



11th ANNUAL HEART FAILURE UPDATE 2024

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Trainee Competition Awards

Dr. Aws Almufleh

Heart Failure Update 2024

Trainee Research Competition



Winner

Kevin Ma

University of Alberta

Guideline Directed Medical Therapy in Heart Failure Patients with Advanced Chronic Kidney Disease: A Prospective Study from the Heart Function Clinic Registry



Runner-up

Mohammed Adam Benharrats

Université de Sherbrooke

Acute Myocarditis and Pericarditis in PASC (Post-Acute Sequelae of COVID-19): Initial Insights From the IMPACT-COVID-19 Study

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Finalist

Florence Bernier

Université de Montréal

Patient selection for advanced therapies in heart failure, can we agree to disagree?



Finalist

Amir Razaghizad

McGill University

Cardiovascular Phenotypes in Type 2 Diabetes: Latent Profile Analysis of the CANVAS program and CREDENCE trial

Plenary 2: Clinical Pearls and Conundrums in HF Clinical Care

Plenary Opening Remarks

Stephanie Poon
MD, MSc, FRCPC

Faculty

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- Stephanie Poon, MD, MSc, FRCPC
- Biykem Bozkurt, MD, PhD, FACC, FHFSA, FACP

Presenters:

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- Scott Solomon, MD
- Anique Ducharme, MD, MSc, FRCPC, FACC, FCCS, FHSA(h)
- Justin Ezekowitz, MB, BCH, MSc, FRCPC, FACC, FAHA, FESC
- Jillianne Code, PhD

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Plenary Agenda

TIME	TOPIC
3:00 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.	Plenary Opening Remarks & Trainee Competition Awards Dr. Stephanie Poon and Dr. Aws Almufleh
3:05 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	JACC HF: Great Papers of the Past Year Dr. Biykem Bozkurt
3:20 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.	ABC's of De-congesting "Congestive" Heart Failure Dr. Abhinav Sharma
3:35 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	A Treasure Chest of Late Breaking Clinical Trials: A Clinical Trialist's Perspective Dr. Scott Solomon
3:50 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.	DEBATE: Is Canada ready for Implantable Hemodynamic Monitoring? Dr. Anique Ducharme & Dr. Justin Ezekowitz
4:05 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.	Lived Experience Commentary Dr. Jillianne Code
4:10 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Plenary Q&A All panelists

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Great HF Papers of the Past Year



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- Clinical Endpoints Committee: Abbott, NIH

Learning Objectives

1. Highlight some of the most provocative and impactful research in heart failure and cardiomyopathies over the past year
2. Discuss how the results of these trials could change the way that we currently manage patients with heart failure and/or cardiomyopathies

Major Progress



Update in
Management of
HFpEF, HFrEF



Management of
Comorbidities
Obesity,
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Technology,
Wearables, Shock,
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Myocarditis,
Pregnancy

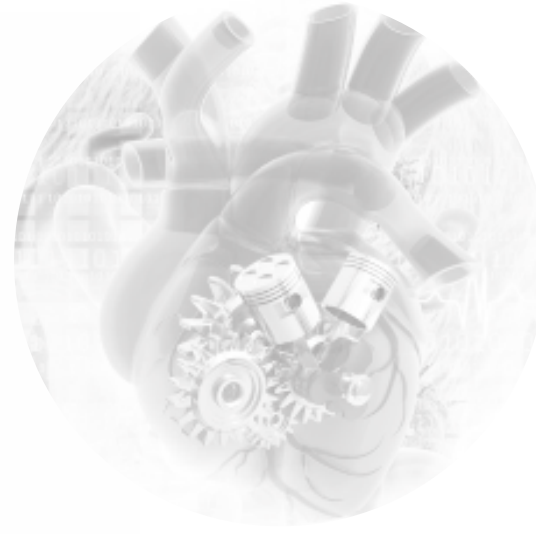
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SGLT2i now First Line in Treatment of HFpEF

How to Manage Heart Failure With Preserved Ejection Fraction

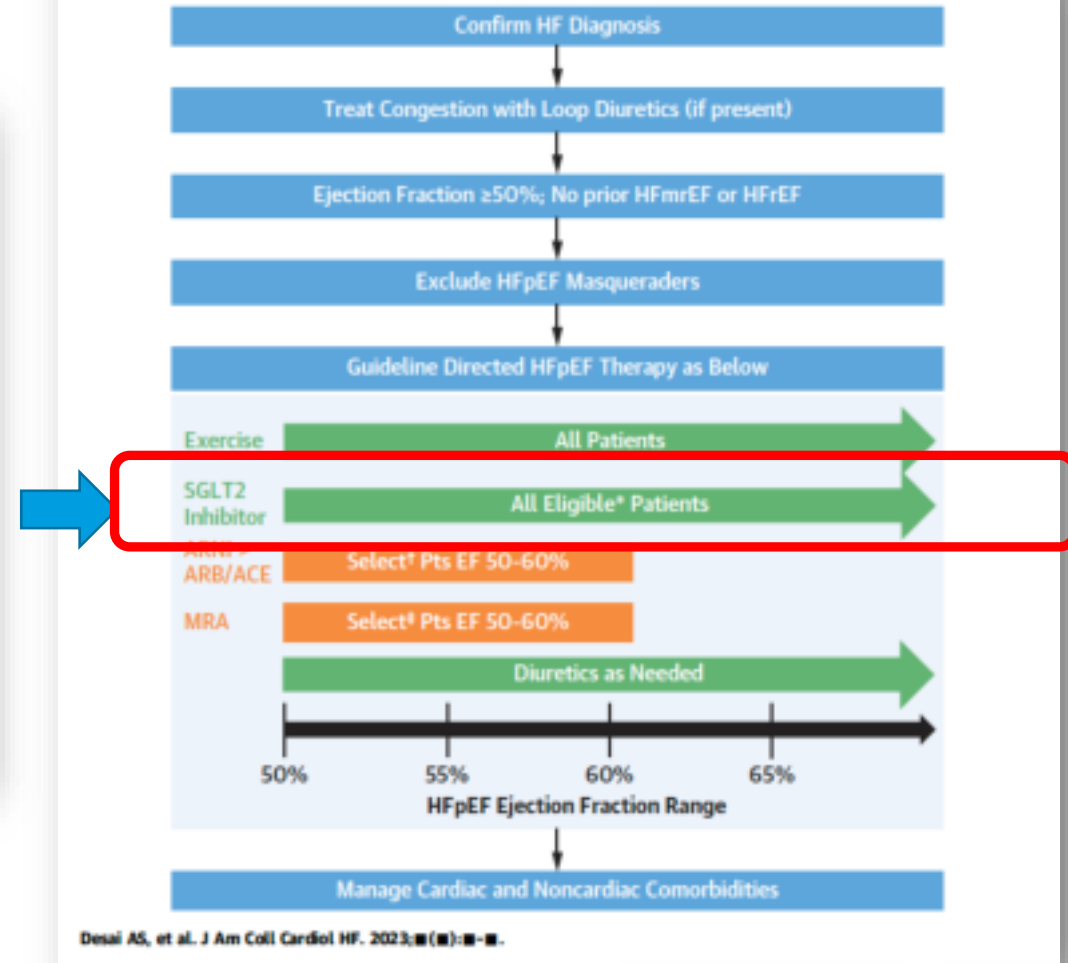
Practical Guidance for Clinicians

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HIGHLIGHTS

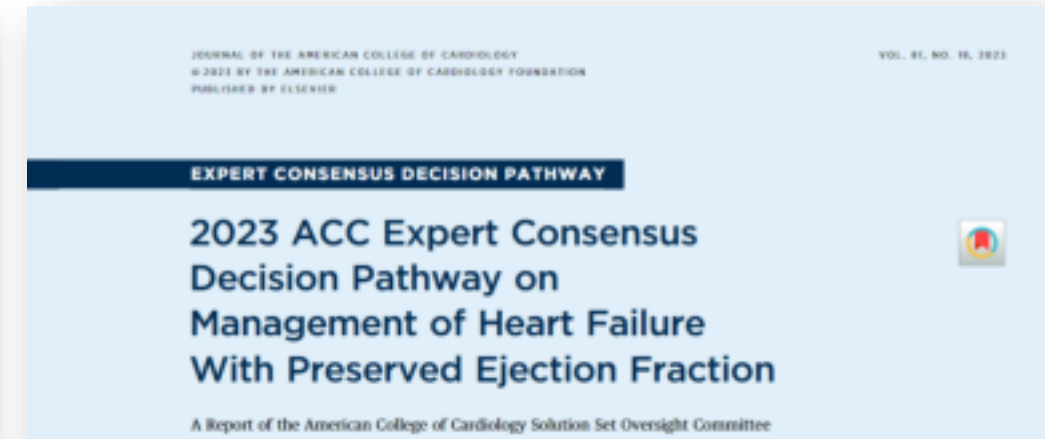
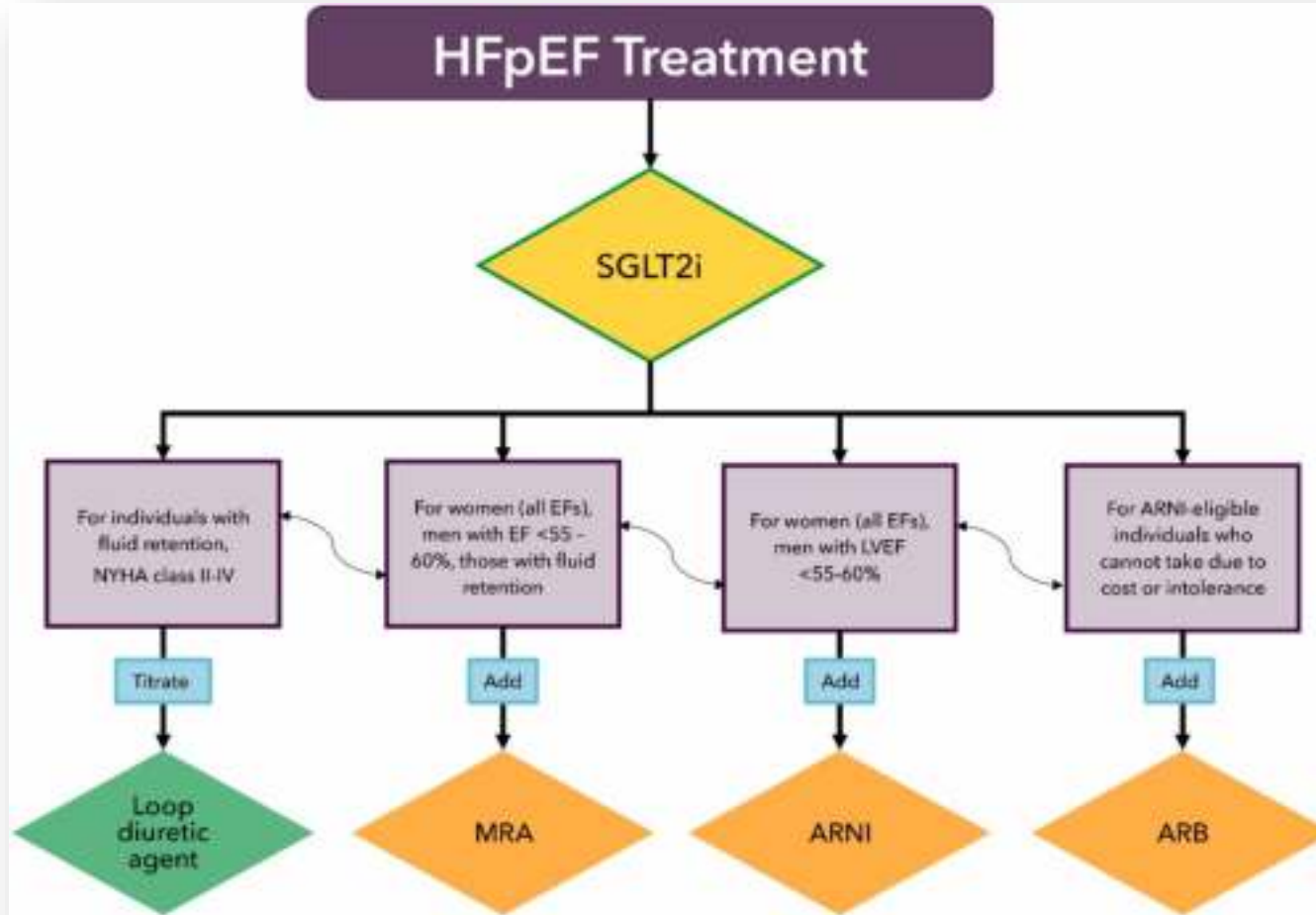
- Effective pharmacologic therapy is now available to modify disease progression in HFpEF.
- After confirming the diagnosis and excluding alternatives, clinicians should aggressively manage congestion, address comorbidities, and initiate evidence-based medical treatment.
- SGLT2 inhibitors are appropriate for most patients with HFpEF, and addition of an ARNI and/or MRA may be appropriate for many.
- Exercise and lifestyle modification to facilitate weight reduction are appropriate for all patients.

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Suggested Management Algorithm for HFpEF





SGLT2i now First Line in Treatment of HFpEF



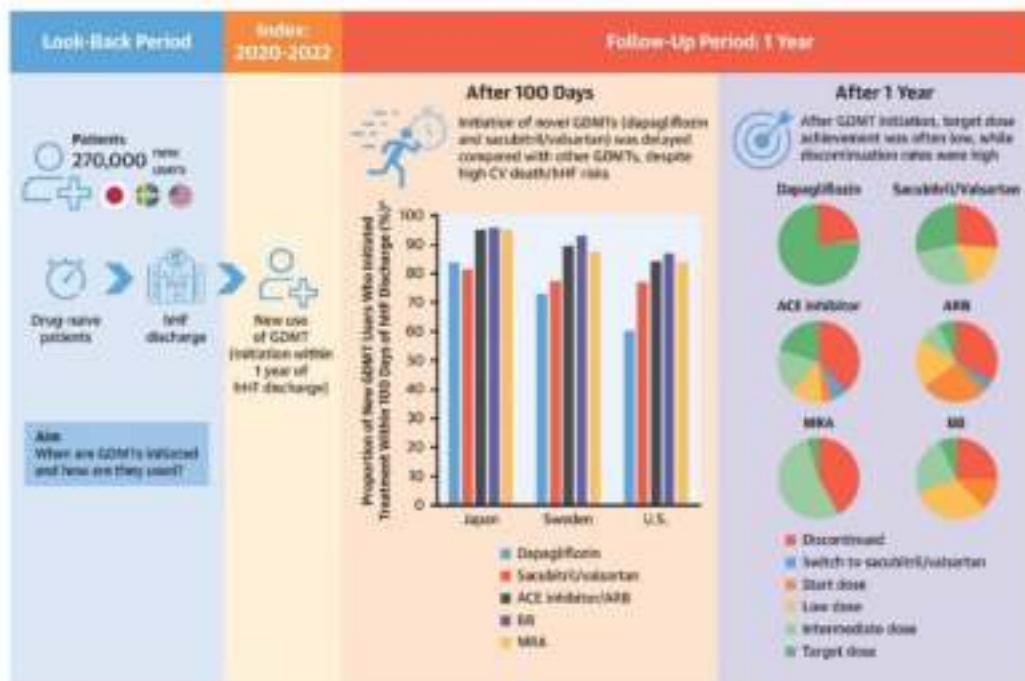


RWE: HF Drug Treatment Inertia, Discontinuation after Hospitalization

Heart Failure Drug Treatment— Inertia, Titration, and Discontinuation

A Multinational Observational Study (EVOLUTION HF)

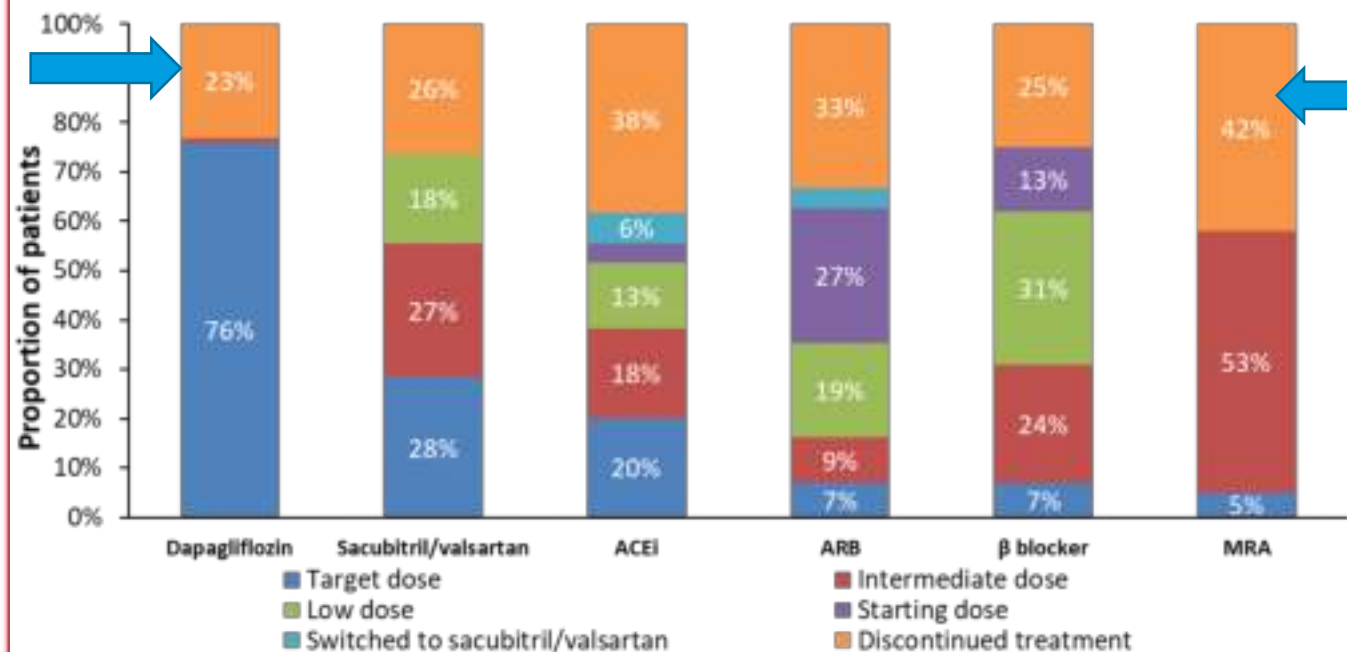
CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Initiation, Titration to Target Dose, and Discontinuation of GDMTs Among New Users of GDMTs After hHF, in Japan, Sweden, and the United States



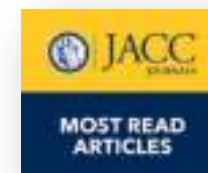
Savarese G, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol HF. 2023;11(1):1-14.

266,589 patients in US, Japan, Sweden
12 mo after hHF

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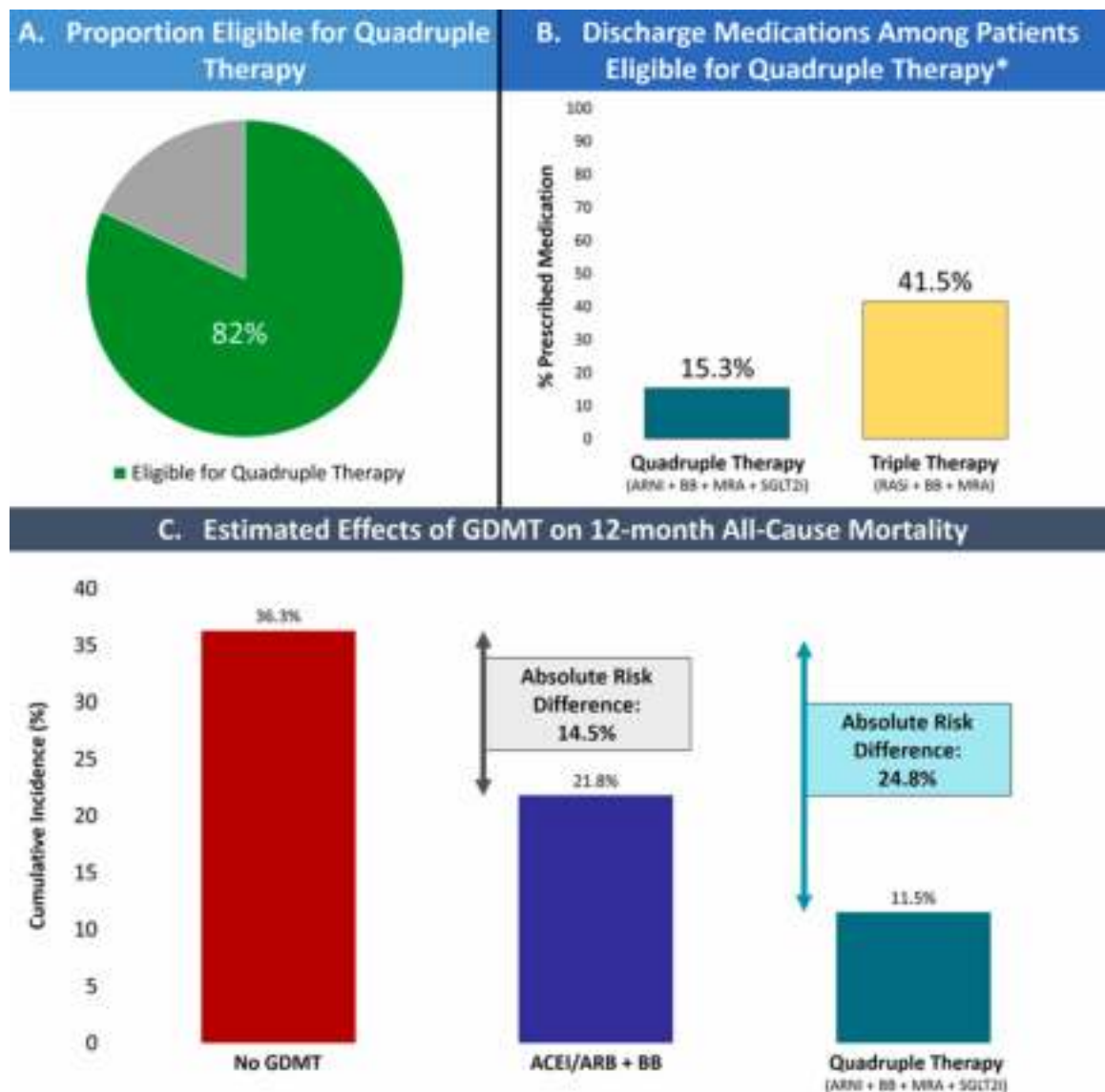
Novel HFrEF GDMTs are initiated later than other GDMTs following hHF





RWE: Lag in Initiation of in-Hospital Quadruple Therapy

ACC.24
Simultaneous pub.



- Among hospitalized pts for newly diagnosed HFrEF in the GWTG-HF registry (2016-2023), 88% were eligible, but 15 % were prescribed quadruple therapy
- Despite a projected aRR of 25% of 12-month all-cause mortality





Comparison of US and European HF Guidelines

ACC/AHA/HFSA		ESC	
HFref	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ARNi preferred over ACEi↑ COR for H+ISDN in self-identified Black patientsAdjunctive PUFA & K⁺ binders↓ QRSd threshold for CRT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Similar diagnostic toolsARNi/ACEi/ARB + BB + MRA + SGLT2iRapid GDMT initiation and optimizationICD in ICM if LVEF ≤35%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ACEi or ARNi preferred↑ CDR for intravenous iron supplementation↓ threshold for MV TEER↓ COR for ICD in nICM
HFmrEF & HFimpEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HFimpEF explicitly included as HF subtype	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ARNi/ACEi/ARB + BB + MRA + SGLT2iGDMT should be continued in HFimpEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HFimpEF implicitly included as HF subtype
HFpEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ARNi/ARB and MRA selectively recommended in addition to SGLT2i	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Simplified diagnostic approachesSGLT2i as foundational therapyFocus on comorbidity management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No other pharmacotherapies recommended
Key Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Formal cost/value statementsEmphasis on HF trajectoryExplicit attention to equity & healthcare disparitiesPledge for continuous & dynamic guideline updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Patient-centered recommendationsMultistakeholder representationSimplified treatment algorithmsFocus on special populations and HF prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Patient-centered deliverablesHigh-yield practical guidance for GDMT useFocus on CKD as risk factorExplicit guidance to facilitate patients' self-care goals

Table: Comparison of American and European Medical Therapy Recommendations for the Management of HF

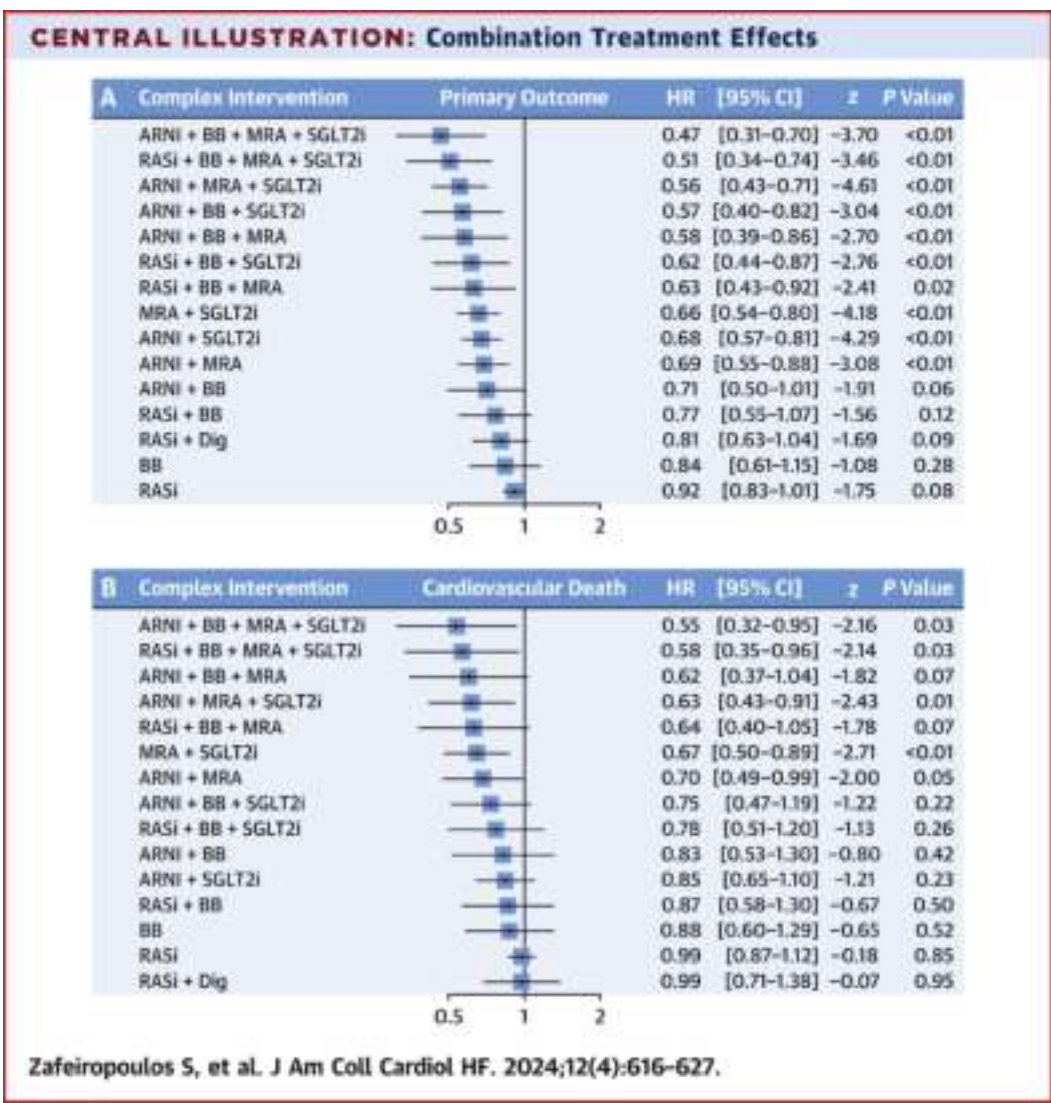
Condition	Recommendation	ACC/AHA/HFSA	ESC
HFref	Diuretics to alleviate signs/symptoms of congestion	1	C
	ACEi if ARNi not feasible	1	-
	ACEi to reduce morbidity and mortality	-	1
	ARNi to reduce morbidity and mortality	1	-
	ARNi as a replacement for ACEi	1	B
	ARB if intolerant of ACEi and ARNi not feasible	1	B
	BB to reduce mortality and hospitalizations	1	A
	MRA to reduce morbidity and mortality	1	A
	SGLT2i to reduce HF hospitalization and CV death	1	A
	H+ISDN to reduce morbidity and mortality in self-identified Black patients	1	2a
	H+ISDN if unable to tolerate or contraindicated for first-line agents	2b	B
	Digoxin if symptomatic despite GDMT (or intolerant to GDMT)	2b	-
	Digoxin if symptomatic in SR despite ACEi (or ARNi) + BB + MRA	-	2b
	Ivabradine if symptomatic with LVEF ≤35% on GDMT (including maximally tolerated BB), in SR with rate ≥70 beats per minute	2a	B
HFmrEF	Potassium binders in patients with hyperkalemia on GDMT	2b	-
	PUFA if NYHA II-IV	2b	-
	Vericiguat if NYHA II-IV with worsening HF despite GDMT	2b	B
	Diuretics to alleviate signs/symptoms of congestion	-	1
HFpEF	SGLT2i to reduce HF hospitalizations or CV death	2a	A
	ACEi/ARB/ARNi, BB, and MRA to reduce morbidity and mortality	2b	C
HFimpEF	Diuretics to alleviate signs/symptoms of congestion	1	C
	SGLT2i to decrease HF hospitalizations or CV death	2a	A
HFpEF	ARB, ARNi, MRA to decrease hospitalizations	2b	-
	Continue GDMT even if asymptomatic to prevent HF relapse	1	-



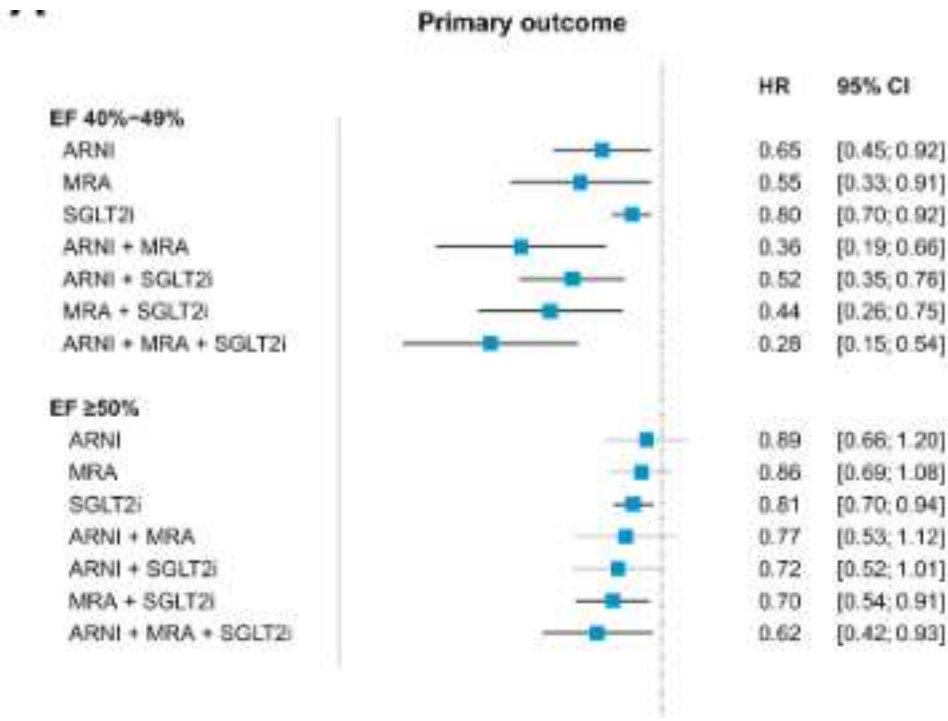
Combination Therapy in HFmrEF and HFpEF: Network Meta-Analysis



Recent pub.



- In patients with HF and LVEF>40%, quadruple ARNI, BB, MRA, SGLT2i → largest reduction in the risk of CV death and HHF
- The benefit more pronounced in HFmrEF patients.

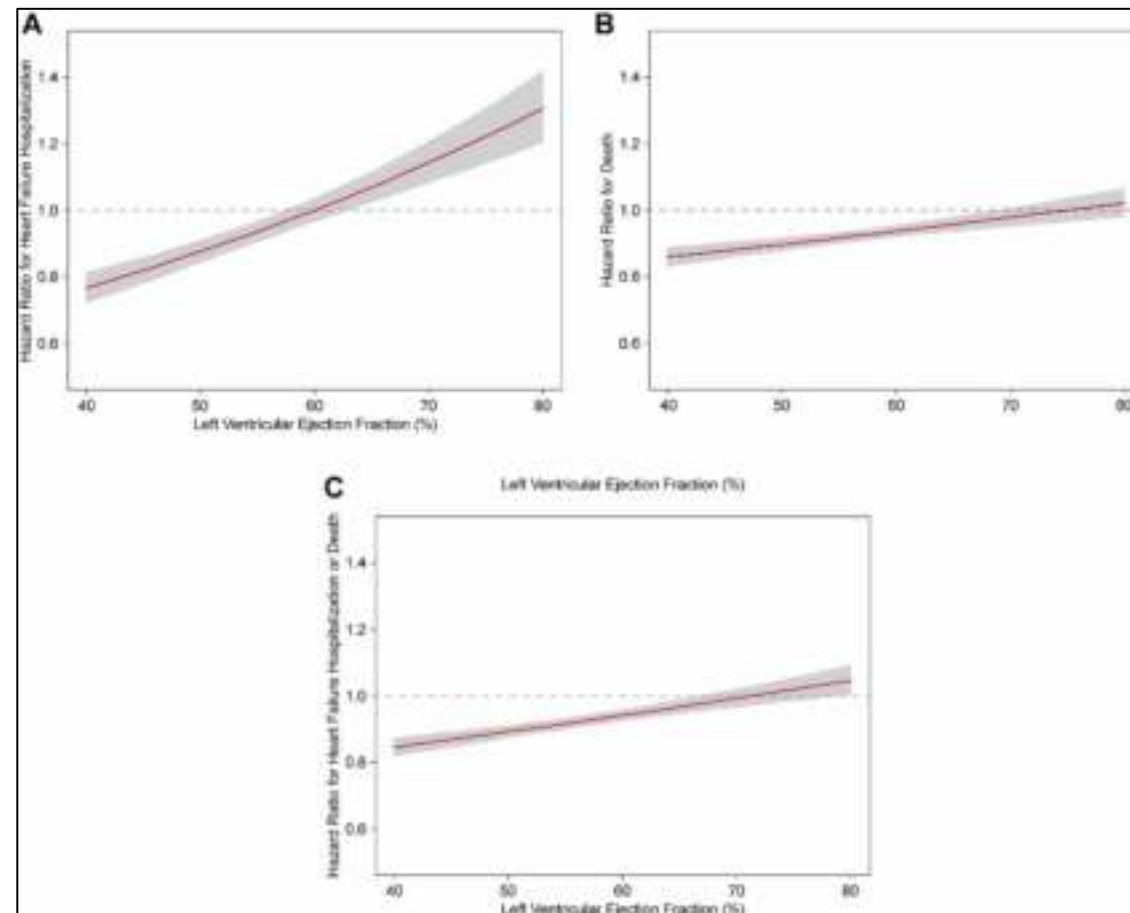
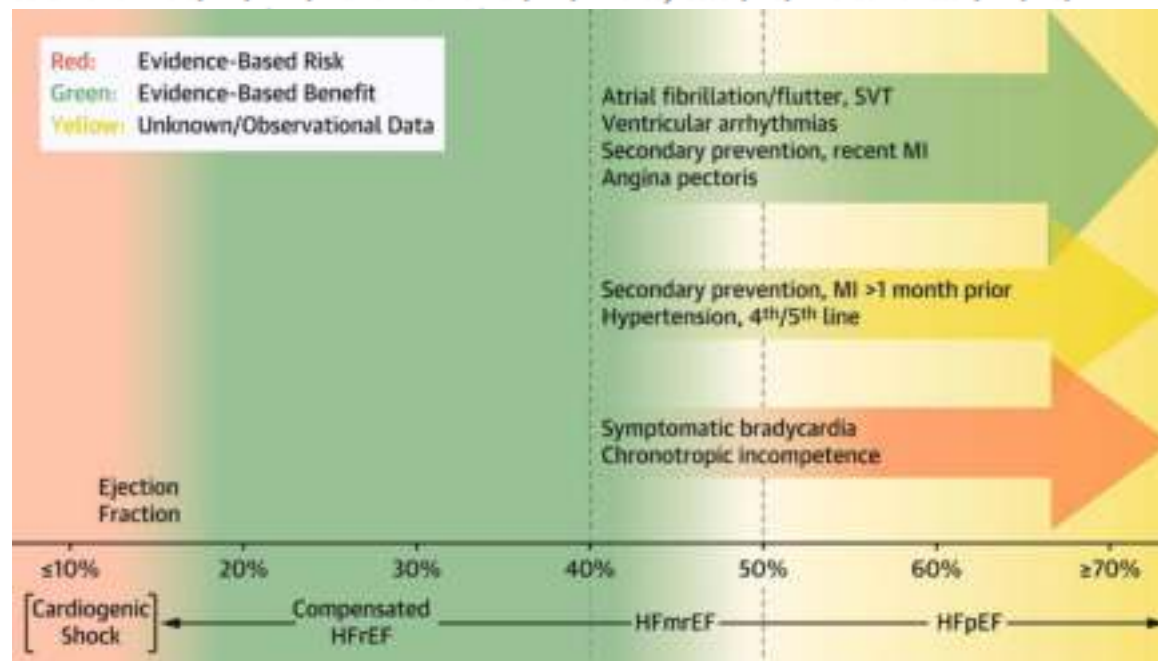




Lack-of RWE of Benefit with β -Blockers in HFpEF

Beta-Blocker Use and Heart Failure Outcomes in Mildly Reduced and Preserved Ejection Fraction

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Among 435,897 real-world patients with HF EF $\geq 40\%$, BB use associated with a \uparrow risk of HFH as EF \uparrow , with potential benefit in patients with HFmrEF and potential risk in patients with higher EF ($>60\%$)

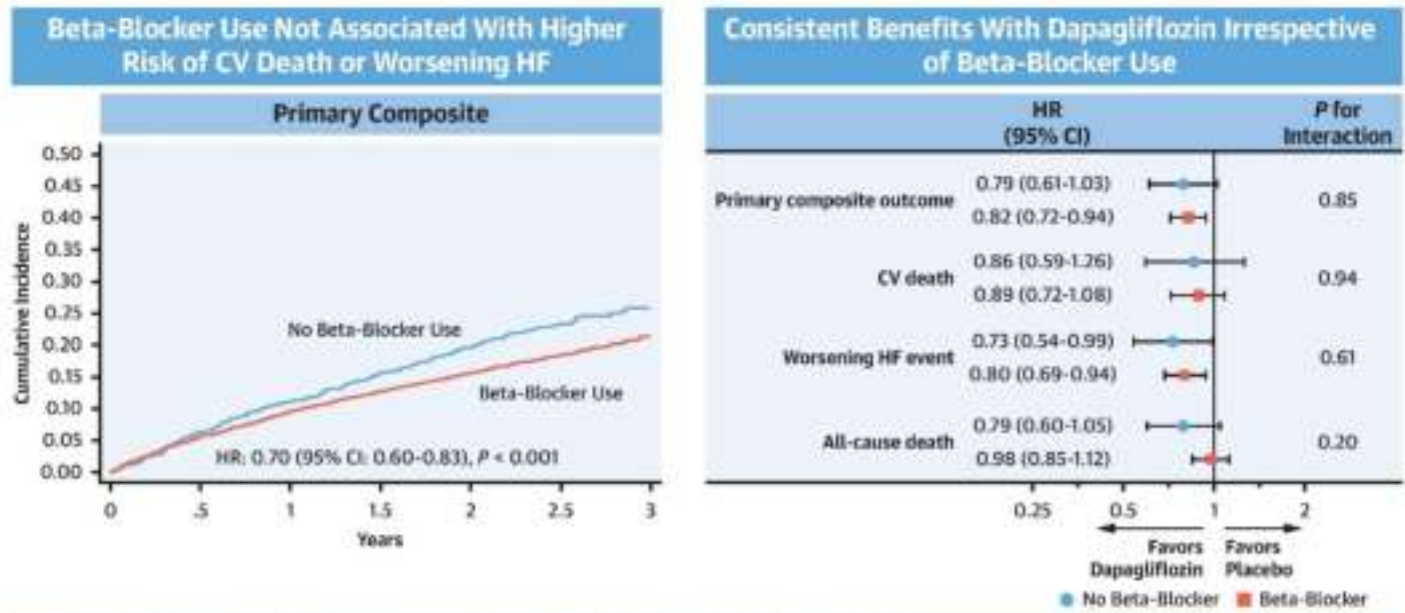




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β -Blocker Use Not Associated with Increased Risk in Patients with HFmrEF or HFpEF: The DELIVER Trial

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Beta-Blocker Use, Clinical Outcomes, and Treatment Response to Dapagliflozin

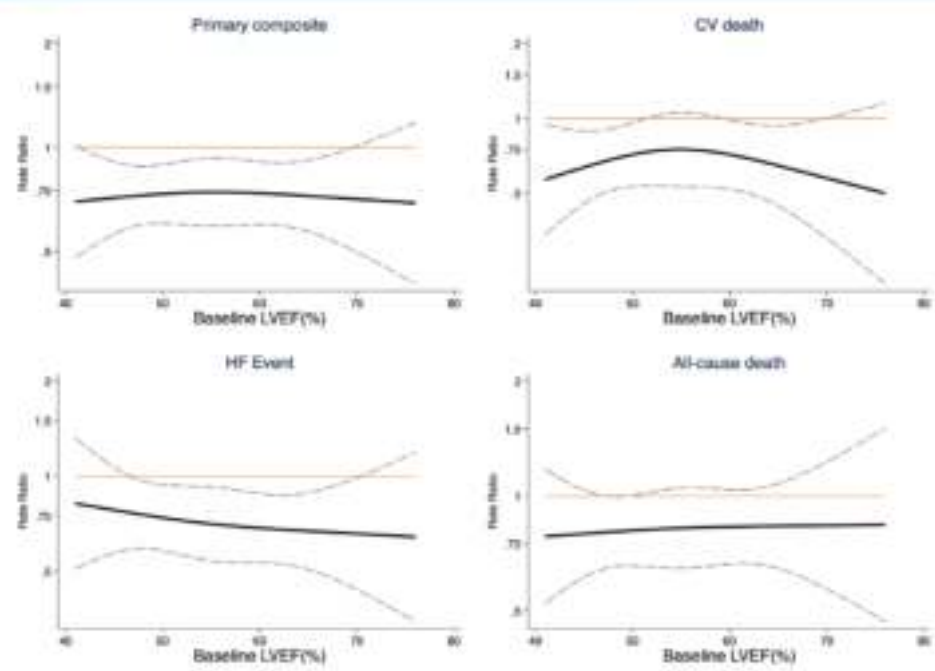


In the DELIVER trial of 6,263 participants with HF with LVEF $\geq 40\%$:

- 83% were treated with beta-blockers, with the vast majority having 1 or more potential indications such as hypertension, atrial fibrillation/flutter, previous LVEF $\leq 40\%$, and CAD.
- Beta-blocker use was not associated with adverse HF outcomes and mortality.
- Dapagliflozin consistently reduced CV death or worsening HF events, regardless of baseline beta-blocker use.

Peikert A, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol HF. 2024;12(4):631-644.

