

Constrictive pericarditis

- **definition:** chronic condition in which a rigid pericardium disables normal filling of heart with blood ^[1];
- **consequence:** decreased cardiac output and significant blood congestion in the liver;
- **clinical image:** shortness of breath, fatigue, later swelling of lower limbs, ascites, anorexia, weight loss, dyspepsia ^[1];
- in children it is very rare, in the past it was often connected with tbc inflammation;
- it is very difficult to distinguish this disability from restrictive cardiomyopathy.

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