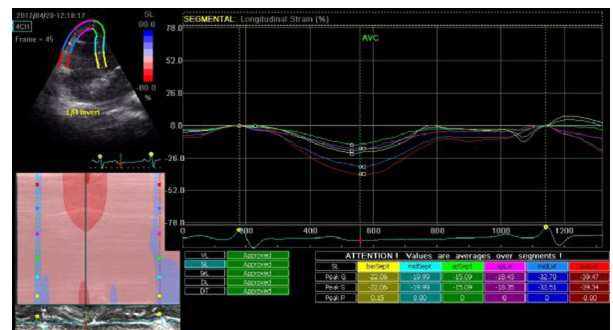
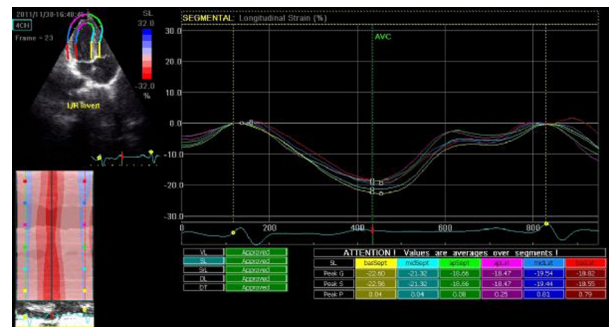
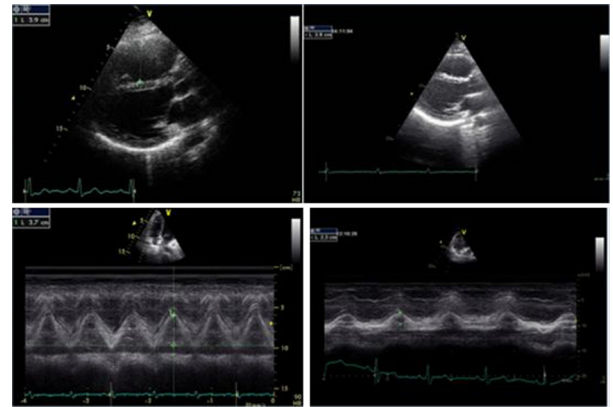


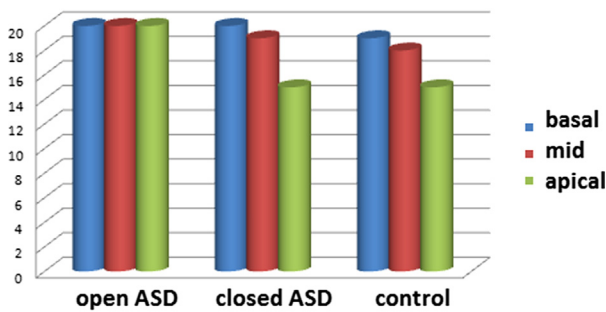
Transcatheter Closure of Atrial Septal Defect and the Effects on Right Ventricular Function; Strain and Strain Rate Echocardiography

