

# Total Artificial Heart

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## THE ARTIFICIAL HEART IS HERE



# Becoming the Standard of Care

## Bi-Ventricular Failure



- **Pediatric and Adult Congenital**
- **Persistent Ventricular Tachycardia**
- **Cardiomyopathy:**
  - **Restrictive**
  - **Infiltrative**
  - **Hypertrophic**
  - **Amyloid**
- **Refractory Cardiogenic Shock**
- **Transplant Rejection**
- **Acquired VSD**

# Unique Uses

**“The SynCardia TAH-t is the only.....”**

- FDA Approved TAH, ever.
- Device:
  - That lowers CVP to single digits, creating the potential for liver and kidney recovery.
  - For failure of the transplanted heart.
  - For massive LV infarct.
  - For Acquired VSD.
  - For ventricular rupture.
  - That diffuses mural thrombus.
  - For some congenital conditions.
  - For cardiac malignancies.
  - For severe hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.
  - For amyloid cardiomyopathy.

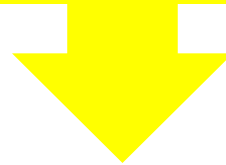
# Indications for Use of TAH

## INTERMACS Level 1 - NYHA Class IV

Data as of June 10, 2013

### Indications (Worldwide)

Cardiomyopathy	73%
Other	27%



### Number of Cases

AcuteMI	95
Cardiogenic Shock	43
Rejection	40
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy	31
Congenital	27
LVAD Device Failure	29
Arrhythmias (inc. VT)	15
Ventricular Septal Defect (VSD)	7

# “Other” Indications Success

Data as of June 10, 2013

## Patient Status Pre-Implant (North America)

Pre-Implant Heart Condition	% Transplanted or alive on device
AcuteMI	74.5%
Cardiogenic Shock	81.8%
Rejection	59.3%
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy	70.0%
Congenital	73.3%
LVAD Device Failure	64.7%
Arrhythmias (inc. VT)	66.7%
Ventricular Septal Defect (VSD)	75.0%



**100%** of patients under the age of 21 with a congenital diagnosis have been successfully BTT or are alive on device.

# TAH

- ❖ **Severe biventricular dysfunction & aortic regurgitation requiring aortic valve replacement**
- ❖ **Apex cannulation impossible due to friable tissue**
- ❖ **Myocardial necrosis, expected perforation or thrombus formation in the ventricle**

# TAH

- ❖ **Malignant heart tumor**
- ❖ **Therapy-resistant malignant arrhythmia**
- ❖ **Chronic or acute severe rejection after heart transplantation, not responding to medical treatment**



# US Centers

Abbott Northwestern Hospital  
Advocate Christ Hospital  
Allegheny General Hospital  
Arkansas Children's Hospital  
Aurora St. Luke's Hospital  
Banner Good Samaritan  
Barnes Jewish Hospital  
Baylor University Medical Center  
Boston Children's Hospital  
Brigham & Women's Hospital  
Carolinas Medical Center  
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Children's Hospital Wisconsin  
The Christ Hospital Cincinnati  
Cincinnati Children's  
Cleveland Clinic  
Froedtert Hospital  
Hermann Memorial  
The Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania  
Indiana University/Clarion  
Inova Fairfax  
Integrus Baptist Medical Center  
Intermountain Medical Center  
Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford  
Massachusetts General  
Mayo Clinic, Rochester  
Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville  
Mayo Clinic, Phoenix

Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center  
Montefiore-Einstein Medical Center  
Mott Children's Hospital  
Mt. Sinai Medical Center  
Nebraska Medical Center  
New York Presbyterian /Columbia  
Ochsner Medical Center  
Ohio State University Medical Center  
Penn State University Medical Center  
Phoenix Children's Hospital  
Primary Children's Hospital  
Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center  
Rush University Medical Center  
St. Joseph's Heart & Vascular Center  
St. Thomas Hospital  
St. Vincent's Hospital  
Sentara Heart Hospital  
Seattle Children's  
Seton Heart Specialty Care/Transplant  
Shands Hospital University of Florida Gainesville  
Sharp Memorial Hospital  
Spectrum Health Grand Rapids  
Stanford University  
Strong Memorial  
Tampa General  
Temple University Hospital  
Texas Children's Hospital  
Texas Heart Institute  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

University of Arizona Medical Center  
University of California Los Angeles Medical Center  
University of California San Diego  
University of Chicago Medical Center  
University of Iowa Hospitals  
University of Kentucky Medical Center  
University of Louisville/Jewish Hospital  
University of Maryland  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota  
University of North Carolina  
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center  
University of Southern California CV Thoracic Institute  
University of Utah  
University of Washington Medical Center  
University of Wisconsin Hospital  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center  
Yale New Haven Hospital