FIGURE 3 Association Between Beta-Blocker Use and Key Outcomes by LVEF as a Continuous Measure



The associations between b-blocker use and clinical outcomes were not modified by LVEF categorical or continuous (ns)





PARAGLIDE: ARNi stabilized post WHF in HF EF>40%

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ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIONS

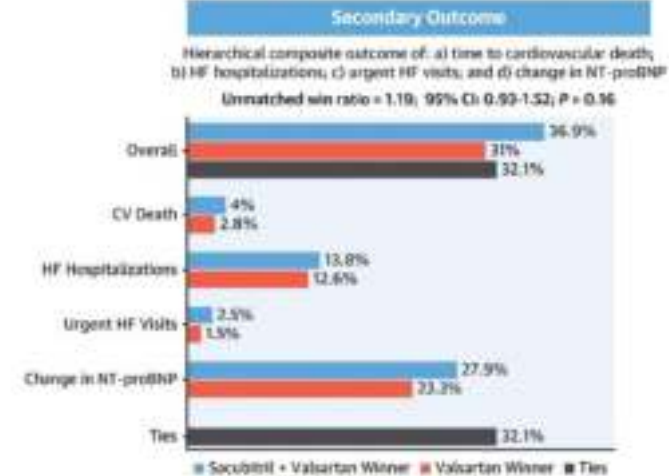
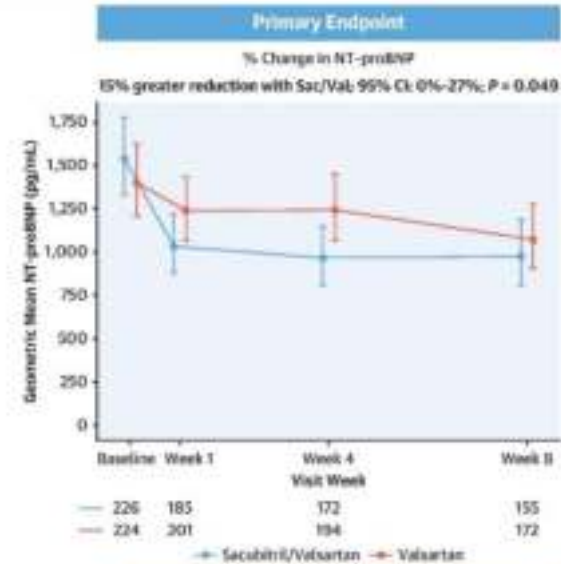
Angiotensin-Neprilysin Inhibition in Patients With Mildly Reduced or Preserved Ejection Fraction and Worsening Heart Failure

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- 466 pts EF>40% within 30 days of WHF
- Greater NT-proBNP with ARNi
- Hierarchical outcome ns
- Larger treatment effect EF≤60



CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Changes in N-Terminal Pro-B-Type Natriuretic Peptide and the Win-Ratio Clinical Endpoint



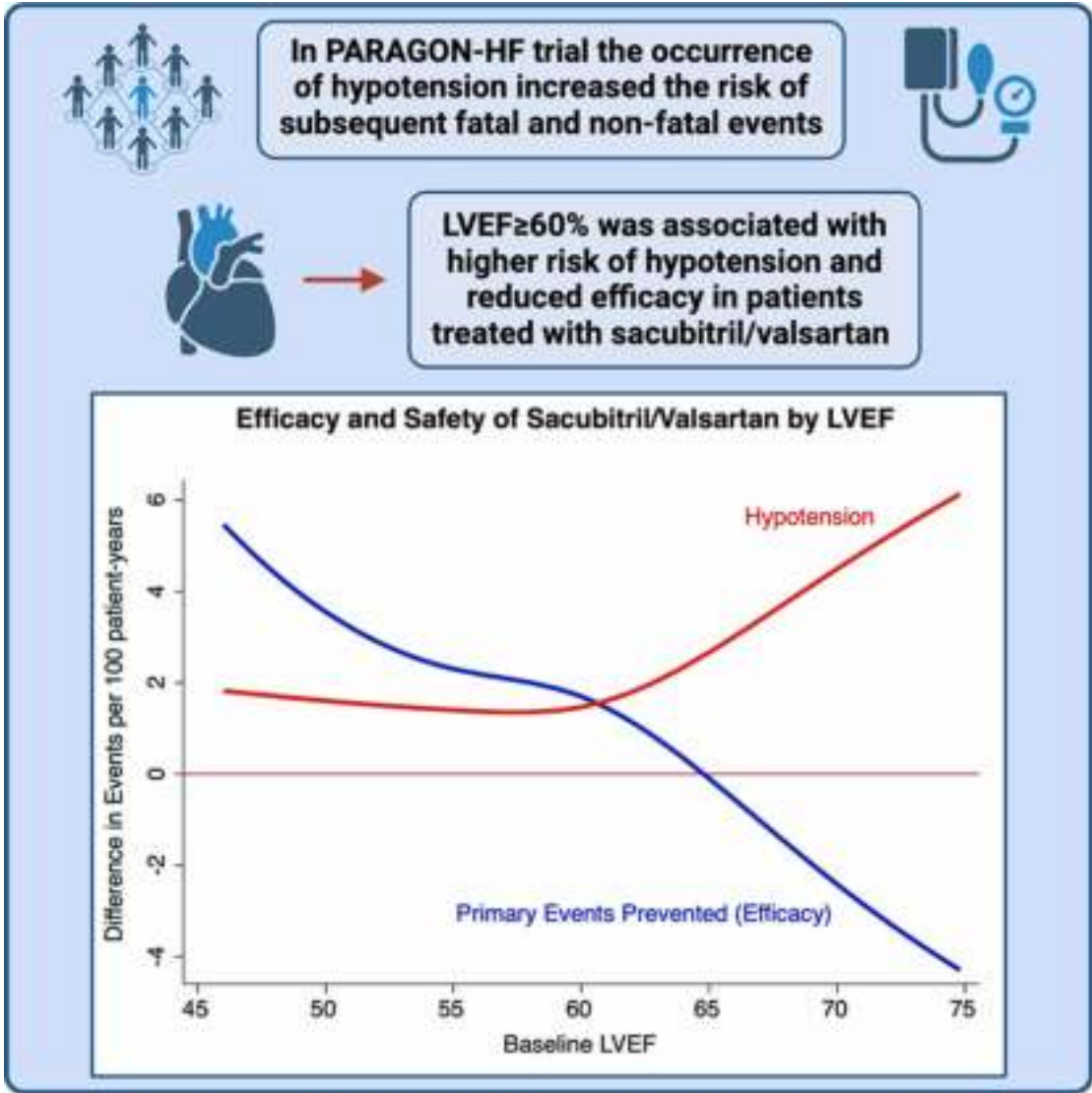
Mentz RJ, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2023;82(1):1-12.





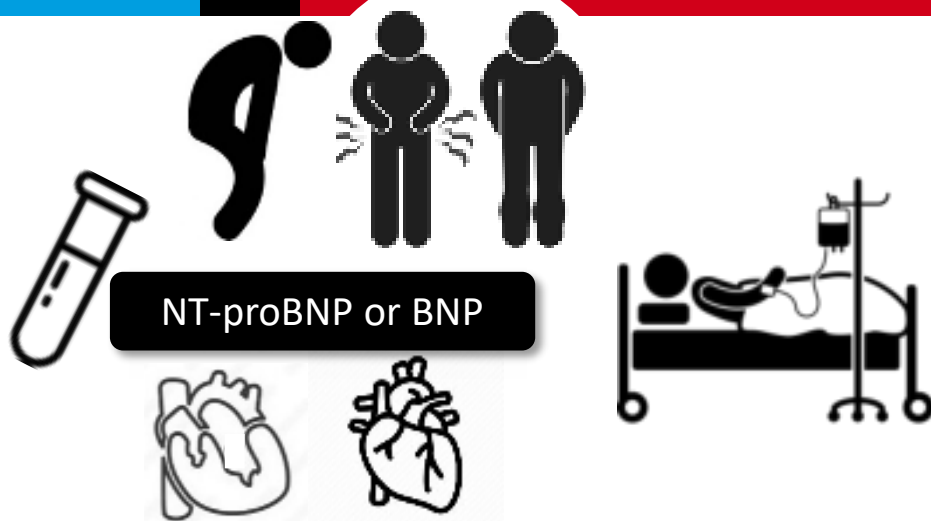
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Heterogeneity: LVEF>60% Associated with Higher Risk of Hypotension & Reduced Efficacy with ARNi in PARAGON Trial



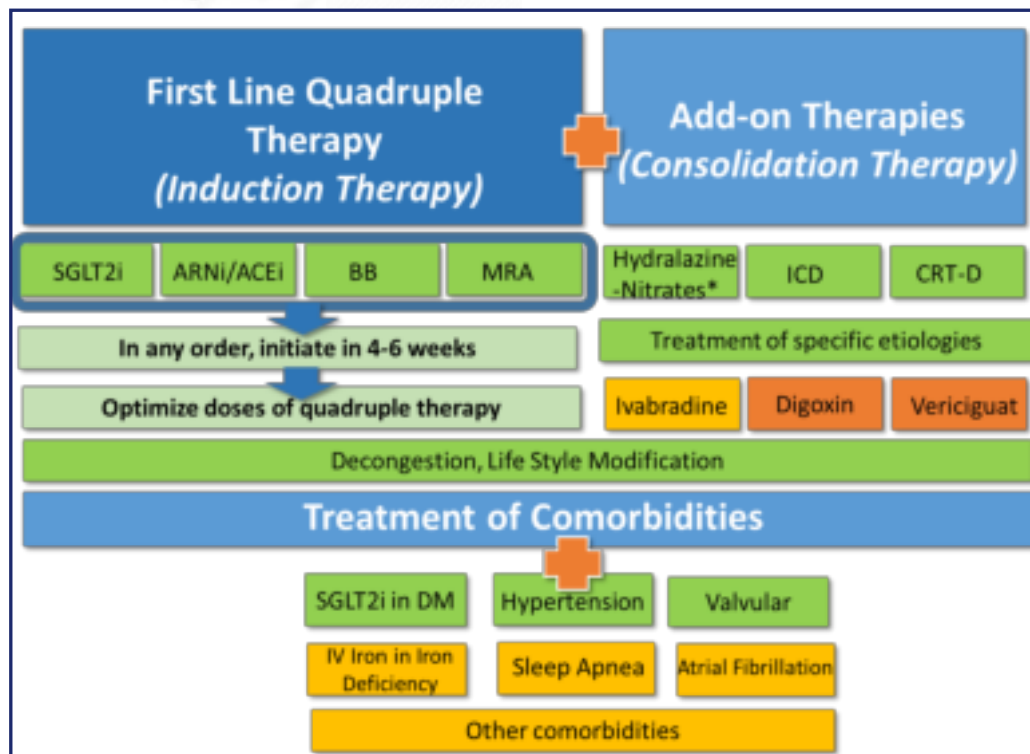
- 13% experienced hypotension, more frequently in the sacubitril/valsartan arm ($p<0.001$).
- Patients with hypotension had higher risk of CVD and total HFH (RR 1.63; CI 1.27-2.09; $p<0.001$) and all-cause death (HR 1.62; CI 1.28-2.05; $p<0.001$).
- LVEF \geq 60% experienced substantially higher treatment-related risks of hypotension.





Assess Response to Therapy

- Symptoms, Signs, Functional Capacity, NYHA Class, QoL
- Natriuretic Peptides and Other Laboratory Markers
- Cardiac Function and Reversal of Remodeling
- Re-hospitalizations, Days Alive and Outside Hospital



Responsive to Therapy

Improving HF

Optimize GDMT

HF in Remission

Continue GDMT

Nonresponsive to Therapy

Persistent HF

Escalate GDMT

Worsening HF

Close Follow-Up

HF Specialists

Additional &
Advanced
Therapies

Improvement expected within 3-6 months

HF Diagnosis, GDMT Initiation and Optimization

Assess Response to Therapy

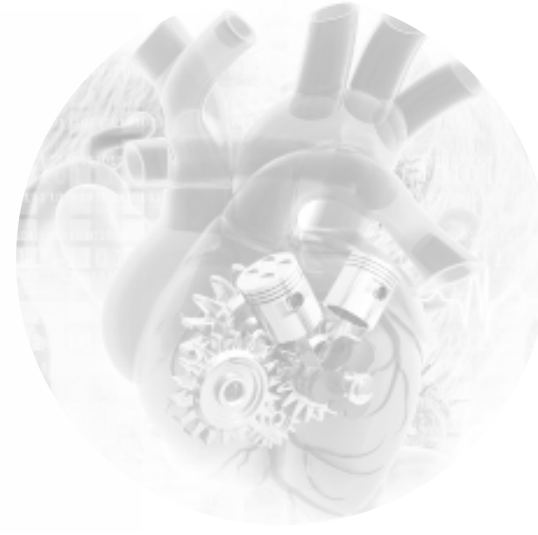
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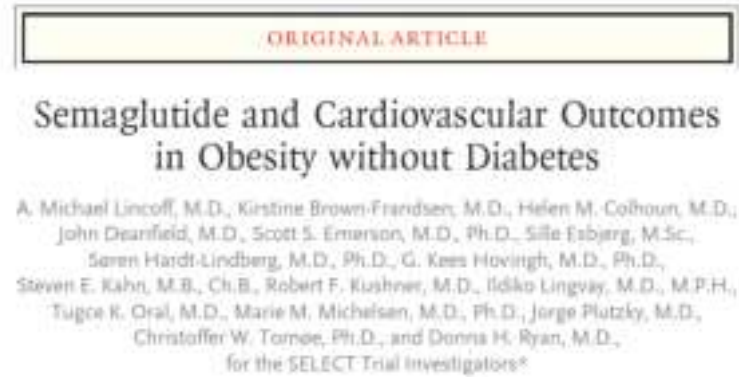
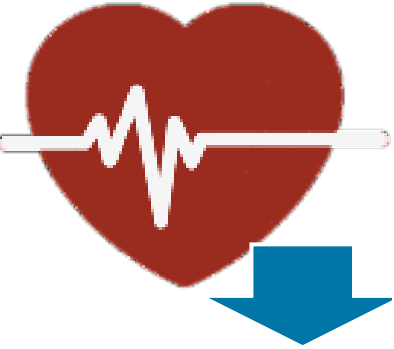


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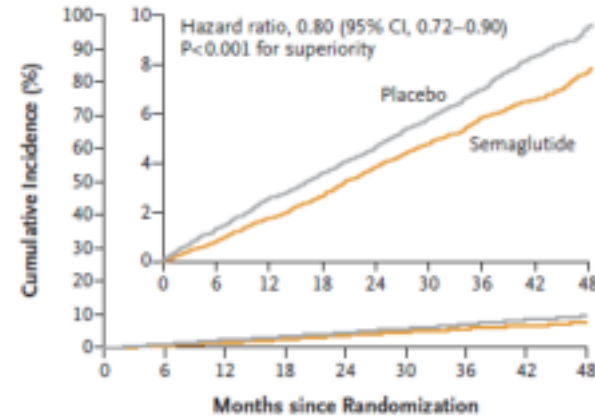
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SELECT Trial: Effect of s.c. Semaglutide in CVOT in Obesity and CVD



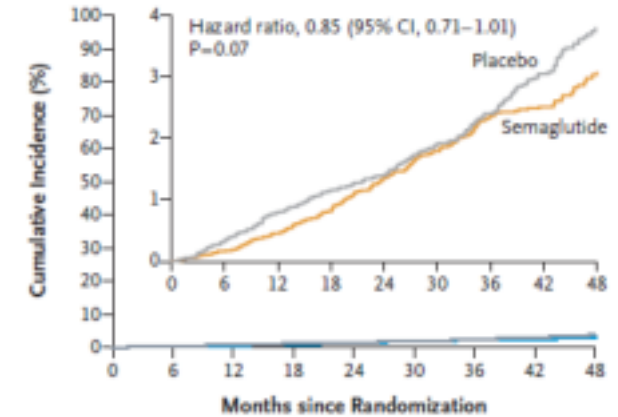
- Semaglutide 2.4 mg reduced composite CV death, non-fatal MI or nonfatal stroke) by 20% over five years in adults with overweight or obesity
- 17,604 adults aged ≥ 45 years with overweight or obesity and established CVD with no prior history of diabetes.
- All three components of the primary endpoint contributed to the superior MACE reduction

A Primary Cardiovascular Composite End Point



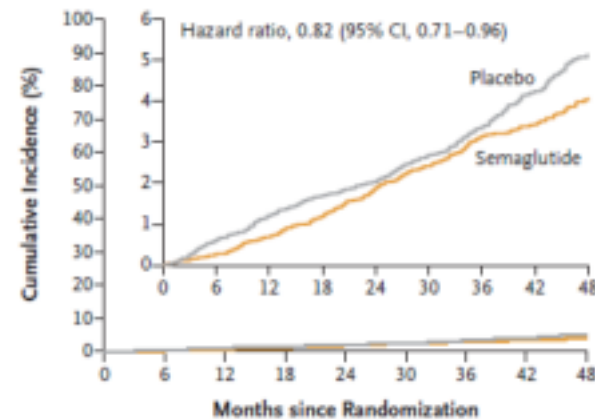
No. at Risk									
Placebo	8801	8652	8487	8326	8164	7101	5660	4015	1672
Semaglutide	8803	8695	8561	8427	8254	7229	5777	4126	1734

B Death from Cardiovascular Causes

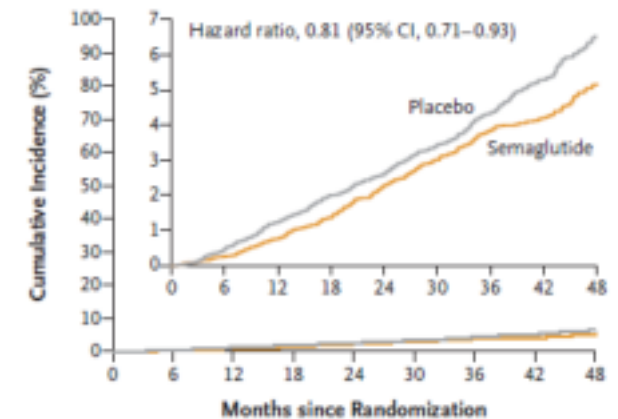


No. at Risk									
Placebo	8801	8733	8634	8528	8430	7395	5938	4250	1793
Semaglutide	8803	8748	8673	8584	8465	7452	5988	4315	1832

C Heart Failure Composite End Point



D Death from Any Cause



Obese

- Lifestyle Modification
- GLP1RA
- GLP1RA+ GIP
- GLP1RA + Lifestyle modification
- Other drugs or bariatric surgery ?

Obese-Pre-HF

- In DM: SGLT2i
- GLP1RA?
- GLP1RA + SGLT2i?
- Other, bariatric sx?

Obese-HFpEF

- GLP1RA
- GLP1RA+ SGLT2i?

Obese-HFrEF

- SGLT2i
- SGLT2i + GLP1RA? (safety & efficacy)

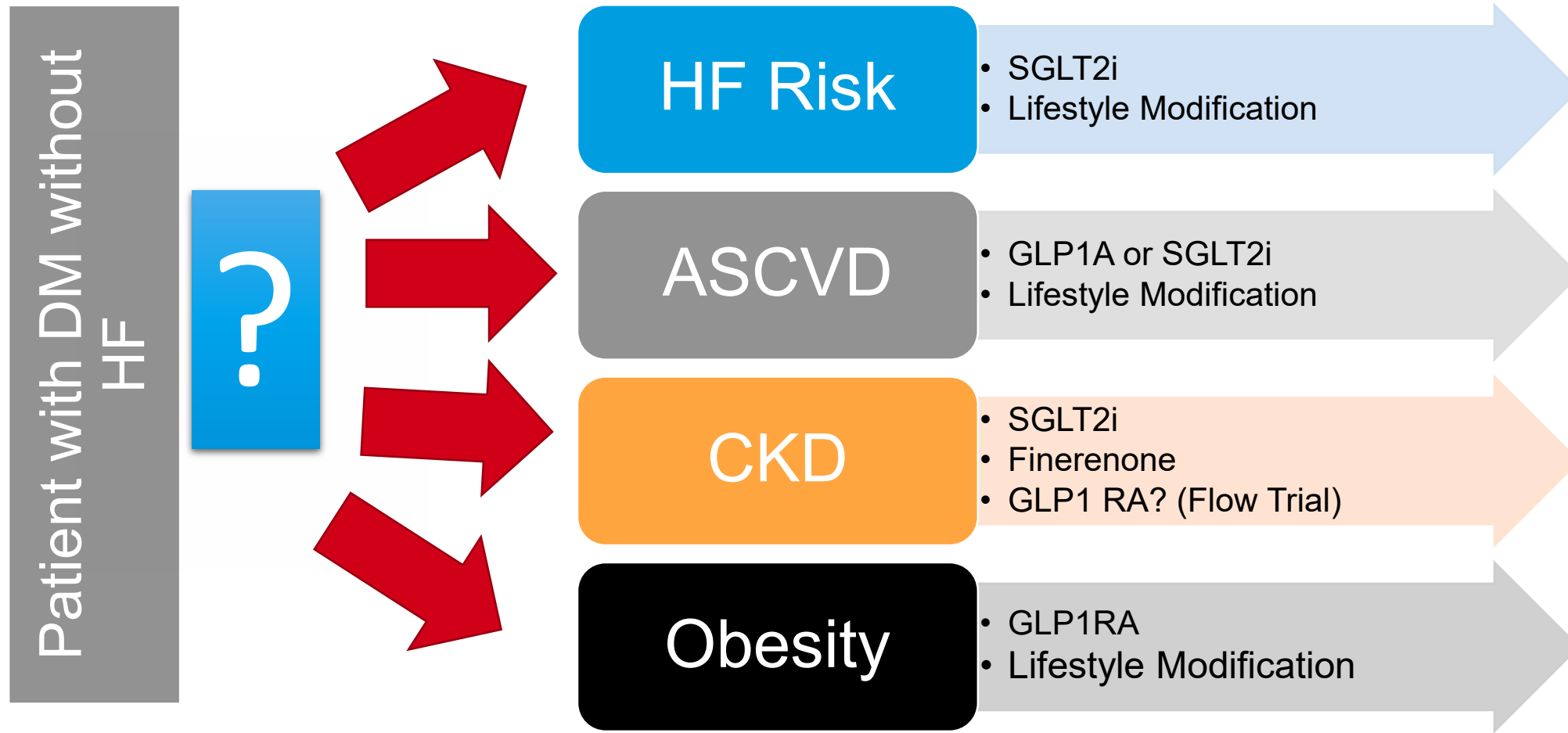
Severe
obesity
(GLP1RA?)

HFpEF with less
obesity (SGLT2i
first?)

Combination Therapies?

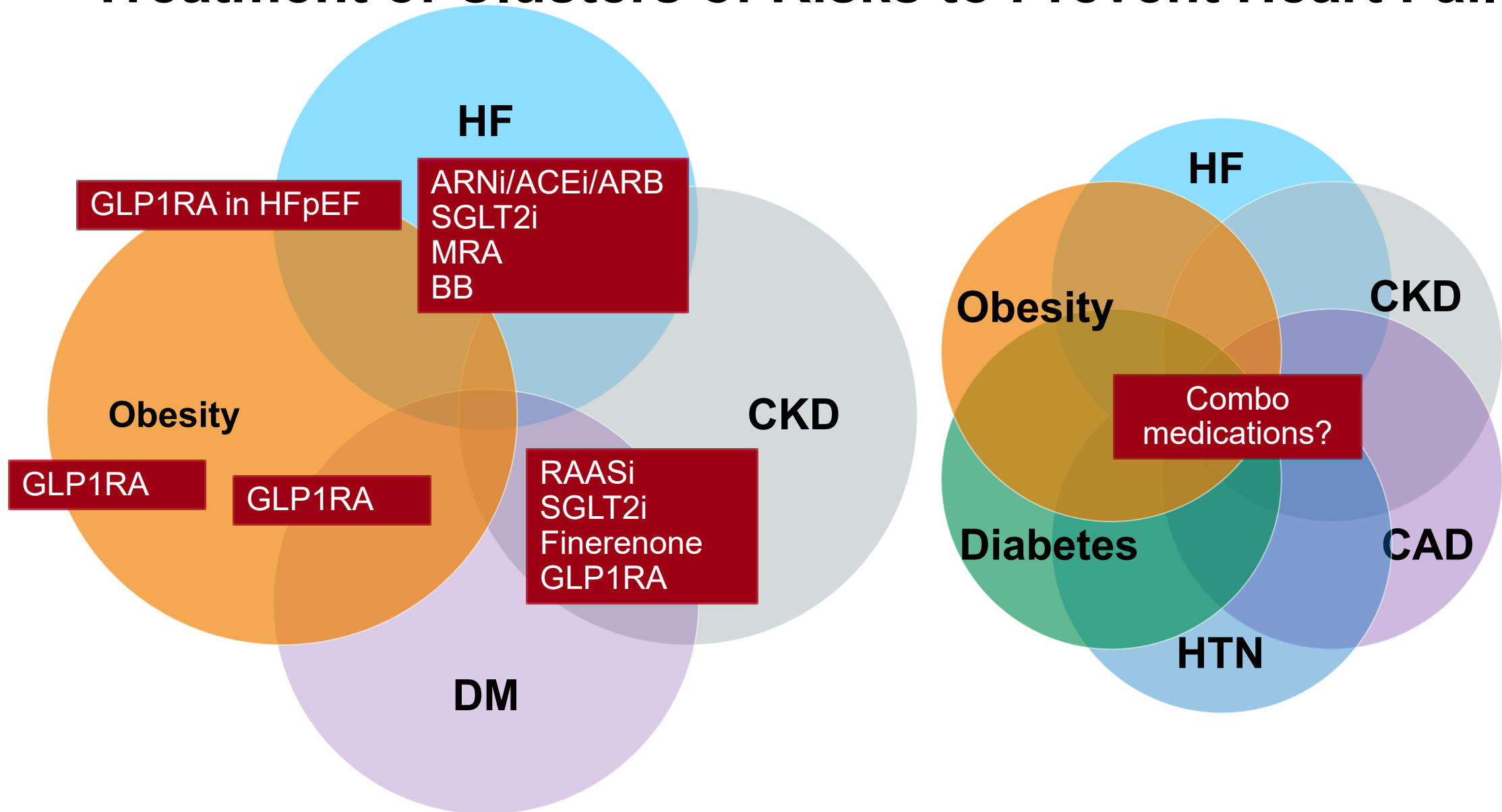
Prevention or Treatment of Pre-HF

Treatment of According to Additional Risk in DM



Role of Biomarkers & Clusters of Risk

Treatment of Clusters of Risks to Prevent Heart Failure





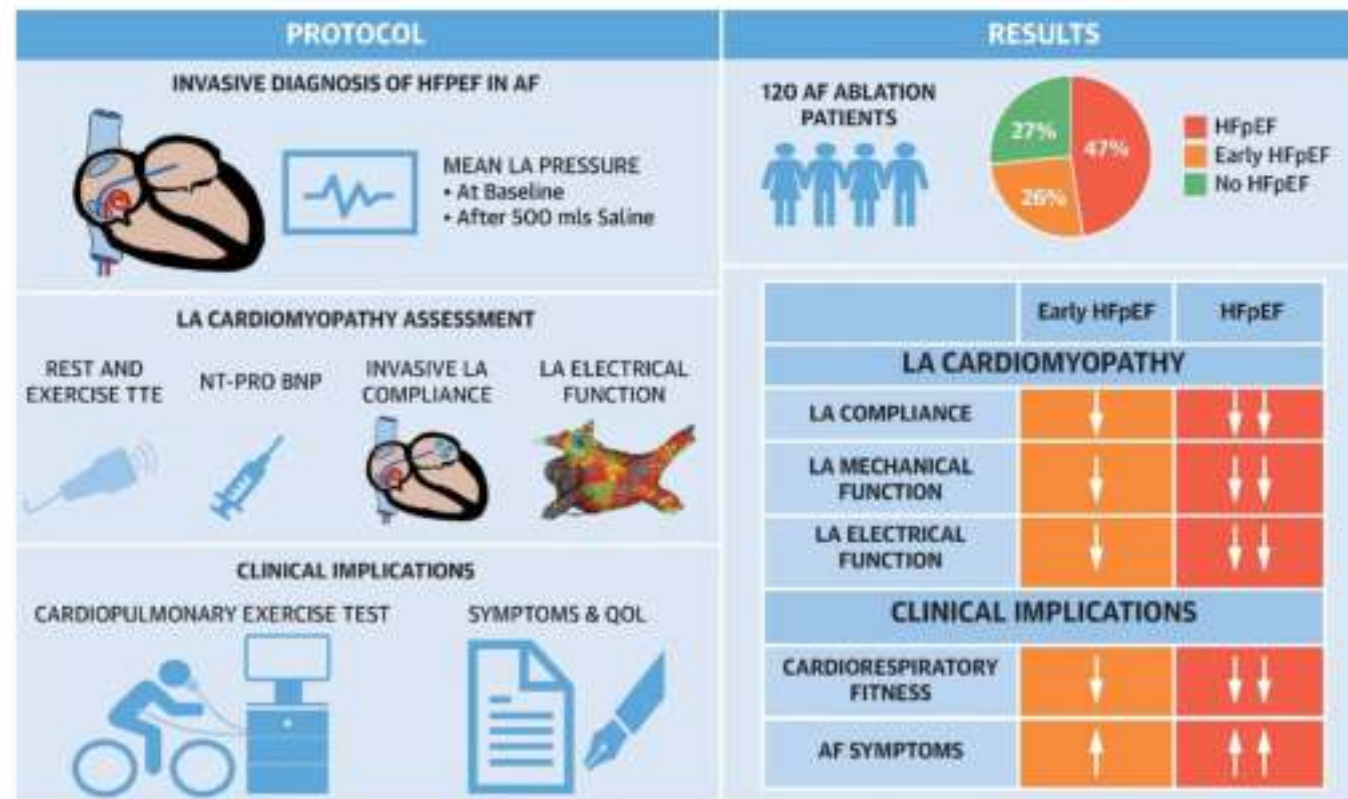
Subclinical HFpEF in Patients Referred for AF Ablation

Identification of Subclinical Heart Failure With Preserved Ejection Fraction in Patients With Symptomatic Atrial Fibrillation

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- Lower LA compliance
- Decreased LA emptying fraction
- Decreased LA voltage
- Decreased VO₂peak
- Increased AF symptom burden

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Subclinical HFpEF in AF



Ariyaratnam JP, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol HF. 2023;■(■):■-■.



Evolving Concepts in Screening for HF

At risk for HF

Screen for Pre-HF

Determine if Pre-HF

Management of Pre-HF

Patients at-risk for HF
(e.g., patients with cardiovascular disease, hypertension, diabetes, obesity, familial cardiomyopathy, exposure to cardiotoxins)

Annual screening with natriuretic peptides, or cardiac troponin in the setting of exposure to cardiotoxins, or urine albumin/creatinine ratio

If abnormal /elevated
(e.g., NT-proBNP>125 pg/ml or BNP \geq 50 pg/ml or cardiac troponin> 99th percentile of reference population, or urine albumin/creatinine ratio \geq 30mg/g) in the absence of other known reasons for abnormal levels

Pre-HF

Follow-up by team-based care, including a cardiovascular specialist, optimizing GDMT & lifestyle modification

GDMT for Pre-HF (Stage B HF), in addition to continued GDMT for At-Risk for HF (stage A HF)

If normal / not elevated

At risk for HF

Follow-up by primary team, repeat screening annually

Lifestyle Modification



Major Progress



Update in
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Evolving Device Interventions in HF

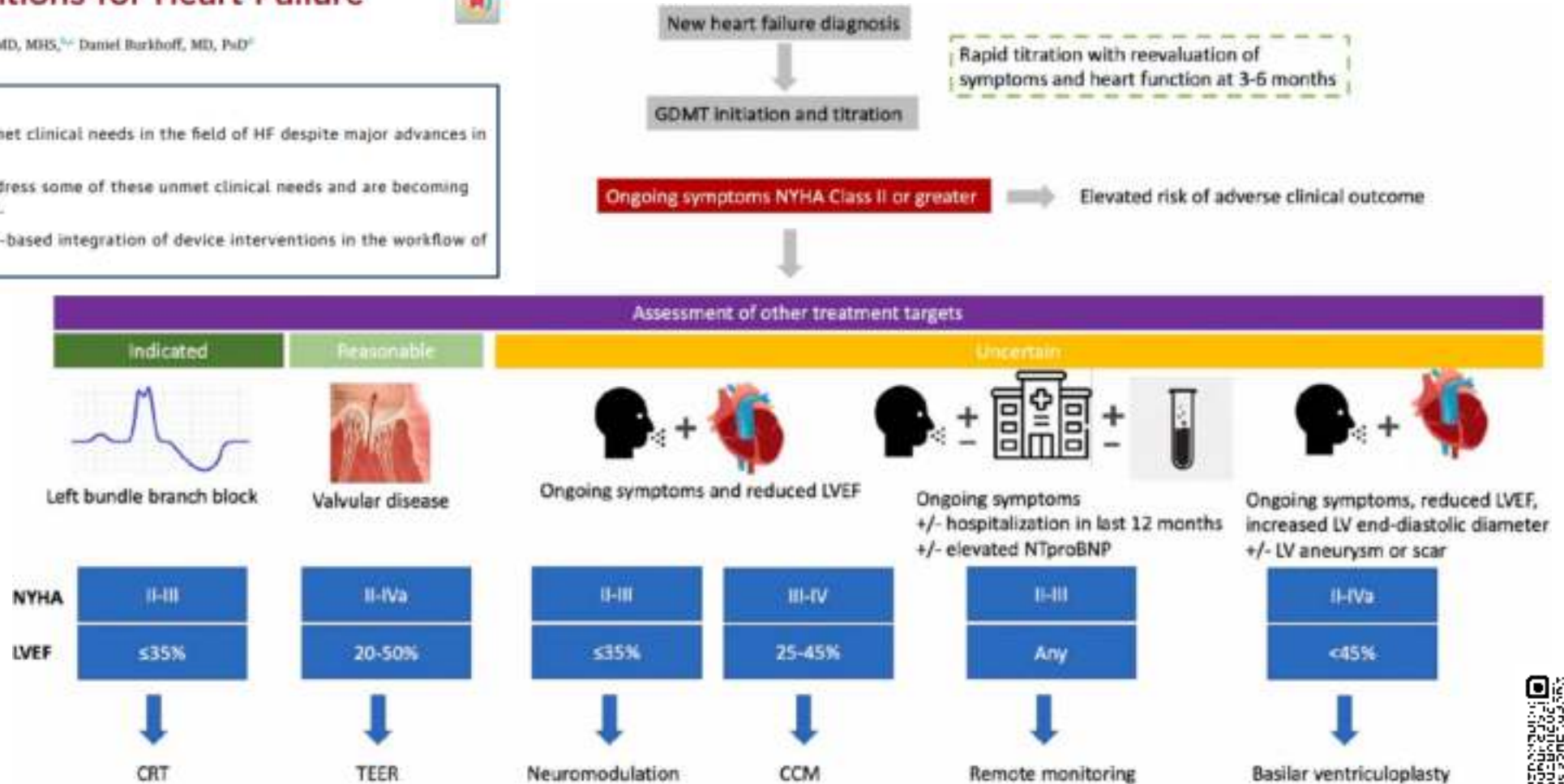
STATE-OF-THE-ART REVIEW

Device Interventions for Heart Failure

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HIGHLIGHTS

- There remain significant unmet clinical needs in the field of HF despite major advances in drug therapy.
- Device interventions can address some of these unmet clinical needs and are becoming integral for HF management.
- There is a need for evidence-based integration of device interventions in the workflow of HF management.

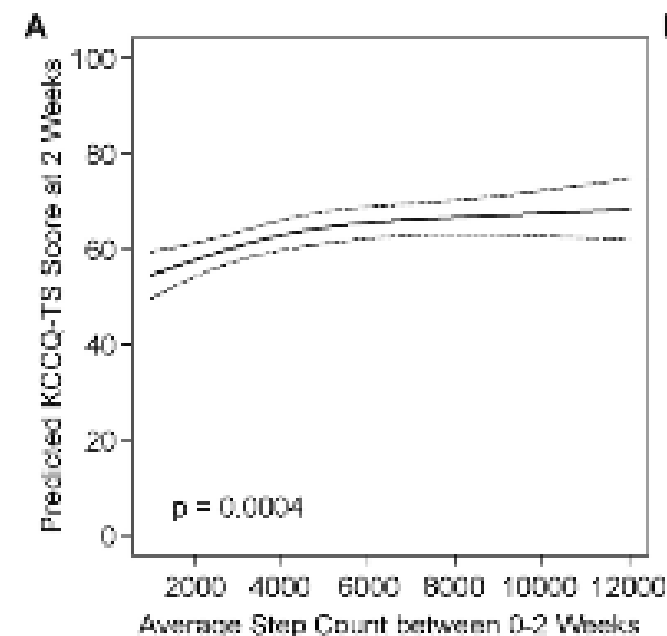
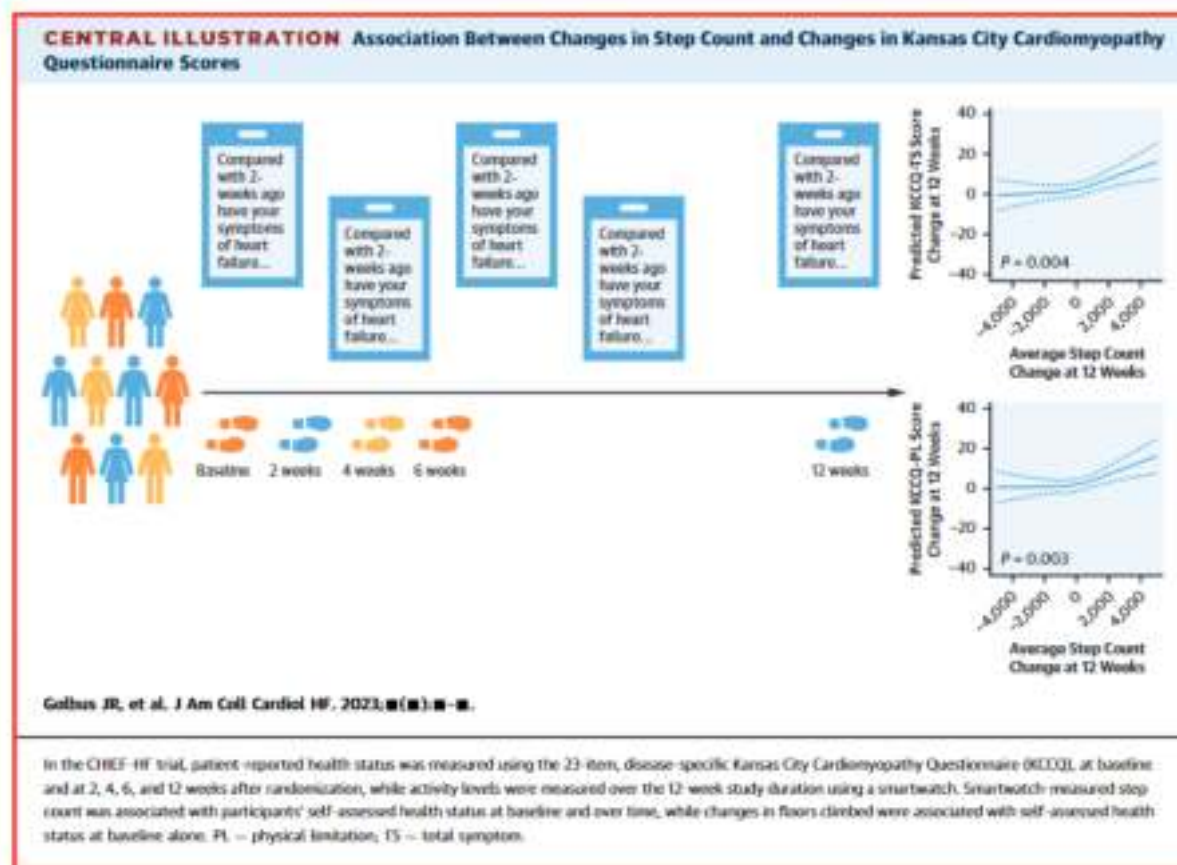




Wearable Devices: Step Count Associated with PROs

Association Between Wearable Device Measured Activity and Patient-Reported Outcomes for Heart Failure

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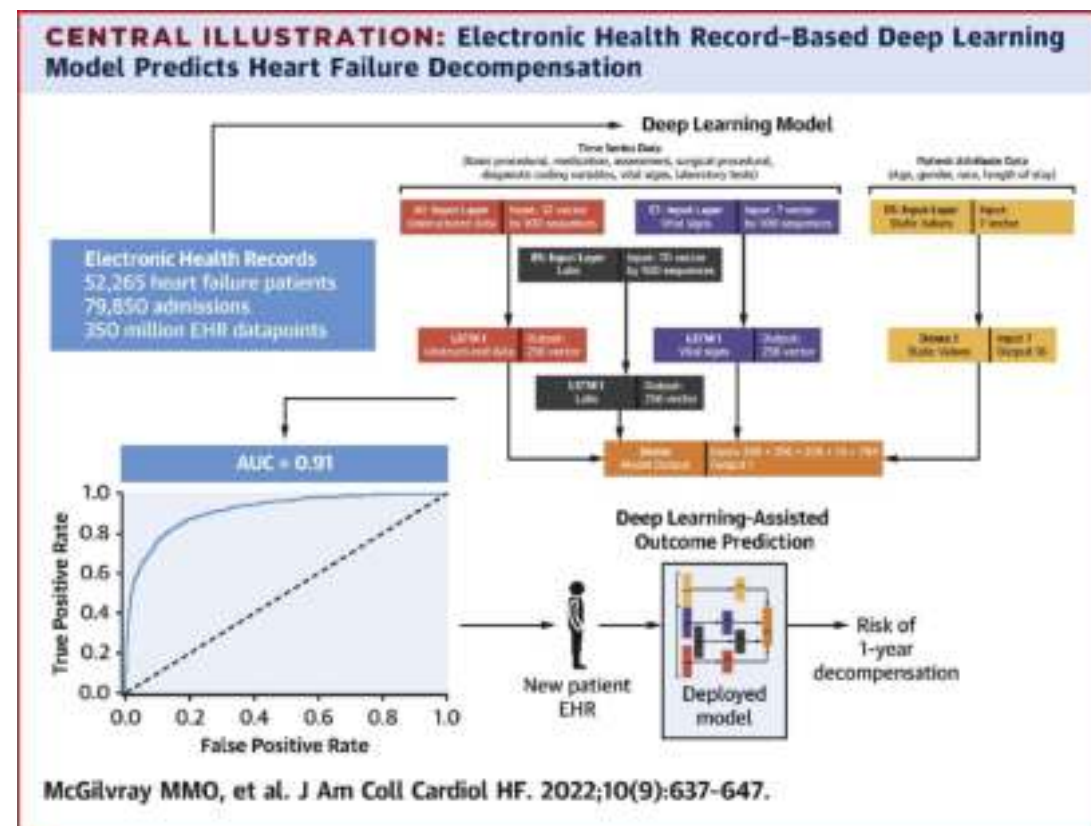
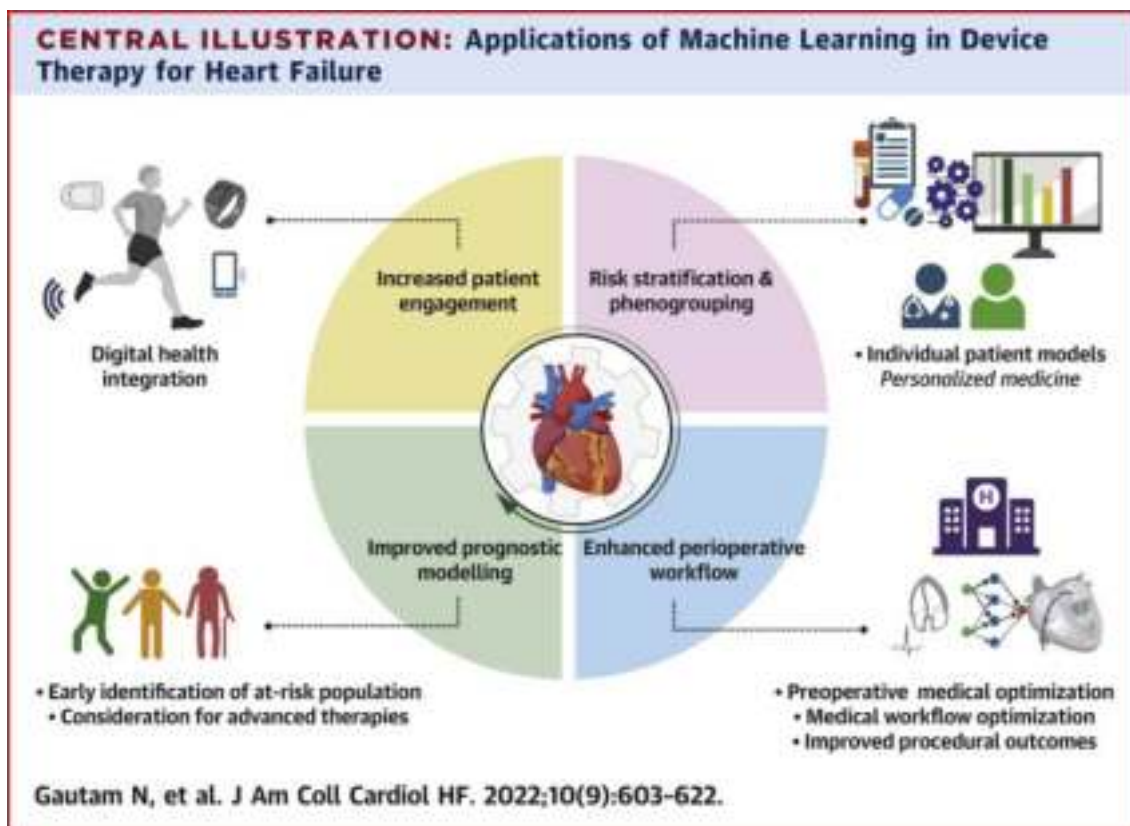
Machine Learning: From Voice Recognition, Risk Prediction to Patient Education

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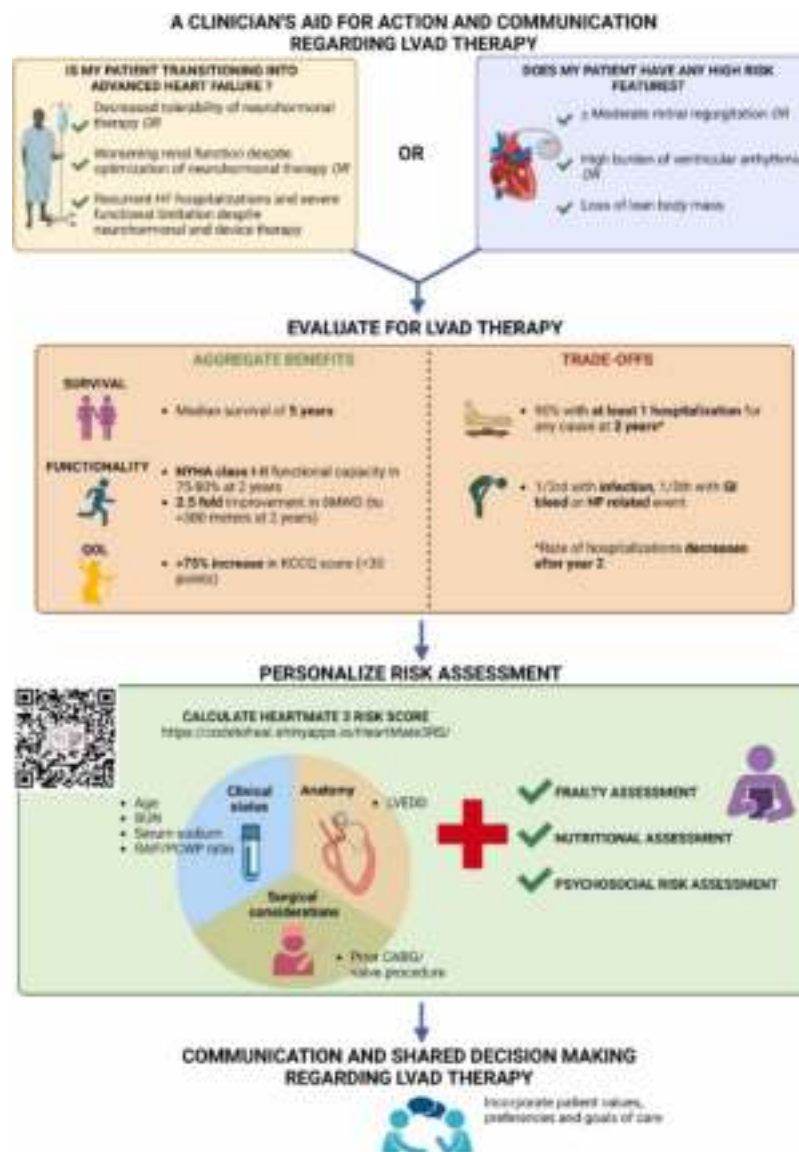
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Life-Prolonging Benefits of LVAD Therapy in Advanced HF





Ongoing Discussion - Heart Transplant Allocation

- **Impact of the 2018 UNOS Heart Transplant Policy Changes on Patient Outcomes (SoA)**

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- **The Accuracy of Initial U.S. Heart Transplant Candidate Rankings**

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- **The Future of Heart Allocation Policy: Patient-Specific Variables Over Treatment Strategy**

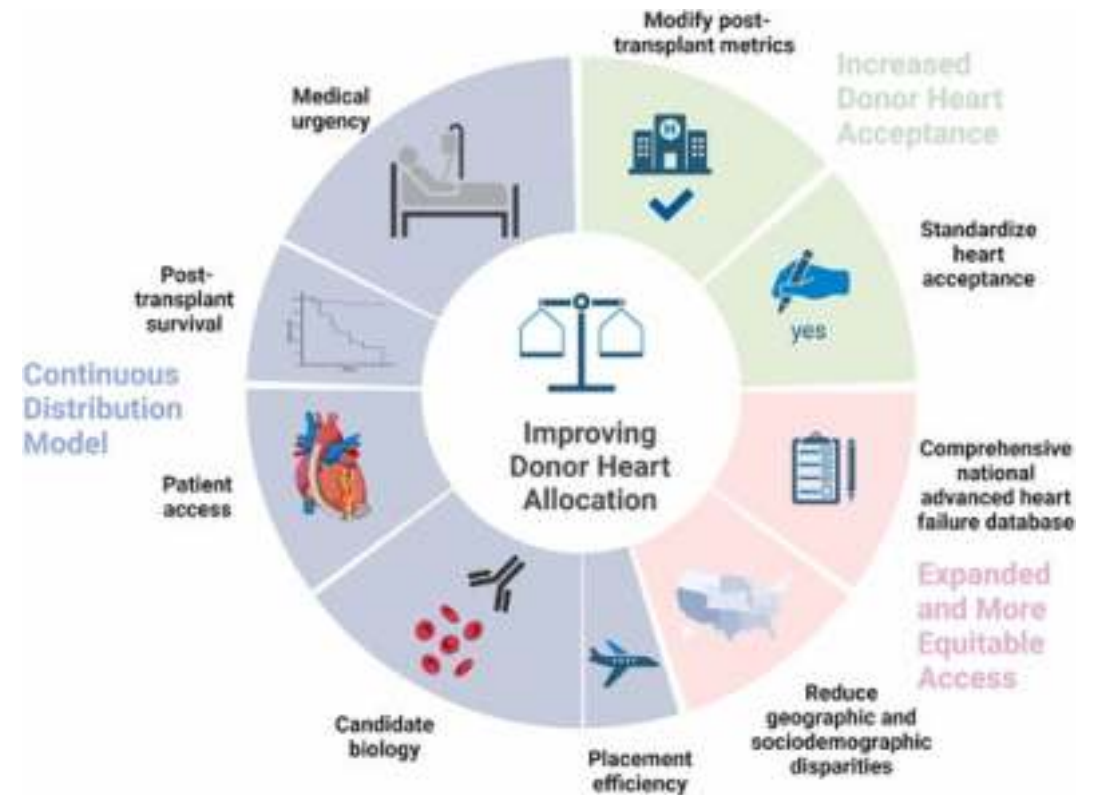
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- **Developing a System for Best Performance for Cardiac Transplantation**

Jesse D. Schold, Jordan Hoffman, and Joseph Cleveland

- **How to Make the Transplantation Allocation System Better**

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Organ Preservation Techniques: Increasing Utilization of Extended Criteria Donor Hearts for Transplantation: The Organ Case System (OCS) Heart EXPAND Trial

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Kaplan-Meier Analysis of Overall Patient Survival



Patients received extended criteria hearts from brain-dead donors. Extended criteria hearts were defined by an expected cross-clamp time of ≥ 4 hours or expected cross-clamp time of ≥ 2 hours plus ≥ 1 of the following risk factors:

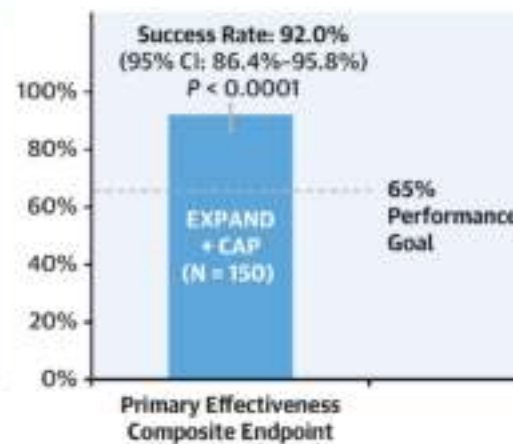
- Donor age ≥ 55 years, donor age 45–55 years with no coronary angiogram
- Reported downtime of ≥ 20 minutes with stable hemodynamics at final assessment
- LV septal or posterior wall thickness of 13–16 mm, LVEF 40%–50%
- Donor angiogram with luminal irregularities with no significant CAD
- History of carbon monoxide poisoning with good cardiac functional final assessment
- History of diabetes combined with negative coronary angiogram for CAD
- Social history of alcoholism with good cardiac function at time of final assessment

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Donor Hearts Transplanted After
OCS Perfusion and Assessment

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Hearts Turned Down



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- >50% of hearts enrolled had multiple risk factors that resulted in them being declined for transplantation on UNOS match run on average 51 times before being accepted.
- Organ Case System Heart perfusion resulted in 87% successful utilization of these donor hearts for transplantation with excellent patient survival to 2 years post-transplant and low rates of severe primary graft dysfunction.





