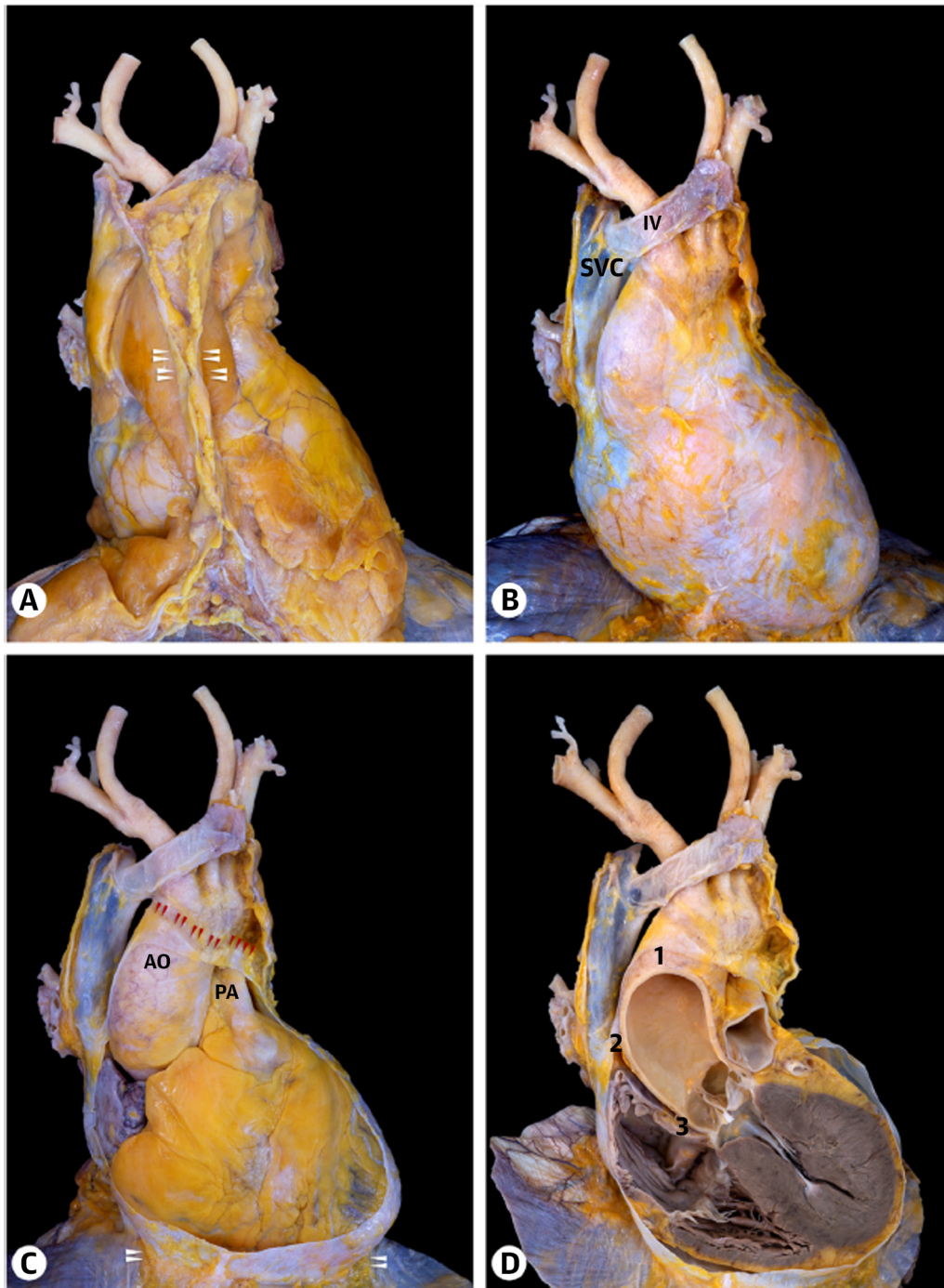


FIGURE 2 Anatomy of the Pericardium

(A) Pericardium with mediastinal pleura and epipericardial adipose tissue. Arrowheads indicate the sternopericardial ligaments. (B) Fibrous pericardium after removal of adipose tissue. (C) The fibrous pericardium is continuous with the adventitia of the aorta (Ao) and pulmonary artery (PA) superiorly (red arrowheads) and is anchored to the central tendon of the diaphragm inferiorly (white arrowheads). (D) Anterior (1), superior (2), and inferior (3) aortic recesses of the transverse sinus. Adapted with permission from Klein et al.¹ IV = innominate vein; SVC = superior vena cava.