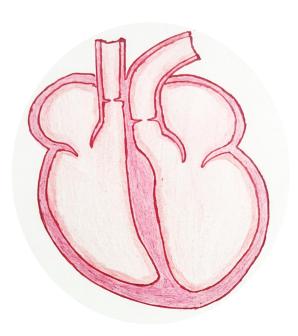


Dr.V.Shanthi

Associate Professor, Pathology

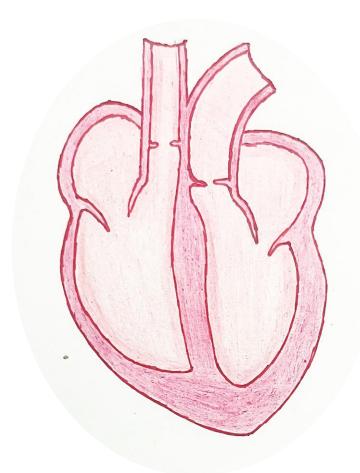
Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences

TIRUPATHI





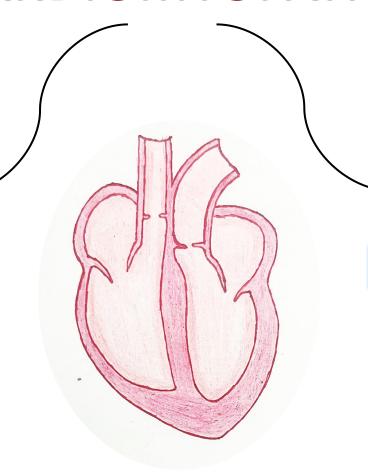
 Cardiomyopathies are a heterogeneous group of diseases, resulting from abnormality in myocardium associated with abnormalities in mechanical and/or electrical dysfunction that usually exhibit inappropriate ventricular hypertrophy or dilatation





Secondary cardiomyopathy

Myocardial involvement as a component of a systemic or multiorgan disorder (e.g. hemochromatosis, amyloidosis)



Primary cardiomyopathy

Primarily involving heart muscle



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

Normal heart

Dilated cardiomyopathy

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

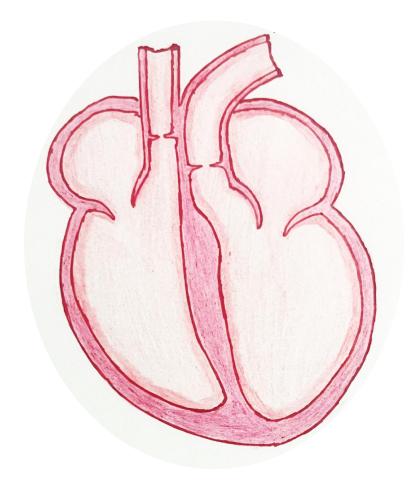
Restrictive cardiomyopathy

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

Functional pattern	Left ventricular ejection	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

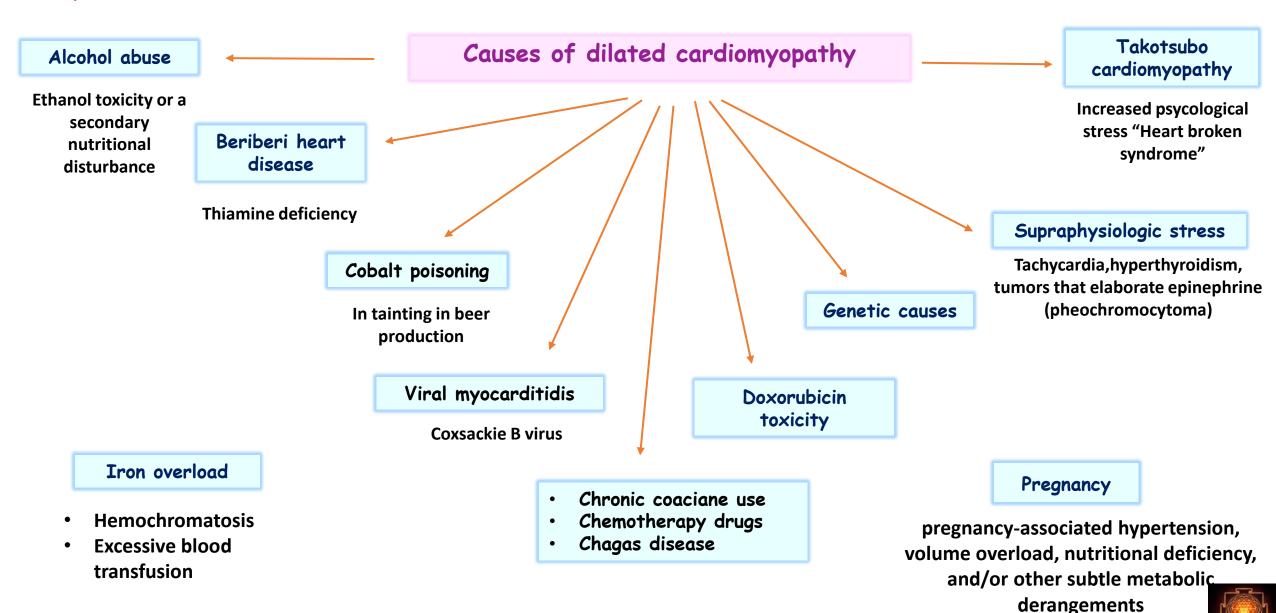
 Dilated cardiomyopathy is characterized by progressive cardiac dilation and contractile (systolic) dysfunction, usually with concomitant hypertrophy

