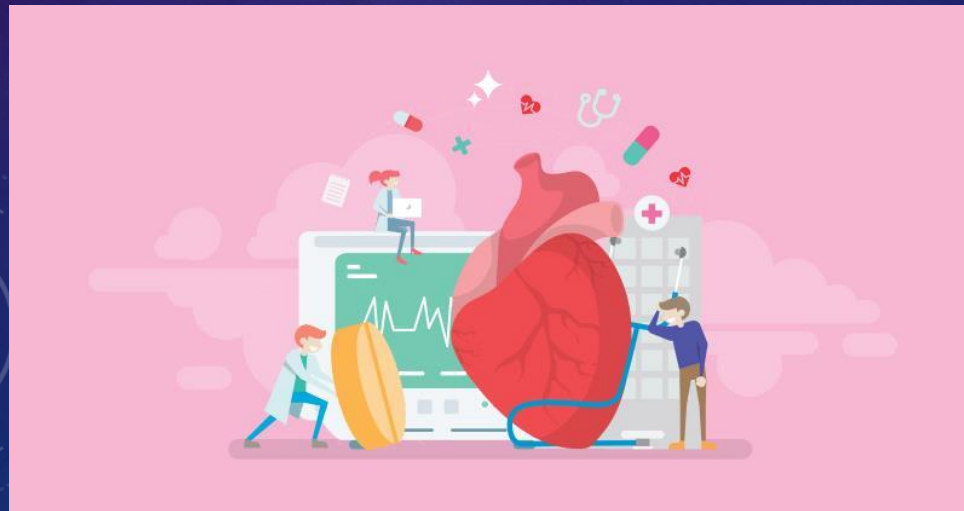


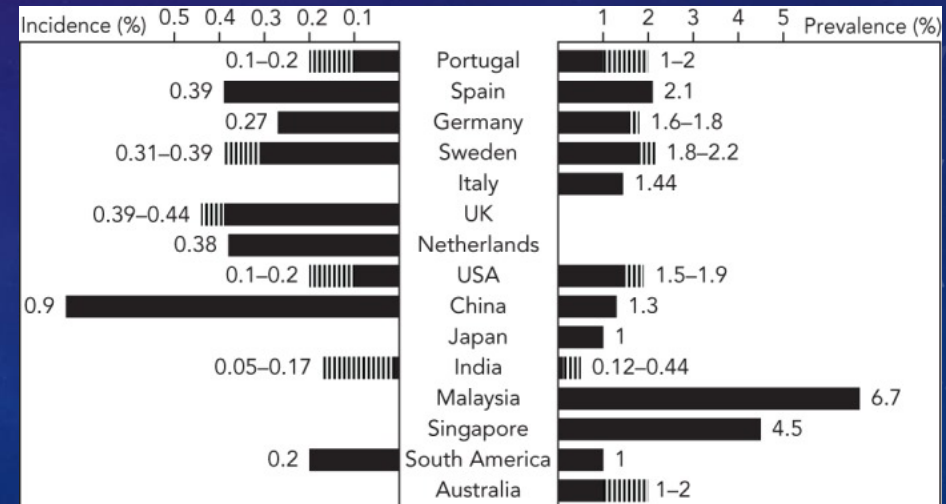
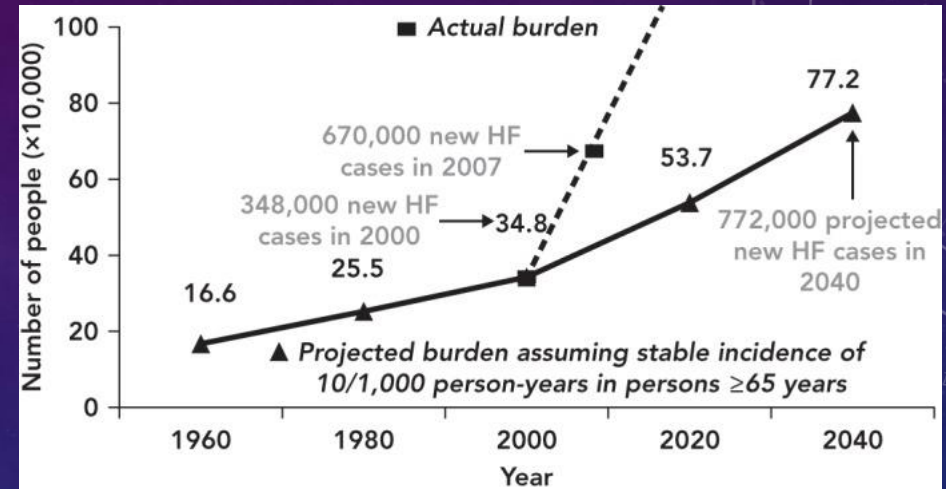
NEW ERA FOR HEART FAILURE MANAGEMENT



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HEART FAILURE : STILL UNMET NEEDS IN CURRENT ERA

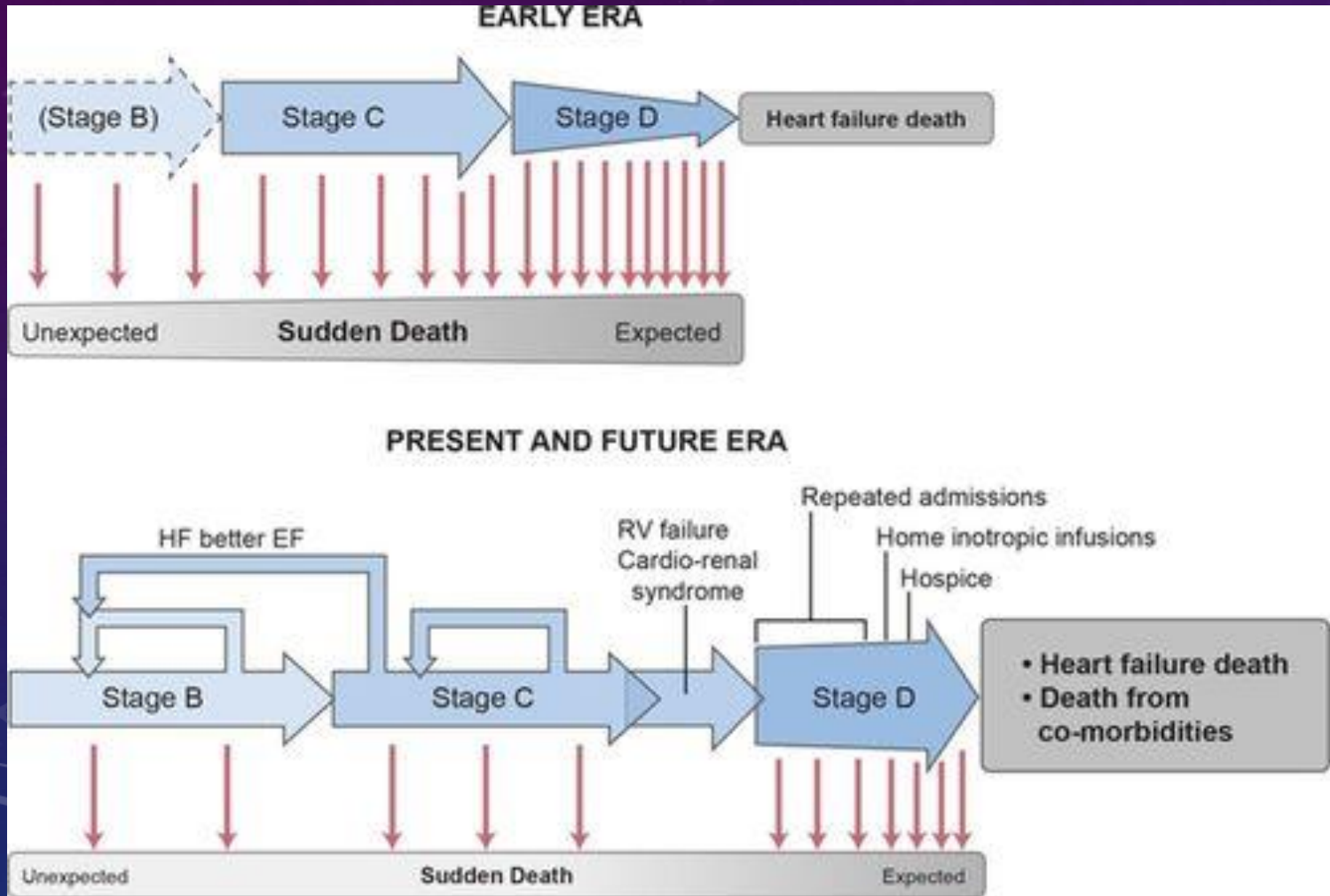
- Over past 4 decades, HF patients have derived substantial benefit from major advances in our understanding of pathophysiology of HF syndrome
 - Evolving treatment paradigms
 - new medications with novel mechanisms of actions
- BUT** Unmet needs still:
- HF hospital discharges (index of population disease burden and economic impact) remain >1 million between 2000 and 2010
- Prevalence will increase aprox 50% between 2012-2030- >8 million people >18 yrs of age with HF
 - Aging population
 - Improved survival of AMI
 - HF survival increases at rate that exceed our impact to prevent development of HF



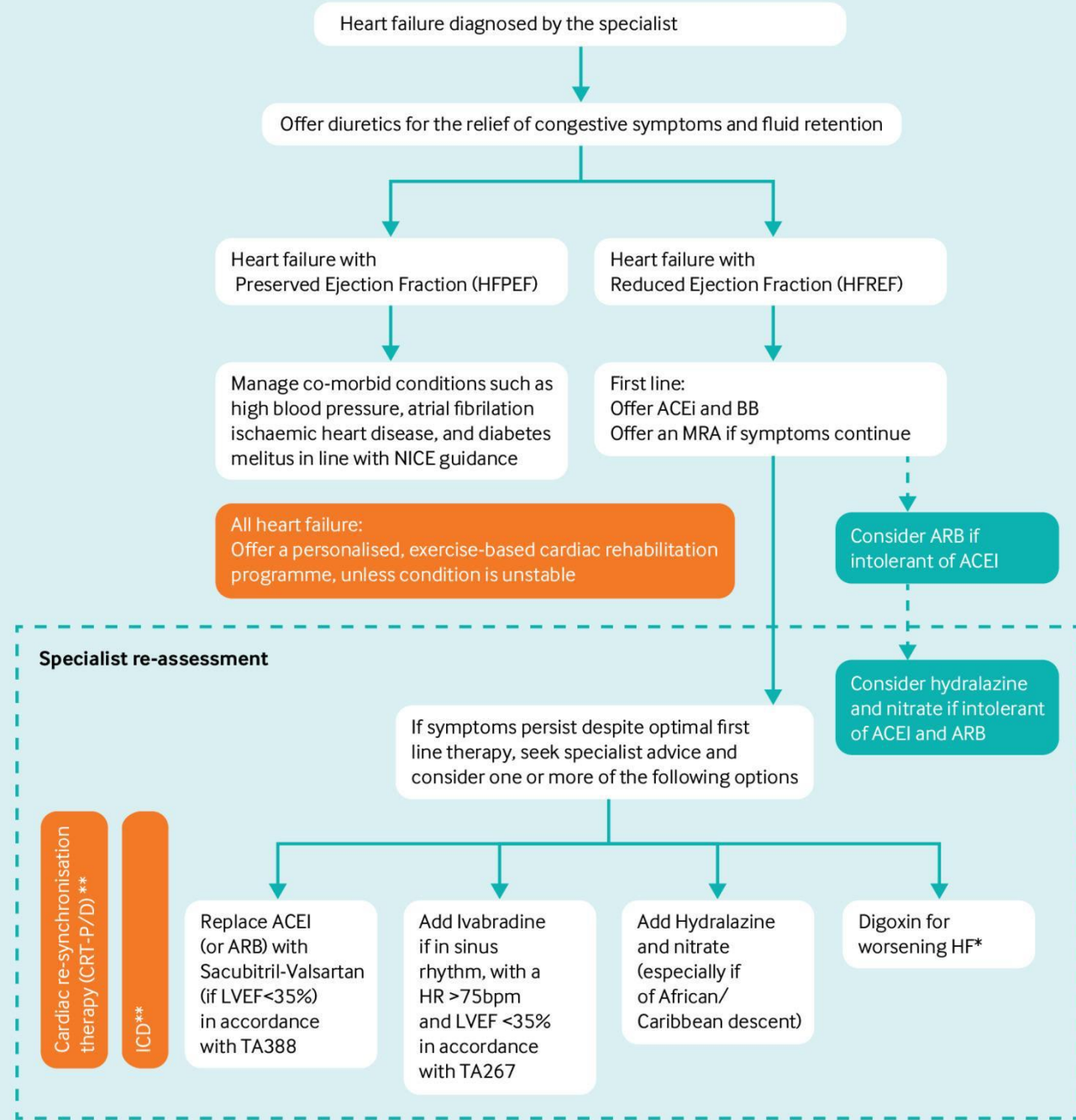
CLINICAL COURSE OF HEART FAILURE AND ITS MANAGEMENT

	Symptom-free period	Appearance of initial symptoms	Chronic stable phase Acute exacerbation phase	Treatment resistance period
Changes in physical functions				
Expected major management strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prevention of organic heart diseases • inhibition of progression ● Prevention of heart-failure-related symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adequate heart failure treatment in accordance with the grade of symptoms ● Evaluation of diseases that caused heart failure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Daily management for the prevention of readmission ● Adequate acute treatment in accordance with the grade of symptoms at the time of acute exacerbation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Control of symptoms ● (Heart transplantation, left ventricular assisting device, if indicated) ● Terminal care

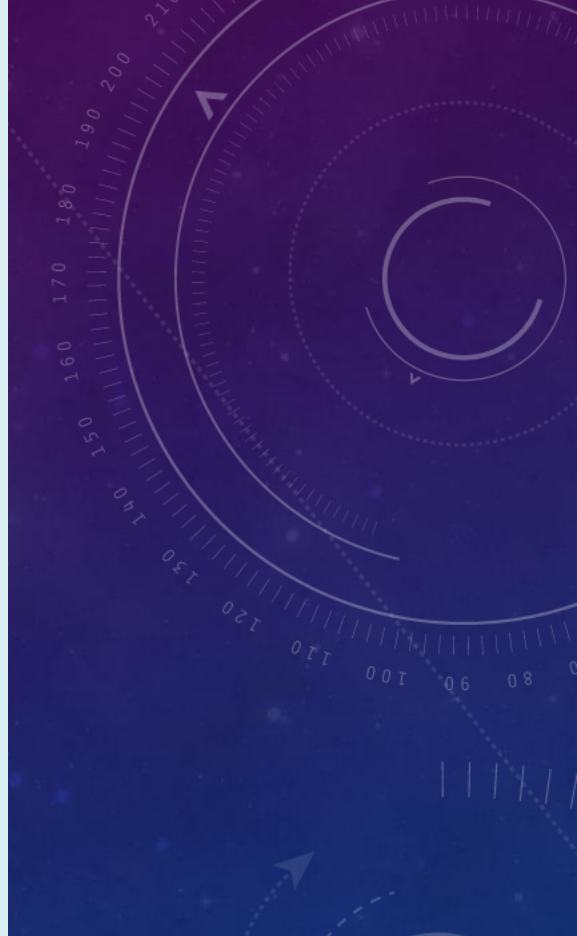
DURATION OF DISEASE STAGES IN EARLY ERA AND PRESENT/FUTURE ERA



1. Patients in stage B and C may be stable for many years
2. Prolongation of life with anti HF therapies
3. Sudden death in previous era- occurred early in clinical syndrome , incurred with increasing frequency as HF progressed
4. RHF & cardiorenal syndrome herald progression to stage D HF with referral to palliative care



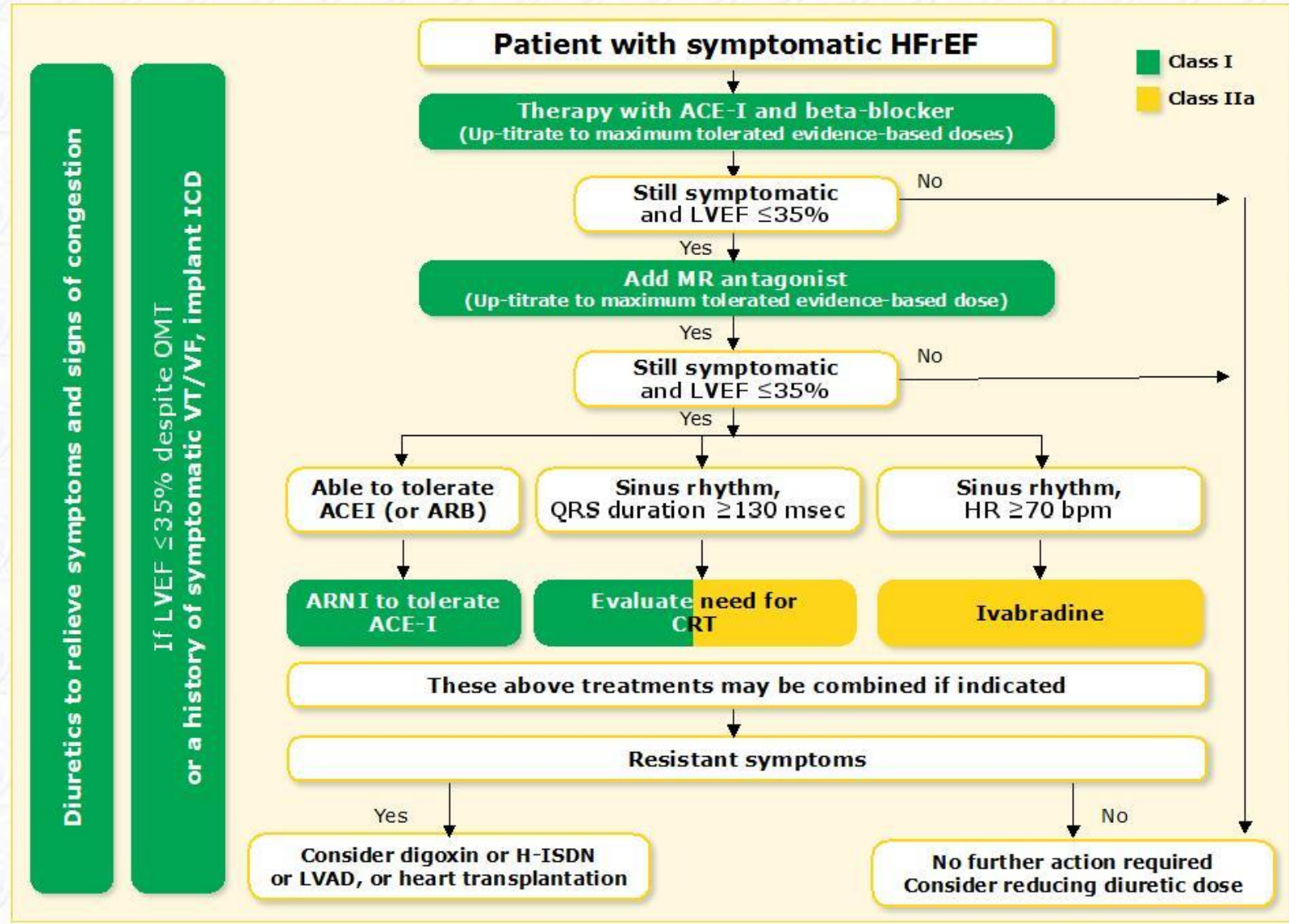
*Please refer to CG180 for recommendation on the use of digoxin in patients with atrial fibrillation
 ** In accordance with TA314



