

# New Updates on Treatment of Heart Failure-Get With the Guidelines

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# Objectives

- Define Heart Failure-Systolic and Diastolic
- Outline anatomy of the cardiac myocyte
- Classification of Heart Failure
- Treatment of Heart Failure
- Major landmark Trials
- Discuss ICDs-Transvenous/Subcutaneous
- Lifestyle modification
- Closing remarks

# Mr A

- 78 y/o male w/ prior stent placed two years ago, active smoker, dyslipidemic, diabetic, was gardening and developed chest pain
- He was admitted to GAMC for ACS workup
- PE-123/66, P 120s, regularly, regular
- Lungs: CTA
- Heart: regularly, regular
- Abd: minimally protuberant
- Ext: 1+ nonpitting edema

# Workup

- ECG-obtained-Sinus rhythm with no overt ST changes
- Echo-EF of 60% with no wall motion abnormalities
- Stress test-moderate anterior wall reversible defect
- (on the ECG portion of the tmst-pt walked for 4 minutes with anterolateral ST depressions-2 mm horizontal, with bigeminy



Rate 75  
PR 176  
QRSD 92  
QT 380  
QTc 424

AXIS  
P 43  
QRS 15  
T 32

NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM. RATE 75

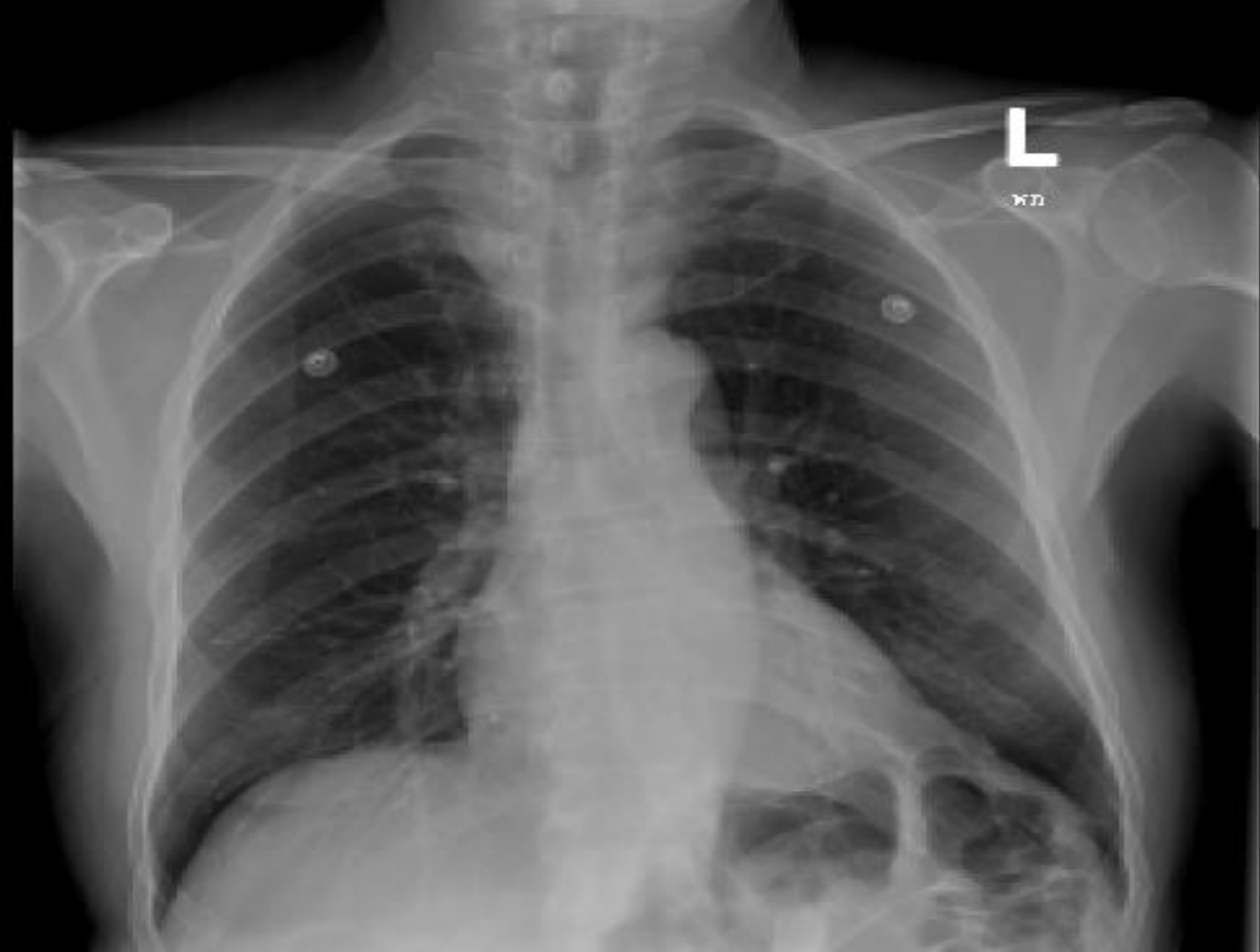
- NORMAL ECG -

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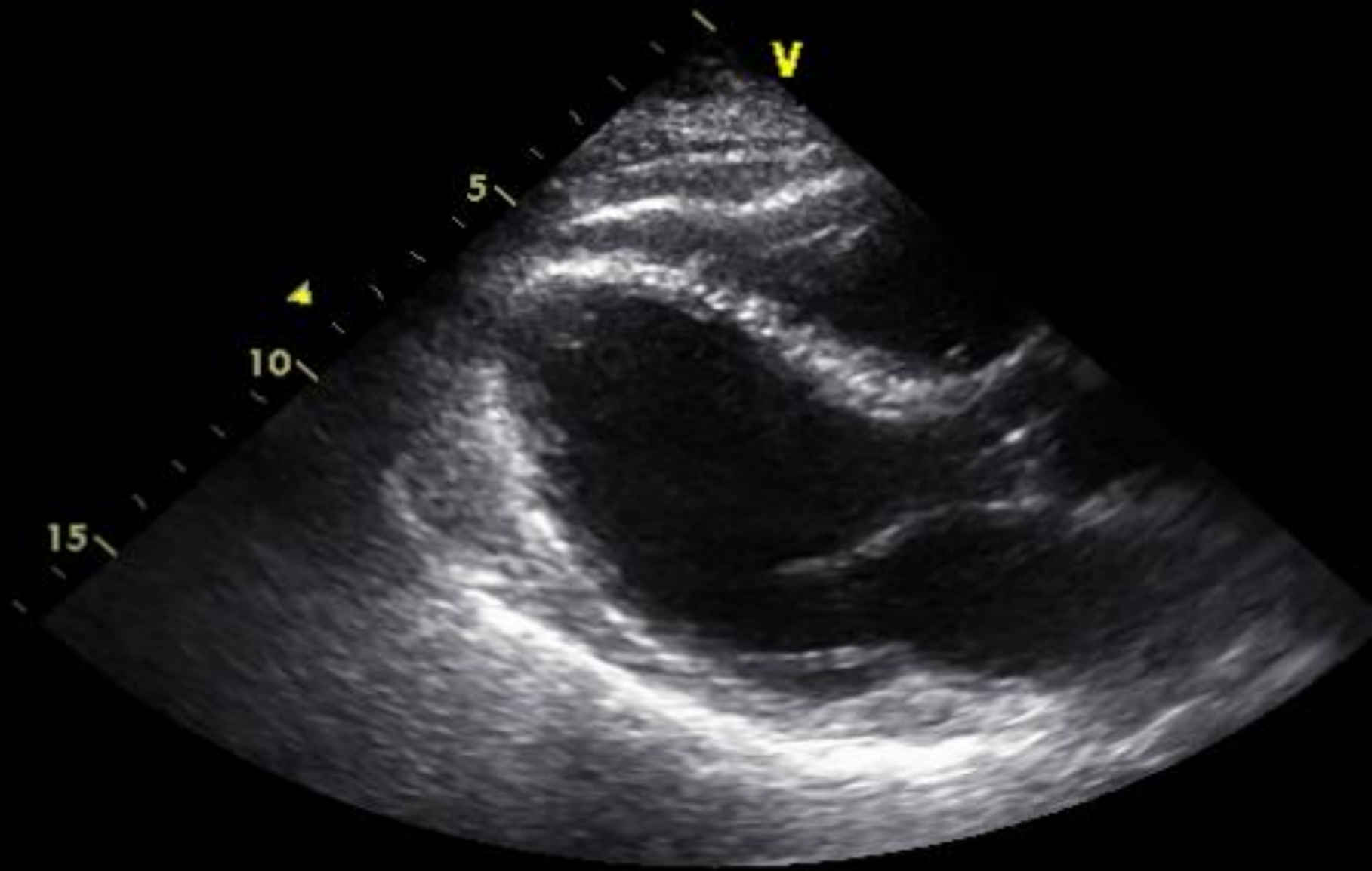
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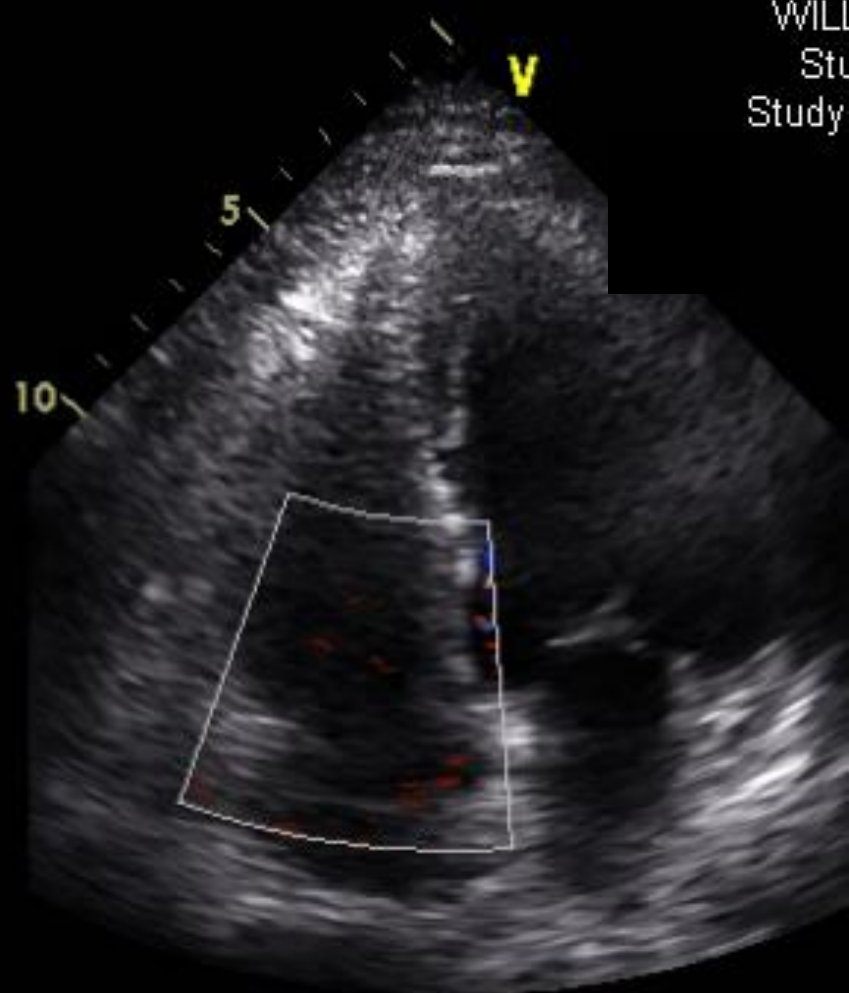
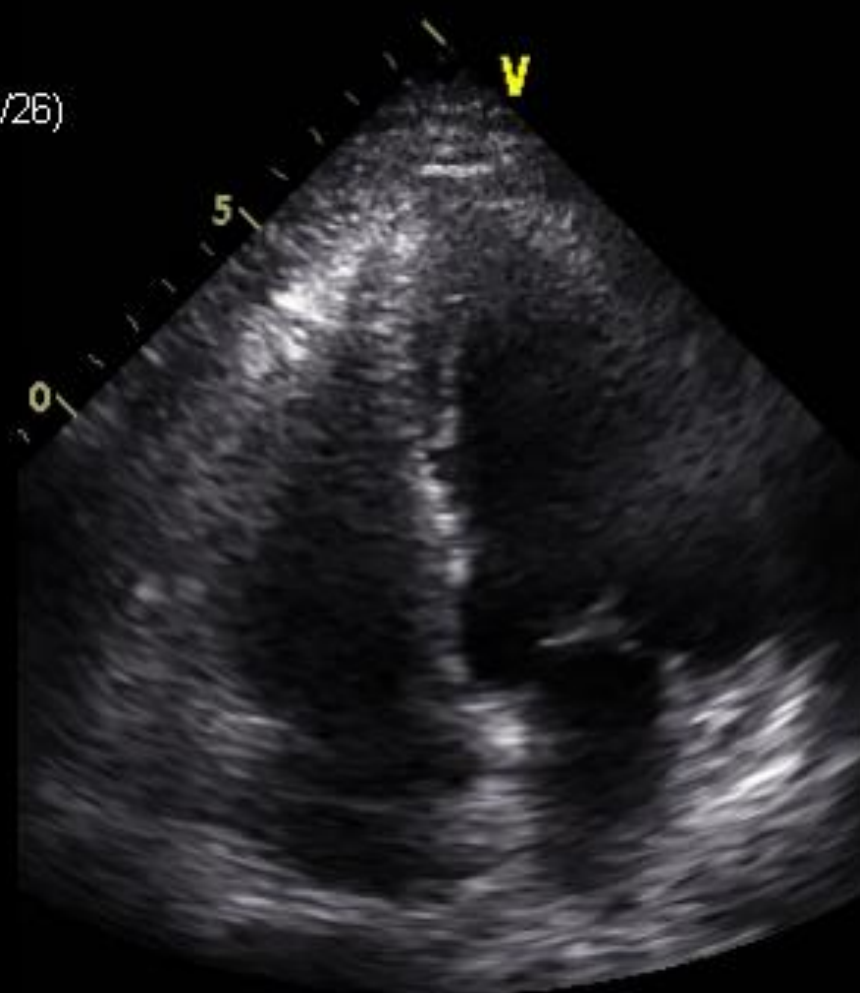




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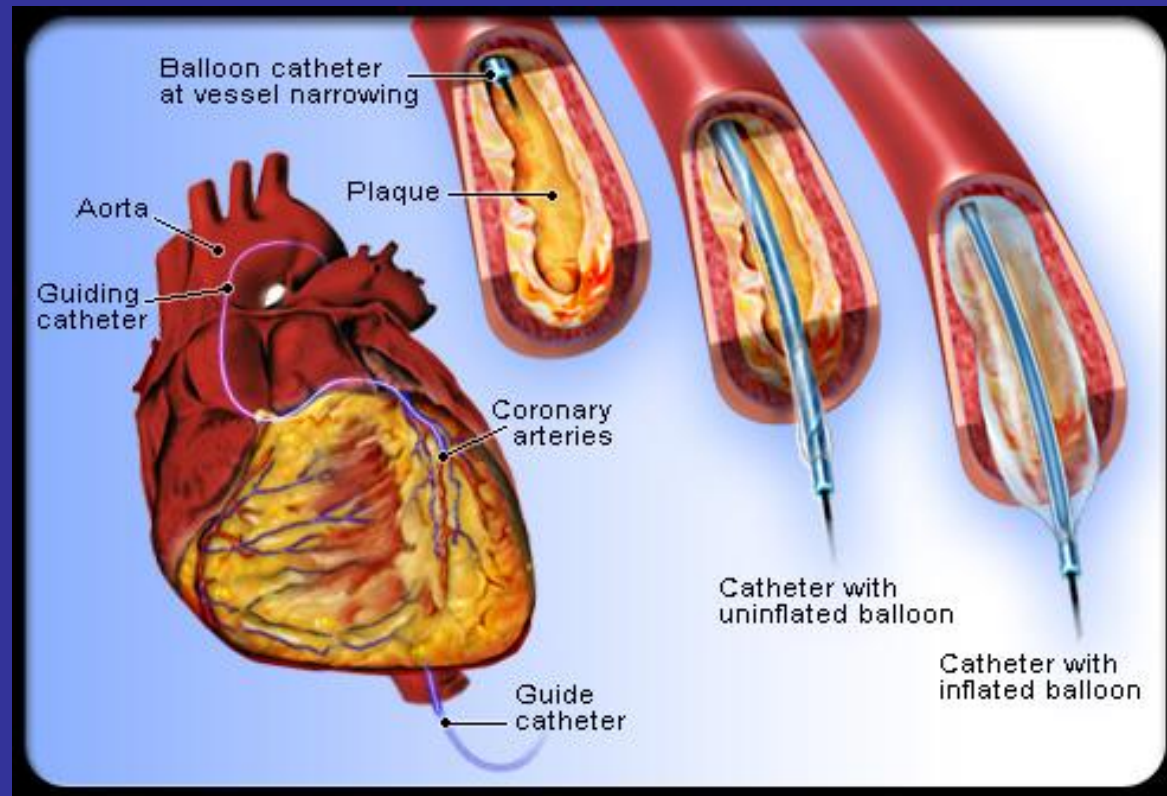
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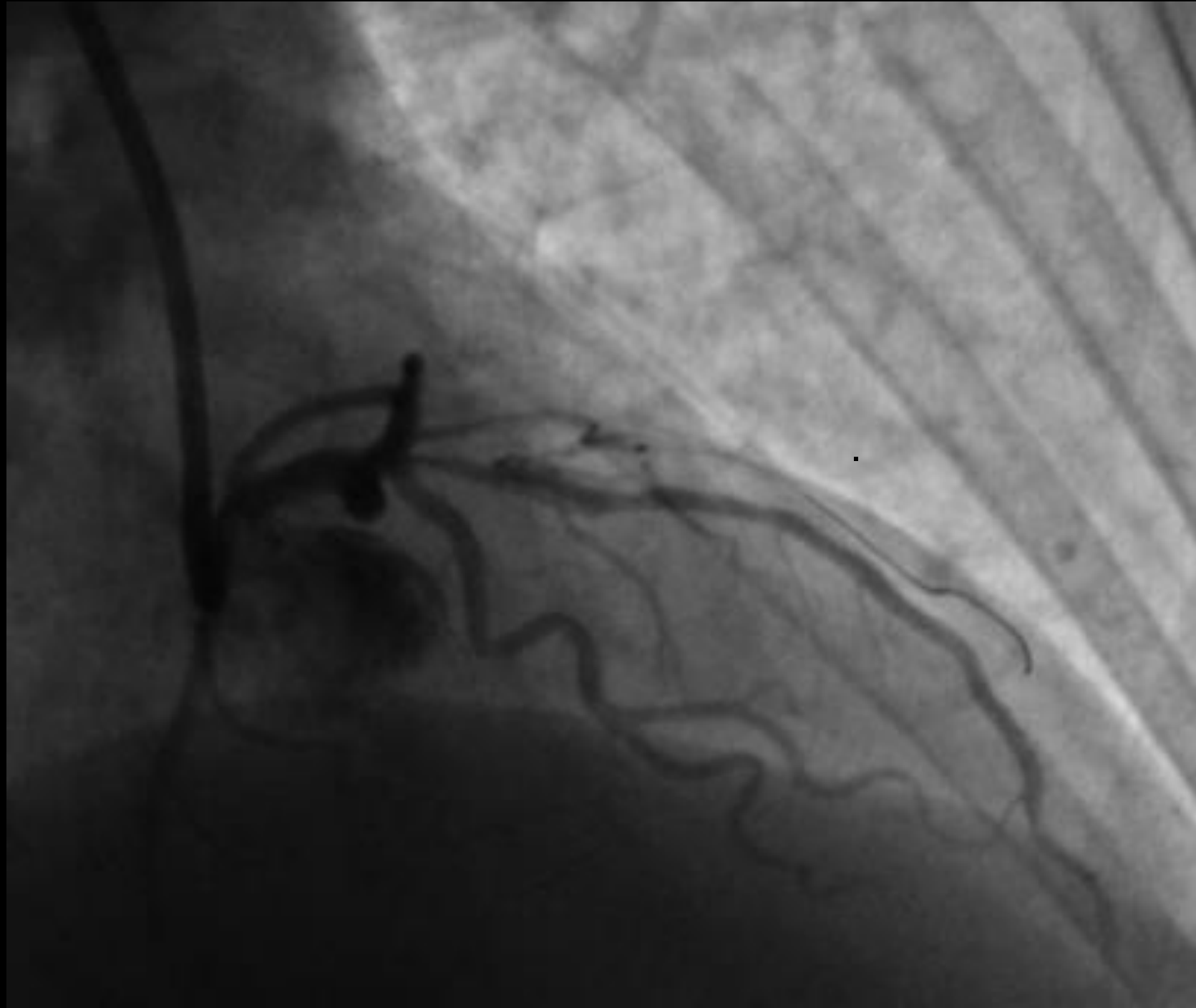






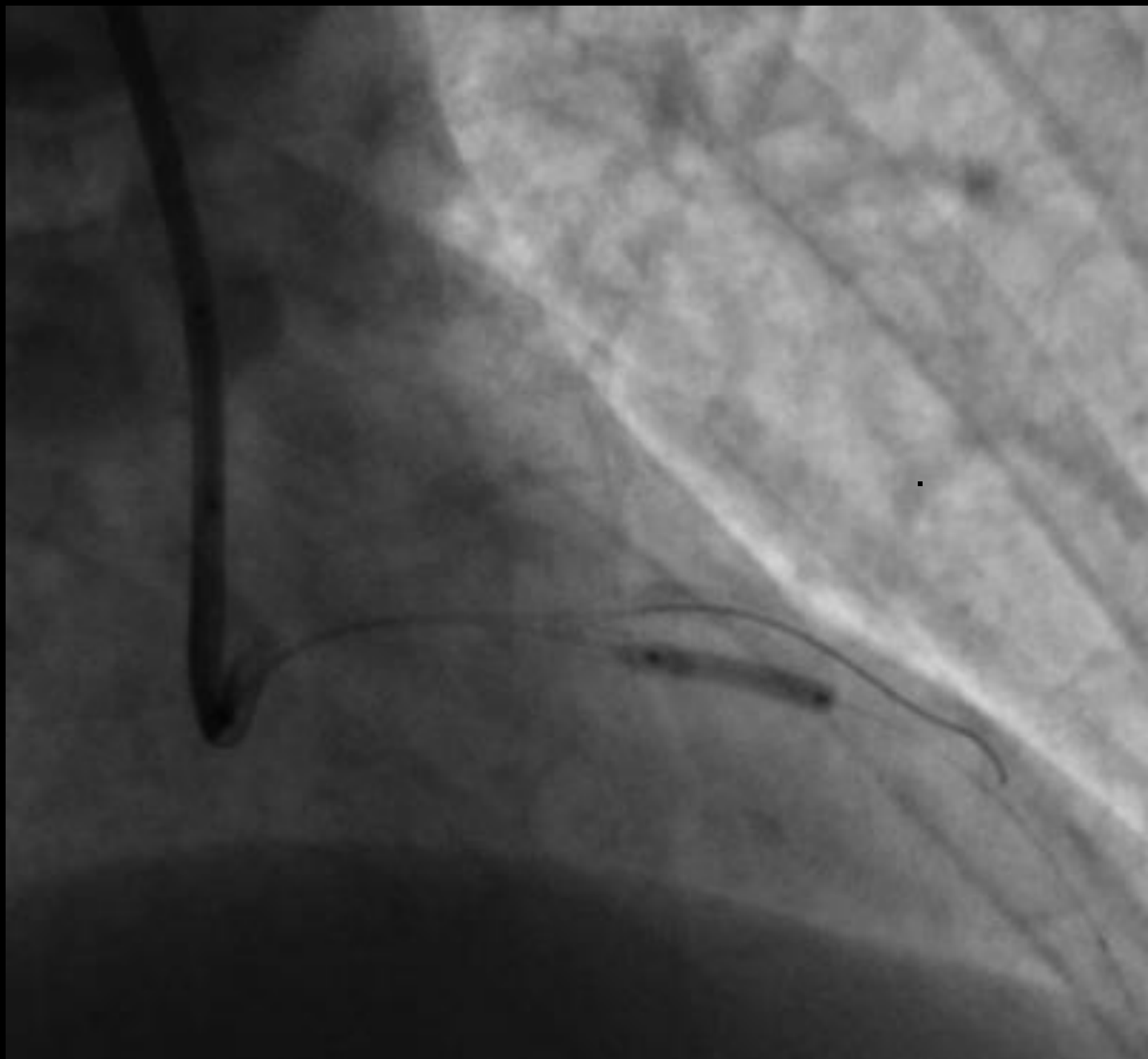
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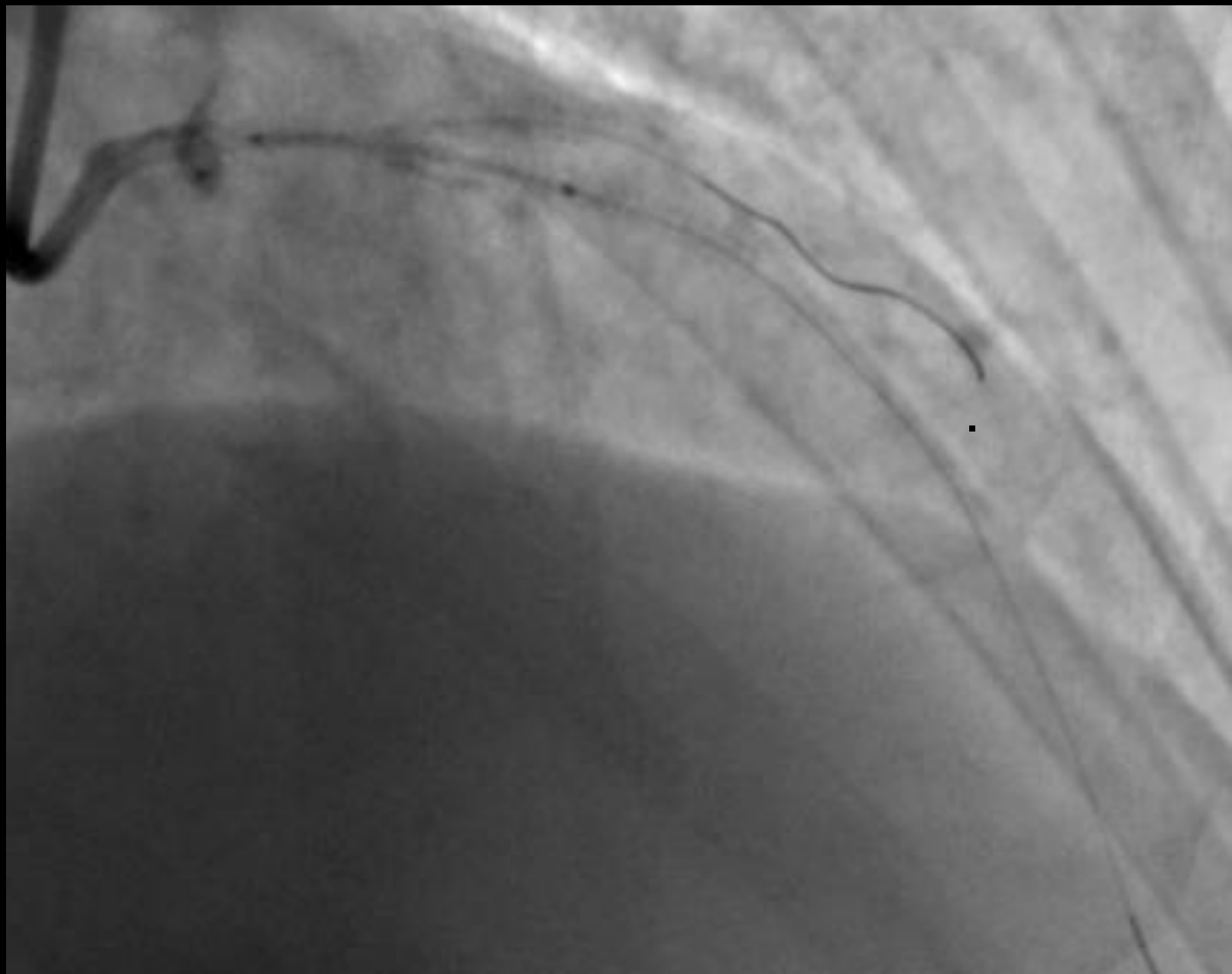














# coronary stent

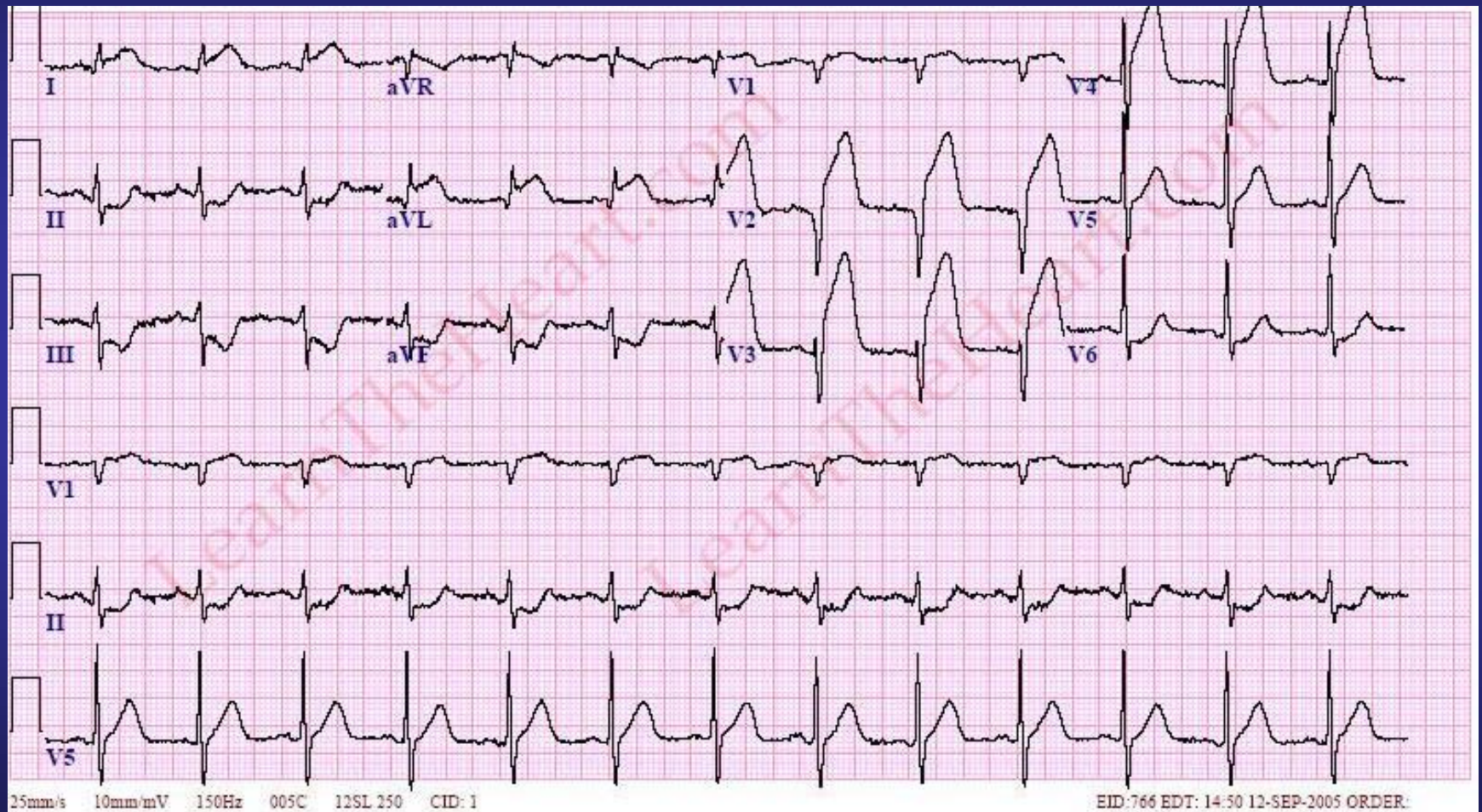




# Follow-up

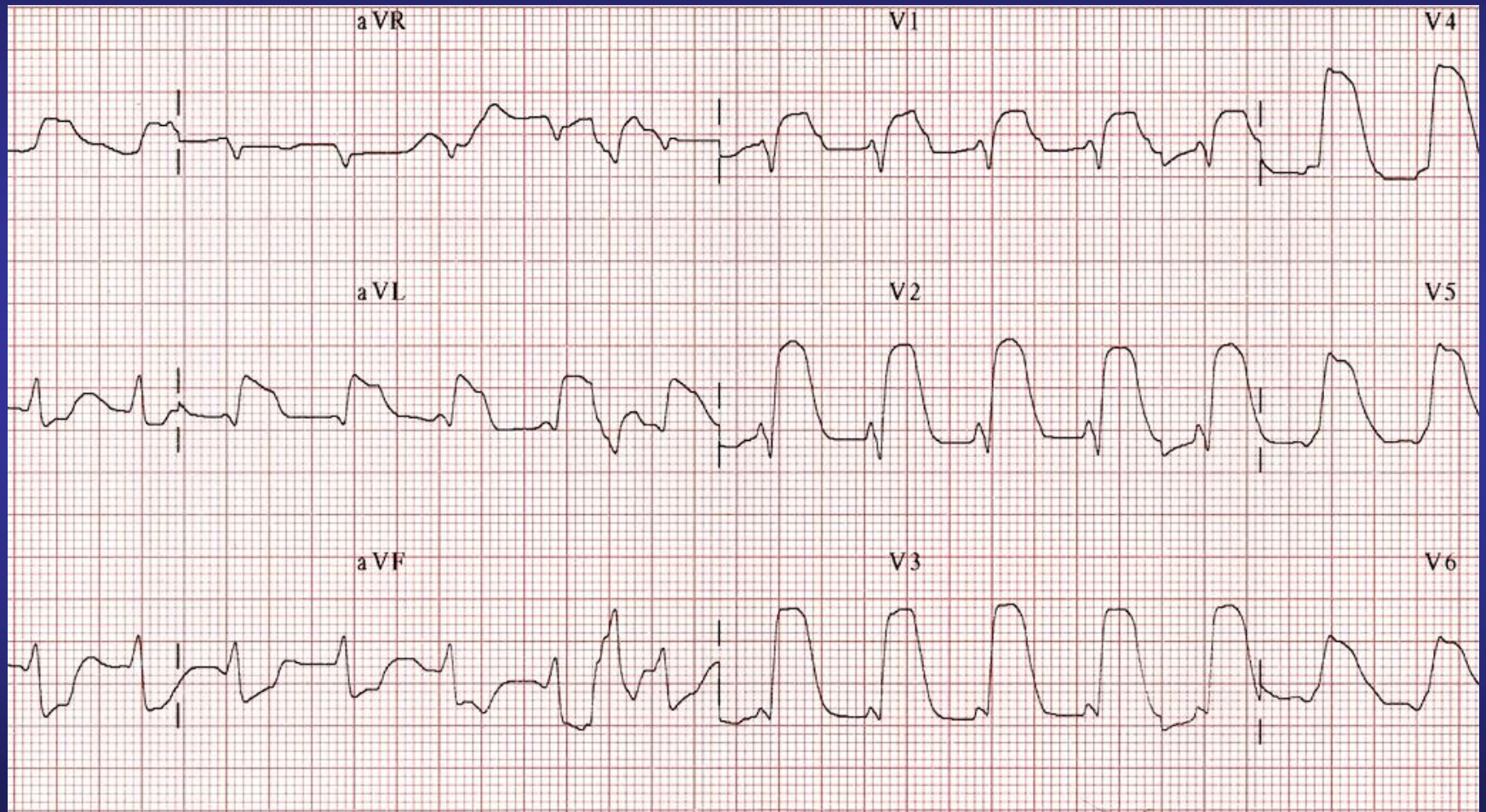
- Pt was discharged home on aspirin and Plavix because of his newly placed stents and told that he must take them daily.
- Unfortunately, he decided to take aspirin only and two weeks later, I received the dreaded ER phone call.
- Pt came to ER in full arrest and was resuscitated in ER

# Stat ECG





# Repeat ECG

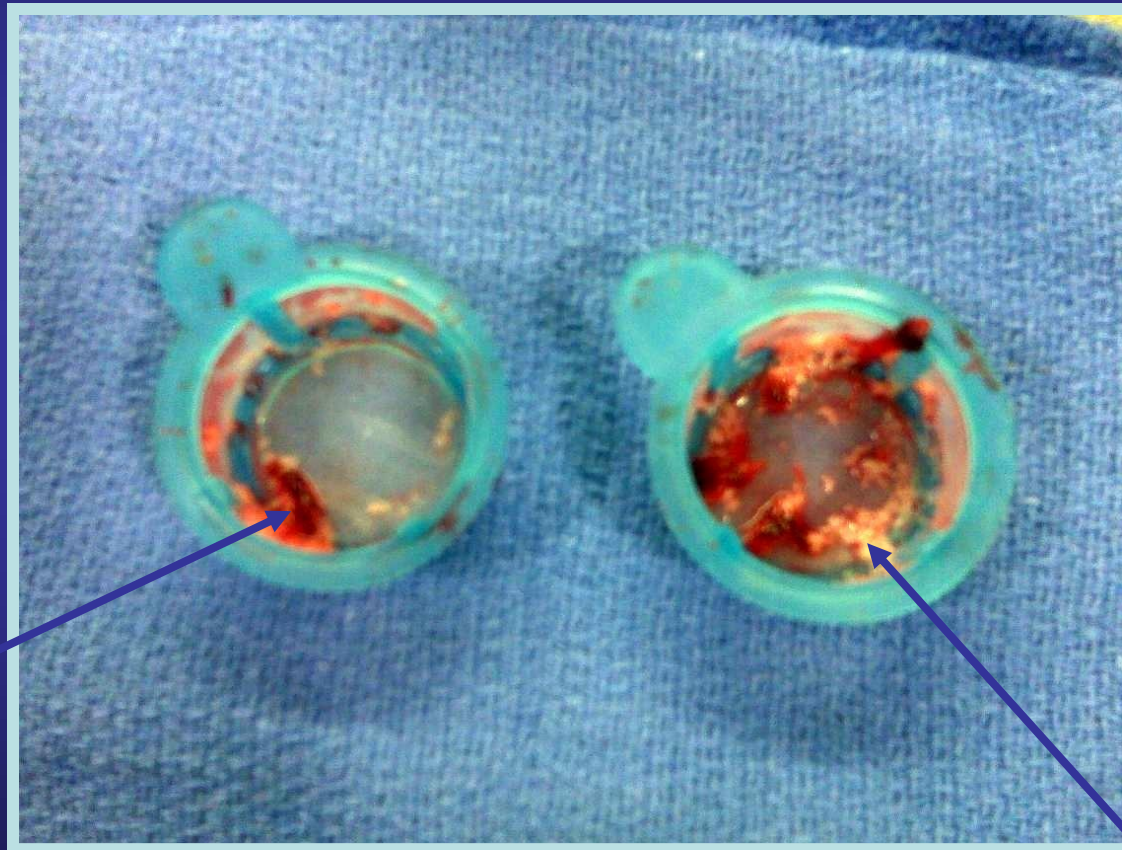




# Emergent Cath



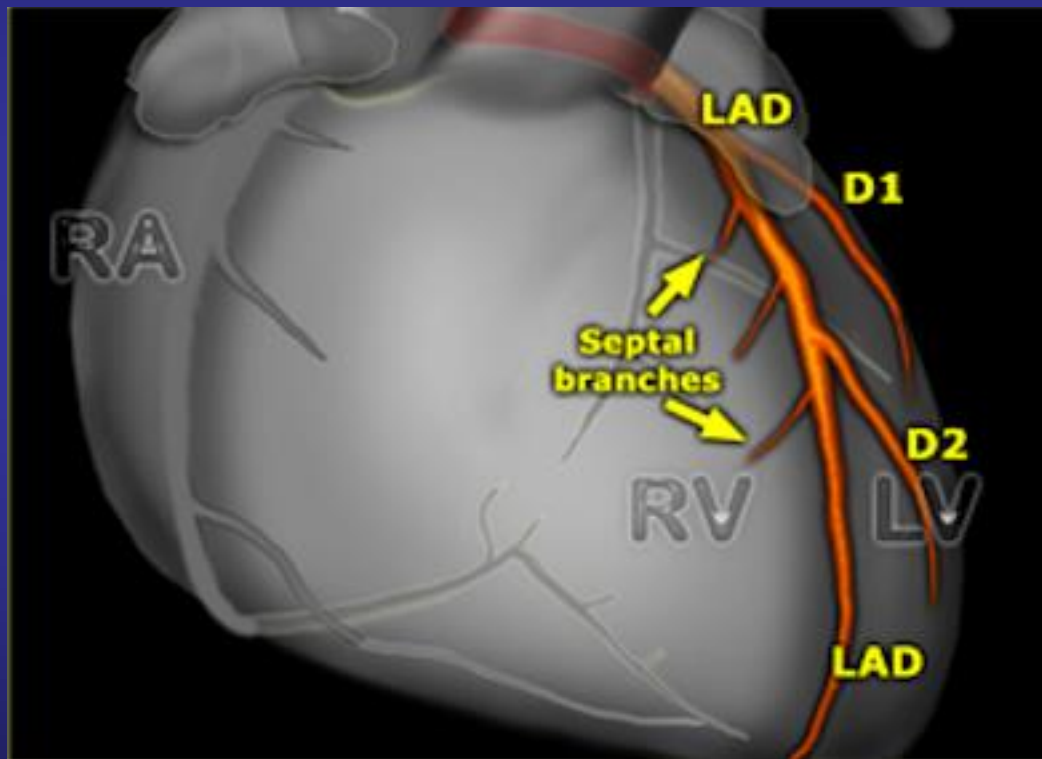
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removed from coronary arteries  
during the myocardial infarction