Evolving Concepts in Noninvasive Heart Transplant Rejection Surveillance

The End of Endomyocardial Biopsy?

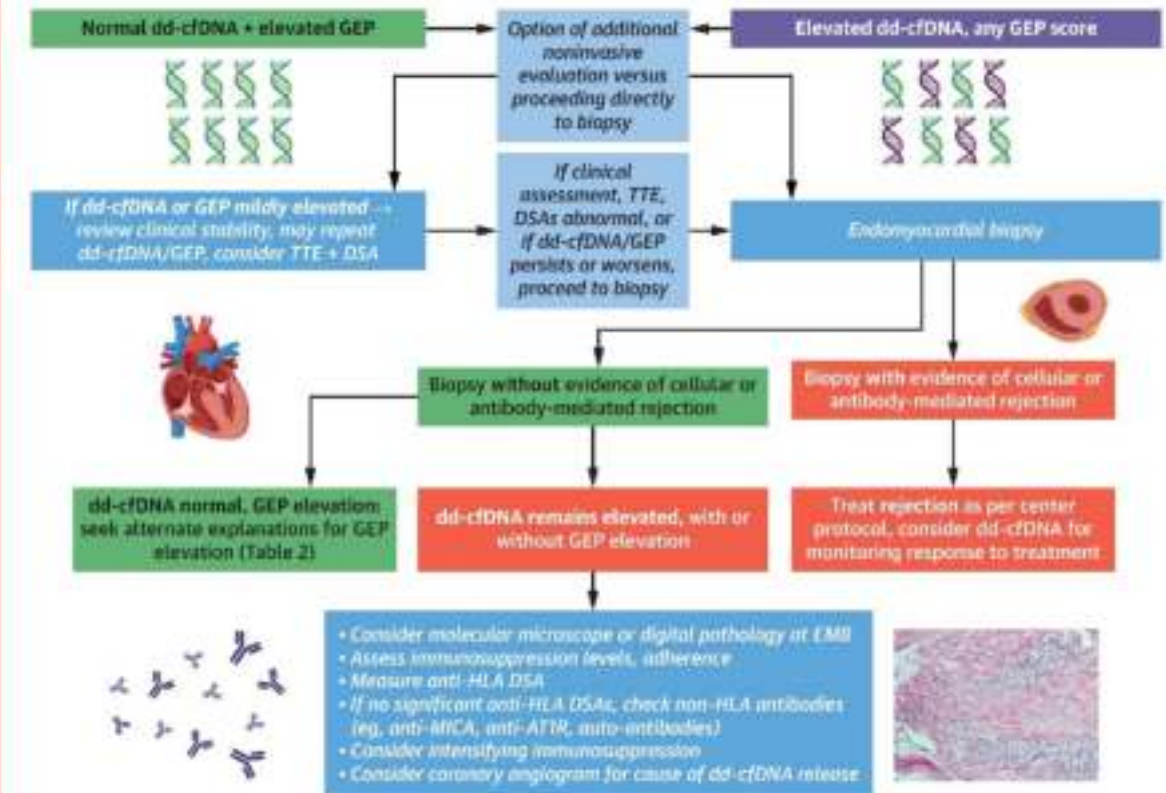
A Practical Guide for Noninvasive Heart Transplant Rejection Surveillance

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Rejection surveillance using gene expression profiling and donor-derived cell-free DNA (dd-cfDNA) is noninferior to endomyocardial biopsy.
- Transitioning away from traditional biopsy surveillance raises many practical questions.
- In this paper, we provide guidance for the transition and early implementation process.
- The clinical value of dd-cfDNA may offer benefits beyond current surveillance strategies, pending future prospective studies.

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Flowchart Proposing Interpretation of Noninvasive Surveillance With a Combination of Gene Expression Profiling and dd-cfDNA



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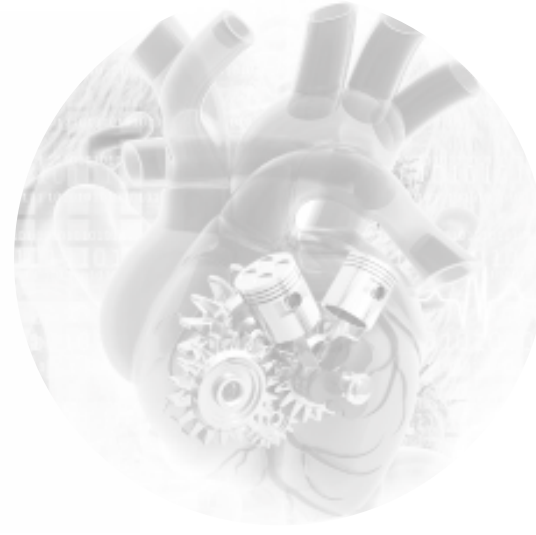
Major Progress



Update in
Management of
HFpEF, HFrEF



Management of
Comorbidities
Obesity,
Afib, CKD,
Prevention of HF

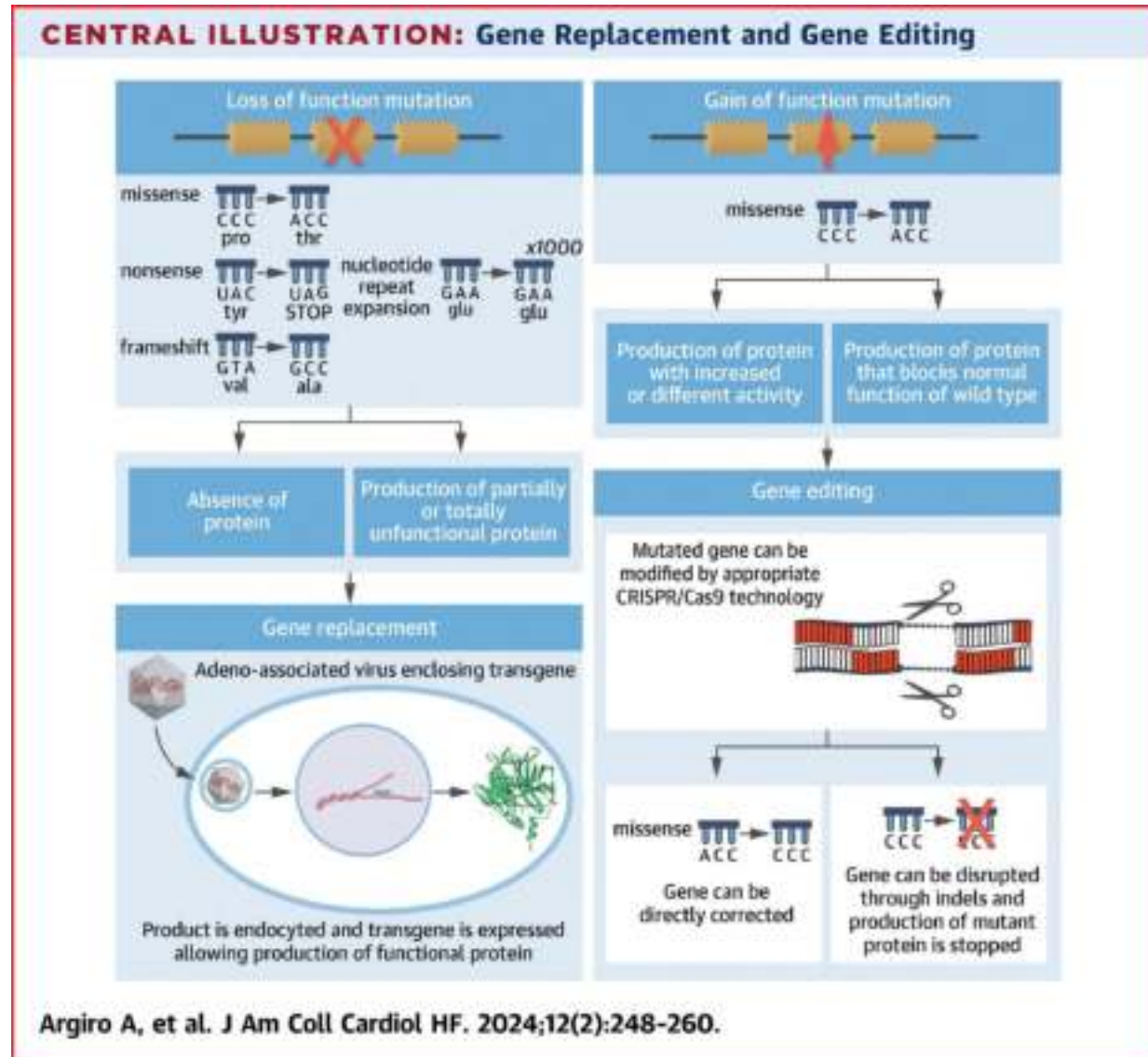


Devices,
Technology,
Wearables, Shock,
VAD/Tx



Genetic,
Cardiomyopathies
Myocarditis,
Pregnancy

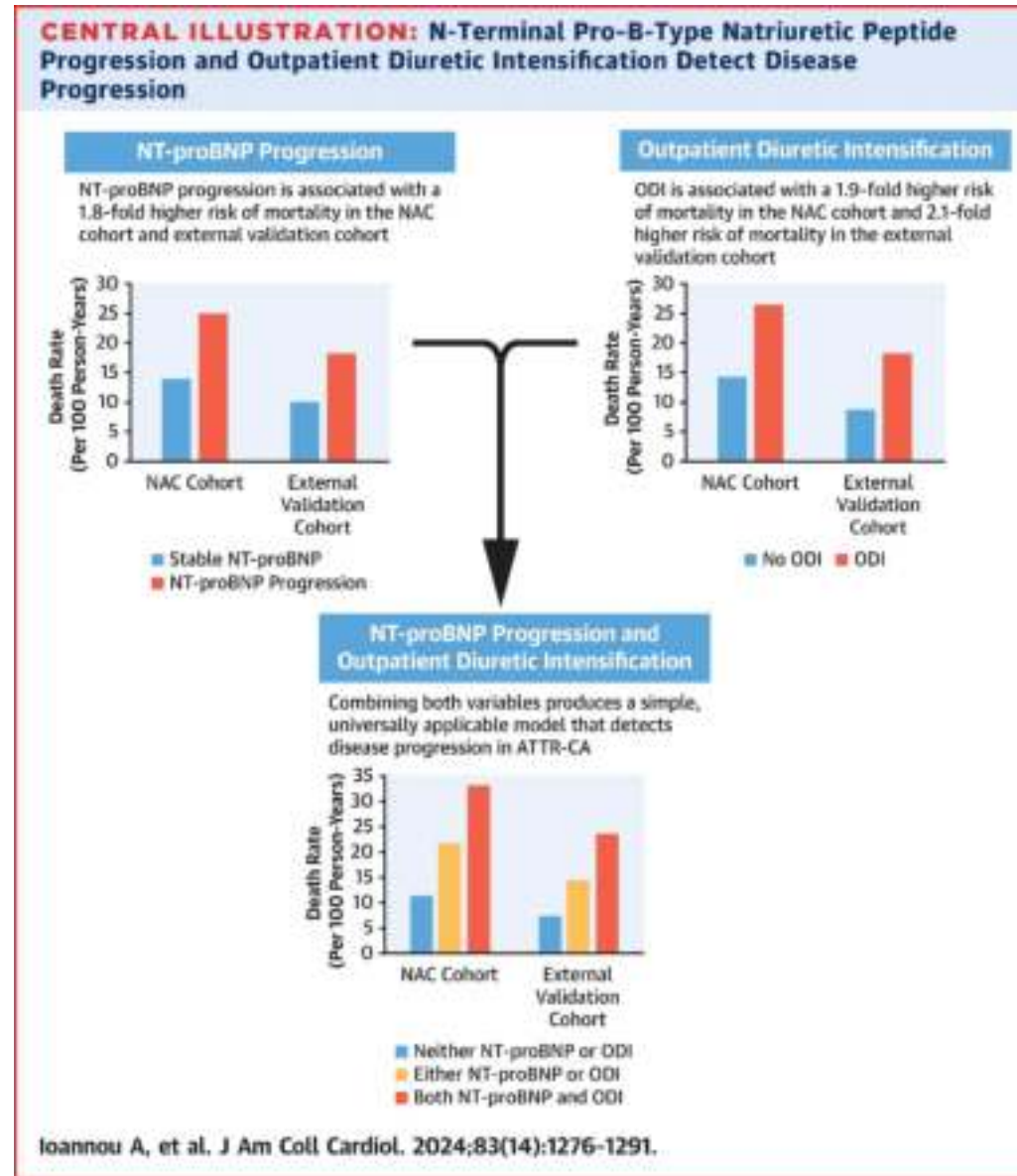
Gene Therapy in Cardiomyopathies



- Gene therapy for Duchenne muscular dystrophy approved
- Pivotal clinical trials are testing gene therapy approaches in Danon disease and Fabry disease.
- Promising results shown in animal models of gene therapy in HCM and arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy



NP and Diuretic Need as Markers of Disease Progression in Cardiac ATTR Amyloidosis



STATE-OF-THE-ART REVIEW

Heart Failure in Pregnancy

Cardio-Obstetrics and Heart Failure

JACC: Heart Failure State-of-the-Art Review

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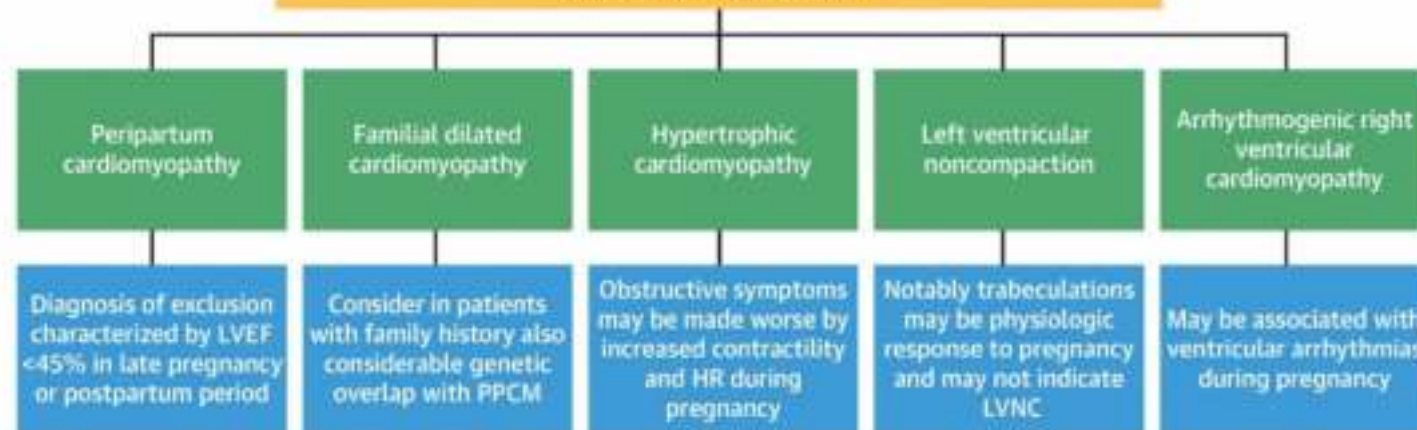
- Maternal mortality continues to rise in the United States.
- A comprehensive preconception risk assessment is necessary for women with heart failure.
- Multidisciplinary cardio-obstetric teams are necessary for improving maternal and fetal outcomes.

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Approaching Heart Failure in Pregnancy



Any of the following should prompt further evaluation for these heart failure syndromes

Symptoms: shortness of breath, orthopnea, leg swelling
Physical exam: elevated jugular venous pressure; murmur or gallop
Structural heart disease on echocardiogram or other imaging modality
Elevated natriuretic peptides



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Reproductive Factors Associated with Risk of HF

Female Reproductive Factors and Risk of New-Onset Heart Failure

Findings From UK Biobank

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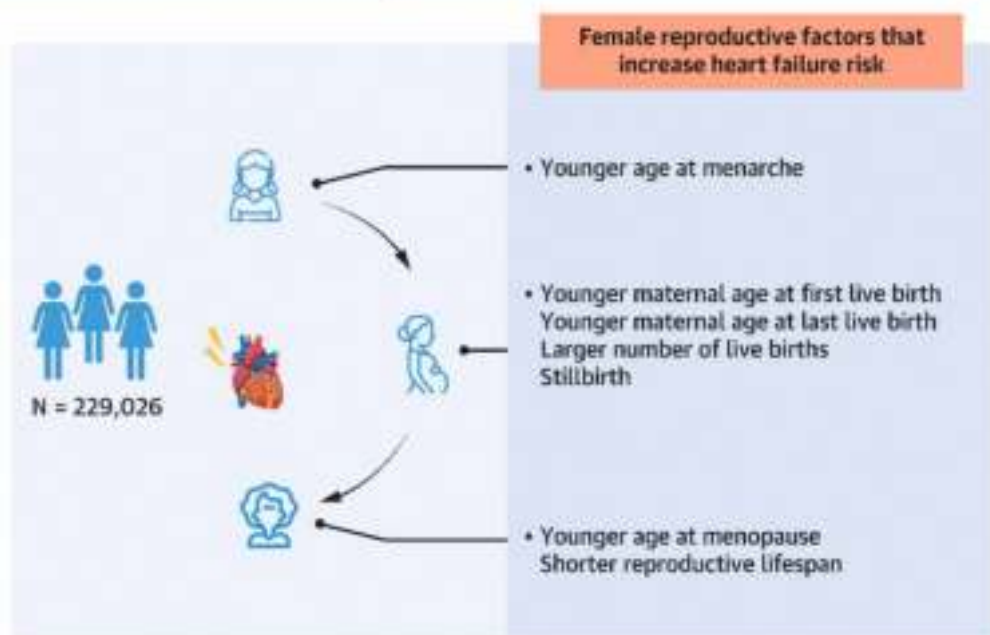


Reproductive History Assessments in Cardiovascular Care

We Need to Start by Asking*

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CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Female Reproductive Factors and Risk of New-Onset Heart Failure: Findings From UK Biobank



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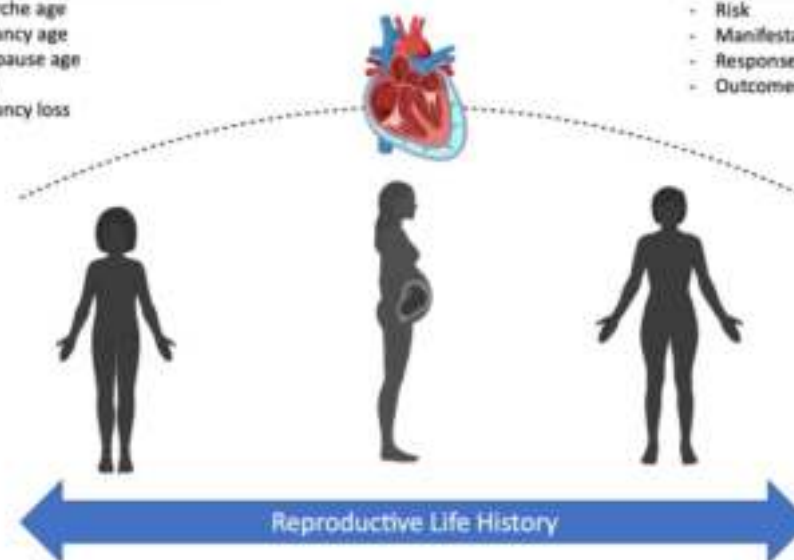
FIGURE 1 The Implications of Reproductive Factors Over the Female Life Span on Heart Failure Risk, Manifestation, and Outcomes

Relevant Reproductive Factors

- Menarche age
- Pregnancy age
- Menopause age
- Parity
- Pregnancy loss

Heart Failure

- Risk
- Manifestation
- Response to Therapy
- Outcomes





Global Variations According to Sex in Patients Hospitalized for HF

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Global Variations According to Sex in Patients Hospitalized for Heart Failure in the REPORT-HF Registry

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CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Summary of the Main Findings of This Study

Global Sex Differences in Acute Heart Failure: Results From REPORT-HF

Methods and Design



Prospective
observational cohort
study



7,181 women
11,372 men



44 lower-middle,
upper-middle, and
higher income
countries

Men



Women



Percentage of patients on ACEI/ARB/ARNI, beta-blockers, and MRAs
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Results



Women were older, had
more comorbidities, and
more often HFpEF than
men



Women less often
received GDMT and
more often medications
that might cause or
worsen HF



Women lost their
survival advantage in
countries with high
income disparity

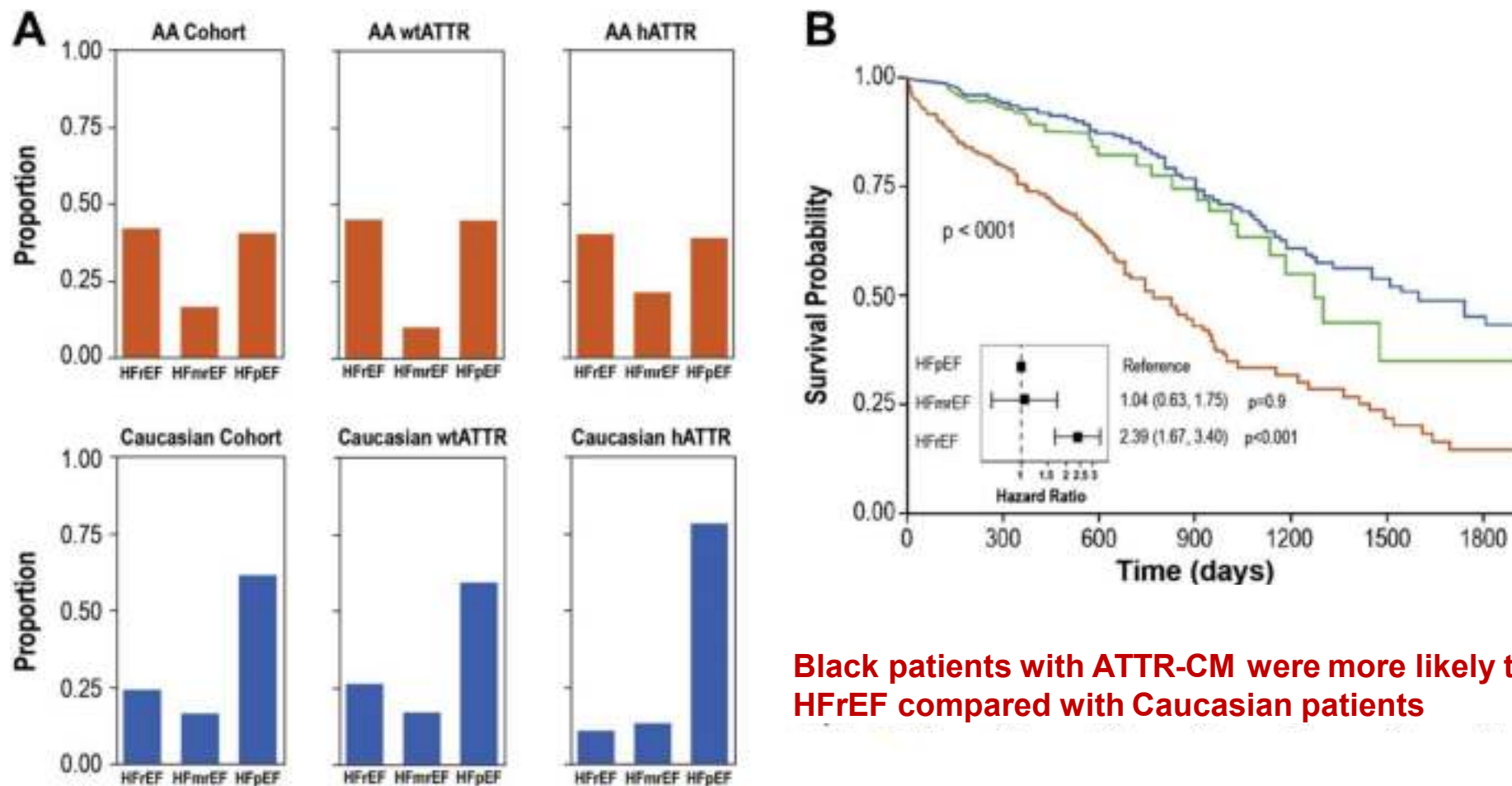
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Racial and Genetic Differences in Presentation of Transthyretin Amyloid Cardiomyopathy With Impaired Left Ventricular Function

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Black patients with ATTR-CM were more likely to present with HFrEF compared with Caucasian patients

Bereavement, Social Isolation in HF

Bereavement and Prognosis in Heart Failure

A Swedish Cohort Study



- Swedish Heart Failure Registry 2000-2018
- Death of a family member associated with 29% increase in mortality, regardless of cause

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STATE-OF-THE-ART REVIEW

Spirituality in Patients With Heart Failure

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Enhancing patient spirituality (finding meaning and purpose) through palliative care may help to improve quality of life and outcomes in HF

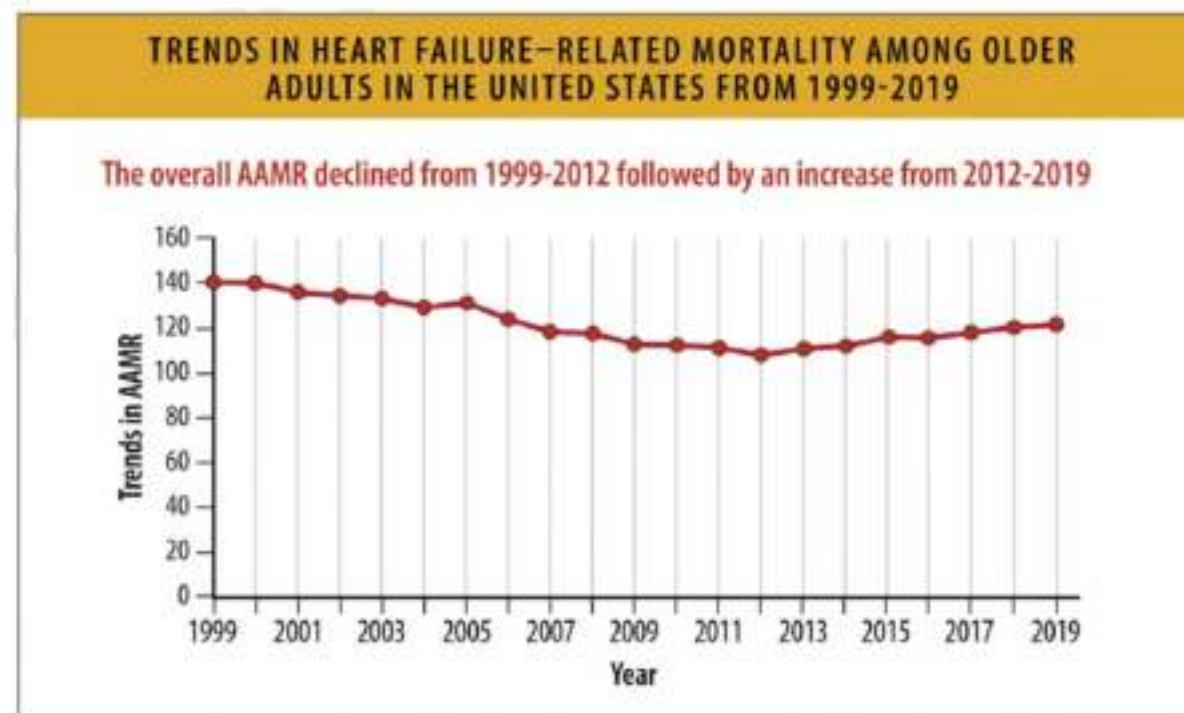
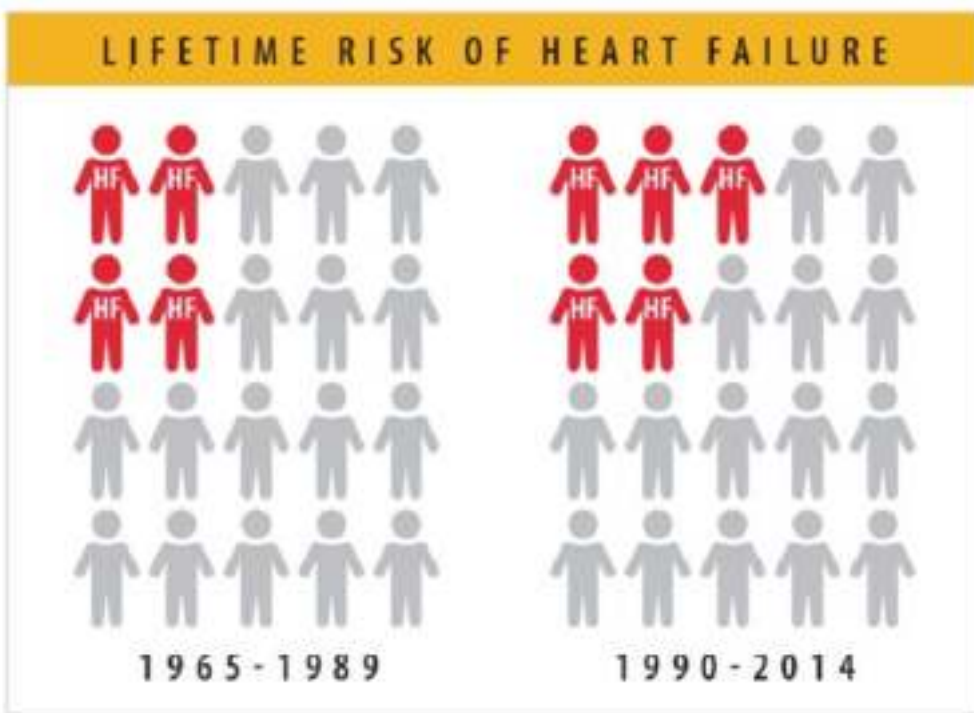
Association of Social Isolation and Loneliness With Incident Heart Failure in a Population-Based Cohort Study



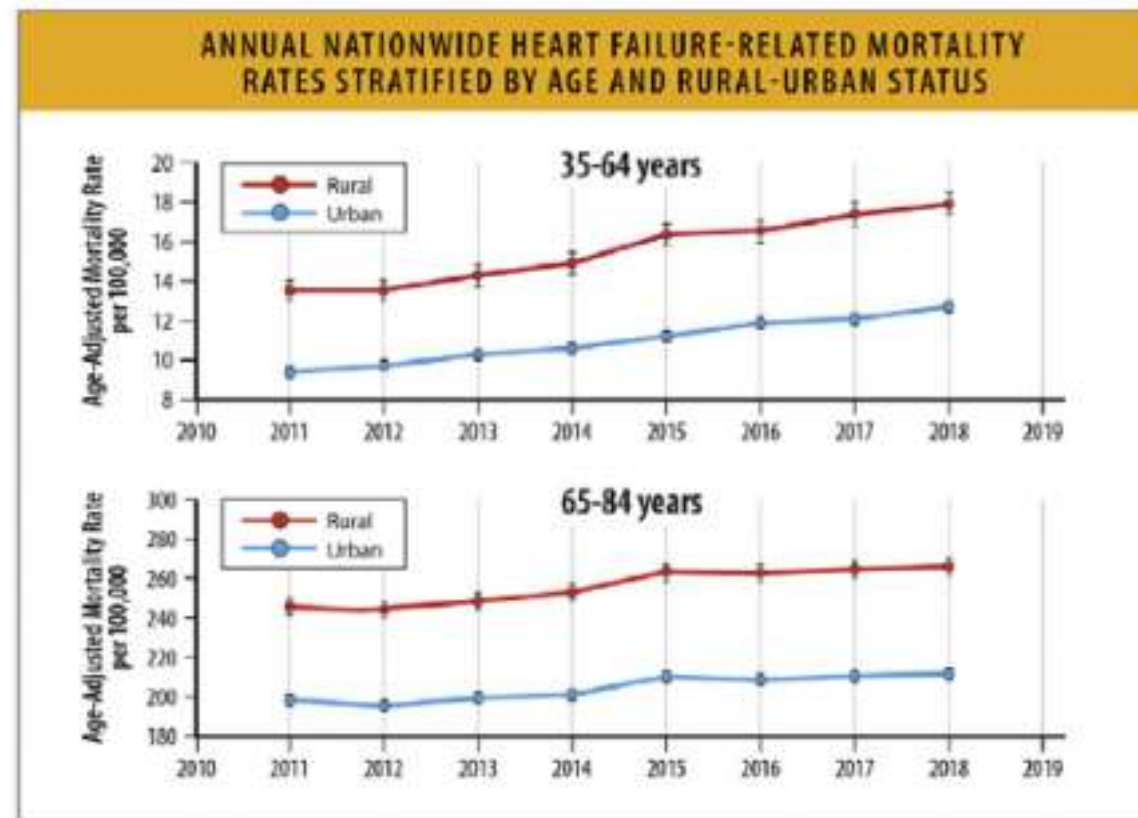
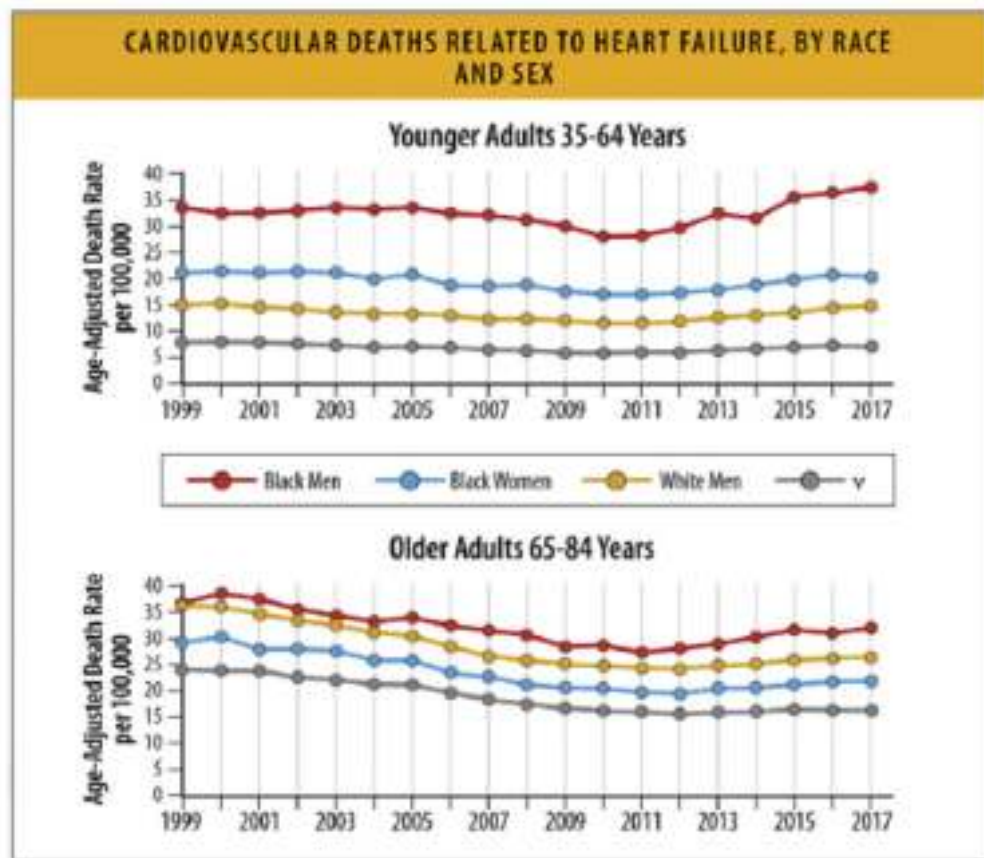
UK Biobank: Social Isolation and Loneliness associated with heightened risk for incident HF

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Lifetime Risk of HF and HF Mortality Rates are Increasing

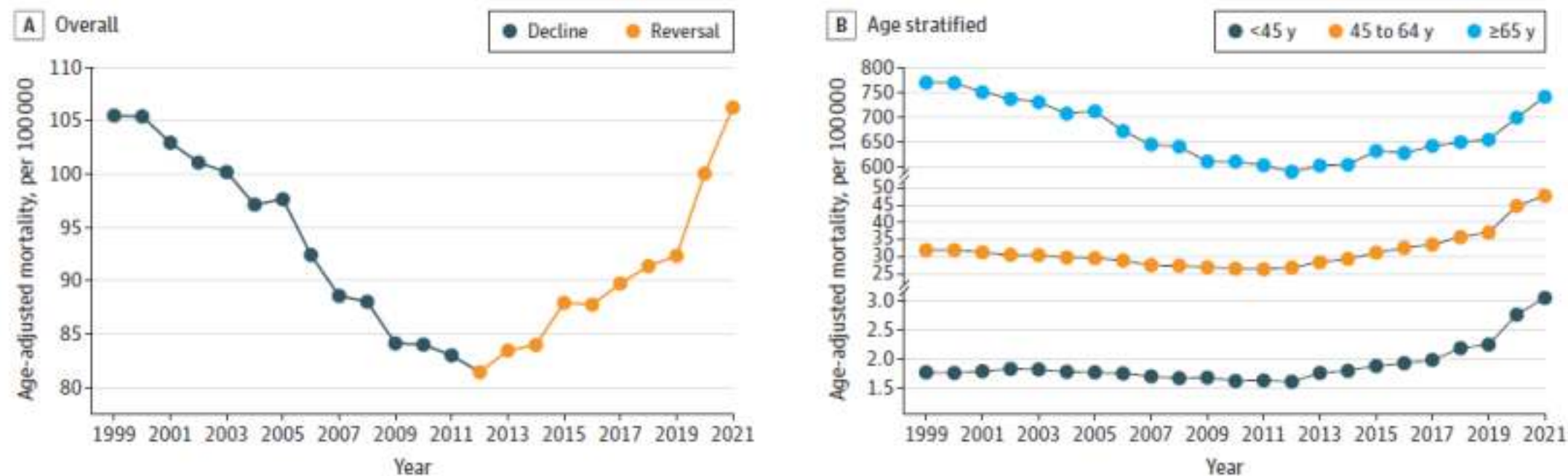


Higher HF Mortality Rates

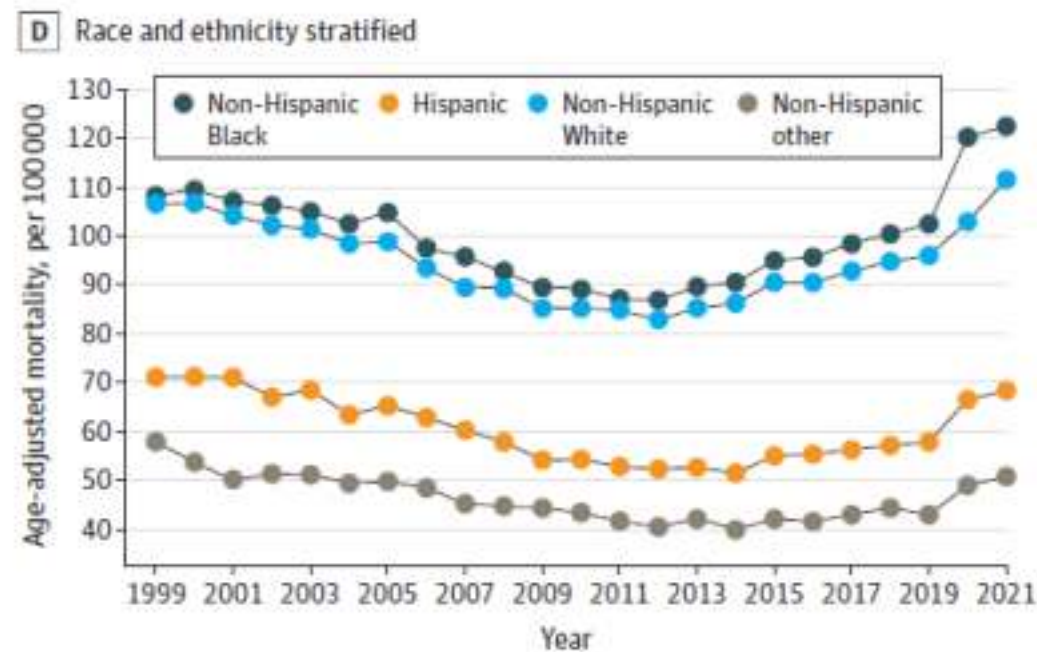
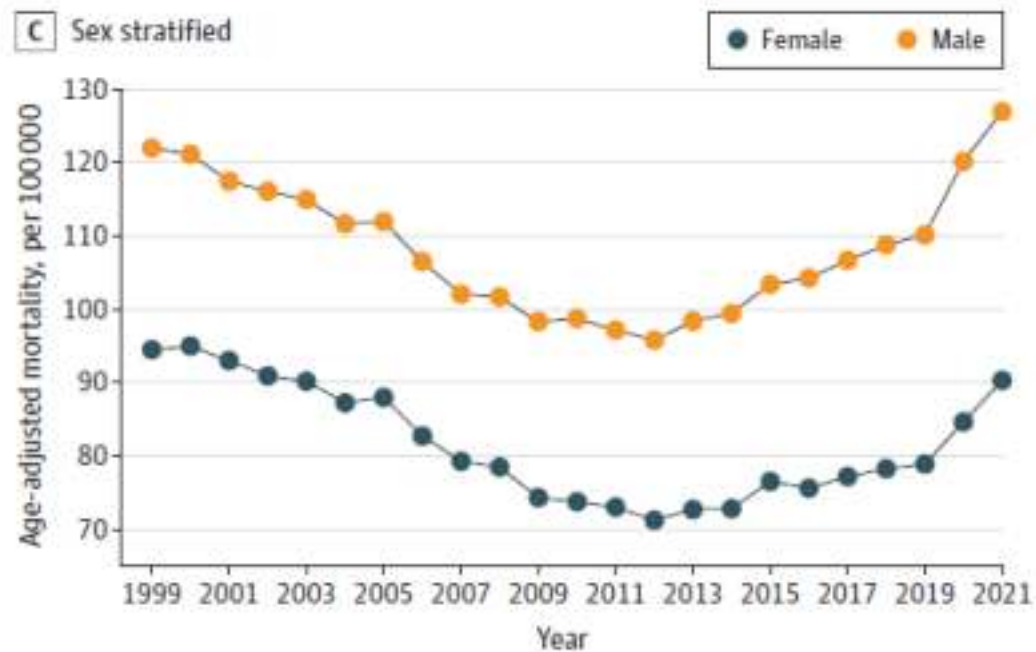


Recent Trends

Figure. Temporal Trends in Heart Failure-Related Mortality in the US, 1999 to 2021



