





Heart Sounds and Murmurs



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Physiology Team 436 – Cardiovascular Block Lecture 10

Lecture: If work is intended for initial studying. Review: If work is intended for revision.

- Normal heart sounds and its leading causes
- Causes of abnormal heart sounds
- Describing abnormal heart sounds
- Different examples of abnormal heart sounds
- List the standard positions of stethoscope placement for cardiac auscultation.
- Distinguish between the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th heart sounds.
- Explain physiological splitting of the 2nd heart sound and depict the pathophysiology of fixed and paradoxical splitting of the 2nd heart sound.
- > Define and classify cardiac murmurs and list cause of heart murmurs.
- Outline how heart murmurs are described and graded.
- Outline the haemodynamic changes and murmurs in conditions of:
- Aortic stenosis
 - Aortic regurgitation
 - Mitral stenosis
 - Mitral regurgitation
 - Mitral valve prolapse
 - Ventricular septal defect
 - Patent ductus arteriosus

Heart Sounds

- > Detected over anterior chest wall using either auscultation (Stethoscope) or Phonocardiography (sound recording device)
- Best heard at 4 certain areas: (actually we can hear the heart sound anywhere, but these windows provide more obvious sounds)
- I. Pulmonary area: 2^{nd} (2^{nd} 3^{rd} in boys' slides) left intercostal space
- 2. Aortic area: 2^{nd} ($2^{nd} 3^{rd}$ in boys' slides) right costal cartilage
- 3. Mitral area: 5th left intercostal space crossing mid-clavicular line (9 cm (2.5-3 in) from sternum)
- 4. Tricuspid area: lower part of sternum towards right side.
- Tricuspid area: Left lower sternal border. (in boys' slides)
- 4 heart sounds can be detected: 1st & 2nd hear sounds are usually audible 3rd & 4th heart sounds sometimes detected.

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Phonocardiogram is a graphic recording of the heart sounds.
It involves picking up the sonic vibrations from the heart through a highly sensitive microphone. Such waves are then converted into electrical energy and fed into a galvanometer, where they are recorded on paper.
Generally the sounds produced by each valve is best heard over a particular region of the chest.
In general both the first and the second heart sounds can be heard at all areas.



Normal Heart Sounds:

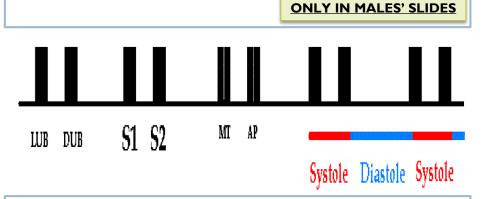
SI:

- > Due to closure of the atrio-ventricular valves.
- It marks beginning of ventricular systole.
- Recorded at the beginning of the 'isovolumemetric contraction' phase.
- Long in duration (0.15 sec.) longest duration of all sounds.
- Of low pitch and loud (LUB).
- Frequency range (25-35) (25-45 in boys' slides) Hz.
- Best heard at Mitral & Tricuspid areas.

S2:

- Due to closure of semilunar valves.
- Marks the beginning of ventricular diastole and end of ventricular systole.
- Recorded at the beginning of the 'isometric relaxation' phase.
- ▶ Short in duration (0.11-0.125 sec.) (0.12 sec. in boys' slides).
- Of high pitch, soft, and sharp (DUB).
- Frequency : 50Hz.
- Best heard at Aortic & Pulmonary areas.

SI is soft when the heart rate is low, because the ventricles are well filled with blood and the leaflets of the AV valves float together before systole. S2 is loud and sharp when the diastolic pressure in the aorta or pulmonary artery is elevated, causing the respective valves to shut briskly at the end of systole.



Usually the left side closes before the right side, for example semilunar aortic valve closes before semilunar pulmonary valve, but because the duration between them is very short I heard them as one sound (DUB)

ventricular systole is between SI and S2, and ventricular diastole is between S2 and the new SI $\,$

Normal Heart Sounds

S2:

- S2 splits physiologically into 2 sounds during INSPIRATION (physiological splitting)
- > This splitting occurs due to delay in closure of pulmonary valve

S3:

- Recorded during the 'rapid filling' phase, due to rush of blood into the ventricle.
- Duration 0.05 sec.
- S3 is usually not audible(soft and very low pitch)
- heard in children and young individuals.
- Best heard at Mitral area.

