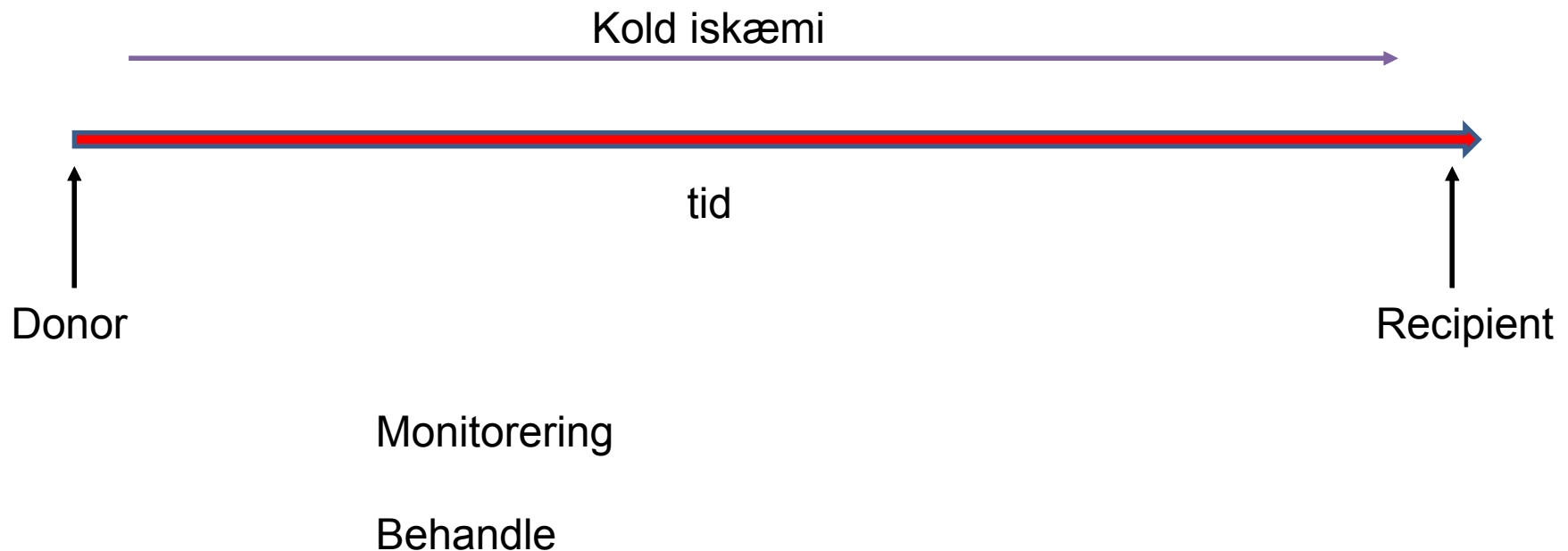


# Optimering af hjertet efter udtagning til transplantation

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# Handling of donor heart



**THE OPERATION****A HUMAN CARDIAC TRANSPLANT: AN INTERIM REPORT OF A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION PERFORMED AT GROOTE SCHUUR HOSPITAL, CAPE TOWN**

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The venous catheter in the donor heart was removed from the right atrium. The arterial cannula and left ventricular vent were disconnected from the heart-lung machine but were left in place as positioned in the heart. The heart was placed in a bowl containing Ringer's lactate solution at 10°C and was transferred to the adjacent theatre where, in the meantime, the recipient had been connected to the heart-lung machine.

Procedure i dag:

- Cold storage arrest (CSA)
- Kan ikke gentages
- Iskæmitid < 6 timer
- Ca. 10-15% har betydelig graftfailure
- Ca 50-60% har behov for inotropi støtte det første døgn
- Kuldeskader
- Stort set ingen monitorering af hjertet (iskæmitid)
  - Biokemisk
  - Funktionelt (tryk-flow)
  - EKG
  - Tp.



# Background on Organ Transplant Problems



Deprived of O<sub>2</sub>, blood  
& nutrients

Time dependent  
injury & death



Metabolically &  
functionally inactive

Unable to resuscitate  
or assess

## *Unpredictable Outcomes*

- 10-20% primary graft failure
- 50-70% suffer severe complications
- Short- and long-term survival is a function of time with cold storage

## *Under utilization of Donor Organs*

- 60-80% of current thoracic donors are wasted annually due to technology limitations:
  - logistics (long ischemia time)
  - lack of assessment
  - lack of resuscitative capability







