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ABSTRACT

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INTRODUCTION: Respiratory distress is a clinical state characterized by abnormal respiratory rate or effort respiratory distress includes increased work of breathing (e.g., tachypnoea or hyperventilation), inadequate respiratory effort (e.g., hypoventilation or bradypnea), and irregular breathing. Regardless of the cause, if it is not recognized and managed, it can accelerate to respiratory failure and cardiopulmonary arrest. Heart failure (HF) is a term that is simple to implement but challenging to define. Only a few of the many definitions of HF that have been proposed have gained widespread acceptance¹. "HF as a complex clinical syndrome that results from any structural or functional impairment of ventricular filling or ejection of blood" is how the American College of Cardiology (ACC)/American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines define the condition.

OBJECTIVE-

To evaluate the value of Echocardiography (ECHO) in diagnosis and decision-making in critically ill children suffering from acute respiratory distress associated with heart failure admitted in PICU.

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METHODS-

A one-year prospective observational study, from January 2021 to Dec 2021, at a tertiary care centre. 75 patients between the ages of 1month and 18 years admitted in PICU with signs of respiratory distress with manifestations of heart failure were enrolled in the study. Patients were diagnosed with heart failure according to Modified Ross Heart Failure Classification for Children and Framingham criteria for heart failure. Echocardiographic examination was performed on all cases to confirm diagnosis and the following parameters were also assessed : Ratio of E wave and A wave (E/A), Fractional Shortening (FS) %, Ejection Fraction (EF) %, pulmonary artery pressure, and inferior vena cava (IVC) collapse with respiration

RESULTS-

After ECHO examination 41.3% of the cases were diagnosed with (CHD) as compared to only 22.6% diagnosed on admission, similarly 4% of the cases were diagnosed with (RHD) and 18.6 % were diagnosed with myocarditis who were previously missed on clinical examination. ECHO helped in change in the management in 45.9% of patients with CHD, 16.3% of patients with pulmonary HTN and in 37.7% patients with reduced LVF. ECHO improved our decision making by initiation of inotropes in 21.3% of cases, increasing inotropes in 8% of cases, initiation of diuretics in 30.6% of cases, fluid loading in 10.6% of cases, fluid restriction in 6.6% of cases, initiation of digoxin in 37.3% of cases, need of initiation of IVIG therapy was suggested in 15(20%) cases, and surgical intervention was suggested in 34.6% of cases.

CONCLUSION-

Echocardiography is a rapid, non-invasive safe technique that can provide comprehensive information about cardiac structure and function. It can help in diagnosis and guide with therapy in critically ill infants and children admitted to PICU suffering from acute respiratory distress associated with heart failure. ECHO also has an impact on decision-making by suggesting the initiation of IVIG therapy in a patient diagnosed with myocarditis.

Keywords:

Heart Failure, Echocardiography, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit

Assessment, Respiratory distress.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED

AHA	American Heart Association
ACC	The American College of Cardiology
HF	Heart Failure
PICU	Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
TTE	Transthoracic Echocardiography
ECHO	Echocardiography
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
CCU	Critical Care Echocardiography
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
CHD	Congenital Heart Disease
DCM	Dilated Cardiomyopathy
VSD	Ventricular Septal Defect
PDA	Patent Ductus Arteriosus
ECD	Endocardial Cushion Defect

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LV	Left Ventricular
NYHA	New York Heart Association
POCUS	Point Of Care Ultrasound
ESPNIC	The European Society for Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care
IVC	Inferior Vena Cava
ESC	European Society of Cardiology
JVP	Juglar Venus Pressure
US	United States
UK	United Kingdom
GBD	Global Burden of Disease
RHD	Rheumatic Heart Disease
HF _r EF	Heart Failure with reduced Ejection Fraction
HF _p EF	Heart Failure with preserved Ejection Fraction
HF _{mr} EF	Heart Failure with Mid-Range Ejection Fraction
LVEF	Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction
NPE	Neonatologist Perform Echocardiography

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SD	Standard Deviation
Min	Minimum
Max	Maximum
DSS	Dengue Shock Syndrome
CMP	Cardiomyopathy
HFNC	High Flow Nasal Cannula
E/A Ratio	Early and Late Atrial Ventricular Filling Velocity
PAP	Pulmonary Artery Pressure
FS	Fractional Shortening
EF	Ejection Fraction
IVIg	Intravenous Immunoglobulin
HTN	Hypertension
LVF	Left Ventricular Function
C	Chi-Square Test
BNP	Brain Natriuretic Peptide
NT- ProBNT	N-Terminal pro b-type natriuretic peptide

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ECG	Electrocardiography
CO	Cardiac Output
ASD	Atrial Septal Defect
PFO	Patent Foramen Ovale

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INTRODUCTION

A clinical condition known as respiratory distress is defined by an irregular breathing effort or rate. It encompasses symptoms ranging from agonal gasps to tachypnoea with retractions. Regardless of the underlying cause, respiratory distress can progress to respiratory failure and cardiopulmonary arrest in a very short time of span if it is not identified and treated early.

The symptoms of respiratory distress include irregular breathing patterns, insufficient respiratory effort, such as hypoventilation or bradypnea, and increased work of breathing (such as tachypnoea or hyperventilation) and irregular breathing regardless of the underlying reason, if it is not diagnosed and treated early, it can quickly progress to cardiac arrest and respiratory failure.

That is why the management of critically ill patients with respiratory distress requires immediate management and monitoring. Overlapping symptoms and multi-organ involvement bamboozle clinicians many a time. Hemodynamic evaluation of critically ill patients, whether with or without ultrasound, has recently earned top priority in patient care.

Term Heart failure is elementary to implement but difficult to define. Only very few definitions of HF have gained widespread acceptance. It's a pathophysiological situation where the heart either doesn't pump blood with a rate enough to fulfil the needs of the tissues that are metabolizing it or pumps blood only at elevated filling pressures due to an anomaly in cardiac structure or function discussed in a similar study done by Braunwald et al., 1992.[1]

American College of Cardiology (ACC) and American Heart Association (AHA) recommendations, which were also noted by Yancy et al. 2013 in a study, define HF as a multiplex clinical condition that occurs from any structural or functional impairment of

ventricular filling or ejection of blood. In accordance with the ESC's recommendations which Ponikowski et al. 2016, also included in their study, HF is a clinical syndrome with classic manifestations (such as difficulty in breathing, lower limb swelling and fatigue) that may be manifest with few signs (such as elevated pressures in jugular vein (JVP), pulmonary crepitation's, rales, and peripheral edema) caused by any anatomical and/or functional cardiac defects, resulting in decreased cardiac output and/or elevated intracardiac pressures at rest or during stress.[2]

There is very less research on pediatric HF and there is strict need to validate its study findings. That's why critically ill paediatric HF patients should be managed on the basis of proper prospective studies rather than just on the basis of clinical experience.

Admission of children with respiratory distress and cardiac disease to the PICU is increasing. The commonest indication for admission to the PICU is respiratory distress and acute deterioration of cardiac functions. The management of such patients is a perplexing task that needs prioritization and efficient time management. Multiple system involvement with overlapping symptoms frequently makes the clinical picture more challenging. Hemodynamic monitoring is now given top priority in the care of severely ill patients. Wheeler et al.2009.[3]

Respiratory distress and a sudden decline in cardiac function are the most frequent reasons for admission to the PICU, around 30-48% of all admissions in a

pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) are children and infants with cardiac disease and respiratory distress. The pediatric intensive care unit's clinical service includes echocardiography as a crucial part (PICU).

Echocardiography is recognized as a convenient bedside imaging modality and an accurate diagnostic technique that examines a key body system and provides a clear image highlighting the child's hemodynamic status. It has also been shown to be a key component of the clinical decision-making process as suggested by Rimington et al., 1996.[4] Echocardiography is the single most useful diagnostic test in the evaluation of patients with HF, according to the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association's (ACC/AHA) guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of heart failure (HF), which are also supported by Kirkpatrick et al., 2007^(a). In the HF population, echocardiographic imaging can be used to study myocardial structure, function, and valvular disease. It can also be used to determine the causes of hemodynamic instability and quickly direct therapy. As stated by Heinle et al. 1995, it has several advantages, including being a risk-free, noninvasive treatment that may be performed serially and in real time.

The use of echocardiography in the ongoing treatment of critically ill patients alters the course of their therapy in a positive aspect. The mounting evidence has supported the use of transthoracic echocardiography (TTE) in the intensive care unit (ICU) (Stanko et al., 2005, Orme et al 2009).[5,6]

It helps in giving a thorough assessment of cardiac function. While measuring severely ill patients' hemodynamic variables like cardiac output and stroke volume, thermodilution techniques work well (Slama et al., 2006, Goldstein et al., 1988).[7,8]

In the intensive care unit, cardiac conditions that cause shock are common.

These conditions include ventricular systolic dysfunction, acute valvular dysfunction, cardiac tamponade, and pulmonary embolism (Joseph et al.,2004). [9] Additionally, echocardiography contributes in measuring cardiac output, preload, and volume responsiveness; these measurements favor in contrast with traditional methods Mousavi et al.,2010, Charron et al .,2006. Also aid in diagnosing pulmonary embolism and its treatment with the help of echocardiography Mookadam et al., 2010.[10,11]

TTE is non-intrusive and can be performed quickly by qualified staff. However, cardiologists have traditionally been the field to which it belongs, atypical respiratory rate or attempts are

clinical signs of respiratory distress, it includes retractions to agonal gasps as well as signs of tachypnea. It includes breathing that requires more effort (such as tachypnea or hyperventilation), less effort (such as hypoventilation or bradypnea), and irregular breathing.

Regardless of the underlying cause, respiratory distress has the potential to end up into respiratory failure and cardiopulmonary arrest if it is not recognized and treated on time. Therefore, prompt management and monitoring are required for subjects who are gravely ill and experiencing respiratory distress. Many a time, overlapping symptoms and multiorgan involvement confound the clinician.

When seriously ill children or infants are who are getting admitting to the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) and are experiencing acute respiratory distress linked to heart failure, an echocardiogram, a quick, non-invasive, safe procedure, can help with diagnosis and treatmentplanning.

Critical care echocardiography (CCE), which has gained widespread

acceptance in the last 10 years, has become a crucial area of critical care ultrasonography. Its usefulness, both as a diagnostic method and for hemodynamic assessment, has significantly increased, having an impact on current cardiorespiratory management.

The monitoring of vital information about the structure and ongoing functional changes in ventricular loading situations is enhanced by echocardiography. The functional alterations, current compliance, and overall biventricular performance are controlled by frequent bedside evaluation.

Monitoring changes in cardiac function helps determine how well a treatment is working. The cause of the underlying disease, management strategies, and length of treatment all have an impact on cardiac output and hemodynamics.

OBJECTIVES

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES:

1. To assess baseline adherence to 6-Mercaptopurine(6MP) during maintenance phase chemotherapy in children undergoing treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL) and to evaluate the impact of smart pill box and parent education in improving the adherence

SECONDARY OBJECTIVES:

1. To identify factors that influence adherence to 6-MP in children with ALL.
2. To compare subjective method using Morisky medication adherence scale (MMAS-8) with objective method using 6-MP metabolite levels in assessing the adherence.
3. To study the pattern of Thiopurine methyl transferase (TPMT) genotype in the given cohort and to correlate it with 6MP metabolite level.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

HISTORY

Heart failure's brief past-

William Harvey explains the circulation for the first time in the sixteenth century. While William Withering wrote a paper on the use of digitalis for medical reasons in the late seventeenth century. The benefits and drawbacks of using digitalis in youngsters were the subjects of a brand-new debate. Up until the early eighteenth century, the diagnosis of heart failure could only be made clinically. René Laennec invented the stethoscope in 1819, which helped distinguish the murmur from normal heart sounds. Wilhelm Röntgen's creation of x-rays in 1895 made further diagnostics considerably simpler.

Digoxin and restriction of fluids alone were not enough for the management of heart failure, the mortality rate was much higher, and hence more medication was under trial for the treatment of cardiac failure. The nineteenth century was the first occasion for the use of diuretics. In 1958 Thiazide diuretics are made available. In 1954 Ultrasound is used by Inge Edler and Hellmuth Hertz to image cardiac structures. The father of echocardiography was Inge Edler and Christiaan Barnard performed the first human heart transplant in 1967. There was ongoing research on diagnostic as well as therapeutic treatment of heart failure, in 1987 CONSENSUS-I study showed unequivocal survival benefits of angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors in severe heart failure whereas another study was done in 1995 by the European society of cardiology released recommendations for identifying heart failure.

DEFINITIONS

Heart failure (HF) is defined as a defect in the heart's structure or in its functional capacity that is preventing it from pumping blood adequately to meet the body's tissues' oxygen demand while preserving normal filling pressures (or only at the expense of increased filling pressures)[12]

According to the most recent ACC/AHA guidelines for the diagnosis and management of heart failure, Echocardiography is the single most effective diagnostic and therapeutic technique in the assessment of patients with heart failure (HF) found by Kirkpatrick et al. and others, in a study in 2007[13]

HF in children has gotten far less attention than it has in adults due to a number of issues, where it has been the focus of in-depth study and the creation of evidence-based recommendations. In comparison to adult cases of HF, which often involve coronary artery disease and hypertension, childhood cases of HF have quite different origins.

Children with HF are described as having a progressive clinical and pathophysiological illness brought on by circulatory, neurohormonal, and molecular abnormalities that produce edema, respiratory distress, growth failure, and exercise intolerance.

