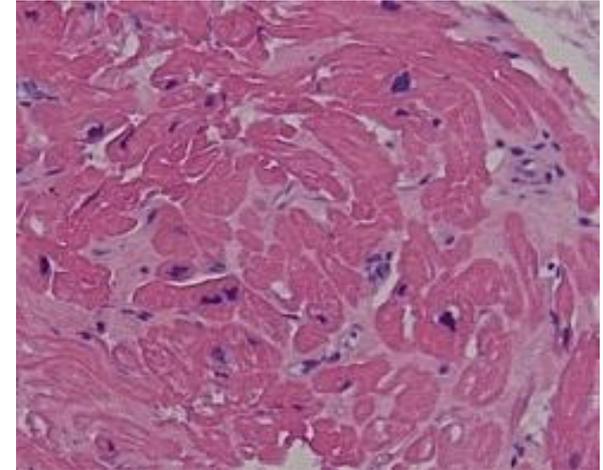
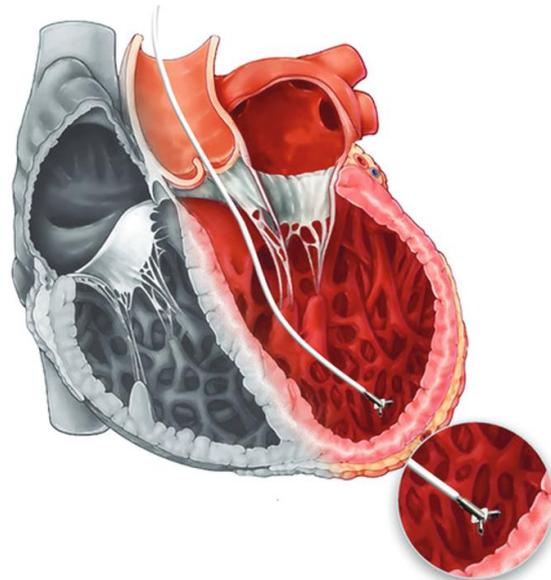
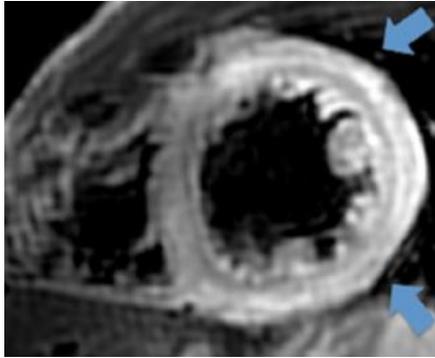


“Hartbiopten bij hartalen patienten”

Continuing Nursing Education; NVHV; Scholing 16 april 2024
“Interventiecardiologie en Hartfalen, een keten- en combinatie van zorg”



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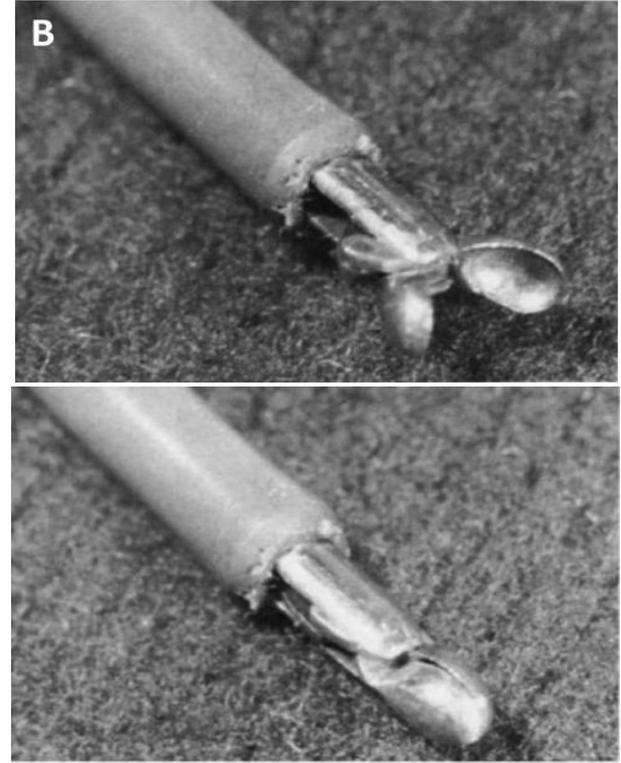
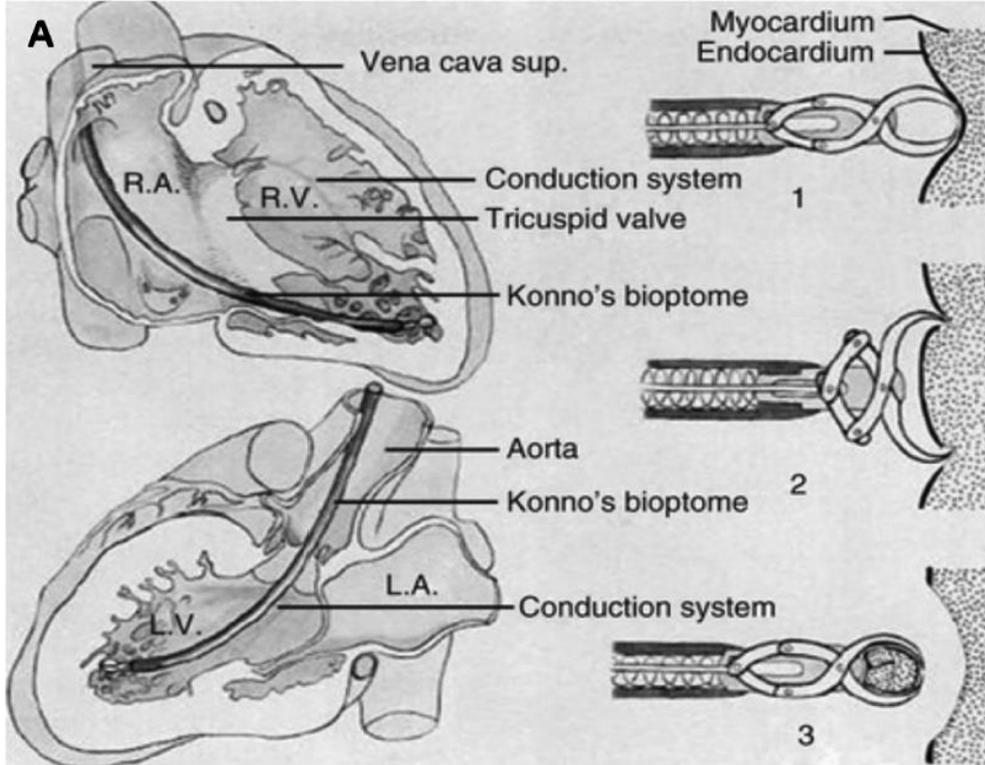
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Ingelheim, Novartis, Vifor

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Andere relatie, namelijk ... -

Endomyocardial biopsy



Endomyocardial biopsy - Guidelines



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AHA/ACCF/ESC scientific statement

The role of endomyocardial biopsy in the management of cardiovascular disease

A Scientific Statement from the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology, and the European Society of Cardiology

Endorsed by the Heart Failure Society of America and the Heart Failure Association of the European Society of Cardiology

INDICATIONS FOR ENDOMYOCARDIAL BIOPSY

- HTx rejection surveillance
- Myocarditis
- Cardiomyopathies
- Drug-related cardiotoxicity
- Amyloidosis
- Infiltrative and storage disorders
- Cardiac tumours



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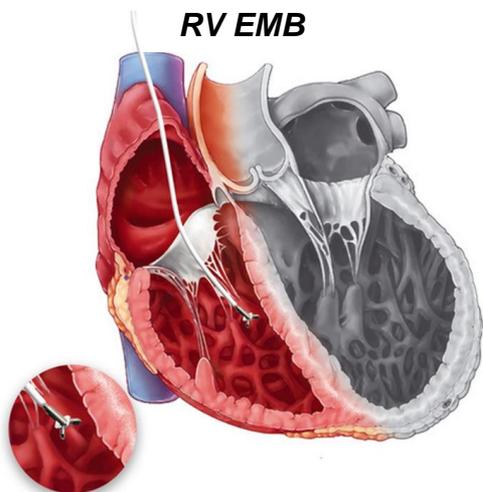
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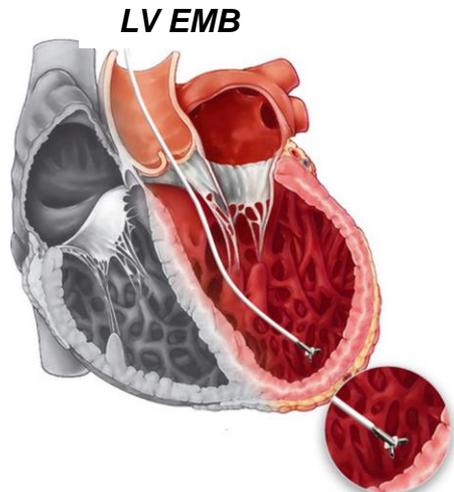
POSITION PAPER

Heart Failure Association of the ESC, Heart Failure Society of America and Japanese Heart Failure Society Position statement on endomyocardial biopsy

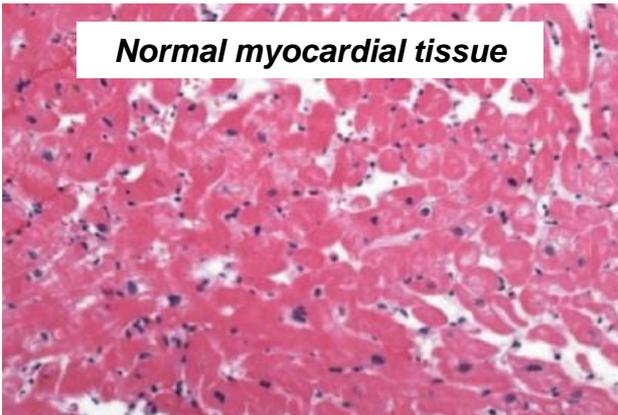
Endomyocardial biopsy – Access and procedural guidance



Venous access route
(i.e. femoral, brachial, jugular)

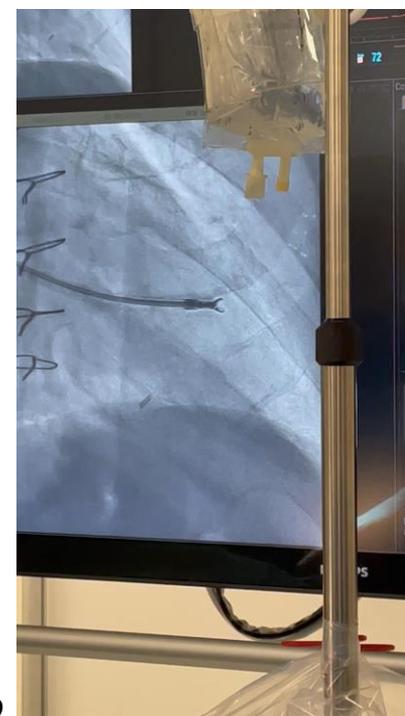


Arterial access route
(i.e. femoral, radial)



Procedural guidance - Cathlab

- *Heart rhythm
- *Blood pressure
- *Oxygen monitoring
- *INR $\leq 1.5-1.8$
- *Aspirin
- *Platelet count $>50 \times 10^9/L$



**≥ 5
samples**

Endomyocardial biopsy – Complications and contraindications

Complications

Major complications

- Death (0–0.07%)
- Cardiac perforation/haemopericardium/tamponade (0–6.9%)
- Pneumothorax/air embolism (0–0.8%)
- Thromboembolism (0–0.32%)
- Valvular trauma (0.02–1.1%)
- Severe arrhythmias/atrioventricular block (0–11%)

Minor complications

- Chest pain (transient) (0–1.8%)
- Deep vein thrombosis (0.23–3.8%)
- Puncture site haematoma/nerve palsy (0–0.64%)
- Hypotension/vaso-vagal syncope (0–4.3%)
- Arterial trauma/vascular damage/fistulae (0.32–2.8%)

