

# L'anatomie des cardiopathies congénitales : un apprentissage sans fin?

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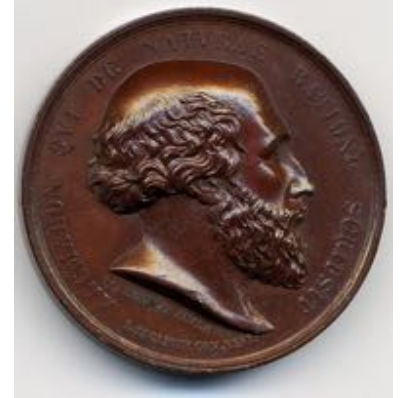
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# Cardiac anatomy : a very old science...

- 500 BC: Alcméon, Crotone : the first to practice dissections, difference between arteries and veins
- First anatomic description of the heart : Philistion, Sicilia, 300-350 BC



# Cardiac anatomy : congenital heart defects

- The first CHD described = 1671 : Stenson  
→ 1888 : Fallot
- Malpositions of the great arteries
  - 1797: Baillie: « a very singular malformation of the heart » → 1814 : Farré : transposition of the great vessels
  - 1875 : von Rokitansky : congenitally corrected transposition
  - 1888 : Vierordt : partial transposition (DORV = 1957, Taussig-Bing 1949)
  - 1967 : DOLV, anatomically corrected malposition of the great arteries

# The modern era : the pioneers

1964



Stella et Richard Van Praagh  
Boston, MA, USA

1971



Robert H. Anderson  
London, GB

# Anatomy of CHD : are we still learning ?

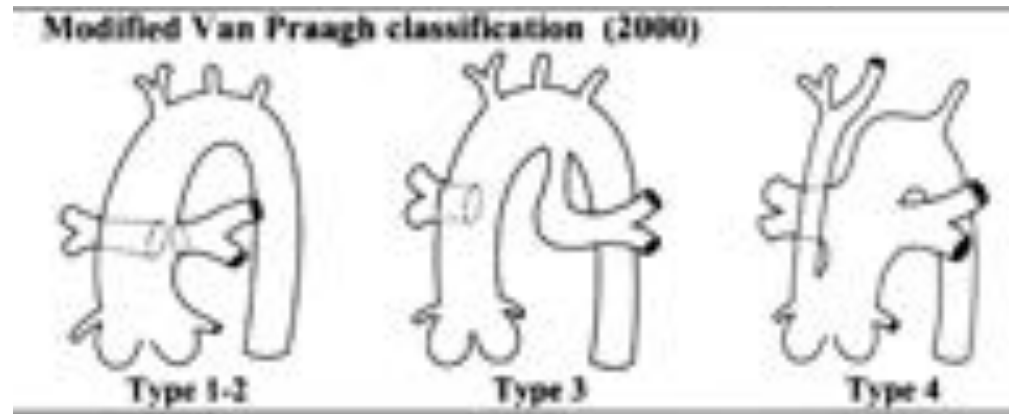
- Yes, of course
- Constantly !
- New cases, new malformations never described before
- Classifications
- « Revisiting » already known malformations
  - Link with cardiac development and genetics
  - Improve the description of the phenotypes

# Can we still find « new » CHD?



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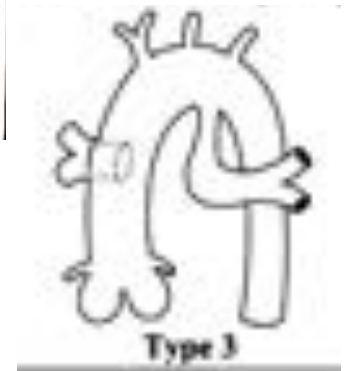
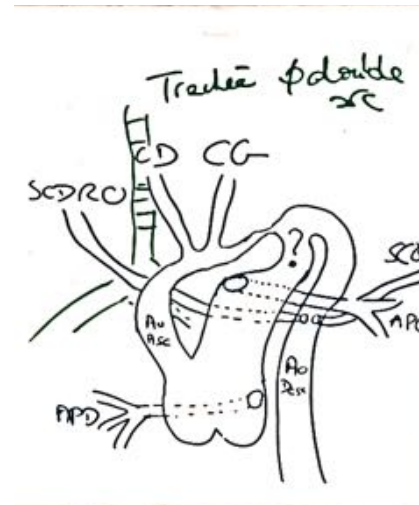
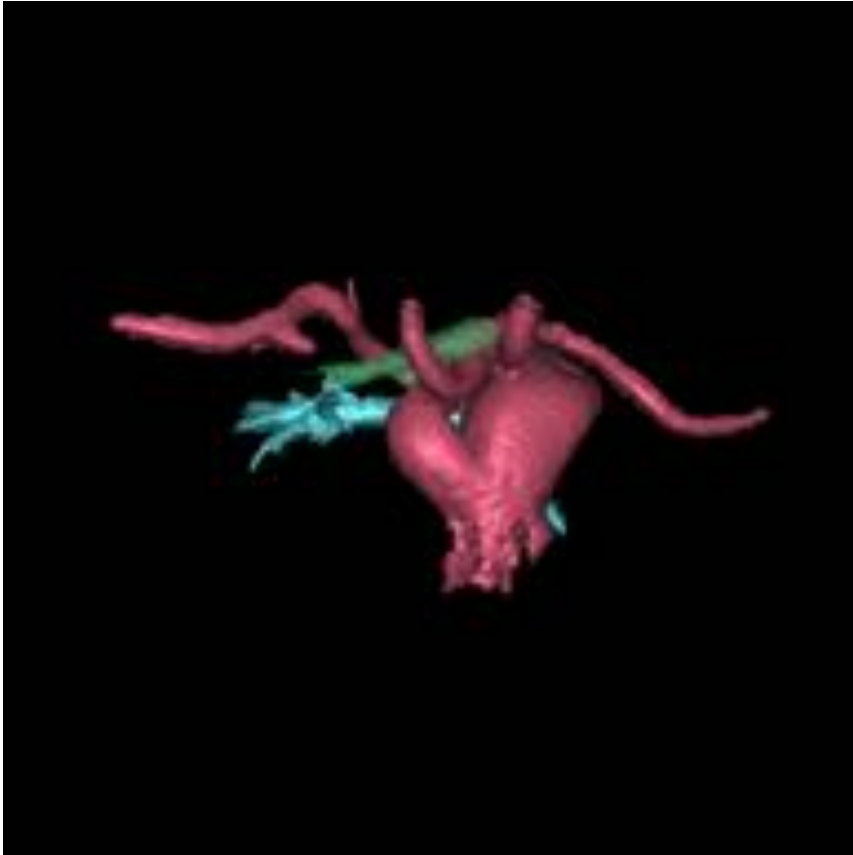
- First pregnancy
- Antenatal diagnosis of common arterial trunk (2<sup>nd</sup> trimester)
- Truncal valve quadricuspid, stenotic
- Coarctation? IAA?
- ???????