Recent Trends



ABC's of De-congesting “Congestive” Heart Failure

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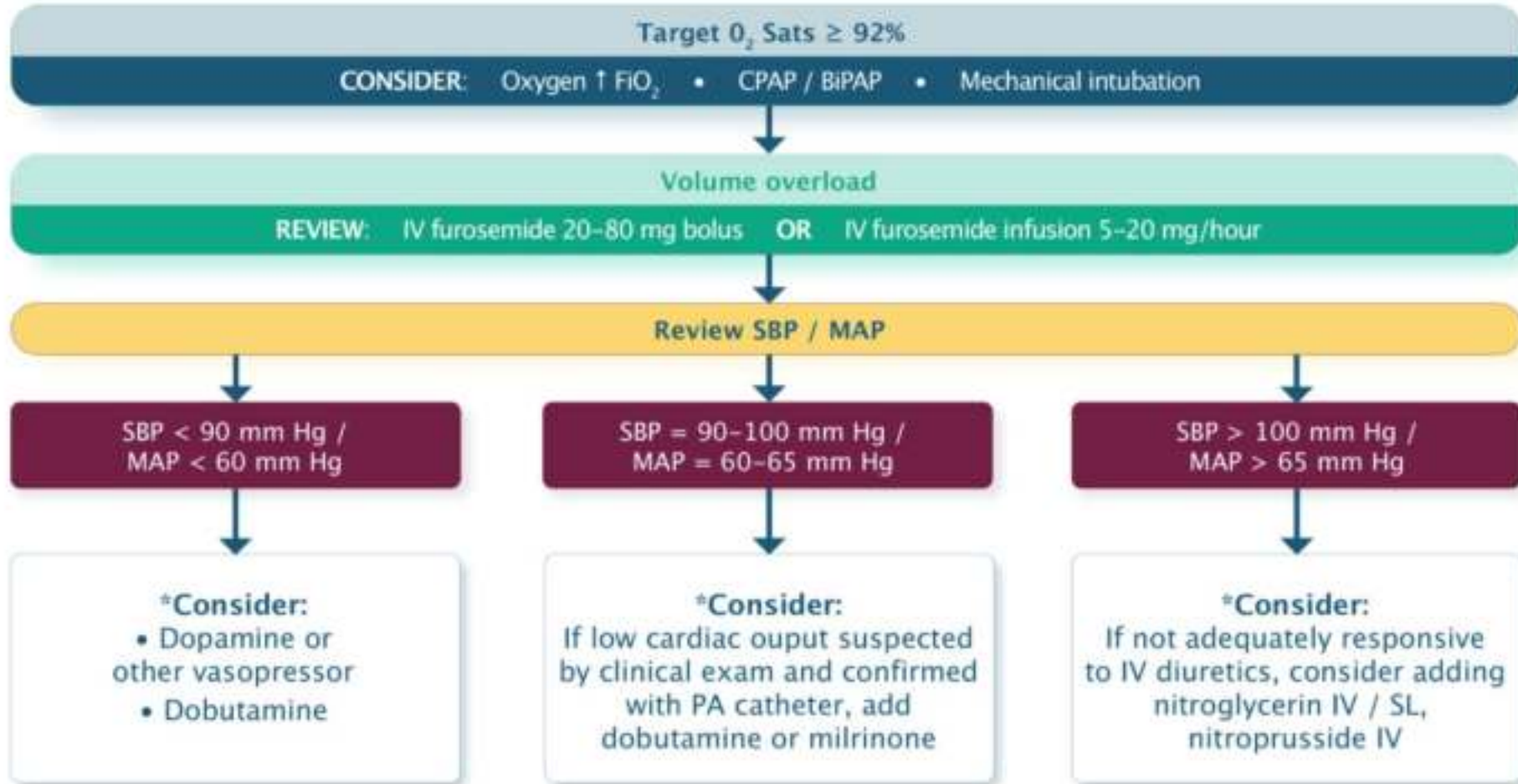
Learning Objectives

1. Provide an overview of medical therapies that can be used to decongest patients with acute heart failure
2. Define diuretic resistance
3. Describe strategies that can be used to decongest patients who have diuretic resistance

CASE

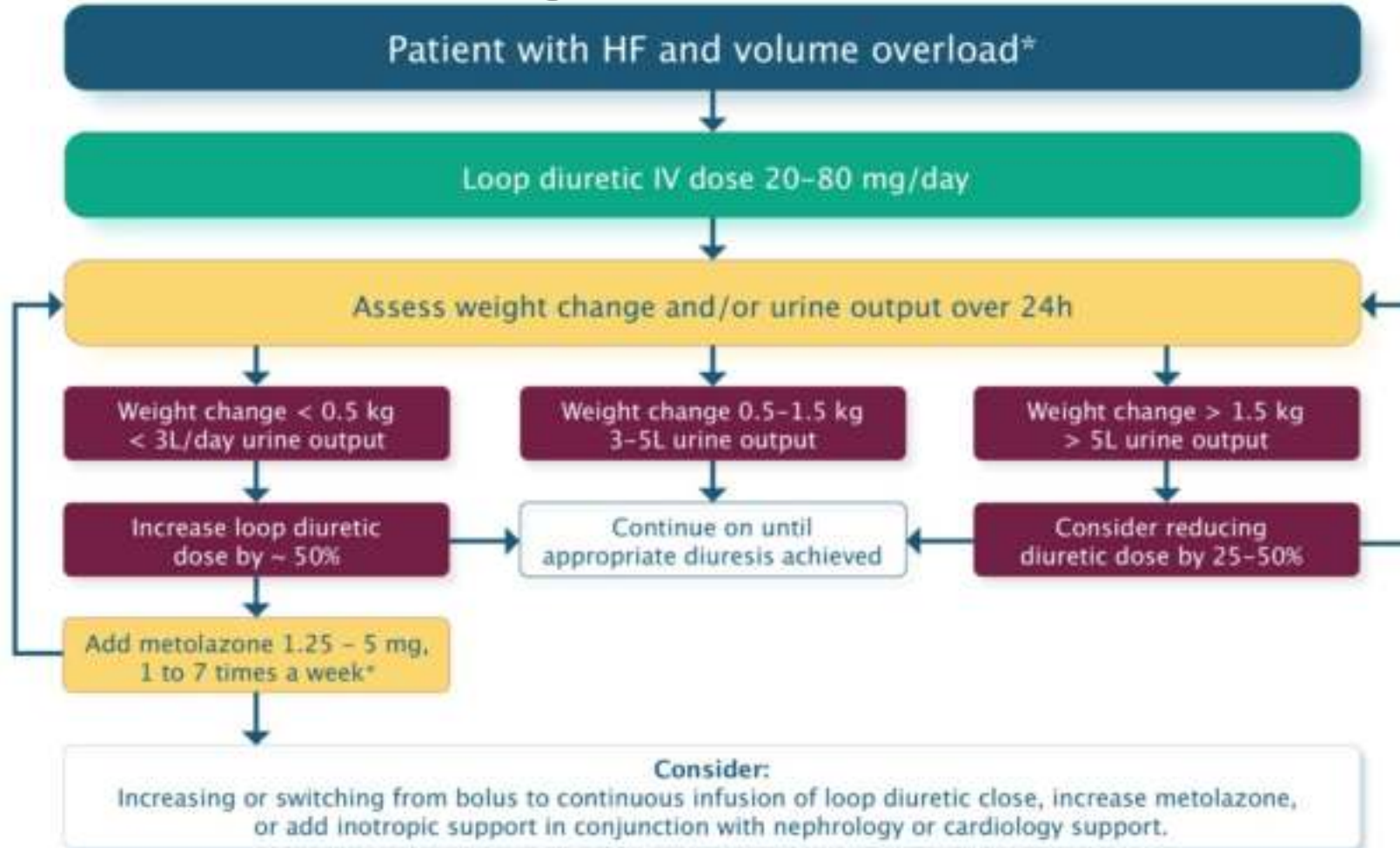
- 69-year-old female
- Prior history of acute MI, T2DM
- Presenting with two weeks history of shortness of breath and leg swelling
 - BP 100/70, HR 80, 95% RA
 - JVP elevated, bilateral edema and crackles
 - Current creatinine 210 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ (BL 150)

Initial Treatments



* See table for dosing.

Treatment Targets



- * Assumes:
1. Volume assessment with each step
 2. Monitoring of electrolytes, renal function, symptoms and vital signs
 3. Daily weights
 4. Urine output not often accurate or obtainable

* Titrate progressively, according to the degree of hypervolemia, furosemide doses and creatinine/kidney function

Response

- The patient does not make much urine and has minimal improvements in symptoms
- Creatinine also goes up slightly to 240 $\mu\text{mol/L}$
- Is there anything else we can do?

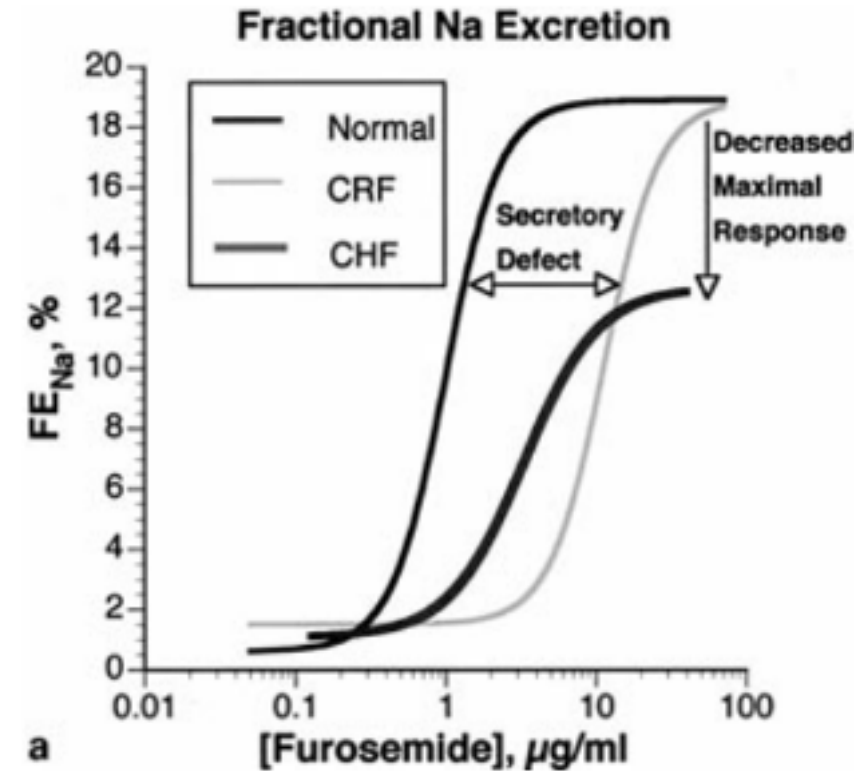
What is Diuretic Resistance

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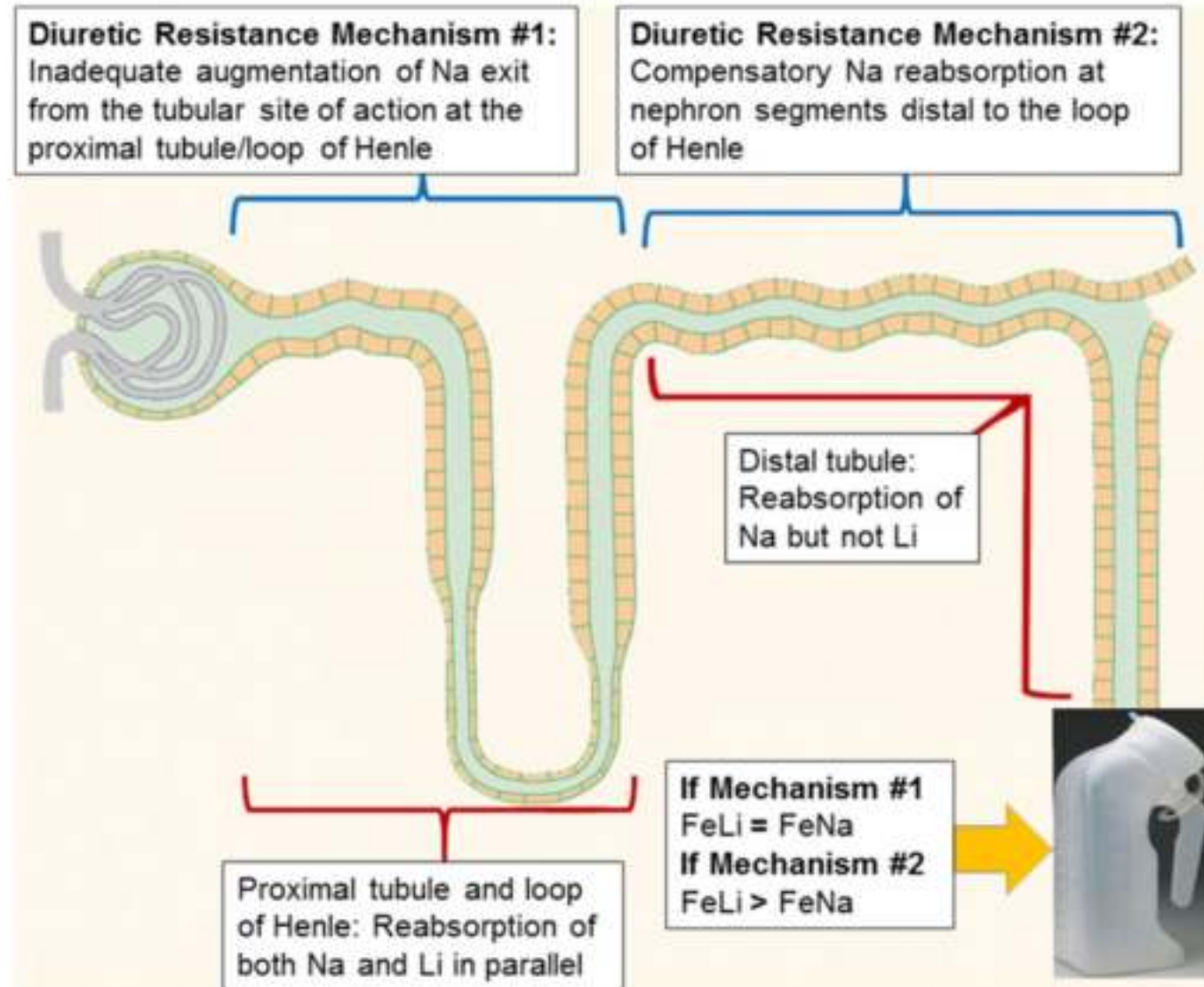
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Diuretic Therapy and Resistance in Congestive Heart Failure

An edematous patient may be deemed resistant to diuretic drugs when moderate doses of a loop diuretic do not achieve the desired ECF volume reduction.



Mechanisms of Diuretic Resistance

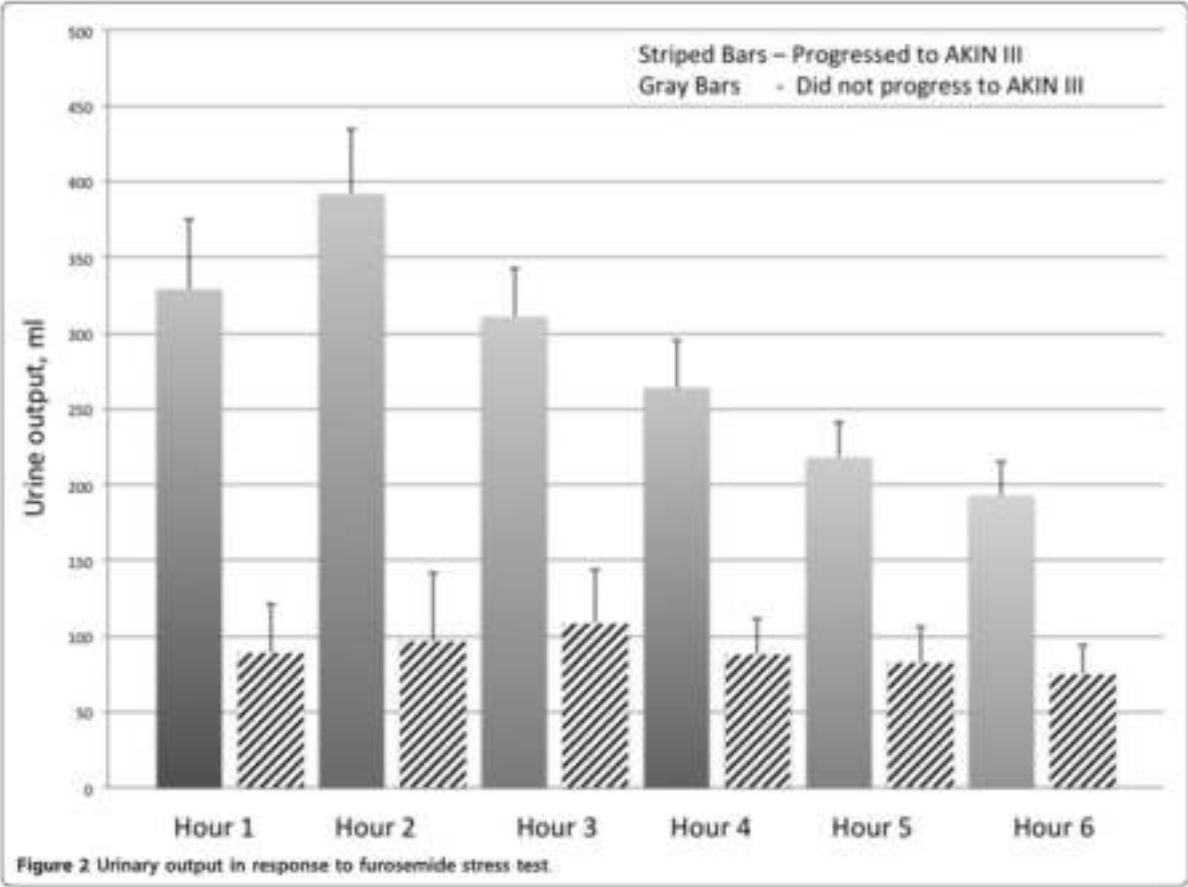


Diuretic Resistance and Outcomes

Author (year)	Metric	Findings in patients with low diuretic efficacy
Testani et al. (2014) ¹¹	Net fluid loss	Higher all-cause mortality after 5 years (Penn Cohort)/180 days (Evaluation Study of Congestive Heart Failure and Pulmonary Artery Catheterization Effectiveness Cohort)
Valente et al. (2014) ⁵	Weight loss	Higher heart failure readmissions after 60 days Higher death, heart failure or renal-related readmissions after 60 days Higher all-cause mortality after 180 days
Voors et al. (2014) ²²	Weight loss	Higher death, heart failure or renal-related readmissions after 60 days Neutral effect on all-cause mortality after 180 days
Singh et al. (2014) ¹²	Urinary sodium Furosemide concentration	Higher death, transplantation or heart failure readmission after 5 months
ter Maaten et al. (2015) ¹⁸	Weight loss Urine output	Higher death or heart failure readmission after 30 days
Verbrugge et al. (2015) ¹⁰	Natriuresis	Higher death or heart failure readmission after 188 days
Kumar et al. (2015) ¹⁹	Fractional sodium excretion	Higher all-cause mortality after 30 days
Ter Maaten et al. (2016) ²⁰	Chloride levels	Higher mortality through 180 days
Aronson et al. (2016) ⁵⁶	Net fluid loss Urine output	Higher all-cause mortality after 6 months

Adapted from Verbrugge FH, Mullens W & Tang WH (2016).¹³

The Furosemide Stress Test: 1.0-1.5 mg/kg IV



- Intravenous dose of 1.5 mg/kg of furosemide
- Urine output < 200 ml (100 ml/h) in the first two hours after furosemide administration



Table 4 Sensitivity and specificity of two hour urine thresholds for progression to AKIN stage III		
A		
	Combined cohort	
Total urine output over 2 hours	Sensitivity	Specificity
≤100 ml	90.2%	60.0%
<200 ml	87.1%	84.1%
<300 ml	85.3%	88.0%
<400 ml	66.7%	88.0%
<500 ml	50.5%	88.0%

B Sensitivity and specificity of two hour urine thresholds for progression to AKIN III or death		
	Combined cohort	
Total urine output over two hours	Sensitivity	Specificity
<100 ml	93.3%	53.2%
<200 ml	90%	74.2%
<300 ml	87.8%	77.4%
<400 ml	66.7%	77.4%
<500 ml	53.3%	77.4%

Proximal or Distal Sequential Blockade?

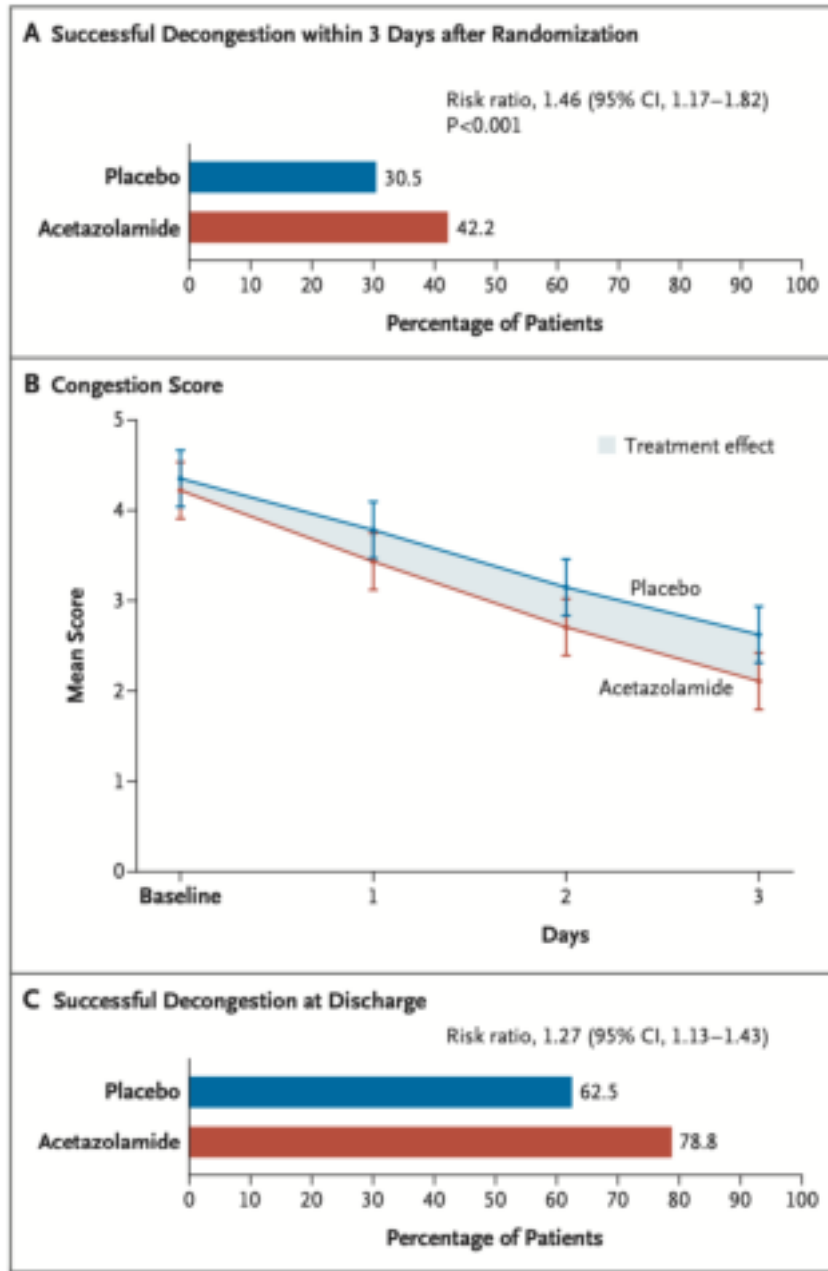
- Currently the mainstay to augment diuretic response is thiazide (metolazone)
- What are the other options:
 - Acetazolamide?
 - SGLT-2 inhibitors?

Acetazolamide in Acute Decompensated Heart Failure with Volume Overload

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- Death or hospitalization for AHF: 29% vs. 28%
- Length of stay: 8.8 vs. 9.9 days
- Safety endpoint (creat. x 2 or Δ GFR -50% or dialysis during hospitalization): 0.8 % vs. 2.7 % (p = 0.10)

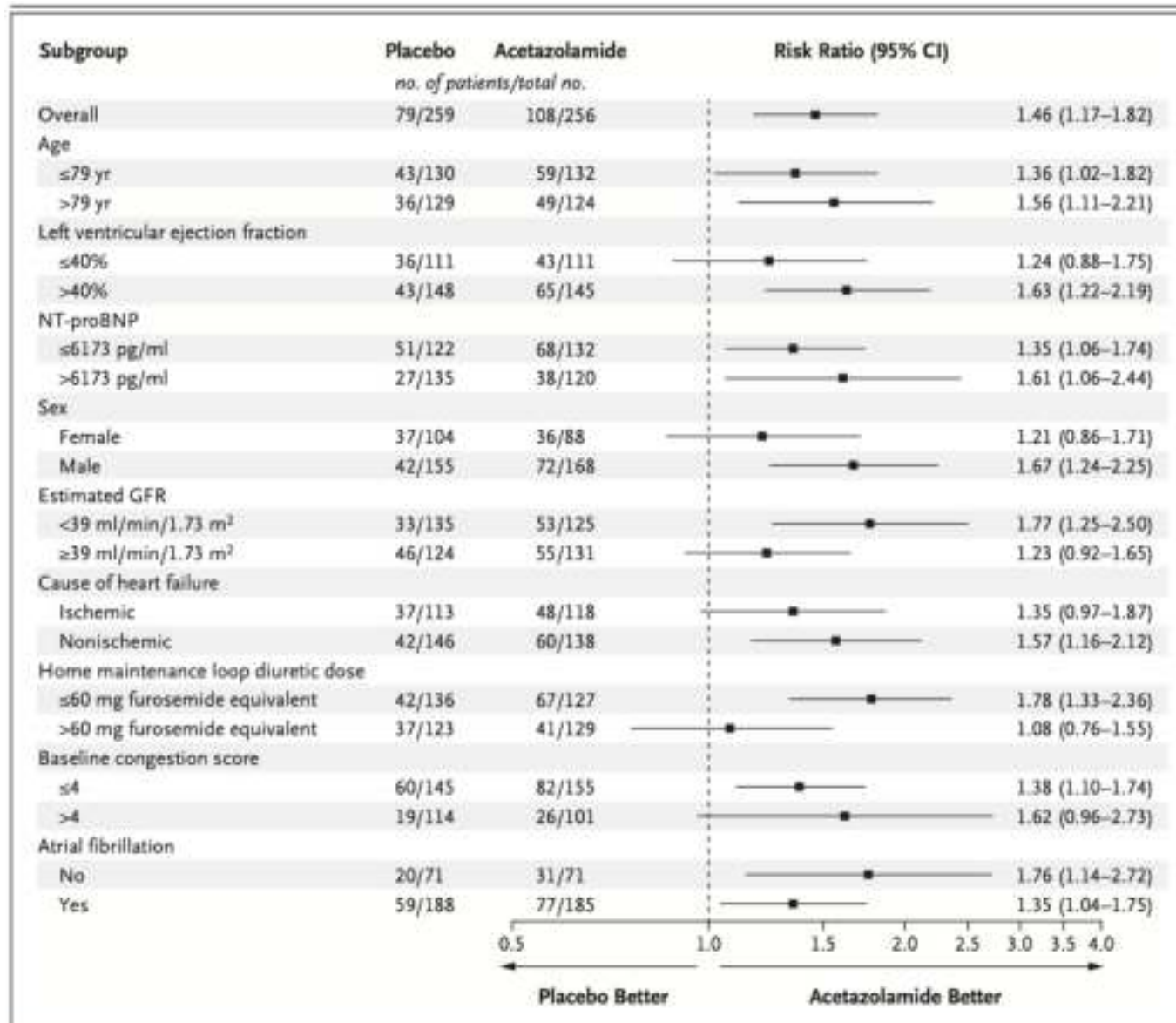
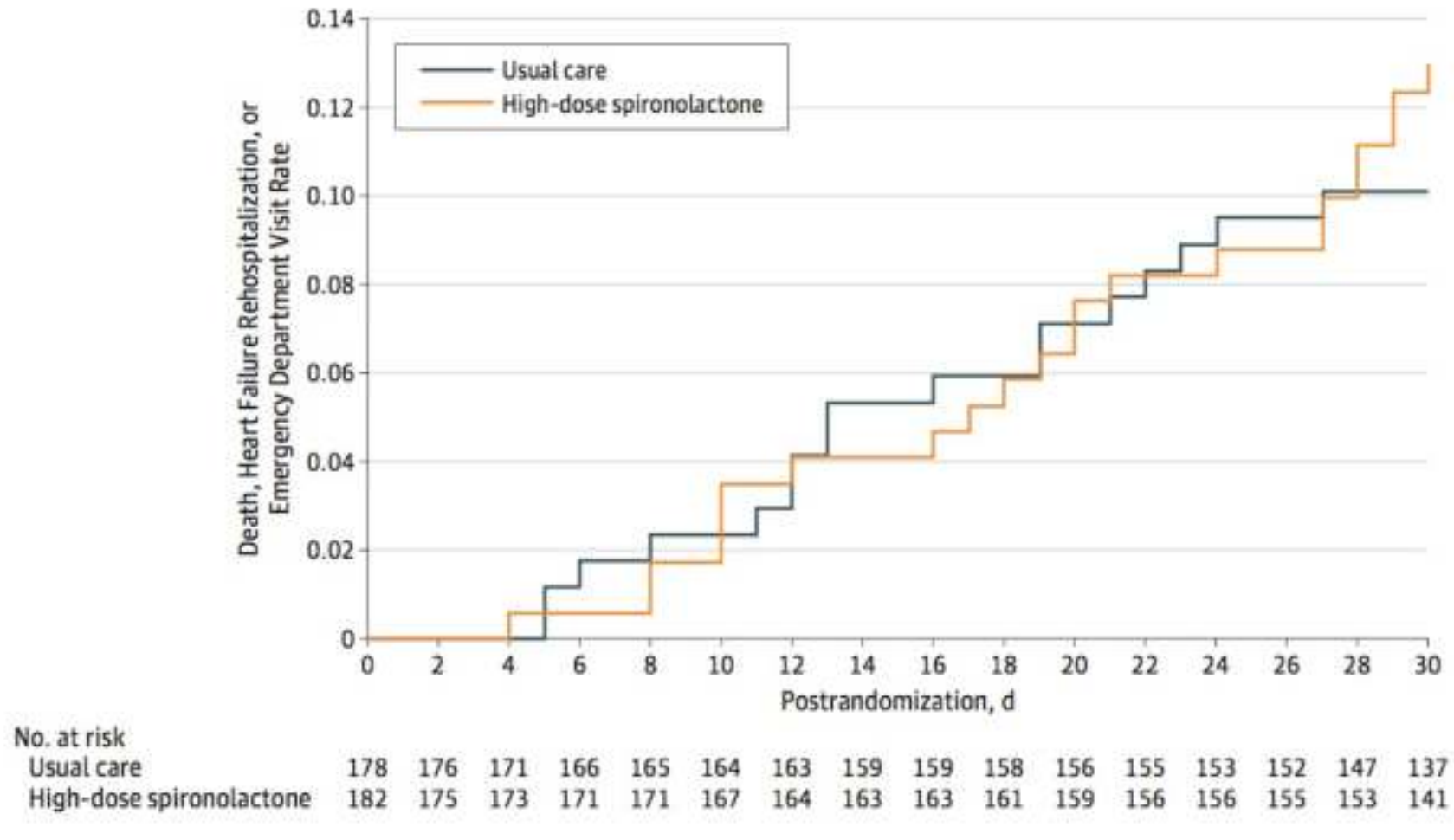


Figure 2. Subgroup Analysis.

Subgroups that were defined according to age, the N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide (NT-proBNP) level, the estimated glomerular filtration rate (GFR), the home maintenance dose of loop diuretic, and the baseline congestion score were based on observed median values at randomization.

MRAs in Acute HF (ATHENA-HF)

Figure 2. Time to First Heart Failure Rehospitalization, Emergency Department Visit, or Death



CLOTROTIC Trial

Key Question

Does the addition of hydrochlorothiazide to standard intravenous loop-diuretic therapy improve the diuretic response in patients with acute heart failure (AHF)?

Key Finding

In patients with AHF, the combination of oral hydrochlorothiazide with intravenous loop diuretics improved the diuretic response but was associated with worsening renal function.

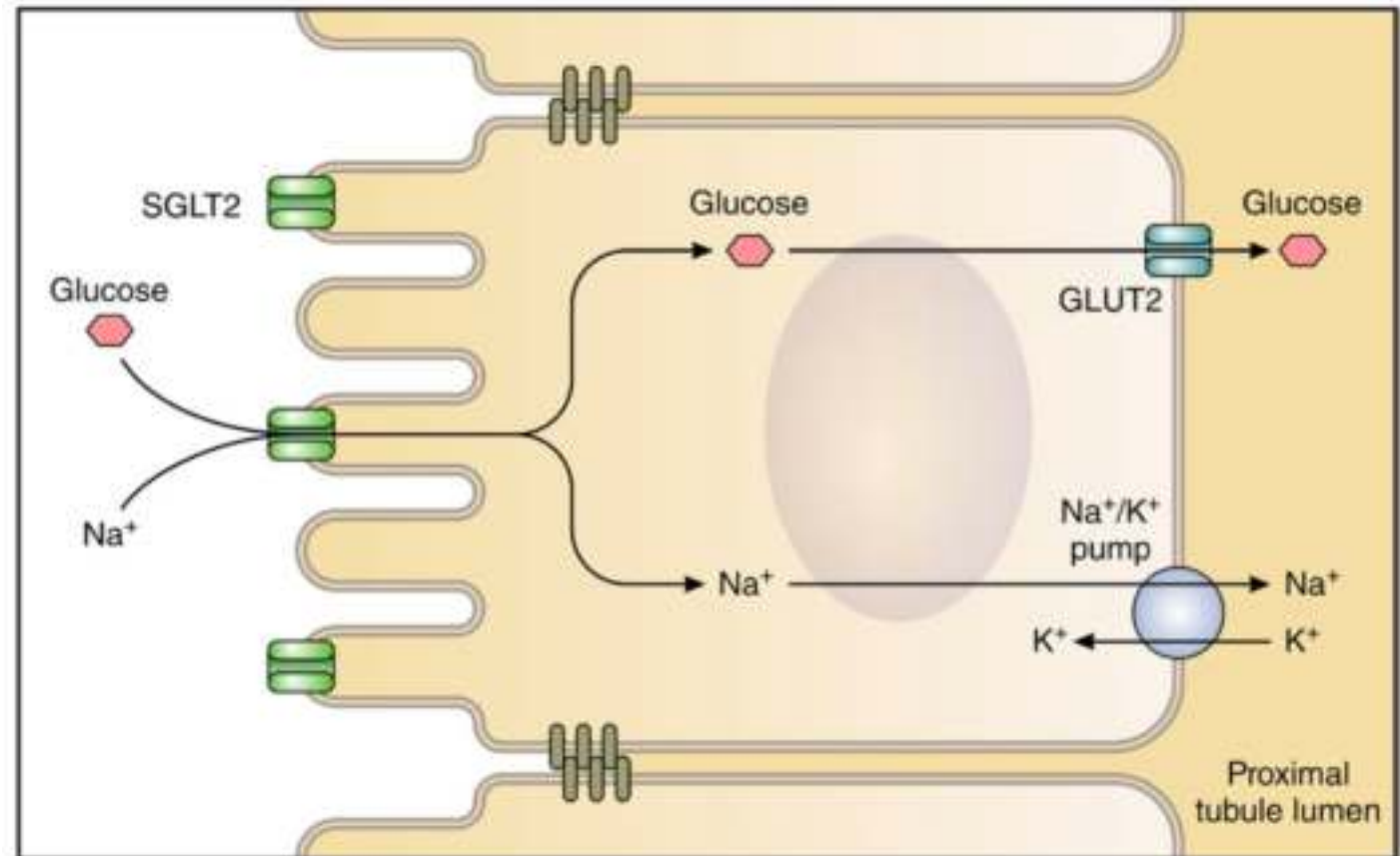
Take Home Message

The addition of hydrochlorothiazide to intravenous loop diuretics improves the diuretic response in patients with decompensated heart failure at the cost of worsening renal function.



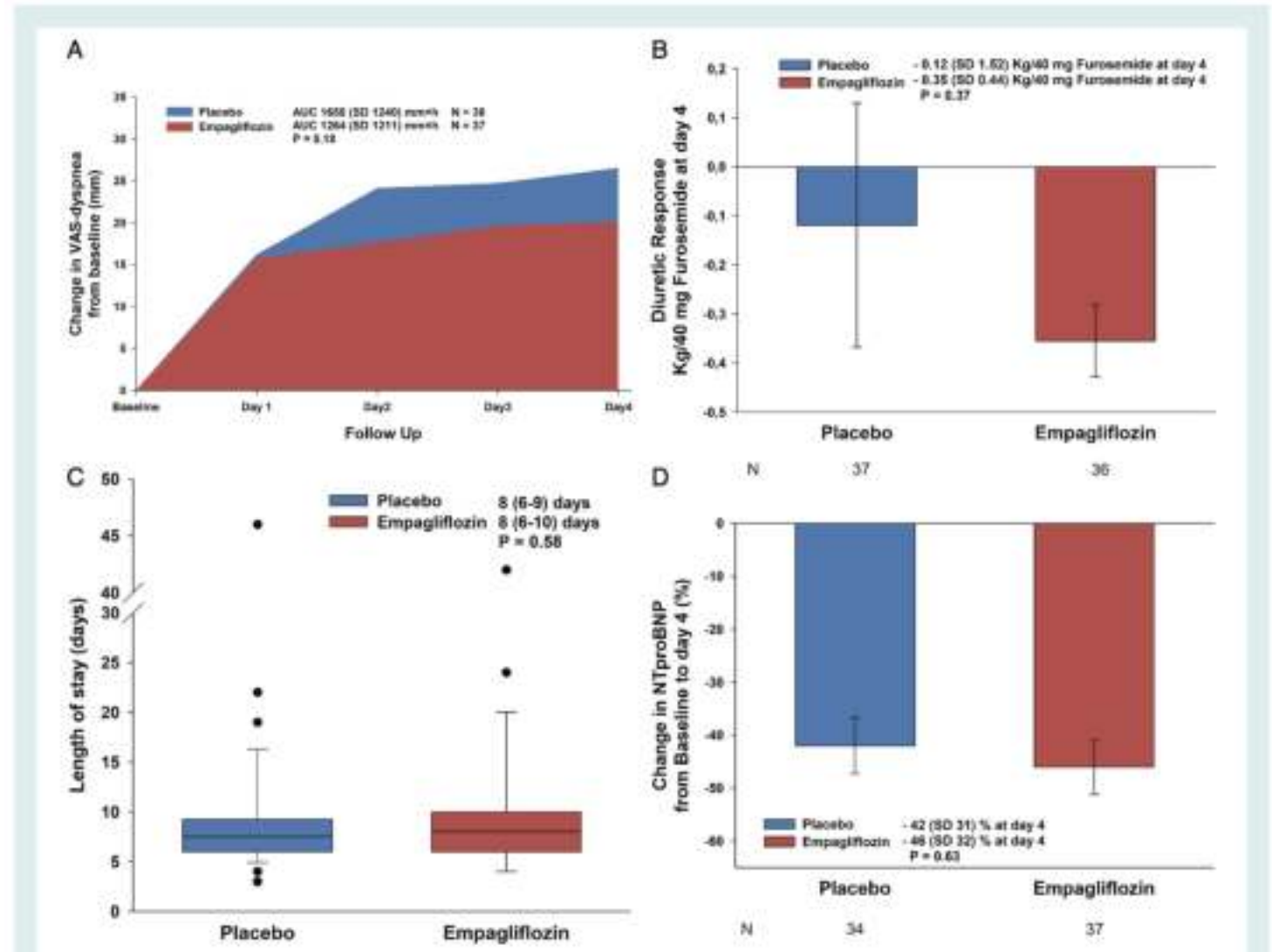
Mechanism of Action in the Proximal Tubule

- SGLT-2 inhibitors block sodium and glucose reabsorption at the proximal tubular level



SGLT-2s in Acute Heart Failure

- EMPA-RESPONSE-AHF
- Acutely decompensated heart failure (N=80). Randomized to receive 10 mg of empagliflozin vs. placebo



SGLT-2s in Acute Heart Failure

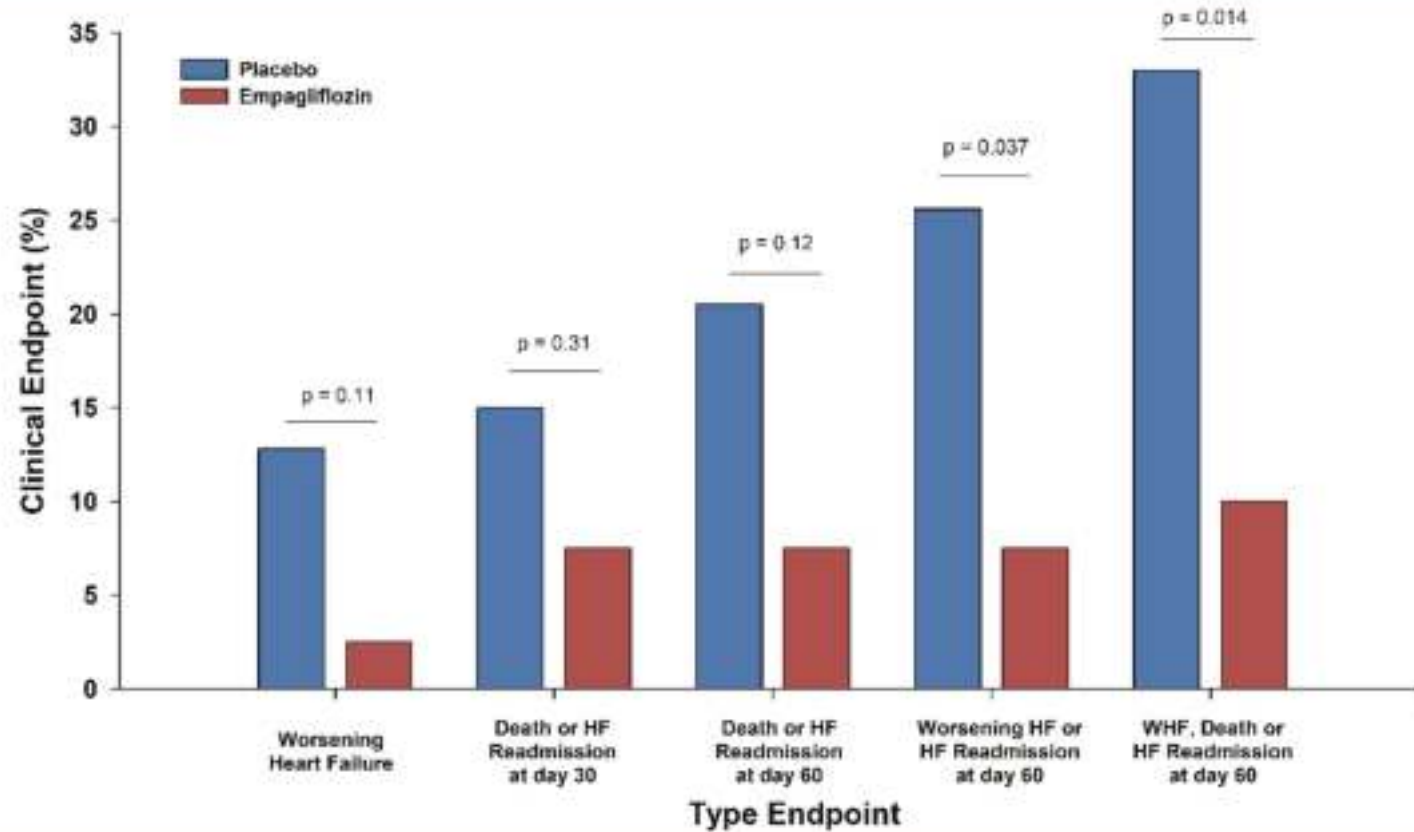
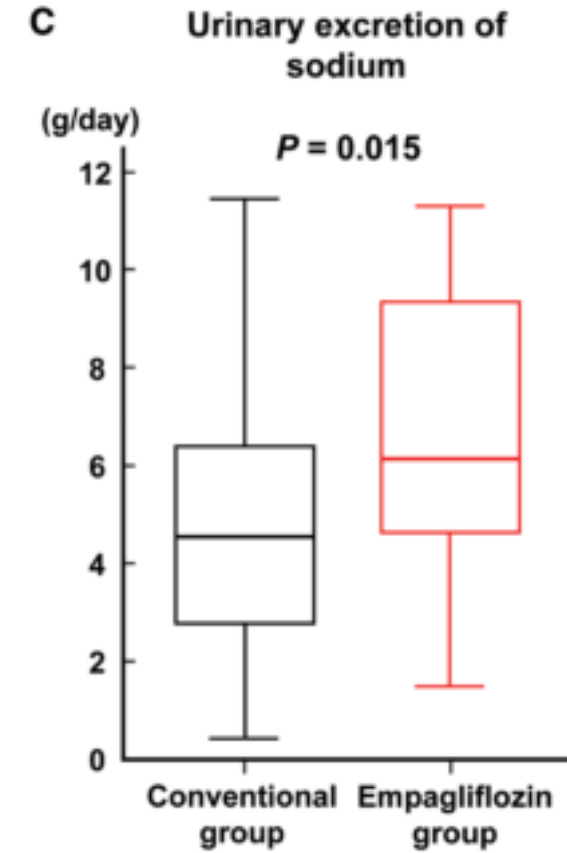
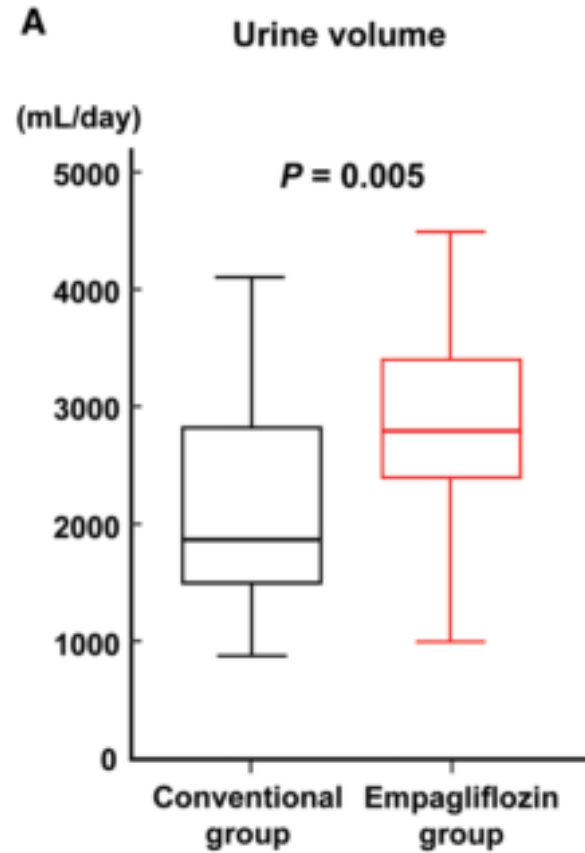
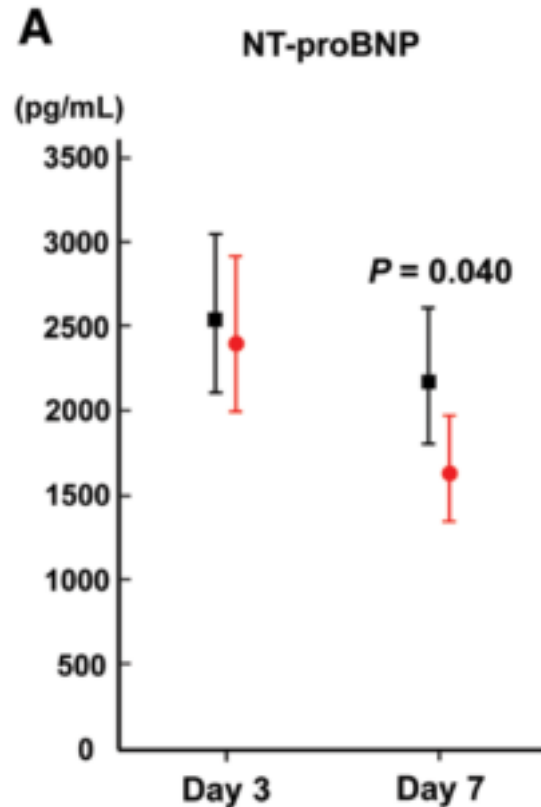


Figure 4 Clinical events. HF, heart failure; WHF, worsening heart failure.

