

WHEN YOU SEE...

Abnormal Brightness of the Arteries

on Prenatal or Postnatal Ultrasound, ECHO, or CT Scan

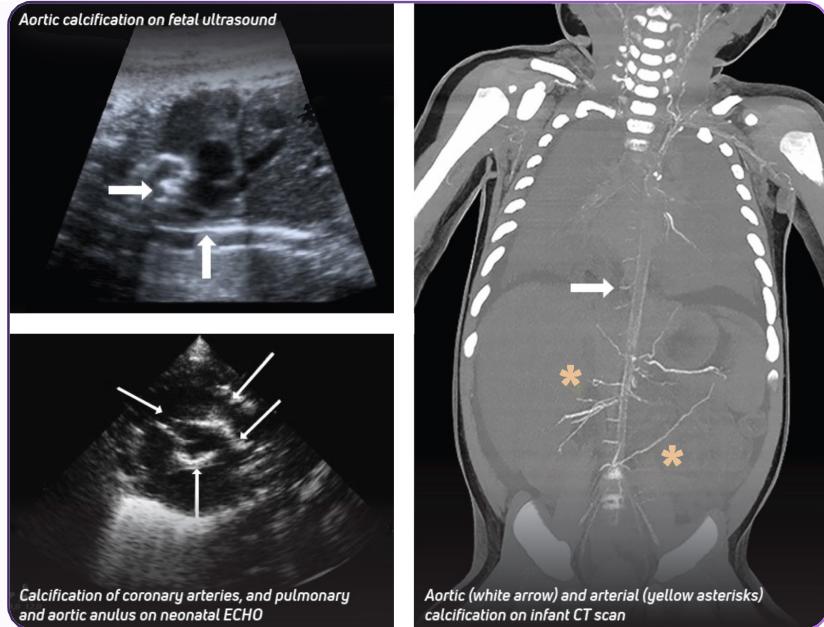


THINK...

Generalized
Arterial
Calcification of
Infancy



GACI is a rare mineralization disorder caused by mutations in the **ENPP1** or **ABCC6** genes. It is characterized by pathologic arterial **calcification** and stenoses, severe cardiovascular complications, and **>50% mortality** within the first 6 months of life.



CT, computerized tomography; ECHO, echocardiogram.

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Prenatal/Infant Diagnostic Pathway



Common presenting signs/symptoms

Fetal ultrasound findings

- Pericardial effusion
- Cardiomyopathy (cardiac hypertrophy)
- Non-immune hydrops
- Polyhydramnios

Neonatal/infant

- Cardiomyopathy (cardiac hypertrophy)
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Diminished pulses
- Hypertension
- Respiratory distress
- Heart failure

Other complications may include seizure, stroke, encephalopathy, pleural effusion, ascites, and gastrointestinal complications.

Indications to test

Abnormal brightness

of arteries or heart valves (ultrasound, ECHO, CT, MRI)

OR

Vascular stenosis

(CTA, MRA, ECHO)

OR

Family history

of fetal/neonatal death or hypophosphatemic rickets



Genetic testing for ENPP1 and ABCC6

ABCC6, adenosine triphosphate binding cassette subfamily C member 6; CT, computed tomography; CTA, computed tomography angiography; ECHO, echocardiogram; ENPP1, ectonucleotide pyrophosphatase/phosphodiesterase 1; MRA, magnetic resonance angiography; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging.

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