

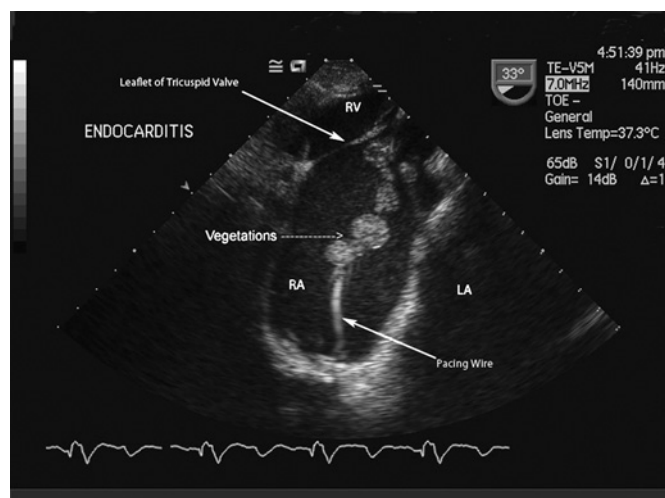


Figure 1 Modified deep transgastric transoesophageal echocardiography demonstrating an enlarged right atrium and multiple vegetations attached to the epicardial pacing wire. RA, right atrium; RV, right ventricle; LA, left atrium.

likely to be required. Right-sided endocarditis may result in pulmonary suppuration that may be fatal. Early detection and treatment of this uncommon disease can be lifesaving.

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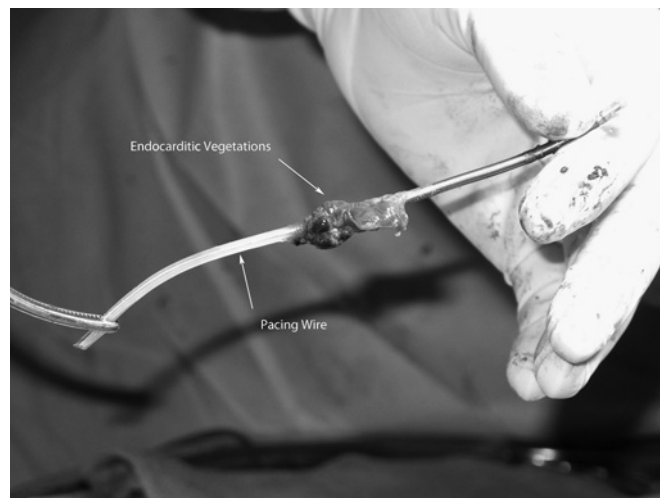


Figure 2 Multiple vegetations attached to the epicardial pacing wire.

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Allergic contact dermatitis due to CS spray

A 37-year-old man presented with a rash approximately 48 h following an incident where he was sprayed with CS gas on the face and neck. The shape of the rash coincided with the V-neck shirt he was wearing at the time (figures 1). He was diagnosed as having allergic contact dermatitis, and his rash gradually settled with a course of topical steroids and emollients.

Allergic contact dermatitis is a recognised if slightly unusual manifestation 12–72 h following exposure to the active ingredient 2-chlorobenzylidene malononitrile present in CS gas. It can also cause blistering of the skin together with a burning sensation. Diagnosis is entirely clinical and most cases respond well to prompt treatment.

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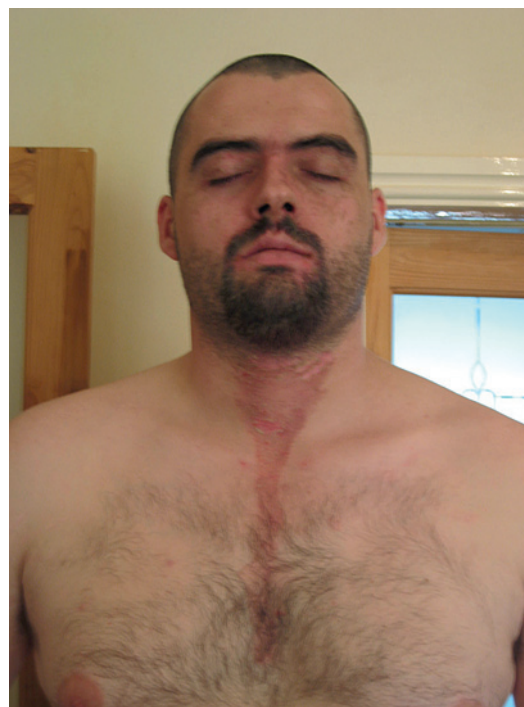


Figure 1 V-shaped rash on chest.



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