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Surgical Options to Prevent and Treat Tricuspid Valve Regurgitation in Heart Transplant Recipients



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Prevalence of Tricuspid Valve Disease after Heart Transplantation

14% to 84% (depending on the definition of TR)

Table 5: Prevalence of TR after OHT.

Study	Number of patients	TR prevalence at the end of the followup (%)	Average follow-up period (years)	Definition of significant TR
Current study	n = 163	14.1%	8.2	≥mild-moderate
Chan et al. [3]	n = 336	34%	4.5	≥moderate
Aziz et al. [8]	n = 249	53.9%	5	≥moderate
Hausen et al. [14]	n = 251	50%	4	≥moderate-severe
Williams et al. [18]	n = 72	32%	2.4	≥moderate
Yankah et al. [25]	n = 647	5.5%	5	≥moderate
Chen et al. [27]	n = 178	26.4%	5	≥moderate
Huddleston et al. [28]	n = 183	20%	4	≥moderate

TR: tricuspid regurgitation; OHT: orthotopic heart transplantation.

Berger et al. Journal of Transplantation Volume 2012, Article ID 120702, 8 pages doi:10.1155/2012/120702

Clinical Manifestation and Prognosis of Mod-Sev Tricuspid Regurgitation after HTx

- Progressive fatigue (35%)
- Chronic fluid congestion (61%)
- Lower extremity edema (78%)
- Hepatomegaly (29%)
- Jugular venous distention (59%).
- Renal Failure
- Protein-losing enteropathy

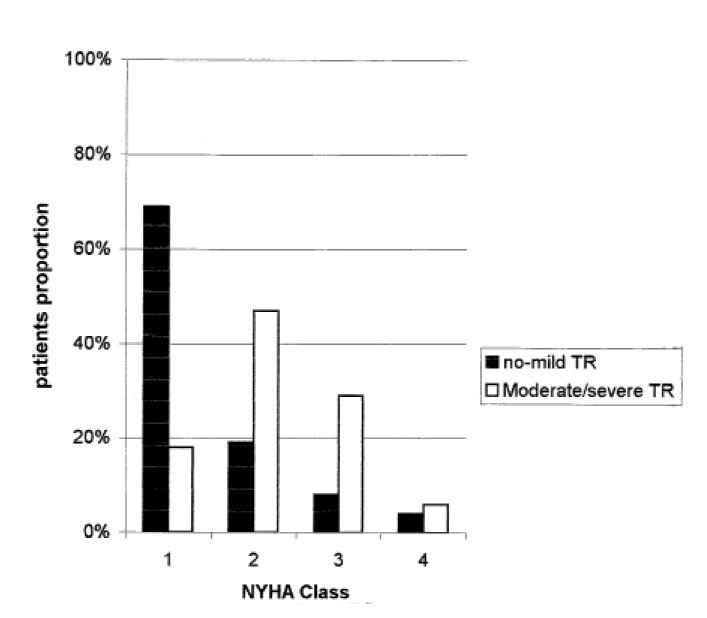


Fig 2. New York Heart Association class among heart transplant recipients with different grade TR.

Aziz et al. Ann Thorac Surg 1999;68:1247-51

Survival Curve in Triscuspid Regurgitation Grade ≧2

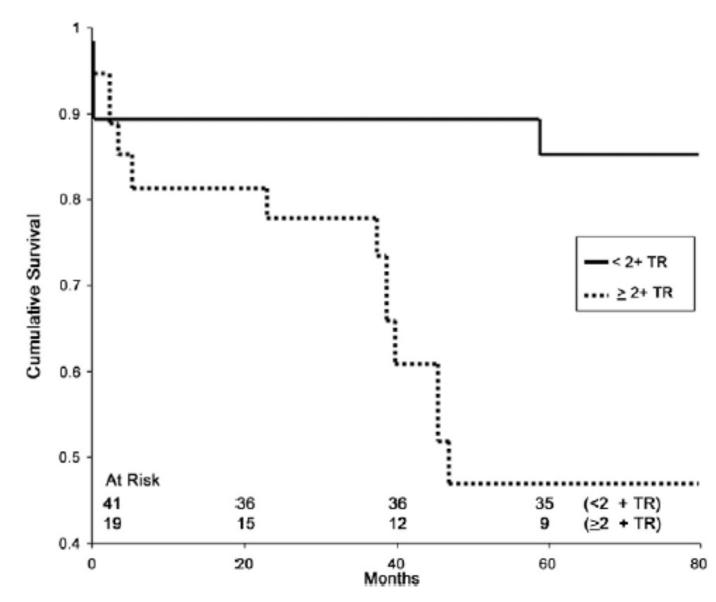


Fig 1. Kaplan-Meier survival curves for patients with tricuspid regurgitation (TR) of 2+ or greater at any point after transplant. Follow-up was complete for the entire cohort. (Solid line = <2+ TR; dotted line = $\ge2+$ TR.)

Jeevanadam et al. Ann Thorac Surg 2006;82:2089–95

Clinical Manifestation and Prognosis of Mod-Sev Tricuspid Regurgitation after HTx

Follow-up: 8 years

Table 4: Clinical outcomes of late significant (at least mild-moderate) TR.

Clinical outcome	No TR/mild TR $(n = 140)$	At least mild-moderate TR $(n = 23)$	P value
Mortality (% patients)	28.6%	47.8%	0.065
Median serum creatinine at the end of followup (mg/dL)*	1.4 (0.5-10.4)	1.8 (1.0-2.9)	0.081
Need for diuretic therapy ≥ 10 mg furosemide/day (% patients)	10.4%	47.1%	< 0.001
Need for another heart surgery	1.7%	33.3%	< 0.001

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^{*}Data are presented as median and range (min-max).

