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1<sup>st</sup> UDINE ECMO WORKSHOP



# Cardiac unloading & pulsatile flow: when and how

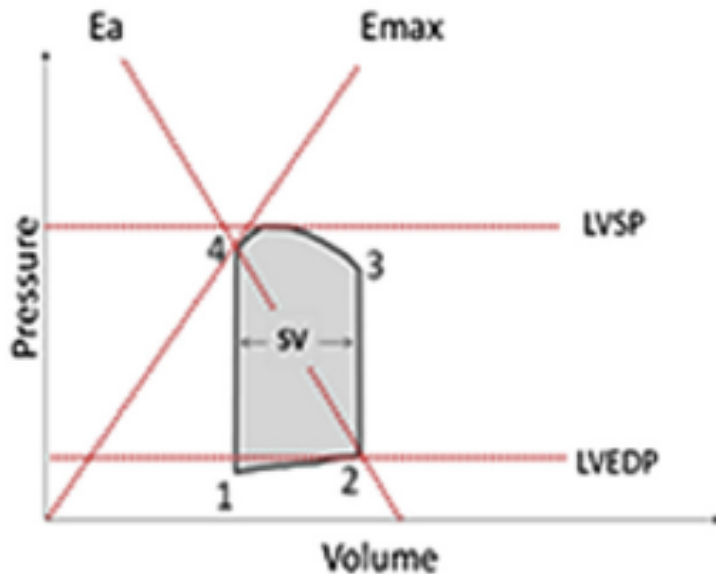
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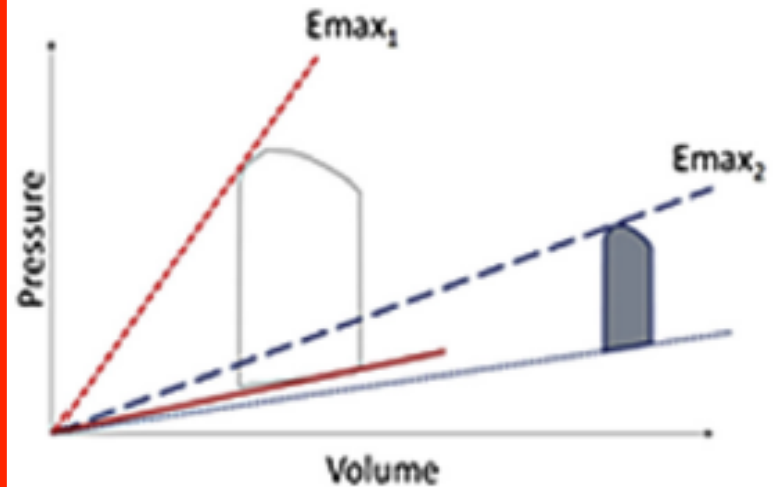
# Cardiogenic Shock

## PRESSURE VOLUME LOOPS

### Normal PV loop



### Cardiogenic Shock



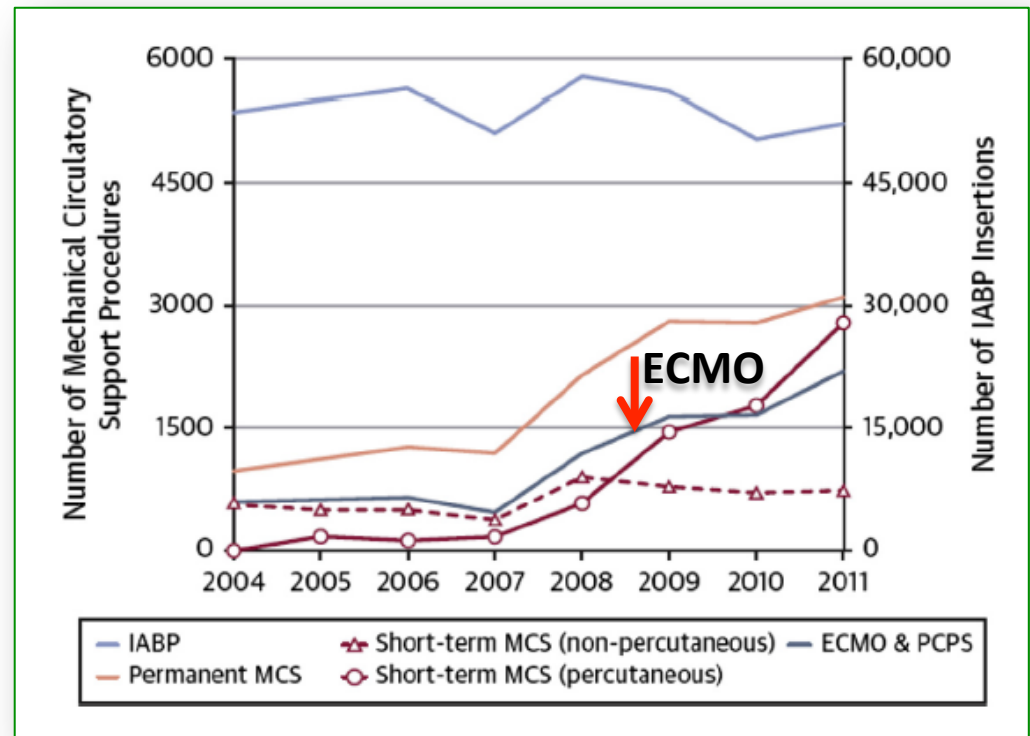
*E<sub>max</sub> (load-independent  
LV contractility)*

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ **CONTRACTILITY**  
↑ ↑ **LVEDV**  
↑ ↑ **LVEDP**  
↓ ↓ **STROKE VOLUME**

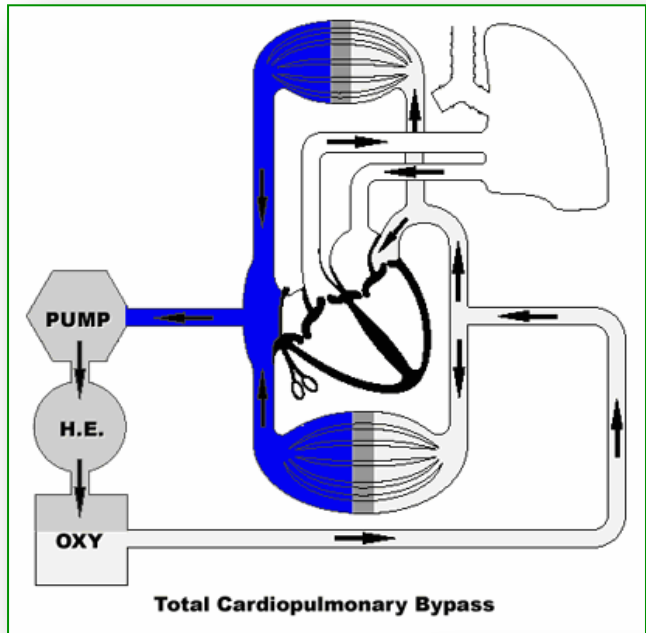
# The primary goals of nondurable MCS devices are

- increase vital organ perfusion,
- augment coronary perfusion,
- reduce ventricular volume and filling pressures, thereby reducing wall stress, stroke work, and myocardial oxygen consumption.

Together with the growth in use of LVAD, the use of ECMO has been steadily increasing



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Femoral vessels cannulation

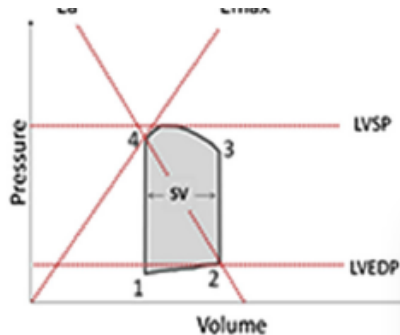


Central cannulation

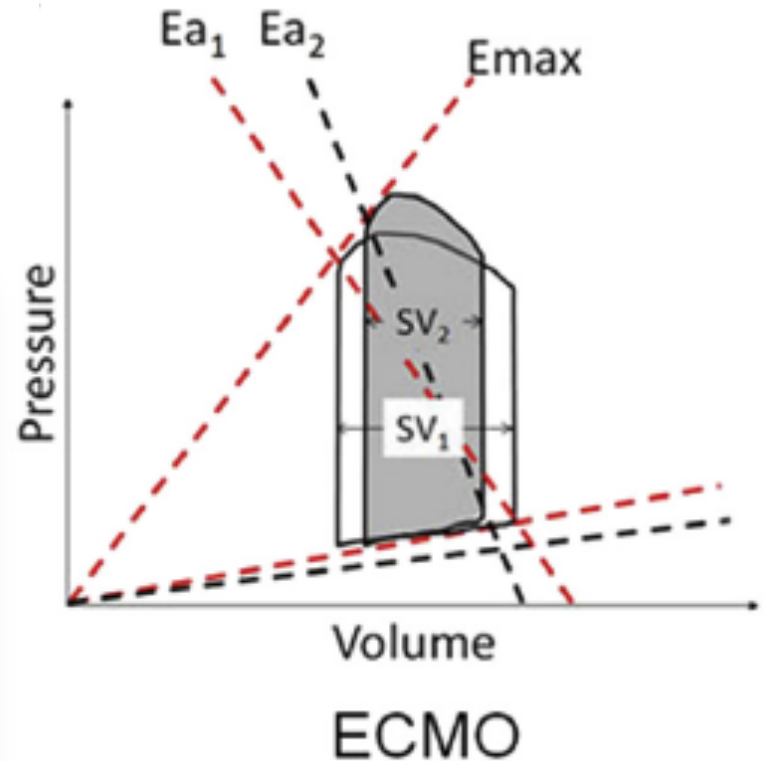
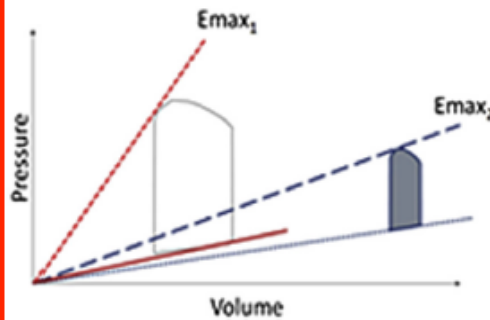