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FATTY DEPOSITS

# LAD stent thrombosis







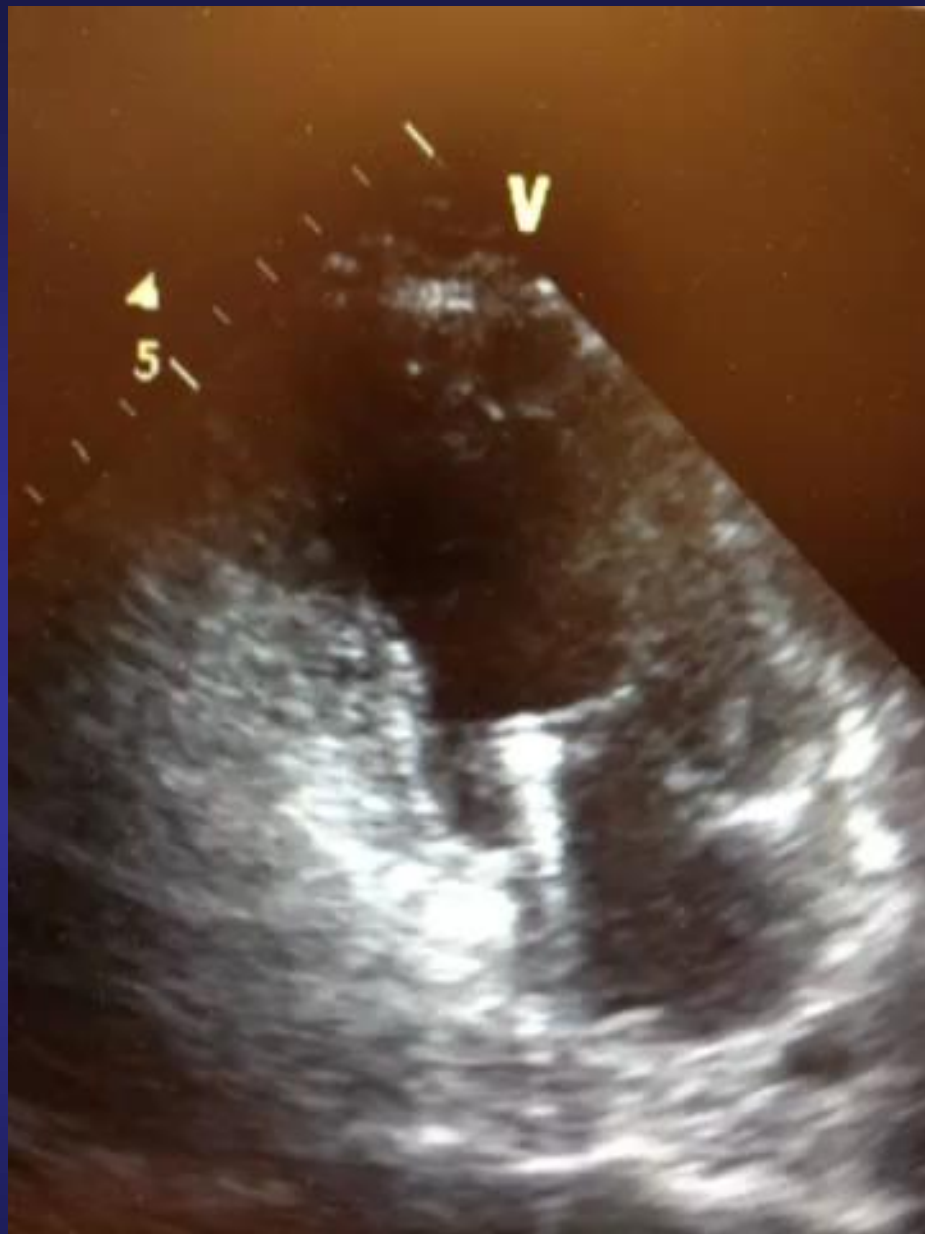


## Patient's CXR post procedure



# Follow-up

- Stent thrombosis due to med noncompliance
- Repeat echocardiogram shows EF of 25% with anterior wall severe hypokinesis
- Pt is heart failure with pulmonary edema
- He was diuresed, extubated and was in the hospital for 1 month

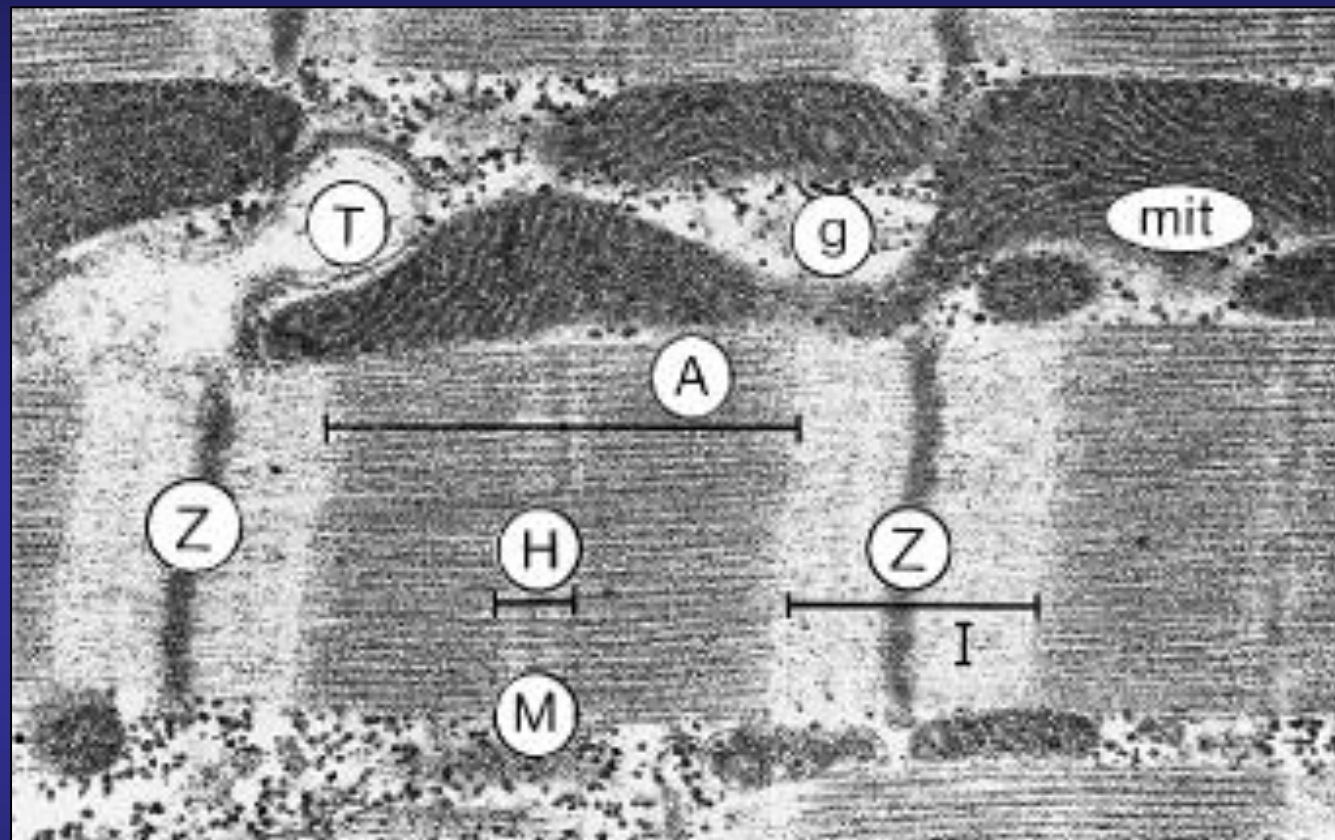




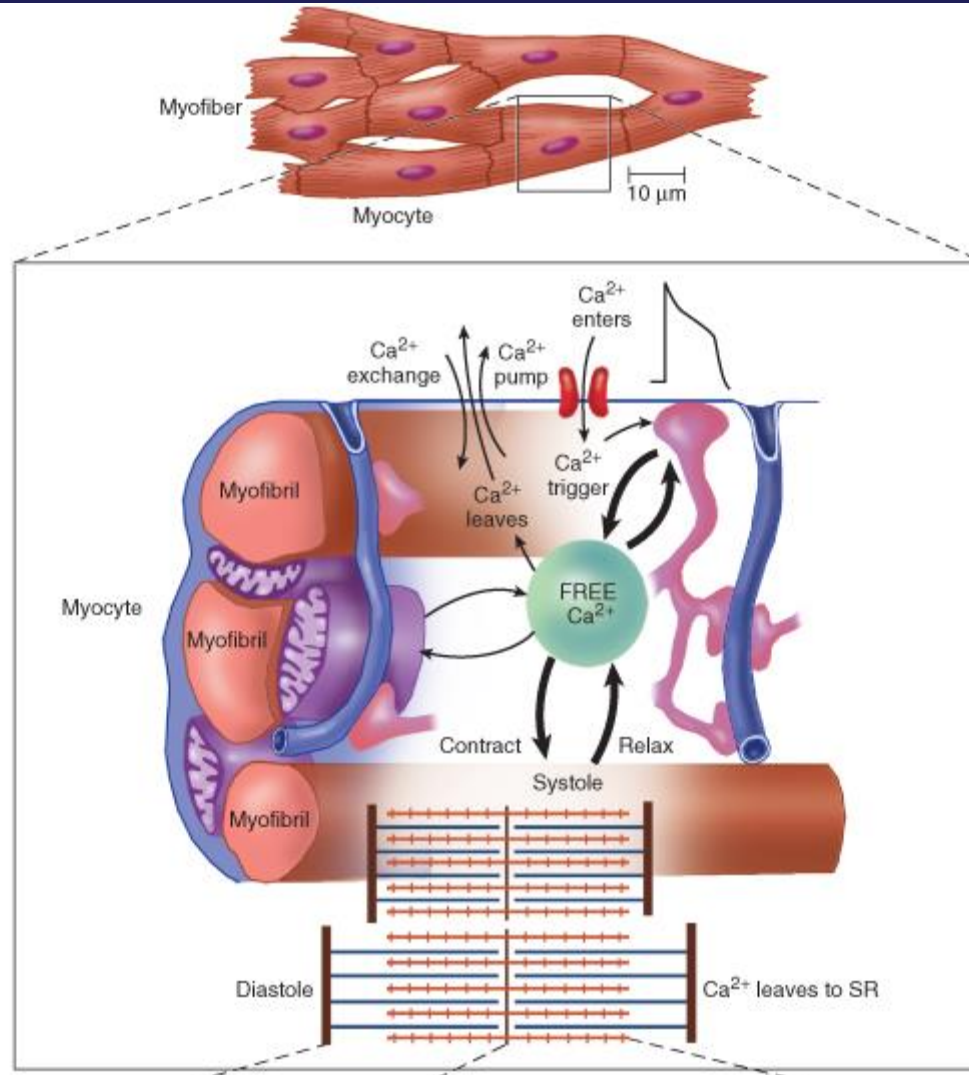
# What is Heart Failure

- Myocardial dysfunction that is either due to weakening of the contractile properties of the heart or relaxation properties (ie. Systolic or diastolic dysfunction, respectively)
- Clinical syndrome characterized by symptoms and signs of volume overload with reduced exercise tolerance



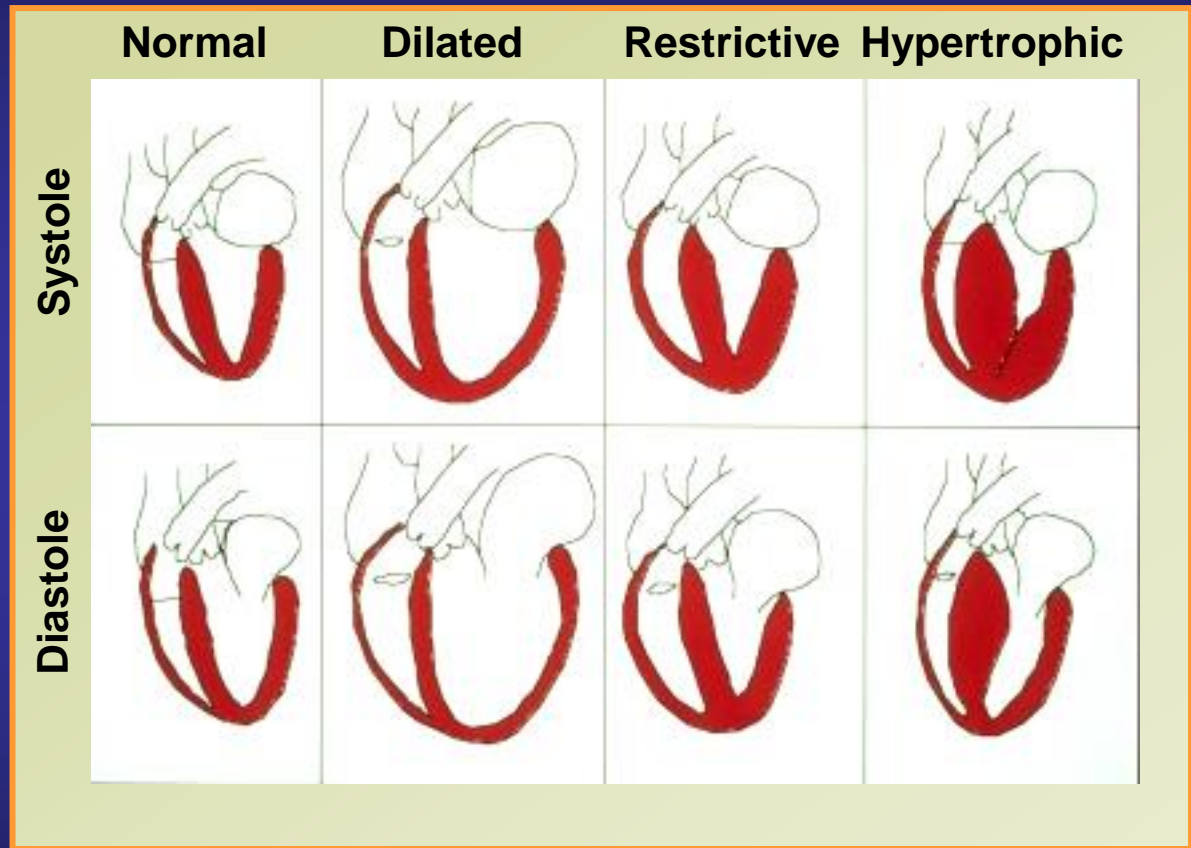


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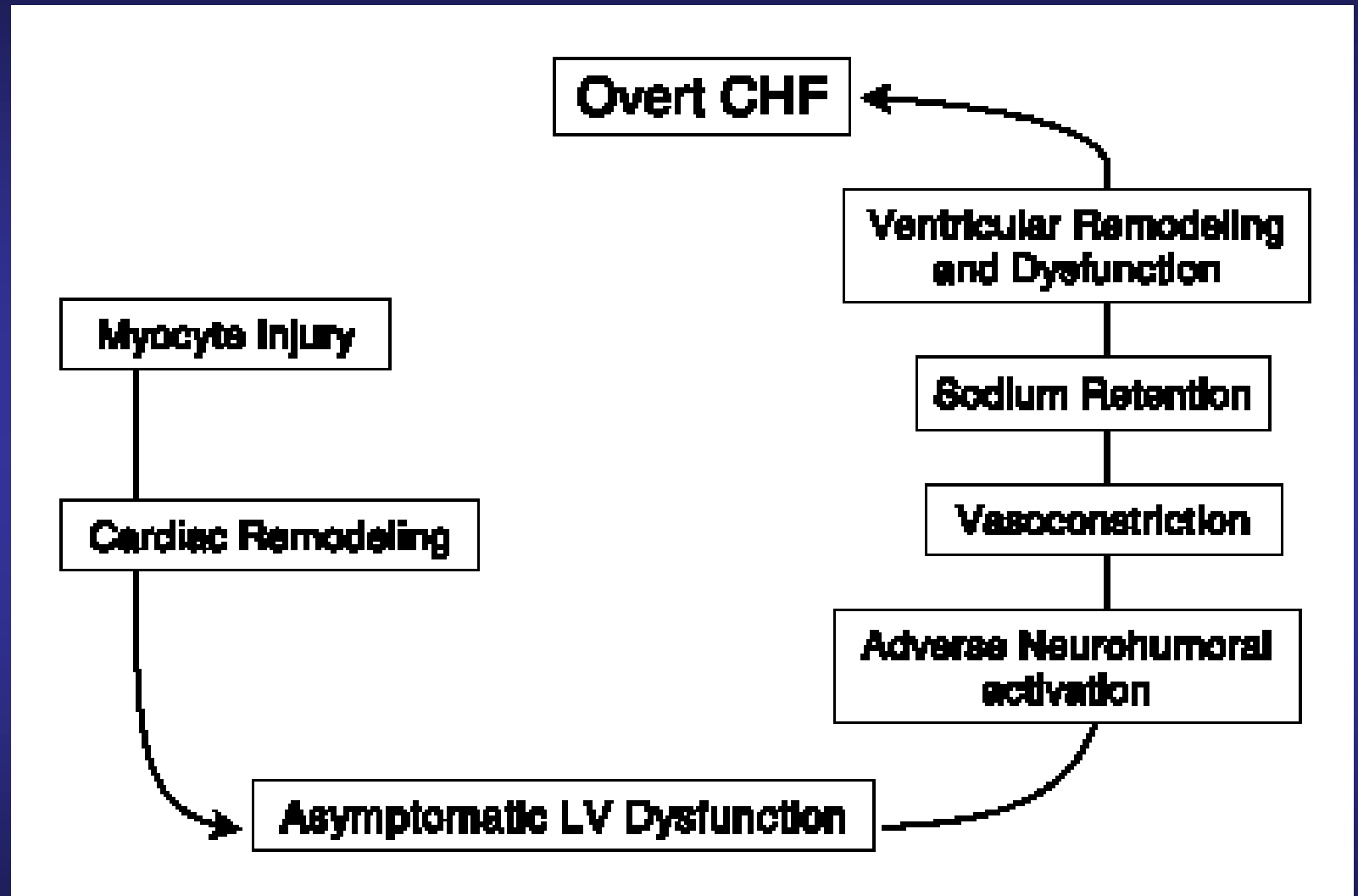
# Defining Heart Failure

- HF exists when the heart is unable to pump sufficient blood to meet the metabolic needs of the body at normal filling pressures, provided the venous return to the heart is normal.<sup>1</sup>



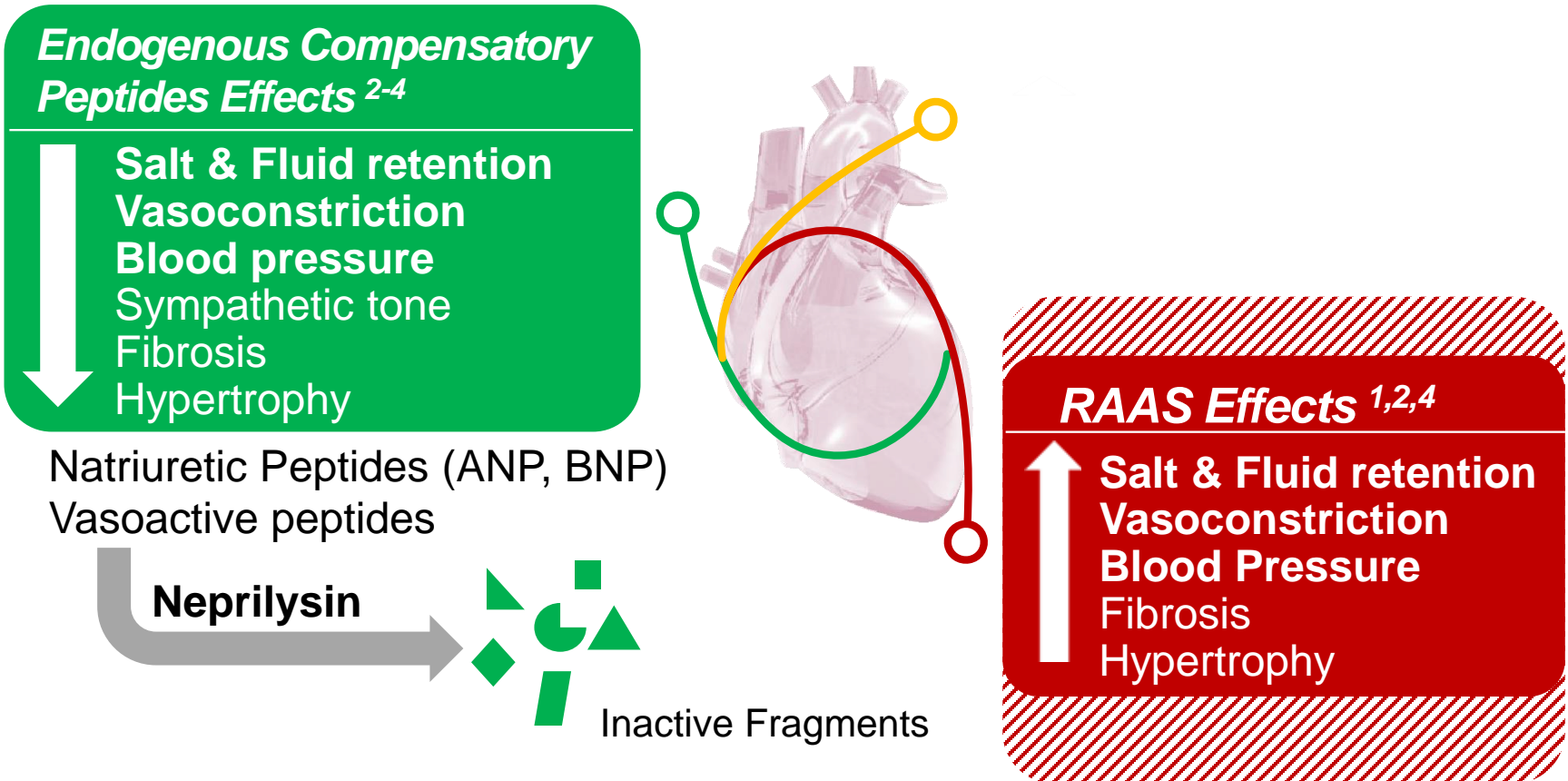
<sup>1</sup> Schlant RC, Sonnenblick EH. *Hurst's The Heart*. 8th ed. New York: McGraw-Hill; 1994:515-55

# How Does Heart Failure Begin?



# CV Neurohormonal Imbalance in Heart Failure

*SNS and RAAS are overactivated in heart failure while beneficial effects of ECPs are diminished*



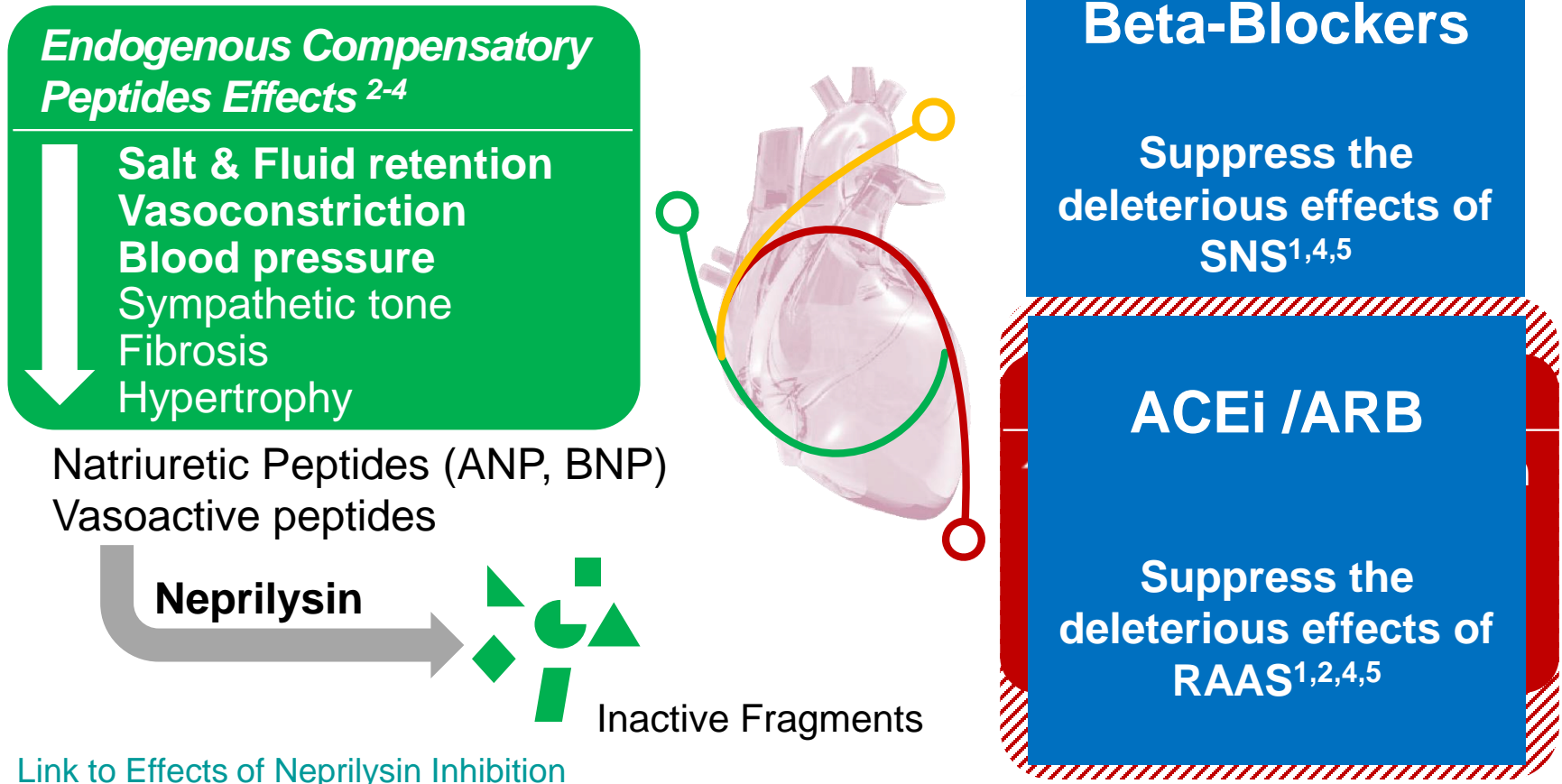
NPs, natriuretic peptides; SNS, sympathetic nervous system; RAAS, renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system.

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# CV Neurohormonal Imbalance in Heart Failure

*Traditional Therapies have not enhanced ECPs*



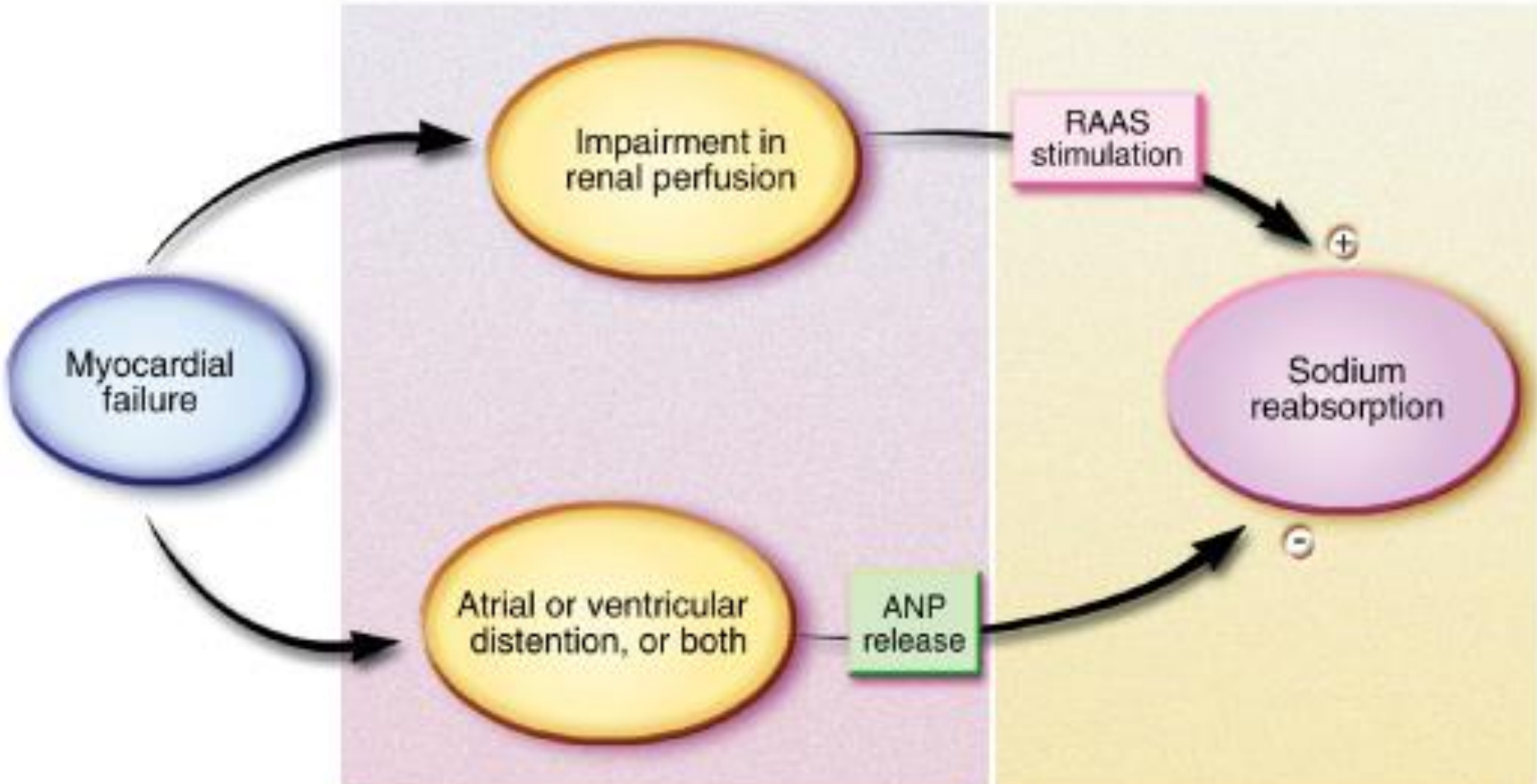
[Link to Effects of Neprilysin Inhibition](#)

ACEi, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB, angiotensin II receptor blocker; ECPs, endogenous compensatory peptides; HF, heart failure; NPs, natriuretic peptides; SNS, sympathetic nervous system; RAAS, renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system.

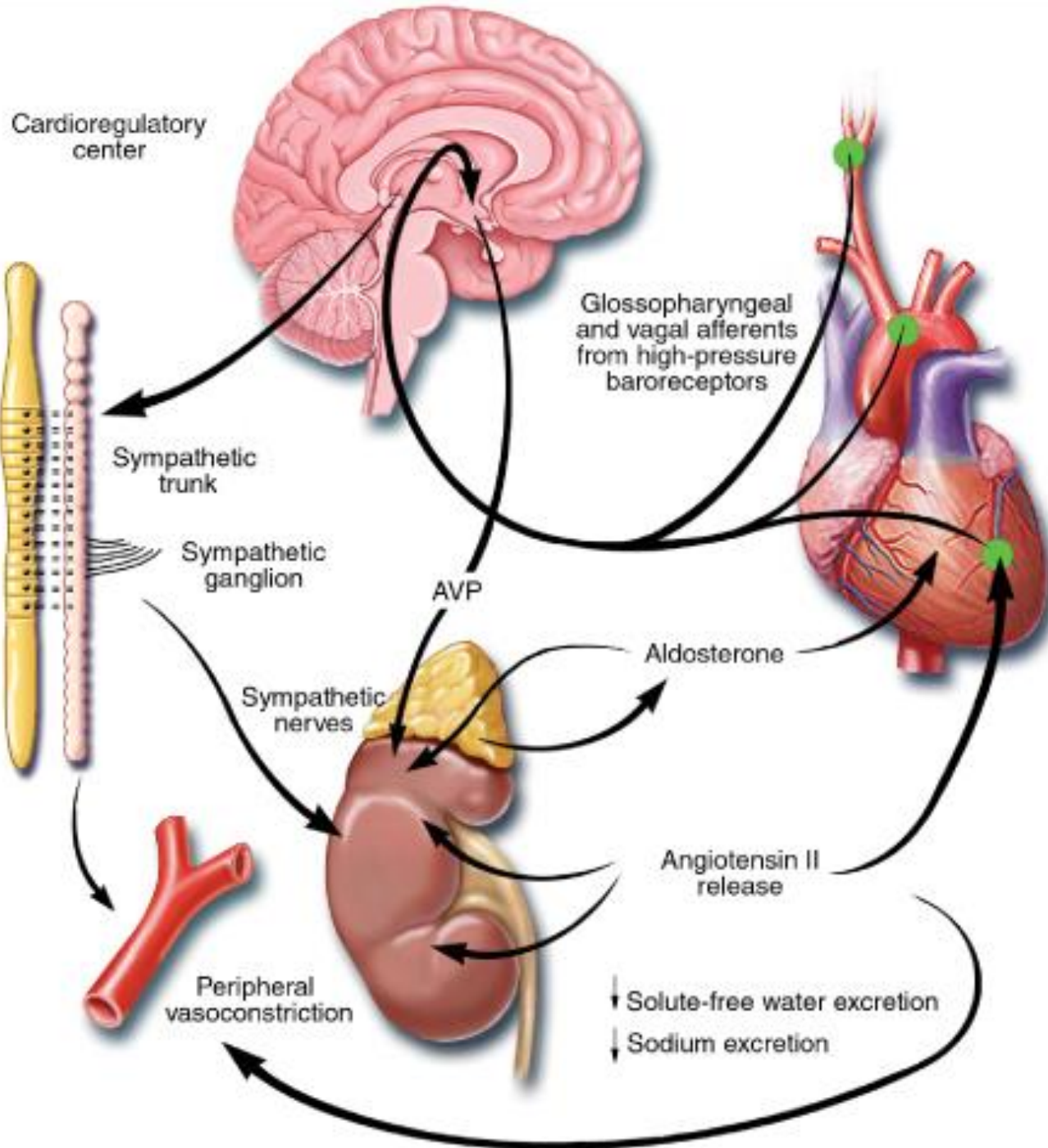
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Heart failure	Compensated	Decompensated
Impairment in renal perfusion	Mild to moderate	Moderate to severe
Urinary sodium: potassium ratio	> 1.0	< 1.0





# Definitions of Chronic HF and LVEF

HF results from any **structural or functional impairment** of ventricular filling or ejection of blood<sup>1</sup>

- Current clinical practice guidelines classify types of HF by LVEF<sup>1,2</sup>
- However, there are several limitations to the use of LVEF in HF<sup>3-5</sup>
  - LVEF varies by age, sex, and ethnicity and can change over time in the same patient
  - Methods used to measure LVEF can also be imprecise

## Normal LVEF Ranges (%)<sup>a</sup>

	Mean $\pm$ SD	Normal range
Female	64 $\pm$ 5	54-74
Male	62 $\pm$ 5	52-72

Data were derived from Lang et al.<sup>3</sup>



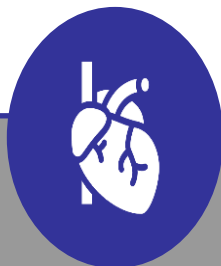


# Chronic HF Is a Complex Clinical Syndrome<sup>1</sup>



Types of HF emerge from **distinct pathophysiological mechanisms**<sup>2,3</sup>

Historically, LVEF has been used to select and dichotomize HF patients into types for clinical trials<sup>1</sup>



Patients present with **variable degrees of systolic and diastolic dysfunction**<sup>4</sup>

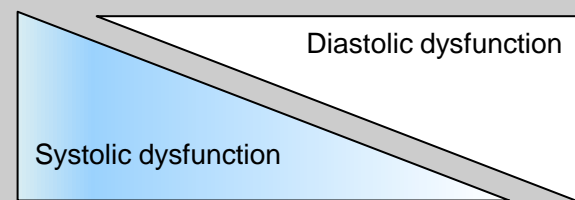
HFrEF and HFpEF are considered to be two extremes in a continuous spectrum of overlapping types of HF<sup>4</sup>



**HF spectrum<sup>4</sup>**

**HFrEF**

**HFpEF**



Lower

**LVEF**

Higher







# Burden of Chronic HF

An estimated 6.2 million Americans had HF based on data from NHANES 2013-2016<sup>1</sup>



Approximately 5 million people with chronic HF have below-normal LVEF<sup>1-3</sup>



The prevalence of HF is projected to increase by 46% from 2012-2030, resulting in >8 million people with HF<sup>1</sup>



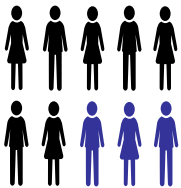


# Hospitalization and Mortality Trends in Patients With Chronic HF



## High hospitalization rates are associated with HF

- Among patients with HF in Olmsted County, 83% were hospitalized at least once and 43% were hospitalized at least 4 times. More than half of all hospitalizations were related to non-CV causes<sup>1</sup>
- 80% of HF hospitalizations are admitted from the emergency department<sup>2</sup>



## At 1 year, mortality in HF was 29.6% among Medicare beneficiaries<sup>1</sup>

- In NHLBI's ARIC study, the 30-day, 1-year, and 5-year case fatality rates after HF hospitalization were 10.4%, 22%, and 42.3%, respectively<sup>1</sup>



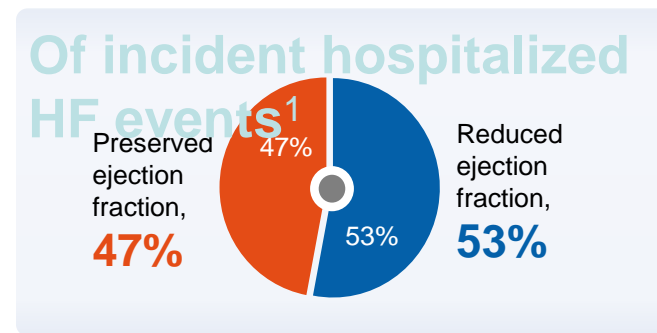
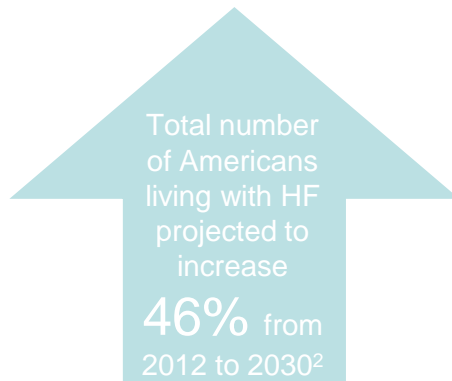


# Epidemiology



# Prevalence of Heart Failure With Reduced Ejection Fraction (HFrEF)

- An estimated 6.5 million Americans aged  $\geq 20$  years have heart failure and 960,000 new cases occur annually<sup>1</sup>
- The total number of Americans living with HF is projected to increase 46% from 2012 to 2030, resulting in  $>8$  million people  $\geq 18$  years of age with HF<sup>2</sup>
- Approximately half of patients presenting with symptoms of HF have reduced LVEF ( $\leq 40\%$ )<sup>3</sup>



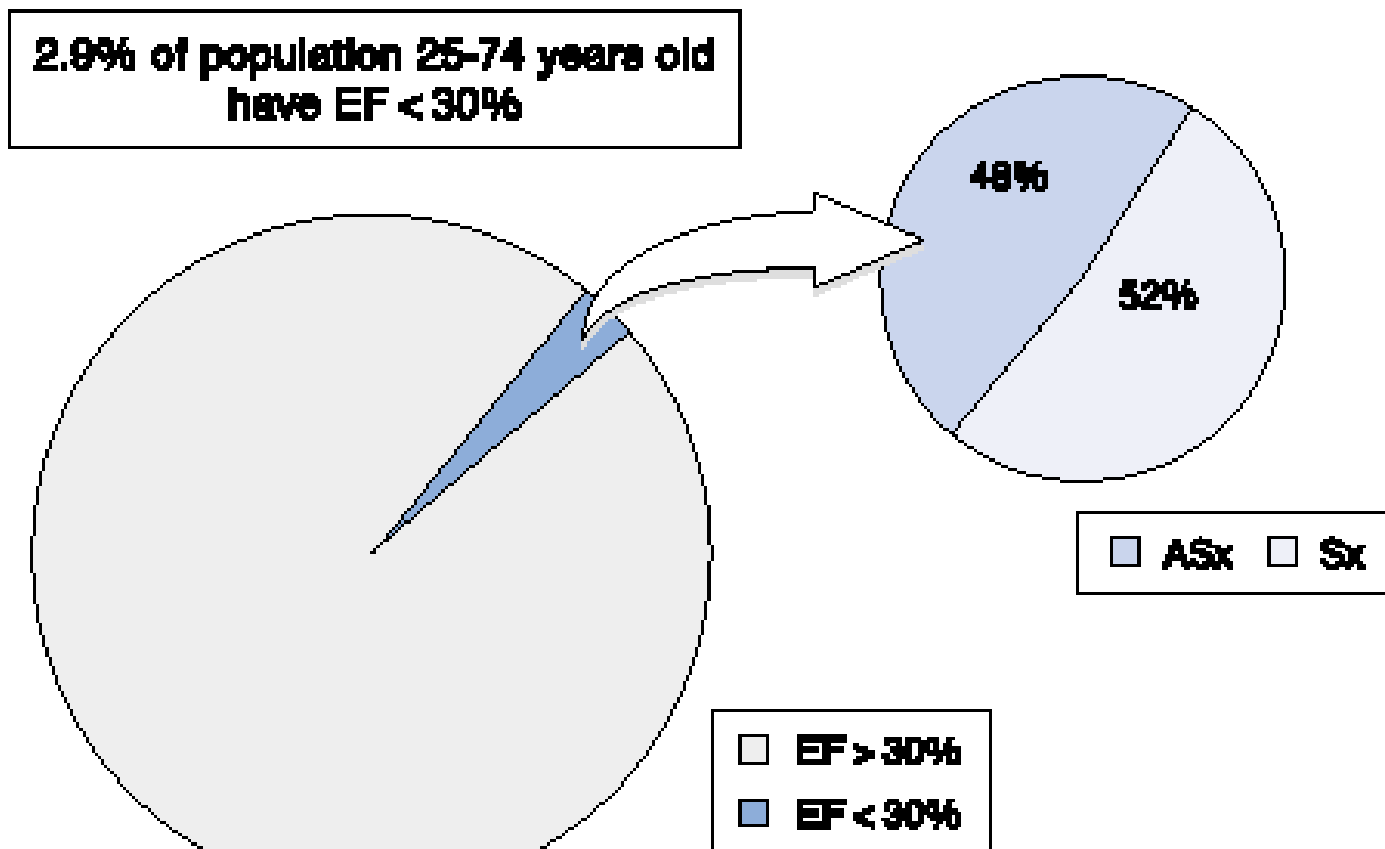
HF, heart failure; HFrEF, heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction

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# Epidemiology of Heart Failure

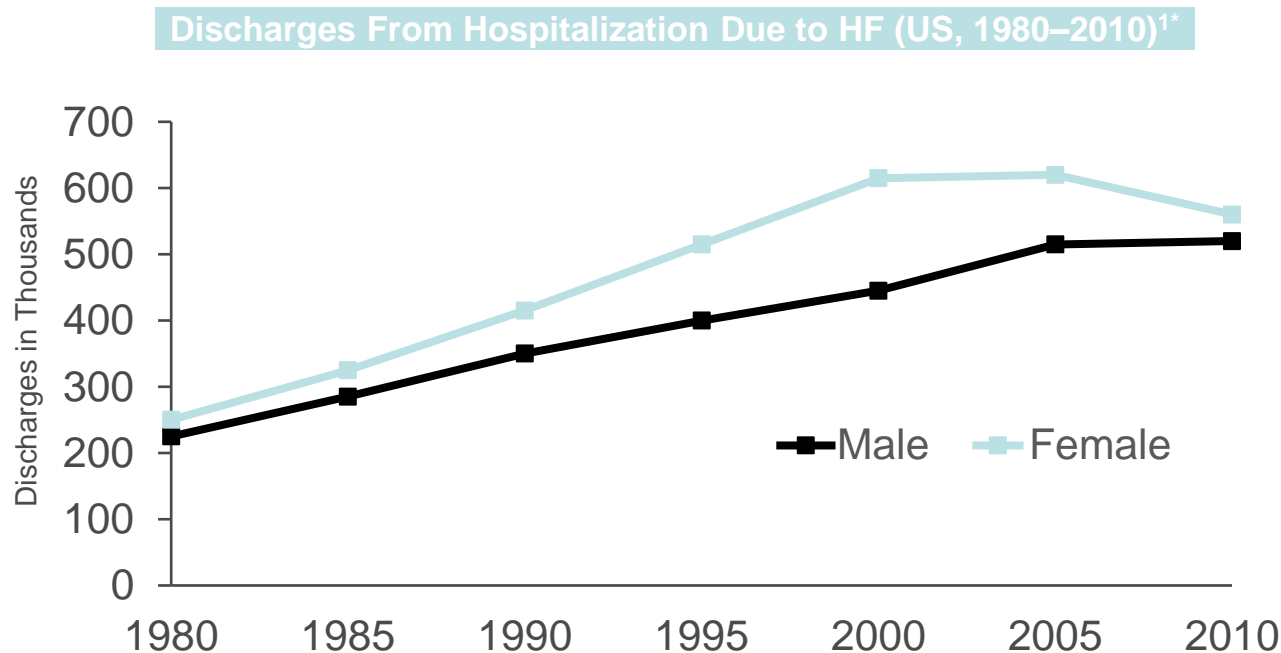






# Heart Failure Hospitalization

- Heart failure hospitalization has steadily increased since 1980
- More than 1 million hospitalizations have a primary diagnosis of HF each year in the US



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# Hospital Readmission and Mortality Rates\*



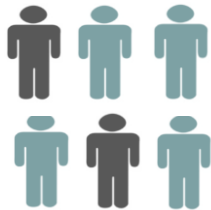
Hospital Readmission and Mortality Rates Are High for HF Patients



Approximately 25% of patients are readmitted within 30 days of discharge<sup>a1</sup>

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The average 30-day CV readmission rate in the US for Medicare beneficiaries is 12.8% (*nonADHERE*: 12.9%; *ADHERE*: 12.3%)<sup>2</sup>



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Among Medicare beneficiaries, the overall 1-year HF mortality rate is 29.6%<sup>3</sup>

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The 5-year HF mortality rate remains at ~50%<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>Based on survey data on hospitals that enrolled in either of 2 national quality initiatives to reduce readmission (ie, the Hospital to Home [H2H] National Quality Improvement Initiative or the State Action on Avoidable Rehospitalizations Initiative [STAAR]) by July 1, 2010.