Tricuspid Valve Disease in Heart Tx Recipients

Functional TR

- Surgical Technique
 - Biatrial vs Bicaval
 - Pericardial Size Missmatch
 - Missmatch of Recipient/Donor RA ratio in Biatrial technique
- Right Ventricle Disfunction
 - Previous Pulmonary Hypertension
 - Volume Overload
 - Rejection

Anatomic TR

- EMB
- Endocarditis

Prevention

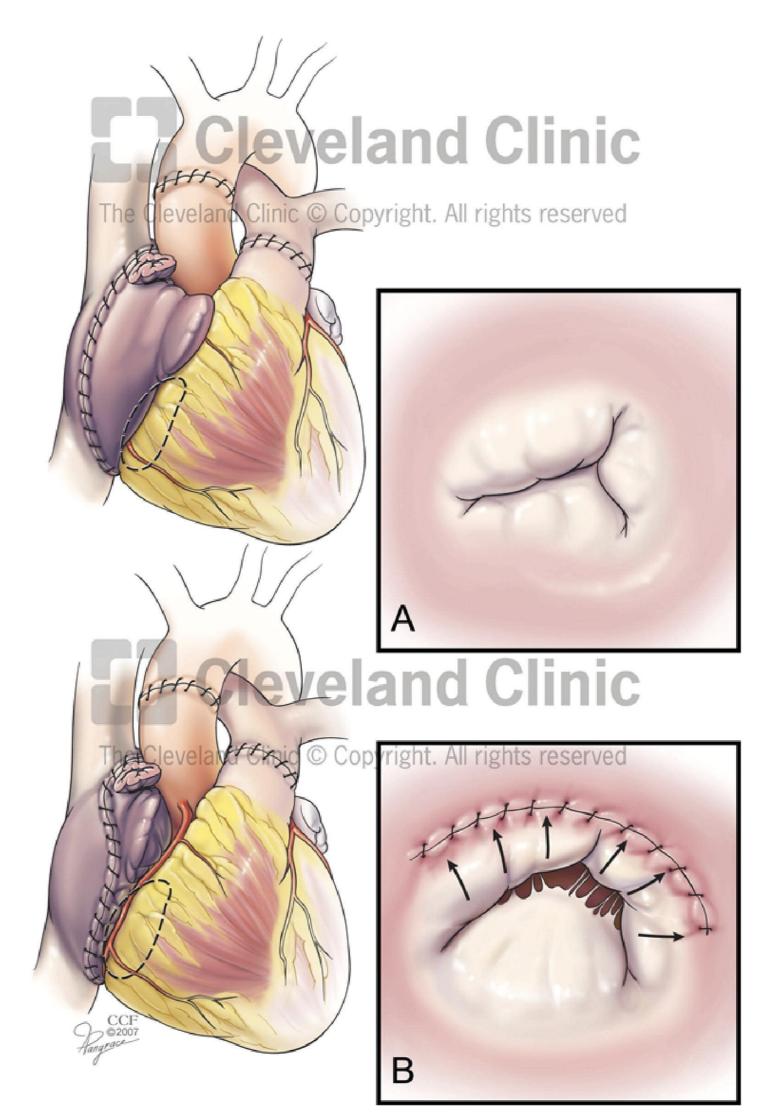
Tricuspid Regurgitation: Biatrial Technique

Tricuspid Regurgitation After Cardiac Transplantation: An Old Problem Revisited

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Tricuspid Regurgitation: Biatrial vs Bicaval approach

Risk Factors for Tricuspid Valve Regurgitation After Orthotopic Heart Transplantation

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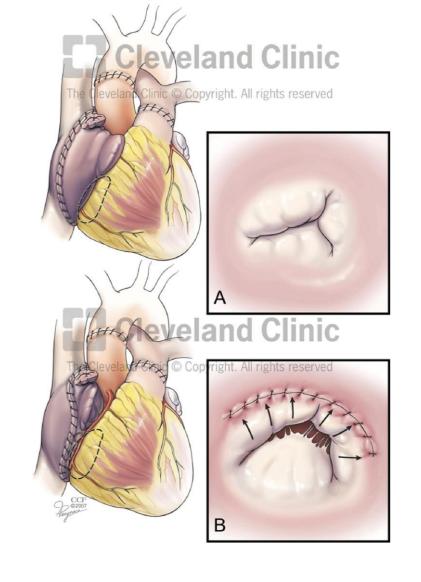


Table 2. Difference in Incidence and Severity of Tricuspid Valve Regurgitation Between Cardiac Transplant Recipients Had Standard Technique Versus Bicaval Technique

Time After	Standard 7	Геchnique	Bicaval Te		
Transplant	No TR to Mild TR	Moderate to Severe	No TR to Mild TR	Moderate to Severe	p Value
1 month	93/156 (59%)	63/156 (41%)	72/84 (85%)	12/84 (15%)	0.0001
12 months	73/146 (50%)	73/146 (50%)	62/81 (76%)	19/81 (24%)	0.002
24 months	67/138 (48%)	71/138 (52%)	56/79 (70%)	23/79 (30%)	0.002
Recently	38/119 (31%)	81/119 (69%)	49/70 (70%)	21/70 (30%)	0.0001

p value compares the prevalence of significant TR (moderate and severe TR) between each technique at different stages following transplantation.

TR = tricuspid valve regurgitation.

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Biatrial Technique is associated to Mod-Sev Tricuspid Regurgitation

Table 3	Tricuspid	Regurgitation	At Discharge	and Follow-up

		None	Mild	Moderate	Severe	
Variable No.		No. (%)	No. (%)	No. (%)	No. (%)	<i>p</i> -value
Discharge						
Bicaval	207	102 (49.3)	67 (32.4)	25 (12.1)	13 (6.3)	
Biatrial	166	51 (30.7)	52 (31.3)	50 (30.1)	13 (7.8)	< 0.001
5 years				•		
Bicaval	106	48 (44.2)	45 (42.5)	11 (10.4)	2 (1.9)	
Biatrial	116	33 (28.4)	50 (43.1)	22 (19.0)	11 (9.5)	0.013
10 years		•				
Bicaval	31	15 (48.4)	12 (38.7)	2 (6.5)	2 (6.5)	
Biatrial	97	24 (24.7)	43 (44.3)	19 (19.6)	11 (11.3)	0.082

