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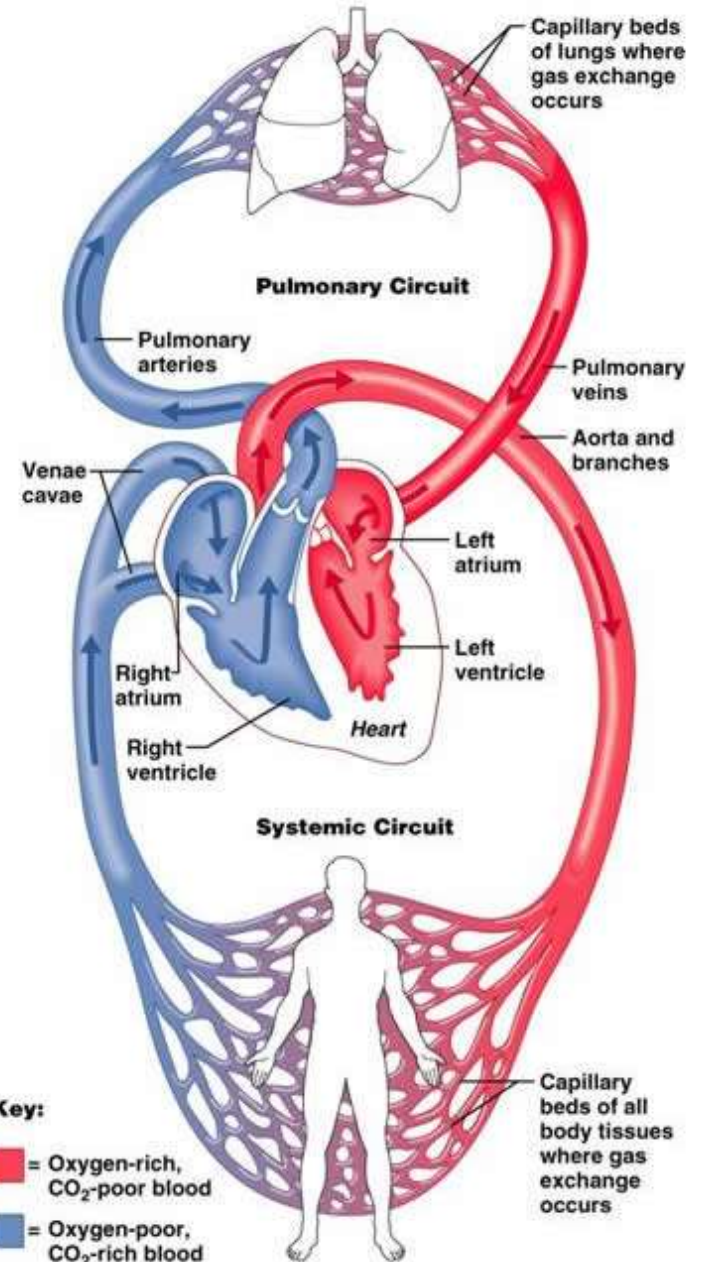
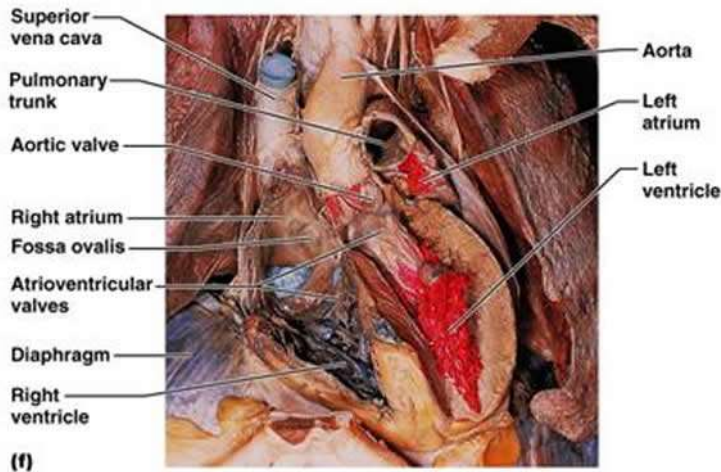
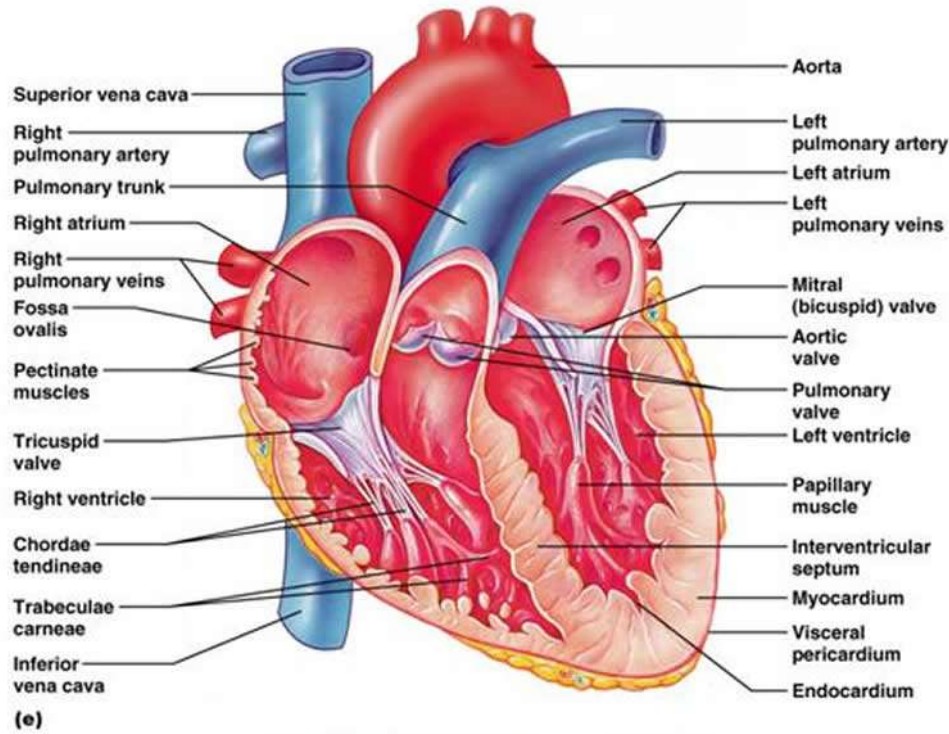
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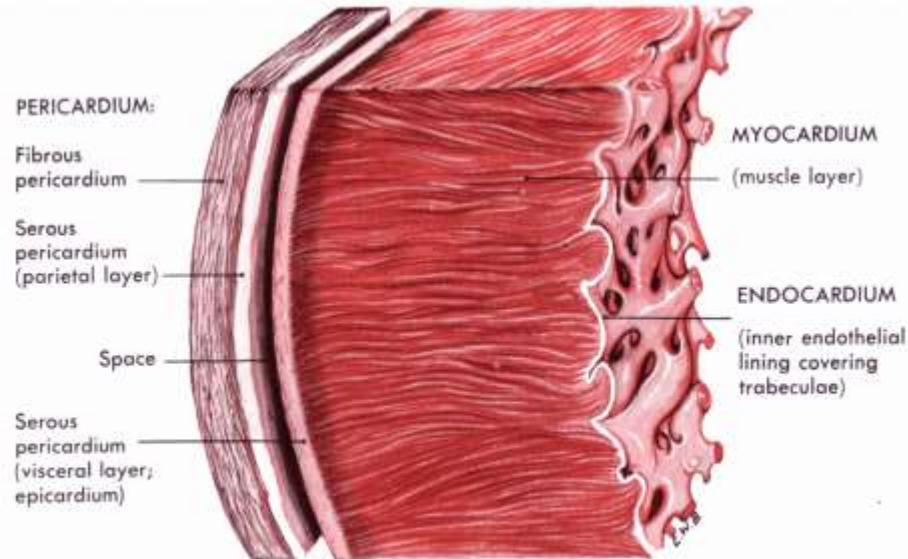
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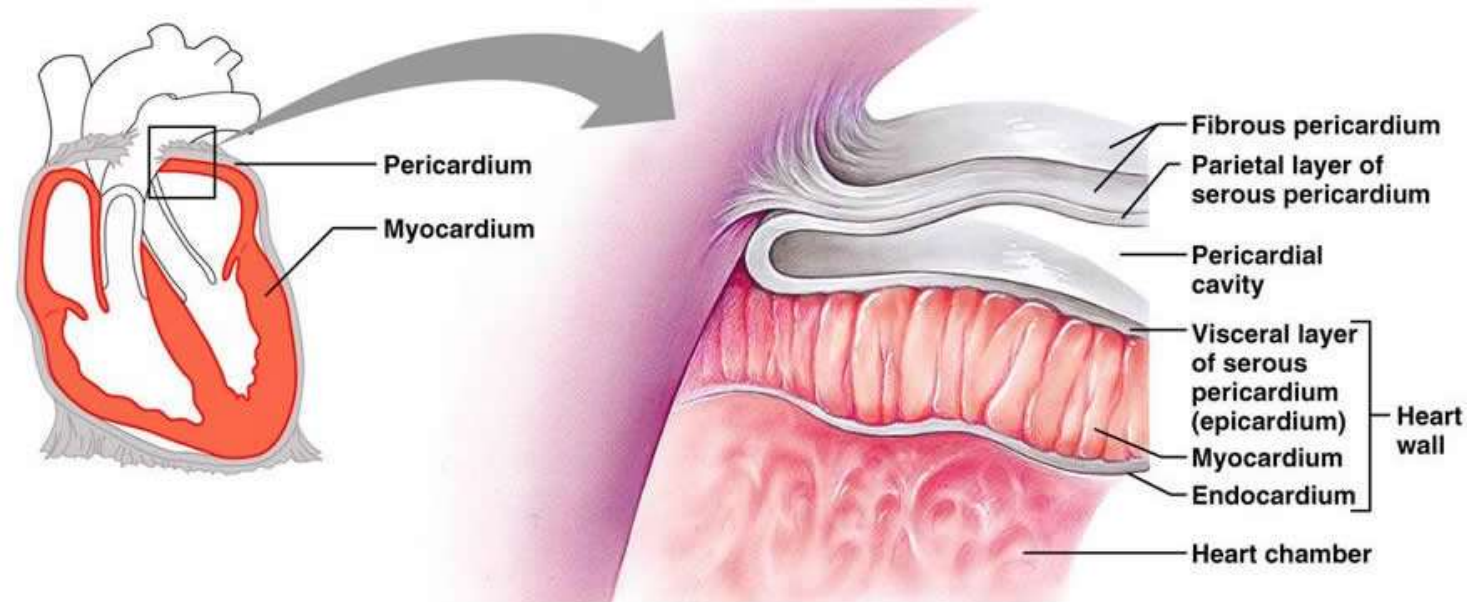
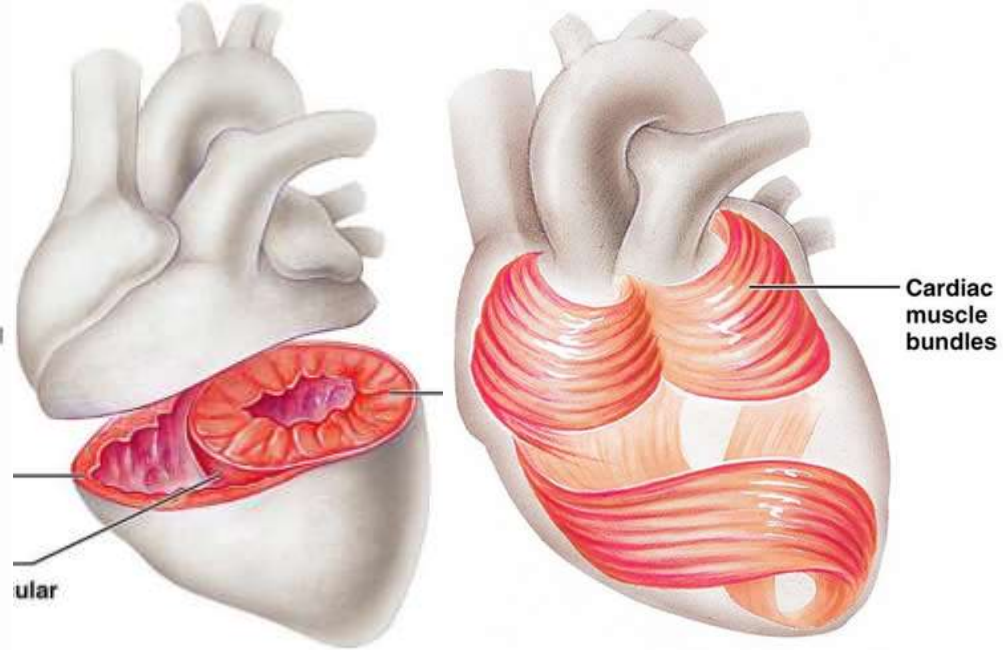
Heart pump



