

### Case 1: SB

- 23yo female with Marfan syndrome presents at 11 weeks EGA
- Medications:
  - Metoprolol
  - Prenatal vitamin
- Echocardiogram:
  - Normal LV size and function
  - Mild aortic insufficiency
  - And...



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### Case 1: SB continued...

- Case presented before the Pregnancy & Heart Conference
  - High risk for aortic rupture
  - Cardiac surgery recommended
- Aortic root replacement performed at 13 weeks EGA
- Post-operative course complicated by spontaneous miscarriage
  - D&C performed on POD #4

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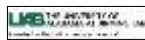
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## Comprehensive Management of the Obstetric Patient with Cardiac Disease

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### Comprehensive Management *of the* Obstetric Patient with Cardiac Disease outline

- Pregnancy & Heart disease: *a growing population*
- Cardiac physiology in pregnancy
- Risk assessment
- Management considerations

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### Comprehensive Management *of the* Obstetric Patient with Cardiac Disease educational objectives

- Describe the prevalence of heart disease in pregnancy
- Describe the physiologic changes of pregnancy, labor & delivery, and the post-partum period in regards to the cardiovascular system
- Describe the different risk assessments in pregnant women with heart disease
- Review management recommendations for pregnant women with heart disease
- Understand when to refer pregnant women to the Pregnancy and Heart Disease Program

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## What are the goals?

- Maintain the wellness of women with heart disease
- Enable a safe pregnancy
  - *When it is safe to pursue*
- Help ensure mother and child are healthy



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## Pregnancy & Heart disease a growing population

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## Pregnancy & Heart Disease

- Women with heart disease are increasingly seen in OB offices
  - Complicates 1 to 4% of pregnancies in the US
- Many women are postponing pregnancy until later in life
  - Hypertension
  - Diabetes
  - Hyperlipidemia
  - Coronary artery disease (CAD)
- Major cause of non-obstetric maternal morbidity and mortality
  - Rheumatic heart disease <<< **Congenital Heart Disease**

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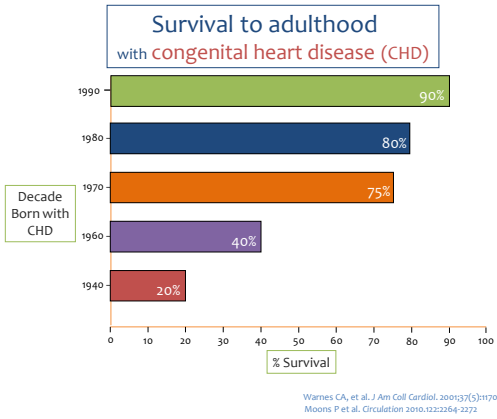
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Today, survival is expected  
— from the *crib* to *old age*



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More adults than children living with congenital heart disease

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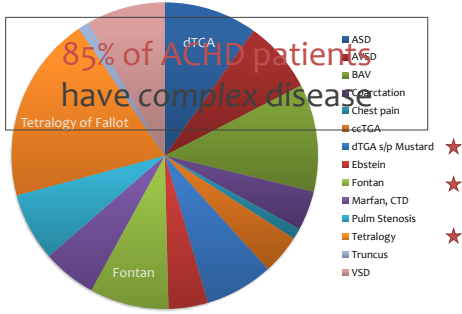
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Alabama Adult Congenital Heart Program  
distribution of CHD lesions



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Pregnancy & Heart Disease

- Each patient's circumstances are *unique*
- Educating the patient is incredibly helpful
- But...

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... since 60% of patients are  
preconception counseling  
isn't always possible.  
by age 18...  
**Lost to Follow-up**

Mackie, et al. Circulation. 2009;120:302-309.