Wartig et al. J HeartLungTransplant2014;33:829-835

Tricuspid Regurgitation: Biatrial vs Bicaval approach over time

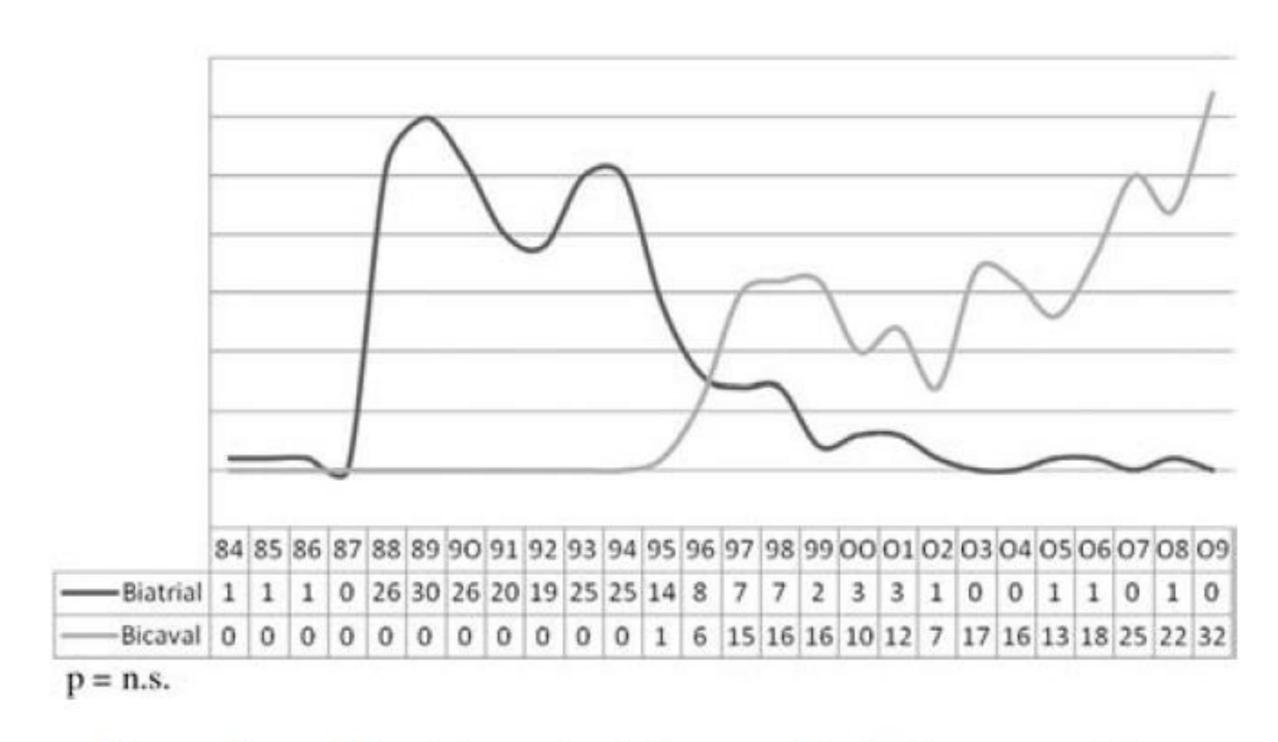
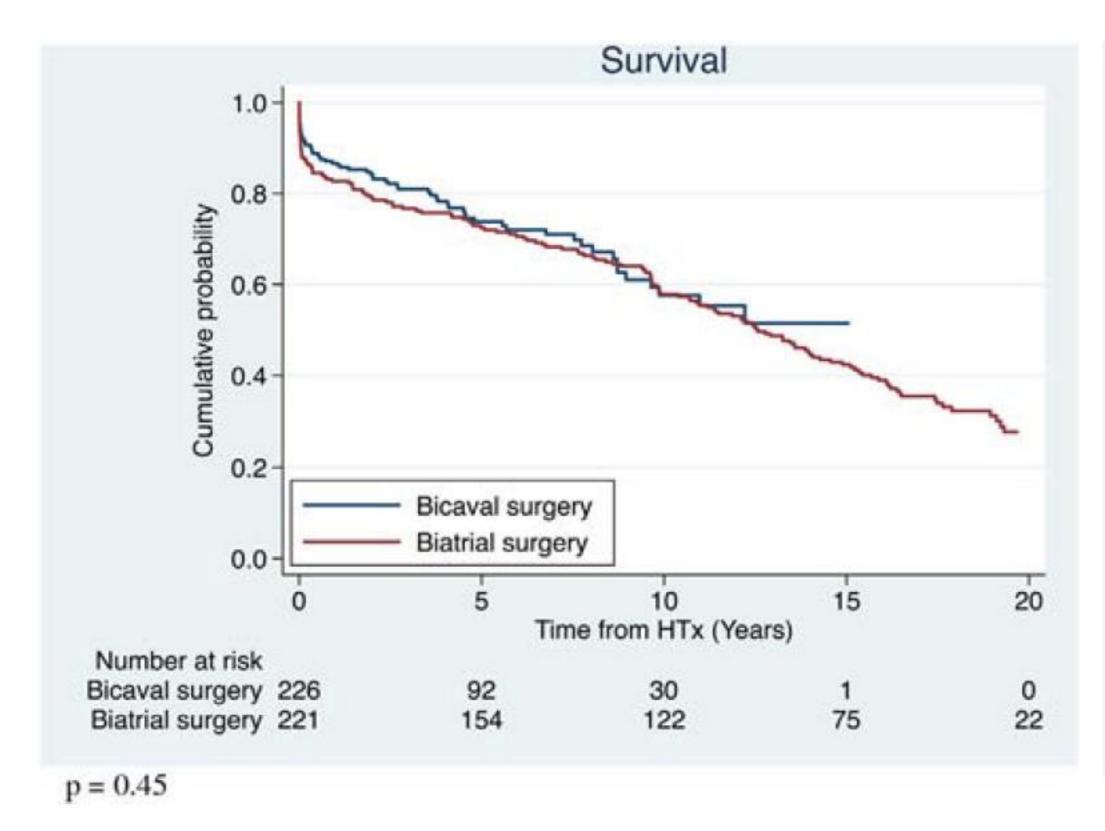
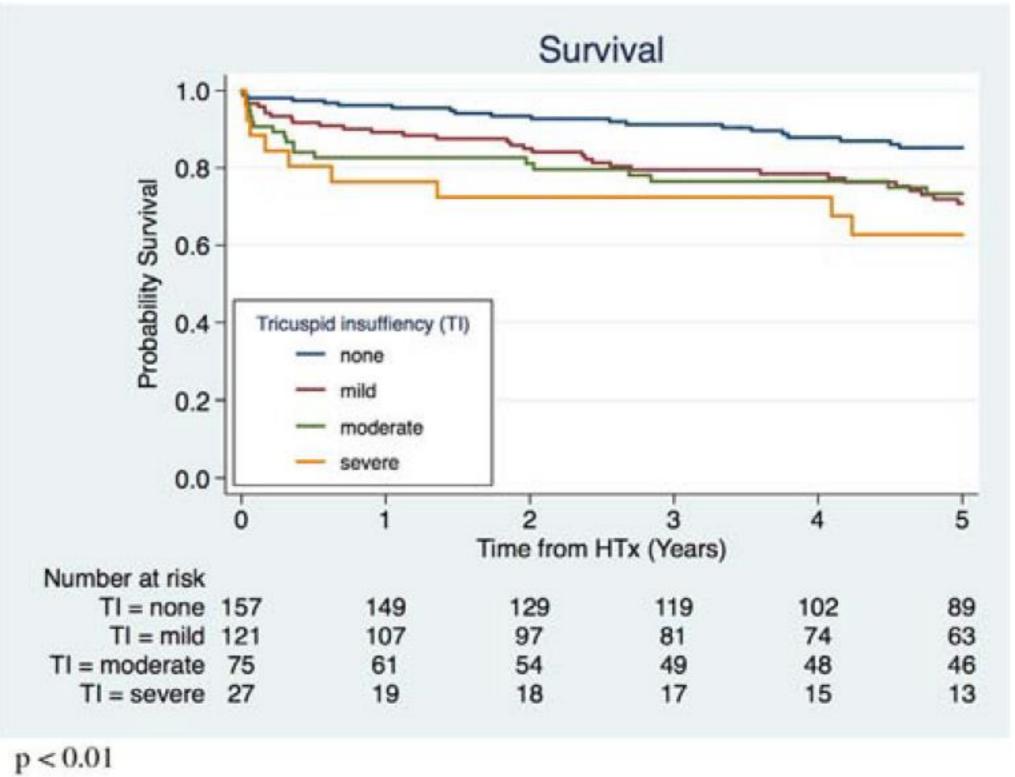