# OUS Centers

AHEPA, Thessoliniki, Greece

Akdeniz Antalya, Turkey

Allemaines Krankenhaus, Vienna

Azienda Ospedaliera di Padova

Bakoulev Moscow, Russia

CHU, Bordeaux

CHU, Tours

CHU, Rennes

CHU, Rouen

Deutsches Herzzentrum Berlin

Ege, Izmir, Turkey

Florence Nightingale, Istanbul, Turkey

Freeman, Newcastle, United Kingdom

Friedrich-Alexander University Hospital Erlangen

Gazientep University Hospital, Turkey

Groupe Hospitalier LaPitie-Salpetriere

Hannover Medical School, Germany

Herz-und Diabeteszentrum Nordrhein Westfalen

Herzzentrum Leipzig GmbH Universitaetsklinik

Herzzentrum Koln

Hopital Guillaume et Rene Laennec/Centre Hospitalier

Universitaire de Nantes

Inselspital Bern

Kerckhoff, Bad Nauheim, Germany

Kosuyolu Kalp, Istanbul, Turkey

Mondaldi Hospital, Naples

Montreal Heart Institute

National Research Cardiac Center, Astana, Kazakhstan

Nine September, Izmir, Turkey

Onassis Heart Center, Athens

Onze Lieve Vrouwz, Aalst

Ospedale Niguarda, Milan

Ospedale San Camillo, Rome

Ospedale Bambino Gesù, Vatican City

Ospedale San Gerardo di Monza, Italy

Ospedale Sant'Orsola Malpighi Bologna, Italy

Ospedali Riuniti di Bergamo, Italy

Papworth Hospital, United Kingdom

Policlinico Santa Maria alle Scotte, Siena, Italy

Rabin Medical Center, Israel

S Maria dela Misericordia, Udine, Italy

Sahlgrenska Universitetssjukhuset, Goteburg

San Raffaele, Italy

Santariskiu, Vilnius, Lithuania

St. Vincent's, Sydney, Australia

Siyami Ersek, Istanbul, Turkey

YIH, Ankara, Turkey

Universitatsklinikum, Freiburg, Germany

Universitatsklinikum, Muenster, Germany

University Clinic, Duisburg, Germany

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University Hospital Innsbruck

University Hospital Lund

University of Ankara, Turkey

University of Heidelberg Hospital

University of Kaunas, Lithuania

UMC, Ljubljana, Slovenia

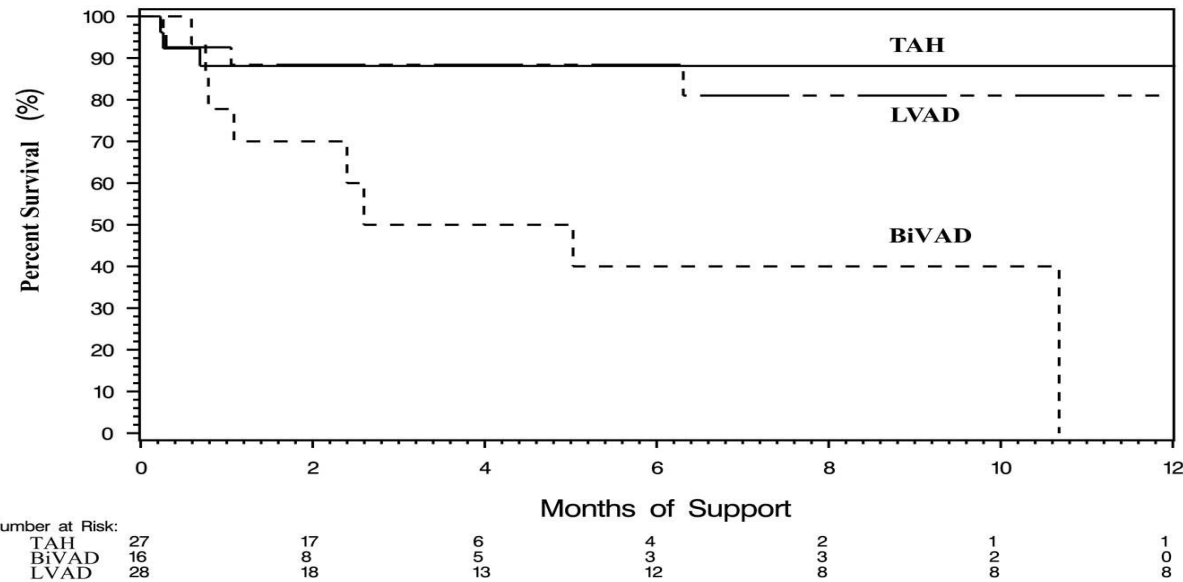
# Center & Implant Growth

Year	Number of Certified Centers			Number of Implanting Centers			Number of Implants		
	US	OUS	TOTAL	US	OUS	TOTAL	US	OUS	TOTAL
2006	7	7	14	6	8	14	17	32	49
2007	12	10	22	10	8	18	26	41	67
2008	13	14	27	10	10	20	37	33	70
2009	13	15	28	8	10	18	30	33	63
2010	15	18	33	9	10	19	39	27	66
2011	24	25	49	17	14	31	44	37	81
2012	40	35	75	32	22	54	71	54	125
2013	48	39	87	31	16	47	72	34	106

