

# What's New in the Treatment of Heart Failure

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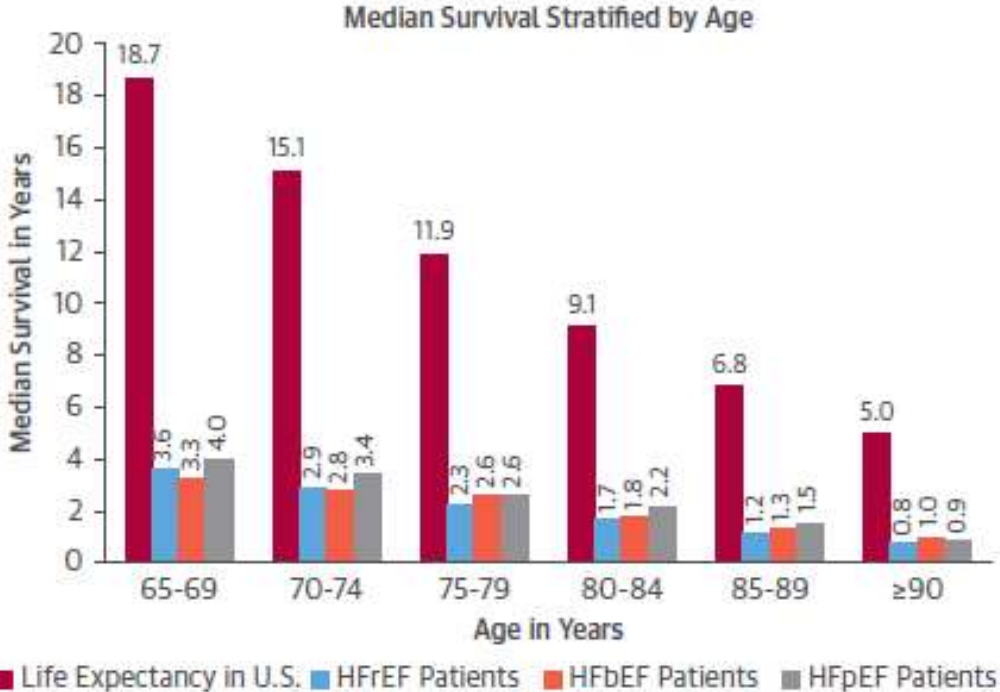
# Outline

- Definitions
- HF Guideline Updates
- Process of Care
- HFrEF
- HFpEF
- Advanced HF

# Outcomes HF; After Hospitalization

HFpEF  $\geq 50\%$   
HFbEF 41-49%  
HFrEF  $\leq 40\%$

**FIGURE 2** Median Survival in Years by Age Group in HF Patients Compared With the Life Expectancy in the United States



**CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE: FOCUSED UPDATE**

# 2017 ACC/AHA/HFSA Focused Update of the 2013 ACCF/AHA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure



A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association  
Task Force on Clinical Practice Guidelines and the Heart Failure Society of America

*Developed in Collaboration with the American Academy of Family Physicians,  
American College of Chest Physicians, and International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation*

TABLE 1

## Applying Class of Recommendation and Level of Evidence to Clinical Strategies, Interventions, Treatments, or Diagnostic Testing in Patient Care\* (Updated August 2015)

CLASS (STRENGTH) OF RECOMMENDATION	
<b>CLASS I (STRONG)</b>	Benefit >>> Risk
Suggested phrases for writing recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is recommended</li> <li>Is indicated/useful/effective/beneficial</li> <li>Should be performed/administered/other</li> <li>Comparative-Effectiveness Phrases†:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treatment/strategy A is recommended/indicated in preference to treatment B</li> <li>Treatment A should be chosen over treatment B</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>CLASS IIa (MODERATE)</b>	Benefit >> Risk
Suggested phrases for writing recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is reasonable</li> <li>Can be useful/effective/beneficial</li> <li>Comparative-Effectiveness Phrases†:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treatment/strategy A is probably recommended/indicated in preference to treatment B</li> <li>It is reasonable to choose treatment A over treatment B</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>CLASS IIb (WEAK)</b>	Benefit > Risk
Suggested phrases for writing recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May/might be reasonable</li> <li>May/might be considered</li> <li>Usefulness/effectiveness is unknown/unclear/uncertain or not well established</li> </ul>	
<b>CLASS III: No Benefit (MODERATE)</b>	Benefit = Risk
<i>(Generally LOE A or B use only)</i> Suggested phrases for writing recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is not recommended</li> <li>Is not indicated/useful/effective/beneficial</li> <li>Should not be performed/administered/other</li> </ul>	
<b>CLASS III: Harm (STRONG)</b>	Risk > Benefit
Suggested phrases for writing recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potentially harmful</li> <li>Causes harm</li> <li>Associated with excess morbidity/mortality</li> <li>Should not be performed/administered/other</li> </ul>	

## LEVEL (QUALITY) OF EVIDENCE‡

### LEVEL A

- High-quality evidence‡ from more than 1 RCT
- Meta-analyses of high-quality RCTs
- One or more RCTs corroborated by high-quality registry studies

### LEVEL B-R

(Randomized)

- Moderate-quality evidence‡ from 1 or more RCTs
- Meta-analyses of moderate-quality RCTs

### LEVEL B-NR

(Nonrandomized)

- Moderate-quality evidence‡ from 1 or more well-designed, well-executed nonrandomized studies, observational studies, or registry studies
- Meta-analyses of such studies

### LEVEL C-LD

(Limited Data)

- Randomized or nonrandomized observational or registry studies with limitations of design or execution
- Meta-analyses of such studies
- Physiological or mechanistic studies in human subjects

### LEVEL C-EO

(Expert Opinion)

Consensus of expert opinion based on clinical experience

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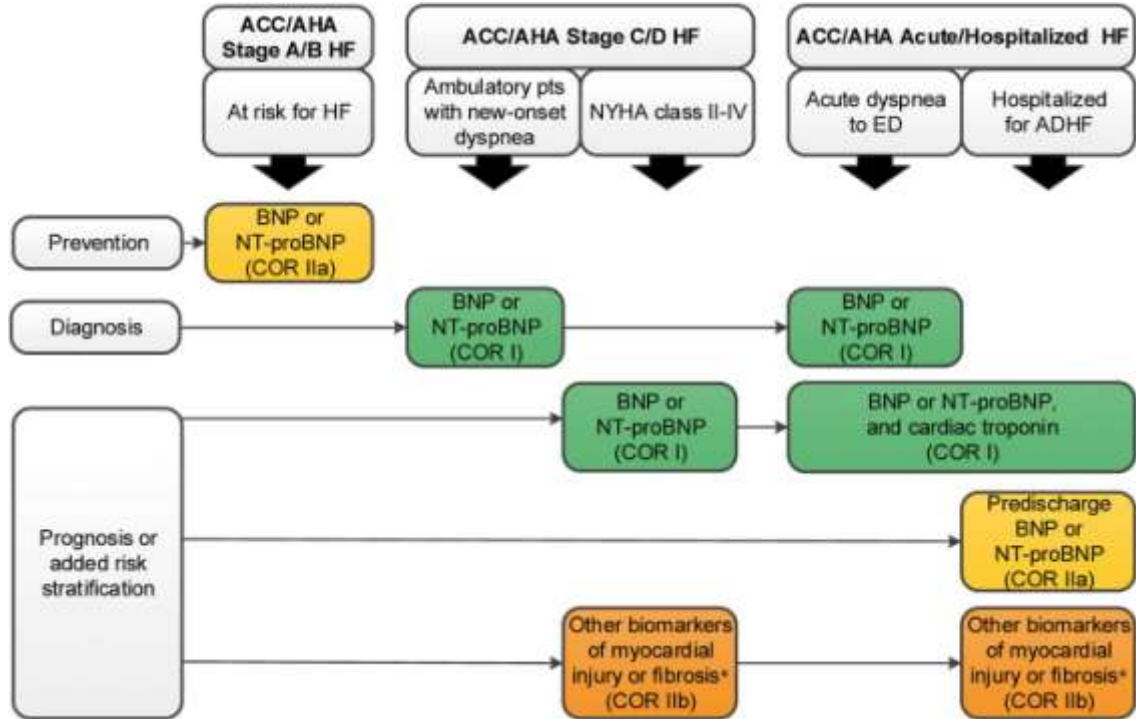
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# GDMT

## *Guideline-Directed Management and Therapy*

The term *guideline-directed management and therapy* (GDMT) encompasses clinical evaluation, diagnostic testing, and pharmacological and procedural treatments.

# 2017 HF Update Biomarkers



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# ARNI Indications

NEW

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
I	ACE-I: A ARB: A ARNI: B-R	The clinical strategy of inhibition of the renin-angiotensin system with ACE inhibitors (Level of Evidence: A) (128-133), <u>OR</u> ARBs (Level of Evidence: A) (134-137), <u>OR ARNI</u> (Level of Evidence: B-R) (138) in conjunction with evidence-based beta blockers (9,139,140), and aldosterone antagonists in selected patients (141,142), is recommended for patients with chronic HFrEF to reduce morbidity and mortality.

- ACEi or ARBs or ARNI for HFrEF
- **When ARNI not appropriate, continued use of an ACEi is recommended for all classes of HFrEF**

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# ARNI Indications

NEW



In patients with chronic symptomatic HFrEF NYHA class II or III who tolerate an ACE inhibitor or ARB, replacement by an ARNI is recommended to further reduce morbidity and mortality (138).



ARNI should not be administered concomitantly with ACE inhibitors or within 36 hours of the last dose of an ACE inhibitor (148,149).



ARNI should not be administered to patients with a history of angioedema.

# Ivabradine

**NEW**

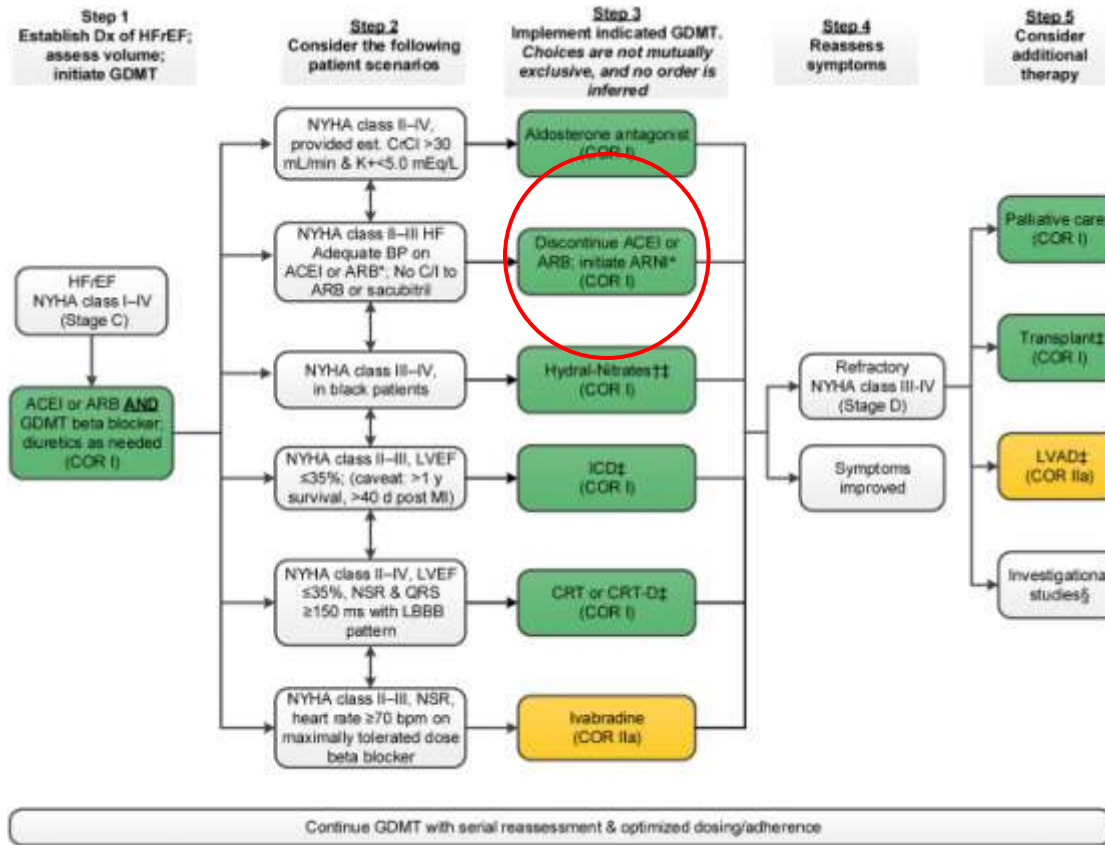
## Recommendation for Ivabradine

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATION
IIa	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 (154-157).

