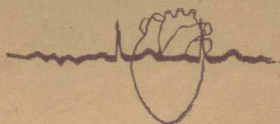


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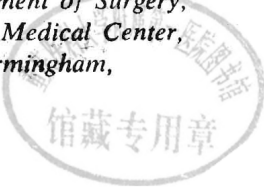
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## Foreword

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This monograph on *Advances in Cardiovascular Surgery* (1973) is the result of my being invited by Drs. Willis Hurst and Dean Mason to produce such a work. Being generally unenthusiastic about books with multiple authors, I considered writing this myself. Quickly it became apparent that much of the potential excitement and authority of the monograph would be lost by doing this. So I invited some of the people who have made these advances to join in producing the monograph, and in each instance they have submitted superb analyses and presentations. Some editorial liberties have been taken with these to provide cohesiveness and minimize duplication. The reader will realize that many who have made significant contributions could not be included as authors, and that some recent advances have been omitted.

Clearly cardiac surgery remains as dynamic as it was in the early years after the late John Gibbon first successfully used a pump-oxygenator when he closed an atrial septal defect in an 18 year old girl in 1953. Although numerically not the commonest group of cardiac lesions submitted to operation, congenital heart disease continues to be an interesting and important area for surgical effort. As indicated in the first thirteen chapters, advances are still being made even though the earliest efforts in open intracardiac surgery were made in congenital heart disease.

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PART I

# **Congenital Heart Disease**

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# 1

## Introduction

Clear thinking about patients with congenital heart disease and proper planning of their surgical therapy requires distinct and defined terminology, orderly categorization of the various defects, a logical method of analyzing the patient's malformation, knowledge of the malformation's natural history, an understanding of the surgical alternatives, and information concerning early and late results of surgical intervention.

In these sections on congenital heart disease, relatively new or newly organized information is presented. Unfortunately, only a part of the available data can be covered.

## DEFINITIONS AND CLASSIFICATION

As knowledge of congenital heart disease has increased, a variety of nomenclatures has evolved. The name applied to a malformation or situation is not important, as long as it is defined clearly. We have gradually evolved a language that is definable, employs generally accepted terms, and is surgically useful. This language will be followed in the monograph.

✓ *Situs solitus* (of viscera, atria, or ventricles) is the usual or common situs, and *situs inversus* is the opposite (in a left-to-right way). A *concordant relation* between atria and ventricles is one in which the morphologically right atrium empties into the right ventricle and the left atrium into the left ventricle. In a concordant relation between

ventricles and great arteries, the right ventricle communicates directly with the pulmonary artery and the left ventricle with the aorta. A *discordant relation* between atria and ventricles means that the right atrium ejects into the left ventricle and the left atrium into the right ventricle. A discordant relation between ventricles and great arteries means that the right ventricle ejects into the aorta and the left ventricle into the pulmonary artery. There is an impurity here, so to speak, because the ventriculoarterial relation is termed concordant if these criteria are met, even though the ventricles are in *situs solitus* (right ventricle to right, and left ventricle to left) and the aorta is to the left. Therefore, an additional description of the positional interrelations of the great arteries to each other is required. When the aorta is to the right of the pulmonary artery, it is said to be in d-position; when it is to the left, it is in l-position.

A great artery is assigned to a ventricle if more than 50 percent of the area of the artery's semilunar valve communicates directly with the ventricle. When a defect in the ventricular septum is under a semilunar valve, the observer must project the plane of the septum across the defect to the semilunar valve to determine the amount of the valve area over each ventricle. Since this maneuver is somewhat imprecise, we have arbitrarily excluded assigning the vessel exactly 50 percent to each ventricle, and have thereby avoided a series of classifications in which a great artery arises equally from each ventricle.

