

# Cardiac surgery – Introduction

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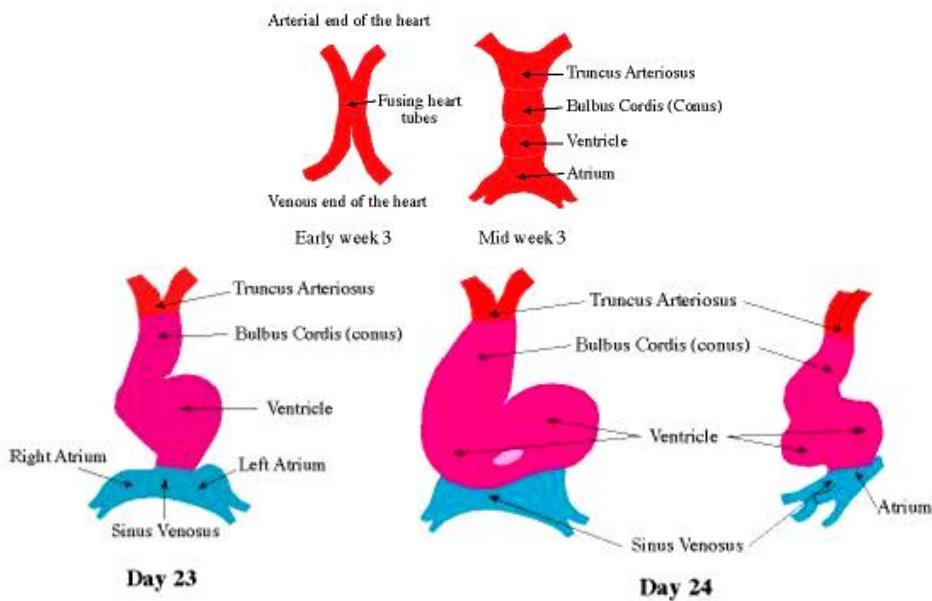
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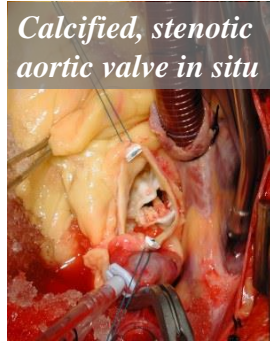
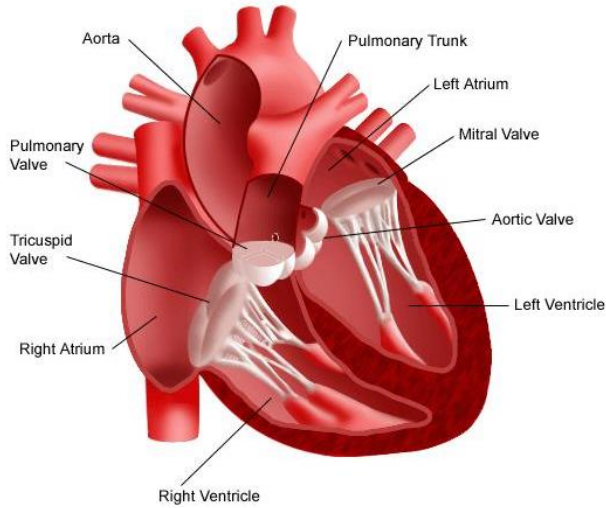


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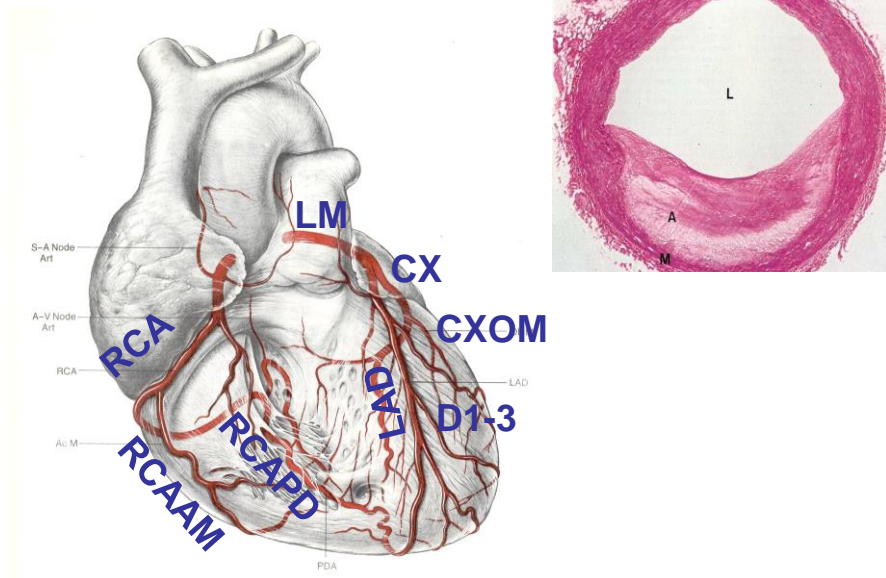
## The development of the heart



