

**MHIF FEATURED STUDY:**

# OCS DCD Heart CAP

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**EPIC message to *Research MHIF Patient Referral***

**CONDITION:**

Heart Failure / Transplant

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**DESCRIPTION:** The Portable Organ Care System (OCS™) Heart for Resuscitation, Preservation and Assessment of Hearts from Donors After Circulatory Death Continued Access Protocol (OCS DCD Heart CAP)

To enable continued clinical access to DCD heart transplantation in the U.S. and to continue to collect additional data on the performance of the OCS Heart System to resuscitate, preserve and assess hearts donated after circulatory death for transplantation to increase the pool of donor hearts available for transplantation.

A prospective, single arm, continues access protocol.

**CRITERIA LIST/ QUALIFICATIONS:**

Donor Heart Inclusion

- Maastricht Category III DCD donor, defined as expected death after the withdrawal of life-supportive therapy (WLST)
- Donor age 18-49 years old inclusive
- Warm ischemic time (WIT) ≤ 30 mins, with warm ischemic time defined as: Time from when
- mean systolic blood pressure (SBP) is < 50 mmHg or peripheral saturation < 70% to aortic crossclamp
- and administration of cold cardioplegia in the donor.

To date, MHIF has had eight successful uses of the TransMedics Organ Care System (OCS™), aka “Heart in the Box”

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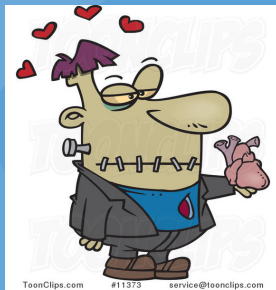
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## FRANKENSTEIN COMES TO ABBOTT: A heart failure talk.



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## Disclosures

- No COI

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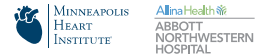
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## Objectives

- Organ care system (OCS) technology in greater details
- Donation after brain death (DBD) and donation after circulatory death (DCD)
- MHI OCS Data for DCD/DBD



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## Where it all began



- **Waleed Hassanein, MD**
  - Inventor and founder of TransMedics
  - Georgetown medical school, MD and residency
  - BWH/Roxbury VA, CT surgery research fellowship
  - Landmark paper Published in JCTVS 1998 Nov;116(5):821-30.
  - OCS 2014

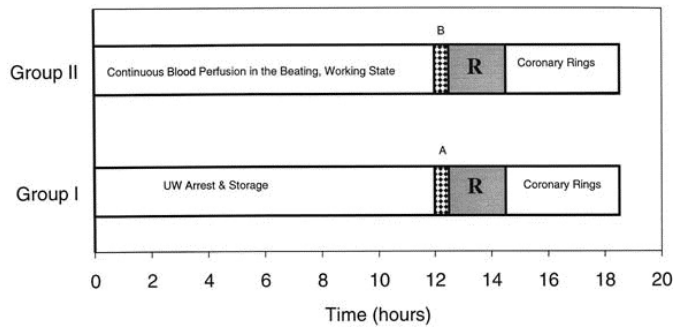


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**CONTINUOUS PERFUSION OF DONOR HEARTS IN THE BEATING STATE EXTENDS PRESERVATION TIME AND IMPROVES RECOVERY OF FUNCTION**

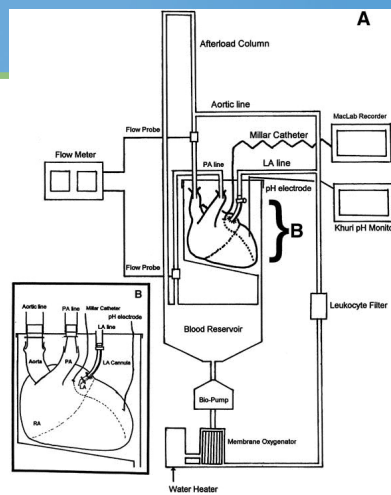
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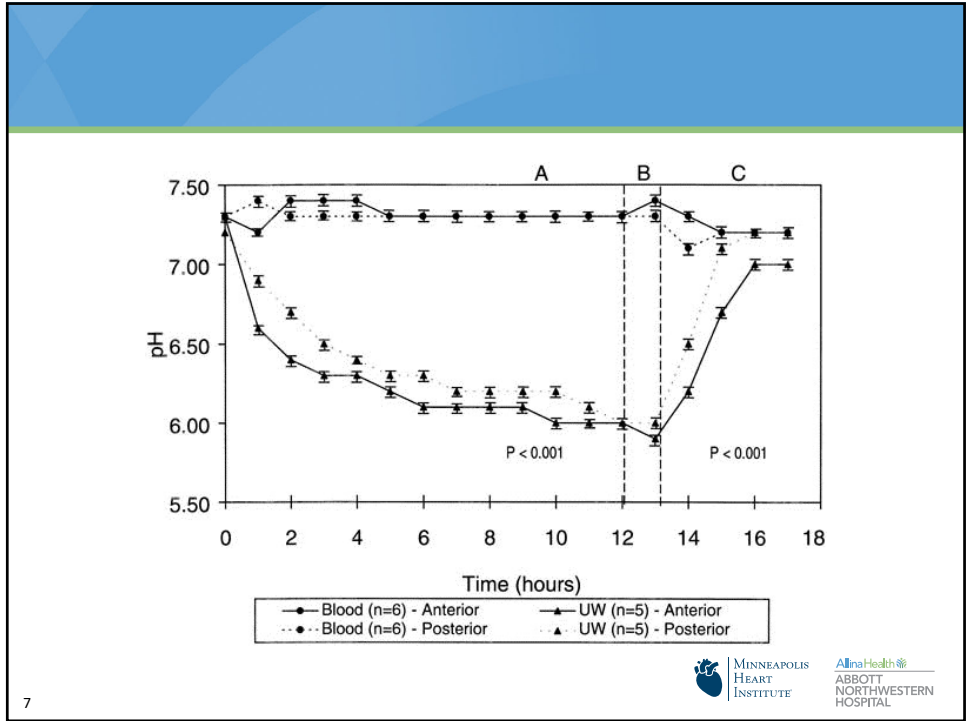


**Fig 2.** Schema of perfusion apparatus. Panel A shows the monitoring equipment and chamber for the heart. Panel B is a detailed enlargement of the heart chamber depicting the instrumentation. *LA*, Left atrium; *RA*, right atrium; *PA*, pulmonary artery.

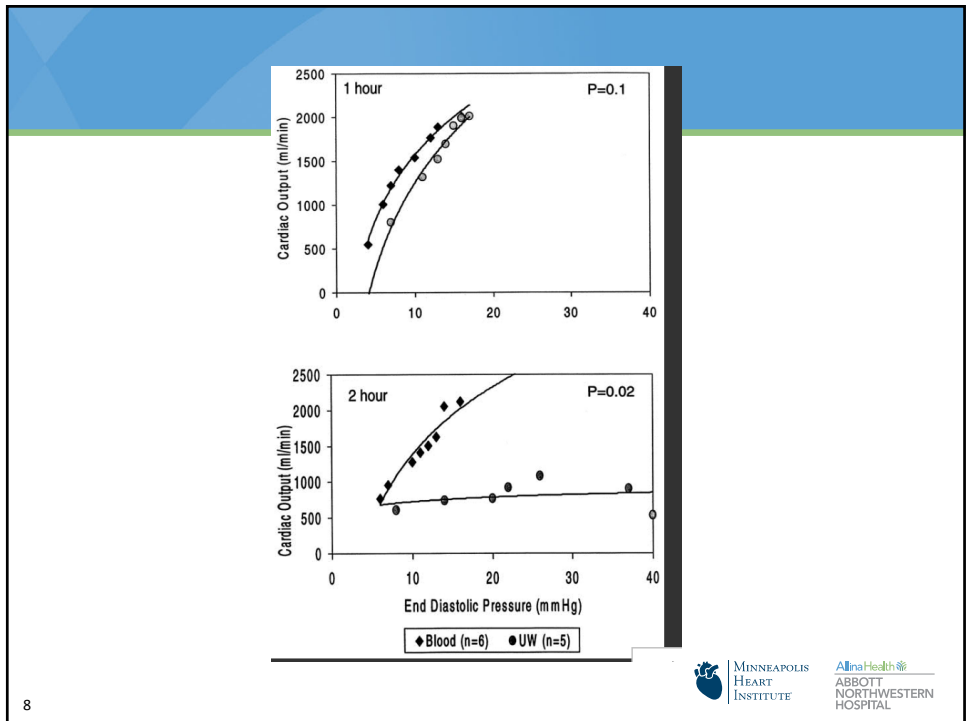
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## Conclusion → TIME Extended!

**55%  $\Delta$ baseline,  $P = .01$ ). Conclusion: This new method extends the current preservation limit and avoids time-dependent ischemic injury, thereby allowing for distant procurement of donor organs. (J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 1998;116:821-30)**

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## Organ Care System

**Wireless Monitor**  
Controls and displays parameters




**Perfusion Module**  
Sterile blood circuit and environment for the donor heart

**Solution Set**  
Perfusion solution and substrates




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## Three main components




- Array of non-invasive, ultrasound sensors monitor critical parameters, such as blood pressure, blood flow and blood cell counts, to sustain the organ's health while in transit.
- A "solution set" infuses the organ with essential nutrients and substrates.
- Wireless control monitor allows to manipulation of above after the organ has been attached to the OCS



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## Organ Donation after Circulatory Death

- Widely accepted in Kidney, liver and lung
- Concerns in heart DCD donation:
  - Warm ischemia
  - Inability to assess the donor heart prior to transplantation

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## Outcomes of Donation After Circulatory Death Heart Transplantation in Australia



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**RESULTS** Hearts were retrieved from 33 of 45 DCD donors. A total of 12 donors did not progress to circulatory arrest within the pre-specified timeframe. Eight hearts failed to meet viability criteria during normothermic machine perfusion, and 2 hearts were declined due to machine malfunction. A total of 23 hearts were transplanted between July 2014 and April 2018. All recipients had successful implantation, with mechanical circulatory support utilized in 9 cases. One case requiring extracorporeal membrane oxygenation subsequently died on the sixth post-operative day, representing a mortality of 4.4% over 4 years with a total follow-up period of 15,500 days for the entire cohort. All surviving recipients had normal cardiac function on echocardiogram and no evidence of acute rejection on discharge. All surviving patients remain in New York Heart Association functional class I with normal biventricular function.

**CONCLUSIONS** DCD heart transplant outcomes are excellent. Despite a higher requirement for mechanical circulatory support for delayed graft function, primarily in recipients with ventricular assist device support, overall survival and rejection episodes are comparable to outcomes from contemporary brain-dead donors. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2019;73:1447-59)  
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## A 5-year single-center early experience of heart transplantation from donation after circulatory-determined death donors

Simon Messer, PhD, Sendi Cernic, MD, Aravinda Page, MBBChir,

**RESULTS:** During the 5-year study, DCD heart donation increased overall heart transplant activity by 48% (79 for DCD and 164 for DBD). There was no difference in survival at 30 days (97% for DCD vs 99% for DBD,  $p=1.00$ ) or 1 year (91% for DCD vs 89% for DBD,  $p=0.72$ ). There was no difference in the length of stay in the intensive care unit (7 for DCD vs 6 for DBD days,  $p=0.24$ ) or in the hospital (24 for DCD vs 25 for DBD days,  $p=0.84$ ).

**CONCLUSIONS:** DCD heart donation increased overall heart transplant activity at RPH by 48%, with no difference in 30-day or 1-year survival in comparison with conventional DBD heart transplantations.

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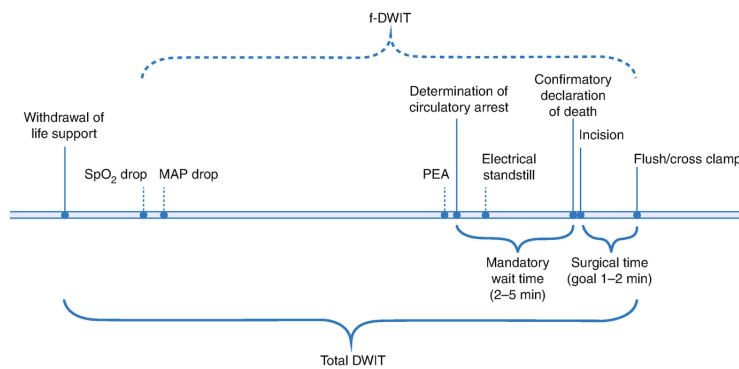
## DBD vs. DCD procurement



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## Perspective of DCD procurement



- *Warm ischemic time* → SBP < 50 mmHg or O2 sat < 70%
- *cardiac death must occur with 30 minutes of WIT*

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## DCD procurement




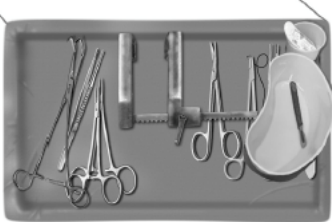
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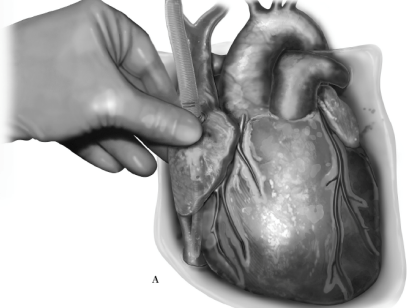
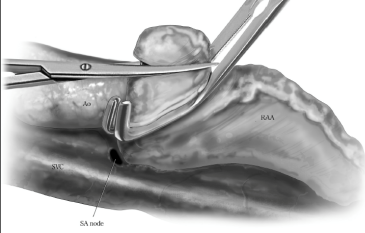
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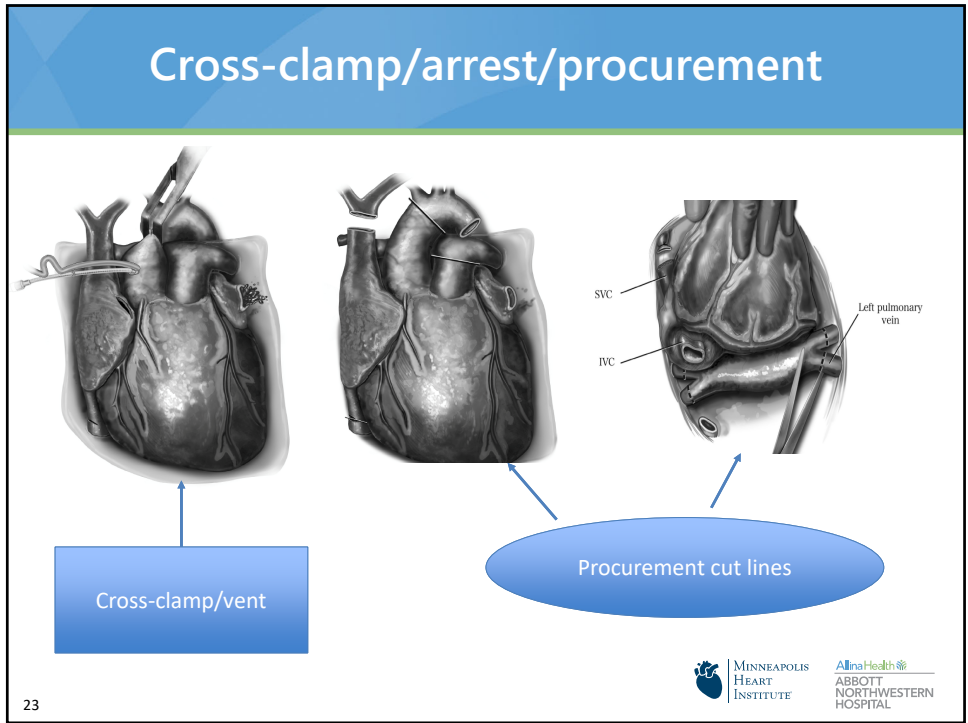




