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## Chapter 1 : Peripheral Arterial Disease (Contemporary Cardiology) - PDF Free Download

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echocardiography has been emphasized. During last two decades, we have witnessed enormous advances in the understanding of the genesis of atrial and ventricular arrhythmias, in the techniques of electrophysiologic and the pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic treatment of arrhythmias. The function and dysfunction of ion channels and the diagnosis and management of supraventricular and ventricular arrhythmias have been presented in details. There have been revolutionary changes in the understanding of the pathophysiologic mechanisms and management of acute coronary syndromes. The new therapeutic modalities for the management of chronic coronary artery diseases have been discovered and devoted to discuss. The diagnosis and management of valvular heart disease and heart failure are discussed in detail as well as chemotherapy and radiation-induced cardiovascular disorders. The progress in vascular biology, in genetics and pharmacogenomics in cardiology has also been considerable. In recent years, awareness of the cost of health care, errors in the practice of cardiology and gender and geographic differences in the incidence, diagnosis and management of cardiovascular disorders has risen. In the textbook, we have addressed these important and controversial topics. We have also added modified guidelines for the management of angina, arrhythmias, heart failure, valvular heart diseases and perioperative cardiac evaluations. All the chapters in the textbook have been written by the nationally and internationally recognized experts in their respective fields. The editors are very appreciative of and grateful to the contributors. We sincerely thank Mr Joseph Gallo for his generous support enabling publication of the textbook of cardiology. We also acknowledge the help of all our administrative assistants and colleagues. Without their hard work, the textbook could not have been published.

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well-known for their special areas of interest within vascular surgery, reflected in the contributions they make to this book. As such, the book should be useful to future and practicing vascular surgeons all over the world. It is full of statements covering most of the current state of knowledge in vascular surgery, and it does so in an entertaining and effective manner. Rutherford ix Preface to the First Edition This book is a unique collection of real life case histories written by experts that highlight the diversity of problems that may be encountered in vascular surgery. Each case scenario is interrupted by several questions that aim to engage the reader in the management of the patient and to give him the opportunity to test his knowledge. The comments reflect to as much as possible the principles of evidence based medicine and provide the answers to the questions. Several chapters are authored by individuals that contributed to the development of innovations in the management and prevention of vascular disease and are of interest for both the vascular trainee and the experienced vascular specialist. The goal of this book is to help vascular trainees review for Board and other examinations as well as to provide vascular surgeons who wish to expand or refresh their knowledge with an update and interactive source of information relevant to case scenarios that could be encountered in their practice. The European Boards in Vascular Surgery is a relatively new examination. We would like to thank all the authors who have contributed generously their knowledge and time to this project. The success of the first edition has been gratifying. We have received many suggestions for additions and changes from vascular trainees, specialists and teachers at various institutions in Europe, USA and other parts of the world. These comments have been well received and have been important in improving and expanding the second edition. We wish to acknowledge our appreciation and gratitude to our authors and publishers. Hobson II xiii Preface to the Third Edition The third edition updated most chapters that were focusing on the endovascular management of arterial and venous disease providing the reader with practical and updated, well referenced information on the full spectrum of options for the management of vascular disease. We are pleased to report the translation of the second edition of our book to Portuguese. We wish to express our thanks to our authors and publishers for their contribution to this project. White, Theodossios Perdikides, and Hence J. Verhagen 4 Ruptured Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Weiss and Bauer E. Sumpio 5 Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysm Morrissey, and Larry H. Hollier 6 Endovascular Management of Thoracic Aneurysm Abraham 7 Aortic Dissection Kang 12 Acute Thrombosis Arthurs and Vikram S. Neil, and Christopher T. Daskalopoulou and Dimitri P. Reddy and Mitchell R. Calligaro and Matthew J. Hingorani Contents xix 23 Popliteal artery entrapment Kroese, and Lars E. Staxrud 26 Diabetic Foot Refson and John H. Wolfe 29 Renovascular Hypertension Kalra 30 Midaortic Syndrome Stanley and Jonathan L. Moore 33 The Carotid Body Tumor Vrancken Peeters, Johanna M. Verhagen 34 Vertebrobasilar Ischemia: Embolic and Low-Flow Mechanisms Gibbons 40 Aortoenteric Fistulas Padberg and Robert W. Lazarides and Vasilios D. Alasfar, Dwayne Badgett, and Anthony J. Bax A year-old male presented with an abdominal aortic aneurysm. He had a history of chest pain complaints and underwent percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty PTCA 6 years ago. After the PTCA procedure he had no chest pain symptoms until 2 years ago. The chest pain complaints are stable and he was able to perform moderate exercise, such as a round of golf, in 4. Examination of the chest revealed no abnormalities of the heart. Palpation of the abdomen showed an aortic aneurysm with an estimated diameter of 7 cm. The patient was referred to the vascular surgeon. Blood test showed an elevated fasting glucose of  Electrocardiography showed a sinus rhythm and pathological Q-waves in leads V1â€”V3, suggestive of an old anterior infarction. Question 1 Which of the following statements regarding postoperative outcome in patients undergoing major vascular surgery is correct? This patient experienced angina pectoris in the past. He was successfully treated with a PTCA procedure, but recently angina pectoris reoccurred. Because of the multiple risk factors and the planned high-risk surgery a dobutamine stress echocardiography was performed. As indicated by arrows, the posterior septum shows an outward movement during peak stress, suggesting dyskinesia, and myocardial ischemia of the posterior septum.

