

***Hypertensive Heart  
Disease  
Pericarditis, Myocarditis  
& Cardiomyopathy***

# ***Hypertensive Heart Disease***

***An adaptive response to pressure overload that can lead to myocardial dysfunction, cardiac dilatation, CHF and sudden death***

▶ ***The **Framingham Study** established that even mild hypertension with levels slightly **above 140/90** mm of Hg if sufficiently prolonged, induces left ventricular hypertrophy***

▶ ***May be:***

***Systemic /Left sided***

***Pulmonary/Right-Sided (Cor Pulmonale)***

# ***Hypertensive Heart Disease***

## ***Systemic (Left-Sided) Hypertensive Heart Disease***

### ***Minimal Pathological Criteria***

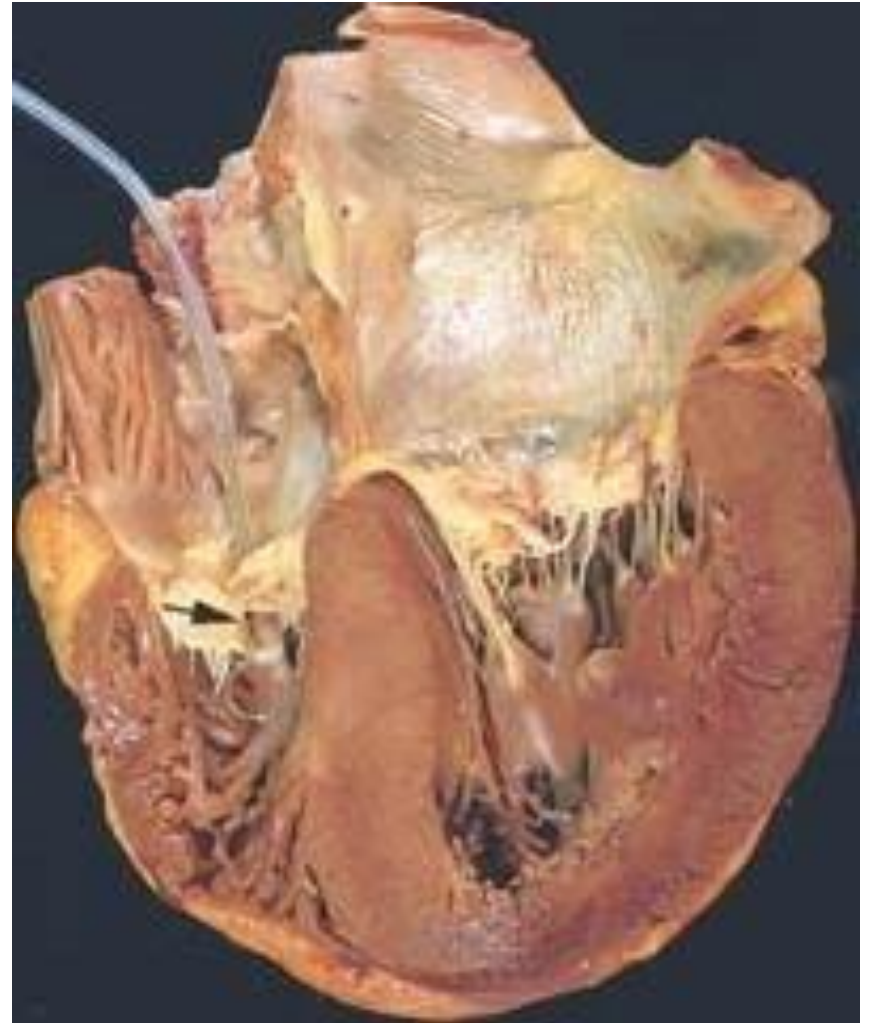
- ▶ ***For the diagnosis of systemic HHD are the following:  
(1) left ventricular hypertrophy (usually concentric)  
in the absence of other cardiovascular pathology (2)  
a clinical history or pathologic evidence of  
hypertension in other organs (e.g., kidney).***
- ***Compensated systemic HHD may be asymptomatic,  
producing only electrocardiographic or  
echocardiographic evidence of left ventricular  
enlargement.***

# ***Hypertensive Heart Disease***

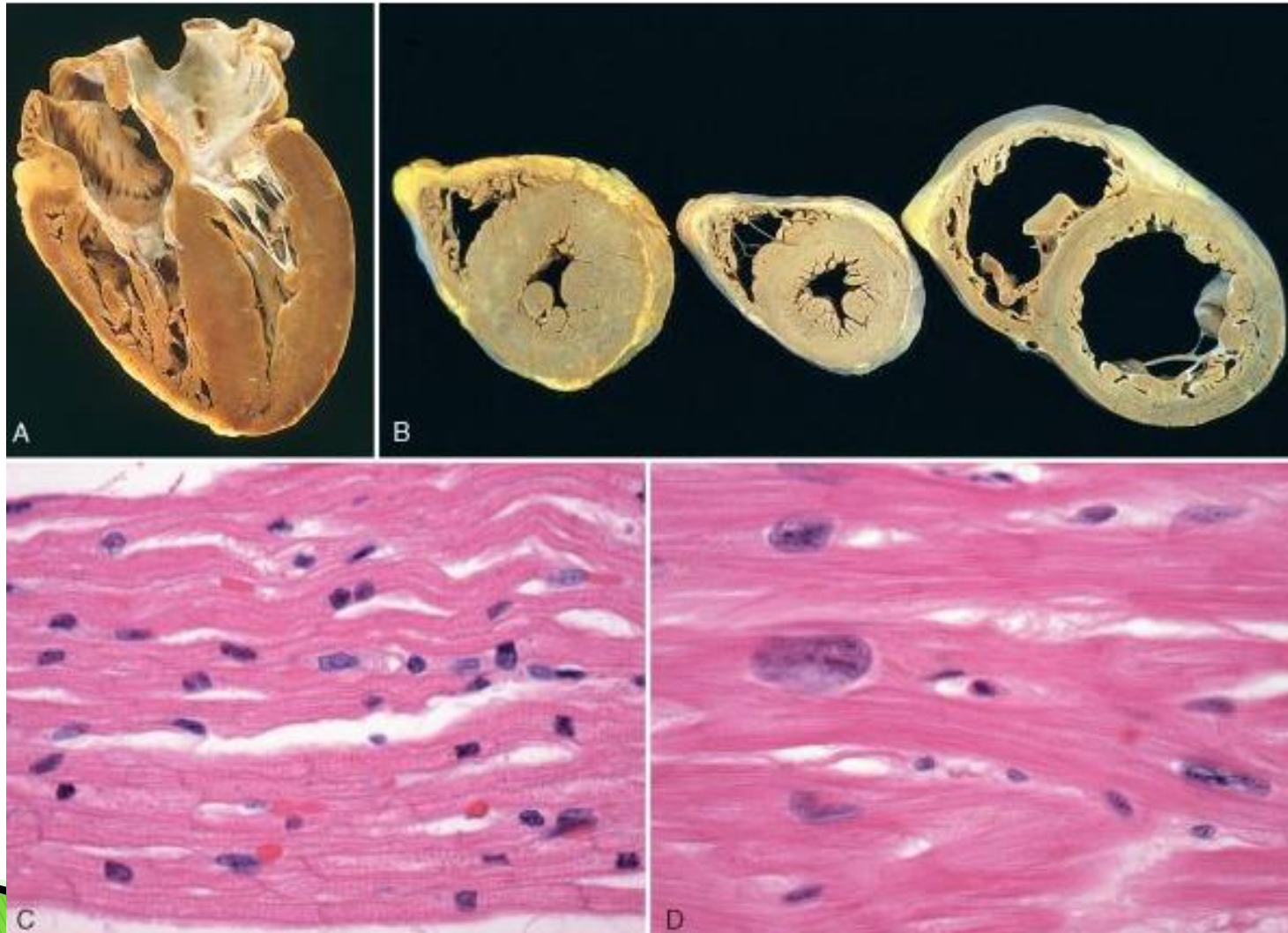
## ***Morphology :***

- ***Heart weight*** may exceed **500 gm**
- ***Left ventricular wall thickness*** may exceed **2.0 cm**

***Increased thickness of left ventricular wall imparts a stiffness that impairs diastolic filling reducing lumen size and inducing left atrial enlargement***



# *Left Ventricular Hypertrophy*





# ***Hypertensive Heart Disease***

## **▶ Microscopy**

- ✓ ***Increased transverse diameter of Myocytes***
- ✓ ***In advanced cases cellular and nuclear enlargement more irregular***
- ✓ ***Variation in cell size among adjacent cells and interstitial fibrosis***

## **▶ Clinically**

- ✓ ***May be asymptomatic***
- ✓ ***ECG and echocardiographic indication of left ventricular enlargement.***
- ✓ ***Later atrial fibrillation or CHF with cardiac dilatation or both***

# ***Hypertensive Heart Disease***

- ✓ ***Pulmonary(right Sided) Hypertensive Heart Disease (Cor Pulmonale)***
- ✓ ***Failure secondary to pulmonary hypertension***
- ✓ ***Due to disorders of lung or pulmonary vasculature***
- ✓ ***Right ventricular hypertrophy***
  
- ✓ ***Typical causes*** of chronic cor pulmonale are disorders of the lungs, chronic parenchymal diseases such as emphysema, primary pulmonary hypertension

