

Calcific Constrictive Pericarditis – An Uncommon Conundrum

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Abstract

Pericardial calcification has diverse etiologies, and is commonly incidentally evidenced in imaging studies of the thorax. Dumani et al described in this Journal two patients with calcific constrictive pericarditis (CP): a 45-year-old woman and a 60-year-old man successfully treated by pericardiectomy and with unremarkable postoperative courses. The patients presented with the classical signs and symptoms associated with the diastolic heart insufficiency resultant of the usual progressive mechanical restriction by the CP. The authors emphasized the invasive surgical procedures for those patients with no significant improvement of the clinical manifestations after conservative management. The aim of this letter is to highlight the merit of

the authors with some additional novel literature data.

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