#### Prosthetic Selection (Mechanical, Bioprosthese, homograft)

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## Ten Commandments (1950's)

#### • Prostheses must ...

- (1) not propagate emboli
- (2) be chemically inert and not damage blood elements
- (3) offer no resistance to physiological flows
- (4) close promptly (less than 0.05 second)
- (5) remain closed during the appropriate phase of the cardiac cycle
- (6) have lasting physical and geometric features
- (7) be inserted in a physiological site (generally the normal anatomical site)
- (8) be capable of permanent fixation
- (9) no annoy the patient
- (10) be technically practical to insert



Dwight E. Harken

#### The Ideal Valve has...

- Sufficient structural durability
- Absence of thrombogenicity
- Resistance to infections
- Lack of antigenicity
- No resistance to physiological flows
- Growth potential

#### **Evolutionary Steps in Heart Valve Technology**



Cardiovasc Med 2017;20:285-292

## **Types of Prosthetic Valves**

- Mechanical valves
- Tissue valves
  - Xenografts
    - Stented bioprosthetic valves
    - Stentless bioprosthetic valves
    - Sutureless valves
    - Transcatheter valves
  - Homografts
  - Autografts



# Mechanical bileaflet valves

- A. Open pivot (Medtronic)
- B. Regent (St. Jude Medical)
- C. Top Hat (Sorin Group)
- D. On-X (On-X Life Technologies)







# Stented porcine valves

- A. Mosaic, Hancock II (Medtronic)
- B. CE Standard (Edwards Lifesciences)
- C. Epic (St. Jude Medical)





# Stented bovine pericardial valves

- A. CE PERIMOUNT (Edwards Lifesciences)
- B. Mitroflow (Sorin Group)
- C. Trifecta (St. Jude Medical)







#### **Stentless valves**

- A. Freestyle aortic root bioprostheses (Medtronic)
- B. Freedom solo valve (Sorin Group)
- C. Prima Plus valve (Edwards Lifesciences)



# Sutureless valves

- A. 3f Enable (Medtronic)
- B. Perceval S (Sorin Group)
- C. Intuity (Edwards Lifesciences)







## **Types of Substitutes**

- Autograft
  - Ross operation
- Homograft (Allograft)
  - Cadaveric human aortic and pulmonary valves
- Heterograft (Xenograft)
  - Bioprosthetic ; porcine, bovine pericardial



# Homograft

- Harvested from human cadavers within 24 hours of death
- Treated with antibiotics and cryopreserved at -196°C
- Mostly implanted in form of a total root replacement with reimplantation of the coronary arteries
- Used in aortic valve and root endocarditis in the active phase d/t resistant of infection
- No required immune suppression and routine anticoagulation
- Long-term durability : not superior to current-generation pericardial valves
- Technically challenging for reoperation d/t excessive root and leaflet calcification

#### Long-term outcomes after autograft versus homograft aortic root replacement in adults with aortic valve disease: a randomised controlled trial

Ismail El-Hamamsy, Zeynep Eryigit, Louis-Mathieu Stevens, Zubair Sarang, Robert George, Lucy Clark, Giovanni Melina, Johanna J M Takkenberg, Magdi H Yacoub



Lancet 2010;376:524-531

#### **ACQUIRED: AORTIC VALVE**

#### Are homografts superior to conventional prosthetic valves in the setting of infective endocarditis involving the aortic valve?

Joon Bum Kim, MD, PhD,<sup>a,b</sup> Julius I. Ejiofor, MD,<sup>c</sup> Maroun Yammine, MD,<sup>c</sup> Janice M. Camuso, RN,<sup>a</sup> Conor W. Walsh, BA,<sup>d</sup> Masahiko Ando, MD, PhD,<sup>a</sup> Serguei I. Melnitchouk, MD,<sup>a</sup> James D. Rawn, MD,<sup>c</sup> Marzia Leacche, MD,<sup>c</sup> Thomas E. MacGillivray, MD,<sup>a</sup> Lawrence H. Cohn, MD,<sup>c</sup> John G. Byrne, MD,<sup>c</sup> and Thoralf M. Sundt, MD<sup>a</sup>



- Technically complex
- Durability
- Scarcity

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## **Choice of Valve Prosthesis**

- Mechanical vs bioprosthetic valve
  - Age
  - Life expectancy
  - Preference
  - Indications or contraindications to anticoagulation
  - Comorbidities
- Choosing a valve providing optimal hemodynamics

#### **Comparison of Risks**



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#### SVD of Biological Valves at 15-20 years



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The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

#### Mechanical or Biologic Prostheses for Aortic-Valve and Mitral-Valve Replacement

Andrew B. Goldstone, M.D., Ph.D., Peter Chiu, M.D., Michael Baiocchi, Ph.D., Bharathi Lingala, Ph.D., William L. Patrick, M.D., Michael P. Fischbein, M.D., Ph.D., and Y. Joseph Woo, M.D.