Effect of Empagliflozin on Decongestion RCT

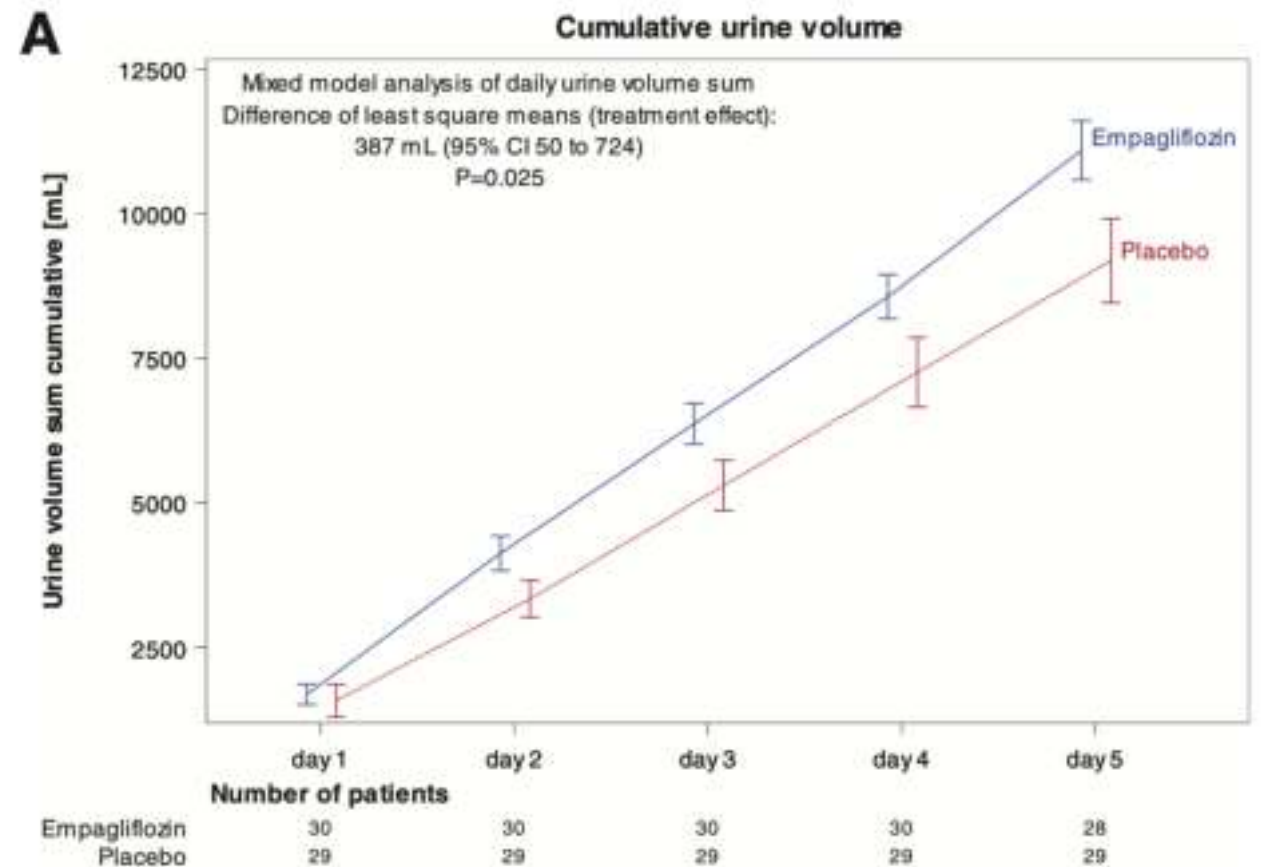
- P: Patients with type 2 DM, acutely decompensated heart failure, and eGFR > 15
- I/C: empagliflozin 10 mg or conventional glucose-lowering therapy (N=59)
- Outcomes: BNP levels on day 7; urine output during the first 24 hours

Effect of Empagliflozin on Decongestion

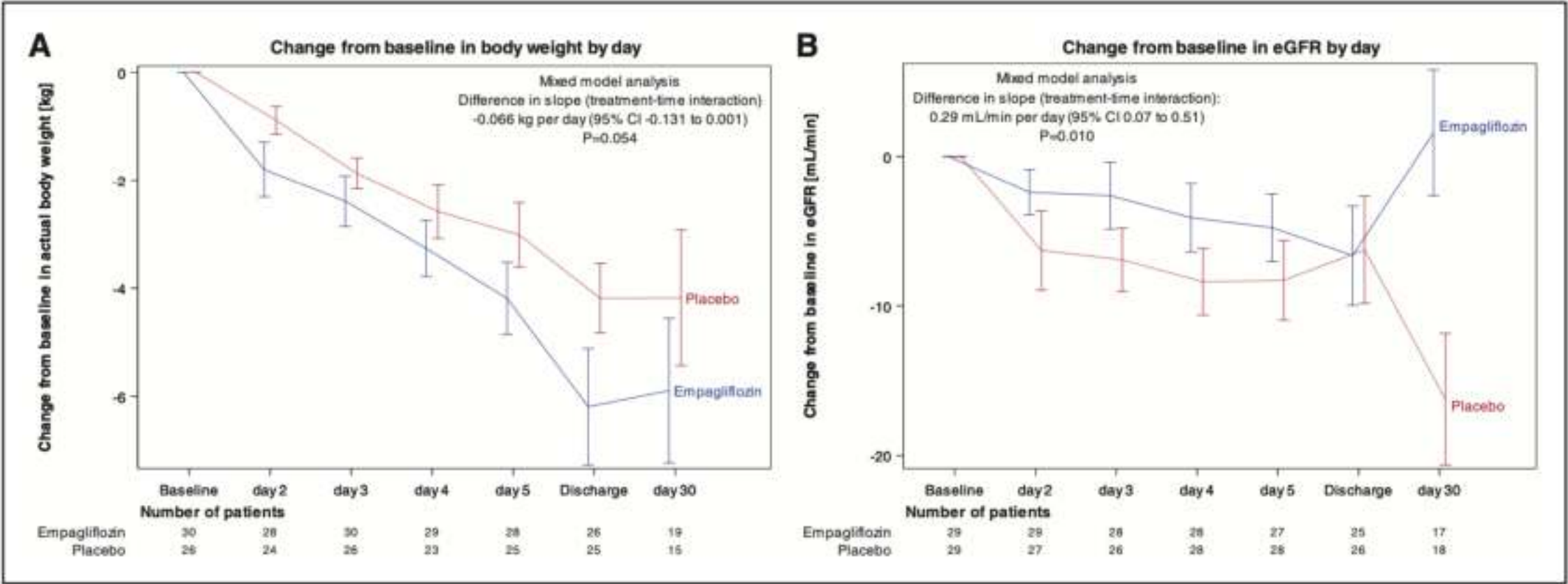


EMPAG-HF

- P: Patients with acutely decompensated heart failure and $\text{eGFR} \geq 30$; excluded if acute cardiorenal syndrome
- I/C: empagliflozin 25 mg or placebo (N=60)
- Outcome: urine output over 5 days



EMPAG-HF



Ultrafiltration or Diuretics

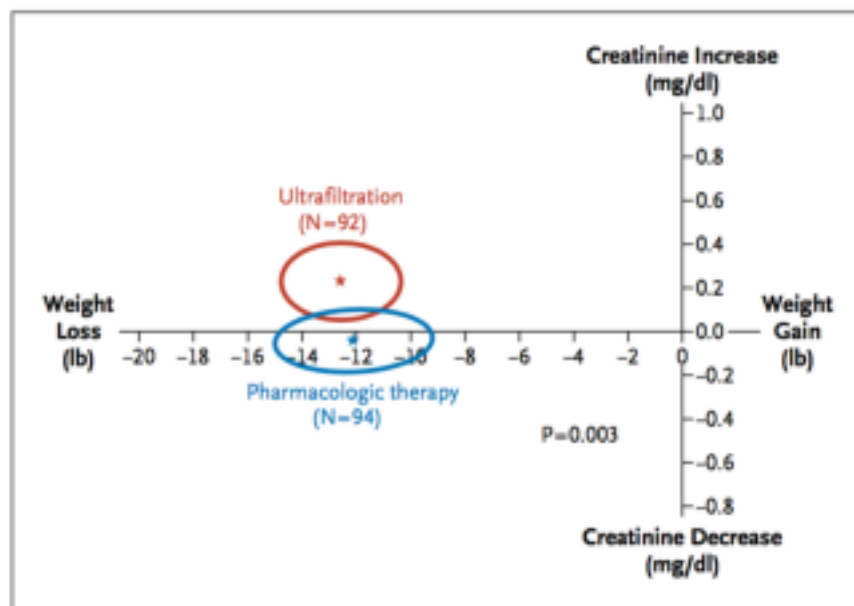


Figure 1. Changes in Serum Creatinine and Weight at 96 Hours (Bivariate Response).

The ellipses represent the 95% confidence regions and the stars the exact values for the mean changes in the serum creatinine level and weight at 96 hours in the ultrafiltration group and the pharmacologic-therapy group. Data from two patients who had been randomly assigned to the ultrafiltration group were excluded from the analysis: baseline creatinine measurements were missing for one patient, and all post-baseline creatinine measurements were missing for the other patient. To convert the values for creatinine to micromoles per liter, multiply by 88.4. To convert the values for weight to kilograms, multiply by 0.45.

AT RANDOMIZATION – STEPPED PHARMACOLOGIC CARE ARM

UO > 5 L/day → Reduce current diuretic regimen *if desired*

UO 3-5 L/day → Continue current diuretic regimen

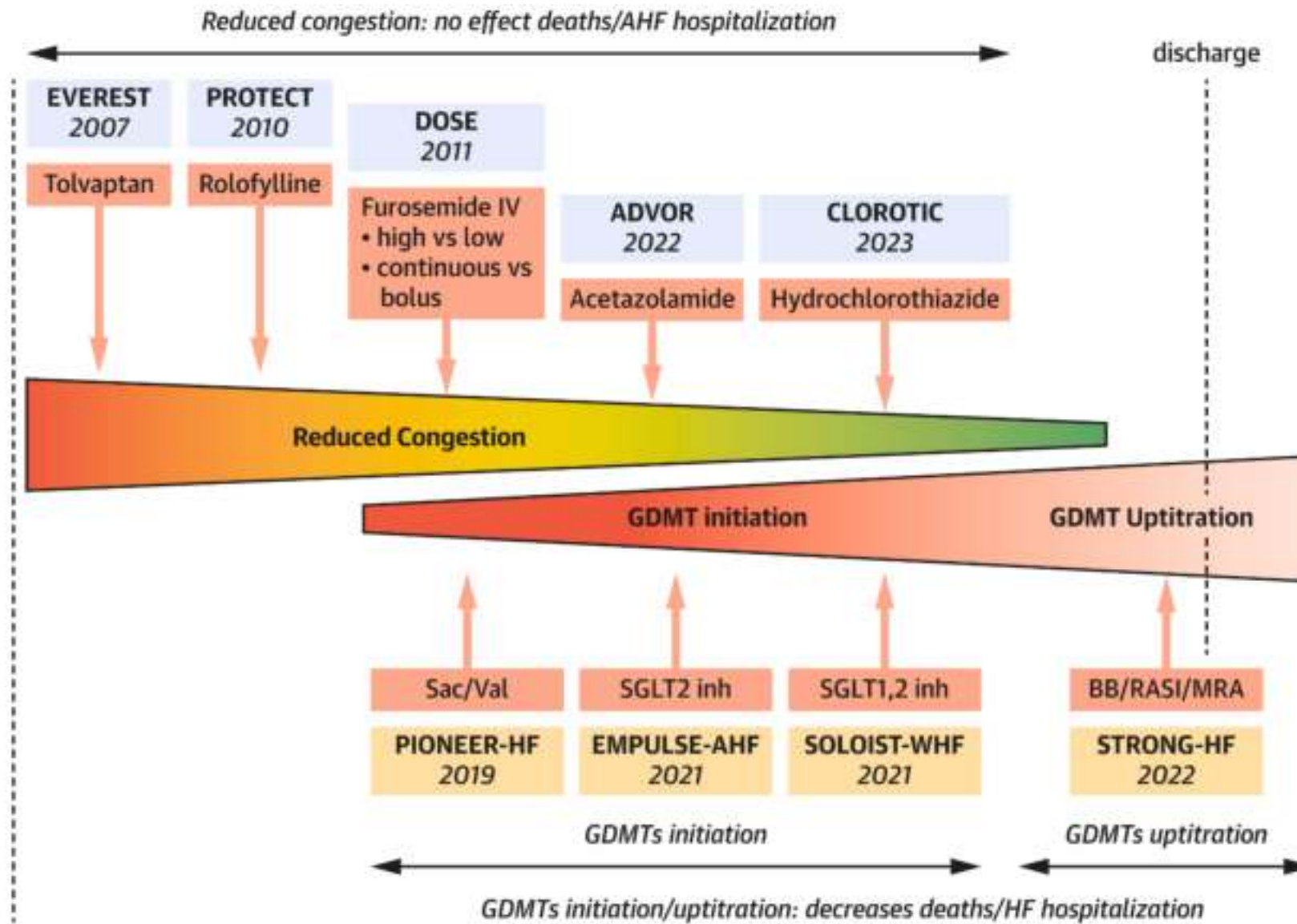
UO < 3 L/day → See table

	Current Dose		Suggested Dose	
	loop (/day)	thiazide	loop (/day)	thiazide
A	≤ 80	+ or -	40 mg iv bolus+ 5 mg/hr	0
B	81-160	+ or -	80 mg iv bolus+ 10 mg/hr	5 mg metazolone QD
C	161-240	+ or -	80 mg iv bolus+ 20 mg/hr	5 mg metazolone BID
D	> 240	+ or -	80 mg iv bolus+ 30 mg/hr	5 mg metazolone BID

Conclusion

- Decongestion through intravenous furosemide remains a cornerstone of management of patients with acute worsening of heart failure
- Diuretic resistance is associated with worse outcomes, yet diagnosis can be challenging
- Multiple options are now present to augment diuresis: acetazolamide, thiazide, and SGLT2i

Conclusion



A Treasure Chest of Late Breaking Clinical Trials: A Clinical Trialist's Perspective

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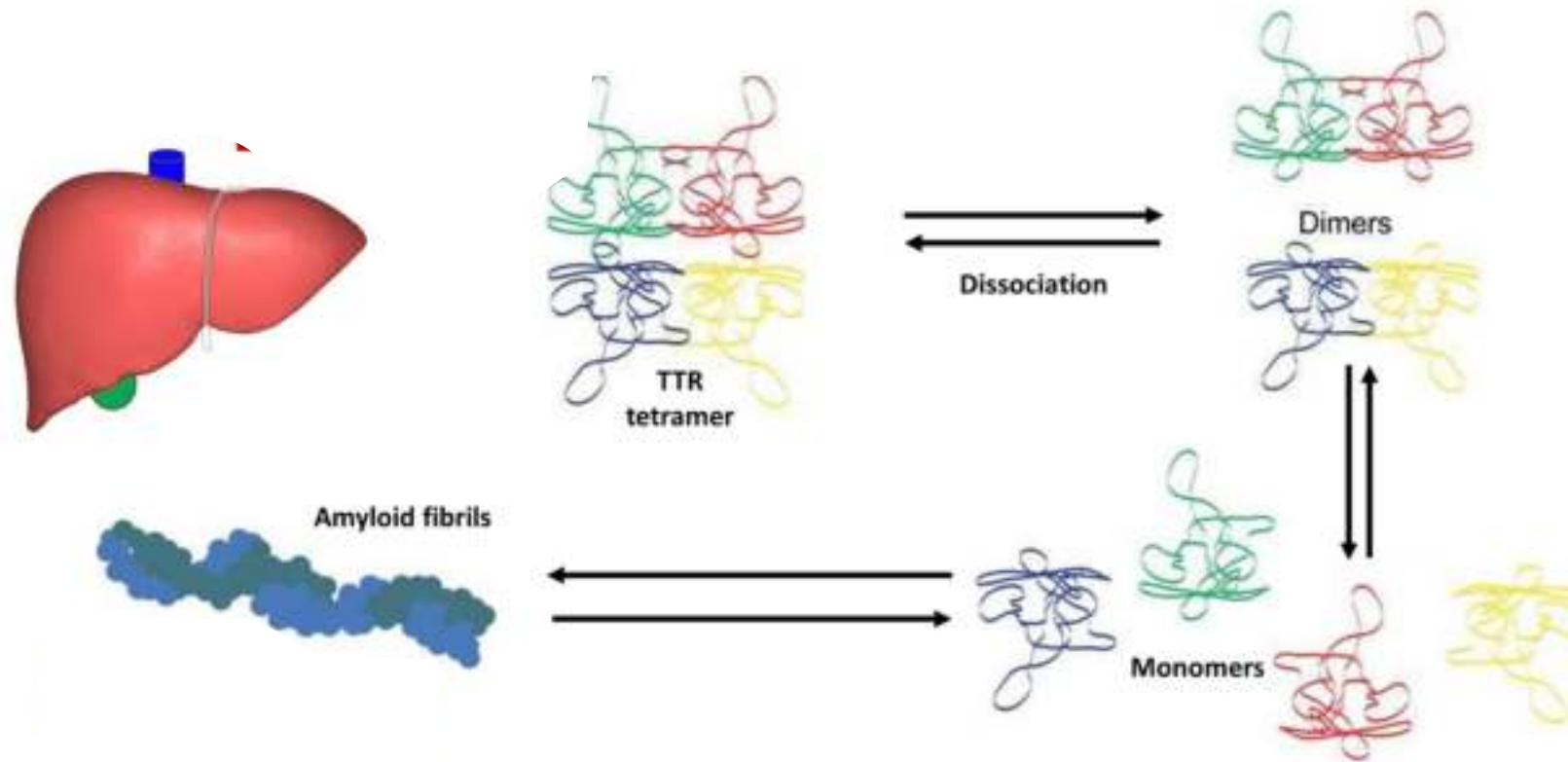
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Learning Objectives

1. Provide an update on HF clinical trials supporting new therapies and new indications for known therapies
2. Discuss HF clinical trial endpoints and their impact on clinical care decisions

Amyloid Heart Disease

Current and Future Specific Therapy for ATTR



Efficacy and Safety of Acoramidis in Transthyretin Amyloid Cardiomyopathy

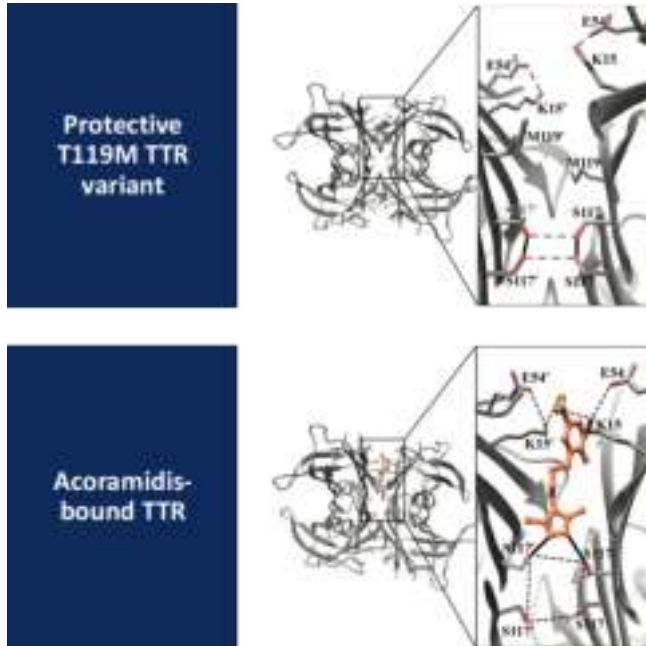
Results of the ATTRibute-CM Trial

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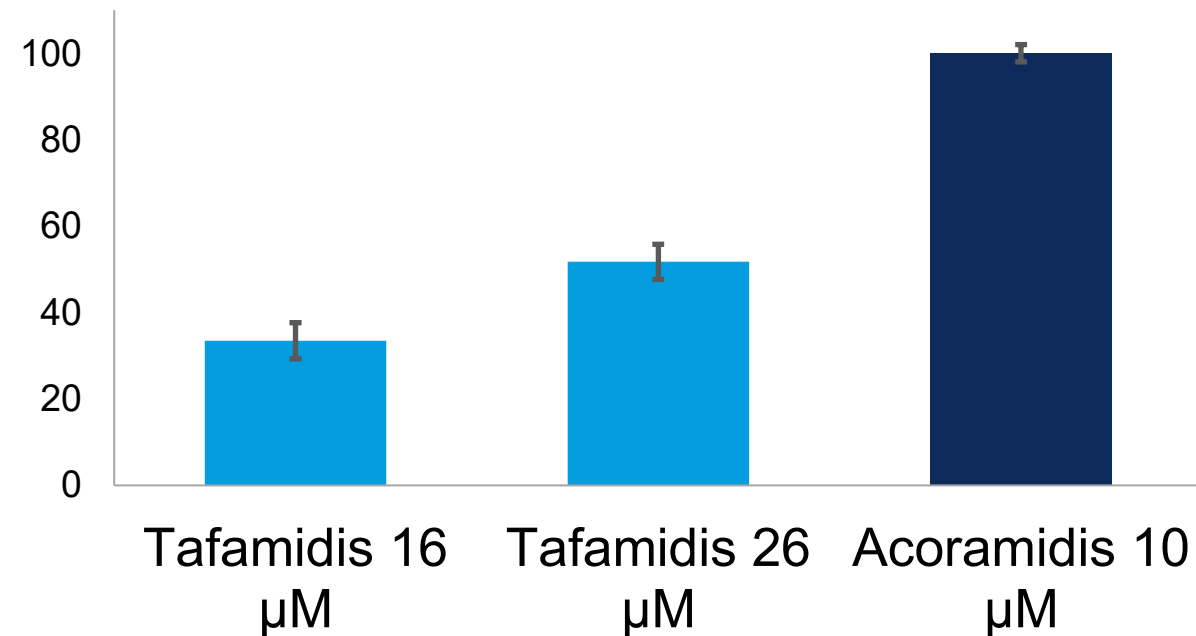
Acoramidis binding uniquely mimics structure of protective TTR mutation T119M

Mimics a naturally-occurring variant of the TTR gene (T119M) that is considered a “rescue mutation”



- Mimics a naturally-occurring variant of the TTR gene (T199M) that is considered a “rescue mutation” found in some healthy family members who also have deleterious ATTR mutations –thought to be “super-stabilizing”
- Induces H-bonds , shown to near-completely stabilize TTR in vitro

TTR target site occupancy by FPE assay¹
%, mean +/- SD



Acoramidis demonstrated near-complete TTR stabilization in vitro at clinical concentrations

ATTRibute-CM: Study Design

Key eligibility criteria

- Subjects with diagnosed ATTR-CM (WT or variant)
- NYHA Class I-III
- ATTR-positive biopsy or 99mTc scan
- Light chain amyloidosis excluded if diagnosis by 99mTc

Screening and randomization

800 mg acoramidis HCl twice daily

N = 421

placebo twice daily

N = 211

Efficacy assessment included 611 participants in the pre-specified mITT population (eGFR ≥ 30 mL/min/1.73 m²)

Tafamidis usage allowed after Month 12

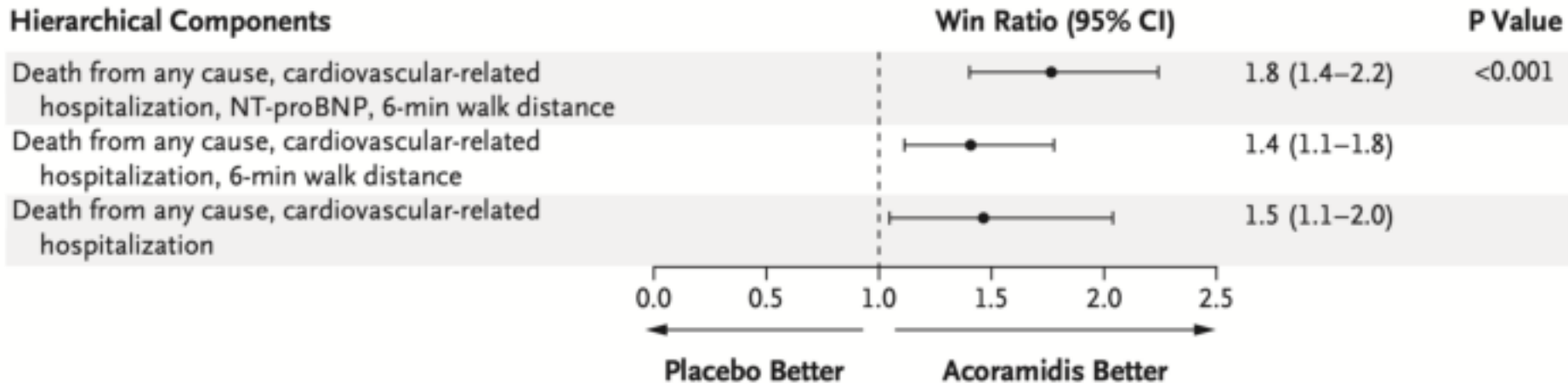
30-month primary endpoint:

Hierarchical analysis consisting of all-cause mortality, cumulative frequency of CVH, change from baseline in NT-proBNP, and change from baseline in 6MWD

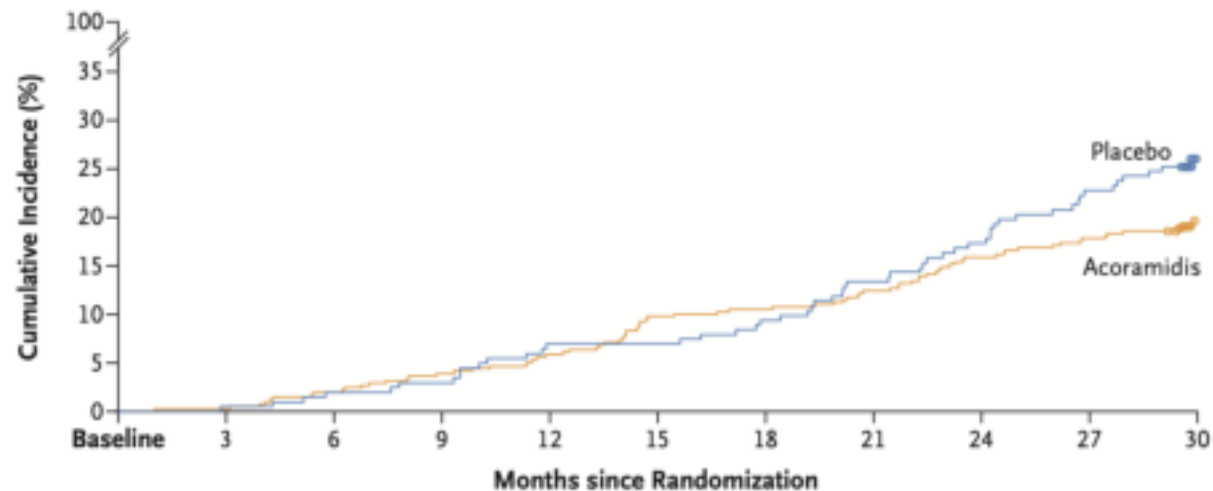
800 mg
acoramidis
HCl
twice daily

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Acoramidis in ATTR-CM



E Death from Any Cause



No. at Risk (no. of events)

Acoramidis	409 (0)	407 (2)	401 (8)	393 (16)	385 (24)	369 (40)	365 (44)	358 (51)	344 (65)	336 (73)	0 (79)
Placebo	202 (0)	201 (1)	198 (4)	196 (6)	188 (14)	188 (14)	183 (19)	175 (27)	166 (36)	156 (46)	0 (52)

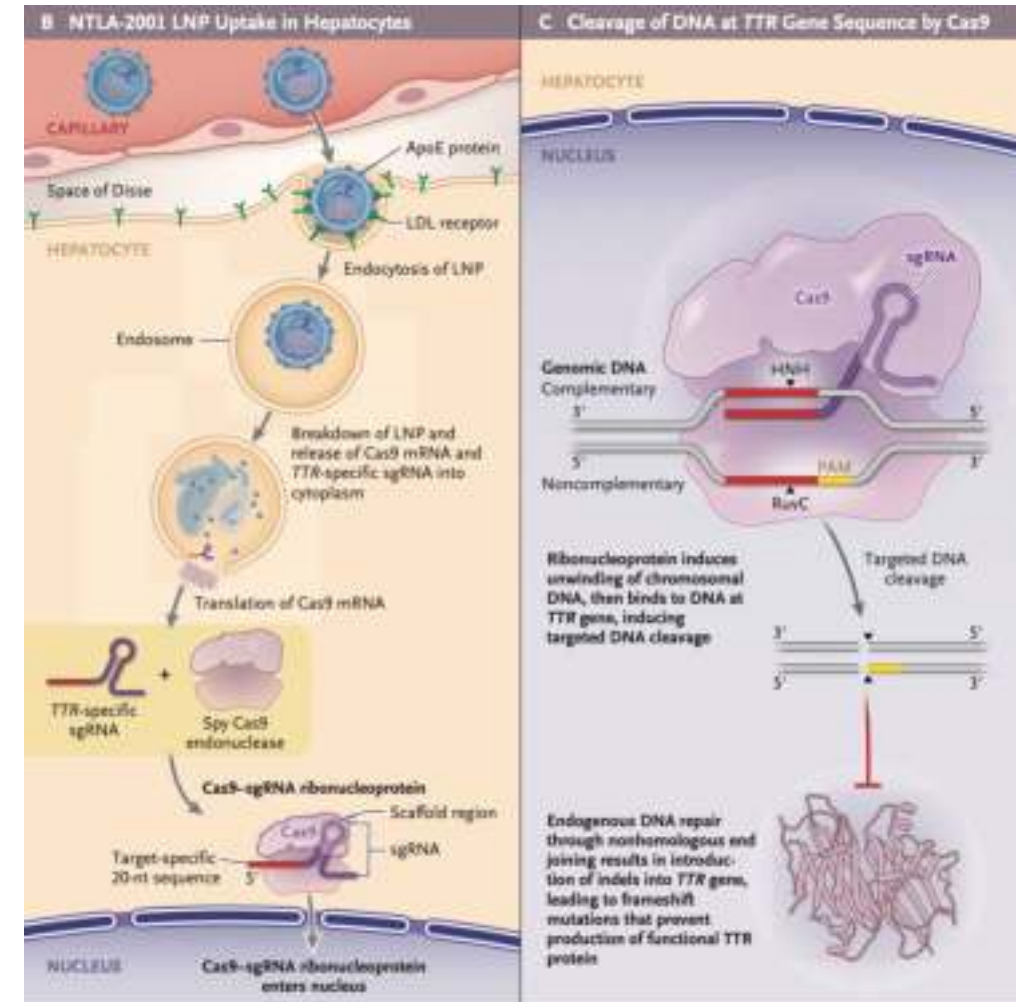
CRISPR-Cas9 Gene Editing for TTR Knockdown (NTLA-2001)



CRISPR-Cas9 In Vivo Gene Editing for Transthyretin Amyloidosis

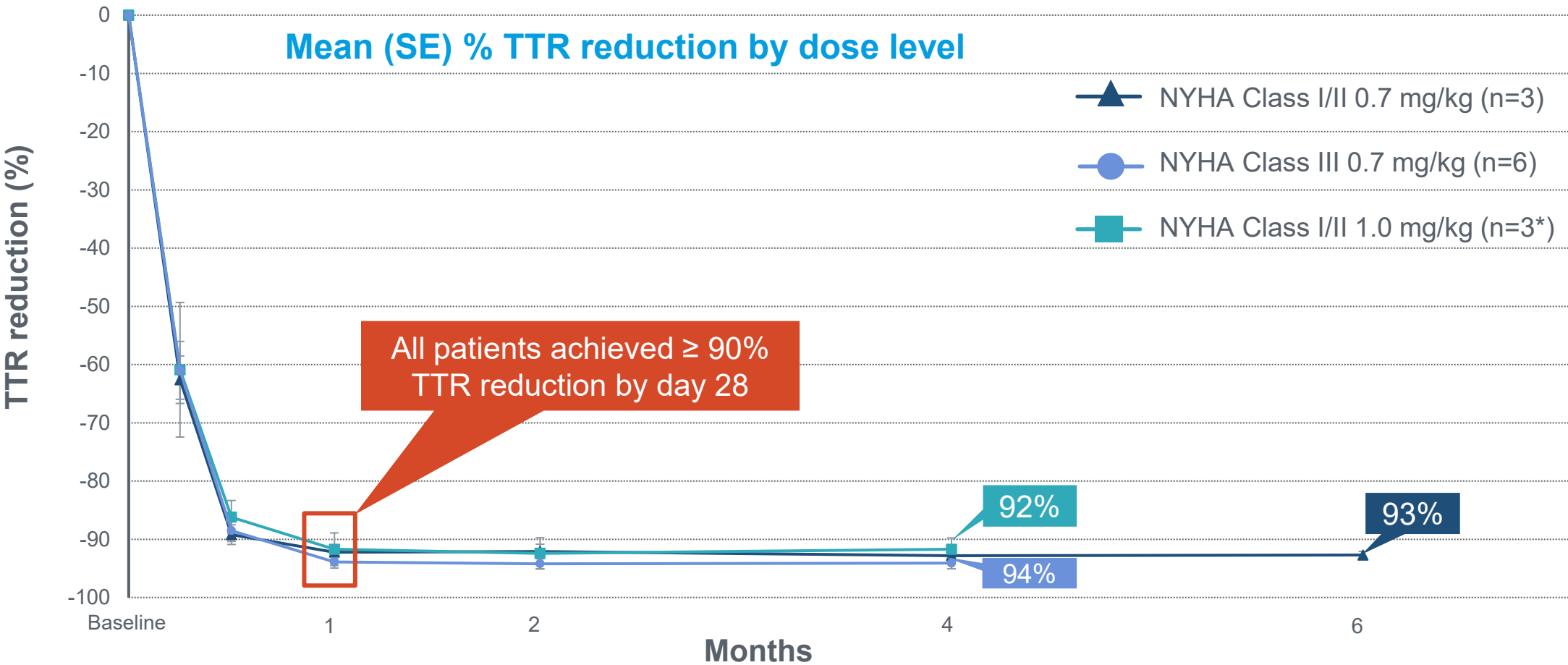
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- NTLA-2001 is a CAS9 mRNA and a single guide RNA specific to the human TTR gene encapsulated in a lipid nanoparticle.
- Precisely targeted DNA cleavages result in initiation of Endogenous DNA-repair mechanisms which then introduce insertions or deletions of bases
- Results in a “knockout” mutation with reduction of functional target gene mRNA levels leading to reduced levels of target protein



NTLA-2001 Resulted in Rapid and Deep Serum TTR Reduction Sustained Through 4-6 Months Across All Patients

?potential for greater knockdown than other strategies



Data Cut Off: August 25, 2022
SE, standard error; TTR, transthyretin
*n=2 at Month 2 (missed patient visit)

Perspective: ATTR-CM

- Multiple therapies being tested in ATTR-CM – but declining event rates in earlier diagnosed patients makes trials challenging
- What's coming in ATTR-CM:
 - HELIOS-B – siRNA – to be presented later this year
 - CardioTTRansform – oligo silencer – likely 2025
 - MAGNITUDE-CM -gene therapy knockdown - recruiting
 - DepleTTR-CM - antibody depleter therapy - recruiting

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

A Locus for Familial Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Is Closely Linked to the Cardiac Myosin Heavy Chain Genes, CRI-L436, and CRI-L329 on Chromosome 14 at q11-q12

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Mavacamten for treatment of symptomatic obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (EXPLORER-HCM): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial

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Aficamten for the Treatment of Symptomatic Obstructive Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

SEQUOIA-HCM, an international multicenter Phase 3 trial

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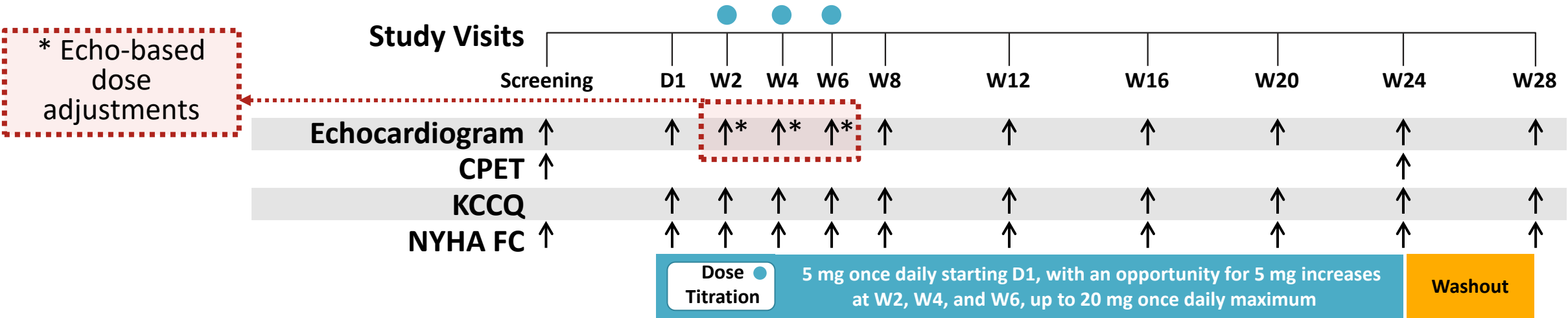
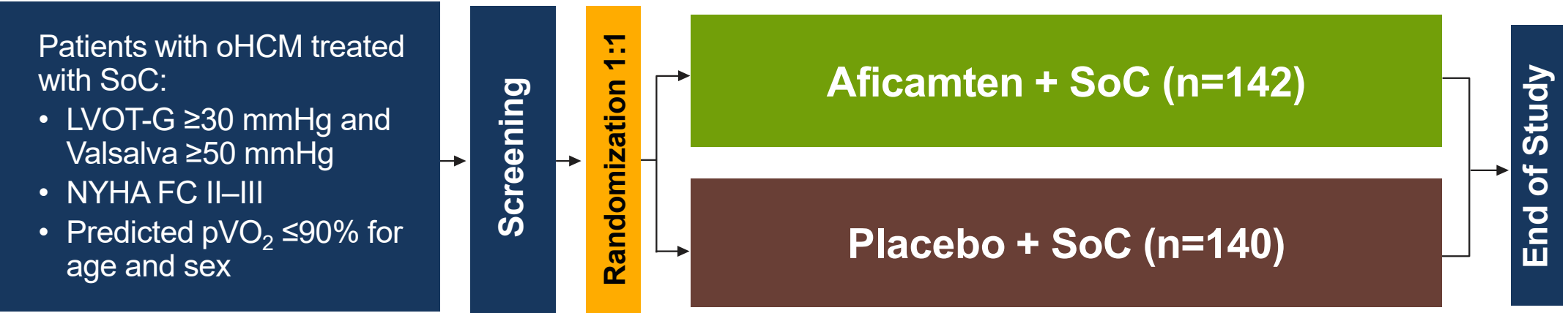


Aficamten – Mechanism and Key Pharmacologic Features



- **Once daily dosing with half-life → 3.4 days**
 - Steady state achieved by 2 weeks, allowing rapid dose adjustments
 - Rapid reversibility
- **Shallow dose–response relationship (wide therapeutic window)**
 - Small changes in LVEF as aficamten dose is increased
 - No need for serum plasma drug concentration monitoring
- **Minimal drug-drug interactions** → No clinically significant CYP inhibition or induction

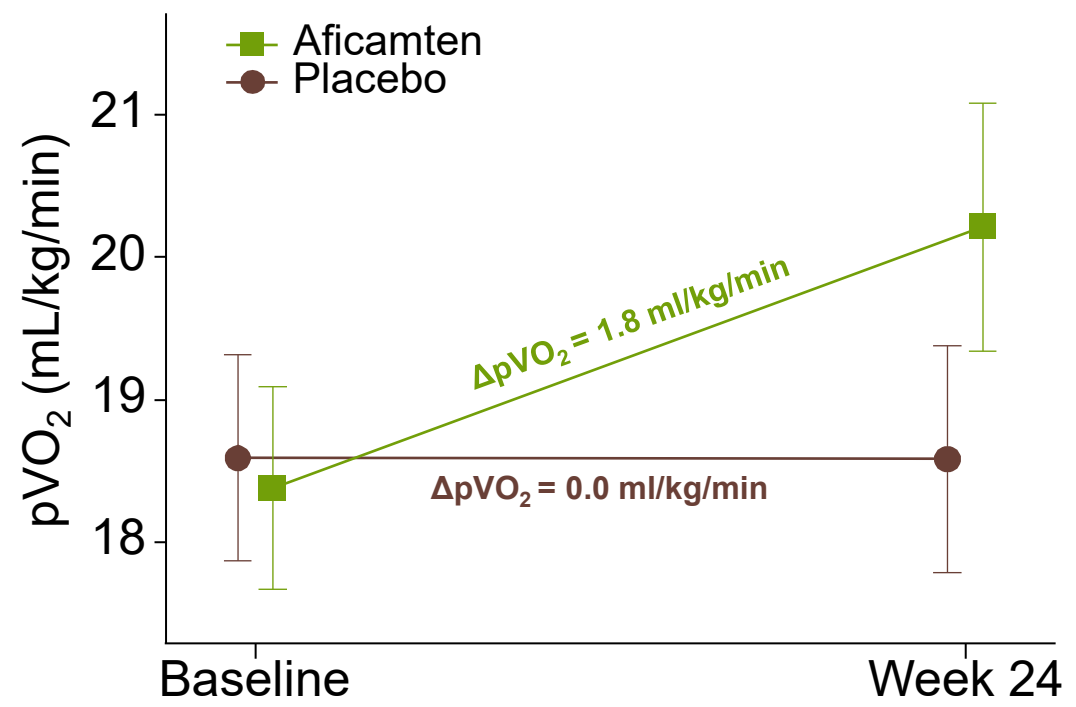
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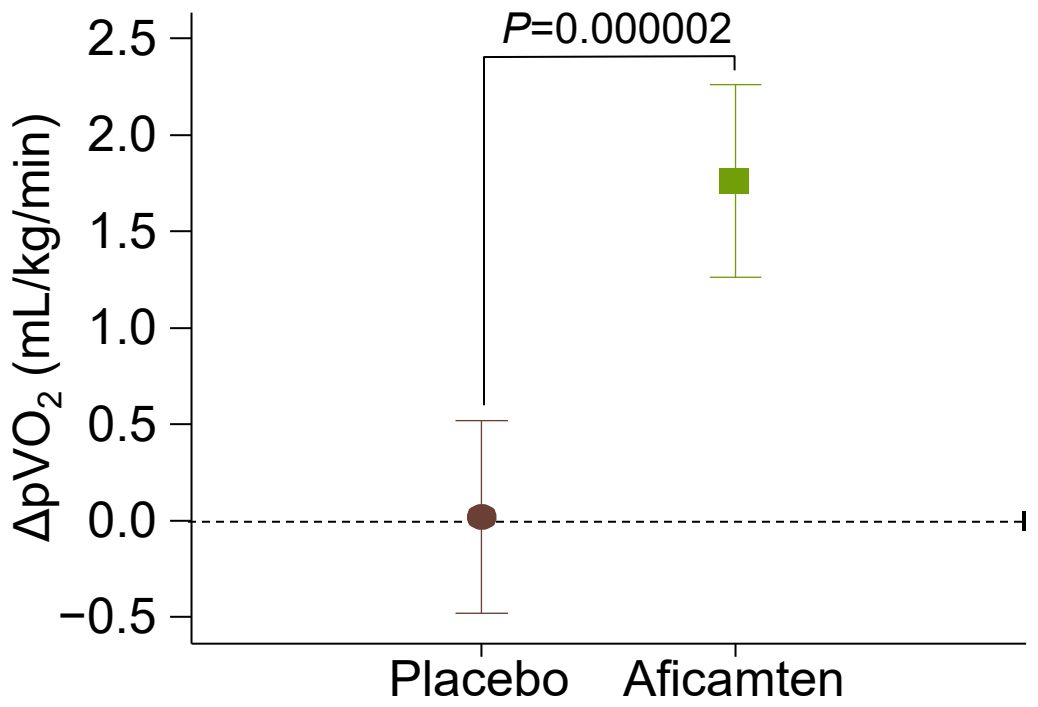
CPET, cardiopulmonary exercise testing; D, day; IP, investigational product; KCCQ, Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire; LVOT-G, left ventricular outflow tract obstruction gradient; NYHA FC, New York Heart Association functional class; SoC, standard of care; W, week.
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Subgroup Analyses – Change in pVO₂

Absolute Change from Baseline to Week 24



LS mean Change from Baseline to Week 24



Data are mean and 95% CI

LS mean difference (SE) vs placebo
1.74 mL/kg/min (0.36)

