Screening echocardiography in inherited cardiomyopathies

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In order not to overlap with the previous excellent speakers, I will start with a dilemma…
25 yrs old professional footballer is coming for annual screening...

You as the cardiologist...

Vs the professional footballer ...

ECG - asymptomatic
What would be your next step?

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What happened?

- The patient was diagnosed with dilated cardiomyopathy
- He was intolerant to b-blockers
- MDT decided in favour of urgent cardiac transplant

Be aware of …the inherited cardiomyopathies

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

- Present in 1/500 individuals
- Most common cause of sudden cardiac death (> 33% of cases)
- Usually asymptomatic with abnormal ECG
Screening Hx for cardiac disease

- Hx of discomfort or chest pain on exertion
- Unexplained syncope or near syncope (especially on exertion)
- Excessive SOB on exertion
- Prior heart murmur
- Increased blood pressure
- Premature death (< 50 yrs old) in 1 relative due to heart condition
- Premature (< 50 yrs old) disability in close relative due to cardiac condition
- Family Hx of HCM, DCM, long QT syndrome, Marfan syndrome, arrhythmia etc

Other diseases mimicking HOCM...
Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

Recommended Clinical Screening of Family Members:
Physical Examination, Echocardiography, and Electrocardiogram

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<td>&lt;12 years old</td>
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<td>Severe family history of early HCM-related death, early development of LV hypertrophy, or other adverse complications</td>
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<td>Competitive athlete in intense training</td>
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<td>&gt;21 years old</td>
<td>Repeat evaluation approximately every 5 years, or in response to symptoms.</td>
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<td>If genetic results available:</td>
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<td>Genotype (-) family members: reassurance; no need for further testing</td>
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Cardiac Magnetic Resonance in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
Andrew C.Y. To, Ashwat Dhillon and Milind Y. Desai
Echocardiographic Findings in Patients Meeting Task Force Criteria for Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia
J Am Coll Cardiol 2005;45:860–5

• Male
• Age
• Symptoms
• FHx
• ECG abnormality
• Holter
• Imaging
Instead of take home messages, I would like to focus on two issues...

The importance of handheld echocardiography in schools and as a screening tool in areas which don’t have access to tertiary healthcare

The value of strain in early detection of inherited cardiomyopathies

Thank you

Submit your clinical case for ESC congress 2018 in Munich

- If you are under 35 years old
- Deadline for case proposal: 1st March 2018
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