

Liver Cirrhosis. Interventional procedures: from biopsy to TIPS

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Interventional procedures



- Cirrhosis is a complex diffuse process whereby the *architecture* of the liver has been replaced by *abnormal nodules* due to the presence of fibrosis.
- *Interventional radiology* procedures can enable the *diagnosis and treatment* of the diseases caused by liver cirrhosis, even in the *pediatric* population.
- To date *literature* regarding interventional radiology in the setting of pediatric cirrhosis is *limited*.



Interventional procedures



- Common procedures usually performed by interventional radiologist can include **percutaneous and transjugular liver biopsies** performed with ultrasonographic and fluoroscopic guidance or several endovascular diagnostic examinations, such as **hepatic venous portography**.
- interventional radiology plays a pivotal role in the treatment and management of refractory portal hypertension through procedures such as **balloon occluded retrograde transvenous obliteration (BRTO)**, **partial splenic embolization (PSE)** and **transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt (TIPS)**



Liver Biopsy



- *may be considered the gold standard procedure to obtain a **liver sample** for histopathological examination, supporting **diagnosis, management and prognosis** of many pediatric acute or chronic liver diseases.*
- *can be performed **percutaneously** with US-guidance, or with the **transjugular approach**, depending on the clinical status and laboratory results of the pediatric patient.*



Liver Biopsy



- *Pre abdomino-pelvic **ultrasound examination** (free intraperitoneal fluid, interpositio coli or marked dilatation of the biliary tree).*
- ***INR** (range 0.9-1.2), **platelet count** (>60.000 U/mm3) **antiaggregant** or **anticoagulant** therapy (an abnormal coagulation status being a firm contraindication)*
- *under US-guidance*
- *bioptic needle: 16 to 18 G*



Liver Biopsy



MEDICAL POSITION PAPER

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Liver Biopsy in Children: Position Paper of the ESPGHAN Hepatology Committee

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COMPLICATIONS OF LB

Complications of LB (Tables 1 and 2) (63,79–84) are usually considered to be “major” or “minor.” We consider “minor” complications to include pain, subcapsular bleeding that does not require transfusion or prolonged hospitalisation, infection, minor bile leak or haemobilia, and arteriovenous fistula. “Major” complications include bleeding, including haemobilia, that requires transfusion, surgery, or intensive care management; pneumothorax or haemothorax; and death (78).

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Liver Biopsy



- *Several reports in literature describe an incidence of major complications ranging from 0% to 4.6 %, leading to consider pediatric percutaneous liver biopsies a safe procedure with a high diagnostic yield.*



Liver Biopsy



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Evaluation of Risk Factors for Bleeding After Liver Biopsy in Children

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Effectiveness and safety of ultrasound-guided percutaneous liver biopsy in children

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Sonography-Guided Percutaneous Liver Biopsies in Children

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OBJECTIVE. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the safety and efficacy of sonography-guided percutaneous core needle liver biopsy in infants and children.

MATERIALS AND METHODS. We conducted a retrospective analysis of all patients who underwent sonography-guided percutaneous core needle liver biopsies over a 7.5-year period by pediatric interventionalists at a single tertiary center.

RESULTS. A total of 597 procedures were performed in 470 patients (270 male and 200 female), with a mean age of 10.5 years (age range, 1 month–21 years). The main indications for biopsies were abnormal liver enzymes ($n = 129$, 21.6%), grading and staging of chron-



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US-Guided Percutaneous Liver Biopsy in Pediatric Liver Transplant Recipients

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US- Is juvenile liver biopsy unsafe? Putting an end to a common misapprehension

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Liver Biopsy



- To avoid major complications (*hemoperitoneum*), *transjugular biopsy* is a satisfactory and better tolerated option
- The bioptical procedure via the venous system reduces the risks of bleeding because the *Glisson's* capsule is not perforated
- If bleeding does occur, it returns promptly into the venous system rather than into the peritoneum
- Major costs and longer periprocedural time



Liver Biopsy



● *In general, indications to transjugular liver biopsy are contraindications to percutaneous biopsy*

- high prothrombin level
- platelet count less than $<60.000 \text{ U/mm}^3$
- $\text{INR} > 1.5$,
- intraperitoneal fluid
- antiaggregant or anticoagulant therapies
 - previous unsuccessful percutaneous biopsy
 - morbid obesity
 - atrophic liver
 - cardiac liver
 - hemodialysis and chronic renal insufficiency
 - hereditary hemorrhagic teleangiectasia



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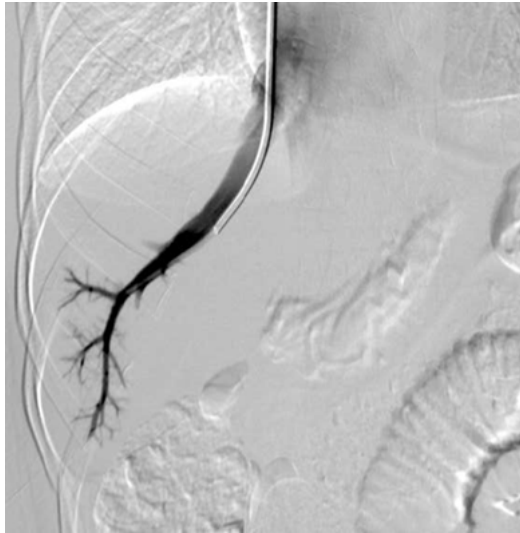