Contraindications

Absolute contraindications

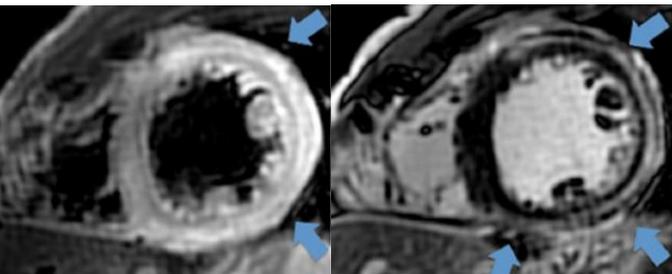
- Intracardiac thrombus
- Ventricular aneurysm
- Severe tricuspid, pulmonary or aortic stenosis
- Aortic and tricuspid mechanical prosthesis

Relative contraindications

- Active bleeding
- Infection and fever
- Infective endocarditis
- Pregnancy
- Recent cerebrovascular accident/TIA (<1 month)
- Uncontrolled hypertension
- Thin ventricular wall (for the biopsy of the myocardium)
- Coagulopathy
- Contrast media hypersensitivity^a
- Uncooperative patient

Endomyocardial biopsy – Indications

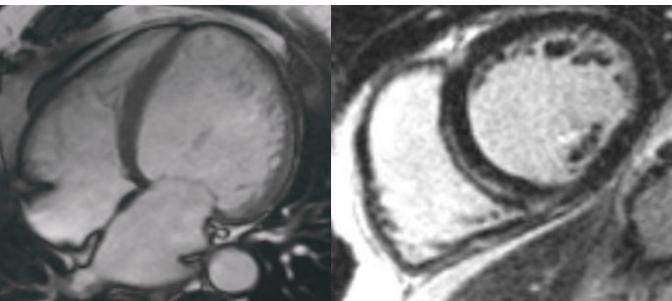
Myocarditis



****Fulminant or acute myocarditis with acute HF/LV dysfx and/or rhythm disorders***

****Suspected myocarditis in HD stable pts***

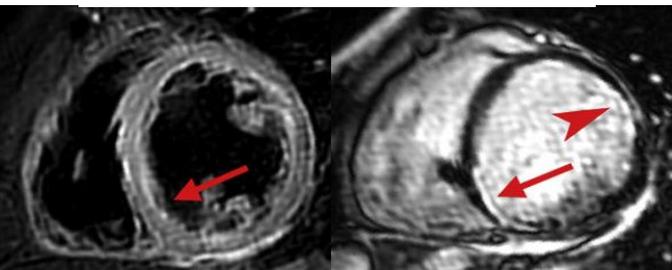
DCM



****DCM recent onset with moderate/severe LV dysfx and refractory to therapy***

****Suspected myocarditis in HD stable pts***

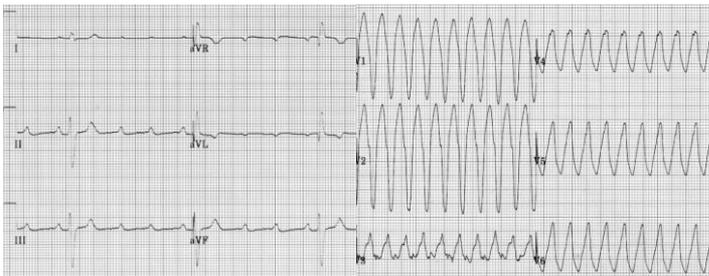
ICI-induced myocarditis



****Suspected Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor mediated cardiotoxicity with LV dysfx and/or arrhythmias within 4 cycles of therapy***

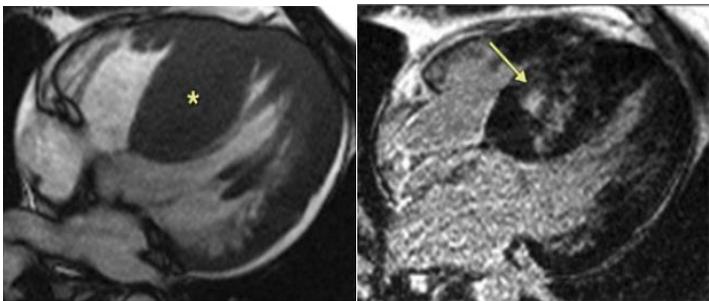
Endomyocardial biopsy – Indications

Conduction disorders/VA eci



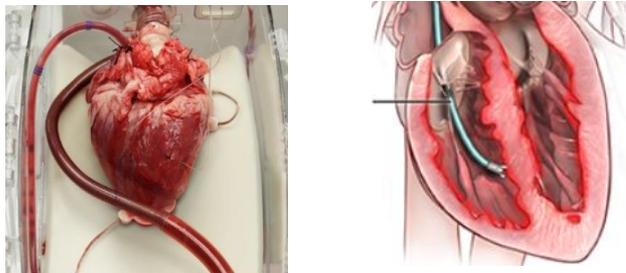
****High degree AVB or VA eci refractory to treatment without obvious cardiac disease or minimal structural abnormalities***

HCM



****Unexplained restrictive or hypertrophic CMP (i.e. Amyloidosis, sarcoidosis, hemochromatosis, glycogen storage disease, Fabry)***

Cardiac transplant surveillance



****Routine surveillance after heart Tx***

EMB to investigate underlying etiology in unexplained HF

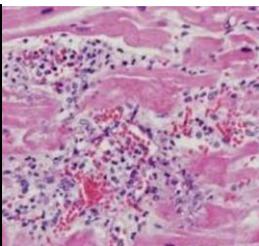
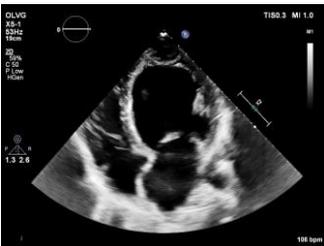
Pts admitted with unexplained HF who underwent EMB (n=851) at Johns Hopkins ('00-'09). Role of EMB in according to clinical scenario (ESC '07 EMB guideline) in establishing diagnosis of underlying etiology and effect on therapeutic strategy.

Table 2. Number and Percentage of Biopsies Performed for 14 Clinical Scenarios

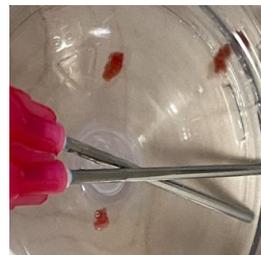
Scenarios	Clinical Scenarios (Class of Recommendation, Level of Evidence)	No.	% of Total
1	New-onset heart failure of <2 wk duration associated with a normal-sized or dilated left ventricle and hemodynamic compromise (I, B)	109	12.8
2	New-onset heart failure of 2 wk to 3 mo duration associated with a dilated left ventricle and new ventricular arrhythmias, second- or third-degree heart block, or failure to respond to usual care within 1 to 2 wk (I, B)	29	3.4
3	Heart failure of >3 mo duration associated with a dilated left ventricle and new ventricular arrhythmias, second- or third-degree heart block, or failure to respond to usual care within 1 to 2 wk (IIa, C)	26	3.1
4	Heart failure associated with a DCM of any duration associated with suspected allergic reaction and/or eosinophilia (IIa, C)	9	1.1
5	Heart failure associated with suspected anthracycline cardiomyopathy (IIa, C)	24	2.8
6	Heart failure associated with unexplained restrictive cardiomyopathy (IIa, C)	286	33.6
7	Suspected cardiac tumors (IIa, C)	4	0.5
8	Unexplained cardiomyopathy in children (IIa, C)	29	3.4
9	New-onset heart failure of 2 wk to 3 mo duration associated with a dilated left ventricle, without new ventricular arrhythmias or second- or third-degree heart block, which responds to usual care within 1 to 2 wk (IIb, B)	100	11.7
10	Heart failure of >3 mo duration associated with a dilated left ventricle, without new ventricular arrhythmias or second- or third-degree heart block, which responds to usual care within 1 to 2 wk (IIb, C)	134	15.7
11	Heart failure associated with unexplained HCM (IIb, C)	28	3.3
12	Suspected ARVD/C (IIb, C)	62	7.3
13	Unexplained ventricular arrhythmias (IIb, C)	8	0.9
14	Unexplained atrial fibrillation (III, C)	3	0.4

ARVD/C indicates arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia/cardiomyopathy; and DCM, dilated cardiomyopathy.

EMB to investigate underlying etiology in unexplained HF



EMB provided diagnosis in: **39%** (mostly myocarditis)

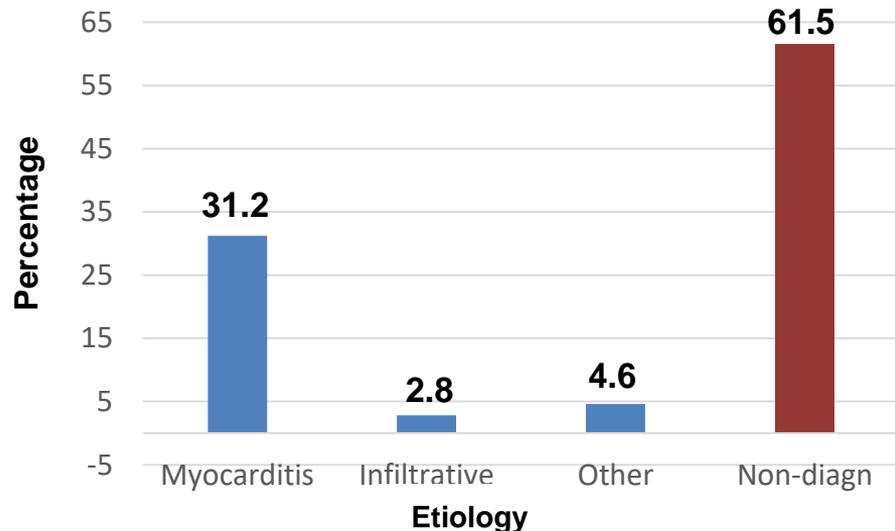


Mean biopsies/pt: **5.6**

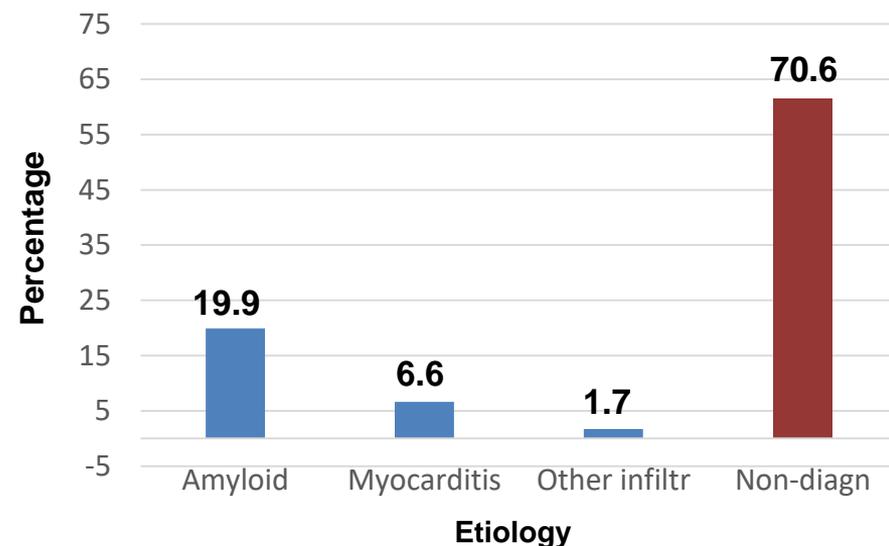


Complications induced in 16 (4.8%) of 30 pts. 8 PE/tamponade

Acute HF <2 wks with (non)dilated LV and HD compromise (n=109)

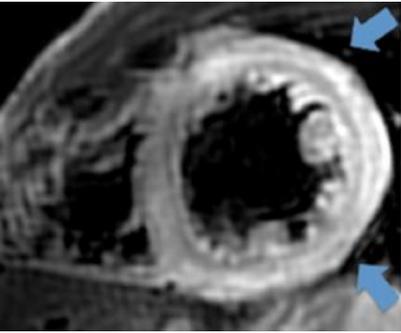


HF with unexplained restrictive CMP (n=286)