# ***Hypertensive Heart Disease***

## ***Acute cor pulmonale***

- ✓ ***Sudden development***
- ✓ ***Can follow massive pulmonary embolism***

## ***Chronic cor pulmonale***

- ✓ ***Secondary to prolonged pressure overload***

## ***Morphology:***

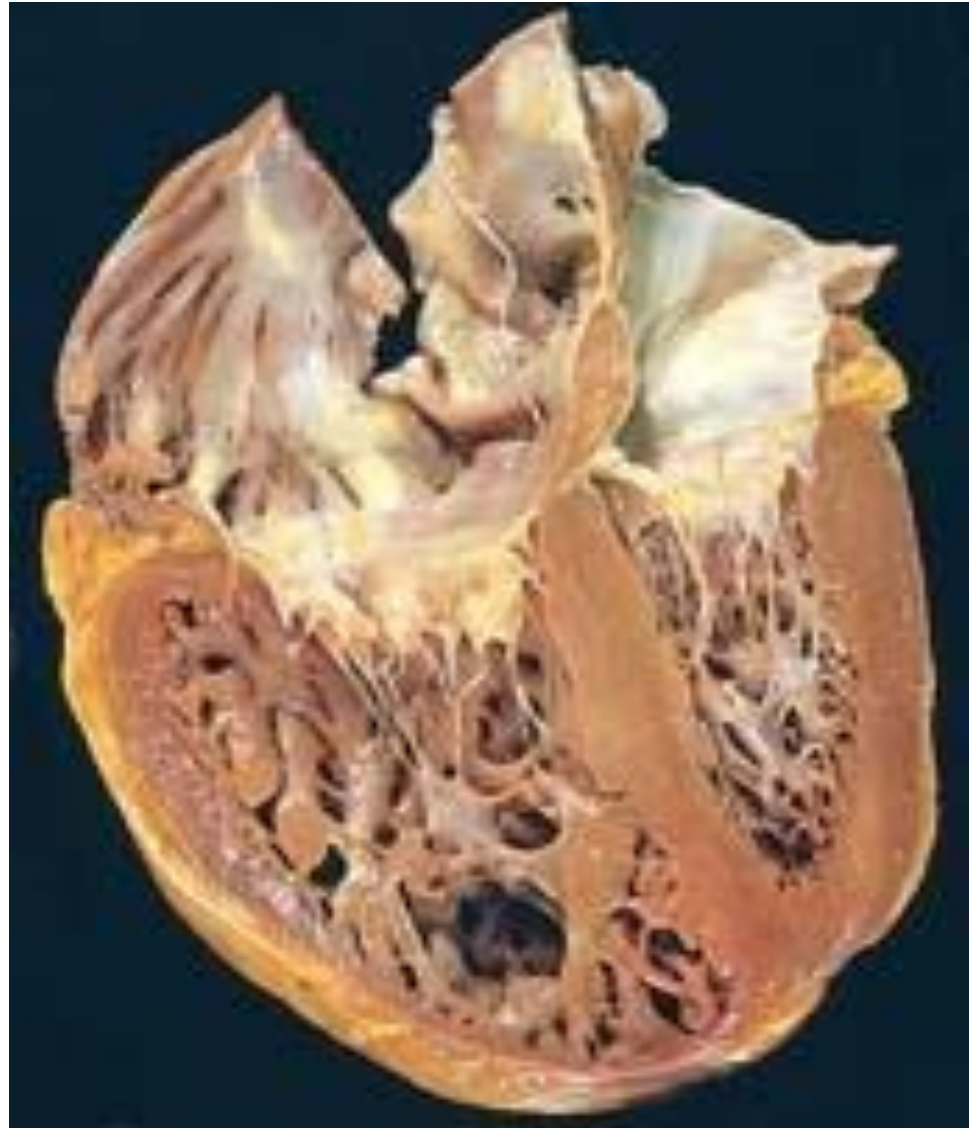
- ✓ ***Marked dilatation of rt ventricle without hypertrophy***
- ✓ ***In chronic cor pulmonale right ventricular wall thickness may exceed 1 cm or more***
- ✓ ***Subtle hypertrophy take the form of thickening of the muscle bundles in the outflow tract, below the pulmonary valve***

