



Surgical Strategies for Aortic Root and Ascending Aorta Repair in Genetic Aortopathies

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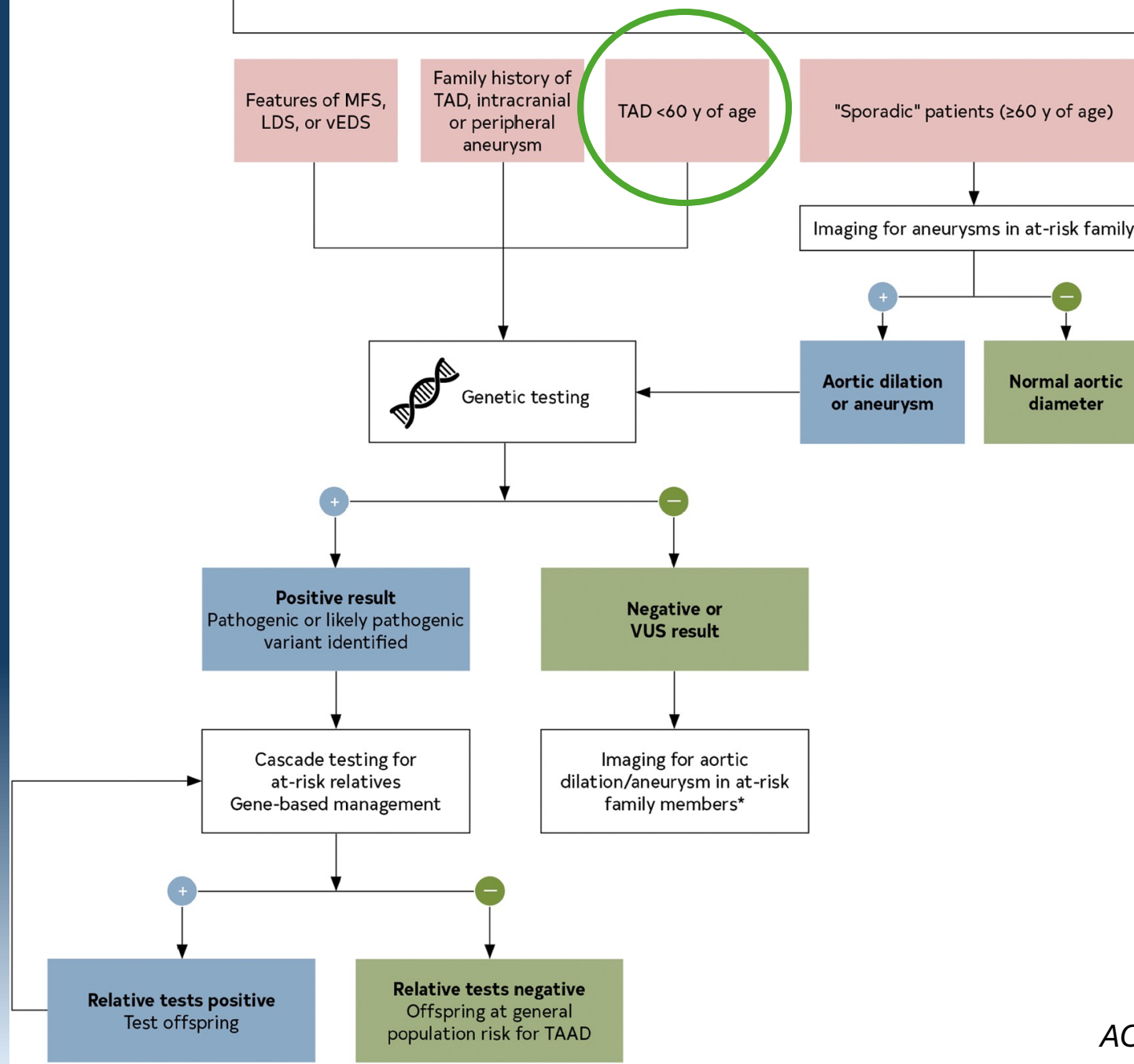
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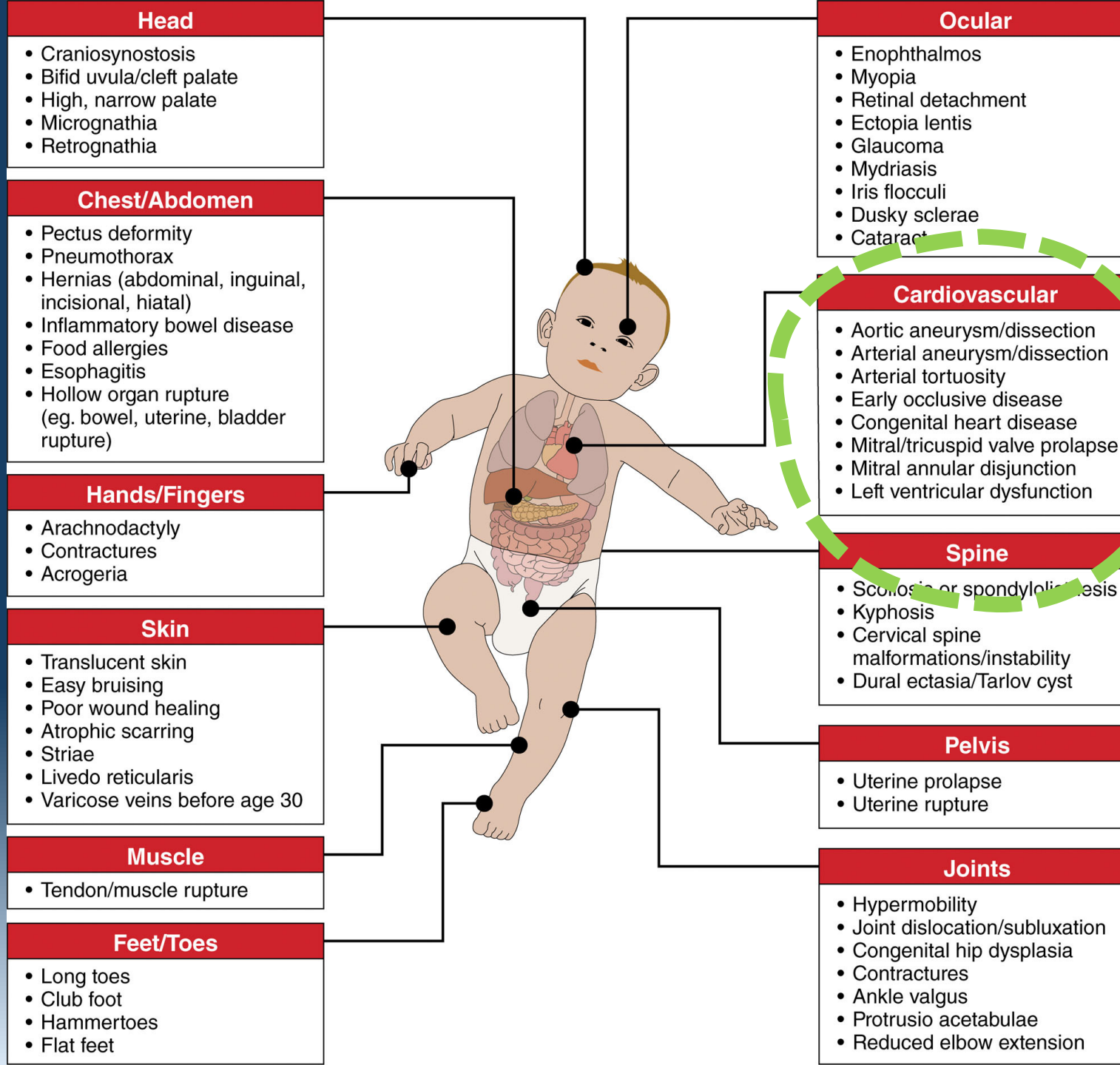
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Patients With Thoracic Aortic Disease (TAD)

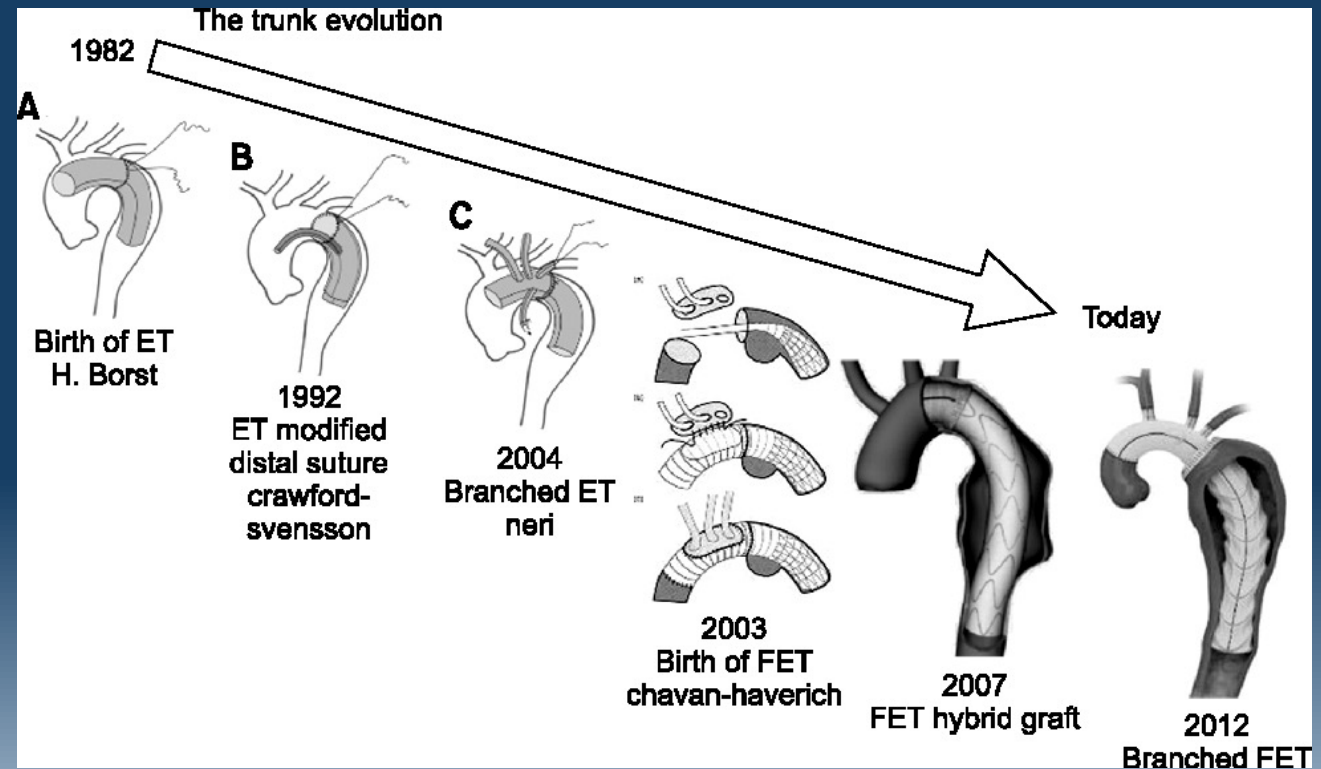




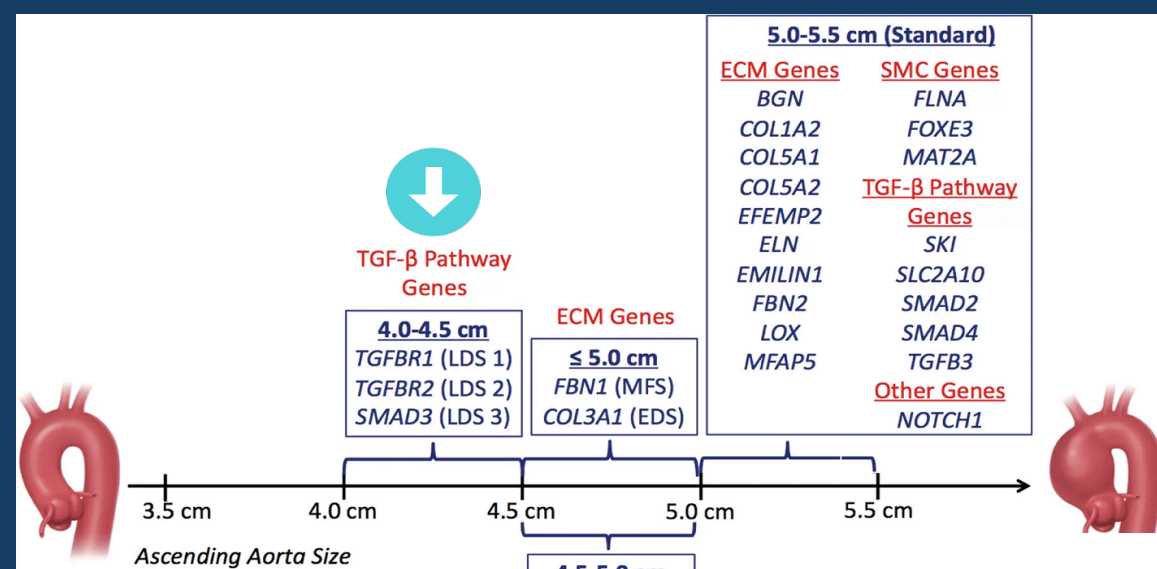
Dissection
 Aneurysm
 Tortuosity
 Occlusive disease
 Congenital Heart
 Mitral
 Tricuspid
 Mitral annular disjunction
 LV dysfunction

Outcomes — centers of excellence

- Early mortality 5-18%
- Stroke 5-14%
- Spinal cord injury 5%
- 5 year survival ~80%



When to operate ?



