

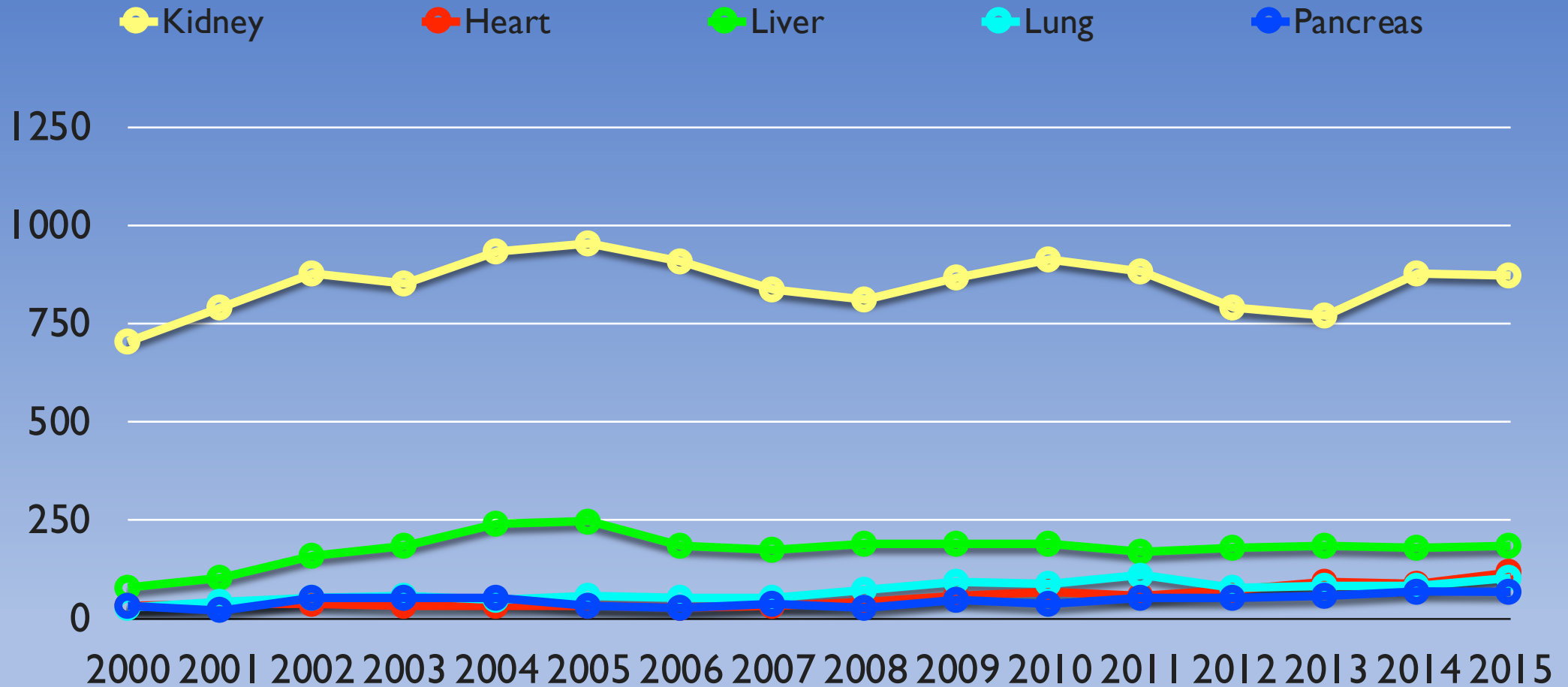
# Greffe cardiaque à partir de donneurs DCD: expérience du CHU de Liège