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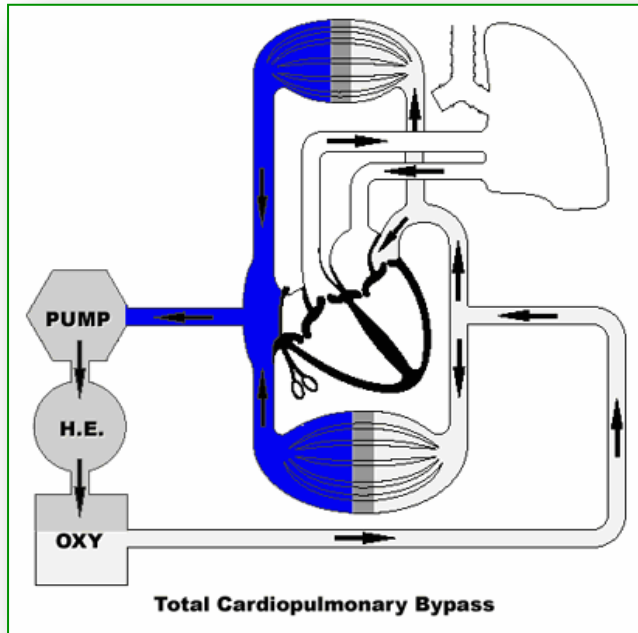


Cardiogenic Shock



**VA-ECMO without a LV venting** increases LV systolic and diastolic pressure, while reducing LV stroke volume.

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The potential risk of increase in LV afterload and wall stress has negative consequences on myocardial protection and may cause progressive acute lung injury unless the LV is vented or unloaded

# Causes of Ventricular Distension

## DIRECT:

- *Severe Ventricular dysfunction*
- *Aortic Valve insufficiency*
- *Arrhythmia*

## 'INDIRECT' (related to ECMO):

-  *afterload*
- *Inadequate venous drainage*

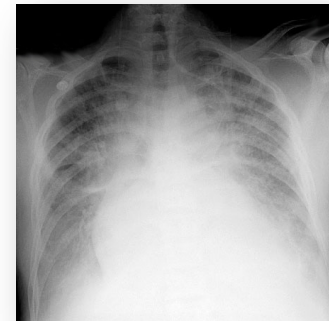
# Consequences of LV Distension

## ↑ LVEDP

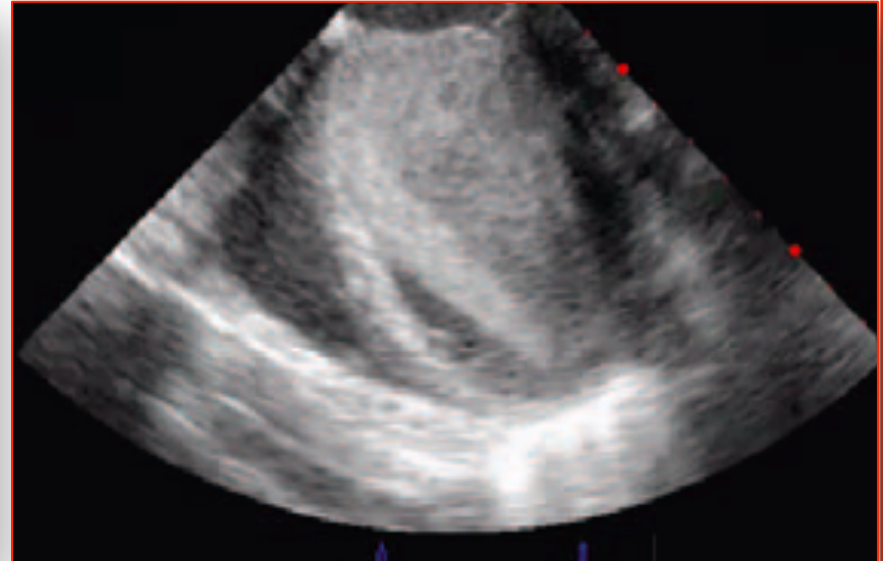
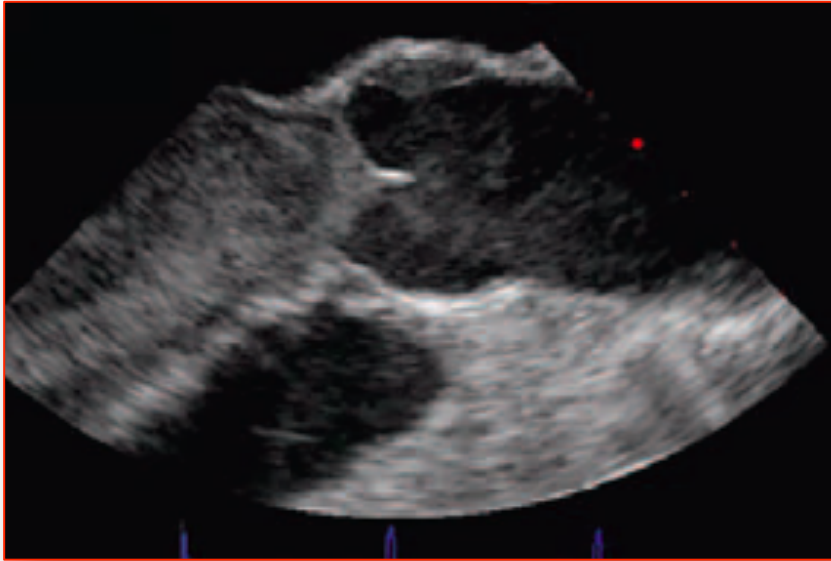
- *Impaired myocardial perfusion*
- ↑ *Wall stress*
- ↑ *Myocardial oxygen consumption*

## ↑ LAP

- *Pulmonary edema*
- *Respiratory failure*



# Consequences of LV Distension



Ultimately, it may result in flow stasis and development of LV thrombus with risk of embolization or stroke



# Short-Term Mechanical Unloading With Left Ventricular Assist Devices After Acute Myocardial Infarction Conserves Calcium Cycling and Improves Heart Function

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**Objectives** This study sought to demonstrate that short-term cardiac unloading with a left ventricular (LV) assist device (LVAD) after acute myocardial infarction (MI) can conserve calcium cycling and improve heart function.

**Background** Heart failure secondary to MI remains a major source of morbidity and mortality. Alterations in calcium cycling are linked to cardiac dysfunction in the failing heart.

**Methods** Adult Dorsett hybrid sheep underwent acute MI and were mechanically unloaded with an axial-flow LVAD (Impella 5.0) for 2 weeks (n = 6). Six sheep with MI only and 4 sham sheep were used as controls. All animals were followed for 12 weeks post-MI. Regional strains in the LV were measured by sonomicrometry. Major calcium-handling proteins (CHPs), including sarco-/endoplasmic reticulum calcium ATPase-2 $\alpha$  (SERCA-2 $\alpha$ ), Na<sup>+</sup>-Ca<sup>2+</sup> exchanger-1, and phospholamban, and Ca<sup>2+</sup>-ATPase activity were investigated. The electrophysiological calcium cycling in single isolated cardiomyocytes was measured with the patch-clamp technique. The related ultrastructures were studied with electron microscopy.

**Results** LVAD unloading alleviated LV dilation and improved global cardiac function and regional contractility compared with the MI group. The regional myocardial strain (stretch) was minimized during the unloading period and even attenuated compared with the MI group at 12 weeks. Im-

**Conclusions** Short-term unloading may conserve calcium cycling and improve heart function during the post-infarct period.

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# Left Heart Decompression Strategies During VA-ECMO

<b>Noninvasive</b>	Inotropic support Reducing VA-ECMO flow
<b>Percutaneous</b>	IABP Impella axial flow catheter Transseptal LA cannulation Transseptal LV cannulation Atrial septostomy
<b>Surgical</b>	Direct LV apical cannulation Direct LA cannulation

# Optimize Ventricular Unloading

- **Inotropic support + Afterload reduction**

*(mean arterial pressure of 50-60mmHg)*

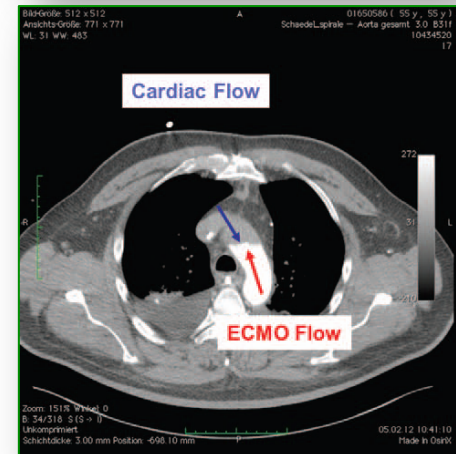
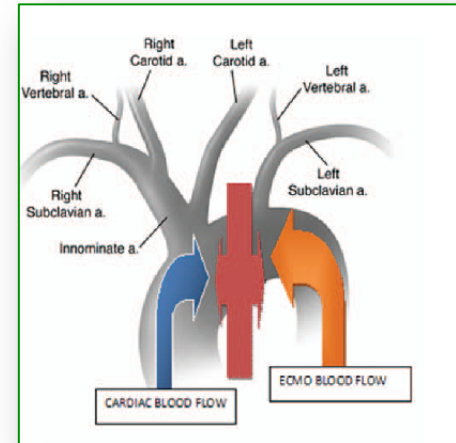
↓ **Workload**      ↓ **O2 consumption**

