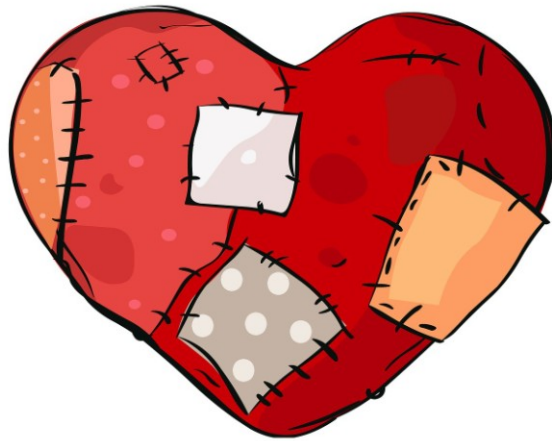


# Adult Congenital Heart Disease



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# Purpose of the Lecture

to **remember** you and **explain**:

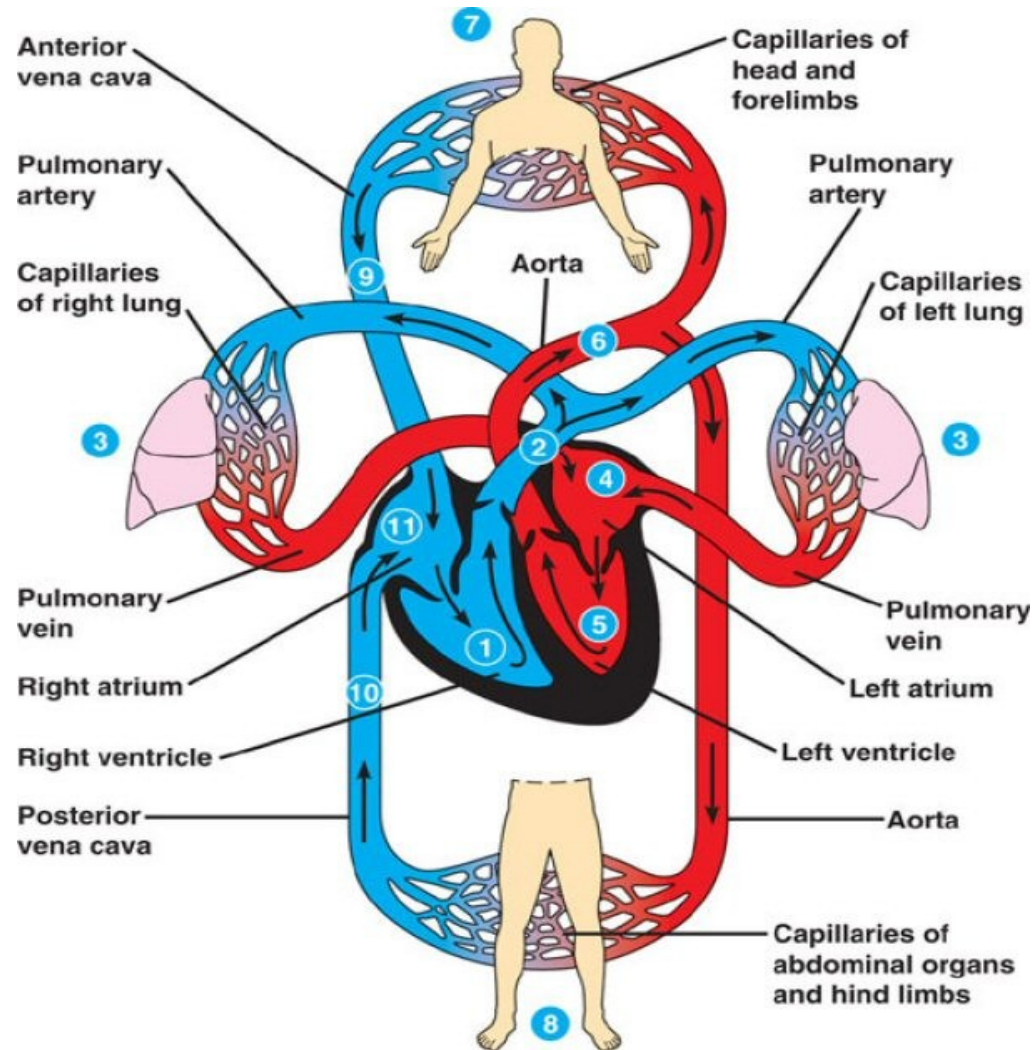
- basics from blood circulation and hemodynaemics
- basics from anatomy and pathophysiology of the most frequent CHDs - **CHD = Congenital Heart Disease**



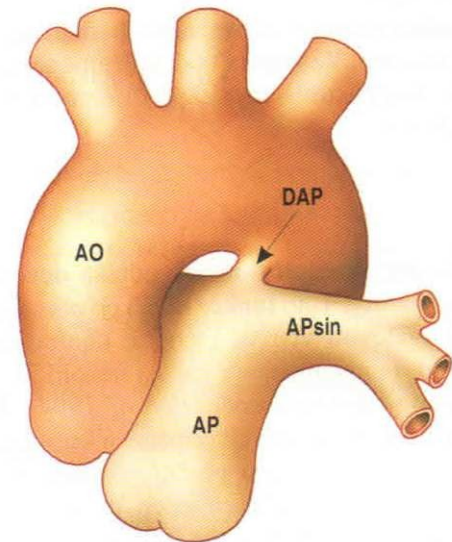
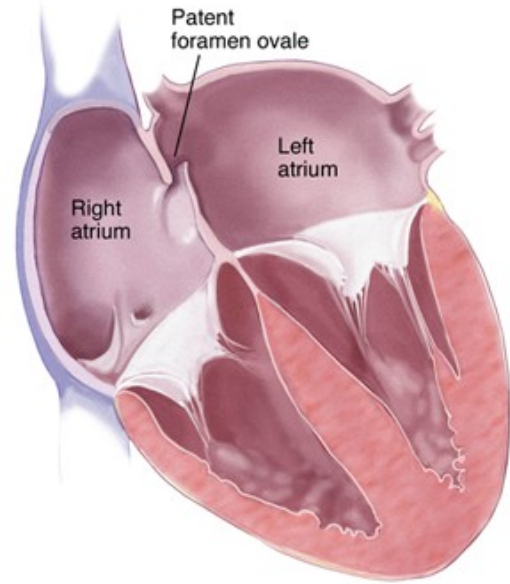
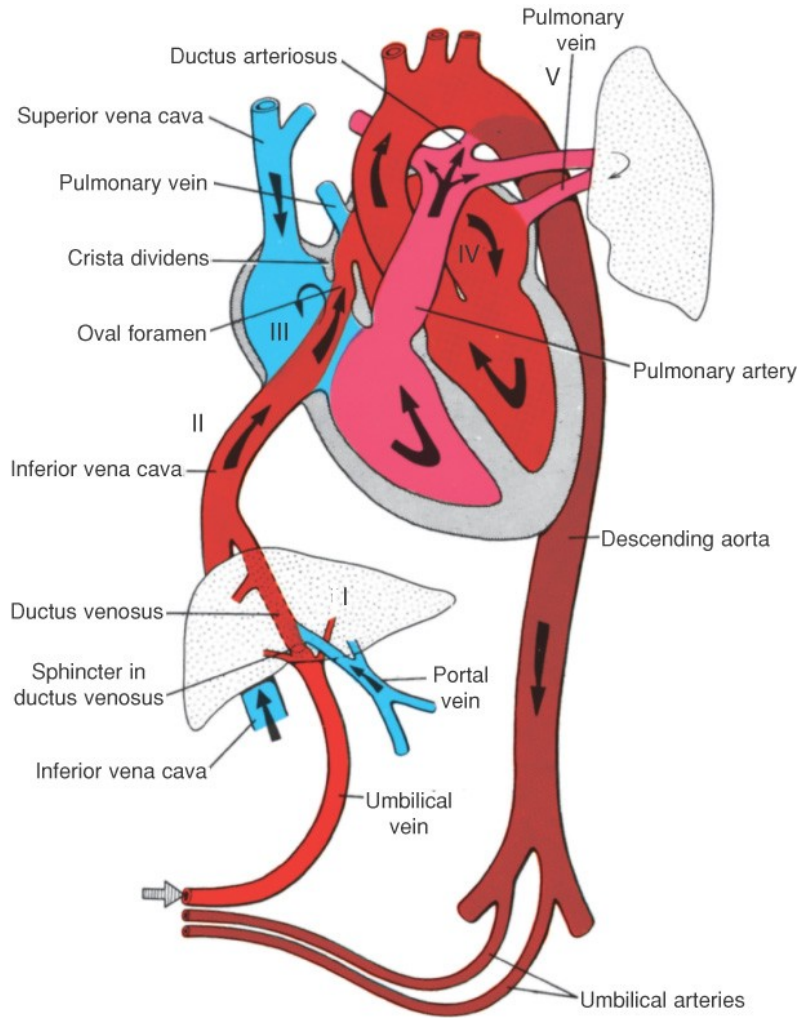
to **demonstrate**:

- how does adult patient with CHD look like
- what are his symptoms
- how can we investigate and treat him
- what could be different between „normal“ cardiology patient and that one with CHD

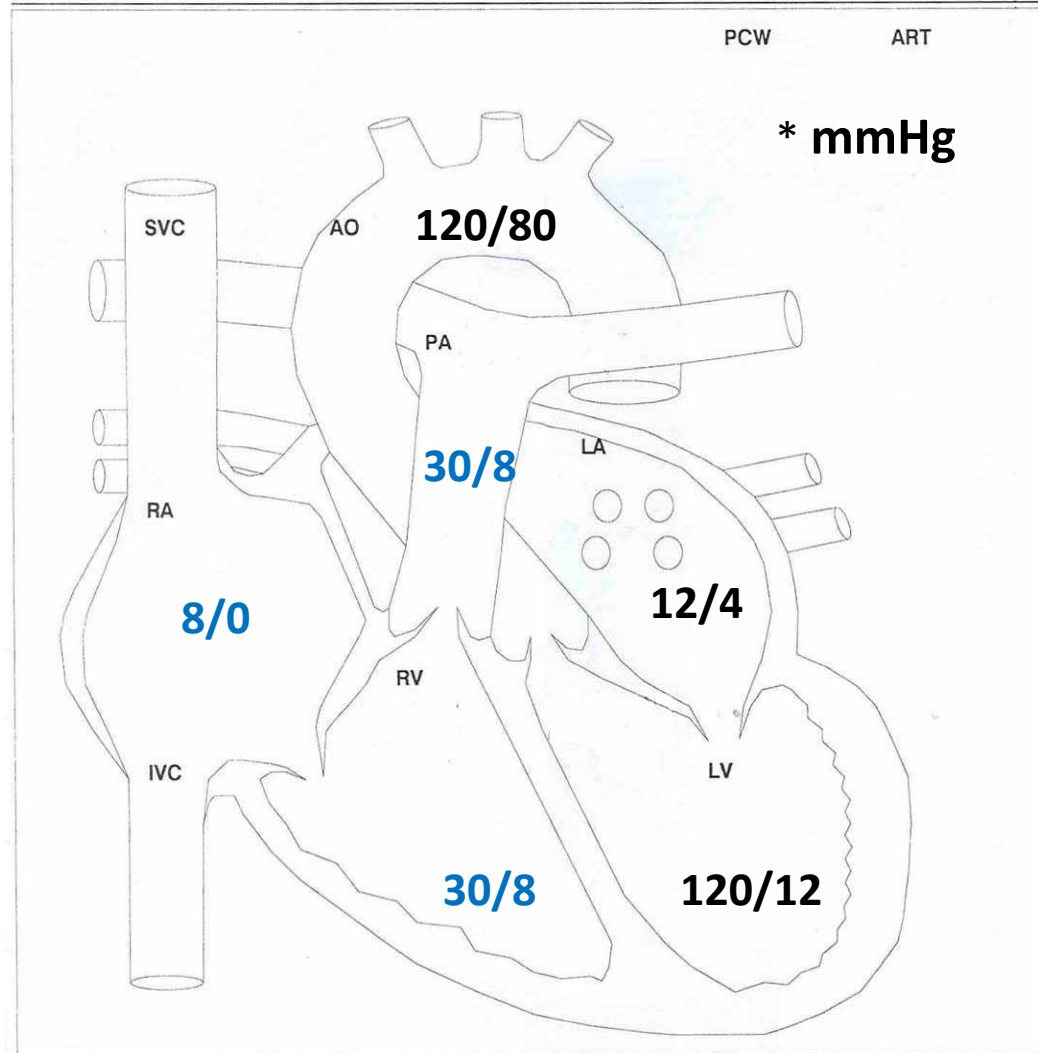
# Systemic and Pulmonary Circulation



# Fetal Circulation



# Normal Blood Pressures



# Basic Terminology in CHD

- situs solitus
- situs viscerum inversus
- situs ambiguus
  - = syndrome of visceral heterotaxis
  - dextroisomerism (Ivermark sy)
  - levoisomerism
- concordance / discordance
- restrictive / non-restrictive defect
- erythrocytosis



