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CABG

Coronary Artery Bypass Graft

Fourth Year Cardiovascular System Lectures

Case 1

- 65-years old gentleman
- C/O Stable Angina Pectoris
- Referred from the cardiology clinic

Note:

The gold standard investigation to diagnose coronary abnormalities is

coronary angiography

(قسطرة الشريان التاجي)

If we have a 65-year-old patient complaining of stable angina, and the cardiologists have performed an ECG and coronary catheterization, then he was referred from the cardiology clinic. What should we do for this patient, knowing that he has been diagnosed with coronary disease by coronary angiography?

We should answer some questions on the next slide

- **Revascularization** a group of medical treatments that restore blood flow to parts of your heart when that flow is limited or blocked.
- **Surgical revascularization**
- **Suitable for surgical revascularization**
- **Planning of surgery**

Types of revascularization procedures include:

- 1) **Coronary artery bypass graft (CABG)**: Also called heart bypass **surgery**, it involves rerouting blood flow using grafts.
- 2) **Percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI)**: A minimally invasive, **nonsurgical** procedure for coronary revascularize.

We need to answer several questions as surgeons, including:

1- The first question is whether this patient requires revascularization. This is usually answered by cardiologists, but surgeons should readdress this question, as they will be performing the procedure. The answer to this question is often “yes.”

2- The second question is whether the patient needs surgical revascularization or if percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), commonly known as “شبكة” is sufficient.

3- If we decide to proceed with surgery, the third question is whether the patient’s condition is suitable for surgery and if their body can tolerate it, and we call it: fitness of surgery.

4- If the patient is deemed fit, we should plan for the surgical procedure.
There are also additional sub-questions, such as necessary tests and an ECG.

Medical history for case 1

- Diabetes mellitus type II
- Arterial hypertension
- Hyperlipidemia
- Smoker 20 pack year

Drug history

- ASA aspirin
- Plavix clopidogrel, anti-platelet
- OHA oral hypoglycemic agents for diabetes
- Statin for hyperlipidemia
- BB beta blocker for cardiac dysfunction
- ARB for hypertension

It is important to know the medications the patient is taking for two reasons:

First, the patient is taking antiplatelet drugs like aspirin and Plavix, so attention must be given to the potential bleeding that may occur after the surgery.

Secondly, pharmacology plays a role in understanding the half-life and mechanism of these drugs. For example, **aspirin** binds irreversibly, so surgery should be delayed for approximately seven days to produce new platelets, while the half-life of **Plavix** is about 3-4 days.

One indicator of poor or good perfusion after surgery is the concentration of lactic acidosis or pH. **Hyperlactemia is a result of hypoperfusion.** Here, the patient is also taking **oral hypoglycemic agents (OHA) like metformin**, which is commonly associated with **lactic acidosis**, so it could be masked.

Beta-blockers can cause **bradycardia**, and the patient may require blood pressure support after surgery. One important thing to monitor postoperatively is the vital signs, including heart rate. The patient **might be in shock and have an elevated heart rate**, but when measuring it, it could show 70-80, which might seem excellent. However, this might be masked due to the effects of beta-blockers.

ECHO echocardiogram

We always do ECHO to the patient to look for:

- Left ventricular function
- Right ventricular function
- PAP pulmonary artery pressure
- valves

We do this to determine whether the heart can **tolerate** the procedure, or to identify **other cardiac problems** that can be addressed during the same surgery, and to assess the risk and mortality rate for the patient in order to obtain their approval, which is known as **informed consent**.

General condition

- Frail = هشاشة, one simple test is to have the patient walk six meters to assess their endurance. These are clinical indicators that can be observed visually to determine the patient's ability to tolerate the procedure.
- Smoking which is very important for open heart surgeries.

Preoperative evaluation

- Respiratory
- Renal
- Neurological
- Vascular beds mainly 3 beds: cerebral, coronary, peripheral vascular and they usually come together.
- Remote infections we can not do surgery if the patient has infection simultaneously.
- Diabetes control very important to know when and how do the surgery.

Table 2. Applying Class of Recommendation and Level of Evidence to Clinical Strategies, Interventions, Treatments, or Diagnostic Testing in Patient Care (Updated May 2019)



The **Class of Recommendation (COR)** and **Level of Evidence (LOE)** table is used in clinical guidelines to communicate how strongly a treatment or strategy is recommended and the quality of evidence supporting it. It helps healthcare professionals make evidence-based decisions.

After collecting information from the patient, we need to decide which procedure should be performed. To do this, we refer to guidelines. Guidelines are based on **evidence-based medicine**, meaning they rely on studies conducted and tested by experts. The strongest studies are **prospective, double-blinded randomized controlled trials (RCTs)**, while the least strong studies are **case reports**. Each guideline is assigned a **level of evidence (LOE)**, which indicates the strength and reliability of the supporting studies. Guidelines also include the **class of evidence (COE)** and the **class of recommendations (COR)**. These guidelines help doctors worldwide treat most diseases consistently. However, there are still gray areas that require clinical judgment and doctors' opinions.

CLASS (STRENGTH) OF RECOMMENDATION	COR	LEVEL (QUALITY) OF EVIDENCE†	LOE
CLASS 1 (STRONG) Benefit >>> Risk Suggested phrases for writing recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is recommended Is indicated/useful/effective/beneficial Should be performed/administered/other Comparative-Effectiveness Phrases‡: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treatment/strategy A is recommended/indicated in preference to treatment B Treatment A should be chosen over treatment B 		LEVEL A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-quality evidence‡ from more than 1 RCT Meta-analyses of high-quality RCTs One or more RCTs corroborated by high-quality registry studies 	
CLASS 2a (MODERATE) Benefit >> Risk Suggested phrases for writing recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is reasonable Can be useful/effective/beneficial Comparative-Effectiveness Phrases‡: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treatment/strategy A is probably recommended/indicated in preference to treatment B It is reasonable to choose treatment A over treatment B 		LEVEL B-R (Randomized) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate-quality evidence‡ from 1 or more RCTs Meta-analyses of moderate-quality RCTs 	
CLASS 2b (WEAK) Benefit ≥ Risk Suggested phrases for writing recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May/might be reasonable May/might be considered Usefulness/effectiveness is unknown/unclear/uncertain or not well-established 		LEVEL B-NR (Nonrandomized) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate-quality evidence‡ from 1 or more well-designed, well-executed nonrandomized studies, observational studies, or registry studies Meta-analyses of such studies 	
CLASS 3: No Benefit (MODERATE) Benefit = Risk (Generally, LOE A or B use only) Suggested phrases for writing recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is not recommended Is not indicated/useful/effective/beneficial Should not be performed/administered/other 		LEVEL C-LD (Limited Data) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Randomized or nonrandomized observational or registry studies with limitations of design or execution Meta-analyses of such studies Physiological or mechanistic studies in human subjects 	
Class 3: Harm (STRONG) Risk > Benefit Suggested phrases for writing recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potentially harmful Causes harm Associated with excess morbidity/mortality Should not be performed/administered/other 		LEVEL C-EO (Expert Opinion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consensus of expert opinion based on clinical experience 	

COR and LOE are determined independently (any COR may be paired with any LOE).

A recommendation with LOE C does not imply that the recommendation is weak. Many important clinical questions addressed in guidelines do not lend themselves to clinical trials. Although RCTs are unavailable, there may be a very clear clinical consensus that a particular test or therapy is useful or effective.

* The outcome or result of the intervention should be specified (an improved clinical outcome or increased diagnostic accuracy or incremental prognostic information).

† For comparative-effectiveness recommendations (COR 1 and 2a; LOE A and B only), studies that support the use of comparator verbs should involve direct comparisons of the treatments or strategies being evaluated.

‡ The method of assessing quality is evolving, including the application of standardized, widely-used, and preferably validated evidence grading tools; and for systematic reviews, the incorporation of an Evidence Review Committee.

COR indicates Class of Recommendation; EO, expert opinion; LD, limited data; LOE, Level of Evidence; NR, nonrandomized; R, randomized; and RCT, randomized controlled trial.

Revascularization in SIHD (stable ischemic heart disease)

Next slides show the guidelines of SIHD



Revascularization to Improve Survival in SIHD Compared With Medical Therapy



Recommendations for Revascularization to Improve Survival in SIHD Compared With Medical Therapy		
Referenced studies that support the recommendations are summarized in Online Data Supplement 10.		
<u>COR</u>	<u>LOE</u>	Recommendations
<u>Left ventricular dysfunction and multivessel CAD (coronary heart disease)</u>		
1	B-R	1. <u>In patients with SIHD and multivessel CAD (three-vessel disease) appropriate for CABG with severe left ventricular systolic dysfunction (left ventricular ejection fraction $\leq 35\%$), CABG is recommended to improve survival.</u>
2a	B-NR	2. In selected patients with SIHD and multivessel CAD appropriate for CABG and <u>mild-to-moderate</u> left ventricular systolic dysfunction (<u>ejection fraction 35%–50%</u>), <u>CABG (to include a left internal mammary artery [LIMA] graft to the LAD) is reasonable to improve survival.</u>

Notice that as we move from 1 to 2a we are getting more into gray zone where cardiologists can argue against and decide to put stent instead of surgery

Revascularization to Improve Survival in SIHD Compared With Medical Therapy (con't.)

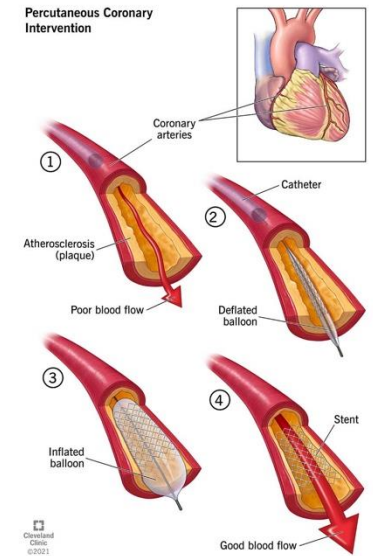
<u>Left main CAD</u>		
1	B-R	3. In patients with <u>SIHD and significant left main CAD</u> stenosis, <u>CABG</u> is <u>recommended</u> to improve survival.
2a	B-NR	4. In selected patients with <u>SIHD and significant left main CAD</u> stenosis for whom <u>PCI</u> <u>can provide equivalent revascularization</u> to that possible with CABG, <u>PCI</u> is <u>reasonable to improve survival</u> . A stent is a possible option, and the patient is at high risk for CABG.

PCI (Percutaneous Coronary Intervention)

Non-surgical procedure to improve blood flow through narrowed or blocked coronary arteries (stent)

- A patient with SIHD and significant left main stenosis needs CABG.
- A patient with SIHD and significant left main stenosis, if they can achieve equivalent revascularization from PCI or are at high risk for CABG, should undergo PCI instead.

Proximal left main CAD usually undergo PCI (stent)
Distal left main CAD usually undergo CABG (no stent)



Revascularization to Improve Survival in SIHD Compared With Medical Therapy (con't.)

Multivessel CAD		
2b	B-R	<p>5. In patients with SIHD, <u>normal ejection fraction, significant stenosis in 3 major coronary arteries (with or without proximal LAD), and anatomy suitable for CABG, CABG may be reasonable to improve survival.</u></p> <p>Cardiologist will prefer stent</p>
2b	B-R	<p>6. <u>In patients with SIHD, normal ejection fraction, significant stenosis in 3 major coronary arteries (with or without proximal LAD), and anatomy suitable for PCI, the usefulness of PCI to improve survival is uncertain.</u></p>

Because it is 2B ,
surgery is not usually
performed and a stent is
preferred

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In these cases we use
PCI

Stenosis in the proximal LAD artery		
2b	B-R	7. In patients with SIHD, normal left ventricular ejection fraction, and significant stenosis in the proximal LAD, the usefulness of coronary revascularization to improve survival is uncertain.
Single- or double-vessel disease not involving the proximal LAD		
3: No Benefit	B-R	8. In patients with SIHD, normal left ventricular ejection fraction, and 1- or 2-vessel CAD not involving the proximal LAD, coronary revascularization is not recommended to improve survival.

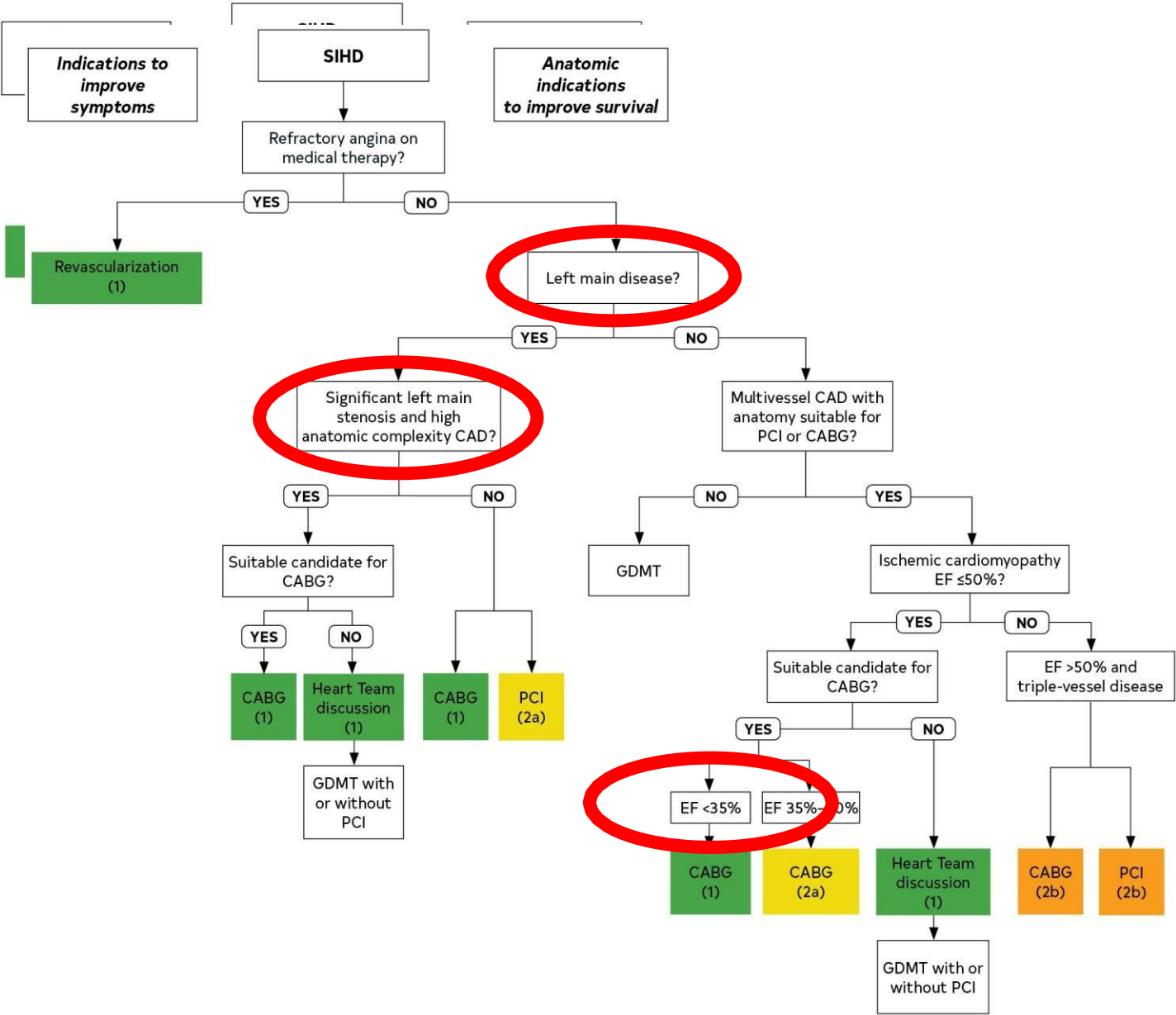
Figure 6.
Revascularization in
patients with SIHD.

