

Pericardial window

Pericardial window is a surgery where pericardium is resected and **fistula with pleural cavity** (thoracoscopy or anterolateral thoracotomy) or **fistula with peritoneal cavity** is made (small incision subxiphoidally). This procedure is usually performed on patients with malignant diseases (metastases ad pericardium) when even recurrent punctures didn't help with re-forming pericardial fluid. Therefore, this procedure is ultimum refugium decision.^[1]

Links

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- Pericardial surgery
- Cardiac tamponade
- Pericarditis (internal)

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