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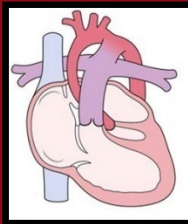
**Hypoplastic left heart syndrome  
(HLHS)**

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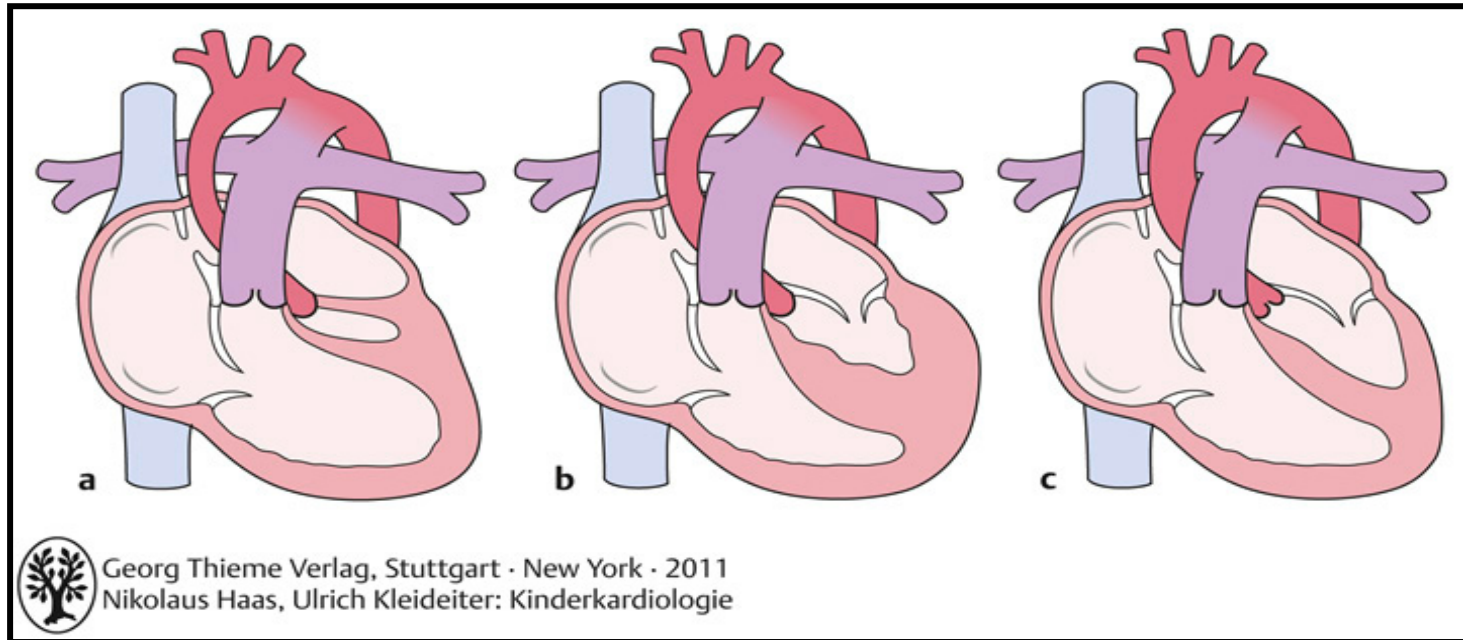
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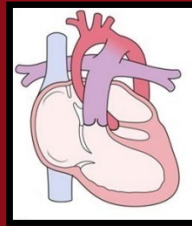


## Hypoplastisches Linksherzsyndrom



### Typical forms:

Mitral atresia/Aortic atresia	(MA/AoA)
Mitral stenosis/Aortic stenosis	(MS/AoA)
Mitral stenosis/Aortic stenosis	(MS/AoS)
Mitral atresia/Aortic stenosis (plus VSD)	(MA/AoS)



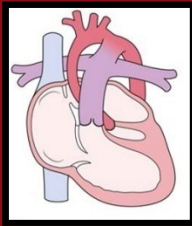
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### Additional forms:

