

# Effect of atrial pacing right ventricular function after openheart surgery

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Not approved
<b>Status</b>	Will not start
<b>Health condition type</b>	Myocardial disorders
<b>Study type</b>	Observational non invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON48174

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Outpace-study

## Condition

- Myocardial disorders
- Cardiac therapeutic procedures

### Synonym

myocardial stunning

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Medisch Centrum Leeuwarden

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Stichting Onderzoek Intensive Care

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Atrial pacing, Hemodynamics, Open heart surgery, Right ventricular function

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

right ventricular ejection fraction (RVEF)

### Secondary outcome

cardiac index (CCI)

mean pulmonary arterial pressure (MPAP)

central venous pressure (CVP)

mixed venous saturation (SvO<sub>2</sub>)

right ventricular enddiastolic volume index (EDVI)

right ventricular stroke volume index (RVSVI)

right ventricular stroke work index (RVSWI)

left ventricular stroke work index (LVSWI)

systolic, diastolic and mean arterial pressure (MAP).

## Study description

### Background summary

Temporary pacing with an external pacemaker after open heart surgery \* besides preventing arrhythmias and AV-conduction disorders \* is used to improve cardiac output. In theory, postoperative stunning temporarily limits stroke volume and SA-node dysfunction compromises an adequate compensatory rise in heartrate to ensure sufficient cardiac output. There is a lack of consensus regarding the use of this form of pacing. Protocols vary widely between hospitals. Moreover, the scientific base for this form of pacing mainly comprises studies dating back to the nineteen sixties and seventies. Major changes in (operating) techniques have taken place since then. Also, the role of the right ventricle in this context has not been studied specifically. The current study aims to

investigate the effects of atrial pacing on right ventricular function specifically and hemodynamics in general, in today's postoperative setting. We hypothesize that a reduction in heart rate may lead to decreased right ventricular function.

### **Study objective**

To investigate the effects of atrial pacing on right ventricular function and hemodynamics after open heart surgery.

### **Study design**

A prospective non-randomized, non-blinded interventional study, in which patients will act as their own controls.

### **Intervention**

When a hemodynamically stable state is achieved, the external pacemaker will be switched off for 30 minutes. Hemodynamic parameters will be acquired directly prior to switching off, 15 respectively 30 minutes after switching off, and 15 minutes after switching back on. To gain insight in the natural course of stunning, this routine will be repeated the next morning. No additional hemodynamic interventions will be allowed in these periods.

### **Study burden and risks**

The study population is selected to minimize burden and risks. All required (measuring-) equipment is part of the standard perioperative protocol. The only additions will be the intervention itself (two periods without pacing). During the first period patients will still be sedated, so it will not consciously affect them. During the second period patients may experience dizziness due to bradycardia. For safety reasons the intervention will be terminated in case of development of hypotension ( $\text{MAP} < 60 \text{ mmHg}$ ). Length of stay in the intensive care unit will not be negatively affected. Study subjects do not directly benefit from this study, however, they will contribute to possible improvement in treatment of future patients. .

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

- Age \* 18 years old
- Post open on-pump cardiac surgery
- Swan Ganz catheter in situ
- Hemodynamic stability (optimal resuscitation; expected no-touch period of 45 minutes)
- Atrial pacing

### Exclusion criteria

- Hypotension (MAP < 60 mmHg)
- Active bleeding (\* 200 cc/hour)
- Atrial malsensing/mal pacing
- Ventricular or DDD-paced rhythm
- Atrial fibrillation
- AV-conduction disorders (2nd or 3rd grade AV-blocks)
- Sinus rhythm \* 80 beats/min (hemodynamic effects of increasing heart rate to 90 beats/min will probably be limited)
- Presence of internal pacemaker
- Severe tricuspid valve regurgitation

- Intracardiac shunt (unreliable Swan Ganz measurements)

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Treatment

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Will not start

Enrollment: 21

Type: Anticipated

## Ethics review

Not approved

Date: 28-09-2020

Application type: First submission

Review commission: RTPO, Regionale Toetsingscie Patientgebonden Onderzoek (Leeuwarden)

## Study registrations

### Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

### Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

## In other registers

### Register

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### ID

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