● *Contraindications of transjugular liver biopsy:*

- thrombosis in the right internal jugular vein
- thrombosis of hepatic veins
- hydatid cysts
- cholangitis



Liver Biopsy



Portal hypertension



- *In pediatric patients, pre-hepatic portal vein thrombosis (PHPVT) is the most common cause of PH and upper gastrointestinal bleeding*

- iatrogenic injury by neonatal catheterization of the umbilical vein*
- infection (omphalitis)*
- intra-abdominal abscess*
- sepsis*
- severe dehydration*
- abdominal trauma*
- unknown causes (idiopathic extra-hepatic PH)*



Portal hypertension



- *PHPVT can result in cavernous transformation of the extra-hepatic portal vein*

- deterioration of PH*
- development of liver dysfunction*
- biliary disease*
- coagulopathy*
- splenomegaly*
- ascites*



Portal hypertension



Main target of treatment in pediatric PH is to prevent the development and bleeding of upper gastrointestinal varices



medical therapy, surgical ligament or sclerotherapy



fail: surgical treatment



Portal hypertension



- *Liver transplantation is the major therapy for pediatric patients with primary liver disease resulting in cirrhosis and end-stage liver disease*
- *Surgical non-selective portosystemic shunt (mesocaval and portocaval shunt) reduce PH but higher rates of clinical complications: hepato-pulmonary syndrome, encephalopathy or hyperammonemia*
- *Surgical selective shunt, distal splenorenal “Warren” shunt, allows decompression of gastro-esophageal varices and preserves the antegrade perfusion to the liver with less developing clinical consequences*



Portal hypertension



- “**Meso-Rex**” bypass is the gold-standard treatment for PHPVT in children with preserved anatomy
- is a venous conduit connecting the infra-pancreatic superior mesenteric vein to the IHPV at the **Rex recess**, the remnant of embryonic umbilical vein
- restores **physiological hepatopetal portal flow**, avoiding dangerous complications of a portosystemic shunting



Portal hypertension



Preoperative imaging is pivotal in the setting of surgical planning



*While **CT** and **MRI** confirm PHPVT diagnosis and evaluate the extension of portal cavernoma and size of the extra- and intra-hepatic portal system*



***Wedged hepatic venous portography** is the mainstay imaging examination for assessing the surgical feasibility of Meso Rex bypass*



Portal hypertension



- Consists of retrograde (indirect) **phlebography** of the intra-hepatic portal venous system performed through wedged catheterization of the suprahepatic veins via the right internal jugular vein
- The goal of the procedure is to evaluate the **patency** of both the **Rex recess and LPV** and to assess the reciprocal communication between right and left intra-hepatic portal veins



Portal hypertension



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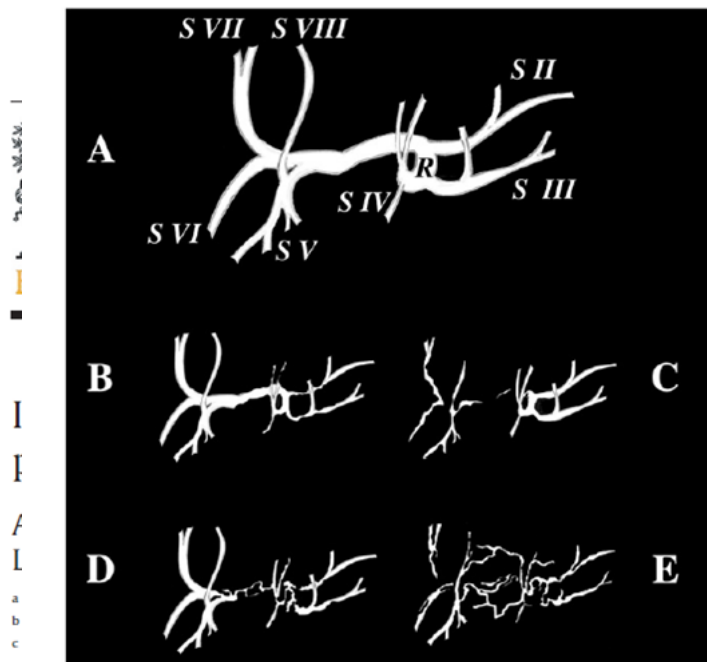


Fig. 2. Schematic representation of types of intrahepatic portal system anatomy in patients with portal cavernoma. (A) Patent IHPS (legend of picture: hepatic segments numbered S2 II to SVIII (according Couinaud) and Rex recessus®). (B) Patent IHPS with parietal abnormalities within the left liver. (C) Partially patent IHPS with thrombosed right liver. (D) Partially patent IHPS with thrombosed left liver. (E) Extensive thrombosis of the main portal vein radicals in the liver.

