

A REVIEW ON HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY

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ABSTRACT:

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy is hereditary heart disease with clinical and pathological manifestations. It affects the left ventricle and is mostly caused by increased ventricular thickness (hypertrophy) with no clear reason. This causes left ventricular outflow blockage, diastolic dysfunction, myocardial ischemia, and mitral regurgitation. It is also a leading cause of sudden cardiac death, particularly in teenagers and young adults.

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) is caused by mutations in one of the multiple genes; the most often affected genes are MYH7, MYBPC3, TNNT2, and TNNI3. Proteins generated by genes serve a crucial part in the contraction of cardiac muscle units known as "sarcomeres." MYH7 and MYBPC3 gene mutations account for about 80% of HCM. Many people who have the HCM disease gene do not have a clinically evident illness. Shortness of breath, and decreased blood filling of the ventricles, angina, palpitations, lightheadedness, weakness, fainting, and sudden cardiac death are all signs of HCM. Surgery, an implanted device, or medicine to reduce or control the heart rate may be used as treatment. However, it is unclear how mutations in sarcomere-related genes produce hypertrophy of heart muscle or the symptoms of familial HCM.

Keywords: Hypertrophy, cardiomyopathy, gene mutation, sarcomere, palpitations, angina.

Introduction:

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy is now recognized as a worldwide illness, with instances documented on all continents, affecting persons of all genders and racial and cultural backgrounds. Despite its many manifestations, the illness is characterized by comparable genotypic defects and the unifying phenotypic expression of left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH). Muscle cells in the typical heart are regular and patterned. The cells of the heart muscle become irregular and disorganized in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. The region most often affected is the muscle around the left ventricle. The thickening may partially restrict blood flow from your left ventricle into your aorta.

Heart:

The heart is a muscular organ situated between the lungs and somewhat to the left of the breastbone. The heart is roughly the size of a fist and pumps blood to all areas of the body via a network of arteries and veins known as the cardiovascular system or circulatory system.

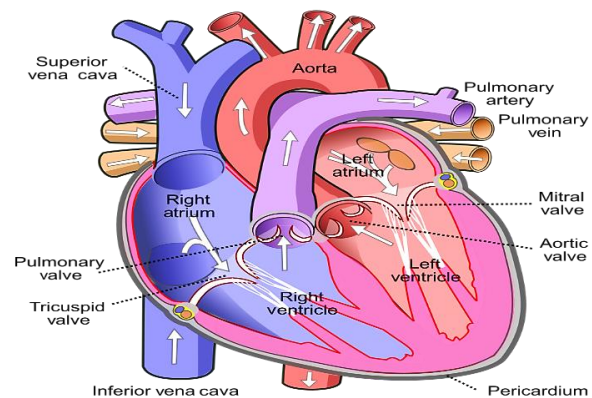
The heart is a vital organ that the body needs to conduct vital activities. The following are the primary functions of the heart:

- Blood enters the right atrium from the veins and is pumped to the right ventricle. (Getting deoxygenated blood)
- From the right atrium, the blood is received by the right ventricle and it pumps to the lungs (loaded with oxygen)
- From the lungs, the oxygenated blood is received by the left atrium and it pumps to the left ventricle.
- The left ventricle (strongest chamber of the heart) pumps oxygenated blood to other parts of the body. (pumping oxygenated blood)

It carries metabolic waste products from the body to the lungs for oxygenation and it also pumps hormones and other vital substances to other parts of the body. A protective sac filled with fluid surrounding the heart is called the pericardium. ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾

Four chambers of the heart are:

- Two receiving chambers (upper atria)
- Two evacuating chambers (lower ventricle)



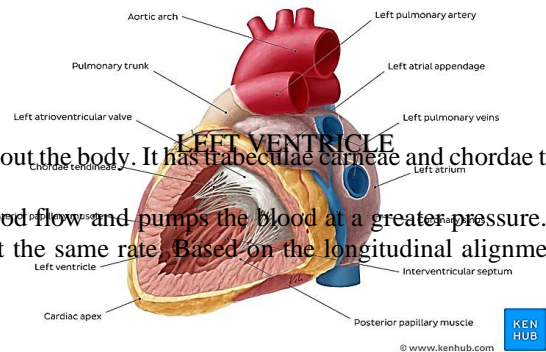
Anatomy Of Heart

The Strongest Chamber: The *Left Ventricle* is one of four chambers responsible for delivering oxygenated blood to the aorta and the rest of the body. It is longer and conical in shape, forming the heart's apex. It is the thickest of the four chambers and is positioned below the left atrium, divided by the mitral valve.

Thickest at base = 10-15mm (avg)

- For men = 13.6mm
- For women = 11.2mm

Thinnest at apex = 1-2mm



It is the most active chamber of the heart. It delivers blood throughout the body. It has trabeculae carneae and chordae tendineae that anchor the bicuspid cusps.

the valve to the papillary muscles It has a strong resistance to blood flow and pumps the blood at a greater pressure. It has to work harder than the right ventricle to keep the blood flowing at the same rate. Based on the longitudinal alignment of the myocardial strands, the left ventricle is divided into three levels :

- subepicardial (outer) – approx. 25% of thickness
- middle - approx. 53 – 59% of thickness
- subendocardial (inner) - <20% of thickness (thin layer) (8) (9) (10)

Cardiomyopathy: It is defined as "an illness characterized by morphologically and functionally aberrant myocardium in the absence of any other disease that, by itself, is sufficient to induce the observed phenotype" (11).