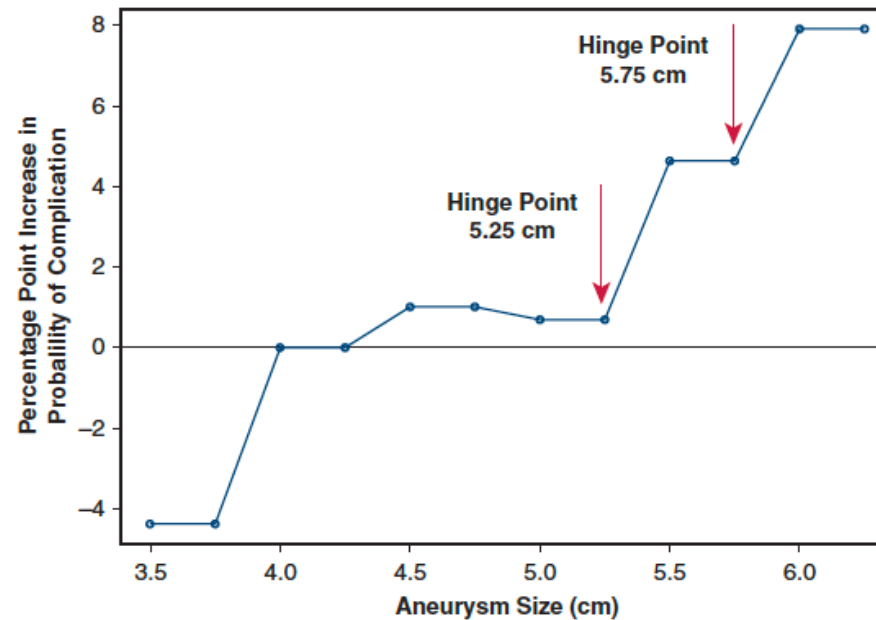
SMC Contractile Unit Genes

TGF-β Pathway Genes

4.5-5.0 cm
 ACTA2
 MYH11
 MYLK
 PRKG1

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 TGFBR2 (LDS 4)

Estimated Effect of Ascending Aortic Aneurysm Size on Risk of Complication



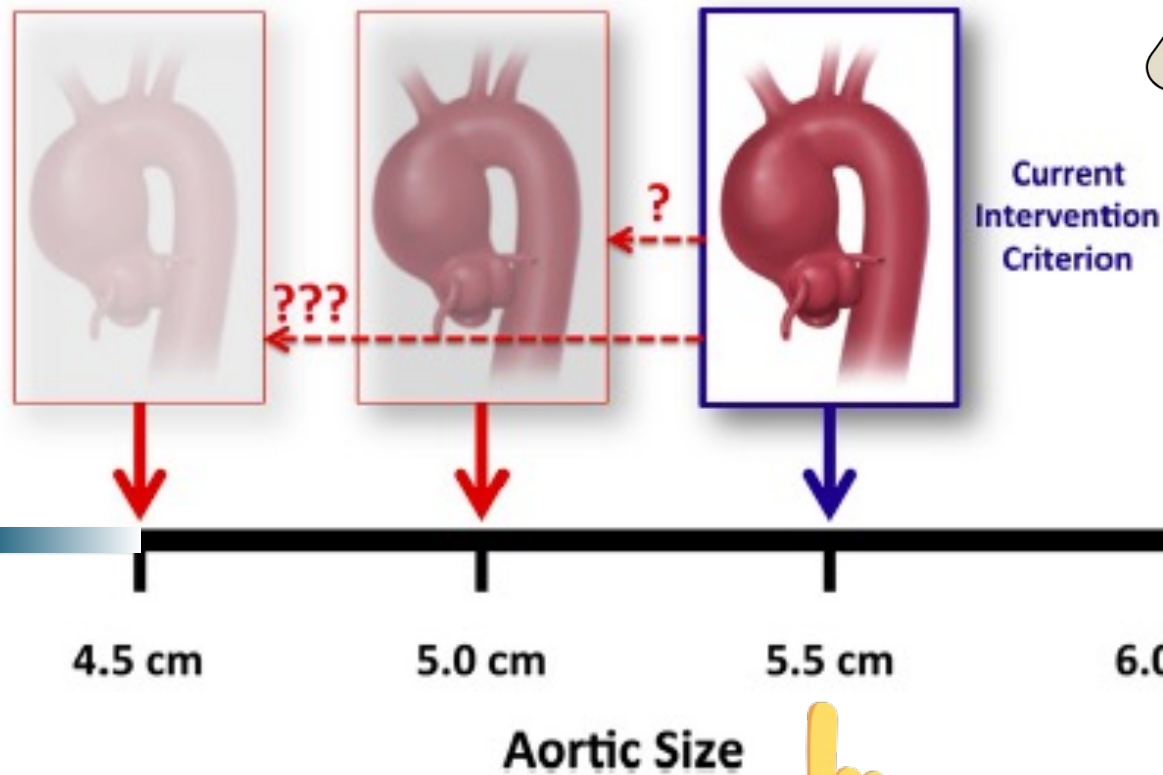
Baseline 4.00 – 4.25 cm

Height (m)	Aortic Size (cm)									
	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0	7.5	8.0
1.40	2.50	2.86	3.21	3.57	3.93	4.29	4.64	5.00	5.36	5.71
1.45	2.41	2.76	3.10	3.45	3.79	4.14	4.48	4.83	5.17	5.52
1.50	2.33	2.67	3.00	3.33	3.67	4.00	4.33	4.67	5.00	5.33
1.55	2.26	2.58	2.90	3.23	3.55	3.87	4.19	4.52	4.84	5.16
1.60	2.19	2.50	2.81	3.13	3.44	3.75	4.06	4.38	4.69	5.00
1.65	2.12	2.42	2.73	3.03	3.33	3.64	3.94	4.24	4.55	4.85
1.70	2.06	2.35	2.65	2.94	3.24	3.53	3.82	4.12	4.41	4.71
1.75	2.00	2.29	2.57	2.86	3.14	3.43	3.71	4.00	4.29	4.57
1.80	1.94	2.22	2.50	2.78	3.06	3.33	3.61	3.89	4.17	4.44
1.85	1.89	2.16	2.43	2.70	2.97	3.24	3.51	3.78	4.05	4.32
1.90	1.84	2.11	2.37	2.63	2.89	3.16	3.42	3.68	3.95	4.21
1.95	1.79	2.05	2.31	2.56	2.82	3.08	3.33	3.59	3.85	4.10
2.00	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.25	3.50	3.75	4.00
2.05	1.71	1.95	2.20	2.44	2.68	2.93	3.17	3.41	3.66	3.90

 = low risk (~ 4% per year)
 = moderate risk (~ 7% per year)
 = High risk (~ 12% per year)
 = severe risk (~ 18% per year)

Blue area indicates low risk, red area indicates moderate risk, green area indicates high risk and yellow area indicates severe risk.

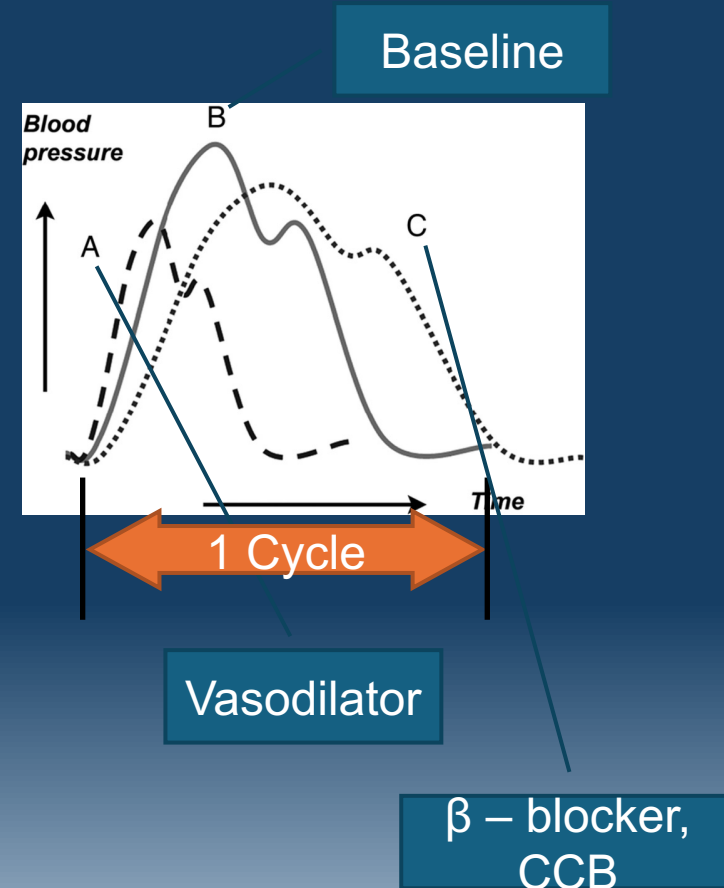
Time for a Left-ward Shift in Ascending Aortic Guidelines?



≥ 4.0 cm

Current Management

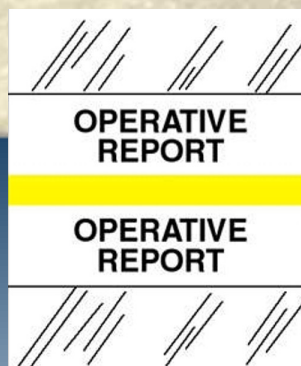
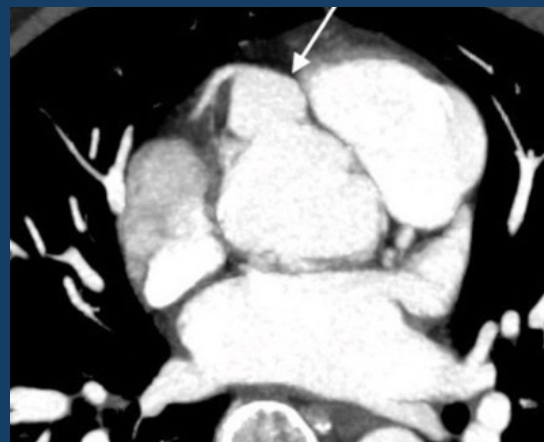
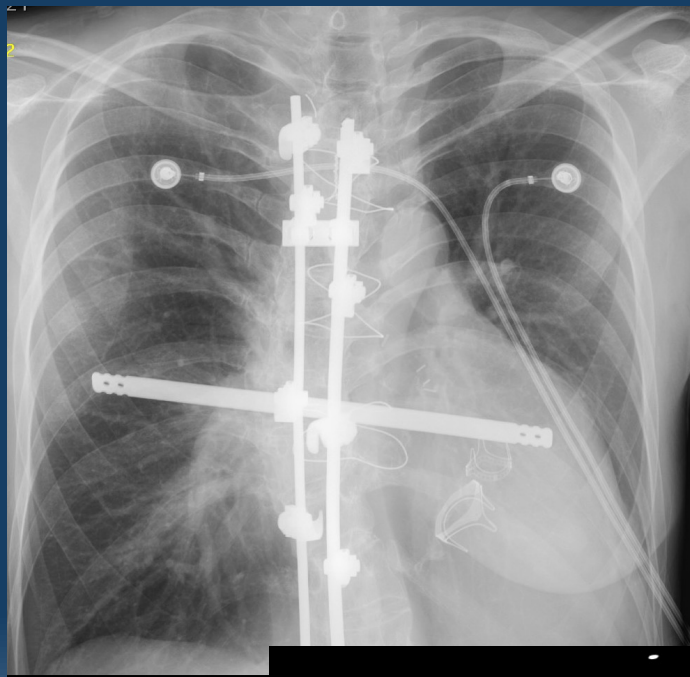
- Anti-impulse therapy
- Open surgery
- Endovascular surgery
- Hybrid surgery
- Surveillance therapy
- Palliative therapy



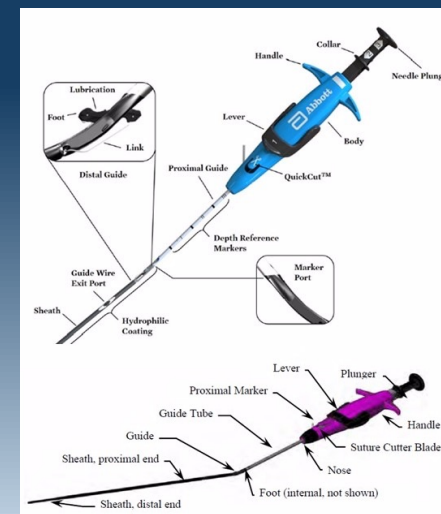
Preoperative



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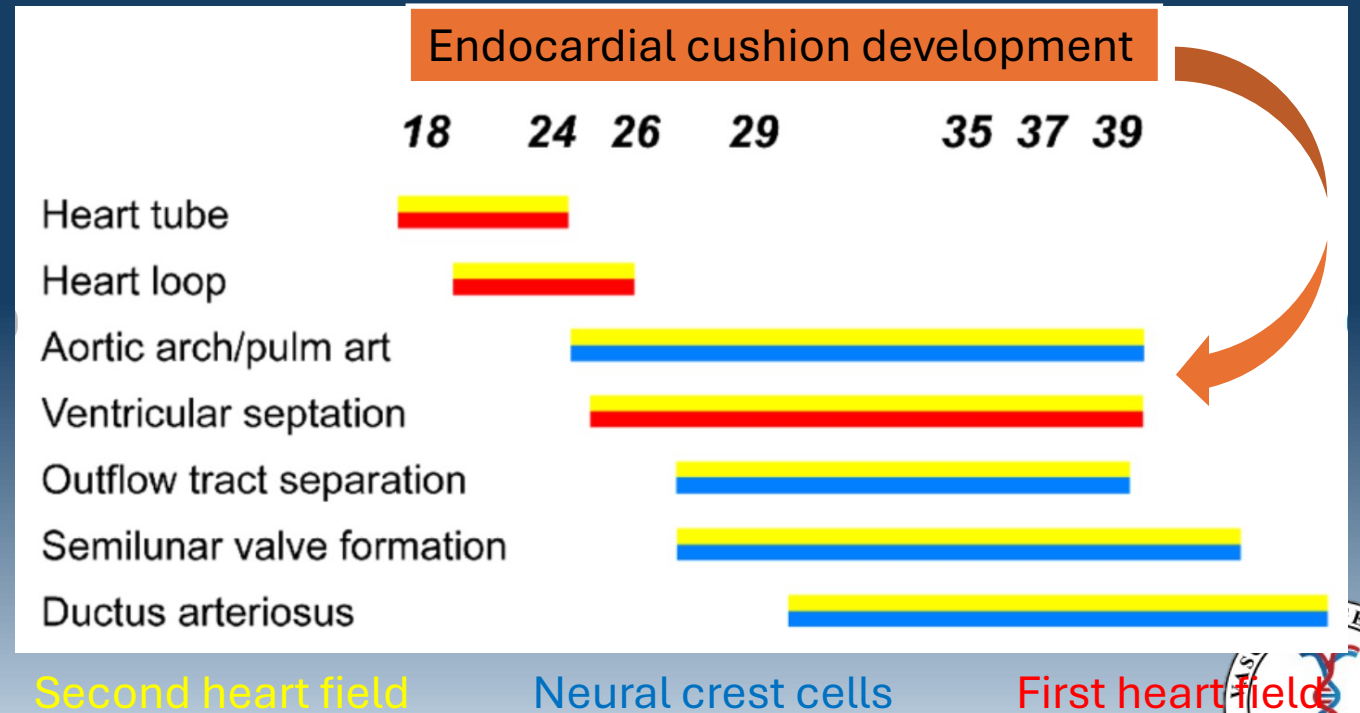