- **“Adequate” Pump Flow**

*Keep Flow Rates of 2.5-4 L/min to maintain physiologic levels of Lactate, pH and SvO<sub>2</sub>. The lower pump flow rates also reduce the perfusion-related afterload*

- **Avoid Volume Overload**

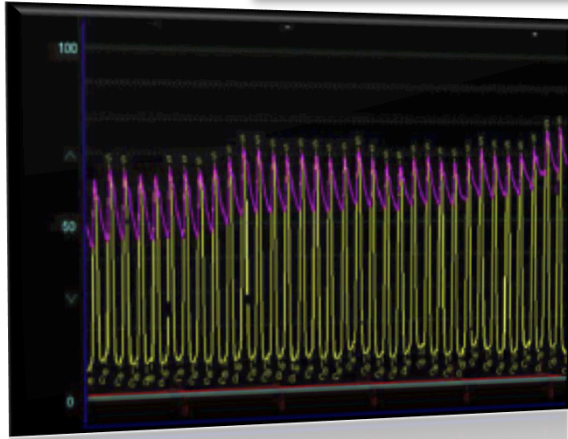
*Hemofiltration should be considered liberally*



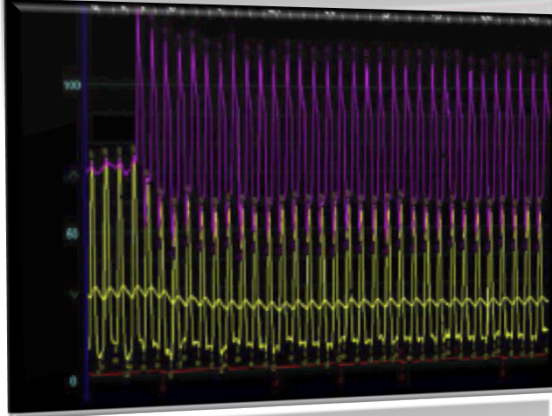
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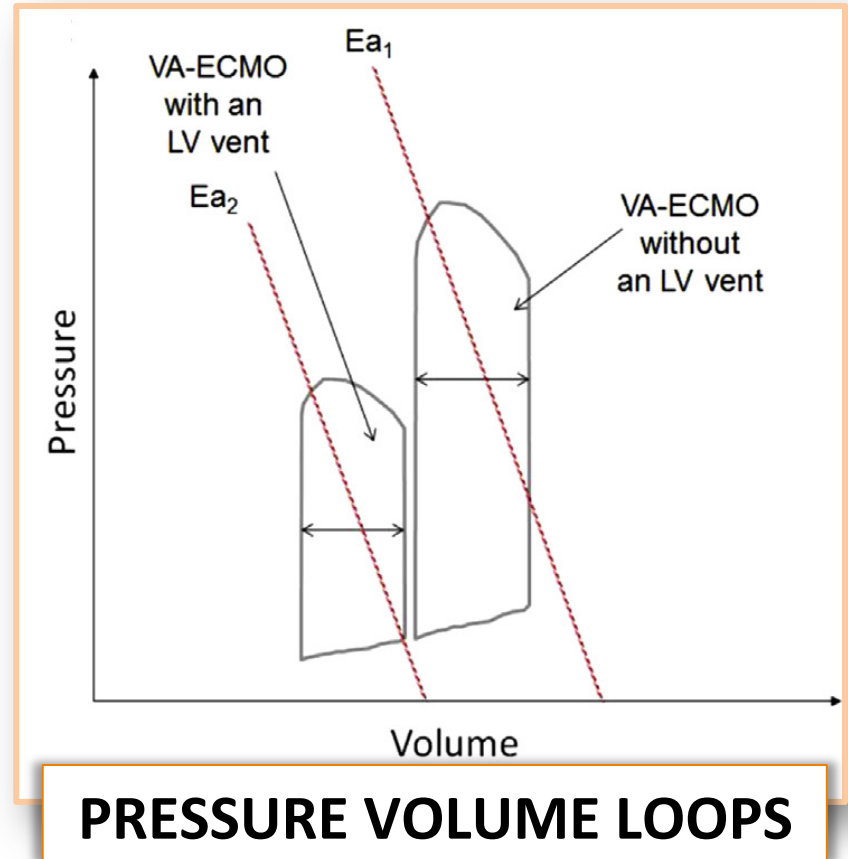
# Venting the Left Ventricle



No venting



Venting



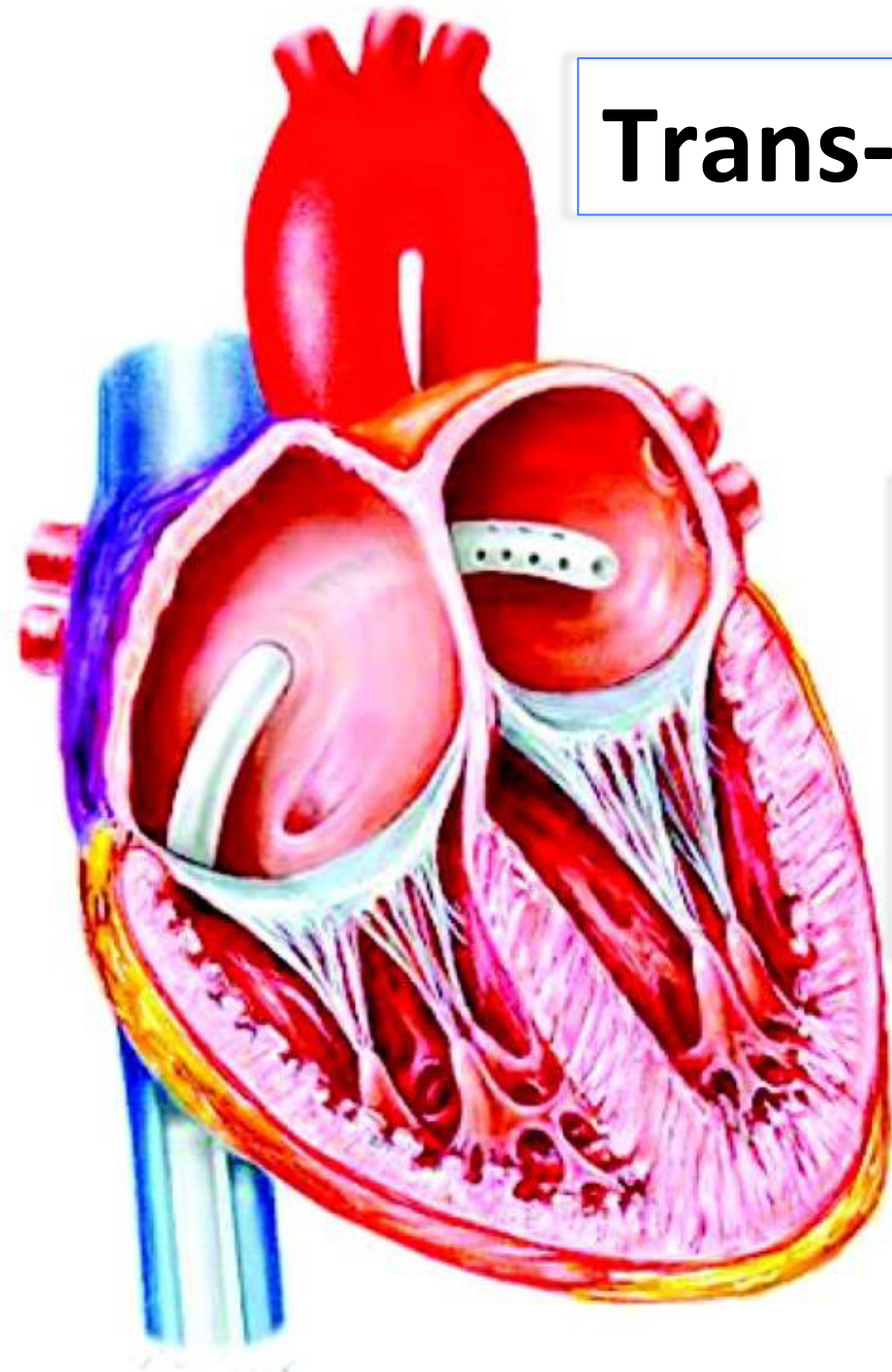
Venting of the LV with during VA-ECMO support

↓ LV end-systolic pressure and end-diastolic volume  
and ↑ aortic diastolic pressure