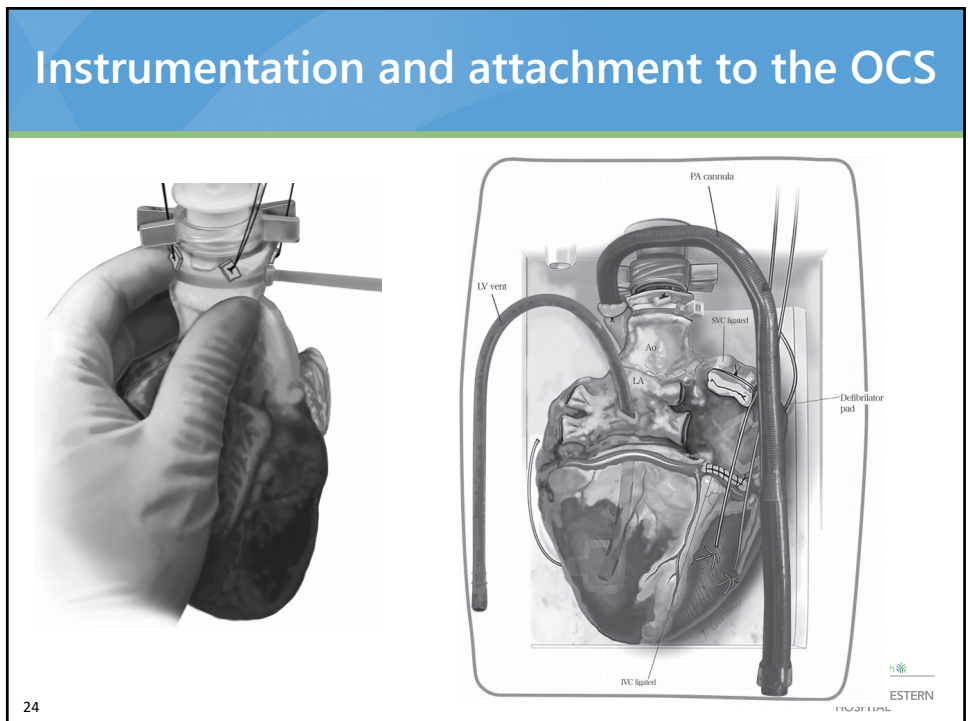
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## Organ Care System

- Continuously monitoring physiological measurements:
  - coronary flow- CF
  - aortic flow- AOF
  - Aortic pressure- AOP
  - mixed venous
  - Arterial saturation
  - hematocrit
  - blood temperature
  - pulmonary artery pressure
  - electrocardiogram



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## Assessing and monitoring parameters

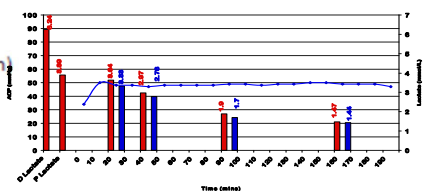



Aortic Pressure

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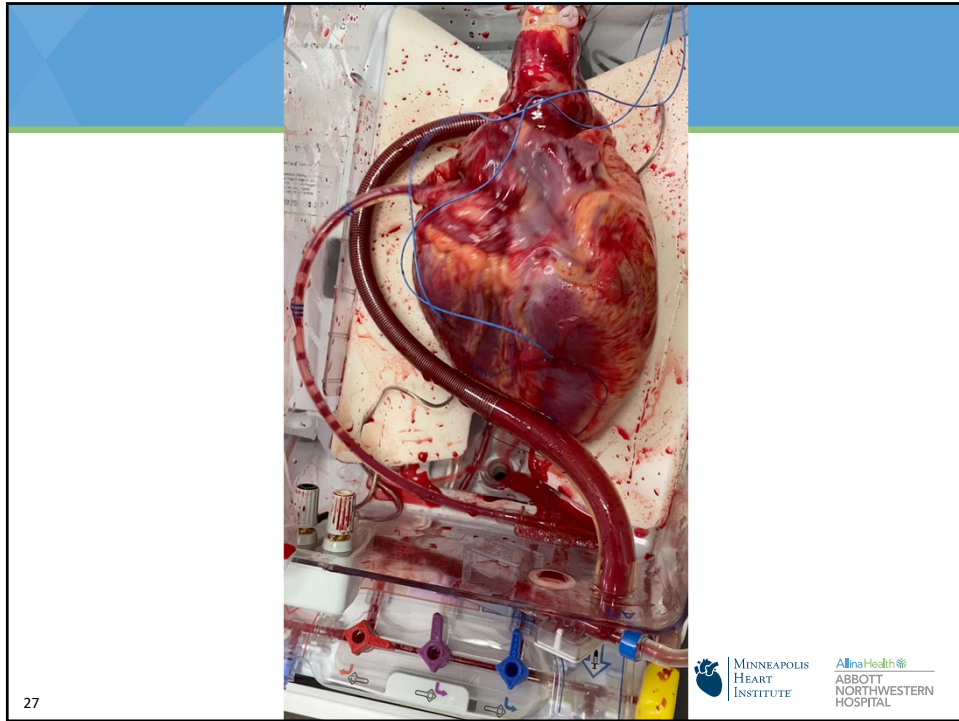
Serial Lactate Levels  
Serial of Arterial & Venous  
Lactate Differential

- Hemodynamic parameters:
  - Aortic pressure (goal: 65-90 mm Hg)
  - Coronary blood flow (goal: 650-900 mL/min)
- Perfusate Lactate level
  - Arterio-venous difference
  - Absolute lactate level (goal: <5 mmol/L)
- Visual Inspection





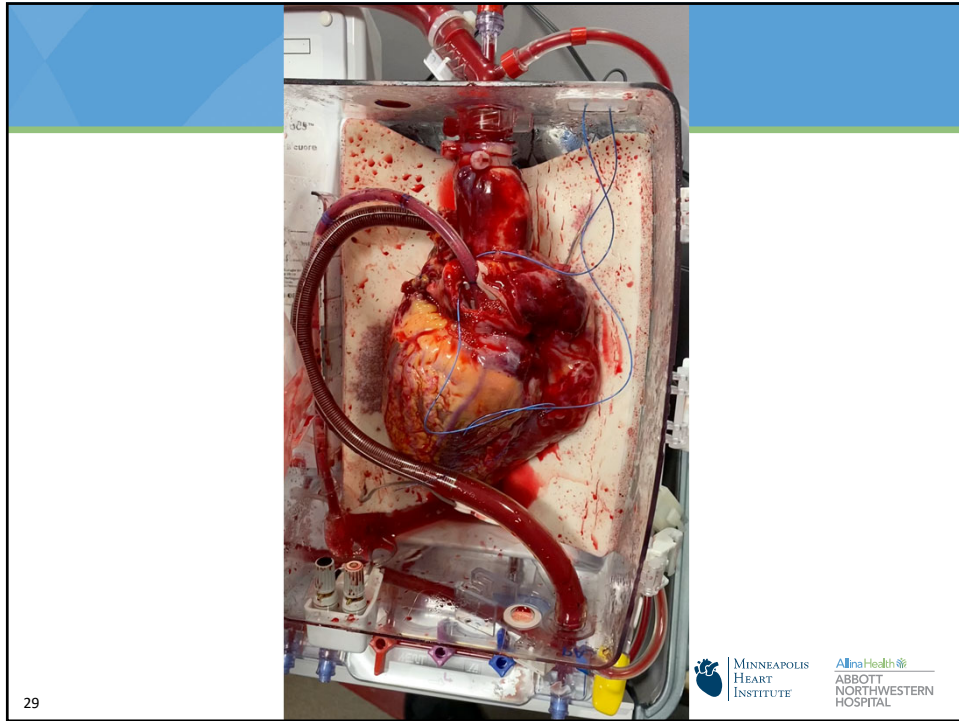
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# OCS Update

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- Shukrallah's original accent is not really southern
- Mudy's accent is real

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## Successful Utilization of Extended Criteria Donor Hearts for Transplantation – Results of The OCS Heart EXPAND Trial

- J. N. Schroder, D. D'Alessandro, F. Esmailian, T. Boeve, P. Tang, K. Liao, I. Wang, A. Anyanwu, A. Shah, K. Mudy, E. Soltesz, J. W. Smith
- Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA, Spectrum Health, Grand Rapids, MI, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN, Mount Sinai, New York, NY, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, Minneapolis Heart Institute, Minneapolis, MN, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH, University of Washington, Seattle, WA,




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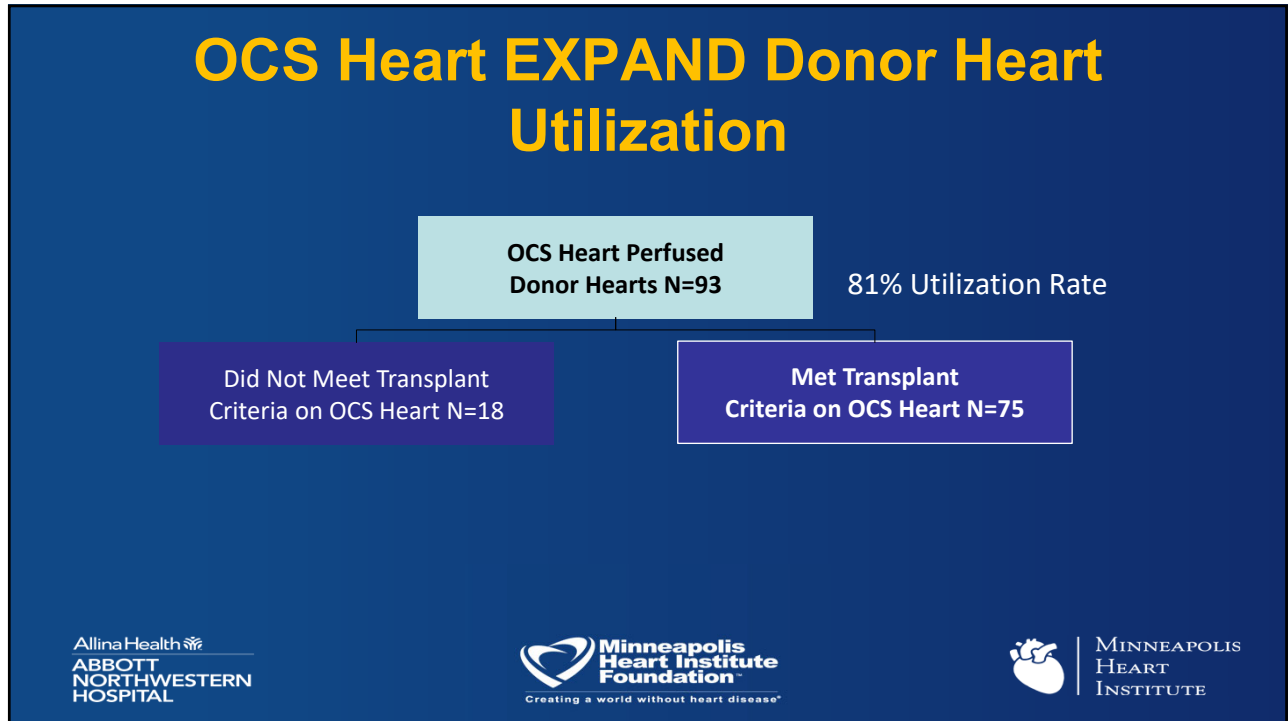
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## OCS Heart EXPAND Trial Design & Endpoints

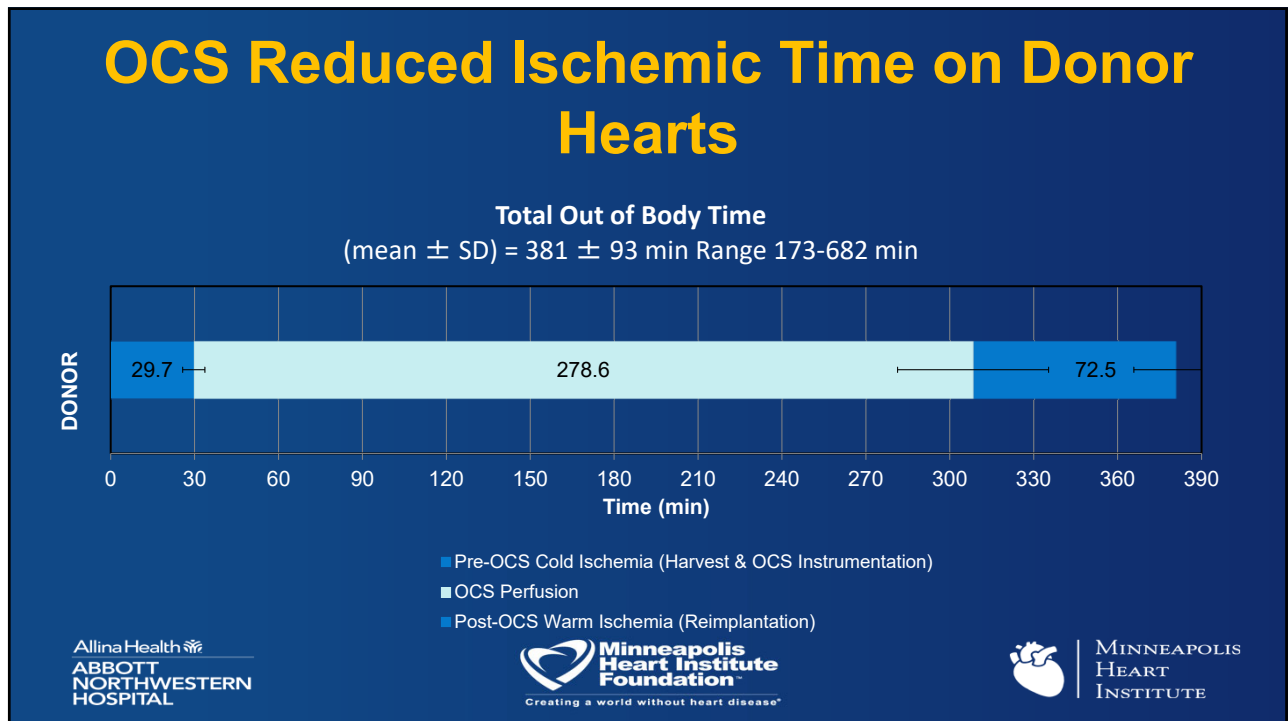
- **Single Arm Study:**
  - These hearts are not routinely being utilized and could not be compared to standard criteria hearts
- **Donor Criteria** – Targeted donor hearts that may benefit from perfusion
  - Extended ischemia time  $\geq 4$  hours; or
  - Older donors  $>45$  yo; or
  - Down time  $\geq 20$  mins; or
  - LVH hearts  $>12 \leq 16$  mm thickness; or
  - Non specific CAD
- **Effectiveness Endpoints:**
  - Primary: Composite of patient survival at day 30 and freedom from severe PGD in the first 24 hours
  - Secondary: Donor hearts utilization rate
- **Safety Endpoint:**
  - Rate of moderate and severe PGD up-to day 30 post transplant