S4:

- Recorded during 'atrial systole.'
- Duration 0.04 sec.
- S4 is usually not audible (very low pitch)
- Usually heard in elderly.
- Best heard at Mitral area.

	Systole Diastole Sys	tole			
	 Normally, only \$1 and \$2 are heard with the stethoscope 	DES			
w pitch)	 S3 and S4 are detectable by phonocardiogram. 				
	 S3 coincides with the period of rapid ventricular filling and occurs during transition between rapid filling and slow filling of ventricle, It's probably due to vibrations set up by the inrush of blood. 				
	• S3 is heard about one third of the way through diastole in children and many normal young individuals.				
	 S4 is caused by oscillations of the ventricles during atrial contraction. 				
	Occasionally S4 is heard in normal individuals.	!			

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Splitting of S2

expiration.

It has four types:

During inspiration the Intra pleural pressure becomes more negative and that triggers stronger blood suction from systemic circulation thus increase Venous return. More venous return will increase blood in RV, RV takes longer time to eject blood (pulmonary valve's closure is delayed)

I-Physiological 2-Fixed \checkmark Splitting of S2 is heard both \checkmark During inspiration, the aortic value closes before pulmonary valve \rightarrow during inspiration and expiration, reduplication (physiologic splitting of with the aortic valve closing S2. before the pulmonary valve. \checkmark The increased venous return to the right side of the heart delays closure \checkmark This is heard in cases of ASD. of the pulmonary valve. The right ventricle has more blood than usual to eject and it thus takes more time. \checkmark No splitting of the second heart sound is normally seen during

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3-Wide

- ✓ A split in the second heart sound during inspiration may become wider and the split may also be seen during expiration if:
 - There is a delay in the closure of the pulmonary valve (as would be seen in right bundle branch block due to delay in right ventricular depolarization and contraction).
 - 2. The aortic valve closes earlier than normal (this is seen with either mitral regurgitation or ventricular septal defect).

What causes pulmonary valve to close later (later than the physiological splitting)

- Right bundle branch block \rightarrow Late depolarization of RV \rightarrow pulmonary valve takes more time to close
- Pulmonary stenosis RV takes more time to eject
- pulmonary hypertension

What causes aortic valve to close faster

- Mitral regurgitation: during systole of LV, blood is ejected into LA and aorta \rightarrow finishes systole faster \rightarrow aortic closes faster
- VSD (ventricular septal defect) defect between LV and RV, LV started systole blood is ejected into aorta and RV \rightarrow finishes systole faster \rightarrow aortic closes faster

4-Paradoxical (Reversed)

- Reversed (paradoxical) splitting of the second heart sound is typically heard during expiration, with the pulmonary valve closing before the aortic valve. No splitting is apparent during inspiration, since the pulmonary valve is closing earlier (relative to the aortic valve) than normal.
- \checkmark This may be caused by the following:
 - ✓ Delayed onset of left ventricular systole (example: left bundle branch block).
 - Prolonged left ventricular systole (examples: <u>aortic stenosis</u>, severe hypertension, left-sided congestive heart failure).
 - Early onset of right ventricular systole (example: Wolff-Parkinson White syndrome).

Pulmonary valve closes before aortic valve What causes it?

What happened to RV? Finished its systole faster, how? Accessory pathway from RA to RV (without passing AV) \rightarrow faster depolarization of RV \rightarrow finishes systole faster \rightarrow pulmonary valve closes faster

What happens to LV? Systole takes longer, How? Left bundle branch block \rightarrow depolarization is slower \rightarrow Or aortic stenosis (LV will take more time to eject \rightarrow aortic valve closure is delayed) / or high aortic pressure

Significance of Heart Sounds

- Important for diagnosis of abnormal heart sounds (murmurs).
- > They are abnormal extra heart sounds heard during heart beat cycle.
- > They are produced by turbulence (abnormal patterns) of blood flow through the heart and its valves.
- Murmurs are longer than heart sounds.