# Definition of Congenital Heart Disease

## **Congenital Heart Disease (CHD)**

= morfological disorder of heart / great vessels  
that has been present since birth



# Nomenclature and Classification

- complexed and complicated (heterogeneity)
- **classification according to:**
  - anatomy** (most common; **description of CHD**)
  - physiology**
  - outcome** for the patients
- 35% of all CHD are critical disorders requiring immediate intervention





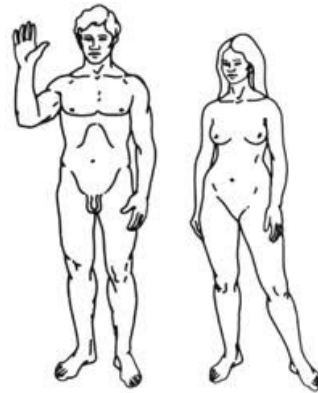
# Most frequent CHD - Review

CHD type	% adult CHD	% children CHD
Atrial septal defect	25-30	9
Ventricular septal defect	21	42
Aortic coarctation	10	5
Tetralogy of Fallot	10	3
Pulmonary stenosis	6-10	6
Patent arterial duct	5	5
Transposition of great arteries	5	5
Atrioventricular septal defect	4	4
Ebstein's anomaly of TV	2	0,4
Pulmonary atresia	1	2
Tricuspid atresia	0,7	0,8
*Aortic stenosis	2-4% com.pop.	8



# Most frequent CHD

- **adults**



ASD II 25-30%

VSD 21%

- **children**



VSD 42%

ASD II 9%



# Lifetime of Diagnosis of CHD

- some defects need not be presented / detected in early life

(Portion of all CHD)

- 60% in babies < 1 year old
- 30% in children
- 10% in adults



# Epidemiology of CHD

- live birth incidence approx. 6-10 cases per 1000 (1 in every 145 babies born)
- advances in diagnosis and management of pts. with CHD over the latter part of the 20th century
- 80-85% of all children with CHD survive to adulthood
- prevalence in adult population 280 per 100 000 (CR: 10 000 children and 25 000 adults with CHD)
- there are now more adults than children with CHD



# Findings in Patients with CHD

- physical appearance (syndromes, clubbed fingers, scars)
- cyanosis
- murmurs
- hypoxemia
- hypertension
- pulmonary hypertension
- erythrocytosis (hyperviscosity, sideropenia)
- hyperuricemia, gout
- ecg changes, chest X-ray changes...



# Scars after Cardiothoracic Surgery



# Clubbed Fingers



# Cyanosis

Children with Tetralogy of Fallot exhibit bluish skin during episodes of crying or feeding.



"Tet spell"





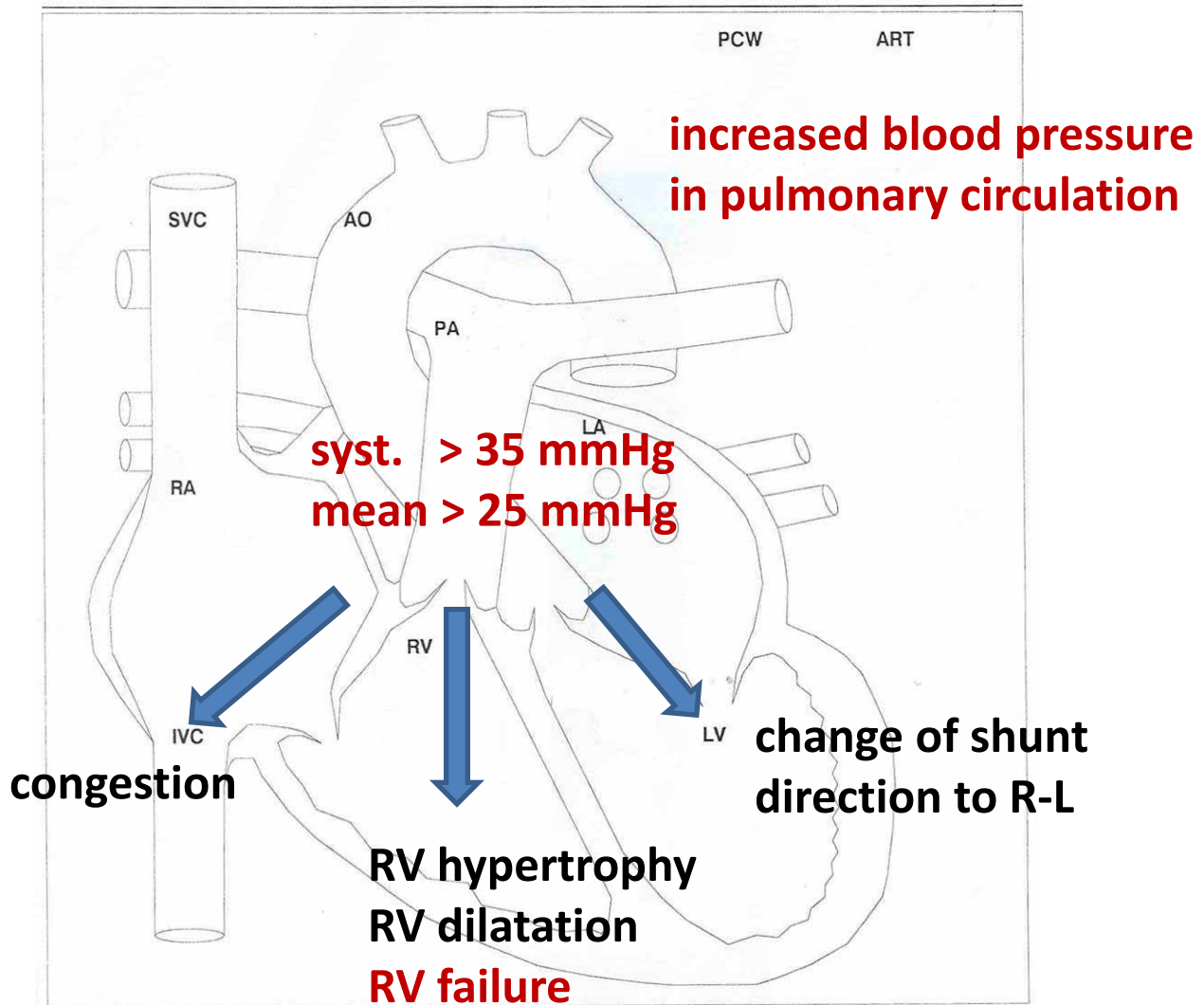
# Hypertension (Systemic Arterial)



- BP  $\geq$  140/90
- both arms measurement
- BP difference between arms and legs