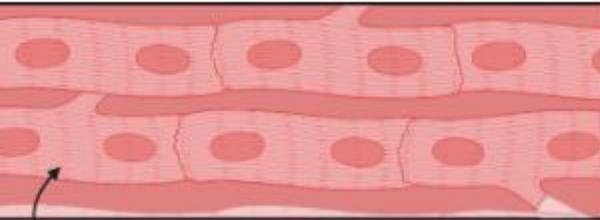


Myocarditis

Myocarditis: any heightened humoral or cellular immune response in the heart with clinical presentation ranging from chest pain or mild dyspnea to acute cardiogenic shock. Up to 20% of myocarditis pts may subsequently develop chronic inflammatory dilated CMP

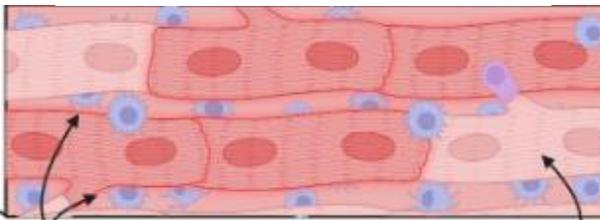


Normal myocardium



Normal cardiomyocyte (heart muscle cell)

Myocarditis – inflammation



Immune cells

Damaged myocyte

CAUSES

Infections

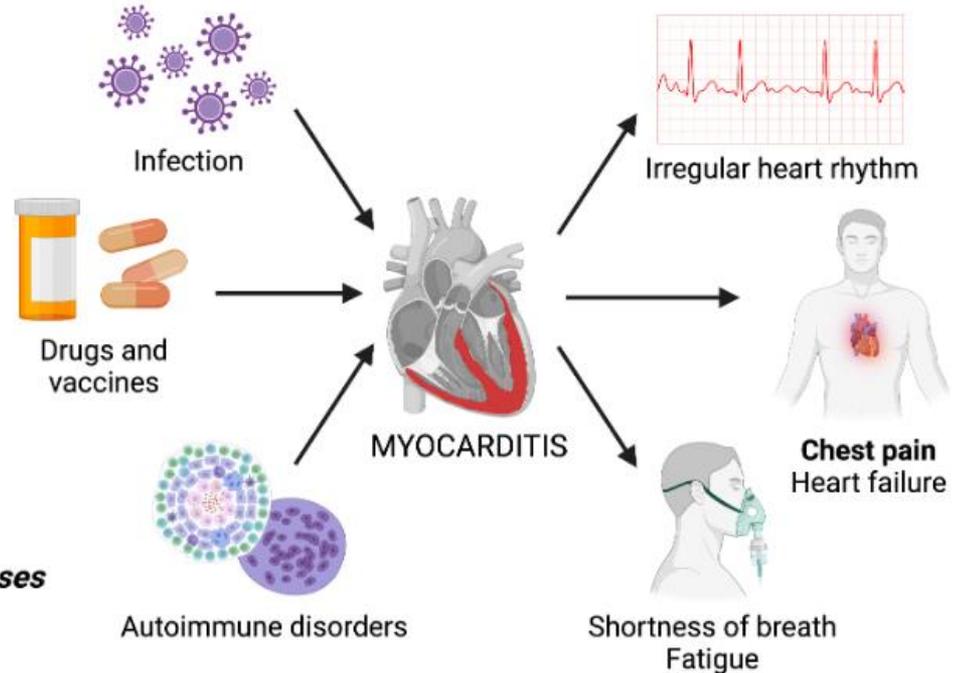
- Viruses
- Bacteria
- Parasites

Drugs & vaccines

- Cancer therapies (e.g. immune checkpoint inhibitors)
- Clozapine
- COVID-19, smallpox vaccine

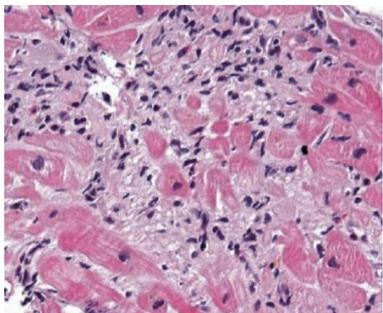
Autoimmune diseases

- Lupus
- Sarcoidosis
- Organ-specific (e.g. IBS)



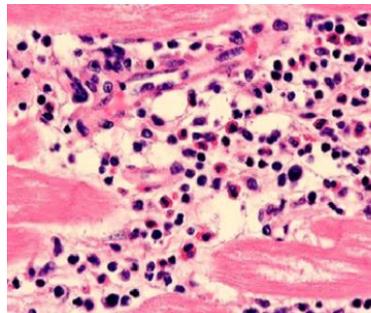
Endomyocardial biopsy – Myocarditis

Lymphocytic myocard.



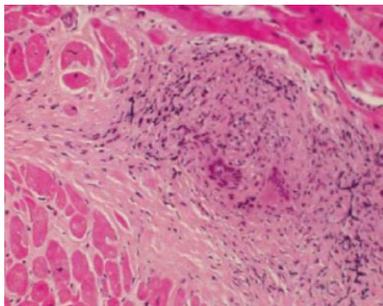
**Viral infection
Autoimmunity
Drug-toxicity**

Eosinophilic myocard.



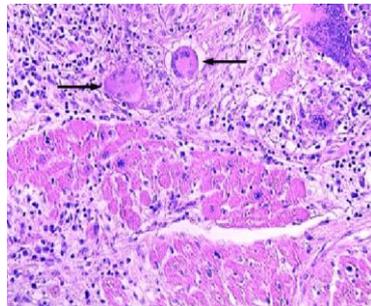
**Eosinophilic infiltrate
+ peripherhal blood
eosinophilia**

Granulomatous myocard.



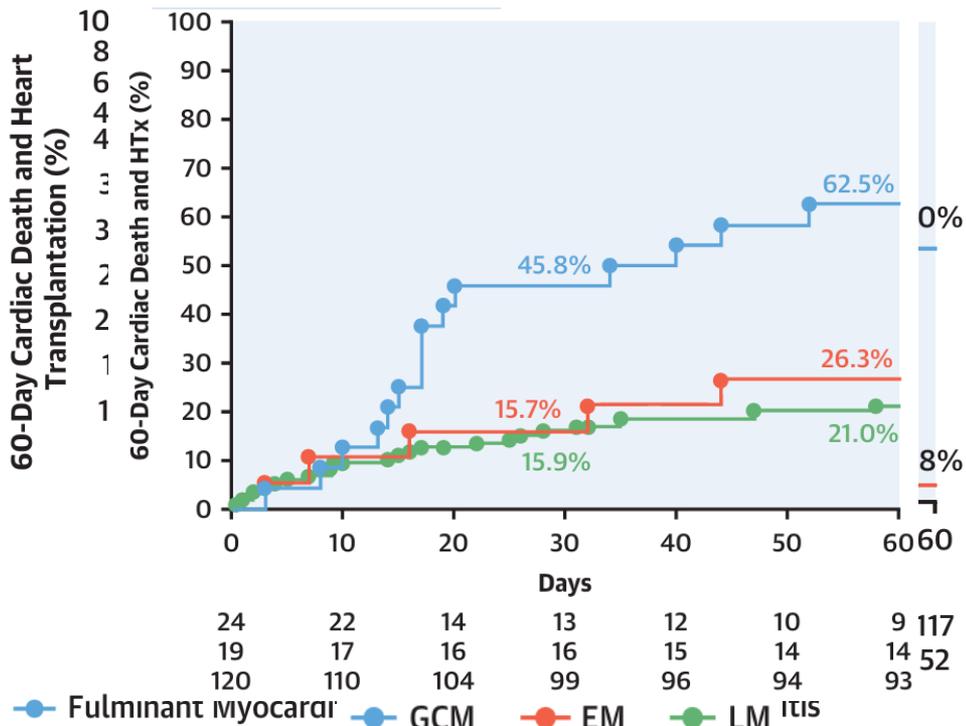
Sarcoidosis

Giant cell myocard.



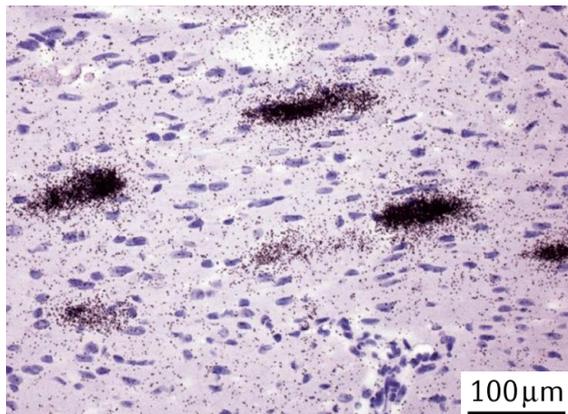
**Rare (1% of acute
myocarditis); fulminant**

Pts with histologically proven acute myocarditis (n=220) presenting with LV systolic dysfx. Prognosis in pts with fulminant (n=165) vs non-fulminant (n=55) myocarditis
→ **Endpoint: cardiac death or heart Tx**

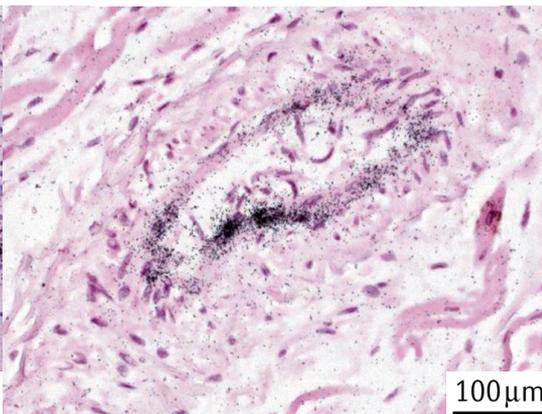


Viral myocarditis

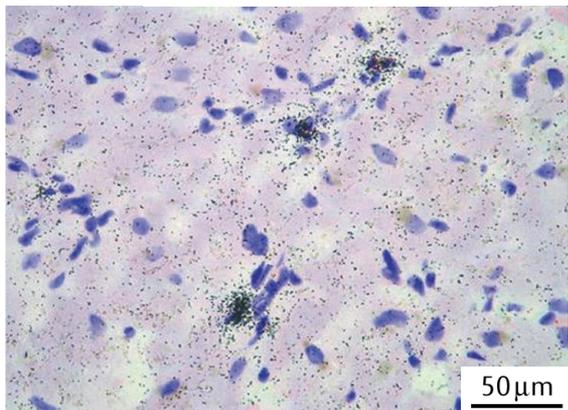
Enterovirus RNA



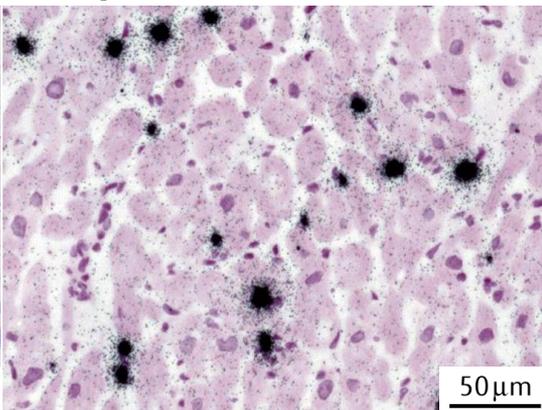
Parvovirus B19 DNA



HHV 6 DNA



Epstein Barr virus RNA



ssDNA

Parvovirus B19

dsDNA

Adenovirus

CMV

EBV

HHV 1&2

HBV

HHV-6

Varicella

+ssRNA

Coxsackie

Dengue

HHV 1&2

HAV

HCV

HIV

Polio

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Ebola

Hanta

Parainfluenza

Influenza A&B

Mumps

RSV

Viral myocarditis

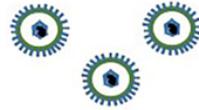
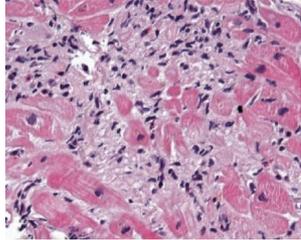
Stage

Acute

Subacute

Chronic

Infection



- *Active viral replication
- *Rapid innate immune system response

- *Infiltration of inflamm cells followed by viral clearance
- *Autoimmune-mediated cardiac injury

- *Persistent viral infection
- *Potential low level viral replication
- *Ongoing immune response

Symptoms



- *Chest pain;dyspnea; HF
- *Elevated Troponins, inflammation

- *Prolonged (>1 mth) CV symptoms, such as chestpain, dyspnea, palpitations, etc.

