Two Strip technique for Stabilization of the common AV valve with single ventricle palliation

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Outline

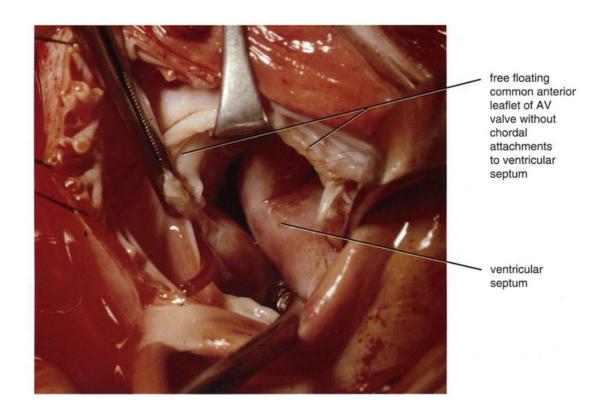
- Common atrioventricular function in single ventricle palliation
- Technique of repair in standard/balanced AVSD
- A case of left atrial isomerism
- 2-strip technique of valve construction with cAVSD in SVP
- Discussion on alternative techniques, theoretical benefits of 2-strip technique and 2-ventricle considerations

Common atrio-ventricular valve

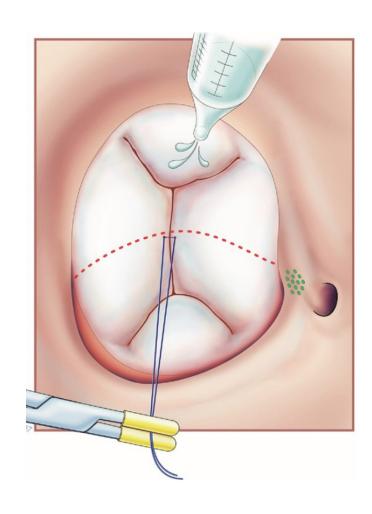


chordal attachments of common anterior leaflet of AV valve are only to RV papillary muscle

> right ventricular papillary muscle

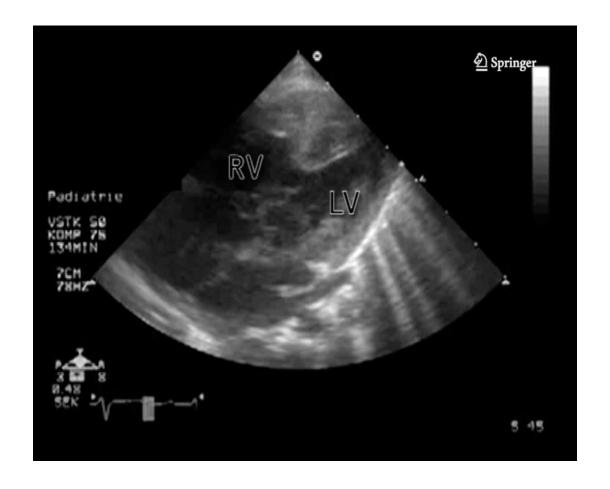


Commencement of Septation



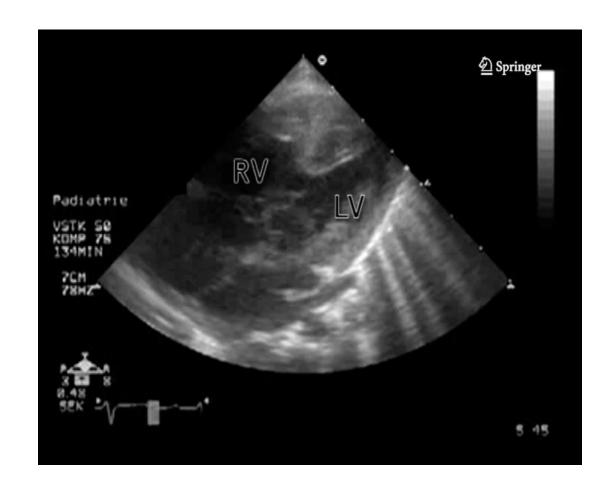
Defining line of septation on Bridging leaflets

- A critical part of the procedure
 - Mid-point of superior bridging leaflet
 - Chordal attachments balanced either side of the septal crest
 - Corresponding point on the inferior bridging leaflet identified in 'end-diastole'
 - Marking suture to ensure and maintain alignment



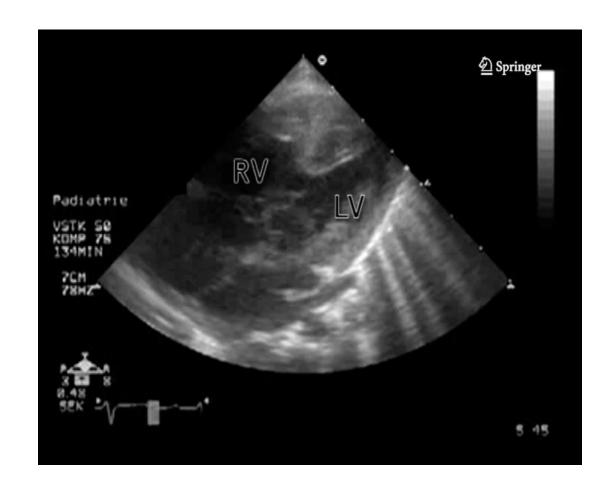
VSD closure

- Fixed autologous pericardium
 - Flexible to place under leaflets and weave within sub-valve apparatus without distortion
 - No degeneration
- Crescentic shape
 - Width = transverse annulus in mid diastole
 - Height = crest to annular plane +2-4mm
- Implant with interrupted plegeted sutures
 - Identify annulus septal junction
 - Position within chords, respecting leftright orientation
- Check valve function



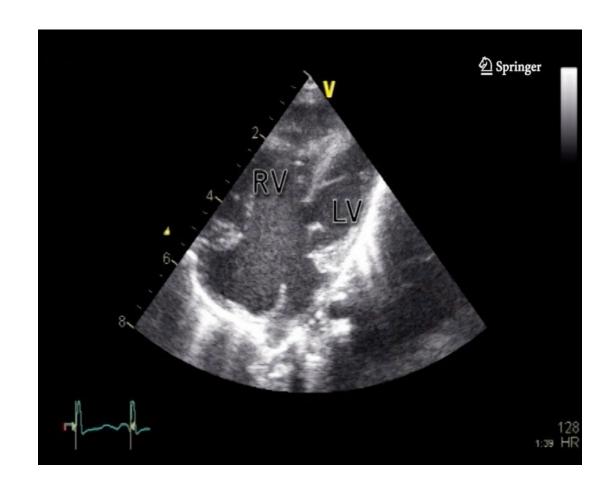
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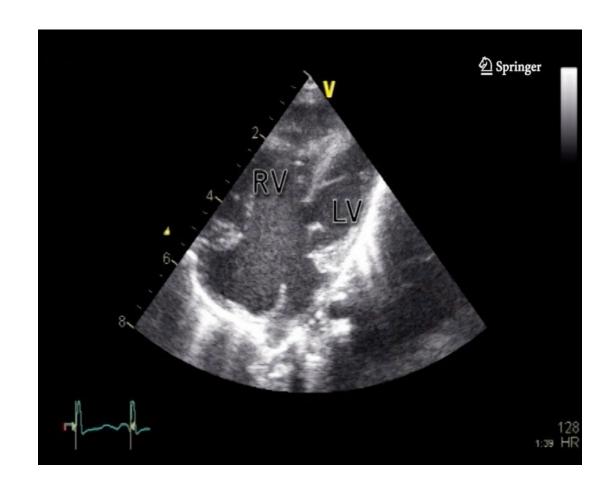
ASD patch