ADHERE, Acute Decompensated Heart Failure National Registry; CV, cardiovascular; HF, heart failure

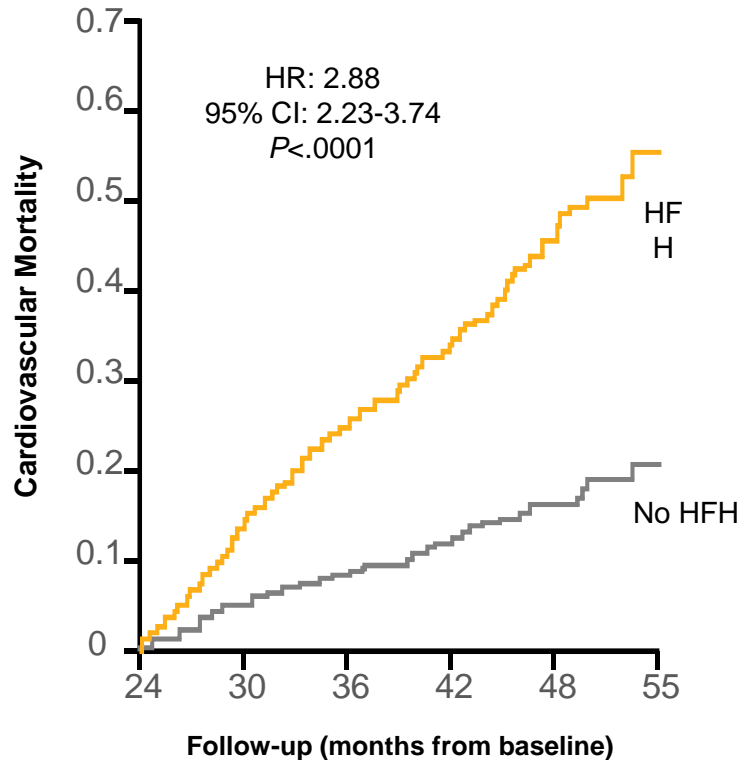
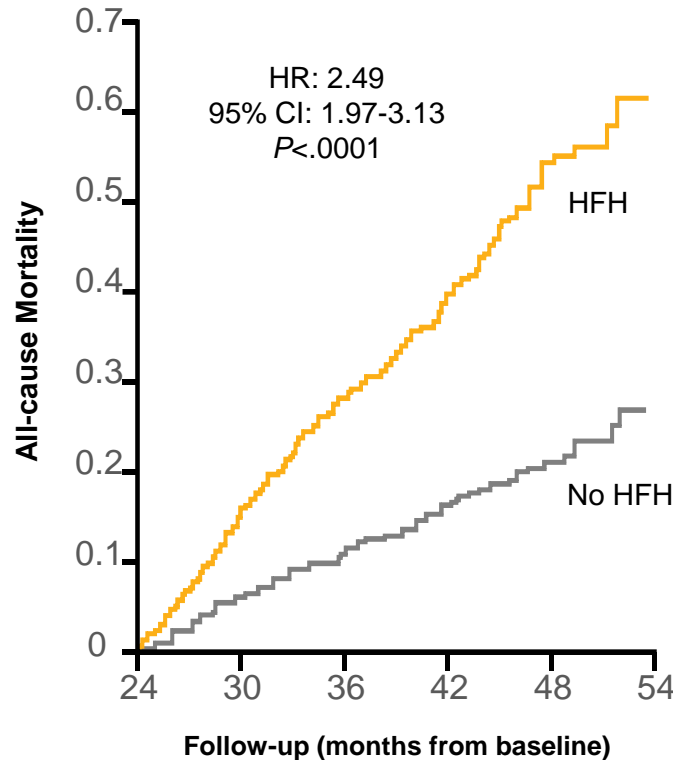
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# Mortality Following HF Hospitalization

*Patients with CHF hospitalized during the first 2 years of follow-up*

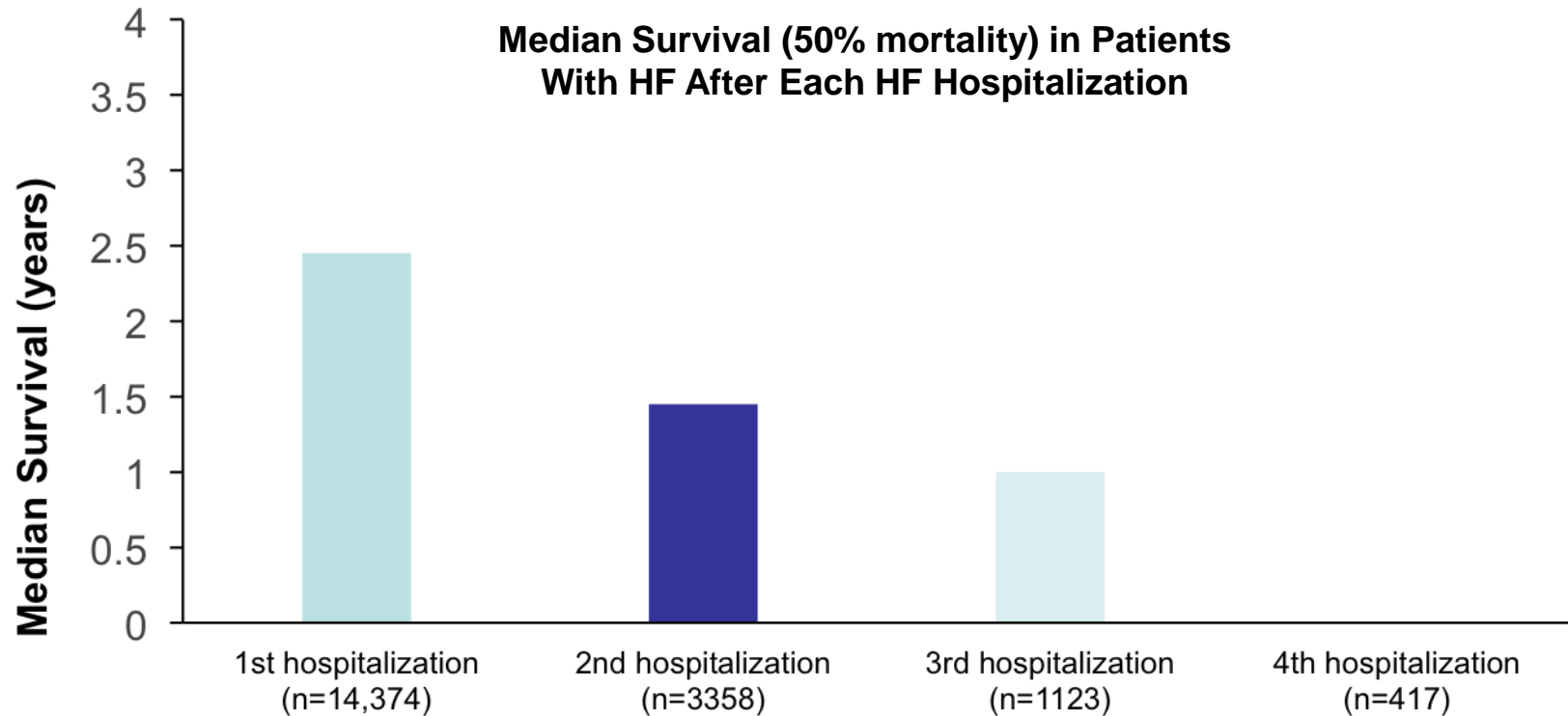


In this post-hoc propensity matched study of the Digitalis Intervention Group trial, 1057 patients in the US and Canada with chronic HF who had HFHs during the first 2 years of follow-up were matched with 1057 patients with chronic HF who had no HFH. Cox regression analysis was used to estimate the effect of incident HFH during the first 2 years after randomization on post-2-year mortality.

CHF, coronary heart failure; HF, heart failure; HFH, heart failure hospitalization; HR, hazard ratio

Ahmed A et al. *J Card Fail.* 2008;14:211-218

# Outcomes Worsen With Each Hospitalization



Based on a cohort of 14,374 patients, identified using the health care utilization databases, with a first hospitalization for HF among all residents of British Columbia between 2000 and 2004.

CI, confidence interval; HF, Heart Failure

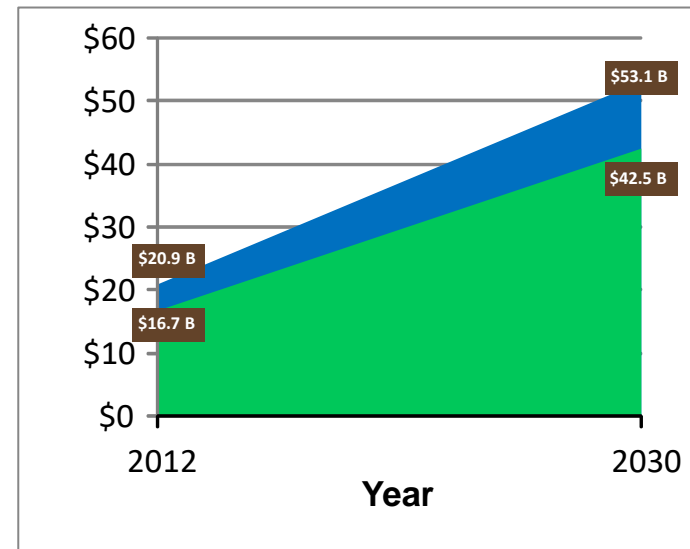
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# The Economic and Health Burden

- There are approximately 1 million HF discharges in the US per year<sup>1</sup>
- American Heart Association (AHA) statistics reported nearly 509,000 ED encounters for HF in 2012<sup>1</sup>
- Total medical costs of HF are projected to increase from \$20.9 billion in 2012 to \$53.1 billion in 2030, a 2.5-fold increase. Of this, 80% of the costs will be attributable to hospitalization, assuming continuation of current hospitalization practices<sup>2</sup>

By 2030, >8 million people in the US will have HF<sup>2</sup>



- Projected total medical costs for HF medical care
- Projected expenditures attributed to hospitalization

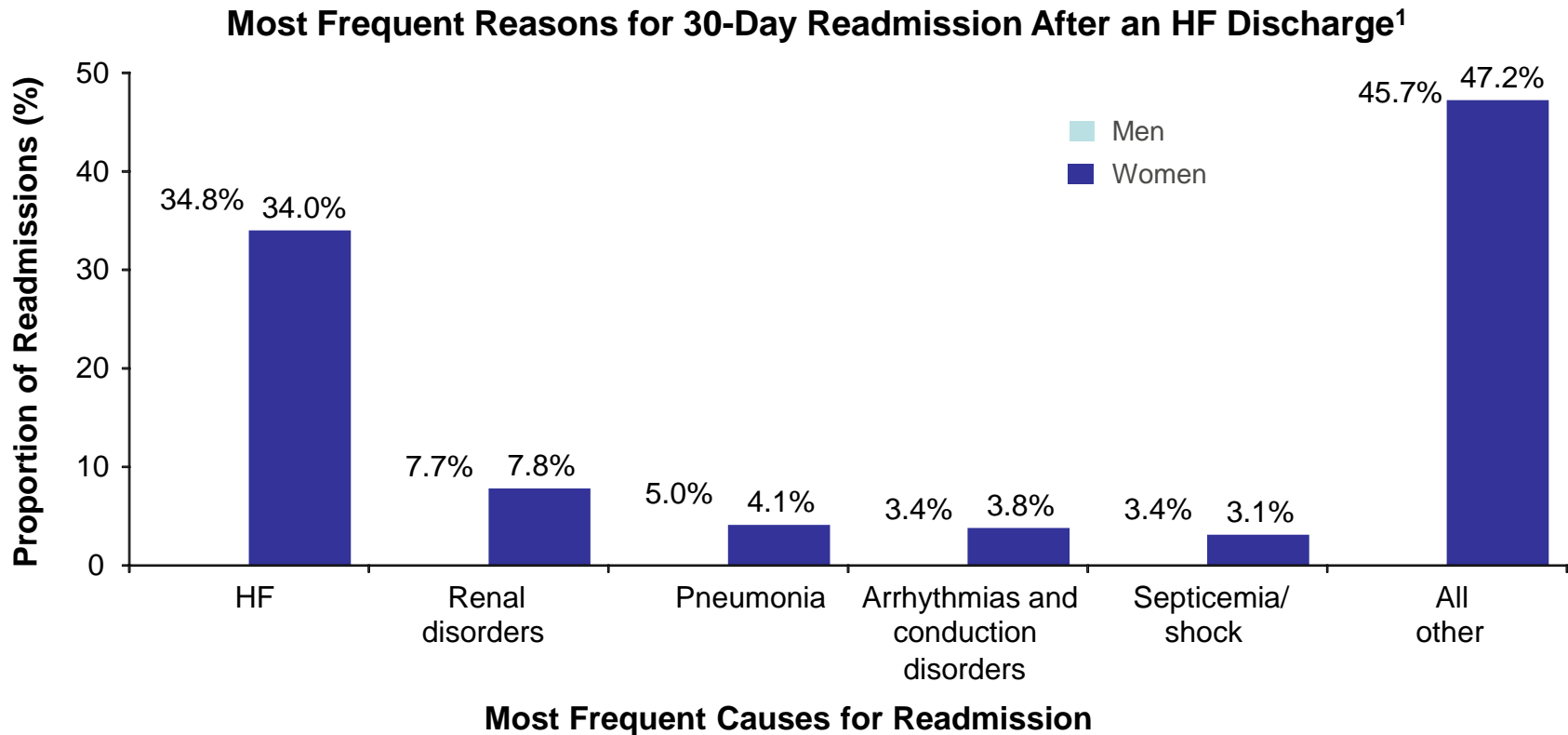
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# Reasons for 30-Day Readmission After HF Discharge



HF is the most common cause of readmission after a HF hospitalization<sup>2</sup>

HF, heart failure; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction

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# New York Heart Failure Classification

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- |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class I   | Patients with cardiac disease but without resulting limitations of physical activity. Ordinary physical activity does not cause undue fatigue, palpitation, dyspnea, or anginal pain                                                                             |
| Class II  | Patients with cardiac disease resulting in slight limitation of physical activity. They are comfortable at rest. Ordinary physical activity results in fatigue, palpitation, dyspnea, or anginal pain                                                            |
| Class III | Patients with cardiac disease resulting in marked limitation of physical activity. They are comfortable at rest. Less than ordinary physical activity causes fatigue, palpitation, dyspnea, or anginal pain                                                      |
| Class IV  | Patients with cardiac disease resulting in inability to carry on any physical activity without discomfort. Symptoms of cardiac insufficiency or of anginal syndrome may be present even at rest. If any physical activity is undertaken, discomfort is increased |

Approximate 2 year mortality in pts with LV dysfunction  
treated with ACE inhibitors

New York Heart Association

class	Mortality, %
I	10
II	20
III	30-40
IV	40-50

# Symptoms of Congestive Heart Failure

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None

- Truly asymptomatic

- Asymptomatic because of sedentary lifestyle

Dyspnea on exertion

Decreased exercise tolerance

Orthopnea

Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea

Fatigue

Edema

Abdominal pain and distention

Palpitations

Syncope or presyncope

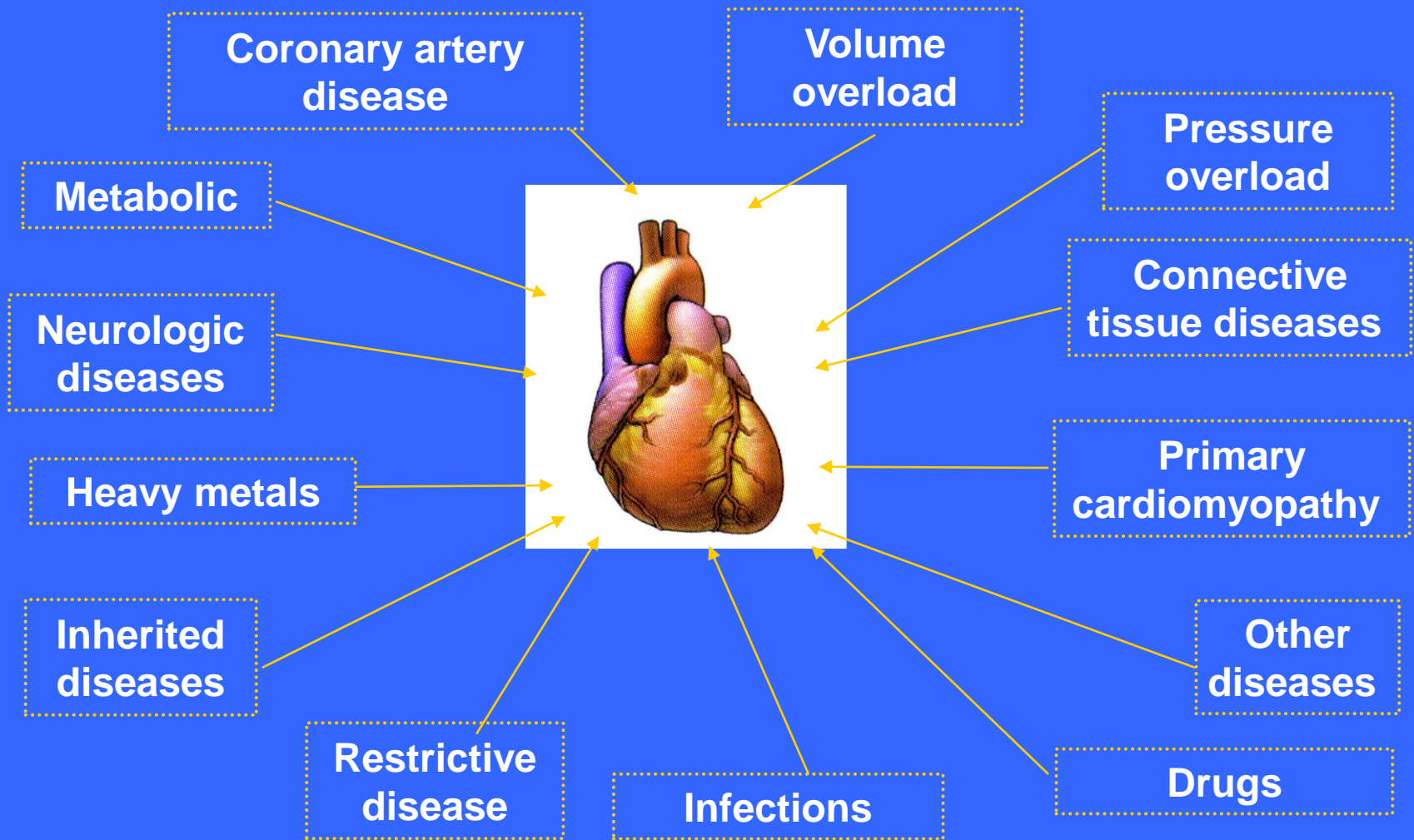
Embolic events (central nervous system, peripheral)

# Physical Findings of Pts with CHF

Carotid	Normal or ↓ volume
Jugular venous pressure	Normal or ↑
Hepatojugular reflux	+ or -
Parasternal lift	+ or -
Apical impulse	Normal or diffuse in character, normal in position or laterally displaced
Palpable S <sub>3</sub> , S <sub>4</sub> , or P <sub>2</sub>	+ or -
S <sub>1</sub>	Normal or ↓ intensity
S <sub>3</sub> , S <sub>4</sub>	+ or -
MR or TR murmur	+ or -
Rales	+ or -
Pulsus alternans	+ or -
Edema	+ or -
Ascites	+ or -
Hepatomegaly	+ or -
Muscle wasting	+ or -
Blood pressure	Normal, ↑, orthostatic, or ↓



# Causes of Left Ventricular Dysfunction



# Causes of Heart Failure

Idiopathic

Familial

Infectious agents: bacterial, viral (including **human immunodeficiency virus**), fungal, *Borrelia burgdorferi* (**Lyme disease**)

Acute rheumatic fever

Infiltrative disorders: **amyloid**, hemochromatosis, sarcoid

Toxic: heroin, **cocaine**, alcohol, amphetamines, doxorubicin (Adriamycin), cyclophosphamide, sulfonamides, lead, arsenic, cobalt, phosphorus, ethylene glycol, some antiviral agents

Nutritional deficiencies: protein, thiamine, selenium

Electrolyte disorders: hypocalcemia, hypophosphatemia, hyponatremia, hypokalemia

Collagen vascular disorders: lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, systemic sclerosis, polyarteritis nodosa, hypersensitivity vasculitis, Takayasu's syndrome, polymyositis, Reiter's syndrome

Endocrine and metabolic diseases: diabetes mellitus, thyroid disease, hypoparathyroidism with hypocalcemia, pheochromocytoma, acromegaly

**Tachycardia-induced cardiomyopathy**

Miscellaneous: peripartum cardiomyopathy, sleep apnea syndrome, Whipple's disease, L-carnitine deficiency



# Diagnosis of CHF

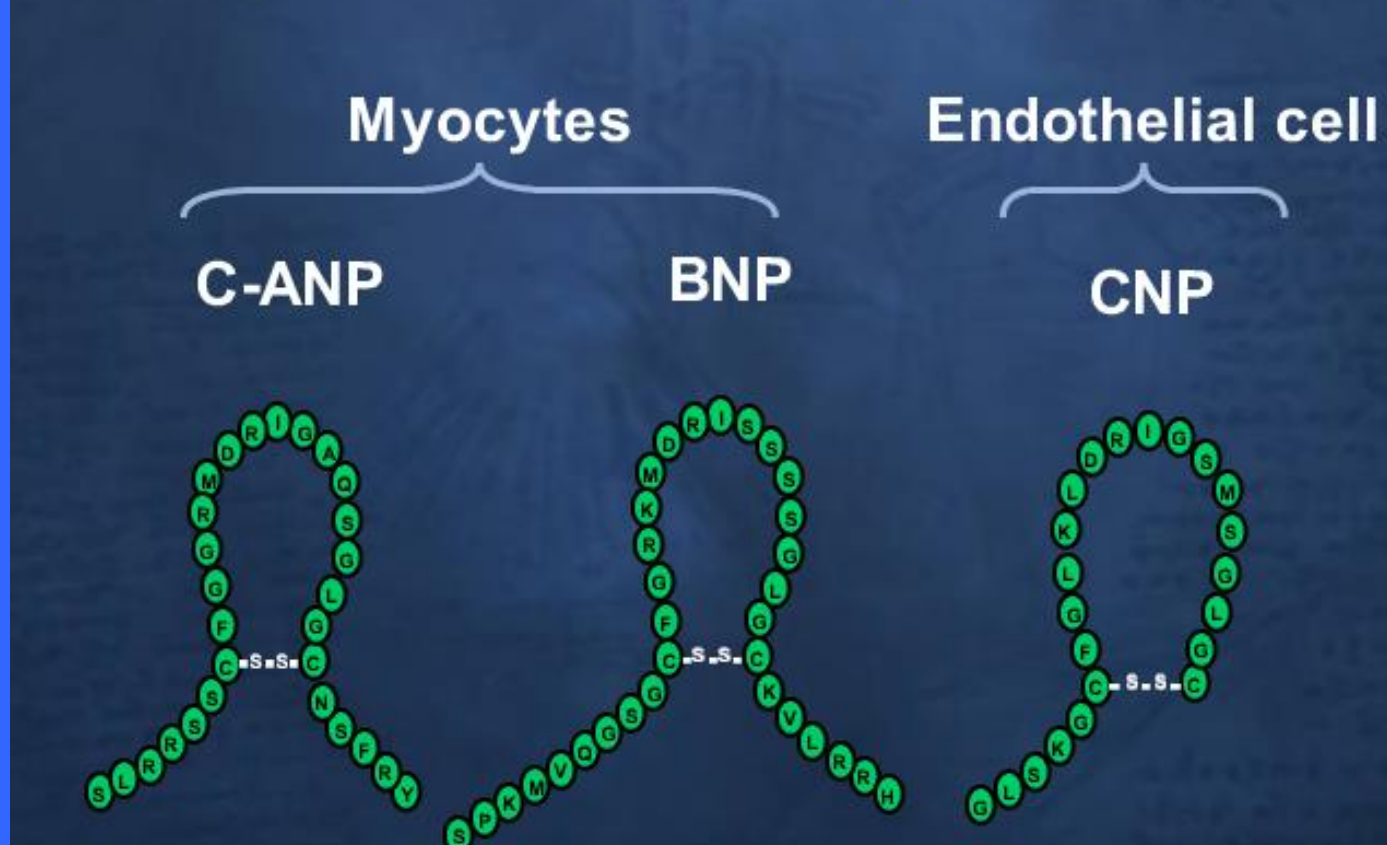
- History and Physical Exam
- Pt' s weight-i.e weight gain of many pounds within a short period of time is a red flag
- Decreased urine output/pedal edema
- Labs-CXR/BNP/EKG/Echo

# Other Labs

- EKG in dilated CM-
- Biatrial enlargement
- Widened QRS
- Voltage gain with LVH/RVH
- Voltage loss with pericardial effusion

# Labs to Order to assess degree of Heart Failure

## The Natriuretic Peptides





## **Reference Ranges BNP (pg/ml)**

**767 Subjects w/o CV Disease or LV Systolic  
or Diastolic Dysfunction  
(5th-95th percentile)**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>45-54</b>	<b>55-64</b>	<b>65-74</b>	<b>74-83</b>
<b>Female</b>	8 - 73	10 - 93	13 - 120	16 - 155
<b>Male</b>	4 - 40	5 - 52	7 - 67	9 - 86

## **BNP in Dyspnea - Caveats**

- **High BNP – No HF (False +)**

**Elderly women**

**Pulmonary embolus**

**Myocardial infarction**

**Compensated HF + pulm disease**

## **HF (causing) drugs**

- Ephedra (herbal ecstasy)
- trastuzumab (Herceptin)
- anthracyclines
- cyclophosphamide
- EtOH - cocaine
- NSAIDS – Cox II inhibitors
- Radiation

**Premature CAD**

**Valve disease**

**Constriction**

**Restriction**

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**Hot Topic**

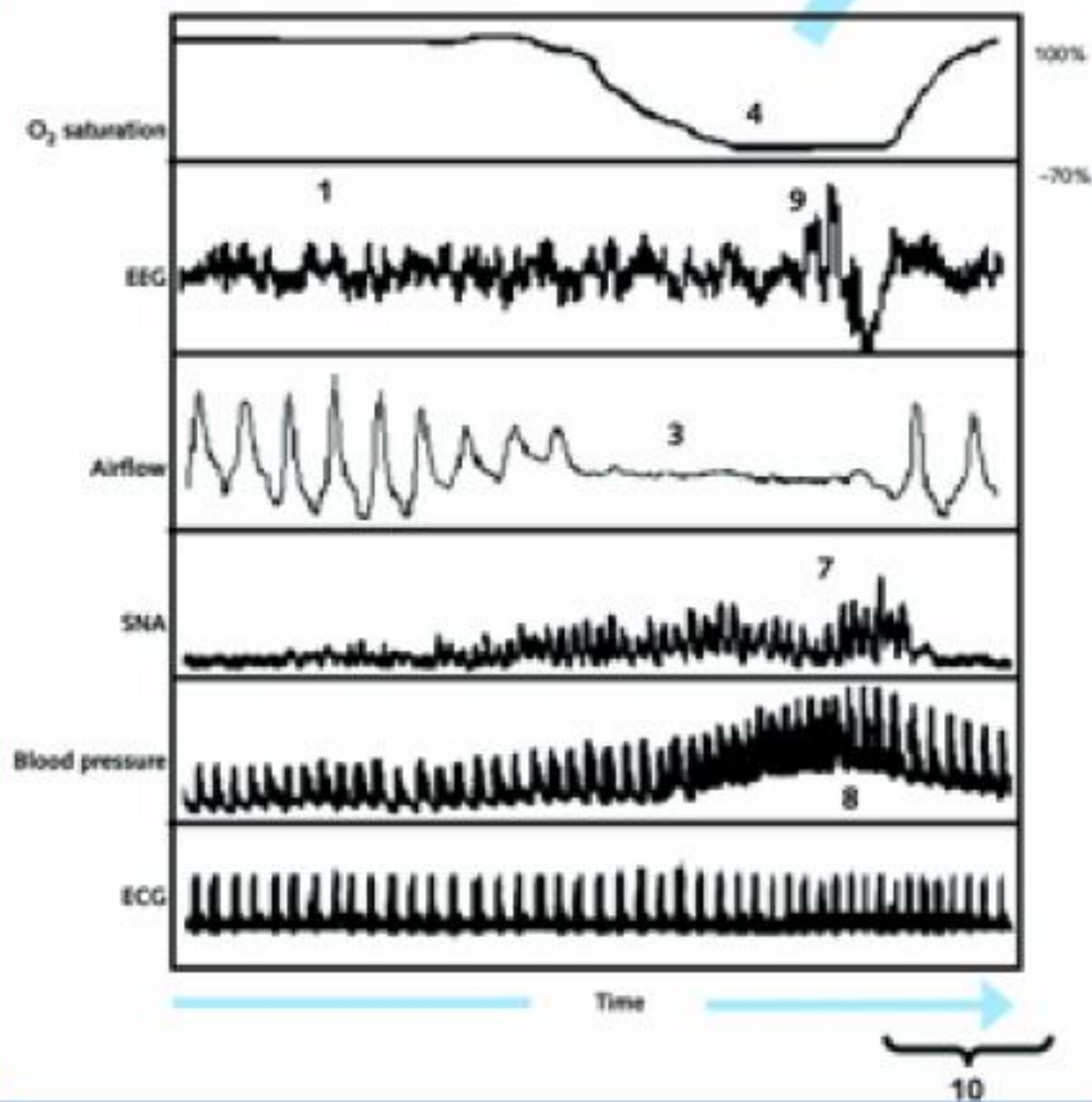
## **Sleep and HF**

- **Obstructive Sleep Apnea**
- **Cheyne Stokes Respiration - Central Sleep Apnea**

**Sleep disordered breathing and it's treatment in CHF**

**LJ Cormican et al, Heart, 2005**





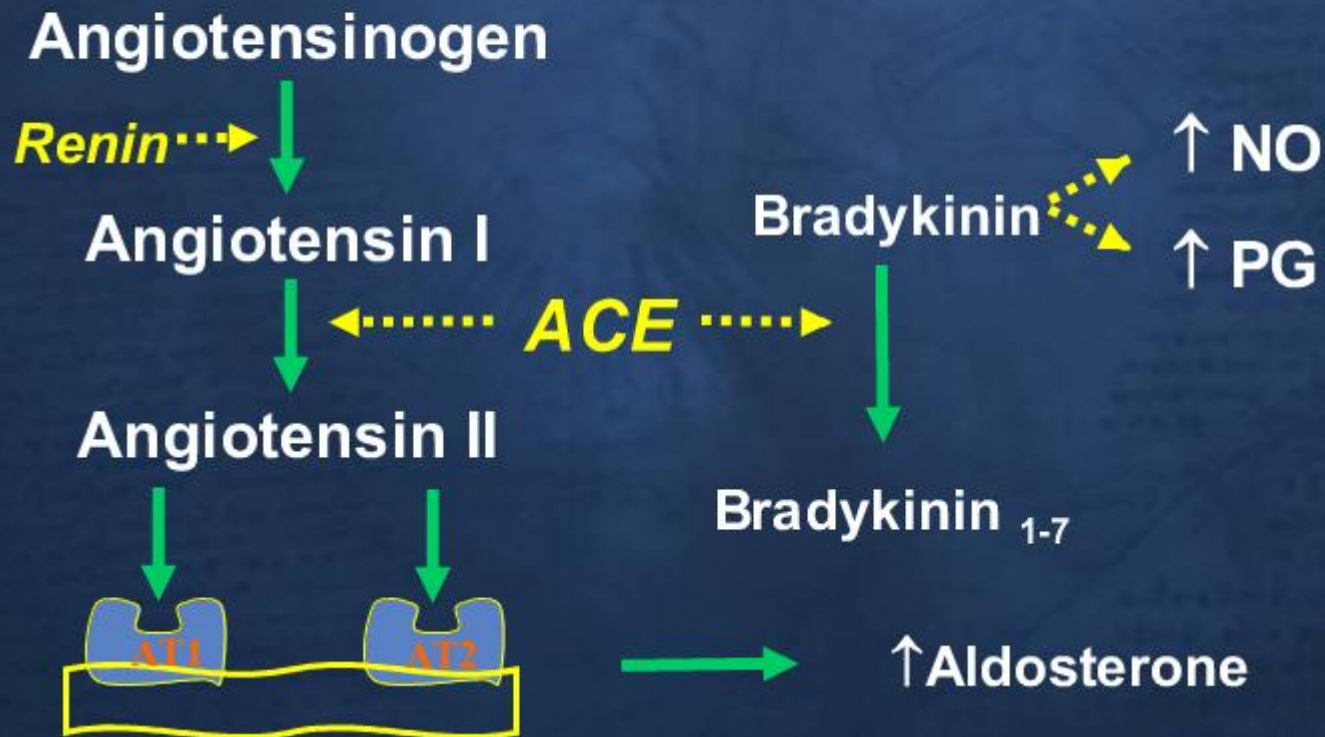
# **Management of CHF**

## **Neurohormonal Hypothesis**

- **LV dysfunction characterized by neurohormonal activation**
- **Neurohormonal activation drives adverse ventricular remodeling**
- **Intervention by neurohormonal antagonism favorably alters the natural history of CHF**



# Renin - Angiotensin - Aldosterone System



# Acute decompensated CHF

- Diuretics-IV lasix
- Stabilize the BP-may need vasopressors (i.e. dopamine-renal dose and dobutamine)
- If BP is low-pt has low perfusion pressure, diuretics won't be effective
- Avoid beta blockers in the setting of acute decompensated CHF as it will worsen the pt's condition

# Chronic CHF

- Beta blockers
- Diuretics-if pt has residual pulm edema
- ACEI or ARB
- Digoxin (if pt is symptomatic and has EF of  $< 30\%$ )
- Aldactone
- Consider resynchronization therapy (i.e, BIV-ICD)

# Pharmacotherapy of Chronic CHF

## First-Line Treatment

- Diuretic
- Digitalis
- ACE inhibitor
- Anticoagulation
- **Beta-blockers**

# **Pharmacotherapy of Chronic CHF**

## **Diuretics–Deleterious Effects**

- **Decrease cardiac output**
- **Activate neurohormonal systems**
- **Azotemia**
- **Electrolyte disturbances**
- **Proarrhythmia**
- **Hyperlipidemia, hyperglycemia**

# Beta-Blockers for Heart Failure

- Beta blockers have been evaluated in more than 20,000 patients with heart failure who participated in over 20 placebo-controlled clinical trials
- Trials enrolled patients with LV systolic dysfunction, already on diuretic, ACE-I with or without digitalis
- **Long-term** treatment decreases symptoms, risk of death and hospitalization



