

Acute coronary syndrome and acute left /right heart failure in the ICU

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Mosaics of the lecture

- ACS
 - PCI guidelines
 - Periop. management of PCI, BMS, DES patients
- Heart failure
 - Pathophysiology
 - Pharmacological management
 - Mechanical management



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Acute Coronary Syndrome

- Endemic disease
- Invasive investigation
 - majority of ACS patients
- Anticipated life expectancy at birth increased with 5,5 years
- Death of MI has halved!
- Indications – new guidelines
 - Revascularisation guideline (2010)
 - ESC NSTEMI-ACS guideline (2011)
 - ESC STEMI guideline (2008, 2012)

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Diagnosis

Symptoms	ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME		
	STEMI	NSTEMI-ACS	
ECG	Persisting ST elevation	ST-T deviation	No/ aspecific ECG change
Biomarker		pos	neg
Diagnosis	STEMI	NSTEMI Unstable angina NSTEMI-ACS	

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ESC STEMI guideline 2008 Early diagnosis

- On-site diagnosis
 - **Typical chest pain**
 - **ST elevation or newly developed LBBB**
IS ENOUGH FOR PRIMER DIAGNOSIS
- Elevated necroenzymes – not necessary to wait for the result
- Echocardiography: to disclose other origin of acute chest pain

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PCI indication-STEMI

- Within 12 hours: STEMI or chest pain and unknown LBBB (IA)
- After 12 hours: persisting chest pain and ST elevation (IIa)
- 12 - 24 hours: patient with no complaints (IIb)
- After 3 days: routine opening of occluded coronary arteries responsible for MI may be harmful if there is no viability!

ESC Revasc. Guideline 2010 ⁶ 6

PCI indication-NSTEMI

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GRACE ACS Risk Model

At Admission (in-hospital/to 6 months) | At Discharge (to 6 months)

Age: 60-69

HR: 90-109

SBP: 100-119

Creat.: 0.8-1.19

CHF: 1 (relax and/or JVD)

Cardiac arrest at admission

ST-segment deviation

Elevated cardiac enzymes/markers

Probability of	Death	Death or MI
In-hospital	11%	28%
To 6 months	19%	40%

Buttons: ST Units, Reset, Display Score

Risk factors

- troponin elevation
- dynamic ST-T changes
- diabetes mellitus
- renal insufficiency
- decreased left ventricular function (EF<40%)
- early post-MI angina
- PCI within 6 month
- previous CABG
- medium or high (>140) GRACE risk

- <2 hours: very high ischemic risk
- <24 hours: GRACE score >140, multiple risk factors
- 72 hours <: GRACE score <140, but relapsing symptoms, positive stress test.

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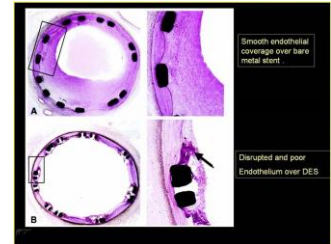
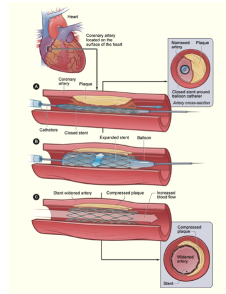
The problem

- 1990': increasing periop. morbidity/mortality in patients with PCI going for non-cardiac surgery
- 90% of patients going for PCI get one or several stent/s
- 5% will have non-cardiosurgical intervention within **1 year!**
- Periop. dilemma: bleeding or coagulation?
- **63% of anesthesiologists do not know the guideline!**

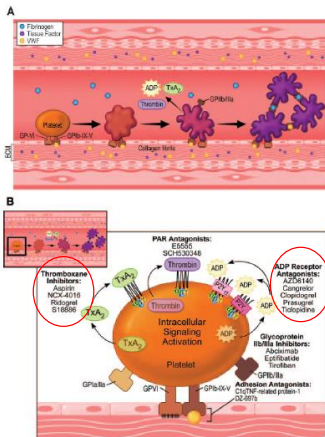
Vicenzi MN et al. Br J Anaesth 2006;96:686-93
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PCI, BMS, DES The traps: restenosis or incomplete endothelialisation and thrombosis?