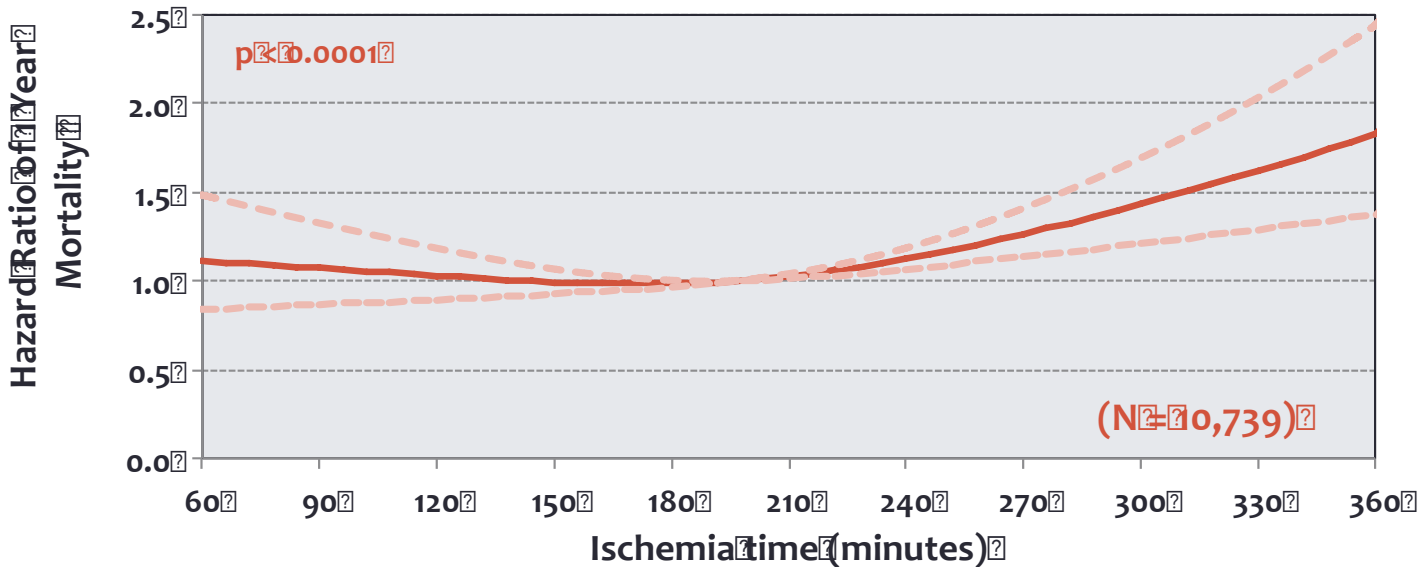








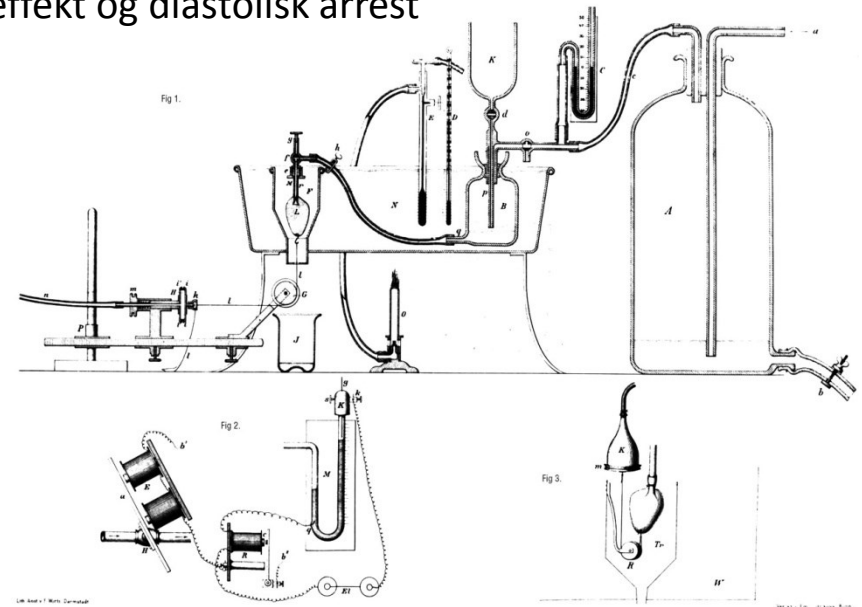
# Impact of Heart Ischemia Time



The risk of mortality at one year increases steadily with every minute of ischemic time in excess of 3 hours:

# Det isolerede perfunderede hjerte

- Ludwig/Langendorff 1840-1870 mus/kanin/hund
- Perfunderet med defibrineret blod
- Konklusion:
  - Det udtagne "døde" hjerte kunne bringes til at slå igen når koronarperfusionen blev genoptaget
  - Fyldning af ventriklerne var uden betydning for excitabiliteten
  - Vagusstimulation og kaliumklorid medførte bradychardi/asystoli
  - Muscarin inducerede neg. chronotop og inotrop effekt og diastolisk arrest
  - Atropin virkede som en antagonist
  - Høj tp. førte til tachycardi
  - Lav tp til bradychardi
  - .....



Langendorff's isolated perfused mammalian heart.

# Cold Storage vs. Warm Perfusion



- Time dependent organ injury or organ loss
- No capability for optimizing organ condition or assessing organ function
- Limits utilization of potentially viable organs
- **Limits organ utilization**
- **Compromised clinical outcomes**



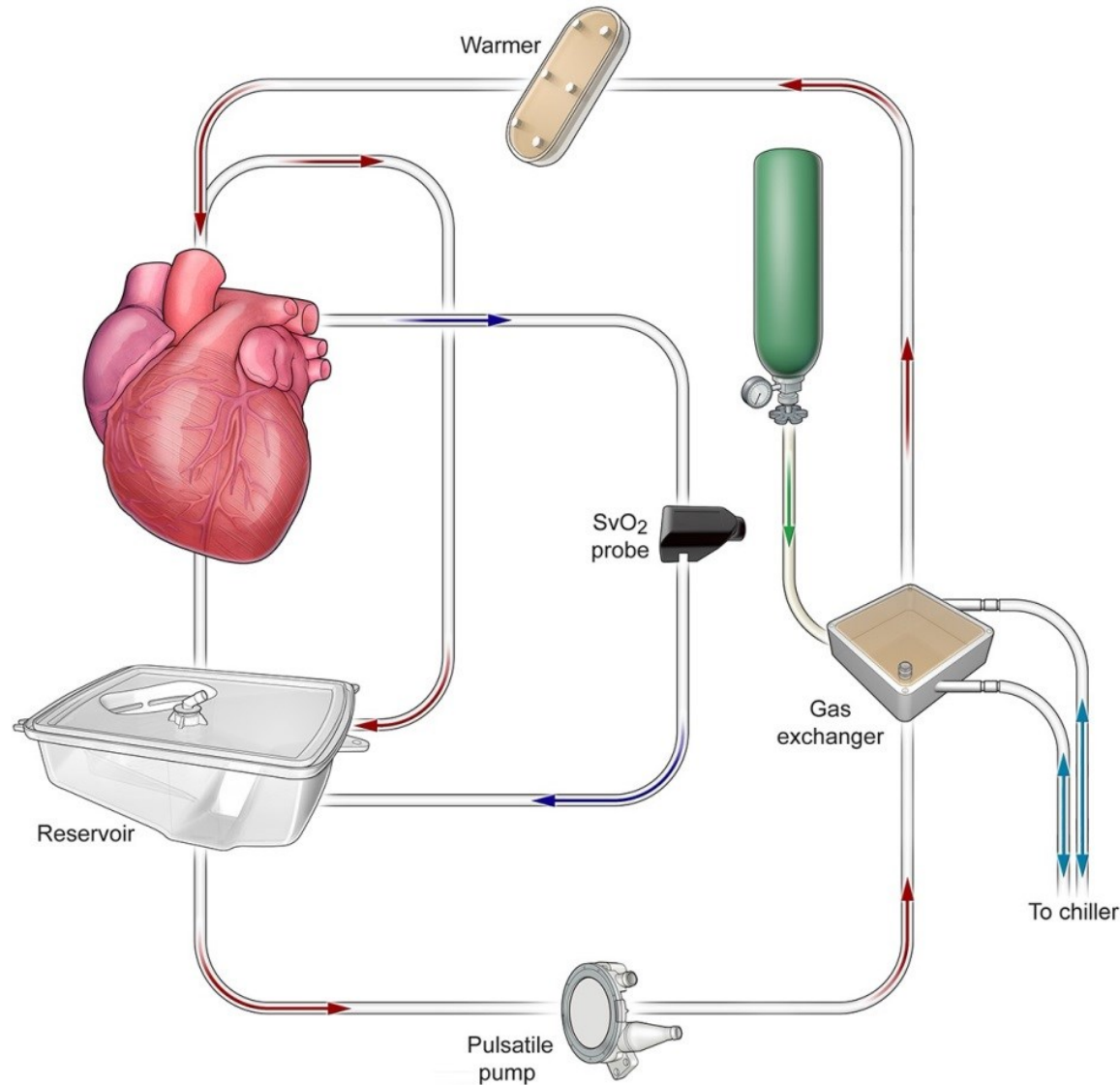
- Organ preserved in warm, functioning state
- Minimized time pressure (Long distance retrieval, VAD explants)
- Optimize organ's clinical parameters ex-vivo
- Enables organ viability/function assessment
- **Potential to expand organ utilization and improve clinical outcomes**

# TransMedics OCS Heart





# OCS Heart Perfusion Circuit



# Organ Care System (OCS™)



- Pulsatile perfusion of the donor heart with warm, oxygenated, nutrient enriched donor blood



