

# Heart failure/Repetitorium

**Presumed terms :** myocardial contractility, blood pressure regulation.

## Acute failure

Acute failure (cardiogenic shock) – a sudden, so significant decrease in cardiac output that compensatory mechanisms do not guarantee survival. Immediate therapeutic intervention is necessary.

## Causes

- Extreme changes in frequency (arrest, ventricular fibrillation );
- Significant decrease in contractility;
- Tamponade
- Sudden failure of the valvular apparatus (rupture of the papillary muscle);
- (Peripheral resistance - sudden increase, pulmonary embolism).

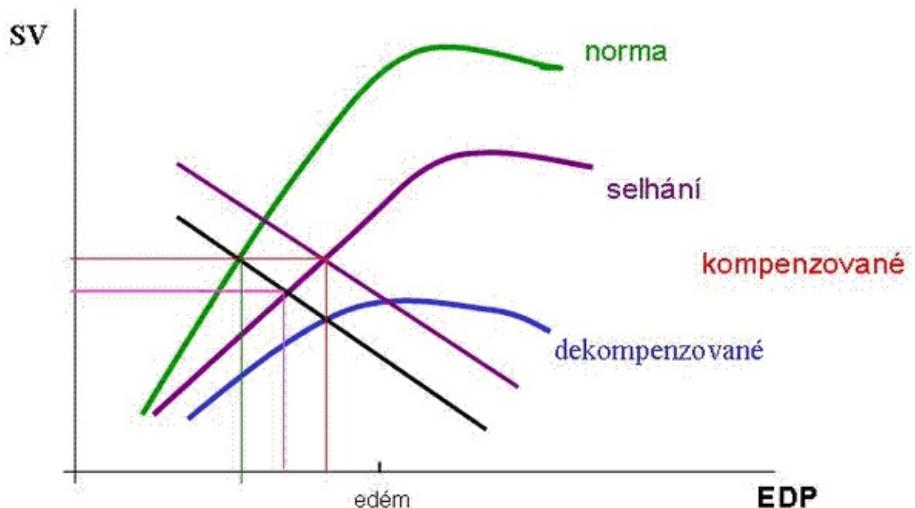
## Chronic (fatigue) failure

### Causes

- Hypertension – 49%;
- CHD – 29%;
- Diabetes – 9%;
- Valvular defects – 8%.

### Consequences

All of the above causes result in a decrease in myocardial contractility, which further causes systolic dysfunction (decrease in Stroke Volume) and diastolic dysfunction (increase in End Diastolic Pressure).



### Systolic dysfunction

- SO;
- BP;
- GFR;

→ retention of water and electrolytes, RAS.

### Diastolic dysfunction

- EDP (ventricular compliance);

→ edema.

## Molecular Mechanisms

- Energy;
- Ca  $^{2+}$  ;
- Myocardial remodeling.

## AP Propagation Faults

## Principles of treatment

- Vasodilatation ;
- Cardiotonics ;
- Diuretics .

## Heart failure with high cardiac output

## Links

## **Related Articles**

- Regulation of blood pressure

## **External links**

## **Source**

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## **References**

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## **Recommended Reading**