Colors correspond to
Table 2.

CABG indicates coronary artery bypass graft; CAD, coronary artery disease; EF, ejection fraction; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention; SIHD, stable ischemic heart disease; and GDMT, guideline-directed medical therapy.

Most left main diseases require CABG except for rare cases

If the patient do not have left main diseases CABG is suitable when the patient suffer from three-vessel disease with depressed ejection fraction



Situations in Which CABG Would Be Preferred over PCI

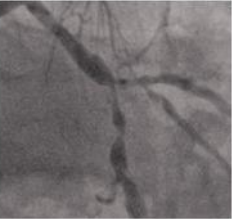
DEFINITION study: Complex bifurcation lesions

LMS lesion with SB $\geq 70\%$ and $\geq 10\text{mm}$



or

Non - LMS lesion with SB $\geq 90\%$ and $\geq 10\text{mm}$



Any two of:

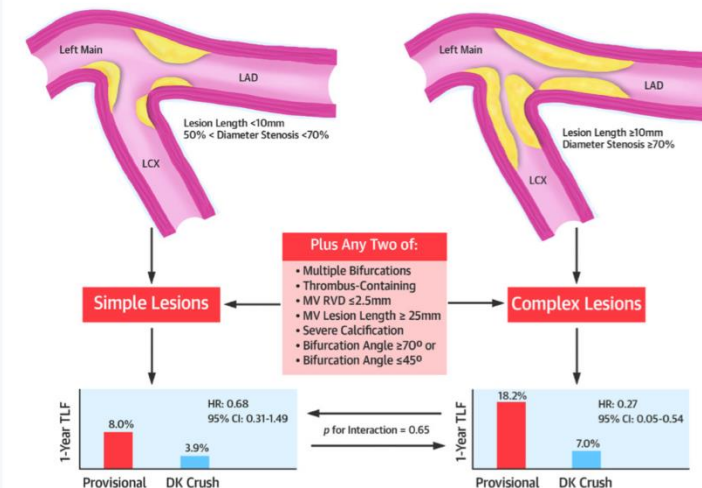
- ☐ Moderate to severe calcification
- ☐ Multiple lesions
- ☐ Active thrombus
- ☐ Bifurcation angle $< 45^\circ$
- ☐ MB reference diameter $< 2.5\text{mm}$
- ☐ MB lesion $> 25\text{mm}$ length

In cases of complex lesions CABG is more better

Complex lesions are lesions on bifurcation of left main for example

a coronary bifurcation lesion has been described as “a coronary artery narrowing occurring adjacent to, and/or involving the origin of a significant side branch (SB)”

Additional



Patients With Complex Disease

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So just notice that in cases of
complex lesions → CABG

Recommendations for Patients With Complex Disease

Referenced studies that support the recommendations are summarized in Online Data Supplement 13.

COR	LOE	Recommendations
1	B-R	1. In patients who require revascularization for significant left main CAD with high-complexity CAD, it is recommended to choose <u>CABG</u> over PCI to improve survival.
2a	B-R	2. In patients who require revascularization for multivessel CAD with complex or diffuse CAD (e.g., SYNTAX score >33), it is reasonable to choose <u>CABG</u> over PCI to confer a survival advantage.

Patients With Diabetes

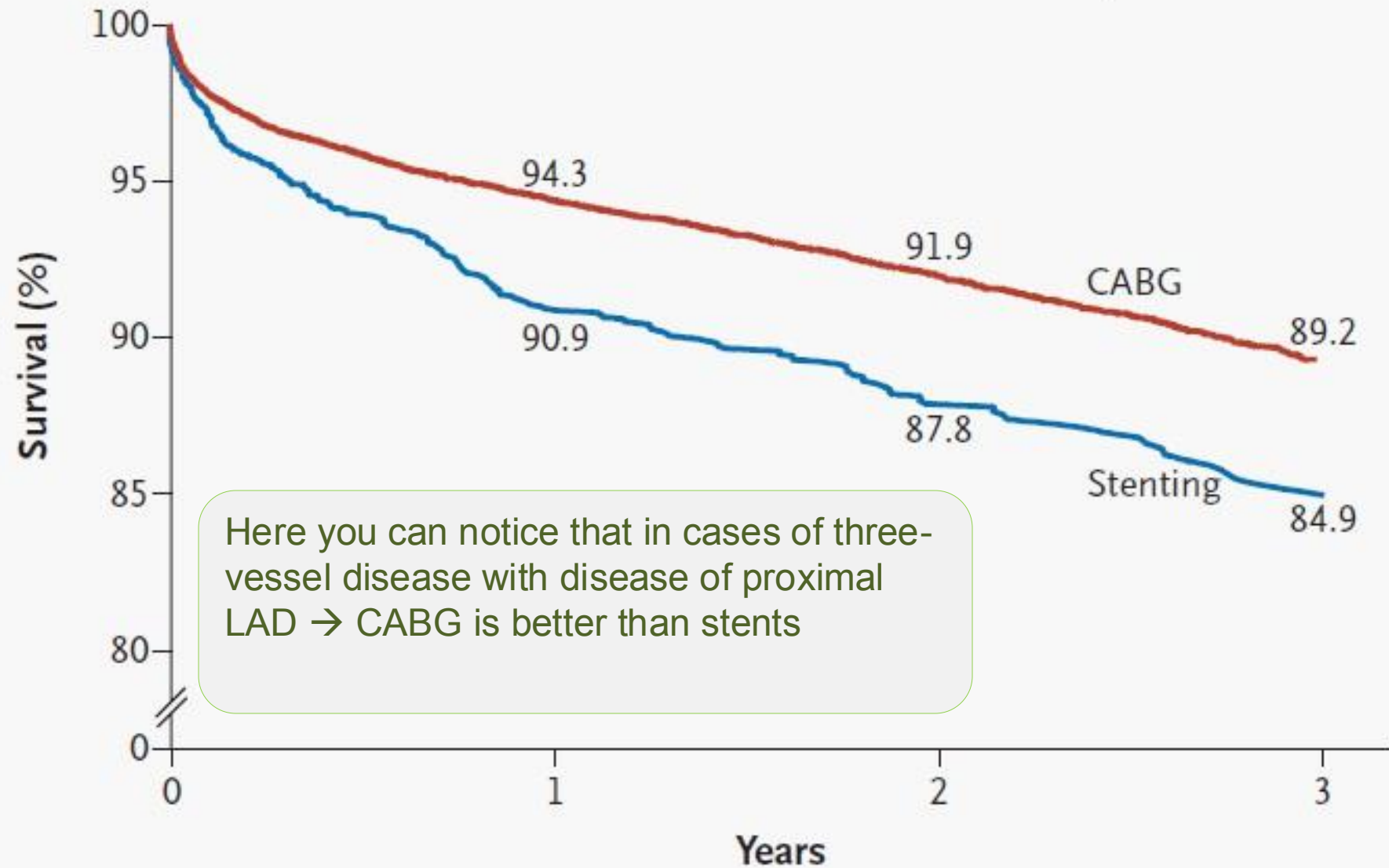
In general, diabetic patients benefit from CABG more than PCI



Recommendations for Patients With Diabetes		
Referenced studies that support the recommendations are summarized in Online Data Supplement 14.		
COR	LOE	Recommendations
1	A	1. In patients with diabetes and multivessel CAD with the involvement of the LAD, who are appropriate candidates for CABG, CABG (with a LIMA to the LAD) is recommended in preference to PCI to reduce mortality and repeat revascularizations.
2a	B-NR	2. In patients with diabetes who have multivessel CAD amenable to PCI and an indication for revascularization and are poor candidates for surgery, PCI can be useful to reduce long-term ischemic outcomes.
2b	B-R	3. In patients with diabetes who have left main stenosis and low- or intermediate-complexity CAD in the rest of the coronary anatomy, PCI may be considered an alternative to CABG to reduce major adverse cardiovascular outcomes.

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C Three-Vessel Disease with Disease of the Proximal LAD Artery



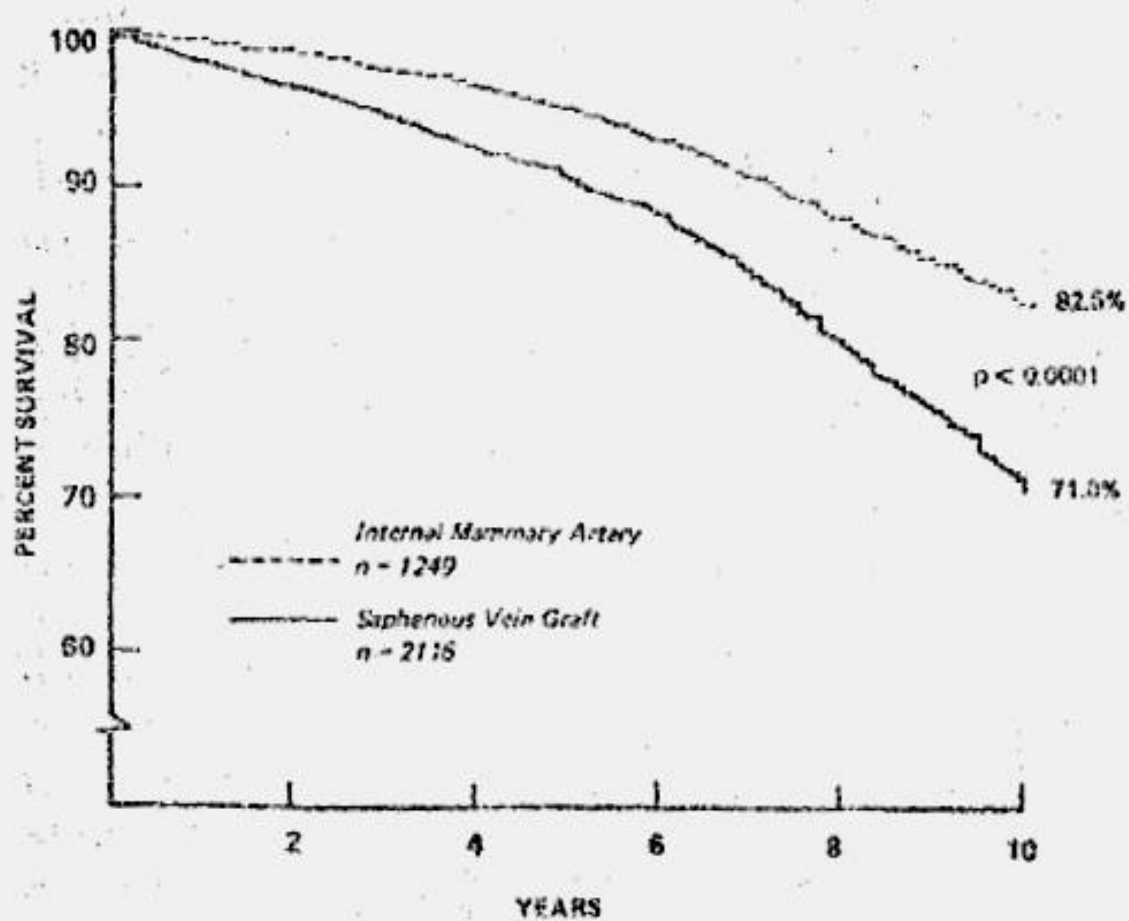


Figure 3. Ten-Year Survival of Patients with Three-Vessel Disease.

Notice here in patients with three vessel disease CABG with LIMA is better than saphenous vein graft

LIMA : left internal thoracic artery

Loop FD et al NEJM 1986

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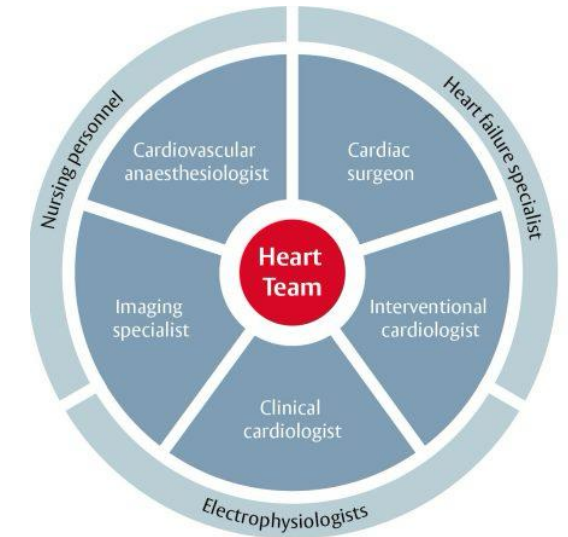
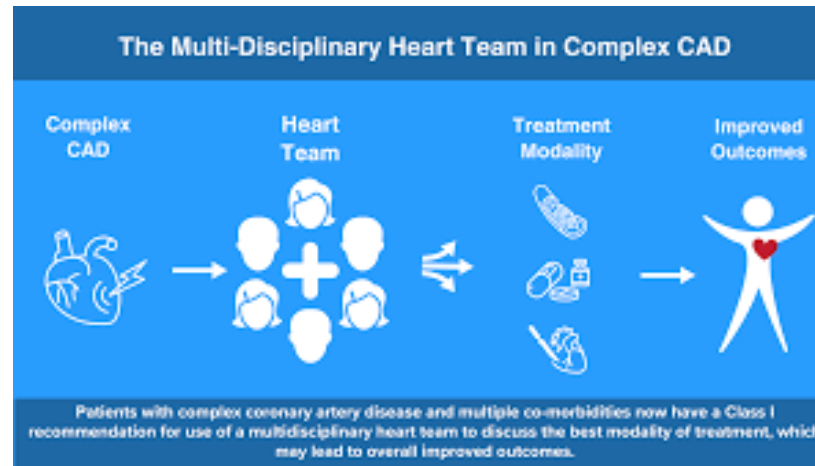
The doctor show a video about patient with three-vessel disease (RCA is occluded) with distal left main complex lesion → need CABG

[LINK](#)

Simple lesions → stent

Complex lesions:

Heart team → responsible for choose the best treatment modality to improve outcomes



- Cath showed (in the video)
 - Distal Left Main Stenosis
 - RCA stenosis

And the patient is diabetic

After catheterization, the heart team will discuss the **coronary anatomy, comorbidities, procedural risks, and other factors**. They will then decide on the best way to treat the patient. Afterward, they will inform the patient of their decision, and the patient will have the right to agree or decline.

