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2) HEART BYPASS

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A NEW NON-SURGICAL TECHNIQUE NOW PROVIDES AN ALTERNATIVE TO CORONARY BYPASS SURGERY FOR PATIENTS WITH HEART DISEASE. DR. JOSEPH KAUFMAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE SAYS THE TECHNIQUE - CALLED ANGIOPLASTY - CALLS FOR INSERTING A CATHETER WITH A TINY BALLOON INTO A CLOGGED ARTERY:

24.8 If we're fortunate enough to get the balloon portion of the catheter into the area where the obstruction is, we can often times blow up the balloon, and open up that area, and thereby save the patient the obvious discomfort of and a prolonged hospital stay, not to mention the expense, of a formal coronary bypass procedure.

EVEN NEWER TECHNIQUES WILL HELP PATIENTS IN THE FUTURE:

11.2 The newest technique, which really is only experimental, at this time, involves the utilization of laser beams to dissolve those atherosclerotic areas.

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