

# Personalised Medicine in Cardiovascular Disease

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- DinaQor
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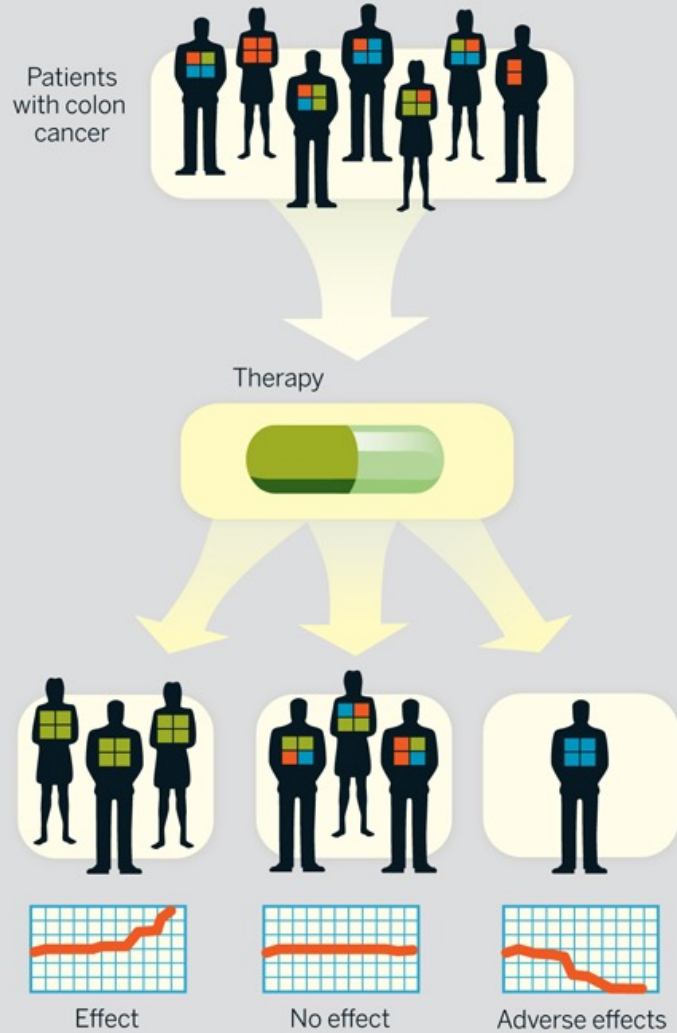
# What is personalised medicine?

“Stratified medicine is based on identifying subgroups of patients with distinct **mechanisms** of disease, or particular **responses** to treatments. This allows us to **identify** and **develop** treatments that are effective for particular **groups** of patients. Ultimately stratified medicine will ensure that the right patient gets the right treatment at the right time.”

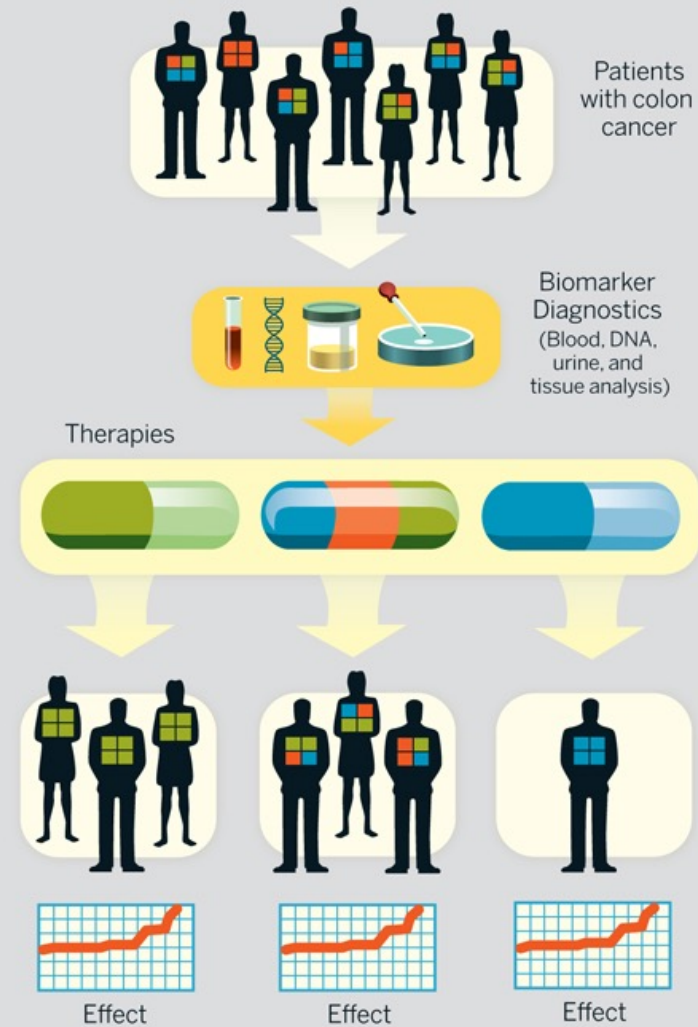
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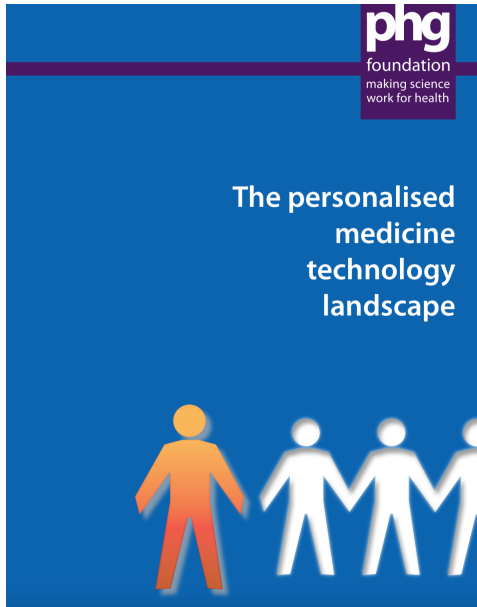
# PERSONALIZED MEDICINE: Tailored Treatments

## MEDICINE OF THE PRESENT One Treatment Fits All



## MEDICINE OF THE FUTURE More Personalized Diagnostics






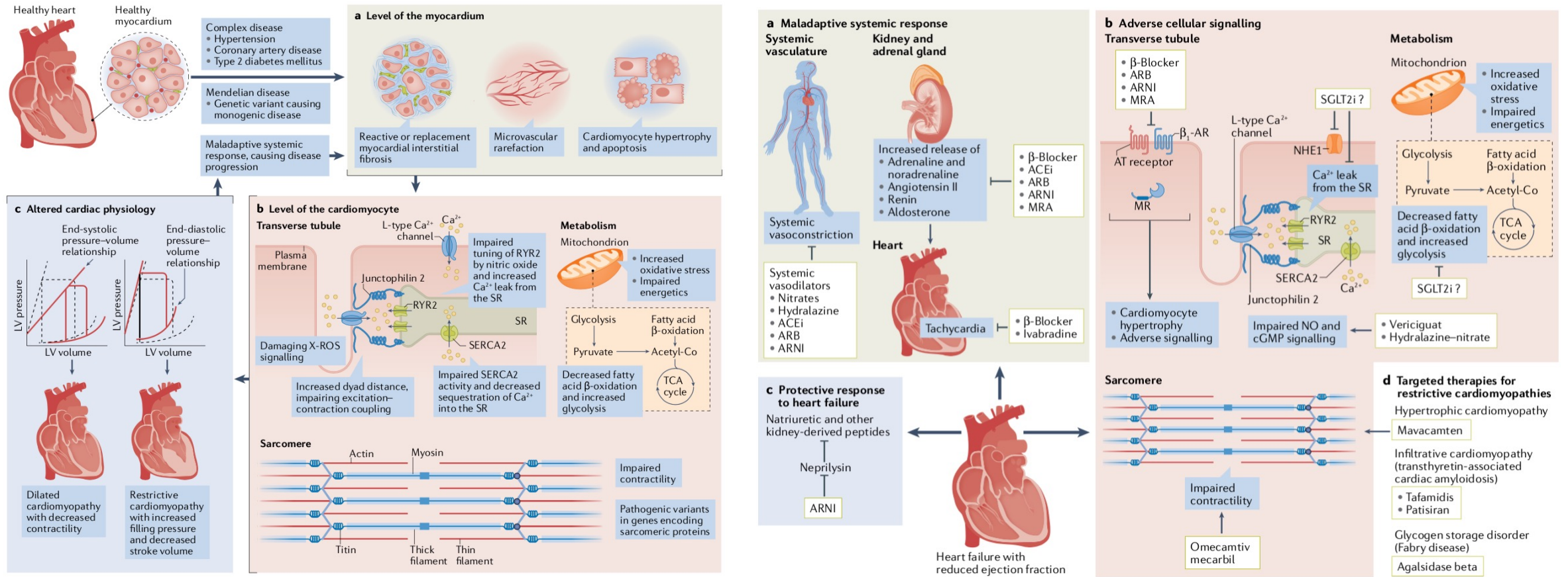


Microbiome analysis	Epigenomics	3D imaging and printing	Consumer m-health apps	Wearables and sensors
Metabolomics	Proteomics	Genome editing /therapy	Implantable biosensors	Point of care testing devices
ctDNA	Single cell 'omics	Stem cell therapy	EPR dependent technologies	Microfluidics
Pathogen Genomics	Transcriptomics	Robotics	Internet of things	Synthetic biology
Genomics	Pharmaco-genomics	Virtual and augmented reality	Machine learning	Nanomedicine

- Technologies for greater molecular level characterisation
- Technologies for personalised therapeutic interventions
- Technologies for personalised disease and health monitoring
- Underpinning and enabling technologies



# Towards precision medicine in heart failure

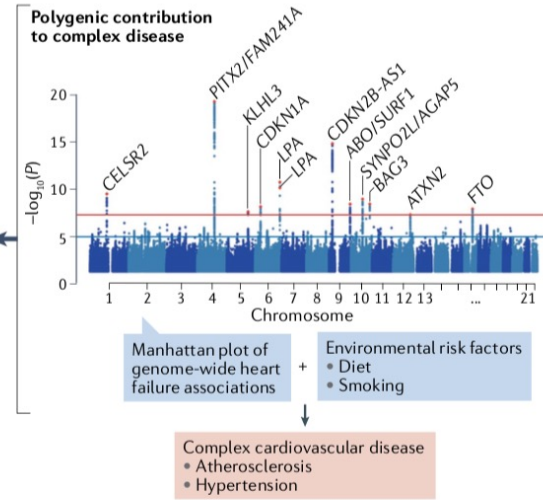
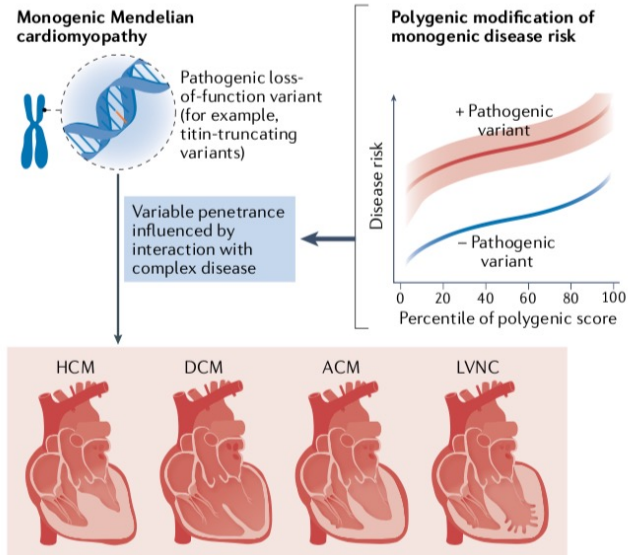
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## a Genetics

Heart failure and myocardial structure GWAS

Upstream contributors to coronary artery disease or atrial fibrillation

- PITX2-FAM241A
- CDKN2B-AS1
- LPA

Sarcomeric genes

- TTN
- TTNT2
- ACTN2

Developmental genes

- TBX3
- HAND1
- GOSR1
- MTSS1

Cell signalling and survival genes

- PLN
- BAG3
- CDKN1A
- KLHL3

## b Pharmacogenomics

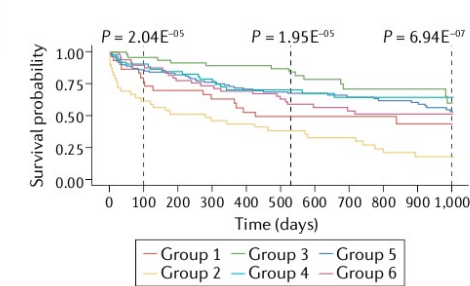
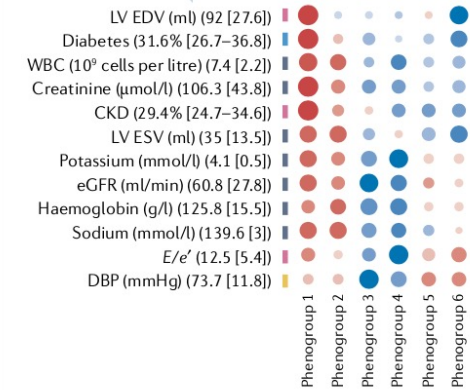
- Angiotensin receptors
- $\beta$ -Adrenergic receptors
- G-protein-coupled receptor kinases
- Orexin

## c Proteomics

- Inflammation
- Matrix remodelling
- Coagulation system
- Oxidative stress
- Angiogenesis

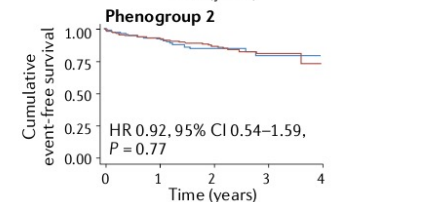
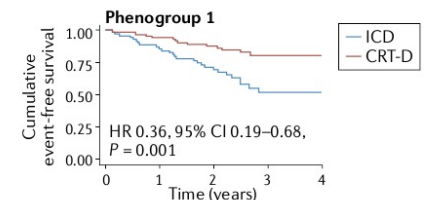
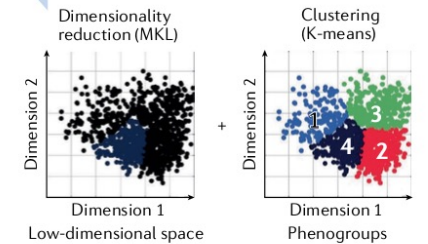
## d Machine learning

Electronic health record data and proteomic data



Expanded machine learning to guide precision treatment for heart failure

- Polygenic risk
- Pharmacogenomic background
- Proteomic signature
- Electronic health record data



Differential response to cardiac resynchronization therapy determined by machine learning-based phenomapping

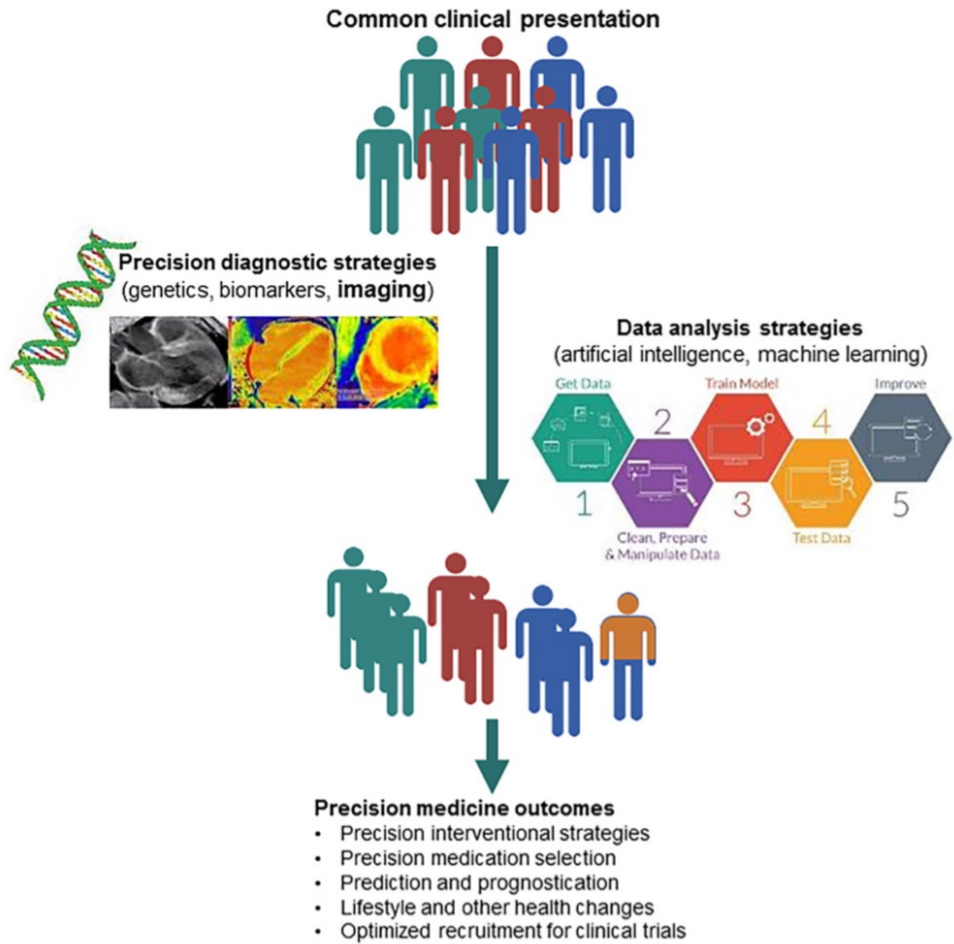
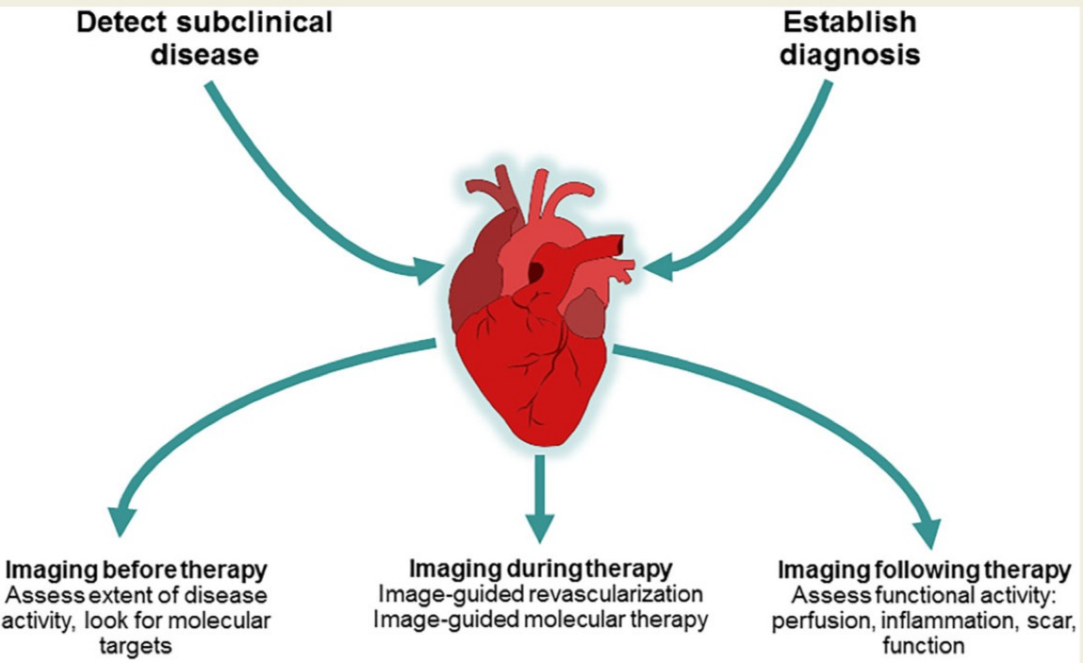
Precision medicine targeted to individual patients by selecting therapies and interventions based on causal biology

