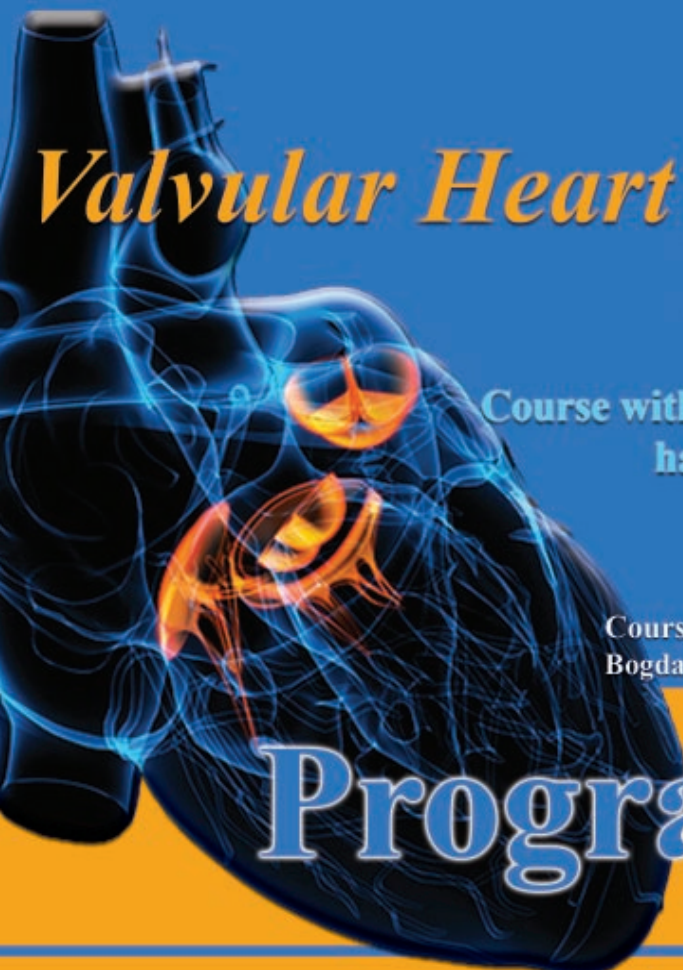




Valvular Heart Disease **Forum**

3rd edition

Course with echocardiography
hands-on workshops

Course directors:
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Programme

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Bucharest, October 10-11, 2025

Course objectives:

To discuss new and practical aspects related to valvular heart disease, focusing on what is new in the 2025 ESC/EACTS VHD Guidelines

Course directors:

Bogdan A. Popescu - Bucharest, Romania

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Marianna Adamo – Brescia, Italy

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Vlad Iliescu - Bucharest, Romania

Adriana Ilieșiu – Bucharest, Romania

Adina Ionac - Timisoara, Romania

Ruxandra Jurcuț – Bucharest, Romania

Sorina S. Mihăilă – Bucharest, Romania

Cătălina Parasca - Bucharest, Romania

Monica Roșca – Bucharest, Romania

Radu Sascău - Iasi, Romania

Dragoș Vinereanu – Bucharest, Romania

10:20 Opening

10:30-11:30 Asymptomatic aortic stenosis: when should we intervene?

Chairpersons: Bernard Iung, Fabien Praz, Bogdan A. Popescu

10:30-10:40 Clinical case. *Andreea Călin*

10:40-10:55 What do the 2025 Guidelines say? *Bernard Iung*

10:55-11:05 Gaps & challenges in guidelines implementation. *B.A. Popescu*

11:05-11:30 Discussion

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:00 Best clinical case session

Chairpersons: Bernard Iung, Bernard Cosyns, Ruxandra Jurcuț

12:00-12:12 **Back to the Beat: Reversing 20 Years of Atrial Fibrillation and Functional Mitral Regurgitation.** *Laura Teodora Enciu, Monica Rosca, Bogdan A. Popescu.*

Emergency Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases “Prof. Dr. C. C. Iliescu”, University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Carol Davila”, Eurocolab, Bucharest, Romania.