- Double outlet right ventricle (DORV) with small LV
  - Imbalanced AVSD with small LV
  - ccTGA with large VSD and small LV
  - Long tubular SubAoS, AS and hypoplastic arch with VSD
  - etc.
- > hypoplastic left heart complex**
- hypoplastic Arch, smallish LV, dominant RV
  - > univentricular palliation, RV systemic ventricle



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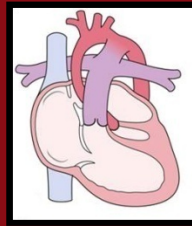


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- Epidemiology:** 1-2% of all cardiac defects  
2/3 male  
major cause for heart failure in neonates  
major cause for neonatal death
- Pathogenesis:** hypoplasia of LV inflow and outflow  
secondary ventricular maldevelopment
- Associated defects:** VSD  
anomalous pulmonary vein connections  
myocardial sinusoids/fistula  
abnormal coronary arteries  
tricuspid valve abnormalities  
abnormalities of the systemic veins



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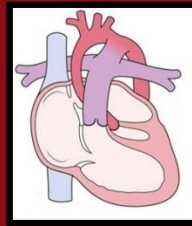
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### Extracardiac abnormalities:

- between 5 and 18 %
- GI tract (esophageal atresia, duodenal atresia, intestinal malrotation, diaphragmatic hernia)
- CNS (holoprosencephalopathy, agenesis of corpus callosum, microcephalus → neurolog. impairment ?)

### Genetic syndromes:

- Turner-syndrome, Trisomy 13, 18, 21, Noonan-syndrome  
Smith-Lemli-Opitz-syndrom, Holt-Oram-syndrom,  
Jacobsen syndrome, Ellis-van-Creveld-syndrome  
CHARGE-Assoziation.



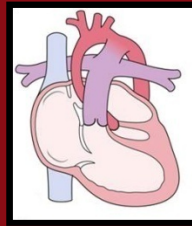
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### Postnatal decompensation (if untreated)

- constriction of the PDA
- decrease of PVR
- compensation
- result
- impairment of systemic perfusion
- impairment of cerebral perfusion
- impairment of cardiac perfusion
- preferential flow to the lungs
- increase of QP/QS
- decrease of systemic perfusion
- decrease of systemic CO
- increase of sympathetic activity
- increase of SVR
- tricuspid insufficiency
- severe acidosis
- shock -> organ failure -> death



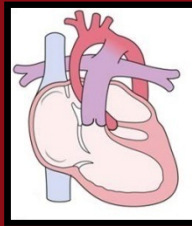
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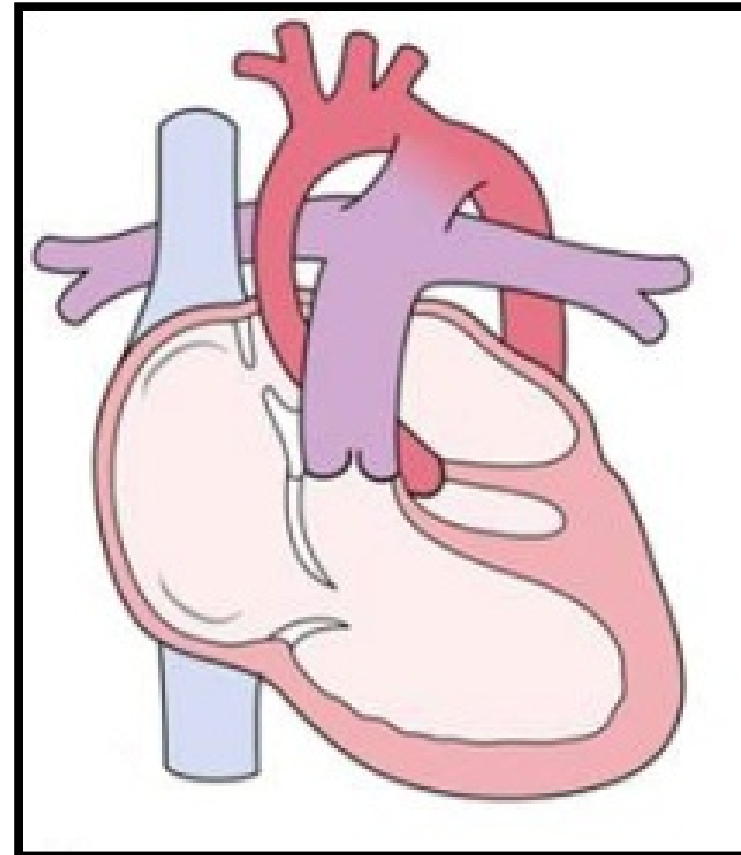
### Diagnostics