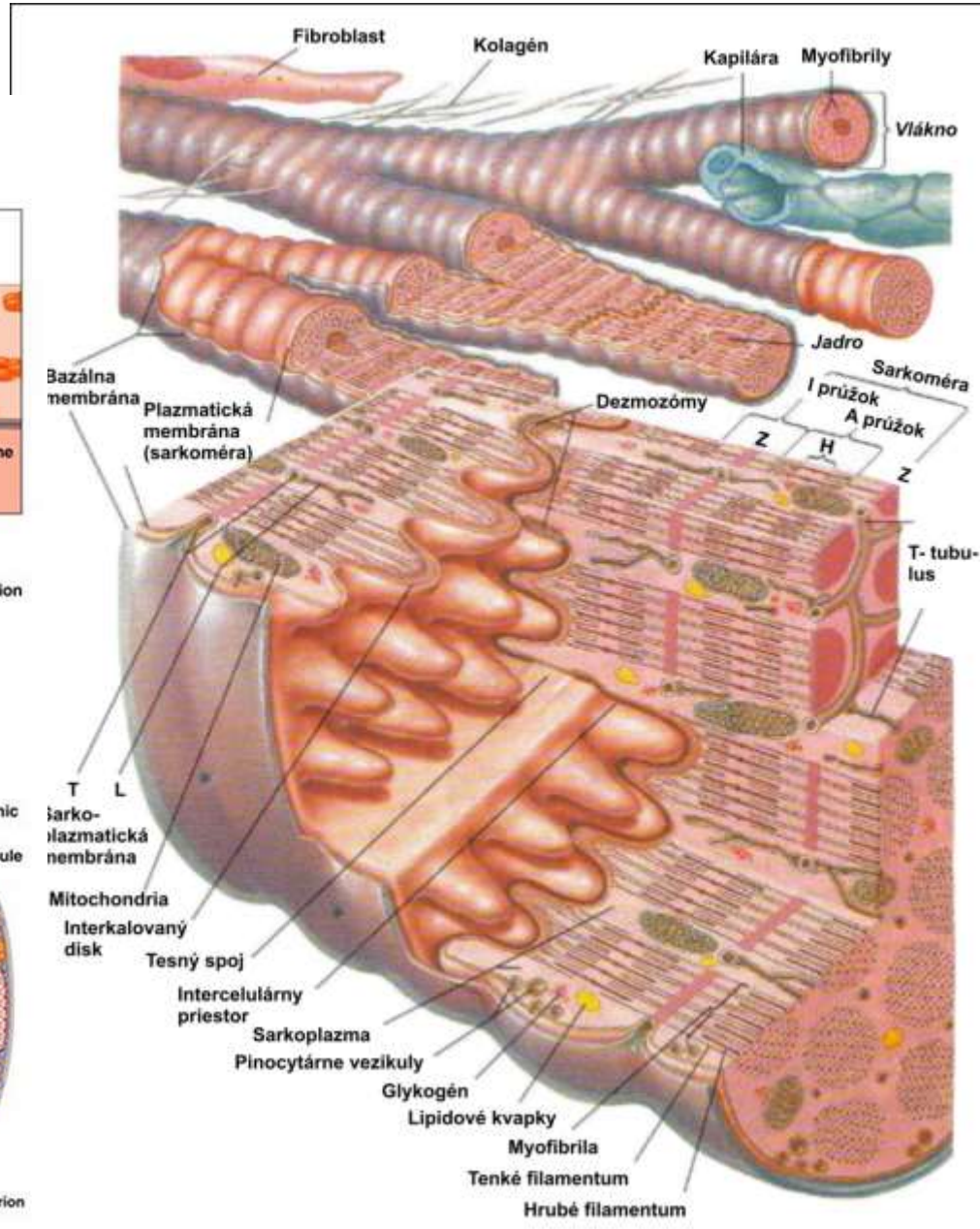
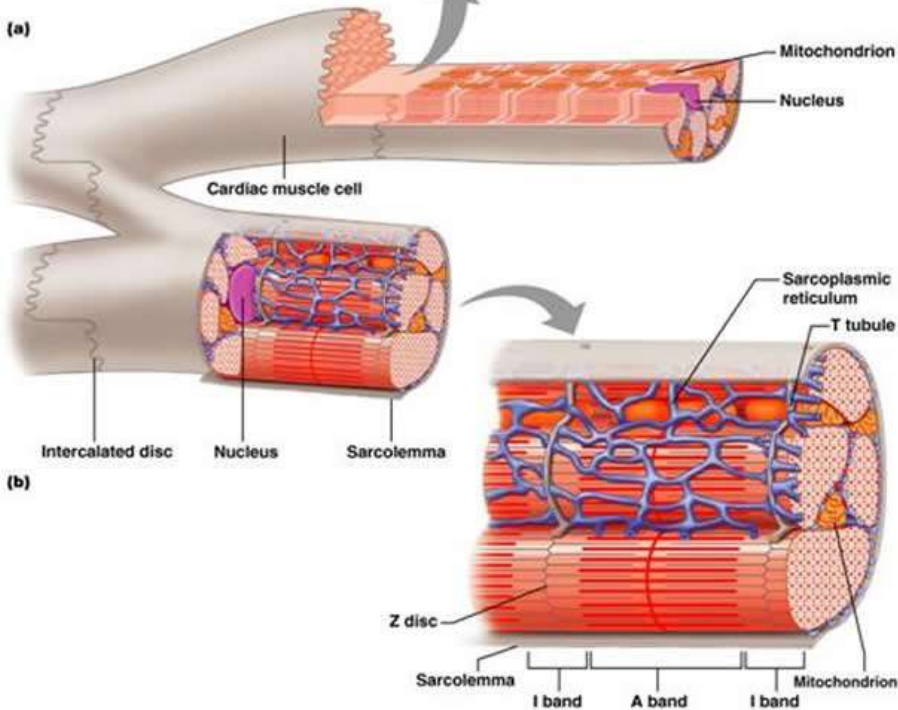
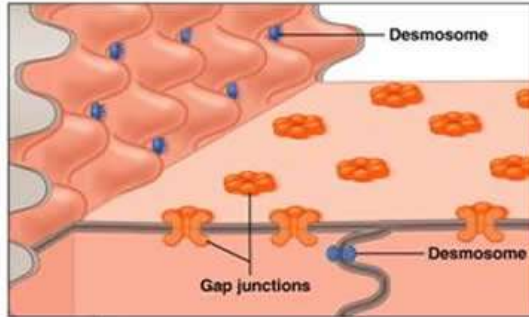
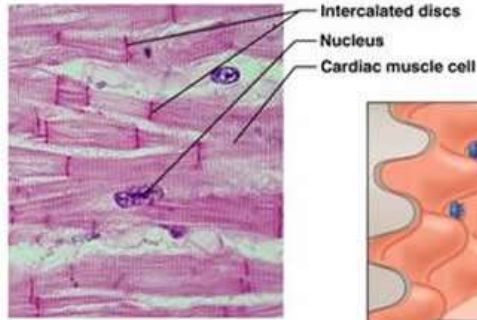
Heart muscle



