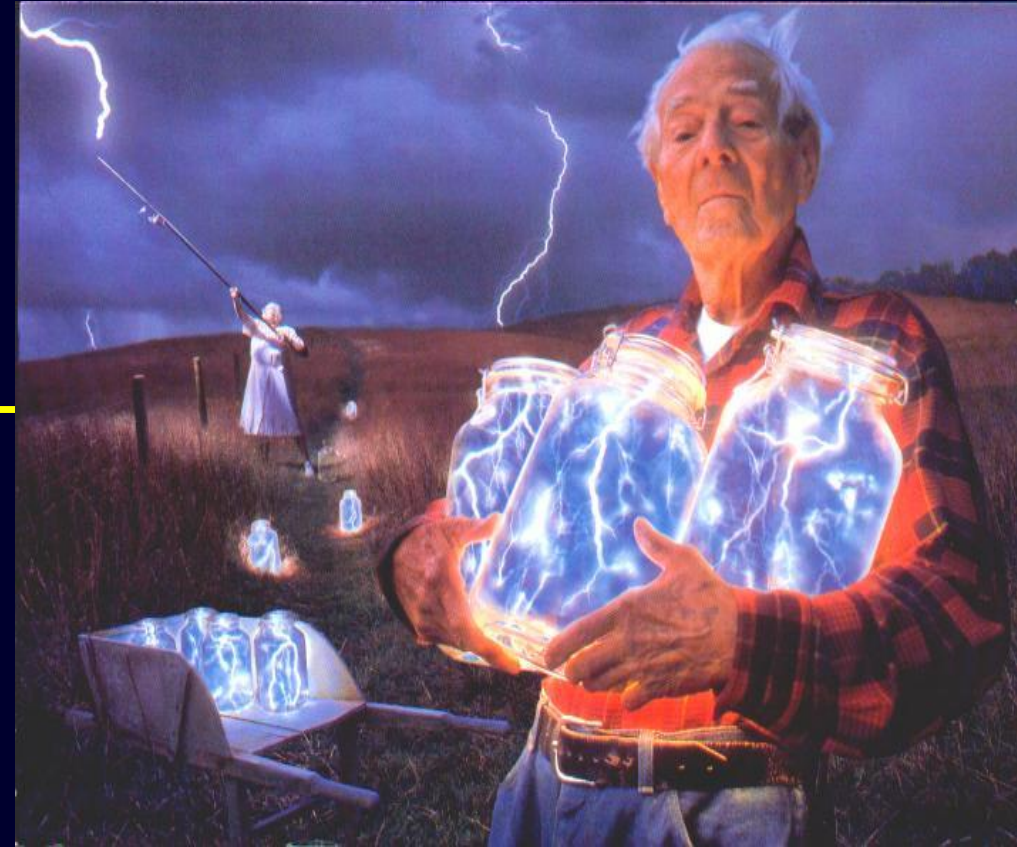


Management of Heart Failure: State of the Art Update 2018



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Epidemiology and Pathophysiology of HF

Scope of heart failure

Population Group	Prevalence	Incidence	Mortality	Hospital Discharges	Cost ¹
Total Population	5,700,000	870,000	50% at 5 years	1,023,000	\$30.7 billion

- Heart failure (HF) is a major public health problem resulting in substantial morbidity and mortality
- 23 million people with HF worldwide
- 6–12 million office visits
- Despite available effective treatments, a large number of eligible patients are not receiving optimal care

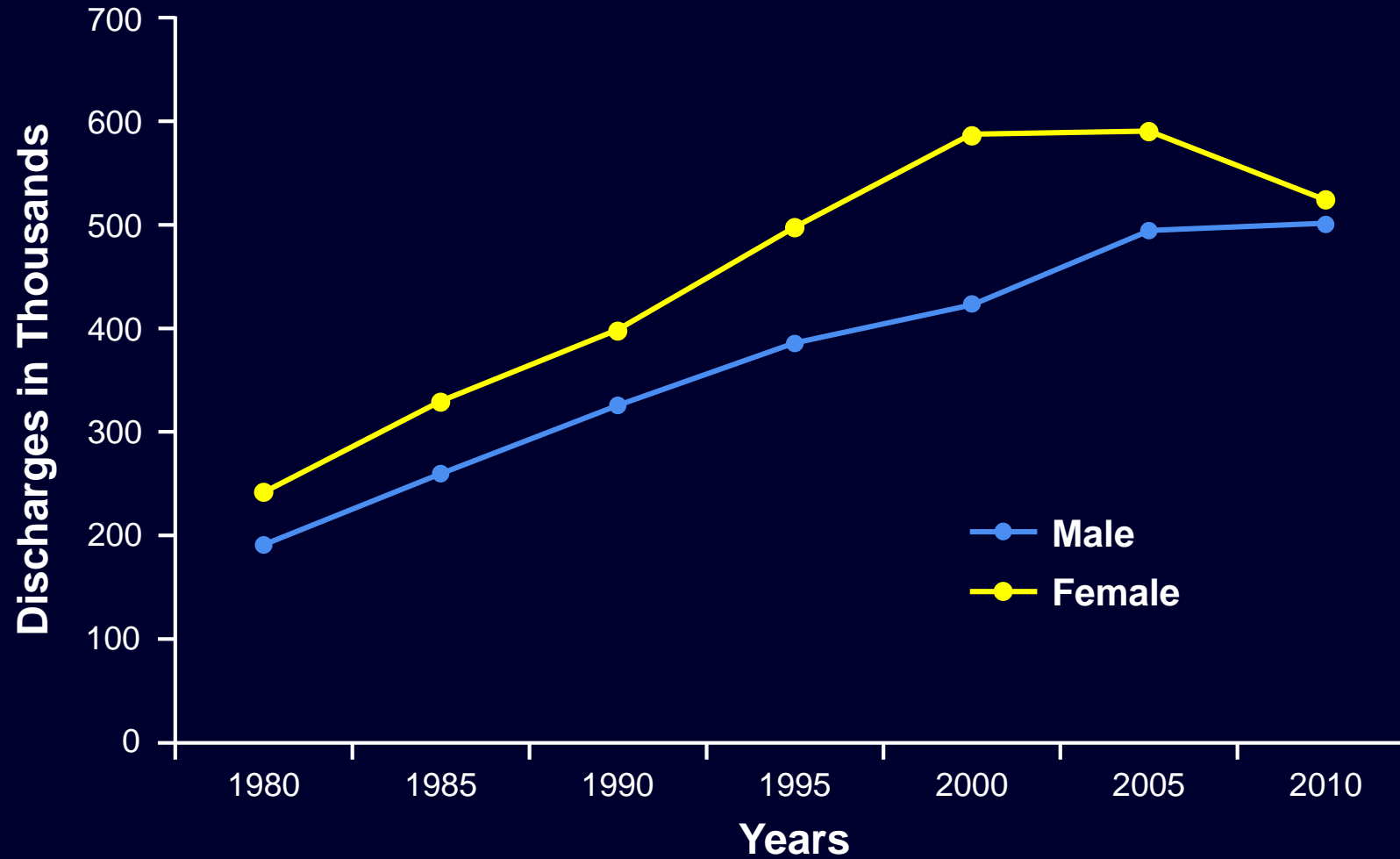
Risk factors for heart failure

- CAD
- Hypertension (LVH)
- Valvular heart disease
- Alcoholism
- Infection (viral)
- Diabetes
- Congenital heart defects
- Other:
 - Obesity
 - Age
 - Smoking
 - High or low hematocrit level
 - Obstructive sleep apnea

CAD = coronary artery disease; LVH = left ventricular hypertrophy.

Yancy CW, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2013;62(16):e147-239.

Hospital discharges for HF



The short of breath pie



Musculoskeletal Pain

Pneumomediastinum

Mediastinitis

IVDA Pulm Infarction

Anxiety

Pulmonary Embolus

Panic Attack

Cyanide poisoning

Pneumothorax

Empyema

Pneumonia

MetHgb

Tietze's disease

Mondor's Syndrome

DKA

Metabolic acidosis

COPD exacerbation

Asthma

Breast Cancer

FB Aspiration

Subdiaphragm Abscess

Chemical Exposure

Lung Cancer

Amniotic Fluid Embolus

Heart Failure

Anemia

Anaphylaxis



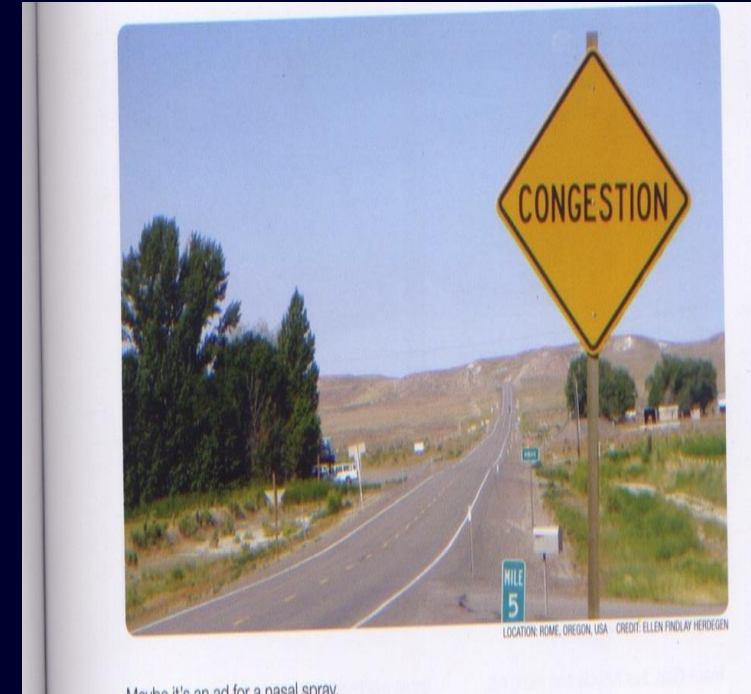
Diagnosis of HF

Differential Diagnosis

- Pulmonary infection
- Acute COPD / asthma exacerbation
- Acute coronary syndrome
- Pulmonary emboli
- Pneumothorax, pleural effusions
- Aortic dissection
- Renal failure

Congestion often does not translate in signs/symptoms

- Among pts. with severe heart failure ¹ and PCWP 33 mmHg, CI 1.8 , LVEF 0.18 CXR: 27%
 - No congestion on x-ray: 41%
 - No rales: 84%,
 - No edema: 80%
 - No JVP: 50%

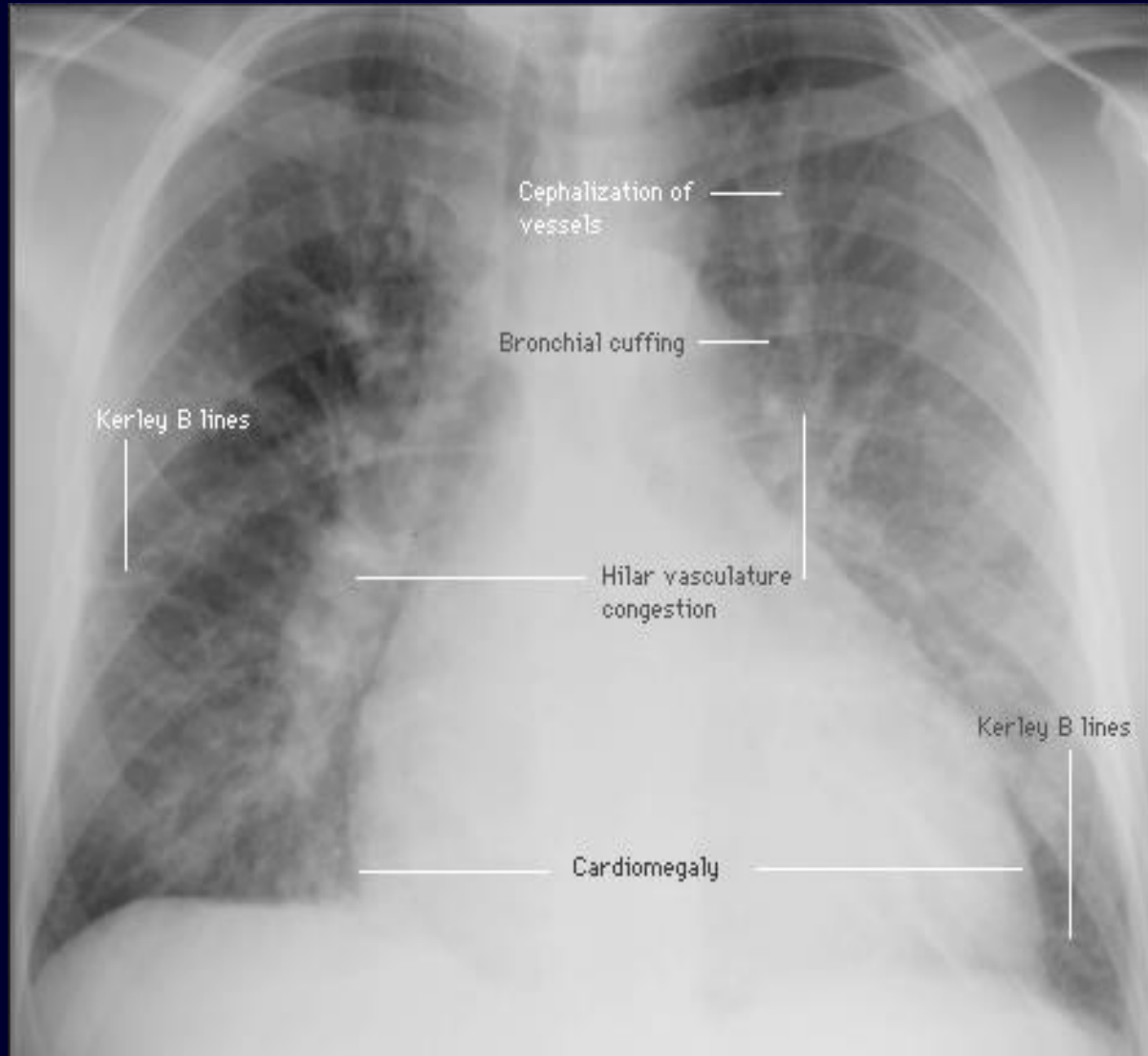


JVP- misconceptions

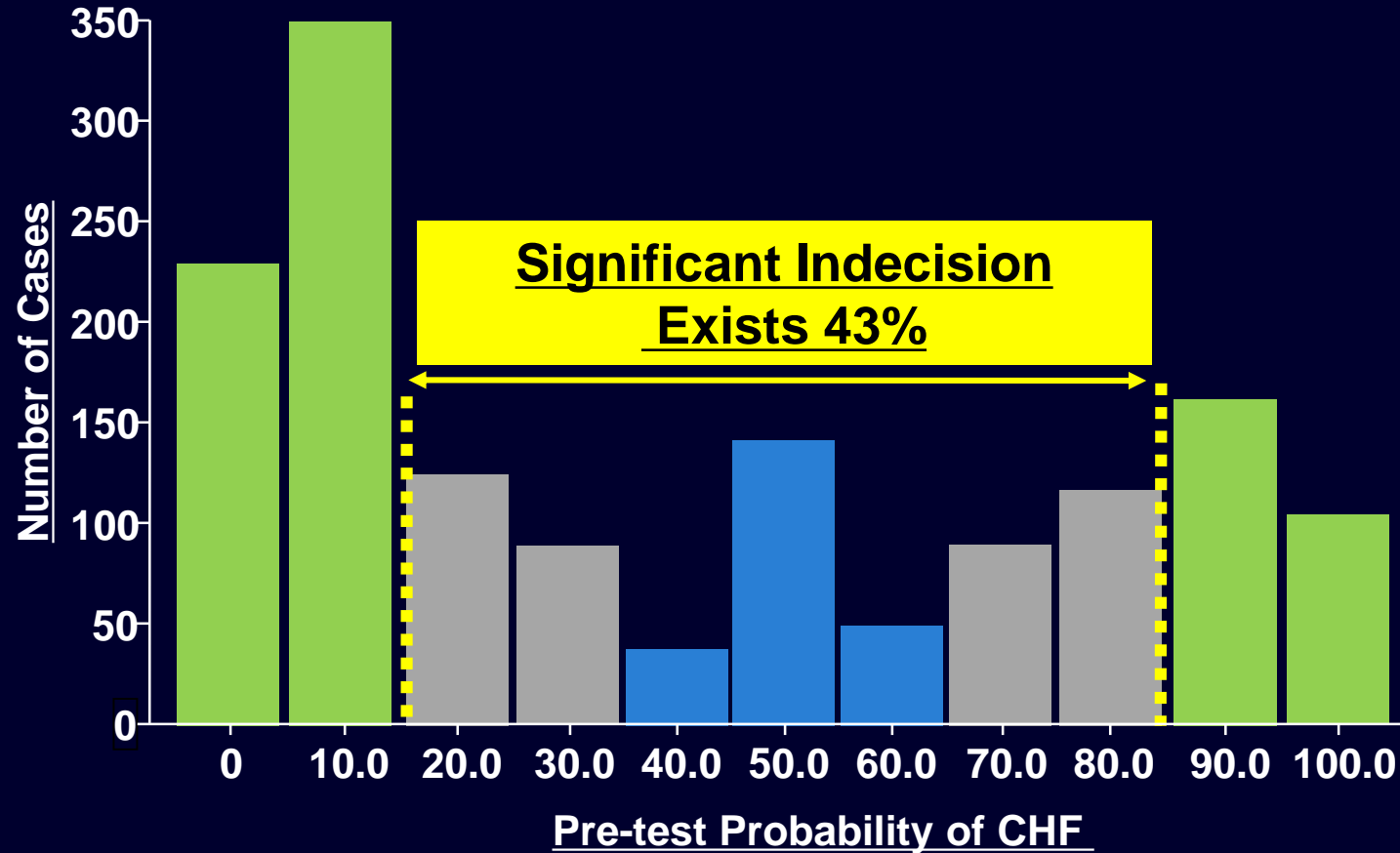


- When its very high it is often mistaken for carotid
- Docs tend to think if jvp is not elevated, it cant be heart failure
- Elevations only mean right sided- and might not explain SOB

Chest X-Ray in HF



How sure are physicians in the ED about the diagnosis of HF?