SVC – IVC
LV Vent – PA - LAA
Aorta – Innominate
Axillary – Carotid
LV Apex

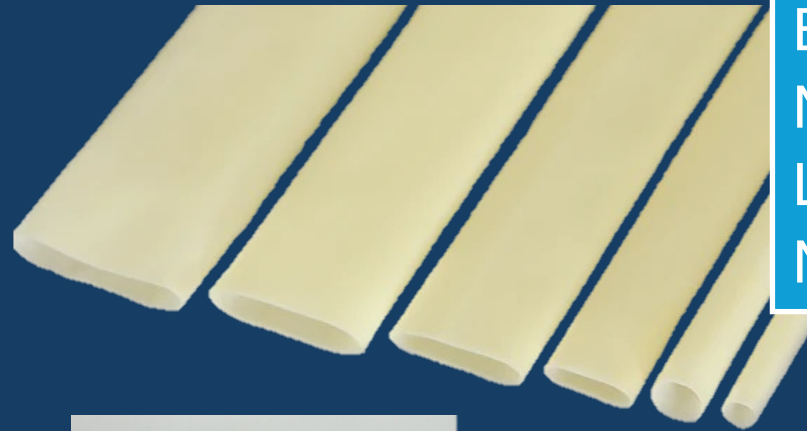


Key considerations

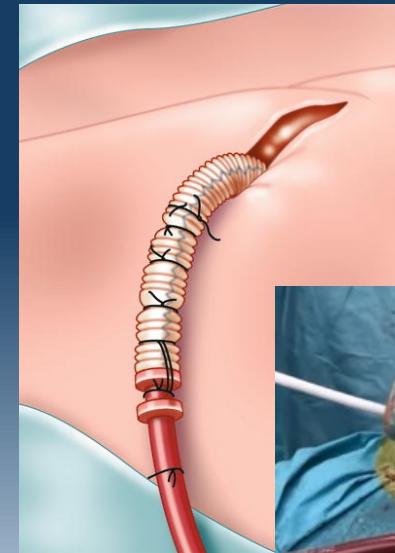
- Coronary plan – Cabrol / Hemi Cabrol
- Aortic valve – preserve / replace
- Mitral valve
- Tricuspid valve
- Ventricle performance



Operative



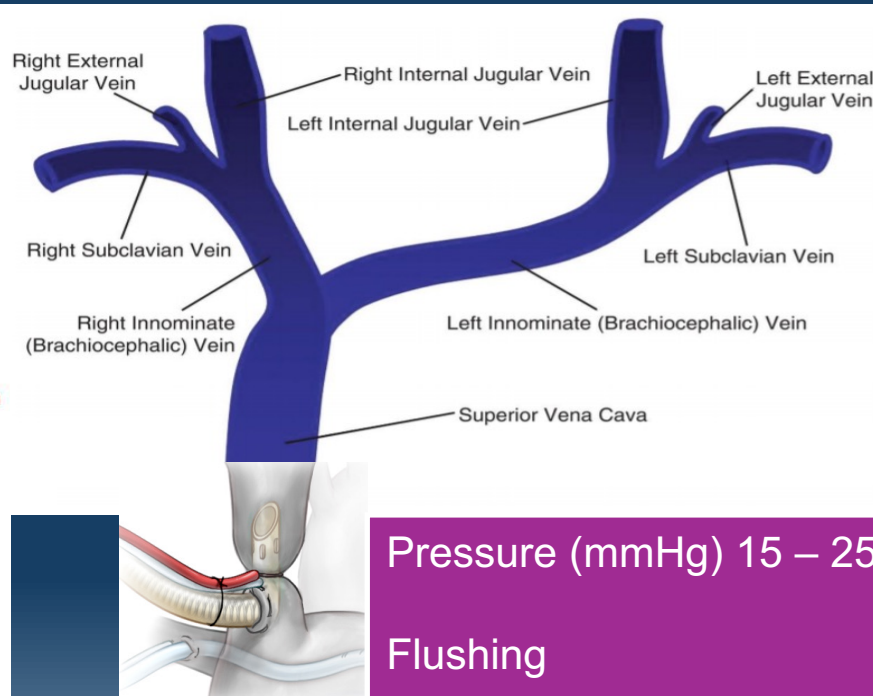
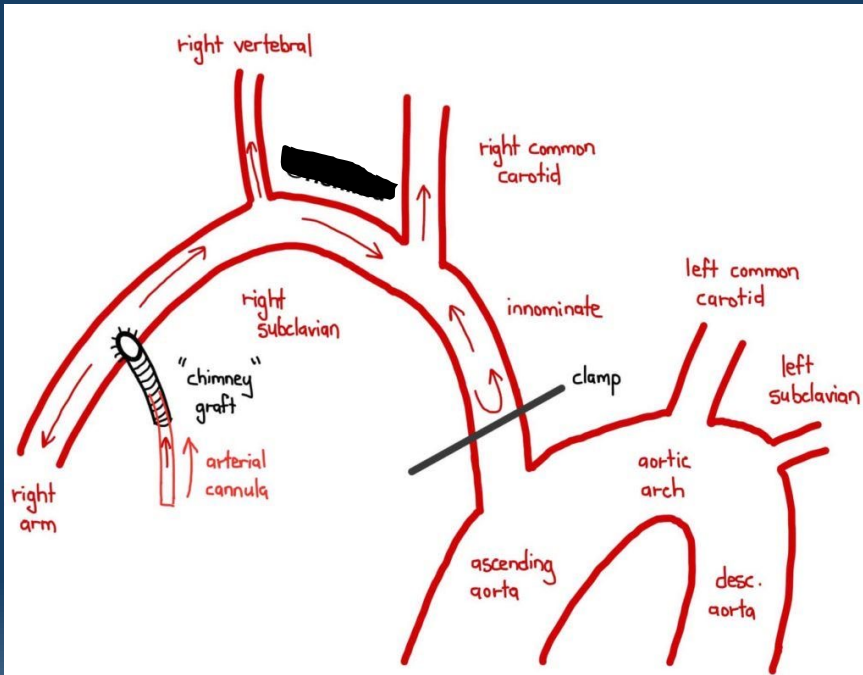
Expose more than you need
Minimize topical hemostatic agents
Leave chest open
Manage the room – team



KCentra
FEIBA
RiaSTAP
FFP on CPB
Platelets
Cryo
Warm to 36.6 deg



Arch considerations



Pressure (mmHg) 15 – 25 mmHg

Flushing

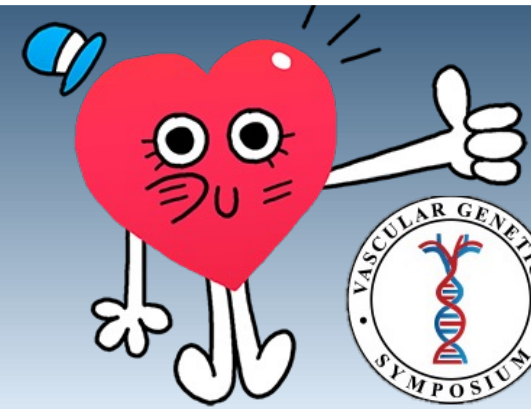
Adjunct to DHCA

SACP
DACP
RCP
SACP + RCP washout
DACP + RCP washout

Alpha STAT
pH STAT

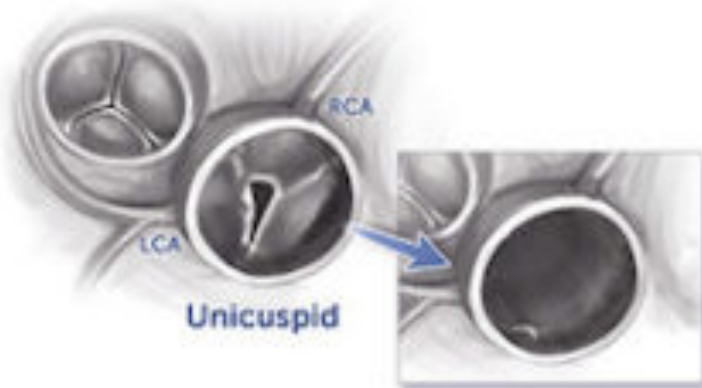
Temperature (°C)

	20-24	24-28	28-32
Flow (mL/kg/min)	8-10	10-12	12-15
Pressure (mmHg)	40-50	50-70	70-80
pH management	Alpha stat		
Hematocrit (%)	20-30		

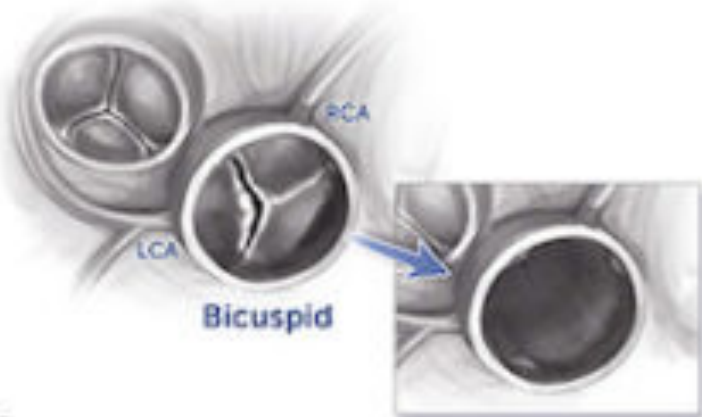


Ozaki procedure

Excision of leaflets



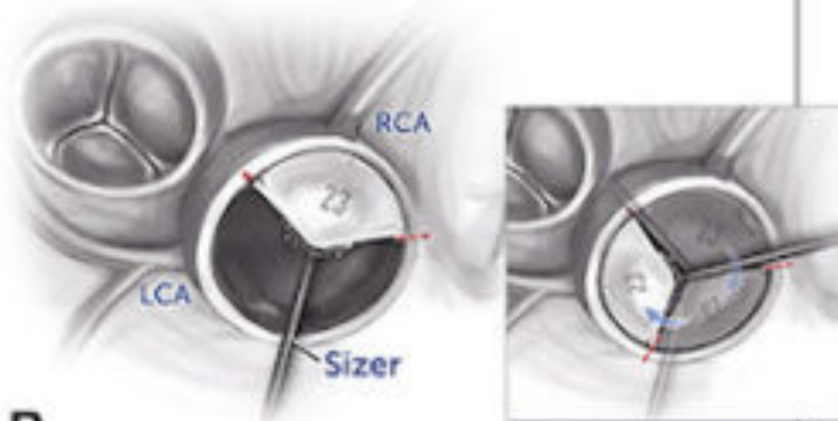
Unicuspid



Bicuspid

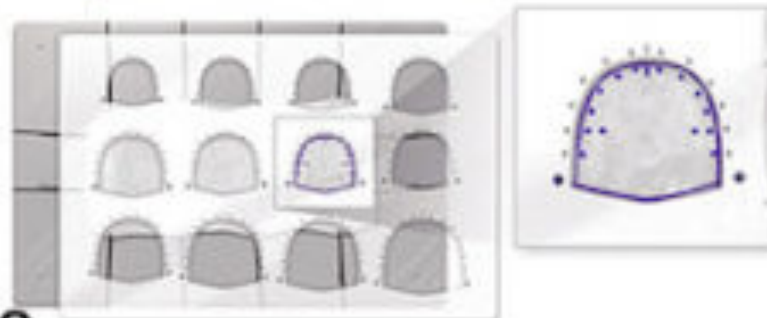
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Commissure demarcation using sizer



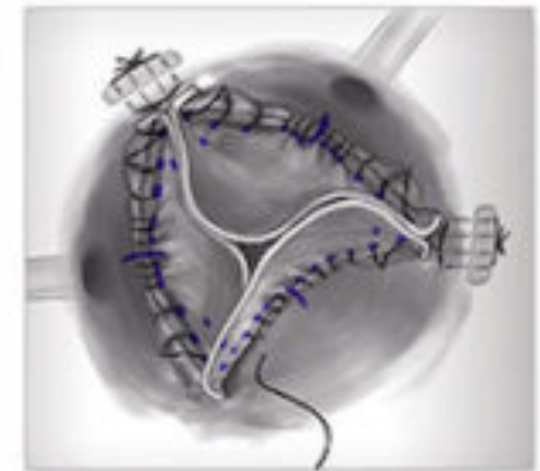
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Leaflet construction using pericardium and stencil



