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**Le cardiopatie congenite complesse dell'adulto con ostruzione  
all'efflusso sinistro e destro. Come gestirle e cosa fare**

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# Cosa s'intende per cardiopatia congenita (CC) complessa?

**Cardiopatia nella quale coesistono più anomalie strutturali.**

**Il 45% delle CC hanno moderata complessità e il 15% elevata complessità.**



## **Peculiarità pz adulto con CC complessa**

- **Rari i pz con cardiopatia in storia naturale:**
  - non indicazione chirurgica
  - cardiopatie misconosciute (immigrazione)
- **Pz con cardiopatia operata:**
  - follow-up irregolari
  - frequenti residui, sequele complicanze
  - poco nota prognosi a lughissimo termine
  - ripercussioni sulla funzione ventricolare



## **Caratteristiche CC complesse con ostruzione agli efflussi**

- CC in storia naturale: relativamente rare  
(prevalente ostruzione efflusso sistemico)**
- CC operate: forme più comuni (prevalente  
ostruzione efflusso polmonare)**



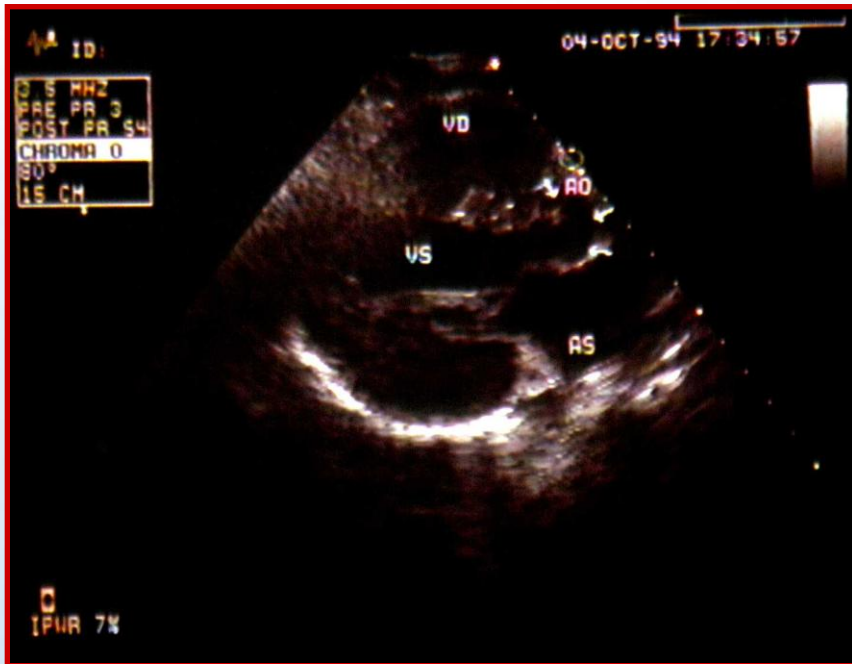
# Cardiopatie con ostruzione efflusso sinistro

## In storia naturale

- stenosi sottovalvolare aortica a tunnel
- stenosi valvolare con ipoplasia anulare
- ipoplasia aorta ascendente/arco
- forme complesse di coartazione