Objectives of biomarker testing in HF

Diagnosis¹

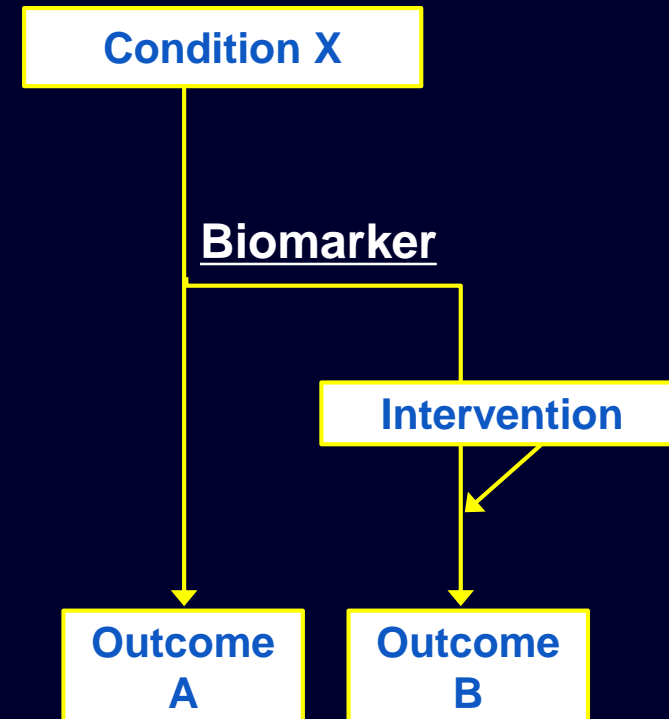
- To establish or refute a diagnosis
- To understand the underlying pathophysiologic processes

Risk Stratification/Screening¹

- To determine the presence or severity of disease
- To detect adverse consequences

Monitoring/Therapeutic Guidance¹

- To facilitate selection of an appropriate therapeutic intervention
- To guide or monitor responses to treatment



Many biomarkers may be risk factors themselves; therefore, may be potential targets of therapy²

HF, heart failure.

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Breathing Not Properly STUDY

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RAPID MEASUREMENT OF B-TYPE NATRIURETIC PEPTIDE IN THE EMERGENCY DIAGNOSIS OF HEART FAILURE

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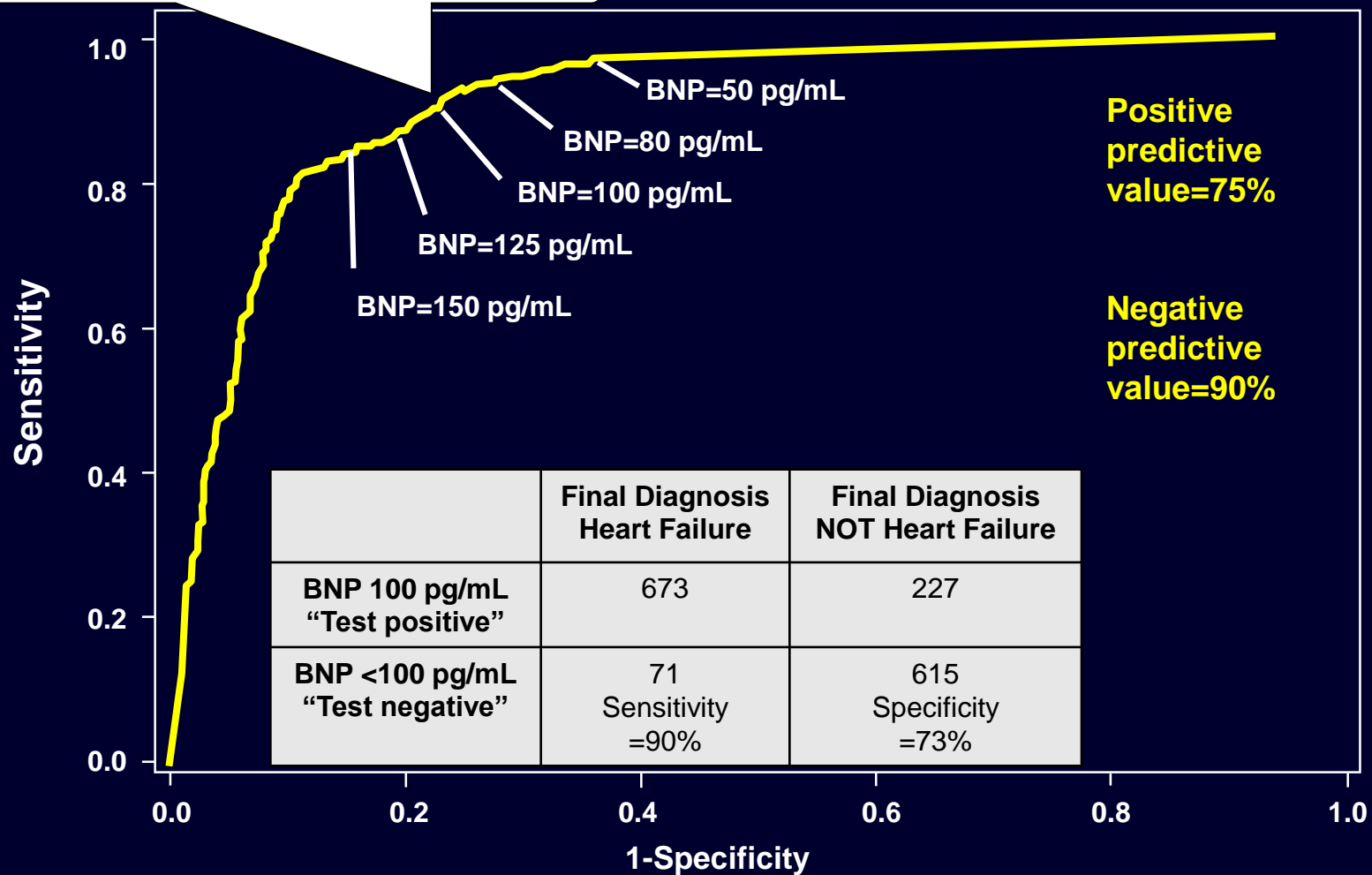
B-Type Natriuretic Peptide and Clinical Judgment in Emergency Diagnosis of Heart Failure Analysis From Breathing Not Properly (BNP) Multinational Study

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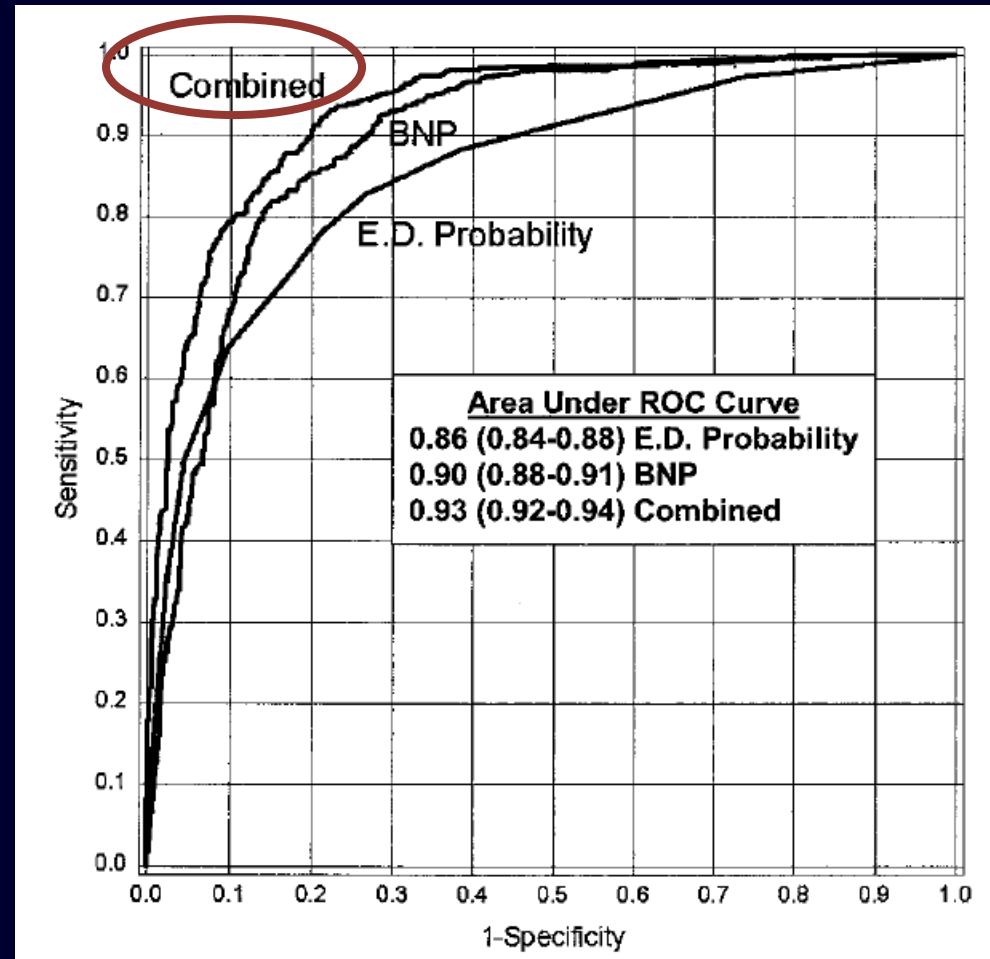


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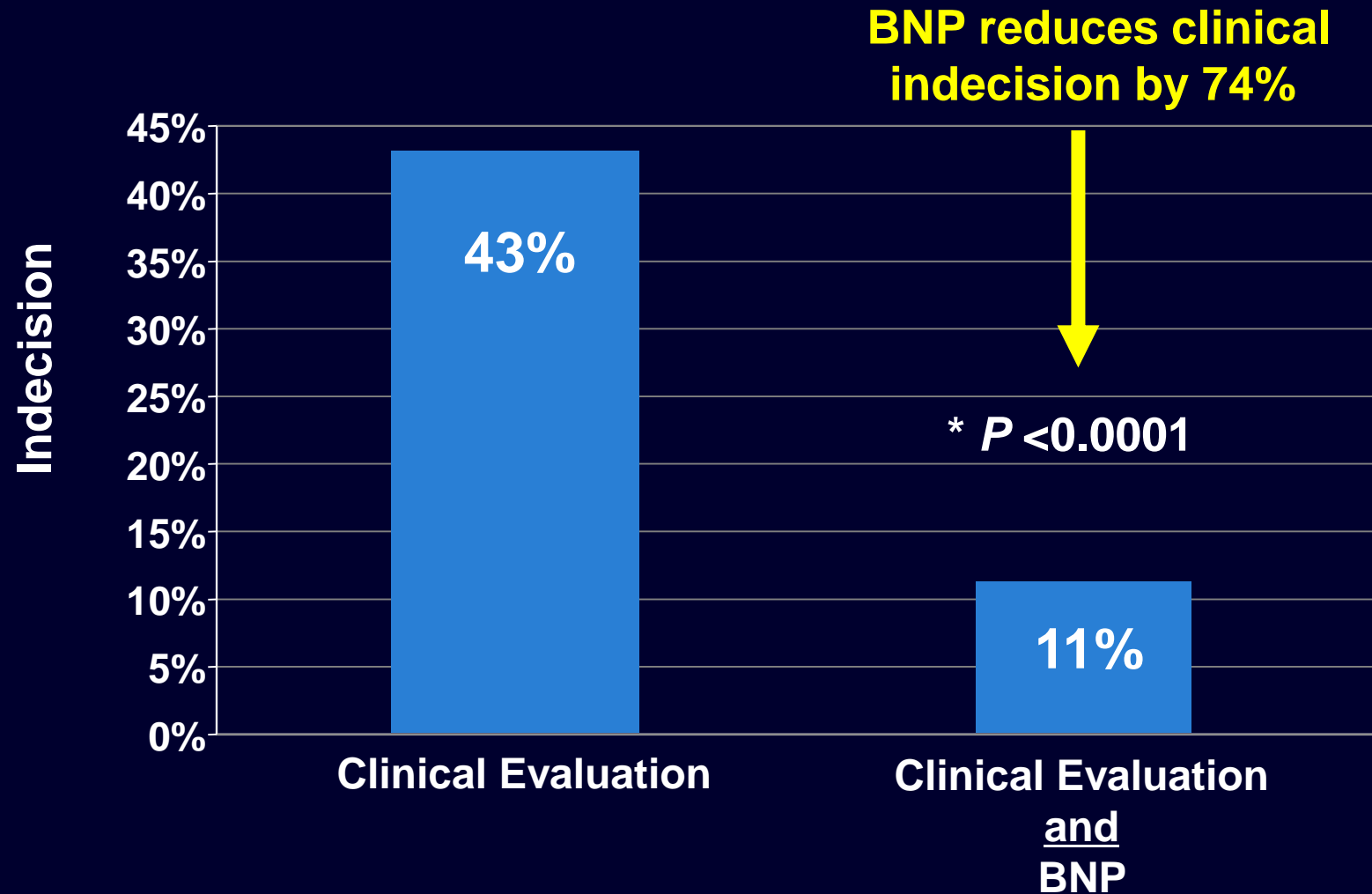
Optimal cut-off point determined @ 100 pg/mL



BNP levels adds to the physician's ability



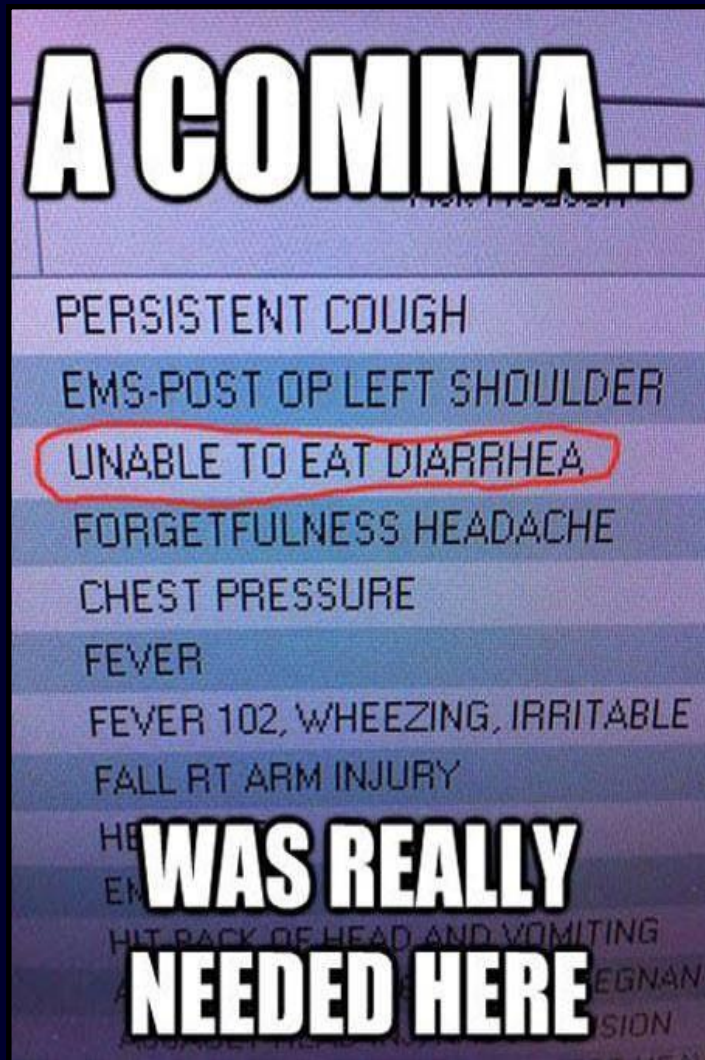
Clarification of diagnosis & BNP



NtproBNP cut-offs

1. 125 < 75 y.o. and 450 > 75 y.o.
2. 450, 900, 1800 based on age
3. 300 to rule out

Caveats to NP testing



- Dry versus wet BNP
- Gray Zone
- Renal dysfunction
- Obesity
- Heart Failure with normal levels

Obesity



- There appears to be a linear inverse relationship between BMI and NP levels
- Patients who are obese (BMI $>35\text{kg}/\text{m}^2$) should have their NP doubled to use the standard cut-points.