# Trans-septal cannulation

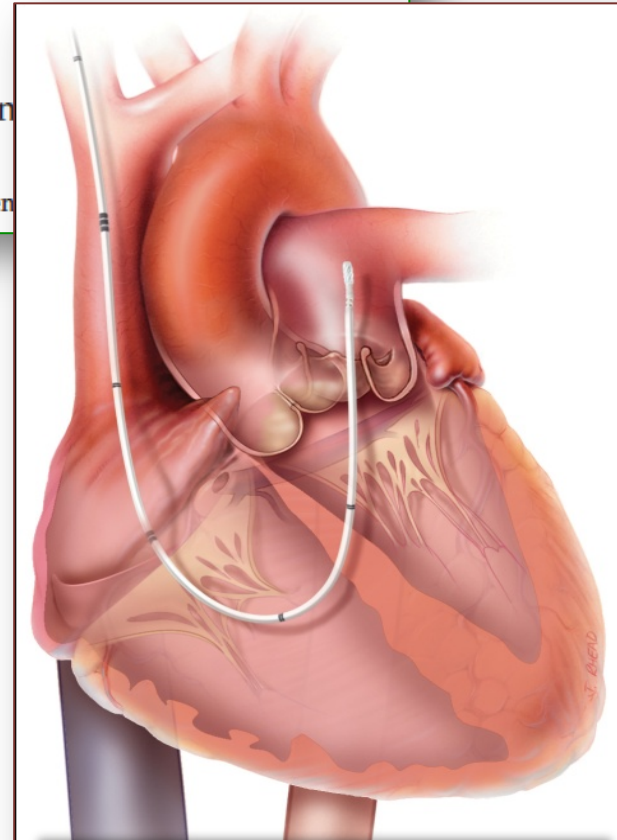
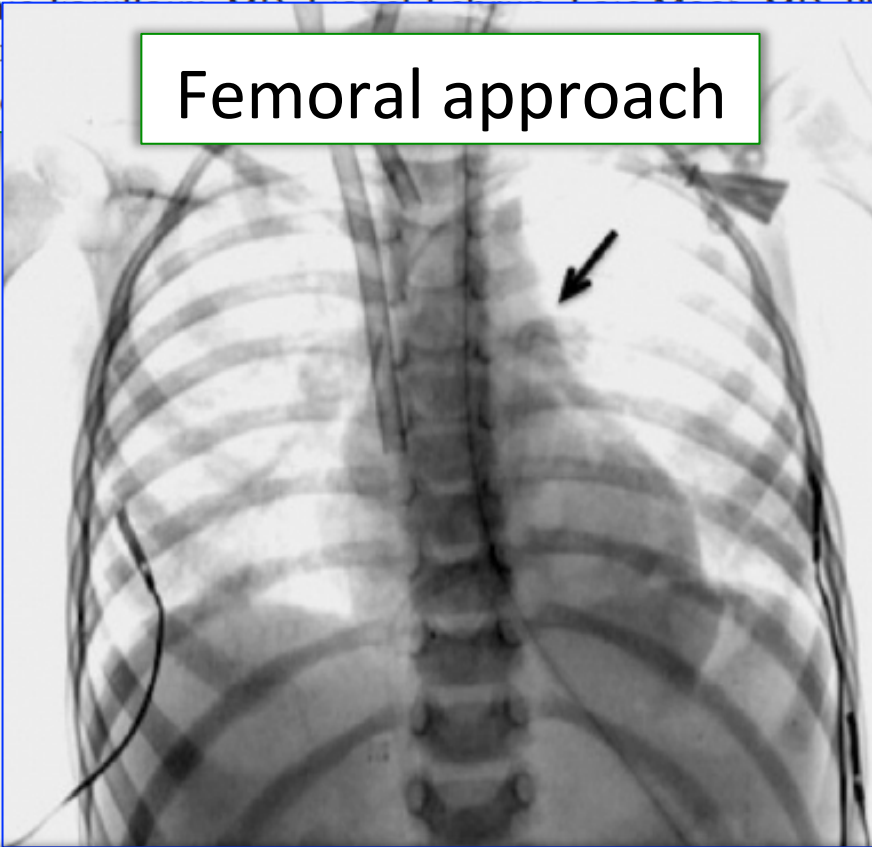
Access to LA via  
standard trans  
septal technique



# Extracorporeal Membranous Oxygenation and Left Atrial Decompression: A Fast and Minimally Invasive Approach

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Femoral approach



Jugular approach

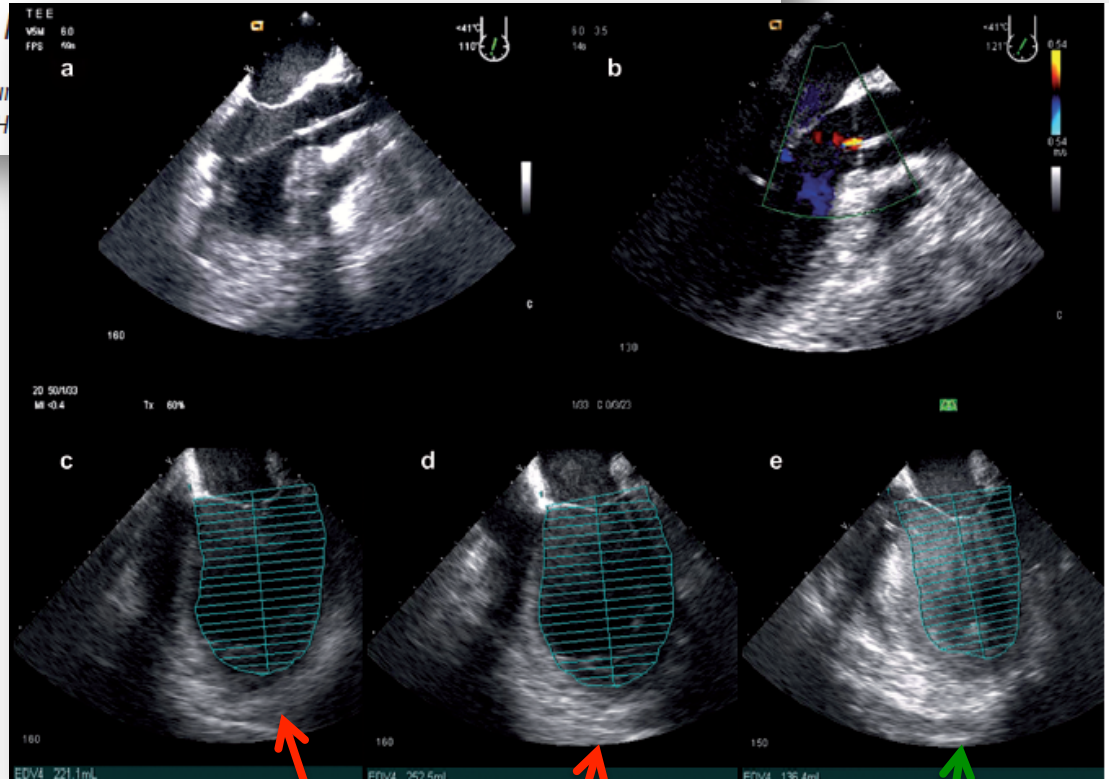
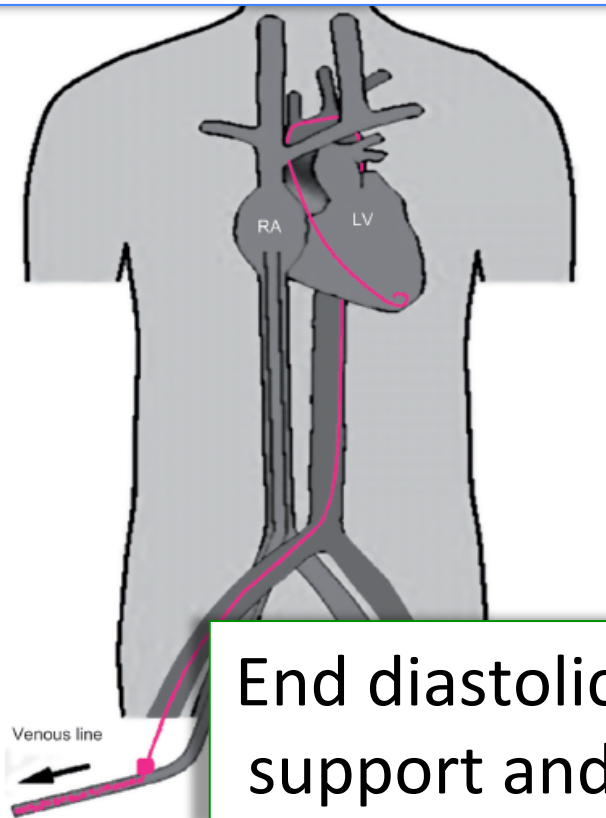
Unload the LV with a cannula inserted in  
the **Pulmonary Trunk**

## Proposal for bail-out procedures - Assisted circulation

# Left ventricle unloading by percutaneous pigtail during extracorporeal membrane oxygenation

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## Trans Aortic Valve

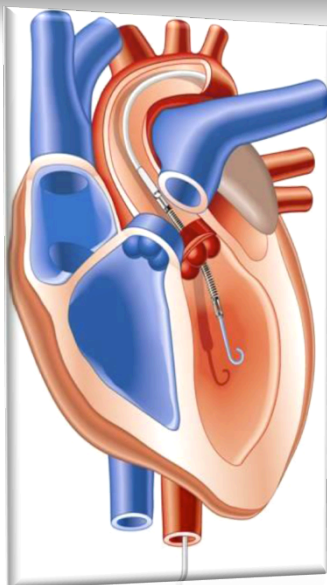
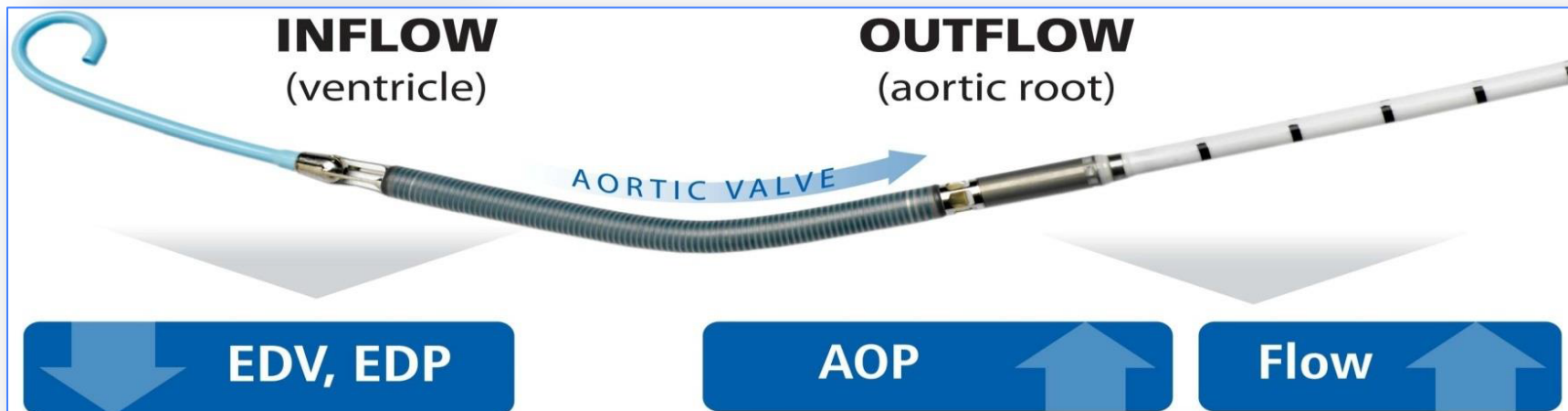


