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# Hemiarch Efficiency: Retrograde Cerebral Perfusion

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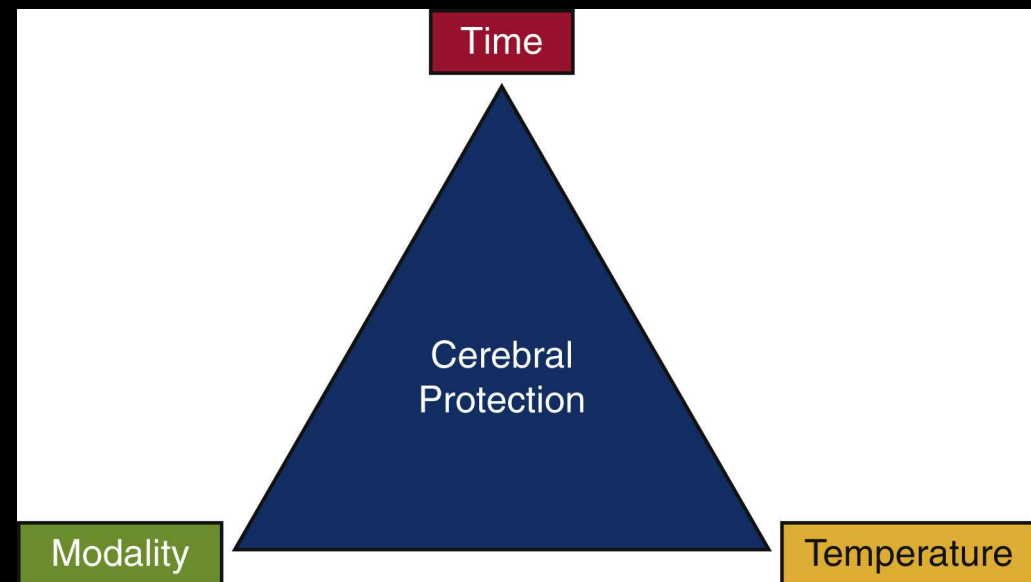
**Thoracic Aortic Program  
Cardiothoracic Surgery**



# Disclosures

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- No pay for direction of Cerebral perfusion
- Love operating, but love being done more
- Standing and waiting for things to happen does not go well for me

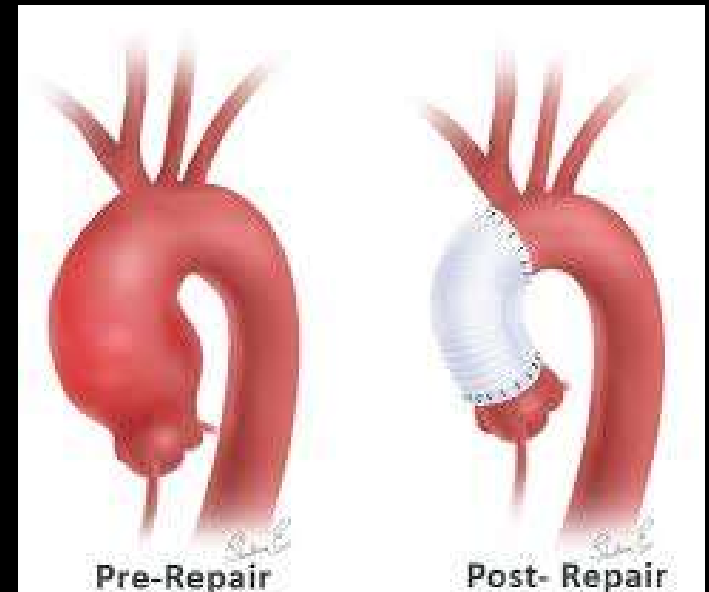


# Ascending Aortic Surgery: Conduct

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- Everything revolves around the Hemiarch portion
- Do what you can until target temp
  - -> do distal, then