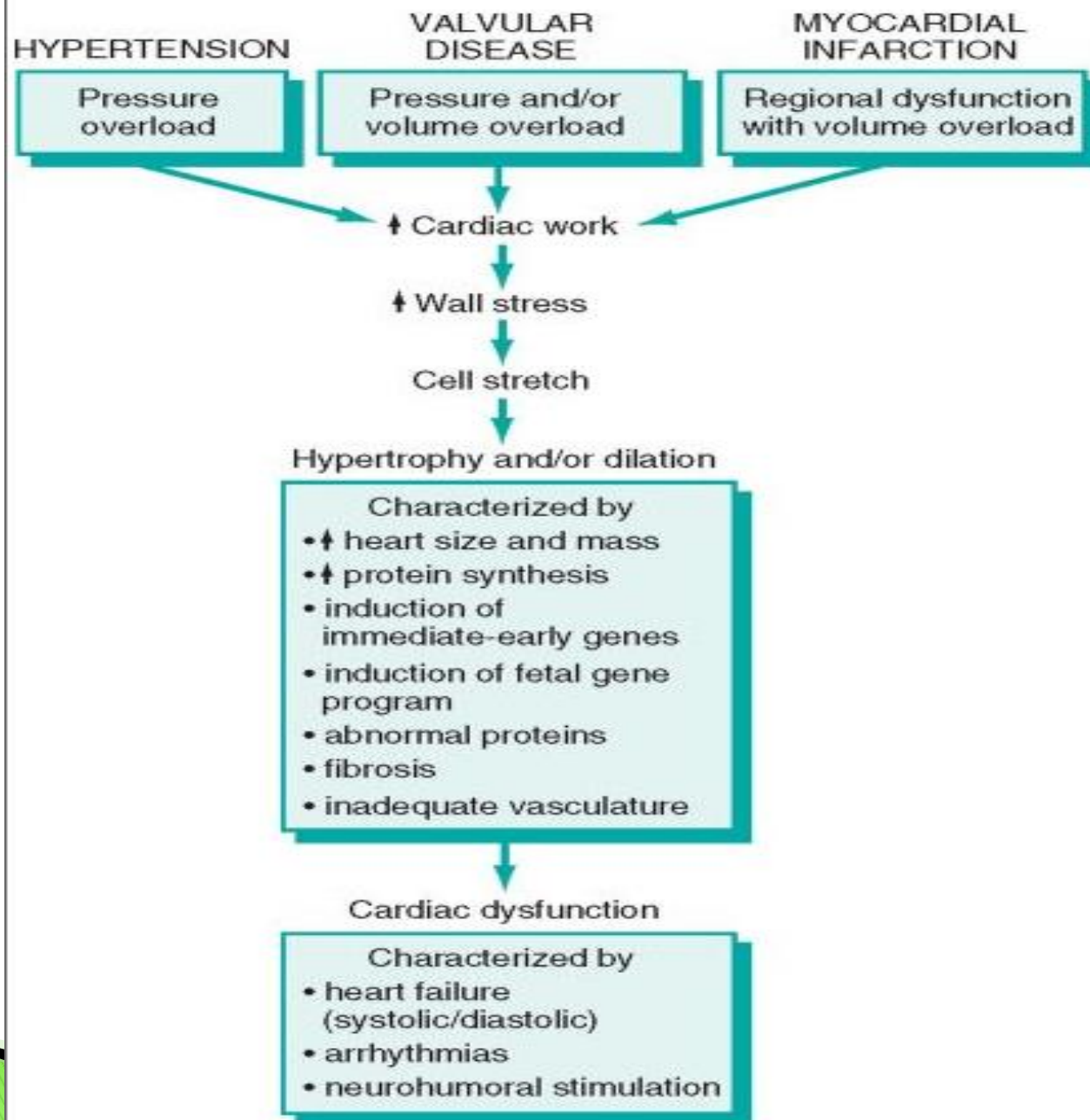


***Cor Pulmonale***



***Dilated And Hypertrophic  
Right Ventricle***

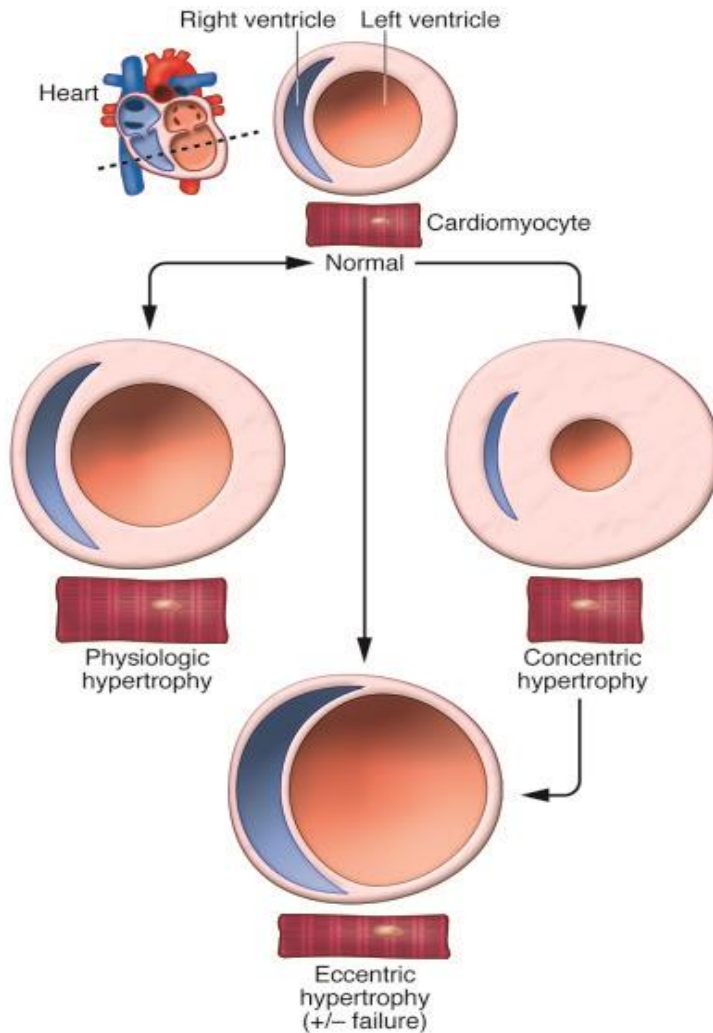




# Types Of Hypertrophy

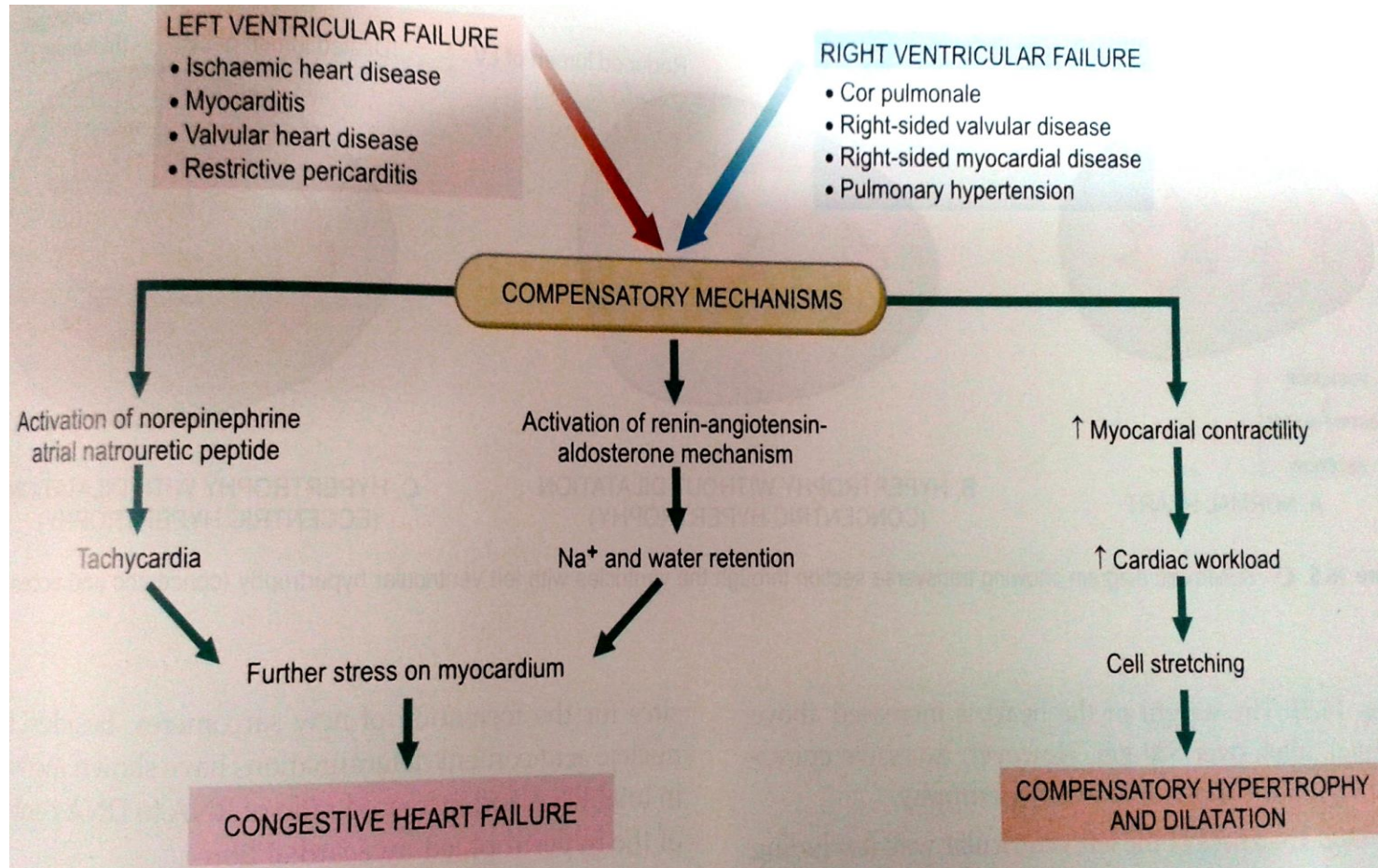
*Exercise and pregnancy result in **physiologic hypertrophy**, in which individual cardiomyocytes **increase in length and width** and the heart undergoes a **balanced type of eccentric hypertrophy** (chambers, walls, and septum enlarge in unison).*

*Pathologic stress/hypertrophic cardiomyopathy activates **neuroendocrine factors** that stimulate cardiac hypertrophy, resulting in **concentric remodeling**, in which cardiomyocytes mostly **increase in width compared with length**, resulting in wall and septal thickening and a loss of chamber area.*





# Heart Failure-types, Causes, Pathogenesis

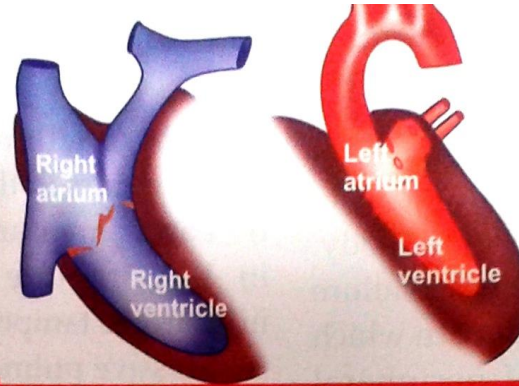




# HEART FAILURE

## RIGHT HEART FAILURE

- Left heart failure
- Cor pulmonale
- Right-sided valvular disease
- Right-sided myocardial disease
- Pulmonary hypertension



## LEFT HEART FAILURE

- Ischaemic heart disease
- Myocarditis
- Valvular heart disease
- Restrictive pericarditis

### BACKWARD FAILURE

Residual blood in left ventricle

↑ Left atrial pressure and volume

↑ Pressure in pulmonary venous circulation

Pulmonary arterial hypertension

↑ Right ventricular pressure

SYSTEMIC VENOUS CONGESTION  
AND PERIPHERAL OEDEMA

↓ Cardiac output

Tissue anoxia

↓ Renal perfusion

Activation of renin-angiotensin-  
aldosterone system

Na<sup>+</sup> and water retention

PULMONARY CONGESTION  
AND OEDEMA



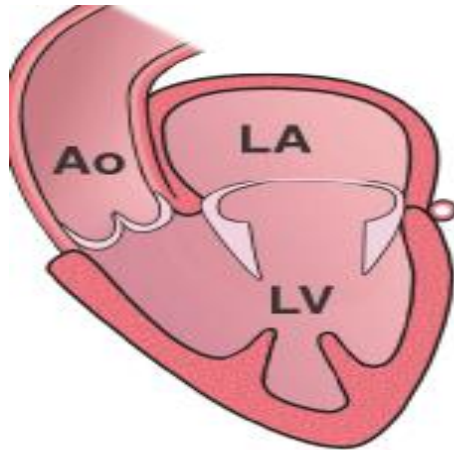
# Cardiomyopathy

- ▶ ***“Heterogeneous group of diseases of the myocardium associated with **mechanical and/or electrical dysfunction** that usually exhibit inappropriate ventricular hypertrophy or dilatation.***
- ▶ ***Due to a variety of causes that frequently are genetic.***
- ▶ ***Cardiomyopathies **either are confined to the heart or are part of generalized systemic disorders**, often leading to cardio-vascular death or progressive heart failure-related disability.”***

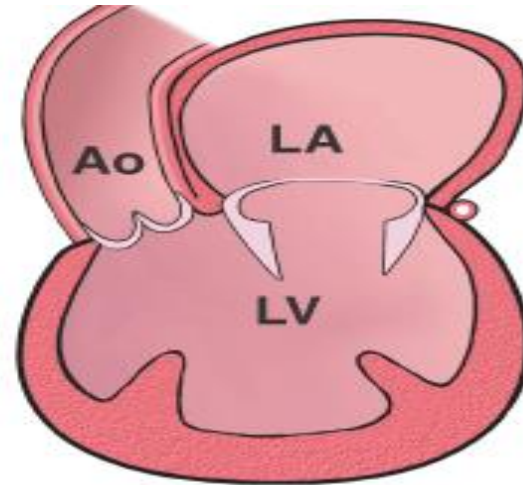
# ***Cardiomyopathy***

- ✓ ***Primary cardiomyopathies can be genetic or acquired diseases of myocardium.***
- ✓ ***Secondary cardiomyopathies have myocardial involvement as a component of a systemic or multiorgan disorder.***
- ✓ ***Idiopathic in most cases***
- ▶ ***Three clinical, functional, pathological patterns***
  - ✓ ***Dilated cardiomyopathy***
  - ✓ ***Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy***
  - ✓ ***restrictive cardiomyopathy***

