



PATIENT

Turner Hubert

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Cocker Spaniel

SEX

Male Neutered

AGE

11 years

WEIGHT

38lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Recheck echo. History chronic valvular disease - Stage B2. Presently, Turner is eating well with normal activity. He did have two coughing episodes recently, but no collapse episodes noted. On exam: NSR, grade IV/VI murmur with PMI left apical area radiating to right, PSS, lung fields clear, mm pink, moist, CRT<2. BP: 210-220mmHg. Current medications: 1) Pimobendan 5 mg 3/4 tab twice a day 2) Gabapentin 100mg 2 capsules for visit today 3) Trazodone 100mg 3/4-tab last night with 1 tab this morning 4) Cephalexin 500mg 1 capsule twice a day 5) Apoquel 16mg 1/2 tab daily *No sedation for study.
-Pertinent previous echo findings (6/2022 MML): LA 3.3 cm; LA:Ao 1.7; LV 3.8 cm; mild LVE, moderate LAE; moderate MR; mild TR (2.2 m/s).

ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS

2D, m-mode, color flow and Doppler imaging is available.
Left ventricle: No LV dilation with adequate function. LV wall thicknesses are normal.
Left atrium: The left atrium is moderately dilated.
Mitral valve: The mitral valve is diffusely thickened with mild prolapse into the left atrial lumen. Mild to moderate eccentric mitral regurgitation with a normal velocity.
Aortic valve/Aorta: The aortic valve is normal in morphology and mobility. Mildly elevated aortic outflow velocity; laminar flow. No aortic insufficiency.
Right ventricle: Normal right ventricular diameter and morphology.
Right atrium: Normal RA dimension.
Tricuspid valve: The tricuspid valve appears thickened with septal prolapse and trace tricuspid regurgitation. Normal velocity.
Pulmonic valve/Pulmonary artery: The pulmonic valve is normal in morphology and mobility. No pulmonic insufficiency. Normal RVOT velocity; laminar flow.
Pericardium/other: No pericardial or pleural effusion noted. No obvious cardiac masses.
Heart rhythm: ECG reveals a sinus rhythm with an average HR of 120bpm.

2-Dimensional Measurements

Ao diam (cm)	1.8
LA diam (cm)	3.2
LA:Ao (Swe)	1.8
IVS thickness (cm)	0.8
LVID diastole (cm)	3.0
PW thickness (cm)	0.9
LVID systole (cm)	1.5
FS (%)	50

Doppler Measurements

PV Vmax (m/s)	1.3
AoV Vmax (m/s)	2.4
MR Vmax (m/s)	6.0
TR Vmax (m/s)	2.5
TR PG (mmHg)	25

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS

Chronic degenerative valve disease persists with persistently stable findings. The LA is similar to previous and quantitatively the MR is unchanged. The LV dimension is significantly decreased comparatively with a mildly increased aortic outflow velocity. This can suggest volume changes and lab work is suggested if not recently performed. No additional issues are identified.

Given these findings, continue Pimobendan lifelong. No additional medications are indicated. Assessment of progression in the future will help predict long term outcome, however prognosis is guarded at this stage (B2).



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The reported blood pressure is elevated, and should be reassessed for accuracy particularly given no reported clinical signs of severe hypertension (retinal changes, etc) or evidence of LVH on echo. Ideally obtain serial measurements in a controlled, low stress environment and continue until 3 consecutive readings plateau within 5mmHg of variability. If persistently >180mmHg despite a relatively calm demeanor, recommend institution of amlodipine to effect. Additionally if deemed accurate, screening for predisposing underlying causes of SHT is recommended (Cushings, PLN, adrenal tumor, etc), as primary disease is relatively uncommon and a rule out diagnosis.

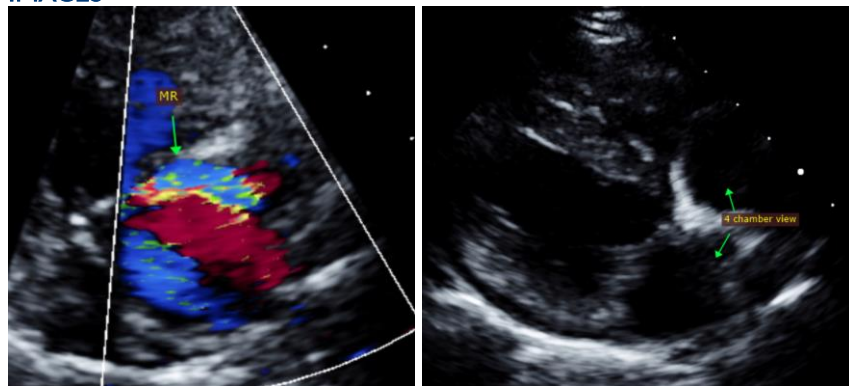
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue Pimobendan as prescribed.
- Consider baseline lab work if not recently assessed.
- Reassess BP as discussed.
- Omega fatty acid supplementation and mild salt restriction may be of some long-term benefit.
- Anesthetic risk is considered mild if needed. Cardiac protective drug choices (opioid/benzodiazepine premedication, propofol or alfaxalone induction, isoflurane gas) are recommended. Pre-oxygenate for 5-10 minutes prior to induction. Monitor for arrhythmias, hypotension, and hypoxia both intra and post-operatively and intervene as necessary. Mild IV fluid restriction is recommended to avoid fluid overload. Avoid heart rate stimulating drugs such as atropine unless clinically indicated.
- Monitor for development of a cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or collapse episodes.

PLAN

- Recommend conservative monitoring with a recheck echocardiogram in 6-8 months, sooner if any development of clinical signs.

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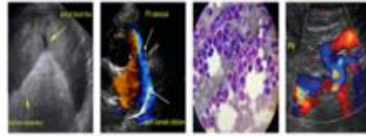


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