## Stenosi sottovalvolare aortica a tunnel





## Ipoplasia aorta ascendente e arco





# Cardiopatie con ostruzione efflusso sinistro

## Forme post-operatorie

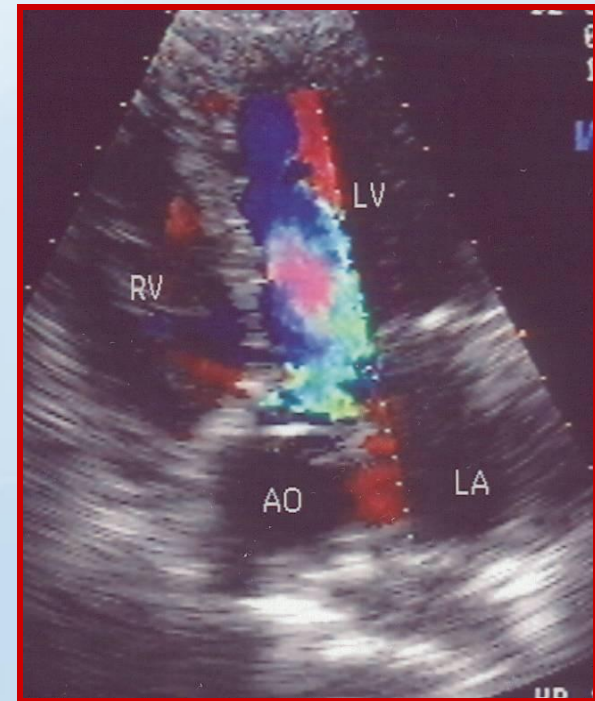
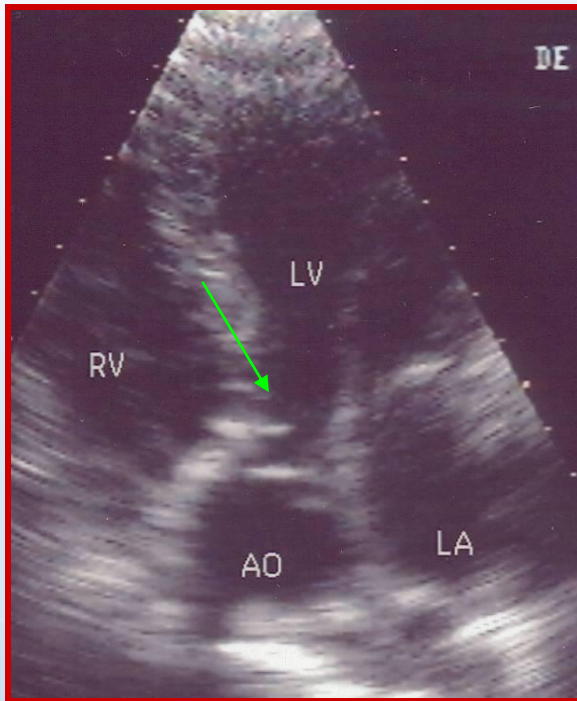
- recidive stenosi sottovalvolare
- stenosi sottovalvolare in cuore univentricolare
- recidive stenosi sopravalvolare aortica
- malfunzionamenti protesi/autograft valvolari
- ricoartazione aortica