Section of the heart wall showing the components of the outer pericardium (heart sac), muscle layer (myocardium), and inner lining (endocardium).



Heart muscle



Cardiomyopathies - Description

- **Definition:** Heterogenous group of disorders characterized by progressive structural pathological alterations in heart muscle affecting its efficient pumping functionality in different ways. Reasons include hereditary, congenital or acquired conditions or their combination affecting heart muscle itself but should exclude cardiac muscle remodelling due to adaptive or compensatory hemodynamic responses.
- **Types:**
 - **dilated** – dilation and systolic dysfunction of left chamber or left and right chambers
 - **hypertrophic** – asymmetric chamber hypertrophy (septum) with diastolic dysfunction
 - **restrictive** – severe diastolic dysfunction due to increased muscle stiffness
 - **arrhythmogenic dysplasia of right chamber** – progressive replacement of heart muscle with fat and connective tissue
- **Etiology::**
 - **secondary cardiomyopathies** – heart disorders; e.g. infective myocarditis, valvular disorders, degeration, dystrophy, non – cardiac conditions - toxic-metabolic (alcohol, cocaine, drugs), etc
 - **primary cardiomyopathies** - non-secondary, i.e. unfound underlying disorders → hereditary, congenital, unknown reason .

Cardiomyopathies – Etiology in general

Primary cardiomyopathies

● Genetic

- Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM or HOCM)
- Arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy (ARVC)
- Isolated ventricular non-compaction
- Mitochondrial cardiomyopathy

● Mixed, e.g.

- Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM)
- Restrictive cardiomyopathy (RCM)

● Acquired, e.g.

- Postpartum cardiomyopathy
- Takotsubo cardiomyopathy
- Loeffler endocarditis

Secondary cardiomyopathies

● Metabolic

- Amyloidosis, hemochromatosis

● Inflammatory

- Chagas disease, coxsackie, echo viruses

● Endocrine

- Diabetic cardiomyopathy
- Hypert thyroidism, Acromegaly

● Toxic

- Anticancer chemotherapy, Alcohol

● Neuromuscular

- Muscular dystrophy

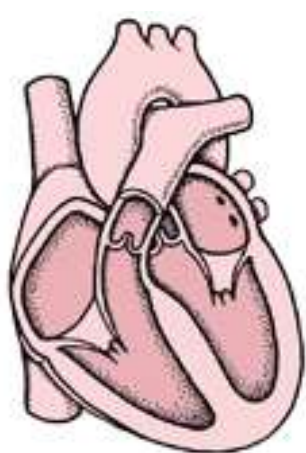
● Nutritional hypoxic

- Obesity
- Ischemic cardiomyopathy

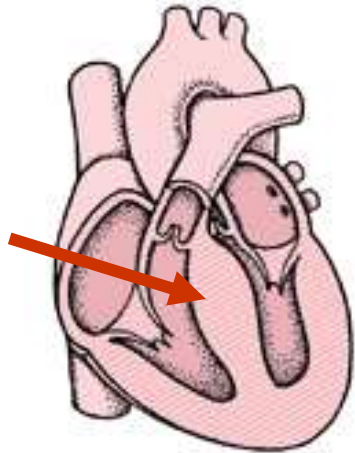
Cardiomyopathies - Comparison

	DILATED	RESTRICTIVE	HYPERTROPHIC
Ejection fraction (normal >55%)	Usually <30% when symptoms severe	25–50%	>60%
Left ventricular diastolic dimension (normal <55 mm)	≥60 mm	<60 mm (may be decreased)	Often decreased
Left ventricular wall thickness	Decreased	Normal or increased	Markedly increased
Atrial size	Increased	Increased; may be massive	Increased; related to abnormal
Valvular regurgitation	Related to annular dilation; mitral appears earlier, during decompensation; tricuspid regurgitation in late stages	Related to endocardial involvement; frequent mitral and tricuspid regurgitation, rarely severe	Related to valve-septum interaction; mitral regurgitation
Common first symptoms	Exertional intolerance	Exertional intolerance, fluid retention early	Exertional intolerance; may have chest pain
Congestive symptoms ^a	Left before right, except right prominent in young adults	Right often dominates	Left-sided congestion may develop late
Arrhythmia	Ventricular tachyarrhythmia; conduction block in Chagas' disease, and some families; atrial fibrillation.	Ventricular uncommon except in sarcoidosis conduction block in sarcoidosis and amyloidosis; atrial fibrillation.	Ventricular tachyarrhythmias; atrial fibrillation