# The Organ Care System (OCS™)



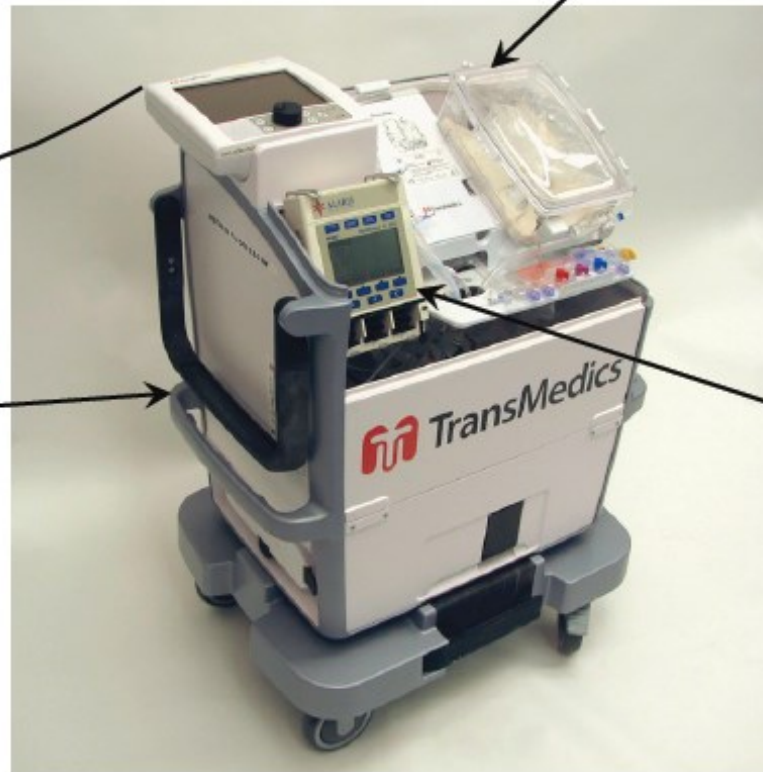
## Wireless Monitor

Controls and displays heart parameters in real time



## Heart Perfusion Module (HPM)

Provides the sterile blood circuit and protected environment for the donor heart



## Organ Care System Console

Portable, easy to use and fits within all modes of transportation

## Heart Solution Set (HSS)

Infused using Alaris infusion pump to enrich blood with nutrients, electrolytes and hormones

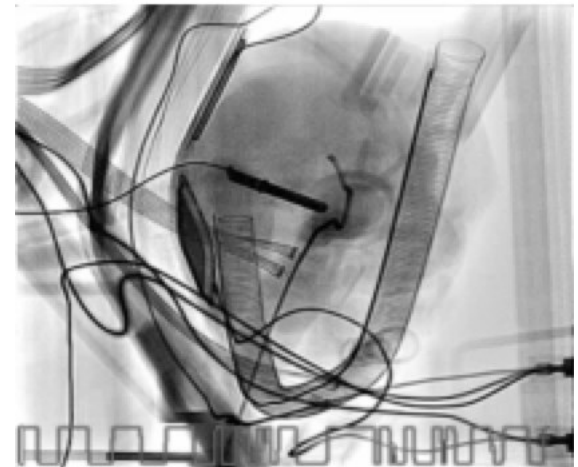
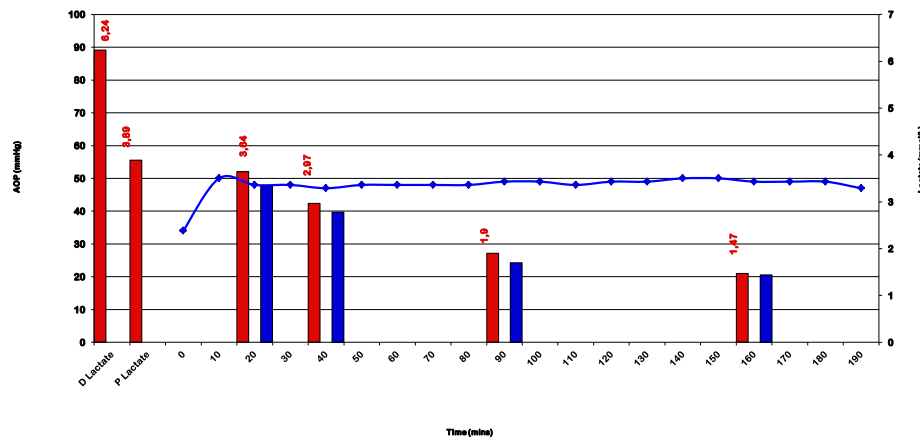


# OCS™ Heart Monitored Parameters



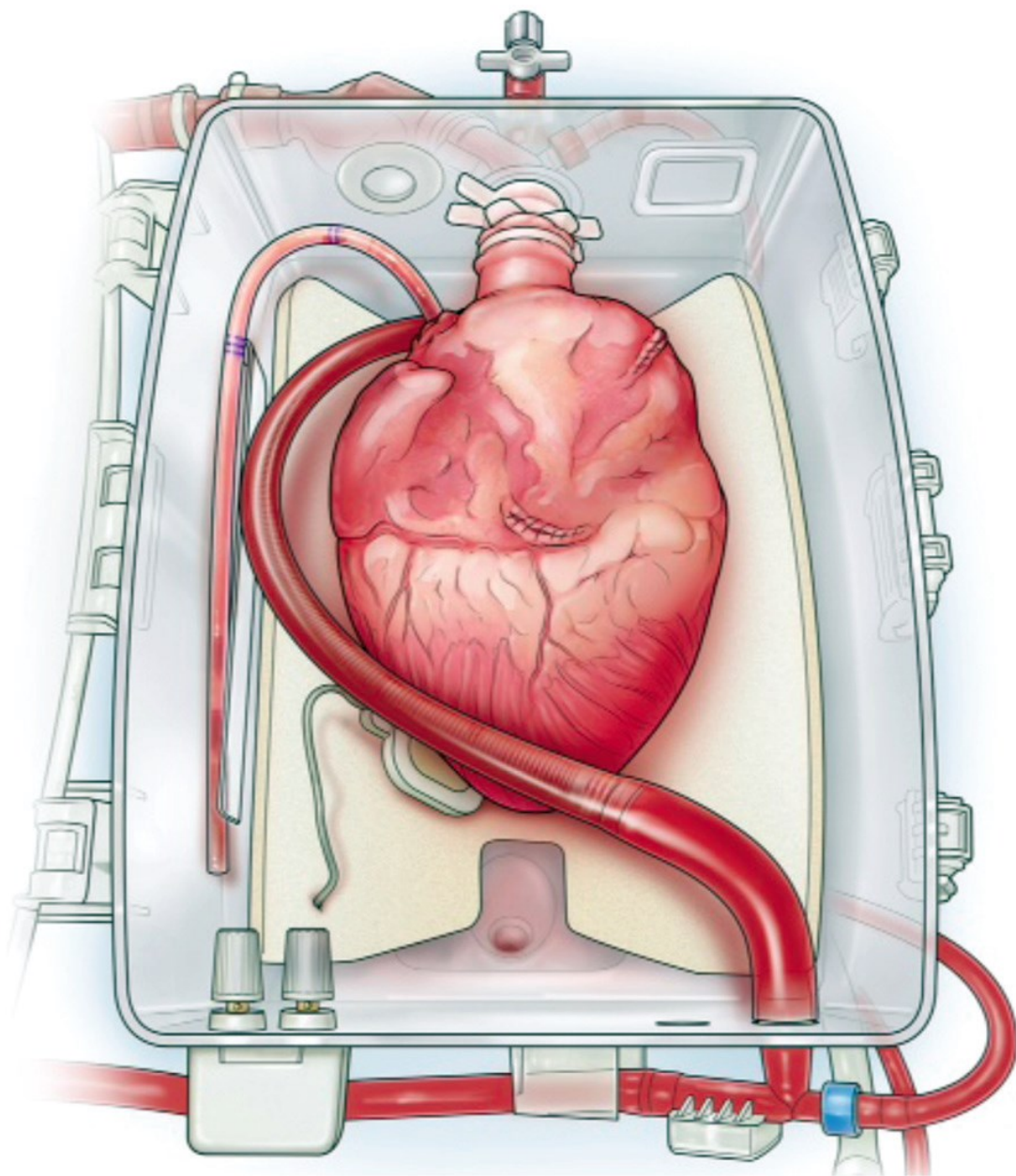
# OCS™ Heart Assessment & Diagnostic Capabilities