Figure 1 Heart transplantation and technique over time.

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Worst Long Term Survival with Severe Tricuspid Regurgitation





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Tricuspid valve regurgitation after heart transplantation

J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 2009;137:1557-9

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670 patients with Bicaval Anastomoses

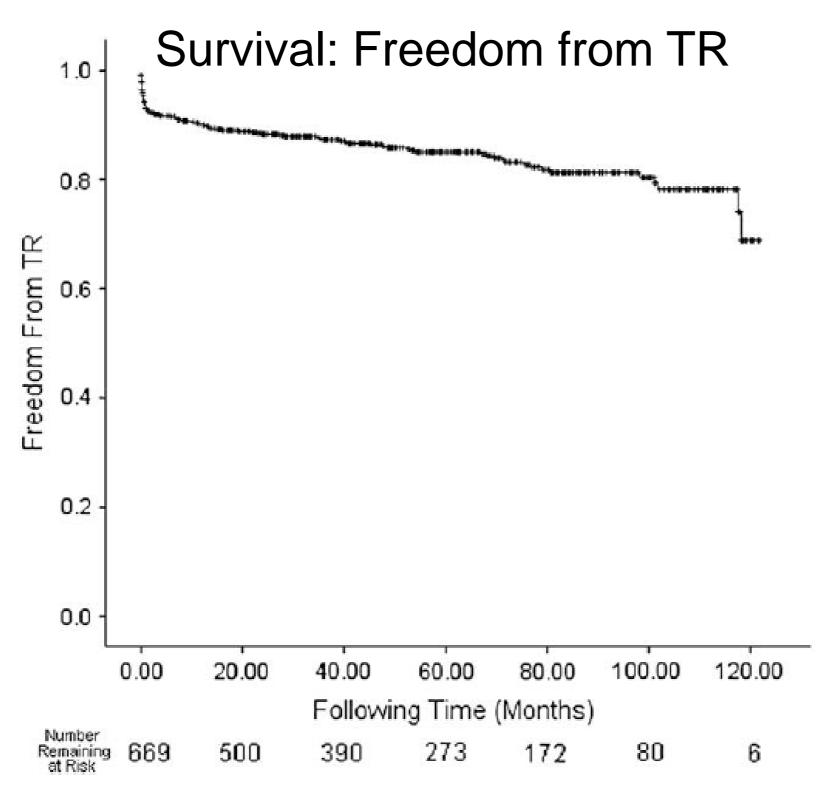


FIGURE 1. Actuarial freedom from TR in the 670 patients was 78% at 9 years. *TR*, Tricuspid regurgitation.

