

# Cerebral oximetry in cardiac surgery

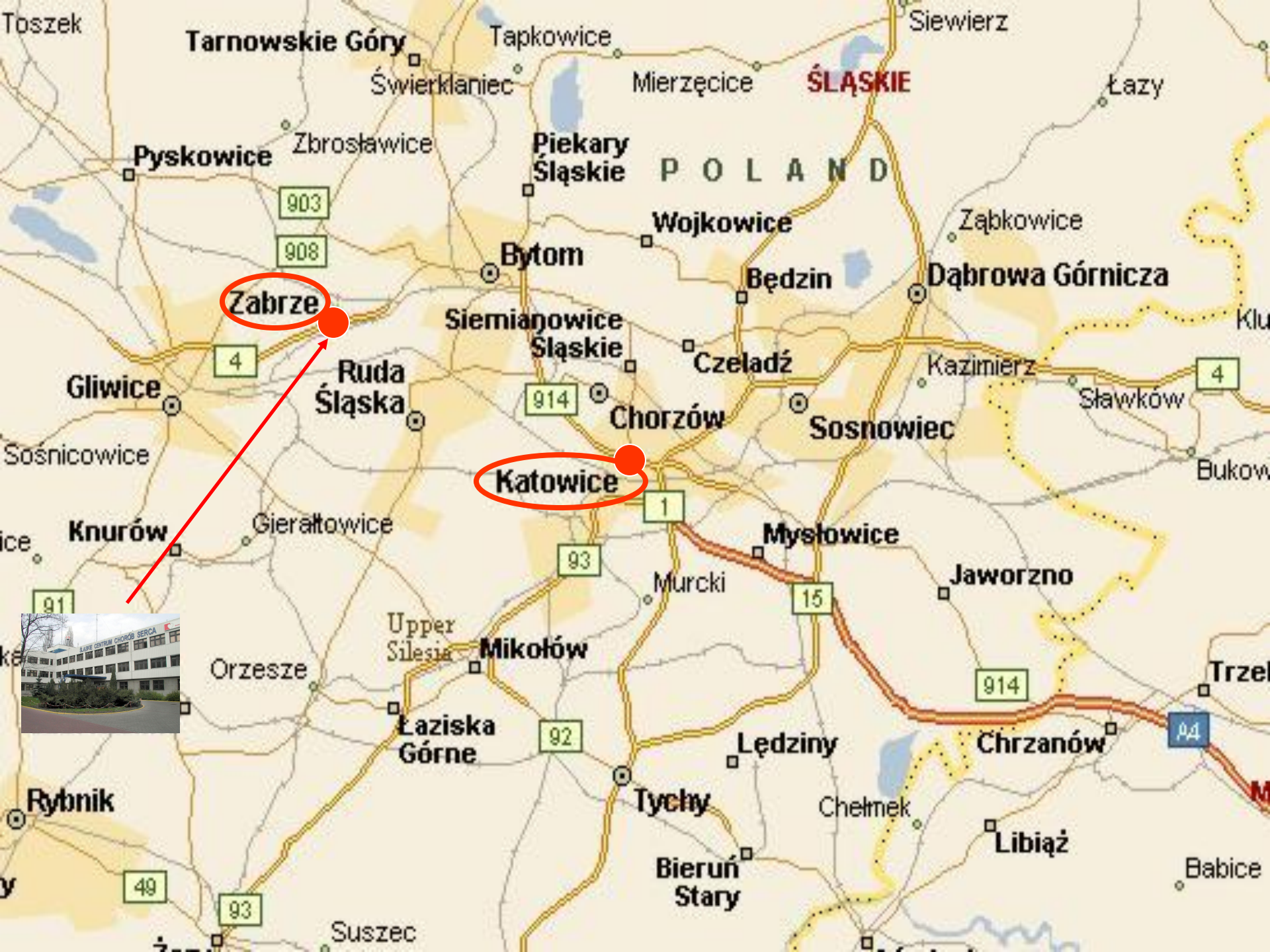
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A photograph of a modern ship's bridge at night. The bridge is illuminated with warm, yellowish light. In the foreground, there are two large, black, ergonomic seats. Behind the seats is a dashboard with several large, rectangular monitors displaying various data, including radar and navigation information. Above the dashboard, there is a large, curved overhead panel with numerous small, illuminated buttons and switches. The background shows a dark blue sky and a body of water with a large ship visible in the distance. The overall scene conveys a sense of advanced technology and complex monitoring systems.

Why additional monitoring?



# Why additional monitoring?

40% of patients following myocardial revascularization has evidence of persistent cognitive decline.

Serious neurological complication is a disaster for the patient, patient's family and the medical team involved.

The central nervous system is the least monitored physiological system during anesthesia.





# Mortality and permanent disability

**TABLE 3.** MORTALITY AND POSTOPERATIVE RESOURCE USE, ACCORDING TO CEREBRAL OUTCOME.\*

VARIABLE	TYPE I OUTCOME (N=66)	TYPE II OUTCOME (N=63)	NO ADVERSE CEREBRAL EVENT (N=1979)
Death during hospitalization — no. (%)	14 (21)	6 (10)	38 (2)
Duration of postoperative hos- pital stay — days			
Mean ± SD	25.3 ± 22.2	20.5 ± 25.2	9.5 ± 12.4
Median	17.6	10.9	7.7
Duration of ICU stay — days			
Mean ± SD	11.1 ± 15.4	6.6 ± 7.9	2.6 ± 3.5
Median	5.8	3.2	1.9
Discharged to home — no. (%)†	21 (32)	38 (60)	1773 (90)

\*P<0.001 for all comparisons among the groups ICU denotes intensive care unit.

†Patients not discharged to their homes either died or were discharged to intermediate- or long-term care facilities.





**ODDZIAŁ POOPERACYJNY**

**Presence of neurological complication is usually obvious as soon as the patient recovers from general anaesthesia.**

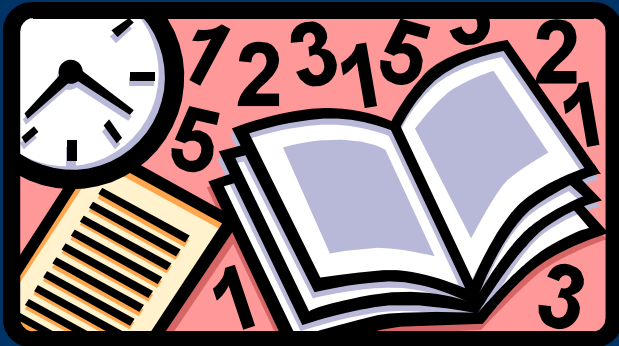
**Complications that appear later are not that common.**



# Neurological complications present a wide spectrum...

...from minor disorders...

...to a major stroke.



Frequency: from 3 % to 80% (depends how the deficit is defined!)