Race: Finish the operation vs Finish Rewarming



# Ultimate Goal in Ascending Operations

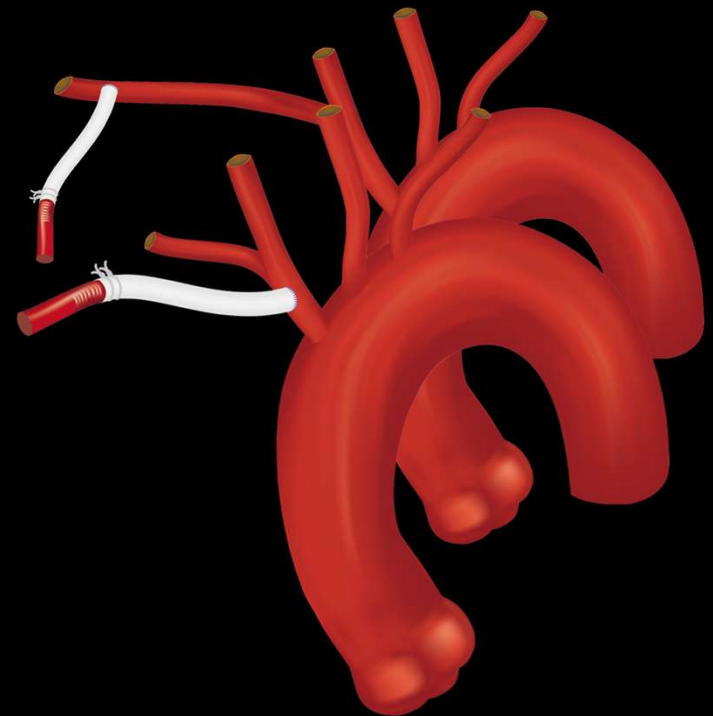
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- Remove all Abnormal Tissue
- Protect the Brain
- Optimize Time on Bypass
  - Too long, increases comorbidity
- Essentially, cool enough to protect brain and be warm enough to come off when done with procedure

# Personal Progression

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- 2009 EEG Silence Axillary SACP (20C)
  - Long Cases to begin,
- 2014 Innominate Graft, 2017 28C
  - Sewing on a graft takes time
  - Began central and Innominate
    - But delayed valve portion
- RCP written benefits were growing
  - But I could not go back to 20C



## Antegrade versus retrograde cerebral perfusion for hemiarach replacement with deep hypothermic circulatory arrest: Does it matter? A propensity-matched analysis

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Axillary Cannulation  
Selective Antegrade  
Still 22C and EEG silence  
All comers