*Jacobs ML. Ann Thorac Surg 2000*

*Van Praagh R. Eur J Cardioth Surg 1987*

# Can we still find « new » CHD ? Common arterial trunk « 3/4 »



Courtesy F. Raimondi



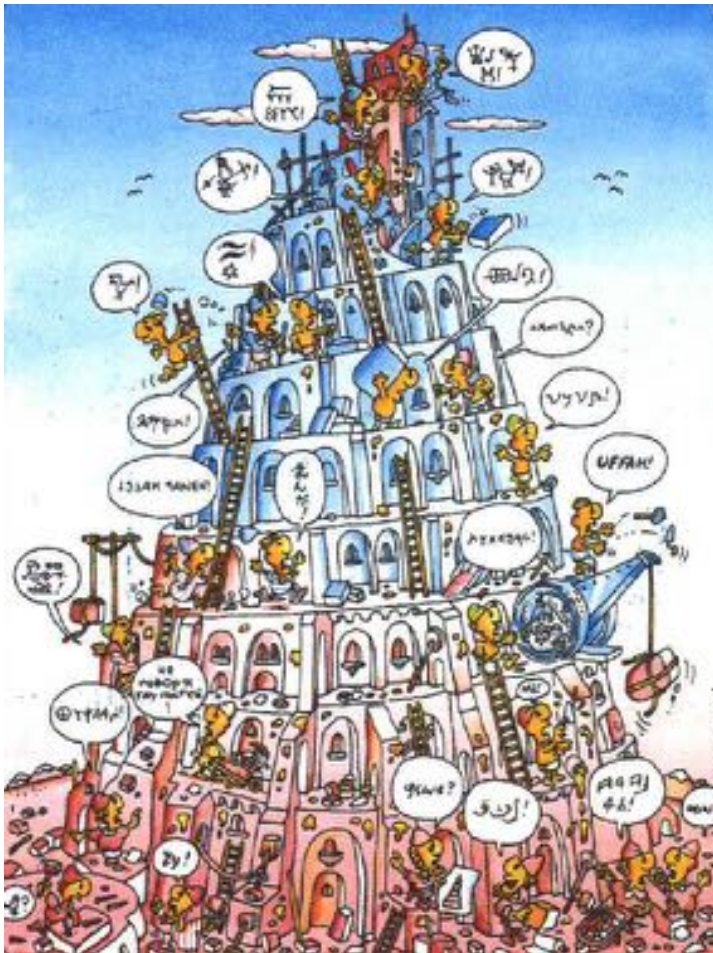
# Classifications

## What for?



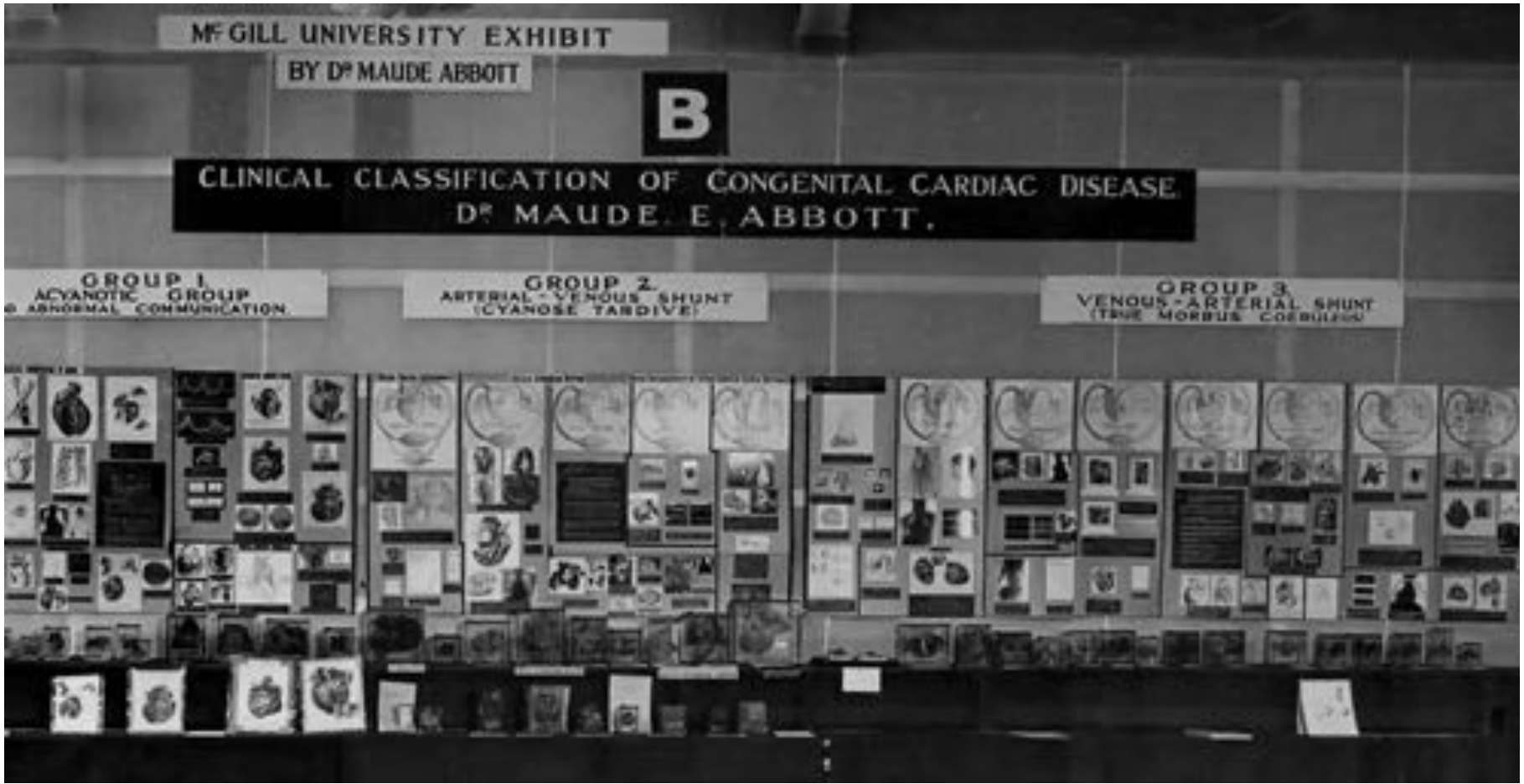
*« Mal nommer un objet c'est ajouter  
au malheur de ce monde » Albert Camus*

# Classifications : the end of the Babel's tower?



- Classifications : absolute necessity, in order to speak the same language
- Multimodality imaging
- Clinicians, imagers, and surgeons

# First classification of CHD : Maude Abbott



Centenary Meeting of the British Medical Association in London, England, 1932



# Atlas of congenital cardiac disease

Maude Abbott, 1936



# Atlas of congenital cardiac disease

## Maude Abbott, 1936

- 92 cases of persistence of the « shunt between aorta and PA »
- 1938: Gross = ligature of persistent arterial duct
- 1945 : first Blalock-Taussig-Thomas shunt

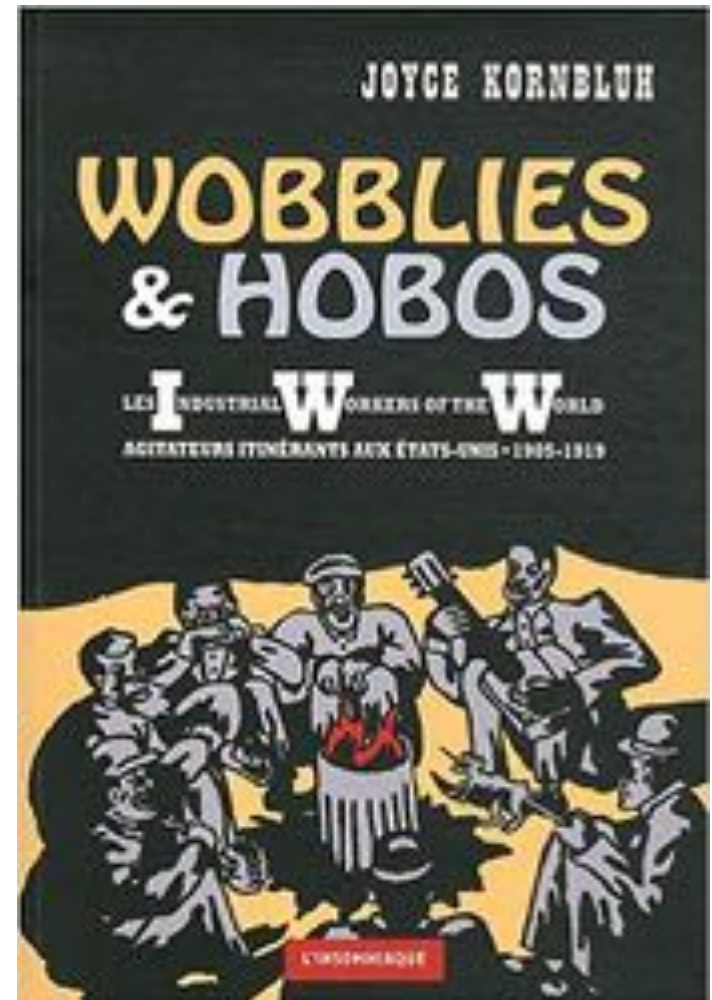


# Anatomic and Clinical Classification of Congenital Heart Defects (ACC-CHD) based on the IPCCC

## EPICARD Study « *HoBo Classification* »

Houyel L, Khoshnood B, Anderson RH, Lelong N, Thieulin AC, Goffinet F, Bonnet D; the EPICARD Study group. *Orphanet J Rare Dis.* 2011 Oct 3;6(1):64

Khoshnood B, Lelong N, Houyel L, Thieulin AC, Jouannic JM, Magnier S, Delezoide AL, Magny JF, Rambaud C, Bonnet D, Goffinet F; on behalf of the EPICARD Study Group. *Heart* 2012;98;1667-73.



# Anatomic and Clinical Classification of Congenital Heart Defects (ACC-CHD) based on the IPCCC

- *10 main categories*

1. **Heterotaxy**, including isomerism
2. Anomalies of the **venous returns**
3. Anomalies of the **atria** and interatrial communications
4. Anomalies of the **atrioventricular junction** and valves
5. Complex anomalies of the atrioventricular connections
6. **Functionally univentricular hearts**
7. **Ventricular septal defects**
8. Anomalies of the **ventricular outflow tracts** (VA connections)
9. Anomalies of the extrapericardial **arterial trunks**
10. Congenital anomalies of the **coronary arteries**

- *23 subcategories*

- *IPCCC codes*



# ICD (International classification of diseases, WHO) and Congenital Heart Defects

- ICD-9 (1975) : 29 items
- ICD-10 (1989) : 73 items
- ICD-11 (2018) : **324** items, with corresponding IPCCC code, definitions, synonyms and commentaries



International Society for Nomenclature  
of Paediatric and Congenital Heart  
Disease

*Franklin RCG et al. Nomenclature for congenital and paediatric cardiac disease:  
The IPCCC and the ICD-11. Cardiol Young **2017**;27:1872-1938.*



# Why do we need classifications ?

- To establish an universal language for people dealing with CHD all over the world
- ICD-11 : translation in progress

*Béland MJ et al. Can J Cardiol 2018*

- Databases
- Coding not only for billing, but also for scientific purposes
- To improve the precision of diagnostic and better identify the phenotypes

# Revisiting the anatomy of CHD

## Do we have still something to learn?

- Heterotaxy
- Ventricular septal defects
- Congenitally corrected TGA  
(double discordance)

# Revisiting the anatomy of CHD Heterotaxy



# Heterotaxy.. or isomerism?

- Laterality defect
- Random organisation of the intrathoracic and intraabdominal organs

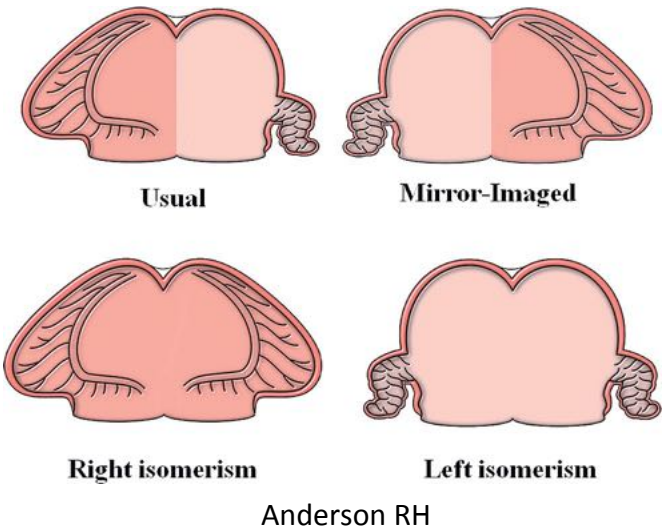
*Van Praagh R, Van Praagh S. Am J Cardiol 1990*