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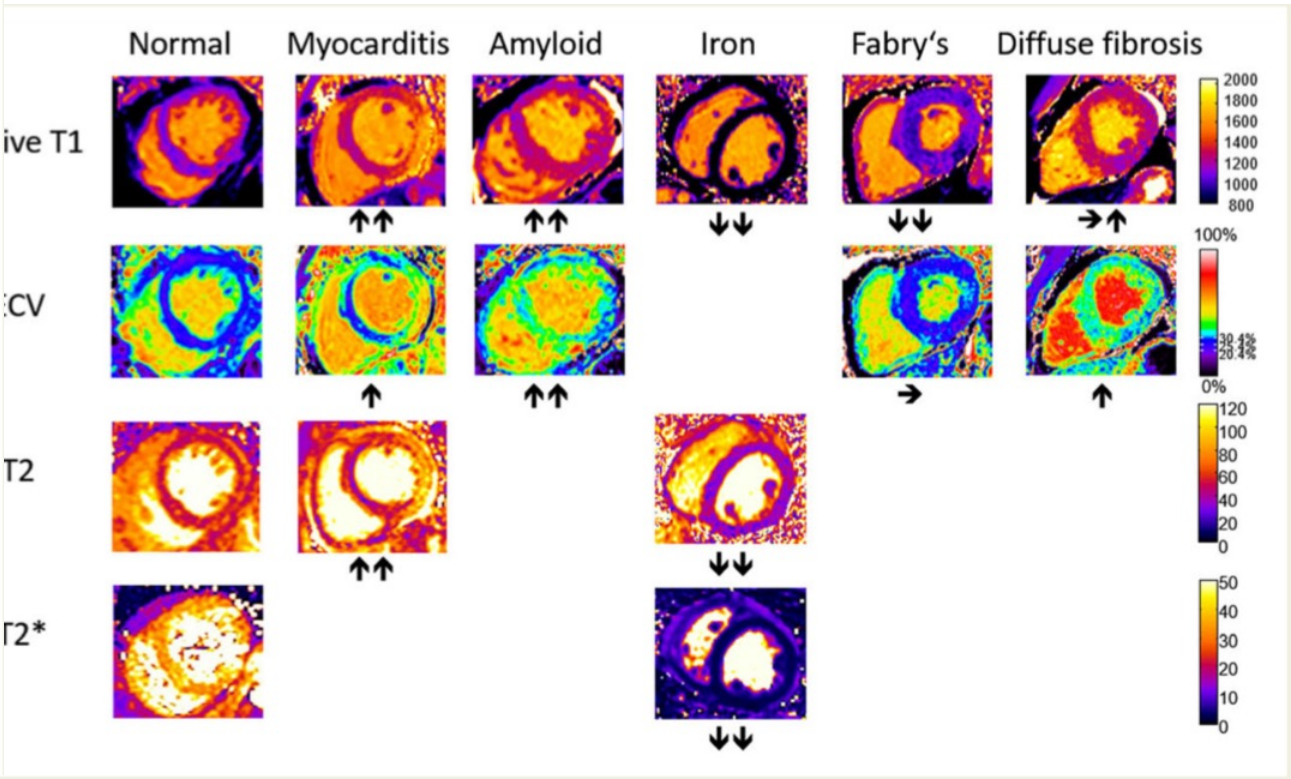
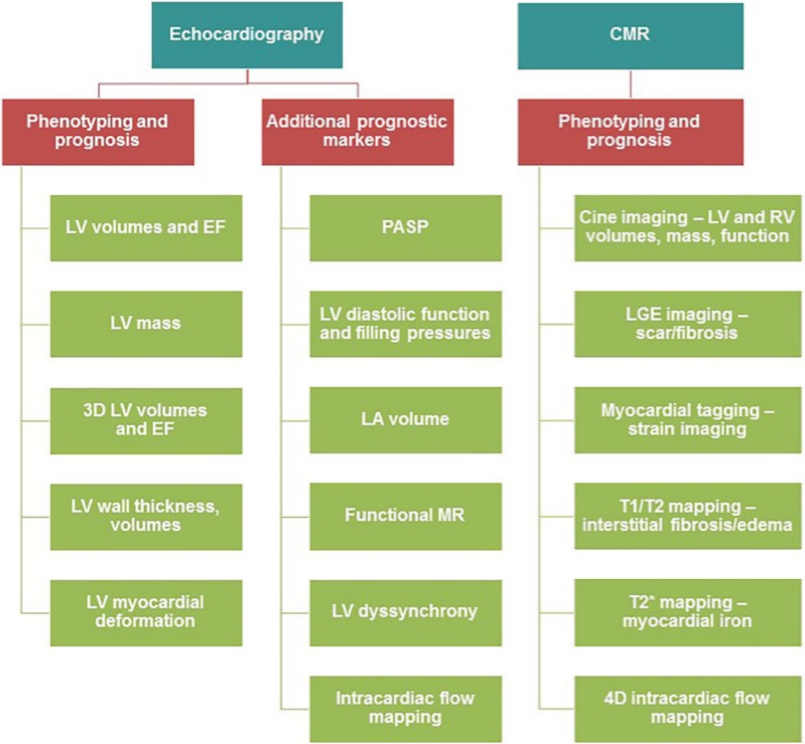
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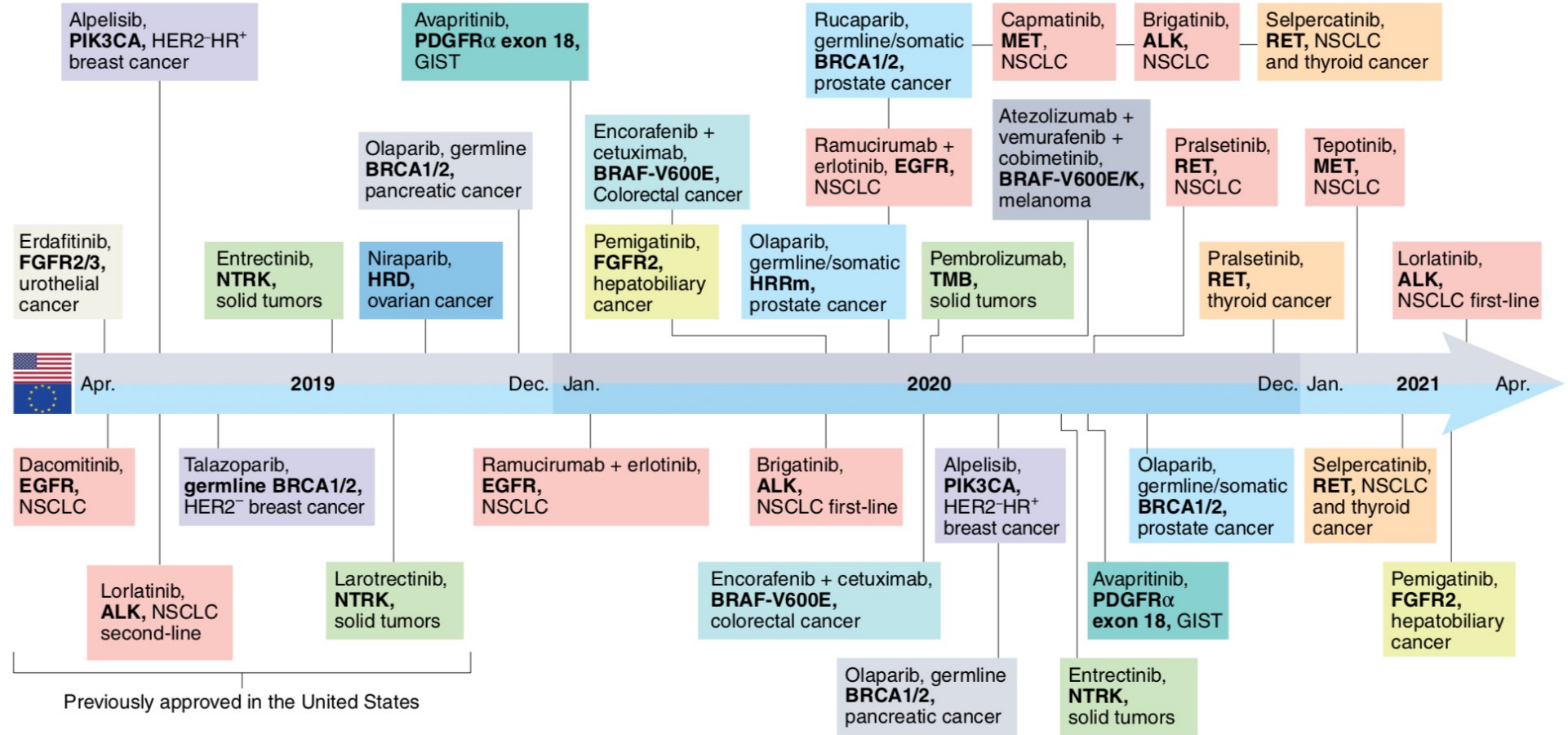
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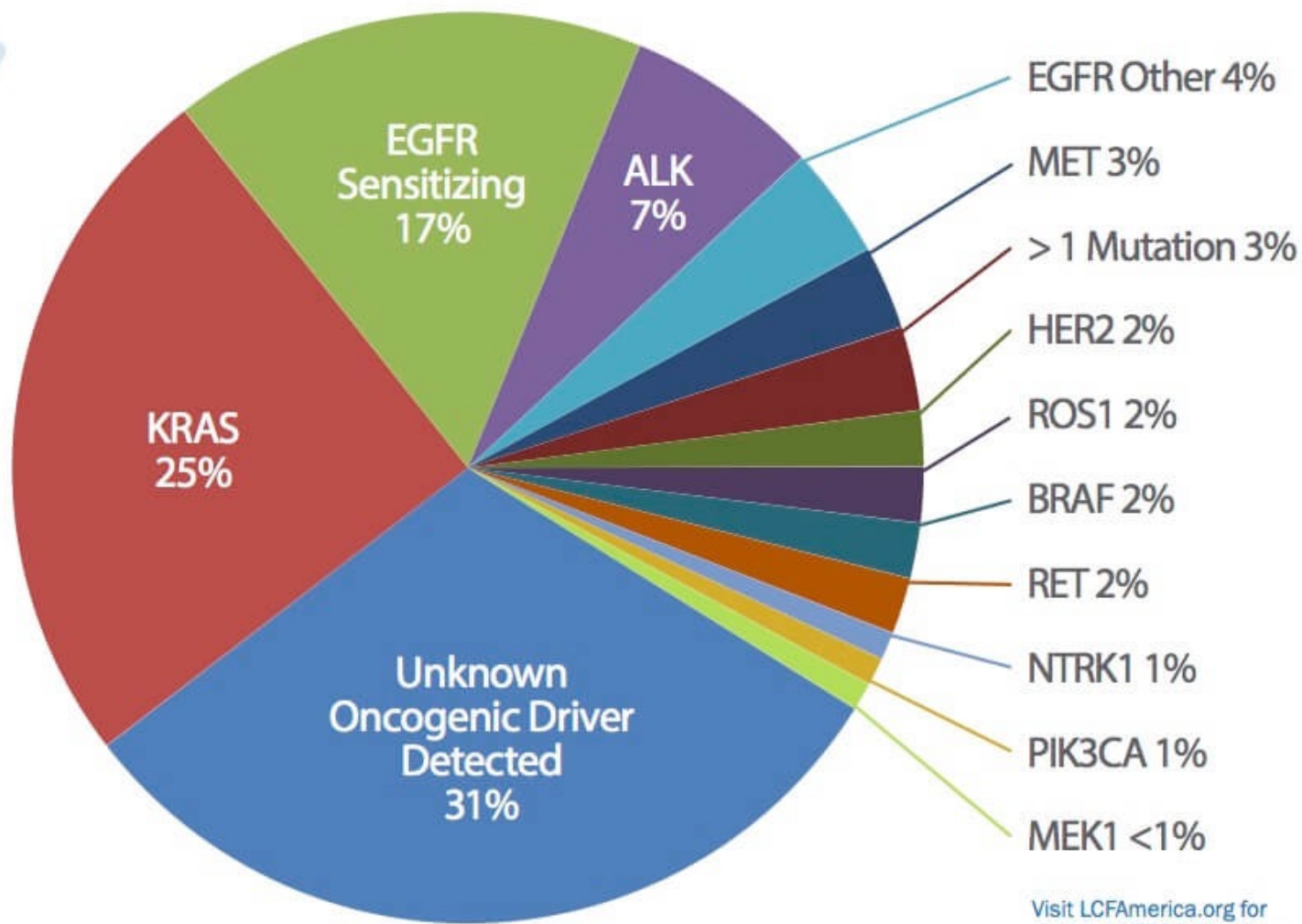
## Taking personalized medicine to heart

Tailoring treatment to the individual patient has revolutionized cancer therapy, but personalized medicine has yet to make much headway in the treatment of cardiovascular disease. With emerging insight into disease mechanisms and new treatment options, the time is now ripe for the cardiovascular field to adopt a more personalized approach to therapy.

# Delivering precision oncology to patients with cancer

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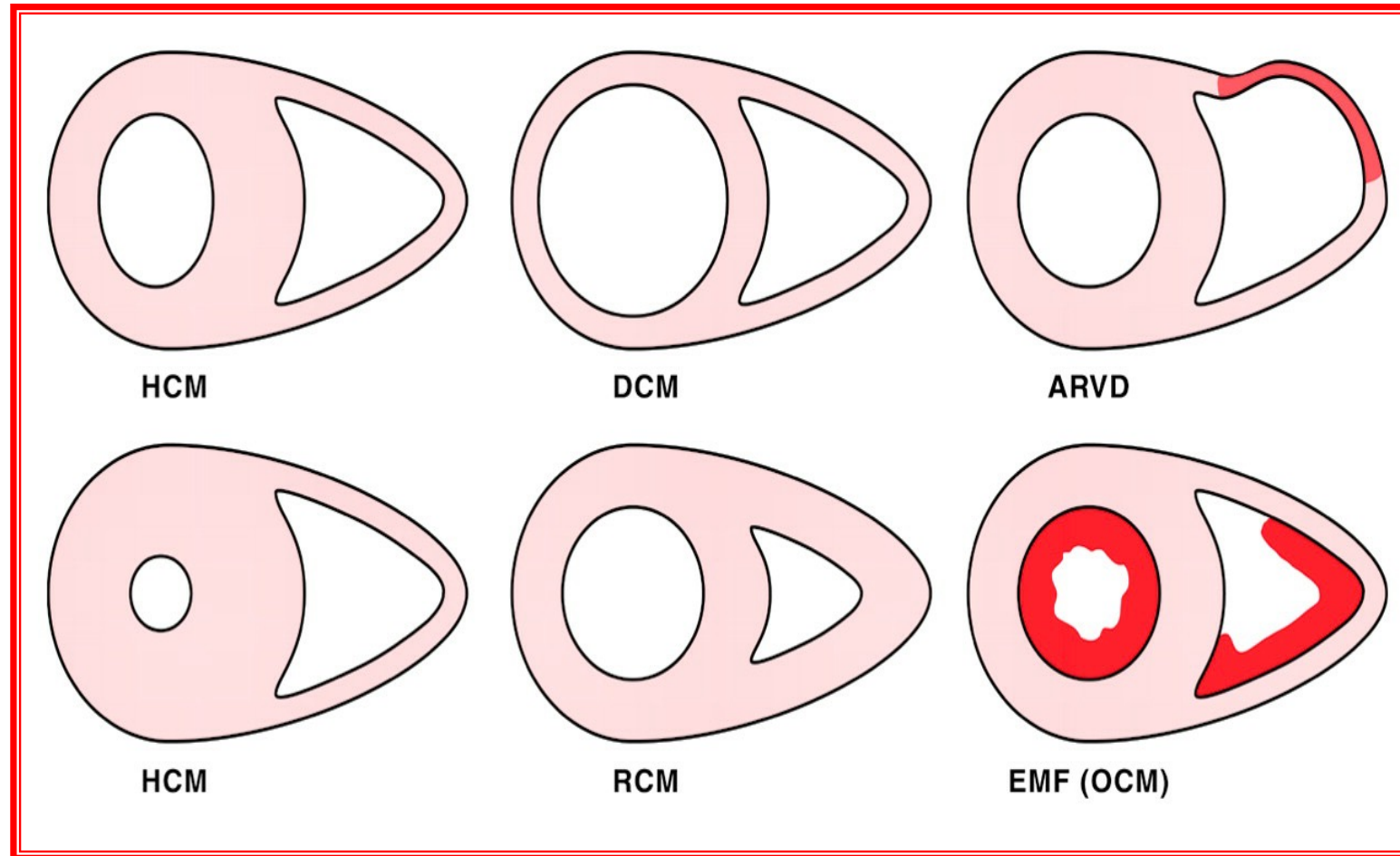
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Cardiomyopathies?

# Cardiomyopathy: Definition

*“A myocardial disorder in which the heart muscle is structurally and functionally abnormal, in the absence of coronary artery disease, hypertension, valvular disease and congenital heart disease sufficient to cause the observed myocardial abnormality.”*

# Classification of Cardiomyopathies





# Contemporary and Future Approaches to Precision Medicine in Inherited Cardiomyopathies

JACC Focus Seminar 3/5

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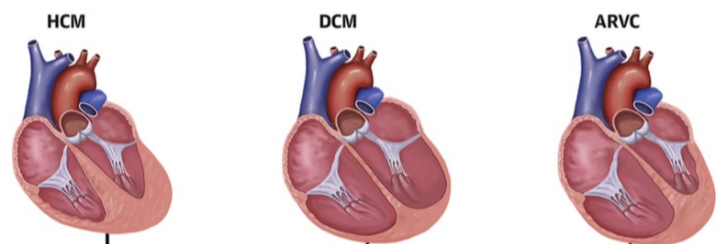
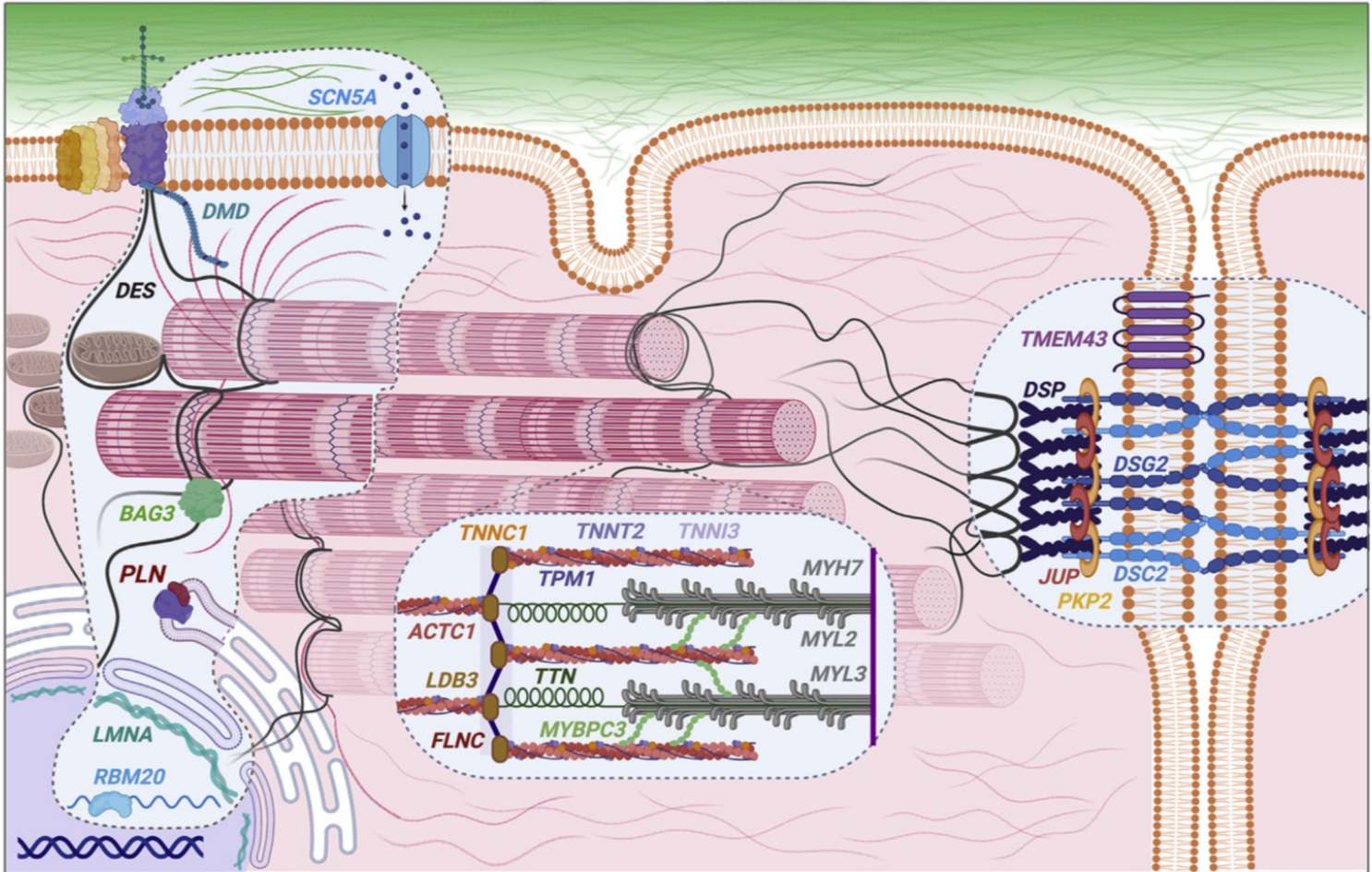
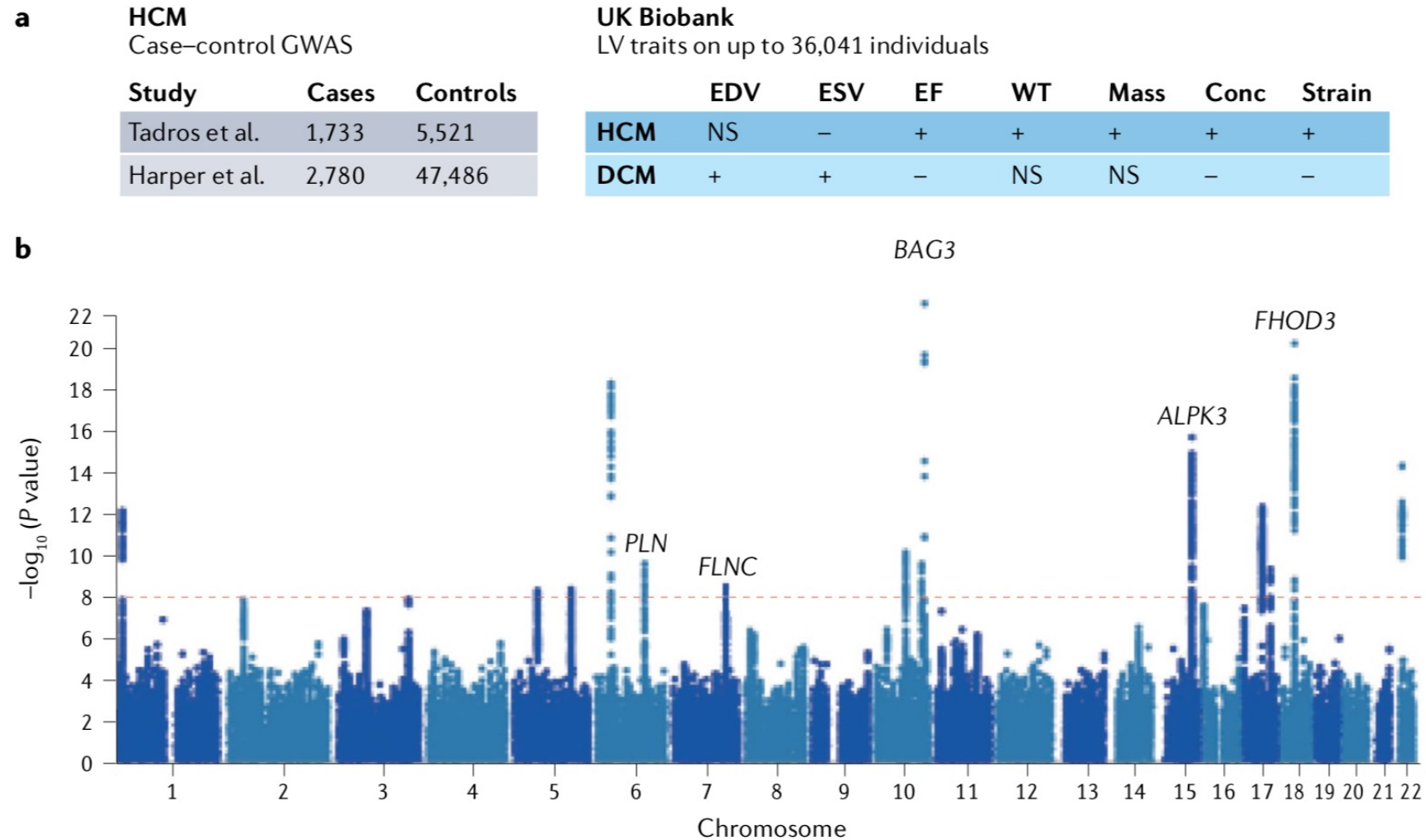