Therapeutic algorithm for a patient with symptomatic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction

Major advances:

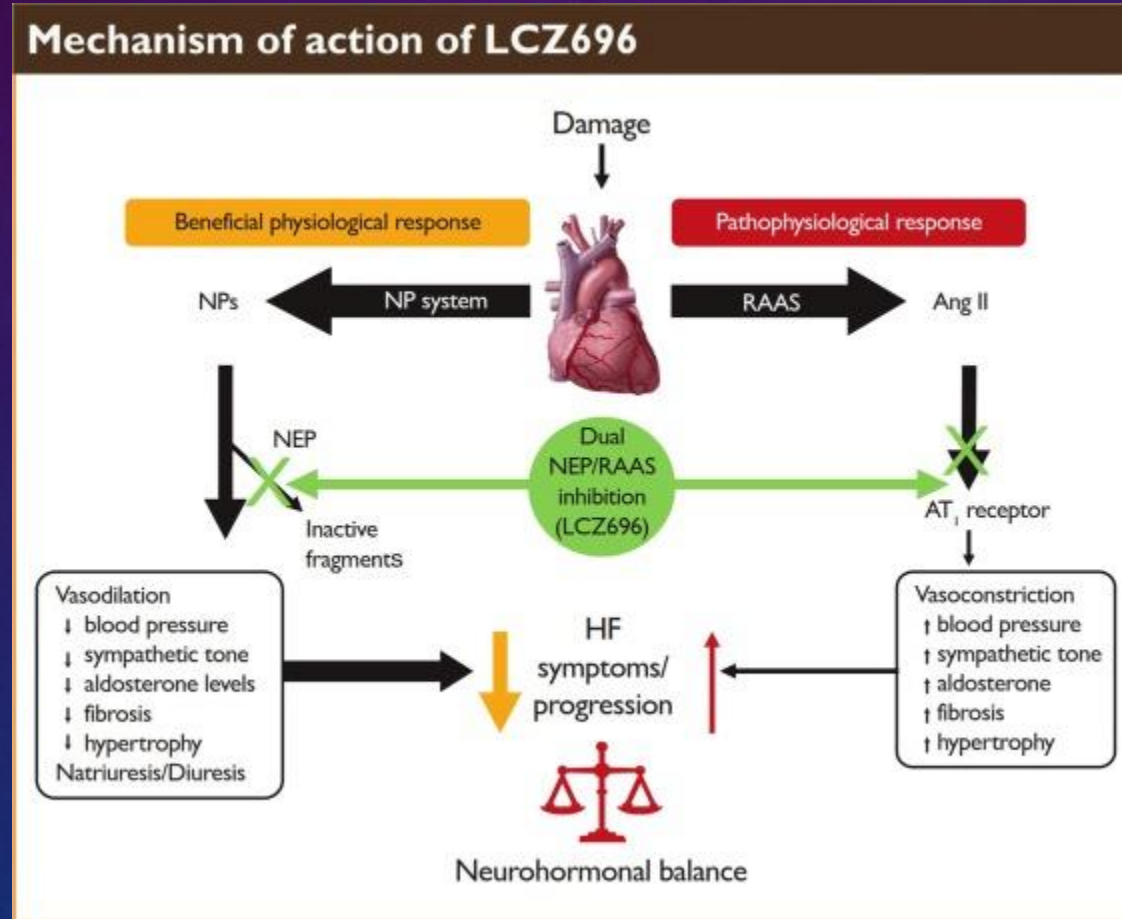
- Treatment based on large RCTs with subsequent incorporation of data into guidelines
- Then incorporated into systematic quality improvement efforts with landmark success



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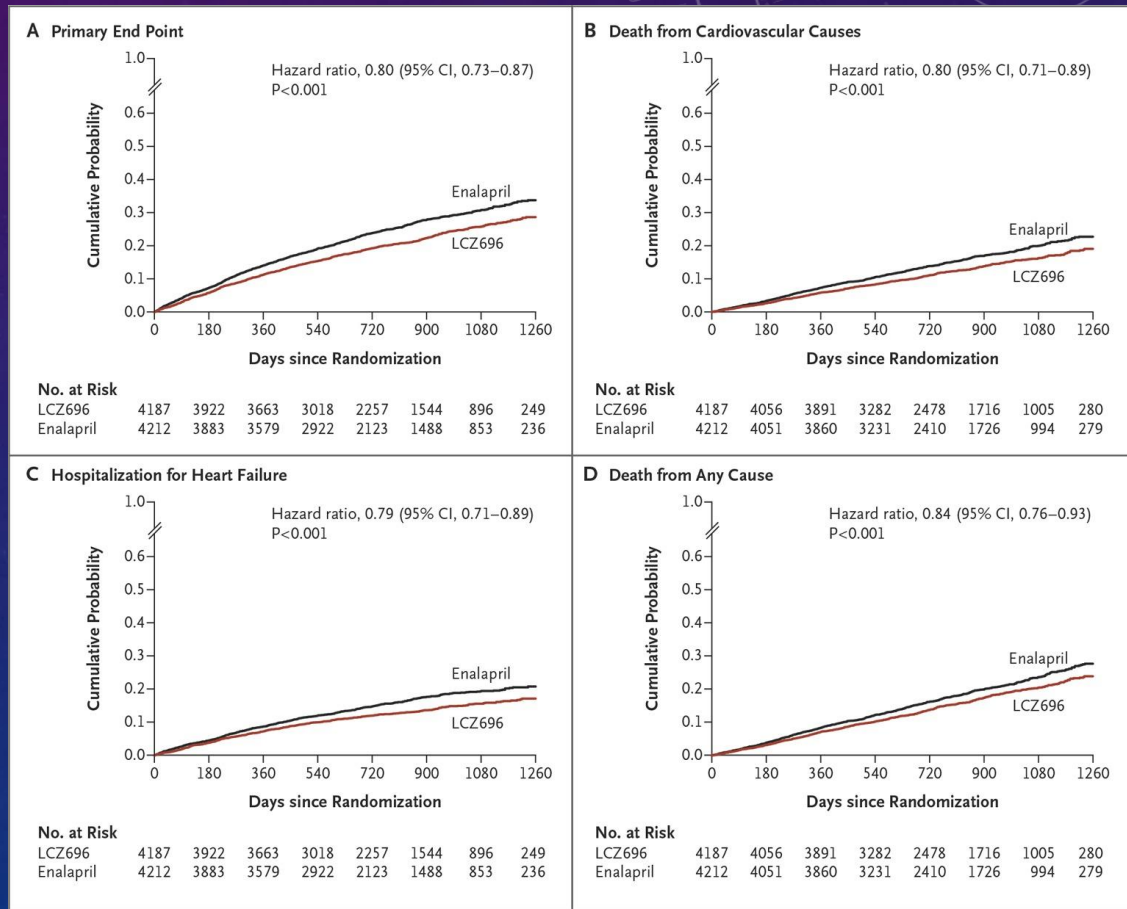
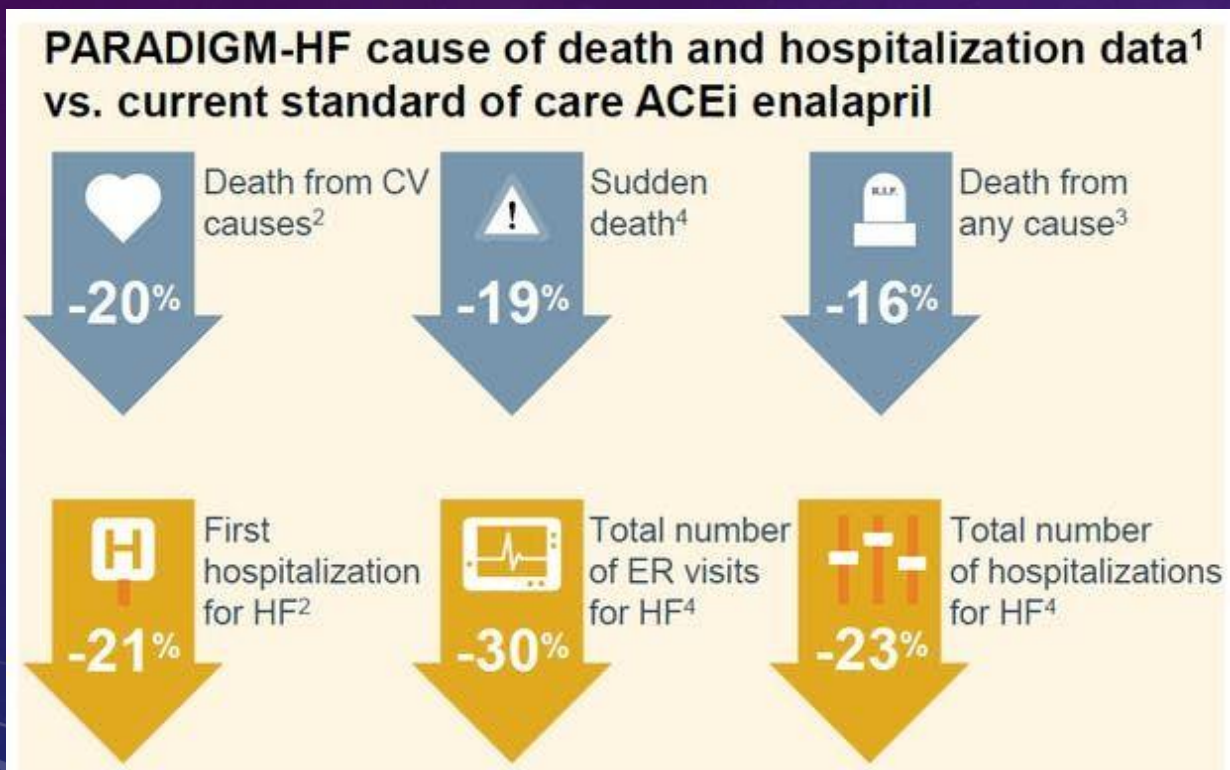
Nepilysin inhibitor (Sacubitril)

Angiotensin II Receptor Blocker (Valsartan)



PARADIGM-HF STUDY

Randomized 8442 pts with NYHA class II-IV HFrEF EF<40%
 Trial stopped early after recruiting 25% pts at median FU 27 mths

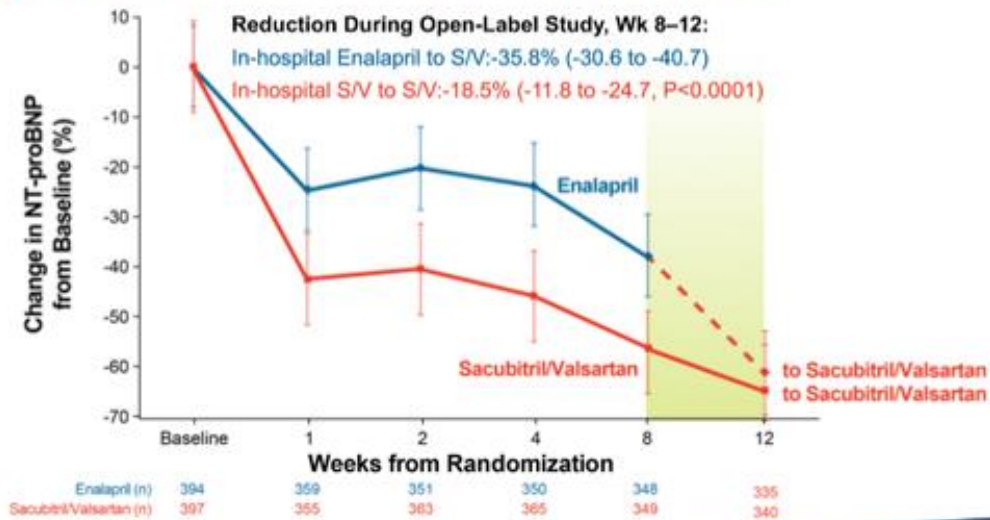


PIONEER-HF STUDY

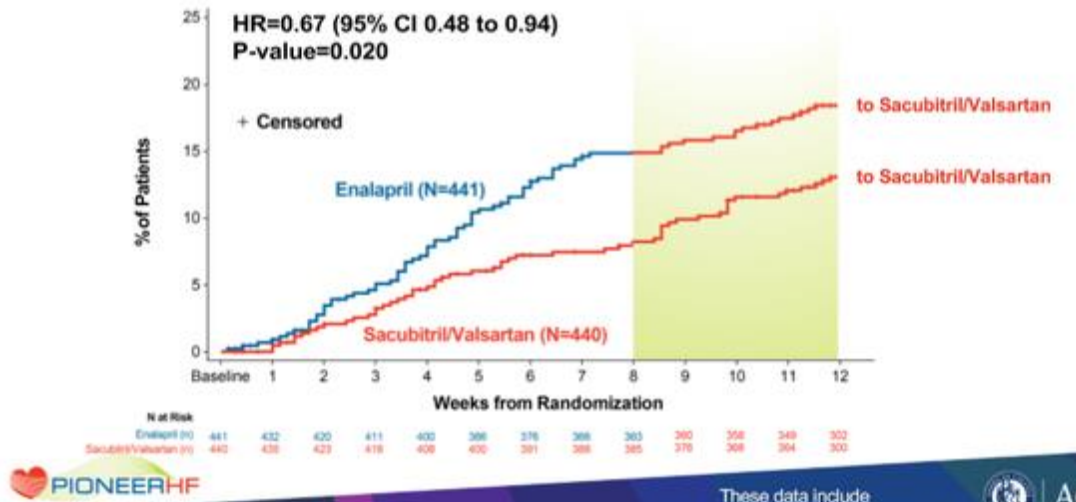
ANGIOTENSIN-NEPRILYSIN INHIBITION IN ACUTE DECOMPENSATED HEART FAILURE

NEJM 2019;380:539-48

Change from Baseline in NT-proBNP



Death, HF Hospitalization, or LVAD Implantation



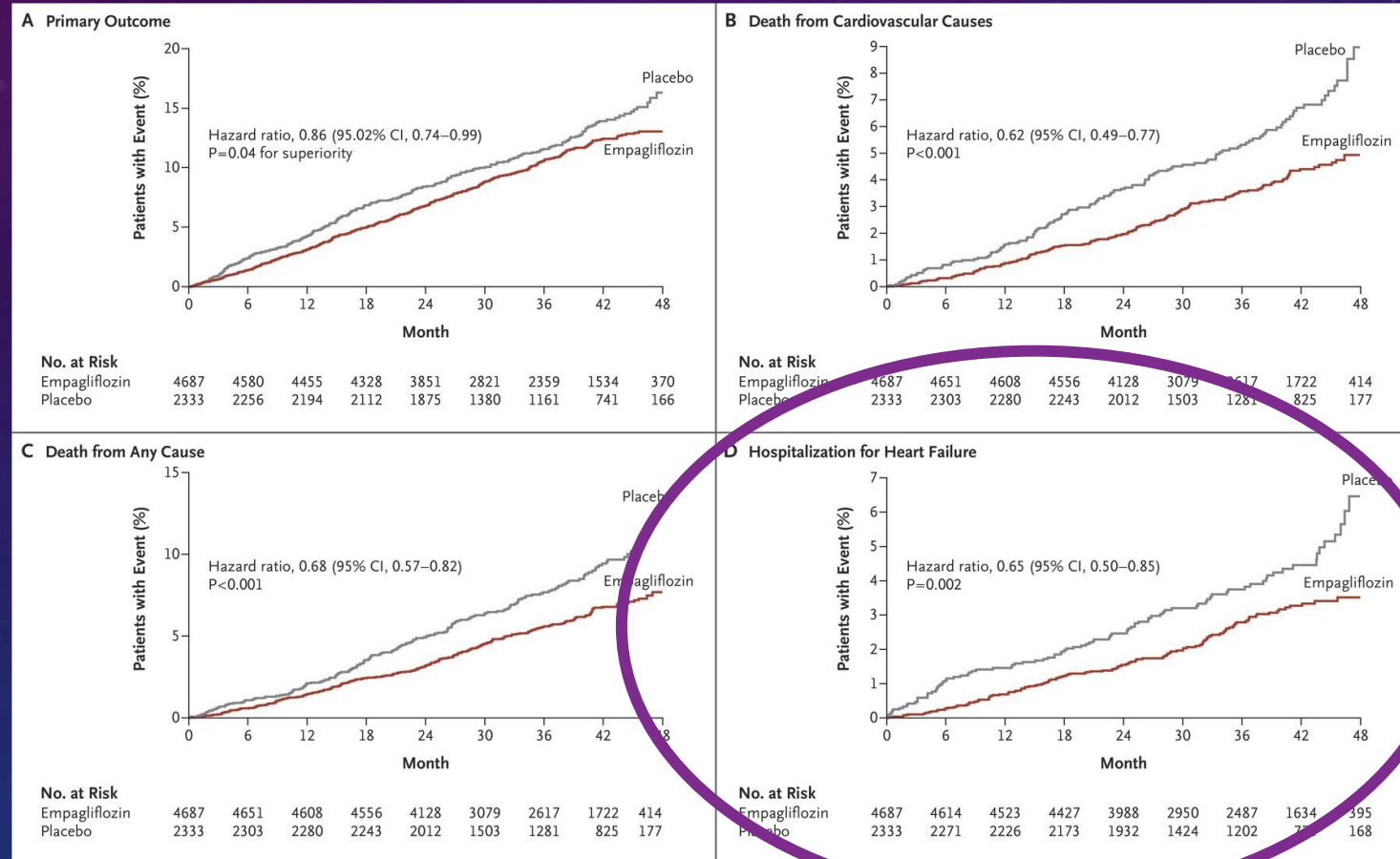
These data include adjudicated HF hospitalizations

