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PA with VSD c/s MAPCA

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Tetralogy of Fallot with Pulmonary Atresia

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Definitions

• PA VSD

- Lack of luminal continuity
- Absence of blood flow from either ventricle to pulmonary artery
- Discordant VA connections
 - Isomeric atrial appendages, Double inlet ventricle, or atrioventricular valvar atresia
 - Have pulmonary atresia with a hole between the ventricles
 - PA is confluent, is fed by a PDA

• TOF with PA

 A specific type of PA VSD with intracardiac morphology of TOF

TOF with PA c/s MAPCAs

- Extreme subgroup of TOF
- Major clinical problems in the arteries that supply the pulmonary circulation

• Variable clinical presentations & different surgical strategies to that in TOF/PS

Natural History

- Variable depending on the pulmonary blood flow
 - At birth, ductus dependent in case of true PAs
 - After ductal closure, dependent on the **collaterals**
- Excessive pulmonary blood flow : <u>CHF, PVOD</u>
- Moderate collateral stenosis: <u>Balanced pulmonary</u>
 <u>blood flow</u>
- Severe collateral stenosis : <u>Hypoxia</u>

Characteristics of Pulmonary Atresia



Types of Pulmonary Circulation



Type A 60~70%

Types of Pulmonary Circulation



Communication between NPAs and MAPCAs



Types of Pulmonary Circulation



Sources of Pulmonary Blood Flow

Unifocal pulmonary blood supply
 – Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)

Multifocal pulmonary blood supply
 Major aortopulmonary collateral arteries (MAPCA)

Supply from PDA



Supply from MAPCAs



Supply from MAPCAs

- Usually **co-exist** with intrapericardial **PAs**
- Number between 2~6
- Usually arise from **descending thoracic aorta**
 - May originate from the aortic arch, subcalvian a, carotid a. or even the coronary arteries
- Frequently develop stenosis
- PHT and progressive PVOD
- MAPCAs connect with branches of central PAs, or constitute the only blood supply

Characteristics of MAPCAs

- Highly variable pulmonary arterial morphology, but some predictable pattern
 - The PDA connected to a central PA
 - **Peripheral PA distribution is normal** (no sytemic collateral arteries in that hemithorax, ductus arteriosus dose not coexist with MAPCAs in the same lung)
 - RUL and LLL segments often are supplied by single, noncommunicating MAPCAs (from subclavian artery and descending aorta)

Influence of MAPCA

- Chronic shunt & LV volume overload
 - -Decreased LV function
 - -Aortic annular dilatation
 - -AR
- Segmental loss of lung parenchyme
 - -In case of collateral stenosis
 - Hypoxia
 - -In unobstructed cases
 - CHF, PVOD

Histologic Characteristics of MAPCAs

Extrapulmonary

- muscular artery with well developed muscular media & adventitia
- Intrapulmonary
 - medial muscle is gradually replaced
 by a thin elastic lamina
 resembling true PAs
- Unobstructed MAPCAs – PVOD
- Muscular segments of collaterals
 - prone to the development of severe stenosis, often progressive



Collateral stenoses common



Unobstructed MAPCA



Long stenotic segment

Connection between MAPCA and true PA



Definitive Repair of TOF with PA c/s MAPCAs

Ultimate goal

: Completely separated pulmonary & systemic circulation

- 1. Closure of ventricular septal defect
- 2. Establish continuity between RV & PA
- 3. Occlusion of redundant collaterals & shunts / Unifocalization

Surgery for TOF with PA s MAPCA

Initial palliation

- Shunt
- Complete repair around 6~10 months of age

Primary neonatal repair

- Using RV-PA conduit or transannular patch
- Foramen ovale is narrowed to 3~4mm
- Options for RVOT reconstruction
 - Conduit ± Pulmonary valve
 - Transannular patch ± pulmonary valve

Surgery for TOF with PA s MAPCA

Initial palliation

- -Shunt related complication
 - High inter-stage mortality
 - PA distortion
- Early primary repair
 - -Early RV volume loading
 - -LPA stenosis
 - Required multiple intervention