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# 2017 Update Treatment of HFrEF Stages C and D



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# Recommendations for Stage C HFpEF

**NEW**



In appropriately selected patients with HFpEF (with EF  $\geq$ 45%, elevated BNP levels or HF admission within 1 year, estimated glomerular filtration rate  $>$ 30 mL/min, creatinine  $<$ 2.5 mg/dL, potassium  $<$ 5.0 mEq/L), aldosterone receptor antagonists might be considered to decrease hospitalizations (83,166,167).

Use of MRA based upon post hoc analyses and based upon geographic variation in outcomes

# Recommendations for Stage C HFpEF

**NEW**



Routine use of nitrates or phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitors to increase activity or QoL in patients with HFpEF is ineffective (171,172).

## **2013 Recommendations Remain**

- BP control target <130 mm Hg
- **Diuretics for volume control**
- CAD GDMT
- **AFIB GDMT**
- BP control with ACEi, ARB, BB is reasonable
- **Use of nutritional supplements NR**

# COMORBIDITIES: ANEMIA

NEW

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
IIb	B-R	In patients with NYHA class II and III HF and iron deficiency (ferritin <100 ng/mL or 100 to 300 ng/mL if transferrin saturation is <20%), intravenous iron replacement might be reasonable to improve functional status and QoL (173,174).
III: No Benefit	B-R	In patients with HF and anemia, erythropoietin-stimulating agents should not be used to improve morbidity and mortality (176).

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# STAGE A HYPERTENSION

## STAGE C HF rEF HYPERTENSION

**NEW**

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
I	B-R	In patients at increased risk, stage A HF, the optimal blood pressure in those with hypertension should be less than 130/80 mm Hg (189-193).
COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATION
I	C-EO	Patients with HFrEF and hypertension should be prescribed GDMT titrated to attain systolic blood pressure less than 130 mm Hg (191).

# HYPERTENSION SUMMARY

## 2017 Focused Update

- Class I recommendation (Level of Evidence: B-R) for targeting an optimal blood pressure (BP) of <130/80 mm Hg in those with hypertension and at increased risk (stage A HF).
- Class I recommendation (Level of Evidence: C-EO) for titration of GDMT to attain systolic BP (SBP) <130 mm Hg in patients with HFrEF and hypertension.
- Class I recommendation (Level of Evidence: C-LD) for titration of GDMT to attain SBP <130 mm Hg in patients with HFpEF and persistent hypertension after management of volume overload.

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# COMORBIDITIES: SLEEP APNEA

NEW

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>IIa</b> See Online Data Supplement G.	<b>C-LD</b>	In patients with NYHA class II-IV HF and suspicion of sleep-disordered breathing or excessive daytime sleepiness, a formal sleep assessment is reasonable (200,201).
<b>IIb</b> See Online Data Supplement G.	<b>B-R</b>	In patients with cardiovascular disease and obstructive sleep apnea, CPAP may be reasonable to improve sleep quality and daytime sleepiness (204).
<b>III: Harm</b> See Online Data Supplement G.	<b>B-R</b>	In patients with NYHA class II-IV HF <sub>rEF</sub> and central sleep apnea, adaptive servo-ventilation causes harm (203).

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# SLEEP APNEA SUMMARY

## 2017 Focused Update

- Class IIa recommendation (Level of Evidence: C-LD) for a formal sleep assessment in patients with NYHA class II–IV HF and suspicion of sleep-disordered breathing or excessive daytime sleepiness.
- Class IIb recommendation (Level of Evidence: B-R) for utilization of continuous positive airway pressure in patients with cardiovascular disease and obstructive sleep apnea, to improve sleep quality and daytime sleepiness.
- Class III recommendation: Harm (Level of Evidence: B-R) for use of adaptive servo-ventilation in patients with NYHA class II–IV HFrEF and central sleep apnea, as it causes harm.

## Incremental Cost-Effectiveness of Guideline-Directed Medical Therapies for Heart Failure

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*Los Angeles and Palo Alto, California*

Our analysis demonstrates that medical therapy for heart failure is cost-effective and may even result in cost savings. Greater efforts to ensure optimal medical therapy for heart failure are warranted. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2013;61:1117-1125)

Cost-effective and may even result in cost-savings. Greater efforts to ensure optimal medical therapy for HF are warranted. American College of Cardiology Foundation



# Questions About Guidelines?

- Who reads them?
- Who follows them?
- Do patients have access to GDMT”
- What is gap between guidelines and implementation?

# IMPLEMENTATION

*realization that guidelines require effective translation to become reality*



**EXPERT CONSENSUS DECISION PATHWAY**

# 2017 ACC Expert Consensus Decision Pathway for Optimization of Heart Failure Treatment: Answers to 10 Pivotal Issues About Heart Failure With Reduced Ejection Fraction



A Report of the American College of Cardiology Task Force on Expert Consensus Decision Pathways

*“provide practical guidance for transforming guideline recommendations into clinically actionable information”*

# 10 Principles for Successful Treatment of Heart Failure



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2017 ACCF/AHA Heart Failure Guidelines

## How to implement GDMT...

### I. Initiate & Switch

Treatment algorithm for guideline-directed medical therapy including novel therapies (Figure 2 and 3)

### II. Titration

Target doses of select guideline-directed heart failure therapy (Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

Considerations for monitoring

## How to address challenges with...

### III. Referral

Triggers for referral to HF specialist (Table 6)

### IV. Care Coordination

Essential skills for a HF team (Table 7)

Infrastructure for team-based HF care (Table 8)

### V. Adherence

Causes of non-adherence (Table 9)

Interventions for adherence (Table 10, 11)

### VI. Specific Patient Cohorts

Evidence based recommendations and assessment of risk for special cohorts:  
African Americans; older adults; frail (Table 12)

### VII. Cost of Care

Strategies to reduce cost (Table 13)

Helpful information for completion of prior authorization forms (Table 14)

## How to manage...

### VIII. Increasing Complexity

Ten pathophysiologic targets in HFrEF and treatments (Table 15)

Ten principles and actions to guide optimal therapy

### IX. Comorbidities

Common cardiac and non-cardiac comorbidities with suggested actions (Table 16)

### X. Palliative/Hospice Care

Seven principles and actions to consider regarding palliative care

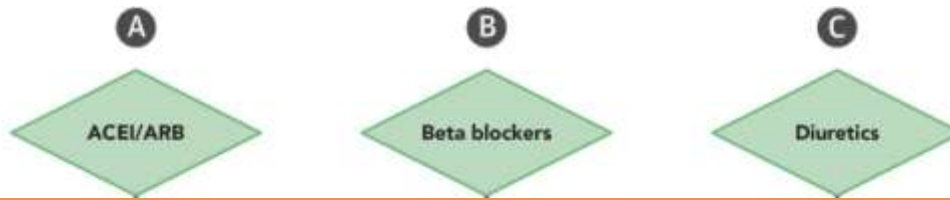
Clyde W. Yancy et al. JACC 2018;71:201-230



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1. How to initiate, add, or switch therapy to new evidence-based guideline-directed treatments for HFrEF.
2. How to achieve optimal therapy given multiple drugs for HF including augmented clinical assessment that may trigger additional changes in guideline-directed therapy (e.g., imaging data, biomarkers, and filling pressures).
3. When to refer to an HF specialist.
4. How to address challenges of care coordination.
5. How to improve adherence.
6. What is needed in specific patient cohorts: African Americans, the frail, and older adults.
7. How to manage your patients' cost of care for HF.
8. How to manage the increasing complexity of HF.
9. How to manage common comorbidities.
10. How to integrate palliative care and transition to hospice care.



**Consider increasing dose of beta blocker every 2 weeks until maximum tolerated or target dose is achieved**

**Monitor heart rate, blood pressure, and for signs of congestion after initiation and during titration**

(ie equivalent of 120 mg of furosemide twice daily) consider

a. changing to a different loop diuretic or

b. adding thiazide diuretic, taken together with loop diuretic

Monitor blood pressure, electrolytes, and renal function after initiation and during titration

# Patient with hypotension

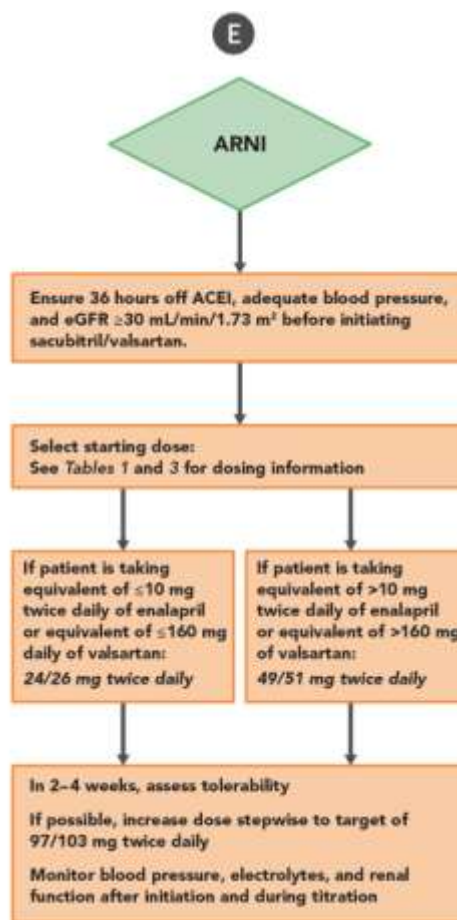
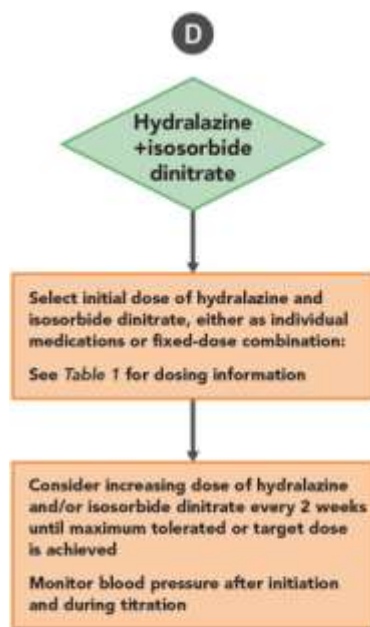
- 32 year old man with new onset HF, DCM, EF 15%
- Lisinopril 5 mg, carvedilol 6.25 mg BID, spironolactone 25 mg daily, furosemide 40 mg daily
- BP 92/70 HR 96

## **Scenario 2:** Symptomatic hypotension.

Hypotensive symptoms may be due to overdiuresis, other vasoactive medication, autonomic dysfunction, or taking multiple medications together. All of these should be addressed prior to deciding to lower doses of evidence-based therapies.