- Fresh autologous pericardium
 - Generous size, trim later
- Septation of bridging leaflets
 - U sutures: VSD patch attached to leaflets then into ASD patch
 - Follow line of septation incorporating original marking suture
 - Lower into place and tie out
- Check valve function



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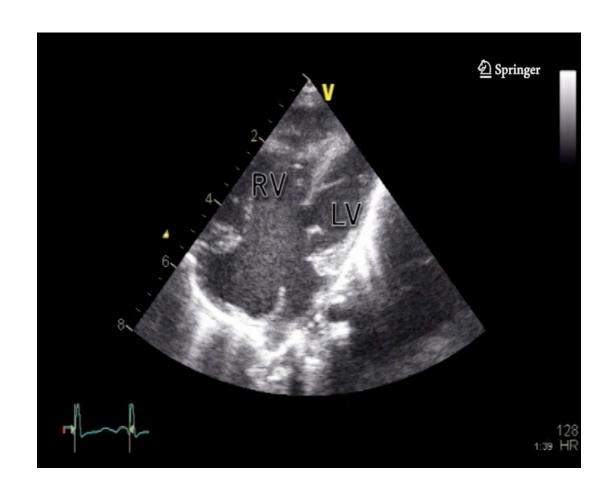
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Left AV construction

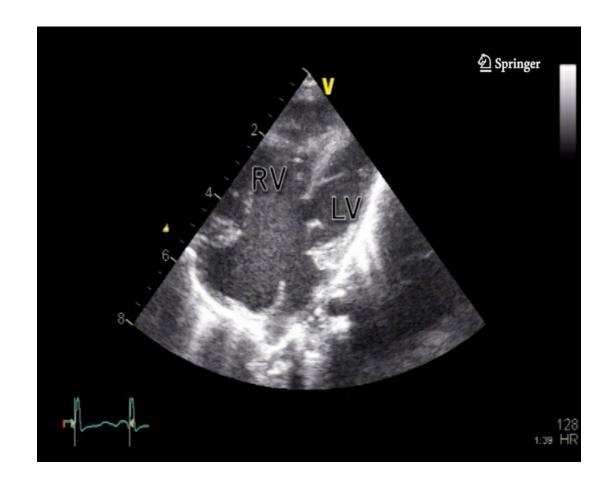
- Assess leaflet geometry and function
 - Should be competent
- Define cleft
- Zone of apposition closure
 - Interrupted single or mattress
 - Non-plegleted
- Repeated testing of valve function

*No commissural plication required



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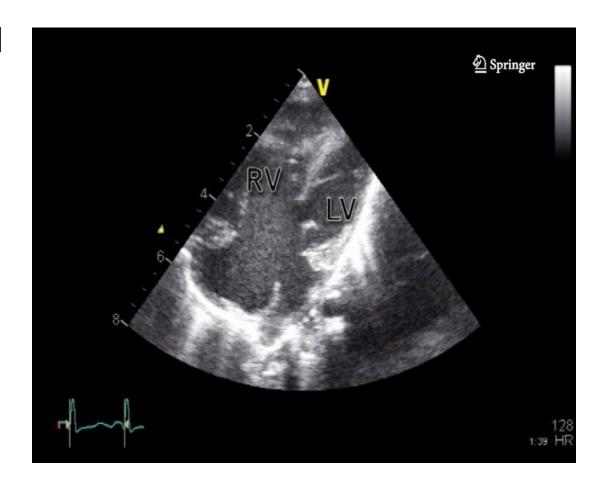
- Avoiding conduction tissue injury
 - Inferior suture line along left AV valve annulus
 - Large 'bites' on patch; light delicate on atrium
- Coronary sinus drains to right atrium



Right AV valve construction

- Assess right AV valve leaflets and function
 - Cleft
 - Leaflet tissue 360⁰
- Closure of zone of apposition

* Particularly important with TOF/AVSD & single ventricle palliation where right valve component is under systemic pressure



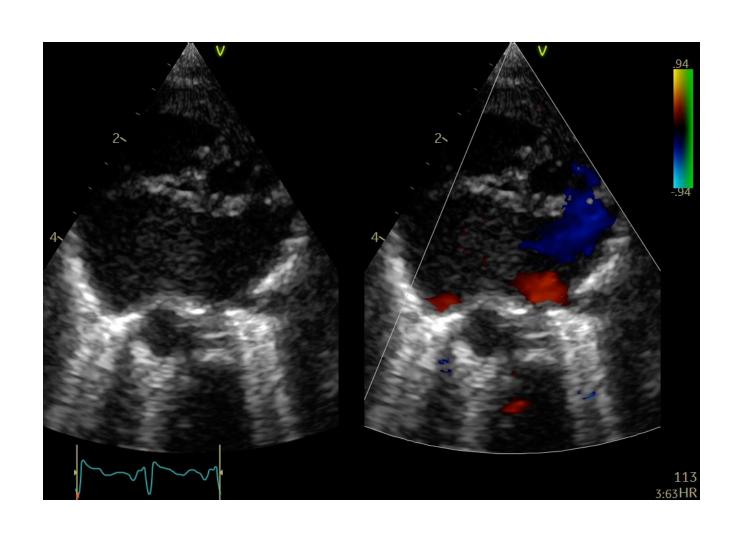
Case Presentation

- Male infant: 12th March, 2013
- Emergency C/S at 39 weeks gestation for fetal distress
- 2.6kg
- Normal genotype
- Stabilizes with resting SpO₂ ~ 83%

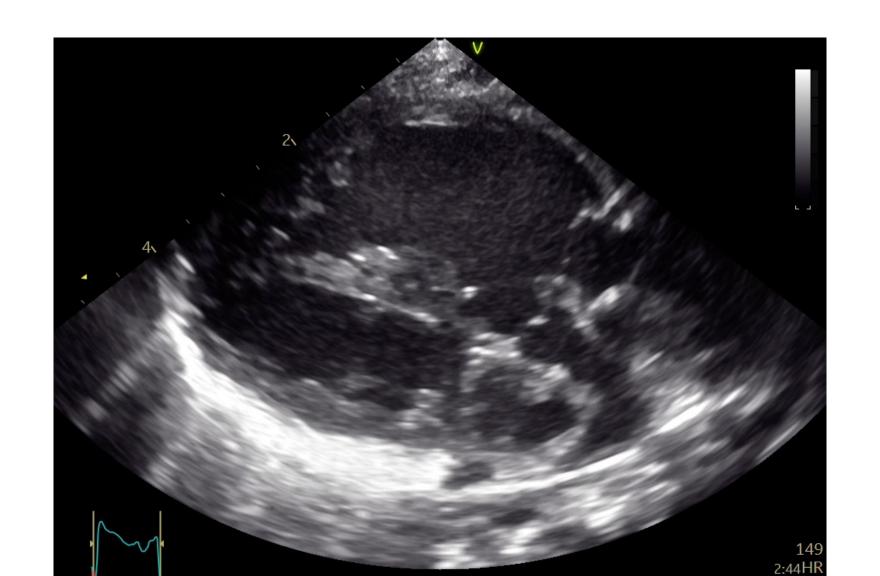
Morphology

- Left atrial isomerism
 - Bilateral Superior Vena Cava (dominant left)
 - Interrupted IVC with Hemi-azygous (and Azygous) continuation
 - Common atrium
 - Unobstructed Pulmonary venous drainage to common atrium left and right of midline
- Dominant RV with small/borderline LV
- Common AV valve, Large inlet VSD
- Double outlet RV with Aorta remote from VSD

