

Cardiac surgery – Valvular heart disease

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A brief history of valvular surgery

1925. Souttar – closed mitral commissurotomy

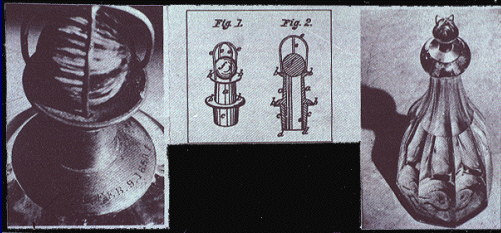
1960. McGoon – plasty for mitral regurgitation

1961. Starr és Edwards – ball valve

Commissurotom

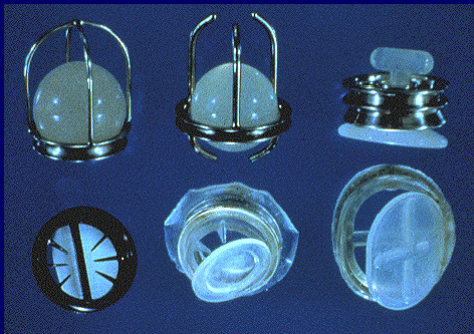


Artificial valves, history



Modern valves:

- slight flow resistance
- minimal turbulence
- less energy dissipation
- faster opening and closing
- less hemolysis



high (near 90°) opening angle



Artificial valves

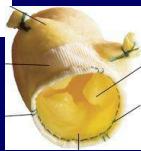
biograft



bi-leaflet



mono-leaflet



Medtronic Freestyle

Toronto SPV stainless

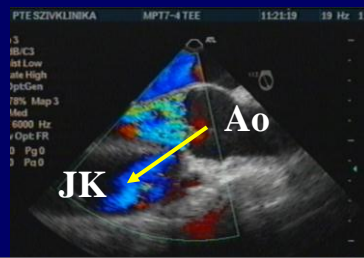
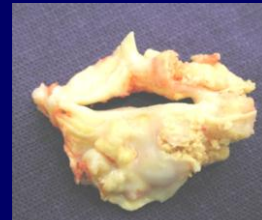
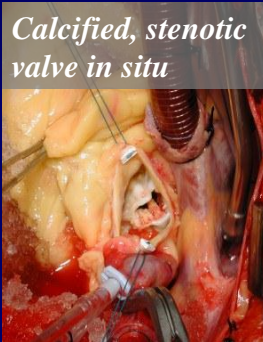
The ideal artificial valve

- safe operation for several years (corrosion, wear)
- minimal turbulence
- do not damage blood cells
- non-allergenic
- non-immunogenic
- non-thrombogenic
- microorganisms do not colonize
- silent operation

Diagnostic procedures

- echocardiography: doppler, calculation of pressure gradient, orifice area, calcification, EF, chamber sizes
- ventriculography, aortography
- invasive pressure measurements
- transoesophageal echo: more accuracy
- **above 40 years or suspicion for CAD: coronarography!**

Diseases of the aortic valve



Diseases of the aortic valve

Stenosis:

Grade	Orifice area
Normal	3.0-4.0 cm ²
Mild	1.5 – 3.0 cm ²
Medium	1.0 – 1.5 cm²
Serious	<1.0 cm²

Average transvalvular pressure gradient >50Hgmm

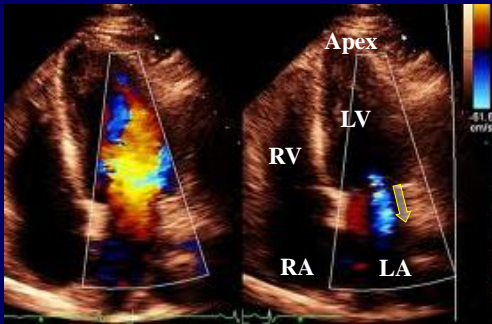
Regurgitation:

Grade I-IV (size of jet)

Indications for op.:

- complaints
- signs of heart failure
- **significant stenosis and/or regurgitation**
- decreasing EF
- progressive LV dilation

Diseases of the mitral valve



Mitral regurgitation (color doppler)



Shrunken mitral apparatus with fusion of chordae tendineae

Diseases of the mitral valve

Stenosis:

Average transvalvular pressure gradient >10Hgmm
Area < 1.5 cm² (n: 4.0-5.0 cm²)

Regurgitation:
Grade I-IV (size of jet)

Indications for op.:

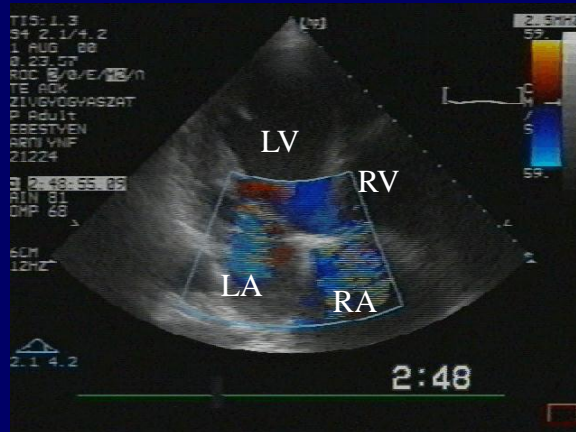
- complaints
- signs of heart failure
- **significant stenosis and/or regurgitation**
- decreasing EF
- progressive LV dilation
- pulmonary hypertension? (systolic > 60Hgmm)

