

***BREATHING WITHOUT OWN LUNGS
(ECMO AS BRIDGE TO LUNG TRANSPLANT)***

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CASE HISTORY

- A 49 year old lady k/c/o post covid lung fibrosis who was on oxygen support at 2 lit/min for 2 years
- Admitted in private hospital with c/o cough and breathlessness
- No H/O Fever/sputum production/prolonged immobilization
- On further evaluation diagnosed spontaneous pneumothorax on left side of chest due to rupture of one of the lung cyst.
- In spite of Left ICD insertion respiratory distress persisted. Hence taken on NIV and later taken On MV support and requiring vasopressor support.

- worsening hypoxia and hypercapnia i.e.type2 respiratory failure persisted inspite of appropriate ventilatory strategy.

(ABG showing Ph-6.9,pco2-120,po2=60,hco3-22)

- Attendants were counselled for urgent initiation of VV-ECMO
- She was referred to DPU hospital for lung transplant
- With the help of intensivists, CVTS surgeons and cardiac anaesthetists ECMO cannulation was planned

- ECMO cannulation was done(at bhosari)in right IJV and right femoral vein by seldinger technique under USG guidance.
- Transported on ECMO support to DPU on 15 june 2023(following ecmo transport checklist)
- Registered for super urgent lung transplant waiting list of maharashtra state.



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- Pt on VV ECMO with FiO₂-100%,RPM-2250, FLOW-3.58 lit/min, Sweep gas- 4 lit/min, Delta pressure-16mmhg
- Pt tracheostomised and sedated with inj dexmed @ 8mcg/hr. Taken on MV support (control mode) with Fio₂ 40+PEEP5+RATE10+VT 150ml (Lung rest ventilation)
- Vitals : HR-104bpm,IBP-102/67mmhg,CVS-S1&S2+,RS-BAE+,spo₂-100%
- Pt started on BIVALIRUDIN Infusion @ 1.5mg/hr
- aPTT MAINTAINED between 45-60 sec



- Within few days patient improved hemodynamically & oxygenation status got better. Gradually ambulated to sit on chair and made to walk with support with ongoing ECMO



FURTHER COURSE

- Pt had fever spikes, tachycardia and increasing need of inotropes. (Norad&vasopressin)
- Biochemical profile-TLC had gone up and showed neutrophilic predominance. Procal Elevated and there is worsening of shock
- Appropriate cultures were sent
- Blood c/s –klebsiella oxytoca
- Urine c/s – Acinetobacter baumannii complex
- Antibiotics escalated as per c&s reports.

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PRN = 1291396
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 First name = ANITA
 Last name = SHARMA
 Age = 40
 Sex = f
 Diagnosis = POST COVID LUNG FIBROSIS

Location = CVTS ICU
 HoD/HoU = DR RAHUL
 Department = CVTS
 Specimen number = B-4568
 Specimen date = 26-Jun-2023
 Specimen type = Blood

TEST DONE CULTURE/SUSCEPTIBILITY
 Organism = Klebsiella oxytoca

Amikacin	R	32 mcg/ml	Amoxicillin/Clavulanic acid	R	32 mcg/ml
Ampicillin/Sulbactam	R	32 mcg/ml	Aztreonam	R	
Cefepime	R	32 mcg/ml	Cefoperazone/Sulbactam	R	64 mcg/ml
Ceftazidime/Avibactam	R	16 mcg/ml	Ceftolozane/Tazobactam	R	32 mcg/ml
Ceftriaxone	R	64 mcg/ml	Ciprofloxacin	R	4 mcg/ml
Colistin	I	0.5 mcg/ml	Doxycycline	I	8 mcg/ml
Gentamicin	R	16 mcg/ml	Imipenem	R	8 mcg/ml
Meropenem	R	16 mcg/ml	Piperacillin/Tazobactam	R	128 mcg/ml
Polymyxin B	I	1 mcg/ml	Tetracycline	R	16 mcg/ml
Tigecycline	S	0.5 mcg/ml	Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole	S	20 mcg/ml
Netilmicin	R	32 mcg/ml			

Carbapenemase Positive
 Comment MBL PRODUCER

R = Resistant I = Intermediate S = Susceptible

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- Aerobic blood culture bottle from central line grew *Klebsiella oxytoca*.

- Ceftazidime/Avibactam Aztreonam synergy - 0.25

Phenotypic Synergy testing of CZA with Aztreonam is performed to detect synergy effect of the combination against Metallo Beta lactamase producing bacteria. The MIC of the synergistic combination should be interpreted as absolute MIC of the synergistic combination as it is next to show reduced MIC because of synergistic effect.

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ST DONE CULTURE/SUSCEPTIBILITY
Organism = Acinetobacter calcoaceticus-baumannii complex

Amikacin	R 64 mcg/ml	Cefepime	R 32 mcg/ml
Cefoperazone/Sulbactam	I 32 mcg/ml	Ceftazidime	R 64 mcg/ml
Ciprofloxacin	R 4 mcg/ml	Colistin	<u>I</u> 0.5 mcg/ml
Gentamicin	R 16 mcg/ml	Imipenem	R 16 mcg/ml
Meropenem	R 16 mcg/ml	Minocycline	<u>S</u> 2 mcg/ml
Piperacillin/Tazobactam	R 128 mcg/ml	Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole	R 320 mcg/ml