Factors for Consideration by the Heart Team

Coronary Anatomy

- Left main disease
- Multivessel disease
- High anatomic complexity (i.e., bifurcation disease, high SYNTAX score)

Comorbidities

- Diabetes
- Systolic dysfunction
- Coagulopathy
- Valvular heart disease
- Frailty
- Malignancy
- ESRD
- COPD
- Immunosuppression
- Debilitating neurological disorders
- Liver disease/cirrhosis
- Prior CVA
- Calcified aorta
- Aortic aneurysm

Procedural Factors

- Local and regional outcomes
- Access site for PCI
- Surgical risk
- PCI risk

Patient Factors

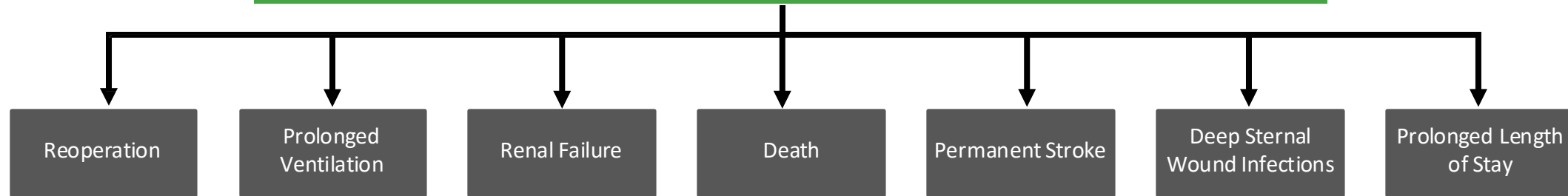
- Unstable presentation or shock
- Patient preferences
- Inability or unwillingness to adhere to DAPT
- Religious beliefs
- Patient education, knowledge, and understanding

Guiding Principle: Ideal situations for Heart Team consideration include patients with complex coronary disease, comorbid conditions that could impact the success of the revascularization strategy, and other clinical or social situations that may impact outcomes.

Assessing Risk for Patients Undergoing CABG

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In patients who are being considered for CABG, calculation of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) and EURO II risk score is recommended to help stratify patient risk (Class 1).*



Risk Factors Not Quantified in the STS Score

Cirrhosis	Meld
Frailty	Gait Speed
Malnutrition	MUST

Guiding Principle: In patients who are being considered for CABG, calculation of the STS \ Euro II risk score is recommended to help stratify patient risk. The MELD score, gait speed, and the MUST score may help in patients with cirrhosis, frailty, and malnutrition respectively.

Abbreviations: CABG indicates coronary artery bypass grafting; MELD, Model for End-Stage Liver Disease; MUST, Malnutrition Universal Screening Tool; and STS, Society of Thoracic Surgeons.

* See: <https://www.sts.org/resources/risk-calculator>

INDICATION??

Just a summary

Left Ventricular Dysfunction and Multivessel CAD:

1. **SIHD + Multivessel CAD + EF < 35%** → CABG is recommended
2. **SIHD + Multivessel CAD + EF 35–50%** → CABG is reasonable

Left Main CAD:

- **SIHD + left main stenosis** → CABG is recommended
- **PCI** is possible in selected cases if:
- CABG is too risky.
- Equivalent revascularization is proven.

Multivessel CAD with Normal EF:

- **PCI** is preferred.

Complex Bifurcation Lesions:

- **CABG** is recommended.

Diabetes:

- **CABG** is preferred.

**Left main CAD, three-vessel disease,
diabetes and multivessel CAD with
EF<35%**
All these are indications for CABG

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Left main CAD		
1	B-R	3. In patients with SIHD and significant left main stenosis, CABG is recommended to <u>improve survival</u> . CABG is not only to reduce mortality [✓] but to improve survival
2a	B-NR	4. In selected patients with SIHD and significant left main stenosis for whom PCI can provide equivalent revascularization to that possible with CABG, PCI is reasonable to improve survival.

Let's look at these cases

Case2:

75-Year-old Gentleman

Smoker 20 pack year

BMI 35 (obese)

C/O ACS (unstable angina pectoris) → indication for surgery

Medical History

Type 2 DM

Arterial hypertention

Hyperlipidemia

General condition

Smoking

HbA1c 11 (uncotrolled diabetes)

Drug history

- ASA aspirin
- Plavix clopidogrel, anti-platelet
- OHA oral hypoglycemic agents for diabetes
- Statin for hyperlipidemia
- BB beta blocker for cardiac dysfunction
- ARB for hypertension

Case3:

45-Year-old Gentleman

Distal LM disease with complex lesion

S/P surgery for varicose viens

Medical History

Arterial hypertention

Hyperlipidemia

Drug history

Statins

ARBs

Anti platelets

Both patients need CABG .

But the question is what is the suitable Conduit (graft) ?

Some considerations to choose conduits:

- 1- Diameter of the vessel must be comparable with the diameter of native coronary
- 2- The location of vessel
- 3- type of the vessel

Conduites

Conduits are two types:

- **Arterial**

- LIMA (left internal mammary artery)
- RIMA (Right internal mammary artery)
- RA (radial artery)
- GEA (gastroepiploic artery)
- IEA (inferior epigastric artery)

Most common arterial grafts:
LIMA, RIMA then RA

Do not forget that RIMA=RITA
(right internal thoracic artery) 😊

- **Venous**

- GSV (great (long) saphenous vein)
- SSV (small saphenous vein)
- Arm Veins

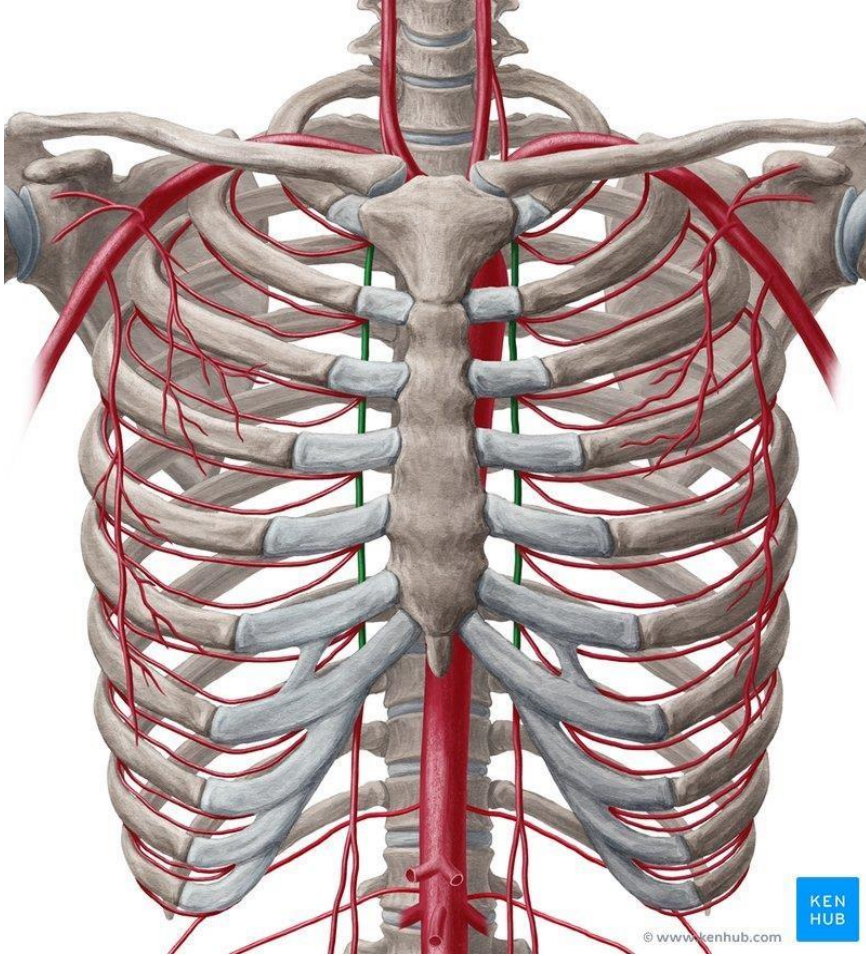
Most common venous grafts:

GSV because

It is **long** and **abundantly available**

It is **superficial** vein (so easily harvested)

No serious complications were evident (may cause surgical site infection but do not have high mortality rate)



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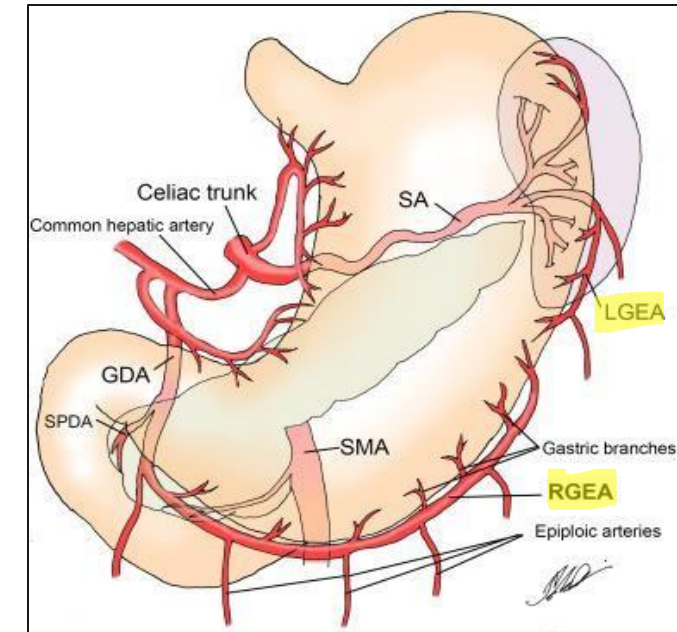
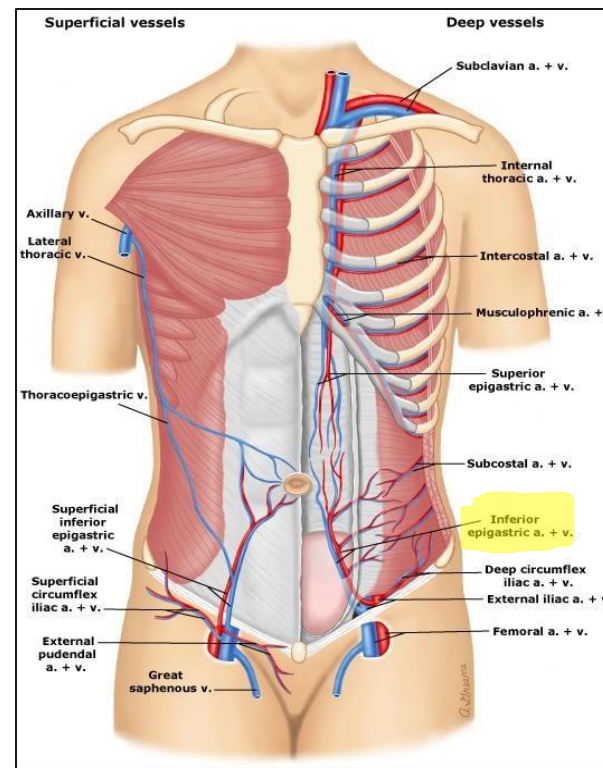
Long saphenous vein

It is **long** and **superficial** so it is easy to harvest
It has **no branches below the knee**

We can harvest it in open techniques or
endoscopic techniques with 3 holes

LIMA and RIMA
Lateral to sternum



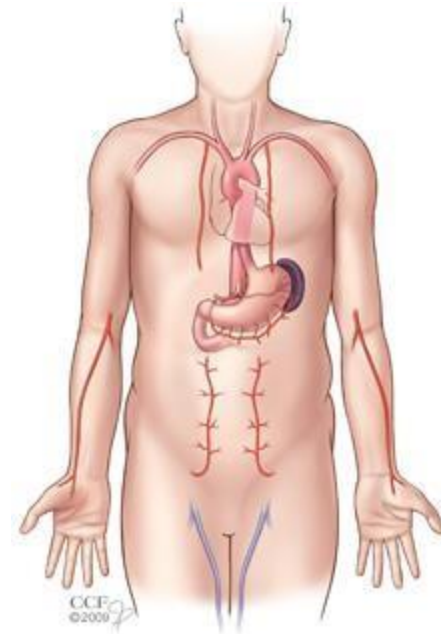
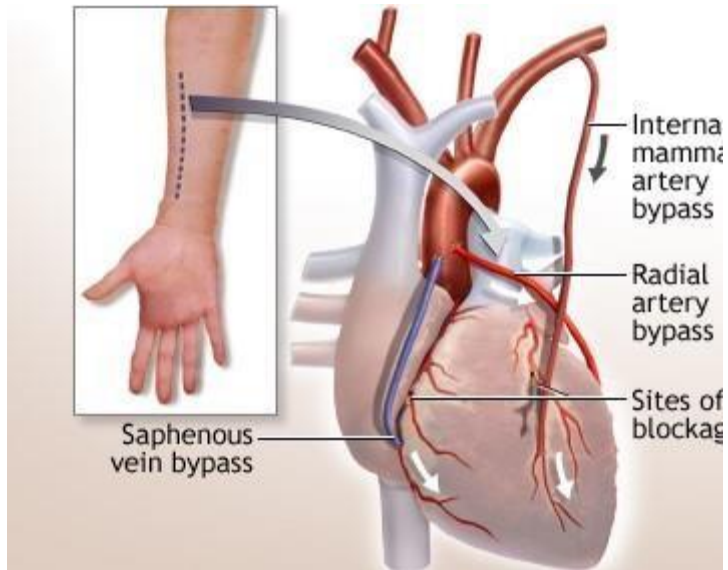


The radial artery is used as a conduit because it can be safely harvested without significant complications, thanks to the dual blood supply in the forearm provided by the radial and ulnar arteries as the major contributors, along with the interosseous arteries as a minor supply. Additionally, the radial artery is more superficial, making it easier to access and harvest during surgical procedures.

Both IEA and GEA are rarely used

Now , how is better, arterial or venous conduits?

