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Management of asymptomatic Wolff-Parkinson-White in children

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Wolff-Parkinson-White (WPW) is a relatively common problem in the pediatric population occurring in 1 in 500-1000 children. WPW can present with supraventricular tachycardia, ventricular dysfunction due to pre-excitation or sudden death due to rapid conduction of atrial fibrillation through the accessory pathway. As patients may present with sudden death as their first symptom, evaluation of patients with WPW is indicated, even if they are asymptomatic. In 2012, Pediatric and Congenital electrophysiology Society (PACES) and the Heart Rhythm Society (HRS) in conjunction with the American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF), the American Heart Association (AHA), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the Canadian Heart Rhythm Society (CHRS) created a consensus statement on the management of asymptomatic young patient with WPW which serves as a guideline for evaluation and management of these patients.

Biography

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