# Complete Right Bundle Branch Block 

 associated toRight Ventricular Hypertrophy

# The diagnosis of RVH in the presence of CRBBB by ECG criteria 

## In the Frontal Plane

|  | Isolated CRBBB | CRBBB associated to RVH |
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| I and aVL | qRS | rS |
| II- III- aVF | Variable. | QR; R or qR |

## In the precordial leads

- Voltage of $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ wave of $\mathrm{V}_{1}$ (rsR') of 15 mm of height or greater in the presence of CRBBB;
- Voltage of $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ wave of $\mathrm{V}_{1}\left(\mathrm{rSR}^{\prime}\right)$ of 10 mm of height or greater in the presence of IRBBB;
- R' wave of great voltage is more likely to correspond to RVH in children than in adults;
- Persistence of triphasic morphology ( rSR ') in intermediary precordial leads $\left(\mathrm{V}_{3}\right.$ and $\mathrm{V}_{4}$ ). This sign suggests hypertrophy of RV free wall;
- $\quad q R$ pattern in $V_{1}$ may be an indirect sign of RAE and this of RVH;
- 6) Tetraphasic pattern (rss's') in $V_{2}, V_{3}$ and up to $V_{4}$ suggests hypertrophy of trabecular region of the RV;
- Complex of the $\mathrm{R} / \mathrm{S}$ type with negative T waves, beyond $\mathrm{V}_{4}$, suggests hypertrophy of the low right paraseptal region of the RV;
- Initial q wave disappears, decrease of $R$ voltage and increase of $S$ depth in $V_{5}$ and $V_{6}$ are observed in Complete RBBB associated to great RVH;
- Pattern of Incomplete RBBB or Complete RBBB of sudden onset, suggests acute RVH by pulmonary embolism;
- Presence of P wave criteria of RAE associated to Complete RBBB suggests RVH, except for Ebstein's anomaly and tricuspid atresia.

Elements that suggest RVH in $V_{1}$ in the presence of IRBBB and CRBBB


Voltage criteria of $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ in $\mathrm{V} 1>10 \mathrm{~mm}$ for IRBBB and $>15 \mathrm{~mm}$ for CRBBB that indicates associated RVH.

## VCG criteria of CRBBB associated to RVH on HP (Miquel 1958)

CRBBB + Mild RVH
CRBBB + Moderate RVH
CRBBB + Severe RVH


| CRBBB VCG Grishman type or |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kennedy type I | CRBBB VCG Cabrera type or | CRBBB VCG Kennedy type III |
| Kennedy type II |  |  |

(1) a CW rotation of the QRS loop in the HP, (2) a ratio of the magnitude of the R wave to that of the S wave ( $\mathrm{R} / \mathrm{S}$ ratio) in lead X at less than 2.0, (3) a mean QRS vector in lead X more negative than--10 mv.msec, or (4) a maximal QRS vector located between $90^{\circ}$ and $-90^{\circ}$ in the HP. In contrast, an R/S ratio in lead $X$ that was $\geq$ 2.0 or an azimuth angle of the mean spatial QRS vector that was not between $90^{\circ}$ and $\pm 180^{\circ}$ would indicate that the right ventricular conduction defect is probably uncomplicated (Brohet 1978).

ECG/VCG correlation on HP CRBBB of VCG Kennedy type III or C


## PAF: Prominent Anterior Forces

RECD: Right End Conduction Delay: CRBBB
ECG/VCG correlation in the frontal plane Kennedy type III. QRS loop totally dislocated in anterior quadrants and of clockwise rotation. In general, this type of loop usually means significant RVH, but it may correspond to normal cases like this one. Initial vector to the front, QRS loop of clockwise rotation, except for a minimal part of end delay or VCG Kennedy type III or C, is more frequent in the presence of associated RVH, however it may be normal. main body of the QRS loop located in anterior quadrants (in front of the X line)

Name: PAG; Gender: male; Age: 75 yo.; Race: white; Weight: 80 Kg ; Height: 1.70 m; Date: 16/12/2003
Medication in use: Enalapril 20 mg ; Prednisteroids 20 mg per day; Salbutamol 2 per day.


Clinical diagnosis:. Emphysema and systemic hypertension
Echocardiogram: mild concentric hypertrophy. Mitral ring calcification. Mild RV dilatation.
ECG diagnosis: SR, HR: 78 bpm P wave: $\mathrm{SAP}:+63^{\circ}$; duration: 80 ms ; Voltage: 1 mm . PR: 172 ms .
QRS: SÂQRS: with extreme deviation in the right superior quadrant; $-120^{\circ}$; $\mathrm{QRSD}: 140 \mathrm{~ms}$; SAT: $+50^{\circ}$ and to the back; QT: 430 ms ; QTc: 490 ms .
Conclusion: Complete Right Bundle Branch Block + PAF (Prominent Anterior Forces). Cause? RVH? SFB?
Extreme deviation of SÂQRS in the right superior quadrant: LAFB? Electrically inactive inferior area? Association of both?

ECG/VCG correlation on FP

rS. Small initial $r$ wave: pseudo inferior electrically inactive area
Note: The diagnosis of LAFB and/or inferior electrically inactive area is not configured. The initial forces are directed to left and upward. The greatest part of QRS loop located in the right superior quadrant rules out LAFB (in spite of its CCW rotation). The fast recording of QRS loop onset in the FP and the corrected aspect of the efferent branch rule out the diagnosis of inferior Myocardial Infarction. In spite of the extreme deviation of the QRS axis in the superior quadrants, associated LAFB is not configured, even with a CCW rotation. RECD is indicative of CRBBB,

## ECG/VCG correlation on HP



Monophasic R waves with notch from V1 to V3: CRBBB + PAF (Prominent Anterior Forces).

