

CARDIOMYOPATHY:

→ They are heterogeneous group of diseases of myocardium associated with mechanical or electrical dysfunction that usually exhibit appropriate ventricular hypertrophy.

CLASSIFICATION:

Based on etiology

- 1st → Primary cardiomyopathy: confined to myocardium genetic or acquired
- 2nd → Secondary cardiomyopathy: multiorgan disorder
 - Diffuse systemic disorder
 - Immunological disorder
 - Muscular dystrophies

Based on clinical, functional & pathological patterns:

- 1) Dilated cardiomyopathy ~ 90% (Most common)
- 2) Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM)
- 3) Restrictive cardiomyopathy (Least common)

DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY:

DCM is characterized morphologically by progressive cardiac dilation & functionally by contractile dysfunction/systolic

GENETIC CAUSES

- DCM is hereditary in about 20-50% cases
- Autosomal dominant pattern.

caused by loss of function mutation of cytoskeletal protein or protein that links the sarcomere to the cytoskeleton.

X-linked DCM is most frequently associated with mutation in dystrophin.

NON - GENETIC CAUSES:

- Infections: Adenovirus, parvovirus B-19, human hepatitis 6.
- Alcohol or exposure to other toxins → Alcohol Abuse, PCM
→ Chronic Alcohol use can produce thiamine deficiency of cor. But all is but - heart disease.
- Pregnancy
- Iron - overload

MORPHOLOGY:

- Heart: enlarged, heavy (2-3 times the n.w), flabby with dilation of all chambers.
- Thickness of dilated ventricles: (less than / equal to or greater than normal)
- mural thrombi → Apex of heart.
- Absence of secondary cause of cardiac dilation.
- Microscopy: Hypertrophy of myocytes → hypertrophy with enlarged nuclei.
- Intensity of endocardial fibrosis → Scattered Areas of Replacement fibrosis; myofibrillar ischemic necrosis due to hypoperfusion.
- Secondary to iron overload: Accumulation of intramyocardial hemosiderin. This pigment can be demonstrated by staining with Prussian blue.

At end stage → defect in heart is ineffective contraction. cardiac ejection is less than 25%.

DIAGNOSIS

- ECHO
- chest X Ray
- Cardiac transplantation.

multifocal heart sound → Beck's triad

HYERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY:

genetic disorder characterized by inappropriate myocardial hypertrophy of defective diastolic filling.

- intermittent ventricular outflow obstruction.
- The heart in HCM is thick-walled, heavy & hypertrophied.
- myocardium cannot relax & show primary diastolic dysfunction.

CAUSES

GENETIC: mutated sarcomere protein include

- ↳ β myosin heavy chain
- ↳ myosin binding protein C
- ↳ Troponin T

MORPHOLOGY:

Heart is Always enlarged & shows massive myocardial hypertrophy without dilated or ventricle dilation.

- Asymmetric septal hypertrophy classical feature is disproportion thickening of the ventricular septum.

(Ratio of septum to free wall greater than 3:1)
most marked in the subaortic region.

- left ventricular wall is thick, cavity is small.
 - banana-like (sometimes only slit configuration)
- endocardial mural plaque → thickened hypertrophied ventricular septum bulges

MICROSCOPY:

- Marked hypertrophy of myocytes.

Hypofibrin disarray → 12M JUV AV

Haphazard myocyte & myofibril disarray

Normally the myocytes are arranged in to parallel bundles

In disarray disarray of of to 1. Adj hypertrophic myocytes