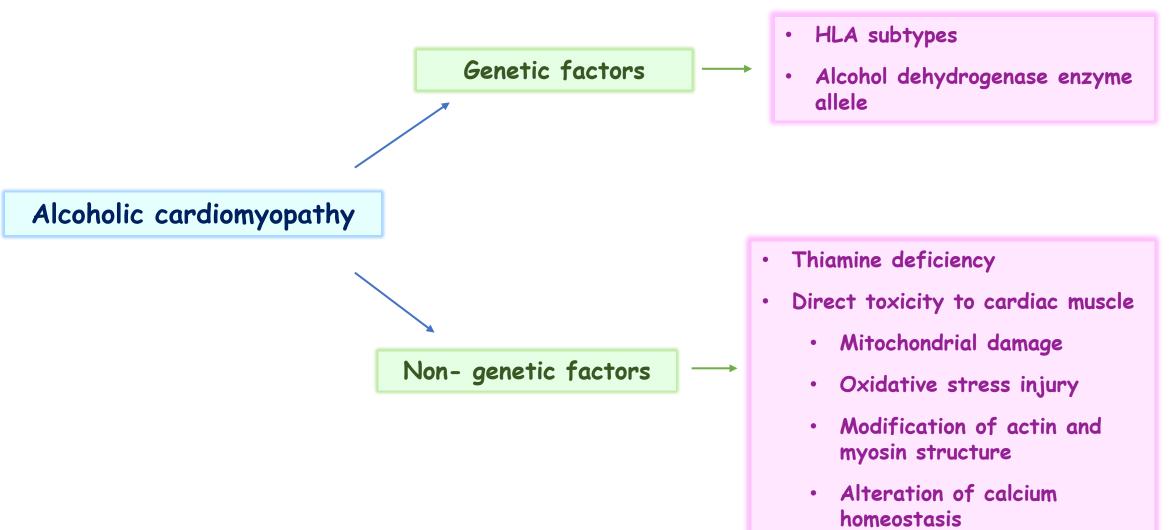
Also called as congestive cardiomyopathy