Research on the treatment of HF in adults has been extensively studied, but pediatric HF has received far less attention, and what little research there is usually consists of small, retrospective studies, but now it has substantially evolved throughout time as a result of the limited pediatric literature, clinical skills, extrapolation of adult data, and other causes.

The goal of this review is to give a thorough overview of pediatric HF with a focus on diagnosis and treatment.

GLOBAL INCIDENCE OF PAEDIATRIC HEART FAILURE:

Due to the absence of a common definition for HF, It is challenging to quantify the actual global incidence and prevalence of HF among children. Each year, 11,000–14,000 children in the US are hospitalized with heart failure [14]. The majority of the children who seems to get HF are born with CHD, and depending upon age, 25-75% of pediatric HF patients also have CHD [15,16]. Recently, a study done by Shaddy et al., 2018 revealed that “the incidence of HF ranged from 0.87/100,000 (UK and Ireland), 7.4/100,000 (Taiwan), and 83.3/100,000 (Spain)” [17]. In children all throughout the world, CHD is probably the most prevalent underlying cause of heart failure. CHD occurs in around 8/1000 live births. HF associated with CHD occurs in approximately 20% of all patients.

It has been estimated that the annual incidence of HF as a result of congenital abnormalities is between 1 and 2 per 1000 live births and that many infants with CHD undergo early surgical surgery.[18] Following the development of early surgical procedures, the result of HF associated with CHD has changed significantly. In the "early surgical period," the incidence of symptomatic HF has also decreased. Only 10% of the patients reported by Massin et al. who were treated in a tertiary pediatric cardiology setting experienced asymptomatic heart attacks.[19]

Additionally, a considerable portion of pediatric patients who report with heart failure symptoms has cardiomyopathy. According to Rossano et al. from the United States, around 27% (or about 3000) of the 10,000–14,000 children

hospitalized each year with heart failure have abnormalities of the heart muscle as an underlying cause. [20] Cardiomyopathies affect

between 0.8 and 1.3 cases per 100,000 children in affluent nations between the ages of 0 and 18, although their prevalence in children between the ages of 0 and 1 month is ten times higher. [21,22] 90% of pediatric cardiomyopathies are dilated cardiomyopathies.

The prognosis for children with cardiomyopathy is still poor, in contrast to HF owing to CHD, with a 5-year risk for death or heart transplantation of roughly 50% for those with dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM).

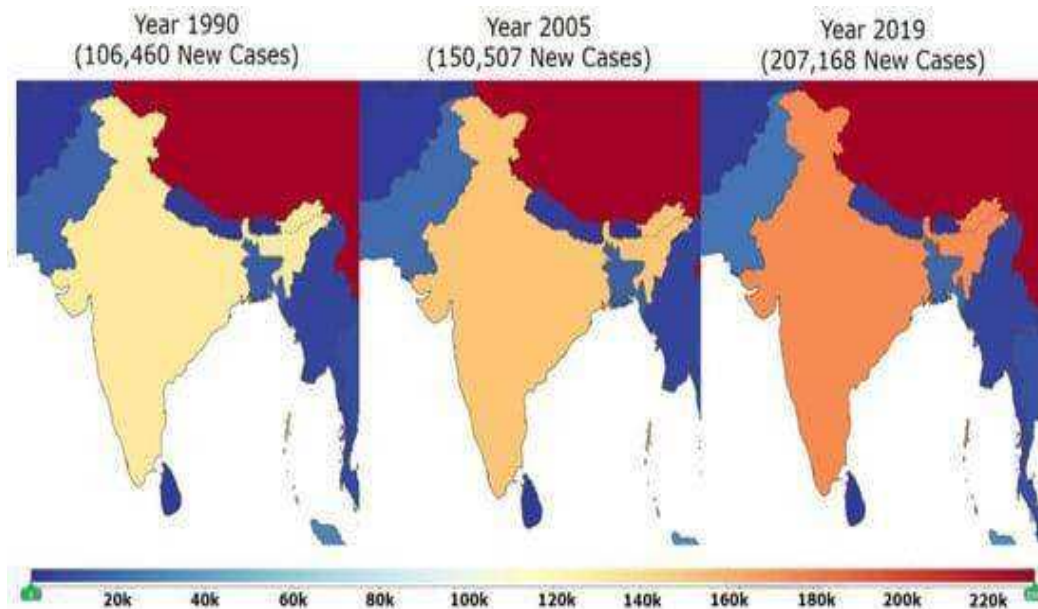


Figure 1 - This map of India (derived from the Global Burden of Disease; GBD) displays the rise in DCM incidence there from 1990 to 2019.

CAUSES OF HEART FAILURE -

Numerous factors can contribute to heart failure syndrome. The most common causes of CHF are congenital or acquired heart disease, myocardial abnormalities causing volume or pressure overload, or both. Heart failure can occur at any age as a result of tachyarrhythmias and heart block. Congenital heart defects account for the vast majority of causes of CHF in infants (CHDs). Myocardial dysfunctions with different aetiologies are significant contributors to CHF after childhood. Anemia, pulmonary illnesses, collagen vascular diseases, systemic hypertension or pulmonary hypertension, neuromuscular problems, and medications like anthracyclines are a few of the uncommon causes of CHF.

CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE-

The most frequent causes of CHF in the first six months of infancy are volume overload lesions like ventricular septal defect (VSD), patent ductus arteriosus (PDA), and endocardial cushion defect (ECD). The timing of CHF onset in infancy varies predictably depending on the type of defect.

ACQUIRED HEART DISEASE-

CHF can result from a variety of acquired cardiac conditions. The age at which CHF manifests with acquired heart disease is less predictable than with CHD.

1. Following infancy, dilated cardiomyopathy is likely the most prevalent cause of CHF. At any age during childhood and adolescence, it may result in CHF. The majority of cases of dilated cardiomyopathy are idiopathic, however, it can also be caused by autoimmune diseases; viral, endocrine, or metabolic disorders;

2. In older children and adolescents, CHF may be brought on by cardiomyopathies associated with Friedreich's ataxia and muscular dystrophy.
3. Children aged 1 to 4 years commonly get myocarditis in conjunction with Kawasaki disease.
4. Children under 1 appear to be more susceptible to viral myocarditis than older children.

It seldom affects newborns and has a fulminating clinical course with a bad prognosis.

5. CHF can occasionally be caused by acute rheumatic carditis, which is most common in school-age children.

MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES CHF-

The following are additional causes of CHF:

1. CHF in infants can result from metabolic problems, including severe hypoxia, acidosis, hypoglycemia, and hypocalcemia
2. Endocrine disorders like hyperthyroidism.
3. Supraventricular tachycardia (SVT) can be a cause of CHF in early infancy.
4. Severe anemia could be the cause of CHF at any age.
5. Hydrops fetalis may contribute to CHF in newborns, whereas severe sickle cell disease can cause it later in life.

PRESENTATION OF HEART FAILURE IN CHILDREN

Children typically exhibit the following symptoms: Fever, nasal flaring (in infants), breathing problems, colds or coughs, tachypnoea, crepitations or decreased air entry, chest retractions, feeding difficulties, diaphoresis, and inadequate weight gain[23].

1. As a result of decreased heart function, the following are observed:
 - Usually they present with tachycardia, gallop rhythm, and thin, feeble pulses.
 - There is virtually always cardiomegaly. Medical examinations are less reliable than chest radiographs for evaluating cardiomegaly.
 - Increased sympathetic discharges are noted (e.g., growth failure; perspiration, cold and wet skin).
2. The following symptoms are caused by pulmonary venous congestion (i.e. left-sided failure) :
 - Tachypnea is a typical and early sign of CHF in infants.
 - Children frequently experience dyspnea on exertion, which is comparable to poor feeding in small infants.
 - Older children may exhibit orthopnoea.
 - Wheezing and pulmonary crackles.
3. As a result of systemic venous congestion (i.e. Right-sided failure) resulting in the following consequences:
 - Hepatomegaly (enlarged liver span) is common, but not always associated with CHF. It can be present in infiltrative liver disease, diseases including asthma, bronchiolitis, etc, that result in hyperinflated lungs and can also

cause the enlarged liver to be palpable. On the otherhand, the absence of hepatomegaly does not rule out CHF.

- Swollen eyelids are common in infants.
- Infants do not exhibit adult-like features, such as ankle edema or dilated neck veins.

According to research by Owayed AF et al., most patients with recurrent pneumonia are known to have an underlying illness and the most common underlying cause found was congenital heart abnormalities (9%) in the majority of individuals with repeated infections. Due to structural heart abnormalities that might exacerbate an already compromised respiratory condition, Children with CHD are at risk for increased morbidity from lower respiratory tract infections[14].



Figure 2- Left-sided heart failure



Figure 3 -Right-sided heart failure'

RESPIRATORY DISTRESS

- **Pale or bluish skin color** - Check around the lips, eyes, hands, and especially the nail beds.

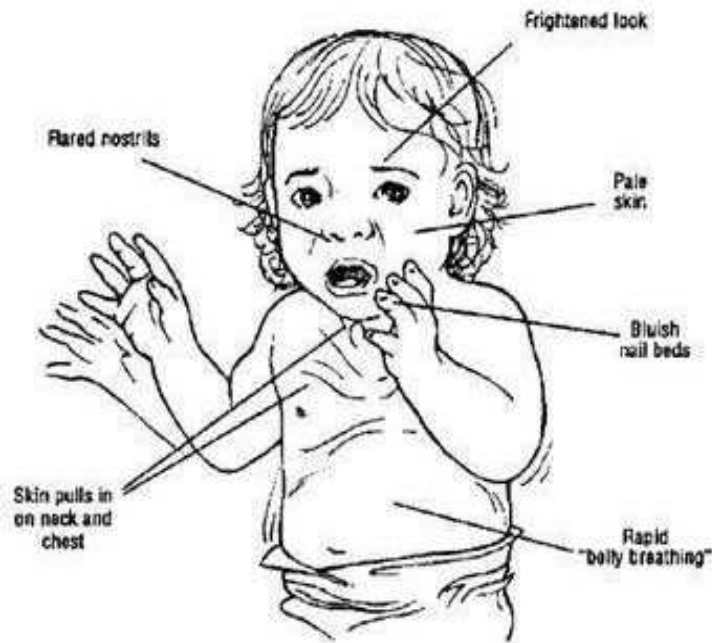


Figure 4- Signs of respiratory distress in a child

- **Increased breathing rate** – Monitor the number of breaths for a complete 1 minute. Is the child breathing faster than usual?
- **Retractions** – closely observe the area around the collarbone and the ribs to see if the chest contracts with each breath.
- **Nasal flaring** - Check to see if nostrils widen when breathing in.
- **Noisy breathing** - Breath sounds like grunting, wheezing
- **Clammy skin** – Feel the child's skin to see if it is cool but also sweaty.
- **Mood change** – If the child is drowsy, difficult to wake, fussier than usual, or "just not acting like himself."
- **Change in body position** – Like leaning forward or tilting his head up or backward to try to breathe easier.

The current criteria for HF only apply to manifest stages with overt clinical symptoms and signs. However, the majority of patients have asymptomatic structural or functional heart conditions including left ventricular (LV) hypertrophy, LV systolic or diastolic dysfunction, and valve disorders, all of which are well-known risk factors for heart failure (HF).

It is crucial to recognize and treat developed HF due to its dismal prognosis. Therefore, by regulating these HF precursor factors, overt HF could be prevented or delayed.

Controlling these HF precursor conditions could therefore stop or delay the development of overt HF. Four stages of HF are recognized by the ACC/AHA, Yancy

et al., 2013, to reflect the importance of the predisposing variables in the condition's cause (Table 1).

Stages A and B are pre-HF forms,

Stages C and D are clinically discernible forms.

Further classifications of the underlying etiology, ejection fraction, temporal course, and severity of HF are possible.

Table 1 ACC/AHA Stages of HF.

Stages	Definitions	Examples
Stage A	At high risk for HF but w/o structural heart disease or symptoms of HF	hypertension
Stage B	Structural heart disease but w/o symptoms or signs of HF	LV hypertrophy and dysfunction
Stage C	Structural heart disease with previous or present symptoms of HF	Examples of Chronic HF
Stage D	Refractory HF, in need of specialized interventions	End-stage heart failure

Types of HF:

Finding the HF's underlying etiology is an essential step in the diagnostic process. Systolic and/or diastolic dysfunction of the LV is the most typical cause of HF worldwide. RHD is still one of the most persistent causes of HF in India”, *Ramakrishnan et al 2009*. In addition, structural heart defects, metabolic disorders, endocardial, pericardial, and heart rhythm, and conduction abnormalities, as well as

systemic and metabolic conditions, can all contribute to HF. In some cases, more than one etiology may play a role in the onset and progression of HF. Reduced, mid-range, and preserved

STAGES OF HF

ejection fraction in heart failure Table2)

Table 2- Reduced, mid-range, and preserved ejection fraction in heart failure. Ponikowski et al., 2016

HFrEF (HF with reduced EF)	LVEF \leq 40%
HFpEF (HF with preserved EF)	LVEF \geq 50%
HFmrEF (HF with mid-range EF)	LVEF 41-49%

Classification of HF in Children:

The Ross Heart Failure Classification was created to give an overall evaluation of the severity of heart failure in infants, but it has since been altered to cover all pediatric age groups.