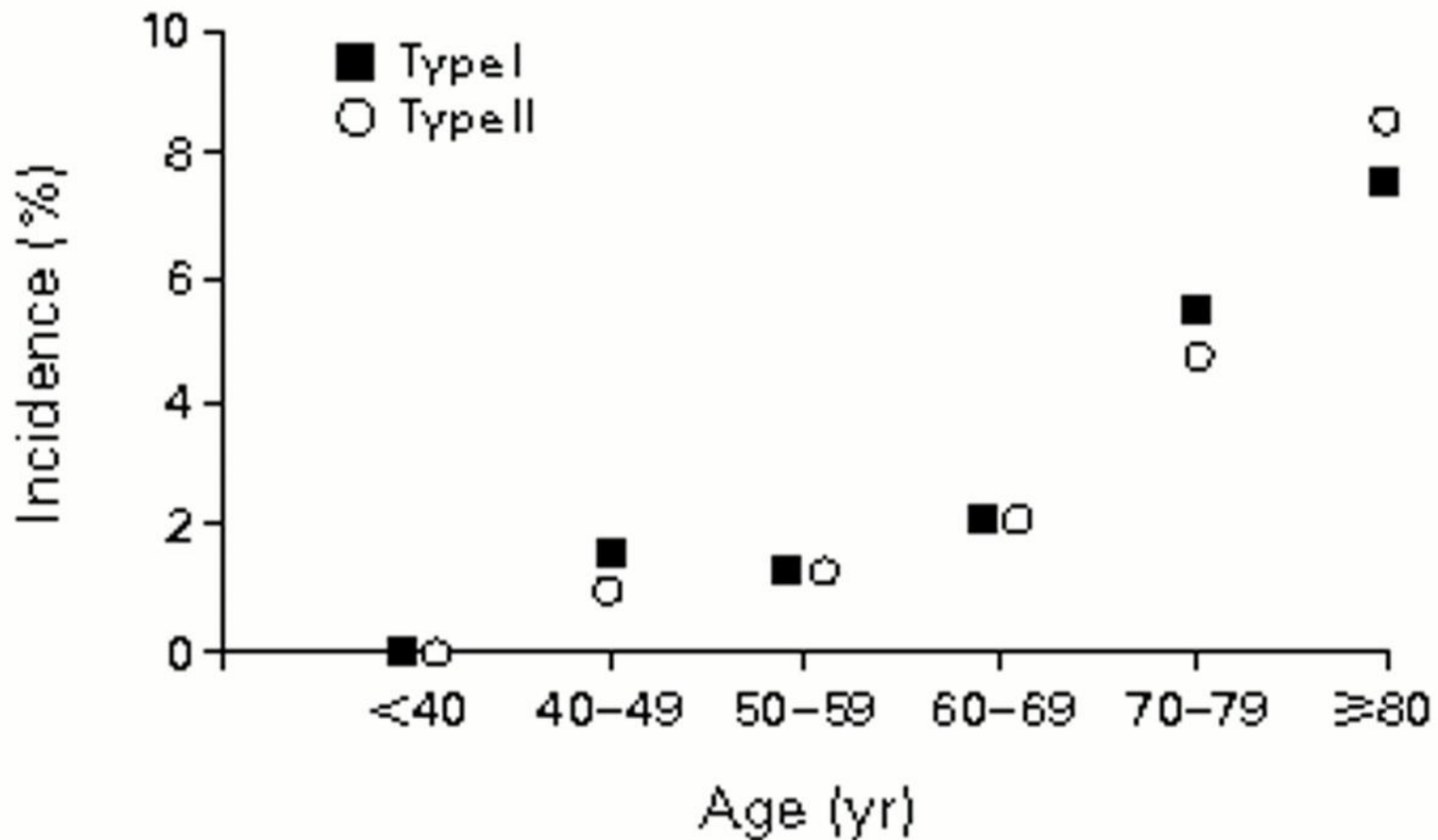
# There are two types of neurological injury

## – type I and II

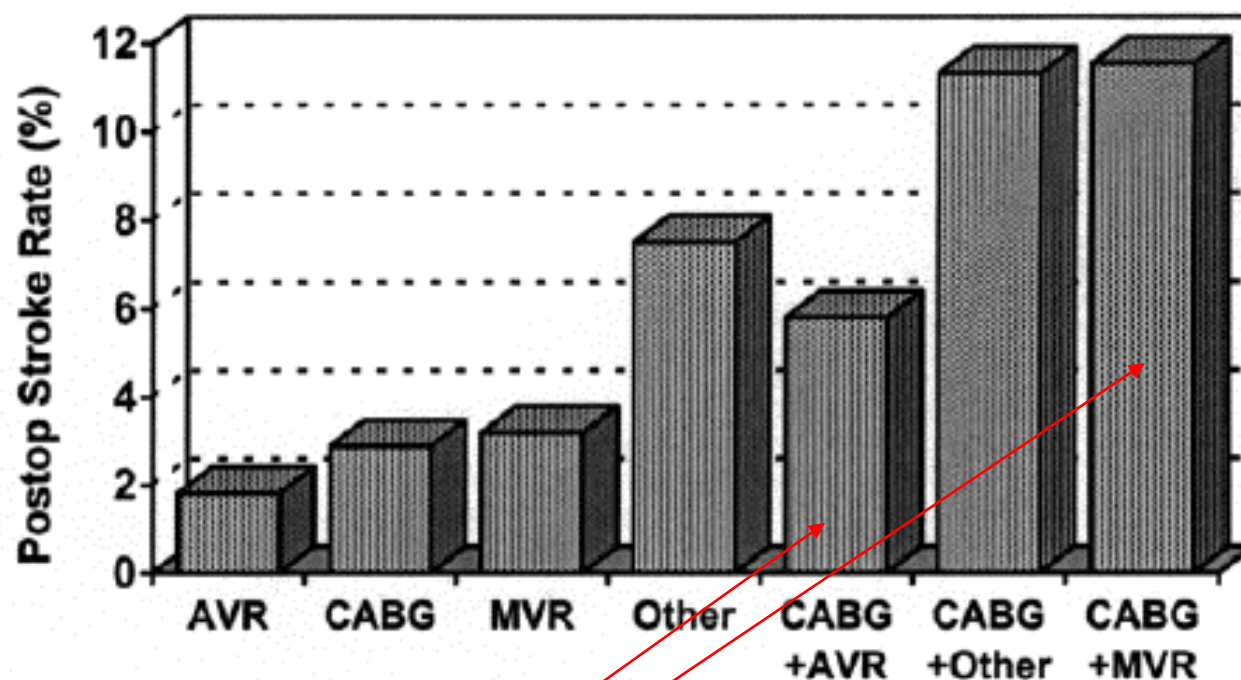
- type I - stroke or anoxaemic encephalopathy (resulting or not resulting in the patient's death), stupor or coma on discharge, TIA.
- type II – new deterioration of intellectual function, confusion, agitation, disorientation, impairment of recent or remote memory.



# Frequency of neurological injury increases with age



# Type of the procedure matters



4941 patients



# Epidemiology of stroke after cardiac surgery in the current era

Ani C. Anyanwu, MD,  
David H. Adams, MD<sup>a</sup>

**Stroke occurs in 2 – 3% of patients**

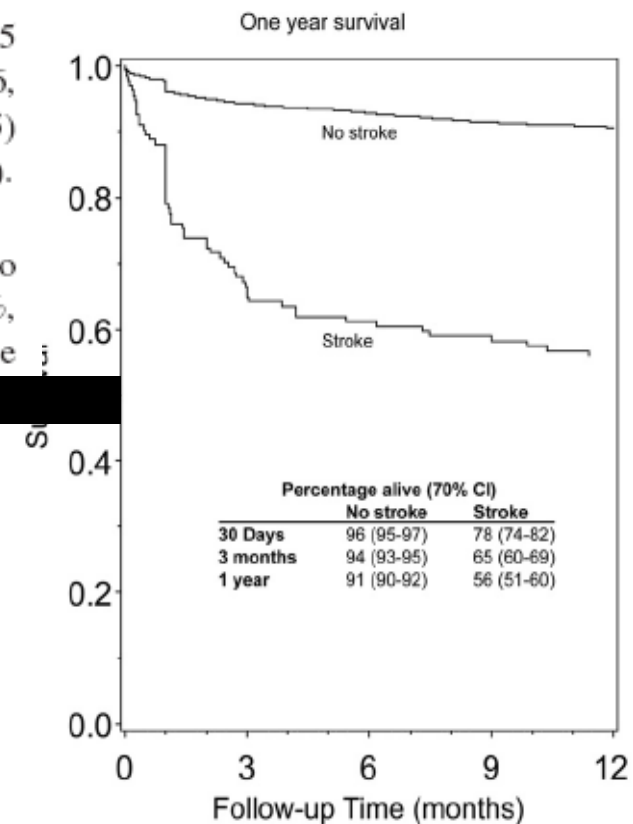
**J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg, 2007, 134, 1121.**

**Methods:** Retrospective analysis was conducted of a prospective database of 5085 adults (coronary bypass 2401, isolated valve 1003, valve/coronary bypass 546, thoracic aorta 517, transplant/assist device 179, adult congenital 124, other 315) who had cardiac surgery at a single institution over a 6-year period (1998–2004).

**Results:** Stroke occurred in 134 (2.6%) patients. Incidence varied according to procedure (coronary bypass 1.7%, isolated valve 1.8%, valve/coronary bypass 4.4%, and ascending aorta 4.6%). Patients who had a stroke had a higher perioperative mortality rate than that of patients who did not (32.8% vs 4.9%;  $P < .0001$ ).