- Perfusion parameters
- Lactate Production
- ECG Activities
- Coronary Angiogram
- Echocardiogram

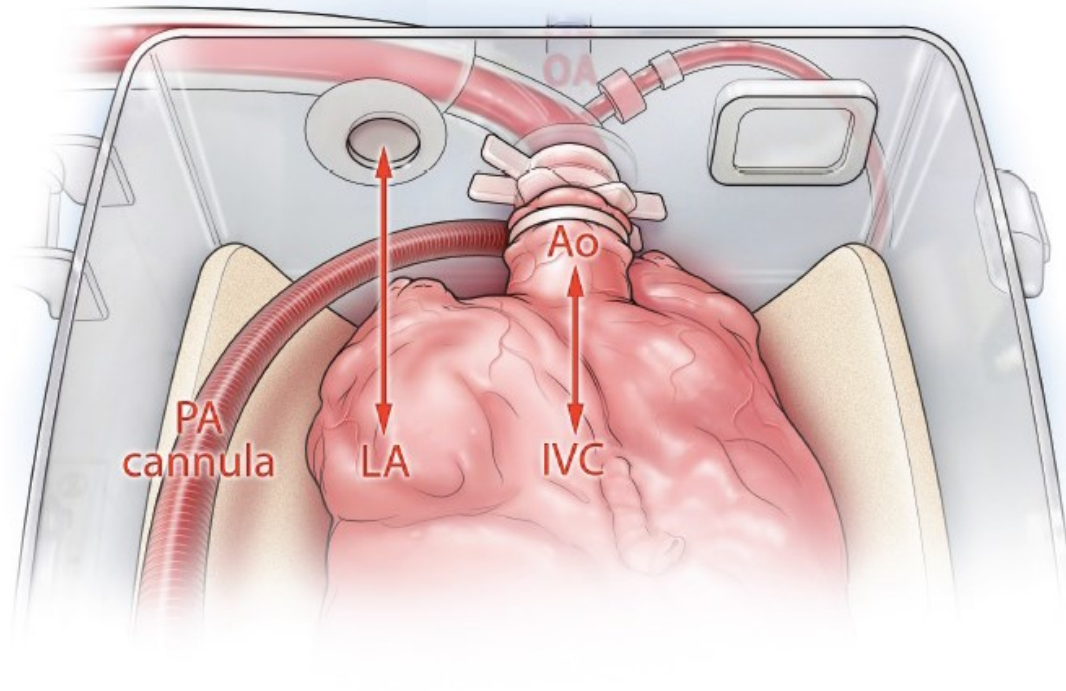


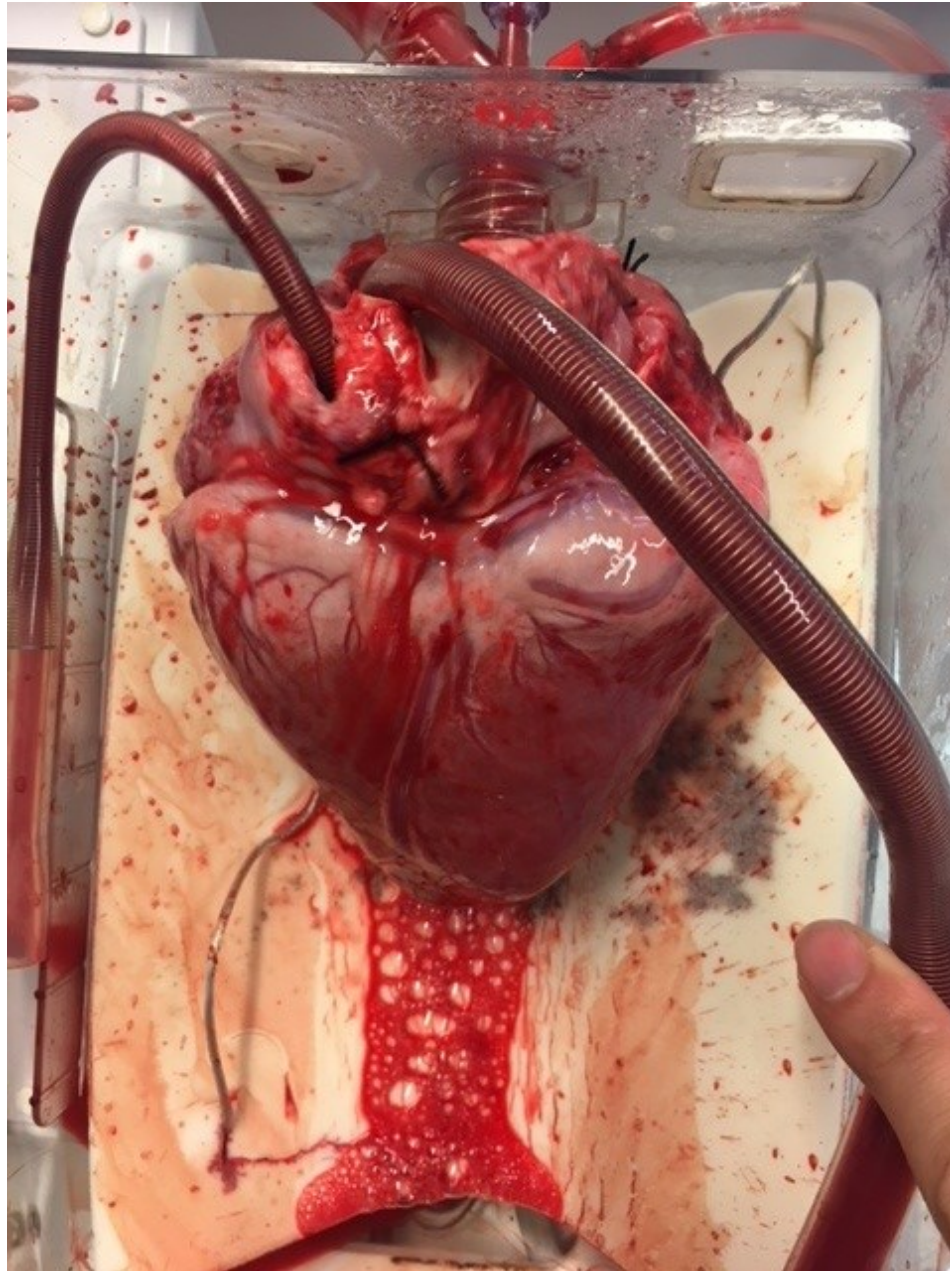
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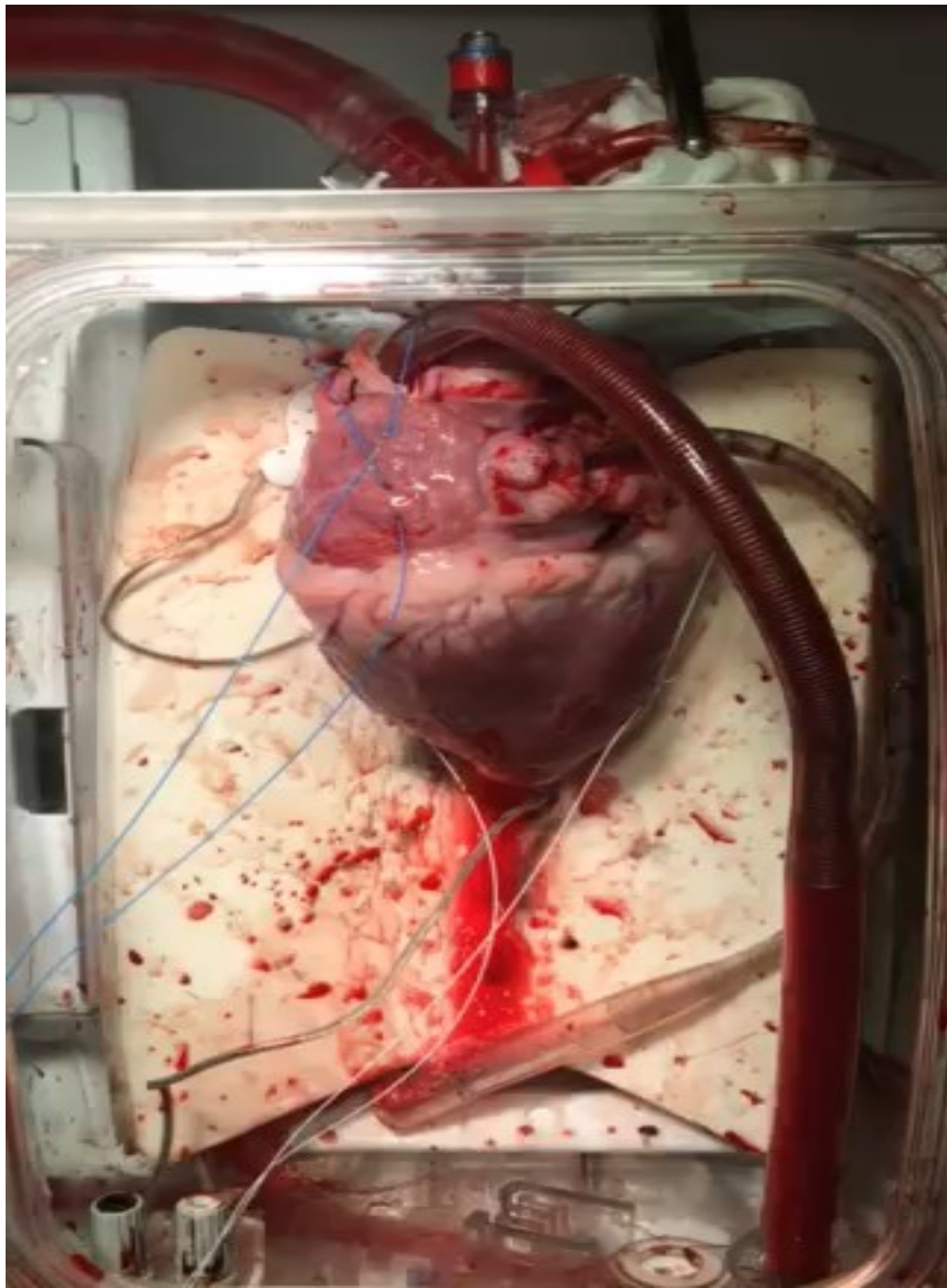