## The anatomy of the heart



## The anatomy of coronary arteries



## Most common types of heart operations

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- coronary bypass grafting (CABG)
- valve replacement (AVR, MVR, TVR)
- valvuloplasty - repair (TVP, MVP, AVP)
- congenital (VSD, ASD, DBP...)
- operations on thoracic aorta (asc., arch)
- aneurysmectomy, aneurysm-plication
- heart transplantation and its alternatives
- pacemaker implantation

combined operations (CABG+valve, CABG+carotid endarterectomy, CABG+aneurysmectomy)

## Milestones of cardiac surgery

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Theodore Billroth  
(1821-1894): *'Any surgeon who would attempt operation on the heart should lose the respect of his colleagues'*.



Ludwig Wilhelm Carl Rehn  
(1849-1930)  
First successful myocardial suture: **1896**

## **The requirements for modern cardiac surgery**

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- **diagnostic background (coronarography, echo)**
- **asepsis, antibiotics**
- **transfusiology**
- **hemostaseology**
- **anesthesiology - intensive care**
- **extracorporeal circulation**
- **myocardium protection**
- **operative technique**
- **artificial valves, other prostheses**

## **Milestones in cardiac surgery**

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**1896. Rehn (G, 1849-1930) successfully sutures a heart wound**

**1925. Souttar (UK, 1875-1964) – closed mitral commissurotomy**

**1928. Forssmann (G, 1904-1979) – first cardiac  
catheterization via cephalic vein on himself**

**1939. Gross (USA, 1905-1988) – ligation of ductus Botalli**

**1950-s Gibbon, Kirklin, Lillehei - ECC**

**1951. Vineberg a. thoracica interna implantation  
Favaloro, Effler v. saphena bypass**

**1953. ASD operation**

**1955. VSD operation**

**1964. Kolesov a. thoracica interna-LAD bypass**

**1968. Green a. thoracica interna-LAD bypass**

## The making of the heart-lung machine

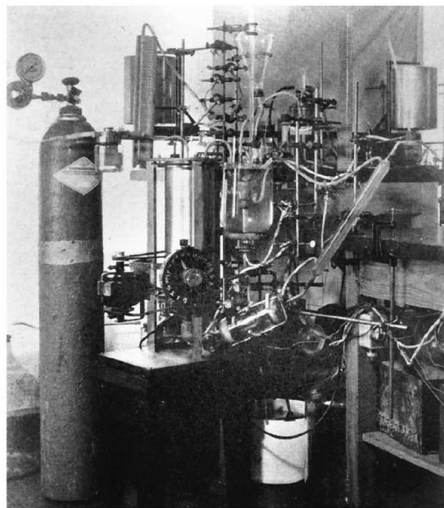
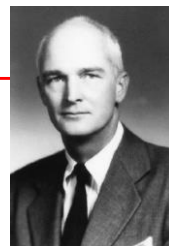


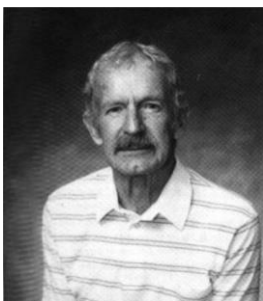
Fig 2. Photograph taken in Dr Gibbon's laboratory, showing an early version of his heart-lung machine. (Courtesy of J. H. Gibbon, Jr. Reprinted with permission from Gibbon JH et al. Arch Surg. 1937; 34:1109.)