**TABLE 4. Multivariate predictors of postoperative stroke**

Factor	Coefficient	Odds ratio
Aortic surgery	1.36	3.9
Previous stroke	0.74	2.1
Critical preop state	0.90	2.5
Age > 60 y (per 5-y intervals)	0.14	1.2
Left ventricle function, poor	0.69	2.0
Gender, female	0.50	1.7
Diabetes	0.50	1.7
Peripheral vascular disease	0.58	1.8
Unstable angina	0.51	1.7
Pulmonary hypertension	0.79	2.2



**Figure 2. One-year survival after heart surgery stratified by occurrence of stroke. CI, Confidence interval.**

The incidence of PND depending on the procedure.

Procedure	Overall (n)	PND – all (n %)
Coronary surgery	3613	60 (1.7%)
Valve surgery	1221	35 (2.9%)
Combined procedures	563	30 (5.3%)
Aortic aneurysm surgery	228	17 (7.5%)
Other procedures	391	9 (2.2%)
Total	6016	151 (2.5%)

Our data

**Mortality:  
40% vs 2,2%**

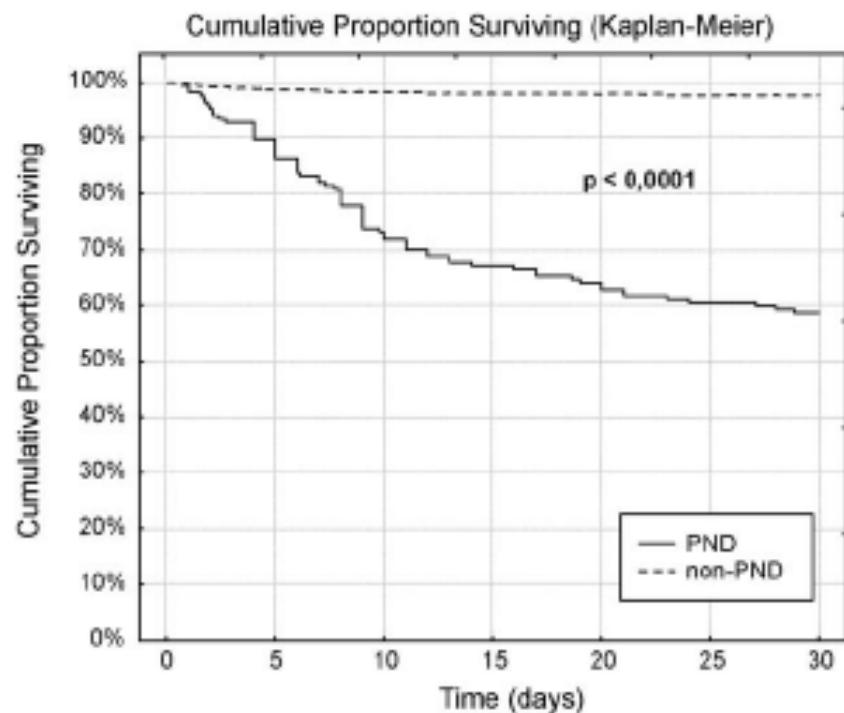
Hospital mortality in patients with and without PND.

Procedure	PND (n = 151)	No PND (n = 5865)	p
Coronary surgery	22 (36.7%)	38 (1.1%)	0.0000
Valve surgery	12 (34.3%)	28 (2.4%)	0.0000
Combined procedures	12 (40.0%)	32 (6.0%)	0.0000
Aortic aneurysm surgery	10 (58.8%)	12 (5.7%)	0.0000
Other procedures	5 (50.0%)	21 (5.4%)	0.0008
Total	61 (40.4%)	131 (2.2%)	0.0000

*Knapik P., et al. Eur J Cardiothorac Surg. 2010 Mar; 37(3):717-23.*



## Our data



Multivariate predictors of PND after cardiac surgery.

Variable	OR	95% CI	p
CPB > 2 h	3.35	2.40–4.68	<0.001
Emergency surgery	3.34	1.91–5.82	<0.001
Early rethoracotomy	3.17	1.96–5.12	<0.001
Age > 65 years	1.70	1.22–2.37	0.002
Unstable course of disease	1.60	1.15–2.25	0.006

Fig. 1. Early survival analysis.

The background of the slide is a grayscale axial MRI scan of a human brain. The brain's internal structures, including the ventricles and cortical folds, are visible in shades of gray against a black background. The scan is centered and occupies most of the frame.

## Future research areas

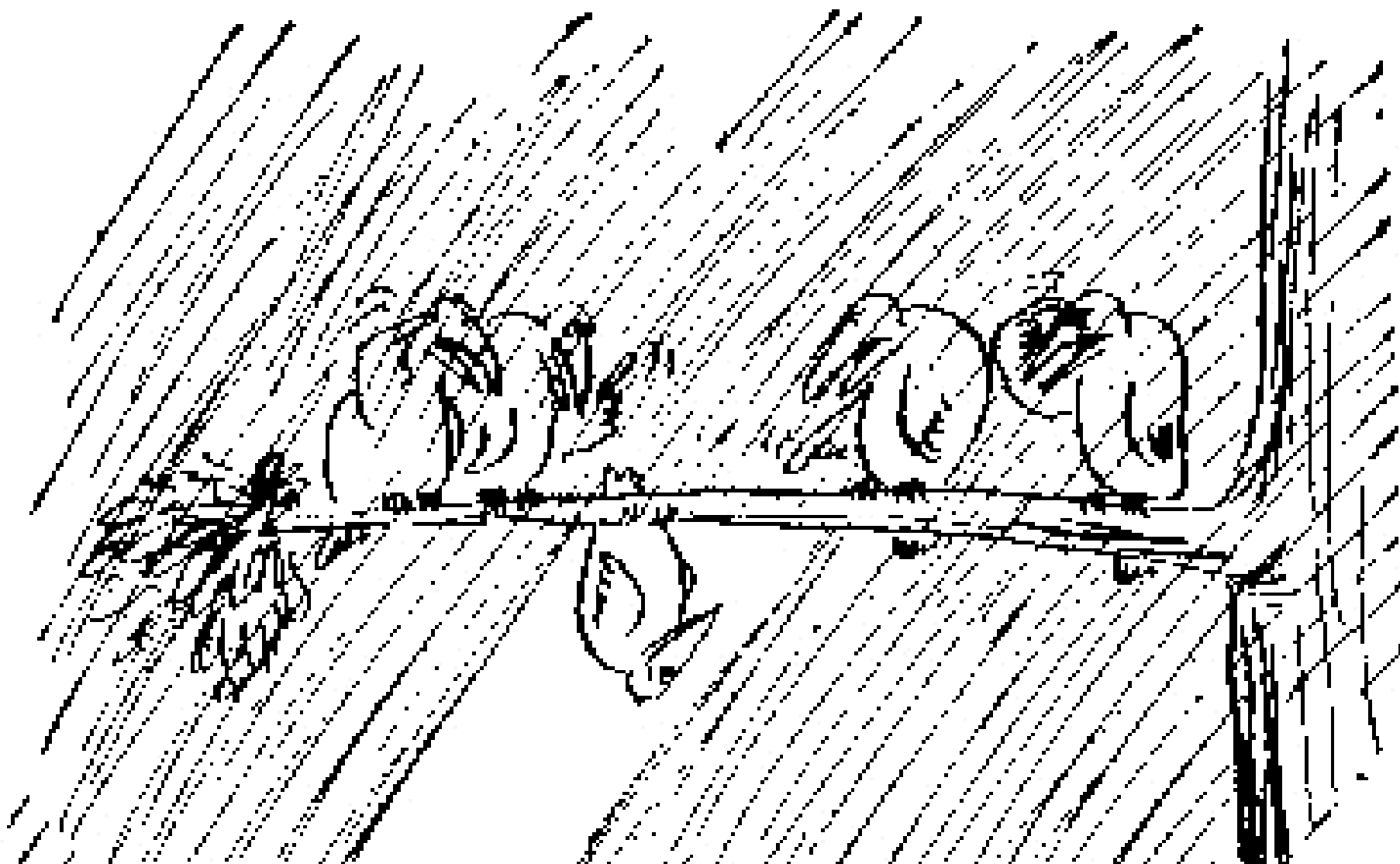
- Minor disturbances in neuropsychological status and cognitive function
- Neurological risk indices
- Neuromarkers
- Neuromonitoring

# Facts



- Serious neurological injuries after cardiac surgery are quite rare, but their consequences are devastating.
- In this particular medical field prevention seems to be far more important than further treatment.