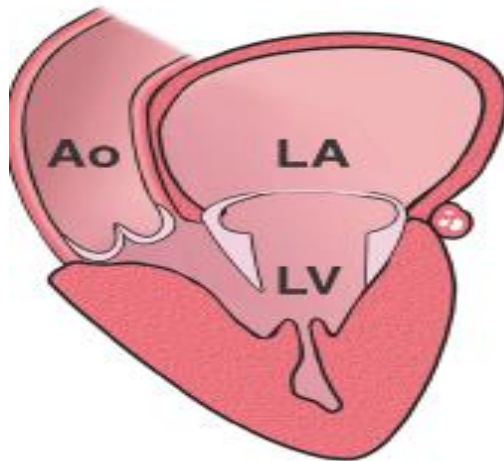
# Cardiomyopathy



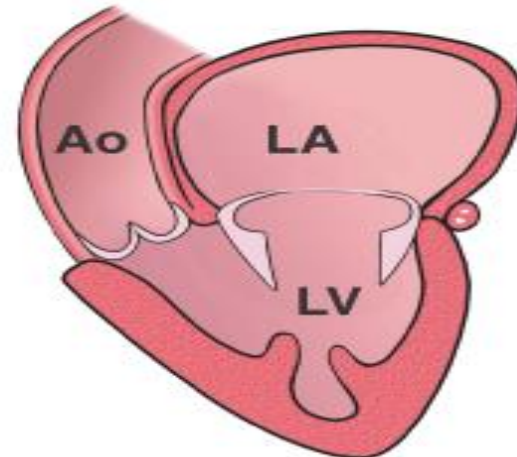
Normal



Dilated  
cardiomyopathy



Hypertrophic  
cardiomyopathy



Restrictive  
cardiomyopathy

# Cardiomyopathy

- ✓ ***Dilated Cardiomyopathy***
- ✓ ***Most common (90%)***
- ✓ ***Progressive cardiac dilation &***
- ✓ ***Systolic dysfunction***
- ✓ ***Flabby and hypo-contracting heart***
- ✓ ***Histology nonspecific***



# Cardiomyopathy

- ▶ **Pathogenesis.**
- ▶ **Genetic Influences:** 30% to 50% of cases, caused by mutations in a diverse group genes encoding proteins involved in the cytoskeleton, sarcolemma, and nuclear envelope
- ▶ **Autosomal dominant inheritance is the predominant pattern**
- ▶ **Myocarditis:** Progression from myocarditis is seen. Viral myocarditis can be causal



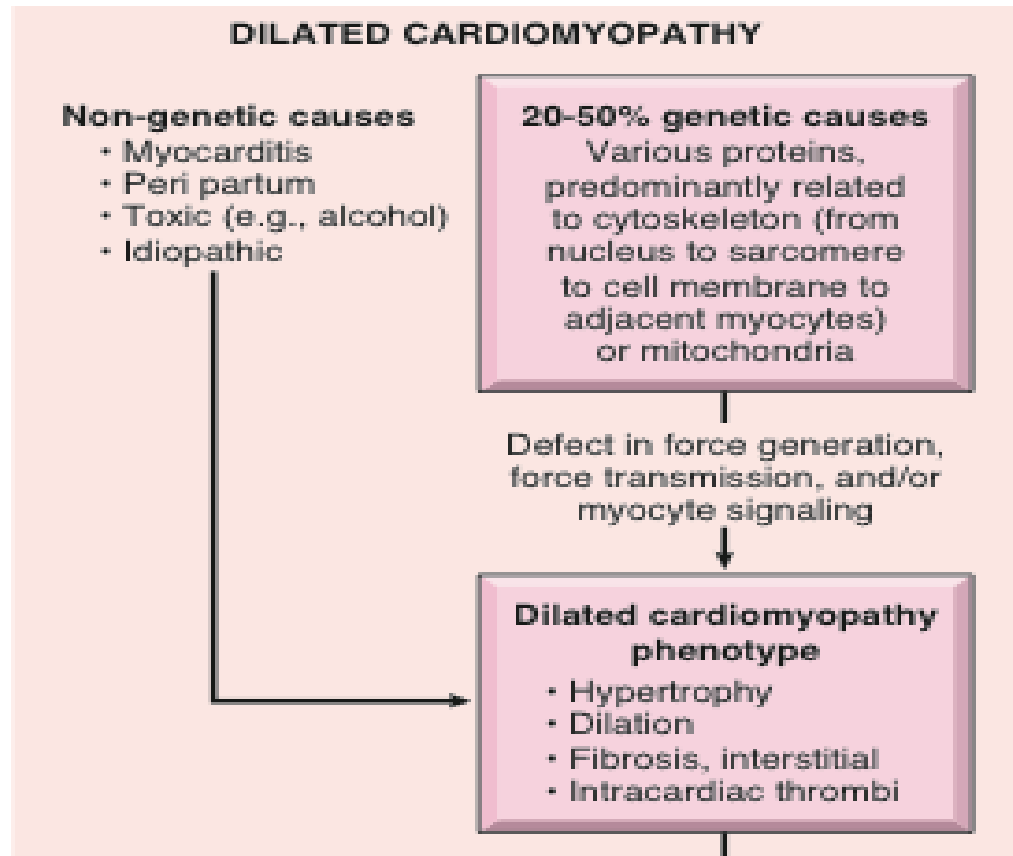
# ***Cardiomyopathy***

- ▶ ***Alcohol and other toxins:** Alcohol or its metabolites have a direct toxic effect on the myocardium.*
- ▶ ***Chemotherapeutic agents,** including doxorubicin (Adriamycin), and even targeted cancer therapeutics*
- ▶ ***Childbirth: Peripartum cardiomyopathy,** multifactorial. Pregnancy-associated hypertension, volume overload, nutritional deficiency, other metabolic derangements, immunological reaction have been proposed as causes.*

# ***Cardiomyopathy***

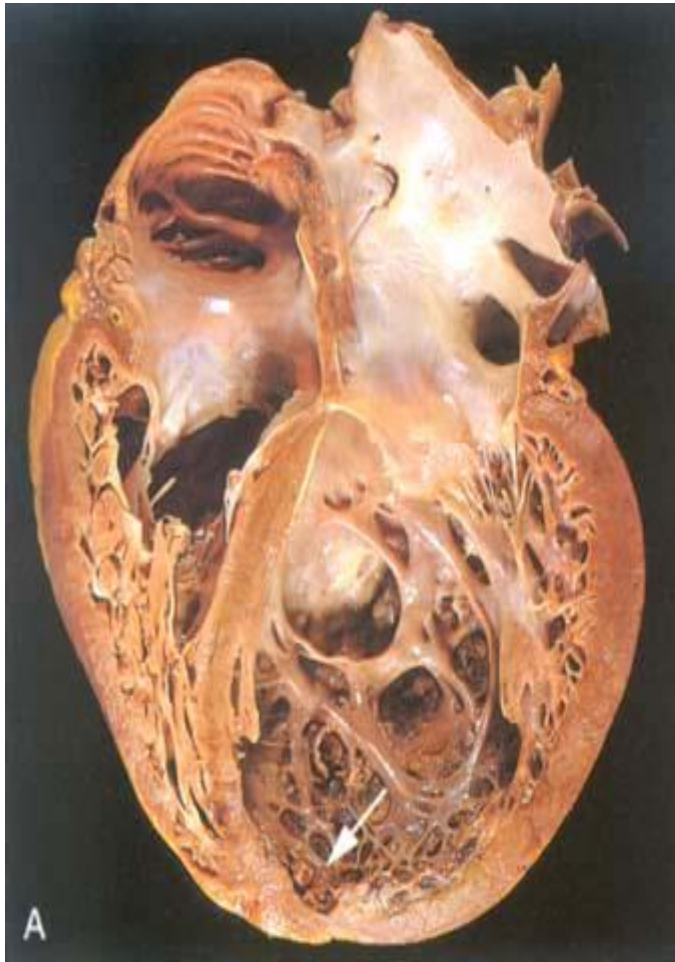
- ▶ ***Iron overload** in the heart can result from either hereditary hemochromatosis or multiple transfusions.*
- ▶ *Could be due to interference with metal dependent enzyme system or due to reactive oxygen species.*
- ▶ ***Supraphysiologic stress:** persistent tachycardia, hyperthyroidism, or even in the fetuses of insulin-dependent diabetic mothers.*
- ▶ ***Excess catecholeamines:** result in multifocal myocardial contraction band necrosis progressing to DCM*

