

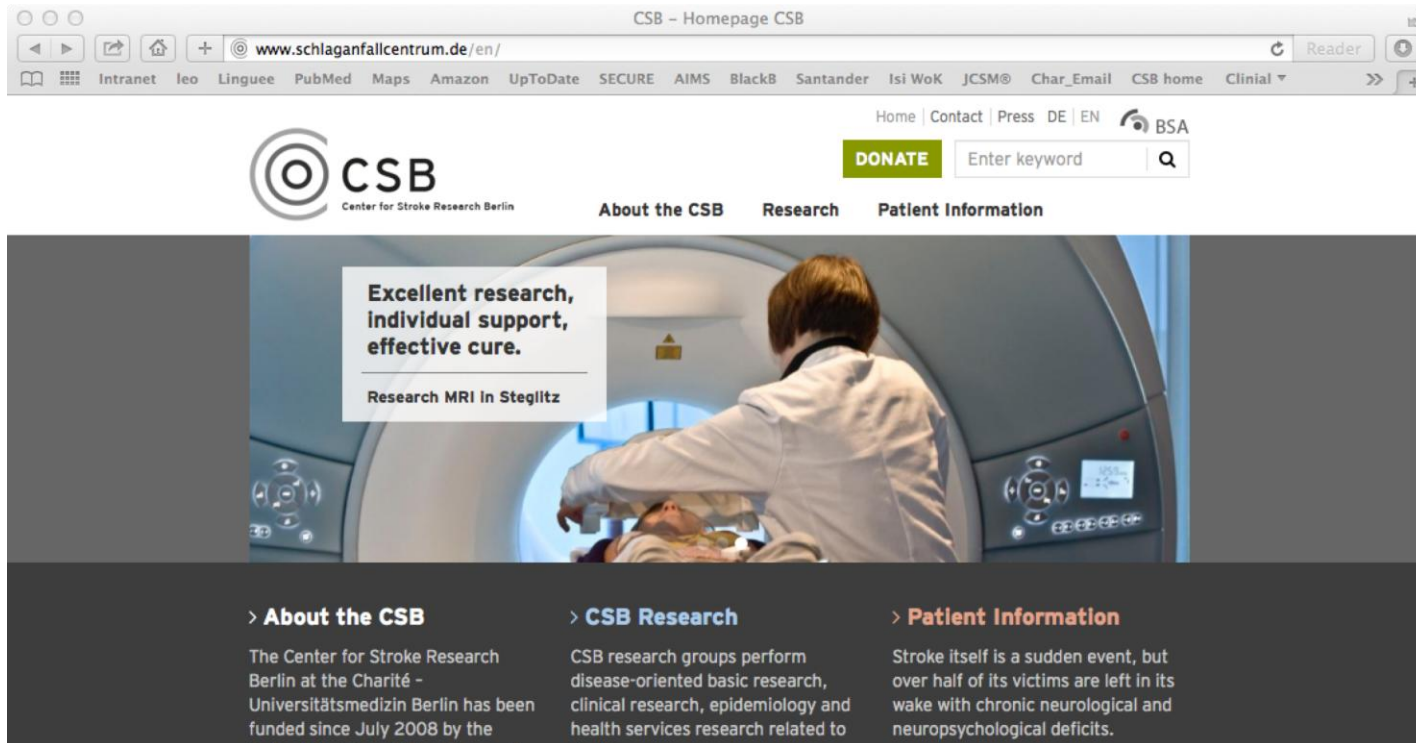
# Work as an academic cardiologist in a neurology department



