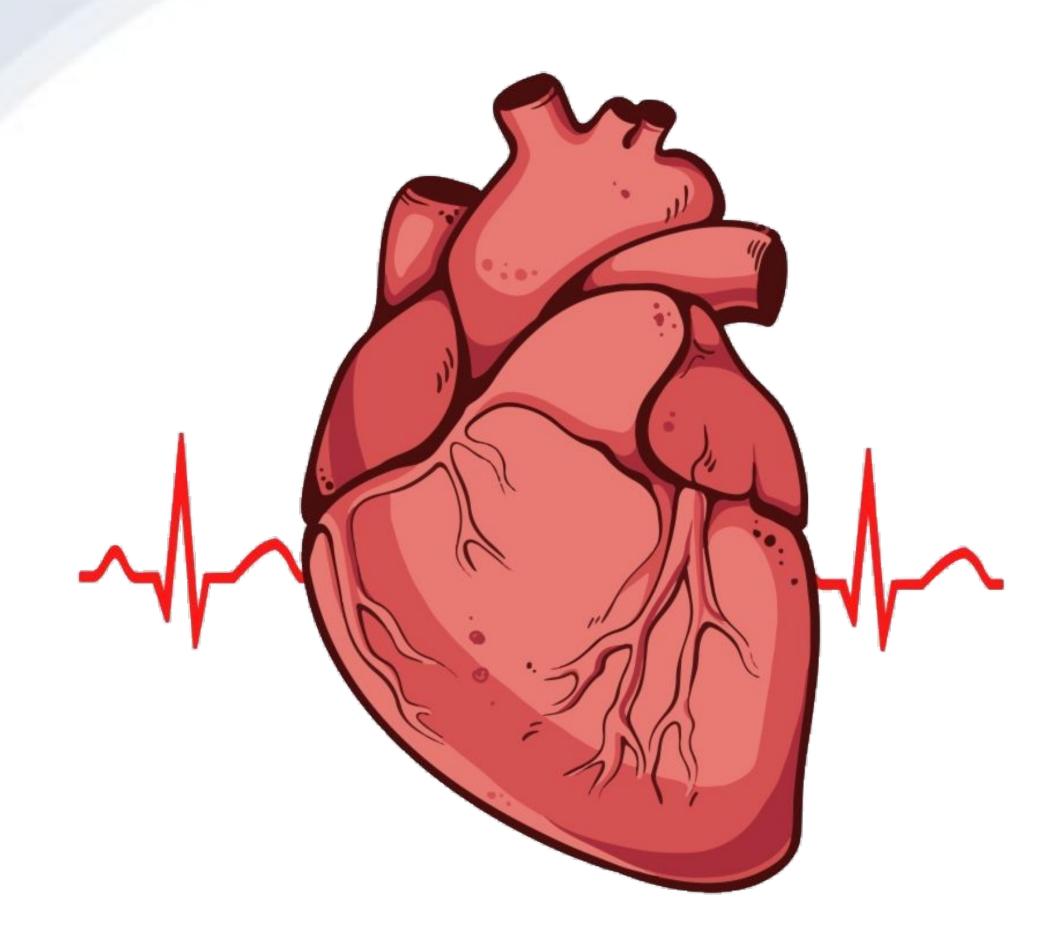




Rheumatic fever, endocarditis & heart valves



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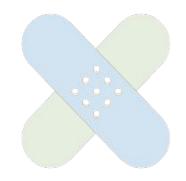
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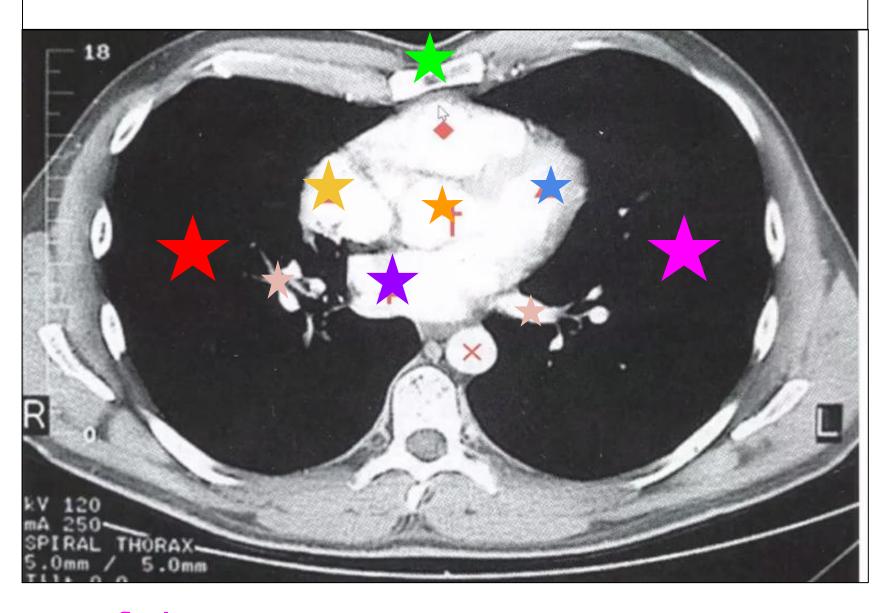


- Understands the clinicopathological features of rheumatic heart disease which is a major cause of acquired mitral and aortic valve diseases in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Know the pathological causes and pathophysiological consequences of stenosis and incompetence of all the cardiac valves but particularly the mitral and aortic valves.
- Understands the pathology of infective endocarditis so as to be able to identify patients at risk and when appropriate ensure prophylactic treatment is given.