## Chapter 3 : MedWorm: Pathology Research

*Context Peripheral arterial disease (PAD) is a manifestation of systemic atherosclerosis that is common and is associated with an increased risk of death and ischemic events, yet may be.*

Specifically, endothelial functions include control of vascular tone, modulation of vascular structure by regulation of angiogenesis and proliferation, maintenance of a selective permeability barrier, regulation of lipid oxidation, and mediation of immune responses. In addition, given its strategic location, the endothelium plays a major role in interactions between circulating blood and the vessel wall by responding to hemodynamic influences as well as neurohumoral and inflammatory factors. Thus the adherence of leukocytes to the endothelium, aggregation and adhesion of platelets, and coagulation and fibrinolysis are regulated by the endothelium 47, Endothelial cells are able to fulfill all these functions by generating a number of paracrine substances, including vasodilators and constrictors, coagulants and fibrinolytics, adhesion molecules, growth factors, and chemokines Table 1. Functions of the Endothelium The healthy endothelium normally functions to maintain vascular homeostasis by inhibiting smooth muscle cell contraction, intimal proliferation, thrombosis, and monocyte adhesion. Although Ross and colleagues initially surmised frank endothelial injury i. A dysfunctional endothelium can stimulate leukocyte infiltration, smooth muscle cell migration from the media to the intima, smooth muscle cell proliferation, and the formation of foam cells. A large body of accumulated evidence indicates that endothelial dysfunction is associated with most of the known risk factors for cardiovascular disease, thereby offering a central mechanism for atherogenesis. The normal endothelium provides an antithrombotic surface that inhibits platelet aggregation and facilitates blood flow. Also, the endothelium regulates thrombosis through the release of nitric oxide NO which inhibits platelet activation, adhesion, and aggregation and other mediators with antithrombotic activities Table 1. Finally, the endothelium plays an important role in the regulation of inflammation within blood Etiology and Pathogenesis of Atherosclerosis 7 Fig. The antiinflammatory properties of the healthy endothelium are essential in the prevention of atherosclerosis development. The adhesion of leukocytes to the endothelial surface is important in the early development of an atherosclerotic plaque and is also responsible for the plaque rupture and instability that occur later in the atherogenesis process. Endothelial Dysfunction Because modulation of vasomotor tone was one of the first physiological functions ascribed to endothelial cells, it is often used as an indication of the general health of the endothelium 47, As such, decrements in endothelium-derived vasodilatation have been associated with all known risk factors for cardiovascular disease Fig. In fact, endothelial dysfunction usually precedes the development of coronary atherosclerotic lesions and thrombotic events e. Mechanisms of Endothelial Dysfunction As illustrated by the panoply of vasoactive agents produced by the endothelium Table 1 , vasomotor tone is eventually determined by the profile of factors produced at any given time. Arguably, the most important substance responsible for endotheliumdependent vascular relaxation is NO. NO not only is involved in relaxation of vascular smooth muscle, but also partially mediates inhibition of platelet activation, adhesion, and aggregation; prevention of vascular smooth muscle proliferation; and adhesion of leukocytes to the endothelium. Notably other endothelium-derived substances are also known to cause relaxation including prostacyclin and endothelium-derived hyperpolarizing factor EDHF Table 1. Indeed, once the endothelial cell layer was removed, acetylcholine paradoxically induced contractions of rabbit aortic rings. NO is the most potent endogenous vasodilator known and it exerts its actions in the same manner as other nitrovasodilators such as nitroglycerin  However, in physiologic conditions, the NO radical has a half-life of just fractions of seconds, unless it is bound to a carrier molecule, such as a thiol. Free NO is rapidly oxidized to nitrite and nitrate by oxygenated hemoglobin before being excreted into the urine. Endothelium-derived NO can also diffuse from the endothelium into vascular smooth muscle cells and is there able to activate soluble guanylate cyclase, leading to the production of cyclic guanosine monophosphate cGMP. Accumulation of c-GMP activates cGMP-dependent proteins within the smooth muscle cell that