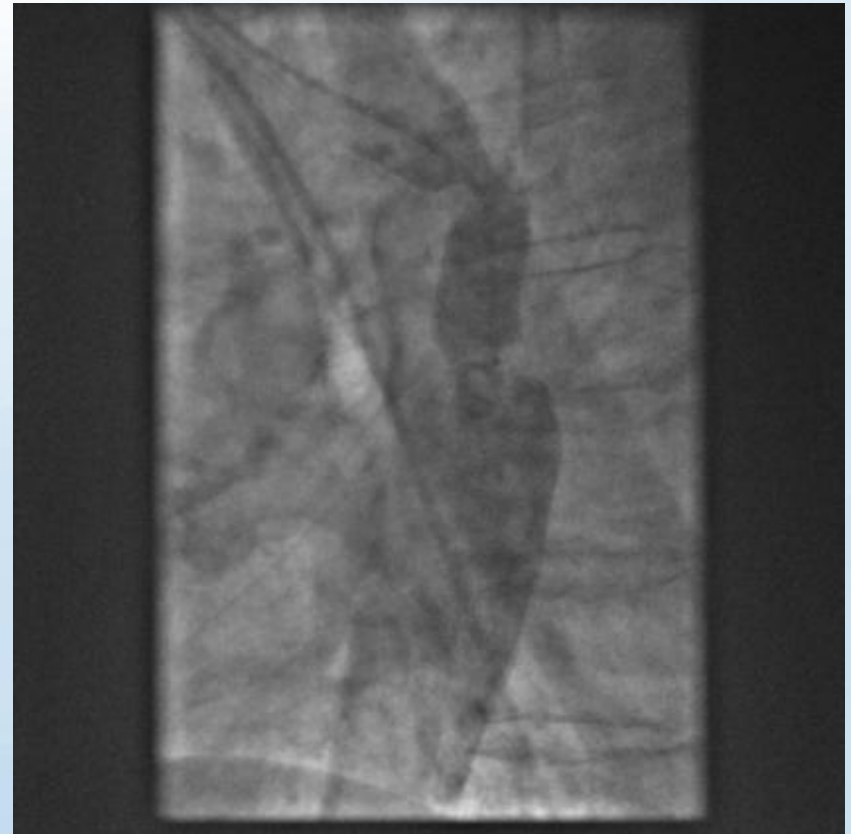
## Stenosi sottovalvolare aortica

- Recidive non rare
- Può comparire dopo correzione CAV e DIV





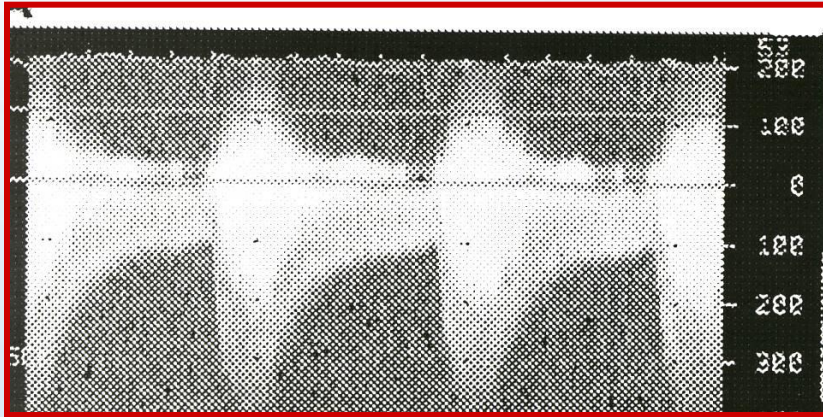
## Ricoartazione Aortica



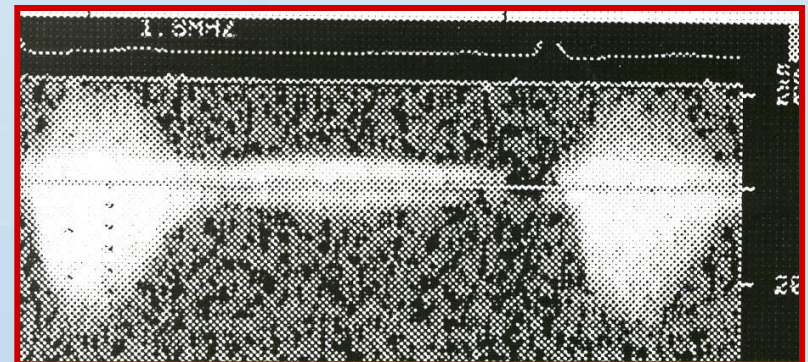


# Gradienti residui dopo correzione CoAo

## Ricoartazione



## Gradiente “fisiologico”





# Sintomatologia

- **Comparsa spesso tardiva dei sintomi**
- **Ostruzioni valvolari, sotto e sopra valvolari**
  - dispnea, angina, sincopi, scompenso
- **Coartazione, ricoartazione**
  - ipertensione arteriosa, dispnea, claudicatio  
scompenso



# Indications for Intervention in Valvular Aortic Stenosis (1)

- Patients with severe AS and any valve related symptoms (AP, dyspnoea, syncope) should undergo valve replacement.
- Asymptomatic patients with severe AS should undergo surgery when they develop symptoms during exercise testing.
- Regardless of symptoms, surgery should be performed when systolic LV dysfunction is present in severe AS (LVEF < 50%), unless it is due to other causes.
- Regardless of symptoms, surgery should be performed when patients with severe AS undergo surgery of the ascending aorta or of another valve or coronary artery bypass grafting.
- Regardless of symptoms, aortic surgery should be considered if the ascending aorta is greater than 50 mm (27.5 mm/m<sup>2</sup> BSA) and no other indications for cardiac surgery are present.
- Asymptomatic patients with severe AS should be considered for surgery when they present with a fall in blood pressure below baseline during exercise testing.

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AP = angor pectoris; AS = aortic stenosis; BSA = body surface area; LV = left ventricle;

LVEF = ventricular ejection fraction.



# Indications for Intervention in Valvular Aortic Stenosis (2)

- Asymptomatic patients with severe AS and moderate-to-severe calcification and a rate of peak velocity progression of  $\geq 0.3$  m/sec/year should be considered for surgery.
- Patients with moderate AS undergoing coronary artery bypass surgery or surgery of the ascending aorta or another valve should be considered for additional valve replacement.
- Severe AS with low gradient ( $< 40$  mmHg) and LV dysfunction with contractile reserve should be considered for surgery.
- Severe AS with low gradient ( $< 40$  mmHg) and LV dysfunction without contractile reserve may be considered for surgery.
- Asymptomatic patients with severe AS and excessive LV hypertrophy ( $\geq 15$  mm), unless this is due to hypertension, may be considered for surgery.