The use of NPs for rule-out heart failure in symptomatic patients in primary care

Identifying the right patients for echocardiography



PATIENT WITH SUSPECTED HF^a
(non-acute onset)

ASSESSMENT OF HF PROBABILITY

1. Clinical history:
History of CAD (MI, revascularization)
History of arterial hypertension
Exposition to cardiotoxic drug/radiation
Use of diuretics
Orthopnoea / paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea

2. Physical examination:
Rales
Bilateral ankle oedema
Heart murmur
Jugular venous dilatation
Laterally displaced/broadened apical beat

3. ECG:
Any abnormality

Assessment of natriuretic peptides not routinely done in clinical practice

≥ 1 present

NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES

- NT-proBNP ≥ 125 pg/mL
- BNP ≥ 35 pg/mL

Yes

All absent

No

HF unlikely:
consider other diagnosis

Normal^{b,c}

ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY

If HF confirmed (based on all available data):
determine aetiology and start appropriate treatment

NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES

- NT-proBNP ≥ 125 pg/mL
- BNP ≥ 35 pg/mL

Non-HF causes of high NP's:

- Advanced age
- Renal dysfunction
- Acute coronary syndromes
- Pulmonary disease
 - E.g. ARDS, lung disease with right heart failure
- Pulmonary embolism
- High output states
 - E.g. sepsis, cirrhosis, hyperthyroidism
- Atrial fibrillation
- LV dysfunction

Guideline Recommended Medical Therapy for HF

Types of Heart Failure

Classification	Ejection Fraction	Description
I. Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction (HFrEF)	≤40%	Also referred to as systolic HF. Randomized clinical trials have mainly enrolled patients with HFrEF, and it is only in these patients that efficacious therapies have been demonstrated to date.
II. Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF)	≥50%	Also referred to as diastolic HF. Several different criteria have been used to further define HFpEF. The diagnosis of HFpEF is challenging because it is largely one of excluding other potential noncardiac causes of symptoms suggestive of HF. To date, efficacious therapies have not been identified.
a. HFpEF, Borderline	41% to 49%	These patients fall into a borderline or intermediate group. Their characteristics, treatment patterns, and outcomes appear similar to those of patients with HFpEF.
b. HFpEF, Improved	>40%	It has been recognized that a subset of patients with HFpEF previously had HFrEF. These patients with improvement or recovery in EF may be clinically distinct from those with persistently preserved or reduced EF. Further research is needed to better characterize these patients.

Approach to the Classification of Heart Failure

	Stage	Patient Description
At Risk	A	High risk for developing heart failure (HF) <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Hypertension□ CAD□ Diabetes mellitus□ Family history of cardiomyopathy
	B	Asymptomatic HF <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Previous MI□ LV systolic dysfunction□ Asymptomatic valvular disease
Heart Failure	C	Symptomatic HF <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Known structural heart disease□ Shortness of breath and fatigue□ Reduced exercise tolerance
	D	Refractory end-stage HF <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Marked symptoms at rest despite maximal medical therapy (eg, those who are recurrently hospitalized or cannot be safely discharged from the hospital without specialized interventions)

Classification of Heart Failure

ACCF/AHA Stages of HF		NYHA Functional Classification	
A	At high risk for HF but without structural heart disease or symptoms of HF.	None	
B	Structural heart disease but without signs or symptoms of HF.	I	No limitation of physical activity. Ordinary physical activity does not cause symptoms of HF.
C	Structural heart disease with prior or current symptoms of HF.	I	No limitation of physical activity. Ordinary physical activity does not cause symptoms of HF.
		II	Slight limitation of physical activity. Comfortable at rest, but ordinary physical activity results in symptoms of HF.
		III	Marked limitation of physical activity. Comfortable at rest, but less than ordinary activity causes symptoms of HF.
		IV	Unable to carry on any physical activity without symptoms of HF, or symptoms of HF at rest.
D	Refractory HF requiring specialized interventions.		

ACC/AHA HF Guidelines: Management of HFrEF (Stage C)

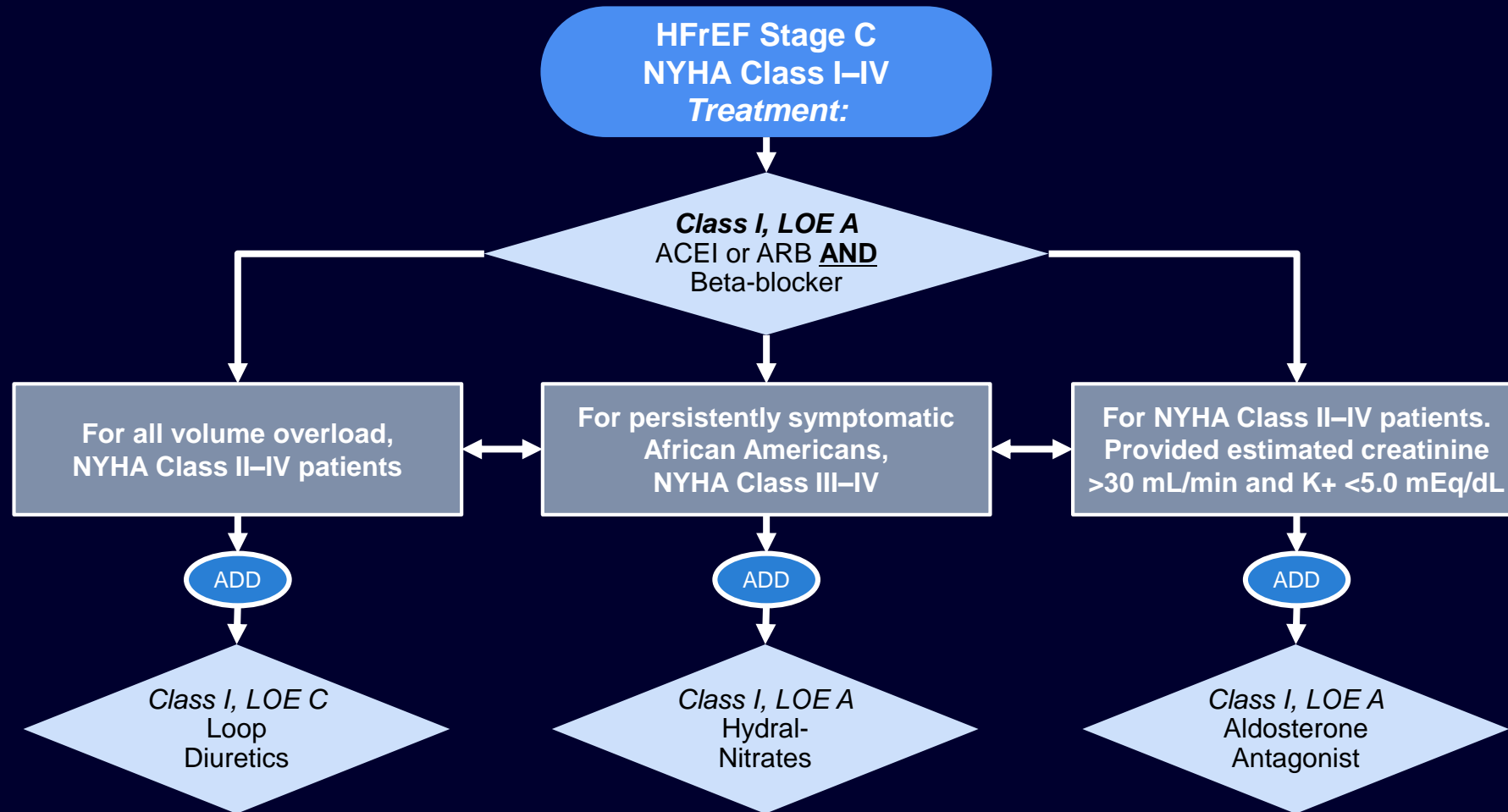
Life-Prolonging Medical Therapy

- ACE inhibitors or ARB (Class I, evidence A) in all patients without contraindications or intolerance.
- Evidence-based beta-blockers (Class I, evidence A) in all patients without contraindications or intolerance. This would include carvedilol (immediate or extended release), metoprolol succinate, or bisoprolol.
- Aldosterone antagonists (Class I, evidence A) in all patients with Class II–IV HF without contraindications or intolerance when close monitoring can be ensured.

ACE = angiotensin converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker.

Yancy CW, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2013;62:1495-1539.

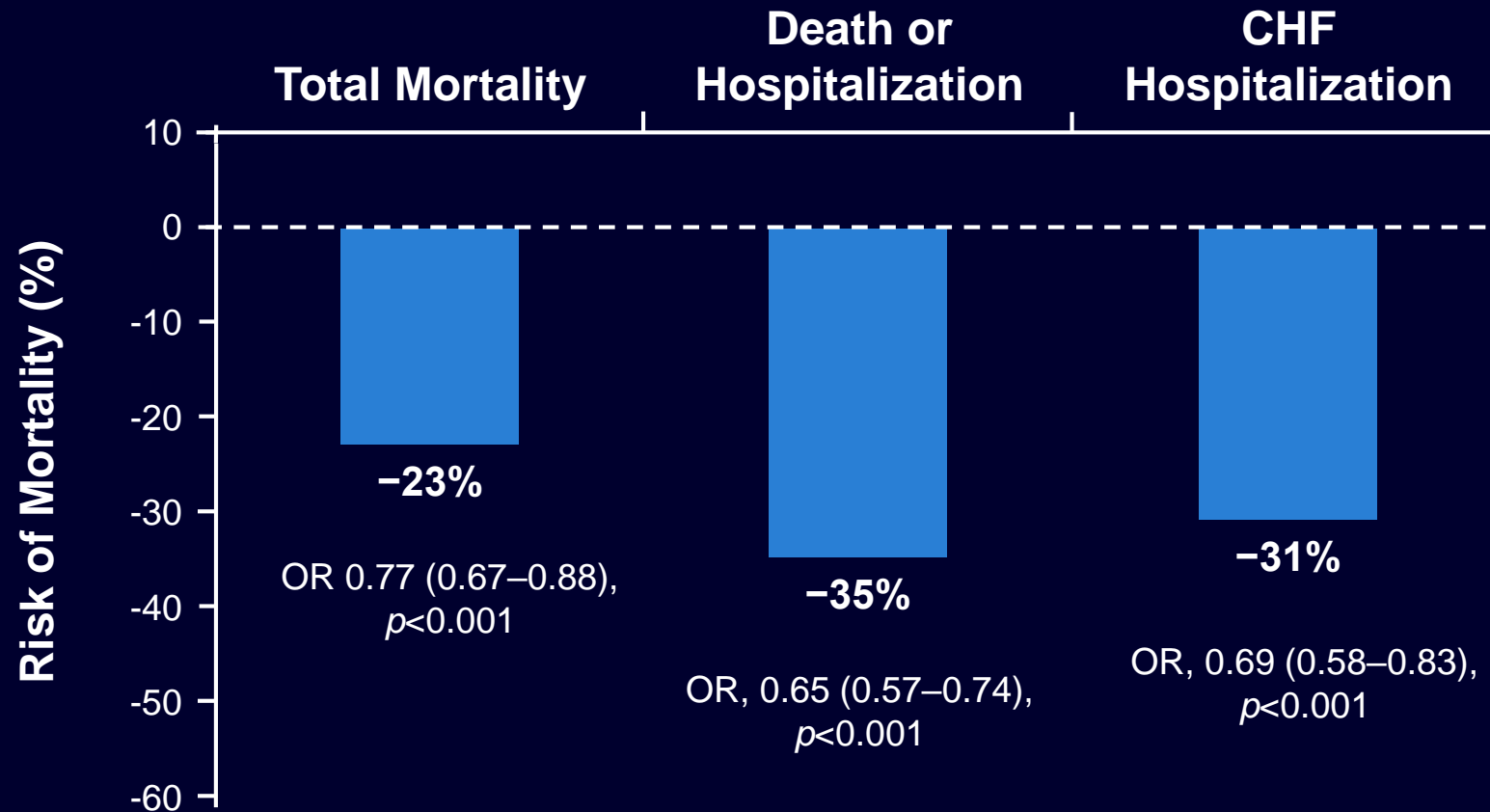
Pharmacologic Treatment for Stage C HFrEF



LOE = level of evidence.