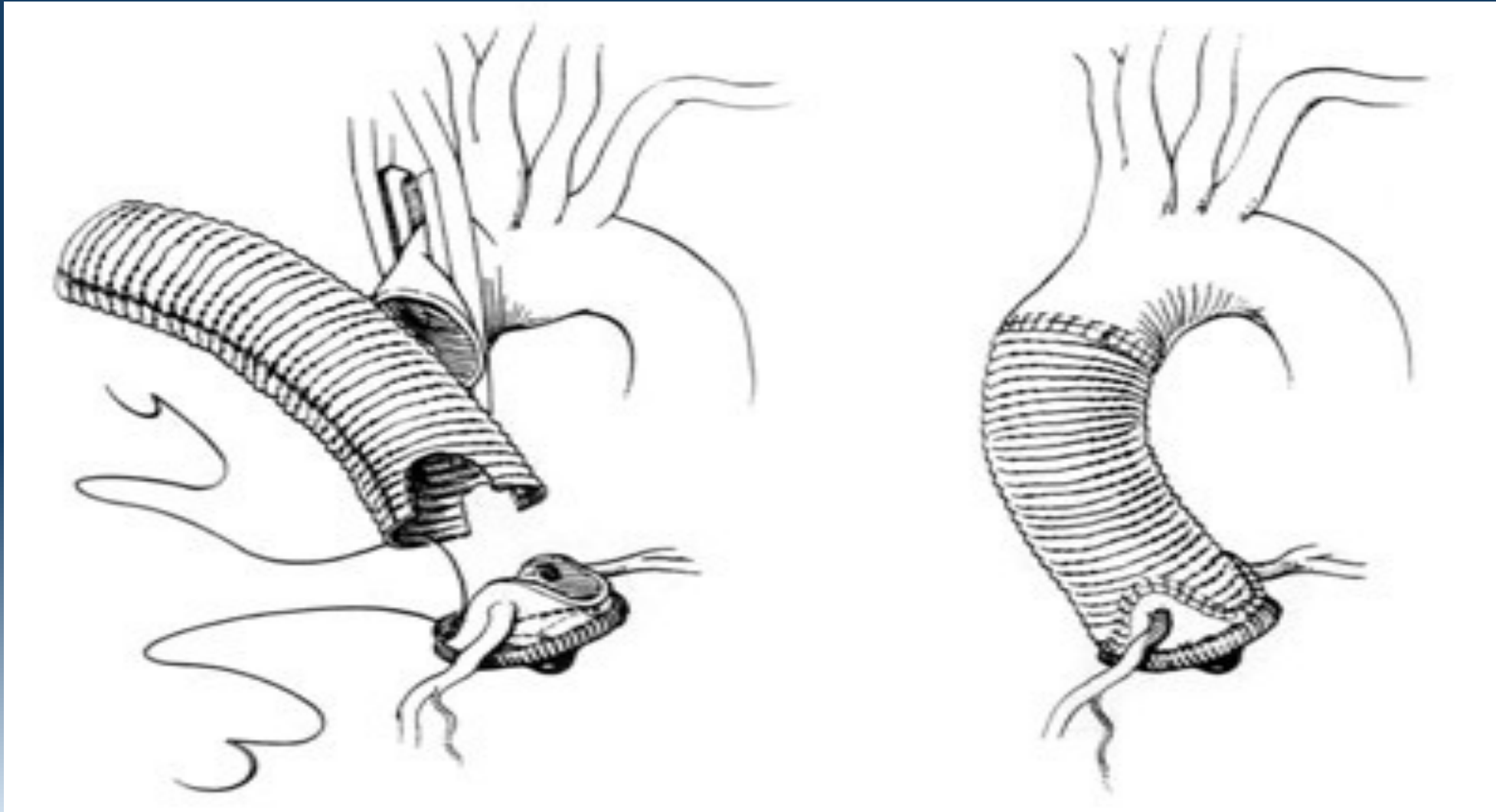
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Leaflets sutured to create valve

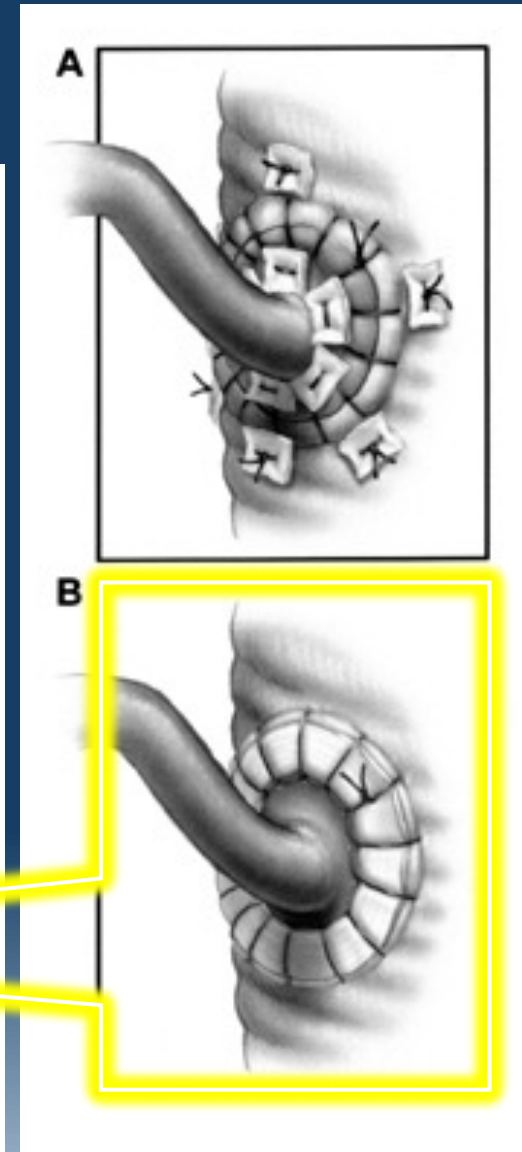
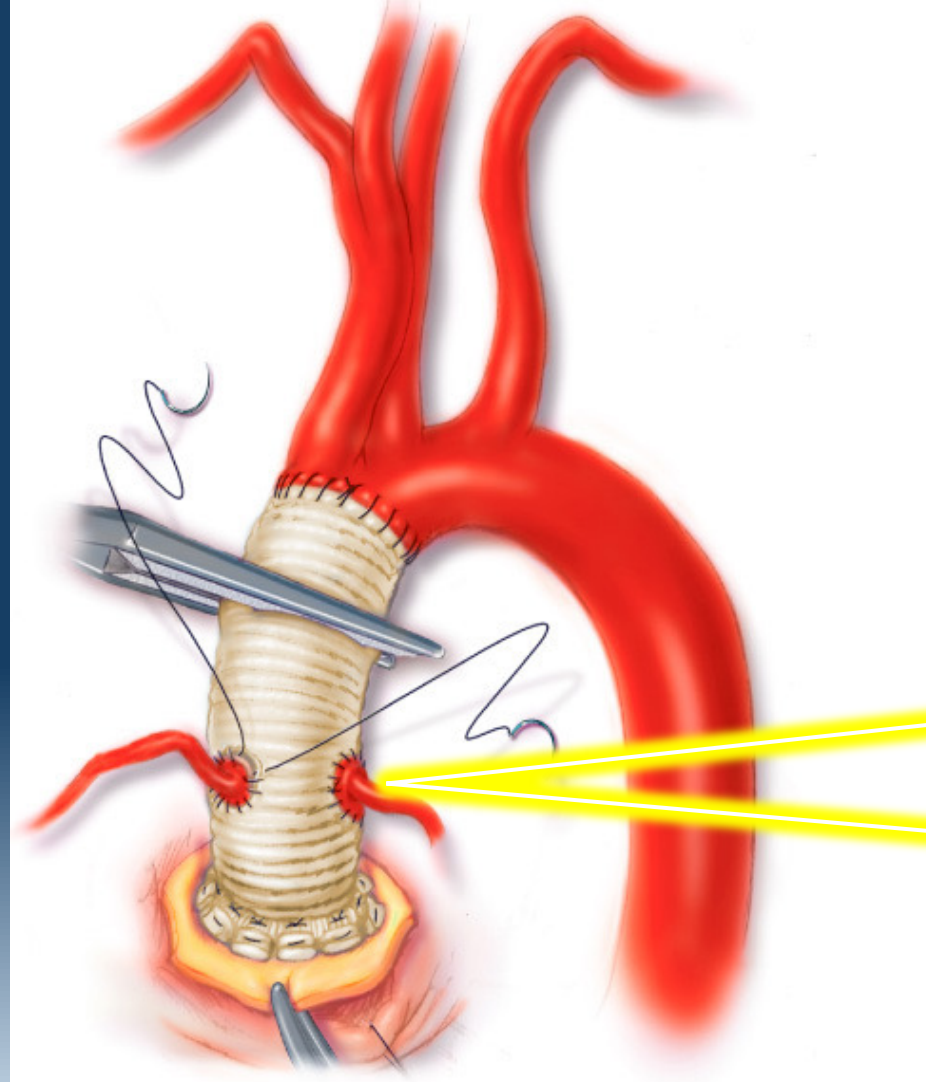


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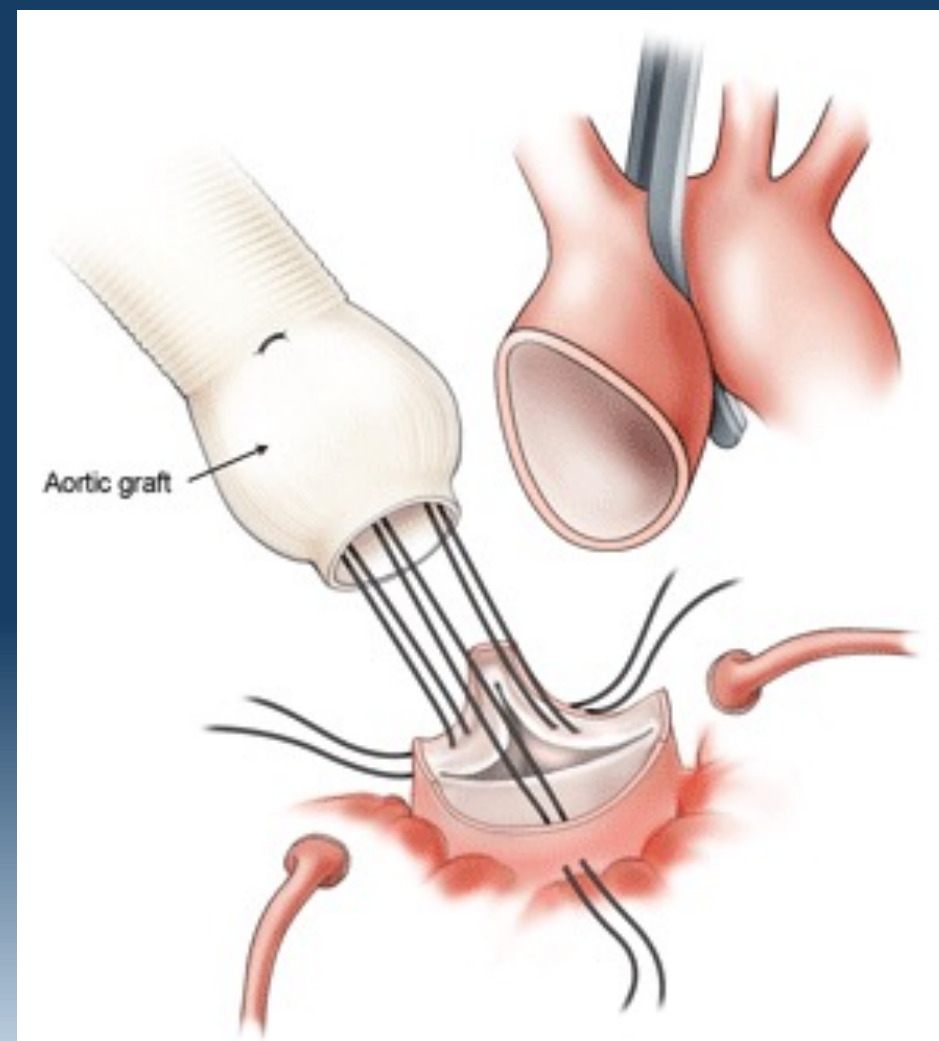
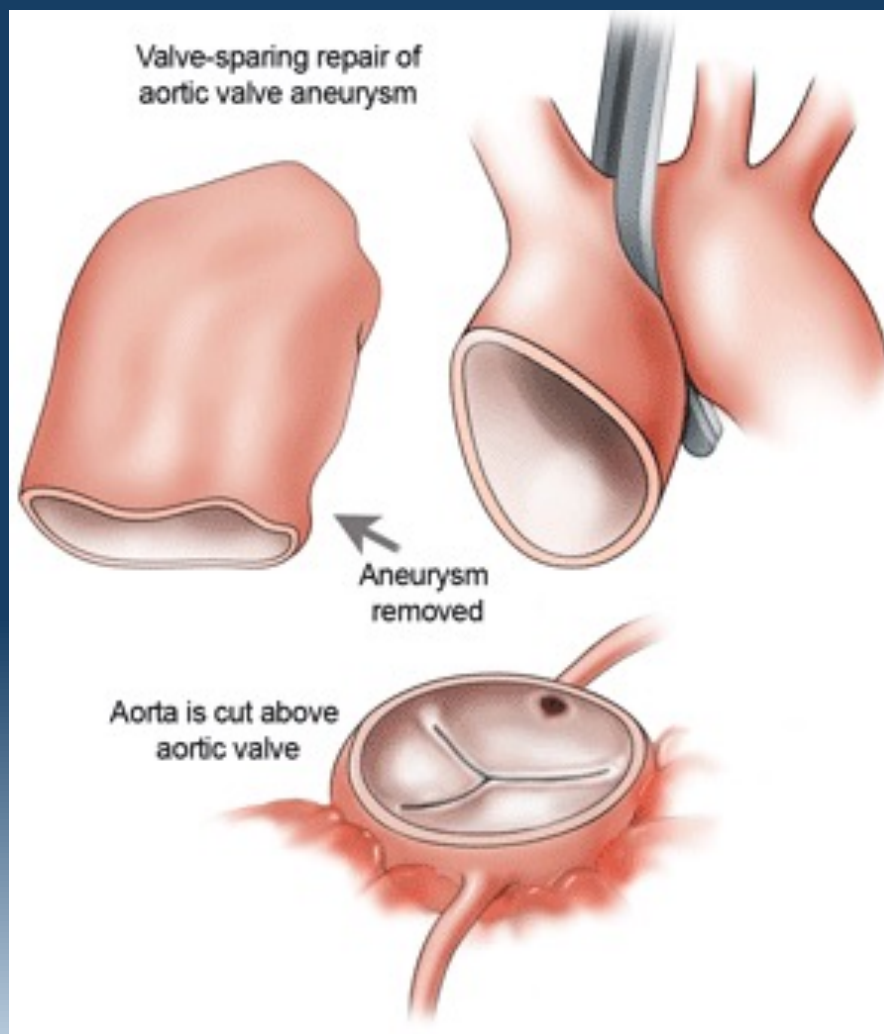
Wheat Procedure