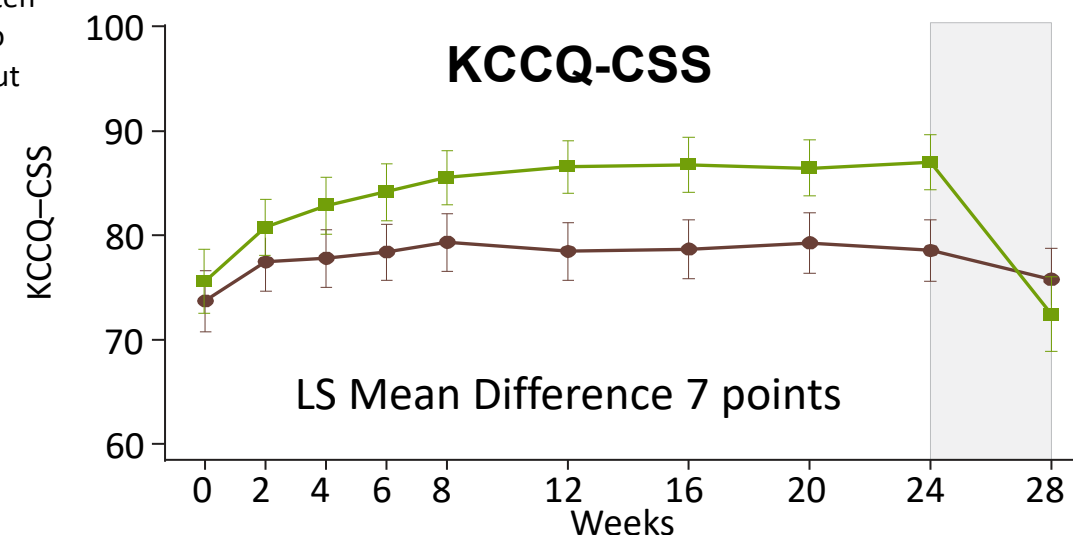
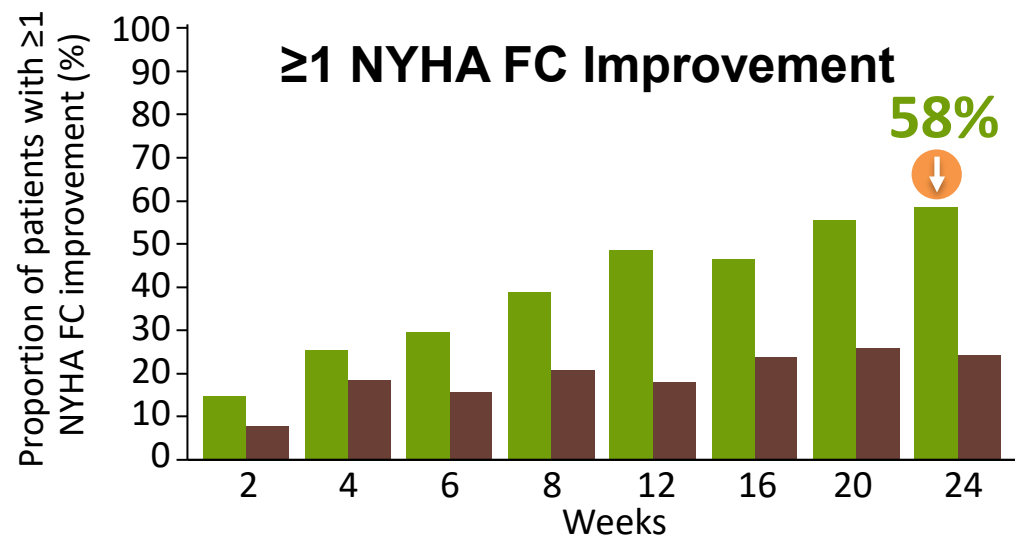
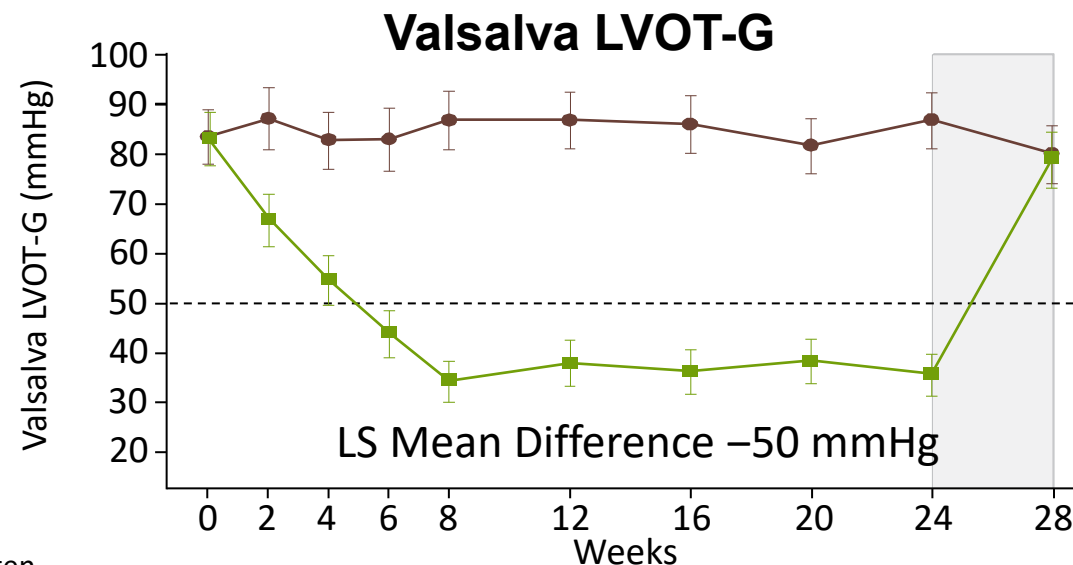
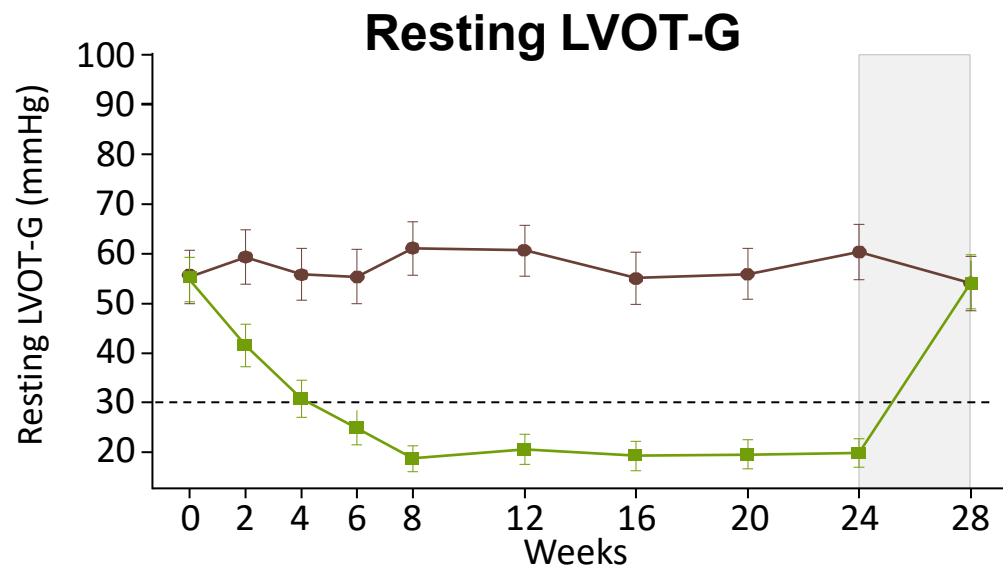
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	n (Afi/Plb)	Aficamten LS mean	Placebo LS mean	Mean difference (95% CI)		n (Afi/Plb)	Aficamten LS mean	Placebo LS mean	Mean difference (95% CI)
Age					Baseline Median NT-proBNP				
<65 y	85/84	2.4	0.4	■ 2.0 (1.1, 2.8)	≤ 788 pg/mL	66/73	2.2	0.6	■ 1.7 (0.7, 2.7)
≥65 y	57/56	0.9	-0.5	■ 1.4 (0.3, 2.5)	> 788 pg/mL	73/65	1.4	-0.6	■ 2.0 (1.0, 2.9)
Sex					CPET Modality				
Male	86/81	2.5	0.7	■ 1.8 (0.9, 2.7)	Treadmill	78/77	2.5	0.2	■ 2.3 (1.4, 3.2)
Female	56/59	0.6	-0.8	■ 1.4 (0.4, 2.5)	Bicycle	64/63	0.9	-0.1	■ 1.0 (-0.0, 2.1)
Baseline BMI					Baseline Median pVO₂				
<30 kg/m ²	97/94	1.9	0.1	■ 1.8 (1.0, 2.7)	≤18.4 mL/kg/min	74/67	1.5	-0.1	■ 1.6 (0.6, 2.5)
≥30 kg/m ²	45/46	1.4	-0.2	■ 1.6 (0.3, 2.8)	>18.4 mL/kg/min	68/73	2.0	0.1	■ 1.9 (1.0, 2.9)
Baseline Median LVEF					Baseline Beta-Blocker Use				
≤75.6%	73/68	1.9	0.0	■ 1.8 (0.8, 2.8)	Yes	86/87	1.4	-0.2	■ 1.6 (0.7, 2.5)
>75.6%	69/72	1.7	0.0	■ 1.6 (0.6, 2.6)	No	56/53	2.2	0.2	■ 1.9 (0.8, 3.1)
Baseline NYHA FC					Baseline Median Resting LVOT				
Class II	108/106	2.0	0.3	■ 1.7 (0.9, 2.5)	≤51.1 mmHg	72/69	1.8	0.5	■ 1.3 (0.3, 2.3)
Class III /IV	34/34	1.0	-0.9	■ 1.9 (0.5, 3.3)	>51.1 mmHg	70/71	1.7	-0.4	■ 2.1 (1.2, 3.1)
Baseline Median KCCQ-CSS					Genotype				
≤78.1	67/75	1.7	-0.1	■ 1.8 (0.8, 2.8)	Positive	20/22	1.6	-1.0	■ 2.6 (0.9, 4.2)
>78.1	75/65	1.8	0.1	■ 1.7 (0.7, 2.6)	Negative	71/70	1.4	-0.1	■ 1.4 (0.5, 2.3)
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					Interaction <i>P</i> values were >0.05 for all prespecified subgroups				

Overview of All Prespecified Endpoints

Endpoints	P value
<u>Primary Endpoint</u>	
pVO ₂ change from baseline to Week 24	<0.0001
<u>Secondary Endpoints</u>	
1. KCCQ-CSS change from baseline to Week 24	<0.0001
2. % NYHA class improvement by at least 1 class at Week 24	<0.0001
3. Valsalva LVOT-G change from baseline to Week 24	<0.0001
4. % Valsalva LVOT-G <30 mmHg at Week 24	<0.0001
5. Duration of SRT-eligible during 24 weeks of treatment	<0.0001
6. KCCQ-CSS change from baseline to Week 12	<0.0001
7. % NYHA class improvement by at least 1 class at Week 12	<0.0001
8. Valsalva LVOT-G change from baseline to Week 12	<0.0001
9. % Valsalva LVOT-G <30 mmHg at Week 12	<0.0001
10. Total workload change from baseline to Week 24	<0.0001

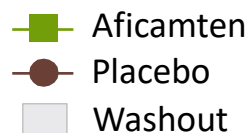
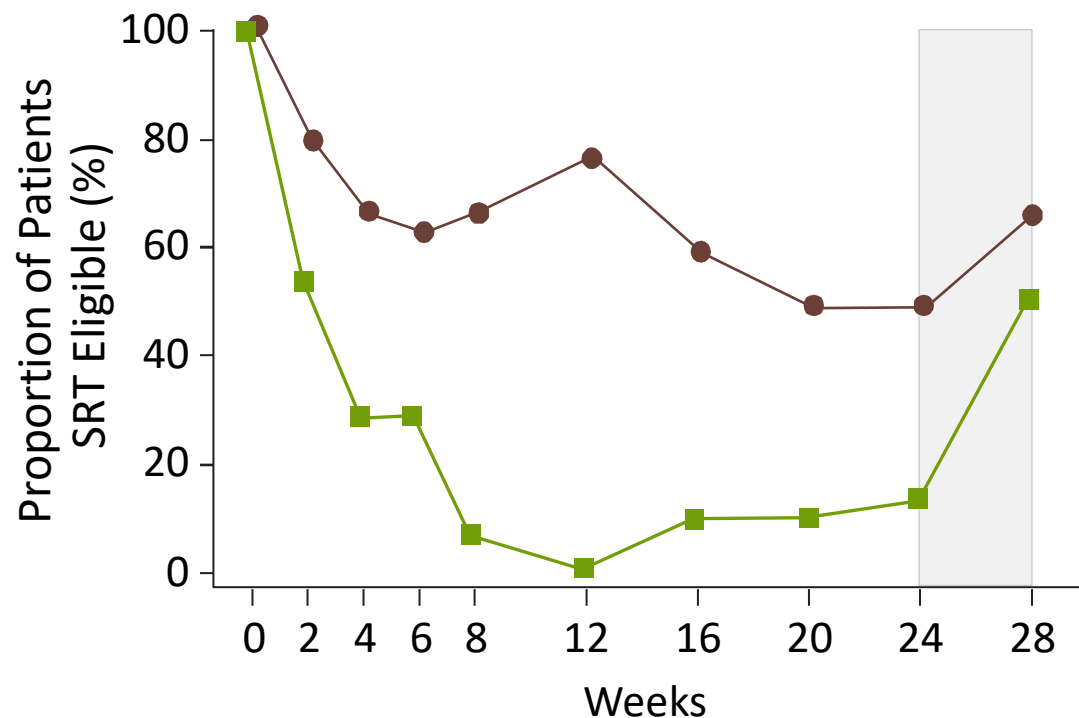
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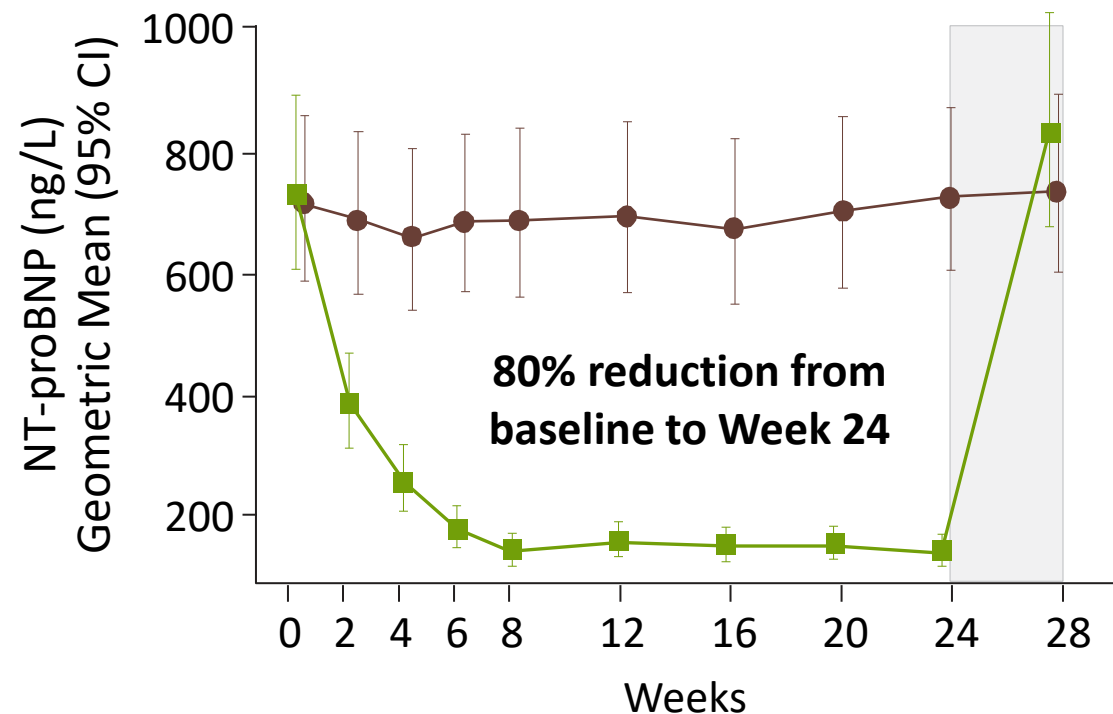
Error bars are 95% CI

Secondary and Exploratory Endpoints

Guideline Eligibility for SRT



NT-proBNP



Number of patients

Aficamten	139	141	141	139	139	139	137	139	136	135
Placebo	138	138	139	136	137	135	135	137	134	135

Safety Outcomes

AEs with $\geq 5\%$ incidence

There were no serious adverse cardiovascular events associated with aficamten treatment in SEQUOIA-HCM

Event, n (%)	Placebo (n=140)	Aficamten (n=142)
Overall AEs	99 (70.7)	105 (73.9)
Headache	10 (7.1)	11 (7.7)
Hypertension	3 (2.1)	11 (7.7)
Palpitations	4 (2.9)	10 (7.0)
Upper respiratory infection	12 (8.6)	9 (6.3)
COVID-19	9 (6.4)	8 (5.6)
Dyspnea	8 (5.7)	8 (5.6)
SAEs	13 (9.3)	8 (5.6)
Cardiac AEs	21 (15.0)	24 (16.9)
Discontinuations	4 (2.9)	5 (3.5)
New-onset AF	1 (0.7)	1 (0.7)
Appropriate ICD shock	1 (0.7)	0
LVEF <50% by core laboratory ^a	1 (0.7)	5 (3.5)
Dose reduction based on site-read LVEF <50%	1 (0.7)	7 (4.9)

^a 1 placebo- and 1 aficamten-treated patient overlap with dose reduction based on site-read LVEF <50%.

Perspective: Aficamten in HCM

- In patients with symptomatic oHCM, aficamten resulted in clinically meaningful improvements in exercise capacity, decreased burden of limiting symptoms, and dramatically reduced gradients.
- Adds to rich data with mavacamten regarding myosin inhibition in HCM
- Somewhat improved pharmacokinetics of aficamten may translate to better safety

SGLT-2 Inhibitors Post-MI

SGLT-2 inhibitors in patients with heart failure: a comprehensive meta-analysis of five randomised controlled trials

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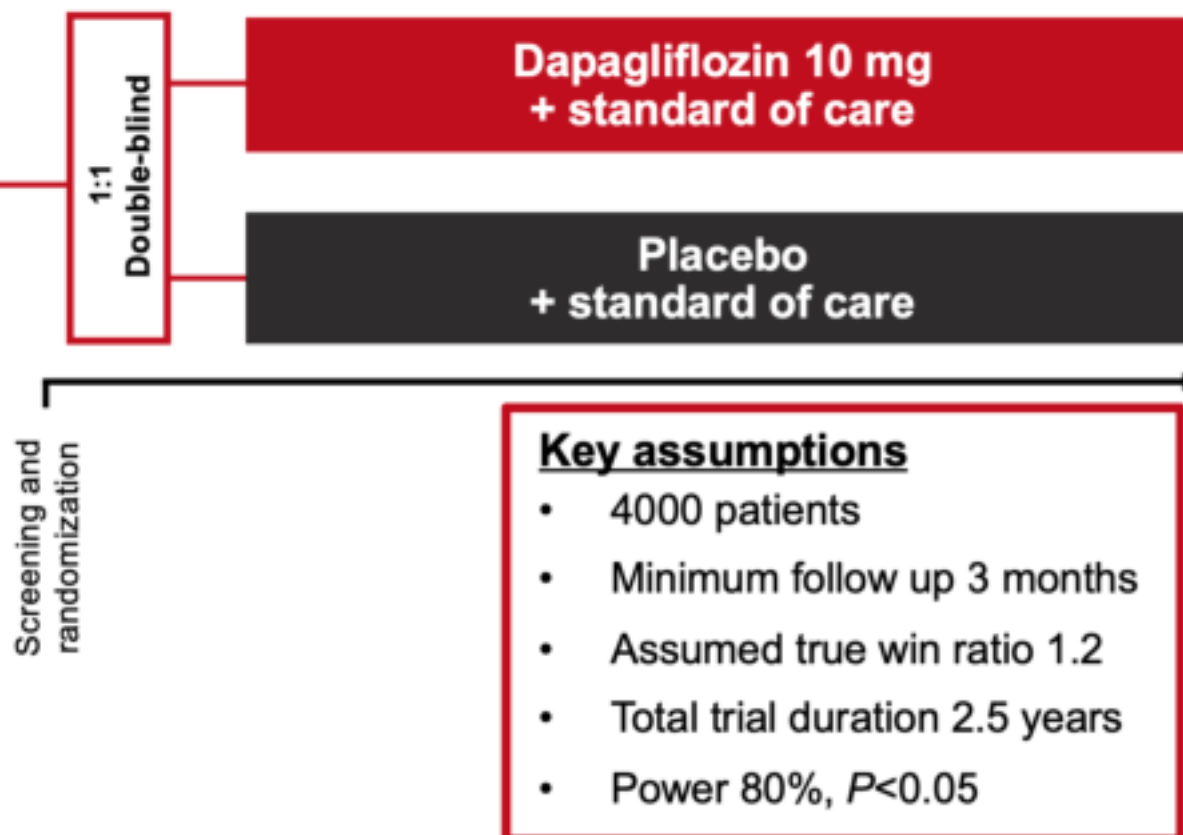
TRIAL DESIGN

Main Inclusion Criteria

- MI (NSTEMI or STEMI) < 10 days
- Impaired LV systolic function or Q-wave MI
- Hemodynamically stable

Main Exclusion Criteria

- Type 1 or type 2 diabetes
- Chronic symptomatic HF with a prior HHF within the last year and known reduced EF (LVEF \leq 40 %)
- eGFR <20 mL/min/1.73 m²



ENDPOINTS

The composite of CV death and hospitalization for heart failure was initially chosen as the primary outcome. During the trial, it became evident that the number primary composite outcomes was substantially lower than anticipated. Thus, in Feb 2023, the trial was modified to a hierarchical composite outcome approach with cardiometabolic outcomes.¹

Primary

The hierarchical (win ratio) composite outcomes:

- Death (first cardiovascular death, followed by non-cardiovascular death)
- Hospitalization due to heart failure (first adjudicated, followed by investigator reported)
- Non-fatal myocardial infarction
- Atrial fibrillation/flutter event
- New diagnosis of type 2 diabetes
- NYHA functional class at last visit
- Body weight decrease at least 5% at last visit

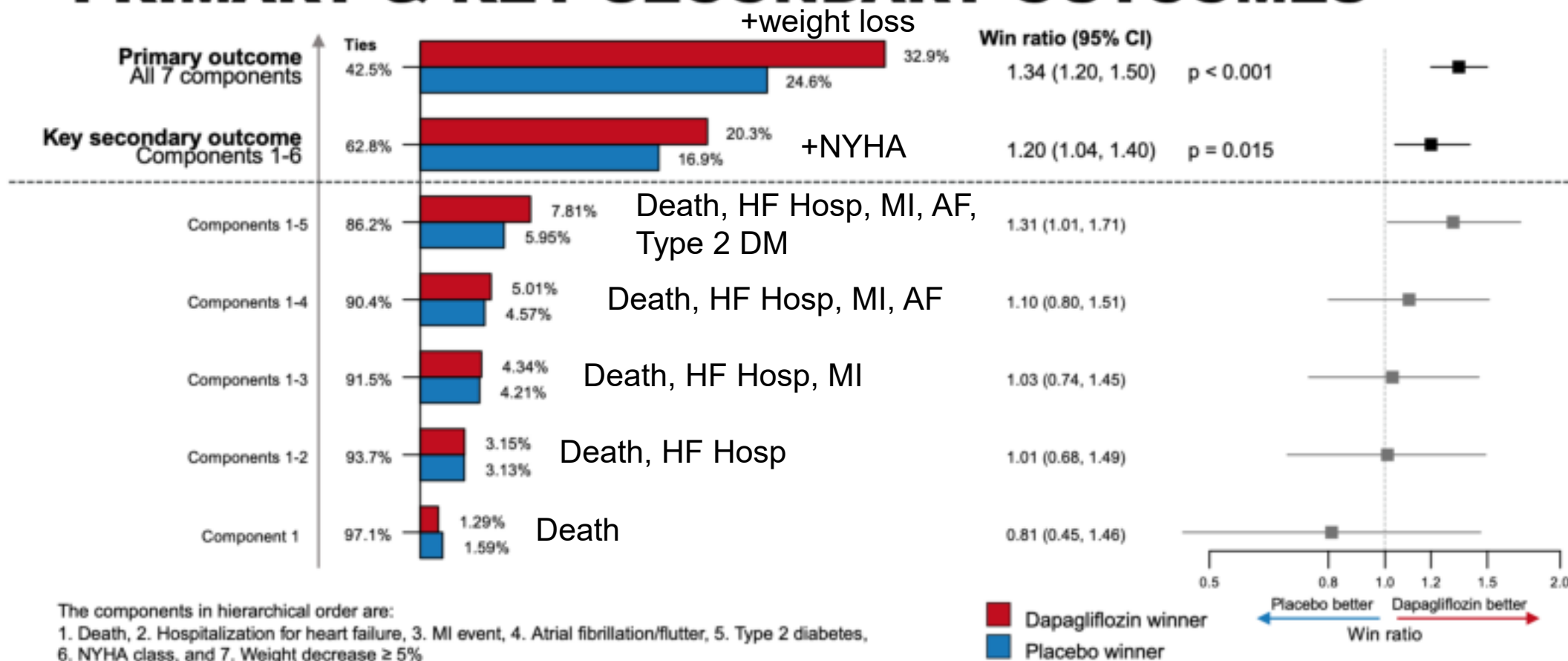
Key secondary

- Primary outcome excluding body weight component

Other secondary

- Time to the first occurrence of any of the components of the composite:
 - Hospitalization for heart failure
 - Cardiovascular death

PRIMARY & KEY SECONDARY OUTCOMES

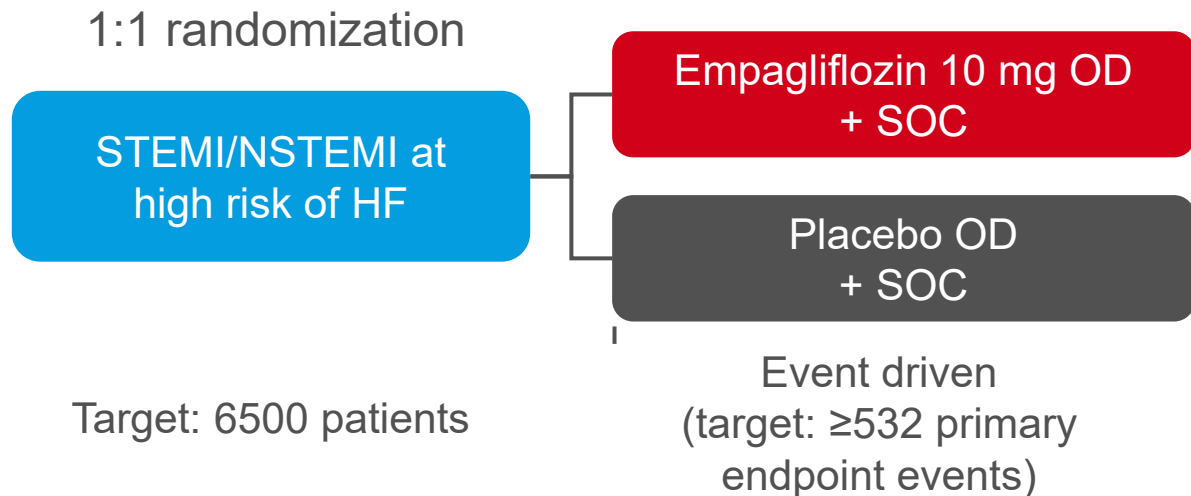


EMPACT-MI was Conducted to Evaluate Efficacy and Safety of Empagliflozin in Patients After Acute MI

EMPACT-MI

Streamlined, multicentre, randomized, double-blind, phase III, placebo-controlled superiority trial

Primary endpoint: time to first heart failure hospitalization or all-cause mortality



EMPACT-MI was a streamlined trial:

- Use of inclusion/exclusion criteria readily available in routine care
- Mainly remote follow-up visits
- Streamlined data collection incl. focused collection of safety information
- Blinded investigator review instead of central adjudication, additionally supported by structured data collection

Key Eligibility Criteria

IMPACT-MI

INCLUSION

Diagnosis of spontaneous acute MI

- **STEMI or NSTEMI**
- Randomization **≤14 days** after hospital admission

High risk of HF, defined as either:

- Signs or symptoms of **congestion** requiring treatment during index hospitalization **OR**
- Newly developed **LVEF <45%**

At least one HF risk factor: Age ≥65 years; LVEF <35%; prior MI; eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m²;* atrial fibrillation;† type 2 diabetes; elevated NT-proBNP/BNP;‡ elevated uric acid;§ PASP (RVSP) ≥40 mmHg;¶ no revascularization for the index MI; 3-vessel coronary artery disease; peripheral artery disease

EXCLUSION

Diagnosis of chronic HF prior to index MI

SBP ≤90 mmHg at randomization

Cardiogenic shock or use of IV inotropes in last 24 hours before randomization

Current or planned treatment with an SGLT2 inhibitor

Any current severe (stenotic or regurgitant) valvular heart disease

eGFR <20 mL/min/1.73 m²

Type 1 diabetes mellitus

*Using CKD-EPI formula based on creatinine from local lab at any time during index hospitalization. †Persistent or permanent, if paroxysmal, only valid if associated with index MI; ‡NT-proBNP ≥1400 pg/mL for patients in sinus rhythm, ≥2800 pg/mL if atrial fibrillation; BNP ≥350 pg/mL for patients in sinus rhythm, ≥700 pg/mL if atrial fibrillation, measured at any time during hospitalization. §Uric acid ≥7.5 mg/dL (≥446 μmol/L), measured at any time during hospitalization. ¶Pulmonary Artery Systolic Pressure [or right ventricular systolic pressure]. eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; IV, intravenous; (NT-pro)BNP, (N-terminal prohormone of) brain natriuretic peptide; SBP, systolic blood pressure.

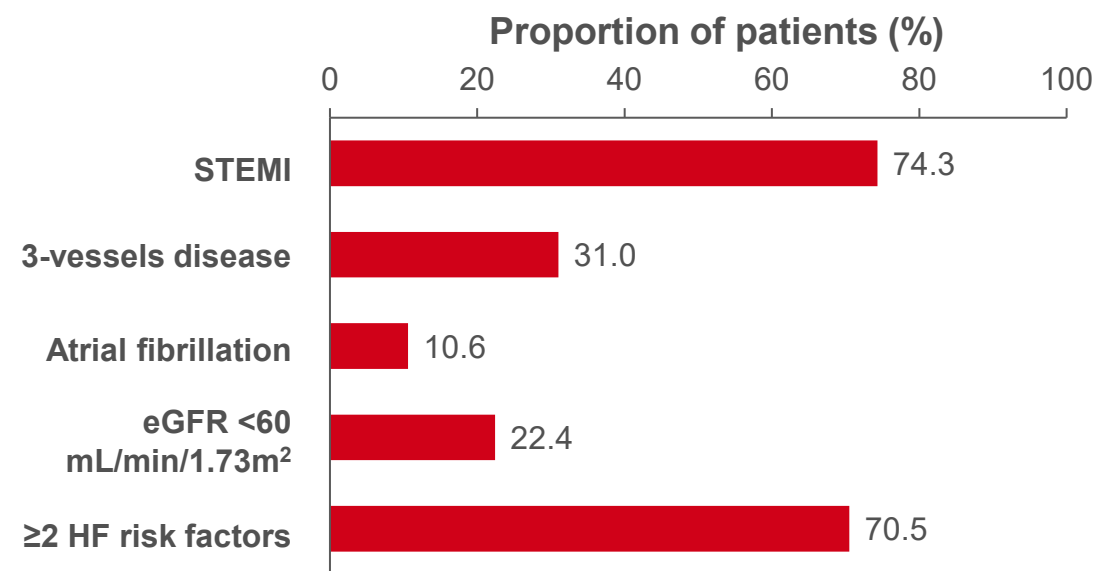
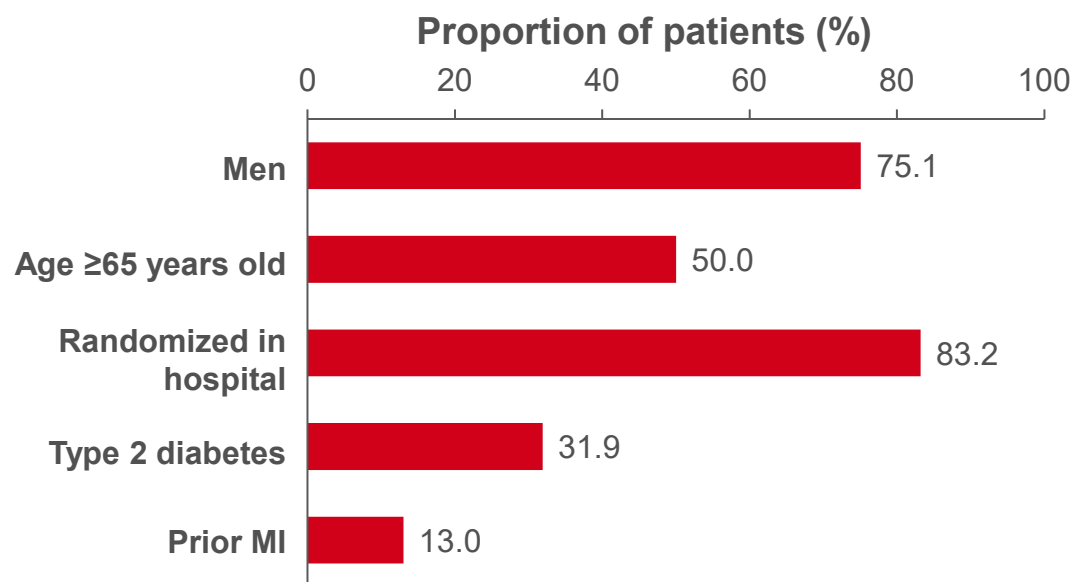
EMPACT-MI: Patient Population

EMPACT-MI

Patients with signs and symptoms of congestion
requiring treatment: n=3715 (57.0%)

Patients with both:
n=2323 (35.6%)

Patients with LVEF <45%;* n=5112 (78.4%)

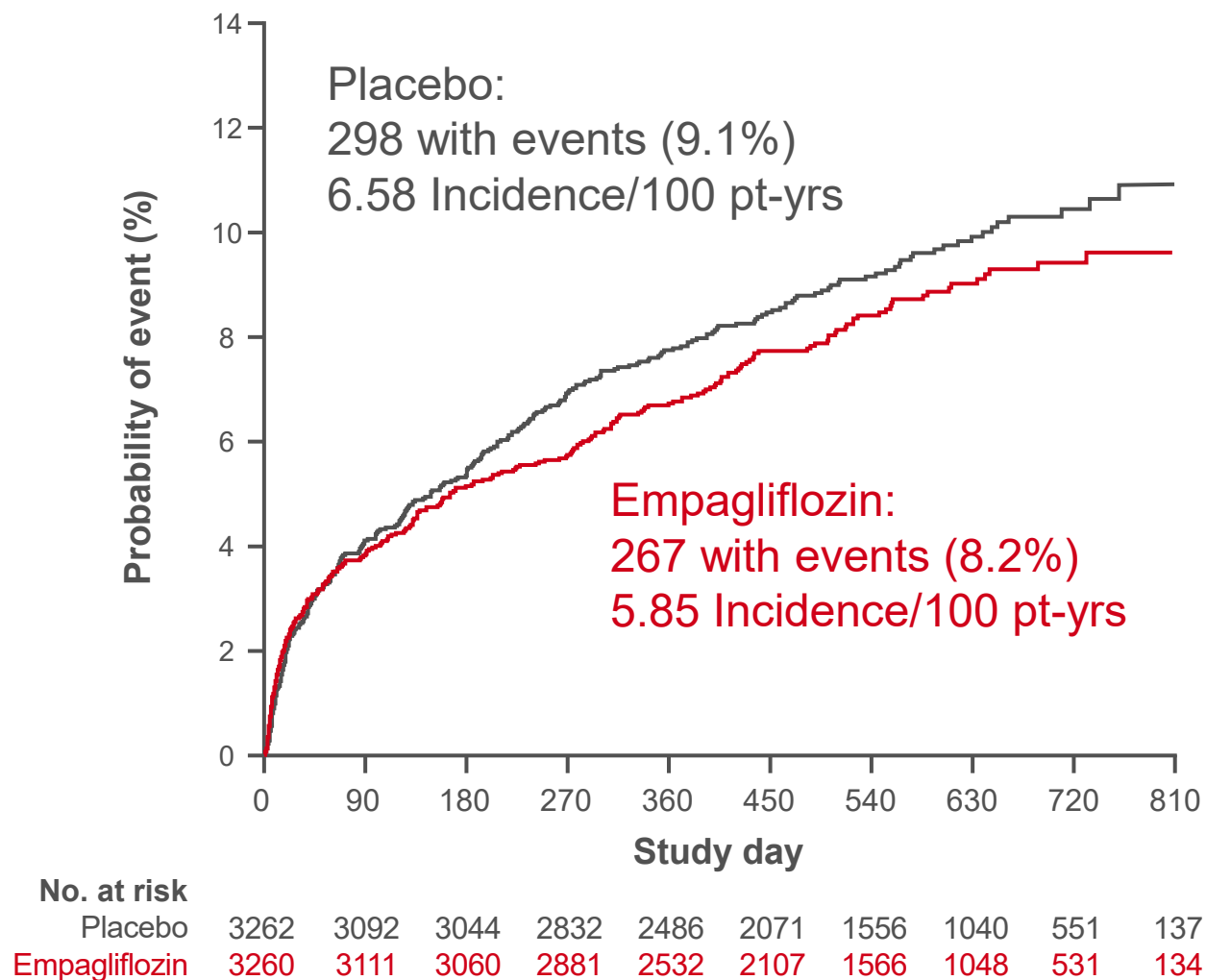


*52 patients had missing LVEF.

≥2 enrichment criteria: Except for eGFR, laboratory values and pulmonary artery pressure have been optional to be reported beyond meeting the inclusion criterion of providing at least 1 enrichment criterion.

Primary Endpoint

IMPACT-MI



HR 0.90 (95% CI: 0.76, 1.06)
 $p=0.21$

565 primary endpoint events

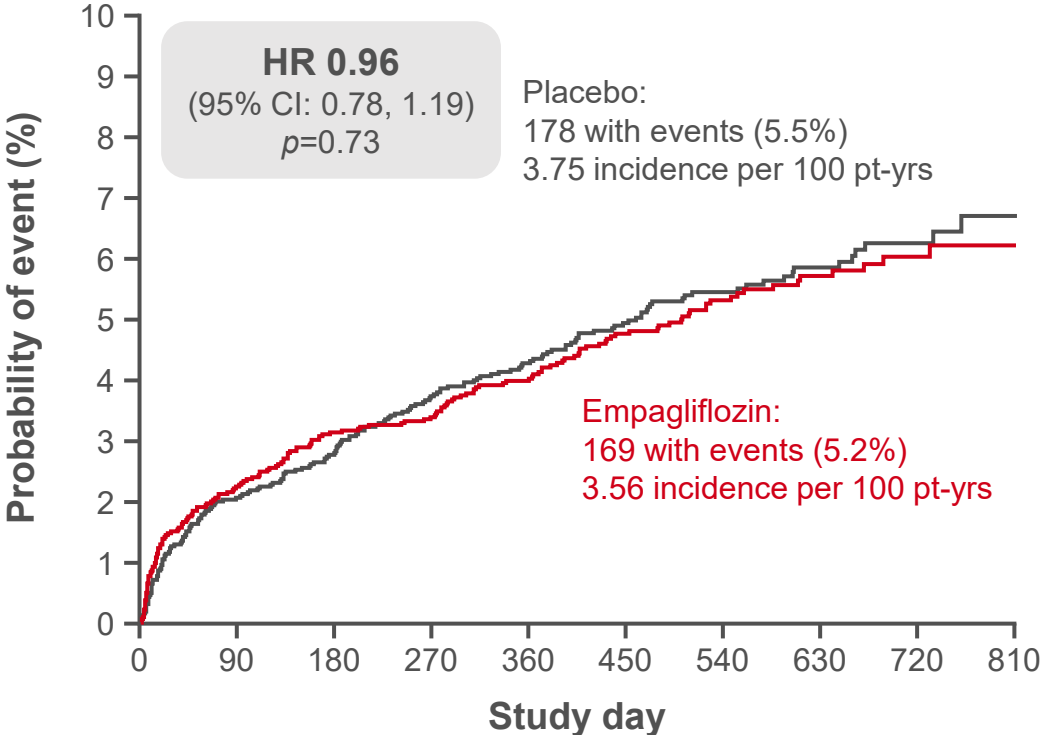
- 271 (48%) first events: HHF
- 294 (52%) first events: death

Components of Primary Endpoint

IMPACT-MI

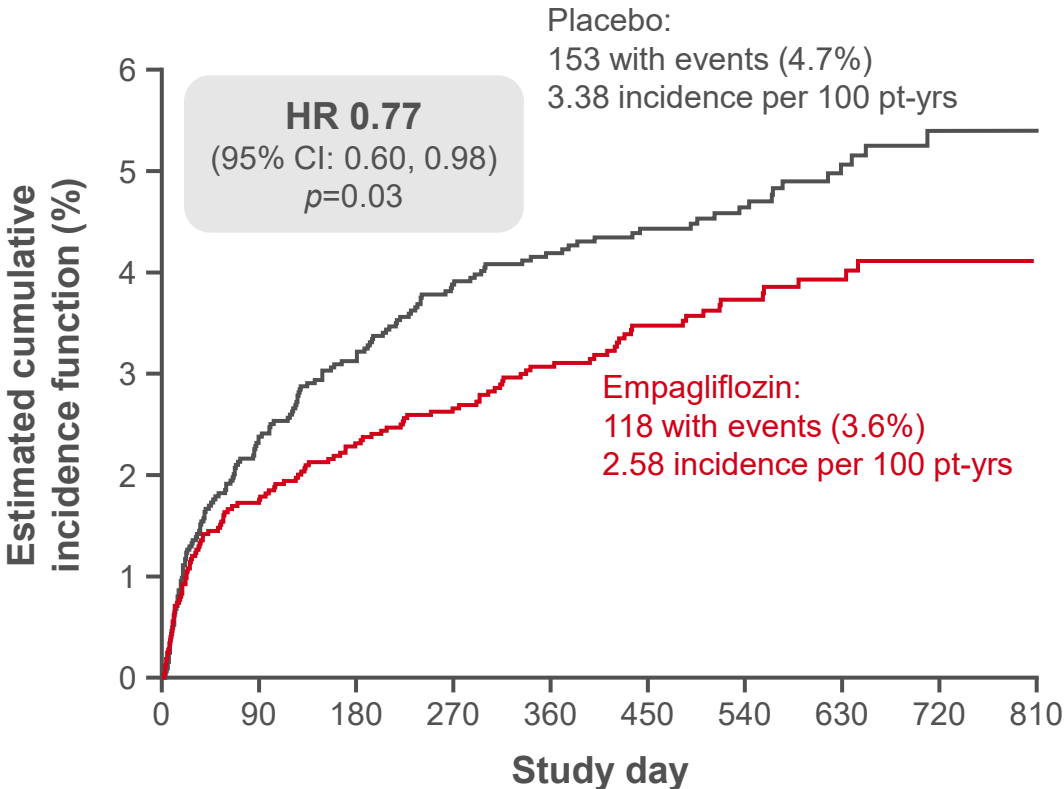
Time to all-cause mortality

347 deaths: 263 (76%) CV death; 84 (24%) non-CV death



No. at risk										
Placebo	3262	3186	3159	2975	2632	2207	1660	1111	593	148
Empagliflozin	3260	3177	3148	2995	2639	2218	1658	1119	572	153

Time to first HHF



3262	3092	3044	2832	2486	2071	1556	1040	551	137
3260	3111	3060	2881	2532	2107	1566	1048	531	134

Perspective: SGLT-2 Inhibitors Post-MI

- You can't make "better" better..... the majority of well treated, well re-perfused patients enrolled in post-MI trials are not at risk for heart failure and won't benefit from SGLT2 inhibitors
- However, SGLT2 inhibitors are SAFE post-MI, and anyone with another indication "discovered" at time of MI (i.e., DM or CKD) should be treated with SGLT2 inhibitors, as should patients who develop HF symptoms in follow-up



THANK YOU

DEBATE: Is Canada ready for Implantable Hemodynamic Monitoring?

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Learning Objectives

1. Provide an overview of trials that focus on the use of implantable hemodynamic monitoring in patients with heart failure
2. Highlight benefits of using implantable hemodynamic monitoring in patients with heart failure
3. Identify potential barriers to widespread utilization of implantable hemodynamic monitoring in patients with heart failure

Is Canada ready for Implantable Hemodynamic Monitoring?