# Heart Alignment

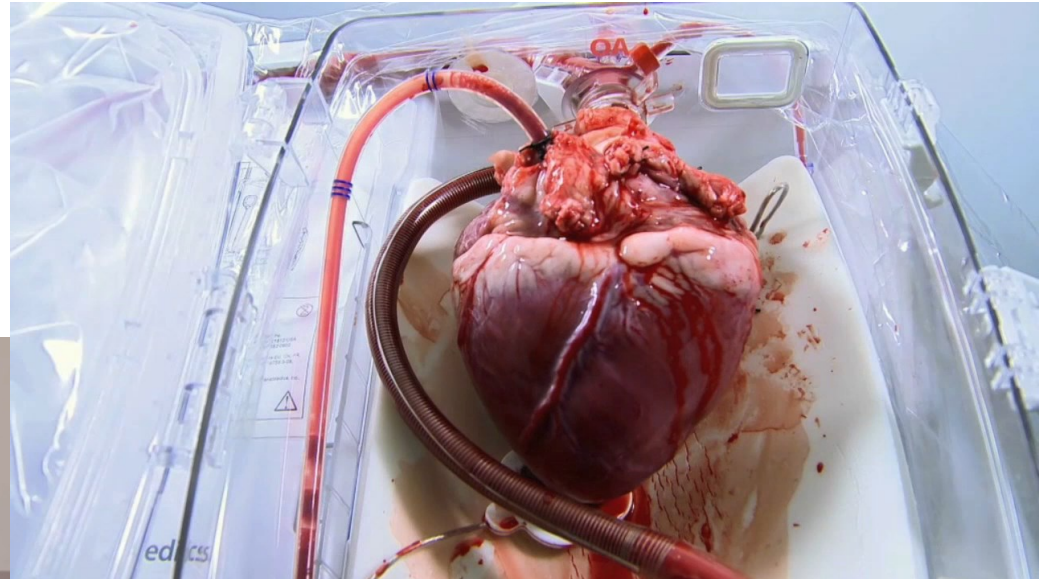
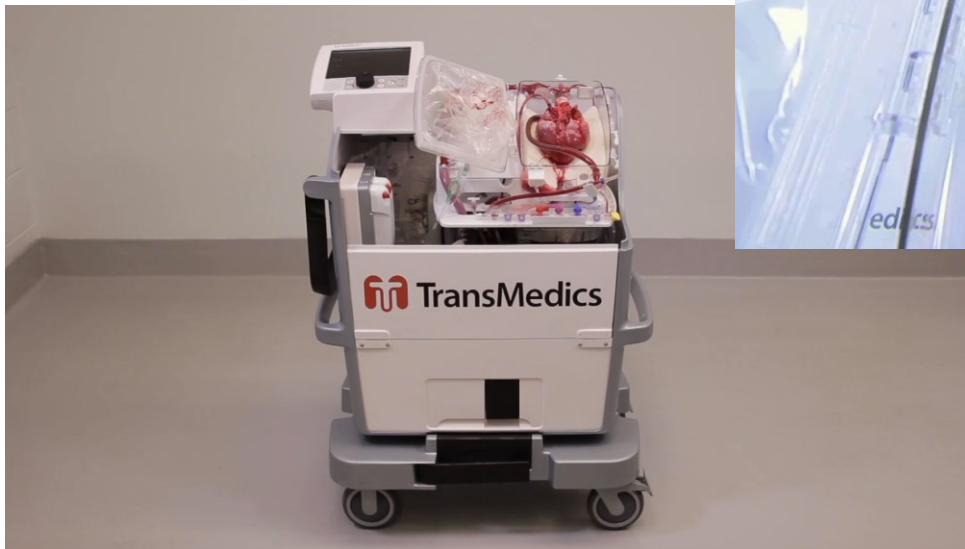