Survival: By grade of TR

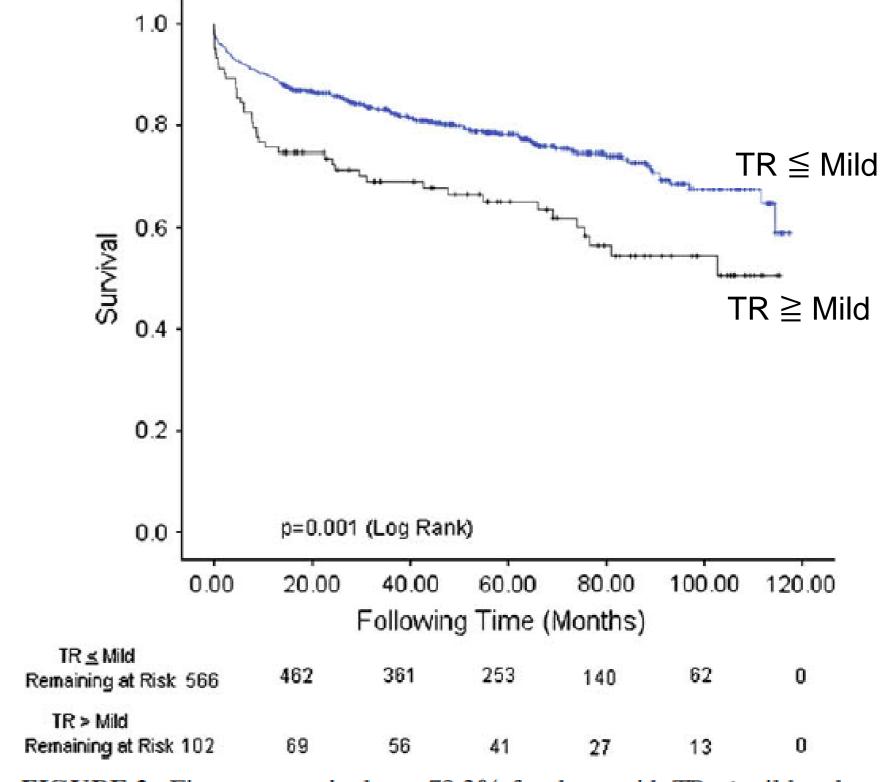


FIGURE 2. Five-year survival was 78.3% for those with TR \leq mild and 65.3% for those with TR > mild. TR, Tricuspid regurgitation.

Severe Tricuspid Regurgitation After Heart Transplantation: Does It Require Surgical Repair?

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2010 to 2014: 35 HTx patients who had developed severe TR in the first month following HTx surgery.

(1 patient requiered Tricuspid Valve Repair for severe TR)

Endpoints	Severe TR (n=35)
1-Year Survival	85.70%
1-Year Freedom from NF-MACE	85.70%
1-Year Freedom from Any-Treated Rejection	88.60%
1-Year Freedom from Atrial Arrhythmia	65.70%
First-Year Flail Tricuspid Valve Leaflet	8.6% (3/35)
Surgical Intervention: Tricuspid Valve Repair	2.9% (1/31)

Conclusion: HTx patients who develop severe TR following HTx surgery appear to show improvement in a majority of these valves over time. While patients who develop to severe TR should be closely monitored, surgical intervention is rarely necessary.

p=0.009

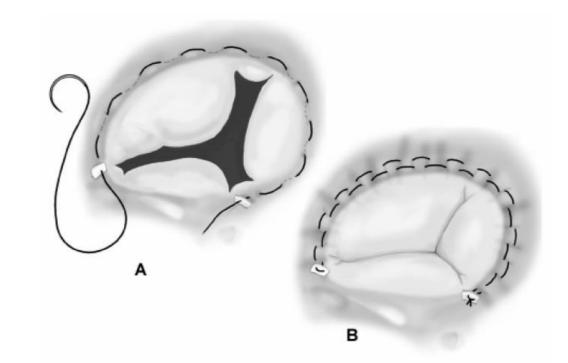
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A One-Year Comparison of Prophylactic Donor Tricuspid Annuloplasty in Heart Transplantation

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De Vega N, Rev Esp Cardiol, 1972

60 patients

All of them received a bicaval anastomoses Randomization to:

- Standard Bicaval technique (30 pts)
- Tricuspid Valve Annuloplasty (30 pts)
- Groups were comparable in terms of recipients and donors characteristics

Donor Tricuspid Annuloplasty During Orthotopic Heart Transplantation: Long-Term Results of a Prospective Controlled Study Ann Thorac Surg 2006;82:2089–95

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Prophylactic Tricuspid Valve Annuloplasty

- Visualization through the inferior right atrial opening
- DeVega type annuloplasty with double layer of pledgeted 2-0 polypropylene
- Annulus was sized to a 29-mm dilator
- If the annulus was less than 29 mm, it was stabilized to a size just a little smaller than the native annulus.



Long Term Follow-up of Prophylactic Tricuspid Valve Annuloplasty

Table 2. Distribution of the Severity of Tricuspid Regurgitation

		Intraoperative		1 Year		6 Years			
	STD	TVA	p Value	STD	TVA	p Value	STD	TVA	p Value
Average	1.1 ± 1.0	0.33 ± .38	0.01	1.3 ± 1.0	0.2 ± 0.3	0.01	1.5 ± 1.3	0.5 ± 04	0.01
≤1	21	30		17	27		15	22	
2	5	0		7	0		2	0	
≥3	4	0		2	0		5	0	
Percent ≥ 2	30%	0.0%	0.01	34.6%	0.0%	0.02	31.8%	0.0%	0.01
Percent ≥ 3	13.3%	0.0%	0.002	7.6%	0.0%	0.01	22.7%	0.0%	0.005

STD = standard orthotopic heart transplantation group;

TVA = tricuspid valve annuloplasty group.

Long Term Follow-up of Prophylactic TVA

Table 3. Hemodynamic Measurements

	1 Year		6 Years			
	STD	TVA	p Value	STD	TVA	p Value
mSys (mm Hg)	82.1 ± 10.7	87.3 ± 9.8	ns	84.2 ± 12.1	82.6 ± 11.8	ns
mPA (mm Hg)	19.1 ± 9.2	20.4 ± 9.1	ns	23 ± 5.2	22.2 ± 6.7	ns
CVP (mm Hg)	6.5 ± 4.3	6.9 ± 4.9	ns	4.4 ± 3.2	7.8 ± 4.4	ns
mPA-CVP	13.4 ± 6.5	14.3 ± 6.32	ns	15 ± 3.2	14.5 ± 4.2	ns
Cardiac index	$3.6 \pm .7$	$3.3 \pm .6$	ns	$2.8 \pm .5$	$2.9 \pm .5$	ns

Table 4. Renal Function After Heart Transplantation

	Preoperative		1 Year		6 Years				
	STD	TVA	p Value	STD	TVA	p Value	STD	TVA	p Value
BUN (mg/dL)	22.3 ± 11.5	26.8 ± 15.6	ns	42.5 ± 16.5	37.7 ± 15	ns	41.0 ± 14.4	32.1 ± 12.1	ns
Crt (mg/dL) dCRT	1.02 ± .3	1.34 ± .7	0.058	2.3 ± 1.3 1.3 ± .9	2.2 ± 1 1.0 ± .9	ns 0.06	2.9 ± 2.0 2.0 ± 2.1	1.8 ± 0.7 $0.7 \pm .8$	0.01 0.005