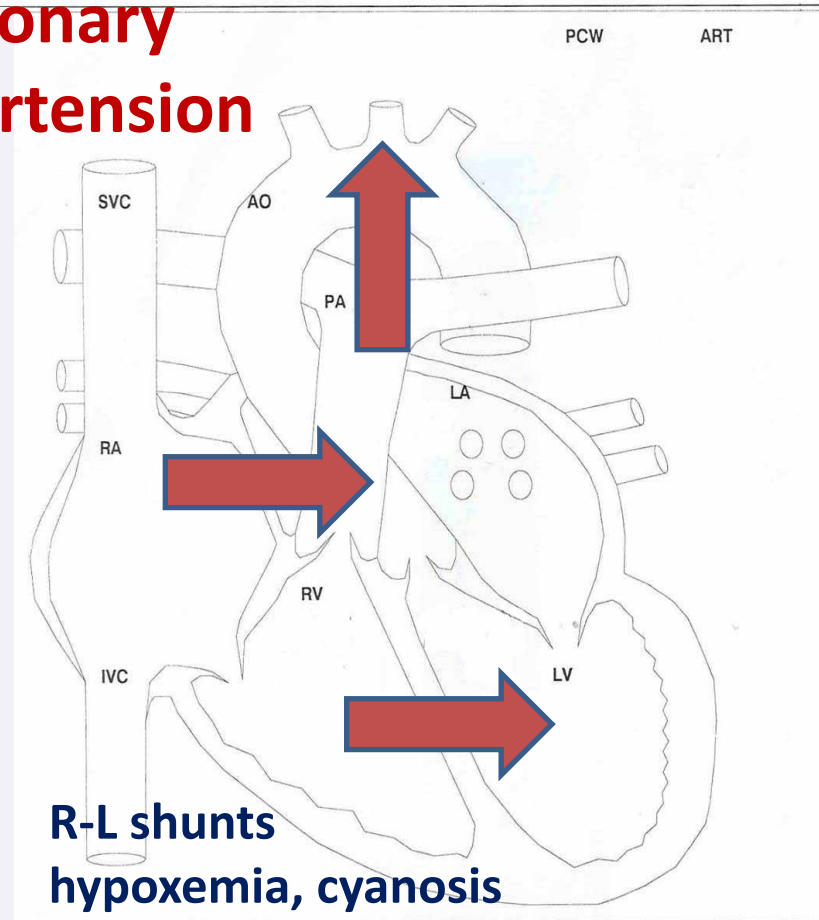


# Pulmonary Hypertension

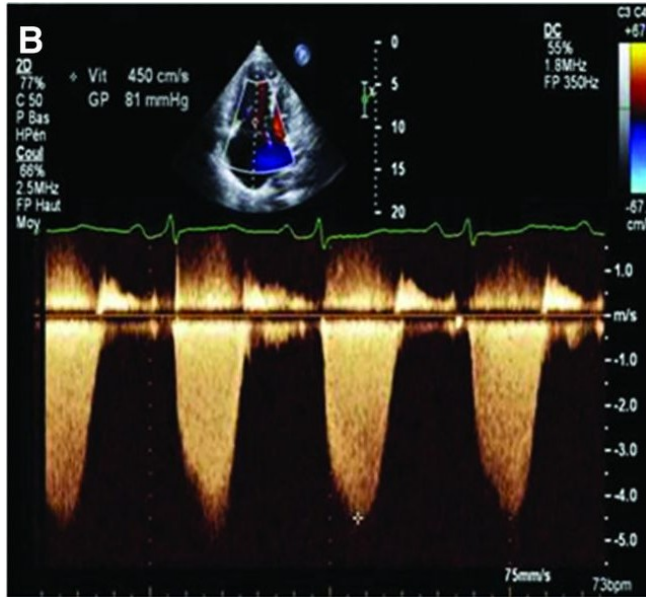


# Eisenmenger Syndrome

## Pulmonary Hypertension

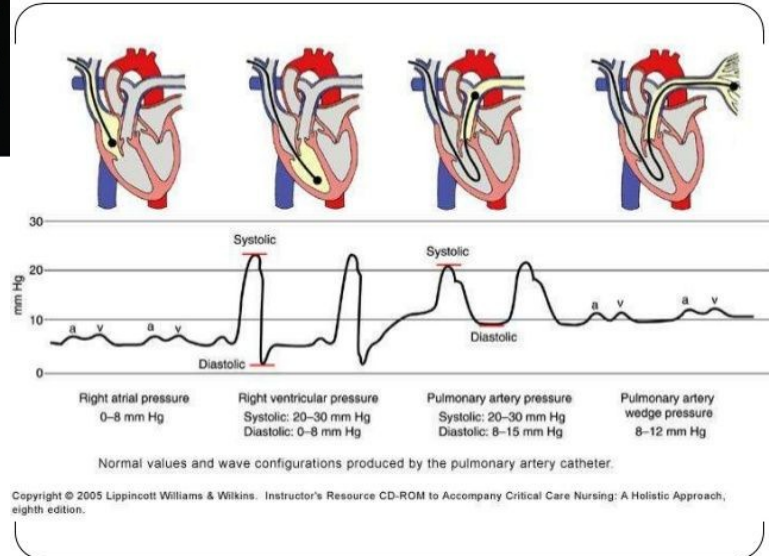


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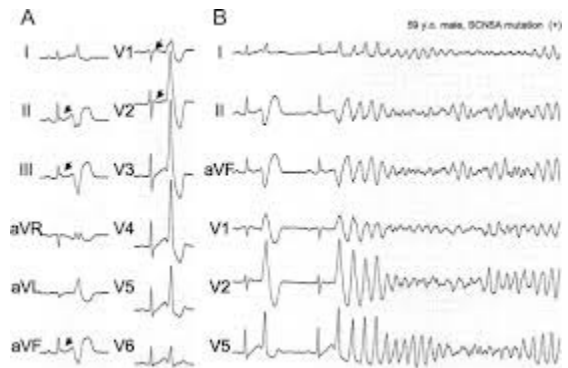
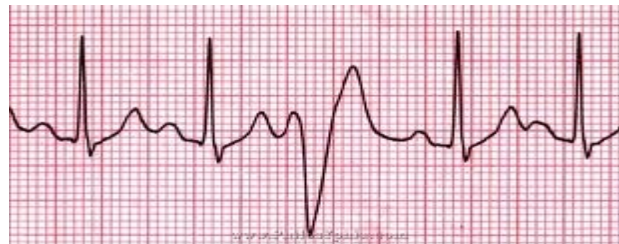
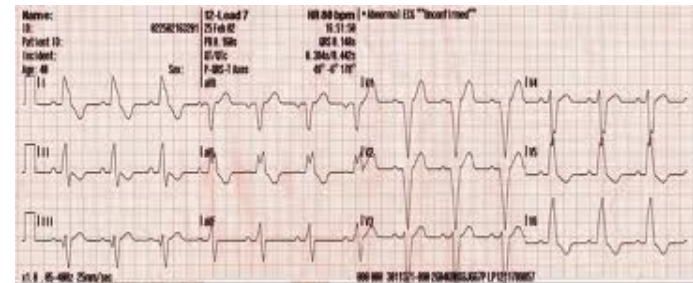
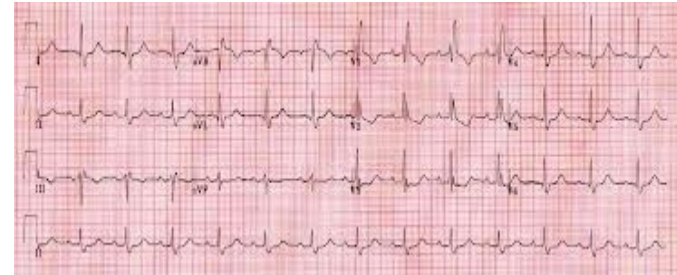
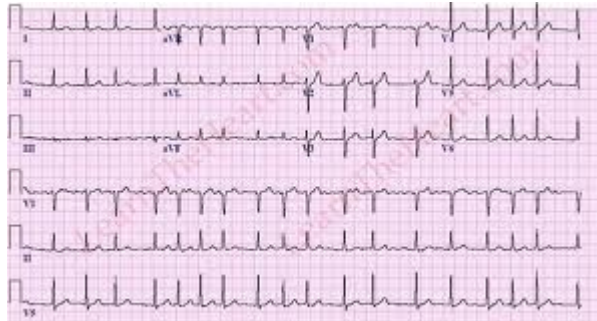


**ECHO**

**CATHETER**



# Arrhythmias in Patients with CHD



# Etiology of CHD

- **non-genetic**

illness in the mother (rubella, diabetes, lupus)

mother drug ingestion (anti-epileptic, alcohol, lithium)

- **genetic**

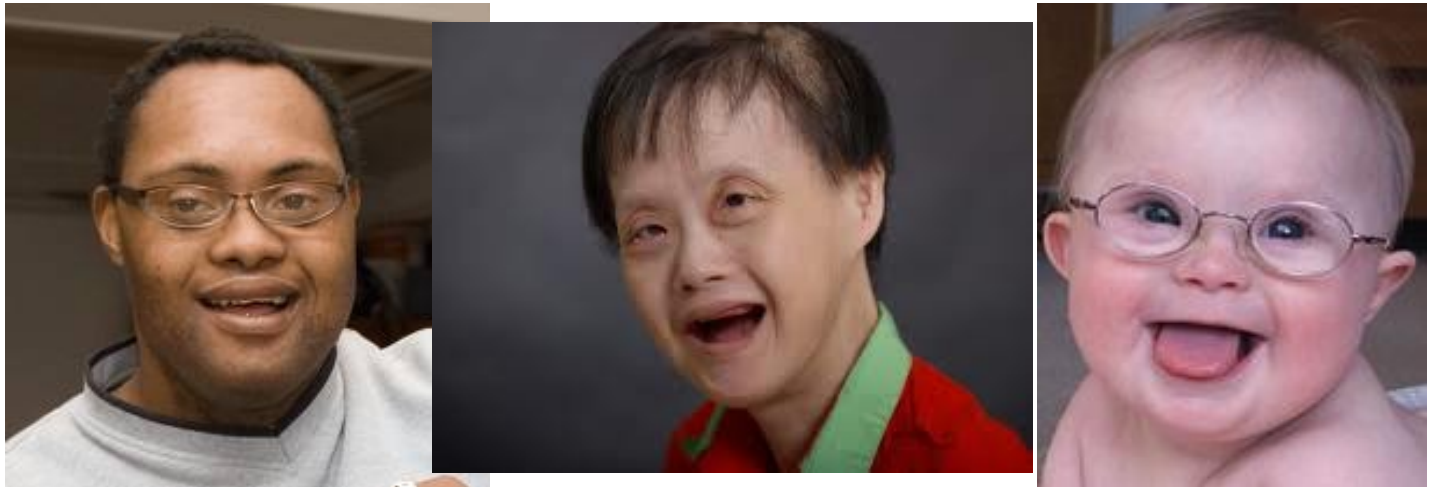
isolated heart / GV disorder

disorder associated with genetic syndrome

\*The crucial period for fetal cardiac development occurs btw. weeks 6 and 12.



# Down syndrome (Trisomy 21)



atrioventricular septal defects  
tetralogy of Fallot

# Turner syndrome



coarctation, bicuspid aortic valve



# DiGeorge syndrome (CATCH 22)



tetralogy of Fallot, right sided aortic arch,  
pulmonary atresia, aortic-to-pulmonary  
collaterals

# Holt-Oram syndrome



septation defects (ASD, VSD)

# Marfan Syndrome



aortic dilation, aneurysm, dissection;  
heart valve disorders

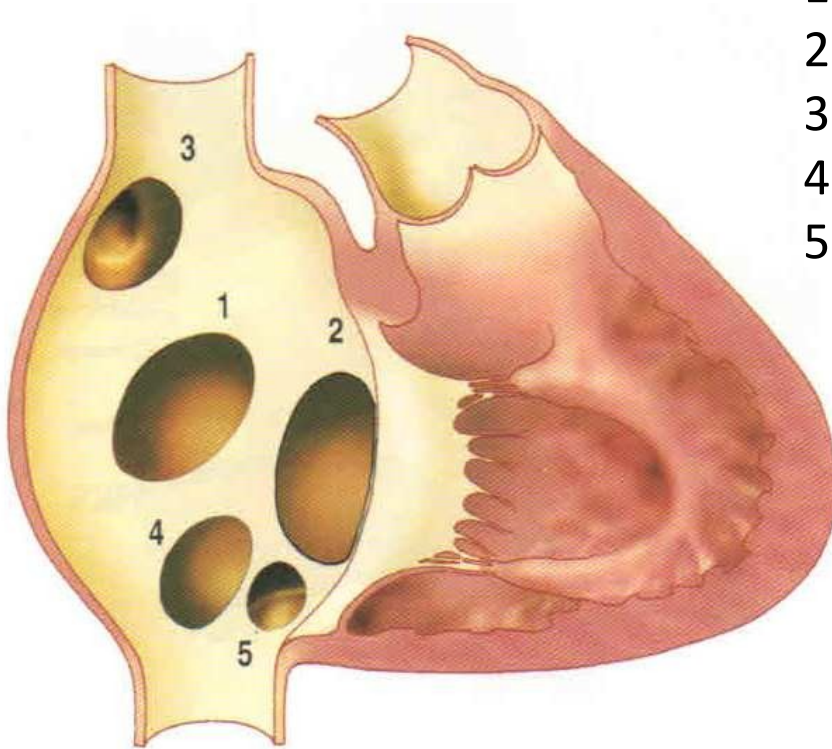
# CHD Anatomy and Pathophysiology

- Septation Defects (ASD, VSD)
- Patent Arterial Duct
- Aortic Coarctation
- Tetralogy of Fallot
- Transposition of Great Arteries

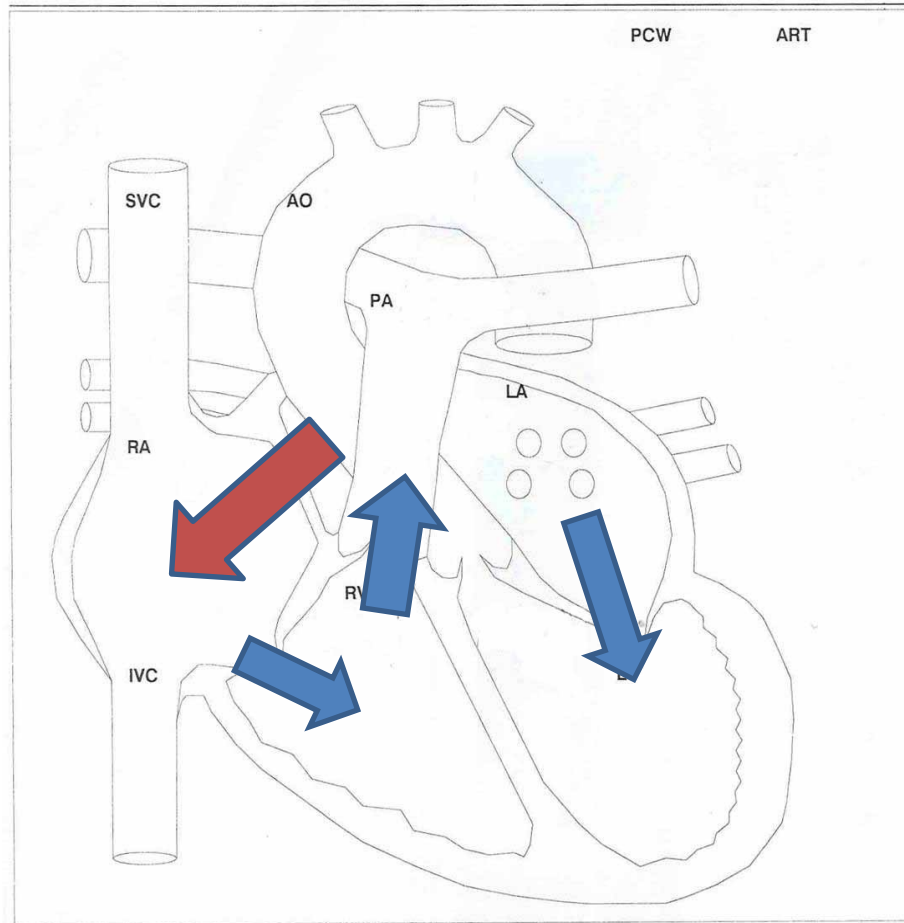


# Atrial Septal Defect (ASD)

- 1 – Secundum type
- 2 – Primum type
- 3 – Sinus venosus superior type
- 4 – Sinus venosus inferior type
- 5 – Coronary sinus type