- *Longterm symptoms
- *Heart failure

Outcomes



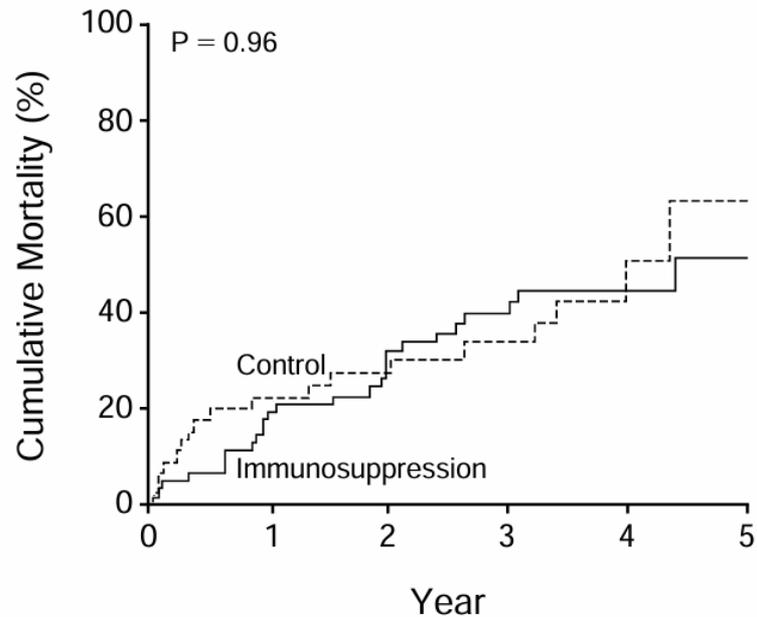
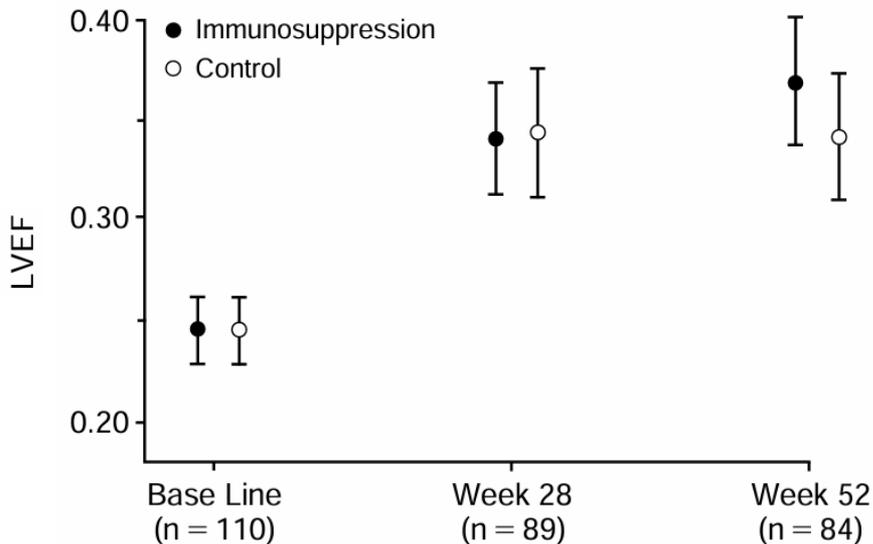
- *Myocyte necrosis
- *Potential resolution if viral clearance is achieved

- *Myocyte inflammation
- *Continued myocyte damage/necrosis

- *Low grade inflammation
- *CM damage/remodeling
- *Potential development of DCM

Immunosuppressive therapy in general myocarditis

Pts with histological diagnosis of myocarditis (n=111) and LVEF <45% randomized to usual care (UC) therapy vs immunosuppression (prednison with either cyclosporine or azathioprine) on top of UC for 24 wks. → Prim EP: change in LVEF at 28 wks



Immunosuppression	64	49	37	23	12	0
Control	47	32	23	16	6	0

Endomyocardial biopsy – Myocarditis

Controversial if there is benefit of immunosuppressive therapy in myocarditis

→ EMB study with serial EMB procedures to assess effect of immunosuppressive therapy in lymphocytic myocarditis

652 pts with EMB

112 with lymphocytic myocarditis

41 with refractory HF
despite conventional Rx

6 mths treatment

Prednisone + Azathioprine

EMB at 1 + 6
mths

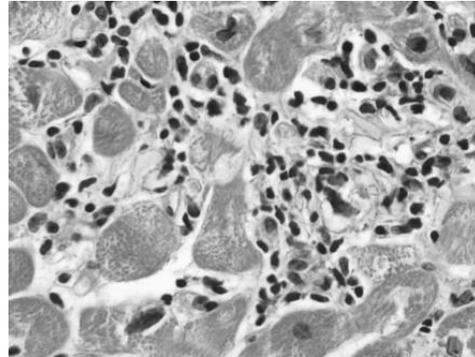
21 responded with
improved LVEF

20 no response with
progression to DCM

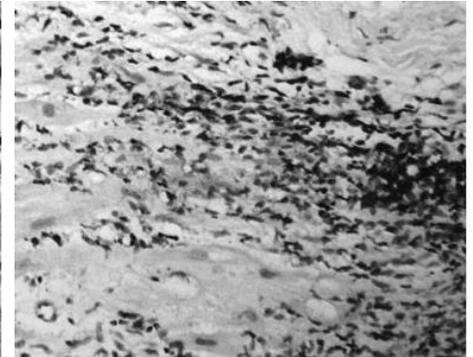
EMB analysis

EMB analysis: Responders had cardiac auto-
antibodies and absence of viral genome

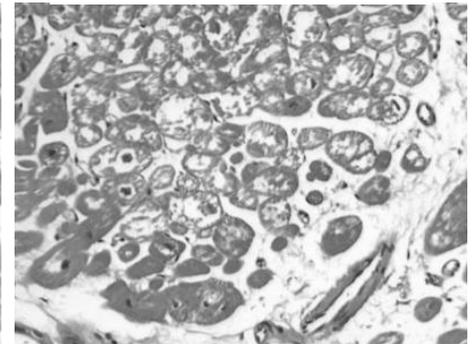
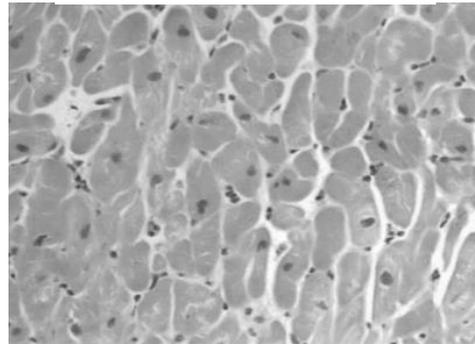
Acute lymphocytic myocarditis



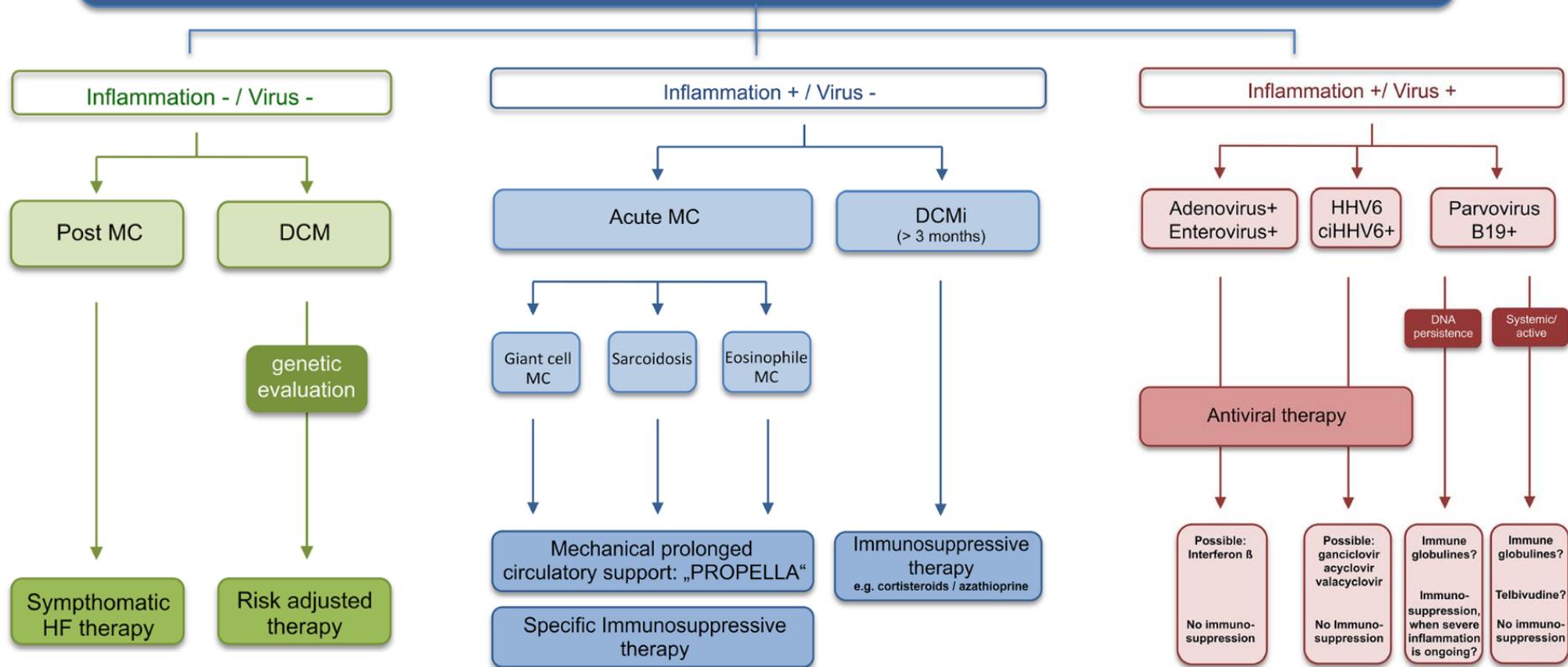
Healed at FUP EMB



DCM at FUP EMB



Potential therapeutic options Based on Endomyocardial Biopsy results from patients with suspected Complicated Myocarditis



Heart Failure (HF) phenotypes

Type of HF	HFrEF	HFmrEF	HFpEF
CRITERIA	1	Symptoms ± Signs ^a	Symptoms ± Signs ^a
	2	LVEF ≤40%	LVEF 41 – 49% ^b
	3	–	–

HFrEF



Management of patients with HFrEF

- ACE-I/ARNI^a
- Beta-blocker
- MRA
- Dapagliflozin/Empagliflozin
- Loop diuretic for fluid retention (Class I)

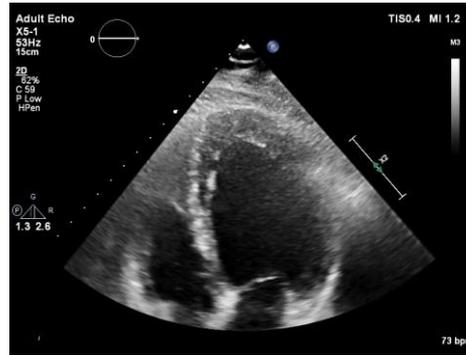
Ivabradine
(Class IIa)

Vericiguat
(Class IIb)

Digoxin
(Class IIb)

Hydralazine/ISDN
(Class IIb)

HFmrEF



Management of patients with HFmrEF

Diuretics for
fluid retention
(Class I)

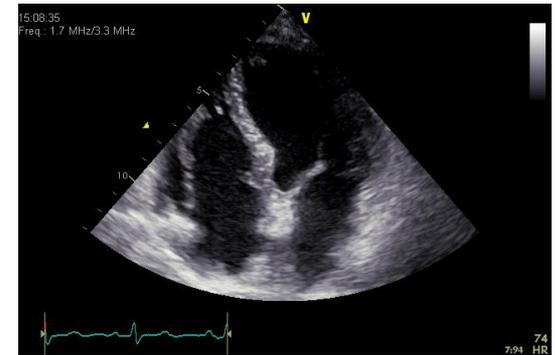
Dapagliflozin/
Empagliflozin
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ACEI/ARNI/ARB
(Class IIb)

MRA
(Class IIb)

