Intracardiac aorto-right atrial tunnel

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A 51-year old asymptomatic woman with no history of trauma or other relevant pathological background was referred to our institution due to an intracardiac aorta-right atrial fistula. Diagnosis was made by echocardiography and confirmed by cardiac catheterization. Surgical closure of both orifices (Figs. 1 and 2) was performed under cardiopulmonary bypass.

Figure 1: Aortic component.

Figure 2: Right atrial component.