A cardiac condition characterized by anatomical and functional abnormalities in the heart muscle. In the absence of coronary artery disease, hypertension, valvular disease, or congenital heart disease, the detected myocardial abnormality is sufficient to induce the reported myocardial abnormality (12).

With a population frequency of 1 in 500, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) is the most prevalent hereditary cardiovascular illness. (13)(14)

According to a recent study, the frequency is most likely 1 in 200 (15). HCM is the main cause of sudden death in young athletes and a common cause of sudden death in teenagers (16)(17). About half of all HCM instances are inherited, and this variety is known as familial HCM (FHCM) (18). HCM etiology is largely linked to cardiac sarcomere protein mutations, with over 1,400 HCM mutations identified in at least 20 genes (19)(20). FHCM is sometimes referred to as a sarcomere disease. Furthermore, FHCM is morphologically varied, significantly divergent within families, and has significant genetic diversity. (21)

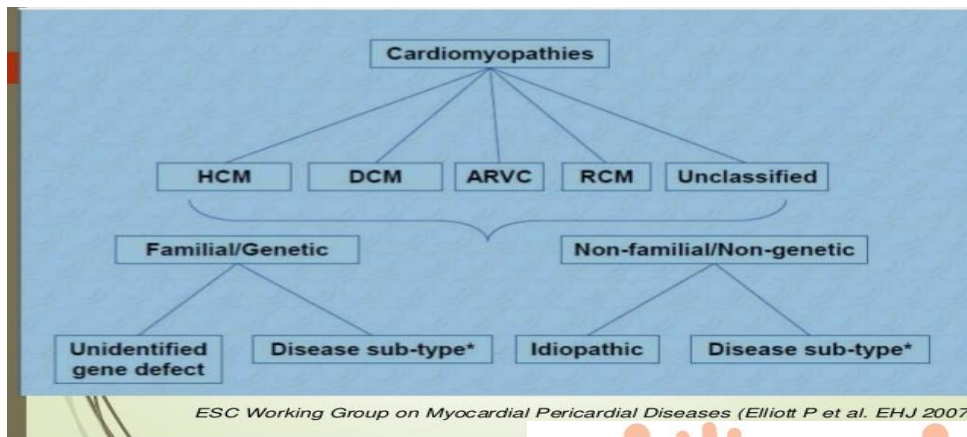
Asymmetric Septal Hypertrophy:

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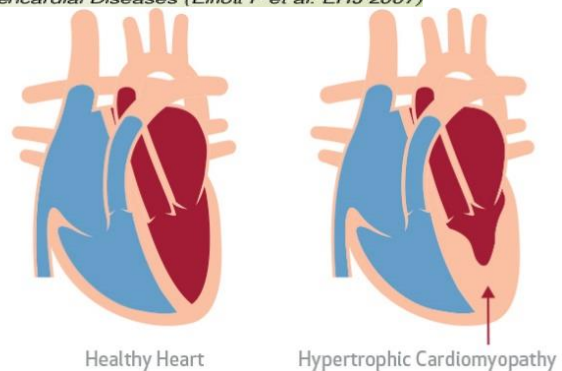
heart muscle, difficult for pump blood. inherited and faulty genes heart to abnormally, discomfort, breath, dysfunction, sudden

cardiac death, and rhythmic heart abnormalities. (22,23,24)

The HCM is an autosomal dominant trait caused by a single mutation. HCM is caused by gene mutations in multiple genes that encode sarcomere-associated proteins, primarily nonsense MYBPC3 and missense MYH7 variations. In recent years, there has been a rise in the number of genes identified as disease-causing. The disease has complicated symptomatology and has the potential to be catastrophic for sufferers and their families. In preadolescent and adolescent children, HCM is the primary cause of sudden cardiac mortality. The disease is distinguished



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by inappropriate, frequently asymmetrical cardiac hypertrophy that develops in the absence of an apparent initiating hypertrophy stimulus. Hypertrophy can develop in any area of the left ventricle, although it most commonly affects the IVS, resulting in a blockage of flow through the LVOT. HCM prevalence: 0.05-0.25 percent of the population (25,26,27,28)

• this prevalence is greater than previously assumed, implying a significant number of afflicted yet undiagnosed persons. The majority of instances have been recorded from the United States, Canada, Western Europe, Israel, and Asia.

