

# Nieuwe ontwikkelingen om donoraanbod te vergroten

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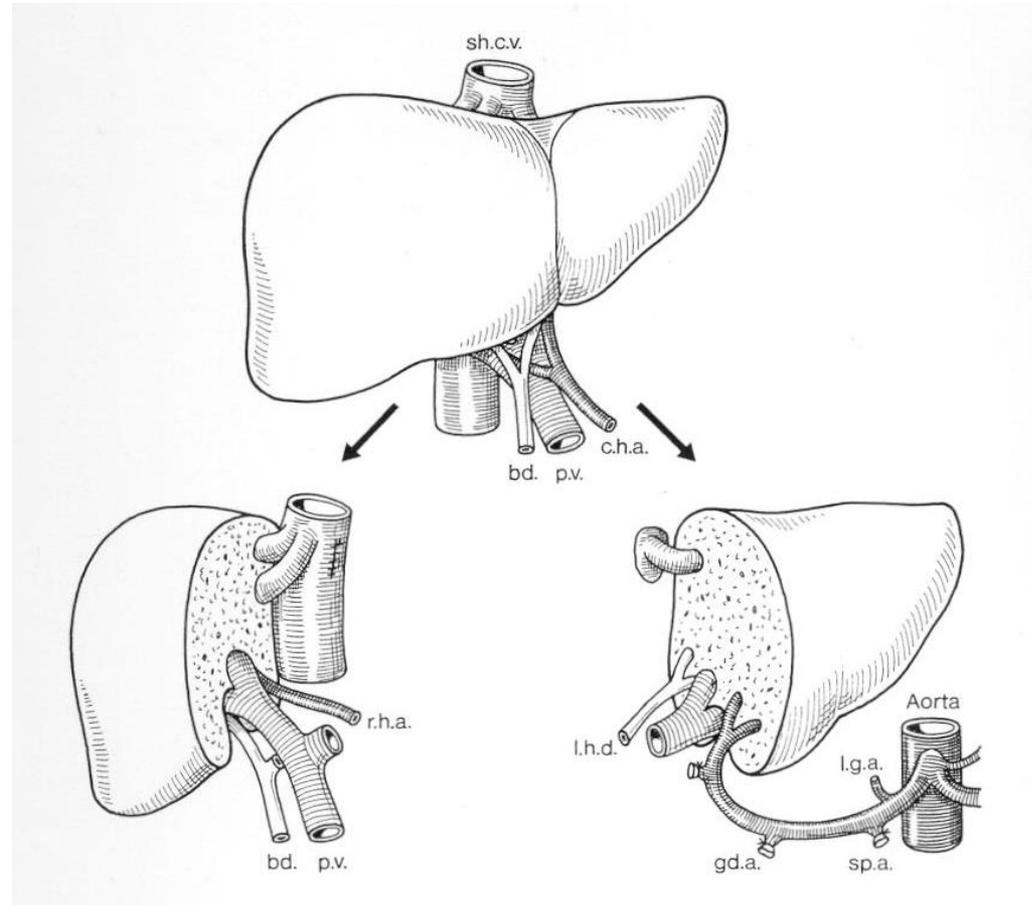
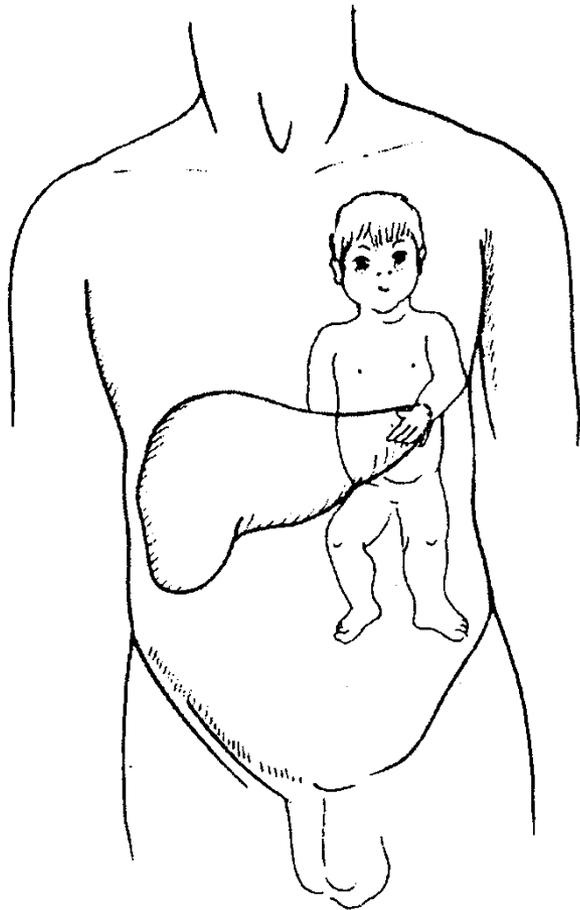
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- We have been pushing the limits by:
  - Performing living liver donations
  - Performing split liver transplants

