



Challenging the Guidelines: Aortic Stenosis

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Level of Evidence in Valvular Heart Disease ESC Guidelines

Evidence-based Medicine: Level of Evidence in 2012 ESC Guidelines







ACC/AHA 2014 Guidelines Stages of Progression of VHD

Stage	Definition	Description			
A	At risk	Patients with risk factors for development of VHD			
В	Progressive	Patients with progressive VHD (mild-to-moderate severity and asymptomatic)			
С	Asymptomatic severe	Asymptomatic patients who have the criteria for severe VHD:			
		C1: Asymptomatic patients with severe VHD in whom the left or right ventricle remains compensated			
		C2: Asymptomatic patients with severe VHD with decompensation of the left or right ventricle			
D	Symptomatic severe	Patients who have developed symptoms as a result of VHD			

Nishimura et al. JACC, 2014

Stage	Definition	Valve Anatomy	Valve Hemodynamics	Hemodynamic Consequences	Symptoms
Α	At risk of AS	 Bicuspid aortic valve (or other congenital valve anomaly) Aortic valve sclerosis 	• Aortic $V_{max} <\!\! 2 \ m/s$	• None	• None
В	Progressive AS	 Mild-to-moderate leaflet calcification of a bicuspid or trileaflet valve with some reduction in systolic motion or Rheumatic valve changes with commissural fusion 	 Mild AS: Aortic V_{max} 2.0-2.9 m/s or mean ΔP <20 mm Hg Moderate AS: Aortic V_{max} 3.0-3.9 m/s or mean ΔP 20-39 mm Hg 	 Early LV diastolic dysfunction may be present Normal LVEF 	• None
C: As	symptomatic severe AS				
D: Sy	mptomatic severe AS		· · · · · ·		
D1	Symptomatic severe high- gradient AS	 Severe leaflet calcification or congenital stenosis with severely reduced leaflet opening 	 Aortic V_{max} ≥4 m/s or mean ΔP ≥40 mm Hg AVA typically ≤1.0 cm² (or AVAi ≤0.6 cm²/m²) but may be larger with mixed AS/AR 	 LV diastolic dysfunction LV hypertrophy Pulmonary hypertension may be present 	 Exertional dyspnea or decreased exercise tolerance Exertional angina Exertional syncope or presyncope
D2	Symptomatic severe low-flow/low-gradient AS with reduced LVEF	 Severe leaflet calcification with severely reduced leaflet motion 	 AVA ≤1.0 cm² with resting aortic V_{max} <4 m/s or mean ΔP <40 mm Hg Dobutamine stress echocardiography shows AVA ≤1.0 cm² with V_{max} ≥4 m/s at any flow rate 	 LV diastolic dysfunction LV hypertrophy LVEF <50% 	 HF Angina Syncope or presyncope
D3	Symptomatic severe low-gradient AS with normal LVEF or paradoxical low-flow severe AS	Severe leaflet calcification with severely reduced leaflet motion	 AVA ≤1.0 cm² with aortic V_{max} <4 m/s or mean ΔP <40 mm Hg Indexed AVA ≤0.6 cm²/m² and Stroke volume index <35 mL/m² Measured when patient is normotensive (systolic BP <140 mm Hg) 	 Increased LV relative wall thickness Small LV chamber with low stroke volume Restrictive diastolic filling LVEF ≥50% 	HFAnginaSyncope or presyncope







Indication for AVR: Very Severe AS











Prognostic value of abnormal exercise test



Amato et al. Heart, 2001

Abnormal exercise test: chest pain, complex ventricular arrhythmia, no changes in SBP >20mmHg, ST depression >2mm



ACC/AHA SBP increase <20mmHG Exercise tolerance < ageand sex-expected



Abnormal Exercise Test: Pilot study



Levy et al. Arch CV Disease, 2014















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LV Flow Reserve in ESC 2012 Guidelines

AVR should be considered in symptomatic patients with severe AS, low flow, low gradient with reduced EF, and evidence of flow reserve.^f

AVR may be considered in symptomatic patients with severe AS low flow, low gradient, and LV dysfunction without flow reserve.^f



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Tribouilloy et al. JACC, 2009

 \Rightarrow Operative Mortality: 22%





BNP and exercise stress echo in AS

ESC 2012 Guidelines

"AVR may be considered in severe AS, normal LVEF, no exercise test abnormalities, if surgical risk is low and in the presence of:

- Markedly elevated BNP by repeated measurements
- Increase in MPG >20mmHG during exercise"

ACC/AHA 2014 Guidelines

No place for BNP or exercise stress echo.





BNP level in AS



BNP level and Symptoms in AS



Days

- BNP is more powerful than AS severity parameters to identify symptoms
- BNP level may predict the occurrence of symptoms:

	Baseline			Follow-Up		
	Patients Developing Symptoms (n=14)	Patients Remaining Asymptomatic (n=29)	Р	Patients Developing Symptoms (n=14)	Patients Remaining Asymptomatic (n=29)	Р
BNP, pg/mL	188 (56-420)	64 (27-161)	<0.001	486 (83-738)	64 (43-115)	< 0.01
NtBNP, pmol/L	131 (50-202)	31 (19–56)	< 0.001	136 (37–739)	32 (18-67)	< 0.01
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Bergler-Klein et al. Circulation 2004

BNP for Risk Stratification in Asymptomatic AS

Risk Score for Predicting Outcome in Patients With Asymptomatic Aortic Stenosis

Jean-Luc Monin, MD, PhD; Patrizio Lancellotti, MD, PhD; Mehran Monchi, MD; Pascal Lim, MD; Emmanuel Weiss, MD; Luc Piérard, MD, PhD; Pascal Guéret, MD

- 107 pts followed in Créteil
- Risk score according to independent variables
- Validation in Liège (107 pts)

Score = (Peak velocity x 2) + (nat log BNP x 1.5) + 1.5 (if female)



Monin et al. Circulation, 2009

BNP level in LF/LG AS

BNP is significantly elevated in LF AS, even in **TOPAS** study paradoxical LF/LG AS А All patients BNP level >550pg/mL strong predictor of outcome in LF/LG AS 80 Survival (%) 60 0 p<0.001 Brain natriuretic peptide, pg/m 600 40 500 P < 0.0001 20 400 0 0.5 1.0 1.5 Years 300 D All patients 200 < 550 and ΔSV ≥ 100 80 Survival (%) 60 0 22 (13-44) 47.5 (32-74) 114 (68-133) 78 (66-101) 40 *† 20 NF/LG NF/HG LF/HG LF/LG group group group group 1.5 0.5 1.0 Years

Lancellotti, Magne et al. JACC, 2012

Bergler-Klein et al. Circulation, 2007

BNP < 550

BNP ≥ 550

17

8

2.0

10

2.0



Prognostic Impact of Exercise Echo in AS



Maréchaux et al. Eur Heart J, 2009



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