N Engl J Med 2017;377:1847-57

### **2020 ACC/AHA Guidelines**



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### **2020 ACC/AHA Guidelines**

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	Favor Mechanical Prosthesis	Favor Bioprosthesis			
	Age <50 y	Age >65 y			
	Increased incidence of structural deterioration with bioprosthesis (15-y risk: 30% for age 40 y, 50% for age 20 y)	Low incidence of structural deterioration (15-y risk: <10% for age >70 y)			
	Lower risk of anticoagulation complications	Higher risk of anticoagulation complications			
	Patient preference (avoid risk of reintervention)	Patient preference (avoid risk and inconvenience of anticoagulation)			
	Low risk of long-term anticoagulation	High risk of long-term anticoagulation			
	Compliant patient with either home monitoring or close access to INR monitoring	Limited access to medical care or inability to regulate VKA			
	Other indication for long-term anticoagulation (eg, AF)	Access to surgical centers with low reoperation mortality rate			
	High-risk reintervention (eg, porcelain aorta, prior radiation therapy)	Access to transcatheter ViV replacement			
	Small aortic root size for AVR (may preclude ViV procedure in future)	TAVI valves have larger effective orifice areas for smaller valve sizes (avoid patient–prosthesis mismatch)			

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## **2021 ESC/EACTS Guidelines**

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#### **Mechanical prostheses**

A mechanical prosthesis is recommended according to the desire of the informed patient and if there are no contraindications to longterm anticoagulation.<sup>c</sup> A mechanical prosthesis is recommended in patients at risk of accelerated SVD.<sup>d</sup> A mechanical prosthesis should be considered in patients already on anticoagulation because of a mechanical prosthesis in another valve position.

A mechanical prosthesis should be considered in patients aged <60 years for prostheses in the aortic position and aged <65 years for prosthe- ses in the mitral position. <sup>462, 464 e</sup>	lla	В
A mechanical prosthesis should be considered in patients with a reasonable life expectancy for whom future redo valve surgery or TAVI (if appropriate) would be at high risk. <sup>f</sup>	lla	с
A mechanical prosthesis may be considered in patients already on long-term anticoagulation due to the high risk for thromboembolism. <sup>f</sup>	Шь	с

*Eur Heart J* 2022;43:561-632

### **2021 ESC/EACTS Guidelines**

#### **Biological prostheses**

A bioprosthesis is recommended according to the desire of the informed patient.

A bioprosthesis is recommended when goodquality anticoagulation is unlikely (adherence problems, not readily available), contraindicated because of high bleeding risk (previous major bleed, comorbidities, unwillingness, adherence problems, lifestyle, occupation) and in those patients whose life expectancy is lower than the presumed durability of the bioprosthesis.<sup>g</sup> A bioprosthesis is recommended in case of reoperation for mechanical valve thrombosis despite good long-term anticoagulant control.



A bioprosthesis should be considered in patients for whom there is a low likelihood and/or a low	lla	с	
A bioprosthesis should be considered in young women contemplating pregnancy.	lla	с	
A bioprosthesis should be considered in patients aged >65 years for a prosthesis in the aortic position or aged >70 years in a mitral position.	lla	с	1001
A bioprosthesis may be considered in patients already on long-term NOACs due to the high risk for thromboembolism. <sup>466–469 f</sup>	IIb	В	BSC/EACTS

#### Mechanical vs bioprosthetic valve



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## **Choice of Valve Prosthesis**

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• Choosing a valve providing optimal hemodynamics

#### **Relationship of Mean Systolic Gradient to AVA**



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Figure 6: IOA, GOA and EOA in bioprosthetic and mechanical valves. EOA: effective orifice area; GOA: geometric orifice area; IOA: internal orifice area.