# Freedom Driver is the Game Changer!



Survival to Transplant



Data  
Rules!

**Source:** "Survival to Transplant in Patients Undergoing Mechanical Circulatory Support as Bridge: Retrospective Analysis of LVAD, BiVAD and TAH Strategy." O.E. Pajaro, A.V. Kalya, R.S. Gopalan, L.L. Staley, K.L. Diane, J.M. Spadafore, C.N. Pierce, B.N. Noble, C. Krishnaswamy, R.L. Scott, F.A. Arabia. Presented as an abstract at the International Society for Heart & Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) 32nd Annual Meeting, Concurrent Session 43: VAD Bad, April 21, 2012.

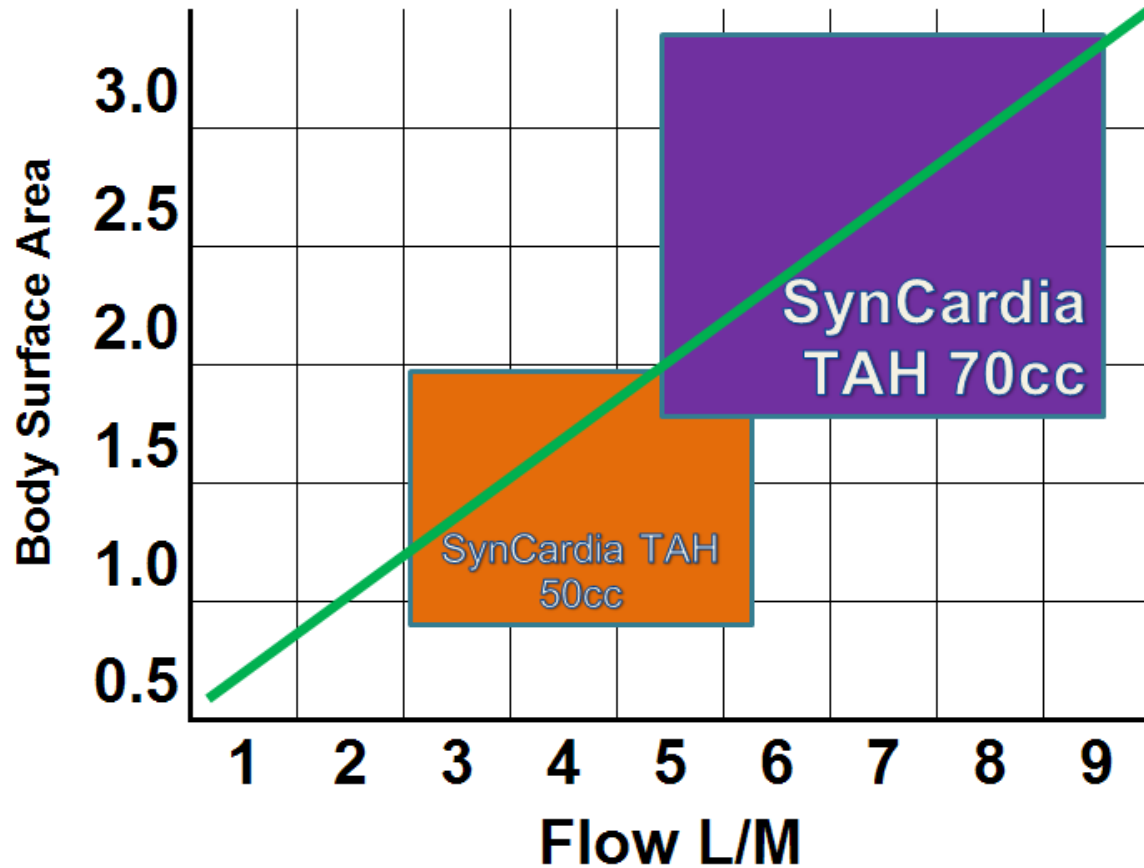
# 50 cc TAH



70 cc  
Needs 10 cm  
T-10 → Sternum

50 cc  
Needs 7 cm  
T-10 → Sternum

# In Process 50cc Heart



# AIM

- Primary use of total artificial heart

# WHY

To avoid other complications as:

- Bleeding
- Infection
- Tromboembolic events



# IS IT

- Postinfarction ventricular septal defect (PI VSD)?