# Splitting of Donor Livers



# Living Donor Liver Transplantation

## Advantages:

- Reduction of waiting list mortality
- Elective surgery
  - Recipient in better condition
  - Optimal quality of the graft

## Groningen experience:

- 50% of all pediatric OLT's (20-25/yr)
- 1-year Patient Survival: 100%
- 5-year Patient Survival: 95%



# Living Donor Liver Transplantation

- De 1500ste OLT in Groningen -





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  - Accepting higher risk livers from extended criteria donors
    - *Livers with steatosis*
    - *Livers from donation after circulatory death (DCD)*
    - *Livers from older donors*

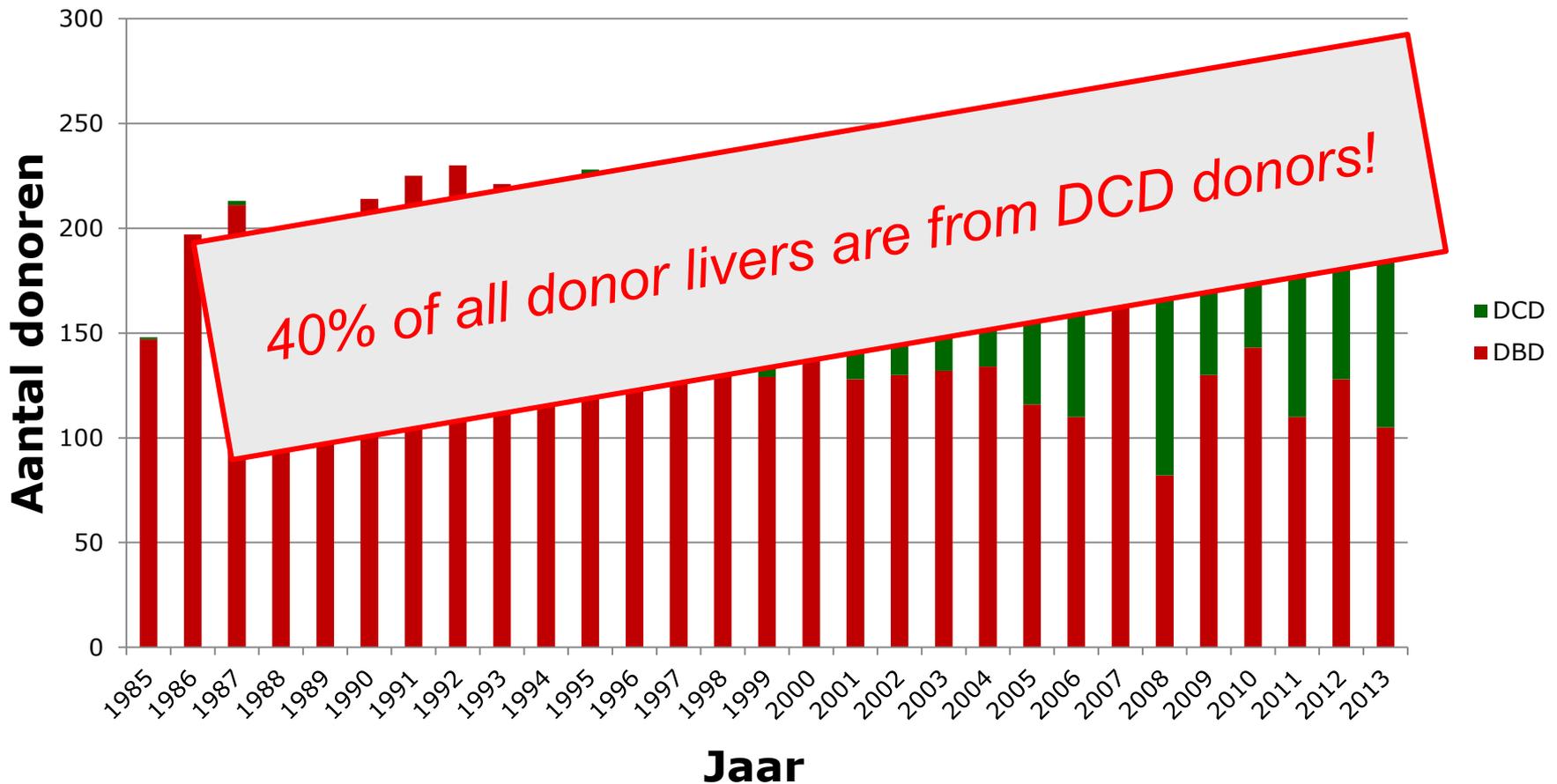


# De bovenste leeftijdsgrens voor leverdonatie in Nederland is

- A. 60 jaar
- B. 65 jaar
- C. 75 jaar
- D. Er is geen bovengrens



# Two type donoren: Hersendode (DBD) en Non-heart-beating (of Donation after Circulatory Death [DCD])





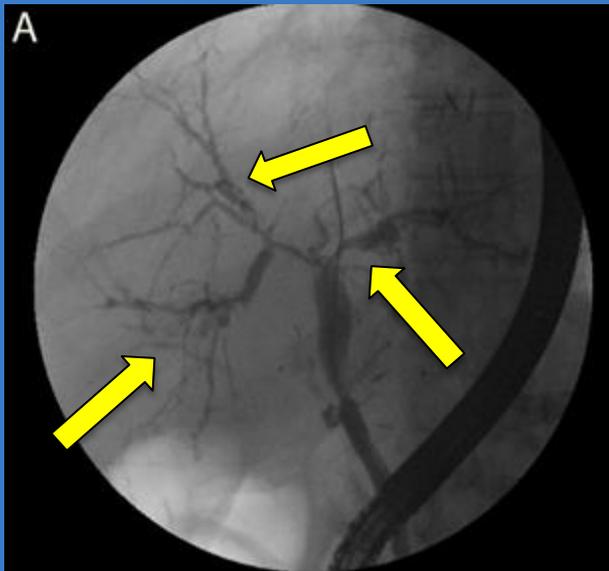
