

Work Sheet for Aortic Aneurysm

What are the four sections of the aorta?

What percentage of people experiencing aortic aneurysms are male?

Where is the incision for this surgery made? What are the anatomical 'land marks' where the incision starts and stops?

Why is heparin, a blood thinner or anti-clotting drug, given to the patient a few minutes before the clamps are put on the aorta?

Why is the aorta clamped just above the iliac arteries before it is clamped near the renal arteries?

What is the 'cell saver' and what is it supposed to accomplish?

What is the graft used to repair the aneurysm made of?

Why should the surgeon check for bleeding after suturing the aorta closed?

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