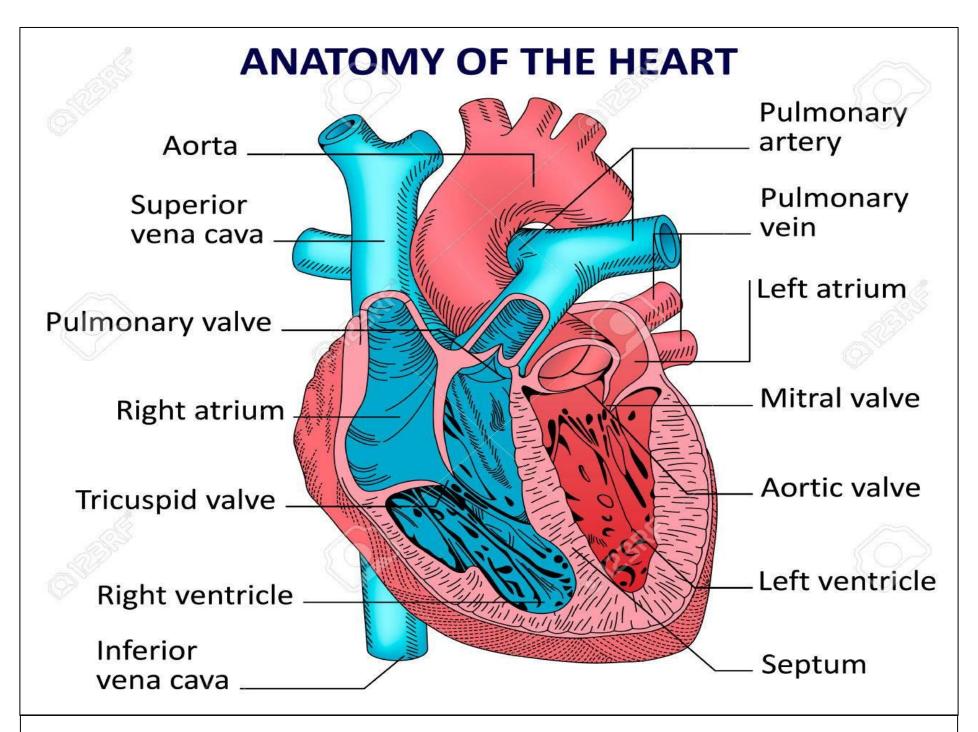


Introduction

CT scan of the mediastinum



- Left lung
- Right lung
- Left ventricle
- Right ventricle
- Left atrium
- Right atrium
- Thoracic arch
- Branches of Pulmonary artery



He explained the anatomy of the heart like this in the picture

The heart has 4 valves:

- aortic valve
- Tricuspid valve
- Mitral valve, which is the most important
- Pulmonary valve

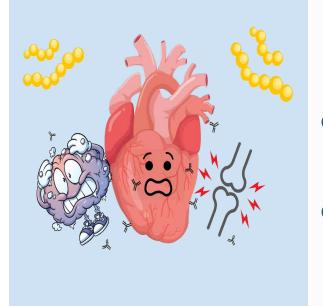


Rheumatic heart disease & ACUTE RHEUMATIC FEVER

Rheumatic heart disease

Rheumatic heart disease is a heart disease caused by rheumatic fever.

It can be : **acute** or **chronic**



Acute Rheumatic fever

- It is an acute, immune mediated, multi-system inflammatory disease that occurs a few weeks after, group A-beta hemolytic streptococcal infection.
- It is an acute post-streptococcal non-suppurative inflammatory disease with cardiac and extracardiac manifestations.
- The inflammation is mainly in the **heart**, **joints**, **central nervous system and skin**.
- Occurs in only 3% of patients with group A streptococcal pharyngitis.
- It is seen mainly in children, 5 to 15 years of age.
- Rheumatic fever is a major health problem in 3rd world countries and in crowded, low socioeconomic urban areas.
- The incidence and mortality of rheumatic fever has declined over the past 30 years (due to improved socioeconomic condition and rapid diagnosis and treatment of strep. pharyngitis).

Etiopathogenesis:

(it is not yet clear and not completely understood).

