

# Human heart transplantation from donation after circulatory determined death donors using normothermic regional perfusion : CHU of Liege experience

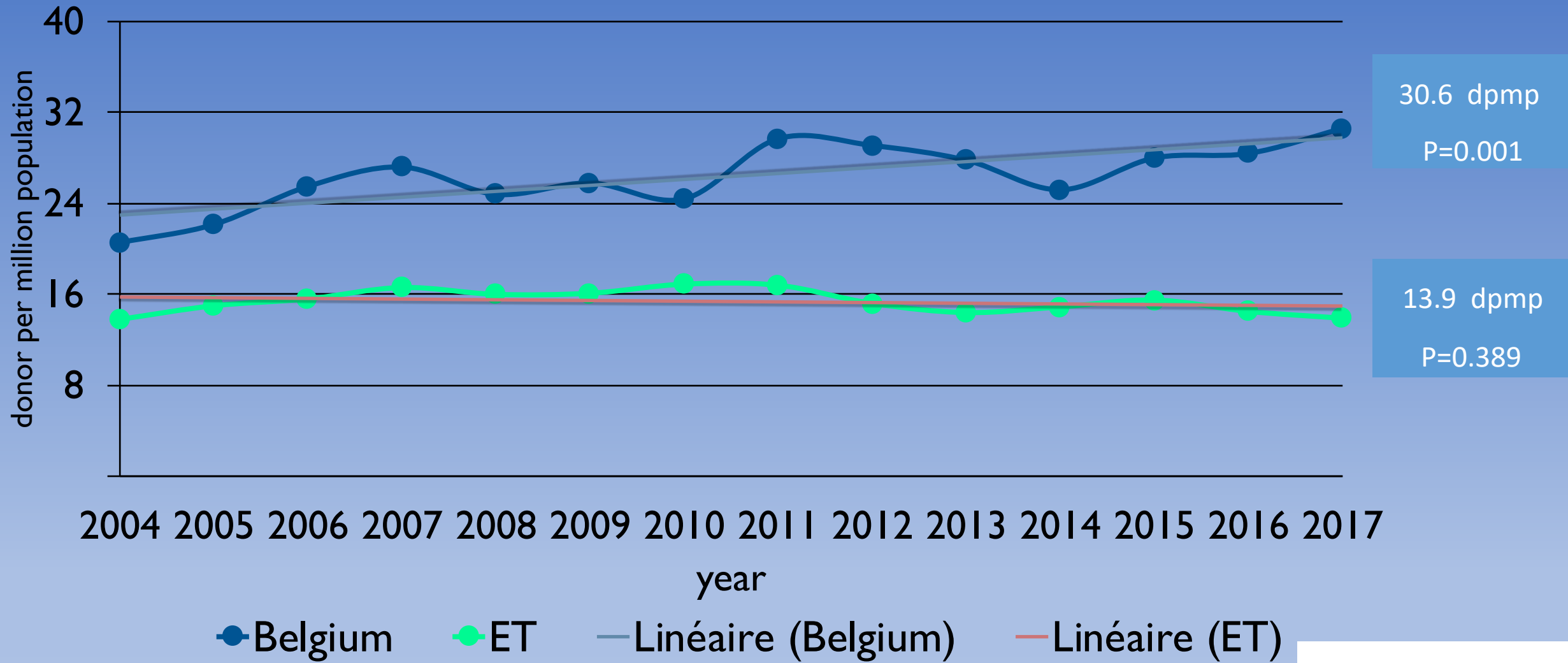
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- I do not have any potential conflict of interest
- Our protocol has been approved by the ethics committee of our institution