Effect of ACE inhibitors on mortality and hospitalizations in patients with HF

32 Trials of ACEI in Heart Failure: ACEI (n=3870) vs. Placebo (n=3235)



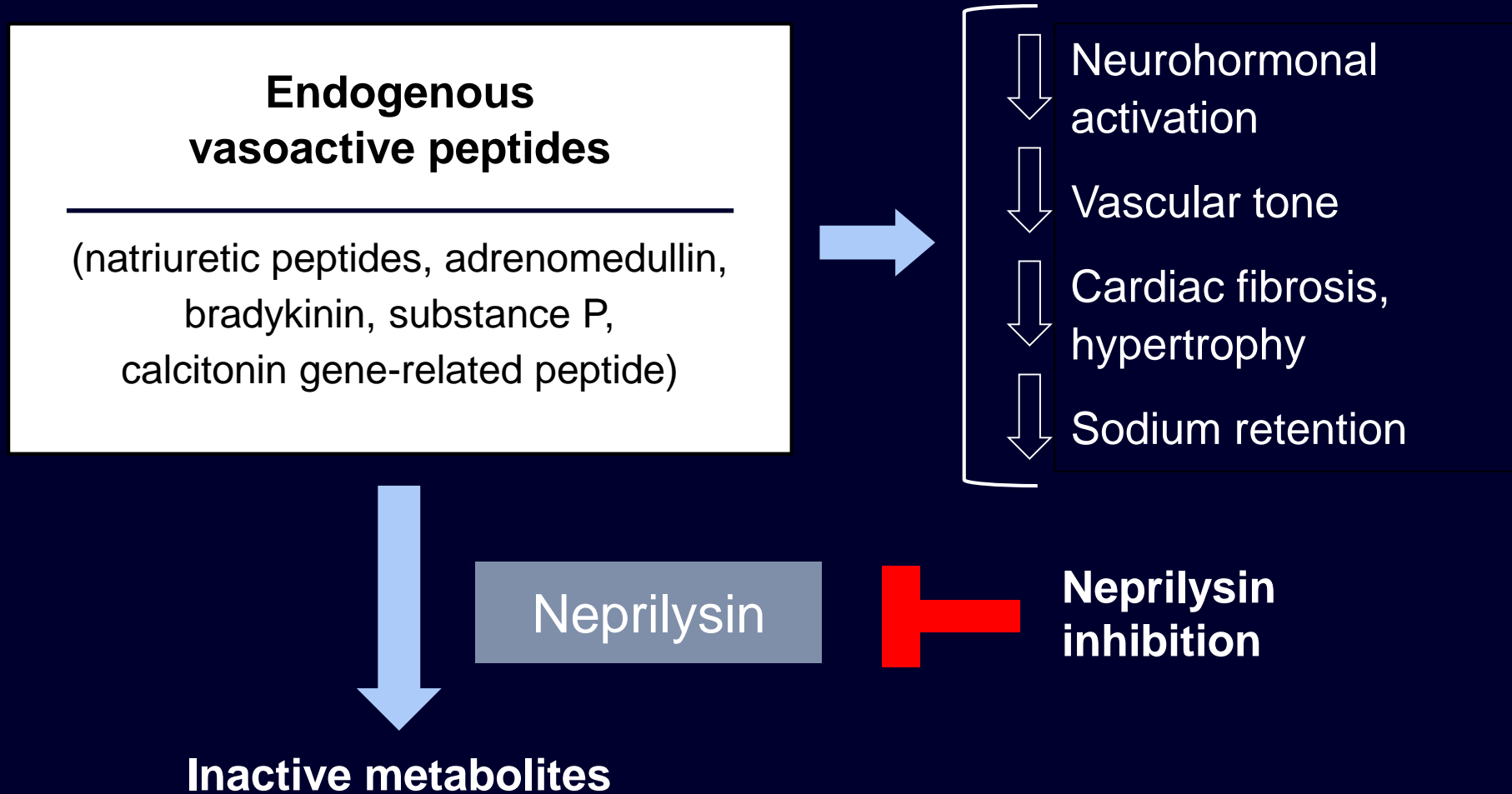
OR = odds ratio.

Collaborative Group on ACE Inhibitor Trials. *JAMA*. 1995;273:1450-1456.

ACEI/ARB in heart failure

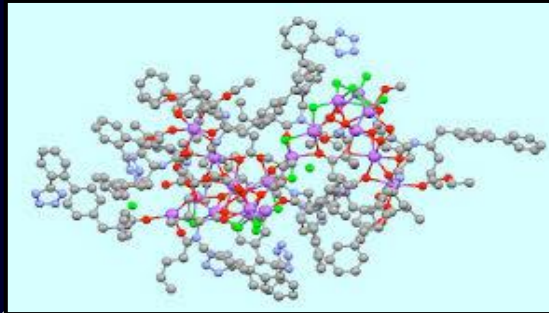
- Indicated for all patients with asymptomatic LV dysfunction and for Class I to IV heart failure (contraindications: hyperkalemia, angioedema, pregnancy)
- Titrate to target doses (example enalapril 10 mg bid, lisinopril 20 qd, ramipril 10 mg qd, benazepril 40 qd, valsartan 160 mg bid, candesartan 32 mg qd)
- Monitor serum potassium and renal function. Advise checking chemistry panel 1–2 weeks after first dose
- Use of ACE inhibitor together with ARB reserved as a consideration only in patients not candidates for aldosterone antagonist

Effects of neprilysin inhibition in heart failure

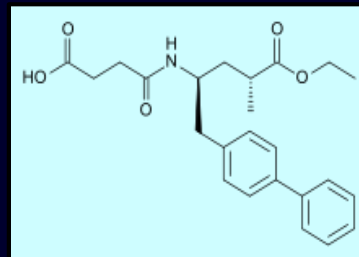


Sacubitril/Valsartan: neprilysin angiotensin receptor inhibitor

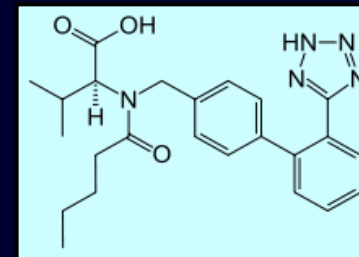
Sacubitril/Valsartan



**Inhibition of
neprilysin**



**Angiotensin
receptor blocker**



Sacubitril/Valsartan = LCZ696.

Aim of the PARADIGM-HF trial

Prospective comparison of ARNI with ACEI to
Determine Impact on Global Mortality and
morbidity in Heart Failure trial (PARADIGM-HF)

Sacubitril/Valsartan
97/103 mg twice daily



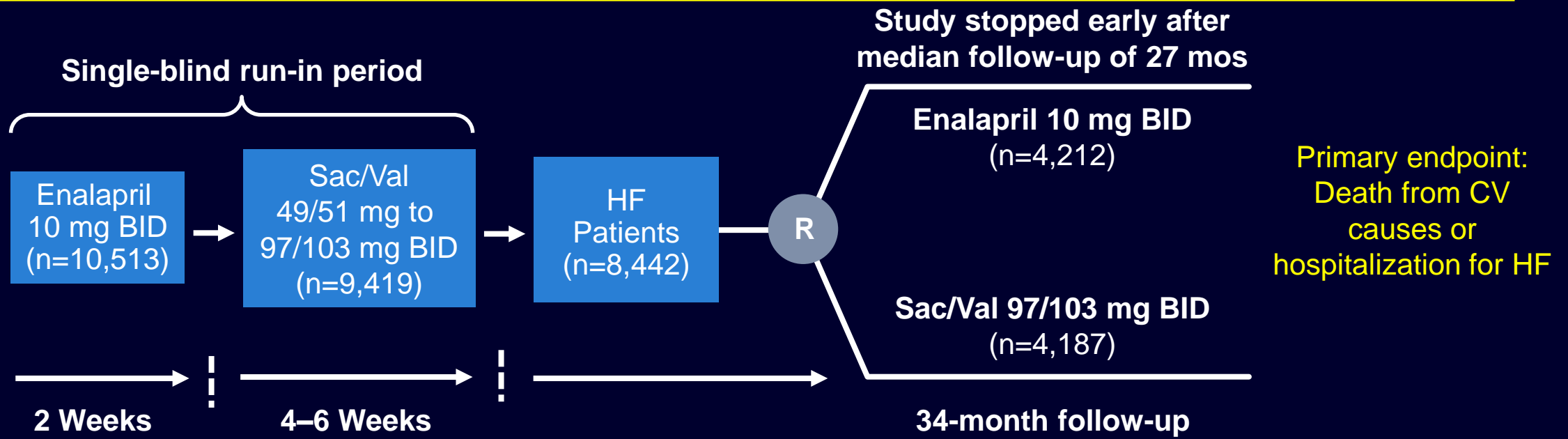
Enalapril
10 mg twice daily

SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO REPLACE CURRENT USE
OF **ACE** INHIBITORS AND ANGIOTENSIN RECEPTOR
BLOCKERS AS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE
TREATMENT OF HEART FAILURE

PARADIGM-HF trial: design

Entry Criteria:

- NYHA Class II-IV HF, LVEF $\leq 40\%$ \rightarrow amended to $\leq 35\%$
- BNP ≥ 150 pg/mL (or NT-proBNP ≥ 600 pg/mL) or 1/3 lower if hospitalized for HF within 12 mos
- On a stable dose of ACEI or ARB equivalent to ≥ 10 mg of enalapril daily for ≥ 4 weeks
- Unless contraindicated, on stable dose of beta-blocker for ≥ 4 weeks
- SBP ≥ 95 mm Hg, eGFR ≥ 30 mL/min/1.73 m² and serum K ≤ 5.4 mmol/L at randomization



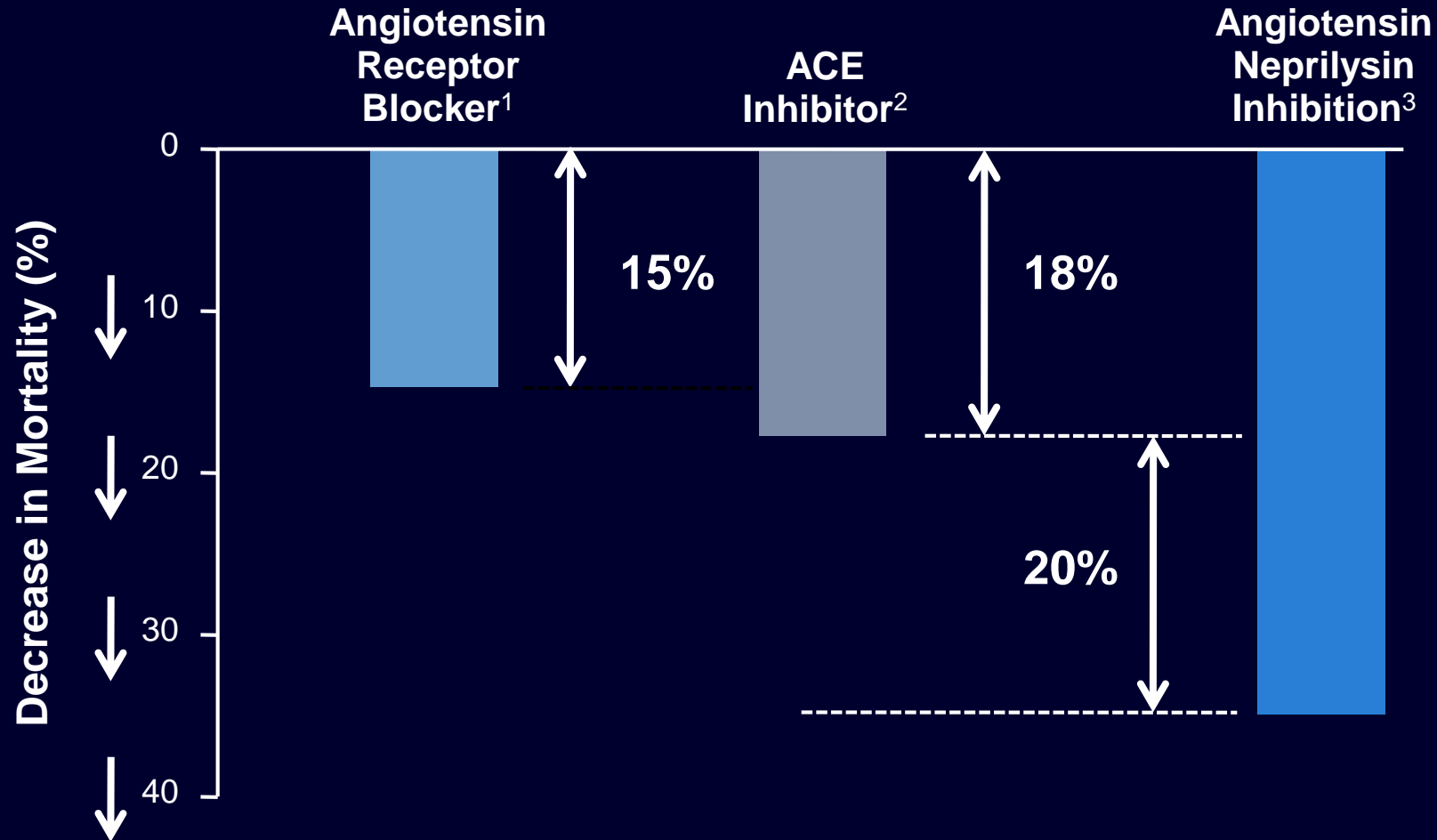
Sac/Val = Sacubitril/Valsartan.

PARADIGM-HF: effect of Sac/Val vs. Enalapril on the primary endpoint and its components

	Sac/Val (n=4187)	Enalapril (n=4212)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	<i>p</i> - Value
Primary endpoint	914 (21.8%)	1117 (26.5%)	0.80 (0.73–0.87)	<0.001
Cardiovascular death	558 (13.3%)	693 (16.5%)	0.80 (0.71–0.89)	<0.001
Hospitalization for heart failure	537 (12.8%)	658 (15.6%)	0.79 (0.71–0.89)	<0.001

Sac/Val = Sacubitril/Valsartan.

Angiotensin neprilysin inhibition with Sac/Val doubles effect on CV death of current inhibitors of the RAS



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2. The SOLVD Investigators. *N Engl J Med*. 1991;325:293-302.

3. McMurray JJV, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2014;371:993-1004.

Pharmacological treatment for stage C HF with reduced EF

Renin-Angiotensin System Inhibition With ACE-Inhibitor or ARB or ARNI

COR	LOE	Recommendations	Comment/ Rationale
I	ARNI: B-R	In patients with chronic symptomatic HF _r EF NYHA class II or III who tolerate an ACE inhibitor or ARB, replacement by an ARNI is recommended to further reduce morbidity and mortality.	NEW New clinical trial data necessitated this recommendation.

Pharmacological treatment for stage C HF with reduced EF

Renin-Angiotensin System Inhibition With ACE-Inhibitor or ARB or ARNI

COR	LOE	Recommendations	Comment/ Rationale
III: Harm	B-R	ARNI should not be administered concomitantly with ACE inhibitors or within 36 hours of the last dose of an ACE inhibitor.	NEW Available evidence demonstrates a potential signal of harm for a concomitant use of ACE inhibitors and ARNI
III: Harm	C-EO	ARNI should not be administered to patients with a history of angioedema.	NEW New clinical trial data.

Beta-Blockers differ in their long-term effects on mortality in HF

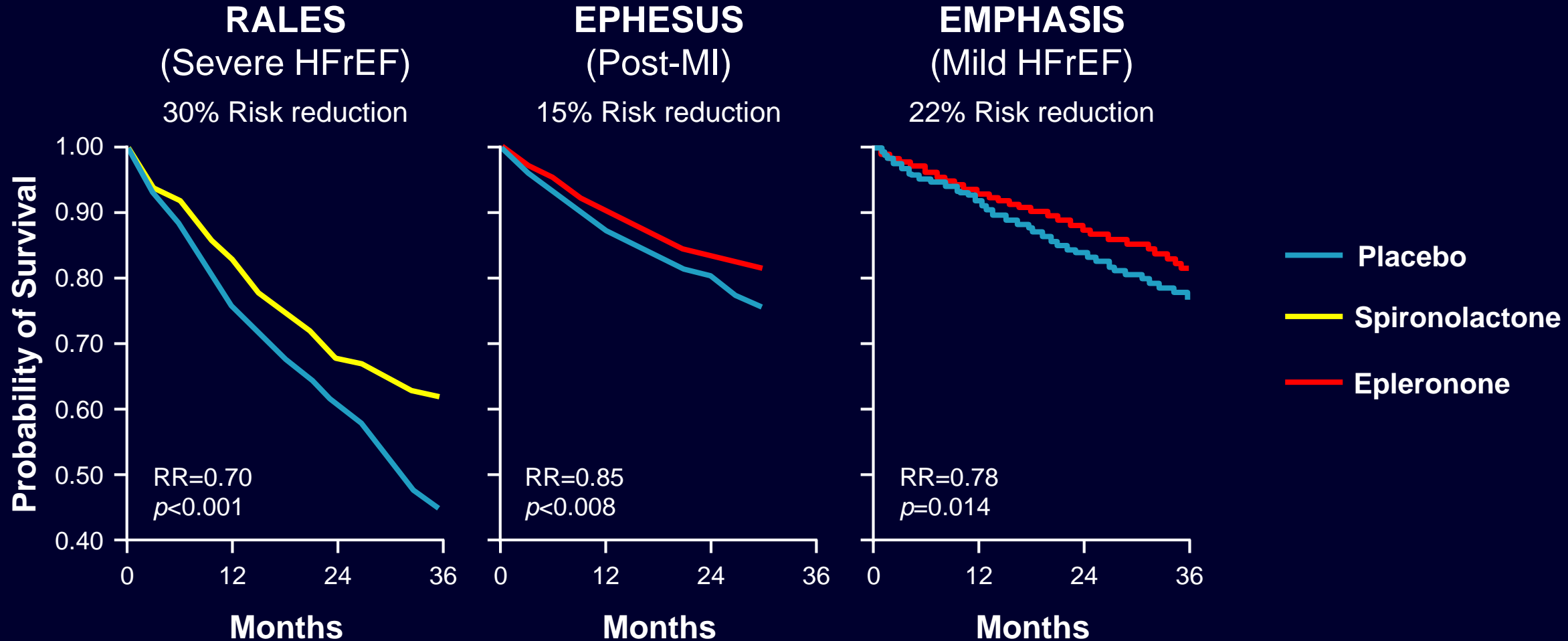
Beta-Blocker	Long-Term Effect
Bisoprolol ¹	Beneficial
Bucindolol ²	No effect
Carvedilol ³⁻⁵	Beneficial
Metoprolol tartrate ⁶	Not well studied
Metoprolol succinate ⁷	Beneficial
Nebivolol ⁸	No effect
Xamoterol ⁹	Harmful

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Beta-Blocker therapy in heart failure

- Indicated for all patients with asymptomatic LVD dysfunction and for Class I to IV Heart Failure with LVEF ≤ 0.40 .
- Contraindications: cardiogenic shock, severe reactive airway disease, 2/3rd-degree HB.
- Use of one the 3 evidence-based beta-blockers in HF: e.g., carvedilol, metoprolol succinate, bisoprolol.
- Start at very low HF doses and up-titrate to target doses at two-week intervals or highest dose short of target dose that is well tolerated.
- Monitor HR and BP.

