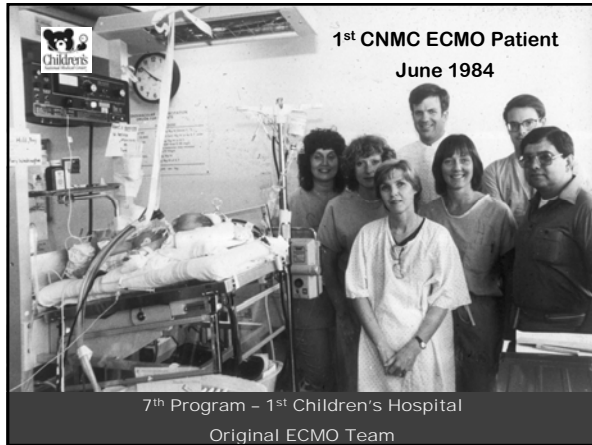


Introduction to Extracorporeal Life Support

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Extracorporeal Life Support Terminology

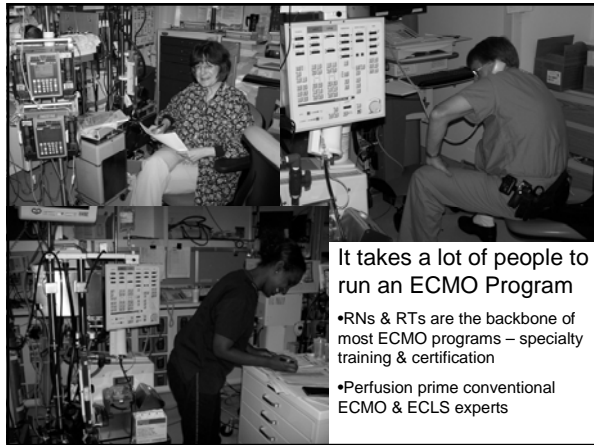
ECMO – extracorporeal support using cardiopulmonary bypass pumping systems with a membrane oxygenator in place, i.e., extracorporeal membrane oxygenation

ECLS – any form of extracorporeal cardiovascular support. Does not require a membrane oxygenator or pump in place, but may have either or both.

Examples: LVAD, ECMO, Berlin Heart

Extracorporeal Life Support Terminology

Rapid Deployment ECMO (ECPR) – use of a modified rapidly primed ECMO circuit for coding patients



It takes a lot of people to run an ECMO Program

- RNs & RTs are the backbone of most ECMO programs – specialty training & certification
- Perfusion prime conventional ECMO & ECLS experts

Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation

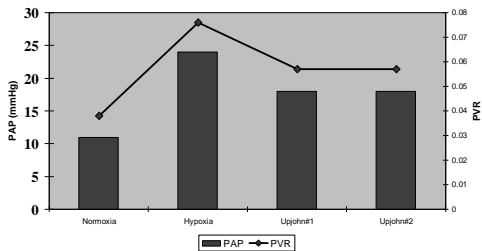
- The ECMO procedure uses a modified cardiopulmonary bypass circuit to provide pulmonary &/or cardiac support for a prolonged period of time.
- ECMO provides “time” for lung &/or heart rest, so that recovery can occur - ??

Heparin: Protective Effects

- Reduces production of Thromboxane in animal models of gram negative sepsis/shock
- Reduces endothelin-1 production with a simultaneous increase in nitric oxide formation
- Inhibit platelet-activating factor-induced pulmonary edema
- Suppress the increased vascular permeability induced by histamine, bradykinin, & PGE₂

Inhibition of Hypoxic Pulmonary Hypertension by Heparins of Differing *In Vitro* Antiproliferative Potency

Thompson, et al, *Am J Resp Critical Care Med*: 149, 1512-1517, 1994



History of Cardiovascular Surgery



• 1931 Dr. John H. Gibbons, Jr.