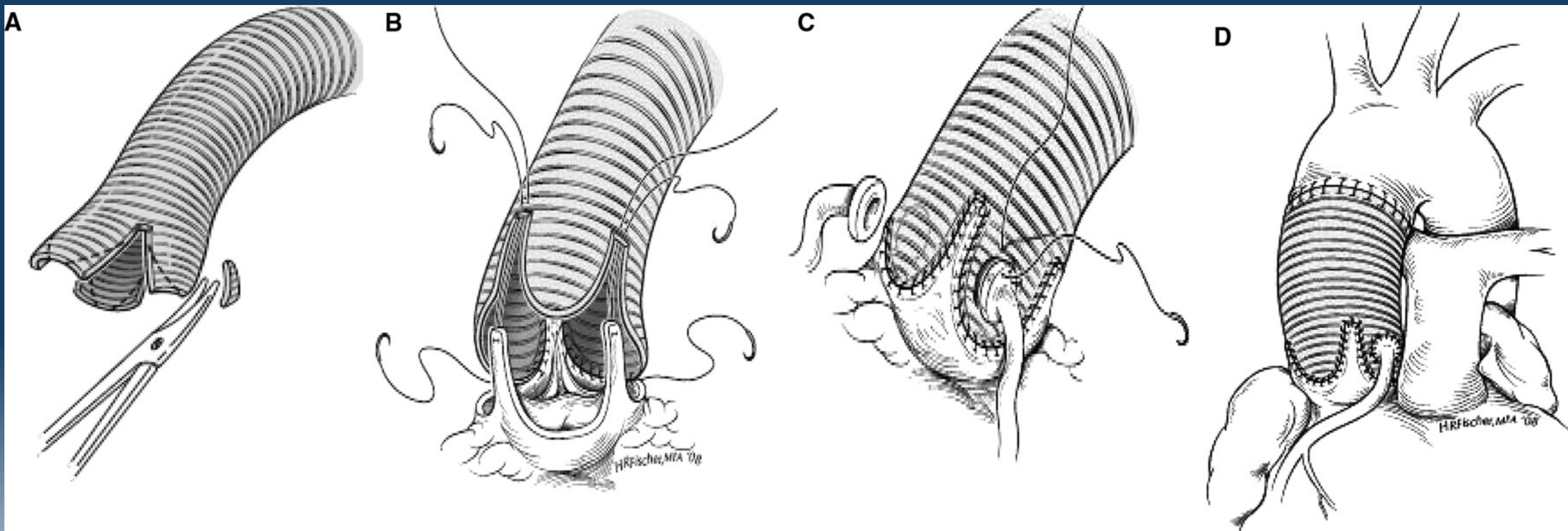
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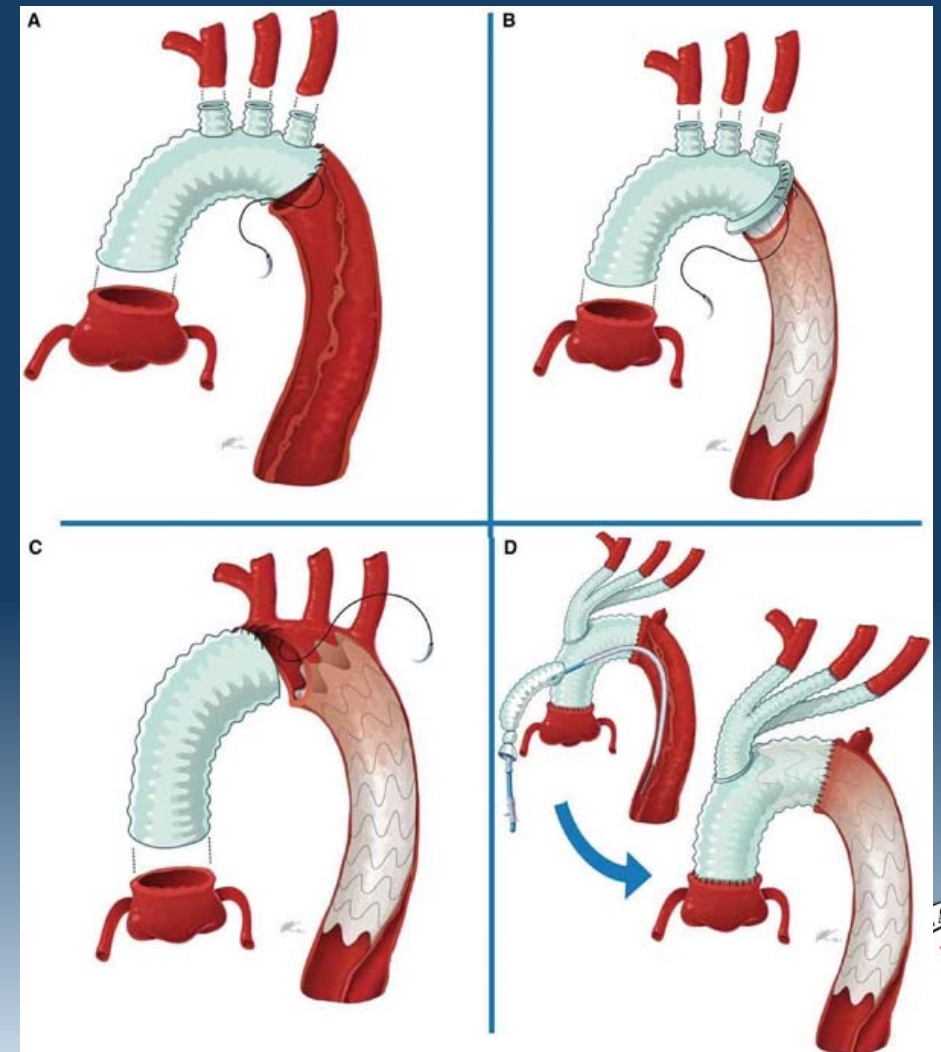
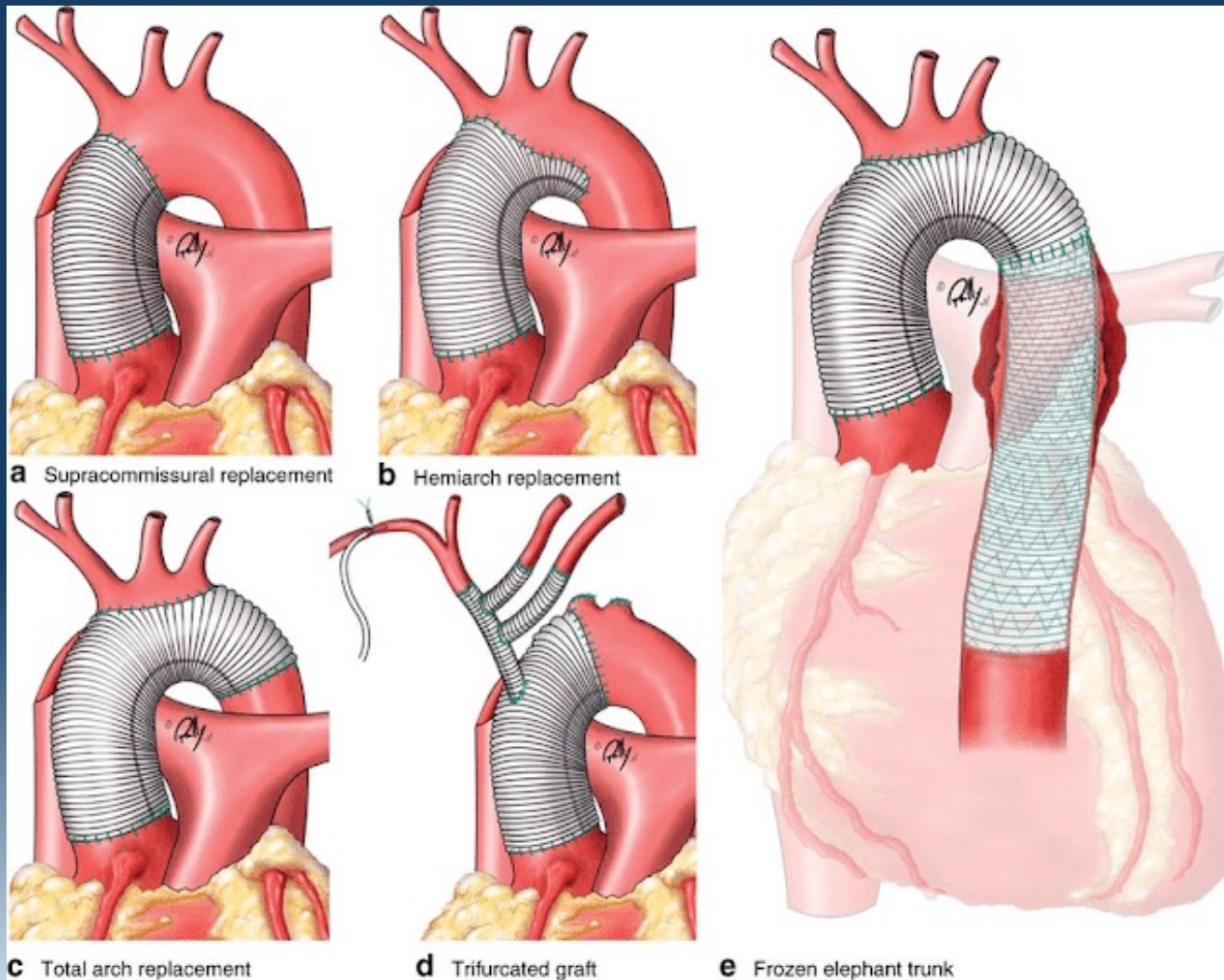
Aortic Root Reconstruction (David)



Aortic Remodeling (Yacoub)

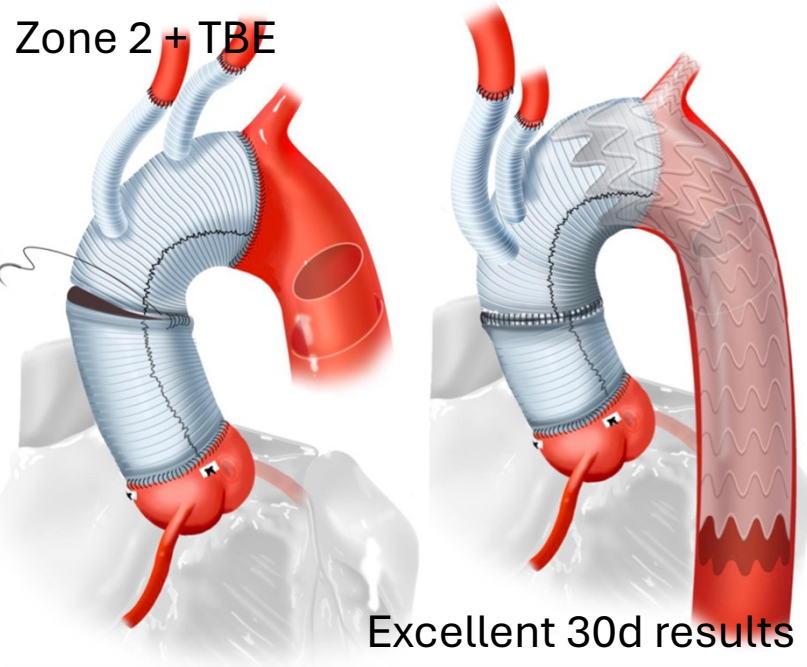


“ Arch operation “

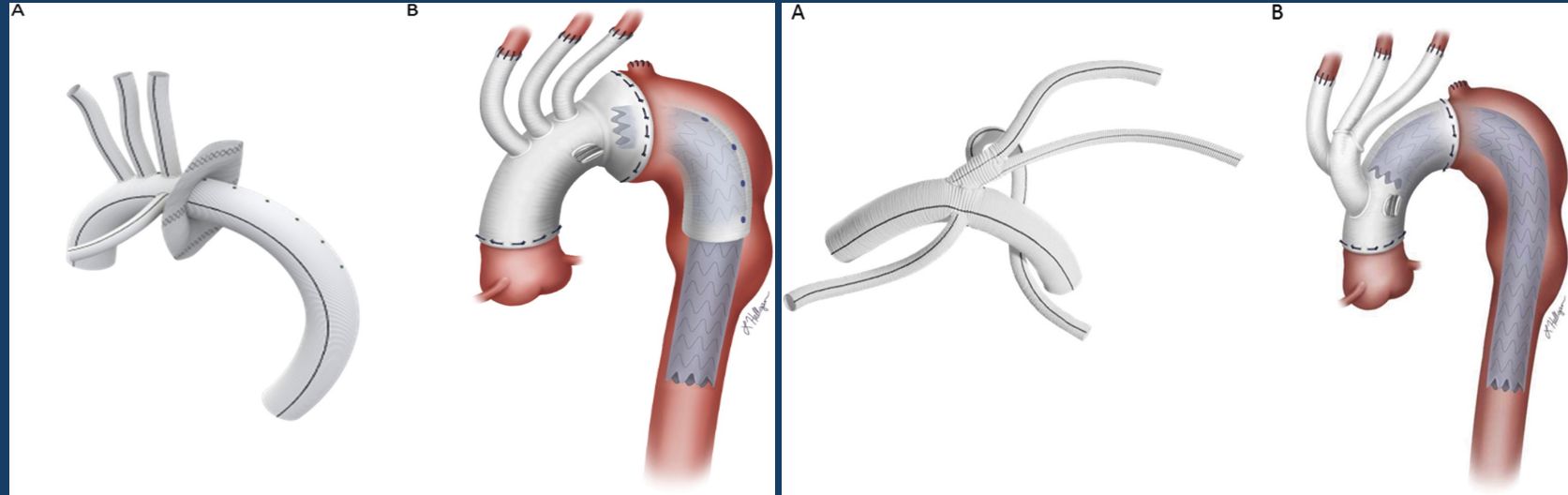


Excellent option ...