CABG can improve mild or moderate MR

Diseases of the tricuspid valve

**regurgitation: generally concomitant to mitral insuff.,
a result of annulus-dilation in CAD**

IV. drug abusers: right sided endocarditis



Valvuloplasty

Bad results on the aortic valve – not performed widely

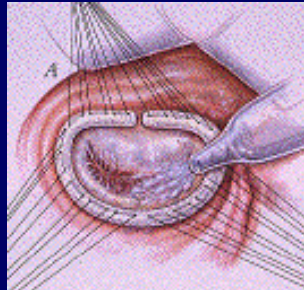
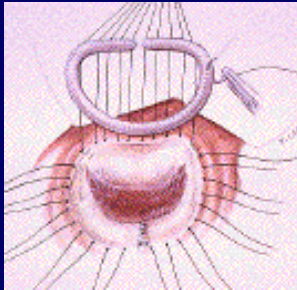
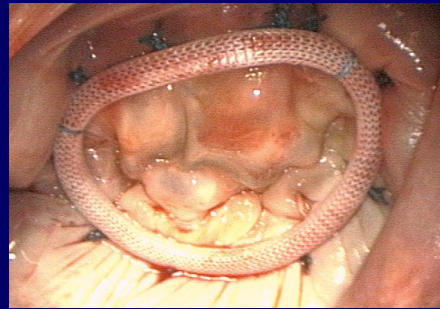
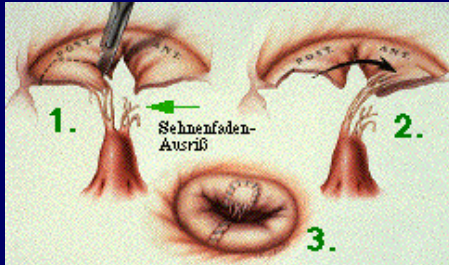
On the mitral and tricuspid valves:

- **tightening the annulus by a *ring* (Carpentier)
or a double C-shaped annular suture (DeVega)**
- **excision of the part of leaflet with ruptured chordae**
- **sharp dissection of coadhered commissures**

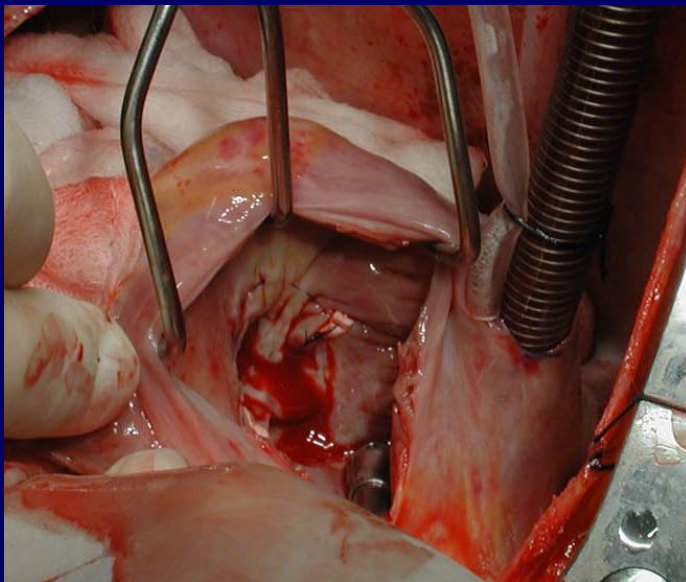
**benefits: only transient anticoagulation is needed
own valve, better flow-characteristics**