- Isomerism : implies an idea of symmetry and a not so random organisation

*Uemura H et al. Ann Thorac Surg 1995*

*Tremblay C et al. Cardiol Young 2017*

- Isomerism of the pectinate muscles : not always present in heterotaxy

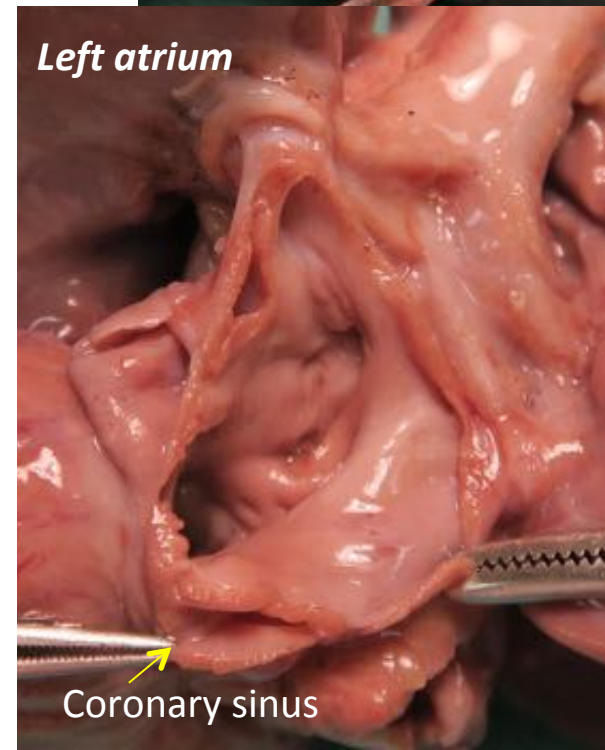
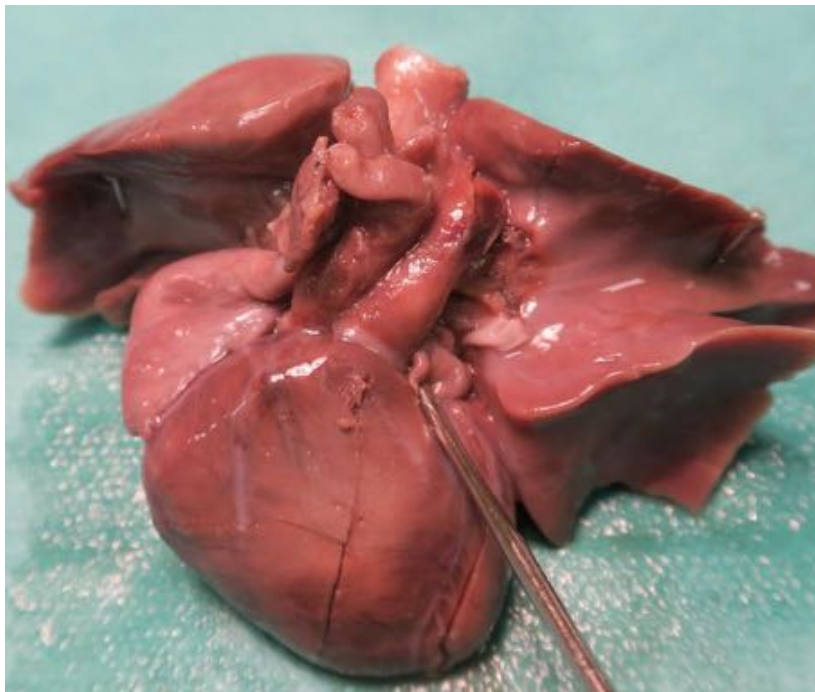
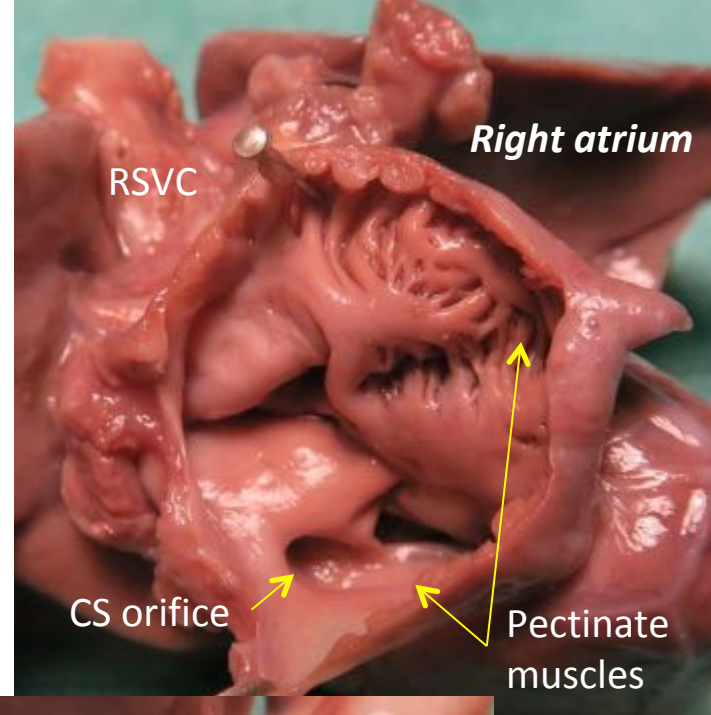


# Heterotaxy.. or isomerism?

Fetal heart, 32 SA

Bronchopulmonary left isomerism, midline liver,  
intestinal malrotation, bilobed spleen

Interruption of the IVC with azygos return,  
LSVC to coronary sinus, normal PVs  
Complete AV canal, DORV {S,D,D}, LV  
hypoplasia, coarctation



# Heterotaxy: can (should) we classify?

- Aim : to establish developmental and genetic links
- Historically : right isomerism = asplenia,  
left isomerism = polysplenia
- But: the spleen is abnormal only in 60% of heterotaxy patients (*Lin, Am J Med Genet A 2014*)
- Bronchial anatomy: better correlation, but discordance in 21% to 25% of patients (*Loomba, Cardiol Young 2016*) (*Yim, Circ CV imaging 2018*)
- Pectinate muscles can be analysed only at autopsy.....
- More and more exceptions, challenging all classifications
- Each patient is unique, and the arrangement of organs is often a mix of the two categories « right-sidedness » et « left-sidedness »



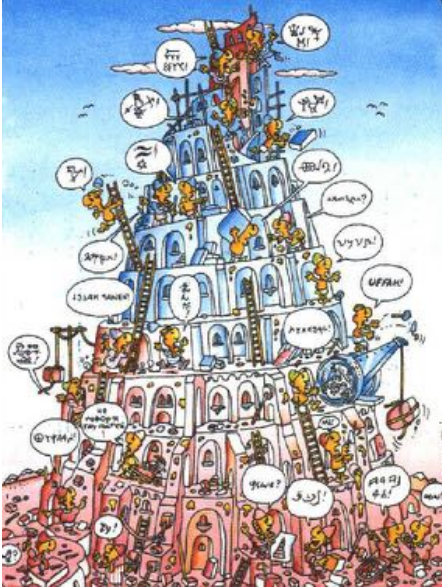
# Heterotaxy? Or isomerism?

- Establish the diagnosis of heterotaxy
  - Abnormal symmetry of certain viscera and veins, and/or situs discordance between various organ systems and between the various segments of the heart  
(*Van Praagh S, 2006*)
  - At least 3/8 characteristic CHD or extracardiac abnormalities  
(*Lin 2014*)
- Look for bronchial isomerism
- Then : describe and be analytic ++++

1	<b>Characteristic CHD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- TAPVR, PAPVR</li><li>- Atrial SI or SA, common atrium</li><li>- AVSD</li><li>- Ventricular hypoplasia or malposition</li><li>- VA alignment abnormalities (DORV, DOLV, TGA, CAT, TOF)</li><li>- LVOTO or RVOTO</li></ul>
2	Biliary atresia
3	Abdominal situs abnormality
4	Spleen abnormality
5	Isomerism of bronchi
6	Isomerism of the lungs
7	Similar morphology of the atrial appendages
8	2 of the following : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Systemic venous anomalies</li><li>- Intestinal malrotation</li><li>- Absent gallbladder</li></ul>