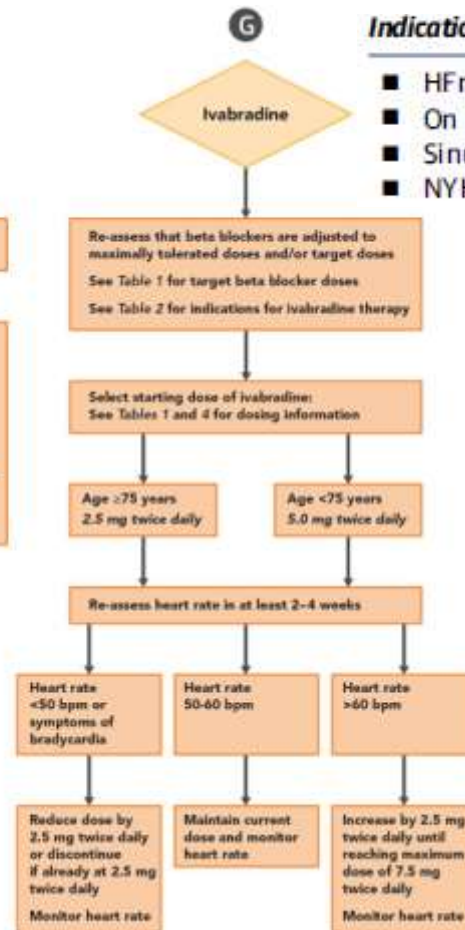
**Action:** After excluding other causes of hypotension, use best-tolerated doses of GDMT, accepting that less data exist for the impact of lower doses in HF management.

**Principle 3:** Optimal SNS modulation with target doses of beta blocker appears to have the best effect on HFrEF outcomes (cardiovascular mortality, pump failure mortality, and sudden cardiac death).



## Indications for Use of an ARNI

- HFrEF (EF  $\leq 40\%$ )
- NYHA class II or III HF



## Indications for Use of Ivabradine

- HFrEF (EF  $\leq 35\%$ )
- On maximum tolerated doses of beta blocker
- Sinus rhythm with a resting heart rate  $\geq 70$  bpm
- NYHA class II or III HF

## Remember acronym to assist in decision making for referral to advanced heart failure specialist:

**I-NEED-HELP** (also see *Table 6*)

Intensification  
2-4 months  
(1-4 week cycles)

**I:** IV inotropes

**N:** NYHA III/IV or persistently elevated natriuretic peptides

**E:** End-organ dysfunction

Stabilization  
-3 months

**E:** Ejection fraction  $\leq 35\%$

**D:** Defibrillator shocks

**H:** Hospitalizations  $>1$

**E:** Edema despite escalating diuretics

**L:** Low blood pressure, high heart rate

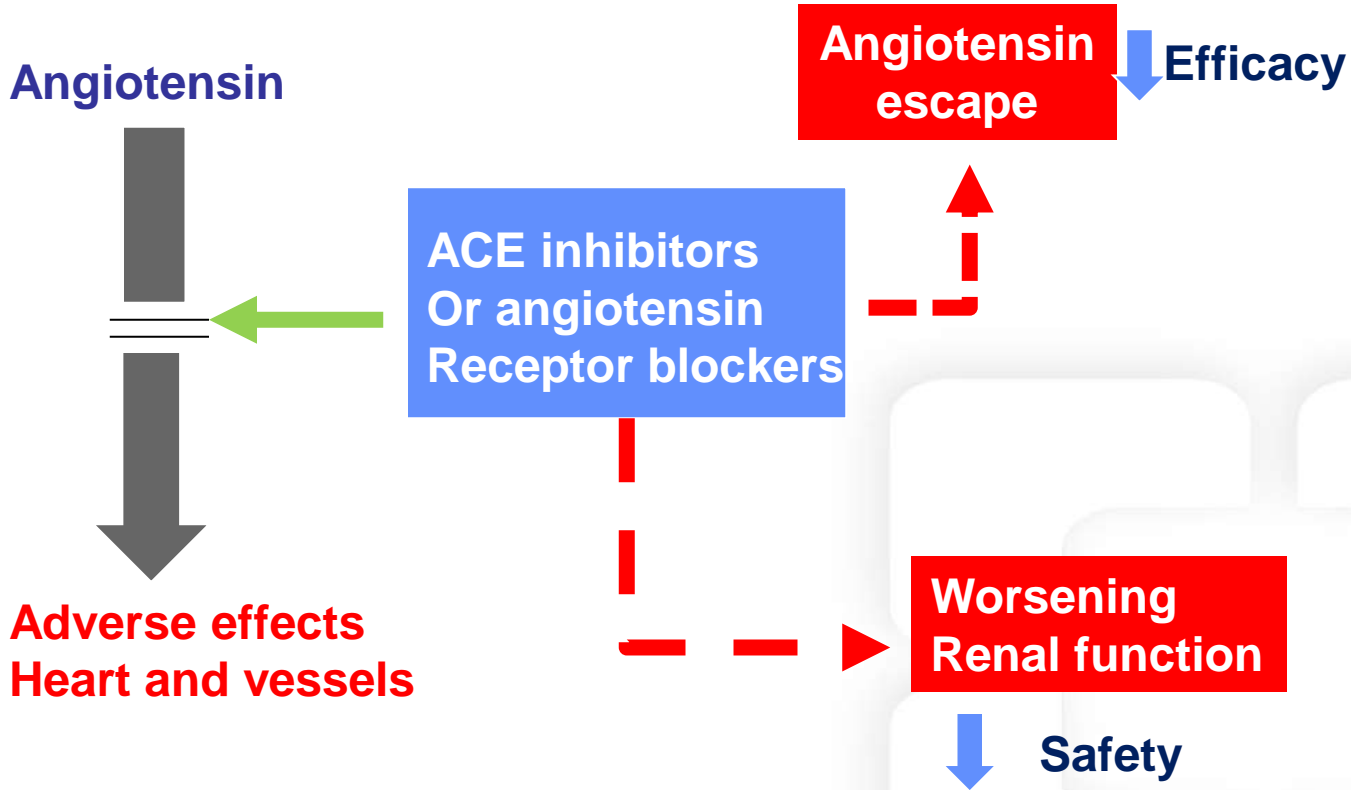
**P:** Prognostic medication – progressive intolerance or down-titration of GDMT

# Emerging Drugs in USA Trials

## HFrEF

- Omecamtiv mecarbil      inotrope
- Sacubitril/valsartan      ARNI
- Vericiguat      cGMP promoter

# Limitations with current Inhibitors of the Renin-Angiotensin System



# Biological Antagonism of Neurohormonal Systems

Endogenous  
compensatory  
peptides

Bradykinin, natriuretic peptides,  
adrenomedullin, angiotensin, endothelin,  
amyloid- $\beta$  peptide

**NEPRILYSIN**

Inactive metabolites

**REDUCE**

Neurohormonal  
Activation

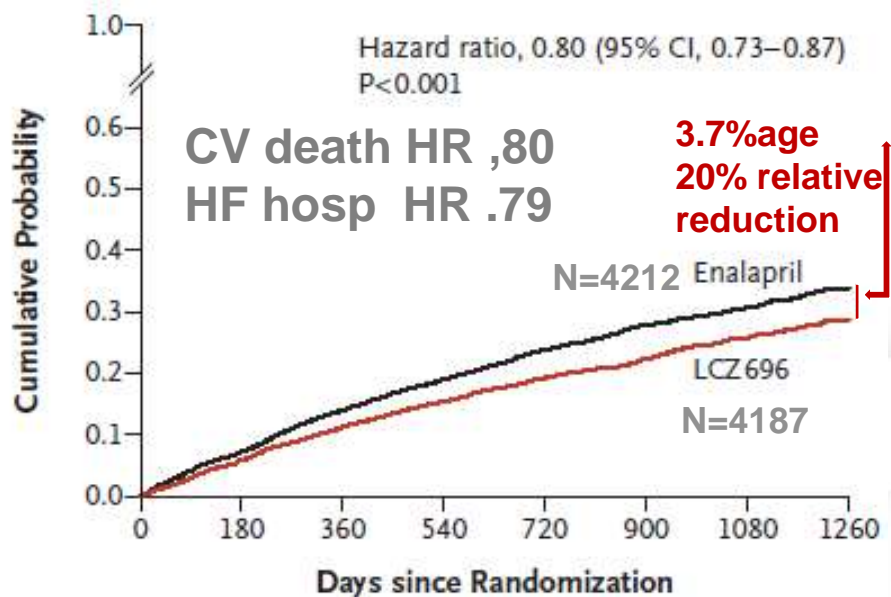
Vascular tone

Cardiac remodeling

Sodium retention



# PARADIGM-HF: Cardiovascular Death or Heart Failure Hospitalization (Primary Endpoint)



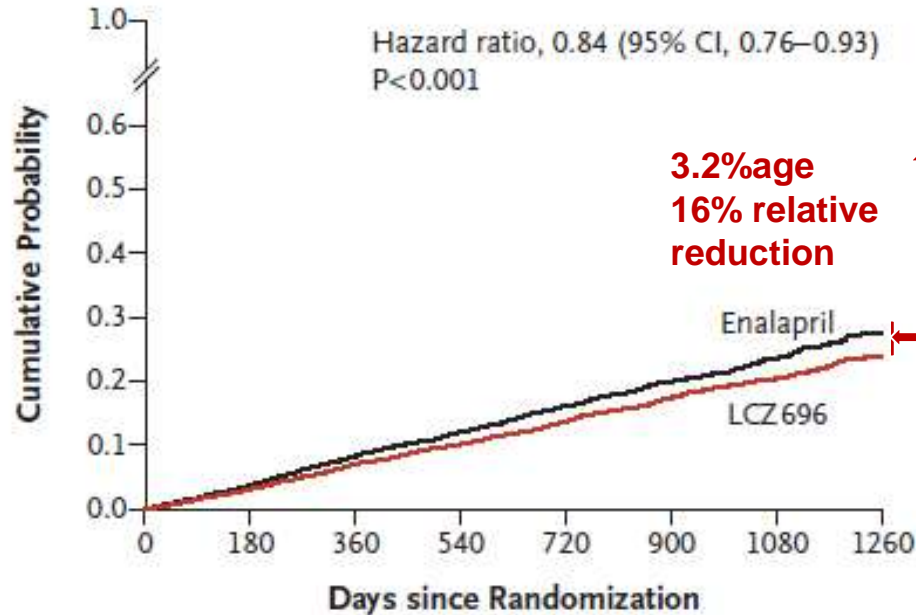
## No. at Risk

LCZ696	4187	3922	3663	3018	2257	1544	896	249
Enalapril	4212	3883	3579	2922	2123	1488	853	236

N Engl J Med 2014;371:993.