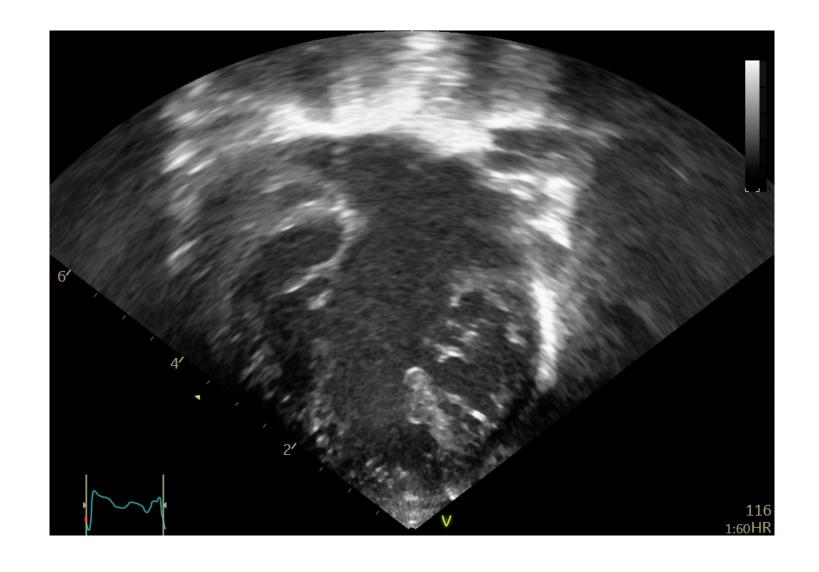
Common Atrium, bilateral pulmonary veins



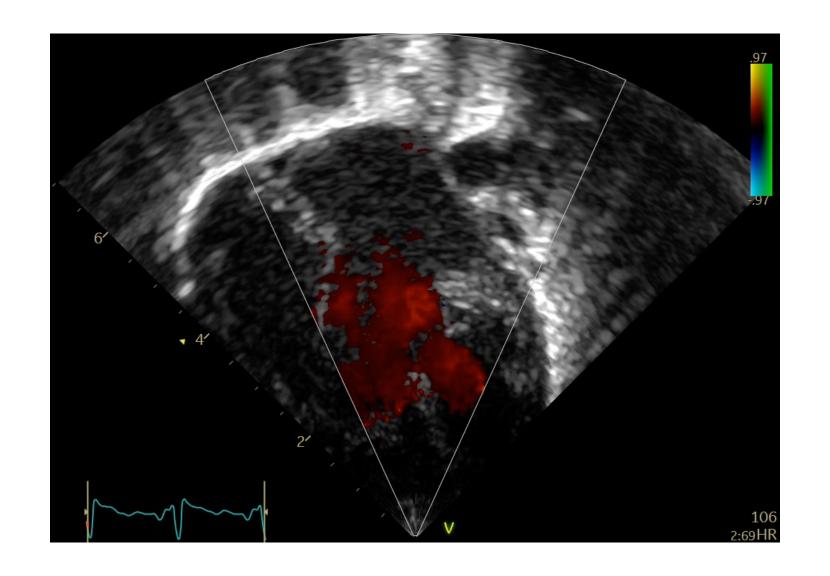
DORV: Remote Aortic valve



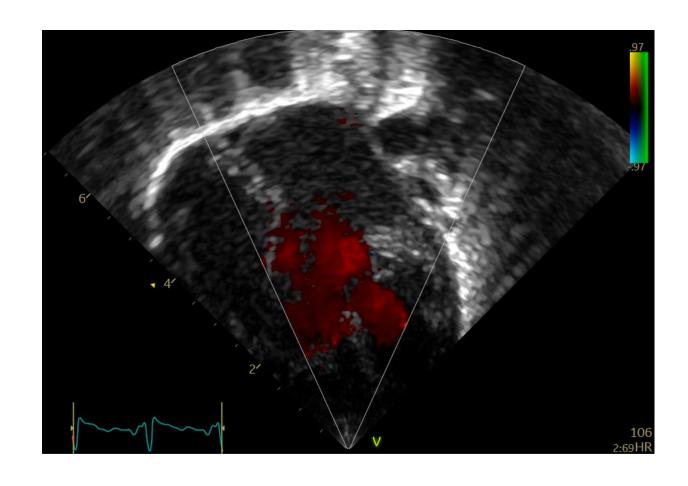
Common Atrio-ventricular valve



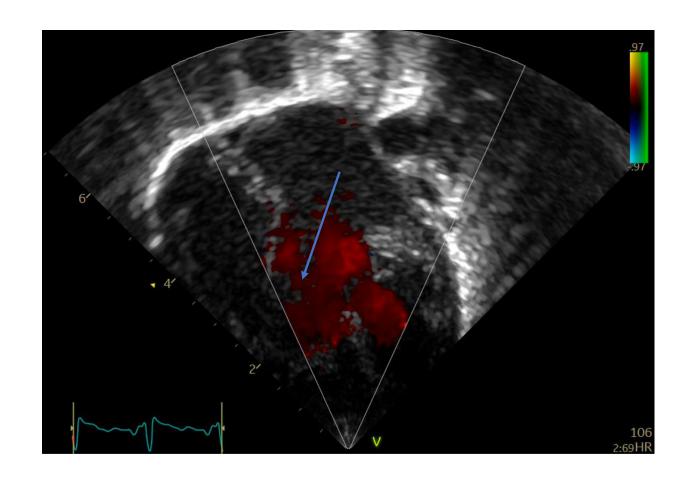
AV valve: Severe regurgitation



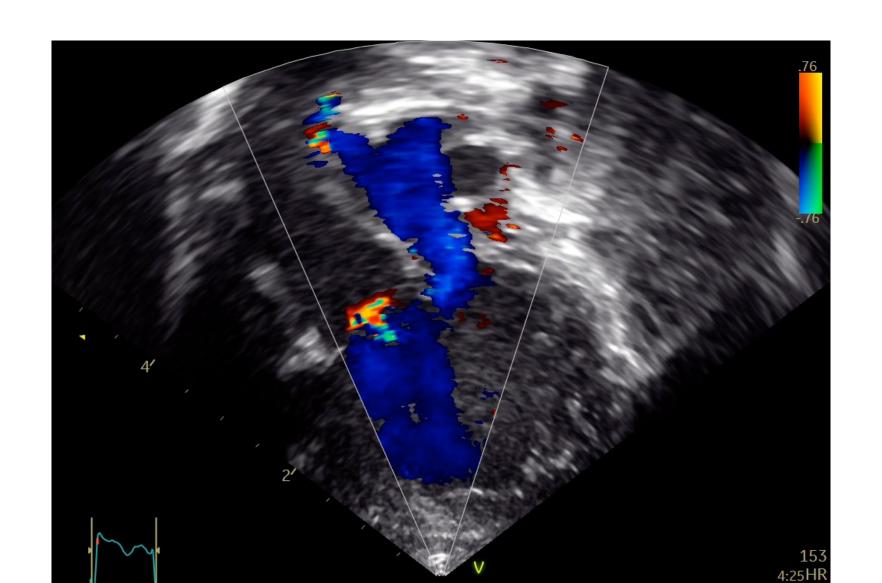
Inflow preferred to Right Ventricle



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Pulmonary valve obstruction: Dysplastic 2 to 4.5m/sec