Beta-blocker
(Class IIb)

HFpEF



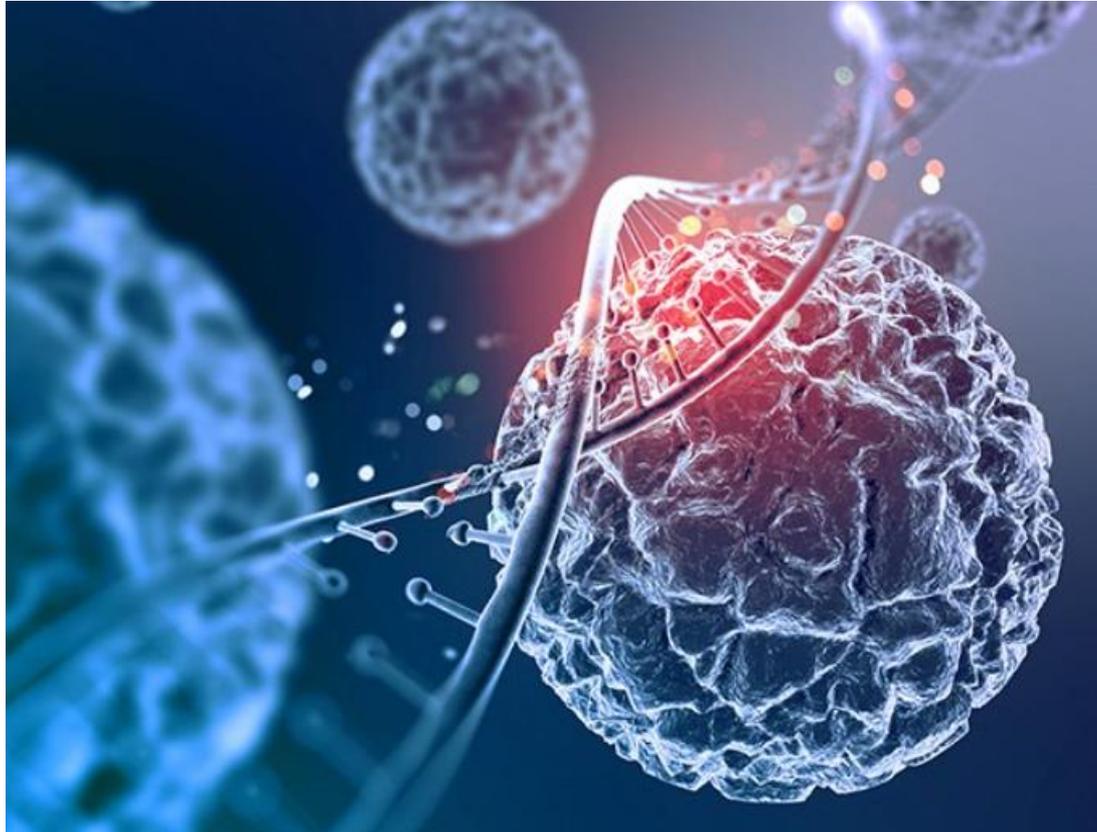
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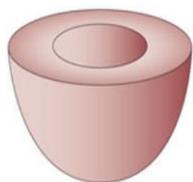
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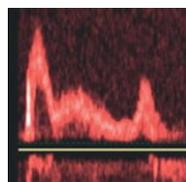
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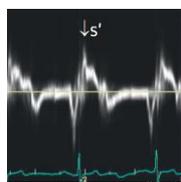
HFpEF – (much) more than just LV diastolic and cardiac dysfunction



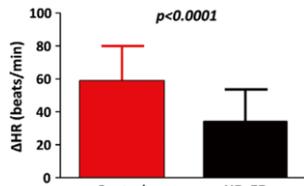
Concentric LVH remodeling



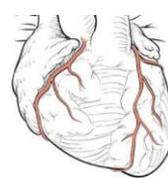
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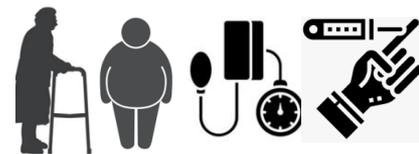
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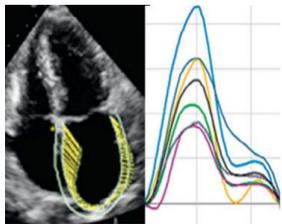
MVD



Endothelial dysfx



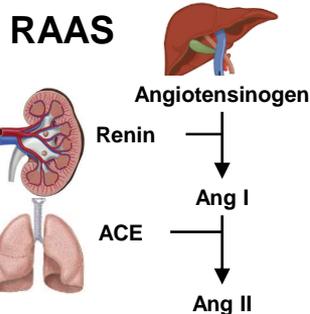
Comorbidities



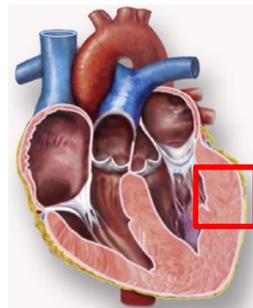
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LA remodeling

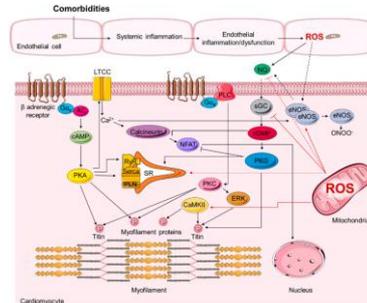


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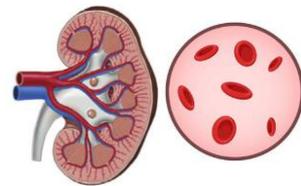


HFpEF

Myocardial structural and functional abnormalities

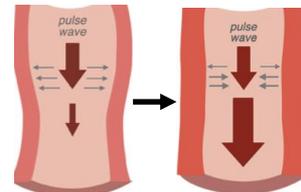


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CKD

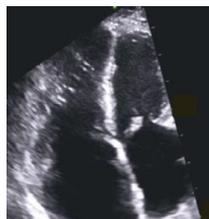
Anemia



Arterial stiffness



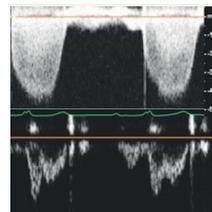
Atrial fibrillation



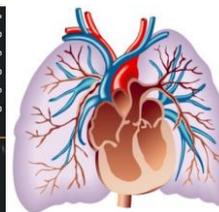
RV dysfx



Ventric. interdependence



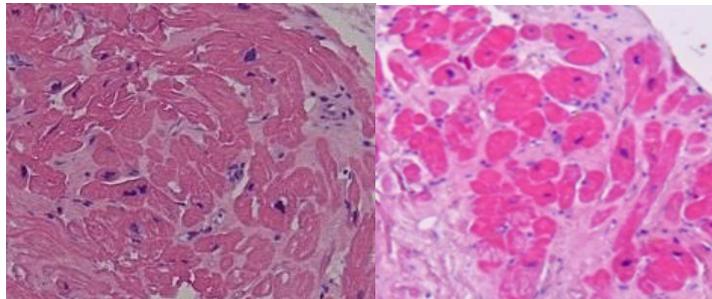
Pulmonary HT and PVD



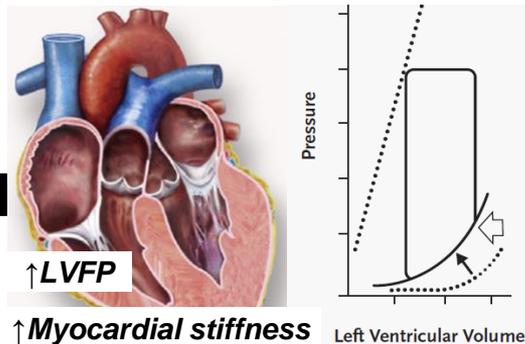
Skeletal muscle dysfx/sarcopenia

Determinants of ↑ myocardial stiffness in HFpEF

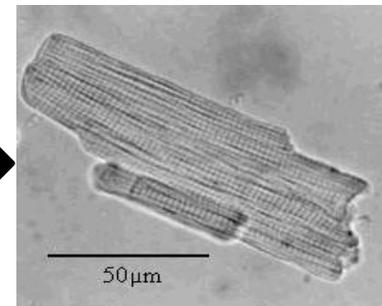
Extracellular matrix remodeling



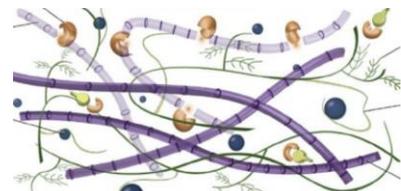
*HFpEF



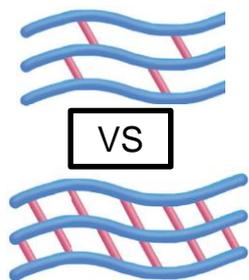
Cardiomyocyte dysfunction



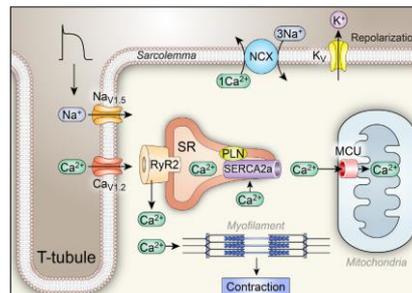
*ECM constituents



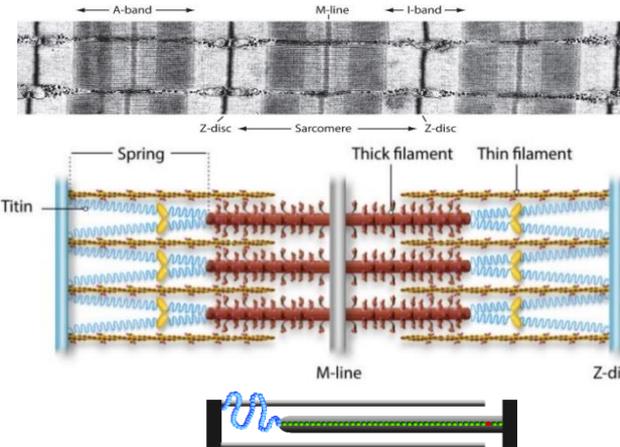
*Collagen crosslinking



*Impaired relaxation



*Myofilamentary/sarcomeric changes



*Glycoproteins

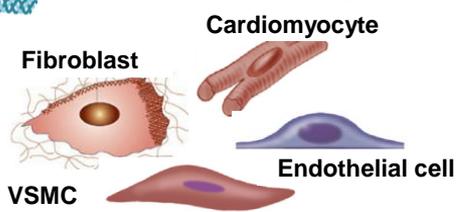
*Proteoglycans

*Collagen types (1 vs 3)



*Collagen synthesis vs degradation (MMPs; TIMPs)

*Multicellular crosstalk



*Mitochondrial dysfunction



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HFpEF: a heterogeneous syndrome

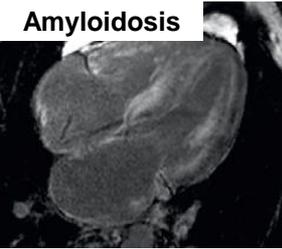
HFpEF

1) HF symptoms 2) LVEF $\geq 50\%$ 3) Diastol dysfunction; NT-proBNP; Struct. abnorm. (LVH; LAE)

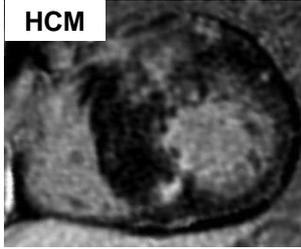
HFpEF “masqueraders”