# ASD Pathophysiology



left to right IA shunt



volume overload  
of right atrium  
and ventricle



pulmonary  
hypercirculation



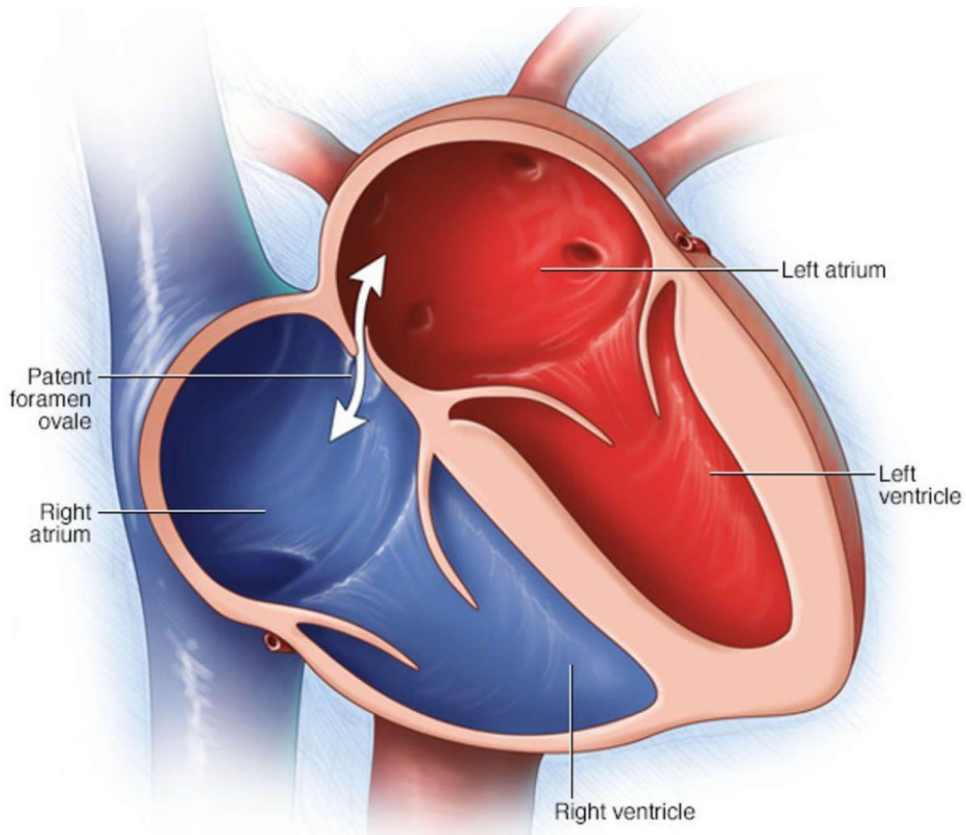
RV dilatation



**PH, bidirectional shunt**



# Patent Foramen Ovale (PFO)

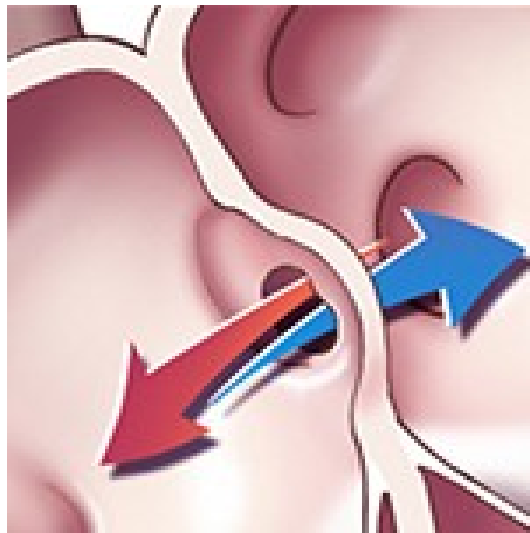


- 25-30% of general population
- not considered as CHD

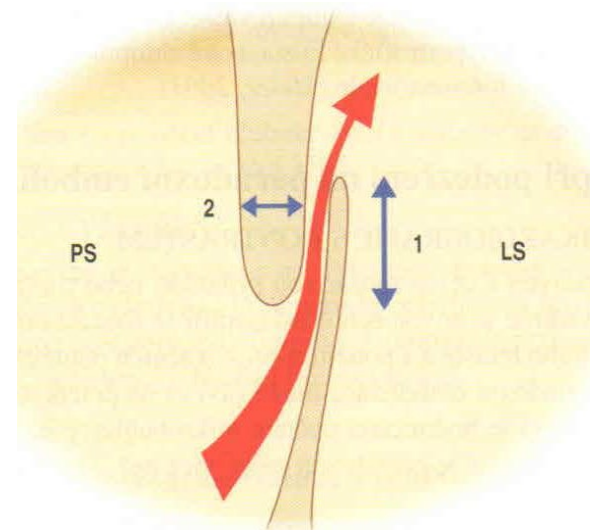


# ASD x PFO

CHD



~~CHD~~

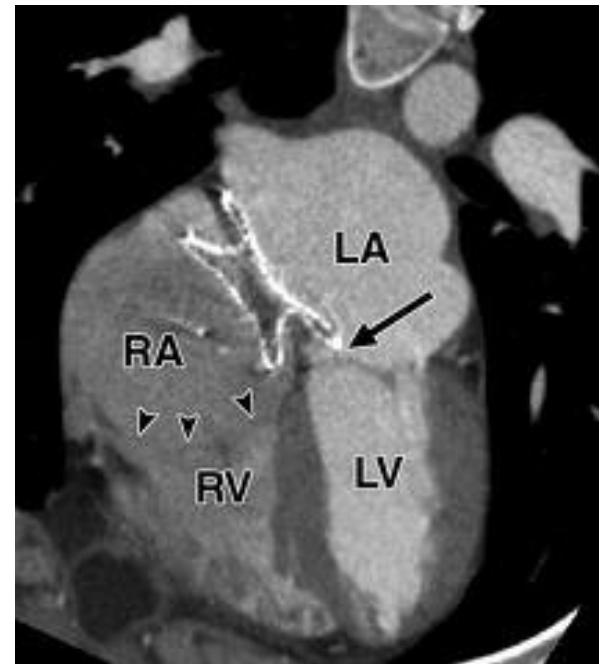


paradoxical embolism risk

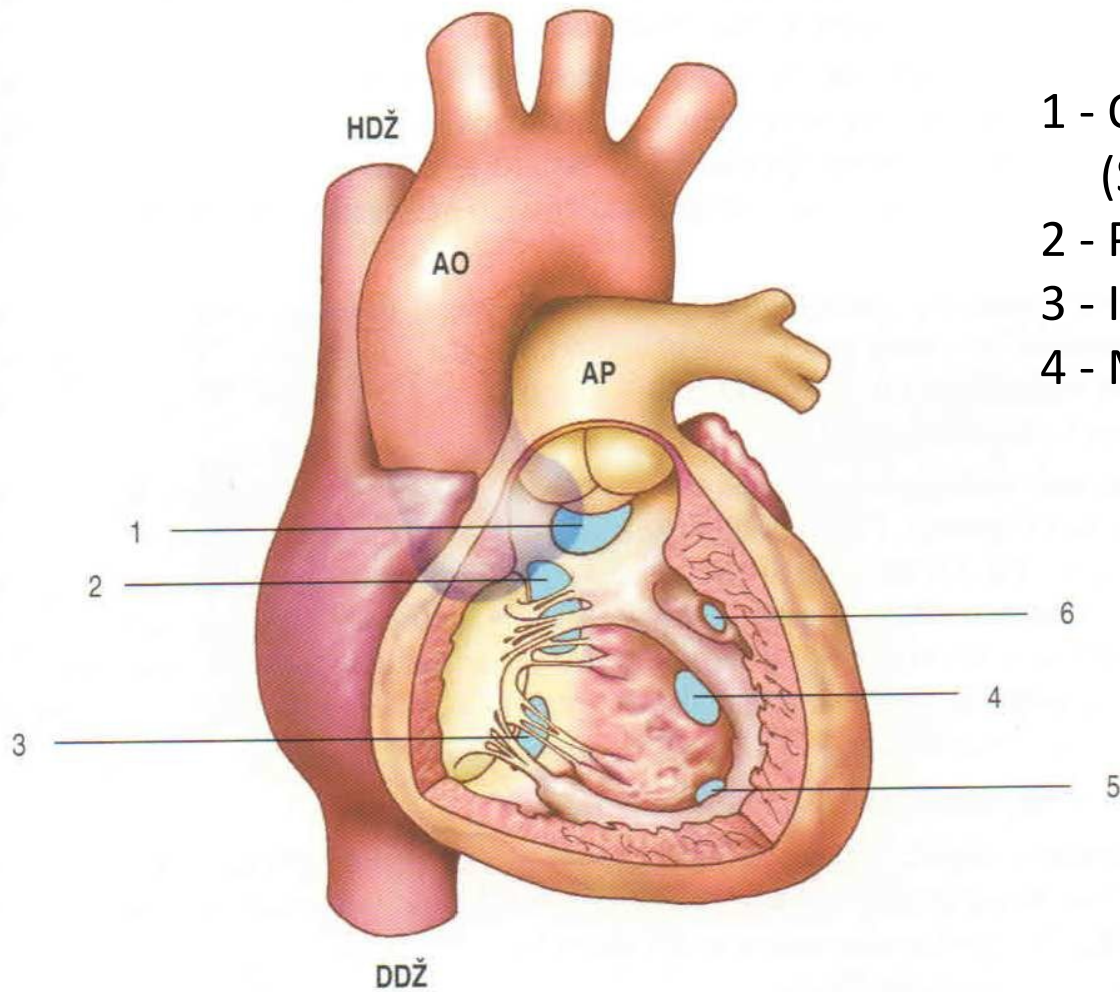




# Amplatzer Ocluder - PFO/ASD II Closure



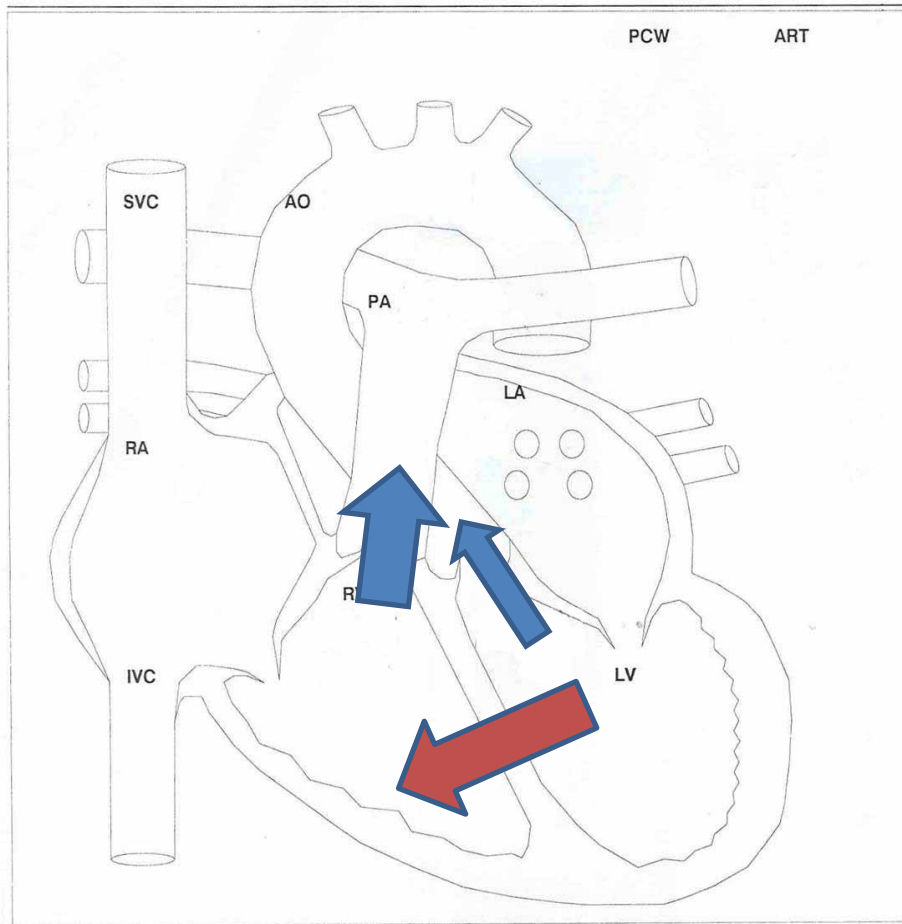
# Ventricular Septal Defect (VSD)



- 1 - Outflow  
(Subaortic)
- 2 - Perimembraneous
- 3 - Inflow
- 4 - Muscular



# VSD Pathophysiology



left to right IV shunt



pulmonary  
hypercirculation  
volume overload  
of left atrium and  
left ventricle



