

# The Terrors of the Tricuspid Valve: Care and Management of the Neonate with Ebstein's anomaly or Severe tricuspid valve dysplasia

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# **DISCLOSURE**

**NO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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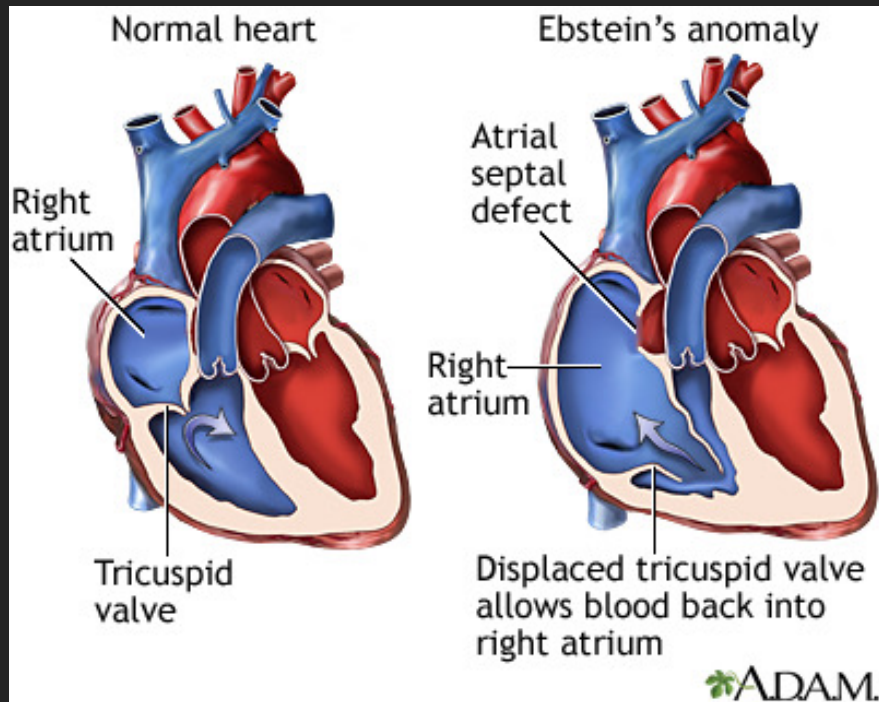
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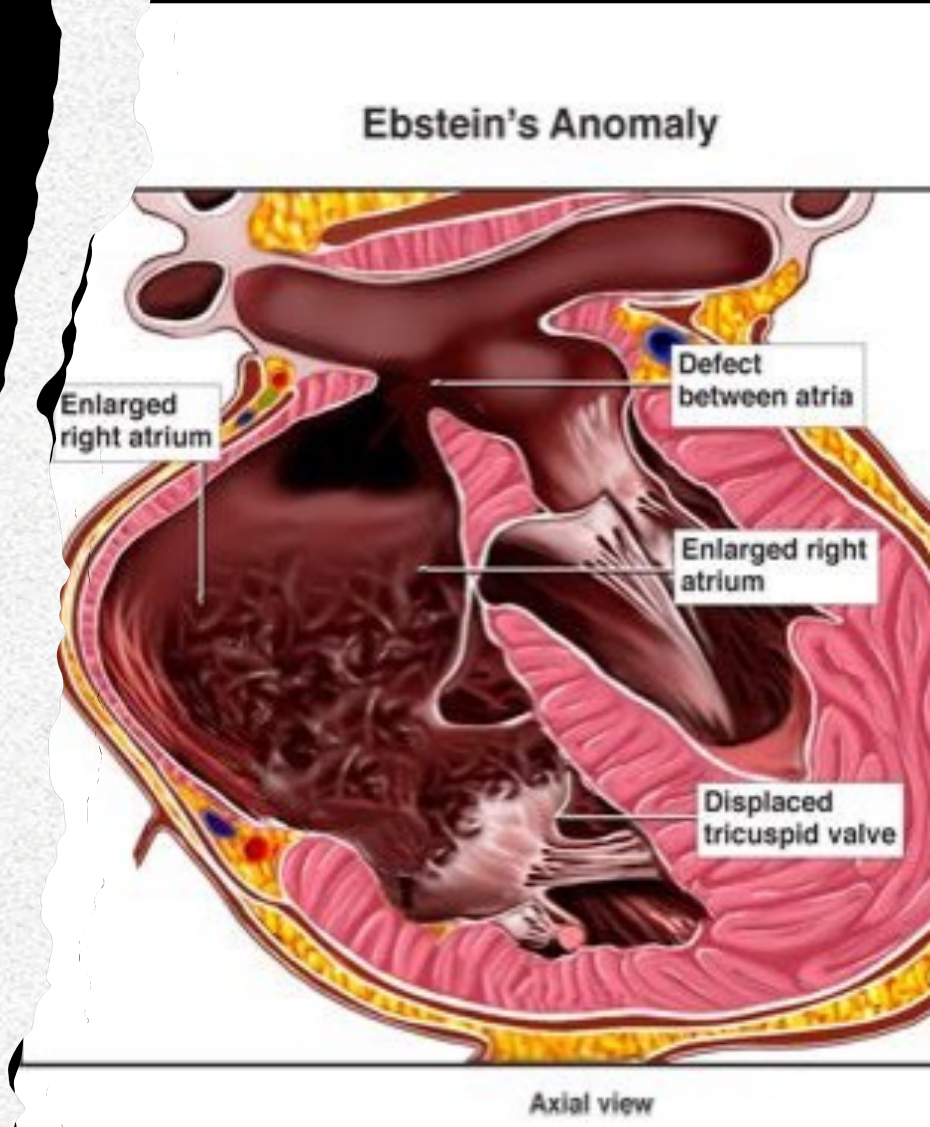
# Ebstein's Anomaly (EA)