Colony forming unit >10⁵/mL
Carbapenemase Positive
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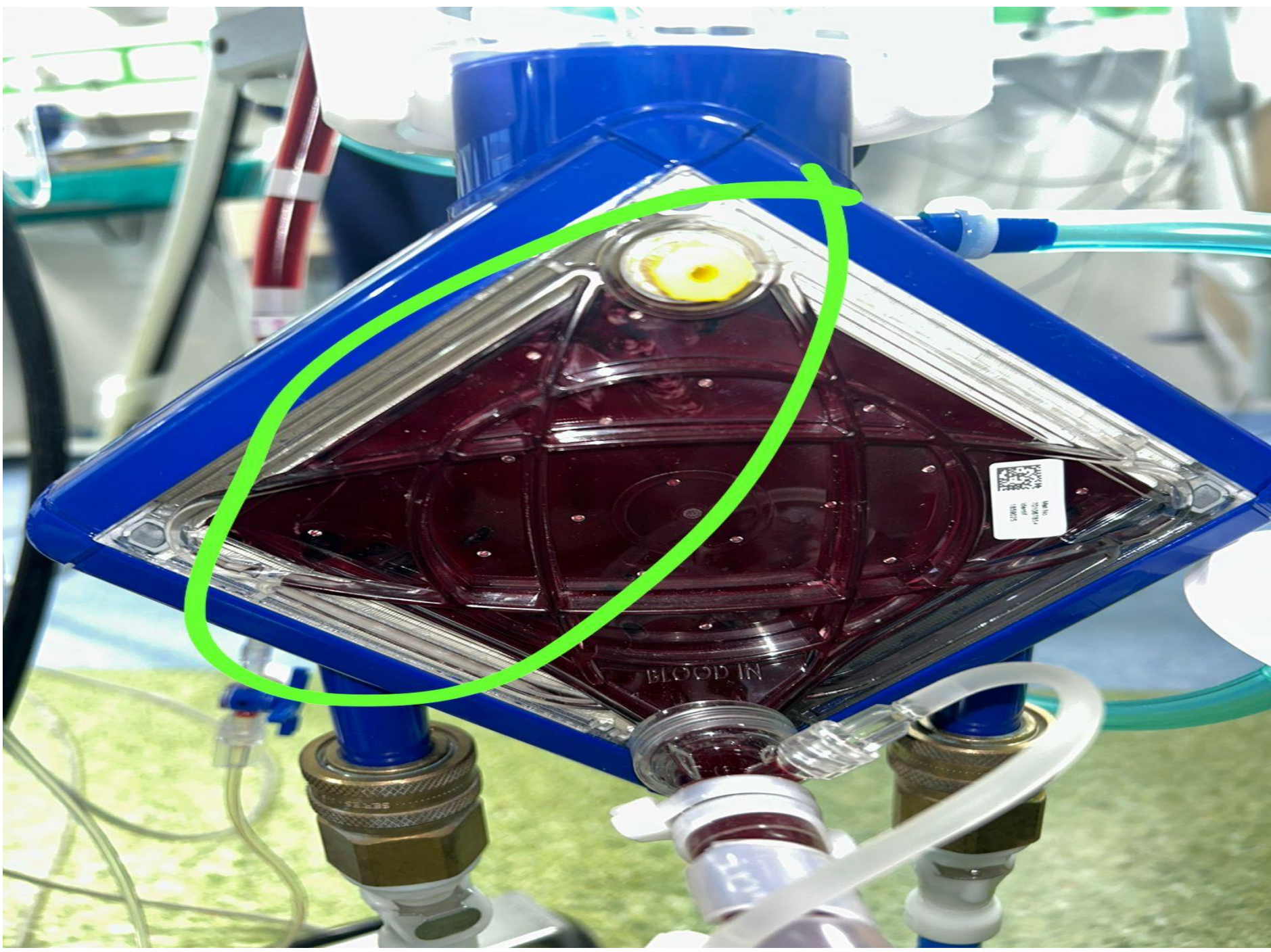
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- Acinetobacter baumannii complex is intrinsically resistant to Ampicillin, Amoxicillin, Amoxicillin + Clavulanic acid, Estapenem, Aztreonam, Trimethoprim, Chloramphenicol.

- Pt had vaginal discharge. High vaginal swab sent for c/s(negative). Metronidazole added.
- Pt had 4 episodes of loose stools&elevated LFT's – Sepsis induced. Minocycline and voriconazole stopped.
- Pt had thrombocytopenia- 1 SDP transfused.
- Pt had VPC's- hypokalemia and hypomagnesemia corrected.
- Circuit along with oxygenator changed after 2 weeks.