- Prenatal:
  - basics for adequate postnatal care
  - delivery in a center with affiliated cardiac center experienced in HLHS
- postnatal:
  - complete diagnosis,
  - ? Secondary organ impairment ?
  - ? Additional problems ?
  - ? Genetic disorders ?
- stabilization - transfer to a center experienced in HLHS

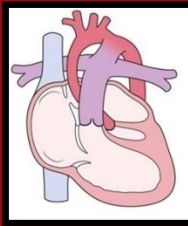


### Diagnosics

- blood pressure
- pulse oxymetry
- ECG
- Chest-X-ray
- ECHO
- catheter
- MRI/CT
- pathology

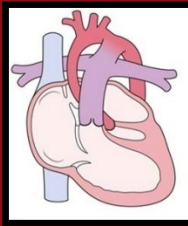






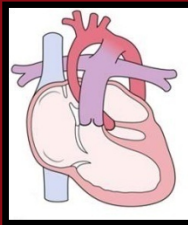
### Primary diagnostics in HLHS

- Blood pressure
    - all 4 extremities/limbs
  - Pulse oxymetry
    - all 4 extremities/limbs
  - ECG
    - not diagnostic - baseline
  - Chest-X-rax
    - not diagnostic – baseline pre-op
  - catheter
    - if pulmonary veins unclear for BAS or hybrid therapy
  - MRT, CT
    - not necessary
  - pathology
    - acidosis, organ failure
- infection, coagulation



### Primary diagnostics in HLHS

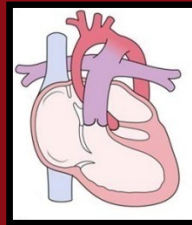
- ECHO: - diagnostic - anatomy and function
- LV: - size and function
  - Aorta - perfusion, size
  - arch - anatomy, A.lusoria ?
  - ASD - large enough ?
  - PDA - stenosis, perfusion
  - RV - function, TR ?
  - veins - pulmonary
- anatomy, stenoses ?
- systemic
- anatomy



### Therapeutic options in HLHS

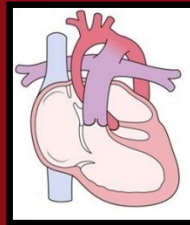
After stabilization of the newborn:

- „Compassionate care“
- Norwood-operation
- Hybrid-therapy
- cardiac transplantation



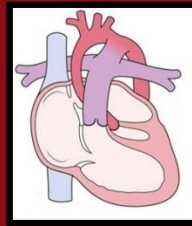
### Treatment of the **stable** newborn with HLHS

- Prostaglandin E-Infusion
  - start with 10 – 20 ng/kg/min
  - decrease to 5-10 ng/kg/min if possible
  - check ECHO, caveat: apnoea
- Treat acidosis aggressively
  - regular check of BGA
- Spontaneous ventilation
  - extubate if possible
  - avoid intubation
  - FiO<sub>2</sub> 0,21, avoid additional oxygen
  - accept SatO<sub>2</sub> of 75-80%
- Afterload reduction
  - Na-nitroprusside, phentolamine
  - aim for low normal blood pressure
- Optimize hemoglobin
  - transfusion if necessary (Hb 14)