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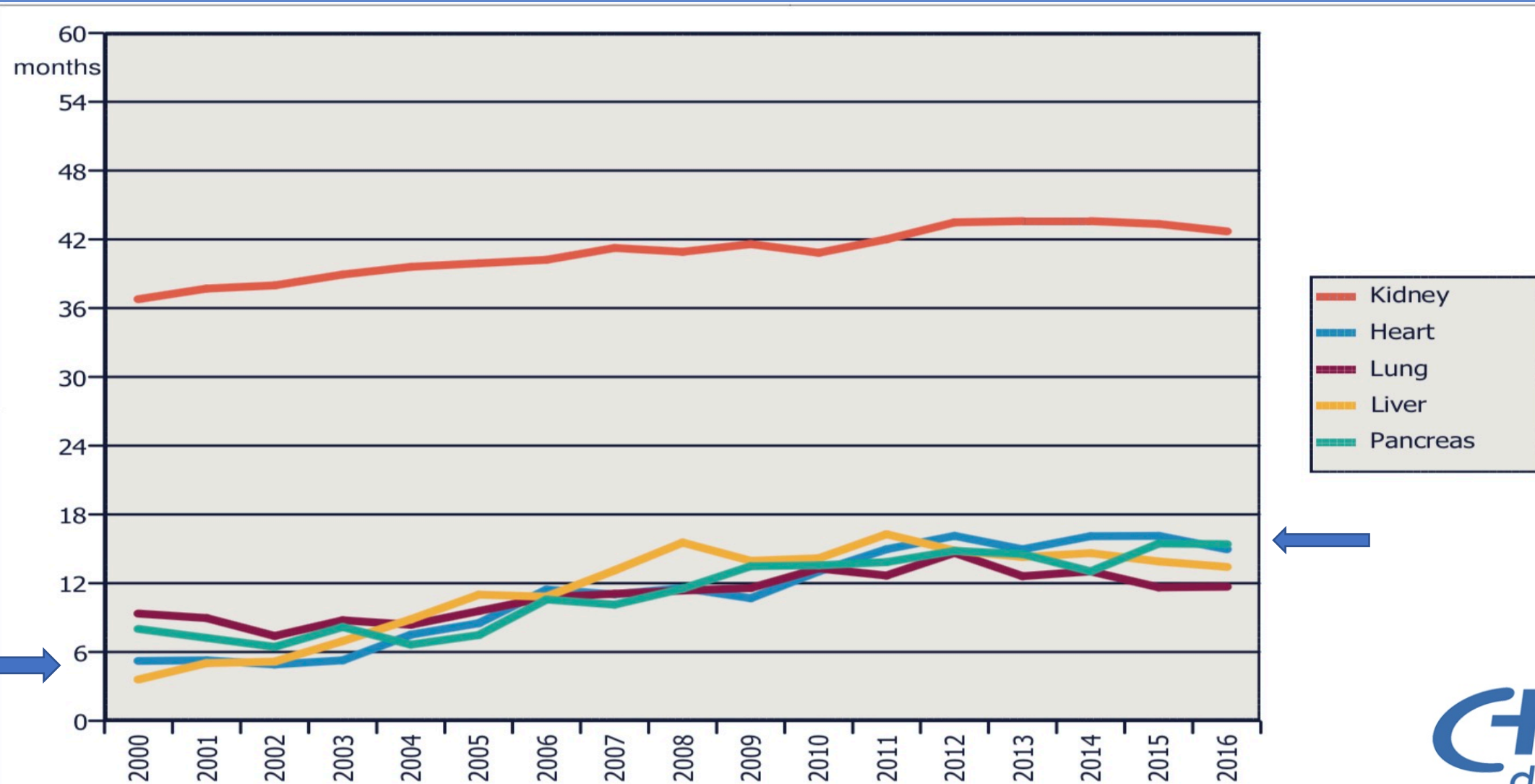
# Why a DCD heart transplantation program?

# 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

How to start ?

# Experience with DCD donors organs transplantation since 2002

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## Liver transplantation from donation after cardiac death donors: initial Belgian experience 2003–2007

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## 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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# 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 (initial experience)

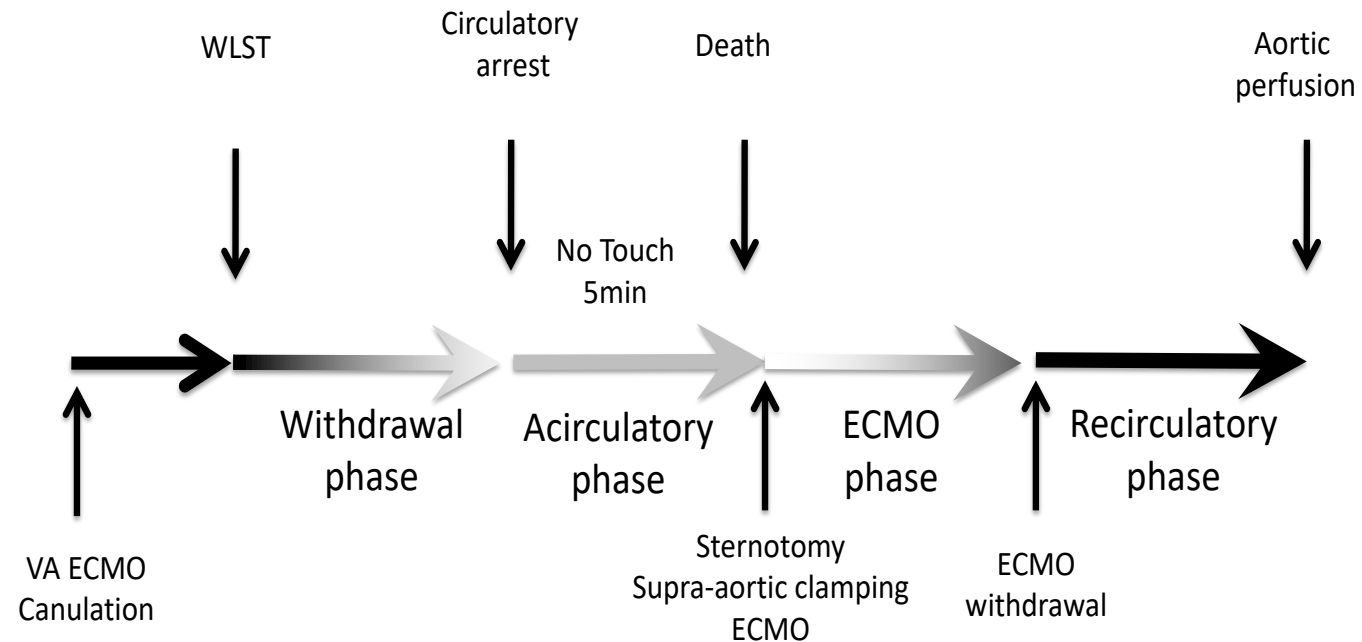
- **Local donor and recipient at the beginning**
  - NRP
  - Short cold ischemic time
  - No need to use OCS