# The Risk of ECD / DCD Livers

- **Parenchymal Injury** (i.e. steatotic livers)
  - *Higher rate of primary non-function*
  - *Higher rate of initial poor function*
- **Endothelial Injury**
  - *Higher rate of early hepatic artery thrombosis*
  - *Microvascular / sinusoidal thrombosis*
- **Biliary Injury** (i.e. DCD livers)
  - *Higher rate of non-anastomotic biliary strictures*

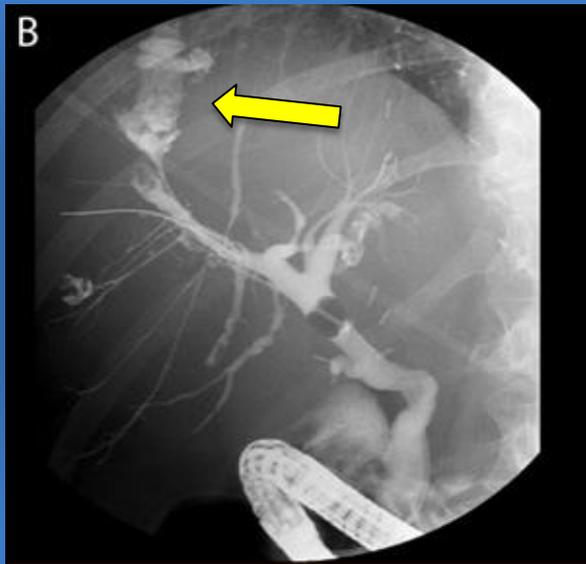
# Post-transplant Cholangiopathy

- Alternative names: Ischemic-type biliary lesions (ITBL)  
Non-anastomotic biliary strictures (NAS)  
Ischemic cholangiopathy
- Spectrum of disease:

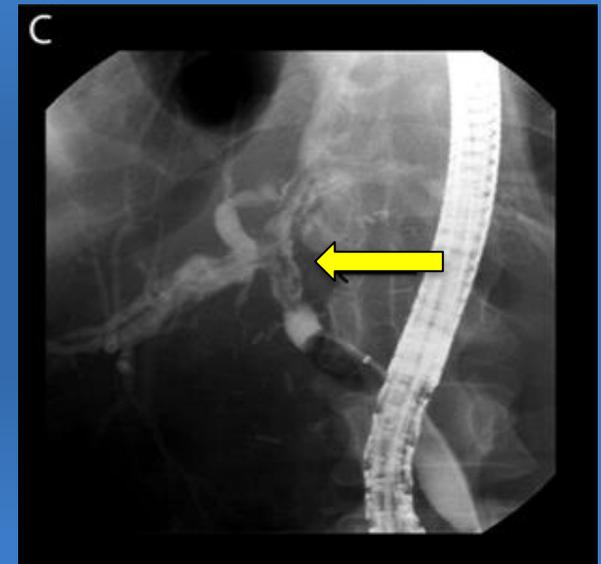
Non-anastomotic strictures



Intrahepatic leakage



Intraductal casts



- Incidence: after DBD Liver transplantation: 1-10%  
after DCD Liver transplantation: 10-30%



## The Key Question Anno 2017:

*How Can Improve Outcome After ECD / DCD Liver Transplantation?*

- Increase of number of transplantable livers?
- Reduce biliary complications after DCD liver transplantation?