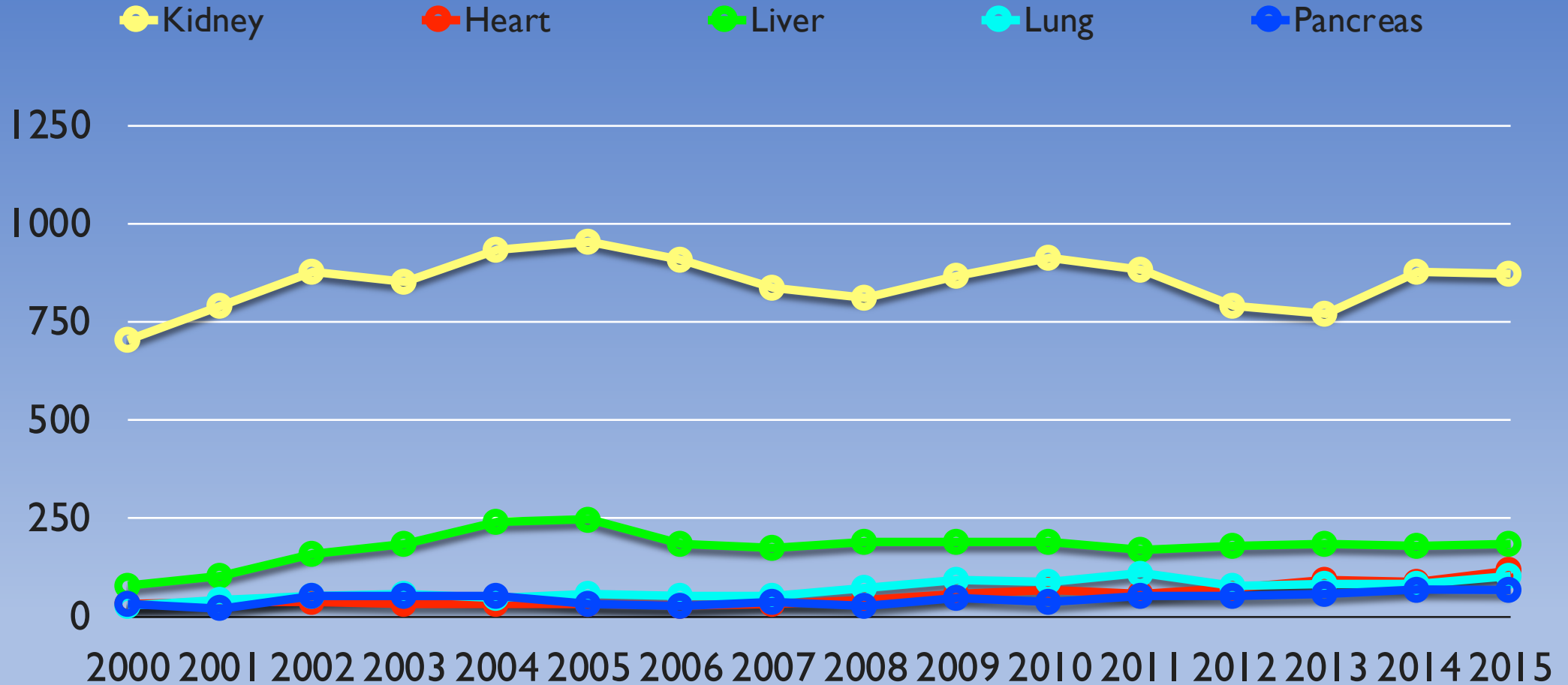
# Why a DCD heart transplantation program?