# PARADIGM-HF: Death from any cause (secondary endpoint)



## No. at Risk

LCZ696	4187	4056	3891	3282	2478	1716	1005	280
Enalapril	4212	4051	3860	3231	2410	1726	994	279



# PARADIGM-HF: Key secondary endpoints

Outcome	LCZ 696	Enalapril	HR	P Value
Change in KCCQ	-2.99	-4.63	1.64	0.001
New Onset AFIB	84(3.1)	83(3.1)	0.97	0.83
Decline in Renal Function	94(2.2)	108(2.6)	0.86	0.28

**Fewer symptoms and physical limitations with sacubitril-valsartan**

**No increase in AFIB or decline in renal function**



# PARADIGM-HF: Adverse Events

Event	LCZ696 n=4187	Enalapril n=4214	P Value
Hypotension symptomatic	<b>588(14.0)</b>	388(9.2)	<0.001
Systolic BP <90 mm Hg	<b>112(2.7)</b>	59(1.4)	<0.001
Potassium >5.5 mmol/l	674(16.1)	727(17.3)	0.15
Potassium >6.0 mmol/l	181(4.3)	<b>236(5.6)</b>	0.007
Cough	474(11.3)	<b>601(14.3)</b>	<0.001
Angioedema*	10(0.2)	5(0.1)	0.19

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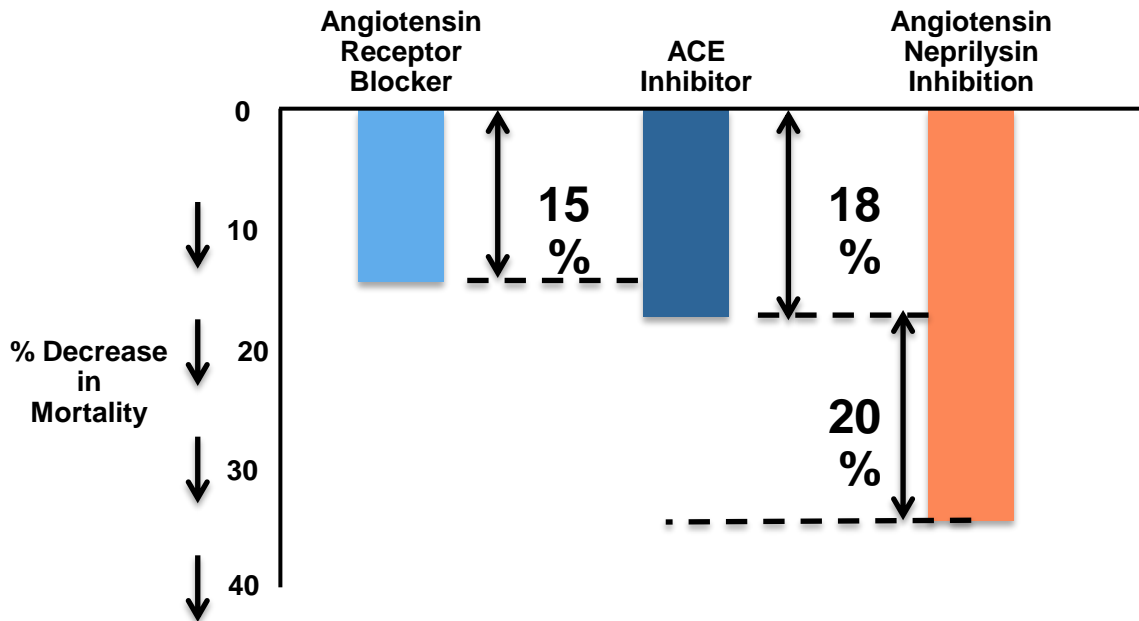
# Sacubitril Valsartan: initiation

- **72 yrs WM 5 year history of HFrEF**
  - **DCM**
  - **CRT D**
  - **Metoprolol succinate 150 mg daily**
  - **Losartan 50 mg daily**
  - **Spirolactone 25 mg daily**
  - **Furosemide 10 mg daily prn**
- **NYHA Class III**
- **NT BNP 2200**
- **GFR 50**
- **BP 145/80 mm Hg**

**Options: increase losartan, add amlodipine,  
substitute ARNI for ARB**



# Incremental Decrease in Mortality



Effect of ARB vs placebo derived from CHARM-alternative trial  
Effect of ACE inhibitor vs placebo derived from SOLVD-Treatment trial  
Effect of LCZ696 vs ACE inhibitor derived from PARADIGM-HF trial

# Gaps with PARADIGM HF

Limited NYHA IV patients

FDA approval but not included in the guidelines



## **LIFE Trial**

sacubitril/valsartan

**Entresto™ (LCZ696) In Advanced Heart Failure**

**Protocol for the Heart Failure Clinical Research Network**

## **INCLUSION**

**Advanced HFrEF defined as including ALL :**

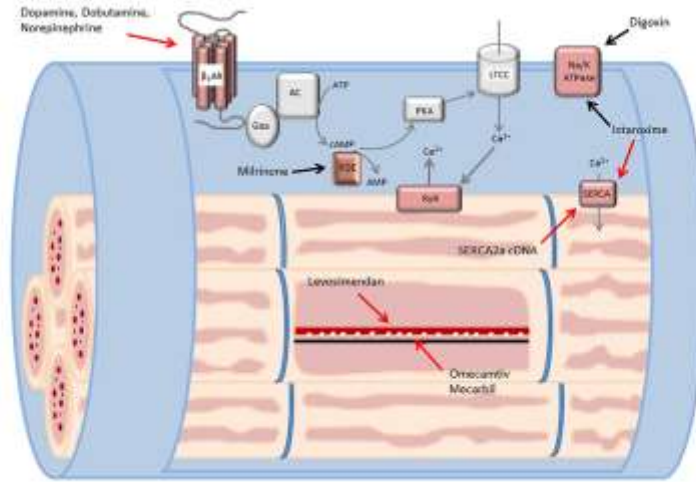
- a. LVEF  $\leq$  35% documented during the preceding 3 months
- b. estimated GFR 20-60 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>
- c. NYHA class IV symptomatology for the majority of the previous month
- d. Minimum of 3 months GDMT for HF and/or intolerant to therapy

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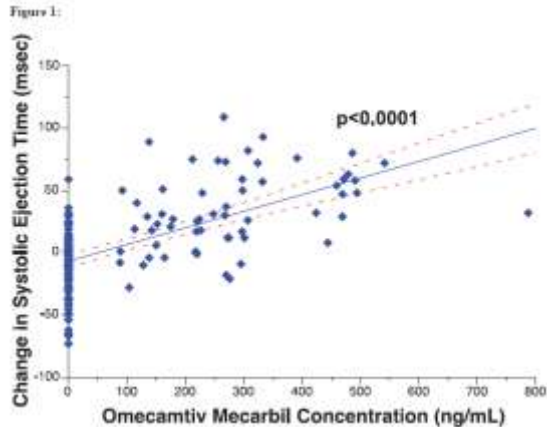
# Omecamtiv mecarbil: novel inotrope

ATOMIC-HF\*  
COSMIC-HF

Safety and  
dose titration



**Figure 1.** Diagram of Intracellular Signaling Cascades Within Cardiomyocytes Altered by Inotropes



JACC Vol. 63, No. 20, 2014  
Teerlink J et al JACC 2016

# GALACTIC-HF

A Double-blind, Randomized, Placebo-controlled, Multicenter Study to Assess the Efficacy and Safety of Omecamtiv Mecarbil on Mortality and Morbidity in Subjects With Chronic Heart Failure With Reduced Ejection Fraction

## Primary Endpoint:

Measure time to cardiovascular death or first heart failure event

Evaluate the effect of omecamtiv mecarbil as compared with placebo in subjects with **chronic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction** receiving standard of care therapy

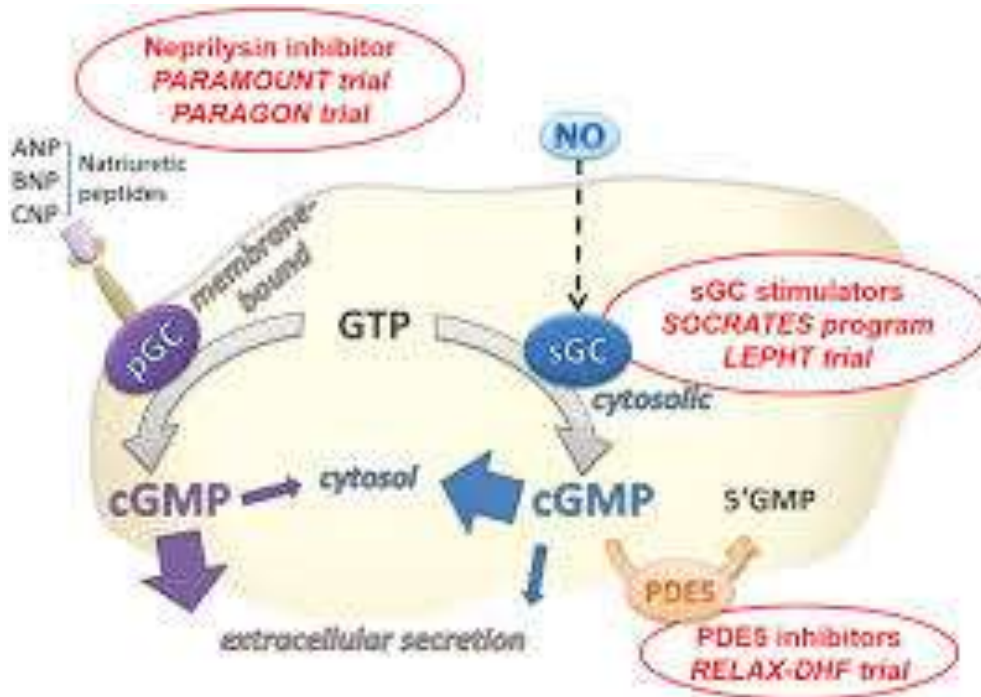
Dose based on plasma levels

Global n=8000

<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02929329>

# Relative deficit of cGMP in heart failure

## role of oral soluble guanylate cyclase stimulators?

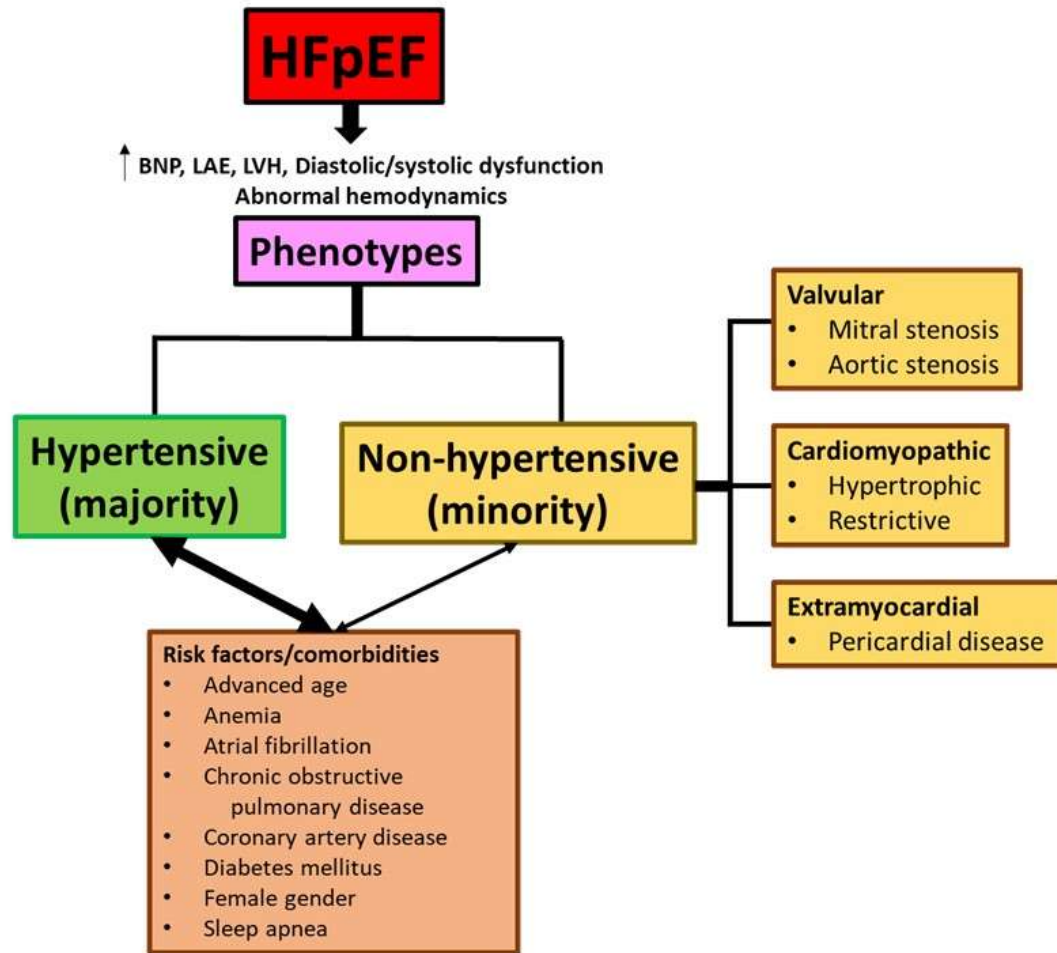


The primary hypothesis is vericiguat (MK-1242) is superior to placebo in increasing the time to first occurrence of the composite of cardiovascular (CV) death or heart failure (HF) hospitalization in participants with HFrEF