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**Clinical research**

**Patient support**

**Basic research**

**Clinical care**

**Education**

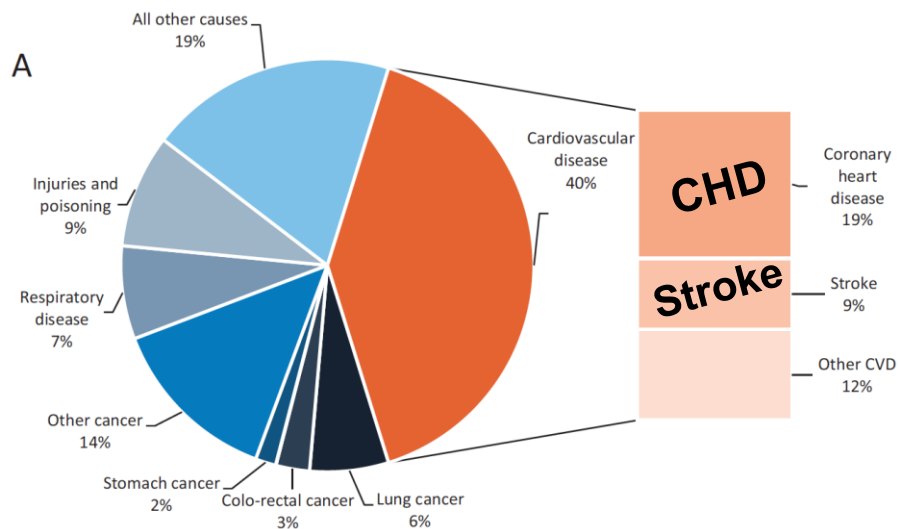
2y Master course

# Cardiovascular disease in Europe: epidemiological update 2016

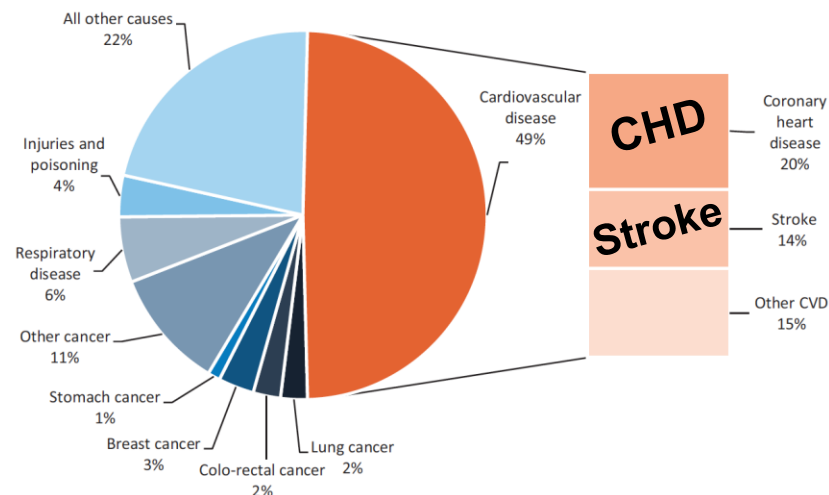
Townsend et al. Eur Heart J, August 2016