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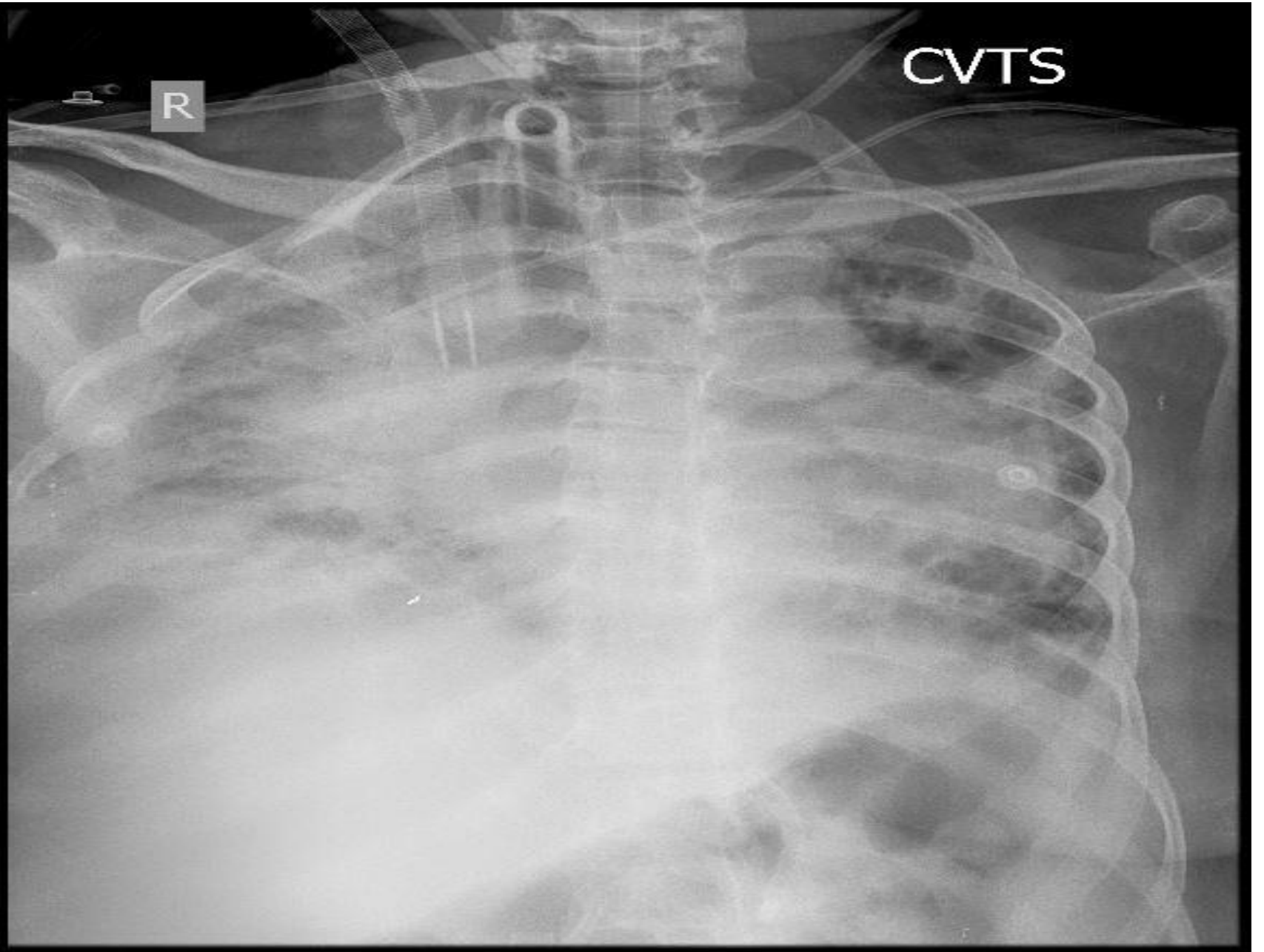


Replace Battery Immediately

Bed2

Adult - ID Unknown

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MEDICATIONS

MEROPENEM

TEICOPLANIN

MINOCYCLINE

POLYMYXIN B

FLUCONAZOLE

VORICONAZOLE

METRONIDAZOLE

RIFAXIMIN

PANTOPRAZOLE

GLUTATHIONE

URSODEOXYCHOLIC ACID

OSELTAMIVIR

TOBRAMYCIN NEB

LACTOFERRIN+BACILLUS

CLAUSII CAPSULES

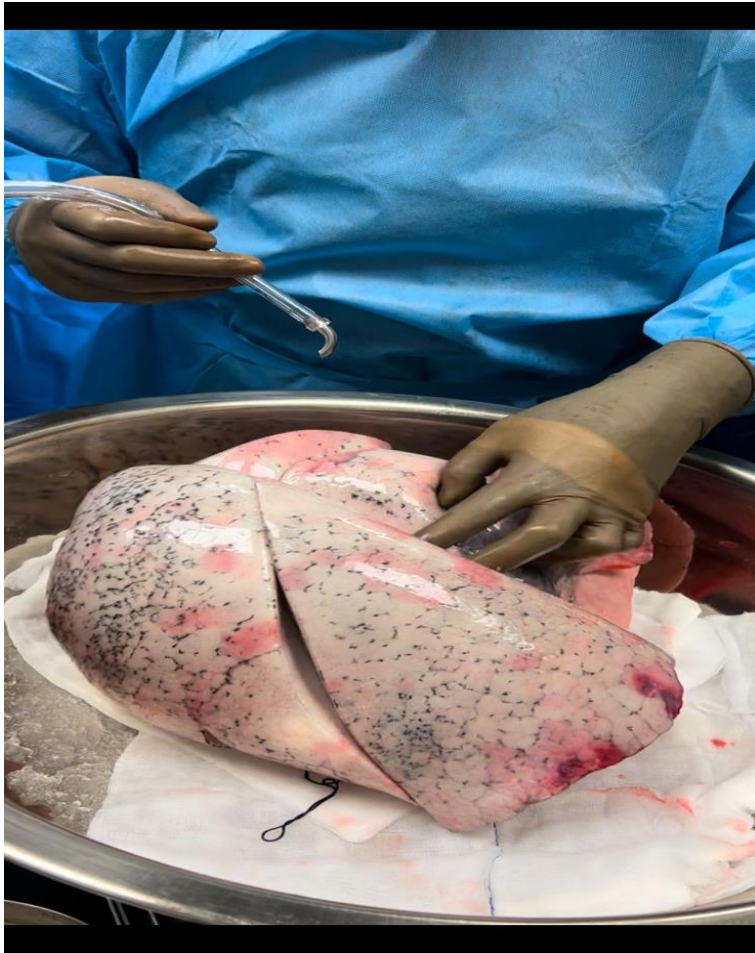
CEFTAZIDIME+AVIBACTAM

AZTREONAM

DAYS ON ECMO:20



B/L LUNG TRANSPLANTATION DONE



- Pt shifted from OT on minimal inotropic support (norad,adr) ,NAC infusion,Frusemide infusion and NO (24 ppm)
- Gradually inotropic support tapered off
- Nitric oxide slowly tapered off and tab.SILDENAFIL added to combat PAH
- Pt thoracic cavity was kept open and closed on third day.
- Underwent post transplant rehabilitation intially in icu and her ventilatory support was weaned.