Cardiomyopathies

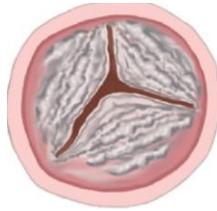
Amyloidosis



HCM



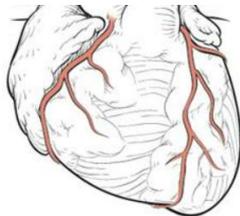
Valvular HD



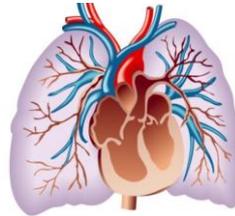
Sarcoidosis



Coronary disease



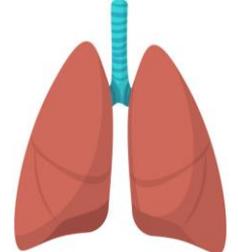
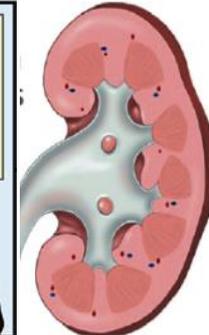
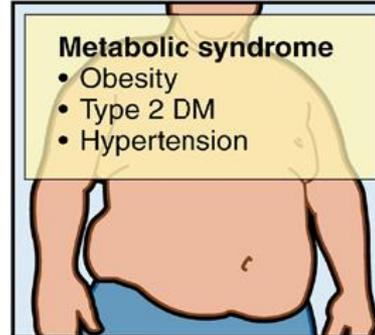
PAH;LD+cor pulmonale



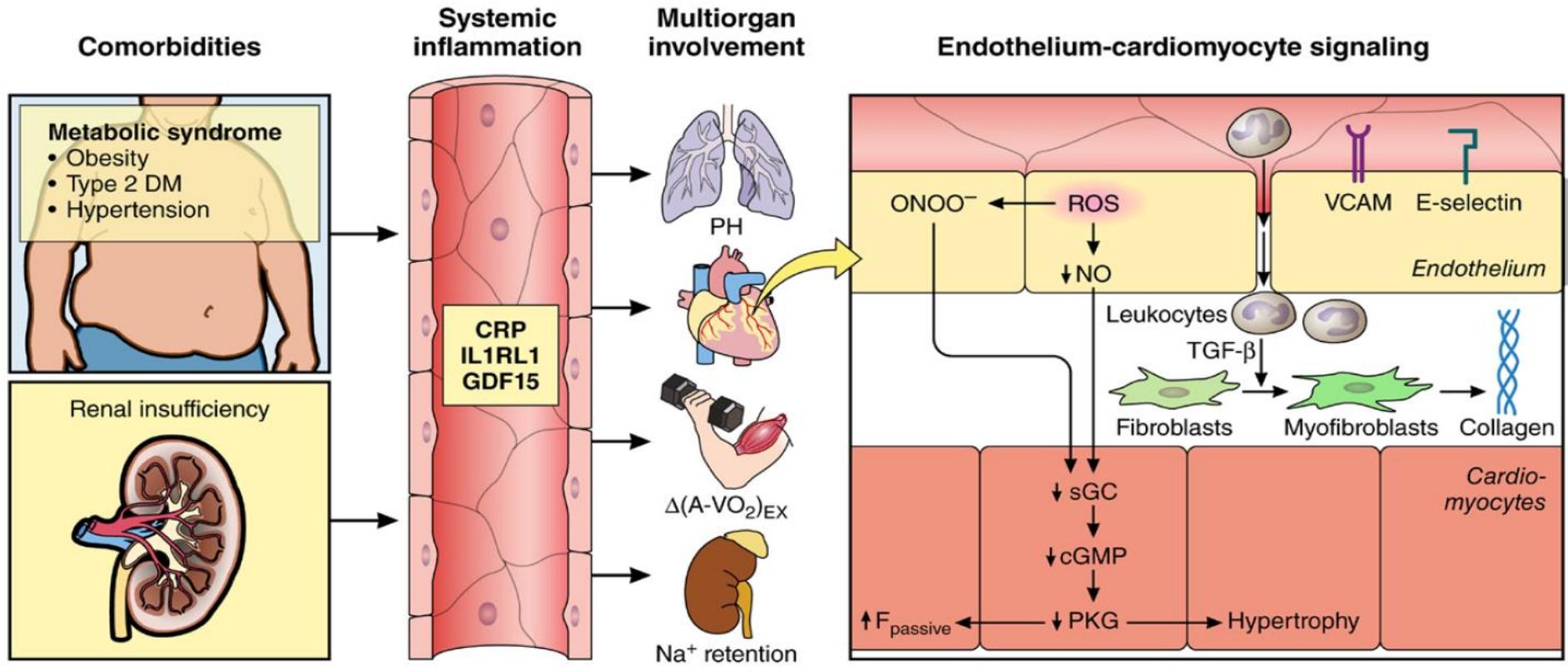
“Garden variety” HFpEF (comorbidities)

Metabolic syndrome

- Obesity
- Type 2 DM
- Hypertension

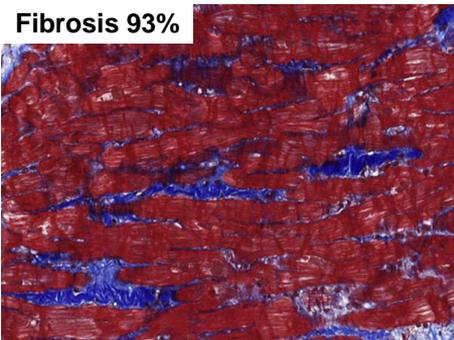


Comorbidities induce structural and functional remodeling in HFpEF through coronary endothelial inflammation



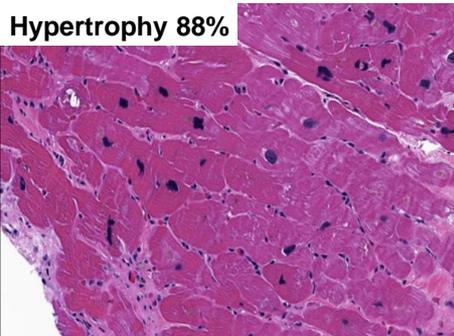
Endomyocardial biopsy (EMB) – in HFpEF

HFpEF patients (n = 108; LVEF $\geq 50\%$); Age 66 yrs; 61% women; BMI 37 kg/m²; 62% previous HF hosp referred to Johns Hopkins ('14-'18) for RHC and RV EMB



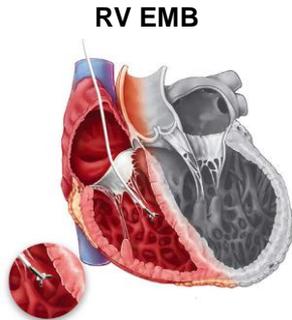
Fibrosis 93%

*66% mild fibrosis
*27% moderate/severe fibrosis
*7% no fibrosis

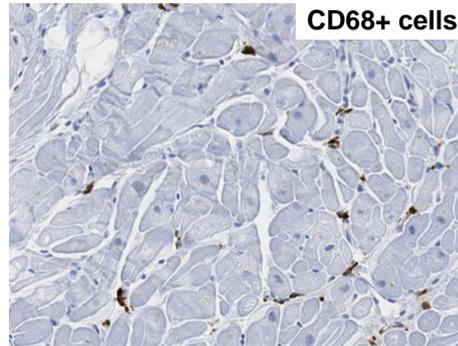


Hypertrophy 88%

*45% mild hypertrophy
*43% moderate/severe hypertrophy
*12% no hypertrophy

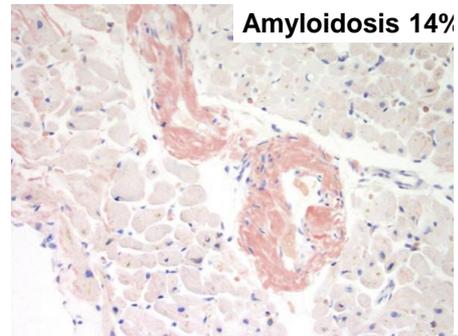


RV EMB



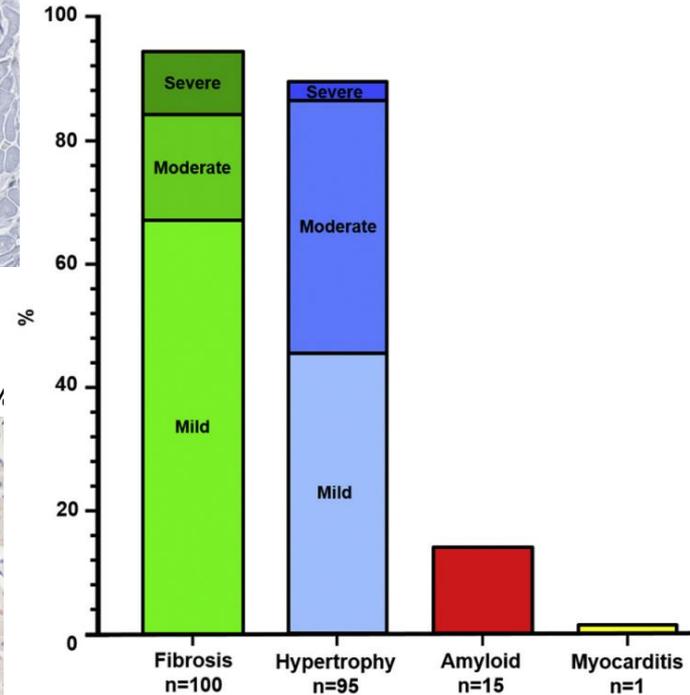
CD68+ cells

1.9x greater than controls

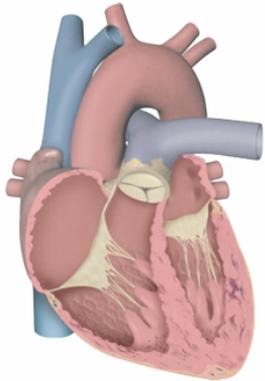


Amyloidosis 14%

Cardiac amyloidosis in 15 patients (14%)
of which 7 cases were unsuspected prior to EMB

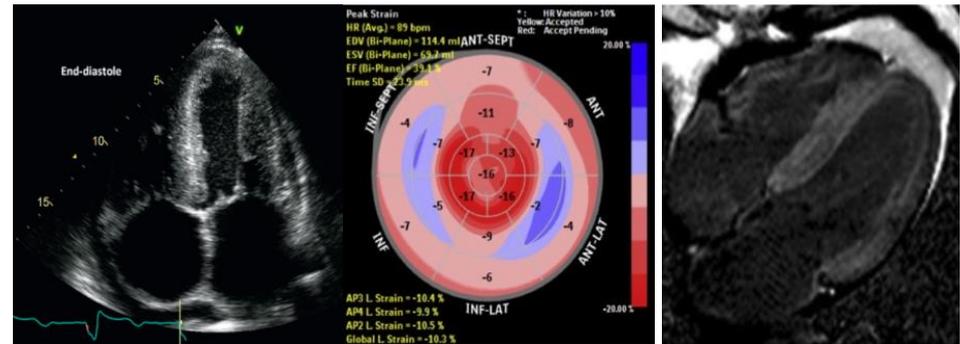
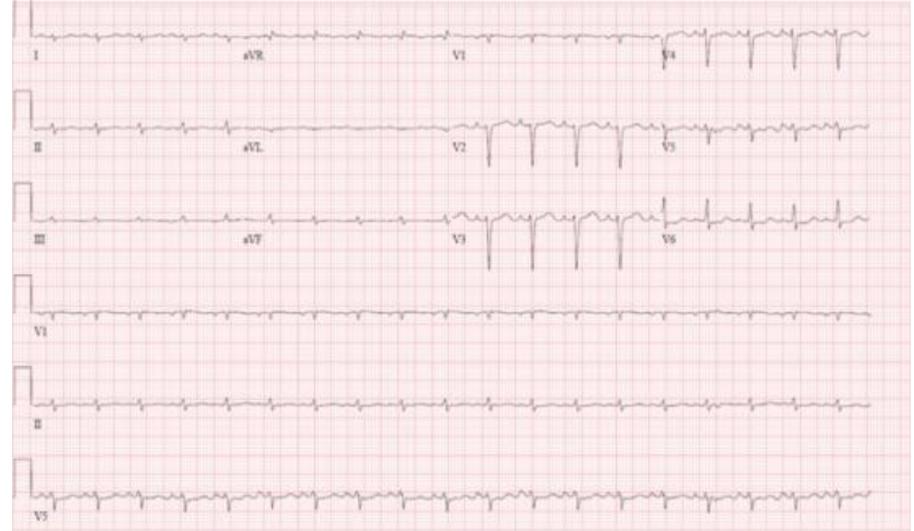


