

# REV PROCEDURE\*

FOR

## DORV-TGA TYPE WITH PS and TRANSPOSITION VSD PS

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*\* Réparation à l'étage ventriculaire*

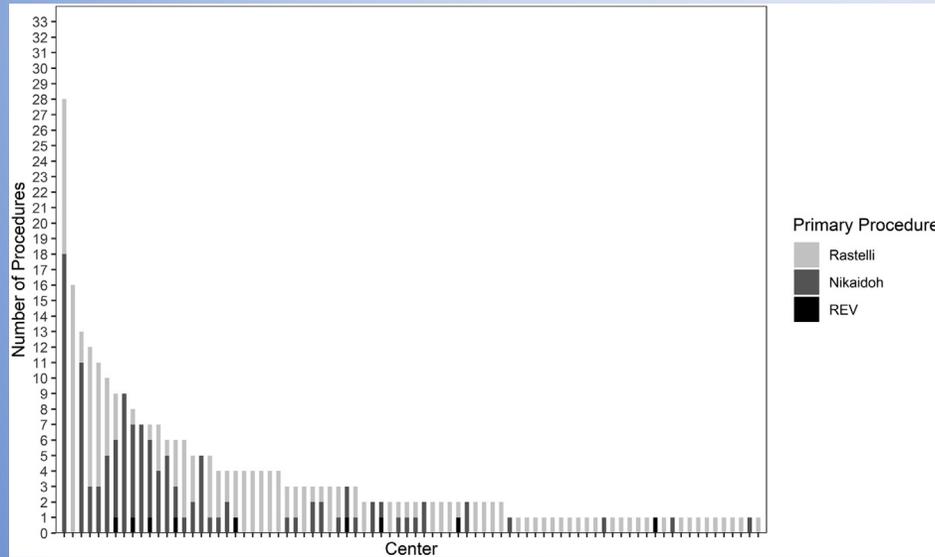
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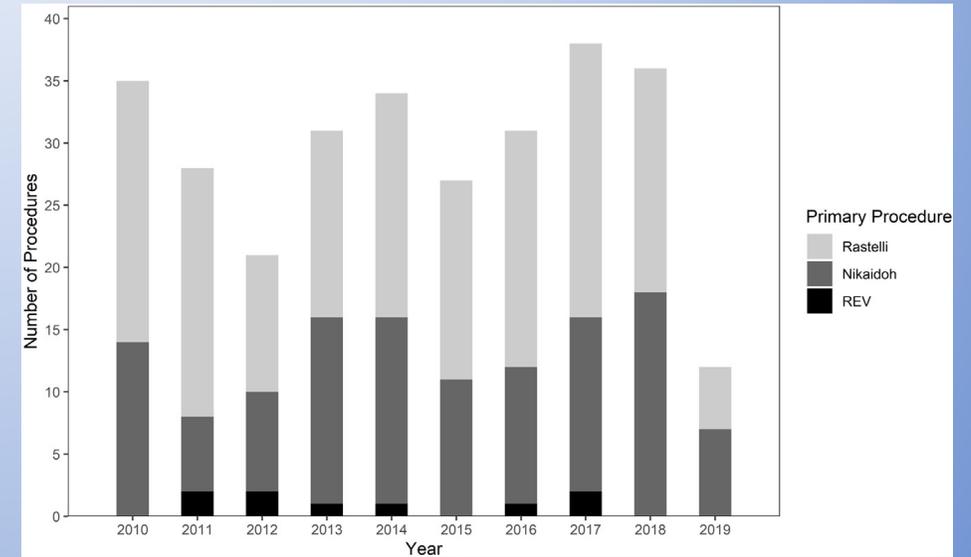


# CURRENT SITUATION

Rastelli and Nikaidoh procedures are the most commonly performed



**FIGURE 2** Bar graph demonstrating the utilization of Nikaidoh, Rastelli, and réparation à l'etage ventriculaire (REV) operations stratified by center.



**FIGURE 3** Bar graph demonstrating the volume of Nikaidoh, Rastelli, and réparation à l'etage ventriculaire (REV) operations by year.

**RESULTS** A total of 293 patients underwent repair at 82 centers (January 2010 to June 2019). Most patients underwent a Rastelli (n = 165, 56.3%) or a Nikaidoh (n = 119, 40.6%) operation; only 3.1% (n = 9) underwent a REV. High-volume

2022. Seese. Analysis of the STS congenital heart surgery database

# Long-term results after the réparation à l'étage ventriculaire procedure for transposition of the great arteries and double-outlet right ventricle with pulmonary stenosis <sup>FREE</sup>

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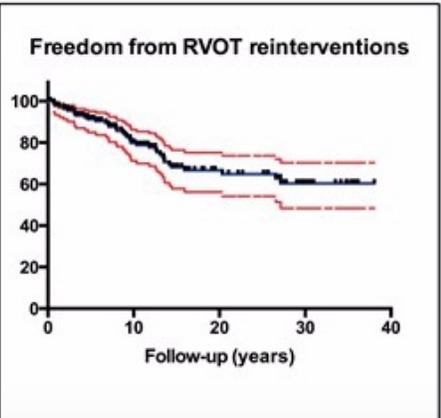
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## Abstract

### Long-term results after the REV procedure

#### Summary

Retrospective study of 157 patients evaluating the long term results of the REV procedure for TGA and DORV with pulmonary stenosis. Overall survival was 91.7%. Thirty-seven patients (23.6%) required reinterventions on the RVOT. Freedom from LVOT reintervention was 97.5%. The REV procedure is a good alternative when an arterial switch is not feasible.



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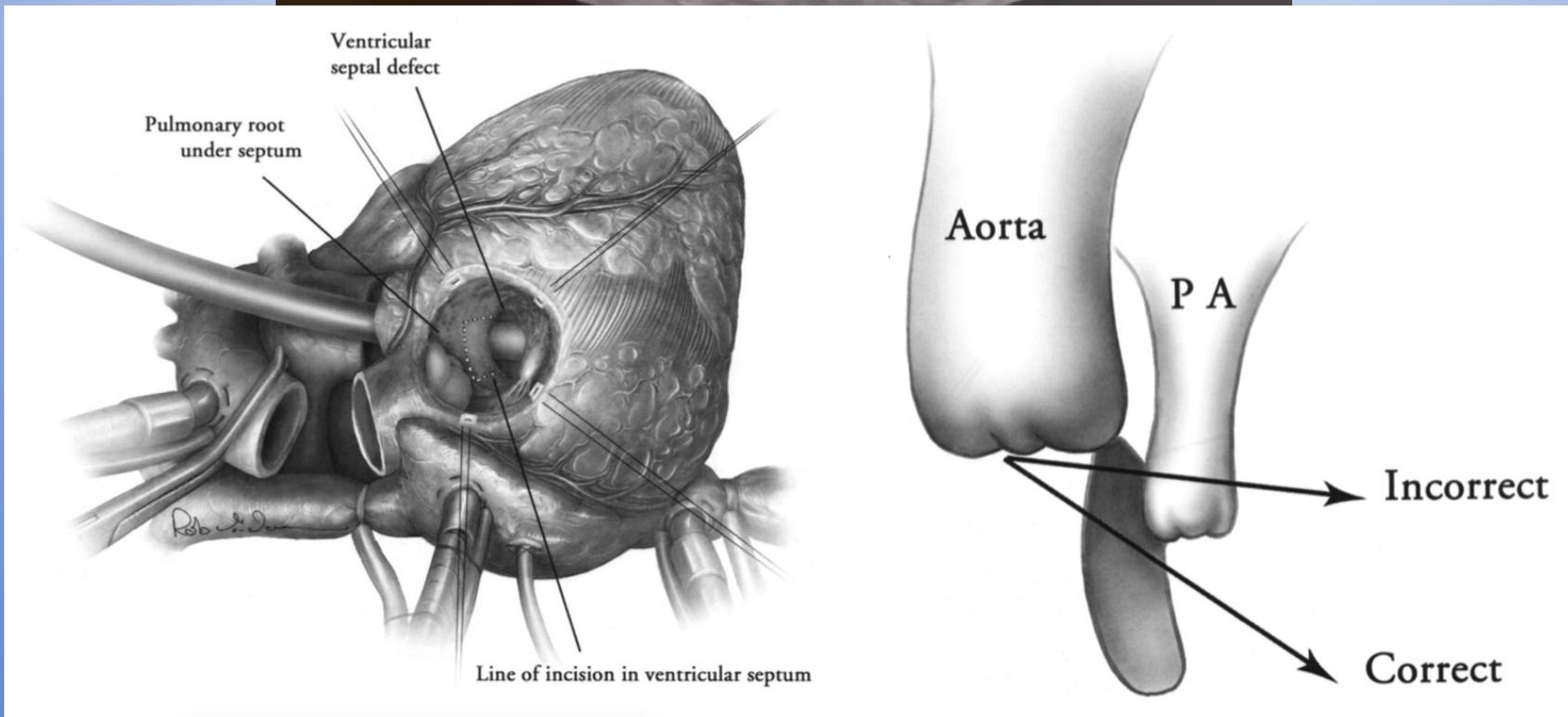
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## **Réparation à l'Étage Ventriculaire (REV Procedure): Not a Rastelli Procedure Without Conduit**

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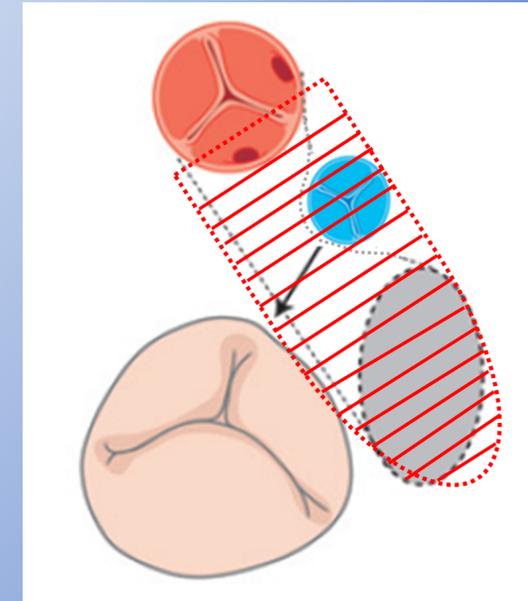
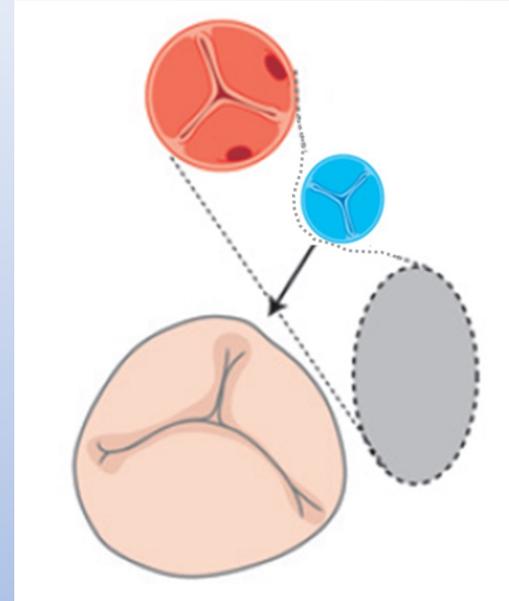
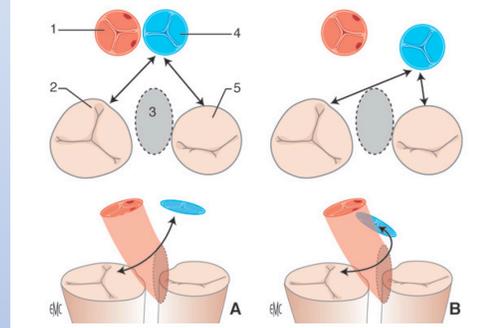
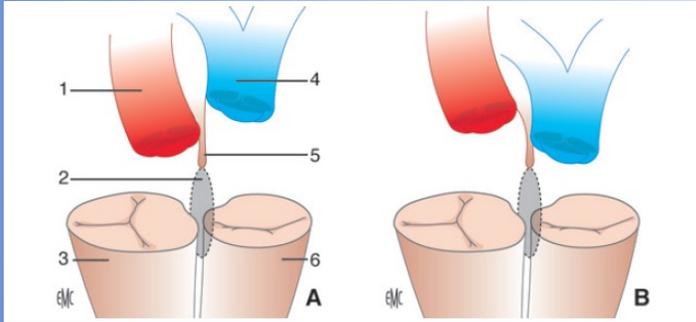
**S**ince 1980, we have been using a procedure, which we call Réparation à l'Étage Ventriculaire ([REV] procedure), for the repair of transposition of the great arteries associated with ventricular septal defect (VSD) and pulmonary outflow tract (POT) obstruction. The object of this procedure is to overcome some of the limitations and drawbacks of the Rastelli operation, which is the most common choice worldwide for this type of defect. One of these drawbacks is the use of a circular conduit for the repair of the POT. However, the most serious limitations of the Rastelli procedure relate to the construction of the left ventricle (LV) to aorta tunnel. The REV procedure allows some of the anatomic contraindications to biventricular repair to be overcome and, much more importantly, to decrease

the incidence of the late complications associated with classical repair (i.e., deterioration of LV function) and the development of subaortic stenosis.<sup>1,2</sup> The final advantage of avoiding the use of a circular conduit for reconstructing the POT is, in our experience, of secondary importance. For this reason, the intracardiac step of the REV procedure will be described in great detail in this article. Although the REV procedure can be indicated in many types of anomalies of ventriculo-arterial connection, the description will be limited to the most frequent anatomy: "classical" transposition of the great arteries, with fibrous continuity between the atrioventricular valves and the pulmonary artery, and a well-developed subaortic infundibulum.