# Cardiomyopathy

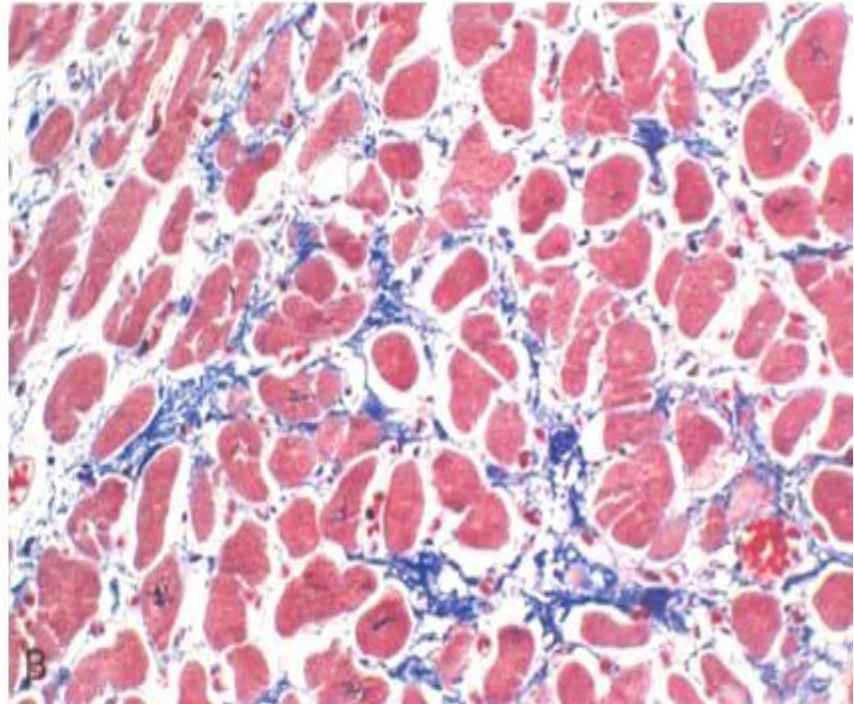


# ***Cardiomyopathy***

- ▶ ***Morphology:***
- ▶ ***Heart is enlarged, heavy flabby, due to dilation of all chambers.***
- ▶ ***Mural thrombi are common and may be a source of thrombo-emboli.***
- ▶ ***Functional regurgitation.***
- ▶ ***Histologic abnormalities in DCM are nonspecific and usually do not point to a specific etiology.***
  - Muscle cells are hypertrophied enlarged nuclei,***
  - Interstitial and endocardial fibrosis***
  - Subendocardial scars***



***Four Chamber Dilatation***



***Myocyte hypertrophy and  
Interstitial fibrosis(MT)***



# Cardiomyopathy

- ▶ **Clinical Features**
- ▶ **Affects individuals between the ages of 20 and 50.**
- ▶ **Slowly progressive signs and symptoms of CHF including dyspnea, easy fatigability, and poor exertional capacity.**
- ▶ **End stage, ejection fractions are typically less than 25% (normal = 50% to 65%).**
- ▶ **Secondary mitral regurgitation and abnormal cardiac rhythms are common,**
- ▶ **Embolism from intracardiac thrombi can occur.**
- ▶ **Death usually results from progressive cardiac failure or arrhythmia, and can occur suddenly.**

# ***Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy***

- ✓ ***Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) is a common clinically heterogeneous, genetic disorder***
- ✓ ***Characterized by***
  - Myocardial hypertrophy,***
  - Poorly compliant left ventricular myocardium***
  - Abnormal diastolic filling***
  - Intermittent ventricular outflow obstruction.***
- ✓ ***Also k/a hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy (HOCM)***
- ✓ ***Heavy, hypercontracting, thick walled heart***
- ✓ ***Leading cause of left ventricular hypertrophy unexplained by other clinical or pathologic causes***

# ***Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy***

- ▶ *Heart is thick-walled, **heavy**, and **hypercontracting**,*
- ▶ *Causes primarily **diastolic dysfunction**; systolic function is usually preserved.*

## ***Pathogenesis:***

- ▶ *Pattern of transmission is **autosomal dominant**  
Caused by **mutations** in any one of several genes  
that encode **sarcomeric proteins***
- ▶ *HCM probably occurs secondary to exaggerated  
responses of the myocardial fibroblasts to **primary  
myocardial dysfunction**.*

# ***Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy***

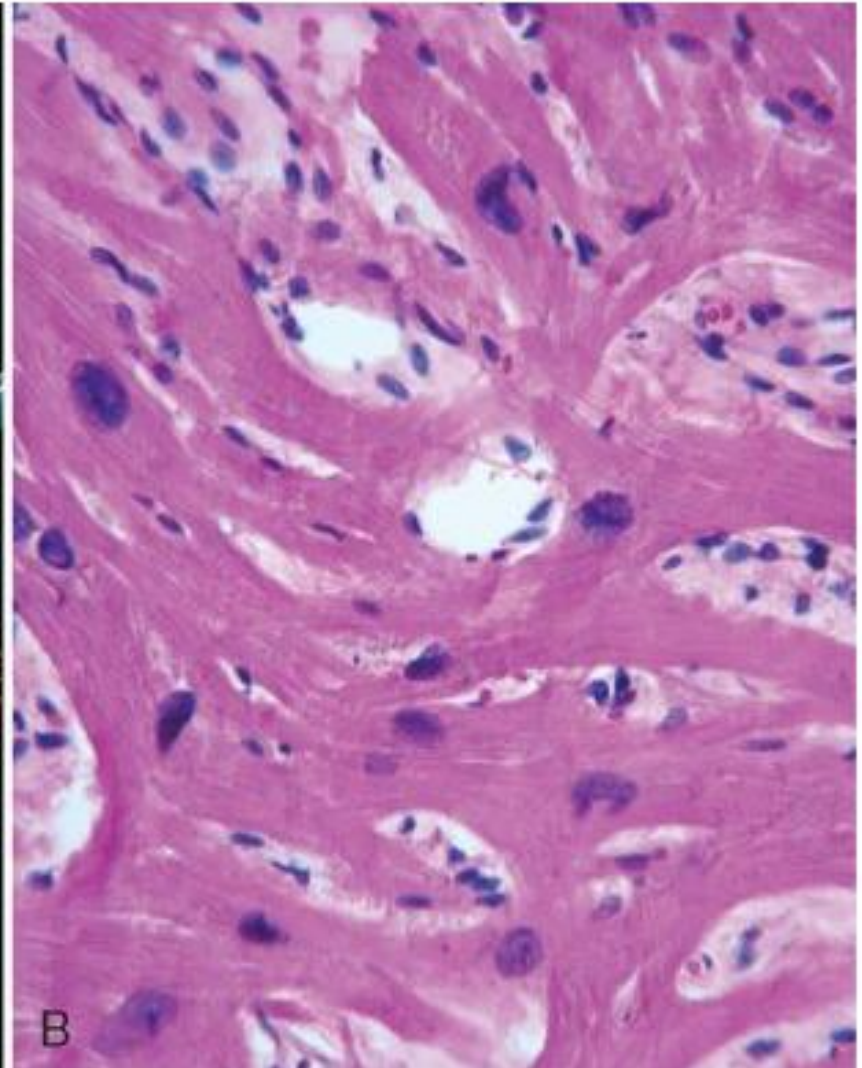
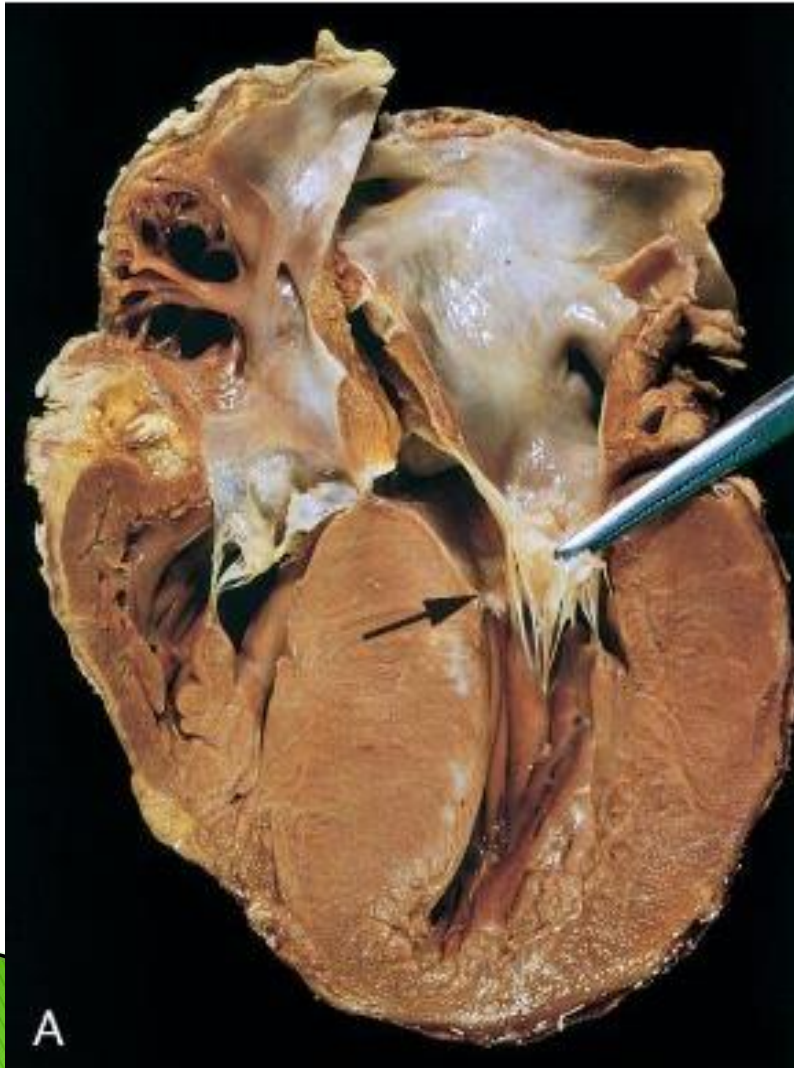
- ▶ ***Morphology:***
- ▶ ***Massive myocardial hypertrophy, usually without ventricular dilation***
- ▶ ***Classic pattern:** disproportionate thickening of the ventricular septum relative to the left ventricle free wall (with a ratio of septum to free wall greater than 3:1), termed **asymmetric septal hypertrophy**.*
- ▶ ***Round-to-ovoid left ventricle** compressed into a “**banana-like**” configuration by bulging of the ventricular septum into the lumen*
- ▶ ***Can involve the entire septum, usually most prominent in the subaortic region.***