### Treatment of the newborn with HLHS **in shock**

- Prostaglandin E-Infusion
  - start with 20 ng/kg/min
  - increase if PDA restriction
  - check ECHO
- Treat acidosis aggressively
  - regular check of BGA
- ventilation
  - aim for  $\text{paCO}_2$  of 40-45
  - if Sats are high -  $\text{paCO}_2$  of 50
  - aim for  $\text{paO}_2$  of 40 ( $\text{SatO}_2$  of 75-80%)
- optimize blood pressure
  - volume bolus
- optimize cardiac function
  - milrinone, rarely catecholamines
- Afterload reduction
  - careful
- optimize hemoglobin
  - transfusion if necessary (Hb 14)

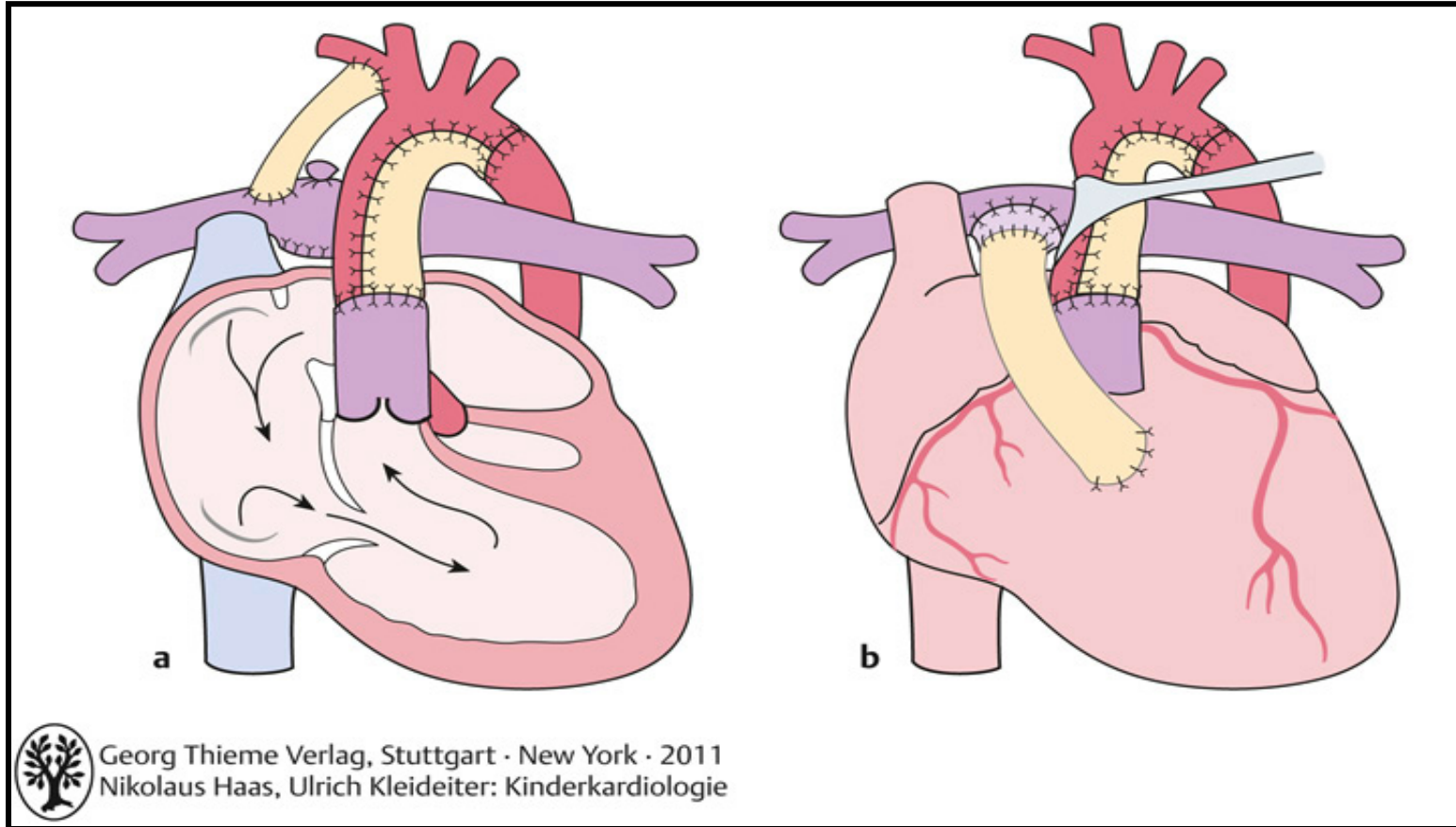
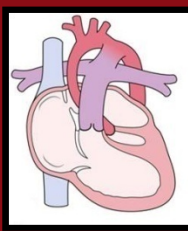