mediate vascular relaxation  Endogenous NO is generated by the five-electron oxidation of L-arginine, an essential amino acid, to citrulline catalyzed by the enzyme NO synthase NOS  There are three isoforms of NOS: Expression and activation of endothelial NOS is a highly regulated process. The major physiological stimulus for NO generation and release is shear stress, the tangential drag produced by flowing blood over the endothelial surface  Furthermore a number of vasoconstrictors, for example, endothelin, norepinephrine, or serotonin, can bind to specific endothelial receptors and induce release of NO. Therefore the increasing NO diffusion from the endothelium into vascular smooth muscle cells can overcome any direct vasoconstrictor effects by these substances on the smooth muscle. Along the same lines, acetylcholine triggers the release of NO and subsequently leads to vasodilatation by binding to muscarinic receptors on the surface of healthy endothelial cells. On the other hand, if the endothelial cell layer is removed e. Therefore endothelial vasodilator function is typically assessed as the ability of a vessel to dilate in response to an endothelial stimulus. In epicardial coronary arteries endothelial function can be determined by measuring dilatation in response to acetylcholine by angiography. Furthermore, noninvasive methods have recently been developed to allow measurements of endothelial function in larger populations in peripheral arteries. Hence, NO is well suited to serve as a transient signal molecule within cells and between adjacent cells. NO also opposes several atherogenic processes Fig. NO inhibits platelet aggregation 57 , monocyte adherence 58 , and the proliferation of vascular smooth muscle  Flow-stimulated endothelial cells are less adhesive for Etiology and Pathogenesis of Atherosclerosis 9 Fig. Pleiotropic effects of endothelium-derived NO. This antiatherogenic effect is due to the release of NO, and is related to the suppression by NO of adhesion molecules and chemokines mediating monocyte adherence and entry into the vessel wall 61â€” In hypercholesterolemic animals, the enhancement of NO synthesis markedly reduces the progression of atheroma, and can even induce regression of vascular lesions  Conversely, inhibition of NO accelerates diet-induced atherosclerosis 65, They depend on type, localization, and size of the artery as well as on the disease state causing endothelial dysfunction. In general, the reduced availability of NO in established vascular disease or in metabolic disorders preceding atherosclerosis can be due to reduced NO production through reduced NOS expression or reduced NOS activity , increased degradation by superoxide anion , or reduced NO sensitivity by inactivation of soluble guanylate cyclase Fig. In addition, examples of other arteries and vascular beds do exist in which the production of prostacyclin accounts for at least part of the vasodilator influence of stimulated endothelial cells  Endothelial Dysfunction in Established Peripheral Arterial Disease Impaired endothelium-dependent vasorelaxation in response to acetylcholine has been demonstrated in several experimental animal models of atherosclerosis. In the same studies, however, relaxation to endothelium-independent NO donors e. Thus prostaglandin E1 PGE1 , which activates prostacyclin receptors and thereby induces endothelium-independent vasodilatation, has been used successfully for the pharmacologic treatment of patients with critical limb ischemia and severe peripheral arterial disease PAD for over a decade 68, Multifactorial mechanisms of endothelial dysfunction. On the other hand, the biological activity of NO is impaired in patients with atherosclerotic vascular disease of the coronary 70 and the peripheral vasculature  This has been assessed in vivo by measurements of endothelium-dependent vascular dilatations in coronary 56 and forearm conduit vascular beds 72,73 in patients with atherosclerotic disease. Indeed, Boger and colleagues observed reduced urinary nitrite excretion ratesâ€”a surrogate marker of systemic NO formationâ€”in patients with PAD, dependent on the severity of disease  Furthermore, the decrement of urinary NO metabolites was associated with increased plasma concentrations of the endogenous competitive NOS inhibitor asymmetric dimethylarginine ADMA. This hypothesis is supported by studies by the same group and others, which show that endothelial dysfunction observed in patients with coronary or peripheral atherosclerosis can be reversed by L-arginine. Egashira and colleagues showed that the vasodilator response to acetylcholine in coronary arteries was significantly improved after intracoronary L-arginine infusions in patients with microvascular angina and normal coronary angiograms  Moreover, improvement of coronary endothelial function by L-arginine seems to be more prominent in stenosed coronary arteries than in healthy vessel segments