Aldosterone antagonists in HF

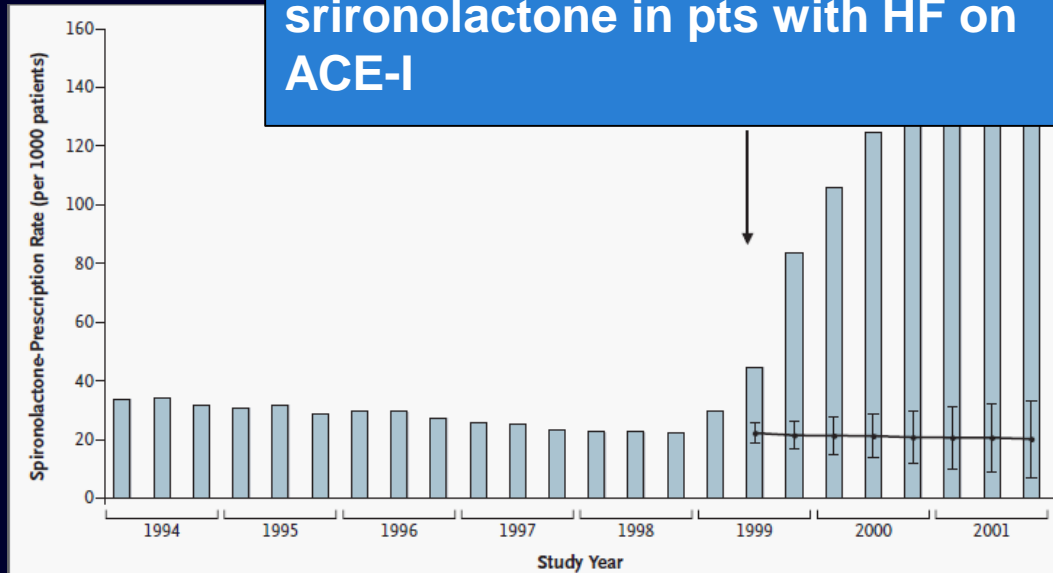


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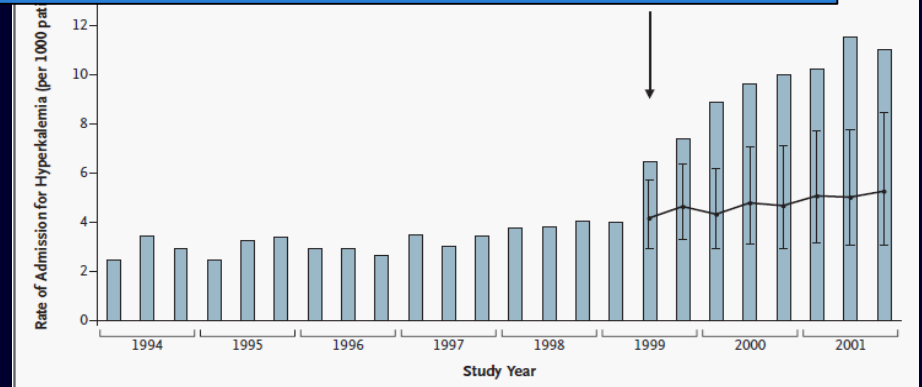
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Rate of Hyperkalemia after publication of RALES

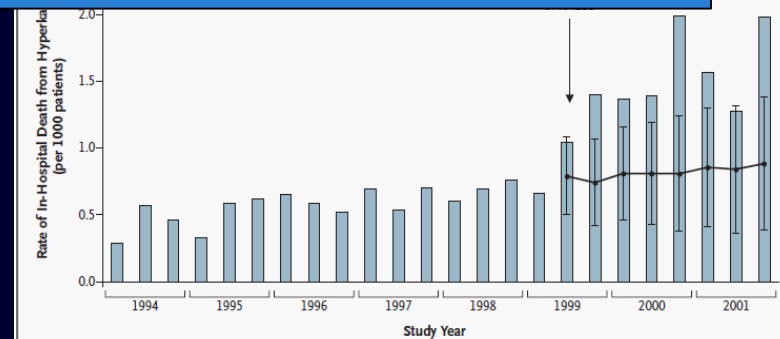
Number of prescriptions of spironolactone in pts with HF on ACE-I



Number of admissions for hyperkalemia in pts with HF on ACE-I

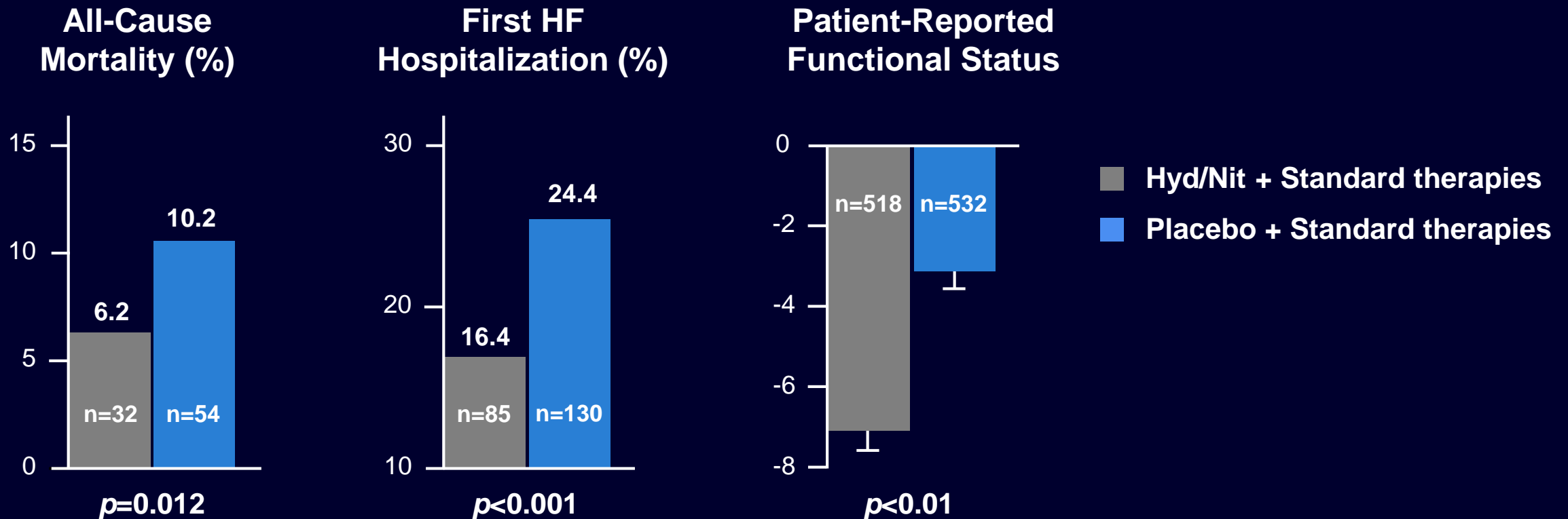


Death due to hyperkalemia in pts with HF on ACE-I



AHeFT: Trial Summary

1050 African Americans with
Class III to IV HF, LVEF 24%, on ACEI, BB, AA



AHeFT = African-American Heart Failure Trial; BB = beta-blocker; AA = aldosterone antagonist.

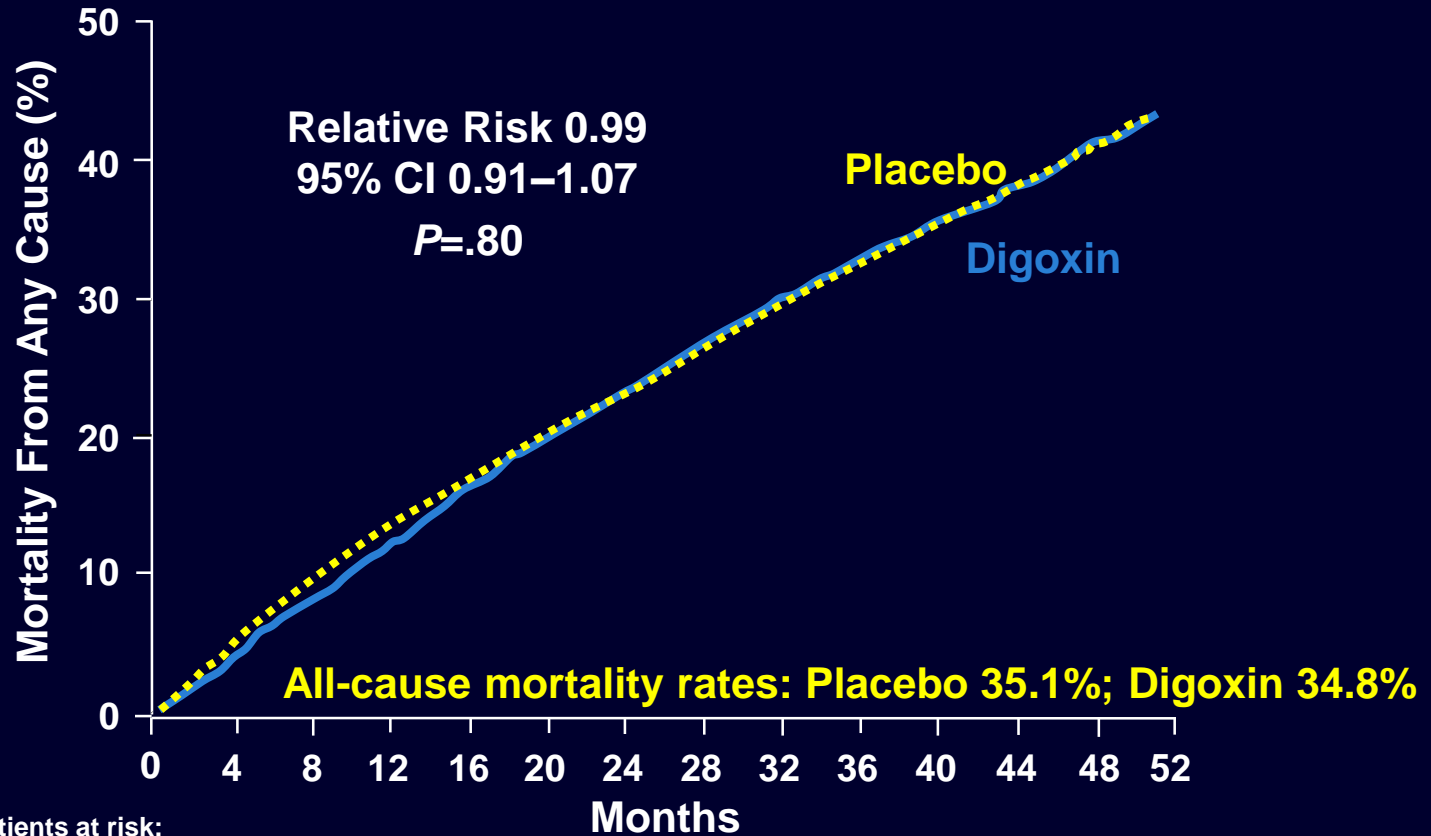
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Effect of Digoxin on mortality in heart failure: The Digitalis Investigation Group

CV Mortality
↓ 0%

HF Hospitalizations
↓ 28%

Total Hospitalizations
↓ 6%



Number of patients at risk:

Placebo	3,403	3,239	3,105	2,976	2,868	2,758	2,652	2,551	2,205	1,881	1,506	1,168
	734	339										
Digoxin	3,397	3,269	3,144	3,019	2,882	2,759	2,644	2,531	2,184	1,840	1,475	1,156
	737	335										

DIG (Digitalis Investigation Group): 6,800 patients with LVEF <45% randomized to digoxin (n=3,403) or placebo (n=3,397) in addition to therapy with diuretics and ACEI followed for 37 months.

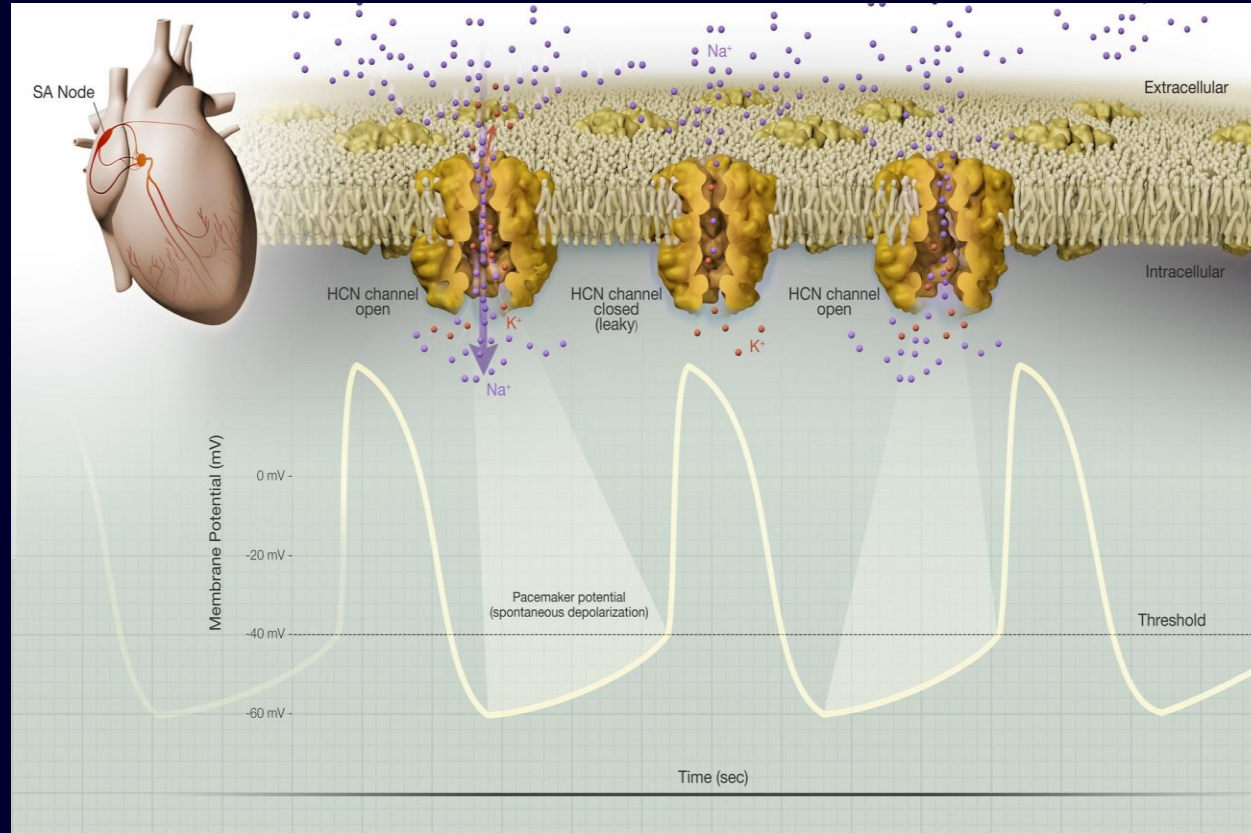
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Ivabradine Mechanism of Action