**Prevention is better than treatment!**

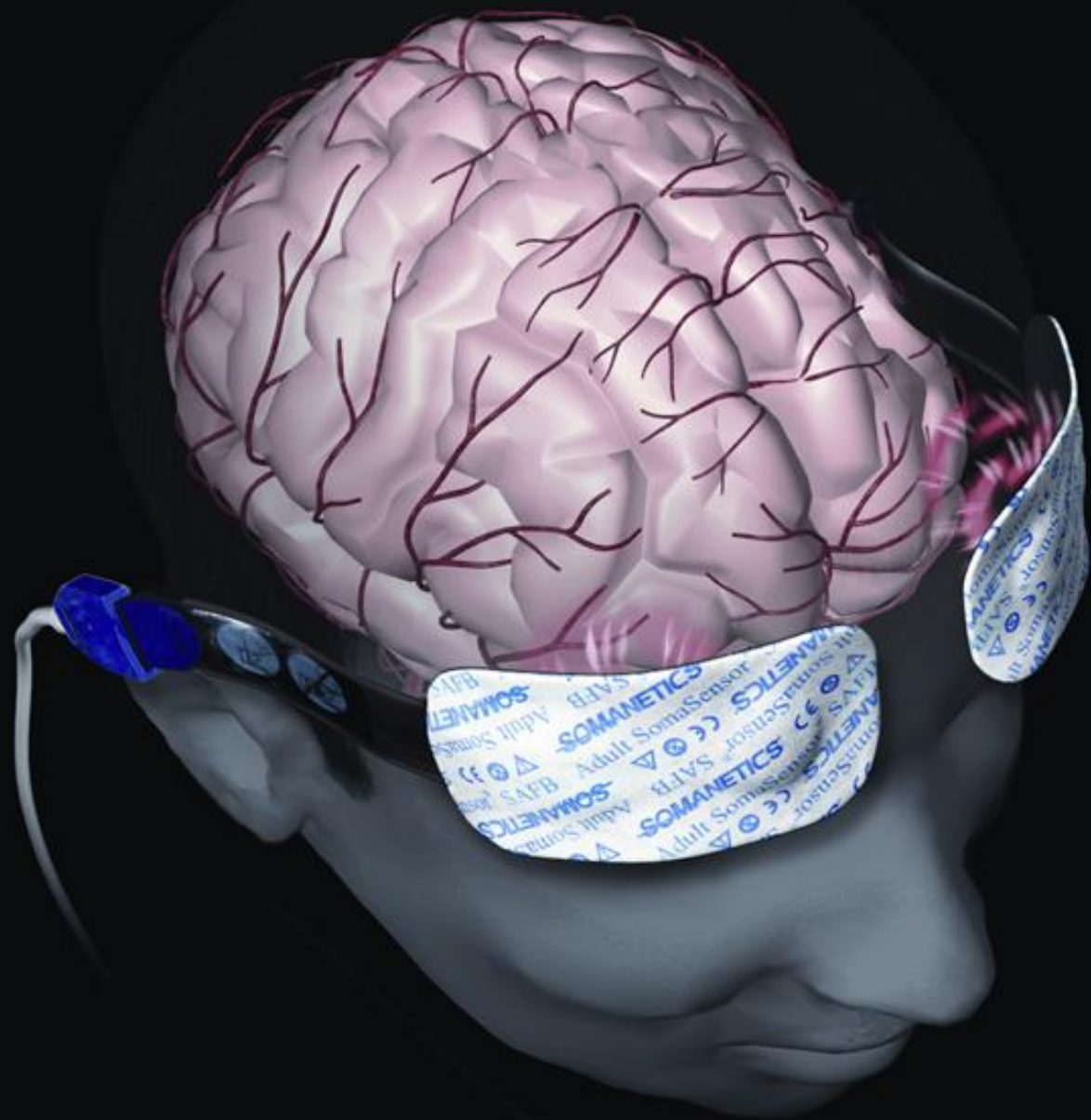
## Options for the surgeon

- Subclavian or femoral location of aortic cannula
- VF arrest instead of cross clamping
- Change of location for proximal anastomoses
- Single clamp technique
- Total arterial revascularisation
- Cancellation of surgical option in precisely defined groups of patients

Option for the anaesthesiologist?









# What is Cerebral Oximetry?

- Utilizes Near-Infrared Spectroscopy (NIRS) and various wavelengths of infrared light that are transmitting through the skull into the cerebral tissue
- Monitoring regional saturation of oxygen (rSO<sub>2</sub>) of grey matter in brain (75% venous and 25% arterial volume)
- Healthy levels of rSO<sub>2</sub>= 58% to 82%.
- Data collected and displayed every 4-5 sec.



# Theoretical background

- Technology utilizes two different wavelengths of light: 730nm and 810nm
- Beer-Lambert Law: with a known intensity of light with a known dimension of chamber > concentration of dissolved substance can be measured
- The difference between oxyhemoglobin and deoxyhemoglobin can be therefore estimated
- **This is the same concept as pulse oximetry**

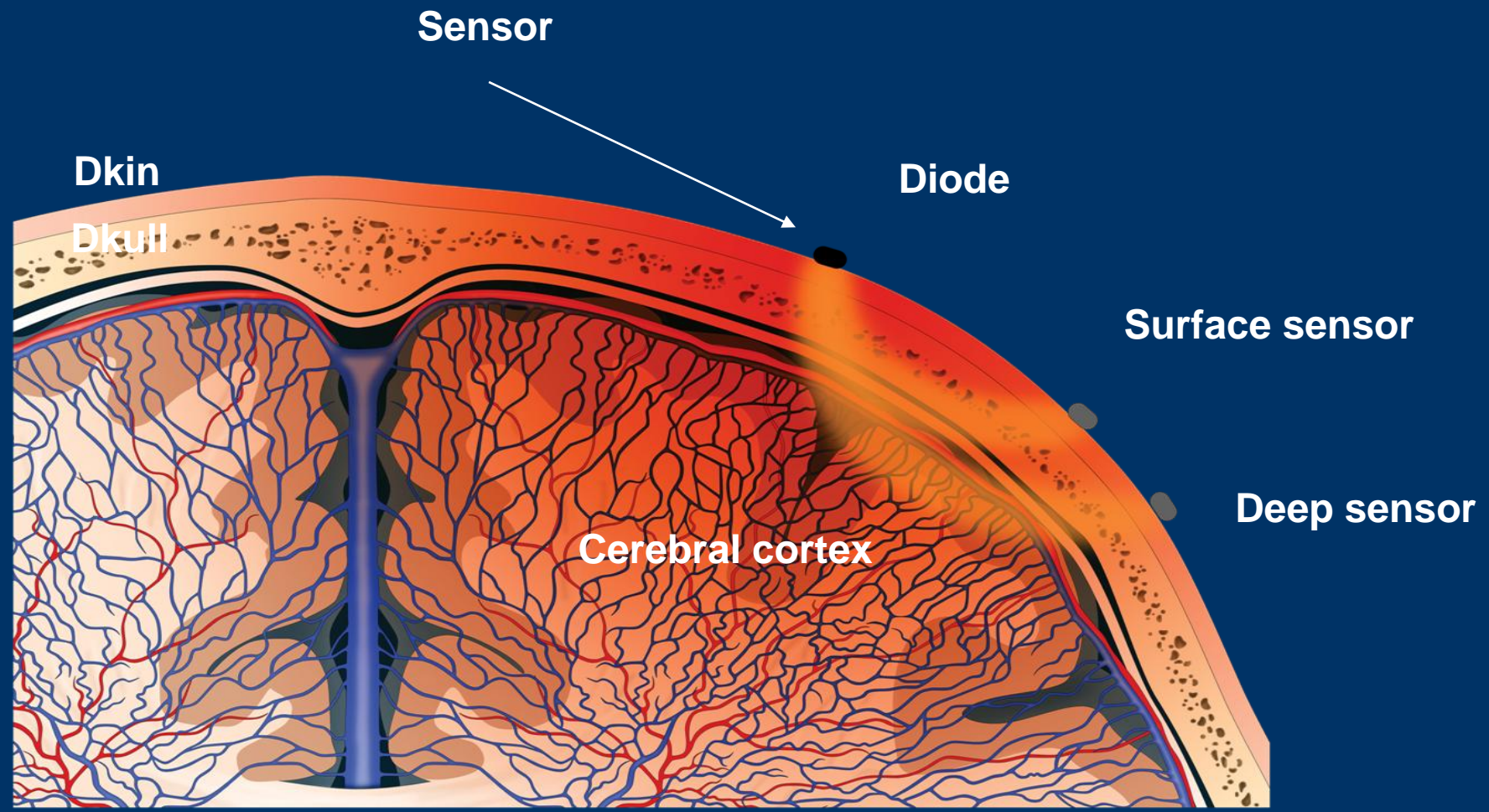


Human skull is readily permeable to infrared light, however the size of an adult human skull excludes transillumination.