# Organ donation per million population



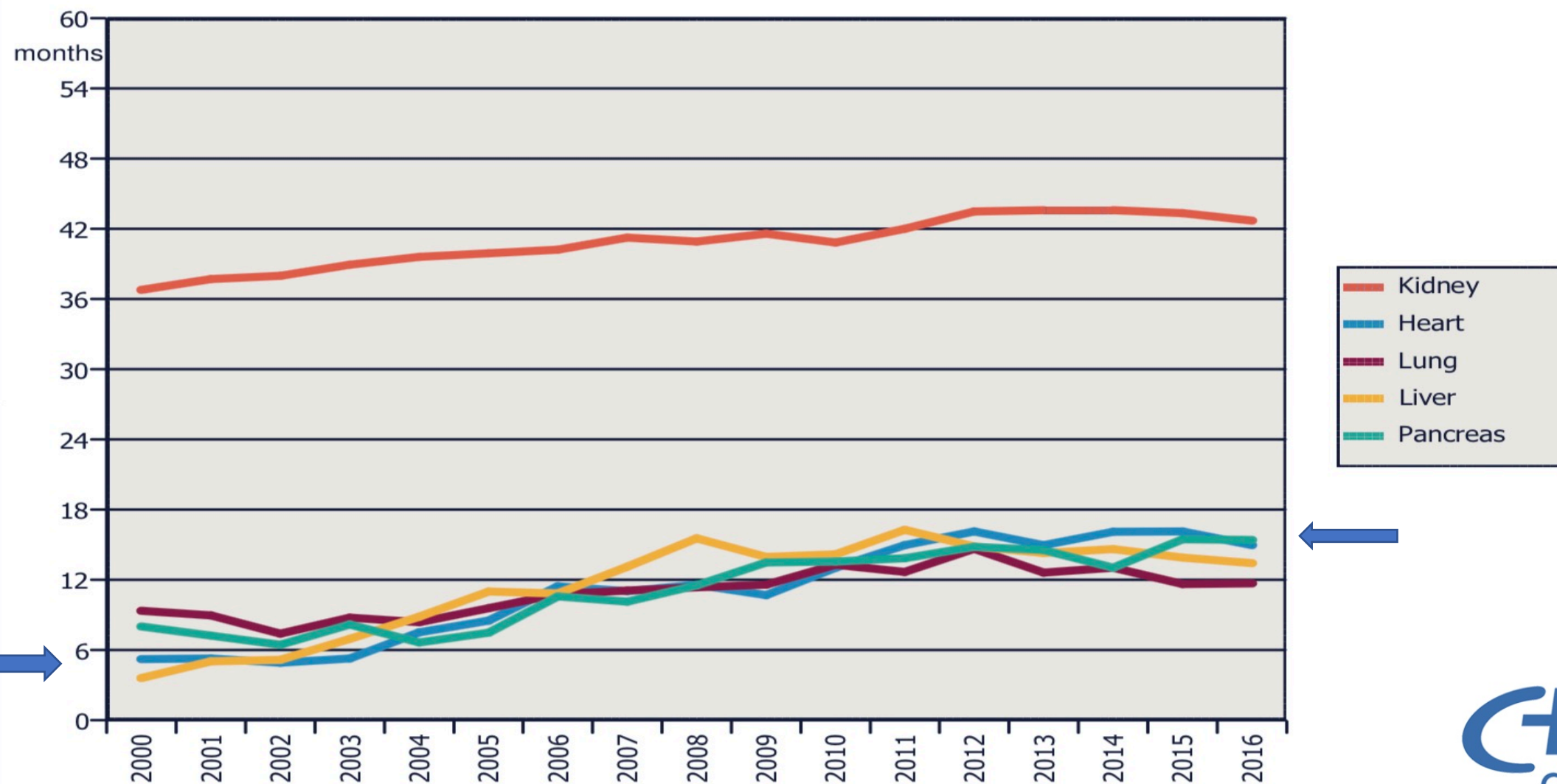


# Patients on waiting list in Belgium



~ 1300 patients on waiting list

# Median time on waiting list



# Mortality on waiting list

**Table 4.7b(ii) Mortality on the Eurotransplant waiting lists in 2016**

Waiting list	A	B	D	H	HR	NL	SLO	Total
Kidney	25	34	434	40	4	66	1	604
Heart	8	20	113	10	9	3	6	169
Lungs	17	7	61	0	0	18	0	103
Liver	15	45	369	18	24	28	3	502
Pancreas	1	2	22	1	1	3	0	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1408</b>
<b>Total patients</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1331</b>

± 20 % of heart recipient candidates die on waiting list

# Experience with DCD donors organs transplantation since 2002

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### GUIDELINES FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE

## Donation after cardio-circulatory death liver transplantation

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inevitable warm ischemia occurring during the declaration of death and organ retrieval process. Experimental strategies intervening in both donors and recipients at different phases of the transplantation process have focused on the attenuation of ischemia-reperfusion injury and already gained encouraging results, and some of them have found their way from pre-clinical success into clinical reality. The future of DCD-LT is promising. Concerted efforts should concentrate on the identification of suitable donors (probably Maastricht category III DCD donors), better donor and recipient matching (high risk donors to low risk recipients), use of advanced organ preservation techniques (oxygenated hypothermic machine perfusion, normothermic machine perfusion, venous systemic oxygen persufflation), and pharmacological modulation (probably a multi-factorial biologic modulation strategy) so that DCD liver allografts could be safely utilized and attain equivalent results as DBD-LT.