Funny current? (1970)



The *hyperpolarization-activated cyclic nucleotide-gated* (HCN) channel responsible for the cardiac pacemaker I_f current regulates heart rate

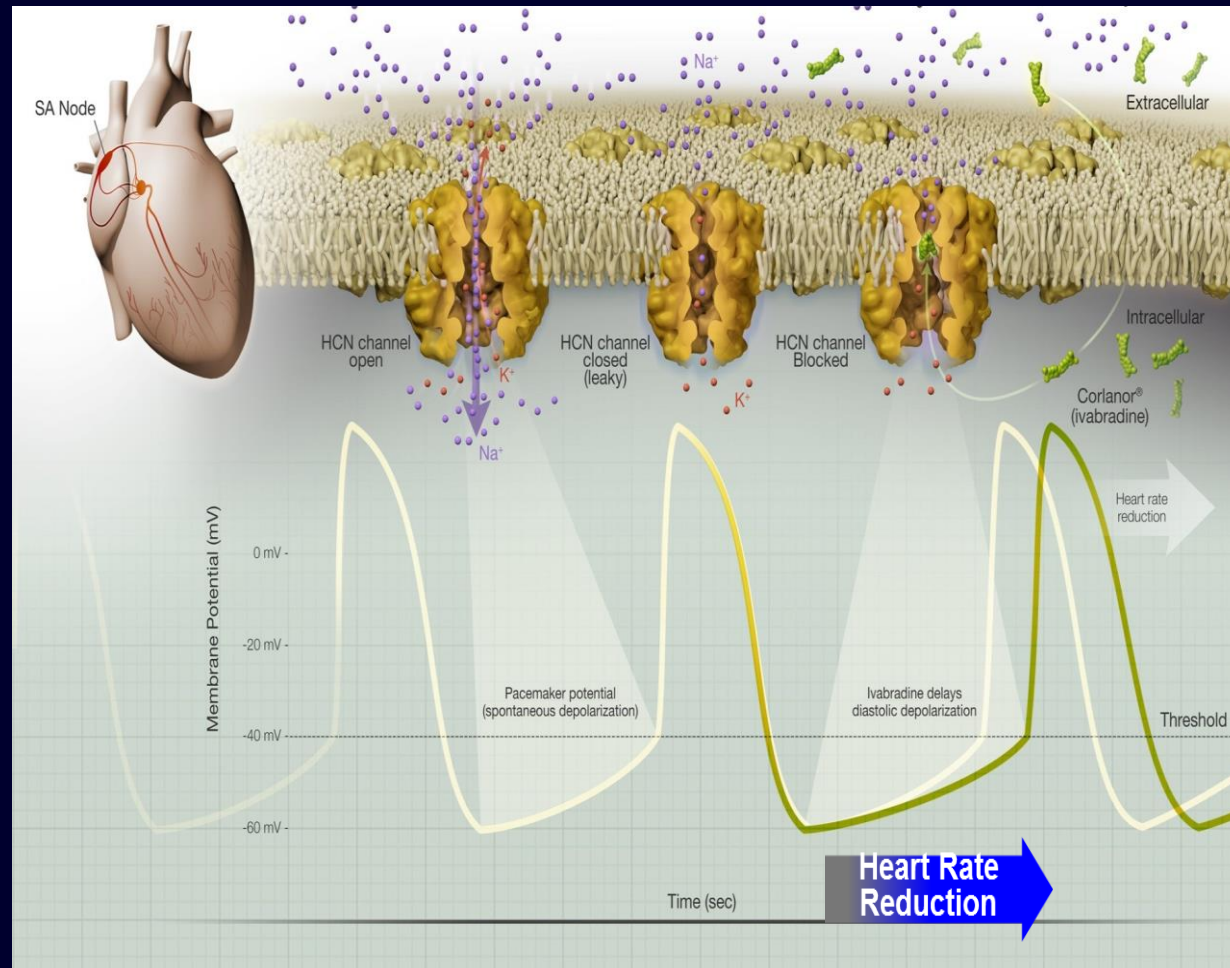


HCN, hyperpolarization-activated cyclic nucleotide-gated; K^+ , potassium; N^+ , sodium; SA, sinoatrial.

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Ivabradine blocks the HCN channel in the sinus node which reduces heart rate



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Corlanor® (ivabradine) Prescribing Information, Amgen.

SHIFT Study Design

- Subjects ≥ 18 years
- In sinus rhythm and had a resting HR ≥ 70 bpm
- NYHA Class II, III, or IV and in stable condition for ≥ 4 weeks
- LVEF $\leq 35\%$
- Optimal stable Standard of Care (SOC) therapy, including maximally tolerated doses of beta-blockers
- Hospitalization for worsening HF within ≤ 12 months

14-day run-in



Randomized, double-blind, parallel-group study to assess the effect of ivabradine in addition to guidelines-based treatment in 6,558 patients with HF, conducted from October 2006 through March 2010.


Randomization

Ivabradine 5 mg twice daily for 2 weeks
(n = 3,268)

Ivabradine 7.5/5.0/2.5 mg twice daily
according to HR and tolerability*

Placebo twice daily (n = 3,290)

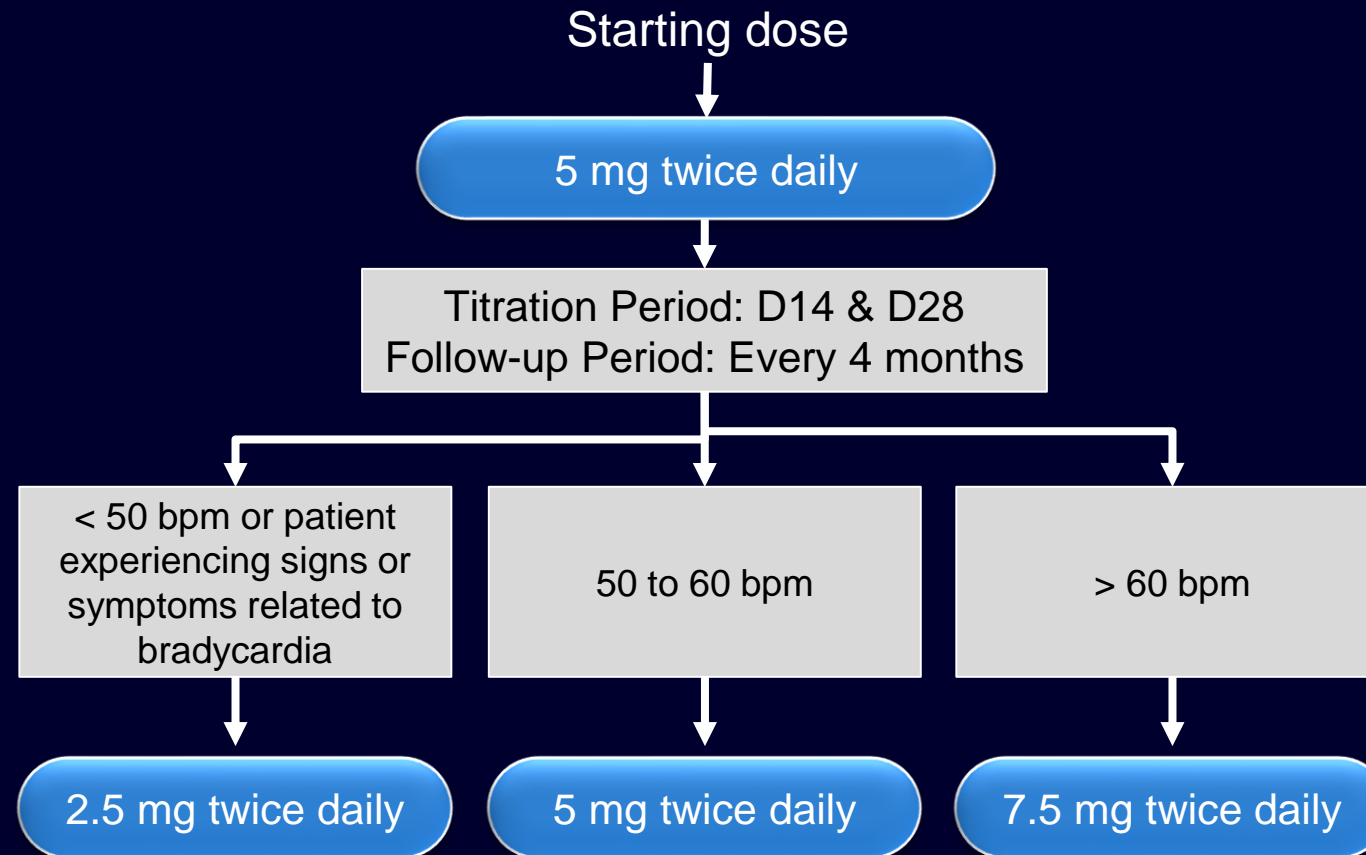
Median follow-up duration: 22.9 months
(interquartile range = 18 to 28 months)



HF, heart failure; HR, heart rate; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction.

Swedberg K, et al. *Lancet*. 2010;376:875-885.

Ivabradine Titration



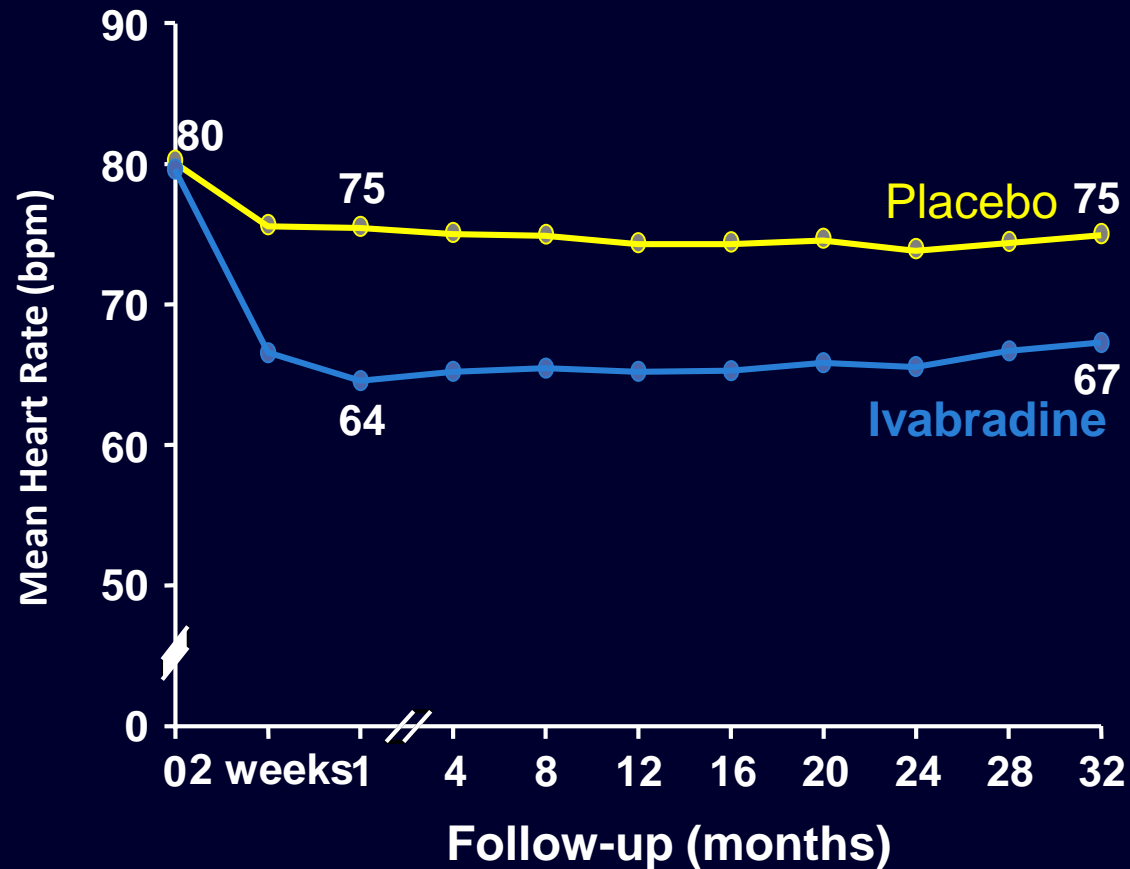
Treatment was discontinued if heart rate remained below 50 bpm or symptoms of bradycardia persisted after dose reduction.

D, day.

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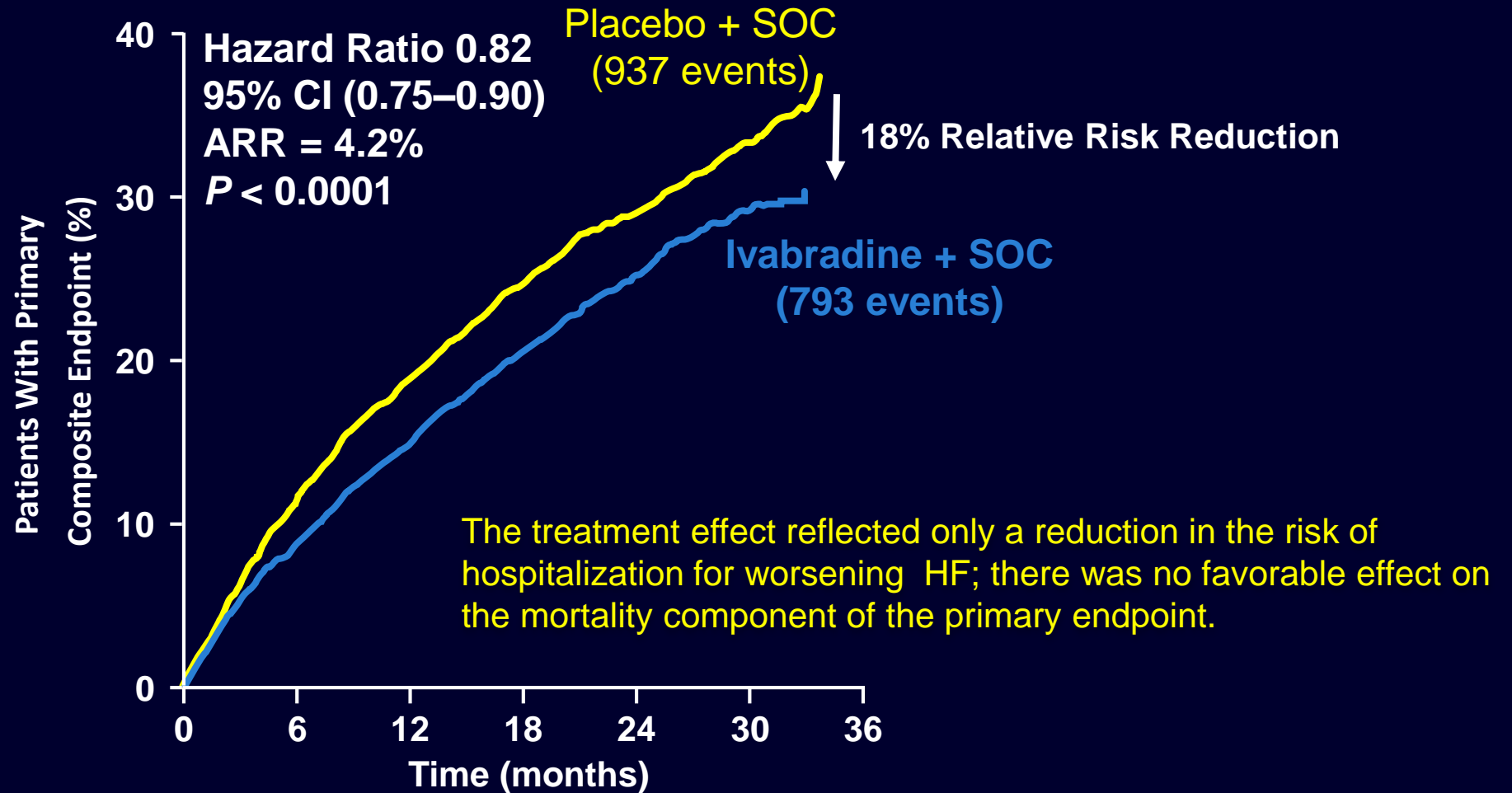
Corlanor® (ivabradine) Prescribing Information, Amgen.

