#### **Heart Disease**

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## Learning Objectives

- To be familiar with the anatomy of the heart and basic heart functions
- To understand the different causes of heart disease
  - Arrhythmias
  - Valvular disease
  - Cardiomyopathies
  - Ischemia
- To know the various tools available to doctors to assess heart disease

### The Circulatory System





Lara Fields Illustration

### Electrical Signaling of the Heart



Ganesan et al., 2016

### Electrical Signaling of the Heart



#### The Heart in Action



## Arrhythmias

- Problem with the <u>rate or rhythm</u> of the heart, often due to problems with the electrical signaling (or conduction system)
- Rate:
  - Bradycardia: Slow rate
  - Tachycardia: Fast rate
- Rhythm:
  - Regular
  - Irregular

## **Atrial Fibrillation**

- Quivering or irregular fast heartbeat
- Increased risk for:
  - Stroke



#### Valvular Disease

#### • Problems with the valves of the heart



### Valvular Disease

- Problems with the valves of the heart
  - Left side: Mitral, Aortic
  - Right side: Tricuspid, Pulmonic
- Types of issues:
  - Regurgitation: Floppy or loose valve → Backward flow of blood
  - Stenosis: Narrowing due to "hard" valve  $\rightarrow$  Slow, impeded flow of blood

## Mitral Regurgitation



Prarie Cardiovascular

#### Aortic Stenosis



open

closed

## Cardiomyopathies

- Cardio = "heart" + myopathy = "disease of muscle"
- Types of cardiomyopathies:
  - Hypertrophic: Thickened muscle
  - **Dilated**: Weakened, "stretched" muscle

## Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

- Thickened muscle
- Causes:
  - Hereditary
  - Hypertension
  - Aortic stenosis
- Complications:
  - Sudden cardiac death
  - Arrhythmias
  - Heart failure



Sakamoto A., Yahagi K., Romero M., Virmani R. (2019) Pathology and Pathophysiology. In: Naidu S. (eds) Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy. Springer, Cham

## **Dilated Cardiomyopathy**

- Weakened, floppy muscle
- Causes:
  - Hereditary
  - Drugs
  - Infections
- Complications:
  - Arrhythmias
  - Heart failure
  - Regurgitation



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• Ischemia: Not enough delivery of oxygen to the tissue



• Also known as coronary artery disease or coronary heart disease

• Mechanism of disease:

Atherosclerosis or "hardening of the arteries" with fatty buildup on blood vessel walls



Smoking Hypertension Diabetes



#### Acute Coronary Syndrome



### **Myocardial Infarction**



#### **Myocardial Infarction**

#### Complications of myocardial infarction

Dominique Yelle



## A Doctor's (very brief) Approach

- History & Physical Exam
- Blood work:
  - Cardiac Enzymes: Troponins, Creatinine kinase
  - Basic Metabolic Panel: Electrolytes, Sugar
- Imaging:
  - EKG/ECG: Electrocardiogram
  - Chest X-ray
  - Cardiac Ultrasound: Echocardiogram
  - Angiography
  - MRI: Magnetic Resonance Imaging

#### Electrocardiogram



## Chest X-Ray



#### Cardiac Ultrasound: Echocardiogram



# Angiography



Venkatesan Blog, Brittin Family Medicine Blog

## Cardiac MRI