End diastolic diameter **before**, **after** initiating ECMO support and **after** positioning of the intra-LV pigtail





# Impella percutaneous micro-axial heart pump

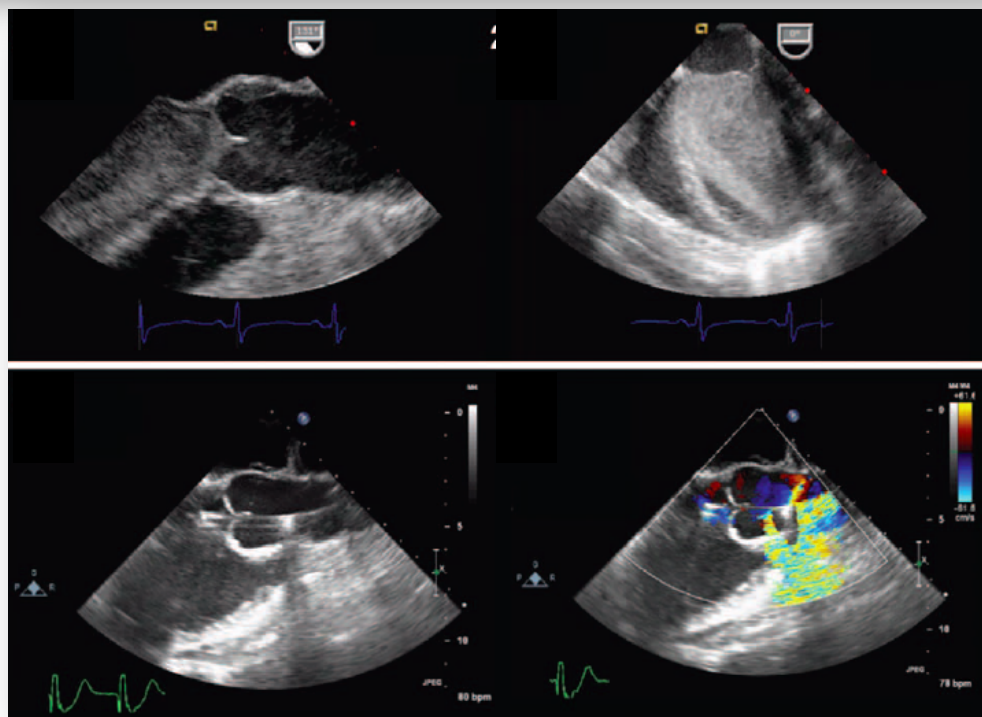
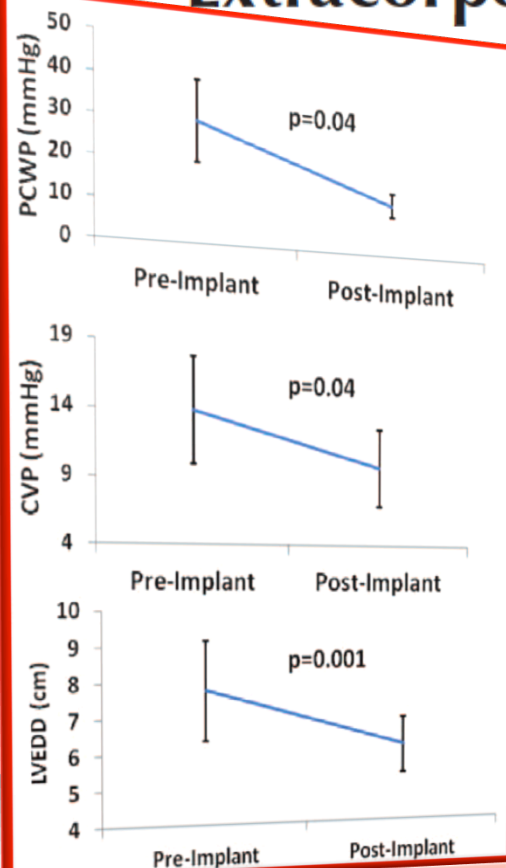




# Impella percutaneous micro-axial heart pump

## Impella to Unload the Left Ventricle During Peripheral Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation

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# Direct Left Ventricular Apical cannulation

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Work in progress report - Assisted circulation

Minimally invasive left-heart decompression during venoarterial extracorporeal membrane oxygenation: an alternative to a percutaneous approach

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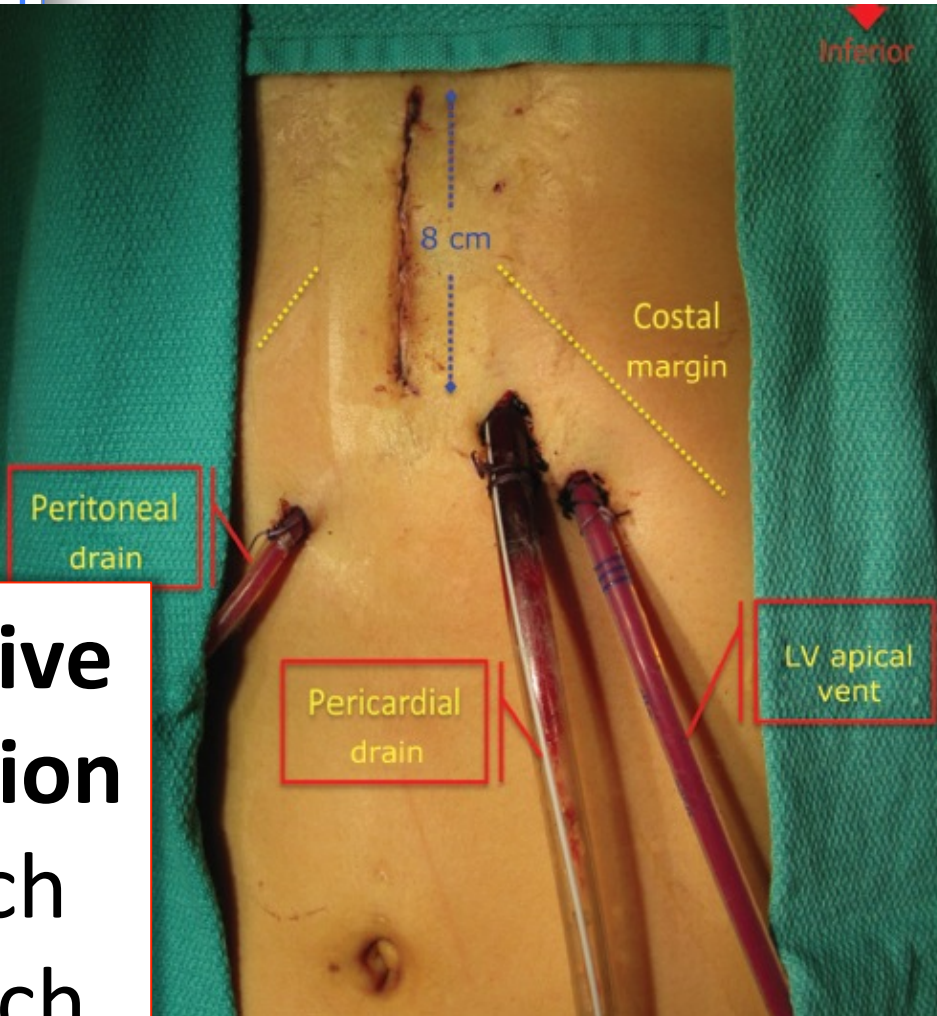
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## Abstract

Decompression of the left-heart following initiation of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, is at times required. In the setting of closed chest this can present a challenge. We present a minimally invasive approach to left-heart decompression in an adult-sized patient where a percutaneous option was not feasible.

## Surgical Minimal Invasive Left Heart Decompression

- Subxiphoidal approach
- Anterolateral approach



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# Central extracorporeal life support with left ventricular decompression for the treatment of refractory cardiogenic shock and lung failure

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## Abstract

**Background:** The purpose of this prospective study was to evaluate the effects and functional outcome of central extracorporeal life support (ECLS) with left ventricular decompression for the treatment of refractory cardiogenic shock and lung failure.

## Methods

31.6 ± 3.1 days of cardiogenic shock (n = 3, 9.5%). We performed left ventricular decompression in 16 patients (51.6%).

## Results

or cardiogenic shock. The overall mortality was 25%. The length of stay in the ICU was 19.9 days.