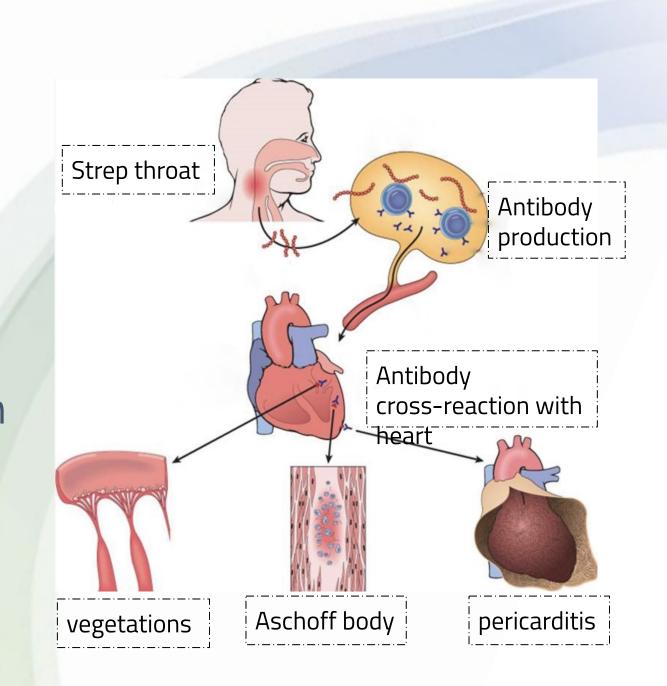
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It is linked to streptococcal infection. Disease occurs 1 to 5 weeks after pharyngeal infection by Group A, β -Hemolytic Streptococcus.

2

It is most likely an **immune mediated process** in which the causative organisms (streptococci) stimulates in the formation of antibodies these antibodies cross react with certain antigens present in the heart and joints, the antigen antibody reaction leads to **inflammation**.

Repeated attacks or a single severe attack can lead to chronic rheumatic heart disease leading to cardiac failure.





Acute rheumatic heart disease (RHD)

Cardiac manifestations of Rheumatic FEVER

- Also called acute rheumatic heart disease or acute rheumatic carditis/ pancarditis.
- Patients present with pancarditis.
- <u>Pancarditis</u> is inflammation in all 3 layers of the heart **endocardium, myocardium** and pericardium.

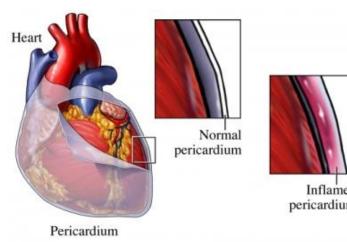
Cardiac manifestations

1- Pericarditis

inflammation of Pericardium.

fibrinous or serofibrinous secretion in the pericardium between visceral and parietal layer.

Bread and butter appearance



2- Endocarditis

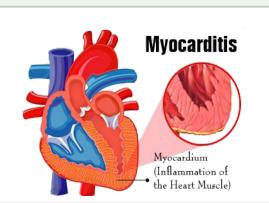
inflammation of Endocardium. (including heart valves and chordae tendineae)

- results in fibrin deposition on valve leaflets forming tiny thrombialong lines of closure called **rheumatic vegetations**.
- Mitral and aortic valve are mainly involved.
- This acute inflammation may either resolve completely or progress to scarring with development of chronic fibrotic deformities of the heart valves and chordae tendineae leading to chronic rheumatic heart disease many years later.

3- Myocarditis

inflammation of Myocardium.

- many Aschoff bodies.
- can cause sudden death.



4- Subendocardial lesions

may be seen commonly in <u>left atrium.</u>
Called **MacCallum plaques.**

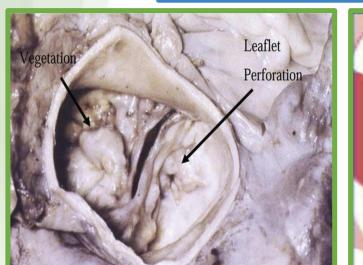


MacCallum plaques

What are Rheumatic vegetations?

- They are Tiny (size of pin's head), sessile arranged in a row and firmly with the underlying tissue.
- These are situated in the valve cusp, a few millimeters away from the free margin(this is the traumatized area)
- From robbins: Valve involvement results in fibrinoid necrosis and fibrin deposition along lines of closure that cause disturbance in cardiac function.









Aschoff bodies & Extra cardiac

Aschoff bodies (characteristic lesion of acute rheumatic fever)			
Definition	They are multiple tiny granulomatous lesions of the heart. They are situated next to small arteries and are characteristically seen in the myocardium (rheumatic myocarditis).		
Components	 An Aschoff body, consists of: a focus of eosinophilic collagen necrosis (representing the site of antibody-antigen reaction), plump activated macrophages/ histiocytes called Anitschkow/caterpillar cells. Some of the macrophages become multinucleated to form Aschoff giant cells. chronic inflammation. 		
Site	They are found mainly in the myocardium and pericardium. Uncommon in the endocardium and heart valves.		

They ultimately <u>heal</u> by fibrosis resulting in a nodule of scar tissue.