The modified Ross Classification assigns a numerical score that is comparable to the NYHA (New York Heart Association) classification for adults and takes into account issues with feeding, growth, and exercise intolerance. Children's NYHA (>6 years of age) and Modified Ross Heart Failure Classification (<6 years of age.) (Table 3)

Table 3: NYHA and Modified Ross Heart Failure Classification

Source (Reference no 7)

	NYHA	MODIFIED ROSS CLASSIFICATION
Class I:	no limitation of physical activity	Asymptomatic
Class II:	May experience fatigue, palpitations, dyspnea, or angina during moderate exercise but not during rest	In Infants- Mild tachypnea or diaphoresis with feeding Older Children - Dyspnea on exertion
Class III:	Symptoms with minimal exertion that interfere with normal daily activity	In Infants- Marked tachypnea or diaphoresis with feeding and prolonged feeding times with growth failure. Older Children- marked dyspnea on exertion in older children
Class-IV:	Unable to carry out any physical activity because they typically have symptoms of HF at rest that worsen with any exertion	Tachypnea, retractions, grunting or diaphoresis at rest.

HEART FAILURE'S RELATIONSHIP TO RESPIRATORY DISTRESS

An important and frequent non-pulmonary cause of respiratory distress is cardiac disease. Respiratory distress and increased work of breathing are most frequently seen in heart disorders brought on by significant left-to-right shunts, abnormalities of the systemic ventricle, and vascular lesions that obstruct the airway.

Respiratory distress is frequently a symptom of cardiac failure, regardless of the reason. Infants with CHD result in significant left-to-right shunt-producing pulmonary vascular engorgement, edema formation, and impaired lung compliance, exhibiting tachypnoea, difficulty in breathing, and as well as grunting. Compression of intrathoracic airways by vascular engorgement and interstitial edema may cause wheezing or cardiac asthma.

Tachypnea, dyspnea, grunting, and diaphoresis are symptoms of acute myocarditis, which is usually of a viral etiology. The physical examination reveals tachycardia and diminished heart sounds, and a chest x-ray reveals a significantly enlarged heart. Cardiomyopathy can be inherited, congenital, toxic, or metabolic in origin, familial, or idiopathic. It is important to look for additional reasons for heart failure, such as severe hypertension, renal failure, and severe anemia. Increased pulmonary vascular engorgement and edema accompany systemic ventricular failure brought on by obstructive lesions, such as aortic stenosis, coarctation of the aorta, or mitral stenosis, and produce the same symptoms as a significant left-to-right shunt. Systemic blood flow may be reduced depending on the degree of the left ventricular outflow obstruction, which could lead to poor perfusion and metabolic acidosis. Some pediatricians have had to deal with the challenge of treating a child who has both CHD and respiratory problems. It has even been postulated that congenital cardiovascular anomalies are significantly associated with congenital and acquired respiratory disorders.

Even the hypothesis has been made that congenital and acquired respiratory illnesses have a strong correlation with congenital cardiovascular defects. Although it is unknown whether asthma and/or airway hyper-responsiveness are more common in

children with CHD than in the general population, some writers have made the claim that this is the case. (24,25)

In two Nigerian children, Bode Thomas et al. discovered a coexisting ventricular septal defect and hyperactive airway; they treated the children with bronchodilators and steroids, and the children did well [26].

The attending physician may observe that the coexistence of these two disease entities in developing nations like ours may be primarily due to the possibility that both could present with comparable symptomatology. This might delay diagnosis, particularly if the level of suspicion is low [27,28,29,30].

ROLE OF ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY IN CHILDREN PRESENTING WITH ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS AND HEART FAILURE –

Some pediatricians have been faced with the dilemma of encountering a child where both CHD and respiratory disease coexist. It has even been postulated that congenital cardiovascular anomalies are significantly associated with congenital and acquired respiratory disorders. Although the prevalence of asthma and/ or airway hyperresponsiveness in children with CHD is not known, some authors have suggested that hyperactive airway disease is more common in children with CHD than in the general population. [2,3] For instance, Bode-Thomas et al. [4] noted a coexistence of ventricular septal defect and hyperactive airway in two Nigerian children, they managed with bronchodilators and steroids, and the children responded well.

In developing countries like ours, the attending physician may note that the coexistence of these two disease entities may lie mainly in the fact that both could

present with similar symptomatology. This could lead to a delayed diagnosis, especially when there is a low index of suspicion. [5-8]

Echocardiography has emerged as the imaging technique of choice for the diagnosis and assessment of congenital and acquired cardiac illness in infants, children, and teenagers.

The preferred tool for cardiac evaluation is transthoracic echocardiography (TTE), which is non-invasive, portable, and efficient in providing precise anatomical, hemodynamic, and physiologic parameters about the child's heart.[31]

IMPACT OF ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY ON DECISION-MAKING IN PICU

Prioritization and careful time management are necessary for the treatment and care of critically ill pediatric patients who are experiencing acute respiratory distress. Multisystem involvement and symptom overlap can sometimes make it more challenging to form clinical impressions.

The importance of hemodynamic assessment in the treatment of seriously ill patients has significantly increased in recent years, according to a 2015 study by Ahmed et al. [32], With respiratory distress and cardiac problems, children and infants are admitted more frequently to pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) (almost 30–50% of all cases).

The most frequent causes of PICU admission, according to a 2008 study by Pasquali et al., were respiratory distress and an abrupt loss in cardiac function, including hyper cyanosis episodes, acute heart failure, heart failure linked to a chest infection, arrhythmias, and impending respiratory failure.[33]

Comorbid heart failure and respiratory distress can be brought on by a number of different conditions, such as pathology in one or more cardiovascular

system component (the myocardium, pericardium, heart valves, or endocardium), or they can develop as an unintended side effect of a chronic systemic or metabolic condition. Since heart failure does not always involve congestion, the term heart failure (HF) is preferable to congestive heart failure (CHF), Suggested by Rugolotto and others in their study held in 2001.[34]

Echocardiography is a cornerstone of clinical management in the PICU. It is considered as a convenient, realistic, reliable, bedside diagnostic tool that facilitates the study of a vital bodily system and provides a detailed and clear image of the hemodynamic state of the critically ill patient. It is also crucial to be able to promptly identify the source of hemodynamic instability and administer treatment. Benefits of the technique include being non-invasive, risk-free, and able to be performed serially in real-time, as demonstrated by Heinle et al., 1995.[35]

Many studies, such as those conducted by Manasia et al. in 2005 and Croft et al. in 2006, have shown the value of echocardiography in the treatment of seriously ill patients, changing their treatment plan in almost 30% to 60% of cases after tests were completed [37]. Acute respiratory distress needs to be treated very away, and Nohria et al. (2005) found that early subject evaluation is crucial for appropriate therapy selection and management. After the diagnosis was suspected, to confirm the diagnosis of abrupt cardiac failure, echocardiography is necessary.[36] Evaluation of the left ventricular function is the most common reason for echocardiograms, according to the majority of adult pediatric research Vignon et al., Stanko et al., 2005; 1994; Orme et al., 2009. [5,6],[38]. The most common reason to perform echocardiography has been found by virtue of many studies conducted in different parts of the world is to assess left ventricular function.

It aids in clinical resolution, which usually take place when the treating physician is unsure of whether to support cardiac function or providing fluid support with a focus on sepsis should be the top priority as supported by Arntfield et al., 2012.⁽²²⁾, the use of Echocardiography may be a very valuable indication in such a critical situation.

Tam et al. (1999) found that people who received unexpected ECHO results were more likely (58%) than those who received predicted results (32%) to change their management strategy. According to Tam et al. (1999),^[40] the study's description of a modification in treatment methods includes both medication adjustment and the introduction or discontinuation of new

invasive or non-invasive investigative techniques. Similarly, use of POCUS in critically ill infants and children are now available. Bedside goal-directed echocardiography has been the first POCUS application in pediatric practice with guidelines for implementation.

An expert statement was published in 2011, followed by the United Kingdom Expert Consensus Statement on Neonatologists Performed Echocardiography (NPE) and recommendations for NPE in Europe. Non-cardiac POCUS may carry more opportunities for use as well as a number of benefits for both patients and providers. However, the lack of guidelines is a barrier to widespread adoption.

Therefore, the European Society for Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC) assembled a group of international pediatric POCUS key opinion leaders to create evidence-based guidelines for the use of current and emerging POCUS applications in the neonatal (NICU) and paediatric intensive care units (PICU) by any clinician working in these units.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

STUDY SOURCE

This study was conducted in the department of Pediatrics, in tertiary care hospital, Belagavi as a part of the MD academic curriculum.

STUDY DURATION

The study was conducted between 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

ETHICAL CLEARANCE

Clearance was taken from the Ethical Committee of the Institution

STUDY-DESIGN

Hospital-based cross-sectional study.

INCLUSION CRITERIA

All children from age 2 months to 18 years having signs of respiratory distress with the manifestation of heart failure in the form of (tachypnoea, tachycardia, chest indrawing, intercostal retraction, enlarged tender liver, cyanosis, altered level of consciousness) will be included. Patients diagnosed as having heart failure according to Modified ROSS Criteria for Heart Failure will be enrolled in the study. ⁽⁴⁾

Class I- No limitations or symptoms

Class II- Infants: Mild tachypnoea or diaphoresis with feeding Older children: Mild to moderate dyspnea on exertion

Class III - Infants: Growth failure and marked tachypnoea diaphoresis with feeding.

Older children: Marked dyspnoea on exertion

Class IV - Symptoms at rest such as tachypnoea, retractions, grunting, or diaphoresis.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Cases with chronic illnesses: renal disease,
- Chronic liver diseases
- Cases of poisoning
- Cases of head injury
- Surgical cases like pneumothorax, chest trauma,
- Abdominal trauma
- Hematology and oncology cases present with
- Breathing difficulties
- Guillain barre syndrome

INFORMED CONSENT Written informed consent will be taken from the parent or guardian of all children who will be recruited prior to the study.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS:

Continuous variables are expressed as mean \pm SD. Total counts and percentages are reported for categorical variables. Four outcomes of interest were identified:

- 1) Unexpected new ECHO findings. ECHO findings resulting in management.
- 2) Change in terms of inotropic and decongestive therapy.
- 3) ECHO findings resulting in surgical intervention.
- 4) ECHO results that confirm expected findings.

SAMPLE SIZE

A minimum sample size that can be taken is =75

The formula used for sample size calculation is $n = \frac{p(100 - p) Z^2}{E^2}$

E^2

n is the sample size required.

p is the percentage occurrence of a state or condition (proportion or prevalence).E is

the percentage maximum error required.

Z is the value corresponding to the level of confidence required.

- a. ECHO changes our diagnosis of study cases in CHD from 13 cases (21.7%) to 16 cases (26.7%) after ECHO examination [1], with a percentage of maximum error of 10% at a 95% confidence level.

The sample size is given by-

$$n = \frac{26.7 \times (100 - 26.7) \times (1.96)^2}{10^2}$$

$$10^2$$

$$n = 75.18 \approx 75$$

Particularly important views for pediatric examination include the right parasternal, suprasternal notch, and subxiphoid (or subcostal). The acquisition of images by the pediatric TTE and their proper display are crucial components.



Figure 5- 2-D ECHO machine

RESULTS

METHODS:

Excel and SPSS software version 21 are used for data analysis. Frequency tables are used to present categorical variables. The format for continuous variables is Mean SD/ Median (Min, Max). To examine the relationship between categorical variables, apply the chi-square test. A P-value of 0.05 or less suggests statistical significance. 75 participants were observed, ranging in age from 1 month to 18 years, with mean age 60.57 ± 60.87 months. The distribution of participants among various factors is shown in the following table.

Table 4: Distribution of subjects based on demographic variables.

Variables	Sub Category	Number of Subjects (%)
Age	1 month – 1 year	26 (34.66%)
	1 year – 2 years	5 (6.66%)
	2 years – 5 years	18 (24%)
	5 years – 12 years	17 (22.66%)
	12 years -18 years	9 (12%)
	Mean \pm SD*	60.57 ± 60.87
	Median (Min, Max)	42 (1, 192)
Gender	Male	41 (54.7%)
	Female	34 (45.3%)

*Age-mean and SD are calculated in months.

The age ranged from 1 to 2 year 5 patients (6.66%), while 18 patients (24%) were among 2 to 5 years of age, 17 patients (22.66%) among 5 to 12 years of age, and 9 patients (12%) were above 12 years till 18 years of age. Gender of subjects are 41 (54.7%) of male and 34 (45.3%) of population are female.

The below graph depicts the same-

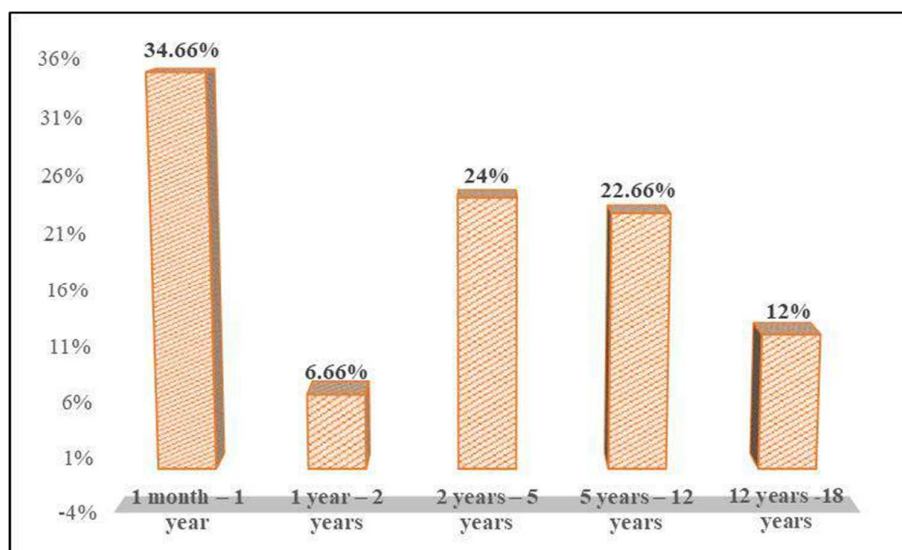


Figure 6: Distribution of subjects based on Age.