Genetic testing broadens the HCM illness range and allows for the identification of HCM phenocopies with diverse natural histories and therapeutic choices, but it is not a viable method for predicting prognosis. The interaction of a diverse illness like HCM with the huge genetic diversity of the human genome and the high frequency of new mutations has produced unexpected challenges in translating sophisticated science (and language) into the clinical arena. (29,30,31)

History :

Teare discovered severe hypertrophy of the ventricular septum in a small group of young patients who died suddenly in 1958. (32,33)

Braunwald was the first to make a clinical diagnosis of HCM in the 1960s. There are numerous names for the condition. (34)

- Idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis (IHSS)
- Subaortic stenosis of the muscles
- Cardiomyopathy with hypertrophic obstructive hypertrophy (HOCM) (35,36,37)

In the early 1970s, echocardiography enabled noninvasive imaging of left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH) and accurate identification of family members with and without the HCM phenotype (38). In 1989, by combining deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)-based methods and traditional segregation linkage analysis with echocardiography, researchers were able to map HCM to a causal locus on chromosome 14. (39). In 1990, sequence analysis of a candidate gene identified a pathogenic missense mutation in the beta-myosin heavy chain gene (MYH7Arg 403 Gln) to be responsible for HCM (40)

Genetics basis :

Over nine different sarcomere genes with over 1400 mutations are associated in the autosomal dominant inheritance with incomplete penetrance, however, 80 percent of patients have a mutation in either MYH7 or MYBPC3. The genetic basis of ventricular hypertrophy has no direct relationship with predictive risk categorization. Mutations in the number of sarcomeres result in increased calcium sensitivity, maximal force output, and ATPase activity. Mutation and hypertrophy cause abnormal energetics and poor relaxation. (41,42,43,44)

Morphology:

- ✚ Left ventricular hypertrophy
- ✚ Mitral valve apparatus
- ✚ Histopathology

Left ventricular hypertrophy: HCM is characterized by asymmetric LV hypertrophy in various patterns. The thickness of one or more portions of the LV wall is usually greater than in other locations. Extension into the right ventricle, as well as sharp transitions in thickness between adjacent sections or noncontiguous patterns of segmental hypertrophy. There is no single “classic” morphologic type of LVH, and almost all potential patterns of LVH, including normal LV wall thicknesses, have been observed. (45)

Mitral valve apparatus: Valvular size and shape changes can occur in a variety of ways and are a main morphologic anomaly in HCM. Elongation of both leaflets or segmental enlargement of only the anterior leaflet or the midportion of the posterior leaflet might cause the valve to be twice its normal size. (46)

Histopathology: Cardiac muscle cells have a larger transverse diameter and odd forms, and they frequently retain intercellular connections with multiple neighboring cells. At oblique and perpendicular angles, myocytes (and myofilaments) are grouped in a chaotic, disordered manner. Abnormal intramural coronary arteries with thicker walls (consisting of enlarged intimal and medial components) and constricted lumens are seen in 80 percent of patients, most commonly inside or near regions of replacement fibrosis, leading to microvascular ischemia and angina. (47)

There are two forms of HCM: an obstructive type (70 percent) and a non-obstructive type (HNCM; in all cases of HCM, testing should be conducted to detect outflow blockage at rest and/or on provocation, and therefore establish whether HOCM or HNCM is present. (48)

Etiology :

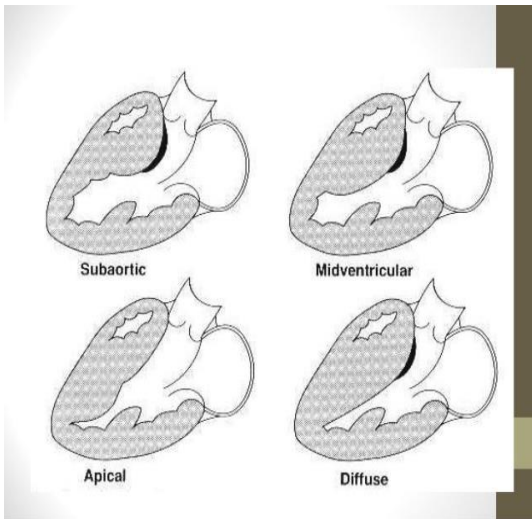
PRIMARY HCM- a hereditary illness with AD inheritance.

Genetics of HCM

TABLE 1
Causative Genes in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

Encoded Protein	Gene Symbol	Chromosome Locus	Sarcomere Component	No. of Cases
β-Myosin heavy chain	MYH7	14q12	Thick filament	212
Myosin-binding protein C	MYBPC3	11p11.2	Thick filament	165
Troponin T	TNNI2	1q32	Thin filament	33
Troponin I	TNNI3	19q13.4	Thin filament	27
α-Tropomyosin	TPMI	15q22.1	Thin filament	12
Regulatory Myosin light chain	MYL2	12q24.3	Thick filament	10
Essential Myosin light chain	MYL3	3p21	Thick filament	5
Actin	ACTC1	15q14	Thin filament	7
Titin	TTN	2q31	Thick filament/Z-Disc	2
Muscle LIM protein	CSRP3	11p15.1	Z-Disc	3
Talithromin	TCAI	17q12	Z-Disc	2
Myozenin 2	MYOZ2	4q26	Z-Disc	1
Vinculin	VCL	10q27.1	Intercalated disc	2

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SECONDARY HCM- metabolic, mitochondrial, and syndromic illnesses such as Noonan and Leopard syndromes. Usually manifests itself in infancy (15 percent of infants with HCM). Develop concentric HCM, which is frequently accompanied by involvement of the right ventricle. Muscle biopsy, metabolic screening. ⁽⁴⁹⁾

Pathophysiology:

HCM Pathophysiology: HCM pathogenesis is comprised of four interconnected processes: left ventricular outflow restriction, diastolic dysfunction, myocardial ischemia, and mitral regurgitation.