Initial Management

- Heart Failure treatment
- Surgical Options
 - Biventricular repair: LV borderline, Complex atrial and ventricular septation (Aorta remote from VSD)
 - Single ventricle palliation Kawashima: Common AV valve function
 - Transplant
 - No surgery
- Discussion with Parents
 - Prognosis guarded
 - Hospice referral

Further Rx

- Ladds procedure for malrotation + gastrostomy
- Increase in pulmonary valve gradient to 4.7m/sec
- Control of heart failure
- Decrease in AV regurgitation
- Weight gain

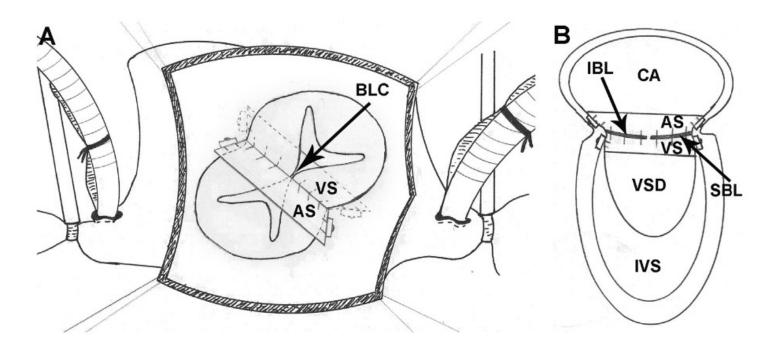
Cardiac Catheter

- 7th July, 2014:
- Age 16 months, 8.15 kg
- Foreshortened LV apex
- Pressures
 - Common atrium = 5mmHg
 - LPA = 16mmHg RPA = 12mmHg
 - Mild narrowing at ductal inset
- Pulmonary Valve Gradient =30mmHg
- Suitable for Single ventricle Palliation

Two-Strip Technique to Repair Common Atrioventricular Valve Regurgitation in Single-Ventricle Palliation

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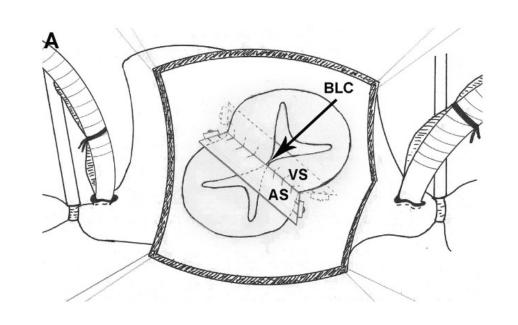
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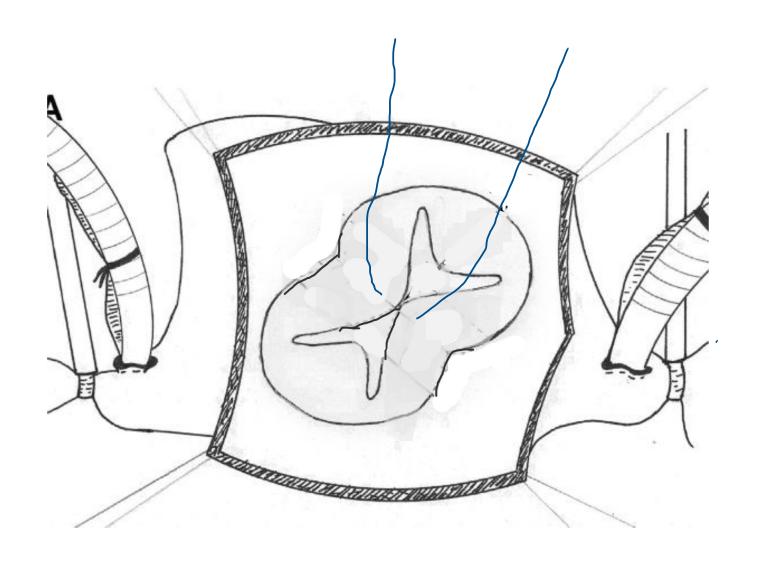


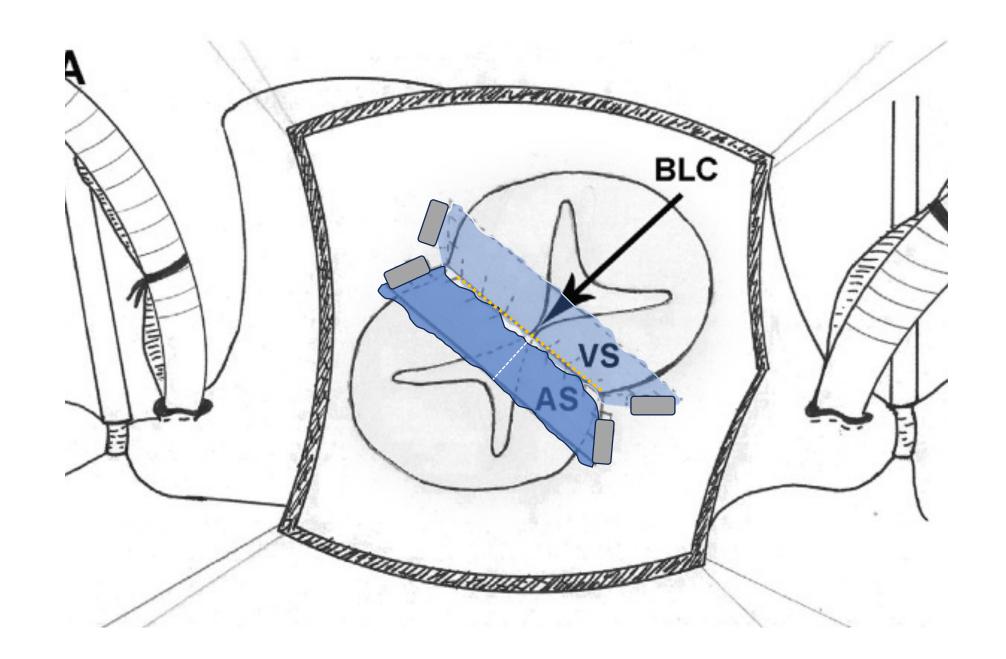
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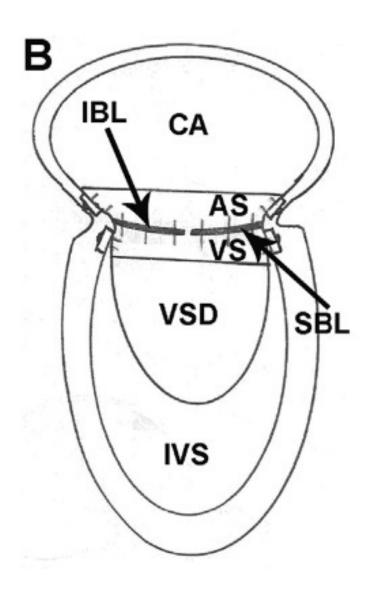
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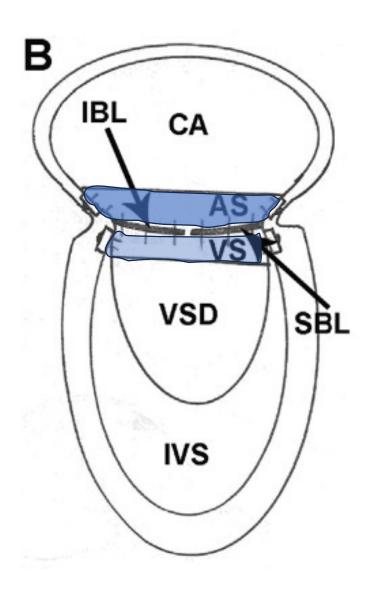
- Modification of repair technique of common atrio-ventricular defect.
- Identify line of septation on bridging leaflets
- Central annular dimension (L)
- Ventricular and Atrial strips
 - 5mm x L -5
 - Fixed auto-pericardium
- Left and Right cleft closure
- No annuloplasty