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- *Meso Rex bypass only for children with patent Rex recess (subtype A to C) and conservative follow-up for clinically stable patients or portosystemic shunt creation in the case of complicated PH.*



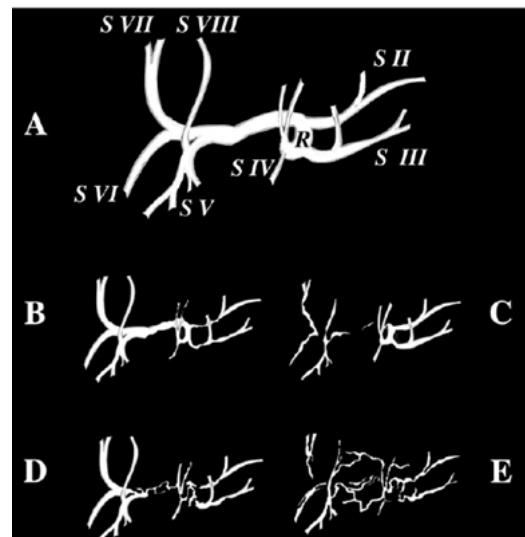
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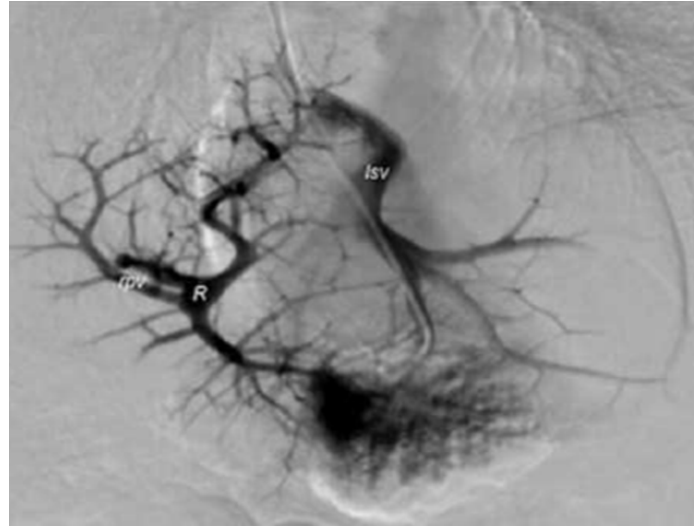
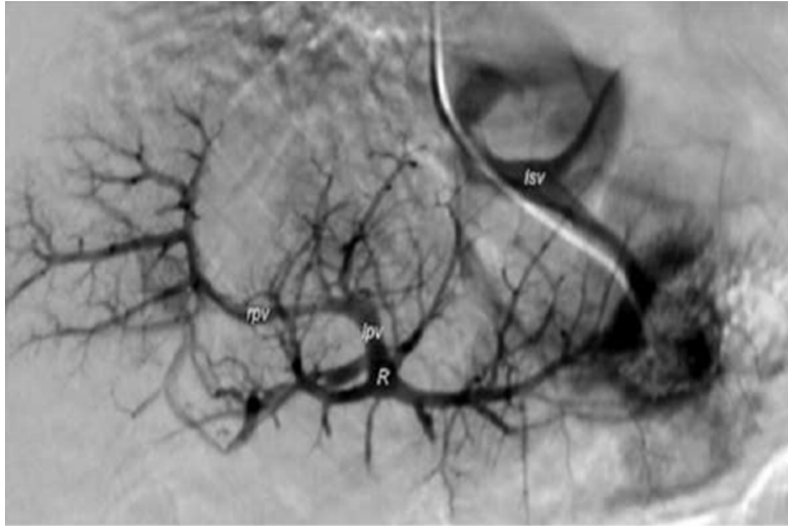
- Furthermore *hepatic venous pressure gradient* can be measured simultaneously to provide important supportive diagnostic information

-pressure threshold ≥ 10 mmHg is predictive of the formation of varices

-pressure threshold ≥ 12 mmHg is associated with decompensation with ascites or/and variceal bleeding



Portal hypertension



Portal hypertension



- *Interventional radiology is usually the first treatment choice in the case of **stenosis or occlusion** of the shunt through angioplasty, stenting or thrombectomy:*

Management of Portal Hypertension in the Pediatric Population: A Primer for the Interventional Radiologist