LV obstruction restriction: Long-term LV outflow blockage in HCM is a key predictor of heart failure symptoms and mortality in HCM patients. Subaortic outflow obstruction is produced by mitral valve systolic anterior motion (SAM), in which the leaflets migrate toward the septum. Long-term LV outflow obstruction in HCM is a significant predictor of heart failure symptoms and

death in HCM patients. Mitral valve systolic anterior motion (SAM), which causes the leaflets to move toward the septum, causes subaortic outflow blockage. Physiological Consequences of Obstruction:

- Elevated intraventricular pressures
- Prolongation of ventricular relaxation
- Increased myocardial wall stress Increased oxygen requirement
- Decrease in forwarding cardiac output

Diastolic Dysfunction

- ✓ a contributing factor in 80% of patients
- ✓ Impaired relaxation
- ✓ High systolic contraction load
- ✓ Ventricular contraction/relaxation not consistent
- ✓ Accounts for exertional dyspnea symptoms
- ✓ Increased filling pressures
- ✓ Increased pulmonary venous pressure

Myocardial Ischemia : It occurs often in the absence of atherosclerotic coronary artery disease. Postulated causes include abnormally tiny and partly destroyed intramural coronary arteries caused by hypertrophy. Inadequate capillary density for the degree of LV mass, resulting in increased myocardial oxygen demand and higher filling pressures, resulting in subendocardial ischemia.

Mitral Regurgitation (MR) : It is caused by the systolic anterior motion of the mitral valve. Variations in leaflet length (posterior/anterior leaflet length mismatch) – restrict the ability of the posterior leaflet to follow the anterior leaflet and coapt effectively, resulting in MR. The severity of MR is directly proportional to LV outflow obstruction. ⁽⁵⁰⁾

Non-pathogenic mutations:

Many amino acid changes in DNA sequence, on the other hand, do not cause illness and are considered as benign polymorphisms (i.e., variations not typically thought to be harmful), occurring in >0.5% to 1.0% of ethnic-specific normal control groups. Nonetheless, even after applying all pathogenicity criteria, the significance for producing disease connected to a large proportion of such discovered variations remains unknown. As a result, genetic test results classify these mutations as ambiguous (i.e., variations of unknown significance [VUS or VOUS]) with little clinical use for family screening ⁽⁵¹⁾⁽⁵²⁾⁽⁵³⁾

Indeed, identifying pathogenic mutations from VUS or uncommon nonpathogenic variations has become increasingly difficult when interpreting testing findings in HCM, and has been dubbed the diagnostic strategy's "Achilles heel". This problem has grown especially difficult as technology has become more affordable, allowing for thorough DNA sequencing of the exome and even the entire genome. While providing scientific insights, this advancement also significantly enhances the identification of VUS, perhaps leading to even more uncertainty in test findings. ⁽⁵⁴⁾⁽⁵⁵⁾⁽⁵⁶⁾

Notably, there are presently no universally recognized criteria for interpreting VUS, with estimated rates ranging from 5% to 50%, primarily depending on the number of pathogenicity classes used to classify mutations and the number of genes in the testing panel. Laboratory commercial testing techniques vary greatly, with 3 to 7 descriptive pathogenicity classifications used to produce formal reports, raising the risk that various interpretations of pathogenicity may emerge from different laboratories for the same mutation. ⁽⁵⁷⁾

Indeed, it is not well recognized in the clinical cardiovascular community that molecular diagnosis and assignment of mutations to pathogenic status is frequently done on a probabilistic basis, rather than as a definite binary test result. Certainly, the original genotyping expectation barrier may have been set too high, considering the very few definite scenarios that arise in HCM, and the pathogenicity of sequence variations is sometimes difficult to prove with certainty. ⁽⁵⁸⁾

From 2013 to 2017, 387 HCM probands and their families had their clinical data gathered. All probands were subjected to targeted exome sequencing, and the chosen mutations were confirmed by Sanger sequencing in the probands, family relatives, and 300 healthy ethnic matched volunteers. SwissPdbViewer 4.1 was used to build three-dimensional models, and genetic studies were done to evaluate sequence conservation and mutation frequency. Four of the five probands with double MYH7 mutations had compound heterozygous mutations, whereas one had monoallelic double mutations (A934V and E1387K).⁽⁵⁹⁾

Variants of HCM:

Subaortic, septal, and ant. wall are the most prevalent locations.