• What makes noises in the heart:

I.Valves closing (normal heart sounds)

- atrioventricular (SI)
- Semilunar (S2)

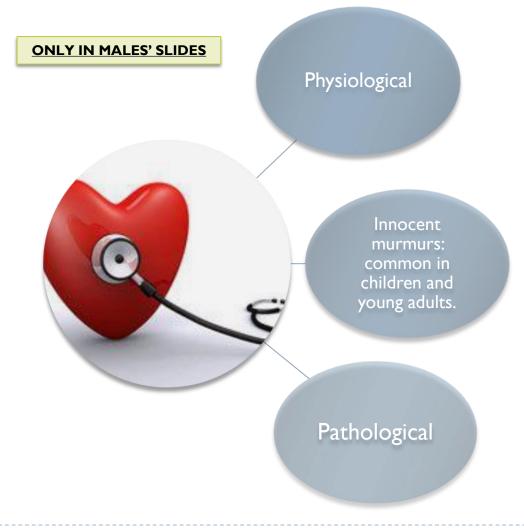
2.Increased intra-cardiac hemodynamics (murmurs):

-Blood striking left ventricle (S3,S4)

- -Increased blood flow across normal valves
- -Turbulent flow through abnormal valves
- -Turbulent flow through septal defect

Problems in the valve: either complete closer of the valve, or stenosis or dilatation of the valve.

Causes of Murmurs



Physiological murmurs(normal murmurs)

- Increased blood flow across normal valves
- Due to pregnancy, fever, anemia, hyperthyroidism, and children
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Pathological murmurs

- Turbulent flow through abnormal valves
- Septal defect
- Congenital
- Tight valves (stenosis)
- Leaky valves (regurgitation or insufficiency
- Combination of Stenosis and Insufficiency.

How to Describe Heart Murmurs

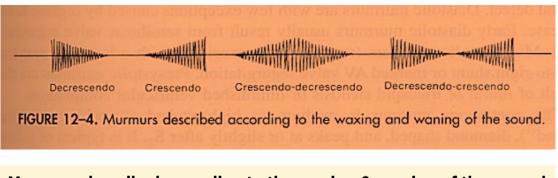
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I-Timing (systolic or diastolic)

- Systolic
- between SI and S2
 - classified as early, mid, late, and holosystolic (pansystolic)
- Diastolic
 - between S2 and next S1
 - classified as early, mid, and late .
- Continuous

2-Shape

- Crescendo (grows louder, increasing intensity)
- Decrescendo (decreasing intensity)
- Crescendo-decrescendo (diamond-shaped): (increasing then immediate decreasing intensity).
- Plateau (uniform): the intensity of the murmur remains uniform throughout.



Murmurs described according to the waxing & waning of the sound

Systolic murmurs:

Early > very rare (we can neglect them)

mid \rightarrow occurs in rapid ejection phase, mid systolic murmurs = ejection systolic murmurs

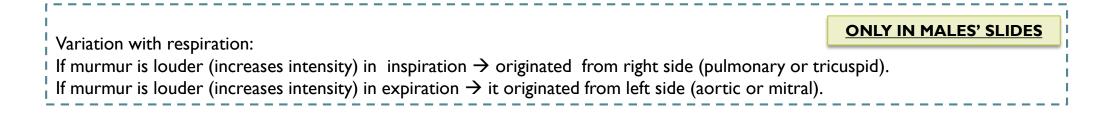
Pansystolic (holosystolic) \rightarrow heard through out the whole systole (SI-S2)

Diastolic murmurs:

Early, Mid, Late.

Continuous murmurs: are heard through systole and diastole

3-Location of maximum intensity	4-Radiation	5-Pitch	6-Quality	7-Others
 Determined by the site where the murmur originates Aortic, Pulmonary, Tricuspid, & Mitral listening areas. 	 Reflects intensity of the murmur & direction of blood flow. mitral من سنلا طالع من valvue to the axilla بس أحط السماعة مكان الصمام بعدين أحرك السماعة وأشوف هو الصوت رايح وين . 	• high • low • medium	 blowing harsh rumbling musical 	 Variation with respiration: Right sided murmurs change > left sided. Variation with position of patient. Variation with special maneuvers: Valsalva ⇒ Murmurs ↓ in length & intensity



8-Intensity

Graded on 6 point scale according to Levine Scale

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Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
 Lowest intensity 	• Low intensity	 Medium intensity 	• Medium intensity	• Loud intensity	 Loudest intensity
• Very		 Moderately 	• Loud	• Heard with	• No
faint	heard immediately	loud	• Thrills أحس بالمرمر بيدي	stethoscope partly off	stethoscope needed
			كأنه خربشة جايه على يدي	the chest	• Thrills
		قدر أسمع	على يدي		• Thrills

FIGURE 12-2. Classification of murmurs by loudness.