<No / Non>

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Top 10 reasons IHM is a 'non'

1. Invasive
2. Complications of device
3. Data alarms – the false and misinterpreted alarms
4. Privacy / data breaches
5. Cost / cost utility borderline
6. The people cost (specialized training)
7. Longevity of device
8. Patient compliance
9. RCTs do not suggest major benefit for QOL or mortality
10. Anique Ducharme is an author

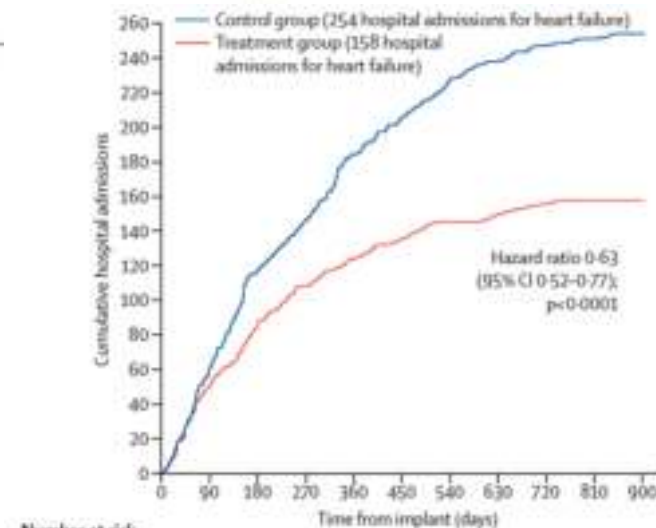
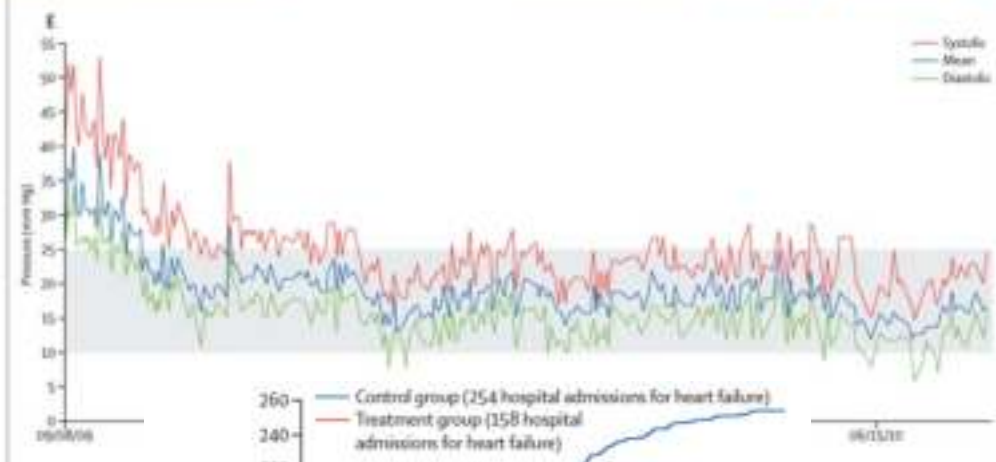


Wireless pulmonary artery haemodynamic monitoring in chronic heart failure: a randomised controlled trial

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Summary

Background Results of previous studies support the hypothesis that implantable haemodynamic monitoring

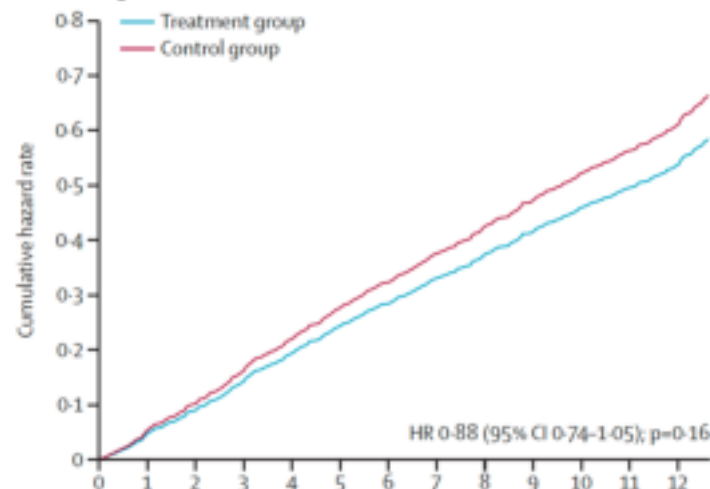


Number at risk	0	90	180	270	360	450	540	630	720	810	900
Control group	280	267	252	215	179	137	105	67	25	10	0
Treatment group	270	262	244	210	169	131	108	82	29	5	1

Haemodynamic-guided management of heart failure (GUIDE-HF): a randomised controlled trial

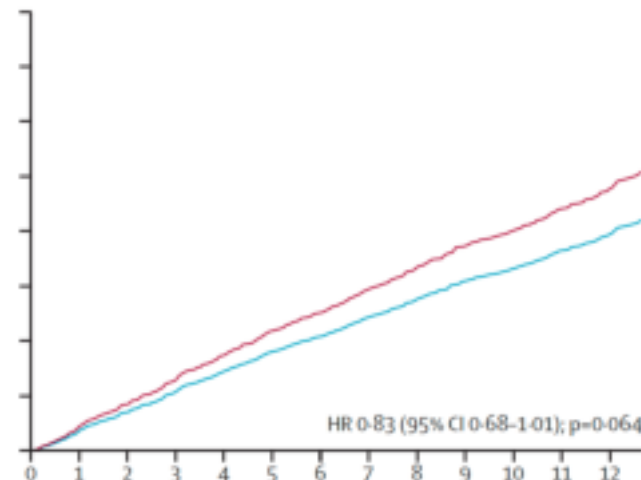
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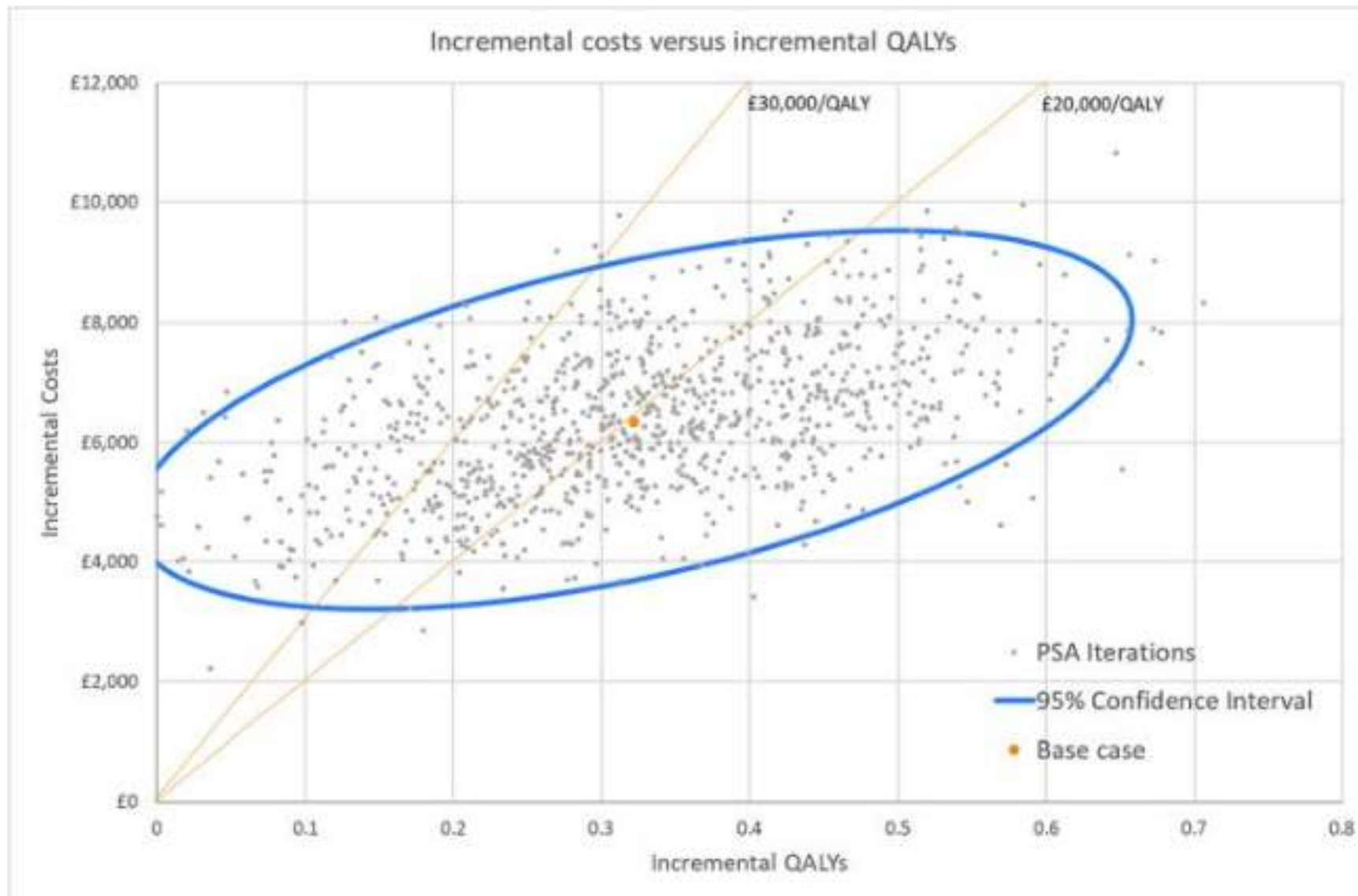
A Primary outcome: all-cause mortality, heart failure hospitalisations, urgent heart failure visits



Number at risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Treatment group	497	496	491	486	480	473	468	465	456	447	441	422	193
Control group	503	500	494	488	482	476	468	463	459	456	442	434	180

B Heart failure hospitalisations



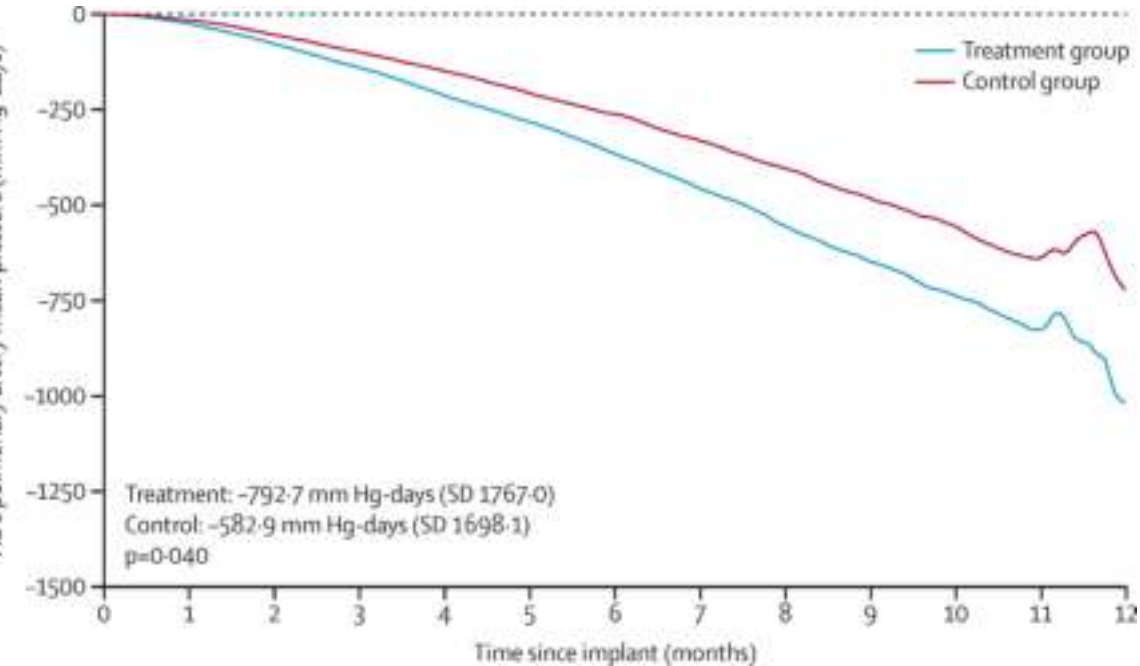
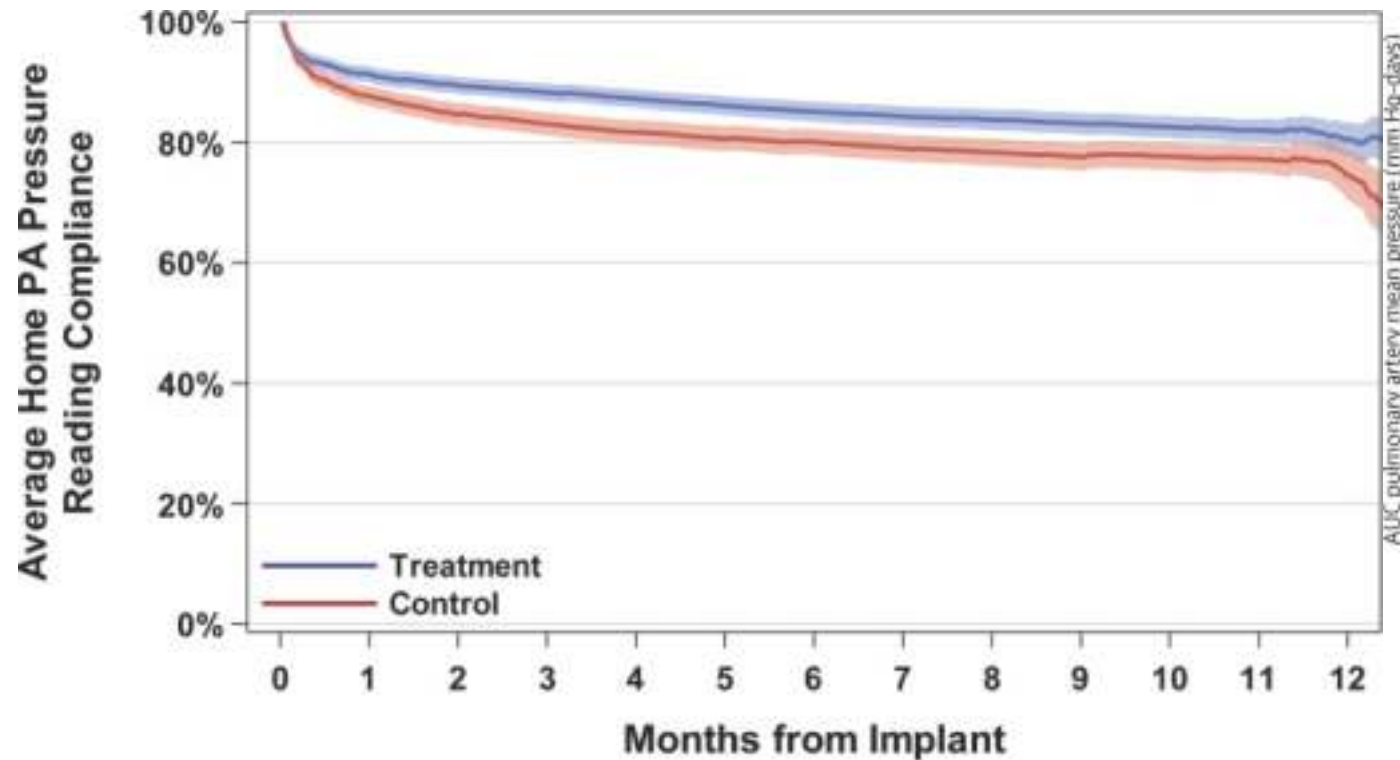


“Our model suggests that CardioMEMS is likely to be cost-effective in the United Kingdom, at the currently considered thresholds of **£20 000–30 000/QALY.**”

Meanwhile in Canada:

-and a device cost of \$17,500, the additional cost of using CardioMEMS in one NYHA class III patient would be \$14,734.

Patient 'Compliance' still matters



During the 12 months of follow-up, mean pulmonary artery pressure averaged around ~ 2 mm Hg lower compared with baseline with monitoring

No. At Risk													
Treatment	497	496	491	486	480	473	468	465	456	447	441	422	193
Control	503	500	494	488	482	476	468	463	459	456	442	434	180

Expensive diuretic titration machine?

- Most common ways it c/should work: medication changes to prevent HFH
- Medication Changes / month
 - IHM = 0.835 vs Control = 0.475 ($p < 0.001$; pre-covid)
 - IHM = 0.675 vs Control = 0.425 ($p = \text{ns}$; post-covid)
- Of the 3237 medication changes in 775 patients, 2364 changes (73%) were diuretics
- ? What about GDMT = no change reported to date

QOL / mortality no different

- KCCQ, EQ-5-D, 6 minute walk test = **No** difference
- Mortality = **No** difference
 - CV = 30/497 (6%) for cardioMems, vs 24/503 (5%) control
- COVID-19 analysis was the same:
 - The treatment effect change was not due to COVID-19-related events.
 - Patient management sustained but not intensified during COVID-19
 - Patient status improved during COVID-19 and pulmonary artery pressure reduced in both groups.



PLENARY Session 2

Clinical Pearls and Conundrums in HF Clinical Care DEBATE: Is Canada ready for Implantable Hemodynamic Monitoring?

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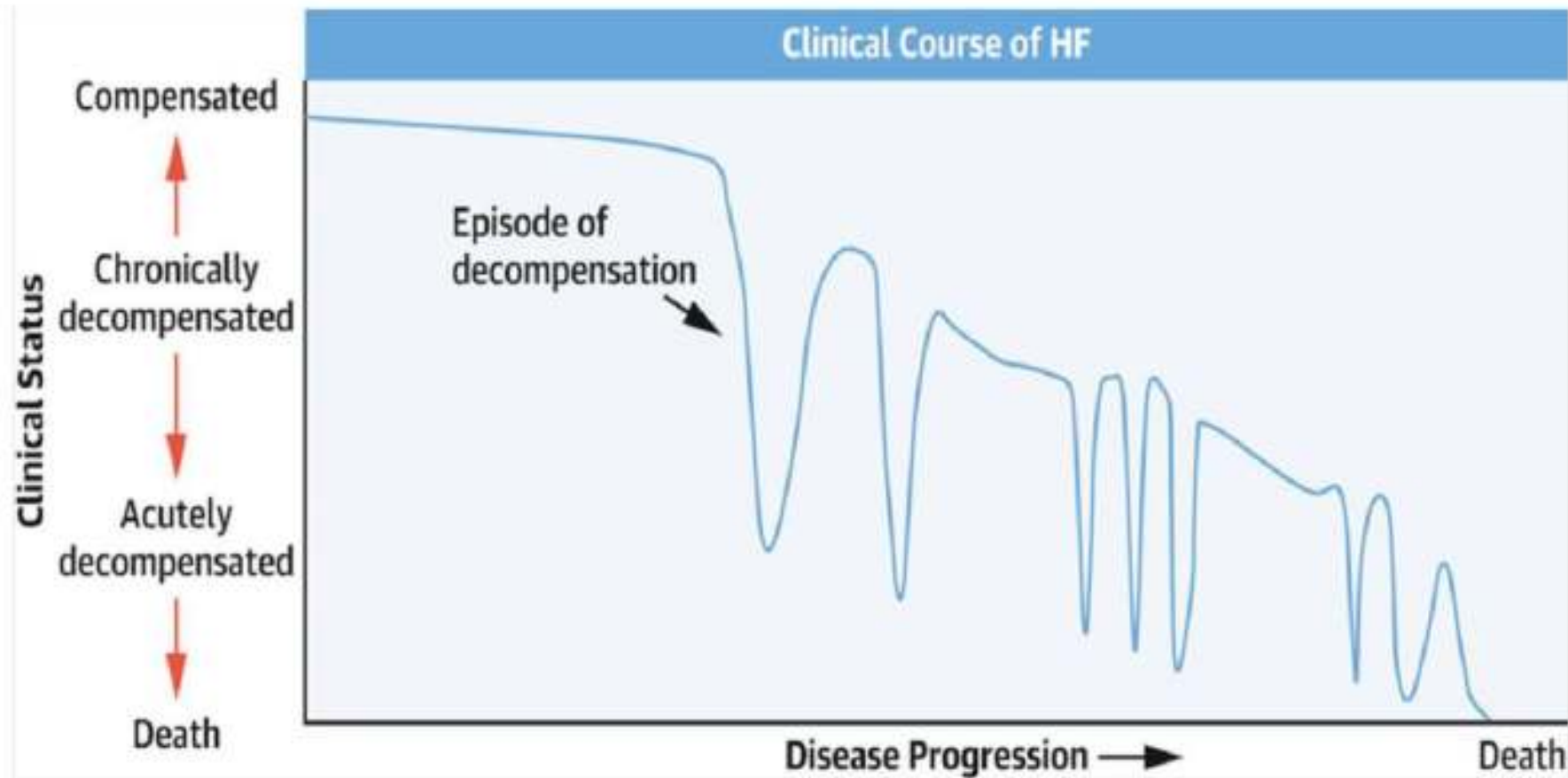
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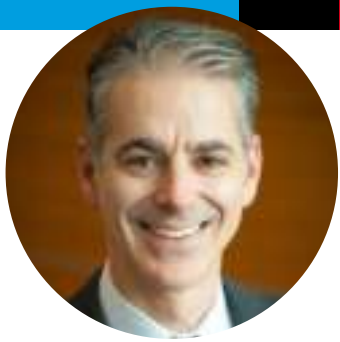
Friday, May 24th, 2024; TIME: 3:00–4:30 p.m

co-present a 15-minute debate

(Followed by a 25-min panel discussion and Q&A at the end of the plenary session);

Heart Failure Management 1.0

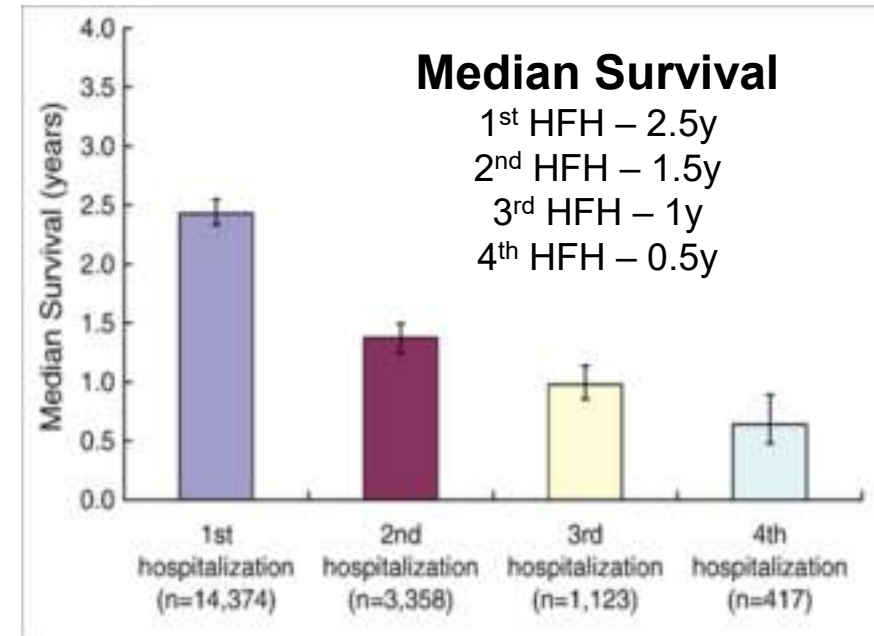
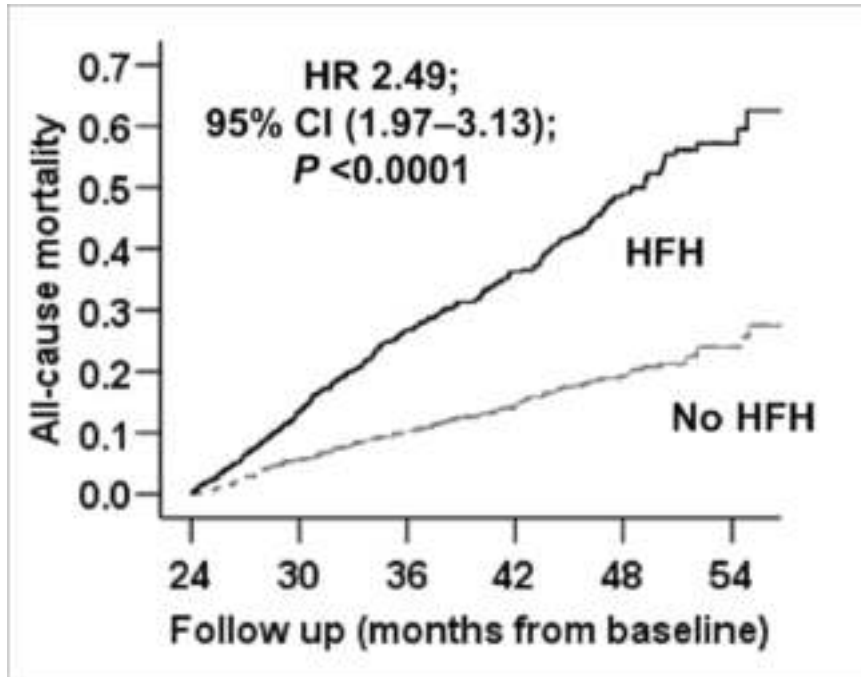




Justin's View of the Present...



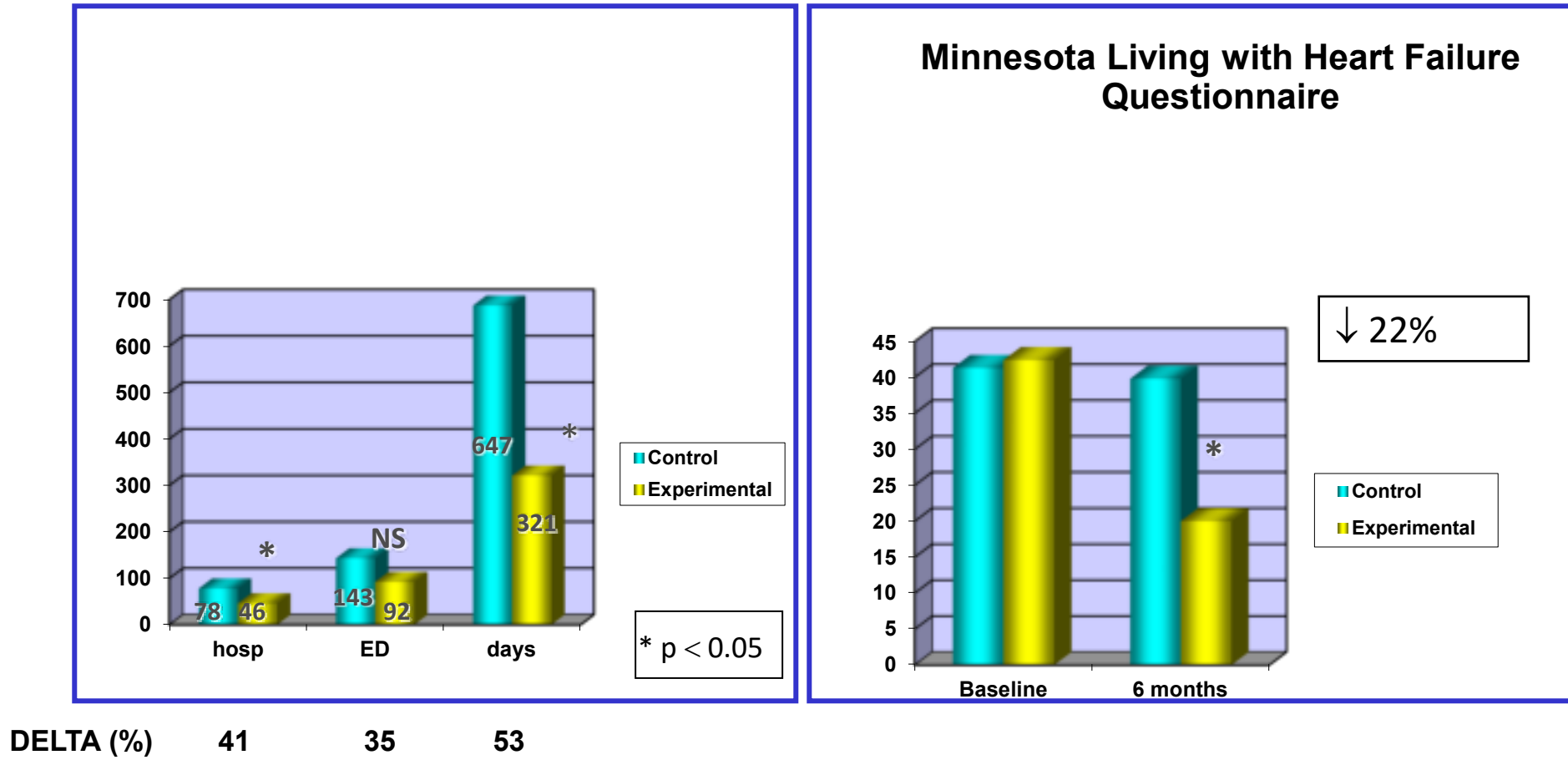
Heart Failure Hospitalizations is a Sentinel Event



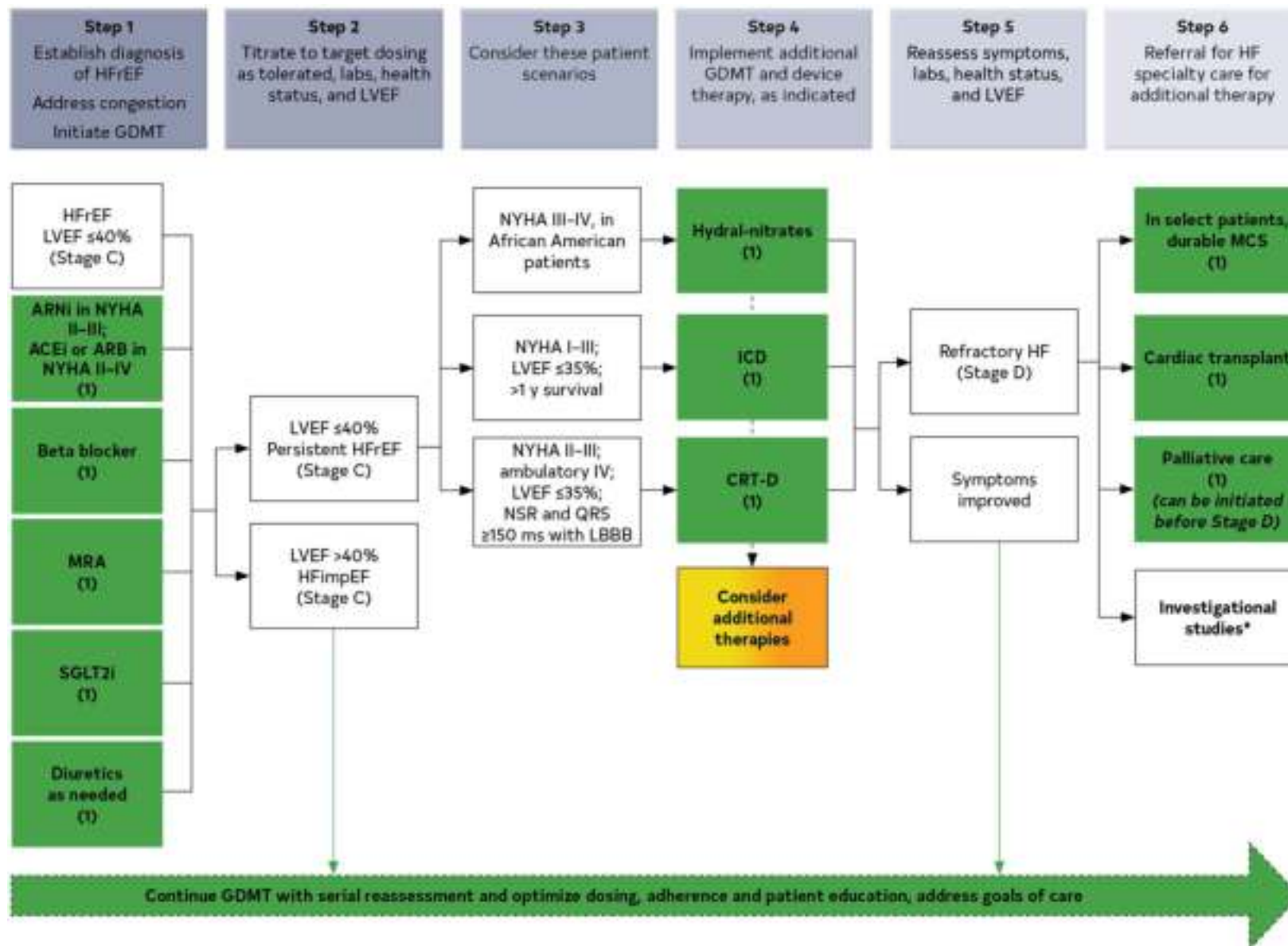
Medicare beneficiaries risk adjusted 1-year mortality after HFH 29.6%

Disease Management Programs for HF

Results after 6 Months of Follow-up

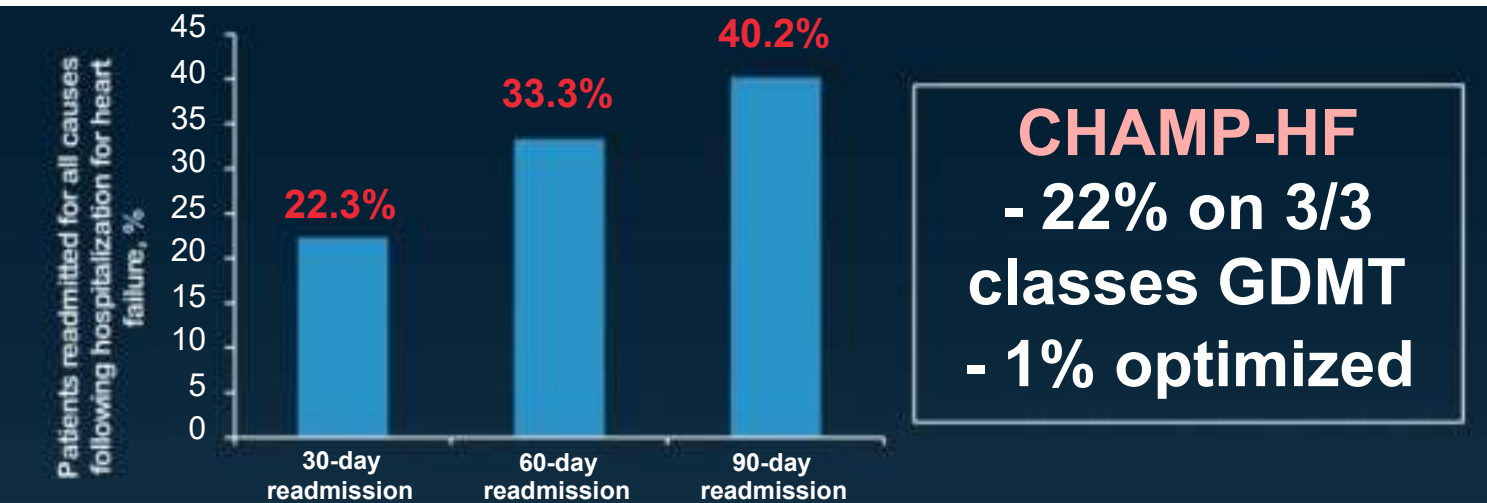


Heart Failure Management 2.0



Why Remote Patients Monitoring in HF?

Mismatch outcomes vs resources



- High readmission/mortality rates¹
- Low rates GDMT utilization² with poor GDMT titration³
- clinical inertia -> 48.6% visits without any GDMT changes despite not at target dose

Management Based on Signs and Symptoms or Non-hemodynamic Parameters Does Not Work

	TRIAL	n	PARAMETER MONITORED	IMPACT ON PREVENTION	JOURNAL
Clinical Congestion (Symptoms)	Tele-HF ²⁸	1,653	Signs/symptoms, daily weights	None	<i>The New England Journal of Medicine</i> , 2010
	TIM-HF ²⁹	710	Signs/symptoms, daily weights	None	<i>Circulation</i> , 2011
	TEN-HMS ³⁰	426	Signs/symptoms, daily weights, BP, nurse telephone support	None	<i>The New England Journal of Medicine</i> , 2005
	BeAT-HF ³¹	1,437	Signs/symptoms, daily weights, nurse communications	None	<i>JAMA Internal Medicine</i> , 2016
	EMPOWER ³²	552	Daily weights, electronic pill dispenser	None	<i>JAMA Internal Medicine</i> , 2022
Non-hemodynamic markers	DOT-HF ³³	335	Intrathoracic impedance with patient alert	Increased	<i>Circulation</i> , 2011
	OptiLink ³⁴	1,002	Intrathoracic impedance	None	<i>European Heart Journal</i> , 2016
	REM-HF ³⁵	1,650	Remote monitoring via ICD, CRT-D or CRT-P	None	<i>European Heart Journal</i> , 2017
	MORE- CARE ³⁶	865	Remote monitoring of advanced diagnostics via CRT-D	None	<i>Journal of Medical Internet Research</i> , 2013
Total		8,630	Multiple trials showing no benefit with traditional management	Total	

Heart Failure Management 2.0

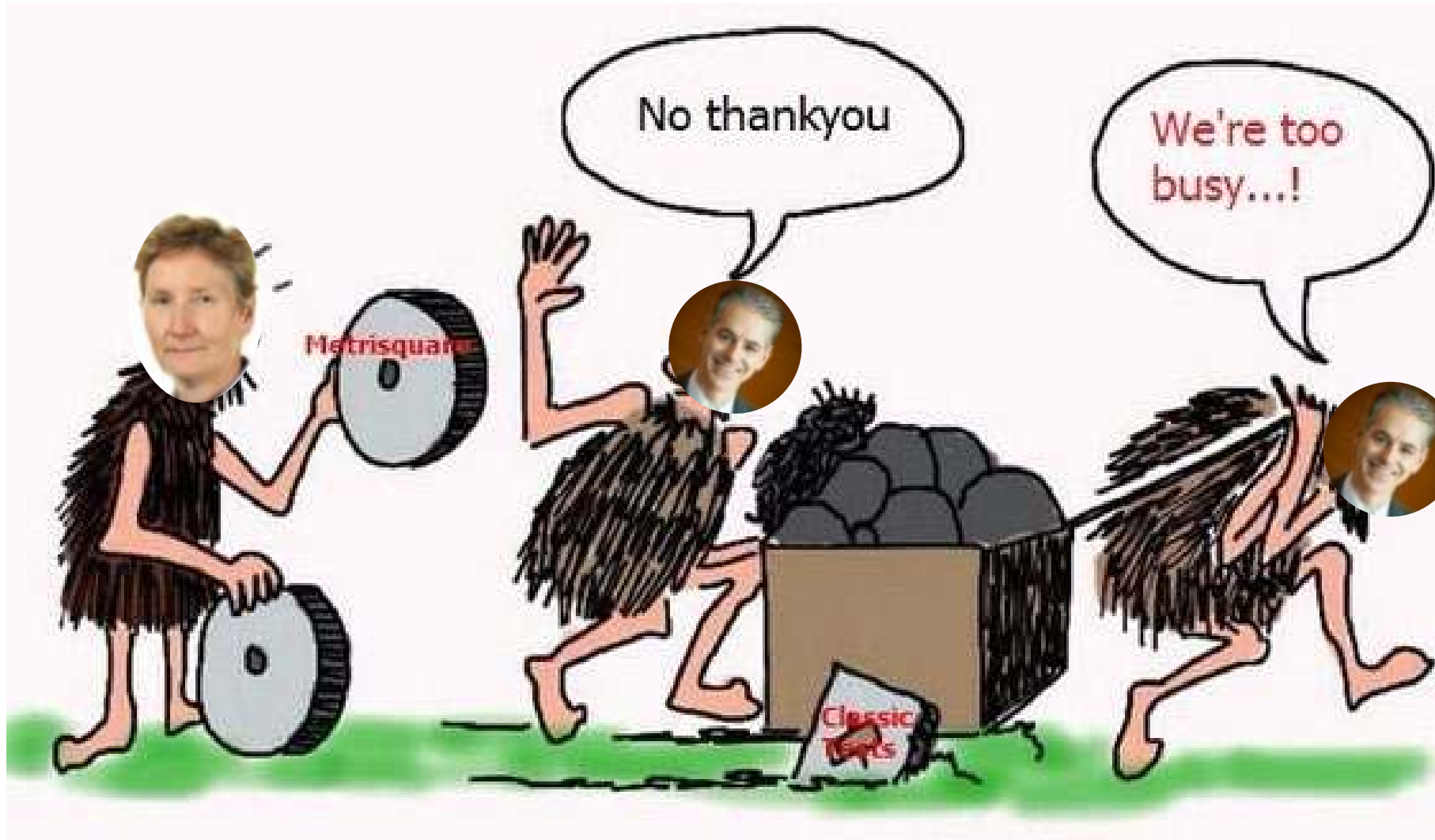
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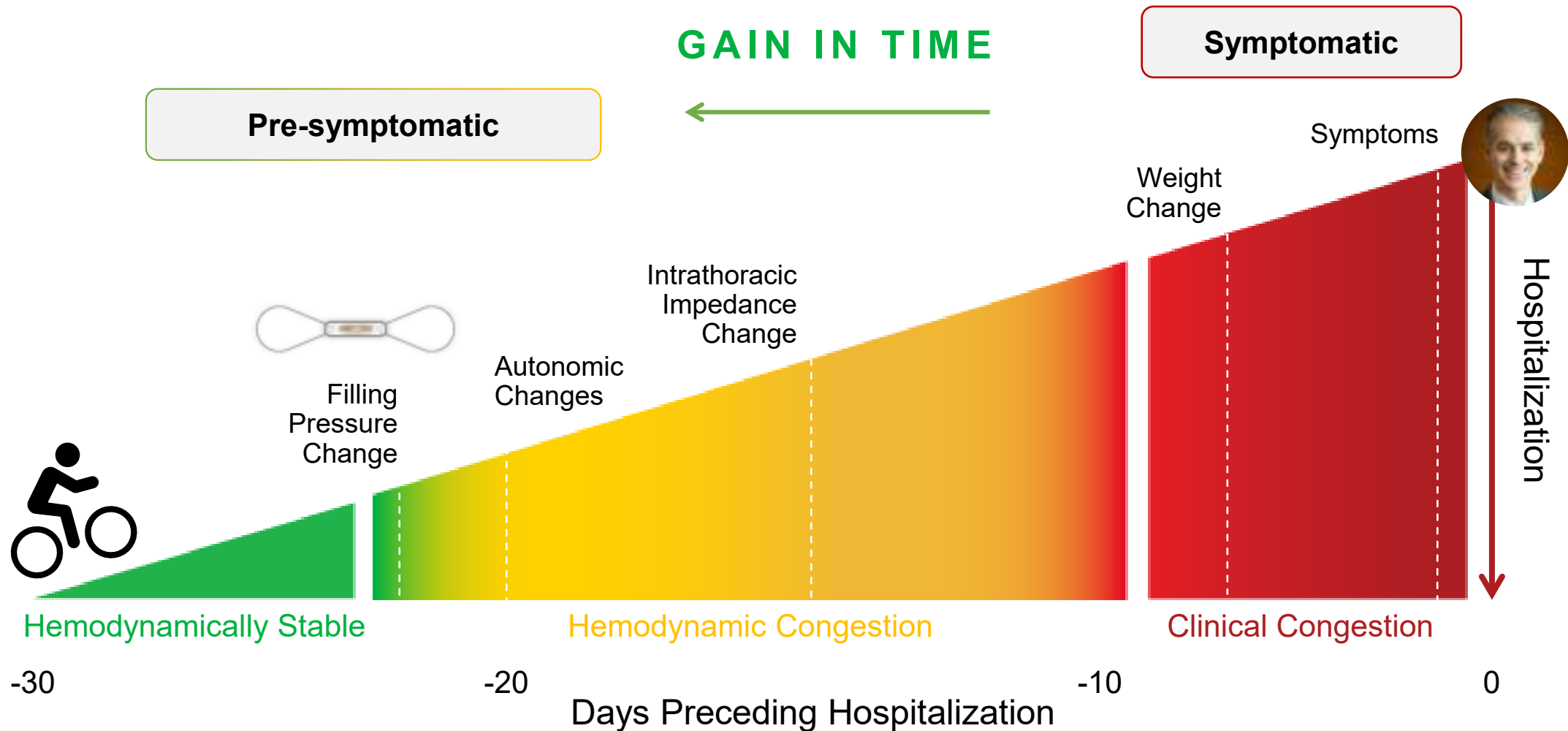
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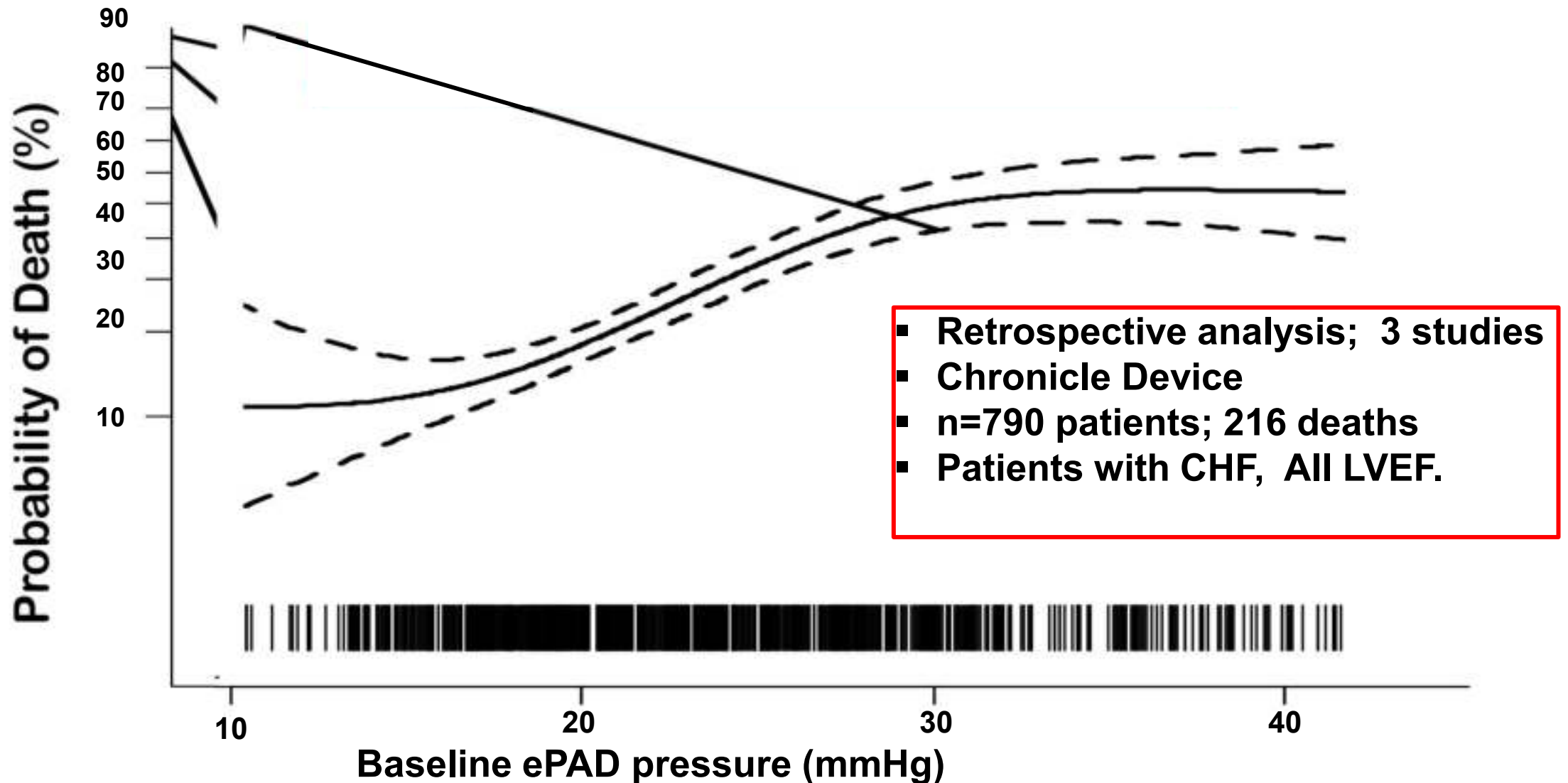
We Must To Do Things Differently...