Extra cardiac manifestations of Rheumatic FEVER Involvement of other organs:			
Joints: Arthralgia	Joints: Migratory polyarthritis which is fleeting arthritis in the large joints e.g. knee, ankle, elbow wrist etc. It is self limiting with no chronic deformities. Aschoff bodies may be present in the synovial membrane, joint capsule, ligament etc. with joint effusion.		
Skin: skin nodules and erythema marginatum. Subcutaneous tissue: Rheumatic nodules mainly seen over the bony prominences e.g. knuckle, elbow, patella etc.			
Lung: uncommon, chronic interstitial inflammation and fibrinous pleuritis.	Neurological disorder: Sydenhem's chorea		



clinical features of acute Rheumatic fever

1	Peak incidence: 5-15 years.
2	History of sore throat : symptoms start 10 days to 6 weeks after by group A Streptococcal pharyngitis
3	By that time the symptoms start the throat/pharyngeal cultures are usually negative.
4	Serum antistreptolysin O (ASO titer/ antibodies to group A streptococcal antigens), anti-DNAase B and antihyaluronidase are raised & provide evidence of an infection with group A Streptococcus.
5	Acute symptoms usually subside within 3 months.
6	The mortality from acute rheumatic carditis is low.

There is **no** specific test for rheumatic fever.

The diagnosis is made based on the clinical findings when either:

- 1. two major or
- 2. one major and two minor

clinical features / criteria are met. This is called as the Jones criteria.

O looks like a heart = myocarditis

Minor Criteria

CRP Increased

Elevated ESR

Prolonged PR Interval

Anamnesis of Rheumatism

Arthralgia

Jones criteria				
Major criteria Minor criteria				
Carditis: Murmurs, pericardial friction rubs, weak heart sounds, tachycardia and arrhythmias cardiomegaly, pericarditis, and congestive heart failure.	 Elevated acute phase reactants: Elevated ESR (erythrocyte sedimentation rate). Increased CRP (C-Reactive protein). leukocytosis 	Mnemonic: "JONES CAFE PAL" Major Criteria J Joint Involvement O O looks like a heart = myo N Nodules, subcutaneous E Erythema marginatum S Sydenham chorea Thanks to 438		
Migratory polyarthritis of the large joints	Arthralgia			
Erythema marginatum of the skin	Fever			
Subcutaneous nodules	ECG changes Prolonged PR interval			
Sydenhem's chorea (St. Vitus' dance)	Previous rheumatic fever			



CHRONIC RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE

omponents of heumatic fever

Myocarditis and Pericarditis

Typically resolve without permanent sequelae.

Acute valvulitis or Chordae tendinitis

- -Heals by **fibrosis** (scarring). -Irreversible deformity.
- -Severe valvular scarring develops months or years **after** acute RF.
- -Most harmful effect of rheumatic disease is due to involvement of cardiac valves The valve leaflets develop diffuse fibrosis, become thickened, shrunken and less movable.

This can lead to:

- Cardiac failure
- Thromboembolism
- Infective endocarditis

Valves affected in chronic rheumatic heart disease:

Mitral valve alone

Most common

A

Combined mitral/aortic valve

Usually after Mitral valve damage

Pulmonary valve

practically never affected

B

Tricuspid valve

Rarely affected

Types of damage to the valves:



Stenosis

fibrosis of valve leaflets (reduction of diameter



Regurgitation

Fibrosis of chordae tendineae (improper closure)

Left side of heart is more commonly involved than the right

Therefore patient can have **mitral** stenosis (most common), **mitral** regurgitation, **aortic** stenosis and **aortic** regurgitation. (all are structures found on left side of heart).



Cont. Chronic rheumatic heart disease

Manifestations occurs many years after the initial episode of rheumatic fever

Cardiac Arrhythmias murmurs Signs & Congestive Thrombosymptoms heart embolism (depends on failure valve involved) Treatment: Infective may require endocarditis valve surgery

Mural thrombi

form in cardiac chambers.
They give rise to
thromboemboli, which can
produce infarcts in various
organs