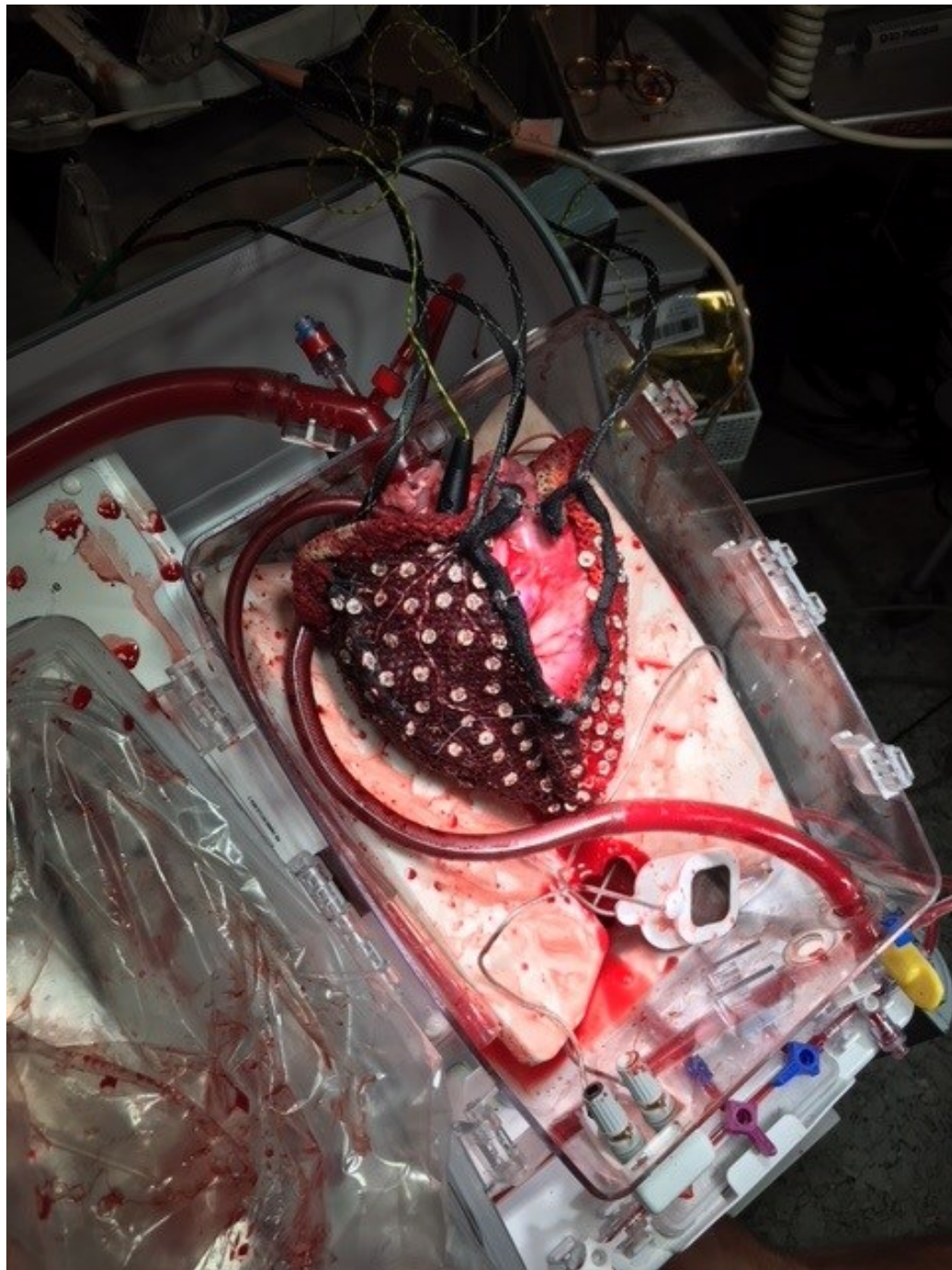




# The OCS™ Heart







# PROCEED II Study

- Prospective, Multi-center, Randomized Non-Inferiority Trial Comparing the Safety & Efficacy of the OCS™ Heart to Cold Storage
- 10 centers, 62 OCS™ & 66 cold storage heart transplantations
- Primary Endpoint Met: 30-Day Patient & Graft Survival
- Mean total cold ischemia time significantly shorter with OCS™ Heart versus cold storage, despite longer out-of-body time in the OCS™ group ( $p < 0.0001$ )

Ex-vivo perfusion of donor hearts for human heart transplantation (PROCEED II): a prospective, open-label, multicentre, randomised non-inferiority trial, Ardehali, Abbas et al. The Lancet, Volume 385, Issue 9987, 2577 - 2584

## THE LANCET Articles

### Ex-vivo perfusion of donor hearts for human heart transplantation (PROCEED II): a prospective, open-label, multicentre, randomised non-inferiority trial

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#### Summary

**Background** The Organ Care System is the only clinical platform for ex-vivo perfusion of human donor hearts. The system preserves the donor heart in a warm beating state during transport from the donor hospital to the recipient hospital. We aimed to assess the clinical outcomes of the Organ Care System compared with standard cold storage of human donor hearts for transplantation.

**Methods** We did this prospective, open-label, multicentre, randomised non-inferiority trial at ten heart-transplant centres in the USA and Europe. Eligible heart-transplant candidates (aged >18 years) were randomly assigned (1:1) to receive donor hearts preserved with either the Organ Care System or standard cold storage. Participants, investigators, and medical staff were not masked to group assignment. The primary endpoint was 30 day patient and graft survival, with a 10% non-inferiority margin. We did analyses in the intention-to-treat, as-treated, and per-protocol populations. This trial is registered with ClinicalTrials.gov, number NCT00855712.

**Findings** Between June 29, 2010, and Sept 16, 2013, we randomly assigned 130 patients to the Organ Care System group (n=67) or the standard cold storage group (n=63). 30 day patient and graft survival rates were 94% (n=63) in the Organ Care System group and 97% (n=61) in the standard cold storage group (difference 2.8%, one-sided 95% upper confidence bound 8.8,  $p=0.45$ ). Eight (13%) patients in the Organ Care System group and nine (14%) patients in the standard cold storage group had cardiac-related serious adverse events.

**Interpretation** Heart transplantation using donor hearts adequately preserved with the Organ Care System or with standard cold storage yield similar short-term clinical outcomes. The metabolic assessment capability of the Organ Care System needs further study.

#### Funding

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#### Introduction

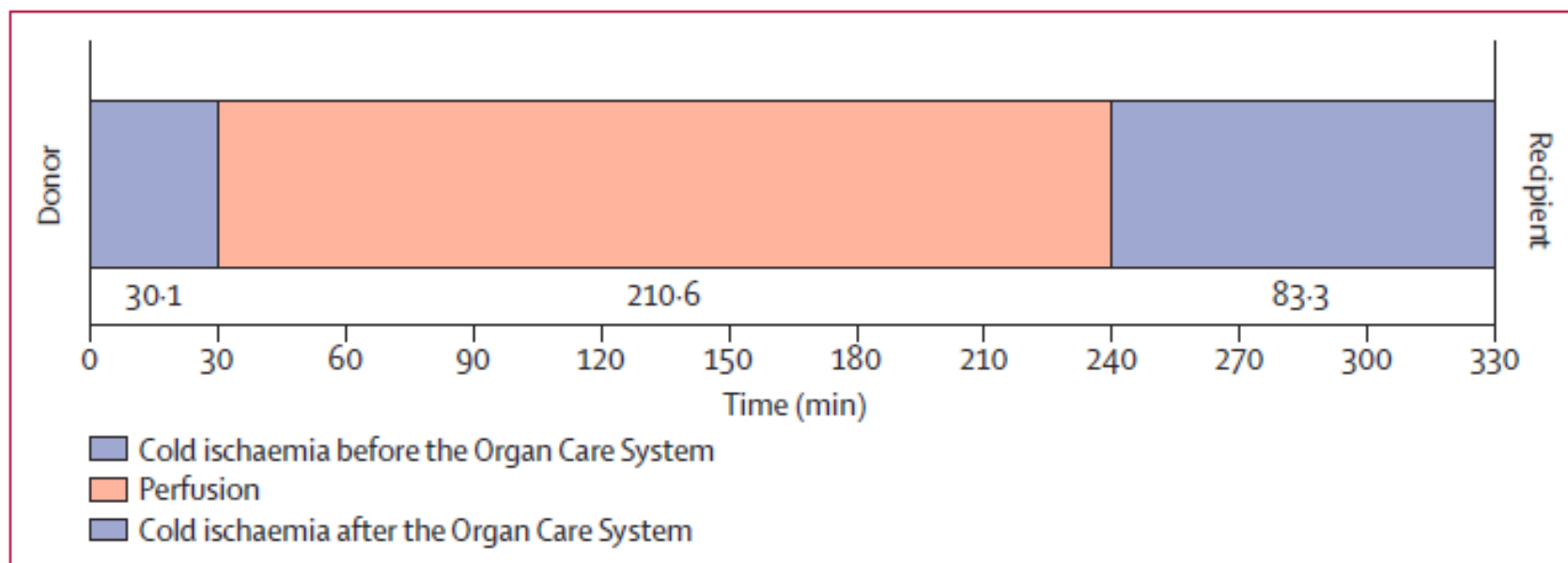
Heart transplantation is the treatment of choice for many patients with end-stage heart disease.<sup>1,2</sup> Despite substantial progress in most aspects of heart transplantation (ie, donor management, operative technique, post-operative care, and immunosuppressive regimens), the technique for preservation of donor hearts is still cold ischaemic storage. Cold storage leads to time-dependent ischaemic and subsequent reperfusion injuries of the donor heart, which can impair heart function after transplantation.<sup>3</sup> Prolonged cold ischaemia time is an important risk factor for early dysfunction of the donor heart and death of the recipient.<sup>4,5</sup> Limitations of cold ischaemia time can also adversely affect use of donor hearts and possible organ sharing.<sup>6-8</sup> In the past several decades there has been scientific and clinical interest towards ex-vivo heart perfusion with oxygenated and nutrient enriched blood to reduce ischaemic injury to the donor heart and potentially enable ex-vivo assessment of metabolic and mechanical function. Several reports<sup>9-11</sup> have investigated use of continuous infusion drips of glucose, fatty acids, insulin, heparin, serotonin, and antibiotics to maintain a steady state of metabolism of the