SODIUM-GLUCOSE CO-TRANSPORTER 2 INHIBITORS (SGLT2i)

A SERENDIPITOUS STORY IN HEART FAILURE (1)

EMPA-REG OUTCOME trial

- Randomized double-blind placebo controlled trial
- 7020 pts with type 2 DM at high CV risk/ established ASCVD



35% RRR

FURTHER STUDIES CONFIRMING BENEFITS OF HHF OR CV DEATH

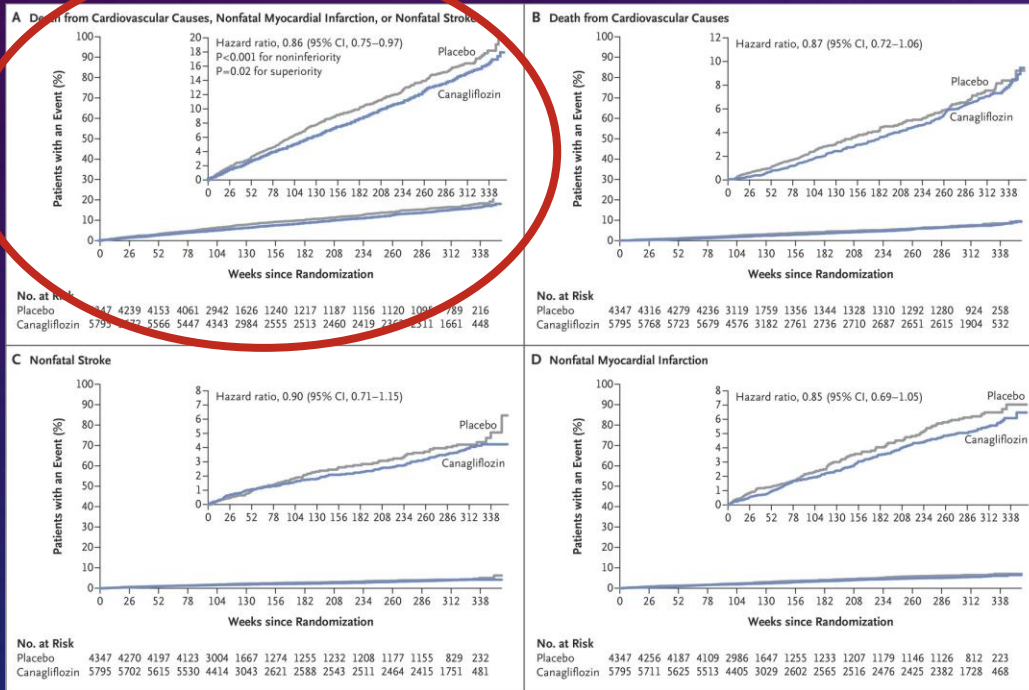
CANVAS Program

NEJM 2017;377:644-657

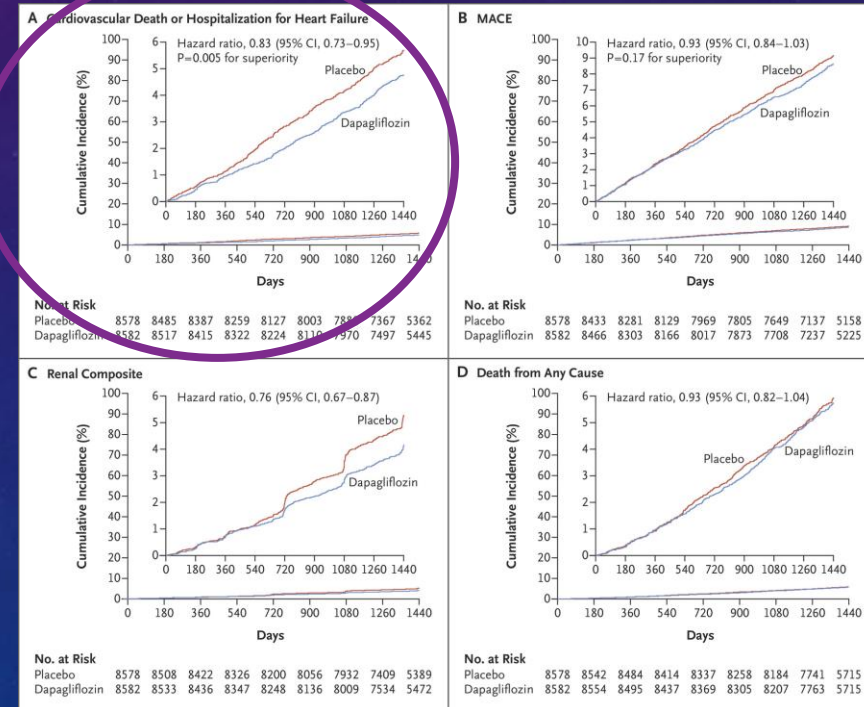
DECLARE-TIMI 58 Study

NEJM 2019;380:347-357

Non-inferiority



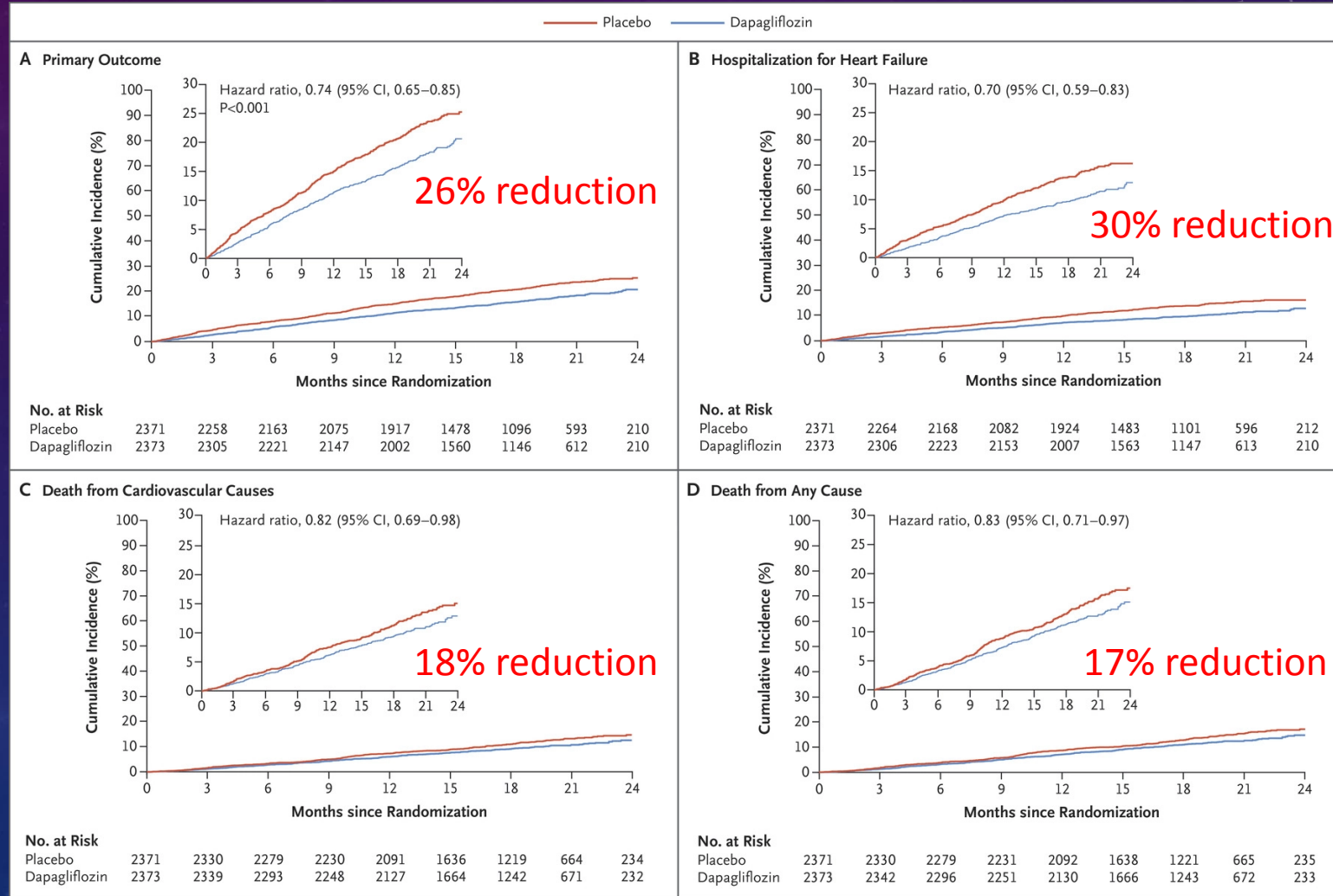
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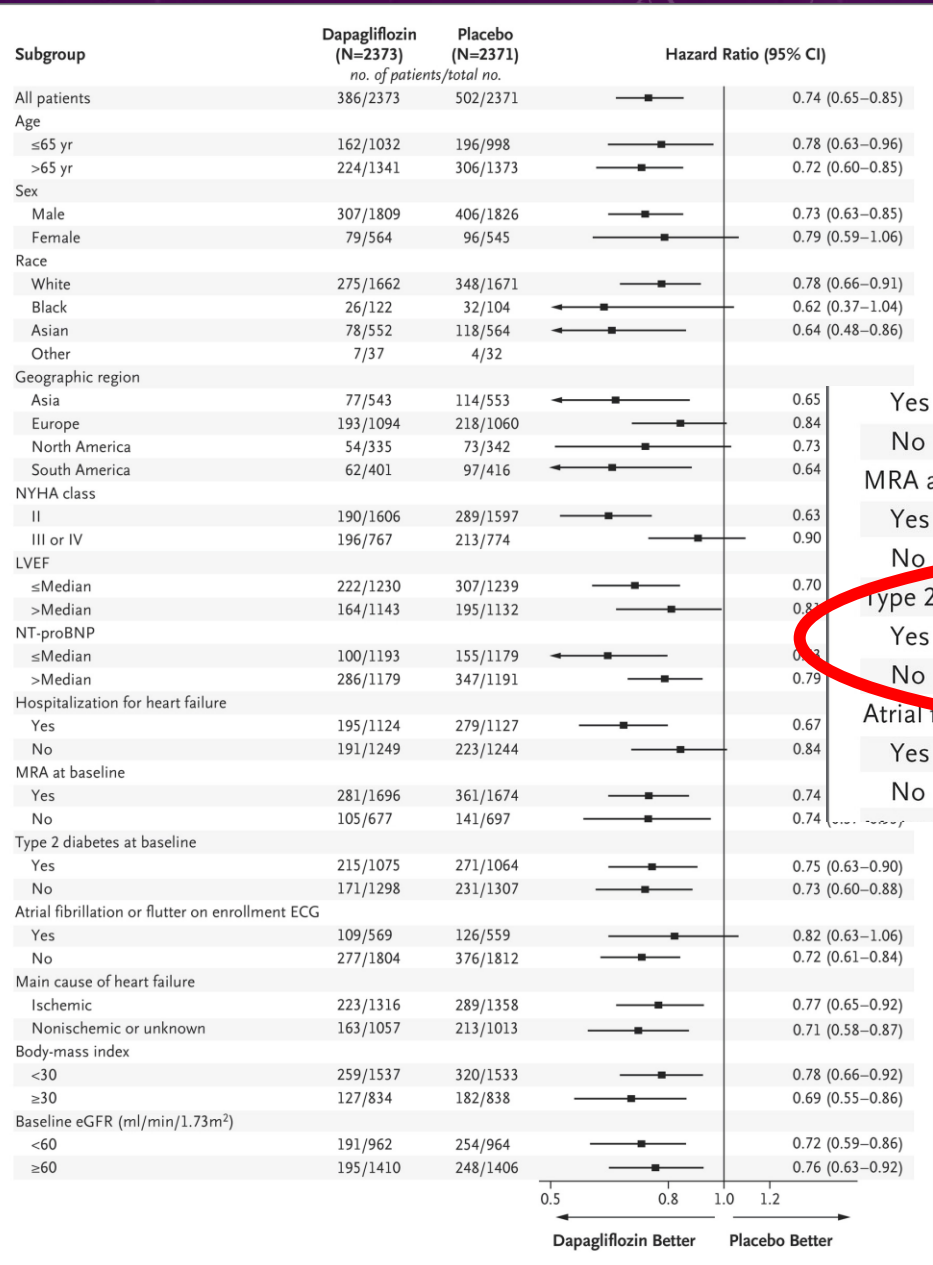


Dapagliflozin

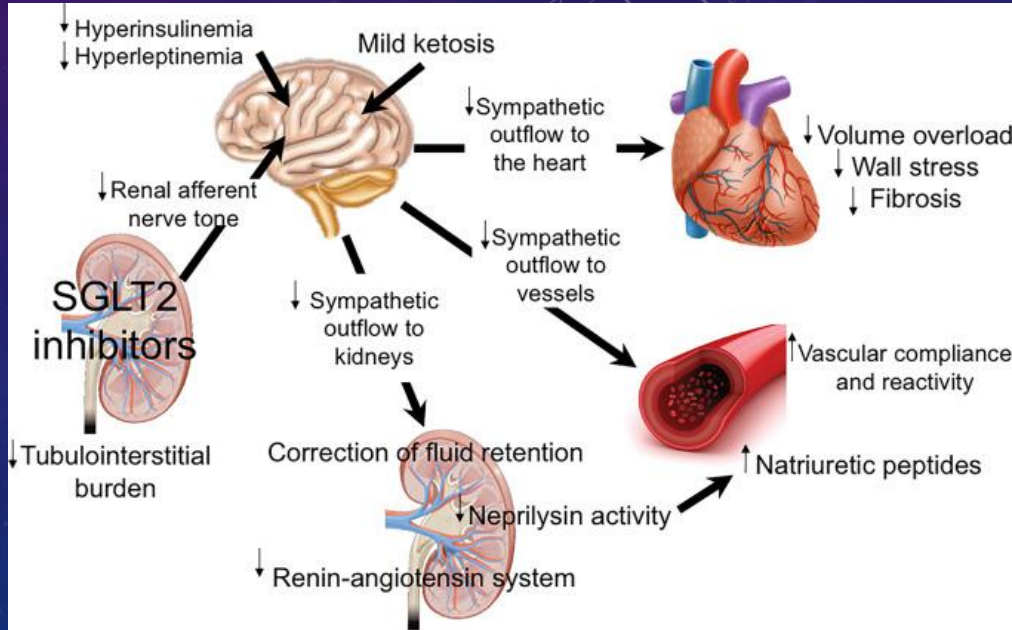
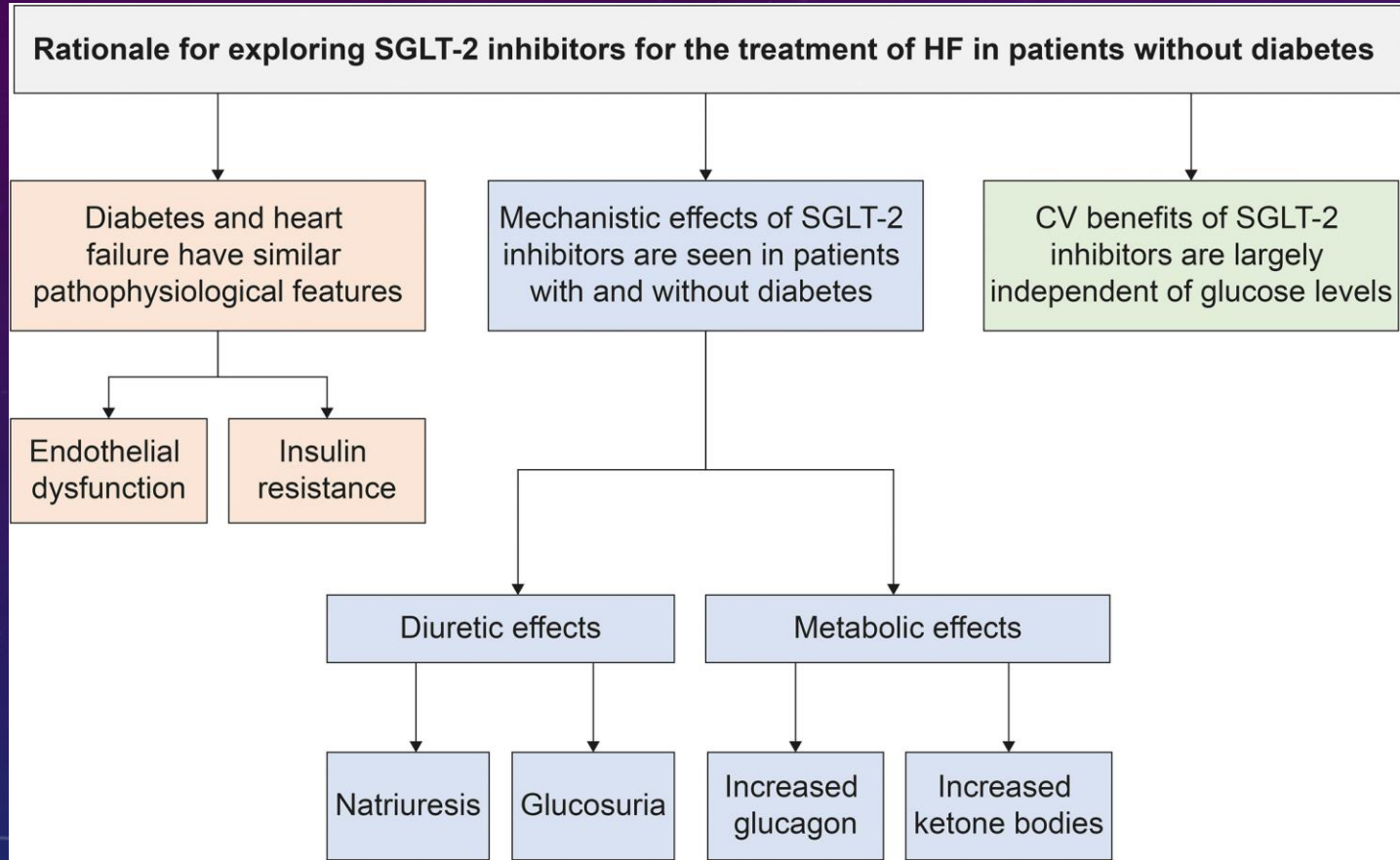
DAPAGLIFLOZIN IN PATIENTS WITH HEART FAILURE AND REDUCED EJECTION FRACTION