Cardiac Amyloidosis – Red flags and diagnostic findings



Left ventricular wall thickness ≥ 12 mm + ≥ 1 of

- Heart failure in ≥ 65 years
- Aortic stenosis in ≥ 65 years
- Hypotension or normotensive if previously hypertensive
- Sensory involvement, autonomic dysfunction
- Peripheral polyneuropathy
- Proteinuria
- Skin bruising
- Ruptured biceps tendon
- Bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome
- Subendocardial/transmural LGE or increased ECV
- Reduced longitudinal strain with apical sparing
- Decreased QRS voltage to mass ratio
- Pseudo Q waves on ECG
- AV conduction disease
- Possible family history of ATTR
- Chronically increased troponin levels
- Known multiple myeloma or MGUS

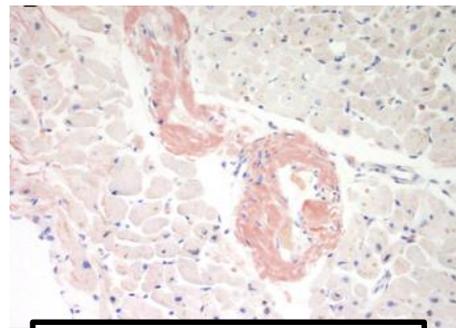


Cardiac Amyloidosis – (Histo)pathology

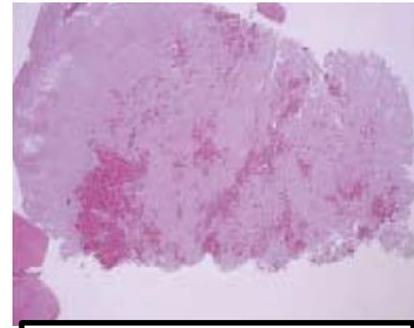
Gross pathology



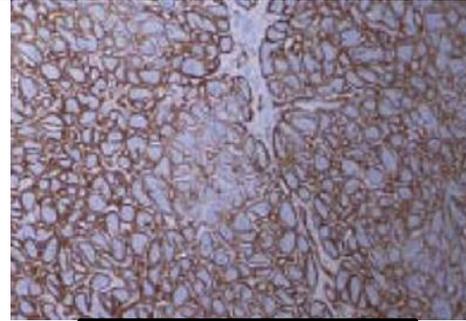
Histopathology



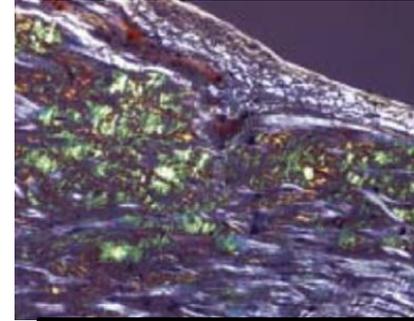
Congo Red



Hematoxylin eosin

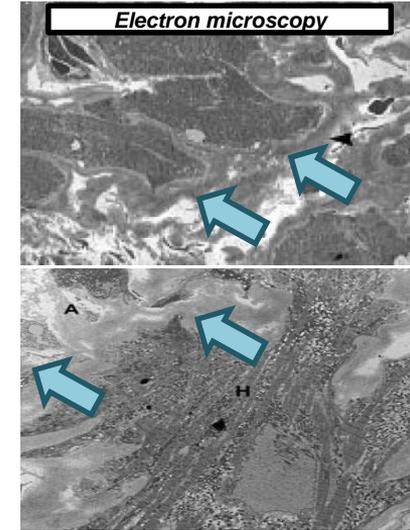


Immunohistochemistry

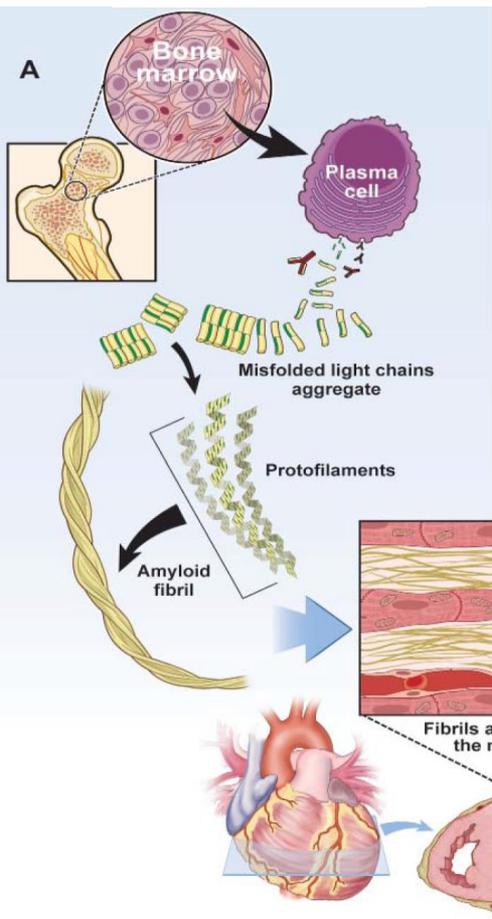


Polarized light microscopy

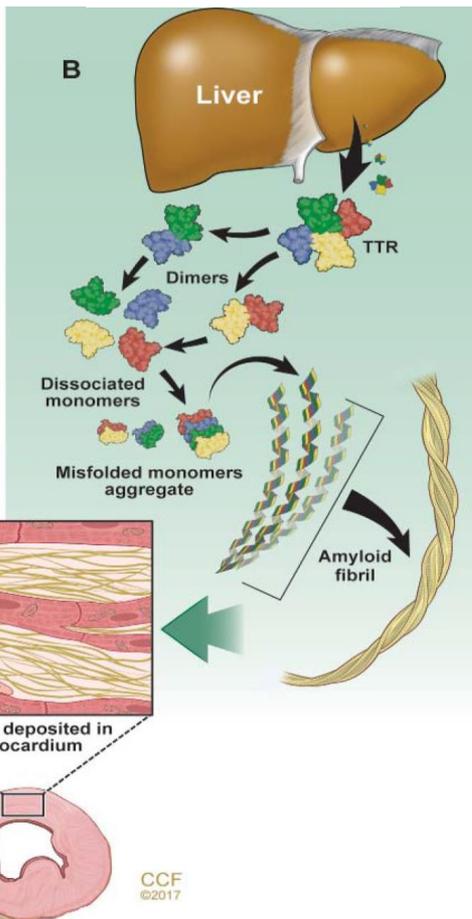
Electron microscopy



AL amyloidosis



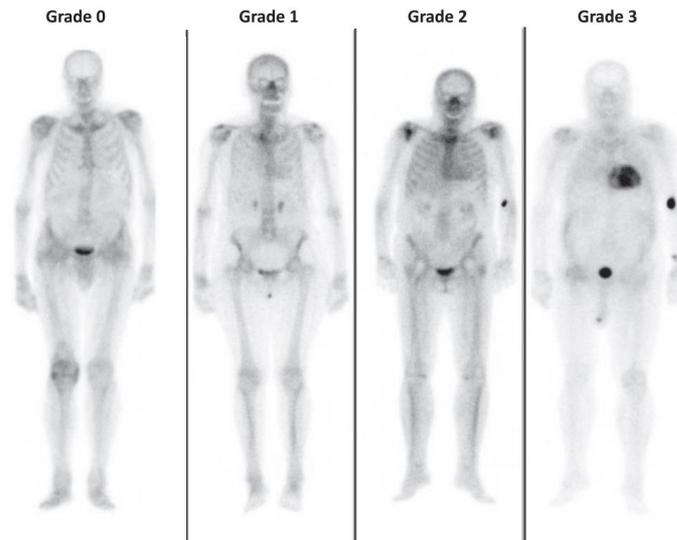
TTR amyloidosis



AL amyloidosis

Haematologic tests
(serum free-light chain quantification & serum and urine immunofixation)

TTR amyloidosis



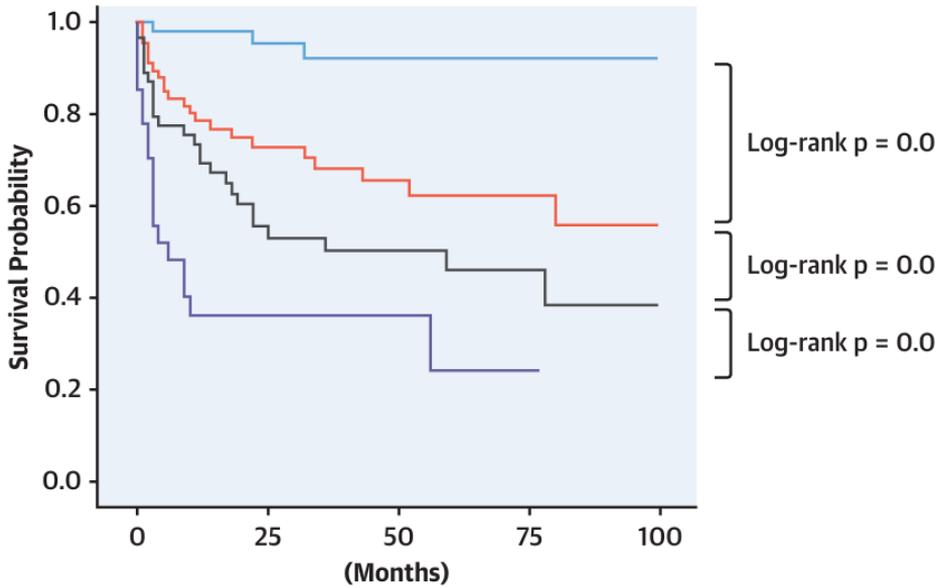
^{99m}Tc -DPD/PYP/HMDP
Scintigraphy with SPECT

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Cardiac Amyloidosis – Prognosis

Survival in AL amyloidosis

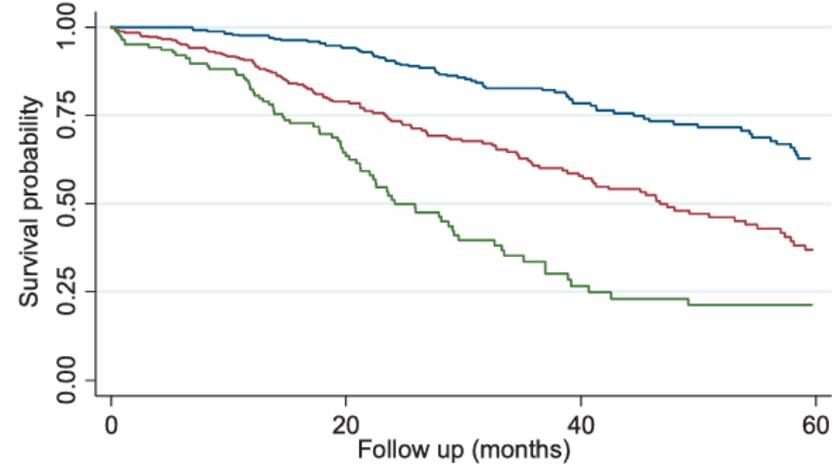


No. at risk	0	25	50	75	100
Stage 1	46	34	21	8	1
Stage 2	66	34	19	11	4
Stage 3	55	21	13	7	1
Stage 4	27	6	3	1	0

— Stage 1 — Stage 2 — Stage 3 — Stage 4

Survival in TTR amyloidosis

Staging of cardiac ATTR amyloidosis at diagnosis using NT-proBNP and eGFR



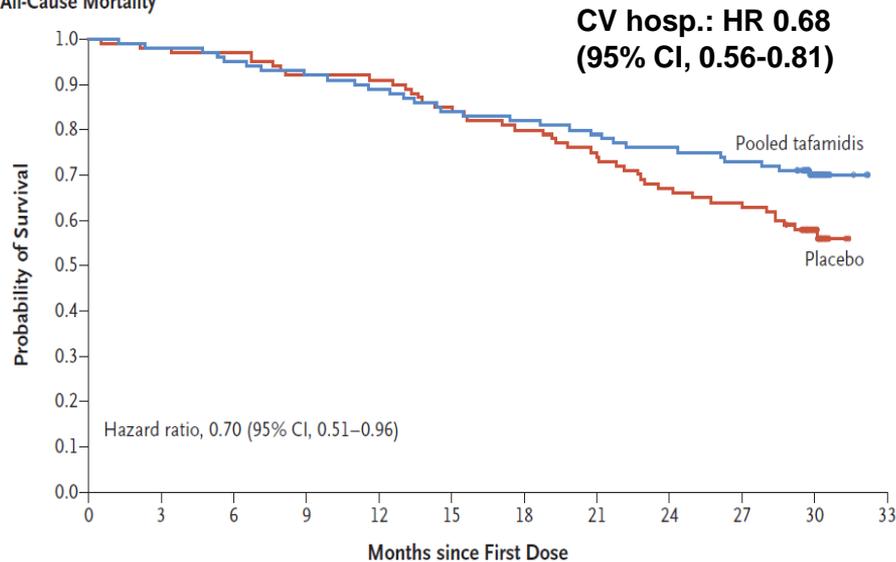
Number at risk	0	20	40	60
Stage I	393	254	117	58
Stage II	334	181	78	30
Stage III	142	60	15	8

