USE OF INTRACARDIAC BLOOD PUMPS AS A
BRIDGE TO HIGH-RISK MEDICAL PROCEDURES

ABSTRACT

Methods of using an intracardiac blood pump in association with medical procedures. In some cases, patients may be turned down for a medical procedure based on a risk that the procedure itself may cause the patient to experience a cardiac event during and/or following the procedure. In some examples, an intracardiac blood pump may be used to support the heart before, during, and/or after the medical procedure so as to minimize such risks, and thus enable the patient to receive critical treatment that might otherwise be denied.

[Fig. 3]