Heart Failure Progression is Like a Hill Ride

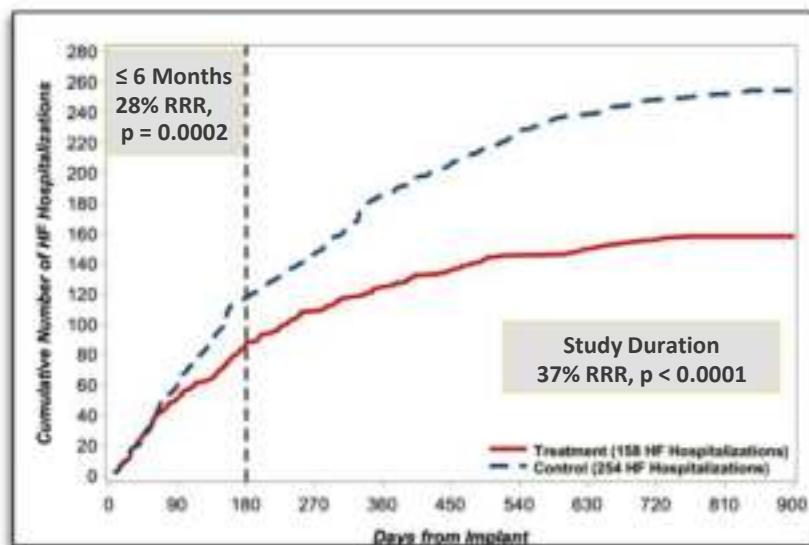


Baseline Filling Pressure Predicts Mortality In CHF Patients



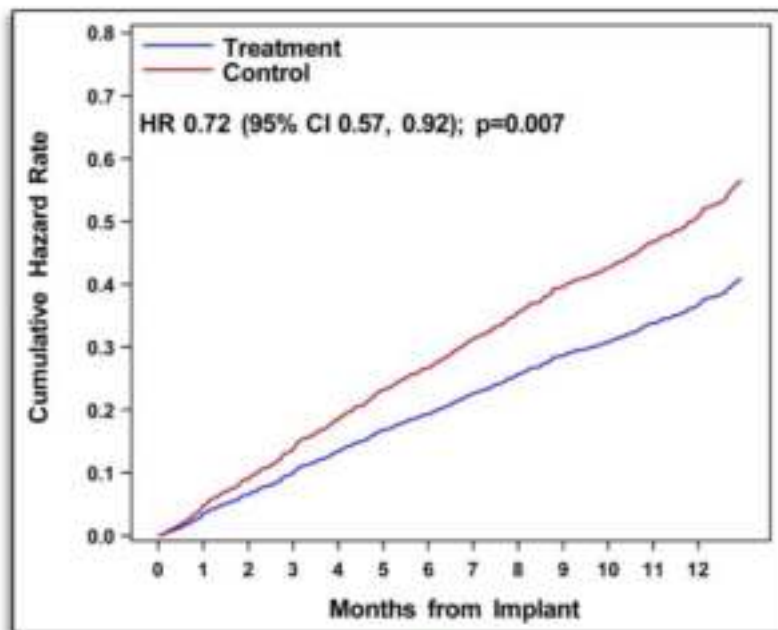
Robust Evidence of Reduction in HF Hospitalizations with Ambulatory Hemodynamic Management

CHAMPION
(N=550)



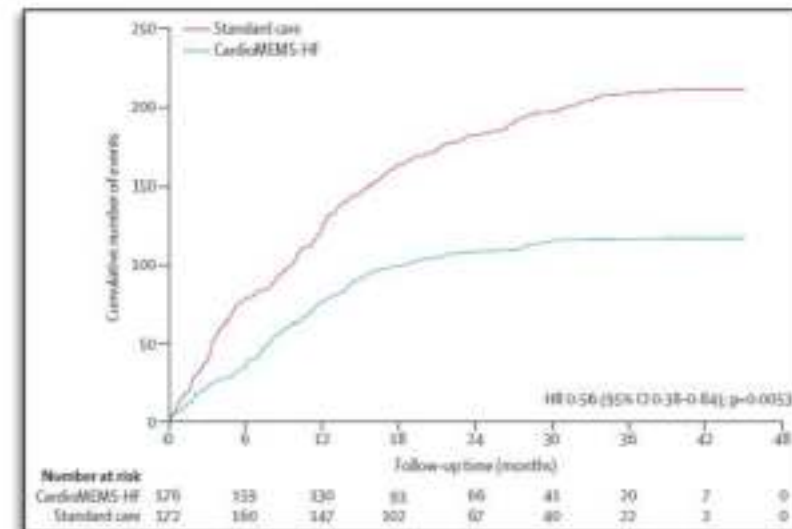
↓ 28%

GUIDE-HF
(N=1000)



↓ 28%

MONITOR-HF
(N=348)



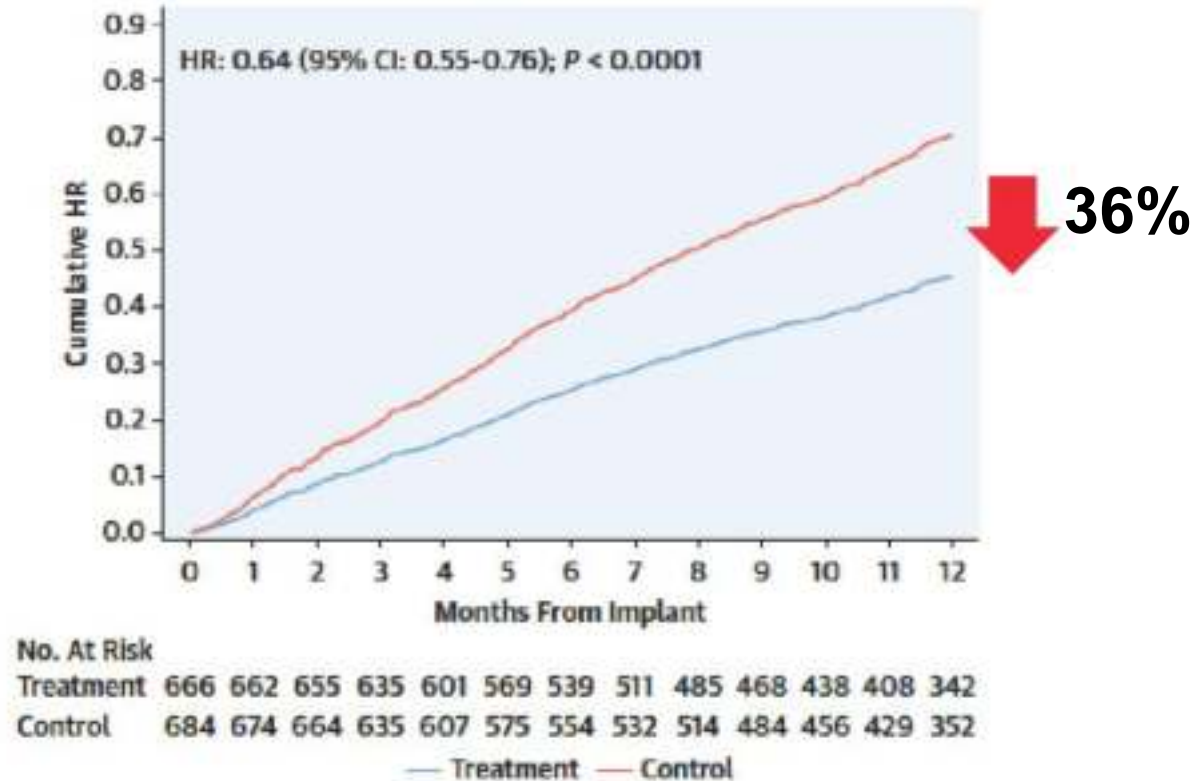
↓ 44%

Consistent effects regardless of EF and in those without prior HFH

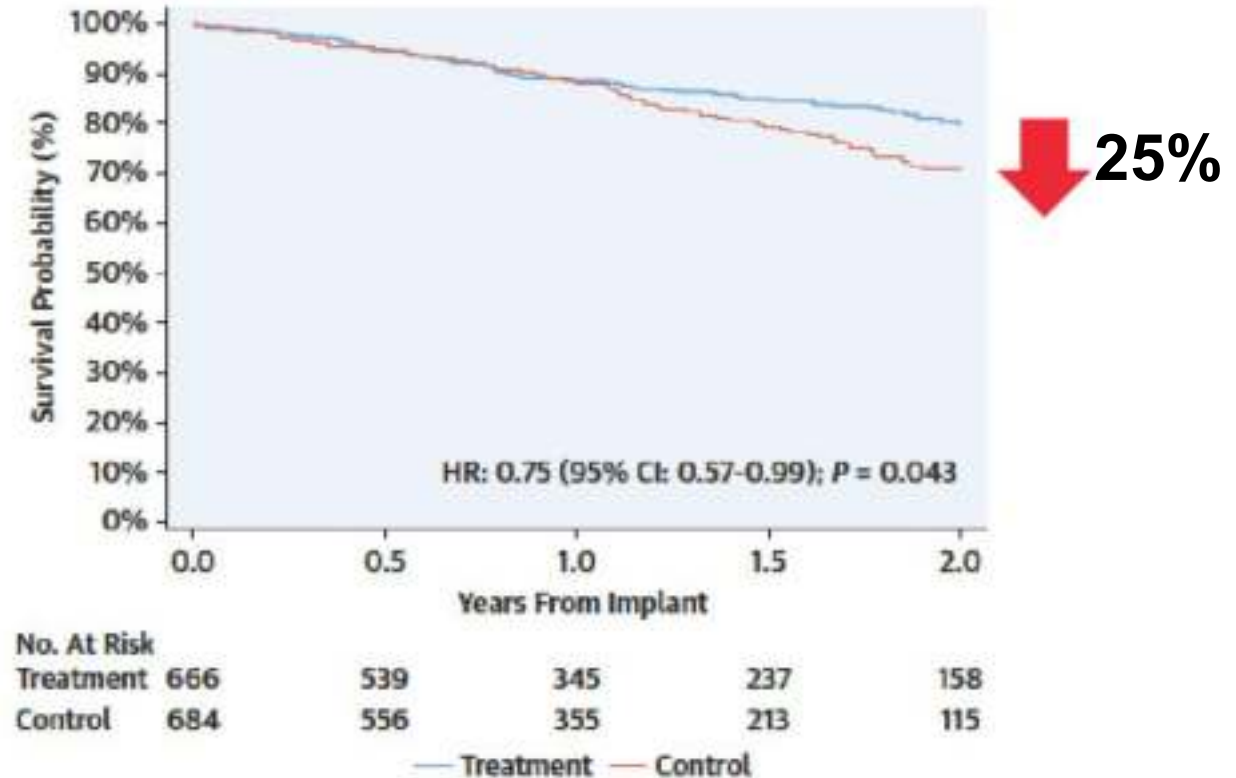
Lower Rates of HFH and Mortality with Hemodynamic Management in HFrEF

Pooled CHAMPION, GUIDE-HF, LAPTOP-HF

HF HOSPITALIZATIONS



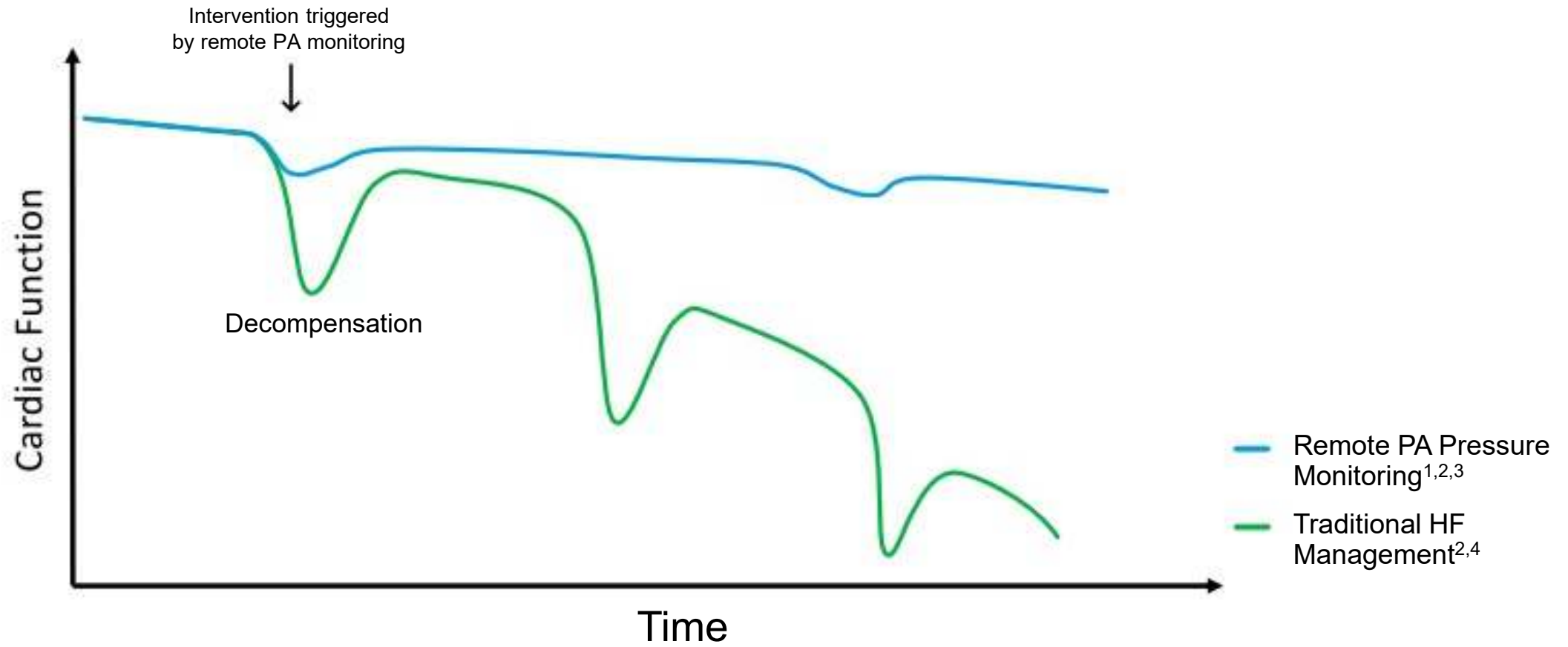
MORTALITY



Trials of novel PAP sensors, LAP and IVC pressure sensors ongoing

Slow the Progression of Heart Failure

REMOTE PA PRESSURE MANAGEMENT PROVIDES EARLY DETECTION OF ELEVATED PAP

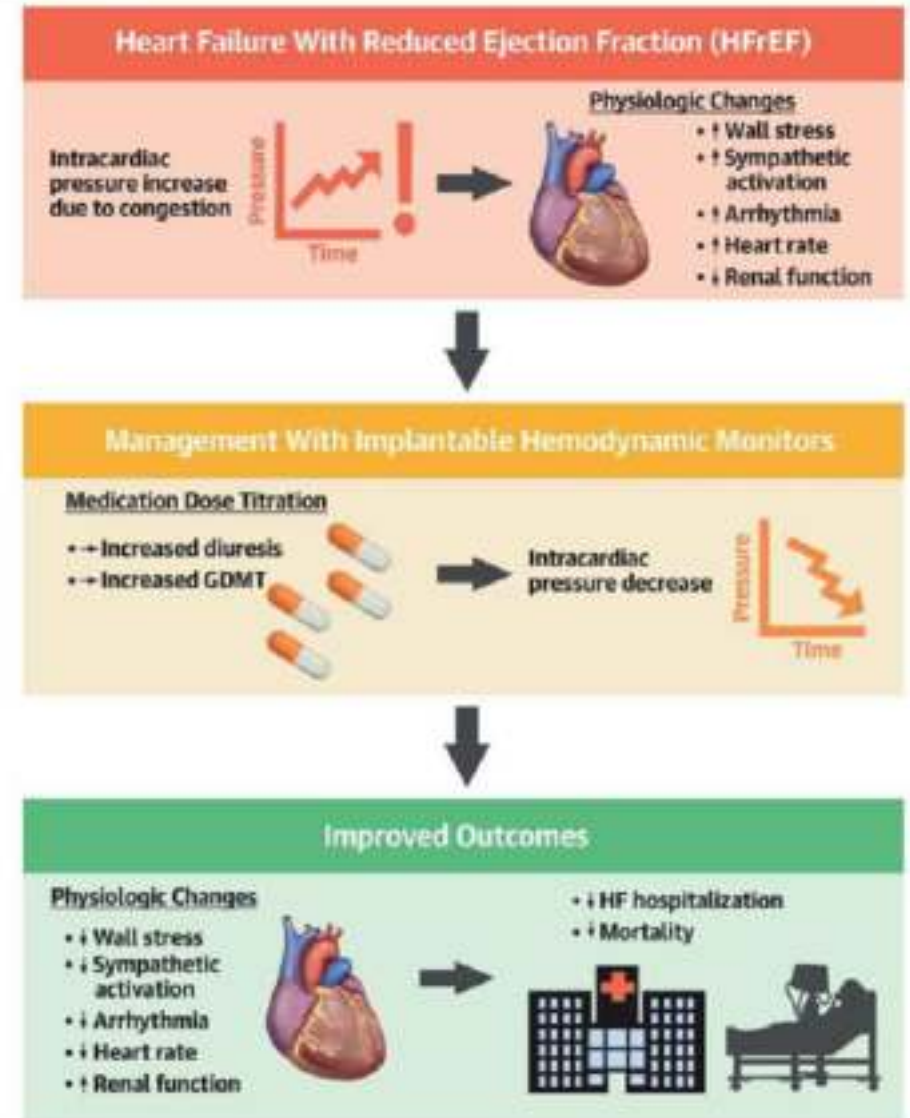


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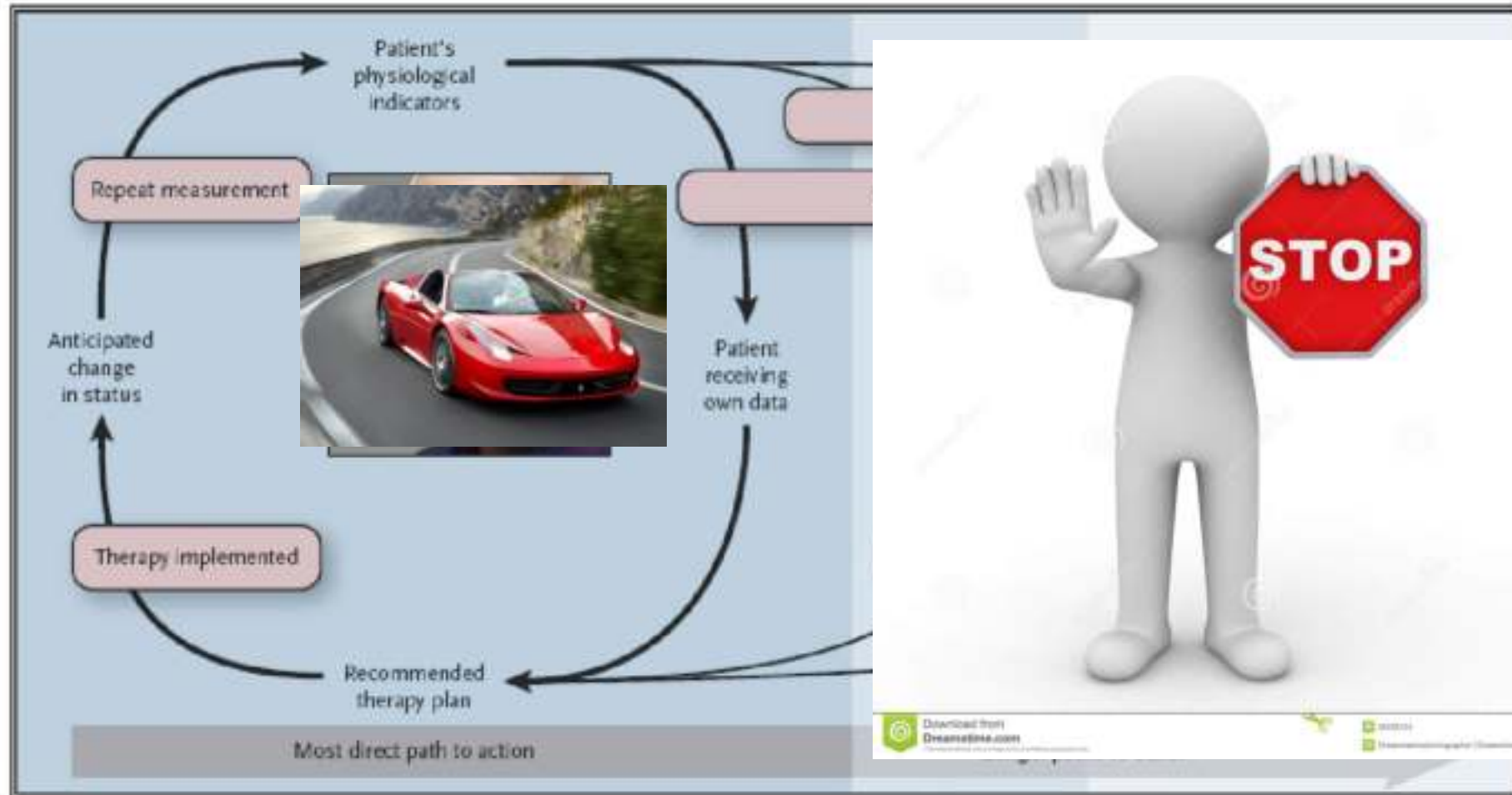
HF Management 3.0



CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Impact of Implantable Hemodynamic Monitoring in Heart Failure Patients With Reduced Ejection Fraction



The Patient at the Centre: Empowerment



Is Canada Ready for Implantable Hemodynamic Monitoring?

- The indirect measures of congestion available for monitoring HF remotely are not good
 - Weight, Blood Pressure, Symptoms, Impedance
- Managing Heart Failure by **Managing Pressures**
 - ↓↓↓ HFH, regardless of LVEF (since 2011)
 - Improve survival (HFrEF)
- The real question: What does **Justin** want?

Lived Experience Commentary

Jillianne Code
PhD

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Q&A Period

All panelists

THANK YOU!

Please remember to complete the session evaluation



Next Up! Day 1 Highlights from the Co-Chairs and Welcome Reception & Networking Event in the Exhibit Hall (Samuel ABC)

Co-Chair Highlights

Plenary 1:

Healing Hearts

Closing the Gaps: A Call to Action



Implement Evidence-Based Strategies

Adopt and scale up interventions proven to increase GDMT use such as CDST, transitional care programs, and prescription coverage. Leverage multi-disciplinary teams and enhanced interdisciplinary collaboration.



Ensure Equitable Access

Prioritize underserved populations and address socioeconomic determinants to guarantee all Canadians receive high-quality, guideline-concordant heart failure care regardless of background or circumstances.



Tailor Solutions for Local Contexts

Recognize diverse barriers across health systems, clinics, providers, and patients. Adapt evidence-based strategies to local settings through stakeholder engagement and pragmatic trials evaluating implementation outcomes.



Engaging Patients as Partners

Develop and implement culturally appropriate education, self-management support tools in collaboration with patients to improve adherence & address barriers. Focus on PREMS and PROMS that are meaningful to patients/families.



Coordinate System-Wide Approach

Engage policymakers, health authorities, clinicians, researchers, industry, and patient advocates in a coordinated, multi-level effort to develop, fund, and operationalize implementation solutions.

Integrated Model to HF Care for JHB HF Patients

Co-developed model over last year – and continue to refine as we move ahead



In-person clinics
(across 5 JHB
communities)

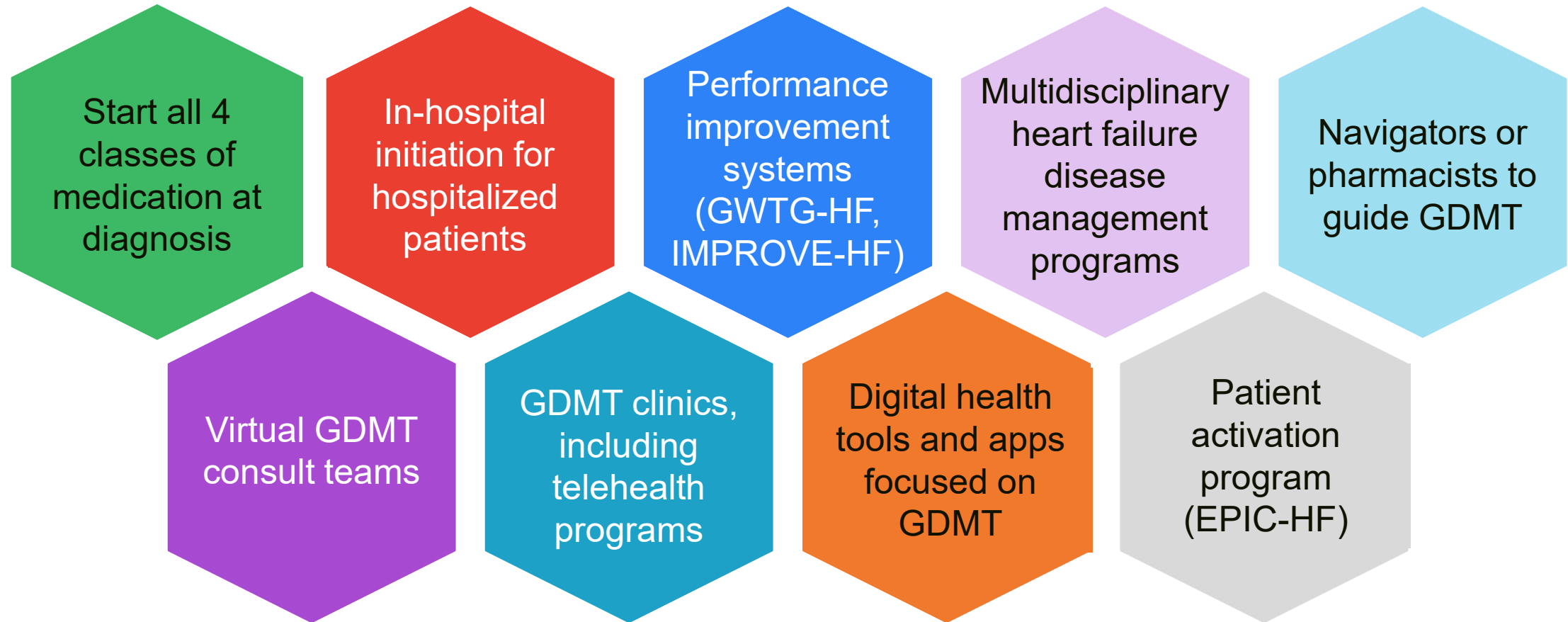


Support through
virtual clinics



Working closely with WAHA
based Clinical Coordinator

Strategies to Help Facilitate GDMT Initiation



Conclusions

Use

Use positive and understandable language to communicate and engage with patients and care partners

Acknowledge

Acknowledge the longitudinal journey and transitions when caring for HF patients

Apply

Apply methods to improve resiliency in patients and in health care practitioners

Co-Chair Highlights

Plenary 2:

Clinical Pearls and Conundrums

JACC HF: Great Papers in Past Year

Dr. Bozkurt

Major Progress



Update in
Management of
HFpEF, HFrEF



Management of
Comorbidities
Obesity,
Afib, CKD,
Prevention of HF



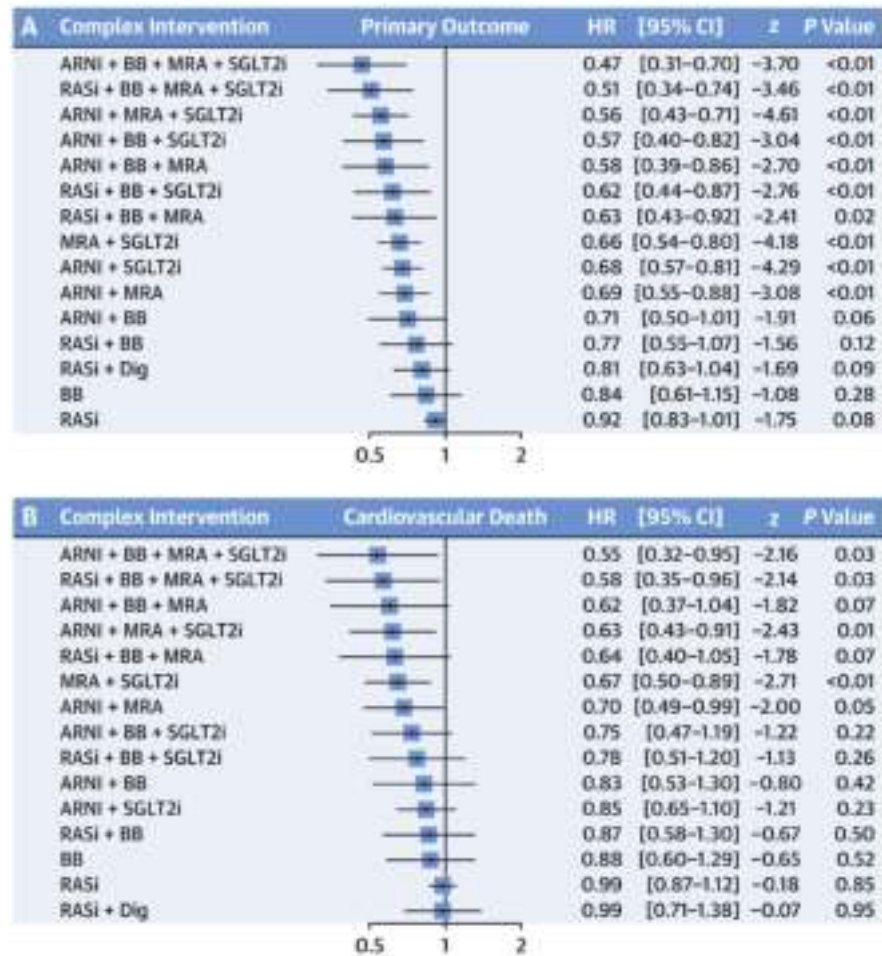
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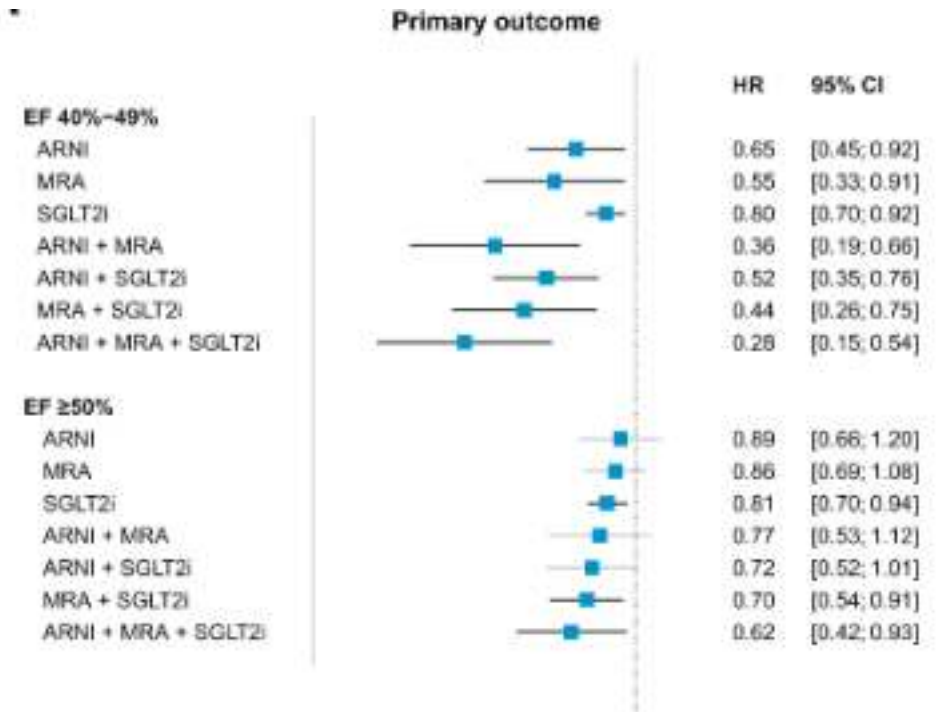
Combination Therapy in HFmrEF and HFpEF: Network Meta-Analysis

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Combination Treatment Effects



Zafeiropoulos S, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol HF. 2024;12(4):616-627.

- In patients with HF and LVEF>40%, quadruple ARNI, BB, MRA, SGLT2i → largest reduction in the risk of CV death and HHF
- The benefit more pronounced in HFmrEF patients.





PARAGLIDE: ARNi stabilized post WHF in HF EF>40%

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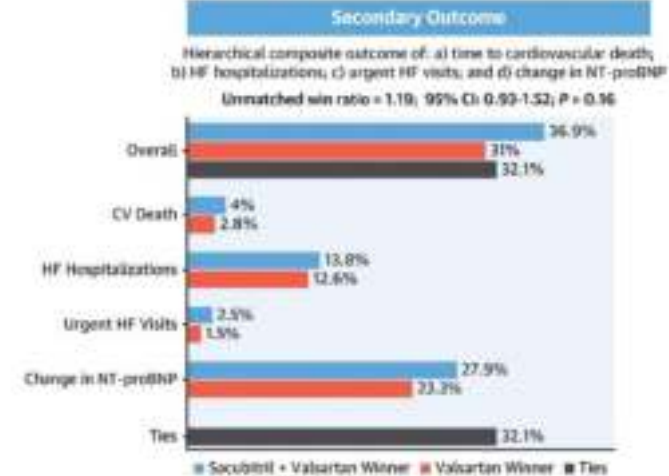
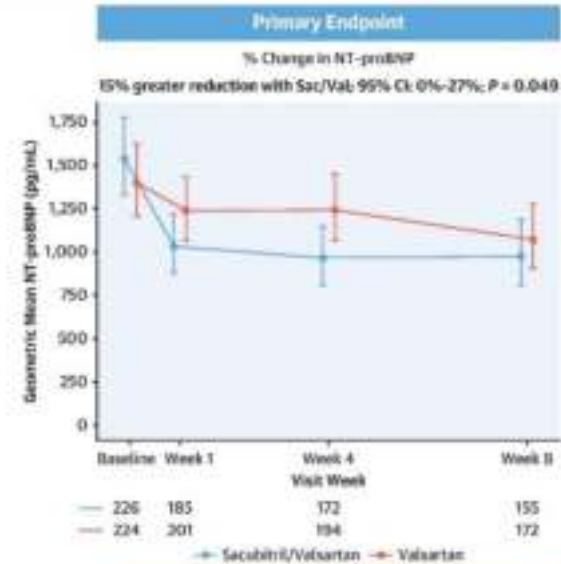
Angiotensin-Neprilysin Inhibition in Patients With Mildly Reduced or Preserved Ejection Fraction and Worsening Heart Failure

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- 466 pts EF>40% within 30 days of WHF
- Greater NT-proBNP with ARNi
- Hierarchical outcome ns
- Larger treatment effect EF≤60

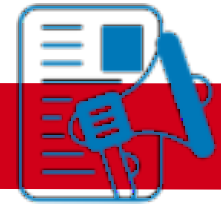


CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Changes in N-Terminal Pro-B-Type Natriuretic Peptide and the Win-Ratio Clinical Endpoint



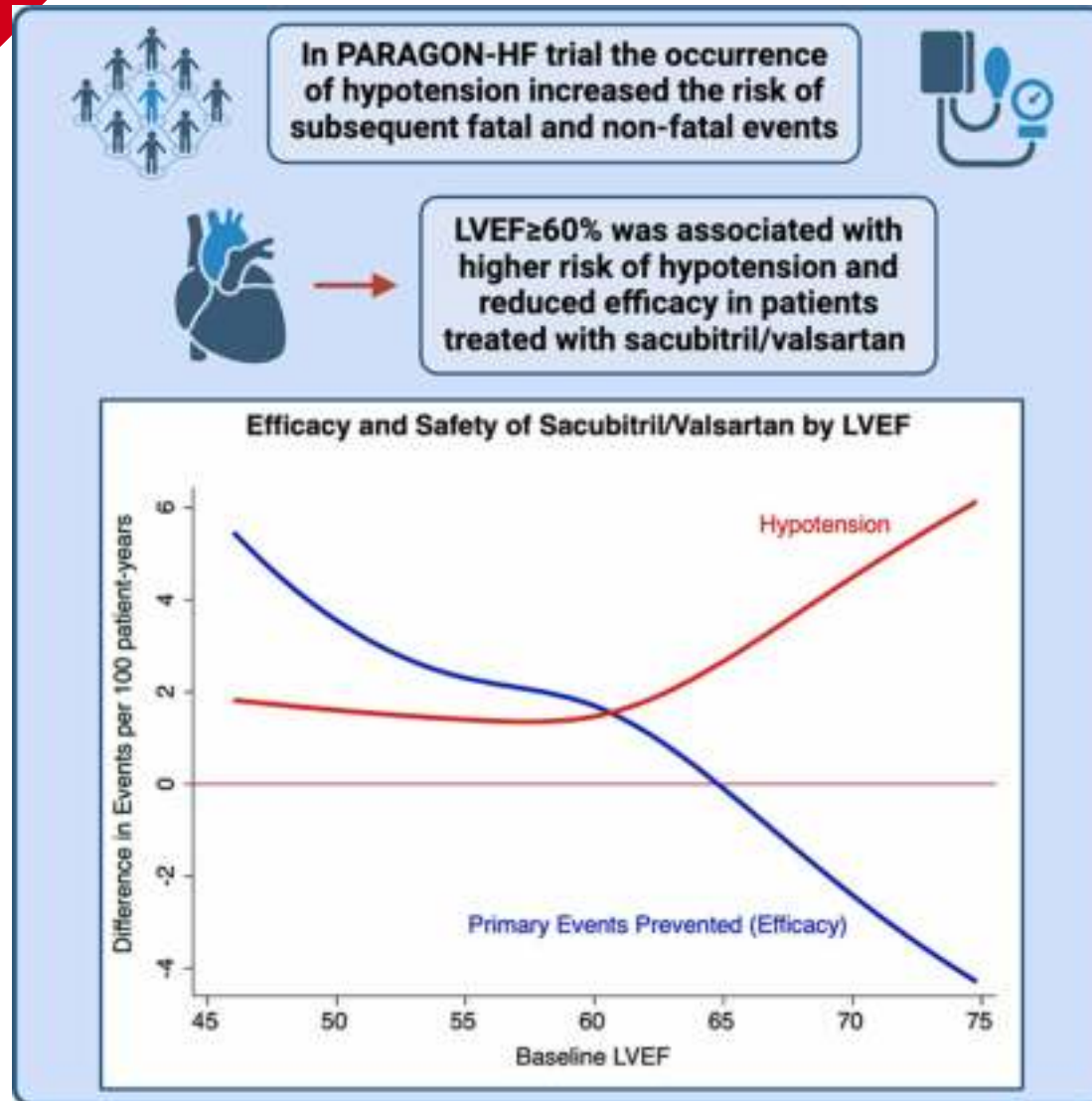
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Recent pub.

Heterogeneity: LVEF>60% Associated with Higher Risk of Hypotension & Reduced Efficacy with ARNi in PARAGON Trial



- 13% experienced hypotension, more frequently in the sacubitril/valsartan arm ($p<0.001$).
- Patients with hypotension had higher risk of CVD and total HFH (RR 1.63; CI 1.27-2.09; $p<0.001$) and all-cause death (HR 1.62; CI 1.28-2.05; $p<0.001$).
- LVEF \geq 60% experienced substantially higher treatment-related risks of hypotension.





Comparison of US and European HF Guidelines

ACC/AHA/HFSA	ESC
HFrEF <ul style="list-style-type: none">ARNi preferred over ACEi↑ COR for H+ISDN in self-identified Black patientsAdjunctive PUFA & K⁺ binders↓ QRSd threshold for CRT	HFrEF <ul style="list-style-type: none">Similar diagnostic toolsARNi/ACEi/ARB + BB + MRA + SGLT2iRapid GDMT initiation and optimizationICD in ICM if LVEF ≤35%
HFmrEF & HFimpEF <ul style="list-style-type: none">HFimpEF explicitly included as HF subtype	HFmrEF & HFimpEF <ul style="list-style-type: none">ARNi/ACEi/ARB + BB + MRA + SGLT2iGDMT should be continued in HFimpEF
HFpEF <ul style="list-style-type: none">ARNi/ARB and MRA selectively recommended in addition to SGLT2i	HFpEF <ul style="list-style-type: none">Simplified diagnostic approachesSGLT2i as foundational therapyFocus on comorbidity management
Key Strengths <ul style="list-style-type: none">Formal cost/value statementsEmphasis on HF trajectoryExplicit attention to equity & healthcare disparitiesPledge for continuous & dynamic guideline updates	Key Strengths <ul style="list-style-type: none">Patient-centered recommendationsMultistakeholder representationSimplified treatment algorithmsFocus on special populations and HF prevention

Table: Comparison of American and European Medical Therapy Recommendations for the Management of HF

Condition	Recommendation	ACC/AHA/HFSA	ESC
HFrEF	Diuretics to alleviate signs/symptoms of congestion	1	C
	ACEi if ARNi not feasible	1	-
	ACEi to reduce morbidity and mortality	-	1
	ARNi to reduce morbidity and mortality	1	-
	ARNi as a replacement for ACEi	1	B
	ARB if intolerant of ACEi and ARNi not feasible	1	B
	BB to reduce mortality and hospitalizations	1	A
	MRA to reduce morbidity and mortality	1	A
	SGLT2i to reduce HF hospitalization and CV death	1	A
	H+ISDN to reduce morbidity and mortality in self-identified Black patients	1	2a
	H+ISDN if unable to tolerate or contraindicated for first-line agents	2b	B
	Digoxin if symptomatic despite GDMT (or intolerant to GDMT)	2b	-
	Digoxin if symptomatic in SR despite ACEi (or ARNi) + BB + MRA	-	2b
	Ivabradine if symptomatic with LVEF ≤35% on GDMT (including maximally tolerated BB), in SR with rate ≥70 beats per minute	2a	B
HFmrEF	Potassium binders in patients with hyperkalemia on GDMT	2b	-
	PUFA if NYHA II-IV	2b	-
	Vericiguat if NYHA II-IV with worsening HF despite GDMT	2b	B
	Diuretics to alleviate signs/symptoms of congestion	-	1
HFpEF	SGLT2i to reduce HF hospitalizations or CV death	2a	A
	ACEi/ARB/ARNi, BB, and MRA to reduce morbidity and mortality	2b	C
HFimpEF	Diuretics to alleviate signs/symptoms of congestion	1	C
	SGLT2i to decrease HF hospitalizations or CV death	2a	A
	ARB, ARNi, MRA to decrease hospitalizations	2b	-
HFimpEF	Continue GDMT even if asymptomatic to prevent HF relapse	1	-





Global Variations According to Sex in Patients Hospitalized for HF

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Global Variations According to Sex in Patients Hospitalized for Heart Failure in the REPORT-HF Registry

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CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Summary of the Main Findings of This Study

Global Sex Differences in Acute Heart Failure: Results From REPORT-HF

Methods and Design



Prospective
observational cohort
study



7,181 women
11,372 men



44 lower-middle,
upper-middle, and
higher income
countries

Men

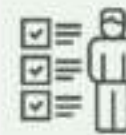


Women



Percentage of patients on ACEI/ARB/ARNI, beta-blockers, and MRAs
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Results



Women were older, had
more comorbidities, and
more often HFpEF than
men



Women less often
received GDMT and
more often medications
that might cause or
worsen HF

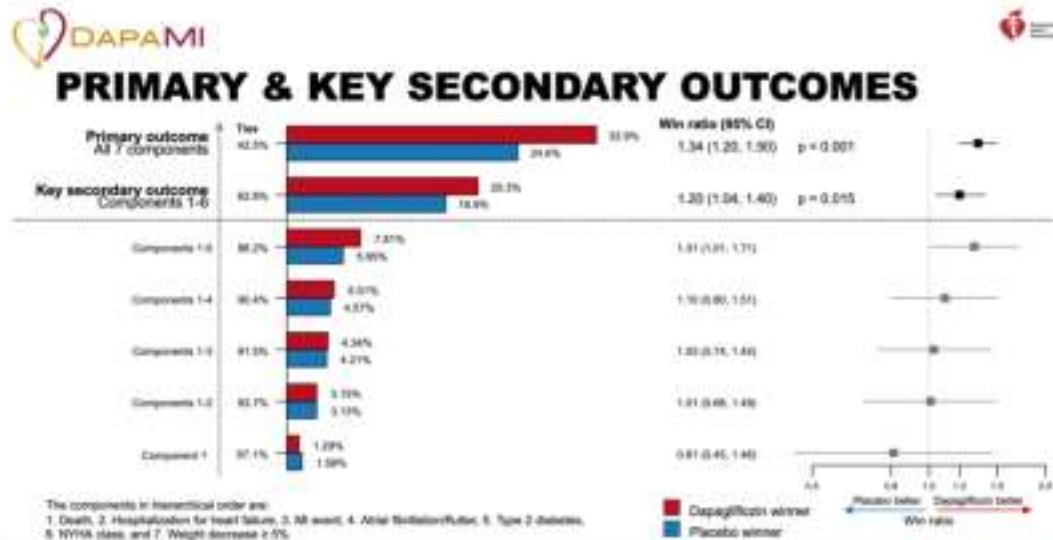


Women lost their
survival advantage in
countries with high
income disparity

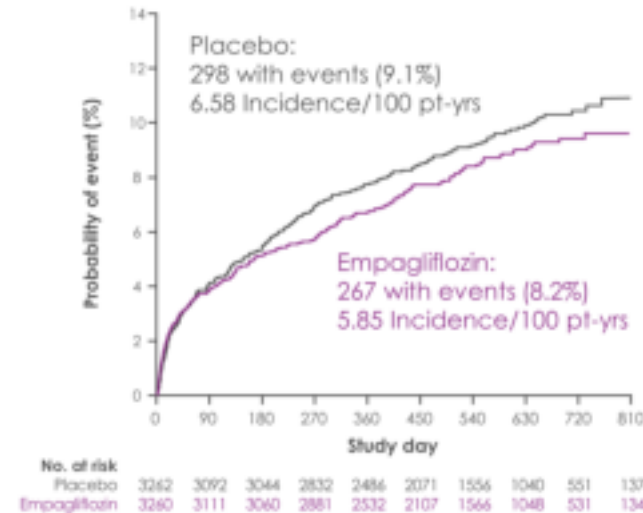
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Late-Breaking Clinical Trials: Dr. Solomon



Primary Endpoint



HR 0.90 (95% CI: 0.76, 1.06)
p=0.21

- 565 primary endpoint events
- 271 (48%) first events: HHF
 - 294 (52%) first events: death

CI, confidence interval; HHF, hospitalization for heart failure; HR, hazard ratio; pt-yr, patient-years.

IMPACT-MI

Perspective: SGLT-2 Inhibitors Post-MI

- You can't make "better" better..... the majority of well treated, well re-perfused patients enrolled in post-MI trials are not at risk for heart failure and won't benefit from SGLT2 inhibitors
- However, SGLT2 inhibitors are SAFE post-MI, and anyone with another indication "discovered" at time of MI (i.e., DM or CKD) should be treated with SGLT2 inhibitors, as should patients who develop HF symptoms in follow-up

ABC's of De-congesting “Congestive” Heart Failure: Dr. Sharma

- Decongestion through intravenous furosemide remains a cornerstone of management of patients with acute worsening of heart failure
- Diuretic resistance is associated with worse outcomes, yet diagnosis can be challenging
- Multiple options are now present to augment diuresis: acetazolamide, thiazide, and SGLT2i