PH  
RV hypertrophy

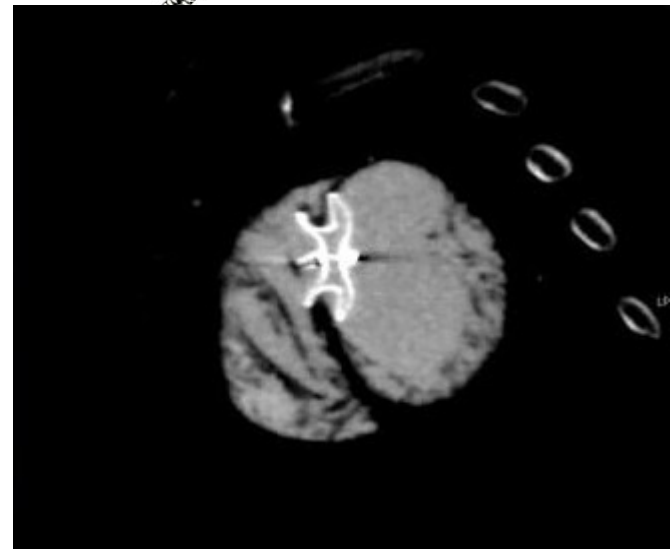
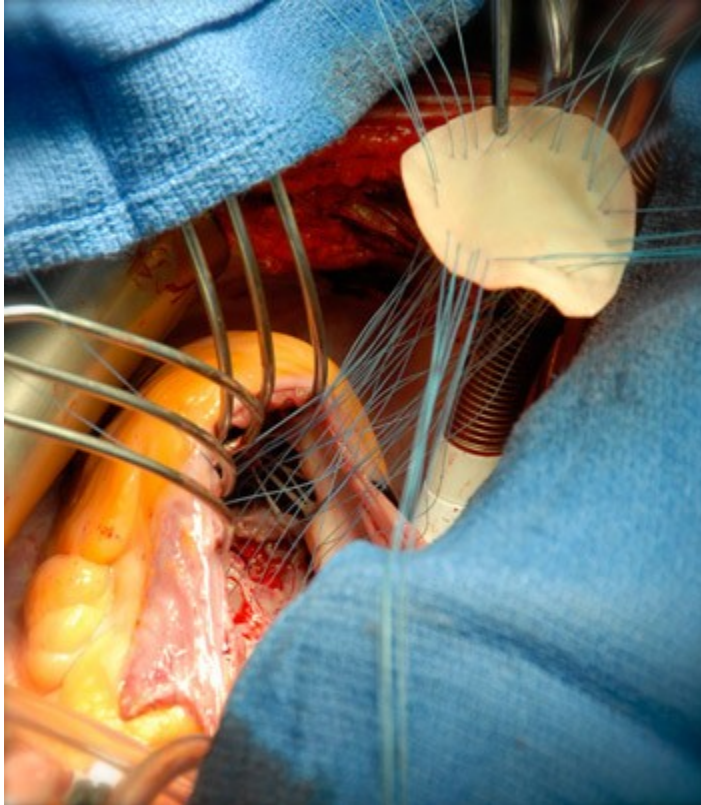


right to left shunt

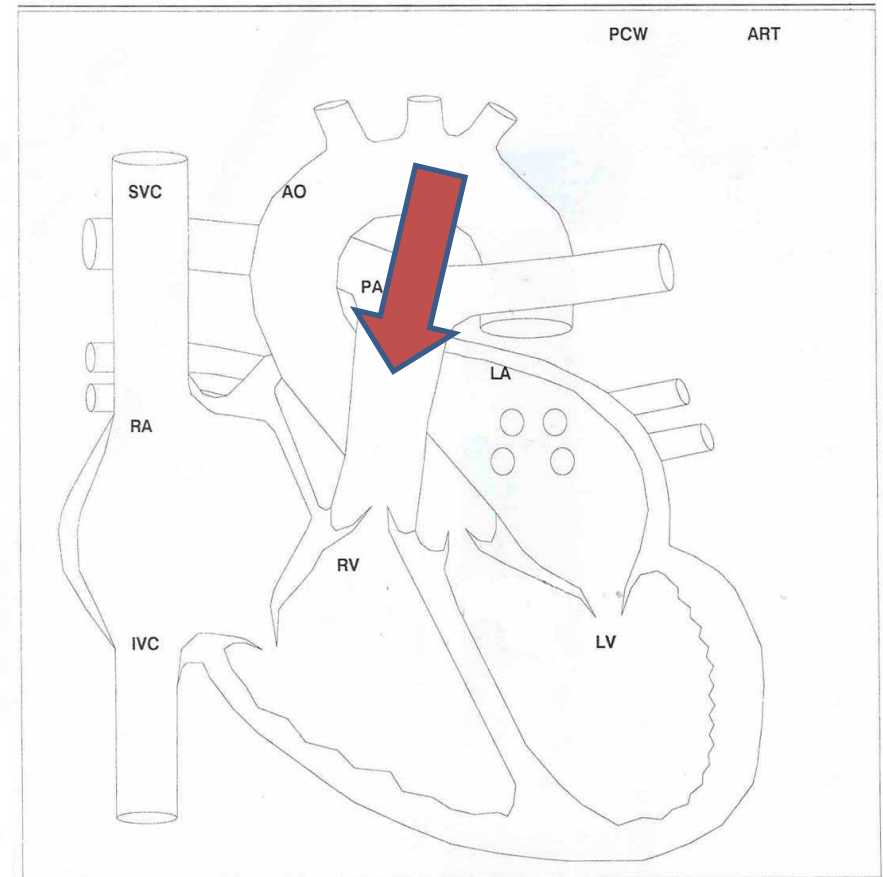
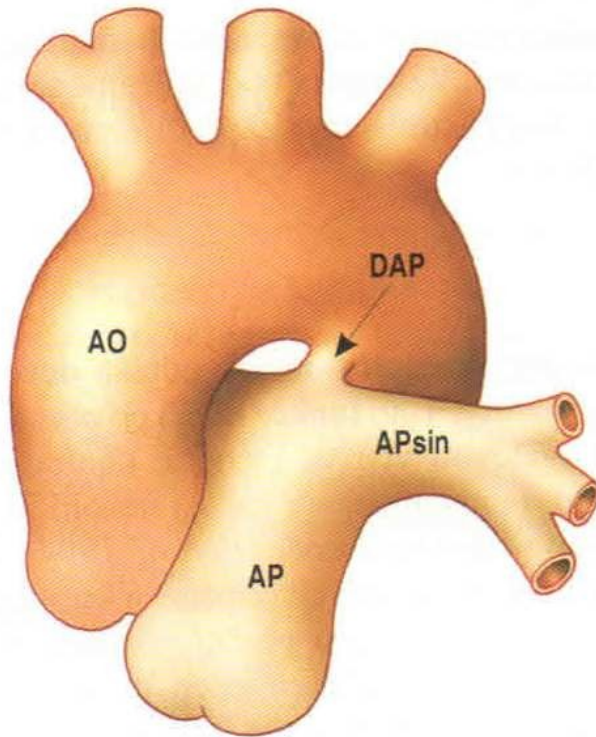
**Eisenmenger syndrome**



# VSD Closure

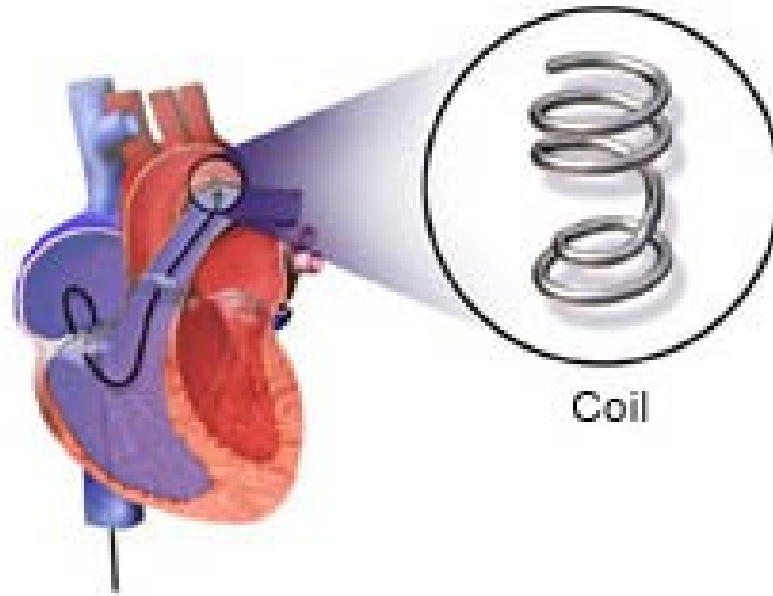


# Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA)