donor heart ex vivo. The feasibility of ex-vivo heart perfusion for 12 h has been shown with recovery of cardiac function and preservation of endothelial cell function.<sup>12</sup> These studies have paved the way for development of systems for clinical ex-vivo heart perfusion.

The Organ Care System is the first and only clinical ex-vivo heart perfusion platform that can maintain the donor heart in a warm, beating, non-physiological state ex-vivo for transplantation. Because the system maintains the donor heart in a perfused state during transportation from the donor hospital to the recipient hospital, cold ischaemia time is likely to be shortened for hearts preserved with this method. Consequently, use of this system might allow for greater procurement of donor hearts, which could balance sharing of donor hearts among regions and possibly enable resuscitation of marginal donor hearts, thus expanding the donor pool. In view of the potential benefits of the Organ Care System, and because standard cold storage has been the gold standard for heart preservation with excellent clinical outcomes, it was paramount to initially show that the Organ Care System is as safe and effective as cold storage for preservation of routine donor hearts.

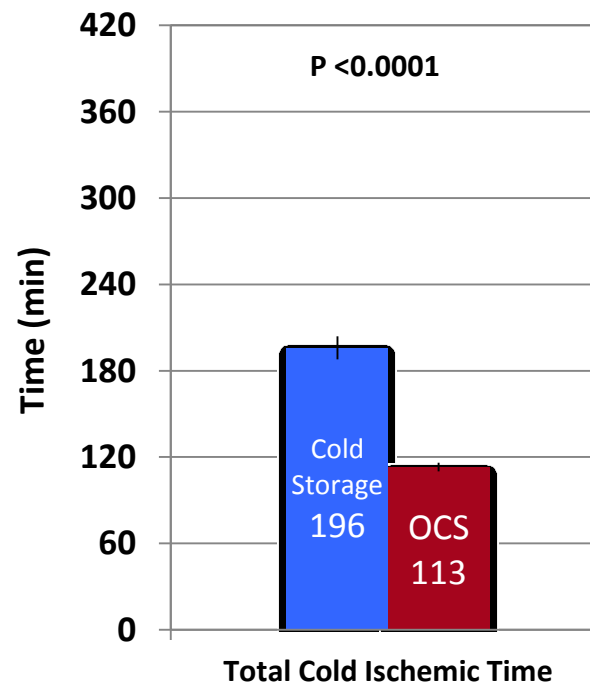
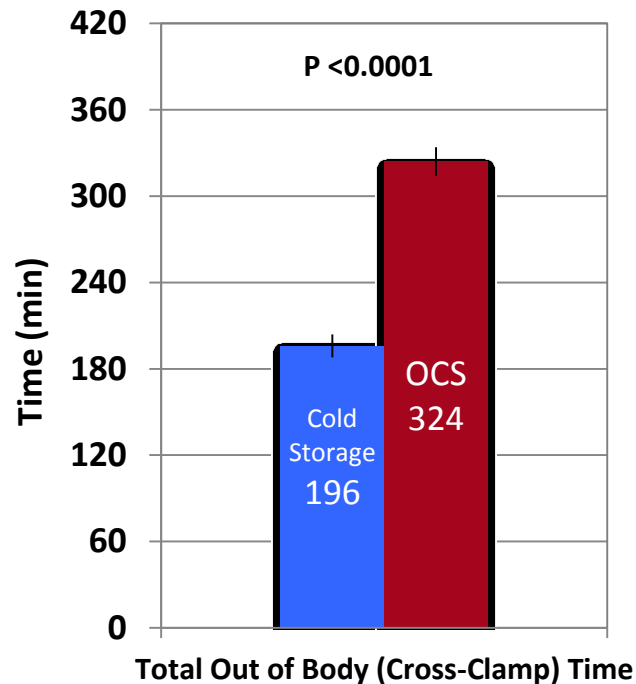


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**Figure 4: Cold ischaemia time and perfusion time for donor hearts preserved with the Organ Care System**  
Cold ischaemia time consists of the initial retrieval phase (time needed to harvest and implement the heart into the Organ Care System) and the final re-implantation phase (to place the donor heart into the recipient).

# PROCEED II Results: Total Cross Clamp & Ischemia Times



Mean Total Cold Ischemic Time significantly shorter with OCS™ Heart versus Cold Storage, despite longer Out-Of-Body Time in the OCS™ group (p<0.0001)

	Organ Care System group	Standard cold storage group	Between-group difference (one-sided 95% UCB or 95% CI)	p value
<b>Primary endpoint (30 day patient and graft survival)</b>				
Intention-to-treat	63/67 (94%)	61/63 (97%)	2.8 (8.8)	0.45
As-treated	58/62 (94%)	64/66 (97%)	3.5 (9.6)	0.36
Per-protocol	56/60 (93%)	59/61 (97%)	3.4 (9.9)	0.39
<b>Secondary endpoints (as-treated population)</b>				
Patients with cardiac-related serious adverse events	8 (13%)	9 (14%)	1 (-12 to 11)	0.90
Incidence of severe rejection	11 (18%)	9 (14%)	4 (-8 to 17)	0.52
Median ICU length of stay (h)	147 (107–212)	137 (97–197)	10 (-10 to 42)	0.24

Data are n/N (%) or n (%), or median (IQR), unless otherwise indicated. UCB=upper confidence bound.  
ICU=intensive-care unit.

**Table 2: Outcomes of primary and secondary endpoints**



# OCS Heart – Overview Summary

- The only platform which allows hearts to be transported with normothermic perfusion.
- Minimises the potential for ischaemic damage to the organ.
- Technology has been tried and tested clinically since 2006.
- Allows continuous organ assessment.
- Fully transportable.

