

# Cardiomyopathies

- Clinical practice & unmet needs -

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# Cardiovascular Imaging @ USZ

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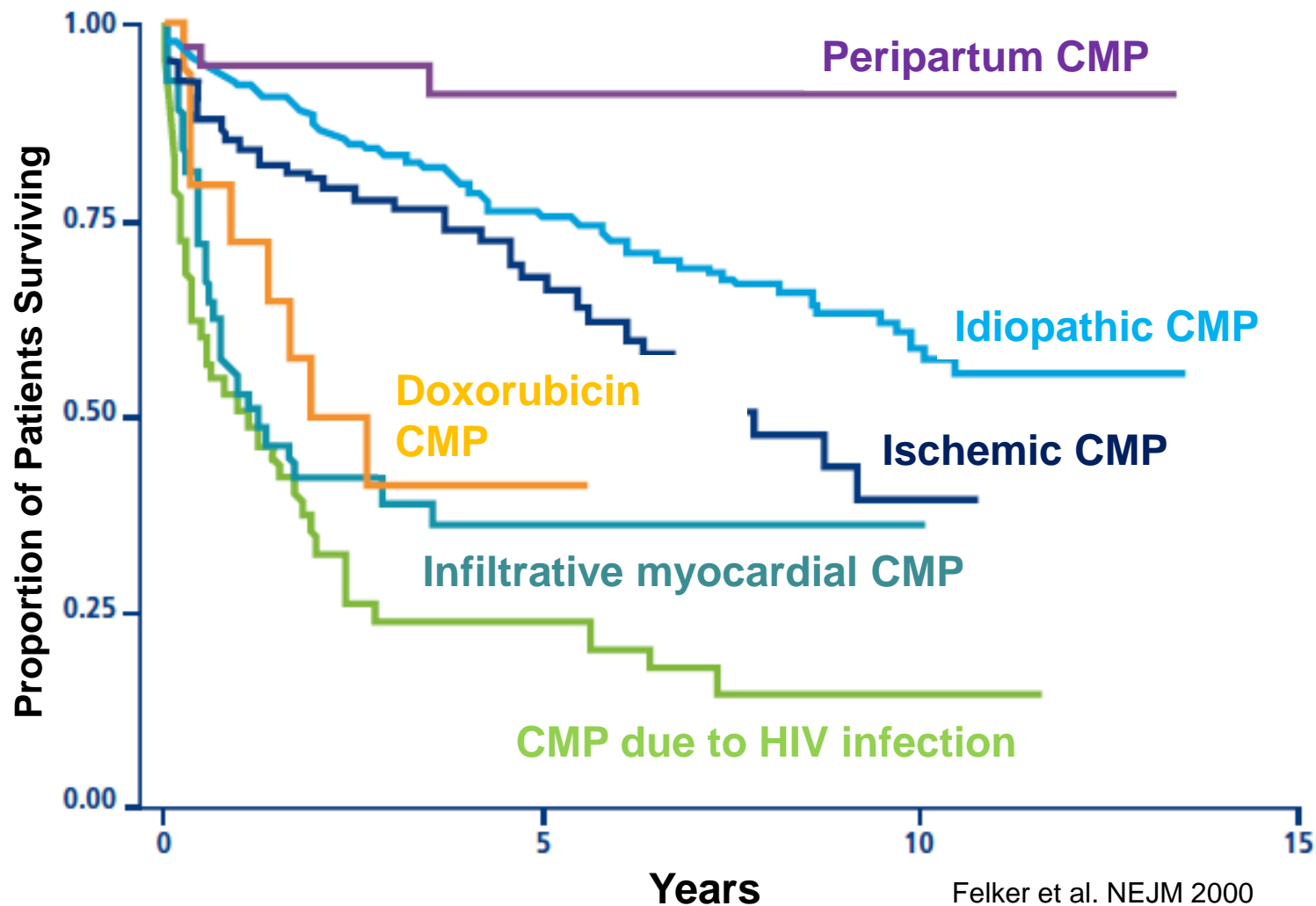
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# Cardiomyopathies

- Classification -

- Cardiomyopathies (non-ischemic) have high mortality -



# ESC Guidelines

## - Cardiovascular MRI -

- Goldstandard for the assessment of **volumes, mass** and **EF**
  - High accuracy and reproducibility
- Preferred imaging method to assess **myocardial fibrosis** using
  - late gadolinium enhancement (LGE) – *focal fibrosis*
  - T1 mapping – *diffuse interstitial fibrosis*

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
<b>CMR</b>		
CMR is recommended for the assessment of myocardial structure and function in those with poor echocardiogram acoustic windows.	I	C
CMR is recommended for the characterization of myocardial tissue in suspected infiltrative disease, Fabry disease, inflammatory disease (myocarditis), LV non-compaction, amyloid, sarcoidosis, iron overload/haemochromatosis.	I	C
CMR with LGE should be considered in DCM to distinguish between ischaemic and non-ischaemic myocardial damage.	IIa	C

# Diagnostic Modules

## - Cardiovascular MRI -



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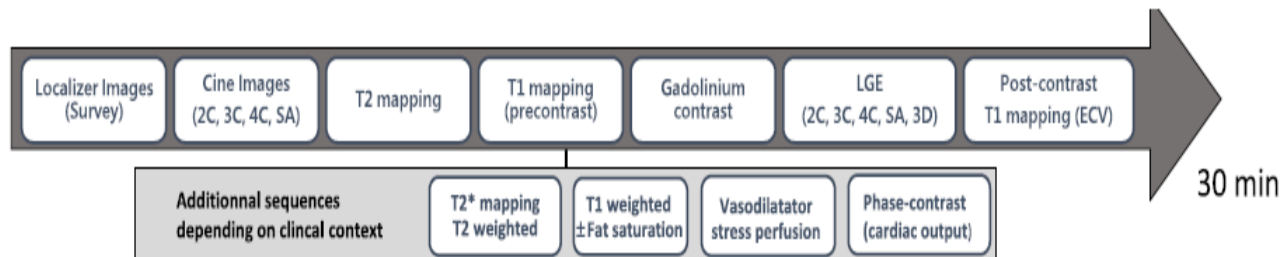
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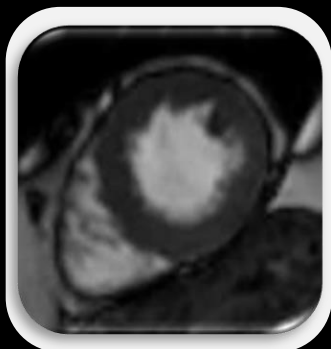
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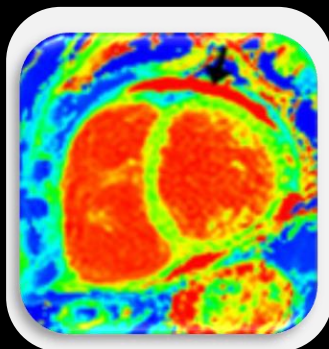
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Function/Strain



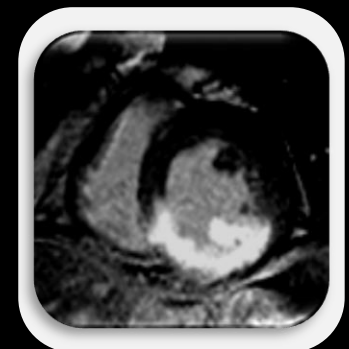
Tissue



Ischemia

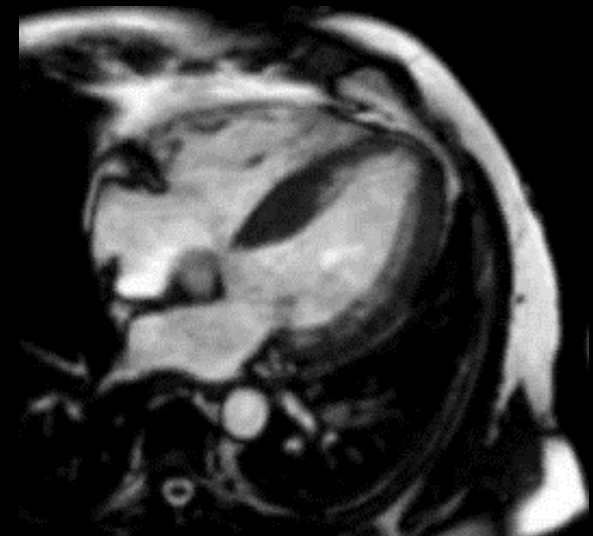
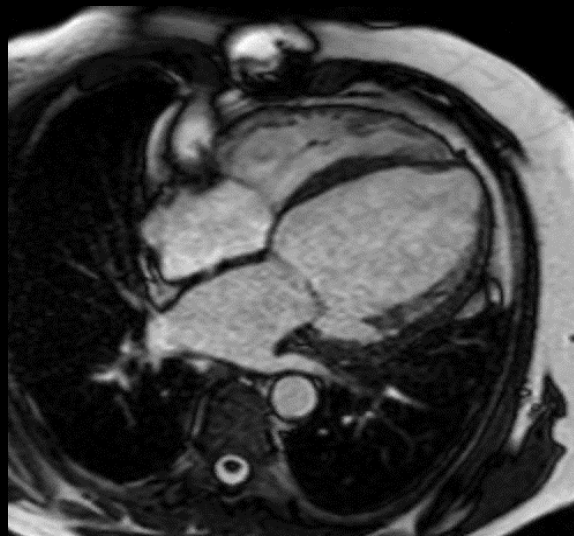
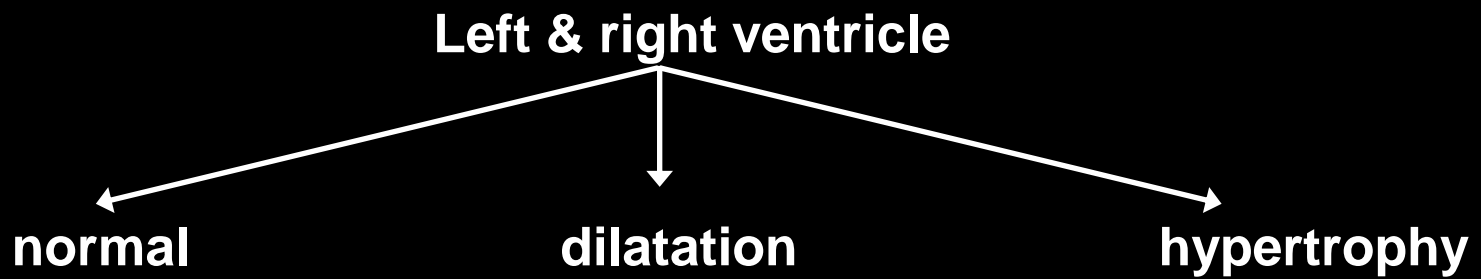