- Wilhelm Ebstein 1866
- Incidence 0.5% of all CHD
- Overall Mortality related to presenting age
  - Severe Neonatal Forms 20-80%
  - All age groups 35-45%
- Most common related lesion
  - ASD, PFO
  - Bicuspid Ao valve
  - Pulmonary atresia
- Equal sex incidence



# Ebstein's Anomaly

- Congenital anomaly of the tricuspid valve and right ventricle due to incomplete delamination of tricuspid valve leaflets
- Apical displacement of tricuspid valve, leads to decreased size of functional right ventricle
- Right ventricular outflow and degree of pulmonary blood flow is variable and unpredictable



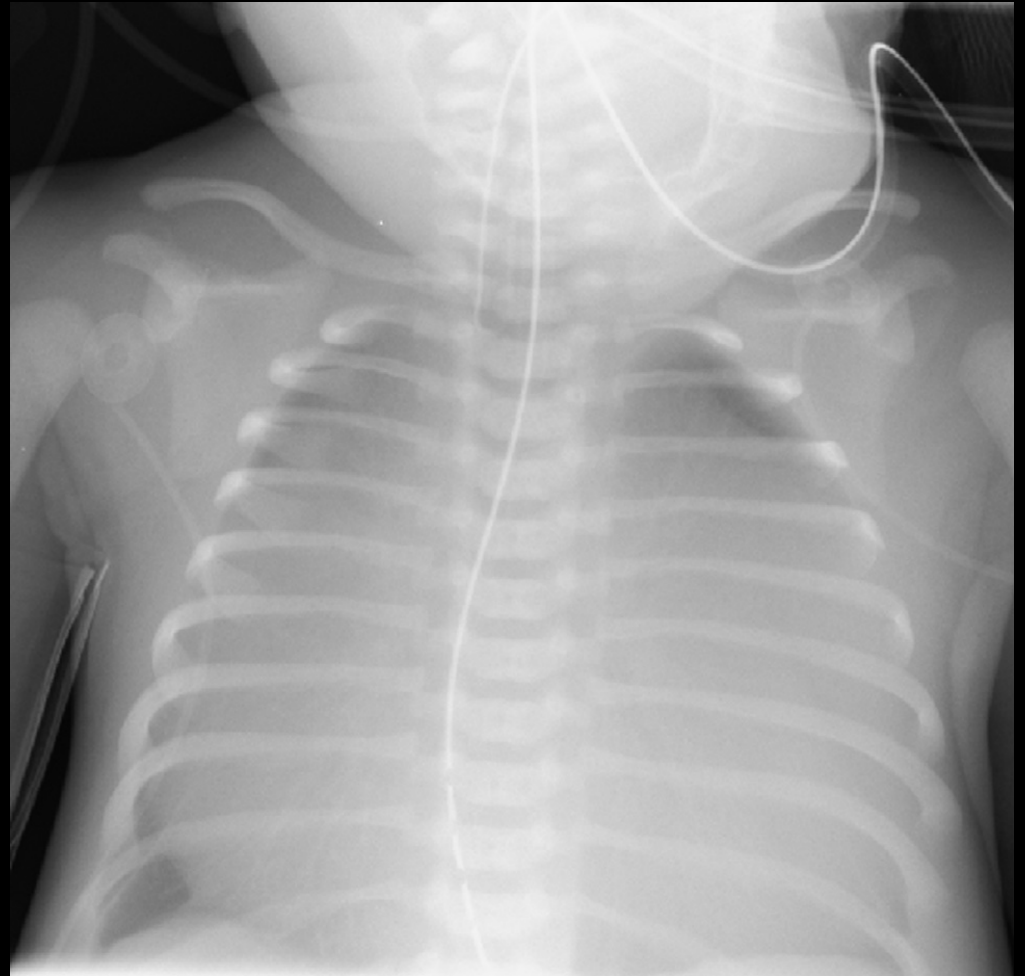
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# Clinical presentation