- Later oxygen support was also tapered and stopped and was on intermittent Bipap support as per protocol
- Underwent regular physiotherapy during the stay
- Regular bronchoscopies were done for therapeutic toileting and BAL sample sent for R/M and C/S.
- Antibiotics and anti-infective prophylaxis and immunosuppressants managed as per standard post transplant protocol



SONY

IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS

- Intravenous Immunoglobulins
 - Inj.MPS
 - T.Tacrolimus
 - T.Mycophenolate mofetil
 - T.Wysolone
- Serum tacrolimus levels are monitored every alternate day and dose adjusted accordingly

ANTI-BIOTICS

- CEFTAZIDIME+ AVIBACTAM
- AZTREONAM
- MEROPENEM
- TEICoplanin
- PIPERACILLIN+TAZOBACTAM
- CEFUROXIME

ANTI-INFECTIVE PROPHYLAXIS

- T.TRIMETHOPRIM/SULFAMETHOXAZOLE
- T.VALGANCYCLOVIR
- T.VORICONAZOLE
- MUPIROCIN OINTMENT

CARDIAC DRUGS

- ECOSPIRIN
- APIXABAN
- FRUSEMIDE
- ACETAZOLAMIDE
- IVABRADINE

GI DRUGS

- ESMOPRAZOLE
- ITOPRIDE
- DOMPERIDONE
- PANTOPRAZOLE
- LACTULOSE SYRUP

NUTRITION

- Polymeric enteral high protein diet is recommended
- MCT are also supplemented
- Vitamins and trace elements are also supplemented
- Electrolyte correction done accordingly.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

- Psychological and emotional support is must
- Anti-depressants were given(T.QUETIAPINE)

TEAM WORK



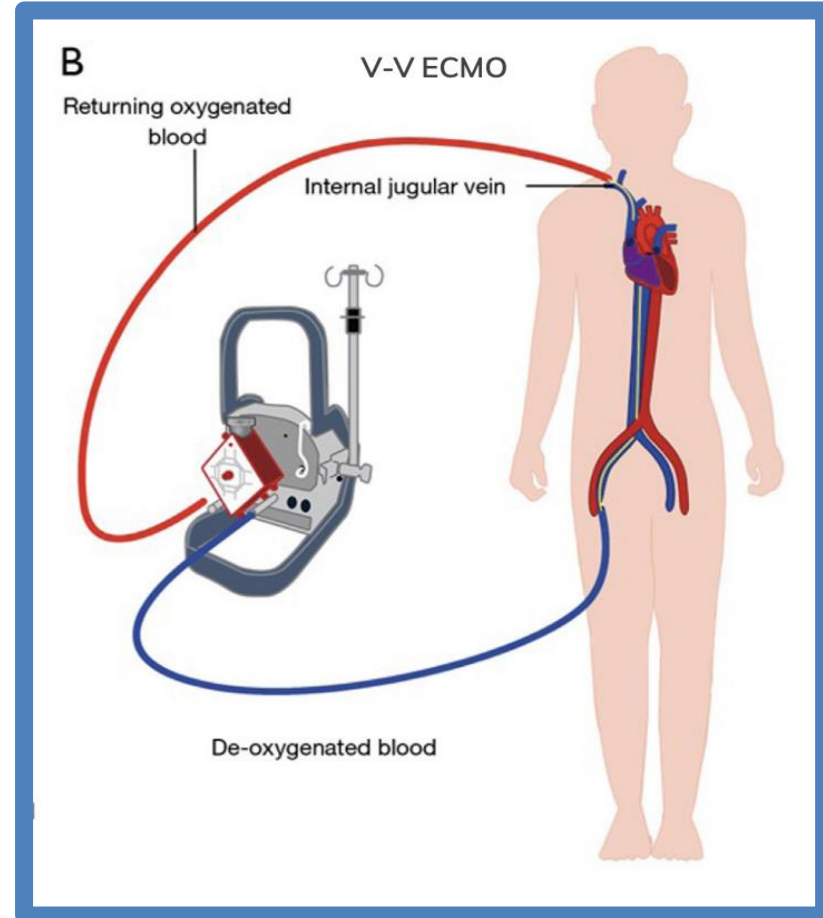
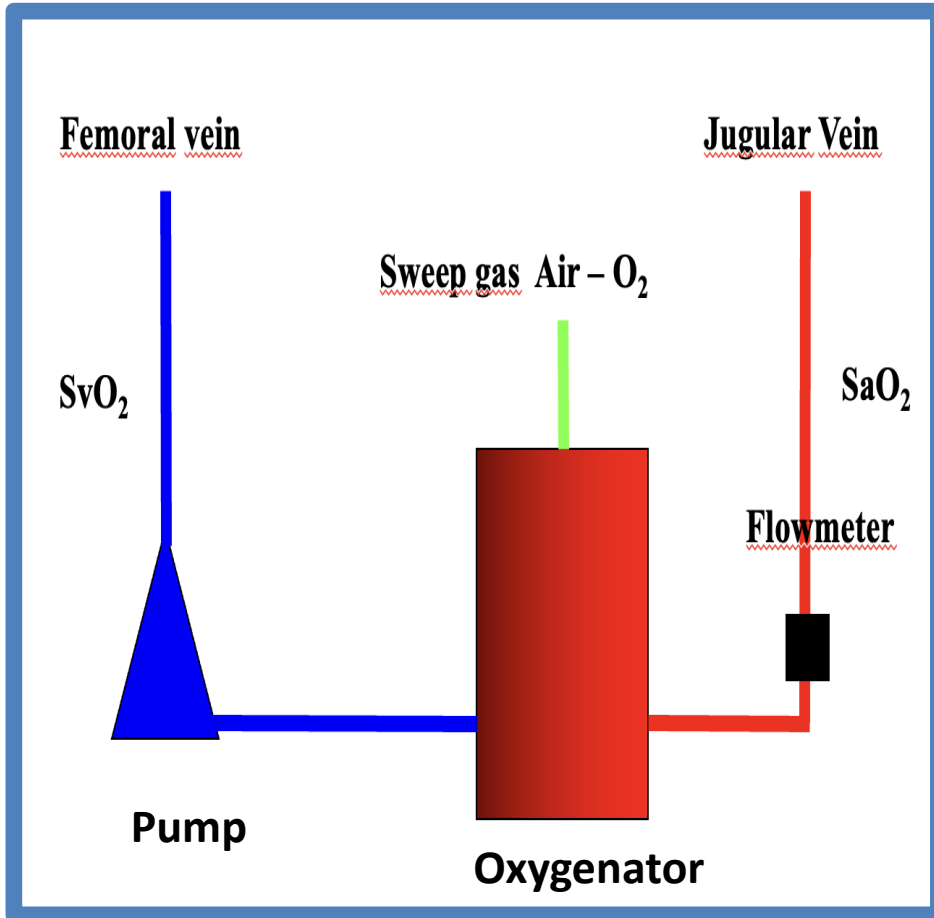
ECLS systems

