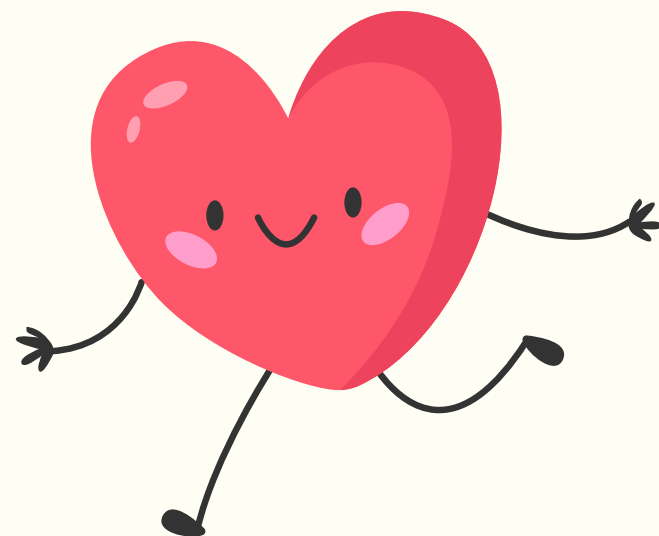
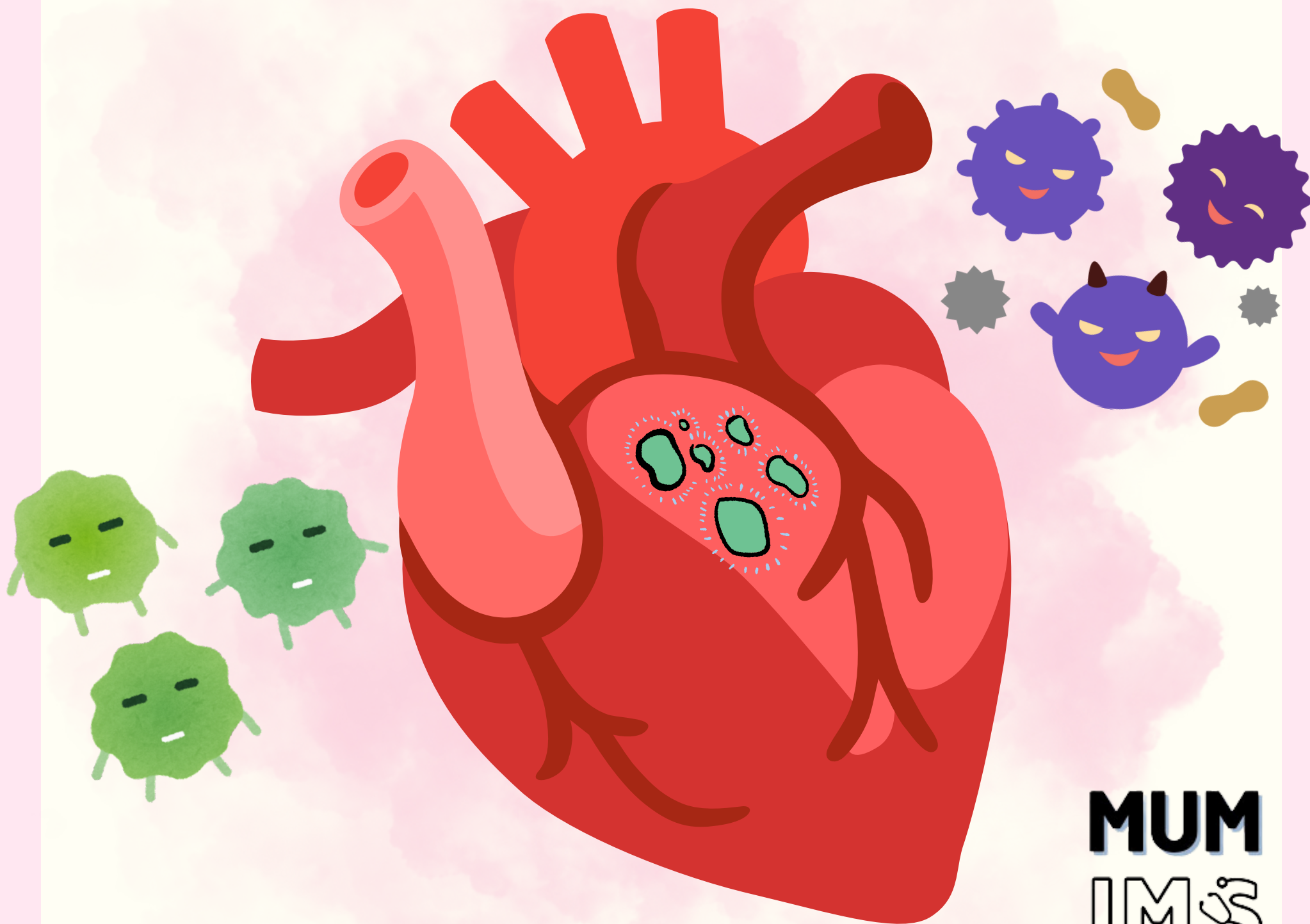


