

## Quadricuspid Aortic Valve

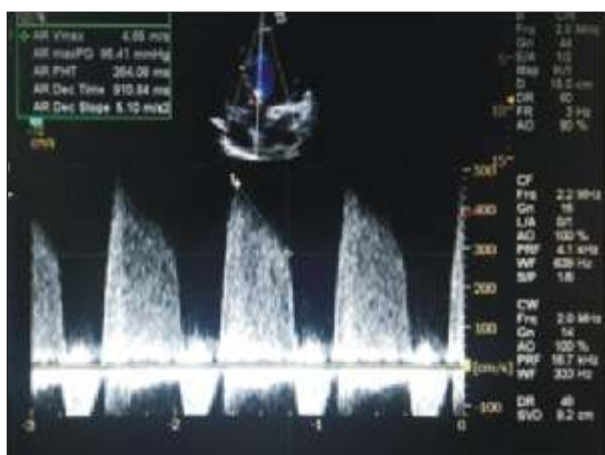
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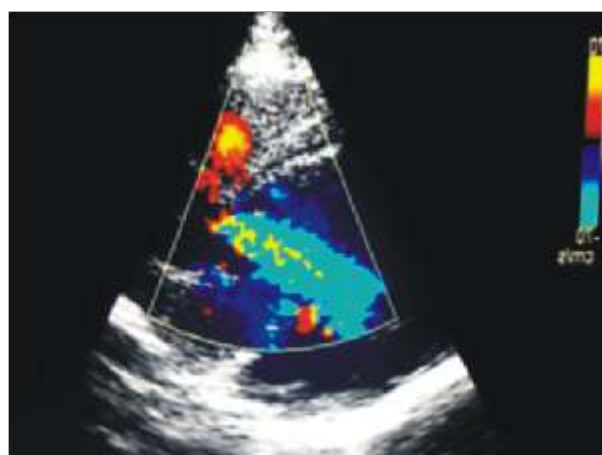
**Figure 1 : SAX View of the Aortic Valve showing four cusps in closure with central coaptation failure**



**Figure 2 : SAX View of the Aortic Valve when open showing the four cusps**



**Figure 3 : Aortic Valve Pressure Half Time showing Moderate Aortic Regurgitation.**



**Figure 4 : PLAX view showing moderate aortic regurgitation**

Presenting a case of 53 years old female who came with history of Class II-III exertional dyspnoea of one month duration. ECG showed non specific ST-T

changes. Echo pictures showed quadricuspid aortic valve with moderate aortic regurgitation with AR PHT of 264 msec.

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Quadricuspid aortic valve is a rare congenital heart defect characterised by presence of four cusps instead of usual three found normally in aortic valve<sup>1</sup>. Prevalence of Quadricuspid Aortic Valve has been found to be around 0.013% to 0.043% of cardiac cases,<sup>2</sup> and 1 in 6000 patients that undertake aortic valve surgery<sup>3</sup>.

The most common complication of Quadricuspid Aortic Valve is aortic regurgitation caused due to inadequate closure of four cusps during systole.<sup>1,2,3</sup>. The typical method of treatment is through surgery such as Aortic Valve Reconstruction Surgery and Aortic Valve replacement<sup>4</sup>.

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