Arterial vs Venous conduits

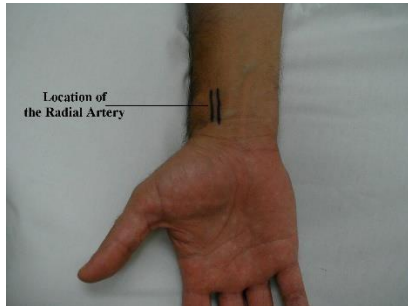


Recommended from the American heart association is to use arterial conduits : BIMA (bilateral IMA) 1. left IMA (internal mammary artery) ,then 2. right IMA (internal mammary artery), 3. radial artery

Bypass Conduits in Patients Undergoing CABG

Radial artery

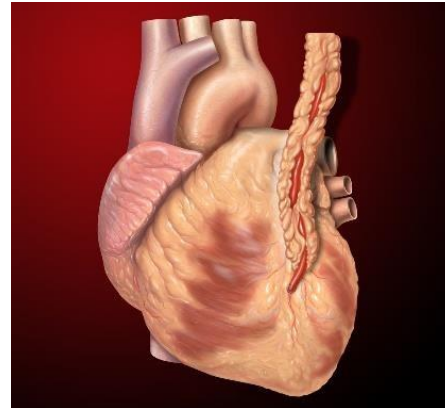
Recommended in preference to a saphenous vein conduit to graft the second most important, significantly stenosed, non-LAD vessel (Class 1)



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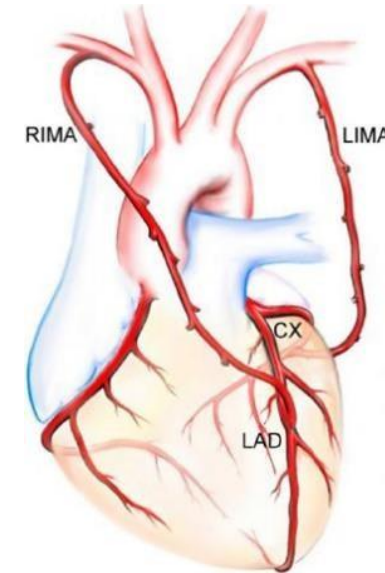
IMA (prefer left)

To LAD (Class 1)



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BIMA



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Improves long-term outcomes when procedure is done by experienced operators (Class 2a)

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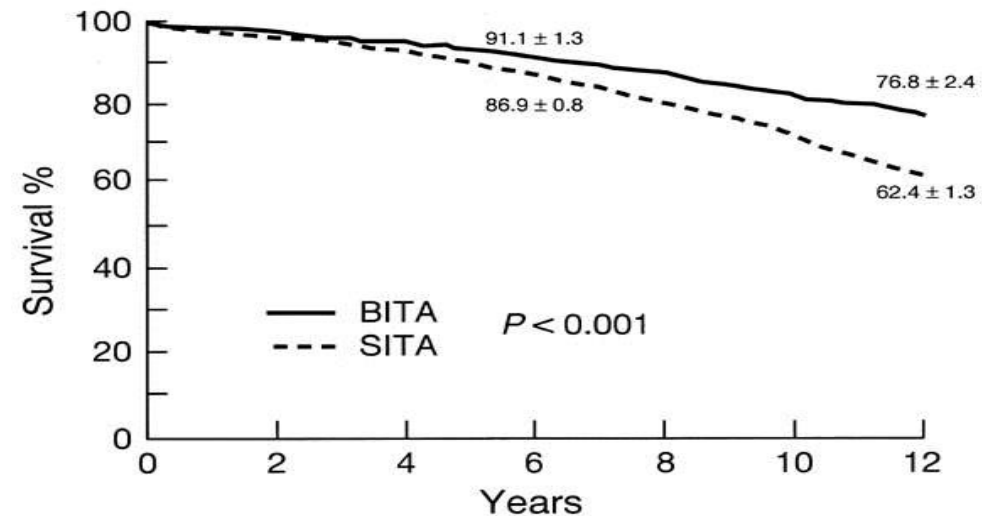
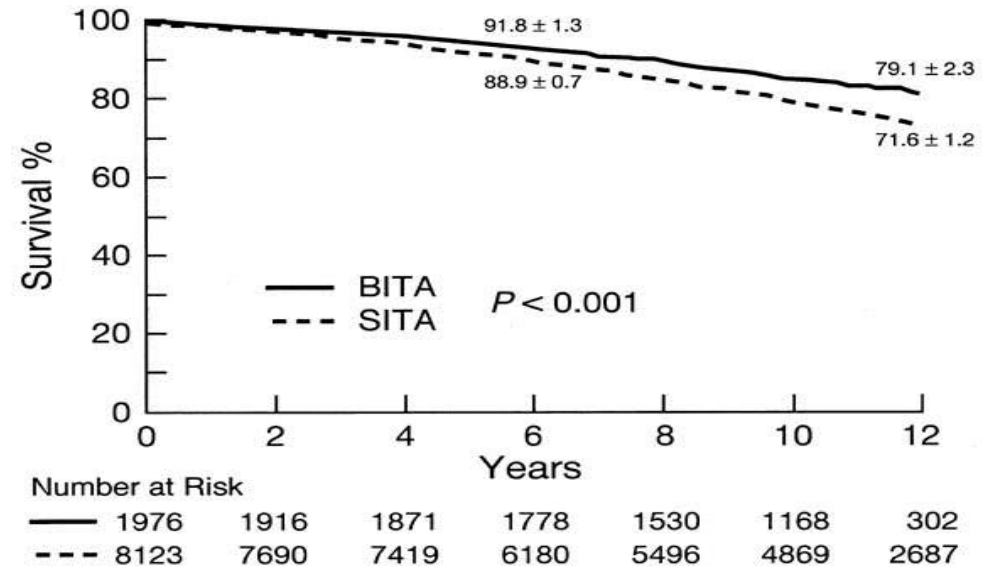
- Why the Left IMA (arterial conduit generally) is better as conduit?

Depending on the Betat serrat for ten-year: [\(related to long term survival conduit\)](#)

the Left IMA (arterial conduit generally) is a stronger for the long-term survival and function than the Long saphenous vein



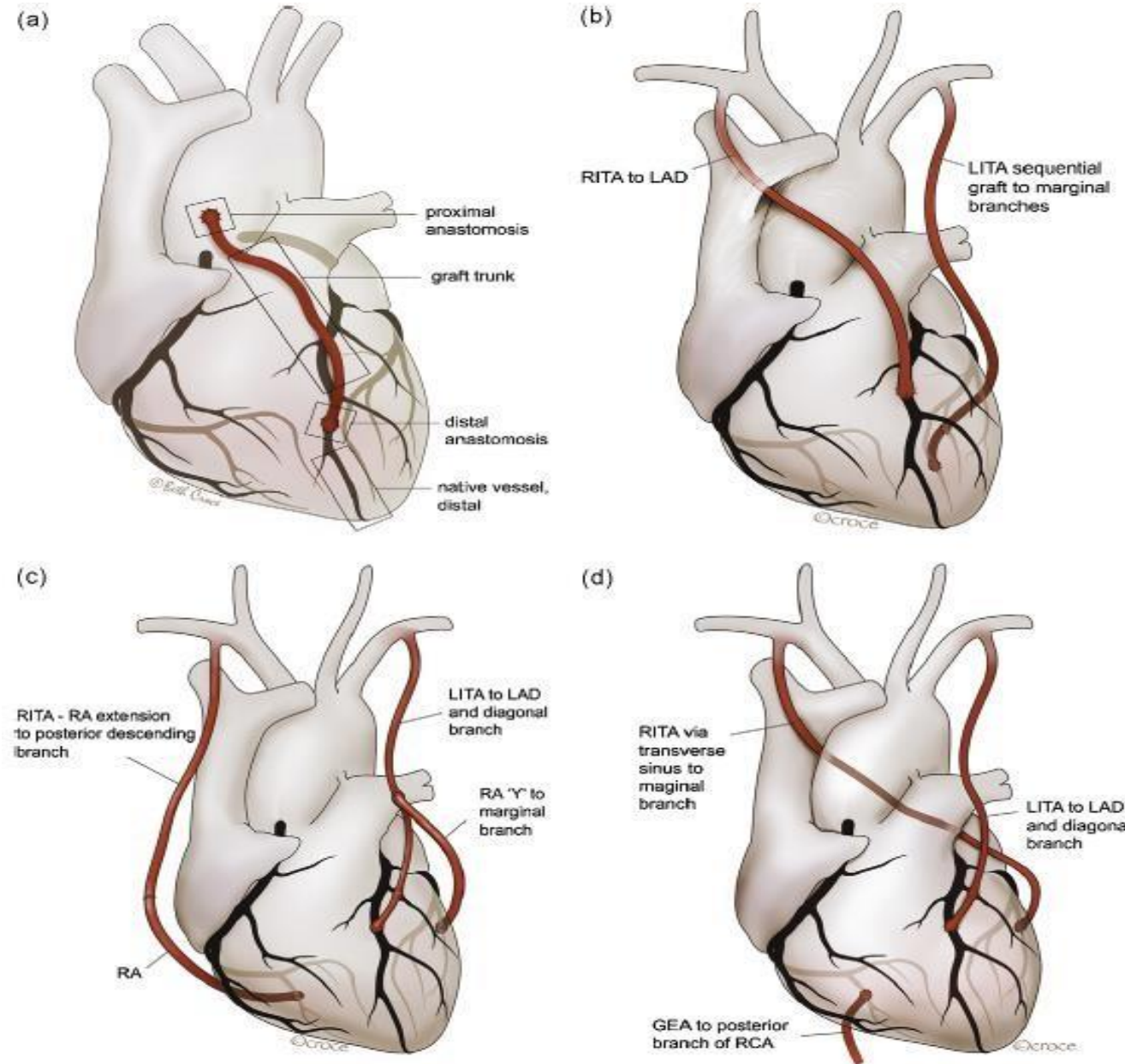
- Using two conduit together is better than a single one, for example :
- using BITA (bilateral internal thoracic artery) is better than SITA (single internal thoracic artery).
- **Important note!** BIMA and BITA are the same anatomically its just differences in regional naming.



Arterial conduits used for coronary artery bypass grafting

- Internal Thoracic Artery (the left)
- Radial Artery
- Right Gastroepiploic Artery (only the old surgeons use it)
- Inferior Epigastric Artery
- Others

- We can mix any of the previous conduit for example: LIMA and circumflex and other.
- RIMA can be grafted to the aorta before being used as a conduit to a coronary artery.
- Coronary artery bypass graft is named because we use the coronary artery **to bypass the occlusion**.

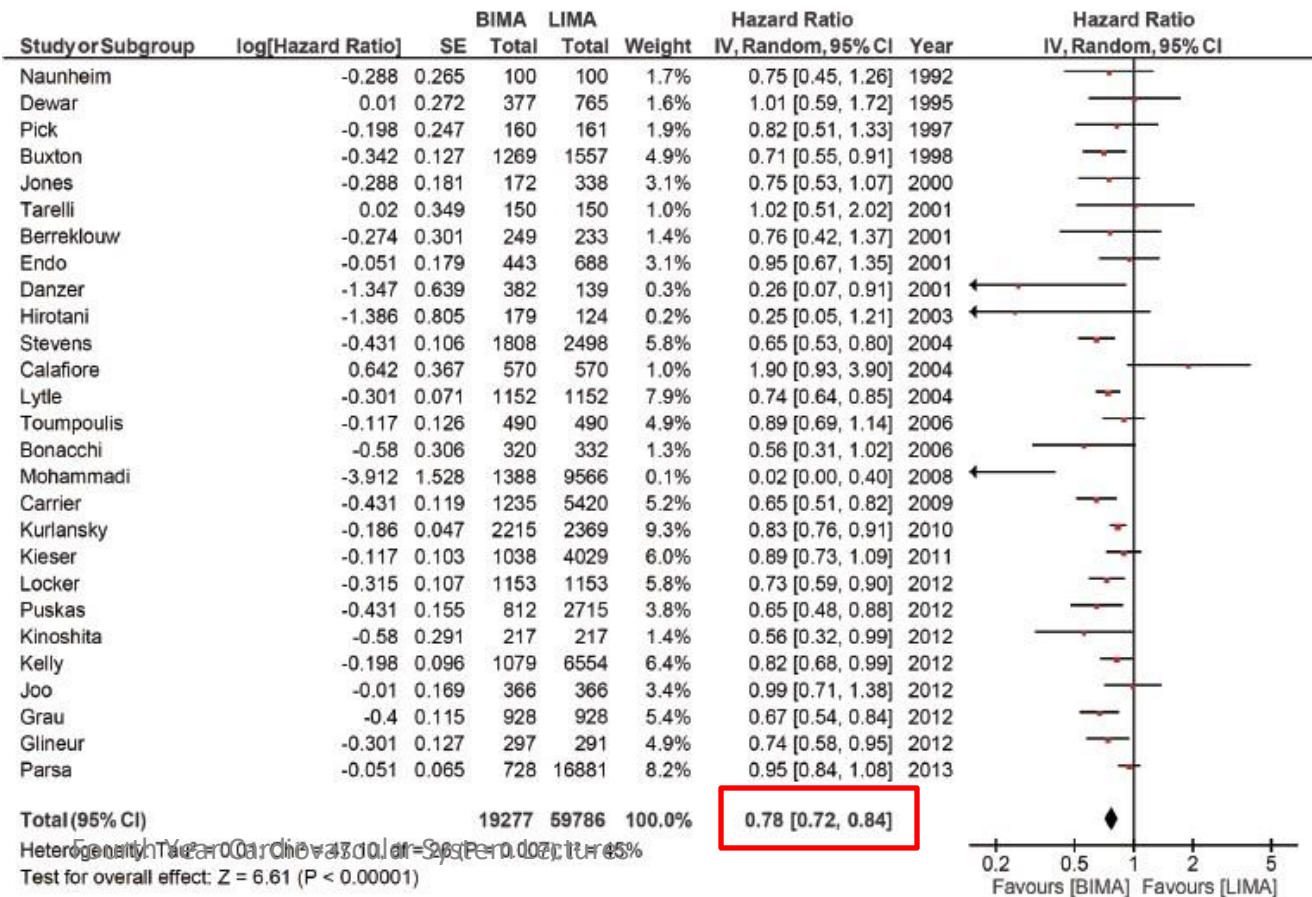


A meta-analysis comparing bilateral internal mammary artery with left internal mammary artery for coronary artery bypass grafting