# 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

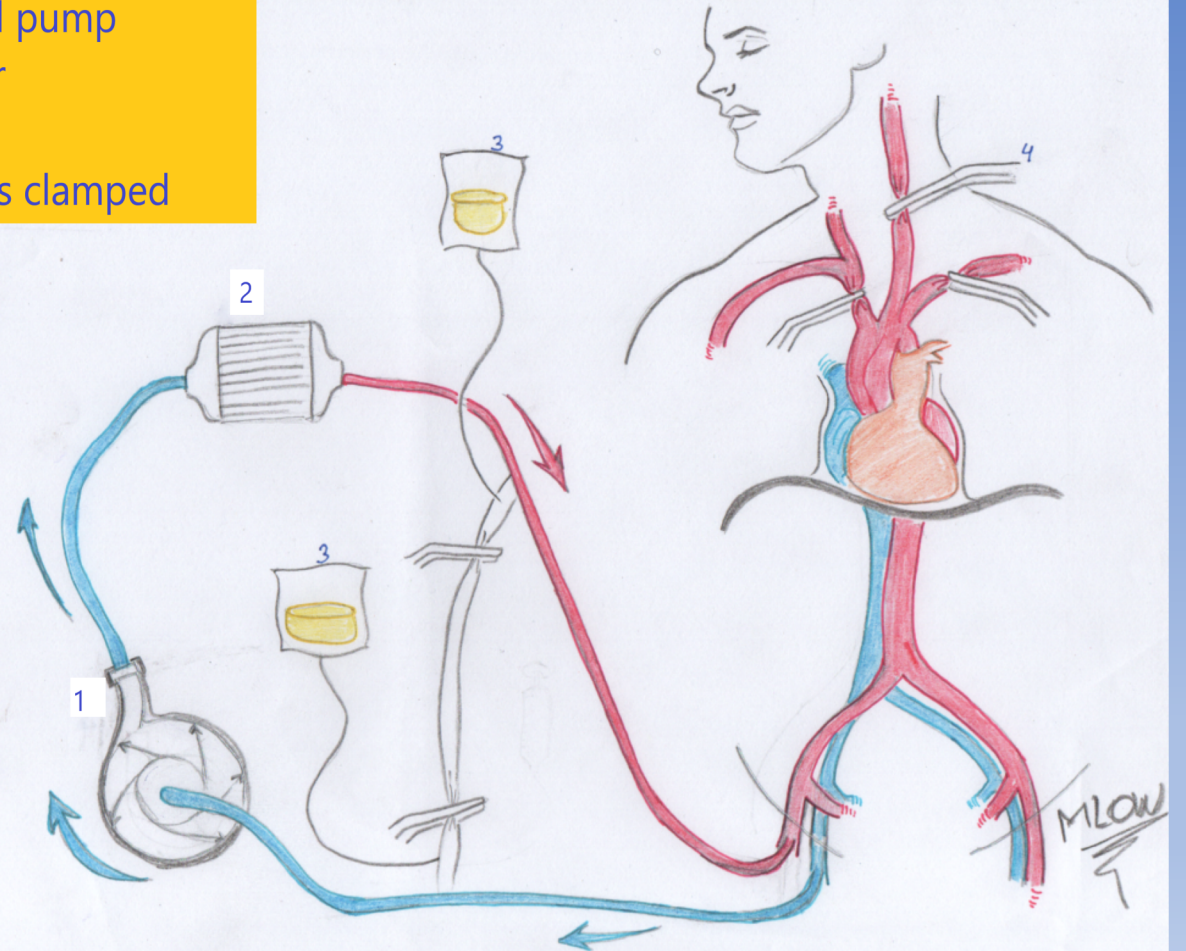
- Transfer ICU → OR
- Premortem ECMO cannulas insertion
- WLST
- Circulatory arrest + 5 minutes
- Sternotomy and clamping of arch vessels
- Start of NRP