# Strategies

# Early closure

- Immediately eliminates the detrimental effect of blood shunting, but at the risk of exposing the usually hemodynamically unstable patient to the risk of surgery.
- Additionally, early operative management usually means operating in a friable myocardium.

# Postponing surgical repair to a later time

- gives the theoretical advantage of myocardial recovery and scar tissue formation.
- mechanical circulatory support to impart hemodynamic stability and delay surgical treatment until such time as myocardium recovers and scar tissue forms around the defect.

# Bridge to repair or BTT or bridge to bridge

- ECMO
- LVAD
- BiVAD

Posterobasal VSD – surgical repair?

# Possible

- High mortality
- High morbidity

VERY HARD





Posterobasal VSD with mitral valve  
involvement – surgical repair?

**MISSION IMPOSSIBLE**



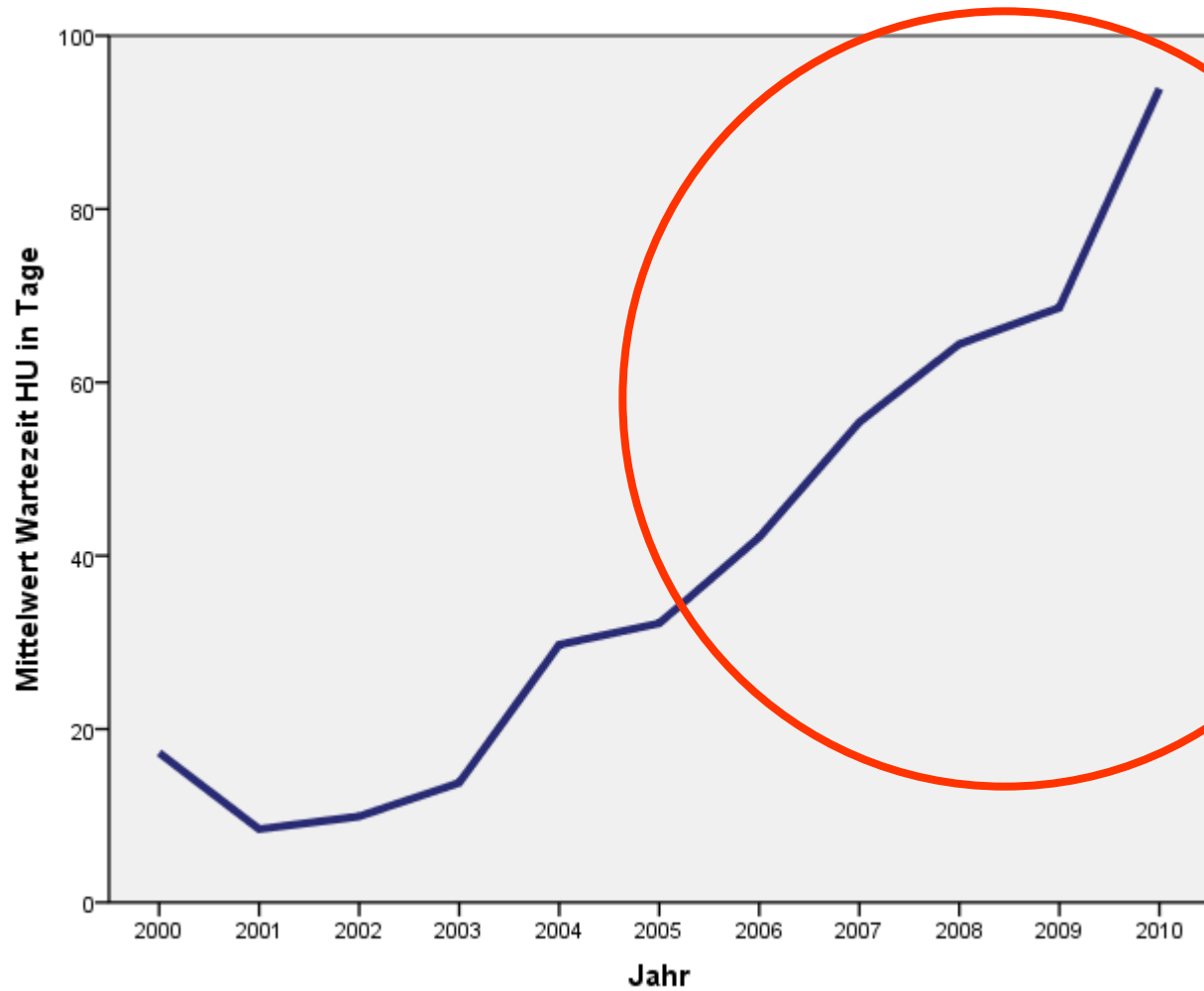
# Bridge to transplantation

- ECMO
- LVAD
- BiVAD

# BTT

- Waiting time for Tx
- Eurotransplant – UNOS
- HU listing - 20 days to 120 days

# Median waiting time for HU



- Add some new complications

# BTT

## or bridge to bridge

- ECMO
- LVAD
- BiVAD

- Add some new complications



CASE