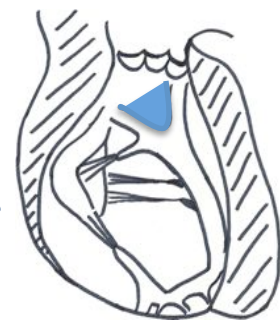
# Revisiting the anatomy of CHD

## The VSDs



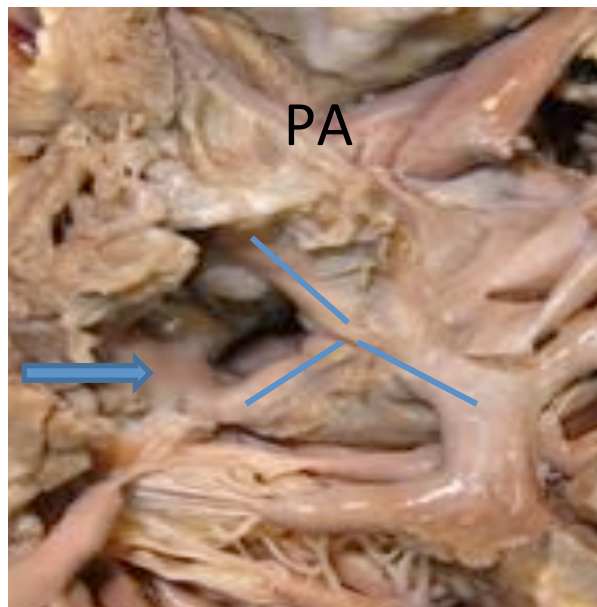
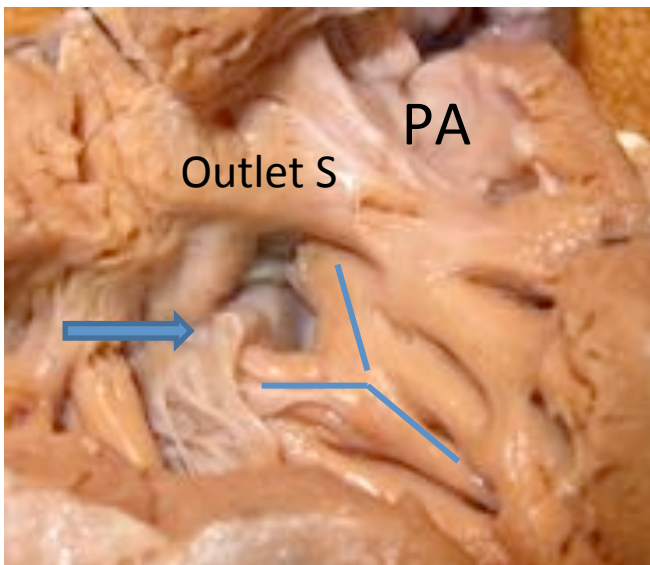
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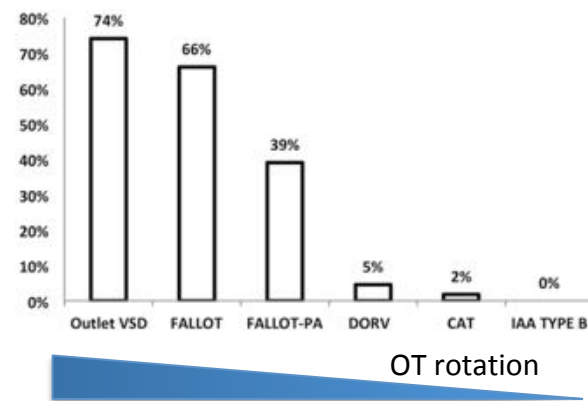


# Outlet VSD

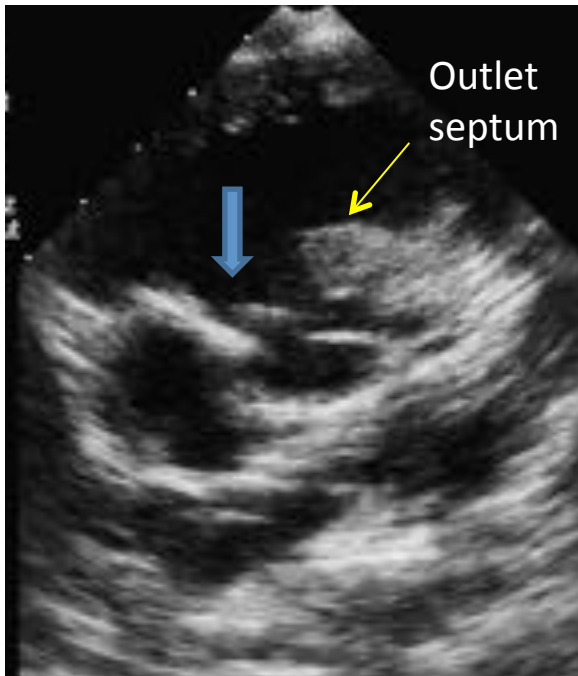
## Anatomic characteristics



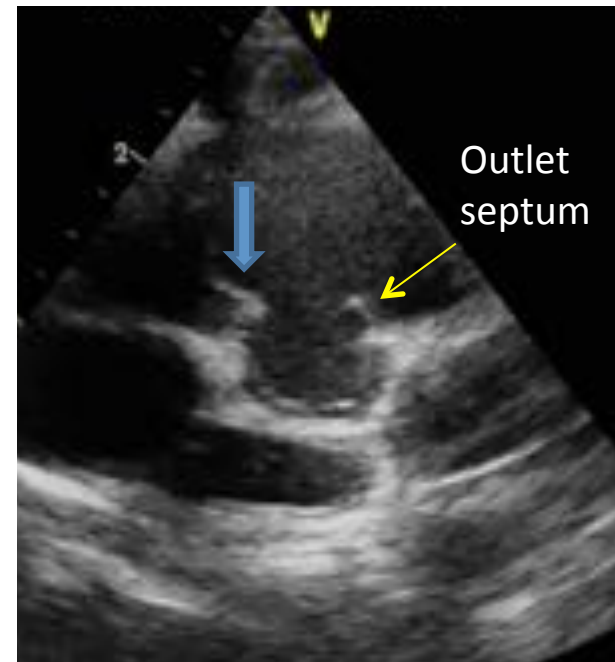
- ❑ All outlet VSDs (except some juxta-arterial VSDs) are located between the two limbs of the Y of the septal band
- ❑ Lack of fusion between the outlet septum and the ventricular septum
- ❑ All cardiac neural crest defects share the same VSD
- ❑ Borders : the postero-inferior rim can be fibrous (« outlet pm ») or muscular (outlet muscular)



## Outlet VSD with anteriorly malaligned outlet septum: same geography, different borders



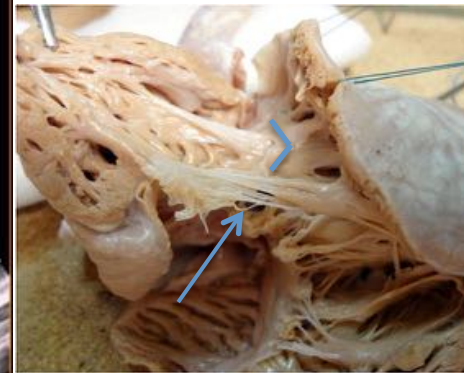
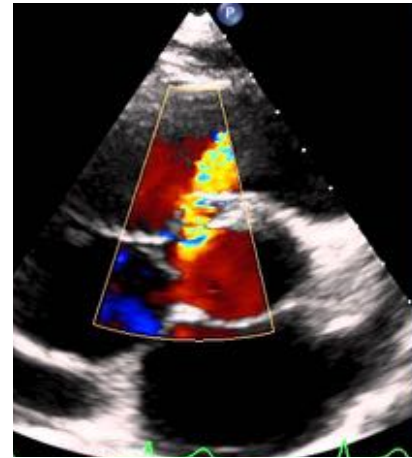
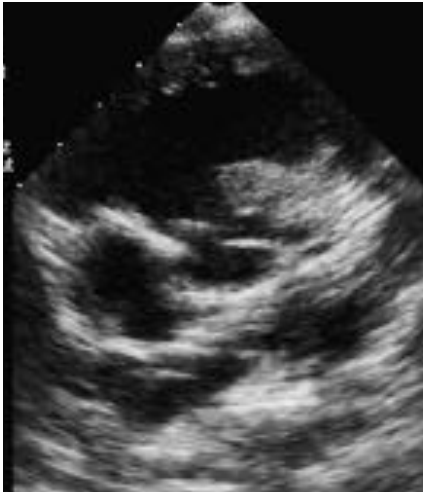
Fibrous (« outlet perimembranous »)



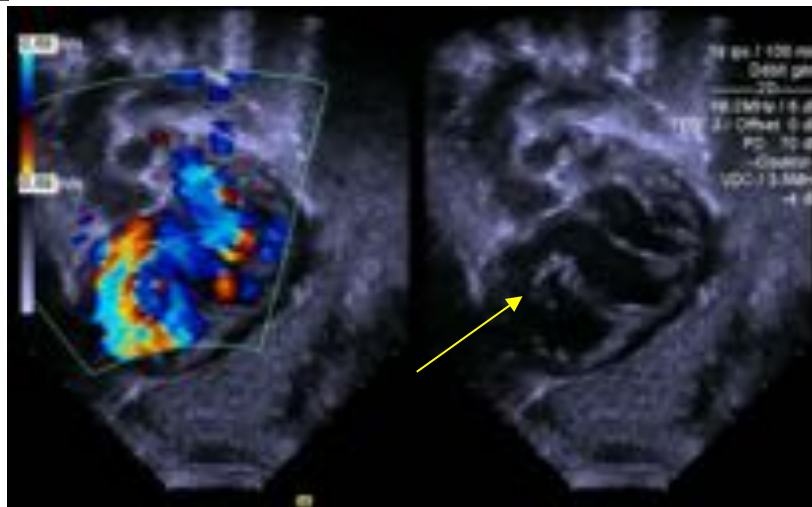
Muscular (« outlet muscular »)

Courtesy D. Bonnet

# Outlet VSD versus central perimembranous VSD: same borders, different geography

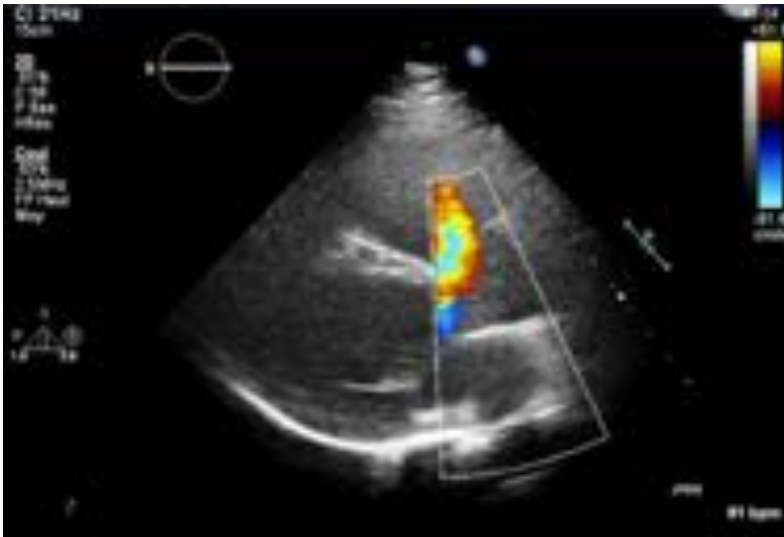


Outlet VSD with anteriorly malaligned outlet septum : ABOVE the upper septal attachments of the TV