**disadvantages: higher rate of recidive
surgeon-dependent results**

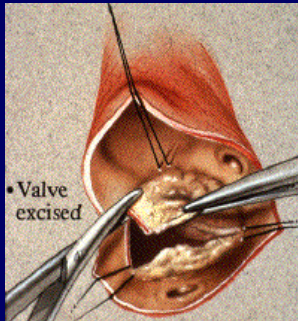
Valvuloplasty



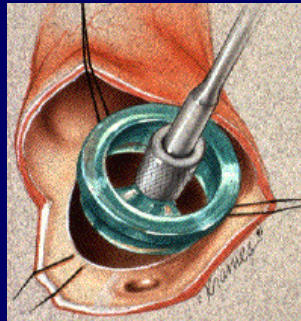
Tricuspidal plasty sec. DeVega



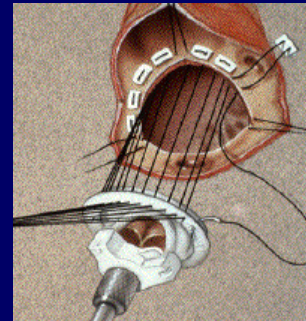
Technique of valve replacement



Excision of the diseased valve



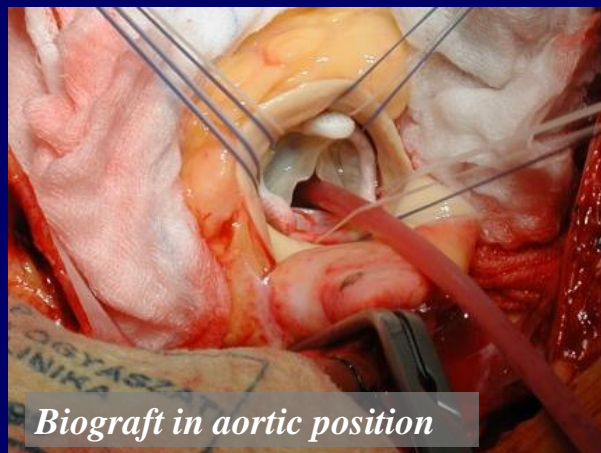
Measuring the annulus



Suturing the valve with teflon-pledgeted stitches

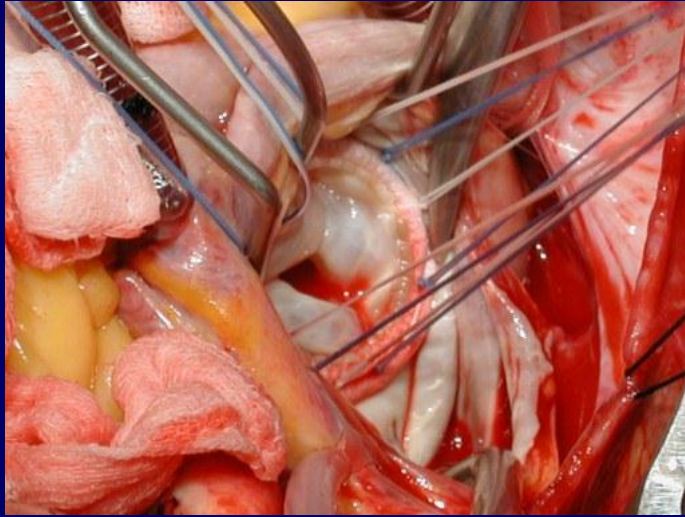
Valve replacement - biograft

- only transient anticoagulation (3-6 months)
- degeneration after 10-12 years (increasing...)



Biograft in aortic position

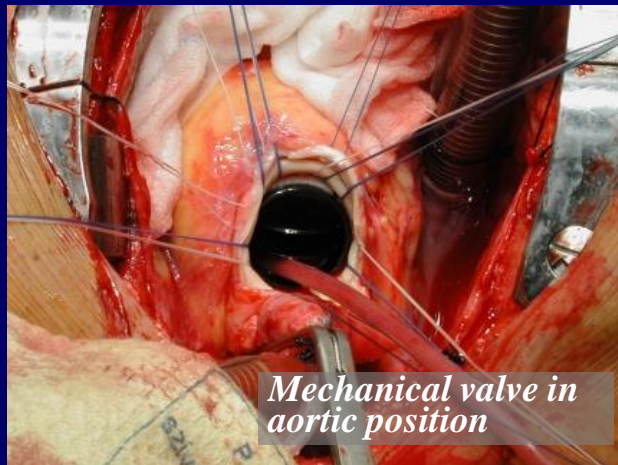
Valve replacement - biograft



Biograft in mitral position

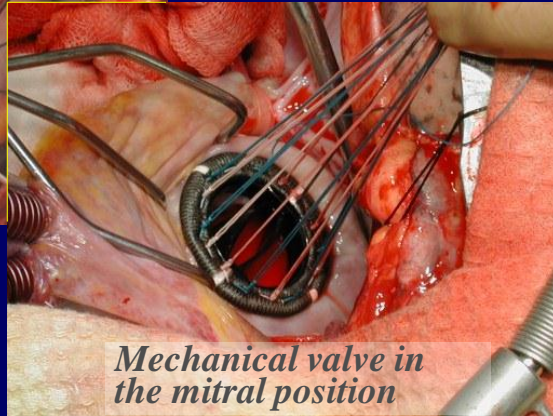
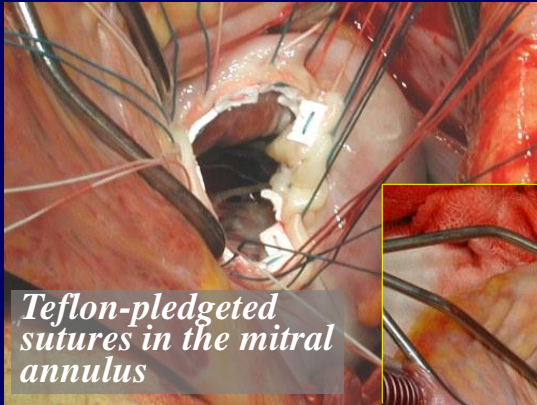
Valve replacement - mechanical

- life-long anticoagulation
- eternal (200 years)
- noisy

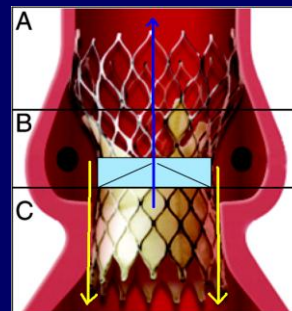
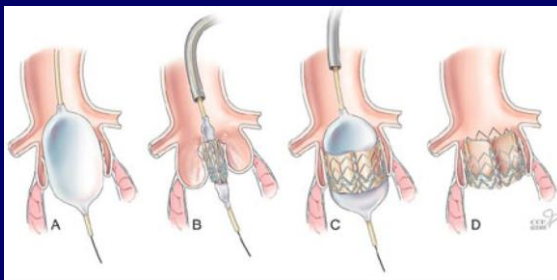