Difference in heart rate reduction between groups was early and sustained throughout study



Beta-blocker dose remained stable in 86% of the ivabradine group and 82% of the placebo group throughout the study

Time to first event of hospitalization for worsening HF or CV death



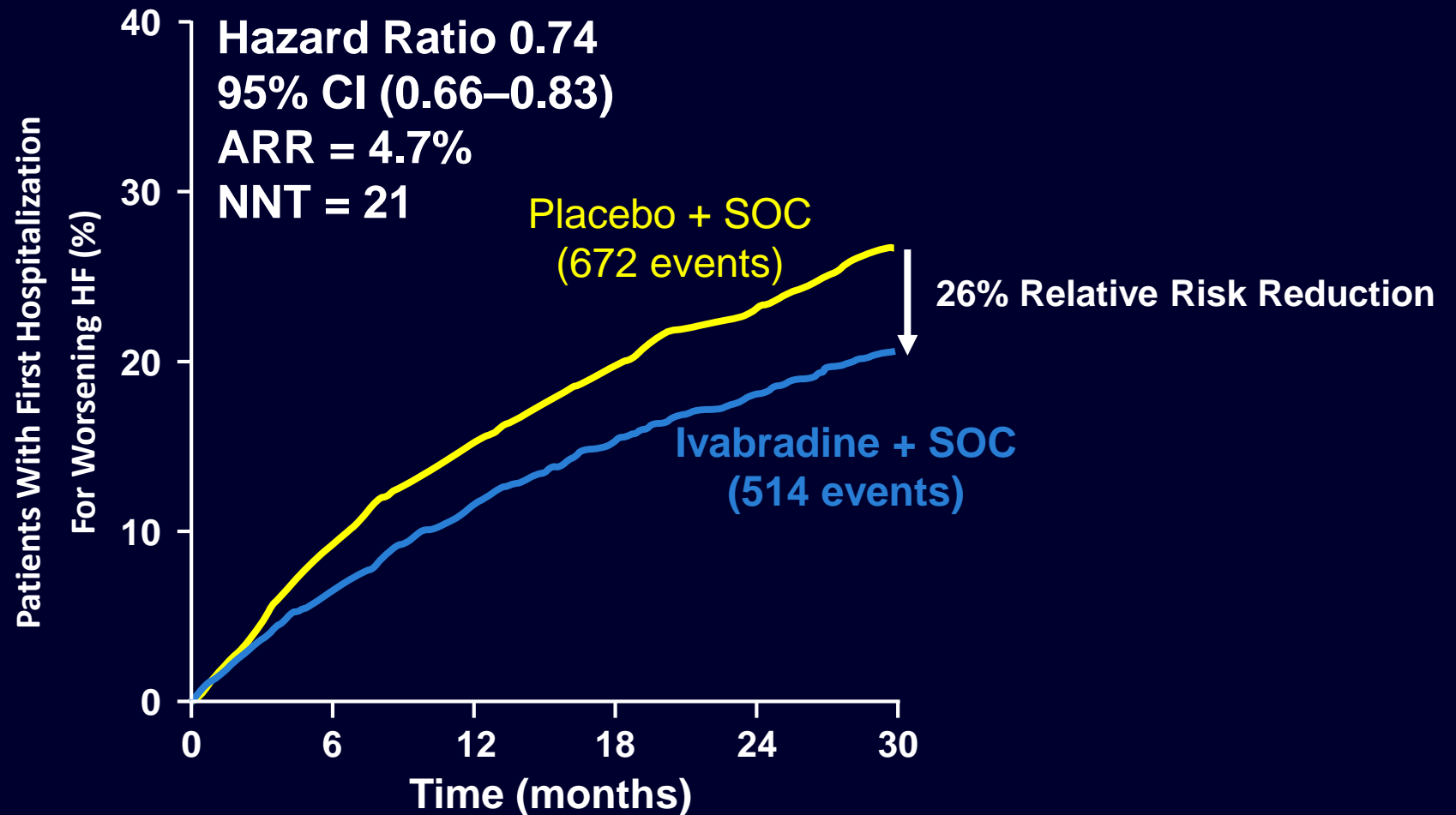
Primary Composite Endpoint: Time to CV Death or First Hospitalization for Worsening HF.

ARR, absolute risk reduction; CI, confidence interval; SOC, standard of care.

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Hospitalization for worsening HF at any time



Pharmacological Treatment for Stage C HF with Reduced EF

Ivabradine

COR	LOE	Recommendations	Comment/ Rationale
Ia	B-R	Ivabradine can be beneficial to reduce HF hospitalization for patients with symptomatic (NYHA class II-III) stable chronic HFrEF (LVEF \leq 35%) who are receiving GDEM*, including a beta blocker at maximum tolerated dose, and who are in sinus rhythm with a heart rate of 70 bpm or greater at rest.	NEW New clinical trial data.

Therapies approved for HF treatment over the past 4 decades

HFrEF

- ACEIs and ARBs
- Aldo receptor antagonists
- Beta blockers
- Hyd/ISDN
- Ivabradine
- ICDs
- BiVs
- LVADs

HFpEF

- None

Pharmacological Treatment for Stage C HF With Preserved EF

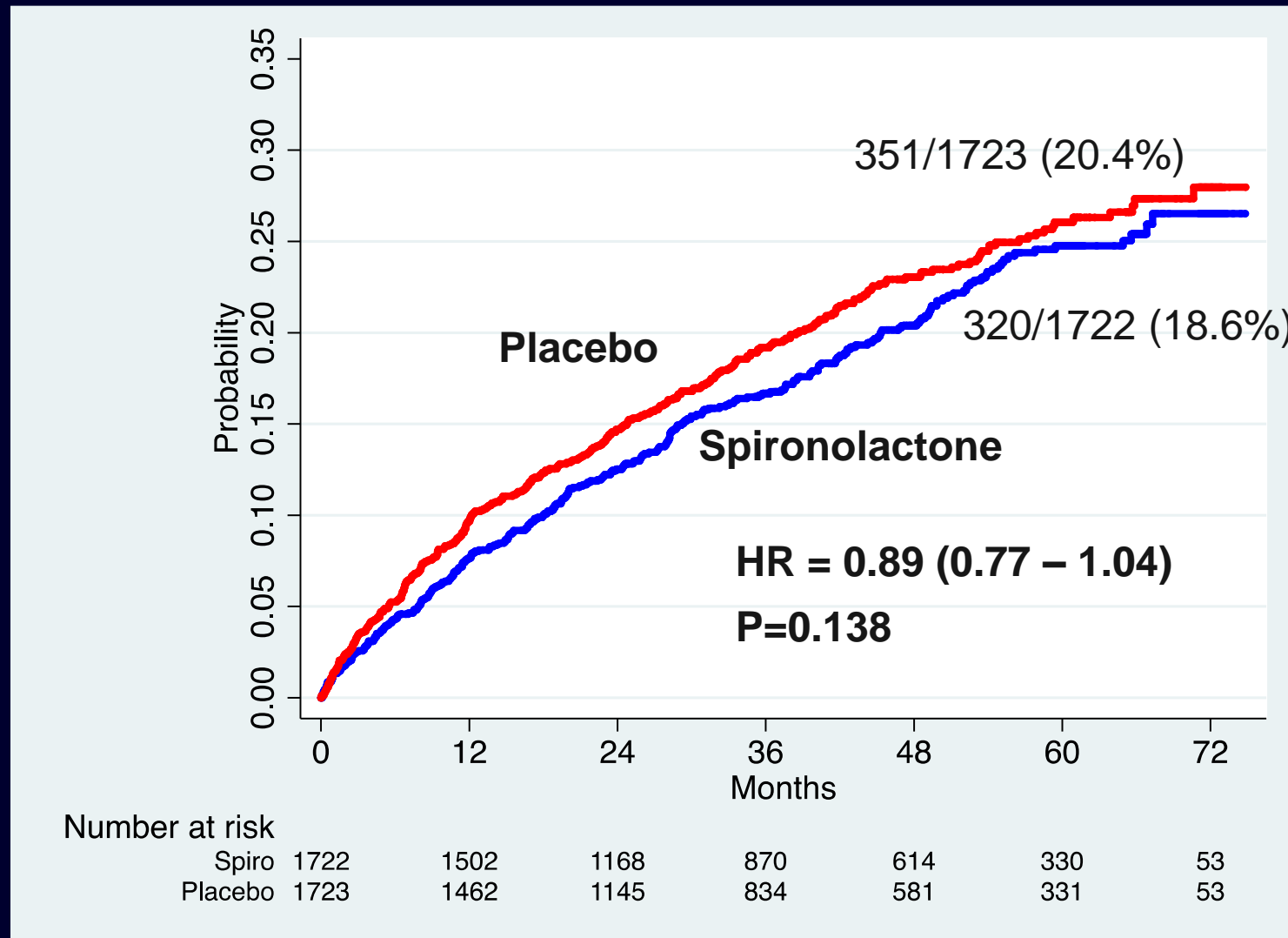
COR	LOE	Recommendations	Comment/ Rationale
I	B	Systolic and diastolic blood pressure should be controlled in patients with HFpEF in accordance with published clinical practice guidelines to prevent morbidity	2013 recommendation remains current.
I	C	Diuretics should be used for relief of symptoms due to volume overload in patients with HFpEF.	2013 recommendation remains current.

Pharmacological Treatment for Stage C HF With Preserved EF

COR	LOE	Recommendations	Comment/ Rationale
IIa	C	Coronary revascularization is reasonable in patients with CAD in whom symptoms (angina) or demonstrable myocardial ischemia is judged to be having an adverse effect on symptomatic HFpEF despite GDMT.	2013 recommendation remains current.
IIa	C	Management of AF according to published clinical practice guidelines in patients with HFpEF is reasonable to improve symptomatic HF.	2013 recommendation remains current.
IIa	C	The use of beta-blocking agents, ACE inhibitors, and ARBs in patients with hypertension is reasonable to control blood pressure in patients with HFpEF.	2013 recommendation remains current.

Spironolactone in HFpEF: TOPCAT

1° Outcome: CV Death, HF Hosp, or Resuscitated Cardiac Arrest



Class I recommendations for devices in patients with LV systolic dysfunction

ICD

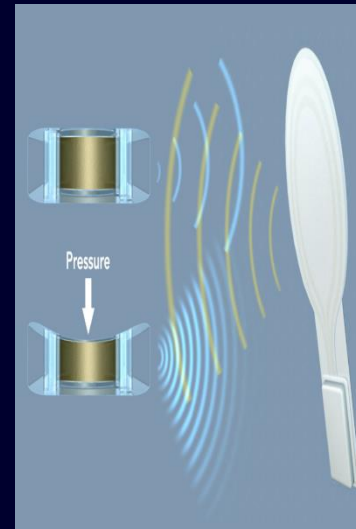
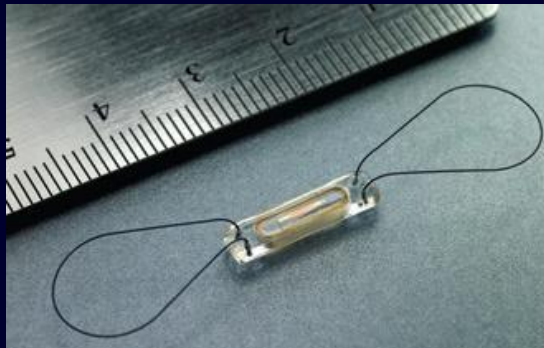
Prior resuscitated cardiac arrest	Class I Level A
Ischaemic aetiology and >40 days of MI	Class I Level A
Non-ischaemic aetiology	Class I Level B

CRT

NYHA Class III/IV and QRS >120 ms	Class I Level A
To improve symptoms/reduce hospitalization	Class I Level A
To reduce mortality	Class I Level A

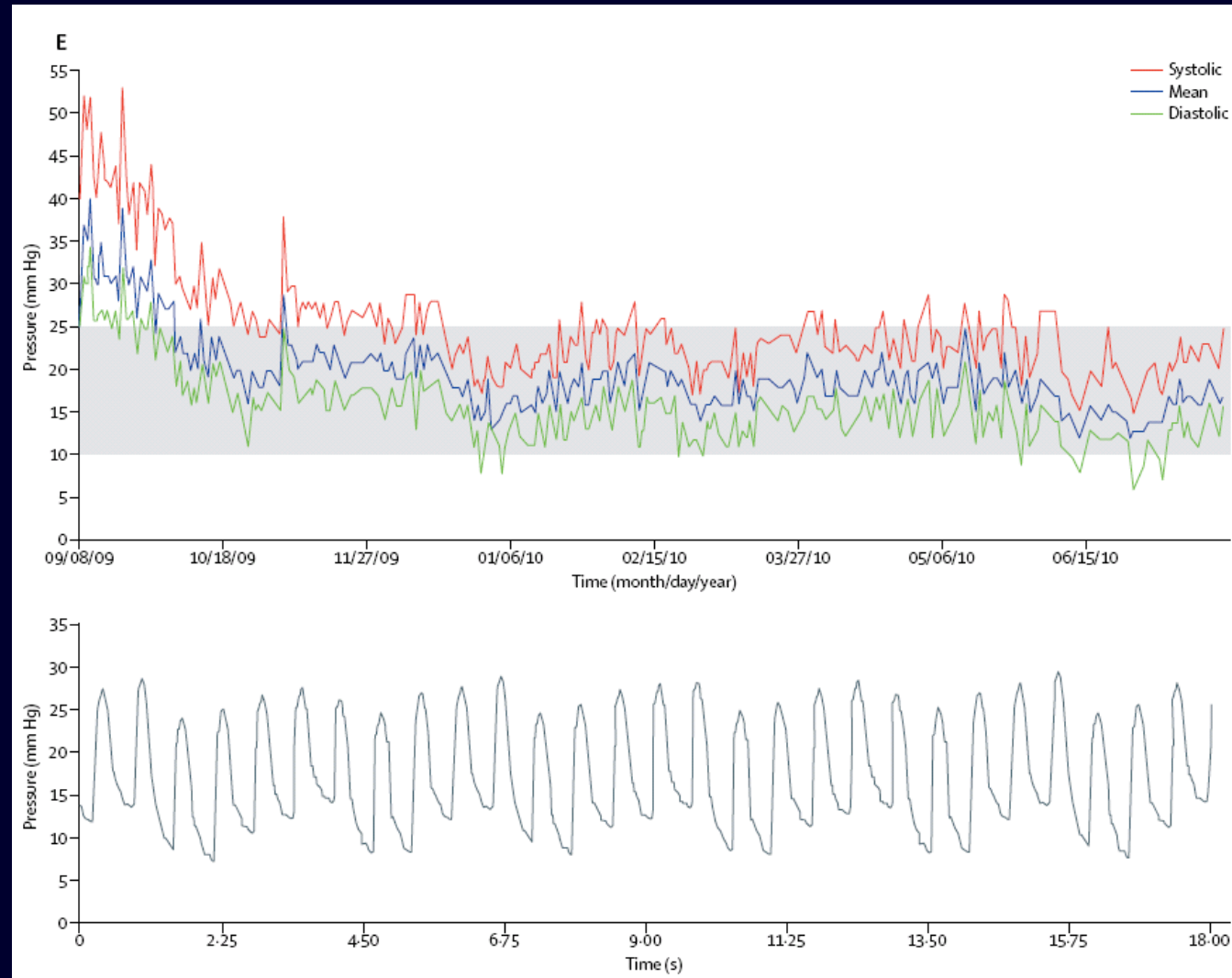
Implantable Wireless Heart Sensor

No batteries or internal power source, sensor is powered by RF-energy provided by an external electronics module.