Surgery for TOF with PA c MAPCAs

- **Unifocalize** the greatest number of segmental arteries together
 - Native PA and/or MPACAs
 - Single stage vs multi-stage
- Remove aortic sources of blood flow to segments that are dual supplied.
- **Closed VSD** (if possible) and **create RV to PA communication** achieving a RV/LV ratio of < 0.7

Surgery for TOF with PA c MAPCAs

Maximize the pulmonary artery

The size & distribution

• Maintain the adequate PBF

• Avoid the excessive PBF

Surgical strategy in TOF with PA c MAPCA

• Single stage repair

- complete unifocalization with RV to PA conduit and VSD closure at age of 4~8 months
- High RV pressure > 80% of RV/LV
 - VSD fenestration

• Staged repair

- Including growth of the central PAs with central shunt or RV-PA conduit
- Staged thoracotomy-based unifocalization of MAPCAs
- RV-PA conduit with VSD closure

Rationale for early single stage unifocalization

- One can incorporate all segments of blood supply to the lung before stenosis develop in the MAPCAs and before potential changes of PH occur
- Preferred age for single stage repairs

-4 to 8 months of age

- Improved tolerance of long operations as compared to young infancy
- Prior to the development of risks of PVOD
- Prior to the development of MAPCA stenosis

Advantages of single stage repair

- Eliminate the need for multiple operations
- Eliminate the use of prosthetic materials
- Establish the normal physiology early in life
 - Growth of respiratory & PA system
 - Avoid cyanosis & volume overload
 - -Prevent the PVOD

Disadvantages of single stage repair

- Increased pulmonary morbidity
 - Contusion & congestion
 - Bronchospasm
 - Phrenic nerve injury
- Magnitude of operation
- Technically more demanding
- Unknown ideal age

Rationale for staged repair

- Small central PAs needs to be "rehabilitated" to normal size with shunt or RV to PA conduit
- To gain exposure to the distal MAPCA, hilar and intraparenchymal dissection is facilitated through unilateral or staged bilateral thoracotomies
- Identification and mobilization of MAPCAs is much easier through posterolateral thoracotomy than a sternotomy approach
- Single stage unifocalization is a long and tedious procedure (very stressful to a child)

Disadvantages of staged repair

- The final repair is **achieved on an old age**
- Mediastinum & hilar regions are significantly scarred, increasing surgical risks
- **Prolonged cyanosis** & previous operation cause secondary collaterals, risks of bleeding
- The risk of drop-off before the final repair

Unifocalization

• Definition

 Procedures that join the multifocal sources of pulmonary blood flow, be they intrapericardial native pulmonary arteries or one or more collateral arteries (MAPCAs), into a single source

Timing of Unifocalization

• At any age, when collaterals are large to allow technical ease without risk of thrombosis

• Variable depending on collateral size, usually older than 2~3 months

• Staged procedures may be required for the bilateral aortopulmonary collaterals

Techniques of Unifocalization

- Procedures for collaterals
 - Ligation
 - Patch enlargement
 - Direct anastomosis
- Interposition grafts
 - Synthetic graft
 - Homograft
 - Xenograft
 - Autologous tissue including pericardium, azygos vein

Unifocalization procedure

• Ligation

• Angioplasty

• Anastomosis



Unifocalization procedure

• Interposition

- Additional PA creation

• Central PA creation

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Unifocalization procedure

- -Offbypass during dissection
- Maximal use of native tissue
- Avoid circumferential use of non-viable conduits for growth potential



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Repair without Unifocalization

- RCH, 2009
- Unifocalization brings no long-term benefits
 - . Unifocalization: sufficient to allow a safe repair
 - but, failed to achieve adequate growth
 - . Dilated BAs: limited growth potential & unstable
- \rightarrow Growth of the native PA rather than recruitment of MAPCAs
- Multi-stage approach
 - . 4~6wks: Modified central shunt
 - . 4~6months: **RV-PA conduit**
 - . 3^{rd} : complete repair or 2^{nd} conduit
- 18 pts enrolled in this protocol (No Unifocalization)
 - . 7 : complete repair, RVP 59% of systemic
 - . 8 : awaiting repair
 - . 4 MAPCAs in 17 pts: ligated

Melbourne Shunt



- Central end-to-side Aortopulmonary shunt
- Diminutive central pulmonary arteries