12:12-12:24 **Particular aspects in the young patient with mitral valve prolapse associated with mitral annular disjunction.** *Alexandru-George Druică, Radu Sascău, Cristian Stătescu.*

Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases ” Prof. Dr. George I. M. Georgescu” Iași, Romania; University of Medicine and Pharmacy ”Grigore T. Popa” Iași, Romania.

12:24-12:36 **Successful management of tricuspid valve endocarditis in a former intravenous drug user.** *Claudia-Andreea Ene, Roxana Enache, Ana Mihailescu, Andrei Iosifescu, Bogdan A. Popescu.*

Emergency Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases “Prof. Dr. C. C. Iliescu”, University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Carol Davila”, Eurocolab, Bucharest, Romania.

12:36-12:48 **Sequential Septal Alcohol Reduction and Valve-in-MAC TMVR for Severe Calcific Mitral Stenosis in a High-Surgical-Risk Patient.** *Irina Macovei-Dorobantu, Dan Deleanu, Iulian Calin.*

Interventional Cardiology Department, Monza Hospital, Bucharest, Romania.

12:48-13:00 **Mechanical Valve Thrombosis in the Elderly: Navigating Risk in a Therapeutic Grey Zone.** *Robert Valeanu, Carmen C. Beladan, Daniel Mihalcescu, Marian Simion, Simona Vasile, Bogdan A. Popescu.*

Emergency Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases “Prof. Dr.C.C. Iliescu”, University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Carol Davila”, Eurocolab, Bucharest, Romania; Emergency Clinical Hospital “Prof. Dr. Agrippa Ionescu”, Bucharest; Medvision Clinic, Bucharest, Romania.

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:00 Aortic stenosis: TAVI or SAVR?

Chairpersons: Alec Vahanian, Helene Eltchaninoff, Dan Deleanu

14:00-14:10 Clinical case. *Cătălina Parasca*

14:10-14:25 What do the 2025 Guidelines say? *Helene Eltchaninoff*

14:25-14:35 Gaps & challenges in guidelines implementation. *Vlad Iliescu*

14:35-15:00 Discussion

15:00-16:00 Mitral regurgitation - what's the best treatment?

Chairpersons: Fabien Praz, Nina Ajmone Marsan, Dragoş Vinereanu

15:00-15:10 Clinical case. *Monica Roşca*

15:10-15:25 What do the 2025 Guidelines say? *Victoria Delgado*

15:25-15:35 Gaps & challenges in guidelines implementation. *Dragoş Vinereanu*

15:35-16:00 Discussion

16:15 Coffee break

16:30-18:00 Hands-on echocardiography workshop on valvular heart disease

Panel: Victoria Delgado, Bernard Cosyns, Magdalena Gurzun, Bogdan A. Popescu

8:30-10:00 Hands-on echocardiography workshop on valvular heart disease

Panel: Nina Ajmone-Marsan, Victoria Delgado, Magdalena Gurzun, Roxana Enache

10:30-11:30 Tricuspid regurgitation

Chairpersons: Marianna Adamo, Fabien Praz, Ovidiu Chioncel

10:30-10:40 Clinical case. *Sorina Mihăilă*

10:40-10:55 What do the 2025 Guidelines say? *Marianna Adamo*

10:55-11:05 Gaps & challenges in guidelines implementation. *Ovidiu Chioncel*

11:05-11:30 Discussion

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:00 Challenging scenarios in VHD – case-based presentations

Chairpersons: Victoria Delgado, Bernard Cosyns, Adriana Iliesiu

Multiple valve disease.

12:00-12:10 Clinical case. *Radu Sascău*

12:10-12:20 What's new? *Bernard Cosyns*

12:20-12:30 Discussion

Moderate aortic stenosis.