Atrial fibrillation

1 4 Complications

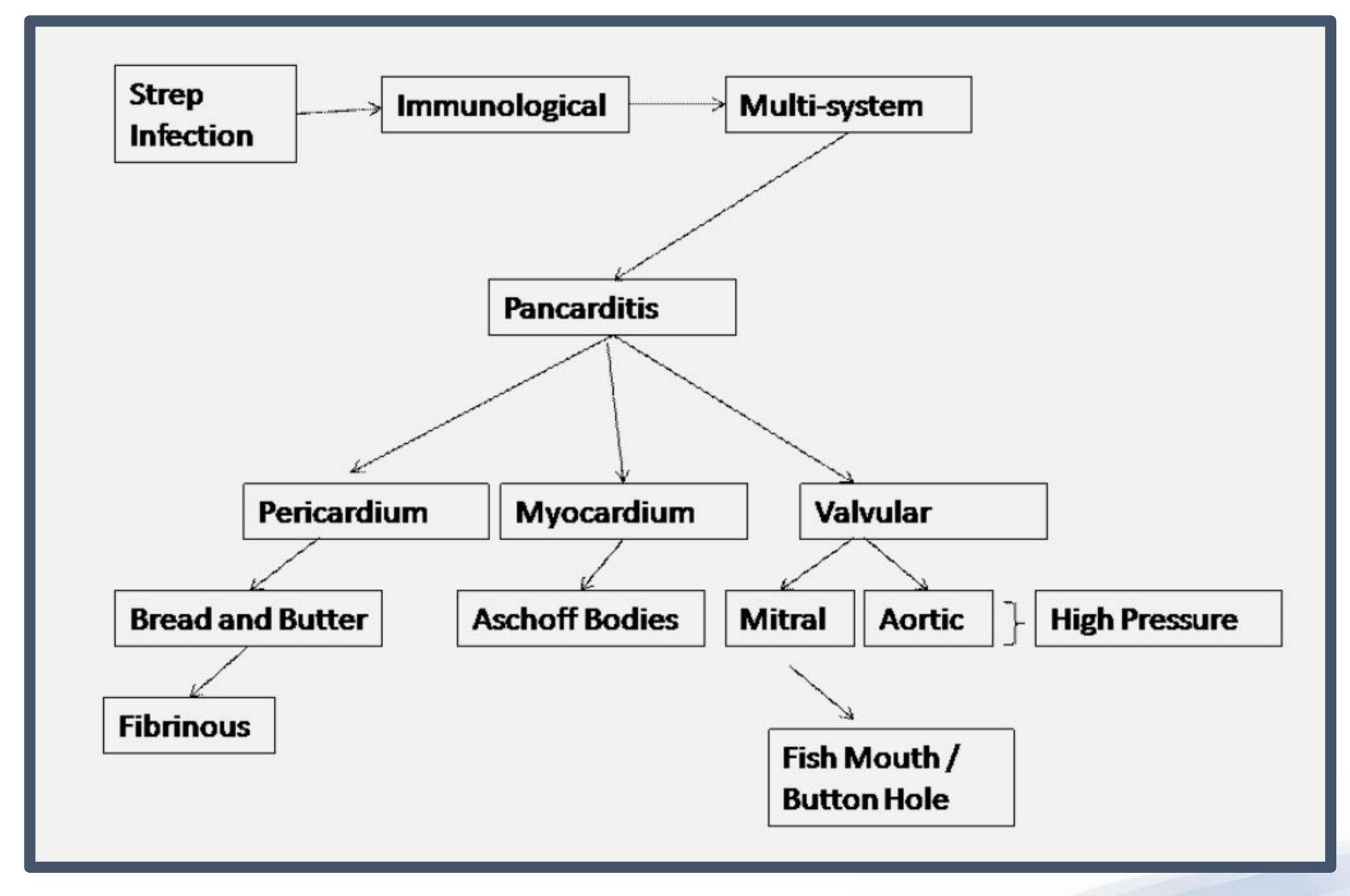
Bacterial infective endocarditis

the scarred valves of rheumatic heart disease provide an attractive environment for bacteria to grow.

Congestive heart failure

Adhesive pericarditis







INFECTIVE ENDOCARDITIS

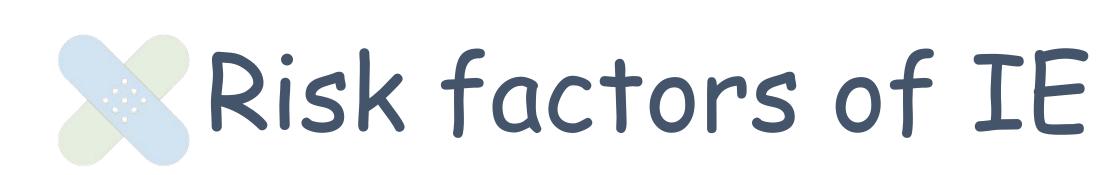
Definition:

- infection of the cardiac valves surface of the endocardium, forms an adherent mass of thrombotic debris that contains microorganisms.
- Mitral valves are the most common sites of IE followed by aortic valve
- Single or multiple vegetations, involve one or valve(s), differ in appearance according to the causative agent.