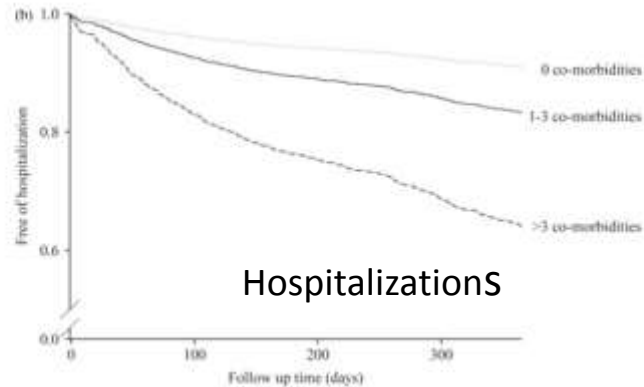
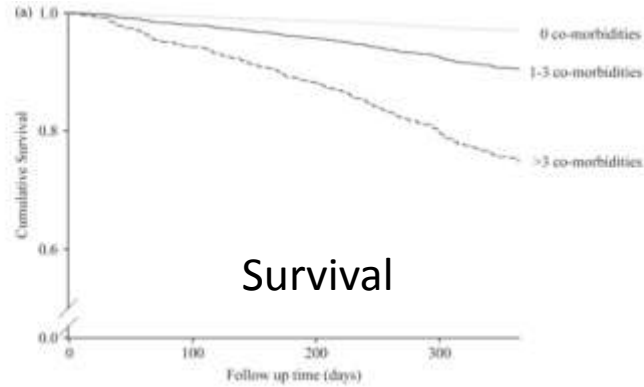
## VICTORIA

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- HFrEF inclusion EF <45%
- n=4872
- Event Driven: time to 1<sup>st</sup> CV death or HF admit
- NYHA II-IV
- Hospitalization and BNP criteria
- Completion 2020




# Comorbidities and Outcomes



**Worse Outcomes  
Based on  
Co-Morbidities!**

# HFpEF JS 74 yo retired RN, LV EF 60%

- BMI 38 BP 165/94 mm HG
- Chronic AFIB post PVI
- CKD GFR 38
- Anemia receives IV iron
- OSA and uses CPAP intermittently
- Syncope and bradycardia; now with DDD pacemaker
- Recurrent hospital admits with weight gain, edema,
  
- What to do next?



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video

## Negative Trials:

ACEi

ARB

Nitrates

PDE5 inhibitors

Beta blockers

ARB? Candesartan

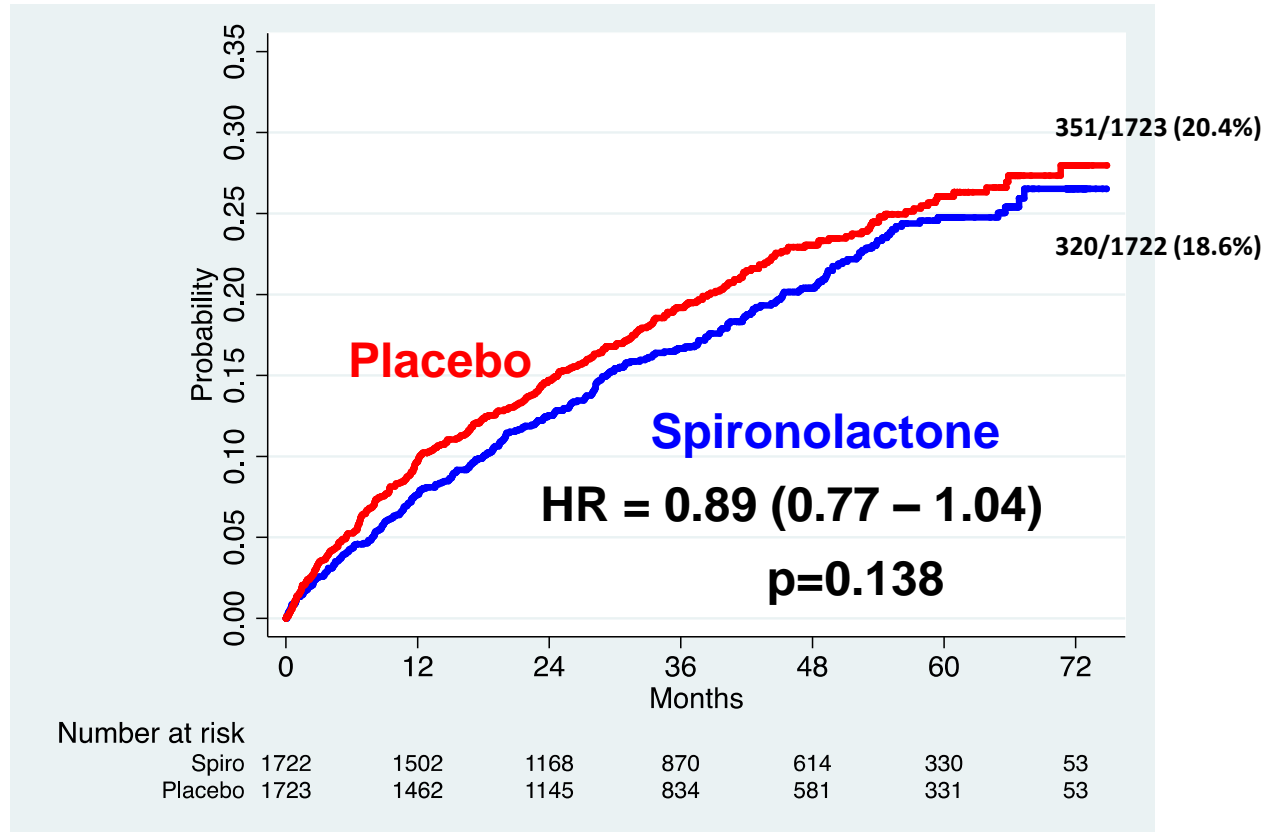
Reduced HF admissions

**Table – Randomized trials in HFpEF.**

Study	Region	Number of randomized patients	Ejection fraction cut-off	Primary endpoint	Intervention	Results
GHARM-preserved Yusuf et al, Lancet 2003;362:777-781	26 countries (Europe, Australia, Asia, Africa, and America)	3025	>40%	CV death or unplanned admission to hospital for the management of worsening chronic HF	Candesartan	Fewer HF admissions
PEP-CHF Gelland et al, European Heart Journal 2006;27:2338-2345	Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Ireland, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, and the United Kingdom	850	40-50%	All-cause mortality or unplanned HF-related hospitalization	Perindopril	Fewer HF admissions at 1 year, but differences were not significant for the entire duration of follow-up
I-PRESERVE Massie et al, The New England Journal of Medicine 2008;359:2456-2467	25 countries (Europe, America, Africa, and Australia)	4128	≥45%	Death from any cause or hospitalization for a CV cause	Losartan	Neutral
Kitzman et al. Kitzman et al. Circ Heart Fail 2010;3:477-485	United States	71	≥50%	Exercise capacity or aortic distensibility	Enalapril	Neutral
SENORS van Veldhuisen et al, J Am Coll Cardiol 2009;53:2150-2158	Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Romania, Spain, Ukraine, and United Kingdom	2111	≥35% or ≥40% (post-hoc analyses)	All-cause mortality or hospital admissions for a CV cause	Nebivolol	Similar effect of nebivolol between HF patients with impaired ejection fraction and patients with preserved ejection fraction
ELANDD Conrads et al, Eur J Heart Fail 2012;14:219-225	Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Germany, Austria	116	>45%	6 Minutes walking distance	Nebivolol	Neutral
J-DHF Yamamoto et al, Eur J Heart Fail 2013;15:110-118	Japan	245	>40%	Cardiovascular death or HF hospitalization	Carvedilol	Neutral
RAAM-PEP Derwal et al, Journal of Cardiac Failure 2011;17:634-642	United States	46	≥50%	6 Minutes walking distance	Eplerenone	Neutral
Aldo-DHF Edelmann et al, JAMA 2013;309:781-791	Germany and Austria	422	≥50%	Peak VO <sub>2</sub> change in E/e'	Spirolonactone	– Peak VO <sub>2</sub> without a difference between groups – E/e' significantly declined with spironolactone
TOPCAT Pitt et al, The New England Journal of Medicine 2014;370:1383-1392	United States, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Russia, Georgia	3445	≥45%	Death from CV causes, aborted cardiac arrest, or hospitalization for HF	Spirolonactone	Neutral
DIG Ahmed et al, Circulation 2006;114:397-403	United States and Canada	988	>45%	HF hospitalization or HF mortality	Digoxin	Neutral
RELAX Redfield et al, JAMA 2013;309:1268-1277	United States and Canada	216	≥50%	Peak VO <sub>2</sub>	Sildenafil	Neutral

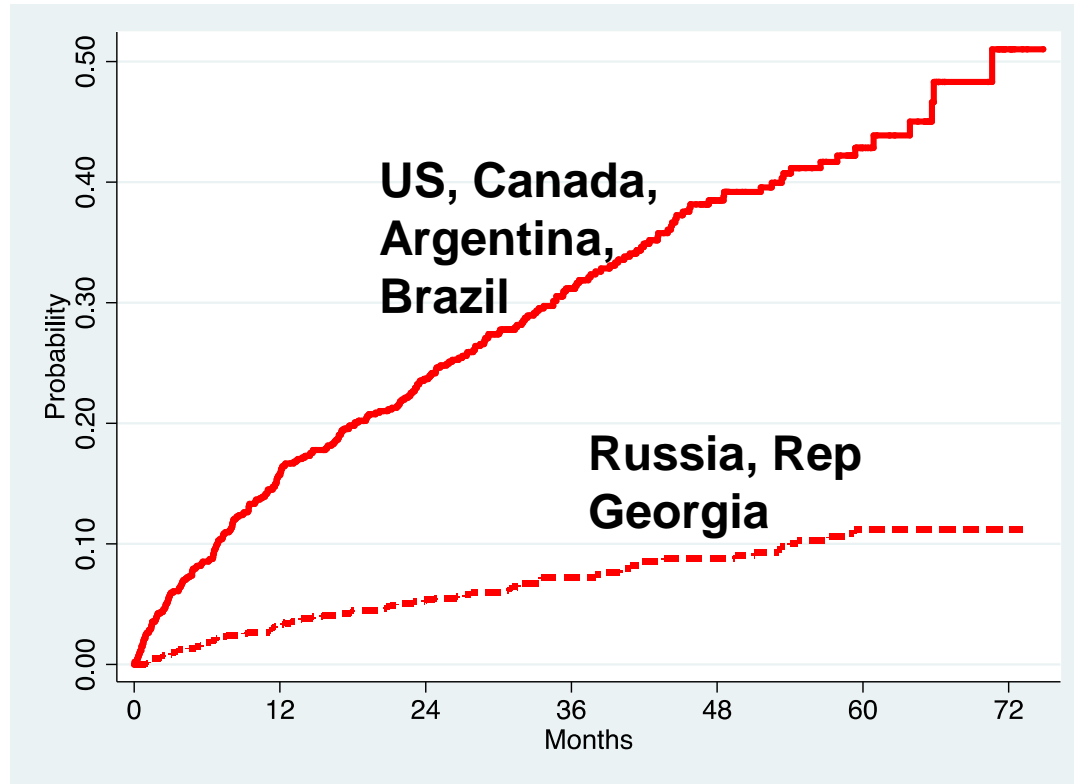
# 1° Outcome TOPCAT

(CV Death, HF Hosp, or Resuscitated Cardiac Arrest)