12:30-12:40 Clinical case. *Adina Ionac*

12:40-12:50 What's new? *Nina Ajmone-Marsan*

12:50-13:00 Discussion

13:15-14:00 The questions you want to ask to the VHD Guidelines Task Force

Chairperson: Fabien Praz

Panel: Marianna Adamo, Nina Ajmone-Marsan, Bernard Cosyns, Victoria Delgado

14:00 Closure

1. Late infective endocarditis after transcatheter aortic valve replacement.

Marcel Abras, Artiom Surev, Ecaterina Pasat, Inesa Gutan, Daniela Bursacovschi.

*PSMI Institute of Cardiology, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova;
Department of Cardiology, Nicolae Testemitanu State University of
Medicine and Pharmacy, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova.*

2. Splenic embolisation as initial presentation of aortic valve endocarditis.

Alexandru Pădeanu, Carmen C. Beladan, M. Robu, M.C. Băilă, Ioana Lupescu, Bogdan A. Popescu.

*Emergency Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases “Prof. Dr. C. C. Iliescu”;
University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Carol Davila”, Euroecolab,
Bucharest, Romania; Fundeni Clinical Institute, Radiology Department,
Bucharest, Romania*

3. More than myocardial infarction: hidden tumor behind acute coronary symptoms (case report).

Daniela Bursacovschi, Nadejda Chiriliuc, Vitalie Moscalu, Piotr Serban, Maria Costiuc, Andrei Ureche.

PSMI Institute of Cardiology, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

4. Progression to Surgical Indication in a Case of Severe Functional Mitral and Tricuspid Regurgitation.

Gogan A., Caruntu F., Parvanescu T., Buz B., Manolache G., Mailat D., Rus D., Ardelean S., Andor M.

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Emergency Hospital, Timisoara, Romania*

5. Progression to Surgical Management in a Case of Severe Aortic Stenosis on Bicuspid Valve

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6. Chimney stenting during transcatheter aortic valve implantation - an effective bail-out procedure for a complex case.

Vlad Meche, Alexandru Tirziu, Dan Gaita, Constantin Luca, Cristian Mornos, Daniel Brie.

Institute of Cardiovascular Disease, Timisoara.

7. When a murmur tells the whole story: a case of severe mitral regurgitation due to leaflet flail from chordal rupture in a young patient.

Ana-Maria Clapa, Laura Benchea, Diana-Elena Costan, Șerban Fechet, Silviu Birgoan, Georgiana Tărcatu, Carina Ureche, Cristian Stătescu, Radu Andy Sascău.

“Grigore T. Popa” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Iasi, Romania; Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases, “Prof. Dr. George I.M. Georgescu”, Iasi, Romania.

8. Multimodality cardiac and non-cardiac imaging – the key to succeed over aortic bioprosthesis endocarditis and its complications.

Bogdan Caba, Cezara Bosînceanu, Carina Ureche, Grigore Tinică, Cristian Stătescu, Radu A. Sascău; Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases “Prof. Dr. George I.M. Georgescu” Iași, Romania; University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Grigore T. Popa” Iași, Romania.

9. Isolated anterior leaflet involvement in Barlow’s disease: An atypical form of mitral valve prolapse.

Ioana-Theodora Vrabie, Maria-Ruxandra Cepoi, Marilena Renata Spiridon, Antoniu Octavian Petriș, Irina-Iuliana Costache-Enache.

Saint Spiridon County Hospital; University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Grigore T. Popa” Iași, Romania.

10. Beyond Pulmonary Stenosis: A Case Emphasizing Differential Diagnosis and Vigilant Follow-Up.

Maria Coroamă, Adela-Mihaela Șerban.

Department of Morpho-Functional Sciences, Discipline of Pathophysiology, Iuliu Hațieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Cluj-Napoca, Romania; Cardiology Department, Heart Institute “N. Stăncioiu”, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

11. Critical Aortic Valve Stenosis in the Context of Takayasu Arteritis: Highlighting a Rare but Challenging Association.