Mechanical valve in aortic position

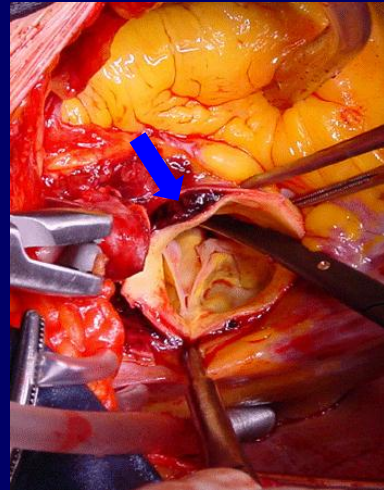
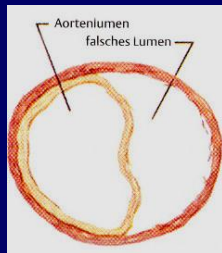
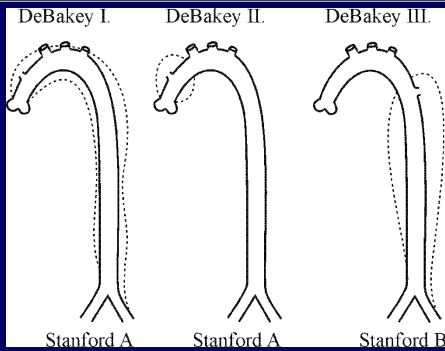
Valve replacement - mechanical



TAVI – transcatheter aortic valve implantation



Aortic dissection

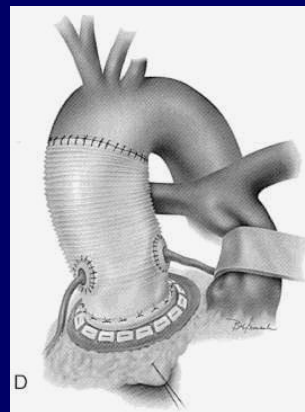


Bentall-procedure

Conduit with valve



Valvular conduit with CABG in situ



Patient follow-up

Anticoagulation: Syncumar/Cumadine to INR
Biograft: 3 months (INR 2.0-3.0), now: ASA (75-100mg)
Mechanical: life-long (Ao: 2.0-3.0, M: 2.5-3.5)

Tell it before any medical intervention !

1 week before any operation change to heparine
(LMWH),
postoperatively LMWH for some days

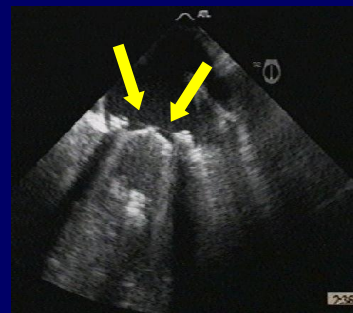
Endocarditis profilaxis: antibiotics

In case of dental extraction (depuration) or before
and after any invasive intervention
amoxicillin+clavulanic acid, erythromycin

Results

- Operative mortality around <5%
- Fast hemodynamic and functional recovery
- Slight regurgitation with Doppler US, because the mechanical valves do not close completely in order to prevent the damage of blood cells (hemolysis)

*Mitral bileaflet
mechanical valve
(TEE)*



Possible complications

Thromboembolism, artificial valve dysfunction

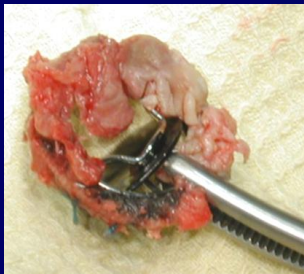
Bleeding (anticoagulant)

Artificial valve endocarditis

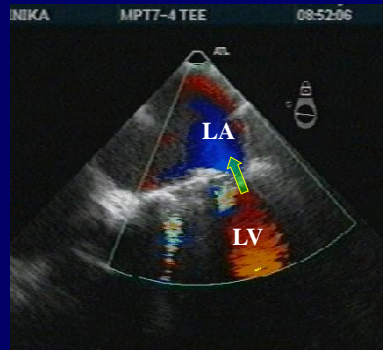
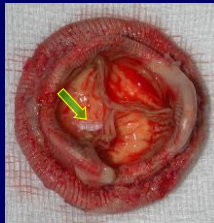
Paravalvular leak

Mitral paravalvular leak (TEE)

Thrombotized artificial valve



Degenerated biograft with a hole

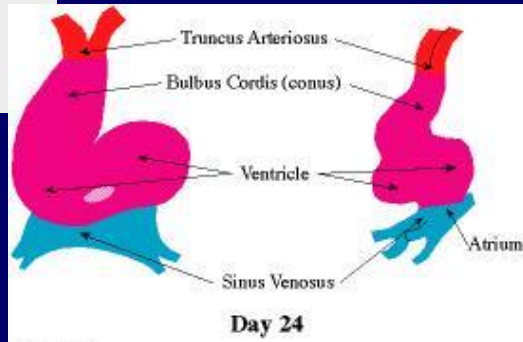
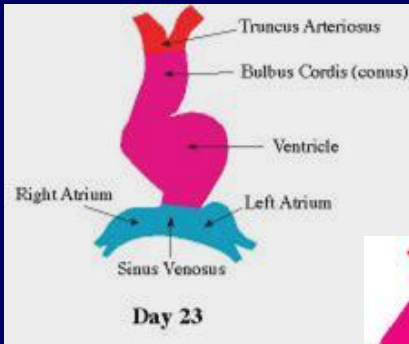