## Reason of death in Europe

### Men

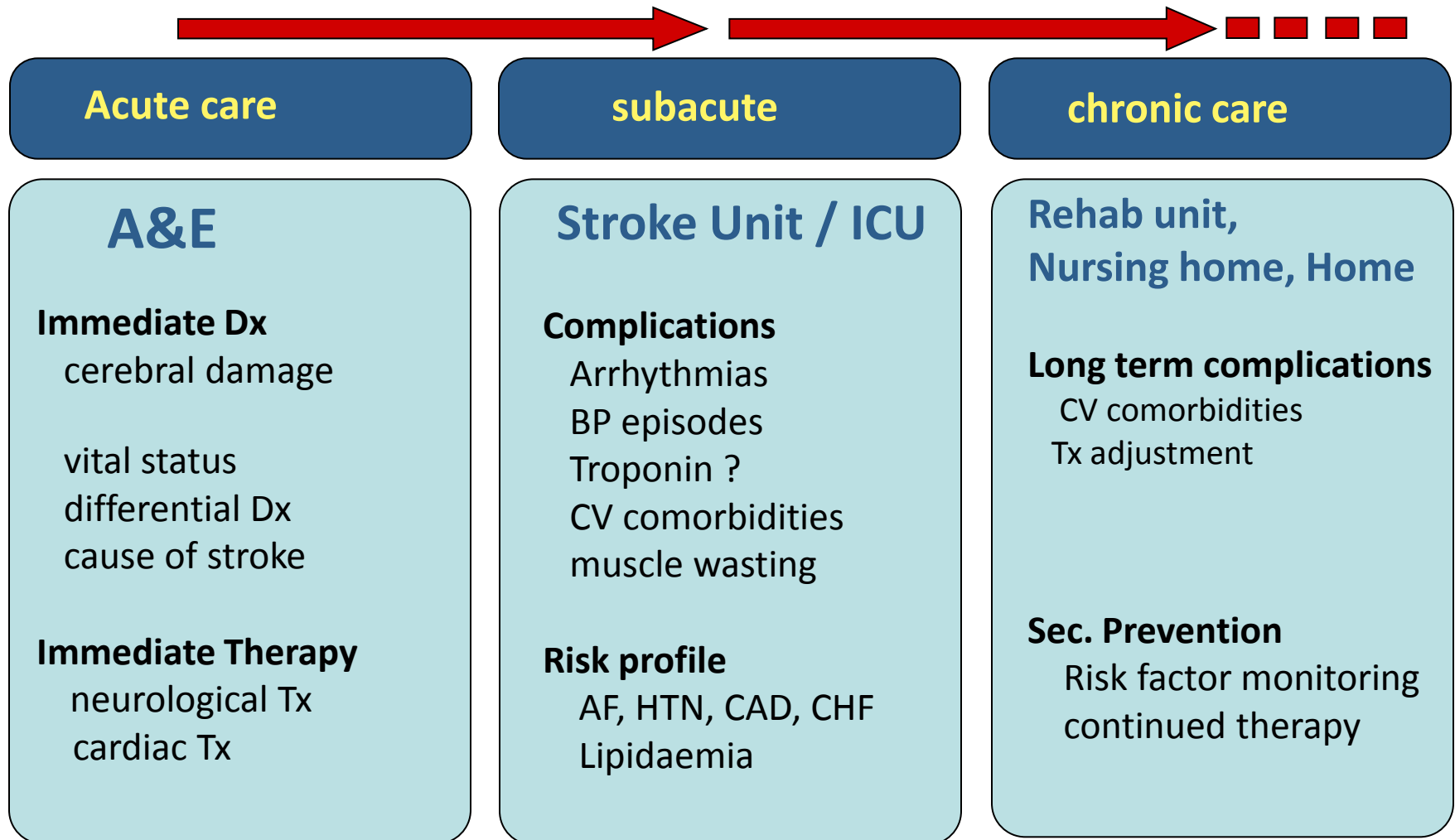


### Women

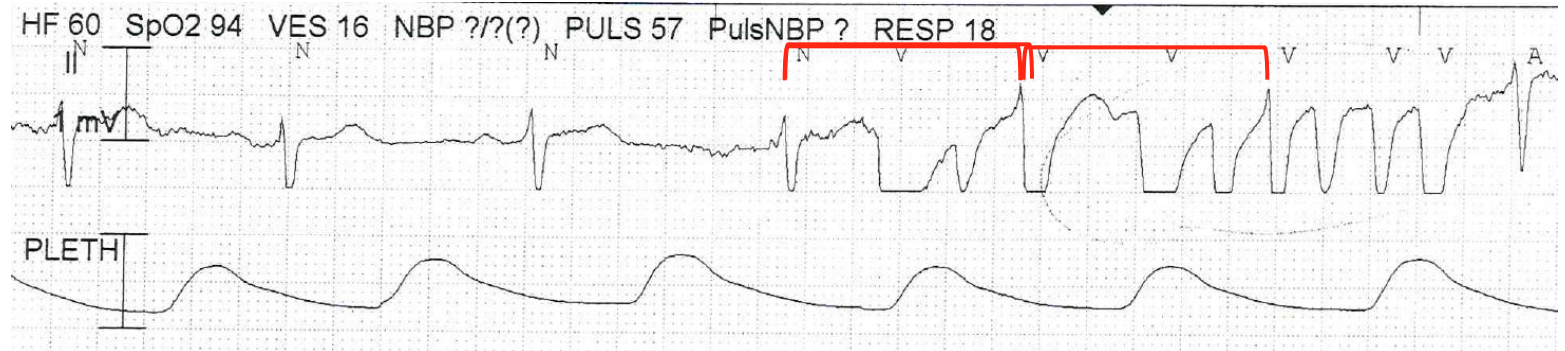


# Stroke - The need for cardiologic input

## Acute Stroke



# The clinical input: ECG Monitoring



# Echocardiography - which type for what ?

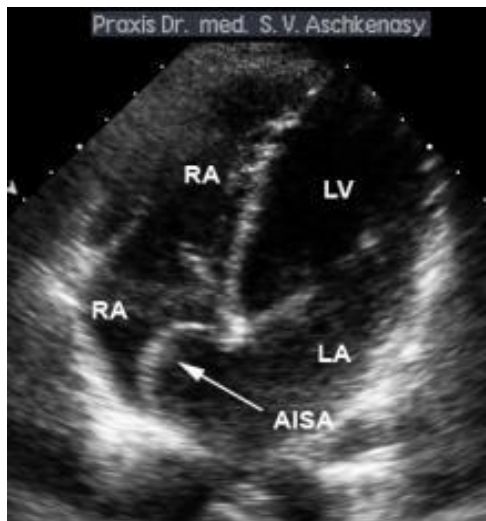
## Trans- thoracic echo TTE

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long distance  
lower resolution

**no definite exclusion of thrombus**

- Size of LV, LA, wallthickness
- Left ventricle contractility
- Akinetic segment (apex)
- LV aneurysm
- Global valve function