In the 80s, Ferrari showed a possibility of measuring the light reflected and scattered along the arc returning to the vicinity of the emission source.

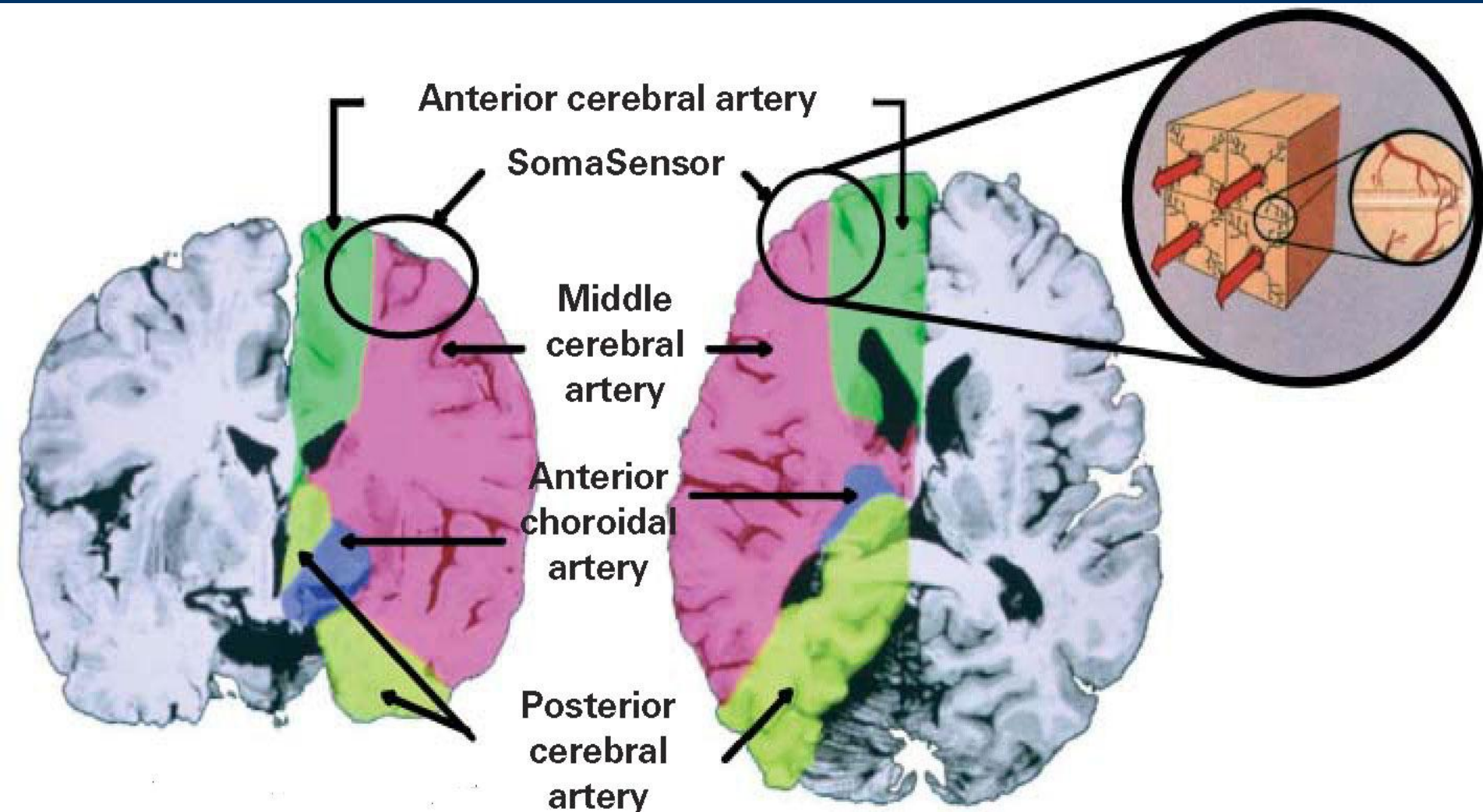
NIRS method uses the absorption of infrared light and gives the possibility of non-invasive assessment of frontal cortex oxygenation.

Cerebral oximeter has been equipped with two infrared detectors. Closer detector counts photons reflected from the superficial tissues, more remote detector counts photons reflected and partly absorbed by the cortex of the brain.





**NIRS** allows continuous, noninvasive assessment of oxygenation of the cerebral cortex in the border areas, that are particularly vulnerable to decreases in perfusion





# Other methods?

- Current neurological monitoring modalities include cerebral oximetry, EEG and transcranial Doppler.
- Sensitivity:  
Cerebral oximetry > EEG > transcranial Doppler



# Basic information

- Normal cerebral saturation: 58%-82%
- Intervention threshold: anything  $< 50\%$  or decrease of 20% from baseline
- Very important to have established baseline cerebral saturations

