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 Cardiomyopathies are a heterogeneous group of diseases, resulting from abnormality in myocardium associated with abnormalities in mechanical and/or electrical dysfunction that usually exhibit inappropriate ventricular hypertrophy or dilatation





Secondary cardiomyopathy Primary cardiomyopathy Primarily involving heart muscle Myocardial involvement as a component of a systemic or multiorgan disorder (e.g. hemochromatosis, amyloidosis)



• Types of cardiomyopathies are determined by clinical, functional and pathologic patterns



Among the three major patterns, DCM is most common (90% of cases), and restrictive cardiomyopathy is the least frequent

Functional pattern	Left ventricular ejection fraction	Mechanism of heart failure	Causes of phenotype
Dilated	< 40%	Impairment of contractility (systolic dysfunction)	Genetic, alcohol, peripartum, myocarditis, hemochromatosis, chronic anemia, doxorubicin (Adriamycin), chagas disease, idiopathic
Hypertrophic	50 - 80%	Impairment of compliance (Diastolic dysfunction)	Genetic, Friedreich ataxia, storage diseases, infants of diabetic mother
Restrictive	45 - 90%	Impairment of compliance (Diastolic dysfunction)	Amyloidosis, radiation induced fibrosis, idiopathic



- Primary disorder of heart muscle characterized by decrease in ventricular compliance resulting in impaired ventricular filling during diastole
- Contractile (systolic) function of the left ventricle is usually unaffected



















Endomyocardial fibrosis

Commonly seen in children and young adults of Africa and other tropical areas





Loeffler endomyocarditis



Endocardial fibroelastosis

- Uncommon heart disease characterized by fibroelastic thickening that typically involves the left ventricular endocardium
- Most common in the first 2 years of life
- Accompanied by aortic valve obstruction or other congenital cardiac anomalies
- Represent a common morphologic end-point of several different insults including viral infections (e.g., intrauterine exposure to mumps) or mutations in the gene for tafazzin, which affects mitochondrial inner membrane integrity
- Diffuse involvement may be responsible for rapid and progressive cardiac decompensation and death



Endomyocardial fibrosis

Morphology

- Characterized by fibrosis of the ventricular endocardium and subendocardium that extends from the apex upward, often eventually involving the tricuspid and mitral valves
- The fibrous tissue markedly diminishes the volume and compliance of affected chambers and so causes a restrictive functional defect
- Ventricular mural thrombi may develop









RESTRICTIVE CARDIOMYOPATHY Amyloidosis

• Amyloidosis is an important form of restrictive cardiomyopathy resulting from the extracellular accumulation of protein fibrils that form insoluble β-pleated sheets



Amyloidosis

Morphology

- Heart varies in consistency from normal to firm and rubbery
- Chambers are usually of normal size but can be dilated and have thickened walls
- Small, semitranslucent nodules resembling drips of wax may be seen on the atrial endocardial surface, particularly on the left





RESTRICTIVE CARDIOMYOPATHY Amyloidosis

- Histologically, hyaline eosinophilic deposits of amyloid may be found in the interstitium, conduction tissue, valves, endocardium, pericardium, and small intramural coronary arteries
- Intramural arteries and arterioles may have sufficient amyloid in their walls to compress and occlude their lumens, inducing myocardial ischemia ("smallvessel disease")



Amyloidosis of blood vessels leading to ischemia



SARCOIDOSIS

- Sarcoidosis is granulomatous disorder affecting multi system but most commonly involving lungs
- Cardiac sarcoidosis is rare and constitutes 10% of cases of sarcoidosis
- Cardiac sarcoidosis involves endocardium, myocardium, and pericardium, but most frequently involve myocardium
- It involves base of the interventricular septum, hence affects conduction system
- Extensive involvement of myocardium causes restrictive cardiomyopathy affecting left ventricle.
- Right ventricle can be directly affected by sarcoidosis or as a consequence of pulmonary fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension, or left ventricular dysfunction













SYSTEMIC SCLEORSIS





Morphology

- Non-specific, although bi-atrial dilation is commonly observed due to restricted ventricular filling and pressure overloads
- ventricles are of approximately normal size and later diminished volume, and the myocardium is largely unremarkable
- Microscopically, there can be patchy or diffuse interstitial fibrosis, varying from minimal to extensive





- Treatment
 - Treatment of the underlying cause
 - Heart transplatation



Definition : Disorder of heart muscle causing decreased compliance resulting in impaired ventricular filling