# Current Method of Organ Preservation: Static Cold Storage

## ■ Advantages:

- Easy to execute
- Easy transportation
- Low costs

## ■ Disadvantages:

- No functional assessment
- No oxygenation
- Cold induced injury
- **Not good enough for ECD / DCD livers**





# Liver Machine Perfusion



## Liver Assist<sup>®</sup>:

- Pressure controlled
- Temperature controlled (10-37°C)
- Pulsatile arterial flow
- Continuous portal flow
- Oxygenated
- Sterile disposable set for each liver





# Hypothermic versus Normothermic

- **Hypothermic Oxygenated Machine Perfusion**

- Resuscitation of the mitochondria
- Restoration of ATP, recovery of oxygen debt
- Reduction of I/R injury
- Relatively simple and safe
- Relatively low costs



0-12° C

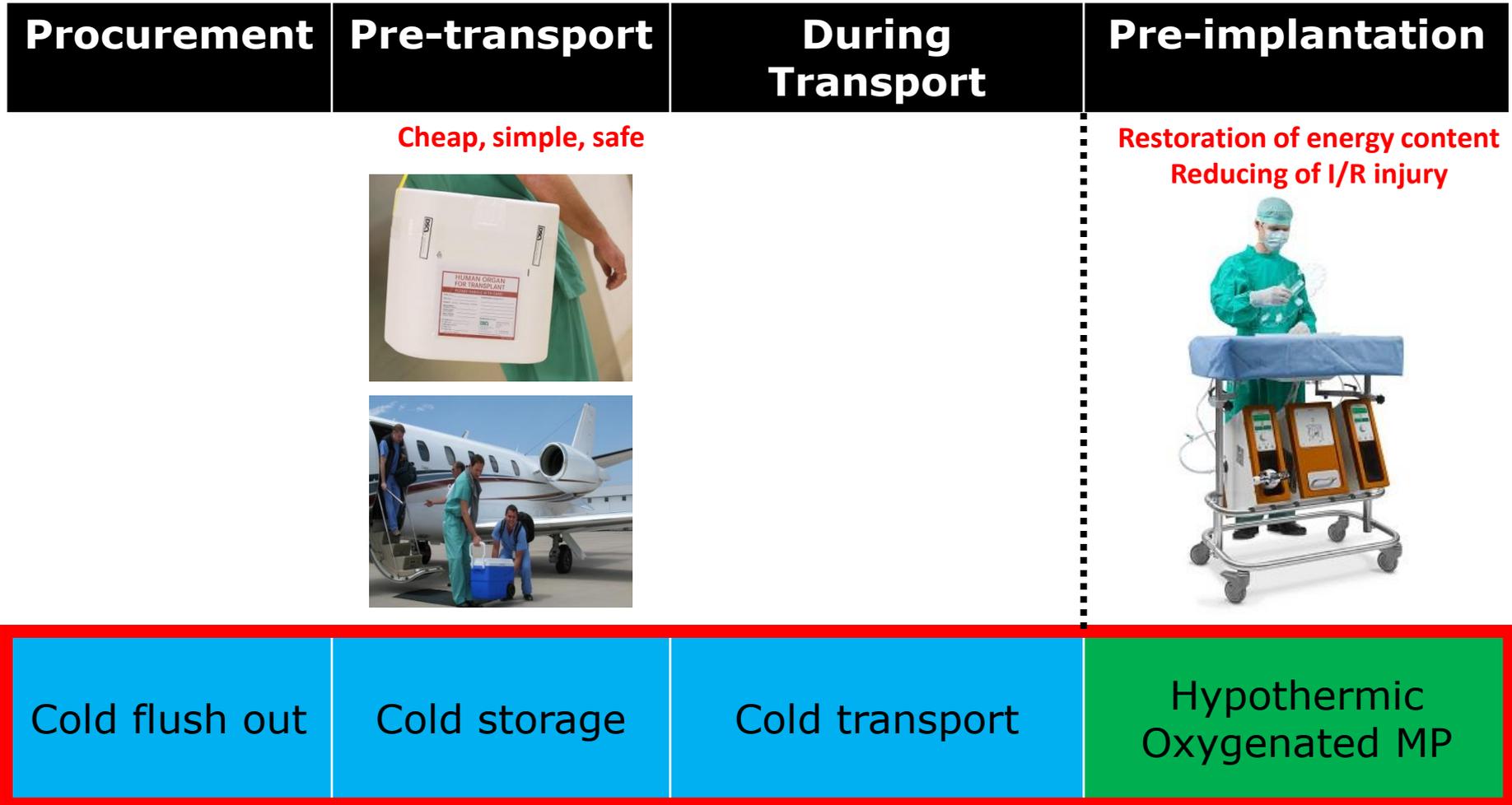
- **Normothermic Oxygenated Machine Perfusion**

- The liver is metabolically active
- Enables *ex situ* assessment of liver function (end-ischemic)
- Benefit of continuous NMP not yet proven
- Potential: Therapeutic interventions and longer preservation time
- Potentially riskier?
- Expensive