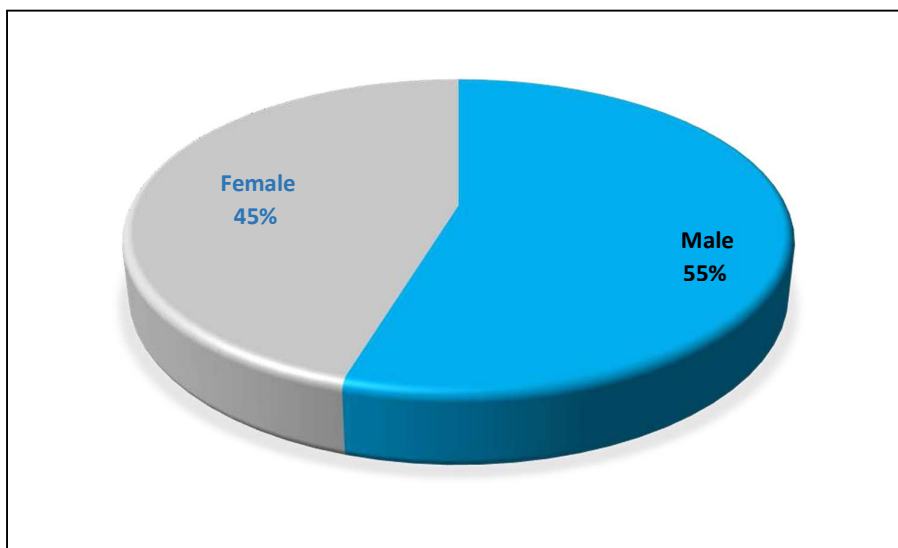


Figure 7: Distribution of subjects based on Gender.

Table 5: Distribution of subjects based on the diagnosis.

Diagnosis -Before ECHO	Chest Infection (Bronchopneumonia/ LRTI)	33 (44%)
	Acute Bronchiolitis	4 (5.33%)
	DSS	17 (22.66%)
	Cardiomyopathy	0 (0%)
	CHD	21 (28%)
	RHD	0 (0%)
Diagnosis -After ECHO	Chest Infection (Bronchopneumonia and Lobar pneumonia)	14 (18.6%)
	Cardiomyopathy	2 (2.6%)
	Acute Bronchiolitis	2 (2.6%)
	Myocarditis	17 (22.6%)
	CHD	31 (41.3%)
	RHD	3 (4%)
	DSS	6 (8%)

It can be observed that 33(44%) of subjects were diagnosed with chest infection, 21(28%) withCHD, 17(22.66%) with DSS, and 4(5.33%) with Acute Bronchiolitis before ECHO.

After ECHO, it was observed that 31(41.3%) were diagnosed with CHD, 17(22.6%) withMyocarditis followed by 14(18.6%) with chest infection.

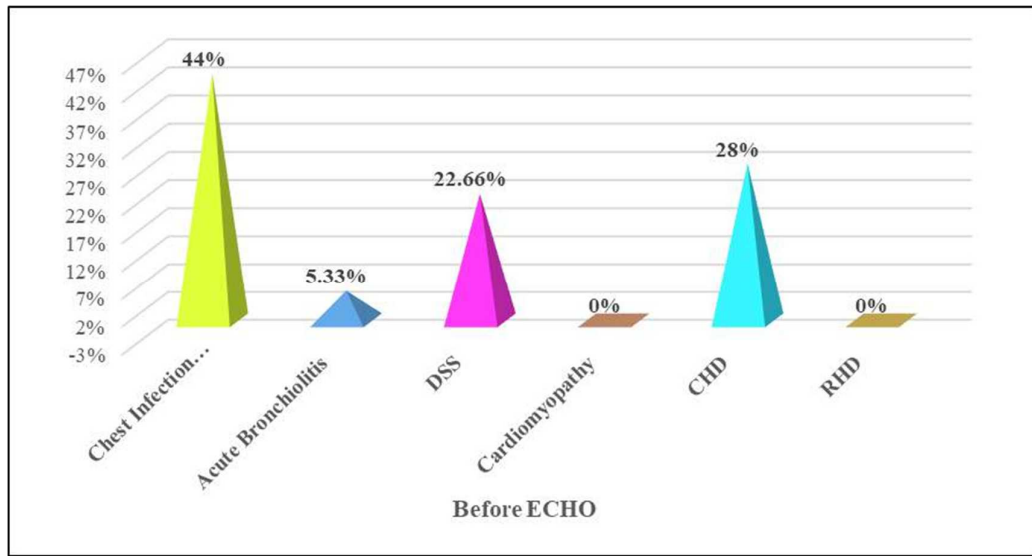


Figure 8: Distribution of subjects based on Diagnosis-Before ECHO.

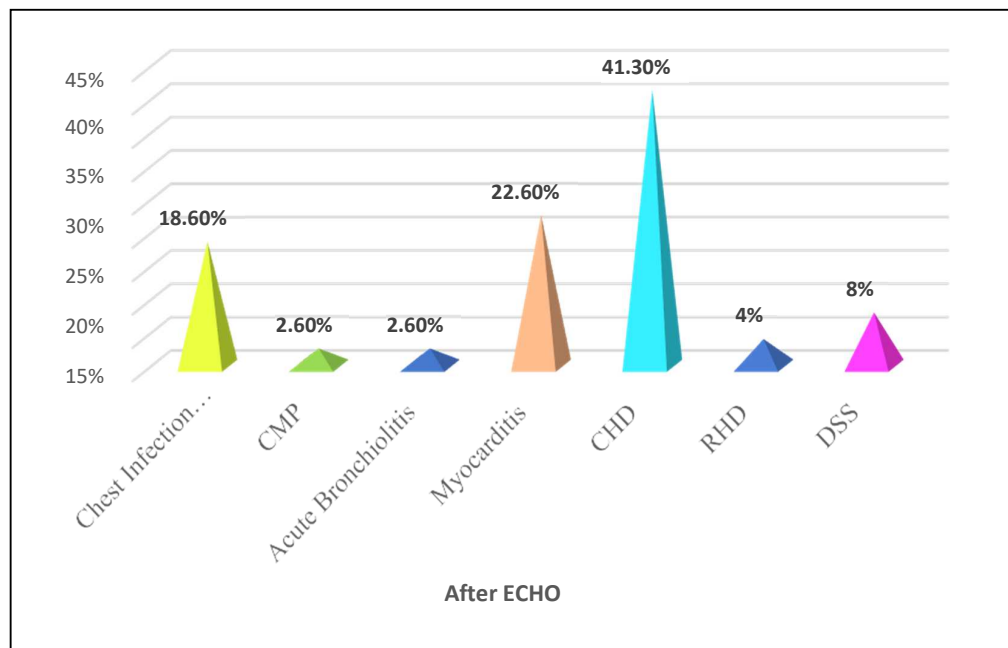


Figure 9: Distribution of subjects based on Diagnosis-After ECHO.

Table 6: Distribution of subjects on Respiratory Support.

	Oxygen by Mask	HFNC	Ventilator
Respiratory Support	34 (45.3%)	36 (48%)	1 (1.3%)

Table 7: Distribution of subjects based on Echocardiographic findings.

ECHO Findings	Range	Mean ± SD
E/A Ratio	0.03 - 2	1.26 ± 0.26
PAP (mmHg)	25 - 72	35.93 ± 13.78
FS%	10 - 30	24.41 ± 5.45
EF%	17 - 65	51.74 ± 12.33

It can be observed from ECHO findings that the mean E/A ratio is 1.26 with a 0.03-2 range. PAP with a mean of 35.93 and a range of 25-72. FS% with a mean of 24.41 and a range of 10-30. EF% has a mean of 51.74 and ranges from 17-65. The Majority of IVC collapse on respiration is no with 64(85.3%).

Table 8: Echocardiography guiding fluid status of patients

	Sub Category	Number (%)
IVC Collapse on Respiration	Dilated	3 (4%)
	No	64 (85.3%)
	Yes	8 (10.7%)

It can be observed that the majority of the subjects did not have IVC collapse 64 (85.3%), followed by 8 (10.7%) had IVC collapse, which required fluid boluses.

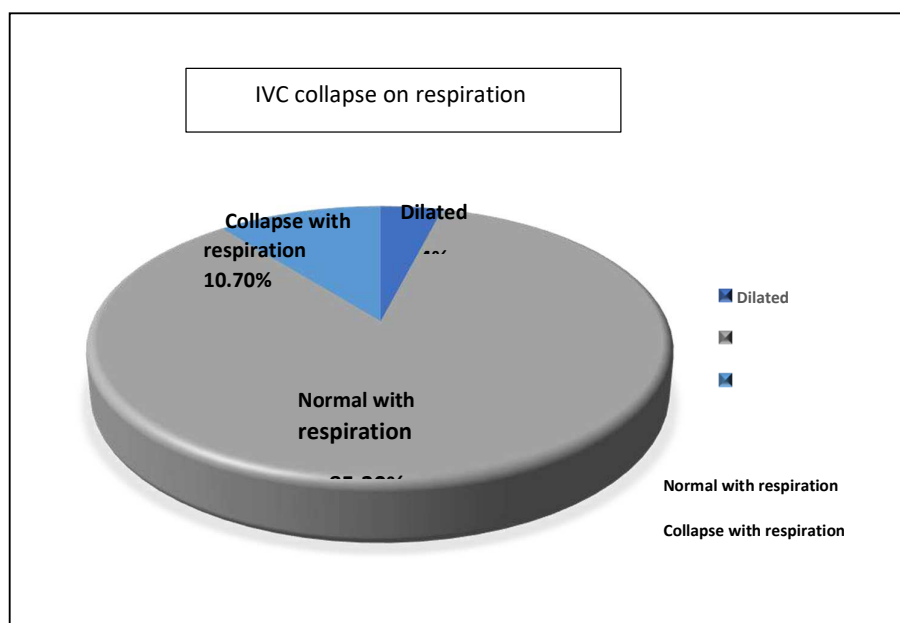


Figure 10- pi-chart showing IVC relation with respiration

It can be observed that 8 (10.7%) of subjects underwent Echocardiographic guiding fluid therapy

Table 9- The following table shows the Distribution of subjects based on the impact of ECHO in guiding the change in treatment.

Intervention	No (%)
Administering Fluid bolus	8 (10.6%)
Fluid Restriction	5 (6.6%)
Initiation of Inotropes	16 (21.3%)
Increase of Inotropes	6 (8%)
Initiation of diuretics	23 (30.6%)
Initiation of digoxin	28 (37.3%)
Surgical Intervention	26 (34.6.)
IVIg initiation	15(20%)
No Intervention	12 (16.0%)

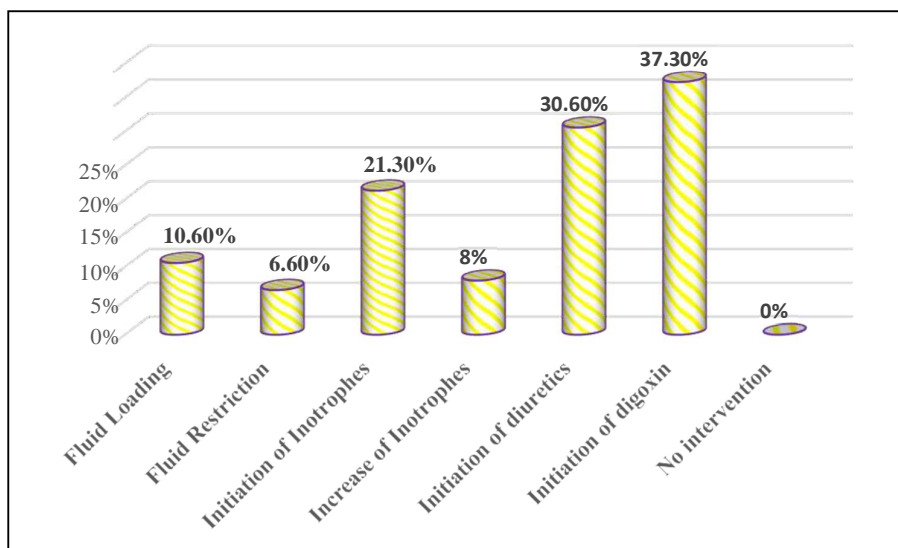


Figure 11: Distribution of subjects based on intervention on the impact of ECHO on decision making.

ECHO has changed our management in patients with CHD in 28(45.9%). In patients with pulmonary HTN and patients with reduced LVF, it is noteworthy that the p-value of all results was <0.005 .

The following table shows the association between changing interventions after Echo and CHD, Pulmonary HTN, and Reduced LV function LVH dilatation.