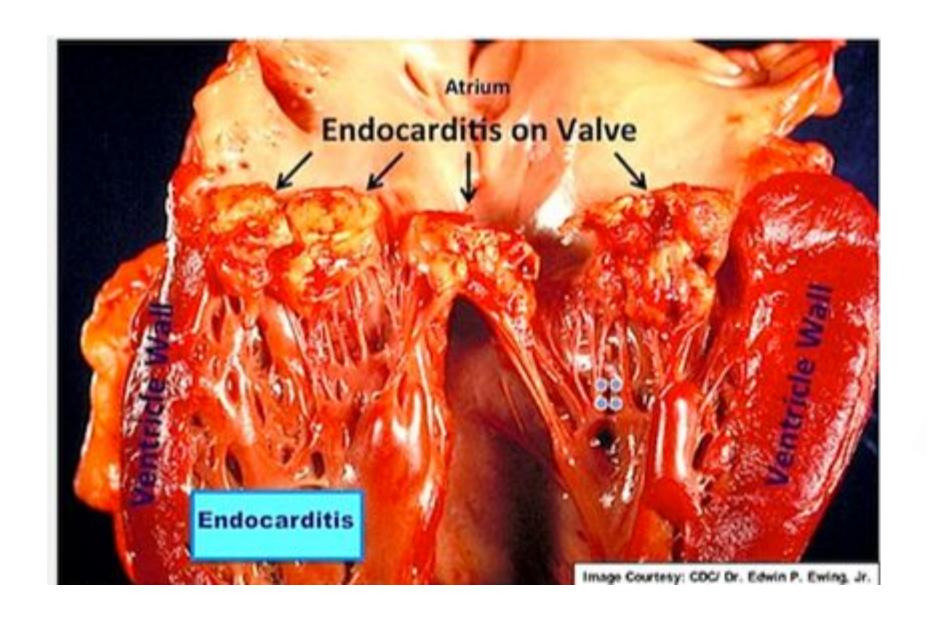
	Acute IE	Subacute IE
Causative organism	staphylococcus aureus (highly virulent)	alpha-hemolytic streptococci viridans (low virulence)
Infected valves	infects even healthy valves	previously abnormal/ damaged valves
Host reaction	has little local host reaction	induces a local inflammatory reaction.
Progress	progresses rapidly	progress slowly

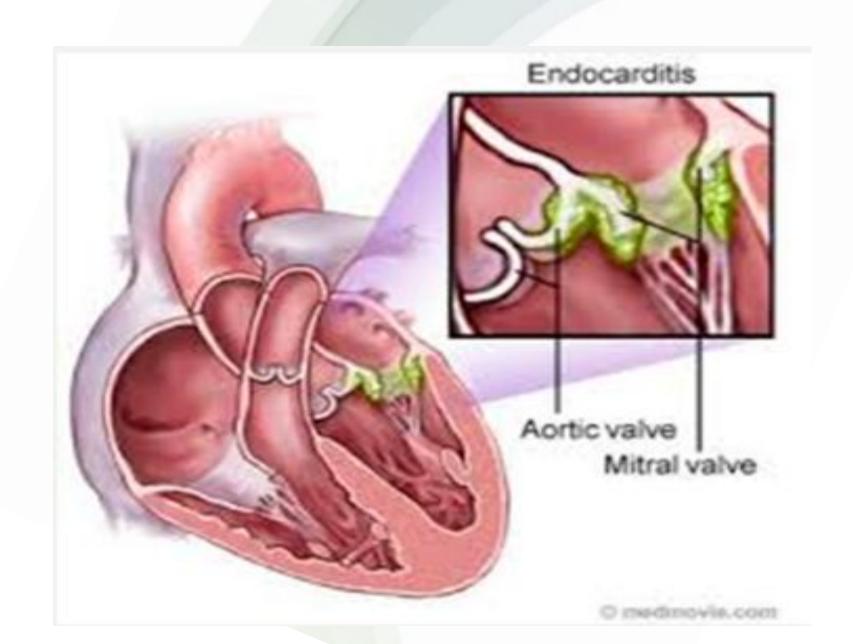
Prognosis:

- difficult to eradicate because of the avascular nature of the heart valves. (no blood supply=no regeneration)
- depends on the infecting organism and the stage at which treated.
- 1/3 Staph. aureus endocarditis of cases are still fatal.



In children	an underlying cardiac lesion (congenital heart disease is most common)		
In Adults	 More than 50% of adults with bacterial endocarditis don't have predisposing cardiac lesion Mitral valve prolapse and congenital heart disease (most common risk factor for bacterial endocarditis) 		
	 Micro-organisms are injected intravenously when taking IV drugs leading to IE Tricuspid valve is most commonly infected. 50% of IE in IV drug abusers are by S.aureus 		
Prosthetic valves users	commonly by coagulase -ve staph.cocci (e.g. S. epidermidis).		
bacteremia from any procedure	 E.g.: dental procedures, urinary catheterization, infected indwelling vascular catheters gastrointestinal endoscopy obstetric procedures. 		
Other risk factors include	 Rheumatic heart disease Elderly (degenerated heart valves e.g. calcific aortic stenosis) Diabetics pregnant women 		







Common clinical features

Cardiac murmurs

Positive blood culture for the organisms (only minority of cases • remain negative)



Fever, fatigue, weight loss and chills

Complications

Septicemia or Septic systemic **embolization** of infected vegetations which travel to multiple sites, causing infarcts or abscesses in many organs



Ulceration and perforation of valves

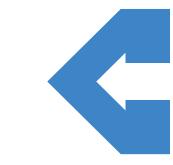
Rupture of chordae tendineae



Mycotic/ infected aneurysms of vessels

Arrhythmias, valvular regurgitation and congestive heart failure

(due to destruction of a valve)



Renal failure

Pulmonary emboli in IV drug addicts (tricuspid valve/right sided endocarditis)

