

## Amyloidosis of the Heart

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### **Short Communication**

Amyloidosis of the heart is also known as stiff heart syndrome. This occurs when amyloid deposits take the place of normal heart muscle.

It is the most typical type of restrictive cardiomyopathy and may affect the way electrical signals move through the heart i.e. it affects the electrical conductive system.

Cardiac amyloidosis occurs when amyloid deposits take the place of normal heart muscle.

This restrictive cardiomyopathy affects the electrical and conductive system leading to arrhythmias and heart blocks.

The condition may be inherited or it may be acquired.

It may be due to bone or blood cancer or as a result of generalised inflammation.

It is more common in men than women and is rarely seen in people under the age of 40.

Symptoms include Orthopnoea Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea and anasarca.