- Neonatal Period
  - Severe Cyanosis
  - Congestive Heart Failure
  - Metabolic Acidosis
- Adulthood
  - Arrhythmias
  - Heart Failure
  - Fatigue
  - Cyanosis

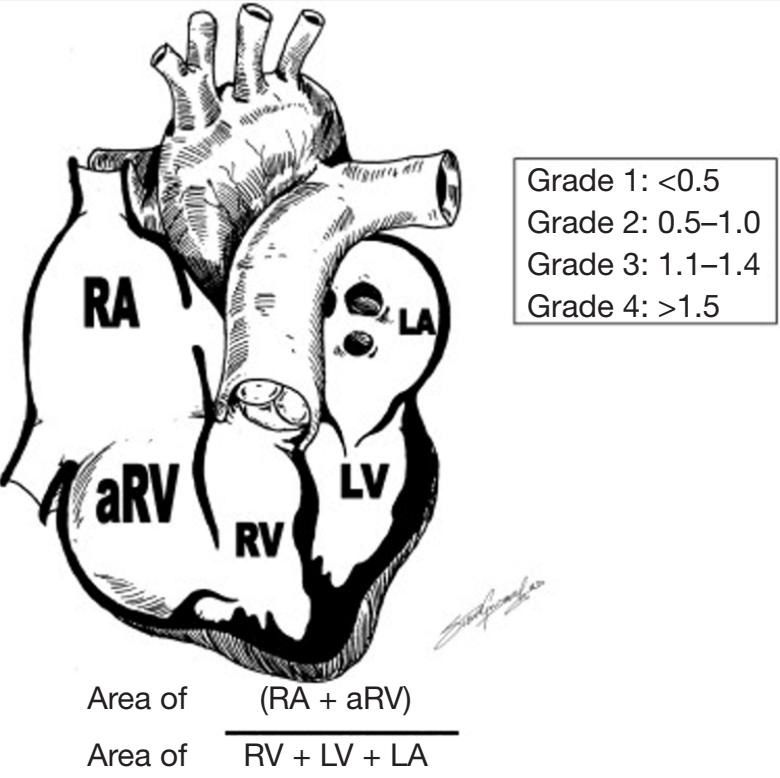
# Pathophysiology

- Presentations and symptoms related to:
  - Tricuspid regurgitation
  - RVOT obstruction
  - Cyanosis
  - Pulmonary hypertension
  - Circular shunt
  - RV failure
    - Congestive heart Failure



# EA: Classification

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**Figure 2** Celermajer index. RA, right atrial; aRV, atrialized right ventricle; RV, right ventricle; LA, left atrium; LV, left ventricle.