**John Gibbon  
(1903-1973)**



**May 6th 1953.** The first successful ASD closure with the usage of heart lung machine (IBM).

## Hypothermia – other arm of the scale



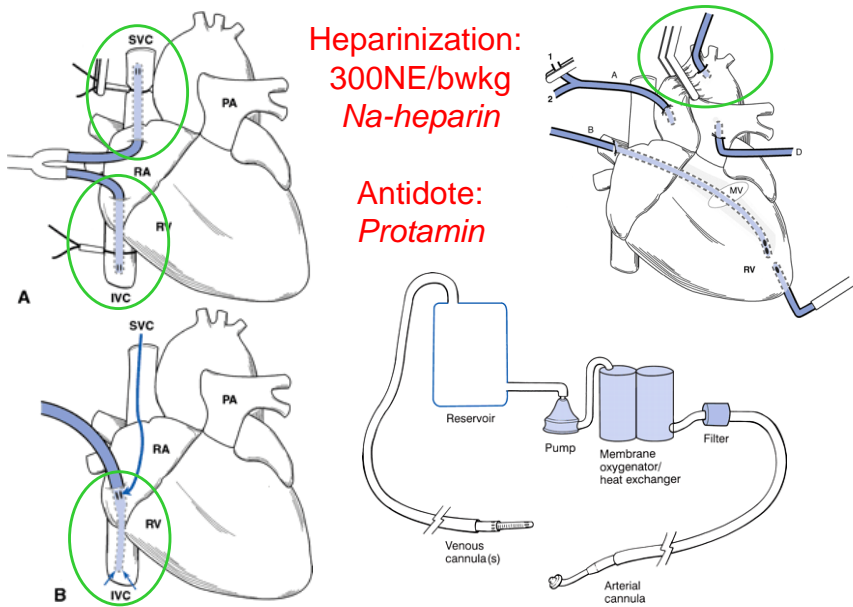
**JF Lewis (1916-1993)**

**1953.** Lewis and Taufic: Closure of atrial septal defects with the aid of hypothermia. in Surgery

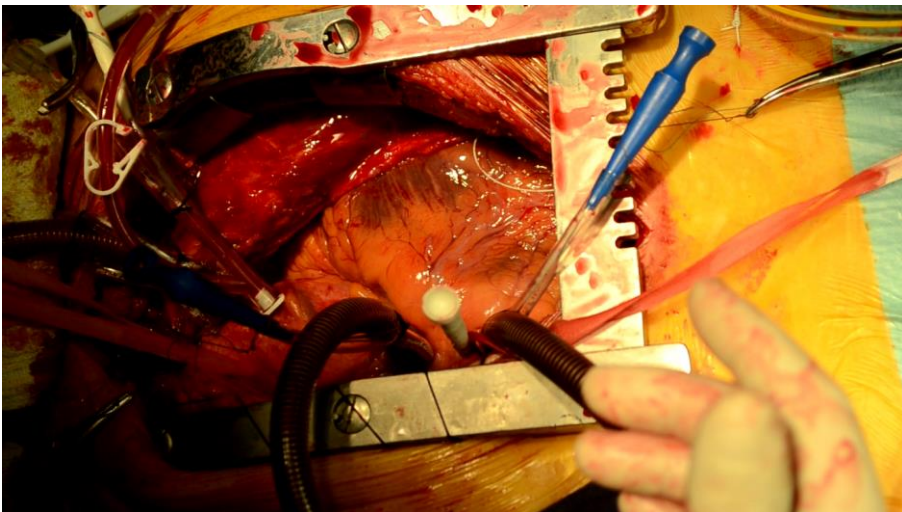


**Sept. 2nd 1952.** The first open heart surgery, 2 cm ASD-II closure in a 5 year old girl,  $t=26^{\circ}\text{C}$  full body hypothermia, with inflow stasis. (University of Minnesota Hospital)

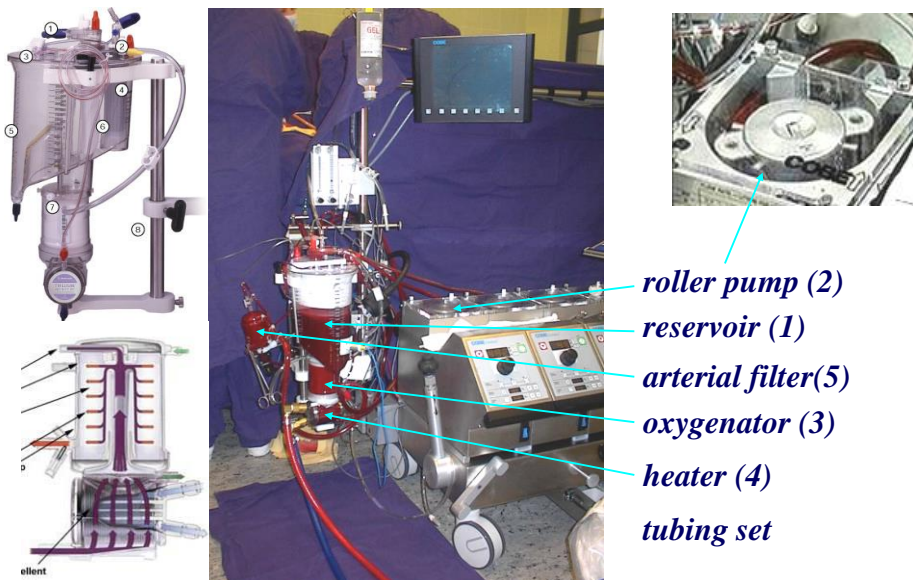
## The schematic of extracorporeal circulation



## The cannulation in real life



## A modern heart-lung machine



## Myocardial protection



*anterograde aortic root  
cardioplegia and vent*



*local ice-squash*

**Myocardial protection by administering a special cold solution into the coronary circulation. The most popular: +4 °C hyperkalaemic crystalloid cardioplegia, that causes depolarization block, arrest, sparing the energy expenditure of contraction and electric activity.**

## The diagnosis of heart diseases

History: angina, dyspnea, fatigue

Physical changes: primarily not present in CAD, murmurs

Tests: ECG, stress ECG, Holter (silent ischaemia)

Echocardiography (TTE, TEE)