# Patients with Heart Failure Who Should **Not** be Beta-Blocked

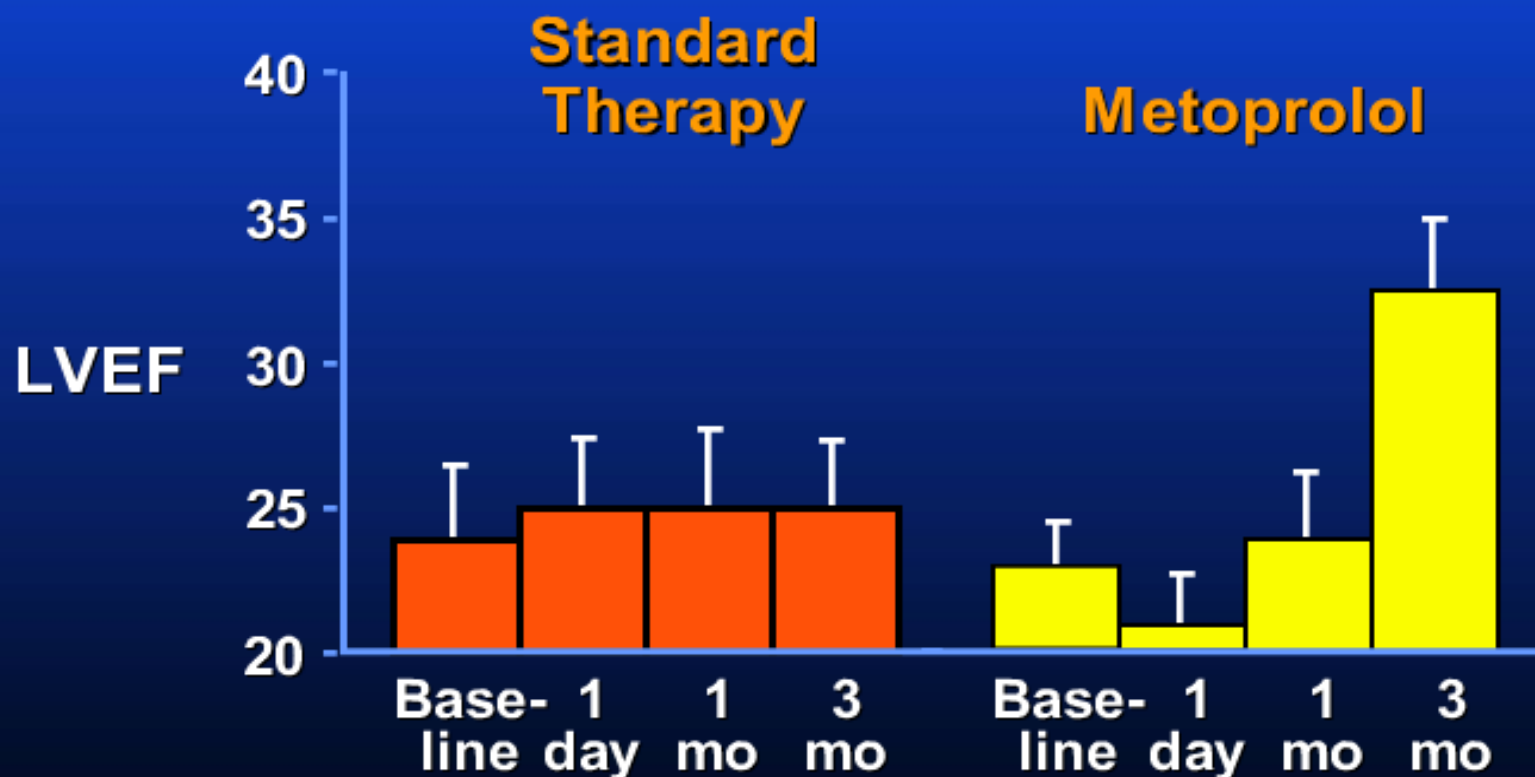
## **General considerations**

- Bronchospasm
- Bradycardia
- Major depression

## **Heart failure considerations**

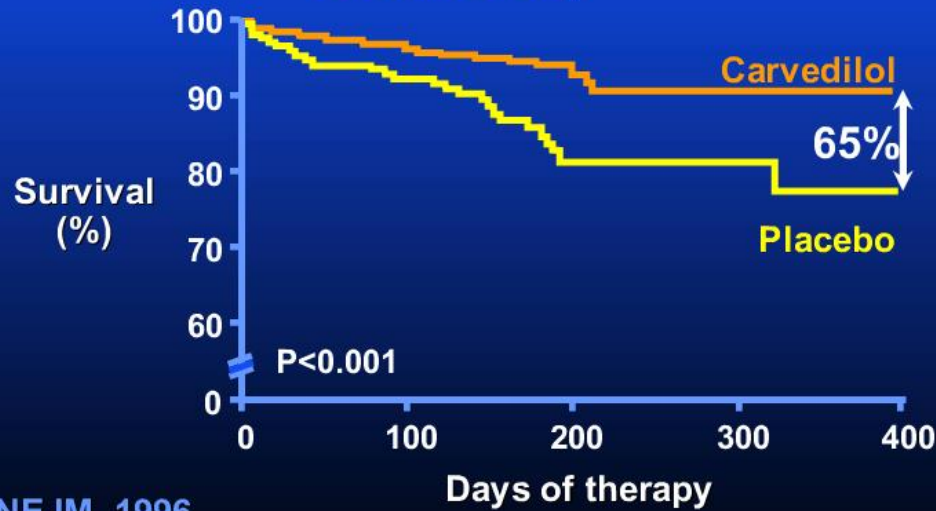
- Unstable
- Intravenous inotropes

## Deterioration of LV Function with Initiation of Metoprolol Therapy



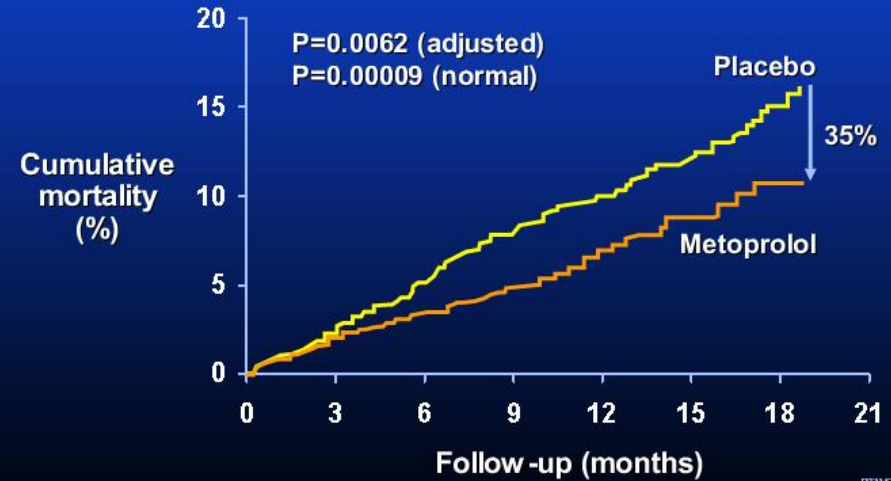
Hall et al: JACC 25(5):1154-61, 1995

# U.S. Carvedilol Trial Total Mortality



NEJM, 1996

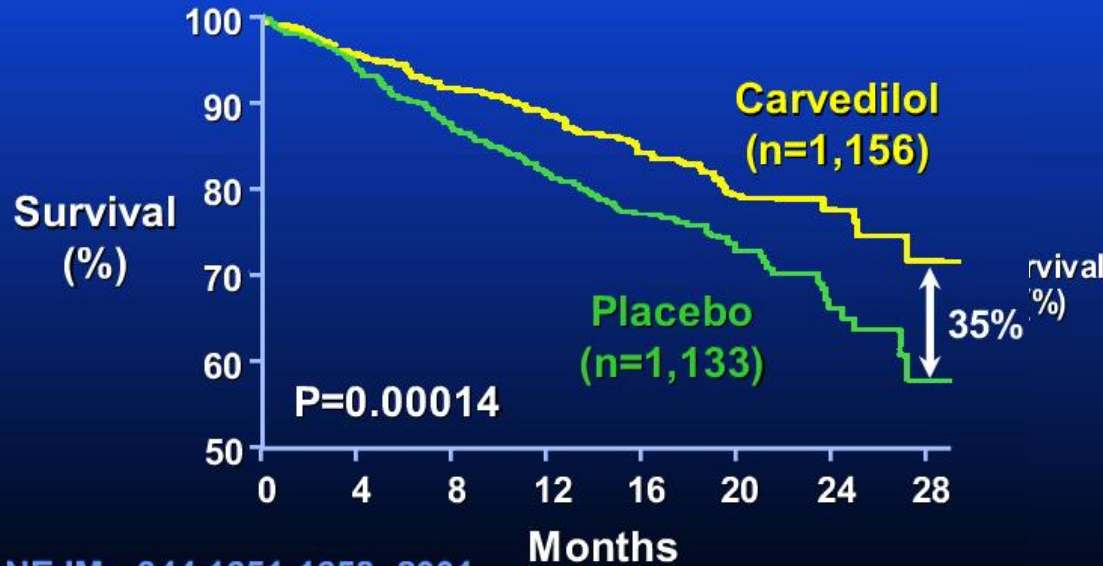
# MERIT-HF Total Mortality



Lancet 353:2003, 1999

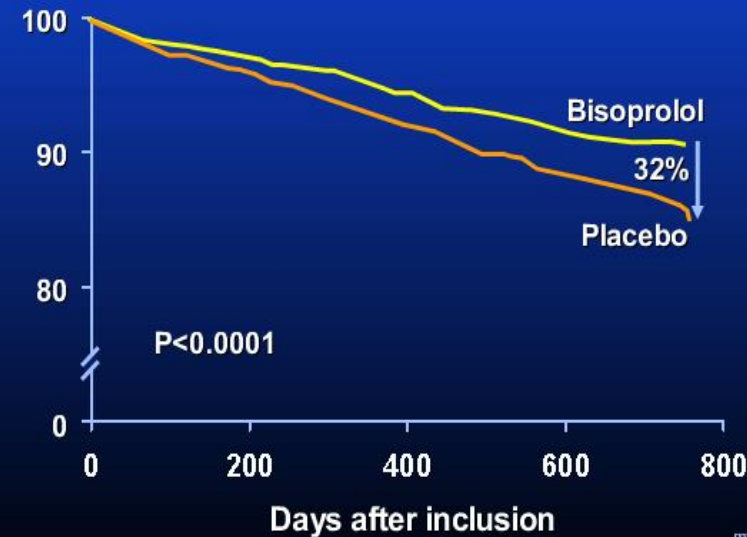
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NEJM: 344:1651-1658, 2001

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# Adjunctive treatments to Heart Failure

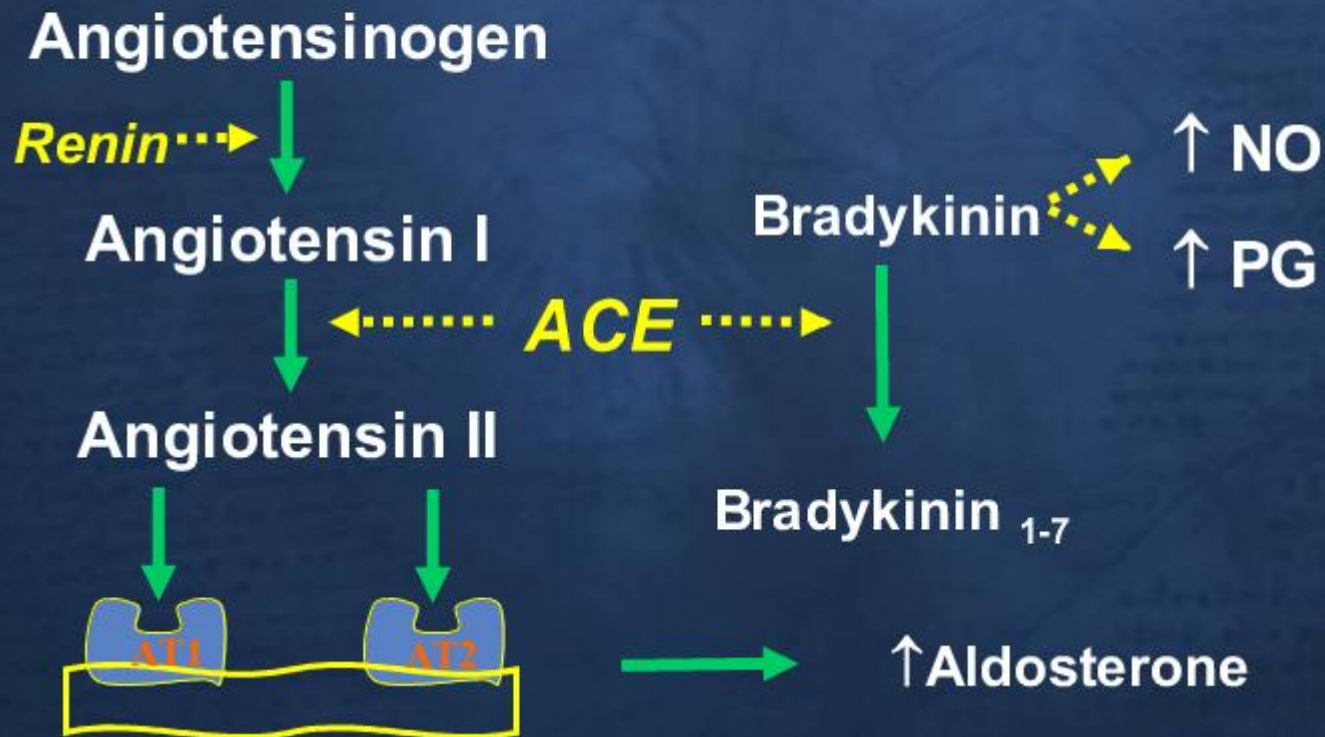
# ACE Inhibitors

## Anti-Ischemic Benefit

- Reduce risk of initial myocardial infarction
- Reduce risk of recurrent myocardial infarction



# Renin - Angiotensin - Aldosterone System

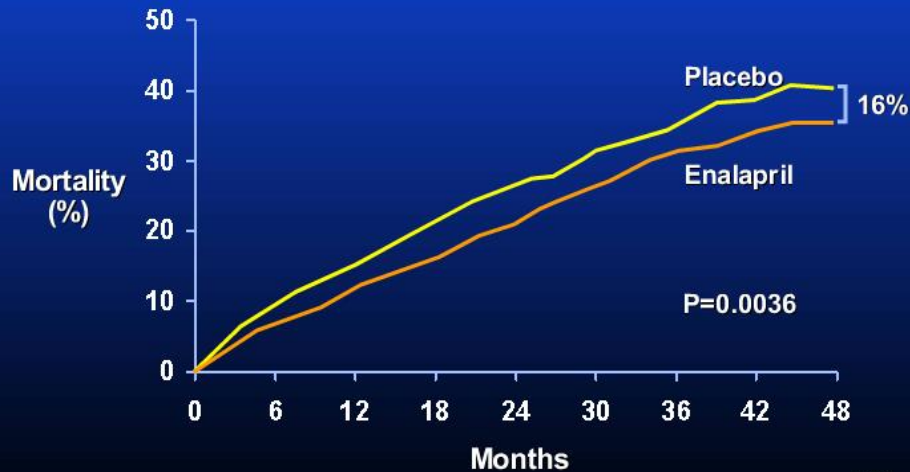


# Major Trials involving ACEI benefits in CHF

- ELITE
- CHARM
- SOLVD
- CONSENSUS I

## SOLVD-Treatment Results

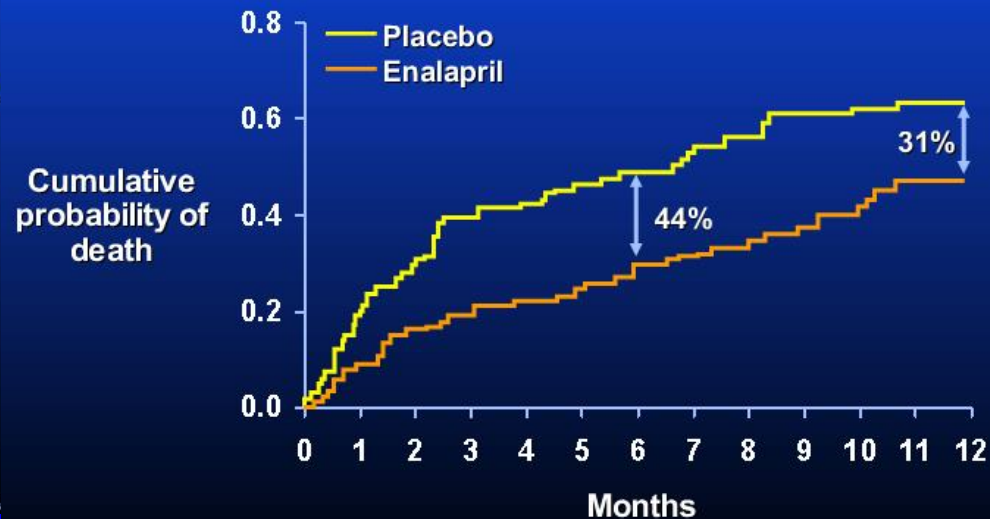
### Effects of Placebo or Enalapril on Mortality



The SOLVD Investigators: NEJM 325:293, 1991



## CONSENSUS I Results: Effects of Enalapril on Cumulative Mortality



## CHARM

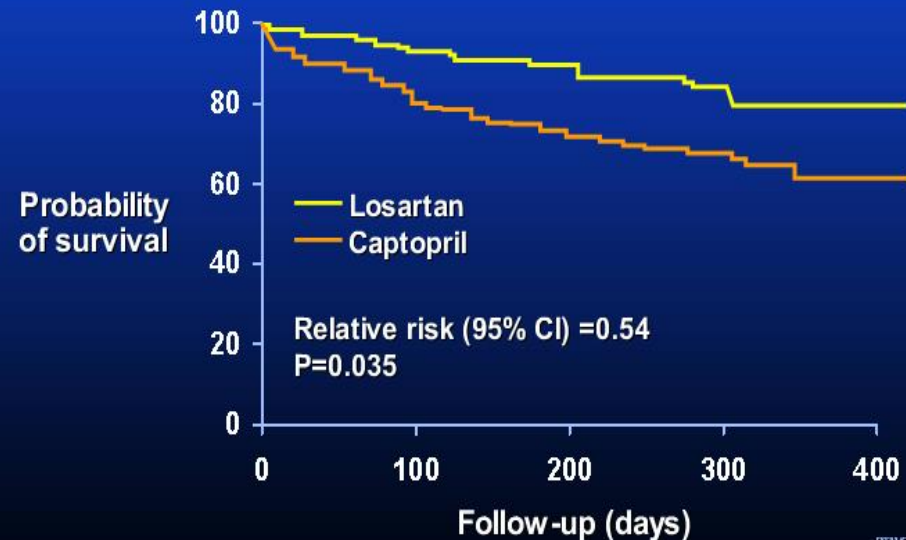
### Candesartan for CHF; Class II-IV

Substudies	N	Combined Mortality & Hospitalization	CV Mortality
Added	2548	↓ 4.4%*	↓ 3.6%*
Alternative	2028	↓ 7.0%*	↓ 3.2%*
Preserved	3025	↓ 2.3%	↓ 0.1%
Overall	7601	↓ 4.3%*	↓ 2.1%*

\* $p \leq 0.05$

## ELITE

### Cumulative Kaplan-Meier Estimates for Survival



# **Worsening Renal Function During Initiation of HF Therapy**

## **ACE I and ARB increase Crt**

- With initiation of ACEi / ARB
- **↑ Crt  $\leq$  30% is expected**

(Isles, Clinical Medicine, June, 2002)

- **> 30%, consider**  
hypovolemia  
hypotension  
bilateral RVD  
NSAID  
chronic renal insuff

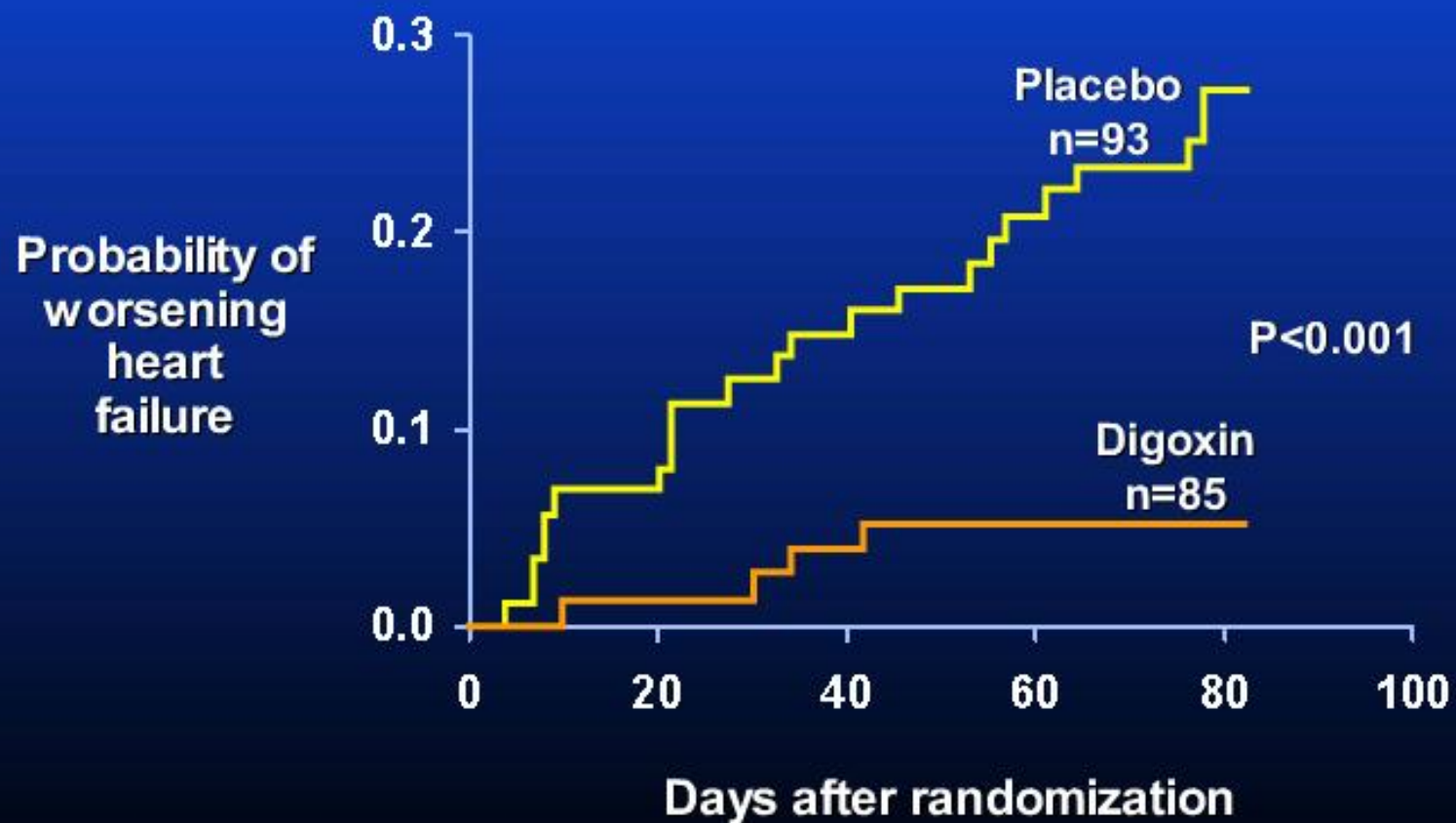


# Pharmacotherapy of Congestive Heart Failure

## Digitalis

- Placebo-controlled NIH multicenter mortality trial
- Safe
- Decreases rate of hospitalization
- Improves functional capacity
- No mortality benefit

## RADIANCE Trial





## **Effect of Aldosterone Antagonism on Mortality in CHF**

### **Potential Mechanisms**

- **Reduced myocardial fibrosis**
- **Reduced renal damage**
- **Reduced vascular damage**
- **Improved endothelial function**
- **Improved Aortic Compliance**
- **Reduced free radical formation**
- **Potassium conservation**

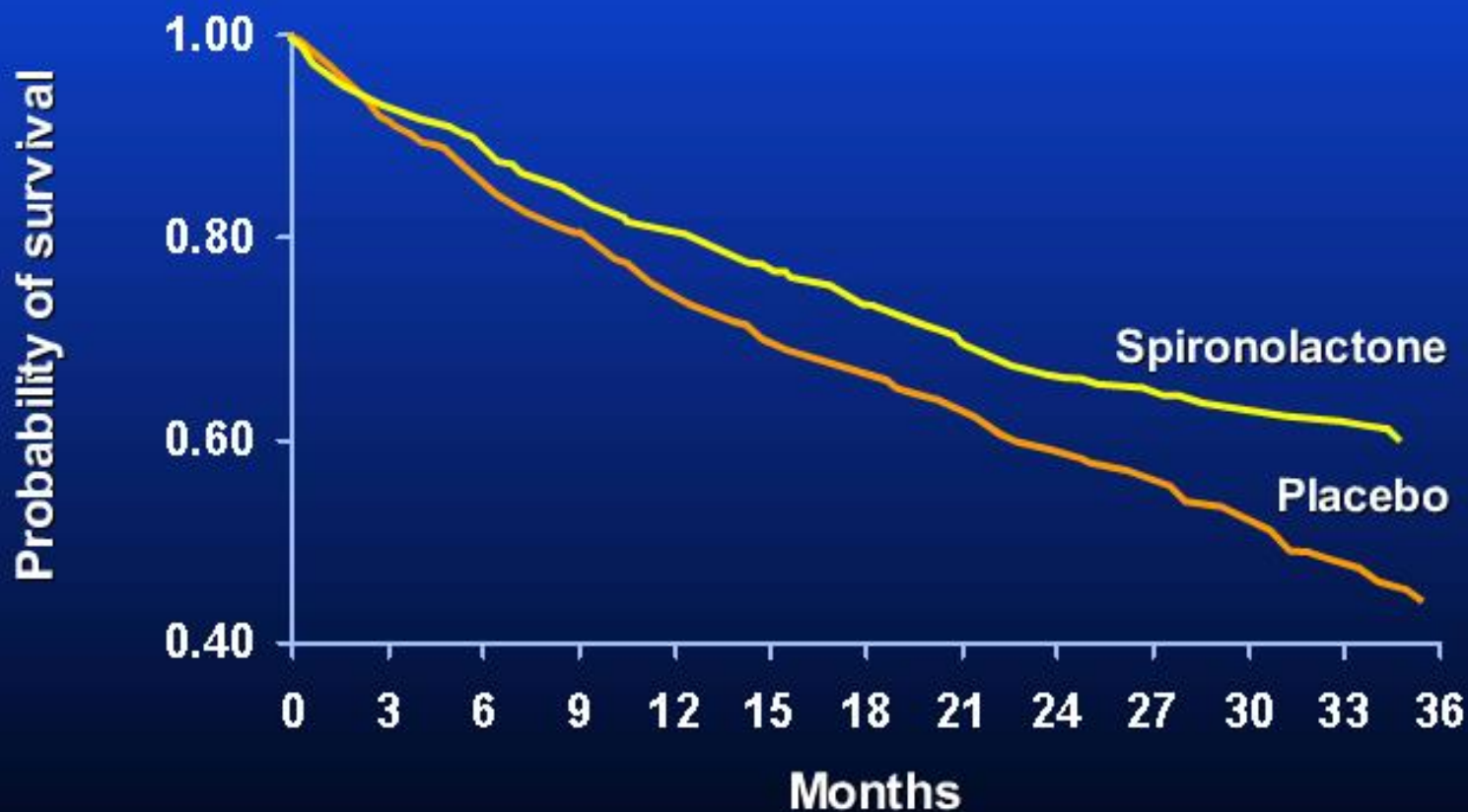
# **Aldosterone**

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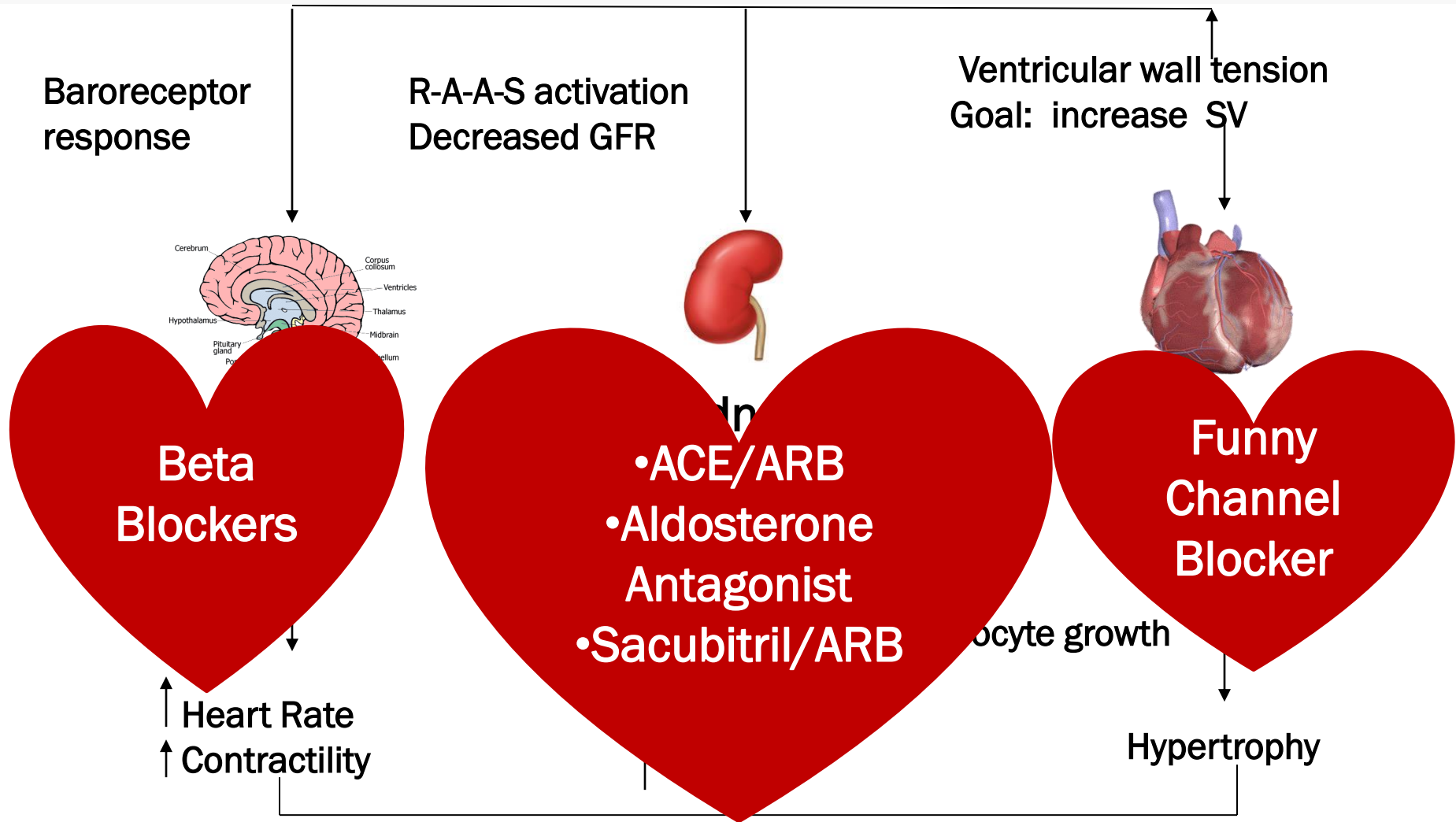
**TOPCAT**

## Effect of Spironolactone on Survival in Patients with Severe CHF



Placebo	841	775	723	678	628	592	565	483	379	280	179	92	36
Spironolactone	822	766	739	698	669	639	608	526	419	316	193	122	43

# Where Do the Medications Work?



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Angiotensin–Neprilysin Inhibition versus Enalapril  
in Heart Failure

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## **METHODS**

In this double-blind trial, we randomly assigned 8442 patients with class II, III, or IV heart failure and an ejection fraction of 40% or less to receive either LCZ696 (at a dose of 200 mg twice daily) or enalapril (at a dose of 10 mg twice daily), in addition to recommended therapy. The primary outcome was a composite of death from cardiovascular causes or hospitalization for heart failure, but the trial was designed to detect a difference in the rates of death from cardiovascular causes.

## **RESULTS**

The trial was stopped early, according to prespecified rules, after a median follow-up of 27 months, because the boundary for an overwhelming benefit with LCZ696 had been crossed. At the time of study closure, the primary outcome had occurred in 914 patients (21.8%) in the LCZ696 group and 1117 patients (26.5%) in the enalapril group (hazard ratio in the LCZ696 group, 0.80; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.73 to 0.87;  $P < 0.001$ ). A total of 711 patients (17.0%) receiving LCZ696 and 835 patients (19.8%) receiving enalapril died (hazard ratio for death from any cause, 0.84; 95% CI, 0.76 to 0.93;  $P < 0.001$ ); of these patients, 558 (13.3%) and 693 (16.5%), respectively, died from cardiovascular causes (hazard ratio, 0.80; 95% CI, 0.71 to 0.89;  $P < 0.001$ ). As compared with enalapril, LCZ696 also reduced the risk of hospitalization for heart failure by 21% ( $P < 0.001$ ) and decreased the symptoms and physical limitations of heart failure ( $P = 0.001$ ). The LCZ696 group had higher proportions of patients with hypotension and nonserious angioedema but lower proportions with renal impairment, hyperkalemia, and cough than the enalapril group.

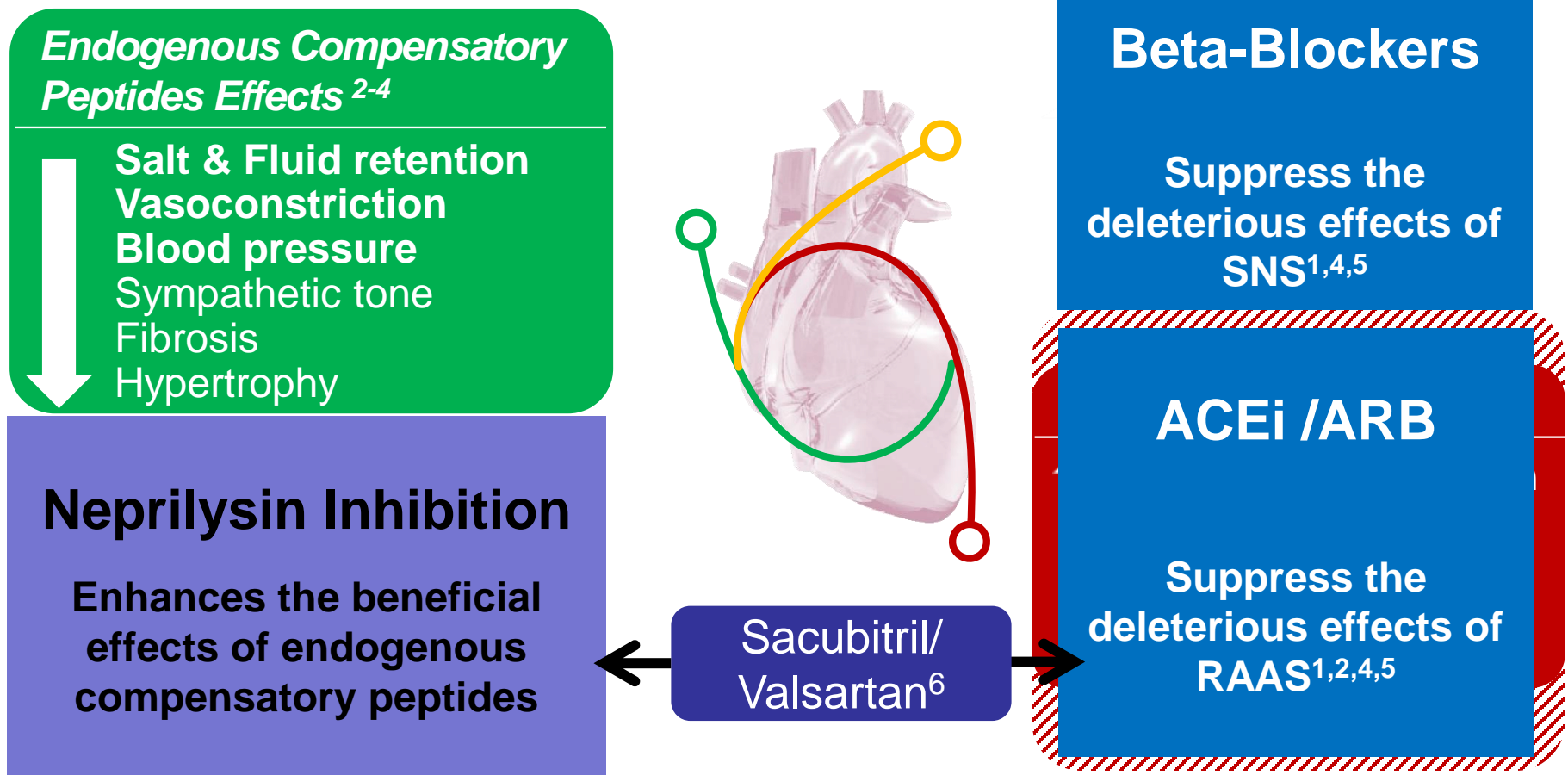
## **CONCLUSIONS**

LCZ696 was superior to enalapril in reducing the risks of death and of hospitalization for heart failure. (Funded by Novartis; PARADIGM-HF ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT01035255.)



# Sacubitril/Valsartan

*Restoring Neurohormonal Balance*



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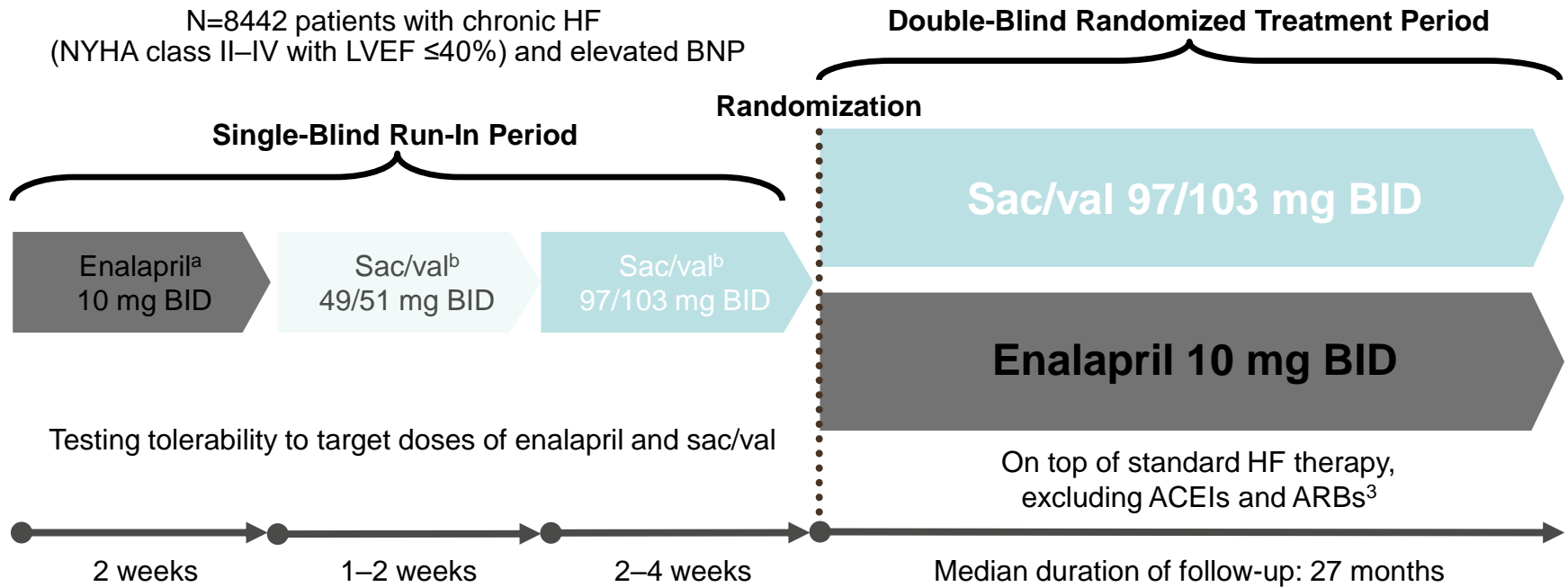


# PARADIGM-HF



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## Study Design



36 hour washout was required between enalapril and sac/val run-in and prior to randomization

**Primary outcome:** To demonstrate superiority of sacubitril/valsartan over enalapril in reducing composite of death from CV causes or a first hospitalization for HF

ACEI, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB, angiotensin II receptor blocker; BID, twice daily; BNP, brain natriuretic peptide; NYHA, New York Heart Association; Sac/val, Sacubitril/valsartan.

aEnalapril 5 mg BID for 1–2 weeks followed by enalapril 10 mg BID was an optional starting run-in dose for patients treated with ARBs or with a low dose of ACEI.

bDosing in clinical trials was based on the total amount of both components of sac/val; 24/26 mg, 49/51 mg, and 97/103 mg were referred to as 50 mg, 100 mg, and 200 mg, respectively. Sac/val was formerly known as LCZ696 in clinical trials.