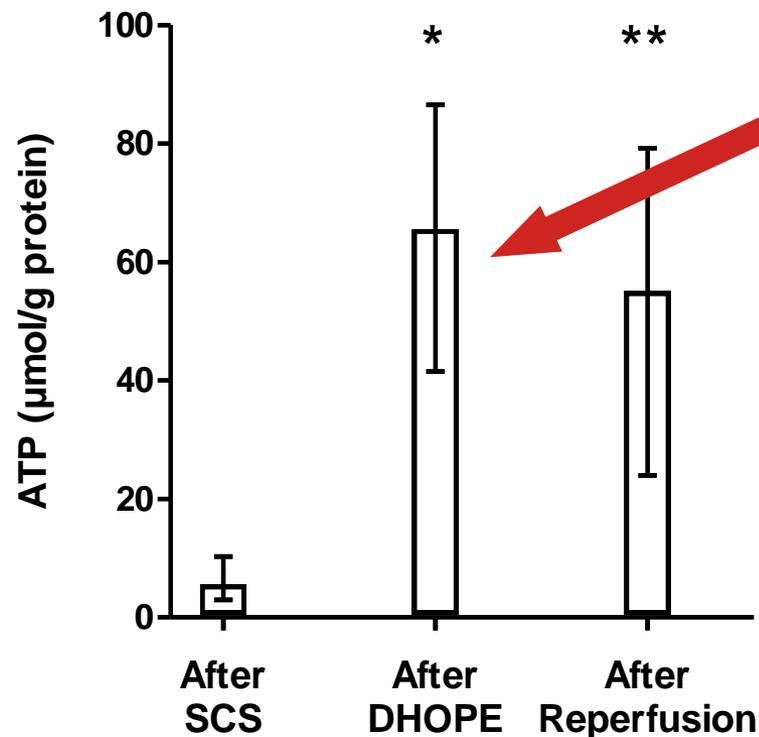
35-  
37° C

# End-ischemic Hypothermic Oxygenated Machine Perfusion



# Dual hypothermic oxygenated machine perfusion in liver transplants donated after circulatory death

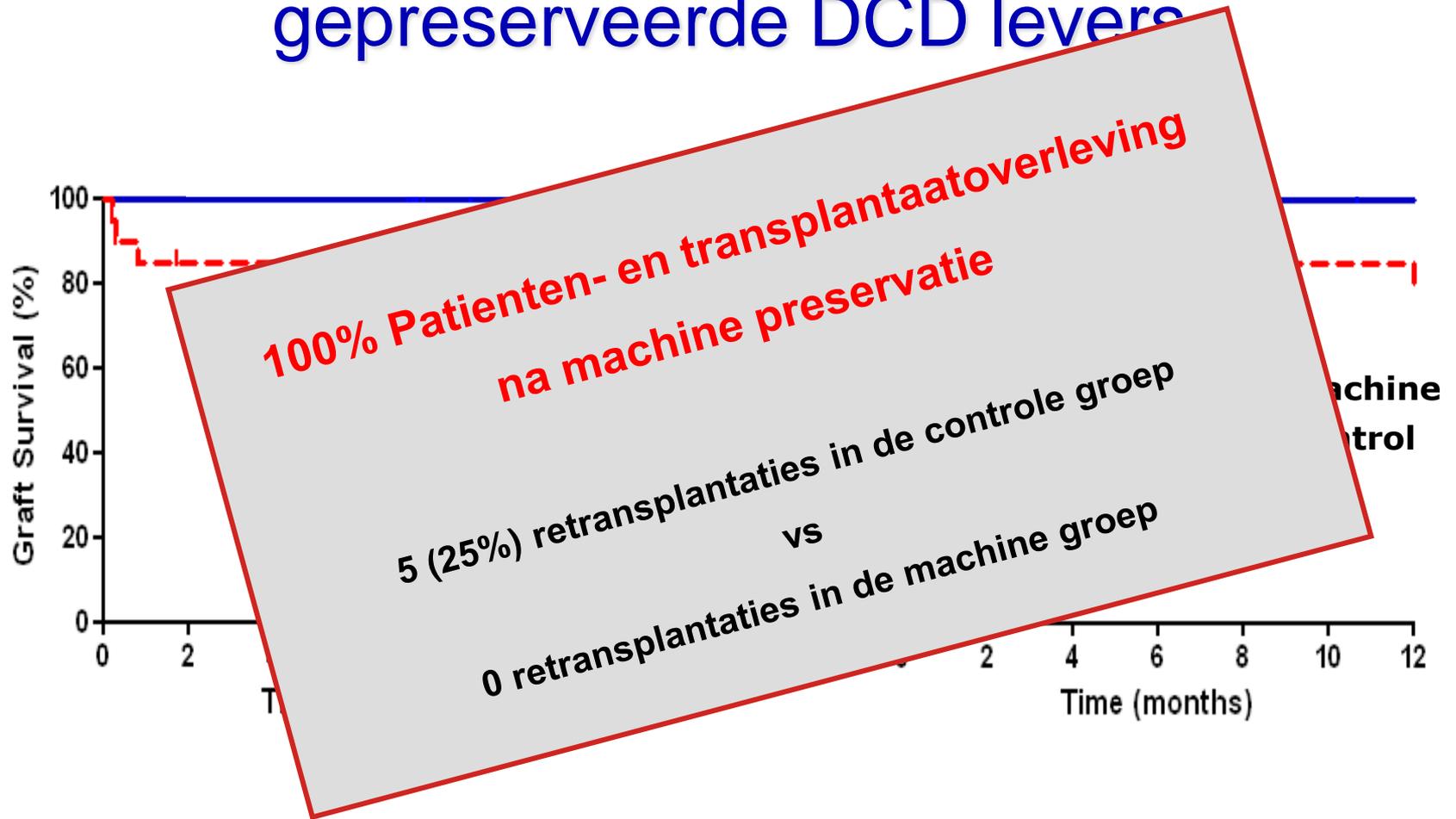
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11-fold increase of ATP during 2hrs of end-ischemic DHOPE