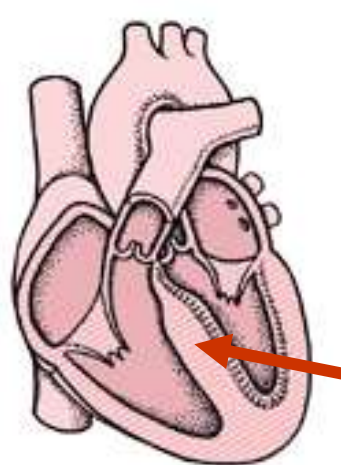
Cardiomyopathies - Hemodynamic changes



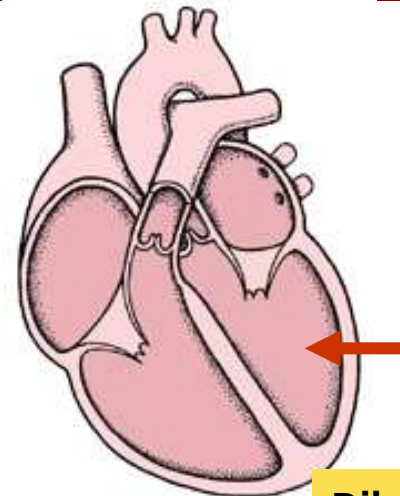
Normal heart



Hypertrophic CM



Restrictive CM



Dilated CM

Hypertrophy → ↑ ejection pressure, but ↓ the relaxation & diastolic filling (diastolic failure).

Septal hypertrophy → subvalvular stenosis → narrowing an aortal outlet → ↑ resistance → ↑ ventricular hypertrophy (systolic failure)

Connective tissue cummulation + depositions → ↓ compliance, elasticity → ↓ end - diastolic relaxation & filling (diastolic failure).

Rigidity → ↓ contractilityt → ↑ ventricular volume cuymmulation (systolic failure)

Defect → dilation → ↑ diastolic filling + ↓ contractility ejection) → ↓ Ejection force and volume → Congestive heart failure

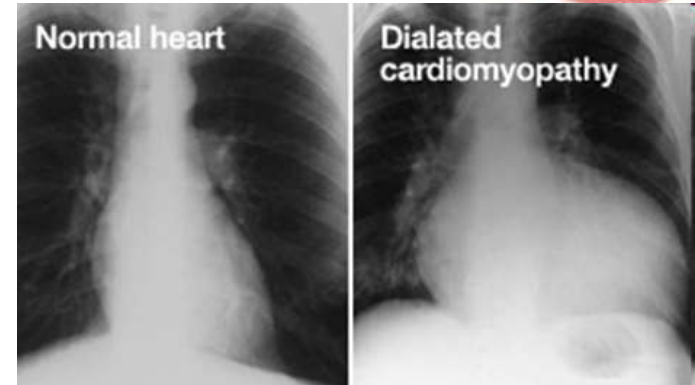
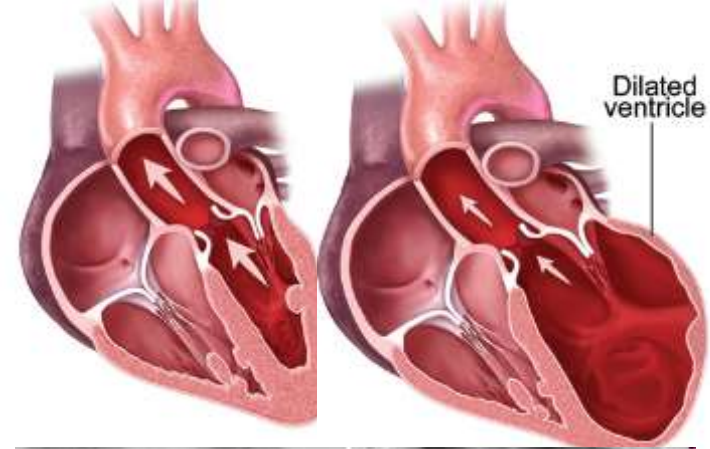
1. DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY (DCM)

- **Alt.:** Congestive cardiomyopathy, Idiopathic cardiomyopathy
- **Def:** Progressive mostly irreversible disorder leading to dilation of the heart cavities with systolic dysfunction
- **Path:** Frequently starts in LV than goes to RV then to atria. **Ventricles** have **thin wall** (event. **excentric hypertrophy**), **big cavity** relative insufficiency of valves; cardiomyocytes (hypertrophy or atrophy)
- **Occ:** the most common type, mostly in adults 20 – 60y; more common in black americans
- **Etio:** toxic - metabolic, infections, post-infarction (fibrosis), genetic forms = **25–35%**
- **Clin:** **Heart failure and volume overload signs/sympt.**

- **Early sy.:** during exertion, sport, infection →

Fatigue, Dyspnea, arrhythmias, stenocardia; swelling of the ankles, feet, legs, abdomen and veins in the neck

- **Late sy.:** in rest, night → left heart failure; decompensation (lung edema) -> cough, short breath, paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea, ortopnoea, palpitations



Stenocardia, feeling tight on chest, dyspnoea after exercise. In the evening edemas on lower extremity.

Etiology of dilatated cardiomyopathy

Parasitosis: Chagas disease
(*Trypanosoma cruzi*) common infection in Mid- and South America
most common infectious cause of cardiomyopathy



Toxic cardiomyopathy
(chemotherapeutics., Doxorubicin, cocaine, heroine)



Take all medicines as prescribed.



A defibrillator may be needed if medications aren't effective.

Infection: acute virus based myocarditis –
Coxsackie B, enteroviruses)



Alcoholic cardiomyopathy

Dilatated cardiomyopathy

Diabetic cardiomyopathy

Ischemic cardiomyopathy
after myocardial infarction

Autoimmune mechanisms

Tachycardic cardiomyopathy = structural-functional defects unmasked e.g. hyperthyreosis, excessive use of stimulants (coffein), uncontrolled tachyarrhythmias

Peripartum cardiomyopathy

several weeks or months after labor; reversible in 50% of cases



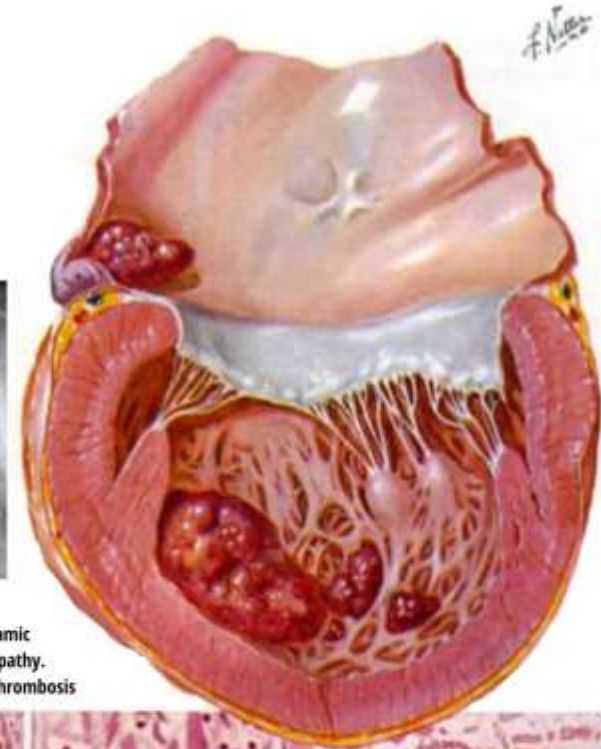
Familial dilated cardiomyopathy

25–35% of patients genetically very heterogenous disease; subclinical manifestant forms: asymptomatic changes in heart muscle

DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY (DCM)

- **Ptg:** Heart chambers dilate → heart muscle doesn't contract normally → **low ejection fraction** blood cummulation in lungs → interstitial edema → ortopnoe, dyspnoe (**systolic left heart failure**);
- heart valve problems → valvular insufficiency,
- **arrhythmias** ventricular tachyarrhythmia / bradyarrhythmia
- weak evacuation blood stasis → **thrombosis**;
- **Lab:** Complete blood count, metabolic panel, Thyroid function tests, Cardiac biomarkers, B-type natriuretic peptide assay, Chest radiography, Echocardiography Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), Electrocardiography (ECG)
- **Th:** ACE inhibitors → LV dysfunction, Diuretics → volume overload, b-blockers → Digoxin → inotrope, LV failure, Warfarin → trombolytic (atrial fibrilation)