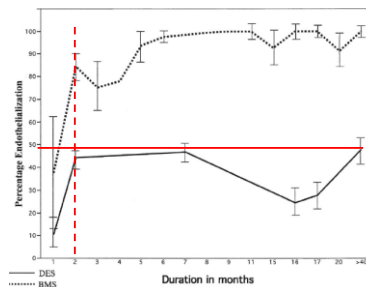
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Platelet formation
 inhibiting therapies:
 What?
 For how long?

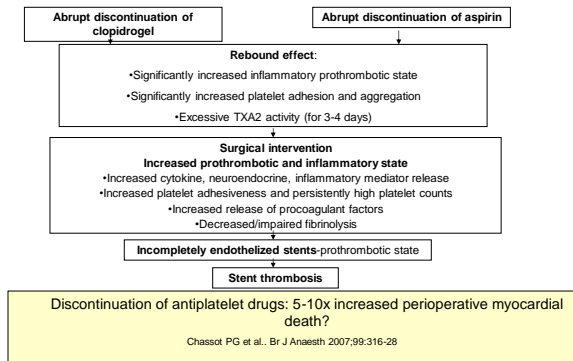
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Change in endothelialisation of BMS and DES stents (intravascular US, autopsy)

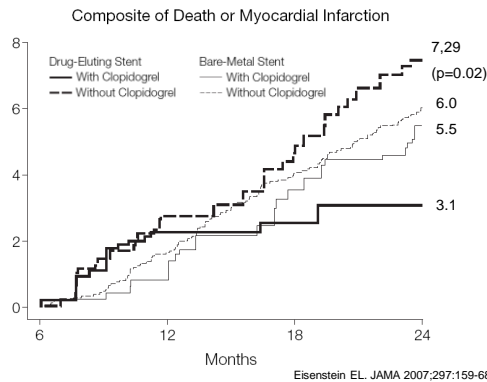


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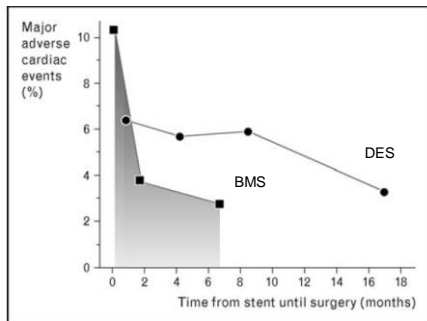
Consequences of abrupt discontinuation of antiplatelet drugs in the perioperative period



Clopidogrel use and long-term outcomes with BMS and DES



Risk of major adverse cardiac events after stent implantation in non-cardiac surgery



Perioperative bleeding

- ASA
 - 1,5x increased bleeding risk
 - BUT! Except intracranial operation and TUR it did not increase perioperative morbidity/mortality
- Clopidogrel+ASA (mainly cardiac surgery)
 - Bleeding \uparrow , reexplorations, transfusions, increased ICU/hospital stay, no difference in mortality (?)
 - BUT! Long-term (10 years) mortality was 80% in patients transfused with 1 U rbc vs. 63% in not transfused patients!

Burger W et al. J Intern Med 2005;257:399-414
 Koch CG et al. Ann Thorac Surg 2006;81:1650-7

Assessment of the risk of bleeding, prevention, treatment

- TEG/ROTEM
- Renal function
- Bridge therapy?
- Antidote: platelet transfusion



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Required length of APT **TIMING** of anticipated surgery

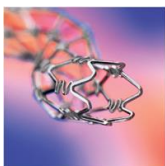
- Dilatation without stenting: **2-4 weeks** dual APT
 - Delay for noncardiac surgery: 2-4 weeks
- PCI and BMS: min **4-6 weeks** dual APT
 - Delay for noncardiac surgery : ≥ 6 weeks
- PCI and DES: **12 months** dual APT
 - Delay for noncardiac surgery : ≥ 12 months
- Aspirin lifelong

2007 AHA/ACC Science Advisory and Society of Cardiovascular Angiography DES Task Force Recommendations for Timing of Noncardiac Surgery after PCI

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Overview: prevention of periop.stent thrombosis

- Avoid preop. coronary stenting
- Stent selection (BMS-DES)
- Delay surgery
- There is no bridge therapy for PCI patients, **timing is crucial**
- Education, interdisciplinary teamwork
- Surgery only where PCI is available