# ***Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy***

- ▶ *The most important histologic features of HCM myocardium are*
- ▶ *(1) Massive myocyte hypertrophy, with transverse myocyte diameters frequently greater than 40  $\mu\text{m}$  (normal, approximately 15  $\mu\text{m}$ )*
- ▶ *(2) Haphazard disarray of bundles of myocytes, individual myocytes, and contractile elements in sarcomeres within cells (termed myofiber disarray)*
- ▶ *(3) Interstitial and replacement fibrosis*



# ***HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY***



## HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY

100% genetic causes  
Sarcomeric proteins

Defect in energy transfer from  
mitochondria to sarcomere and/or  
direct sarcomeric dysfunction

### Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy phenotype

- Hypertrophy, marked
- Asymmetrical septal hypertrophy
- Myofiber disarray
- Fibrosis, interstitial and replacement
- LV outflow tract plaque
- Thickened septal vessels

## Clinical features

- **Reduced stroke volume due to impaired diastolic filling. Due to reduced chamber size, compliance of hypertrophied left ventricle.**
- **Increase pulmonary venous pressure leads to exertional dyspnea**
- **Major clinical problems are atrial fibrillation, mural thrombus formation leading to embolization and possible stroke, intractable cardiac failure, ventricular arrhythmias, and, not infrequently, sudden death**

# RESTRICTIVE CARDIOMYOPATHY

- ✓ **Restrictive cardiomyopathy is characterized by**
- ✓ **Decrease ventricular compliance**
- ✓ **Impaired diastolic filling**
- ✓ **Ventricles approx. Normal**
- ✓ **Can be idiopathic**
- ✓ **Secondary to diseases or processes affecting myocardium, principally radiation fibrosis, amyloidosis, sarcoidosis, metastatic tumors, or the deposition of metabolites that accumulate due to inborn errors of metabolism.**



<i><b>FEATURE</b></i>	<i><b>DILATED CMP</b></i>	<i><b>HYPERTROPHIC CMP</b></i>	<i><b>RESTRICTIVE CMP</b></i>
<i><b>Mechanism</b></i>	<i><b>Systolic Dysfunction</b></i>	<i><b>Diastolic Dysfunction</b></i>	<i><b>Diastolic Dysfunction</b></i>
<i><b>Genetic factors</b></i>	<i><b>20-50%</b></i>	<i><b>100%</b></i>	<i><b>±</b></i>
<i><b>Proteins involved</b></i>	<i><b>Various cytoskeletal proteins</b></i>	<i><b>Sarcomeric proteins</b></i>	
<i><b>Other non genetic causes</b></i>	<i><b>Alcohol, peripartum, idiopathic, drugs, myocarditis</b></i>	<i><b>-</b></i>	<i><b>Amyloidosis, radiation induced fibrosis, idiopathic</b></i>
<i><b>Heart</b></i>	<i><b>Flabby, hypocontracting heart</b></i>	<i><b>Heavy, Hypercontracting Heart</b></i>	<i><b>Normal appearance</b></i>
<i><b>Left Ventricular Ejection Fract</b></i>	<i><b>&lt; 40%</b></i>	<i><b>50-80%</b></i>	<i><b>45-90%</b></i>
<i><b>Mural thrombi</b></i>	<i><b>Common</b></i>	<i><b>±</b></i>	<i><b>±</b></i>

# MYOCARDITIS

## ► **Inflammatory Processes that cause myocardial injury**

### Infections

Viruses (e.g., coxsackievirus, ECHO, influenza, HIV, cytomegalovirus)

Chlamydiae (e.g., *Chlamydia psittaci*)

Rickettsiae (e.g., *Rickettsia typhi*, typhus fever)

Bacteria (e.g., *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, *Neisseria meningococcus*,  
*Borrelia* (Lyme disease))

Fungi (e.g., *Candida*)

Protozoa (e.g., *Trypanosoma cruzi* [Chagas disease], toxoplasmosis)

Helminths (e.g., trichinosis)

### Immune-Mediated Reactions

Postviral

Poststreptococcal (rheumatic fever)

Systemic lupus erythematosus

Drug hypersensitivity (e.g., methyldopa, sulfonamides)

Transplant rejection

### Unknown

Sarcoidosis

Giant cell myocarditis

HIV, Human immunodeficiency virus.



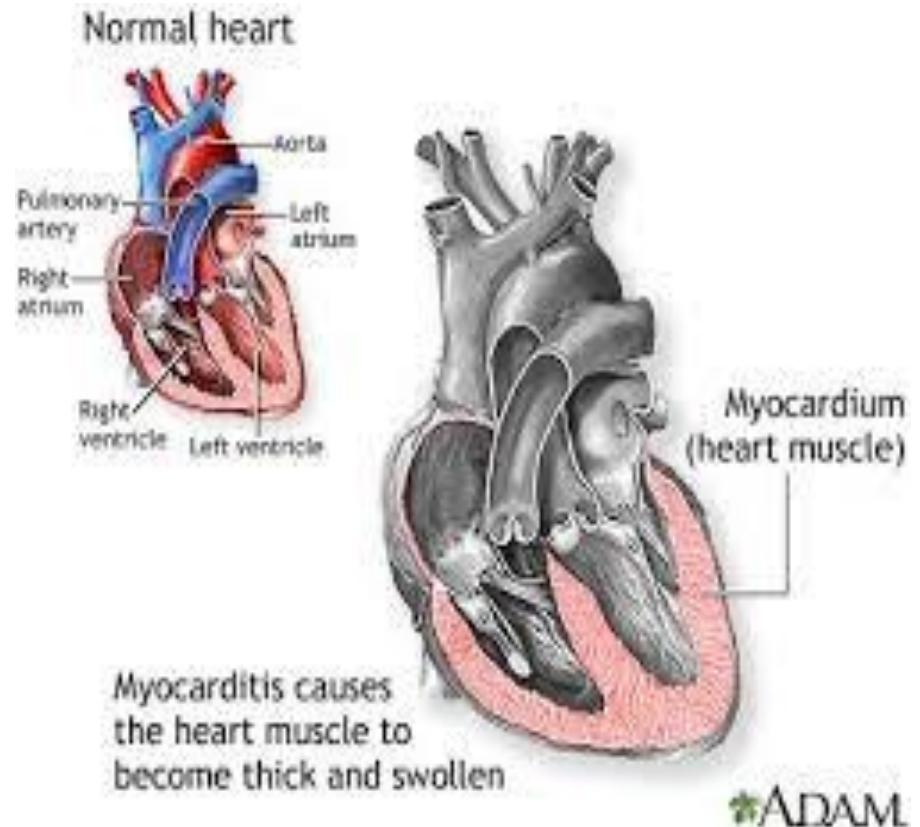
## **Gross :**

**Heart may appear normal or dilated often enlarged, flabby with foci of necrosis**

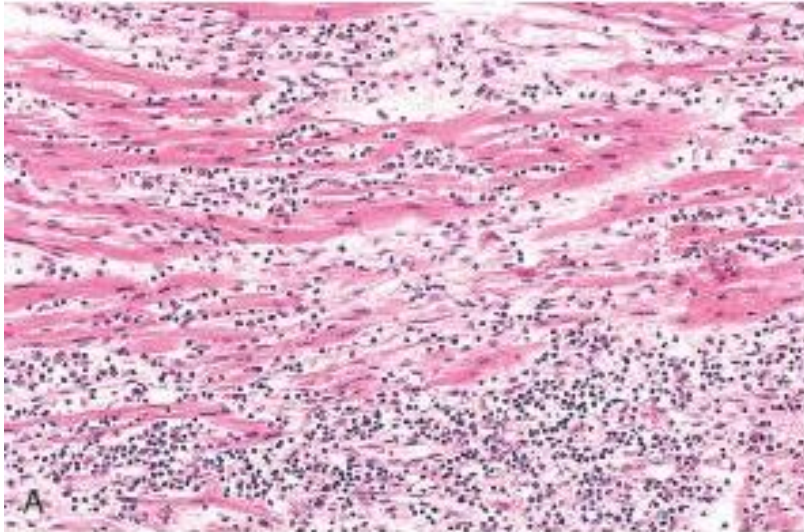
**Mural thrombi**

## **M/E:**

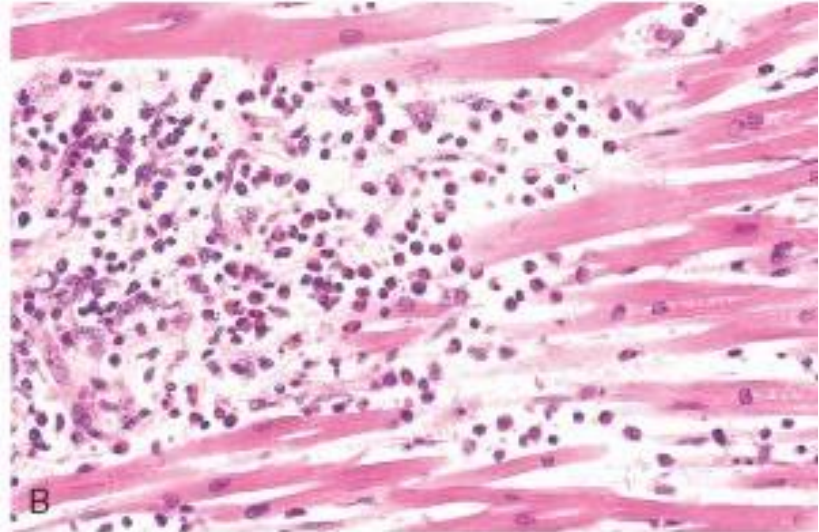
**Interstitial inflammation infiltrate -lymphocytes, macrophages, plasma cells with focal myocyte necrosis.**