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# Indications for Intervention in Supravalvular Aortic Stenosis

- Patients with symptoms (spontaneous or on exercise test) and mean Doppler gradient  $\geq 50$  mmHg should undergo surgery.
- Patients with mean Doppler gradient  $< 50$  mmHg should undergo surgery when they have:
  - symptoms attributable to obstruction (exertional dyspnoea, angina, syncope) and/or,
  - LV systolic dysfunction (without other explanation),
  - severe LVH, attributable to obstruction (not related to hypertension),
  - when surgery for significant CAD is required.
- Patients with mean Doppler gradient  $\geq 50$  mmHg\* but without symptoms, LV systolic dysfunction, LVH or abnormal exercise test may be considered for repair when the surgical risk is low.

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\*Doppler derived gradients may overestimate the obstruction and may need confirmation by left heart catheterization.  
CAD = coronary artery disease; LV = left ventricle; LVH = ventricular hypertrophy.



# Indications for Intervention in Coarctation of the Aorta

- All patients with a non-invasive pressure difference  $> 20$  mmHg between upper and lower limbs, regardless of symptoms but with upper limb hypertension ( $> 140/90$  mmHg in adults), pathologic blood pressure response during exercise, or significant LVH should have intervention.
- Independent of the pressure gradient, hypertensive patients with  $\geq 50\%$  aortic narrowing relative to the aortic diameter at the diaphragm level (on CMR, CT or invasive angiography) should be considered for intervention.
- Independent of the pressure gradient and presence of hypertension, patients with  $\geq 50\%$  aortic narrowing relative to the aortic diameter at the diaphragm level (on CMR, CT or invasive angiography) may be considered for intervention.

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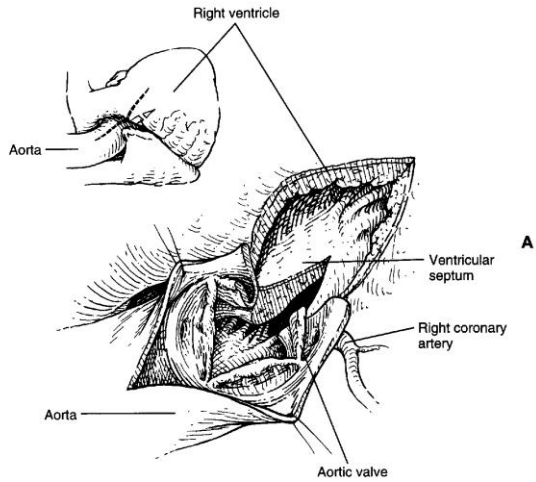
CMR = cardiac magnetic resonance; CoA = coarctation of the aorta; CT = computed tomography;

LVH = left ventricular hypertrophy.

