



# Beating ... Artificial Heart Implantation Current status of Artificial Heart

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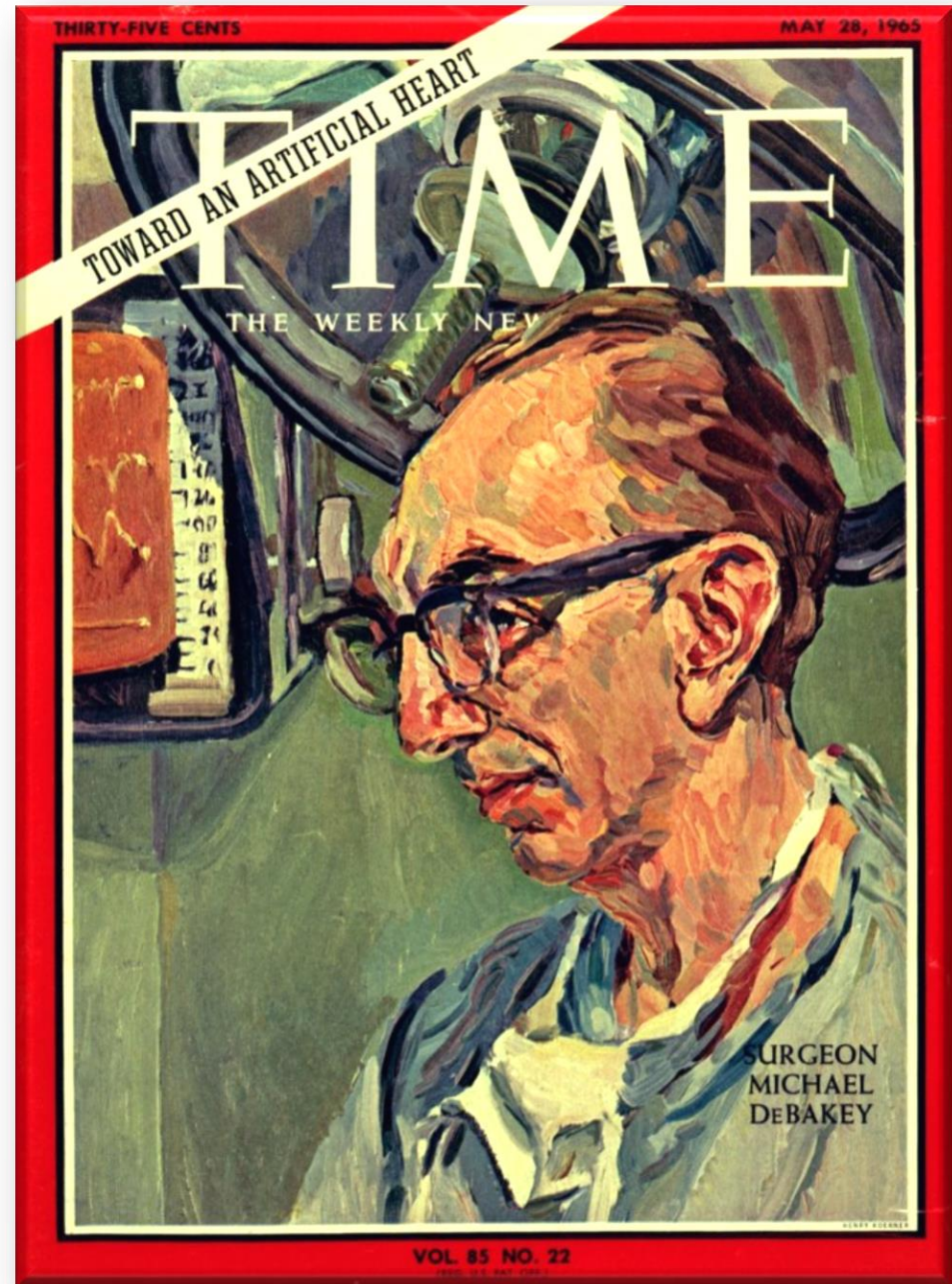
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# 1966

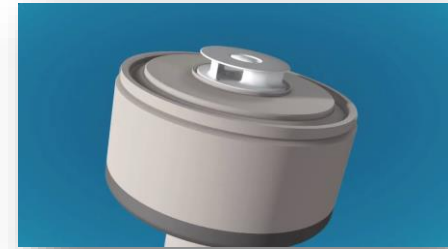
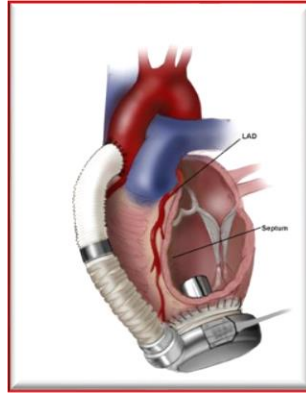


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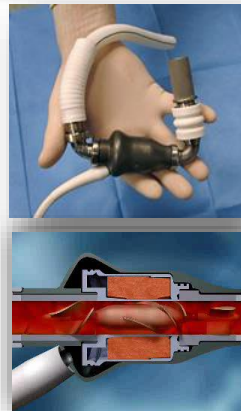
# LVAD evolution



1° generation  
“volume  
displacement  
pump”

2° generation  
“continous  
flow rotary  
pump”

3° generation  
“FullMagnetic  
levitation”



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HeartMate I



2002

HeartMate II



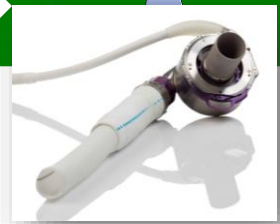
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HVAD HeartWare



2013

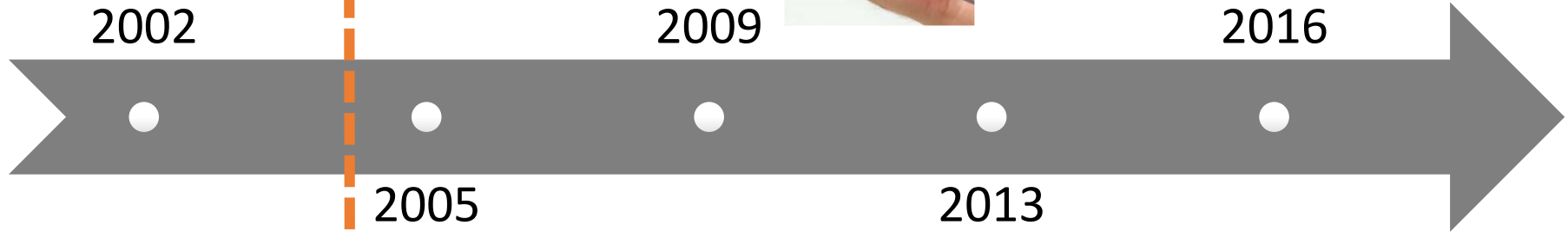
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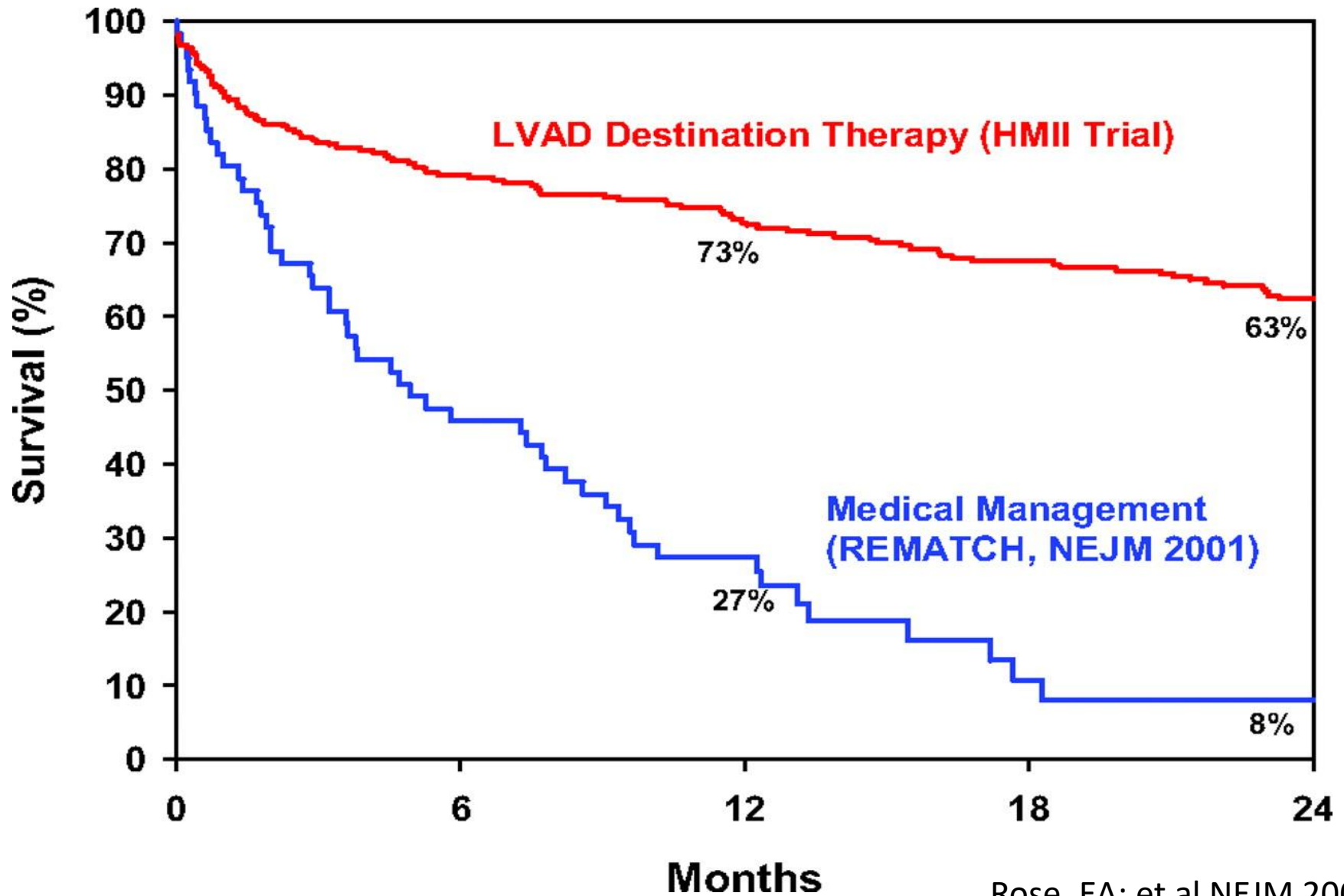
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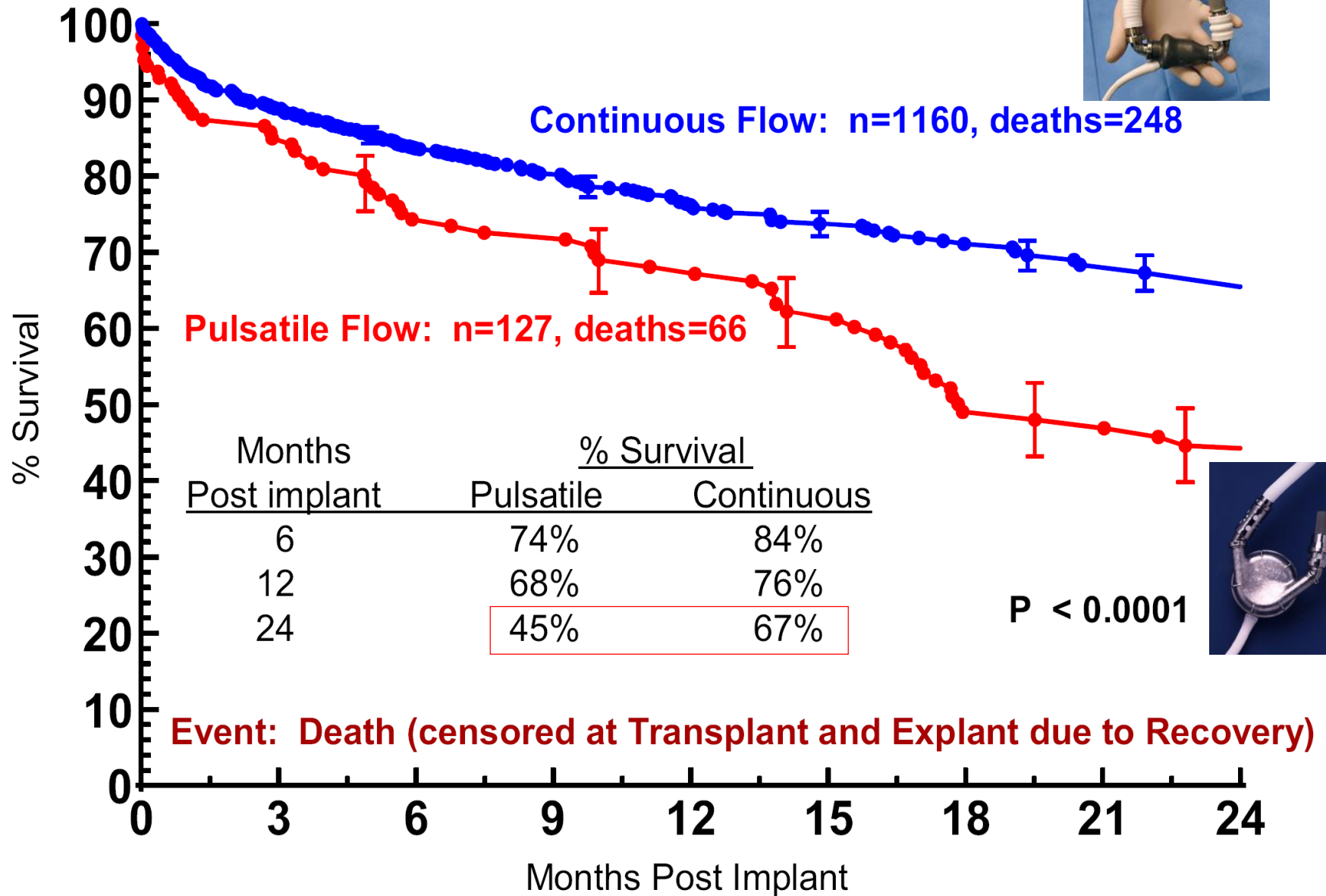
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# Medical Management vs. LVAD