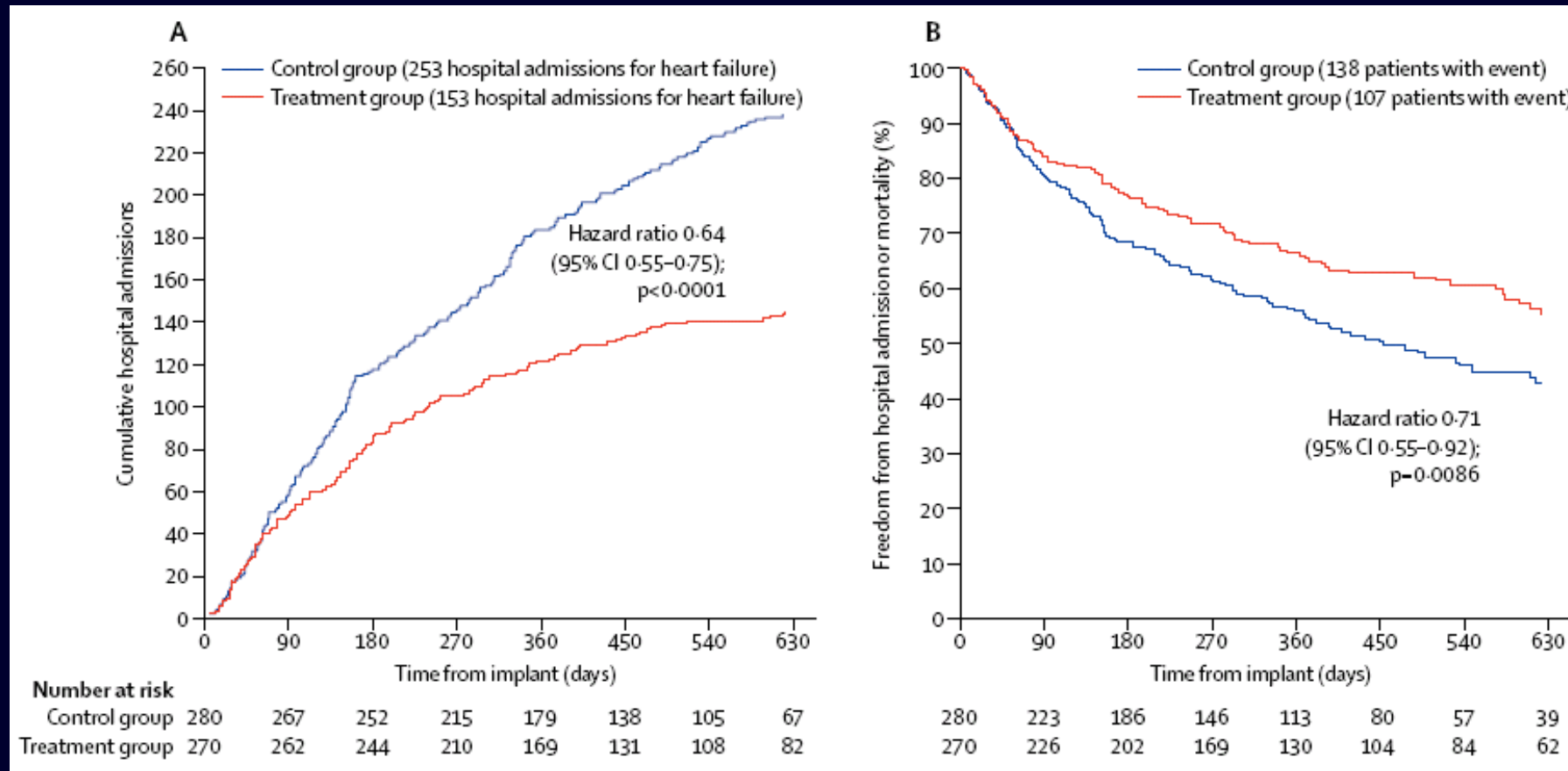


Coil and a pressure sensitive capacitor encased in a hermetically sealed silica capsule covered by silicone. The device has no leads or batteries. Two nitinol loops at the ends of the capsule serve as anchors in the pulmonary artery. The coil and capacitor form an electrical circuit that resonates at a specific frequency, and pressure applied to the sensor causes deflections of the pressure-sensitive surface. An external antenna provides power to the device, continuously measuring its resonant frequency, which is then converted to a pressure waveform. The interrogating device has an atmospheric barometer which automatically subtracts the ambient pressure from that measured from the implanted sensor.

Wireless pulmonary artery hemodynamic monitoring in chronic heart failure: CHAMPION

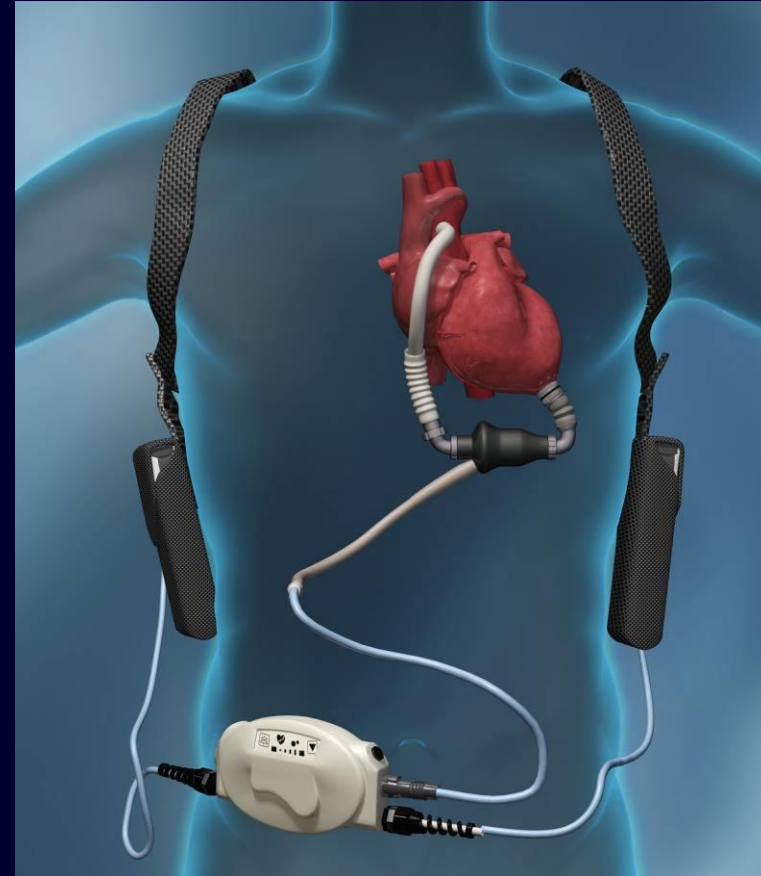


Wireless pulmonary artery hemodynamic monitoring in chronic heart failure: CHAMPION



HeartMate II LVAS

- A surgically implanted, rotary continuous-flow device in parallel with the native left ventricle
 - Left ventricle to ascending aorta
- Percutaneous driveline
- Electrically powered
 - Batteries & line power
- Fixed speed operating mode
- Home discharge



Destination VAD therapy trials

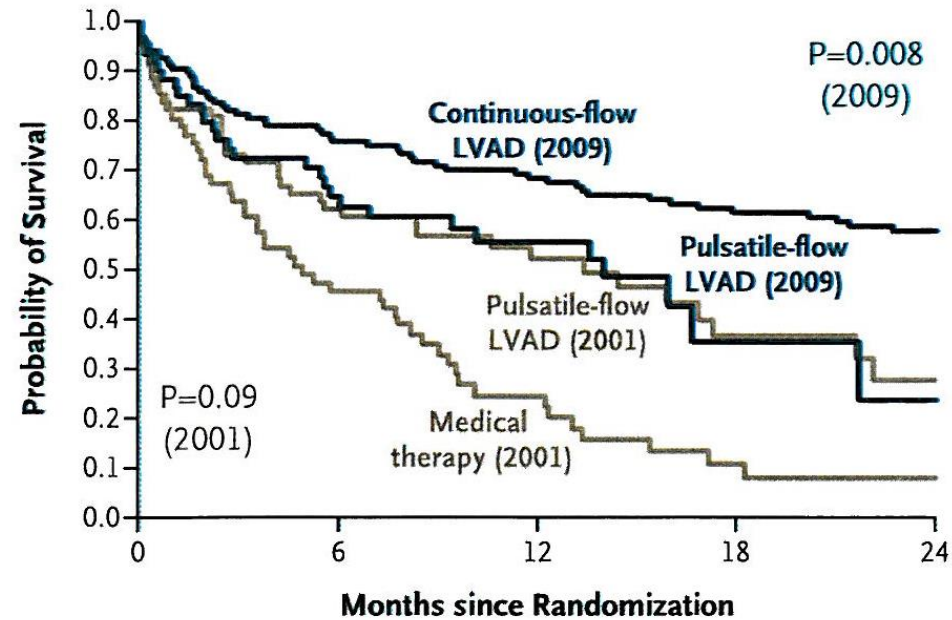
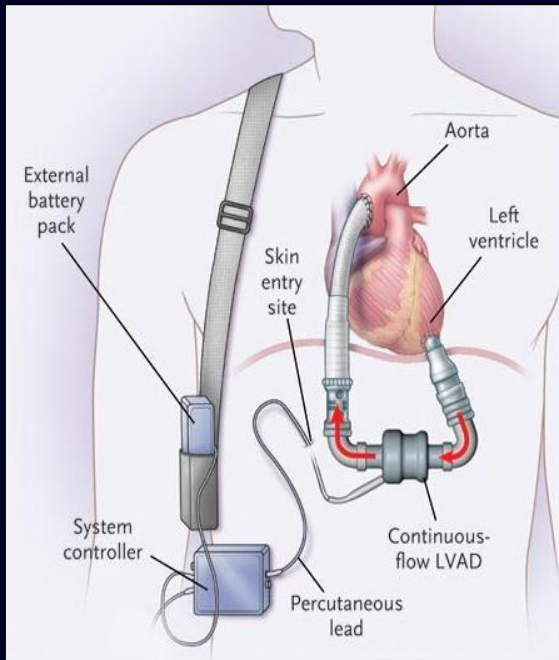


Figure 1. Survival Rates in Two Trials of Left Ventricular Assist Devices (LVADs) as Destination Therapy.

The curves labeled 2009 are those reported by Slaughter and colleagues in this issue of the *Journal*²; those labeled 2001 were reported for the REMATCH trial.¹

Mechanical Circulatory Support (MCS)

Indications

- Failure to wean off CPB (post-cardiotomy syndrome)
- ESHD pt with inadequate organ perfusion despite optimal medical management (BT Tx)
- Acute myocarditis/post-partum CMY (BT Recovery)
- Acute, massive MI with shock
- Destination therapy (DT) for non-transplant candidates with end stage HD
- Incessant VT/cardiac arrest

CPB, cardiopulmonary bypass; ESHD, end-stage heart disease; BTT, bridge to transplant; CMY, cardiomyopathy; BTR, bridge to recovery; VT, ventricular tachycardia.

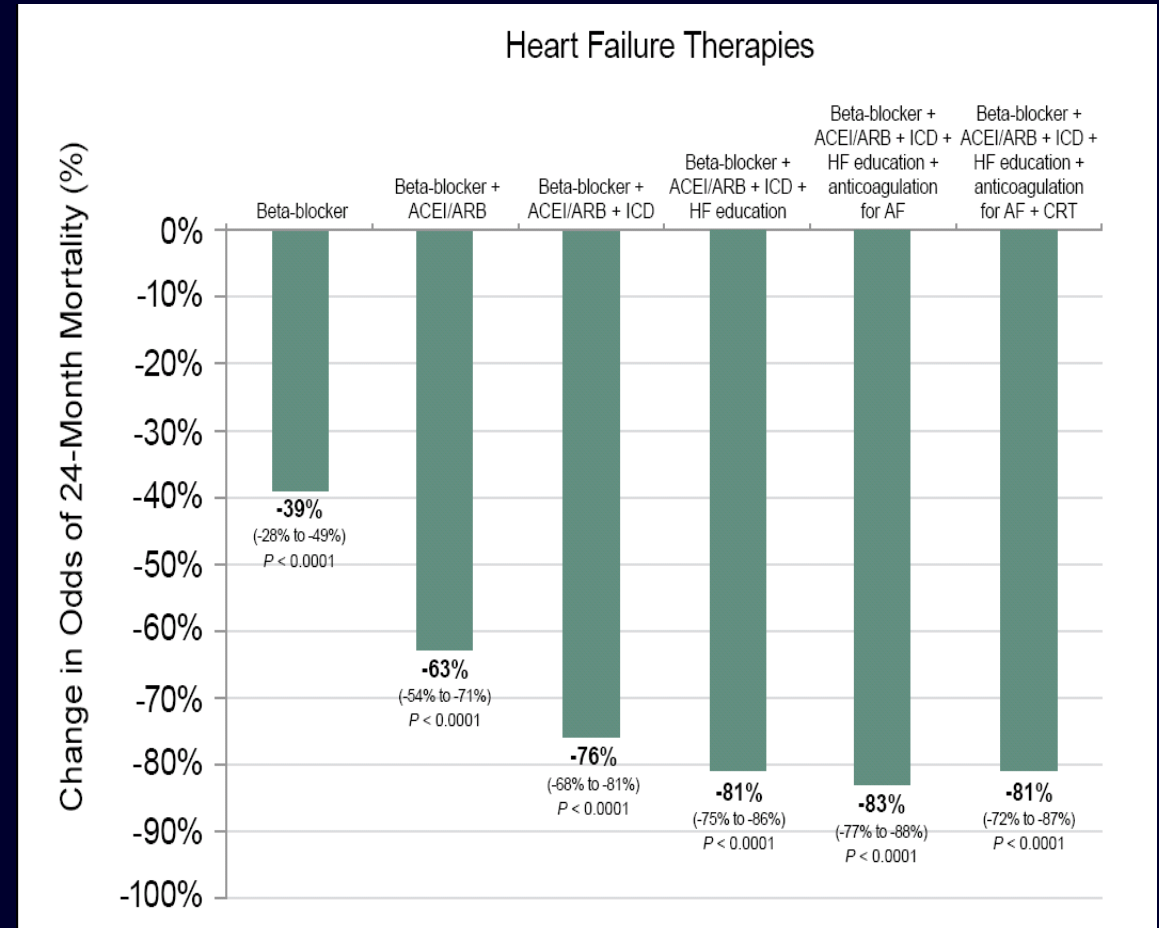
Final Takeaways

- The treatment of HF continues to evolve with new therapies and emerging new devices
- New treatment algorithms address the increasing complexity of HF therapy
- Application of GDMT for HFrEF markedly improves outcomes in clinical practice
- A specific intervention is now indicated for HFpEF, but mortality reducing therapies urgently needed
- Co-Morbidities matter; overzealous treatment may lead to harm
- PREVENTION of HF is essential

Improved Adherence to HF Guidelines Translates to Improved Clinical Outcomes in Real World Patients

- Each 10% improvement in guideline recommended composite care was associated with a 13% lower odds of 24-month mortality (adjusted OR 0.87; 95% CI, 0.84 to 0.90; $P < 0.0001$)

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Directed Therapy for
Heart Failure Improves
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Advances in the Treatment of HF

- Increased attention to prevention
- ACEI / β -blocker / aldosterone antagonist combination established as the “cornerstone” of therapy
- ARNI further reduce morbidity and mortality
- Evidence that β -blockers’ effects are not homogeneous
- Downgrade in recommendation for use of digoxin
- Integration of CRT and ICD device therapy into the standard therapeutic regimen
- Recognition that “special populations” of HF patients may benefit from or require different approaches
- New strategies to improve utilization of evidence based therapies