L-R shunt → PH → RV hypertrophy → R-L shunt → Eisenmenger sy

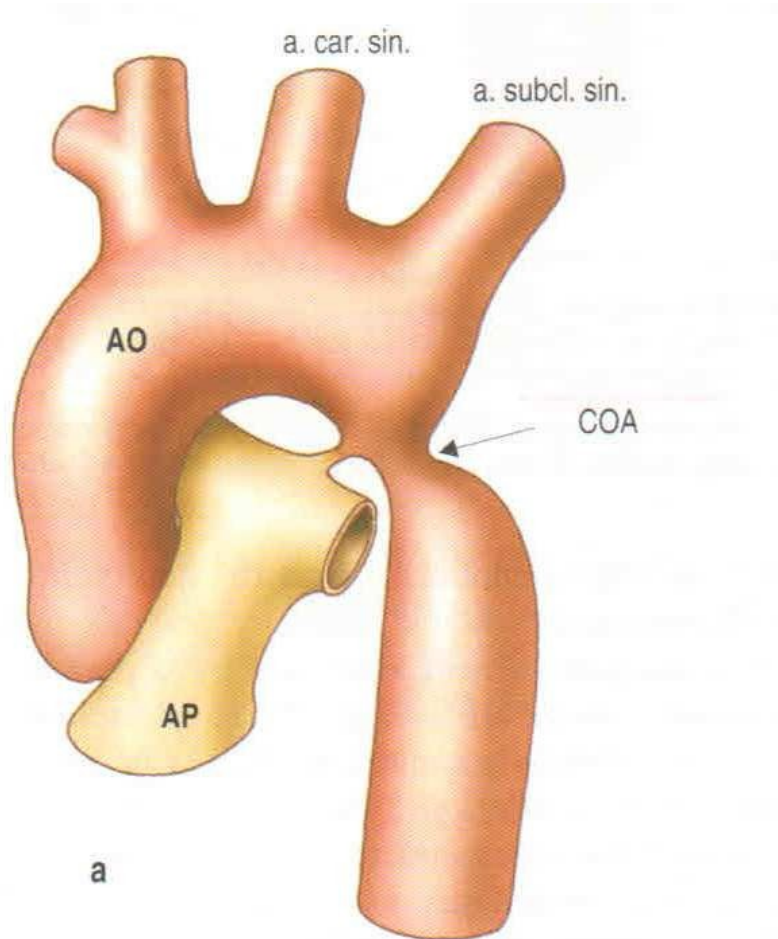
# PDA Closure



**Coil Closure of PDA**



# Coarctation of the Aorta



hypertension  
in pre-coarctation area



LV hypertrophy



LV dysfunction  
ascend. Ao dilatation

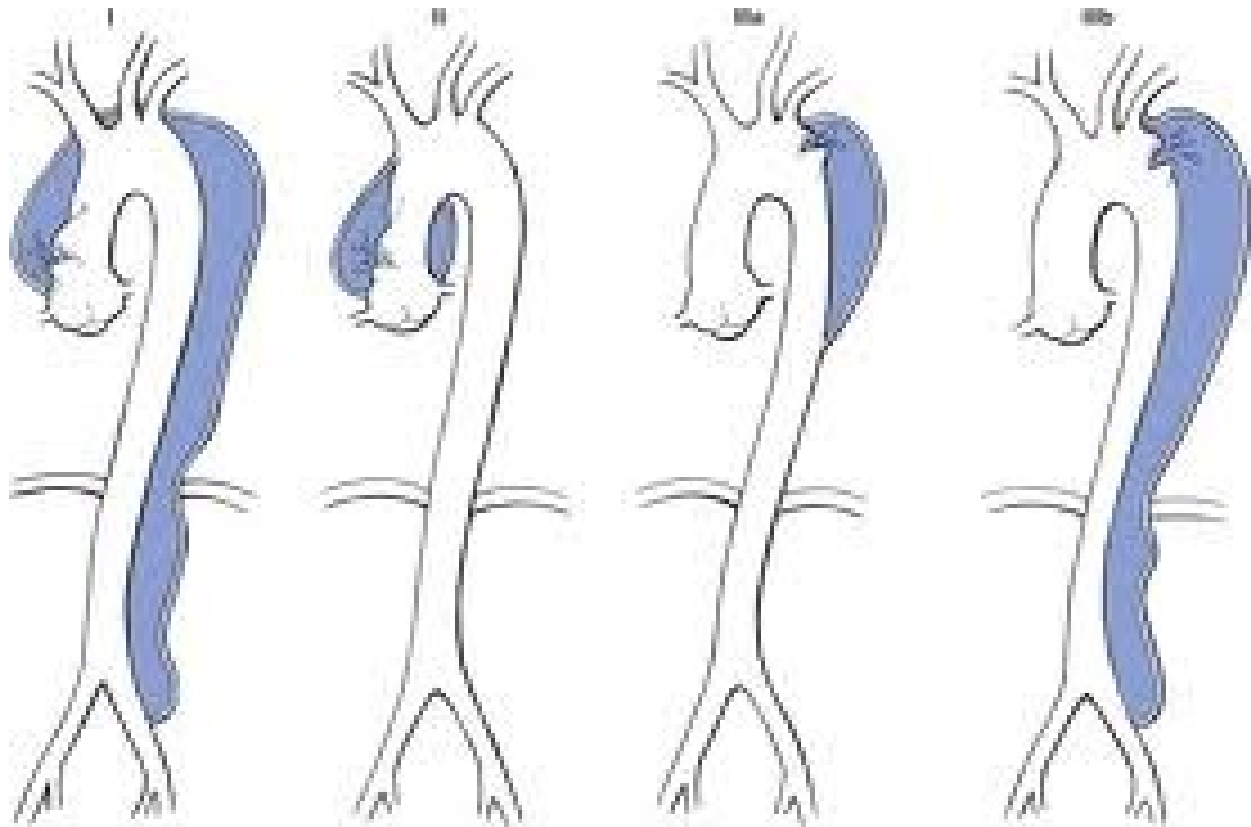


**aortic dissection/rupture**

\*85% assoc. with bicuspid Ao



# Aortic Dissection





# Aortic Aneurysm



Saccular Aneurysm

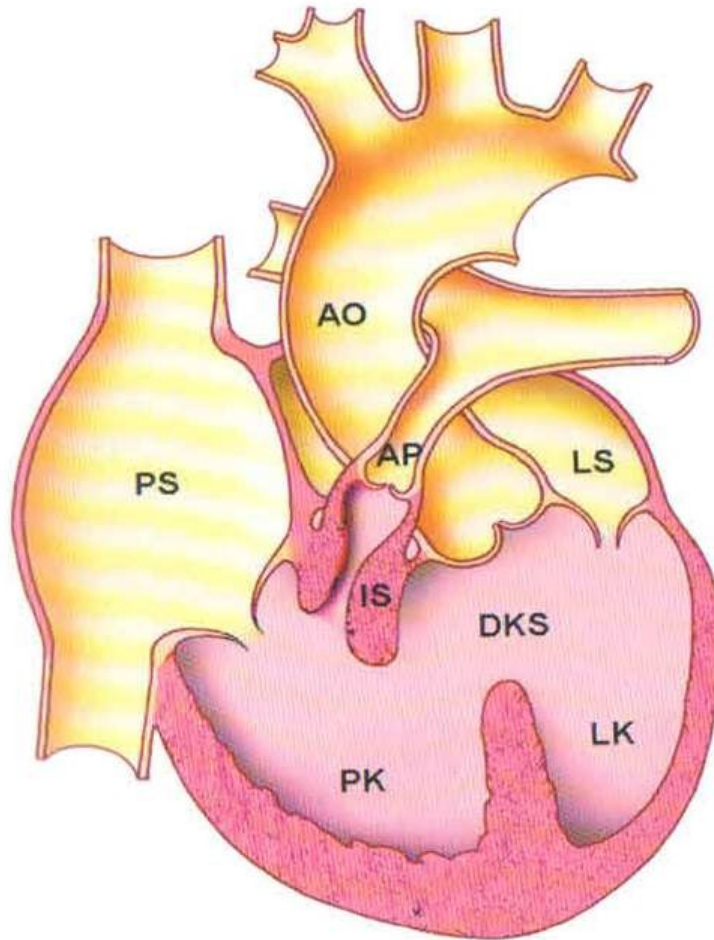


Fusiform Aneurysm



Ruptured Aneurysm

# Tetralogy of Fallot (TOF)



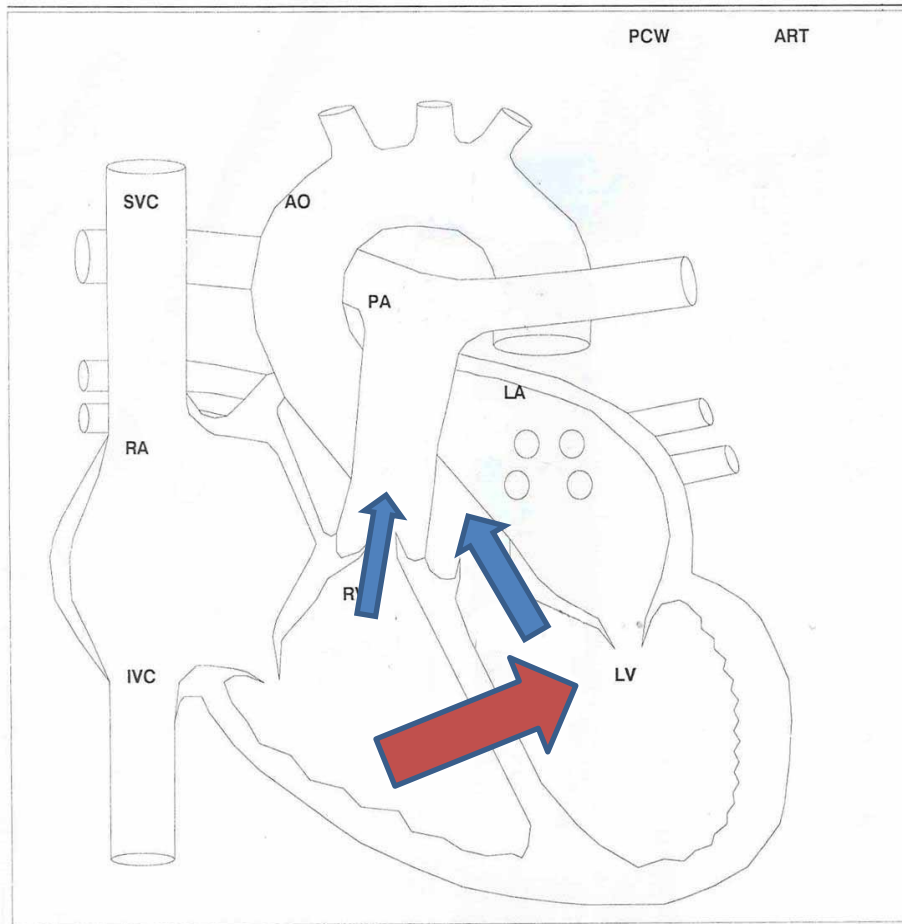
- ventricular septal defect
- overriding aorta
- pulmonary stenosis
- RV hypertrophy
- (atrial septal defect /PFO)



(Pentalogy of Fallot)



# TOF Pathophysiology



Pu stenosis

RV hypertrophy

R-L shunt



**cyanosis / „pink Fallot“**

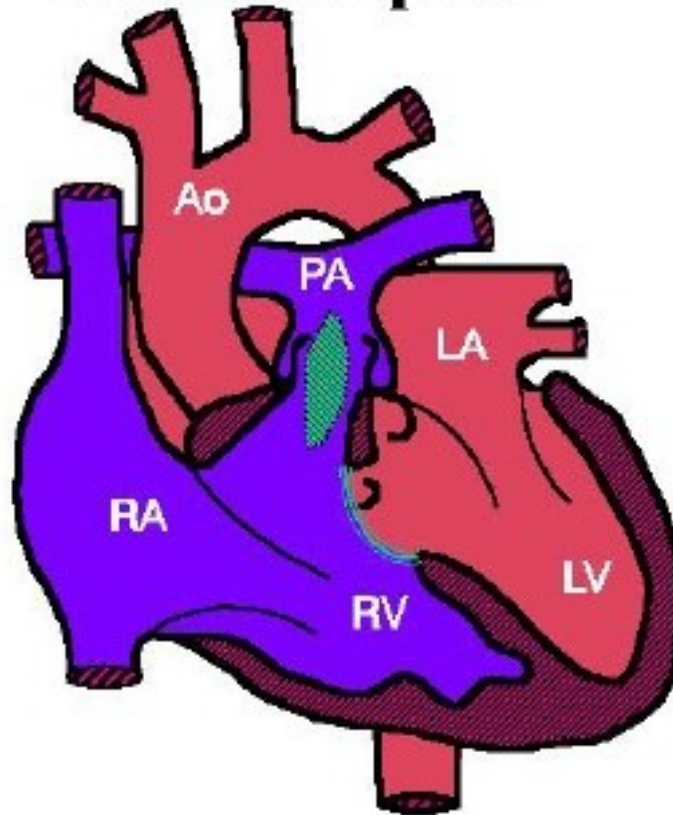


hypoxemia

RV failure



# Fallop's Tetralogy after 'Repair'



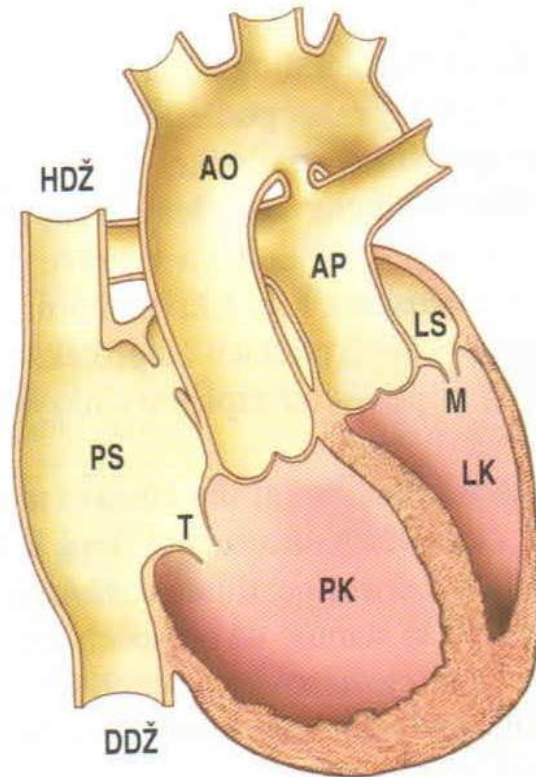
PA patch  
VS patch



„normal“  
circulation



# Transposition of the Great Arteries (TGA)



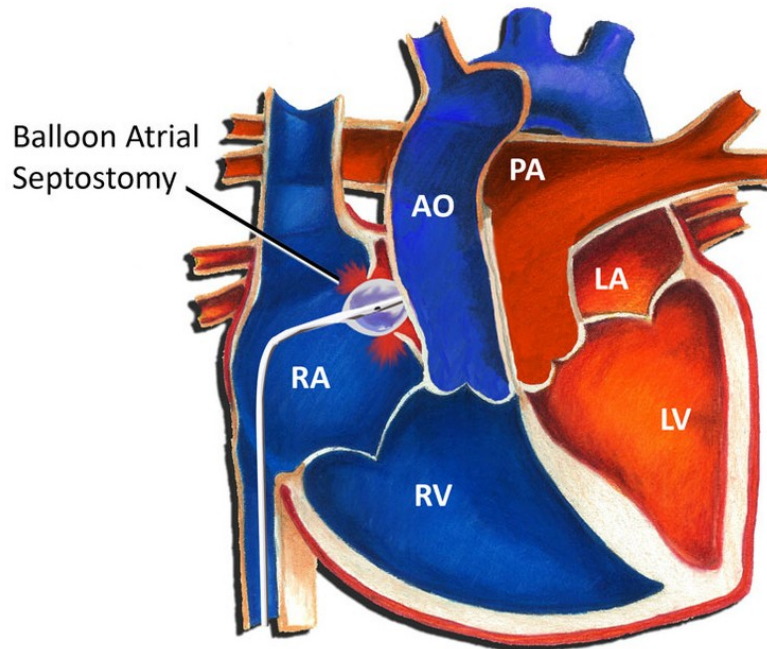
d-TGA

- 2 isolated circulations
- oxygenated blood in isolated pulmonary circulation
- deoxygenated blood in isolated systemic circulation
- impossible to survive without correction