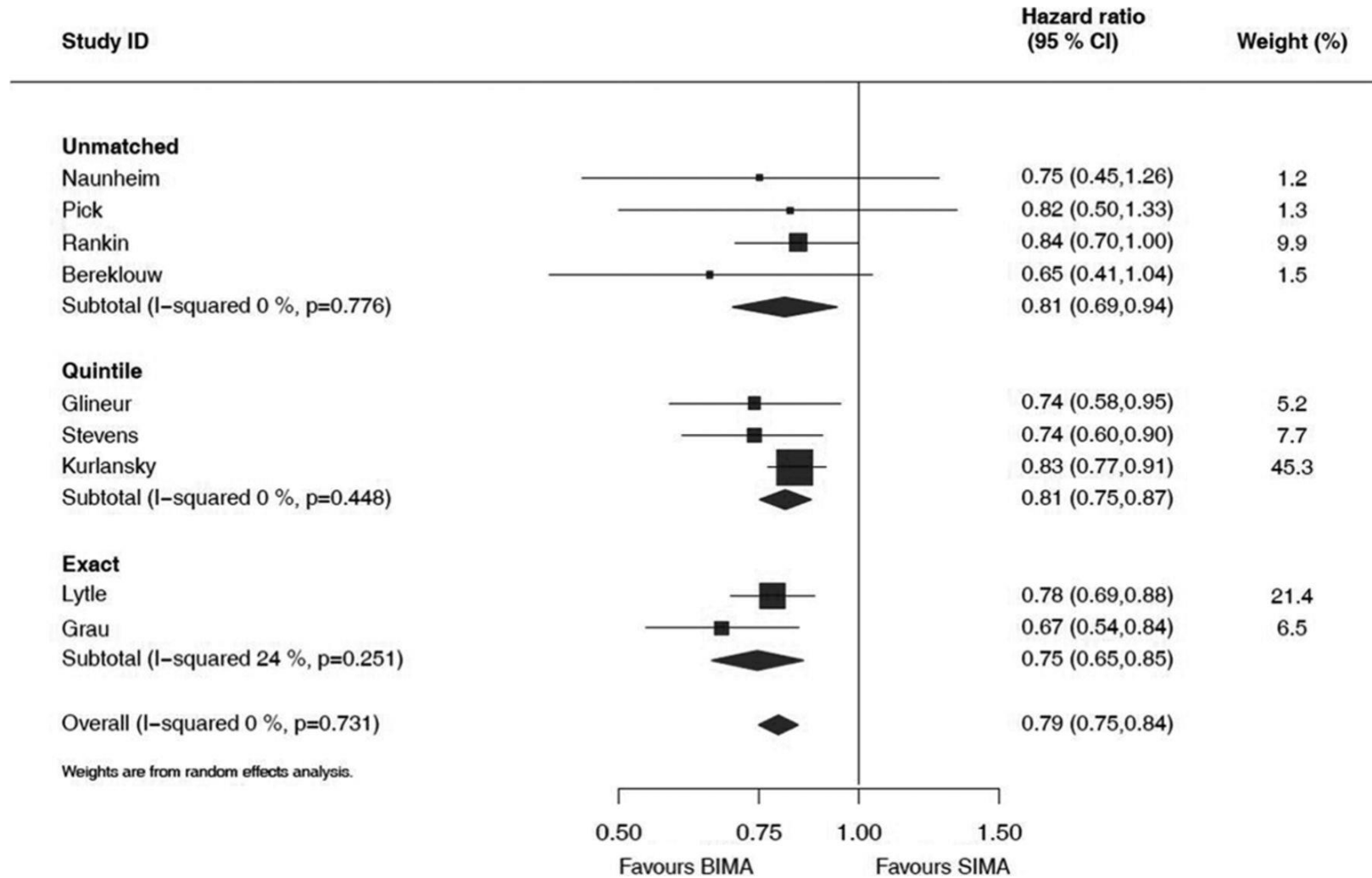
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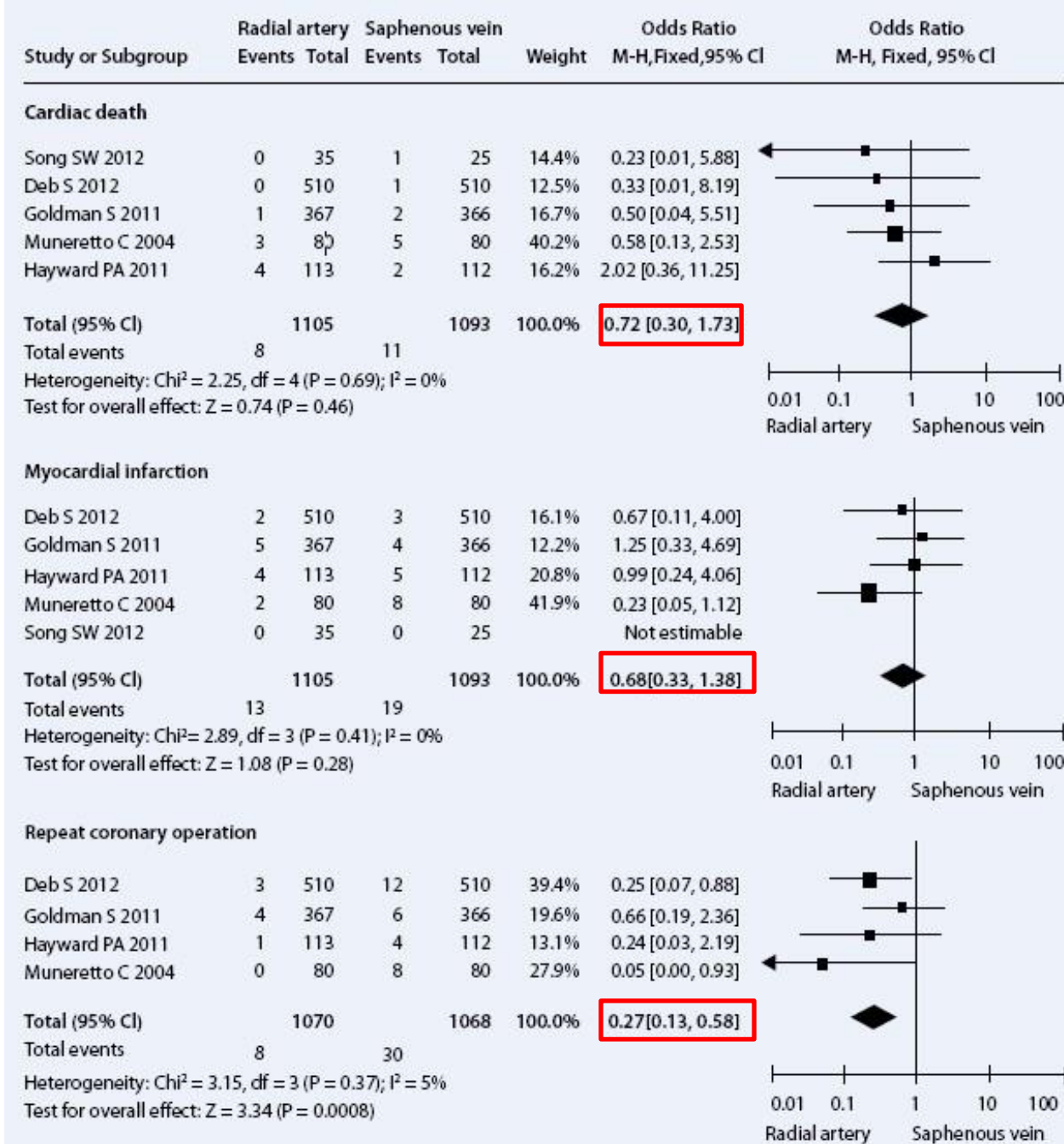
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**Comparison of radial
artery versus
saphenous vein for
clinical outcomes**

Saphenous Vein Graft Failure After Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery

Insights From PREVENT IV

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- "Before being dispatched to the hospital, 10–15% of venous conduits develop thrombus."

Background—Coronary artery bypass grafting success is limited by vein graft failure (VGF). Understanding the factors associated with VGF may improve patient outcomes.

Methods and Results—We examined 1828 participants in the Project of Ex Vivo Vein Graft Engineering via Transfection IV (PREVENT IV) trial undergoing protocol-mandated follow-up angiography 12 to 18 months post-coronary artery bypass grafting or earlier clinically driven angiography. Outcomes included patient- and graft-level angiographic VGF ($\geq 75\%$ stenosis or occlusion). Variables were selected by using Fast False Selection Rate methodology. We examined relationships between variables and VGF in patient- and graft-level models by using logistic regression without and with generalized estimating equations. At 12 to 18 months post-coronary artery bypass grafting, 782 of 1828 (42.8%) patients had VGF, and 1096 of 4343 (25.2%) vein grafts had failed. Demographic and clinical characteristics were similar between patients with and without VGF, although VGF patients had longer surgical times, worse target artery quality, longer graft length, and they more frequently underwent endoscopic vein harvesting. After multivariable adjustment, longer surgical duration (odds ratio per 10-minute increase, 1.05; 95% confidence interval, 1.03–1.07), endoscopic vein harvesting (odds ratio, 1.41; 95% confidence interval, 1.16–1.71), poor target artery quality (odds ratio, 1.43; 95% confidence interval, 1.11–1.84), and postoperative use of clopidogrel or ticlopidine (odds ratio, 1.35; 95% confidence interval, 1.07–1.69) were associated with patient-level VGF. The predicted likelihood of VGF in the graft-level model ranged from 12.1% to 63.6%.

Conclusions—VGF is common and associated with patient and surgical factors. These findings may help identify patients with risk factors for VGF and inform the development of interventions to reduce VGF.

Clinical Trial Registration—URL: <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov>. Unique identifier: NCT00042081. (Circulation. 2014;130:1445-1451.)

- surgical site infections in the vein conduits is 1 to 2 %
- If we use BIMA, we need a longer time in the surgery, and we increase the risk of surgical site infection, but we deprive the sternum from blood supply
- So, the complication of the deep surgical site infection in the thorax and sternum, the mortality rate can reach 20-30%
- So, the surgeons are cautious while using BIMA, and take caution of the factors that increase the risk factor (e.g., overweight, uncontrolled diabetes, COPD, smoking and so on...)
- "If the patient's life expectancy is long, we prioritize arterial revascularization due to its superior long-term patency. However, if the life expectancy is short, LIMA toward LAD and to veins grafts may be preferred."

Let's look at these cases

Case2:

75-Year-old Gentleman

Smoker 20 pack year

BMI 35 (obese)

C/O ACS (unstable angina pectoris) → indication for surgery

Medical History

Type 2 DM

Arterial hypertension

Hyperlipidemia

General condition

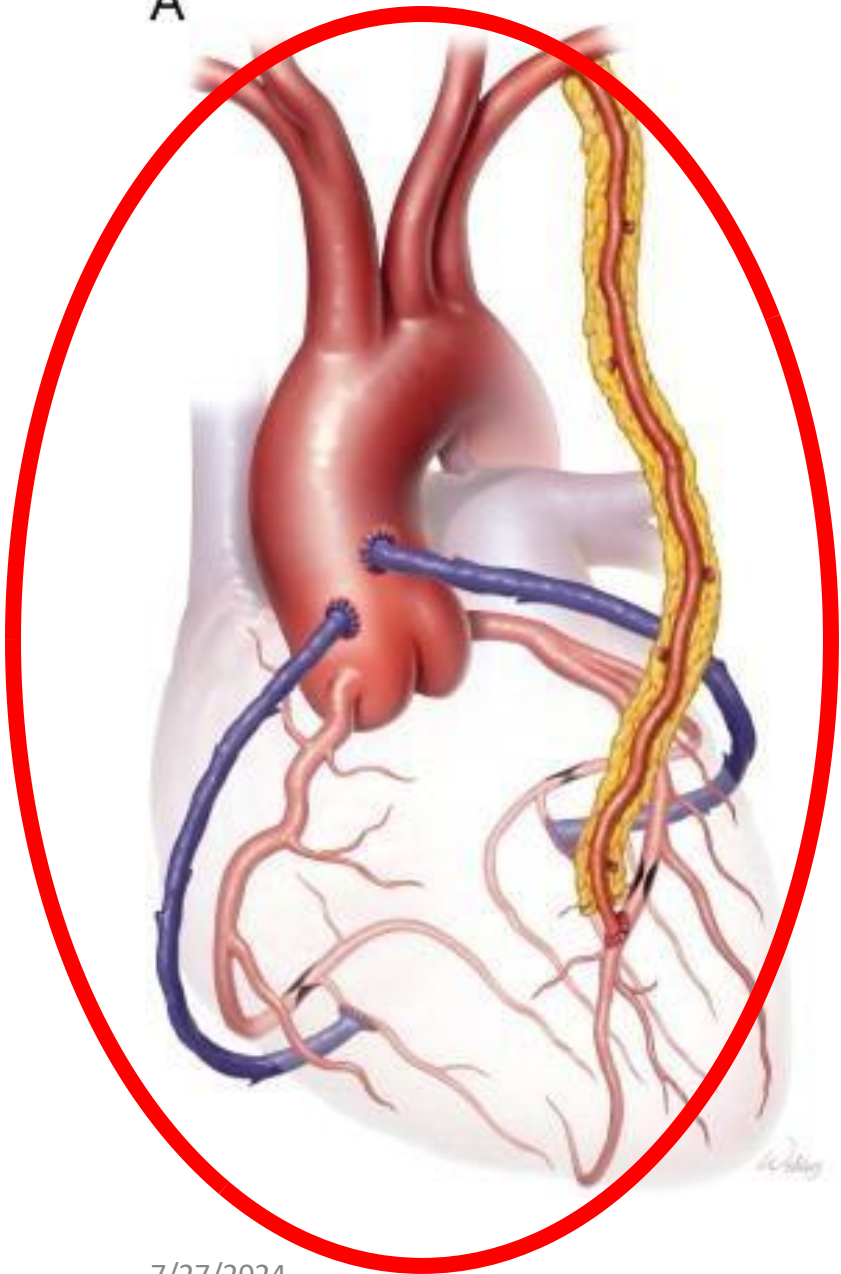
Smoking

HbA1c 11 (uncontrolled diabetes)

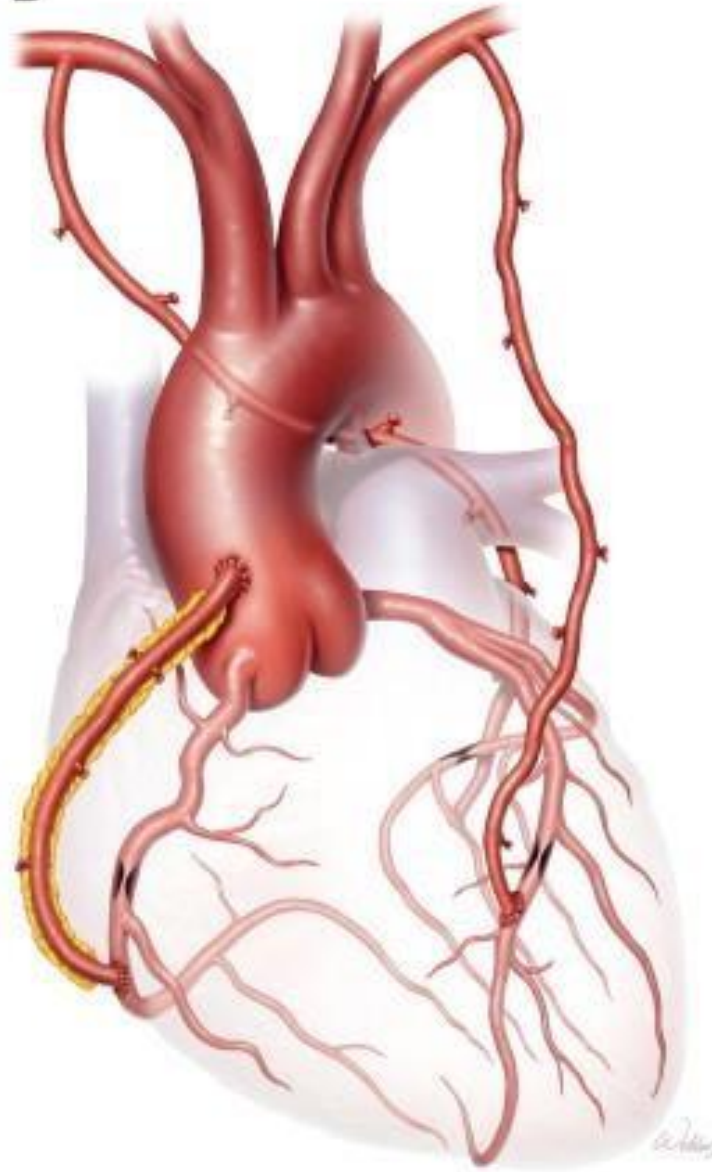
In this case what we will use?