Nomenclature

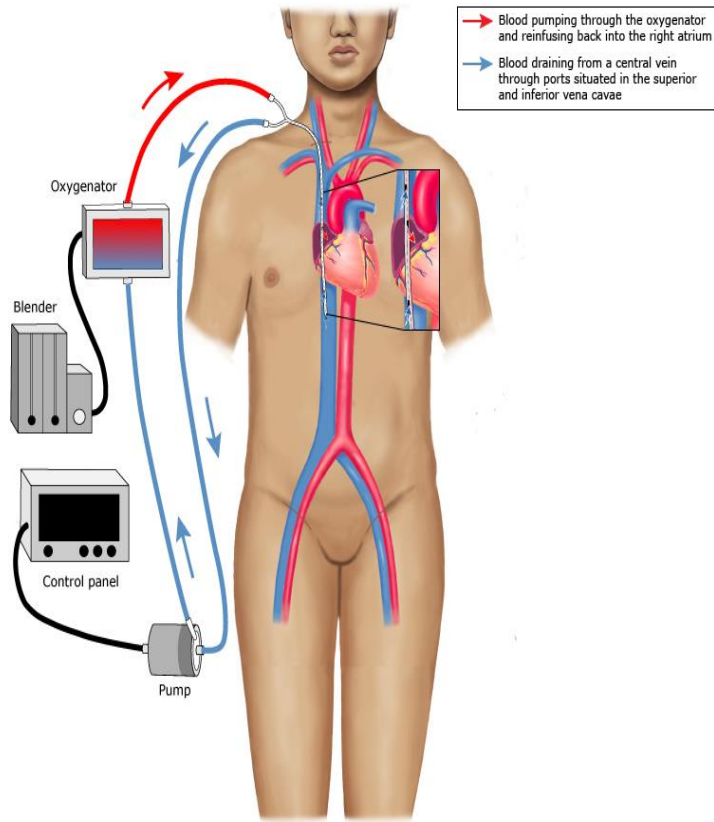
	Extracorporeal Life Support (ECLS)				
SYSTEM	Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO)			Extracorporeal Carbon Dioxide Removal (ECCO ₂ R)	
SUPPORT MODE	VA ECMO	VVA ECMO	VV ECMO	VV ECCO ₂ R	AV ECCO ₂ R
CONDITION	Cardiac failure	Cardiorespiratory failure	Respiratory failure	CO ₂ retention	
APPLICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiac ECMO • ECPR • EISOR 	Cardiac and respiratory ECMO	Respiratory ECMO	Lung protection	

VV ECMO

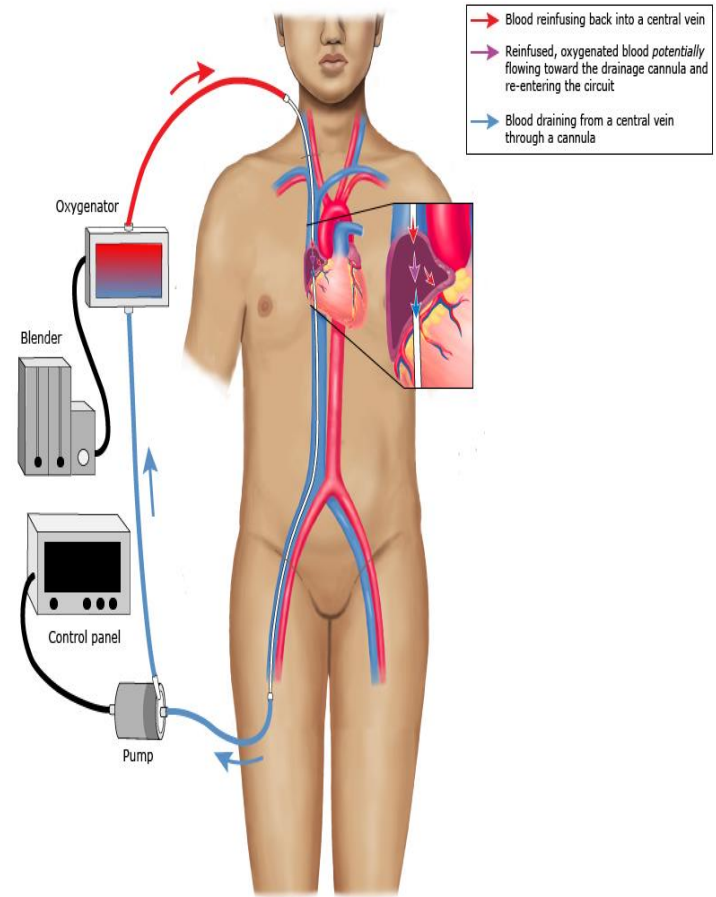
VV CIRCUIT



Single site venovenous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation



Two-site venovenous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation



VV ECMO PHYSIOLOGY

- CO₂ clearance is relatively easy
- O₂ delivery is the key and can be troublesome
- Goal diversion of venous blood is 75% or greater (goal 50 cc/kg/min in adults)
- Needs large drainage cannula
- If lungs nonfunctional sats will be in the 80s

