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One of the first pioneers in the field of cardiac surgery was Dr Dwight Harken, a US Army medic serving during World War II.		
Closed-heart surgery was the next stage in the development of cardiac surgery.		
However, there was still a critical issue to be resolved if cardiac surgery was to develop any further.		
In 1952, open-heart surgery was attempted for the very first time at the University of Minnesota.		
But what could be done for patients whose hearts were diseased beyond repair and for whom the only solution was a new heart?		
The complex problem of tissue rejection remained an issue throughout the 1970s.		
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Possible answers

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One of the first pioneers in the field of cardiac surgery was Dr Dwight Harken, a US Army medic serving during World War II.	giving more information	Initially, subsequently, With time, indeed
Closed-heart surgery was the next stage in the development of cardiac surgery.	defining and describing	next, gradually, eventually
However, there was still a critical issue to be resolved if cardiac surgery was to develop any further.	defining and describing	However
In 1952, open-heart surgery was attempted for the very first time at the University of Minnesota.	giving a list of points	First of all, Secondly, Finally
But what could be done for patients whose hearts were diseased beyond repair and for whom the only solution was a new heart?	restating the topic sentence	–
The complex problem of tissue rejection remained an issue throughout the 1970s.	defining and describing	–
The prognosis for heart transplant patients has greatly improved in recent years.	giving examples	Another example
Such breakthroughs do have their limitations, however.	giving more information/giving examples	Crucially, For example