Central pm VSD : BELOW the upper septal attachments of the TV

# Outlet VSD versus central perimembranous VSD: same borders, different geography



Courtesy X. Iriart

- Antenatal diagnosis
- Outlet VSD = cardiac neural crest defects (microdeletion 22q1.1)
- Central pm VSD = trisomies

# Classification and nomenclature of VSDs

- ISNPCHD → ICD-11
- Classification in 4 main categories, based on *geography*
  - Central perimembranous
  - Inlet
  - Trabecular muscular
  - Outlet
- In each category (outlet VSDs) : subclassification according to *borders*
  - Perimembranous (fibrous continuity)
  - Muscular
- Aim : harmonize and unify the different approaches between clinicians, imagers, surgeons, and anatomists





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# Classification of VSD for ICD-11 (Lopez L et al. Ann Thorac Surg 2018;106:1578-89)

## □ Central perimembranous VSD (07.10.01)

## □ Inlet VSD without a common atrioventricular junction (07.14.05)\*

- Inlet VSD without atrioventricular septal malalignment without a common AV junction and with perimembranous extension (07.10.02)
- Inlet VSD with atrioventricular septal malalignment and without a common AV junction (07.14.06)
- Inlet muscular VSD (07.11.02)

## □ Trabecular muscular VSD (07.11.01)

- Trabecular muscular VSD: Midseptal (07.11.04)
- Trabecular muscular VSD: Apical (07.11.03)
- Trabecular muscular VSD: Postero-inferior (07.11.12)
- Trabecular muscular VSD: Anterosuperior (07.11.07)
- Trabecular muscular VSD: Multiple ("Swiss cheese" septum) (07.11.05)

\* The interventricular communication associated with a common AV junction (VSD component of an AV septal or AV canal defect) should be considered in the common AV junction section for coding purposes (AV septal defect: ventricular component, 06.06.04).



## □ Outlet VSD (07.12.00)

### ❖ Outlet VSD **without malalignment** (07.12.09)

- Outlet muscular VSD without malalignment (07.11.06)
- Doubly committed juxta-arterial VSD without malalignment (07.12.01)
  - Doubly committed juxta-arterial VSD without malalignment and with muscular postero-inferior rim (07.12.02)
  - Doubly committed juxta-arterial VSD without malalignment and with perimembranous extension (07.12.03)

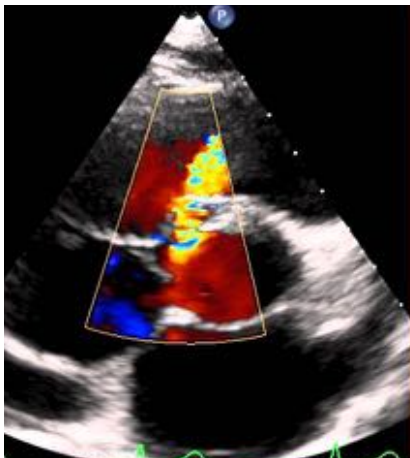
### ❖ Outlet VSD **with anteriorly malaligned outlet septum** (07.10.17)

- Outlet **muscular** VSD with anteriorly malaligned outlet septum (07.11.15)
- Outlet VSD with anteriorly malaligned outlet septum and **perimembranous extension** (07.10.04)
- **Doubly committed juxta-arterial** VSD with anteriorly malaligned fibrous outlet septum (07.12.12)
  - Doubly committed juxta-arterial VSD with anteriorly malaligned fibrous outlet septum and muscular postero-inferior rim (07.12.07)
  - Doubly committed juxta-arterial VSD with anteriorly malaligned fibrous outlet septum and perimembranous extension (07.12.05)

### ❖ Outlet VSD **with posteriorly malaligned outlet septum** (07.10.18)

- Outlet **muscular** VSD with posteriorly malaligned outlet septum (07.11.16)
- Outlet VSD with posteriorly malaligned outlet septum and **perimembranous extension** (07.10.19)
- **Doubly committed juxta-arterial** VSD with posteriorly malaligned fibrous outlet septum (07.12.13)
  - Doubly committed juxta-arterial VSD with posteriorly malaligned fibrous outlet septum and muscular postero-inferior rim (07.12.08)
  - Doubly committed juxta-arterial VSD with posteriorly malaligned fibrous outlet septum and perimembranous extension (07.12.06)

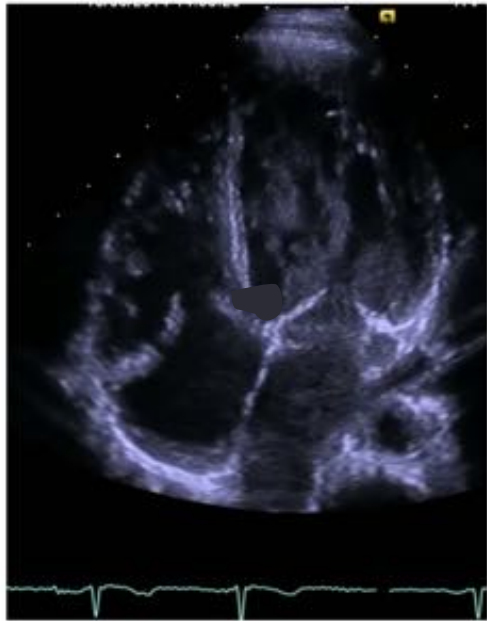
# Central perimembranous VSD: Parasternal long-axis and short-axis view



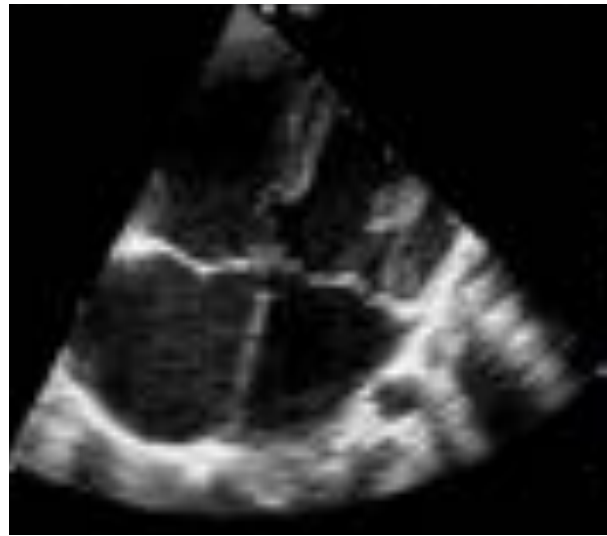
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# Inlet VSD : the 4-chamber view



Central perimembranous VSD  
with inlet extension

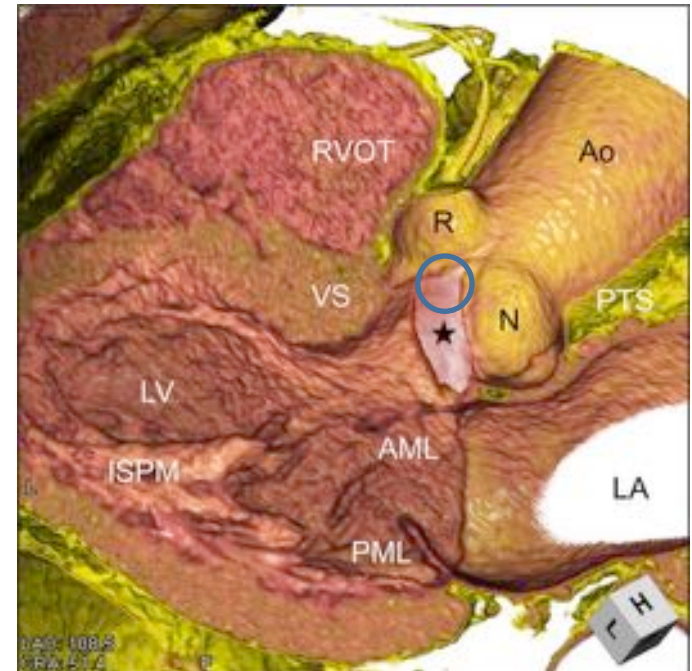
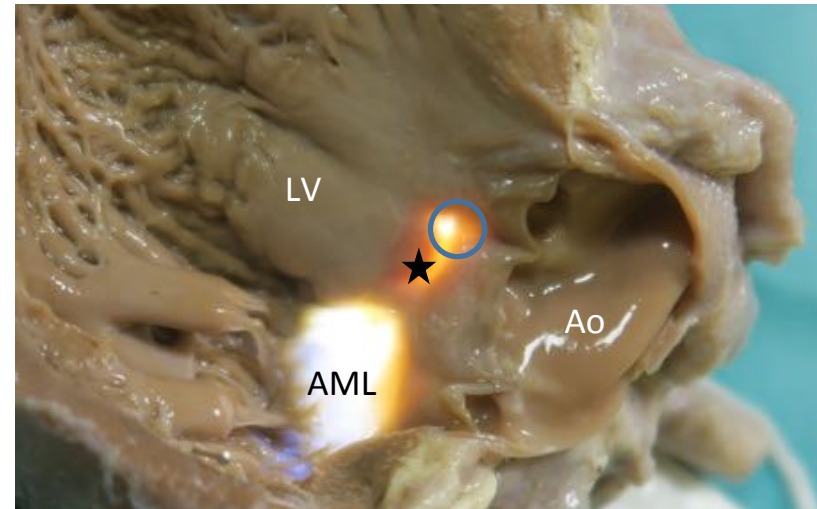
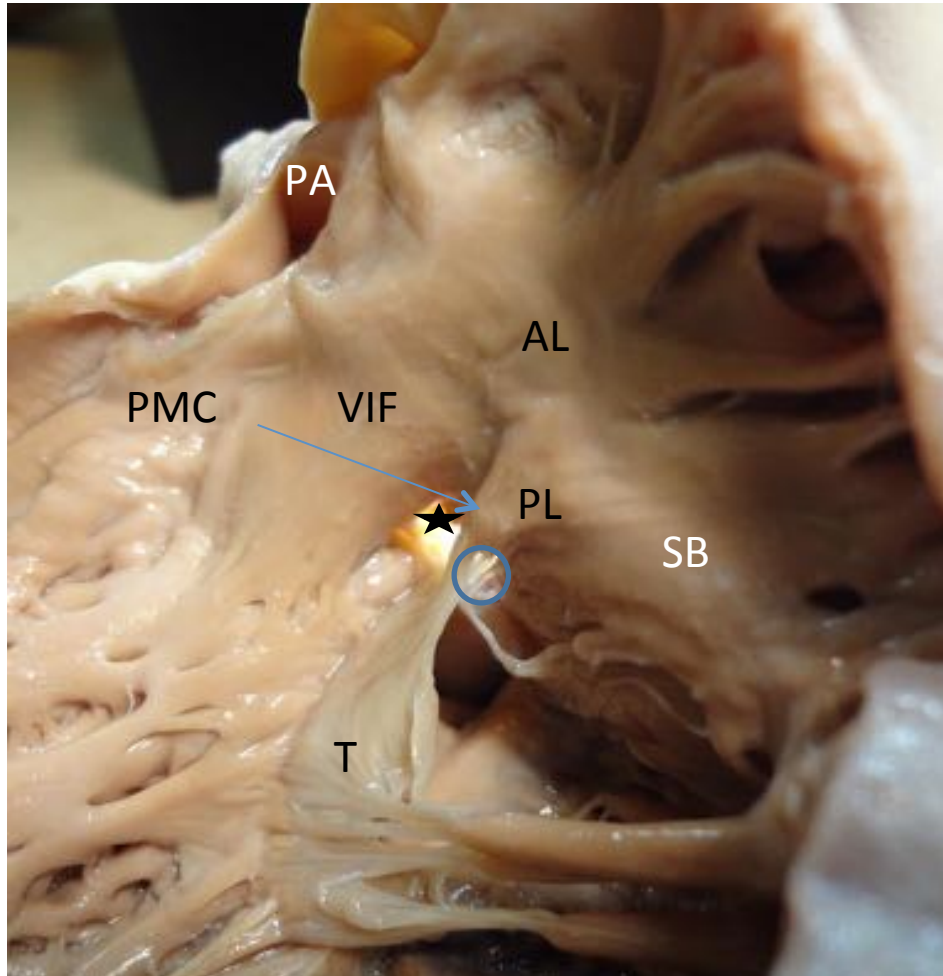