- Phase 3, placebo-controlled trial
- 4744 pts- NYHA class II-IV
- Dapagliflozin vs placebo in addition to recommended therapy
- **With or without DM**





Yes	195/1124	279/1127	0.67 (0.56–0.80)
No	191/1249	223/1244	0.84 (0.69–1.01)
MRA at baseline			
Yes	281/1696	361/1674	0.74 (0.63–0.87)
No	105/677	141/697	0.74 (0.57–0.95)
Type 2 diabetes at baseline			
Yes	215/1075	271/1064	0.75 (0.63–0.90)
No	171/1298	231/1307	0.73 (0.60–0.88)
Atrial fibrillation or flutter on enrollment ECG			
Yes	109/569	126/559	0.82 (0.63–1.06)
No	277/1804	376/1812	0.72 (0.61–0.84)



CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Stepwise Approach to Prescription of SGLT2 inhibitors by Cardiologists



Patients with T2DM with or at High Risk for CV Disease, Already on Metformin

Below Individualized HbA1c Target:
Switch non-metformin oral therapies (e.g. sulfonylureas) to a SGLT2i

Above Individualized HbA1c Target:
Consider SGLT2i initiation

Drug Type
Canagliflozin, dapagliflozin, & empagliflozin with similar efficacy profile in reducing HF events

Starting Dose (once daily in AM)

- Canagliflozin (100mg)
- Dapagliflozin (5mg)
- Empagliflozin (10mg)
- Ertugliflozin (5mg)

Metformin+SGLT2i Combination Therapies
Consider to limit non-adherence and pill burden

Stable Hemodynamic and Clinical Status

Pre-Initiation eGFR must be above:

- 60 mL/min/1.73 m² (dapagliflozin, ertugliflozin)
- 45 mL/min/1.73 m² (canagliflozin, empagliflozin)

Anticipatory Guidance
Consider diuretic dose reduction

Patient Counseling

- Genital/perineal hygiene
- Orthostatic hypotension
- Regular foot exams
- Symptoms of DKA
- Avoid excessive alcohol

Multidisciplinary Care
Close communication with other providers, including PCPs and endocrinologists

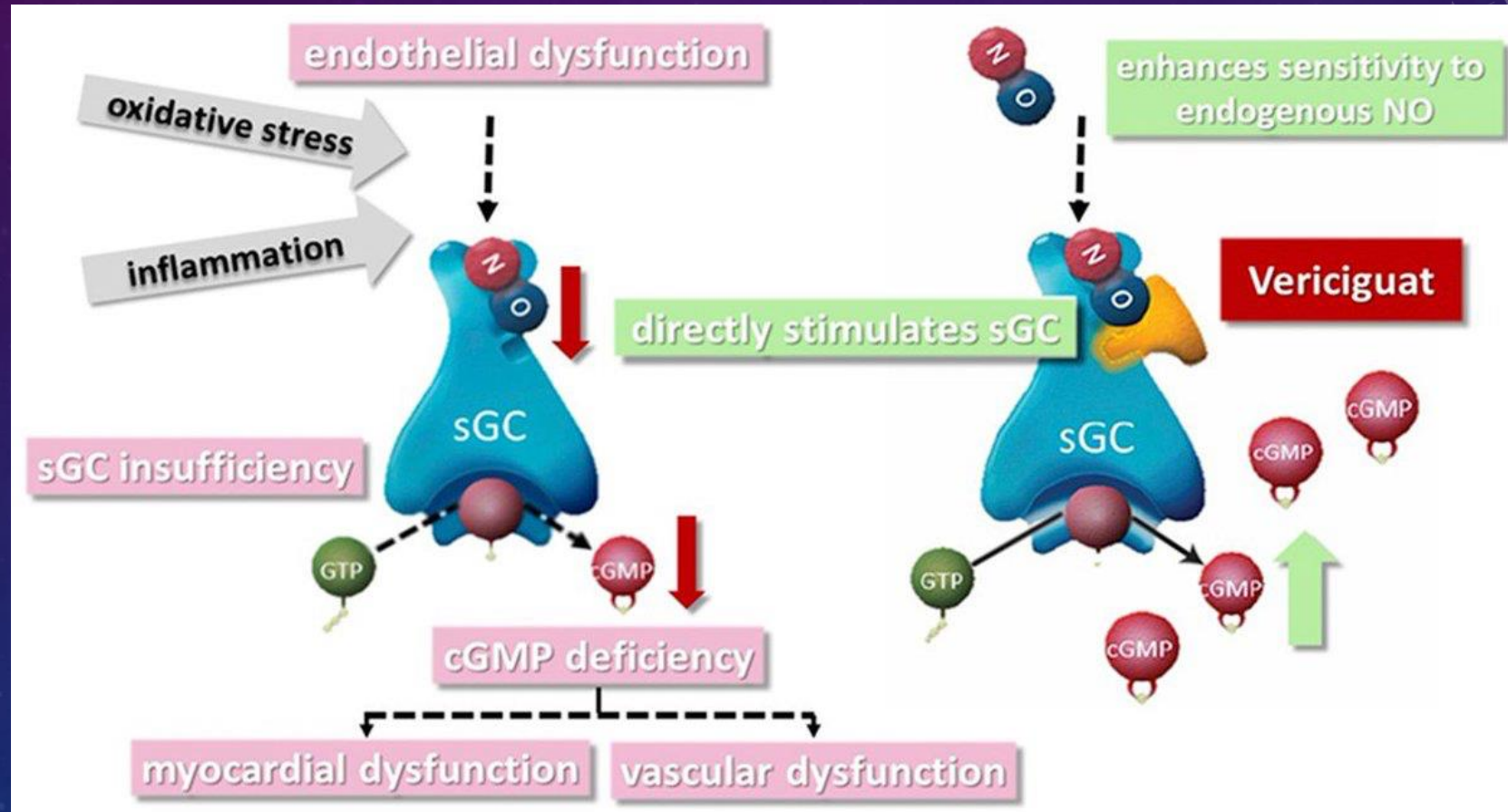
Long-Term Continuation

Follow-up and Monitoring

- Serial assessment of renal function, body weights, blood pressure, and symptoms
- Dose uptitration guided by need for glycemic control
- Ensure adherence to SGLT2i, other therapies, and therapeutic lifestyle
- Multidisciplinary care team follow-up

Vardeny, O. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol HF. 2019;7(2):169-72.

Soluble Guanylate Cyclase (sGC) STIMULATOR



THE VICTORIA TRIAL STUDY RATIONALE AND BACKGROUND

Worsening HF is common
despite GDMT

There is substantial risk of
death or hospitalization after
a worsening HF event

Vericiguat, a novel sGC
stimulator, is a potential new
therapy

The Victoria trial assessed the efficacy and
safety of vericiguat in patients with HFrEF after
a recent worsening event
(randomized, placebo-controlled, parallel group,
multi-center double-blind Phase 3 study)

VICTORIA

Primary endpoint of CV death or HF hospitalization

-10% RRR

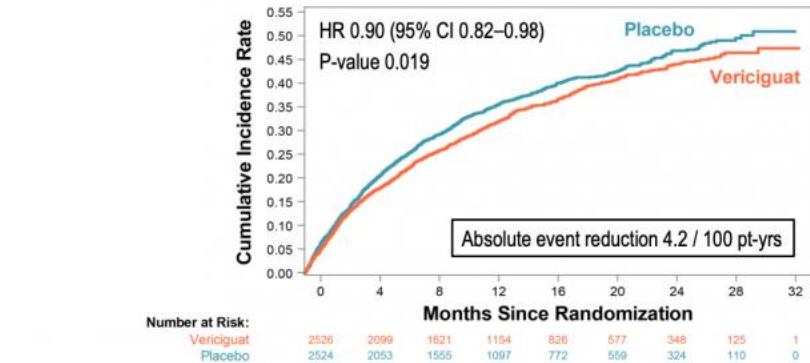
-4.2% ARR

Driven by reduction in HF hospitalization

Reduction in CV death did not reach statistical significance

“Another win in HFrEF treatment”
New physiologic target
New target population- worsening HF

Primary Composite Endpoint: CV Death or First HF Hospitalization

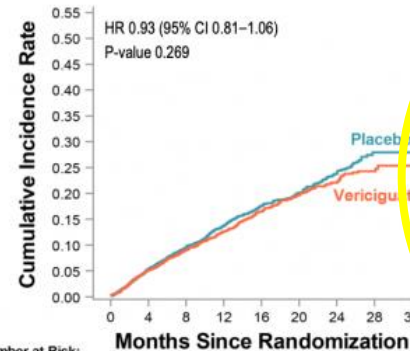


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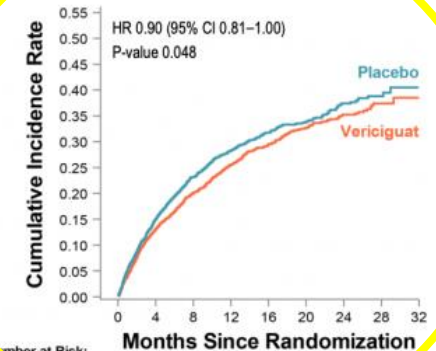
Cardiovascular Death



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HF Hospitalization



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VERICIGUAT SUCCESS IN HF_rEF MAY NOT APPLY TO SICKEST AFTERALL: VICTORIA POST-HOC ANALYSIS

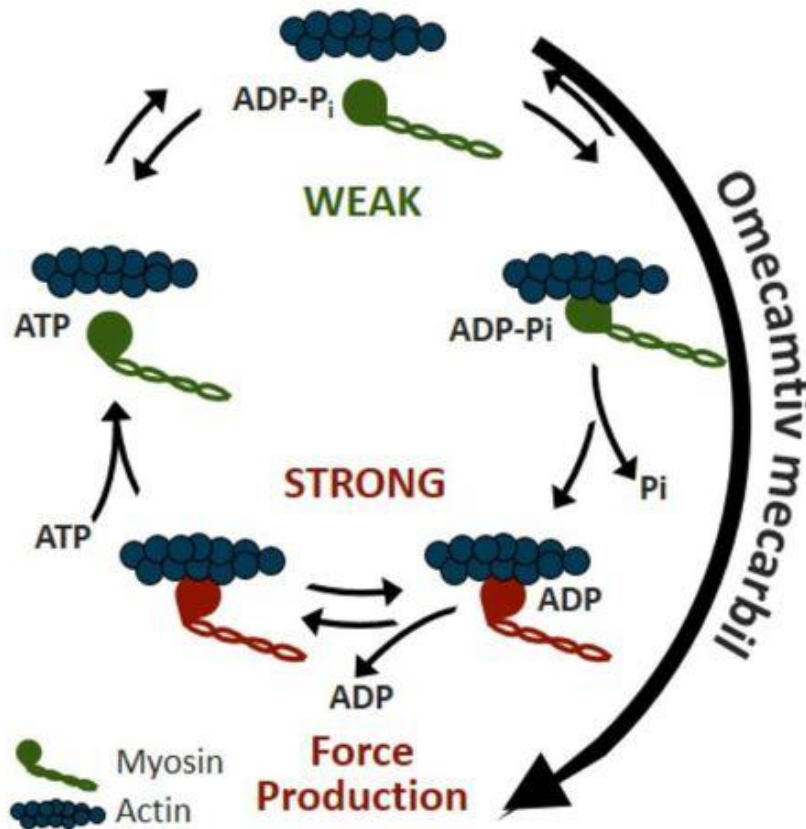
- Modest but significant clinical advantage in the 86% who had baseline NTproBNP levels 8000 pg/ml or lower
- Further amplified in pts with NTproBNP <4000 pg/ml
- Risk reduction in lowest NTproBNP reached **23%**
- **[DAPA HF 26% reduction; PARADIGM-HF 20% reduction]**
- **“demonstrated the potential upper limit of medication benefit in HF_rEF population- subgroup identified the most advanced stage of disease and probably need for non-pharmacological treatment or palliative care”**

HR (95% CI) for outcomes by baseline NT-proBNP in Victoria

Endpoints	<4000 pg/ml (n=3100)	>4000 to 8000 pg/ml (n=1033)	>8000 pg/ml (n=672)
Primary endpoint	0.77 (0.68-0.88)	0.85 (0.76-0.95)	1.16 (0.94-1.41)
CV death	0.75 (0.6-0.94)	0.84 (0.71-0.99)	1.32 (1.01-1.71)
HF hospitalization	0.78 (0.67=0.9)	0.84 (0.75-0.95)	1.16 (0.94-1.41)

Omecamtiv Mecarbil (OM) MOA Novel Selective Cardiac Myosin Activator

Mechanochemical Cycle of Myosin



Omecamtiv mecarbii increases the entry rate of myosin into the tightly bound, force-producing state with actin
“More hands pulling on the rope”

Increases duration of systole

Increases stroke volume

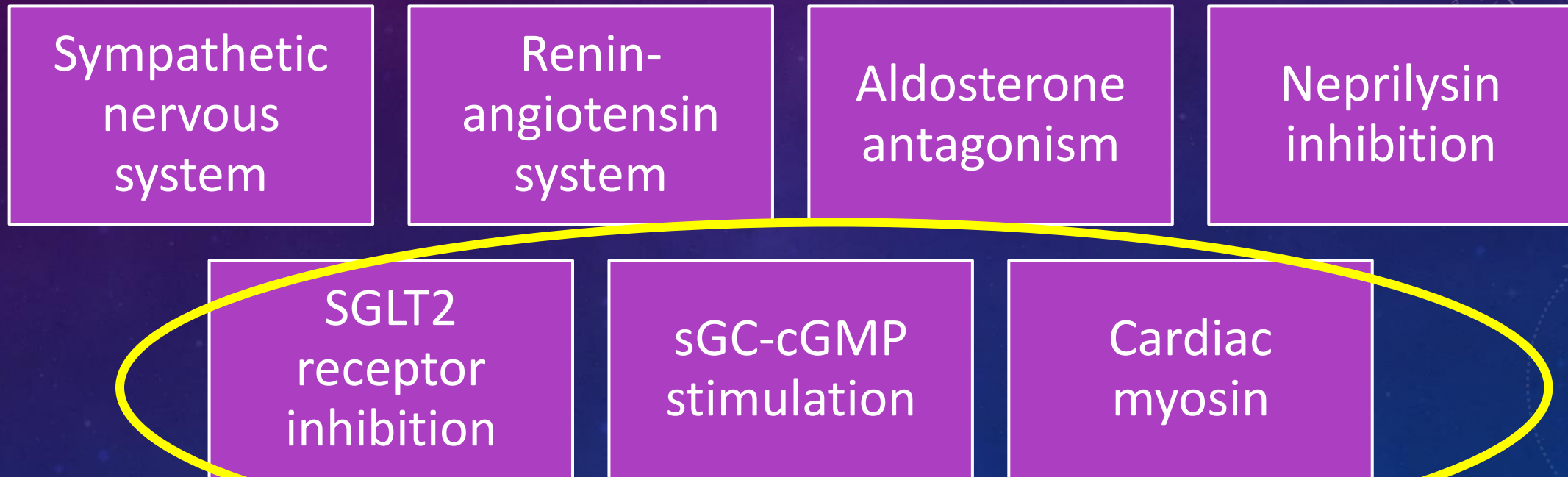
No increase in myocyte calcium

No change in dP/dt_{max}

No increase in MVO_2

MANAGEMENT OF HFrEF IS BREAKING NEW GROUNDS

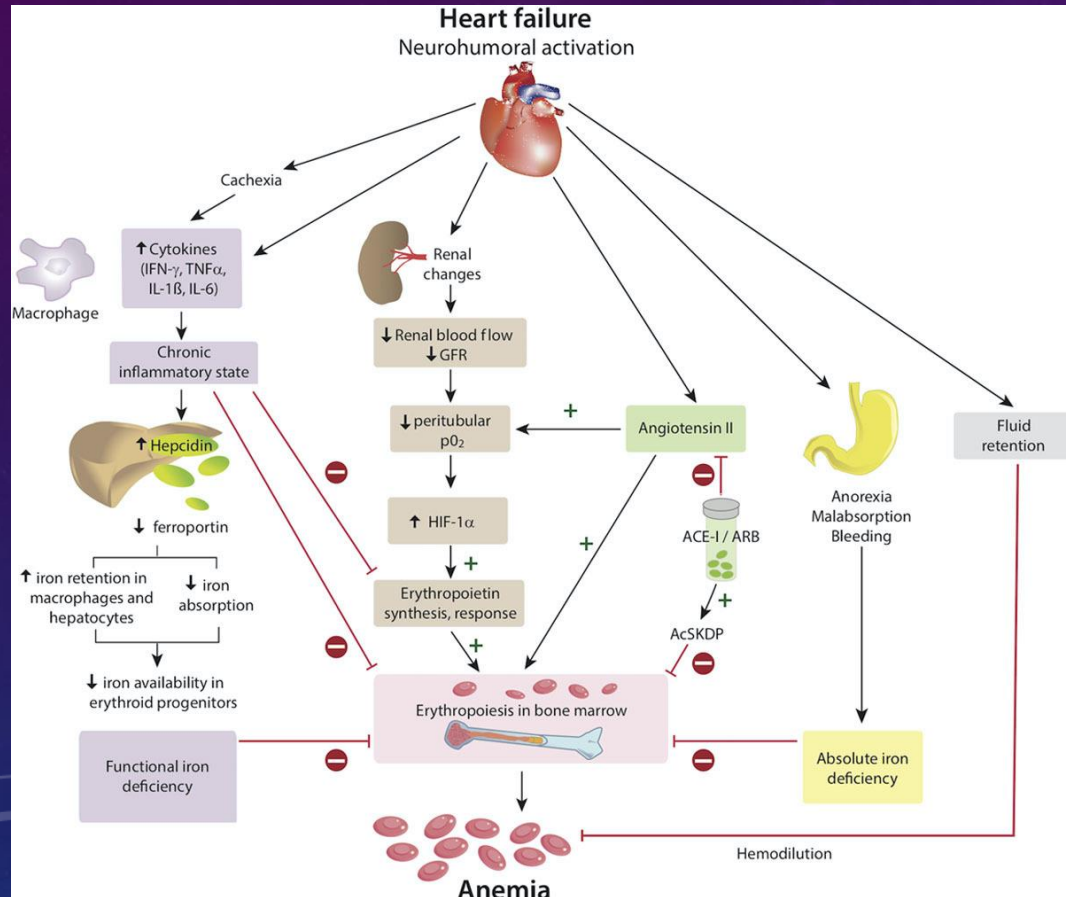
7 PARALLEL INDEPENDENT PATHWAYS IN HFrEF