Table 10: Changing interventions after Echo

	Altered drug Therapy	No difference	X²	p-value
	N= 64	N=11		
CHD	28(45.9%)	0(0%)	10.255	0.0014 ^{C*}
Pulmonary HTN	10(16.3%)	8(57.1%)	10.366	0.0055 ^{MC*}
Reduced LV function LVH dilation	23(37.7%)	0(0%)	7.6135	0.012 ^{MC*}

*Abbreviation: C – Chi square test, MC – Chi square test with Monte Carlo simulation, * indicates statistical significance.*

From Chi square test, it is observed that, there is significant association of CHD, pulmonary HTN and Reduced LV function LVH dilation with changing intervention. The odds of CHD are 0.0405 (95% CI: 0.0023 - 0.7099) time less among those whose interventions are not changed compared to those whose interventions are changed. The odds of pulmonary HTN is 6.8 (95% CI: 1.9348 - 23.8996) time more among those whose interventions are not changed compared to those whose interventions are changed. The odds of Reduced LV function LVH dilation is 0.056 (95% CI: 0.0032 - 0.9919) time less among those whose interventions are not changed compared to those whose interventions are changed.

Table 11: Distribution of subjects based on outcome of the study after ECHO.

Primary outcome	No. of subjects	Survival	Death
Pneumonia	14	14	0
CHD	31	28	3
DSS	6	6	0
Cardiomyopathy	2	2	0
RHD	3	3	0
Myocarditis	17	15	2

It can be observed that among the outcomes, death was observed in 2 subjects with Myocarditis, 3 with CHD.

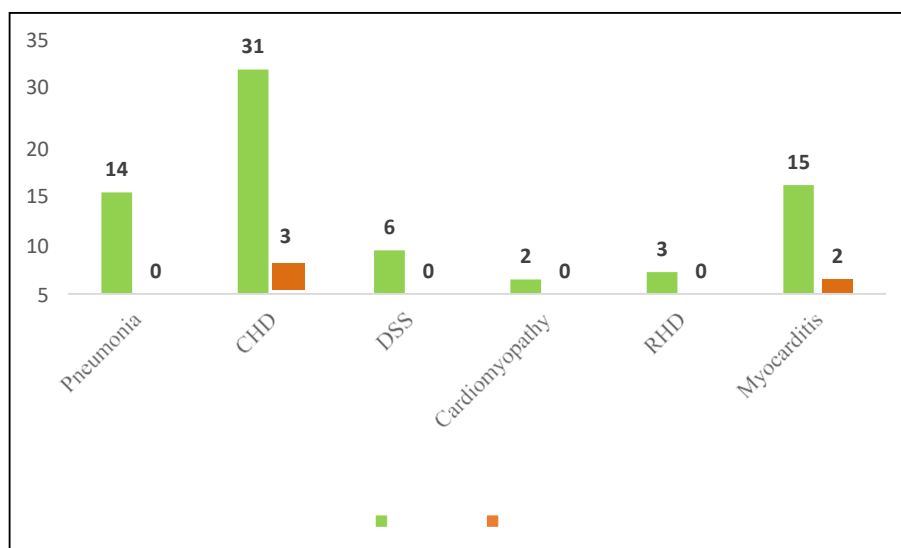


Figure 12- Graph showing outcome of the study .

DISCUSSION

Echocardiography is based on ultrasound technology to image the heart and associated vascular structures. From the reflected energy or so-called ultrasound echoes, a cardiac image is created. Standard views used for pediatric examinations are-

- Parasternal window (obtained from the high left chest just lateral to the sternum,)
- Apical window is (the left lateral chest just inferior and lateral to the nipple)
- subcostal window (sub-xiphoid area)
- suprasternal window (the suprasternal notch)

Acute respiratory distress needs to be treated immediately, and the key to providing effective management is early patient evaluation.[32] Diagnosis of Heart Failure is not always straightforward. Its diagnosis relies on several sources of clinical findings, including history, physical examination, chest radiographs, and echocardiographic studies. There is no single particular test that can diagnose CHF.

Cardiomegaly on a chest film (or echocardiographic scan), in addition to physical signs, is practically a requisite sign of CHF. According to Nir et al. (2005), most children with pressure overload or volume overload cardiac lesions had higher levels of BNP and the N terminal segment of its prohormone (NT-ProBNT) than normal children. Because an appropriate reference range hasn't been established, the utility of the amounts of these peptides, however, seems to be constrained. Depending on the commercial testing kits utilized, the values of these peptides vary.[41] An electrocardiogram (ECG) is possibly the least important test for the diagnosis of CHF, but it helps in identifying the cause of heart failure. Respiratory distress and cardiac failure were factors in 30 to 50 percent of admissions to the pediatric intensive care

unit, according to a 2008 research by Pasquali and his colleagues. Acute heart failure, cyanotic episodes, arrhythmias, heart failure associated with a lower respiratory tract infection, and imminent respiratory failure are the most frequent causes. However, multisystemic involvement might occasionally make the clinical picture more difficult, which raises the morbidity rate in these children. Therefore, a thorough examination of the children's hemodynamics is required.[33]

According to the American College of Critical Care Medicine's 2017 guidelines, a detailed hemodynamic assessment includes the evaluation of parameters such as temperature, sensorium, capillary refill, heart rate, rhythm by electrocardiography, oxygen saturation monitoring, blood pressure, and superior vena cava saturation monitoring. However, diagnosis of heart failure appeared to be always difficult due to the presence of several markers influencing cardiac function. When performed by expert hands, echocardiography looks to be a safe, non-invasive, and quick method of obtaining extensive information on ventricular function. As a result, echocardiography confirmation of acute heart failure preserves the golden hour, allowing for prompt therapy and improved results.

Echocardiography is the most beneficial non-invasive investigation that determines the severity of heart failure and validates the diagnosis of heart failure is echocardiographic. It could also aid in determining the etiology of heart failure. It also helps in the evaluation and monitoring of patients with acute HF because it can come up with both diagnostic and prognostic information [42]. Additional hemodynamic data may also be collected, including cardiac output (CO), end-diastolic volume, both global and local ventricular function, and valvular anomalies. By using Doppler techniques, echocardiographic examinations can demonstrate enlargement of the ventricular chambers, impaired LV systolic performance (reduced

fractional shortening or ejection fraction), as well as impaired diastolic function. The severity of valve regurgitation, the degree of left and right ventricular function, and a non-invasive assessment of filling pressures can all be obtained via echocardiography. Heart failure (HF) is a composite clinical syndrome resulting from varied primary and secondary causes and shared pathways of disease progression, correlating with significant mortality, morbidity, and cost". The global burden of HF is not known, as many children do not have access to medical services and die of HF each year [43]. Confirmation of the diagnosis of acute heart failure by Echocardiography is essential and should be performed in the next to no time following suspicion of the diagnosis; Echocardiography is quick, non-invasive, and safe and provides substantial particulars on heart failure.[51]

The present observational study was conducted in the department of Paediatrics at JNMC Medical College, Belgaum from Jan 2021 to Dec 2021. A total of 75 study participants were enrolled. In this study, we observed that the majority 44(%) of subjects are of age within 5 years, and 17 patients (22.66%) among 5-12 years of age.

Our study reveals that males 41 (54.7%) had a greater risk of developing heart failure than females 34 (45.3%). In contrast, research conducted by Grayburn et al. (2005) found that girls were at greater risk than boys, and this can be explained by the fact that in our culture there is a preferential referral to boys over girls in some families. Our findings are consistent with those of Kutty et al. 2014, who found that boys (58%) more often than girls (42%) need ECHO in pediatric critical care. [32] our study is also supported by the findings of the 2016 study by Rabah et al. There were 57 (56.4%) male patients and the majority (n = 41, 40.6%) were infants under 1-year-old.

In our study, chest infection (pneumonia & bronchiolitis),44% was the most frequent cause of HF with respiratory distress, and congenital heart disease (CHD)22.6% was the 2nd most prevalent cause, supported by the study done by Ahmed et al. (2015), These results were supported by another study done by Ayat et al. 2019 where congenital heart disease was the commonest indication for ECHO in 47 patients (27.65%) followed by respiratory distress in 24 patients 14.12%. These results were in contrast to another study conducted by Rabah et al, 2016 observed normal echocardiography was the most common finding (31.7%) followed by congenital heart disease (24.7%).[26][49,50]

Our study found that cardiomyopathy is still an important cause of heart failure, which is in line with research by Ahmed et al. (2015), Grayburn et al. (2005), and Nishimura and Tajik (2009).[32][44,45]

The presence of a heart murmur, a positive history of prior attacks, and a throat infection all point to a cardiac etiology for rheumatic fever. But few studies revealed that auscultation had low sensitivity and specificity in detecting abnormal murmurs. Subclinical RHD was introduced with the use of ECHO to acknowledge the possibility of RHD being silent. A study performed by Marijon et al in Cambodia and Mozambique, compared auscultatory to echocardiographic screening in over 5000 children. Ten times more RHD was detected through an echocardiograph. Additional studies persistently emphasized the superiority of echocardiography in detecting latent RHD [46,47].

Cases with myocarditis lack the clue from the history and examination and were detected while doing echocardiography for unexplained respiratory distress. This highlights the value of an echocardiographic assessment in children who have unexplained respiratory distress, especially if there is tachycardia. In our study,

18.6% of cases were diagnosed after ECHO which remains undiagnosed at the time of admission, supported by Nagueh et al.,2007[45]. In myocarditis, Electrocardiographic changes are considered to be present commonly, particularly ST-T anomalies, but they are also nonspecific and can imitate coronary heart disease.

All cases underwent echocardiography, and of the total echocardiography parameters, five were chosen for analysis:

- The E/A Ratio.
- The Pulmonary Artery Pressure
- The Fractional Shortening, and
- The Ejection Fraction.

These parameters were used for diagnosis, and to evaluate our management, Inferior vena cava (IVC) collapse during respiration was used.[32]

Accurate assessment of the diastolic function of the heart by echocardiography is an evolving field that has made notable progress in the recent past. Diastolic heart failure and its effects on postoperative care also need to be taken into account. It's important to consider diastolic heart failure and how it affects postoperative care.

Diastolic dysfunction is indicated by a prominent pulmonary vein atrial reversal wave (a wave). This observation shows pronounced flow reversal into the pulmonary veins during atrial systole as a result of a non-compliant ventricular chamber. Additionally, the mitral inflow Doppler pattern can be a helpful index of diastolic dysfunction. it consists of two waves, An 'A' wave reflects active filling because of atrial systole, and an 'E' wave, signifies early passive ventricular filling (preload dependent).

In patients with diastolic dysfunction, the E: A ratio can be altered i.e rate of E wave deceleration, and the duration of the A wave. According to our study, critically unwell infants and children had a notable reduction in E-wave and E/A ratio, which suggests LV diastolic dysfunction.

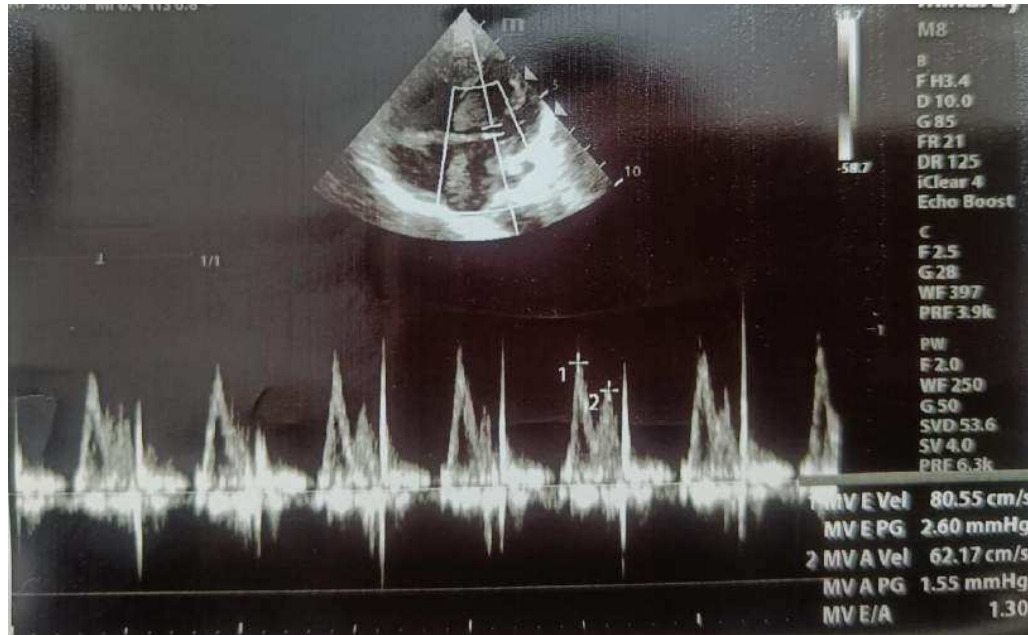


Figure-13. Echocardiography showing E/A ratio of 1.3 suggestive of normal left ventricle diastolic function.

According to Our study, there was a significant decrease in E-wave and E/A ratio in gravely ill infants and children, suggesting LV diastolic dysfunction. This is fairly consistent with El- Khuffash and McNamara et al. (2011), who suggest that E/A ratios less than 1 signify diastolic dysfunction and poor myocardial relaxation.[8]

This might be explained by the fact that the isovolumic relaxation time increases as left ventricular relaxation deteriorates. E-wave is attenuated, and the E-wave deceleration time is extended, as this condition involves a compensatory rise of the A-wave, the E/A ratio becomes less than 1.[48]

As an extension to a physical examination, echocardiographic evaluation of left ventricular (LV) function has been shown to improve both the timing and efficacy of therapy. By using echocardiography, the left ventricular systolic function can be evaluated both qualitatively and quantitatively

- **Qualitative Analysis of the LV Systolic Function-**

It involves the examiner's visual interpretation in connection to the myocardial contractile function preferred in PICU settings and also by Non-echocardiographers to assess LV function using the qualitative examination of the LV systolic function.