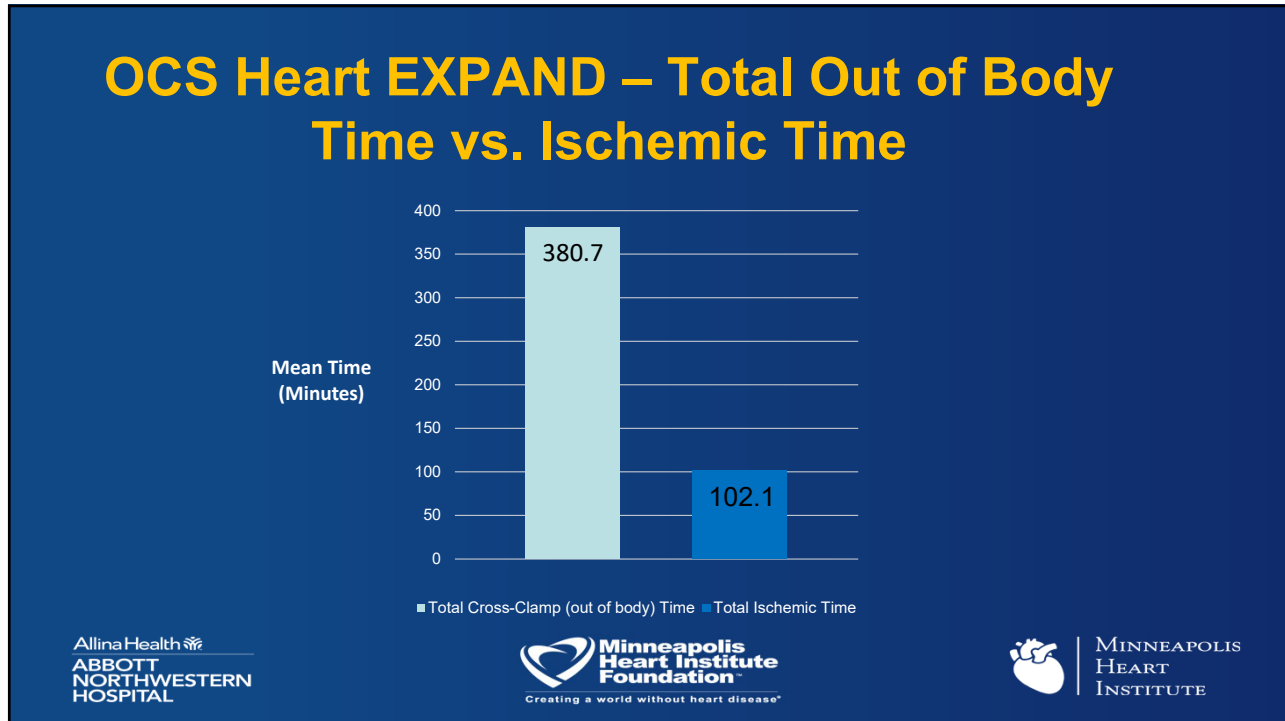
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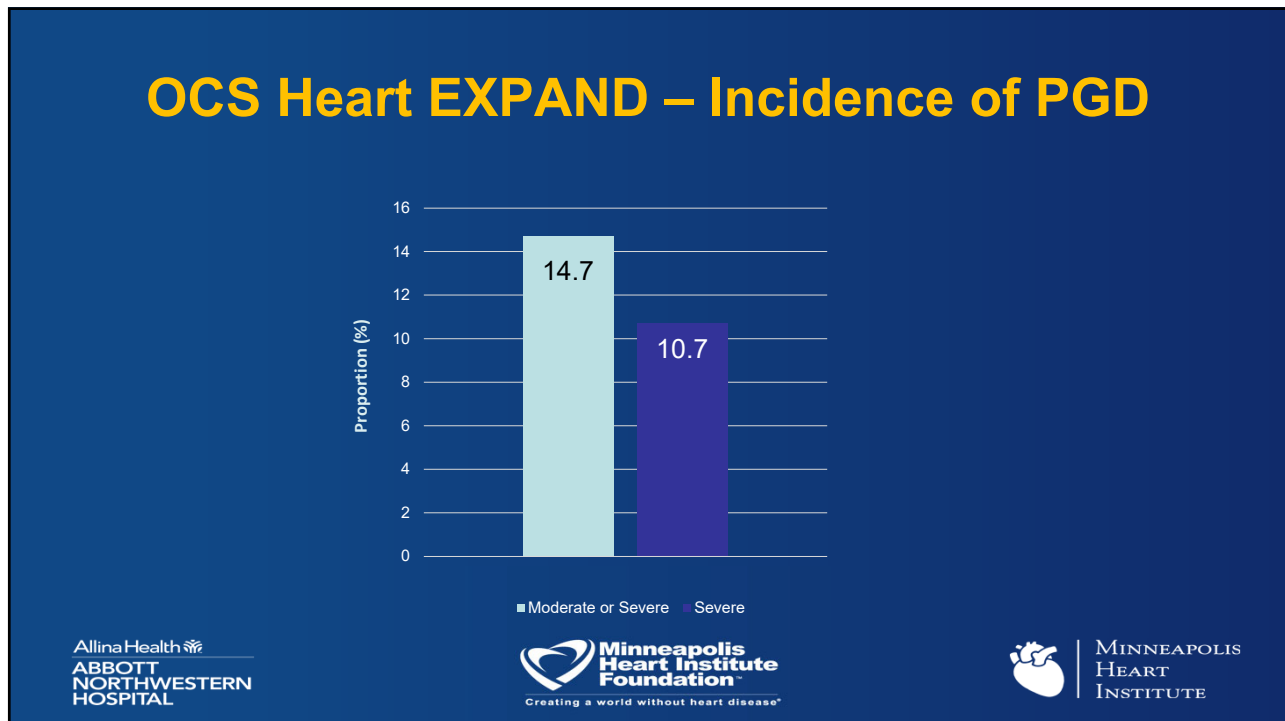


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## OCS Heart EXPAND

30 day survival- 94.7%

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## EXPAND Results


- The OCS™ Heart EXPAND Trial met its primary effectiveness and safety endpoints
- The use of OCS Heart System resulted in high utilization of ECD hearts with excellent short-term post-transplant outcomes, most notably a low rate of PGD
- These results provide clinical evidence supporting its use in ECD heart preservation and assessment, and may significantly increase donor utilization for transplantation

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**Continued Access Protocol** to collect additional evidence to evaluate the Safety and Effectiveness of The Portable Organ Care System (OCS™) Heart for preserving, resuscitating and assessing Expanded Criteria Donor Hearts for Transplantation (Heart EXPAND CAP)

- **Objectives:** To provide additional data evaluating the safety and effectiveness of the OCS Heart System to preserve and assess donor hearts that do not meet current standard donor heart acceptance criteria for transplantation to potentially improve donor heart utilization for transplantation at a range of transplant centers in the U.S. and to permit patients and physicians access to the OCS Heart System while a PMA application is under preparation and review
- **Trial Design:** A prospective single-arm trial
- **Trial Size:** A maximum of 12 participating sites with 48 transplanted heart recipients

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## OCS™ Heart EXPAND Clinical Trial

**Donor eligibility, at least one of the following:**

- Expected total cross-clamp time  $\geq 4$  hours
- Expected cross-clamp time  $\geq 2$  hours PLUS at least one of following risk factors:
  - Donor age  $>55$  yo.; or
  - Donor age 45 – 55 yo. without coronary catheterization data; or
  - LV septal or posterior wall thickness  $>12 \leq 16$ mm; or
  - Reported down time  $\geq 20$  min; or
  - Left heart Ejection Fraction  $\geq 40\%$  -  $\leq 50\%$ ; or
  - Donor angiogram with luminal irregularities no significant CAD; or
  - History of carbon monoxide poisoning; or
  - Social history of alcoholism; or
  - History of diabetes with negative coronary angiogram for CAD

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## Heart EXPAND Clinical Trial Endpoints

**Primary Endpoint:** A composite endpoint of patient survival at Day-30 post-transplant and absence of severe primary heart graft dysfunction (PGD) (left or right ventricle) in the first 24 hours post-transplantation

**Secondary Endpoints:**

- Patient survival at day-30 post-transplantation
- Incidence of severe primary heart graft dysfunction (PGD) (left or right ventricle) in the first 24 hours post-transplantation
- Rate of donor hearts utilization that were successfully transplanted after preservation and assessment on the OCS™ Heart device

**Safety Endpoint:** Incidence of heart graft related Serious Adverse Events (SAEs) in the first 30 days post heart transplantation, defined as:

- Moderate or Severe primary heart graft dysfunction (PGD) (left or right ventricle), not including rejection or cardiac tamponade, according to 2014 ISHLT consensus manuscript
- Primary graft failure requiring re-transplantation

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## EXPAND CAP

- **66 Extended criteria hearts have been transplanted across 6 sites. There are 9 remaining enrollment spots**
- **There have been 4 hearts declined after OCS assessment resulting in an overall utilization of 94%**
- **>45 % of the donors have had multiple inclusion criteria including longer expected cross clamp time, older age, left ventricular hypertrophy, low EF, etc.**

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## EXPAND CAP

- >45% of the recipients have been on pre-transplant mechanical support (LVAD, RVAD, BiVAD, ECMO)
- Mean AOP has been in the range of 78 mmHg
- Mean CF has been in the range of 750 mL/min
- Mean perfusion time has been in the range of 4.5 hours with the longest in this study being 446 minutes
- 100% survival at 30 days and <10% incidence of severe PGD (L or R)

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## EXPAND CAP- MHI

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- 100% utilization rate- 6 runs-> 6 transplants
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- All alive- 100% survival
- 66% preoperative MCS (LVAD)


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Outcome after heart transplantation from donation  
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**Table 1** Criteria for Heart Donation After Circulatory-Determined Death

Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria
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Participating DCD donor hospital	Previous midline sternotomy
Age ≥18 to ≤ 57 years old	Known coronary heart disease
Consent for donation from next of kin	Known congenital heart disease
Expected death within 4 hours of WLST	Previous myocardial infarct
WLST in anesthesia room or ICU	Insulin-dependent diabetes
No valvular abnormalities on echocardiogram	Epinephrine infusion
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	Norepinephrine > 0.3 µg/kg/min
	Active malignancy
	Hepatitis B antigen-positive
	Hepatitis C antibody-positive
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	Human immunodeficiency virus
	Primary intracerebral lymphoma
	Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease
	Tuberculosis

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IABP	7 (27)	4 (15)	0.51	2 (17)	5 (36)	0.39
ECMO	3 (12)	1 (4)	0.63	1 (8)	2 (14)	1.00
VAD	1 (4)	0 (0)	1.00	0 (0)	1 (7)	1.00
<b>Pharmacologic Support</b>						
Dopamine, µg/kg/min	4.8	5.0	0.04	5.1	4.8	0.15
Adrenaline, µg/kg/min	0.04	0.04	0.65	0.04	0.03	0.73
Norepinephrine, µg/kg/min	0.01	0.03	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.43
<b>Post-transplant outcomes</b>						
Ventilation duration, days	0.9 (0.5-3.3)	1.8 (0.7-2.5)	0.84	0.6 (0.4-1.1)	2.5 (0.5-3.6)	0.06
<b>Length of stay, days</b>						
Intensive care unit	5 (3-8)	7 (4-9)	0.49	5 (4-5)	6 (3-10)	0.67
Hospital	20 (17-28)	27 (21-34)	0.09	19 (17-27)	20 (19-27)	0.58
Hemofiltration	8 (31)	7 (27)	0.51	2 (17)	5 (36)	0.39
Ejection fraction, %	63 (58-63)	63 (62-63)	1.00	62 (58-65)	62 (60-63)	1.00
Treated rejection	9 (35)	15 (58)	0.15	4 (33)	5 (36)	1.00

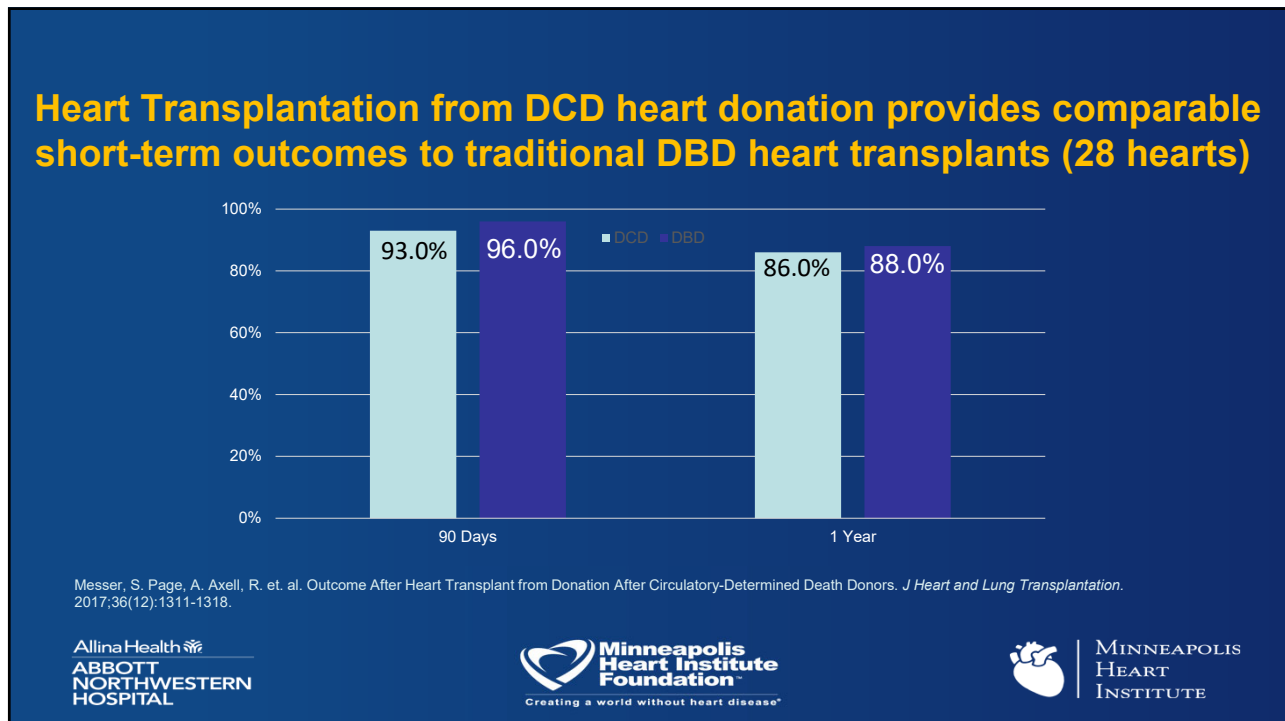
CVP, central venous pressure; DBD, donation after brain death; DCD, donation after circulatory-determined death; DCM, dilated cardiomyopathy; DPP, direct procurement and perfusion; ECMO, extra corporeal membrane oxygenation; IABP, intraaortic balloon pump; MAP, mean arterial pressure; PAP, pulmonary artery pressure; VAD, ventricular assist device.