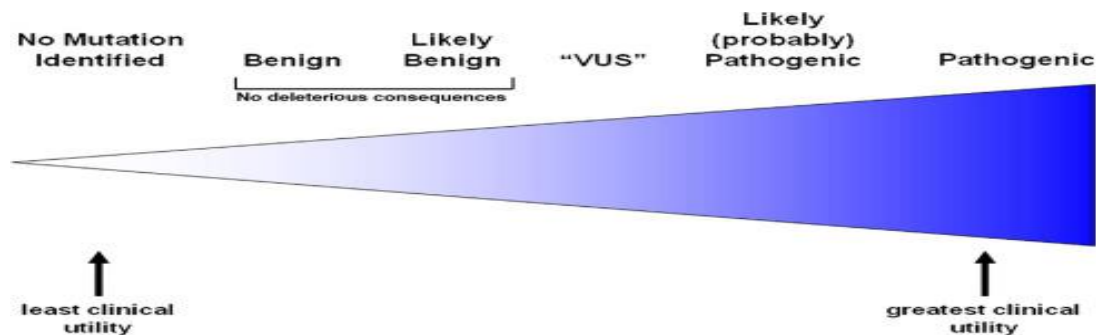
- Asymmetric hypertrophy (septum and anterior wall): 70%
- 15% to 20% basal septal hypertrophy
- Concentric LVH: 8% to 10%
- Apical or lateral wall: 2% (25 percent in Japan/Asia): distinctive huge T-wave inversion laterally & spade-like left ventricular cavity: less harmful^(60,61)

Hemodynamics:

In HCM, the left ventricle has a normal end-diastolic volume, a high-normal (65–70%) or increased (>70%) ejection fraction, and a decreased end-systolic volume. The hypertrophied septum is encroaching on the LVOT. There is systolic anterior motion (SAM) of the anterior leaflet of the mitral valve in the presence of hyperdynamic ejection, which abuts the hypertrophied interventricular system during systole, obstructing outflow. This is reflected in a systolic pressure gradient between the left ventricular cavity and the aorta that is present at rest in about one-third of individuals with HCM. The blockage is dynamic in nature, which is a distinguishing characteristic of HCM.^(62,63)

The degree of the LVOT blockage is determined by ventricular volume, which is determined by the interplay of myocardial contractility, ventricular preload, and afterload. Increases in contractility, as well as decreases in preload and afterload, reduce ventricular volume and induce or worsen blockage; decreases in contractility and increases in preload and afterload have the opposite effect.^(64,65,66) Thus, muscular activity, isoproterenol infusion, amyl nitrite inhalation, sublingual nitroglycerin, and the strain phase of the Valsalva maneuver can all cause LVOT blockage in HCM patients who do not have a resting gradient.^(67,68,69)

Diastolic dysfunction is common in HCM. It is caused by increased interstitial fibrosis, as well as delayed relaxation and stiffening of the thicker ventricular wall. In individuals with HCM, left atrial volume, an indirect measure of left ventricular diastolic pressure, is frequently elevated and is a predictor of the development of atrial fibrillation and heart failure. Pulsed and tissue Doppler imaging, 3-dimensional speckle tracking echocardiography, and magnetic resonance imaging all show that regional systolic myocardial function is often compromised. Systolic function decreases, the left ventricular wall thins, the cavity enlarges, and heart failure with decreased ejection fraction occurs in around 5% of HCM patients, mainly older individuals with significant, persistent LVOT blockage and severe interstitial fibrosis.^(70,71,72,73,74)



Symptoms:

Some persons with the disease may not exhibit any symptoms. They may discover they have the issue during a normal medical exam.

The initial sign of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy in many young people is abrupt collapse and death. This can be caused by extremely aberrant cardiac rhythms (arrhythmias). It might also be caused to a blockage that prevents blood from flowing from the heart to the rest of the body.⁽⁷⁵⁾

Typical symptoms include:

- Chest ache
- Dizziness
- Fainting, particularly during activity
- Fatigue
- Lightheadedness, particularly during or after physical activity or exercise

- Feeling that your heart is beating quickly or erratically (palpitations)
- Shortness of breath during physical exercise or after lying down (or have been sleeping for a time) (76,77)

HCM is a chronic condition that can worsen with time. This can result in decreased function and quality of life, long-term problems, and an increase in financial and social load.

To compensate for their condition, people with HCM frequently need to undertake lifestyle modifications, such as reducing their activities. (78)

As HCM develops, it might lead to additional health issues. HCM patients are more likely to develop atrial fibrillation, which can lead to blood clots, stroke, and other heart-related problems. HCM can potentially cause cardiac failure. It can also cause abrupt cardiac arrest, however, this is uncommon. (79)(80)

Prior history of cardiac arrest or ventricular fibrillation, spontaneous sustained ventricular tachycardia, abnormal exercise blood pressure, and non-sustained ventricular tachycardia, unexplained syncope, family history of premature sudden death, and LVW thickness greater than 15 mm to 30 mm on echocardiogram are all major risk factors for sudden death in people with HCM. A physical examination can also reveal the "spike and dome" pulse and the "triple ripple apical impulse." (81) (82)(83)

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Diagnosis :

The doctor would most likely prescribe testing to rule out other diseases that might give similar symptoms to hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM).