## LYMPHOCYTIC MYOCARDITIS



## HYPERSENSITIVITY MYOCARDITIS



## GIANT CELL MYOCARDITIS



## MYOCARDITIS IN CHAGA'S DISEASE



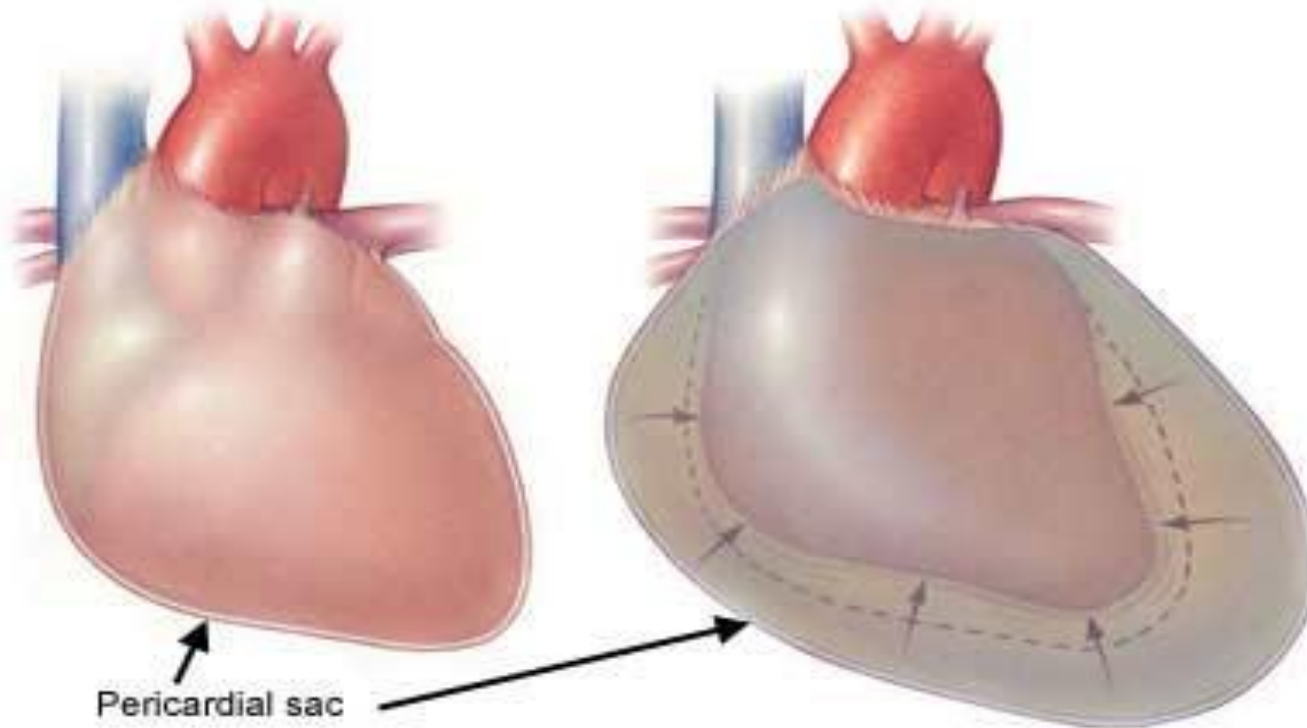


# *Pericardial Effusion /Hemopericardium*

- ▶ *Parietal pericardium may be distended by serous fluid (pericardial effusion), blood (hemopericardium), or pus (purulent pericarditis).*
- ▶ *Chronic effusions < 500 mL , the only clinical significance is a characteristic globular enlargement of the heart shadow on chest radiographs.*
- ▶ *Rapidly developing collections of 200to300 ml, due to hemopericardium caused by a ruptured MI or aortic dissection—produce clinically devastating compression of the thin-walled atria and venae cavae, or the ven- tricles.*

**Normal pericardium**

**Pericardial effusion**



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***Cardiac filling*** is thereby restricted, producing potentially fatal cardiac tamponade.

# ***PERICARDITIS***

***Inflammation of pericardium with or without effusion.***

- ***primary or secondary,***
- ***acute or chronic (clinically).***

- ***Types of pericarditis :***

1. ***Serous***
  2. ***Fibrinous***
- ***Sero fibrinous***
  - ***Purulent or suppurative***
  - ***Hemorrhagic***
  - ***Caseous***
  - ***Constrictive***



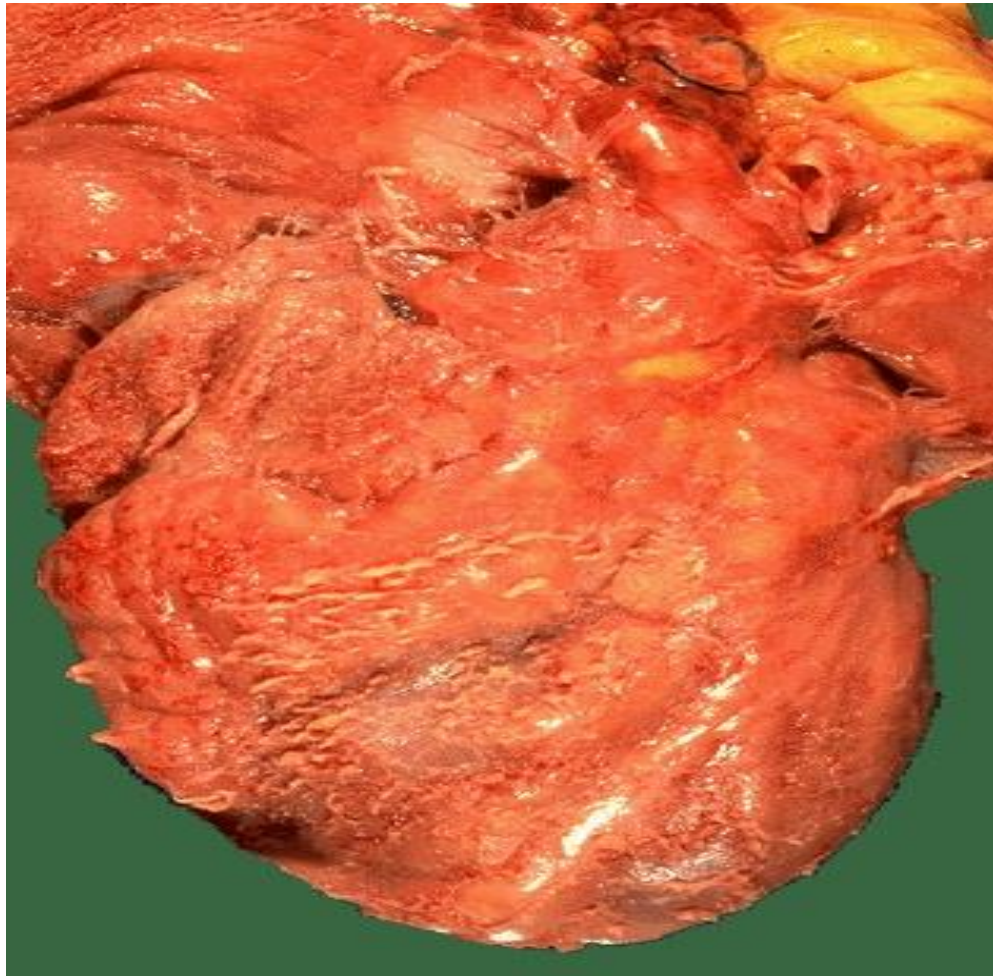
# ***PERICARDITIS***

- ▶ ***Serous pericarditis :***
- ▶ ***Noninfectious inflammation seen in***
  - ***RF,SLE***
  - ***Nutritional deficiencies, uremia***
  - ***Scleroderma, Tumours***
  - ***Usually in young adults***
- ▶ ***Microscopically***
  - ***Inflammatory reaction is in epicardial and pericardial surface with few neutrophils, lymphocytes and macrophages***
  - ***Fluid accumulates ( 50-200 ml)***
  - ***High SG and protein content***