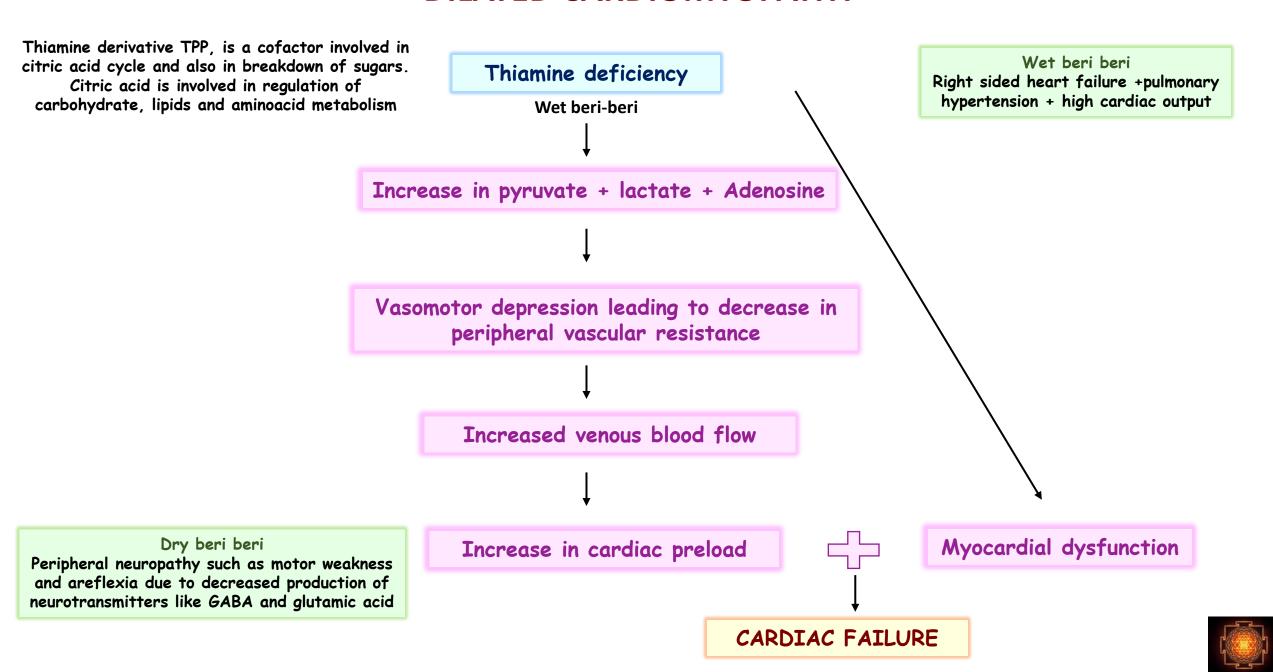


#### Idiopathic - most common

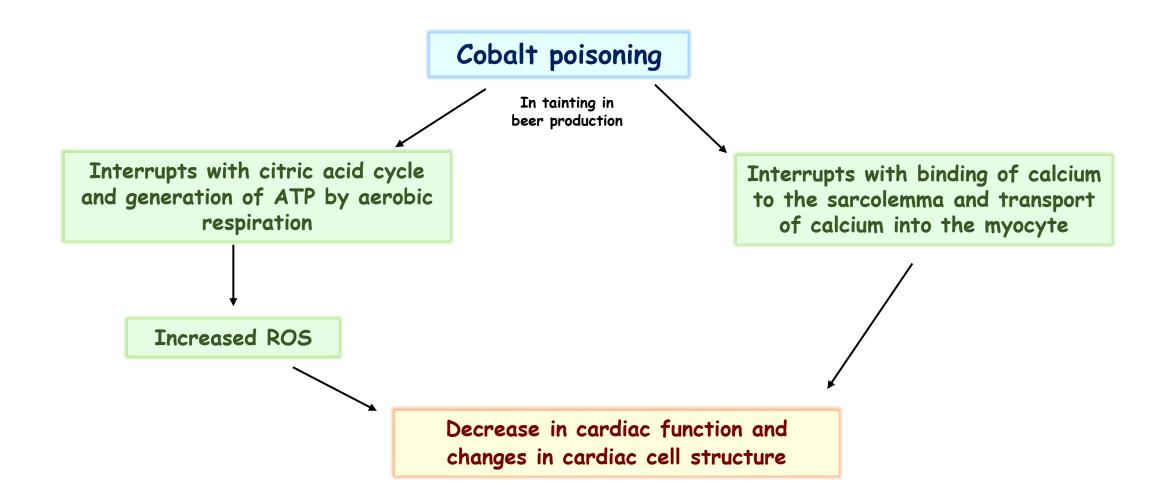






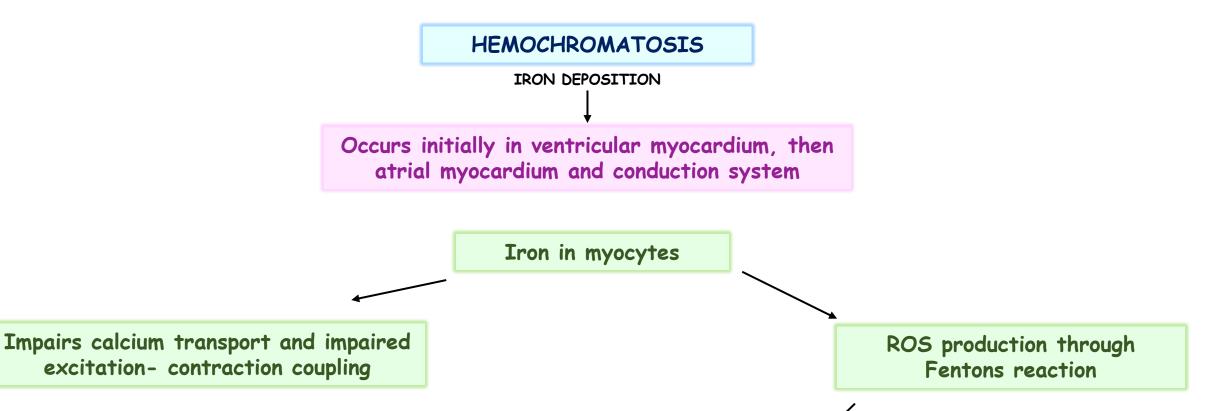


**ETIOLOGY** 





**ETIOLOGY** 



Diastolic and ventricular dysfunction