The *right atrium* contains the crista terminalis, the fossa ovalis, and usually a characteristically broad and short atrial appendage. The *left atrium* has a longer and differently formed atrial appendage. The interior of the *right* (anterior) *ventricle* has large, coarse trabeculae crossed by finer and smaller trabeculae on the free wall. A heavy muscular parietal band sweeps forward to the anterior ventricular wall. The *left* (posterior) *ventricular sinus* is characterized by numerous small, fine, oblique trabeculae along the free wall and over the inferior two-thirds of the septal wall. There is no parietal band. Generally, when with *situs solitus* of viscera and atria there is a discordant atrioventricular relation, the right (anterior) ventricle is to the left, and the left (posterior) ventricle is to the right.

No classification of congenital heart disease can be entirely pure, and it is not surprising that different disciplines prefer different classifications. Agreement on classifications is not important, but clear definition—especially of the complex malformations—is important. No necessary embryologic order is implied in the classification. Indeed, an entity such as double-outlet left ventricle probably has subtypes arising from different embryologic abnormalities.

The surgical classification of congenital heart disease that we have found useful is given in Table 1-1. Concordance or discordance of atria and ventricles constitutes the basic subdivision. The next subdivision is based on the relation between ventricles and great arteries.

**Table 1-1****Surgical Classification of Congenital Heart Disease\* †**

- ✓ Concordant atrioventricular relation
- ✓ Concordant ventriculoarterial relation
  - d-position of aorta (normal)
  - l-position of aorta (anatomically corrected malposition of the great arteries)
- ✓ Discordant ventriculoarterial relation (transposition of great arteries)
- ✓ Double-outlet right ventricle
  - d-position of aorta
  - l-position of aorta
- ✓ Double-outlet left ventricle
  - d-position of aorta
  - l-position of aorta
- ✓ Common arterial trunk
  - d-position of aorta
    - Truncus arteriosus types I, II, III
    - Pseudotruncus arteriosus
    - Nonconfluent right and left pulmonary arteries
    - Absence of main right and left pulmonary arteries (truncus arteriosus type IV)
- ✓ Discordant atrioventricular relation
  - Concordant ventriculoarterial relation (isolated ventricular inversion; isolated atrial inversion)
    - l-position of aorta
    - d-position of aorta
  - Discordant ventriculoarterial relation (corrected transposition of the great arteries)
  - Double-outlet right ventricle
    - l-position of aorta
    - d-position of aorta
  - Double-outlet left ventricle
  - Common arterial trunk
  - Common Atrium
  - Single ventricle
  - Cor biloculare, etc.

\* The heart may be in levoposition or dextroversion (or their analogues in situs inversus of the viscera).

† These may occur with situs solitus of viscera (and usually the atria) or situs inversus.

When *both* atrioventricular and ventriculoarterial relations are concordant or discordant, the pulmonary and systemic circulations are in series and need not be rearranged as part of a repair. However, when *one* of the relations is discordant, the circulations are in parallel and must be surgically rearranged to be in series. When the malformation has a double-outlet ventricle or a common (single) arterial trunk, an intra-ventricular or valved external conduit or both are usually required in repair. The aorta tends to be on the side of the morphologic right (sometimes called the anterior) ventricle, but this is not always so. Thus a third subdivision is into d- and l-positions of the aorta (aorta to the right or to the left of the pulmonary artery).

The heart's position (levocardia or dextroversion) is a factor that influences the surgeon's approach, but the position is not a basic part of the malformation. Pulmonary artery stenosis may accompany any of the basic malformations.

**Table 1-2**

Defects in Patients with  
Concordant Atrioventricular and Ventriculoarterial  
Relations and D-Position of Aorta\*.

Simple intracardiac defects (with left-to-right shunts)

Atrial septal defect

Ventricular septal defect

Common atrioventricular canal

Partial

Complete

Common atrium

Ruptured aneurysm sinus of Valsalva

Aortopulmonary window

Anomalous origin right pulmonary artery from aorta

Patent ductus arteriosus

Anomalous pulmonary venous connection

Partial

Total

Tetralogy of Fallot

Pulmonary stenosis with essentially intact ventricular septum

Aortic stenosis

Tricuspid atresia

Congenital anomalies of mitral valve

Coarctation of aorta

Aortic arch interruption

Vascular rings

\* Or analogue in situs inversus of abdominal viscera and atria.