Brilakis et al. JACC 2007;49,22:2145-50

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HEART FAILURE

- > 65 age: most frequent cause of hospital admission
- The incidence of hospitalization and the incidence of mortality due to heart failure keeps increasing since 1968
 - Despite the decrease in overall mortality of cardiac diseases
- 5 year mortality ~ 50%
- Patient going under emergency laparotomy with untreated heart failure has a mortality of 20-30 %

Telford R. Oxford handbook of anaesthesia 2007;3:48-51

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Definition

- Heart failure is a complex clinical syndrome, characterized by
 - Insufficient ventricular performance
 - Intolerance of workload
 - Frequent ventricular arrhythmias
 - Reduced anticipated lifetime.
- Classification:
 - Diastolic dysfunction (relaxation problem of the left ventricle)
 - Systolic dysfunction (can involve either ventricles)

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Etiology

- Heart failure is the final common pathway of primer cardiovascular diseases
 - Acute/chronic
- Causes:
 - Most frequent: coronary disease, hypertension
 - Other: diabetes, valve disease, non-ischemic myopathies
- Independent risk factors:
 - Man, hypertension, coronary disease, diabetes, age

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Pathophysiology

„The heart has no wrinkles.“

Madame de Sévigné

But nevertheless it ages:

- Size of the ventricle, wall thickness, stiffness, myocyte loss, fibrosis, collagen bridges
- Max. frequency and CO decreases, SVR, systolic BP increases

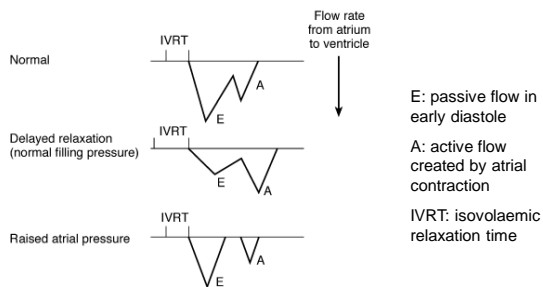
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Pathophysiology

- Left ventricular relaxation disorder :
 - isovolaemic relaxation time increases,
 - sarcoplasmic reticulum Ca^{++} excretion decreases
- Left ventricular diastolic filling becomes more dependent on atrial contractions

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Changes in left atrial-ventricular heart failure outflow in heart failure



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Underlying causes of acute heart failure

- Frequent: arrhythmia
- Prevalence of atrial fibrillation¹:
 - Age 60: 5%
 - Age 90: 22%
- Short diastolic filling time, loss of „A wave”
- Other: ↓ compliance, warm weather, hypertension, anemia, infection, alcohol, thromboembolism, renal failure, thyroid dysfunction

¹Aronow WS et al. J Am Geriatr Soc 1996;44:521-3 26

Compensatory and at the same time harmful reactions

- Neurohumoral:
 - RAAS activation
 - Sympathetic activation:
 - vasoconstriction, Na retention
 - plasma norepinephrine level correlates with prognosis
- Secondary answer: modification of receptors
 - endotheline, natriuretic peptide, tumour necrosis factor

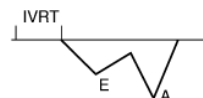
Pre/afterload-, changes in wall tension, direct toxic effects, remodelling

¹Aronow W. Heart Dis.2003;5: 279-94

²Cohn JN. Engl J Med 1984;311:819-23 27

Diagnosis

- TOE (TTE), Doppler flow studies
- BNP, NT-proBNP
- The cause pericardial, myocardial, valvular?
- If myocardial:
 - Systolic dysfunction (EF<40%) ?
 - Fractional Area Change= EDA-ESA/EDA (-ventriculography)
 - Diastolic dysfunction ?
 - reduced „E”, elongated „E” deceleration)



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Therapy of heart failure

- Most cases can not be cured, but can be improved symptomatically, physical activity and quality of life / duration can be increased.
- End-stage heart failure: heart transplantation is currently the only therapy
- And until then?
 - Pharmacological
 - Non-pharmacological possibilities

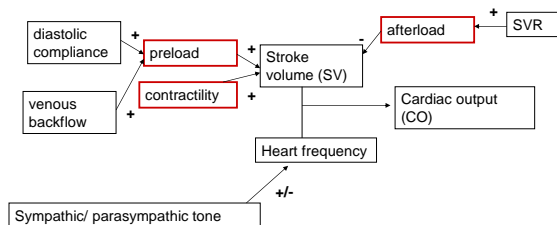
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Therapy of heart failure