TABLE 4. Thirty-day/in-hospital outcomes

| Variable                                   | Overall (n = 440) | RCP (n = 80) | Before matching |         | After matching |         |
|--|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
|  |                   |              | ACP (n = 360)   | P value | ACP (n = 80)   | P value |
| Operative time (min)                       | 345.2 ± 76.5      | 308.3 ± 72.7 | 353.4 ± 74.9    | <.01    | 338.3 ± 80.3   | .01     |
| Any neurologic complication*               | 45 (10.3)         | 6 (7.5)      | 39 (10.8)       | .36     | 9 (11.3)       | .42     |
| 30-d/In-hospital mortality                 | 15 (3.4)          | 2 (2.5)      | 13 (3.6)        | .61     | 3 (3.8)        | .65     |
| 30-d/In-hospital major composite morbidity | 75 (17.0)         | 12 (15.0)    | 52 (17.5)       | .59     | 8 (10.0)       | .34     |
| Any reoperation                            | 19 (4.3)          | 2 (2.5)      | 17 (4.7)        | .35     | 2 (2.5)        | .99     |
| Reoperation for bleeding                   | 11 (2.5)          | 1 (1.3)      | 10 (2.8)        | .39     | 2 (2.5)        | .56     |
| Intraoperative factor VIIa use             | 105 (23.9)        | 10 (12.5)    | 95 (26.4)       | <.01    | 14 (17.5)      | .38     |
| Postoperative factor VIIa use              | 15 (3.4)          | 5 (6.3)      | 10 (2.8)        | .15     | 3 (3.8)        | .47     |
| Prolonged (>24 h) ventilation              | 47 (10.7)         | 6 (7.5)      | 41 (11.4)       | .29     | 7 (8.8)        | .77     |
| Acute renal failure †                      | 35 (8.0)          | 8 (10.0)     | 27 (7.5)        | .47     | 4 (5.0)        | .23     |
| New onset dialysis                         | 9 (2.0)           | 2 (2.5)      | 7 (1.9)         | .76     | 3 (3.8)        | .65     |
| TND  | 36 (8.2)          | 6 (7.5)      | 30 (8.3)        | .24     | 5 (6.3)        | .75     |
| Clinical stroke                            | 13 (3.0)          | 1 (1.3)      | 12 (3.3)        | .27     | 2 (2.5)        | .56     |
| TIA  | 3 (0.7)           | 0 (0.0)      | 3 (0.8)         | .27     | 3 (3.8)        | .08     |
| 30-d Readmission                           | 48 (10.9)         | 7 (8.8)      | 41 (11.4)       | .48     | 13 (16.3)      | .15     |
| Discharge to other than home               | 28 (6.4)          | 3 (3.8)      | 25 (6.9)        | .26     | 2 (2.5)        | .65     |
| Postoperative LOS (d)                      | 7.7 ± 7.2         | 6.9 ± 5.5    | 7.9 ± 7.5       | .15     | 7.6 ± 9.8      | .58     |

Data presented as mean ± standard deviation or n (%). RCP, Retrograde cerebral perfusion; ACP, antegrade cerebral perfusion; TND, transient neurologic dysfunction; TIA, transient ischemic attack; LOS, length of stay. \*Postoperative transient or permanent mental status change, TIA, or clinical stroke. †Maximum creatinine 2 times the baseline creatinine and >2.0 g/dL.

# Deep Hypothermia With Retrograde Cerebral Perfusion Versus Moderate Hypothermia With Antegrade Cerebral Perfusion for Arch Surgery

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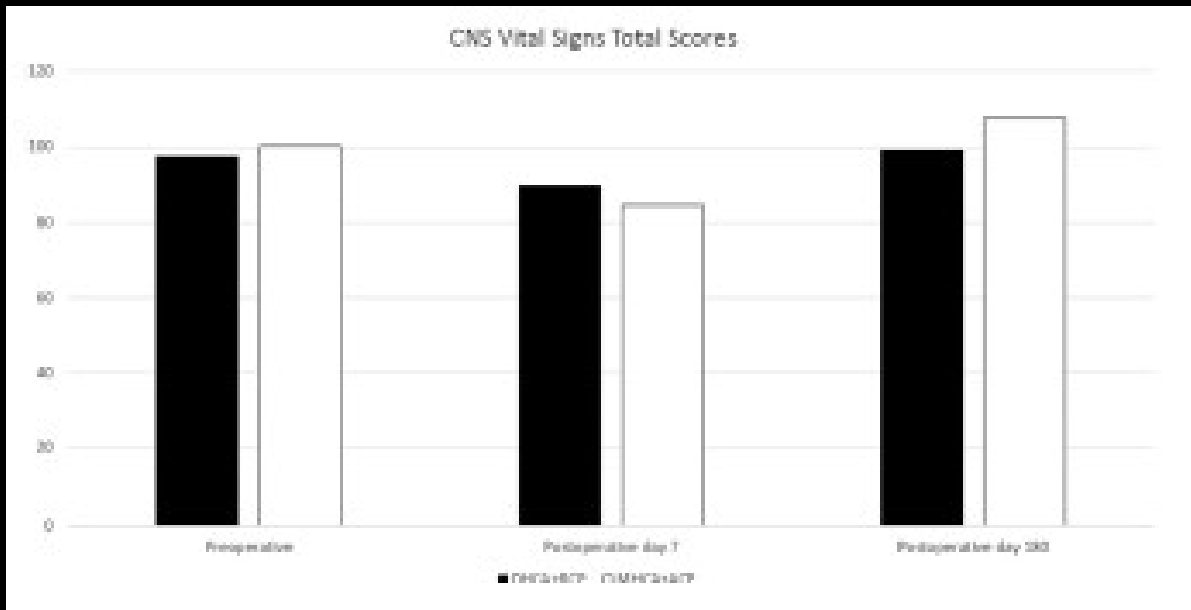
- Pilot Study
- RCP 20C vs ACP 20C Nasopharyngeal