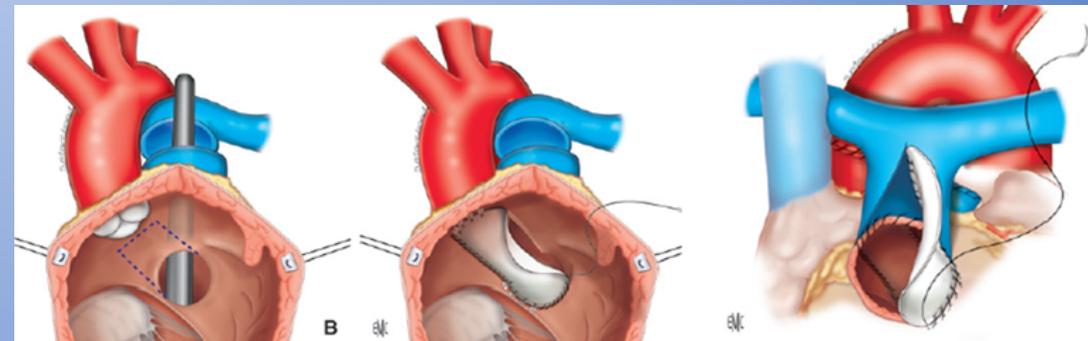


# DORV: TGA-TYPE WITH PS

Sub Aortic Conus is long  
Sub Pulmonary is short  
= Sub Pulmonary VSD

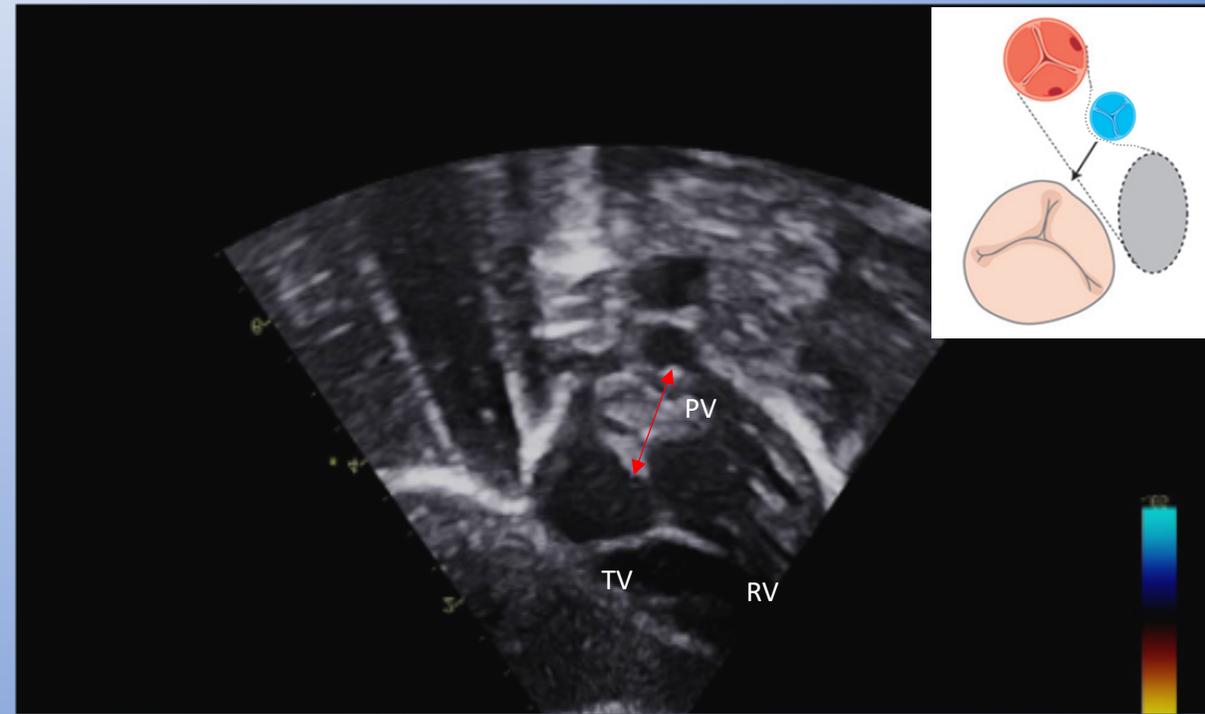


1. Tricuspid-pulmonary valve distance is inferior to aortic diameter
2. LV to Aorta connection is possible but the baffle incorporates the pulmonary outflow tract
3. Needs to relocate the pulmonary artery

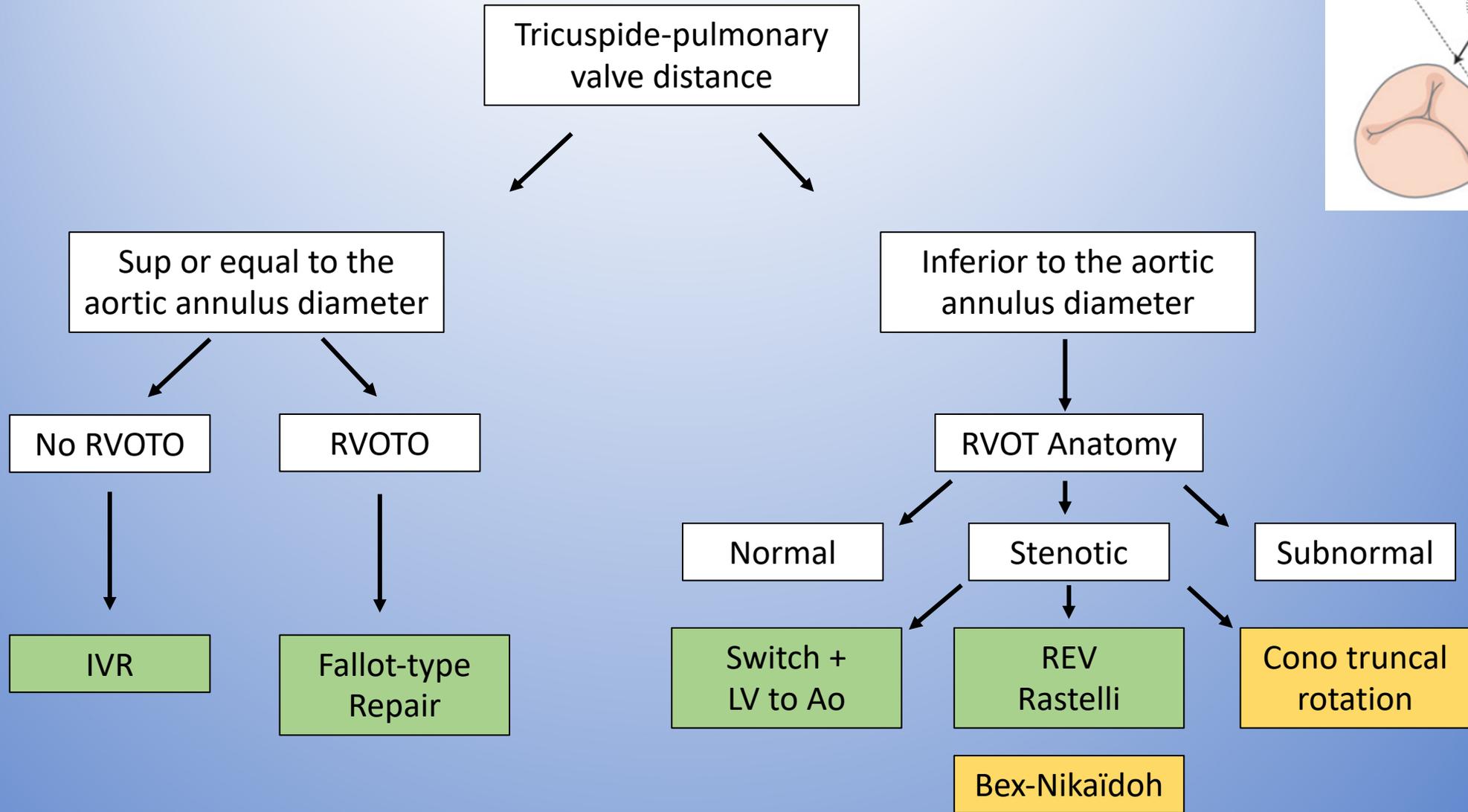
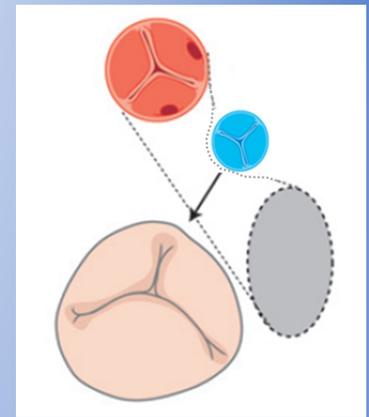


