



Long term benefits for Fontan procedure

A Fontan procedure is an operation done for children who have heart abnormalities. The life expectancy of patients who undergo the Fontan procedure is unknown. The study evaluated the long term outcomes of patients who had Fontan surgery in Australia and New Zealand. The study reported excellent long term survival outcomes for patients.

How did the PHRN infrastructure help?

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare linked the clinical data from the Australian and New Zealand Fontan Registry with the National Death Index for the research team to analyse.

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