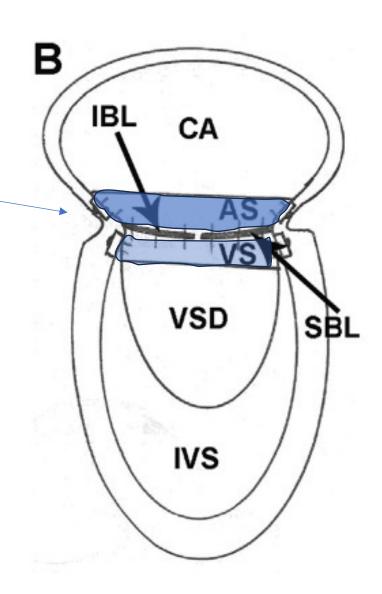






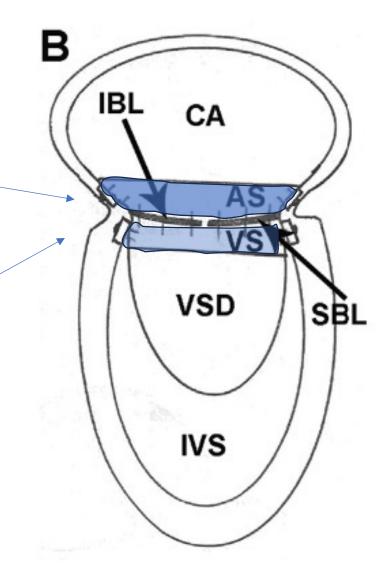


Supported Bridging leaflets above and below the valvular plane



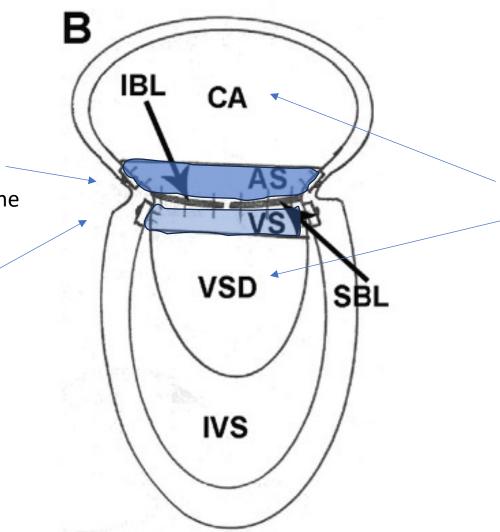
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Restores the leaflets to the annular plane



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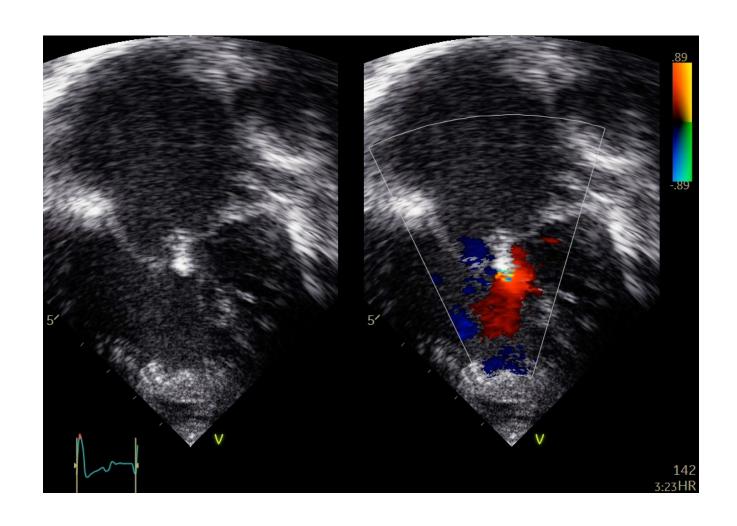
Unobstructed communication at atrial and ventricular level

Kawashima procedure

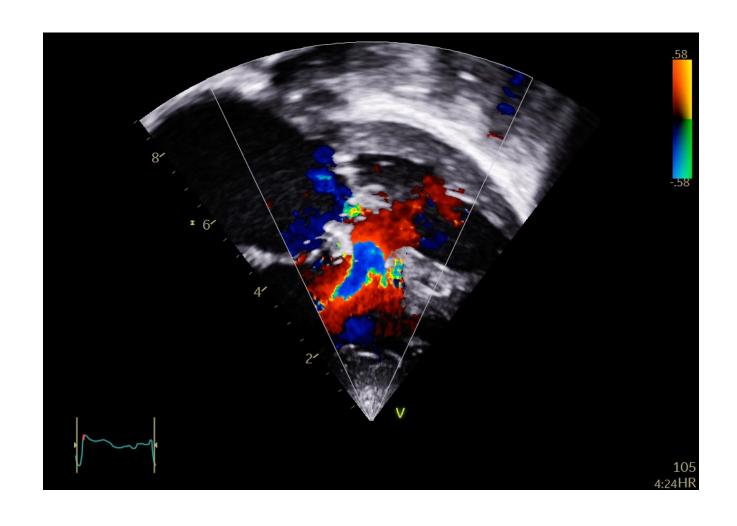
- Construction of left and right Glenn
- Antegrade Pulmonary artery flow maintained
 - Central PA development
 - Mitigation of arterio-venous malformations