# What do I want to see?

Precise plan before surgery



# DORV REPAIR



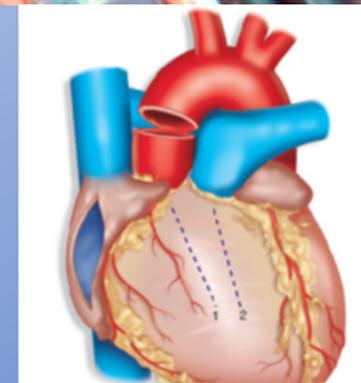
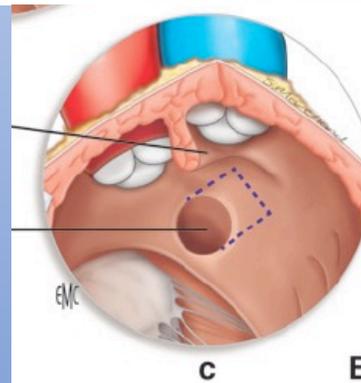
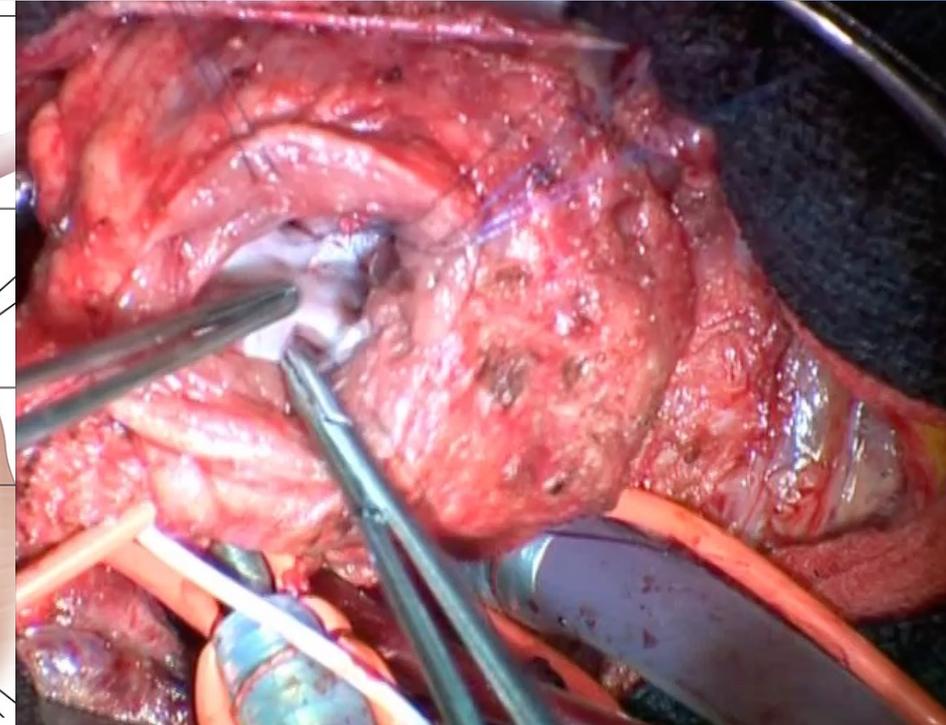
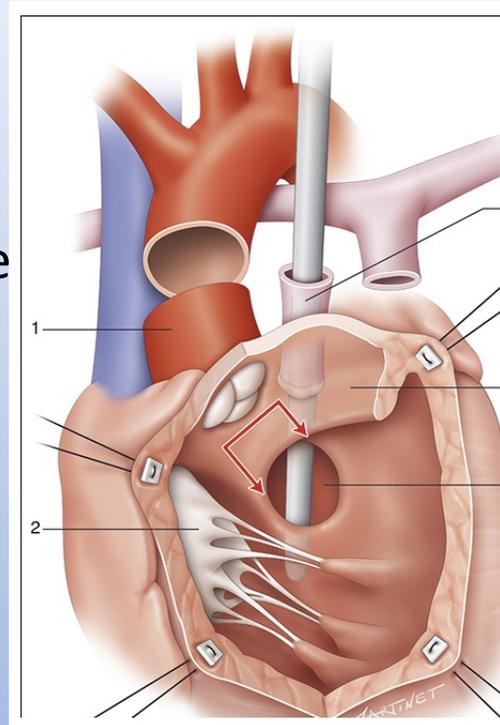
VSD can be connected to Aorta or Pulmonary valve

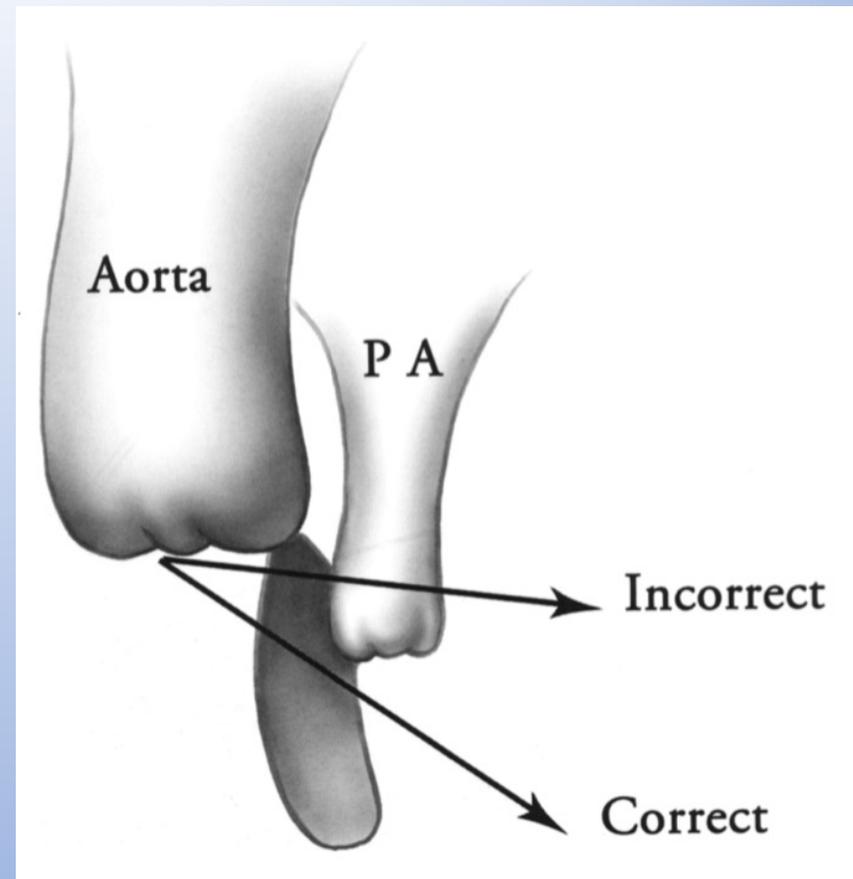
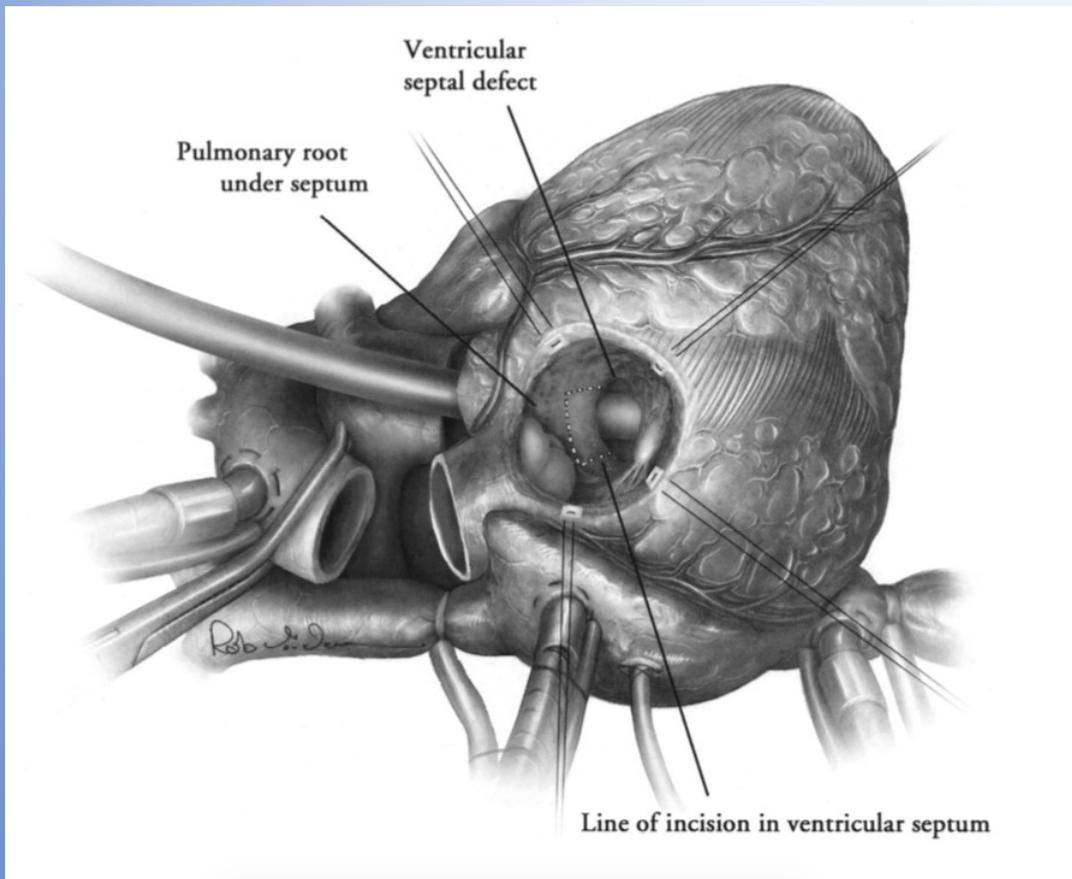
VSD can't be connected to the aorta (PV not suitable)

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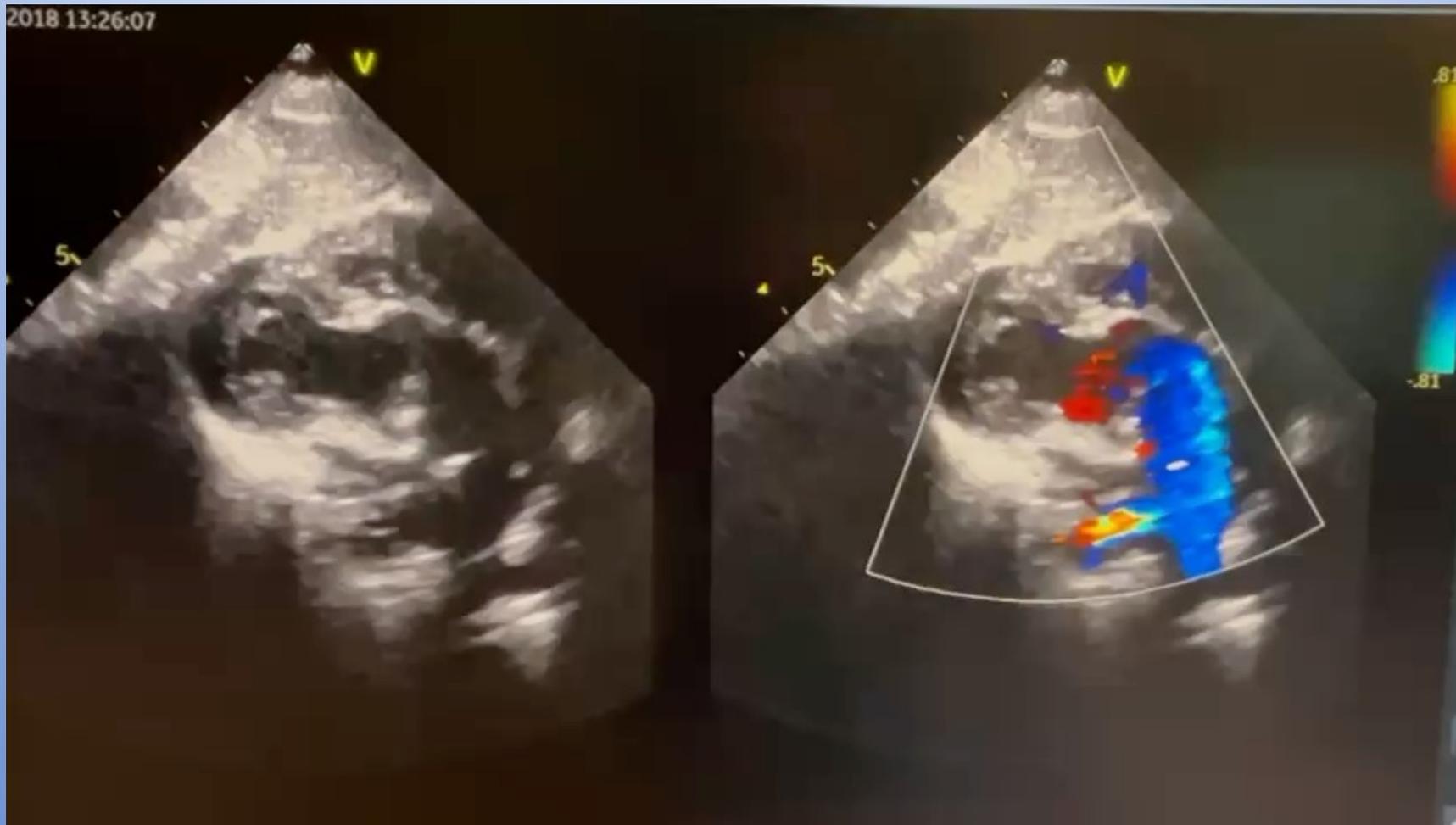
## Tips and Tricks

- Resection of the conal septum
  - Anterior to the baffle
  - Resection for the border line TGA type
- VSD enlargement
  - Only when needed
  - Anterior enlargement
  - Create immediately a fragile area
  - Can provoke localised infarct and subsequent residual VSD
  - Mandatory for some patients
  - Increase AV block risk