Determinants of Oxygenation on ECMO

Oxygenation	CO ₂ removal
Blood flow rate (L/minute; ie, blood flow entering membrane from the pump)	Sweep gas flow rate (L/minute; ie, fresh gas [mix of oxygen and air] flowing into the membrane)
Blood flow:cardiac output ratio*	Blood flow rate (L/minute) (ie, blood flow entering membrane from the pump) CO ₂ removal will be more dependent on blood flow rate at lower flow rates (eg, <3 L/minute)
Diffusion properties of the membrane [¶] Membrane lung surface area and design	Diffusion properties of the membrane [¶] Membrane lung surface area and design
Native lung gas exchange ^Δ	Native lung gas exchange ^Δ
Degree of recirculation [◇]	Partial pressure of CO ₂ entering the membrane lung
Dual circulation/competitive flow phenomenon [§]	

Indications of VV-ECMO

- RESPIRATORY FAILURE (not manageable by conventional therapy)
- As a bridge for Lung Transplantation
- Primary graft dysfunction after Lung Transplant
- ECMO is also used for neonatal and pediatric respiratory support – HMD
 - Meconium aspiration syndrome
 - Congenital diaphragmatic hernia

Murray Score

Murray Score = Average Score of all 4 parameters

Parameter/ Score	0	1	2	3	4
PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ (on 100% FiO ₂)	< 300 mmHg (> 40kPa)	225-299 (30-40)	175-224 (23-30)	100-174 (13-23)	< 100 (< 13)
CXR	Normal	1 point per quadrant infiltrated			
PEEP	≤ 5	6-8	9-11	12-24	≥ 15
Compliance ml/cm H ₂ O)	≥ 80	60-79	40-59	20-39	≤ 19

EOLIA CRITERIA

- One of the 3 following disease severity criteria
 - $\text{PaO}_2:\text{FIO}_2 < 50$ mmHg for >3 hours
 - Despite potential use of inhaled NO, recruitment maneuvers
 - Prone position, HFO ventilation, almitrine infusion
 - $\text{PaO}_2:\text{FIO}_2 < 80$ mmHg for >6 hours
 - Despite similar criteria as above
 - $\text{pH} < 7.25$ with $\text{PaCO}_2 \geq 60$ mmHg for >6 hours
 - Resulting from MV settings to keep $\text{Pplat} \leq 32$ cm H_2O
 - Despite respiratory rate increased to 35/minute

Contraindications

Absolute

Severe irreversible noncardiac organ failure or condition limiting survival (eg, severe anoxic brain injury, end-stage malignancy)

No transition to a well-defined end point (eg, recovery, transplantation, assist device; "a bridge to nowhere")

Severe aortic insufficiency*

Aortic dissection*

Relative Contra Indications

Severe coagulopathy or contraindication to anticoagulation

Limited vascular access*

Severe PAD*

Advanced age[¶]

Morbid obesity[¶]