Zone 2 + TBE



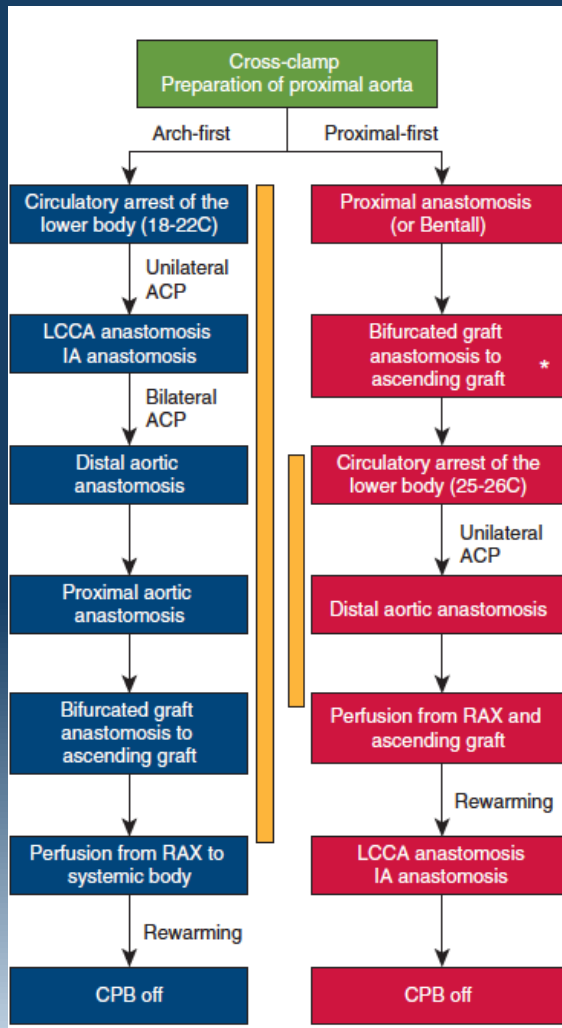
Excellent 30d results



30d mortality 6%
Permanent paraplegia 3%
5y survival 63%

5y Aorta specific survival 94%
5y freedom reintervention 78%

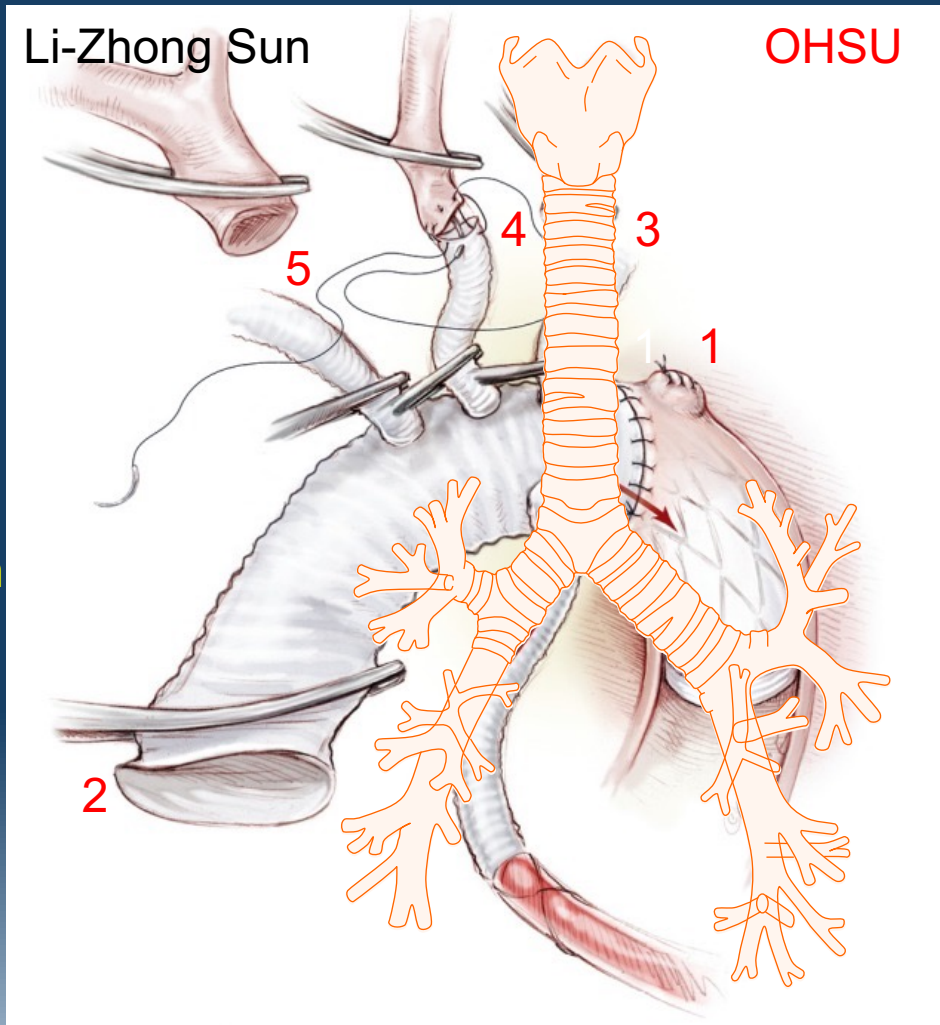
Total Arch ... Arch First vs. Proximal First



- Proximal first is more efficient
- Proximal first is more teachable
- Shorter lower-body ischemic time
- Warmer core temperature
- Shorter CPB
- Less blood product use

OHSU method more efficient

CPB lower, transfusion lower, mortality similar

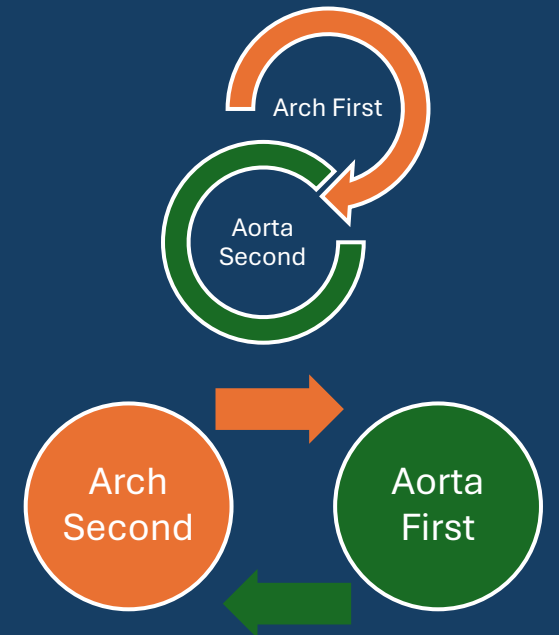


Proximalization

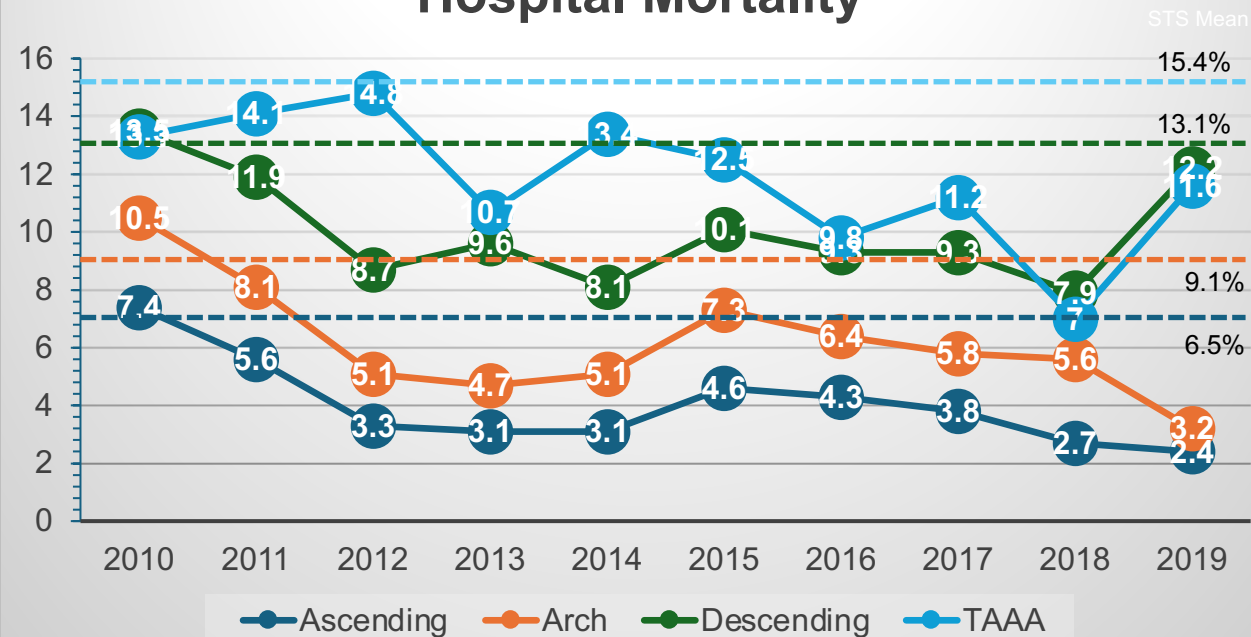
Recurrent nerve injury

Hemostasis

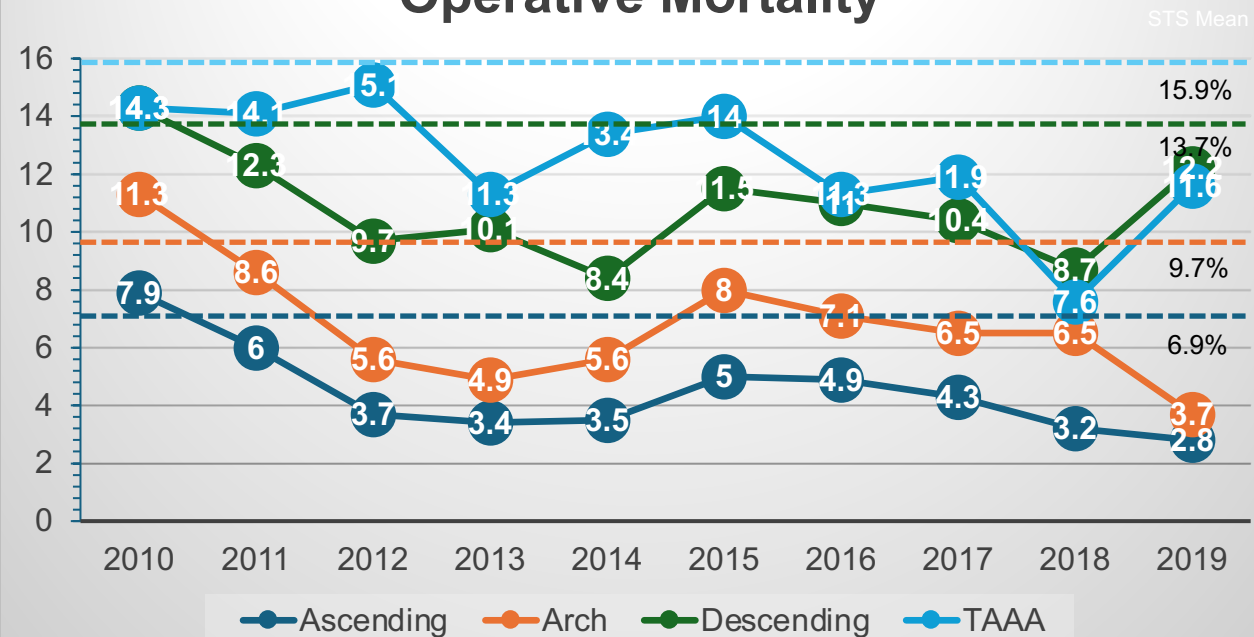
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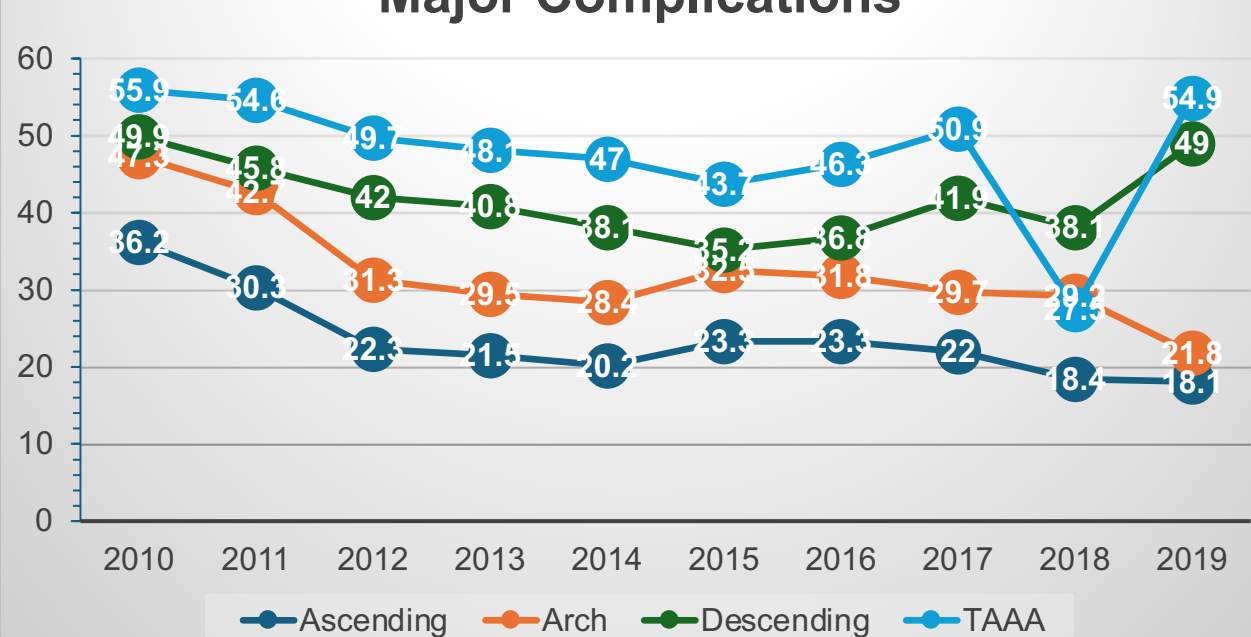
Hospital Mortality