Cardiac surgery – Congenital heart disease in the adult

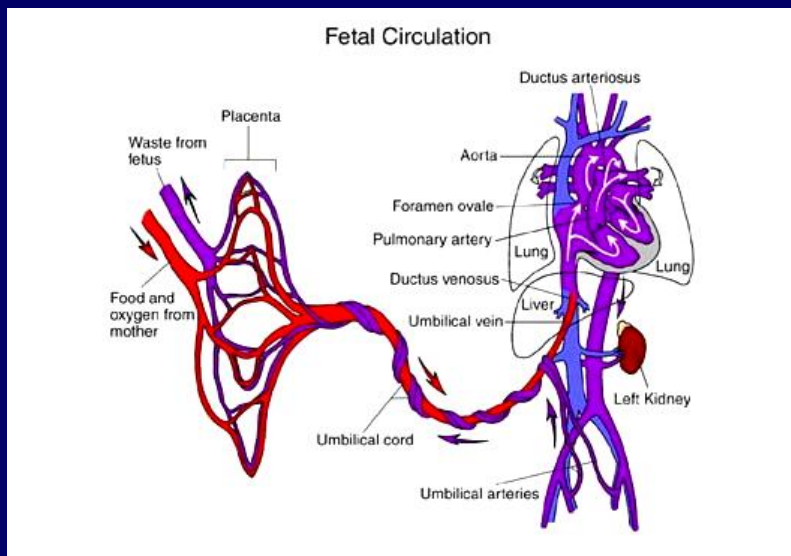


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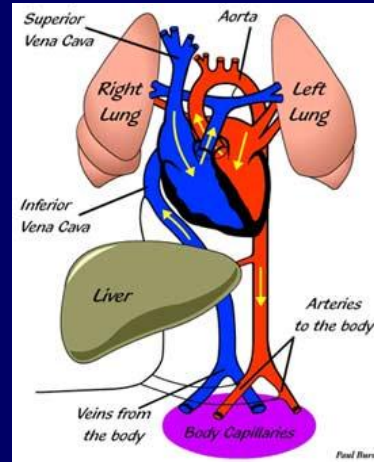
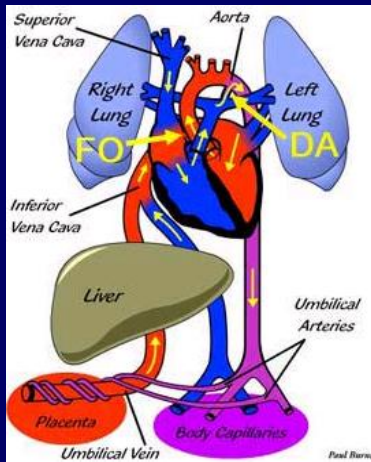
Embryogenesis of the heart



The fetal circulation



Transformation of the fetal circulation



Classification of congenital heart diseases

Left-to-right shunt

- atrial septal defect
- ventricular septal defect
- persistent ductus arteriosus
- atrioventricular septal defect
- partial transposition of pulmonary veins

Obstructive

- aorta stenosis
- pulmonary stenosis
- coarctation of aorta

Cyanotic (right-to-left shunt)

- great vessel transposition
- tetralogy of Fallot
- tricuspid atresia
- pulmonary atresia
- Ebstein-anomaly
- total transposition of pulmonary veins
- persistent truncus arteriosus
- univentricular heart

Operative management

- **Why operate?** symptoms of circulatory failure, frequent airway infections, retardation in growth, **Eisenmenger** syndrome
- **Earlier:** several-stage operations starting with palliation
- **Nowadays** primary total anatomical reconstruction even in newborns
- **Reduced mortality** recently
- **Less demanding** for the society and for the family
- **Diagnostics:** mainly echocardiography, less angiocardiology (X-ray, contrast agent!), cardiac MRI

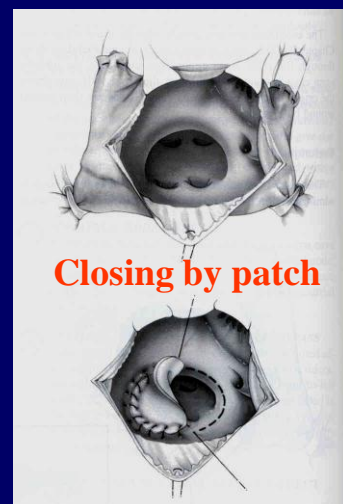
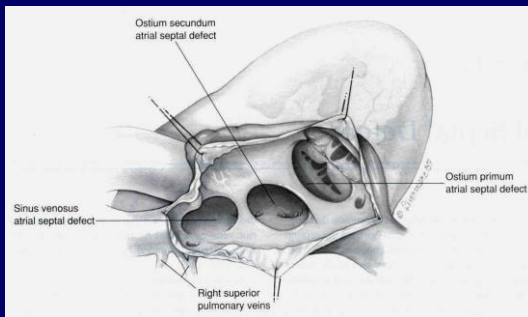
Postoperative follow-up