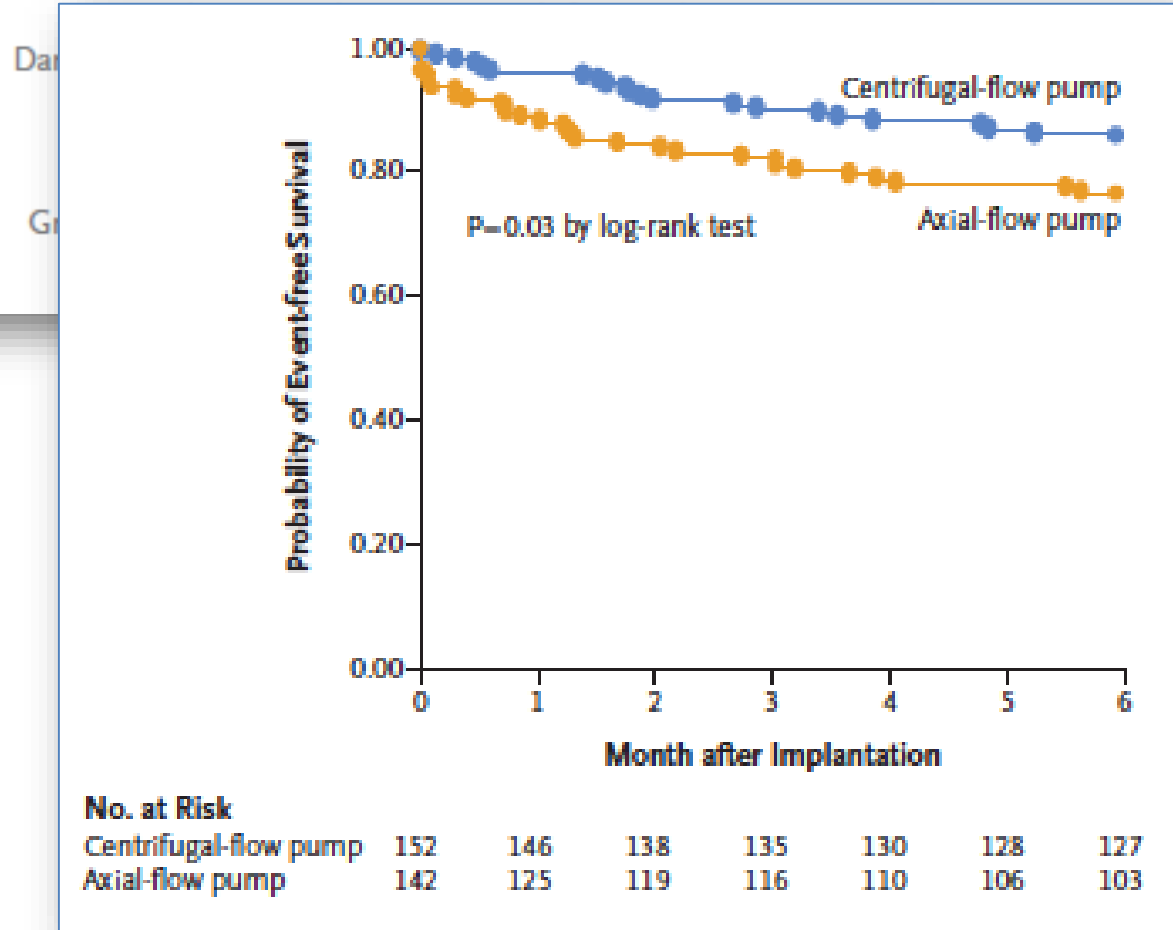
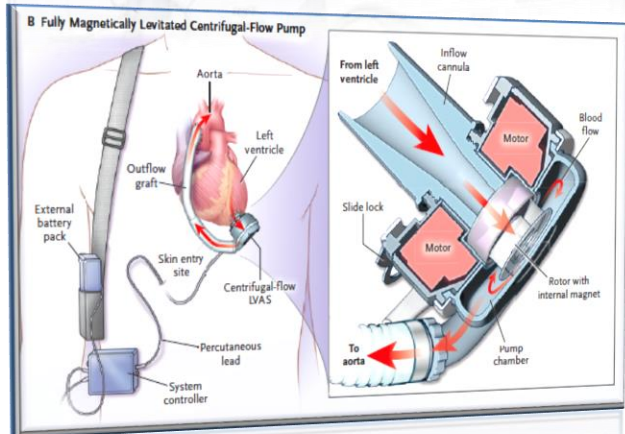
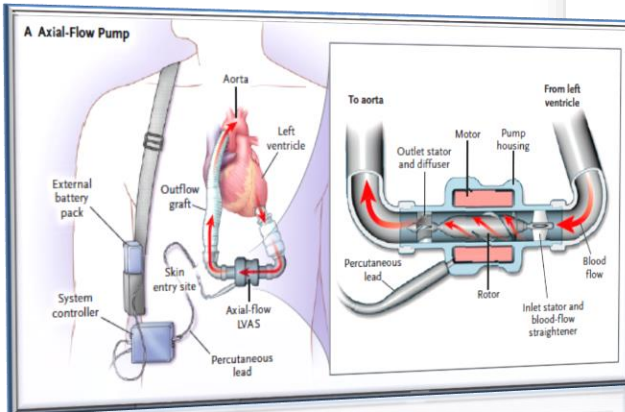


# LVAD\* Destination Therapy, n=1287



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# A Fully Magnetically Levitated Circulatory Pump for Advanced Heart Failure



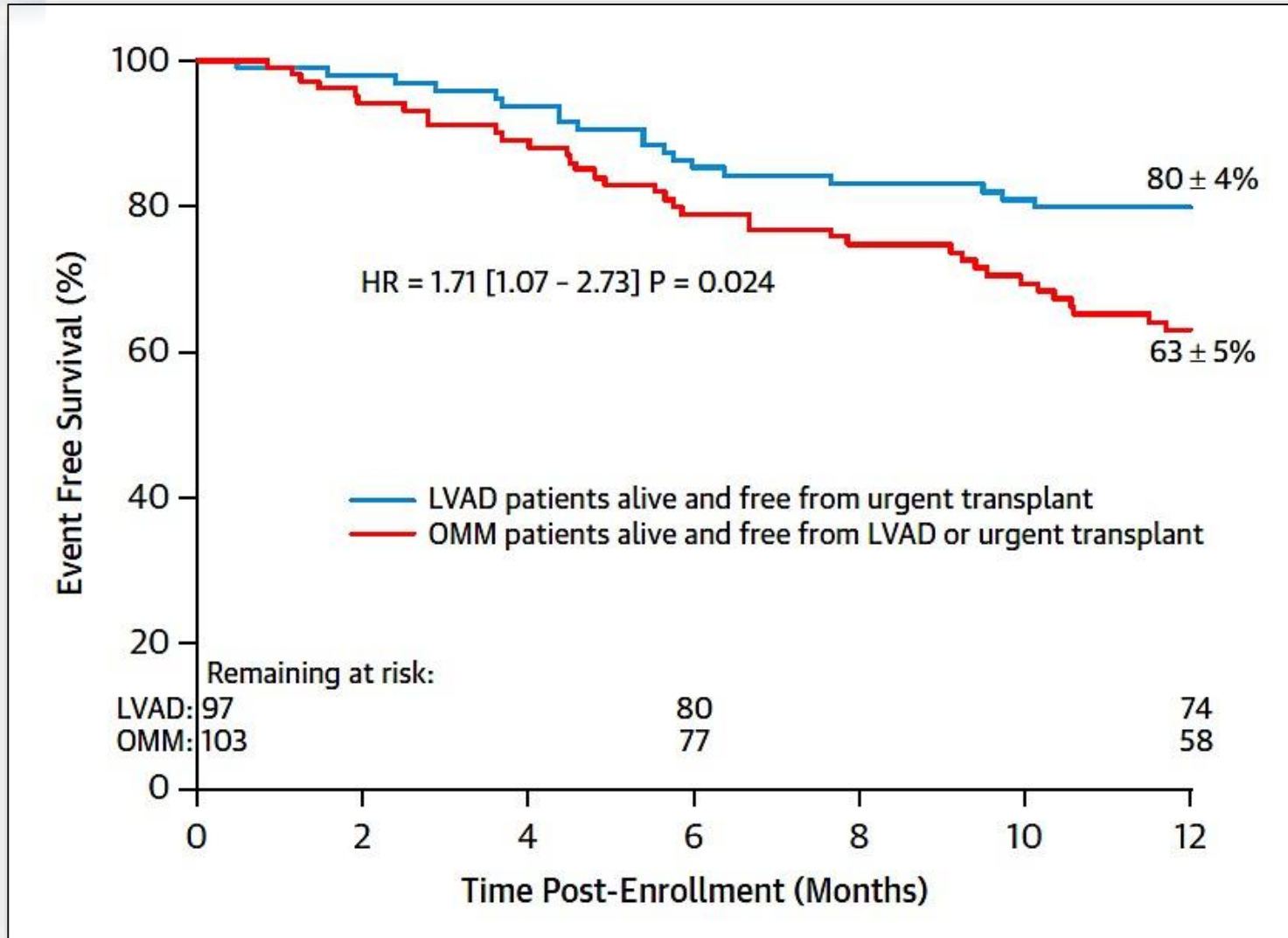
**No. at Risk**

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Centrifugal-flow pump	152	146	138	135	130	128	127
Axial-flow pump	142	125	119	116	110	106	103



# Risk Assessment and Comparative Effectiveness of Left Ventricular Assist Device and Medical Management in Ambulatory Heart Failure Patients