Dilated cardiomyopathy



Excentric hypertrophy as hemodynamic compensation of dilated cardiomyopathy. Endocardial fibrosis, intracardiac thrombosis

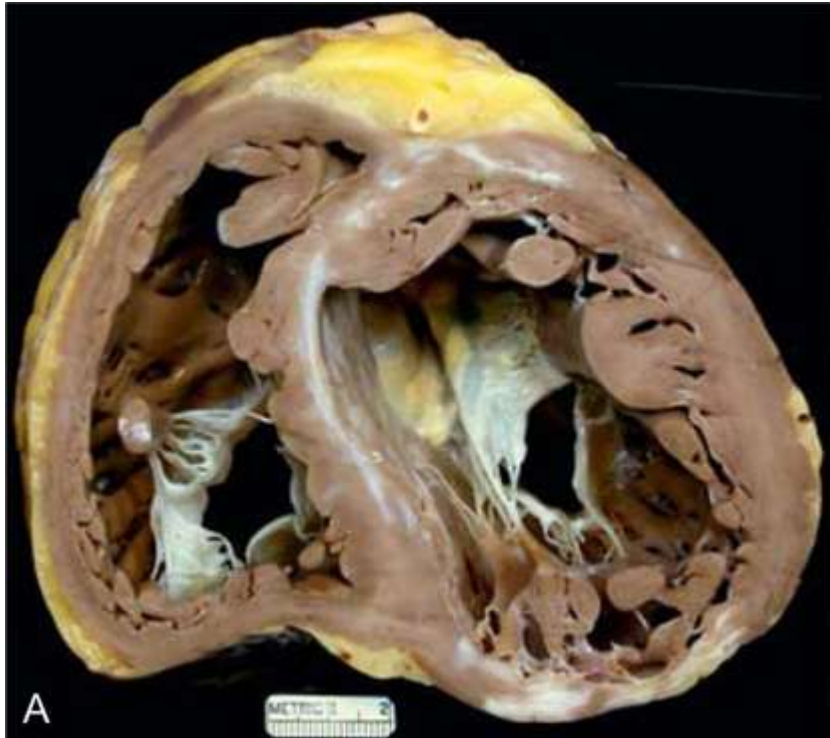


Intracardiac fibrosis replaces working myocardium

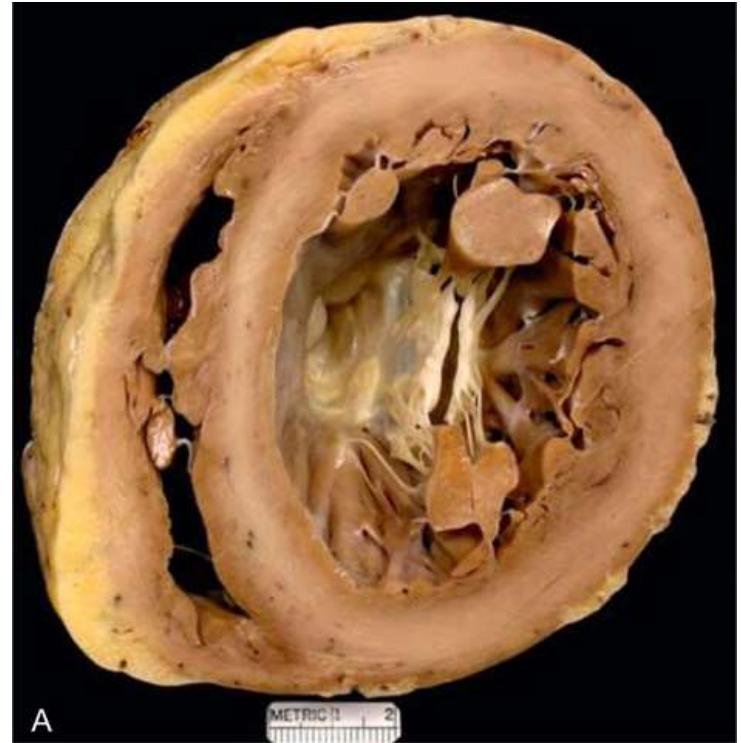
Lymphocytic infiltration edema, diseminated giant cells

Intestial edema vacuolar degeneration of the myocardium

DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY (DCM)



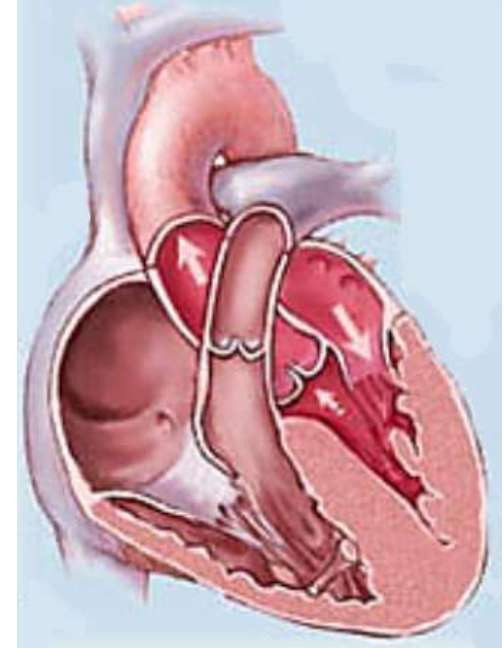
Case 1: Ischemic cardiomyopathy. The heart in a 48-year-old man who had had at least 2 acute myocardial infarcts in the past, posteriorly and the other anteriorly. The left ventricular ejection fraction was about 5%. (a) View of the heart showing both tricuspid and mitral valves. Both ventricles are greatly dilated.



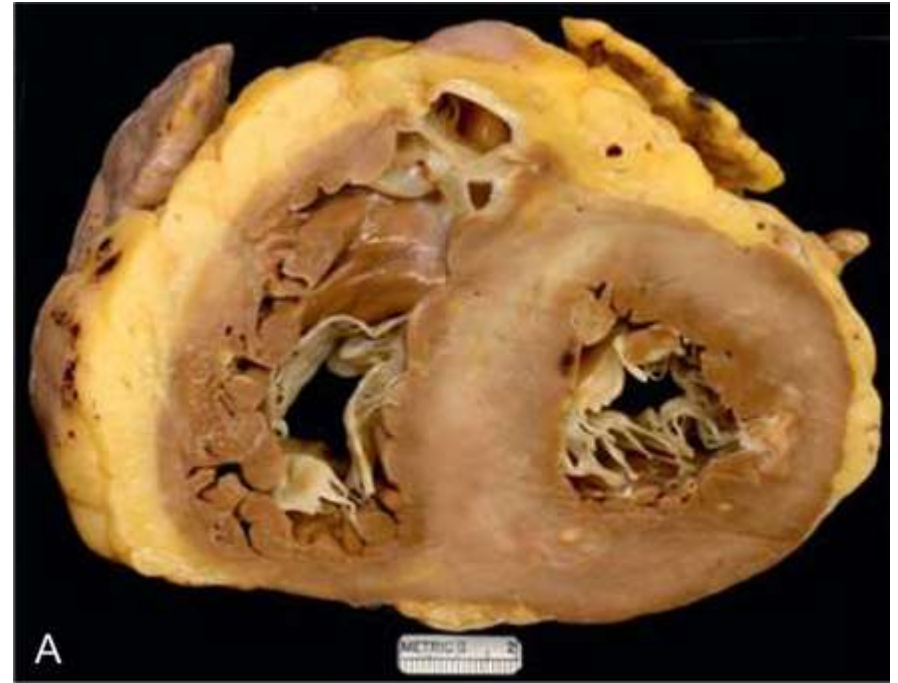
Case 2. Idiopathic dilated cardiomyopathy. 61-year-old woman with chronic heart failure since age 51 years on medical therapy until age 59 years, when the heart failure worsened considerably and an implantable cardiac defibrillator was inserted. She never had chest pain. Earlier in life she had had several children. No foci of fibrosis or necrosis.