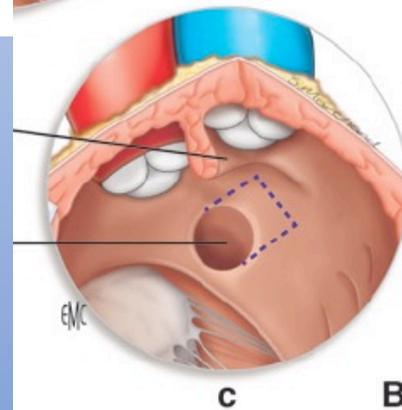
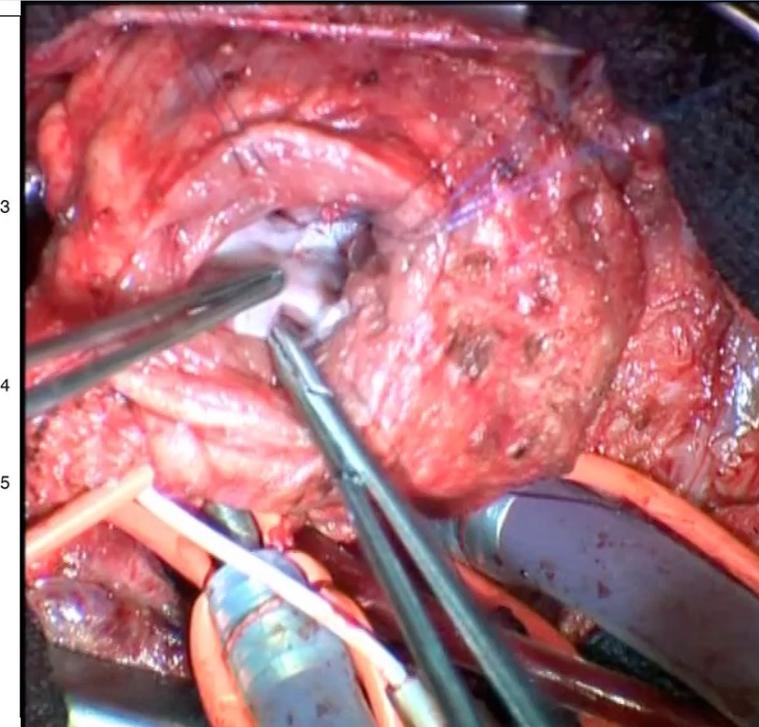
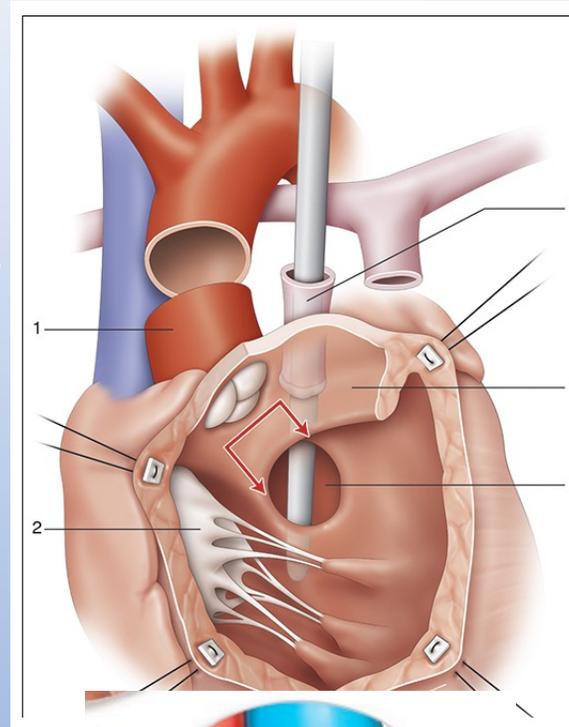
# Conal resection and ideal baffle



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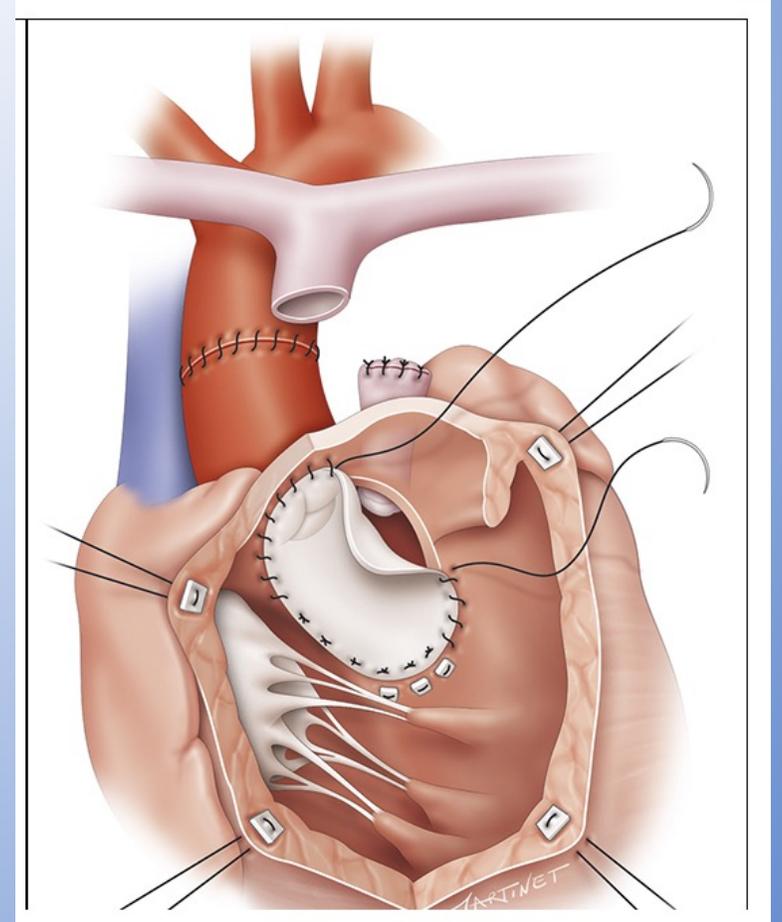
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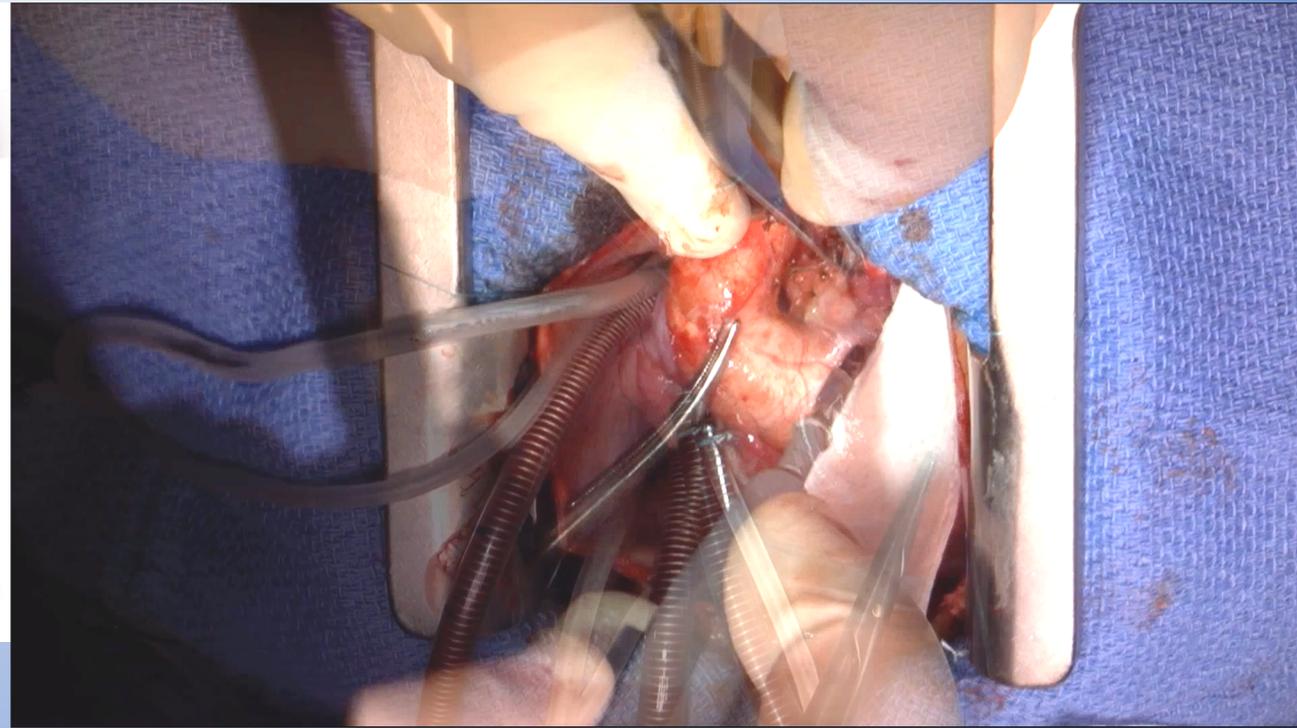
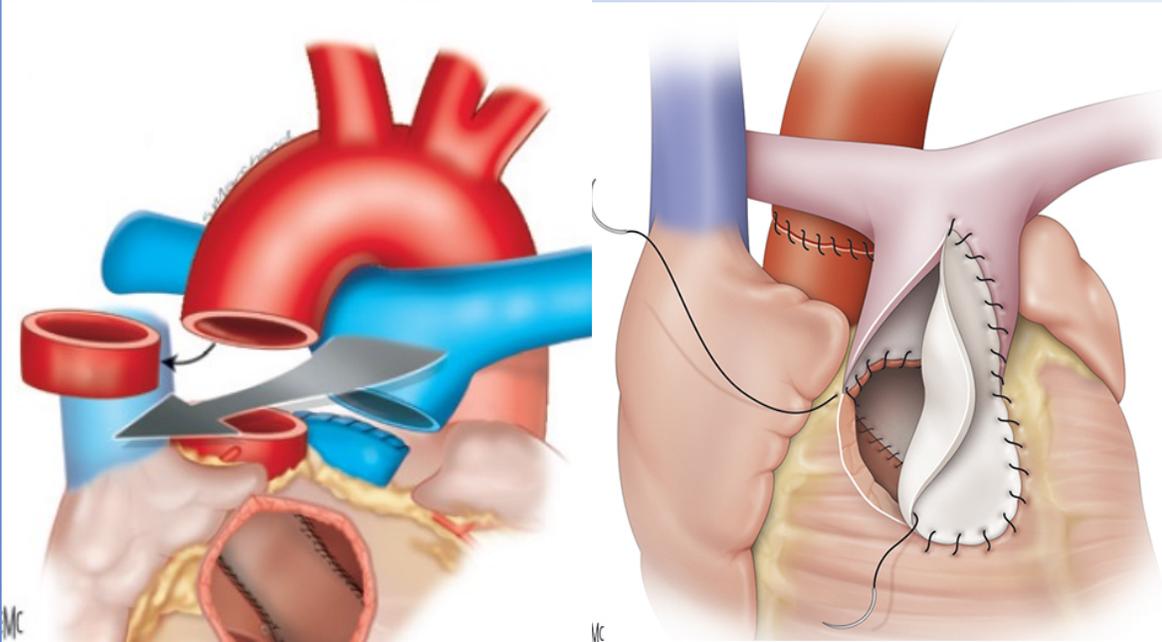
- LV to Aorta baffle:
  - 3 Accesses for VSD visualization : RA, Aorta and RV
  - Position of the Right Ventriculotomy
  - It's not a VSD closure: tailoring of the patch
  - Interposition within the reconstruction: tricuspid, muscular band
- Perfect baffle -> direct, short, unobstructed, without folding

Baffle checking through aortic transection



- SMALL PA ANNULUS = SHORT BAFFLE
- TAILORED PATCH: LENGTH= DISTANCE BETWEEN THE POSTERIOR EDGE OF THE VSD AND THE AORTIC ANNULUS