- Good functional result
- Discharged home day 9

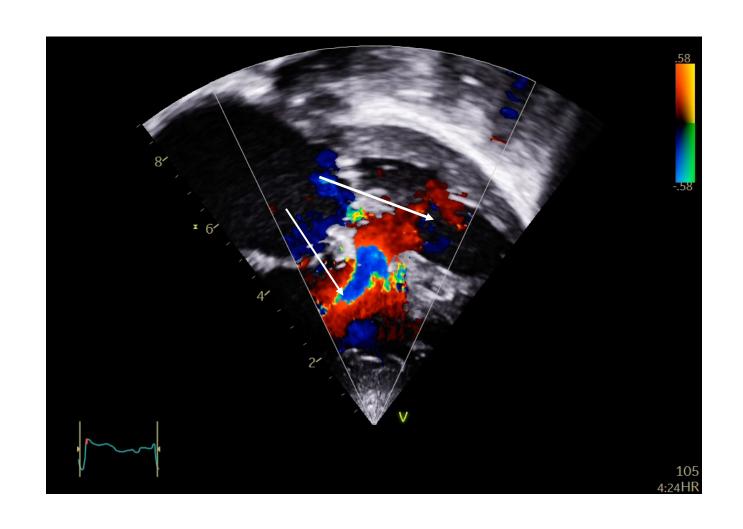
Unobstructed VSD flow



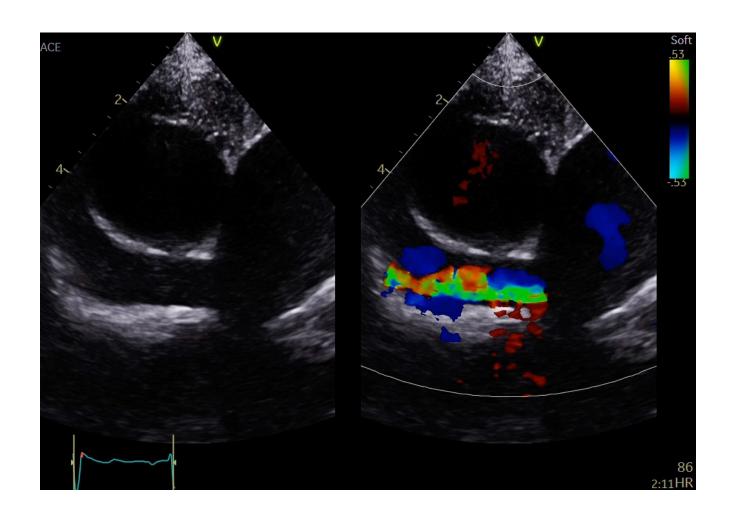
AV valve function



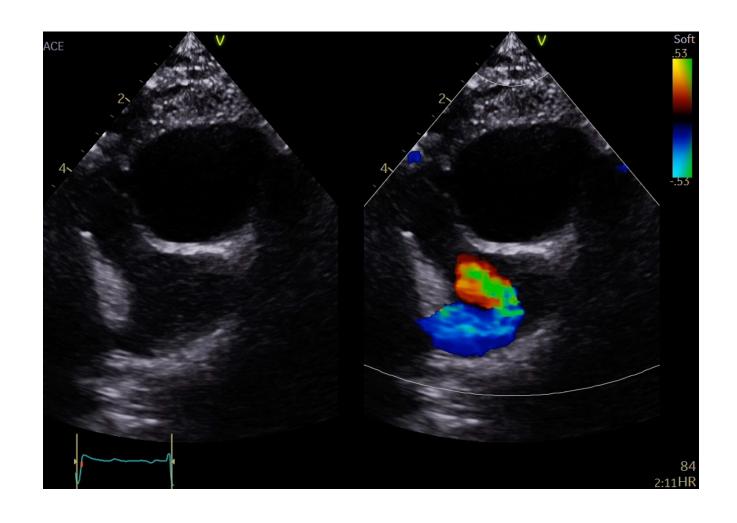
Alignment of inflow to corresponding ventricle



Left Glenn flow



Right Glenn flow



Clinical update

- December, 2023
- 9 years old
- Generally well, active
- No further interventions
- Arterial Saturations at rest = 92%
- CPET and Catheter evaluation
- ± Completion of Total cavo-pulmonary connection (hepatic)

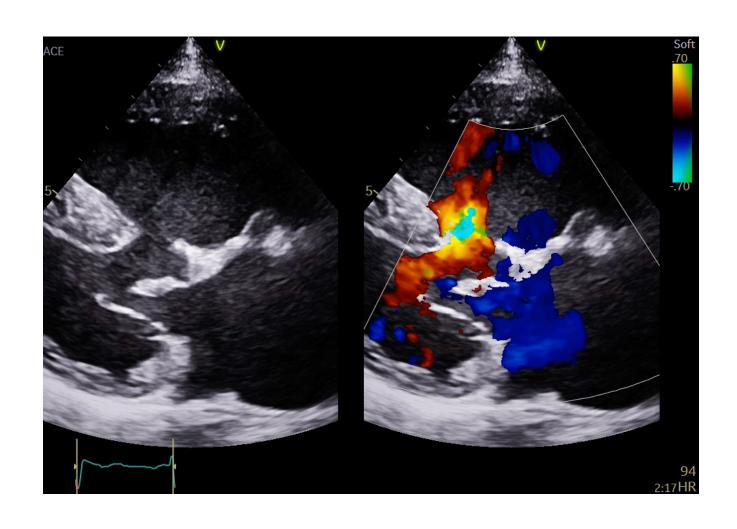
Recent evaluation Dec, 2023 (9 years post-op)



Recent evaluation: valve leaflets en-face



Unobstructed VSD, good AV valve function



Summary

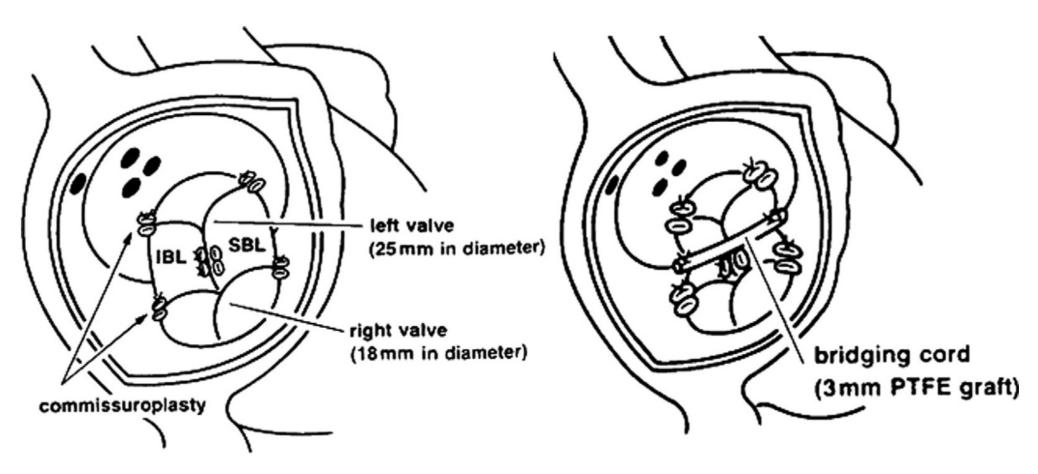
- 2-strip technique borrows the surgical design for repair of complete atrio-ventricular septal defect for application in single ventricle palliation with common AV valve
- It has provided excellent, stable valve function
- Unobstructed atrial and ventricular communication
- Single intervention
- Patient who initially had v. guarded prognosis (hospice) and who remains well at 9 years post-op

Questions

- Initial management and timing of surgical intervention
 - Control of heart failure, weight gain, reduction in PVR
 - Suitable age/weight for surgery
- Completion of total cava-pulmonary connection
 - Optimize exercise capacity
- Suitability for Bi ventricular repair
 - 3D models

Alternative approaches

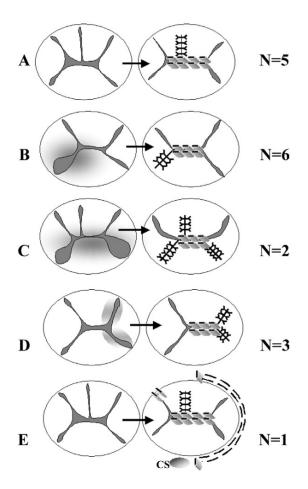
Direct suturing of the bridging leaflets along the zone of apposition