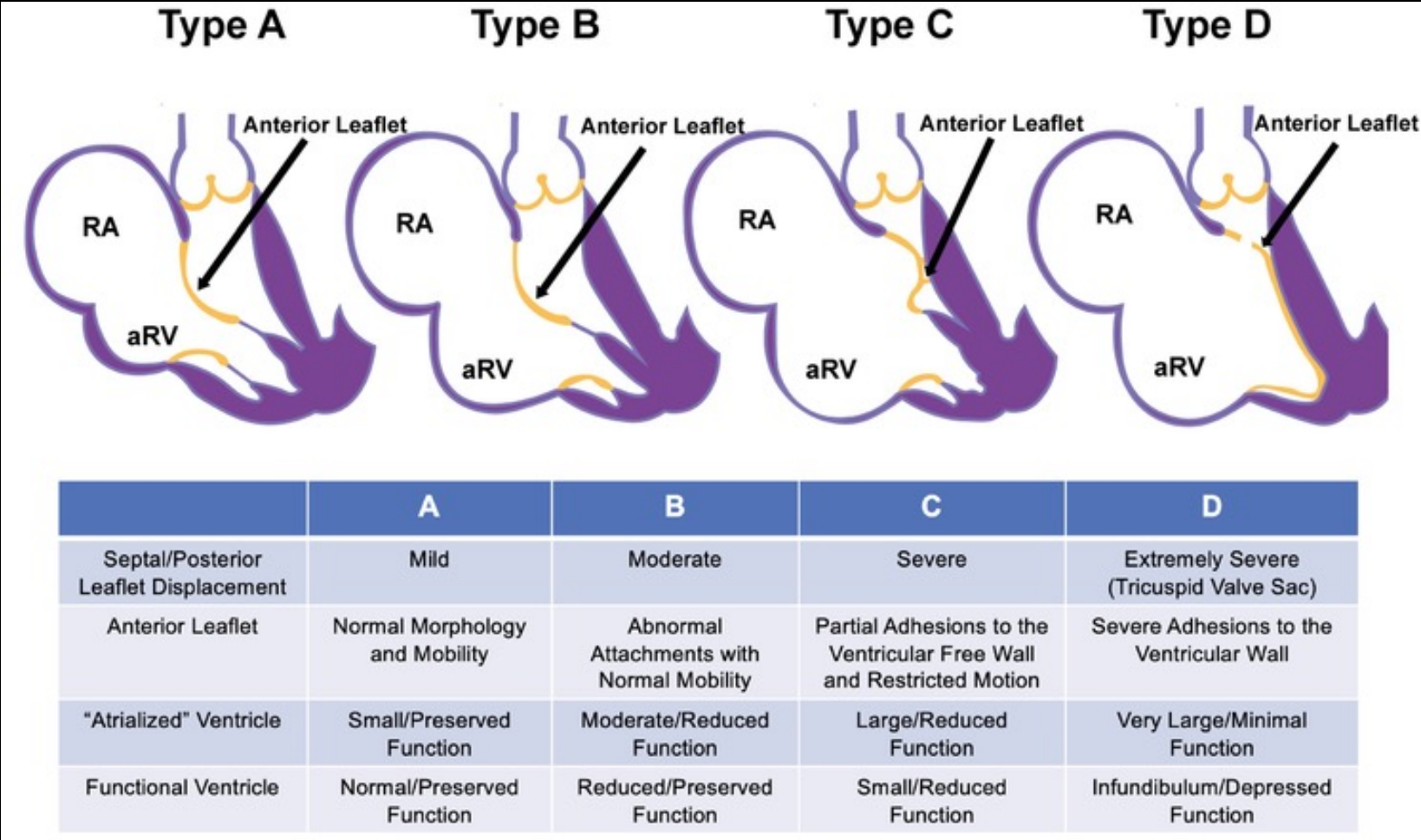
**TABLE 1.** Mortality prediction based on Great Ormond Street Echocardiography (GOSE) score\*

GOSE score		
GOSE score	Ratio	Mortality
I	<0.5	8%
II	0.5-1.0	8%
III (acyanotic)	1.1-1.4	10% early, 45% late
III (cyanotic)	1.1-1.4	100%
IV	>1.5	100%

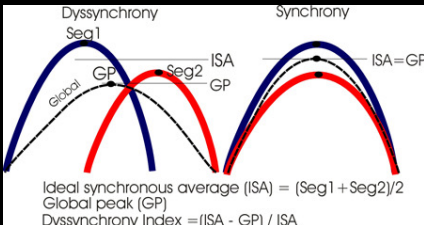
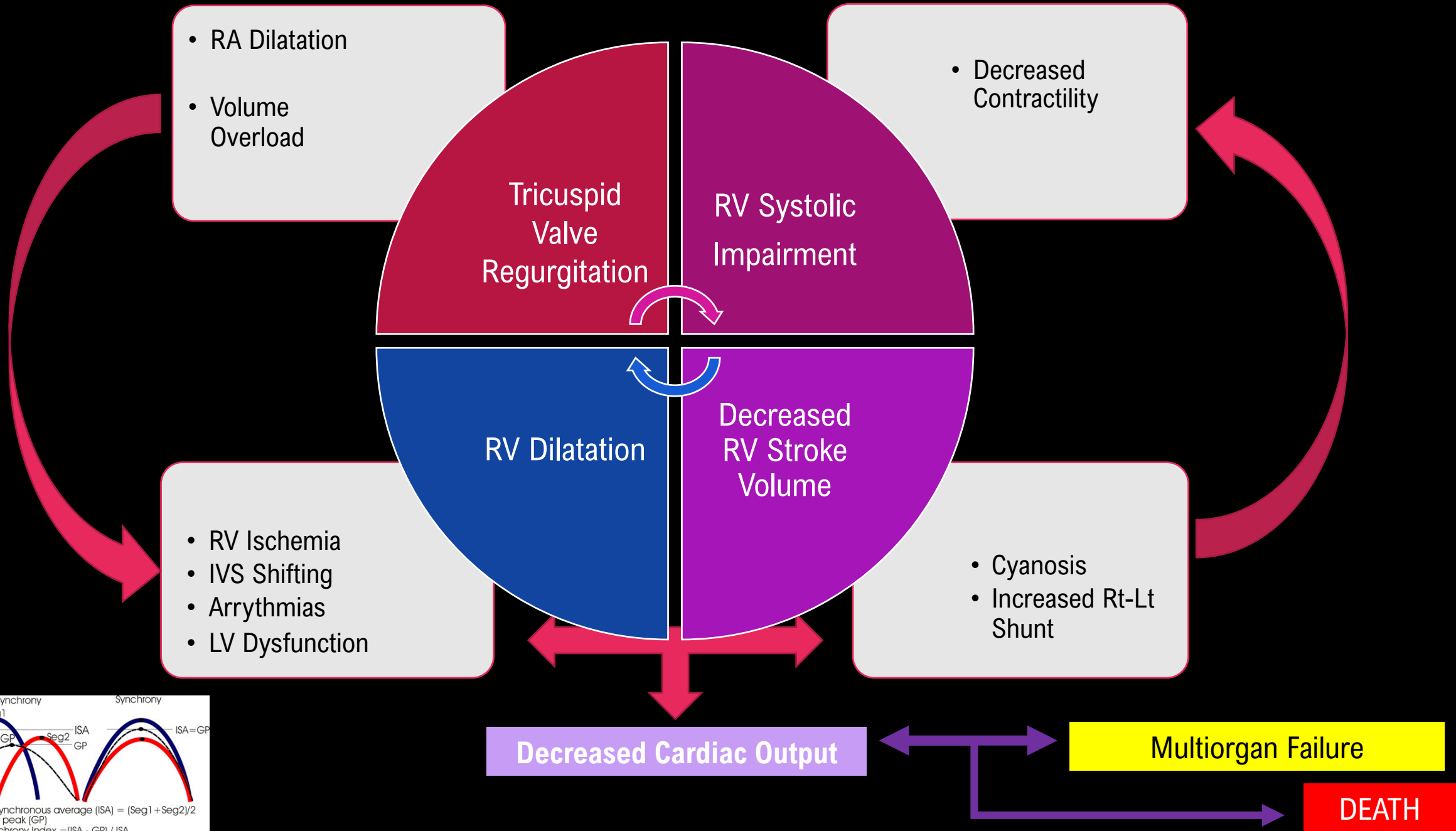
\*From: Celermajer DS, Bull C, Till JA, Cullen S, Vassilikos VP, Sullivan ID, et al. Ebstein’s anomaly: presentation and outcome from fetus to adult. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 1994;22:170-6.