- **Regular follow-up** is necessary in most cases
- **(Elective multistage operations to the strength of the child)**
- **Redo operations (adhesions!):** graft replacement for a bigger one, calcified homograft, late complications
- **Endocarditis prophylaxis** (in case of residue)
- **Physical education/load** according to capacity
- **Psychological/mental guidance**

GUCH (Grown-up congenital heart) disease

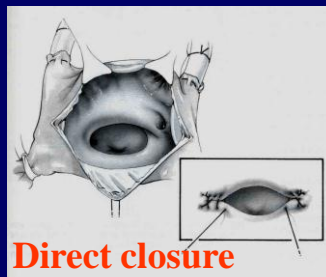
- 80-85% of patients born with congenital heart disease survive to adulthood
- Relatively small population, but complex and variable pathology
- Special follow-up: cardiology, intensive care, anesthesia, pregnancy
- 40% simple or cured disease – no specialist, 35-40% – access to expert consultation, 20-25% – life long expert supervision
- Pediatric cardiologist and cardiac surgeon ↔ Adult cardiologist and cardiac surgeon

Atrial septal defect (ASD)

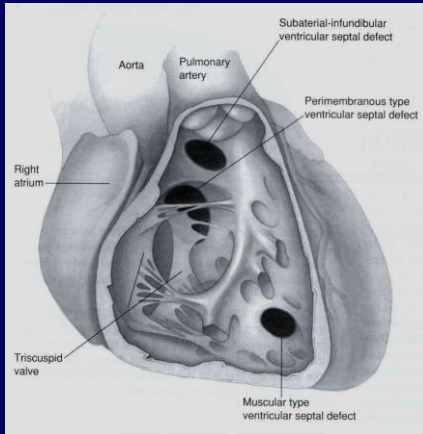


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 $Q_p/Q_s > 2.0$

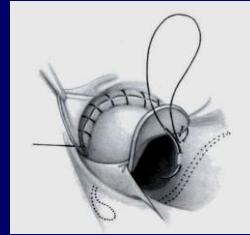
Paradoxical
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Ventricular septal defect (VSD)



Closing by patch

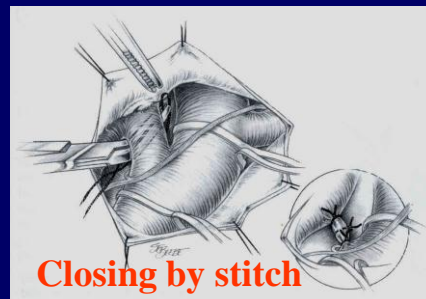


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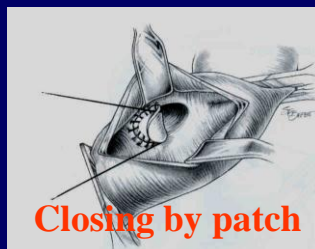
Persistent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA)



Closing by clip

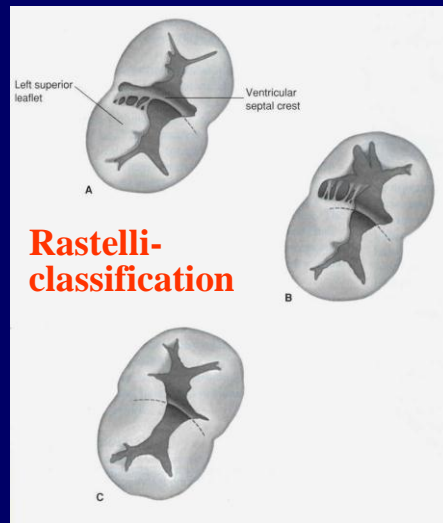
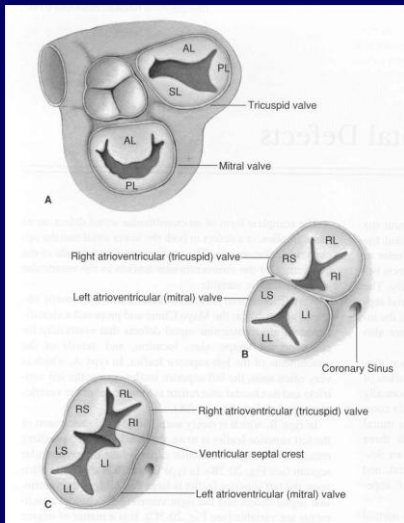


Closing by stitch



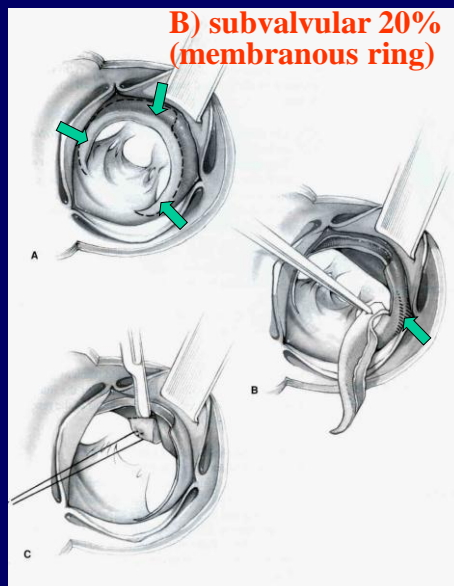
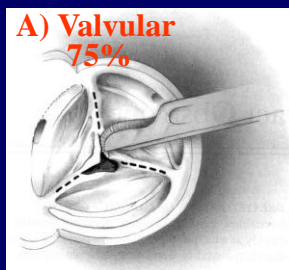
Closing by patch