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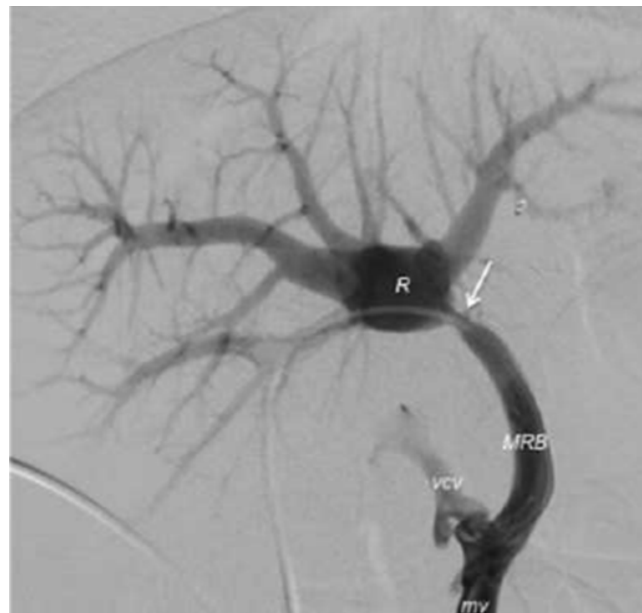
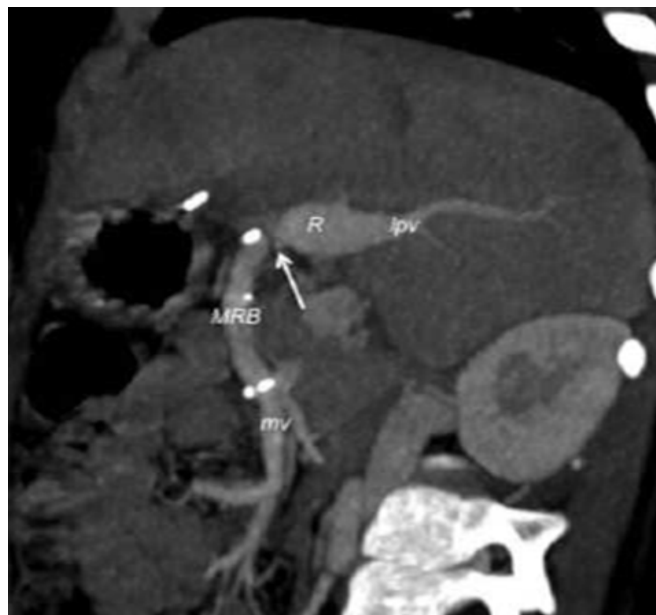
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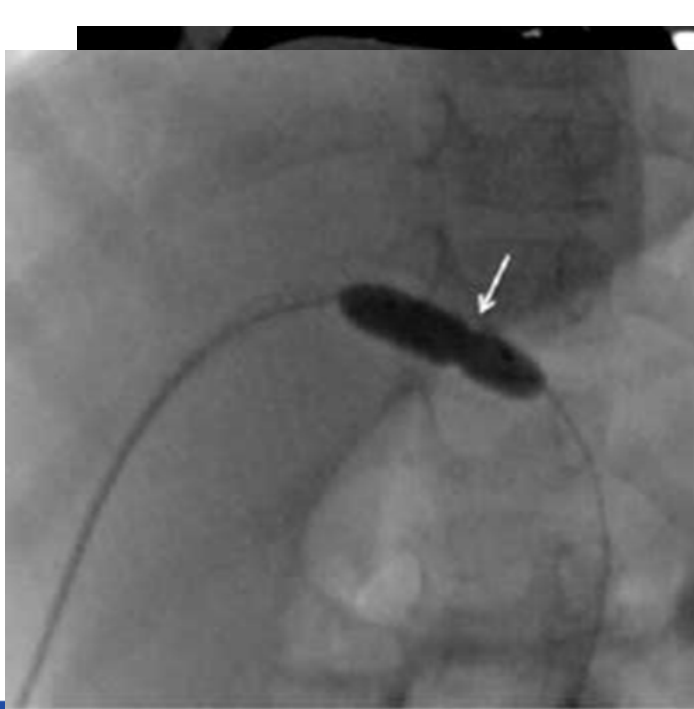
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Portal hypertension



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE: HEPATOLOGY

Recanalization of Chronic Extrahepatic Portal Vein Obstruction in Pediatric Patients Using a Minilaparotomy Approach

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● *Intervention in the case angioplasty*

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BALLOON-OCCLUDED RETROGRADE TRANSVENOUS OBLITERATION (BRTO)



- Bleeding from ruptured esophagogastric varices (EGV) is one of the most serious **complications** in patients with liver cirrhosis and is a major cause of **death** in these patients.
- BRTO has been commonly used for the **prevention** and **treatment** of bleeding EGV in Japan and has also become popular elsewhere in Asia. Only recently gained wider attention in America and **Europe** and still underused.



BALLOON-OCCLUDED RETROGRADE TRANSVENOUS OBLITERATION (BROTO)



● *Indications:*

- active or impending EGV bleeding
- EGV with hepatic encephalopathy refractory to medical management.

● *Contraindications:*

- severe uncontrollable coagulopathy associated with liver failure,
- splenic vein thrombosis,
- portal vein thrombosis
- uncontrolled bleeding from EGV



BALLOON-OCCLUDED RETROGRADE TRANSVENOUS OBLITERATION (BRTO)



- *Endovascular closure of the portosystemic shunt outflow, using an occlusion balloon followed by injection of a sclerosing agent directly into the gastro-variceal complex.*
- *Flow stagnation is helpful to maximize the effect of the sclerosing agent leading to thrombosis.*
- *Possible adverse effects of BRTO include transient ascites, pleural effusion, and worsening of esophageal varices due to elevation of portal pressure in response to occlusion of the portosystemic shunt.*



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CLINICAL RESEARCH

Efficacy of balloon-occluded retrograde transvenous obliteration, percutaneous transhepatic obliteration and combined techniques for the management of gastric fundal varices

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Bleeding control rate of gastric varices after BRTO is described as greater than 90% and therefore could be attempted in patients with a poor hepatic functional reserve and even in patients with encephalopathy.