2. HYPERTROFIC CARDIOMYOPATHY (HCM)

- **Def:** **progressive disease**, often appears in childhood, or in adulthood; sudden cardiac death from malignant arrhythmia (trigger is extreme physical activity); non-compensatory (no hemodynamic reason) **hypertrophy of myocard** (mainly septum) resulting into **subvalvul obstruction (about 1/3 of patients with systolic dyafunction)** and weak diastolic relaxation, filling (**diastolic dysfunction**), lower contractility;
- **Etio:** **50-60% cases genetic**; AD – trait, sarcomeric proteins, in 45% mutations in genes for heavy β myosine, 35% cardiac myosine binding protein C; insertions / deletion polymorphisms in gene for ACE ;
- **Path:** **concentric hypertrophy**; small ventricular diameter; simialr picture as in metabolic accumulates (Fabry dis., glycogenesis, amyloidosis...); dezorganisation of muscle fibres (disarray), hypertrohy of cardiomyocytes, interstitial fibrosis
- **Clin.:** dyspnoea, tiredness, **diastolic heart failure**, pulmonary vein congestion; myocardial ischemia (capillary pressure in systole, decrease of myocardart filling in diastole); arrhythmias



HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY (DCM)

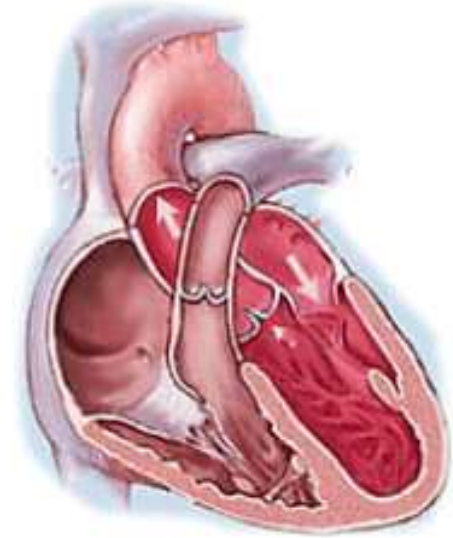


Case 1. Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. 41-year-old man; hypertrophic cardiomyopathy was diagnosed at 6 y.. At age 26 years, atrial fibrillation appeared and during the next 15 years he was cardioverted 98 times. He eventually developed complete heart block, and a pacemaker was inserted. At age 30 years, an intracardiac defibrillator was implanted.

Case 2. Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. 68-year-old obese man with obstructive sleep apnea, and chronic renal disease, stage 3. was diagnosed with hypertrophic CM years earlier with recurrent episodes of ventricular tachycardia, atrial fibrillation and other atrial arrhythmias. implantable cardiac defibrillator.

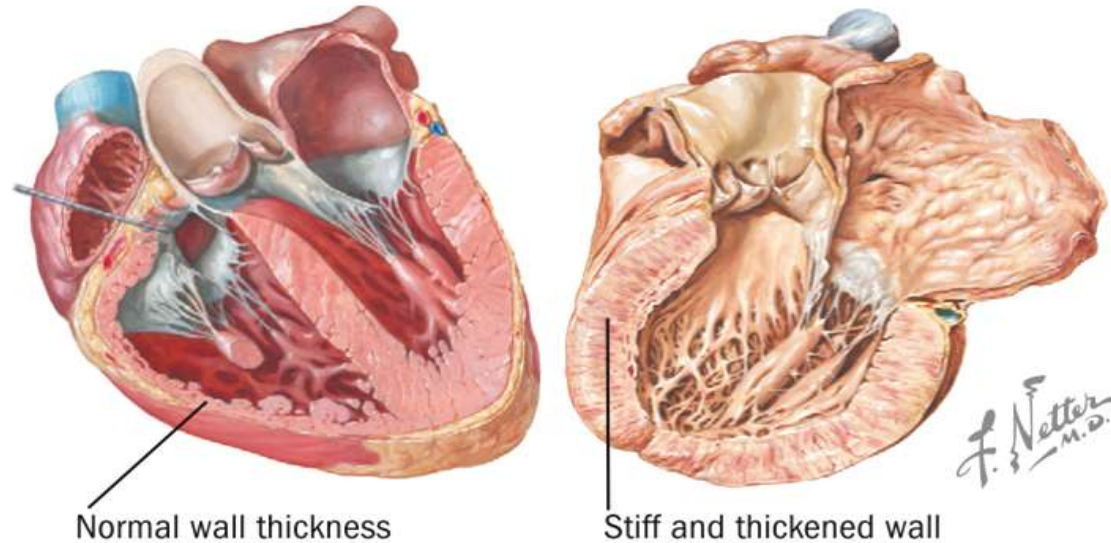
3. RESTRICTIVE CARDIOMYOPATHY (RCM)

- **Def:** walls are rigid due to infiltration; diastolic stretching (and blood filling) of chambers is restricted (reduced compliance) → ↓ EDV (end diastolic volume) of either or both ventricles; systolic function and wall thickness are normal
- **Occ:** least common CM; 5% of all primary heart muscle diseases
- **Class:** **1. Extramyocardial ECM (non cardiac dis.)** → a) non-infiltrative, b) infiltrative (e.g. amyloidosis, sarcoidosis, hemochromatosis,...); **2. Myocardial ECM**
- **Etio:**
 - a) **idiopathic** (not other category, unidentified, ? hereditary) ;
 - b) **primary** (cardiac dis.), e.g. endomyocardial fibroelastosis , Löffler's endocarditis, c) **secondary** (systemic dis.) – infiltrative (amyloidosis, hemochromatosis, sarcoidosis); interstitial fibrosis (post radiation therapy)
- **Sy:** a) **tiredness, fainting** (orthostatic hypotension) = frequent sy., b) **right heart failure signs** (swelling of lower extrem.) = among first, c) **heavy breathing (dyspnoe)**, palpitations, precardiac pain (angina - like)

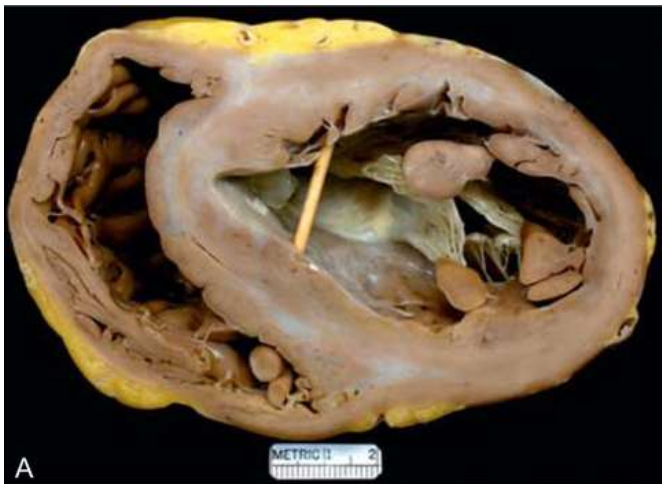


RESTRICTIVE CARDIOMYOPATHY

- **Ptg:** atrias are extremely dilated + thrombi are often formed; thickening of chambers and valves (infiltration);
- **Dif.dg:** restriction due to constrictive pericarditis.