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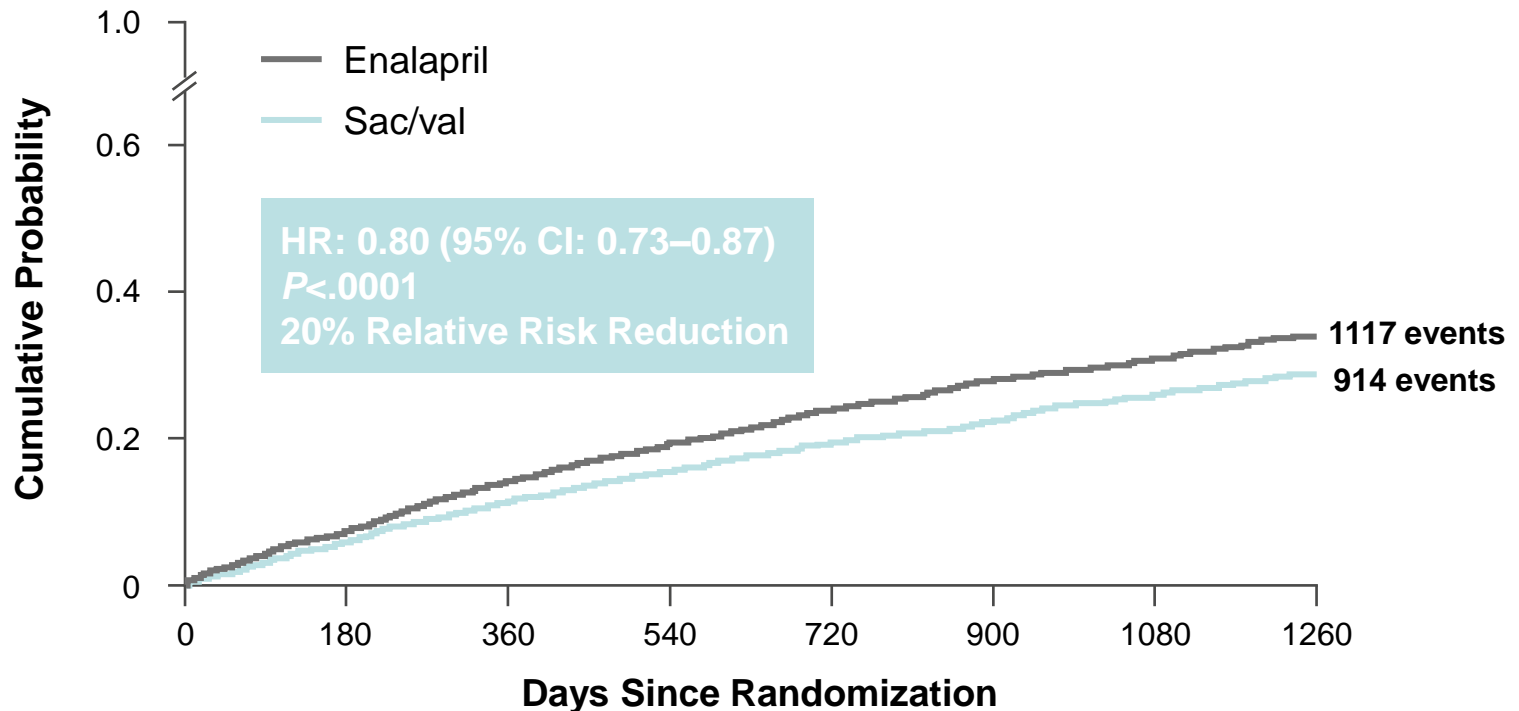
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# PARADIGM-HF

**Primary Endpoint: Time to First Occurrence of CV Death or HF Hospitalization**

- The difference in favor of sacubitril/valsartan was seen early in the PARADIGM-HF trial and at each interim analysis



No. at risk

Sac/val

4187

3922

3663

3018

2257

1544

896

249

Enalapril

4212

3883

3579

2922

2123

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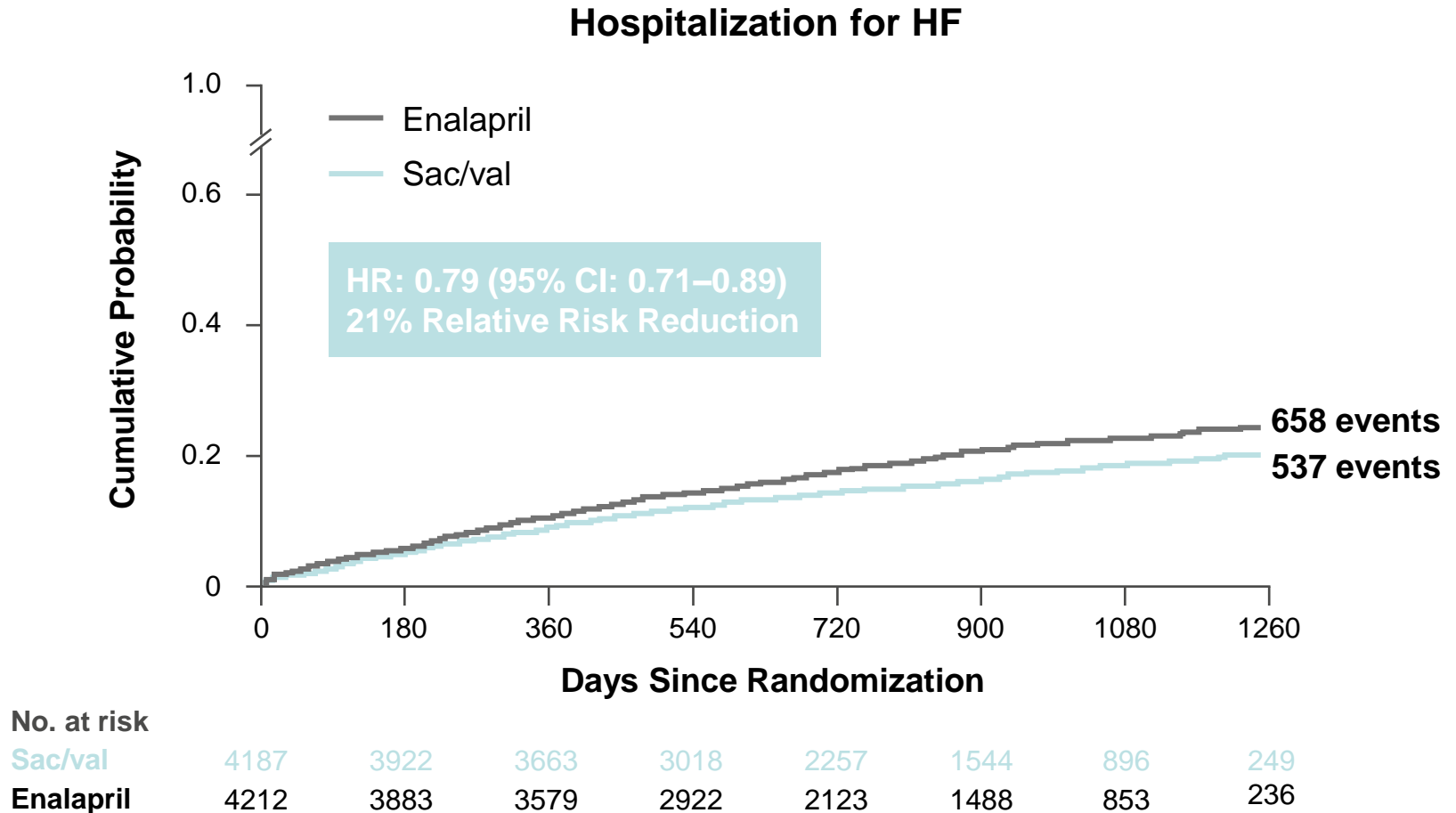
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# PARADIGM-HF

## *Components of Primary Endpoint: Time to First Occurrence of Hospitalization for HF\**



\*Analyses of the components of the primary composite endpoint were not prospectively planned to be adjusted for multiplicity  
CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; HF, heart failure  
McMurray JJ et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2014;371(11):993-1004.



# PARADIGM-HF: Clinical Progression Analysis

## *Heart Failure Hospitalizations*

When all (including repeat) hospitalizations were considered, compared with patients in the enalapril group, patients in the sacubitril/valsartan group had 23.0%

Type of Hospitalization <sup>a</sup>	Sac/Val N=4187	Enalapril N=4212	HR (95% CI)	P Value
HF, n	851	1079	0.77 (0.67–0.89) <sup>b</sup>	<0.001

This was an exploratory objective.

<sup>a</sup>All (including repeat) hospitalizations.

<sup>b</sup>Rate ratio estimated from a negative binomial model.

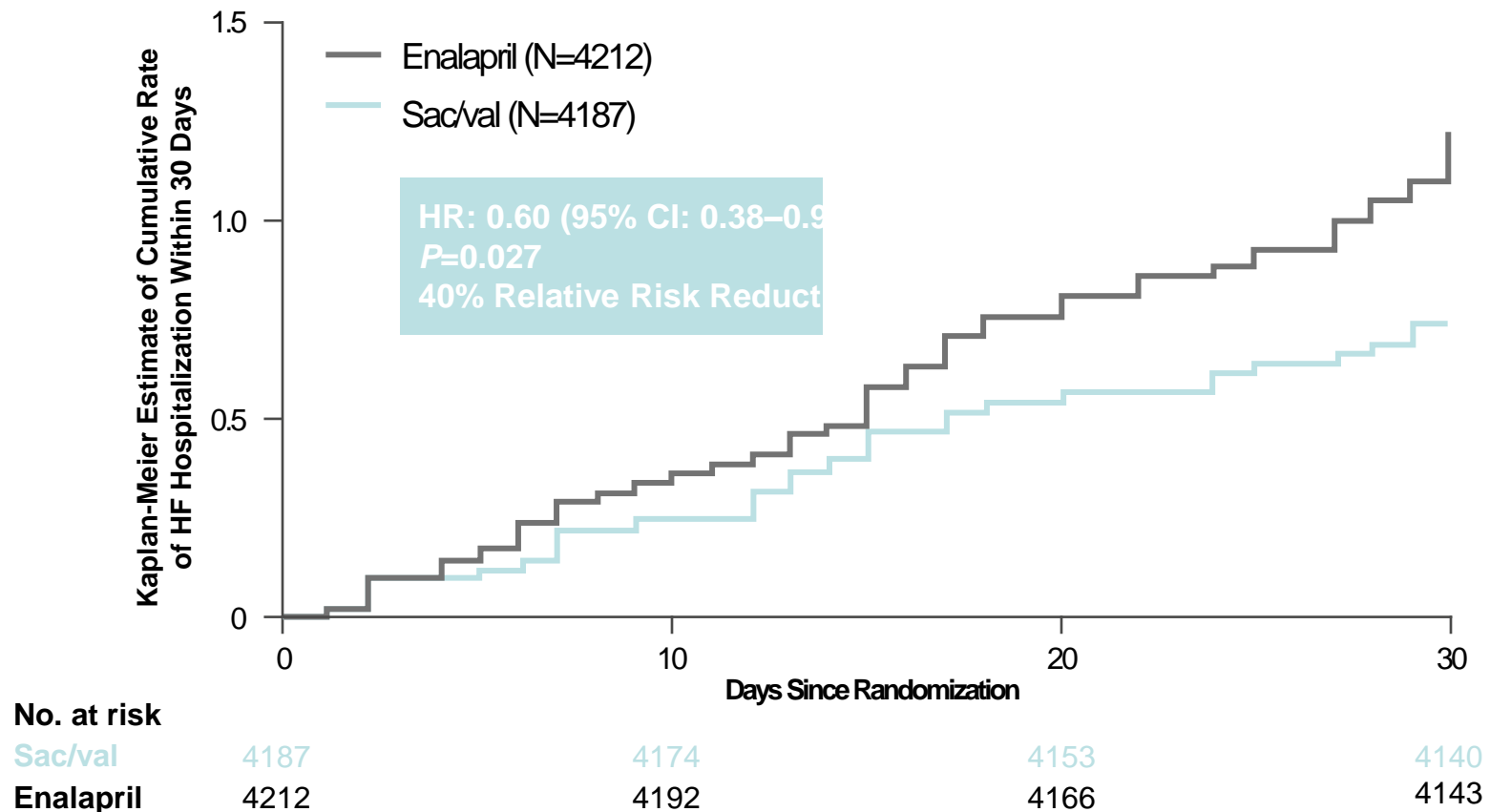
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# PARADIGM-HF: Clinical Progression Analysis

## *Time to First Occurrence of Hospitalization within 30 Days*



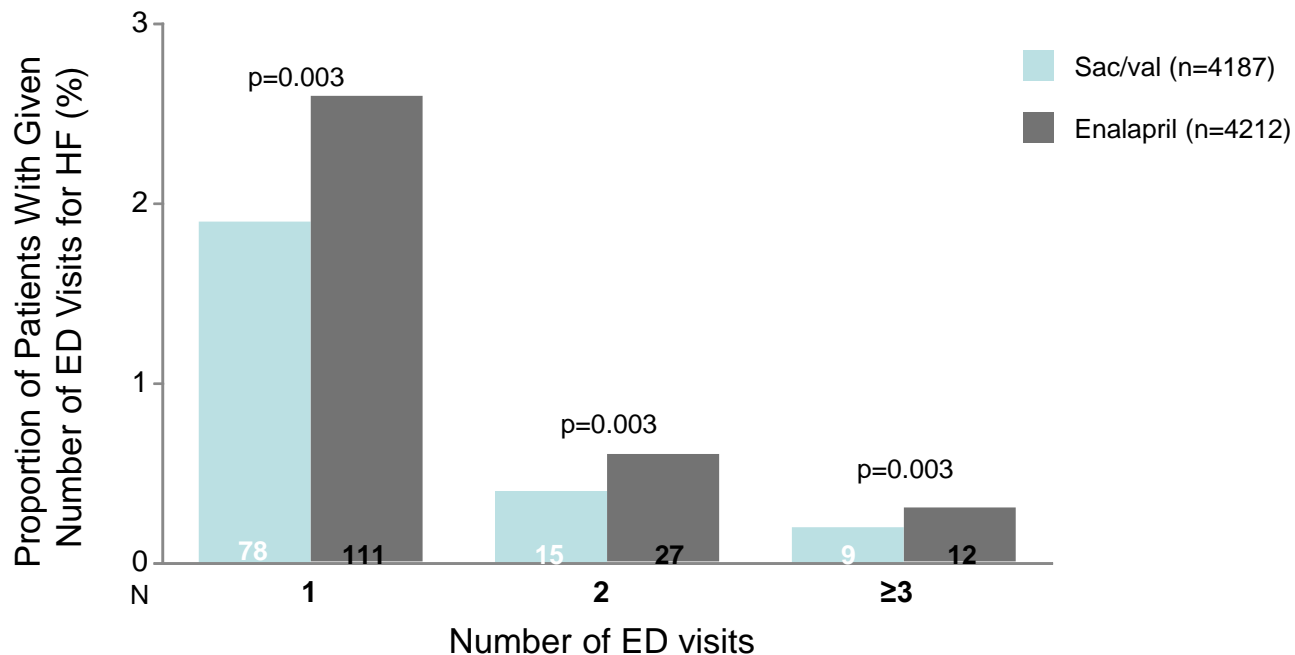
- Shown is the Kaplan-Meier estimate of the cumulative probability of a first hospitalization for HF during the first 30 days after randomization. The analysis at 30 days was prespecified and also represented the earliest time point at which the difference between the sac/val and enalapril groups was statistically significant



# PARADIGM-HF: Clinical Progression Analysis

## *Number of ED Visits*

The total number of ED visits for HF was lower in the sacubitril/valsartan group than in the enalapril group



This was a prespecified analysis.

\*The rate ratio was estimated from a negative binomial model.

ED, emergency department; HF, heart failure; CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio.  
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# Sacubitril/Valsartan

## *Adverse Reactions Occurring at an Incidence of $\geq 5\%$ in the Double-Blind Period*

Adverse Reactions Occurring $\geq 5\%$	Sac/Val N=4203 (%)	Enalapril N=4229 (%)
Hypotension	18	12
Hyperkalemia	12	14
Cough	9	13
Dizziness	6	5
Renal failure/acute renal failure	5	5

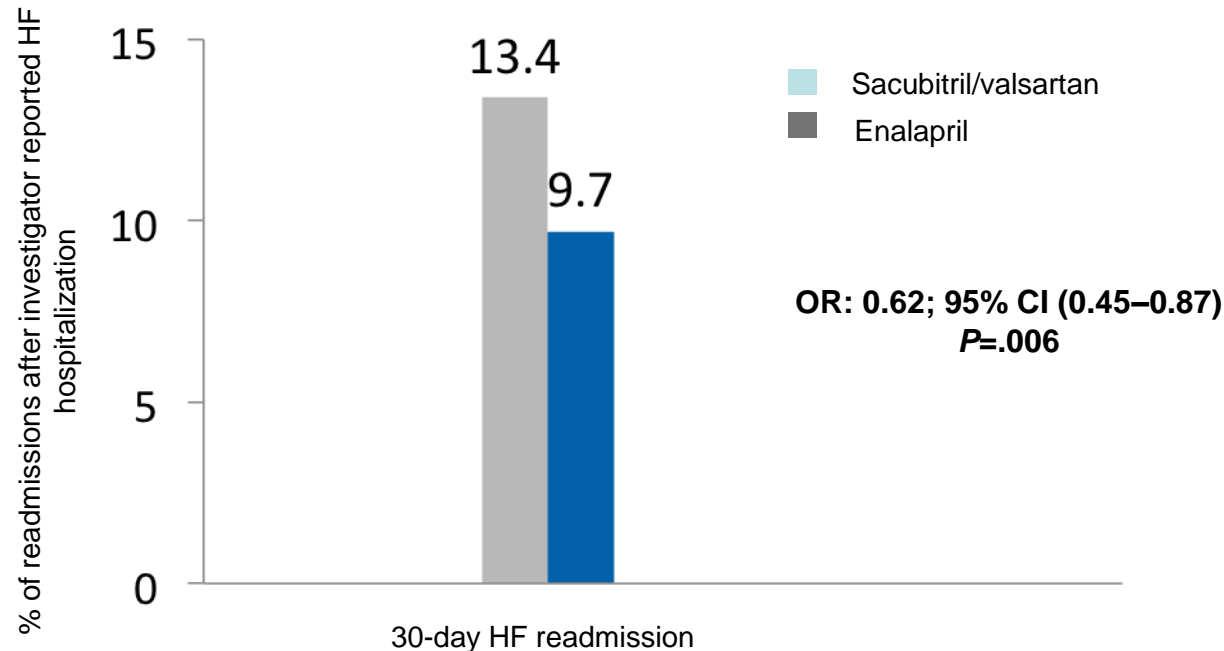
- In the PARADIGM-HF trial, the incidence of angioedema was 0.1% in both the enalapril and sacubitril/valsartan run-in periods. In the double-blind period, the incidence of angioedema was higher in patients treated with sacubitril/valsartan than enalapril (0.5% and 0.2%, respectively). The incidence of angioedema in Black patients was 2.4% with sacubitril/valsartan and 0.5% with enalapril
- Orthostasis was reported in 2.1% of patients treated with sacubitril/valsartan compared to 1.1% of patients treated with enalapril during the double-blind period of PARADIGM-HF. Falls were reported in 1.9% of patients treated with sacubitril/valsartan compared to 1.3% of patients treated with enalapril



# PARADIGM-HF: 30 Day Readmission

## 30-Day HF Hospital Readmission Following a HF Hospitalization

30-Day HF Readmissions After All Investigator-Reported HF Discharges During a Median Follow-up of 27 Months After Randomization



In the sacubitril/valsartan population, following investigator-reported HF hospitalizations, there was a reduction of 30-day readmission for HF of 38% vs. enalapril ( $P=.006$ )



[Patient flow for analysis and baseline characteristics](#)

This was a post hoc analysis.

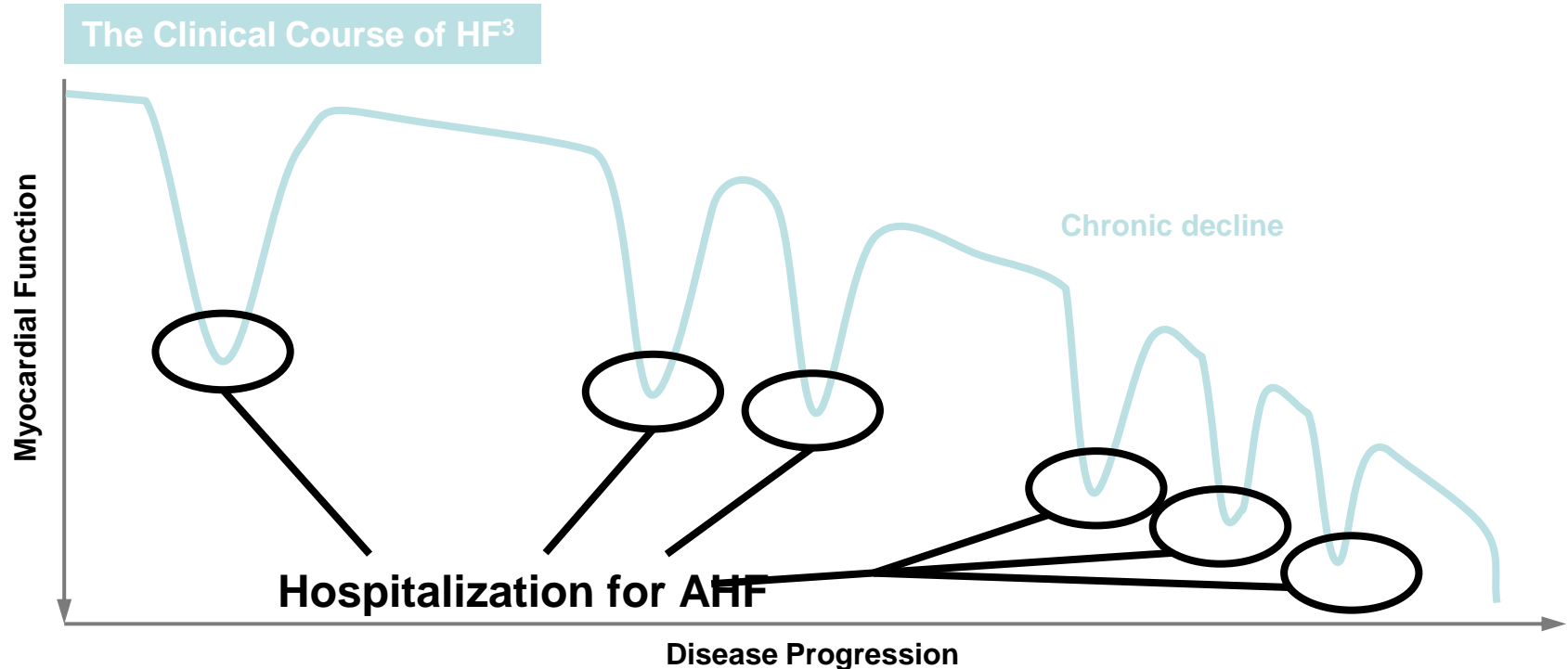
HF, heart failure; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval

Desai AS et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2016;68(3):241-8.



# Transitions of Care and Outcomes After Hospital Discharge

- Rehospitalization and mortality are common after hospital discharge<sup>1</sup>
- Improved communication and transition-of-care processes within multidisciplinary teams could lead to an improvement in patient outcomes<sup>2</sup>



HF, heart failure

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# Summary

- **Sacubitril/valsartan is a combination of a neprilysin inhibitor and an ARB**
- **Sacubitril/valsartan is indicated to reduce the risk of CV death and hospitalization for HF in patients with chronic HFrEF (NYHA class II–IV)**
- **Sacubitril/valsartan was superior to enalapril in reducing the risk of the combined endpoint of CV death or hospitalization for HF, based on a time-to-event analysis**
- **Sacubitril/valsartan has an acceptable safety and tolerability profile**
- **The most commonly reported adverse reactions were hypotension, hyperkalemia, cough, dizziness, and renal failure**



# Ivabradine (Corlanor)

- Reduces heart rate via *If* “funny channel”
  - Acts at the SA node, doesn’t reduce BP
- EF < 35%, Heart Rate > 70 bpm
  - On maximally tolerated beta blockers
- 5 or 7.5 mg twice a day
- SHIFT study (in Europe)
  - Reduced hospitalization for worsening HF or CV death by 18% after 3 months of treatment
  - Reduced risk of death from HF by 26%
  - Reduced risk of hospitalization from HF by 26%
  - Approved in 2015 in USA (2005 in Europe)



## CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

# 2022 AHA/ACC/HFSA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure: Executive Summary

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TABLE 1

# Applying American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Class of Recommendation and Level of Evidence to Clinical Strategies, Interventions, Treatments, or Diagnostic Testing in Patient Care (Updated May 2019)\*

CLASS (STRENGTH) OF RECOMMENDATION	
<b>CLASS 1 (STRONG)</b>	<b>Benefit &gt;&gt;&gt; Risk</b>
<b>Suggested phrases for writing recommendations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is recommended</li> <li>• Is indicated/useful/effective/beneficial</li> <li>• Should be performed/administered/other</li> <li>• Comparative-Effectiveness Phrases†:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Treatment/strategy A is recommended/indicated in preference to treatment B</li> <li>– Treatment A should be chosen over treatment B</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>CLASS 2a (MODERATE)</b>	<b>Benefit &gt;&gt; Risk</b>
<b>Suggested phrases for writing recommendations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is reasonable</li> <li>• Can be useful/effective/beneficial</li> <li>• Comparative-Effectiveness Phrases†:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Treatment/strategy A is probably recommended/indicated in preference to treatment B</li> <li>– It is reasonable to choose treatment A over treatment B</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>CLASS 2b (WEAK)</b>	<b>Benefit ≥ Risk</b>
<b>Suggested phrases for writing recommendations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May/might be reasonable</li> <li>• May/might be considered</li> <li>• Usefulness/effectiveness is unknown/unclear/uncertain or not well-established</li> </ul>	
<b>CLASS 3: No Benefit (MODERATE)</b> (Generally, LOE A or B use only)	<b>Benefit = Risk</b>
<b>Suggested phrases for writing recommendations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is not recommended</li> <li>• Is not indicated/useful/effective/beneficial</li> <li>• Should not be performed/administered/other</li> </ul>	
<b>Class 3: Harm (STRONG)</b>	<b>Risk &gt; Benefit</b>
<b>Suggested phrases for writing recommendations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potentially harmful</li> <li>• Causes harm</li> <li>• Associated with excess morbidity/mortality</li> <li>• Should not be performed/administered/other</li> </ul>	

## LEVEL (QUALITY) OF EVIDENCE‡

### LEVEL A

- High-quality evidence‡ from more than 1 RCT
- Meta-analyses of high-quality RCTs
- One or more RCTs corroborated by high-quality registry studies

### LEVEL B-R

(Randomized)

- Moderate-quality evidence‡ from 1 or more RCTs
- Meta-analyses of moderate-quality RCTs

### LEVEL B-NR

(Nonrandomized)

- Moderate-quality evidence‡ from 1 or more well-designed, well-executed nonrandomized studies, observational studies, or registry studies
- Meta-analyses of such studies

### LEVEL C-LD

(Limited Data)

- Randomized or nonrandomized observational or registry studies with limitations of design or execution
- Meta-analyses of such studies
- Physiological or mechanistic studies in human subjects

### LEVEL C-EO

(Expert Opinion)

- Consensus of expert opinion based on clinical experience

COR and LOE are determined independently (any COR may be paired with any LOE).

A recommendation with LOE C does not imply that the recommendation is weak. Many important clinical questions addressed in guidelines do not lend themselves to clinical trials. Although RCTs are unavailable, there may be a very clear clinical consensus that a particular test or therapy is useful or effective.

\* The outcome or result of the intervention should be specified (an improved clinical outcome or increased diagnostic accuracy or incremental prognostic information).

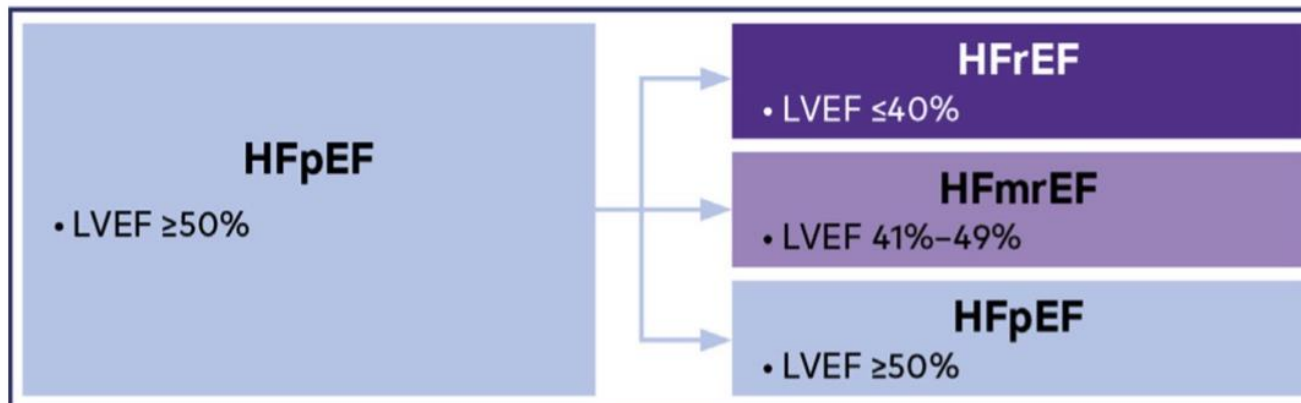
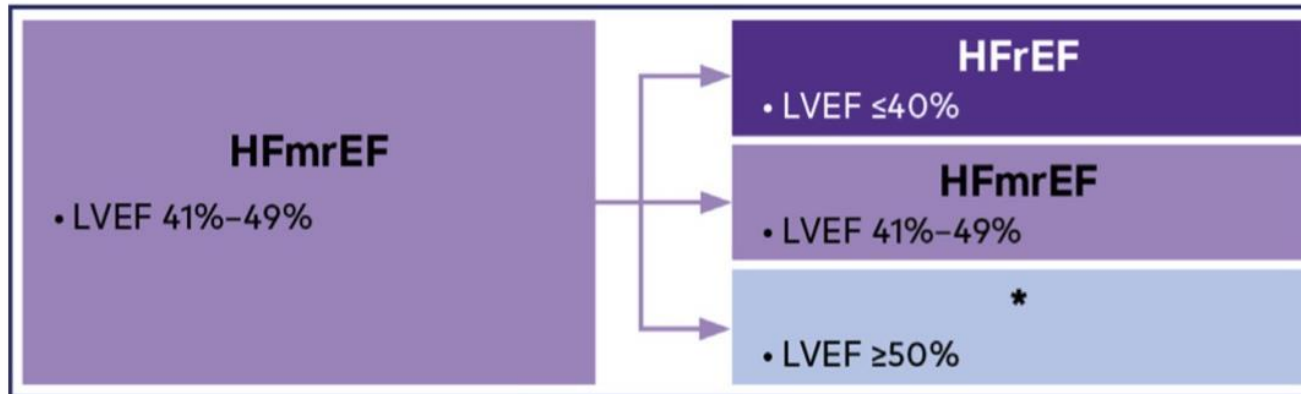
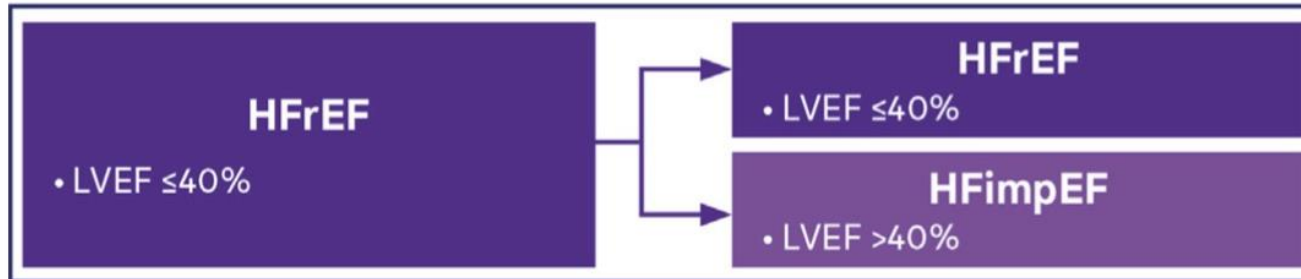
† For comparative-effectiveness recommendations (COR 1 and 2a; LOE A and B only), studies that support the use of comparator verbs should involve direct comparisons of the treatments or strategies being evaluated.

‡ The method of assessing quality is evolving, including the application of standardized, widely-used, and preferably validated evidence grading tools; and for systematic reviews, the incorporation of an Evidence Review Committee.

COR indicates Class of Recommendation; EO, expert opinion; LD, limited data; LOE, Level of Evidence; NR, nonrandomized; R, randomized; and RCT, randomized controlled trial.

## Initial Classification

## Serial Assessment and Reclassification







# 2017 ACC/AHA/HFSA Focused Update

## ***Recommendations for Renin-Angiotensin System Inhibition With ACE Inhibitor or ARB or ARNI (angiotensin receptor neprilysin inhibitor)***

COR	LOE	Recommendations
I	ACE-I: A	The clinical strategy of inhibition of the renin-angiotensin system with ACE inhibitors ( <i>Level of Evidence: A</i> ), OR ARBs ( <i>Level of Evidence: A</i> ), OR ARNI ( <i>Level of Evidence: B-R</i> ) in conjunction with evidence-based beta blockers, and aldosterone antagonists in selected patients, is recommended for patients with chronic HFrEF to reduce morbidity and mortality.
	ARB: A	
	ARNI: B-R	
COR	LOE	Recommendations
I	ARNI: B-R	In patients with chronic symptomatic HFrEF NYHA class II or III who tolerate an ACE inhibitor or ARB, replacement by an ARNI is recommended to further reduce morbidity and mortality.
COR	LOE	Recommendations
III: Harm	B-R	ARNI should not be administered concomitantly with ACE inhibitors or within 36 hours of the last dose of an ACE inhibitor.
III: Harm	C-EO	ARNI should not be administered to patients with a history of angioedema.

ACE-I, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB, angiotensin II receptor blocker; ARNi, angiotensin receptor–neprilysin inhibitor; HFrEF, heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; NYHA, New York Heart Association.

Yancy CW, Jessup M, Bozkurt B, et al. 2017 ACC/AHA/HFSA Focused Update of the 2013 ACCF/AHA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure: A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Clinical Practice Guidelines and the Heart Failure Society of America. *J Card Fail*. 2017 Apr 25. pii: S1071-9164(17)30107-0. doi: 10.1016/j.cardfail.2017.04.014.

### Recommendations for Renin-Angiotensin System Inhibition With ACEi or ARB or ARNi

Referenced studies that support the recommendations are summarized in the [Online Data Supplements](#).

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
1	A	1. In patients with HFrEF and New York Heart Association (NYHA) class II to III symptoms, the use of ARNi is recommended to reduce morbidity and mortality (7-11).
1	A	2. In patients with previous or current symptoms of chronic HFrEF, the use of ACEi is beneficial to reduce morbidity and mortality when the use of ARNi is not feasible (12-19).
1	A	3. In patients with previous or current symptoms of chronic HFrEF who are intolerant to ACEi because of cough or angioedema and when the use of ARNi is not feasible, the use of ARB is recommended to reduce morbidity and mortality (20-24).
1	B-R	4. In patients with chronic symptomatic HFrEF NYHA class II or III who tolerate an ACEi or ARB, replacement by an ARNi is recommended to further reduce morbidity and mortality (7-11).

### Recommendation for Beta Blockers

Referenced studies that support the recommendation are summarized in the [Online Data Supplements](#).

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATION
1	A	1. In patients with HFrEF, with current or previous symptoms, use of 1 of the 3 beta blockers proven to reduce mortality (e.g., bisoprolol, carvedilol, sustained-release metoprolol succinate) is recommended to reduce mortality and hospitalizations (25-27).



### Recommendation for MRAs

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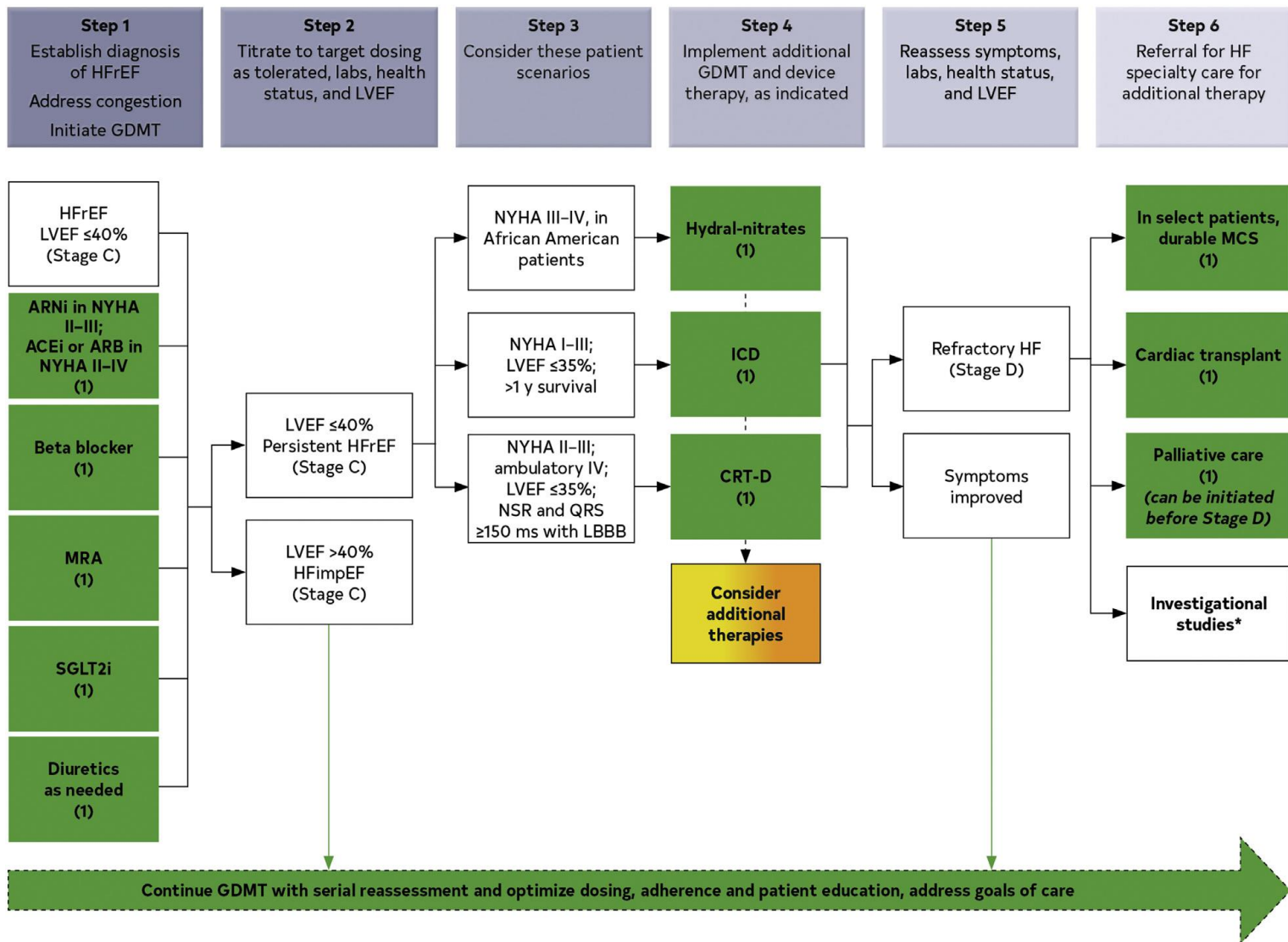
COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATION
1	A	1. In patients with HFrEF and NYHA class II to IV symptoms, an MRA (spironolactone or eplerenone) is recommended to reduce morbidity and mortality, if estimated glomerular filtration rate is $>30$ mL/min/ $1.73$ m <sup>2</sup> and serum potassium is $<5.0$ mEq/L. Careful monitoring of potassium, renal function, and diuretic dosing should be performed at initiation and closely monitored thereafter to minimize risk of hyperkalemia and renal insufficiency (28-30).

### Recommendation for SGLT2i

Referenced studies that support the recommendation are summarized in the [Online Data Supplements](#).

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATION
1	A	1. In patients with symptomatic chronic HFrEF, SGLT2i are recommended to reduce hospitalization for HF and cardiovascular mortality, irrespective of the presence of type 2 diabetes (31,32).

**FIGURE 1** Treatment of HFrEF Stages C and D

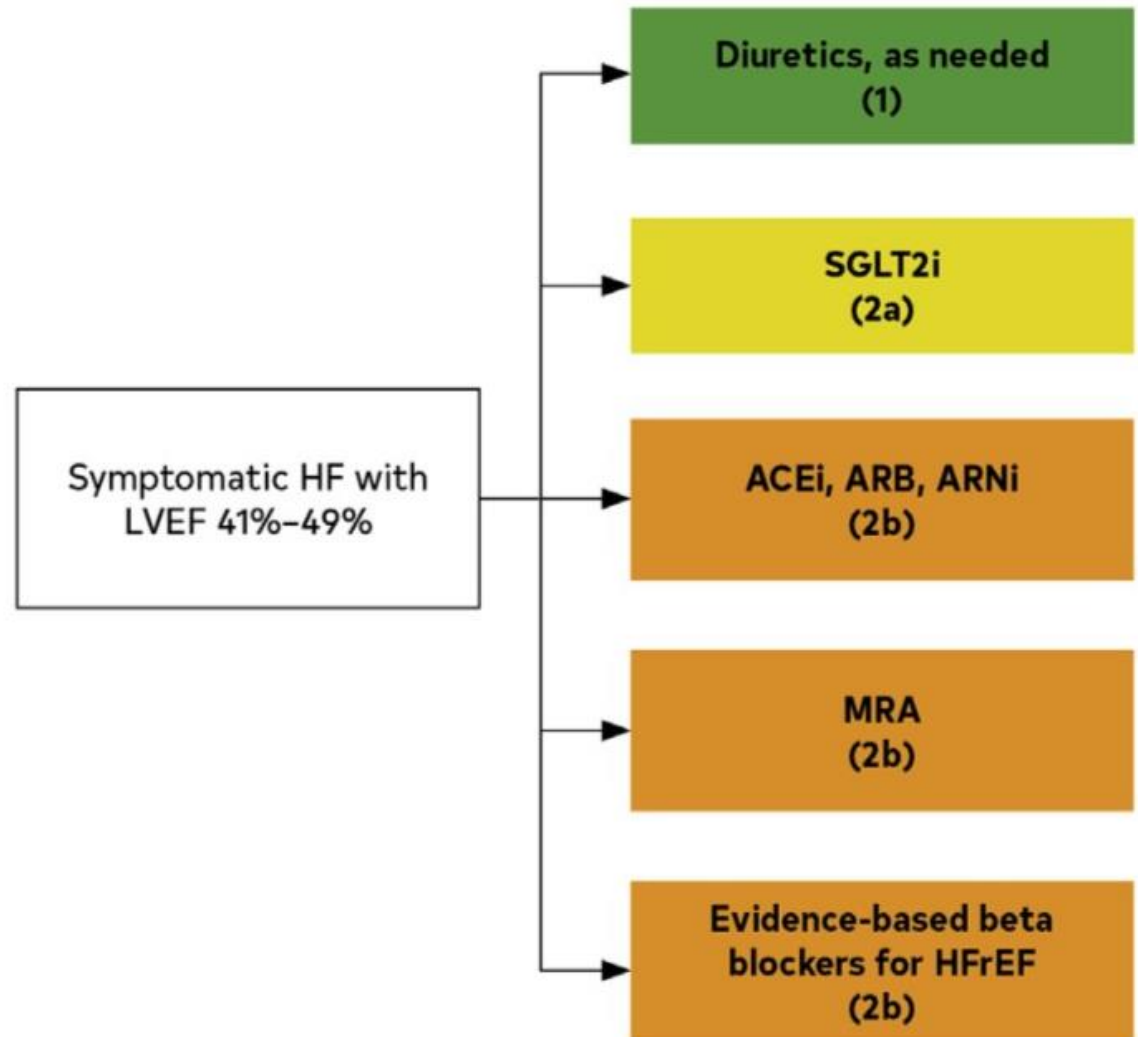


### Recommendations for HFmrEF

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COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
2a	B-R	1. In patients with HFmrEF, SGLT2i can be beneficial in decreasing HF hospitalizations and cardiovascular mortality (33).
2b	B-NR	2. Among patients with current or previous symptomatic HFmrEF (LVEF, 41%–49%), use of evidence-based beta blockers for HFrEF, ARNi, ACEi, or ARB, and MRAs may be considered, to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and cardiovascular mortality, particularly among patients with LVEF on the lower end of this spectrum (34–41).

