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ANOMALOUS ORIGIN OF A CORONARY ARTERY FROM THE CONTRALATERAL SINUS: INTERVENE OR DO NOTHING

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Young adults at high risk for Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD), and is the second leading cause of SCD in the young behind only hereditary disorders (ion channelopathies). Presently, there is no method for risk stratification, since no one knows the true incidence of AAOCA or the etiology that precipitates SCD. The present day literature provides no guidance as to what to do with these patients given there is no consensus among institutions as to what management is most appropriate for AAOCA in an otherwise normal pediatric patient. The purpose of this presentation is to provide more clarity as to the diagnosis and treatment of AAOCA in young adults.

BIOGRAPHY

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