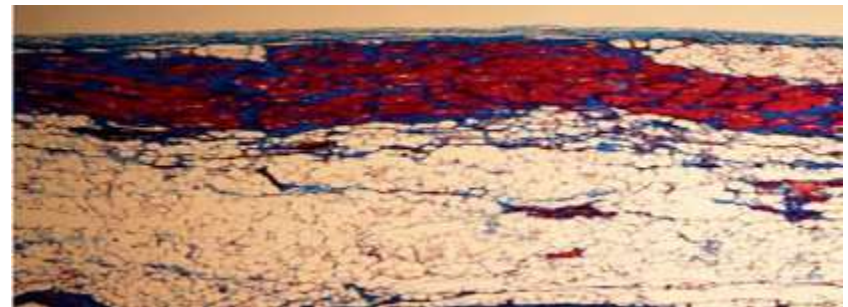
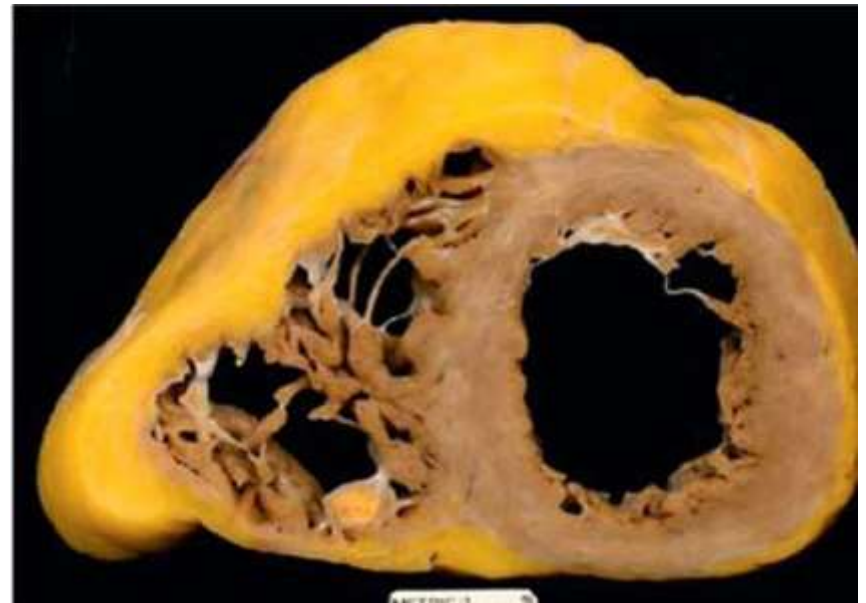


Case 1: Restrictive cardiomyopathy. Cardiac sarcoidosis. 52-year-old woman who had developed heart failure beginning at age 48 years (severe global left ventricular hypokinesia, ejection fraction of 10%) normal coronary arteries, implantable cardiac defibrillator/pacemaker



4. ARRHYTHMOGENIC DYSPLASIA OF RIGHT CHAMBER

- **Def:** non-ischemic genetically based type of cardiomyopathy with fibro- fatty or fatty infiltration and replacement of the right ventricular myocardium associated with RV arrhythmias (premature ventricular beats, ventricular tachycardia, ventricular fibrillation VF).
- **Epi:** may manifest in children; most common first signs in young adults (males mainly); 30–50% familial
- **Clin:** (80%) syncope dyspnea exercise related (cause of sudden cardiac death in athletes) ; (20%) palpitations; right ventricular outflow tract (RVOT) tachycardia (monomorphic ventricular tachycardia).
- **Etio:** usually AD - inherited disease (variable expression) linked with mutations of protein components of desmosomes in intercalated disks of cardiomyocytes; linked with diffuse palmoplantar keratoderma, and woolly hair (AR - Naxos disease)



Case 1: 26-year-old man developed symptoms of heart failure at age 12 years, followed later by ventricular arrhythmias and bundle branch block. left ventricular ejection fraction fell to 15%. dilatation of both ventricles. ventricular wall in the right ventricular of adipose tissue, fibrous tissue, and a few myocardial cells

ARRHYTHMOGENIC DYSPLASIA OF RIGHT CHAMBER

- **Pat:** starts subepicardially leading to transmural defect (possibly aneurysmal dilatation of the RV in 50%) in the diaphragmatic, apical, and infundibular regions. Residual myocardium in RV (trabeculae) hypertrophied. LV involved in 50–60% (late in disease, poor prognosis).

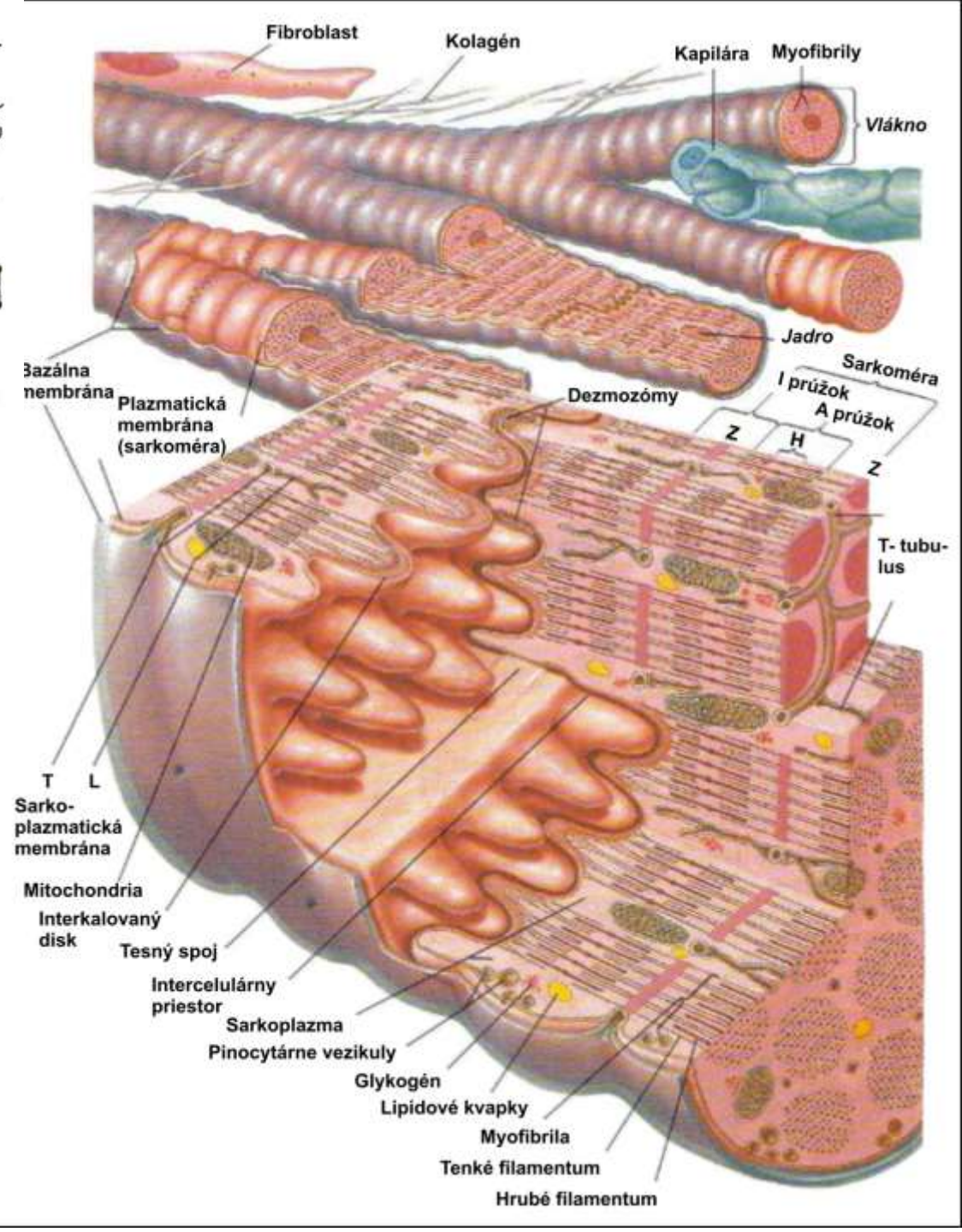
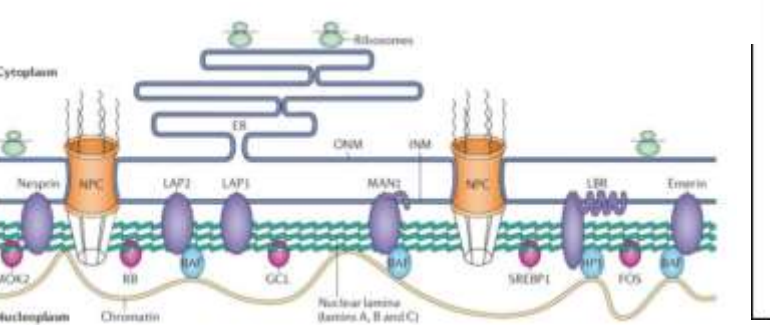
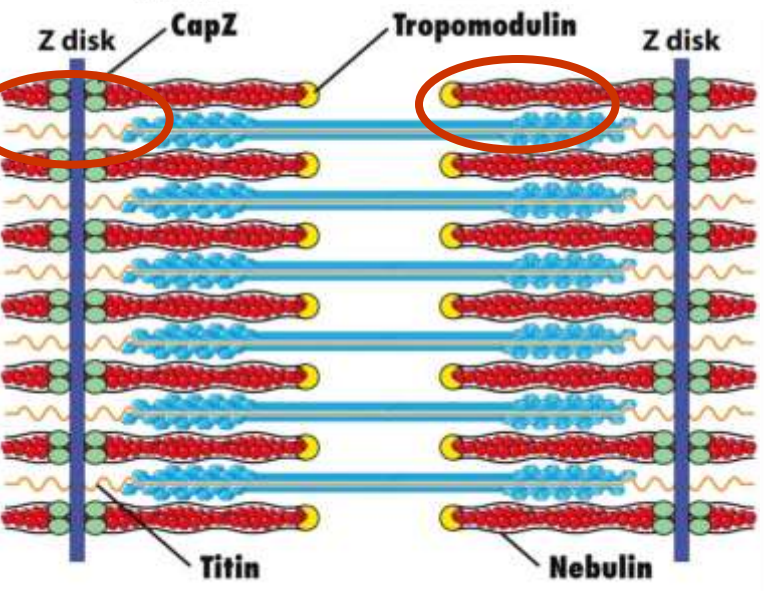
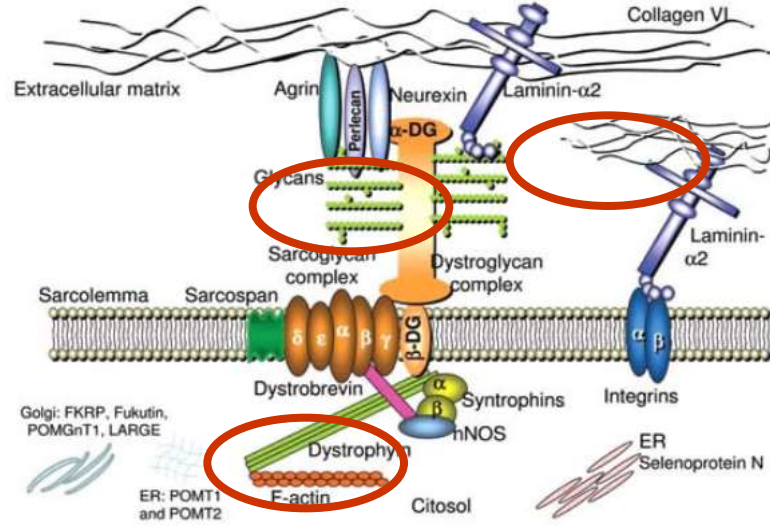
Two patterns:

- A. Fatty infiltration: fatty tissue without wall thinning.
 - B. B Fibro-fatty infiltration: patchy myocarditis is involved in up to 2/3 of cases, with inflammatory infiltrates (mostly T cells)
- **Ptg:** abnormal aggregation of desmin (intermediate filament protein linked to the desmosomes) & associated proteins; various mutations in the desmin (DES) gene (penetrance 20–35%)

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Hereditary forms of cardiomyopathies



Familial dilated cardiomyopathy (CMD) – Examples

Type	Locus	Gene	Protein
CMD1A	1q21	<u>LMNA</u>	Lamin A
CMD1B	9q13	<u>TMOD1</u>	Tropomodulin-1
CMD1C	10q22-23	<u>LDB3</u>	PDZ domain-containing protein Z-BAND cypher
CMD1D	1q32	<u>TNNT2</u>	Troponin T type 2 (cardial)
CMD1E	3p	<u>SCN5A</u>	Sodium channel
CMD1G	2q31	<u>TTN</u>	Titinin in sarcomere
CMD1I	2q35	<u>DES</u>	Desmin in sarcomeres
CMD1J	6q23-q24	<u>EYA4</u>	eyes absent (EYA) protein. transcriptional activator
CMD1L	5q33	<u>SGCD</u>	Delta-sarcoglycan
CMD1M	11p15.1	<u>CSRP3</u>	Cysteine and glycine-rich protein – myogenic regulatory factor
CMD1N	17q12	<u>TCAP</u>	Telethonin

Type	Locus	Gene	Protein
CMD1O	12p12.1	<u>ABCC9</u>	Receptor sulfonylurea 2 (SUR2)
CMD1P	6q22.1	<u>PLN</u>	Fosfolamban
CMD1R	15q14	<u>ACTC</u>	alpha Actin, cardiac muscle 1
CMD1S	14q12	<u>MYH7</u>	Myosine 7
CMD1T	12q22	<u>TMPO</u>	Thymopoietin
CMD1U	14q24.3	<u>PSEN1</u>	Presenilin-1
CMD1V	1q31-q42	<u>PSEN2</u>	Presenilin-2
CMD1W	10q22-q23	<u>VCL</u>	Vinculin
CMD1X	9q31	<u>FCMD</u>	Fukutin
CMD1Y	15q22.1	<u>TPM1</u>	Tropomyosin alpha-1 chain
CMD1Z	3p21.3-p14.3	<u>TNNC1</u>	Troponin C, slow skeletal and cardiac muscles
CMD1AA	1q42-q43	<u>ACTN2</u>	alfa-actinin 2 actin-binding protein
CMD2A	19q13.4	<u>TNNI3</u>	Troponin I
CMD3A	Xq28	<u>TAZ</u>	Tafazzin
CMD3B	Xp21.2	<u>DMD</u>	Dystrophin

Genetically heterogenous group of diseases

Mutations can be found in **contractile system proteins** (e.g. actin, tropomyosin, troponin C, myosin), **adaptors + sarcomere elements** (titin, desmin,), **sarcomere –to- membrane-to extracelular attachment system** (sarcoglycam, dystrophin, presenilin, vinculin, actinin), enzymes (tafazzin) etc.

Familial hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (CMH) - Examples

Forms	Gene	Locus	Encoded protein
CMH1	MYH7	14q12	Myosin heavy chain 7; beta subunit (MHC-β)
CMH2	TNNT2	1q32	Troponin T (type 2)
CMH3	TPM1	15q22.1	Tropomyosin 1 (alpha)
CMH4	MYBPC3	11p11.2	Myosin binding protein C
CMH5	?	?	
CMH6	PRKAG2	7q36	AMP-activated PK (subunit gamma -2)
CMH7	TNNI3	19q13.4	Troponin I, cardiac
CMH8	MYL3	3p	Myosin light chain 3
CMH9	TTN	2q24.3	Titin
CMH10	MYL2	12q23-q24	Myosin regulatory light chain 2
CMH11	ACTC1	15q14	Cardiac alpha – actin 1
CMH12	CSRP3	11p15.1	Cysteine / glycine-rich protein 3

Mutated proteins are mostly **parts of sarcomeric contractile apparatus** (myosin, actin, troponin, tropomyosin, titin) . Mutations of troponin cause 50% mortality of HCM before 40 y.

Allelic heterogeneity in cardiomyopathies - Examples

Familial restrictive cardiomyopathy (CMH) Examples

Type	Locus	Gene	Protein
RCM1	19q13	TNNI3	Troponin I type 3 (cardial)
RCM2	10q23	DES 3	Desmin in sarcomeres
RCM3	1q32	TNNT2	Troponin T type 2 (cardial)
RCM4	10q21	MYPN	Troponin T type 2 (cardial)

MYOPALLADIN; MYPN 10q21.3

Cardiomyopathy, dilated, 1KK
Cardiomyopathy, familial restrictive 4
Cardiomyopathy, familial hypertrophic, 22

TROPONIN T2 TNNT2 1q32.1

Cardiomyopathy, dilated, 1D
Cardiomyopathy, familial hypertrophic, 2
Cardiomyopathy, familial restrictive, 3
Left ventricular noncompaction 6

CAV3 M - Caveolin 3p25.3

Cardiomyopathy, familial hypertrophic
Long QT syndrome-9
Muscular dystrophy, limb-girdle, type IC
Myopathy, distal, Tateyama type
Rippling muscle disease

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