



MINIMALLY INVASIVE CARDIAC SURGERY FOR REPAIR OF OUTLET VENTRICULAR SEPTAL DEFECT IN CHILDREN

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Introduction



Source: Bacha Emile⁶





- Right Vertical Infra-Axillary Thoracotomy (RVIAT) is a minimally invasive technique.
- Infra-Axillary is the thinnest part of the chest wall, away from the mammary tissue.
- The incision: is hidden under the arm when resting, so it is called an "Invisible incision".

Introduction

- Yan³: RVIAT is not suitable when BMI > 30 kg/m²
- Zhu⁴: RVIAT provides an incomplete and inaccurate vision of the infundibular ventricular septal defect.
- Yunfei Liao⁵: Anterior incision on the left chest provides a clear observation of the ventricular septal defect when opening the pulmonary artery.













Research method

Research subjects: patients diagnosed with outet ventricular septal defect and underwent vertical surgery under the right axillary fossa.

Research design: Descriptive study.

Location and time of research:

- + Location: City Children's Hospital.
- + Time: January 2020 April 2023.





Surgical method



- Left tilt position, the right shoulder and the hip are tilted at 45 degrees.
- The incision from the axillary fossa is parallel to the anterior axillary line, separated by the serratus anterior muscle bundle.
- Open the pleura through the IV intercostal space.
- Open the pericardium in front of the phrenic nerve and lift the lung back.
- Establish extracorporeal circulation.
- Open the pulmonary artery to patch the ventricular septal defect.
- Close the incision.















VSD locations



Results

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Patients	Average
Age (month)	17,1 (2,2 – 100,6)
Weight (kg)	$8,4 \pm 6$
Male Female	23 16
Time of monitoring (month)	17,4 ± 9,8 (4,5 – 38 months)

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Clinical features





Intraoperative parametersResultLength of incision (cm) $4,4 \pm 0,6$ Extracorporeal circulation time $113,5 \pm 22,1$ Aortic clamping time $70,2 \pm 17,5$ Treatment of combined injuries $70,2 \pm 17,5$ Cut the ductus arteriosus1Repair tricuspid valve1Widen the right ventricular outflow tract4Cut the muscular ridge under the aortic valve1Surgery time 197 ± 22





Results





Postoperative parameters	Result
Ventilation time (hours)	17,5 (1 – 105)
Recovery time (hours)	50,5 ± 34,5
Postoperative drainage fluid (ml)	64 ± 27
Early complications after surgery	1
Surgical site infection	
Postoperative hospital stay (days)	$6,8 \pm 2,2$

→ Time for mechanical ventilation: depends largely on the patient's condition before



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Results



Result



Mitral valve regurgitation after surgery







Aortic valve regurgitation after surgery











Result

Complications during hospital stay





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- Nguyen Ly Thinh Truong⁷: There are 3 cases of post-operative arrhythmia and 8 cases of subcutaneous emphysema.
- Wang²: The complication rate is 1.2%.





Conclusion

- Minimally invasive cardiac surgery through the vertical route under the right axillary fossa is easily accessible in young children with low birth weight.
- Feasible, safe, and effective in closing outlet ventricular septal defects.
- Minimally invasive cardiac surgery provides cosmetic benefits without affecting surgical results

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