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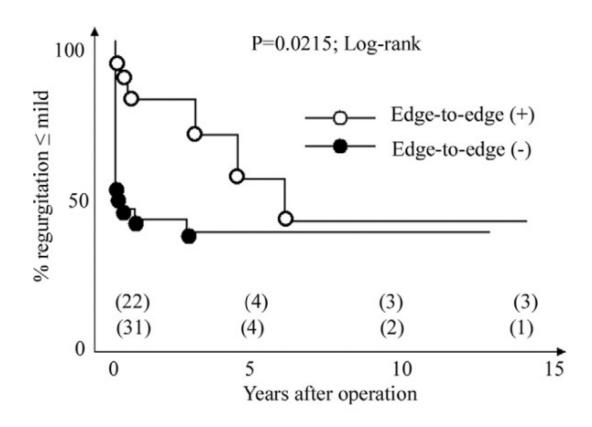
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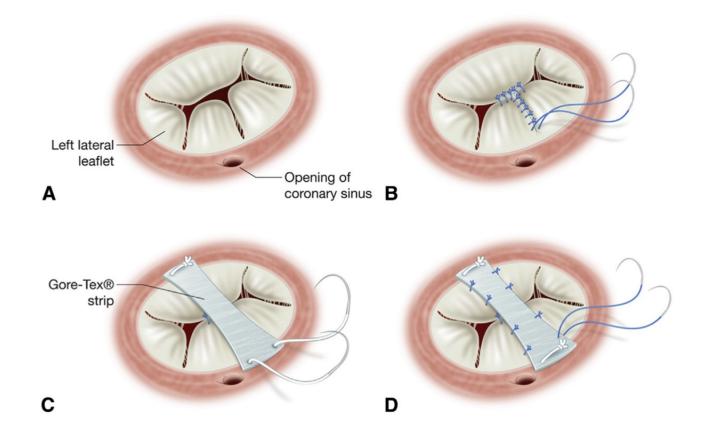


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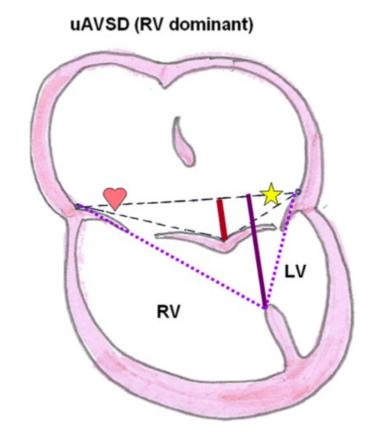


Polytetrafluoroethylene bridge for atrioventricular valve repair in single-ventricle palliation

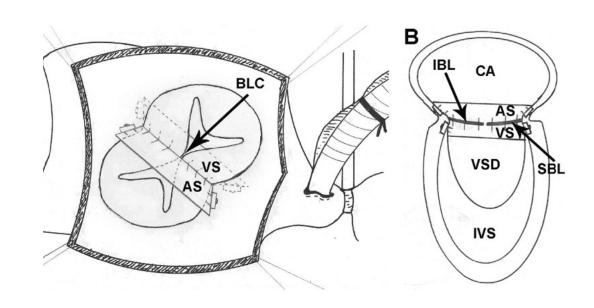


Increased common atrioventricular valve tenting is a risk factor for progression to severe regurgitation in patients with a single ventricle with unbalanced atrioventricular septal defect

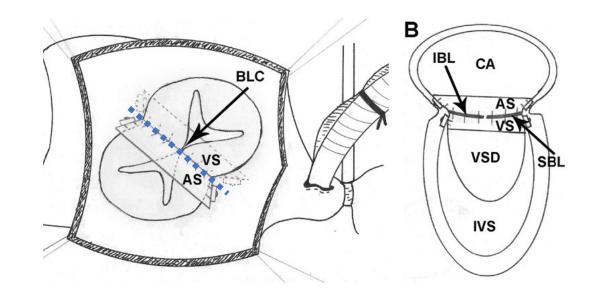
- Moderate to severe regurgitation
 - n=22 (48%)
- Tenting height
 - >6mm
 - 31mm/m²
 - Annulus-leaflet angle >300



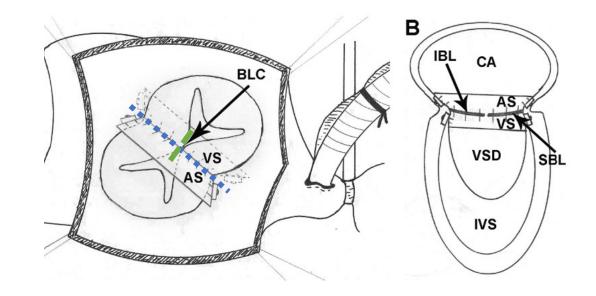
 Bridging leaflets supported in three dimensions



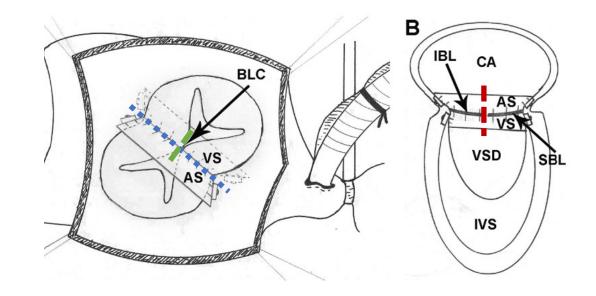
- Bridging leaflets supported in three dimensions
 - Septation axis.



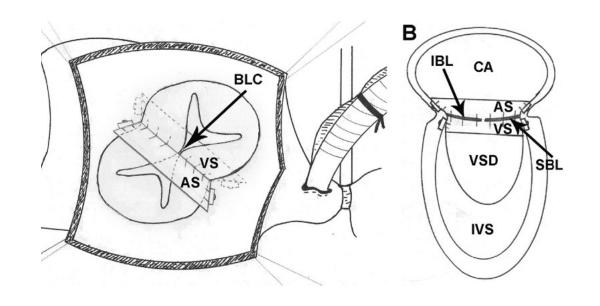
- Bridging leaflets supported in three dimensions
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 - Atrial-ventricular ————



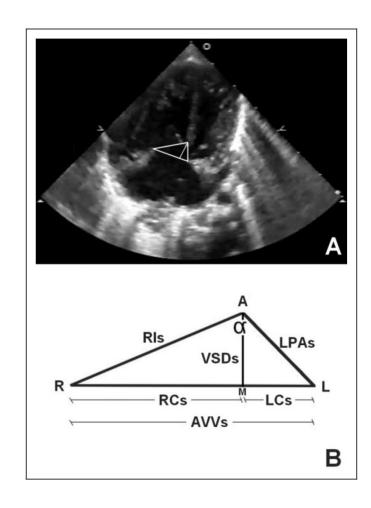
- Reduces the tenting angle restoring the Bridging leaflets to the annular plane
- Provides leaflet support above and below the leaflet tissue
- Allows a central 'annuloplasty'
- Aligns inflow to respective ventricle

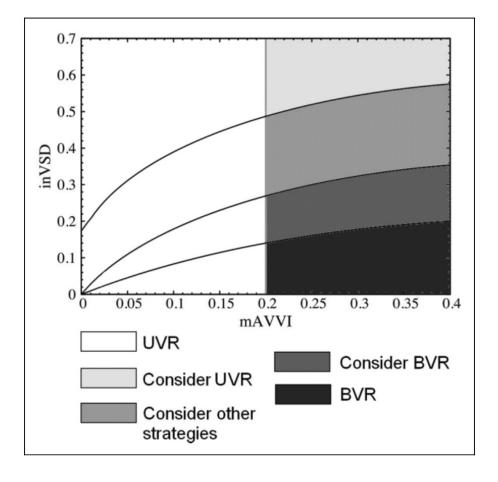


Septation in complex AVSD

- Is it physiologically suitable
 - Non-apex forming LV
 - Large inlet VSD
 - LV/RV Inlet angle
- Is it anatomically possible
 - Straddling chords of atrioventricular valve
 - Septation of the common atrium:
 - bilateral SCVs, dominant Left SVC/ pulmonary veins across mid-line
 - VSD remote from Aorta