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INFECTIVE ENDOCARDITIS



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Definition



Endovascular infection of cardiovascular structures, large intrathoracic vessels, or intracardiac foreign bodies

Risk Factors



Previous infective endocarditis



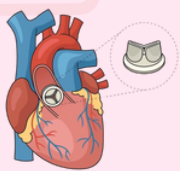
Dental Procedures



Pre-existing cardiac disease



History of IVDU



Prosthetic valves, cardiac material, or intracardiac devices



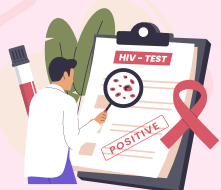
Chronic intravenous access



Congenital Heart Disease

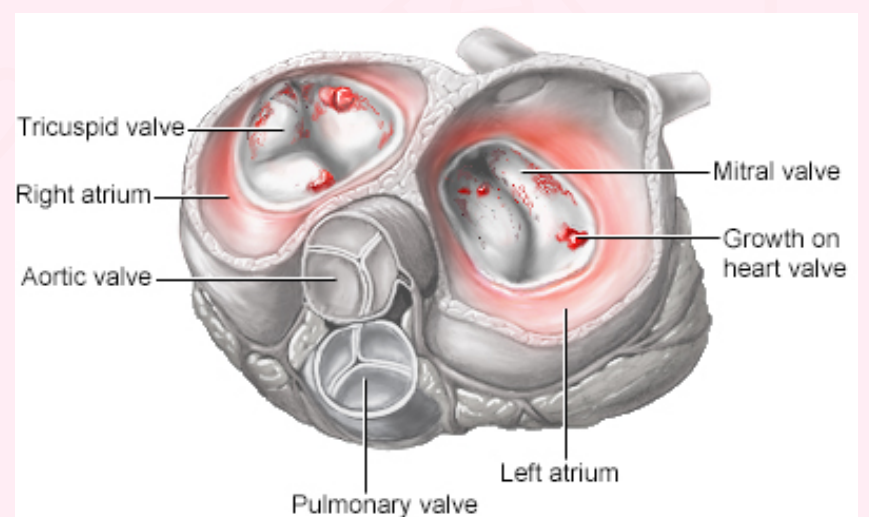


Elderly or immunocompromised



Diabetes, HIV, infection, malignancy

- *In Non-IVDU, the common valve affected in order:*
 - *Mitral > Aortic > Tricuspid*
- *In IVDU, tricuspid valve (right sided lesion) is more common*



Aetiology

Consequence of two factors:



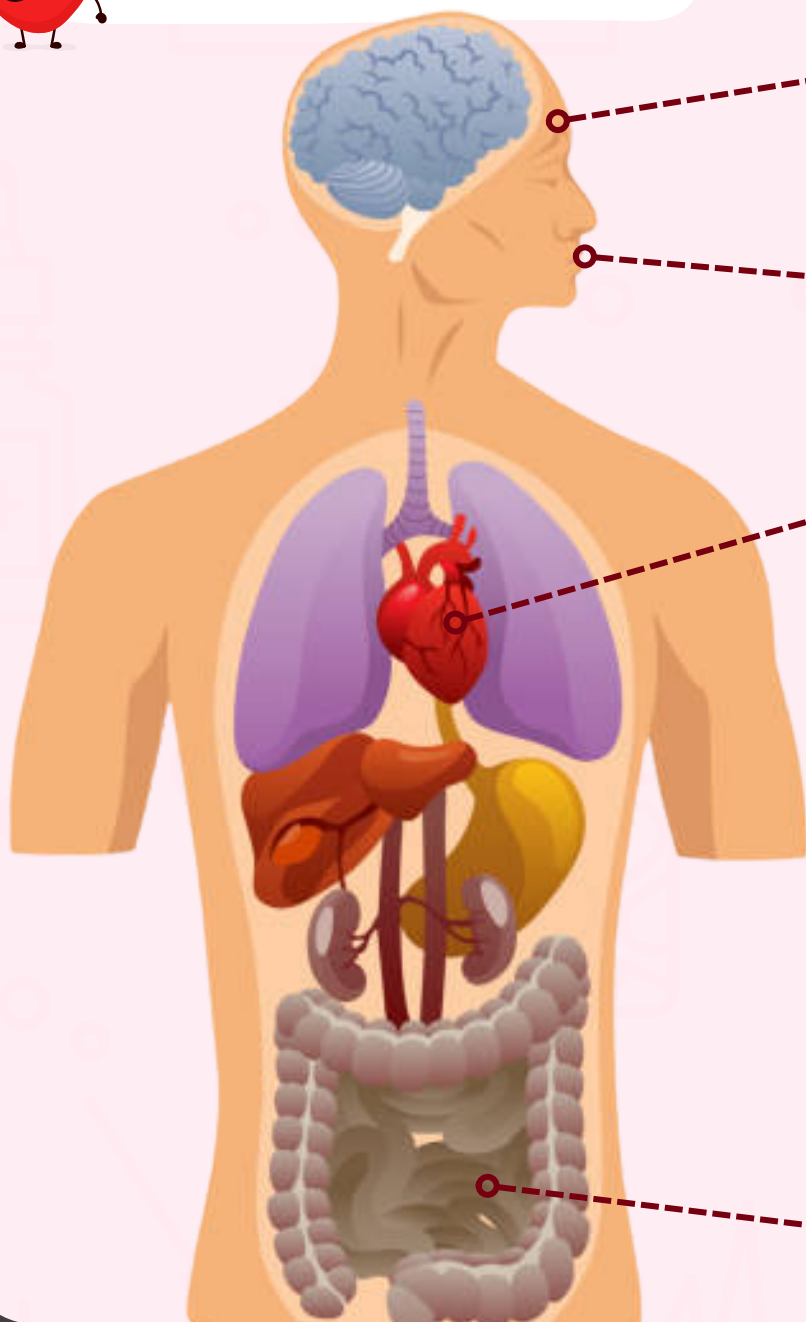
Bacteremia



Abnormal cardiac endothelium

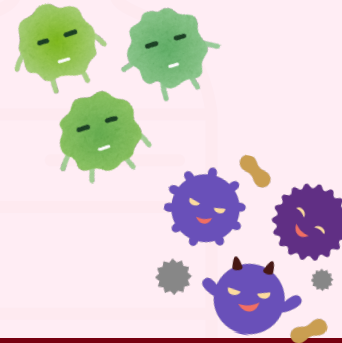


Which organism?



Skin:

Staph. aureus



Mouth:

α -haemolytic viridans streptococci

Heart valve:

Prosthetic Valve

Early (within 60 days of valve surgery):

- *Staph. aureus*
- *Staph. epidermidis*

Late (more than 60 days after valve surgery):

- *Strep. viridans*
- *Staph. aureus*

Native Valve

Acute (previously normal valve):

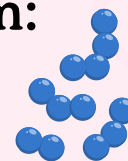
- *Staph. aureus*

Subacute (deformed valve):

- *Strep. viridans*

Gut and perineum:

Enterococci



Rare causes:

- ♥ HACEK group (*Haemophilus*, *Actinobacillus*, *Cardiobacterium*, *Eikenella*, *Kingella*)

Culture-negative:

- ♥ Prior antibiotic therapy
- ♥ Fastidious organisms: *Coxiella burnetii*, *Chlamydia*, *Bartonella*, *Legionella*

Clinical Features

1. Cardiac manifestation:



New Murmurs



- i. Mitral Regurgitation
- ii. Aortic Regurgitation
- iii. Tricuspid Regurgitation



