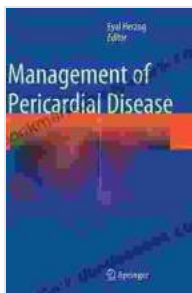


Management of Pericardial Disease

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Types of Pericardial Disease

There are several different types of pericardial disease, including:

- **Pericarditis** is an inflammation of the pericardium. It can be caused by a variety of factors, including infection, autoimmune disorders, and chest trauma.
- **Pericardial effusion** is a buildup of fluid in the pericardial sac. It can be caused by a variety of factors, including pericarditis, heart failure, and kidney disease.

- **Constrictive pericarditis** is a thickening and scarring of the pericardium. It can make it difficult for the heart to fill with blood, which can lead to heart failure.
- **Cardiac tamponade** is a life-threatening condition that occurs when the pericardial sac fills with fluid and compresses the heart. It can lead to sudden death.

Symptoms of Pericardial Disease

The symptoms of pericardial disease can vary depending on the type of condition. Some common symptoms include:

- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Swelling in the legs, ankles, and feet
- Rapid heart rate
- Low blood pressure

Diagnosis of Pericardial Disease

The diagnosis of pericardial disease is based on a physical examination, a medical history, and a variety of tests, including:

- Electrocardiogram (ECG)
- Echocardiogram
- Chest X-ray

- Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
- Pericardiocentesis

Treatment of Pericardial Disease

The treatment of pericardial disease depends on the type of condition.

Treatment options include:

- **Pericarditis:** Treatment of pericarditis typically involves anti-inflammatory medications, such as ibuprofen or naproxen. In some cases, antibiotics may be necessary if the pericarditis is caused by a bacterial infection.
- **Pericardial effusion:** Treatment of pericardial effusion depends on the cause of the effusion. If the effusion is caused by a pericarditis, treatment will focus on treating the underlying cause. In some cases, it may be necessary to drain the pericardial effusion.
- **Constrictive pericarditis:** Treatment of constrictive pericarditis typically involves surgery to remove the thickened and scarred pericardium.
- **Cardiac tamponade:** Treatment of cardiac tamponade is a medical emergency. Treatment involves draining the pericardial sac and administering medications to support the heart.

Prognosis of Pericardial Disease

The prognosis of pericardial disease depends on the type of condition and the severity of the symptoms. With early diagnosis and treatment, most people with pericardial disease make a full recovery. However, some

people may experience long-term complications, such as heart failure or constrictive pericarditis.

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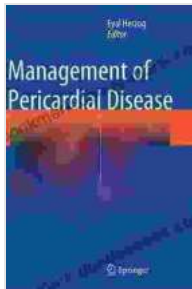
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