Results From the ROADMAP Study





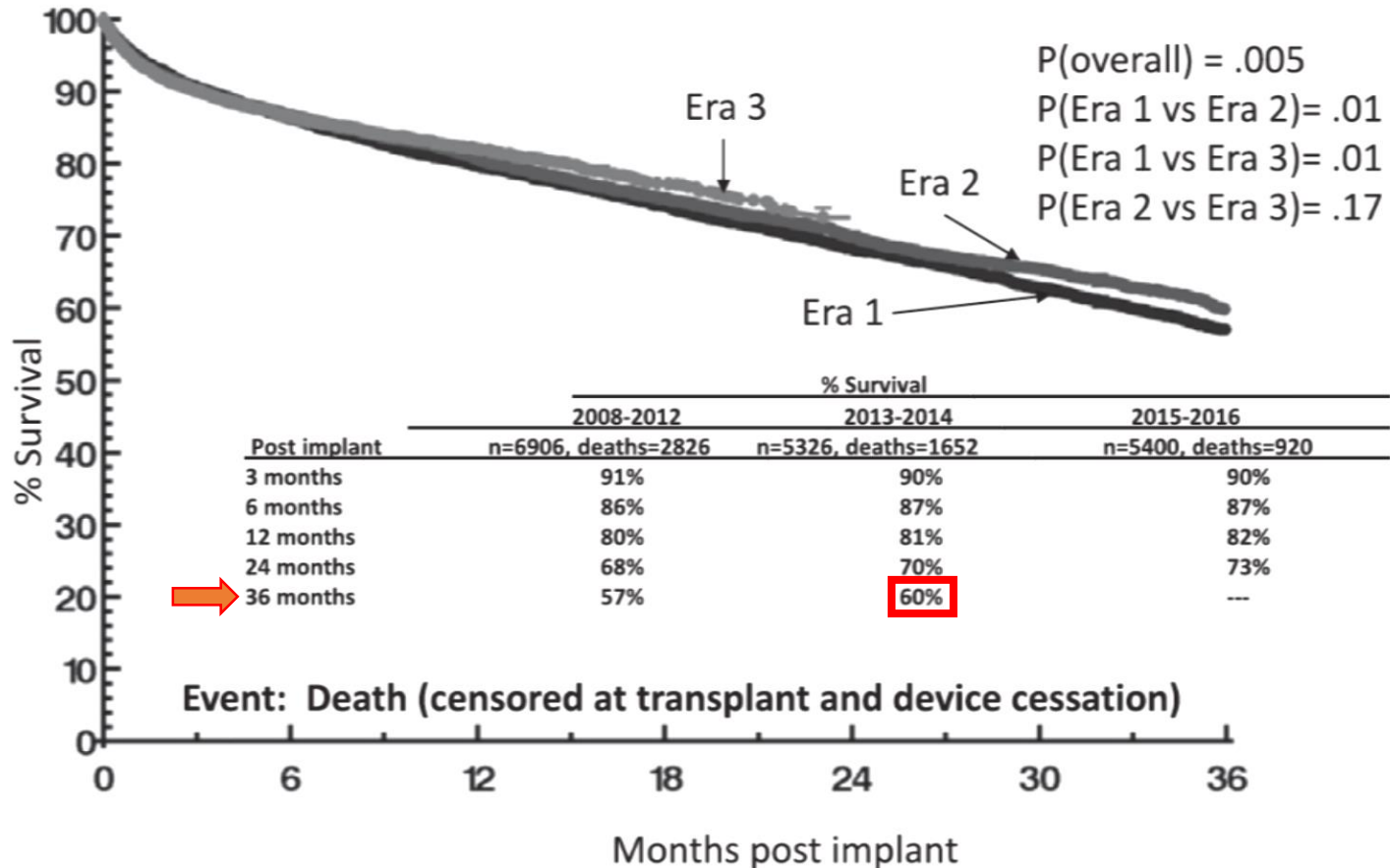


# LVAD Survival

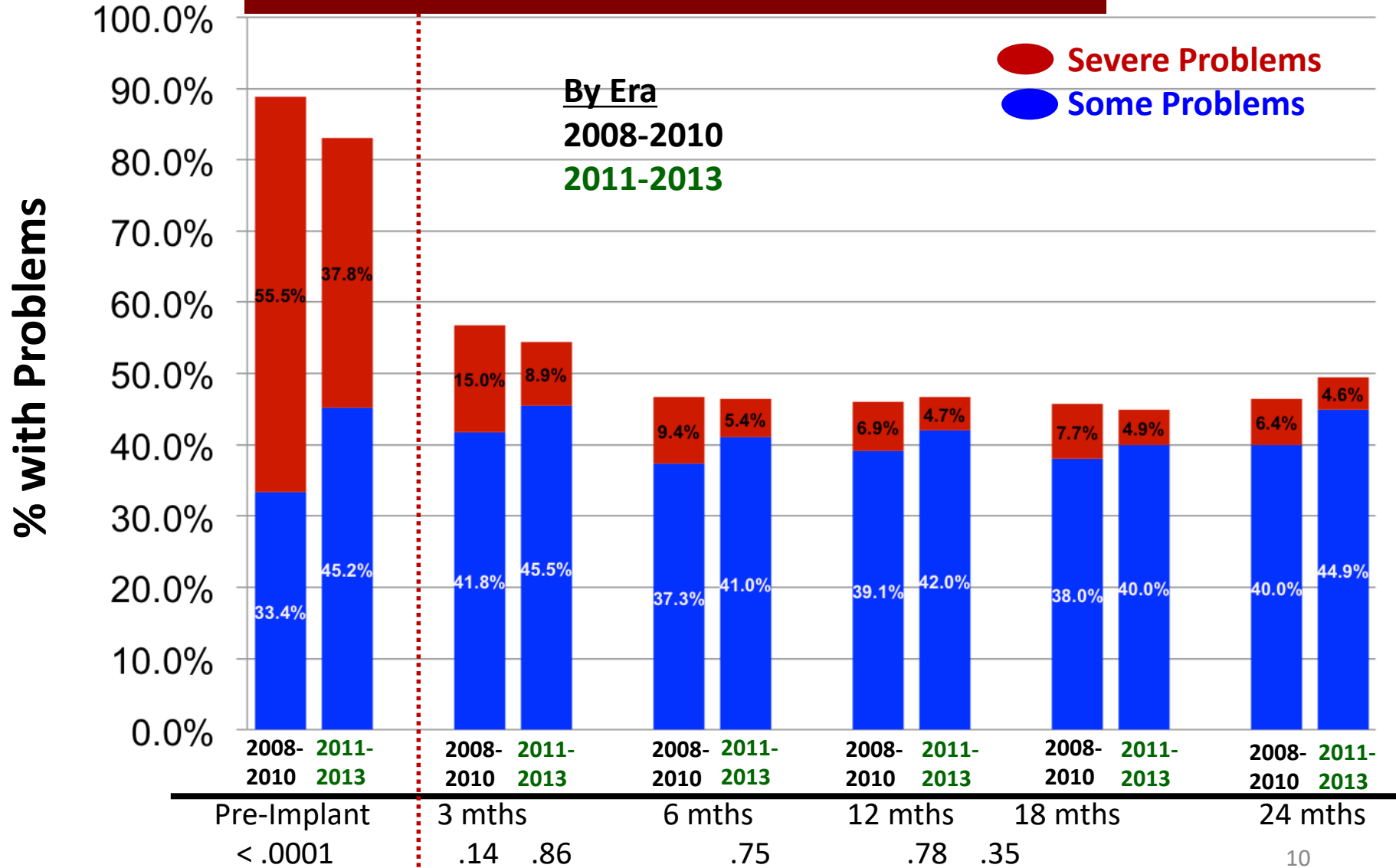
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Primary Continuous Flow Pumps by implant year era

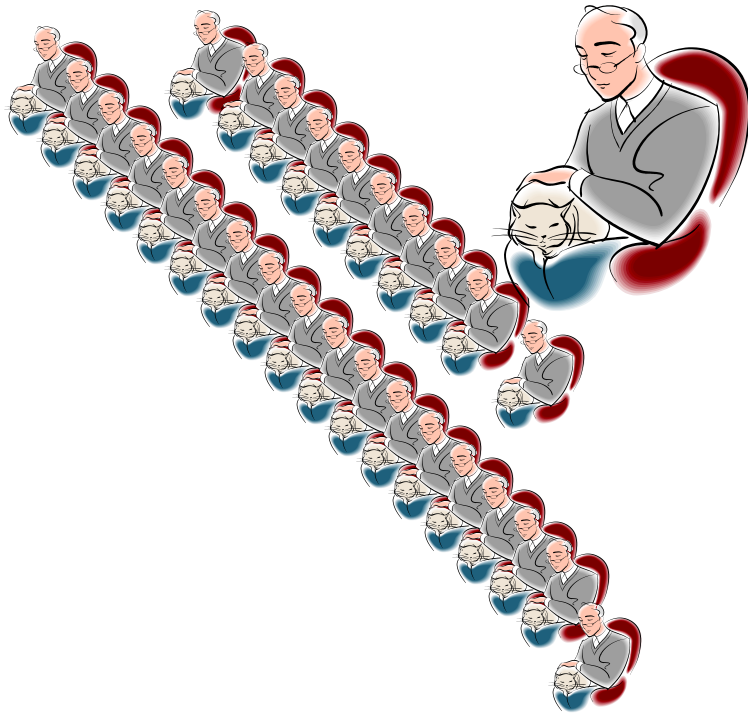


## EQ5D Dimension: Usual Activities

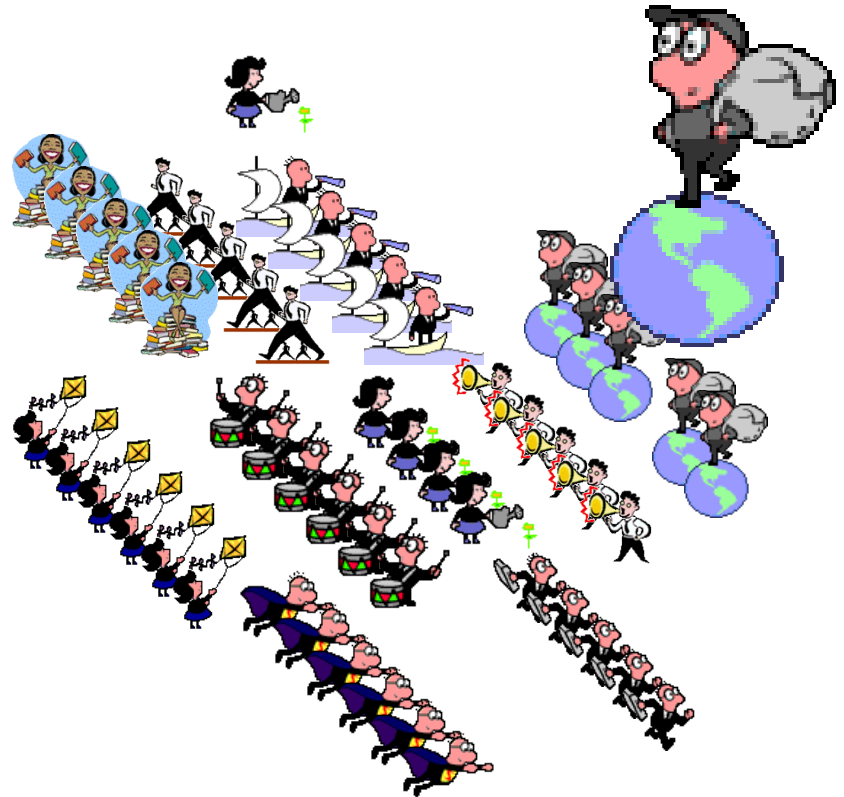


# Long Term MCS

## Maximize functional capacity and quality of life



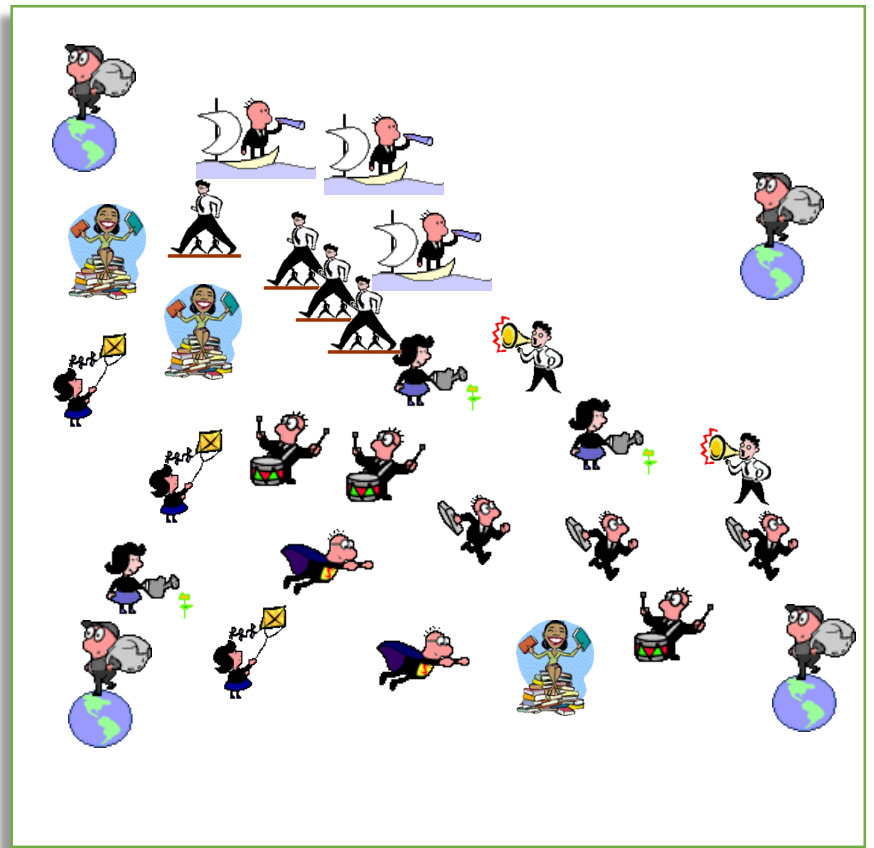
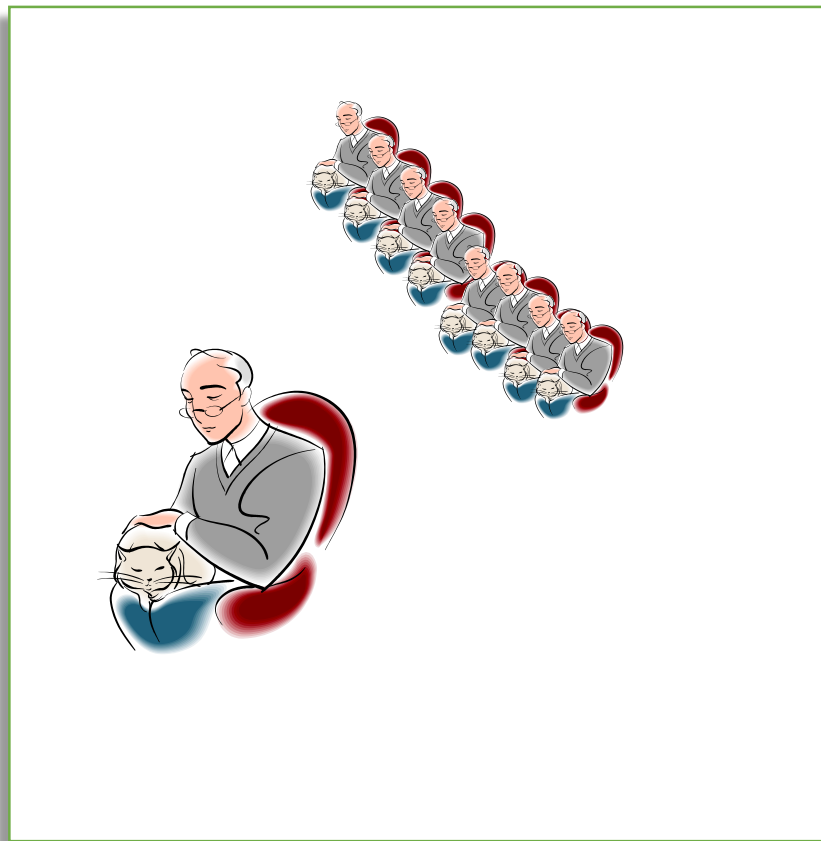
- OMT Therapy Group



- VAD Therapy Group

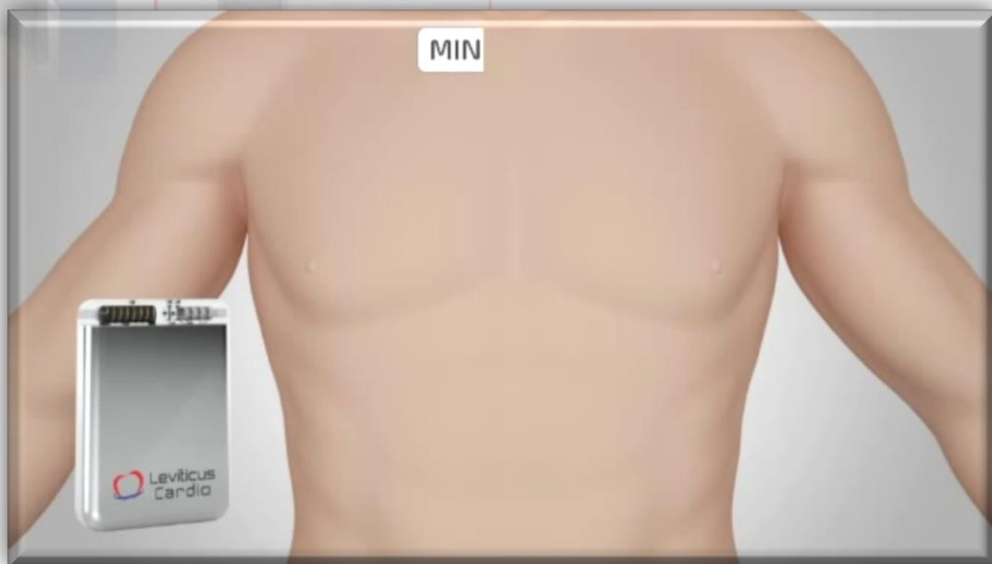
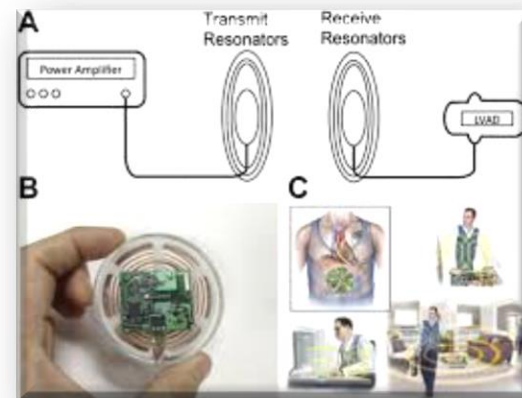
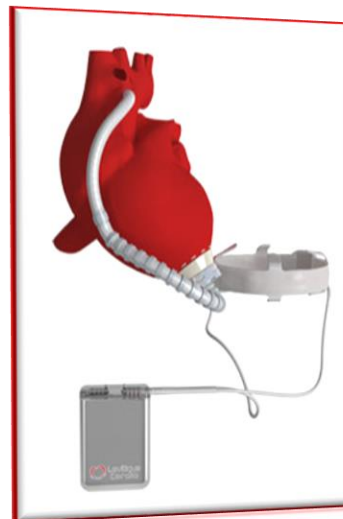
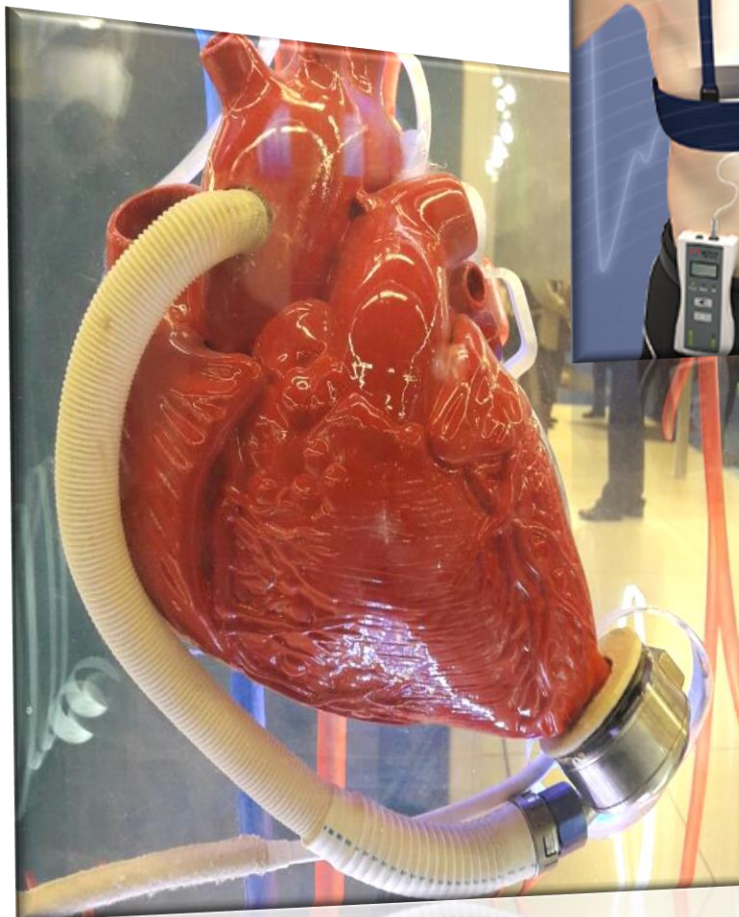
# Long Term MCS