**Use of a totally artificial heart for a complex postinfarction ventricular septal defect.**

Knezevic I, Jelenc M, Danojevic N, Racic M, Poglajen G, Ksela J, Androcec V, Mesar T, Mikuz U, Vrtovec B. Heart Surg Forum. 2013 Jun;16(3).

- October 2011, a 60 year-old man
- history of tobacco abuse
- episode of chest pain,
- dyspnea and exercise intolerance of one week duration.
- ECG - subacute inferior wall myocardial infarction, troponin and LDH levels were 35,8  $\mu\text{g/l}$  and 3.7  $\mu\text{kat/l}$ , respectively.

- Emergently taken to the cardiac catheterization laboratory, where complete occlusion of the distal third of the right coronary artery was found.
- Percutaneous coronary intervention was performed, with two bare-metal stents inserted and a left ventriculography showed a VSD.

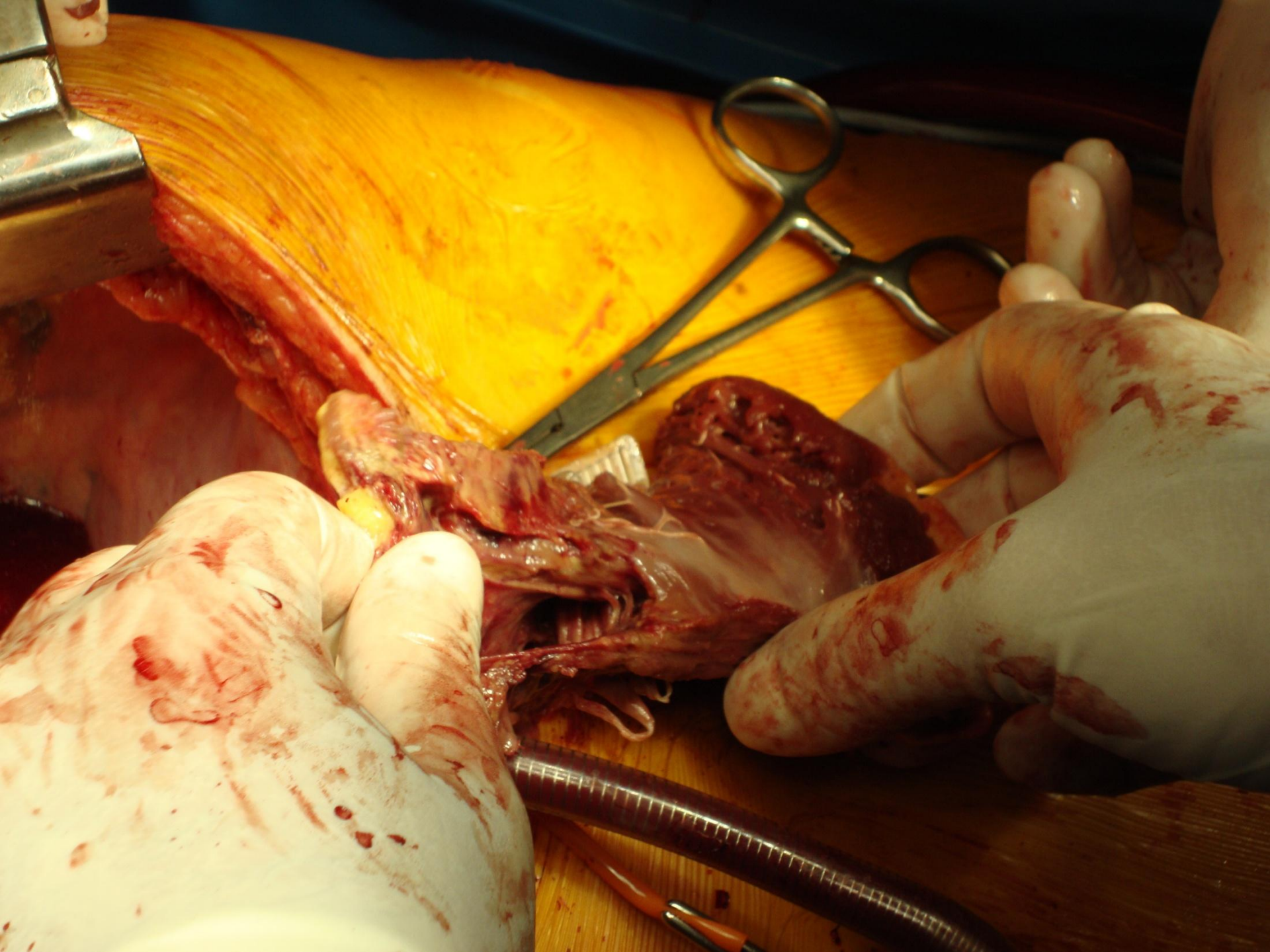
- hemodynamically unstable with a blood pressure of 84/71 mm Hg and moderately tachycardic.
- intra-aortic balloon pump
- transthoracic echocardiography immediately post insertion showed a large VSD in the posterior part of the interventricular septum with an estimated size of approximately 1.5 cm and the pulmonary-to-systemic flow ( $Q_p/Q_s$ ) was 2.1.
- Systolic function was mildly depressed with an estimated ejection fraction of 50%.