((Myocardium perfusion (heart light study):  
scintigraphy, SPECT))

**Coronary angio**: above 40 years before any cardiac surgery  
Coronary CT (or at suspicion of IHD)

Viability examinations: MRI, (PET)  
Biopsy

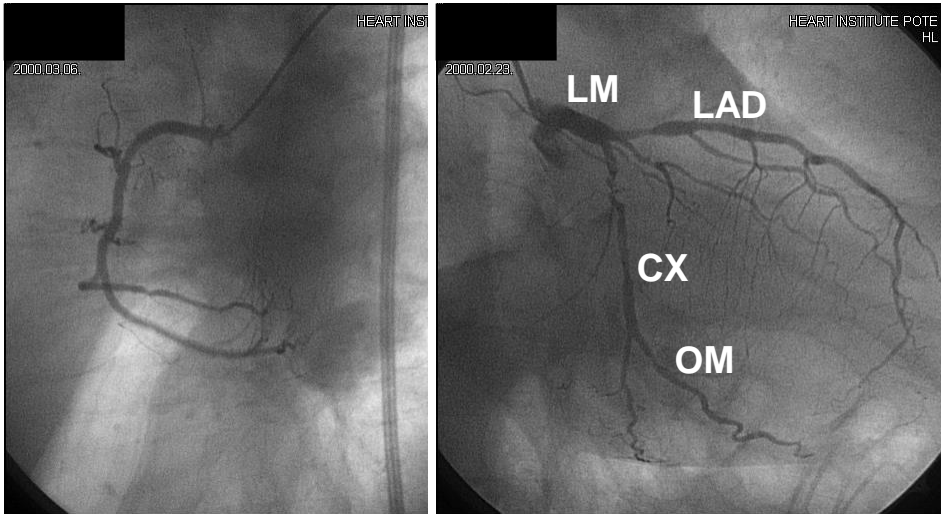
## Preoperative examinations, preparation

- investigating cardiac status, stabilizing patient
- above 40 years coronary angiography
- screening and treating foci  
(**dental**, ENT, urology/gynecology)
- chest X-ray, abdominal ultrasound
- carotid Doppler or carotid angiography
- respiratory function test
- specialist at any comorbidity or suspicion! (vascular surgeon, colonoscopy, gastroscopy, endocrinology, etc.)
- **discontinuing oral anticoag., anti-TCT, metformin**