# EA: Classification

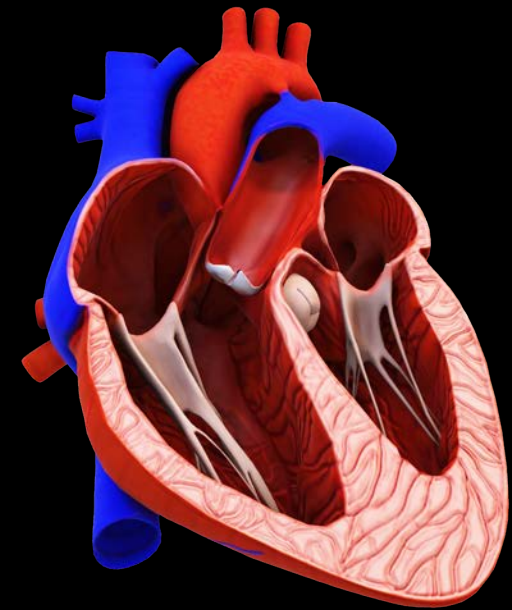


# Tricuspid Valve Malfunction



# Neonatal Management

- Goals of management
  - Decrease RV afterload
  - Decrease degree of regurgitation
  - Correct metabolic acidosis and avoid arrhythmias
  - Avoid further atrial RV dilatation
  - Avoid Recirculation syndrome



# Medical Management

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## Decrease RV afterload

- Intubation and sedation
- Nitric oxide
- Optimal tidal volume with low PEEP
- Prostaglandins

2

## Decrease degree of regurgitation

- Milrinone
- Euvolemia

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## Correct metabolic acidosis and avoid arrhythmias

