

Pericardectomy

This is a **complete removal of the pericardium** (using an anterolateral thoracotomy or median sternotomy). The indication for this procedure is constrictive pericarditis, the most common cause of which is tuberculosis or post-radiation pericarditis.

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