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### Abstract

The renewed interest in donation after cardio-circulatory death (DCD) started in the 1990s following the limited success of the transplant community to expand the donation after brain-death (DBD) organ supply and following the request of potential DCD families. Since then, DCD organ procurement and transplantation activities have rapidly expanded, particularly for non-vital organs, like kidneys. In liver transplantation (LT), DCD donors are a valuable organ source that helps to decrease the mortality rate on the waiting lists and to increase the availability of organs for transplantation despite a higher risk of early graft dysfunction, more frequent vascular and ischemia-type biliary lesions, higher rates of re-listing and re-transplantation and lower graft survival, which are obviously due to the



# How to start ?



# A dedicated multidisciplinary team

- Anesthetists
- Surgeons
- Intensivists
- Cardiologists
- Nurses
- Psychologist



# Donor selection

	CHU LIEGE
Maastricht Criteria	III
Age	$\leq 50$
PMH	No known cardiac diagnosis
Inotropic support	$< 0.3$ mcg/Kg/min of noradrenaline
LVEF	$> 50\%$
WIT	$\leq 30$ Minutes

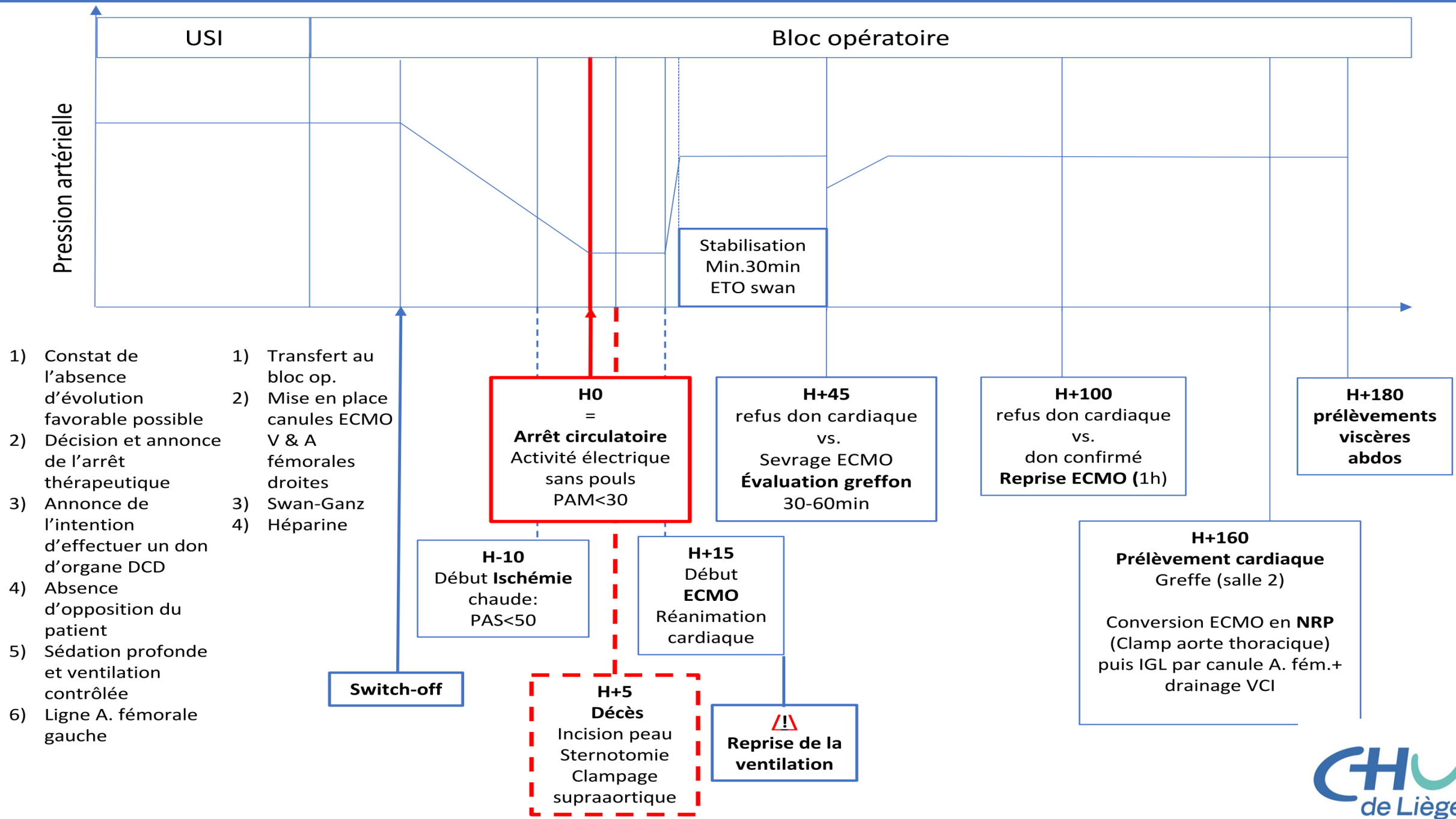
# Donor and recipient selection

- **Local donor and recipient at the beginning**
  - NRP
  - Short cold ischemic time
  - No need to use OCS
- **Extend to distal recipient with time and experience**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> recipient located in another center
  - NRP + cold storage



# Elaboration of a Protocol

	CHU LIEGE	Papworth
Localization of withdrawal of life support therapy	Operating Room	ICU or anesthesia Room
Analgesia and sedation	ICU: at the discretion of the physicians  OR: volatile anesthetic (sevoflurane)	
Normothermic regional perfusion	Premortem peripheral ECMO cannulas	Central NRP after the sternotomy
Heparin	IV 25000 UI bolus in the OR	30000 UI in the right atrium after the sternotomy
Circulatory arrest	Loss of arterial pulsatility and Mean arterial pressure < 30 mmHg	Mechanical asystole
Death	Circulatory arrest + 5 minutes	Circulatory arrest + 5 minutes
« Knife to skin »	Circulatory arrest + 5 minutes	Circulatory arrest + 5 minutes + OR transfer