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A thrill is a slight palpable vibration felt by the hand over the chest wall.

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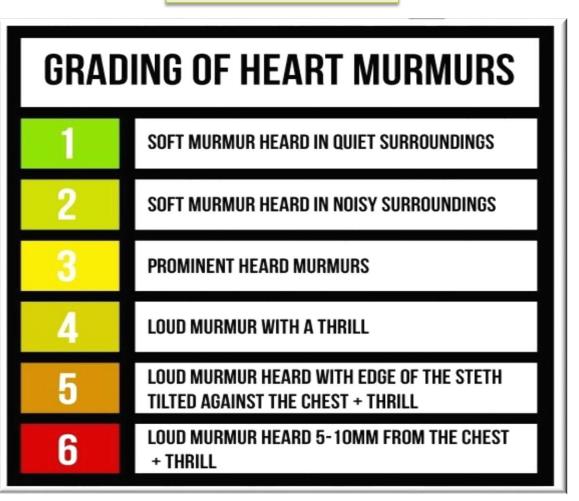
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Grade 2: Grade II/VI	1
Grade 3: Grade III/VI	i
Grade 4: Grade IV/VI	1
Grade 5: Grade V/VI	
Grade 6: Grade VI/VI	

Heart Murmur Intensity

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I / VI	need quiet room and trained ear to hear.		
	(difficult to hear even by expert listeners)		
II / VI	audible to anyone who listens attentively		
	(usually audible by all listeners)		
	loud, but not palpable		
	(easy to hear even by inexperienced listeners, but without a palpable thrill)		
IV / VI	loud and palpable: it produces a precordial thrill		
V / VI	audible with your stethoscope placed perpendicular to chest wall		
VI / VI	audible without a stethoscope		

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Pathophysiology of Systolic Murmurs

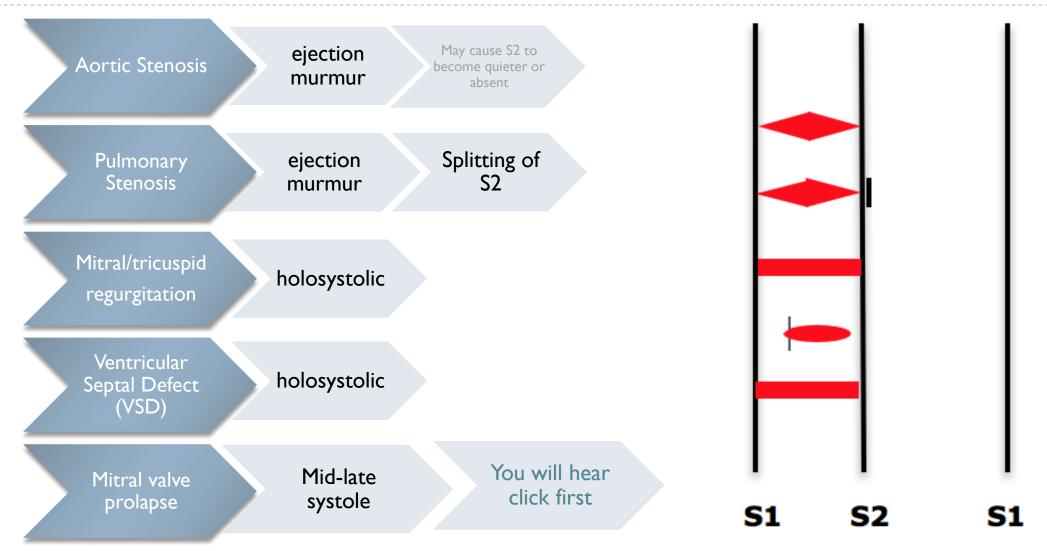
• Derived from harsh & \uparrow turbulence in blood flow during systole.