FIGURE 1 Location of Cardiomyopathy Disease Genes



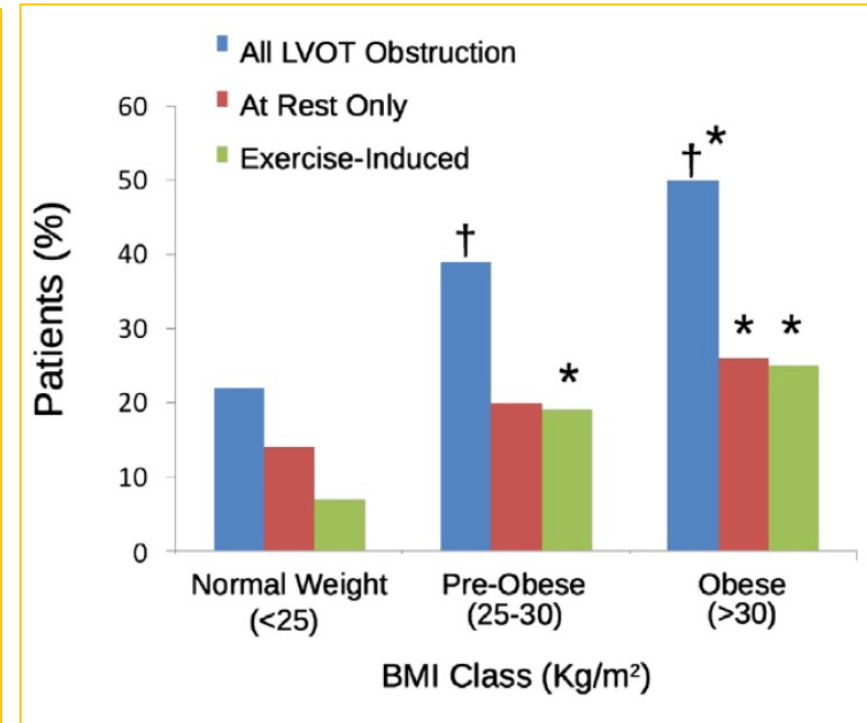
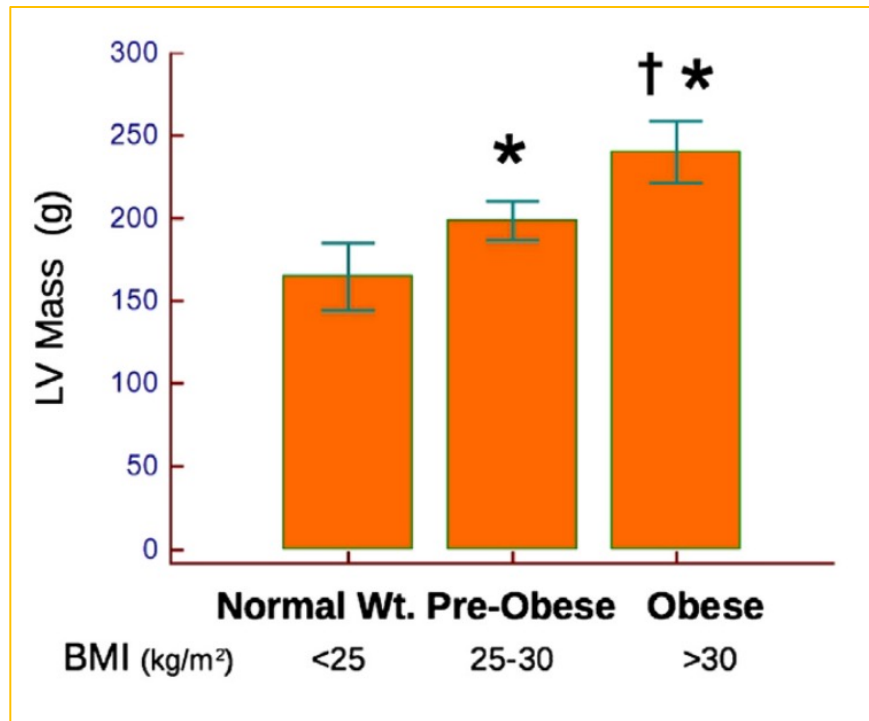
# Minor hypertrophic cardiomyopathy genes, major insights into the genetics of cardiomyopathies

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## Obesity and its Association to Phenotype and Clinical Course in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

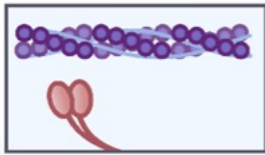
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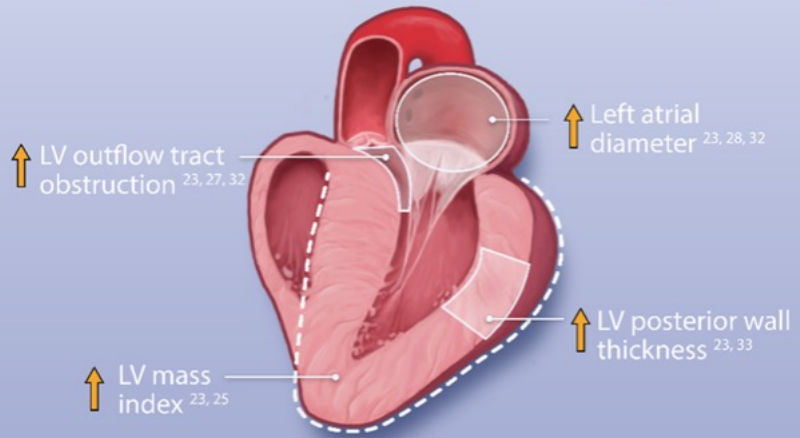
# Obese HCM phenotype

30-40% of all patients

## Sarcomere gene mutation

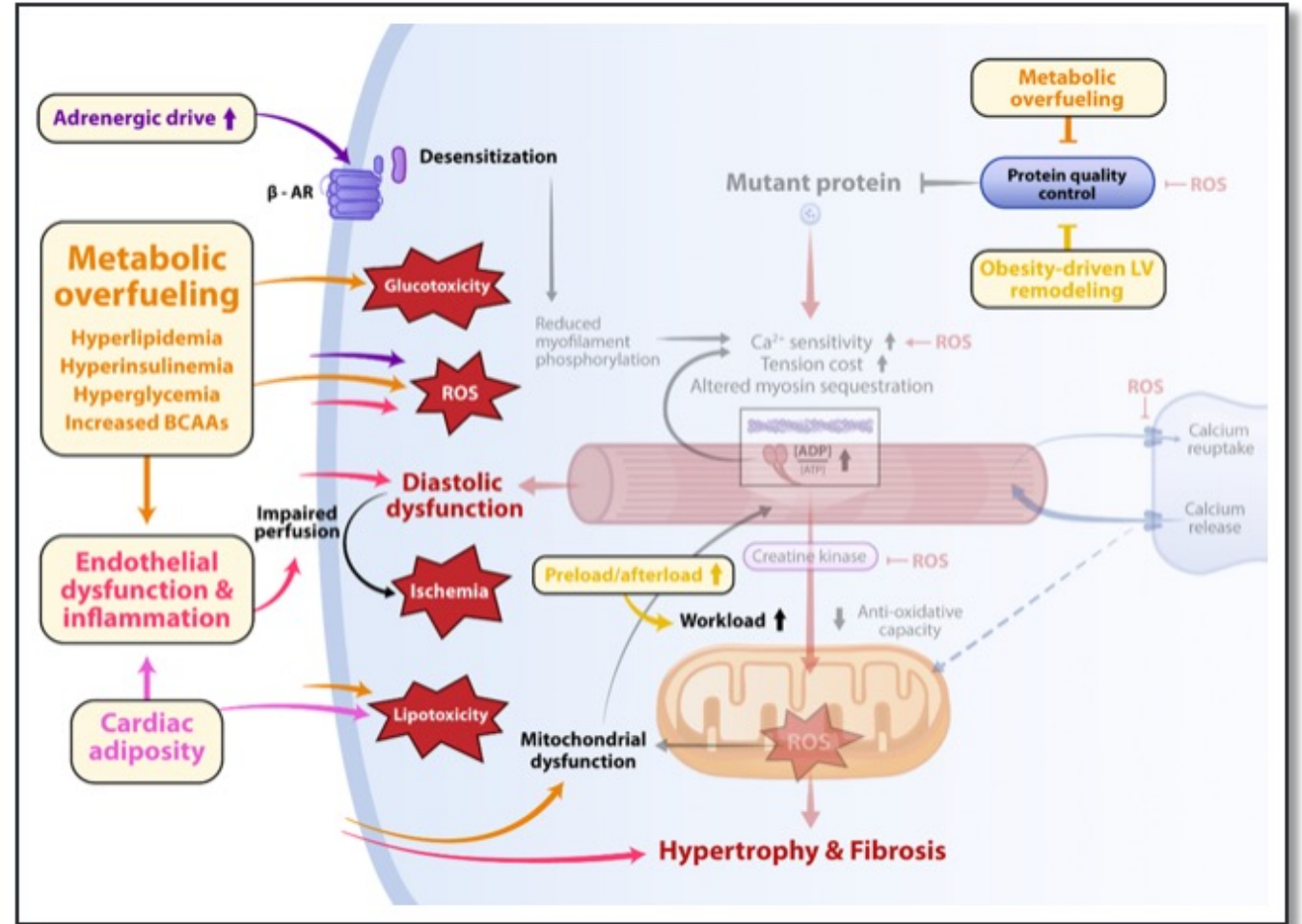


Obesity



## Clinical Phenotype

- ↑ NYHA class<sup>23, 25, 27, 28, 32</sup>
- ↓ Exercise capacity and tolerance<sup>25, 27</sup>
- ↑ Incidence of heart failure and atrial fibrillation<sup>23, 32</sup>
- ↑ Mortality in patients with DM-II<sup>28</sup>

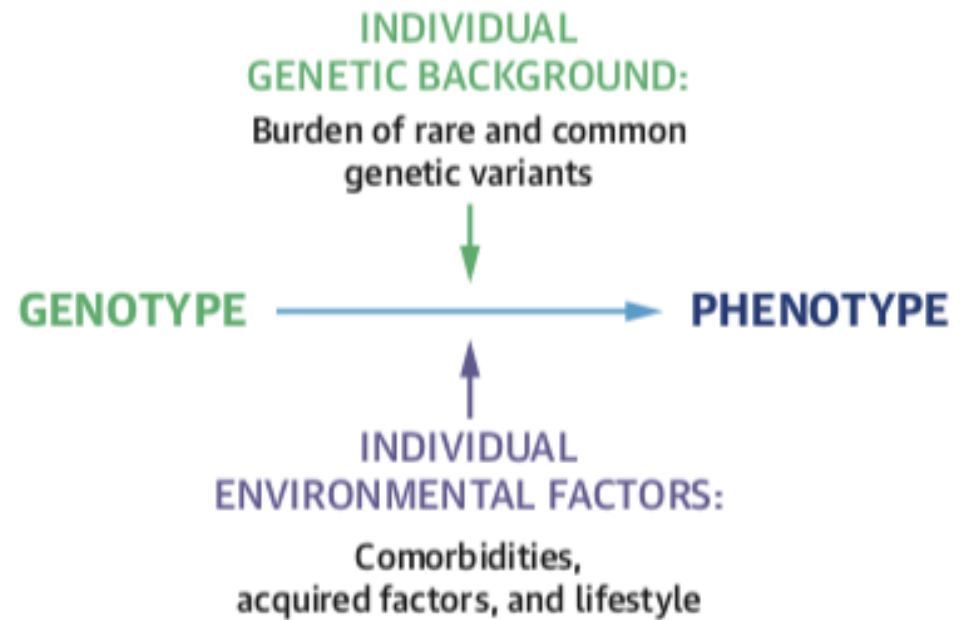


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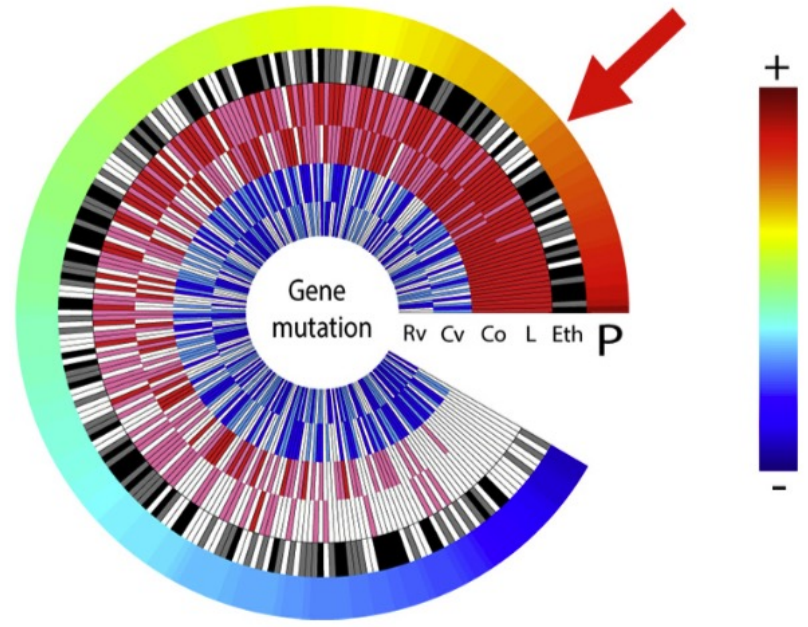
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**FIGURE 5 Factors That Contribute to Cardiomyopathy Phenotypes**



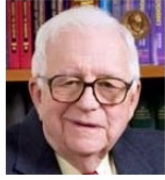
**FIGURE 6 Myocardial Phenotype "Wheel of Fortune"**



Cardiomyopathy phenotypes (P) such as left ventricular ejection fraction or wall thickness are continuous variables (**outer colored circle**). Inner circles represent variable effects (**gradations of color**) of background rare variants (Rv), common variants (Cv), comorbidities (Co), lifestyle factors (L), and ethnicity (Eth). For any given value of P (**arrow**), the relative contributions of a primary gene mutation and modifying factors will differ in individual patients.



What has all this to do with  
me?