**ETIOLOGY** 

Coxsackie B virus

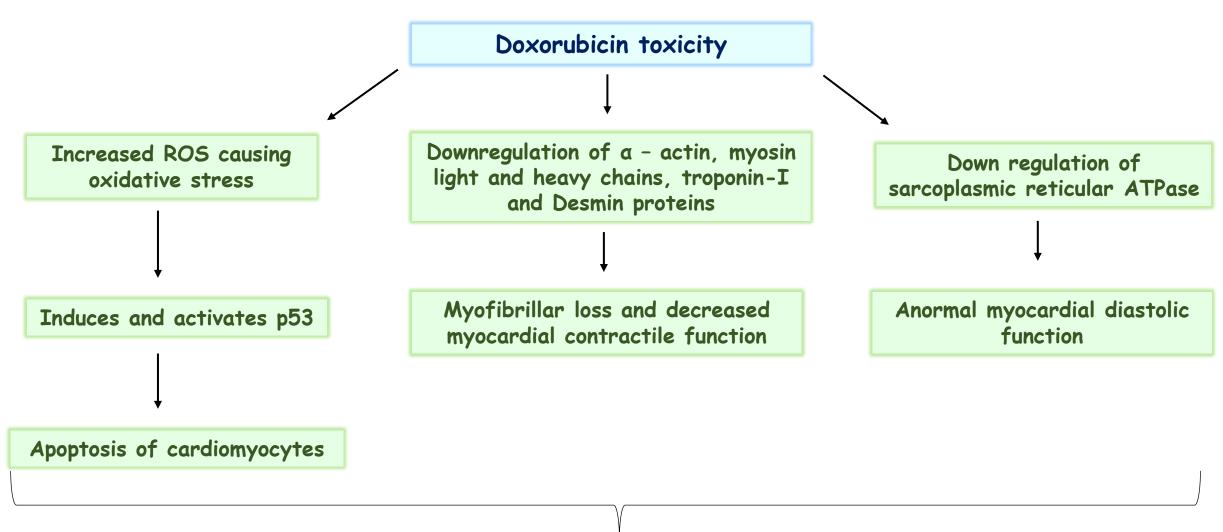
Viral protease 2A can cleave the cytoskeletal dystrophin protein in cardiomyocytes, disrupting the Dystrophin glycoprotein complex