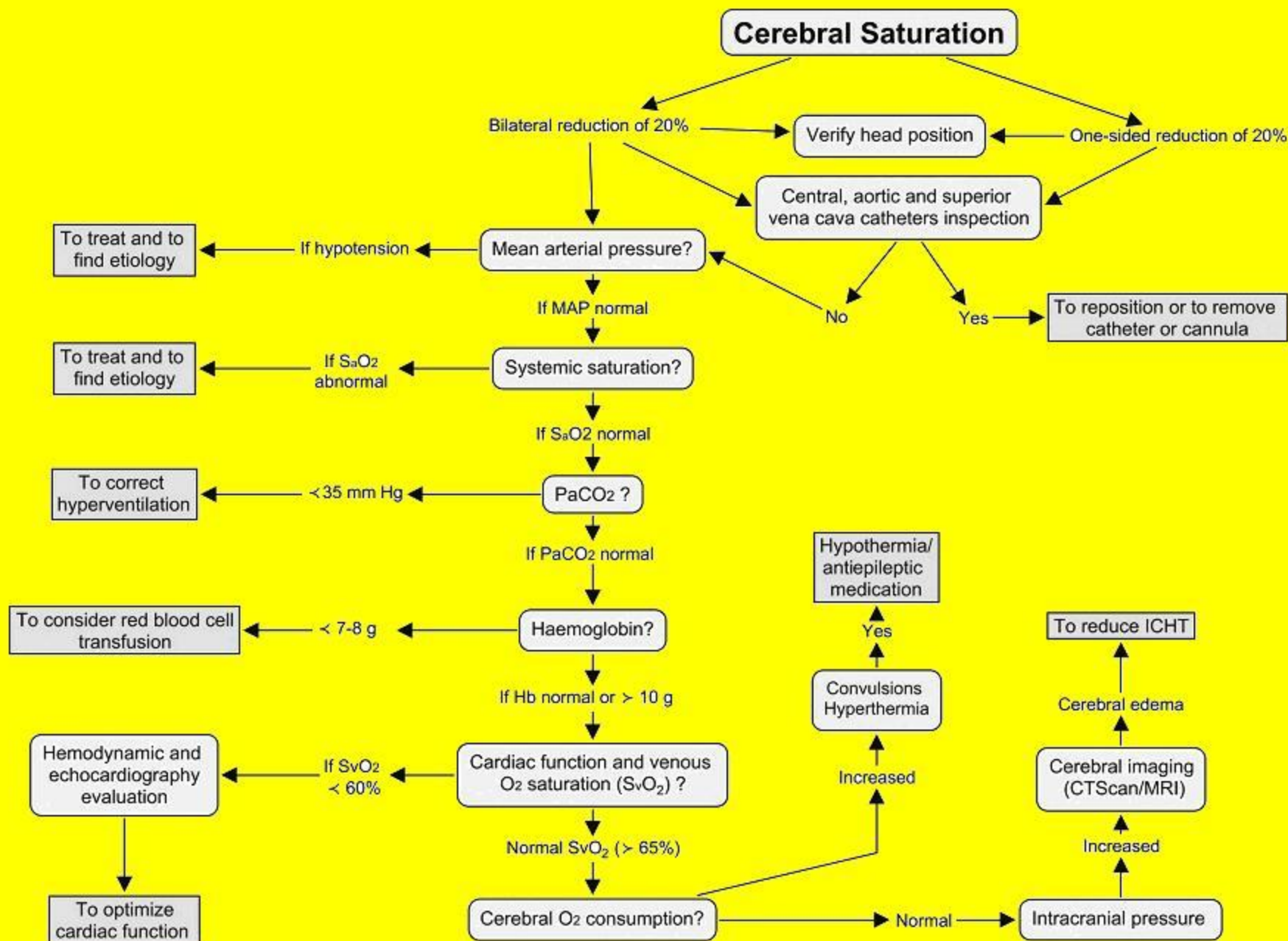
# Interventions

- Reasons for low cerebral saturation:
  - › High cerebral metabolism, hyperthermia
  - › Low haemoglobin (anaemia)
  - › Low  $\text{PaCO}_2$ , alkalosis
  - › Low cerebral blood flow (cannula or head position)
  - › Hypoxia
  - › Vasoconstriction
- Most common interventions:
  - › Increase  $\text{FiO}_2$
  - › Increase hematocrit
  - › Increase blood pressure / cardiac output
  - › Increase  $\text{CO}_2$  > increase cerebral blood flow

# Full list of interventions

- Mechanical factors
  - Head position
  - Cannula position
- Decrease of metabolism
  - Increasing the depth of anesthesia
  - Decrease of temperature
- Increase of oxygen supply
  - Increase of blood pressure
  - Increase of  $\text{CO}_2$
  - Increase of  $\text{FiO}_2$
  - Increase of cardiac output
  - Vasodilatation of cerebral vessels (nitroglycerin)
  - Increase of hematocrit





# Our experience



- cerebral oximetry is used since November 2006
- > 500 patients studied
- two monitors are in everyday use