The parasternal (long and short views), the apical and the subcostal views, and numerous echocardiography views are used to visually evaluate the left ventricular ejection fraction (EF). This evaluation is done by looking at the myocardial thickness during systole and the decrease in the diameter of the ventricular chamber during systole compared to diastole, which is provided by the motion of the ventricular wall during systole. Subjectively stated, LV function is divided into four categories: normal (EF 55%)

Slightly reduced (EF 41%-55%)

Considerably reduced (EF 31%-40%), and significantly impaired (EF 30%).

- **Quantitative Analysis of the LV Systolic Function-**

LV ejection fraction and cardiac output/index measures are used in the quantitative investigation of the LV systolic function. This information enables the physician to make decisions about therapeutic choices like fluids and/or inotropic drugs.

The M mode or two-dimensional mode can be used to measure the ejection fraction. Its calculation in the M mode is the most widely used in clinical practice,

especially in pediatric patients, and is obtained from the fractional shortening (FS) measurement. In all cases of

cardiomyopathy and viral myocarditis, it was noticed that ejection fraction and fractional shortening were substantially affected or lowered, with ejection fraction occasionally falling below 15%. It was noted that ejection fraction and fractional shortening severely affected or decreased in all cases with cardiomyopathy and viral myocarditis, as ejection fraction may reach less than 15, This is in strong concordance with Nosir et al 2009, whereas the ejection fraction might range from 30% to 54% in other forms of heart failure. Therefore, the ejection fraction and fractional shortening may be considered reliable indications of dilated cardiomyopathy and myocarditis together with increased cardiac dimension, however using these two characteristics alone, we cannot distinguish between the two cases. Therefore, the need for initiation of IVIG therapy was required in 15(20%) cases diagnosed with myocarditis after ECHO.

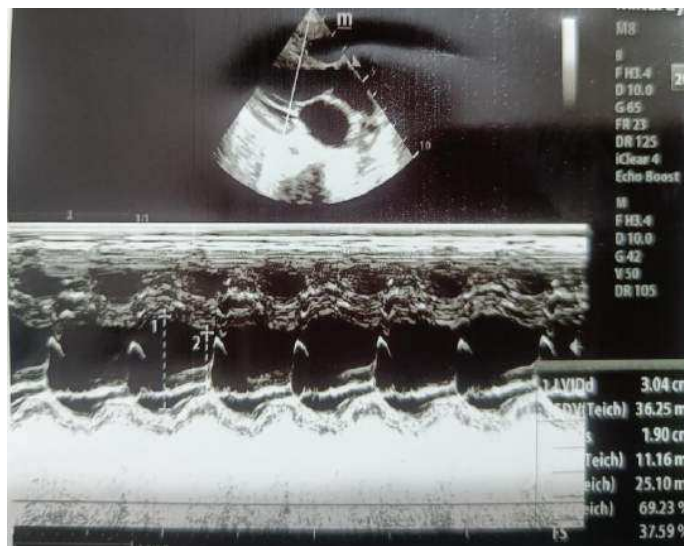


Figure-14. Echocardiography showing fractional shortening of 37.59% and ejection fraction of 69.23% with good biventricular function in a patient of the ventricular septal defect.

Regarding changes in pulmonary artery pressure, the mean PAP was 375.65, which is in the upper normal range; in 19/75 cases, there was mild to moderate pulmonary hypertension, and

in 4/75 cases, there was severe pulmonary hypertension (CHD), which could be attributed to the underlying disease's characteristics. According to several studies (Manasia et al., 2005; Croft et al., 2006), the use of echocardiography in the care of critically ill patients has a positive effect that changes the course of treatment in 30% to 60% of instances.[37,]

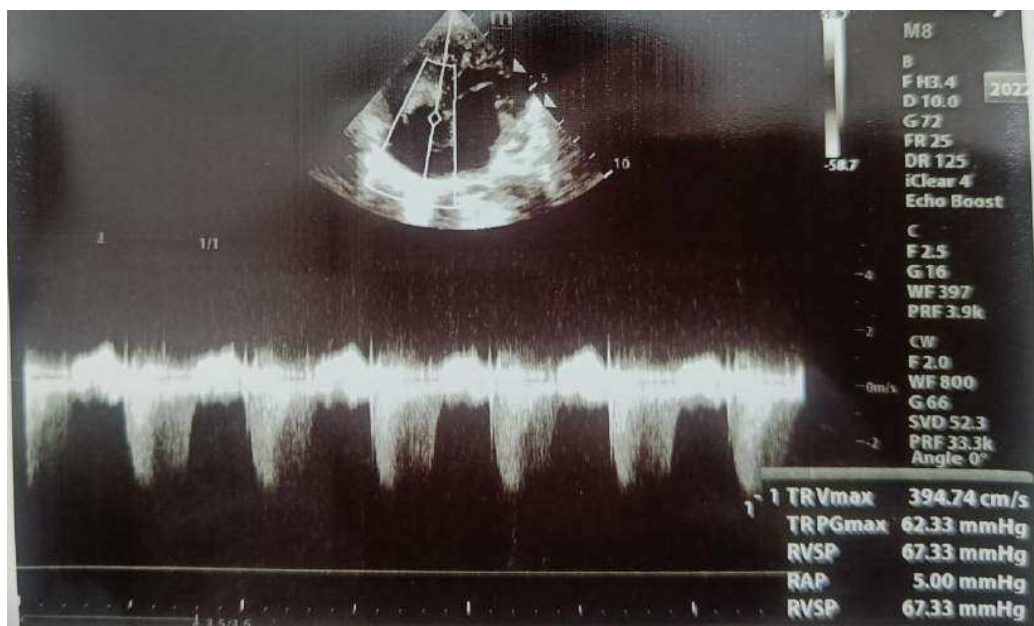


Figure- 15. Echocardiography showing Pulmonary artery pressure is 67.33 mm Hg, signifying severe pulmonary artery hypertension.

The inferior vena cava (IVC) diameter is the first method used in echocardiography to evaluate preload and fluid responsiveness. The most common echocardiographic technique for evaluating fluid responsiveness is respiratory changes in IVC diameter, which involves analyzing the IVC diameter change with respiration while receiving positive pressure ventilation (inspiration and expiration)

Our study showed that Echocardiography also aids in decision-making in the studied cases by assessing inferior vena cava collapse with respiration, our study showed that: some cases need fluid loading (10.6%), and others needed fluid restriction (6.6%). Our findings are supported by another study done by Heloisa et.al.,2015 proved a strong correlation between respiratory change in IVC and the patient's fluid responsiveness, The authors demonstrated a linear relationship between respiratory changes in the IVC and elevated Cardiac output.

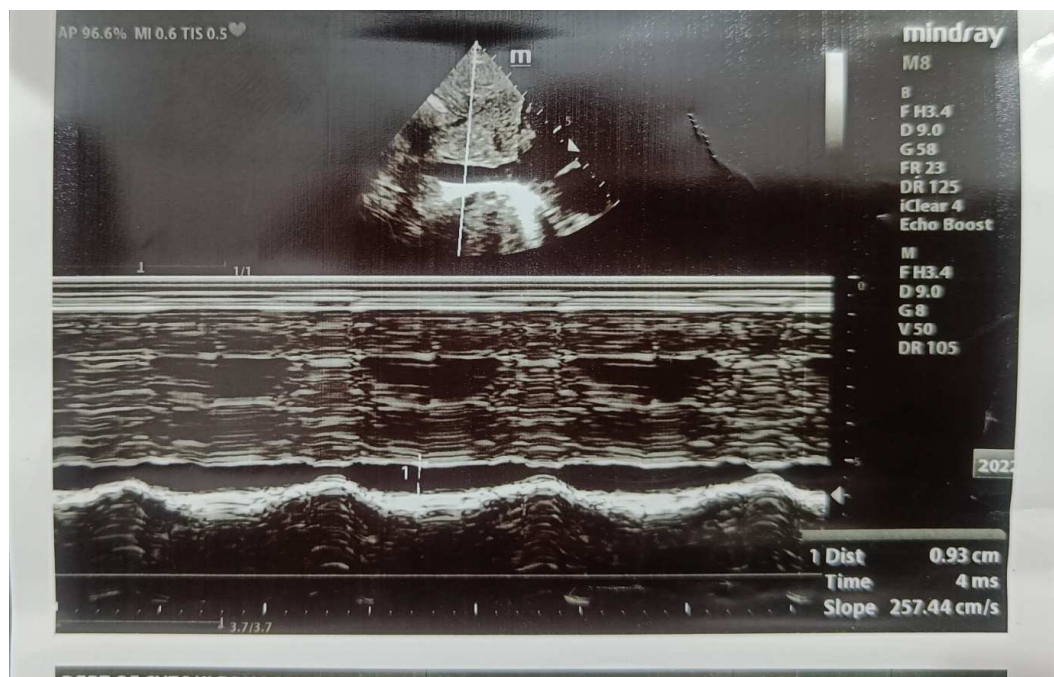


Figure-16. bedside echocardiography showing change in inferior vena cava diameter with respiration, (0.93 cm) which along with other clinical data showed that fluid resuscitation should be maintained. Neither there is fluid overload nor IVC collapse.

initial treatment of shock is fluid resuscitation. Aggressive fluid resuscitation, however, could be detrimental to some people in cardiogenic shock. Children's fluid responsiveness cannot be predicted by clinical evaluation or static measurements of filling pressures (central venous pressure and pulmonary wedge pressure), which is

consistent with findings in adults, and examination of pediatric patients is made more difficult by the fact that dynamic indicators like pulse pressure variation and stroke volume variation did not predict fluid responsiveness in children as they did in adults.\

Before, during, and after percutaneous ASD/PFO, PDA device closure, and echocardiography is crucial. In fact, the American Society of Echocardiography recently advocated its use for procedural guiding [28].

Following an echocardiogram, surgical intervention was recommended for 26 (34%) of the patients. A similar study done by Saffa et al, revealed that the P-value of the results for the majority of patients [163 patients (95.88%)] was significant ($<0.05\%$), the echocardiographic results and the therapeutic decision or intervention in this study showed a strong favorable association, the same in Rabah et al, 2016 study a significant P-value of all results was significant.[49]

CONCLUSION

- Echocardiography is a quick, safe, non-invasive method that is capable of giving detailed information about the structure and function of the heart. It can help with diagnosis and give therapeutic recommendations for seriously ill children who have been admitted to a pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) and are experiencing acute respiratory distress associated with heart failure.
- Echocardiography aids in determining the cause of CHF.
- Serial examination of the effectiveness of therapy using echocardiography is also advantageous.
- ECHO also influences decision-making by recommending the initiation of IVIG therapy for patients diagnosed with myocarditis.
- Patients with congenital heart disease and those exhibiting signs of respiratory distress were identified to be the most common two reasons for echocardiography in this study.
- Echocardiography helps in prompt referring to a cardiothoracic surgeon if any surgical intervention is required.

LIMITATIONS

- The study was conducted in a single location with a limited sample size.
- The lack of blinding and randomization in this trial hindered proper assessment of the impact of echocardiography on the outcome of critically ill children.
- Such restrictions preclude the study's conclusions from being applied generally

SUMMARY

The study was conducted over a period of 1 year between January 2021 and December 2021 at KLES Dr. Prabhakar Kore Hospital. 75 children from age 2 months to 18 years having signs of respiratory distress with the manifestation of heart failure in the form of (tachypnoea, tachycardia, chest indrawing, intercostal retraction, enlarged tender liver, cyanosis, altered level of consciousness) were enrolled. Patients diagnosed as having heart failure according to Modified ROSS and Framingham Criteria for Heart Failure. All enrolled cases underwent Echocardiographic examination, Standard views used for examinations were-

- Parasternal window (obtained from the high left chest just lateral to the sternum,)
- Apical window is (the left lateral chest just inferior and lateral to the nipple)
- subcostal window (sub-xiphoid area)
- suprasternal window (the suprasternal notch)

Total 5 echocardiographic parameters were chosen for analysis:

- The E/A Ratio.
- The Pulmonary Artery Pressure
- The Fractional Shortening, and
- The Ejection Fraction.

These parameters were used for diagnosis, and to evaluate our management, Inferior vena cava (IVC) collapse during respiration was used.[32]

Excel and SPSS software version 21 was used for data analysis. Frequency tables were used to present categorical variables. The format for continuous variables was Mean SD/ Median (Min, Max).

To examine the relationship between categorical variables, we used the chi-square test. A Pvalue of 0.05 or less suggests statistical significance.