Intermittent therapy with intravenous L-arginine significantly increased urinary NO metabolite excretion rates in patients with chronic stable intermittent claudication and improved flow-induced, endothelium-dependent vasodilatation in the diseased leg of these patients  In patients with established coronary artery disease, endothelial function is significantly compromised  However, in patients with early coronary artery disease, abnormal responses to acetylcholine were found even in angiographically normal segments of vessels. Therefore, experimental data suggest that endothelial dysfunction Etiology and Pathogenesis of Atherosclerosis 11 precedes overt atherosclerosis in experimental models of hypercholesterolemia and that endothelial dysfunction may represent an important early event predisposing conduit vessels to vasospasm and vasoconstriction  Endothelial Dysfunction in Hypercholesterolemia Given the strong association between hypercholesterolemia and coronary artery disease, and the hypothesis that endothelial function could play a dramatic role in vascular homeostasis, it was natural to investigate the relationship between cholesterol and endothelium-dependent vasorelaxation. Early experiments in predictive animal models demonstrated reduced endothelial function associated with atherosclerosis 80, Observations with earlier time points indicated that this endothelial dysfunction preceded the development of lipid-engorged lesions, arguing for a possible causative role  Moreover, even modest elevations in serum cholesterol levels could depress endothelium-dependent vasodilation  Soon after, investigations in humans showed that endothelial function was directly related to cholesterol metabolism. This is true even in young adults with familial hypercholesterolemia who do not yet have evidence of vascular disease  On the other hand, HDL cholesterol, long considered a protective factor for cardiovascular disease, has opposing effects on endothelial function. Endothelial dysfunction is prevented by high endogenous levels of HDL 85 and is reversed by therapies that elevate HDL  Pharmacological therapies that reduce cholesterol levels also enhance endothelial function 87â€”89 In addition, HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, or statins, are recognized to have lipid-independent effects on endothelial function. Liao and colleagues 90 have recently demonstrated that some statins can directly affect the vascular wall. Specifically, they have shown that both lovastatin and simvastatin can stabilize the gene responsible for NO production, endothelial NOS. In addition, the ability of statins to reduce the number of intermediates involved in cholesterol synthesis may have other effects on atherogenesis. For example, one such intermediate, geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate, affects signaling molecules involved with diverse processes including reactive oxygen species generation 91 , vascular smooth muscle calcium sensitivity 92 , and expression of the potent vasoconstrictor endothelin-1  Endothelial Dysfunction in Diabetes and Insulin Resistance Increasing evidence indicates that endothelial dysfunction may also be involved in the pathogenesis of vascular disease in diabetic patients. Numerous groups could show that endothelial-dependent relaxation of conduit and resistance vessels is impaired in patients with diabetes mellitus type-1 DM-1 94 and type-2 DM-2  The mechanisms for endothelial dysfunction in DM-1, however, seem to differ from those that occur in DM Local infusions of NOS inhibitors into the brachial artery of DM-1 patients leads to vasoconstriction, suggesting that basal release of NO release is reduced in these patients compared to healthy controls. In addition, whereas relaxation in response to acetylcholine was not different in patients with DM-1, nitroglycerin-induced vasodilatation was blunted in the study  These results could indicate that endothelial dysfunction in DM-1 is due to reduced NO sensitivity of vascular smooth muscle cells. Specifically increased production of superoxide radicals not only leads to enhanced inactivation of NO, but also increases the synthesis of vasoconstricting prostanoids by formation of hydrogen peroxide H2O2 and hydroxyl radicals 98, It is, however, yet to be determined if hyperglycemia, hyperinsulinemia, or insulin resistance is the culprit mechanism of endothelial dysfunction in DM Acute hyperglycemia induced by intravenous infusions of glucose has been shown to reduce endothelium-dependent relaxation in healthy humans  This effect is likely due to inactivation of NO by oxygen-derived free radicals such as superoxide anions  In addition, the tight association between insulin resistance and impaired endothelial dysfunction has been studied extensively throughout the last decade. Several groups have recently provided evidence for NO-dependent, endothelium-mediated vasodilator dysfunction of the coronary and mesenteric arteries as well as in aortic