Associated with:

- 1. \uparrow flow across normal value.
- 2. \uparrow flow into a dilated great vessel.
- 3. 1 flow across an abnormal valve, or narrowed ventricular outflow tract e.g. aortic /pulmonary stenosis.
- 4. flow across an incompetent AV valve- e.g. mitral/tricuspid regurgitation.
- 5. \uparrow flow across the inter-ventricular septum e.g.VSD.

مرحلة systolic معناته إن الAV valve مسكرة وaortic valve مفتوحة، فأي خلل في هالاثنين بسبب لي murmur طيب أيش الخلل اللي ممكن يصير؟ يا يكون عندي تضيق في الصمام المفتوح stenosis (يعني هو الصمام مفتوح عادي لكن لأي سبب كان هو متضيق فكذا راح أسمع صوت) أو يكون عندي فتحة صغيرة في الصمام المسكر regurgitation (يعني يكون عندي فتحة لأي سبب كان بالتالي الدم يدخل جوا البطين خلال ما البطين جالس يرسل الدم بالتالي بيصير فيه حوسه وتبدا تطلع أصوات غير طبيعية) ..

Common Systolic Murmurs and Timing



For further information to help you understand heart murmurs and their various causes click here.

Systolic Murmurs

Ejection (mid-systolic) Murmur:

- Most common kind of heart murmur.
- Usually Crescendo-decrescendo (diamond shaped).
- It may be:

I. Innocent: as in children and young adults.

2.Physiological: in hyper-dynamic states (increased intra-cardiac hemodynamics) such as anemia, pregnancy, fever, and hyperthyroidism.

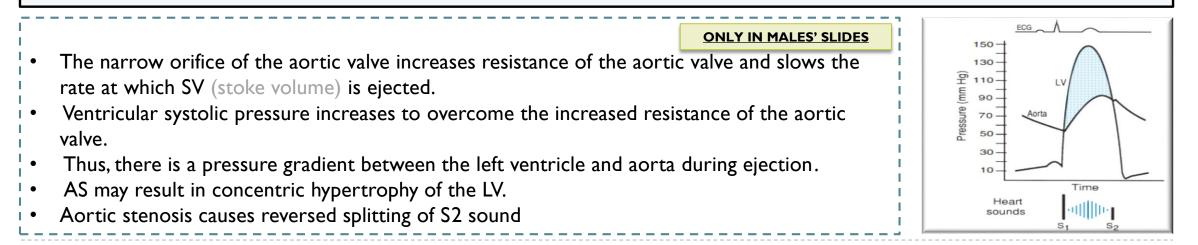
3.Pathological: secondary to structural CV abnormalities such as aortic/pulmonary stenosis or hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, and mitral prolapse.

Pan-Systolic (Holosystolic) Murmurs:

- Pathological.
- Begins with SI immediately and continues until S2.
- Heard with: Mitral/tricuspid regurgitation and ventricular septal defect (VSD).

Aortic Stenosis:

- Narrowing of aortic outflow tract causing obstruction of flow from left ventricle into ascending aorta.
- **T**iming: mid-systolic (ejection) murmur.
- Location: best heard at aortic area and it radiates along carotid arteries (going to neck).
- Character: harsh, loud, may have associated thrill, ejection click.
- Association: older age as a result of wear and tear of the aortic valve, bicuspid aortic valve, Scarring of the aortic valve due to rheumatic fever as a child or young adult.
- The ESM of aortic stenosis has a crescendo-decrescendo contour and a gap between the end of the audible sound and S2 (Splitting of S2).



Mitral Prolapse & Regurgitation

Mitral Prolapse:

- Bulging of one or both mitral valve leaflets in left atrium during left ventricular systole
- Timing: mid-late systolic murmur
- Location: best heard at the apex region
- Character: mid systolic click
- Association: 5% normal population, asymptomatic, sudden death

Mitral Regurgitation:

Retrograde flow from left ventricle to left atrium through an incompetent mitral valve.