1. Treat the underlying cause
2. Elimination of associated factors further impairing heart failure (infection, hyperthyreosis, stb)
3. Treat heart failure itself

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Factors determining cardiac output



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Restrictive cardiomyopathy

- Difficult to manage
- Wall stiffness: decreased ventricular diastolic filling
- Right heart failure is common
- Cardiac arrest can be provoked by:
 - Myocardium depression
 - Vasodilatation
 - Decreased venous back-flow
 - Increased intrathoracal pressure (IPPV)
- Recommended: low intrathoracal pressure, elevated right ventricular pressure: **fluid therapy**


Bovill J. Semin Cardiothorac Vasc Anaesth 2003;7:49-54 32

Dilatative cardiomyopathy

- Low contractility, stroke volume is maintained by increased LV end-diastolic volume
- Functional MI, TI
- Frequent arrhythmia → amiodarone
- Avoid myocardium depressive drugs
- **Inotropes** might be needed

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Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

- Outflow obstruction (septal hypertrophy)
 - Diastolic dysfunction
 - Diastolic filling is atrial systole dependent: sinus rhythm!
 - Might be even 75% of end-diastolic volume!
 - Tachycardia reduces diastolic filling time
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- Inotropes can deteriorate outflow obstruction and oxygen demand of the myocardium, and increase wall tension
 - Vasodilators not inducing tachycardia are recommended

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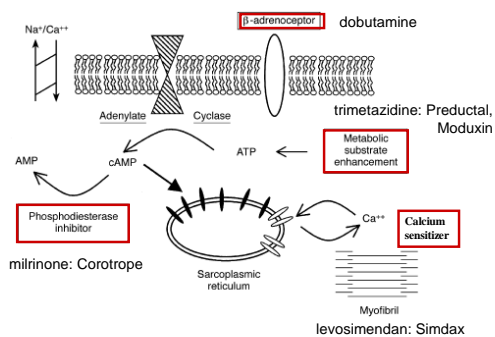
Basic pharmacological treatment

- ACE inhibitors: pre- and afterload↓, neurohormonal blockade, improve survival
- Beta blockers: myocardium oxygen demand↓
- Diuretics: spironolacton improves mortality when given with ACE inhibitor in severe heart failure (EF<25%)
- Cardiac glycosides: digoxin (frequency control, sympathetic hyperactivity↓)
- Avoid: NSAID, Ca channel blockers (except. amlodipine)

Lonn E. Drug treatment in heart failure. BMJ 2000;320:1188-92

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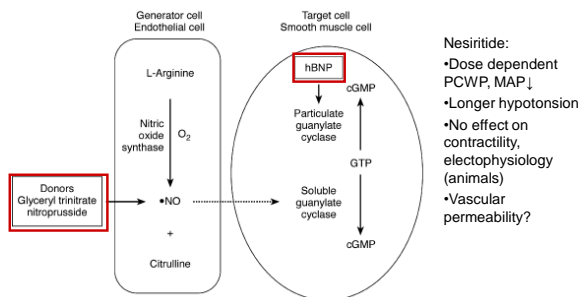
Inotropes



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Decrease preload

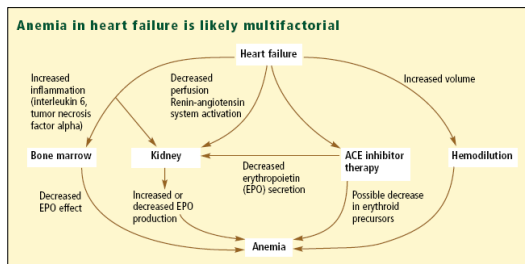


Nesiritide:
 •Dose dependent PCWP, MAP↓
 •Longer hypotension
 •No effect on contractility, electrophysiology (animals)
 •Vascular permeability?

