Circle of Vieussens: *Got Collaterals?*

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**Description**

Circle of Vieussens (1) is an important coronary collateral pathway providing flow from the right coronary artery (RCA), via the conus artery, to the left anterior descending artery (LAD). It is seen in 20% of patients with total occlusion of the LAD. It can occur from stenotic lesions in either RCA or LAD. It was first described in 1706 by the French anatomist Raymond de Vieussens (2). Coronary collateral circulation supply to totally occluded vessels...
plays a crucial role in the pathophysiology of coronary artery disease and is a strong predictor of symptoms and outcomes (3).

References


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