











## THE HUGHES-STOVIN SYNDROME: WHAT'S BEYOND PULMONARY ARTERY ANEURYSM.

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#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## EVAR and OPEN treatment of abdominal aortic aneurysm: What is the role of MMP-9 in the follow-up?



Traitement de l'anévrysme de l'aorte abdominale par endoprothèse ou chirurgie ouverte : quel est le rôle de la MMP-9 au cours du suivi ?

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#### THE HUGHES-STOVIN SYNDROME

Hughes-Stovin syndrome is a rare entity.

The etiology of Hughes-Stovin syndrome is still unknown and the natural course of the illness is usually fatal; however, it is supposed to be a clinical variant manifestation of Behçet disease and it usually affects young men.



**Hughes Stovin Syndrome, a Rare Form of Behcet's Disease Presenting as Recurrent Intracardiac Thrombus** 

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#### **ASSOCIATION WITH BEHCET**

Similarities between the Behcet desease and Hughes-Stovin syndrome:

- Gender: mostly young males
- Common clinical manifestation: fever, arthralgia, thrombosis
- Pulmonary artery aneurysm association with thrombosis: HSS 100%, BD 80%
- Common histopathologic findings of PAA: -perivascular inflammation
   -arterial wall destruction
- Treatment of choice: cyclophosphamide, corticosteroids and azathioprine

Case Reports > Clin Exp Rheumatol. Jul-Aug 2004;22(4 Suppl 34):S64-8.

Is Hughes-Stovin syndrome Behçet's disease?

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#### PATHOLOGICAL MANIFESTATIONS

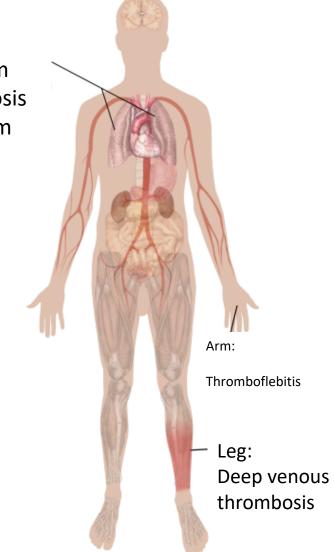
The Hughes-Stovin is characterized by:

**Multiple Pulmonary Artery Aneurysms** 

Lung: Embolism Thrombosis Aneurysm

Peripheral Venous
Thrombosis

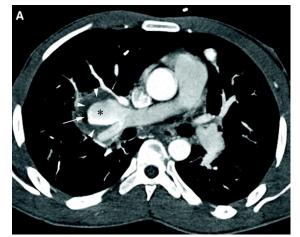




### **PULMONARY INVOLVEMENT**

#### Typical pulmonary symptoms are:

- recurrent fever
- chills
- coughs
- fulminant haemoptysis
- dyspnea
- chest pain
- signs of pulmonary hypertension