Inlet VSD  
Common AV junction



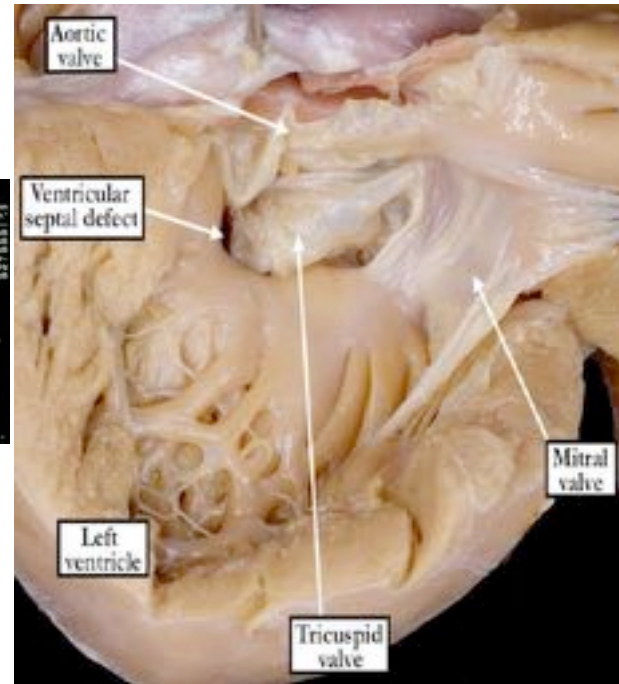
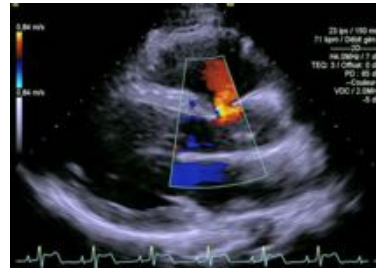
Inlet VSD  
Malalignment AS/Vs  
Straddling TV

# The membranous septum

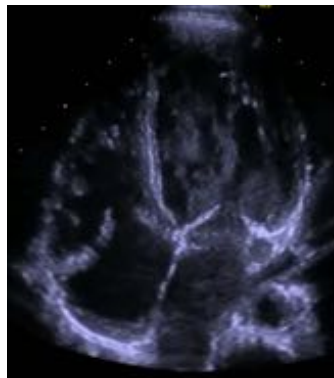


- ★ Atrioventricular membranous septum
- Interventricular membranous septum

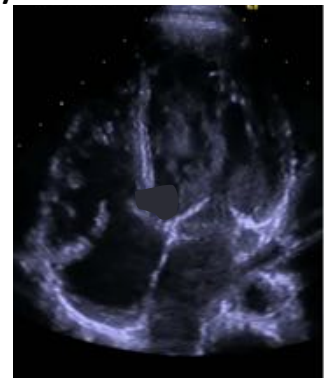
# Central/inlet perimembranous VSD



INDIRECT fibrous continuity  
between M and T valves  
= CENTRAL PM



DIRECT fibrous continuity  
between M and T valves  
= CENTRAL PM WITH  
INLET EXTENSION  
(= INLET pm VSD)



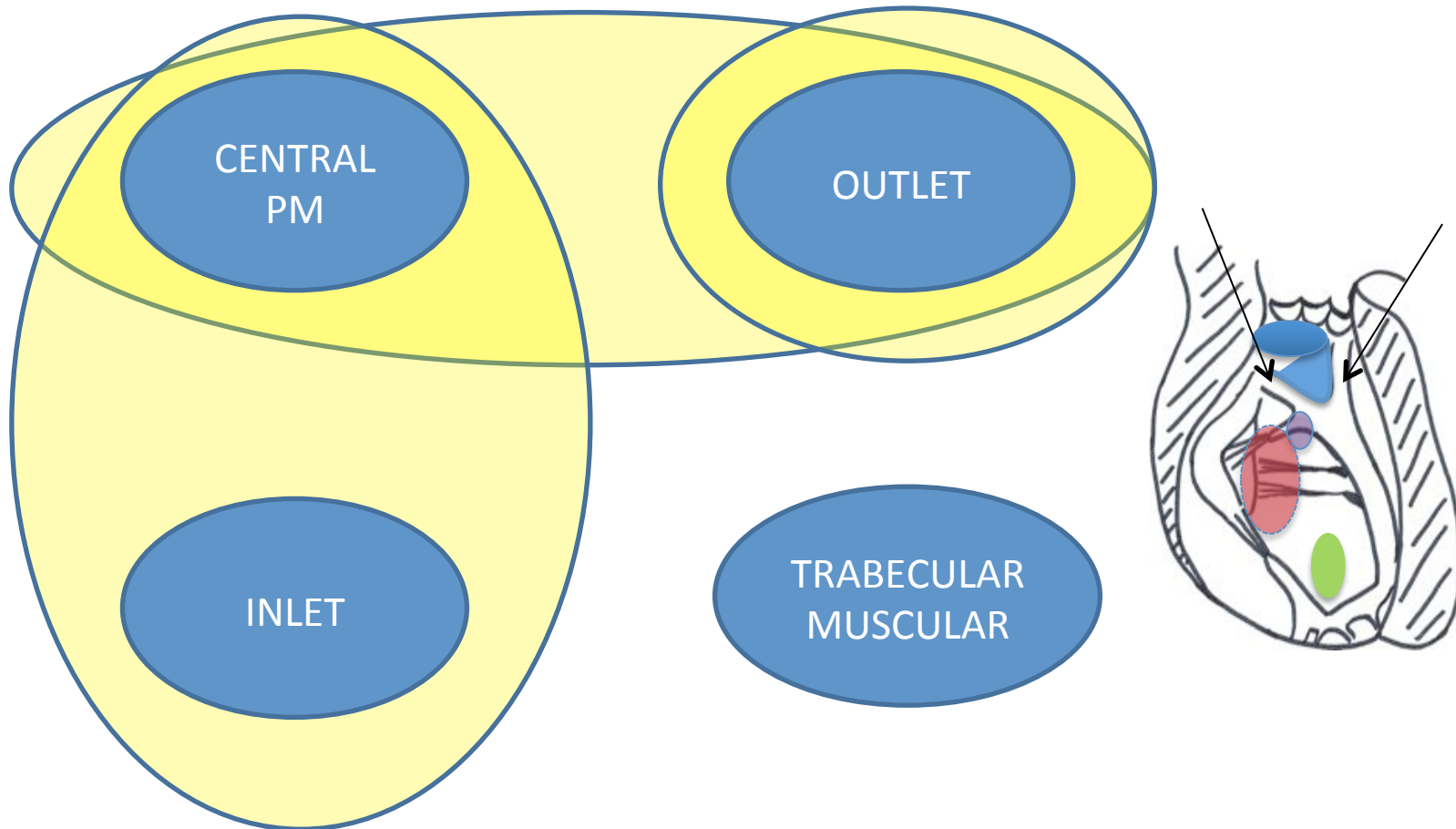
# VSD : What did we learn?