Cardiac physiology  
*in pregnancy*



## Anticipated changes *during pregnancy*

- Development of a “relative anemia”
- Changes in the circulatory system
  - Decrease in peripheral vascular resistance
- Increase in heart rate
  - Particularly in the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester
- Increase in cardiac output by 30-50%

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## Anticipated changes *during labor*

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## C-section *does it help?*

- Can potentially decrease:
  - Anxiety & pain
  - Stress related to contractions
- Possibility of added risk(s):
  - Anesthesia
  - Increased blood loss
  - Mechanical ventilation
  - *Rarely* indicated



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### Changes *after delivery*

- Increase in preload from the lower body
- Blood loss
- Continued increase in cardiac output
- Riskiest time for pulmonary edema
- Ongoing fluid shifts for several days




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### Risk *assessment*

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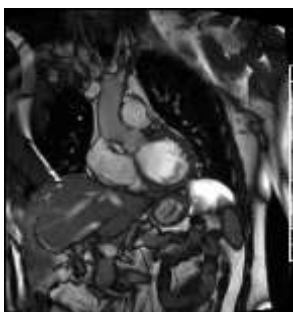
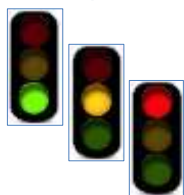


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“So, what is my risk for heart problems?”




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## World Health Organization (WHO class)

### Class 1 (low risk)



- Similar risk and medical care as that of a woman with no heart disease
  - Ventricular septal defect
- Successfully repaired “simple” lesions
  - Atrial septal defect
  - Ventricular septal defect

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## WHO Class 2-3 (intermediate risk)



- Increased risk for problems for mother and/or unborn child
  - Risk may be manageable with medications, procedures, and/or specialized care
  - Most rhythm issues
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|---|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ UNrepaired ASD</li> <li>▪ Tetralogy of Fallot</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mild LV dysfunction</li> <li>▪ cardiomyopathy</li> <li>▪ Transcatheter aortic valve replacement</li> <li>▪ Marfan <i>without</i> aortic dilation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mechanical valve</li> <li>▪ Transposition of the large vessels</li> <li>▪ Single ventricle s/p Fontan</li> <li>▪ Cyanosis</li> </ul> |
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Thorne S, MacGregor A, Nelson-Piercy C. Risks of Contraception and Pregnancy in Heart Disease. Heart. 92: 1520-25. 2006.

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## WHO Class 4 (high risk)



- Prohibitively high risk of health problems, miscarriage, and/or death for the mother
- Often difficult to manage, even with best possible care
- Severe valvular stenosis
- Marfan syndrome: aorta >4 cm

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**CARProg score**  
(Canadian Registry of Pregnancy)

- History of:
  - Heart failure
  - Stroke or TIA
  - Arrhythmia
- NYHA functional class III-IV
- Cyanosis:
  - SpO<sub>2</sub> <88%
- Significant valvar stenosis
- Ventricular dysfunction

**CARProg Score**  
 0: 5% risk of cardiac event  
 1: 27%  
 >1: 75%

Slu SC et al. Prospective multicenter study of pregnancy outcomes in women with heart disease. *Circulation*. 104; 515-21. 2001.

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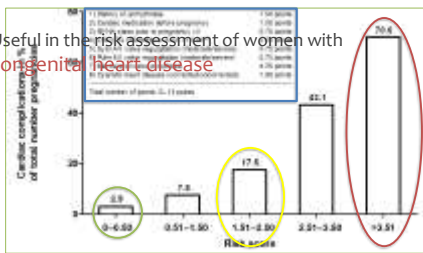
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**ZAHARA Score**

- Useful in the risk assessment of women with congenital heart disease



Drenthen W et al. *Eur Heart J* 2010;31(12):1312-1332

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**Estimated Risk** *and where to deliver*

- **Community hospital:**
  - WHO class I
  - CARProg score = 0
  - ZAHARA score <1.5
- **Regional center:**
  - WHO class 2-4
  - CARProg score 1+
  - ZAHARA score >1.5




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**Risk assessment**  
example

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**Case 2: BC**

- 24yo female with a history of
  - Tetralogy of Fallot
  - S/P “repair”
- NYHA Class II symptoms
- Metoprolol (palpitations)
- Presents to discuss having a baby




