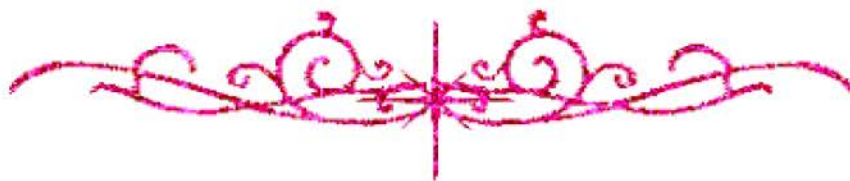


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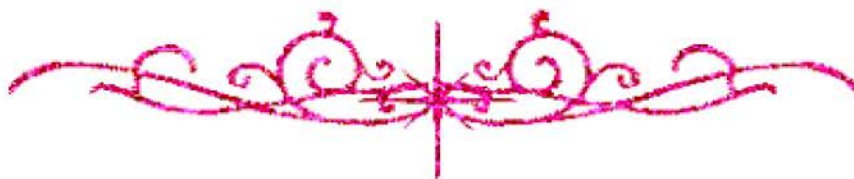
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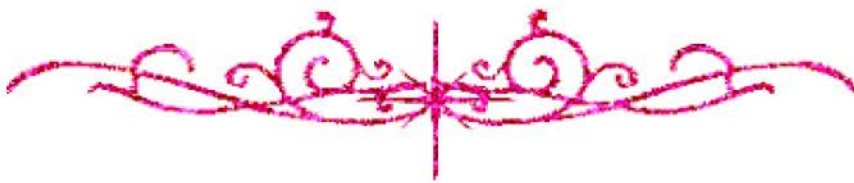
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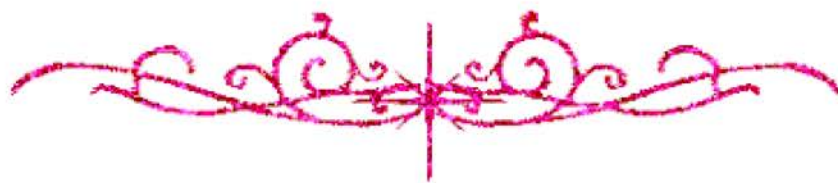


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It has been suggested that the myocardial perfusion can be qualitative^{1/} and quantitatively assessed by different ultrasound contrast technique; it has been reported that the intracoronary or intraaortic administration of the ultrasound contrast agents can be used to visualize perfusion defects or to analyze coronary flow reserve.

Intravenous contrast agents are now available for the indication of left ventricular opacification and enhanced endocardial border delineation. The use of contrast enables acquisition of ultrasound images of improved quality. The technique is especially useful in obese patients and with those who have lung disease.

Stress echocardiography can be even more challenging as the image acquisition time factor is critically important for accurate detection of coronary disease. improvement in image quality with intravenous contrast agent can facilitate image acquisition and enhance delineation of regional wall motion abnormalities at peak level of exercise. The detection of myocardial perfusion during echocardiographic examination will permit the simultaneous assessment of global and regional myocardial structure, function and perfusion. all of the indicator necessary to enable the optimal noninvasive assessment of coronary artery disease.

Myocardial contrast echography MCE has been a major research objective in cardiovascular ultrasound for almost two decades.

The ultimate goal in MCE is to be able to quantify blood flow in the various segments to determine if adequate oxygenation is achieved.

Ultrasound mediated bubble destruction followed by the measurement of bubble replenishment kinetics opens new perspectives for quantification.

Ultrasound contrast agents have recently developed to improve the signal-to-noise ratio SNR and the signal-to-clutter ratio SCR., most of these agents are suspensions of tiny gas bubbles which can be injected intravenously. ^Tthe bubbles are sufficiently small to traverse the capillary beds without any hemodynamic or physiological effects.

The contrast agent Optison formerly called FS069 is a suspension of albumin microspheres containing the gas perfluoropropane is a safe, well tolerated contrast agent with a longer duration of action than albumex (a previously used contrast agent) [236].