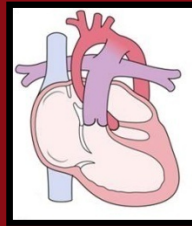
### Surgical treatment options

- Principle:**
- at the end of the first week of life
  - stenosis free flow to the heart
    - >pulmonary veins, atrial septum
  - stenosis free flow to the body
    - >aortic arch
  - adequate arch and coronary perfusion
  - balanced pulmonary perfusion

### 2 surgical options

- classical Norwood operation
- Norwood-Sano operation

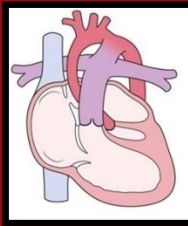




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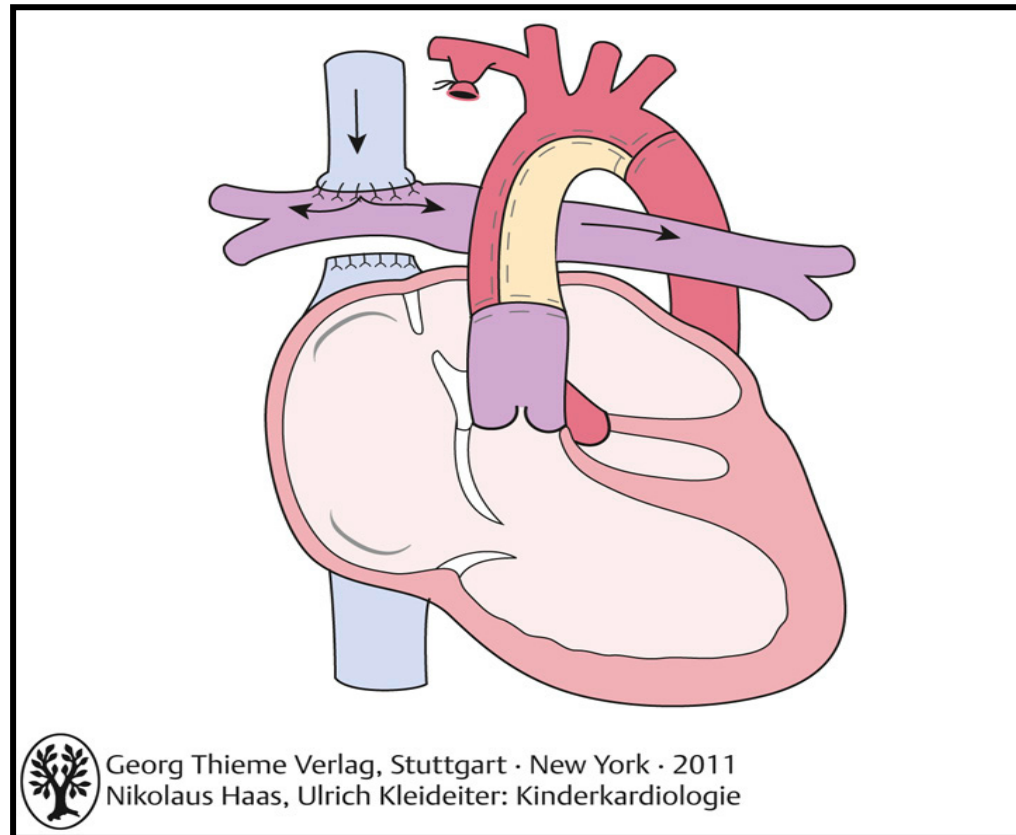
- Norwood operation:** atrioseptectomy, arch augmentation  
modified Blalock-Taussig shunt
- Norwood-Sano-operation:** atrioseptectomy, arch augmentation  
5-6 mm Goretex conduit RV-> PA  
no diastolic run-off  
RV-scar, PA-scars
- Results:** 30 day mortality about 20%