Fibrosis/Scar



# Cardiomyopathy

## - Diagnosis and Etiology-

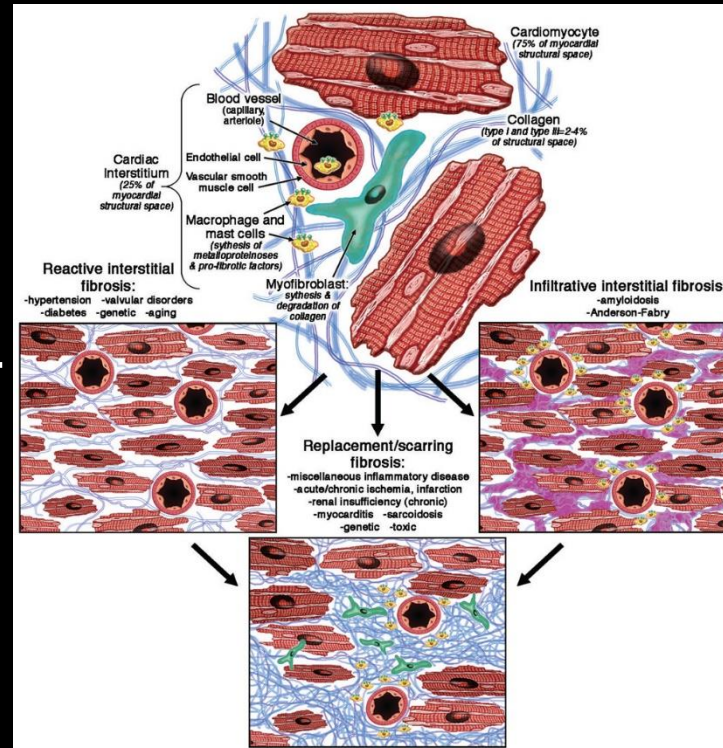


# Diagnostic Modules

## - Fibrosis/Scar -

### Types of fibrosis:

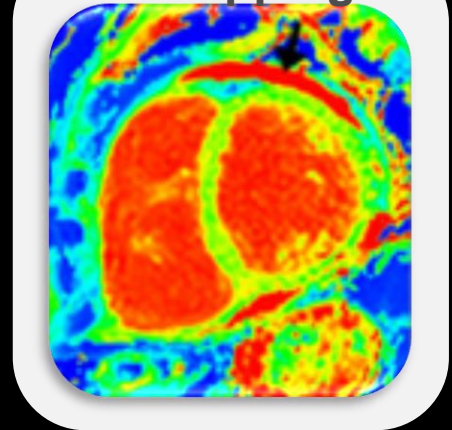
- Reactive interstitial
  - *AS, HT, Age*
- Replacement/scarring
  - *MI, Myocarditis, Toxic, Sarcoid*
- Infiltrative interstitial
  - *Amyloid, Fabry*