## Conclusion

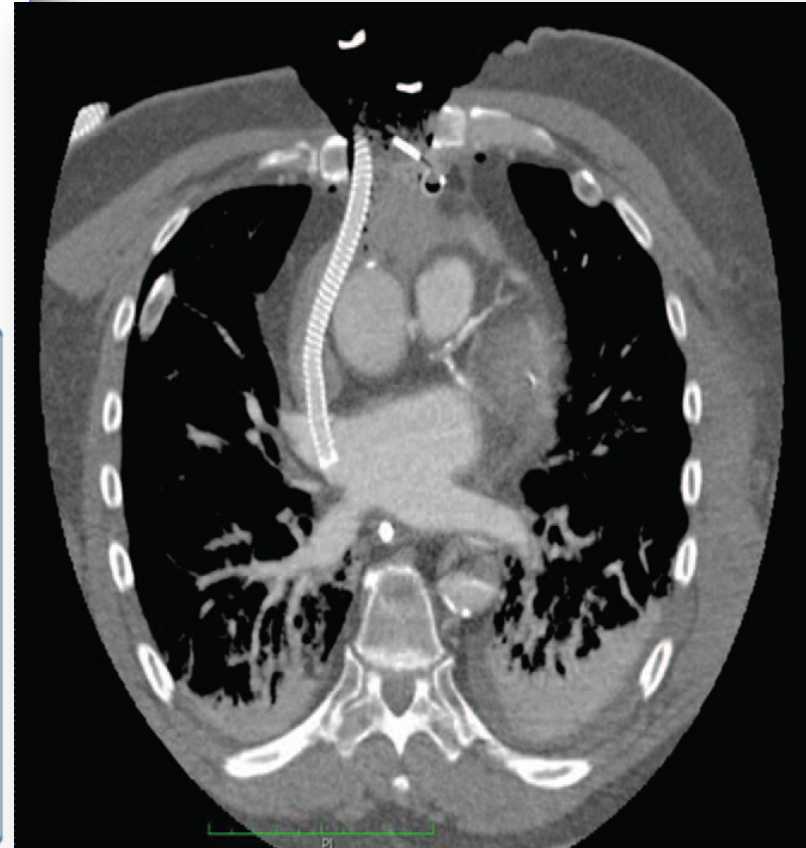
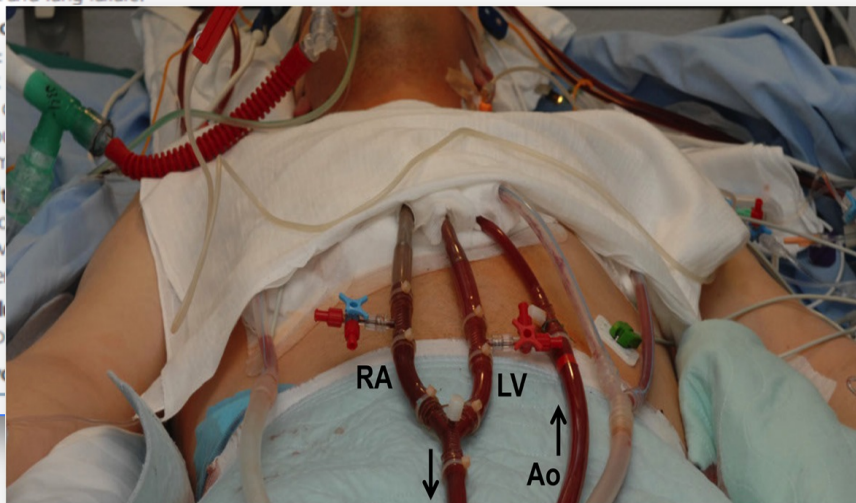
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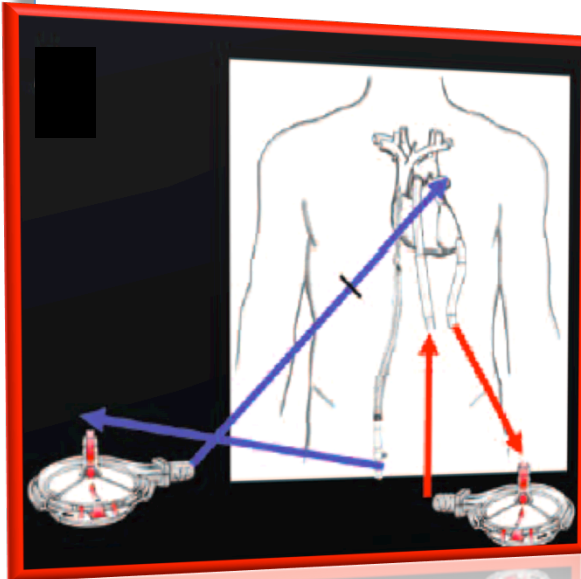
## Failure



# Right Upper Pulmonary Vein cannulation

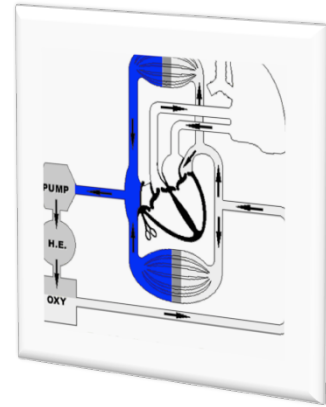


# Temporary VAD support with centrifugal pump





# ECMO



**Cardiogenic Shock**

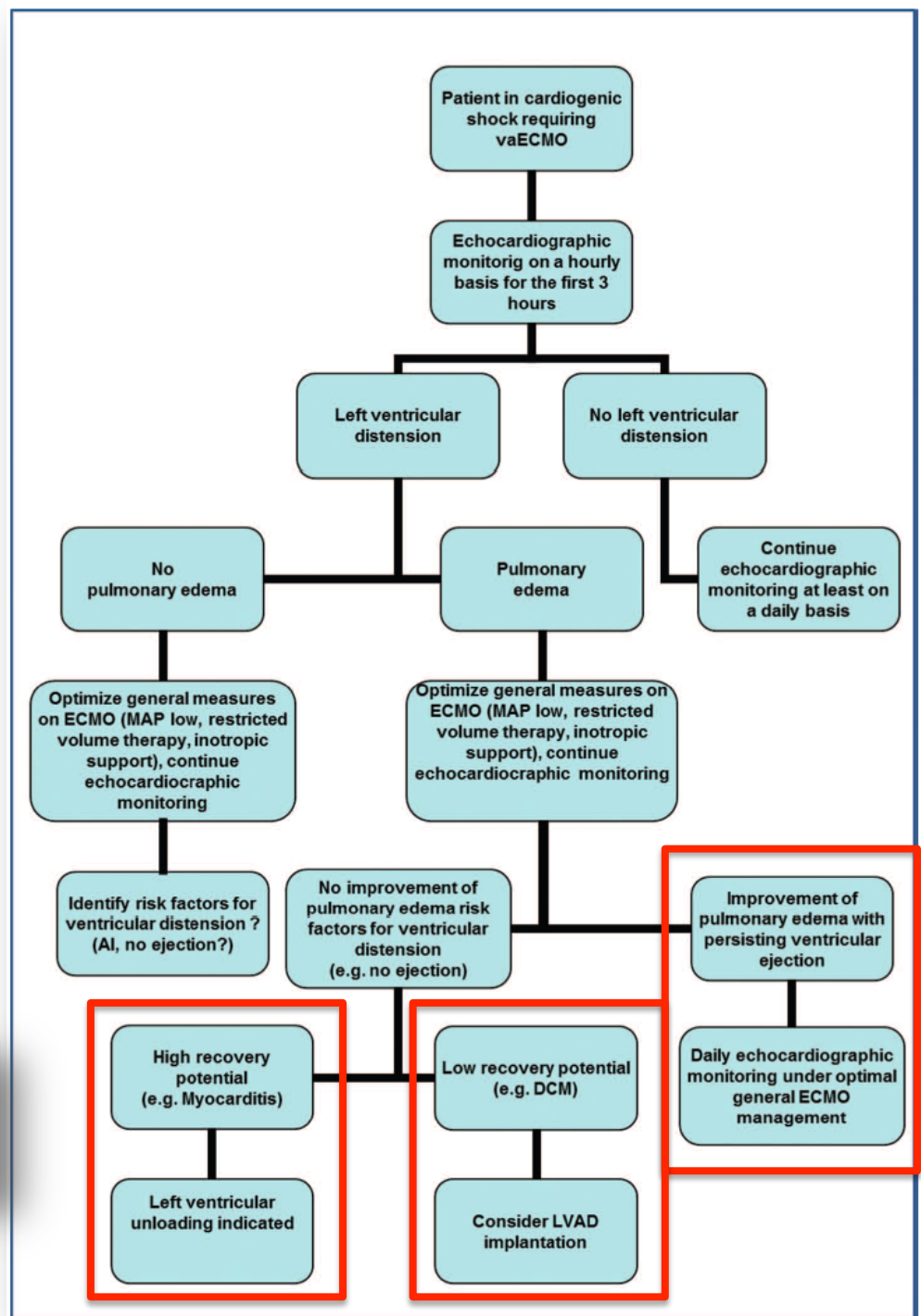
**Post-cardiotomy failure**

**Femoral cannulation**  
*When preserves cardiac activity*

**Central with LV unloading**  
*Poor LV function*



# Algorithm to monitor patients on ECMO for Left Ventricular distension.



**Cardiac Decompression on Extracorporeal Life Support:  
A Review and Discussion of the Literature**

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# Combining ECMO with IABP for the Treatment of Critically Ill Adult Heart Failure Patients

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## Effects of intra-aortic balloon pump on cerebral blood flow during peripheral venoarterial extracorporeal membrane oxygenation support

Yang et al. *Journal of Translational Medicine* 2014, 12:106 | <sup>1</sup>Yuan Liu<sup>1</sup>, Xing Hao<sup>1</sup>, Chun-jing Jiang<sup>1</sup>, Hong Wang<sup>2</sup>, Ming Jia<sup>\*</sup> and Xiao-tong Hou<sup>1</sup>



