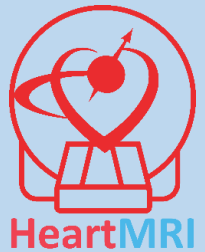


Cardiac Amyloidosis

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Images from an MRI can help your doctor understand if there are issues with your heart

SYMPTOMS AND DESCRIPTION

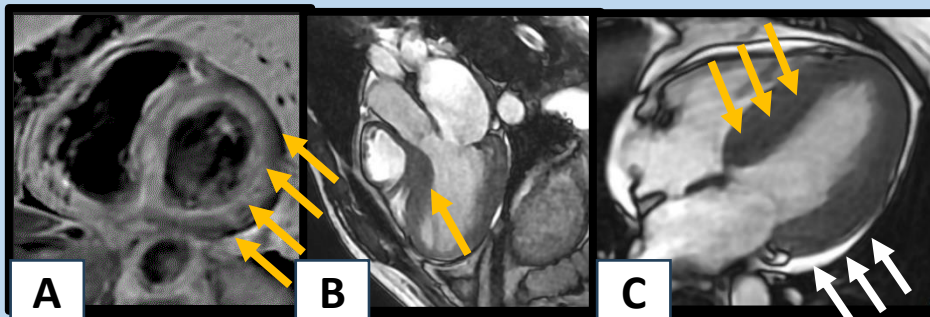
Symptoms include: Dizziness, skipped beats, shortness of breath, swelling of the ankles, severe tiredness, poor appetite, tingling in the hands or feet, and unintentional weight loss.

Description: This disease is caused by the production of abnormal amyloid proteins in your body which attach to your organs and tissues, including your heart. Your heart becomes thickened and you may develop fluid around your lungs and heart.

WHY MRI

If your doctor suspects amyloidosis based on a different imaging test (such as an echocardiogram) or lab results, the Heart MRI can confirm the diagnosis and see if there is damage in the heart muscle. The pattern in the MRI images can help your doctor understand your risk for complications.

IMAGES



Abnormal heart muscle (orange arrows) is shown in A. Increased heart wall thickness (orange arrows) is shown in B and C. A small fluid collection around the heart (white arrows) is shown in C.

Ask your doctor about:
Cardiac MRI with contrast

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