<sup>a</sup>Continuous values are median (interquartile range) or as indicated, and continuous values as number (%).

<sup>b</sup>Unadjusted p-values are displayed between groups.

<sup>c</sup>Determined by transthoracic echocardiogram, with the first echocardiogram performed in the outpatient clinic.

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## A 5-year single-center early experience of heart transplantation from donation after circulatory-determined death donors



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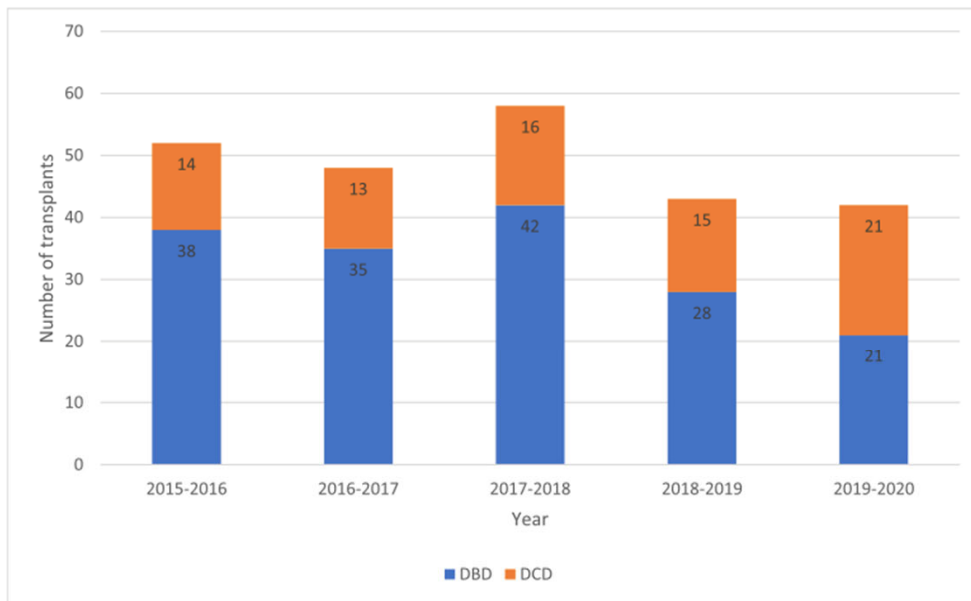
**BACKGROUND:** In an effort to address the increasing demand for heart transplantation within the United Kingdom (UK), we established a clinical program of heart transplantation from donation after circulatory-determined death (DCD) donors in 2015. After 5 years, we report the clinical early outcomes and impact of the program.

**METHODS:** This is a single-center, retrospective, matched, observational cohort study comparing outcomes of hearts transplanted from DCD donors from March 1, 2015 to February 29, 2020 with those from matched donation after brain death (DBD) donors at Royal Papworth Hospital (RPH) (Cambridge, UK). DCD hearts were either retrieved using thoracoabdominal normothermic regional perfusion or the direct procurement and perfusion technique. All DBD hearts were procured using standard cold static storage. The primary outcomes were recipient 30-day and 1-year survival.

**RESULTS:** During the 5-year study, DCD heart donation increased overall heart transplant activity by 48% (79 for DCD and 164 for DBD). There was no difference in survival at 30 days (97% for DCD vs 99% for DBD,  $p = 1.00$ ) or 1 year (91% for DCD vs 89% for DBD,  $p = 0.72$ ). There was no difference in the length of stay in the intensive care unit (7 for DCD vs 6 for DBD days,  $p = 0.24$ ) or in the hospital (24 for DCD vs 25 for DBD days,  $p = 0.84$ ).

**CONCLUSIONS:** DCD heart donation increased overall heart transplant activity at RPH by 48%, with no difference in 30-day or 1-year survival in comparison with conventional DBD heart transplantations.

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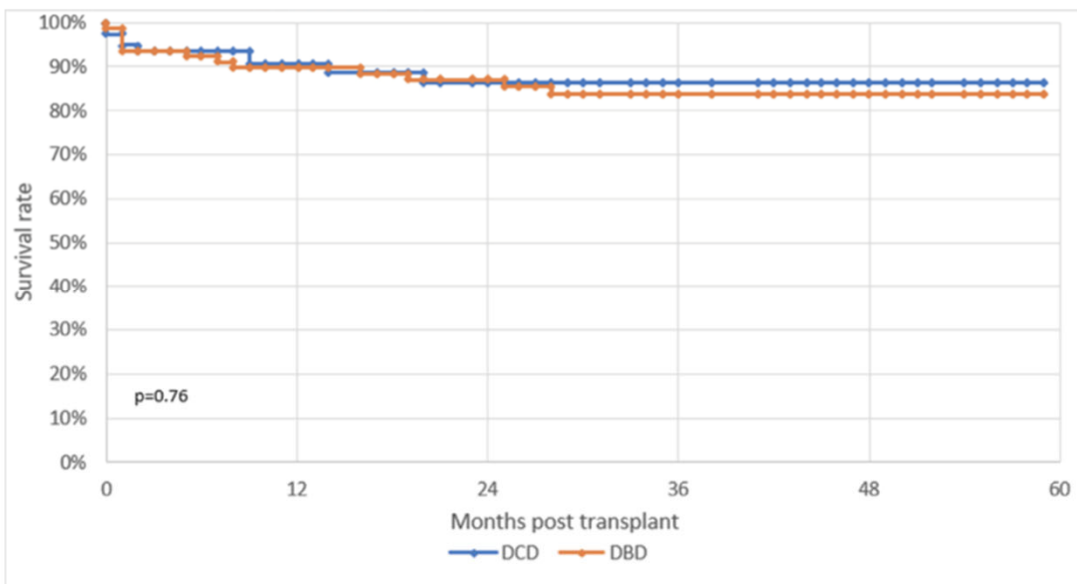
DBD, donation after brain death; DCD, donation after circulatory-determined death

**Figure 2** The annual proportion of DBD/DCD heart transplantations. DBD, donation after brain death; DCD, donation after circulatory-determined death.

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## Outcomes of Donation After Circulatory Death Heart Transplantation in Australia

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**BACKGROUND** Transplantation of hearts retrieved from donation after circulatory death (DCD) donors is an evolving clinical practice.

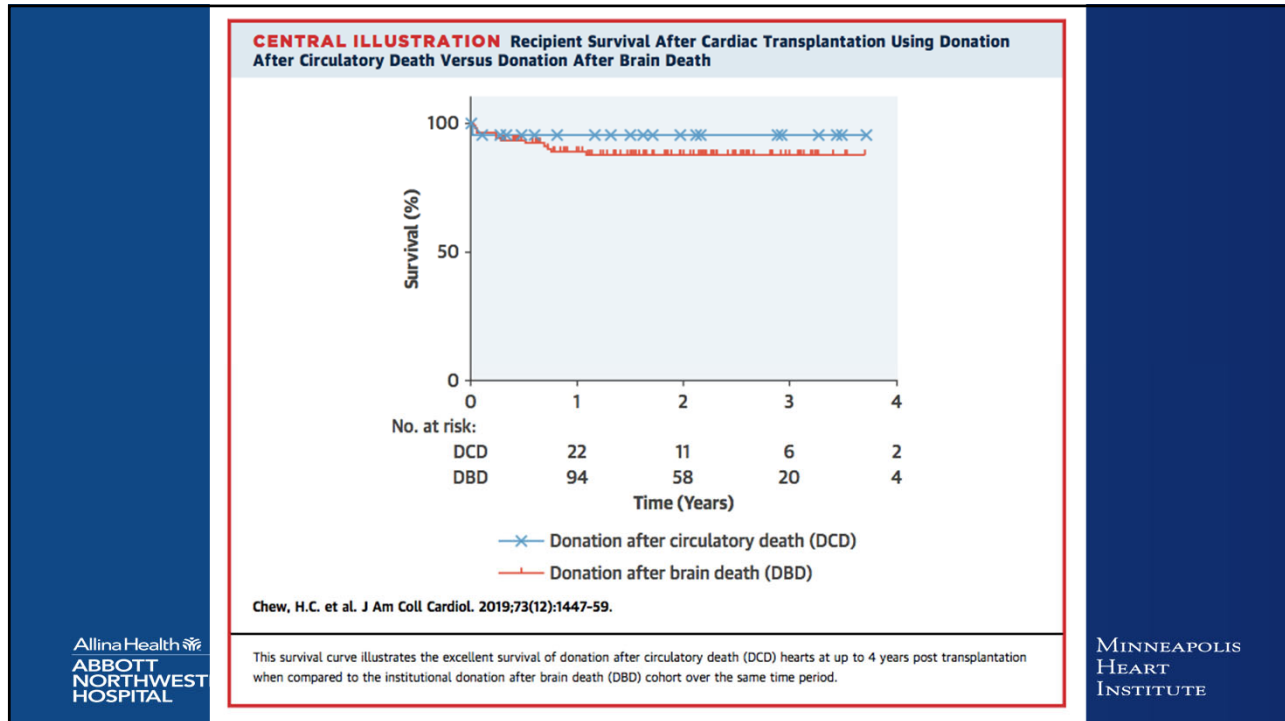
**OBJECTIVES** The purpose of this study is to provide an update on the authors' Australian clinical program and discuss lessons learned since performing the world's first series of distantly procured DCD heart transplants.

**METHODS** The authors report their experience of 23 DCD heart transplants from 45 DCD donor referrals since 2014. Donor details were collected using electronic donor records (Donate Life, Australia) and all recipient details were collected from clinical notes and electronic databases at St. Vincent's Hospital.

**RESULTS** Hearts were retrieved from 33 of 45 DCD donors. A total of 12 donors did not progress to circulatory arrest within the pre-specified timeframe. Eight hearts failed to meet viability criteria during normothermic machine perfusion, and 2 hearts were declined due to machine malfunction. A total of 23 hearts were transplanted between July 2014 and April 2018. All recipients had successful implantation, with mechanical circulatory support utilized in 9 cases. One case requiring extracorporeal membrane oxygenation subsequently died on the sixth post-operative day, representing a mortality of 4.4% over 4 years with a total follow-up period of 15,500 days for the entire cohort. All surviving recipients had normal cardiac function on echocardiogram and no evidence of acute rejection on discharge. All surviving patients remain in New York Heart Association functional class I with normal biventricular function.

**CONCLUSIONS** DCD heart transplant outcomes are excellent. Despite a higher requirement for mechanical circulatory support for delayed graft function, primarily in recipients with ventricular assist device support, overall survival and rejection episodes are comparable to outcomes from contemporary brain-dead donors. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2019;73:1447-59)  
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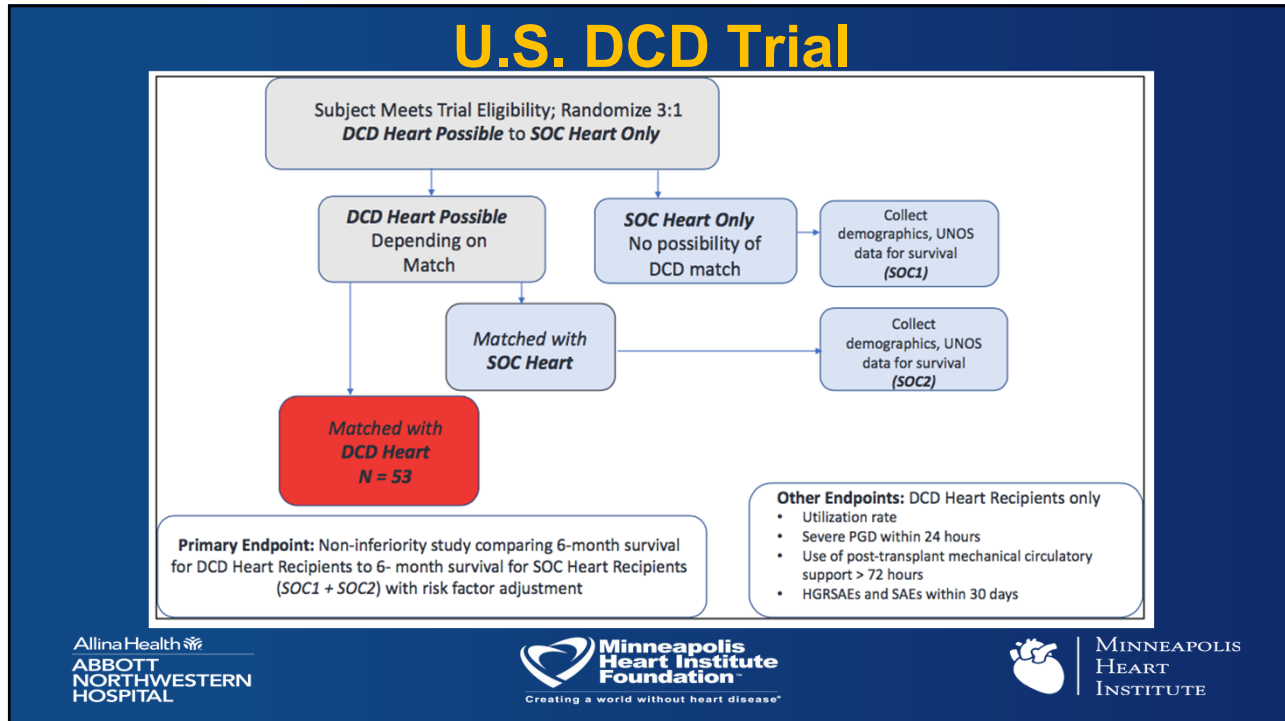
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## U.S. DCD Trial

- **Study design**

A prospective, randomized and concurrent controlled, non-inferiority pivotal trial in which subjects who receive a DCD donor heart transplant will be compared to subjects who receive a standard criteria donor heart transplant (SOC1 and SOC2 - from both randomized and concurrent control groups), adjusting for differences in risk factors.

