Double valve replacements in the Octogenarian population – a viable option for the future?

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Introduction

• At least 20 million Octogenarians by 2020 in Europe

• Symptomatic cardiac disease - 40%

• More referrals – however, uncertainty over operative & long-term survival still exists
Current Evidence

• 62 Retrospective cohorts

• Level 3

• Isolated valve (21), CABG (8), AVR+CABG(32)

• One cohort on double valve replacement
Summary of current evidence

• Cardiac surgery in a UK population of octogenarians produced excellent results. Long term survival was significantly better in the study patients than in a general population with the same age distribution. (Heart april 2006, 92/3)

• CABG for Octogenarians can be performed safely with acceptable short term and long term outcome. (Nature clinical practice cardiovasc med, nov 2008,5/11)

• Surgery for symptomatic AS in octogenarians has an acceptable operative risk, improved functional status and satisfactory midterm survival rates, justifies surgery in advanced age. (Ann Thorac Surg, april 2008, 85/4 ; Thorac cardiovasc surg, february 2008, 56/1)
Double valve surgery

- High end of spectrum for operative risk across the age
- High requirement of resources
- Long term outcome unknown
Evidence for double valve replacement

- Retrospective study – 55 patients
- Concomitant diagnoses: AF(73%), CAD (44%), renal insufficiency (29%)
- Survival rates at 30 days and 1 year were 91% and 71% respectively.
- Bypass time, Pre-op stroke and post op intestinal failure were predictors for mortality.
- Conclusion: For selected octogenarians double valve replacement can be performed with acceptable outcome.
Papworth Hospital, UK
Trend of age over the years
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Average age of patients

![Graph showing the average age of patients from 2006/07 to 2013/14.]
Average age of patients
Papworth Experience

- Total : 1986 patients
- Duration: 13 years (Mar 1996 – Jul 2009)
- Elective : 69% (1373); Urgent : 23% (460); Emergency: 8% (153)
- Median age: 82 years- (range 80- 96 yrs)
- Male -59% (1169); female – 41% (817).
Operative procedures

- CABG: 736
- Isolated Valve surgery: 509
- Isolated valve + CABG: 534
- Double valve surgery +/- additional procedures: 69
- Aortic surgery: 53.
Double valve & additional procedures (69)

- Median age: 82 yrs (80-96)
- Sex: male – 37, female – 32.
- Elective: 80% (55); Urgent: 12; Emergency: 2.
- Redo cardiac surgery: 2
- AF: 67% (46).
Risk stratification (DVR)

- Pulmonary hypertension : 26% (18)
- Previous MI: 17% (12)
- Raised creatinine: 33%(23)
- Transient neurological dysfunction: 10%(7)
- LV function: Good – 38% (26)  
  Moderate- 54% (37)  
  Poor – 8% (6)
Operations – DVR - 1

- AVR + MV surgery: 25
- AVR + MV surgery & additional procedures: 15
- MV surgery + TV repair: 13
- MV surgery + TV repair & additional procedures: 6
- AVR + MV surgery + TV repair +/- CABG: 8
- AVR + TV repair +/- CABG: 2
Operations – DVR - 2

- Median Cardio Pulmonary Bypass time: 114 (58 - 400)
- Median cross clamp time: 90 (24 - 198)
- Median logistic Euro score: 12.31 (6.6 – 68.4)
- Median Euro score: 9 (6 - 17)
## Statistics

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Outcome

• Median ICU stay: 2 days (1 - 14)

• Median Hospital stay: 12 days (5 - 48)

• Hospital mortality: 16% (11)
Outcome

• In hospital mortality is higher than predicted by logistic Euroscore in this cohort.

• Acceptable CCA & Hospital stay post operatively.

• Significant improvement in functional status in the survivors. 77% of survivors in better NYHA and CCS classes.

• Further scope for a future specialty among surgeons for “Geriatric cardiothoracic surgery”?
Summary - old age

• In unavoidable
• Expectations of the elderly and their treating physicians are higher – quality than quantity
• Advancement in technology
• Massive use of resources
Summary – old age

• Rational and pragmatic approach to the care
• Careful selection of patients
• Clear criteria set up prior to embarking on treatment
• Better and awareness amongst primary health care teams
• Realistic expectations amongst all
Let’s not do something just because we can…….

But,…….

Do it because we SHOULD
Thank you