strips in rat models of fructose-diet-induced insulin resistance. In humans, results are often limited by the strong association of insulin resistance with secondary metabolic changes such as obesity, hypertension, and dyslipidemia, which also impair endothelial function independently of insulin resistance. Reduced maximal blood flow in response to methacholine has been shown in a small study with obese insulin-resistant patients and an impairment of NO-dependent, flow-mediated vasodilatation of the brachial artery was observed in hypertensive patients with impaired glucose tolerance  The best evidence for an impairment of NO-dependent, but not NO-independent vasorelaxation in insulin-resistant subjects was published in a recent study comparing healthy normotensive insulin-sensitive and insulin-resistant first-degree relatives of patients with DM Furthermore, a significant direct correlation between NOdependent endothelial function and insulin sensitivity was found in this latter study  The mechanisms for endothelial dysfunction in insulin resistance are still unclear. Increased production of superoxide radicals was observed in rat models of fructose-diet-induced insulin resistance and increased degradation of NO by superoxide anion due to hyperinsulinemia has been postulated  Finally, we have recently demonstrated that ADMA levels are elevated in insulin resistant, nondiabetic individuals and that ADMA concentrations are directly related to the degree of insulin resistance  Endothelial Dysfunction in Hypertension NO plays a major role in the regulation of systemic vascular resistance. It is therefore conceivable that endothelial vasodilator dysfunction could precipitate hypertension. Indeed, an endothelial abnormality is associated with hypertension in animal models  Depending on the experimental model, the reduction in endotheliumdependent relaxation is due to an attenuation of endothelium-mediated, NO-dependent activity or to the augmented elaboration of an endothelium-derived contracting factor.