— Stage I — Stage II — Stage III

Amyloid cardiomyopathy – Treatment: Tafamidis (stabilize tetramer)

ATTR-ACT: ATTR CMP pts (n=441) randomized 2:1:2 tafamidis (80 mg), tafamidis (20 mg) vs placebo or 30 mths %; Prim EP: All cause mortality and CV hosp Secondary EP: 6 MWD and KCCQ

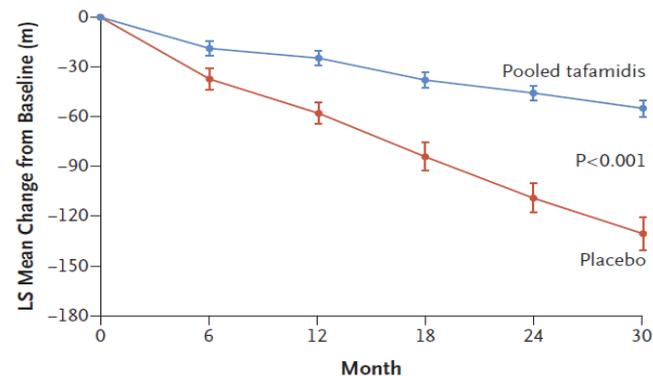
B Analysis of All-Cause Mortality



No. at Risk (cumulative no. of events)

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
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)

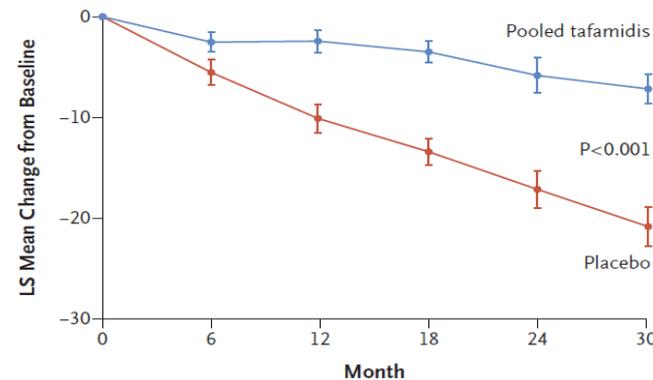
A Change from Baseline in 6-Minute Walk Test



No. of Patients

	0	6	12	18	24	30
Tafamidis	264	233	216	193	163	155
Placebo	177	147	136	111	85	70

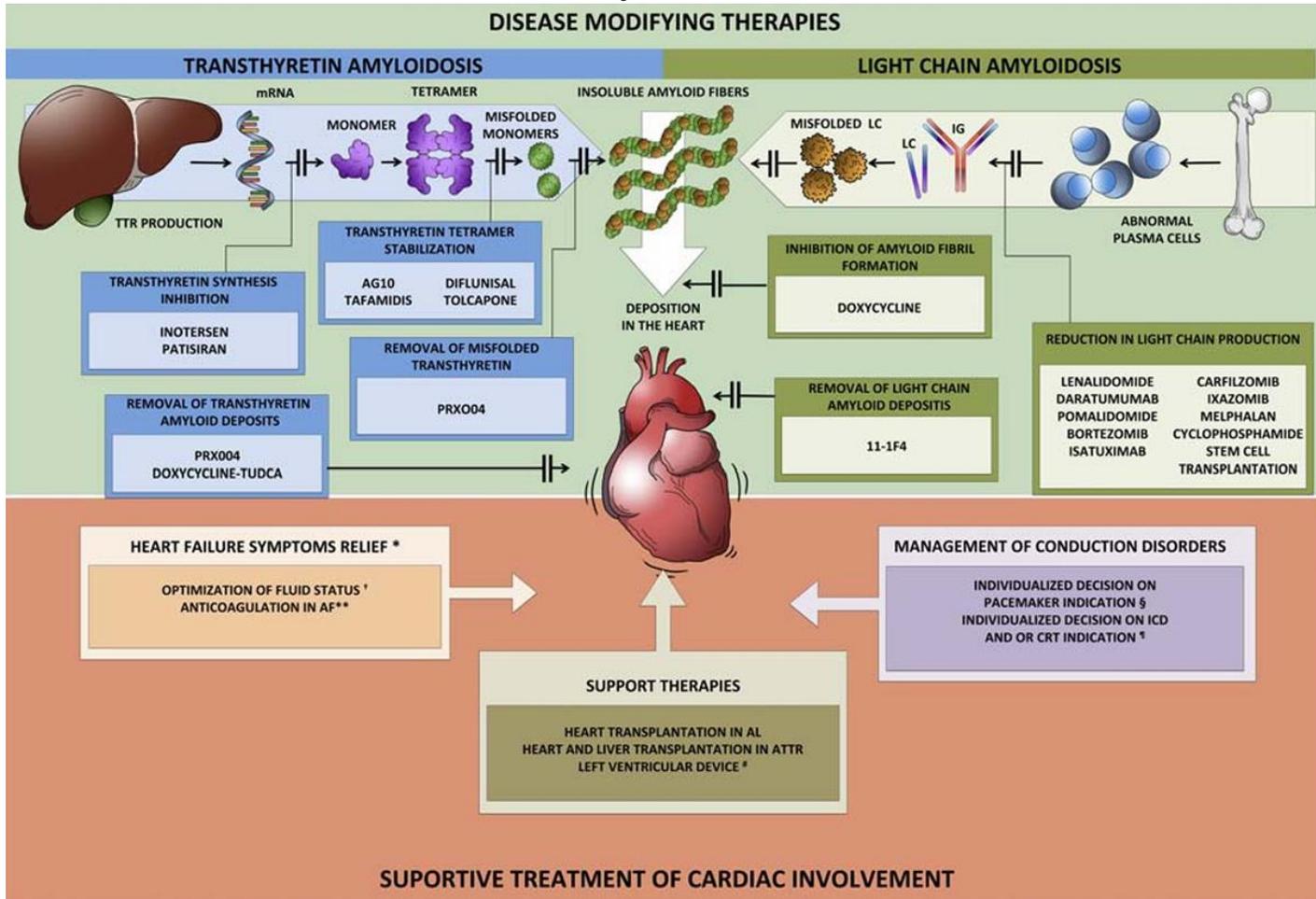
B Change from Baseline in KCCQ-OS



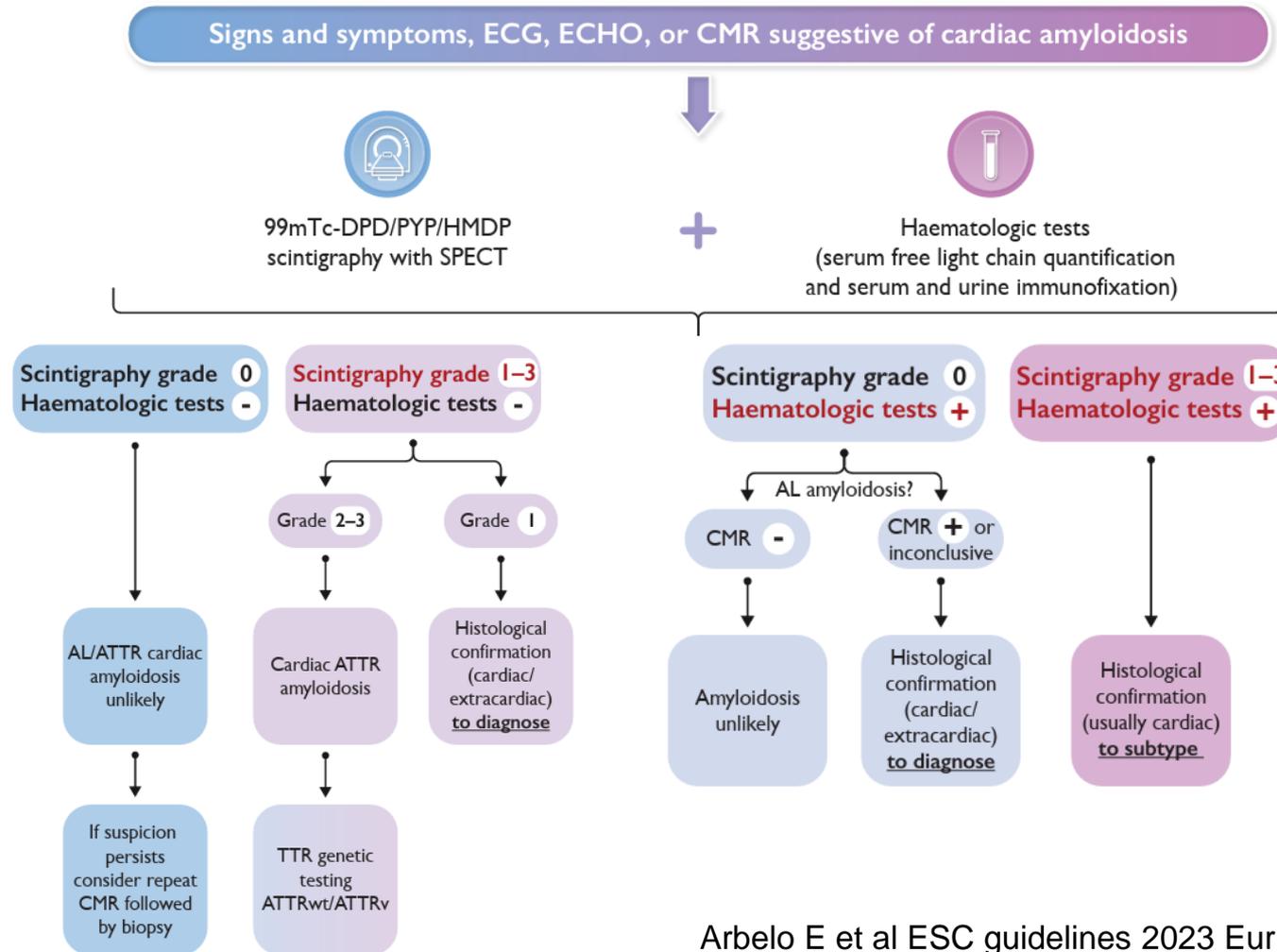
No. of Patients

	0	6	12	18	24	30
Tafamidis	264	241	221	201	181	170
Placebo	177	159	145	123	96	84

Cardiac amyloidosis – Treatment



Cardiac Amyloidosis



Cardiac biopsy

Procedural aspects

RV EMB

LV EMB

≥25 biopsies



Indications

INDICATIONS FOR ENDOMYOCARDIAL BIOPSY

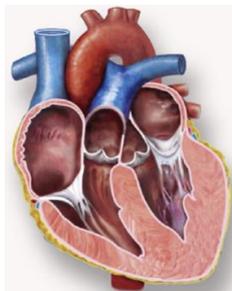
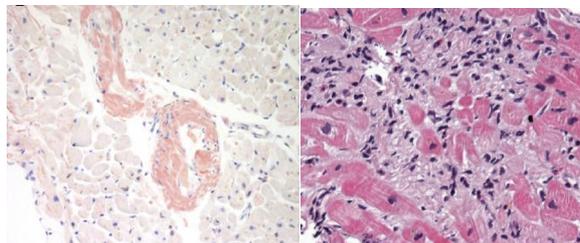
- HTx rejection surveillance
- Myocarditis
- Cardiomyopathies
- Drug-related cardiotoxicity
- Amyloidosis
- Infiltrative and storage disorders
- Cardiac tumours

Complications

Contraindications



Diagnosis



In HF eci; EMB
can provide
diagnosis in:
39%

Therapeutic implications



EMB can
change
therapy in :
30%

Improved personalized care