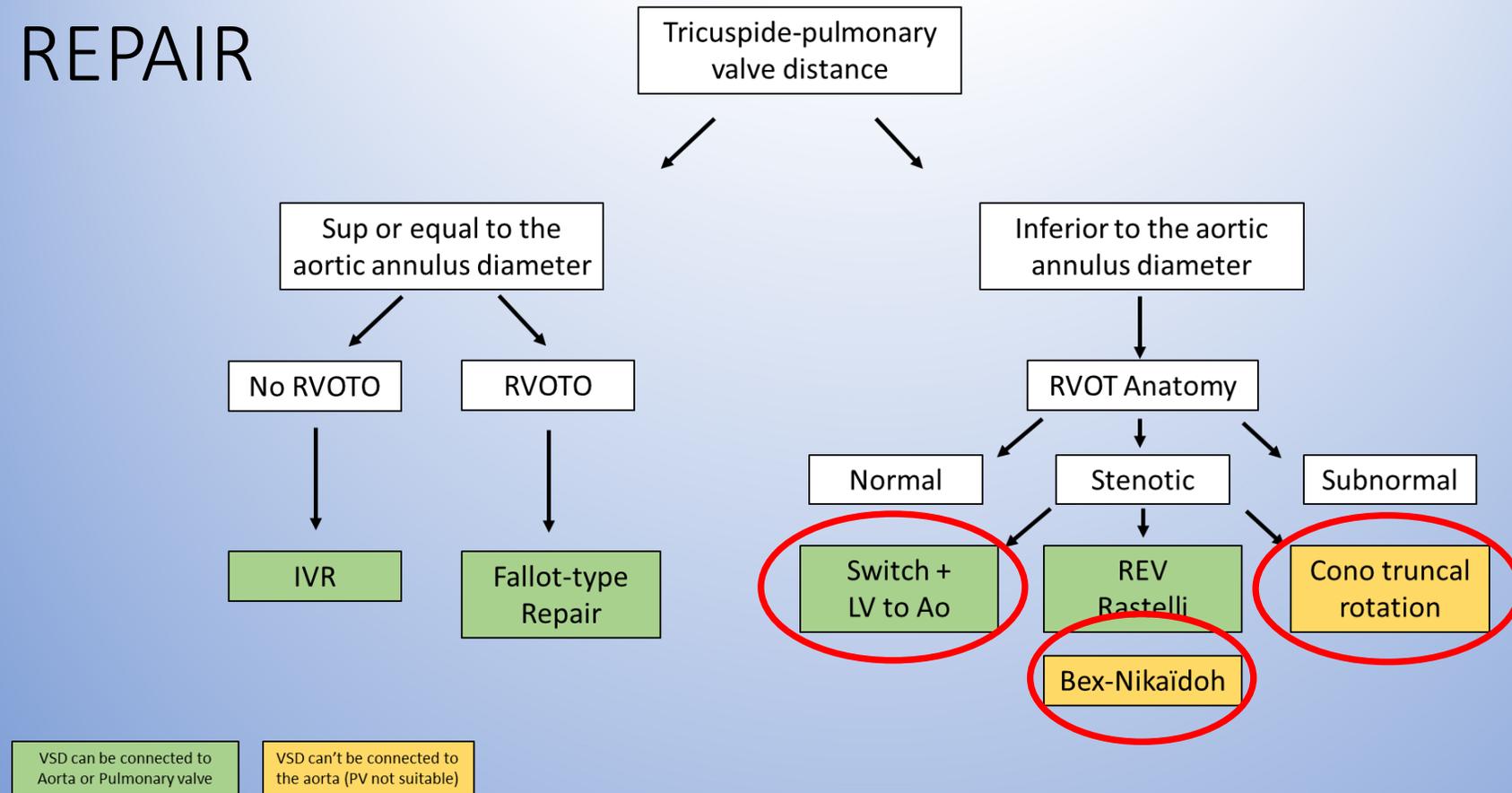
# RIGHT OUTFLOW RECONSTRUCTION



1. SIGNIFICANT SHORTENING OF THE ASCENDING AORTA
2. LECOMPTE MANEUVER
3. POSTERIOR ANASTOMOSIS BETWEEN THE OPEN TRUNCK AND VENTRICULOTOMY
4. ANTERIOR PATCH +/- PA BRANCH PLASTY

NO TENSION  
NO DISTORSION OF THE PA OSTIA  
NO CORONARY COMPRESSION

# DORV REPAIR



- without coronary transfer:

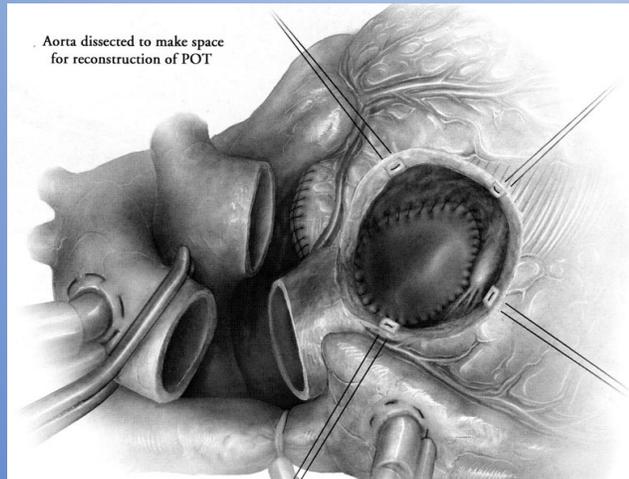
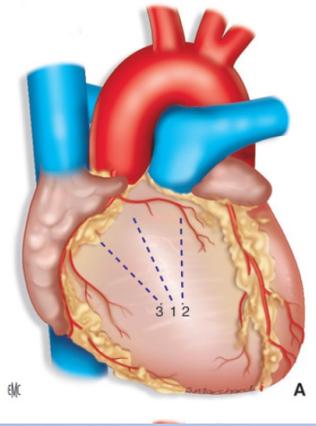
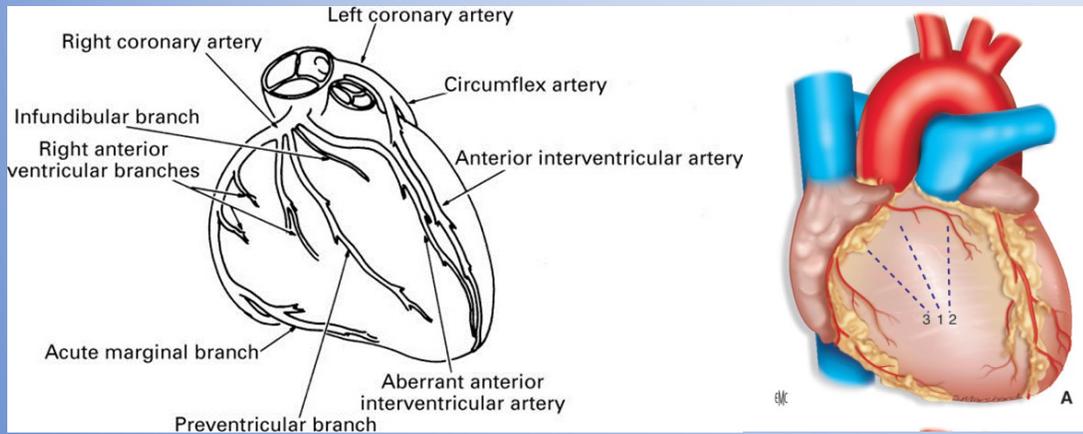
IVR, Falot type repair, Rastelli and REV

- with coronary transfer:

Switch, Bex-Nikaidoh, Half turned cono truncal rotation

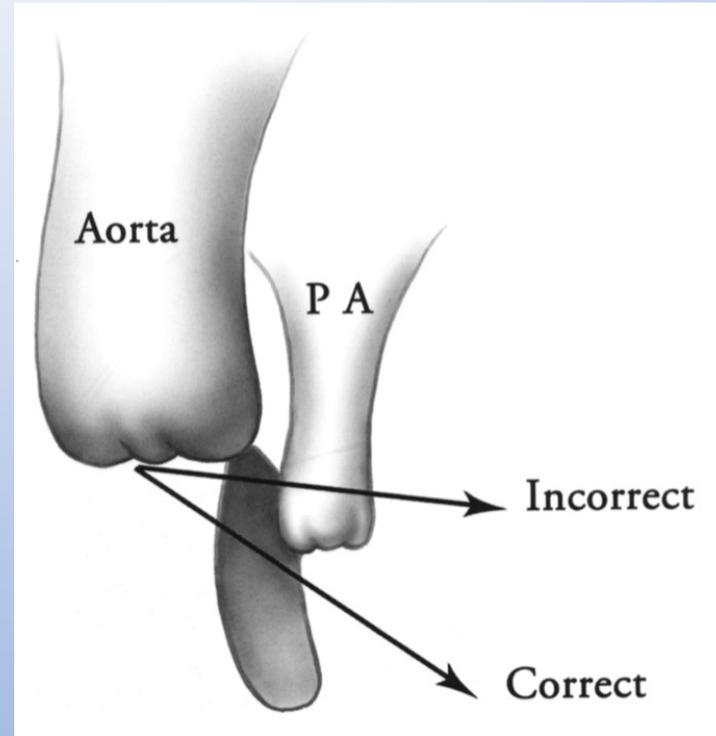
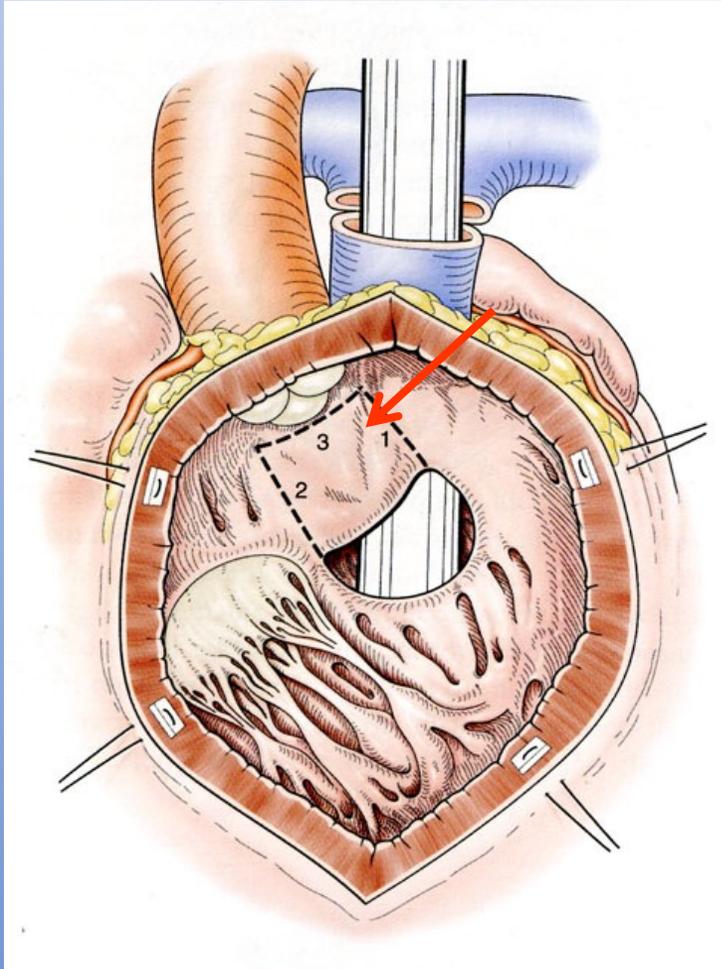
# REV and Coronaries

## Right ventriculotomy and Pulmonary artery closure



- Difficulties when lots of branches on the RV
- If no spot to reimplant the PA, consider Rastelli
- Mandatory to mobilize the pulmonary root at redo surgery
- Avoid big bites when it's bleeding on a beating heart