GEOGRAPHY : Etiology,  
associated lesions, outcome

OUTLET SEPTUM : Associated  
lesions, outcome

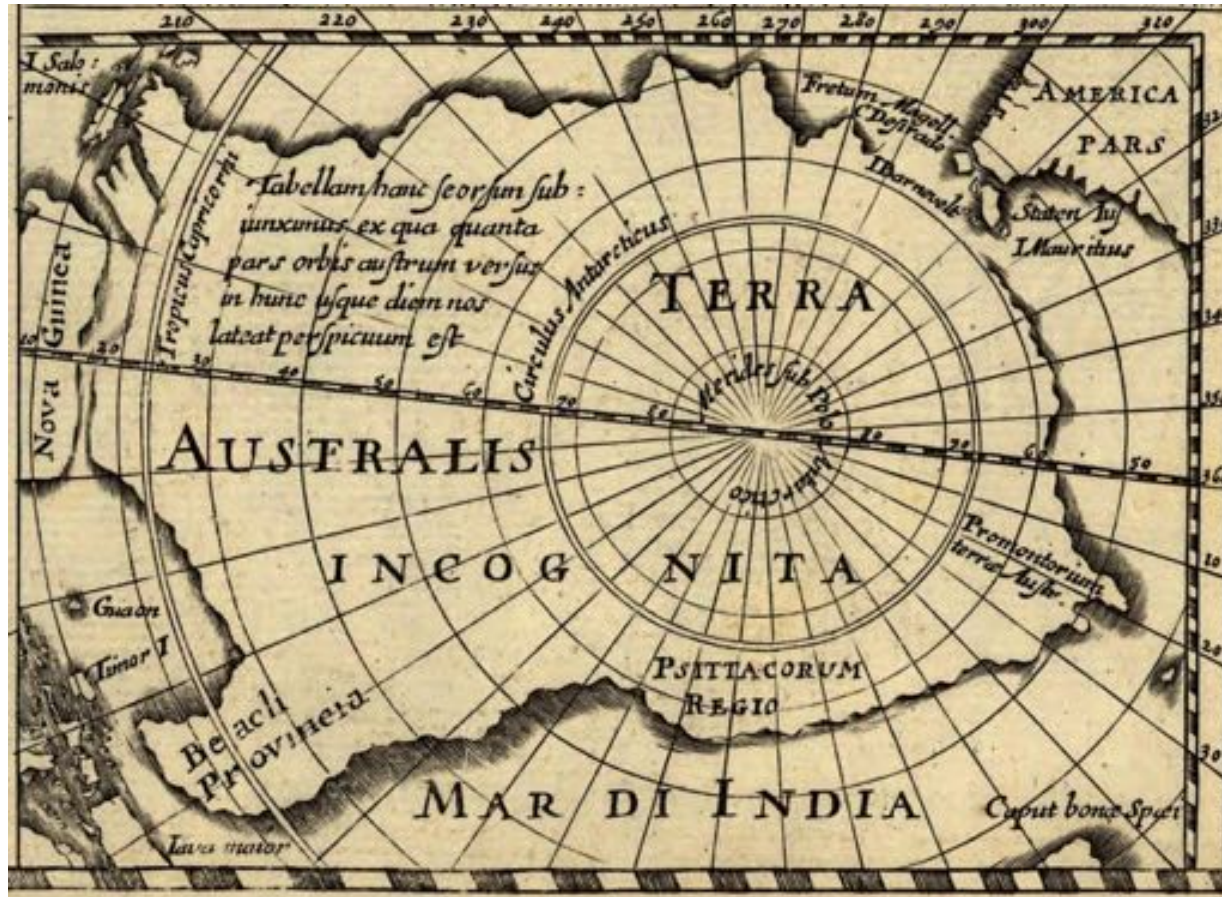
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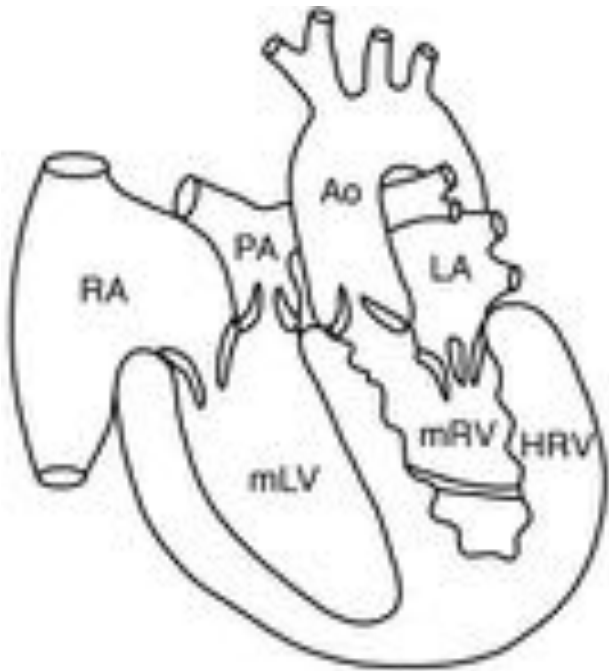




# Revisiting the anatomy of CHD ccTGA (double discordance)



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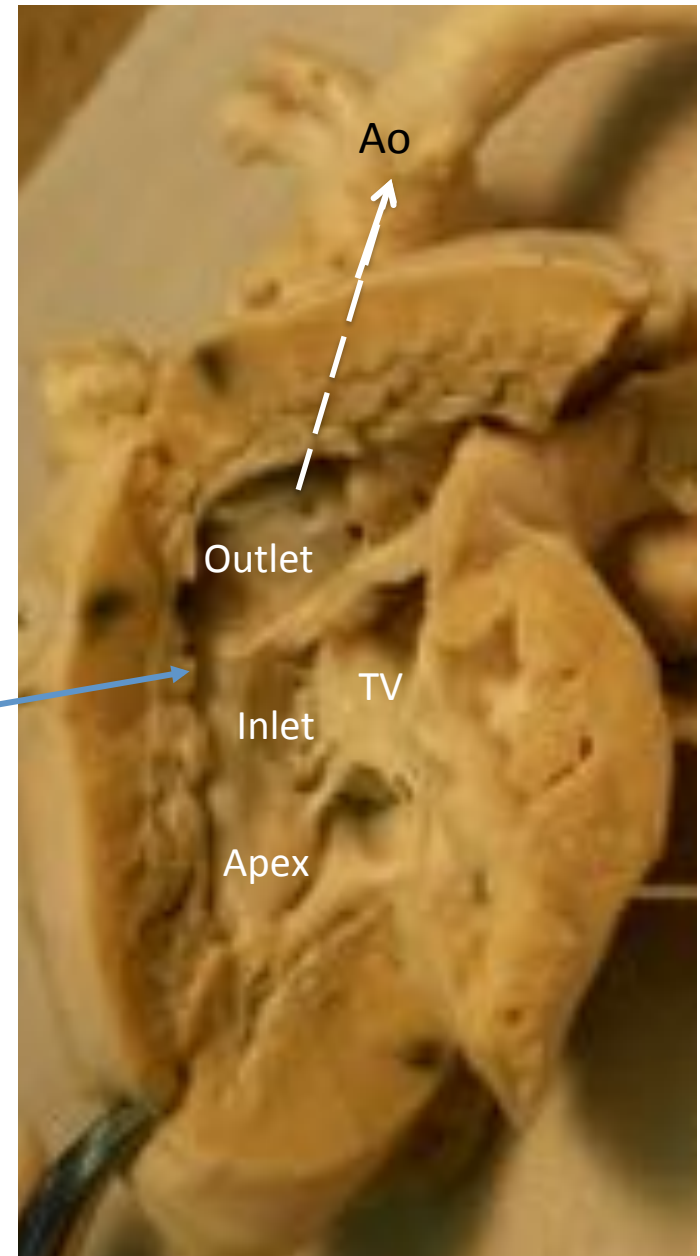
- 0,5% of all CHD
- Laterality defect
- Discordant AV connections
- Discordant VA connections
- S,L,L
- Rarely isolated
- Often associated with VSD, RV hypoplasia, subpulmonary stenosis or pulmonary atresia
- Always associated with abnormal location of the conduction system

# ccTGA (double discordance) the VSD enigma

- VSD : 80-85% (anatomic series)  
60-65% (clinical series)
- 1. Where is the VSD?
  - Subpulmonary, outlet pm ? *Hornung et al. Heart 2010*
  - Inlet ? *Kutty et al. Heart 2018*
  - Central pm with inlet extension ? *Allwork et al. Am J Cardiol 1976*
  - Outlet (conoventricular)? *Van Praagh et al. Am Heart J 1998*
- 2. Why is it so difficult to describe ?

# The RV in double discordance

- ❑ The RV and the tricuspid valve are almost always abnormal
- ❑ RV sinus hypoplasia, +/- Ebstein
- ❑ Constriction of the junction between inlet and outlet
- ❑ The Y of the septal band looks abnormal





# Questions

- Are the ventricles in ccTGA just inverted? Or completely different from a normal heart?
- Are they really different or do they just appear different?
- Optical illusion?
- If they are different, is it because of the L-loop? Or of the L-malposition of the vessels?