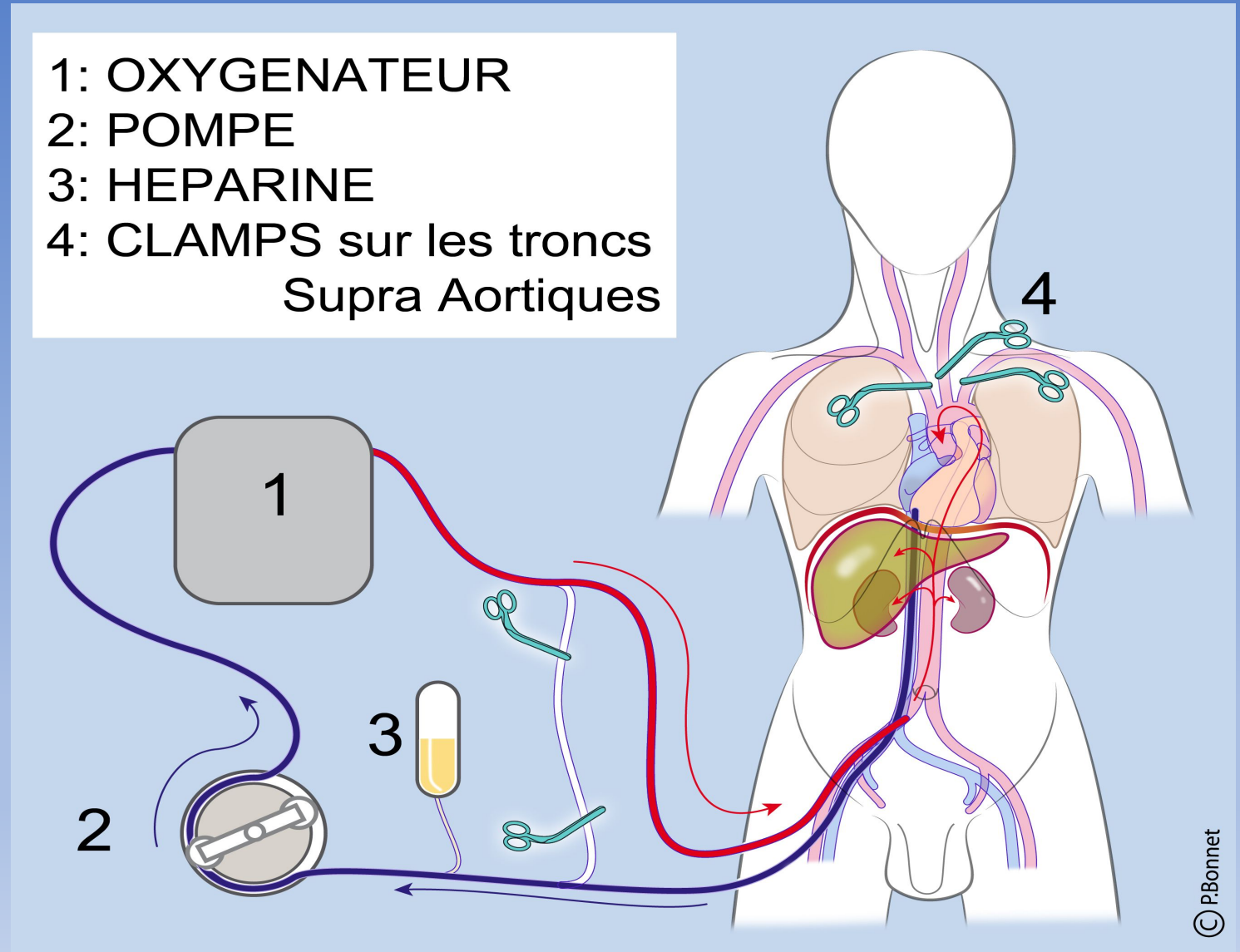
# protocol

- Transfer ICU → OR
- Premortem ECMO cannulas insertion
- WLST
- Circulatory arrest + 5 minutes
- Sternotomy and clamping of arch vessels
- Start of NRP

# Premortem Insertion of VA ECMO cannulas

- Minimize WIT
- Discussion with the ethics committee

1: OXYGENATEUR  
2: POMPE  
3: HEPARINE  
4: CLAMPS sur les troncs  
Supra Aortiques



# Donation after cardiac death: A 29-year experience

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donors in nearly all cases. Preapproval for femoral arterial and venous isolation or cannulation