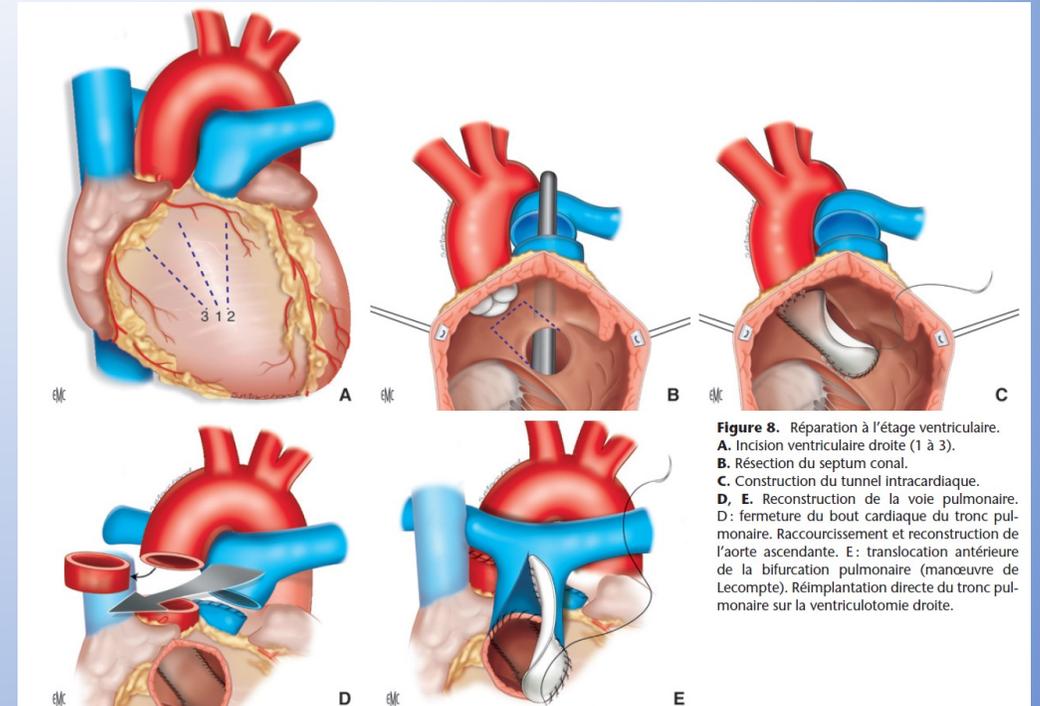
## REV : Resection of the conal septum



- 1st septal branch
- Injury between the 2 vessels and subsequent disaster

# REV

- Problem linked to the shortening of the Aorta: stretching of the right coronary artery or rotation of a single CA
- Compression by the posterior wall of the reimplanted pulmonary artery (infundibular branche or anterior loop)



1980-2021, 157 patients

2 patients experienced a major coronary events

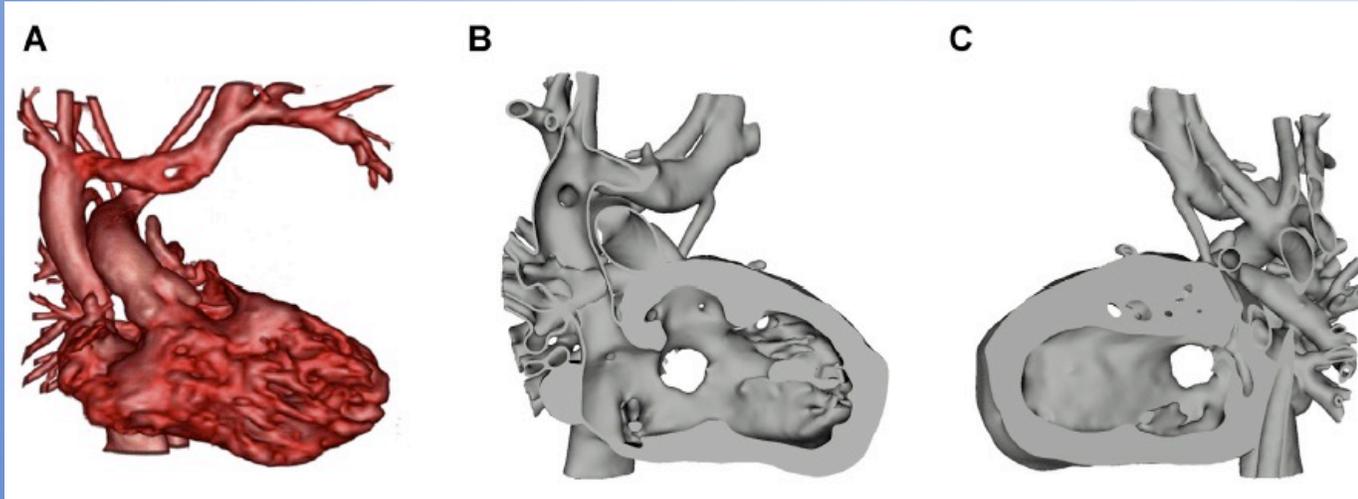
- 1 patient had a stretching of the LCA due to a twist of the ascending aorta after shortening
- 1 patient with single CA had compression by a melody

# SPECIFIC SITUATIONS

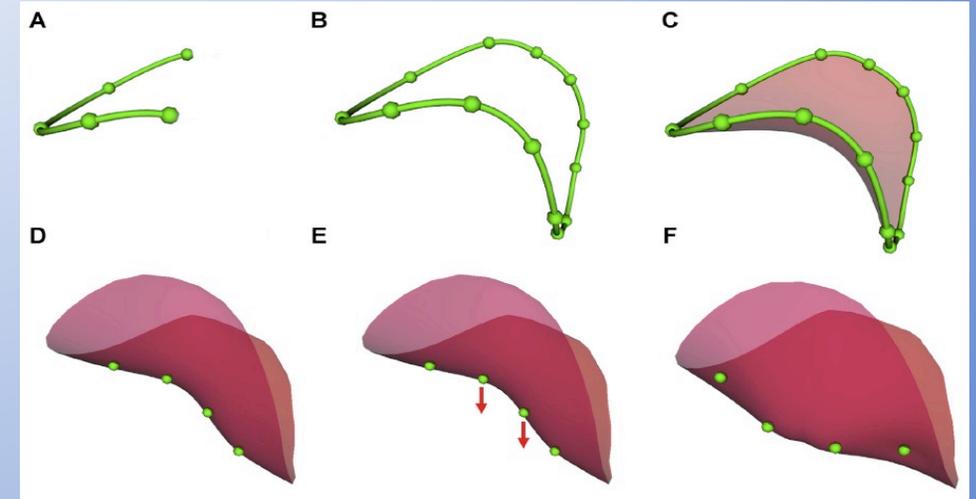
## SOMETIMES THE REV IS NOT APPROPRIATE

- IMPOSSIBILITY TO OBTAIN A « GOOD » CHANNEL
- ANOMALOUS PULMONARY ARTERY TREE:
  - DISTORTION, HYPOPLASIA, DISTAL STENOSIS, MULTIPLE BT SHUNTS, NO TRUNK
- CORONARY BRANCHES CROSSING THE VENTRICULOTOMY SPOT
- MITRAL CLEFT WITH THE NEED OF CONAL RESECTION,
- MITRAL APPARATUS CREATING VSD OBSTRUCTION
- PULMONARY VALVE SUITABLE FOR SWITCH OR CONO TRUNCAL ROTATION!

# New tool for visualization of complex forms of DORV and planning of the intra cardiac baffle



**FIGURE 1** Model visualization. (A) Volume rendering of cardiac magnetic resonance of a patient with (S, D, D) double-outlet right ventricle and a subaortic ventricular septal defect. (B) Right ventricular view of a segmented model showing a ventricular septal defect. (C) Left ventricular view of a segmented model showing a ventricular septal defect. (S, D, D) = (Atrial solitus, D-ventricular loop, D-malposition of the semilunar valves).



**FIGURE 2** Baffle creation tool. (A) Placement of baffle perimeter contour points. (B) Completion of perimeter contour point placement. (C) Creation of baffle model from perimeter points. (D) Addition of surface points to baffle model. (E) Translation of baffle surface points inferiorly (as shown by red arrows) to modify the baffle. (F) Resulting baffle modification using surface point modification.

Modeling Tool for Rapid Virtual Planning of the Intracardiac Baffle in Double-Outlet Right Ventricle

(Ann Thorac Surg 2021;111:2078-83)

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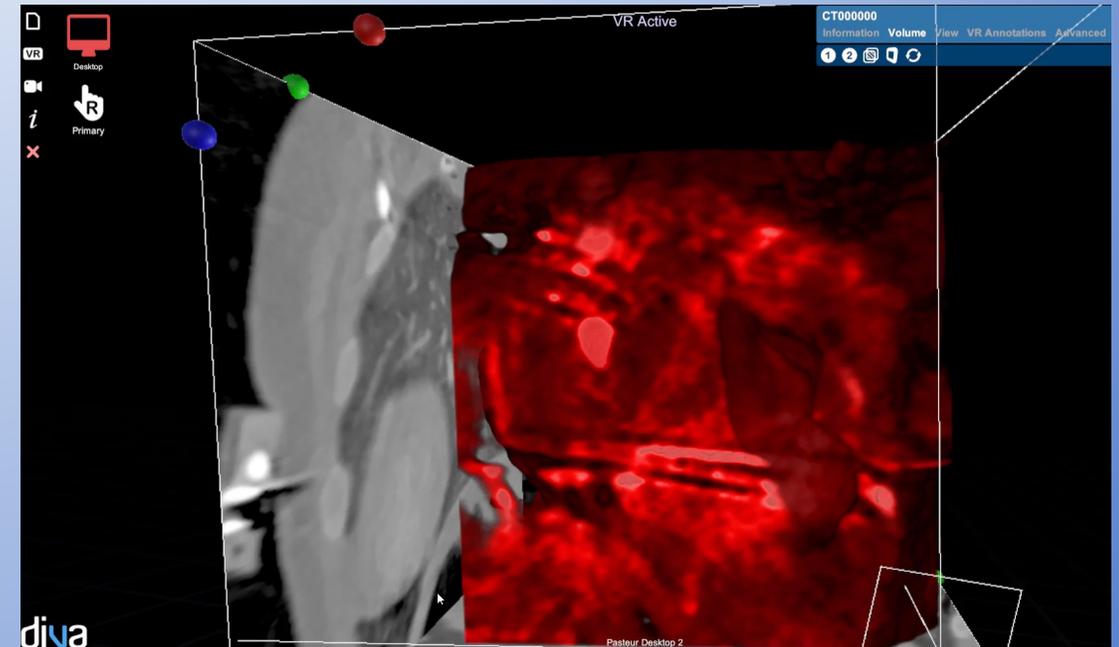
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Video of a game player – VR headset



El Beheiry M, Godard C, Caporal C, et al. DIVA: natural navigation inside 3D images using virtual reality. *J Mol Biol.* 2020;432: 4745-4749.