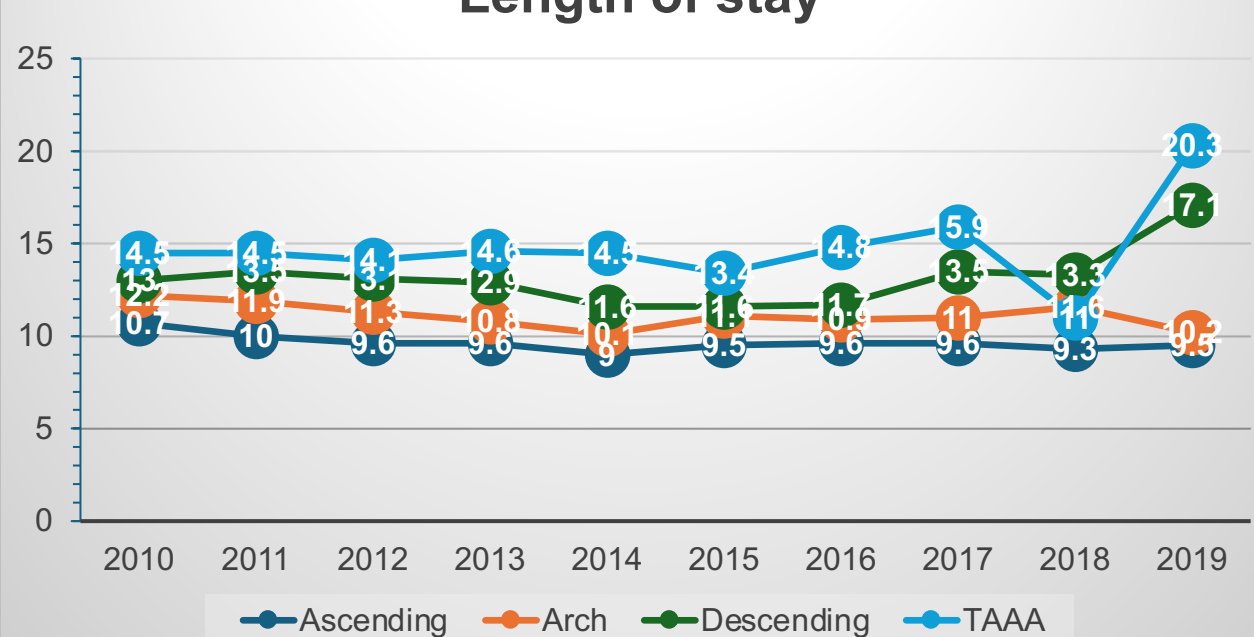
Operative Mortality

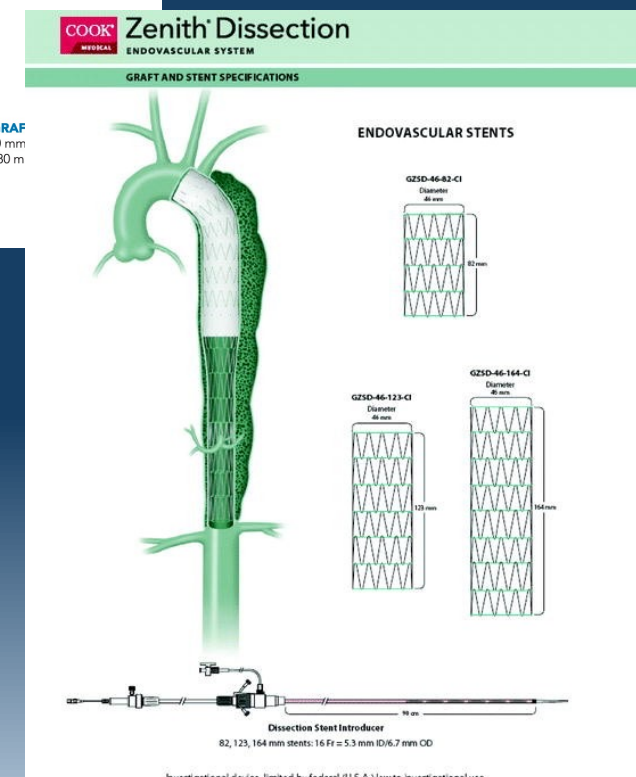
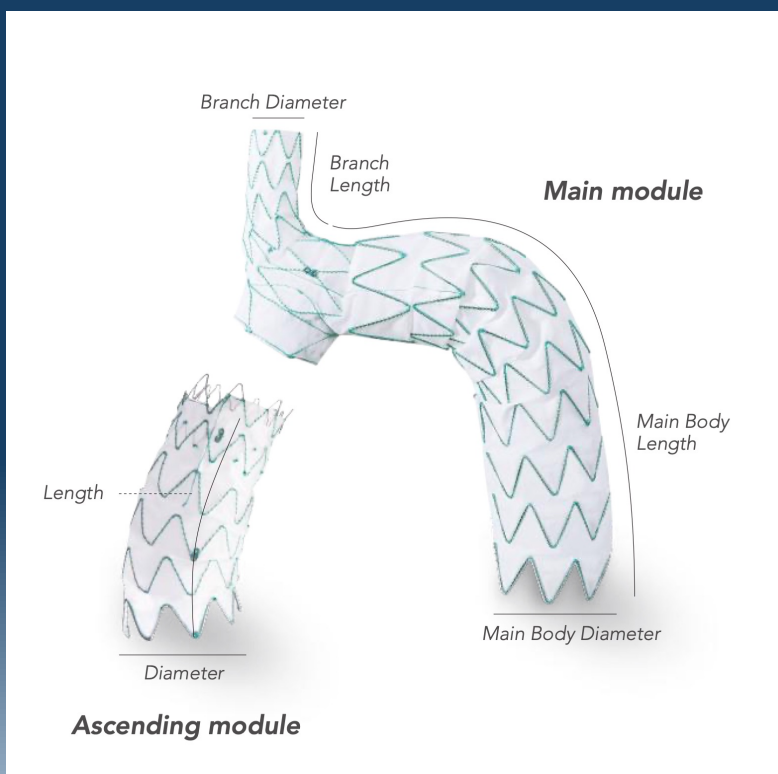
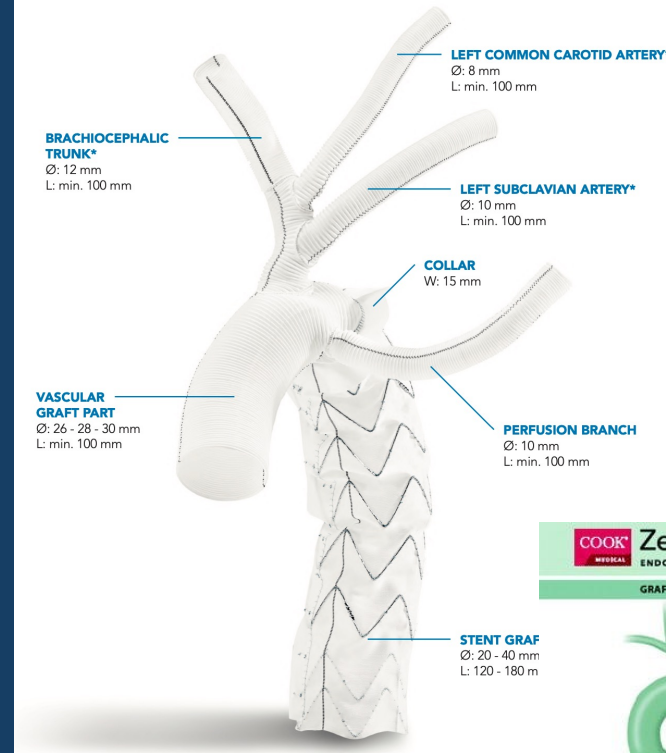
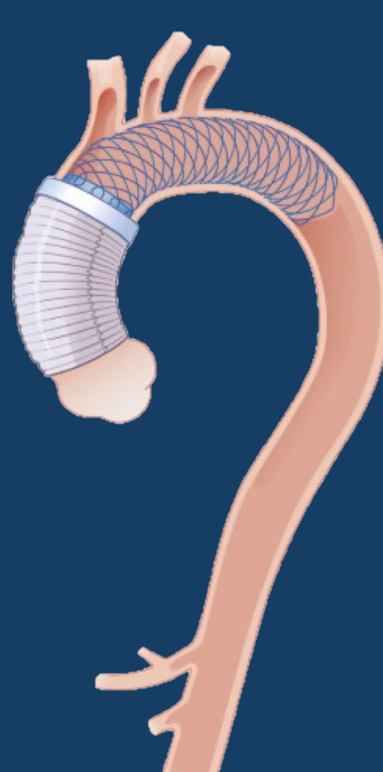
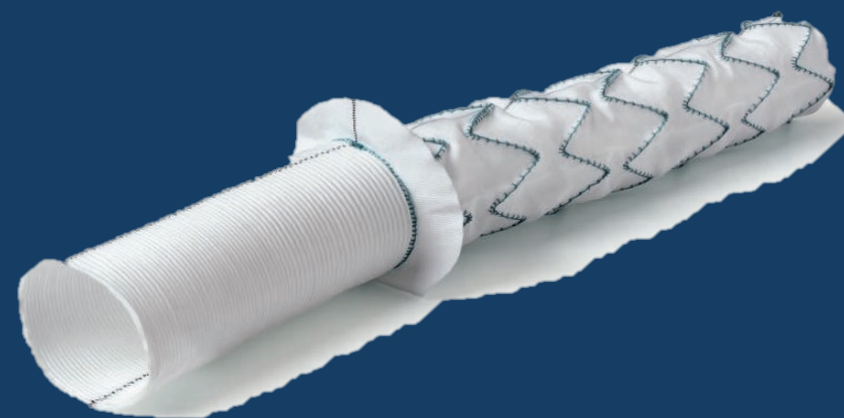