Nicolae Mitrea Muntean, Andreea Calin, Catalina Parasca, Dan Deleanu, Bogdan A. Popescu.

Emergency Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases “Prof. Dr. C. C. Iliescu”; University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Carol Davila”, Eurocolab, Bucharest, Romania

12. From a piece of armor to modern cardiology: mitral annular disjunction, a potential silent killer.

Tania Florina Negru, Carolina Bianca Susan, Luminita Velcean, Alexandra Adela Dragut.

Timiș County Emergency Clinical Hospital; “Victor Babes” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Timisoara, Romania.

13. Multimodal imaging approach in a complex case of multiple valvular heart disease: de novo severe mitral regurgitation on severe bicuspid aortic stenosis.

Adriana-Maria Letos, Alexandra Clement, Delia-Lidia Șalaru, Iuliana Ardeleanu, Radu A. Sascău, Cristian Stătescu.

Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases “Prof. Dr. George I.M. Georgescu”, Iași, Romania; “Grigore T. Popa” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Iași, Romania.

14. When the Lead Gets Infected: Imaging and Decision-Making in Pacemaker Endocarditis.

Silviu Bîrșoan, Georgiana Tărcatu, Radu A. Sascău, Cristian Stătescu.

Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases “Prof. Dr. George I.M. Georgescu” Iași; University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Grigore T. Popa” Iași.

15. Prosthetic valve endocarditis requiring an aortic valvular replacement with a Perceval valve, complicated by early prosthesis disinsertion.

Rares Cristian Padure, Eleodoro Barreda.

Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases “Prof. Dr. George I.M. Georgescu”, Iași, Romania; Pitie-Salpetriere Hospital, Paris, France.

16. From Left to Right: Delayed Progression of Rheumatic Tricuspid Regurgitation after Mitral Valve Replacement.

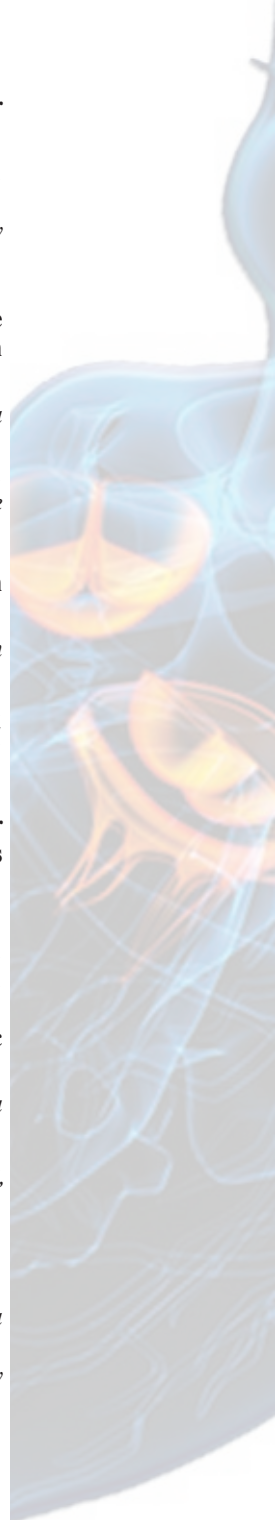
Anca Diaconu, Carina Ureche, Larisa Anghel, Cristian Stătescu, Radu A. Sascău.

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17. The Serotonin Heart: Unmasking Carcinoid Heart Disease.

Marian Cosmin Stanciu, Claudia Răducanu, Andreea Catarina Popescu, Șerban Mihai Bălănescu.

Elias University Emergency Hospital Bucharest; „Carol Davila” University of Medicine and Pharmacy.



18. The Contribution of Valvular Imaging to the Definitive Diagnosis of Native Aortic Valve Infective Endocarditis with Suspected Gastrointestinal Origin

Georgiana Tărcatu, Ana-Maria Clapa, Bianca Profire, Diana Costan, Șerban Fechet, Alexandra Clement, Cristian Stătescu, Radu A. Sascău.

