

Endocarditis

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Bacterial (septic) endocarditis - is severe general disease characterized by inflammation of the endocardium and ulceration of the heart valves in the presence of sepsis.

According to the course of the disease acute bacterial endocarditis and subacute bacterial endocarditis are distinguished.



Subacute bacterial endocarditis

Etiology
 Bacterial endocarditis is usually caused by *Streptococcus viridans*, less frequently by enterococcus and *Staphylococcus albus* or *St. Aureus*.

Clinical picture

The symptoms of the disease mainly depend on the degree of toxemia and bacteriemia.

Complains are due to the presence of the following three syndromes:

- 1. Intoxication syndrome
- 2. Thrombembolytic syndrome
- 3. Valve affection syndrome





Small hemorrhages in the skin and mucosa of the mouth, on conjunctiva, eyelid folds, often affection of the joints. In most cases the patient's fingers become clubbed, while the nails are flat like a watch glass.









Auscultation of the heart. Development of endocarditis is attended by the appearance of functional murmurs due to anemia and murmurs that are caused by changes in the affected valve. Aortic values are usually involved, and signs of aortic insufficiency therefore develop,

symptoms of mitral insufficiency develop in affections of the mitral valve. Subacute bacterial endocarditis is characterized by embolism in the vessels of the spleen, kidneys or brain, followed by infarction of the involved organ.

The spleen is enlarged due to the response of the mesenchyma to the sepsis.

Kidneys give picture of diffuse glomerulonephritis, less frequently focal glomerulonephritis (slight proteinuria and haematuria, insignificant cylindruria). TBC : hypochromic anemia, increased ESR, leukocyte count varies, eosinophyl count decreases, tendency to monocytosis and histiocytosis. Biochemical study : dysproteinemia. Echocardiography : vegetation on the cusps of aortic valve (bacteria), less mitral valve.









Myocarditis is inflammation of the myocardium.

Acute, subacute and chronic myocarditis are differentiated.



The microbe antigen or its toxin acts on the myocardium and cause formation of tissue antigens in it, than an immune inflammation develops.



Clinical picture

Complains: \Box dyspnea in physical exertion, \Box extreme weakness, \Box palpitation, dull and boring pain or attacks of pain in the heart (like in anginal pectoris).

Skin is pallid with a slight cyanotic shade. The neck veins become swollen Pulse is small, soft, arrhythmic (extrasystole, paroxysmal fibrillation). □ Palpation – decreased diffuse apex beat, displaced exteriorly (outwards). Percussion – displacement of the heart to the left.



Auscultation

decreased S1;
S2 unchanged or diminished,
gallop rhythm in decreased myocardial contractility (severe LV failure).

At the apex – systolic murmur (relative mitral insufficiency). Arterial pressure (systolic) decreases.
 ECG – sinus tachycardia, arrhythmia, extrasystole, diffuse affections of the myocardium – split and diminished R wave, changed QRS complex, decreased ST interval.

Blood – neutrophylic leucocytosis, increased ESR, hyperglobulinaemia.





Restrictive







Pericarditis

Pericarditis is inflammation of the pericardium

Etiology

In most cases pericarditis develops in the presence of rheumatism or tuberculosis.

Pericarditis can develop in other infections as well (scarlet fever, measles, influenza, cancer or sepsis).

Dry (fibrinous) pericarditis

Chest Pain is often the only complaint of a patient with dry pericarditis

The pain varies in character from discomfort and pressure to strong torturing pain with radiation to the left part of the neck and the shoulder blade

Auscultation

The most important, and sometimes the only sign of dry pericarditis is the sound of pericardial friction

Dry pericarditis ends with complete recovery in 2-3 weeks or may convert into

-pericarditis with effusion

-or adhesive pericarditis

Pericarditis with effusion

Patients complain of the pressing sensation in the chest and pain in the heart. As effusion is accumulated, dyspnoea develops and the pain diminishes.

Dysphagia develops in compression of the oesophagus and hiccup when the phrenic nerve is compressed.

Fever is an almost obligatory symptom.

Objective examination

The face is oedematous and the skin is cyanotic and pallid. The neck veins are swollen. Compression of this veins accounts for the oedematous appearance of the face, neck, and the anterior surface of the chest (Stokes collar).

If much exudates is collected in pericardial sac, the patient assumes a characteristic posture: he sits in bed and inclines forward, his hands resting against the pillow lying on his knees. (prayer position) □The feeling of heaviness in the heart is thus lessened and respiration made easier.

Inspection of the heart region

- reveals leveling of the interspaces
- The apex beat is absent

Percussion shows considerable enlargement of cardiac dullness in all directions

Auscultation

Hearts sounds are markedly decreased
 The pulse is small, accelerated, paradoxical
 Arterial pressure is normal or decreased

Liver is enlarged.

Lab exams ECG

- □ low voltage of all the waves,
- ST interval first located above isoelectrical line and then is coming back to it.
- The picture looks like myocardial infarction, but all the pathological changes are equally pronounced in all leads and Q remains unchanged (no necrosis – no pathological Q wave).





Echocardiography

 reveals the space between pericardium and endocardium which is filled with effusion.

X-ray study – enlarged heart silhouette in the traverse direction.

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COMPLACATIONS

One of severe complication is Tamponade