- Lactate levels
- Urine output
- Diuretics



# Medical Management

Avoid Recirculation  
Syndrome

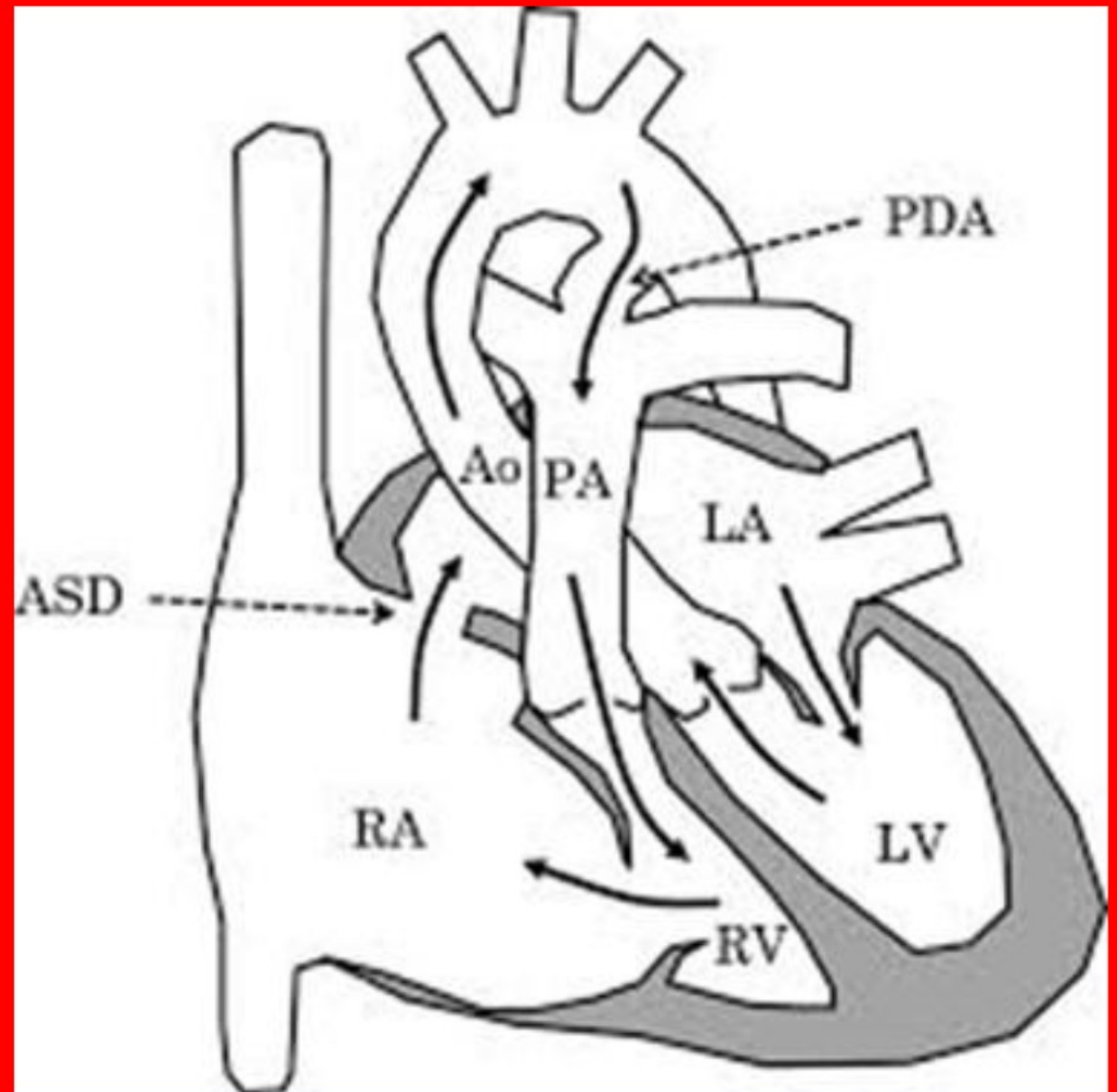


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# Failure

Failure in Medical Management may need Surgical Alternatives

Failure defined as:

Unable to wean  
inotropes

Persistent  
cyanosis

Decompensated  
CHF with organ  
dysfunction

Metabolic  
acidosis

Low TR Jet

PR

# Surgical management

Neonatal surgical management associated with HIGH mortality

Starnes Procedure (1991,2008)

- RV exclusion
- Atrial Septostomy, TV closure, AP shunt creation

Knott-Craig monocusp technique (1994)

