

Section of Sports Cardiology

-ongoing science projects

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1. Registry on ICD in Sports Rationale & Concept

- Current recommendations on sports participation with ICD¹⁻⁴
 - based on minimal data
- Preliminary data⁵
 - a wide variety of physician recommendations to ICD patients
- A Multicenter, Investigator-initiated, Registry
 - US initiated (Jan 2008)
 - Steering Committee: Lampert, Cannom, Olshansky, Lawless, Saarel
 - **European extension** (Jul 2008)
 - European Coordinator: Hein Heidbuchel (University of Leuven, Belgium)
 - Endorsed by:
 - EACPR Section on Sports Cardiology
 - EHRA Scientific Initiative Committee



Registry on ICD in Sports Research Plan

- Study Population

- ICD patients, 10-60y: 880 worldwide, 150 in Europe
- who, with or without the approval of their primary physicians, have made the decision to participate
 1. any level of competition in sports more vigorous than bowling or walking (ie, > IA) at, or
 2. in potentially dangerous sports (eg, skiing, surfing), or
 3. in vigorous recreational sports ('auto-competitive'), i.e. ≥ 3 h/w with the aim to improve their personal achievements

- Primary endpoints:

- tachyarrhythmic death or externally resuscitated arrest
- significant injury due to syncopal arrhythmia or shock.



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Registry on ICD in Sports Centers EU

- **Recruiting:**

Leuven, BE (Heidbuchel)
Brussels, BE (Brugada)
Antwerp, BE (Huybrechts)
Aalst, BE (Geelen)
Leipzig, GE (Wetzel)
Madrid, ES (Lozano)
Barcelona, ES (Mont)
Rotterdam, NL (Jordaens)

- **In progress:**

Magdeburg, GE (Götte)
Frankfurt, GE (Israel/Hohnloser)
München, GE (Hoffmann)
Rome, IT (Tondo)
Mestre/Venice, IT (Giada)
Conegliano, IT (Delise)
Rome, IT (Calo)
Oslo, NO (Solberg)
Oslo, NO (Anfinsen)
Trondheim, NO (Hegrenes)
Saint-Denis, FR (Piot)
Rennes, FR (Carré)
Toulouse, FR (Boveda)
(Rasmussen)

Tel Aviv, IS (Yahalom)
Maastricht, NL (Broers/Opstal)
Leiden, NL (Schalij)
Arlon, BE (Mairesse)
Zurich, CH (Duru)
Lodz, PO (Chudzik)
Southampton, UK (Morgan)
Uppsala, SE (Blomström)
Valencia, ES (Quesada)
Barcelona, ES (Moya)
Bratislava, SK (Hatala)
Prague, CZ (Kautzner)
Copenhagen, DK

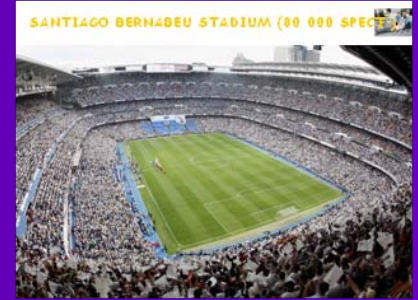
- **March 30, 2009:**
n=18

2. Arena Study- Background



- No existing European recommendations on acute cardiovascular care at sports events
- Presumed highly different situation across Europe regarding arena safety
- Primary aim: To study current situation for Cardiovascular care at top European clubs/arenas
- Secondary aim: Approximate the incidence of SCA in one season in Europe
- Method: survey of top European clubs (venues)

Survey questions



- Medical action plans available? Written form?
- Equipment: Defibrillators available?
- Treatment facilities?
- Communication systems?
- Transportation, distance to nearest hospital
- Personnel, training
- No of cardiac arrest at arena in 1 year (no of spectators known)

Participating arenas/clubs

- France, n=29
- England, 39
- Netherland, 25
- Norway, 14
- Sweden, 21
- Serbia, 9
- Greece, 16
- Spain, 24
- Austria, 8
- Italy, 5



Total: 190 (187 arenas)

Summary



- This is the first study of the level of cardiovascular care at major sports arenas in Europe.
- The level of care varies greatly, necessitating actions to optimize cardiovascular safety in this setting.
- Recommendations for cardiovascular safety at arenas is a task now started by the Section of Sports Cardiology

3. Position Stand: ECG interpretation in athletes

INTERPRETATION OF 12-LEAD ELECTROCARDIOGRAM IN THE ATHLETE

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Table 1. Classification of abnormalities of the athlete's ECG.

Common and training-related ECG changes	Uncommon and training-unrelated ECG changes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sinus bradycardia; • First degree AV block; • Incomplete RBBB ; • Early repolarization; • Isolated QRS voltage criteria for left ventricular hypertrophy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-wave inversion; • ST-segment depression; • Pathological Q waves; • Left atrial enlargement; • Left axis deviation/left anterior hemiblock; • Right axis deviation/left posterior hemiblock; • Right ventricular hypertrophy; • Ventricular pre-excitation; • Complete LBBB or /RBBB; • Long or short QT interval; • Brugada-like early repolarization

RBBB=Right bundle branch block; LBBB=Left bundle branch block.