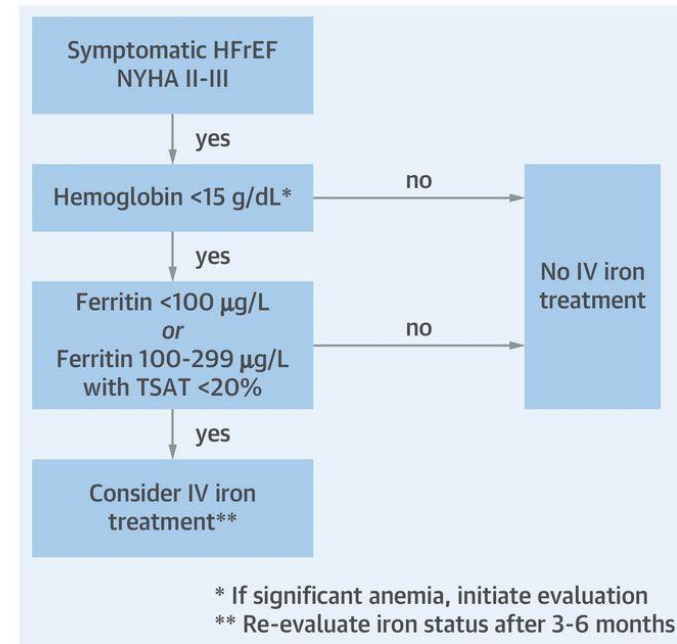
IRON DEFICIENCY IN HEART FAILURE

- Iron deficiency (ID) is common in patients with and without anemia with HFrEF
 - Estimated prevalence of over 50% in ambulatory patients
 - Risk factors: female sex, advanced HF, higher levels of NTproBNP and C reactive protein
- Associated with worse symptoms, quality of life and clinical outcomes of patients with HF across the whole spectrum of LVEF
- Definition of ID in heart failure differs from other conditions of chronic inflammation:
 - Ferritin <100 ug/L or ferritin of 100-299 ug/L with a transferrin saturation <20%
- Tremendous research effort into iron deficiency in HF patients:
 - Multiple placebo-controlled randomized clinical trials with IV iron in patients with NYHA class II-III HF with EF<45% who met criteria for iron deficiency, **regardless of whether anemia was present**
 - Improved patient-reported outcomes and functional capacity

POTENTIAL MECHANISM INVOLVED IN PATHOGENESIS & DIAGNOSTIC ALGORITHM OF ANEMIA IN HEART FAILURE



CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Diagnostic Algorithm for Treatment of Iron Deficiency in Patients With HF According to ESC Guidelines and Expert Consensus Recommendations



von Haehling, S. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol HF. 2019;7(1):36-46.

TREATMENT OF IRON DEFICIENCY IN HF GUIDELINES

INTRAVENOUS IRON IS PREFERRED ROUTE

ESC 2016 Guidelines for diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure


2017 ACC/AHA HFSa focused update of 2013 ACCF/AHA guideline for management of heart failure

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The treatment for other co-morbidities in patients with heart failure

Recommendations	Class	Level
Iron deficiency Intravenous FCM should be considered in symptomatic patients with HFrEF and iron deficiency (serum ferritin <100 µg/L, or ferritin between 100–299 µg/L and transferrin saturation <20%) in order to alleviate HF symptoms, and improve exercise capacity and quality of life.	IIa	A
Diabetes Metformin should be considered as first-line treatment of glycaemic control in patients with diabetes and HF, unless contra-indicated.	IIa	C

www.escardio.org/guidelines European Heart Journal (2016) 37, 2129-2200 - doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehw 128



9.2. Anemia: Recommendations

Recommendations for Anemia

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS	COMMENT/RATIONALE
IIb <small>See Online Data Supplement D.</small>	B-R	In patients with NYHA class II and III HF and iron deficiency (ferritin <100 ng/mL or 100 to 300 ng/mL if transferrin saturation is <20%), intravenous iron replacement might be reasonable to improve functional status and QoL (173,174).	NEW: New evidence consistent with therapeutic benefit.

III: No Benefit <small>See Online Data Supplement D.</small>	B-R	In patients with HF and anemia, erythropoietin-stimulating agents should not be used to improve morbidity and mortality (176).	NEW: Current recommendation reflects new evidence demonstrating absence of therapeutic benefit.
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1. IV iron sucrose (max dose 200mg per setting or
2. Ferric carboxymaltose (max dose 1000 mg /week)

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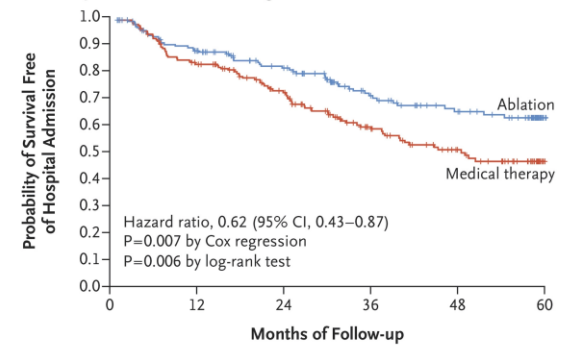
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Catheter Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation with Heart Failure

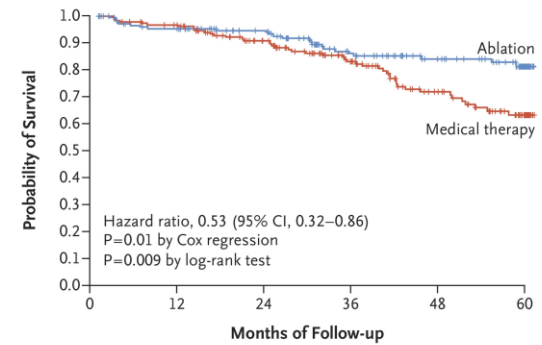
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A Death or Hospitalization for Worsening Heart Failure



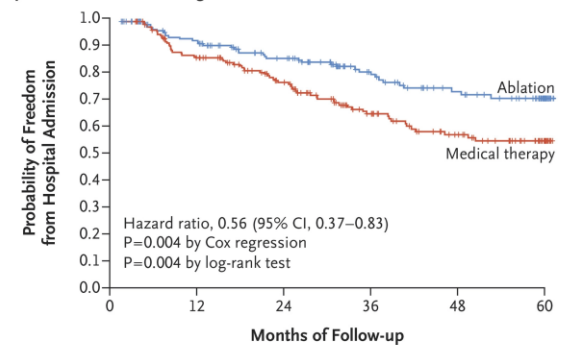
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Ablation	179	141	114	76	58	22
Medical therapy	184	145	111	70	48	12

B Death from Any Cause



No. at Risk	0	12	24	36	48	60
Ablation	179	154	130	94	71	27
Medical therapy	184	168	138	97	63	19

C Hospitalization for Worsening Heart Failure

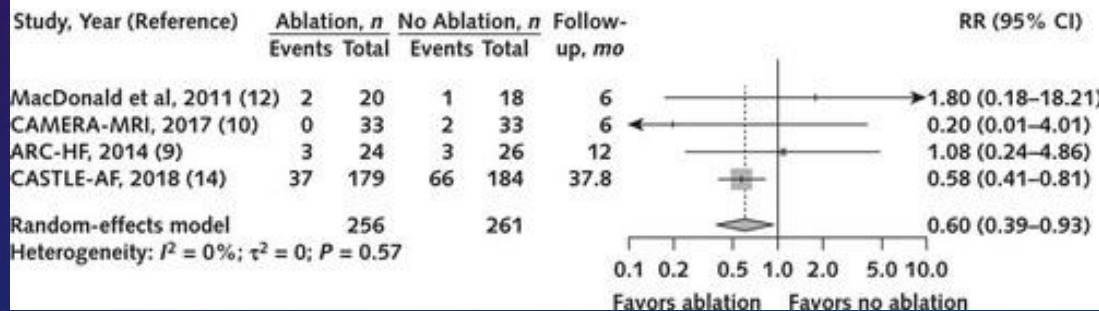
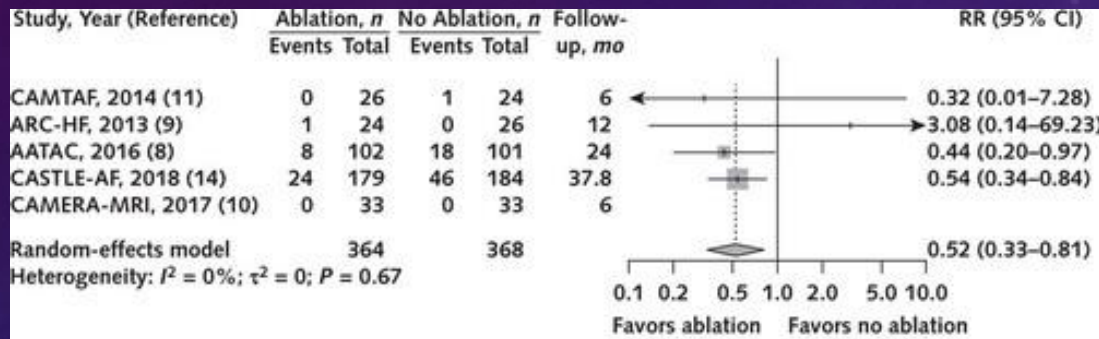


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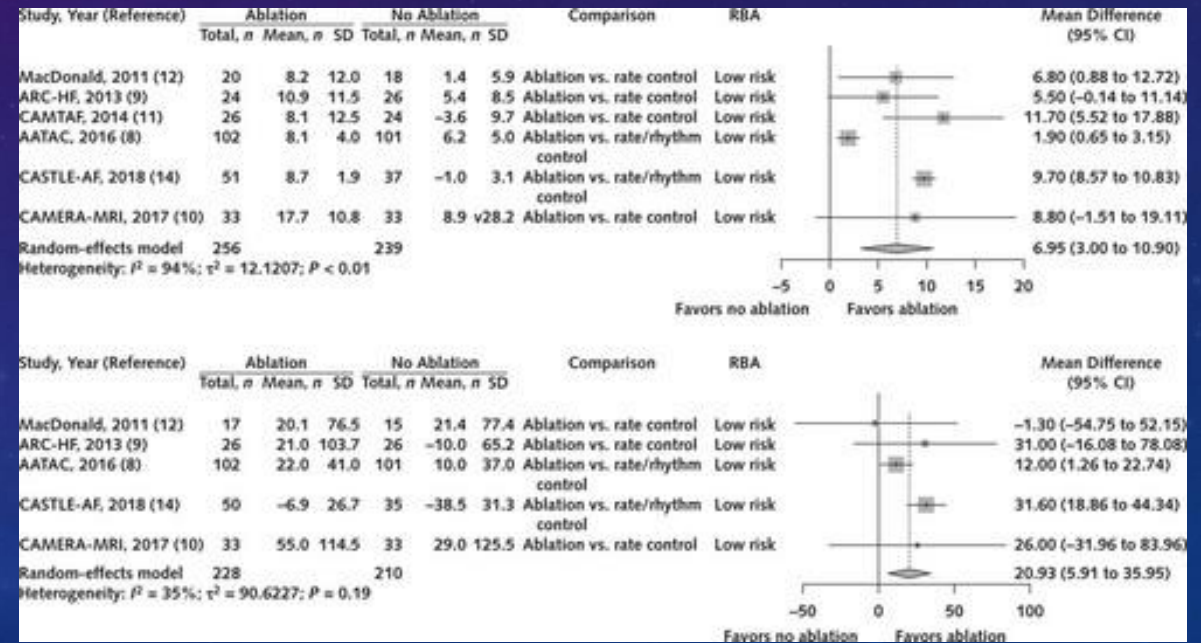
CATHETER ABLATION OF AF IN PATIENTS WITH HEART FAILURE

TURAGAM ET AL. ANNALS OF INTERNAL MEDICINE 2019; 170(1): 41-50

Decrease in All cause mortality and HF hospitalization



Improvement in LVEF and 6 minute walk test



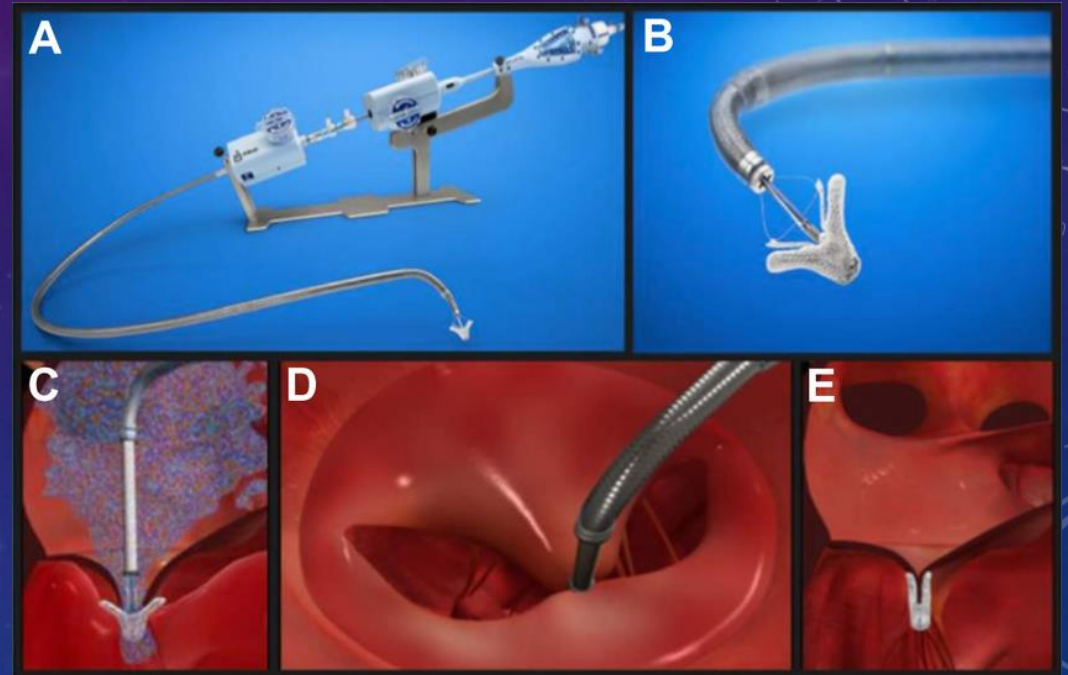


IN 2018, THE WORLD OF FUNCTIONAL MITRAL
REGURGITATION CHANGED WITH THE PRESENTATION
OF 2 TRIALS- ***MITRA-FR*** VS ***COAPT***

PERCUTANEOUS MITRAL REPAIR

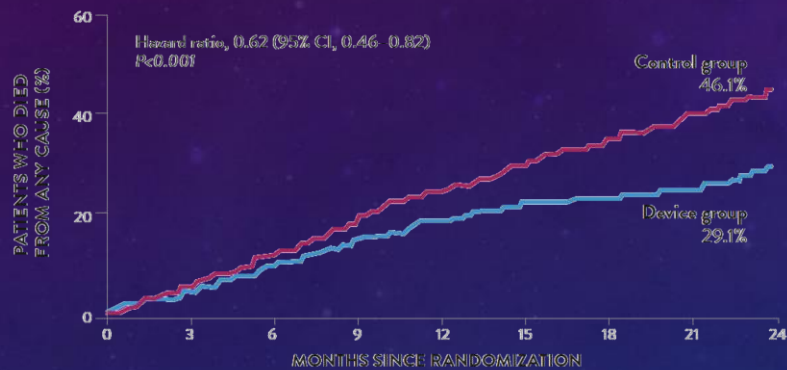
MitraClip

- Transcatheter mitral valve repair may be considered for severely symptomatic patients (**NYHA class III to IV**) with chronic severe **primary MR** (stage D) who have favorable anatomy for the repair procedure and a reasonable life expectancy but who have a **prohibitive surgical risk** because of severe comorbidities and remain severely symptomatic despite optimal GDMT for HF (IIB)

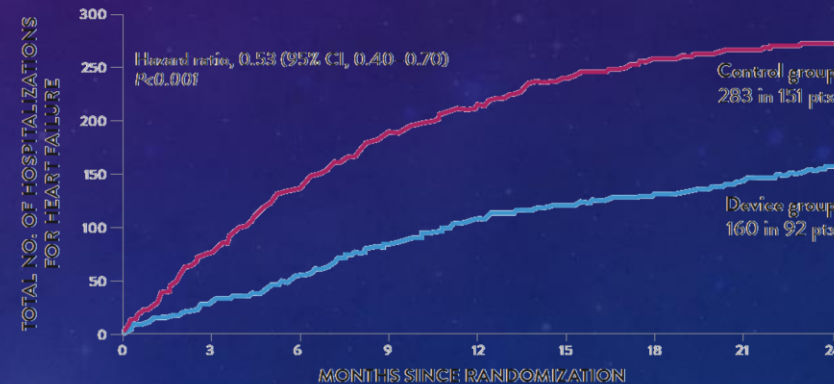




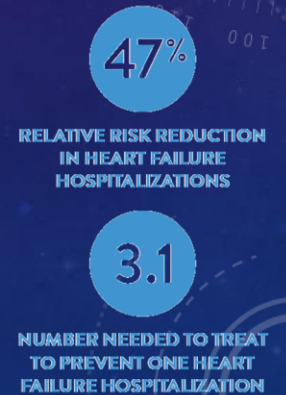
- 614 patients in US and Canada
 - MR 3 or 4+ (EROA > 30, RV vol >45 ml)
 - LVEF 20%-50% and LVESD <70mm
 - Symptomatic after optimal HF treatment
 - HF hospitalization within 12 mths and/or BNP >300pg/ml or NTproBNP >1500pg/ml
- Randomized 1:1 MitraClip +GDMT vs GDMT alone
Stricter exclusion criteria



All cause mortality



Hospitalization for Heart Failure



* Additionally, all 10 secondary endpoints met statistical significance
In favor of MitraClip with GDMT over GDMT alone.