LGE

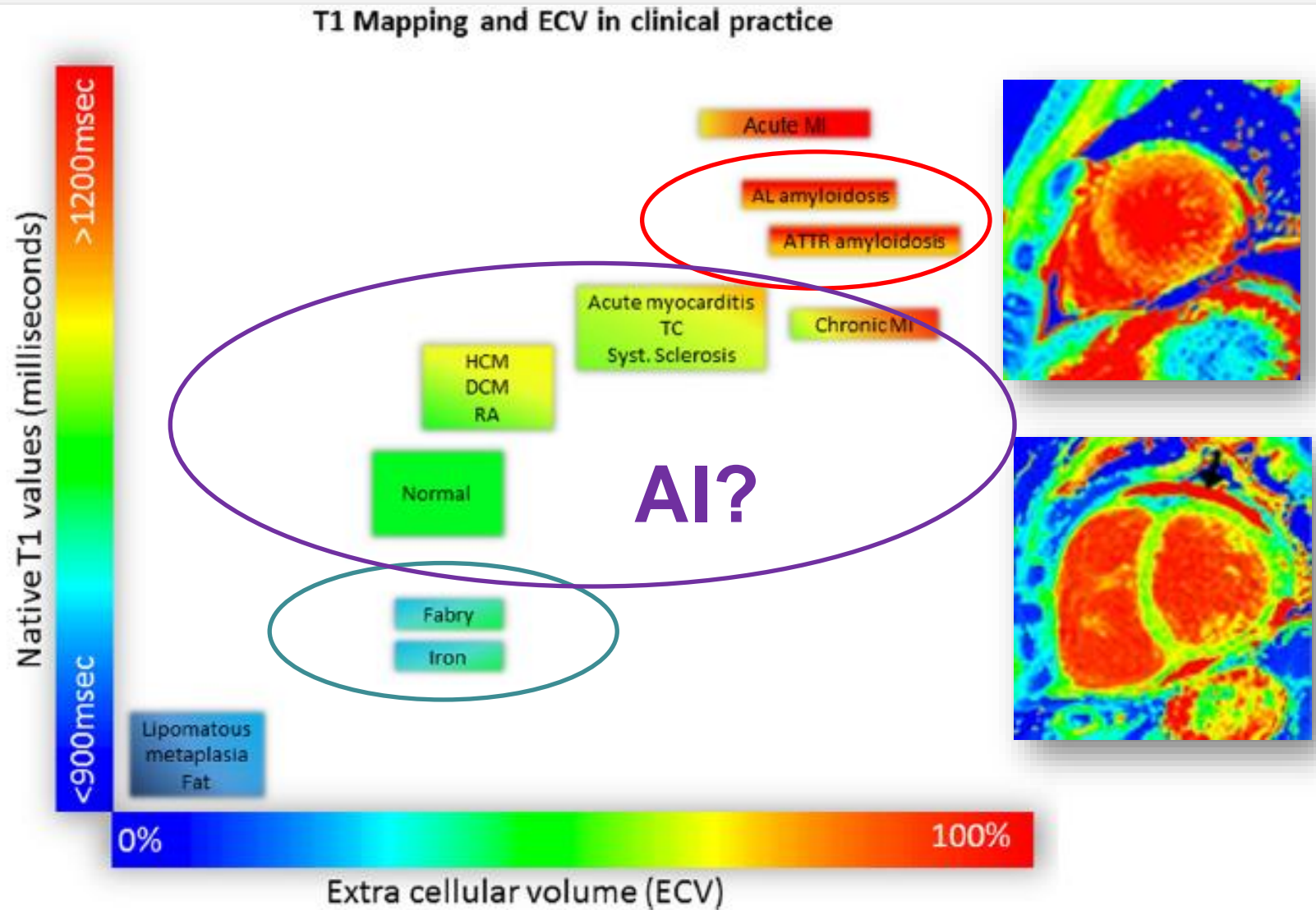


T1-Mapping



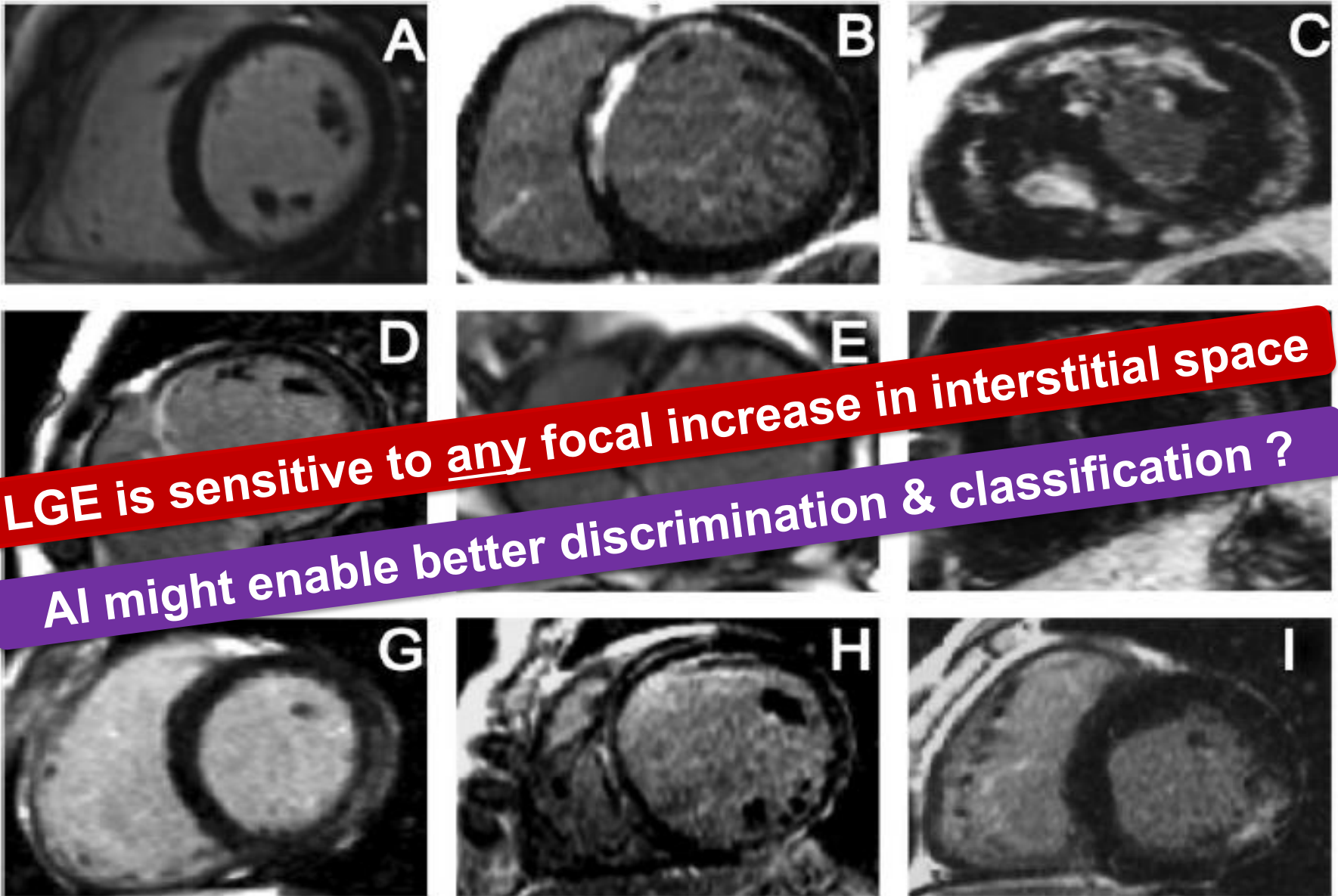
# Diffuse fibrosis

- native T1 Mapping (without contrast agent) -



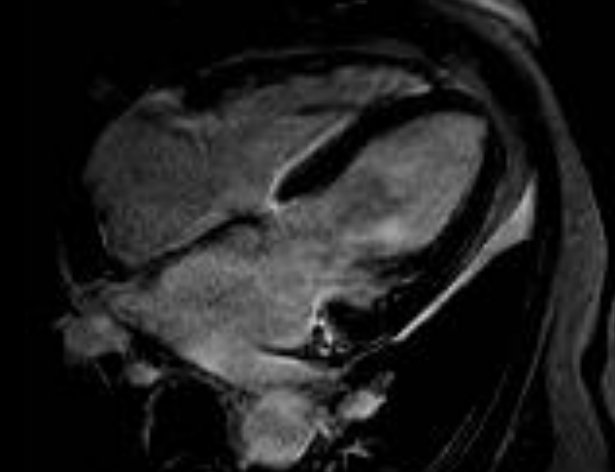
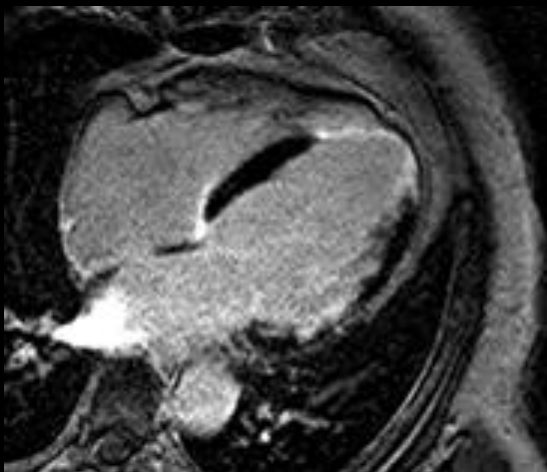
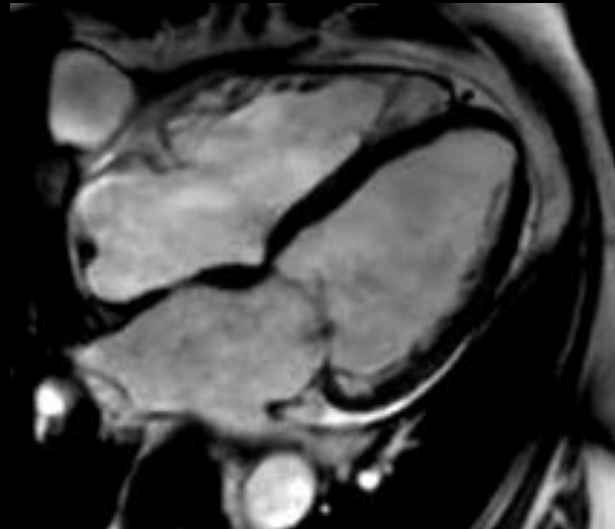
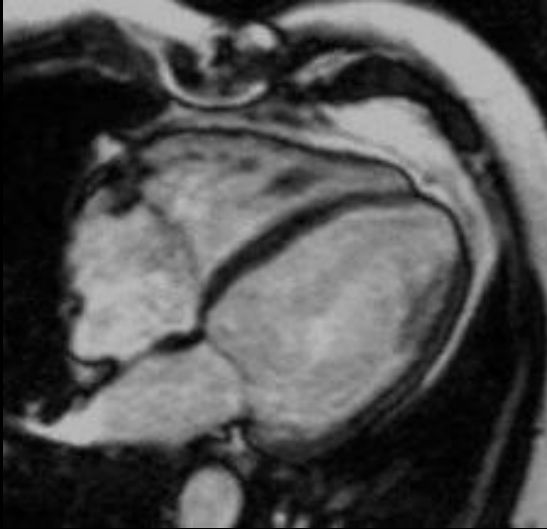


# Late Gadolinium Enhancement (LGE)



# Chronic Left ventricular dysfunction

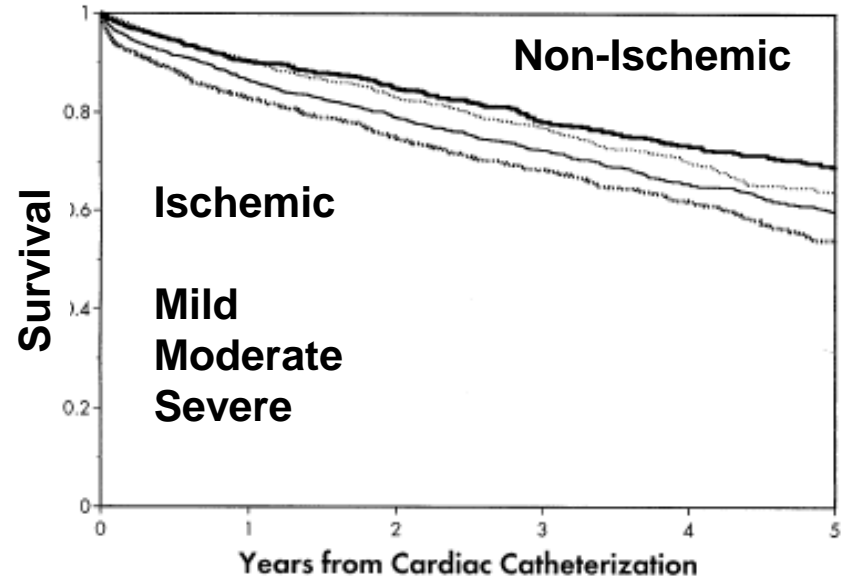
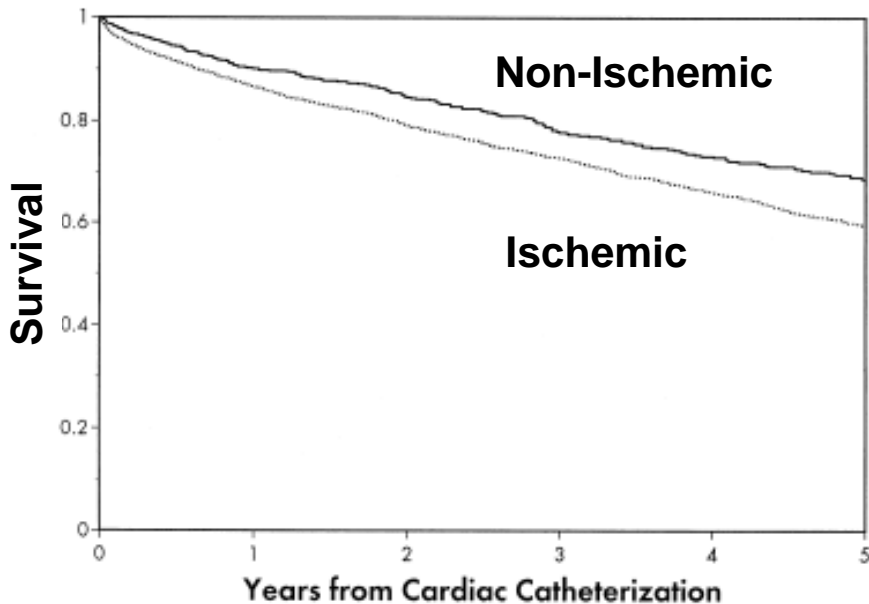
- Ischemic vs. Non-Ischemic-



# Prognosis Etiology

## - Ischemic vs. Non-Ischemic -

**Figure 3.** Adjusted Kaplan-Meier survival estimates for patients with nonischemic (solid line) and ischemic (dashed line) cardiomyopathy ( $p < 0.0001$ ).



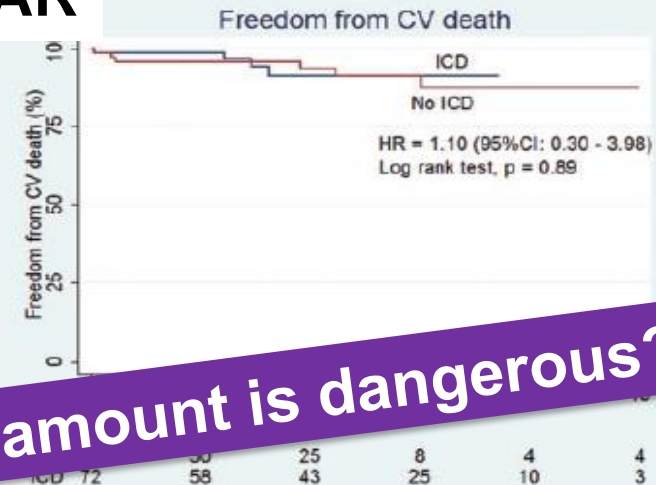
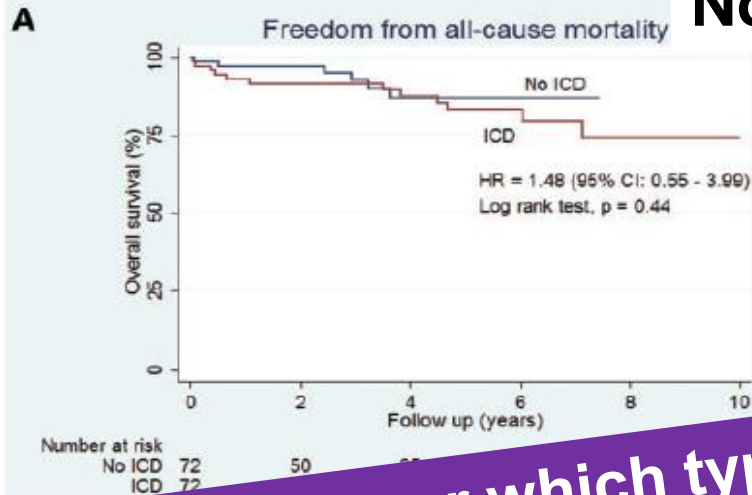
**Figure 4.** Adjusted Kaplan-Meier survival estimates for patients with nonischemic cardiomyopathy (heavy solid line), ischemic cardiomyopathy with mild CAD (light dashed line), ischemic cardiomyopathy with moderate CAD (light solid line) and ischemic cardiomyopathy with severe CAD (heavy dashed line).

N= 3787, LVEF < 40%, 11y follow-up

# Prognosis Non-Ischemic CMP

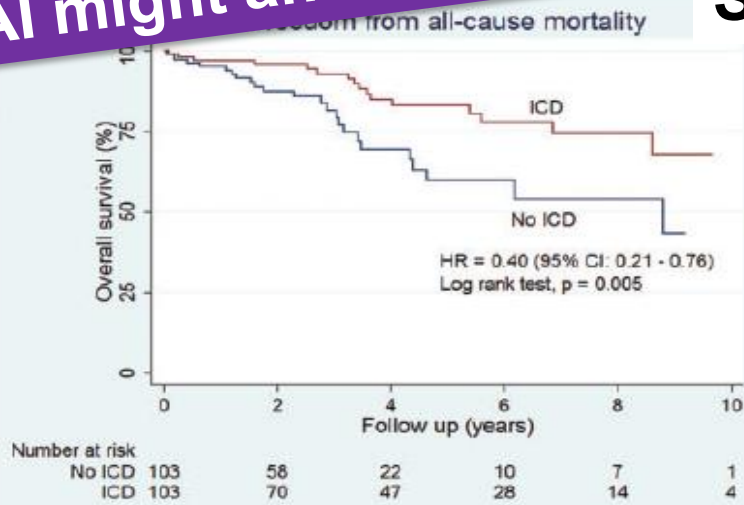
- Scar & ICD -

## No SCAR



AI might answer which type & amount is dangerous?