## Decrease mortality associated with advanced heart failure





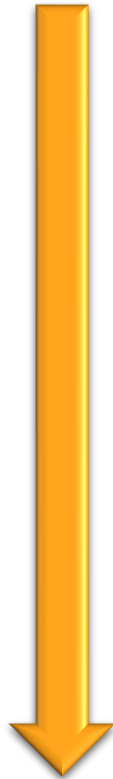
# Transcutaneous LVAD energy



# Long Term MCS



Bridge to  
transplant



Destination  
therapy



Bridge to  
candidacy

Bridge to  
recovery

# Total Artificial Heart

- When is indicated?
- What is available today for clinical use?

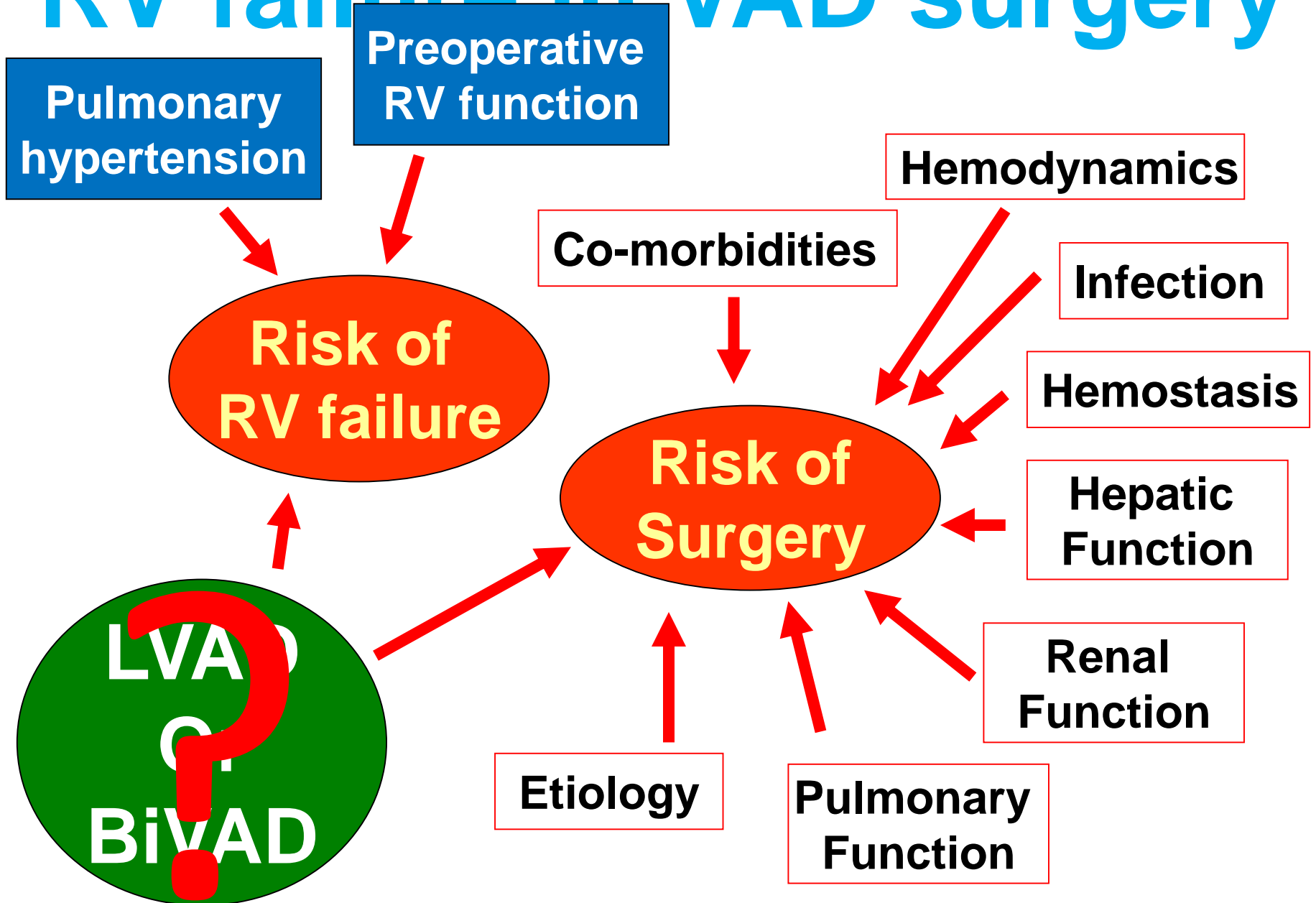
# When LVAD?

## When BiVAD/THA?

Key decision when assessing patients for VAD indication. Right ventricular failure during LVAD support is correlated with increased morbidity and mortality.



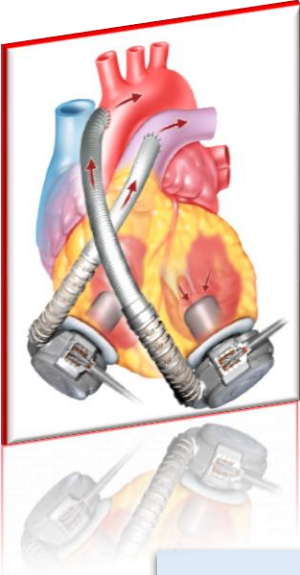
# RV failure in VAD surgery



# LV + RV dysfunction

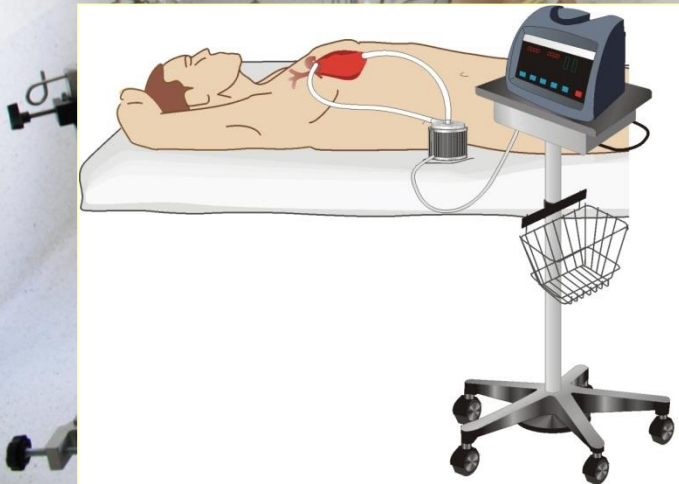
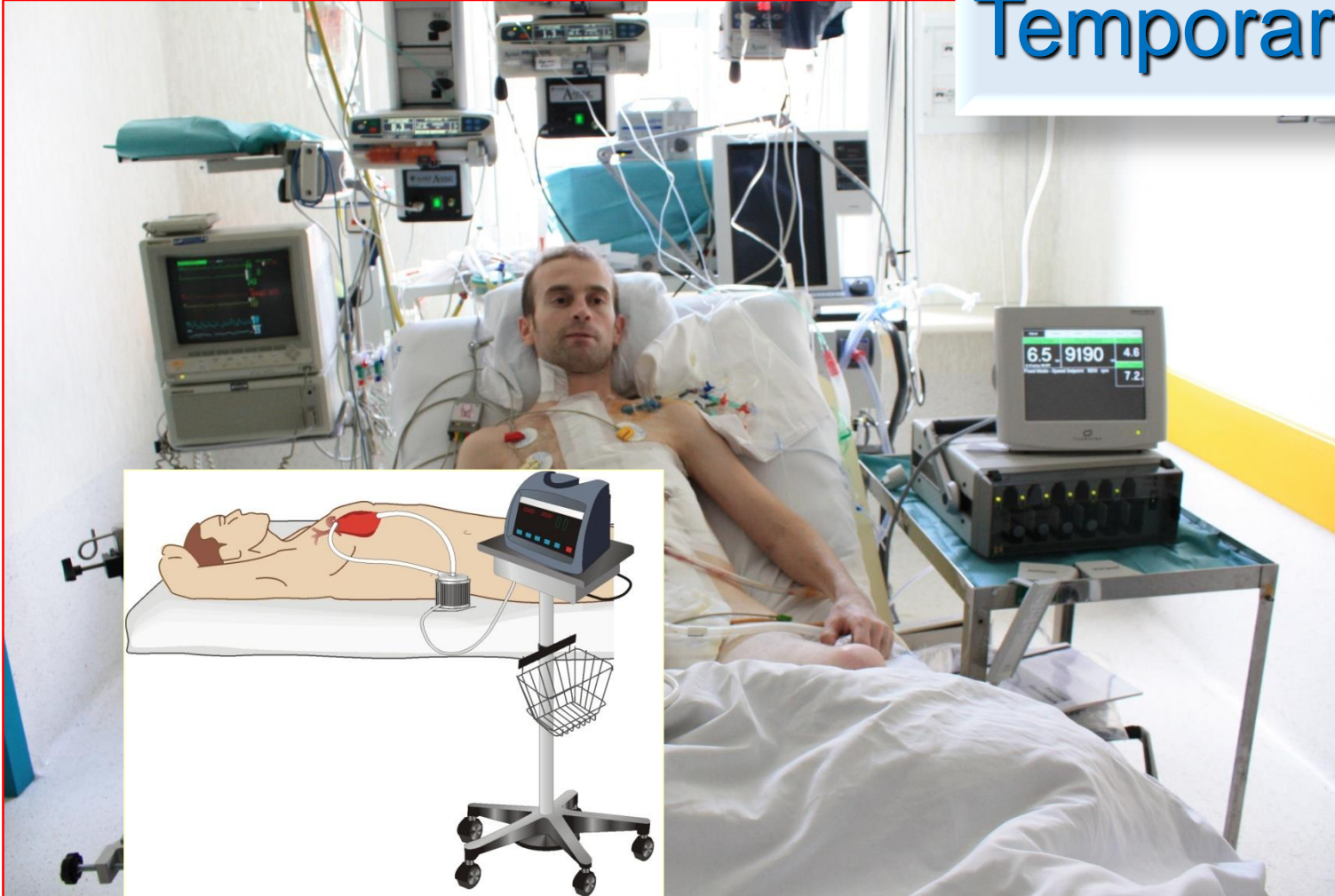
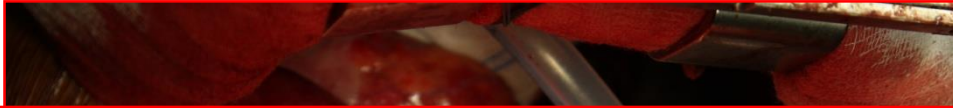
## S. Camillo protocol

- **LVAD + temporary right ventricular support**
- **Total Artificial Heart**
- **Bi-Ventricular support**



