

Vibrating heart

This is a surgical video of a patient with an ascending aortic aneurysm and severe aortic insufficiency (Fig. 1). On palpation of the heart, there was a significant thrill. When we recorded a video of the heart when the pericardium was opened, there was no visible abnormality (Video 1). We thought of taking a video in slow motion. On diastole, the heart was fibrillating (Video 2).

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Video 1. Video of the beating of the heart of a patient with severe aortic insufficiency.

Video 2. Video of the beating of the heart in slow motion.

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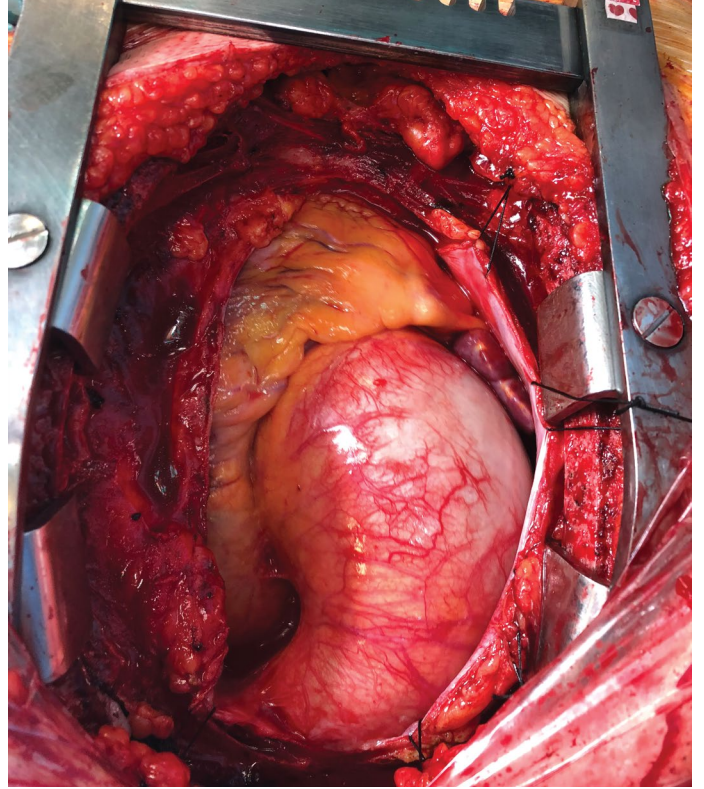


Figure 1. Surgical view of an ascending aortic aneurysm