N Engl J Med 2018;379:2307- 2318



- 304 patients in France
- Inclusion:
 - EF 15-40%
 - No LVESD criteria
 - RV vol >30ml or EROA >20mm² (actual mean EROA was 31)
 - Minimum of 1 hospitalization for HF within 12 mths preceding randomization
- Primary outcome: all cause mortality + HF hospitalization at 12 months

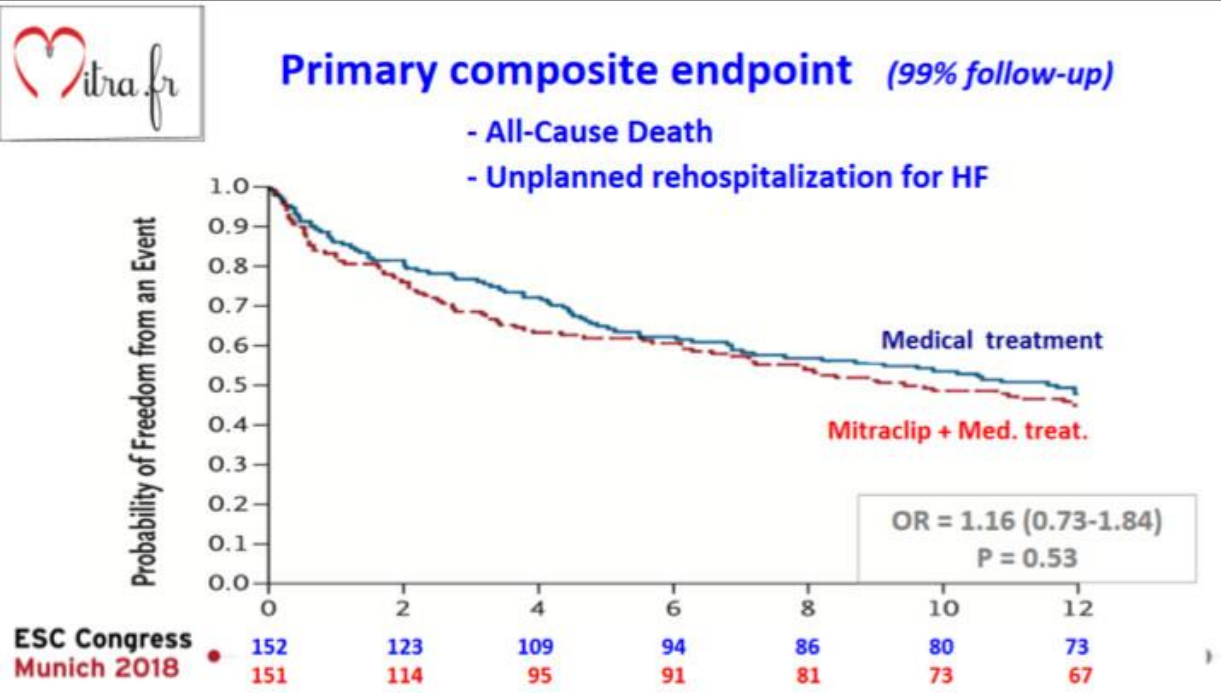


Table 3. Primary Outcome and Secondary Efficacy Outcomes at 12 Months (Intention-to-Treat Population).

Outcome	Intervention Group (N=152)	Control Group (N=152)	Hazard Ratio or Odds Ratio (95% CI)*	P Value†
Composite primary outcome: death from any cause or unplanned hospitalization for heart failure at 12 months — no. (%)	83 (54.6)	78 (51.3)	1.16 (0.73–1.84)	0.53
Secondary outcomes‡				
Death from any cause	37 (24.3)	34 (22.4)	1.11 (0.69–1.77)	
Cardiovascular death	33 (21.7)	31 (20.4)	1.09 (0.67–1.78)	
Unplanned hospitalization for heart failure	74 (48.7)	72 (47.4)	1.13 (0.81–1.56)	
Major adverse cardiovascular events§	86 (56.6)	78 (51.3)	1.22 (0.89–1.66)	

* Hazard ratios were calculated with the use of stratified Cox proportional-hazards models. The primary outcome was calculated with the use of a logistic-regression model and corresponds to an odds ratio. The 95% confidence intervals were not corrected for multiple testing; therefore, these intervals should not be used to infer definitive treatment effects.

† No P values other than that for the primary outcome are reported because no adjustment was made for multiple testing.

‡ The rates of the components of the composite primary outcome do not total the rates of the composite because patients could have more than one event.

§ This category is a composite of death, stroke, myocardial infarction, or unplanned hospitalization for heart failure.

WHY ARE THE COAPT RESULTS SO DIFFERENT FROM MITRA-FR?

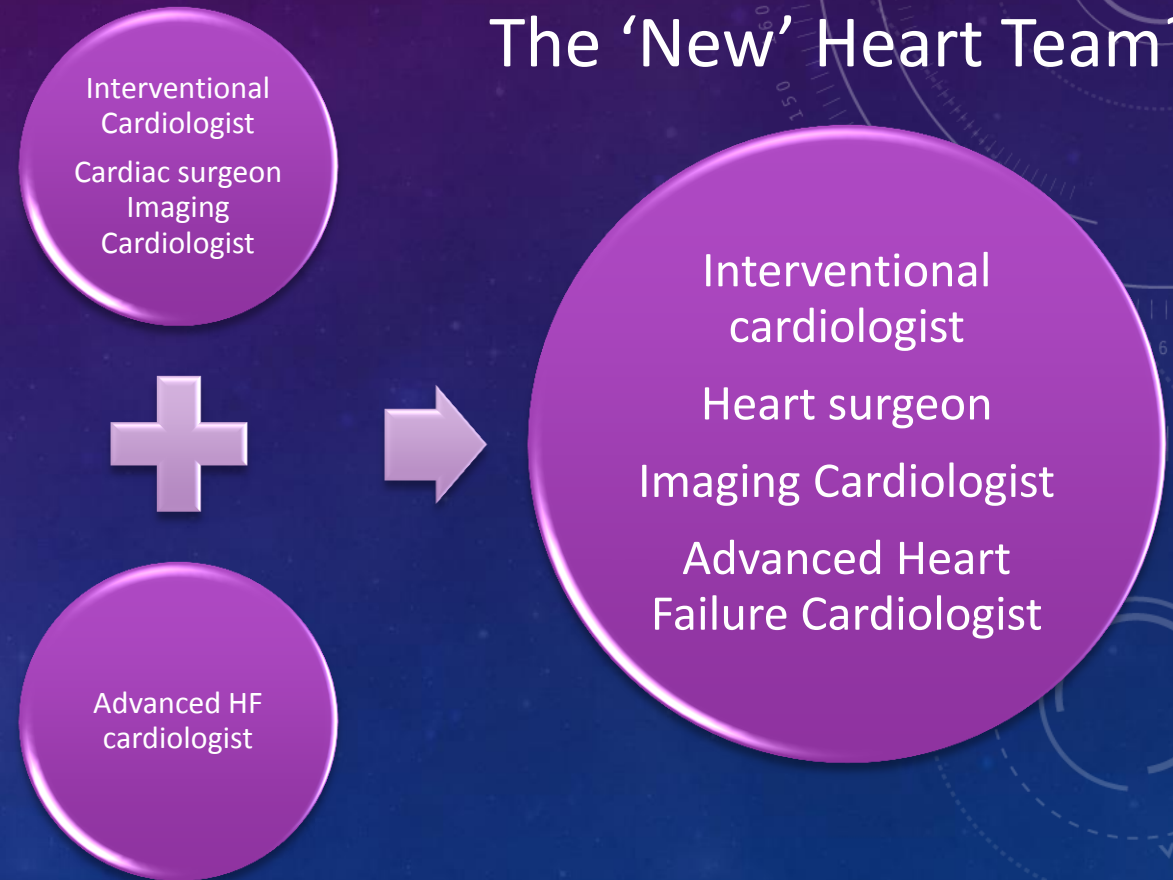
POSSIBLE REASONS

	MITRA-FR (n=304)	COAPT (n=614)
Severe MR entry criteria	Severe FMR by EU guidelines: EROA >20mm ² or RV >30ml/beat	Severe FMR by US guidelines: EROA >30mm ² or RV >45ml/beat
EROA	31±10 mm ²	41±15mm ²
LVEDV	135 ±35 ml/m ²	101 ±34 ml/m ²
GDMT at baseline and FU	Receiving HF meds at baseline- Allowed variable adjustment in each group during FU per “real world” practice	CEC confirmed pts were failing maximally tolerated GDMT at baseline- few major changes during follow-up
Acute results : No clip/ >3+ MR	9%/ 9%	5%/ 5%
Procedural complications	14.6%	8.5%
12 month MitraClip >3+ MR	17%	5%

FUNCTIONAL MR BEFORE AND AFTER COAPT

Before	After
MR is a risk marker	MR is a risk factor
MR= Color jet area	MR= EROA
Hugh LV volume is bad	Hugh LV volume is really bad
ACC/AHA IIB indication for surgery	ACC/AHA IIA indication for MitraClip?

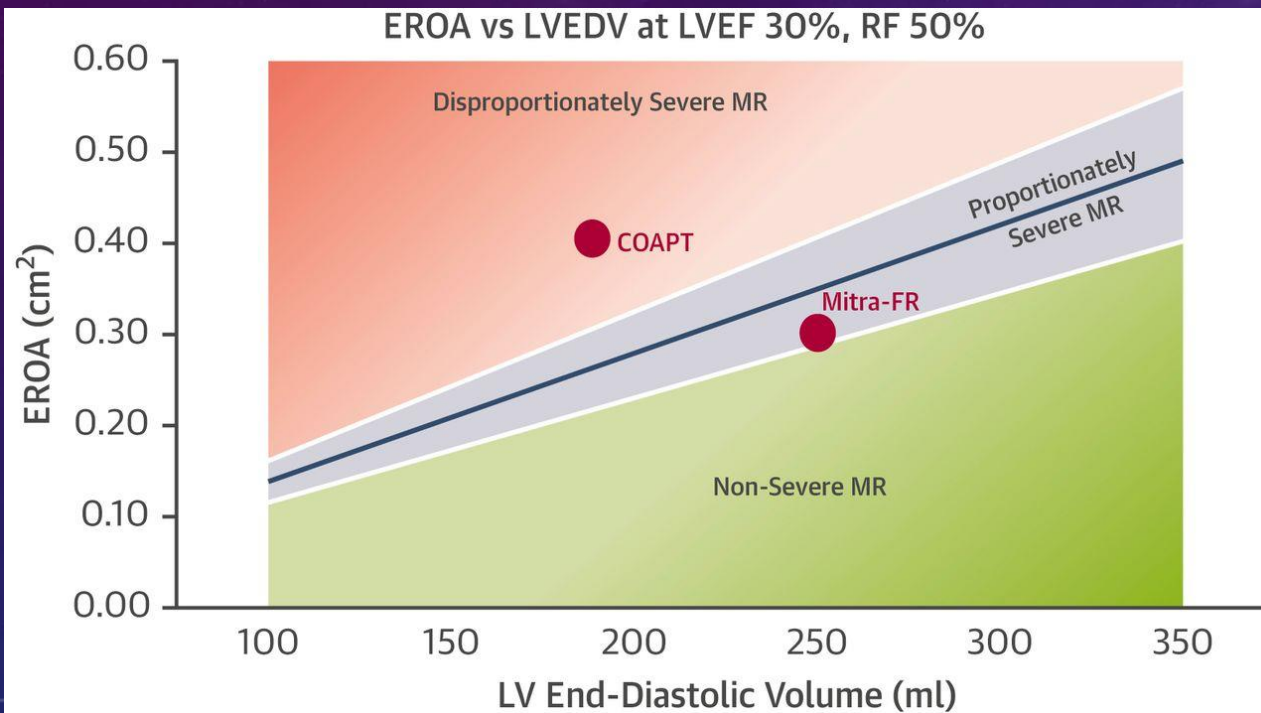
The 'New' Heart Team?



Patient selection, medical treatment and procedural timing
is key for success

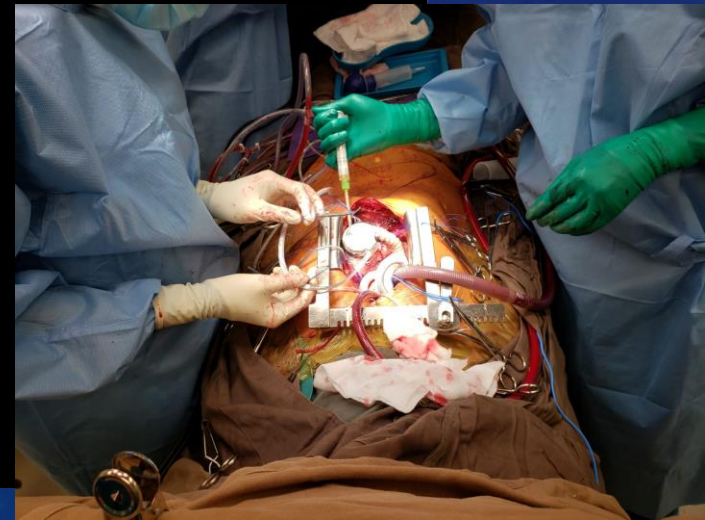
Proportionate and Disproportionate Functional Mitral Regurgitation