Atrioventricular septal defect, AV-canal, AVSD

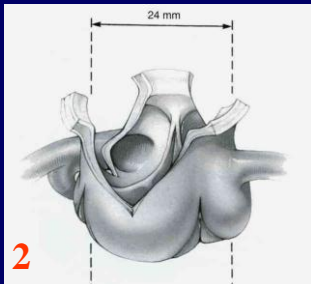
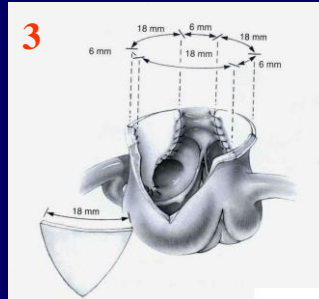
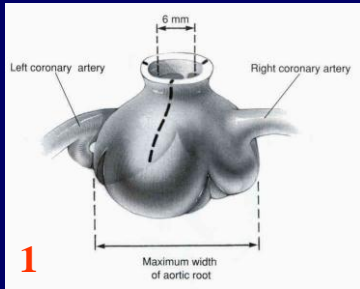


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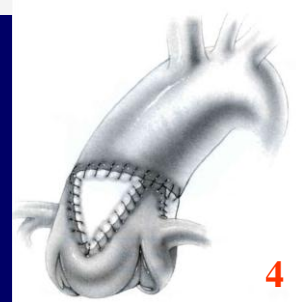
Congenital aortic stenosis



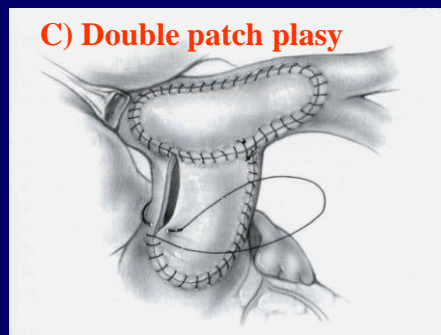
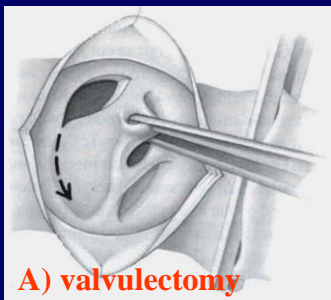
Congenital aortic stenosis



**C) supravalvular
5%**



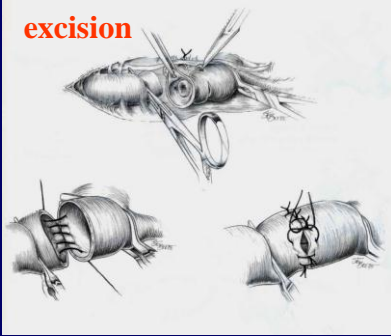
Pulmonary stenosis



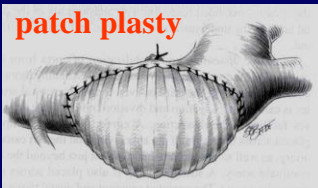
Coarctation of the aorta

praeductal, postductal type
Op.: sten > 50%, RRdiff > 20-30Hgmm

excision

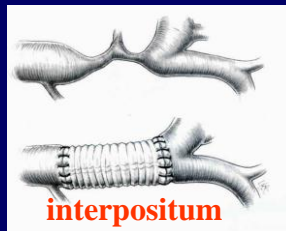


patch plasty

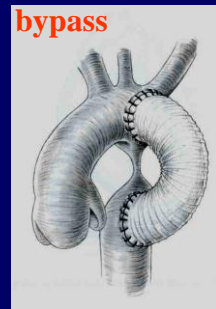


subclavian plasty

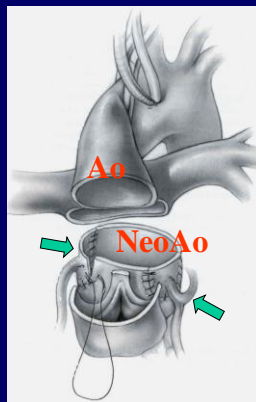
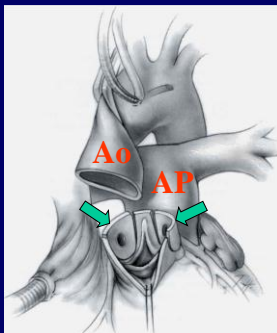
bypass