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Aim: In this study, we investigated the effect of percutaneous closure of ASD on the right ventricular global and segmental strain (S)strain rate (SR) values.
Method and Results: Our study consisted of 22 patients with secundum ASD and 22 healthy subjects of similar age distribution and characteristics as control group. Patient and control groups were evaluated with conventional echocardiographic methods, in addition peak systolic S/SR was performed for the RV free wall and interventricular septum basal, mid and apical segments. In the patient group before closure with device and after at 3rd and 6th months, RV conventional echocardiographic variables and S/SR changes were evaluated. RA diameter and area, RV diameter, systolic and diastolic volume and area, Qp/Qs, TAPSE, SPAP was significantly higher in the patient group. RV FAC in the patient group was lower. After closure of ASD the RV diameter, RA area, RV systolic and diastolic volumes and area were significantly decreased. Also, before and at 3rd month after closing TAPSE was significantly reduced. After closure RVFAC significantly increased comparing to before closure. In the patient group Color Tissue Doppler parameters and derivatives (MPI, IVA) IVA significantly increased after closure. Patient and control groups GS and GSR were similar. When comparing PSS/SR there was no significant differences between the two groups concerning RV lateral basal, mid and apical S/SR and basal and apical septal S/SR and mid septal SR. Only mid septal S was significantly higher in the patient group. Even though the difference was not significant, the RV free wall S were higher in the control group, for the septum S it was opposite, higher in the patient group. There was no significant difference between GS/GSR before closure and at 3rd and 6th month after closure. But before and after closure at 3rd month basal and mid lateral S significantly increased. When comparing SR before closure and at 3rd month after closure septal basal, mid and apical segments is markedly reduced, apical and mid segments has reached the level of statistical significance, but the basal septal segment did not. When comparing the septum and RV free wall S before closure, basal, mid and apical segment S were not significantly different from each other, after closure there was a decline in septal S and an increase in RV free wall S. When comparing the septum and RV free wall SR before closure basal, mid and apical segment SR were not significantly different from each other, after closure with device septal S were decreased. Lateral SR to be significantly higher than the septal SR after closure of ASD.
Conclusion: We have the idea that because of the ability of good volume discharge of RV free wall S (particularly in the basal and mid segments) it will reflect the RV deformation variability. Because the septal function decreased after transcatheter ASD closure, the implantation of the device to the IAS thought to contribute to deformation of the interventricular septum.



RV septal wall strain'i

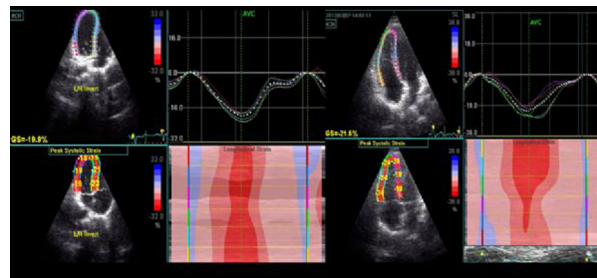
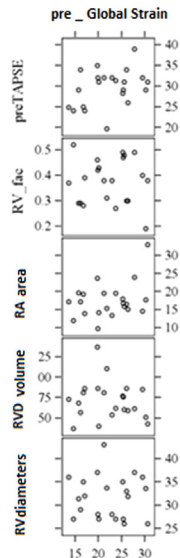


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Correlation with right ventricular global strain and other parametres of right ventricular

| Pearson Correlation Coefficients, N = 22 Prob > r under H0: Rho=0 | |
|--|------------------------|
| RV basic parameters | Pre GS |
| preTAPSE | 0.36863 p = 0.0914 |
| RV fac | -0.03302 p = 0.8840 |
| RA area | 0.33851 p = 0.1233 |
| RVD volume | -0.12174 p = 0.5894 |
| RVdiameters | -0.01615 p = 0.9431 |
| RV diastolic area | -0.26769 p = 0.2284 |
| RV systolic area | -0.24901 p = 0.2638 |
| RVS volume | -0.31048 p = 0.1596 |
| RA diameters | -0.02990 p = 0.8949 |



Comparison tissue-Doppler parameters of the patients before and after of the closure

| | Pre | Post | | p1 | p2 |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| | | 3 ay | 6 ay | | |
| TDI S (cm/s) | 11.56 ± 1.65 | 10.94 ± 1.64 | 10.88 ± 2.52 | 0.3232 | 0.9523 |
| TDI E (cm/s) | 11.14 ± 1.9 | 9.50 ± 2.4 | 9.41 ± 1.47 | 0.0007 | 0.9984 |
| TDI A (cm/s) | 10.80 ± 2.39 | 9.91 ± 2.77 | 10.14 ± 3.90 | 0.4612 | 0.9854 |
| E'/A' | 1.03 | 0.95 | 0.92 | 0.4565 | 0.3954 |
| IVRT (msn) | 80.45 ± 21.84 | 77.57 ± 19.70 | 70.52 ± 18.46 | 0.2954 | 0.4343 |
| MPI | 0.49 ± 0.13 | 0.44 ± 0.10 | 0.42 ± 0.11 | 0.1197 | 0.7258 |
| IVA (m/s ²) | 2.76 ± 1.14 | 3.70 ± 1.45 | 3.94 ± 1.86 | 0.0018 | 0.1868 |

