

Postinfarction rupture of left ventricular free wall repaired with a glued-on pericardial patch. Case report.

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Abstract:

In a 68-year-old man admitted in deep shock, prompt echocardiographic diagnosis of postinfarction left ventricular free wall rupture was followed by probably life-saving pericardiocentesis. At emergency surgery a 2 cm linear tear in the anterolateral wall of the left ventricle was successfully repaired with a glued-on pericardial patch, without infarctectomy or placement of sutures in the infarcted area.