BALLOON-OCCLUDED RETROGRADE TRANSVENOUS OBLITERATION (BRTO)



Reviews report high rates (> 90%) of complete eradication of gastric varices and low rates (< 10%) of gastric variceal recurrence during long-term follow-up compared to endoscopic variceal obliteration.

Long-term follow-up of gastric variceal sclerotherapy: an eleven-year experience

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SPLenic EMBOLIZATION



- In cirrhotic liver the condition of portal hypertension causes **splenomegaly** often associated with **hypersplenism**.
- Hypersplenism is a well-known **clinical haematologic syndrome** caused by an enlarged and overactive spleen, and is characterized by **thrombocytopenia** (64%-84%), **leucopenia** (5%), **neutropenia** and **anemia**.
- Hypersplenism may worsen the course of the disease because of the increased risk of **infection** and **bleeding**, and it could also adversely affects the administration of **drugs**
- Portal hypertension determines formation of **esophageal varices** which, in combination with decreased **hematological indices**, puts patients with chronic liver cirrhosis at risk of potential life-threatening **bleeding**.



SPLENIC EMBOLIZATION



- *Surgical splenectomy has been traditionally performed in hypersplenism accompanying chronic liver disease.*
- *Effective in improving hematological indices this surgical procedure carries significant perioperative and postoperative risks.*
- *According to literature the morbidity from complications after laparoscopic and open splenectomy ranges from 9.6% to 26.6%.*



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Partial splenic embolization for hypersplenism in cirrhosis: A long-term outcome in 62 patients

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SPLENIC EMBOLIZATION



- Major complications include *portal vein and mesenteric vein thrombosis* and higher rates of overwhelming *sepsis* from encapsulated bacteria.
- As widely documented in literature *children* are particularly vulnerable to post-splenectomy *sepsis*.



SPLENIC EMBOLIZATION



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● **Partial splenic embolization in children with hypersplenism.**

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Subtotal splenic embolization is a safe and effective treatment for isolated splenic vascular tumors associated with consumptive coagulopathy

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SPLENIC EMBOLIZATION



- In the last few decades **partial splenic embolization** (PSE) has emerged as an excellent **alternative** to surgical splenectomy in the setting of portal hypertension
- In 1973, **Maddison** was the first to describe SE for the treatment of thrombocytopenia and variceal bleeding in cirrhosis.
- **Major complications** (splenic abscess, splenic rupture, pneumonia and septicemia) following splenic embolization were described.
- In 1979, **Spigos et al.** described a modified PSE approach with limited volume embolization paired with **antibiotic** prophylaxis, and effective postembolization **pain control**.



SPLENIC EMBOLIZATION



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Partial Splenic Embolization in the Treatment of Hypersplenism

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Transcatheter embolization of the spleen has been associated with serious complications, such as splenic abscess, rupture of the spleen, pneumonia, and septicemia. These complications, with their grave consequences, have prevented the use of this procedure as an alternative to operative splenectomy in selected cases. A detailed description of our method, which consists of partial splenic embolization, antibiotic prophylaxis, adequate pain control, and careful pre- and postembolization, is reported. Thirteen patients with hypersplenism were successfully treated with transcatheter partial embolization of their spleen.

The risks and potential benefits of splenic embolization were explained to each patient and informed consent was obtained. Preparatory measures included whole body povidone-iodine (Betadine) baths both the night before and the morning of embolization. All patients began antibiotic prophylaxis 6 hr before embolization, which consisted of 1,000,000 IU of penicillin G injected intramuscularly and gentamycin 3 mg/kg. Penicillin and gentamycin were continued for 5 days. Strict aseptic technique was observed in the angiography

effective postembolization pain control.



SPLENIC EMBOLIZATION



- *Embolization is carried out according to guidelines based on **Spigos's recommendations** (i.e. antibiotic prophylaxis, pain control, limited volume embolization).*
- ***Selective partial embolization**: only a few targeted distal branches of the splenic artery are completely embolized.*
- ***Non-selective partial embolization**: the embolic materials are injected more proximally in the main splenic artery, but beyond the origin of pancreatic branches.*



SPLENIC EMBOLIZATION



- According to literature, in cirrhotic patients the ideal splenic volume target of PSE should be **50% to 70%**.
- A higher incidence of **complications** is described when embolization involves more than 70% of the total splenic volume.
- PSE has become a **safe procedure** for pediatric patients if certain **criteria** are met (procedure performed by an experienced **interventional radiologist**, maximum of **70%** spleen infarction, respect of **aseptic conditions**, use of **antibiotics**, and highly effective **analgesia** to prevent pulmonary complications).