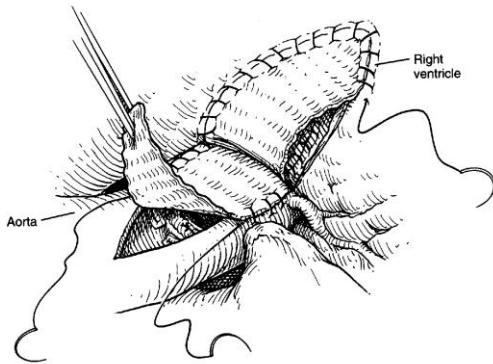




# Intervento di Konno

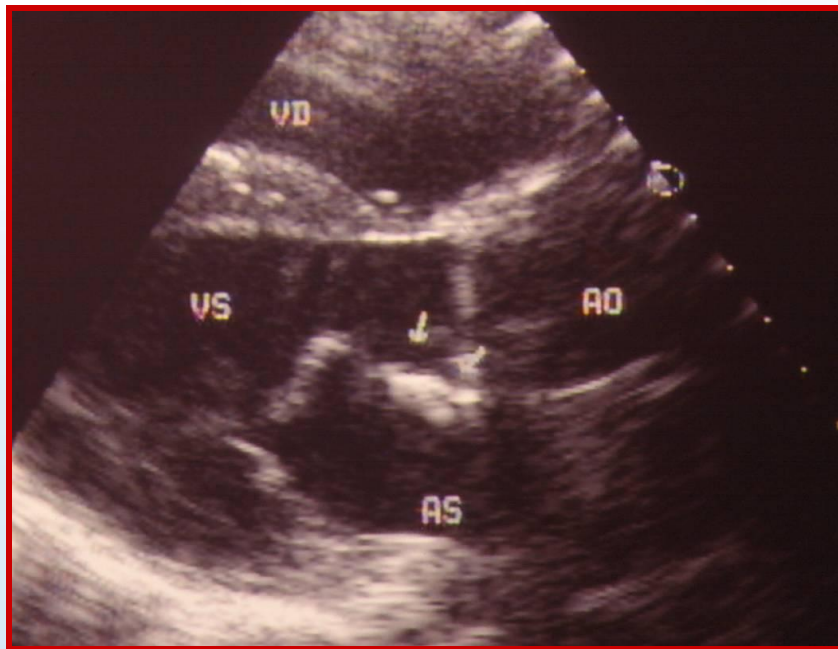


- **Correzione stenosi a tunnel**
- **Correzione pat.valvola Ao con ipoplasia anulare**
- **Valvola Ao può essere conservata**

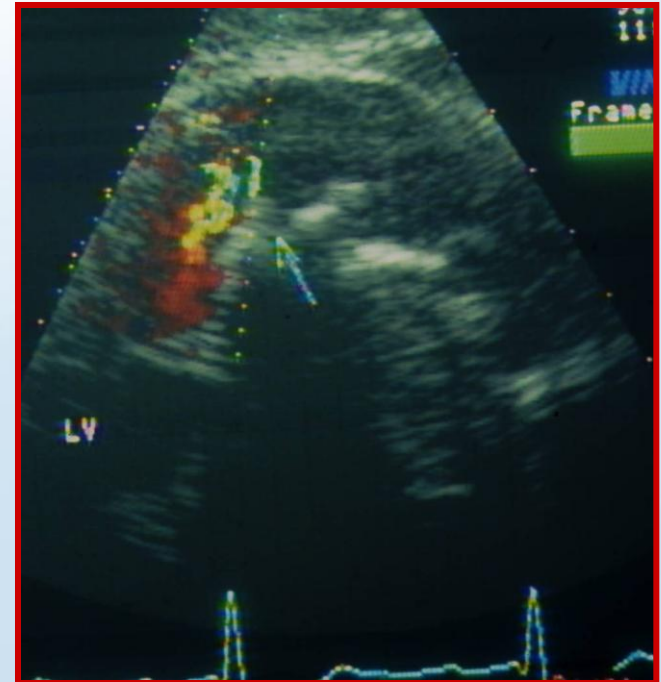




## Correzioni atipiche efflusso sin.



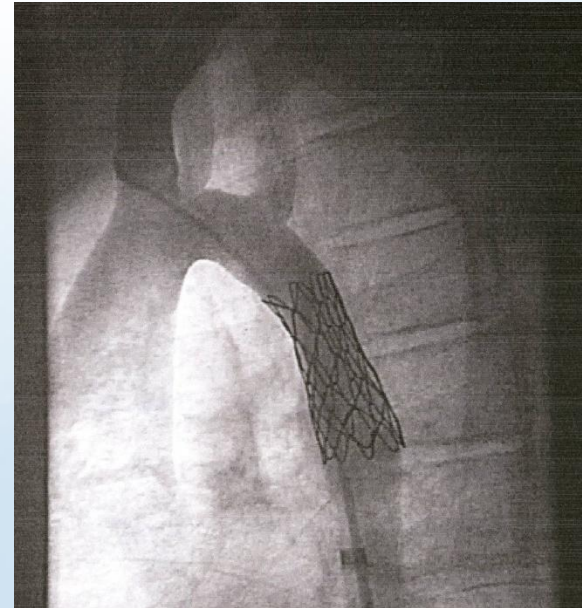
**Ampliamento anulus sul lembo anteriore mitrale**



**Condotto apico-aortico**



# Ampliamento con stent di ricoartazione



- Trattamento percutaneo terapia di prima scelta:**
- bassa invasività
  - rischi contenuti (stent ricoperti)
  - non utilizzabile se segmenti molto angolati o correzione con condotti di piccolo calibro



