

Pulmonary Atresia with Intact Ventricular Septum (PA/IVS) Incidence

- 0.45-0.83 per 10,000 live births, 1-3% of CHD
- PA-IVS can be seen in the recipient twin in twin-twin transfusion

Subtypes:

- Unipartite (8%), bipartite (34%) or tripartite RV (remainder)
- Membranous pulmonary atresia (75%) versus muscular or long segmemt (25%)
- RV ventriculo-coronary connections (VCC)
- RV dependent coronary circulation (RVDCC)

Available Fetal Interventions¹

Some centers have attempted/offer fetal intervention for some fetuses with PA/IVS

Rationale: In utero balloon dilation of PV may promote RV growth

- Qualifying factors based on imaging
 - Membranous pulmonary valve (identifiable leaflets or membrane)
 - o Intact or highly restrictive ventricular septum
 - TV <-2.5 and small RV
- Type Fetal pulmonary valvuloplasty
 - Goal to decompress hypertensive RV and improve RV inflow and outflow
 - Less experience than with HLHS and criteria for good candidacy evolving
- Outcomes
 - Data on impact on outcomes and impact on natural course is limited and depends on patient characteristics^{2,3}

Fetal Imaging Predictors of Postnatal Interventions/Outcomes

Predictors of postnatal Biventricular repair -

Study	Predictors
Lowenthal et al. ⁴ (n=15, 2V=9, SV=6)	 TV Z score >-4 (sens 90%, spec 83%) TV/MV ratio ≥0.63 (sens 78%, spec 100%) >mild TR not seen in any infant that



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	did not undergo 2V
Gomez-Montes et al ⁵ (n=16, 9 PA)	TV/MV ratio: >0.83
	PA/Ao ratio >0.75
	 TR inflow duration >36.5%
	RV/LV ratio >0.64
	 (3/4 – 100% sens, 92% spec)
Roman et al ⁶ (n=27, 8 SV, 19 BV)	• TV/MV >0.7
	• RV/LV>0.6
	• TV inflow >31.5%
	No VCC
	• 3 out of 4 (100 sensitive, 75% specific)
Gardiner 2008 ⁷	• PV Z score >-1 or TV Z score >-3.4
	before 23 weeks
	 Median TV Z score >-3.95, before 26 weeks
	• Median PV Z score >-2.8 and medium
	TV/MV ratio >0.7 at 26–31 weeks
	• Median TV Z score >-3.9 and medium
	TV/MV ratio >0.59 after 31 weeks
Predictor of ventricular-coronary	Absence of TR and TV/MV<0.56
connections (n=17) ⁸	

Rate of growth of TV from 2nd to 3rd trimester is also a predictor (0.012±0.008 cm per week vs 0.028±0.014 cm per week for SV versus 2V outcome)⁹

Prognosis

Therapies: Available therapies and resulting outcomes depends on the favorability of anatomy/subtype of PA/IVS. This summarizes recently published data but interventions and outcomes may vary significantly by center.

- 1. RV dependent coronary circulation:
 - Available therapies: Single ventricle staged surgical palliation with a first stage BT shunt or PDA stent or primary transplant. The latter may be



considered with there is coronary ostial atresia or significant coronary artery stenosis.

- 2. No RVDCC but unipartite RV and muscular PA
 - o SV palliation with BT shunt as first procedure
- 3. No RVDCC and membranous pulmonary valve atresia
 - Pulmonary RFA balloon valvuloplasty (for eventual 1.5 or 2V repair) 97% success
 - Pulmonary blood flow can be augmented (required in 50-60%) with a BT shunt or PDA stent
 - Similar complications, mortality, but higher reinterventions in PDA stent group¹⁰
 - o 72% require some type of reintervention on RVOT before 3 years¹¹
 - $\circ~$ Most achieved 2V circulation, 17% 1.5V or SV (associated with \leq mild TR) 11

Survival:

- Overall survival 1 month 80%, 1 year 68%, 5 year 60%¹², more recent data 100% 2V, 80% SV)¹³
 - 2V survival rates from 90-91% survival at 20-25 years follow up.
- RVDCC 40% survival (with most mortality occurring in the first 6 months of life)¹⁴
 - At risk for sudden death even after Fontan¹⁵

Neurodevelopment:

- No specific data on ND outcomes in PA/IVS

QOL:

Lower, FHS scores compared to population norms particularly in physicial function, but similar FHS and VO2 in 1V, 1.5V and 2V patients¹⁶ (CHSS n=271) No significant difference in exercise capacity between two.

Associated Problems

1. Ebstein's anomaly or significant tricuspid valve dysplasia – 10%



- 2. Uhl's anomaly extremely rare
- 3. Associated defects/syndromes Extracardiac anomalies in up to 13%¹⁷



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