

Anaesthetic Considerations of Grown Up Congenital Heart Disease In Patient Undergoing Non Cardiac Surgery

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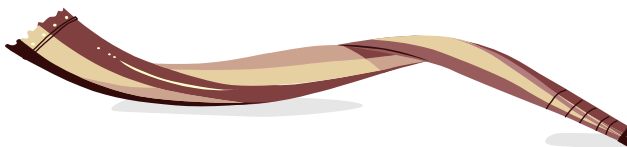


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List of Abbreviations

ACC	: American College of Cardiology
AF	: Atrial fibrillation
AHA	: American Heart Association
AO	: Aortic opening
ASD	: Atrial septal defect
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AVA	: Aortic valve area
BT	: Blalock Toussig
CHD	: Congenital heart disease
CHF	: Congestive heart failure
CNS	: Central nervous system
COP	: Cardiac output
GUCH	: Grown up congenital heart disease
HTN	: Hypertention
IE	: Infective endocarditis
INR	: International Normalised Ratio
NPO	: Nothing per os
NYHA	: New-York Heart Association
PAP	: Pulmonary artery pressure
PCC	: Prothrombin complex concentrate
PCO _γ	: Partial CO _γ tension
PDA	: Persistent ductus arteriosus
PO _γ	: Partial O _γ tension
PT	: Prothrombin Time
PTT	: Partial Thromboplastin Time
PVR	: Pulmonary vascular resistance
Qp/Qs	: Pulmonary flow /systemic flow ratio
SVR	: Systemic vascular resistance
TGA	: Trasposition of great arteries
TOF	: Tetrolgy of fallot

List of Abbreviations (Cont.)

UFH	:	Unfractionated heparin
VSD	:	Ventricular septal defect
VWF	:	Von Willebrand factor
WHO	:	World Health Organization

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Introduction

Congenital heart defects are the most common group of inborn defects, occurring in approximately 1 in 1,000 live births. It is estimated that approximately 30,000 children are born annually with congenital heart diseases (CHD). In the era before the development of pediatric cardiac surgery, the majority of untreated patients born with congenital heart disease die in infancy or childhood, and only 10-20% survive into adulthood. Those who survive were the patients who have a mild form of the disease that has allowed them to survive without surgical or interventional cardiac catheterization. (*Deanfield J. et al., 2007*)

Advances in prenatal diagnosis pediatric cardiac surgery cardiac pediatric anesthesia, and critical care over the past 40 years have resulted in survival of these children beyond their third decade of life. This dramatic success has created a rapidly increasing population of adult patients with congenital heart disease (CHD). (*Fleisher LA. et al., 2007*)

The spectrum of CHD ranges widely from relatively mild defects to lesions of moderate to severe lesions characterized by several coexistent malformations, patients

with moderate to severe CHD undergoing non-cardiac surgery should be referred and followed up in a comprehensive adult CHD centre, These centers include cardiologists, heart surgeons, and cardiac anesthesiologists with specialized training and extensive experience in the field so the patient would obtain the appropriate consultation. (*Therrien J. et al., ۲۰۰۱*)

The most common complications should be considered as well as the anesthetic and surgical techniques employed in these procedures and their hemodynamic consequences. Also the medications required for these unique patients need to be considered along with their inherent side effects. Stratification into high- or low-risk surgery must be well established where it is based on whether the operation is elective or emergent and major or minor. (*Lorraine Weiss: ۲۰۰۴*).

Aim of the Work

The ultimate goal of this essay is to provide the anesthesia care provider with an understanding of the basic underlying anatomy and associated physiology of the most common congenital heart defects as applied to the adult age group. It also provides an overview of the long-term consequences and the preoperative and intraoperative implications of those CHD when undergoing non-cardiac surgery and the potential hemodynamic consequences of various anesthetic and surgical techniques.

Chapter I

Classification and Pathophysiology of Congenital Heart Diseases

Incidence and Etiology CHD:

Congenital anomalies of the heart and cardiovascular system occur in 1-2 per 1000 live births (0.1%-1%). Almost one-third of those infants, or 2,6 per 1000 live births, however, have critical disease, which is defined as a malformation severe enough to result in cardiac catheterization, cardiac surgery, or death within the first year of life. Today, with early detection and proper management, the majority of infants with critical disease can be expected to survive the first year of life. Most who now survive infancy will join the increasingly large cohort of adults with congenital heart disease. (*Hoffman and Kaplan, 2007*).

Although earlier theories concerning the etiology of congenital heart diseases suggested that most defects were multifactorial, the malformations are caused by a combination of a hereditary predisposition (presumably caused by abnormalities in the genetic code) and an environmental trigger more recent advances in molecular biology suggest that a much higher percentage are caused by point mutations (*Belmont, 1998*).

Some abnormalities are caused by chromosomal aberrations. Trisomy 21 (Down syndrome) is highly associated with complete atrioventricular (AV) canal, VSDs, and tetralogy of Fallot, and children with Turner syndrome (XO chromosome) frequently have coarctation of the aorta. Other anomalies are caused by teratogens: VSD in fetal alcohol syndrome, Ebstein's anomaly in a fetus with prenatal exposure to lithium, and patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) in mothers who contracted rubella during the first trimester are examples.

It is clear now that a higher proportion of congenital heart disease than previously thought is caused by single-gene defects and that the same malformation may be caused by mutant genes at different loci. (Belmont, 1998).

Table (1): Incidence of Congenital Heart Diseases

Diagnosis	Incidence (%)
Ventricular septal defect	28
Atrial septal defect (secundum)	10
Patent ductus arteriosus	10
Tetralogy of Fallot	10
Pulmonary stenosis	10
Aortic stenosis	7
Coarctation of aorta	5
Transposition of great arteries	5
Atrial septal defect (primum)	3
Total anomalous pulmonary venous return	1

(Ray et al., 2004)