Imperforate Ebstein’s anomaly of the tricuspid valve

Sir:

In the case report by Gerlis and Anderson (British Heart Journal, 1976, 38, 108), the authors are not correct in saying that there is no previous description of imperforate Ebstein’s anomaly of the tricuspid valve. In 1973, we reported a case of Ebstein’s malformation of the tricuspid valve with complete obstruction to the tricuspid valve orifice, i.e. atresia (Rao et al., 1973). The associated lesion was a ventricular septal defect. In this report we presented clinical, catheterization, angiographic, and pathological data of this case and discussed the differentiation of this anomaly from the usual cases of tricuspid atresia as well as the surgical implications. We also noted that Van Praagh, Ando, and Dungan (1971), Miller (1971), and Lev et al. (1970) had previously mentioned similar cases. Therefore, I believe that imperforate Ebstein’s anomaly of the tricuspid valve is adequately described and documented.

P. Syamasundar Rao,
Department of Paediatrics,
Section of Pediatric Cardiology,
Medical College of Georgia,
Augusta, Georgia 30902, U.S.A.

References


This letter was shown to the authors who reply as follows:

Sir:

We thank Dr. Rao for his comments and particularly for bringing to our attention the earlier descriptions of imperforate Ebstein’s anomaly of the tricuspid valve. He is completely correct and we regret our oversight.

L. M. Gerlis and
R. H. Anderson,
Department of Pathology,
Grimsby General Hospital,
Grimsby,
South Humberside;
and
Department of Paediatrics,
Cardiothoracic Institute,
Brompton Hospital,
Fulham Road,
London SW3 6HP.
Imperforate Ebstein's anomaly of the tricuspid valve

P. Syamasundar Rao, L. M. Gerlis and R. H. Anderson

*Br Heart J* 1976 38: 1108
doi: 10.1136/hrt.38.10.1108

Updated information and services can be found at:
http://heart.bmj.com/content/38/10/1108.citation

**Email alerting service**

Receive free email alerts when new articles cite this article. Sign up in the box at the top right corner of the online article.

**Notes**

To request permissions go to:
http://group.bmj.com/group/rights-licensing/permissions

To order reprints go to:
http://journals.bmj.com/cgi/reprintform

To subscribe to BMJ go to:
http://group.bmj.com/subscribe/