Severe immunocompromised status

Advanced comorbid conditions that would otherwise limit recovery

Prolonged duration of mechanical ventilation (eg, ≥ 7 days)^Δ

Lack of resources to support ECMO-associated care

VV-ECMO scores

MV < 7 days

Impaired compliance

Prone positioning

Immunocompromised status

Neuromuscular blockade

Organ dysfunction

Influenza-related ARDS

Older age

Protective factor

Risk factor

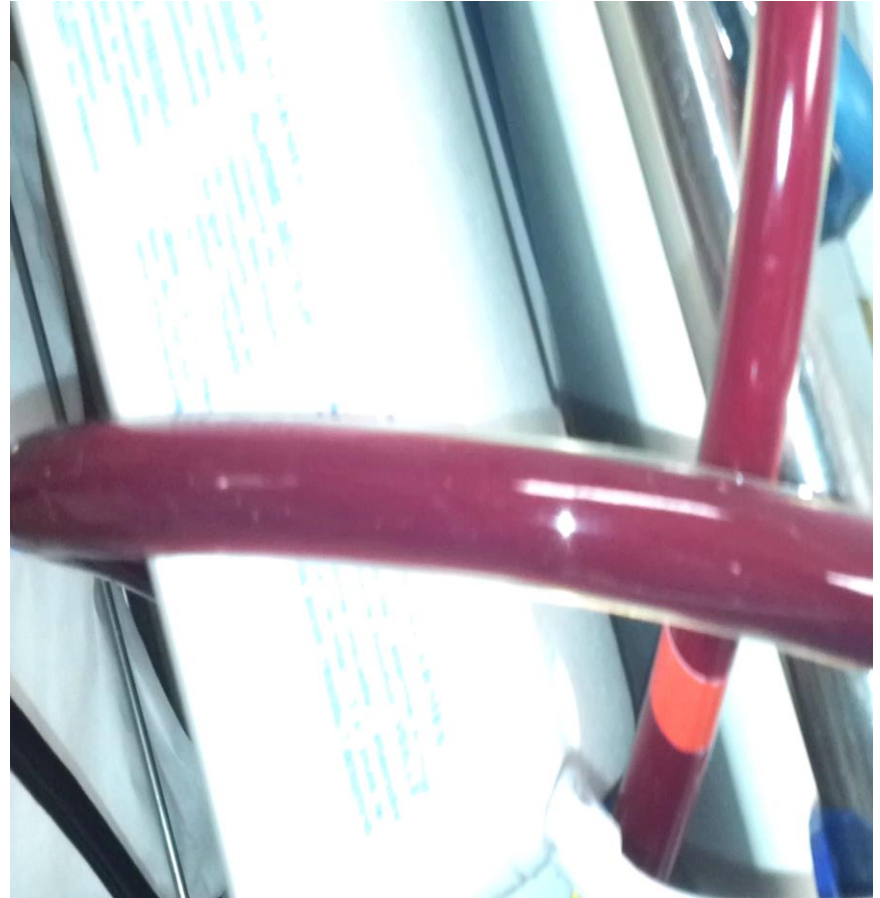
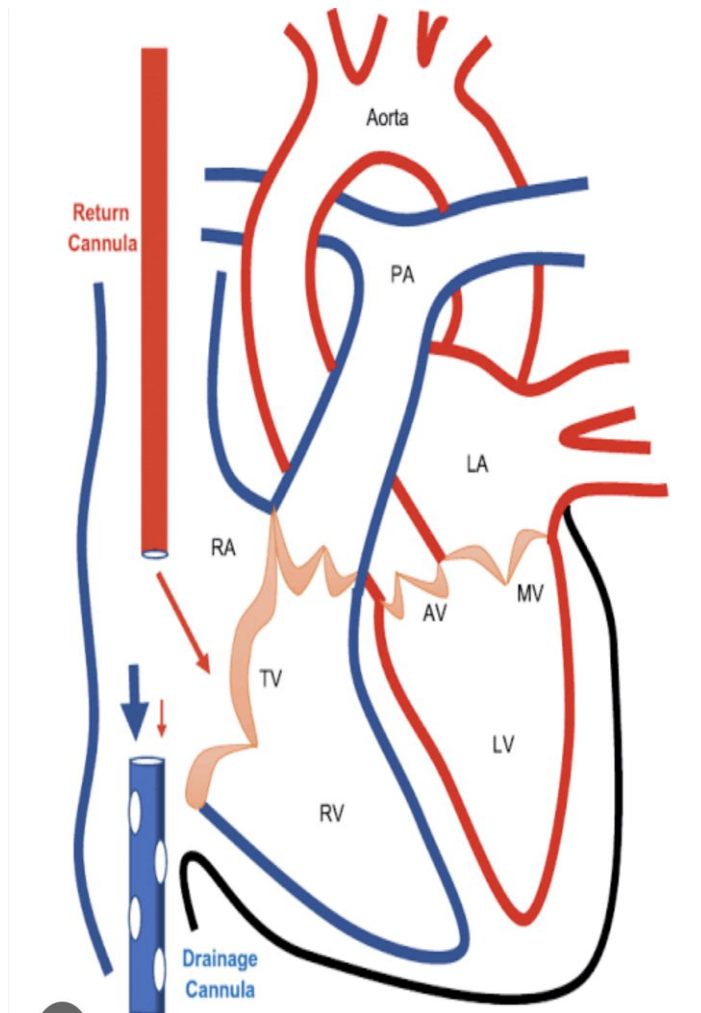
Complications - Mechanical

- Pump
- Membrane failure
- Air embolism
- Catheter related vascular or cardiac perforation
- Circuit clotting & Haemolysis

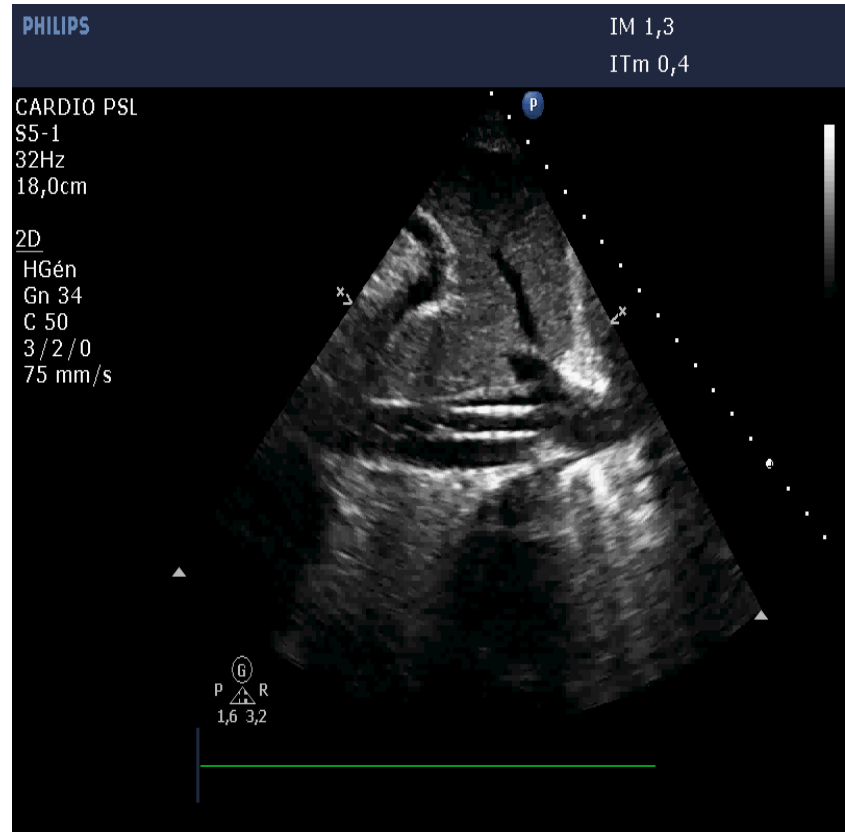
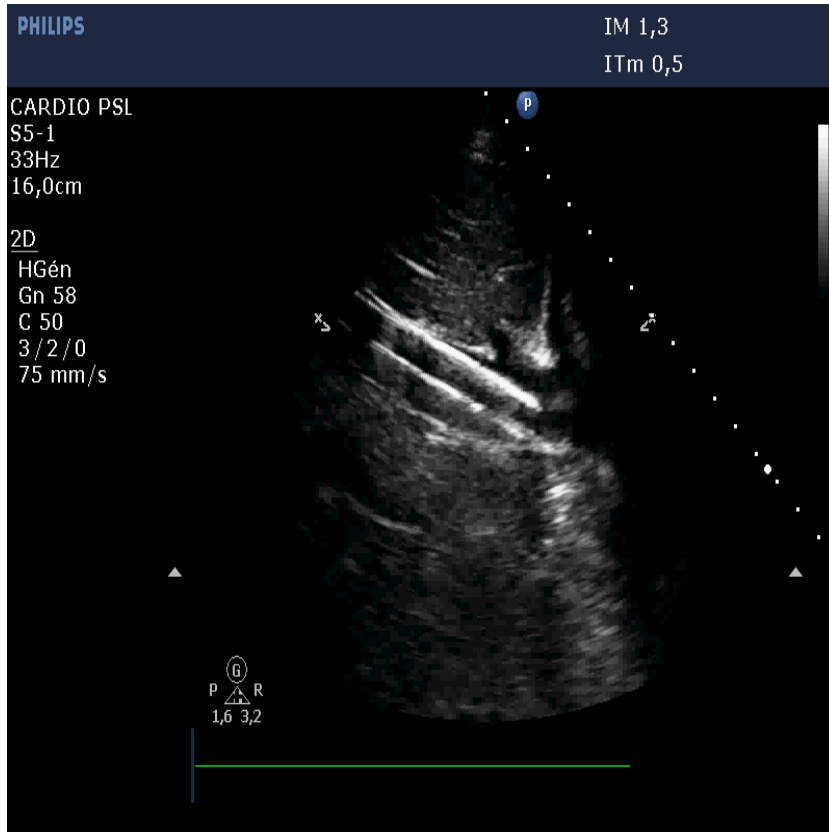
Complications