# Eugene Braunwald MD

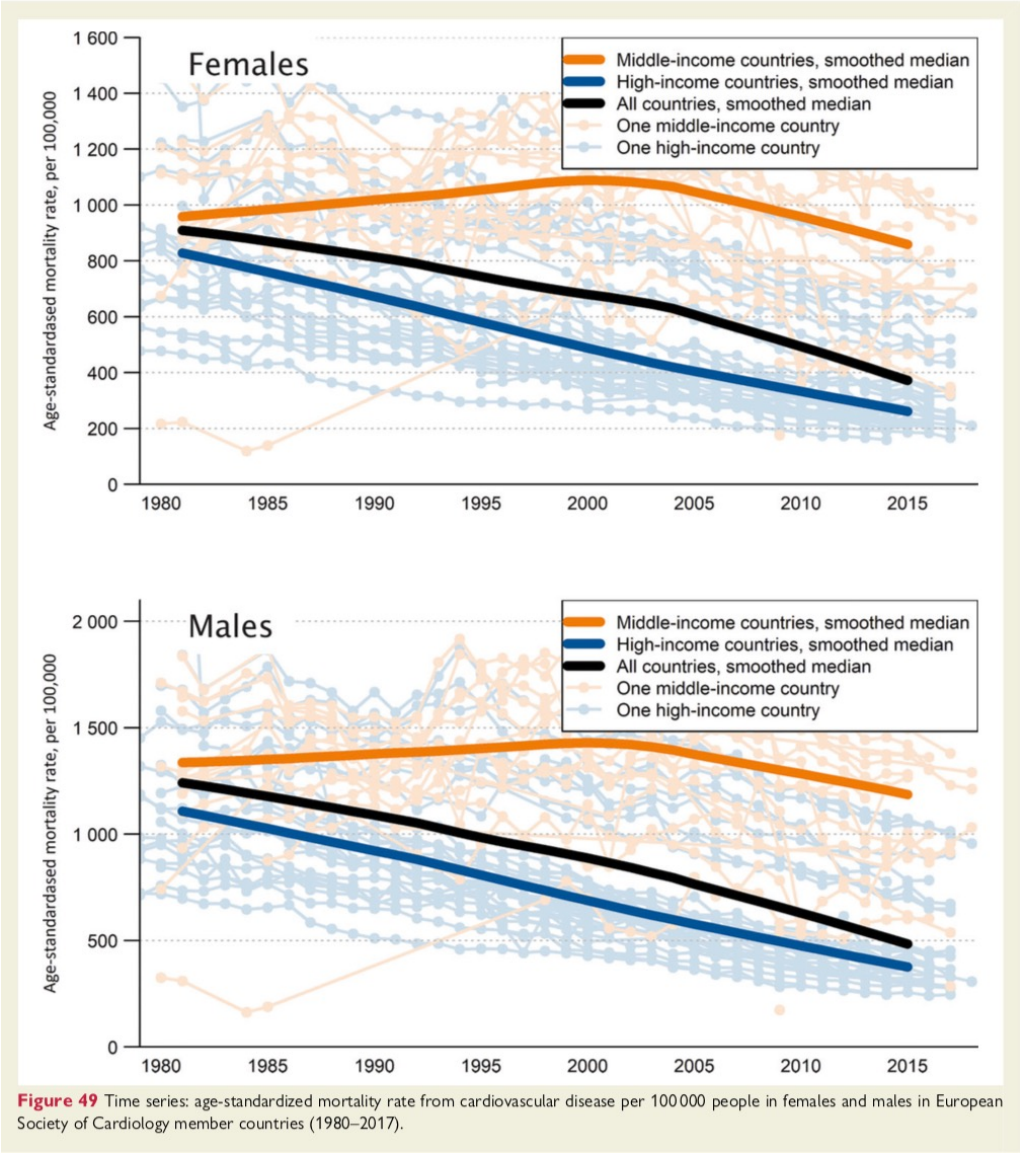
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# European Society of Cardiology: cardiovascular disease statistics 2021

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

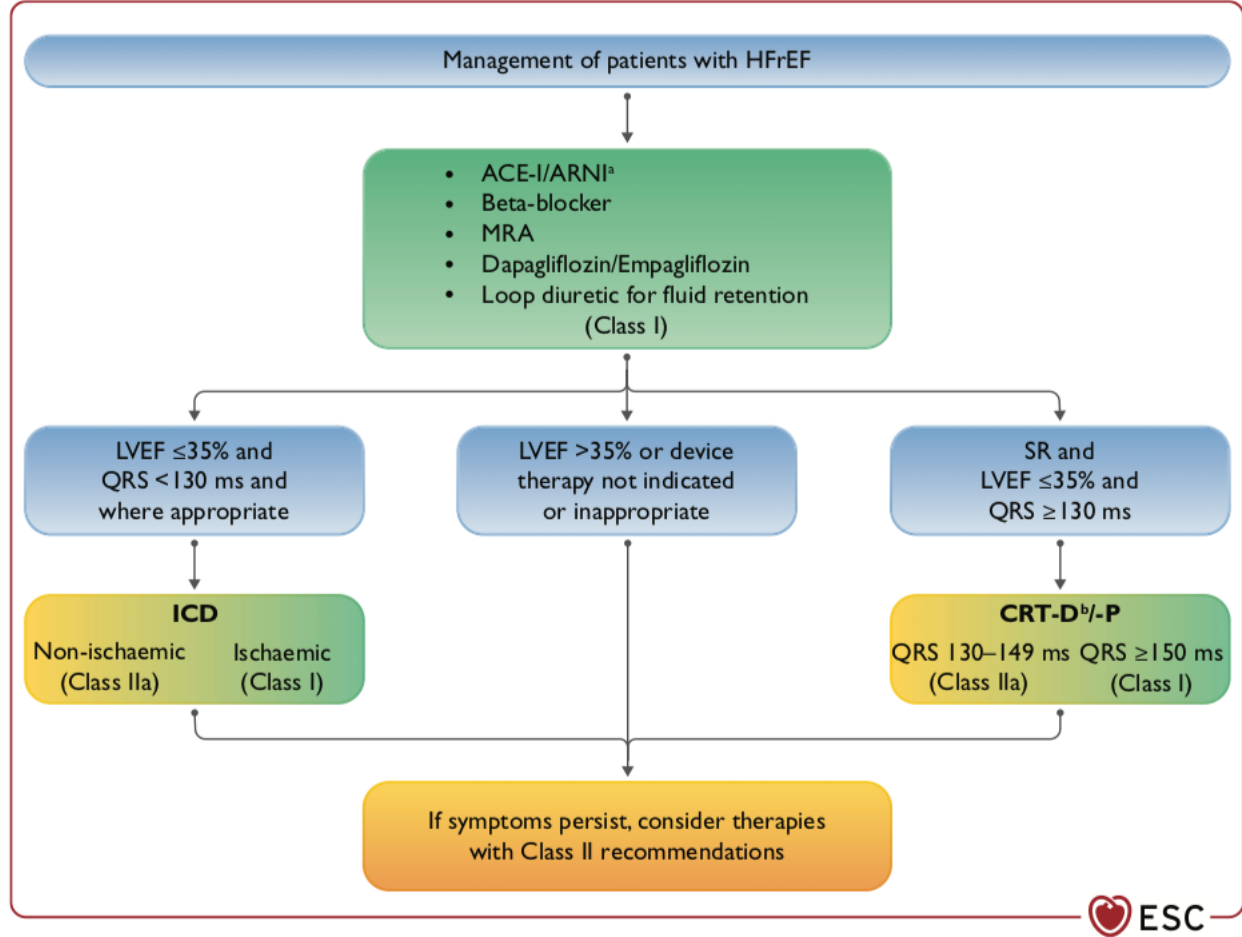
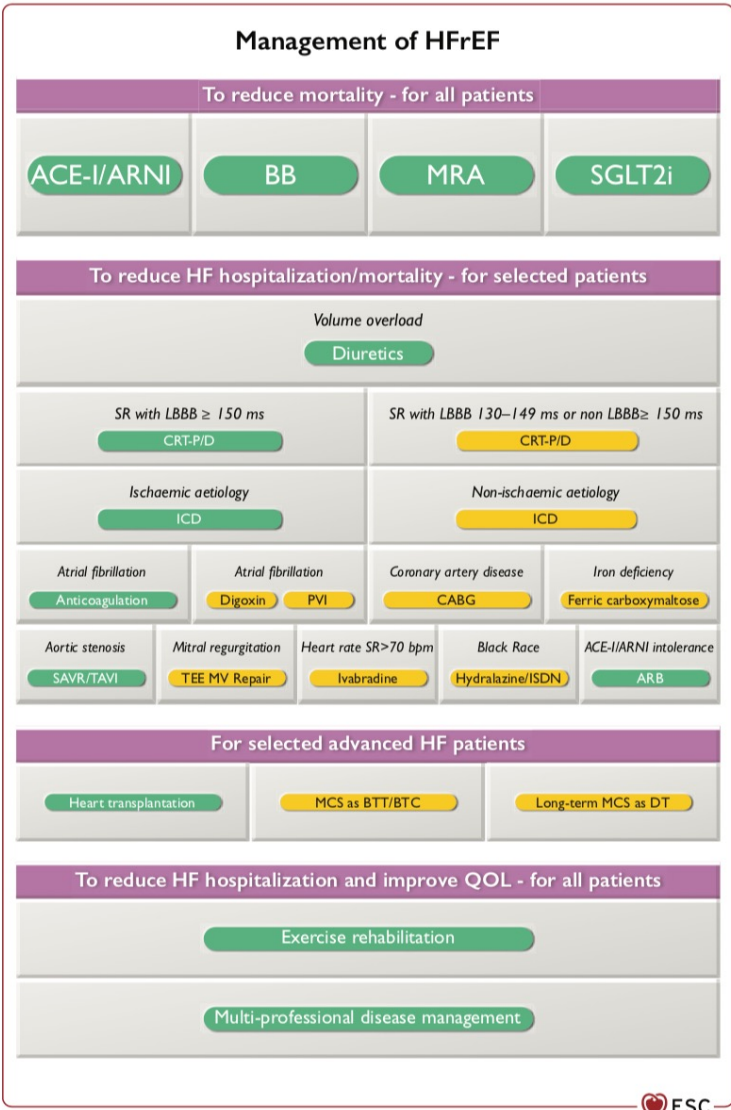
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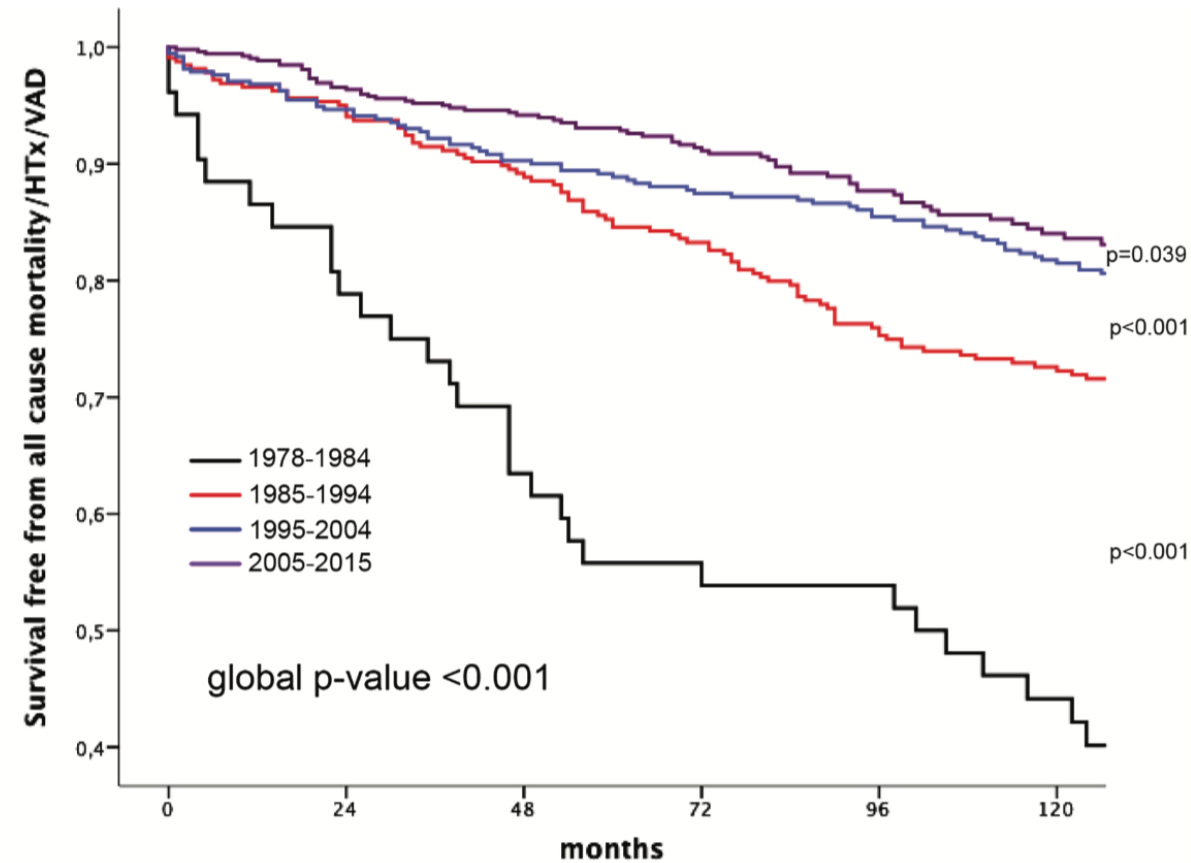
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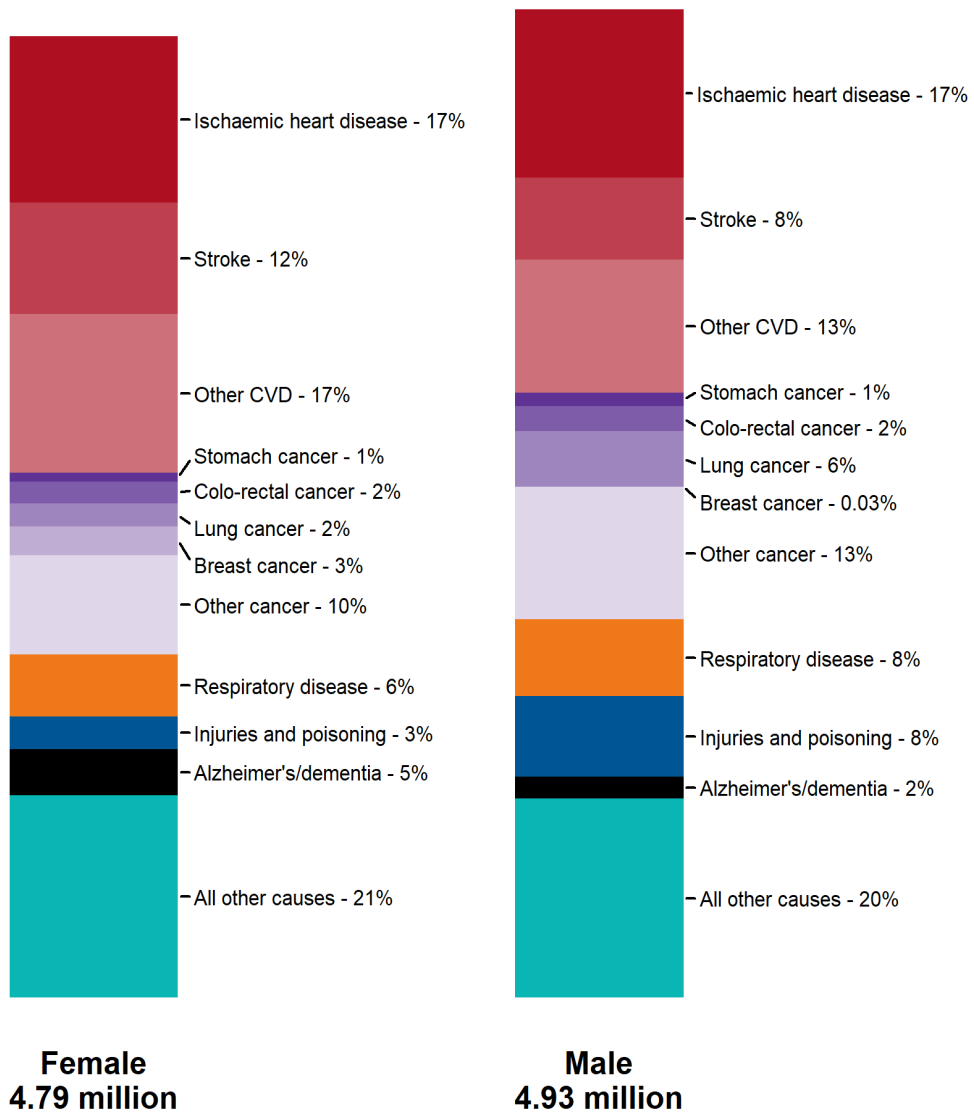
# Contemporary survival trends and aetiological characterization in non-ischaemic dilated cardiomyopathy

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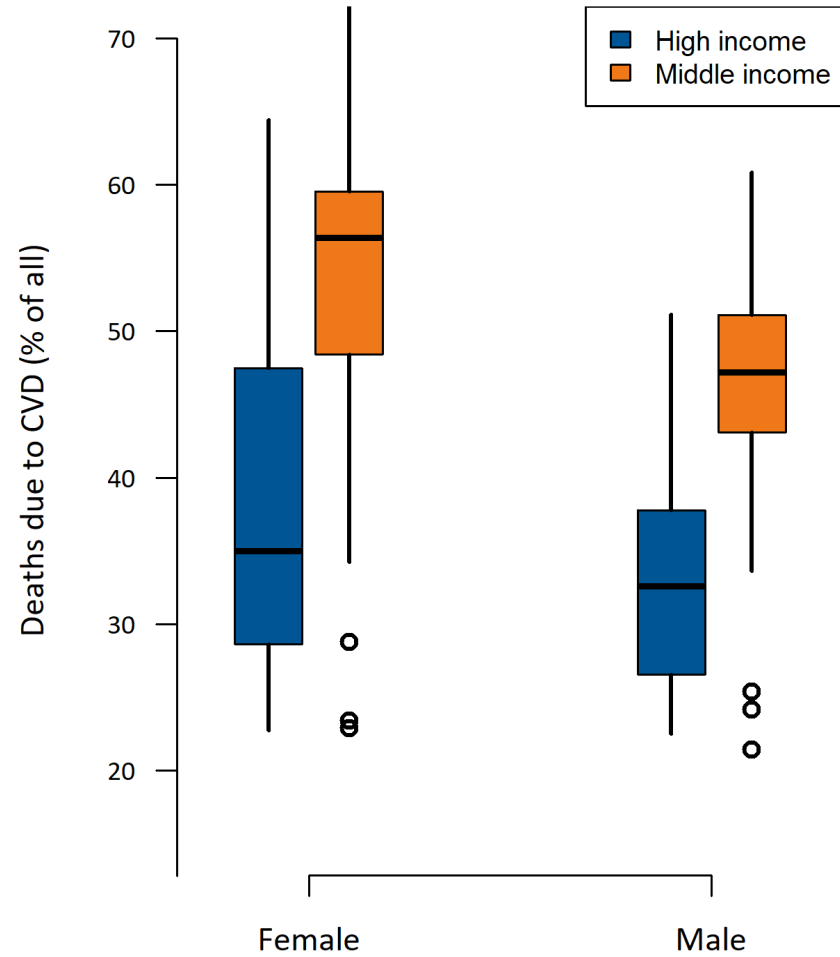


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**NOT MUCH**



National causes of death in females and males in ESC member countries (latest year)



Proportions of deaths caused by CVD in ESC member countries stratified by sex and national income status (latest year)

# TALES FROM THE CLINIC (1)

# Clinical History

**42y, male**

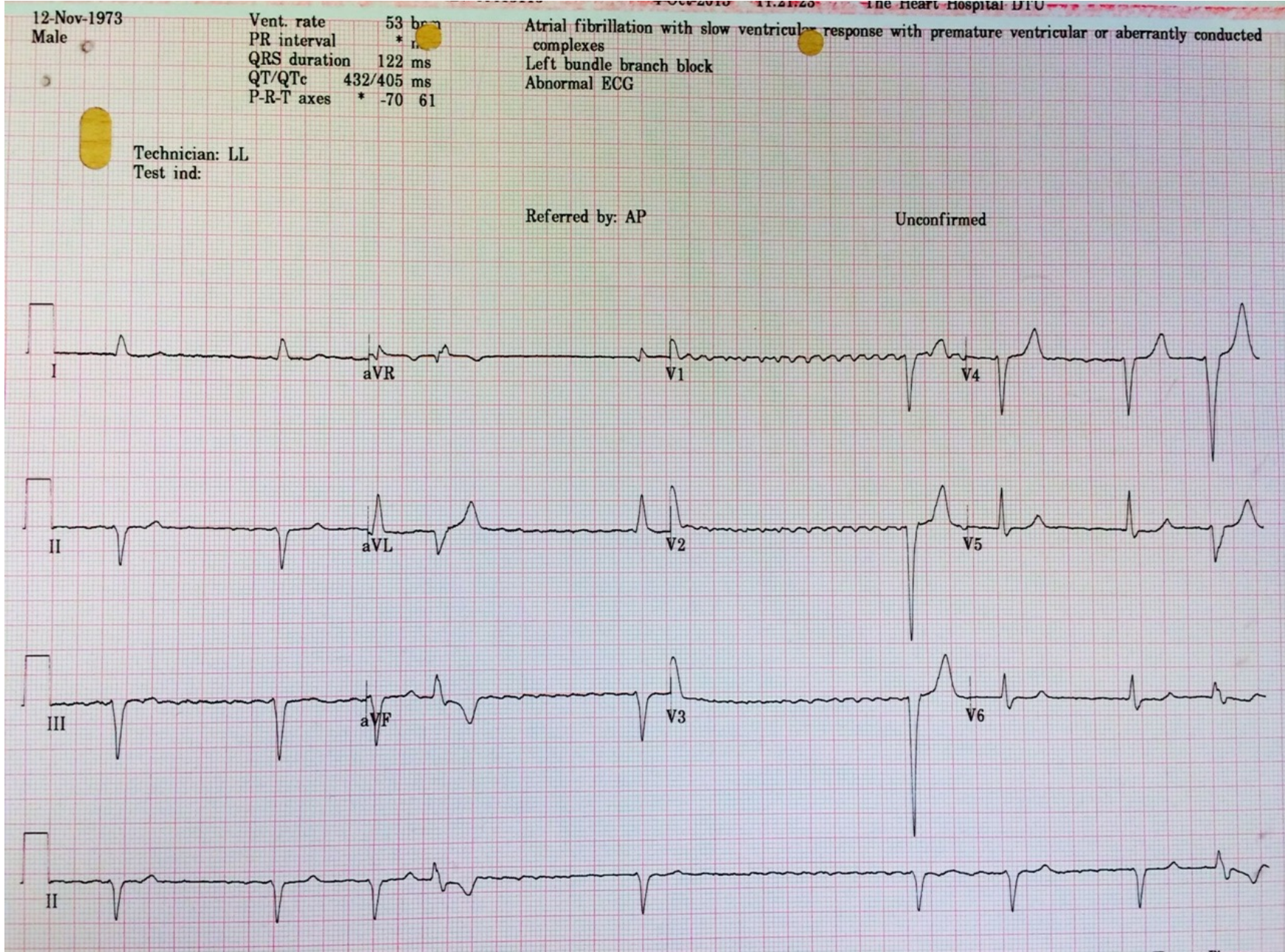
- AF 2007
  - Incidental finding
  - DCCV 2008
  - Medication: Aspirin 75mg
  - Holter: NSVT x 5 beats
- CMR: Mild impairment of LV function. Biatrial dilatation with LA diameter of 43mm.



