

Risk of Cardiac Ischemia in respiratory failure patients using upper body venoarterial extracorporeal membrane oxygenation: A computational study

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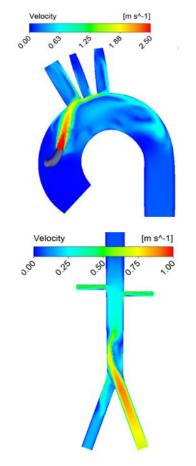
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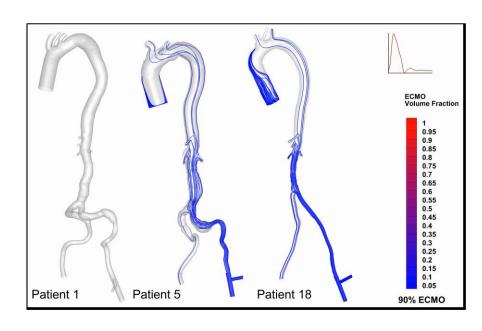
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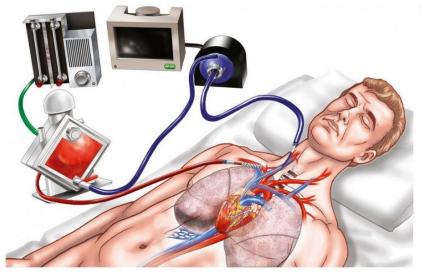


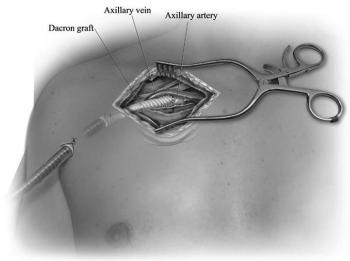


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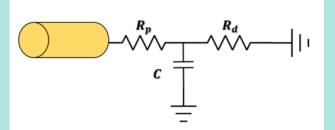
### ECMO to Bridge Upper Body Venoarterial Approach

- Transplant centers motivated to maintain transplant candidates
- Bridge patients with end-stage lung disease complicated by pulmonary hypertension/RV failure
  - profoundly challenging as they have both lung failure and circulatory failure -> the optimal approach is unknown
- Shunt blood around the cardiopulmonary circulation and off load the RV while simultaneously providing for gas exchange

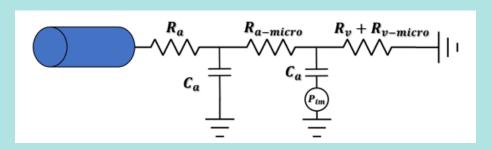


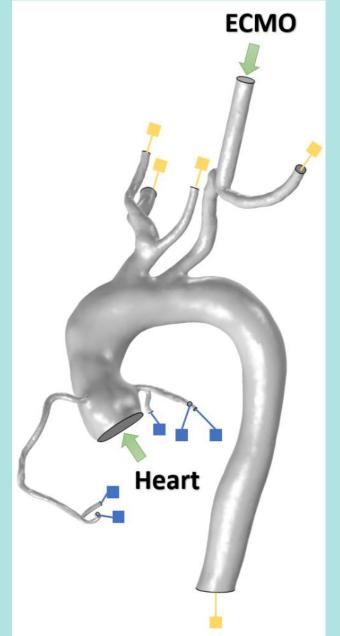






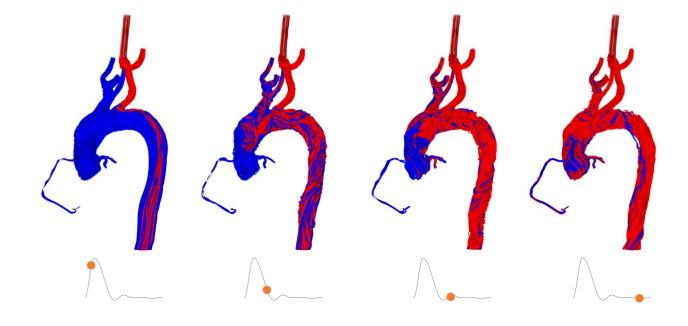
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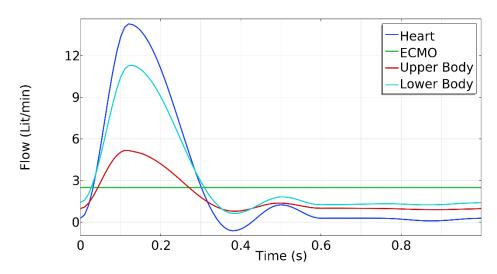




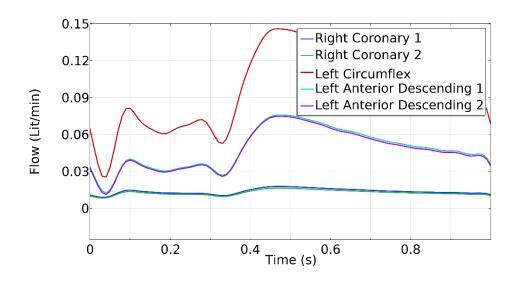
### Results Hemodynamics



#### **Blood Flow rate**



#### **Coronary perfusion**

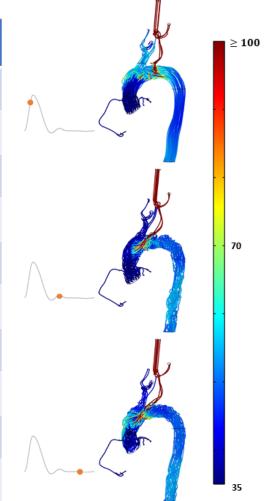




### Results Oxygen Transport

Perfusion with low-oxygen blood!!

	Artery	Area-time average of oxygen pp (mmHg)	
Lower Body	Descending Thoracic Aorta	51.575	•
Upper Body	Left subclavian	400	/\<
	Left carotid	41.565	
	Right carotid	41.741	
	Right subclavian	43.179	$\wedge$
Coronary Arteries	Right coronary 1	35.595	
	Right coronary 2	35.568	
	Left Circumflex	36.726	
	Left Anterior Descending 1	36.515	$\wedge$
	Left Anterior Descending 2	36.407	





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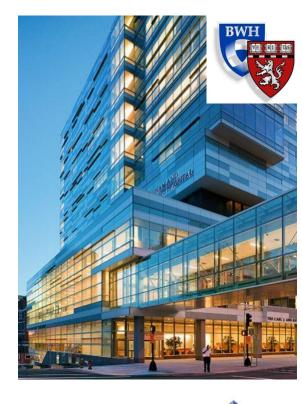


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