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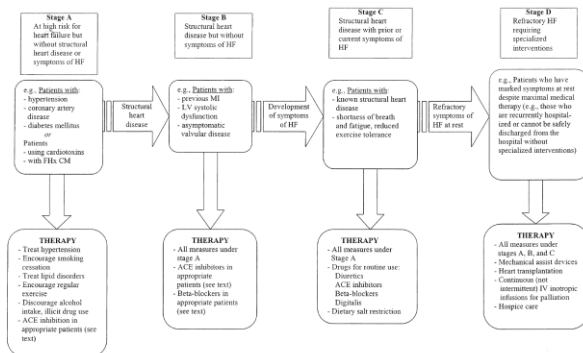
Hemoglobin level: anaemia is common



Iyengar S Abraham WT. Anemia in chronic heart failure: can EPO reduce deaths? Cleve Clin J Med. 2005 Nov;72(11):1027-32.

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Stages of heart failure



Hunt SA et al. ACC/AHA guidelines for evaluation and management of chronic heart failure in the adult. Circulation 2001;104:2996-3007 39

NON-PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENT

- Noninvasive ventilation
- Cardiac resynchronization therapy
- Surgical ventricular reconstruction
- Mechanical support

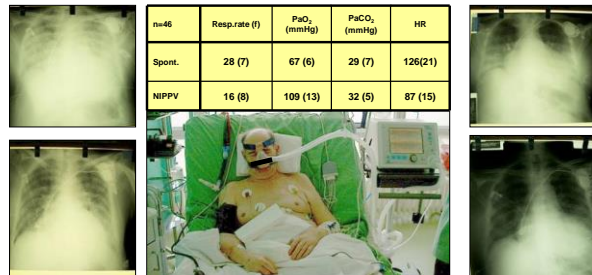
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Is there a role for noninvasive positive pressure ventilation (NIV) in acute cardiogenic pulmonary oedema (ACPE)?



Effectivity of NIV in ACPE

- Predictors of success: ABG (pH, pCO₂), vital signs
- Patients like it



Cardiac resynchronization therapy

- Sudden death due to arrhythmia is common
- Sinus rhythm is essential
- Delay in interventricular conduct : non-synchronized ventricular contraction deteriorates LV systolic dysfunction
 - 30% of heart failure patients!

Abraham WT et al. N Engl J Med 2002;346:1845-53

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Cardiac resynchronization therapy

- Atrium synchronized biventricular pacing
- EF↑, PCWP↓, diastolic ventricular filling time↑, mitral regurgitation↓, quality of life ↑, workload↑
- Mortality was reduced by 20%
- If ICD: mortality was reduced by 40%

Chow AW et al. BMJ 2003;326:1073-7
 MUSTIC study. Linde C.et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2002;40:111-18
 COMPANION study. Bristow MR et al. J Card Fail. 2000;6:276-85

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Cardiac resynchronization therapy: indications

- Systolic HF
- Non-reversible causes
- Significant symptoms despite optimized pharmacological treatment
- Sinus rhythm is essential
- Significant mitral regurgitation
- Ventricular dyssynchrony (LBBB and apical right ventricular pacing)

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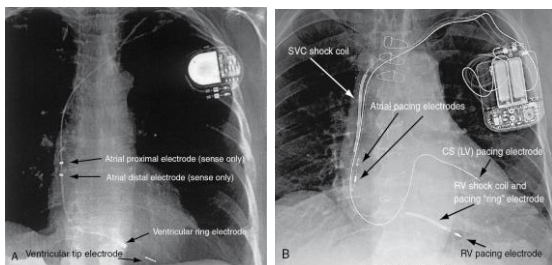
Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator

- Malignant ventricular arrhythmia is frequent cause of death
- Indication:
 - High risk heart failure
- MADIT-II trial: 31% relative risk reduction in severe left ventricular insufficiency of ischemic origin

Moss AJ et al. N Engl J Med 2002;346:877-83

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What is in the patient? Documentation?



