

Twelve patients were studied prior to a Warren type splenorenal shunt. Because of relatively low portal pressures four patients were not operated. Six patients were studied preoperatively as well as postoperatively. Gradual enlargement of collateral vessels from the portal vein to the systemic vein was observed in five patients. There was enlargement of gastroepiploic and omental veins in four patients with increased flow toward the shunt. No recurrence of variceal bleeding occurred in two patients with enlargement of an unligated left coronary vein and esophageal varices because there was a decrease in portal pressure. The portal vein diameter and flow gradually decreased in all patients.

The low incidence of hepatic encephalopathy, one patient after hepatitis, is felt to be a result of the gradual decrease in portal pressure and flow.

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Hemodynamic Changes after Distal Splenorenal Shunt Studied by Sequential Angiography. Tylen M, Simert G, Vang J: *Radiology* 121:585-589, 1976 (Department of Diagnostic Radiology, University Hospital, S-221, 85 Lund, Sweden)

The distal splenorenal shunt was developed for the treatment of portal hypertension in order to maintain a centripetal portal blood flow. However, serial angiograms obtained in 16 patients with documented preoperative centripetal portal blood flow demonstrated progressive narrowing of the portal vein in all patients studied. There was a gradually increasing centrifugal portal flow in six patients over a 1 year period in the presence of a patent splenorenal shunt. Eight of 10 patients who expired in the postoperative period died of liver failure.

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Erratum

In the abstract of the paper "Double-Contrast Radiologic Examination of the Posterior Wall of the Stomach (L'examen radiologique en double contraste dans l'étude de la face postérieure de l'estomac)" by Descombes Ph, Rémond A, Capron JP, Baillet J, Grumbach Y, Trinez J: *J Radiol Electrol*: 57, 1-6, 1976, which appeared in *Gastrointest Radiol* 1:197, 1976, the last paragraph should read:

"In 18 cases of *benign* lesions..."