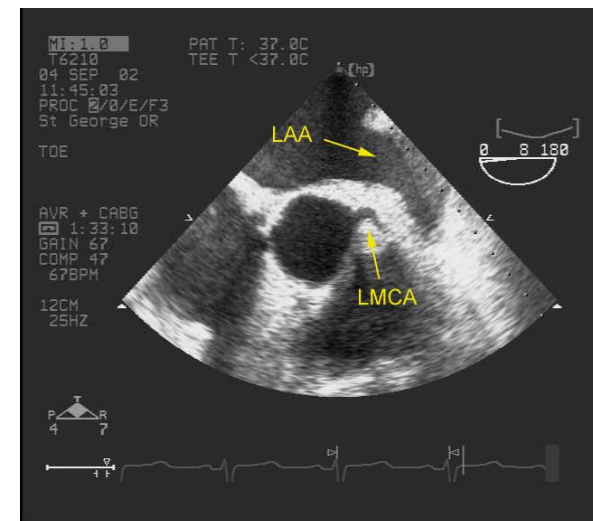
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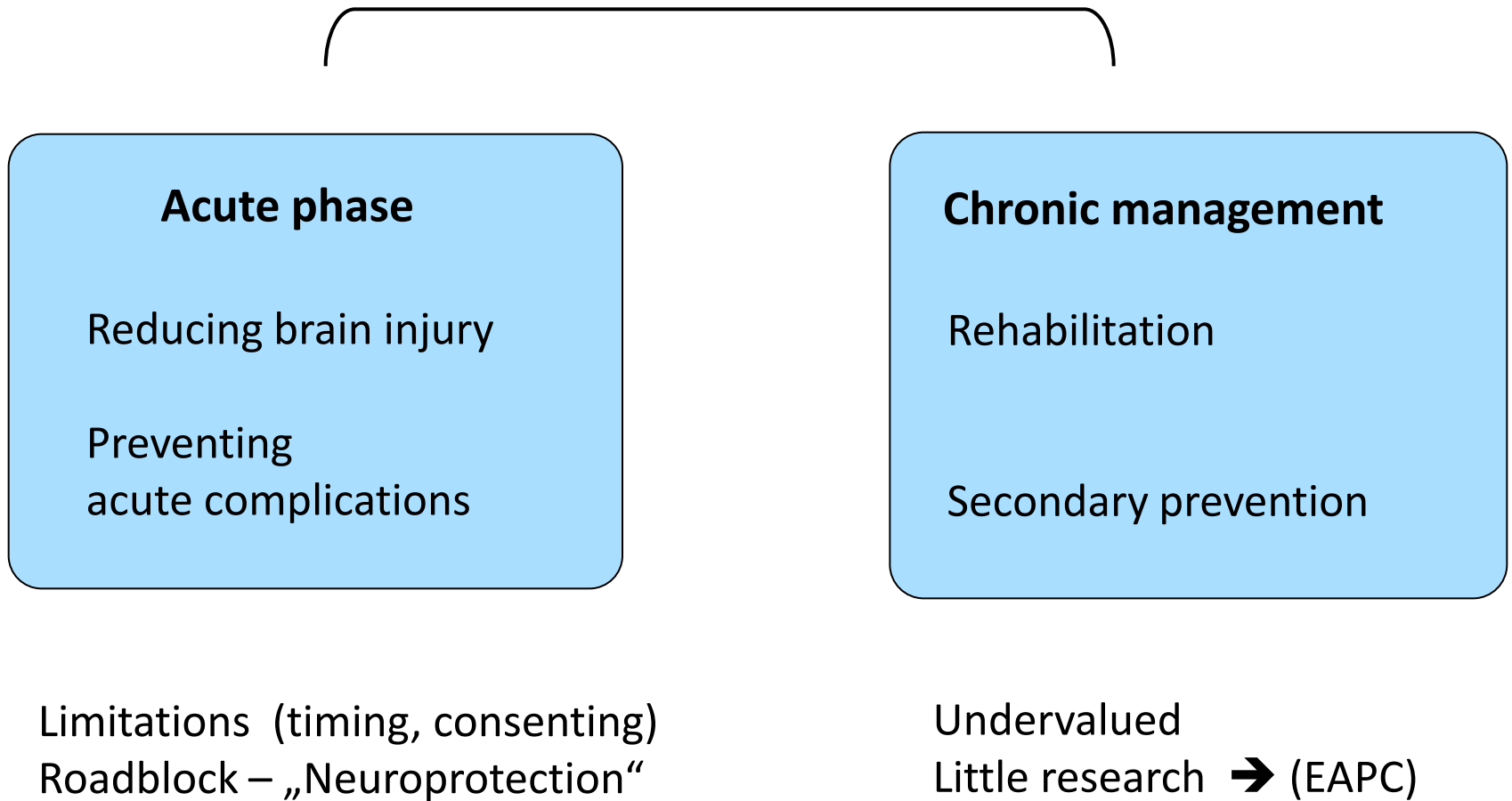
short distance  
very high resolution