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## Trial Size and Subject Follow-up

A maximum of **15** participating sites with a minimum of **53** transplanted DCD heart recipients and at least **159** standard of care heart transplant recipients. Follow-up data for the SOC recipients will be obtained from UNOS/OPTN standard database for transplant recipients.

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## Donor Inclusion Criteria

- Maastricht Category III DCD donor, defined as expected death after the withdrawal of life- supportive therapy (WLST)
- Donor age 18-49 years old inclusive
- Warm ischemic time (WIT)  $\leq$  30 mins, with warm ischemic time defined as: Time from when mean systolic blood pressure (SBP) is  $<$  50 mmHg or peripheral saturation  $<$  70% to aortic cross-clamp and administration of cold cardioplegia in the donor.

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## U.S. DCD Trial

### Primary Endpoint

A non-inferiority comparison of patient survival at 6 months post-transplant between recipients of DCD donor hearts preserved on the OCS Heart System (***DCD Heart Transplanted Recipient Population***) and recipients of standard criteria donor hearts preserved using cold storage (***SOC1 + SOC2, SOC Heart Transplanted Recipient Population***), adjusting for risk factors.

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## U.S. DCD Trial

### Secondary Endpoint

Utilization Rate is defined as the number of eligible DCD donor hearts that met the warm ischemic time limit and were instrumented on the OCS Heart System that meet the acceptance criteria for transplantation after OCS Heart preservation divided by the total number of eligible DCD donor hearts that met the warm ischemic time limit above and were instrumented on the OCS Heart System.

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## U.S. DCD Trial

- **90** (initially 53) DCD hearts were transplanted across 9 sites.
- **90** (initially 159) Cold static-preserved hearts were enrolled as well
- There were 11 hearts declined after OCS assessment resulting in an overall utilization of 89%
- Similar recipient MCS support as in EXPAND CAP

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## U.S. DCD Trial

- Mean AOP has been in the range of 72 mmHg
- Mean CF has been in the range of 730 mL/min
- Mean perfusion time has been in the range of 4.5 hours with the longest in this study being 472 minutes
- PGD and survival can not be reported at this time but are very favorable

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## U.S. DCD Trial- CAP

- 37 patients enrolled out of a possible (90)
- All results similar to the **U.S. DCD Trial**

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## U.S. DCD Trial- CAP- MHI

- 5 runs
- 3 patients enrolled
- 75% utilization rate- 4 runs with recovery of the organ/ 3 transplants (1 heart declined after arrival at ANW)
- 1 “dry run”- patient didn’t expire
- 2 of 3 required postoperative MCS (grade 3 PGD- 16-72 hours to full recovery)

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## Conclusions

- Organ shortage still a limiting factor
- Deaths on waitlists despite changes in allocation strategies
- Distance- major obstacle to allocate all organs
- **Ex-vivo perfusion- future direction**
- OPOs and centers working together

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# Surgeon waking up for a SCHEDULED morning transplant



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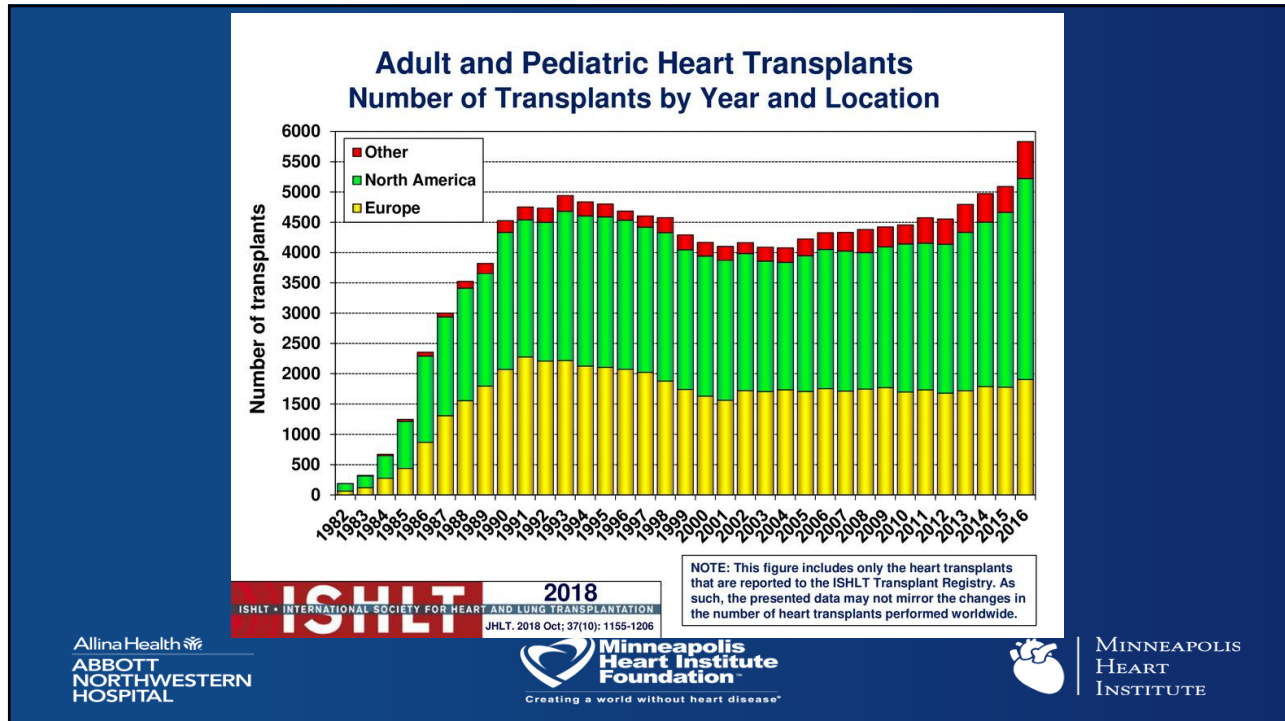
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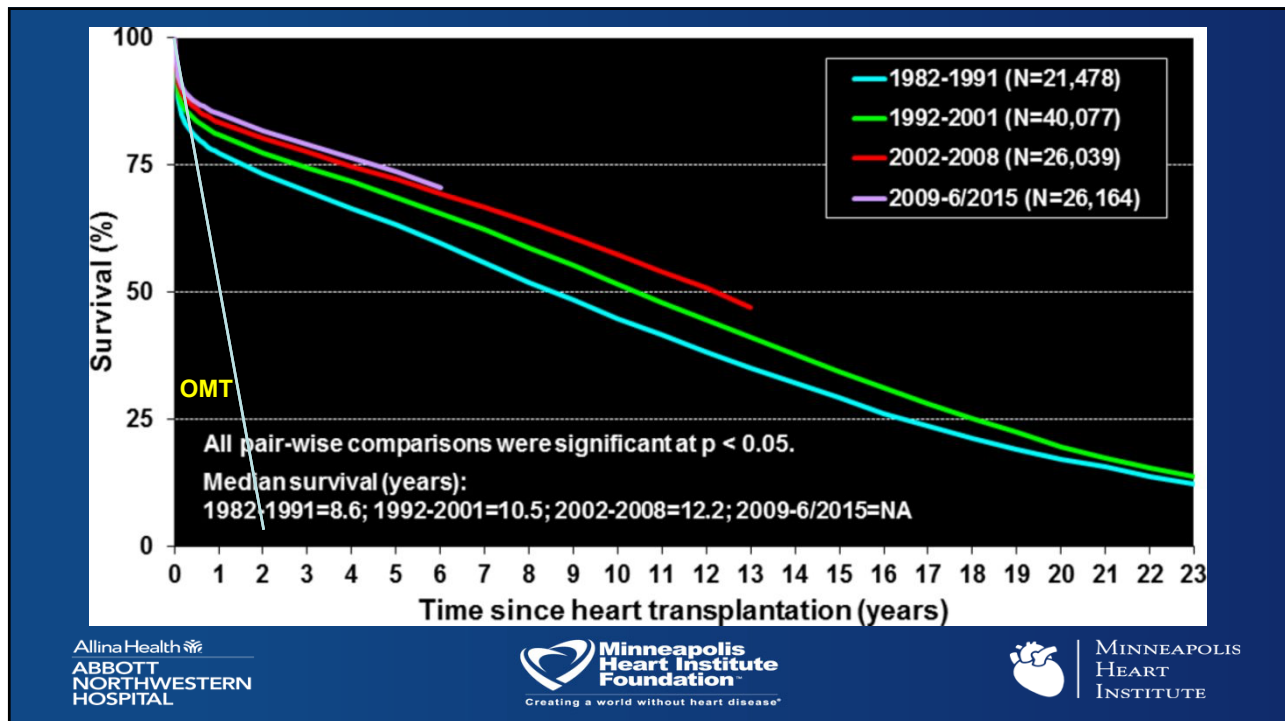
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## Organ Shortage

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## Reason of removal from the list

Removal reason	2015	2016	2017
Deceased donor transplant	2331	2734	2811
Patient died	395	324	290
Patient refused transplant	24	25	27
Improved, transplant not needed	161	187	176
Too sick for transplant	297	261	290
Other	246	251	273

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# 1. Distance

## 2. Imperfect organ

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Ex-vivo perfusion

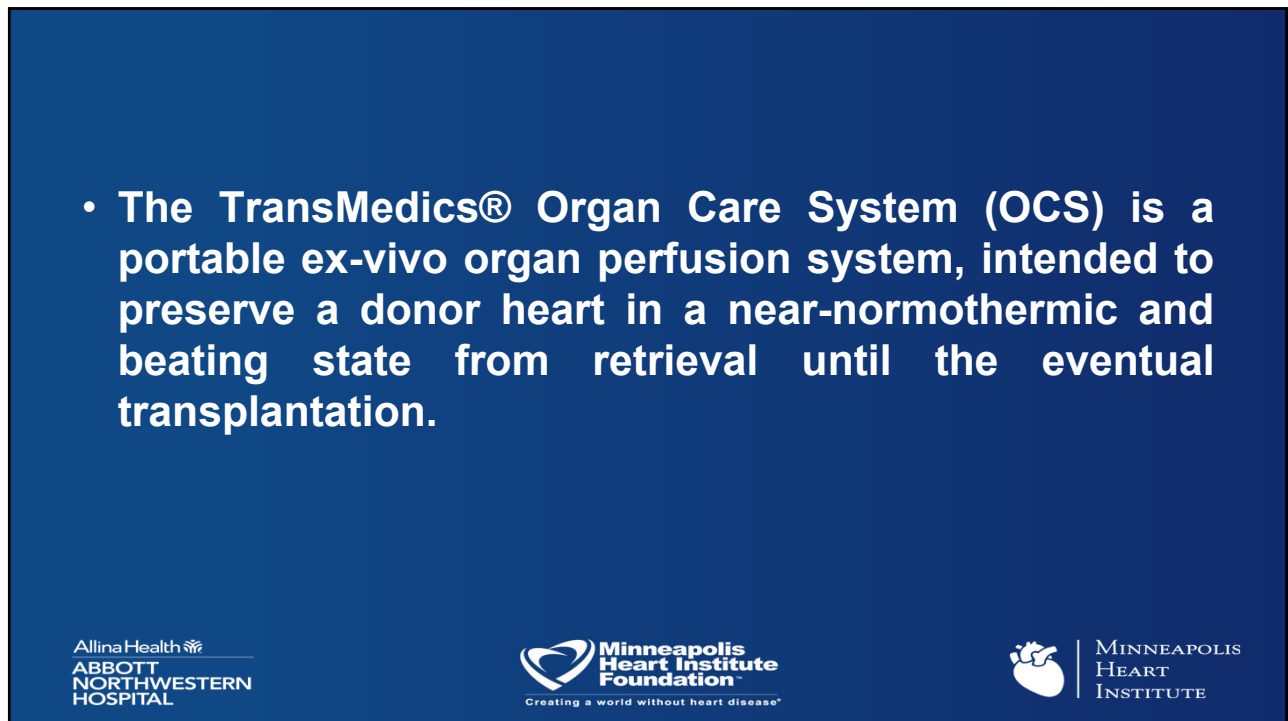
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- The TransMedics® Organ Care System (OCS) is a portable ex-vivo organ perfusion system, intended to preserve a donor heart in a near-normothermic and beating state from retrieval until the eventual transplantation.