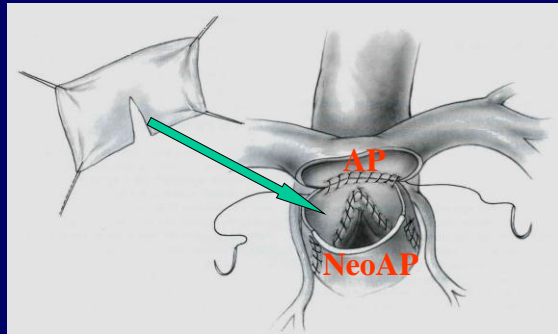
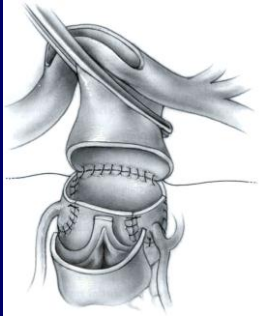
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Transposition of the great vessels



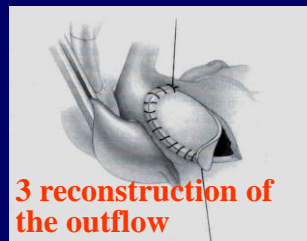
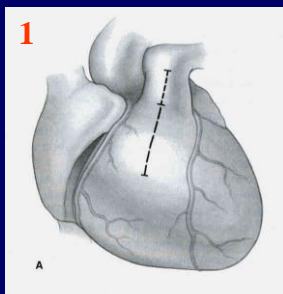
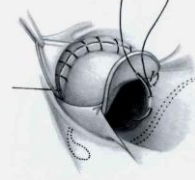
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Tetralogy of Fallot

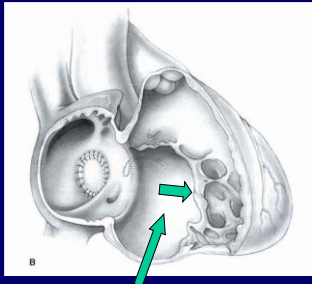
- Pulmonary infundibular stenosis
- VSD
- Overriding aorta
- Right ventricular hypertrophy

2 closing the septal defect

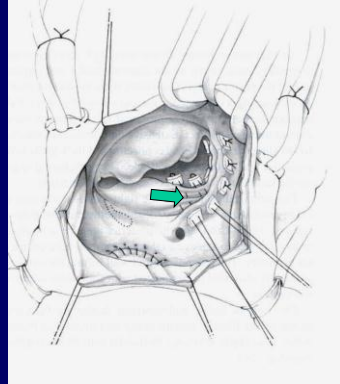


3 reconstruction of the outflow

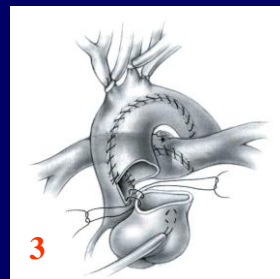
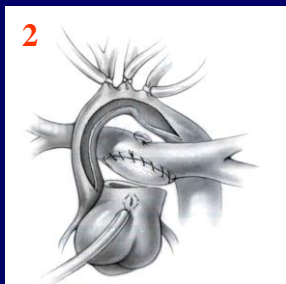
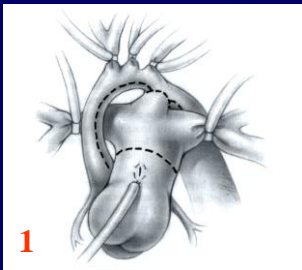
Ebstein-anomaly



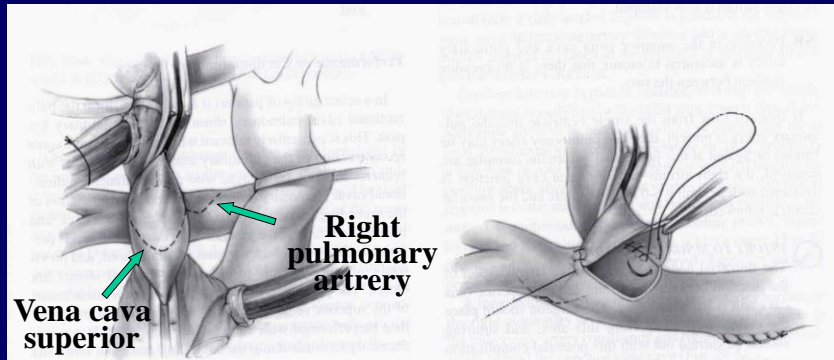
Atrialized right ventricle



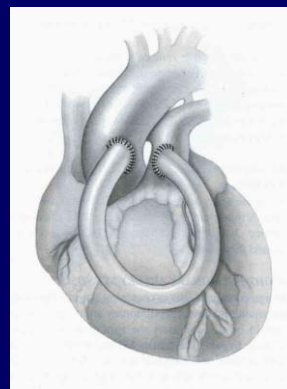
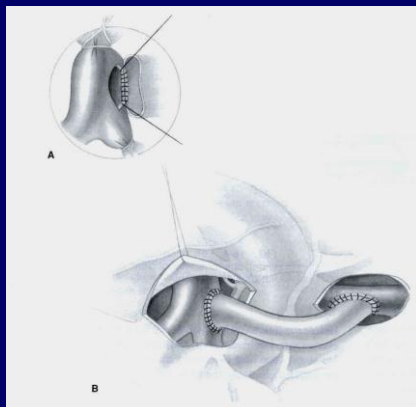
Univentricular heart (<1%)



Bidirectional cavopulmonary anastomosis



Aorto-pulmonary shunts



Central shunt

Reducing pulmonary perfusion

pulmonary artery banding
preventing pulmonary hypertension

