Material and Method  A retrospective statistic study of ADI in children aged 0–16 years, admitted to 2nd Pediatric Clinic, Emergency County Hospital Craiova, over a period of 6 years (01.01.2006–31.12.2011).

Results  Of the total number of 14427 admitted children, aged 0–16 years, 645 presented acute intoxications with various etiologies, among which 252 had ADI; intoxication type: accidental in 154 (61.1%), voluntary in 98 (38.9%).

Accidental ADI: sex M/F=54/100, social environment U/R=93/61, age group (years): 0–1/3–6/6–10= 27/68/33/26.


Etiologic spectrum in the studied group: AINS/antialgics in 39 (15.5%), methoclopramid 29 (11.5%), anti-epileptics 24 (9.5%), tranquillizers/sedatives 15 (5.9%), neuroleptics 9 (3.6%), parasympathicolitics 8 (3.2%), antibiotics/antiparasitaries 17 (6.7%), drugs with cardio-vascular effect 8 (3.2%), drug combinations 41 (16.3%), other drugs 12 (4.8%), unknown 50 (19.8%).

Clinical forms: mild in 127 (50.4%), moderate 101 (40.1%) and severe 24 (9.5%). No deaths were registered with ADI.

Average period of hospitalization: accidental ADI 3.3±2.54 (1–9), voluntary ADI 3.2±1.24 (1–6) days.

Conclusions  ADI represented 39.1% of the total number of acute intoxications; 61.1% of ADI were accidental. Most ADI were caused by AINS, methoclopramid, anti-epileptics. ADI prevailed in females, in urban children, both in voluntary and accidental ADI. The clinical forms were mostly mild.

### 1654  RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MYOCARDIAL INJURY, OXIDATIVE STRESS MECHANISM AND SEPSIS/SEPTIC SHOCK IN INFANTS SUBMITTED TO SURGERY FOR CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

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Background and Aims  A progressive ventricular dysfunction caused by ischemic myocardial injuries remains one of the leading causes of death during the postoperative course in congenital heart disease (CHD). The aim of this study was to investigate the role of oxidative stress in these myocardial injuries.

Methods  Myocardial injuries and oxidative stress mechanisms were assessed by histopathology and immunohistochemistry and quantified by morphometrical analyses.

Results  Myocardial injury was observed in pediatric patients submitted to surgery for CHD with cardiopulmonary bypass, followed by lethal exit. Oxidative stress mechanisms were directly related to these particular types of myocardial injuries. Importantly, 4-hydroxynonenal (4-HNE), a marker of lipid peroxidation, is strongly expressed, especially in irreversible myocardial lesions. Although morphologically similar, myocardial injuries observed in patients who evolved with sepsis in the peri-operative period exhibited a completely different set of oxidative stress mechanisms. Increased concentrations of nitrotyrosine protein adducts were observed in these patients, suggesting that peroxynitrite-mediated protein nitration may be the predominant oxidative stress mechanism found in these situations.

Conclusions  The underlying mechanisms of these lesions seem to be related to the development of ischemia or ischemia/reperfusion followed by oxidative stress mechanisms that vary depending on whether sepsis was present. While the exact mechanism is not fully understood, it has been suggested that endogenous catecholamine release could have a role in this process.