- Bleeding
 - Cerebral hemorrhage or stroke
 - Surgical site hemorrhage
- Ischemia & end organ multi-organ failure
 - Stroke & Limb Ischemia
 - Renal failure
 - Lung injury or failure of lung recovery
- Skin ulcerations
- Infection & systemic inflammatory syndrome
- Exposure to transfusions and other blood products
- Pain, delirium, fear, awareness if awake & NMB

Recirculation



USG to verify position of the cannulas



Tip of the venous cannula at the inferior vena cava- right atrium junction

ECMO and Lung Tx

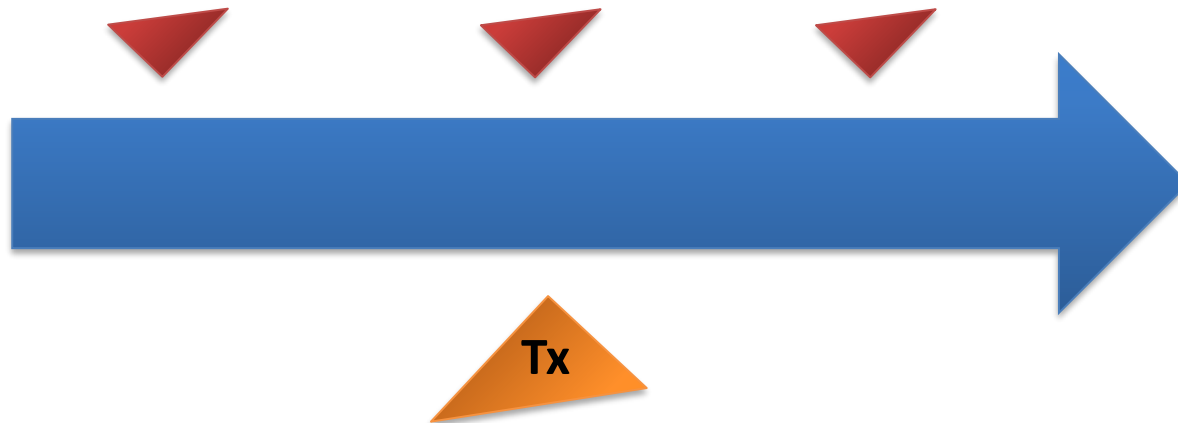
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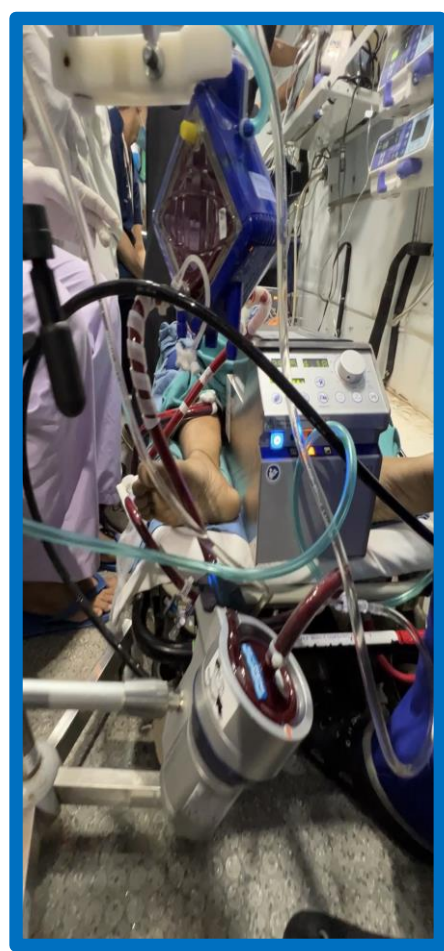
After

“Bridge to Tx”

Primary graft dysfunction



VV ECMO as a BRIDGE to Lung transplant – Our Experience





**THANK
YOU**
for
**LISTENING TO
MY PRESENTATION**