Baseline echocardiographic characteristics of the groups

| | group of patients (n=22) | control group (n=22) | P |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| LV diastolic diameter (mm) | 42.15 ± 4.07 | 40.76 ± 3.17 | 0.2136 |
| LV systolic diameter (mm) | 23.69 ± 4.57 | 20.20 ± 4.03 | 0.0027 |
| LA diameter (mm) | 33.17 ± 4.38 | 30.63 ± 3.45 | 0.049 |
| RV systolic volume (mm ³) | 32.75 ± 10.31 | 15.05 ± 2.92 | < 0.001 |
| RV diastolic volume (mm ³) | 71.37 ± 23.16 | 31.72 ± 3.46 | < 0.001 |
| RV systolic area (mm ²) | 14.80 ± 3.49 | 8.8 ± 1.22 | < 0.001 |
| RV diastolic area (mm ²) | 23.93 ± 5.14 | 17.83 ± 1.96 | < 0.001 |
| RA area (mm ²) | 17.53 ± 4.84 | 11.22 ± 1.406 | < 0.001 |
| RA diameters (d1/d2 mm) | 48.96 ± 5.57/40.56 ± 6.24 | 40.81 ± 3.2/37.18 ± 3.51 | 0.0393 /< 0.001 |
| RV fac (%) | 37 ± 8.8 | 49 ± 8.9 | 0.0005 |
| TAPSE (mm) | 29.68 ± 4.4 | 23.09 ± 1.71 | < 0.001 |
| SPAP (mmHg) | 34.27 ± 5.6 | 22.05 ± 2.96 | < 0.001 |

Global, regional peak right ventricular strain (%) and global right ventricular strain rate (1/s) in atrial septal defect patients before and 3 and 6 months after percutaneous closure.

| | Pre | Post | | p1 | p2 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| | | 3. month | 6. month | | |
| Global strain (s -1) | -22.35 ± 5.19 | -21.75 ± 3.2 | -21.74 ± 2.92 | 0.9143 | 0.1133 |
| Lateral basal (s -1) | -24.05 ± 6.8 | -29.63 ± 5.13 | -26.78 ± 7.1 | 0.0039 | 0.1760 |
| Lateral mid (s -1) | -24.19 ± 6.24 | -27.55 ± 4.25 | -25.69 ± 5.90 | 0.0151 | 0.2600 |
| Lateral apical (s -1) | -22.97 ± 6.65 | -20.30 ± 8.67 | -19.93 ± 5.73 | 0.3141 | 0.9543 |
| Septal apical (s -1) | -20.12 ± 6.9 | -15.90 ± 8.42 | -16.05 ± 6.48 | 0.0950 | 0.9551 |
| Septal mid (s -1) | -20.89 ± 6.79 | -19.56 ± 4.49 | -19.39 ± 4.77 | 0.5128 | 0.7700 |
| Septal basal (s -1) | -20.92 ± 6.2 | -20.72 ± 3.79 | -19.37 ± 4.14 | 0.9732 | 0.1550 |
| Global strain rate(s -1) | -1.25 ± 0.20 | -1.30 ± 0.23 | -1.28 ± 0.28 | 0.5667 | 0.5549 |
| Lateral basal SR (s -1) | -1.71 ± 0.63 | -2.05 ± 0.47 | -2.01 ± 0.59 | 0.0783 | 0.7465 |
| Lateral mid SR (s -1) | -1.58 ± 0.51 | -1.68 ± 0.40 | -1.73 ± 0.46 | 0.2725 | 0.9462 |
| Lateral apical SR (s -1) | -1.61 ± 0.42 | -1.43 ± 0.61 | -1.27 ± 0.38 | 0.2854 | 0.2790 |
| Septal apical SR (s -1) | -1.58 ± 0.34 | -1.18 ± 0.54 | -1.105 ± 0.51 | 0.0033 | 0.4519 |
| Septal mid SR (s -1) | -1.48 ± 0.38 | -1.29 ± 0.45 | -1.19 ± 0.42 | 0.0090 | 0.1693 |
| Septal bazal SR (s -1) | -1.62 ± 0.42 | -1.42 ± 0.69 | -1.01 ± 0.38 | 0.9143 | 0.7465 |