- In this study, we observed that the majority of 22 (29%) subjects were of age less than 5 years and 17 patients (22.66%) among 5-12 years of age.
- Male: Female ratio was 1.2:1.
- It was observed that before ECHO, 33(44%) subjects were diagnosed with chest infection, 21(28%) with CHD, 17(22.66%) with DSS, and 4(5.33%) with Acute Bronchiolitis.
- After ECHO, it was observed that 31(41.3%) were diagnosed with CHD, 17(22.6%) with Myocarditis followed by 14(18.6%) with chest infection.
- In patients with diastolic dysfunction, the E: A ratio can be altered. According to our study, critically unwell infants and children had a notable reduction in E-wave and E/A ratio, which suggests LV diastolic dysfunction.
- In our study we observed, that the mean E/A ratio is 1.26 with a 0.03-2 range. PAP with a mean of 35.93 and a range of 25-72, similarly FS% with a mean of 24.41 and a range of 10-30, we also observed that EF% has a mean of 51.74 and ranges from 17-65. It was observed that the majority of the subjects did not have IVC collapse 64 (85.3%), followed by 8 (10.7%) had IVC collapse, which required fluid boluses.
- Our study showed there was a significant impact of Echocardiography in guiding the treatment for PICU patients, there was a requirement of initiation of inotropes in 21.3 % of patients after performing ECHO, 8% of patients required an increase in inotropes, we initiated decongestive therapy in 37% of patients, 34.6% patients were referred, for surgical interventions.

- Cases with myocarditis lack the clue from the history and examination and were detected while doing echocardiography for unexplained respiratory distress. This highlights the value of an echocardiographic assessment in children who have unexplained respiratory distress, especially if there is tachycardia.
- In our study, 22.6% of cases were diagnosed with myocarditis after ECHO which remains undiagnosed at the time of admission, out of which 20% of patients required IVIg.
- ECHO has changed our management in patients with CHD in 28(45.9%). In patients with pulmonary HTN and patients with reduced LVF, it is noteworthy that the p-value of all results was <0.005 .

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ANNEXURE I – CONSENT FORM

CONSENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH

IMPACT OF TRANSTHORACIC ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY ON DECISION MAKING IN CHILDREN PRESENTING WITH ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS AND HEART FAILURE - A ONE YEAR PROSPECTIVE OBSERVATIONAL STUDY AT KLE,S DR PRABHAKAR KORE HOSPITAL BELGAUM

Principal Investigator: **REG NO. BM0120010**

Co – investigator: DR. _____.

You have been asked to involve your child in the above said research to be conducted at PICU of KLE university's JN medical college hospital, Belagavi by Dr. KAJOL YADAV, PG student in the Department of Paediatrics at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Belagavi.

Introduction

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY:

Participation of your child will help us to know the effects of ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY in diagnosis and decision making in PICU. You are free to discontinue the participation in the study at any time for any reasons and you will not be paid any reimbursement for participation in the research. Hence involving your child in the study is your voluntary decision.

Voluntary participation

Your child's participation in this study is your voluntary decision, whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relationship with KLEs Dr. Prabhakar Kore Hospital & MRC, Belagavi.

Risk and benefits

There are no risks involved. Reduction in morbidity and mortality.

Privacy and Confidentiality

The only people who will know that you are a research participant are member of the research team. No information about you or provided by you, during research will be disclosed to others without your written consent. When the results of the research are published or discussed in the conferences, no information will be disclosed that would reveal your identity. Any information obtained in connections with this study and that can be identified with you remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission.

Queries

If you have any queries you may contact

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If you have any questions about your rights or research participation you may contact
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You will be given a copy of this form for your information and to keep for your records.

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I hereby voluntarily agree for my participation in this study. I understand that I have the liberty to withdraw at any time. My signature below indicates that I have read or have been told in the language I understand, about this entire consent form including the risks and benefits and have had all my questions answered. I will be given a copy of this consent form.

Signature of the authorized representative/ parent:

Date:

Name:

Relation to the Subject:

Signature of the witness:

Date:

Name:

Signature of investigator:

PROFORMA

Date:

Name:

ID NUMBER:

NAME:

MOTHER'S NAME:

FATHER'S NAME:

IP NUMBER:

DATE AND OF BIRTH: GENDER:

DATE OF ADMISSION:

CLINICAL EXAMINATION: FEVER

HR

RR

MAJOR CRITERIA:

ACUTE PULMONARY EDEMA CARDIOMEGALY

HEPATO-JUGLAR REFLEX NECK VEIN DISTENTION

PAROXYSMAL NOCTURNAL DYSPNEA ORTHOPNEA

RALES

THIRD HEART SOUND GALLOP

MINOR CRITERIA:

ANKLE EDEMA DYSPNEA ON EXERTION HEPATOMEGALY NOCTURNAL

COUGH PLEURAL EFFUSION TACHYCARDIA

INVESTIGATIONS:

CBC CRP UREA

CREATININE

X-RAY FINDINGS

DIAGNOSIS AT THE TIME OF DIAGNOSIS AFTER ECHO
ADMISSION

DECONGESTIVE THERAPY DECONGESTIVE THERAPY

PLANNED BEFORE ECHO PLANNED AFTER ECHO

IONOTROPIC THERAPY IONOTROPIC THERAPY
PLANNED BEFORE ECHO PLANNED AFTER ECHO

SURGICAL INDICATION IF ANY AFTER ECHO:

NYHA and Modified Ross Heart Failure Classification

	NYHA	MODIFIED ROSS CLASSIFICATION
Class I:	no limitation of physical activity	Asymptomatic
Class II:	May experience fatigue, palpitations, dyspnea, or angina during moderate exercise but not during rest	In Infants- Mild tachypnea or diaphoresis with feeding Older Children - Dyspnea on exertion
Class III:	Symptoms with minimal exertion that interfere with normal daily activity	In Infants- Marked tachypnea or diaphoresis with feeding and prolonged feeding times with growth failure. Older Children- marked dyspnea on exertion in older children
Class-IV:	Unable to carry out any physical activity because they typically have symptoms of HF at rest that worsen with any exertion	Tachypnea, retractions, grunting or diaphoresis at rest.