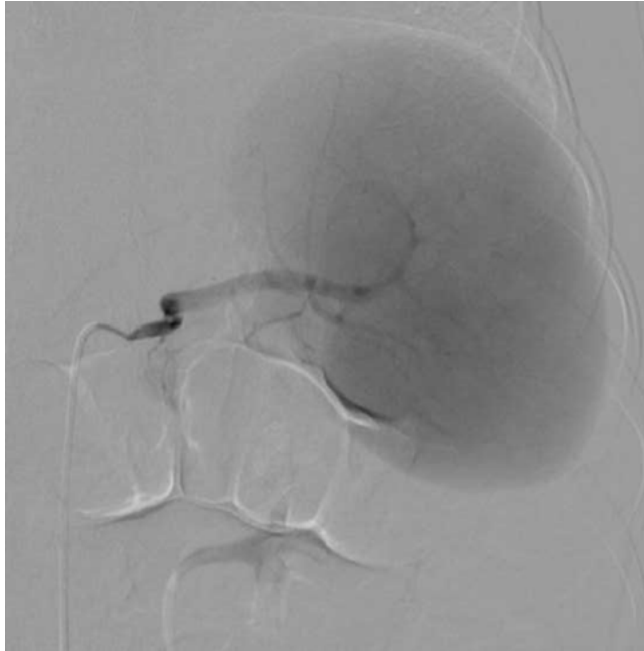
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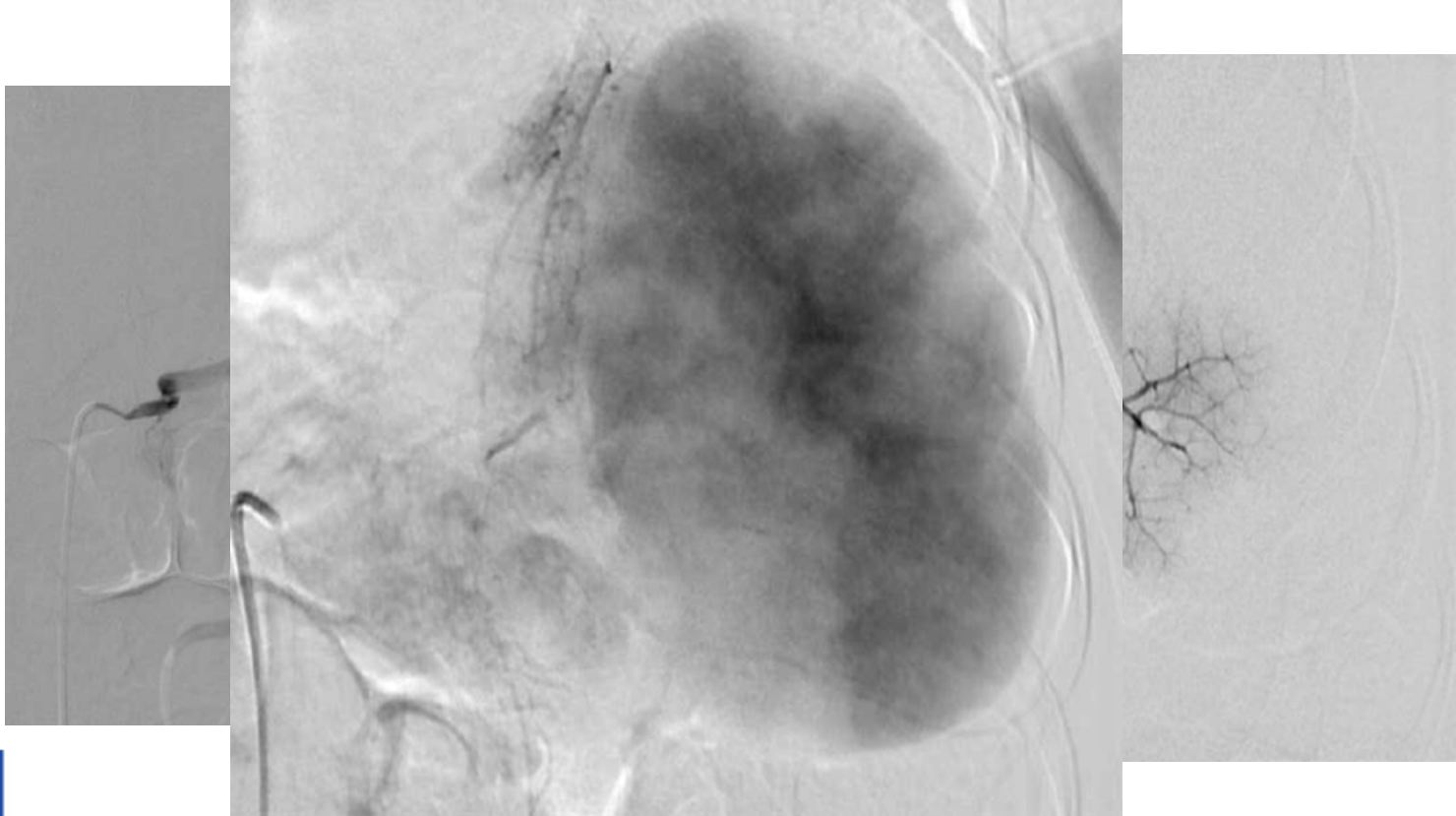
- “*Post embolization syndrome*” is observed in most patients, at a frequency of 73.4%.
- Is considered a *minor complication*, and consists mainly of fever, nausea, left upper quadrant pain and perisplenic fluid collection.
- According to literature these symptoms are usually controlled with *antibiotic* prophylaxis, narcotics and antiemetics.
- PSE preserves a *residual functional spleen* as a *protection* against infections.