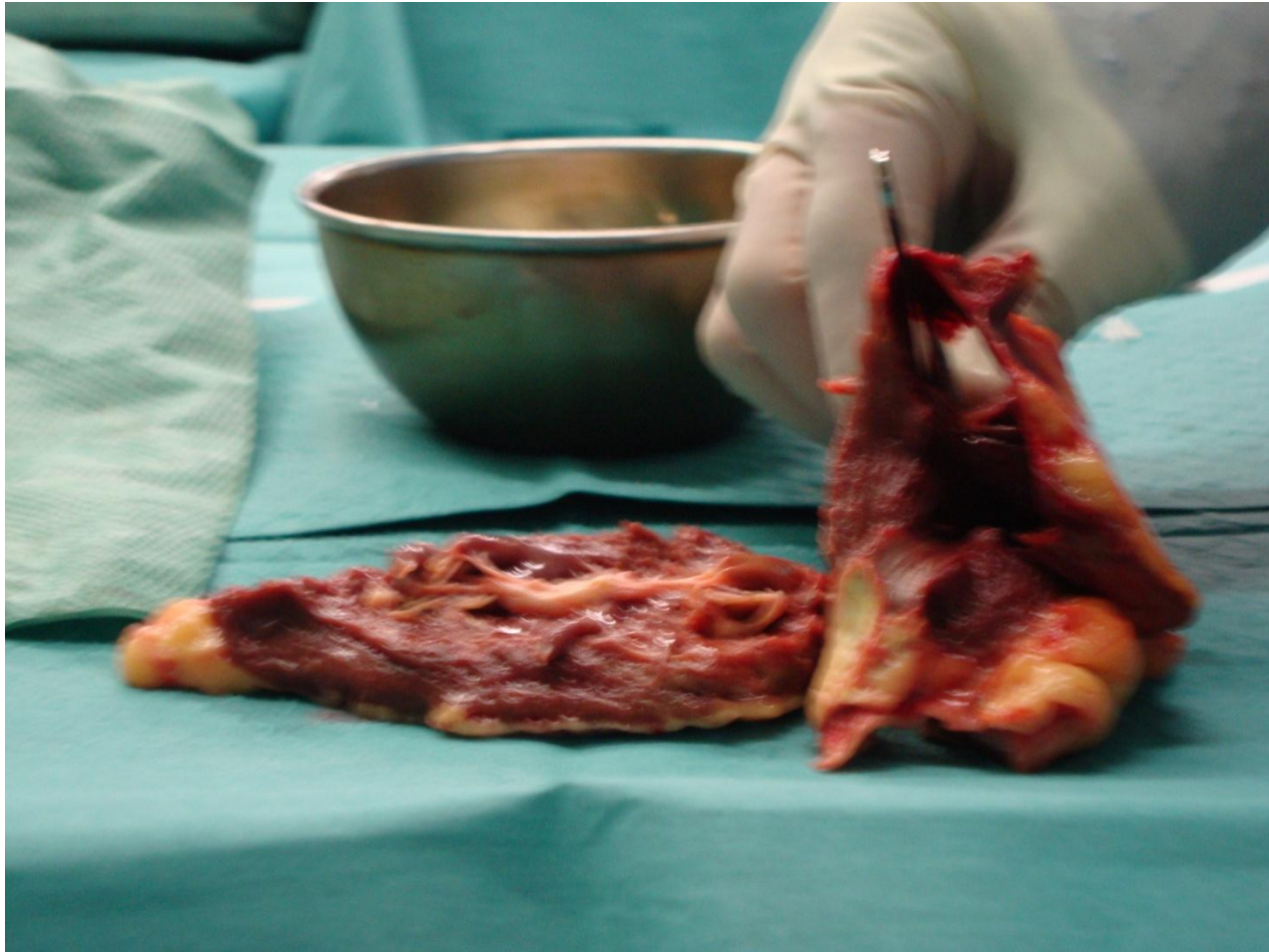
- patient required norepinephrine pressor support.
- Subsequent cardiac echocardiography studies revealed **progression of the VSD size**. On the third day, the diameter of the VSD had already increased to **3 cm** and a pulmonary-to-systemic flow ( $Q_p/Q_s$ ) of 3.1 was measured.
- interventricular rupture was **extending up to the mitral valve annulus**, causing mitral regurgitation.

