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Radioangiography (RCG) was recorded 4262 cases from July 76 to March 84. We studied about 40 cases of ischemic disease and 28 cases of hypertension who had sequentially more than four times of RCG.

Cardiac index was significantly decreased in IHD and still more decreased in digitalized IHD. Cardiac index and total vascular resistance were correlated to the functional NYHA classification. In the follow-up study for 3.7 years(mean), classification of cardiac function was divided four groups (improved 6 cases, worsen 14, stable 11, unstable 9).


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Method: Left ventricular function at rest and during hand-grip exercise test was assessed. Left ventricular function was include ejection fraction (EF), ejection rate (ER), relative cardiac output (RCO), peak ejection rate (PER) and peak filling rate (PFER). Results: The HRs, SBPs, DBPs and Double products (DP) were all significantly increased during exercise both in control group and in IHD group (p<0.01). In control group, the EFs, ERs, RCOs and PFRs were increased during exercise significantly (p<0.01). But in IHD group, the EFs, ERs and PFRs were increased during exercise significantly (p<0.01). While in IHD group, the EFs, ERs, RCOs and PFRs were significantly smaller than those of control group and high EF group (EF<50% in IHD group) (p<0.01).

Conclusion: OMNISCOPE is very useful for evaluating the left ventricular-function both at rest and during exercise.

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Extra anatomical bypass (EAB) is one of surgical method for repairing aortic aneurysma. EAB was applied for thoracic aortic aneurysma (7 cases) and dissecting aortic aneurysma (4 cases). (Mean age, 61±8 yrs.)

Postoperative assessment was done by CT, DSA and RNA. Diagnostic accuracy of these three methods was as follows: 100%, 100% and 100% on bypass patency; 82%, 100% and 100% on clamp leakage; 100%, 0% and 82% on thrombus formation; 100%, 64% and 82% on retrograde blood from bypass graft.

Postoperative cardiac function was also evaluated by gated cardiac scan. To evaluate left ventricular systolic and diastolic function of EAB cases, LVEF, 1/3PF and 1/3Frm was calculated and compared with those from 10 cases of normal cases. Results were as follows:

LVEF was 61.7±5.8% and 59.2±6.8%, 1/3PF was 22.4±4.6% and 33.9±6.2%, 1/3Frm was 1.0±0.2 sec⁻¹ and 1.5±0.2 sec⁻¹:

As a result, diastolic compliance (1/3Frm) of EAB cases was significantly low comparing with that of normal cases.

Radionuclide angiography is noninvasive method to evaluate not only bypass patency, but also cardiac function of postoperative state.

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We assessed the left ventricular ejection fraction (EF) of old myocardial infarction (OMI) patients during multistage exercise test. Fourteen of 39 OMI patients showed no ST changes during exercise (group A), and in remaining 25 patients, the ischemic ST depression occurred (group B).

EF during exercise was measured by Nuclear Stethoscope (BIOS) using Tc-99m labelled red blood cell in equilibrium state.

In normal healthy group, EF increased as exercise load increase and reached plateau. While, in group A, though a little increase of EF was found in early stage of exercise, soon it decreased lower than before. And in group B, EF decrease was seen in early stage of exercise.

It was suggested that continuous monitoring of EF during exercise stress test will be useful method for evaluating cardiac reserve of OMI patients.