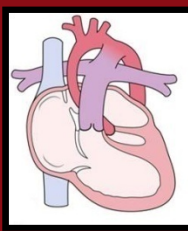


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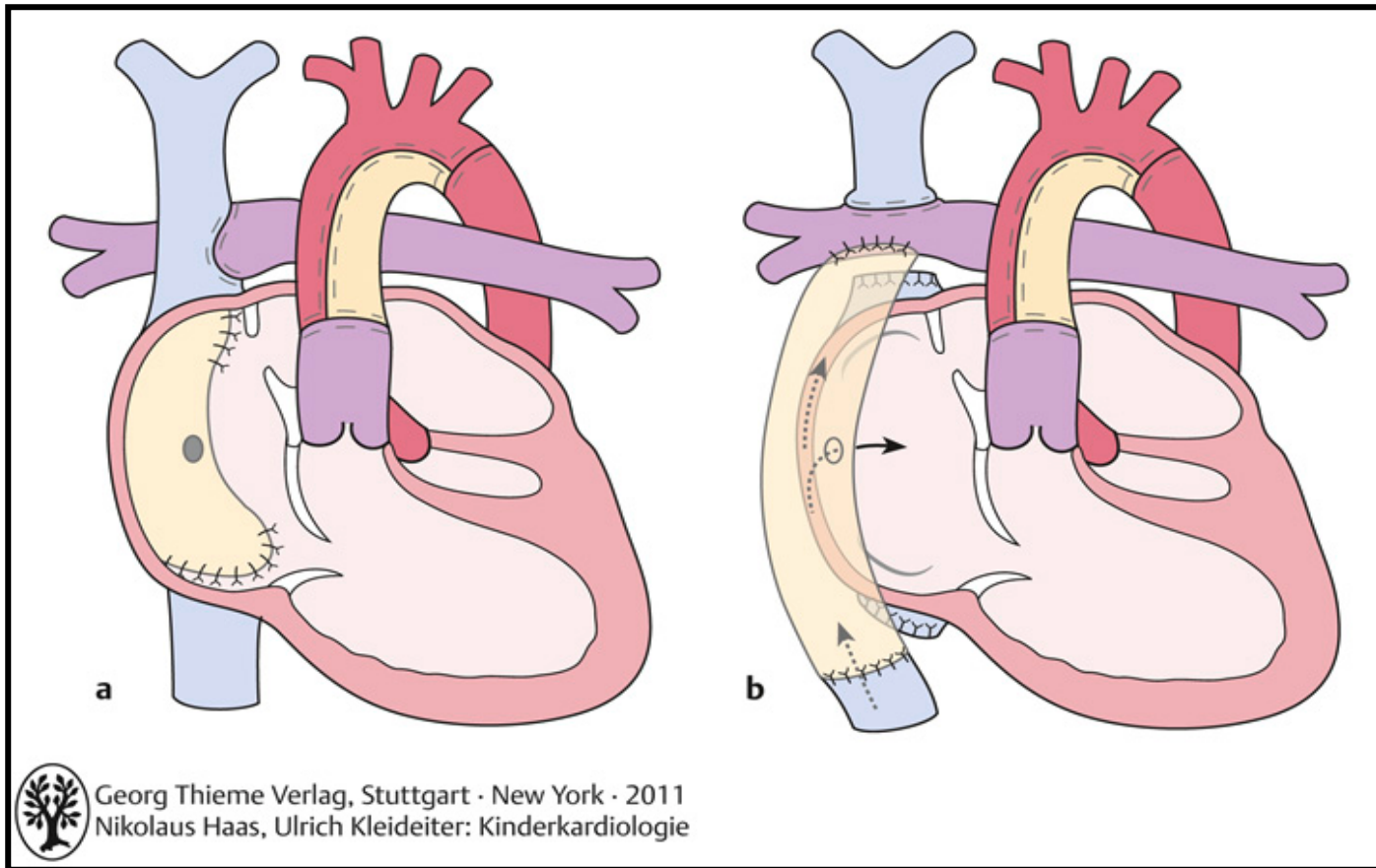
### 2. step: Glenn (superior) cavopulmonary anastomosis