Long Term Follow-up of Prophylactic TVA

Complications and Mortality after Heart Trasplantation

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Group	STD	TVA	p Value
Intraoperative complications	Bleeding 3 Pul HTN/RHF 5 CVA 1 Pulm hem 1 Donor dys 2	Bleeding 3 Pul HTN/RHF 4 Donor dys 3	
Mortality 1 year	RHF 3 Rejection 1	Rejection 1 Sepsis 1 Pneumonia 1	ns
Mortality 6 years	AF 3 Cancer 1	AF 2 Perforated bowel 2 Pneumonia 1	ns
Cardiac deaths	7	3	0.03

- Prophylactic DeVega TVA is
 - Inexpensive
 - quick to perform
 - durable at 1 year
 - offers a survival advantage in the immediate postoperative period.
- Long term, there is better preservation of renal function and prevention of TR.
- Because TVA is beneficial, it should be routinely considered during preparation of a donor heart for transplantation.

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Cardiac transplantation with bicaval anastomosis and prophylactic graft tricuspid annuloplasty

Transplante cardíaco com anastomose bicaval e anuloplastia tricúspide profilática no enxerto

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- Group I: (10 patients) tricuspid annuloplasty by De Vega technique
- Group II: (10 patients) control w/o annuloplasty.



The authors concluded that the prophylactic application has improved the immediate function of the graft, with better right ventricle performance without an increase in immediate mortality or ischemic time.

Table 2.	Complications observed in the postoperative
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	Group I	Group II	
	With	Without	p
	Annuloplasty	Annuloplasty	
Renal insufficiency	2 (20%)	2 (20%)	ns
Pulmonary infection	1 (10%)	1 (10%)	ns
Mediastinitis	-	1 (10%)	ns
Postoperative bleeding	-	1 (10%)	ns
Pleural effusion	-	2 (20%)	ns
Temporary pacemaker	1 (10%)	-	ns
Late mortality	-	1 (10%)	ns

Table 3. Hemodynamic Study

		Group I	Group II	
Variables		With	Without	p
		Annuloplasty	Annuloplasty	
Right atrium pressure	mmHg	5.1	6.7	ns
Right ventricle pressure				
Systolic	mmHg	31.4	32.6	ns
Diastolic		3.5	5.7	
Pulmonary artery pressure				
Systolic		28.2	30.2	
Diastolic	mmHg	10.1	11.2	ns
Mean		17.1	20.3	
Pulmonary capillary pressure	mmHg	9.5	7.6	ns
Cardiac debit	L/min	5.42	5.37	ns
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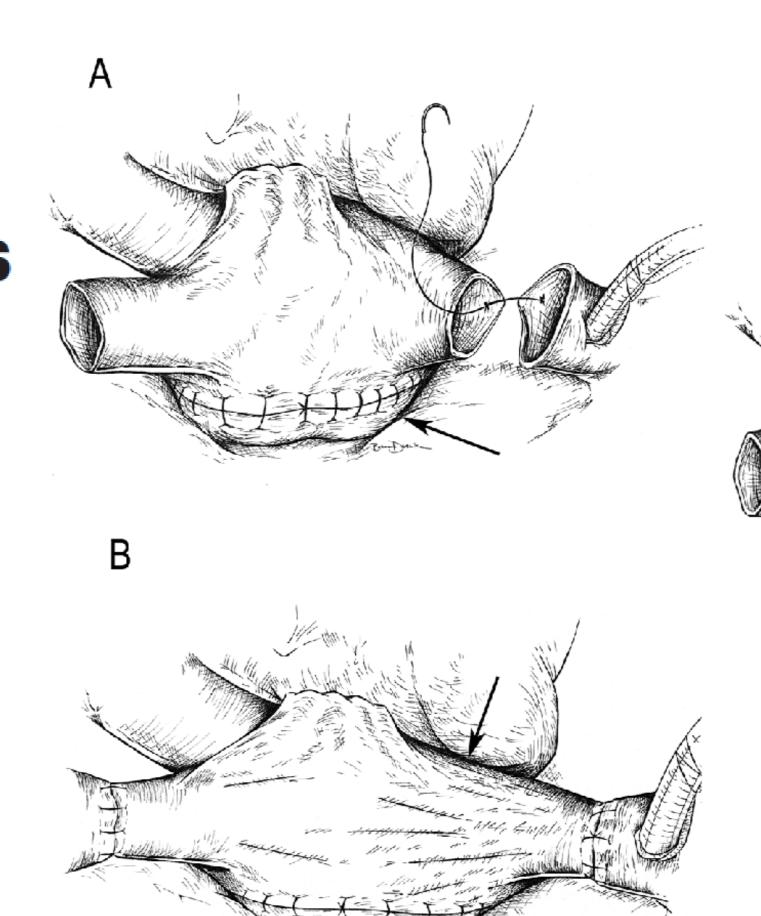
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Modified Inferior Vena Caval Anastomosis

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TABLE IV. Comparison of the Incidence of Tricuspid Regurgitation among Various Studies Using Different Heart Transplantation Techniques

Study	Technique	Trace TR	Mild TR	Moderate-to- Severe TR	
Aziz T, et al.4	Standard	72%* 93%*		28%	
	Bicaval			7%	
Jeevanandam V, et al.⁵	Bicaval	66%	27%	7%	
	Bicaval with tricuspid valve annuloplasty	100%	0	0	
Present study	Modified bicaval	85%	15%	0	

^{*}Trace and mild TR were combined.