Timing: holosystolic murmur.

Location: best heard at apex radiates to left axilla.

Character: soft, high pitched, blowing.

Association: Mitral valve prolapse, mitral valve myxomatous degeneration^{*}, myocardial infarction, rheumatic heart disease, cardiomyopathy, endocarditis.

The sound is of reasonably constant intensity throughout the ejection period.

*يعني يتكون عندي تجمع للبلازما وplatelets في منطقة الصمام المتضرر، هذا التجمع ممكن ينقطع جزء منه ويتحرك مع الدم ويؤدي إلى stroke in the brain

من محاضرة cardiac cycle كنا قلنا إن في فترة Bulging بيكون عندي isometric contraction بجهة AV يعني كأنه صايرة عندي prolapse لكن هذي حالة طبيعية وما فيها أي مرض، لأنها بس فترة isometric contraction

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Left atrial volume and pressure are increased during ventricular systole.

2. Left ventricular volume and pressure are increased during diastole, but there is NO pressure gradient between the LA and the LV.

Diastolic Murmurs

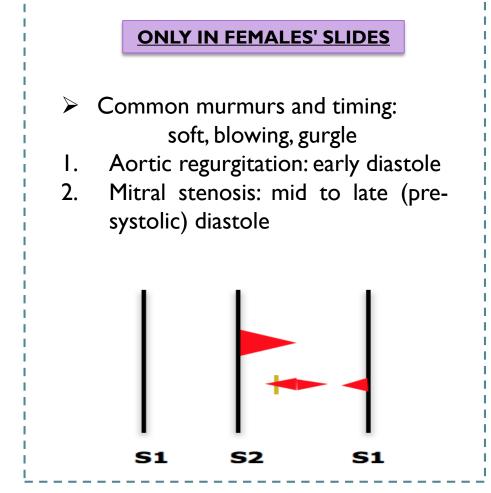
- Almost always indicates heart disease
- Two basic types:

Early decrescendo diastolic murmurs

- Signify regurgitation flow through an incompetent semilunar valve
- i.e. aortic/pulmonary regurgitation

Rumbling diastolic murmurs in mid or late diastole

- Suggests stenosis of AV valve
- i.e. mitral/tricuspid stenosis



Aortic regurgitation:

- Retrograde flow from aorta into LV through incompetent aortic cusps
- **T**iming: diastolic (early) murmur
- Location: best heard at 2nd 4th left intercostal spaces with the patient sitting up, leaning forward, at end expiration.
- Character: high pitched, loud blowing, decrescendo, it wanes with time as aortic pressure falls.
- Association: aortic root degeneration, rheumatic heart disease, VSD w/aortic valve prolapse (kids.)

مرحلة diastole معناته إن الsemilunar ممكرة وAV valve مفتوحة، فأي خلل في هالاثنين بيسبب لي murmur طيب أيش الخلل اللي ممكن يصير؟ يا يكون عندي تضيق في الصمام المفتوح stenosis (يعني هو الصمام مفتوح عادي لكن لأي سبب كان هو متضيق فكذا راح أسمع أو يكون عندي فتحة صغيرة في الصمام المسكر أو يكون عندي فتحة صغيرة في الصمام المسكر مسبب كان بالتالي الدم يدخل جوا البطين خلال ما البطين جالس يرسل الدم بالتالي بيصير فيه حوسه وتبدا تطلع أصوات غير طبيعية)

- The aortic valve does not close properly at the beginning of diastole.
- As a result, there is retrograde flow of blood from the aorta into the ventricle during diastole.
- The amount of the blood regurgitated into the left ventricle may be as much as 60-70% of the amount ejected during systole.
- Thus, there is:

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- Decreased aortic diastolic pressure.
- increased left ventricular and aortic systolic pressures.
- Increased aortic pulse pressure.

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Mitral Stenosis:

- > Obstruction of flow from LA to LV during diastole because of a narrowed mitral orifice (Valve becomes thickened & calcified).
- Timing: diastolic (mid-diastolic or presystolic) murmur with (opening snap) after closure of aortic valve.
- Location: best heard at apex.
- Characteristic: low pitched (heard with bell of stethoscope).
- Association: Rheumatic fever.