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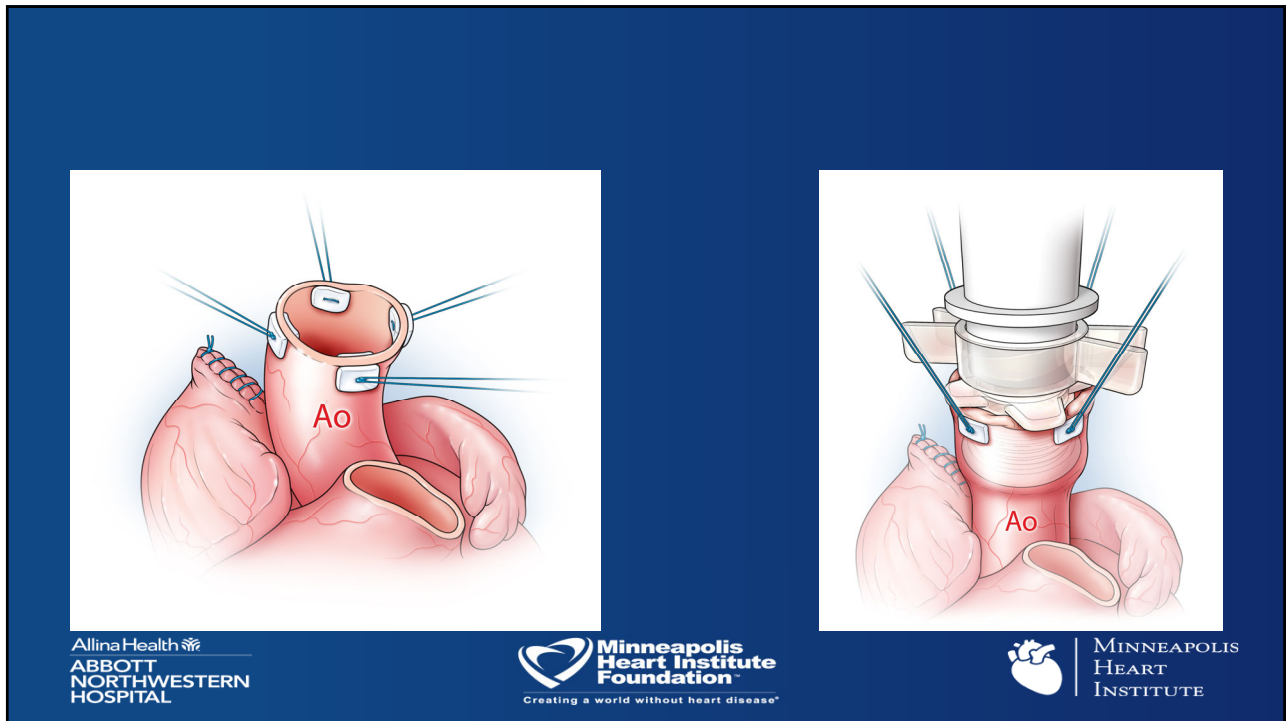
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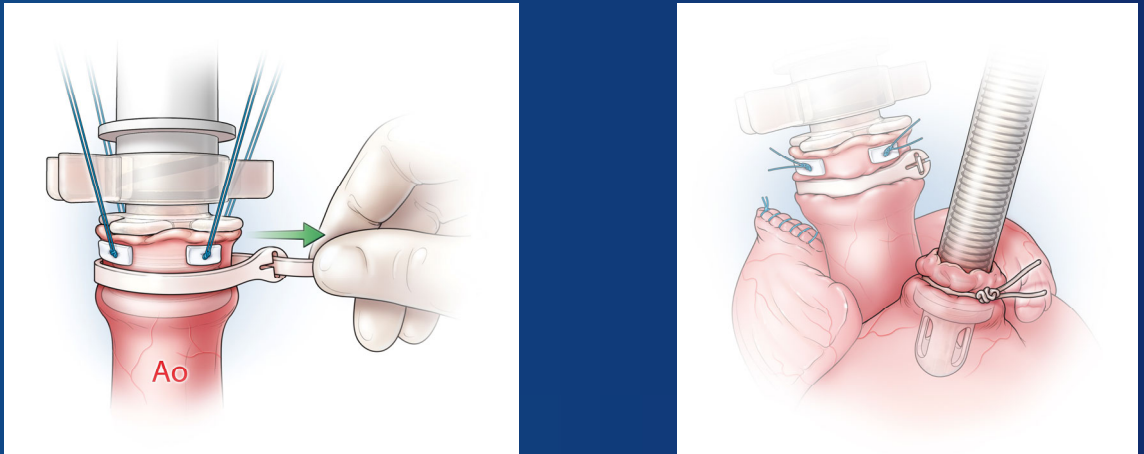
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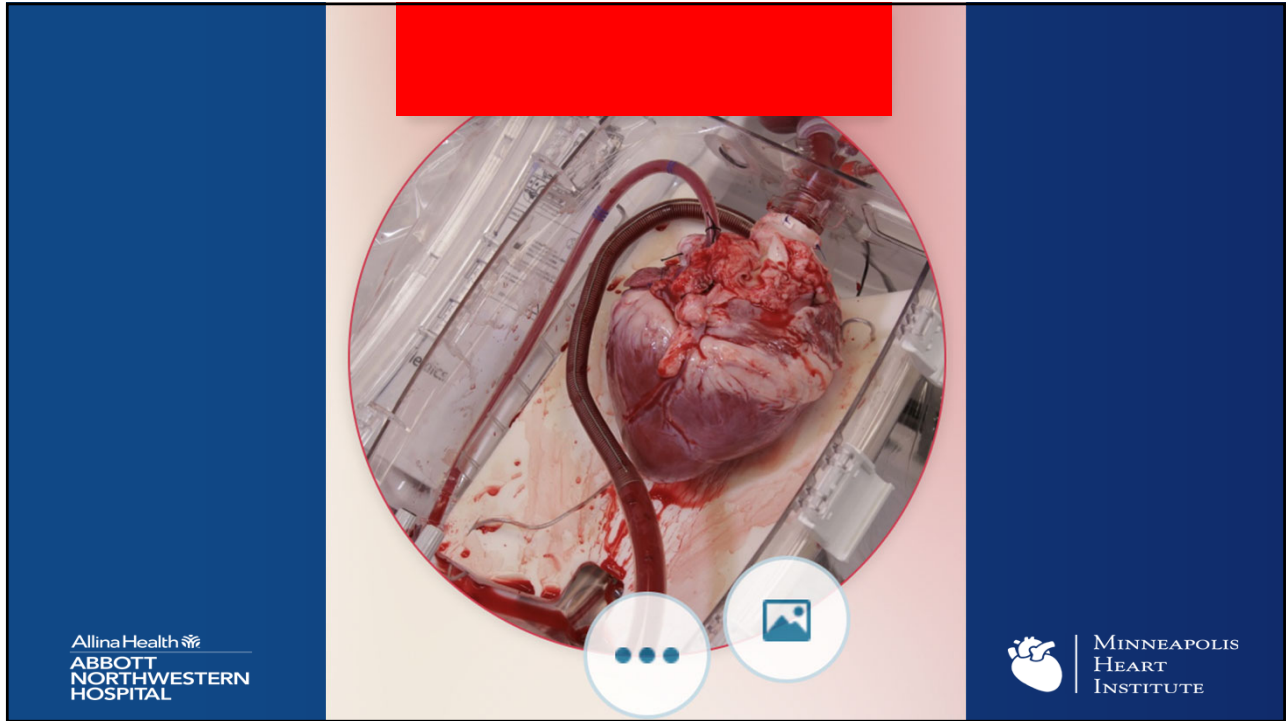
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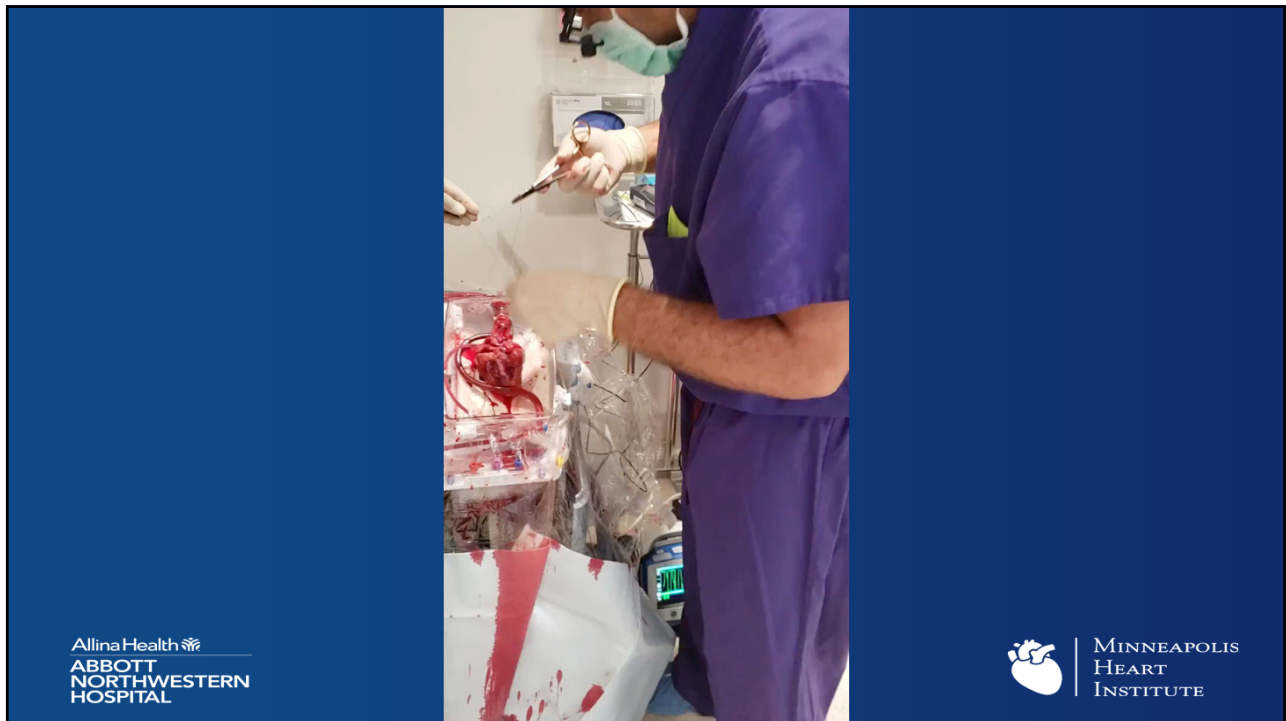
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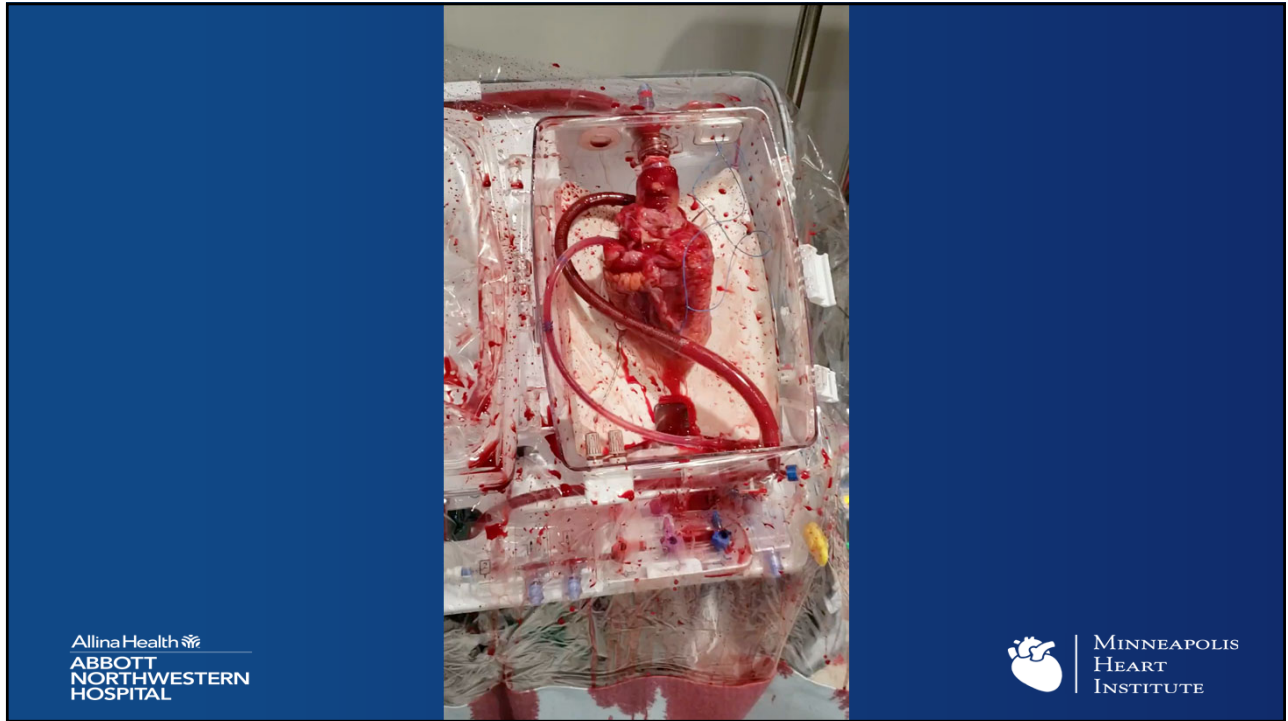
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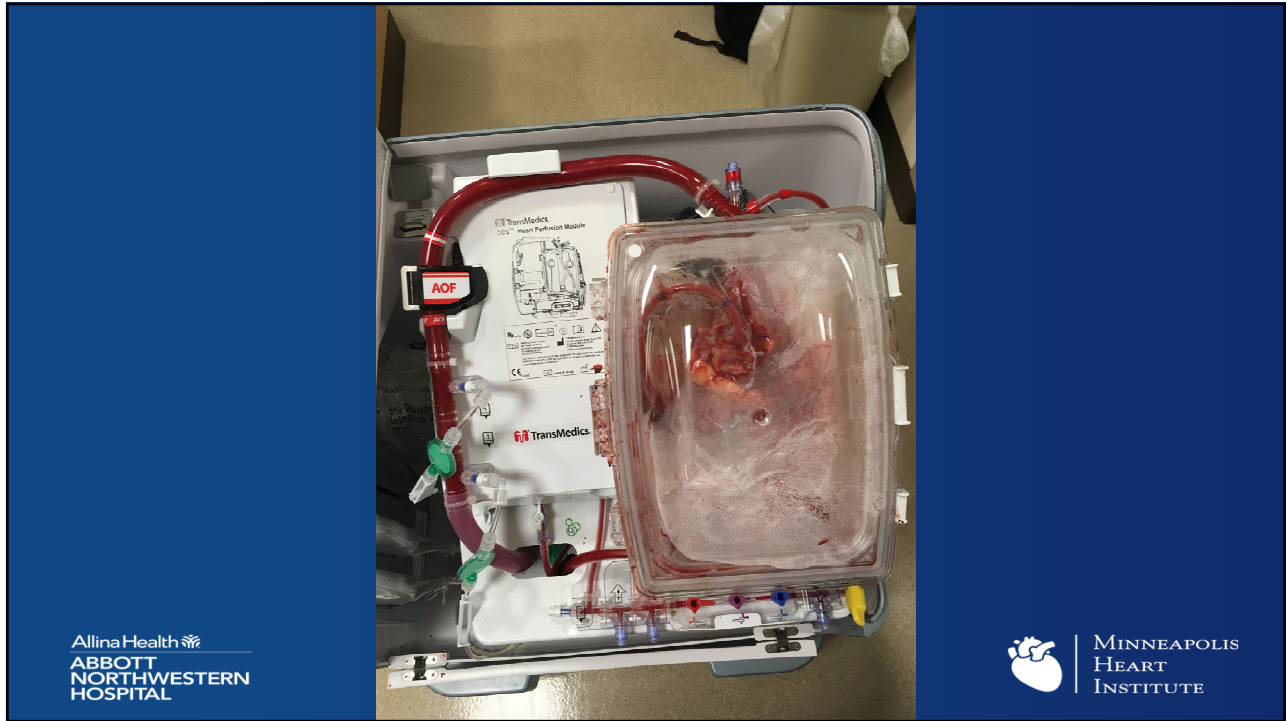
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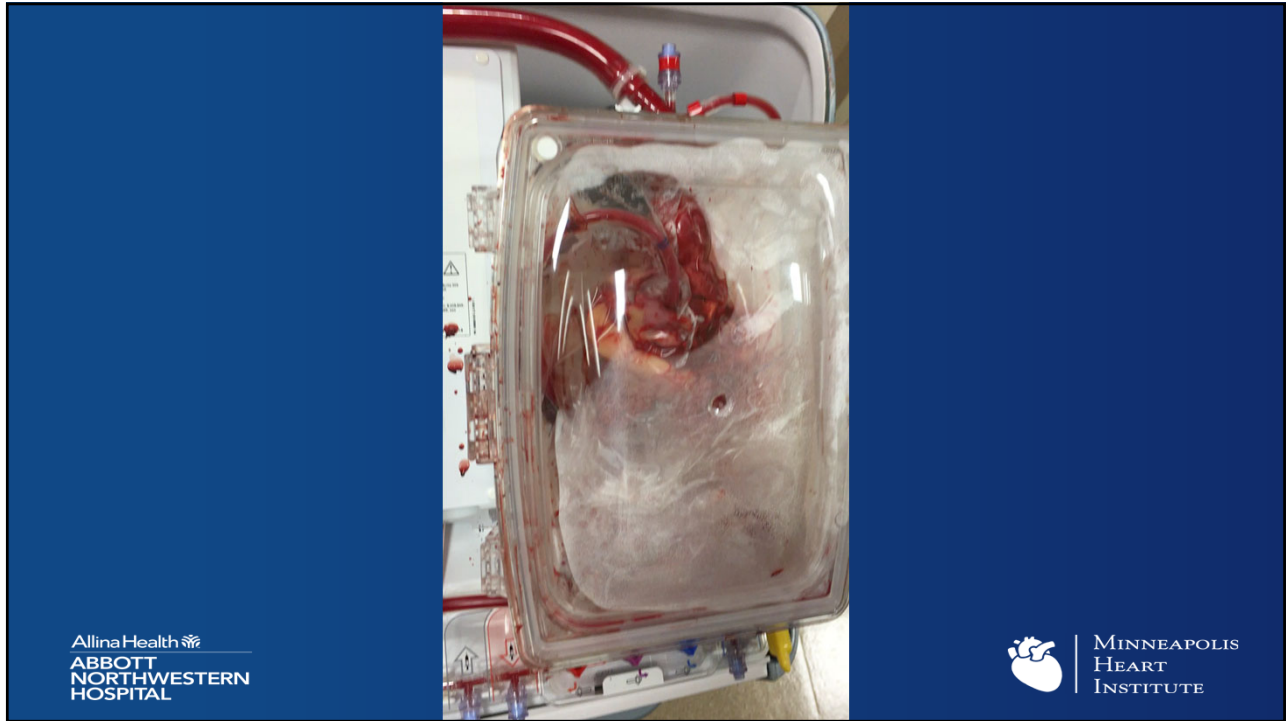
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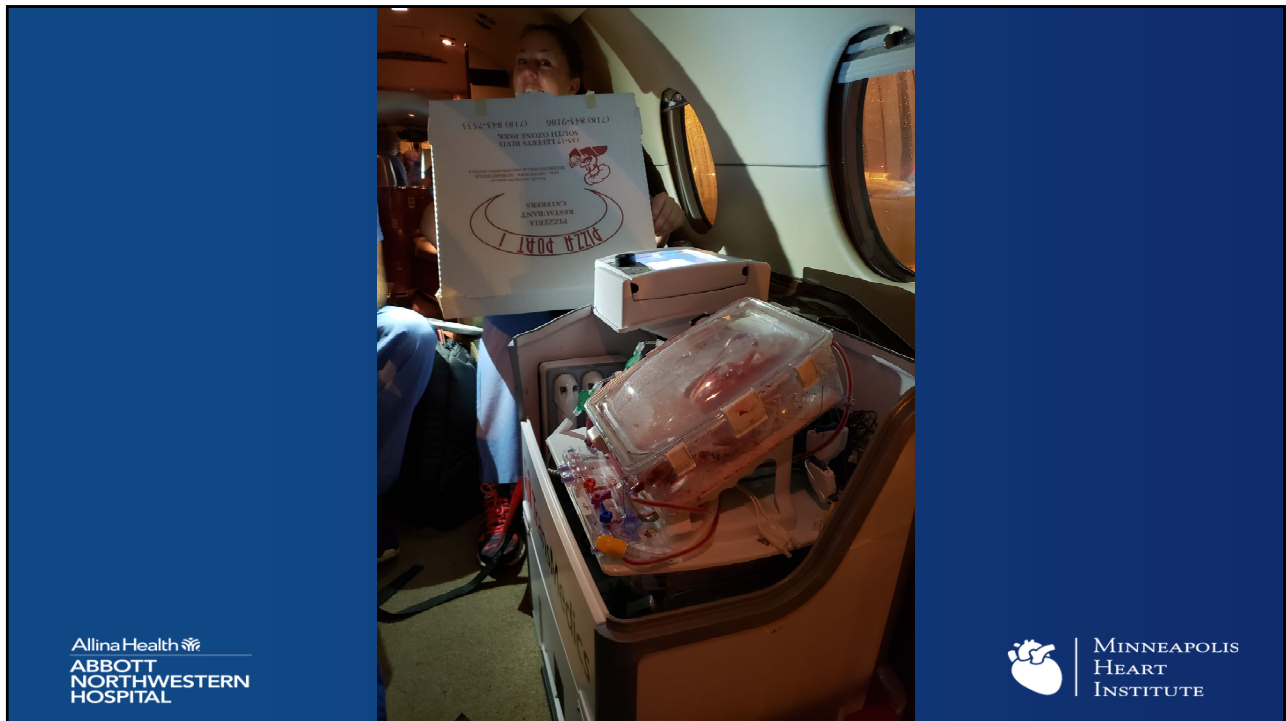