## SCAR

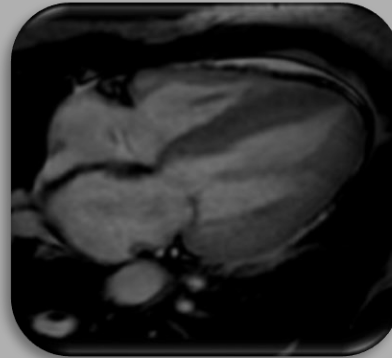


# Non-Ischemic Cardiomyopathies

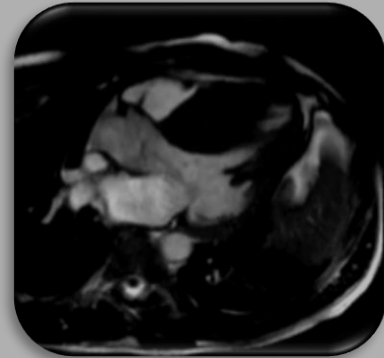
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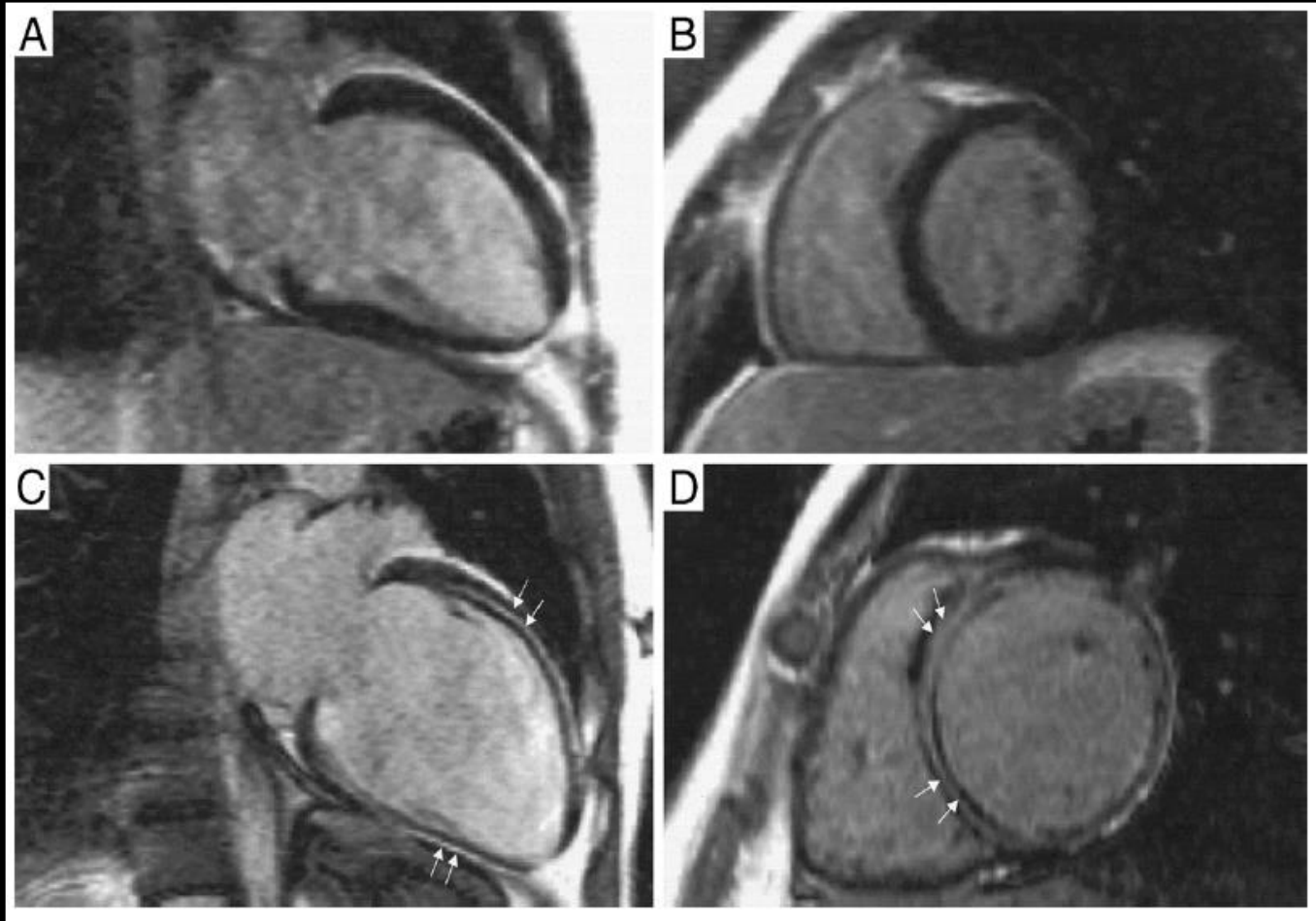
**Restrictive**



**HCM**



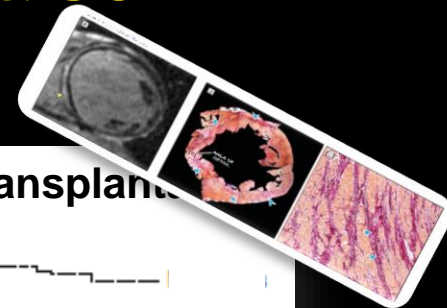
# Dilated Cardiomyopathy



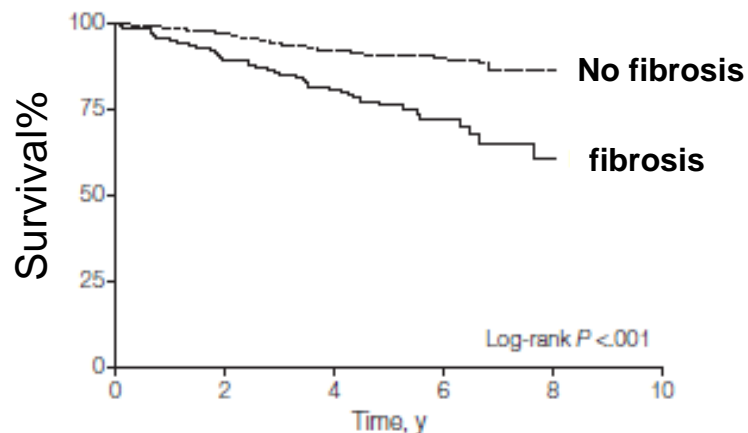
Mid wall enhancement present in **30-35%** of dilated cardiomyopathy

Multivariate analysis showed mid-wall fibrosis is sole predictor of death or hospitalisation

# Association of Fibrosis with Mortality & SCD - in Non-ischemic DCM -

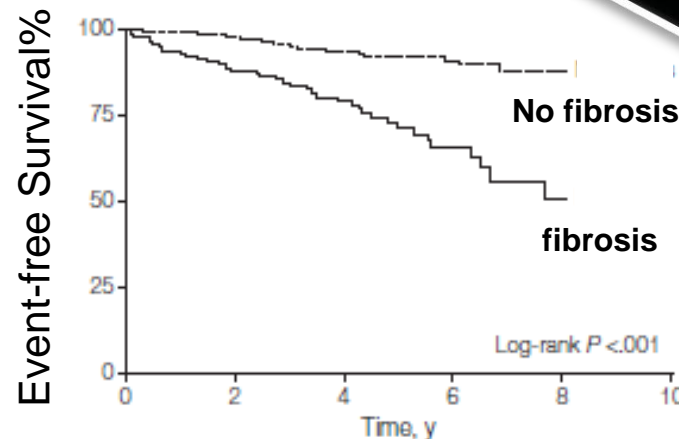


## All-cause mortality



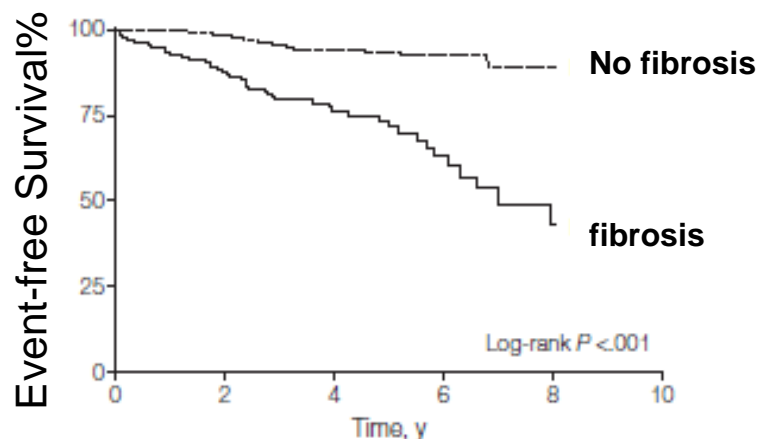
No. at risk	0	2	4	6	8	10
No fibrosis	330	318	260	136	51	
Fibrosis	142	122	99	39	13	

## CV mortality or transplant

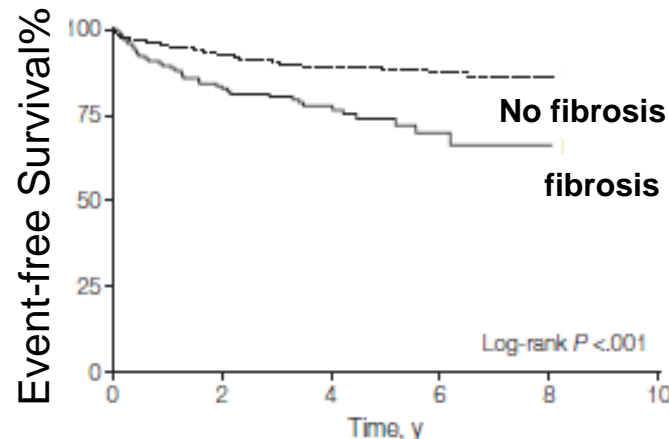


No. at risk	0	2	4	6	8	10
No fibrosis	330	316	184	93	26	
Fibrosis	142	120	79	28	10	

