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Aortic Aneurysm Disease

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Disclosures

• None

- 47-year-old man
 - Heart murmur noted 12/2021
 - TTE 3 months ago: BAV, mod AS/AR, normal LV, Ao 4.2cm sinus, 4.8cm ascending, no coarctation
 - Asymptomatic
 - BP 154/98, HR 90
 - BMI 30









Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm Disease

- Inherited CT disorders
 - MFS, EDS, Loey-Dietz, BAV, Turner's
- Atherosclerosis
- Inflammatory diseases
- Infection
- Trauma
- Chronic dissection

Genetic Disorders *Thoracic Aortic Disease*

Genetic Syndrome	Common Clinical Features	Genetic Defect	Diagnostic Test
Marfan Syndrome	Skeletal features Ectopia lentis	<i>FBN1</i> mutations*	Rev Ghent Criteria DNA for sequencing
Loeys-Dietz Syndrome	Bifid uvula or cleft palate Arterial tortuosity Hypertelorism	<i>TGFBR2</i> or <i>TGFBR1</i> mutations	DNA for sequencing
Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome	Thin, translucent skin, GI rupture Rupture of visceral organs Rupture of medium to large arteries	COL3A1 mutations	DNA for sequencing Dermal fibroblasts for analysis of type 3 collagen
Turner Syndrome	Short stature Primary amenorhea BAV disease Aortic coarctation	45 XO karyotype	Cells for karyotype analysis

*The defective gene at a second locus for MFS is TGFBR2 but the clinical phenotype as MFS is debated.

Recommendations for Surgery for Sporadic Aneurysms of the Aortic Root and Ascending Aorta



Abbreviations: AV indicates aortic valve; cm, centimeter; CT, computed tomography; y, year; MAT, multidisciplinary aortic team; max, maximal; pt, patient; SD, standard deviation; and y, year.



BAV Disease





BAV Disease



BAV Aortopathy





Bicuspid Aortic Valve Disease *Medial Degeneration*



VSMC Apoptosis

Role of MMP-2

Normal

Marfan

Nataatmadja M et al. Circulation 2003; 108:1320

Natural History of Aortic Disease in Patients with BAV



JAMA. 2011;306(10):1104-1112. doi:10.1001/jama.2011.1286

BAV Aortopathy



Size Criteria for Surgery

- ≥5.5 cm (Class I)
 Cross sectional root or ascending aortic area to height ratio >10cm²/m (IIa)
- 3. 5.0-5.4 cm with RFs for dissection (IIa)
- 4. >4.5 cm if AVR indicated (IIa)
- 5. 5.0-5.4 cm at Center with MAT (IIb)





Medical Therapy in Marfan Syndrome			
COR	LOE	Recommendations	
1	A	 In patients with Marfan syndrome, treatment with either a beta blocker or an ARB, in maximally tolerated doses (unless contraindicated), is recommended to reduce the rate of aortic dilation. 	
2a	C-LD	 In patients with Marfan syndrome, the use of both a beta blocker and an ARB, in maximally tolerated doses (unless contraindicated), is reasonable to reduce the rate of aortic dilation. 	

MFS: ARB vs Atenolol



Lacro RV et al. NEJM 2014; 371:2061-71





Recommendations for Replacement of the Aortic Root in

Patients With Marfan Syndrome

COR	LOE	Recommendations	
1	B-NR	 In patients with Marfan syndrome and an aortic root diameter of ≥5.0 cm, surgery to replace the aortic root and ascending aorta is recommended. 	
2a	B-NR	 In patients with Marfan syndrome, an aortic root diameter or ≥4.5 cm, and features associated with an increased risk of aortic dissection, surgery to replace the aortic root and ascending aorta is reasonable, when performed by experienced surgeons in a Multidisciplinary Aortic Team. 	





Replacement of the Aortic Root in Patients With Marfan Syndrome (2)

2a	C-LD	3. In patients with Marfan syndrome and a maximal <i>cross-sectional aortic</i> root area (cm ²) to patient height (m) ratio of ≥ 10, surgery to replace the aortic root and ascending aorta is reasonable, when performed by experienced surgeons in a Multidisciplinary Aortic Team.
2b	C-LD	4. In patients with Marfan syndrome and an aortic diameter approaching surgical threshold, who are candidates for valve-sparing root replacement (VSRR) and have a very low surgical risk, surgery to replace the aortic root and ascending aorta may be reasonable when performed by experienced surgeons in a Multidisciplinary Aortic Team.

Thoracic Aortic Atherosclerosis



Desai M et al. JACC CV Img 2018; 11:1012-26

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm



Sianos G et al. Circulation 2001; 104: e10.

Background

Major Risk Factors for AAA Development[#]

- Age > 65 yrs
- Male gender*
- Smoking
- Affected first degree family relative
- Atherosclerotic risk factors, ASCVD

AAA less common in African Americans and patients with diabetes* Women have higher tendency to rupture at smaller Ao diameters

Frequency of Surveillance Imaging of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms Based on Current Aortic Diameter



Abbreviations: cm indicates centimeter; mo, month; and y, year.



Isselbacher, E. M., et al. 2022 ACC/AHA Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Aortic Disease. Circulation.

Guidance for Repair of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms



Abbreviations: AAA indicates abdominal aortic aneurysm; cm, centimeter; CT, computed tomography; and pt., patient.



Isselbacher, E. M., et al. 2022 ACC/AHA Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Aortic Disease. Circulation.

AAA Repair



Kent KC. NEJM 2014; 371: 2101-8

Open vs Endovascular Repair AAA



Lederle FA et al. NEJM 2019;380:2126





Open Versus Endovascular Repair of AAA

Recommendations for Open Versus Endovascular Repair of AAA			
COR	LOE	Recommendations	
1	А	1. In patients with nonruptured AAA with low to moderate operative risk and who have anatomy suitable for either open or EVAR, a shared decision- making process weighing the risks and benefits of each approach is recommended.	
1	B-NR	2. In patients undergoing elective endovascular repair for nonruptured AAA, adherence to manufacturer's instructions for use is recommended.	



American Heart Association



2a	B-NR	 In patients with nonruptured AAA and a high perioperative risk, EVAR is reasonable to reduce the risk of 30-day morbidity, mortality, or both.
2a	B-NR	4. For patients with nonruptured AAA, a moderate to high perioperative risk, and anatomy suitable for an FDA-approved fenestrated endovascular device, endovascular repair is reasonable over open repair to reduce the risk of perioperative complications.

Endoleak









04/2022: Ross procedure with root and ascending aortic replacement. Post-op PE and atrial flutter.





3 months post-op





8 months post-op