Echocardiogram: To diagnose hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, echocardiography is often utilized. This test utilizes sound waves (ultrasound) to determine if the muscle in your heart is unusually thick. It also indicates how successfully your heart's chambers and valves pump blood. Echocardiography is sometimes performed while you exercise, generally on a treadmill. This is referred to as an exercise stress test. Treadmill stress tests are frequently used to identify hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. (84)

Electrocardiogram(ECG or EKG): Sensors (electrodes) coupled to adhesive pads are put on your chest and, in certain cases, on your legs. They take electrical impulses from your heart and analyze them. An ECG can detect irregular cardiac rhythms as well as indications of heart thickening. In some situations, a portable ECG known as a Holter monitor is required. This gadget continually monitors your heart's activity for one to two days. (85)

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MRI of the heart: A cardiac MRI creates pictures of your heart using strong magnets and radio waves. It provides your doctor with information about your heart muscle and demonstrates how your heart and heart valves function. This test is frequently combined with echocardiography. (86)

HCM is frequently diagnosed and treated by a cardiologist or pediatric cardiologist. You may also be referred to a cardiomyopathy center, where the medical staff is specially trained.

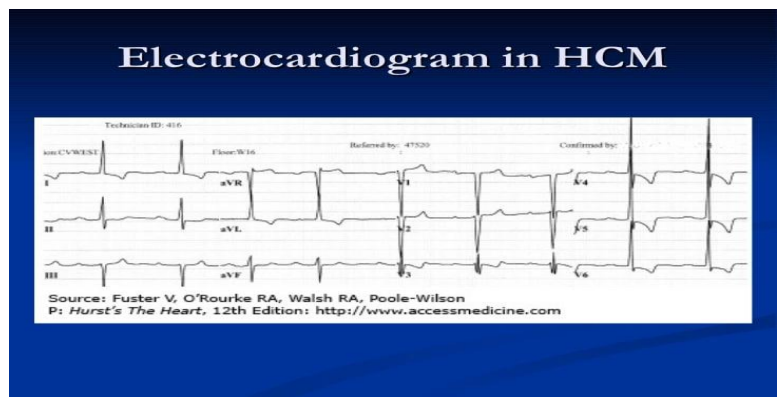
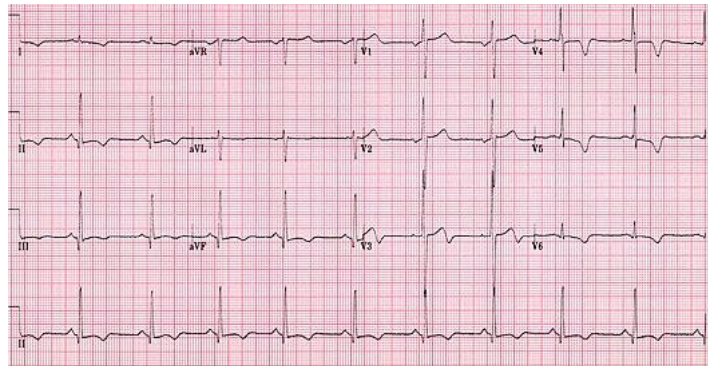
HCM is diagnosed based on your medical history, family history, physical exam, and the results of diagnostic tests. (87,88)

Treatment:

The objective of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy therapy is to alleviate symptoms and avoid sudden cardiac death in high-risk patients. precise therapy will be determined by the severity of your symptoms. a doctor will explore the best treatment option for your problem. (89)

The following medications may be used to treat hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and associated symptoms:

- Metoprolol (Lopressor, Toprol-XL), propranolol (Inderal, Innopran XL), and atenolol are examples of beta-blockers (Tenormin)
- Calcium channel blockers like verapamil (Verelan, Calan SR,) and diltiazem (Cardizem, Tiazac)
- Amiodarone (Pacerone) and disopyramide are both heart rhythm medications (Norpace)



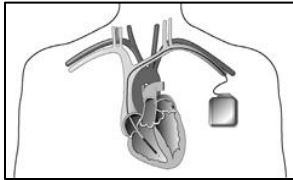
- If you have atrial fibrillation, you should take blood thinners such as warfarin (Coumadin, Jantoven), dabigatran (Pradaxa), rivaroxaban (Xarelto), or apixaban (Eliquis) to avoid blood clots.

Cardiomyopathy or its symptoms can be treated with a variety of operations or treatments. They range from open-heart surgery to the implantation of a gadget that regulates your heartbeat. ⁽⁹⁰⁾

Myectomy of the septum: If medicines do not relieve your symptoms, open-heart surgery may be suggested. It entails removing a portion of the thicker, overgrown wall (septum) that separates the heart chambers. Septal myectomy improves blood flow out of the heart and decreases backflow through the mitral valve (mitral regurgitation). ⁽⁹¹⁾

Depending on the location of the thickened heart muscle, the operation may be performed in a variety of ways. One form, known as apical myectomy, involves the removal of thickened cardiac muscle around the apex of the heart by surgeons. Sometimes the mitral valve is repaired at the same time as the aortic valve.