SPLenic EMBOLIZATION



SPLenic EMBOLIZATION



Tips: Transjugular Intrahepatic Porto-Systemic Shunt



- In adult cirrhotic patients, transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt (TIPS) represents a common procedure for treating the **complications of portal hypertension**, especially to avoid variceal bleeding while awaiting **liver transplantation**
- **Indications** for TIPS in both adults and children include uncontrolled variceal hemorrhage, refractory ascites, hepatic pleural effusion, hepatorenal syndrome, veno-occlusive disease, and Budd–Chiari syndrome.



Tips: Transjugular Intrahepatic Porto-Systemic Shunt



STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

Quality Improvement Guidelines for Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunts

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Tips: Transjugular Intrahepatic Porto-Systemic Shunt



Special Communications

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases Practice Guidelines: The Role of Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt Creation in the Management of Portal Hypertension

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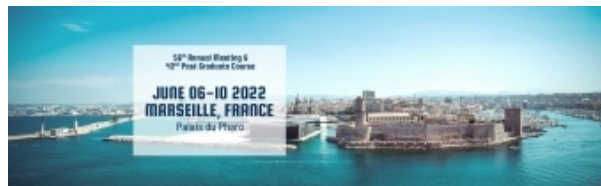
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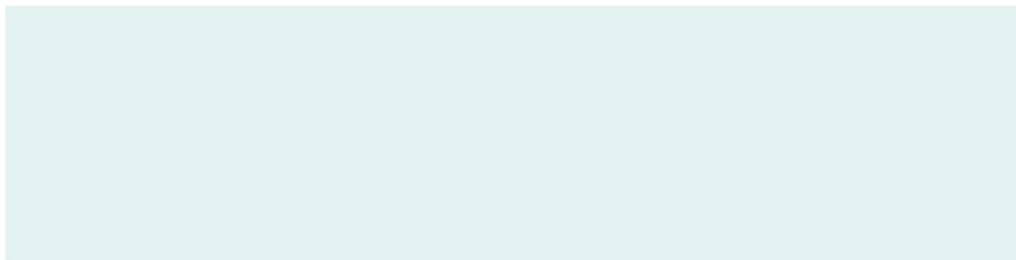
- TIPS placement is considered *difficult in children* (distorted hepatic vascularization, modified liver anatomy or segmental liver grafts).
- Children with <10 kg of body weight may not tolerate TIPS due to *size of the device* and *hemodynamic changes* that follow the placement of a large shunt (remarkable increase of the venous return to the right heart).
- However, the procedure is *not impossible*.



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Transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt placement in an infant weighing less than 22 pounds



number and size of stents. After general anesthesia, a 6-F introducer (Terumo) was placed into the right internal jugular vein and a 4-F straight catheter (Cordis) over a 0.035" wire (Terumo) was used to catheterize the right hepatic vein. Hepatic venous pressure gradient (HVPg) was 12 mmHg. A



