndromeASD, VSD

Cyanotic Congenital HD

- Transposition of great vessels
- Tetralogy of Fallot (TOF)
- VSD with reverse shunt
- Tricuspid atresia
- Ebstein's anomaly

Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA)

 Ductus arteriosus which should be closed after birth remains open giving rise to left to right shunt between aorta at the level of L. subclavian artery & pulmonary artery.

• Symptoms depend on size of shunt and pulmonary vascular resistance.



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PDA – Clinical Features

- Symptoms :-Asymptomatic if small.. If large : growth retardation , dyspnea.
- Signs :- Wide pulse pressure, loud S2, continuous (machinery) murmur over pulmonary area. Thrill is common. When R. to L. shunt, differential cyanosis appears.

PDA - Investigations

- * CXR: The heart is of normal size & contour or slightly enlarged with LV & LA enlargement.PA & aorta may be prominent
- <u>ECG</u>:- Non-specific findings
- Echocardiography/Doppler is helpful, but the lesion is best visualized by MRI, CT, or contrast angiography.







- Duct closure is recommended if the murmur is audible & there is no pulmonary HT & no R to L. shunt.
- Closure by surgical operation or by transcatheter approach using device
- Use of Indometacin in first week of life may be helpful.

PDA – Treatment by coil



Coaractation of the Aorta

- * It is a constriction of lumen of aorta most common site is distal to the origin of the L. subclavian artery near the insertion of ligamentum arteriosum.
- * Occurs more in males, seen with Turner's syndrome. Associated with bicuspid AV (50%)



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Coaractation – Clinical Features

- <u>Symptoms</u> :- May be asymptomatic at early childhood but symptoms of HT & intermittent claudication appear later.
- Signs :- High BP in upper extremities & low in the lowers. Systolic murmur at L. intercostal spaces, axilla & back. Tortuous... collaterals may be seen. Signs of LVH. Radial-femoral pulse delay.

Coaractation - Investigations

- <u>ECG</u> : LVH
- 2 D Echo & Doppler
- TEE
- MRI
- 3 dimension CT Scan
- Cardiac cath. In adults to assess coronaries

Coaractation - Investigations

- <u>CXR :</u>
- Indentation of the aorta at the site of coaractation and pre- and poststenotic dilatation (the "3" sign)
- Notching of the 3rd to 9th ribs, is due to inferior rib erosion by dilated collateral vessels.

Coaractation - Rib Notching











Coaractation - Management

- <u>Complications</u>: include HF, rupture of aorta, dissecting aneurysm, rupture cerebral aneurysm & endocarditis
- * Treatment: By surgical repair or stent implantation
- * Follow up: treatment of HT

Atrial Septal Defect (ASD)

- Common congenital HD
- More common in females
- Often asymptomatic & discovered by physical exam.
- <u>Types :-</u>

ostium secondum ostium premium (with cleft mitral valve)

<u>ASD – Ostium Secondum</u>

The most common type of ASD.
Almost 85% of cases of ASD

Involves fossa ovalis

Size of defect is variable

<u>ASD – Ostium Primum</u>

- Low down in the septum near the mitral & tricuspid valves, associated with deformed valve(s) or regurgitation.
- High incidence of VSD
- Common with Down's syndrome...

ASD - ostium primum



ASD - Pathophysiology

- Left to right shunt (degree depends upon size of defect & pulmonary vasc. rest.)
- Diastolic RV load
- Increase PVS & PA pressure
- Bidirectional & finally right to left shunt (Eisenmenger's syndrome)

<u> ASD – Clinical Features</u>

- <u>Symptoms:</u> depend on the severity & duration.
- At first asymptomatic but with increase of shunt there is recurrent respiratory symptoms.
- Arrhythmia is common especially atrial
- Symptoms of heart failure appear later
- Cyanosis appears at last (R to L shunt)



- RV impulse
- Loud S1
- Wide fixed splitting of S2
- Pulmonary mid-systolic murmur
- Functional mid-diastolic tricuspid murmur.
- Cyanosis if R. to L. Shunt