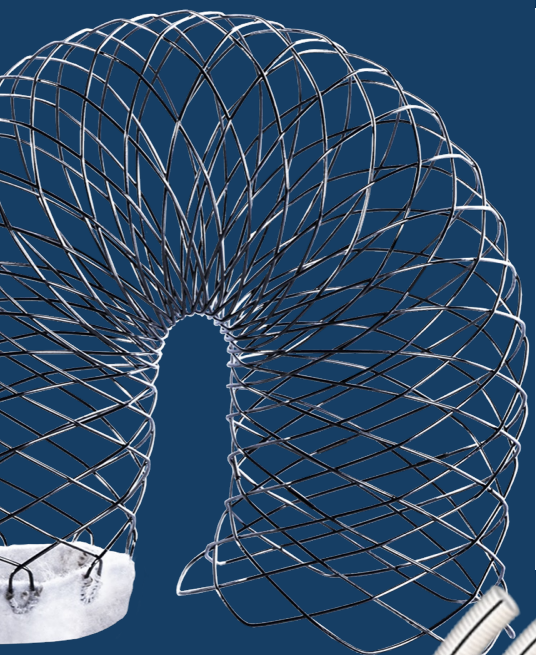
Major Complications



Length of stay







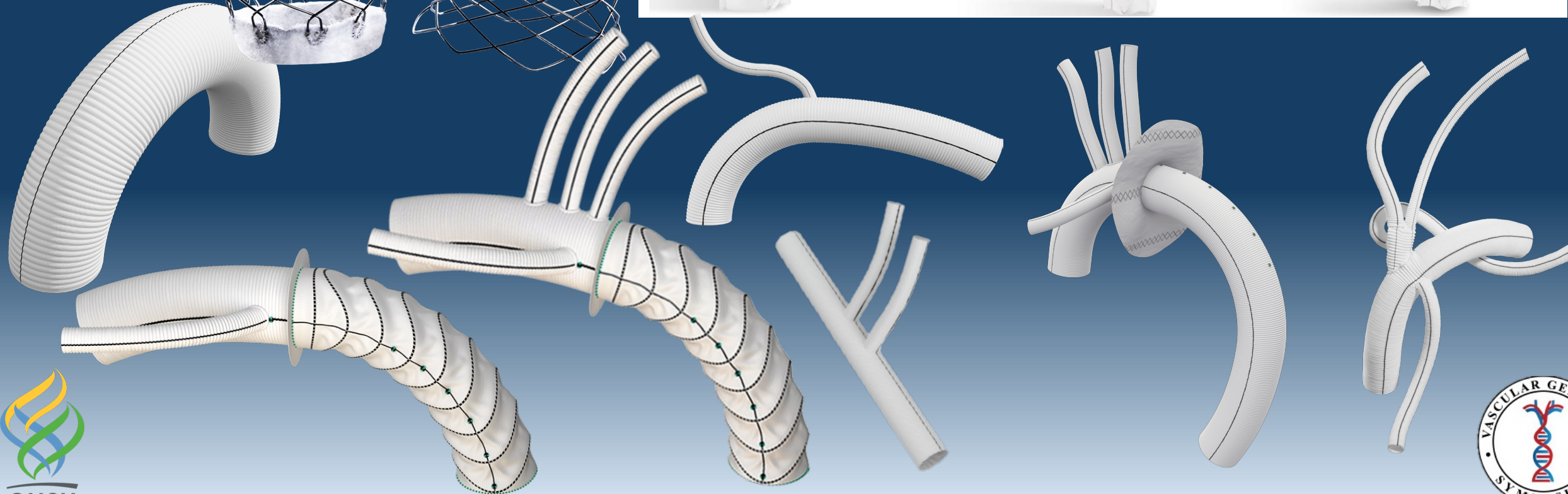
Zone 2-3
En bloc (island) technique

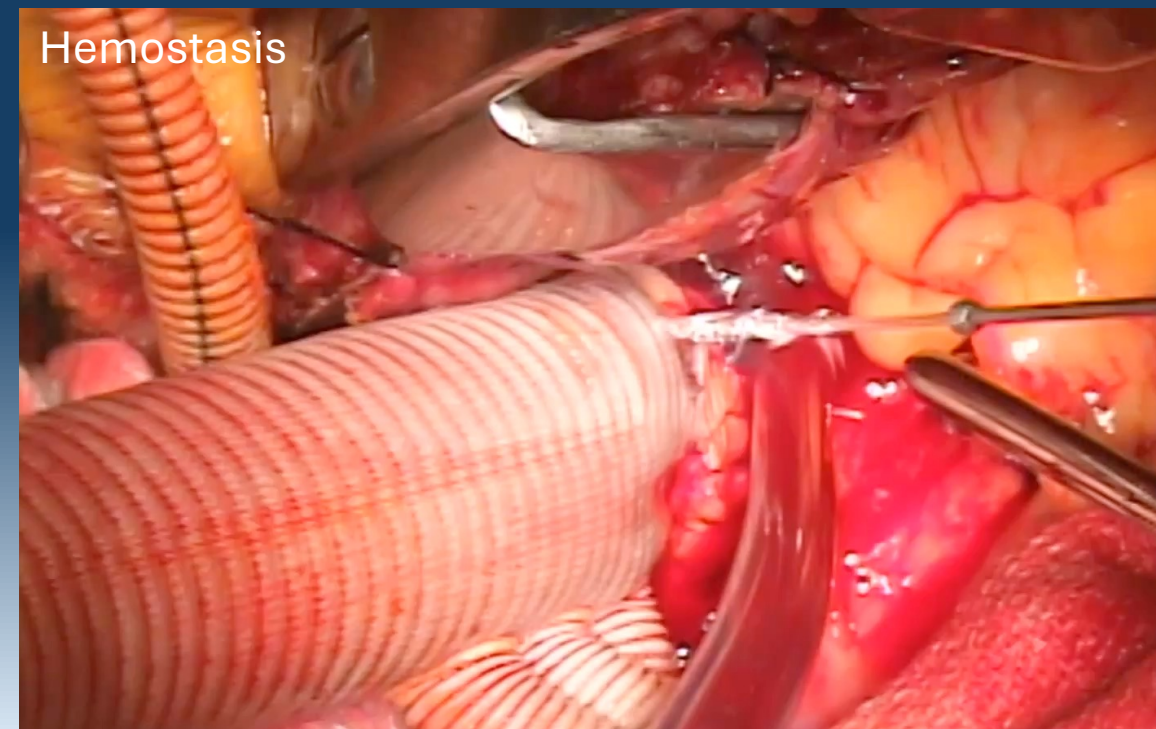
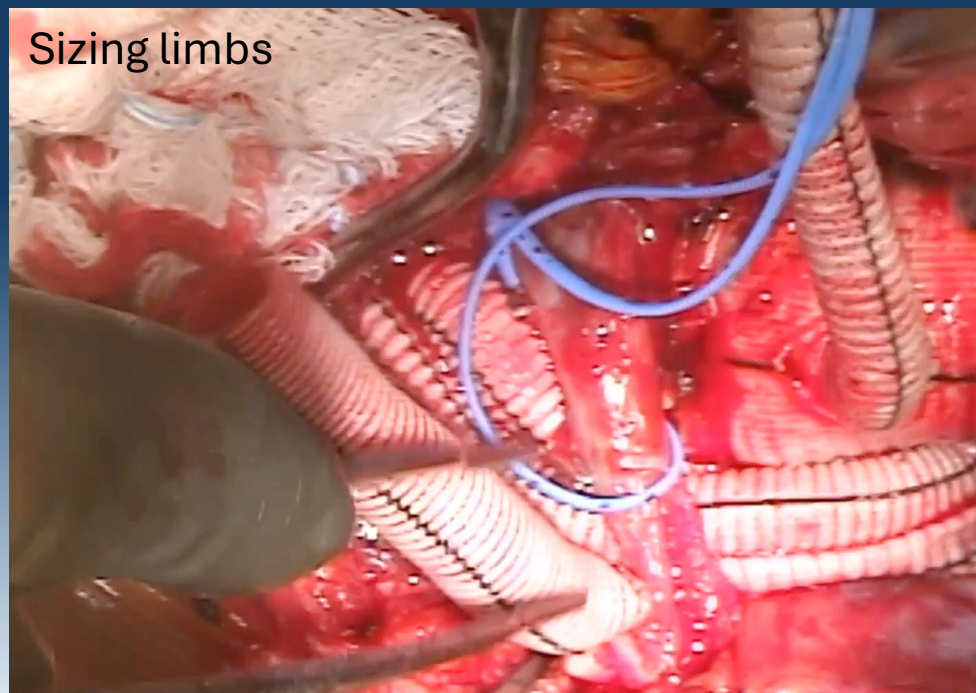
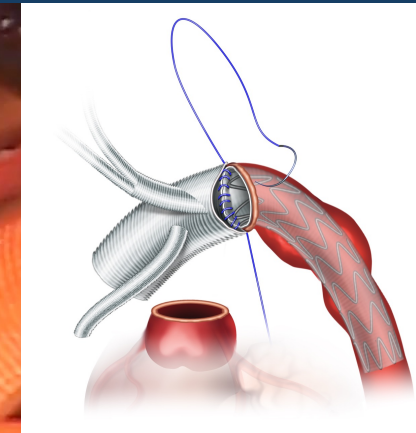
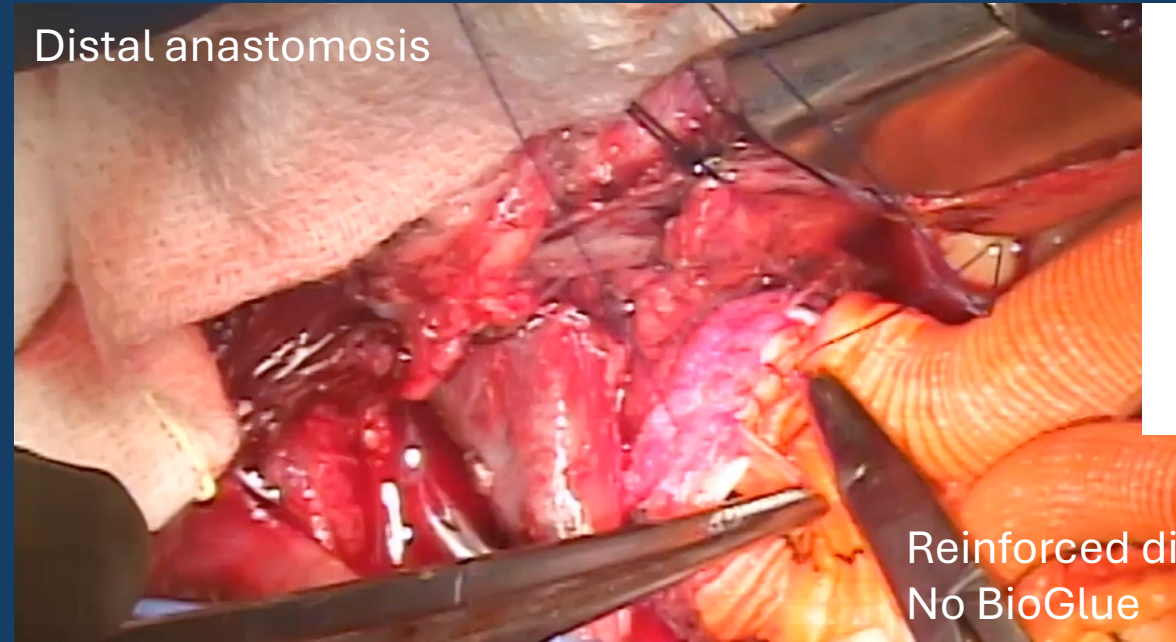
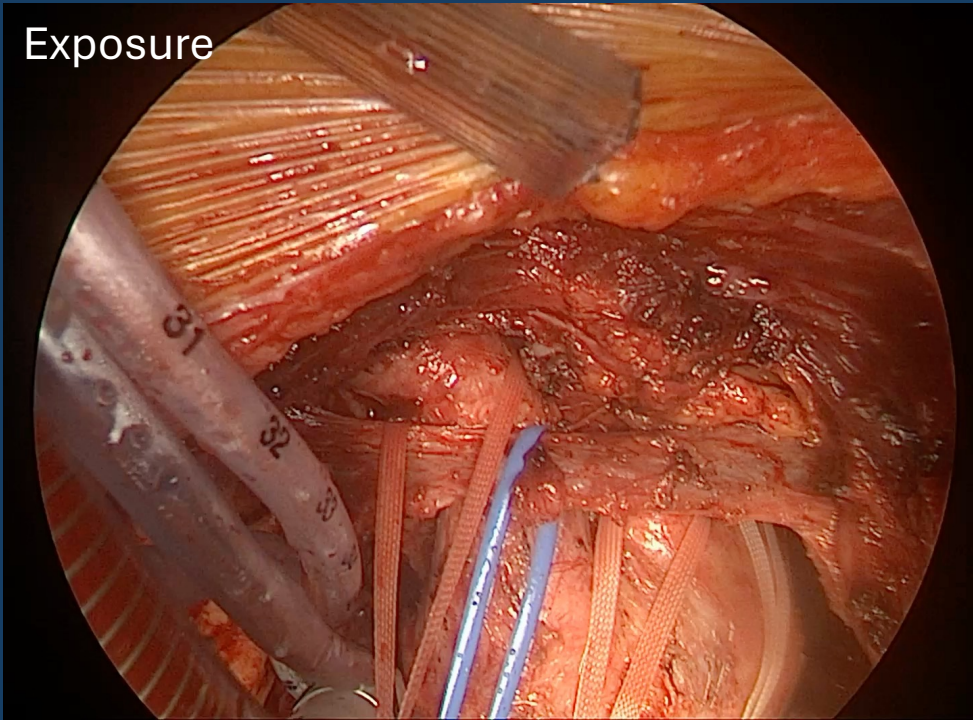


Zone 1-2-3
Single vessel anastomosis



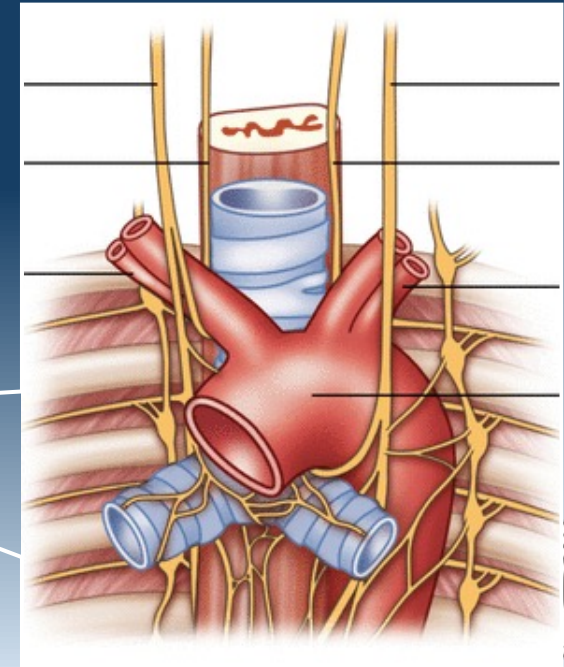
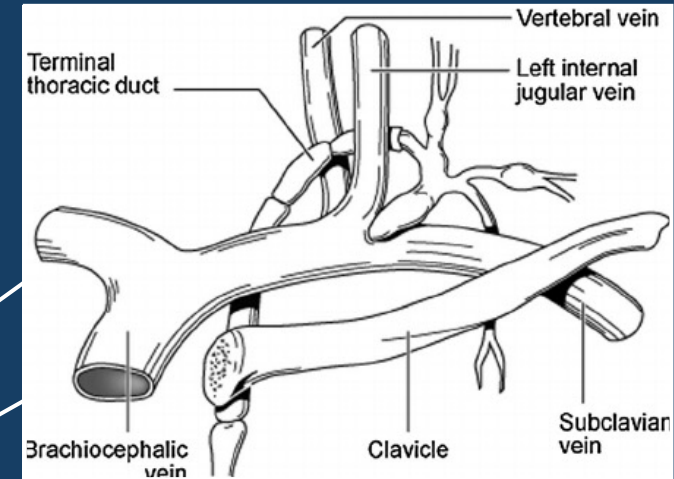
Zone 0-1
Single vessel anastomosis





Key complications

- Bleeding (output, SVR)
- Tamponade (CI, Resuscitation)
- Myocardial Dysfunction (echo)
- Residual dissection (Pulses, Waveforms)
- Renal failure (GFR, Cr)
- Visceral ischemia (LFTs, Lactate, Hypoglycemia)
- Chyle leak (fluid character)
- Vocal cord paresis/paralysis (SpO₂, LRN, aspiration)
- Lower extremity paralysis (exam)

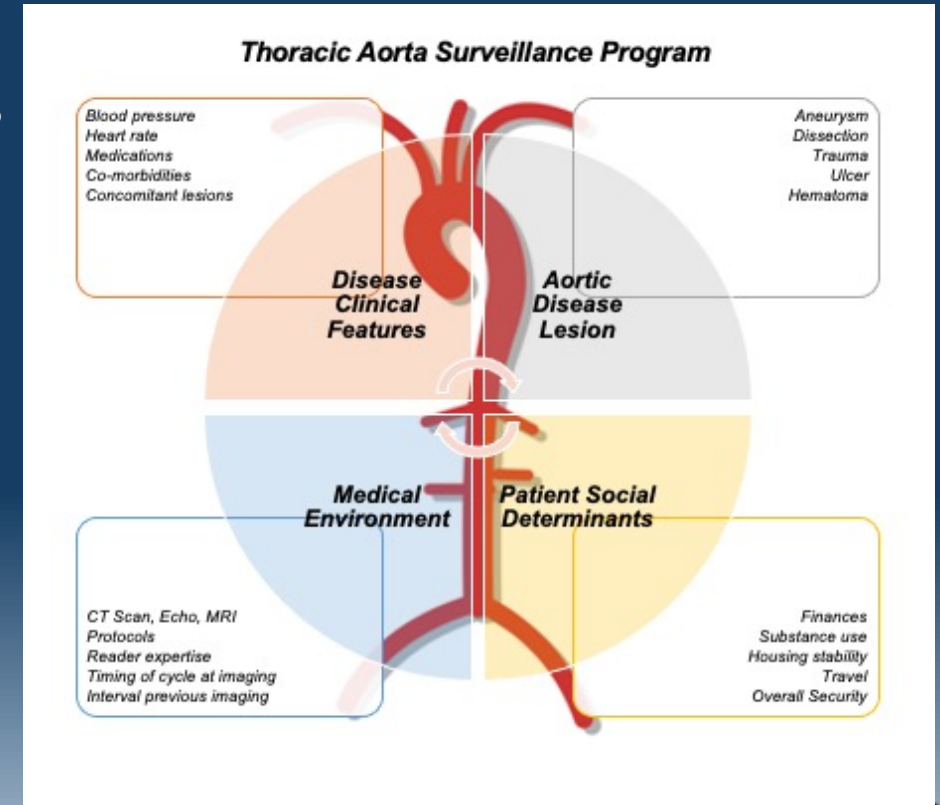


Postoperative

- Venous capacitance – big issue, need to be mindful
- Volume management – don't over do it
- Need for CRRT/Dialysis – start early
- Vasoactive agents versus volume resuscitation – use more
- Trach - early
- Feeding tubes – place early
- Dependent decubitus ulcers - manage with early mobilization

Aortic Surveillance Program

- Every dissection, aneurysm seen
- 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, 12 months
- CTA – Echo
- Impulse Control and Blood pressure
- Vit C, Zinc, multi-vitamins, ASA
- Multi-disciplinary planning



Bottom line

- Gated CTA Chest – Imaging is key !
- Stress echo and transthoracic echo give different data
- <60yo – needs genetic testing
- >4.5cm ... needs aggressive consideration for follow up / repair
- Use frailty as a metric of repair extent
- Cardiac and Vascular surgery are one “ Aortic Team ”
- Be creative and definitive in repairs
- Follow patients for life
 - Annually for 5y
 - Every 2y (5y – 10y)
 - Every 3y (15y – 20y)
 - Every 5y (till death)