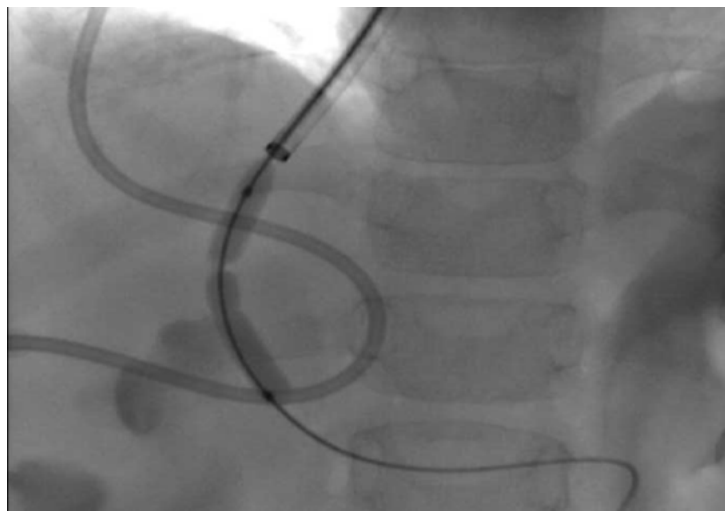
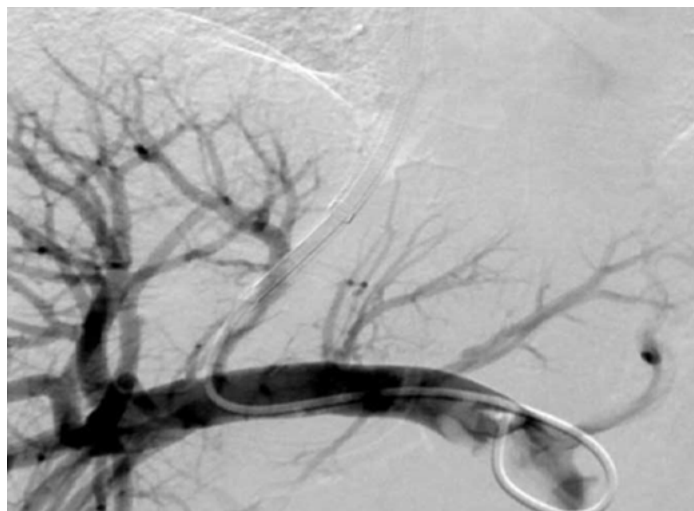
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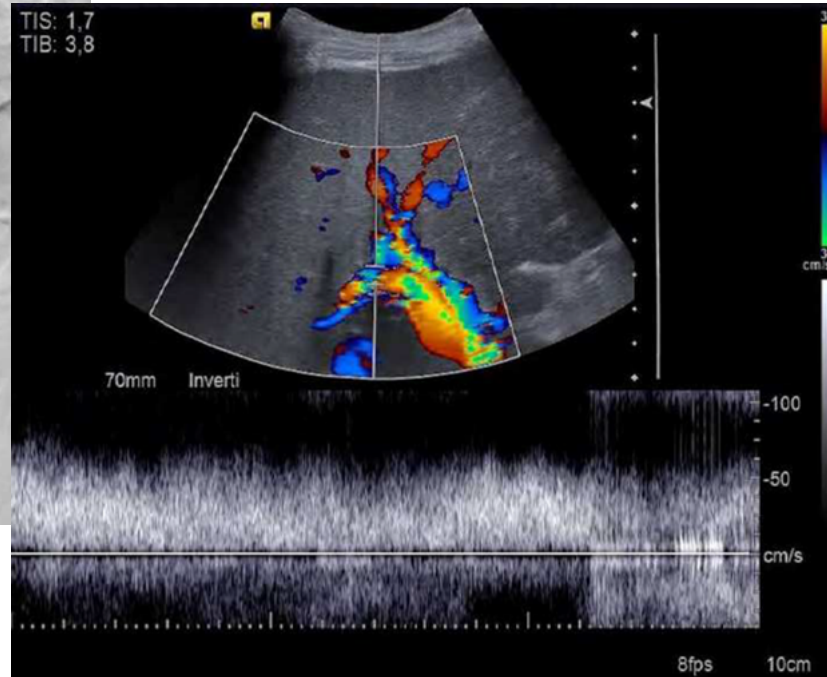
- Pediatric TIPS creation generally parallels the *technique* used in adult patients, incorporating occasional modifications dictated by *patient size and anatomy*.
- *Liver Access Sets* modified for pediatric patients are *available* and use an 18-gauge Colapinto needle and 7-F sheath; however, they are *not amenable* for delivery of *ePTFE-covered stents*.
- *Intravascular US* is another tool available for TIPS creation in both children and adults.



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- Stent diameters are selected by the operator in relation to the child's *height and weight* and size of the portal vein.
- The goal of stent placement: *gentle curve* with the distal end extending *2 cm into the portal vein* and the proximal end extending near to the *hepatic vein/inferior vena cava confluence*.



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“successfully performed TIPS placement in 20 out of 21 children. Eighty percent of these children had a reduction of the portosystemic gradient to ≤ 12 mmHg, with no recurrence of variceal hemorrhage or refractory ascites”



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*The technical success of this study mirrors reported rates in the **literature**.*



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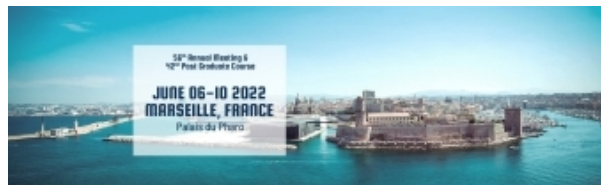
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Minor and major complications are common after TIPS placement and include extracapsular puncture, shunt occlusion and dysfunction, recurrence of ascites or variceal hemorrhage, intraperitoneal hemorrhage, and hepatic encephalopathy.



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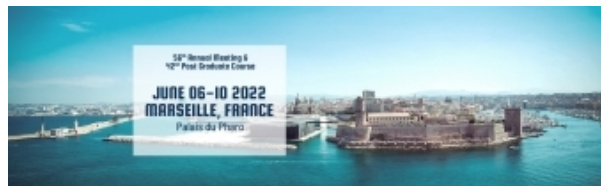
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TIPS creation was successful in 93.4%, hemodynamic success rate was 94%.

Major complication rate was 8.2% (including hemoperitoneum requiring resuscitation and 3 deaths)

Minor complication rate was 21.3%.



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*TIPS creation in children and adolescents is a technically **feasible** and **efficacious** procedure with a **low complication rate**.*

*Should not only be considered as a bridge to **transplantation**, but also as an effective and less invasive **alternative to surgical vascular shunts**.*



Conclusion



- *Cirrhosis is a complex process.*
- *In the pediatric population interventional radiology can support diagnosis and treatment of the disease through less invasive and low risk procedures.*
- *To date literature regarding interventional radiology in the setting of pediatric cirrhosis is limited.*



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