Permission to print: Yes
Near Miss or Accident: Accident
Type of incident: Equipment
Catagory: Circuit disruption
Knowledge Error: No
Protocol issue: No
Rule Error: No
Skill Error: No
Team Issue: No
Violation: No
Chance event: No

Description: Positive side of Pump Boot, noted to be leaking. This has one cable tie as routine. It was reinforced. Patient was on the larger size and relative young (for us) 56 years old, 193cms & 125kg. BSA 2.54 requiring a blood flow of 6.1 litres for an index of 2.4 Therefore requiring much higher flows than normal and thus line pressures were somewhat elevated but not extreme. the problem was noted when a small drop of blood was seen on the floor. This was about 15 minutes into the procedure. Aortic Valve Replacement & an Interposition Graft into the Ascending Aorta.

Contributing factors: At end of case it was examined and it appears to have missed being bonded
Corrective action: Reinforced with 2 cable ties. Replacement Pump Boot made to be immediately available. With the plan that if it needed to be replaced I would obtain the Sterile Tubing scissors from the scrub nurse. Also a purge vent line to facilitate deairing if required
Preventative action plan: Follow up with supplier to discuss issue. Check following circuits in that batch to confirm bonding process has occurred.

Manufacturer advised: Yes
Discussed with team: Yes
Ext Authority Advised: No
Patient outcome variance: Nil