# LVAD + temporary RVAD

LVAD and  
Temporary RVAD

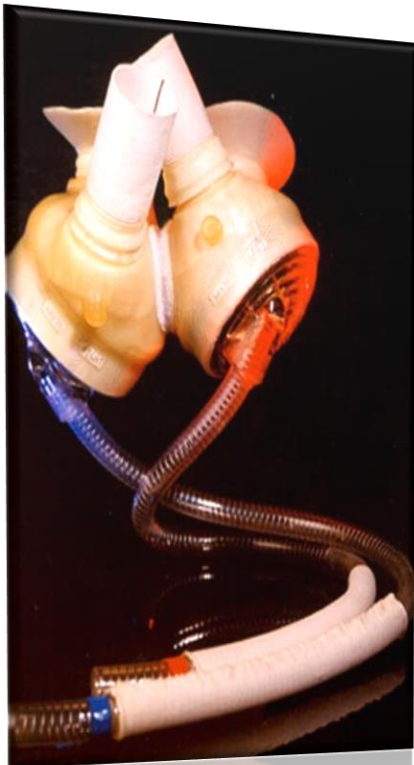
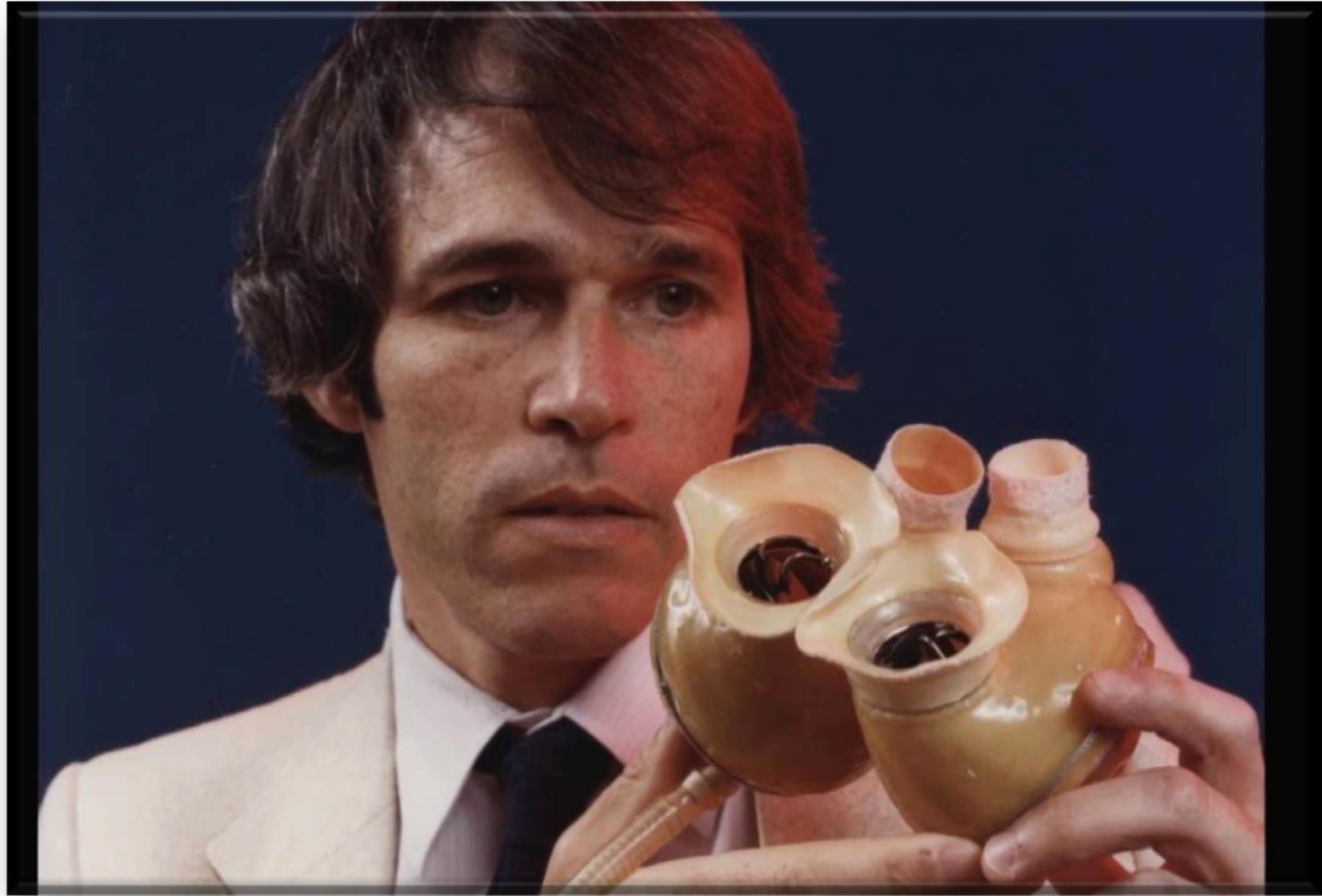


# Clinical Criteria for BiVAD/TAH

- **Biventricular failure with pronounced RV failure**
  - *high CVP, low PAP, peripheral edema, severe TR*
- **Profound cardiogenic shock with MOF**
  - *renal failure (oliguria and/or increase of creatinine)*
  - *hepatic failure (increase of bilirubin and GPT /GOT)*
  - *lung failure (edema, need for mechanical ventilation)*
  - *acidosis*
  - *high doses of inotropes*
  - *MAP < 60 mmHg*
- **Severe ventricular arrhythmia**

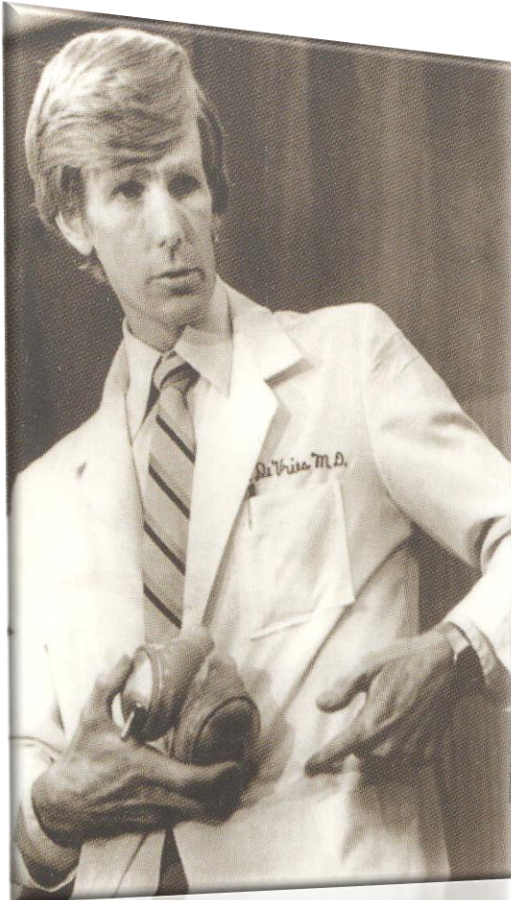


# Total Artificial Heart Jarvik 7

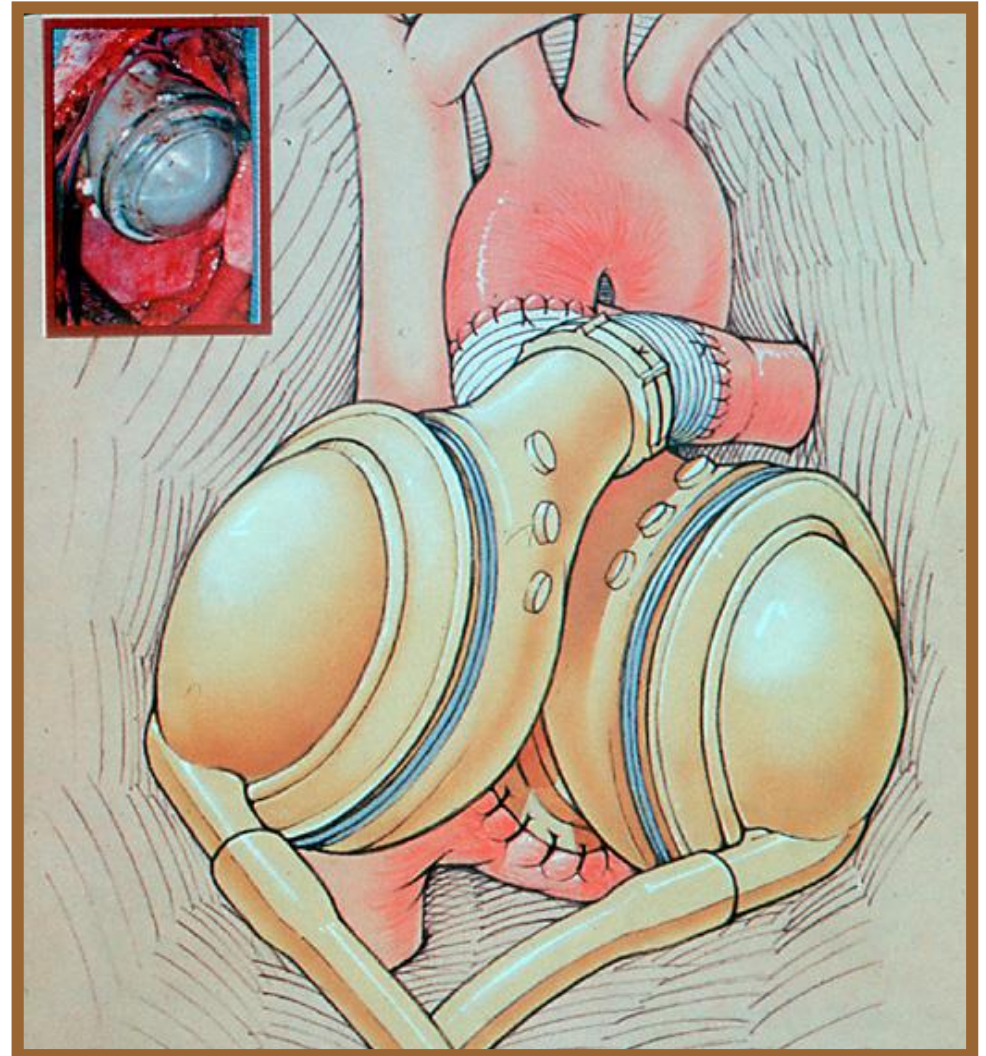


1981

# Total Artificial Heart Jarvik 7 First Implant 1982

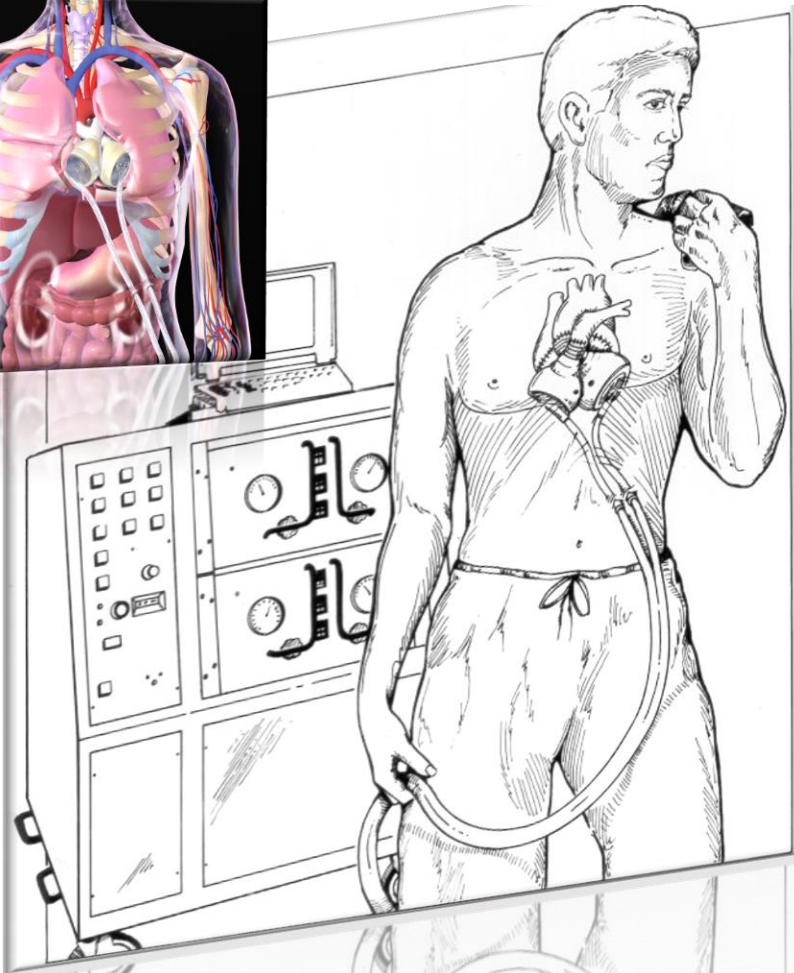
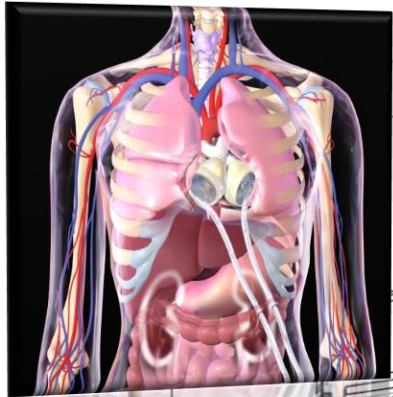


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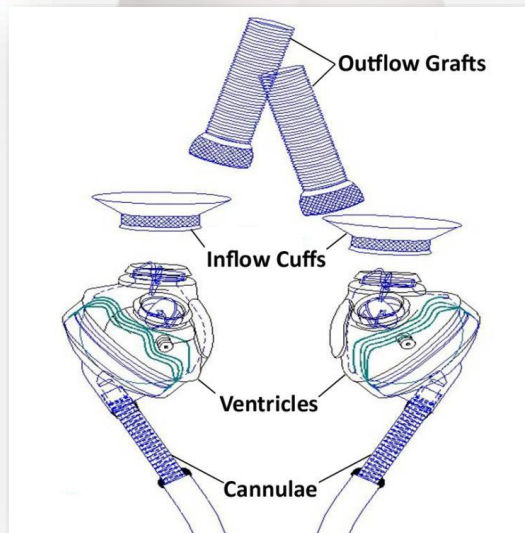
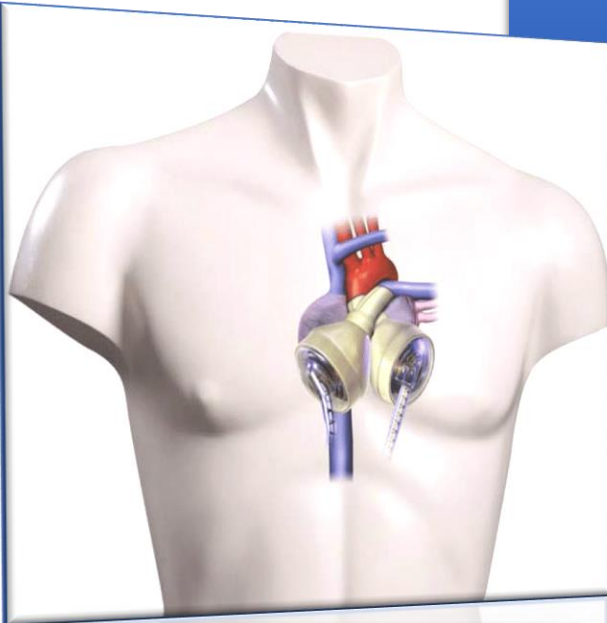