TR = tricuspid regurgitation

- The modified inferior vena caval anastomosis is simple and safe.
- It eliminates moderate and severe tricuspid valve regurgitation without routine annuloplasty

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- Right Ventricle Disfunction
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Anatomic TR

- EMB
- Endocarditis

Treatment Surgical Strategy

Treatment of Tricuspid Disease After HTx: Repair vs. Replacement

Tricuspid valve replacement after cardiac transplantation

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Current Opinion in Cardiology 2007, 22:123–127

Table 1 Tricuspid valve surgery durability after cardiac transplantation

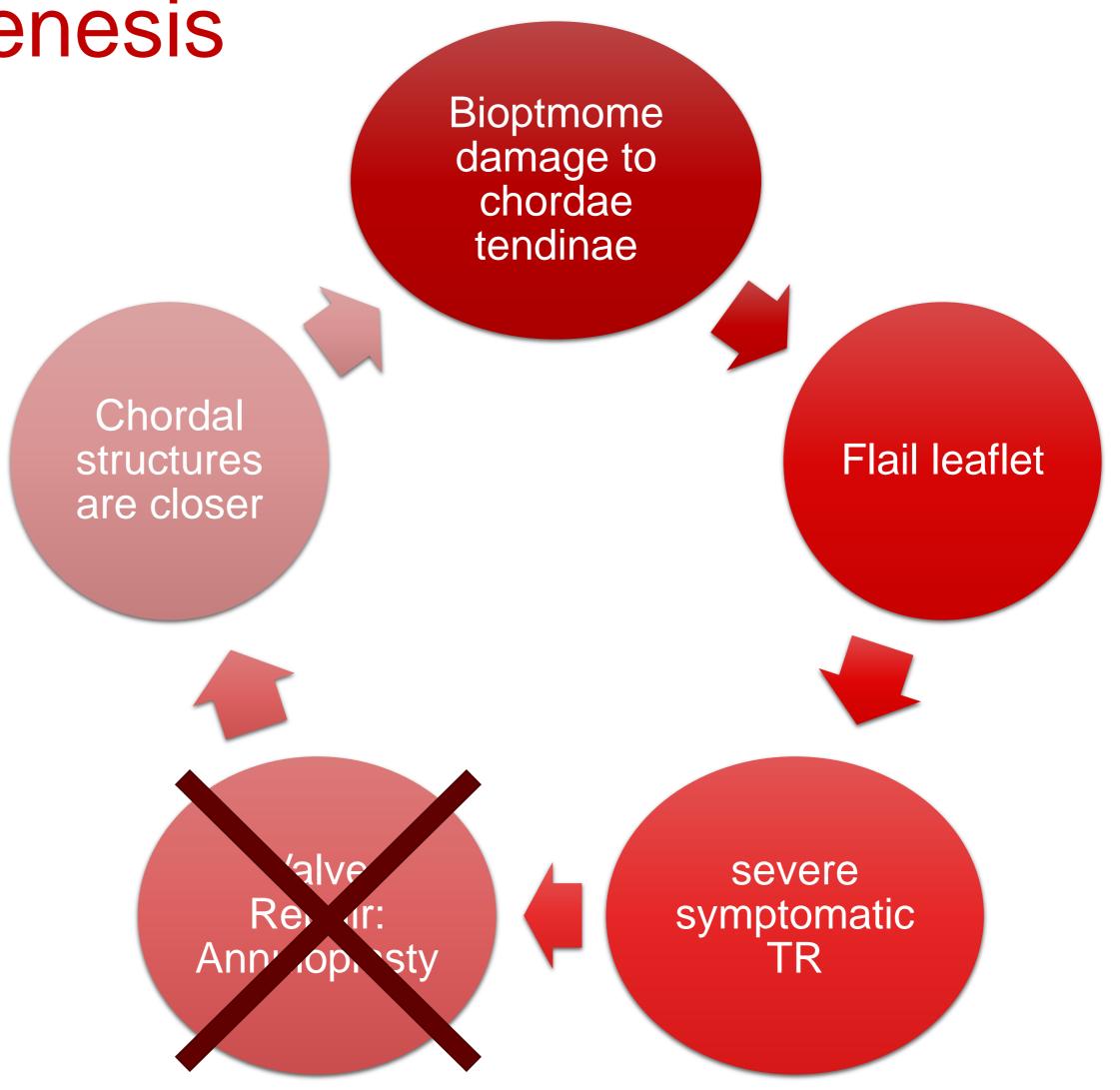
Study	Period	Total patients, <i>n</i>	Patients with TR requiring surgery, n (%)	Total repairs, <i>n</i>	Repair failures requiring replacement, n (%)	Total replacements, <i>n</i>	Re-replacements, n (%)
Yankah et al. [4]	1986-1999	647	16 (2.5)	6	1 (16.7)	11	O (O)
Filsoufi et al. [2 ••]	1985-2005	138	8 (5)	6	3 (50)	5	0 (0)
Alharethi et al. [3 ••]	1992-1999	871	17 (2)	2	O (O)	15	1 (6.7)
Overall		1656	41 (2.5)	14	4 (28.6)	31	1 (3.2)

TR, tricuspid valve regurgitation.

The Rol of EMB in the Pathogenesis of Tricuspid Regurgitation

- EMB is the Gold Standard for surveillance of rejection
- EMB is implicated in development of TR
- Histologic findings of chordal tissue were found in 47% of patients with significant TR¹
- TR is related to the number of EMB:
 - <18 biopsies: no TR
 - > 31 biopsies: 60% developed severe TR ²

- 1- Mielniczuk L, et al. J Heart Lung Transplant 2005; 24:1586–1590.
- 2- Nguyen V, et al J Heart Lung Transplant 2005; 24 (7 Suppl):S227-S231.



Tricuspid Valve Replacement: Biological Prosthesis is the Best Option

Posibility of earlier dysfuntion (fibrosis, calcification)
Posibility of valve-in-valve endoprothesis for prosthetic dysfunction

First Choice

EMB are feasible

No need for Anticoagulation

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Treatment of Tricuspid Disease After HTx

Tricuspid Valve Replacement After Cardiac Transplantation

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Table 1. Patient's Characteristics Pre-TVR (n = 17)

Characteristic	
Male	14 (82%)
Average age at TVR (±SD)	56 ± 17 years
Allograft vasculopathy (%)	4/17 (23%)
Symptomatic right heart failure (%)	15/17 (88%)
Average time from the transplant to the TVR	
(±SD)	77 ± 48 months
Average number of biopsies from transplant to	
the diagnosis of severe T1	33 ± 13
Bi-atrial anastomoses (%)	17/17 (100%)
Flail leaflets	16/17 (94%)

Table 3. Pre- and Post-TVR Data

Variables	Pre-TVR	Post-TVR	<i>p</i> -value
Serum Cr (mg/dl)	1.8 ± 0.73	1.9 ± 0.86	0.723
CO (liters/min)	4.6 ± 1.04	5.2 ± 0.88	0.334
CVP (mm Hg)	17.7 ± 4.1	11 ± 7.3	0.013
Furosemide dose			
(mg/day)	47.69 ± 56.4	26.54 ± 46.43	0.009

Cr, creatinine; CO, cardiac output; CVP, central venous pressure.