**definite exclusion of thrombus**

- LA auricle
- patent voramen ovale
- detailed valve function



# Cardiac input - Research interaction



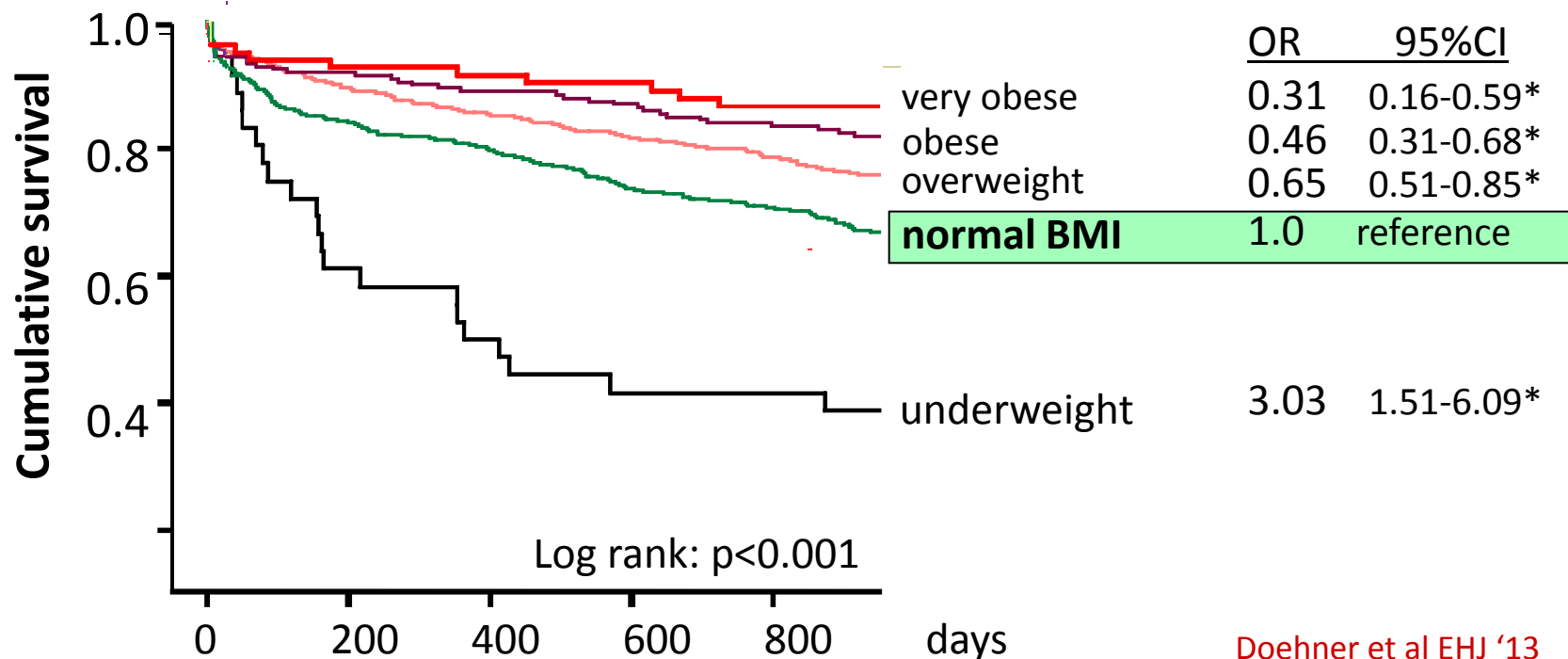


# The research input: out of the (neuro-) box

➔ Adding interdisciplinary concepts in stroke studies

„Body weight is not considered relevant for outcome in stroke“