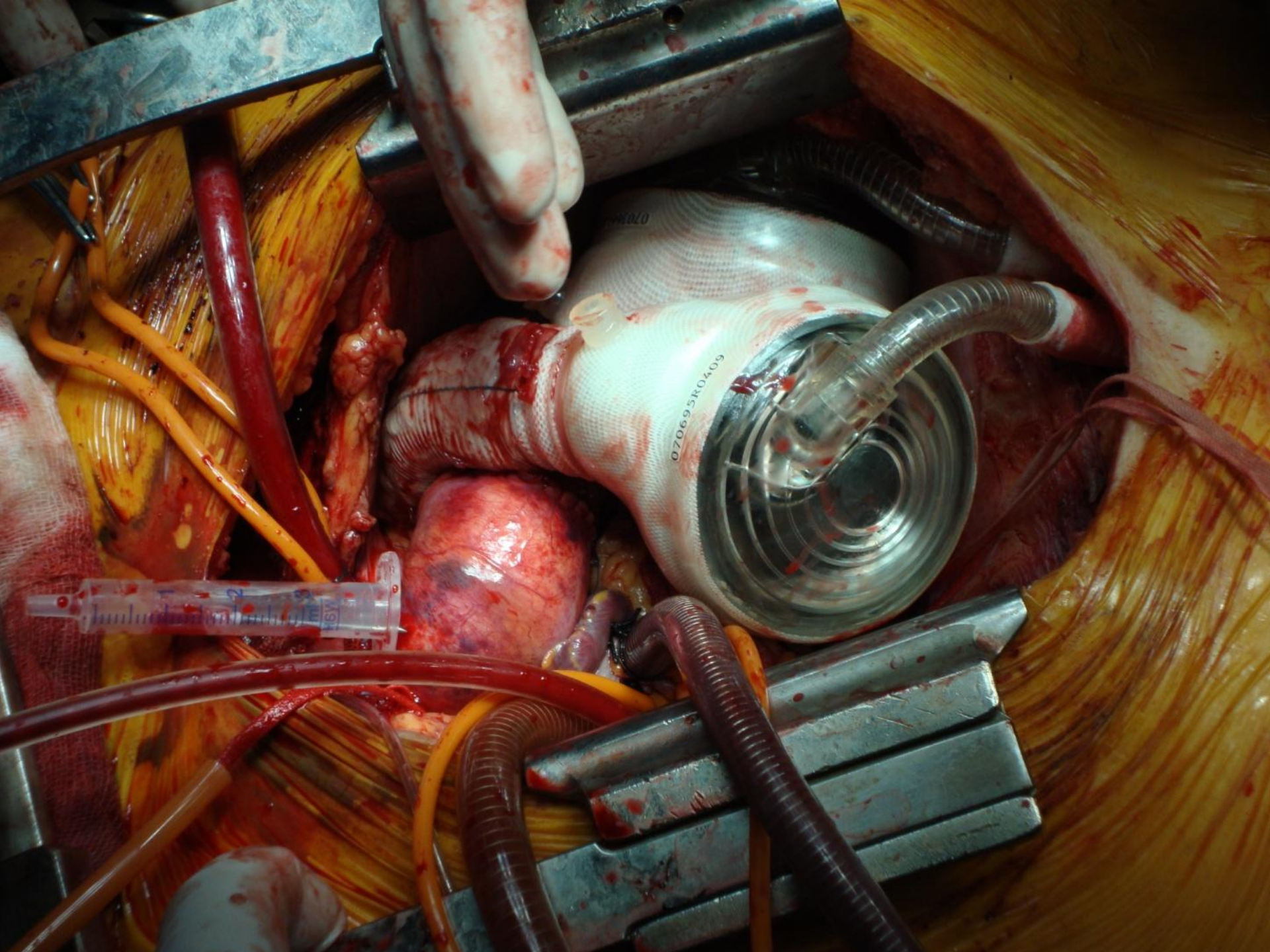
- Due to the extensive and complex tear in septal myocardium that included the mitral valve apparatus, it was concluded that operative closure of the VSD was technically not feasible and the patient was presented as a candidate for total artificial heart (CardioWest, Syncardia, Inc.).