– Set at the bedside of a woman with massive pulmonary embolism ... “what she needs is a machine to oxygenate her blood while they attempt to remove the emboli”

1953 Dr. John H. Gibbons, Jr.-

1st Successful open-heart operation using extracorporeal support

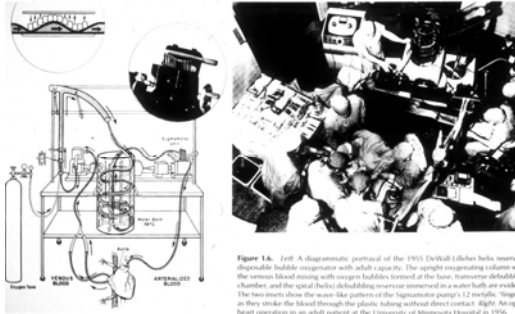
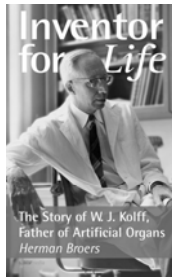


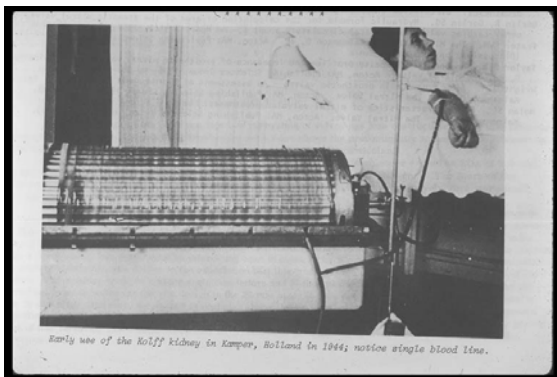
Figure 1A. Left: A diagrammatic portrayal of the 1953 DeWall-Likebier beta beam disposable bubble oxygenator with adult capacity. The upright oxygenating column is the venous blood mixing with oxygen bubbles formed at the base, membrane de-aerated chamber, and the spiral beta beam de-aerating chamber immersed in a water bath are visible. The two arrows show the water-like pattern of the nitrogenator pump's 1/2-wavelength 'traps' as they stroke the blood through the plastic tubing without direct contact. Right: An open heart operation in an adult patient at the University of Minnesota Hospital in 1956.

History of Extracorporeal Life Support

- 1944 - Kolff & Berk
 - First to note that oxygen could be transported across a membrane into blood
 - Noted that blood became oxygenated when it passed through the cellophane chambers of the artificial kidney they were designing



Kolff Artificial Kidney

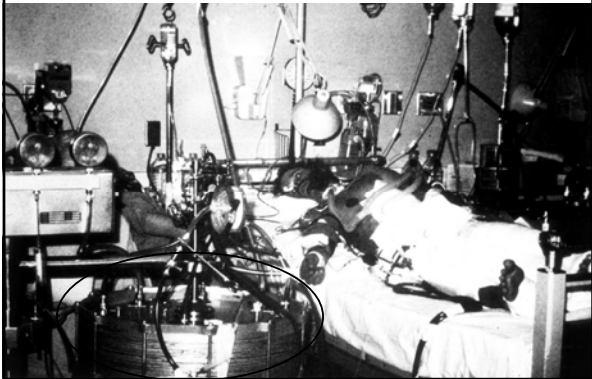


History of Extracorporeal Life Support

- **1956 - Clowes**
 - 1st ethylcellulose membrane lung
 - Although the membrane was too large to for practical use, Clowe's work opened the field of research into this area for cardiopulmonary bypass & ECLS

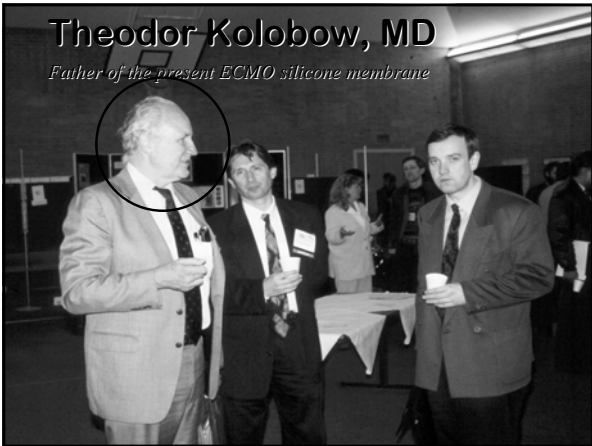
1st ECMO Survivor 1971

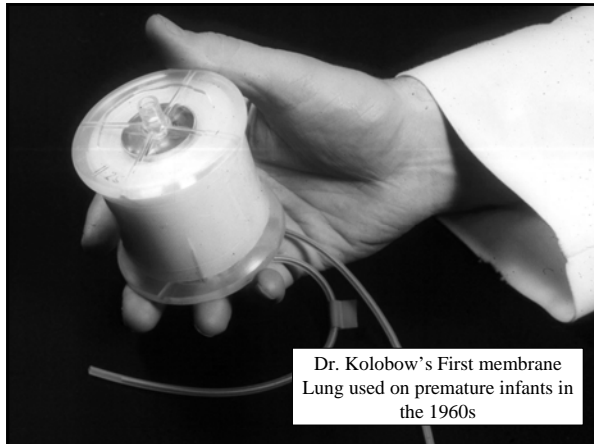
Bramson Oxygenator – Treated by J. Donald Hill, MD