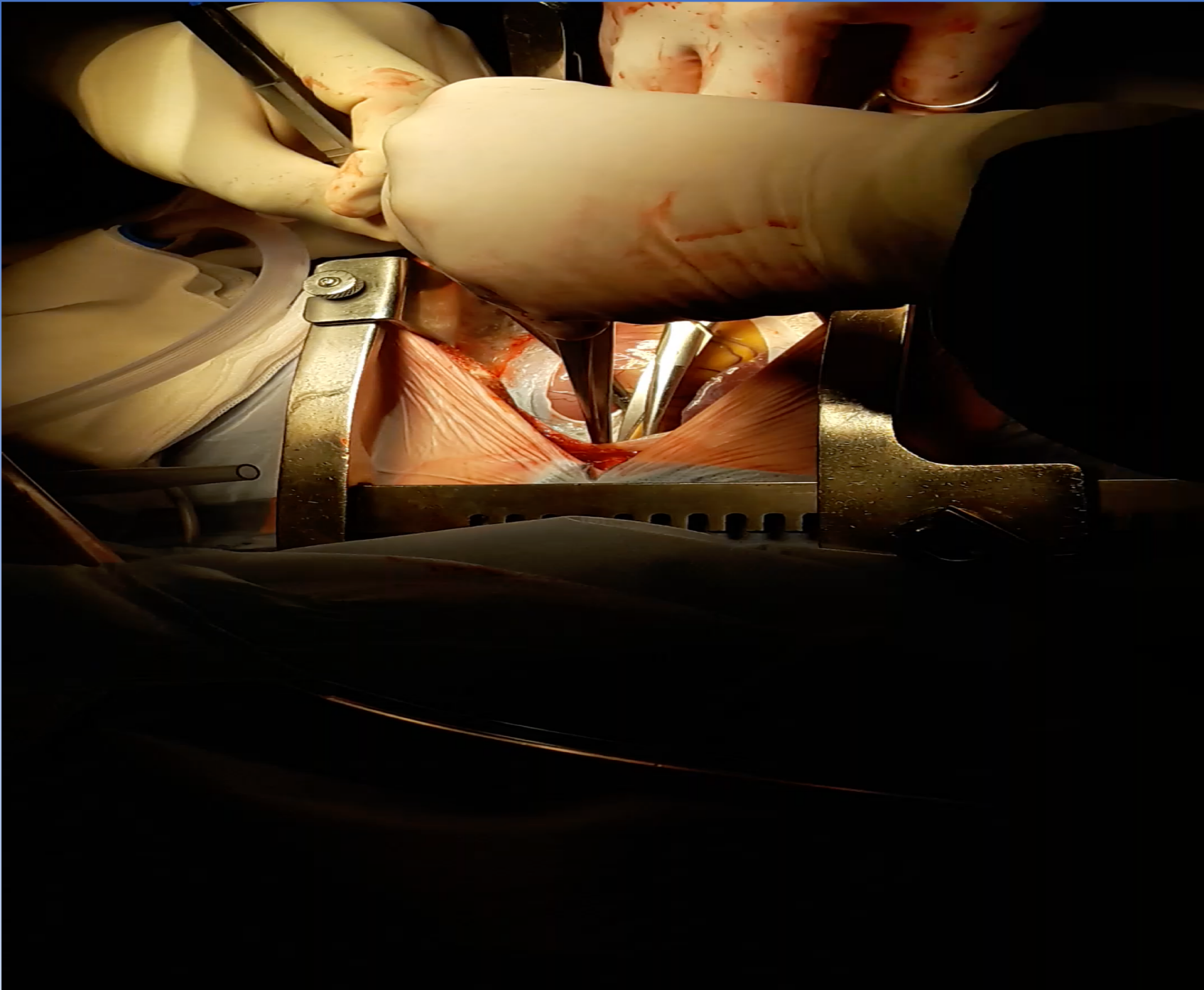


# Premortem Insertion of VA ECMO cannulas

- Minimize WIT
- Discussion with the ethics committee

1/ Centrifugal pump  
2/Oxygenator  
3/Heparin  
4/Arch vessels clamped





# Our experience

	Donor 1	Donor 2	
Age	24	48	
Gender	Male	Male	
Height (cm)	183	177	
Weight (kg)	59	94	
Cause of WLST	Intracerebral hemorrhage	Intracerebral hemorrhage	
WLST to circulatory arrest (min)	18	15	
Knife to skin to onset of NRP (min)	2	6	
WIT (min)	25	26	
NRP duration (min)	20	20	
Restoration of spontaneous sinus	1	1	

# 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)

	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