# Transplantaat- en patiëntenoverleving na transplantatie van machine gepreserveerde DCD levers



# Hypothermic Oxygenated Machine Perfusion

## Multi-center Randomized Clinical Trials



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- **DHOPE-DCD Trial**

- End-ischemic dual hypothermic oxygenated machine perfusion versus static cold storage alone of **DCD livers**
- Primary endpoint: biliary strictures

- **HOPE-DBD Trial**

- End-ischemic hypothermic oxygenated machine perfusion versus static cold storage alone of **DBD livers**
- Primary endpoint: Composite complications

# Normothermic Machine Perfusion

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Brief Communication

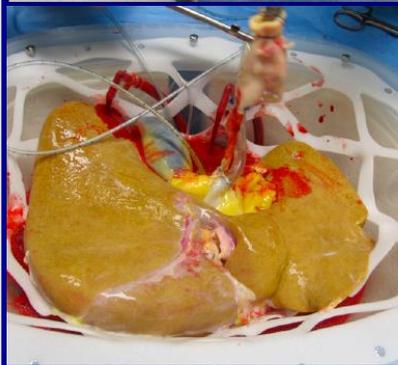
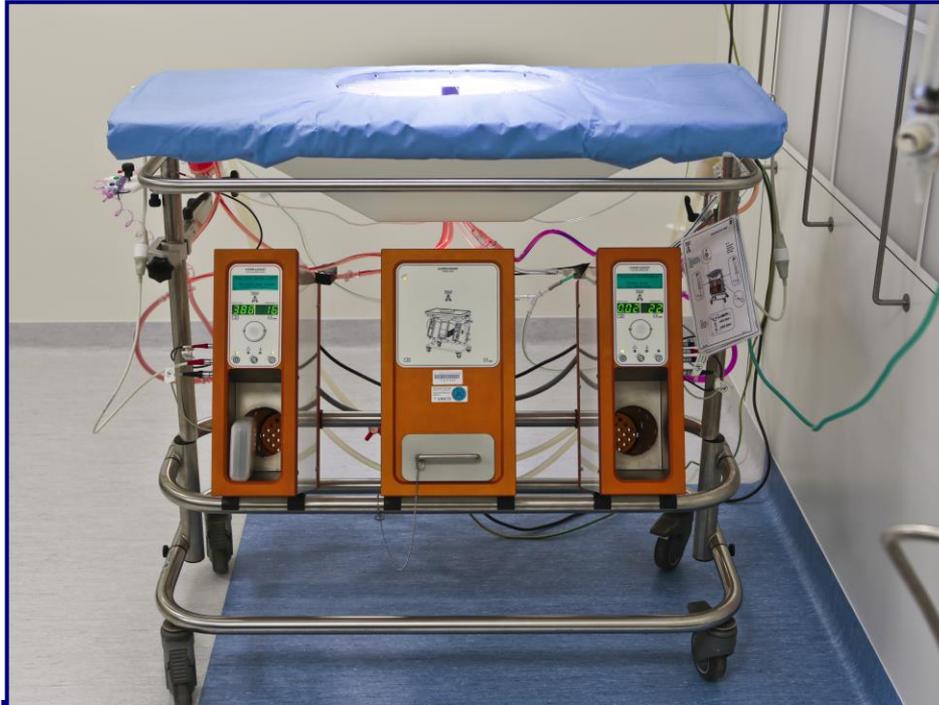
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## ***Ex vivo* Normothermic Machine Perfusion and Viability Testing of Discarded Human Donor Livers**

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- Allows functional assessment of the liver before transplantation
- Potential: Therapeutic intervention and (re)conditioning



**Before NMP**

**1 min after NMP**

**20 min after NMP**

**At 6 hours of NMP**

# UMCG maakt 'testrit' met donorlevers vóór transplantatie

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## Wereldprimeur kan tekort donororganen beperken

Het is onderzoekers en leverchirurgen van het UMC Groningen als eersten ter wereld gelukt om uitgenomen levers op lichaamstemperatuur in leven te houden.