# Procedures

*Table 2. Intraoperative Data Comparing Patients Undergoing Hemiarch Replacement Using Deep Hypothermic Circulatory Arrest With Retrograde Cerebral Perfusion or Moderate Hypothermic Circulatory Arrest With Antegrade Cerebral Perfusion*

| Variable <sup>a</sup>         | DHCA+RCP (n = 11) | MHCA+ACP (n = 9) | p Value              |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Aneurysm size, cm             | 5.4 ± 0.7         | 5.1 ± 0.3        | 0.26                 |
| Root replacement              | 5 (45)            | 5 (56)           | 1                    |
| Hemiarch                      | 11 (100)          | 9 (100)          | 1                    |
| CABG                          | 0                 | 1 (11)           | 0.45                 |
| Aortic valve replacement      | 7 (64)            | 6 (67)           | 1                    |
| CPB, minutes                  | 199 ± 58          | 173 ± 49         | 0.32                 |
| Cross-clamp, minutes          | 158 ± 42          | 154 ± 46         | 0.87                 |
| HCA, minutes                  | 21 ± 4            | 19 ± 3           | 0.26                 |
| Temperature at HCA, °         | 19.9 ± 0.1        | 26.3 ± 1.8       | <0.0001 <sup>b</sup> |
| Total operative time, minutes | 354 ± 71          | 322 ± 77         | 0.14                 |
| Intraoperative transfusion    | 8 (73)            | 7 (78)           | 1                    |

# Neurocognitive Outcomes Equal



## Simple retrograde cerebral perfusion is as good as complex antegrade cerebral perfusion for hemiarch replacement

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- Retrograde became cultish
- People that believed in RCP really believed
- Relatively straight forward with Arterial connected to the SVC above the Azygous

There are no data that proves superiority of RCP or ACP during hemiarch repair. However, the safety of RCP has been proven in multiple studies up to 50 minutes of circulatory arrest time, which should be a long enough for a simple hemiarch replacement. When RCP is appropriately applied, a transient high opening pressure followed by maintenance perfusion pressure below 25 mmHg, it has proven to be as good as or better than ACP for hemiarch repair to augment cerebral protection during hemiarch replacement. This is due to its simplicity and better exposure of surgical field—with potentially lower risk of embolic events. Thus, we prefer RCP as the adjunct to profound hypothermic circulatory arrest for a hemiarch replacement.

## RCP Consensus

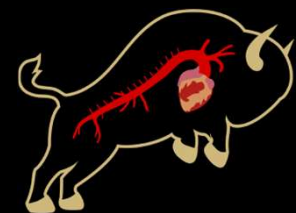
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- Relatively simple
- Cools, Washes out
  - Question effective delivery of oxygen and glucose
- Great for short periods
- Usually used with DHCA 18-24C
- Conduct of operation
  - Central Cannulation with beginning on proximal work
  - Then RCP for HCA
  - Strive to be done at rewarming
  - Limit CPB and Op Time