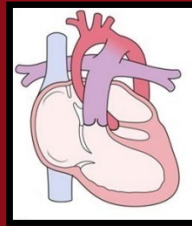
Age 4-6 months, if necessary tricuspid valve repair



### 3. step: total cavopulmonary anastomosis

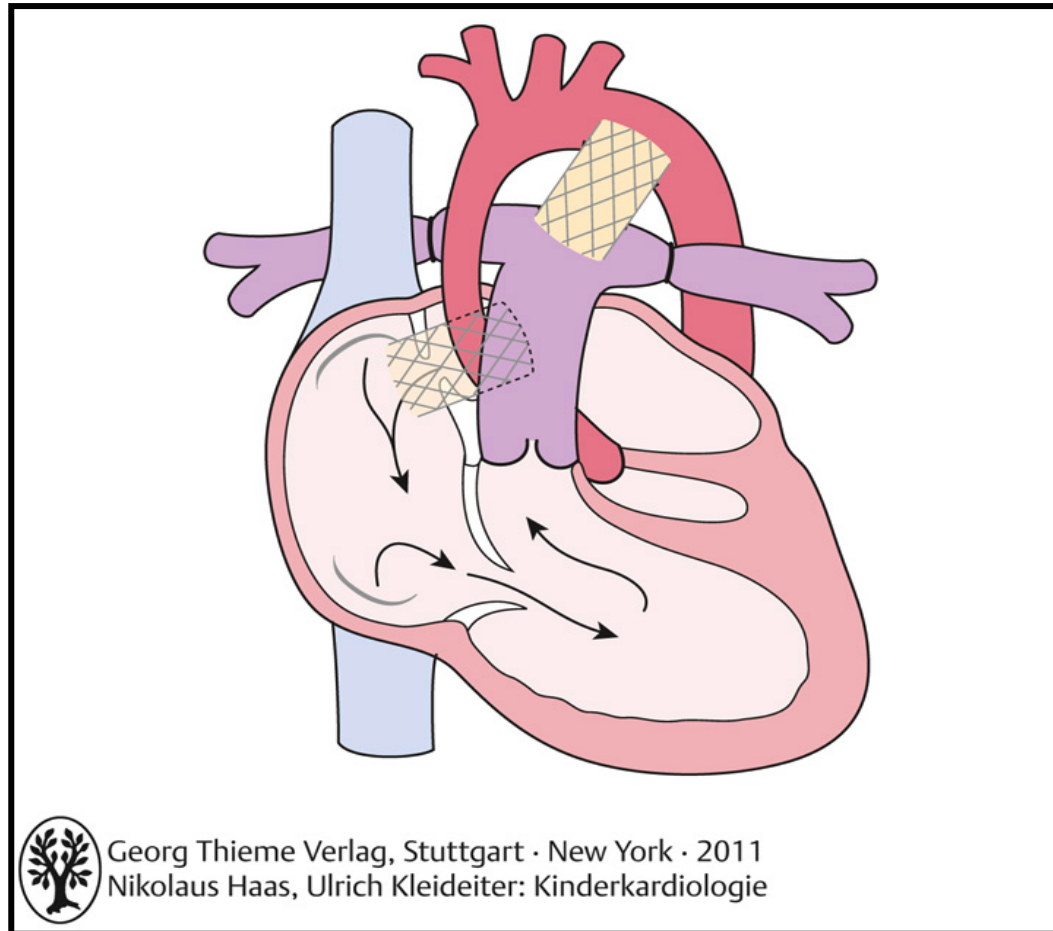
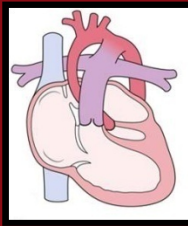


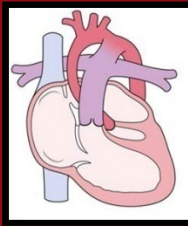
Age 2-3 years, extra- intracardiac tunnel, fenestration ?