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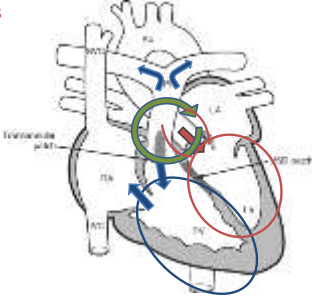
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**Tetralogy of Fallot**  
“repair”

- Long-term complications are common:
  - Pulmonary insufficiency
  - Right ventricular enlargement
  - RV dysfunction
  - Tricuspid insufficiency
  - LV dysfunction
  - Branch PA stenosis
  - Arrhythmia (atrial & ventricular)
  - Aortic insufficiency
  - Aortic root enlargement
  - Sudden cardiac death




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### Case 2: BC continued...

- 24yo female with Tetralogy of Fallot
  - s/p "repair" as a baby
- NYHA Class II symptoms
- Metoprolol (palpitations)
- Presents to discuss having a baby
- Echocardiogram:
  - Severe pulmonary insufficiency
  - Right ventricle hard to visualize



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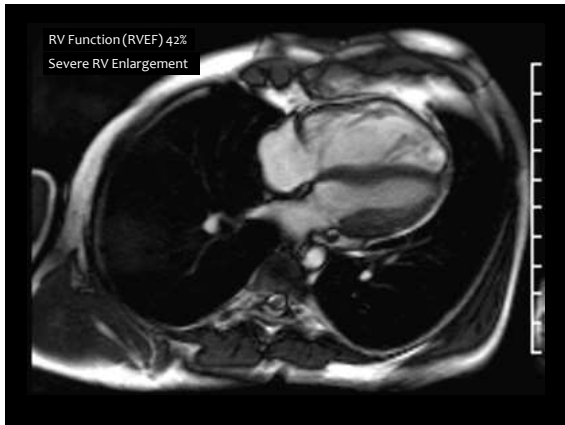
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## “Why before pregnancy?”

- Many tests and procedures are more safely done
- Optimize the patient’s health prior to getting pregnant
- Ensure medications are safe

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## UAB Comprehensive Pregnancy & Heart Program



- Only one of its kind in the Southeast
- All aspects of care available (Medical Home)
- Multidisciplinary team approach:
  - MFM
  - Adult Congenital & Pediatric Cardiology
  - OB Anesthesia
  - Heart Failure/Pulmonary Hypertension
  - Genetics

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## “Who is involved in my care?”

Cardiology physicians  
Maternal Fetal Medicine physicians  
OB Anesthesia physicians  
Labor & Delivery nurses

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### UAB Pregnancy & Heart Clinics

- Congenital Heart Disease & Pregnancy clinic
  - MFM and Adult Congenital Heart specialists
  - May, 2016
  
- Congestive Heart Failure & Pregnancy clinic
  - MFM and Heart Failure/Pulmonary Hypertension specialists
  - January, 2018

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### UAB Pregnancy & Heart Clinics

“What do you typically do?”

- Review history, medications, imaging, and recent events
  
- Physical exam, ECG, and echocardiogram
  
- Additional cardiac testing as needed
  - Heart rhythm monitor                      Exercise stress test
  - Advanced imaging                              Cardiac catheterization

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### UAB Pregnancy & Heart Clinics

“What do you typically do?”

- Establish the initial pregnancy and delivery plan
  - Coordinate care with the patient's local OB
  
- Contraception counseling

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## Multidisciplinary conference

- Meet each month
- Discuss each patient who is currently pregnant
- Review their history, recent imaging, and exam
- Formulate optimal plan of care and delivery




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## Pregnancy & Heart list

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**Comprehensive Management** of the *Obstetric Patient with Cardiac Disease*  
**take home points**

- The population of pregnant women with heart disease is significant and growing
- One's cardiac physiology can be greatly affected by changes in the pregnancy, delivery, and post-partum periods
- Risk assessment is important and best done PRIOR to conception
- Management by a multispecialty team is often necessary

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## What are the goals?

- Help ensure mother and child are healthy




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