

A **SURGEON** works on a body, speaks to fellow doctor BENTON.

SURGEON

**“Extend the incision up through the chest
and divide the sternum.”**

BENTON makes the incision; a nurse hands him the saw. BENTON saws through the sternum.

SURGEON (cont'd)

**“Guy putting a TV antenna on his roof. It fell.
Then he fell. Right on it. Ouch.”**

BENTON nods his acknowledgement.

SURGEON (cont'd)

**“Aluminium spike right through his gallbladder.
(to NURSE)
Sternal retractor.”**

A NURSE hands it over and the SURGEON inserts it.

SURGEON (cont'd)

**“Okay, open the pericardium and put a 2.0 prolene purse string around the
auricle of the right atrium.”**
(after a moment)

“IVC's dissected free. Umbilical tape.”

BENTON hands over the tape.

SURGEON (cont'd)

**“Now, clip the auricle and insert the venous return catheter down into the
IVC.”**

BENTON concentrates, moves carefully – then nods again when the task is complete.

SURGEON (cont'd)

“Now? Okay, tighten the purse string around it.”
(the SURGEON finishes up, then a beat)

“Easy peasy.”