- The patient was taken to the OR on the fourth day post-admission











**NDP** **10.13** **Treat** **36.1**  
**-? - / -? - (-? -)**

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- He was discharged on the Freedom portable driver on ***day 51*** and was on the transplantation list awaiting cardiac transplantation.
- He was discharged home on ***day 63*** completely independent to perform daily activities.

- Patient was transplanted on ***day 256***.

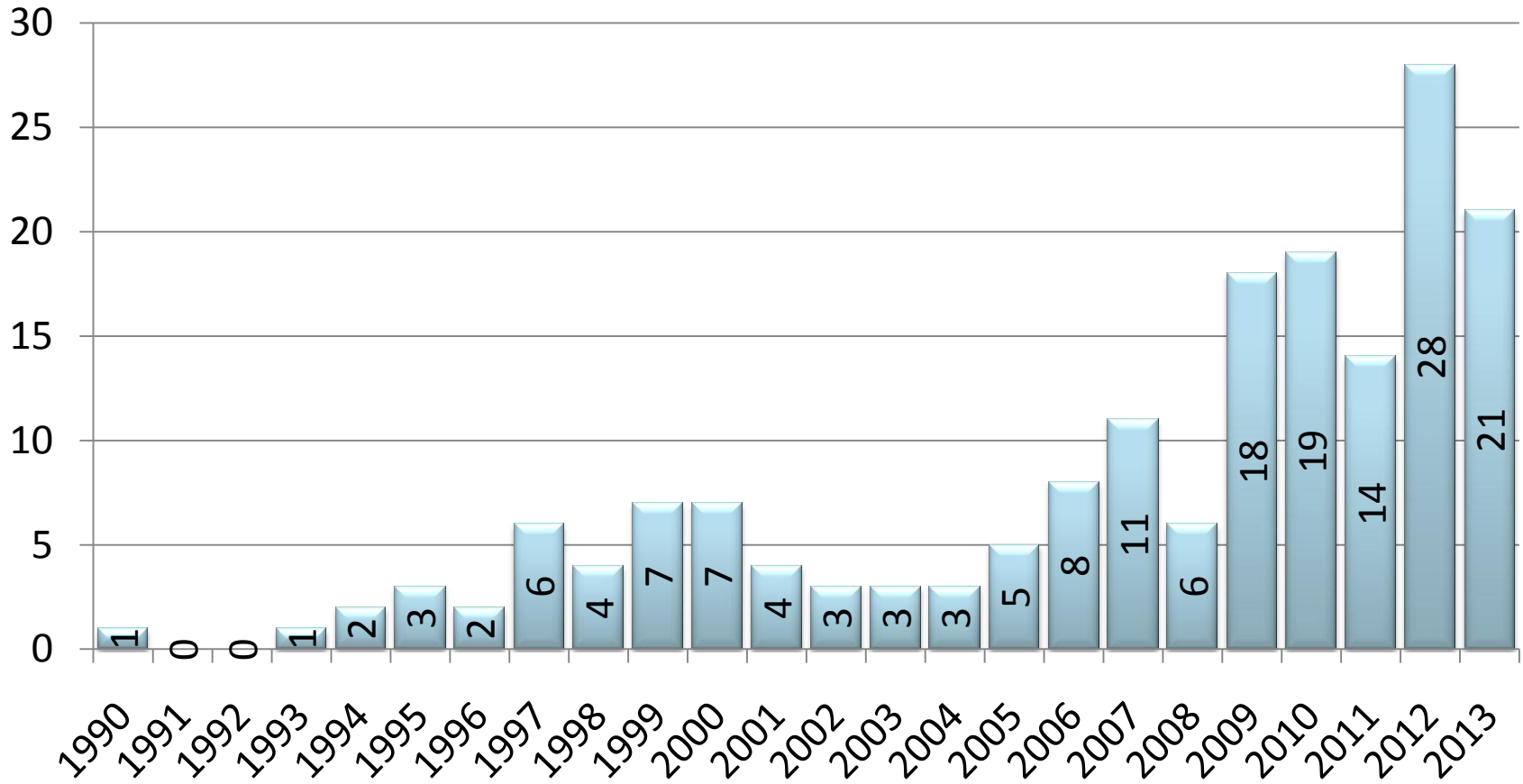




# TAH Syncardia; 3 pts, 3 BTT

- 1. male 60 yrs      256 days
- 2. male 52 yrs      22 days
- 3. male 65 yrs      75 days

# Heart transplants in Slovenia



- Primary use of the total artificial heart represents a new option in those patients that were classically considered poor candidates for surgery and were consequently managed medically with very high mortality