

Operations on the aorta

Operations on the aorta during 1999 are presented in Table 12.

Table 12: Operations on the aorta, 1999

	Acute (dissection)	Chronic (for aneurysm or dissection)	Total
	Number (deaths)		
Repair or replacement of ascending aorta			
Aortic repair			
without valve resuspension	25 (5)	36 (4)	
with valve resuspension	7 (2)	7 (0)	
Composite graft replacing aortic valve and ascending aorta	23 (7)	141 (8)	
Allograft replacement of aortic valve and ascending aorta	1 (0)	19 (0)	
Separate aorta and valve replacement	8 (1)	25 (2)	
Total	64 (15)	228 (14)	292 (29)
	For aneurysm	For dissection	
Replacement of descending thoracic aorta	41 (7)	18 (5)	59 (12)
Replacement of aortic arch	27 (5)	7 (0)	34 (5)
Total aortic operations			385 (46)

Source: AIHW/NHF National Cardiac Surgery Register.