Loss of sarcolemmal integrity and increasing myocyte permeability

DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY

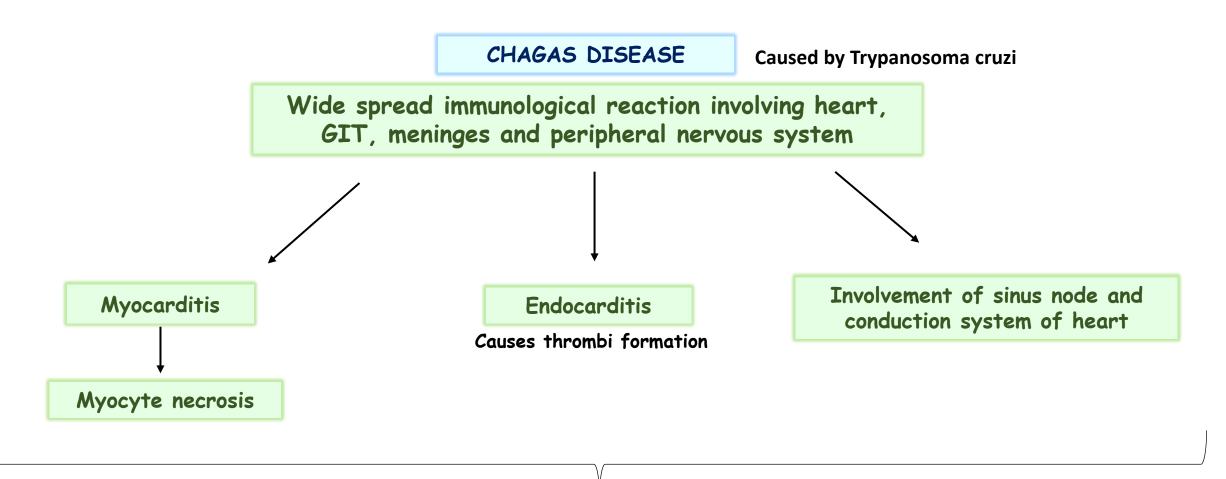


**ETIOLOGY** 





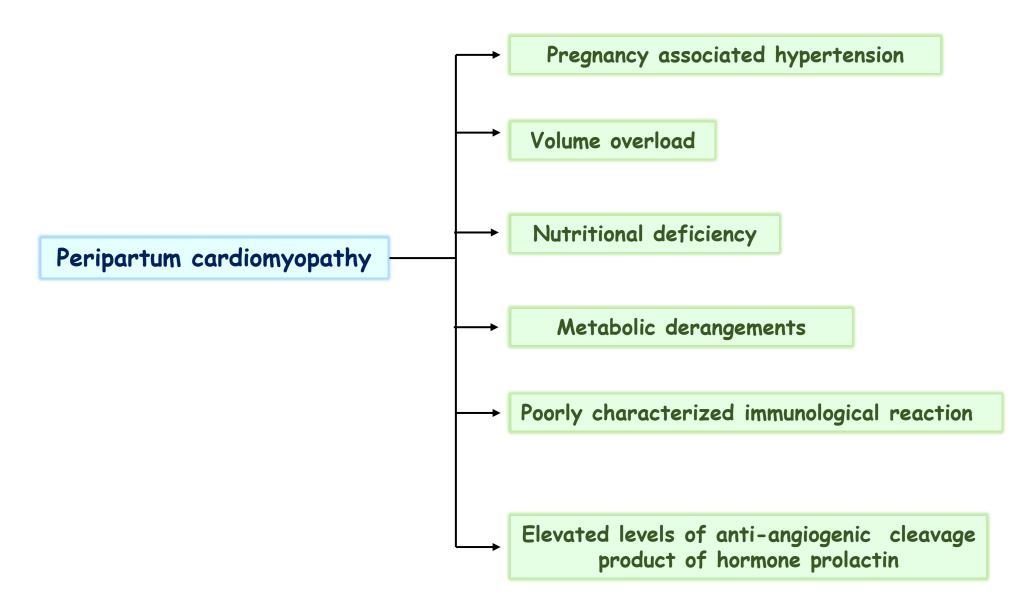
**ETIOLOGY** 



DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY



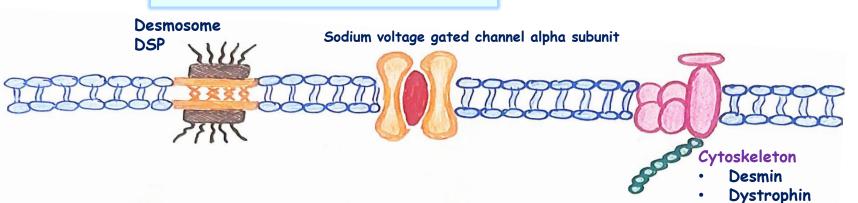
**ETIOLOGY** 





#### **DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY - ETIOLOGY**

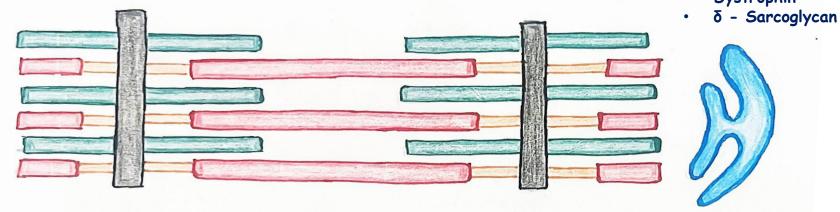
#### Genetic causes



### Genes affected are that encode for

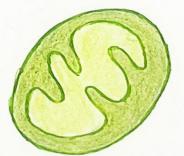
- Alpha cardiac actin
- Beta myosin heavy chain
- Cardiac Troponin C
- Cardiac Troponin T
- Cardiac Troponin I
- Tropomyosin alpha 1 chain
- **Titin**