• Narrowing of the mitral valve orifice impairs emptying of the left atrium into the left ventricle during diastole.

Left atrial pressure greatly exceeds left ventricular pressure when the stenotic valve is open. This generates a pressure gradient between the left atrium and the left ventricle during filling.

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- Thus, pressure and volume can be dramatically elevated in the left atrium.
- However, in most cases of MS, LV pressure curve is normal, and similarly, the aortic pressure curve is also normal.
- The murmur is often heard with an opening snap (OS) This gives the murmur a decreschendo-creschendo profile.
- It begins early after the OS. Its timing is thus mid-diastolic or pre-systolic.

• It is a low-frequency (low pitched) blowing sound and thus heard with the bell of the stethoscope.

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Continuous Murmurs

Begin in systole, peak near S2 & continue into all or part of diastole.

• Heard with:

- 1. Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)
- 2. Ventricular septal defect (VSD)
- Common murmurs and timing:

I.Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)2.Ventricular Septal defect (VSD)

Patent Ductus Arteriosus:

Failure of closure of the duct between pulmonary artery & aorta.

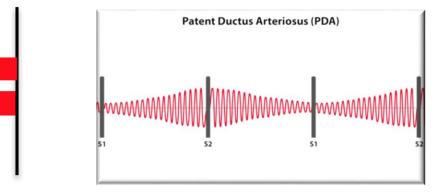
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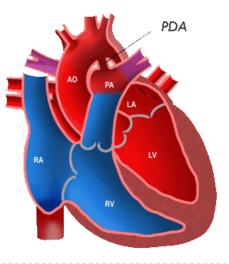
S2

S1

- **T**iming: continuous murmur.
- Location: best heard at upper left sternal border.
- Characteristics: machine-like.
- Association: left to right shunt, cyanosis.







Pressures In Valvular Abnormalities

In AS:

- LV systolic pressure increases
- Aortic systolic pressure decreases (less SV)
- There's a pressure gradient between LV and aorta which isn't normal during systole

In AR:

- LV diastolic and systolic pressure increases.
- Aortic diastolic pressure decreases (blood is flowing into LV).
- Aortic systolic pressure increases (increased SV).

In MR

- Systole \rightarrow LA pressure increased.
- Diastole \rightarrow LV pressure increased
- (no pressure gradient).

In MS:

- LA pressure increases.
- LV pressure and aortic pressure are normal.

		Heart M	lurmurs		
	Early				
	Mid (Ejection)	Aortic stenosis: Narrowing of aortic outflow tract causing obstruction of flow from left ventricle into	Location Best heard at aortic area, radiates along Carotid arteries	Character Harsh ,loud, may have associated thrill, "ejection click."	Association Older age, bicuspid aortic valve, rheumatic fever.
	ascending aorta				
Systolic murmur	Late	Mitral Prolapse: Bulging of one or both mitral valve leaflets in left atrium during left ventricular systole (it's mid-late systole)	Best heard at the apex region	Mid systolic click	5% normal population, asymptomatic, sudden death
	Holo (Pan)	Mitral Regurgitation: Retrograde flow from left ventricle to left atrium through an incompetent mitral valve	Best heard at apex radiates to left axilla	Soft, high pitched, blowing	Mitral valve prolapse, mitral valve myxomatous degeneration, myocardial infarction, rheumatic heart disease, cardiomyopathy, endocarditis.
	Early	Aortic Regurgitation: Retrograde flow from aorta into LV through incompetent aortic cusps	Best heard at 2 nd – 4 th left intercostal spaces	High pitched, blowing, decrescendo	Aortic root degeneration, rheumatic heart disease,VSD w/aortic valve prolapse(kids.)
Diastolic murmur	Mid	Mitral Stenosis: Obstruction of flow from LA to LV because of a narrowed mitral orifice (Valve becomes thickened & calcified) (it's mid-late systole)	Best heard at apex	Low pitched (heard with bell of stethoscope), opening snap after closure of aortic valve	Rheumatic fever
	Late			-	
Continuous murmur		Patent Ductus Arteriosus: Failure of closure of the duct between pulmonary artery &	Upper left sternal border	Machine like	Left to right shunt, cyanosis

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