# PERICARDITIS

- ▶ **Fibrinous & serofibrinous pericarditis**
- ▶ **Most common**
- ▶ **Post MI (Dressler syndrome)**
- ▶ **Uremia, chest radiation,**
- ▶ **RF, SLE and trauma**
- ▶ **Exudate is largely due to fibrin, RBC & WBC. The surface shows dry finely granular roughening**
- ▶ **M/E- pink acellular fibrinous surface deposits with inflammatory exudate & granulation tissue**
- ▶ **Clinically:** The patient presents with pain, fever and signs of cardiac failure.
- ▶ **A loud pericardial friction rub is the most striking feature**



***Fibrinous pericarditis***

# PERICARDITIS

- ▶ **Purulent Or Suppurative Pericarditis**
- ▶ **Infective organisms invade the pericardial space**
- ✓ **Direct** extension from adjacent infection in lung, mediastinum or infective endocarditis or during surgery or by **hematogenous or lymphatic** route
  
- ✓ **Thin, to a creamy pus upto 500ml in volume**
- ✓ **Serosal surfaces are red, granular, coated with exudate.**
- ▶ **M/E :**
- ✓ **Acute inflammatory reaction**
- ✓ **Organisation**
- ✓ **Frequently produces constrictive pericarditis**

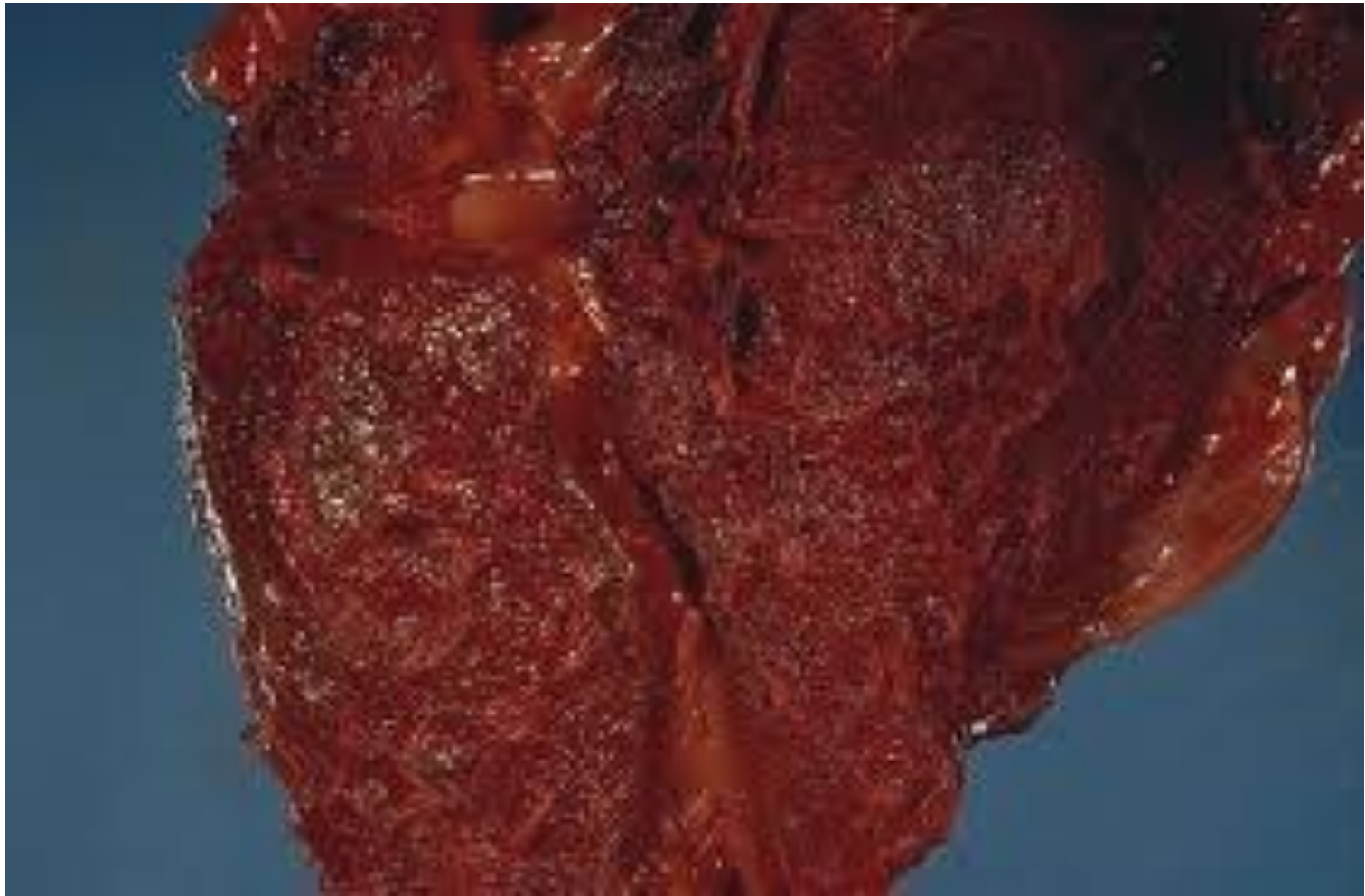


***Suppurative  
Pericarditis***

# ***PERICARDITIS***

- ▶ ***Hemorrhagic pericarditis***
  - ✓ ***Exudate blood mixed with fibrinous/suppurative effusion***
  - ✓ ***Malignant involvement of pericardiac space***
  - ✓ ***Bacterial infections***
  - ✓ ***Bleeding diathesis and T.B***
  - ✓ ***Rarely rupture of aneurysm***
  - ✓ ***Follows cardiac surgery***
- ▶ ***Caseous pericarditis :***
  - ✓ ***Tb (rarely fungal infections)***
  - ✓ ***direct spread from tracheobronchial In***
  - ✓ ***Fibrocalcific chronic constrictive pericarditis***





***Haemorrhagic Pericarditis***

# ***PERICARDITIS***

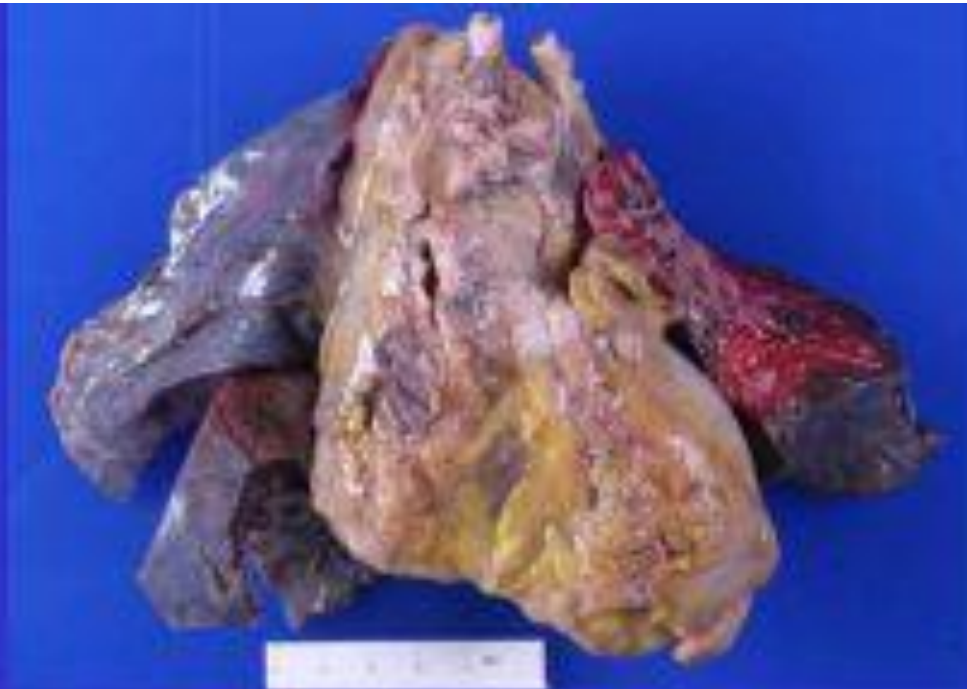
- ▶ ***Chronic Or Healed Pericarditis***
- ▶ ***Organisation produces plaque like fibrous thickening of serosal membranes – **SOLDIER'S PLAQUE** or thin delicate adhesions are seen at autopsy and rarely impair cardiac function***
- ▶ ***Adhesive Pericarditis***
- ▶ ***Occurs when delicate stringy adhesions are seen between parietal and visceral pericardium which may restrict cardiac function***

# ***CONSTRICTIVE PERICARDITIS***

- ▶ ***Heart is encased in dense fibrous or fibrocalcific scar***
- ✓ ***Seriously restricts cardiac output, even at rest.***
- ✓ ***0.5 – 1 cm thick adherent scar with or without calcification surrounding the heart, resembles a plaster mould – CONCRETIO CORDIS***
- ▶ ***Pericardiectomy is the only treatment***

# ***ADHESIVE MEDIASTINOPERICARDITIS***

- ▶ ***Follow suppurative or caseous pericarditis***
- ✓ ***Previous cardiac surgery***
- ✓ ***Irradiation to mediastinum***
- ✓ ***Pericardial fibrosis obliterates the pericardial sac with adherence of parietal pericardium to surrounding structures producing a great strain of cardiac function***
- ✓ ***Systolic contraction, the heart pulls against the parietal pericardium the attached surrounding structures.***
- ✓ ***Systolic retraction of the rib cage and diaphragm, pulsus paradoxus -clinical findings***



Adhesive pericardium following 3 previous cardiac surgical procedures—tons of fibrosis



***Thank you***