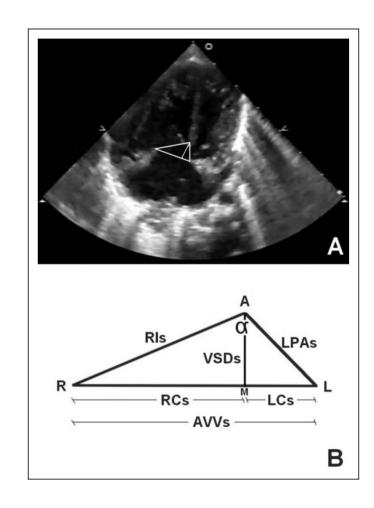
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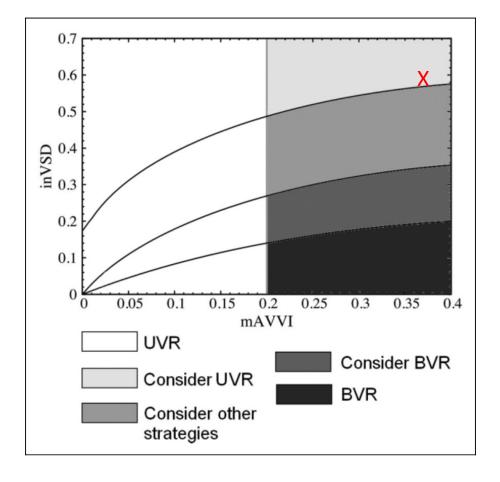




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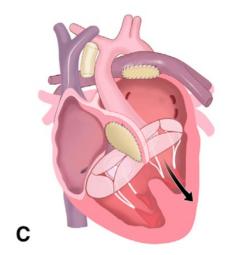


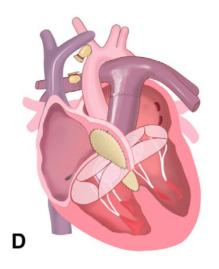
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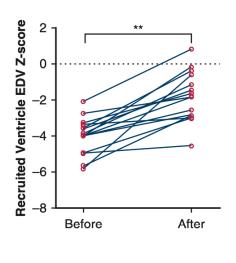
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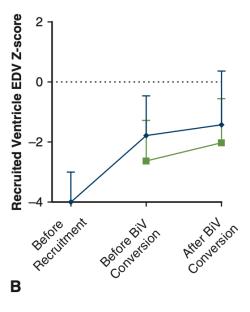
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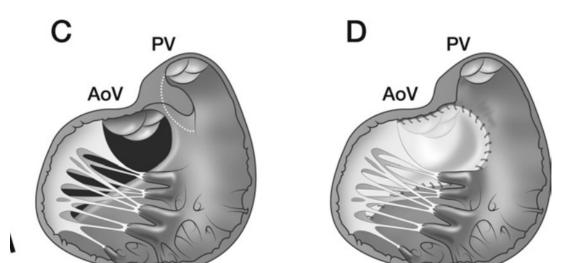


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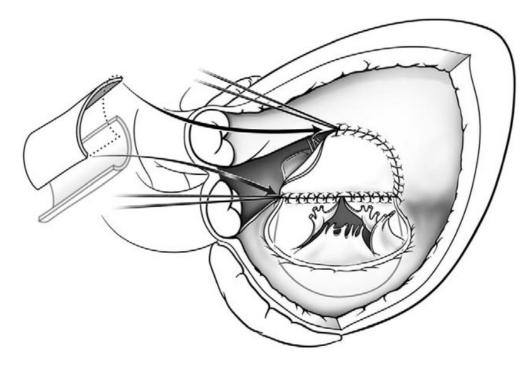


Ventricular septation

Aorta in continuity with common atrioventricular valve



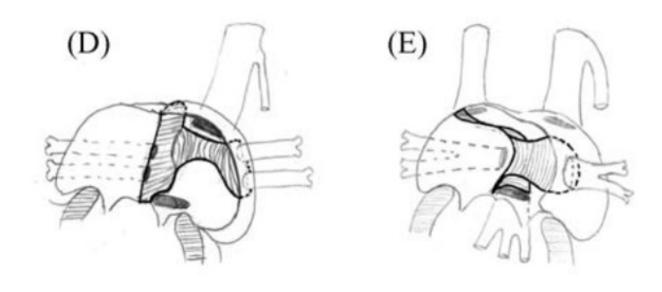
Remote aorta requiring resection of outlet Septum



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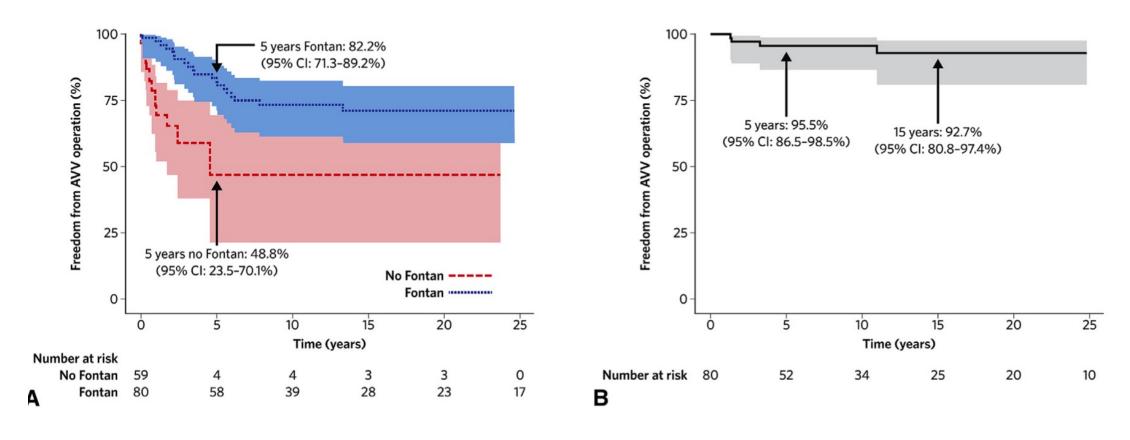
Atrial Septation



TGA and cAVSD



Long-term outcomes of single-ventricle palliation for unbalanced atrioventricular septal defects: Fontan survivors do better than previously thought



Importance of valve function in SVP

- "Importantly, we observed that atrioventricular valve (AVV) regurgitation is a major contributor to morbidity and mortality observed in these patients"
- "Patients with AVV regurgitation who achieved successful repair had much better outcomes than those with a significant residual regurgitation"

In conclusion

- Optimal common atrioventricular valve function is critical in single ventricle palliation
- Two-strip septation of the common atrioventricular valve normalizes valve morphology by restoring ventricular septal support, returning leaflets to the annular plane and stablising the valve in three dimensions
- In complex left atrial isomerism with severe AV regurgitation the technique has provided excellent durable valve function and allowed single ventricle palliation
- Potentially improves inflow alignment to allow ventricular development and biventricular conversion