# TOPCAT Placebo Rates:

Primary Outcome, by region



**Placebo:**  
**280/881 (31.8%)**

**Placebo:**  
**71/842 (8.4%)**

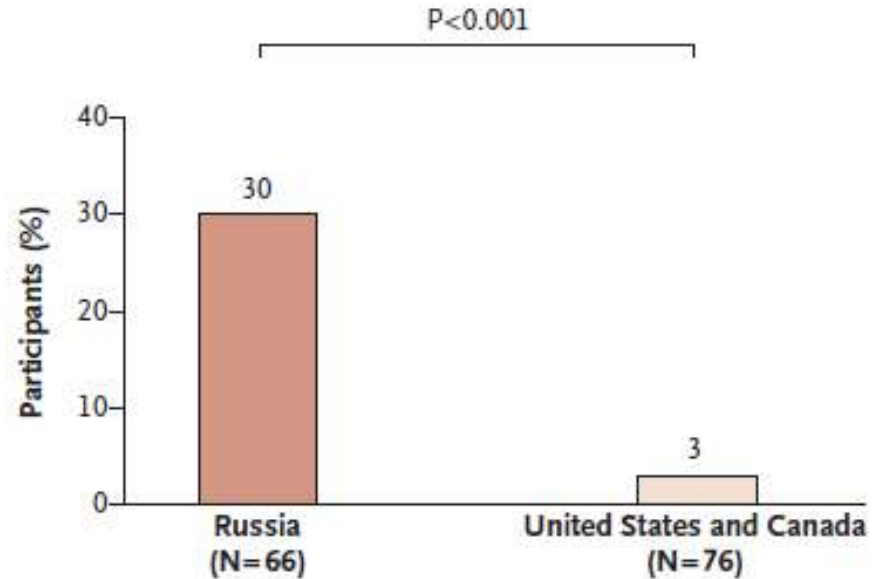
# TOPCAT spironolactone for HFpEF $\geq 45\%$

Marked regional differences in outcomes

Drug metabolites not present

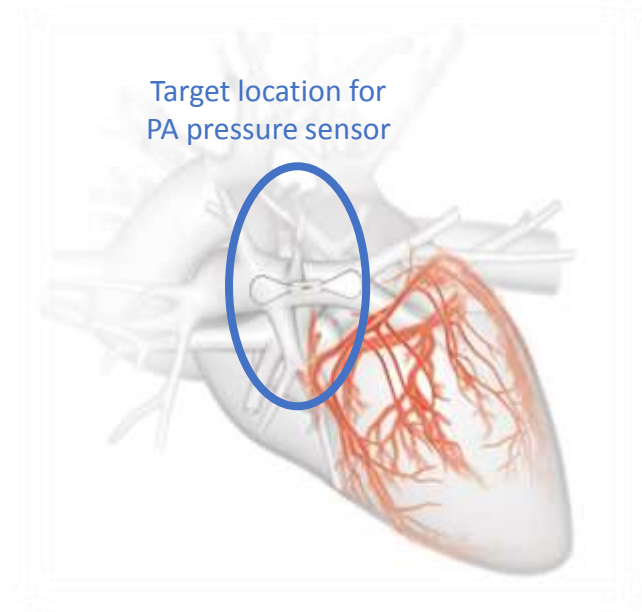
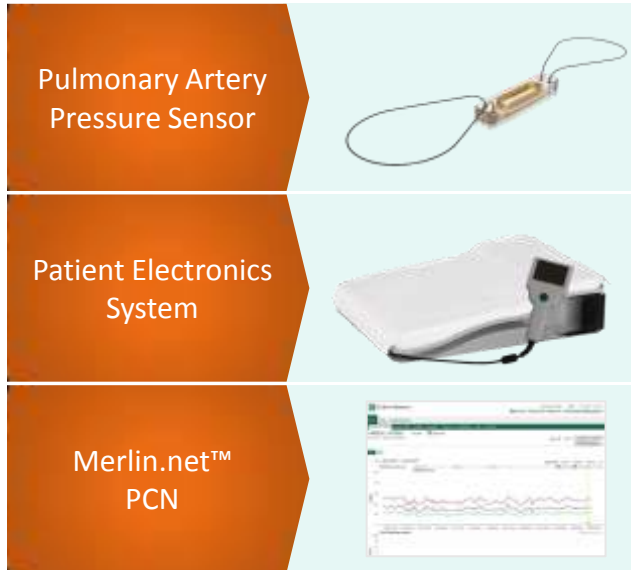
Trial results obtained in Russia do not reflect the true therapeutic response to spironolactone

**B** Participants Who Reported Taking Spironolactone but Had No Detectable Canrenone Concentration



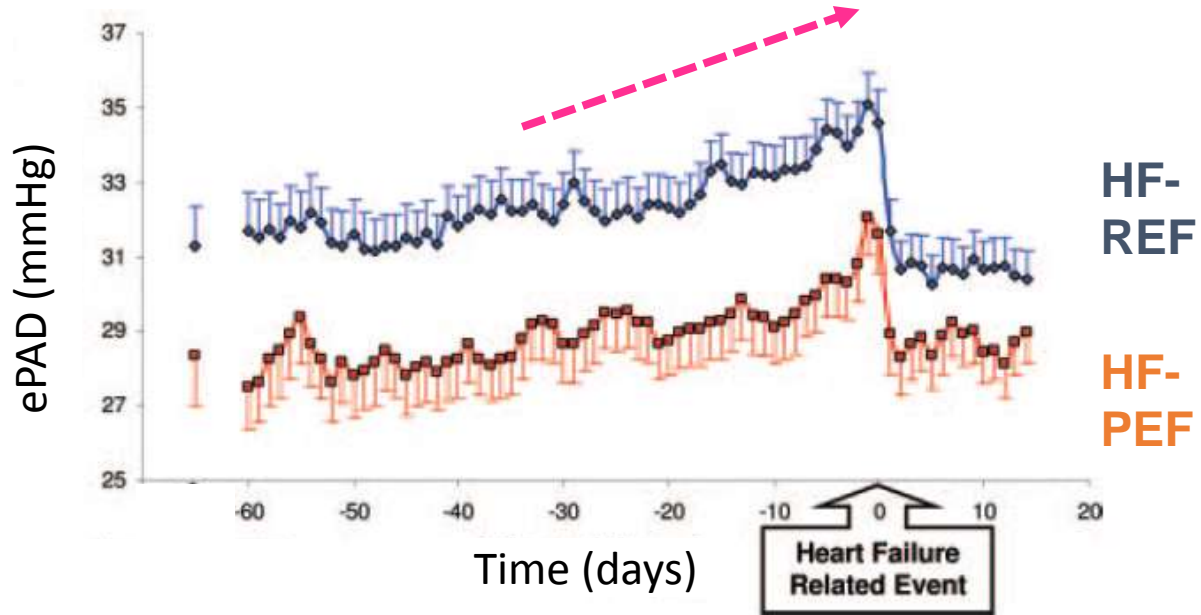
# Hemodynamic-Guided HF Management

## Cardiomems™ HF System



# Progressive Rise in Filling Pressures Leads to Hospitalization

Transition from Chronic Compensated to Acute Decompensated HF



# Hemodynamic-Guided HF Management

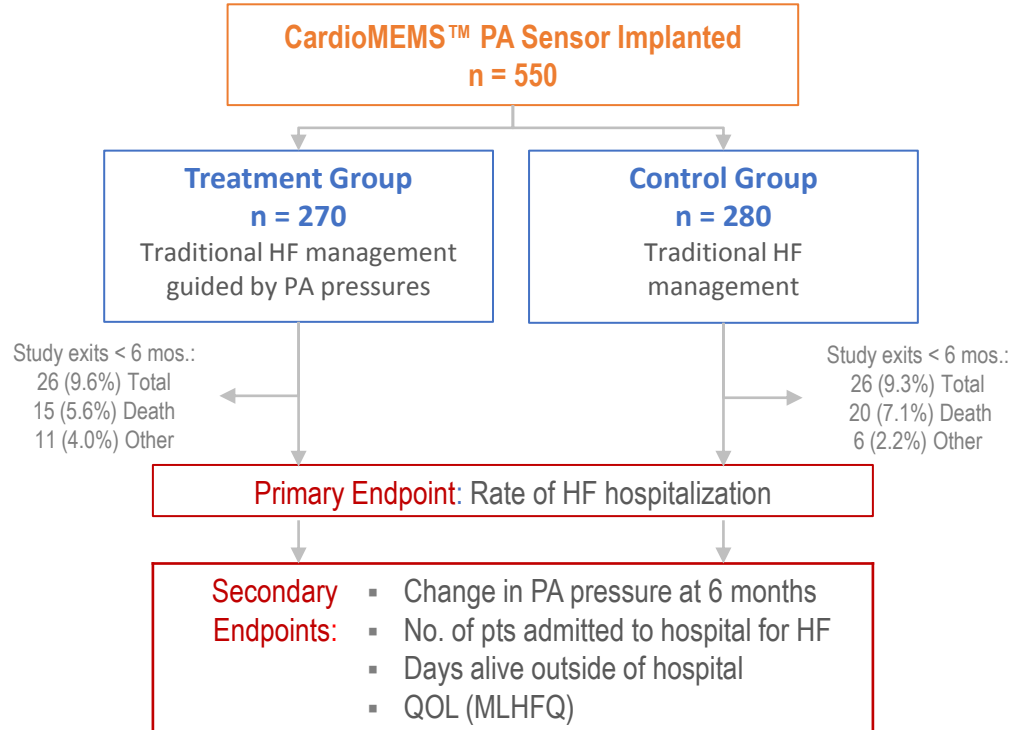
CHAMPION (n=550)

## PURPOSE

Evaluate the safety and efficacy of the CardioMEMS™ HF System in reducing HF related hospitalizations in NYHA class III heart failure patients.

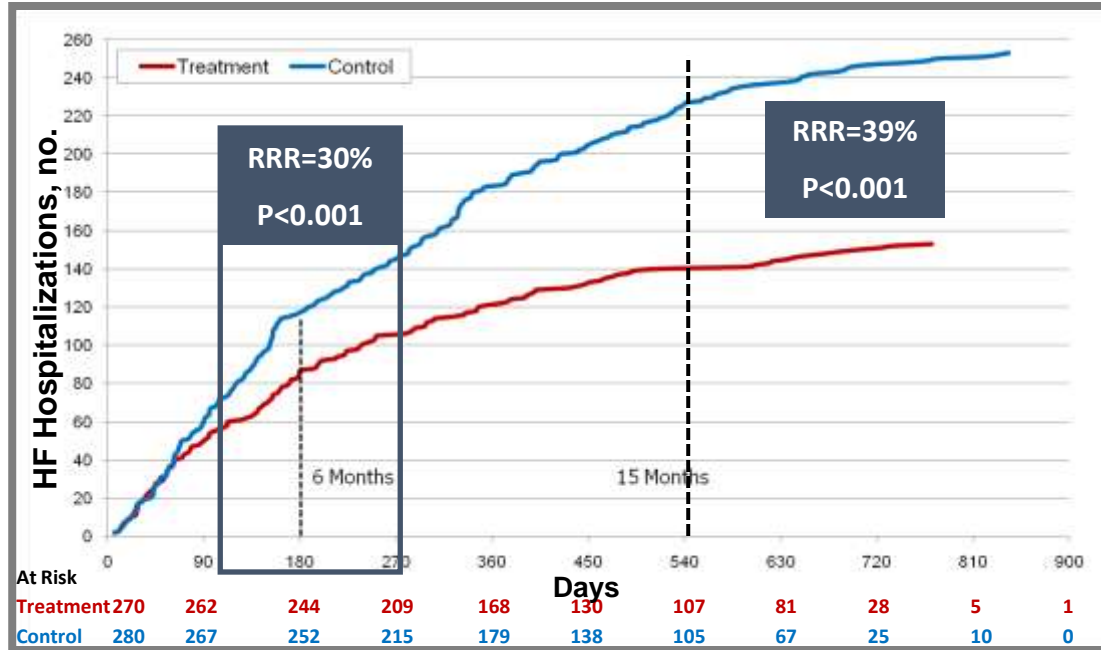
Treatment group managed to target PA pressures:

Systolic 15 – 35 mmHg  
Diastolic 8 – 20 mmHg  
Mean 10 – 25 mmHg



# Hemodynamic-Guided HF Management

## CHAMPION (n=550)

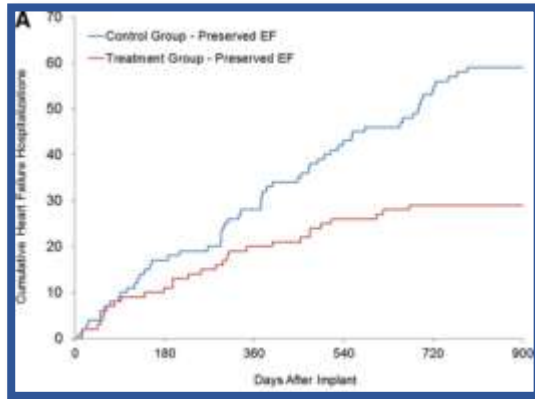


# HFpEF pts made up 22% of the trial cohort

## PURPOSE

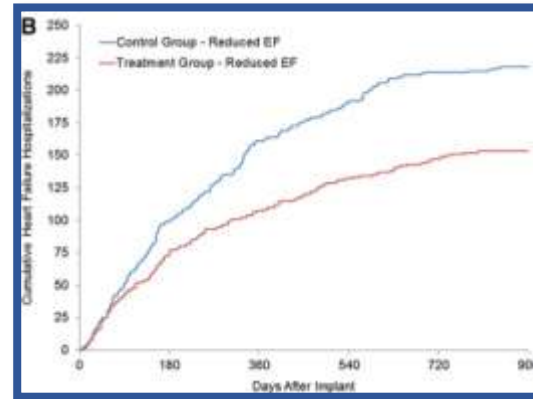
Evaluate the effect of PA pressure-guided therapy with the CardioMEMS™ HF System in patients with preserved ejection fraction (EF ≥ 40%), a group with no clinically proven therapies.