Comparison RV parameters of the patients before and after of the closure

| | Pre | Post | | P1 | P2 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| | | 3 month | 6 month | | |
| LV diastolic diameter (mm) | 42.15 ± 4.07 | 45.11 ± 4.77 | 44.57 ± 3.61 | < 0.0002 | 0.5689 |
| LV systolic diameter (mm) | 23.69 ± 4.57 | 22.86 ± 4.02 | 22.71 ± 3.84 | 0.4477 | 0.7061 |
| LA diameters (mm) | 33.17 ± 4.38 | 33.72 ± 3.13 | 33.42 ± 3.15 | 0.2622 | 0.6605 |
| RV diameter (PLAX, mm) | 31.8 ± 4.57 | 24.14 ± 3.32 | 23.61 ± 2.67 | <0.0001 | 0.3518 |
| RV systolic volume (mm ³) | 32.75 ± 10.31 | 17.50 ± 5.4 | 13.95 ± 3.87 | <0.0001 | 0.0006 |
| RV diastolic volume (mm ³) | 71.37 ± 23.16 | 41.12 ± 13.43 | 35.98 ± 8.48 | <0.0001 | 0.0125 |
| RV systolic area (mm ²) | 14.8 ± 3.4 | 9.91 ± 1.56 | 8.6 ± 1.5 | <0.0001 | 0.0158 |
| RV diastolic area (mm ²) | 23.93 ± 5.14 | 18.54 ± 2.79 | 16.6 ± 3.10 | <0.0001 | < 0.0047 |
| RA area (mm ²) | 17.53 ± 4.84 | 12.45 ± 2.75 | 12.11 ± 2.81 | 0.0002 | 0.4112 |
| RA diameters (mm) | 40.56 ± 6.24/ | 35.47 ± 4.5/ | 33.66 ± 4.36/ | 0.0001/ | 0.1255/ |
| | 48.96 ± 5.57 | 44.36 ± 4.99 | 43.61 ± 5.33 | <0.001 | 0.3485 |
| RV fac (%) | 37.6 ± 8.8 | 45.8 ± 7.4 | 48.6 ± 7.3 | 0.0028 | 0.1762 |
| TAPSE (mm) | 29.68 ± 4.41 | 25.97 ± 2.97 | 23.58 ± 2.97 | 0.0004 | 0.0017 |
| SPAP (mmHg) | 34.27 ± 5.6 | 24.41 ± 4.71 | 23.20 ± 3.92 | < 0.001 | 0.2436 |
| TRV (m/sn) | 2.59 ± 0.31 | 2.14 ± 0.34 | 2.01 ± 0.23 | < 0.0001 | 0.0235 |
| RVSP (mmHg) | 34.04 ± 5.9 | 23.55 ± 5.7 | 21.91 ± 4.3 | < 0.001 | 0.3467 |

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Two-Dimensional Speckle Tracking Echocardiography for Assessment of Early Cardiac Function after Treatment of Patients with Overt Hypothyroidism

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Objective: Our aim was to evaluate cardiac function and myocardial contractility in patients with overt hypothyroidism using two-dimensional speckle tracking echocardiography (2D-STE) strain imaging and real-time three-dimensional echocardiography (RT3DE) and compare the changes at one month after starting the treatment.

Methods: Forty-one patients with overt hypothyroidism and forty age and body mass index matched healthy subjects underwent conventional echocardiography,