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19. A misfortune never comes alone.

Elena Marica, Roxana Enache, Bogdan Radulescu, Bogdan A. Popescu.

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20. Atrial functional atrioventricular valve regurgitation – a neglected complication of atrial fibrillation.

Alexandra Clement, Radu Sascău, Cristian Stătescu.

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21. Mitral valve repair in severe mitral regurgitation due to primary antiphospholipidic syndrome associated nonbacterial thrombotic endocarditis.

Oana Ionita, Oana Ghenu, Ion Iovu, Catalin Usurelu, Lucian Dorobantu, Alexandru Vasilescu.

Nord Pipera Hospital; Emergency Hospital Pitesti; Titu Maiorescu University, Faculty of Medicine; University and Emergency Hospital, Bucharest.

22. From trouble to triumph: Endocarditis after TAVI.

Andreea Maria Picu. "Niculae Stancioiu"

Heart Institute, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

23. Crossing the Threshold: Rescue TAVI in a Patient with Severe Aortic Stenosis and Cardiogenic Shock.

Bianca Adriana Niță, Simona B. Botezatu, Robert Văleanu, Dan Deleanu, Vlad Iliescu, Bogdan A. Popescu.

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24. Unicuspid aortic valve – various presentations in a cardiac surgery department.

Oana Ionita, Ioana Bajenaru, Andreea Bogdan, Monica Stoian, Madalina Cojocaru, Oana Ghenu, Magdalena Radu, Adina Spataru, Andrei Dermengiu, Ion Iovu, Toma Iosifescu, Catalin Badiu, Alexandru Vasilescu, Lucian Dorobantu.

Nord Pipera Hospital; University and Emergency Hospital, Bucharest; Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest; Titu Maiorescu University, Faculty of Medicine.

25. Deep Vein Thrombosis, Pulmonary Embolism, and Apical Thrombus in the Left Ventricle - An Insidious Trio with Continuity?

Lilia Simionov, Ion Vaculin.

MAI Clinical Hospital; Institute of Cardiology.

26. Valve-in-Valve in the Forgotten Valve: Treating severe tricuspid bioprosthesis dysfunction two decades after heart surgery.

Oana-Cătălina Costache, Crina-Ioana Radulescu, Ion Bostan, Cătălina-Andreea Parasca, Dan Deleanu, Vlad Anton Iliescu.

Emergency Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases “Prof. Dr. C. C. Iliescu”; University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Carol Davila”, Bucharest, Romania

27. Chasing the pulmonary hypertension aetiology in a patient with rapid bioprosthetic aortic valve degeneration.

Daniel-Vladut Perpelea, Roxana Enache, Catalina Parasca, Dan Deleanu, Bogdan A. Popescu.

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28. A Unique Challenge: Managing Infective Endocarditis in a Patient with Bicuspid Aortic Valve.

Laura-Cătălina Benchea, Larisa Anghel, Mircea Ovanez Balasanian, Alberto Emanuel Bacușcă, Grigore Tinică, Radu A. Sascău, Cristian Stătescu.

“Grigore T. Popa” UMF, Iasi, Romania; Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases, “Prof. Dr. George I.M. Georgescu”, Iasi, Romania.



29. Fool's Gold: A Multidrug-Resistant *Candida auris* Endocarditis in a Patient with Paraneoplastic Pemphigus with Fatal Outcome.

Pitigoi Stefania, Delcea Caterina, Tararescu Serban, Slobodeanu Andreea, Nestor Daniela, Pompilian Valer, Stanescu Cristina, Buzea Catalin Adrian, Badila Elisabeta.

Colentina Clinical Hospital; "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy; Emergency Clinical Hospital Bucharest.

30. An Unusual Case of Mixed Mitral Valve Disease Caused by Caseous Mitral Annular Calcification.

Iustin-Ioan Lunceanu, Andreea Catarina Popescu.

Elias University Emergency Hospital, "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest.