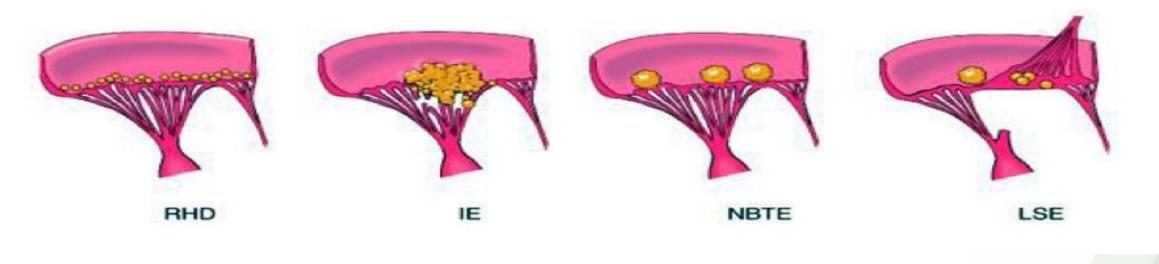






Other types of endocarditis

Libman sacks endocarditis	Endocarditis of carcinoid syndrome	Nonbacterial thrombotic endocarditis (marantic endocarditis)
 Less common non infective verrucous endocarditis with elevated level of circulating immune complexes. Seen in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus 	 Secretory products of carcinoid syndrome, especially 5 hydroxytrypatamin e can cause endocarditis. The endocardial plaques are seen in the right side of heart 	Characterized by sterile (no infection) vegetation (small masses of fibrin , platelets, and other blood components) on the leaflets of the cardiac valves . There is no infective organism . It is aseptic. • Pathogenesis/ association: -Subtle endothelial abnormalities -Hypercoagulability -Association with malignancy (50%) and other debilitating diseases • Aortic valve most common site . The fibrin deposits are randomly arranged. • May embolize to different parts of the body including brain , but the emboli are sterile .



Sterile = no infection Vegetation = small mass of fibrin, platelets & other blood components.

Diagrammatic comparison of the lesions in the four major forms of vegetative endocarditis. The rheumatic fever phase of RHD (rheumatic heart disease) is marked by a row of warty, small vegetations along the lines of closure of the valve leaflets. IE (infective endocarditis) is characterized by large, irregular masses on the valve cusps that can extend onto the cords. NBTE (nonbacterial thrombotic endocarditis) typically exhibits small, bland vegetations, usually attached at the line of closure. One or many may be present. LSE (Libman Sacks endocarditis) has small or medium sized vegetations on either or both sides of the valve leaflets.



Both cause murmur

1- Stenosis : Failure to open

Types of valvular heart disease

2- Regurgitation: Insufficiency or failure to close

Causes Acquired Congenital Post inflammatory scarring Can occur even Can be secondary to thrombus formation e.g. as a late complication of with prosthetic rheumatic fever (most infectious cardiac valves common) or secondary to endocarditis various other inflammatory processes



Mitral valve prolapse

Prolapse(MVP)

Definition

A condition in which the two valve flaps of the mitral valve do not close smoothly or evenly, but instead bulge (prolapse) upward into the left atrium.

Epidemiology

Most frequent valvular lesion in developed countries.

Seen in young women

Pathogenesis

Unknown

Ther is mucous/ mucoid degeneration of the valve which causes **ballooning** of mitral valves(**floppy cusp**) results in stretching of the mitral valve, producing a parachute deformity of the cusp with prolapse of the cusp into the atrium during systole. These change produce characteristic systolic murmur with a click.

Clinical features

Most patients asymptomatic but can occasionally lead to mitral insufficiency and arrhythmias.

Complications

- Patients are predisposed to infective endocarditis (subacute).
- Can be associated with with Marfan syndrome

Morphology





Caused by	Rheumatic heart disease.	
Epidemiology	Mitral stenosis is more common than mitral regurgitation.	
Pathogenesis	Valve closed —>blood can't flow to left ventricle which will increase the pressure in the left atrium leading to hypertrophy and dilatation —> due to high pressure in left atrium the blood coming from the pulmonary veins won't be able to fill in the left atrium—> the blood will return to the lungs which will lead to pulmonary hypertension and lung are firm and heavy (chronic passive congestion). —> Right side of the heart may be affected later (right ventricular hypertrophy).	
	 Leaflets are thickened, fibrotic and fused leading to fish mouth / buttonhole deformity(stenosed valve looks like fish's mouth or buttonhole). Secondary deposition of ca++(any deformity will show deposition of calcium leading to heart failure). 	



Mitral valve Regurgitation

Caused by

Rheumatic heart disease, mitral valve prolapse, infective endocarditis, papillary muscle injury in myocardial infarction etc.

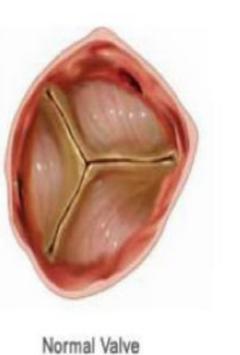
Complications

Left ventricular hypertrophy and dilatation



Aortic valve

Stenosis			
Epidemiology	Usually seen in old people over 60 years old .		
Caused by	Calcification and is called as calcific aortic stenosis. Also caused by Rheumatic heart disease		
Affects	 Normal aortic valve as part of the aging degenerative process in > 60 years old. Congenital bicuspid aortic valve. Valves scarred by rheumatic heart disease. 		