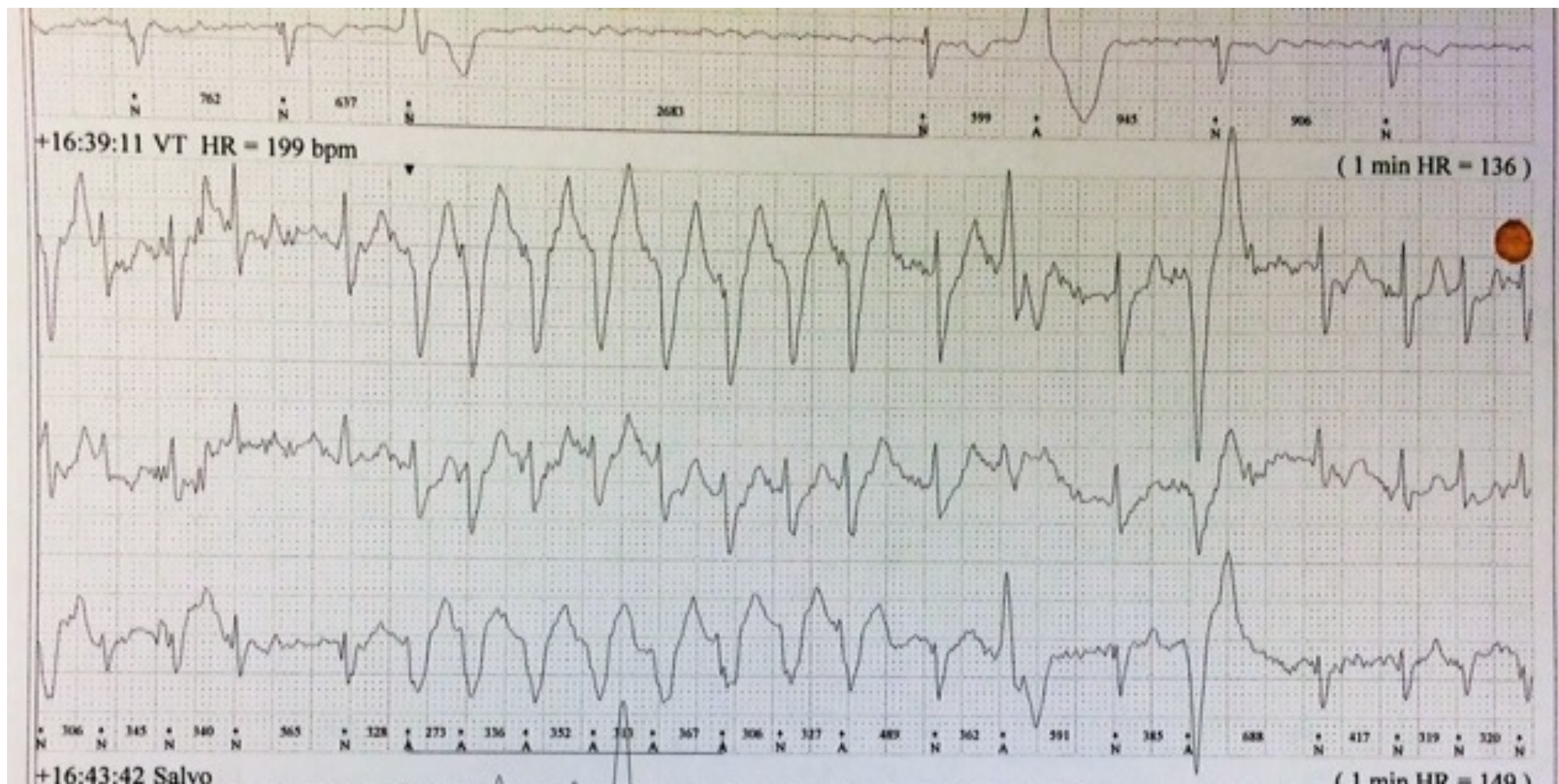
# Clinical History

- Family History
  - Father:
    - AF
    - PPM – CHB
    - CRT-P 2011
    - RIP aged 63
  - Paternal grandfather:
    - AF and PPM
    - RIP aged 64 ?cause

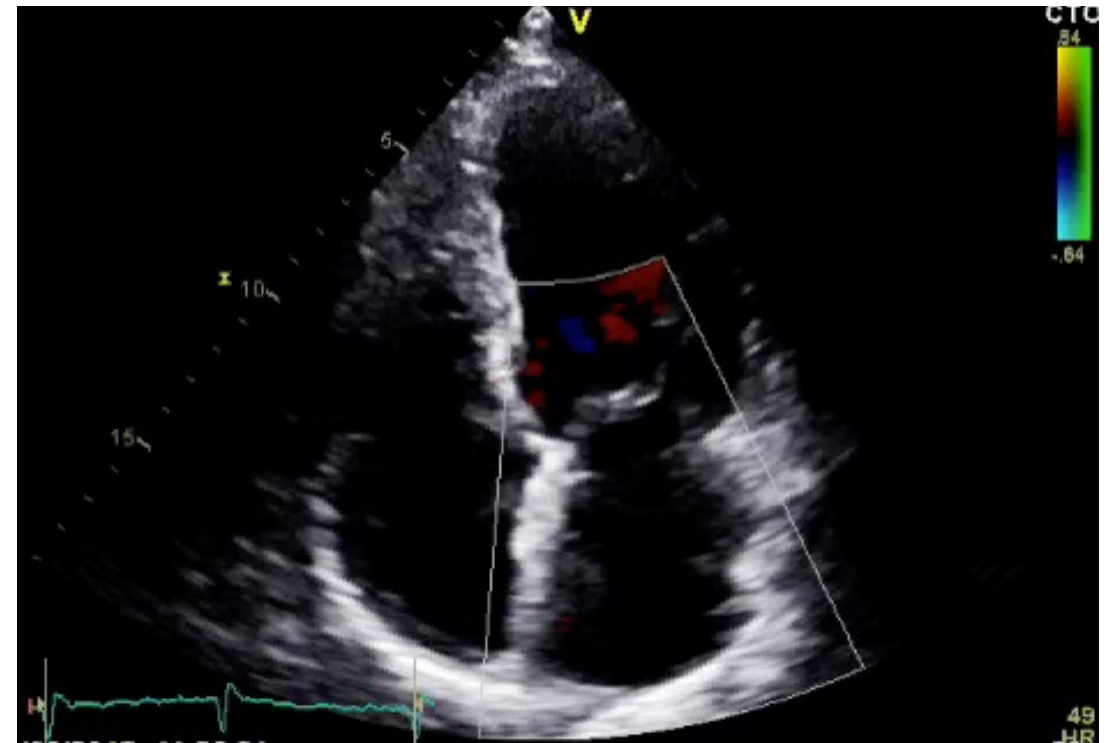
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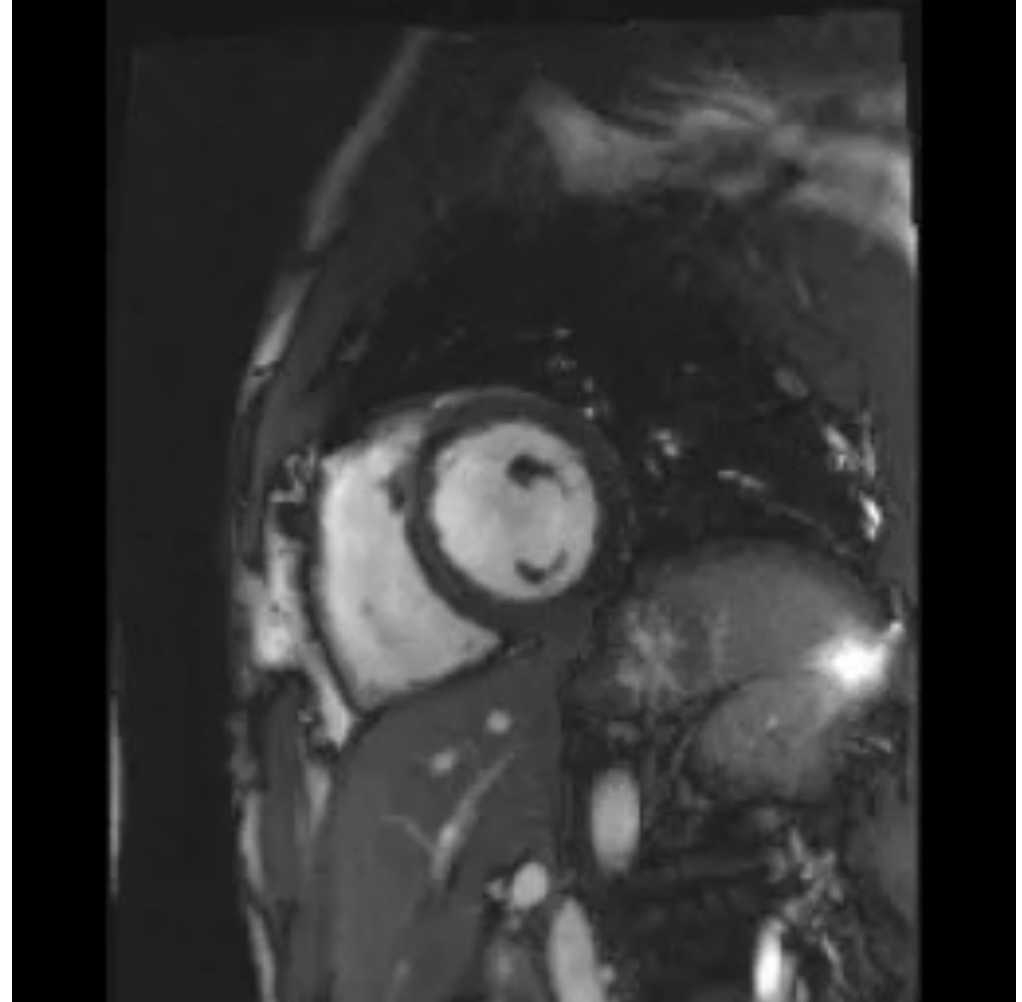
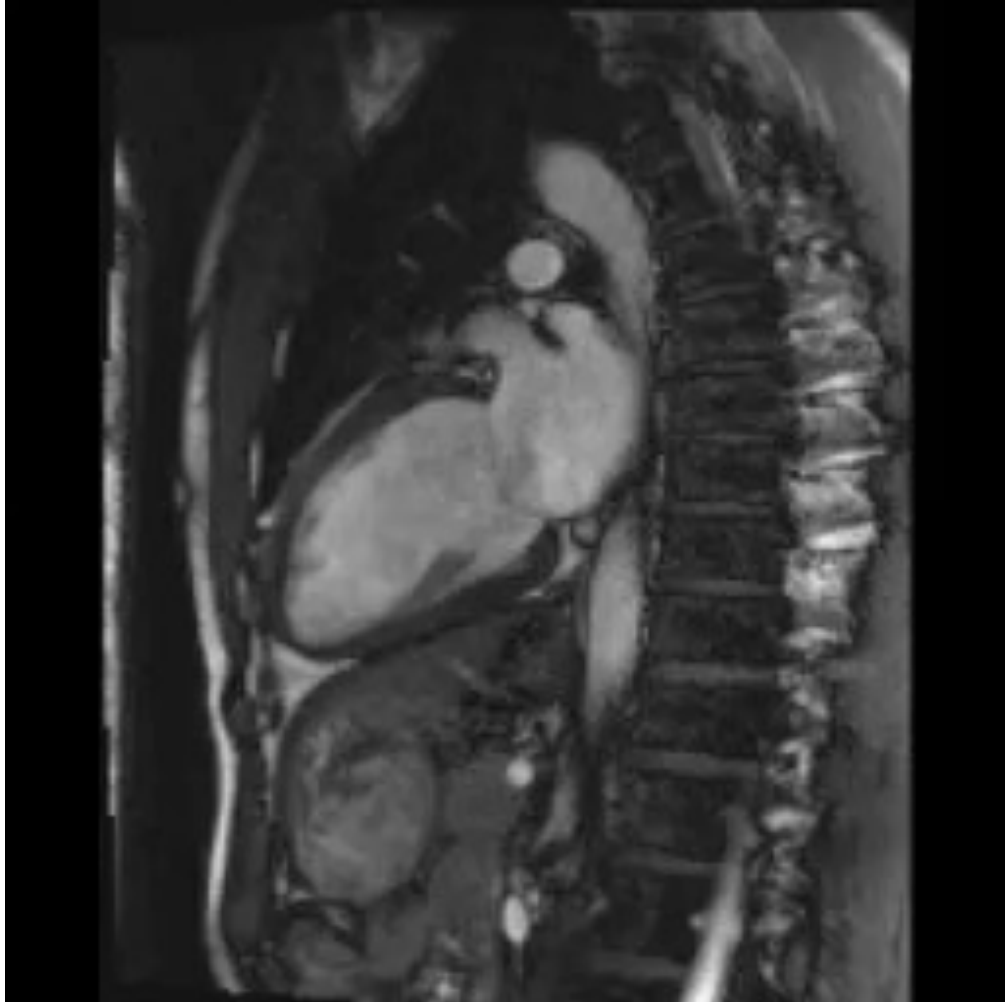
# 24 hour Holter



# Echocardiogram



# CMR





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# The Phenotype

- Young
- Family History of AF, PM
- NSVT
- Mild LV impairment

• **WHY?**

# Diagnosis

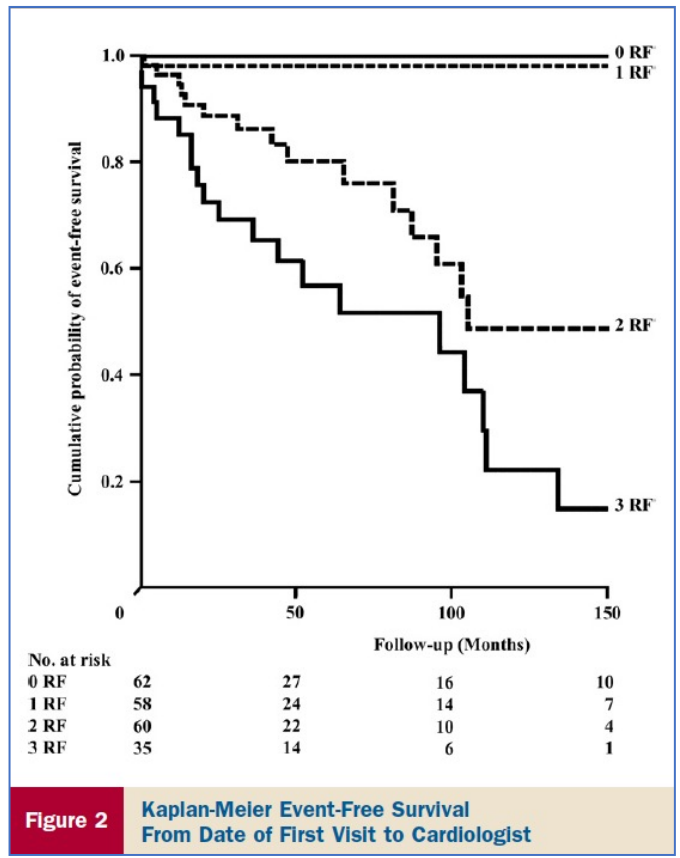
- **Genetic Testing**

- **Lamin A/C : c.1489-1 G>A**

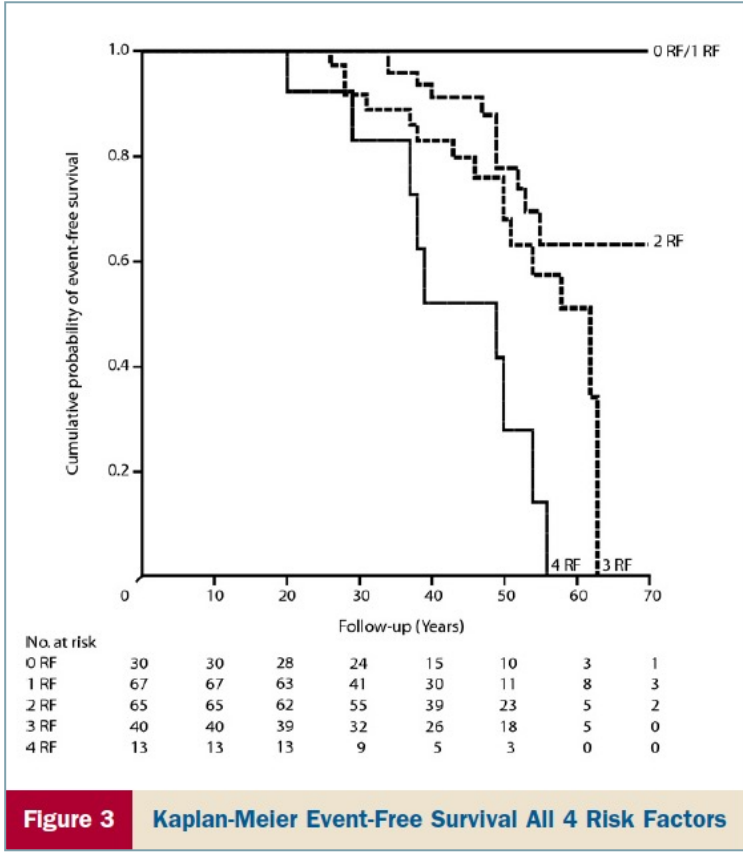


# Risk Factors for Malignant Ventricular Arrhythmias in Lamin A/C Mutation Carriers

A European Cohort Study



NSVT, LVEF 45%, male



+ non-missense mutations (ins-del/truncating or mutations affecting splicing)

(J Am Coll Cardiol 2012;59:493–500)

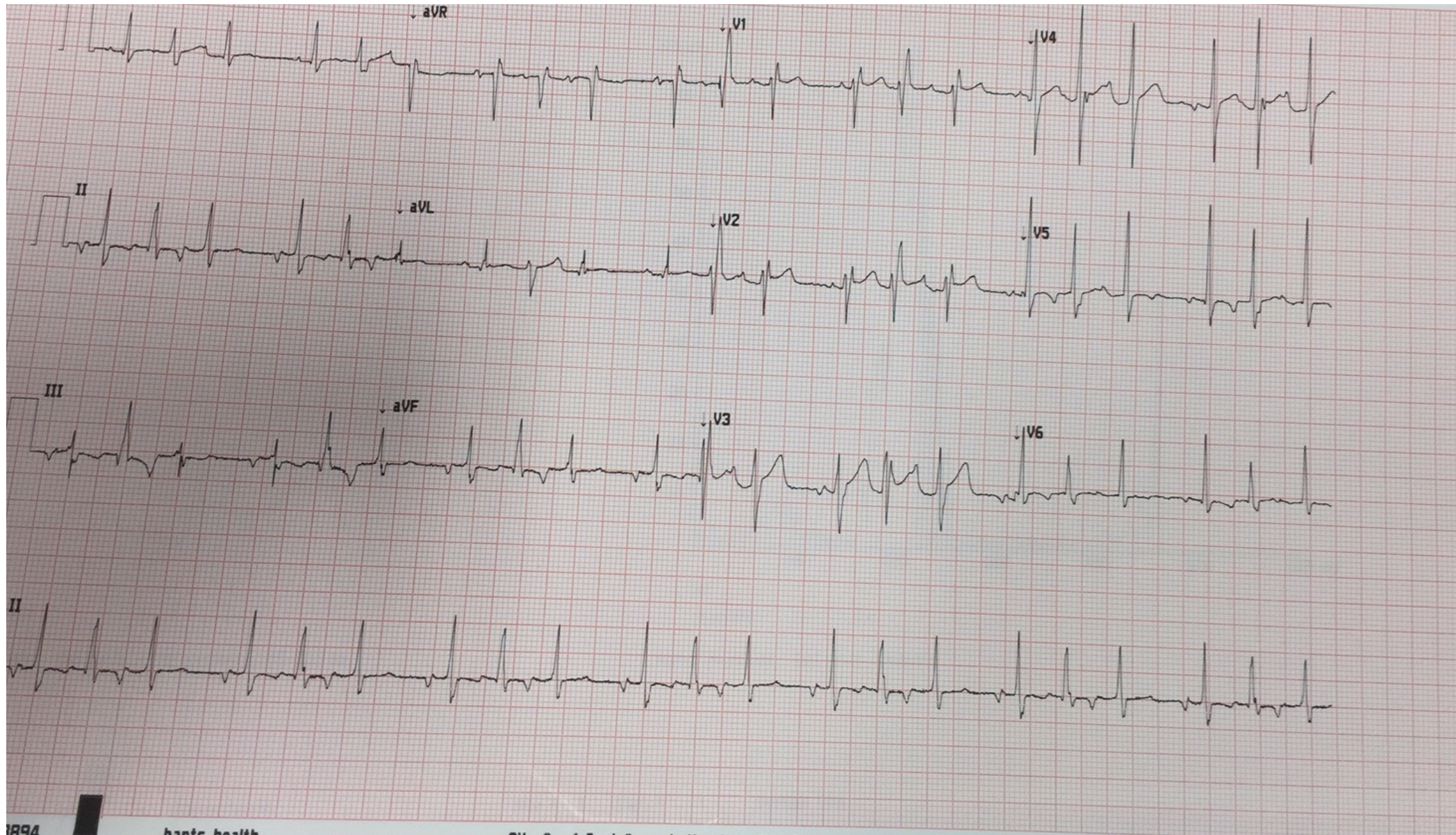
# TALES FROM THE CLINIC (2)

# Background

- 24 year old male
- 2006: Incidental diagnosis of junctional arrhythmias, supra- and ventricular multifocal ectopics
- Intermittently impaired LV/RV systolic function
- 2008: EPS and RV biopsy
  - Flecainide challenge negative
  - Normal coronaries
  - No ablation as too many foci
  - EMB: “The findings are in keeping with dilated cardiomyopathy but there are no specific features to indicate its cause.