# CardioWest Total Artificial Heart

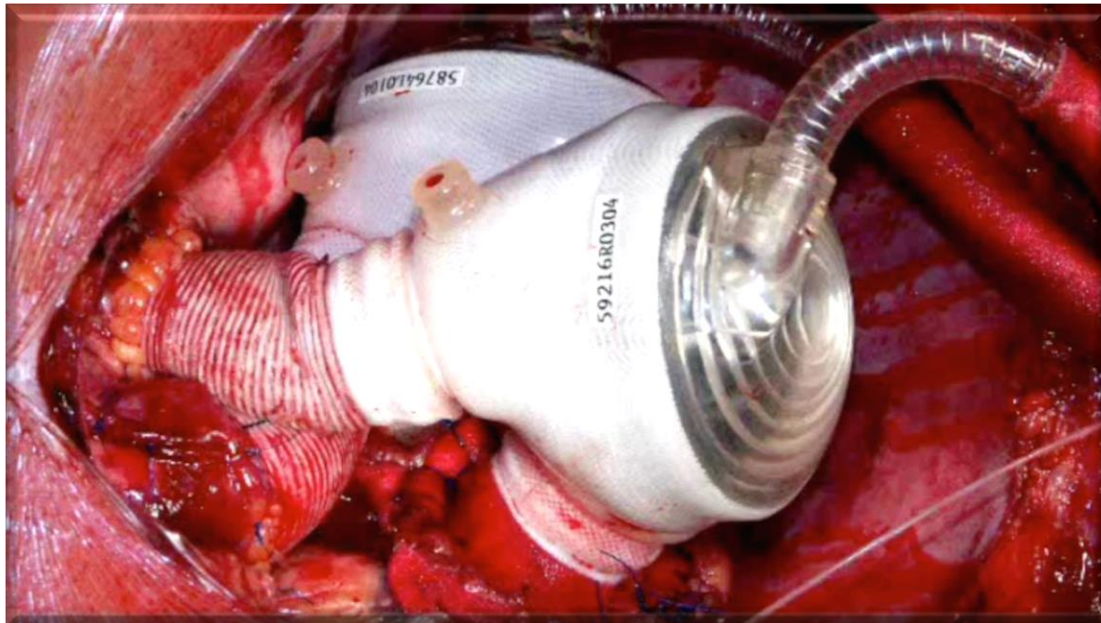


# CardioWest Total Artificial Heart



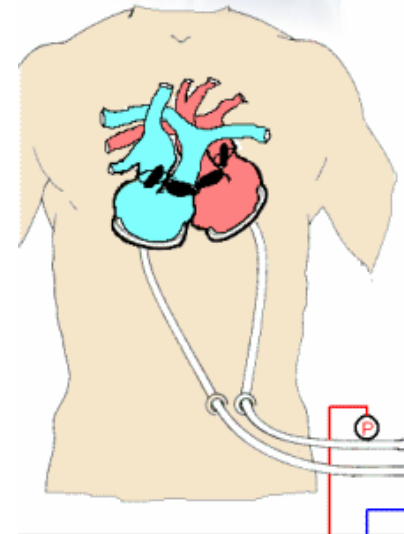
- Occupies space of diseased heart
  - Displaces 400 ml
  - Weighs 160 grams
- Blood flow path same as normal heart
- Adjustable ventricle orientation
- No surgical pocket required

# CardioWest Total Artificial Heart

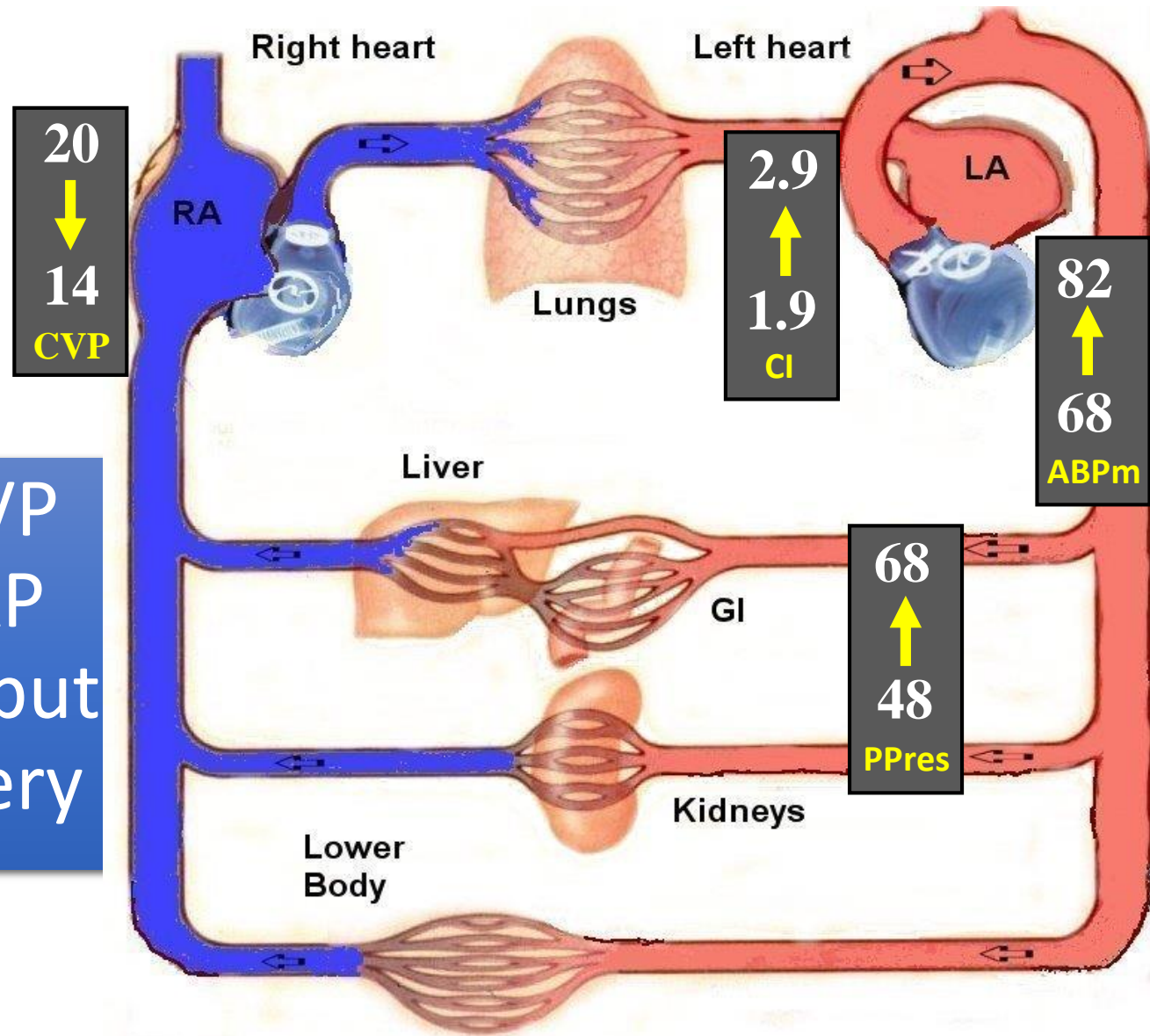




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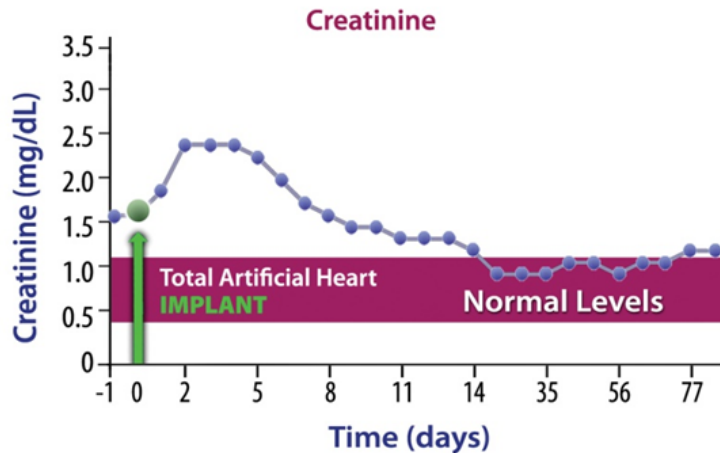
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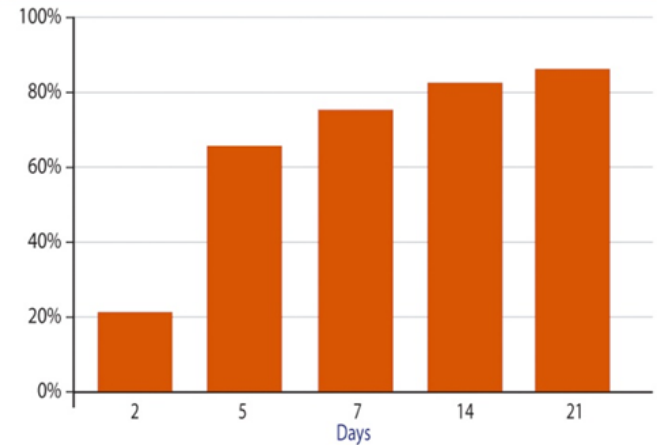
- Decreased CVP
- Overcome PAP
- ↑ Cardiac Output
- Organ Recovery

# TAH Advantages: Recovery

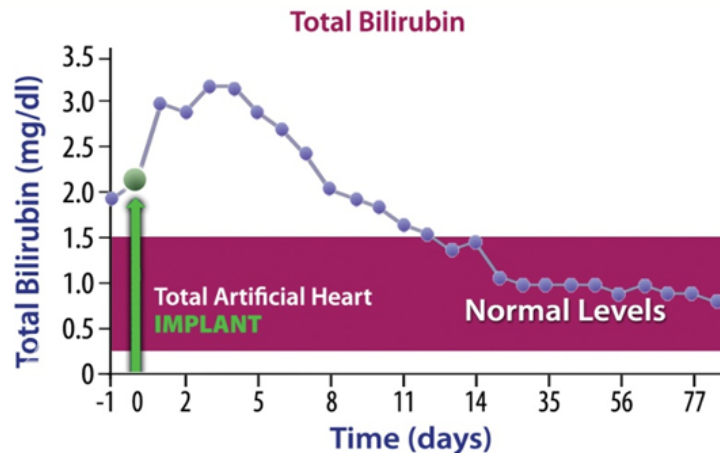
## KIDNEY FUNCTION



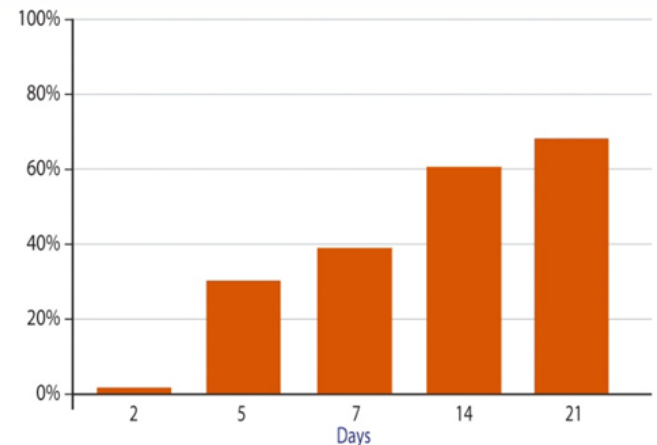
## ABLE TO GET OUT OF BED



## LIVER FUNCTION



## ABLE TO WALK > 100 FT





# CardioWest Total Artificial Heart

MOST COMMON PRE-IMPLANT ETIOLOGIES\*

as of December 2017

Idiopathic Dilated  
Cardiomyopathy

**560+**  
Cases

Ischemic  
Cardiomyopathy

**470+**  
Cases

Congenital and Genetic  
Conditions

**125+**  
Cases

Post-Heart Transplant Graft  
Failure

**110**  
Cases





# CardioWest Total Artificial Heart

BRIDGE TO TRANSPLANT (BTT) OR DESTINATION  
THERAPY (DT)?

