Long-term usefulness of percutaneous intrapericardial fibrin-glue

fixation therapy for oozing type of left ventricular free wall rupture: a

case report.

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Abstract:

This report describes a long-term survival case of left ventricular free wall rupture treated with

percutaneous intrapericardial fibrin-glue fixation therapy. A 82-year-old woman was admitted to the

emergency room because of vomiting and syncope diagnosed as acute posterolateral myocardial

infarction complicated by cardiac tamponade. After her hemodynamic condition was stabilized by

drawing off the bloody pericardial effusion, fibrin-glue was injected into pericardial space with the

expectation that the glue would cover the oozing site of the left ventricular epicardium. After this

therapy, the patient recovered and did not have any no recurrent cardiac events for 1 year. Serial

echocardiographic studies revealed a preserved left ventricular function and no development of left

ventricular restriction. This case suggests that percutaneous intrapericardial fibrin-glue fixation

therapy is an effective treatment for the oozing type of left ventricular free wall rupture and that there

is no risk of left ventricular restriction during long-term follow-up.