# 2017-18

- Carvedilol 25mg BD, Ramipril 2.5mg OD
- No symptoms except some occasional palpitations
- No syncope
- No SOB
- Very fit, into different sports, regular gym-attendance
- Works as accountant



# Holter

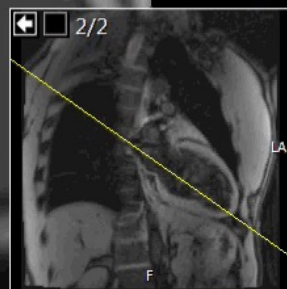
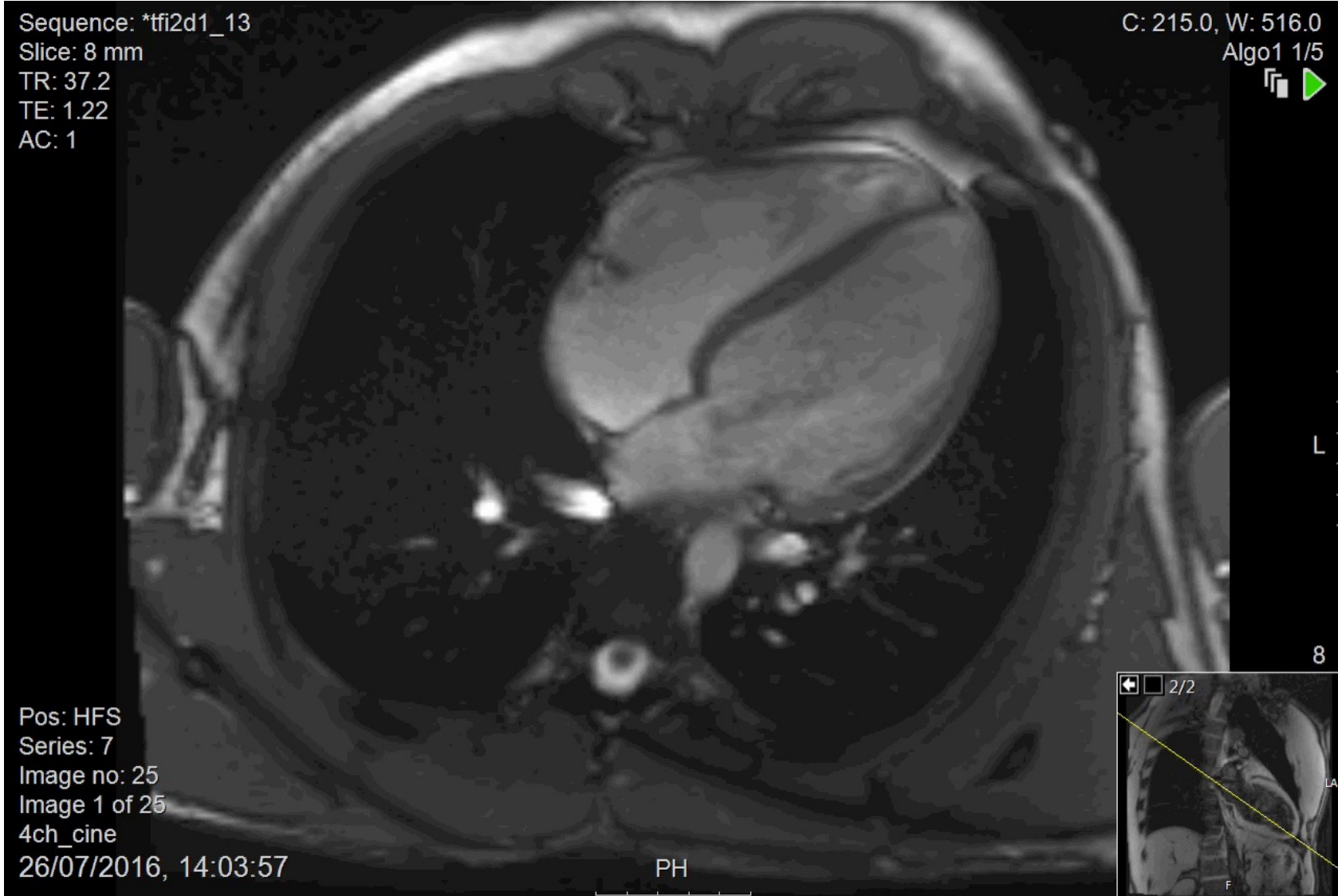
- 47000 VES, 34% of total
- NSVTs, polymorphic and monomorphic

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Slice: 8 mm  
TR: 37.2  
TE: 1.22  
AC: 1

C: 215.0, W: 516.0  
Algo1 1/5



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# Genetics

Gene	Variant	Result	Pathogenicity	Population frequency	Number of references
<i>SCN5A</i>	NP_932173.1:p.Arg222Gln NM_198056.2:c.665G>A NC_000003.11:g.38655272C>T	Heterozygosis	Pathogenic or disease-causing (+++)	Mutation (not found in controls)	28
<i>RBM20</i>	NP_001127835.2:p.Ala387Val NM_001134363.2:c.1160C>T NC_000010.10:g.112541527C>T	Heterozygosis	Unknown clinical significance (?)	Mutation (not found in controls)	0

## Clinical interpretation

The *SCN5A* mutation has been documented in several families affected with dilated cardiomyopathy and frequent ventricular arrhythmias (conduction disorders and supraventricular arrhythmias are also described). Sudden death and severe systolic dysfunction has been reported. Almost all affected were diagnosed before the age of 30. This variant may be used for predictive purposes, and we recommend its inclusion in the familial screening.

The *RBM20* mutation is classified as of unknown clinical significance. The expected phenotype for pathogenic variants in this gene is dilated cardiomyopathy associated with arrhythmias; however, the mutation identified in this study is located outside the pathogenic regions (hotspots) in the gene. The use of this variant as part of the familial screening could be considered for research purposes only.



### *Functional study / Animal model*

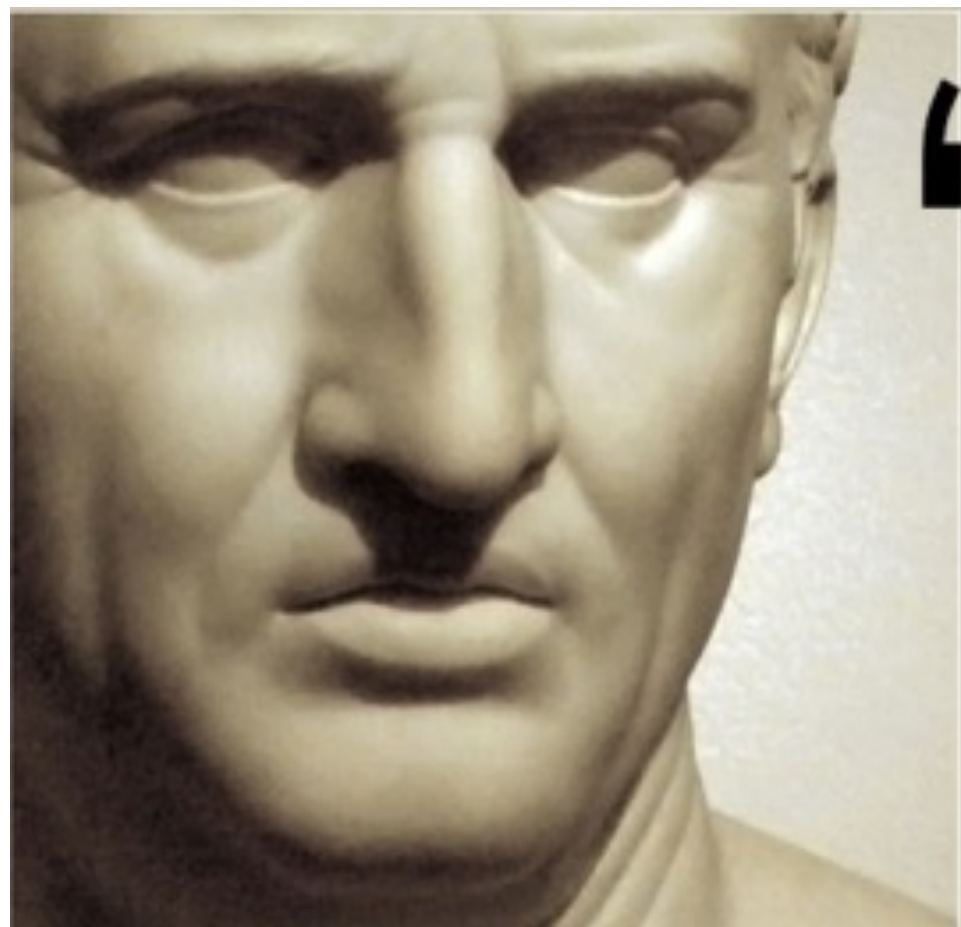
This mutation has been functionally characterized by several independent groups (obtaining similar results). These electrophysiological studies showed that this mutation leads to a gain of function. An activation curve shifted to negative potentials (earlier activation), with more accelerated kinetics, was observed. This produced an increase in the current window (typical of long QT). Interestingly, channel inactivation also occurred early, which is a mechanism that would cause a loss-of-function of the channel (typical of Brugada). An *in silico* model determined that the ectopic activity in the Purkinje system would occur or by an incomplete repolarization of these cells, and the disappearance of arrhythmias with quinidine or exercise was also observed.

# Treatment

- January 2018: Quinidine
- March 2018: EF 62%; **3** VE in 24 hours

## Taking personalized medicine to heart

Tailoring treatment to the individual patient has revolutionized cancer therapy, but personalized medicine has yet to make much headway in the treatment of cardiovascular disease. With emerging insight into disease mechanisms and new treatment options, the time is now ripe for the cardiovascular field to adopt a more personalized approach to therapy.



“If you wish to persuade me you must think my thoughts, feel my feelings and speak my words.”

Cicero, Roman Statesman

(1) Is this stuff real?

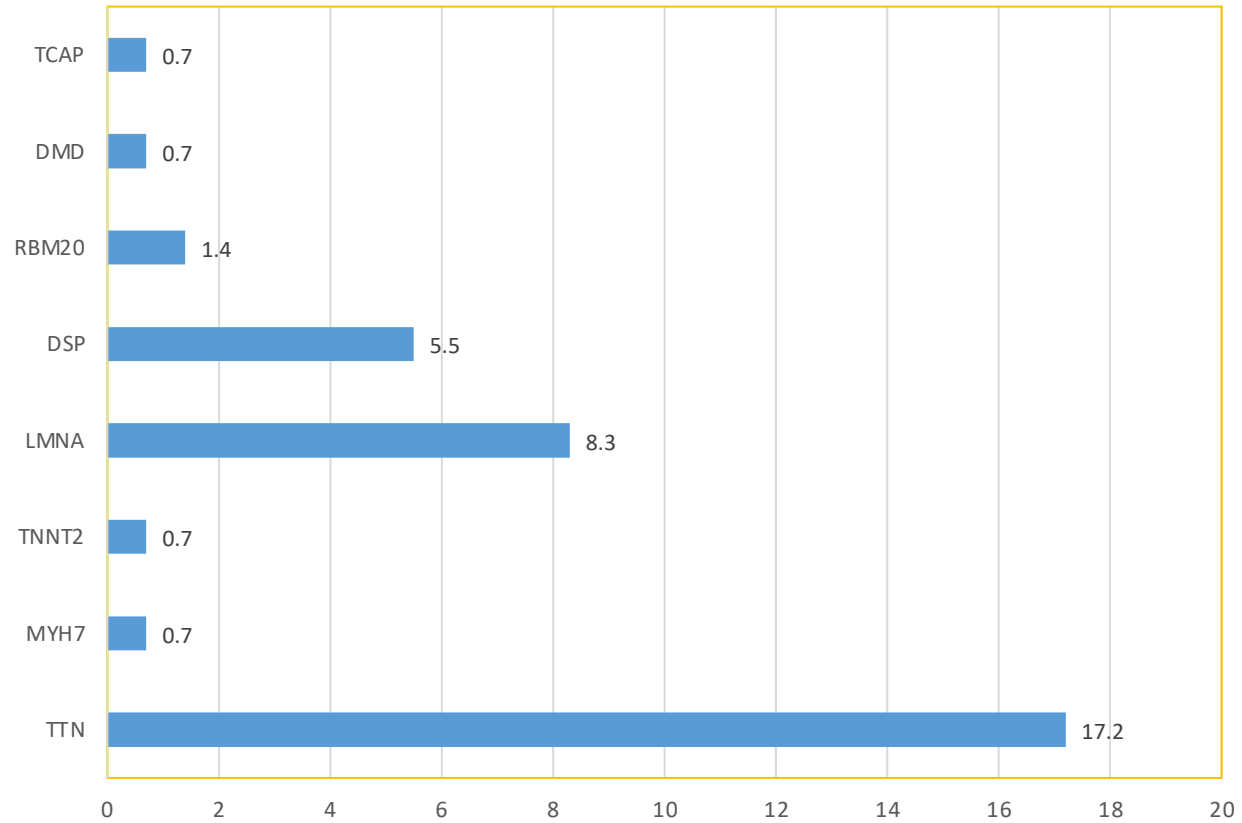
# Genetics and genotype–phenotype correlations in Finnish patients with dilated cardiomyopathy

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101 genes  
associated with  
cardiomyopathies  
in 145 unrelated  
Finnish patients  
with DCM

**Familial (n=63)**  
**48% mut +ve**

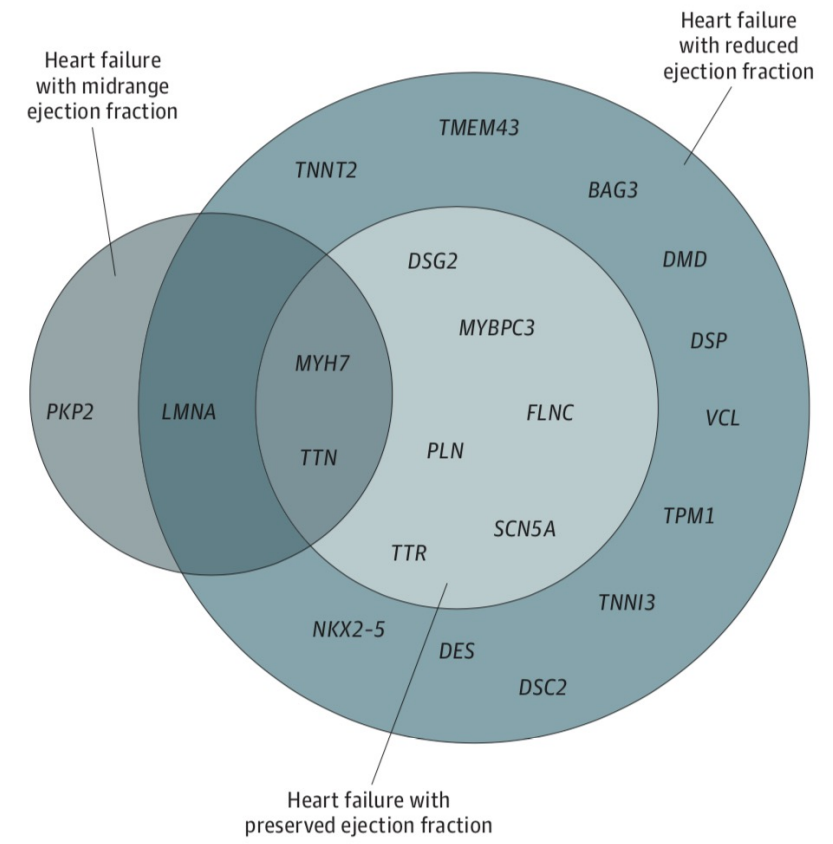
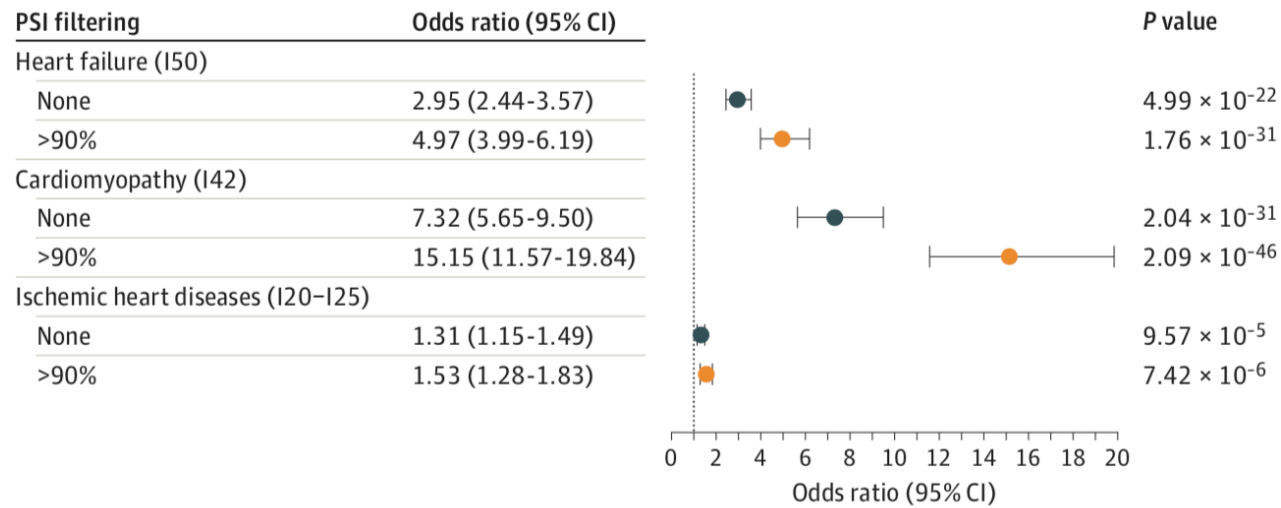
**Sporadic (n=82)**  
**26% mut +ve**