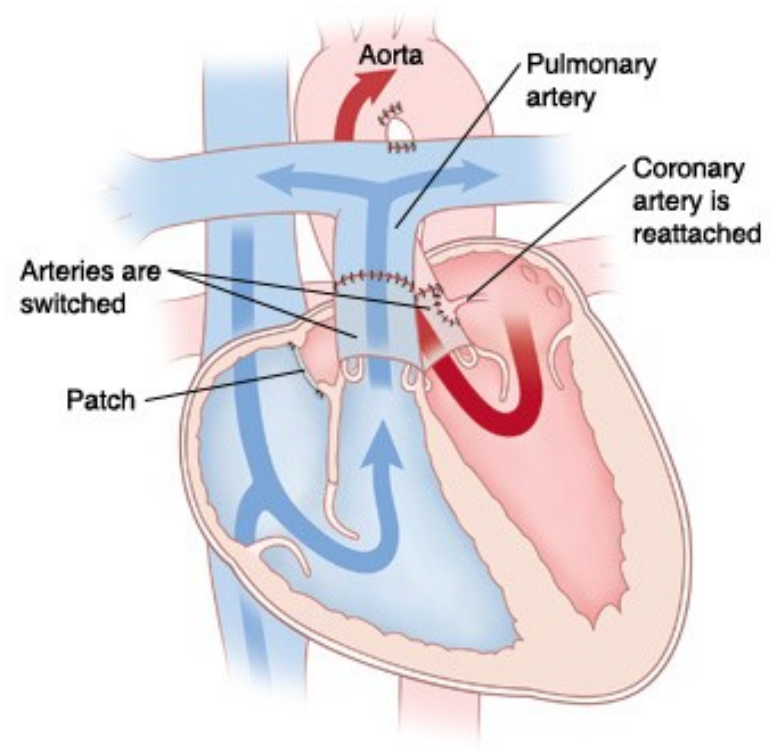


# TGA Repair

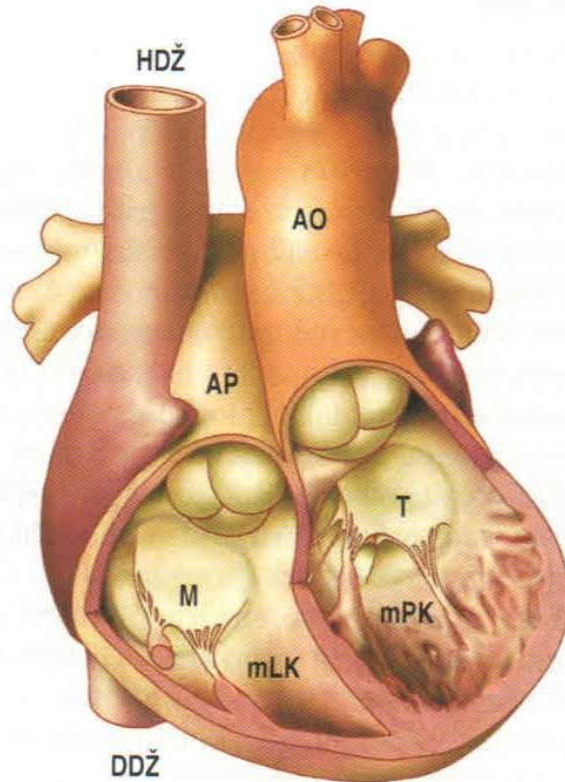
## palliative septostomy



## arterial switch



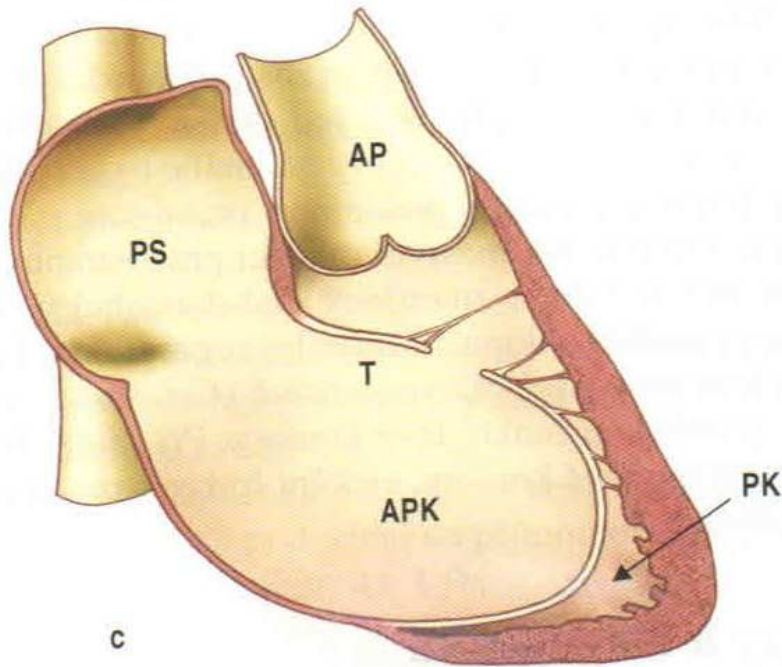
# Congenitally Corrected TGA (CCTGA)



- „normal“ circulation
- RV in systemic circulation
- RV dysfunction/failure

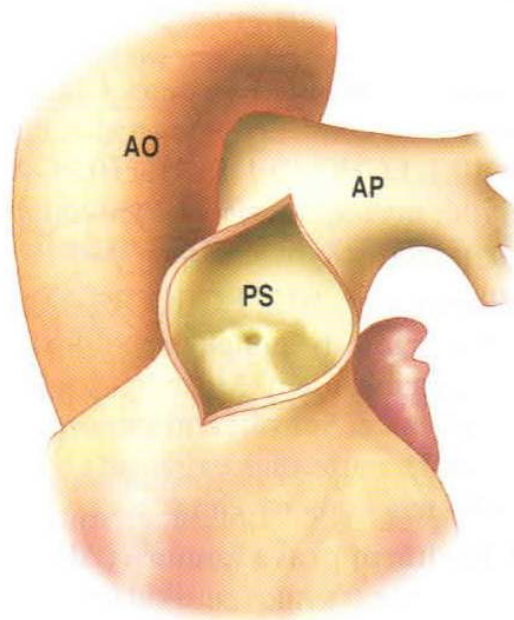


# Ebstein's Anomaly of the Tricuspid Valve

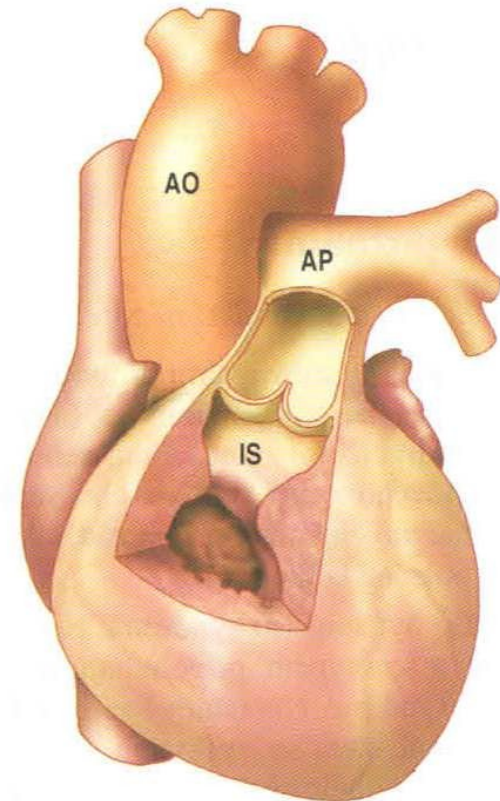




# Pulmonary Stenosis



valvar

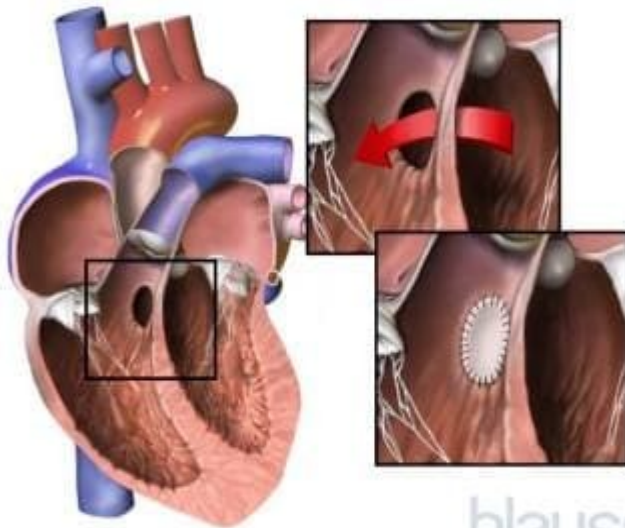


infundibular



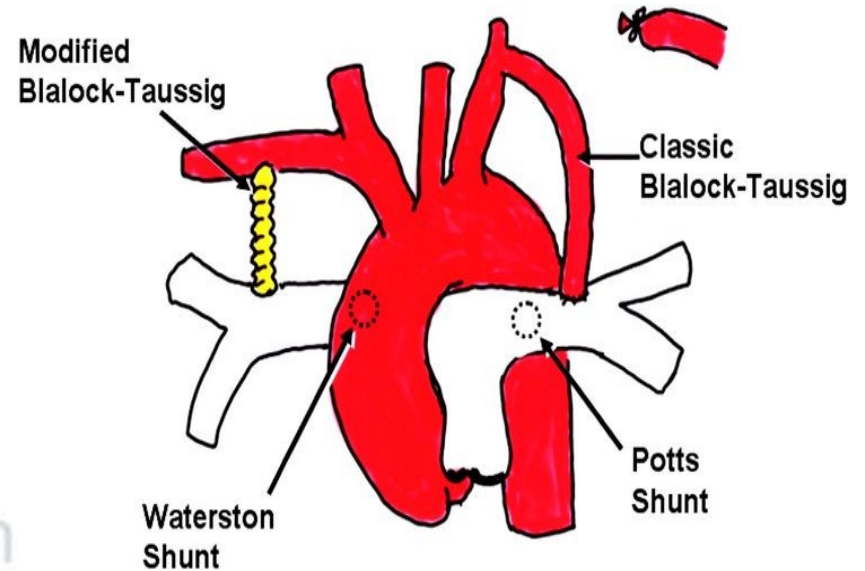
# Surgical Repair of CHD

- **corrective**  
(patch...)

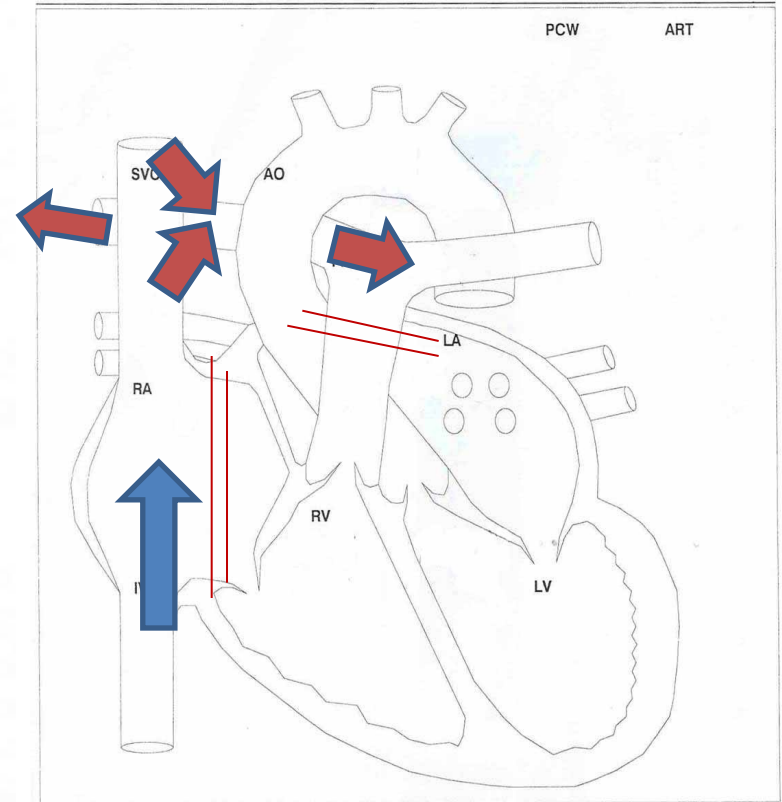
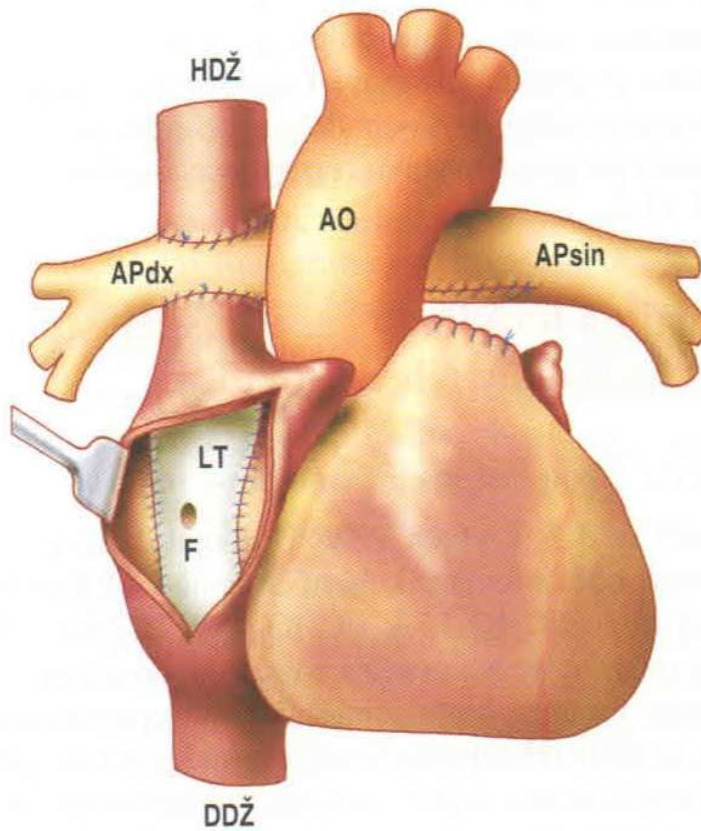


blausen

- **palliative**  
(connections...)