## And are our RCP parameters real?

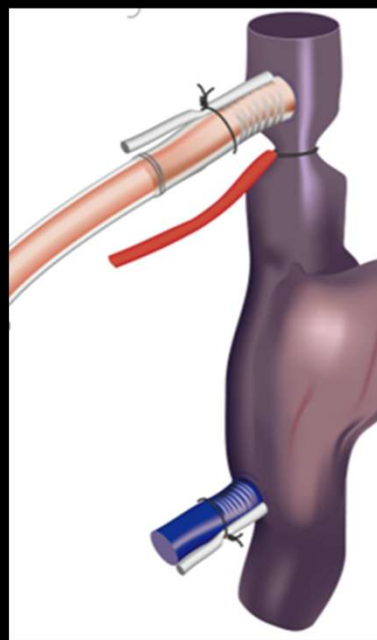
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- Deep Hypothermia
- Flows  $<10\text{ml/kg}$
- Pressure  $<25\text{mm Hg}$
- Washout and Cooling
- Oxygen and Glucose not delivered to the tissue
- Not required for ACP
- Low Flows low pressure really washing out?
- Upper body return blood looks black, has to be removing oxygen and glucose



## Initial experiences RCP high pressure, flow

- 79 RCP vs 248 ACP elective hemiarrests at 28C
  - RCP 30-50mm Hg vs SACP 40-60mmHG
- No differences in outcomes
- ICU stay < days



- Higher Than Traditional Parameters RCP
- Moderate hypothermia
  - Pressure of 40 mmHg
  - Oxygen Extraction 93.3%
  - Similar neurological outcomes to ACP

# SACP vs RCP at 28C

|                          | Before Matching    |                    |         | After Matching  |                    |         |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|
|                          | SACP (n = 248)     | RCP (n = 79)       | P-Value | SACP (n=60)     | RCP (n=60)         | P-value |
| Age (years)              | 62 (50 - 70)       | 60 (47 - 70)       | 0.80    | 62 (49 - 9)     | 59 (46 - 69)       | 0.55    |
| Sex (Female)             | 61 (24.6%)         | 19 (24.0%)         | 0.99    | 16 (26.7%)      | 17 (28.3%)         | 0.99    |
| Re-do Sternotomy         | 63 (25.4%)         | 20 (30.4%)         | 0.99    | 23 (21.7%)      | 19 (32.7%)         | 0.30    |
| BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ) | 27.7 (24.9 - 31.9) | 26.8 (23.9 - 31.2) | 0.55    | 62 (48 - 69)    | 59 (46 - 69)       | 0.42    |
| CPB (min)                | 138 (115 - 175)    | 125 (109 - 159)    | 0.03    | 121 (102 - 145) | 124 (109 - 170)    | 0.35    |
| XC (min)                 | 95 (71 - 125)      | 97 (79 - 124)      | 0.54    | 90 (64 - 111))  | 97 (79 - 115)      | 0.12    |
| Nadir Bladder Temp       | 27.6 (26.3 - 28.0) | 28.0 (26.7 - 28.1) | 0.02    | 27.5 (26-28.0)  | 28.0 (27.1 - 28.2) | 0.07    |
| Circ Arrest (min)        | 10 (7 - 12)        | 6 (5 - 8)          | < 0.001 | 7 (5 - 9)       | 6 (5 - 8)          | 0.34    |
| Hospital LOS (days)      | 7 (6 - 9)          | 7 (6 - 8)          | 0.84    | 7 (6 - 9)       | 7 (6 - 8)          | 0.90    |
| ICU LOS (days)           | 3 (2 - 4)          | 2 (1 - 3)          | 0.03    | 2 (1 -3)        | 2 (1 - 3)          | 0.61    |
| Stroke                   | 6 (2.4%)           | 4 (5.0%)           | 0.26    | 2 (3.3%)        | 2 (3.3%)           | 0.99    |
| Delirium                 | 17 (6.8%)          | 4 (5.0%)           | 0.79    | 2 (3.3%)        | 4 (6.6%)           | 0.68    |

## RCP at 28C is safe with short HCA

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- Don't know the limits (good so far at 10-20")
- When predictable timing, it works well
- Facilitates Conduct of Operation
  - With Valve or composite root, usually ready to reperfuse and come off
  - With David, usually warm 10"-20" before reperfusion

Questions?