## Treatment of HFmrEF

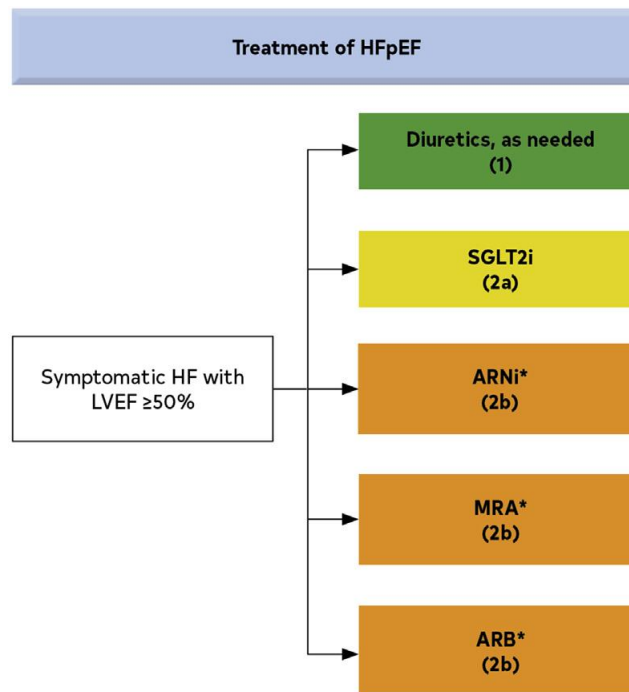


### New Recommendations for HFpEF

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COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
2a	B-R	1. In patients with HFpEF, SGLT2i can be beneficial in decreasing HF hospitalizations and cardiovascular mortality (33).
2b	B-R	2. In selected patients with HFpEF, MRAs may be considered to decrease hospitalizations, particularly among patients with LVEF on the lower end of this spectrum (38,42,43).
2b	B-R	3. In selected patients with HFpEF, ARNi may be considered to decrease hospitalizations, particularly among patients with LVEF on the lower end of this spectrum (35,40).

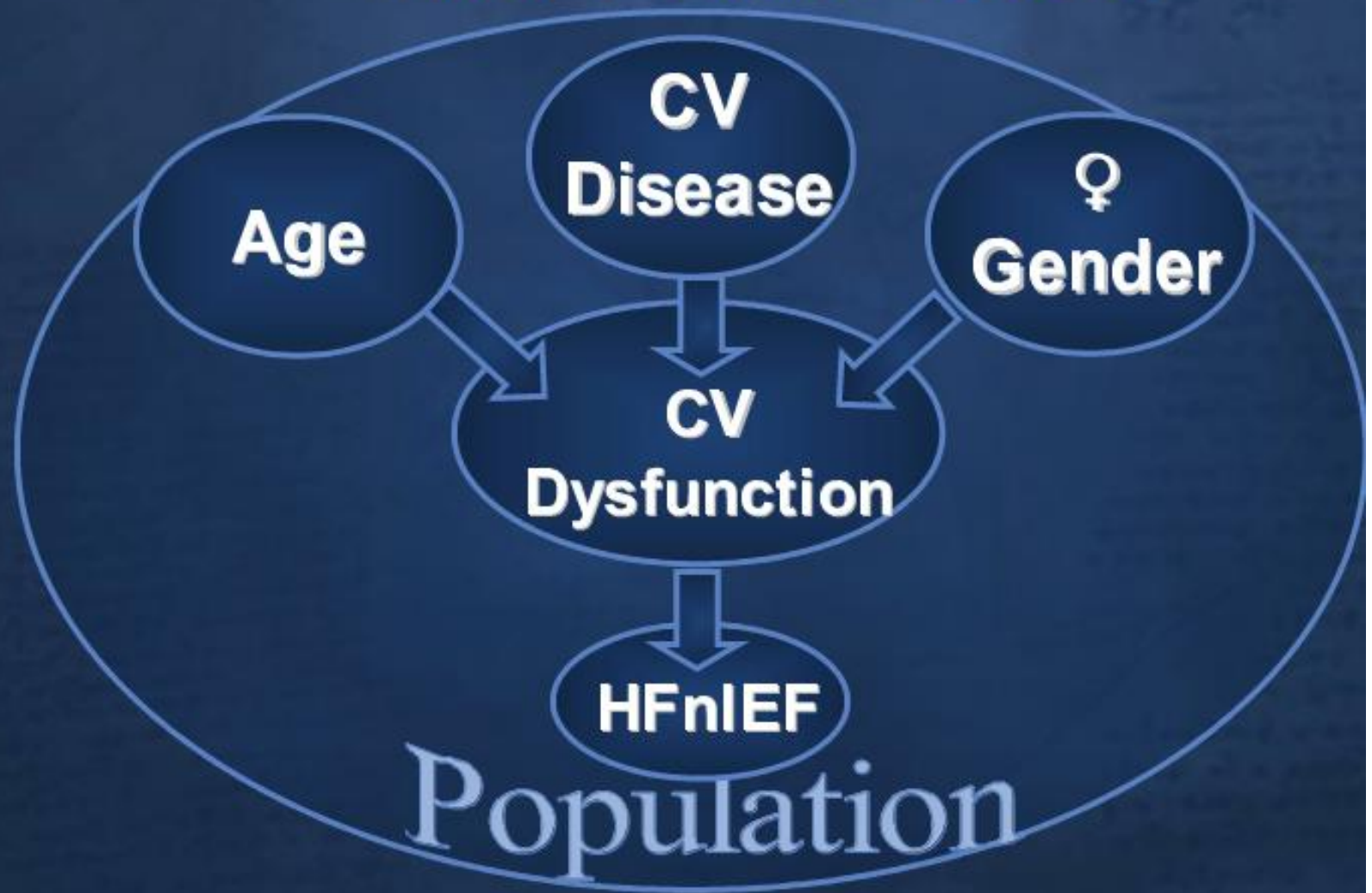
**FIGURE 3** Recommendations for Patients With Preserved LVEF ( $\geq 50\%$ )



# ***DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE***



# HFnIEF Risk Factors



# HFnIEF is due to Diastolic Dysfunction

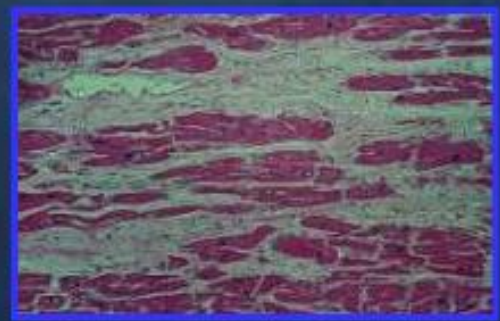
Normal



Impaired  
Relaxation

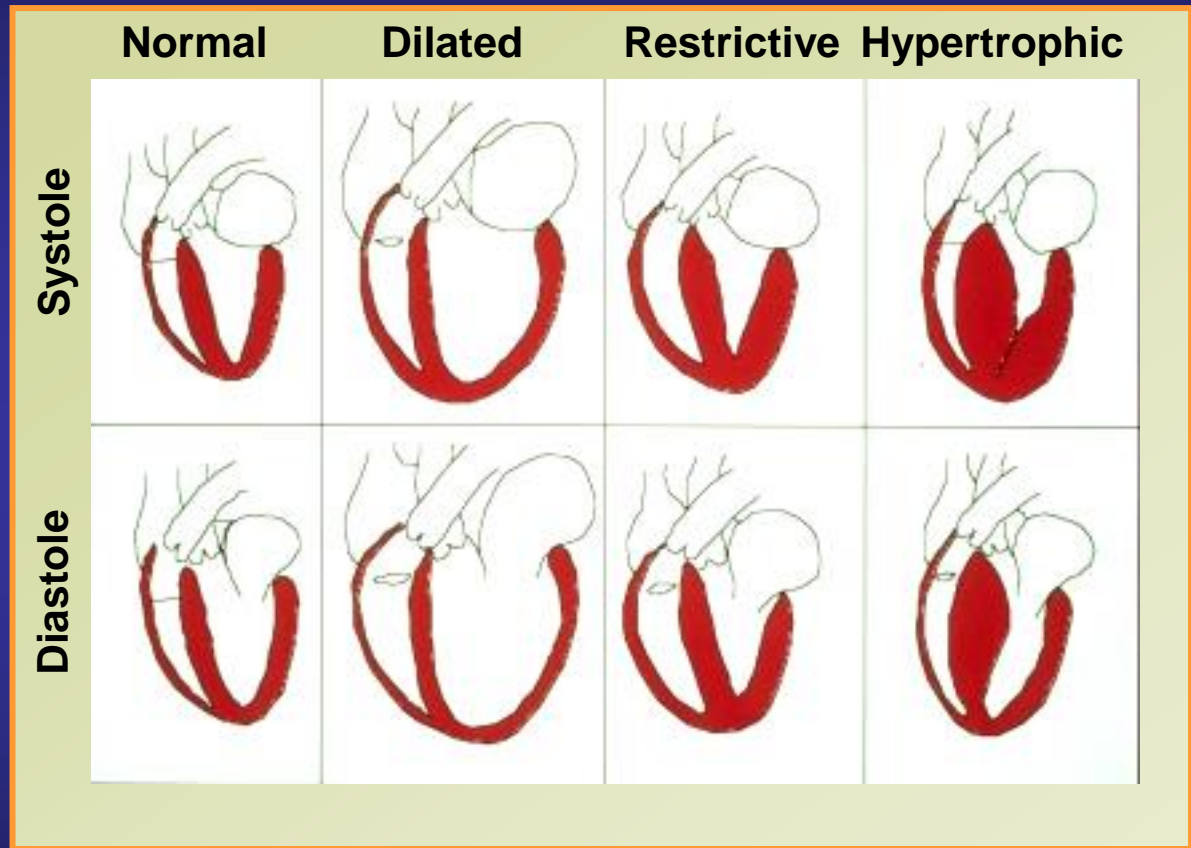


Reduced  
Compliance

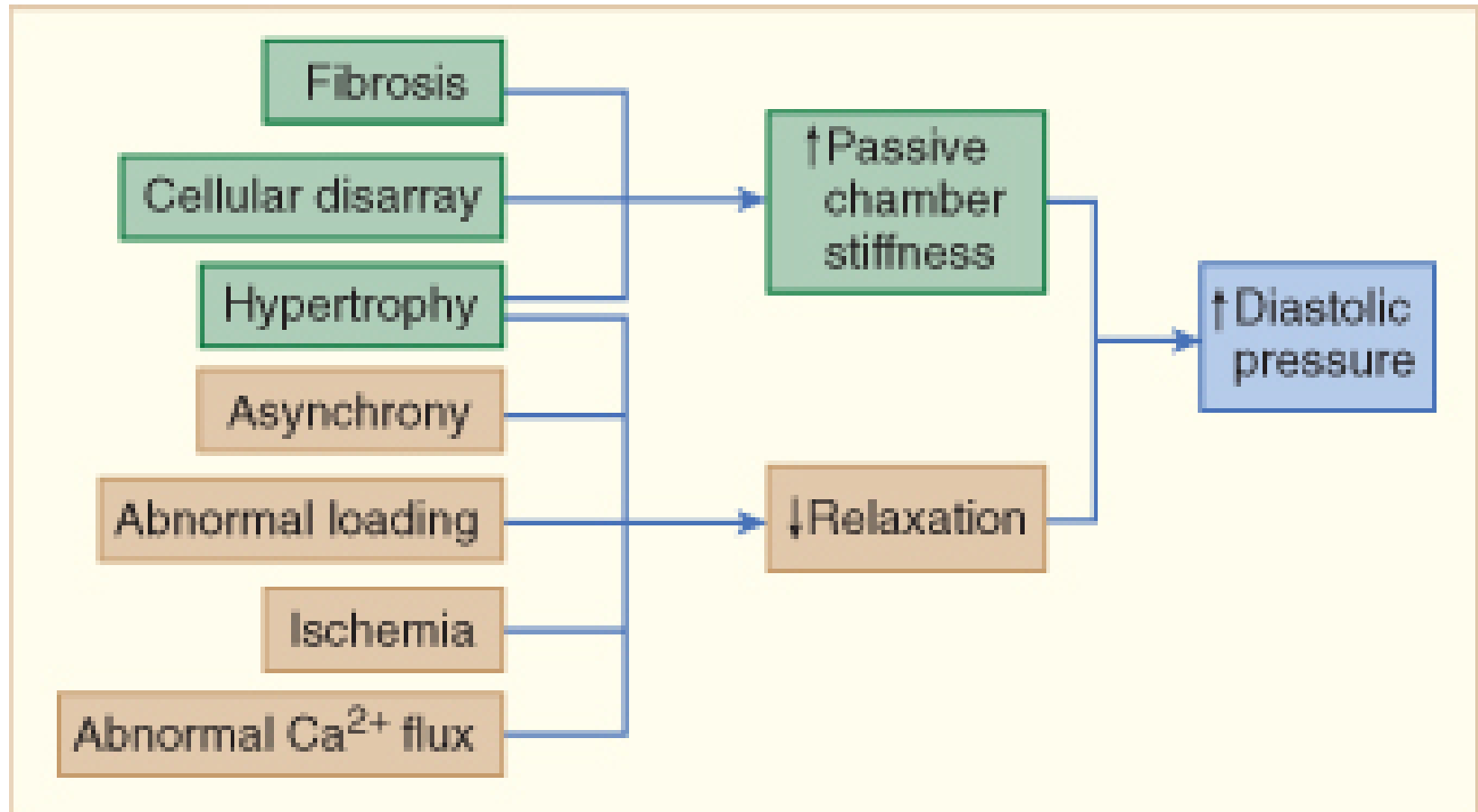


# Defining Heart Failure

- HF exists when the heart is unable to pump sufficient blood to meet the metabolic needs of the body at normal filling pressures, provided the venous return to the heart is normal.<sup>1</sup>



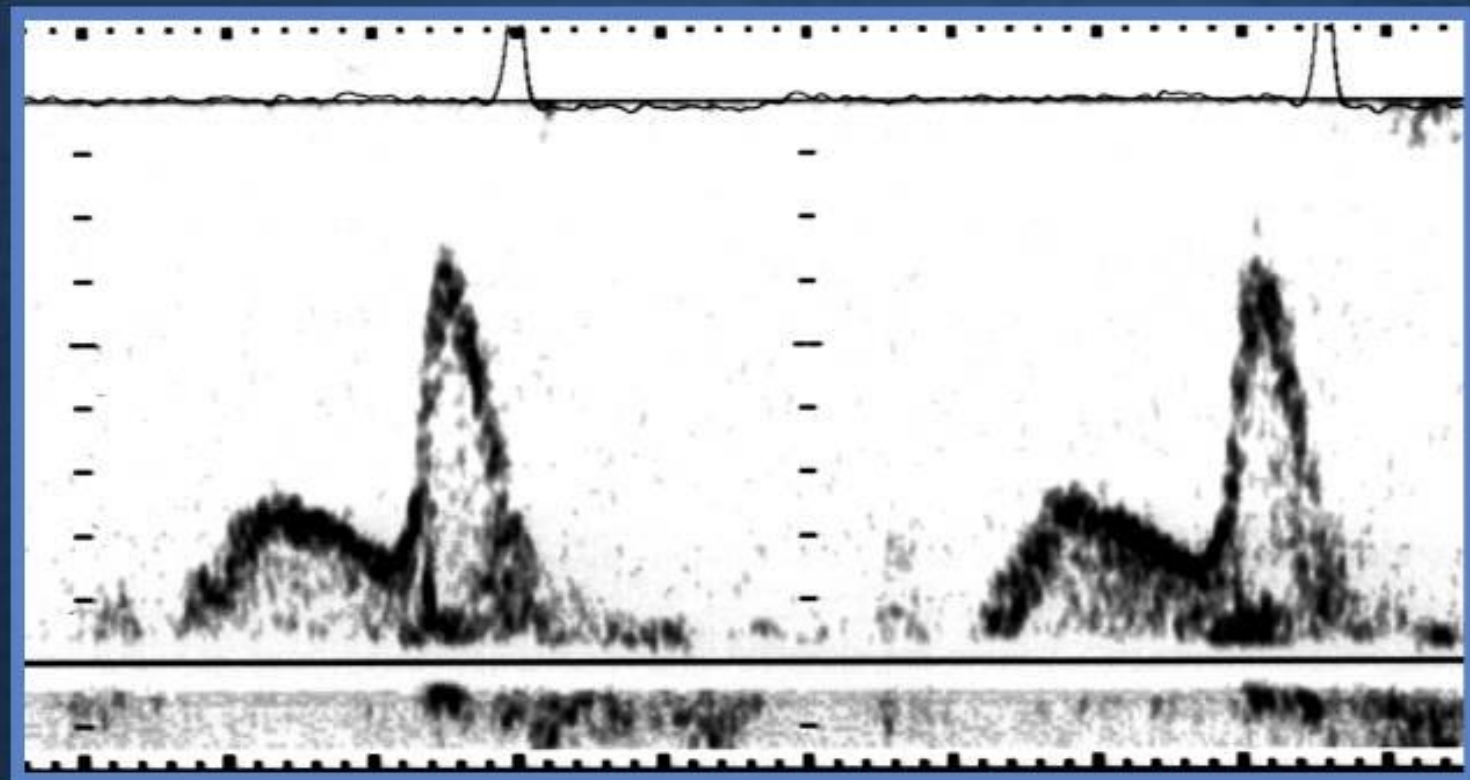
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**DHF in the Community**  
**Precipitating Factors**  
**Atrial Fibrillation – 29%**



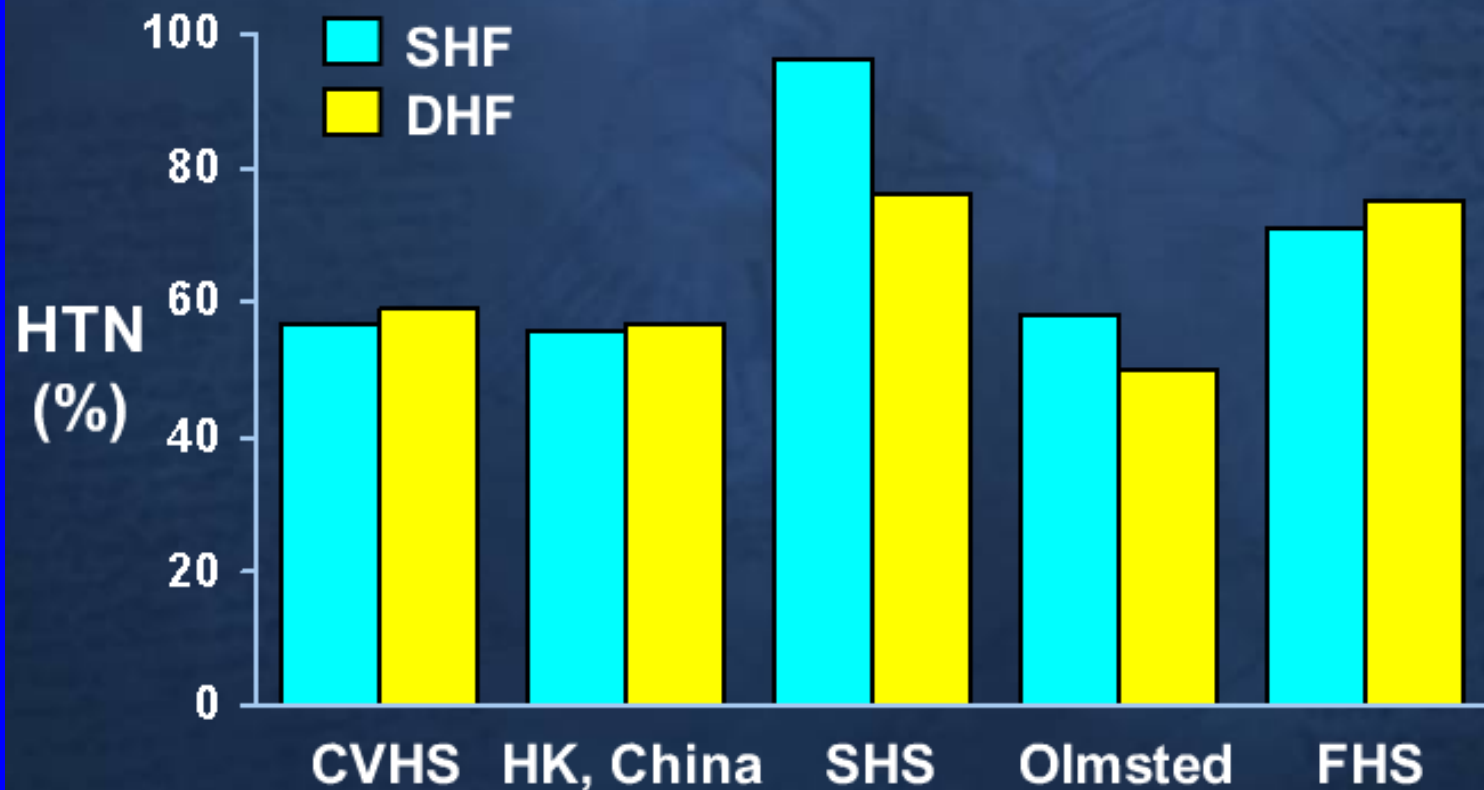
# Diastolic Heart Failure

- **Elderly**
- **Women > Men**
- **Hx of HTN**
- **Present with HF symptoms**



# Underlying CV Disease in DHF Epidemiology Studies

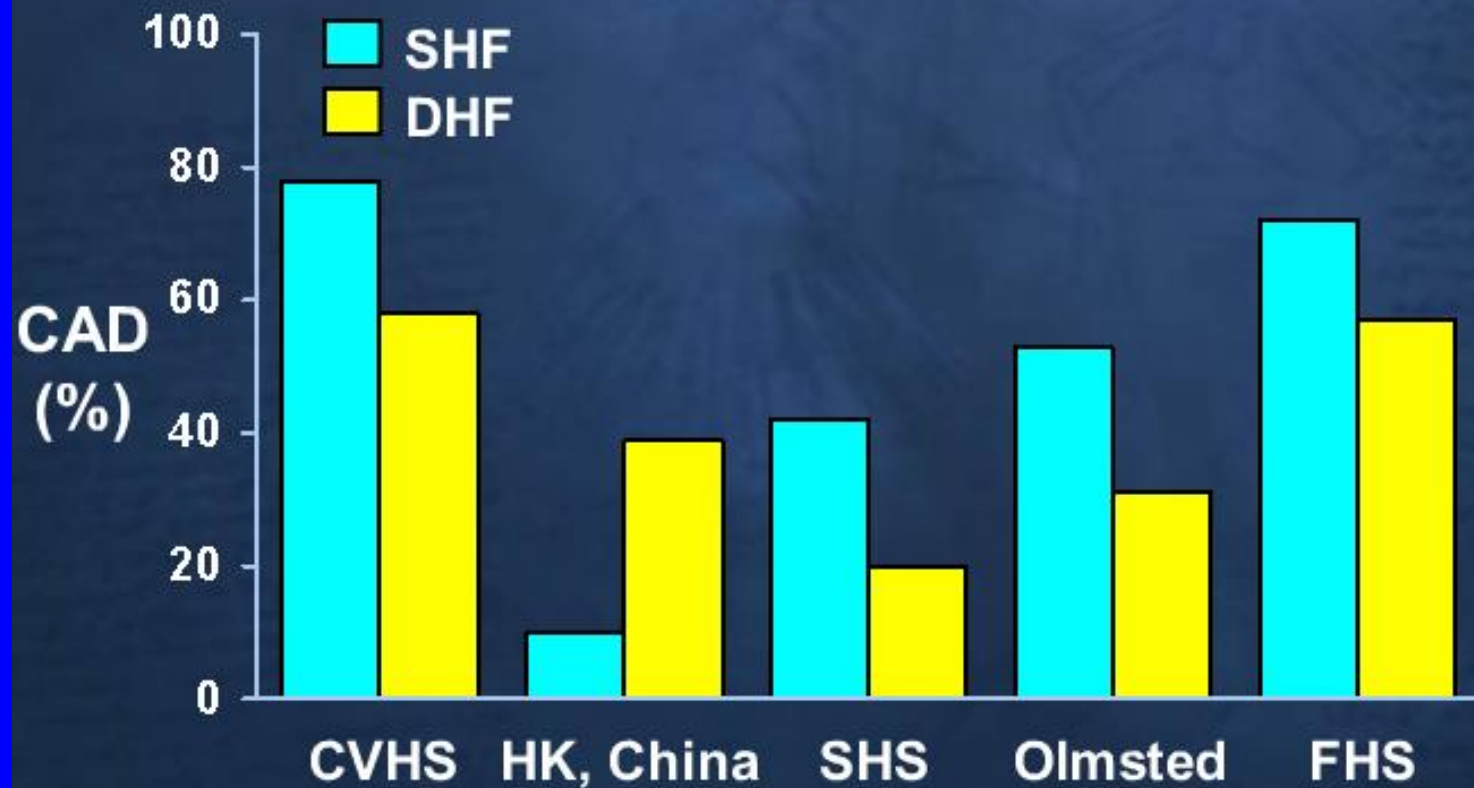
## Hypertension



# Underlying CV Disease in DHF

## Epidemiology Studies

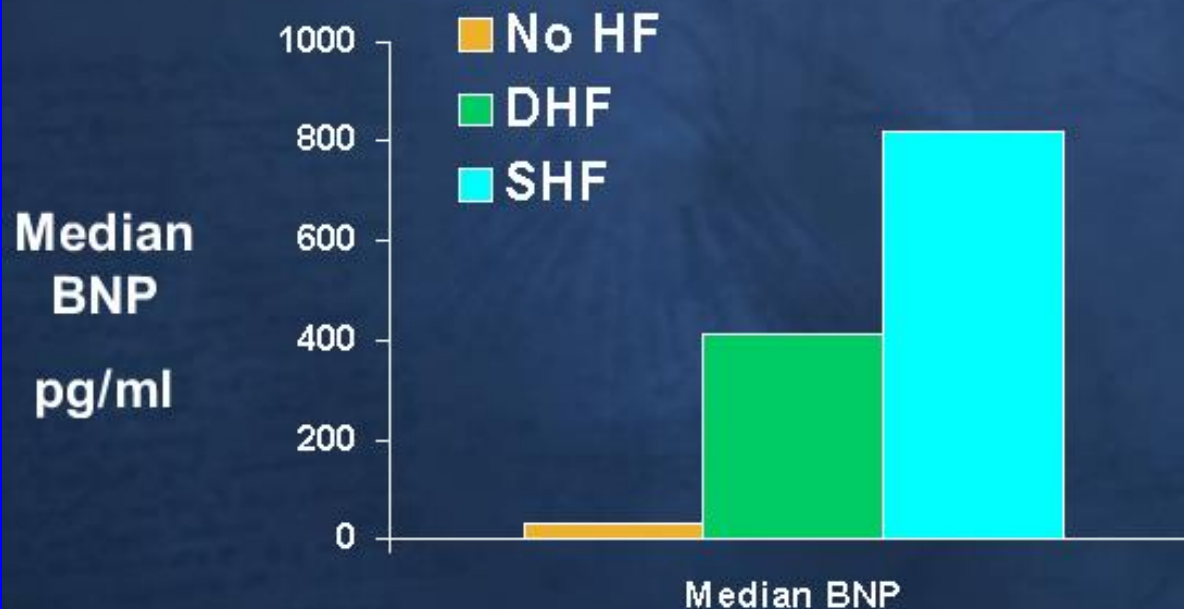
### Coronary Disease



# BNP Levels are Lower in DHF

## Breathing Not Properly Trial

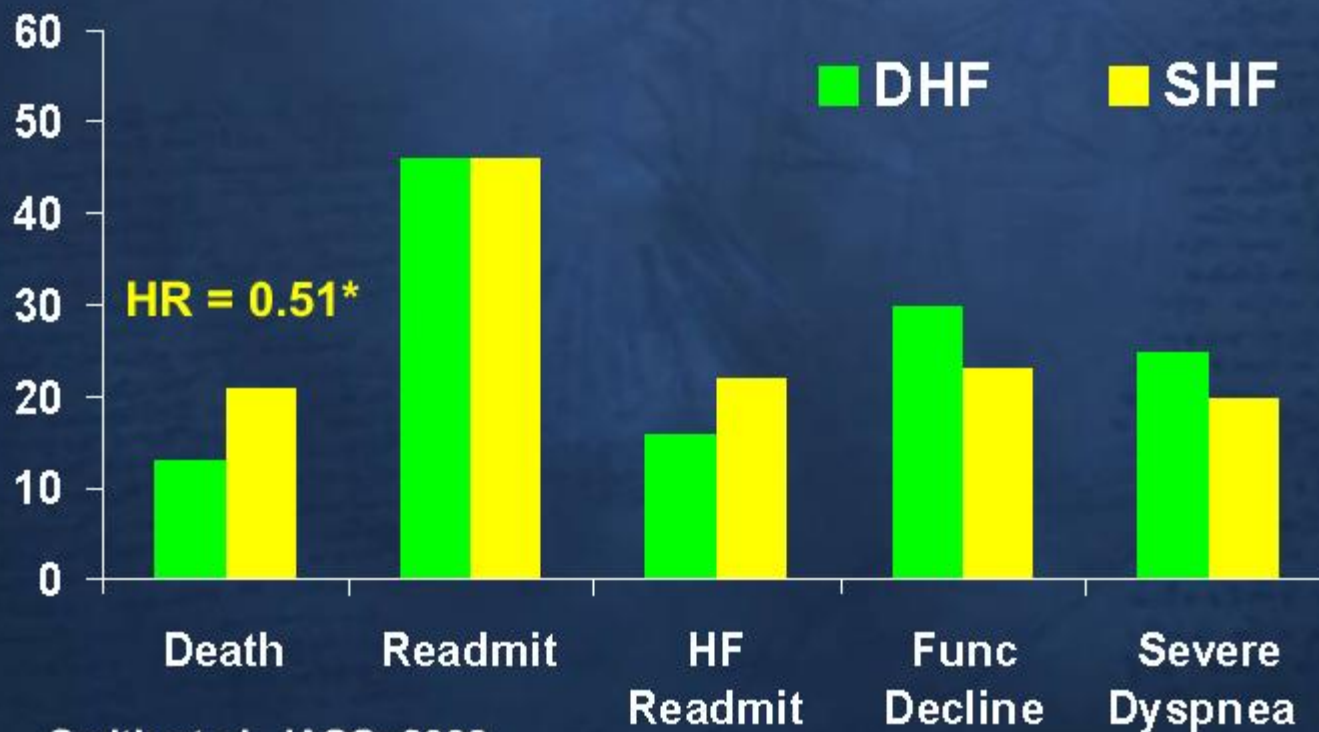
165 - NI EF; 287 - Reduced EF



Maisel et al, JACC, 2003

# Mortality and Morbidity SHF vs DHF

*Prospective 6 Mo Follow-up of 413 HF pts*



Smith et al, JACC, 2003

# SCD in Heart Failure

- Despite improvements in medical therapy, symptomatic HF still confers a 20-25% risk of premature death in the first 2.5 years after diagnosis<sup>1-4</sup>
- $\approx$  50% of these premature deaths are SCD (VT/VF)<sup>1-4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> SOLVD Investigators. *N Engl J Med* 1992;327:685-691.

<sup>2</sup> SOLVD Investigators. *N Engl J Med* 1991;325:293-302.

<sup>3</sup> Goldman S. *Circulation* 1993;87:V124-V131.

<sup>4</sup> Sweeney MO. *PACE*. 2001;24:871-888.

# Relationship of SCD and Left Ventricular Dysfunction

- Reduced left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) remains the single most important risk factor for overall mortality and sudden cardiac death<sup>1</sup>
- Increased risk is measurable at ejection fractions above 30%, but an ejection fraction  $\leq 30\%$  is the single most powerful independent predictor for SCD<sup>2</sup>

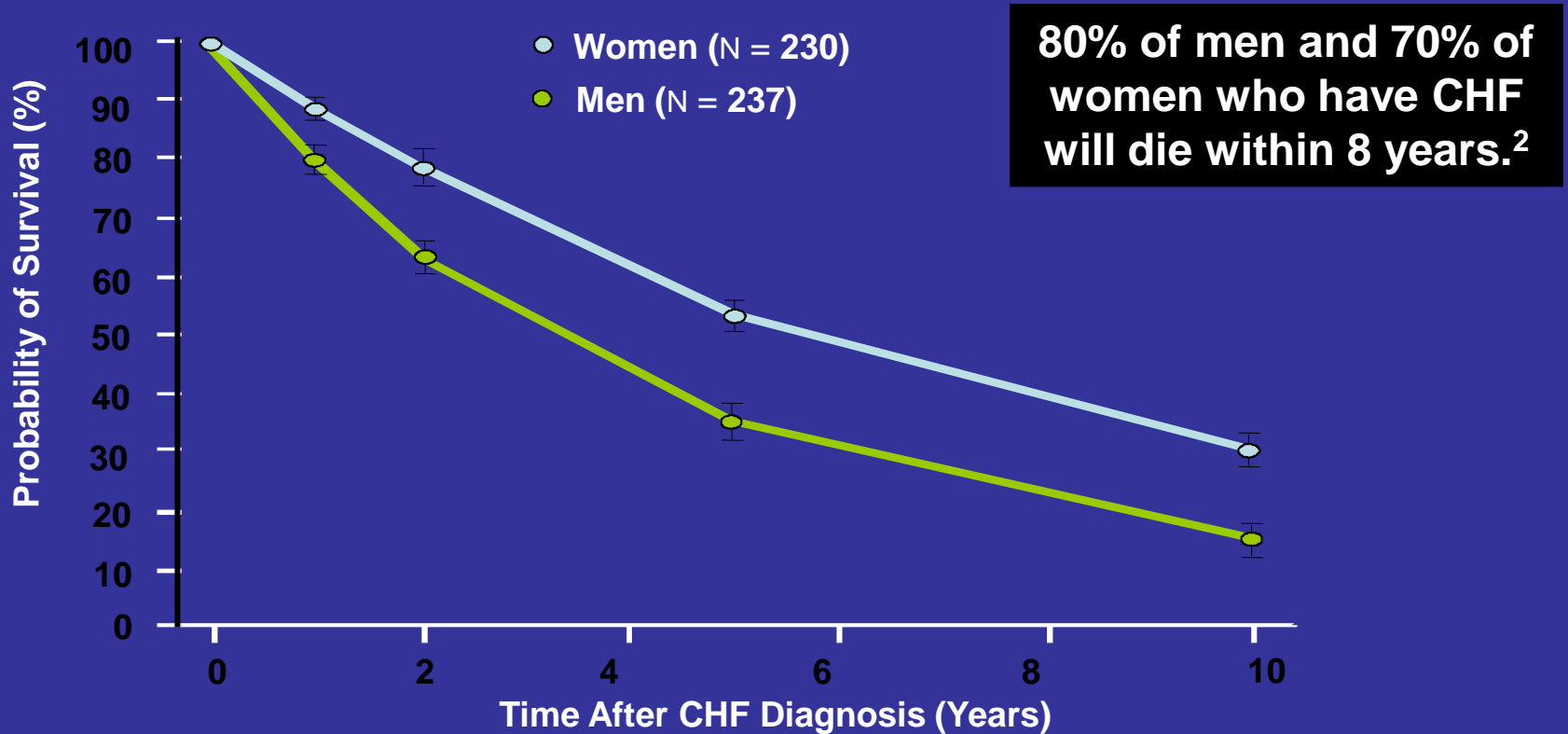
<sup>1</sup> Task Force on Sudden Cardiac Death of the European Society of Cardiology. *Eur Heart J*, 2001;22:1374-1450.

Myerburg RJ, In Braunwald E, Zipes DP, Libby P, *Heart Disease, A textbook of Cardiovascular Medicine*. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders, Co. 2001: 895.



In people diagnosed with HF, sudden  
cardiac death occurs at  
6-9 times  
the rate of the general population.

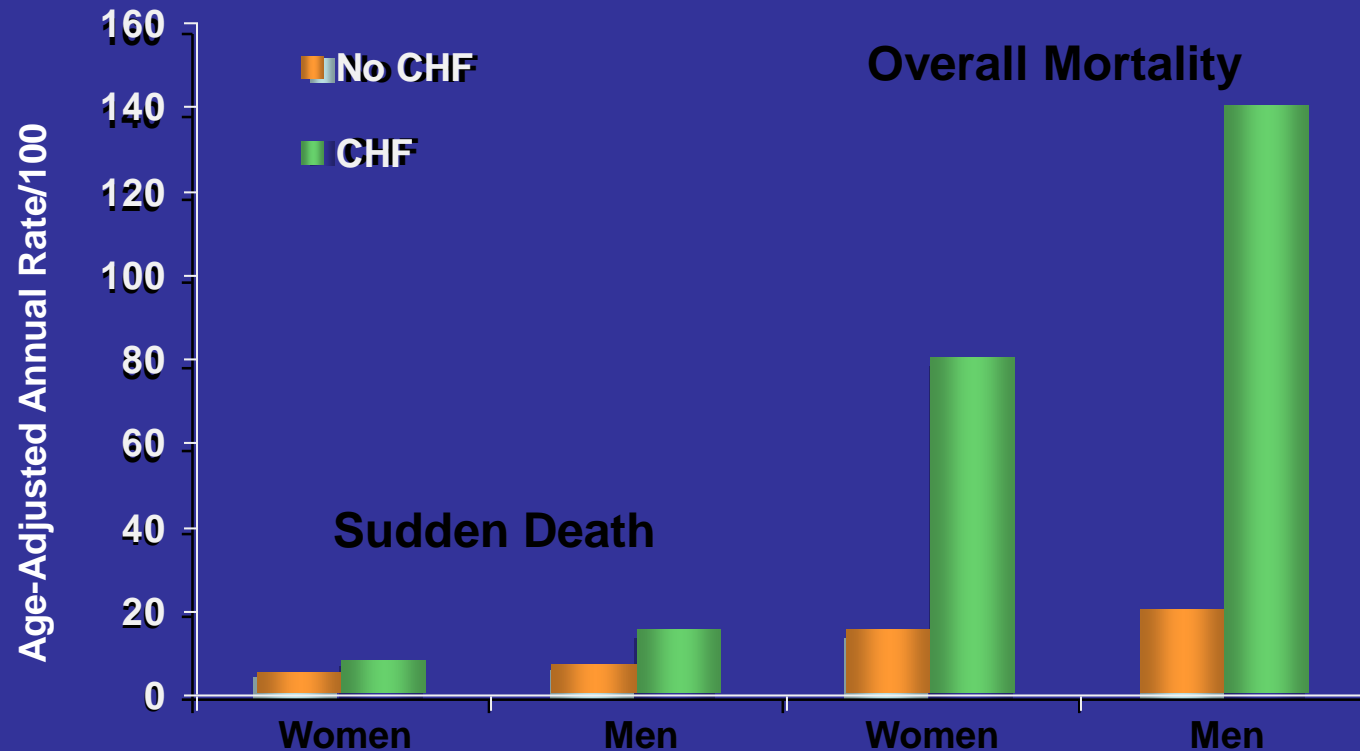
# HF Patients Survival Results<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Framingham Heart Study (1948-1988) in Atlas of Heart Diseases.

<sup>2</sup> American Heart Association. *Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics—2005 Update*.