In Miller ED et al. Miller's Anesthesia 7th Ed. 2010

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Surgical ventricular remodelling

- Anterior myocardial infarction: change in ventricular volume and muscle structure (dyskinesis-akinesis)
- Anterior ventricular endocardial restoration

Athanasuleas CL et al. Am Coll Cardiol 2001;37:1199-209

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Mechanical assist devices: MAD

- Reduce mechanical work of the heart, ameliorate coronary perfusion
- Difficult decision:
 - Can the heart improve? MODS?
 - Can this be influenced by MAD?
- Wide range of devices

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Mechanical assist devices: MAD

- IABP
 - Short term support
 - Ambulatory, longer term application? ¹
 - Overall morbidity (limb ischemia, bleeding) 3-5%
- VAD-Ventricular Assist Device
 - End stage (lack of donor organs)
 - FDA: *Bridge* to transplant
 - REMATCH trial: patients inappropriate for transplantation²
 - 1 year survival 52% contra 25%
 - Morbidity 2,35x of pharmacologically treated group: bleeding, infection, malfunction

¹Cochran RP et al. Ann Thorac Surg 2002;74:746-51²Rose EA et al. N Engl J Med 2001;345:1435-43 50

Ventricular Assist Device: VAD

- Indication: postcardiotomy shock, AMI, myocarditis, ACS-cardiogen shock
- „Bridge to recovery”
- „Bridge to transplant”
 - MODS can be improved
- „Bridge to destination”
- Timing is crucial

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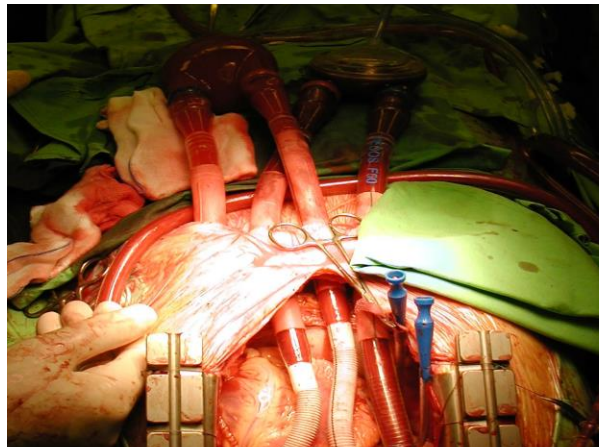
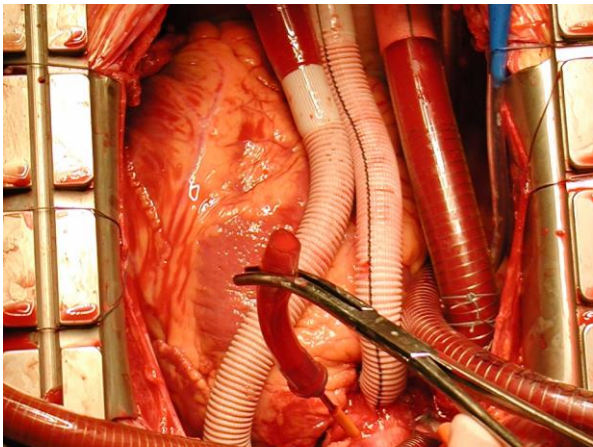
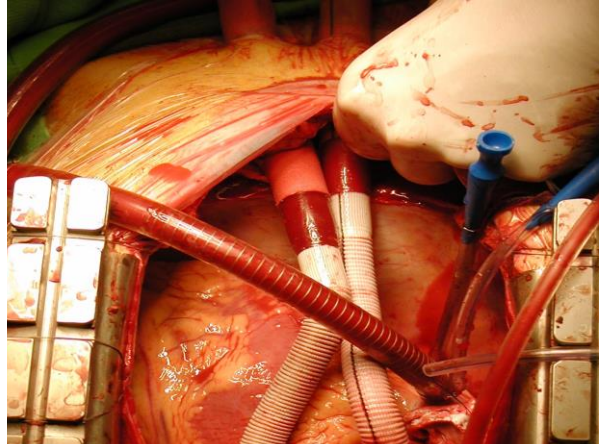
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Ventricular Assist Device: VAD

- Choice of equipment: duration, body surface, uni/biventricular support
- Extra-, intracorporal
- According to flow generator: centrifugal, axial, diaphragmatic
- Considerations: anticoagulation, ICU/outpatient, mobilization

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Summary

- Death of myocardial infarction has halved due to invasive investigations/interventions (ESC guidelines)
- PCI (BMS, DES stents): restenosis, incomplete endothelialization, thrombosis is a problem
- Platelet aggregation inhibitors and bleeding risk: there is no bridge therapy, timing is crucial
- Heart failure is the final common pathway of primer cardiovascular diseases with increasing incidence
- Pharmacological and novel non-pharmacological therapies can improve life quality and expectancy of heart failure.

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