# Assessing the Role of Rare Genetic Variation in Patients With Heart Failure

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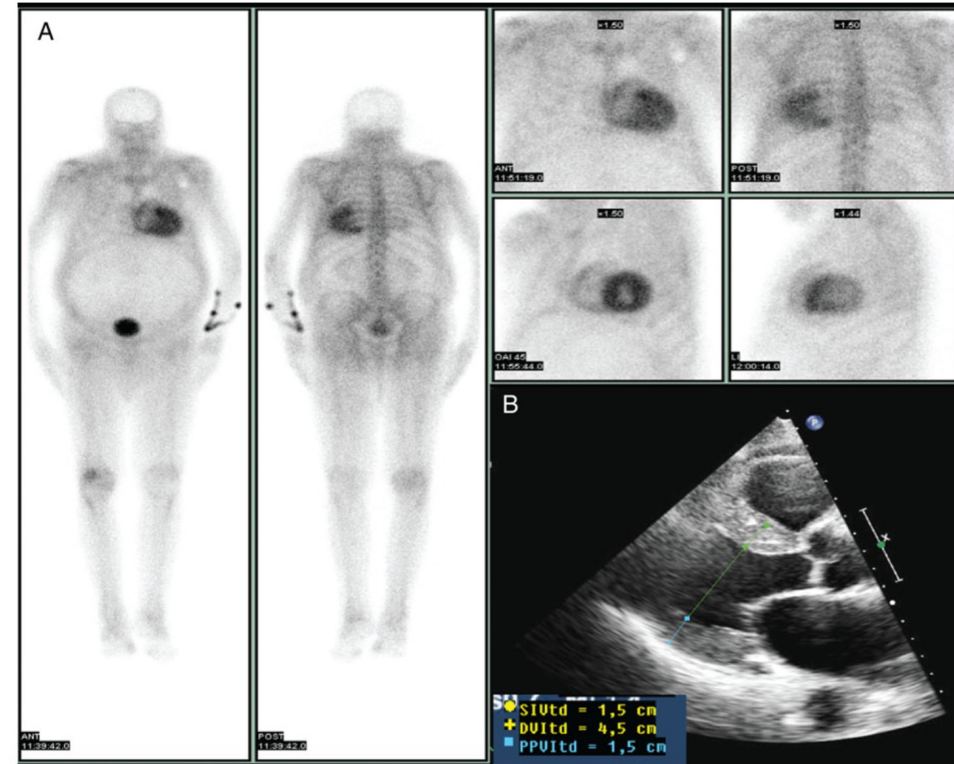
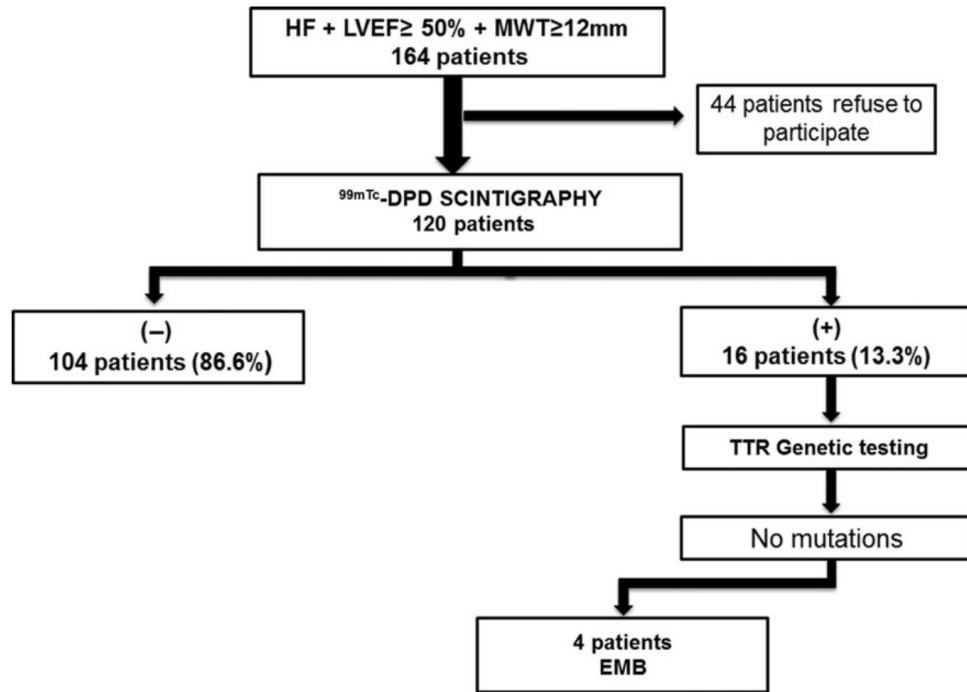
**B** Outcomes by ICD-10 code



Candesartan in Heart Failure-Assessment of Reduction in Mortality and Morbidity (CHARM) and Controlled Rosuvastatin Multinational Trial in Heart Failure (CORONA) clinical trials.

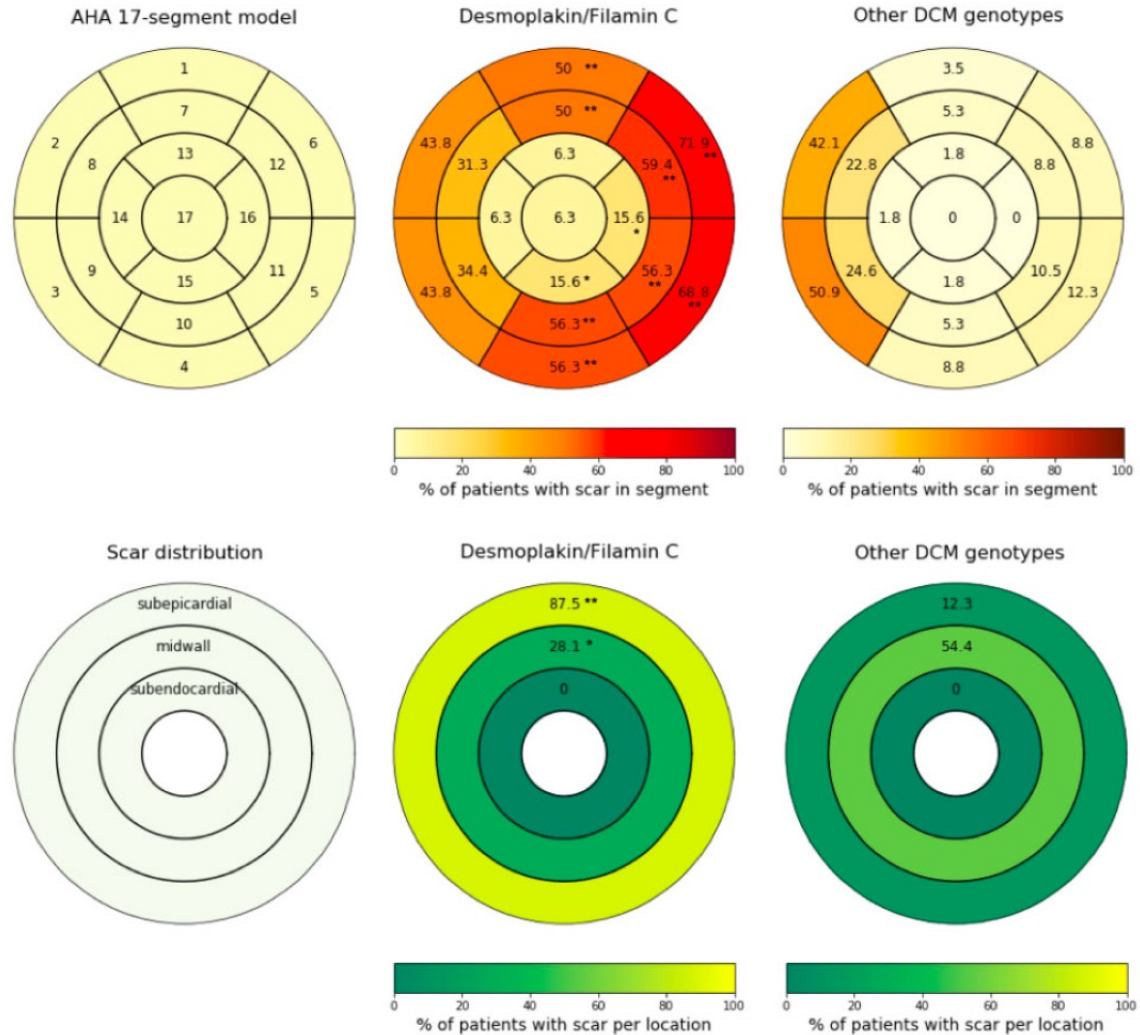
# Wild-type transthyretin amyloidosis as a cause of heart failure with preserved ejection fraction

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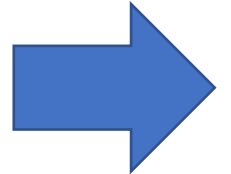
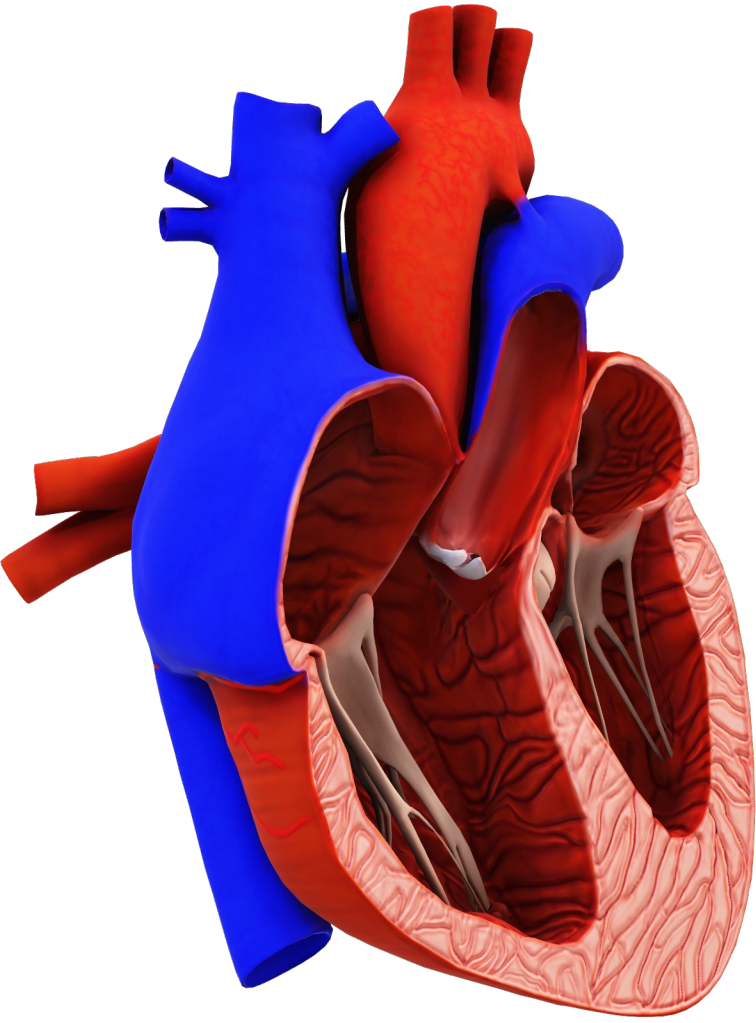




# Dilated cardiomyopathy and arrhythmogenic left ventricular cardiomyopathy: a comprehensive genotype-imaging phenotype study

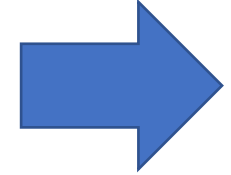


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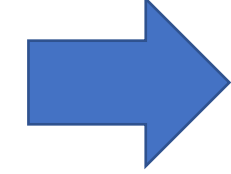
Atrial arrhythmia

Antiarrhythmics,  
DOAC, ablation



Ventricular arrhythmia

Antiarrhythmics,  
Ablation, ICD



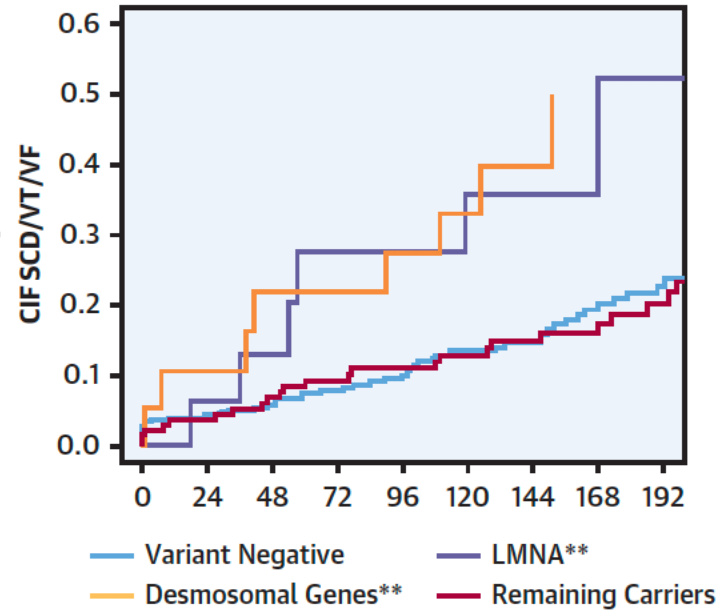
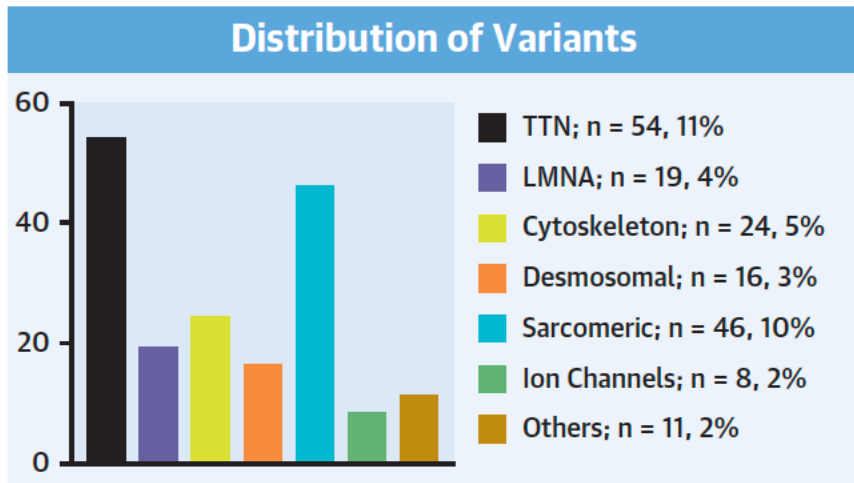
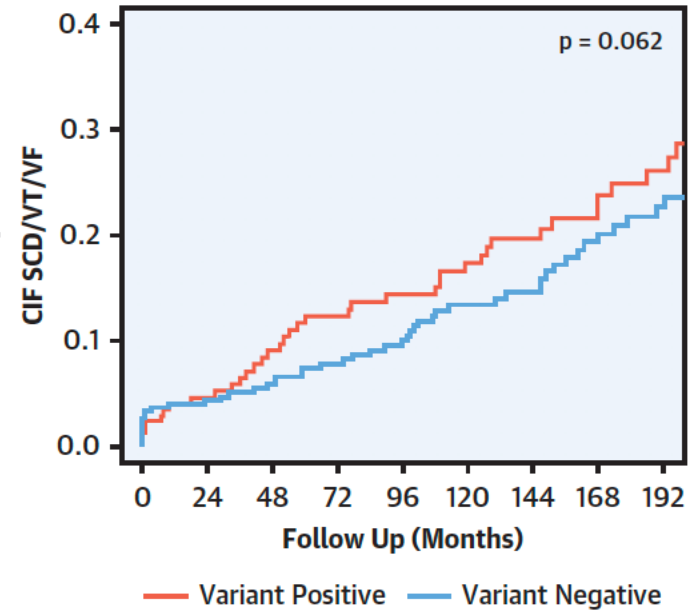
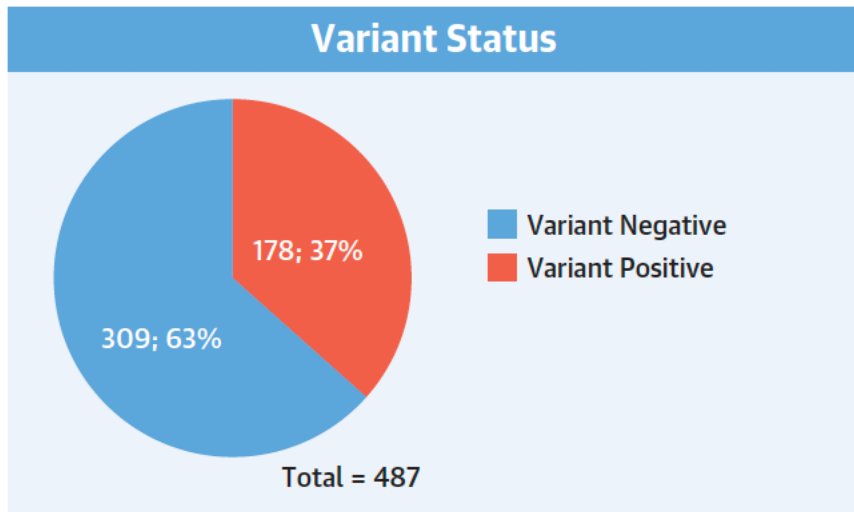
Heart failure

ACE, MRA, BB, SGLT2,  
ARNI, transplant, VAD



Valve disease

TEER



## 2013 ESC Guidelines on cardiac pacing and cardiac resynchronization therapy

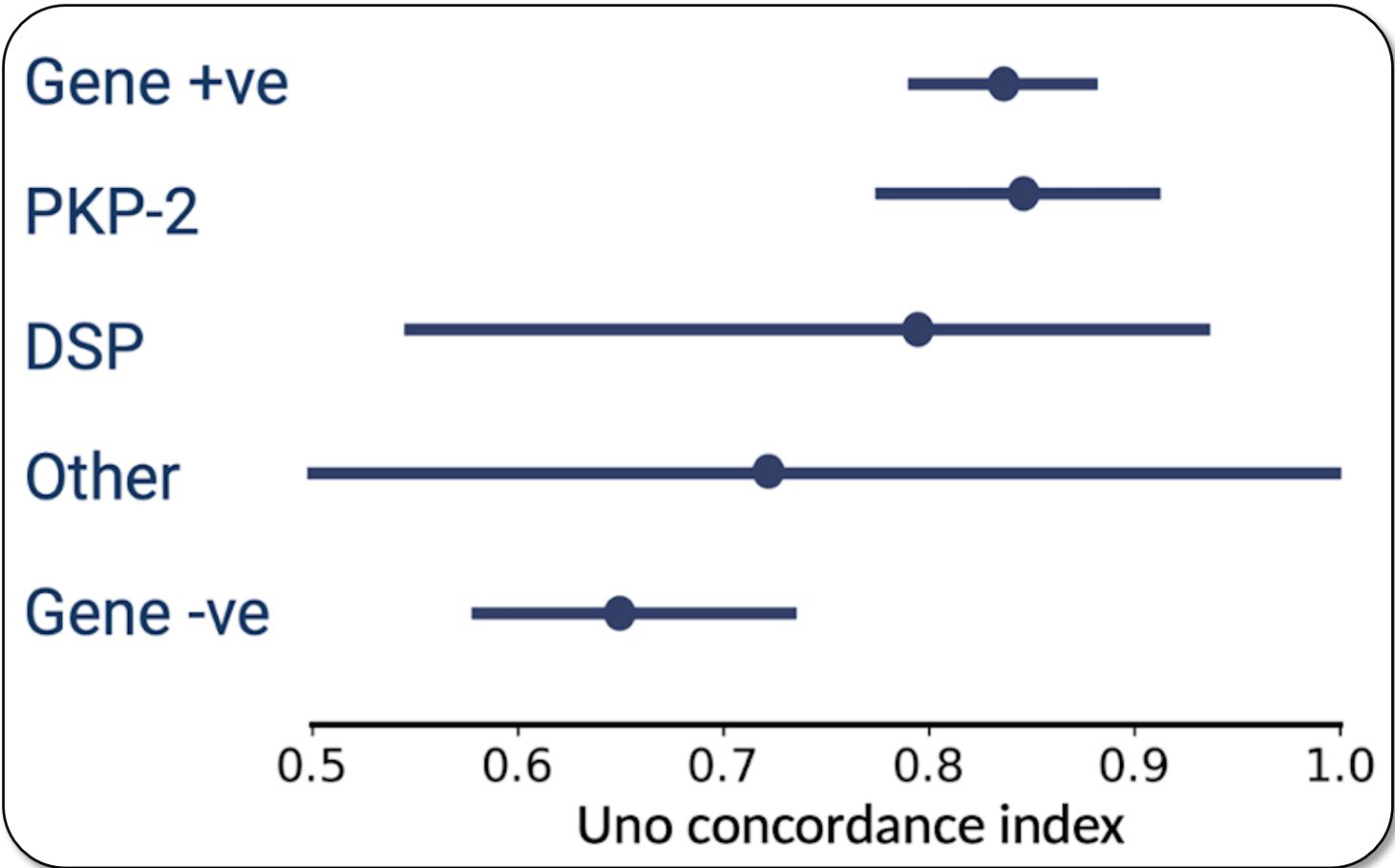
The Task Force on cardiac pacing and resynchronization therapy of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC). Developed in collaboration with the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA).