## BTT (APPROVED INDICATION)

- ✓ At risk of imminent death from biventricular heart failure
- ✓ Transplant-eligible

NEWS | JANUARY 30, 2015

### FDA Approves Study of SynCardia Total Artificial Heart for Destination Therapy

*19 patients not eligible for donor heart transplant will participate in the clinical study to evaluate the SynCardia Total Artificial Heart for permanent use*

## DT (APPROVED INDICATION)

- ✓ Life-threatening, irreversible biventricular heart failure (INTERMACS Profile 1-4)
- ✓ Ineligible for transplant and unlikely to become eligible in the future (e.g., contraindication to immunosuppression, cancer, elevated PRAs)







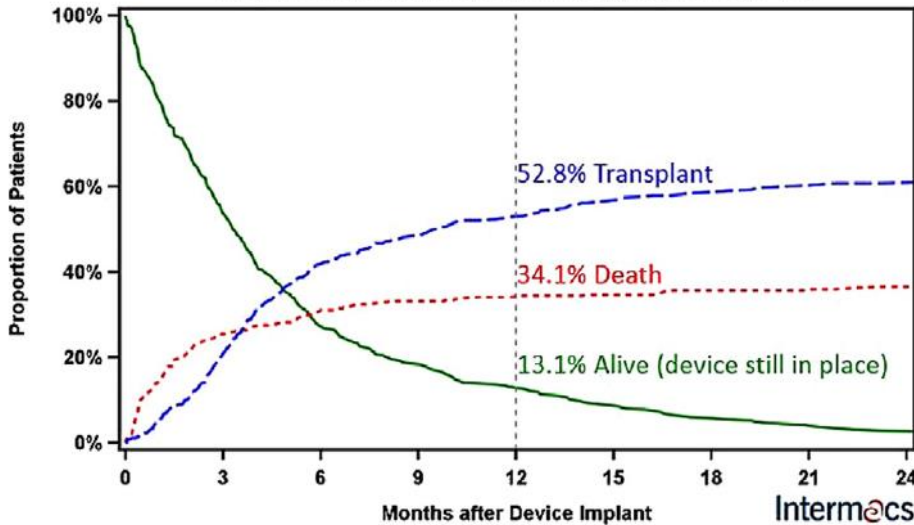
# Rish factor for Death

FEATURED PAPERS

Interagency registry for mechanically assist  
circulatory support report on the total  
artificial heart →

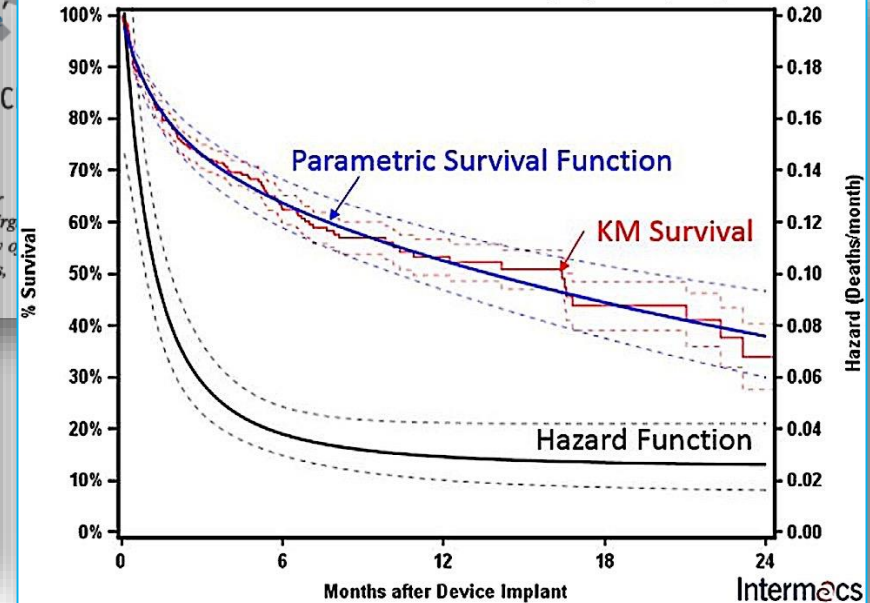
Pre-Implant Risk Factor for Death	Early hazard		Constant hazard	
	HR	p-value	HR	p-value
Age, year (older) <sup>a</sup>	1.6	0.001		
Pre-implant dialysis	2.5	0.006		
Creatinine (higher)			1.3	0.008
Albumin, g/dl (lower) <sup>b</sup>			1.9	<0.001
Total center TAH volume ≤10			3.0	<0.001

Intermacs TAH Patients June 2006 through April 2017 (n=450)



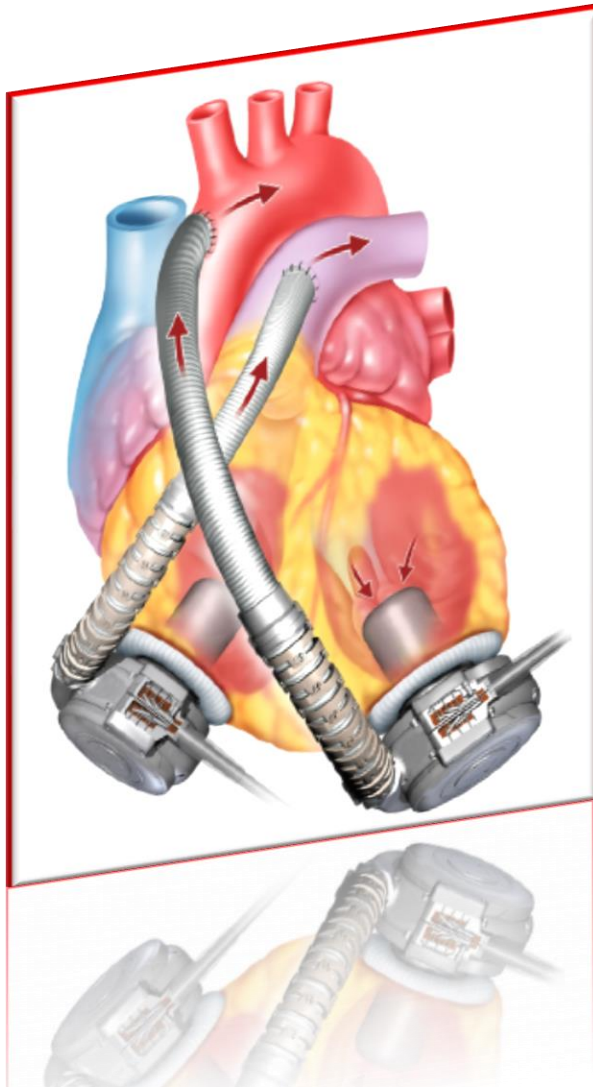
Transplantation 53%,  
mortality 34%, 13% alive  
on a device by 12 months

INTERMACS - TAH Patients: June 2006 through April 2017 (n=450)

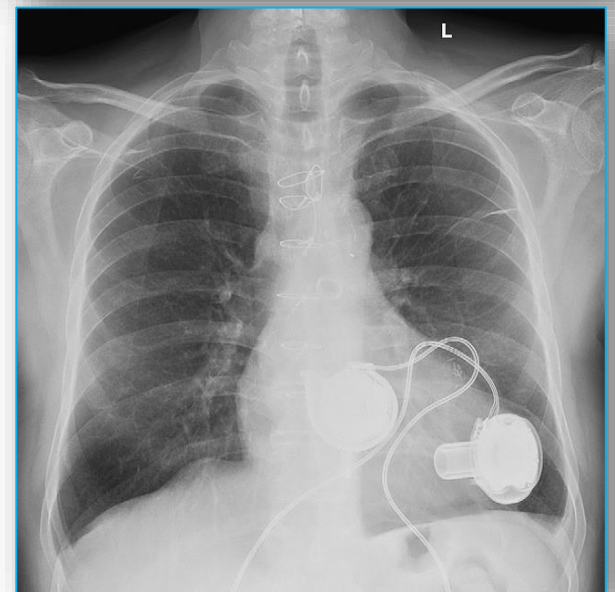
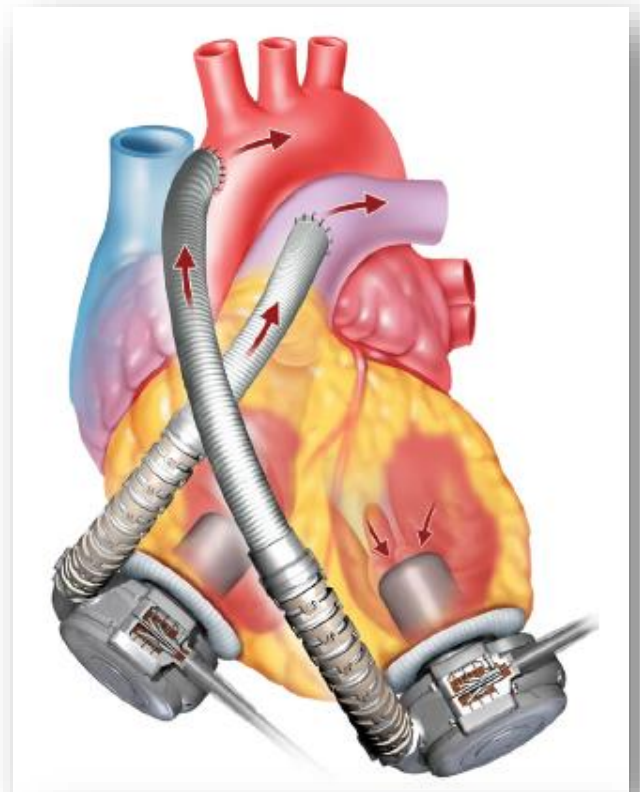
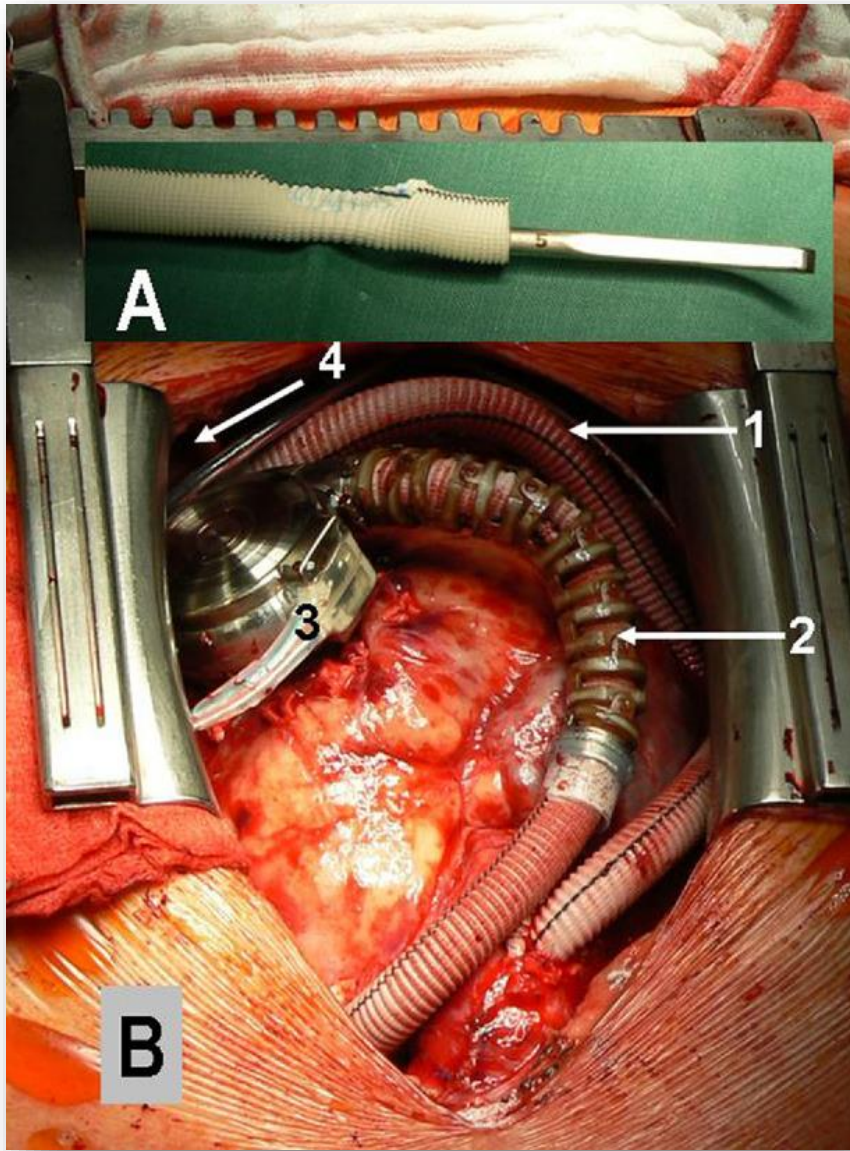


Survival: 53.2% at 1 year  
and 33.9% at 2 years

# Bi-Ventricular dysfunction



**HeartWare Bi-VAD**



**Free RV wall (Berlin)**



# Diaphragmatic RV wall (Rome)

Biventricular support with the HeartWare implantable continuous flow pump: An additional contribution