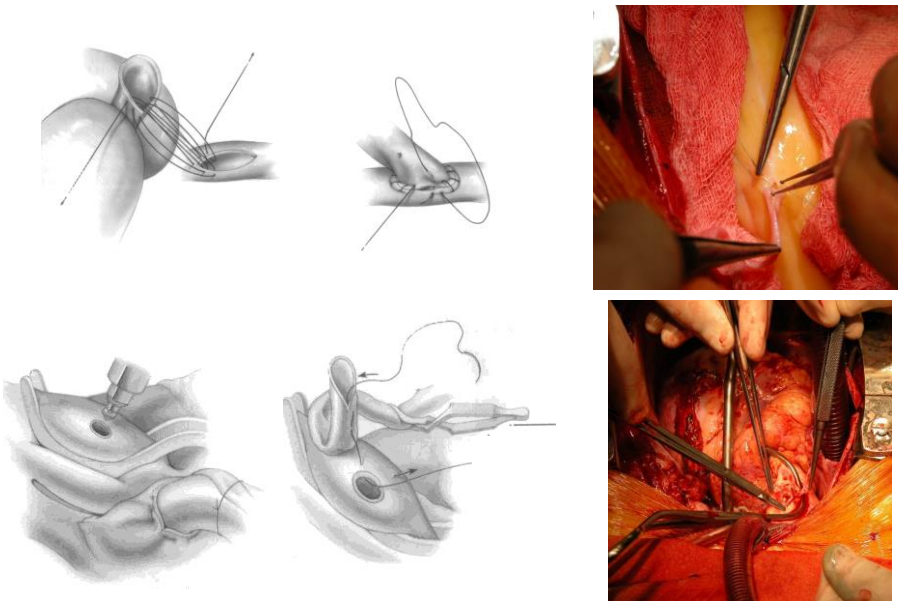
# Coronary angiography

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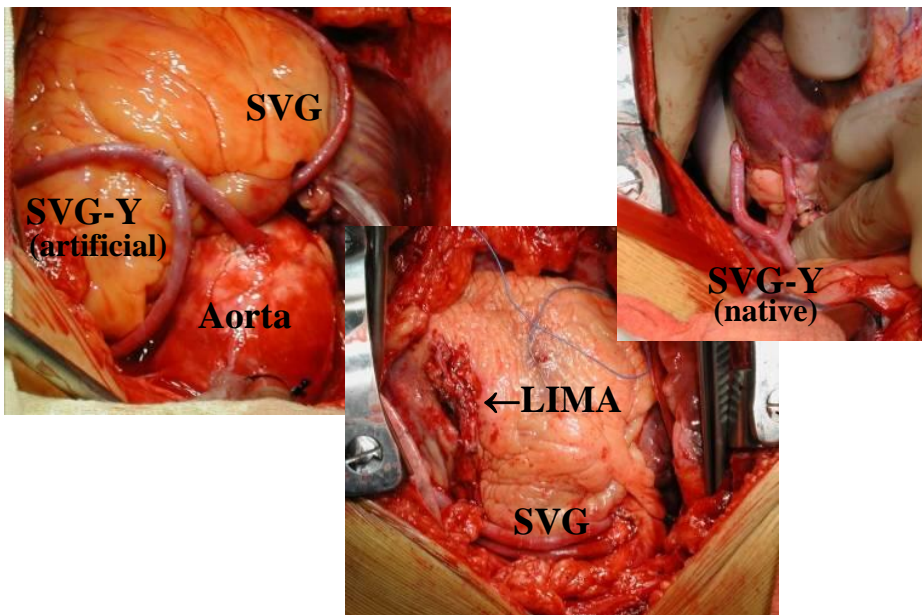
## Surgical technique: distal and proximal anastomosis

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## Coronary surgery: before the pericardium closure

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## Follow-up for CABG

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Before discharge screening for ASA efficiency by thrombocyte aggregometry (TAG), adding clopidogrel if necessary, LMWH

Cardiac surgery control at 6-8 weeks: complaints, wound healing, sternum stability, ECG, Echocardiography

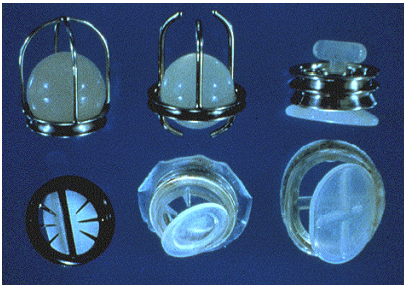
Cardiology control every 6 months or annually (ECG, stress test, Echocardiography), on demand interventional or cardiac surgical control, see family physician

Anti-platelet drugs life-long, if should be stopped before any intervention → administer LMWH

Secondary prevention: lifestyle, diet, drugs (statin, anti-TCT,  $\beta$ -blocker, etc.)

# Milestones of valvular surgery

*Commissurotom, Souttar, 1925.*



*Opening angle of modern valves assures minimal flow resistance*



## Modern arteficial heart valves

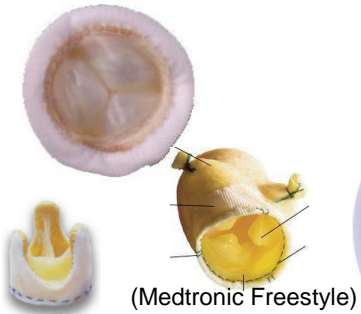
*biograft*



*bileaflet*



*tilting disc*

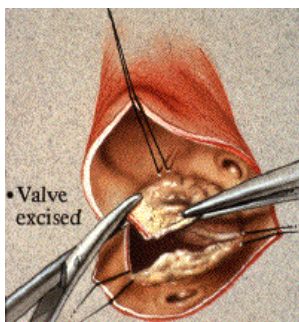


Toronto SPV stentless

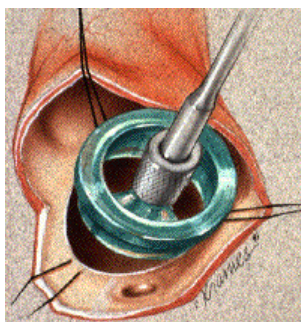


## Valve implantation technique

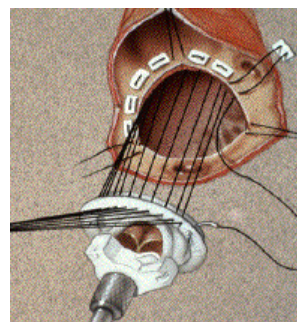
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*Excising diseased valve*



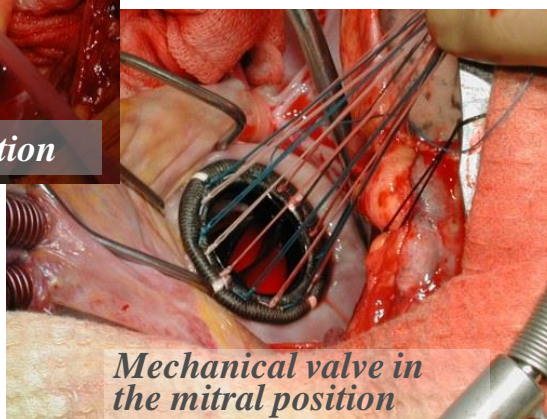
*Measurement*



*Suturing artificial valve*

## Intraoperative views

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## Patient follow-up after valve op.