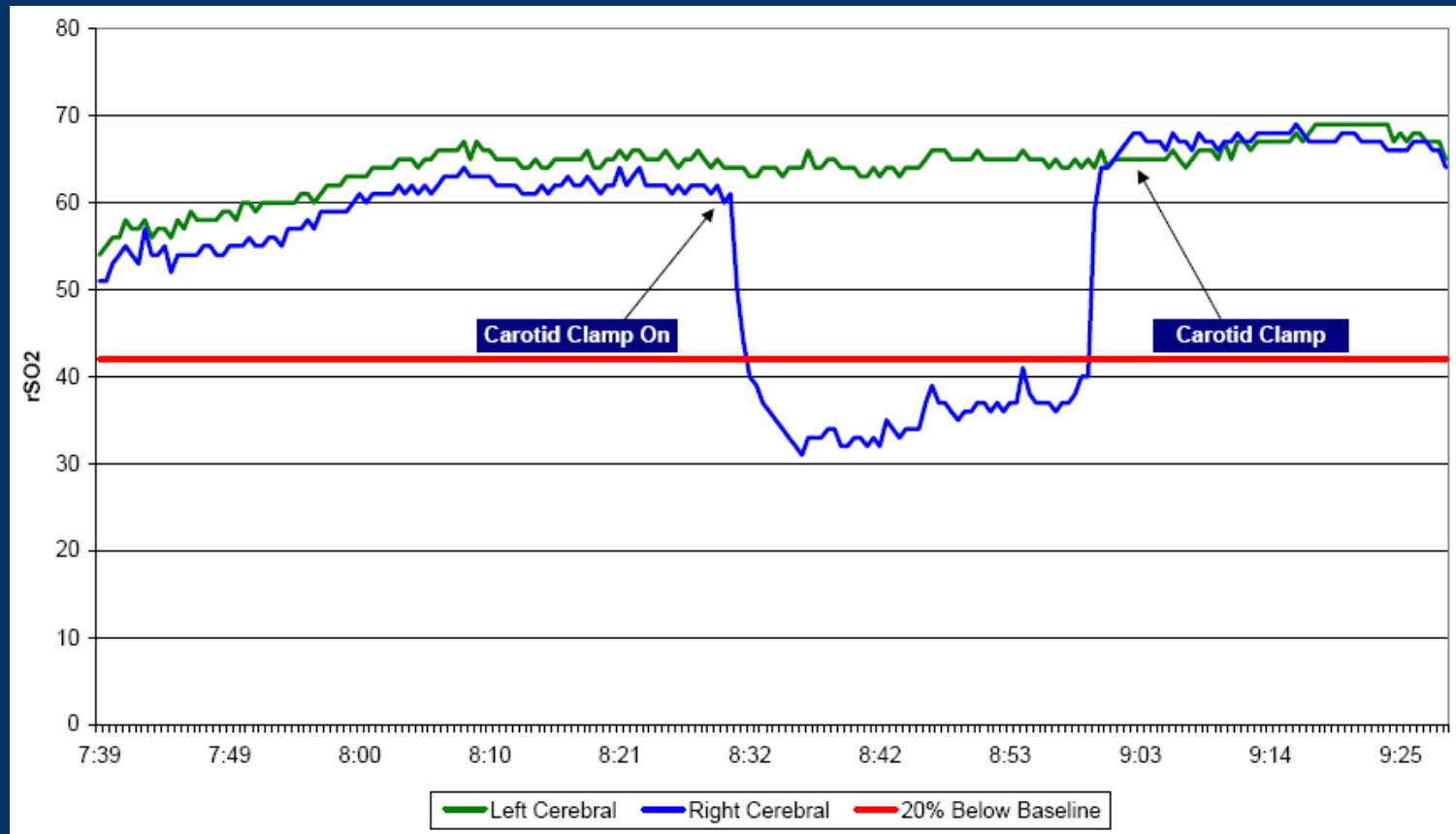


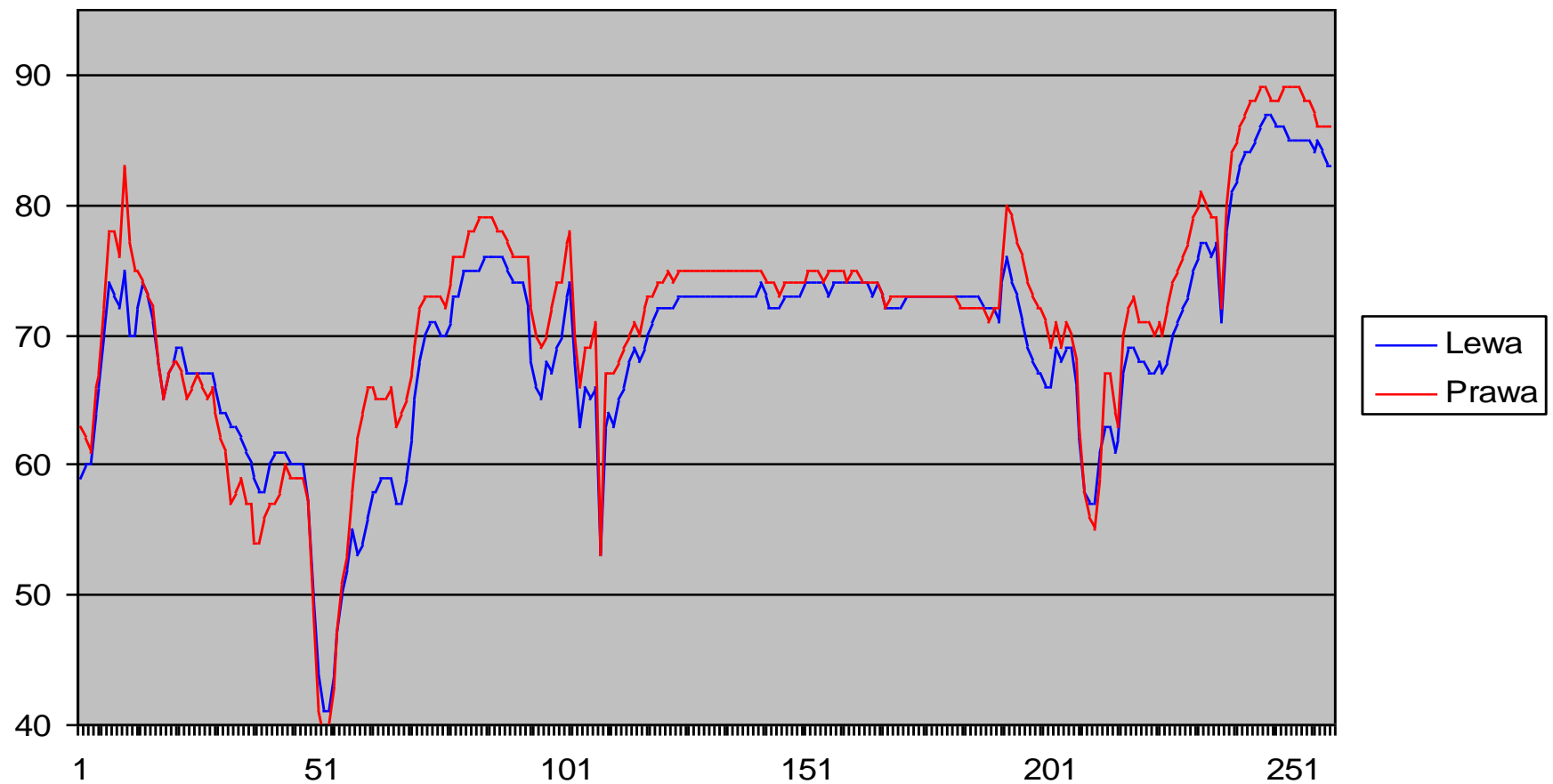
# Our indications

- Age > 70 years
- Deep hypothermia
- Previous stroke
- Carotid artery stenosis > 70% (unilateral or bilateral)

