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No disclosures relevant to this talk.





Case

- 80-year-old Farmer with the following medical problems:
- Essential hypertension
- Osteoarthritis of both shoulders
- Former smoker
- He doesn't have a primary care physician
- Poor historian

- The patient presented to a satellite hospital with complaints of chest pain and ECG consistent with acute anterior STEMI.
- He was managed with thrombolysis and was sent to our center for further management.
- He was asymptomatic at arrival to the hospital. The plan was to do an Echocardiogram and Cardiac catheterization the next day
- Labs: Trop 45, WBC 12, Hb 12.5, Cr 1.0,





• Unfortunately, he develops chest pain while in the emergency department with no major changes in his ECG and he is taken to the cath lab.

Angiogram



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Intervention



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- The patient underwent primary PCI of mid-to-distal LAD.
- The patient was HD stable upon transfer to the CCU.

On postprocedural day 1 the patient developed shortness of breath and a new murmur.



Echocardiogram 1 week-post-procedure (1/31/22)



Post-MI Ventricular Septal Defects Risk factors: Female gender, older age, hypertension, anterior MI.

The use of thrombolysis seems to be a risk factor for the development of **early** post-MI VSD.

Timing and approach of VSD repair continues to be a challenge due to risk of decompensation while waiting for scar formation and healing. Post-MI Ventricular Septal Defects Prior to thrombolysis incidence approx. 2%, after thrombolysis and PCI incidence approx. .3%.

GRACE study .7% incidence with PCI and 1.1% with thrombolysis.

2/3 of post-MI VSD located in the anterior septal wall and 1/3 inferior (post) septum.

Post-MI VSD due to LAD infarct tend to be located more apical in the ant septum

Post-MI VSD due to RCA infarct are located basal in the inferior septum and can be associated to ischemic MR.

2022 FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3 X	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 X	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 X	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 X	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5

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- He was followed in the office weekly for
 weeks while we allowed the ventricle to heal on its own
- On his last visit, he was planned for closure of the ventricular septal defect 2 weeks later (week 8).

Cardiac MRI



Relevant History & Clinical Presentation

OW: An 80-year-old male farmer from a rural area 100 miles from our center with a history of HTN/smoker:





Echocardiogram 7 weeks after STEMI (3/17/2022)







Case

- The patient presented to the emergency department before his procedure date in cardiogenic shock
- Required a balloon pump qp/qs 1.5 at the time.
- After stabilization and diuresis, he underwent emergent ventricular septal defect closure























Case









- The patient was doing well after the procedure and was discharge on Rivaroxaban and Clopidogrel.
- One month later had a GI bleeding which prompted D/C of Rivaroxaban and continuation of Clopidogrel with treatment of a gastric ulcer.

- 6 months after the procedure the patient came to the office and complaint of mild confusion, and unsteady gate.
- He was evaluated by neurology and eventually MRI revealed multiple small embolic CVA

Case



LV apical thrombus was visualized The patient was placed on anticoagulation with no further issues and recovery from his neurological symptoms.

Key Takeaways



Female patients, older age, hypertension, anterior MI are risk factors for the development of post-MI VSD.

The use of thrombolysis seems to be a risk factor for the development of early post-MI VSD.

Timing of VSD closure continues to be a challenge due to risk of decompensation while waiting for scar formation and healing.

The Cardioform device seems to be an interesting alternative option for VSD closure in very apical locations due to less nitinol frame and softer nature.

Anticoagulation may be of extreme importance to avoid clot formation in this location.