Pulmonary Venous Anomaly Embryology and Anatomy



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- Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection
- Partial Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection
- Common Pulmonary Vein Stenosis or Atresia
- Unilateral Pulmonary Vein Stenosis or Atresia

- The development of pulmonary vein begins at 27~29 days of gestation.
- The vein arise from the lung buds that are part of the vascular plexus of the forgut, the splanchnic plexus.
- There are multiple connections to the umbilicovitelline and cardinal venous system.
- Coalesce to form four vessels that join with common pulmonary vein that emerges from the back wall of atrium.

Normal Development



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- A. Splanchnic plexus drains the lung buds. It shares the root of drainage of splanchnic plexus, cardinal venous system, and the umbilicovitelline systems.
- B. The common pulmonic vein originates as an invagination from the left atrial side of the common atrium and establishes communication with the splanchnic plexus.

Normal Development

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C. No longer necessary, the primitive pulmonary venous connections disappear.

D. Finally, the individual pulmonary veins are incorporated into the left atrium, and the common pulmonary vein no longer exists.

Embryology

The Systemic venous tributaries identified in molecular terms expression of the transcription *factor Tbx18*.

The Pulmonary veins \rightarrow do not contain this protein.

Embryology - 4 wks



Embryology – 5 wks



Embryology – 6 wks



Embryology – 51 wks









Embryologic Classification

I. Atresia of common pulmonary vein while pulmonary systemic venous connections are still present

- A. Partial anomalous pulmonary venous connection
- B. Total anomalous pulmonary venous connection
- II. Atresia of the common pulmonary vein after pulmonary systemic venous connections are obliterated
 - Atresia of the common pulmonary vein
- III. Stenosis of the common pulmonary vein
 - Cor triatriatum
- IV. Abnormal absorption of the common pulmonary vein into the left atrium
 - A. Stenosis of the individual pulmonary vein
 - B. Abnormal number of pulmonary vein

Anomalous Connection





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Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection

A pulmonary vein is connected anomalously only when it is attached to a site other than the morphologically left atrium

- 1 % of all congenital heart disease

- Boy : Girl = 4 : 1

Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection



Different Sites of Anomalous Connection



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Anatomy of TAPVC

- Anomalous connections
- Stenotic connections
- Abnormal numbers of pulmonary veins

Anatomy of TAPVC

KEY to the diagnosis of TAPVC

- the anatomic connections of all four pulmonary veins
- the size and location of each vein
- how and where the four veins enter the heart, to seek stenosis

Nature of the Structure



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Anatomy of TAPVC

- to establish whether the anomalous pulmonary venous connection is:
- an isolated malformation?
- part of a more complex anomaly?
- whether there are associated structural malformations of the pulmonary vasculature?

Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection

2/3 of patients :

TAPVC is an isolated anomaly, associated only with the required interatrial communication. 1/3 of patients :

significant other cardiac defects occur, truncus arteriosus, pulmonary atresia, AVSD, TGA, single ventricle physiology, or heterotaxy syndrome (asplenia or polysplenia).

TAPVC /c Pulmonary Venous Obstruction

Without severe pulmonary venous obstruction:

- Present in heart failure at 2~3 months of

age.

- History of difficulty of feeding, pneumonia.
- Cyanosis is rare.

With severe pulmonary venous obstruction:

- Obvious severe Cyanosis
- Skin mottling reflecting poor peripheral perfusion and metabolic acidosis
- Tachypnea

Inheritance of TAPVC

Cat eye syndrome –

trisomy of the centromeric portion of chromosome 22q

- Association with a deletion of chromosome 2q31-q33
- Holt-Oram syndrome
- Asplenia syndrome

TAPVC- Supracardiac



TAPVC CASE





TAPVC- Supracardiac and Cardiac



TAPVC- Cardiac



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TAPVC- Right Isomerism



TAPVC- Infracardiac



TAPVC- Infracardiac



TAPVC or not ?

Differential Diagnosis

Complete TGA with large VSD
AVSD with common atrium
Levoatrial cardinal vein associated with mitral atresia and intact atrial septum

Normal, but Abnormal Connection



Partial Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection



WSC 2014 Different Sites of Anomalous Connection



Right pulmonary veins to right SVC or azygos vein
Right pulmonary veins to right atrium
Right pulmonary veins to IVC (Scimitar syndrome)
Left pulmonary veins to the left innominate vein.

CASE

- M/ 19 yr, Palpitation, DOE
- RLL, RML, part of RUL drained by SCMV connected to the intrahepatic IVC
- Scimitar variant with non-restrictive connection of meandering vein to LA



Common Pulmonary Vein Stenosis

- I. Accessory atrial chamber receives all pulmonary veins and communicates with left atrium
 - A. no other connection classic cor triatriatum
 - B. other anomalous connection RA or TAPVR
- II. Accessory atrial chamber receives all pulmonary veins and does not communicate with left atrium
 - A. Anomalous connection to right atrium directly
 - B. With total anomalous pulmonary connection
- III. Subtotal Cor triatriatum
 - A. Accessory atrial chamber receives part of pulmonary veins and connect to left atrium
 - B. Accessory atrial chamber receives part of the pulmonary veins and connects to right atrium

Common Pulmonary Vein Stenosis - Cor Triatriatum



Common Pulmonary Vein Atresia



Anomalous Pulmonary to Systemic Collateral Vein & Levoatrial Cardinal Vein



Stenosis or Atresia of Individual Pulmonary Vein



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- Baby at 2 hours after birth, tachypnea, cyanosis









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