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**Anticoagulation:** Syncumar/Cumadine to INR

Biograft: 3-6 months (INR 2.0-3.0), then ASA

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 LMWH

postoperatively LMWH for some days

**Endocarditis profilaxis:** antibiotics (any implant)

In case of dental extraction (deputation) or before

and after any invasive intervention

(amoxicillin, clindamycin, iv.: ampicillin, vanco, genta)

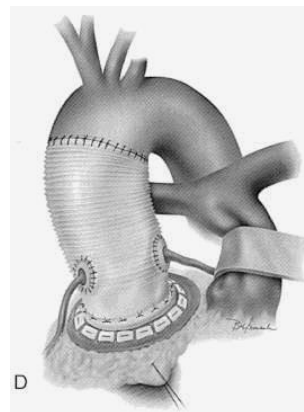
## Bentall-operation (valve+graft)

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*Conduit*

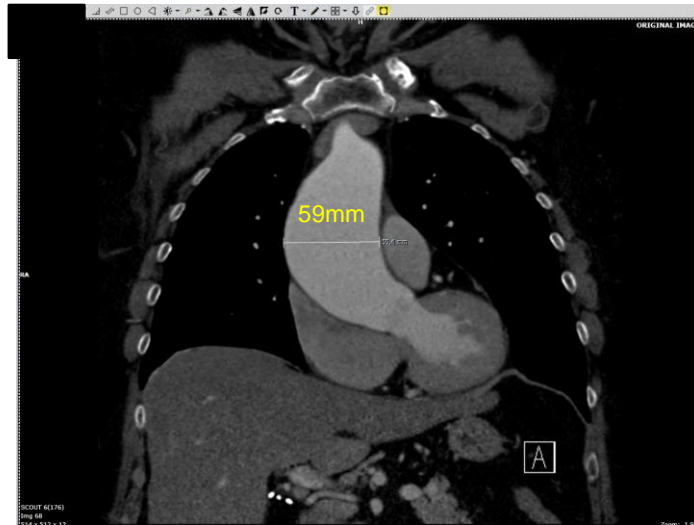


*Valved conduit in situ*



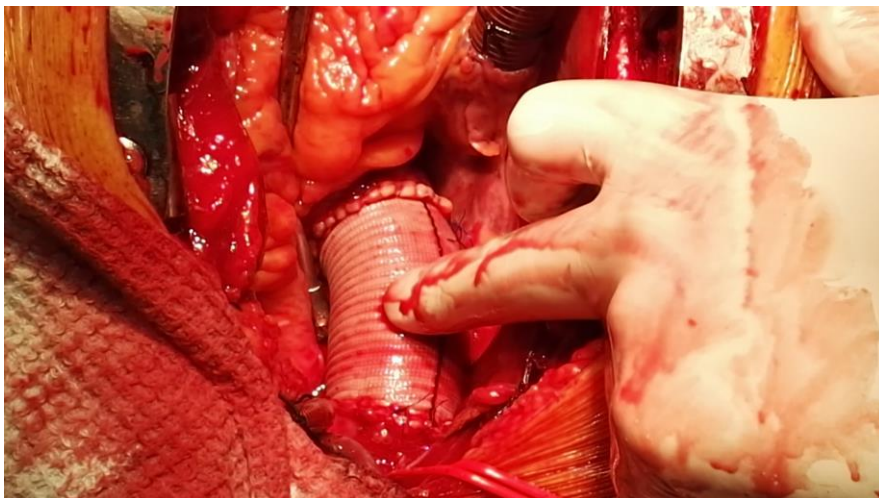
## Aortic aneurysm, ECG-gated angio CT

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## Interpositum after AAA

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## 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

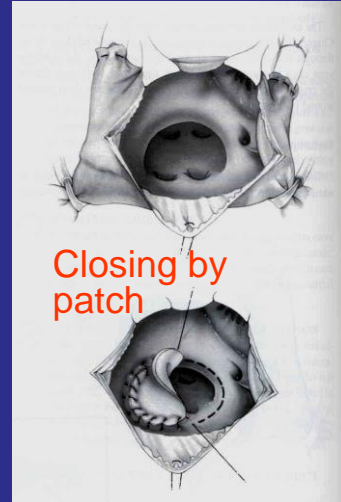
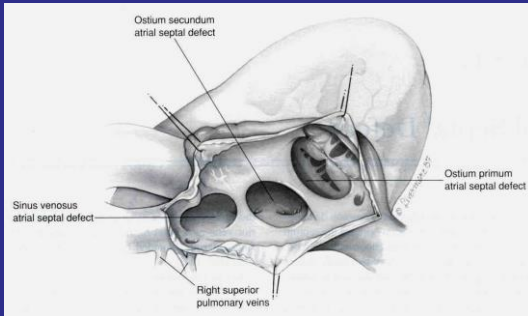
### Cyanotic (right-to-left shunt)

- 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 angiocardiography (X-ray, contrast agent!), cardiac MRI

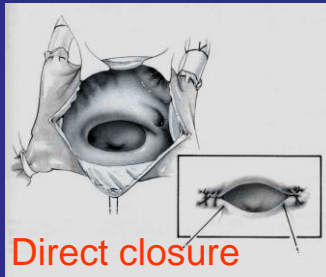
# Atrial septal defect (ASD)



Closing by patch

Op.:  
Qp/Qs > 2.0

Paradoxical emb.