Sarcomere



#### Nuclear envelop

- **Emerin**
- Lamin A/C



#### Mitochondrial

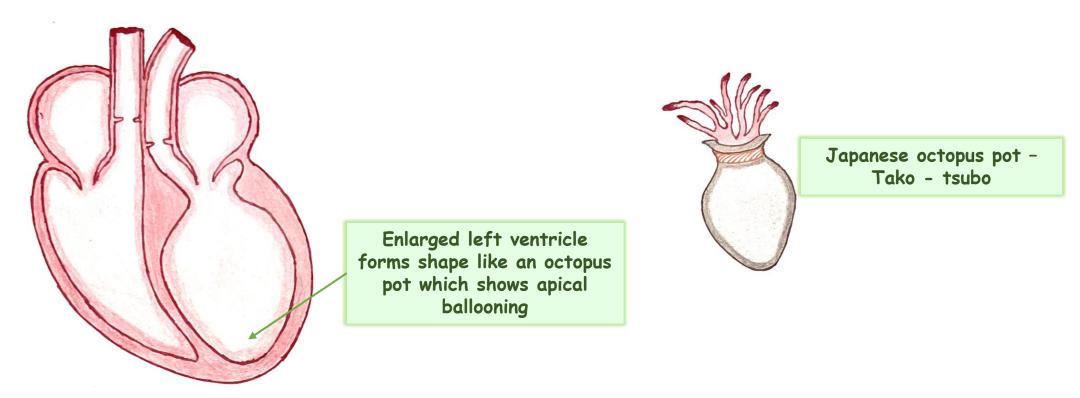
- DNAJ heat shock protein family homolog, C19
- **Tafazzin**



### **DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY - ETIOLOGY**

Takotsubo cardiomyopathy

- Increased psycological stress "Heart broken syndrome"
- Left ventricular apex is most often affected, leading to "apical ballooning" that resembles a
  takotsubo, Japanese for "fishing pot for trapping octopus"

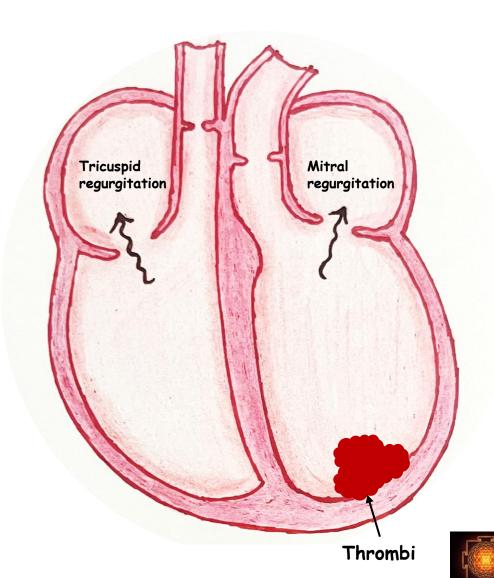




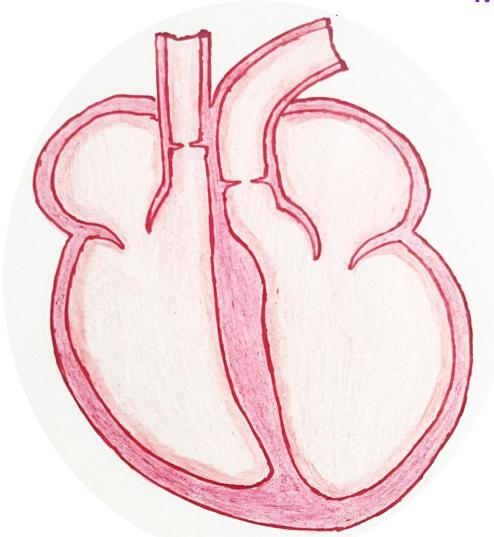
**MORPHOLOGY** 

## Morphology

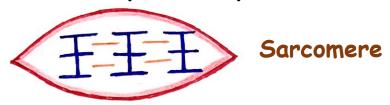
- Heart is typically enlarged, flabby and heavy (often weighing two to three times normal)
- Mural thrombi can result from relative stasis of the blood
- Heart should have no primary valvular alterations, to consider DCM
- if mitral (or tricuspid) regurgitation is present, it results from left (or right) ventricular chamber dilation (functional regurgitation)