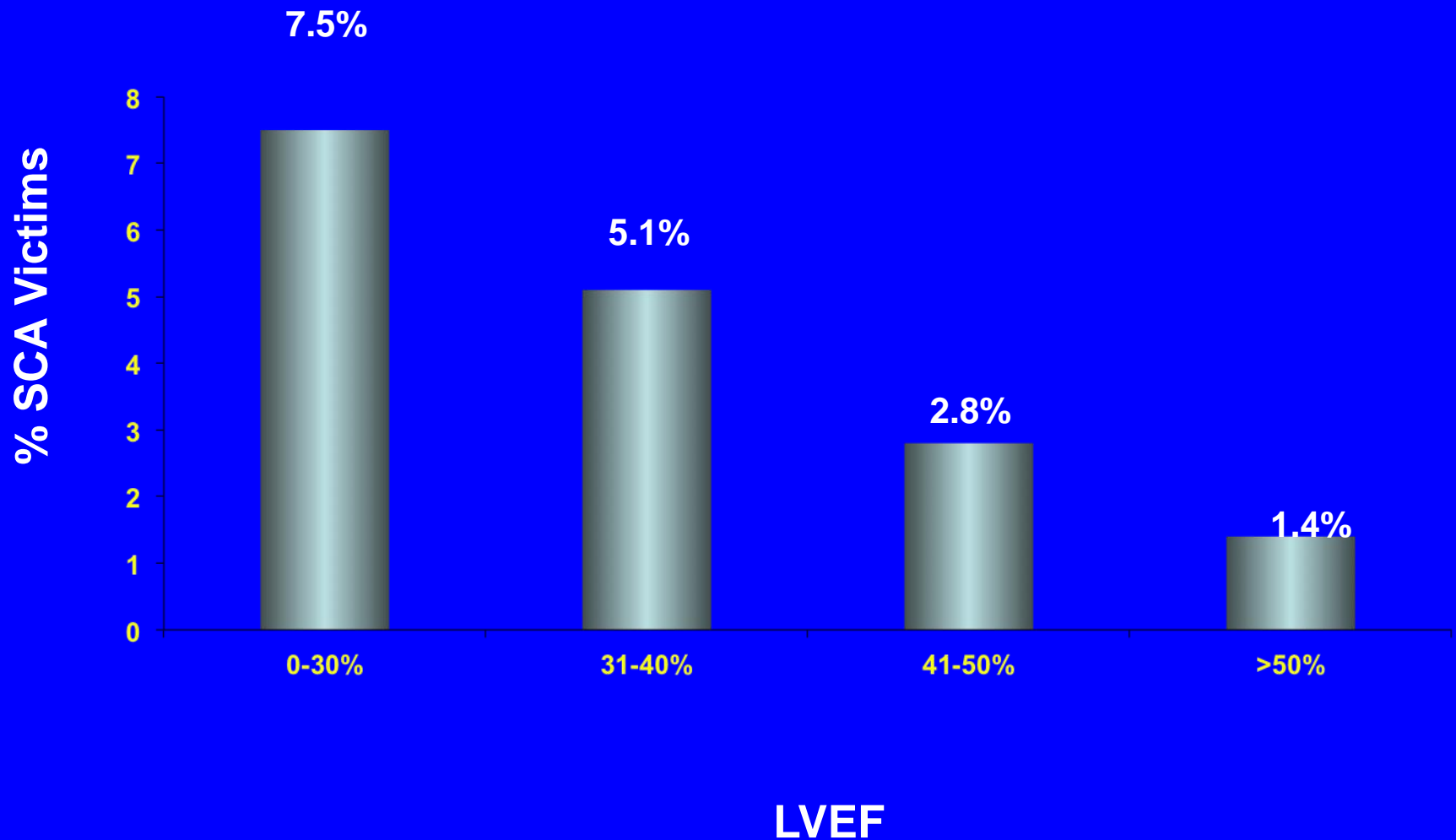
# HF and Sudden Cardiac Death



CHF predicts increased sudden death and overall mortality. During a 39-year follow-up of subjects in the Framingham Heart Study, the presence of CHF significantly increased sudden death and overall mortality in both men and women.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Redrawn from Kannel WB. *Am Heart J.* 1998;136:205-212.

# LVEF and SCA Incidence

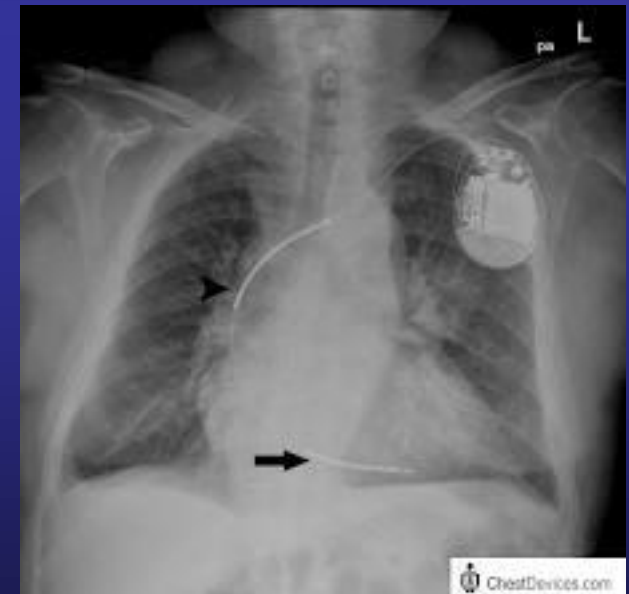
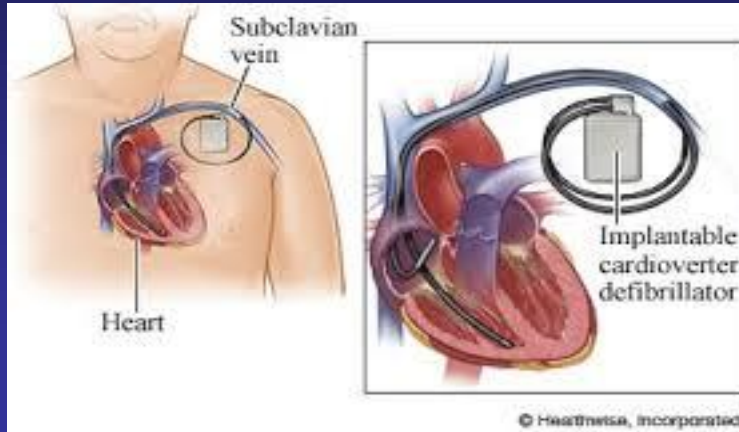




# What is an ICD









# Goals of ICD Therapy

- 450,000 people suffer Sudden Death each year on a world-wide basis
- Only 20-30% survive
- In 1985, the only indication for AICD implantation was survival of 2 sudden death episodes
- Today, we are attempting to identify those patients at high risk for primary prevention

# *Class I Indications for ICD Therapy*

- Cardiac Arrest due to VF or VT not due to a transient or reversible cause. ( **A** )
- Spontaneous sustained VT in association with structural heart disease. ( **B** )
- Syncope of undetermined origin with clinically relevant, hemodynamically significant sustained VT or VF induced at EP study when drug therapy is ineffective not tolerated, or not preferred. ( **B** )
- Nonsustained VT with coronary disease, prior MI, LV dysfunction, and inducible VF or sustained VT at EP study that is not suppressible by a Class I antiarrhythmic drug. (MADIT I criteria) ( **A** )

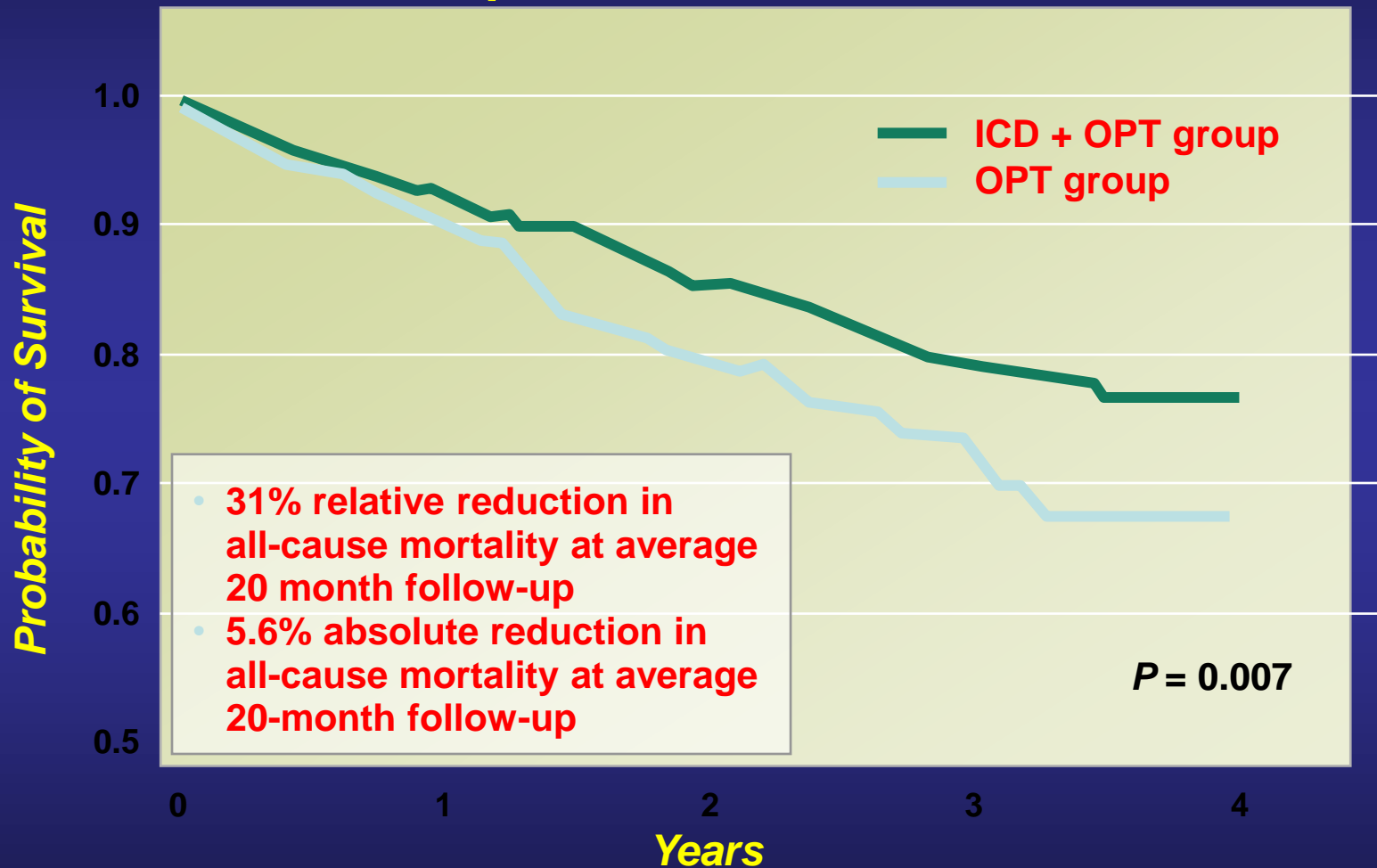
## *Class III Non-Indications for ICD Therapy*

- Syncope of undetermined cause in a patient without inducible ventricular tachyarrhythmias. (C)
- Incessant VT or VF. (C)
- VF or VT resulting from arrhythmias amenable to surgical or catheter ablation; for example, atrial arrhythmias associated with the Wolf-Parkinson-White syndrome, right ventricular outflow tract VT, idiopathic left ventricular tachycardia, or fascicular VT. (C)

# Class III Non-Indications for ICD Therapy

- Ventricular tachyarrhythmias due to a transient or reversible disorder (eg, AMI, electrolyte imbalance, drugs, trauma). (B)
- Significant psychiatric illnesses that may be aggravated by device implantation or may preclude systematic follow-up. (C)
- Terminal illnesses with projected life expectancy  $\leq 6$  months. (C)

# MADIT II: Addition of an ICD Improves Survival



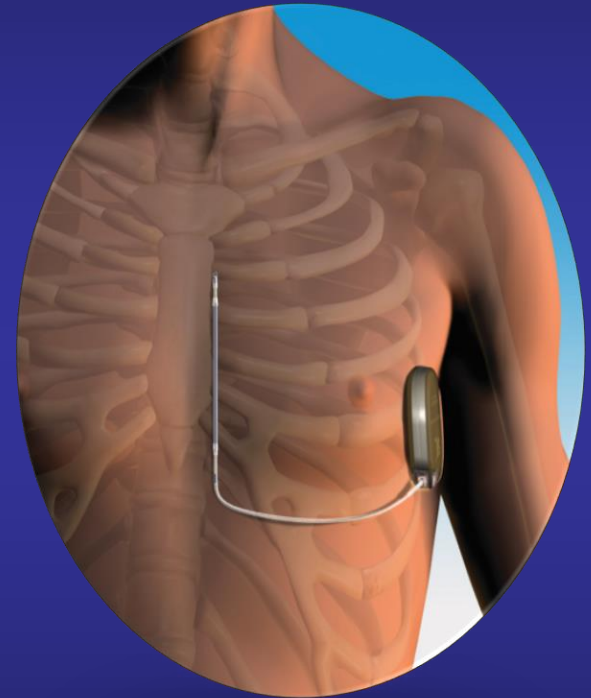


# MADIT II: Conclusions

- ICD therapy improved survival when added to optimal medical therapy, compared to medical therapy alone.
- ICDs reduced mortality by 31% in patients with LVEF  $\leq 30\%$  and previous MI.
- All subgroups showed consistent results, regardless of:
  - Age
  - NYHA class
  - EF
  - QRS width
  - Gender

# Background

- The completely Subcutaneous ICD (S-ICD) was designed to avoid the complications associated with transvenous leads.
- This device has limited pacing functionality with only transient post-shock, transthoracic pacing.
- Previous studies have largely enrolled patients with “niche” indications and relatively few co-morbidities from select, experienced centers.
- The S-ICD Post-Approval Study (PAS) was designed to evaluate a more real world US population.



# Value of a Modular CRM System

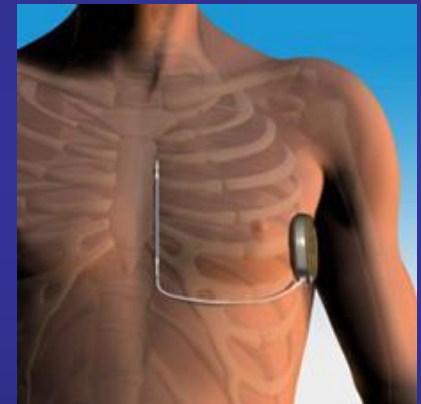
TV-ICD



mCRM™ System\*

EMBLEM™ S-ICD  
EMPOWER™ Modular Pacing System\*

S-ICD

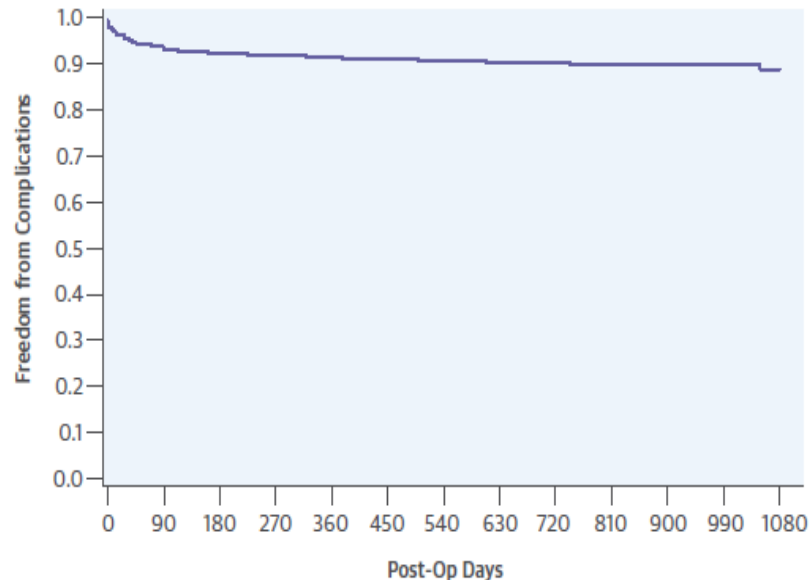


Documented need  
for Pacing or ATP

Potential need  
for Pacing or ATP

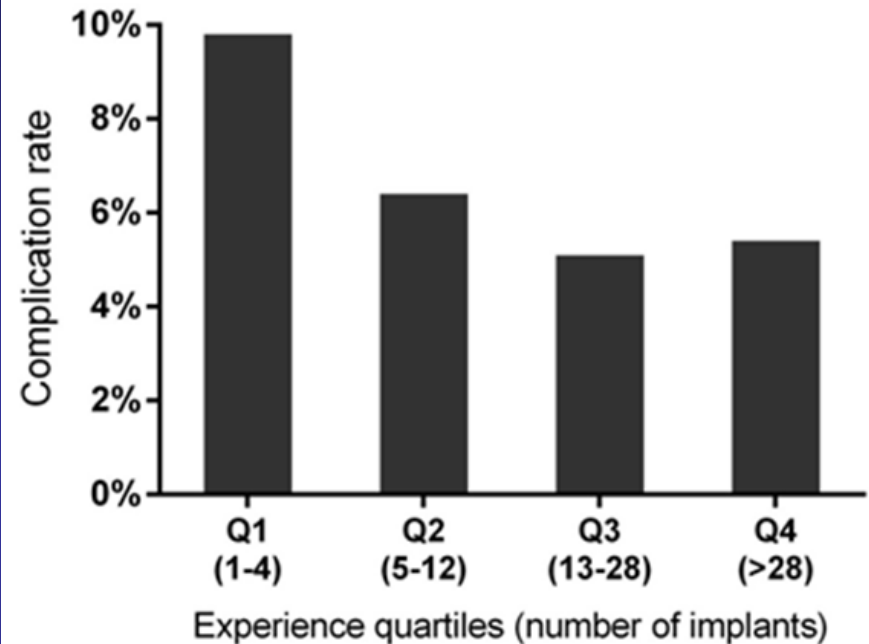
No need  
for Pacing or ATP

# Long-Term Safety of the S-ICD: Freedom from Complications <sup>1,2</sup>



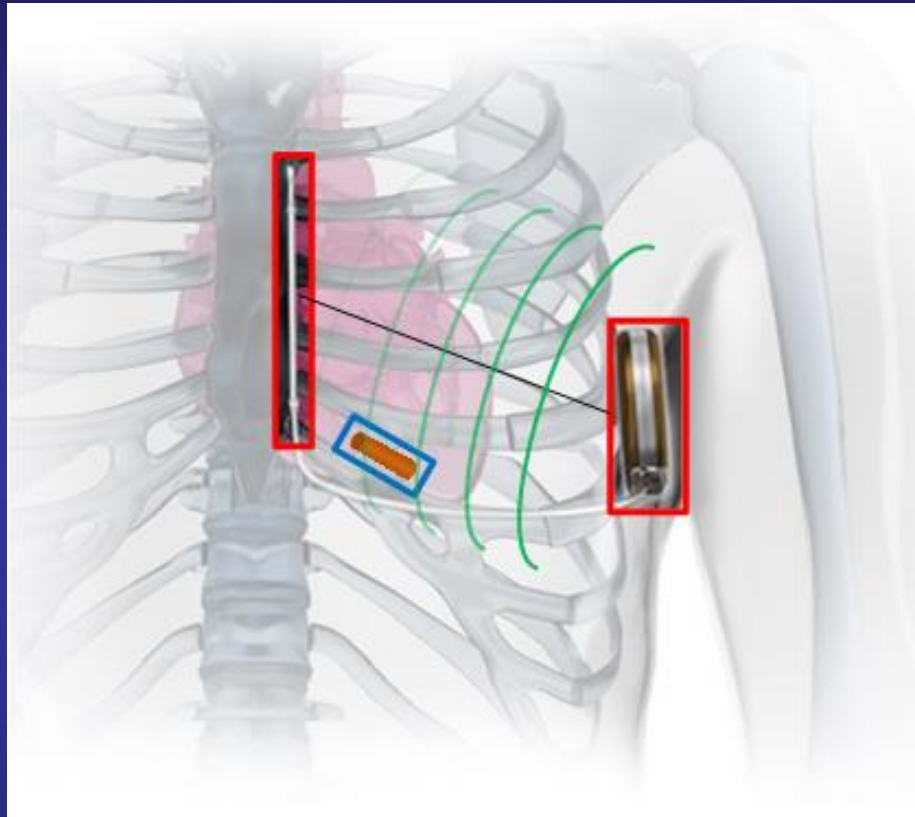
No. at Risk	878	791	731	707	650	591	525	414	303	217	162	123	105
K-M Estimate (%)	99.0	93.4	92.3	92.0	91.4	90.9	90.6	90.2	90.0	89.7	89.7	89.7	88.9

There were zero endovascular infections or S-ICD related bacteremia. The majority of the complications occurred within 30 days from implantation.



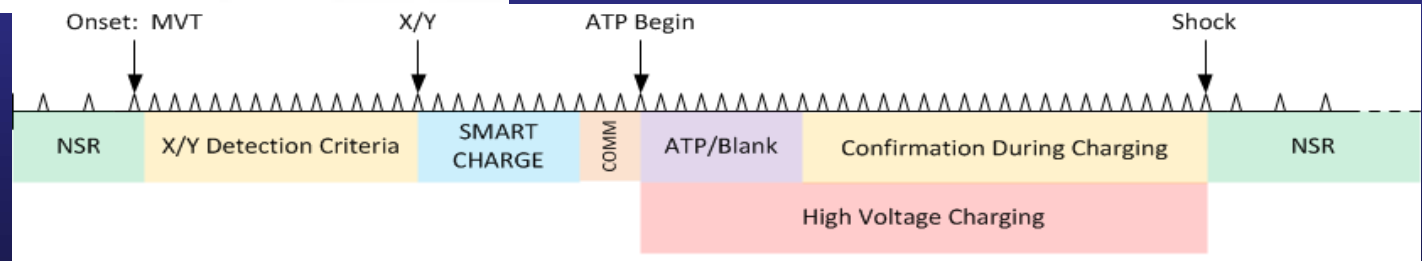
There was a learning curve associated with implantation of the S-ICD, with substantial improvement in complication rates after the 4th implant, reaching a steady-state after the 12<sup>th</sup> implant

# Operation of the Modular CRM System



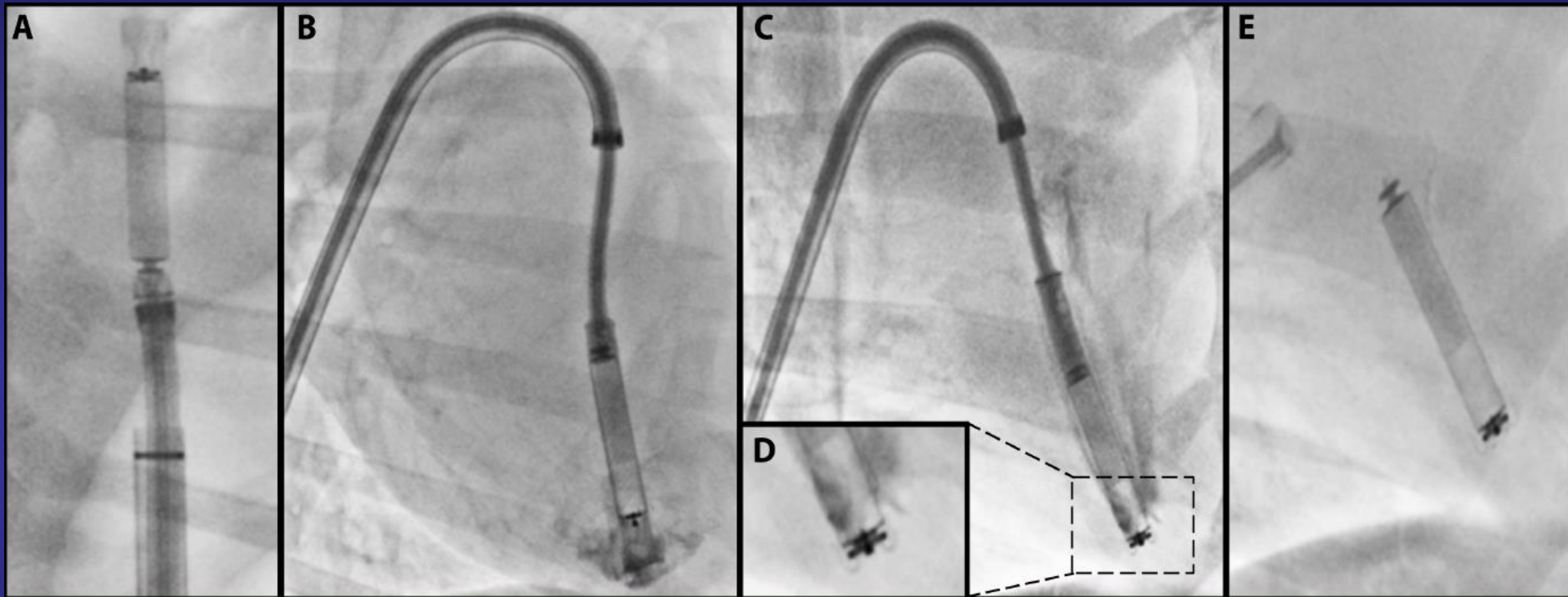
1. Leadless pacemaker designed to sense and treat bradycardia independently from the S-ICD
2. ATP schemes will be built into the leadless pacemaker, but can be activated only by the S-ICD or the programmer
3. S-ICD will continue to sense tachycardia, following which it is designed to command ATP in the leadless pacemaker prior to a shock

*Example of  
ATP during charge  
in the Shock Zone*



# Leadless Pacemaker Platform <sup>1,2</sup>

## Preclinical Model



The LCP was implanted in the RV apex using a transfemoral approach and baseline performance measures were obtained <sup>1, 2</sup>.

Images Courtesy of Dr.Tjong

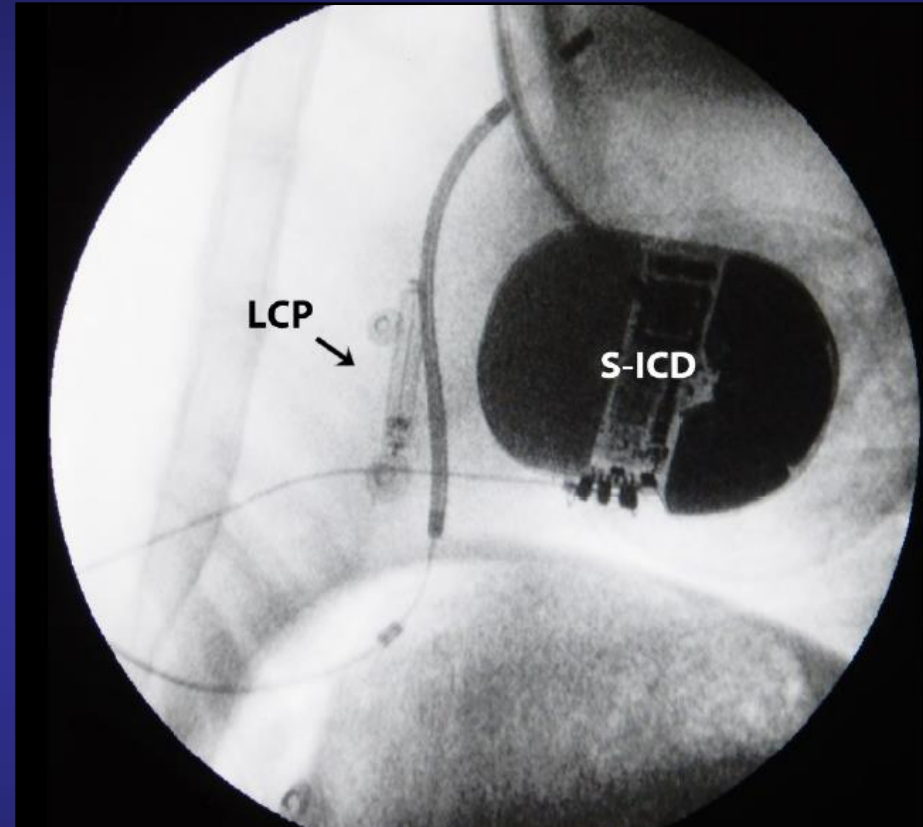
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# Leadless Pacemaker Platform <sup>1,2</sup>

## Preclinical Study



Images of the Prototype LCP, along with prototype firmware of S-ICD

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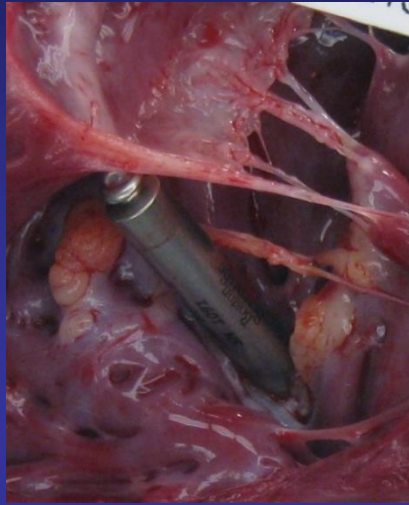
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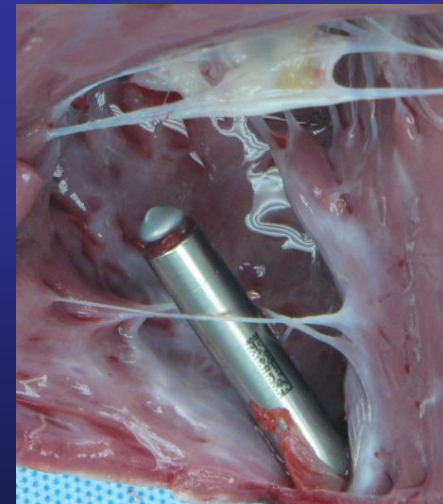
# Retrieval / Extraction Implications

## Tissue Growth in Animal Models

**Canine  
Chronic  
Functional\***  
(90 days post  
implant)



**Ovine  
Chronic  
Functional\***  
(90 days post  
implant)



# Barostim

Baroreflex Activation Therapy  
Overview and Clinical Data

# CRT is indicated for only 30% of HFrEF patients

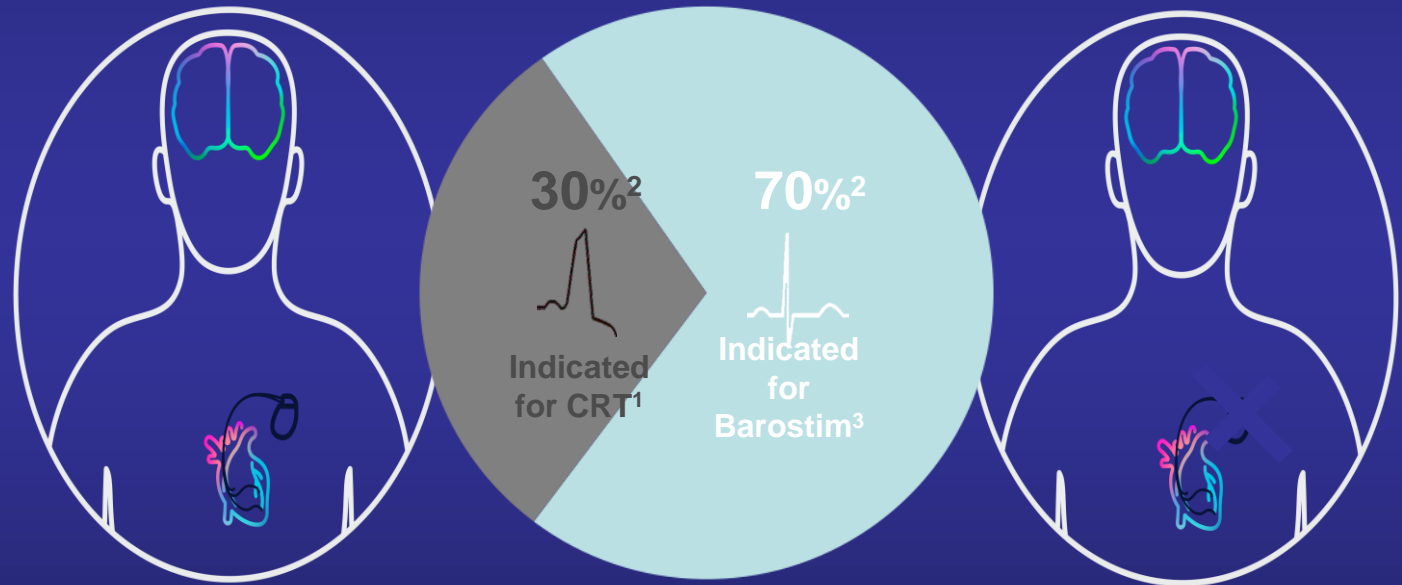
NYHA II & III

EF  $\leq$  35%

GDMT

Indicated for CRT

Not Indicated for CRT



According to AHA/ACC 2013 Guidelines<sup>1</sup>,

- QRS  $\geq$  150ms with LBBB (Class I)
- QRS  $>$  150 w/o LBBB (Class IIa)
- QRS 120-149 w/ LBBB (Class IIa)

Unmet Need  
& Indications

Mechanism of  
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# Barostim is an option for those not indicated for CRT

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NYHA II & III  
EF  $\leq$  35%  
GDMT

Indicated for CRT



30%<sup>2</sup>

Indicated  
for CRT<sup>1</sup>

70%<sup>2</sup>

Indicated  
for  
Barostim<sup>3</sup>

Barostim



According to AHA/ACC 2013  
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# Treatment options for HFrEF patients

Unmet Need & Indications	Purpose	Type	Treatment options for patients with NYHA Class II OR III, LVEF $\leq 35\%$ <sup>1,2</sup>		
			QRS < 120 ms QRS 120-149 w/o LBBB	QRS $\geq 150$ w/o LBBB or 120-149 w/ LBBB	QRS $\geq 150$ w/ LBBB
Mechanism of Action & System	Prevent Sudden Cardiac Death	Device	ICD		
Clinical Evidence	Improve HF Symptoms and Outcomes	Drug	Guideline-Directed Medical Therapy		
Patient Selection		Device	Not Indicated for CRT 70%	CRT "is probably indicated" 16%	CRT "is indicated" 14%
Follow-Up & Programming	Patients with an existing CRT system that is not adequately treating their heart failure symptoms are eligible for Barostim				
Economics & Reimbursement					

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# Indications for Barostim

## Unmet Need & Indications

## Mechanism of Action & System

## Clinical Evidence

## Patient Selection

## Follow-Up & Programming

## Economics & Reimburseme nt

### Barostim Indications

- NYHA III or NYHA II with a recent history of NYHA III
- LVEF  $\leq 35\%$
- NT-proBNP  $< 1600$  pg/mL
- Not indicated for CRT or not receiving adequate response from existing CRT device

No restriction on atrial arrhythmias



# Barostim rebalances the autonomic nervous system

Unmet Need  
& Indications

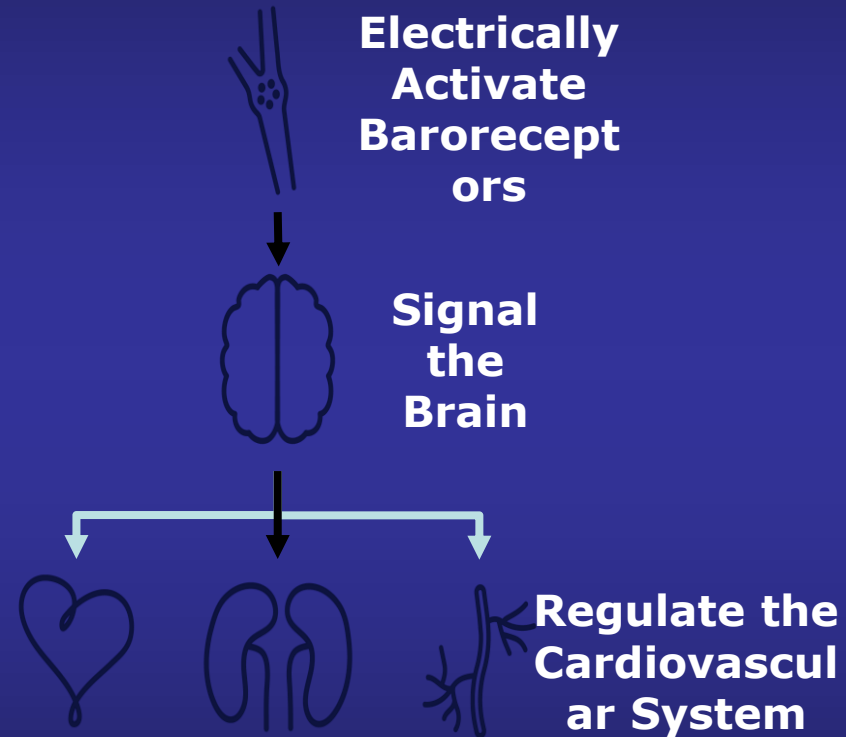
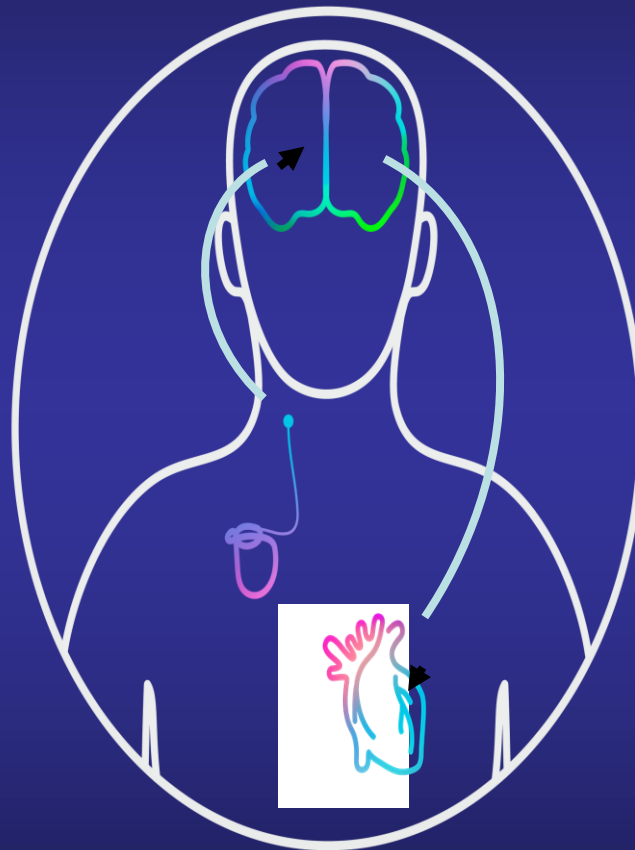
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# Barostim system elements

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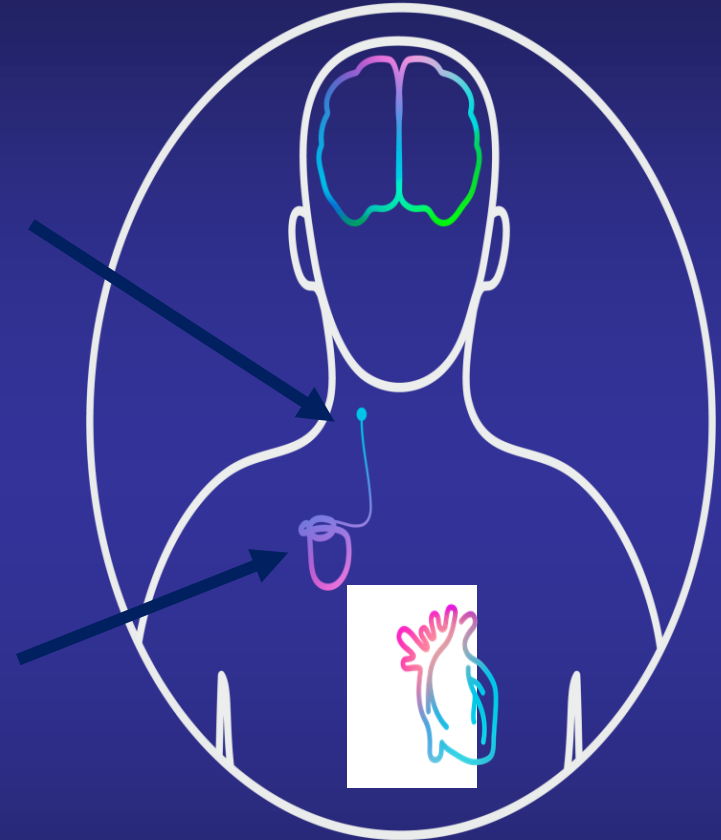
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Create a small  
incision to access  
the carotid  
bifurcation and  
secure the  
electrode and  
lead



Tunnel the lead  
over the  
collarbone and  
connect to IPG in  
a standard device  
pocket