Direct closure

# Heart transplantation (HTX)

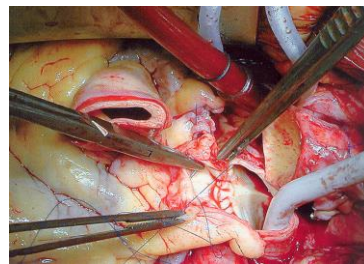
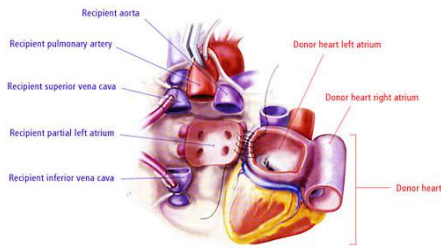
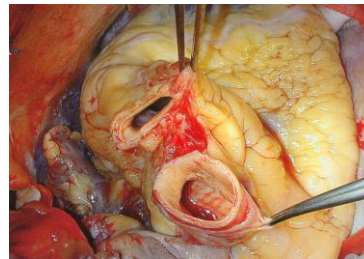


Figure 1: The donor heart's left atrium is sewn onto the recipient's left atrium.

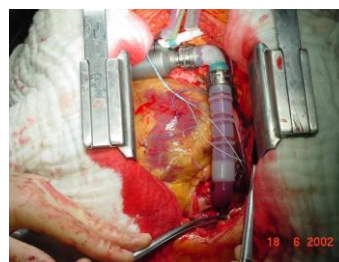
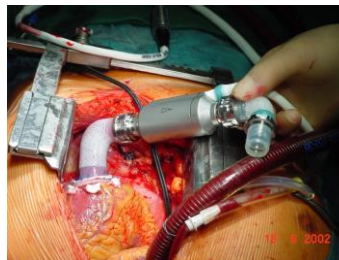
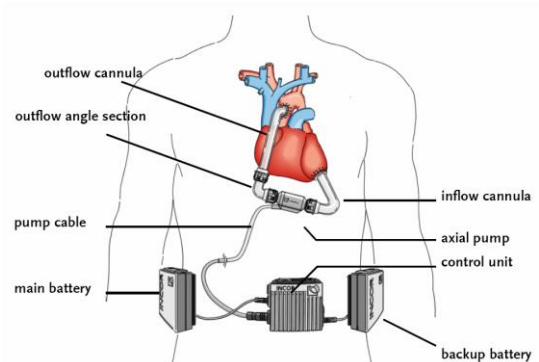


## Mechanical circulatory assist: Berlin Heart Incor

INR: 2,8-3,2

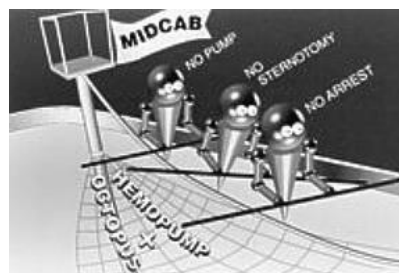
APTI: 70-90 s

Efficient anti-TCT



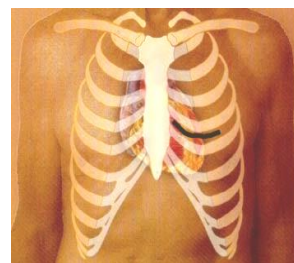
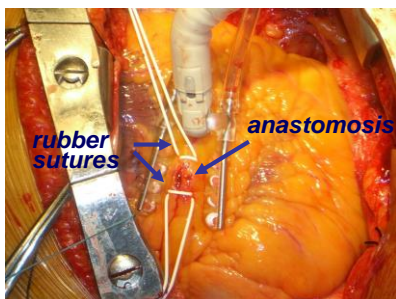
## Coronary surgery: minimally invasive directions

„off-pump” CABG  
MIDCAB



Stabilizing LAD

Octopus, Medtronic, Inc.