Body weight measurement in stroke studies: 25%

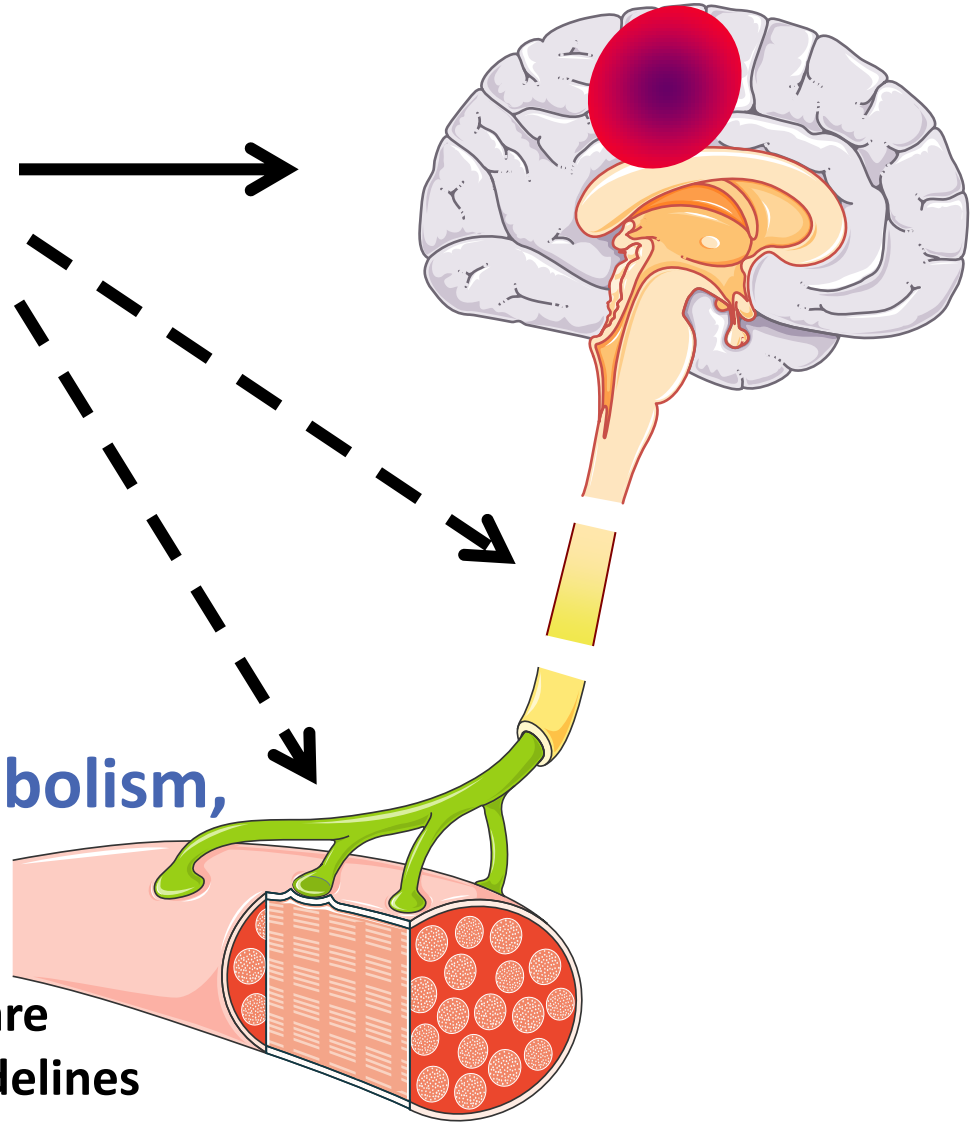


Doehner et al EHJ '13



# Interdisciplinary concepts for stroke research

**Major focus**



**Not in the focus !?!**

**Muscle structure, metabolism,  
and function**

- ▶ poorly investigated
- ▶ no target in clinical care
- ▶ not addressed in Guidelines

