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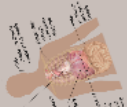
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Introduction

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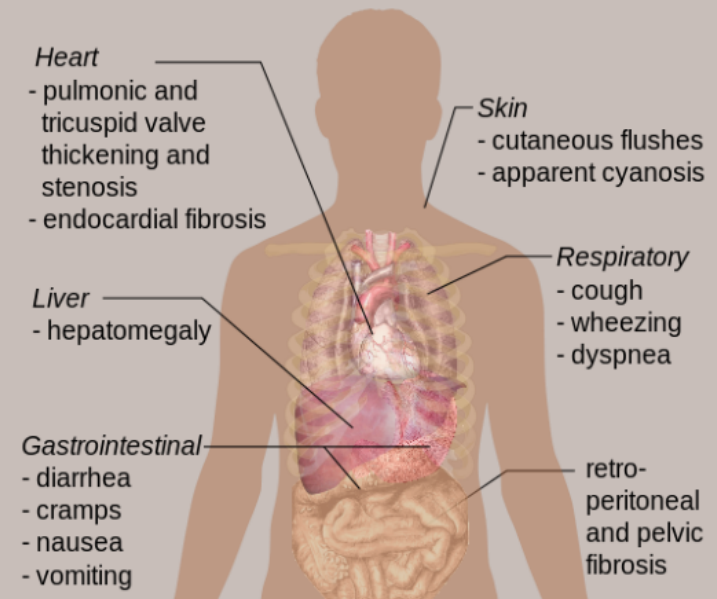


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Carcinoid heart disease (CHD)

- **Carcinoid tumours:** rare malignancies of enterochromaffine cells
- **Carcinoid syndrome:** liver metastases and systemic release of vasoactive substances
 - 60% develop CHD
- **Carcinoid heart disease:** secondary to carcinoid syndrome
 - Carcinoid plaques on endocardium
 - Common on tricuspid & pulmonary valves
 - 15% left sided lesions
- Valve replacement for CHD
 - High mortality but significant functional improvement for survivors



Treatment Options

Medical

- Somatostatin analogues

Surgical

- Valve replacement
- Valve reconstruction

Interventional

- Balloon valvuloplasty

The case

- History carcinoid syndrome
- Liver metastases, portal hypertension
- Echo: 4-valve CHD, severe NYHA III & ascites
- Dilated R heart, failure NYHA III & ascites (EF>55%)
- Stress MRI: preserved LV function
- Cardiac MRI: Normal coronaries

(Peri)operative management

- Octreotide infusion 2hr pre-op until day 9 post-op, followed by depot injections
- Quadruple tissue valve replacement
- Median sternotomy
- aorto-bicaval cannulation
- MV/TV: Perimount Plus®
- AV/PV: Perimount Magna-Ease®
- Bypass 186min, cross-clamp 154min
- Intra-op TOE monitoring



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Presentation

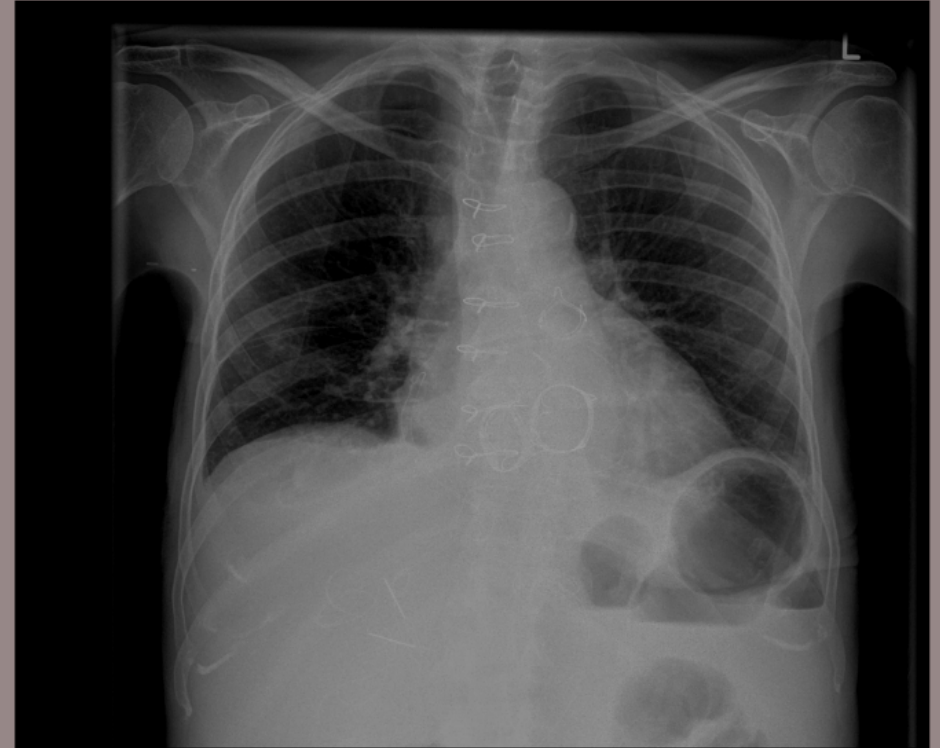
- 65 year old female
- 11 year history carcinoid syndrome
 - Liver metastases, portal hypertension
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 - Cardiac index 1.4

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Outcome

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Discussion

Review of the literature 1

Publication (Country)	Year	Number of patients	Valves used	Mortality	Postoperative complications	Comments
McAlindon et al [8] (UK)	2011	1	Not reported	No in-hospital mortality	Not reported	FO was closed
Arghami et al [9] (USA)	2010	7	St Jude (4), Carpentier-Edwards (1), Carbo-Medics (2)	1 in-hospital mortality secondary to heart failure, 3 deaths at 39, 5 and 30 months due to carcinoid progression	Atrial fibrillation (2), heart block (2), permanent pacing (1), AKI (1)	3 patients had FO closure. Octreotide used peri-operatively
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Knott-Craig CJ et al [11] (USA)	1992	1	St Jude Medical mechanical valve (3), pulmonary homograft (1)	Alive at 4 months	None.	30-day mortality in the entire cohort of 10 patients was 10%

Table 1: Quadruple valve replacements for carcinoid heart disease

- Valve choice**
- Few data available
 - Mechanical valves, tissue valves and homografts have been used
 - Most data stems from patients with TYR
 - Isolated reports of plaques on bioprosthetic valves - under ongoing somatostatin analogue therapy
 - plaques unlikely to develop on bioprosthetic valves
 - Choice of valves should be tailored to patient risk of bleeding and valve thrombosis
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Table 2: Valve replacements and reconstruction for quadruple valve carcinoid disease

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Cacilio et al [12] (USA)	2008	1	Replacement of PV and TV, reconstruction of AV and MV, TV plasty of AV and MV.	Alive at 25 months	None
Chang et al [13] (Belgium)	2006	1	Replacement of PV and TV, reconstruction of AV and MV.	Alive at discharge	None

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Conclusion

- First case of quadruple bioprosthetic valve replacement for carcinoid heart disease
- 10 cases of quadruple valve replacement for carcinoid heart disease reported to date
- Acceptable postoperative mortality but high perioperative complication rate
- Survivors benefit from functional improvement
- All patients in whom malignancy is not an imminent threat should be offered valve replacement

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