## Sudden cardiac death or aborted SCD



## Heart failure, hospitalisation, HTX



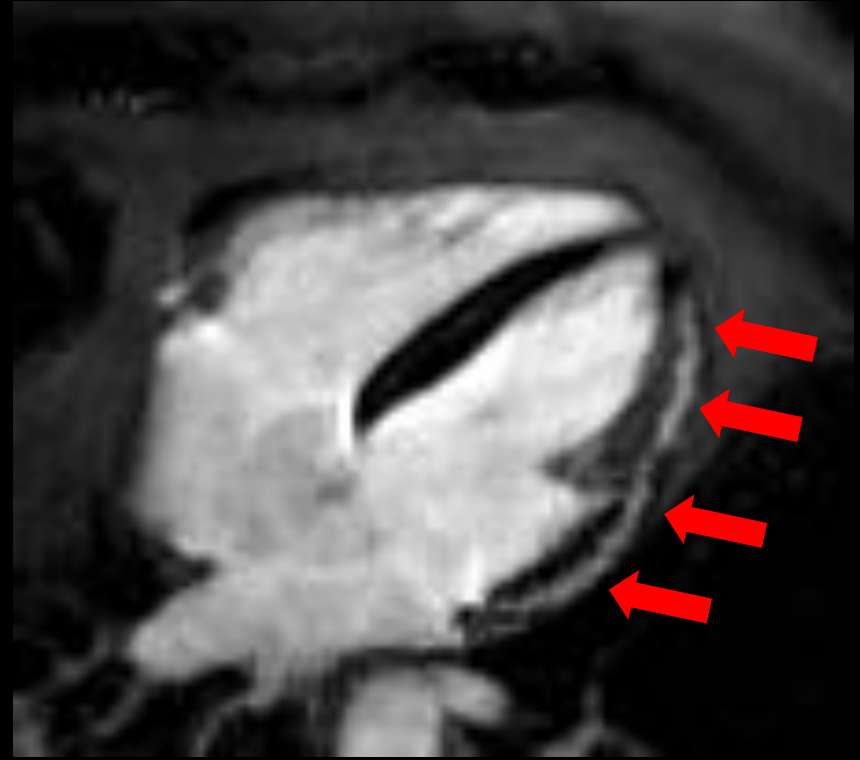
472 pat; FU 5.3 years; Mean EF <40%

# Neuromuscular disorders

## - limb-girdle muscular dystrophy -



Cine



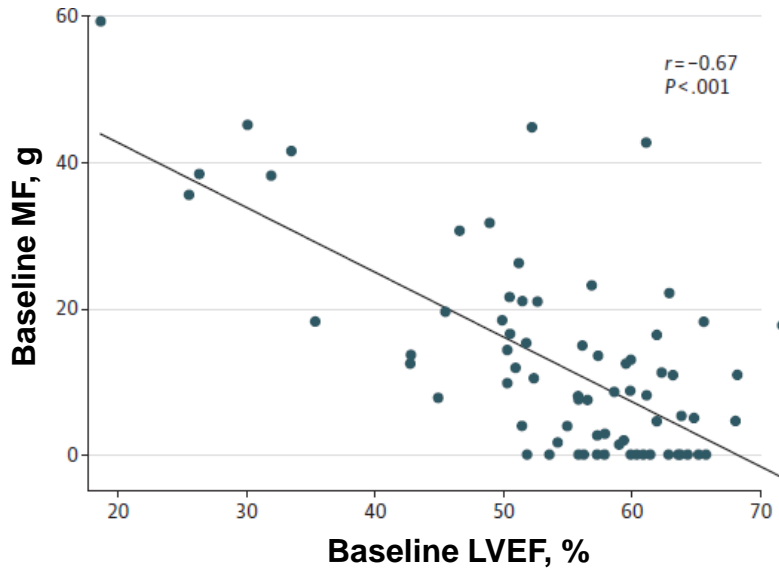
Late enhancement



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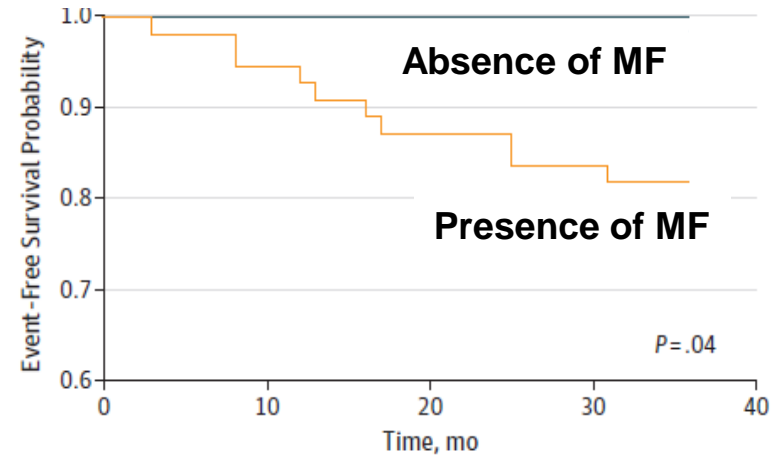
## - Duchenne and Becker Dystrophy -

Myocardial fibrosis and LVEF @ baseline



MF: Myocardial fibrosis

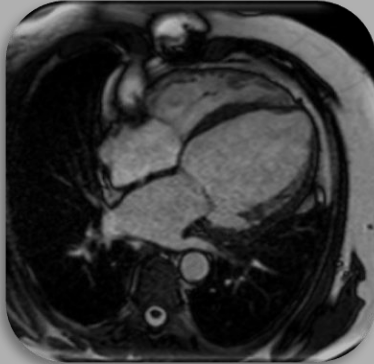
CardioVascular event probability



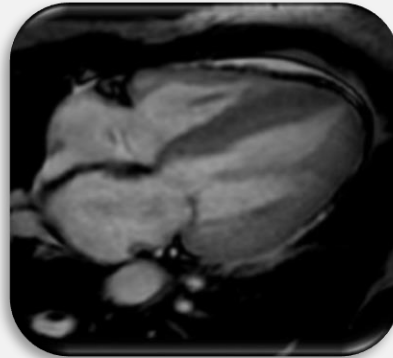
No. at risk		0	10	20	30	40
Absence of MF	21	21	21	21	21	0
Presence of MF	55	52	49	45	45	0

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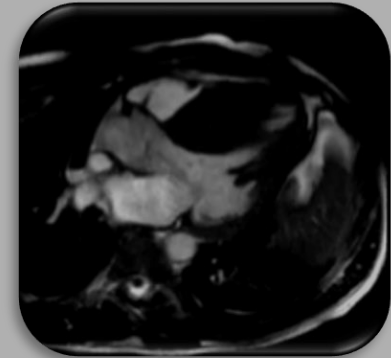
**Dilated**



**Restrictive**



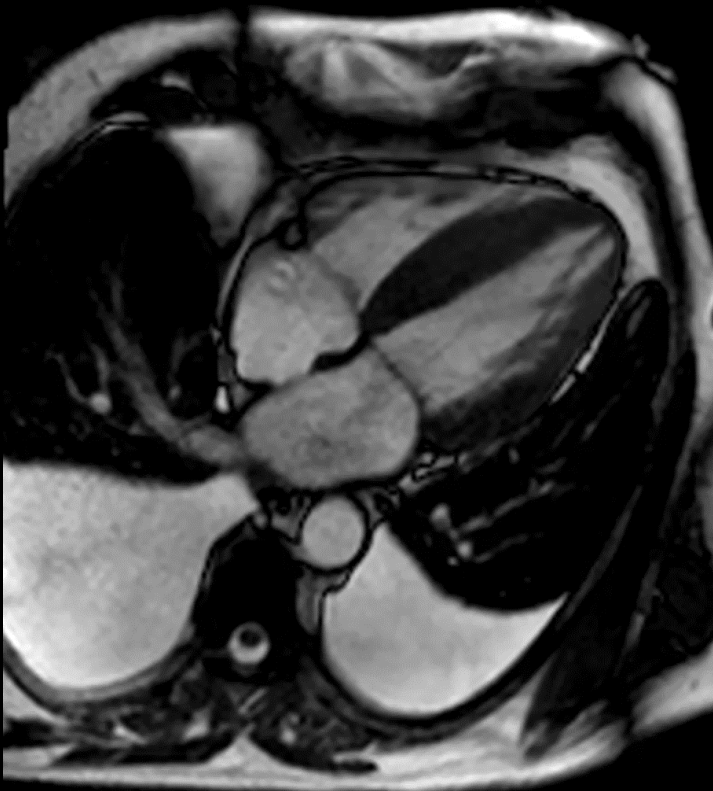
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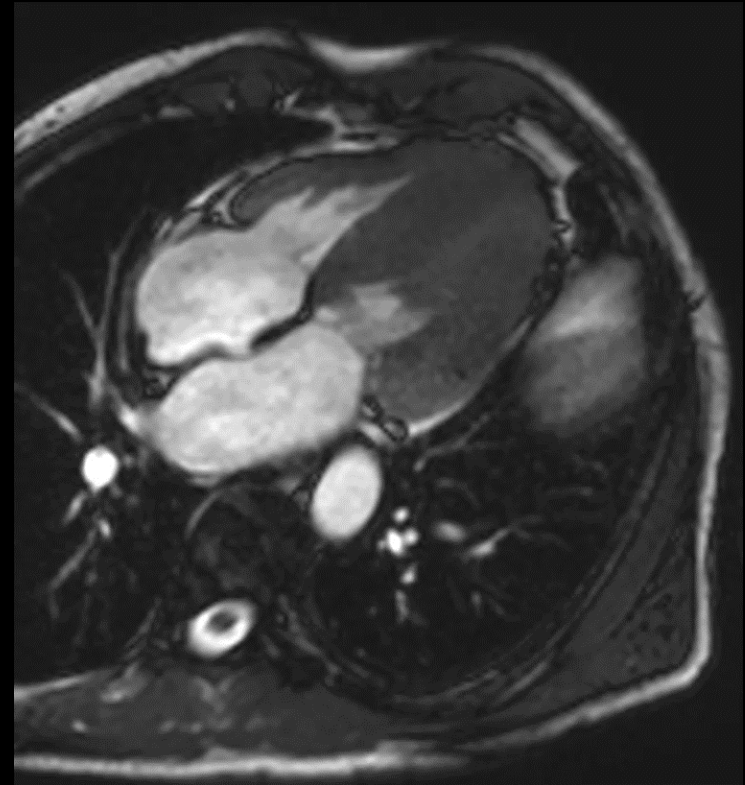
# Cardiomyopathy

## - Diagnosis & Etiology-

59 yo, male, dyspnea (NYHA III)



59 yo, male, dyspnea (NYHA II)