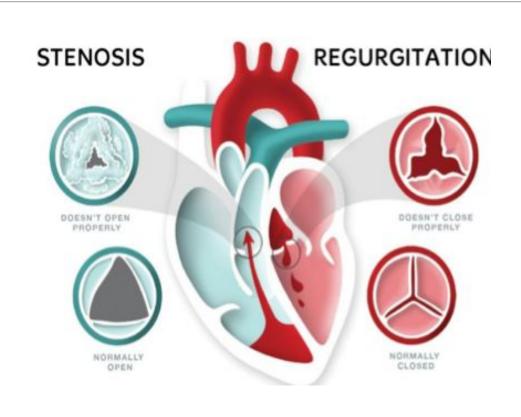


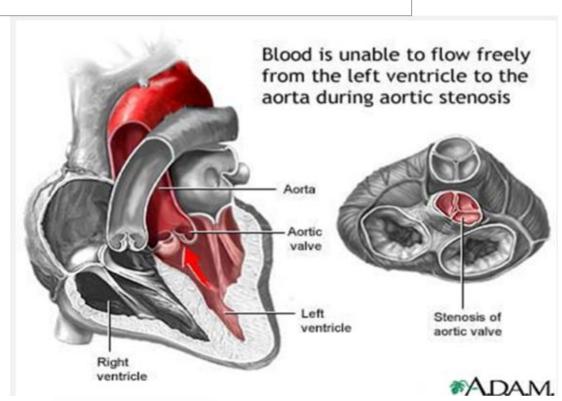


Stenotic Valve



regurgitating valve





Regurgitation			
Caused by	 1- Non dissecting aortic aneurysm. 2- Rheumatic heart disease. 3- infective endocarditis. 4-Syphilitic (luetic) aortitis(rare). 		

Right side of heart

Valvular heart disease of the right side of heart is very uncommon



Rheumatic fever			
Type	Acute		Chronic (chronic rheumatic heart disease)
cause	Post group A strep	otococcus infection	sever/ repeated attacks of rheumatic fever
Characteristic	Aschof	f bodies	- Scarring - Thickened valvular cusps
	Pericarditis	fibrinous or serofibrinous secretion "Bread and butter"	 Left side of the heart Mitral valve alone Followed by Combination of mitral/ aortic valve
site	Myocarditis	Aschoff bodies	Tricuspid valve is rarely
	Endocarditis	rheumatic vegetations	affected. Pulmonary valve is
	Subendocardial lesions	MacCallum plaques.	practically never affected.
Clinical features	 Elevated antistreptolysin O Jones criteria: Two major One major & two minor 		 Cardiac murmurs Thromboembolism Infective endocarditis
complications			 Bacterial infective endocarditis Mural thrombi Congestive heart failure Adhesive pericarditis Atrial fibrillation.

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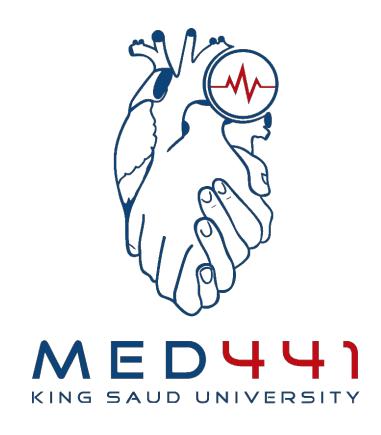


Cont. Summary

Infective Endocarditis		
Site of infection	Mitral valve followed by aortic valve, tricuspid valve is seen in IV drug users	
types	Acute	Subacute
cause	highly virulent organisms (staphylococcus aureus)	low virulent organism (a-hemolytic streptococci viridans)
affect	normal/healthy valves	previously abnormal/ damaged valves
progress	progresses rapidly About 1/3 of cases are fatal	Brd progresses slowly
Host reaction	Has little local host reaction	induces a local inflammatory reaction.
Clinical features	Cardiac murmur	clubbing of the fingers. Splenomegaly +ve blood culture for the organisms
complications	 perforation of valves Rupture of chordae tendineae Arrhythmias valvular regurgitation 	 Septicemia congestive heart failure Septic systemic embolization of infected vegetations In IV drug addicts — pulmonary emboli. Mycotic/ infected aneurysms of vessels.

Valvular Heart Disease				
Cause	- Congenital - Acquired: post inflammatory scarring e.g. as a late complication of rheumatic fever			
types	Stenosis of valves: failure to open		Regurgitation of valves: Insufficiency or failure to close	
	Mitral	Aortic	Mitral	Aortic
Cause	RHD	Calcification	 RHD mitral valve prolapse IE papillary muscle injury 	 Non-dissecting aortic aneurysm. RHD Infective endocarditis Syphilitic (luetic) aortitis (rare)





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