Theodor Kolobow, MD

Father of the present ECMO silicone membrane





Dr. Kolobow's First membrane Lung used on premature infants in the 1960s

Kolobow's First Membrane Lung

- Used at CNMC in 1960's to treat premature infants
- A-V Method using the umbilical vessels
- Good respiratory support, but all died of IVH

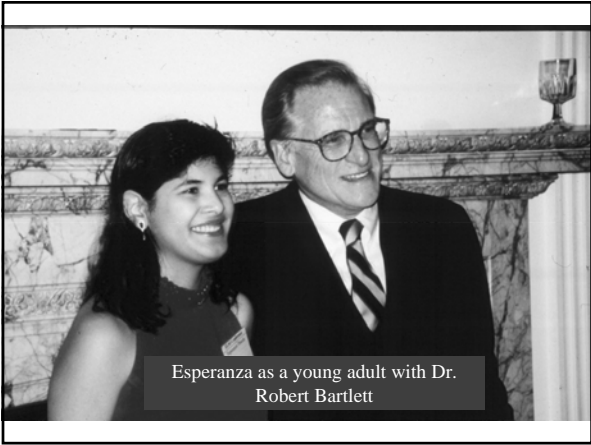
Unpublished data: Gordon B. Avery, MD, PhD

**Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation:
"the Artificial Placenta"**

- 1960s: Rashkind, White, Dorson, & Avery, all studied ECMO in premature animals &/or humans
- 1976, 1st Neonatal Survivor reported by Bartlett & colleagues, *term infant with Meconium Aspiration Syndrome*



Esperanza – first ECMO survivor - MAS



Esperanza as a young adult with Dr. Robert Bartlett



Membrane Lungs Used Today: Same Kolobow Design

Neonatal Lung

Pediatric Lung

ECLS Registry Report
International Summary
July, 2007



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Overall Outcomes				
	Total Patients	Survived ECLS		Survived to DC or Transfer
Neonatal				
Respiratory	21,509	18,306	85%	16,344 76%
Cardiac	3,110	1,810	58%	1,176 38%
ECPR	311	198	63%	119 38%
Pediatric				
Respiratory	3,578	2,291	64%	1,997 56%
Cardiac	3,858	2,345	61%	1,736 45%
ECPR	606	313	52%	235 39%
Adult				
Respiratory	1,332	777	58%	676 51%
Cardiac	765	348	45%	252 33%
ECPR	243	92	38%	67 28%
Total	35,312	26,478	75%	22,902 64%

Centers



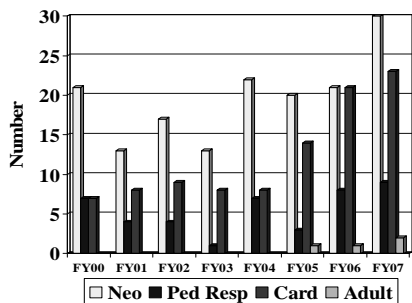
ELSO Outcome Data

	Cases/Year	Survival
Neonatal	750	62%
Pediatric Respiratory	225	55%
Adult	100	48%
Cardiac	622	44%

*Survival based on 2006 & 2007 data



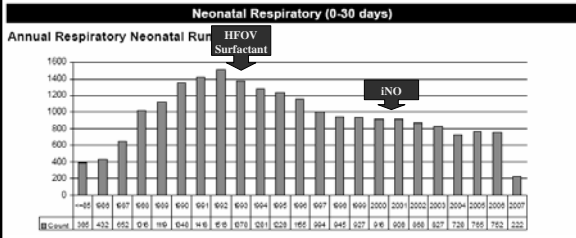
CNMC ECMO Patients
Years 2000 - 2007





Neonatal Respiratory Cases

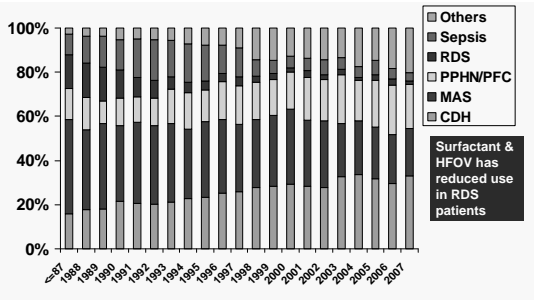
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Neonatal Diagnosis as Percent of Total Neonatal Patients