# Trattamento chirurgico ricoartazione

- Rischi maggiori
- Necessità di cec
- Impiego condotti extranatomici



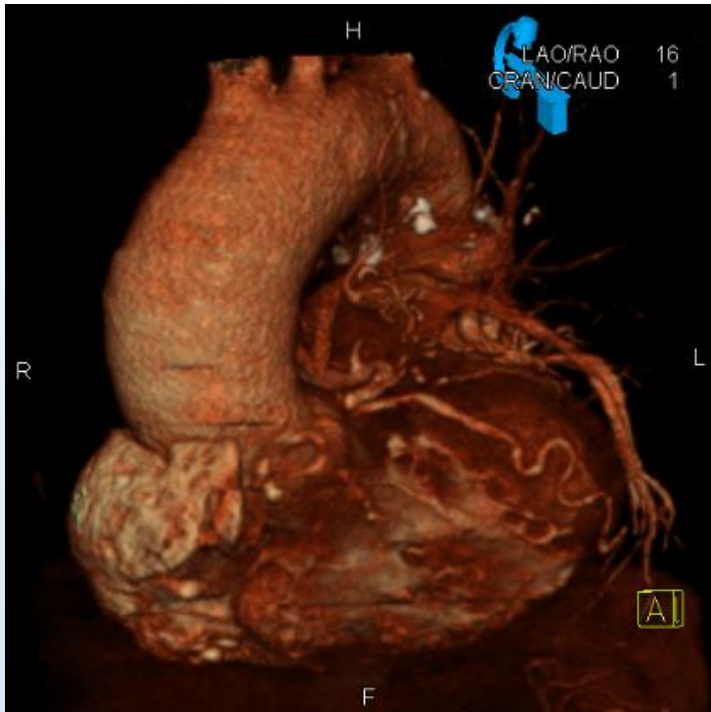
# Cardiopatie con ostruzione efflusso destro

## In storia naturale

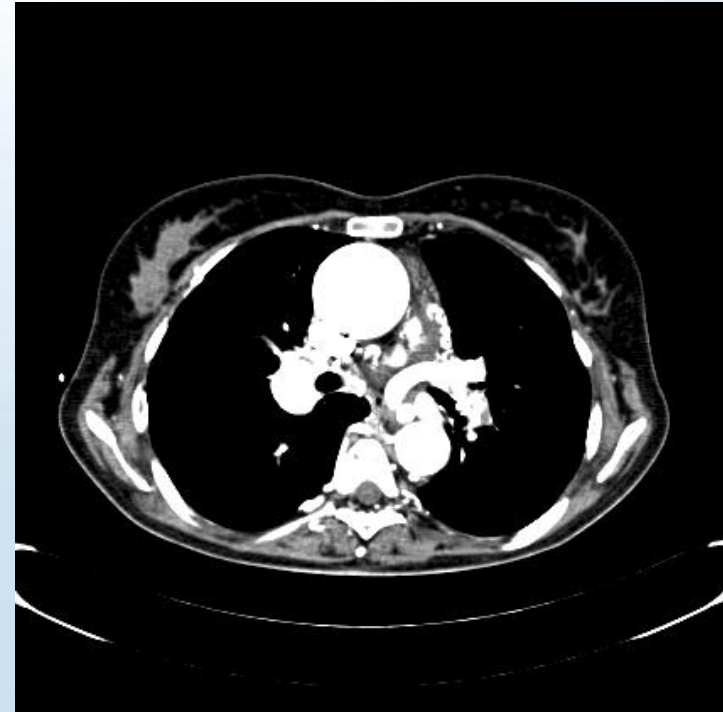
- T.Fallot
- Atresia polmonare con DIV e collaterali
- TCGA/TGA con DIV e SPo
- Cuore univentricolare con SPo