Modified Central shunt



RV-PA conduit



Advantages of RV - PA Connection

- Reduction of LV volume overload
- Pulsatile blood flow to enhance PA growth
- Facilitating the **catheter access** for the later evaluation & intervention
- Complications
 - aneurysm and pseudoaneurysm
 - pulmonary flow and pressure is completely uncontrolled

RV-PA Reconstruction

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RVOT Reconstruction with Valved Conduit





RVOT Reconstruction with Outflow Patch



RVOT Reconstruction with PA Reimplantation



RVOT Reconstruction with LA Appendage



RVOT Reconstruction with PA Flap

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VSD closure

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Functional Intraoperative PBF Study

- * Post-repair RVSP: most reliable predictor of favorable outcome
- * Data of functionality of the entire pulmonary vasculature

Hanley

- m PAP < 25mmHg at a full flow (2.5L/min/m²) predicts RV/LV pressure ratio < 0.5

Toronto, 2009

- Close the VSD for a **mPAP of <30mmHg**
- Predict postop. physiology better than standard anatomic measures

Anatomic Predictors of successful VSD closure

- Central PA area $\geq 50\%$ of predicted normal
 - Puga et al JTCS 1989;98(6):1028-9
- Predicted pRV/pLV \leq 0.7, no MAPCA remain
 - More than 2/3 lung segments are centralized
 - Iyer and Mee, ATS 1991; 51:65-72
- Nakata index > 150 mm^2/m^2 BSA
 - Metras, EJCTS 2001;20:590-6
- TNPAI $\geq 200 \text{ mm}^2/\text{m}^2$
 - Hanley, JTCS 1997;113(5):858-66
- More than 15 of lung segments connected to native PA
 - Baker, 2002

Functional predictors of successful VSD closure

- Net left to right shunt
- SpO2 is typically in the **high 80s or low 90s**
- At a cardiac index of 2.5L/min/m² and PA pressure of less than 30mmHg after unifocalization

Long-Term Surgical Outcome

- Depends on
 - -Number of lung segments incorporated into final repair
 - -Status of pulmonary microvasculature
 - -Absence of obstruction in RV-PA conduit and branch PAs.

Surgical Results

Table 22-1. Summary of surgical outcomes in patients with pulmonary atresia with ventricular septal defect and major aortopulmonary collateral arteries

Authors (year)	Time period of operation	No. of patients	Strategy of unifocalization	Age at first operation	Early death	Follow-up duration	Late death	Outcomes at last follow-up
Reddy (2000) ^[71]	1992-1998	85	Single-stage	5m (10d - 37y)	9 (10.6%)	22m (1 - 69m)	7	84% 1YSR 74% 4YSR 93% total repair
Carotti (2003) ^[53]	1994-2002	37	Integrated approach	39m (22d - 13y)		43m (1 - 85m)		81% 7YSR 85% total repair
Gupta (2003) ^[65]	1983-2000	104	Staged	7d (3d - 22y)	11.5%	10.2y	5%	
Duncan (2003) ^[49]	1993-2001	46	Staged	7.2m (17d - 23y)	0	44m (1 - 79m)	1 (2.2%)	61% total repair
d'Udekem (2005) ^[69]	1975-1995	82	Staged	1.4y (7d - 34y)	4%+8%	14.2y (3m – 25y)	9	51% 12YSR (total repair) 65% total repair
Ishibashi (2007) ^[50]	1982-2004	113	Staged	6.3y (1.1m - 34y)		8.8y (0.8 – 23.3y)		80.9% 5YSR 73.8% 10YSR 80.5% total repair
Davies (2009) ^[54]	1989-2008	216	Staged/ Single	2y	6%	2.3y	6%	89% 3YSR 73% total repair
Honjo (2009) ^[67]	2003-2008	20	Single-stage	7.7m (2-197m)	0	31m (8-66m)	5%	94% 1YSR 95% total repair
Malhotra (2009) ^[38]	1992-2007	462	Single-stage	7.7m (10d - 39y)	5.9%	NR	NR	86% 5YSR 90% total repair

Conclusions

• MAPCAs

-Wide spectrum of pulmonary vascular morphology and physiology, ranging

• Management

 – complex and must be individualized according to their anatomy and clinical situations



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