Neonatal Respiratory
N=21,509
Survival = 76%

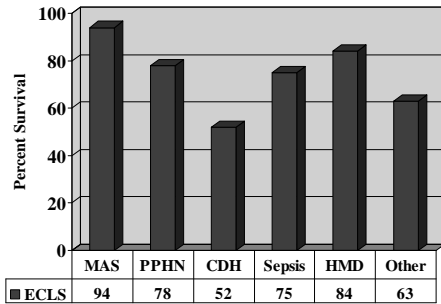


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Neonatal ECMO Survival

1987-2007



ECMO: Diagnoses Comparisons

	MAS	PPHN	CDH
Age on ECMO (Days)	2.00	2.86	2.27
Time on ECMO (hrs)	138	159	266
BW (kg)	3.0	3.15	2.89
GA	38	37	37
Apgar (1/5 min)	4/6	6/7	4/6
FIO2	.96	.95	.95
PIP/PEEP	34/3	32/3	32/3
MAP	16	14	15
Pre-pH	7.00	7.18	7.08
Pre-pCO2	44	44	58
Pre-pO2	45	43	39
Pre-Sats (%)	65	61	56


Data from ELSO Registry, Years 2000-05

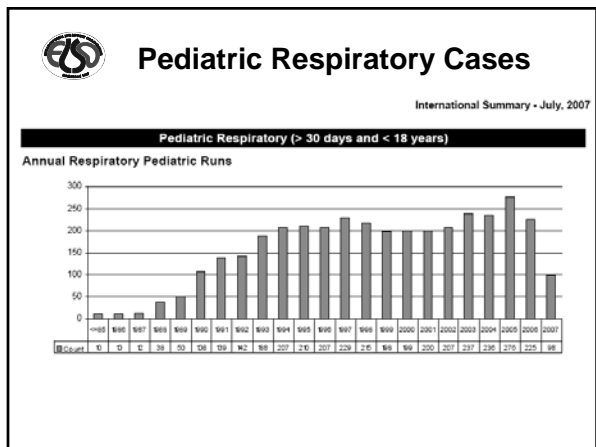
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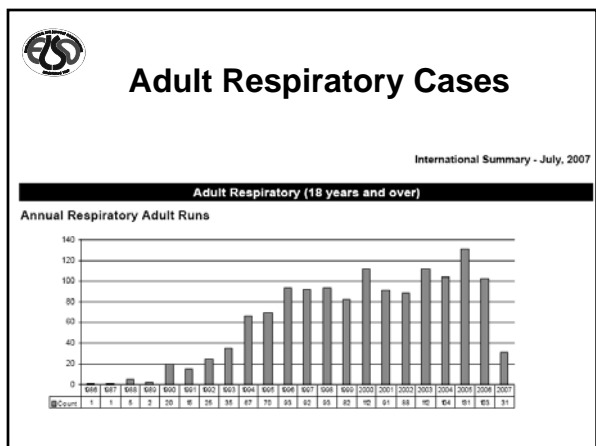
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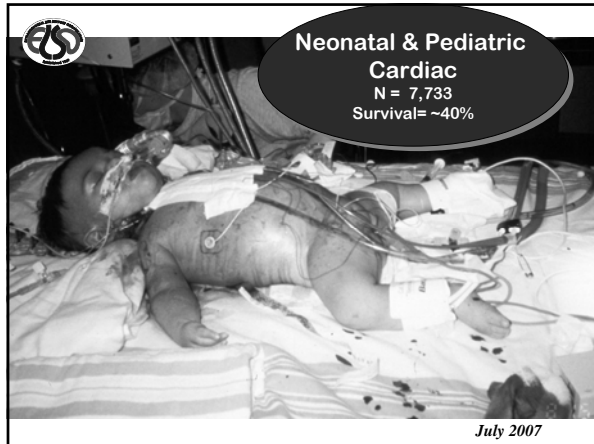
Pediatric Respiratory
N=3,578
Survival = 56%