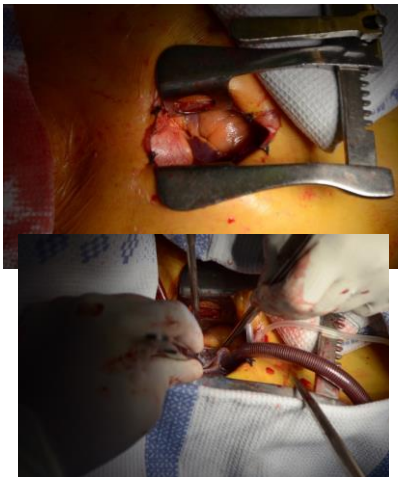
## Off-pump CABG operation

- avoids side-effects of ECC
  - risk of hypoperfusion↑
  - clamping ascending aorta
- special instrumentation
  - occluder or shunt occluder
  - difficult access to posterior vessels
  - cannot open heart chamber
  - operative manipulation affects cardiac output



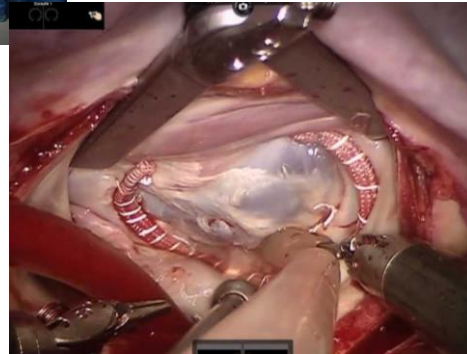
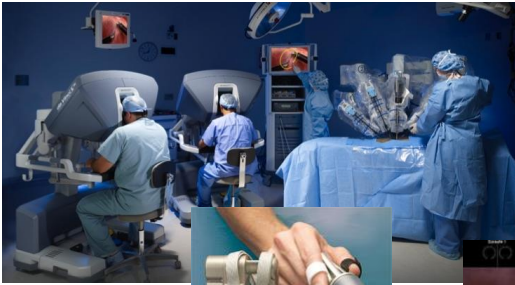
## Minimally invasive access

- smaller (even 4-6 cm!) incision
- minimal tissue damage, intact chest wall



- Less operative stress
- Shorter operation (?)
- Less complications (?)
- Less pain
- Faster recovery
- Early rehab
- **Better cosmetic results**
- Reduced costs (?)

## Robot-assisted heart surgery



- Mitral plasty
- CABG
- PM electrode implant.
- Etc.

## Endocarditis risk in different populations

- High risk:
  - previous infective endocarditis
  - artificial valve, TAVI, foreign material
  - congenital heart disease (exc. valvular)
  - ventricular assist device
- Intermediate risk:
  - rheumatic heart disease
  - degenerative valve disease
  - congenital heart disease (incl. Bicuspidal av.)
  - cardiovascular implanted electronic devices
  - hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

## Recommendations for infective endocarditis prevention in high-risk patients



Recommendations	Class	Level
Antibiotic prophylaxis is recommended in dental extractions, oral surgery procedures, and procedures requiring manipulation of the gingival or periapical region of the teeth.	I	B
Systemic antibiotic prophylaxis may be considered for high-risk patients undergoing an invasive diagnostic or therapeutic procedure of the respiratory, gastrointestinal, genitourinary tract, skin, or musculoskeletal systems.	IIb	C

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## Recommendations for antibiotic prophylaxis in patients with cardiovascular diseases undergoing oro-dental procedures at increased risk for IE (1)



Recommendations	Class	Level
General prevention measures are recommended in individuals at high and intermediate risk for IE.	I	C
Antibiotic prophylaxis is recommended in patients with previous IE.	I	B
Antibiotic prophylaxis is recommended in patients with surgically implanted prosthetic valves and with any material used for surgical cardiac valve repair.	I	C
Antibiotic prophylaxis is recommended in patients with transcatheter implanted aortic and pulmonary valvular prostheses.	I	C
Antibiotic prophylaxis is recommended in patients with untreated cyanotic CHD, and patients treated with surgery or transcatheter procedures with post-operative palliative shunts, conduits, or other prostheses. After surgical repair, in the absence of residual defects or valve prostheses, antibiotic prophylaxis is recommended only for the first 6 months after the procedure.	I	C

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Recommendations	Class	Level
Antibiotic prophylaxis is recommended in patients with ventricular assist devices.	I	C
Antibiotic prophylaxis should be considered in patients with transcatheter mitral and tricuspid valve repair.	IIa	C
Antibiotic prophylaxis may be considered in recipients of heart transplant.	IIb	C
Antibiotic prophylaxis is not recommended in other patients at low risk for IE.	III	C

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## Prophylactic antibiotic regime for high-risk dental procedures

Situation	Antibiotic	Single-dose 30–60 min before procedure	
		Adults	Children
No allergy to penicillin or ampicillin	Amoxicillin	2 g orally	50 mg/kg orally
	Ampicillin	2 g i.m. or i.v.	50 mg/kg i.v. or i.m.
	Cefazolin or ceftriaxone	1 g i.m. or i.v.	50 mg/kg i.v. or i.m.
Allergy to penicillin or ampicillin	Cephalexin	2 g orally	50 mg/kg orally
	Azithromycin or clarithromycin	500 mg orally	15 mg/kg orally
	Doxycycline	100 mg orally	<45 kg, 2.2 mg/kg orally
			>45 kg, 100 mg orally
Cefazolin or ceftriaxone	1 g i.m. or i.v.	50 mg/kg i.v. or i.m.	

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