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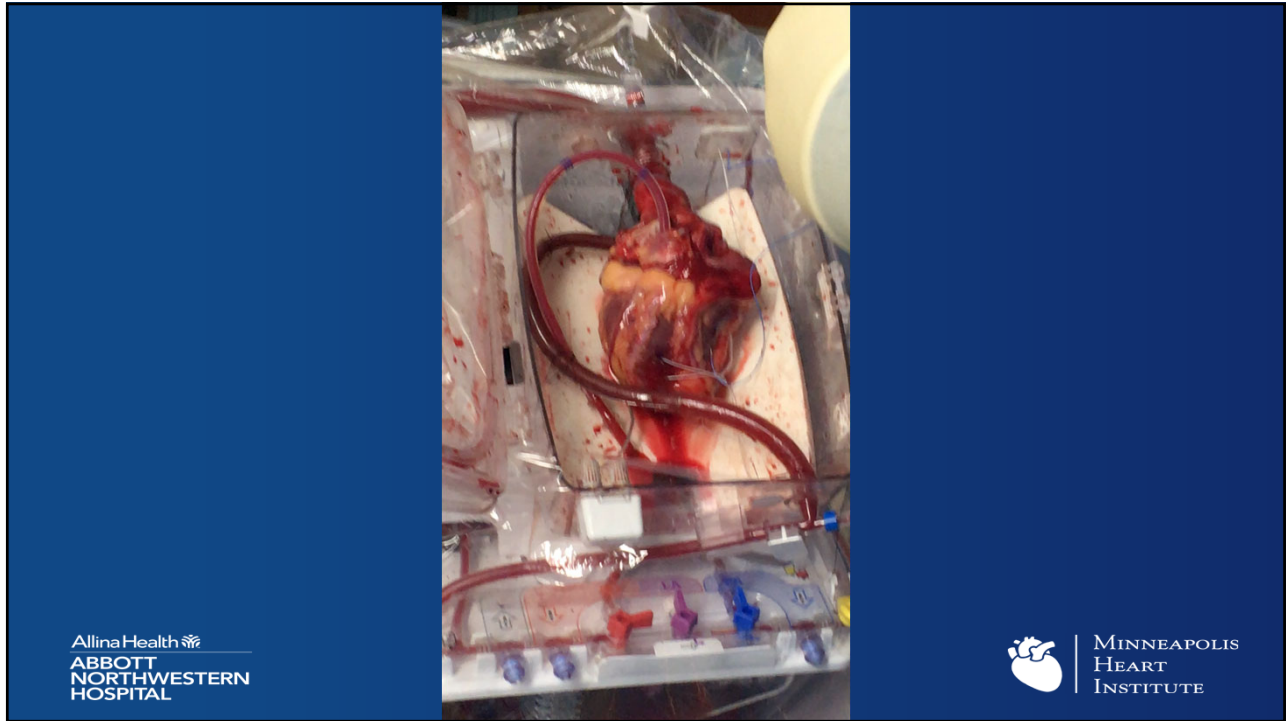
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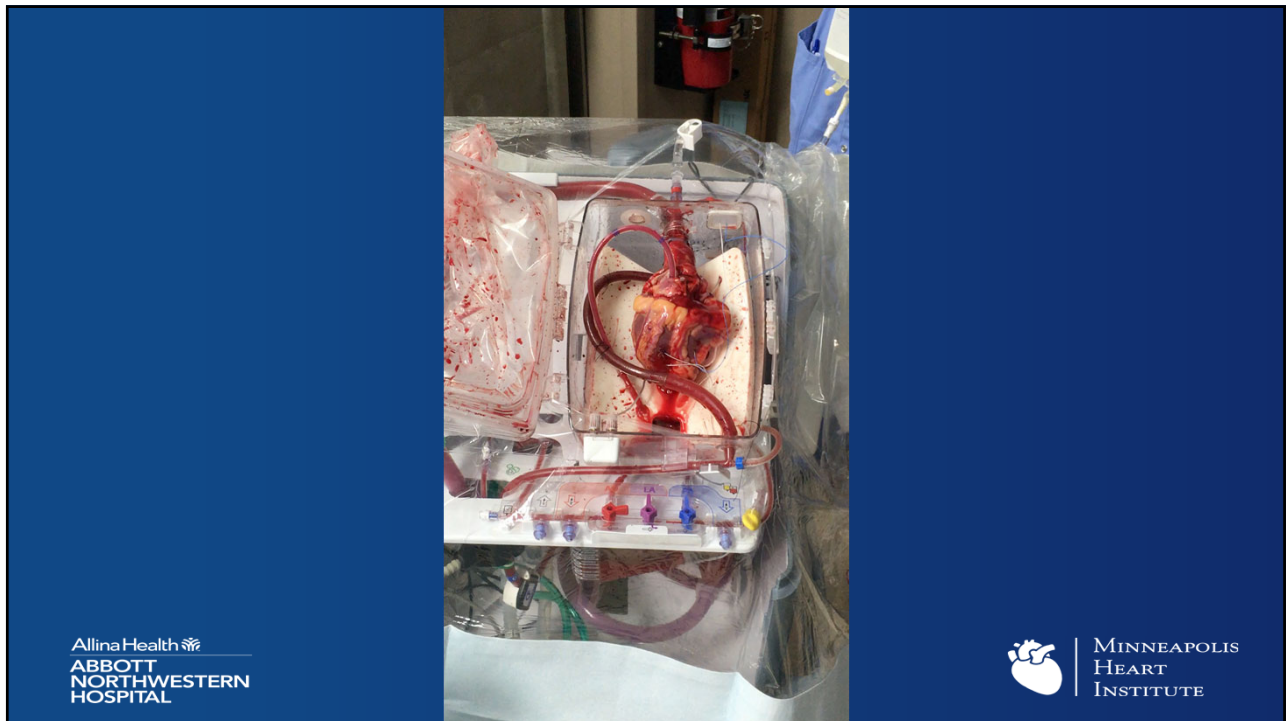
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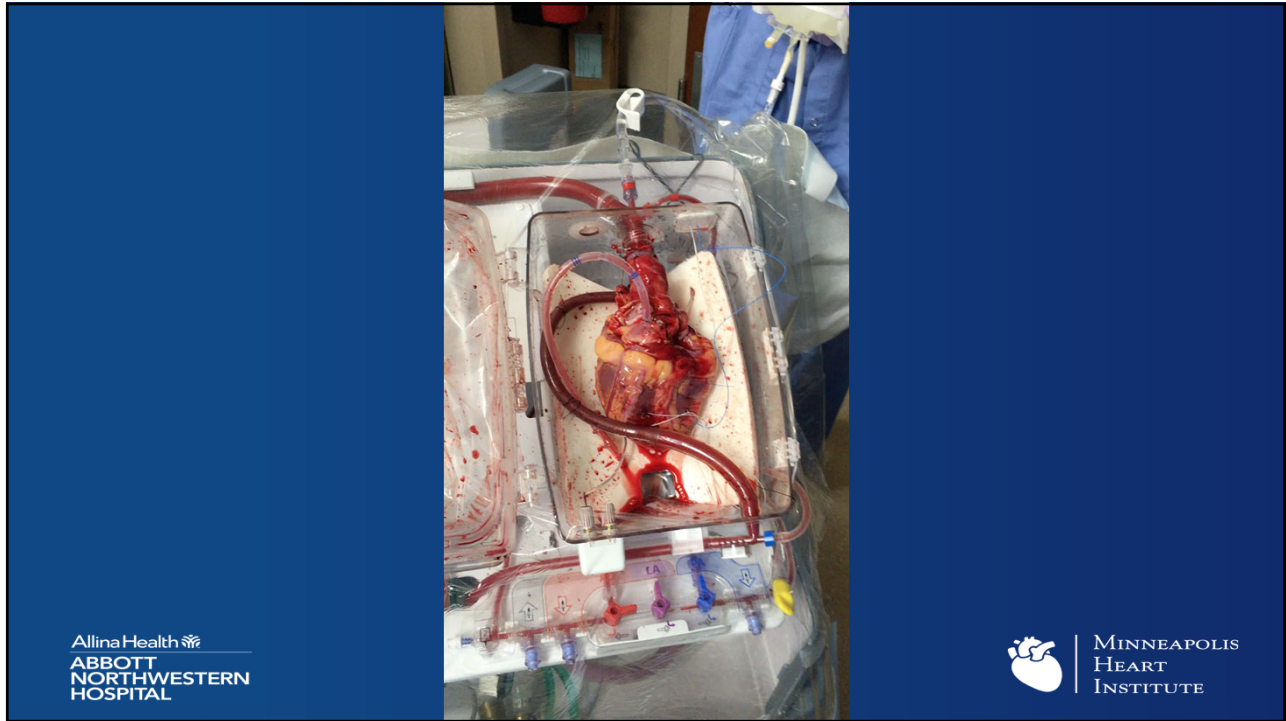
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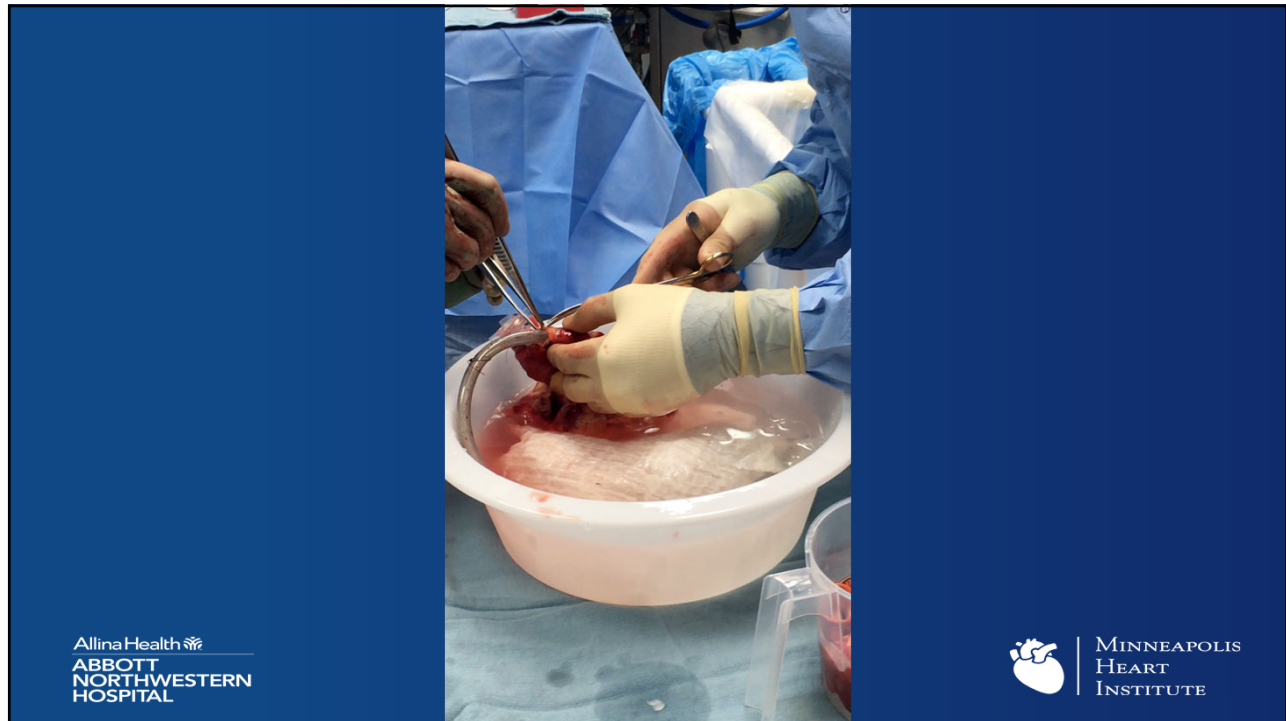
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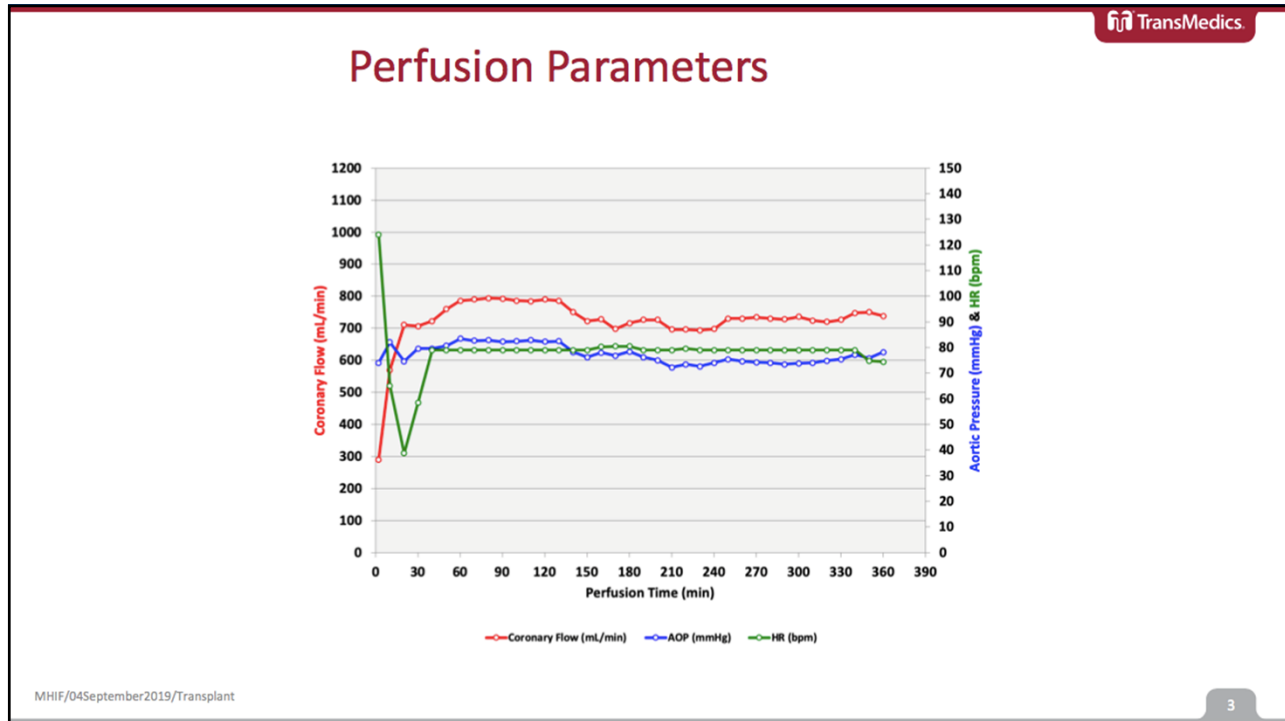
## Donor Characteristics