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De onderzoekers ontwikkelden een apparaat waarmee levers buiten het lichaam warm en doorbloed blijven. Gedoneerde levers blijven zo urenlang buiten het lichaam in leven.

De onderzoekers kunnen dan bekijken of de lever goed genoeg functioneert om



## UMCG houdt levers in leven

16 april 2013

Het is leverchirurgen en onderzoekers van het Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (UMCG) gelukt om menselijke levers buiten het lichaam op lichaamstemperatuur in leven te houden. Hierbij maakt het onderzoeksteam gebruik van een apparaat dat het lichaam nabootst. 'Het apparaat functioneert als een pomp.

# COR-NMP Trial in Groningen

## *Phase I trial on Normothermic Liver Perfusion*

- End-ischemic *ex vivo* reconditioning and viability assessment of initially declined, suboptimal donor livers
  - 1 hr of oxygenated hypothermic (10°C) perfusion (DHOPE)
    - *Resuscitation of mitochondria*
    - *Restoration of cellular ATP*
  - 1 hr of controlled oxygenated rewarming (COR)
    - *From 10 to 37 °C*
  - 2-6 hr of normothermic machine perfusion (NMP)
    - *Viability assessment*
- Transplantation if a liver meets viability criteria
  - Lactate clearance and bile production



# What Is The Best Strategy?

Procurement

Pre-transport

During Transport

Pre-implantation

Resolution of oxygen debt  
Restoration of cellular energy content  
in DCD donor livers



ECOPS / Donor Assist

Cheap, simple, safe



Restoration of energy content  
Reducing of I/R injury  
Viability testing



Liver Assist

Normothermic  
regional  
perfusion

Slow oxygenated  
cooling

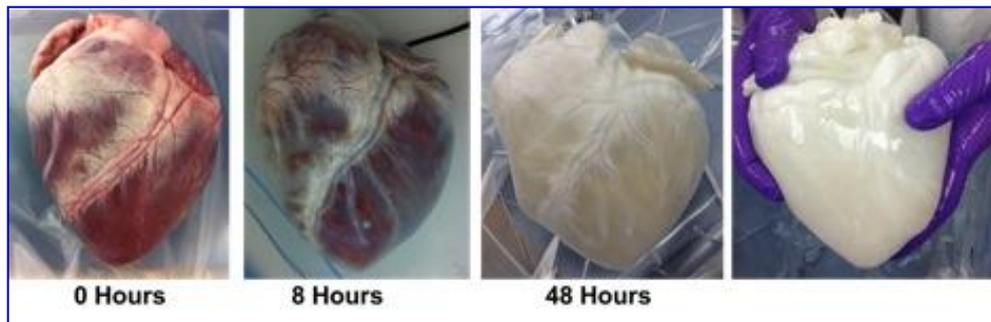
Static cold storage and  
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Oxygenated HMP/  
Controlled rearming /  
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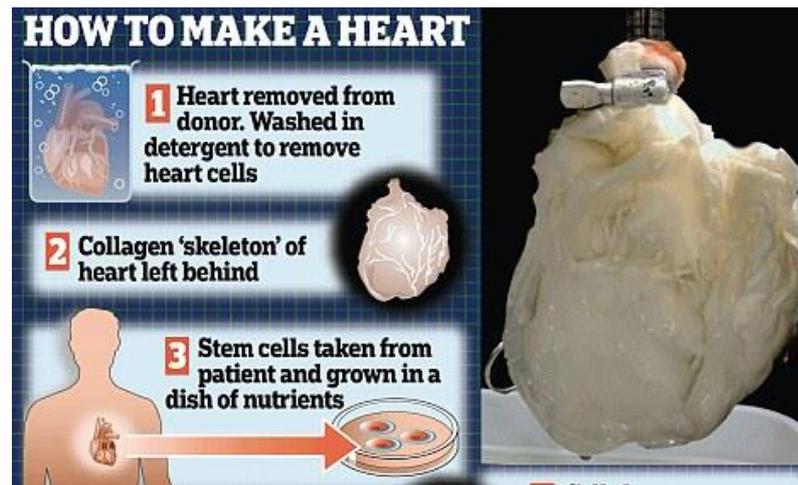


# Ontwikkeling van nieuwe toepassing van orgaanperfusiesystemen

- Gen-therapie
- Stamcel-therapie
- Decellularizatie en creatie van een nieuw "eigen" orgaan