31. Unmasking Severe Rheumatic Mitral Stenosis: The Role of Stress Echocardiography in Resolving Diagnostic Discrepancies.

Elena-Larisa Zimbru, Oana Voinescu, Ioana Ionac, Minodora Andor, Adina Ionac.

"Victor Babes" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Timisoara, Romania; Research Center for Gene and Cellular Therapies in the Treatment of Cancer—OncoGen, Timis County; Emergency Clinical Hospital "Pius Brinzeu", Timisoara, Romania; Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases, Timisoara, Romania; University Hospital Rechts der Isar, Munich, Germany.

32. When aortic stenosis etiology is not what it seems.

Luminița-Bianca Grosu, Andreea Catarina Popescu.

Cardiology Department, Elias Emergency University Hospital, Bucharest; "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest.

33. Unexpected Transesophageal Echocardiographic Finding Before Bicuspid Aortic Valve Replacement.

Riza Salim, Carmen C. Beladan, Monica Dobrovie, Bogdan Radulescu, Bogdan A. Popescu.

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34. Over 50 years of asymptomatic evolution of surgically corrected Tetralogy of Fallot.

Alexandru Mihai Popescu, Diana Alexandra Iancu, Alice-Elena Munteanu, Maria Magdalena Gurzun.

Dr. Carol Davila Central Military Emergency University Hospital Bucharest, Romania; Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania; Titu Maiorescu University, Bucharest, Romania.

35. Comorbidity-guided approach to Aortic Stenosis.

Samuel Nistor, Simona B. Botezatu, Bogdan A. Popescu.

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36. Recurrent Infective Endocarditis in a High-Risk Patient with Complex Valvular Disease – A Case Report.

Corina-Elena Pirvu, Laura Vlaescu, Maria Magdalena Gurzun, Silviu Ionel Dumitrescu.

Dr. Carol Davila Central Military Emergency University Hospital Bucharest, Romania.

37. Coexisting Atrial Septal Defect and Pulmonary Valve Pathology in an Adult: A Complex Case of Congenital Heart Disease.

Marciana Ionela Boca, Alina-Ramona Cozlac, Adina Ionac, Constantin-Tudor Luca.

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38. Multimodality Assessment of a Rare Valvular Tumor: Mitral Papillary Fibroelastoma.

Maria-Ruxandra Cepoi, Ioana-Theodora Vrabie, Marilena-Renata Spiridon, Antoniu Octavian Petriș, Irina-Iuliana Costache-Enache. Cardiology Department, “St. Spiridon” County Emergency Clinical Hospital, Iași, Romania; “Grigore T. Popa” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Iași, Romania.

39. Multimodality Imaging of Mitral Valve Prolapse with Severe Left Ventricular Dysfunction and Arrhythmias.

Maria-Ruxandra Cepoi, Ioana-Theodora Vrabie, Marilena-Renata Spiridon, Antoniu Octavian Petriș, Irina-Iuliana Costache-Enache. Cardiology Department, “St. Spiridon” County Emergency Clinical Hospital, Iași, Romania; “Grigore T. Popa” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Iași, Romania.

40. Severe Aortic Insufficiency and Ascending Aortic Aneurysm in a Newly Diagnosed Ankylosing Spondylitis Patient: A Case Report.

Alina Elena Chelsău, Anca Diaconu, Balasanian Mircea, Radu Andy Sascău, Cristian Stătescu.

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41. Severe Regurgitant Bicuspid Aortic Valve in a Patient with Overlapping Obstructive Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

Oana Voinescu, Raluca Sosdean, Ioana Ionac, Mihai Lazar, Constantin Tudor Luca, Cristina Vacarescu, Adina Ionac. Department of Cardiology, "Victor Babes" UMF, Timisoara, Romania; Research Centre of Timisoara Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases, "Victor Babes" UMF, Timisoara, Romania; Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases, Timisoara, Romania.

42. When the guidelines won't help you too much...

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