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Tarkington, RN ; Clyde W. Contents of These Guidelines. Atrial Pathology as a Cause of Atrial Fibrillation. Pathological Changes Caused by Atrial Fibrillation. Mechanisms of Atrial Fibrillation. Counteracting Atrial Electrical Remodeling. Other Factors Contributing to Atrial Fibrillation. Myocardial and Hemodynamic Consequences of Atrial Fibrillation. Pathophysiology of Thrombus Formation. Causes and Associated Conditions. Reversible Causes of Atrial Fibrillation. Familial Genetic Atrial Fibrillation. Autonomic Influences in Atrial Fibrillation. Clinical History and Physical Examination. Electrocardiogram Monitoring and Exercise Testing. Pharmacological and Nonpharmacological Therapeutic Options. Effect on Symptoms and Quality of Life. Effects on Heart Failure. Effects on Thromboembolic Complications. Effects on Mortality and Hospitalization. Nondihydropyridine Calcium Channel Antagonists. Regulation of Atrioventricular Nodal Conduction by Pacing. Echocardiography and Risk Stratification. Interruption of Anticoagulation for Diagnostic or Therapeutic Procedures. Cardioversion of Atrial Fibrillation. Basis for Cardioversion of Atrial Fibrillation. Pharmacological Agents to Maintain Sinus Rhythm. Pharmacological Enhancement of Direct-Current Cardioversion. Type IC Antiarrhythmic Agents. Maintenance of Sinus Rhythm. Endpoints in Antiarrhythmic Drug Studies. Predictors of Recurrent AF. General Approach to Antiarrhythmic Drug Therapy. Nonpharmacological Therapy for Atrial Fibrillation. Complications of Catheter-Based Ablation. Suppression of Atrial Fibrillation Through Pacing. Clinical and Pathophysiological Correlates. Prevention of Postoperative AF. Treatment of Postoperative AF. Newly Discovered Atrial Fibrillation. Recurrent Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation. Recurrent Persistent Atrial Fibrillation. Text supporting unchanged recommendations has not been updated. It is important that the medical profession play a significant role in critically evaluating the use of diagnostic procedures and therapies as they are introduced and tested in the detection, management, or prevention of disease states. Rigorous and expert analysis of the available data documenting absolute and relative benefits and risks of those procedures and therapies can produce helpful guidelines that improve the effectiveness of care, optimize patient outcomes, and favorably affect the overall cost of care by focusing resources on the most effective strategies. Experts in the subject under consideration have been selected from all 3 organizations to examine subject-specific data and write guidelines. The process includes additional representatives from other medical practitioner and specialty groups when appropriate. Writing committees are specifically charged to perform a formal literature review, weigh the strength of evidence for or against a particular treatment or procedure, and include estimates of expected health outcomes where data exist. Patient-specific modifiers, comorbidities, and issues of patient preference that might influence the choice of particular tests or therapies are considered as well as frequency of follow-up and cost-effectiveness. When available, information from studies on cost will be considered; however, review of data on efficacy and clinical outcomes will constitute the primary basis for preparing recommendations in these guidelines. Specifically, all members of the Writing Committee and peer reviewers of the document are asked to provide disclosure statements of all such relationships that might be perceived as real or potential conflicts of interest. Writing committee members are also strongly encouraged to declare a previous relationship with industry that might be perceived as relevant to guideline development. If a writing committee member develops a new relationship with industry during their tenure, they are required to notify guideline staff in writing. The continued participation of the writing committee member will be reviewed. These statements are reviewed by the parent Task Force, reported orally to all members of the writing committee at each meeting, and updated and reviewed by the writing committee as changes occur. Please refer to the methodology manuals for further description of the policies used in guideline development, including relationships with industry, available online at the ACC, AHA, and ESC World Wide Web sites http: Please

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arrhythmia in each section. There are important differences in the mechanisms of AF and atrial flutter, and the body of evidence available to support therapeutic recommendations is distinct for the 2 arrhythmias. Changes Since the Initial Publication of These Guidelines in In developing this revision of the guidelines, the Writing Committee considered evidence published since and drafted revised recommendations where appropriate to incorporate results from major clinical trials such as those that compared rhythm-control and rate-control approaches to long-term management. The text has been reorganized to reflect the implications for patient care, beginning with recognition of AF and its pathogenesis and the general e Circulation March 15, Figure 1. Electrocardiogram showing atrial fibrillation with a controlled rate of ventricular response. P waves are replaced by fibrillatory waves and the ventricular response is completely irregular. Advances in catheter-based ablation technologies have been incorporated into expanded sections and recommendations, with the recognition that that such vital details as patient selection, optimum catheter positioning, absolute rates of treatment success, and the frequency of complications remain incompletely defined. Accumulating evidence from clinical studies on the emerging role of angiotensin inhibition to reduce the occur-rence and complications of AF and information on approaches to the primary prevention of AF are addressed comprehensively in the text, as these may evolve further in the years ahead to form the basis for recommendations affecting patient care. Finally, data on specific aspects of management of patients who are prone to develop AF in special circumstances have become more robust, allowing formulation of recommendations based on a higher level of evidence than in the first edition of these guidelines.

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