# Fontan Circulation



# CHD non-included Congenital Disorders

Bicuspid Aortic Valve 1-2% common population

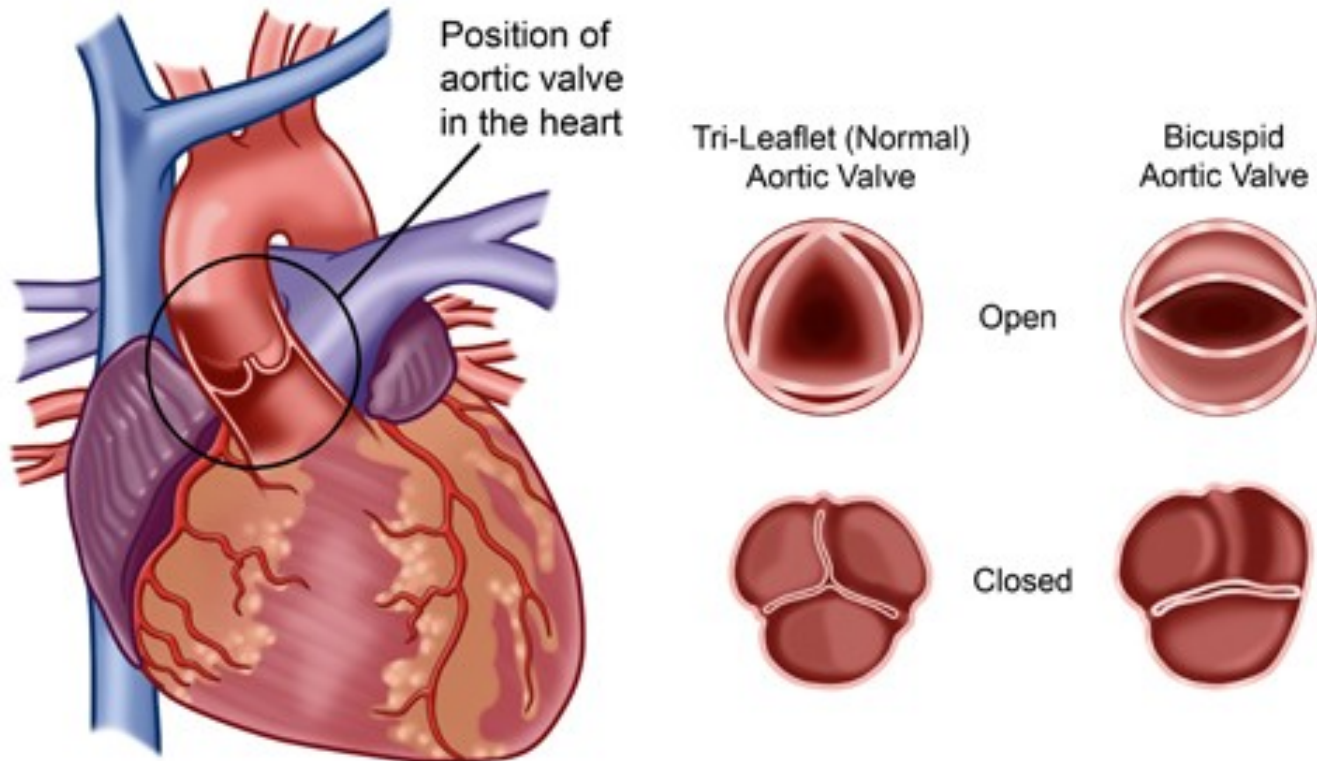
Patent Foramen Ovale (PFO) 25-30% common population

Persistent Left Upper Vena Cava 0,5%

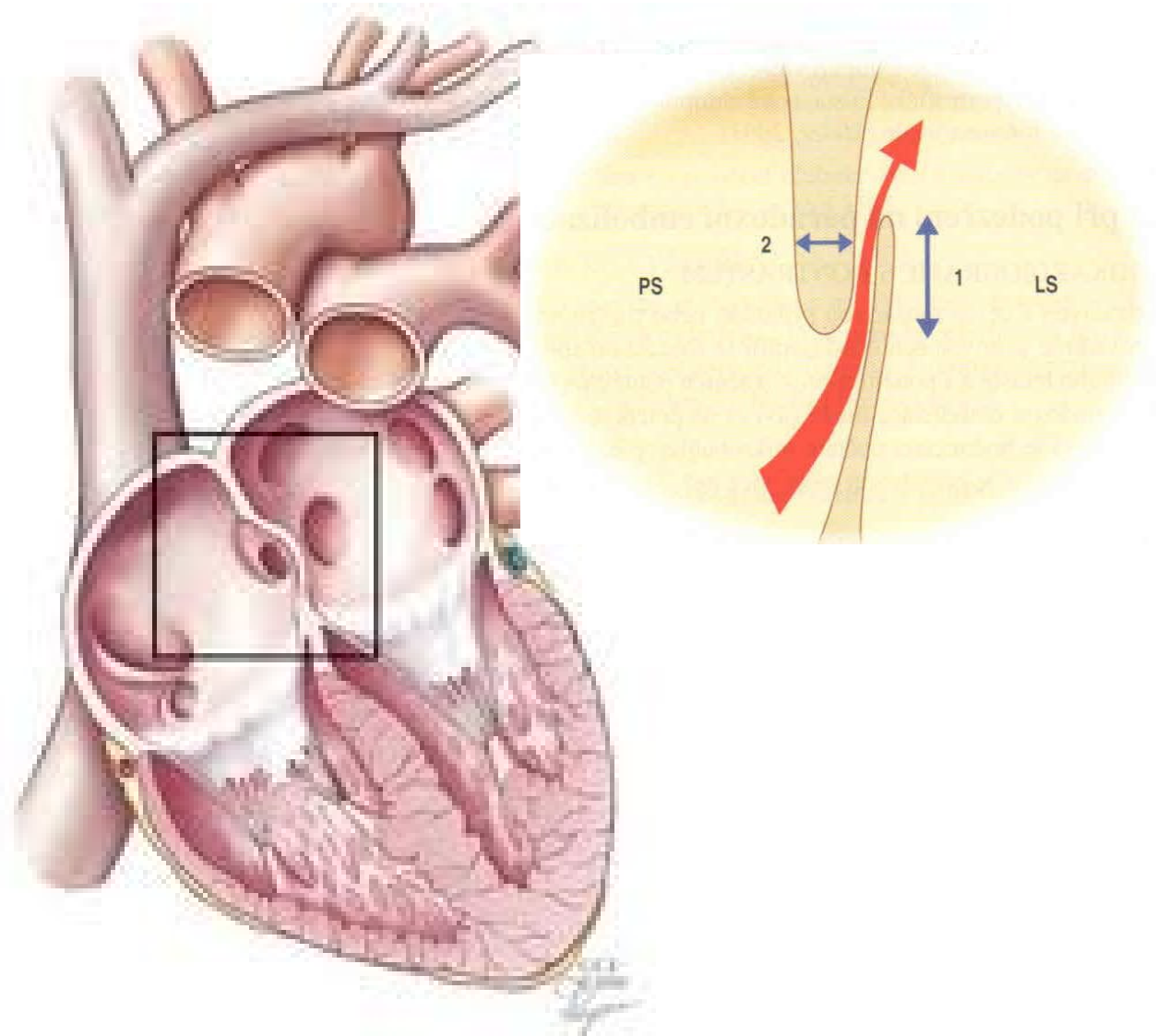
Cardiomyopathies



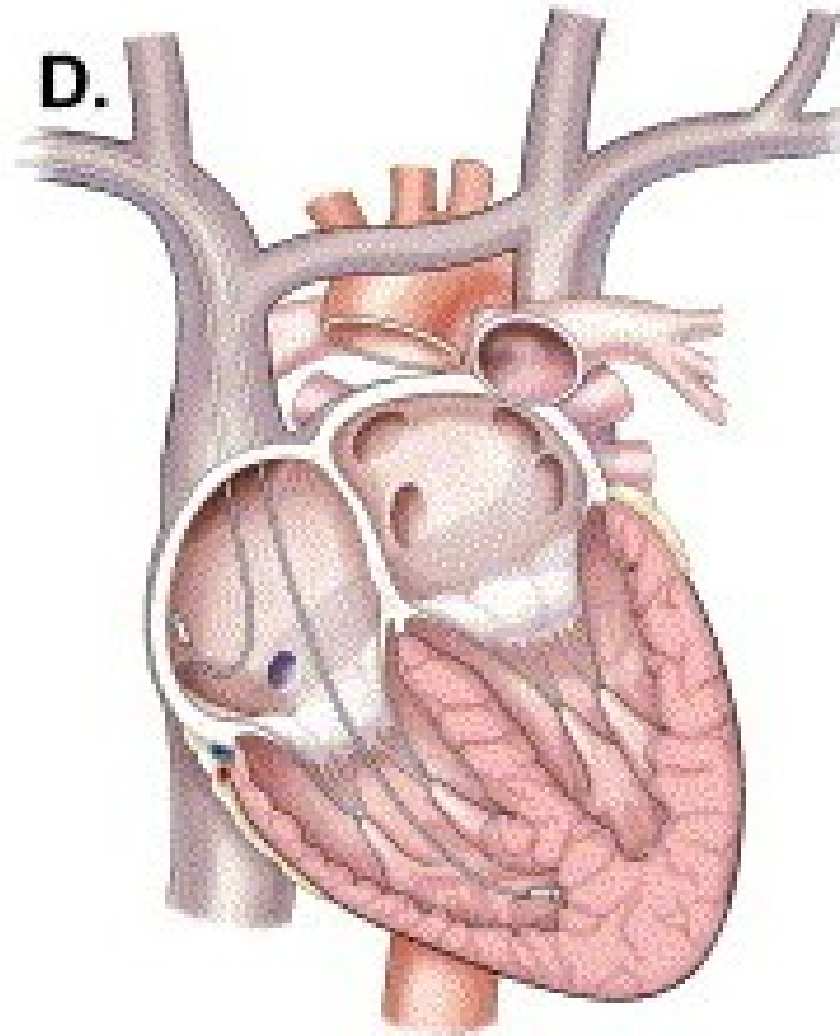
# Bicuspid Aortic Valve (BAO)



# Patent Foramen Ovale (PFO)



# Persistent Left Upper Vena Cava



# Adult Patient with CHD

- symptoms
- investigation
- difference between patient with CHD and „normal“ cardiology patient
- treatment and follow up





# Symptoms in CHD (most common)

- dyspnea
- palpitations
- syncope
- chest pain
- hemoptysis
- symptoms of hyperviscosity syndrome
- low stress tolerance
- fatigue, exhaustion



# Hyperviscosity Syndrome



chronic hypoxemia



erythrocytosis



stiff blood



headache, vertigo, bleeding,  
visual disturbances, seizure,  
chest pain, dyspnea,  
difficulty walking, coma



# Investigation in Patients with CHD

- history, physical exam
- ECG, BP, blood oxygen saturation
- blood tests
- urine tests
- chest X-ray
- echocardiography
- CT scan, MRI
- stress testing (spiroergometry, 6-MWT)
- QOL questionnaire



# Problems associated with CHD in Adults

- rezidual findings
- non-detected disorders in early life
- late indication to operation
- arrhythmias
- infective endocarditis
- anticoagulation
- pregnancy and labour in women with CHD
- social and work problems
- depression



# Treatment and Follow-up

- surgical repair of disorder
- reoperation
- anticoagulation therapy/bleeding complications
- infective endocarditis prophylaxis/treatment
- pharmacology treatment of arrhythmias, PH, HF
- non-pharmacology treatment: PM, ICD, CRT
- oxygen therapy
- heart/lung transplant
- psychotherapy



# What can the patient with CHD die of?

- heart failure
- malignant arrhythmias
- aortic aneurysm rupture / dissection
- infective endocarditis
- cardioembolism (stroke)



...but we are here to help every patient with CHD  
living a full life!



If You have any questions to discuss or need consultation regarding cardiology topics, do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail:

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