**Barostim is typically implanted in a ~1 hour outpatient procedure in an OR or hybrid OR**

# Barostim clinical overview

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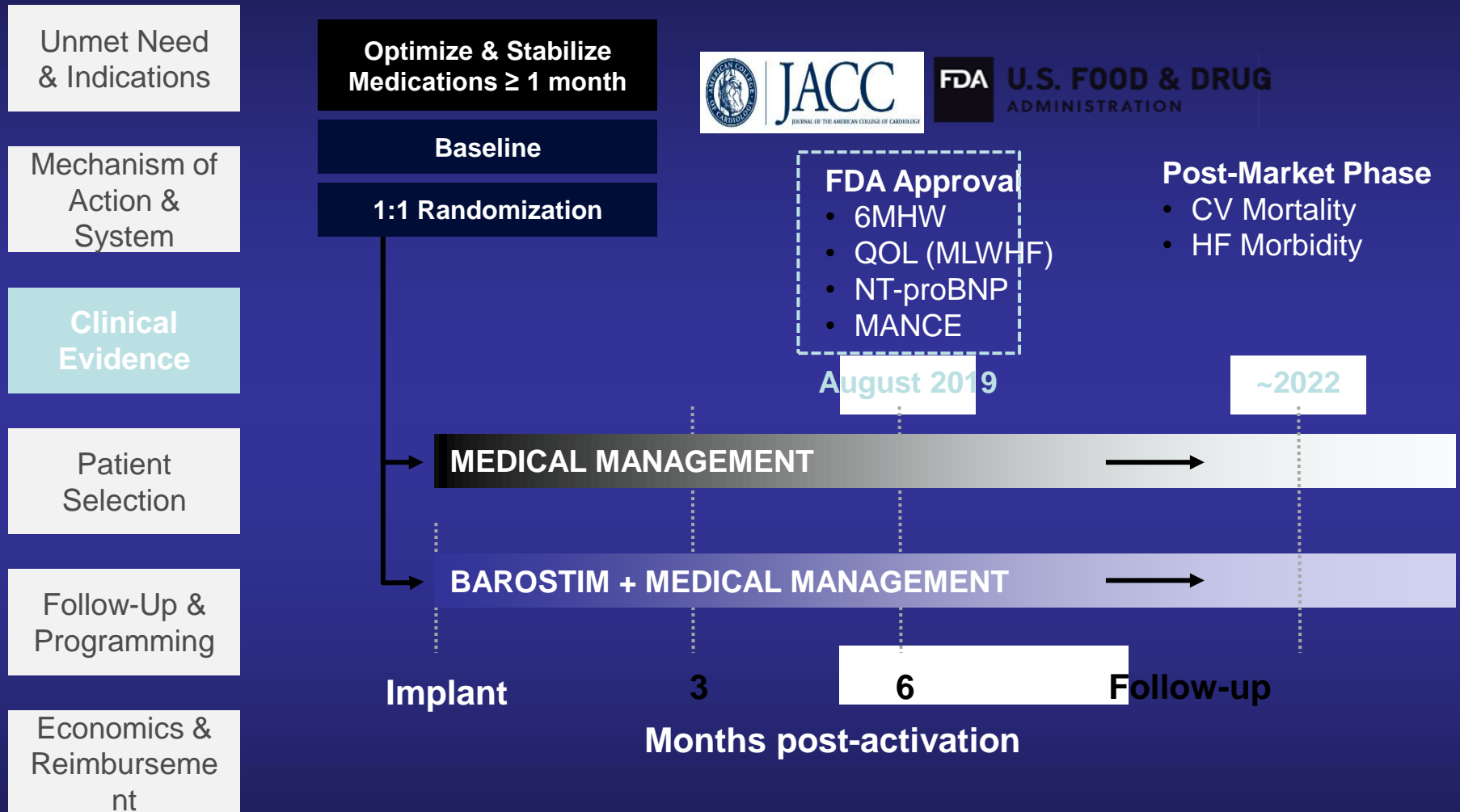
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	Phase I: BAT in HF <sup>1</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Enrollment 12/2011	Phase II: HOPE4HF <sup>2</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Enrollment 5/2012	Pivotal: BeAT-HF <sup>3</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Enrollment 4/2016
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess safety</li> <li>Demonstrate mechanism of action</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess safety and efficacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate safety and efficacy, including morbidity &amp; mortality</li> <li>Assess health economics</li> </ul>
Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n = 11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n = 146</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n = 408</li> </ul>
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barostim is safe<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Mechanism of action demonstrated through muscle sympathetic nerve activity<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barostim is safe and effective in heart failure<sup>2</sup></li> <li>CE Mark Approval<sup>4</sup></li> <li>EAP/FDA Breakthrough Device designation<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barostim is a safe, effective, and an economically attractive solution for heart failure symptom improvement<sup>3,5</sup></li> <li>FDA Approval<sup>6</sup></li> </ul>

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# BeAT-HF phase III pivotal study



# BeAT-HF baseline demographics

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	Barostim (n=130)	Control (n=134)
Demographics		
Age	62 ± 11	63 ± 10
Gender female	19%	22%
Race: Caucasian	75%	72%
Heart failure and physical status		
NYHA Class III	93%	95%
MLWHF QOL score	53 ± 24	52 ± 24
6MHW (m)	316 ± 68	294 ± 73
HR (bpm)	75 ± 10	75 ± 11
SBP (mmHg)	120 ± 17	121 ± 16
DBP (mmHg)	73 ± 10	73 ± 10
LVEF (%)	27 ± 7	28 ± 6
NT-proBNP (pg/mL) (IQR)	731 (475,1021)	765 (479, 1052)
eGFR (mL/min)	64 ± 17	62 ± 20
QRS interval	109 ± 18	111 ± 26
Previous HF hospitalization	42%	51%

	Barostim (n=130)	Control (n=134)
Co-Morbidities		
Coronary Artery Disease	62%	69%
Atrial Fibrillation	29%	43%
Stroke or TIA	19%	22%
Chronic Kidney Disease	24%	25%
Diabetes Type II	45%	51%
Heart failure treatment		
Number of meds	3.9 ± 1.2	4.1 ± 1.4
ACE-I/ARB/ARNI	89%	84%
Beta-Blocker	95%	95%
MRA	49%	42%
Diuretic	85%	87%
Ivabradine	2.3%	4.5%
ICD	78%	79%

# BeAT-HF symptom improvement

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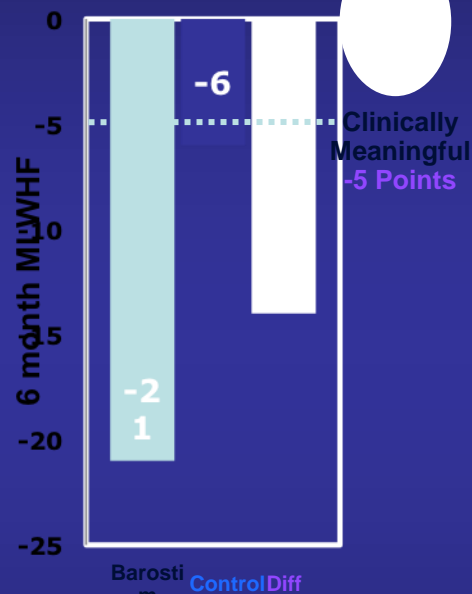
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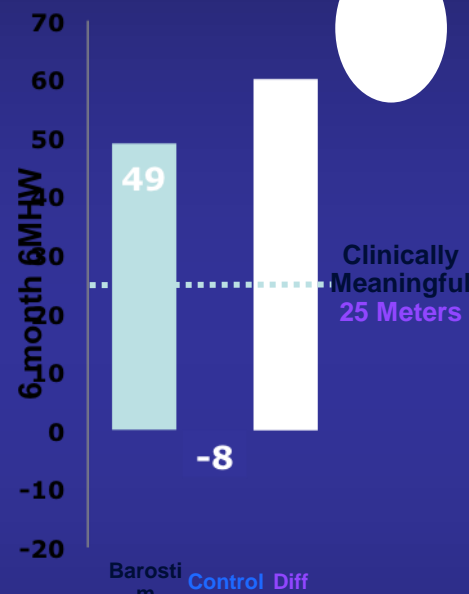
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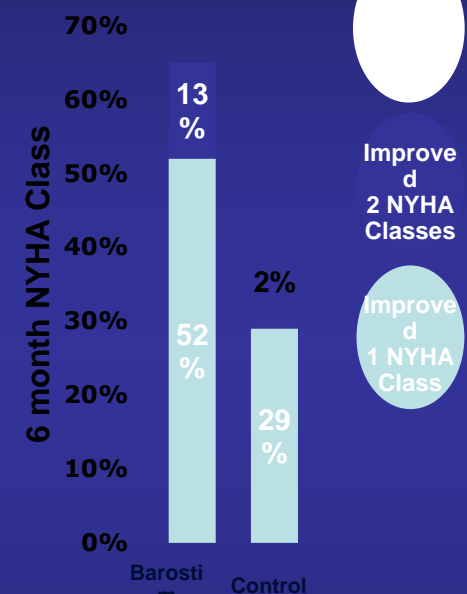
## Quality of Life (MLWHF)



## Exercise capacity (6MHW)



## NYHA class



### CRT trial results

CONTAK CD <sup>3</sup>	NYHA III or IV LVEF ≥ 35% QRS > 120ms	-11
MIRACLE <sup>4</sup>	NYHA III or IV LVEF ≥ 35% QRS > 130ms	-9

### CRT trial results

CONTAK CD <sup>3</sup>	NYHA III or IV LVEF ≥ 35% QRS > 120ms	39
MIRACLE <sup>4</sup>	NYHA III or IV LVEF ≥ 35% QRS > 130ms	29

### CRT trial results

CONTAK CD <sup>3</sup>	NYHA III or IV LVEF ≥ 35% QRS > 120ms	20%
MIRACLE <sup>4</sup>	NYHA III or IV LVEF ≥ 35% QRS > 130ms	30%

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# BeAT-HF NT-proBNP reduction<sup>1</sup>

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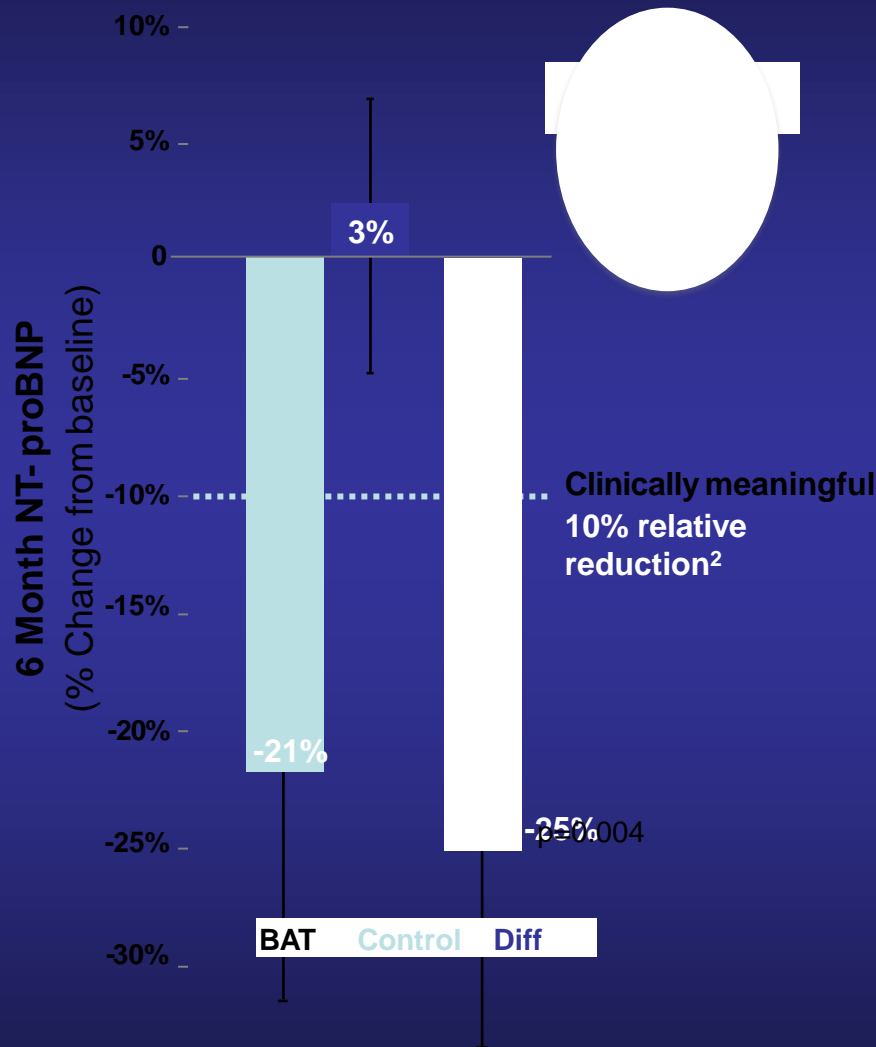
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- PARADIGM-HF (ARNI) demonstrated that even a 10% reduction in NT-proBNP is associated with a significant benefit in terms of cardiovascular death or HF hospitalization<sup>2</sup>
- BeAT-HF hospitalization and mortality data remains blinded to support on-going post-market phase



# BeAT-HF safety

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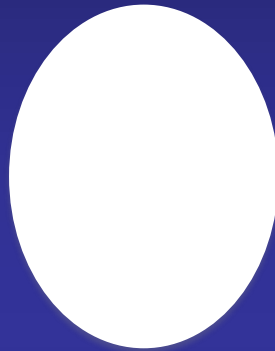
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**MANCE-Free Rate<sup>1</sup> Potential Reduction in Serious Cardiovascular Events<sup>2</sup>**



Cardiovascular Event	Barostim (n=125)		Control (n=134)		Relative Reduction
	Number of Events	Event Rate*	Number of Events	Event Rate*	
Arrhythmias	8	0.054	18	0.109	50%
Angina/Acute MI	5	0.034	10	0.060	44%
Pre-syncope/Syncope	2	0.014	6	0.036	63%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0.101</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0.206</b>	<b>51%</b>

\* Events per patient-year of follow-up

p-value=0.023  
Not a powered endpoint

**Heart failure hospitalization data remains blinded to support the on-going post-market outcome phase**

**Evaluation of other serious cardiovascular events suggests a reduction between treatment arms**

# BeAT-HF conclusions

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- Barostim was demonstrated to be **safe and effective for HFrEF symptoms** in the BeAT-HF study, with results published in JACC in June, 2020
- **BeAT-HF** demonstrated significant improvements and heart failure symptoms and reductions in NT-proBNP with Barostim
- **ARNI was approved for use during BeAT-HF** and 38% of BeAT-HF patients were on ARNI at 6 months. Barostim performed well even with 4x higher new medication in the Control arm.
- **Morbidity and Mortality post-market phase** of BeAT-HF enrollment completed and may lead to an expanded indication



# Barostim implant

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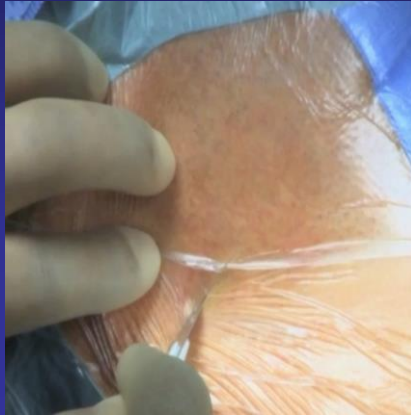
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**Small Incision in  
Neck**



**Electrode sutured  
to Carotid Artery**



**Lead tunneled to  
pectoral pocket**



**Lead connected to  
device**



**Incision in neck  
closed**



**Pocket incision  
closed**



# Follow-up programming

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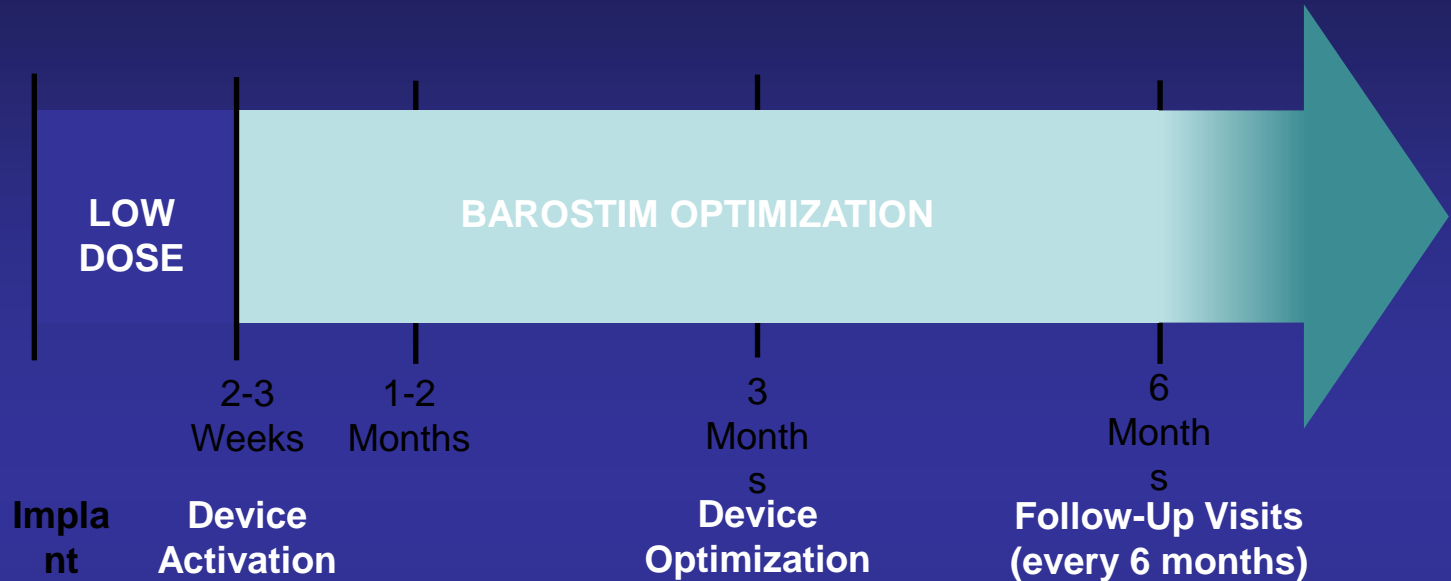
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## Recommended follow-up schedule:

- Activation approximately 2-3 weeks post-implant
- Optimization at 3 months and 6 months
- Follow-up visits every 6 months based on each patient's medical need

**Average battery life of 5 years with no charging required**

What if the patient doesn't qualify for ICD-*ie* too soon after MI?





# CardioMEMS™ HF System

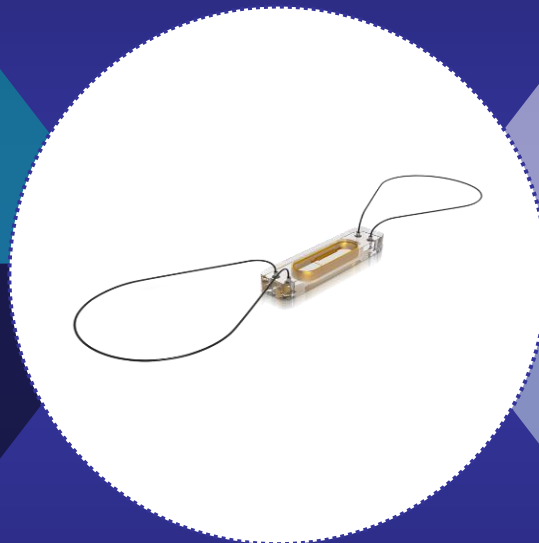
A PERSONALIZED, PROACTIVE APPROACH  
TO MANAGE HF BY MONITORING PA PRESSURE

# THE CARDIOMEMS HF SYSTEM DELIVERS

cardiomems™ hf System Offers New Promise  
Clinical trial and early commercial use  
demonstrates that PA-pressure guided  
therapy:

Prevents Acute  
Decompensation

Effectively Lowers  
PA Pressures



Improves Quality of  
Life

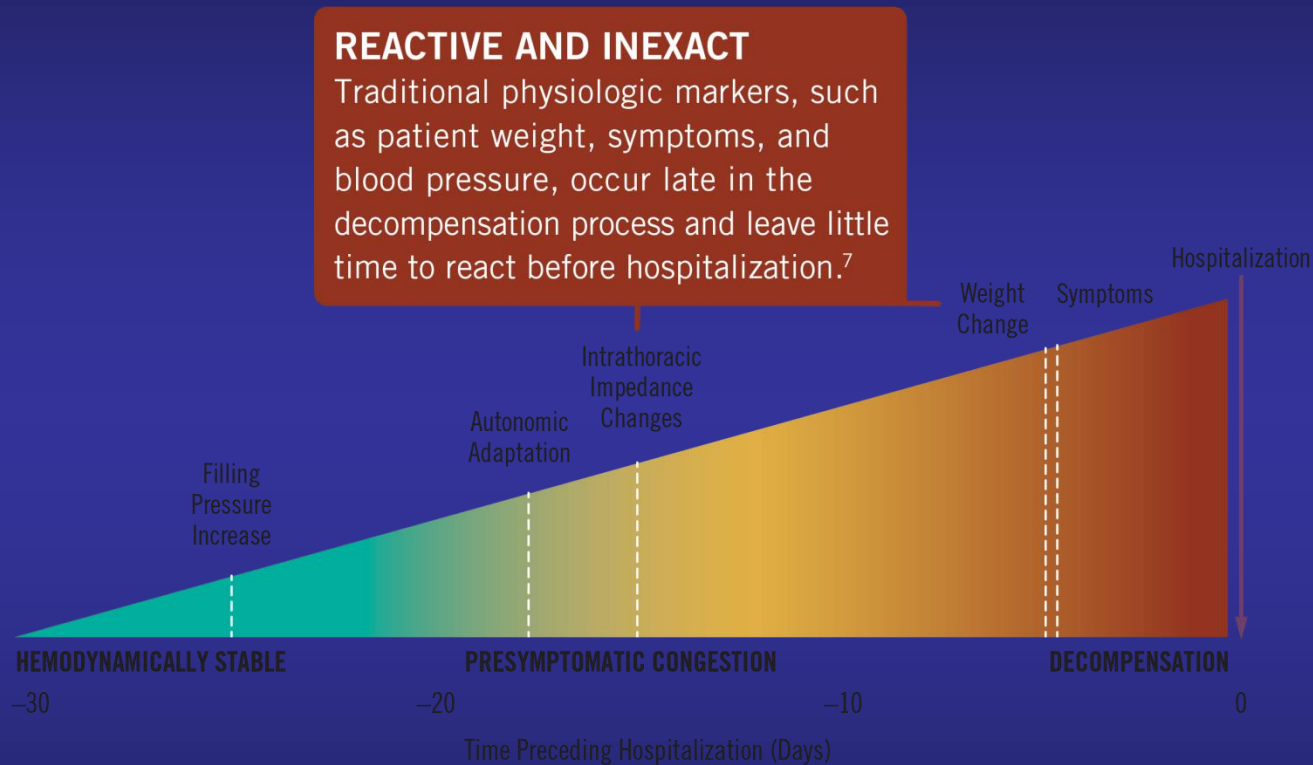
Additionally, early commercial use offers  
**best practices for implementation and service  
management.**

Abraham WT, Lancet, 2011



# Current HF Management:

Why aren't current parameters working?



Graph adapted from Adamson PB, et al. Curr Heart Fail Reports, 2009.

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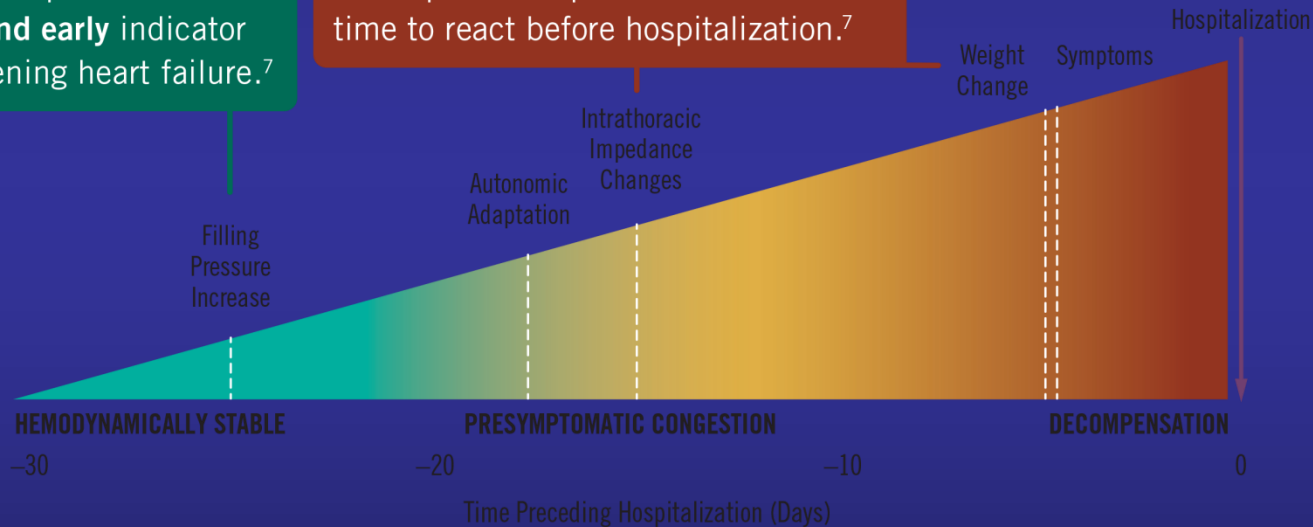
How can we get ahead of symptoms associated with acute decompensation?

## PROACTIVE AND ACTIONABLE

Real-time monitoring of PAP with the CardioMEMS™ HF system provides a **direct and early** indicator of worsening heart failure.<sup>7</sup>

## REACTIVE AND INEXACT

Traditional physiologic markers, such as patient weight, symptoms, and blood pressure, occur late in the decompensation process and leave little time to react before hospitalization.<sup>7</sup>



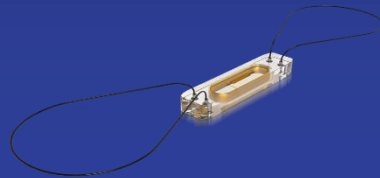
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# cardiomems™ HF System:

Provides clarity in the management of heart failure

Delivers insight into the early onset of worsening HF to more proactively manage HF patients and improve outcomes

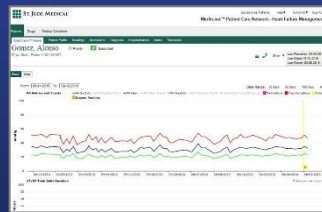
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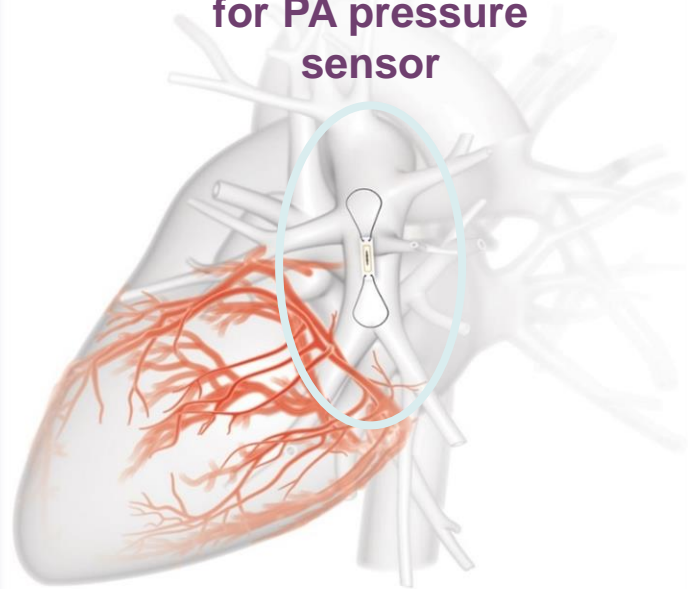
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**Merlin.net™  
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**Target location  
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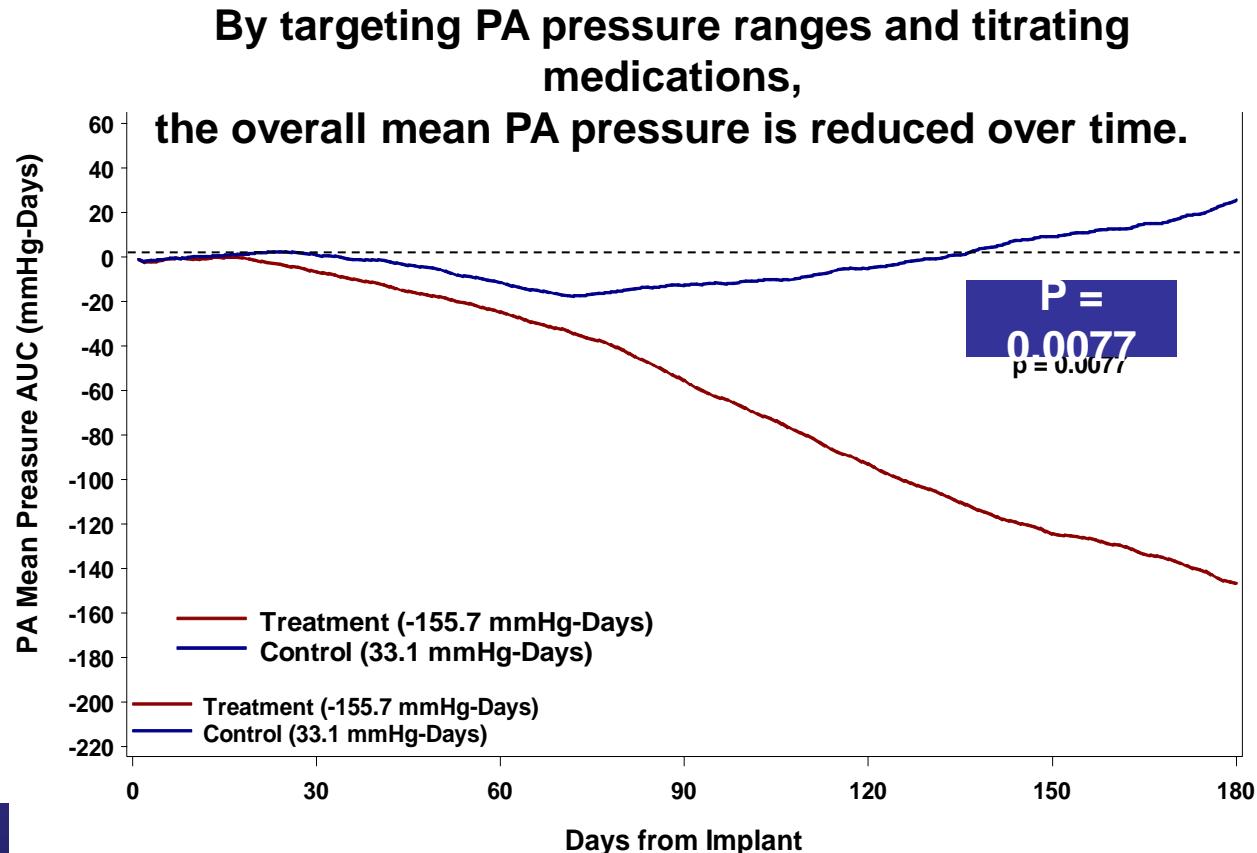
# THE Champion Trial

# CHAMPION Trial results:

PA PRESSURE MEAN CHANGE FROM BASELINE

PART 1: RANDOMIZED ACCESS

PART 2: OPEN ACCESS



Monitoring PA pressure with the CardioMEMS™ HF System allows management of the pressure spikes that lead directly to exacerbation, as well as the long-term trends.

# CardioMEMS HF System Clinical Indications

- **Indications and Usage:** The CardioMEMS HF System is indicated for wirelessly measuring and monitoring pulmonary artery (PA) pressure and heart rate in New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class III heart failure patients who have been hospitalized for heart failure in the previous year. The hemodynamic data are used by physicians for heart failure management and with the goal of reducing heart failure hospitalizations.
- **Contraindications:** The CardioMEMS™ HF System is contraindicated for patients with an inability to take dual antiplatelet or anticoagulants for one month post implant.

# EVOLVING CardioMEMS™ HF SYSTEM

A powerful new tool for comprehensive heart failure (HF) care, features a safe, reliable sensor for measuring ambulatory pulmonary artery (PA) pressure.

33%

**Reduction in HF hospital admissions** at average 15-month follow-up with zero sensor failures while 98.6% complication free<sup>19</sup>

78%<sup>†</sup>

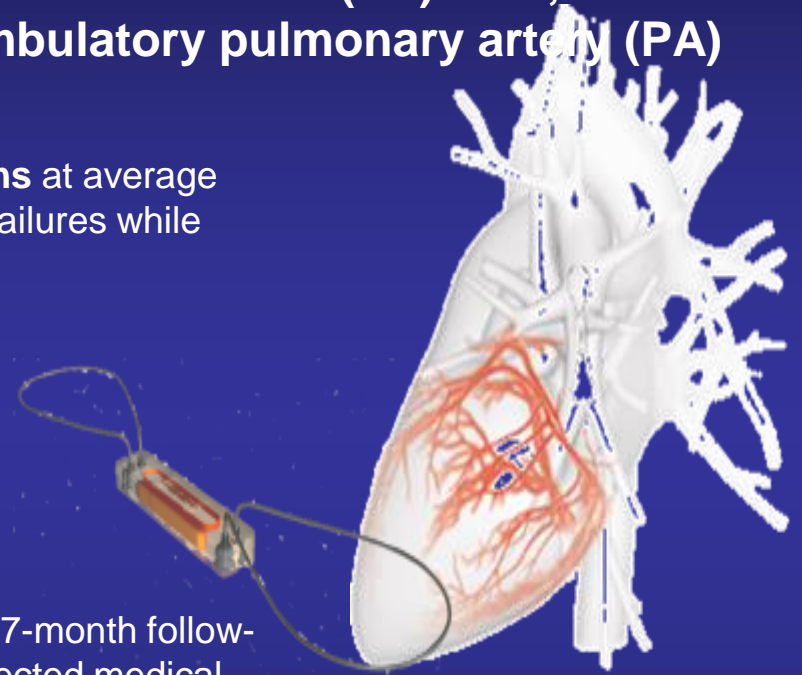
**Reduction in HF readmissions** among Medicare patients<sup>24</sup>

57%<sup>†</sup>

**Improved survivability** at average 17-month follow-up in HFrEF patients on guideline directed medical therapy (GDMT)<sup>25</sup>

53%<sup>†</sup>

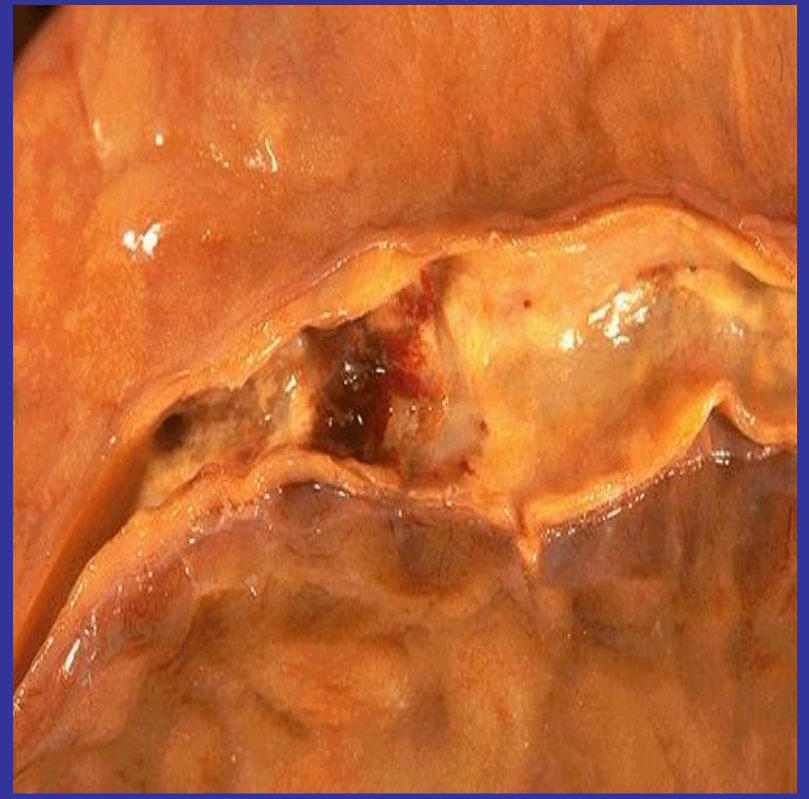
**Improved survivability** at average 18-month follow-up in HFrEF patients on guideline directed medical therapy (GDMT) with an ICD or CRT device<sup>26</sup>



<sup>†</sup>Retrospective analysis from subset of CHAMPION clinical trial



you are what you eat!



# AHA guidelines in HF patient

- <2000 calories/24 hrs
- Fruits and vegetables: at least 4.5 cups/d
- Fish-3 to 5 ounces servings
- Fiber rich whole grains: at least three 1 ounce equivalents
- Sodium <1.5 gm per 24 hrs
- Sugar sweetened beverages-no more than 450 calories

# Dietary guidelines cont.

- Nuts, legumes and seeds: at least 4 servings/wk
- Processed meats: No more than 2 servings per week
- Saturated fat: less than 7% of total energy intake

# *Important Numbers to know*

FACTOR	GOAL
Total Cholesterol	Less than 200 mgs/dl
LDL “bad” cholesterol	Less than 160 if at low risk, Less than 130 if intermediate risk, Less than 90 in people with known CHD
HDL “good” cholesterol	50 mgs/dl or higher
Triglycerides	Less than 150 mgs/dl
Fasting Glucose	Less than 100 mgs/dl
BMI	Less than 25 kgs/m <sup>2</sup>
Blood Pressure	Less than 120/80, but the lower the better
Waist circumference	Less than 35 inches
Exercise	At least 30 minutes 3 times a week





# Cook for lower cholesterol

- **SKIM MILK DAIRY PRODUCTS:** Rich in protein, calcium without being high in fat and cholesterol
- **CHEESE:** Have even more saturated fat than whole milk. Health options would be low-fat cottage cheese, part skim-milk mozzarella, ricotta
- **EGGS:** One egg yolk contains 213 mg of cholesterol. Egg whites contain no cholesterol
- **MEATS:** AHA recommends eating no more than 6 ounces of cooked lean meat, poultry, fish or seafood a day

# Antioxidants in your diet

- Berries
- Broccoli
- Tomatoes
- Red grapes
- Garlic
- Spinach
- Tea (white, green and black)
- Carrots
- Soy
- Whole grains
- Pomegranates



# Special herbs



**Special herbs have antioxidants  
and are recommended in use with  
daily cooking**

# Black Beans



Black beans are a great source of folate, antioxidants and magnesium that increase energy and improve heart health

# Red Wine



Red wine has two antioxidants:  
Resveratrol and catechins that  
improve endothelial dysfunction

# Salmon



Great source of omega-3  
DHA and EPA.

Recommendations are  
two servings of fish per week

- Improves arterial wall strength
- increases HDL
- Decreases triglycerides

# Tuna-another omega-3 source



Albacore has the most omega 3 out of all the tunas-it is cheaper than salmon and contains as much omega 3

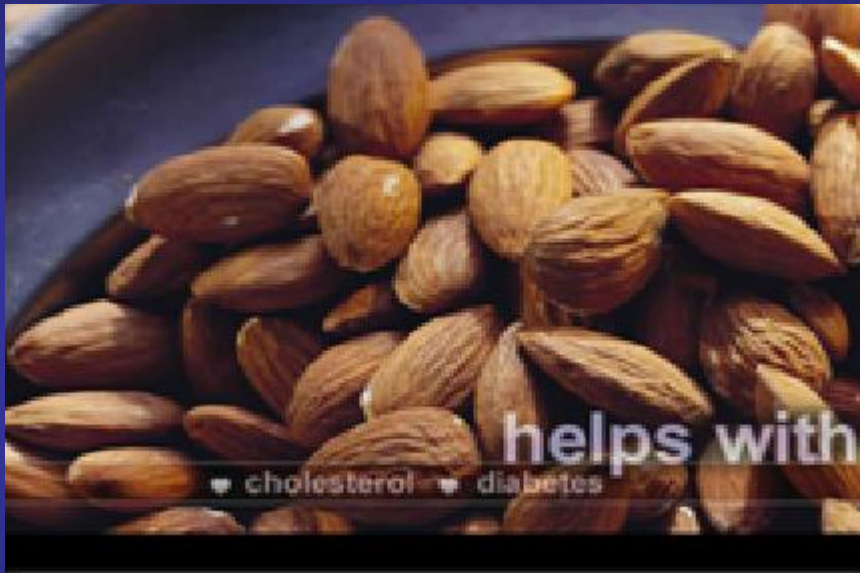


# Olive oil



- ▮ Olive oil contains polyphenols that are rich in antioxidants and improve endothelial function
- When it replaces butter, olive oil is heart healthy because polyunsaturated fats are being substituted for monounsaturated fats

# Almonds



Almonds are rich in Vit E, fiber  
and plant sterols  
They decrease LDL and increase  
HDL



# Walnuts



Walnuts are a great source  
of fiber, monounsaturated  
fats, omega-3

Recommended amount-  
1.5 ounces (a handful) daily

# Tofu



- ▮ Great substitute for red meat

It is a soy protein that is a source of fiber

- It is lower in calories yet satisfies the hunger

# Sweet red potatoes



Lower in sugar-for the diabetics  
Doesn't cause spike in glucose  
It is a great source of vitamin A,  
lycopene and fiber

# Dark leafy vegetables



Great source of vitamin A,  
Vitamin K, and fiber, antioxidants  
As well as magnesium

# Barley



- ▮ Barley should be substituted for rice
- Great source of fiber-it lowers cholesterol and improves glycemic control



# Oatmeal



- ▮ Oatmeal is a great source of fiber and keeps the stomach full for hours
- It stabilizes blood sugar levels and helps with diabetic blood glucose control
- It lowers LDL and cholesterol

# Flaxseed



- Flaxseed have fiber, phytochemicals called lignans and ALA-an omega-3 fatty acid found in plants that the body converts to the more powerful Omega 3s-EPA and DHA



# Cayenne chili pepper



Cayenne chili pepper prevents  
A spike in insulin and hence  
Prevents glucose rise  
It also increases the metabolic rate  
so that people can burn calories  
faster

# Blueberries



— Blueberries, raspberries and blackberries are strong antioxidants that contain Magnesium, fiber, potassium, Folate and vitamin C

# CV risk factors between marital partners



When 1 spouse improves his or her behavior (i.e., changes in smoking, drinking, exercising, or screening cholesterol) ... the other spouse is likely to do so as well

# Healthy goals post HF diagnosis

- Eliminate smoking, including exposure to secondhand smoke
- Decrease total fat in diet to 25-30% of total calories and saturated fat to less than 7%
- Decrease salt to less than 1.5 grams a day
- If dietary restrictions don't make sense, ask your cardiologist for a referral to speak to a dietitian
- Eliminate obesity
- Increase physical activity
- Get a blood pressure machine and keep a BP diary
- **TAKE MEDS REGULARLY!!!!**
- Weigh yourself daily-if increase weight of 1-2 within 24 hrs, possible fluid overload and signs of heart failure

# Conclusion

- Heart Failure is cardiac dysfunction that is can be due to contractile dysfunction (systolic failure) or relaxation dysfunction (diastolic heart failure).
- Identification and treatment of heart failure is crucial to preventing progression and demise of the pt
- Medication therapy includes beta blockers, ACEI, ARB, diuretics, aldactone
- Cardiac resynchronization therapy promises quality of life improvement for some pts with poor systolic heart function who have been maximized on medical therapy yet are still symptomatic.
- Barostim is beneficial in pts that don't qualify for CRT

# Any Questions?





# Question 1

- What is HFmREF stand for
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- C. 30%
- D. 10%
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