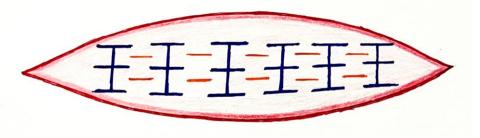
**MORPHOLOGY** 



Normal myocardiocyte



Myocyte in dilated cardiomyopathy



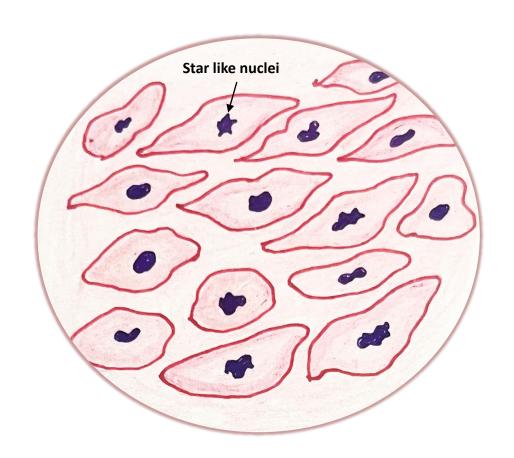
Sarcomere increased in series



# **DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY (DCM)**

## Morphology

- Histologic abnormalities in DCM are nonspecific
- Muscle cells are hypertrophied with enlarged nuclei, but some are attenuated, stretched, and irregular
- DCM caused by truncating mutations in the titin gene, myocytes may exhibit hyperchromatic, highly distorted "Ninja star"-like nuclei





# **DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY (DCM)**

#### Clinical features

- Fundamental defect in DCM is ineffective contraction
- Affects individuals between the ages of 20 and 50 years
- Presents with progressive signs and symptoms of CHF including dyspnea, easy fatigability, and poor exertional capacity
- In end-stage DCM, the cardiac ejection fraction typically is less than 25% (normal is 50% to 65%)
- · Secondary mitral regurgitation and abnormal cardiac rhythms are common
- Embolism from intracardiac thrombi can occur
- · Peripheral edema due to further right ventricular dysfunction
- Death usually results from progressive cardiac failure or arrhythmia



В

G

**C**<sup>5</sup>

S

• Beri beri - Decreased peripheral resistance and myocardium dysfunction

Chagas disease – immunological damage

• Cox-sackie virus- cleaves cytoskeletal proteins

 Cobalt poisoning - Increased ROS and interrupts calcium transport into myocyte

Chemotherapy drugs - toxicity to myocardiocytes

Cocaine use - toxicity to myocardiocytes

• Doxorubicin - apoptosis of cardiomyocytes and Down regulation of sarcoplasmic reticular ATPase

• Genetic - mutations of genes encoding for sarcolemmal, mitochondrial, endoplasmic reticulum proteins and ion channel transport proteins

• Supraphysiologic stress - Tachycardia, hyperthyroidism, tumors that elaborate epinephrine (pheochromocytoma)

Takotsubo cardiomyopathy - Increased psychological stress

• Hemochromatosis - increased ROS, impaired calcium transport

• Pregnancy - volume overload, HTN, nutritional deficiency etc

#### Morphology -

Gross - enlarged flabby

Sarcomeres are arranged in series so the length increases

Microscopy -

 Muscle cells are hypertrophied with enlarged nuclei, but some are attenuated, stretched, and irregular

 Truncating mutations in the titin gene, myocytes may exhibit hyperchromatic, highly distorted "Ninja star"-like nuclei

#### Clinical features

- Dyspnea and fatigue (LV dysfunction)
- Peripheral edema (rt. Ventricular dysfunction
- Mural thrombi and mitral valve regurgitation
- Death progressive cardiac failure and arrhythmia