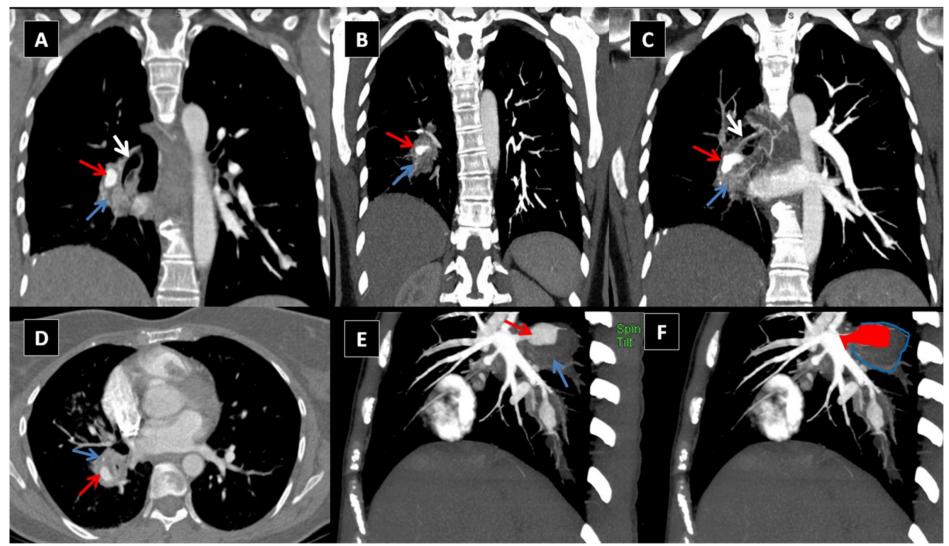








#### **PULMONARY ARTERY ANEURYSMS**

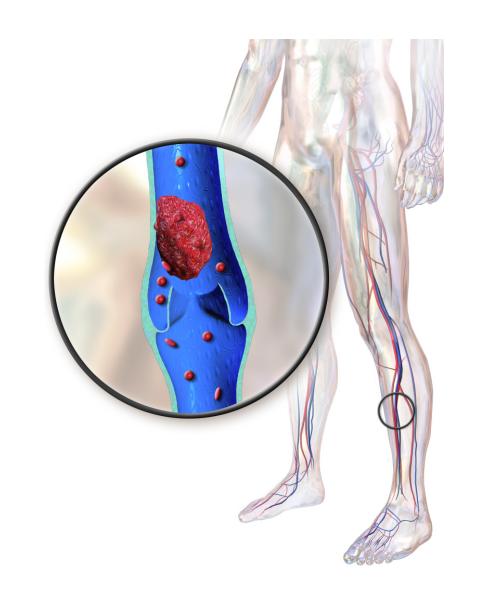




#### **VESSEL INVOLVEMENT**

Recurrent phlebitis commonly involves the large vessels resulting in thrombus formation. In general there is a thrombus formation predisposition affecting the peripheral veins. Thrombosis of the vena cava and of the right atrium has also been described.

Histologic studies show destruction of the arterial wall and perivascular lymphomonocytic infiltration of capillaries and venules.

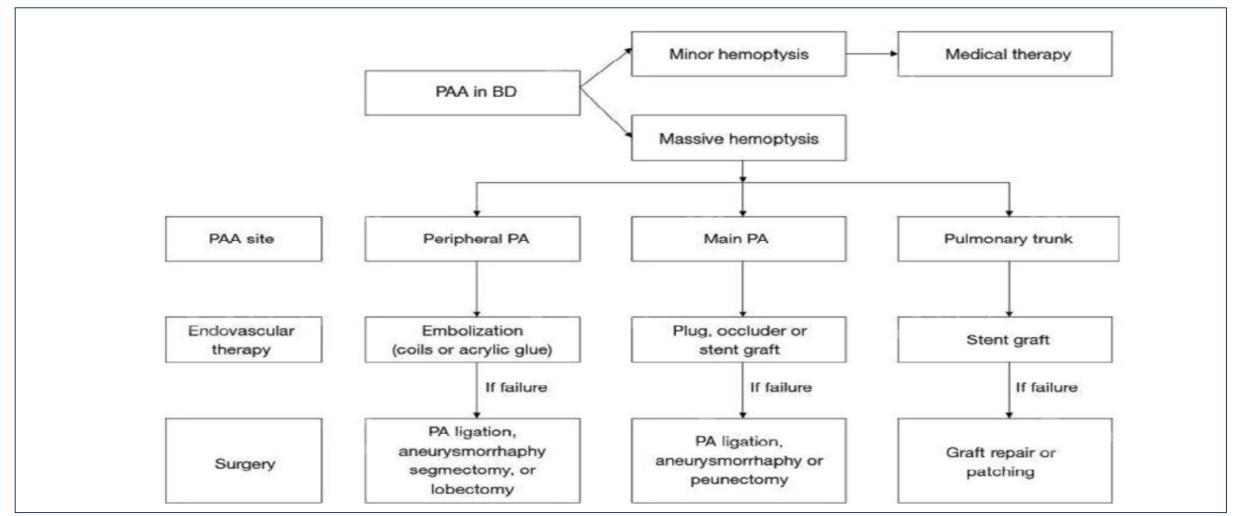




#### TREATMENT

- IMMUNOSUPPRESSION
- SURGICAL RESECTION OR ENDOVASCULAR TREATMENT OF HIGH-RISK LESIONS
  - Lobectomy, Segmentectomy
  - Pneumectomy
  - Ligature of carotid false aneurysm and posterior tibial artery
  - Exeresis of pulmonary mass
  - Repeated embolization of bronchial artery
  - Resection of pulmonary aneurysm
  - Lung transplantation
  - Embolization of pulmonary aneurism or bronchial artery
  - Chest drainage
  - Atrial mass removal
- THE USE OF ANTICOAGULANTS IS STILL DEBATED IN HSS

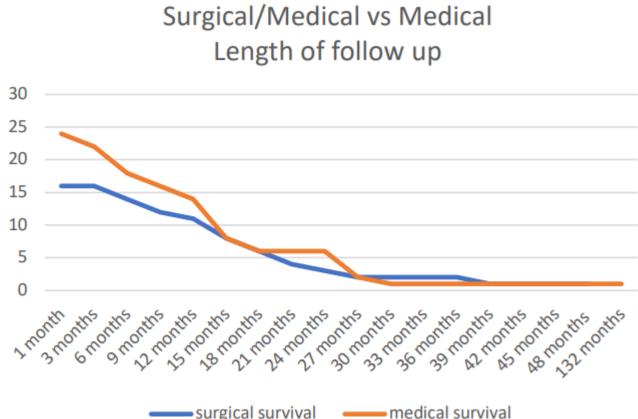
# Managment protocol of PAA in BD according to degree of hemoptysis and presenting clinical condition: open surgery and endovascular treatment



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#### **TREATMENT**

Literature review of follow up length of patients after HSS diagnosis: surgical versus medical/surgical therapy.