### Hybrid therapy – palliation of HLHS

- Treatment option
  - alternative
  - in complications (NEC, etc.)
- technique:
  - bilateral banding
  - PDA stenting – systemic perfusion
  - ASD (BAS or Stent)
- Step II
  - „comprehensive stage II“
  - Norwood I and II

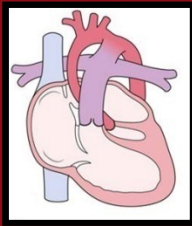




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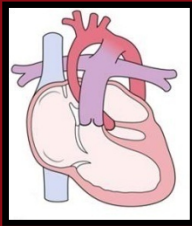
### Hybrid therapy – palliation of HLHS

- advantage
  - no cardiopulmonary bypass
  - no SIRS etc. in newborn age
  - usable in complications (NEC, etc.)
  - bridge to transplant
  - borderline LV
    - > growth ?
    - > biventricular ?
- disadvantage
  - bilateral banding – scars at PA
  - coarctation – brain perfusion ?
  - high rate of reinterventions
- results
  - no benefit regarding morbidity/mortality
  - no benefit regarding neurologic outcome



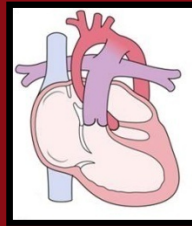
### **Cardiac transplantation in HLHS**

- no veritable treatment option in newborns
- shortage of donor organs
- in failing hearts at any stage of palliation possible
- mortality comparable to Norwood- operation



### **Compassionate care in HLHS**

- has to be addressed in patient consultation
- is veritable treatment option in newborns
  - high late morbidity and mortality
  - impaired life expectancy
  - neurologic long term follow-up



### Follow-up after HLHS palliation

f/u after stage I:

- close follow-up
- ECHO:           coarctation, heart failure  
                          ASD, TR
- saturation: 75-80%  
                          shunt stenosis, QP/QS

f/u after hybrid stage I:

- flow PA bands, flow PDA -> aorta
- coarctation, retrograde flow, ASD ?

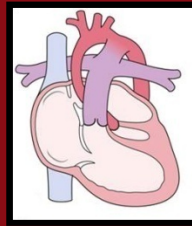
Medication:

- ASS

Nutrition:

- often feeding problems





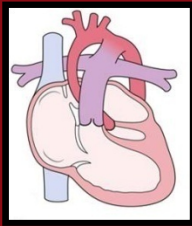
### Follow-up after HLHS palliation

Interstage mortality :

- up to 15%
- reason unclear
- close follow-up ->

Home monitoring programs:

- daily weight, saturations
- weekly telephone calls
- high alert to infections
- early hospital admission
- close contact to pediatricians



### Late follow-up after HLHS palliation

somatic

- impaired exercise capacity
- reduced life expectancy
- RV systemic ventricle, TR

social

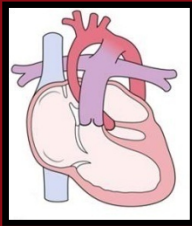
- no normal professional development
- insurance ?

neurology

- very high rate of neurologic impairment
- decreased mean IQ
- early supportive measures necessary
- modern surgical techniques ?

transplant

- immunosuppression
- transplantation service



### Prevention of HLHS

- Not possible
- Fetal ECHO should be used
  - decision making
  - optimal postnatal care
- Discrete increased familiar risk ?- genetic counselling
- Intrauterine treatment
  - not successful/high risk