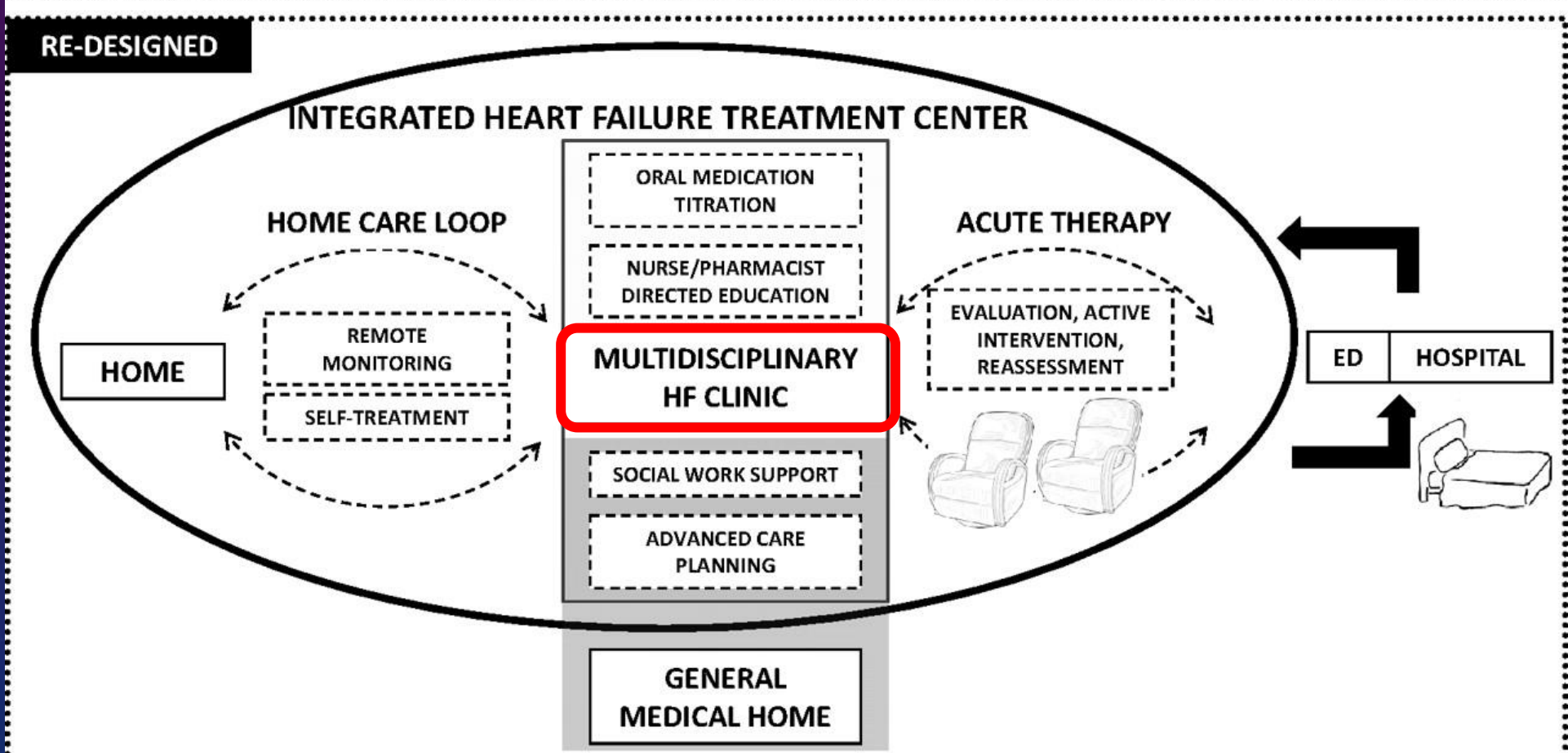
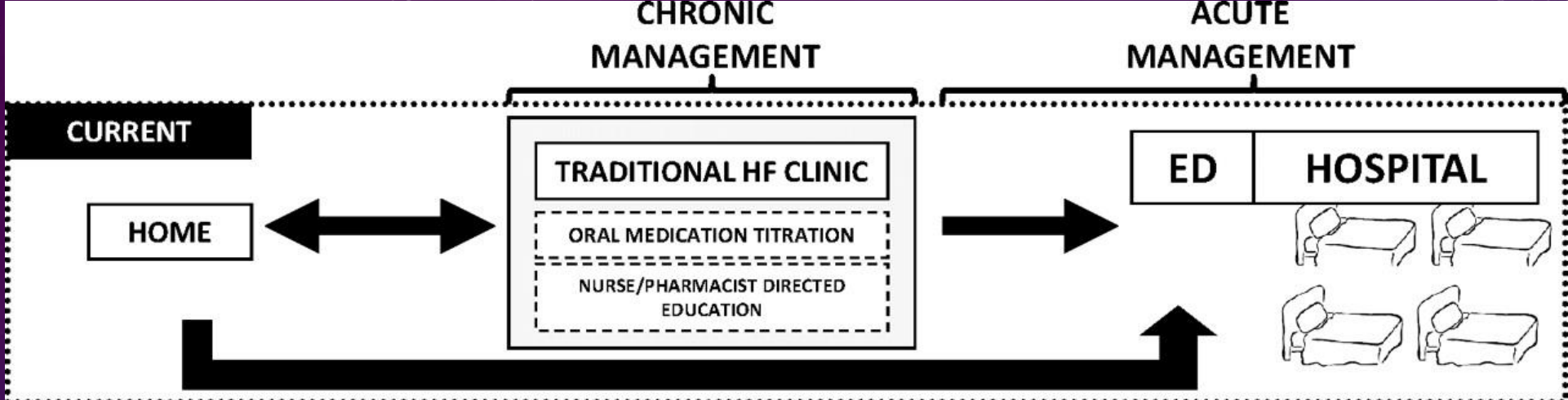
A New Conceptual Framework That Reconciles the Results of the MITRA-FR and COAPT Trials



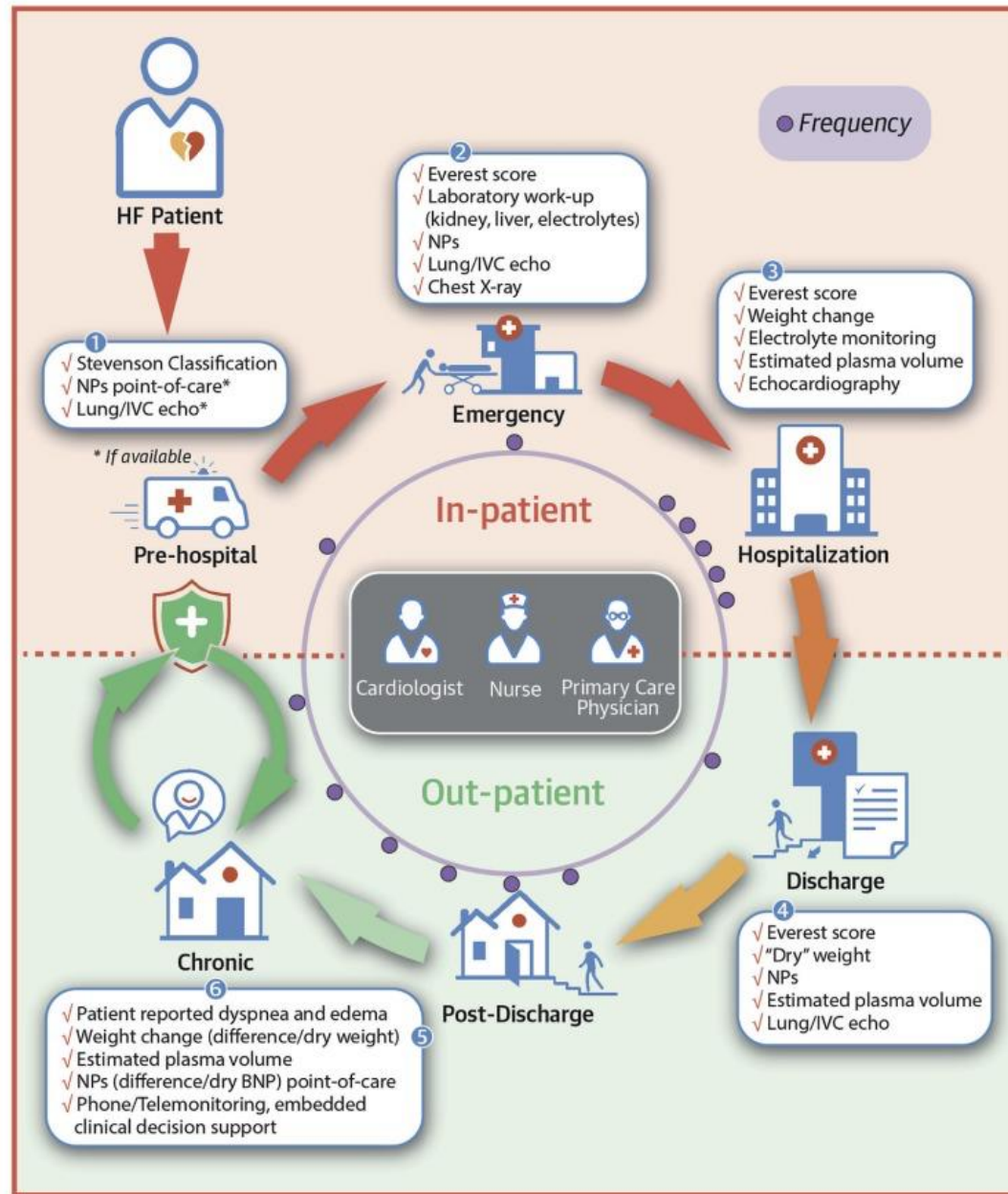
- Novel paradigm/ theory provides a strong pathophysiological basis for selecting patients for specialized interventions and explains the apparently discordant findings from randomized trials
- Concept:
- Characterization of MR as proportionate or disproportionate to LVEDV appears to be critical to the selection of an optimal treatment for patients with CHF and systolic dysfunction
- A patient with EROA/LVEDV ratio well below the line of proportionality has non severe MR and would not be expected to benefit from any intervention directed at mitral valve

LEFT VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICE (LVAD)





CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Congestion Assessment in HF Patient Journey



Girerd, N. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol HF. 2018;6(4):273-85.



Rise Above Heart Failure®

Self-Check Plan for HF Management

Excellent – Keep Up the Good Work!

- No new or worsening shortness of breath
- Physical activity level is normal for you
- No new swelling, feet and legs look normal for you
- Weight check stable
Weight: ____
- No sign of chest pain

GREAT! CONTINUE: Daily Weight Check, Meds as Directed, Low Sodium Eating, Follow-up Visits

Pay Attention – Use Caution!

- Dry, hacking cough
- Worsening shortness of breath with activity
- Increased swelling of legs, feet, and ankles
- Sudden weight gain of more than 2-3 lbs in a 24 hour period (or 5 lbs in a week)
- Discomfort or swelling in the abdomen
- Trouble Sleeping

CHECK IN! Your symptoms may indicate: A need to contact your doctor or provider, A need for a change in medications

Medical Alert – Warning!

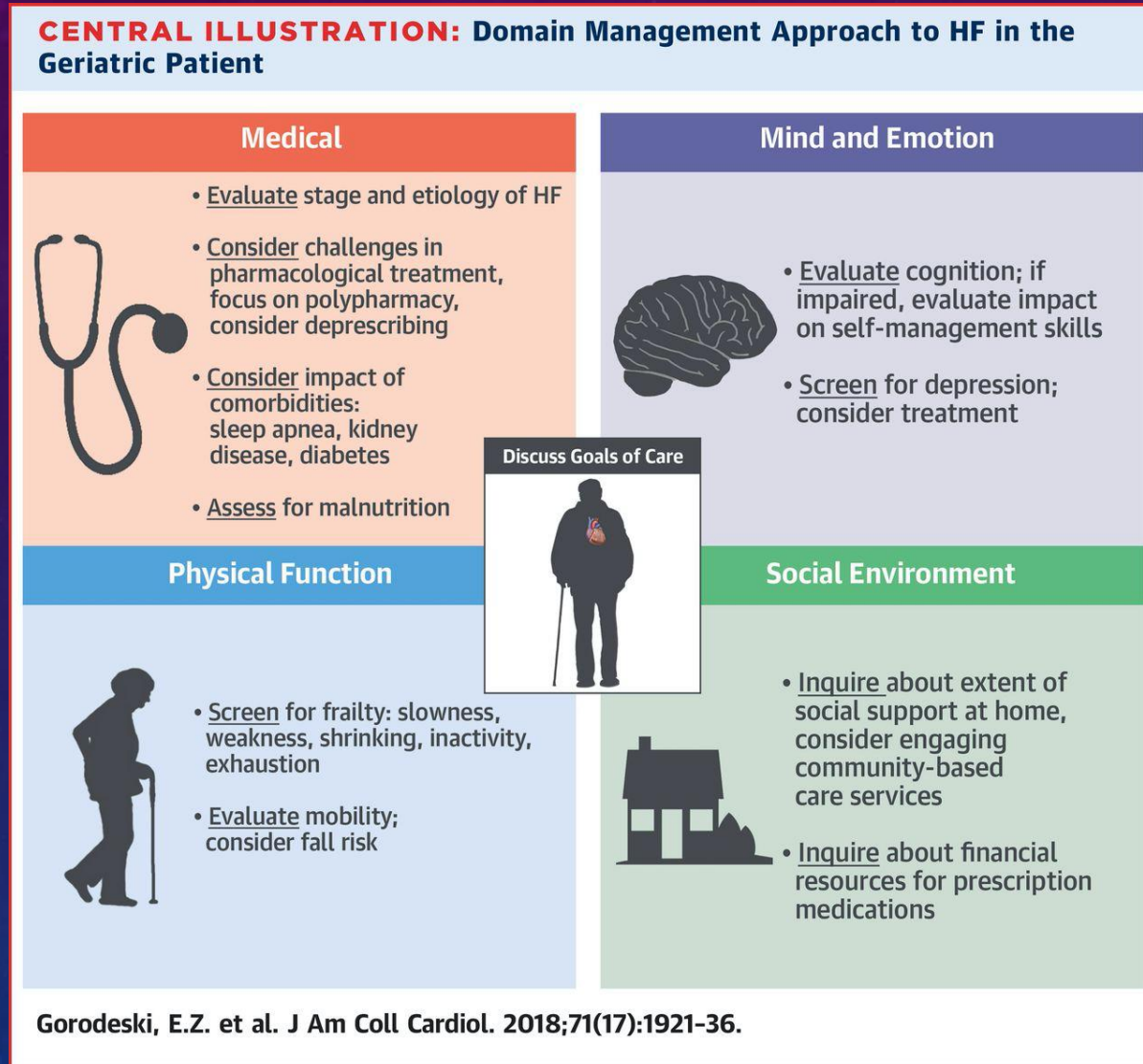
- Frequent dry, hacking cough
- Shortness of breath at rest
- Increased discomfort or swelling in the lower body
- Sudden weight gain of more than 2-3 lbs in a 24 hour period (or 5 lbs in a week)
- New or worsening dizziness, confusion, sadness or depression
- Loss of appetite
- Increased trouble sleeping; cannot lie flat

WARNING! You need to be evaluated right away. Call your physician or call 911

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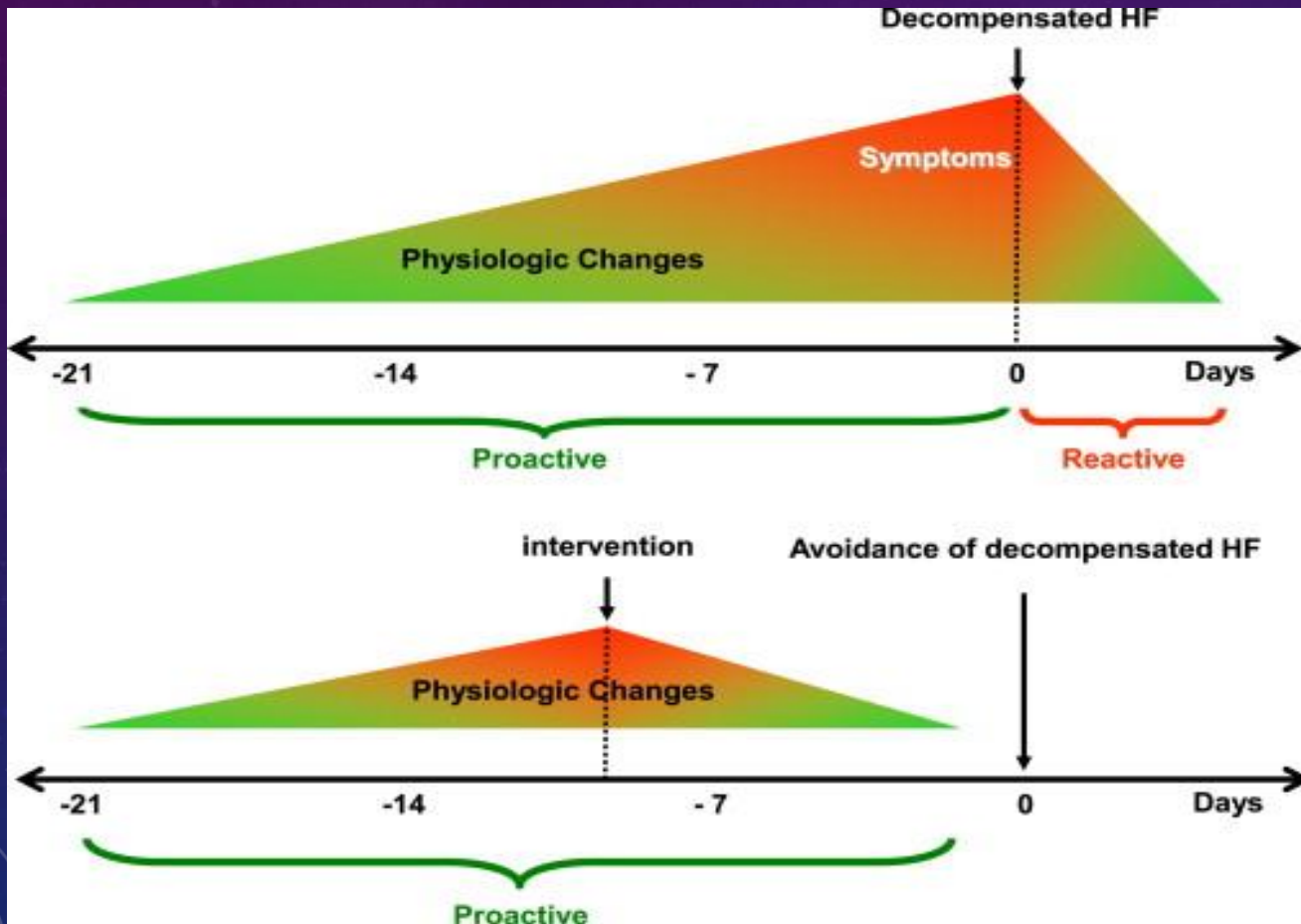
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DOMAIN MANAGEMENT APPROACH TO HEART FAILURE



HF INTERVENTION DURING EARLY PHYSIOLOGIC CHANGE: PROACTIVE VS REACTIVE

Hospital



HF MANAGEMENT IN NEW ERA INTERNET OF THINGS (IoT)

