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Introduction

INTRODUCTION AND AIM **OF THE WORK**

There are multiple facts to pulmonary physiology but most concern to pediatric cardiologist are the factors that influence resistance to blood flow through the lung. The pulmonary vascular bed is normally a low resistance circuit, but it is prone to develop increased resistance to blood flow, which can result in serious disability. As a consequence "the lesser circulation" : (1) is a Major factor in the natural history of many cardiac lesions. (2) Determines the type of operative procedure, feasible for many patients with cardiac lesions and (3) Influence the morbidity and mortality of cardiac operations (*Fyler 1992*)

In the past, accurate measurement of pressure gradients across intra-cardiac obstructions required cardiac catheterization with catheter tip manometer. Indirect implications of the severity of valve stenosis can be obtained from the physical examination, electrocardiograph and systolic time intervals. Non of these indirect methods, however, allow direct assessment of the primary question what is the pressure gradient across the stenotic orifice? To provide that direct answer, cardiac catheterization has been required, which has limite cardiologists by the financial expense. The time involved, the potential morbidity, and the finit number of times the procedure

can be performed. Thus, the need is evident for an accurate, repeatable, inexpensive non-invasive method for obtaining the same information. Considerable data are now available to demonstrate that Doppler echocardiography fulfills these criteria (*Lima et al., 1983*).

Doppler echocardiography has greatly enhanced the information provided by two-dimensional echocardiography, by providing information concerning pressure gradients, Intra-cardiac pressure, volumetric flow, and diastolic filling of the heart most haemodynamic information that in the past could be obtained only from cardiac catheterization can now be provided accurately and non-invasively by Doppler echocardiography. Future development in instrument's technology and understanding of the various Doppler velocity curves should further aid the ability to obtain a complete, non-invasive haemodynamic assessment (*Nishimura and Jajik., 1994*).

AIM OF THE WORK

To study the accuracy of different non-invasive methods to estimate the pulmonary artery systolic pressure, when compared with invasive estimation by cardiac catheterization .

also, to study the effect of factors that might influence the non-invasive determination of pulmonary artery pressure e.g. atrial fibrillation

Review

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Immediately following birth, pulmonary artery pressure approximates that of the aorta, but it falls rapidly and is usually half of the systemic pressure or less within the first 1-2 days. It reaches adult levels within the first 1-3 weeks of life (*Riemnschneider et al., 1976*).

The normal pulmonary artery pressure in an individual living at sea-level has a peak systolic value of 18-25 mm Hg and diastolic value of 6-10 mm Hg and a mean value ranging from 12-16 mm Hg. Definite pulmonary hypertension is present when pulmonary artery systolic pressure and mean pressure exceed 30 and 20 mm Hg respectively (*Grossman., 1983*).

Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAHT) is defined by increase in mean pulmonary artery pressure above 20 mmHg.

At sea level , the normal Pulmonary artery pressure (systolic/distolic)of children and adults is 20/12 mmHg, and the mean arterial pressure is 15 mmHg . At 15.000 feet elevation , the PA pressure is 38/14 mmHg ,and the mean arterial pressure is 25 mmHg. Diagnosis of pulmonary hypertention can be made when the pulmonary mean arterial pressure is 19 to 20 mmHg in a resting individual at sea level and 25 mmHg at 15.000 feet elevation.(*Park, 1996; Pornin et al., 1994*).

Classification And Aetiology Of Pulmonary hypertension

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I- Increased Resistance To Pulmonary Venous Drainage :

A- Left atrial Hypertension

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- 1- mitral valve disease
- 2- Cor-triatrium
- 3- Left atrial myxoma.

B- Elevated Left Ventricular Diastolic Pressure

- 1- Left ventricular failure
- 2- Reduced left ventricular compliance
- 3- Constrictive pericarditis

C- Pulmonary Venous Obstruction

- 1- Congenital stenosis of pulmonary veins
- 2- Anomalous pulmonary venous connection with obstruction.
- 3- Pulmonary veno-occlusive disease

II ?

vascular bed secondary to parenchymal disease :

- A- 1- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- 2- Restrictive lung disease
 - 3- Collagen - vascular disease
 - 4- Sarcoidosis.

- 5- Neoplasm
- 6- Pneumonia
- 7- Status post- pulmonary resection.
- B- Decreased cross-sectional area of pulmonary vascular bed
secondary to Eisenminger's syndrome
- C- Other conditions associated with decreased cross-sectional area
of the pulmonary vascular bed
 - 1- Primary pulmonary hypertension
 - 2- Hepatic cirrhosis and /or portal thrombosis
 - 3- Persistent fetal circulation in the newborn (*Grossman*,
1983)

III- Increased Resistance To Flow Through Large Pulmonary Arteries:

- A- Pulmonary thromboembolism
- B- Unilateral absence or stenosis of pulmonary artery.

IV - Miscellaneous Causes Of Pulmonary Hypertension :

- A- High altitude pulmonary odema
- B- Isolated partial anomalous pulmonary venous drainage
- 99 (C) Tetralogy of Fallot
- D- Haemoglobinopathies
- (E- Takayasu's disease
- F- I.V. drug abuse (*Grossman* ,1983).