Progressive Aneurysmal Dilation of CAF after Transcatheter Closure: Successfully Treated by Second Occlusion


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A 3-year-old boy presented continuous murmur and heart failure from a large coronary artery fistula (CAF) of the right coronary artery (RCA) to the right ventricle (RV). (Figure 1) The fistulous tract was significantly dilated at its distal segment before entering into the RV. The diameter of aneurysm was 25 mm and RV orifice was 4 mm. As for concerns of significant heart failure and risk of coronary insufficiency, the CAF was percutaneously closed by Amplatzer duct occluder I 8/6 at its RV orifice. (Figure 2) No residual shunt after the procedure. However, he was lost to follow-up. Three years later, he was referred from local pediatric cardiologist because of a huge vascular structure compressed the RV free wall. (Figure 3) CT angiography showed a huge blind pouch fistulous track (31 x 42 mm) with RV compression. (Figure 4) Compared to previous measurement of the aneurysmal part prior to TCC, the size of the pouch was significantly increased. In addition, there was evidence of reconstitution posterior descending artery (PDA), distal RCA and part of middle RCA by the distal left anterior descending artery (LAD).

RCA angiogram showed device was nicely seated at the RV exit point without residual shunt. Small native RCA branch was demonstrated just proximal to fistulous waist. LCA angiogram showed normal branch with good perfusion supplied to the right coronary territory. Test occlusion, by a balloon wedge catheter, showed no ST-T change. The aneurysm was successfully closed by Amplatzer vascular plug (AVP) II 12 mm with tiny residual shunt. (Figure 5) Normal ECG was demonstrated after the procedure.

Two weeks later, the echocardiogram revealed clot formation in the aneurysm. The plug was well seated without residual shunt. There was good LV and RV contraction without abnormal regional wall movement and no evidence of myocardial infarction via the EKG. (Figure 7-8)

Conclusion: Long-term follow up after CAF closure is indicated since progressive dilation of the blind pouch fistula may occur. Proximal and distal occlusion of the track should be performed to prevent future aneurysmal rupture.