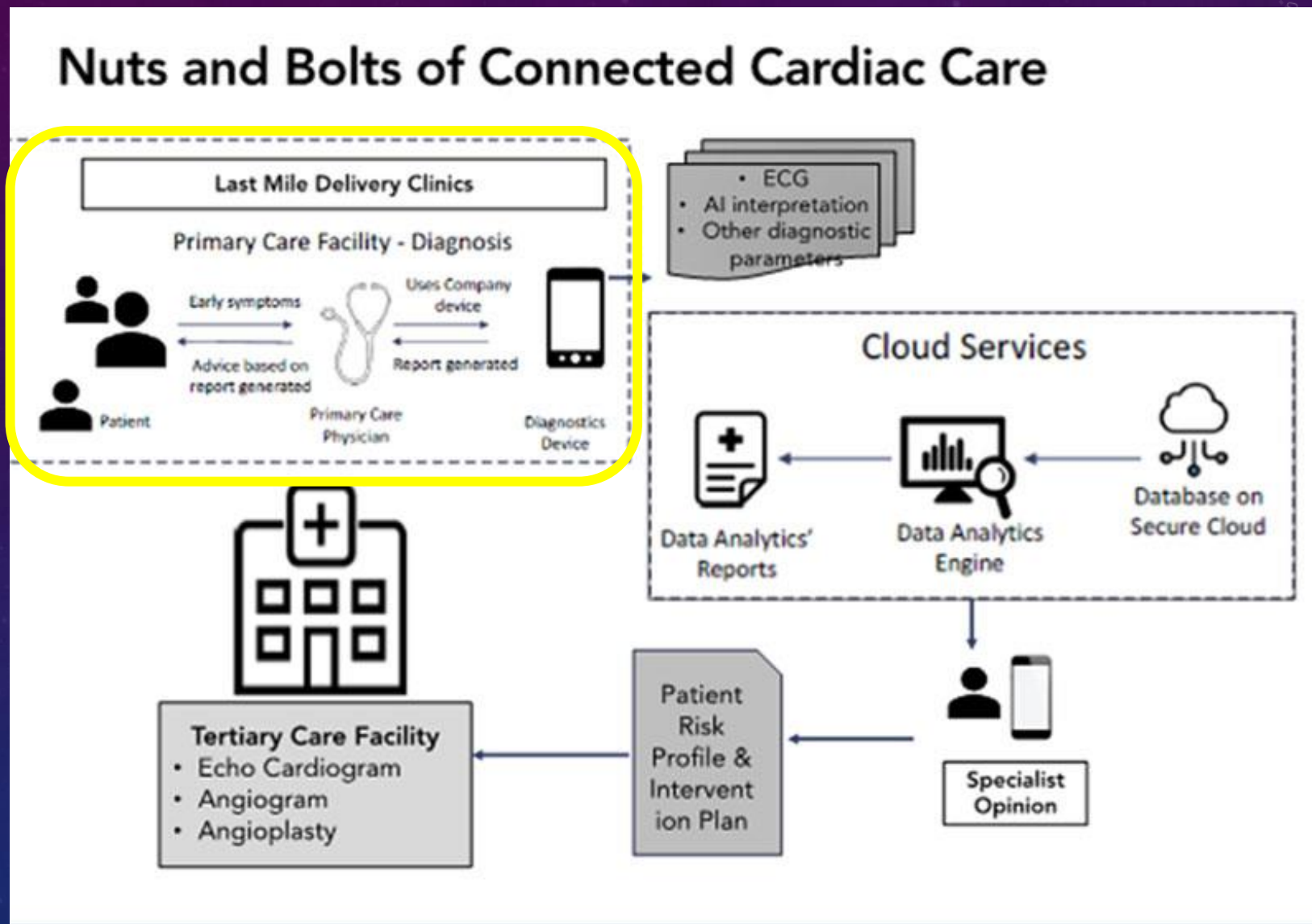
- Models for the outpatient management of acutely decompensated heart failure have shown that ambulatory infusion of decompensated HF can reduce all-cause hospitalization at 30 days ¹
- Successful outpatient management of HF (**Proactive**):
 - Investment in home-based healthcare services
 - 24 hours telephone access for advice
 - Protocol for the management of electrolytes and changes in renal function



- One tool with immense potential to continue care – **TELEMEDICINE**
- Improve communication with patients
- Triage need for inpatient care or acute visits
- Monitor patients while they are in their communities

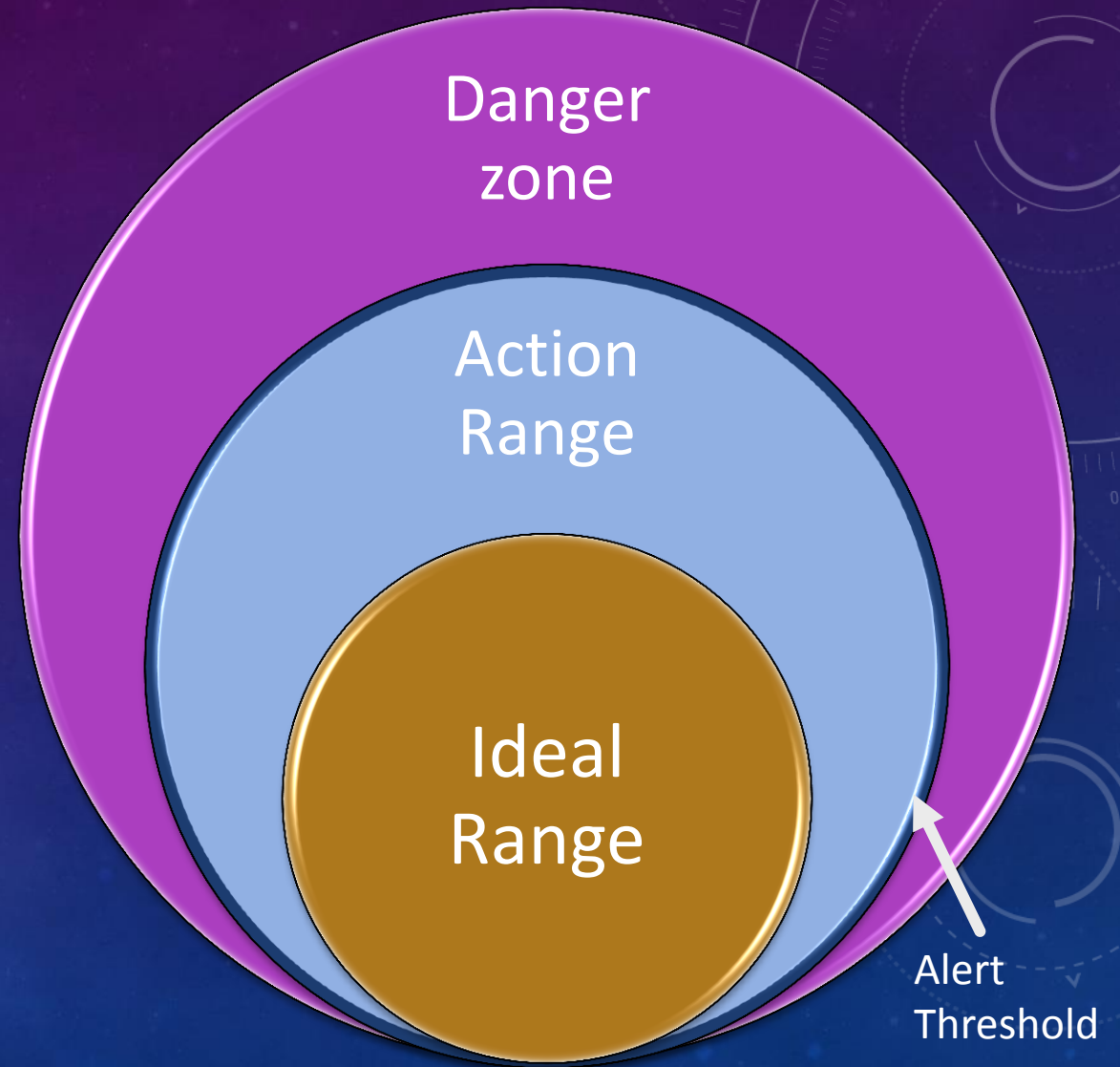
➤ 1. JACC Heart Failure 2016;4:1-8

CARDIAC CARE CONNECTED TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM



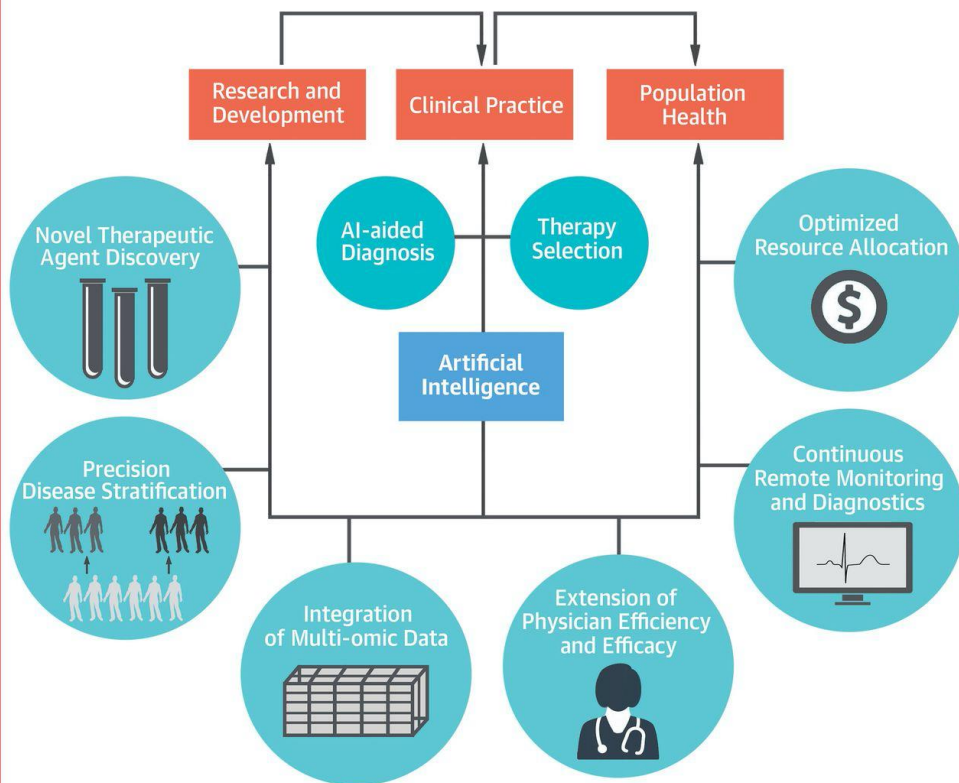
Telemonitoring for Heart Failure: Decision Support

- For patients for health maintenance (majority)
 - Daily to maintain health envelope
 - Diet
 - Medications (principally diuretics)
- For Health Professionals for Alerts
 - “Traffic Lights” of risk status
 - Identify, prevent and manage crisis
 - Schedule tests
 - Alter care plan targets



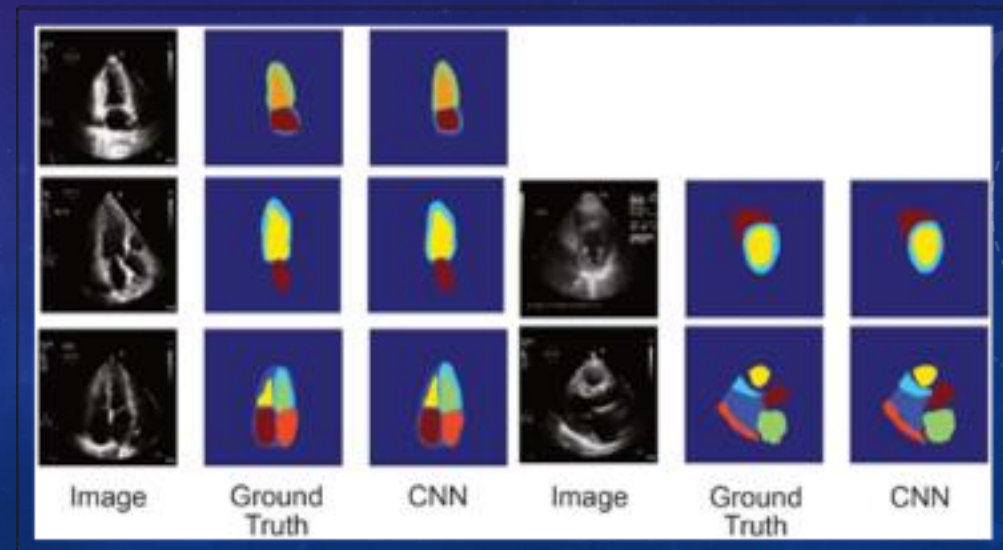
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: THE FUTURE OF CARDIOLOGY

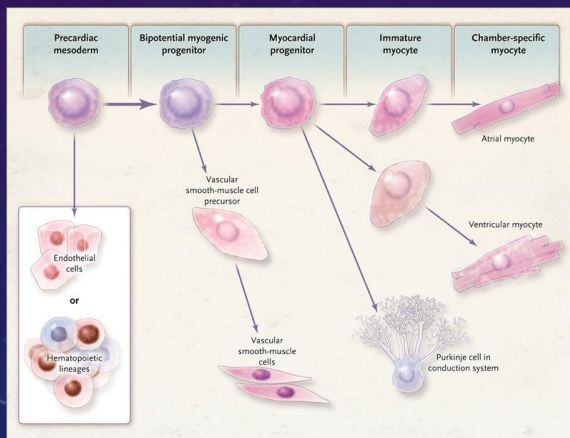
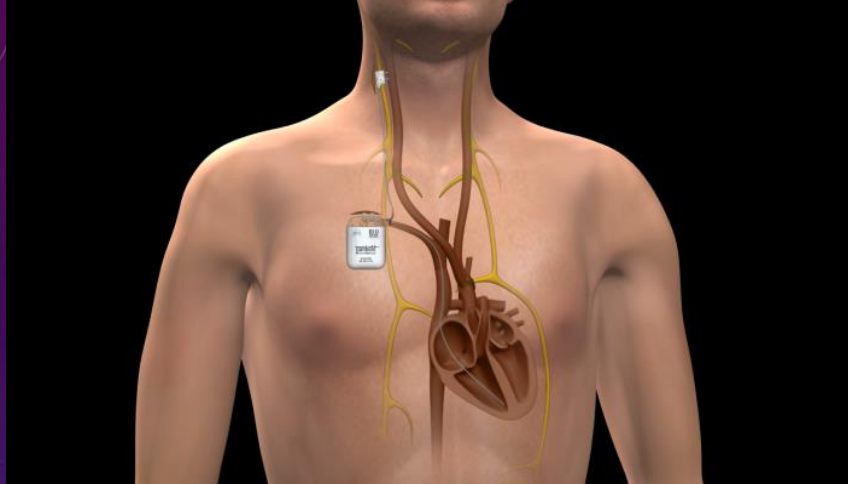
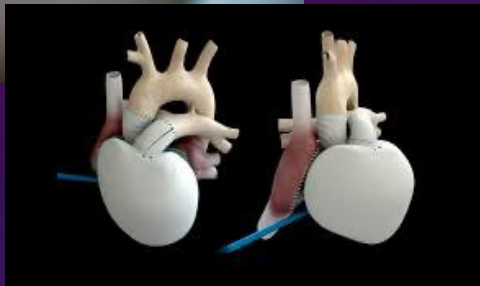
CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Role of Artificial Intelligence in Cardiovascular Medicine



Johnson, K.W. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2018;71(23):2668-79.

- “the theory and development of computer systems able to perform tasks normally requiring human intelligence”
- For example: automated predictions of cardiovascular disease risk score and HF diagnosis
- Automated method to interpret ECHO





ASSIST

Ventricular assist devices
 Percutaneously ventricular assist devices
 Extra-aortic balloon counter pulsation

MODULATE

Autonomic nervous system
 modulation systems

REPLACE

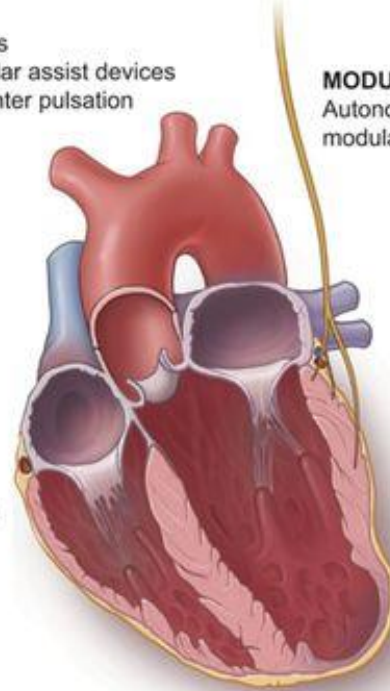
Total artificial heart

REMODEL

Parachute device
 Infarct exclusion
 Injections of biopolymer gel

REPURPOSE

Myocytes:
 Calcium sensitizers,
 optimizing mitochondrial
 function
Intertitium:
 New MRAs
 Modulators of collagen
 synthesis/degradation



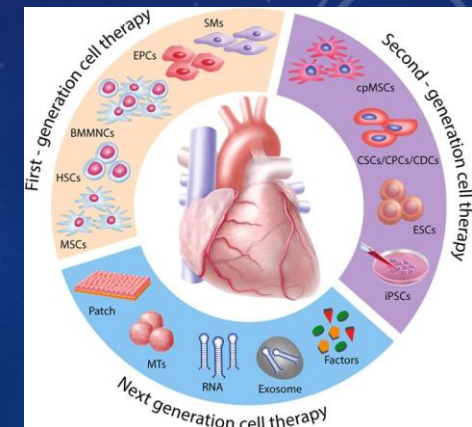
REPROGRAM

Modulation of genetic or
 post-translational messaging

REPAIR

Cell Rx
 Patches and delivery systems

Circulation 2016;133:2671-2686



CONCLUSIONS

- Residual risk remains in heart failure due to inadequate GDMT implementation
- Targeting alternate parallel pathways may be associated with improved outcomes and modulation (eg SGLT2 inhibition, sGC-cGMP, cardiac myosin activation)
- Non pharmacological treatments play increasing important roles
- Physician and patient education, GDMT implementation and targeting all pathways and remote monitoring are important heart failure care.

5 IMAGINATIVE PREDICTIONS FOR TREATMENT OF HEART FAILURE IN 2028 BY DR MILTON PACKER

EUROPEAN HEART JOURNAL 2018;39 (1): 5-7

- 1. Heart failure with a preserved ejection fraction will be broken into distinct phenotypes. The most common phenotype – that associated with obesity- will be treated as a neurohormonal disorder
- 2. The next wave of new pharmacological agents for heart failure with a reduced ejection fraction will focus on drugs that induce the cellular housekeeping process of autophagy
- 3. Unless major changes take place in the pricing or uptake of new pharmaceuticals, drug development for heart failure will cease. The risks and expense of new drug development for these patients will exceed the likelihood of a meaningful return on investment.
- 4. Most patients with chronic heart failure will be managed by specialist practitioners who will not be cardiologists and may not be physicians
- 5. Cell- and gene-based treatments will fail, but because of advances in mechanical devices that provide effective circulatory support, no one with adequate financial resources will die of heart failure involuntarily



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