Hypertensive patients have alterations of coronary hemodynamics in the form of decreased coronary blood flow and flow reserve with increased coronary vascular resistance and minimal coronary resistance, more recent concepts of endothelial dysfunction are emphasized. (90)



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Hypertension and impaired coronary flow reserve

Apart from its effects on stroke, renal failure and peripheral arterial disease, systemic arterial hypertension is a major risk factor for cardiovascular complications, including coronary artery disease, heart failure and sudden cardiac death [1,2].

Among the diseases leading to cardiac failure, ischemic heart disease and arterial hypertension are most important [3], and myocardial ischemia is a major factor in the development of cardiac failure. In 15-20% of patients with clinically suspected coronary artery disease, however, coronary angiography reveals coronary arteries of normal anatomical appearance [4]. Arterial hypertension is one potential risk factor for the clinical syndrome of angina pectoris, abnormal ECG but nonstenotic coronary arteries [5].

The theory of an inadequate blood supply in hypertrophic heart disease was postulated years ago on the basis of morphologic investigations [6], and has since been supported by the frequent observation that patients with arterial hypertension have an abnormal exercise test or thallium scan even in the absence of angiographic coronary artery disease [7,8].

Thus, a clinical observation of signs of myocardial ischemia in the absence of stenotic epicardial coronary arteries leads to the assumption of alterations in the coronary circulation, non-visible and in -detectable by coronary angiography, and requiring a sophisticated approach.

Physiologic and pathophysiologic considerations

Physiology of coronary circulation

he coronary circulation is unique because it perfuses the organ that generates the perfusion pressure for the entire circulation. The major determinants of coronary blood flow are aortic pressure, extravascular compression, myocardial metabolism and energy demand, structural architecture, neuro-humoral and endothelial control of coronary circulation.

Assessing the coronary circulation in hypertension

Systemic arterial hypertension is one of the major risk factors for coronary artery disease, coronary microangiopathy, and left ventricular hypertrophy, all of which can potentially lead to cardiac failure and sudden cardiac death. Coronary flow reserve is defined as the maximal increase in coronary flow above its resting, autoregulated level for a given perfusion pressure.

arterial hypertension functional and structural alterations are observed at the level of epicardial vessels as well as in resistive vessels requiring sophisticated approaches to assess coronary flow reserve and thus myocardial perfusion. Electrocardiographic tests and echocardiography can be regarded as monitoring and screening methods. Myocardial scintigraphy is useful to semiquantitatively estimate hypertension-associated perfusion abnormalities, whereas positron emission tomography provides the only quantitative approach of a non-invasive technique for myocardial blood flow measurement.

Invasive methods for the assessment of coronary blood flow need cardiac catheterization procedures, such as techniques requiring catheterization of the coronary sinus, angiographic methods, and guidewire

used methods.

Thermodilution and venous oxymetry in the coronary sinus systematically underestimate coronary flow reserve and are thus considered as only semiquantitative approaches. In contrast, the gas chromatographic argon method allows a quantitative measurement of coronary blood flow at baseline and during maximum vasodilation; thus it is possible to distinguish between an altered autoregulated and maximal flow as the major cause of a reduced coronary flow reserve and to evaluate long-term therapeutic interventions in hypertensive hearts.

Radiodensitometric and angiographic methods should be restricted only to patients with coronary microangiopathy or with coronary single-vessel disease. Guide wire-based Doppler techniques are suitable to semiquantitatively assess coronary flow reserve with a considerable spatial and time resolution. Myocardial biopsies may gain insight into hypertension-associated structural alterations in small arterioles. Long-term treatment of hypertensive heart disease aims to normalize blood pressure, to reduce left ventricular hypertrophy and to achieve cardio reparation including reversal of the abnormal structure and function of coronary circulation.

These factors largely influence the two major physiologic features of the coronary circulation: the phenomenon of autoregulation and the regulation of coronary flow reserve.

Autoregulation

Autoregulation is defined as the intrinsic tendency of an organ to maintain constant blood flow despite changes in arterial perfusion pressure