### HFpEF



RRR 46% (HR 0.54, CI 0.38-0.70)

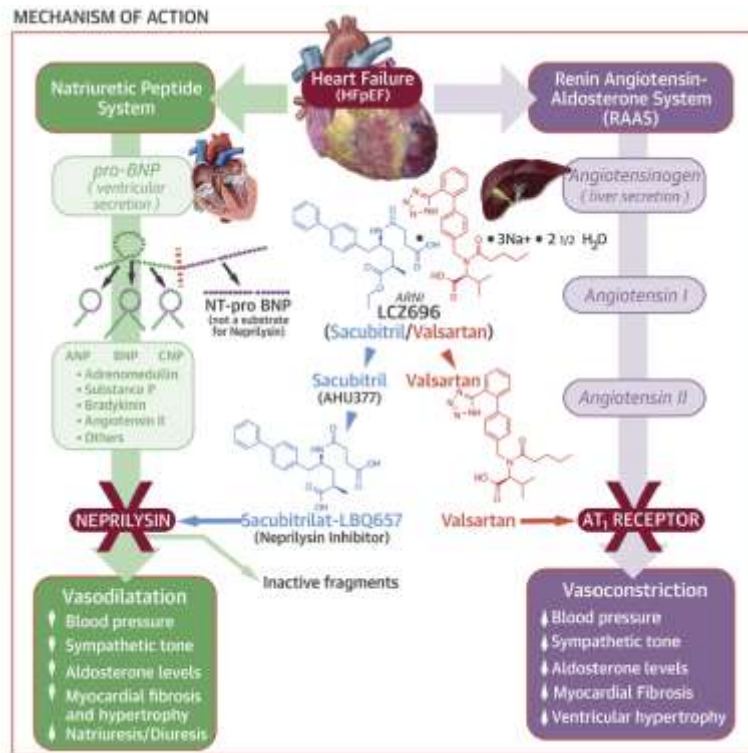
### HFrEF



RRR 24% (HR 0.76, CI 0.61-0.91)

**HF Hospitalization  
Reduction  
(18 mo follow-up)**  
n=115, p=0.0004

# Angiotensin Receptor Neprilysin Inhibition in Heart Failure With Preserved Ejection Fraction (PARAGON-HF Trial)



# Treatment for Heart Failure with preserved ejection fraction

- valsartan/sacubitril: PARAGON-HF n=4600 enrolling
- phase III
- EF  $\geq$  45%, NYHA II–IV, LA enlarged or LV hypertrophy
- Composite: CV death and total HF hospitalizations

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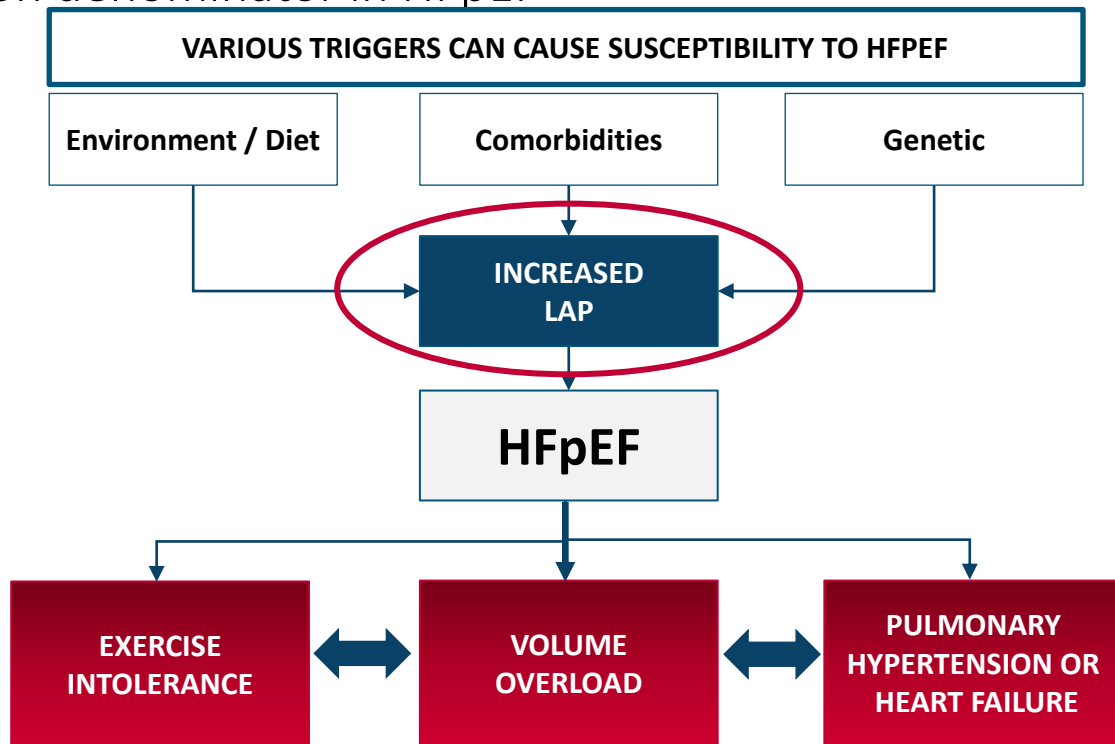
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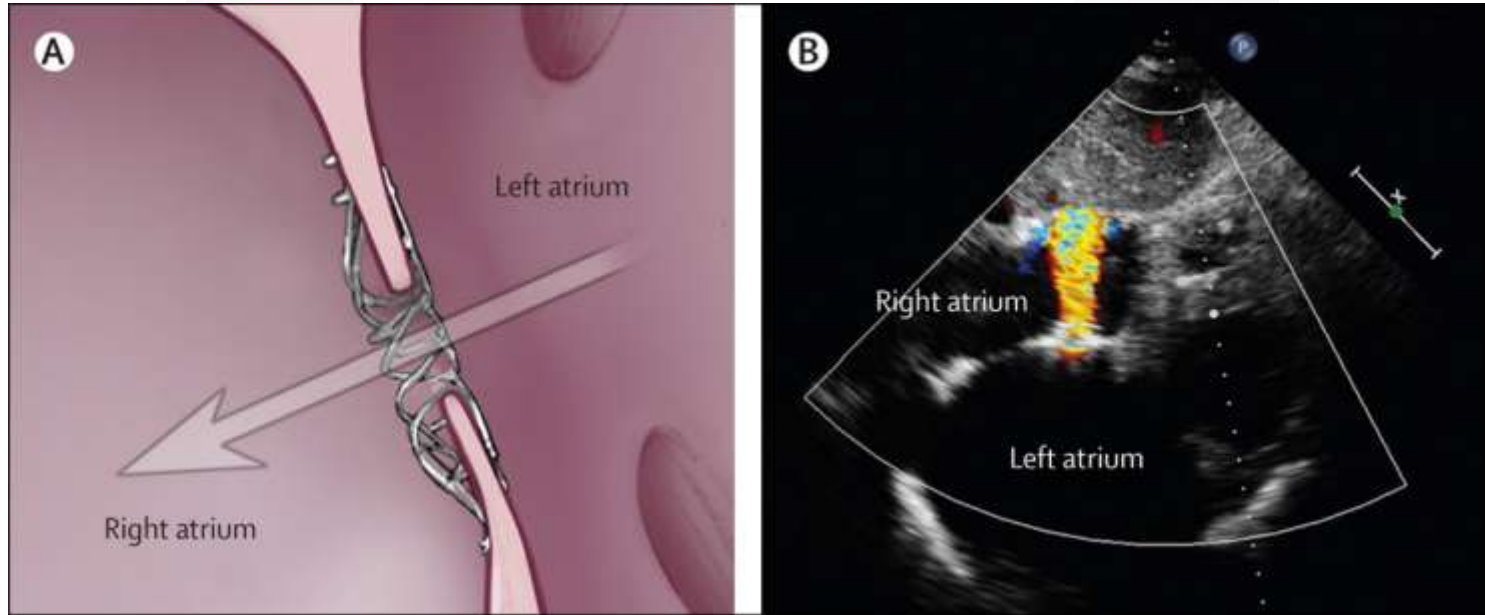
Solomon, S.D. et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol HF*. 2017;5(7):471–82

# Increased LAP (Left Atrial Pressure)

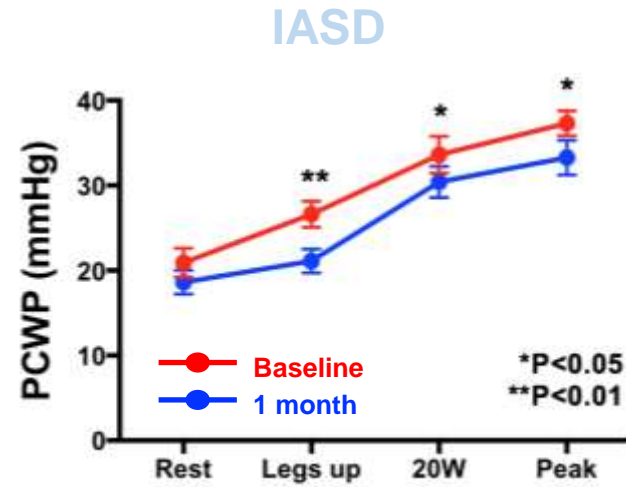
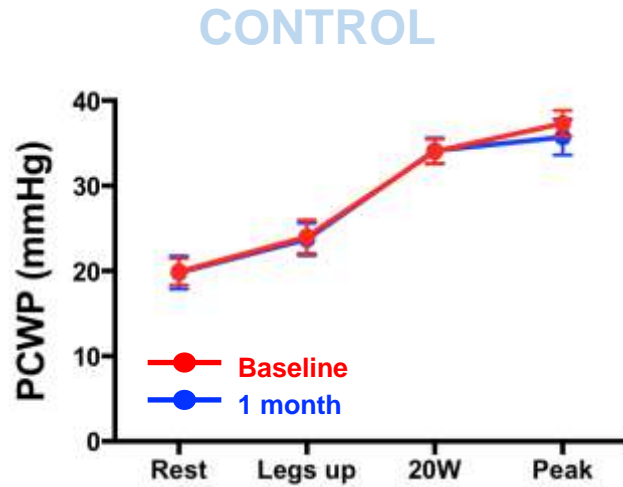
The Common denominator in HFpEF



# Inter Atrial Shunt Device IASD



# Change in PCWP: Baseline to 1 month



# REDUCE-LAP HF I Study Results

## A Transcatheter InterAtrial Shunt Device for the Treatment of Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (REDUCE LAP-HF I): A Phase 2, Randomized, Sham-Controlled Trial