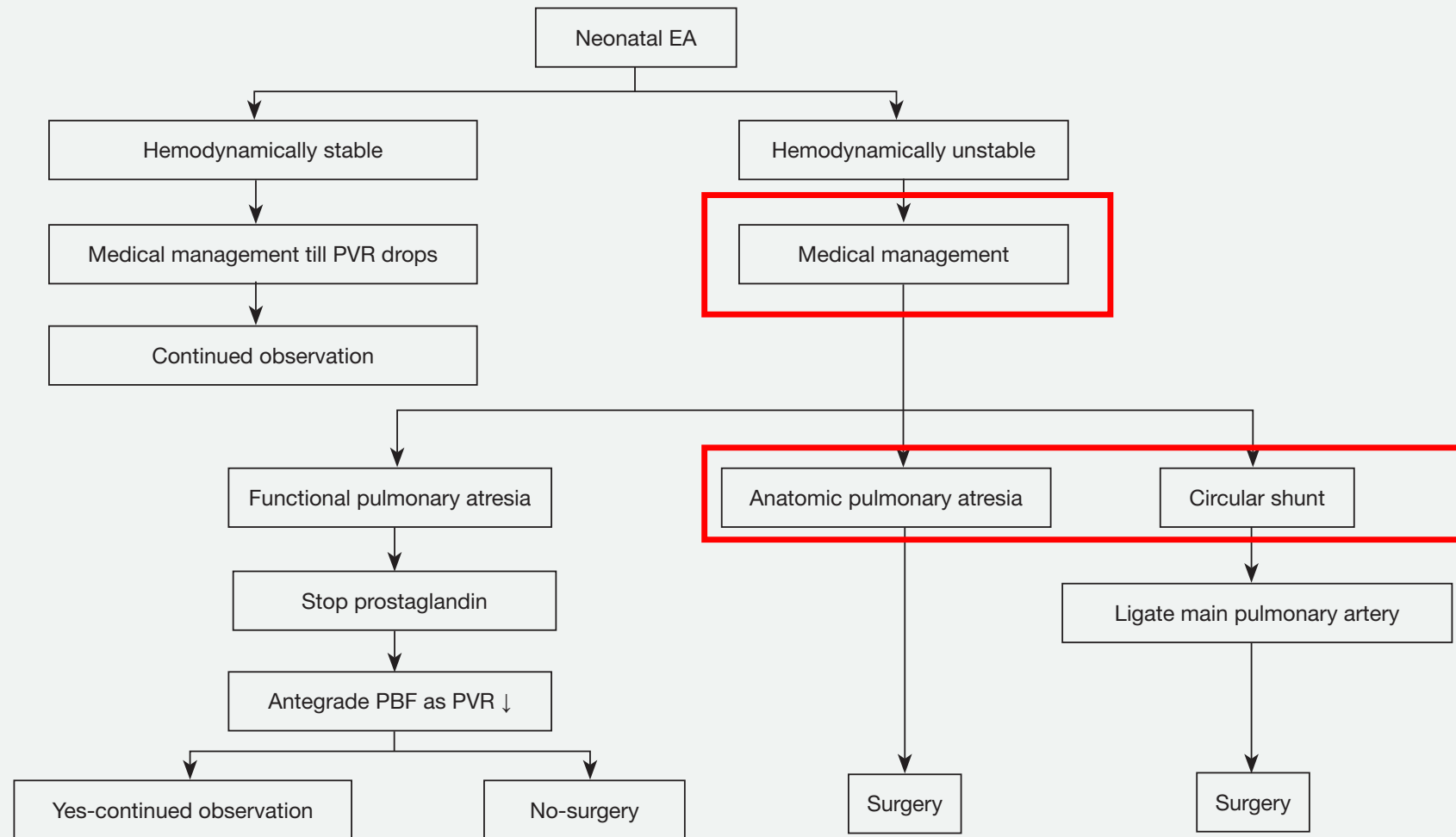
- Mobilization of Anterior leaflet to achieve functional TV and biventricular repair

Carpentier Procedure (1988)