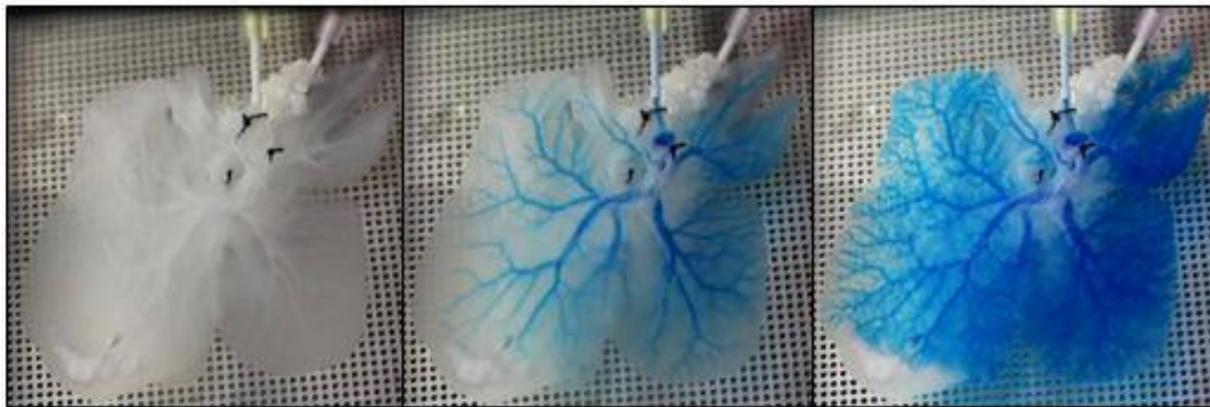


*Gedecellulariseerd hart*

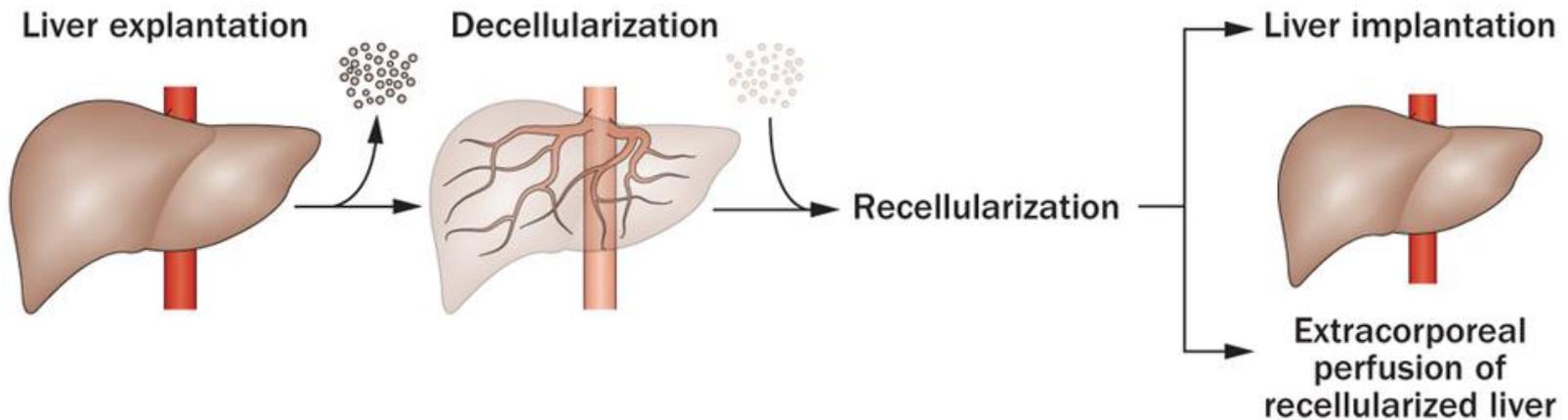




# Ontwikkeling van nieuwe toepassing van orgaanperfusiesystemen



*Decellularized rat liver scaffold*



# The Groningen Organ Preservation & Resuscitation Unit

Central facility for:

- Back table preparation
- Simultaneous machine perfusion of: Lungs, liver, two kidneys





# Summary - I

- Liver transplantation is a very successful treatment for end-stage acute or chronic liver disease
- Main limitation anno 2017: the number of suitable donor livers
  - *250 multi-organ donors versus 150 liver transplants / year*
  - *15-20% mortality on the waiting list*
  - *Restricted indications for liver transplantation*



## Summary - II

- Solutions to increase the number of donor livers:
  - Split liver transplantation
  - Living donation
  - More frequent use of “suboptimal” or ECD donor livers
  - 40% DCD livers in The Netherlands
- Liver machine preservation techniques are rapidly developing and have entered the clinical arena
  - Reduces ischemia / reperfusion injury
  - Enables better preservation and protection of bile ducts
  - Increase the number of suitable donor livers



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