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# Surgery for Infective Endocarditis

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# Practice guidelines

- AHA, IDSA: Infective Endocarditis. Diagnosis, antimicrobial therapy, and management of complications. Circulation 2005; 111: e394-e434.
- ESC: Guidelines of prevention, diagnosis and treatment of infective endocarditis. European Heart Journal 2004; 25: 267-276.
- BCS, RCP: Prophylaxis and treatment of infective endocarditis in adults: a concise guide. Clinical Medicine: 2004; 4: 545-550.



## Role of the surgeon

- 35-60% of IE patients eventually require surgery (early or late)
- BCS, RCP: In haemodynamically stable patients, early consultation with a cardiac surgeon is recommended in case surgery is suddenly required

Middlemost JACC 1991 Moon Prog Cardiovasc Dis 1997 Jubair JTCVS 1992 Vlessis Ann Thorac Surg 1996 Castillo Heart 2000



# Indications

- Hemodynamic
- Infectious
- Prevention of complications

Always a patient-centered decision making process





# Indication for EMERGENCY surgery

- Acute heart failure requires IMMEDIATE surgery!!!
- Mainly:
  - Acute Aortic Valve Regurgitation
  - PVE (valve dehiscence)
  - Intracardiac fistulae
  - Pre-existing severe cardiac lesions
- Class I, level B









- Fungal endocarditis (difficult to treat, high risk of embolisation)
- Macro-embolisation under adequate AB with residual vegetation present (cerebral emboli no contra-indication if IC bleeding excluded by CT immediately preop and <48-72 hrs after embolus)</li>









# Indications for EARLY surgery

- Destruction of the cardiac skeleton

   Abscess, VSD, fistulae (Ao-RA)
   New 3°AVB
- Persistent septic-infectious symptoms or increase in vegetation size after 7 d of adequate AB (especially for PVE)
- PVE S. aureus (?)























# **Relative surgical indications**

=Surgery should be seriously considered

- Vegetation >1 cm esp. fragile, AML
- Early (<2 m) PVE
- New AVBlock (1°, 2°, LBBB) persisting >7d under adequate AB
- Renal failure





# **Relative surgical indications**

- « Kissing lesions »
- Serious hemodynamic lesion, which might lead to heart failure (increase in LV diameters, wall stress, pulmonary hypertension)





# Surgical principles

- Ubi pus, ibi evacua.
- Debridement++++
  - Culture
  - Pathology
- Extensive reconstructions
- Homografts, pericardial patches, valve reconstructions, valve replacements































- Perop culture : total period of AB should be 4 or 6 weeks including preoperative adequate treatment period
- Perop culture + : 4 or 6 weeks after surgery
- Monitoring therapeutic effect





# Postoperative AB, PVE

- Always 4 or 6 weeks postoperative AB
- Sometimes prolonged AB (only after multidisciplinary consult)





#### Outcome



#### GHB 2000-2004,

Hill et al, Eur Heart J 2007



#### Survival abscess surgery



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David et al, JTCVS 2007





#### Reoperation free after abscess surgery







#### Recurrence free after abscess surgery







#### Outcome – multivariable analysis

KUL 2000-2004 (n=203) Predictors 6 month mortality

- Age
- Causative micro-organism (staphylococcal and enterococcal IE worse)
- Treatment group (perforce conservative worse)

Hill et al, Eur Heart J 2007





#### Outcome – multivariable analysis

New Haven 1990-2000 (n=513) Predictors 6 month mortality

- Valve surgery adjusted HR 0.35 [0.23-0.54]
- Adjusted for:

 Hospital site, comorbidity, congestive heart failure, microbial etiology, immunocompromised state, abnormal mental status, refractory infection.

Vikram et al, JAMA2003





#### Outcome – multivariable analysis

Propensity scores analysis

- Propensity that a specific patient receives the specific treatment under study
- 3 ways of integration into multivariable analysis
  - Individual matching
  - Quintiles-stratification
  - Score = independent parameter





#### HR 0.40 [0.18-0.53]



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Vikram et al, JAMA2003 N=218/513 matched patients







HR 0.22 [0.09-0.53]

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Vikram et al, JAMA2003 N=218/513 matched patients





#### Table 5. Multivariate analysis of survival of the 102 patients with infective endocarditis (IE) within the matched cohort.

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Characteristic	test score	Hazard ratio (95% CI)
Surgery	13.01	0.27 (0.13–0.55)
Diabetes mellitus	19.80	4.81 (2.41–9.62)
Chronic indwelling central catheter	7.43	2.65 (1.31–5.33)
Paravalvular complications	4.43	2.16 (1.06–4.44)

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Aksoy et al, CID 2007 N=102/426 matched patients





The Impact of Valve Surgery on 6-Month Mortality in Left-Sided Infective Endocarditis Imad M. Tleyjeh, et al

*Conclusions*—The results of our study suggest that valve surgery in leftsided infective endocarditis is not associated with a survival benefit and could be associated with increased 6-month mortality, even after adjustment for selection and survivor biases as well as confounders. Given the disparity between the results of our study and those of other observational studies, well-designed prospective studies are needed to further evaluate the role of valve surgery in endocarditis management. (*Circulation.* 2007;115:1721-1728.)





- Comments:
  - N=186/546
  - 1980-1998

 Very high operative mortality (27% in entire group, half within 7d) is the reason for worse survival. After removal of early mortality effect by partitioning, HR 0.92 [0.48-1.76]







N=1516, quintiles





Table IV. Important characteristics of patients with native valve IE by propensity group

	Propensity group						
	1 (n = 299)	2 (n = 300)	3 (n = 299)	4 (n = 300)	5 (n = 299)		
Female	47.5	33.7	35.5	25.0	20.1		
S aureus	31.4	20.0	27.1	24.3	16.1		
Coagulase-negative staphylococci	2.7	5.0	5.0	9.0	12.4		
Viridans group streptococci	39.1	34.3	23.1	21.0	23.4		
AV vegetation	10.0	20.0	26.8	31.7	52.2		
MV vegetation	32.4	33.0	38.5	37.0	26.8		
TV vegetation	10.4	5.0	5.7	4.3	1.7		
CHF	0.7	12.0	36.5	68.0	73.6		
Abscess	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	43.1		
Embolization, systemic	31.8	31.3	37.5	36.3	30.1		

Values are presented as percentages. AV, Aortic valve; MV, mitral valve; TV, tricuspid valve; CNS, central nervous system.

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Cabell et al, Am Heart J 2005 N=1516, quintiles



# **ICU** endocarditis

- Surgical intervention better
- multivariate sign
  - Surgery OR 0.465
  - Shock
  - Cerebral embolism
  - Immunosuppressive therapy

Mourvillier Intensive Care Med 2004 N=228 consecutive patients











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