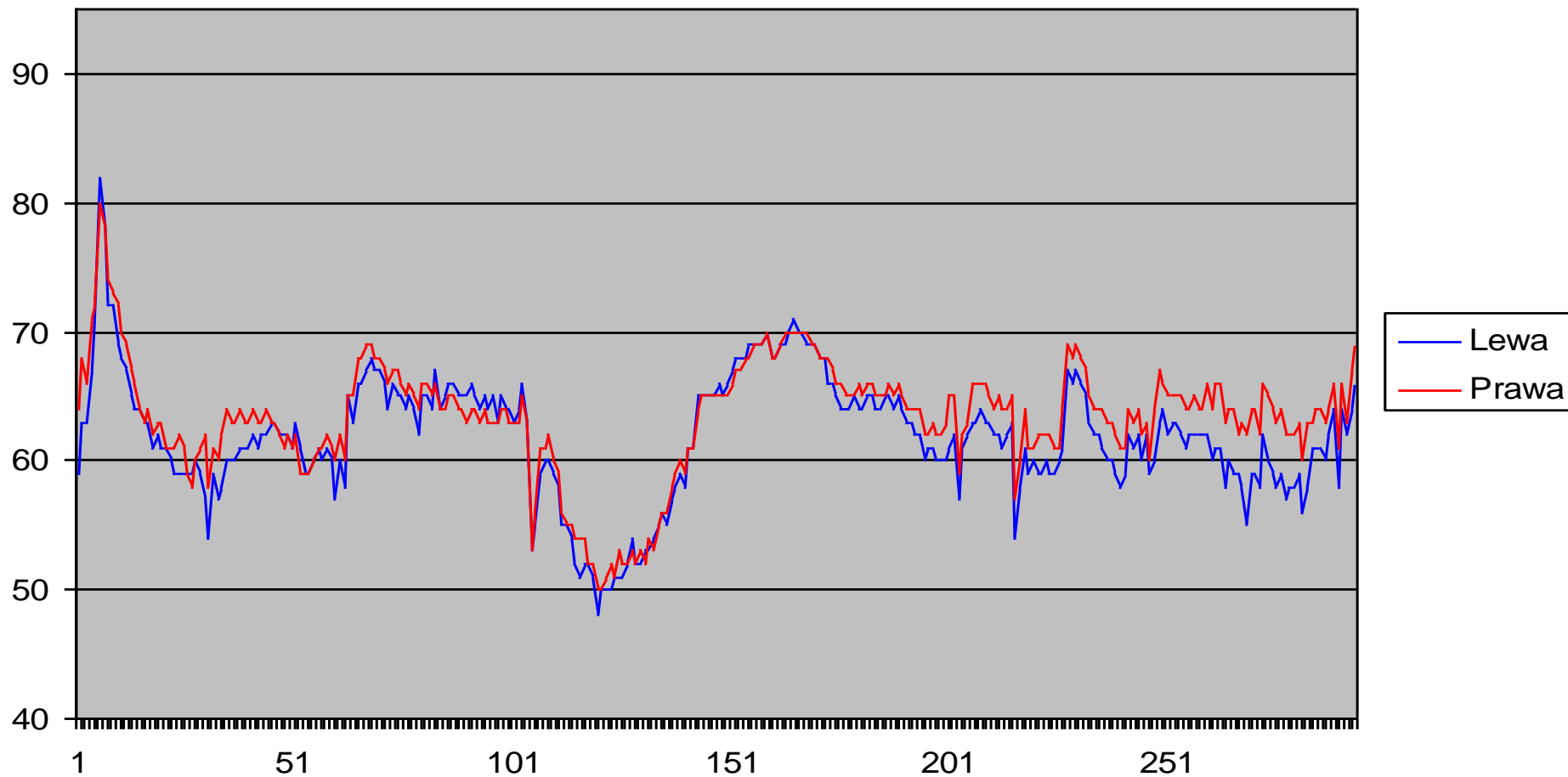


# Carotid endarterectomy

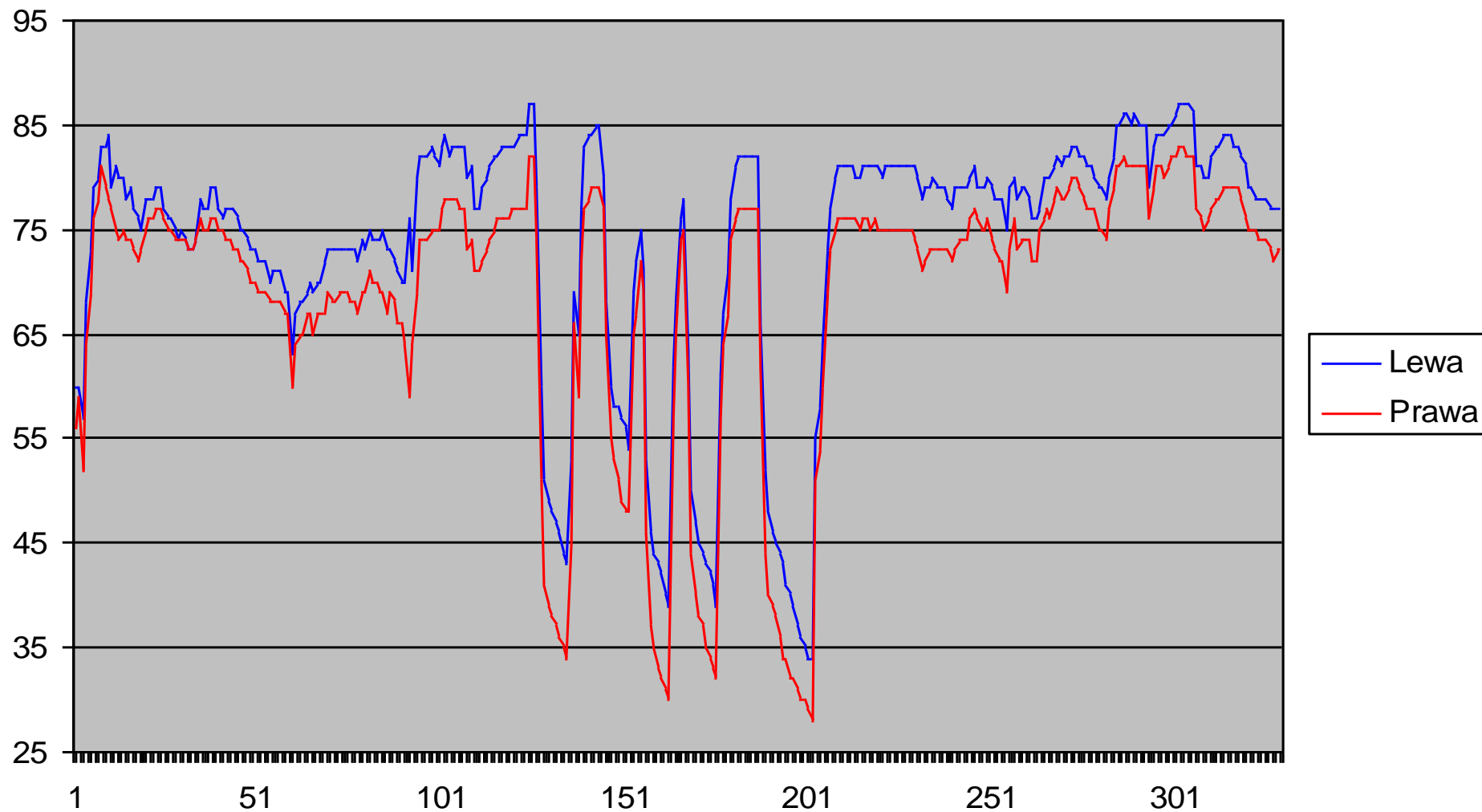




Aortic valve replacement. Steep fall of RSO<sub>2</sub> before CPB induced by hyperventilation. Reduction in ventilation and increase of PaCO<sub>2</sub> did not restore the initial rSO<sub>2</sub>, but administration of isoflurane finally restored baseline values. No complications.

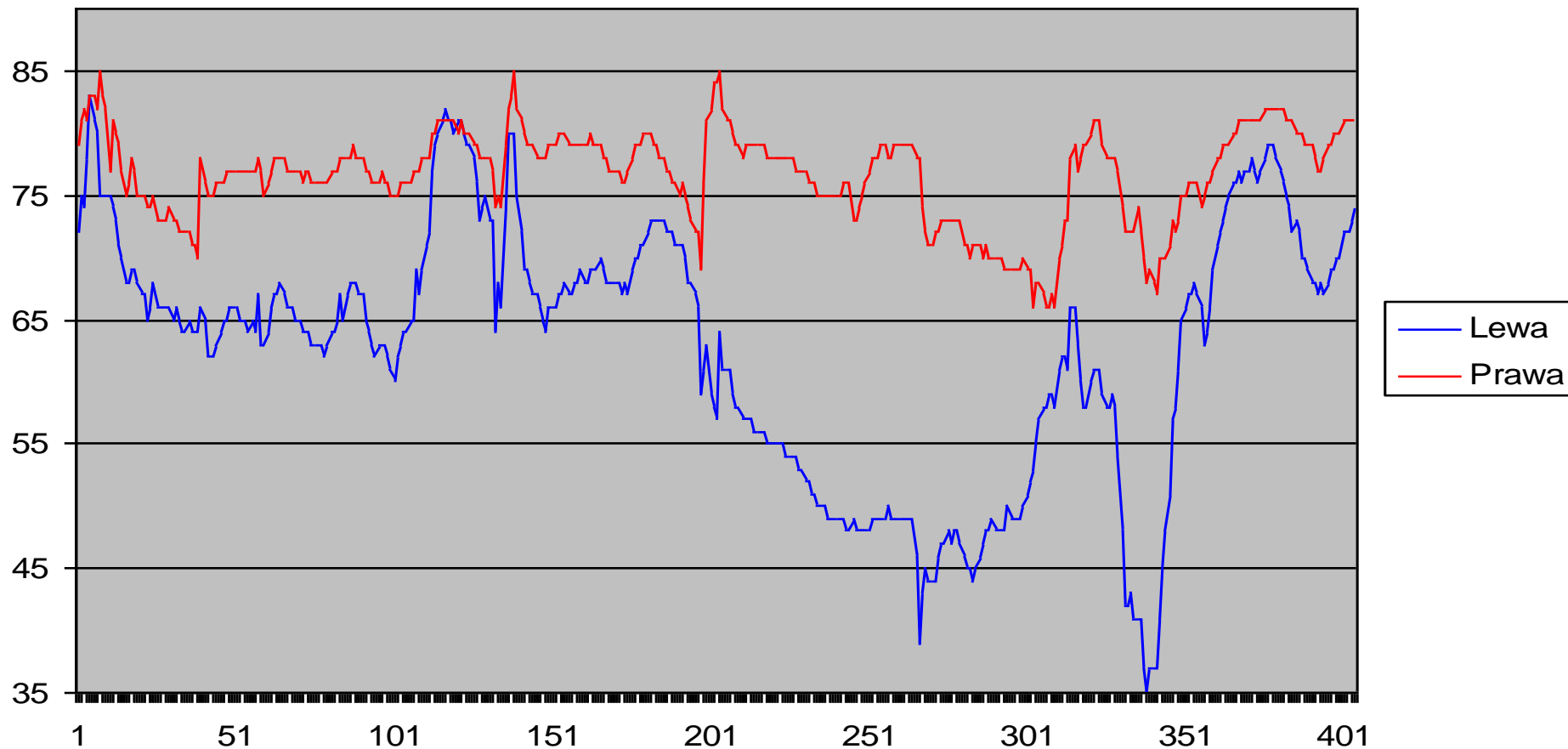


Aortic valve replacement. Fall in rSO<sub>2</sub> after the initiation of CPB was caused by hypocapnia and associated by the increase in MAP to 100 mm Hg. PaCO<sub>2</sub> was raised and propofol infusion was started. No complications.



Deep hypothermia circulatory arrest (10'+7'+8'+10').  
Due to the control of rSO<sub>2</sub> DHCA was reasonably divided





Aortic aneurysm surgery with selective brain perfusion. Imbalance between the left and right hemisphere intensified during perfusion of the brachiocephalic trunk. After declamping of aorta divergence in oxygenation between the right and left side. Normalization of rSO2 after raising MAP and infusion of mannitol. Patient developed cerebral stroke.

# Evidence

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Casati et al, Anesth Analg 2005;101:740

Results of multi-center general surgery study, N=122.  
Patients >65 yrs undergoing major abdominal surgery

Randomized, blinded, with interventions to optimize rSO<sub>2</sub> in 56 patients. In 26 pts in the intervention group there was a shorter hospital LOS, 10 vs. 24 days, p=0.007

Early postoperative confusion (MMSE decline  $\geq 2$ ) reduced 35%, p=0.02

# Evidence

Goldman et al. Heart Surg Forum 2004

Results of 3-year cardiac surgery study, N=2,279. Blinded collection of data from STS Database

Permanent stroke reduced, 0.97% vs. 2.5%,  $p=0.044$ . Total ventilator time was shorter, 4 vs. 5 hrs,  $p=0.0016$ . Proportion of pts requiring prolonged ventilation was reduced, 6.8% vs. 10.6%,  $p=0.0014$

# Evidence

Murkin et al. Heart Surg Forum 2004;7(6):515

Randomized, blinded, cardiac surgery study, N=200.  
Interventions to optimize rSO<sub>2</sub> in 100, Controls blinded

Blinded collection of data from STS Database. Control group experienced more severe desaturations, 6 vs. 0, p=0.014.  
Permanent stroke reduced, 1% vs. 4%, but p=NS. No differences in LOS and ventilation time.

Proportion of pts experiencing major organ morbidity or mortality (MOMM) reduced, 3% vs. 11%, p=0.048. ICU LOS 1.25 vs. 1.87 days, p=0.029



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