## Atresia polmonare con perfusione multifocale



Rami polmonari ipoplasici  
confluenti deconnessi dal VD



Collaterale a perfondere polmone dx





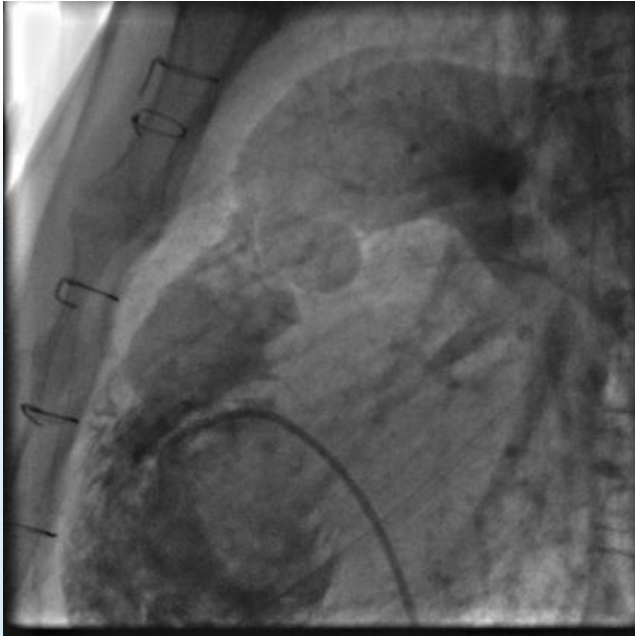
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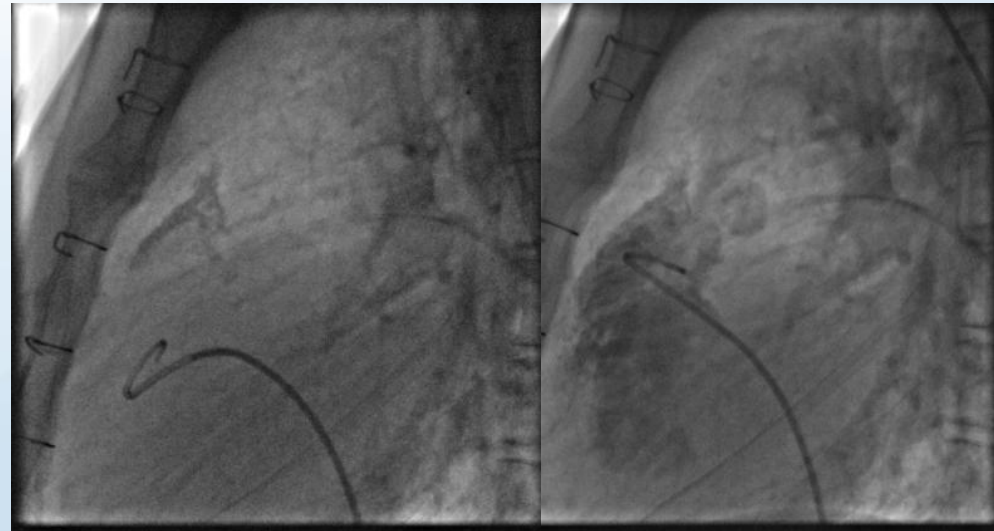
- cardiopatie corrette con condotto VD-AP  
atresia PO con DIV, Truncus, TGA con DIV e Spo
- cardiopatie con patologie rami polmonari  
T.Fallot, Atresia Po con DIV, TGA corretta con switch
- malfunzionamenti protesi/autograft valvolari



# Ostruzioni efflusso destro



Esiti correzione T.Falot  
Stenosi infundibolare residua



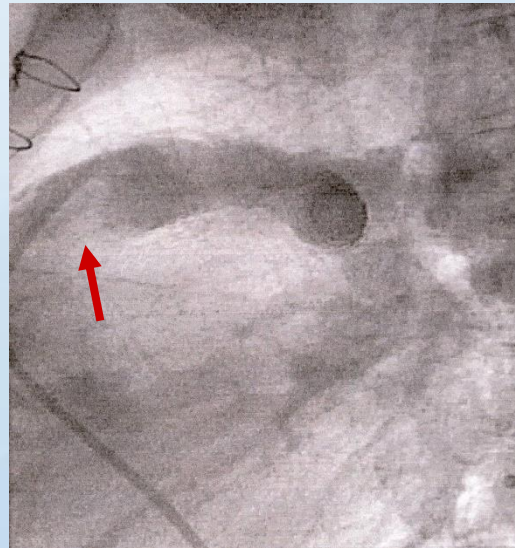
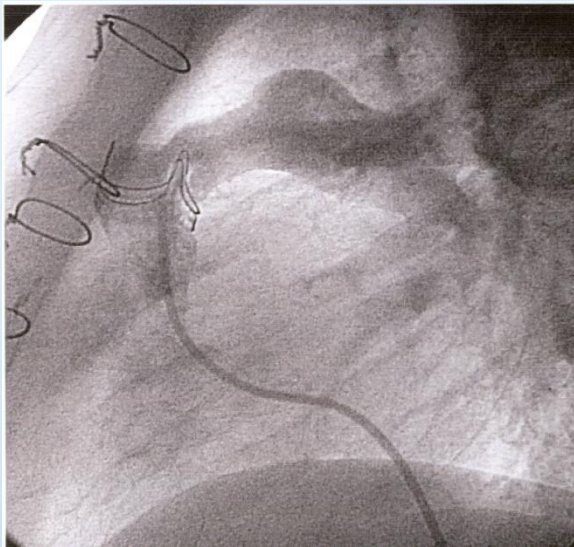
Esiti correzione T.Falot  
Calcificazioni patch e stenosi residua