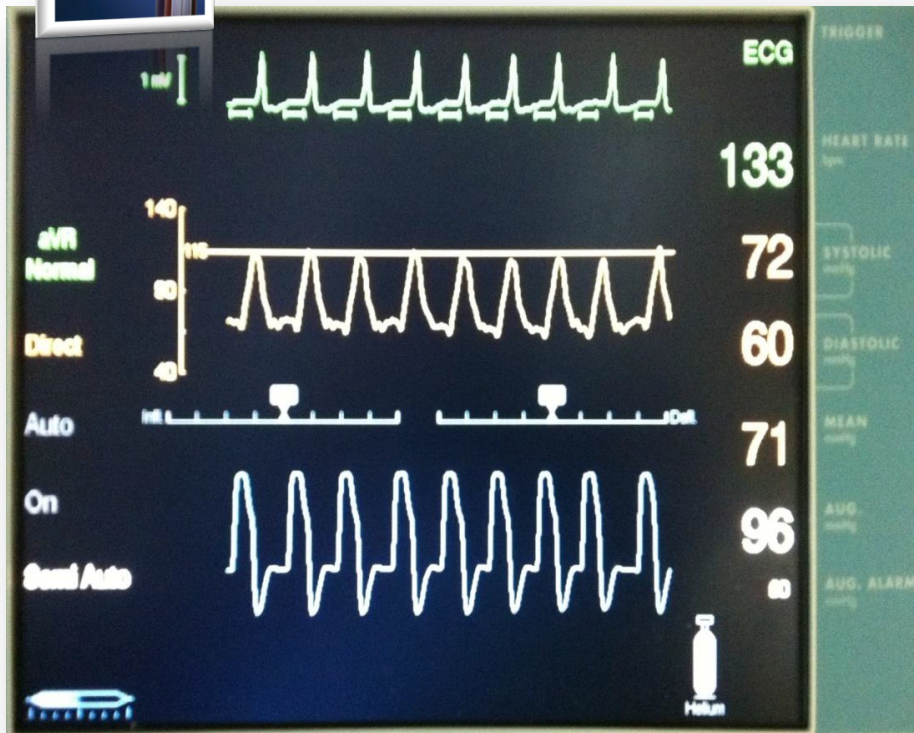
**IABP** can increase blood supply to the coronary arteries and reduce cardiac afterload

**ECMO** and **IABP** are synergistic and complementary to each other

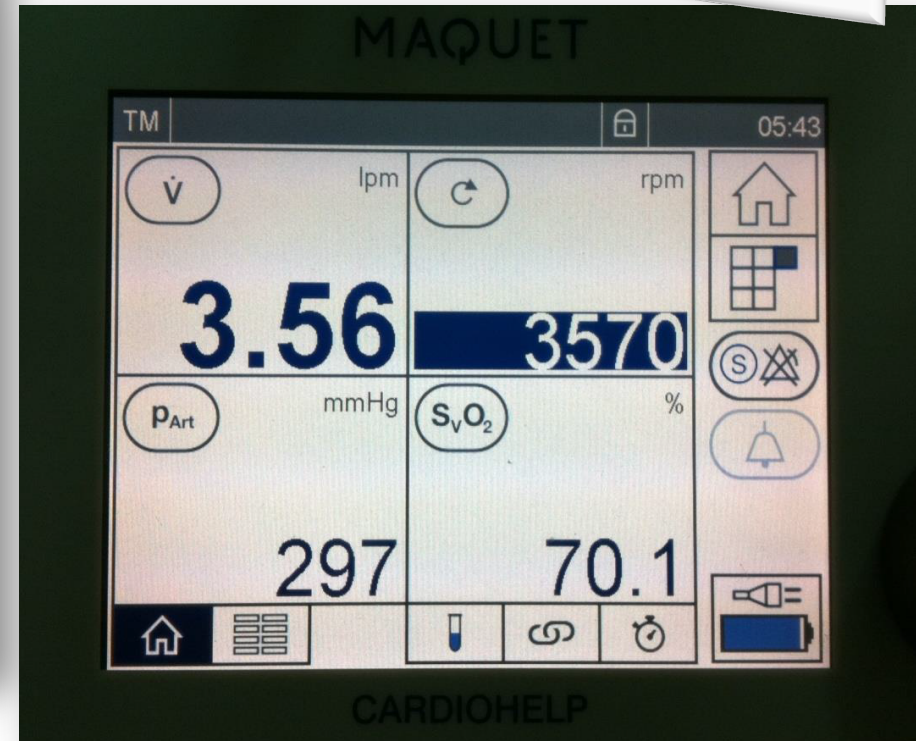
# ECMO & IABP in Combination



## IABP Console



## Maquet Cardiohelp ECLS Console





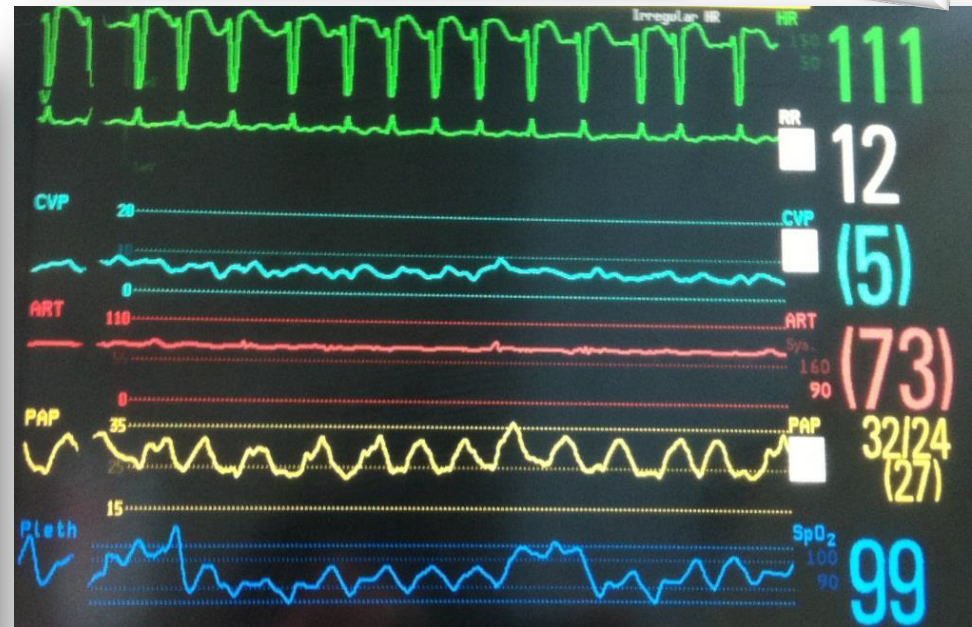
# IABP on Hold: *Complete Loss of Intrinsic Cardiac Pulsatility*



IABP Console



ICU Monitoring Screen



# Pulsatile Versus Nonpulsatile Flow During Cardiopulmonary Bypass: Microcirculatory and Systemic Effects

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**Conclusions.** Pulsatile perfusion is superior to nonpulsatile perfusion at preserving the microcirculation, which may reflect attenuation of the systemic inflammatory response during CPB. We suggest the implementation of pulsatile flow can better optimize microvascular perfusion, and may lead to improved patient outcomes in high-risk cardiac surgical procedures requiring prolonged CPB time.

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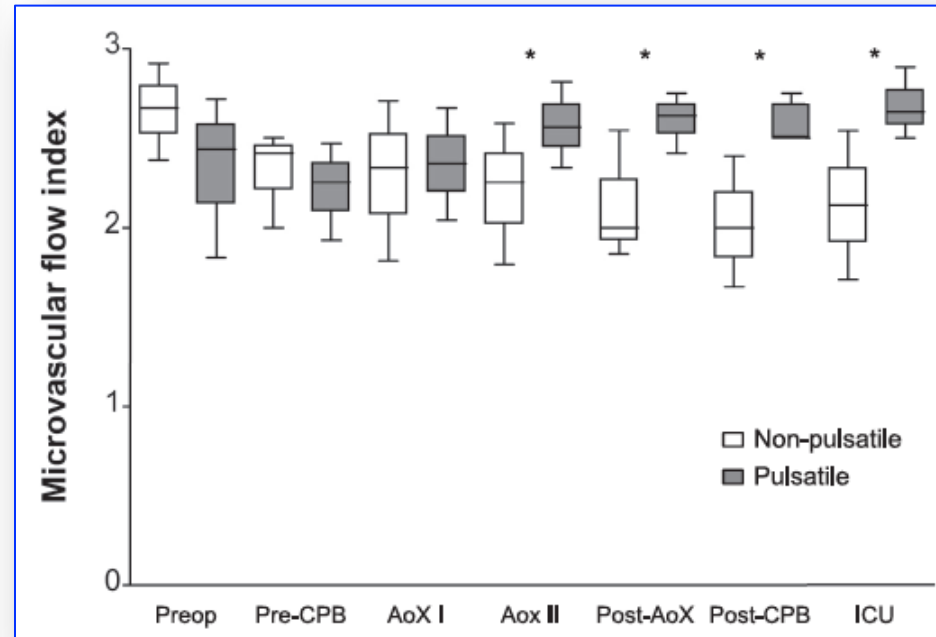
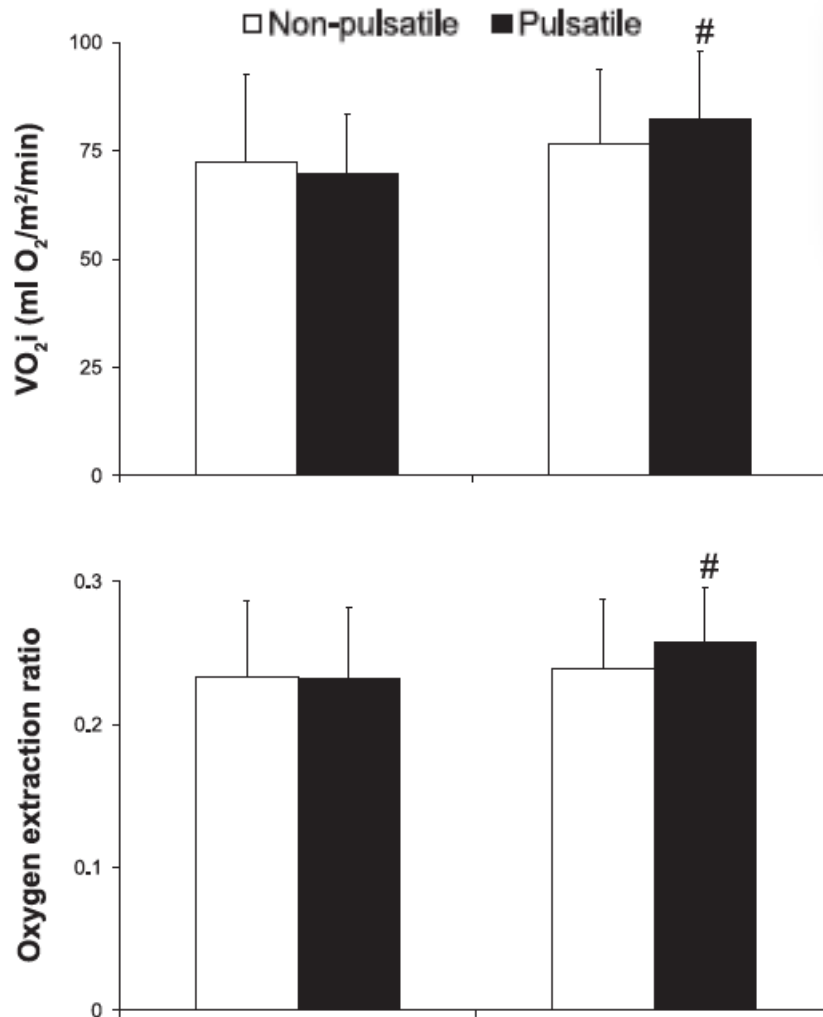
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## Pulsatile flow during cardiopulmonary bypass preserves postoperative microcirculatory perfusion irrespective of systemic hemodynamics