was included in the consent for DCD donation. Heparin, 10,000–30,000 units as well as 10–20 mg of

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## In Situ Preservation of Kidneys From Donors After Cardiac Death

### Results and Complications

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## Extracorporeal Support for Organ Donation after Cardiac Death Effectively Expands the Donor Pool

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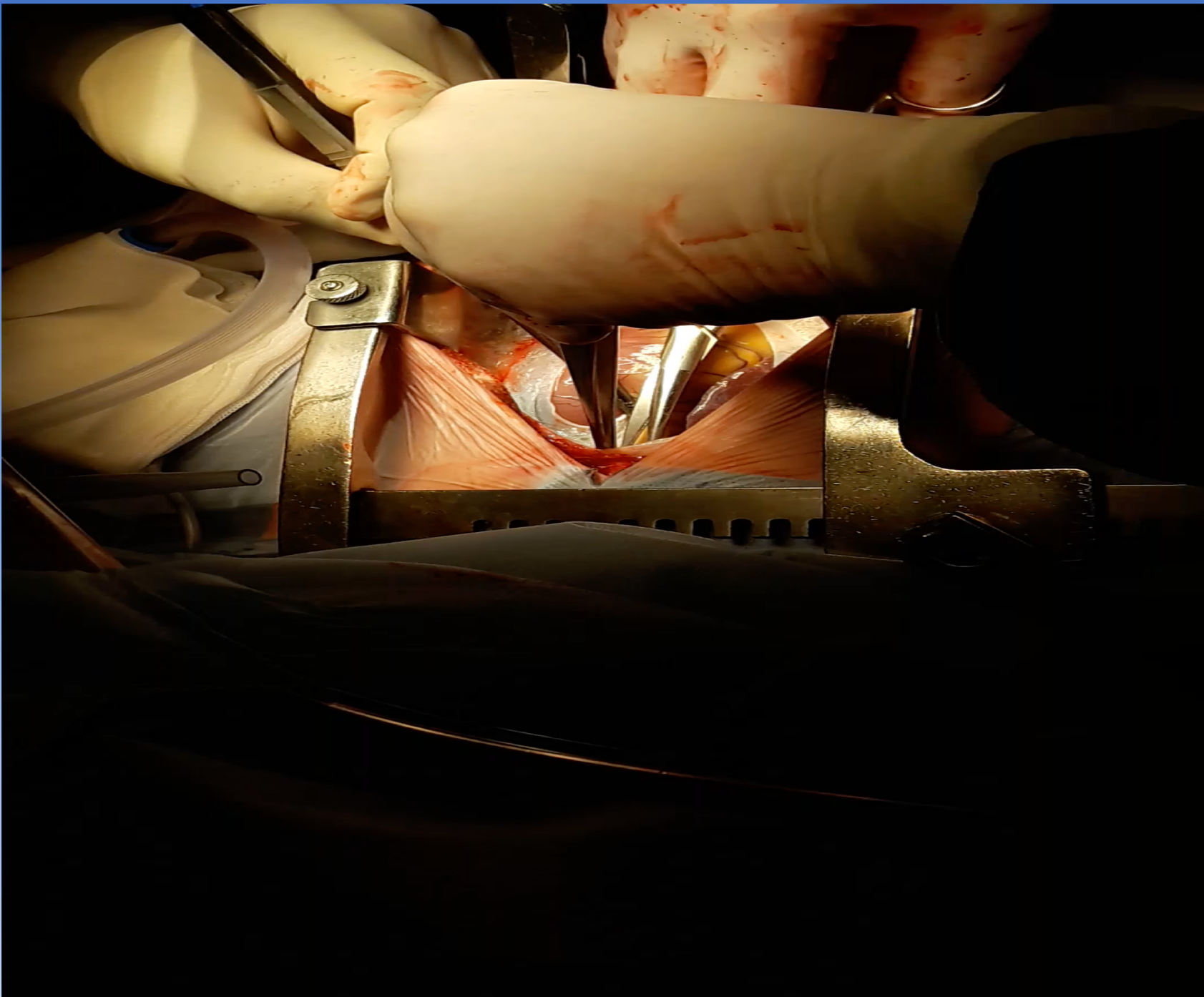
# Draft protocol by the belgian transplantation council and the belgian transplantation society