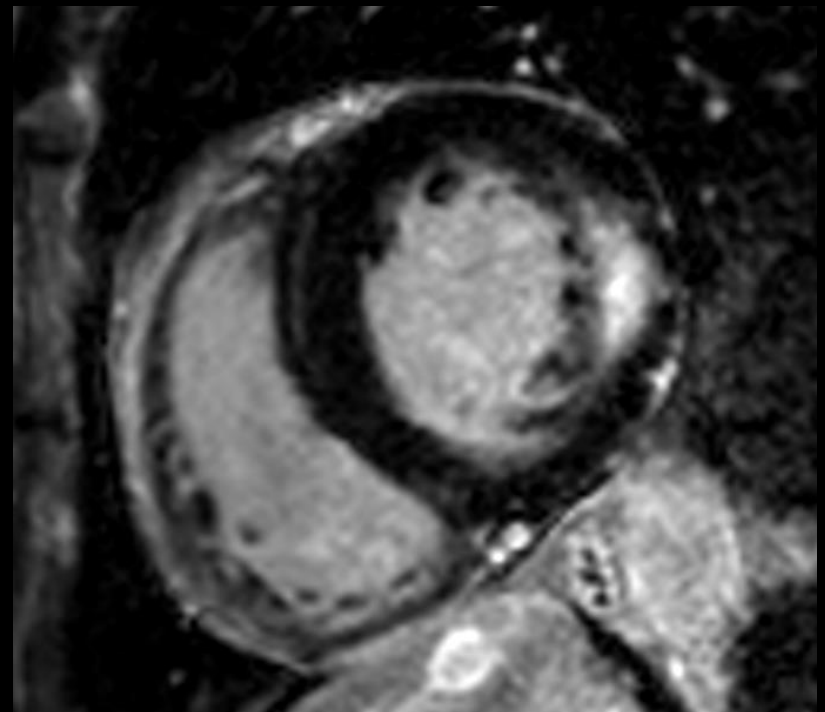
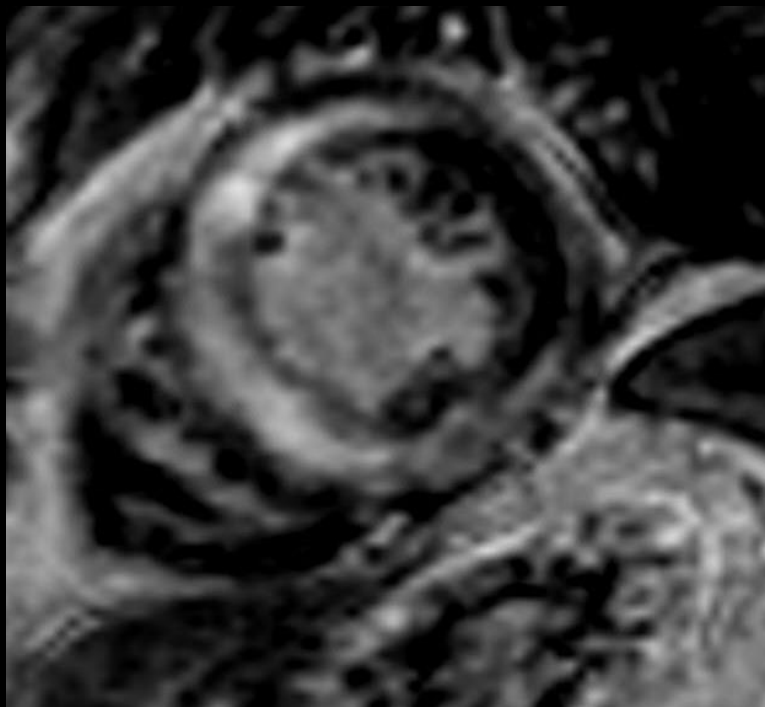
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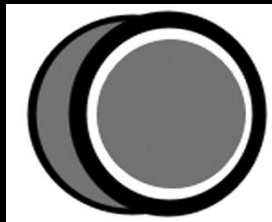
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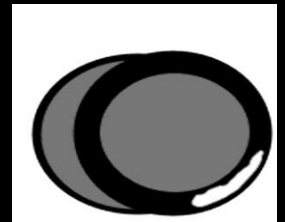
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**Amyloidosis**



**Morbus Fabry**



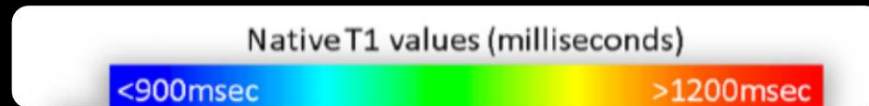
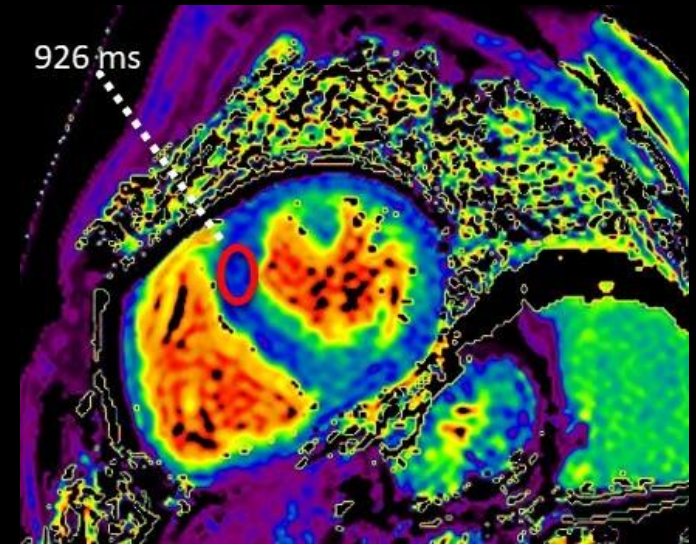
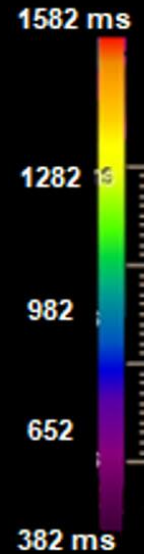
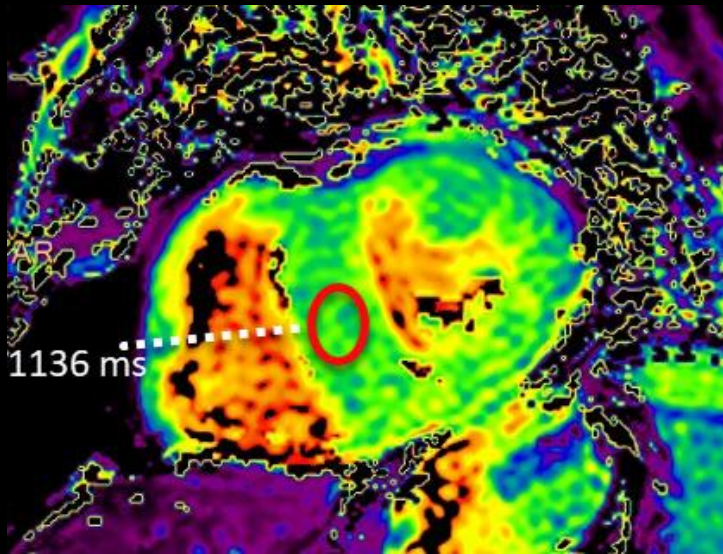
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## - Diagnosis & Etiology-

### T1- Mapping

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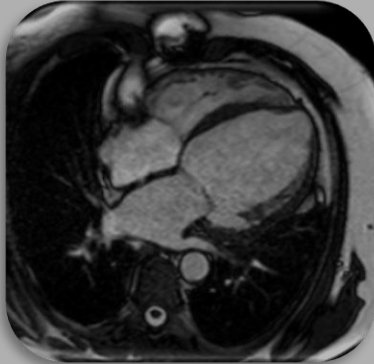


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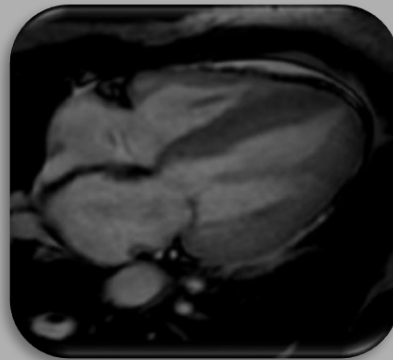
**Morbus Fabry**

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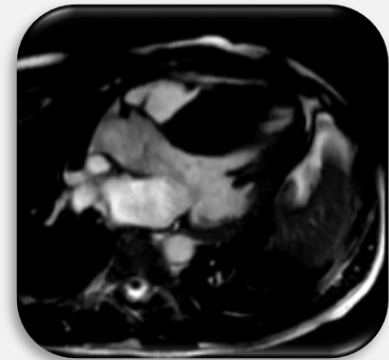
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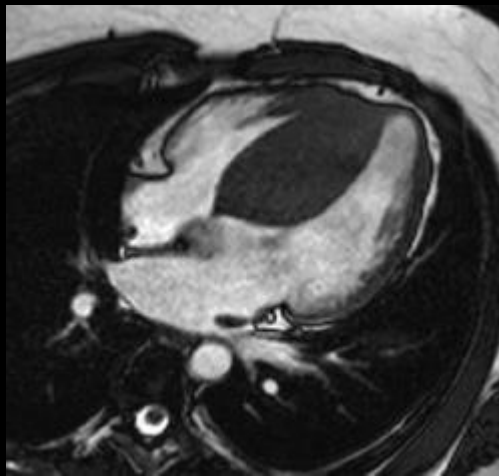


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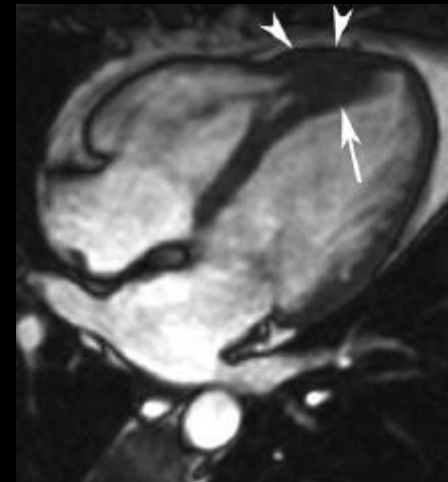
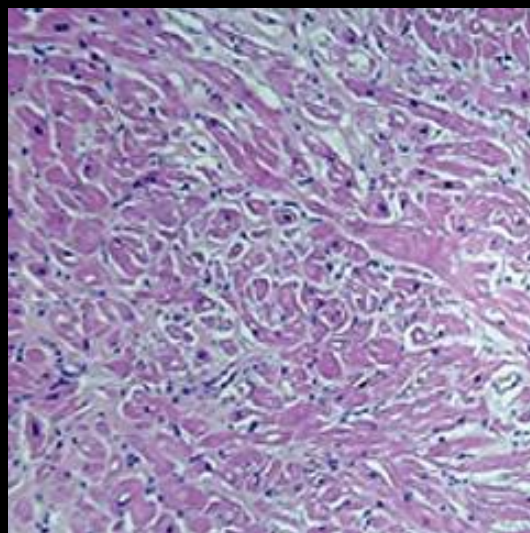