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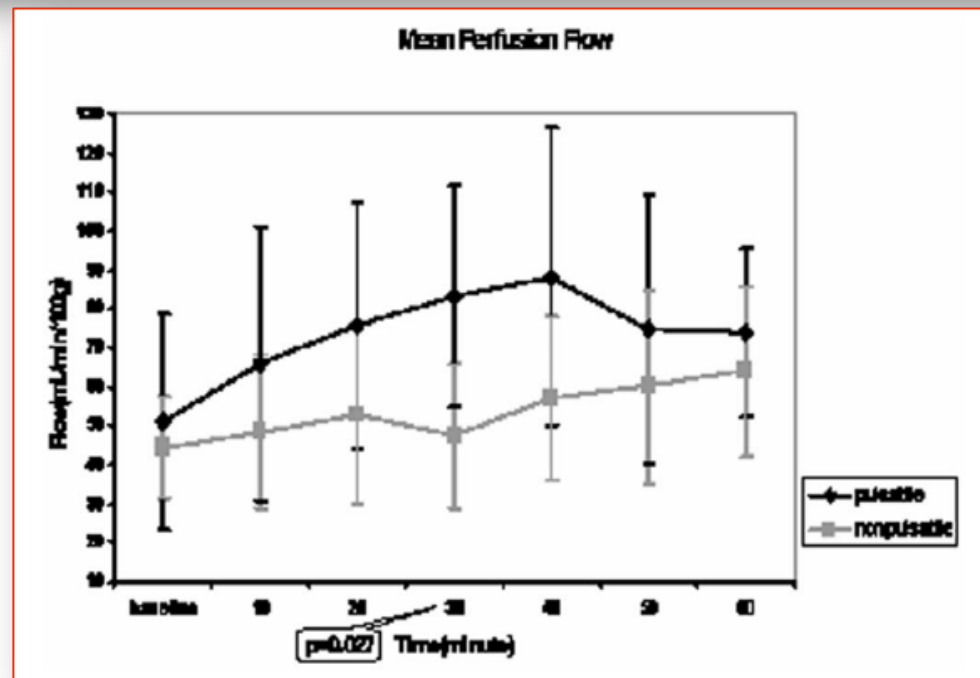
Oxygen consumption index and oxygen extraction ratio were increased in the pulsatile flow group

The median postoperative microvascular flow index was higher in the pulsatile group



# The Effects of Pulsatile Flow Upon Renal Tissue Perfusion During Cardiopulmonary Bypass: A Comparative Study of Pulsatile and Nonpulsatile Flow

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Pulsatile flow achieves higher levels of tissue perfusion of the kidney during short-term extracorporeal circulation

# Impacts of Pulsatile Systemic Circulation on Endothelium-Derived Nitric Oxide Release in Anesthetized Dogs

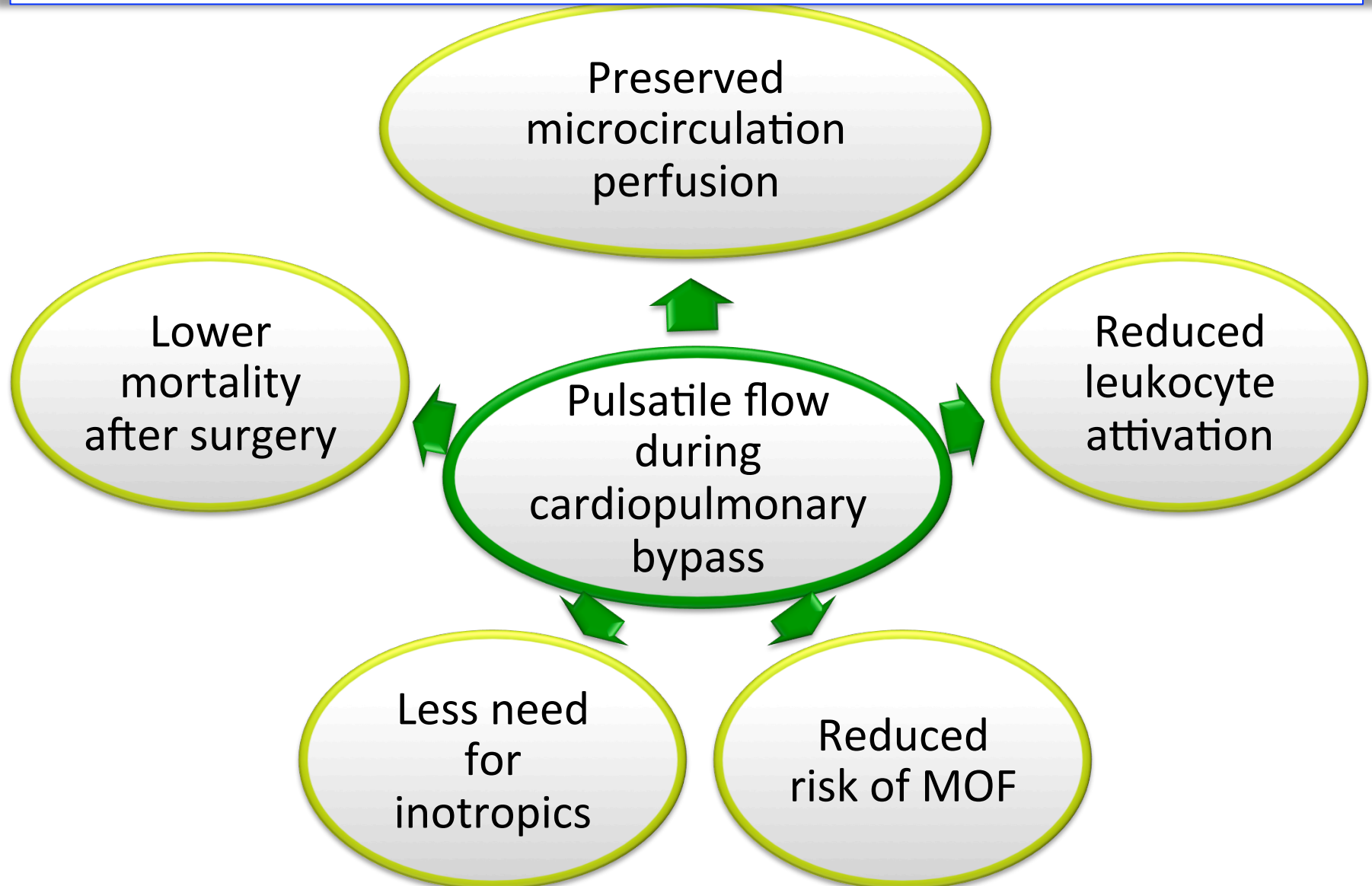
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## Conclusions

*Both the frequency and the amplitude of pulse wave in the systemic circulation are significant independent stimuli for endothelium-derived nitric oxide-mediated vasodilation in vivo.*

# PULSATILE vs CONTINUOUS FLOW



# CONCLUSIONS

- ECMO may increase LV afterload and wall stress with negative consequences on myocardial protection and may cause progressive acute lung injury .
- **Venting of the LV** ↓ *LV end-systolic pressure and end-diastolic volume* and ↑ *aortic diastolic pressure*.

# CONCLUSIONS

- **ECMO** and **IABP** are synergistic and complementary to each other.
- Although it appears clear that **pulsatile flow** causes significantly less organ injury and systemic inflammation during CPB, there is not a clearly evidence of the benefits of nonpulsatile perfusion over pulsatile perfusion in acute or chronic settings.





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