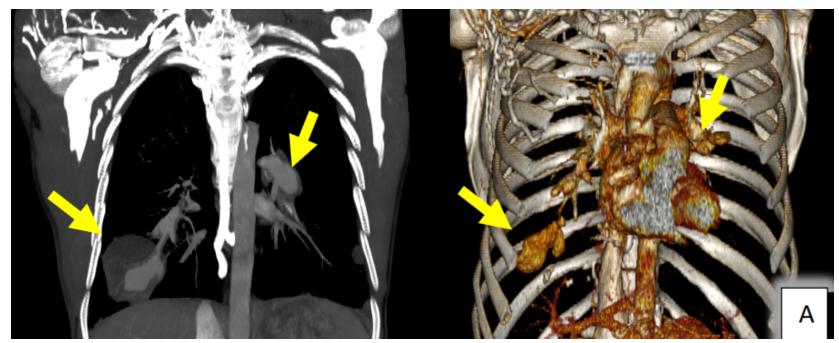


- 33-year-old male
- Hemoptysis
- shortness of breath
- pain in the left lower limb

- CT/DUS → superior vena cava parietal thrombosis, left external iliac and femoral veins thrombosis

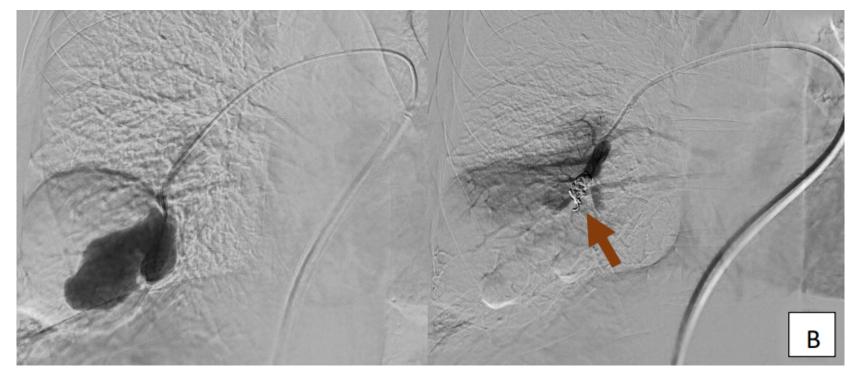


Preoperative image CT MIP and SSD reconstruction showing pulmonary aneurysms: patent right great aneurysm and little left aneurysm



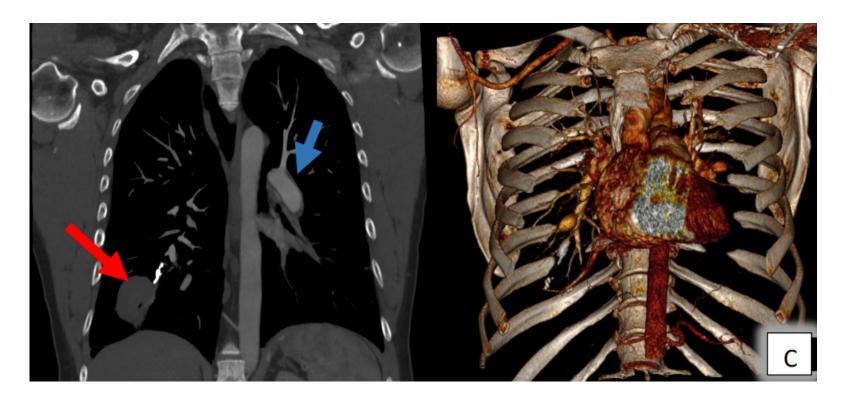


Intraoperative selective angiography confirming the non-ruptured aneurysm and successful coil embolization with aneurysm exclusion previous implantation of a vena cava filter.





Postoperative image CT MIP and SSD reconstruction showing complete right aneurysm exclusion and unmodified left aneurysm





#### CONCLUSION

• The frequency of this syndrome is rare, but its consequences can be fatal.

• The possibility of verifying a genetic correlation, also linked to Bechet's disease, may be represent the challenge of the future.

New therapeutic options make treatment less invasive.



## Thank you





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