ASD - Investigations

- <u>ECG :-</u>
 - Incomplete RBBB, AF In addition LAD in ostium primum
- * <u>CXR :-</u>

RAH, RVH, prominent PA & increase pulmonary vascular marking

* <u>ECHO (TEE)</u>

<u>ASD – CXR (prominent PA &</u> <u>RVH)</u>



ASD - CXR (increase plethora)



Ostium primum & AV canal



ASD – Three dimension Echo



ASD - Treatment

- No OP for small (endocarditis is rare)
- Device or repair for symptomatic or asymptomatic ASD if shunt is more than 1.5:1
- Valve repair + closure of primum
- Operation is contraindicated if R to L shunt
Ventricular Septal Defect (VSD)

- The most common congenital HD
- Defect may be single or multiple. Most common site is the membranous part.
- May be associated with other lesions (AR is seen in 5% of cases).
- Small VSD may close spontaneously in early childhood.

VSD – Multiple Sites





VSD - Pathophysiology

- Hemodynamically depends upon size & pulmonary vascular resistance.
- Left to right shunt leads to increase blood of pulmonary circulation leading to congestion
- Right to left shunt at last (Eisenmenger's)

VSD – Clinical Features

 <u>Symptoms</u> :- Dyspnoea, hemoptysis, chest pain & syncope.

 <u>Signs</u> :- systolic murmur at 3rd or 4th left space...Small VSD gives louder murmur & large VSD less intensity.

VSD – Investigations

• <u>ECG</u> :- None specific. Normal or R. or L. ventricular hypertrophy or both.

* CXR :- increase pul. vascular marking with prominent PA , LVH & RVH

<u>Echo</u> – doppler can establish diagnosis













VSD – Large Shunt



VSD - Eisenmenger



VSD - Ventriculogram





VSD - Management

Intervention is not needed in small VSD

• Transcatheter closure or surgery are needed for symptomatic patient or those with large shunt.

Closure is contraindicated in R to L shunt

Tetralogy of Fallot (TOF)

- **1. VSD**
- 2. RVH
- 3. Pulmonary Stenosis
- 4. Overriding aorta.



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TOF – Clinical Features

Symptoms :- cyanosis appears few months after birth.. Clubbing.. Squatting after exertion..polycythemia Cyanosis, unconsciousness and apnea with feeding & crying (Fallot's spells)..

<u>Signs :-</u> Cyanosis, clubbing, systolic murmurs of PS & VSD , diminished P2

TOF – Investigations

ECG :- RVH

CXR :- Boot shaped heart & diminished pul. Vascularity

<u>2 D echo – Doppler</u>.... <u>Angiography</u>







• Surgery before the age of 5 by complete correction...

 If Pulmonary arteries are small Blalock-Taussig shunt (subclavian to pulmonary art.)

Pregnancy in women with cong. Heart Disease

- Obstructive lesion like AS is not well tolerated.
- Pregancy should be avoided in cyanotic conditions.
- Incidence of congenital HD is higher in children born to mothers with congenital HD.

OTHER CAUSES OF CYANOTIC CONGENITAL Defect Tricuspid atresia

Transposition of the great vessels

Pulmonary atresia

Ebstein's anomaly

Features

Absent tricuspid orifice, hypoplastic RV, RA to LA shunt, VSD shunt, other anomalies Surgical correction *may* be possible Aorta arises from the morphological RV, pulmonary artery from LV Shunt via atria, ductus and possibly VSD Palliation by balloon atrial septostomy/enlargement Surgical correction possible Pulmonary valve atretic and pulmonary artery hypoplastic RA to LA shunt, pulmonary flow via ductus Palliation by balloon atrial septostomy Surgical correction may be possible Tricuspid valve is dysplastic and displaced into RV, right ventricle 'atrialised' Tricuspid regurgitation and RA to LA shunt Wide spectrum of severity. Arrhythmias. Surgical repair possible, High mortality.