- Movie 3D from Pasteur DORV L-Malposition



Fast-track virtual reality for cardiac imaging in congenital heart disease Raimondi, *J Card Surg* 2021

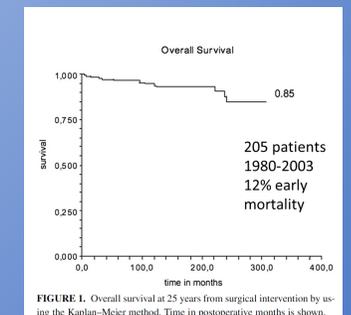
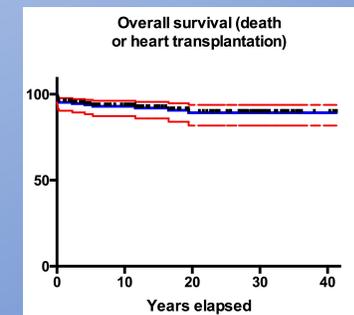
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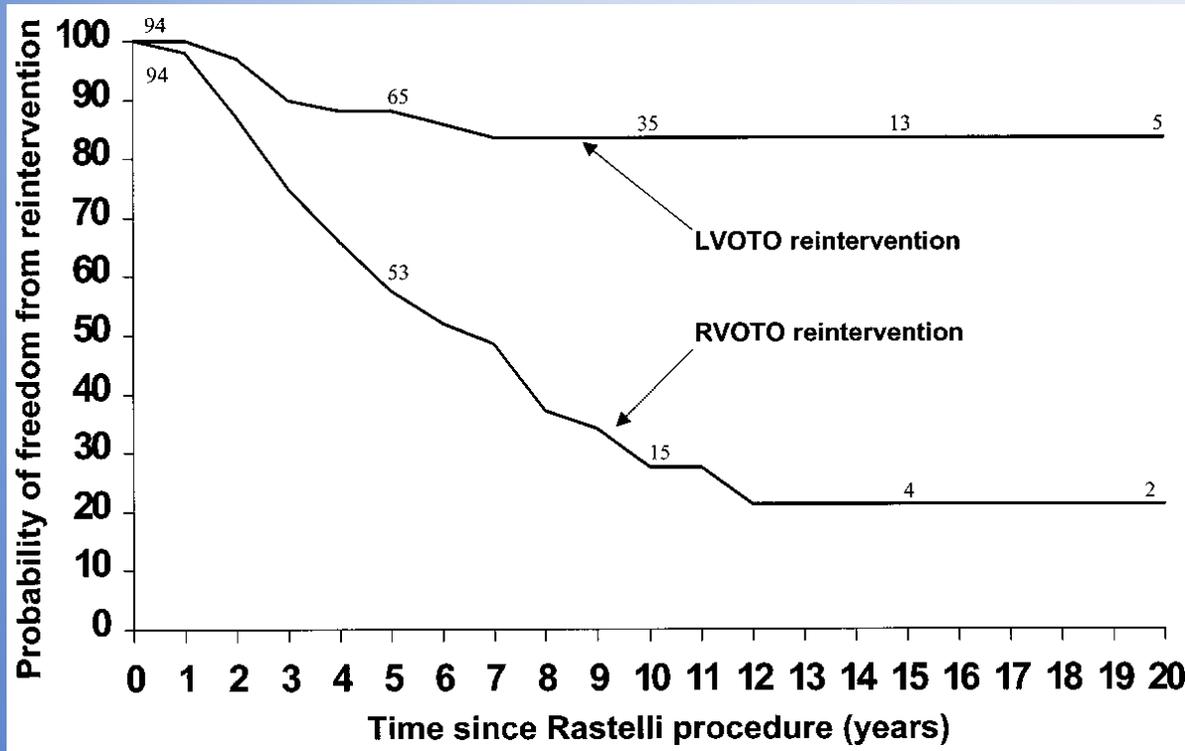
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# Long-term results of the REV procedure (réparation à l'étage ventriculaire) - NECKER

- 40 years, 1980 and 2021
- 157 patients underwent a REV procedure
- DORV (Fallot or TGA type): 30% , TGA VSD LVOTO (65%)
- NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE 2 GROUPS
- Median age and weight were 10 months and 8 kg
- 43% had a prior surgical palliation (BT shunt: 95%)
- Resection of the conal septum and/or VSD enlargement was performed in 36%
- Twelve patients (7.6%) died, including 4 (2.5%) during the first postoperative month
- Overall survival at 40 years was 89%



# Background & Objectives



2000. JTCS. Kreutzer

## Nikaidoh vs REV vs Rastelli

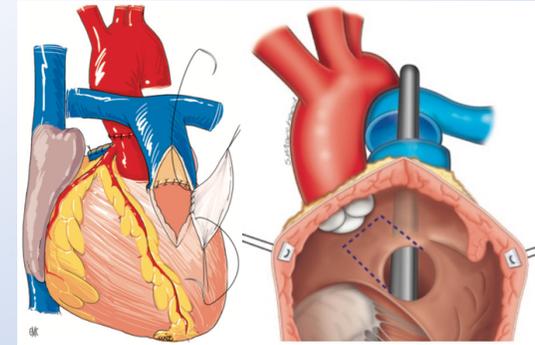
Table 1 Outcomes of Nikaidoh, Rastelli, REV, and En Bloc Rotation Operations

Author	Number of Patients	Mortality		Reoperations	
		Early	Late	LVOT	RVOT
<b>Nikaidoh</b>					
Yeh et al <sup>10</sup>	18	1/18	0/17	0/17	5/17
Morell et al <sup>11</sup>	12	1/12	0/11	0/11	2/11
Raju et al <sup>17</sup>	17	0/17	0/17	0/17	4/17
Hu et al <sup>21</sup>	9	0/9	0/9	0/9	0/9
Leiden (unpublished data)	13	0/13	0/13	0/13	1/13
Kramer et al <sup>18</sup>	14	2/14	1/12	0/12	2/12
Honjo et al <sup>22</sup>	8	0/8	0/8	0/8	0/8
<b>Rastelli</b>					
Brown et al <sup>19</sup>	40	0/40	3/40	2/37	16/37
Hu et al <sup>21</sup>	6	1/6	0/5	0/5	0/5
Hazekamp et al <sup>23</sup>	82	5/82	8/77	4/77	29/77
Kreutzer et al <sup>15</sup>	101	7/101	17/94	11/94	44/94
Hörer et al <sup>20</sup>	39	0/39	4/39	1/35	17/35
<b>REV</b>					
Hu et al <sup>21</sup>	3	1/3	0/2	0/2	0/2
Hazekamp et al <sup>23</sup>	31	2/31	3/29	5/29	3/29
Di Carlo et al <sup>24</sup>	142	2/142	13/140	3/140	36/140
<b>En bloc rotation/double-root translocation</b>					
Mair et al <sup>16</sup>	13	0/13	0/13	0/13	0/13
Yamagishi et al <sup>8</sup>	2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2

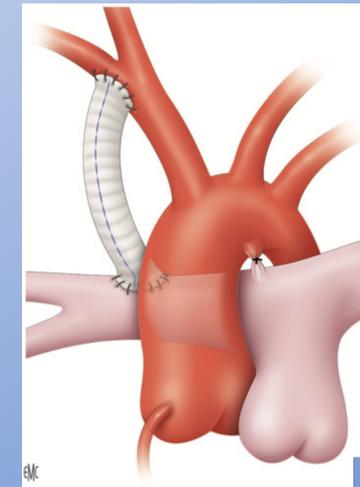
2018. Ped Card Surg. Hazekamp

# Patients

- 1980 => 2022, 157 REV procedure
- Follow up 18 years (2m - 41.3y)
- Median age 10 months (2.1m -13.7y) and weight 8.2 kg (4.2-25)

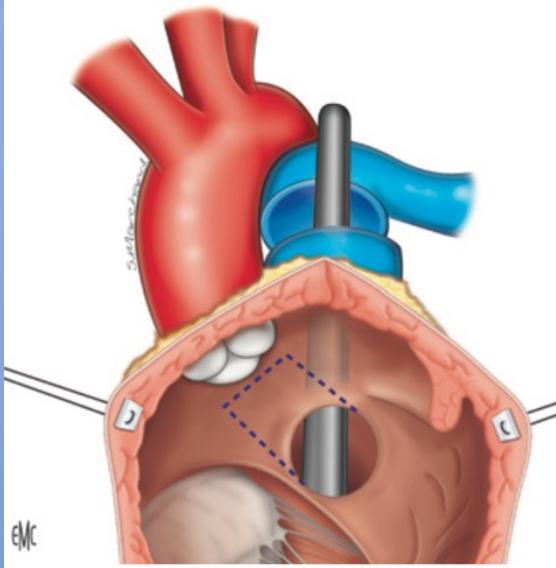


TGA VSD PS	<b>113 (72%)</b>
DORV TGA-like	<b>27 (17.2%)</b>
DORV TOF-like	9 (5.7%)
DOLV	6 (3.8%)
ccTGA	2 (1.3%)

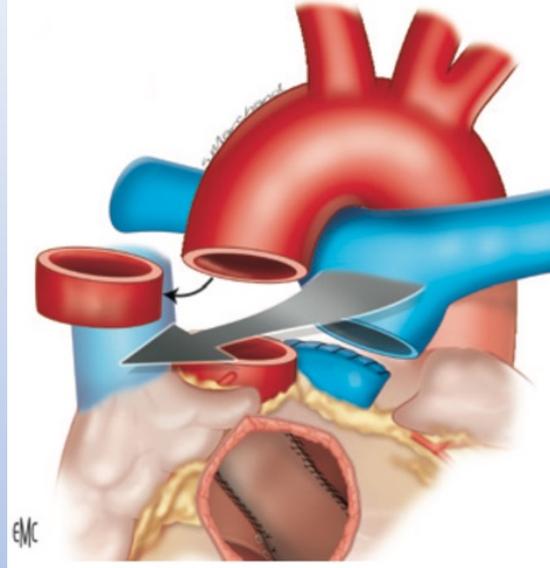


**62 (39.5%)**

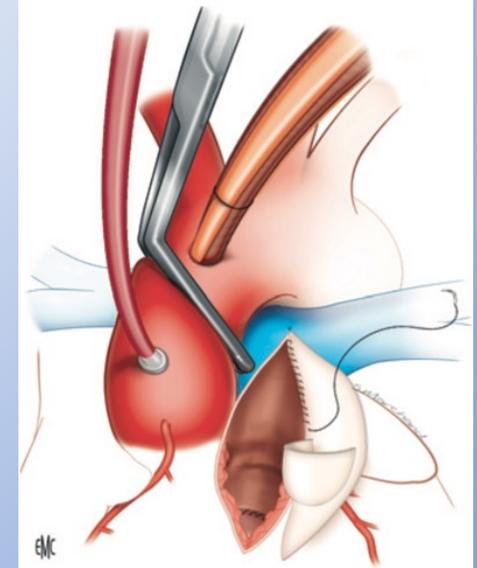
# Surgical procedure



Resection of conal  
septum / VSD  
enlargement  
n = 135 (88.4%)



Lecompte maneuver  
n = 146 (93%)



Monocusp  
implantation  
n = 105 (66.9%)  
=> 2008

# Survival

Overall survival (death or Tx) was 89.3% (95CI : 81.8-93.8%) at 20 and 40 years

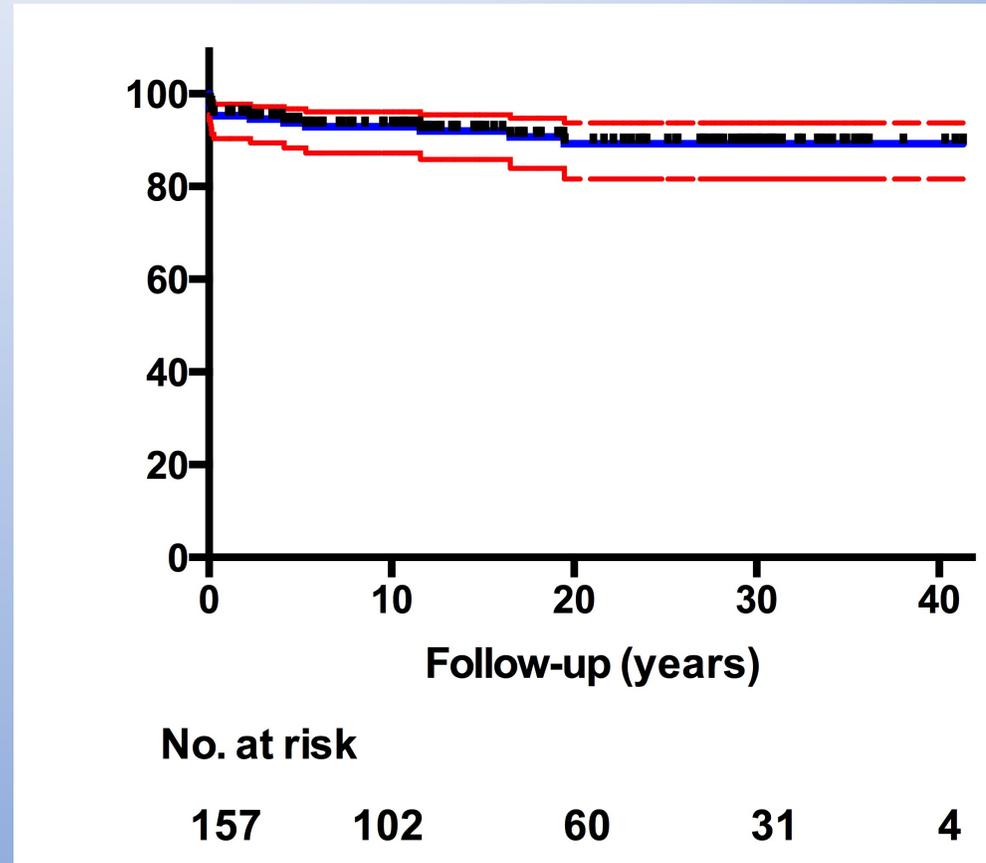
- Early death, n=4 (2.5%)
- Late death, n=9 (5.7%)