- 45 yr Female
- 162 cm, 54.4 kg
- Cause of brain death: Cerebrovascular hemorrhage
- Inclusion criteria:
  - Anticipated cross clamp time  $\geq 4$  hrs plus
- Additional risk factors:
  - Hypertension

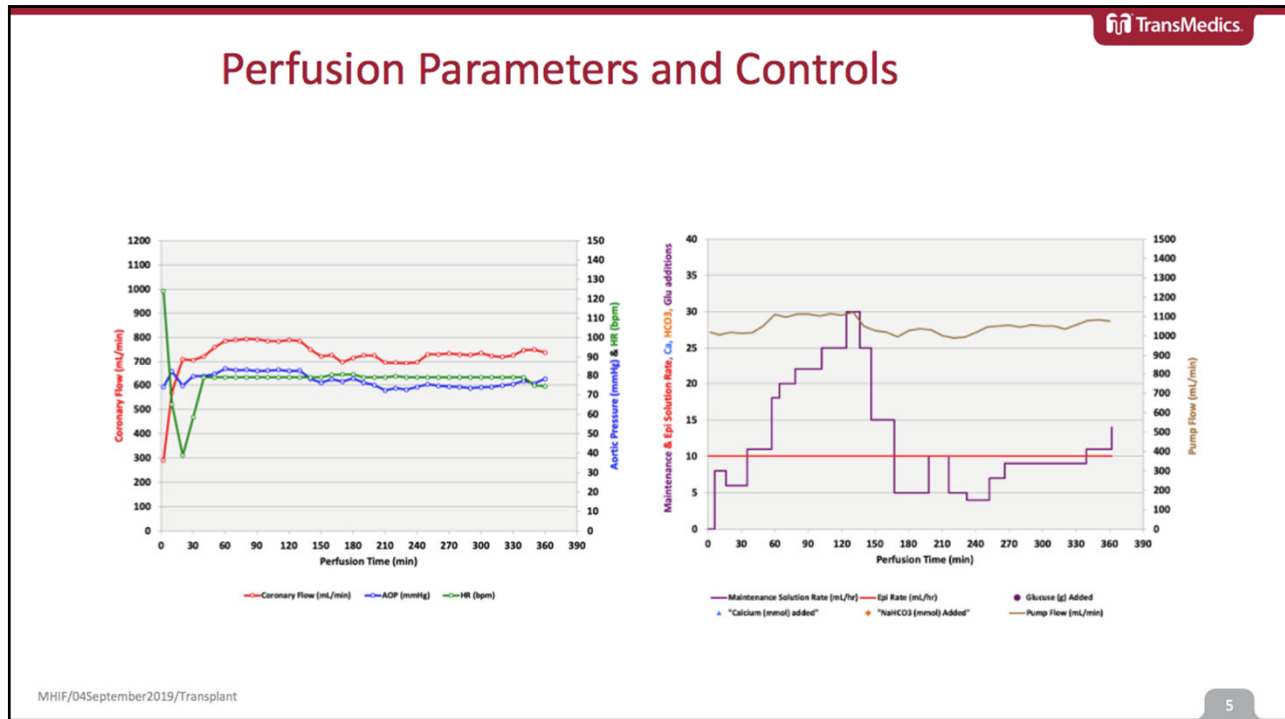
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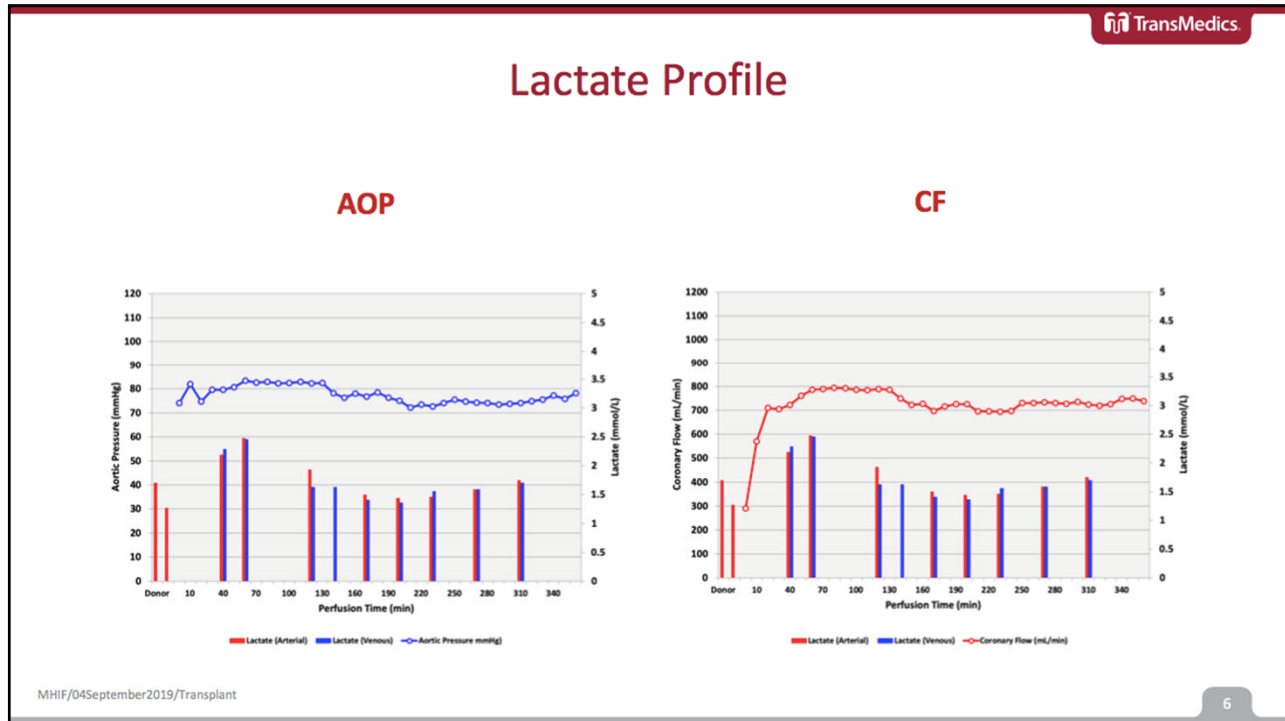
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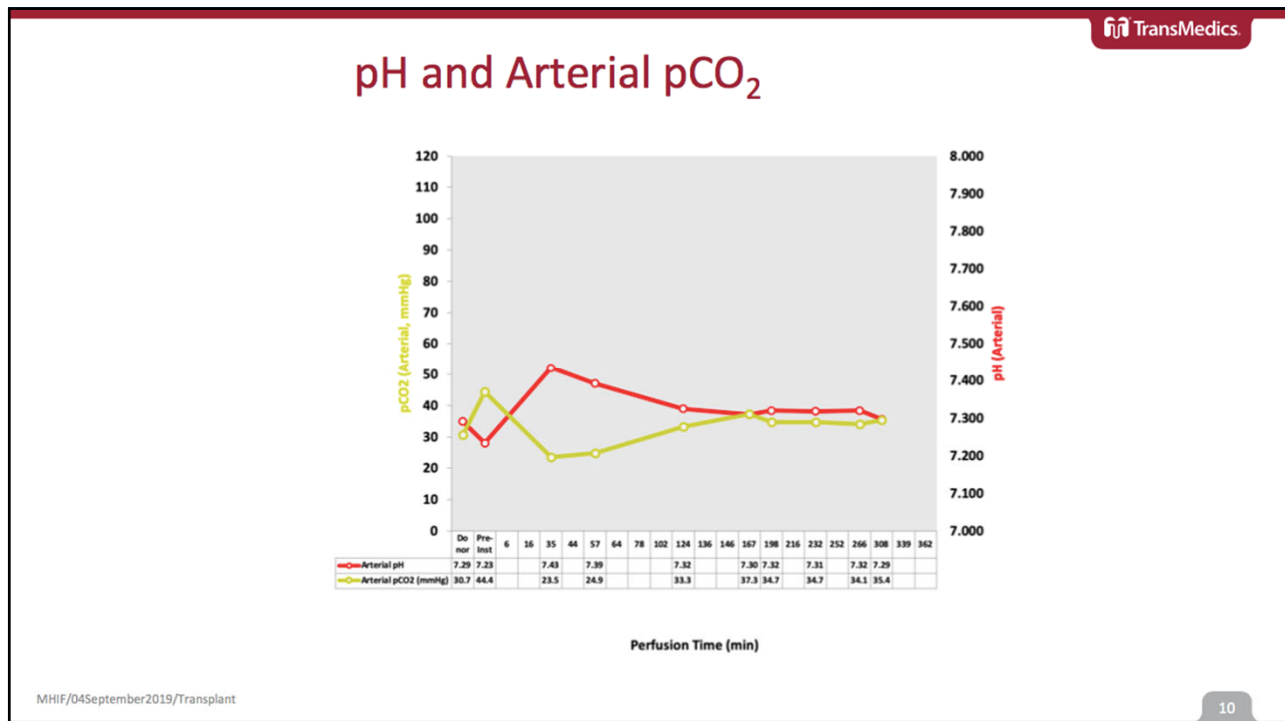
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## Critical Times

- Donor Cross-clamp to start of OCS perfusion: 29 minutes
- Warm Perfusion Time: 362 minutes
- Cooling Time: 6 minutes
- End of OCS perfusion/cooling to release of recipient cross-clamp: 59 minutes

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## Recipient Characteristics

- 67 yr Female
- 157 cm, 76.2 kg
- Diagnosis: Ischemic cardiomyopathy

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## Discussion

- Early perfusion characterized by rapid achievement of target mean AOP. Initial Use Model range for CF (700-800 mL/min) achieved within 10 minutes, however, TMDX recommends achieving 750 mL/min as early as possible
- Lactate transitioned from secreting to absorbing between the first and second sample sets with mean AOP 82 mmHg and CF 790 mL/min. Parameters were maintained at these values prior to third lactate samples
- There was a 1 hour interval between the second and third lactate samples. A 10-15 minute interval would have been appropriate as there had been an increase in lactate between the first and second sample sets despite transitioning from secreting to absorbing

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## Discussion

- Based on the rapid decrease in lactate between the second and third sample sets, a decrease in pump flow would have been possible to avoid hyperperfusion
- There was a rapid trend of respiratory acidosis. An increase in gas flow rate from 150 mL/min to 200 mL/min at two hours of perfusion would have been appropriate
- Mean AOP and CF for the case were 77.5 mmHg and 734 mL/min, respectively

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## Conclusions

- Organ shortage still a limiting factor
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