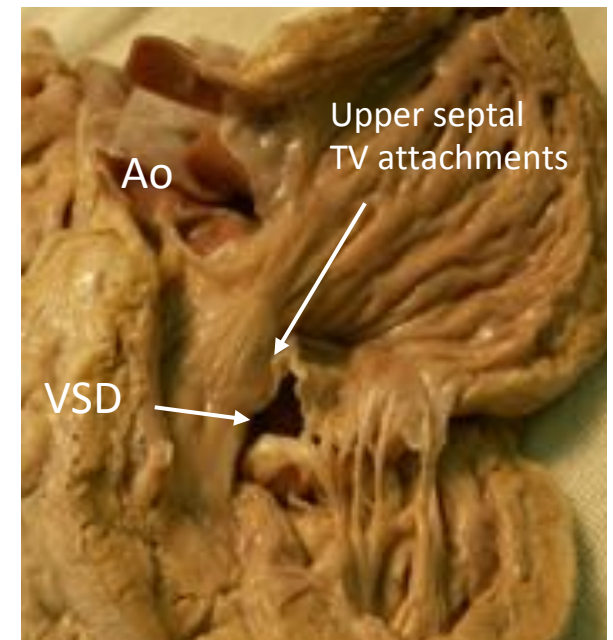
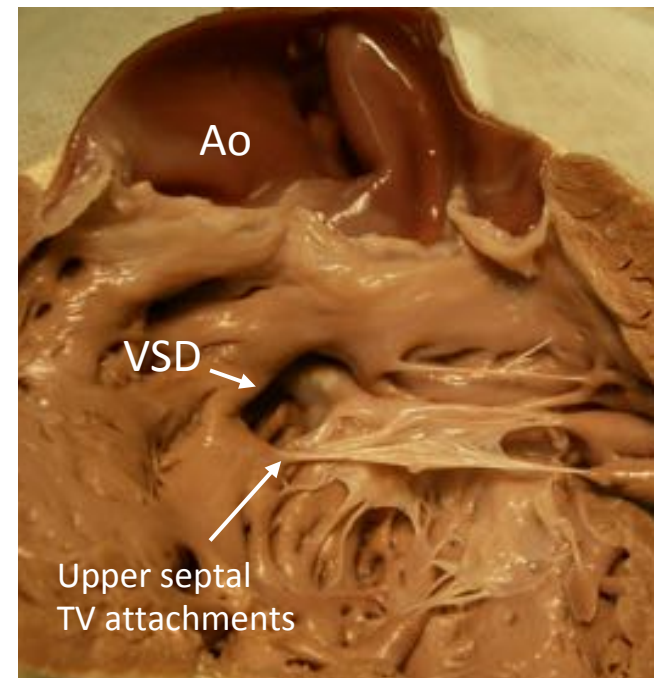
# The VSD in ccTGA

Nicolas Arribard, M2

- 31 ccTGA : VSD = 84%
- Classification : TV upper septal attachments
  - Above : outlet VSD
  - Below : Inlet VSD

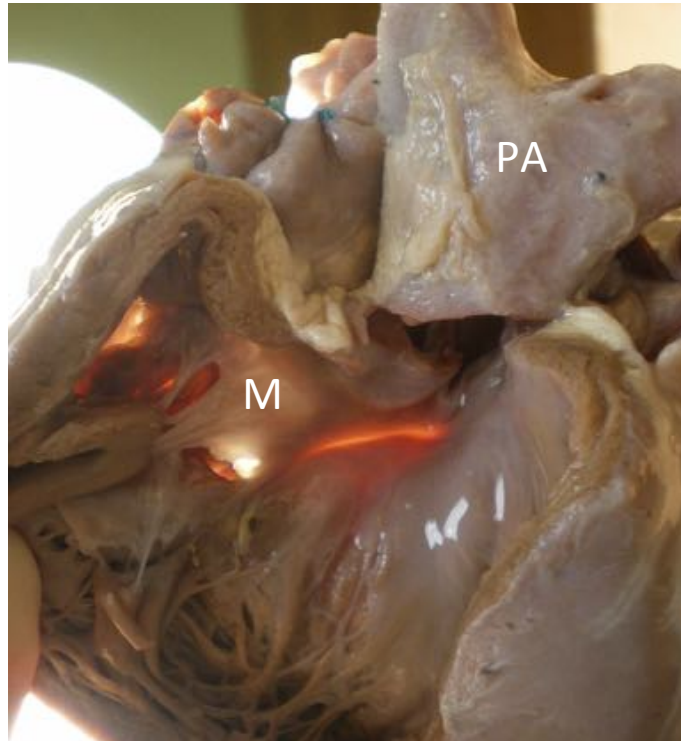
*Lopez et al. Ann Thorac Surg 2018*

- Results
  - Outlet = 65%
  - Inlet = 23%
  - Muscular = 4%
  - Confluent = 8% (inlet/outlet)

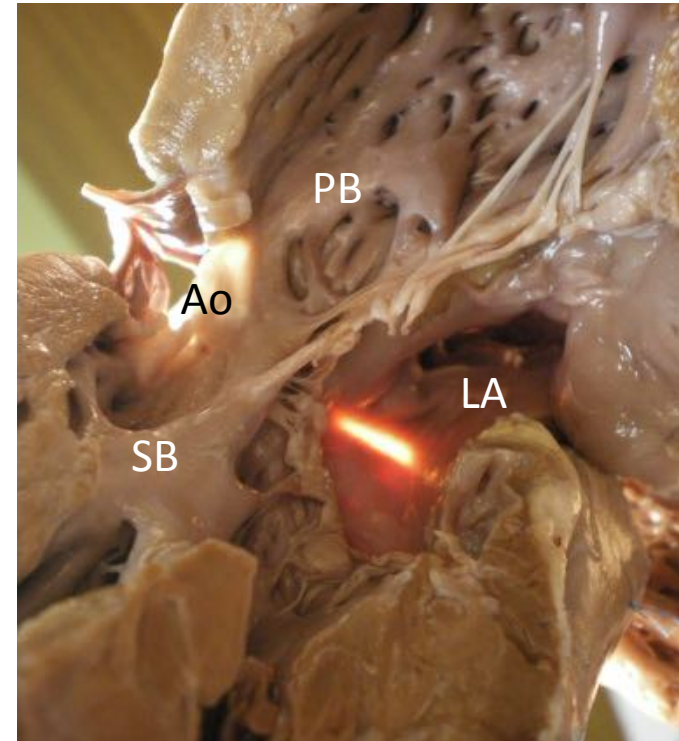


# ccTGA: the membranous septum

- Is only an atrioventricular structure (LA/LV)
- Fills the gap between the malaligned A and V septum



Left ventricle, right-sided

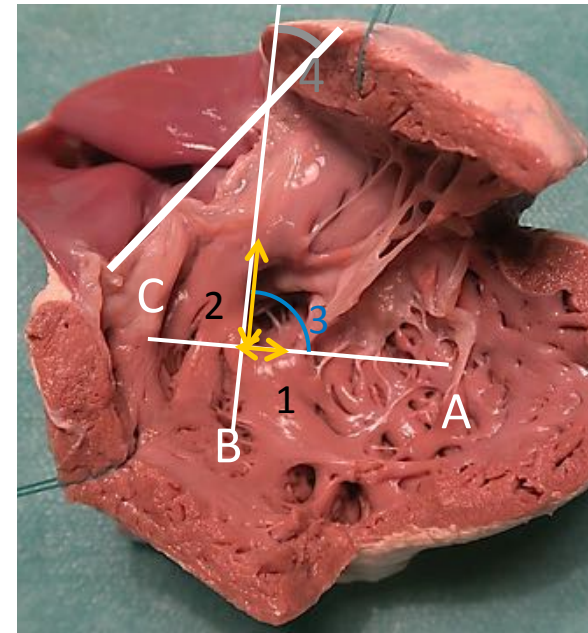


Right ventricle, left-sided

# The anatomy of the right ventricle in ccTGA

- ❑ 31 ccTGA, 36 TGA, 35 normal hearts
- ❑ Anatomy of the septal band : ccTGA is closer to normal heart than TGA !

	ccTGA	TGA	Normal heart	p
Angle AL/PL	76°4	90°8 *	76°1	0.01
Angle AL/arterial valve	70°6	90°6 *	69°1	0.0004
Ratio AL/PL	3.7 *	2.3	1.5	0.0003

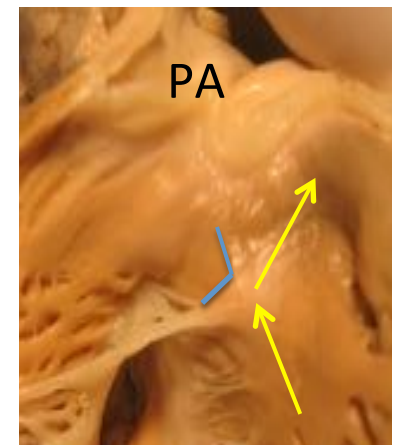


- ❑ Posterior limb shorter in ccTGA: illusion of an inlet VSD

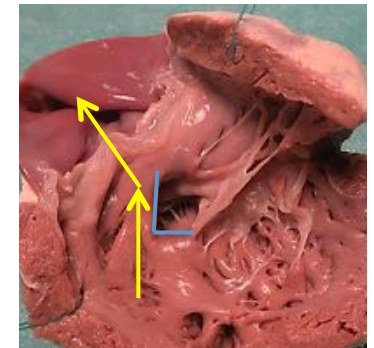


# The anatomy of the right ventricle in ccTGA

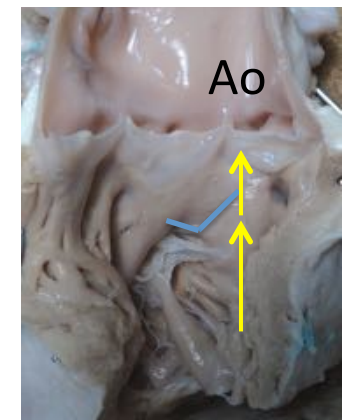
- ❑ The geometry of the outflow tract is similar (but mirror-imaged) in NH and in ccTGA, despite the VA discordance
- ❑ In TGA, the outflow tract is straight (no rotation)
- ❑ ccTGA is not a TGA!!!
- ❑ Could this explain the better longevity of the systemic RV in ccTGA vs TGA post-atrial switch?



NH



ccTGA



TGA

L'anatomie des cardiopathies  
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# Cardiac specimens.. A thing of the past?





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