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Discussion: At the conclusion of an induced respiratory maneuver, which resembles a hyperoxic anaesthesia induction sequence, awake CAD patients exhibit significant attenuation of RV peak circumferential strain. This response could be haemodynamically relevant during anaesthesia induction in highrisk CAD patients and needs to be investigated further in a scenario of general anaesthesia.

Session: Closing Session - COVID-19 Outbreak - November 6, 2020

S23:04

Managing acute biventricular dysfunction during the resource-limited COVID-19 Pandemic in a major city

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Introduction: The novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) and ensuing pandemic placed significant pressure on the care of critically ill patients. We present a case of a patient presenting with acute onset left ventricular systolic failure with acute right ventricular dysfunction and unremitting supraventricular tachycardia.



Methods: A 69 year-old male presented with severe shortness of breath and fever to the emergency department in March of 2020 to a major city hospital in the midst of the resourcelimited height of the COVID-19 pandemic. After a thorough history, physical exam, laboratory evaluation, and preliminary point-of-care ultrasonographic examination he was found to be have COVID-19 and mild acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). He was managed initially with non-invasive ventilation, but on hospital day #6, was found to be profoundly hypoxic, confused, and tachycardic. On further evaluation, his vital signs demonstrated a fever of 38.2 C, tachycardia at 140 bpm, blood pressure 125/70 and SpO2 92% on 100% FiO2. Bedside transthoracic echocardiography demonstrated globally severely reduced left ventricular systolic function and a dilated right ventricle with severely reduced systolic function. An electrocardiogram demonstrated monomorphic supraventricular tachycardia.

Results: We describe the patient's prolonged hospital course extending forty-five days with nearly half requiring critical care. The patient eventually improved and was discharged from the hospital.

Discussion: We discuss the implications of resource-limited pandemic conditions in the care of critically ill patients. We incorporate the international experience of developed countries in facing a once-in-a-lifetime global medical emergency. In addition, we comment on the proposed ethical considerations when allocating patients to a significantly high level-ofcare and the implications of this decision for other patients requiring care.

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Impact of rapid versus gradual changes in arterial partial pressure of carbon dioxide on blood flow and myocardial oxygenation in an experimental anaesthetized model

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Introduction: Hyper- and hypocapnia have known vaso-modulatory effects in the coronary circulation. Oxygenation-