FRAMINGHAM 'S CRITERIA

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SNO.	ID NUMBER	NAME	FATHER'S NAME	IP NUMBER	AGE	GENDER	CRITERIA		INVESTIGATIONS	E/A RATIO	PAP (mmHg)	FS%	EF%	IVC COLLAPSE ON RESPIRATION	BEFORE ECHO	AFTER ECHO	BEFORE ECHO	AFTER ECHO	BEFORE ECHO	AFTER ECHO	SURGICAL INDICATION AFTER ECHO	RESPIRATORY SUPPORT			OUTCOME				
							MAJOR	MINOR														ECG FINDINGS	DIAGNOSIS	DECONGESTIVE THERAPY	INOTROPIC THERAPY	O2 BY MASK	HFNC	VENTILATOR	DEATH
1	1027971	Vignesh Goumkar	Mahesh Gaonkar	1027971	2 months	M	1	2	Hb-12.3 TLC-34,700 PLATELETS-5.6, RBC-4.24 .CRP-4.0, UREA-32, CREAT-0.43, X RAY-	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	60 mm hg	25%	55%	NO	CHD	Very large PDA with Dilated LA, LV L to R shunt , Severe hyperkinetic PAH IN CCF	NONE	INJ LASIX, TAB ENVAS	NONE	INJ DOBUTAMINE, INJ MILRINONE, SYRUP DIXIN	PDA DEVICE CLOSURE	YES			SURVIVED				
2	1029075	Vijayshree Hiremath	Veeresh Hiremath	1029075	11 months	F	3	2	Hb-11.3 TLC-18500 PLATELETS-3.63 RBC-4.11 .CRP-650, UREA-28, CREAT-0.39 X RAY	E/A RATIO- 2:1	40 mmhg	26%	55%	NO	LRTI ?PNEUMONIA	HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY WITH LRTI	NONE	SYRUP FUROPED, INJ LASIX, TAB ALDECTONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED			
3	1030721	Vedant Sangote	Shrishail Sangote	1030721	2 months	M	3	2	Hb-12.9 TLC-10,900, PLATELETS-1.23, RBC-4.2, CRP-234.5, UREA-40, CREAT-0.48 X RAY	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	58mm Hg	29%	62%	NO	CHD	Acyanotic CHD with CCF with Severe PAH with Large PDA	NONE	IV LASIX INFUSION	NONE	INJ DIGOXIN/INJ DOBUTAMINE	ADVISED TO UNDERGO SURGICAL CORRECTION	YES				SURVIVED			
4	1030928	Nishmita Diggavi	Vijayreddy	1030928	1 year 3 months	F	1	2	Hb-11.0 TLC-20,700 PLATELETS-1.74 RBC-4.35 CRP-86 UREA-12 CREAT X RAY	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	30 mm HG	29%	65%	NO	Pneumonia with impending respiratory failure with hypertension with Tachycardia	Pneumonia with impending respiratory failure with hypertension with Tachycardia with mild LV dysfunction with mild LVH	NONE	TAB ENVAS 2.5 MG 1/2 OD , INJ LASIX BD	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED			
5	1035935	Akshata Talwar	Irrapa	1035935	12yrs	F	2	2	Hb-12.4 TLC-21.4 PLATELETS-4.19 RBC-4.24 CRP-13.6 UREA-11 CREAT-0.42 X RAY- Rt sided Consolidation	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	30mm Hg	21%	44%	NO	Bronchopneumonia	Covid myocarditis	Inj Lasix	To continue Inj Lasix	Inj Dobutamine	To Hike up Inj Dobutamine	NONE				SURVIVED				
6	1038501	Kavita Patil	Ramesh	1038501	18 months	F	1	1	Hb-11.2 TLC-16600 PLATELETS-2.5 lac RBC-3.8 CRP-61.6 UREA-14 CREAT-0.33 X RAY- B/L Diffuse opacities	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	28 mm Hg	29%	60%	NO	Viral Pneumonia	Viral Pneumonia	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED			
7	1040599	Mithun	Basawaraj	1040599	4yrs	M	2	2	Hb-12.3 TLC-18,200 PLATELETS-2.4 LAC RBC-5.25 CRP-68.9 UREA-22 CREAT-0.4 X RAY- PATCH IN LEFT LOWER LOBE	E/A RATIO- 1:4:1	29mm Hg	29%	60%	NO	Bronchopneumonia	Bronchopneumonia	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED			
8	1041091	Rihana	Aftab Mullah	1041091	15 years	F	1	2	Hb-16.3 TLC-17200 PLATELETS-19000 RBC-5.25 CRP-11.1 UREA-23 CREAT-0.6 X RAY- B/; DIFFUSE INFILTRATES	E/A RATIO- 1:4:1	27mm HG	12%	25%	NO	Dengue with Warning Signs	MISC-myocarditis	NONE	INJ LASIX, TAB ENVAS	NONE	IV DOBUTAMINE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED	yes		
9	1045371	Neha	prashant	1045371	5yrs	F	1	2	Hb-11.4 TLC-17200 PLATELETS-2.8 RBC-5.25 CRP-21.1 UREA-23 CREAT-0.6 X RAY- B/; DIFFUSE INFILTRATES	E/A RATIO- 1:4:1	30 mm HG	25%	55%	NO	PNEUMONIA	Acyanotic CHD Moderate sized VSD, L->R Shunt, No PAH , In CCF	NONE	INJ LASIX, TAB ENVAS	NONE	NONE	NONE	VSD PATCH CLOSURE	YES				SURVIVED		
10	1047371	Malikarjun	Hanmant	1047371	9 yrs	M	2	1	Hb-10.5 TLC-8,490 PLATELETS-2.0 lac RBC-2.55 CRP-9 UREA-20 CREAT-0.8 X RAY- NORMAL	E/A RATIO- 1:4:1	62mmHg	26%	58%	NO	? CHD	Post viral Myocarditis with HOCM in CCF With Severe PAH	Inj Lasix	To continue Inj Lasix , to strt tab Enalapril, tab Lasactone	Inj Dobutamine	To continue Inj Dobutamine	NONE	YES				SURVIVED			
11	1048013	Chandrashekhar	Prakash	1048013	5 months	M	2	2	Hb-12.4 TLC-9,700 PLATELETS-4.11 lac RBC-5.9 CRP-42 UREA-34 CREAT-0.6X RAY- RIGHT SIDED LOWER LOBE CONSOLIDATION	E/A RATIO- 1:5:1	58mm hg	26%	56%	NO	Bronchiolitis	Large ASD with L->R shunt with severe PAH	Inj Lasix	To continue Inj Lasix , to strt tab Envas, tab Aldactone	NONE	TO START INJ DOBUTAMINE AND INJ ADRENALINE	SURGICAL REPAIR AFTER STABILISATION(ASD PATCH CLOSURE)	YES				SURVIVED			
12	1050189	Preetam	Umesh	1050189	7 years	M	1	5	Hb-15.4 TLC-11.8 PLATELETS-8000 RBC-5.46 CRP-6.4 UREA-27 CREAT-0.55 X RAY- B/L PLEURAL EFFUSION ARDS	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	30mm Hg	30%	60%	NO	DENGUE SHOCK SYNDROME	DENGUE SHOCK SYNDROME	INJ LASIX	INJ LASIX INFUSION	INJ ADRENALINE, INJ DOBUTAMINE	INJ DOBUTAMINE STOPPED	NONE	YES				SURVIVED			
13	1050409	B/O Alims	Afzal	1050409	3 months	M	3	2	Hb-9.9 TLC-14,300 PLATELETS-3.06 lac RBC-4.3 CRP-60 UREA-16 CREAT-0.21 X RAY-LEFT SIDED CONSOLIDATION	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	60mm hg	26%	55%	NO	CHD with LRTI	Large perimembranous VSD with L->R shunt with S, PAH	INJ LASIX	TO CONTINUE INJ LASIX, DIXIN DROPS, TAB ALDACTONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	SURGICAL REPAIR AFTER STABILISATION(VSD PATCH CLOSURE)	YES				SURVIVED		
14	1050527	Farhan	Rohan	1050527	13 years	M	2	4	Hb-13.2 TLC-3600 PLATELETS-18000 RBC-5.24 CRP-13.6 UREA-14 CREAT-0.44 X RAY- B/L PLEURAL EFFUSION	E/A RATIO- 1:4:1	29mm Hg	12%	25%	YES	DENGUE with warning signs	Dengue Shock Syndrome with Dengue myocarditis with B/L Pleural effusion	INJ LASIX	INJ LASIX INFUSION, TAB DIGOXIN , TAB ENVAS 2.5 MG OD	INJ ADRENALINE	INJ DOBUTAMINE, INJ ADRENALINE	NONE	YES	DEATH	NO	NOT GIVEN				
15	1050973	Ankita	Ashok	1050973	4 yrs	F	1	3	Hb-14.8 TLC-5,100 PLATELETS-2.3 lac RBC-5.55 CRP-6.4 UREA-28 CREAT-0.3 X RAY-RT SIDED PLEURAL EFFUSION	E/A RATIO- 1:5:1	30mm Hg	20%	40%	YES	Dengue fever With Warning signs	Dengue myocarditis with warning signs	NONE	NONE	NONE	IV DOBUTAMINE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED	YES		
16	1051235	Prisha	Anand	1051235	2 months	F	2	3	Hb-9.4 TLC-8400 PLATELETS-3.37 RBC-3.13 CRP-1.2 UREA-39 CREAT-0.45 X RAY- RT Lung consolidation COVID 19 RTPCR- NEGATIVE	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	62mmHg	25%	50%	NO	Bronchopneumonia	Large PDA R to L shunt, Severe Suprasystemic PA pressure in CCF	INJ LASIX	INJ LASIX, TAB ENVAS, SYRUP PULMOCEL, TAB BOSENTAN	NONE	NONE	NONE	PDA Ligation	YES				SURVIVED		
17	1052963	Maheboob	Hasan	1052963	2.5 months	M	2	3	Hb-10 TLC-18400 PLATELETS-3.2 RBC-3.13 CRP-20 UREA-29 CREAT-0.44 X RAY- RT Lung consolidation COVID 19 RTPCR- NEGATIVE	E/A RATIO- 1:5:1	60mm hg	24%	50%	NO	Bronchopneumonia	Large VSD R to L shunt , L to R shunt, Severe Suprasystemic PA pressure in CCF	INJ LASIX	INJ LASIX, TAB ENVAS, TAB BOSENTAN	NONE	INJ DOBUTAMINE	VSD Patch closure	YES				SURVIVED			
18	1115507	Garubai	Ramchandra	1115507	4 years	F	3	3	Hb-12.8 TLC-16800 PLATELETS-3.62 RBC-4.8 CRP-200 UREA-32 CREAT-0.4 X RAY- B/L PLEURAL EFFUSION	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	60mm hg	25%	52%	NO	Bronchopneumonia with CHD	Large VSD L -> R shunt with S, PAH in CCF	INJ LASIX	TO CONTINUE INJ LASIX, TO START TAB DIGOXIN, TAB ENVAS	NONE	INJ DOBUTAMINE	SURGICAL REPAIR AFTER STABILISATION(VSD PATCH CLOSURE)	YES				SURVIVED			
19	1055084	Trishala	Gopinath	1055084	16 years	F	1	3	Hb-11.0 TLC-4000 PLATELETS-44,000 RBC-4.2 CRP-2 UREA-32 CREAT-0.6 X RAY- RIGHT SIDED PLEURAL EFFUSION	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	28mm hg	30%	60%	YES	Dengue Shock Syndrome with LRTI	Dengue Shock Syndrome with LRTI	INJ LASIX	INJ LASIX	INJ DOBUTAMINE, INJ ADRENALINE	INJ DOBUTAMINE, INJ ADRENALINE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED			
20	1055109	Saksham	Shashikant	1055109	2 months 15 days	M			Hb-13 TLC-9,400 PLATELETS-2.89 LAC RBC-5.45 CRP-42 UREA-39 CREAT-0.3 X RAY- PATCH IN LEFT LOWER LOBE	E/A RATIO- 1:4:1	25mm hg	29%	60%	NO	Bronchopneumonia	CHD -LARGE PDA L -> R shunt with no PAH in CCF	NONE	INJ LASIX	NONE	INJ DOBUTAMINE	PDA DEVICE CLOSURE	YES				SURVIVED			
21	1055656	Vihaan	Jagadish	1055656	3 years 6 months	M	2	5	Hb-7.7 TLC-29400 PLATELETS-6.24 RBC-3.43 CRP-99 UREA-20 CREAT-0.38 X RAY- B/L PLEURAL EFFUSION	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	28mm hg	13%	25%	NO	? Viral Pneumonia with ?CHD IN CCF	? Viral Myocarditis IN CCF with severe LV systolic dysfunction with moderate MR, TR with Pericardial effusion with B/L pleural effusion	INJ LASIX TID	INJ LASIX INFUSION , TAB ENVAS 2.5 MG OD	INJ DOBUTAMINE	INJ ADRENALINE INFUSION AND INJECTION DOBUTAMINE	NO	SURVIVED	YES						
22	1055202	Adarsh	Shivaji	1055202	6 years	M	2	4	Hb-13.9 TLC-2.9 PLATELETS-2200 RBC-5.14 CRP-0.4 UREA-18 CREAT-0.32, COVID IGG IGM- POSITIVE, X RAY- B/L PLEURAL EFFUSION	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	28mm hg	22%	45%	YES	Dengue Shock Syndrome in critical phase	Dengue Shock Syndrome with mild LV dysfunction ? MISC Myocarditis in Critical phase	NONE	IV LASIX INFUSION, ORAL DIGOXIN , TAB ENVAS	INJ ADRENALINE	INJ ADRENALINE INFUSION AND INJECTION DOBUTAMINE	NONE	SURVIVED	YES						
23	1056803	Midhat	Mohammad Mustak	1056803	2 months	F	2	1	Hb-15 TLC-26000 PLATELETS-2.4 RBC-4.5 CRP-0.3 UREA-15 CREAT-0.4 X RAY- Cardiomegaly	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	28mm hg	29%	60%	NO	? CHD WITH Bronchopneumonia	CHD With Moderate sized muscular VSD with Small sized ASD in CCF with Pneumonia	NONE	DIXIN DROPS 0.3 ML OD, FUROPED DROPS 0.3 ML BD	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED			
24	1116959	Rajeev Kumar	Karan	1116959	11yrs	M	3	3	Hb-13.0 TLC-3600 PLATELETS-23,000 RBC-5.97 CRP-10.5 UREA-23 CREAT-0.4 X RAY-Normal	E/A RATIO- 1:4:1	28mm hg	19%	40%	NO	Bronchopneumonia	Acyanotic CHD ASD (L->R) Shunt with np PAH	NONE	SRYP FUROPED	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED			
25	1058529	Sanchit	Parshram	1058529	7 years	M	1	4	Hb-11.1 TLC-4200 PLATELETS-1.41 RBC-4.24 CRP-197.4 UREA-31 CREAT-0.4 COVID IGG IGM POSITIVE , X RAY- B/L Pleural effusion	E/A RATIO- 0:9:1	30mm Hg	19%	40%	NO	? Dengue with warning signs	MISC Myocarditis with LV dysfunction with AR	NONE	INJ LASIX	INJ DOBUTAMINE	INJ DOBUTAMINE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED	YES		
26	1060088	Amruta	Mahantesh	1060088	9 years	F	2	3	Hb-14 TLC-3000, PLATELETS-9000, RBC-4.85 CRP-1 UREA-21 CREAT-0.53 X RAY- R-L Pleural effusion	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	30mm Hg	28%	60%	NO	Dengue fever with warning signs with K sided pleural effusion	Dengue fever with Warning Signs with Rt sided Pleural effusion	NONE	INJ LASIX INFUSION	INJ ADRENALINE, INJ DOBUTAMINE	To Continue INJ ADRENALINE, INJ DOBUTAMINE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED			
27	1057574	Rihan	Manu	1057574	16 years	M	1	2	Hb-16.3 TLC-17200 PLATELETS-23000 RBC-5.93 CRP-11.1 UREA-23 CREAT-0.61 X RAY- NORMAL	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	28mm hg	12%	25%	NO	SEVERE DENGUE With Warning Signs	MISC Myocarditis	NONE	INJ LASIX , TAB ENVAS	INJ ADRENALINE	INJ ADRENALINE, INJ DOBUTAMINE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED	YES		
28	1060414	Sujay	Shrishail	1060414	11 years	M	2	4	Hb-14.9 TLC-3000 PLATELETS-12,000 RBC-5.49 CRP-10.9 UREA-10 CREAT-0.60 X RAY- R > L Pleural effusion	E/A RATIO- 1:1:1	29mm Hg	29%	60%	YES	Dengue fever with warning signs with B/L pleural effusion	Dengue Shock Syndrome with B/L Pleural effusion pneumonia	NONE	INJ LASIX	INJ ADRENALINE, INJ DOBUTAMINE	INJ ADRENALINE, INJ DOBUTAMINE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED			
29	1060569	Sadamand	Shivraj	1060569	5 years 6 months	M	1	4	Hb-17.6 TLC-8100 PLATELETS-18000 RBC-8.25 CRP-6.9 UREA-17 CREAT-0.2 COVID IGG IGM POSITIVE X RAY- RT Pleural effusion	E/A RATIO- 1:1:1	30mm Hg	18%	40%	NO	Dengue fever with warning signs with Rt sided Pleural effusion	Dengue Myocarditis with MISC with B/L Pleural effusion	NONE	INJ LASIX , TAB ENVAS, TAB ALDACTONE	INJ ADRENALINE	To Continue with INJ ADRENALINE , To Start with INJ DOBUTAMINE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED	YES		
30	1059470	Aadarsh Shinde	Deepak	1059470	1 month, 15 Days	M	2	2	Hb-16.1 TLC-9000 PLATELETS-4.03 lac RBC-6.46 CRP-40 UREA-29 CREAT-0.76 X-ray-normal	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	60mm hg	26%	55%	NO	CHD With LRTI	CO-Arctation OF Aorta with S, PAH With LRTI	Inj Lasix	To continue Inj Lasix , Syp Dixin , Syp Furaped	NONE	Inj Dobutamine	BALOOON DILATATION	YES				SURVIVED			
31	1061062	Shreyas	Arjun	1061062	6 months	M	1	3	Hb-9.7 TLC-15340 PLATELETS-5.18 lac RBC-3.68 CRP-19 UREA-29 CREAT-0.9 X-ray-diffuse Opacities	E/A RATIO- 1:2:1	30mm Hg	29%	60%	NO	Bronchiolitis	Bronchiolitis	Inj Lasix	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED			
32	1061601	Shankar	Shiddappa	1061601	12yrs	M	2	3	Hb-16.8 TLC-16.8 PLATELETS-2.32 lac RBC-6.0 CRP-487.5 UREA-75 CREAT-0.8 X-ray-RT LOWER LOBE CONSOLIDATION.	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	25mm hg	17%	35%	NO	Bronchopneumonia	RHD with MR in sinus rhythm with Bronchopneumonia	Inj Lasix	To start with Lasix Infusion	Inj Adrenaline	Hike up Inj Adrenaline To start with Inj Dobutamine, Dopamine	NONE	YES				SURVIVED			
33	1062761	B/o Shambal	Vital	1062761	3 months	M	2	2	Hb-12.9 TLC-18500 PLATELETS-5.28 RBC-4.7 CRP-90 UREA-9 CREAT-0.23 X RAY- lac Bronchovascular markings	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	25mm hg	28%	60%	NO	Bronchiolitis	Acyanotic CHD , Small Fossa Ovalis ASD with Bronchiolitis	NONE	Furoped drops	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED			
34	1066458	Nidha	Ismail	1066458	11 years	F	1	2	Hb-10.9 TLC-28600 PLATELETS-734 RBC-3.84 CRP-5.9 UREA-21 CREAT-0.39 COVID IGG- NEGATIVE COVID IGG- POSITIVE X RAY-	E/A RATIO- 1:1:1	25mm hg	28%	62%	NO	VIRAL PNEUMONIA	VIRAL PNEUMONIA	NONE	INJ LASIX	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED			
35	1066488	Kansa	Irshad	1066488	4 year	F	1	3	Hb-11.6 TLC-12.7 PLATELETS-5600 RBC-5.12 CRP-14.6 UREA-52 CREAT-0.47 X RAY- S/C Emphysema B/L Pleural effusion	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	25mm hg	15%	28%	YES	Dengue Shock Syndrome with DIC with MISC	Dengue Shock Syndrome with DIC with Dengue Myocarditis with MISC	INJ LASIX BD	INJ LASIX INFUSION	INJ ADRENALINE , INJ NORADRENALINE	To continue INJ ADRENALINE, INJ NORADRENALINE AND START INJ DOBUTAMINE	NONE	DEATH	YES						
36	1067986	Harsha	Gangappa	1067986	1.5 year	F	2	4	Hb-8.6 TLC-15400 PLATELETS-3.85 RBC-3.95 CRP-48.5 UREA-25 CREAT-0.3 X RAY- S/O Bronchopneumonia and L sided Pleural effusion	E/A RATIO- 1:3:1	25mm hg	28%	62%	NO	Bronchopneumonia with Synpneumonic effusion with Empyema	Bronchopneumonia with Synpneumonic effusion with Empyema	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES				SURVIVED				