Ablation of the septum: Alcohol is used in this technique to eliminate the swollen heart muscle. The alcohol is injected into the artery providing blood to that region through a long, thin tube (catheter). Complications may include a disturbance of the heart's electrical system (heart block), which necessitates the installation of a pacemaker. ^(92,93)



Cardioverter-defibrillator implant (ICD) : An implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD) is a tiny device that continually monitors your heartbeat. It is inserted in your chest, similar to a pacemaker. In the event of potentially fatal arrhythmia, the ICD administers carefully calibrated electrical shocks to restore normal cardiac rhythm. ICD has been found to help avoid sudden cardiac death, which happens in a tiny percentage of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy patients. ^(94,95,96)

Research studies :

While current pharmacological or interventional treatments for HCM patients are often helpful in alleviating or avoiding symptoms, they do not address either the underlying genetic abnormality or the critical intermediate processes involved in the phenotype's development. As a result, they are ineffective in the prevention or promotion of heart hypertrophy and fibrosis regression. The understanding of HCM's molecular genetics and pathophysiology is spurring the creation and testing of a variety of pharmaceutical treatments. ^(97,98,99)

Preliminary research in animal models of HCM showed that angiotensin II receptor blockers, 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-coenzyme A (HMG-CoA) reductase inhibitors (statins), mineralocorticoid receptor blockers, and the antioxidant N-acetylcysteine. Despite the positive benefits of several of these methods in models, preliminary human trials have been mainly unsatisfactory. Mybpc-3 delivery by adeno-associated virus (AAV) expressing cardiac myosin-binding protein C reduced the development of HCM in a mouse model. HCM-mutant mRNA expressing myosin-binding protein C was also corrected by 5' trans-splicing, which prevented the development of HCM in newborn animals with frame-shift mutations. Gedicke-Hornung et al created a modified mRNA and protein expressed by the Mybpc-3 gene that decreased a fatal mutation in a newborn mouse and avoided the development of HCM. 247 An AAV-delivered RNAi strategy that exclusively targets the mutant Mhy6 allele that encodes myosin heavy chain has also been found to postpone the development of cardiac hypertrophy and fibrosis. ^(100,101,102)

Diltiazem, a calcium channel blocker, has been proven in a mouse model in a small randomized human pilot experiment in MYBP-3 carriers to prevent the development of HCM. The VANISH study [NCT01912534] assigned 150 sarcomere mutation carriers with no or mild symptoms to the angiotensin receptor blocker valsartan or placebo. The outcomes are anticipated in 2019. ^(103,104)

MYK-461 is an orally given small drug that allosterically inhibits myosin ATPase activity, reduces myocyte force generation, and has been found to decrease the development of cardiac hypertrophy, myocyte disarray, and fibrosis in a mouse model of HCM 250. This drug is presently being investigated in a Phase 2 trial in patients with HCM with LVOT blockage, following the successful completion of three Phase I clinical studies. [NCT02842242] ⁽¹⁰⁵⁾

Since its contemporary classification quite a half-century ago, improvement within the diagnosis and care of people with HCM has mirrored technical breakthroughs in genetic testing, cardiac imaging, arrhythmia prevention, cardiac surgery, and interventional cardiology. Improved annotation of human genetic variations and their varied relationship to clinical expression is anticipated to help in identifying those who have harmful variants. It'll provide much-needed information on the prognosis of the growing number of such persons, many of whom are relatives of patients with HCM and who harbor the identical mutation but don't have any observable manifestations of HCM. ^(106,107,108)

In the future, such people may be subjected to therapies aimed at slowing or preventing conversion to phenotypic positive. These may include pharmaceutical therapies as well as other interventions that are currently in the experimental stage.

Furthermore, much more has to be known about non-mutation carriers who are phenotypic positive, including sporadic instances of HCM, to discover any “missing” causative genes and their natural history.

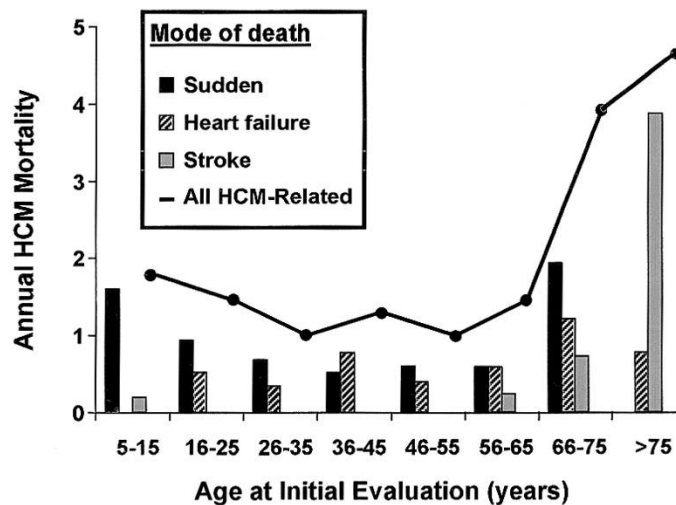
One in every 500 Americans is affected with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, which affects an estimated 600,000 to 1.5 million people. It is more common than multiple sclerosis, which affects one out of every 700 individuals.

HCM affects one out of every 500 persons, although a substantial number of sufferers go undiagnosed. Two-thirds of individuals diagnosed have obstructive HCM, whereas one-third have non-obstructive HCM.

Statistical analysis :

The current study was conducted in a global population of 744 consecutively recruited and mostly unselected individuals who were more representative of the whole HCM spectrum. Over 87 years (mean SD), 86 individuals (12%) died as a result of HCM. There were three separate ways of death: ⁽¹⁰⁹⁾ abrupt and unexpected (51%; age, 4520 years); ⁽¹¹⁰⁾ progressive heart failure (36%; age, 5619 years); and (3) HCM-related stroke linked with atrial fibrillation (13%; age, 7314 years).

