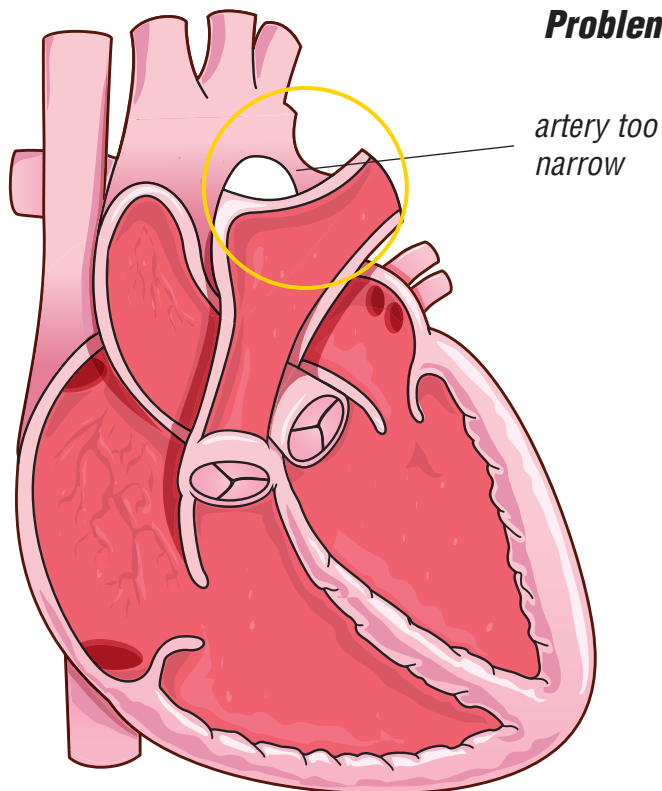


Coarctation of the Aorta

This is a narrowing of the major artery from the heart to the body (the aorta). The narrowing decreases the blood flow to the body and makes the heart pump harder against the smaller than normal opening.

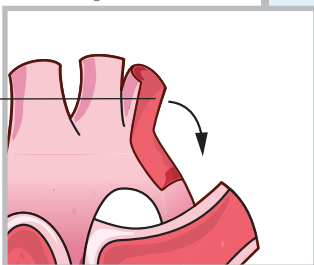


Problem



Step 1

subclavian artery



One repair option is using a blood vessel to the arm (subclavian artery) to widen the narrowed area (subclavian flap repair).



Surgery is done through an incision on the left side of the chest (thoracotomy).

Surgical Procedure

Step 2