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Andrea Montalto, MD

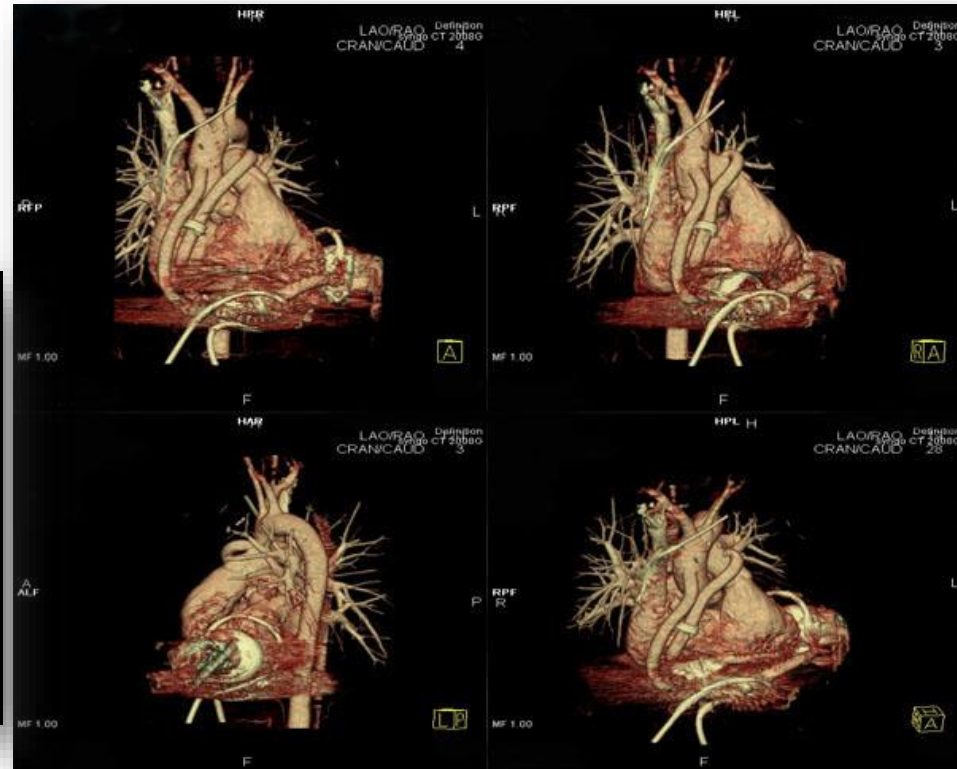
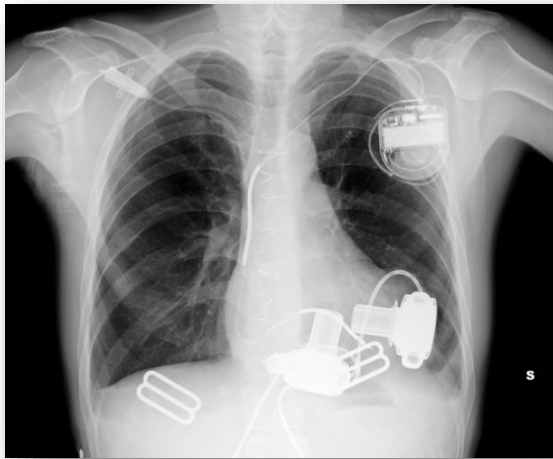
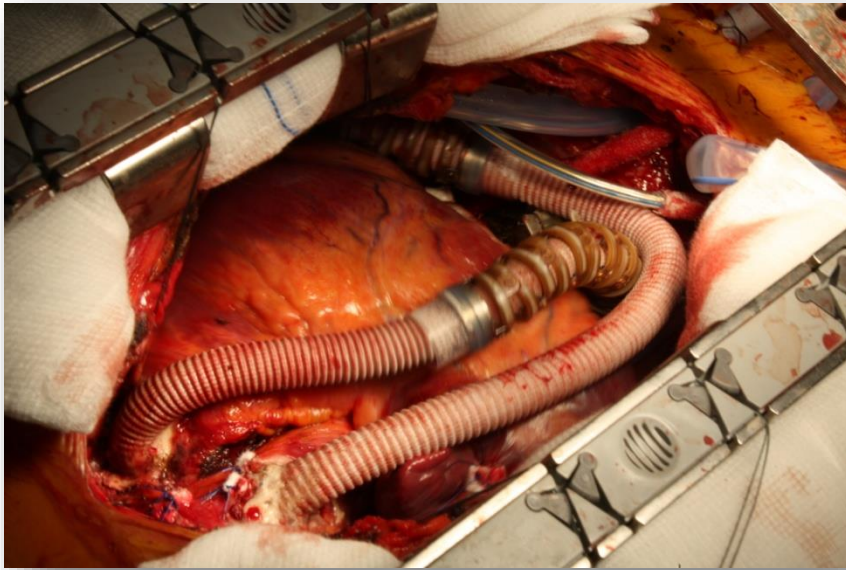
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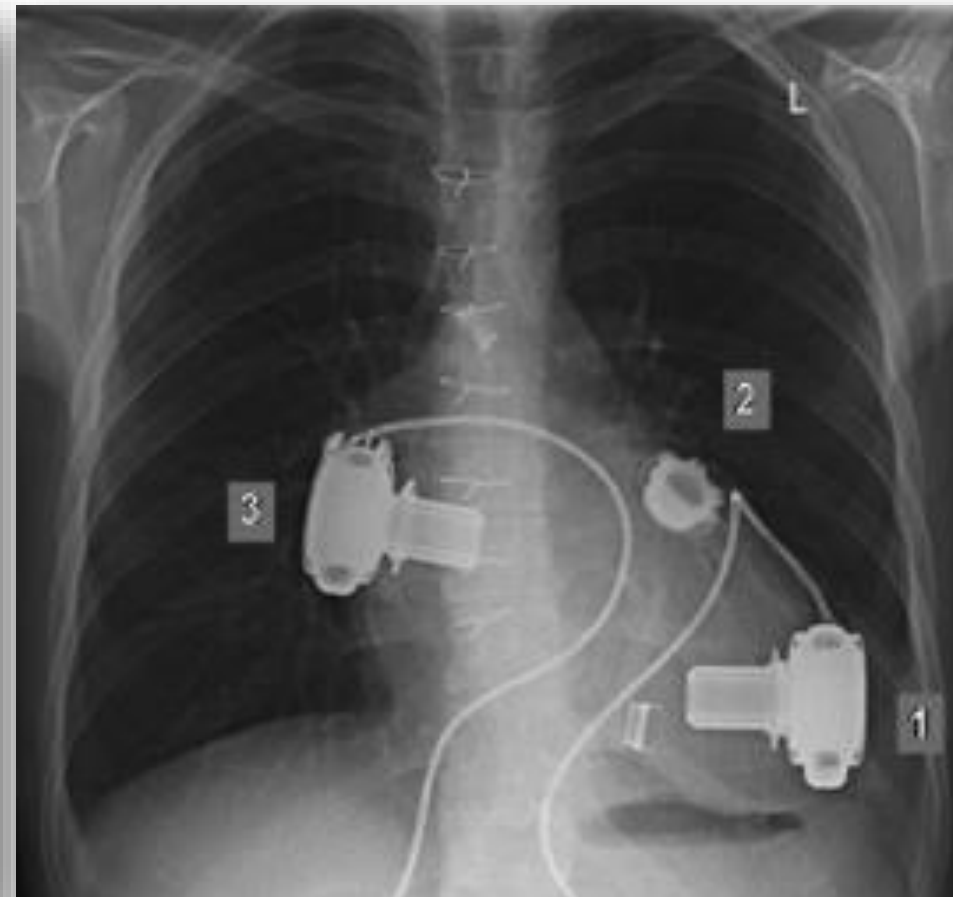
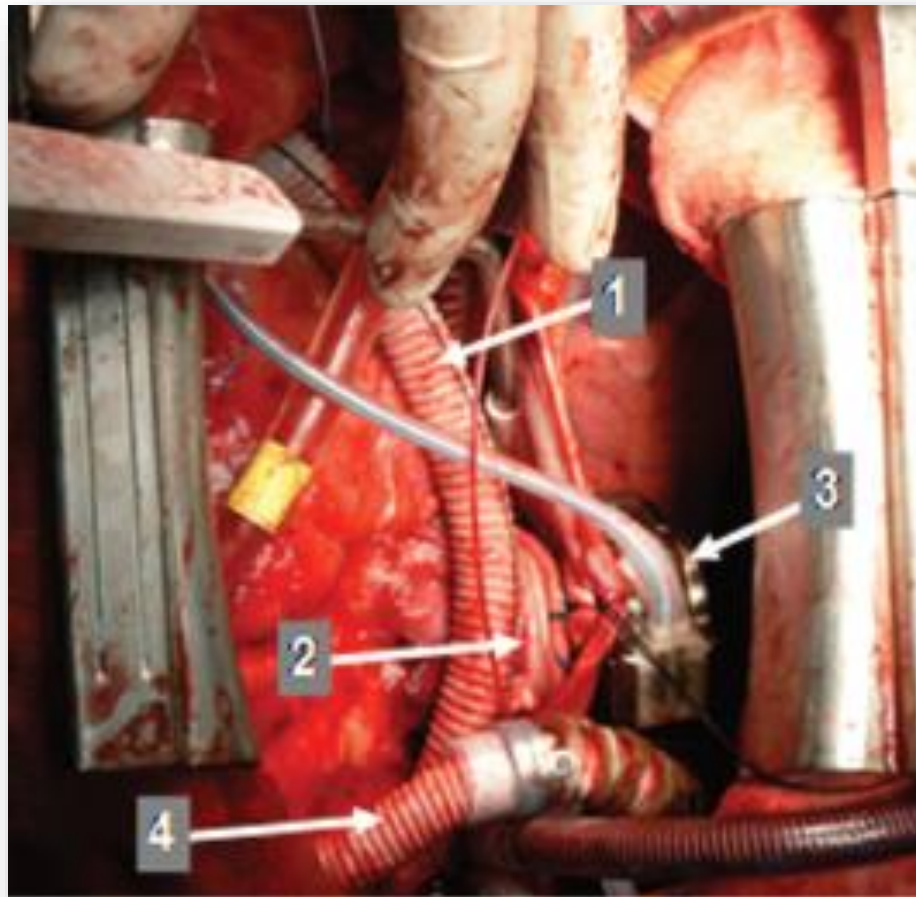
<http://www.jhltonline.org>



# Alternative Technique for Implantation of Biventricular Support with HeartWare Implantable Continuous Flow Pump

ASAIO Journal 2011

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AND EVGENIJ POTAPOV



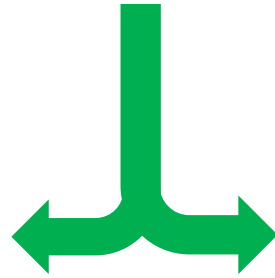
**Right atrial wall (Berlin)**



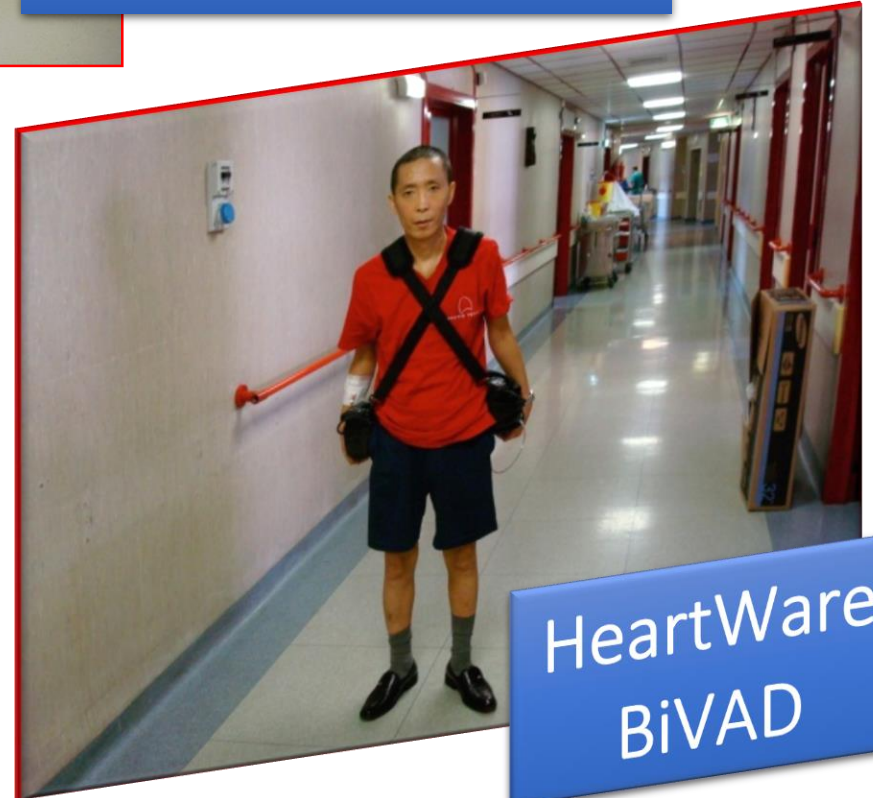
# Biventricular Support Systems



Thoratec BiVAD



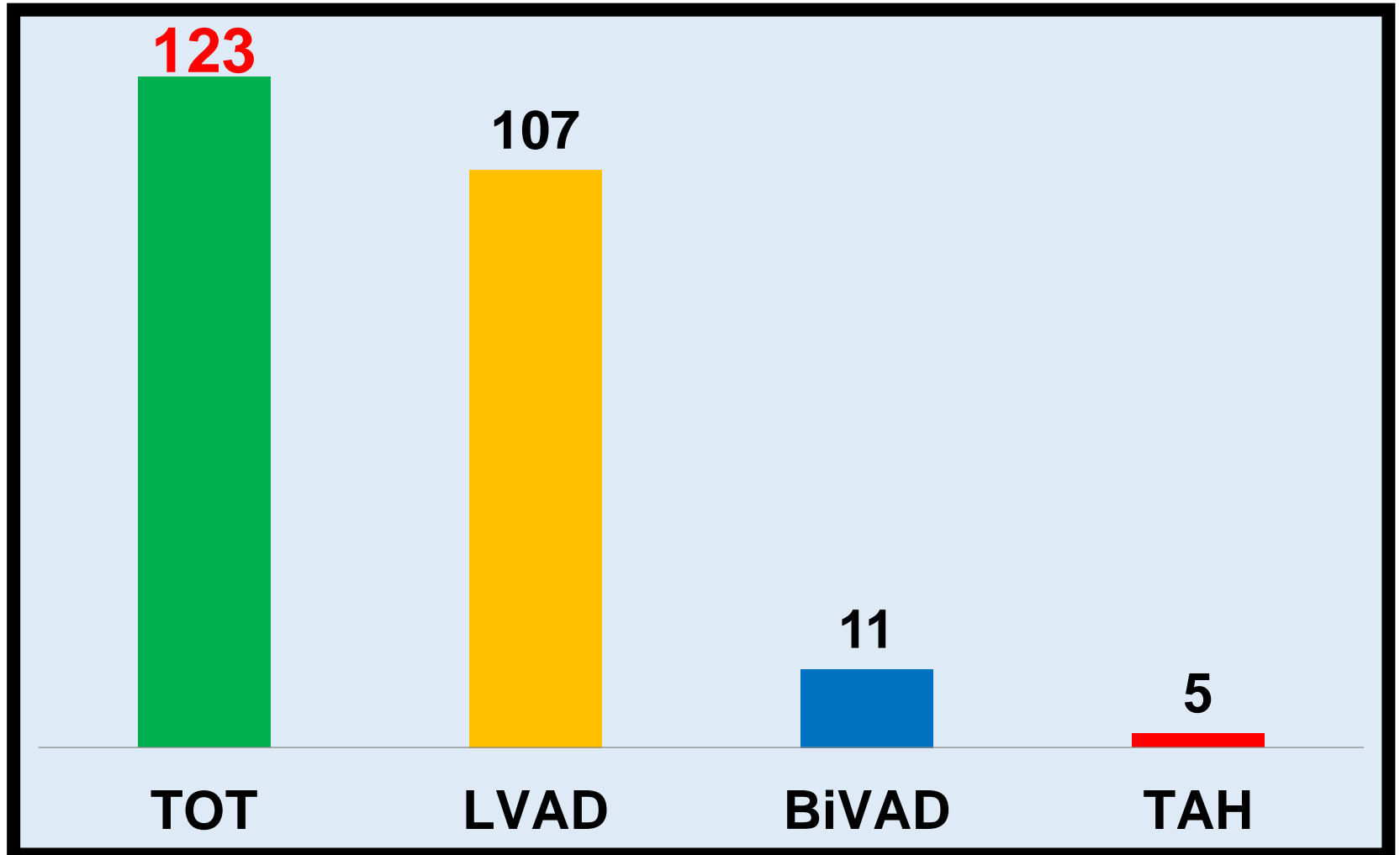
CARDIOWEST  
Total Artificial Heart



HeartWare  
BiVAD

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# Conclusions



**Total Artificial Heart,  
when indicated,  
allows a significant  
clinical improvement.**

# Conclusions

## Factors influencing the choice of LVAD vs Total Artificial Heart vs Bi-VAD

- Heart pathology
- General condition of the patient
- The treatment endpoint
- Institutional experience
- Device availability
- Cost

# Conclusions

- TAHs and BiVADs have different patterns of survival and are associated with different adverse events
- Survival may be higher in patients with TAH compared with patients with durable or paracorporeal BiVADs
- A randomized trial between TAHs and BiVADs may be of interest

**Thank you for your attention!**