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### **Prosthesis-Patient Mismatch (PPM)**

- Normally functioning prosthetic valve does not allow an adequate cardiac output without an excessive gradient across the valve
- The prosthetic valve is too small for the patient's body size

	Severe PPM	Moderate PPM
BMI < 30kg/m <sup>2</sup>	$iEOA \le 0.65 \text{ cm}^2/\text{m}^2$	0.65 < iEOA ≤ 0.85
$BMI \ge 30 kg/m^2$	iEOA $\leq$ 0.55 cm <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	0.55 < iEOA ≤ 0.70

### Severe PPM

- Less regression of LV mass
- Persistence of reduced coronary flow reserve
- Higher incidence of heart failure
- Early and late mortality

#### **Risk Assessment for PPM**

Prosthesis size (mm)	19	21	23	25	27	29
Average EOA (cm <sup>2</sup> )	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.7
BSA (m <sup>2</sup> )						
0.6	1.83	2.17	2.50	3.00	3.83	4.50
0.7	1.57	1.86	2.14	2.57	3.29	3.86
0.8	1.38	1.63	1.88	2.25	2.88	3.38
0.9	1.22	1.44	1.67	2.00	2.56	3.00
1	1.10	1.30	1.50	1.80	2.30	2.70
1.1	1.00	1.18	1.36	1.64	2.09	2.45
1.2	0.92	1.08	1.25	1.50	1.92	2.25
1.3	0.85	1.00	1.15	1.38	1.77	2.08
1.4	0.79	0.93	1.07	1.29	1.64	1.93
1.5	0.73	0.87	1.00	1.20	1.53	1.80
1.6	0.49	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	1.69
1.7	0.65	0.76	0.88	1.06	1.35	1.59
1.8	0.61	0.72	0.83	1.00	1.28	1.50
1.9	0.58	0.68	0.79	0.95	1.21	1.42
2	0.55	0.65	0.75	0.90	1.15	1.35
2.1	0.52	0.62	0.71	0.86	1.10	1.29
2.2	0.50	0.59	0.68	0.82	1.05	1.23
2.3	0.48	0.57	0.65	0.78	1.00	1.17
2.4	0.46	0.54	0.63	0.75	0.96	1.13
2.5	0.44	0.52	0.60	0.72	0.92	1.08

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# **Issues around Sizing and Labelling**

- Non-uniform or incomplete reporting of valve materials and physical dimensions
- Non-uniform marking of valve support structures (e.g. sewing rings)
- Unclear definition of labeled valve size and inconsistencies between sizer dimensions and labeled valve size
- Lack of robust information to reliably predict valve hemodynamic performance
- Lack of uniform tools to predict and prevent PPM
- · Lack of good-quality, robust clinical data on valve thrombogenicity



#### EACTS-STS-AATS Valve Labelling Task Force

- Cardiac surgeons
- Cardiologists
- Engineers
- Regulatory professionals
- Representatives of major valve manufacturing companies

#### **Standardized Approach**

#### A Mechanical valves, aortic position

	Physical dimensions					
Labelled valve size	Overall profile height	Outflow profile height	Minimum internal diameter	External housing diameter	External sewing ring diameter	
T	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	

#### B Mechanical valves, mitral position

Labelled valve size	Physical dimensions						
	Overall profile height	Outflow profile height	Minimum internal diameter	External housing diameter	External sewing ring diameter		
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)		





#### A Bioprosthetic valves, aortic position



#### B Bioprosthetic valves, mitral position

	Physical dimensions						
Overall profile height	Outflow profile height	Minimum internal diameter	Internal stent diameter	External stent diameter	External sewing ring diameter		
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)		
	Overall profile height (A)	Overall profile heightOutflow profile height(A)(B)	Overall profile Outflow profile Minimum internal diameter   (A) (B) (C)	Overall profile Outflow profile Minimum internal diameter Internal stent diameter   (A) (B) (C) (D)	Overall profile Outflow profile Minimum internal diameter Internal stent diameter External stent diameter   (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)		



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#### **Standardized Approach**



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Figure 10. Standardized Valve Chart: aortic valves. Standardized Valve Charts provide essential information on surgical heart valve (SHV) characteristics in a uniform manner and allow for comparability between different SHV models without demanding radical changes in current SHV designs or labelling. Furthermore, Valve Charts highlight the necessity of considering multiple factors when selecting an SHV for implantation. (BMI, body mass index; BSA, body surface area; EOA, effective orifice area; iEOA, indexed effective orifice area; PPM, prosthesis–patient mismatch.)

#### Thank you for your attention