# Den marginale hjertedonor

1. Forventet lang kold iskæmitid (> 4 timer) f.eks. pga lang transportvej eller lang operationstid på recipient
2. Generelt anvendes donorer med alder over 65 år ikke men hvis alder > 65 år er eneste risikofaktor kan man anvende EVHP til at nedbringe varigheden af den kolde iskæmitid og til vurdering af hjertet
3. Varighed af hjertestop > 20 min men med stabil hæmodynamik min. 24 timer
4. Nedsat EF dvs mellem 35 og 45 kan udtages og vurderes på EVHP
5. Hypertrofi af septum over 16 mm men under 20 mm
6. Inotropibehandling. Donorer kan være på inotropibehandling af multiple årsager der ikke nødvendigvis er af kardial oprindelse. Denne type hjertet kan udtages og vurderes på EVHP .
7. Donorer med sepsis hvor vi normalt ville afvise hjertet kan udtages og vurderes på EVHP.

# OCS™ Heart Clinical Highlight

## Extended Criteria

- Single-center experience in the assessment of the utilization of extended criteria hearts using the OCS™
- 26 high risk transplants conducted using OCS™ Heart with either donor- or recipient-based risk factors LVEF  $\leq 50\%$ , LV hypertrophy (LVH); interventricular septum in diastole  $>14$  mm, donor cardiac arrest, coronary artery disease
- Allograft function was preserved in 92% of recipients at follow-up ( $257 \pm 116$  days) with a mean left ventricular ejection fraction of  $64 \pm 5\%$ .
- Conclusion: Use of the OCS™ is associated with markedly improved short term outcomes by allowing use of organs not previously considered for transplantation

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### Evaluation of the Organ Care System in Heart Transplantation With an Adverse Donor/Recipient Profile

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**Background.** A severe shortage of available donor organs has created an impetus to use extended criteria organs for heart transplantation. Although such attempts increase donor organ availability, they may result in an adverse donor-recipient risk profile. The TransMedics Organ Care System (OCS) (TransMedics, Inc, Boston) allows preservation of the donor heart by perfusing the organ at  $34^{\circ}\text{C}$  in a beating state, potentially reducing the detrimental effect of cold storage and providing additional assessment options. We describe a single-center experience with the OCS in high-risk heart transplant procedures.

**Methods.** Thirty hearts were preserved using the OCS between February 2013 and January 2014, 26 of which (86.7%) were transplanted. Procedures were classified as high risk based on (1) donor factors, ie, transport time more than 2.5 hours with estimated ischemic time longer than 4 hours, left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) less than 50%, left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH), donor

cardiac arrest, alcohol/drug abuse, coronary artery disease or (2) recipient factors, ie, mechanical circulatory support or elevated pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR), or both. **Results.** Donor and recipient age was  $37 \pm 12$  years and  $43 \pm 13$  years, respectively. Allograft cold ischemia time was  $85 \pm 17$  minutes and OCS perfusion time was  $294 \pm 98$  minutes. The median intensive care unit stay was 6 days. One death (3.3%) was observed over the follow-up  $257 \pm 116$  (109–445) days. There was preserved allograft function in 92% of patients, with a mean LVEF of  $64 \pm 5\%$ .

**Conclusions.** Use of the OCS is associated with markedly improved short-term outcomes and transplant activity by allowing use of organs previously not considered suitable for transplantation or selection of higher risk recipients, or both.

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Despite ongoing improvements in mechanical circulatory support, heart transplantation remains the gold standard treatment for appropriately selected patients with advanced heart failure, leading to the best long-term outcome [1]. However, heart transplantation has a high early mortality, caused almost entirely by donor organ failure. Under conventional conditions of donor organ preservation, ie, cardioplegic arrest and cold storage, prolonged cold ischemia time is by far the greatest risk factor for primary allograft dysfunction and death [2, 3]. Moreover, cold ischemia time multiplies

other risk factors, such as donor left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH).

The TransMedics Organ Care System (OCS) is the first commercially available system that allows the beating donor heart to be maintained in a warm (34°C) perfused state during transfer from donor to recipient. This allows for an extended "out of body" time and minimizes the detrimental effects of cold ischemia storage [4].

The OCS also allows ex vivo donor heart assessment. Data presented by Hamed and colleagues [5] along with interim results from the PROCEED II trial (a prospective, randomized [1:1] multicenter noninferiority study comparing the safety and efficacy of the OCS with the cold storage of donor hearts) suggest that a

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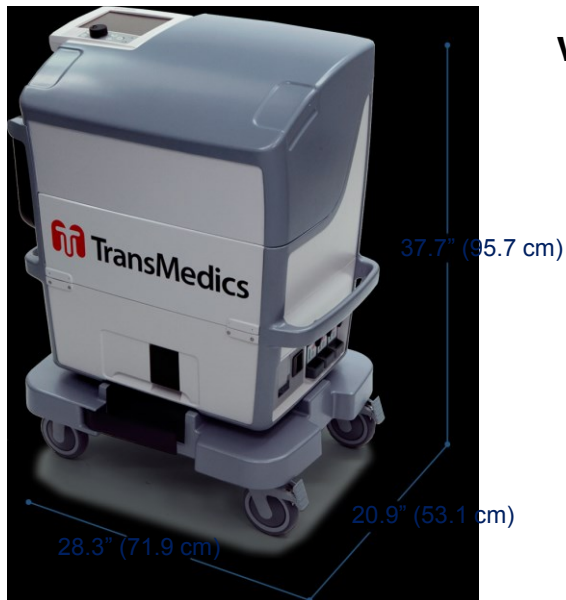
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# OCS Heart – Potential Benefits for Transplant Programme

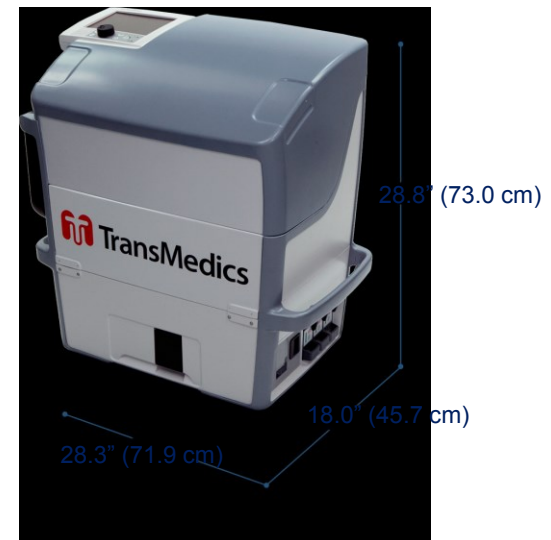
- Less constraints when considering organ offers from hospitals at a greater distance.
- Can consider cheaper forms of transportation when accepting organs from donor sites < 4 hours away.
- Reduced time pressure on recipient procedure – particularly important for VAD explant procedures.
- Marginal organs can be assessed at recipient site before explant procedure is started.
- Potential for DCD Heart transplantation.

# Designed for Maximum Portability

**Wheels On**



**Wheels Off**



For easy rolling between destinations:

- Aircraft to SUV
- SUV to hospital
- Within hospital

For placement inside transport:

- Aircraft
- Helicopter
- Ambulance
- SUV

# Designed for Maximum Portability



- Detachable wheels allow it to fit in all standard modes of transportation for organ retrieval
- Lightweight carbon-fiber construction, weighs ~38kg and can be easily lifted by two adults
- Three on-board batteries
- Easy rolling between destinations