Cardiac failure



Bradycardia



2. Extracardiac Manifestation:

System

Features

Skin



• Osler nodes



• Petechiae



• Janeway Lesions



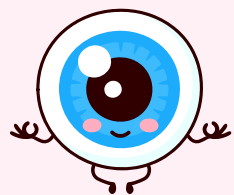
• Splinter haemorrhages

Clinical Features

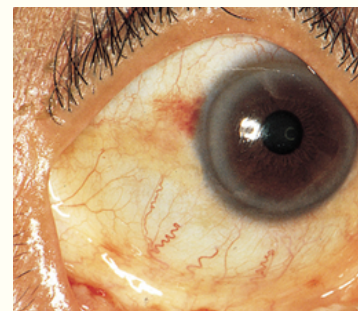
System

Features

Eyes



- Roth spots



- Conjunctival splinter haemorrhages

Musculoskeletal



- Arthralgia

Gastrointestinal



- Splenomegaly

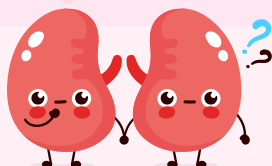


Neurological

- Cerebral emboli

- Mycotic aneurysm

Renal



- Haematuria



General

- Pyrexia



- Malaise

- Clubbing

Modified Duke's Criteria

REMEMBER: BE TIMER

Major Criteria

1. **B**lood culture
 - Persistently positive: >2 times
2. **E**chocardiographic evidence of endocardial involvement

Minor Criteria

1. **T**emperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$
2. **I**mmunological phenomena
 - a. **G**lomerulonephritis
 - b. **O**sler nodes
 - c. **R**oth spots
 - d. **R**heumatoid factor
3. **M**icrobiological evidence
 - a. Positive blood culture but not meeting major criterion
4. **E**mbolic phenomenon
 - a. **M**ajor arterial emboli
 - b. **S**epsic pulmonary infarcts
5. **R**isk factors
 - a. **H**eat condition
 - b. **I**ntravenous drug use

Modified Duke's Criteria

Definite IE

YES!



Clinical criteria:

- ✓ 2 major criteria **OR**
- ✓ 1 major and 3 minor **OR**
- ✓ 5 minor criteria

Possible IE

- ✓ 1 major criterion and 1 minor criterion **OR**
- ✓ 3 minor criteria



Rejected IE

- ✓ Firm alternative diagnosis explaining evidence **OR**
- ✓ With antimicrobial therapy for ≤ 4 days **OR**:
 - Resolution
 - No pathological evidence of IE
- ✓ Does not meet criteria for possible IE



[2023 Duke-International Society for Cardiovascular Infectious Diseases \(ISCVID\) Criteria](#)

Investigations

Bedside Tests

Urinalysis



Haematuria
Proteinuria

Electrocardiogram (ECG)

Prolonged PR/Heart block (aortic root abscess)



Laboratory Tests

Blood cultures



30-minute intervals between samples
At least three sets
Separate peripheral venepuncture sites

Serological tests

Consider in culture-negative cases



Full blood count

↓ Haemoglobin
↑ White blood cells
↓/↑ Platelets



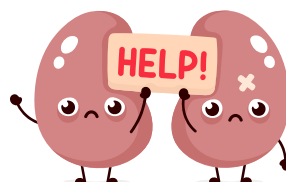
Inflammatory markers

↑ Erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)
↑ C-reactive protein (CRP)
↑ Procalcitonin (PCT)



Serum creatinine and electrolytes

↑ Urea
↑ Creatinine



Liver biochemistry

↑ Serum alkaline phosphatase (ALP)



Investigations

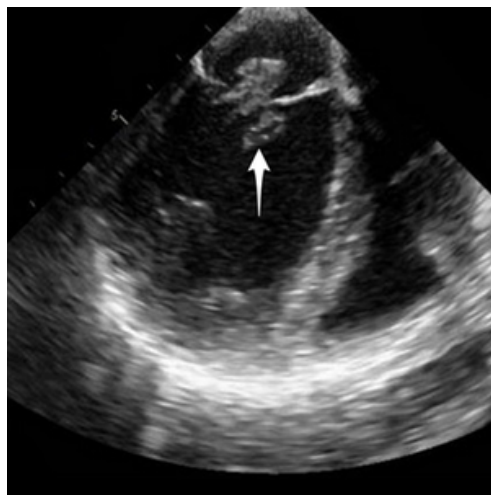
Imaging

Echocardiography



Transthoracic (TTE): First-line, non-invasive

Transoesophageal (TOE): Second-line, invasive, higher sensitivity



Valve vegetation on echocardiogram

Chest X-ray

Left sided IE: Pulmonary oedema

Right sided IE: Pulmonary emboli/abscess



Management



-Empirical Treatment-

AUSTRALIA

Native valve endocarditis:

REMEMBER: **B**ig **F**riendly **G**iant

- **B**enzylpenicillin, **F**lucloxacillin, **G**entamicin

Prosthetic valve and cardiac implantable electronic device– associated endocarditis:

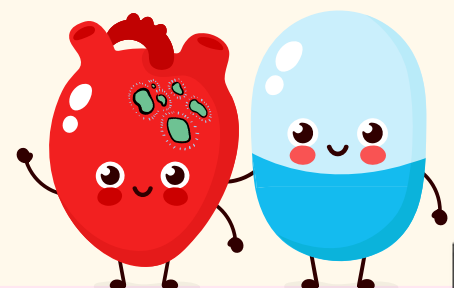
REMEMBER: **V**ery **F**riendly **G**iant

- **V**ancomycin, **F**lucloxacillin, **G**entamicin

Patients with immediate non-severe or delayed non-severe hypersensitivity to penicillins:

REMEMBER: **V**ery **C**ool **G**iant

- **V**ancomycin, **C**efazolin, **G**entamicin



Management



-Empirical Treatment- MALAYSIA

Community-acquired native valves or late prosthetic valves:

REMEMBER: A Gentle Cat

- Ampicillin, Gentamicin, Cloxacillin



Early prosthetic valves or healthcare associated endocarditis:

REMEMBER: Very Gentle Red Cat

- Vancomycin, Gentamicin, $\pm$ Rifampicin, $\pm$ Cefepime



Some examples of directed treatment:

Methicillin-susceptible staphylococci

Flucloxacillin

Methicillin-resistant staphylococci

Vancomycin

Viridans streptococci and *S. bovis*

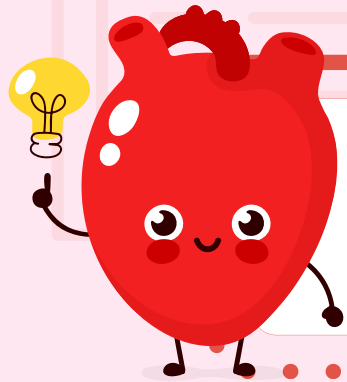
Benzylpenicillin, Gentamicin

HACEK

Ceftriaxone or Cefotaxime

Management

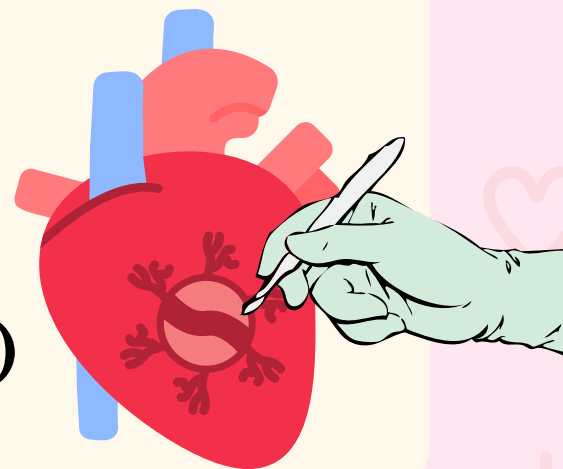
-Surgical Intervention-



REMEMBER: V-HEART

Indicated in:

- **V**egetation $> 10\text{mm}$ and recurrent systemic embolisation
- **H**eat failure, severe valvular incompetence or haemodynamically instability
- **E**xtension to paravalvular (abscess, fistula, pseudoaneurysm)
- **A**V block
- **R**esistant organisms or fungi
- **T**reatment failure (uncontrolled sepsis)