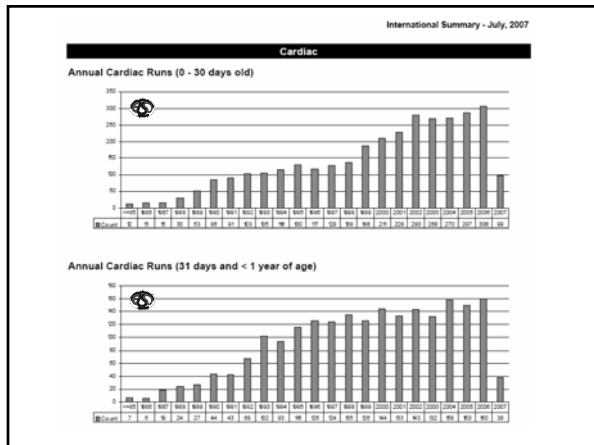
Adult Respiratory
N=1,332
Survival=51%

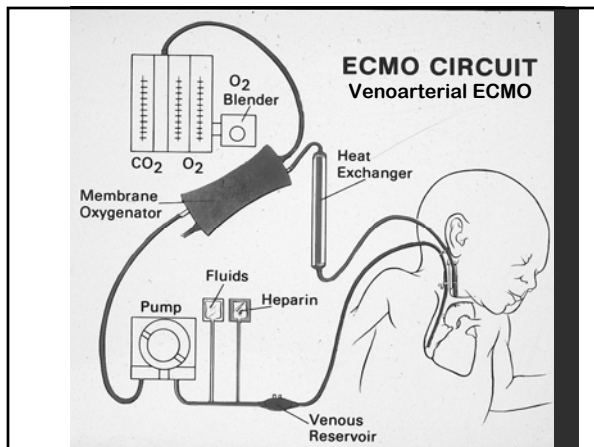
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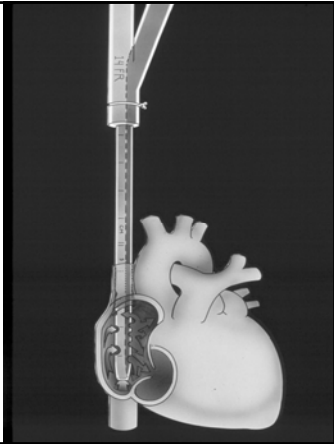