Diferent Options for Tricuspid Valve Replacement:

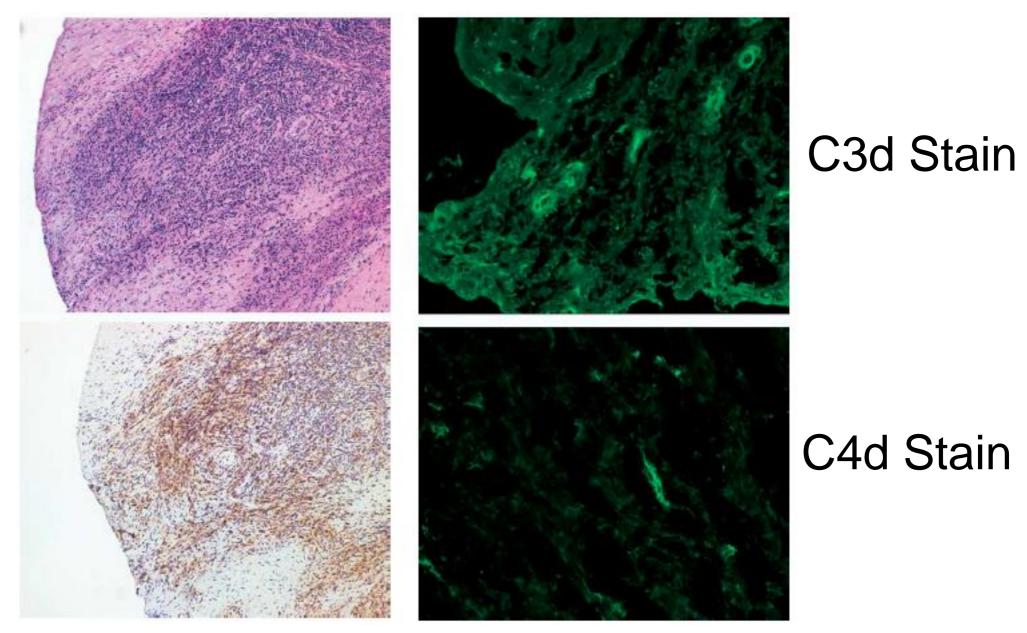
Early Failure of a Tricuspid Valve Replacement With a Mitral Valve Homograft in a Heart Transplant Recipient

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Table 1. Time Course of Panel Reactive Antibody (PRA) Reactivity

	PRA HLA	PRA HLA
Timing	Class I	Class II
Before tricuspid valve replacement with	0%	0%
mitral valve homograft		
Before mitral valve homograft replacement	72%	31%
with porcine bioprosthesis		
After tricuspid valve replacement with	19%	20%
porcine bioprosthesis		

Mitral Homograft biopsies



Minimal Invasive Approach

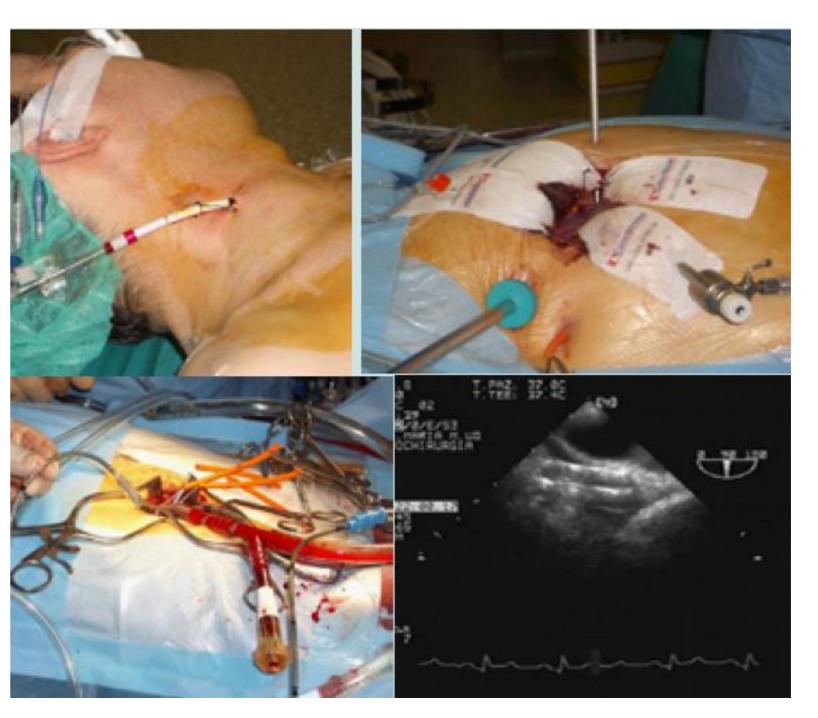
- Double lumen ETT
- TEE
- Mini Right Anterior Thoracotomy
- Cannulation:
 - Femoral artery
 - Femoral vein
 - Jugular vein
- On pump Beating Heart surgery
- Direct vision / Thoracoscopy

Treatment of Tricuspid Regurgitation Following Heart Transplantation: Surgical Approach and Results

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Summary

- Tricuspid Regurgitation is the most frecuent manifestation of valvular disease after Heart Transplantation
- TR during the first year post HTx tends to improve. TV surgery is rare
- Patients with Mod to Sev TR after HTx have a worst long term prognosis
- Geometry alterations of RA and EMB are implicated in the development of TR
- Bicaval anastomosis prevents the development of TR
- Prophilactic De Vega Annuloplasty has good results, but it is not use routinely by transplant centers. Consider modified Bicaval technique.
- Biological prosthetic valves are the first option for TV Replacement

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