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Biochimney



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CASE OF THE WEEK LIFE WINS

TOPIC: BIOCHIMNEY TECHNIQUE

36 year old female presented to our hospital with chief complain of breathlessness and palpitation. On work up she was diagnosed to have **LUTEMBACHER'S SYNDROME**. These subsets will have atrial septal defect (**ASD**) with **acquired mitral valve pathology** (stenosis or regurgitation).Patient was offered surgical option- MVR with ASD closure. Patient was taken for surgery and on table she had **very small mitral annulus**, even the smallest mechanical valve was not seating well. Hence on table decision was taken to go for "**BIOCHIMNEY**".

Bioprsothetic (**NEO MERIL**) valve of size 25mm was chosen for this procedure and was sutured to 26mm Dacron graft. **Neo Meril** is a bovine pericardial valve and has long term **durability** and great **hemodynamic compatibility**.

Mitral annulus was then sutured with this **composite** graft.

Later atrial septal defect was closed with a large pericardial patch.

This procedure of putting a floating valve is called as **"BIOCHIMNEY TECHNIQUE"**.

Patient did well in ICU and patient was being discharged in stable condition in few days.

This procedure is very very uncommon and it was done in rare condition (Lutembachers Syndrome) (Incidence rate 0.6%) which makes this a rare case scenario.

