

Acute Endocarditis Caused by *Streptococcus agalactiae*

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ABSTRACT

Streptococcus agalactiae has been best known as the most common causative agents of postpartum infection and neonatal sepsis. More recently, the incidence of *S. agalactiae* is widely recognized as increasing in nonpregnant elderly adults. We here report a 58-year-old woman with no known underlying disease suffering from *S. agalactiae* acute endocarditis with right renal infarction due to septic emboli. *S. agalactiae* endocarditis has high mortality rate because this condition is aggressive in nature, and frequently requires cardiac surgery in some situation. Cardiac surgery may be necessary in these patients due to rapid destruction of the valves. (*J Infect Dis Antimicrob Agents* 2011;28:179-82.)

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