Sudden death was more prevalent in young patients, but heart disease and stroke-related fatalities were more common in those in their forties and fifties. However, neither extra time nor heart failure-related mortality had a statistically significant, disproportionate age distribution ($P=0.06$ and 0.5 , respectively). Stroke-related fatalities were more common in elderly individuals ($P=0.002$). the bulk (71%) of the 45 patients who died unexpectedly had no or mild symptoms, while 7 (16%) were engaged in moderate to severe physical activity at the time of death. ⁽¹¹¹⁾



The worldwide hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) therapies market is expected to expand at a CAGR of about 1.5 percent during the projected period. The high prevalence of CVD is a primary factor driving market expansion. As per the World Health Organization (WHO), CVDs are the major cause of mortality across the globe. CVD caused about 17.9 million deaths in 2016, accounting for 31% of all worldwide deaths. Stroke and heart attack were responsible for 85 percent of these deaths. HCM is a hereditary cardiac condition characterized by an increase in the wall thickness of the left ventricle. It is generally caused by faulty genes in the heart muscle, which induce left ventricle writhing. ⁽¹¹²⁾

Based on the literature it is identified that, clinically HCM patients living in 122 countries (64 percent of the 191 countries with populations greater than 500,000) according to cardiologists in many countries, and interrogation of clinical records from the Tufts HCM Institute and the patient advocacy organization (Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association). Notably, the populations of nations known to have HCM patients amount to 6.3 billion people, or 88 percent of the world population (i.e., 7.13 billion), including India and China, which each have 2.7 billion people.



There is recent evidence of increased emphasis and focus on HCM in India, China, and elsewhere, with the establishment of multidisciplinary HCM centers dedicated to the diagnosis and therapy of this illness. In southern India, for example, the first HCM center in the country was established at the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research in Kochi, Kerala, under the direction of Dr. Hisham Ahamed, now with a cohort of 700 patients assembled in only three years, many of whom required specialized care. Fuwai Hospital in Beijing has become a national referral center for HCM, with a high-volume, well-executed surgical myectomy program (Dr. Shuiyun Wang).^[113]

Screening for the condition has been urged, several studies have important findings HCM is the most prevalent hereditary cardiovascular illness and the greatest cause of sudden cardiac death among young athletes in the United States and one study found the incidence of death of David Frost in united kingdom.

United States:

There are many possible problems connected with regular HCM screening in the United States.^[114] For starters, the projected athlete population in the United States is 15 million, which is about double that of Italy. Second, these occurrences are uncommon, with less than 100 deaths in the United States owing to HCM among elite athletes each year^[115] or roughly one fatality every 220,000 athletes.^[116] Finally, genetic testing would offer a definite diagnosis; but, because of the many HCM-causing mutations, this form of screening is complicated and not cost-effective.^[117] As a result, genetic testing in the United States is confined to individuals with obvious symptoms of HCM and their family members.

United Kingdom :

Following the death of TV personality David Frost in 2013, a post-mortem examination revealed that he had HCM, however, it did not lead to his death, and his family was not told. His 31-year-old son's unexpected cardiac death in 2015 prompted the family to work with the British Heart Foundation to collect funding for improved screening.^[118]

Canada :

The following are Canadian genetic testing guidelines and recommendations for people with HCM:^[119]

1. The primary goal of genetic testing is to screen family members.
2. According to the findings, families who are at risk may be urged to undergo thorough testing.
3. Genetic testing is not intended to confirm a diagnosis.
4. If the diagnosed person has no relatives who are at risk, genetic testing is not necessary.
5. Genetic testing is not meant to be used to assess risk or make treatment decisions.
6. Only clinical testing predicts the course and risk of developing complications of HCM, according to the evidence.
7. Individuals suspected of having HCM should:
8. Genetic testing is now available.⁽¹²⁰⁾

Conclusions:

For long years, HCM was regarded as an uncommon and unique disease, with few effective management techniques and no therapeutic choices for SD risk. Over the last two decades, advancements in the detection and therapy of cardiovascular disease (mostly atherosclerotic CAD) have transferred into hereditary heart disorders such as HCM. Many investigators from across the world have worked together to better characterize the clinical and morphological spectrum and natural history of HCM, capturing its extraordinary variability, complexity, and unpredictability.^(121,122)

Although the cardiology community should be more optimistic about HCM than in past times, it remains a complicated disease entity that requires sustained concentrated research to face several future difficulties. Although the ICD is a validated tool for preserving life in HCM, there is still a pressing need to more accurately determine which patients would benefit from this therapy. Pharmacological therapy to manage HF symptoms has remained stable for many years, necessitating innovation to find new medicines targeted to HCM. Even though the molecular era has enabled quick genetic testing to identify family members at risk of development, Although the molecular era has enabled quick genetic testing to identify family members at

risk of developing HCM, the genetic basis for a significant number of individuals remains unclear. Finally, there is a need to better understand the structural and metabolic derangements produced by pathogenic mutations to create new treatments that target critical disease progression pathways.⁽¹²³⁾

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