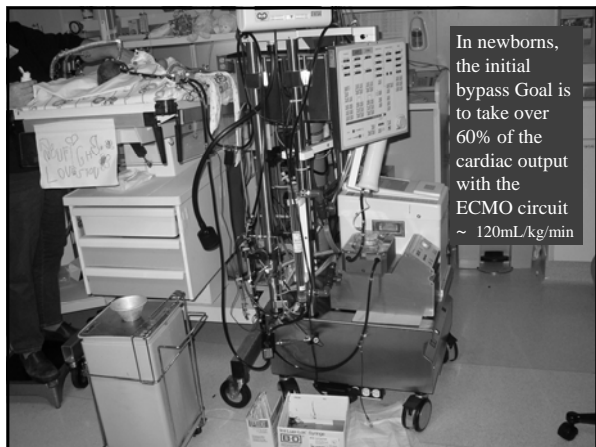
Venovenous ECMO

- Limitations
 - Hypotension
 - Recirculation resulting in Hypoxia

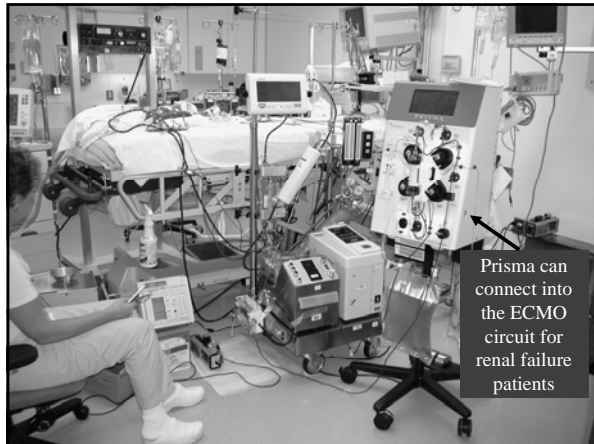


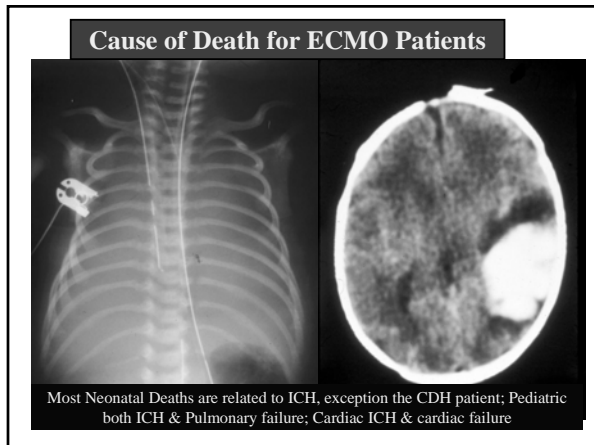
Cannulation: Done at the Patient's Bedside





In newborns, the initial bypass Goal is to take over 60% of the cardiac output with the ECMO circuit ~ 120mL/kg/min

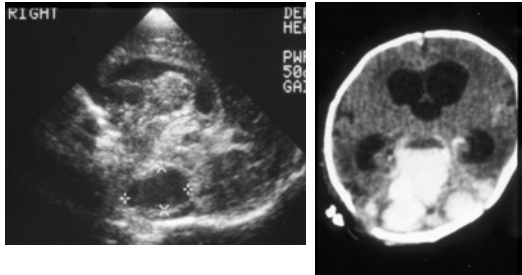




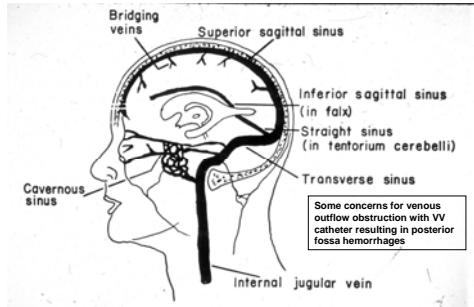
Risk Factors for ICH on ECMO Patients

- **Pre-ECMO Events**
 - Hypoxia
 - Asphyxia
 - Hypotension
 - Hyperventilation
 - Permissive hypercapnia ?
- **ECMO**
 - Altered blood vascular flow patterns
 - Heparinization

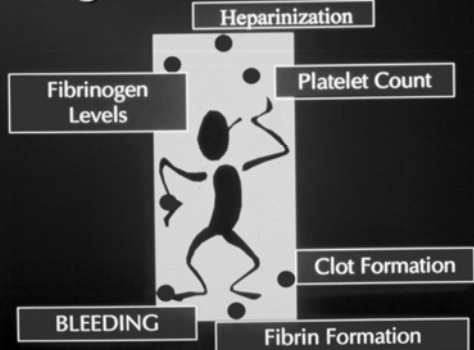
Venous Congestion Caused by Venous Catheter: Risk for Posterior Fossa Hemorrhage



Venous Outflow

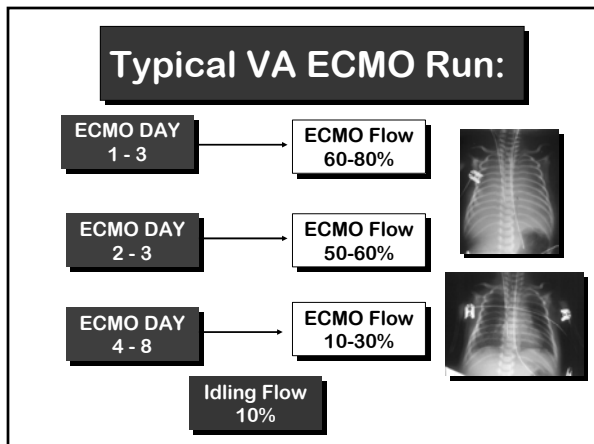


Coagulation Issues in ECLS





ACT Parameters: 1 st Day	
Risk Factors	ACT (seconds)
Low/None	190-200
High	180-190
Bleeding	160-170
Surgery	150-160



ECLS – Long-term outcome



Long-term Follow-up

- At age 2 years, Bayley exams showed 65% predicted normal, 20% suspect, 15% delayed,
- At age 5 years, mean IQ normal, but 38% concern for learning disability
- At age 12-13 years, exercise tolerance testing, shows decreased exercise tolerance compared to normal controls, but most children were active in sports and doing well
- Follow-up at puberty has shown normal development, but study small (n=19)





*...started
Medical
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this Year*

...first 34 week GBS sepsis survivor