Sudden death, n=3

Heart Tx, n=2

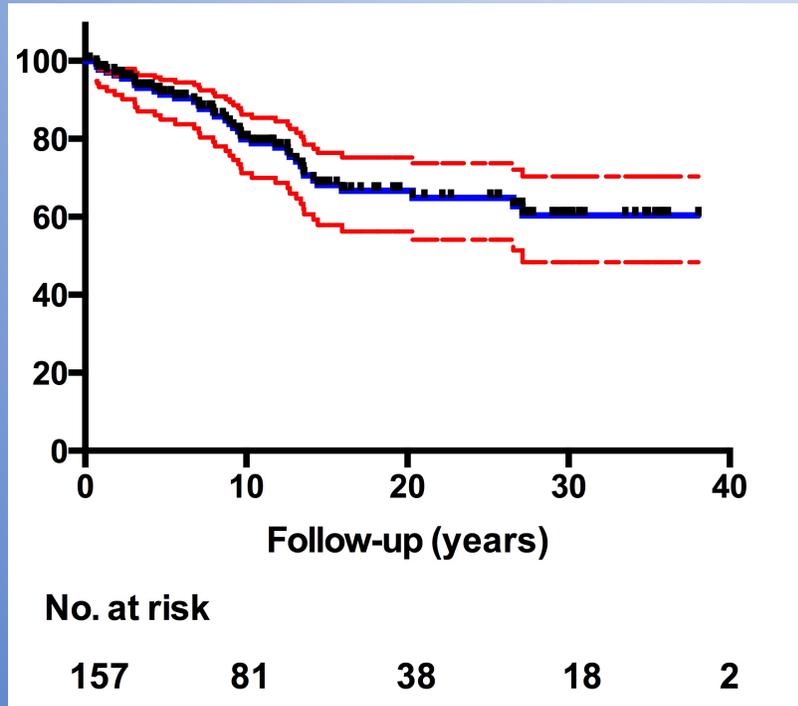
Arrhythmias, n=2

Redo surgery, n=1



# Fate of the RVOT

- Thirty-eight patients (24.2%) required 68 reinterventions on the RVOT, including 49 reoperations in 34 patients (21.7%)
- Median delay of 9 years after the REV (8 months - 27 years)



- Implantation of a monocusp
  - RVOT reintervention (p=0.0099)
  - RVOT reoperation (p=0.0026)
  - Pulmonary valvulation (p=0.2132)

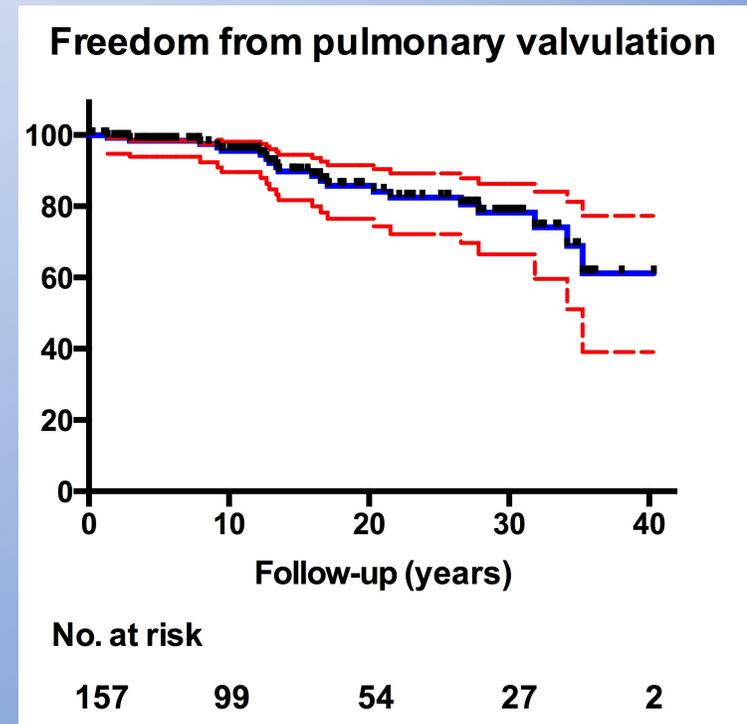
**USE OF MONOCUSP = INDEPENDANT RISK FOR SUBSEQUENT STENOSIS**

**70% FREEDOM OF REINTERVENTION AT 20 YEARS**

# Fate of the RVOT

Indications for RVOT reinterventions = MAINLY STENOSIS

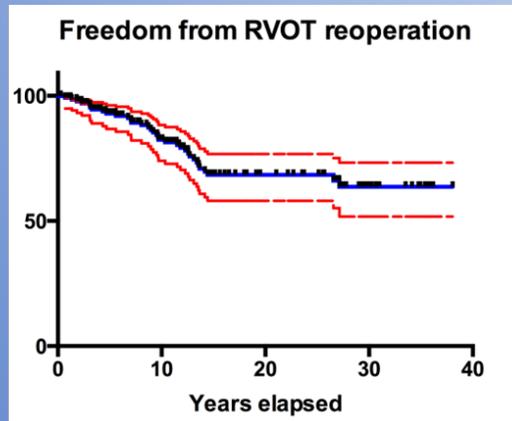
- RVOT obstruction, n=61, mean gradient 65mmHg (40-105mmHg)
  - Annular, n=41
  - Supravalvular, n=13
  - Both annular and supravalvular, n=5
  - Subpulmonar, n=2
- Pulmonary regurgitation, n=7
- Pulmonary valvulation in 20 patients (13%)
  - $\frac{3}{4}$  surgery,  $\frac{1}{4}$  PPVI



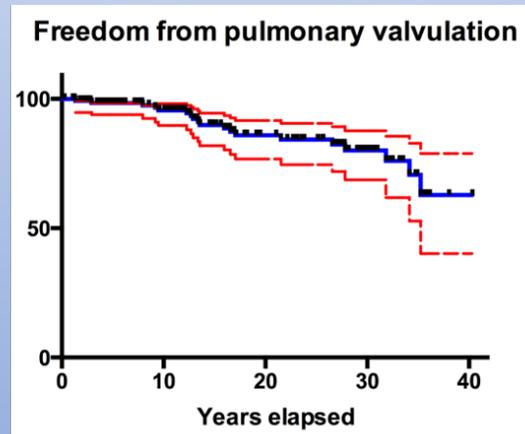
82% FREEDOM FROM PULMONARY VALVULATION AT 20 YEARS

# REV : very long term outcome

- 23% required reinterventions for RVOTO (median delay: 9 years => 8 months - 27 years)
- 13% underwent pulmonary valvulation (15 surgical and 5 interventional).
- Freedom from RVOT obstruction reintervention was 90% at 5 years, 76% at 10 years, 55% at 20 years and 42% at 40 years.



Freedom from RVOT reoperation  
99.3% at 1 year, 92.9% at 5 years,  
82.4% at 10 years and 63.6% at 40 years

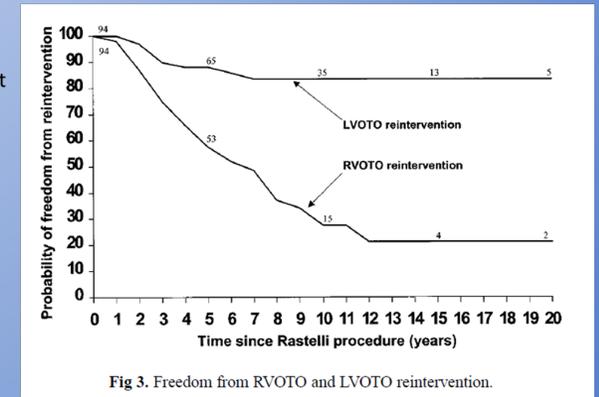


Freedom from pulmonary valvulation  
88.4% at 5 years, 85.6% at 10 years and  
62.8% at 40 years

## RASTELLI - REINTERVENTIONS

Left: 20% of  
reinterventions at  
5 years

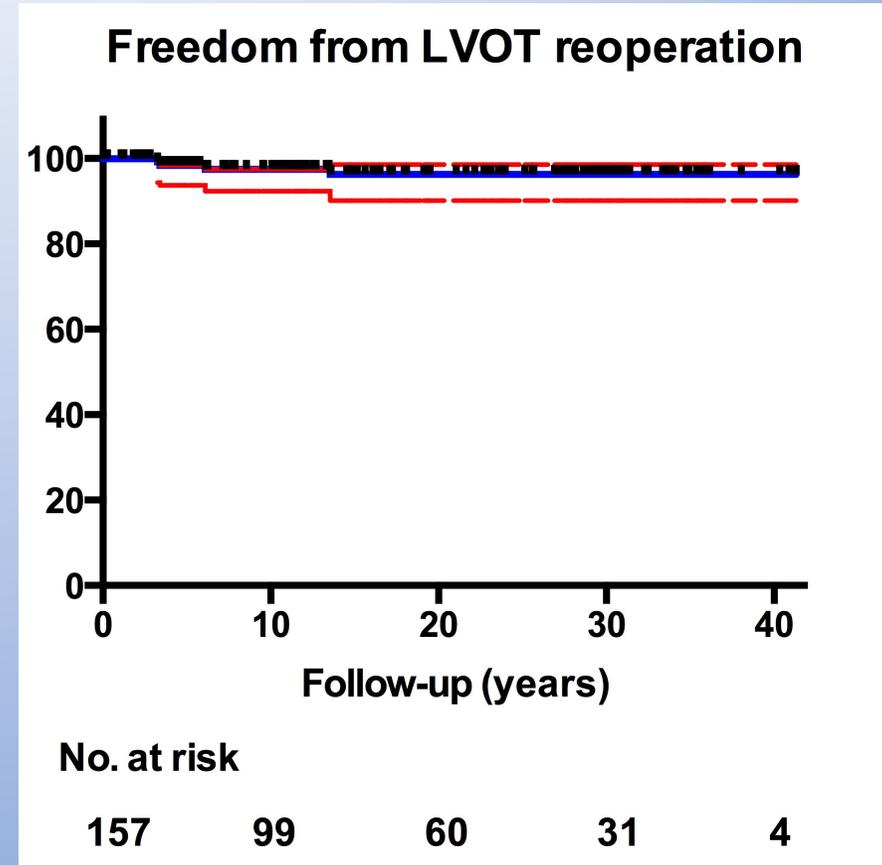
Right:  
reinterventions  
45% à 5 years  
75% à 10 years  
80% à 15 years



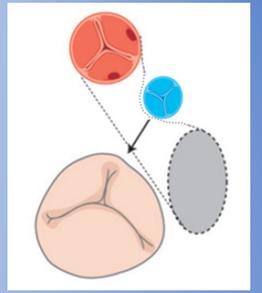
# Fate of the LVOT

- LVOT reoperation are scarce: 2.5% required reoperation for LVOTO
- Median delay of 5 years (range 3.2-13.5 years)
- Confirmed by other series (2 to 5%)

An K, pediat Cardiol, 2021  
Lim HG, JTCVS, 2014  
Hu, JTCVS, 2008



# REV



- STRONG ALTERNATIVE TO THE RASTELLI (long term outcome: survival, RVOT, LVOT)
- INDICATIONS: DORV TGA-type and TGA VSD PS when pulmonary valve not suitable for Switch or for the RVOT (Cono truncal rotation)
- CONCERNS:
  - Arrhythmias: ventricular scar
  - No pulmonary valve – dilatation of the RV?
  - LV to aorta channel: realignment?

} currently under evaluation

# CONCLUSIONS

- The REV (means dream in French) is not a nightmare
- Probably better a REV than a Rastelli
- But no nice REV without efficient LV to aorta channel
- So, probably room for other surgical options...