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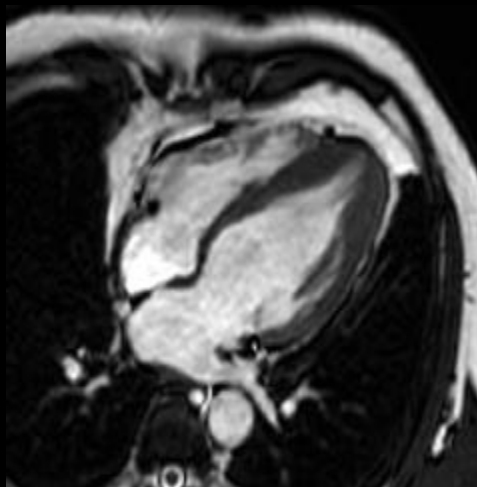
- Phenotypes -



**Septal**



**Focal**



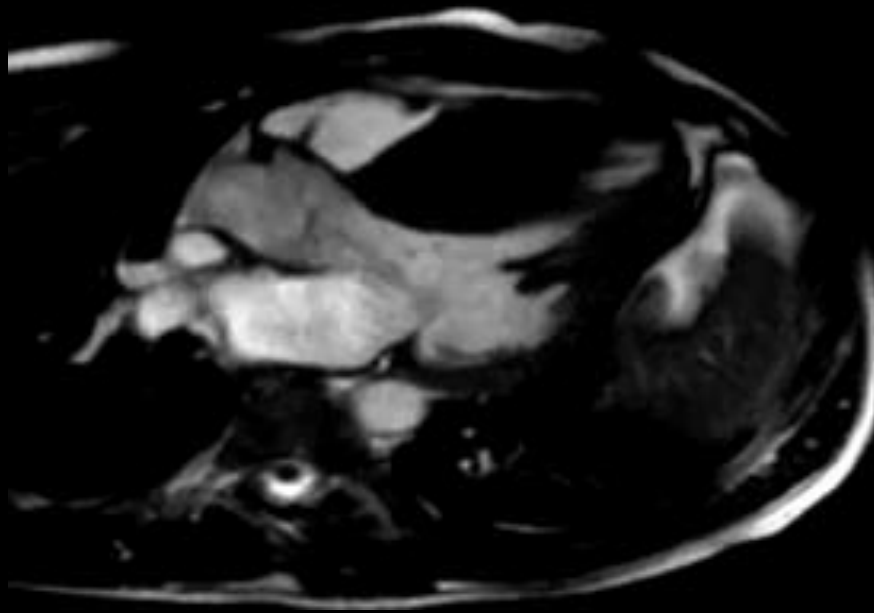
**Apical**



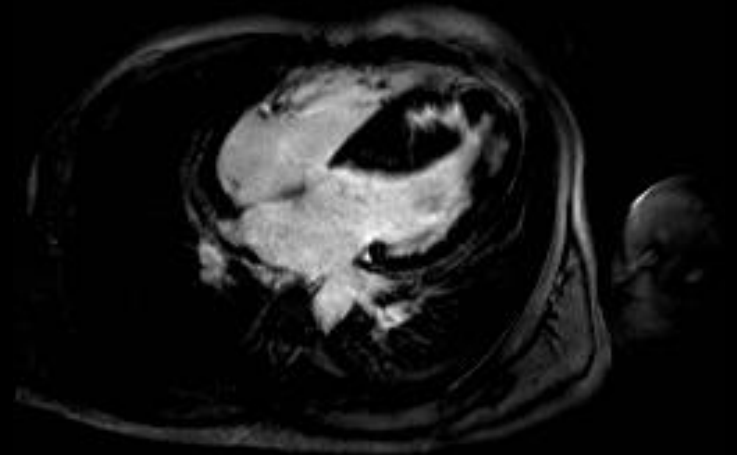
**Midventricular**

# Hypertrophic (obstructive) Cardiomyopathy

Cine



Late Enhancement



Male 25 yo

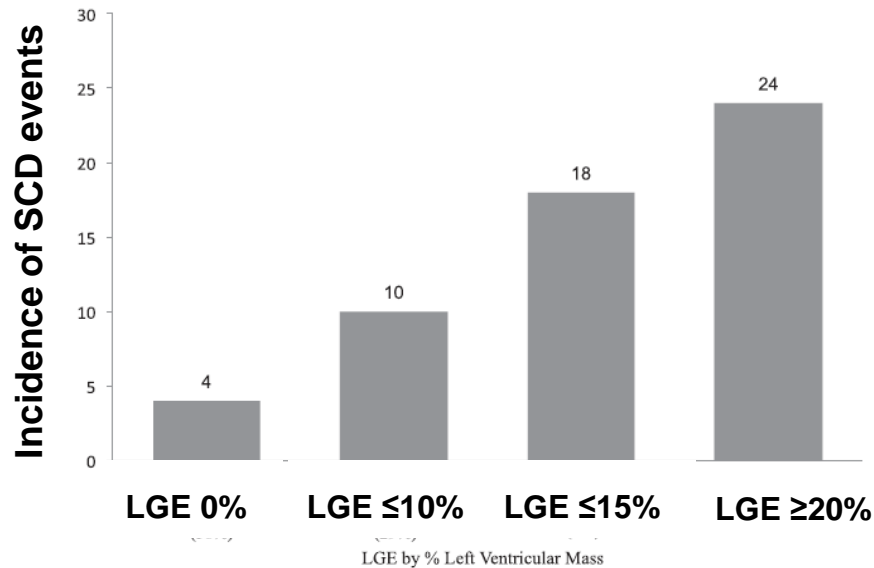
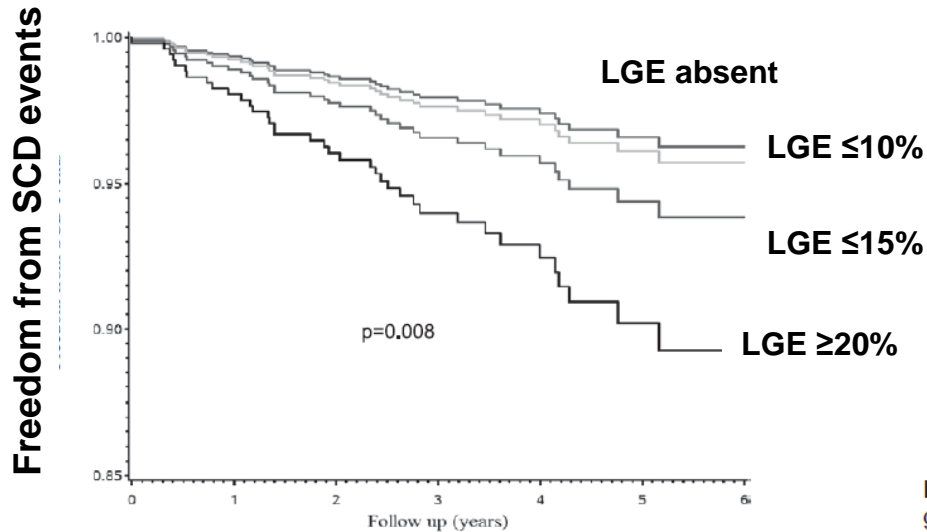
Max. septal Wall 32 mm

Total amount of LV- Fibrosis 7%



# Prognostic value of CMR in HCM

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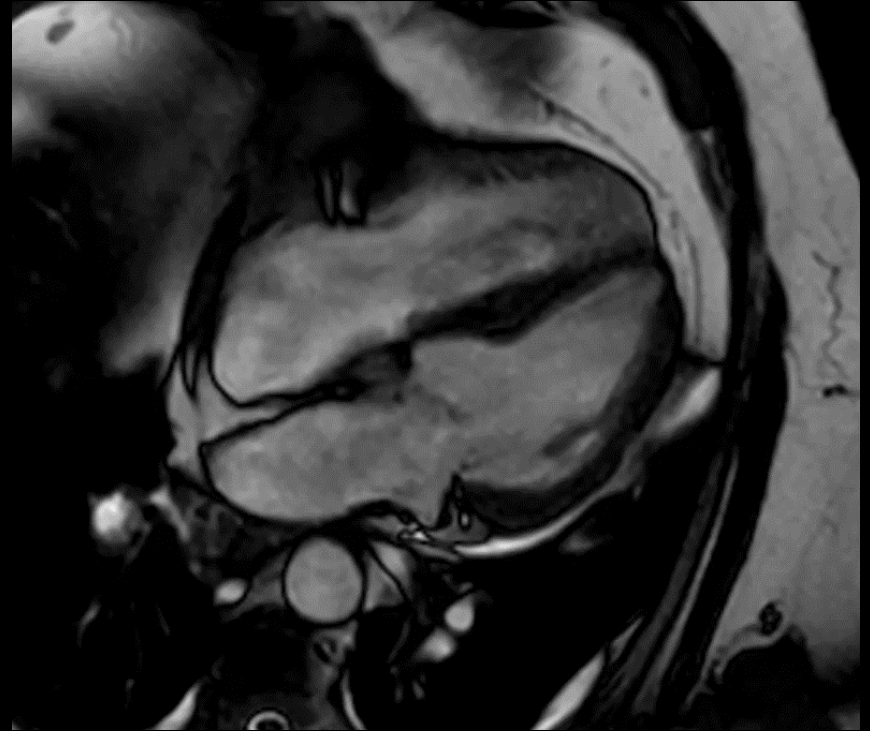
**Figure 2.** Relation between extent of late gadolinium enhancement (LGE) and sudden cardiac death (SCD) events in 1293 patients with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. **A**, Hazard plot based on multivariable Cox regression analysis ( $P=0.008$ ). **B**, Incidence of SCD events increased progressively and in direct relation to the extent of LGE ( $P<0.001$ ).