- TV repair based on delamination of the three leaflets based on the anatomy

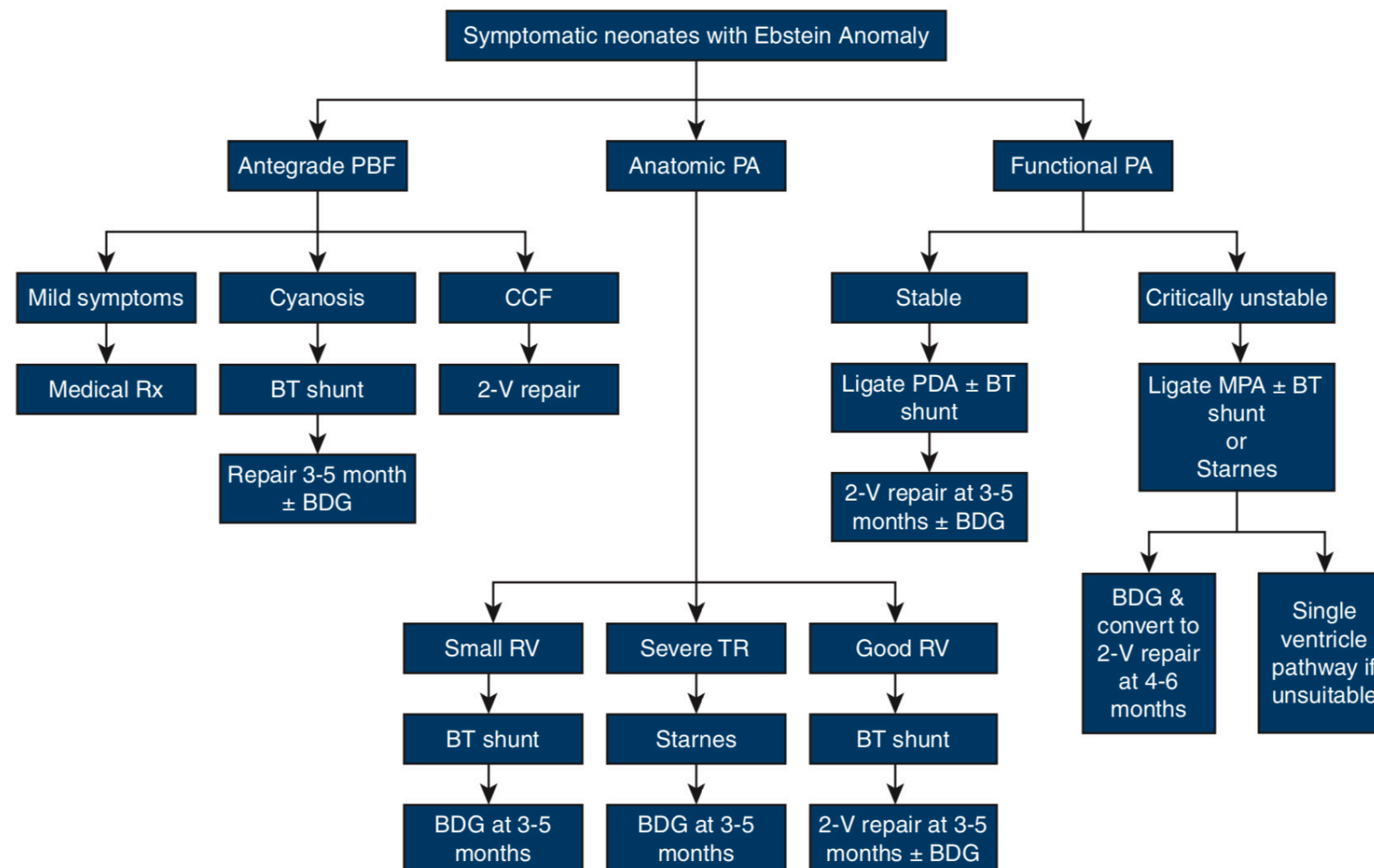
Da Silva Procedure

- Cone Modification of Carpentier procedure (2007,2020) in neonates



**Figure 3** Management algorithm for neonatal EA. EA, Ebstein's anomaly; PVR, pulmonary vascular resistance; PBF, pulmonary blood flow.

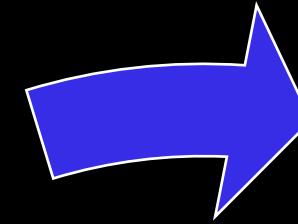




**FIGURE 6.** Algorithmic approach to the severely symptomatic neonate with Ebstein anomaly. *PBF*, Pulmonary blood flow; *PA*, pulmonary atresia; *CCF*, congestive cardiac failure; *BT*, Blalock-Taussig; *BDG*, Bidirectional Glenn; *RV*, right ventricle; *TR*, tricuspid regurgitation; *PDA*, patent ductus arteriosus; *MPA*, main pulmonary artery.

# Conclusions

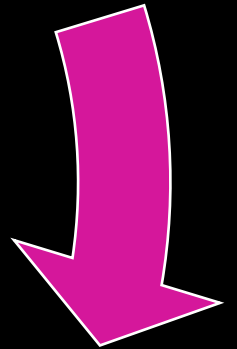
Surgical correction considered when medical management fails, better outcome in older patients



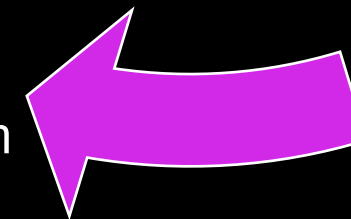
Prenatal diagnosis of EA difficult

- Neonatal Presentation usually sicker patients

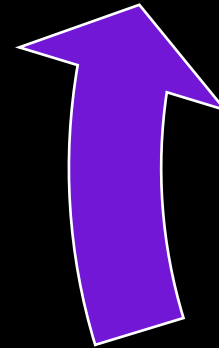
A multidisciplinary approach that transcends individual institutions' walls will be necessary to lead to improved outcomes



Neonatal presentation with profound cyanosis and heart failure is associated with increased mortality



Neonatal medical management directed to decrease PVR, decrease RV afterload, improve cardiac output and optimize oxygenation



A low-angle photograph of a stone minaret, likely part of a mosque, set against a clear, vibrant blue sky. The minaret is constructed from light-colored stone and features a tiered, conical roof. The perspective makes the structure appear to rise steeply from the bottom left towards the top center of the frame. The sky is a uniform, deep blue, and a thin, dark wire is visible running diagonally across the right side of the image.

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