- ❖ We have to give all patients **LIMA-to-LAD**, why? Because its patency is high and have a good survival rate.
- ❖ Here in this patient, we also give **2 vein conduit**, why? Because the life expectancy is short, his age is 75 (life expectancy in Jordan 72–74 year-old), and have diabetes, COPD, obese, that will increase the surgical site infection at the sternum if we use the BIMA.
- ❖ Site infections at the sternum is very hazardous ⚠
- ❖ So, for cush patients, when we give vein conduit in 10 years 60-70 % it will be open, with the LIMA-to-LAD it will be sufficient.

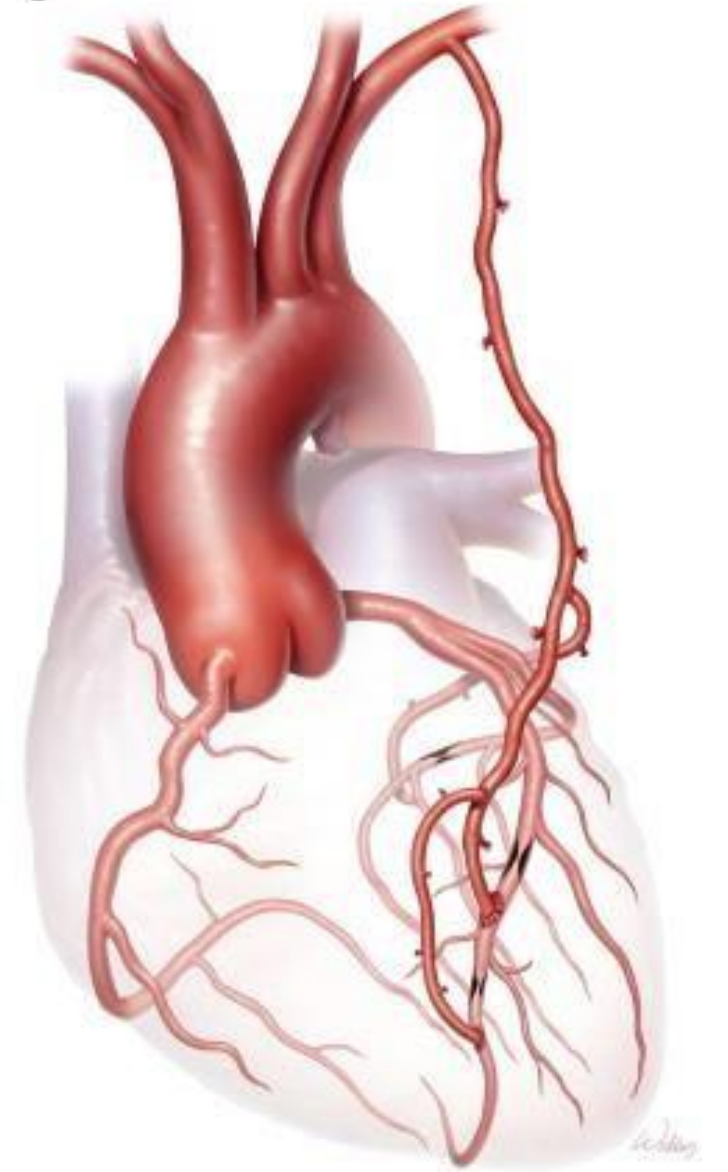
A



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Case3:

45-Year-old Gentleman

Distal LM disease with complex lesion

S/P surgery for varicose viens

Medical History

Arterial hypertention

Hyperlipidemia

Drug history

Statins

ARBs

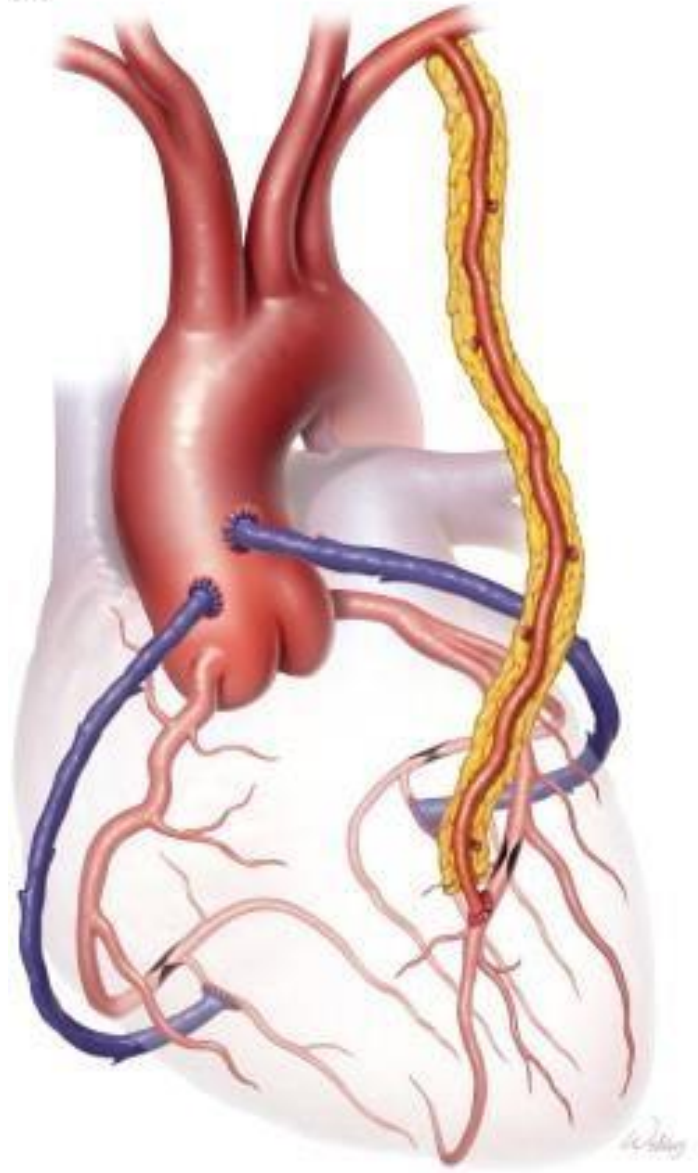
Anti platelets

In this case what we will use?

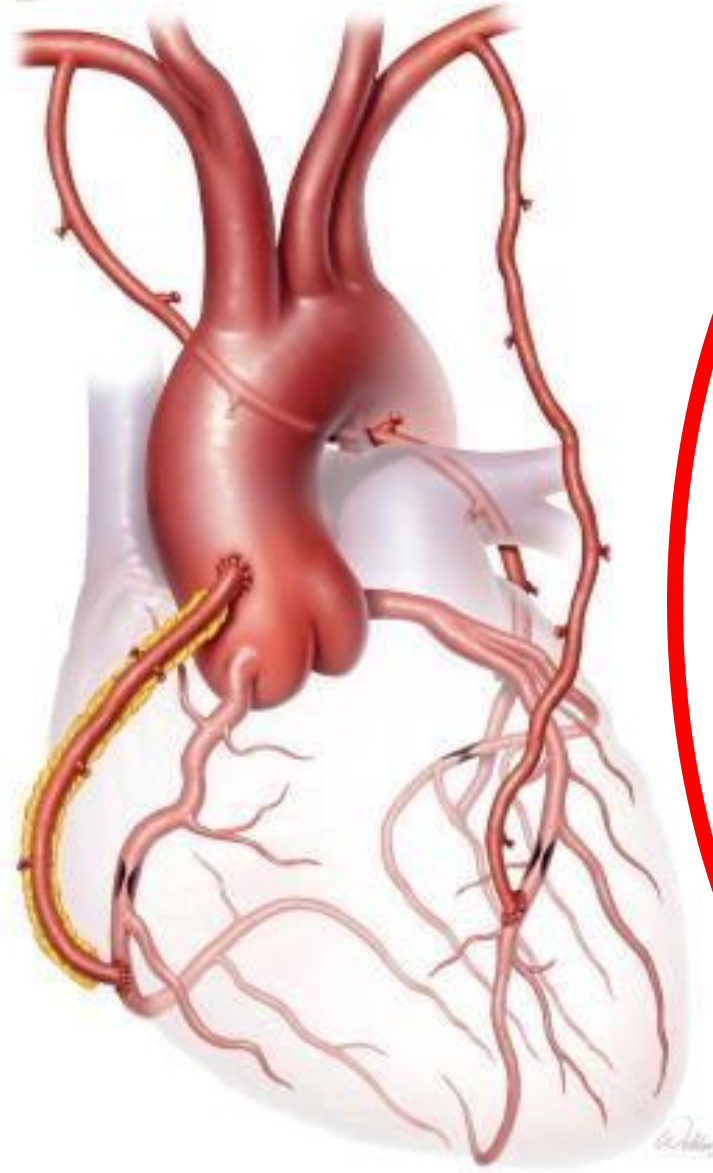
Have Distal LM disease with complex lesion so he need a surgery

- This patient have a longer life expectancy so we need a conduit that last more than 20 -30 years, so we search for complete arterial revascularization.
- We use in this case (arterial revascularization)
LIMA & RIMA in many different combinations, also radial artery have different choices
- This patient can accept the risk for surgical site infection (which increase from 2% to 4%) compared to the huge benefit for the long term conduit.

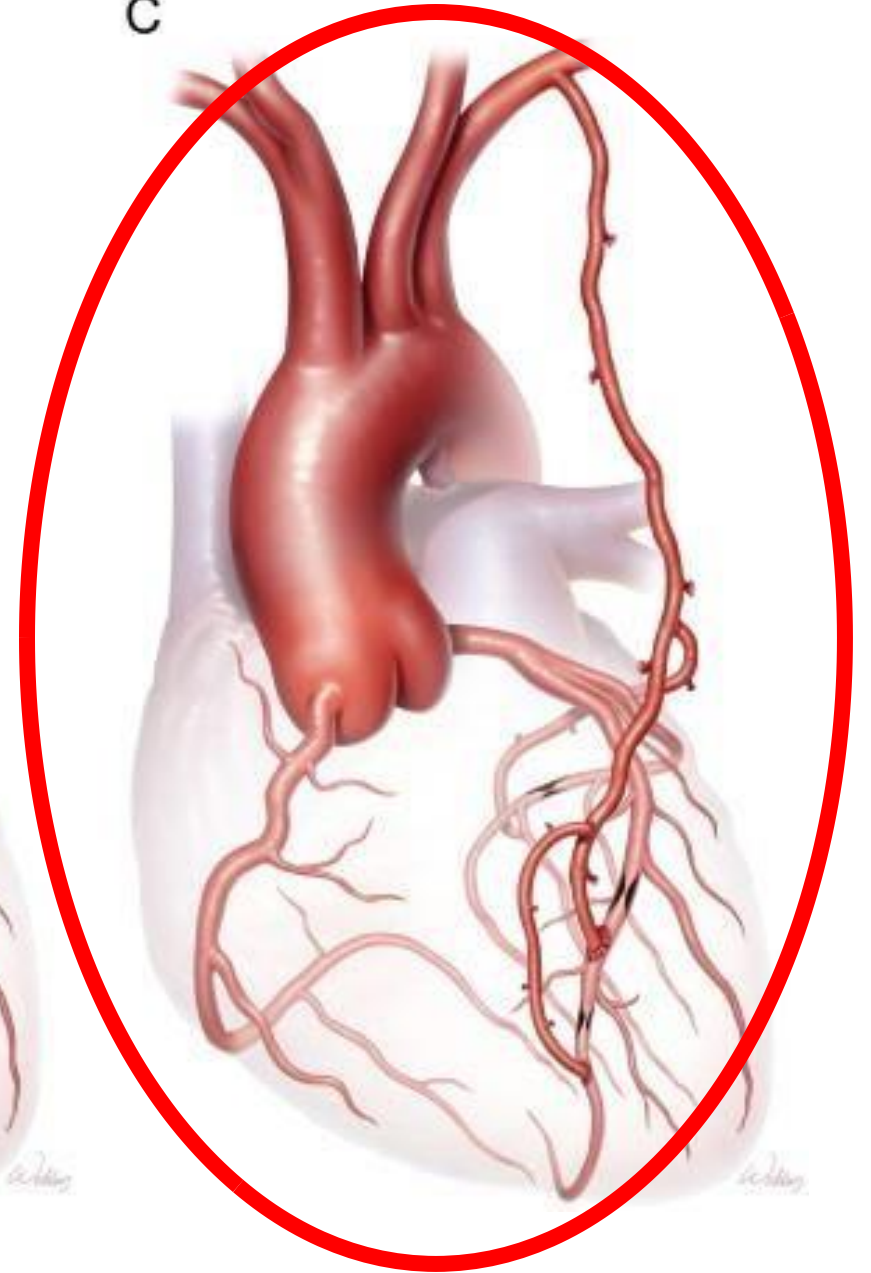
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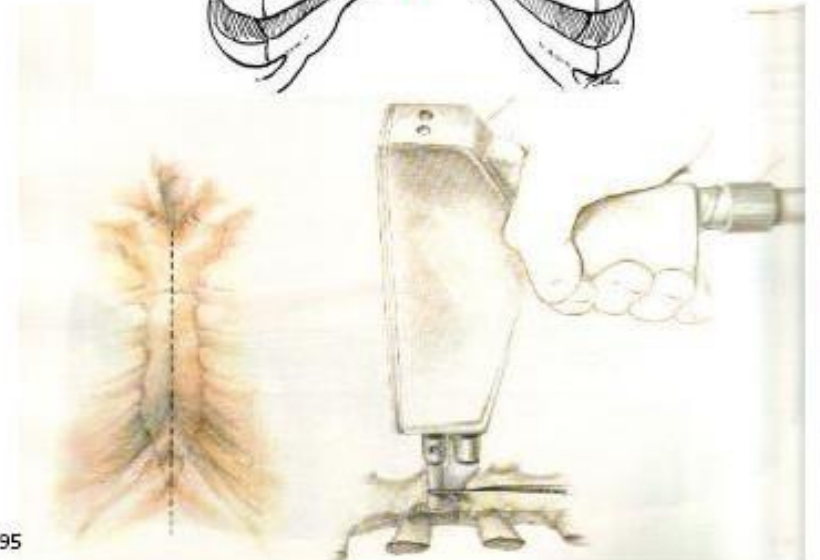
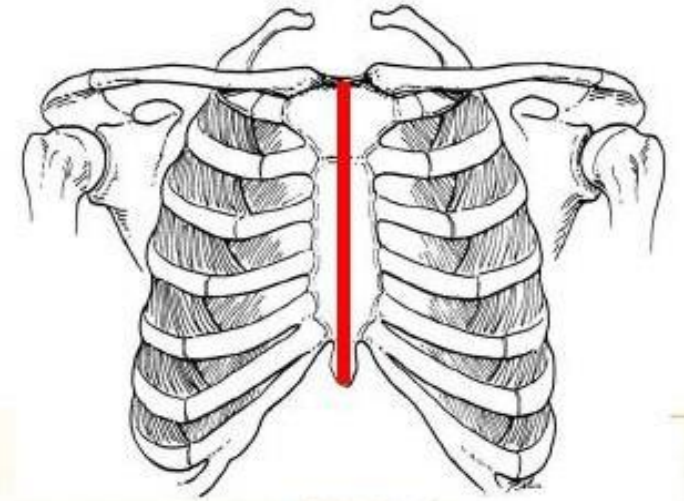
Now let's talk about the surgical techniques:

We start with sternotomy

1. Sterilization of the place and tools
2. Then cut the skin, subcutaneous tissue, and the fatty layer above the sternum
3. The sternum must be opened in midline for better healing
4. We use a variety of drugs, anti-platelet for example
5. Achieving hemostasis is critical to stop bleeding
6. Then we reach the thymus and the pericardium layer which is very thick and cut them
7. We use microscope to see clearly since it's a sensitive procedure

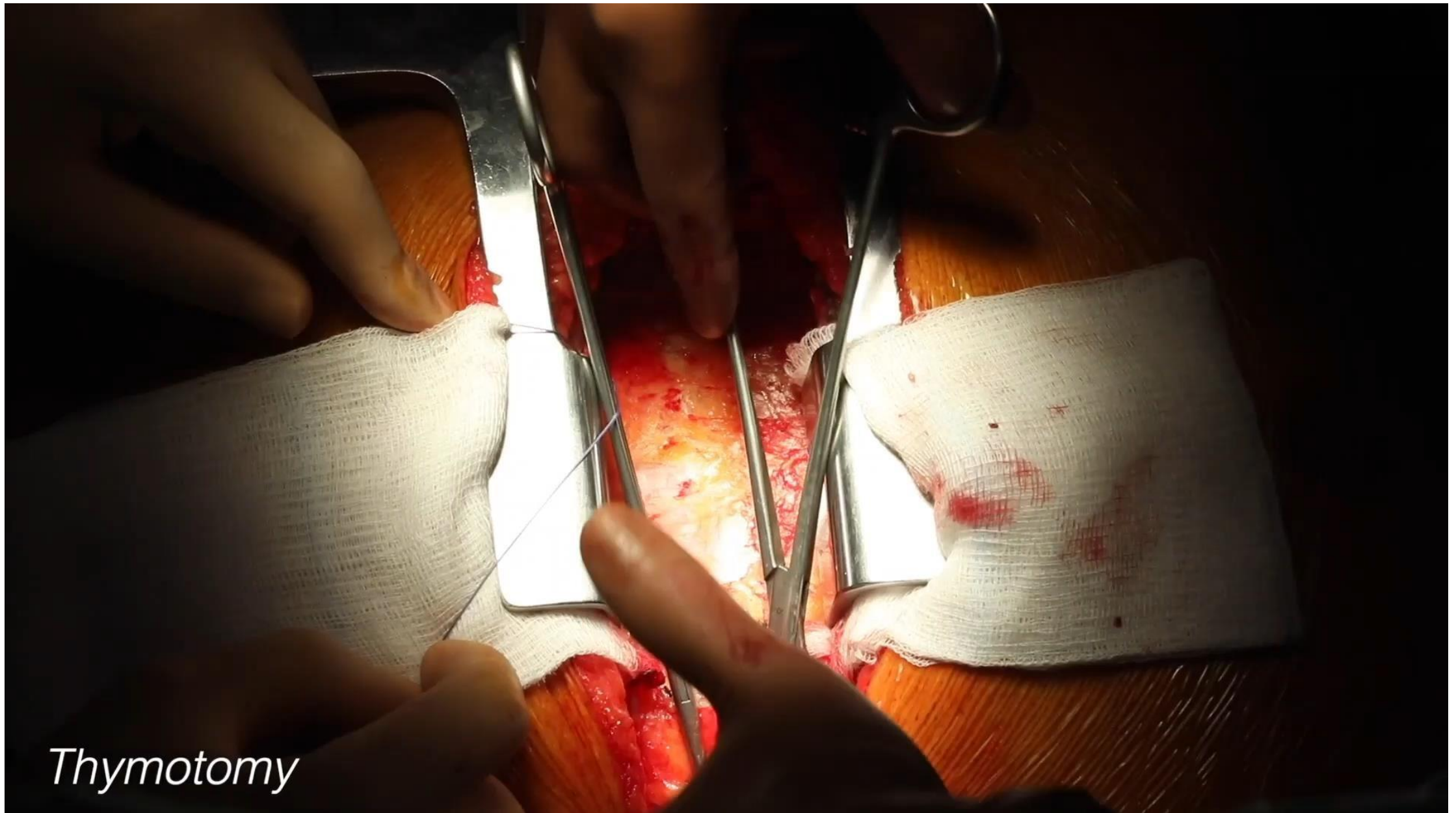
Sternotomy

- Sternotomy approach
 - allows almost all cardiac procedures
 - best overall access to the heart
- The sternum is divided with a saw



From : Manual of Cardiac Surgery, Harlan & Starr, Springer-Verlag, New York , 1995

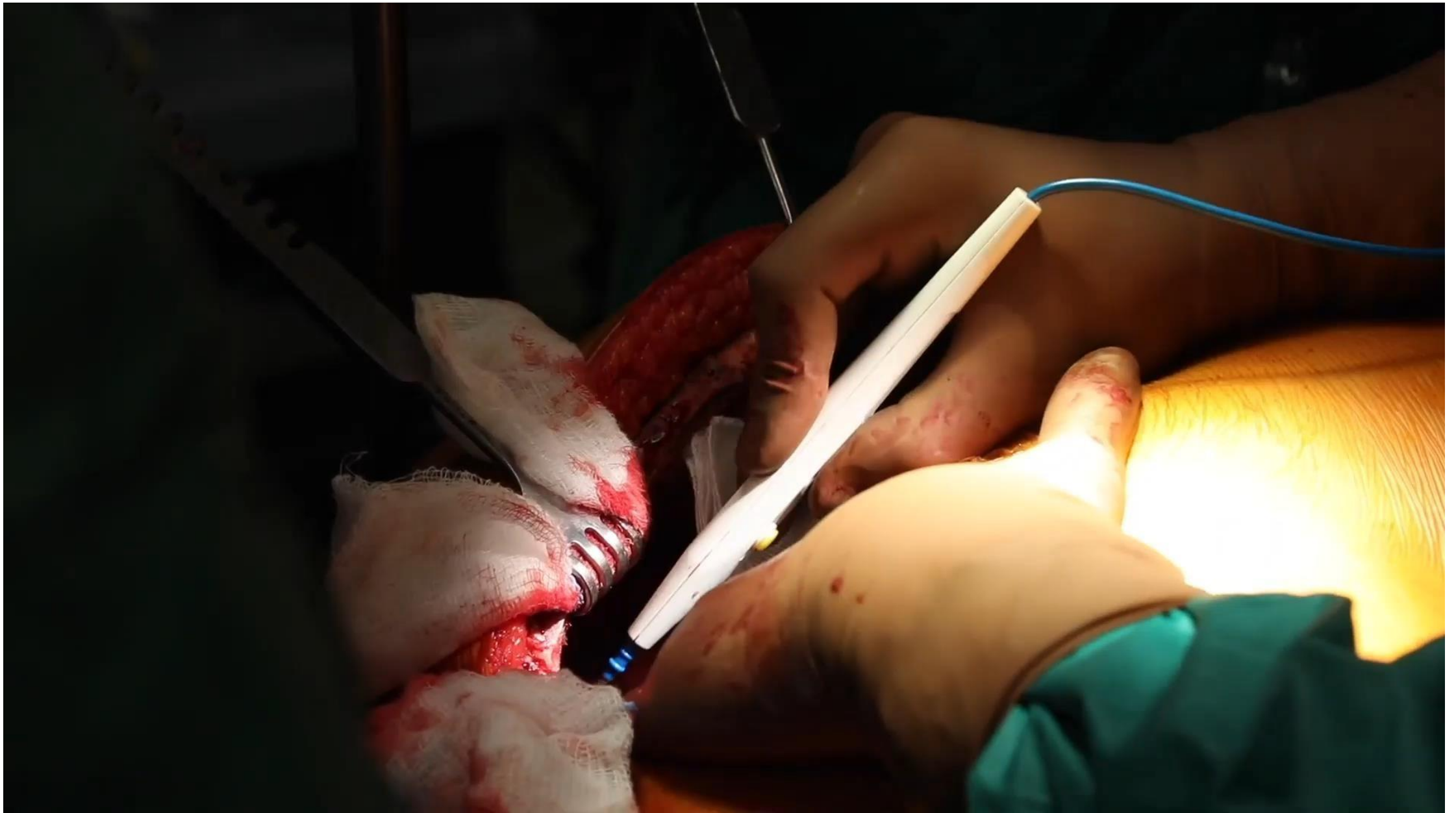
- After we have cut all the previous layers, more than one surgeon work together at the same time
- One surgeon will harvest the BITA and another will work on his leg for the long saphenous vein
- That's why the surgeon love to use LIMA and 2 veins since they can work together and save time
- After we have taken the conduit, we open the coronary artery and anastomose them together by prolene
- We open the vessel 1 -2 mm And suture it
- We use heart-lung machine to maintain the blood supply