# Cardiomyopathy

## - Diagnosis & Etiology-

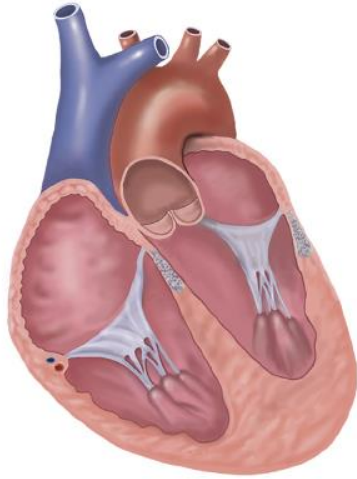


60 yo female  
LVEF 50%  
RVEF 25%  
NSVTs

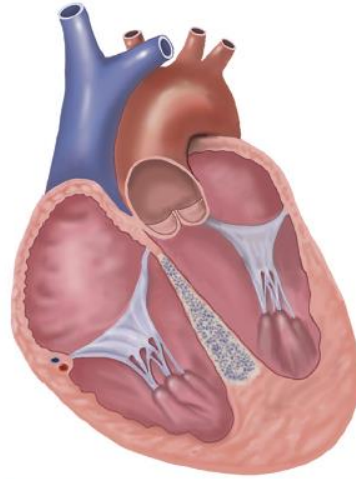


65 yo male  
LVEF 48%  
RVEF 31%  
VTs

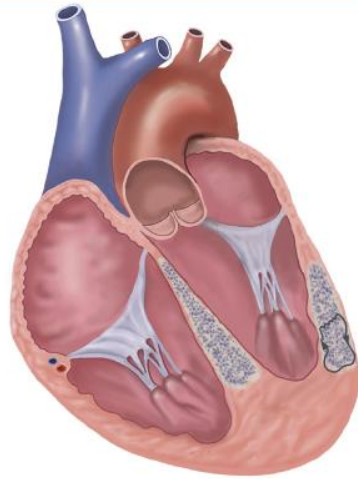
**CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION** Clinical Features of Cardiac Sarcoidosis



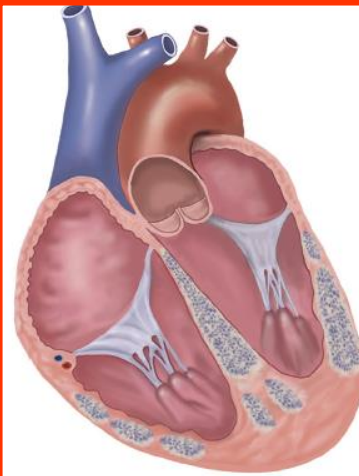
Small patches of basal involvement, usually clinically silent



Large area of septal involvement, often clinically manifest as heart block



Re-entrant circuit involving area of granuloma/fibrosis leading to VT



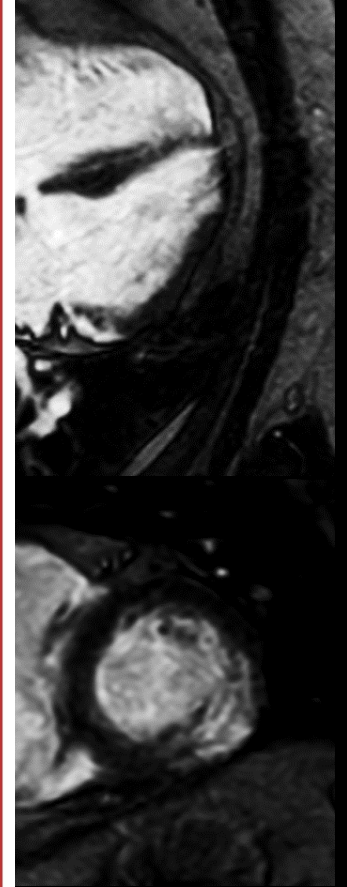
Extensive areas of LV and RV involvement, often clinically manifest as heart failure +/- heart block +/- VT

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LVEF 50%  
RVEF 25%

**RV-Infarcti**



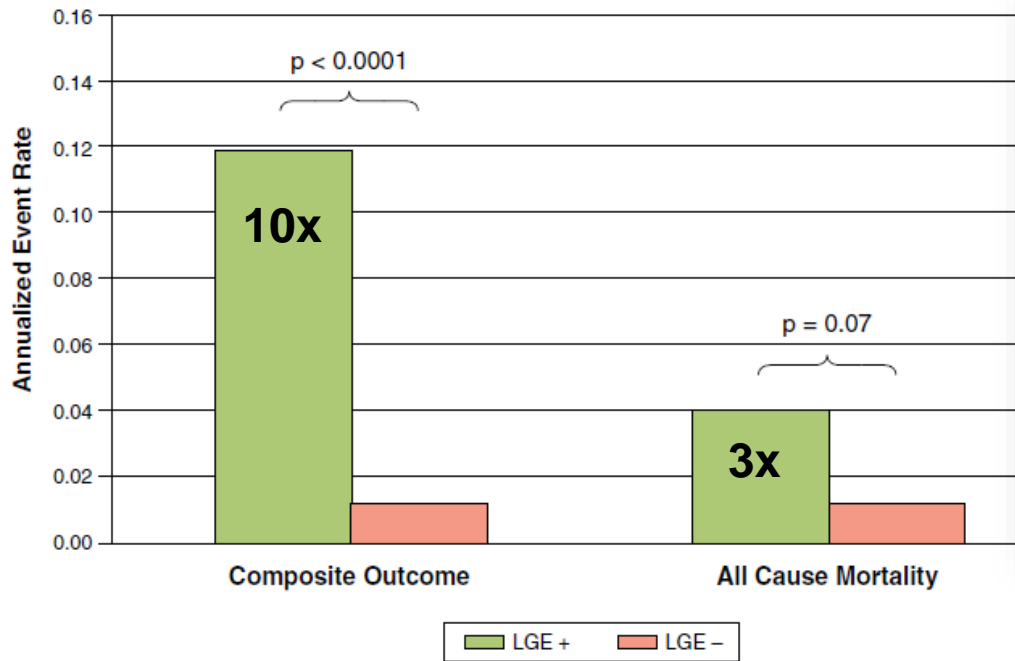
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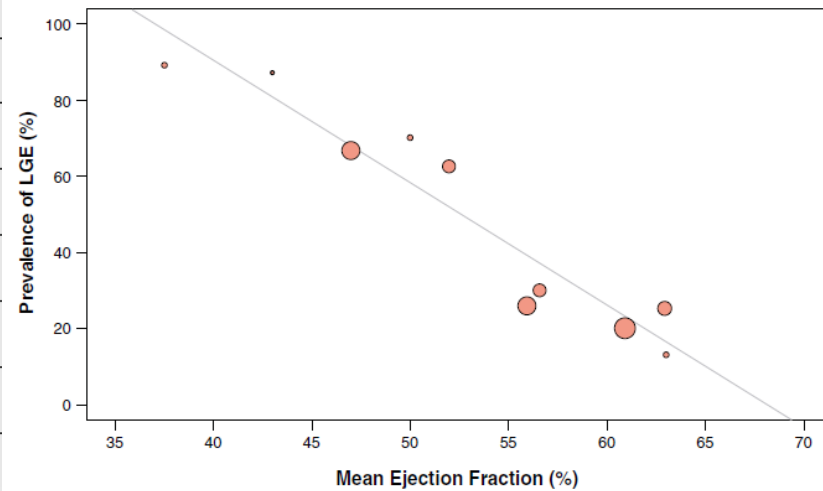
# Prognosis - MRI

## - Sarcoidosis -

**FIGURE 4** AER of Cardiovascular Outcomes for CMR



**Correlation of LGE and LVEF**



**Composite outcome: Mortality and arrhythmogenic events**

**AER: Annualized Event Rate**

**Pooled Data: 10 studies – 760 patients**

# Interpretation of Results



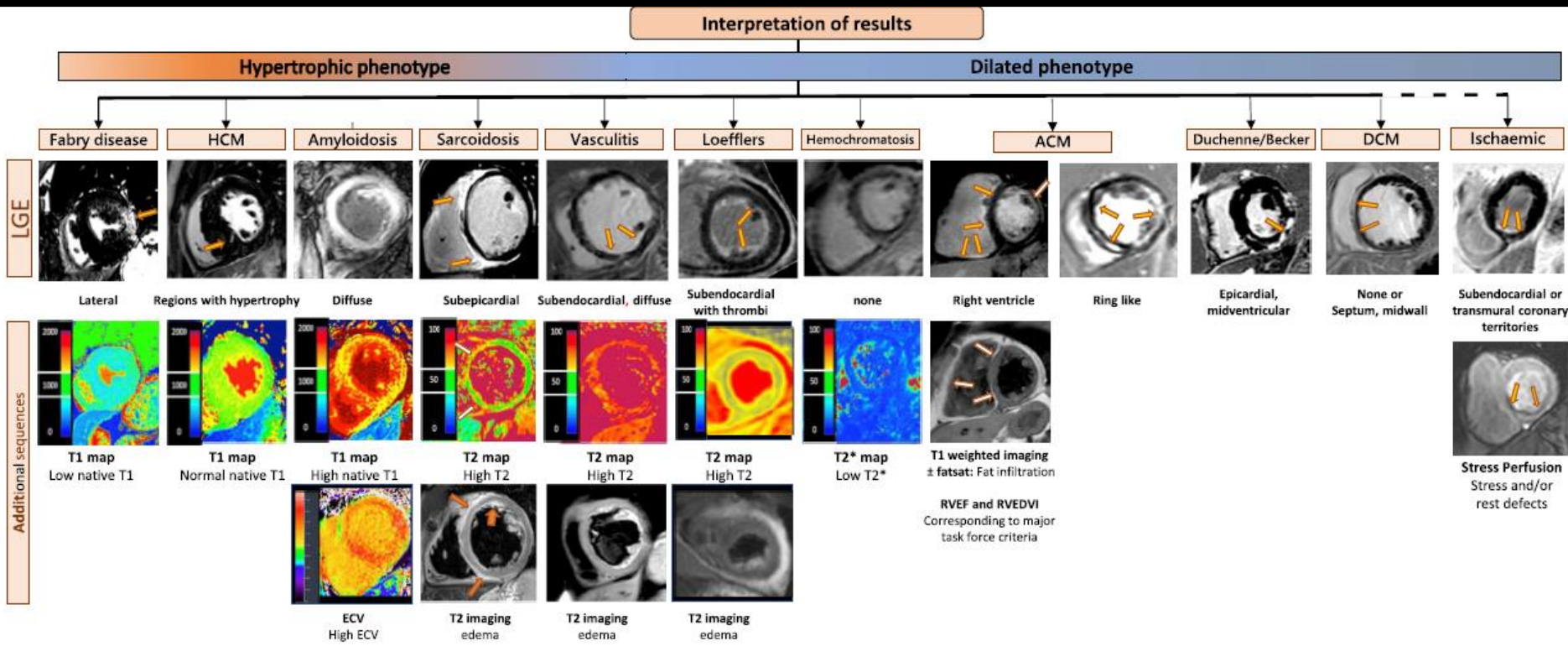
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HOW TO

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# Conclusion

## Cardiac MRI in Cardiomyopathies:

- Has a ESC Class I Indication
- Differentiates ischemic from non-ischemic cardiomyopathy
- **AI might enable deeper phenotyping**
- **Contributes to the establishment of diagnosis and etiology**
  - **Characterization of Cardiomyopathies**
- Provides strong prognostic information

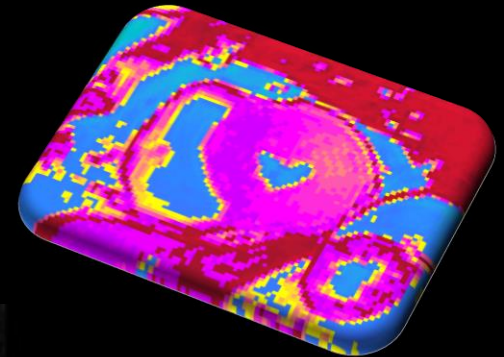
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