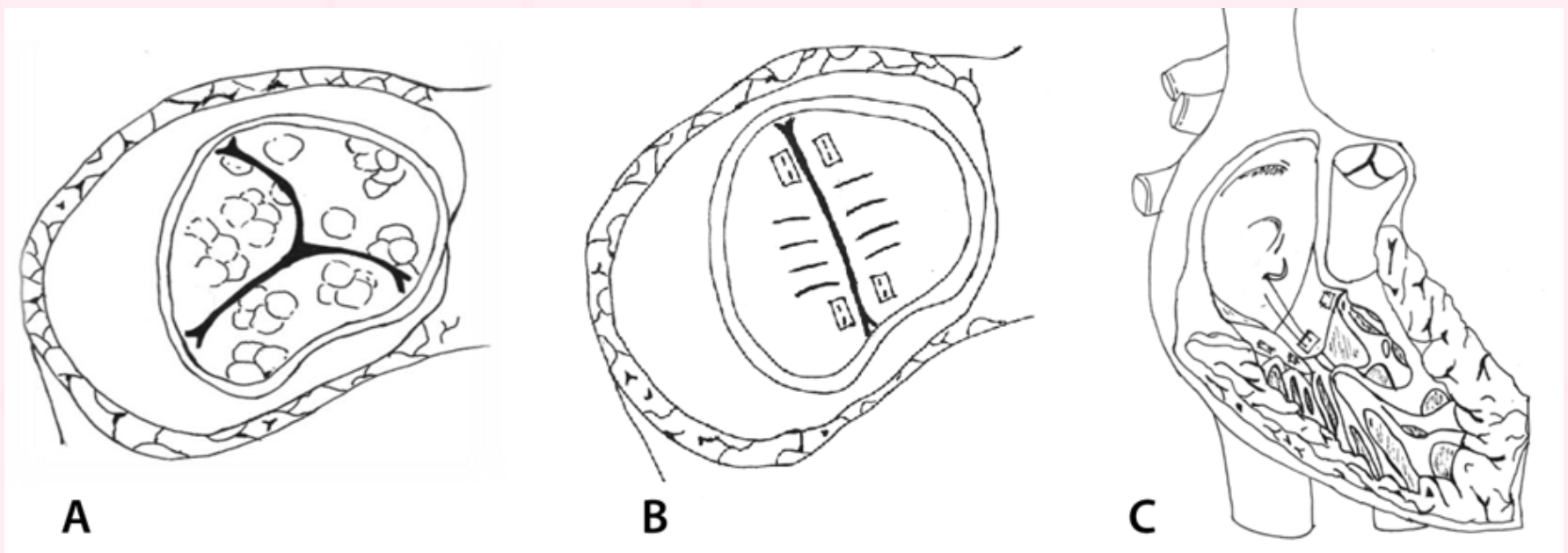


Management

-Surgical Intervention-

Principles:

- Complete removal and radical debridement of all infected and necrotic material
- Valve repair when possible is preferred rather than replacement
- The choice of valve prosthesis type should be based on the standard considerations when deciding between a mechanical or bioprosthetic valve



(A) Vegetations on the tricuspid valve. (B) Neovalve with two rectangular segments of autologous pericardium with four fenestrations. (C) Neovalve patches were tacked into the papillary muscles with separated sutures, then in the tricuspid annulus with continuous suture

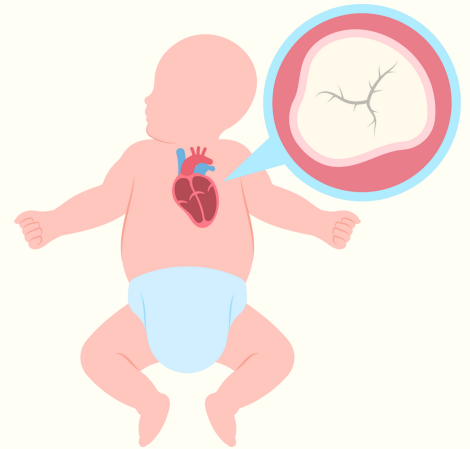


Prevention/Prophylaxis

Antibiotic prophylaxis

Only for patients who meet both of the following criteria:

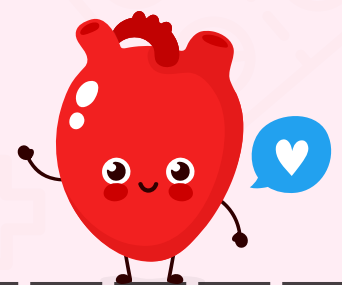
Cardiac condition with high risk of infective endocarditis and adverse outcomes (*Eg. Prosthetic Valve/ Congenital Heart Disease*)



Are undergoing a procedure with high risk of a bacteraemia (*E.g. Dental procedures: give Amoxicillin as prophylaxis*)

Additional recommendations

- Regular dental check- ups
- Disinfection of wounds and eradication of chronic bacterial carriage (skin, urine)
- Curative antibiotics for any focus of bacterial infection
- No self- medication with antibiotics
- Strict infection control during at- risk procedures
- Avoidance of piercing or tattoos
- Limitation of the usage of infusion catheters



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