## Patologie condotti

A distanza di 20 anni più del 60% dei condotti sono mal funzionanti per degenerazione valvolare e/o per ostruzione da proliferazione intimale e da lesioni calcifiche



**Sovraccarichi  
volume e/o pressione**

**Disfunzione ventricolare  
(scompenso destro)**





## Conseguenze patologie dei rami polmonari

- **Missmatch ventilazione/perfusione**
- **Ipertensione sul polmone controlaterale**
- **Sovraccarico pressione VD**



# Indications for Intervention in Right Ventricular Outflow Tract Obstruction

- RVOTO at any level should be repaired regardless of symptoms when Doppler peak gradient is  $> 64$  mmHg (peak velocity  $> 4$  m/s), provided that RV function is normal and no valve substitute is required.
- In valvular PS, balloon valvotomy should be the intervention of choice.
- In asymptomatic patients in whom balloon valvotomy is ineffective and surgical valve replacement is the only option, surgery should be performed in the presence of a systolic RVP  $> 80$  mmHg (TR velocity  $> 4.3$  m/sec).
- Intervention in patients with gradient  $< 64$  mmHg should be considered in the presence of symptoms related to PS or decreased RV function or double chambered RV (which is usually progressive) or important arrhythmias or right-to-left shunting via an ASD or VSD.
- Peripheral PS, regardless of symptoms, should be considered for repair if  $> 50\%$  diameter narrowing and RV systolic pressure  $> 50$  mmHg and/or lung perfusion abnormalities are present.

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ASD = atrial septal defect; PS = pulmonary stenosis; RV = right ventricle; RVOTO = right ventricular outflow tract obstruction; RVP = right ventricular pressure; TR = tricuspid regurgitation; VSD = ventricular septal defect.



# Indications for Intervention in Patients With Right Ventricular to Pulmonary Artery Conduits

- Symptomatic patients with RV systolic pressure > 60 mmHg (TR velocity > 3.5 m/sec; may be lower in case of reduced flow) and/or moderate/severe PR should undergo surgery.
- Asymptomatic patients with severe RVOTO and/or severe PR should be considered for surgery when at least one of the following criteria is present:
  - decrease in exercise capacity (CPET),
  - progressive RV dilation,
  - progressive RV systolic dysfunction,
  - progressive TR (at least moderate),
  - RV systolic pressure > 80 mmHg (TR velocity > 4.3 m/sec),
  - sustained atrial/ventricular arrhythmias.

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CPET = cardiopulmonary exercise testing; PR = pulmonary regurgitation; RV = right ventricle; RVOTO = right ventricular outflow tract obstruction; TR = tricuspid regurgitation.



## Trattamento ostruzioni efflusso dx

- **Patologie condotti**
  - sostituzione chirurgica
  - impianto protesi percutanea
- **Patologia efflusso nativo**
  - ampliamento con patch
  - recentazione fasci muscolari
- **Patologia rami polmonari**
  - ampliamento con stent
  - ampliamento chirurgico



# Trattamento ostruzioni efflusso dx





## Considerazioni conclusive

- **Le cardiopatie note in storia naturale richiedono regolari controlli ma anche rivalutazione ai fini di ridiscutere eventuali opzioni chirurgiche**
- **Le cardiopatie complesse operate richiedono regolari controlli per identificare eventuali anomalie e decidere le terapie più appropriate**
- **La gestione di questi pazienti deve essere fatta da personale con specifiche competenze nell'ambito delle cardiopatie congenite**





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