An ICD should be considered in patients with DCM and a confirmed disease-causing <i>LMNA</i> mutation and clinical risk factors. <sup>d</sup>	<b>IIa</b>	<b>B</b>
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## 2015 ESC Guidelines for the management of patients with ventricular arrhythmias and the prevention of sudden cardiac death

The Task Force for the Management of Patients with Ventricular Arrhythmias and the Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

# Importance of genotype for risk stratification in arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy using the 2019 ARVC risk calculator



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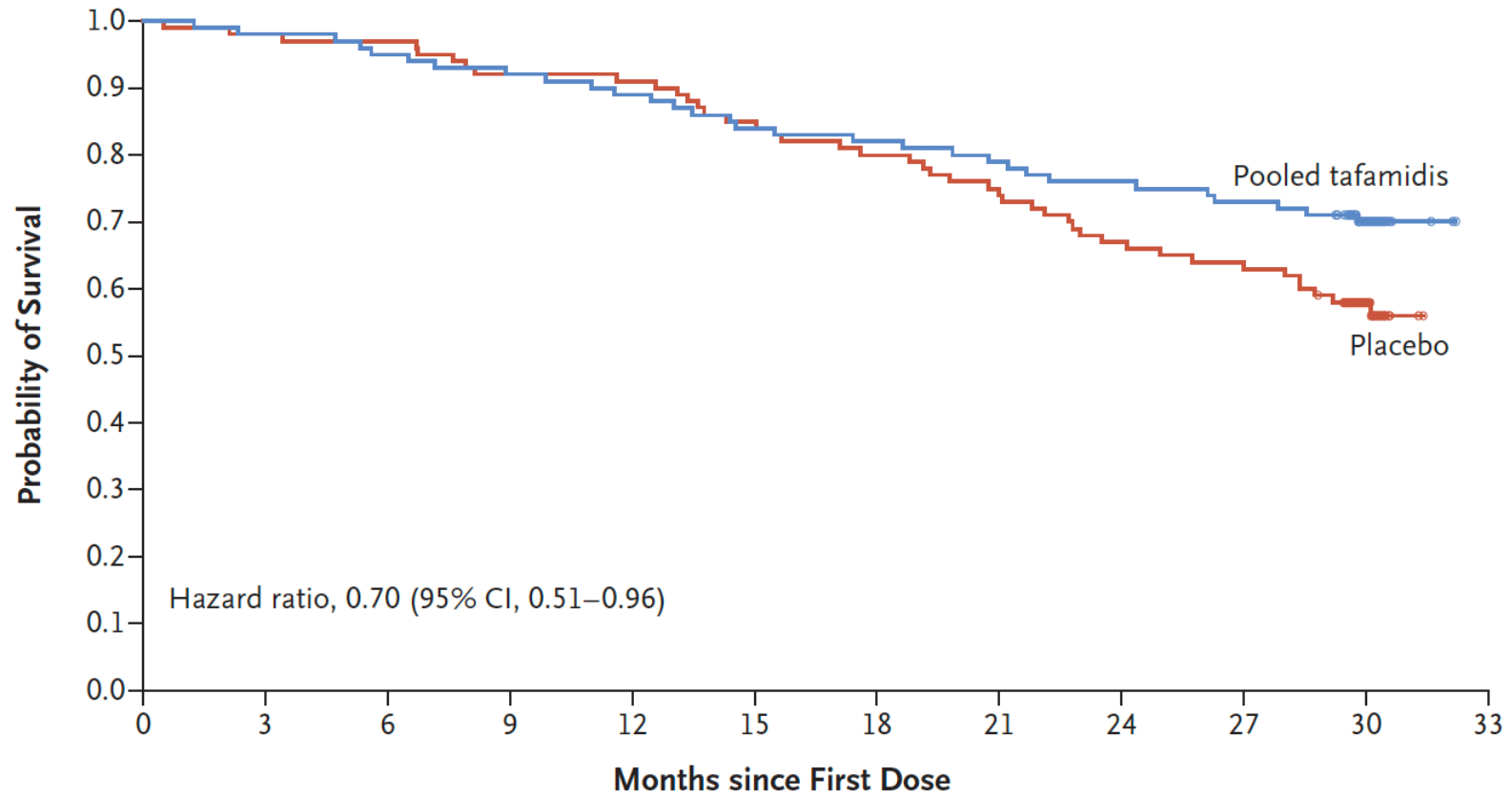
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## Tafamidis Treatment for Patients with Transthyretin Amyloid Cardiomyopathy

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**B Analysis of All-Cause Mortality**



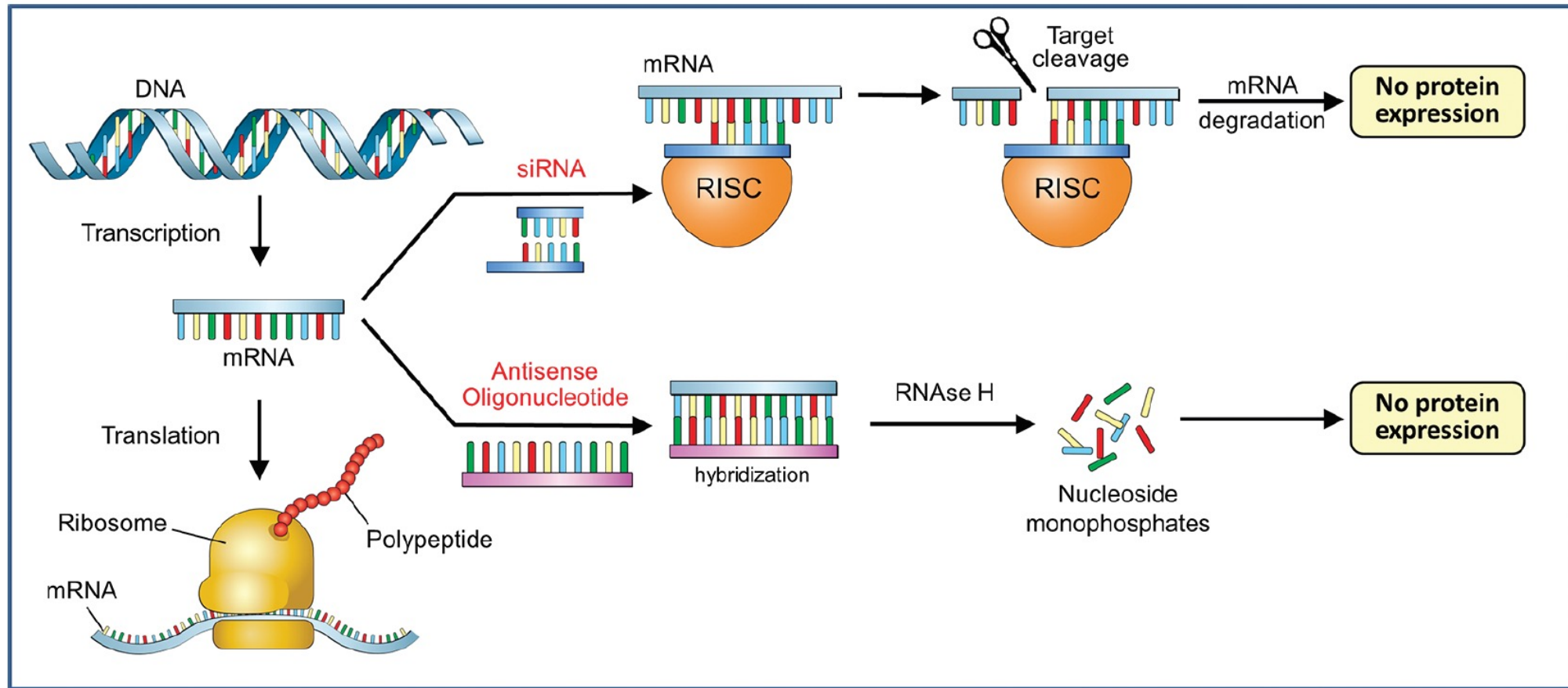
**No. at Risk (cumulative no. of events)**

Pooled tafamidis	264 (0)	259 (5)	252 (12)	244 (20)	235 (29)	222 (42)	216 (48)	209 (55)	200 (64)	193 (71)	99 (78)	0 (78)
Placebo	177 (0)	173 (4)	171 (6)	163 (14)	161 (16)	150 (27)	141 (36)	131 (46)	118 (59)	113 (64)	51 (75)	0 (76)



# Amyloid heart disease: genetics translated into disease-modifying therapy

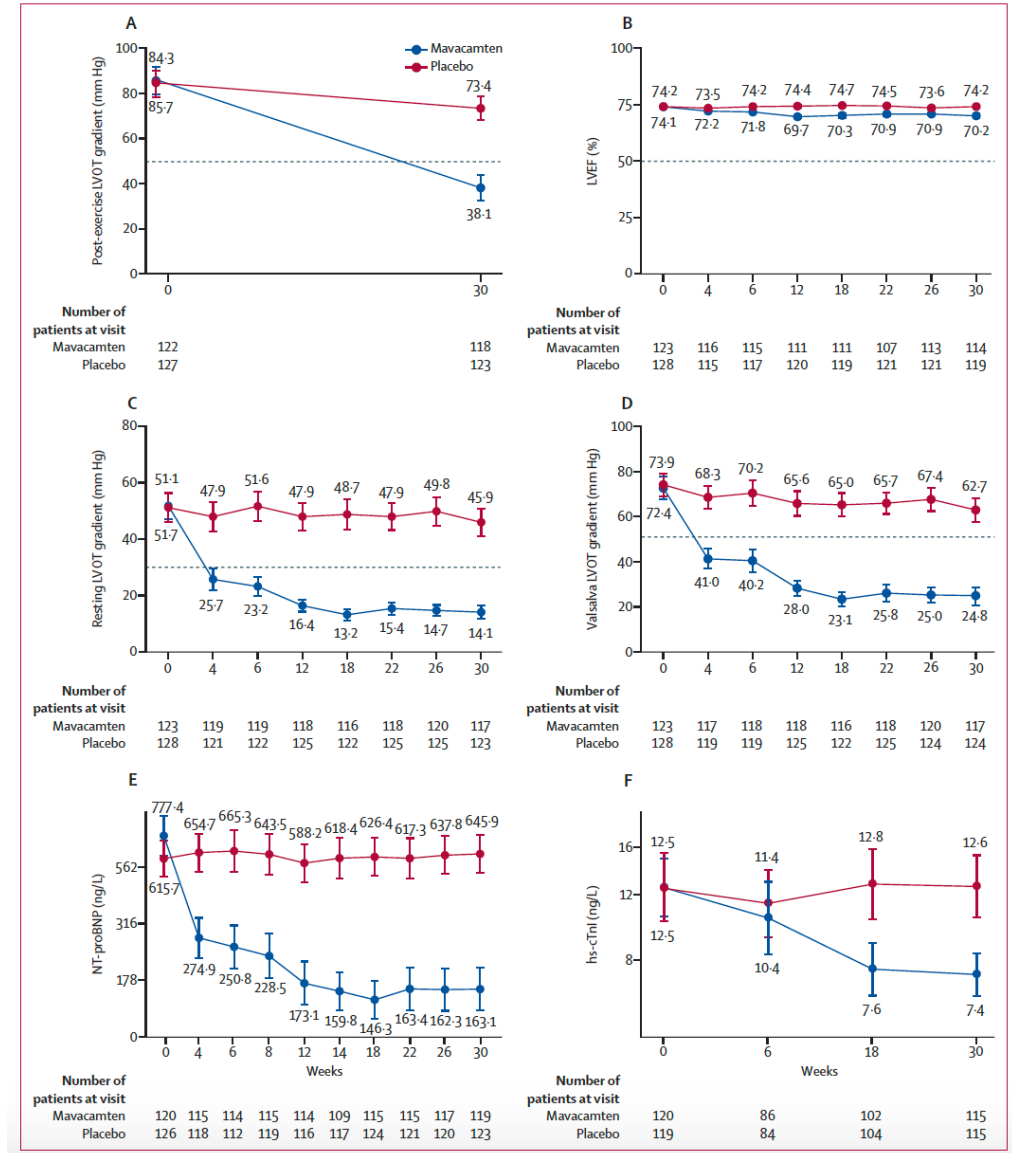
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Sperry BW, Tang WHW. Heart 2017;103:812–817.

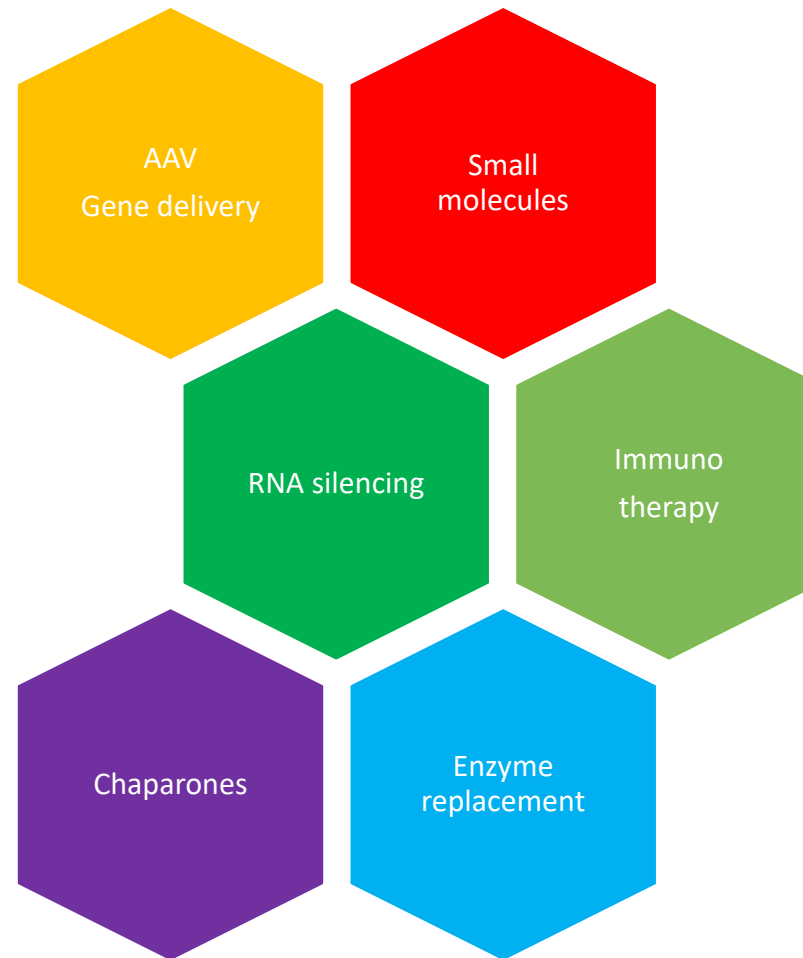
# Mavacamten for treatment of symptomatic obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (EXPLORER-HCM): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial

Iacopo Olivetto, Artur Oreziak, Roberto Barriales-Villa, Theodore P Abraham, Ahmad Masri, Pablo Garcia-Pavia, Sara Saberi, Neal K Lakdawala, Matthew T Wheeler, Anjali Owens, Milos Kubanek, Wojciech Wojakowski, Morten K Jensen, Juan Gimeno-Blanes, Kia Afshar, Jonathan Myers, Sheila M Hegde, Scott D Solomon, Amy J Sehnert, David Zhang, Wanying Li, Mondira Bhattacharya, Jay M Edelberg, Cynthia Burstein Waldman, Steven J Lester, Andrew Wang, Carolyn Y Ho, Daniel Jacoby, on behalf of EXPLORER-HCM study investigators\*

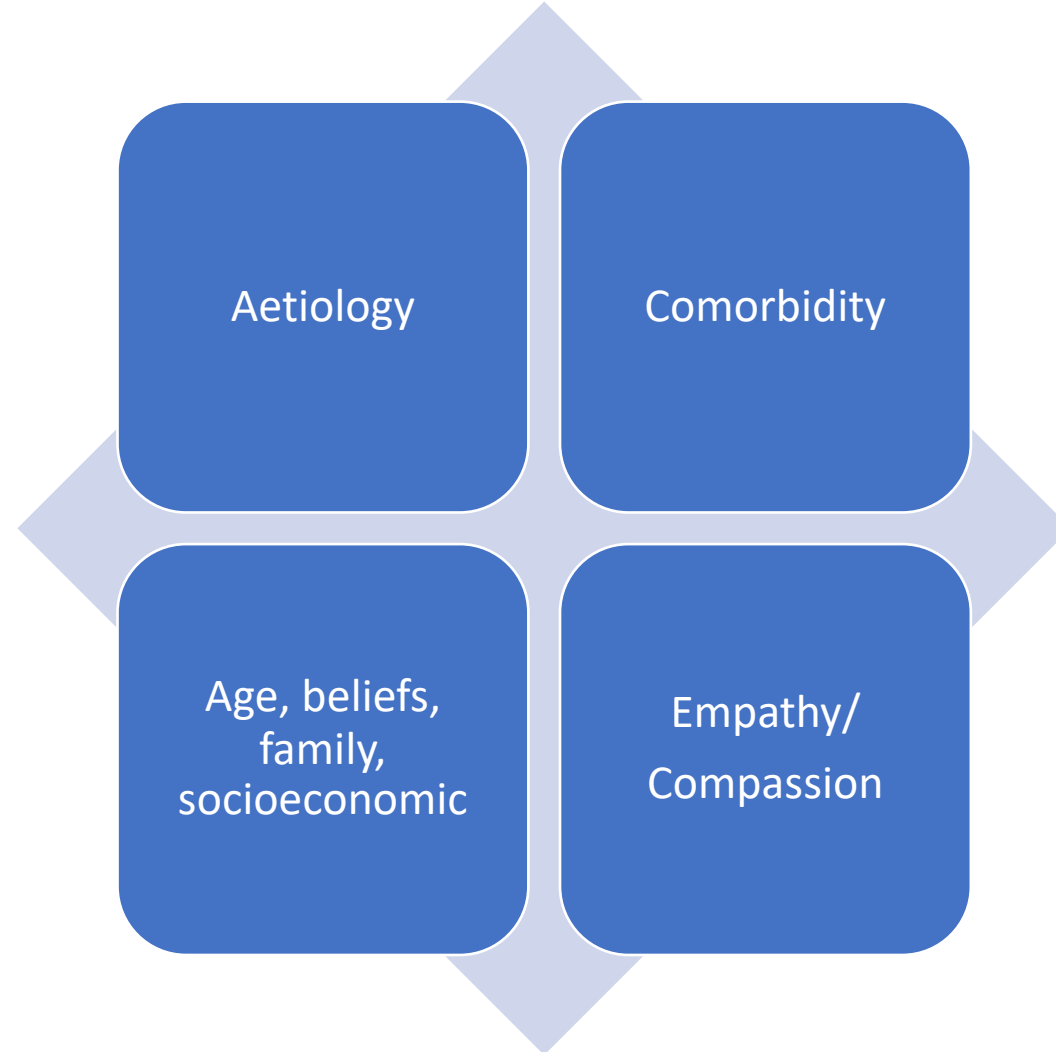


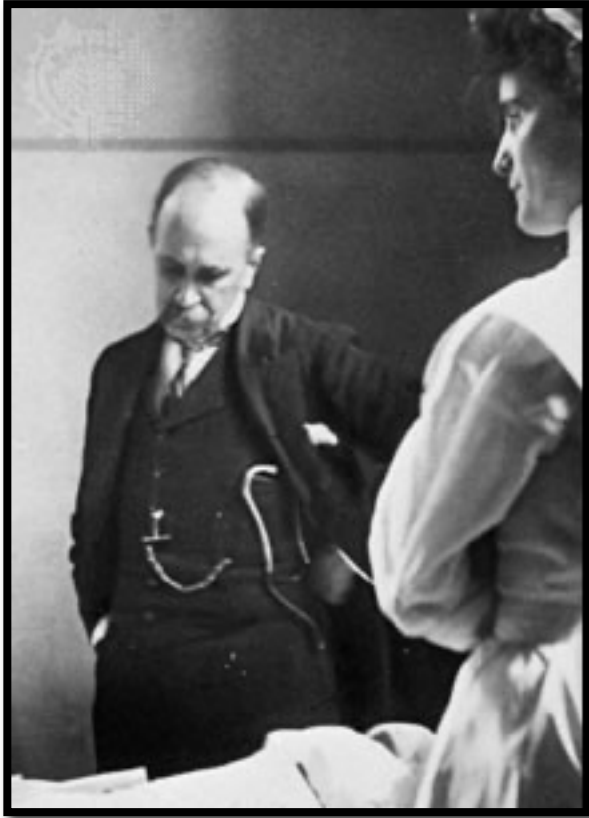
# Frontiers: New Armoury

- **$\beta$ -blockers**
- RAAS inhibitors
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- Vasodilators
- Antiplatelets
- Anticoagulants
- Devices



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