Extra-corporeal membrane oxygenation can be done in DCD donors following **pre-mortem cannulation** prior to or after withdrawal of life-sustaining therapy in controlled and declaration of death in uncontrolled DCD donors, respectively. Cannulas are introduced into the femoral vessels and connected to the circuit. Importantly, recirculation of blood to the brain should be avoided by means of a balloon inserted via the contralateral femoral artery and inflated at the level of the diaphragm. This also excludes the perfusion of the thoracic organs. ECMO is initiated and normothermic preservation installed; some groups maintain temperatures

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Final opinion

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relating to certain aspects of the  
'Donation after Circulatory Death' (DCD)  
draft protocol by the Belgian  
Transplantation Council and the Belgian  
Transplantation Society**



# Our experience

	Donor 1	Donor 2	Donor 3
Age (years)	24	48	12
Gender	Male	Male	Male
Height (cm)	183	177	162
Weight (Kg)	59	94	42
Cause of WLST	Intracerebral hemorrhage	Intracerebral hemorrhage	hypoxic cerebral damage post hanging



# Conclusion

- DCD donor heart transplantation is a clinical reality > expand the organ donor pool
- Dedicated team
- Good donor and recipient selection
- Simple Protocol
- Ethical issues.....

# Thank You



# Criteria for transplantation

- MAP >60 mmHg and maximum of 5ug/kg/min of dopamine
- Sinus rhythm
- CI >2.5 l/min/m<sup>2</sup>
- CVP>12 mmHg
- CWP<15 mmHg
- LVEF>50%
- TEE (no valvulopathy, no segmental cinetic anomaly)

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WLST to circulatory arrest (min)	18	15
FWIT (min)	7	11
Knife to skin to onset of NRP (min)	2	6
NRP duration (min)	20	20
Restoration of spontaneous sinus rhythm after NRP (min)	1	1

	RECIPIENT 1	RECIPIENT 2
age	64	59
gender	M	M
height	181	177
weight	64	90
Etiology of Heart failure	Ischemic cardiopathy	Ischemic cardiopathy
Pulmonary vascular resistance	1.8	1.49
Cold ischemic time	16	17
Warm ischemic time	30	53
Post-transplant support	Dobutamine 5u/kg/min	Dobutamine 5u/kg/min Noradrenalin Isuprel
ICU lenght of stay	14	32
Hopital stay	31	54