Thymotomy

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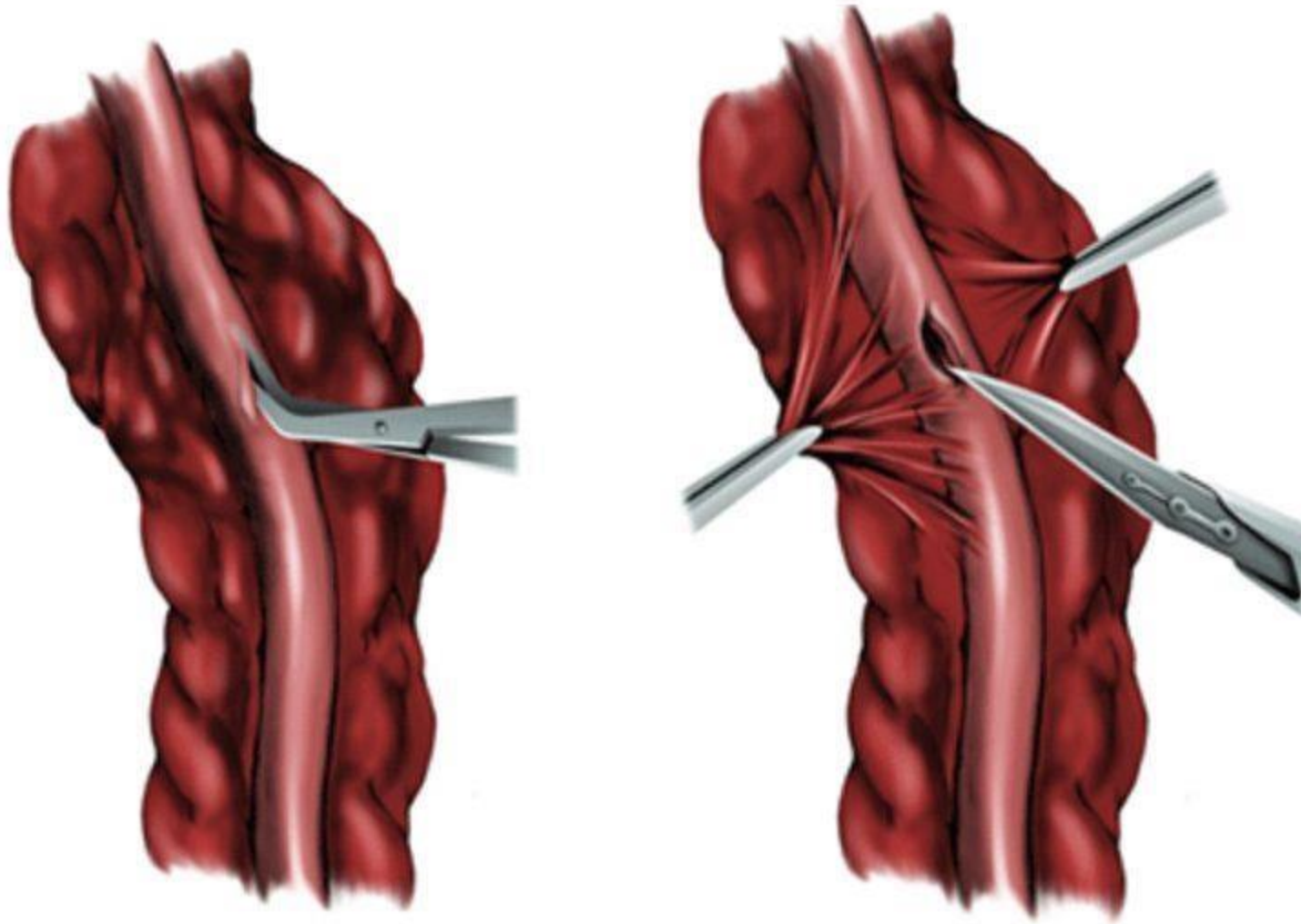
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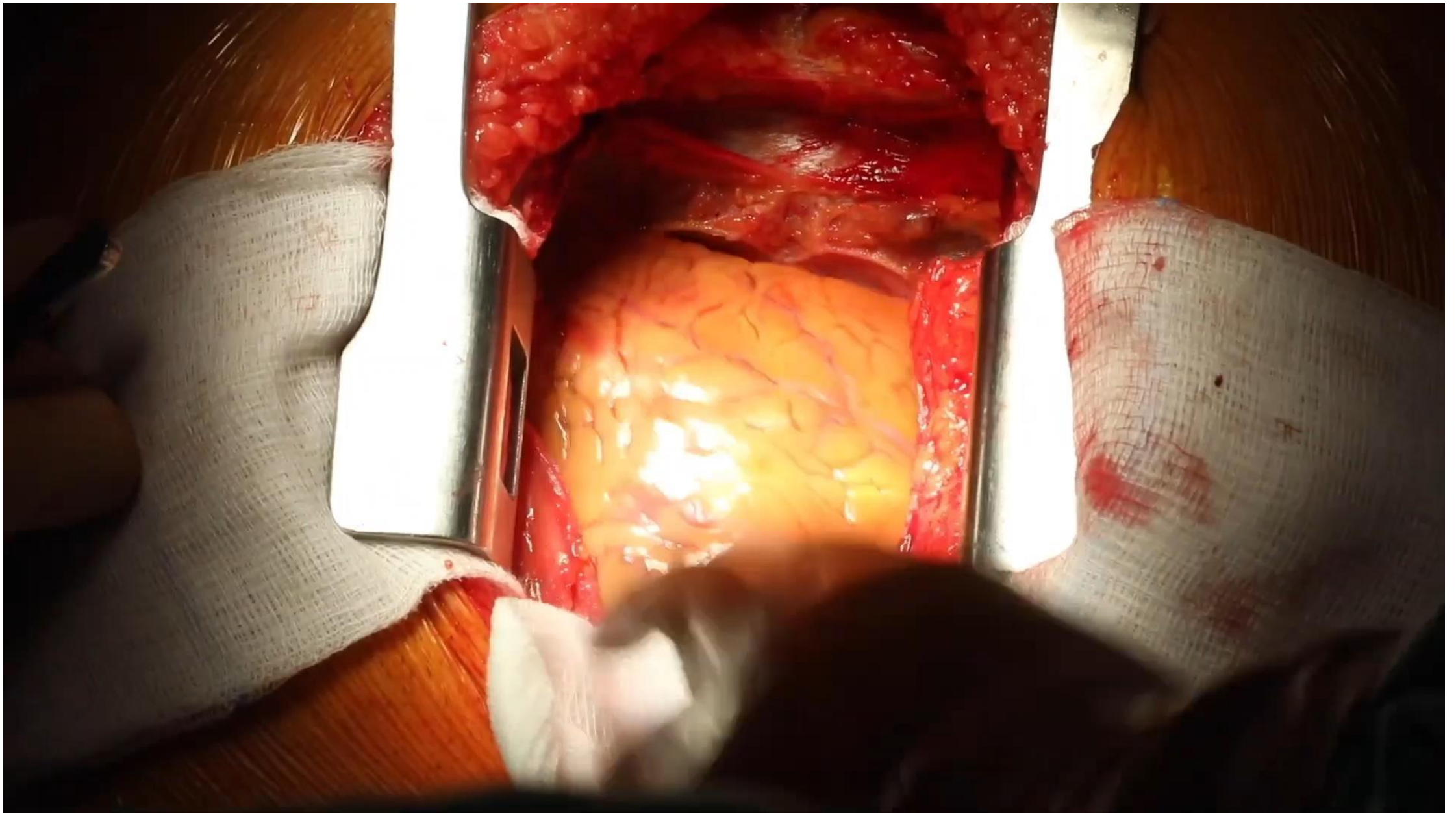




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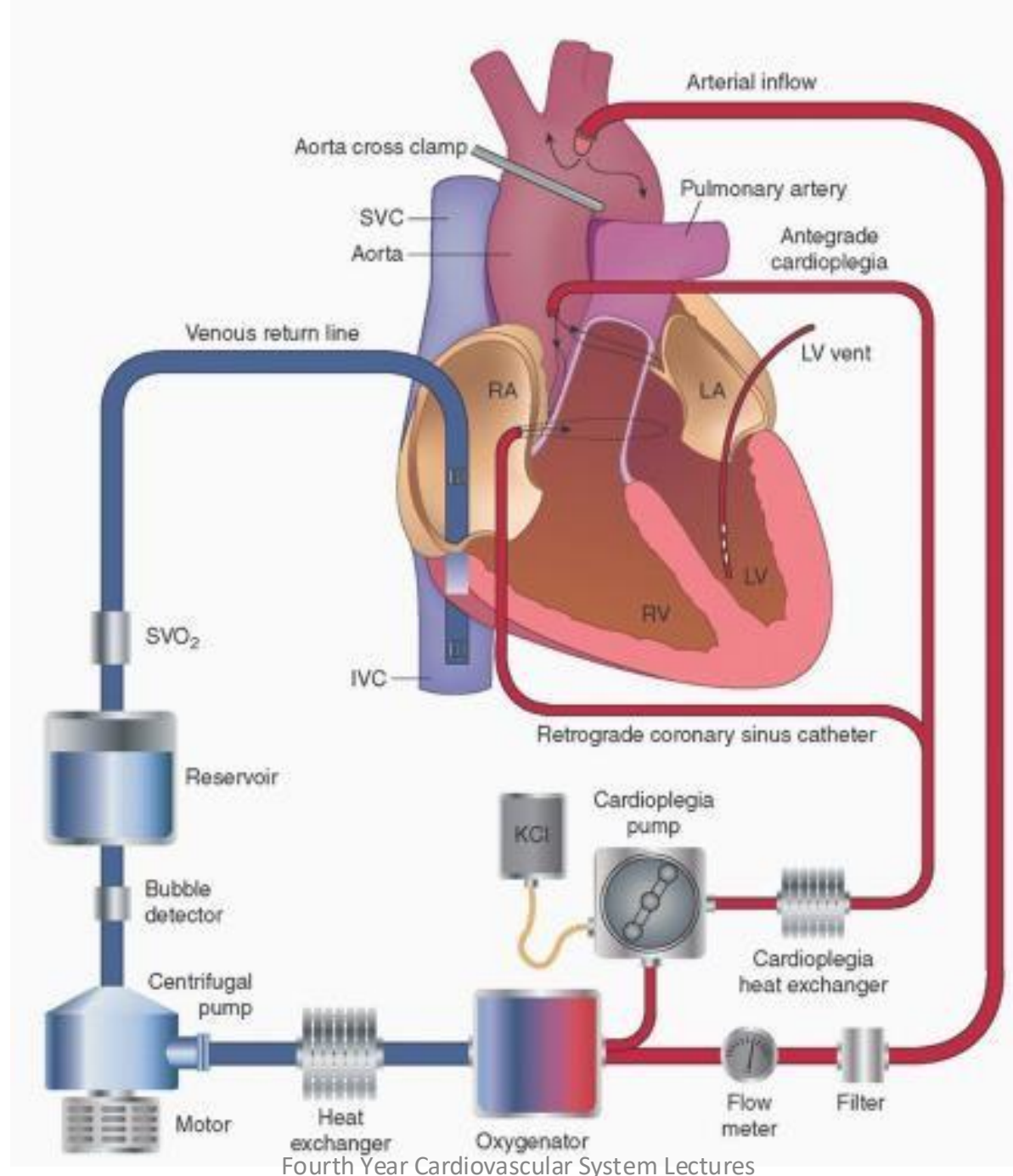
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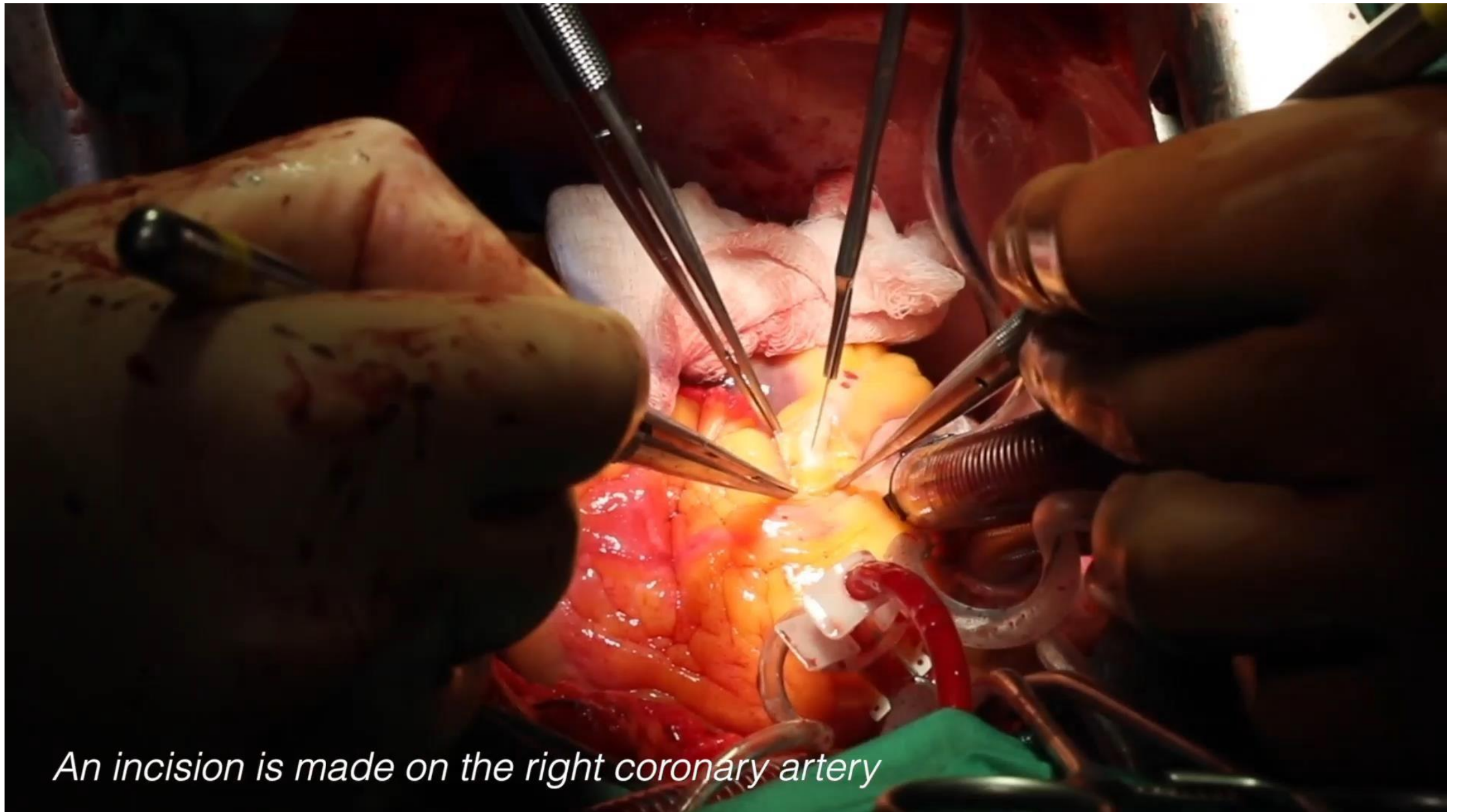




Heart Lung Machine



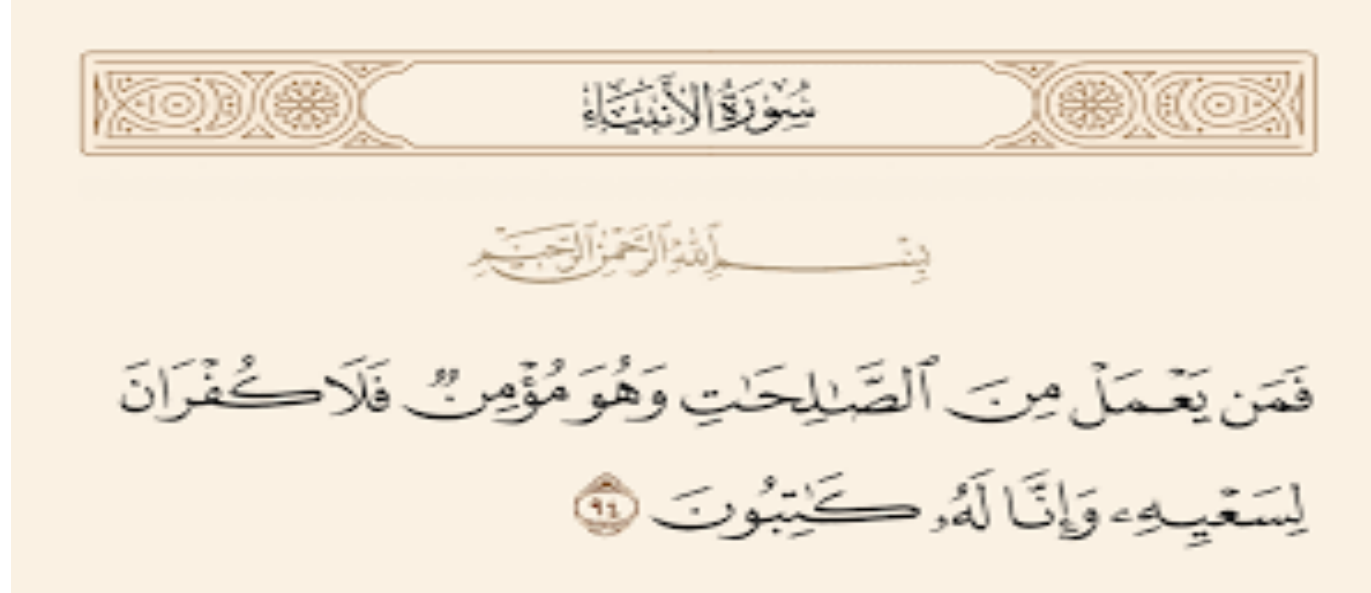




An incision is made on the right coronary artery

Thank You for Your Attention

Additional sources



VERSIONS	SLIDE #	BEFORE CORRECTION	AFTER CORRECTION
V1→ V2			
V2→V3			



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