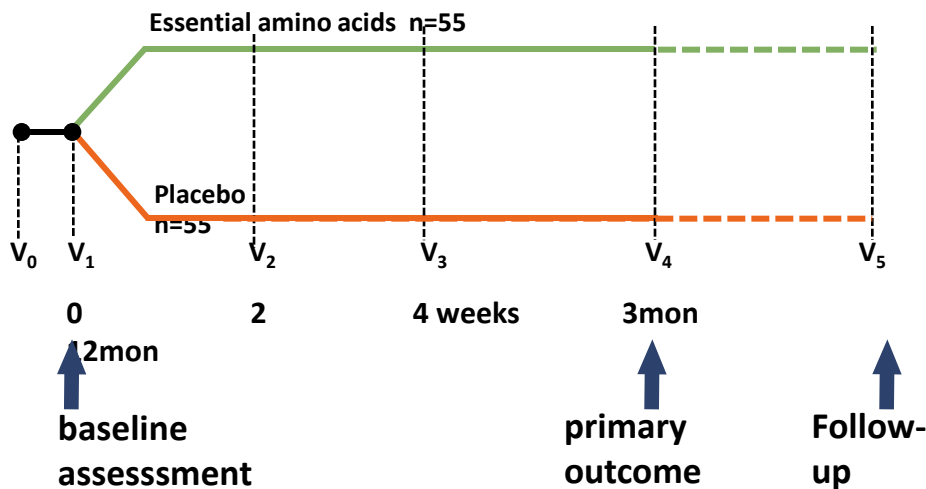
# Proof of concept interventional trial

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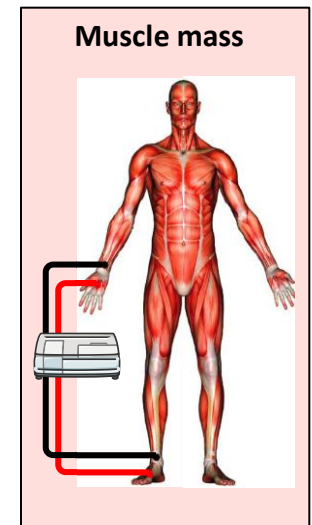
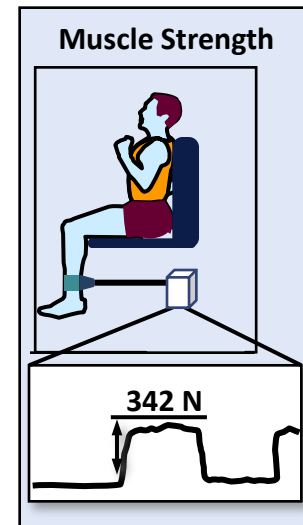
**Effect of essential amino acids on muscle size and strength in patients with acute ischemic stroke during rehabilitation (AMINO-Stroke)**

UTN: DRKS00005577

**Hypothesis:** Essential amino acids supplementation improves muscle strength and physical performance during rehabilitation after stroke.



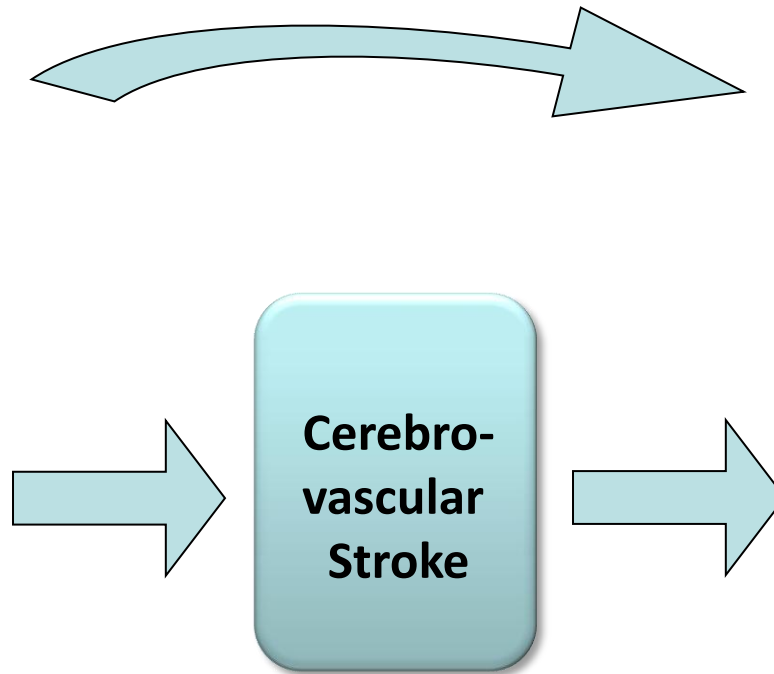
muscle function    muscle mass



# CV involvement in Stroke - the need for joined efforts

## CV Risk profile

- **Atrial fibrillation**
- **Hypertension**
- Atherosclerosis
- Myocardial infarction
- Myocarditis
- Endocarditis
- LV Aneurysm
- Chronic heart failure
- Valvular disease
- Valve replacement
- Overt foramen ovale



## Post Stroke CV Complication

- “All of the above”  
(secondary prevention)

- Cardiopulm. function
- Arrhythmias
- inadequate RR regulation
- Cardiac / vascular re-embolism
- Myocardial Infarction
- CHF exacerbation
- Thrombosis



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## The Council on Stroke

While effective treatment of acute myocardial infarction substantially improved the outcomes of the vast majority of patients during the last 10-15 years, acute stroke remains a major threat with high mortality and/or permanent disability. The incidence of acute stroke is similar to the incidence of acute coronary syndromes, but the outcomes of stroke patients are significantly worse. The rising body of evidence shows, that at least 30-50% (probably even more – this depends on the diagnostic approach) of ischemic strokes are caused by the heart disease (atrial fibrillation, valvular or congenital heart disease, infective endocarditis, etc.). Therefore, effective diagnosis and treatment of many



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