Ted Feldman, MD; Laura Mauri, MD, MSc; Rami Kahwash, MD; Sheldon Litwin, MD; Mark J. Ricciardi, MD; PhD; David M. Kaye, MD, PhD; Mark C. Petrie, MB, ChB, MRCP; Anupam Basuray, MD; Scott L. Hummel, MD, MS; Rhonda Joseph M. Massaro, PhD; Daniel Burkhoff, MD, PhD; Sanjiv J. Shah, MD; for the REDUCE-LAP-HF I Investigators

### ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

Transcatheter Interatrial Shunt Device for the Treatment of Heart Failure With Preserved Ejection Fraction (REDUCE LAP-HF I) [Reduce Elevated Left Atrial Pressure in Patients With

PhD;

successful and safe, no

## REDUCE LAP-HF II pivotal trial is underway (NCT03088033)

reg position when compared to sham group

- This hemodynamic study demonstrates the beneficial mechanistic effect of the IASD
- The IASD could have beneficial clinical effects in

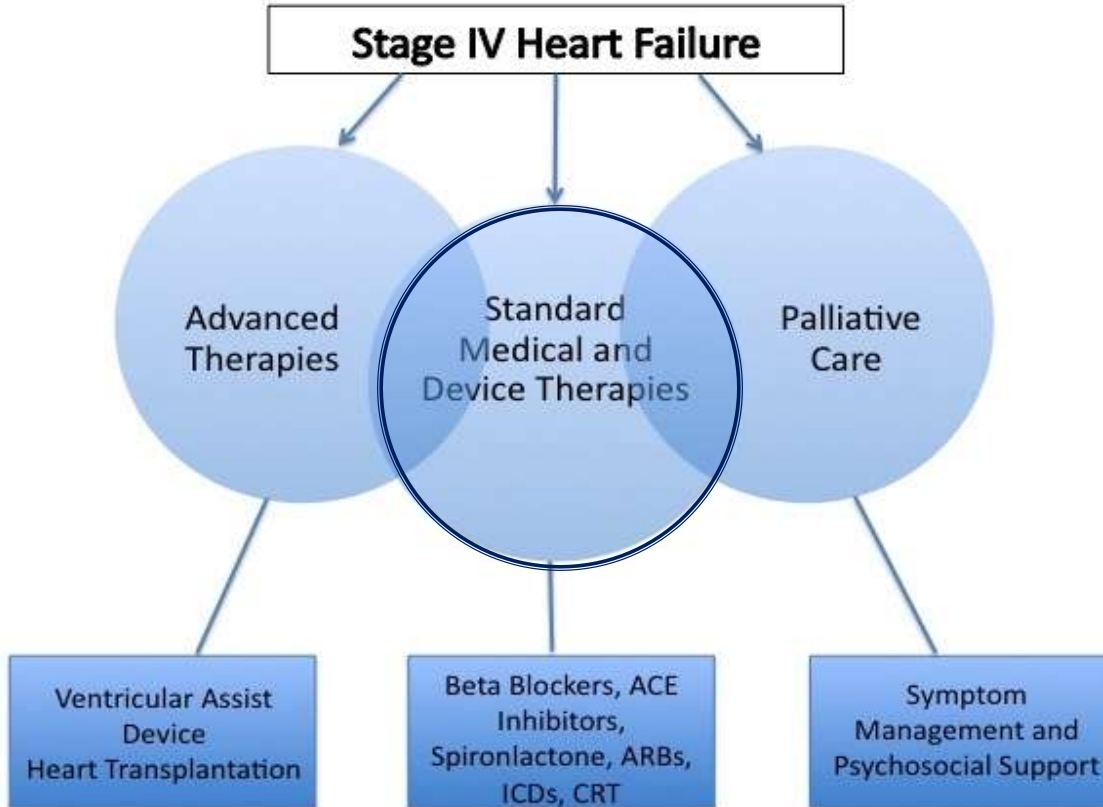
REDUCE-LAP-HF I (NCT02500001) was a phase 2, randomized, sham-controlled trial that evaluated the safety and efficacy of the IASD in patients with HF with preserved EF. The primary endpoint was the proportion of patients who were free from HF hospitalizations and death over 12 weeks. Secondary endpoints included the proportion of patients who were free from HF hospitalizations and death over 12 weeks, the proportion of patients who were free from HF hospitalizations and death over 24 weeks, the proportion of patients who were free from HF hospitalizations and death over 36 weeks, and the proportion of patients who were free from HF hospitalizations and death over 48 weeks. The trial was terminated early because of the high rate of adverse events in the IASD group. The results of the trial are consistent with the hypothesis that the IASD is safe and effective in patients with HF with preserved EF.

# Conclusions

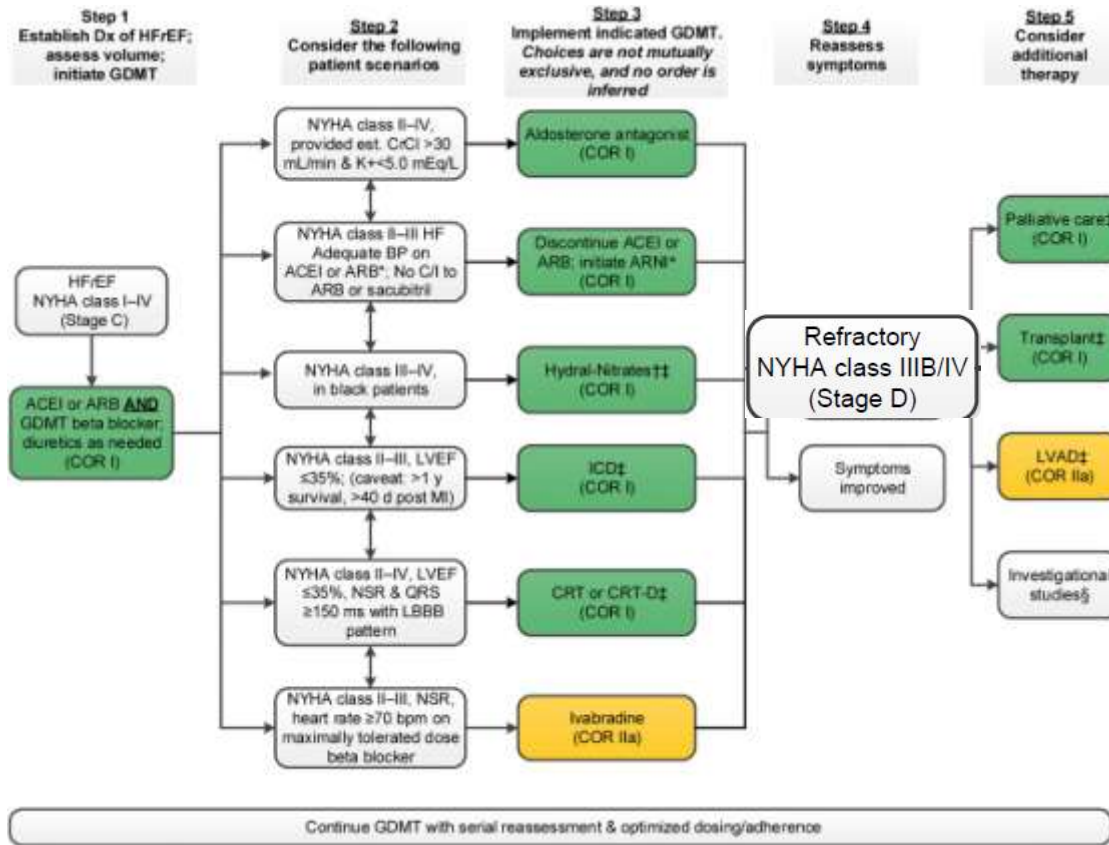
- Up to 50% of patients with HF have preserved LVEF(HFpEF)
- Morbidity and mortality in HFpEF and HFrEF as similar
- Comorbidities are frequent both in HFpEF and HFrEF
- There is **no specific proven treatment for HFpEF**
  - Sacubitril valsartan is being evaluated in the PARAGON HF trial
  - Aggressive management of hypertension and all comorbidities should be implemented
- The future identification of successful therapies for HFpEF will require defining specific phenotypes of HFpEF with targeted therapy addressing unique mechanisms

# Advanced Heart Failure GUIDELINES

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J Card Fail 2017;23(8):628-51.



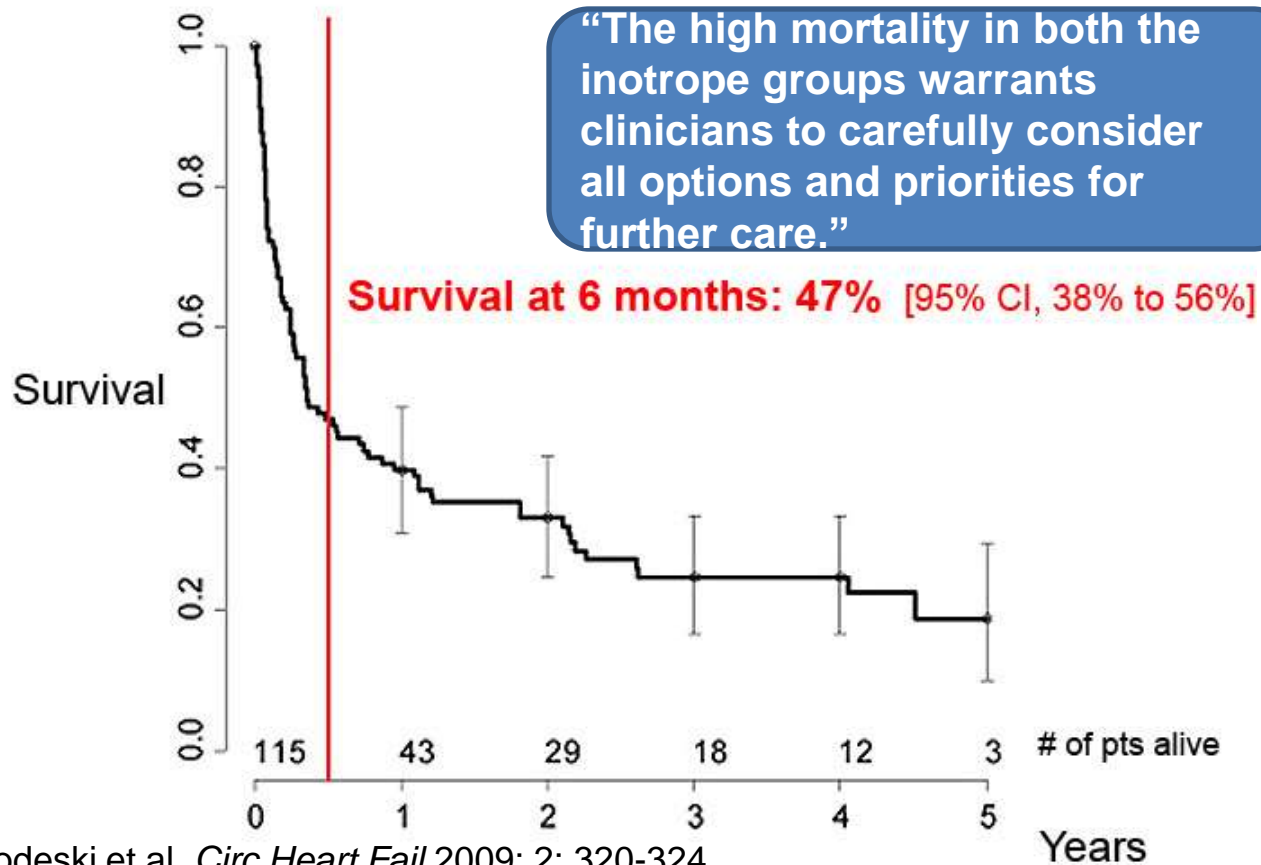
# 2017 Update Treatment of HFrEF Stages C and D

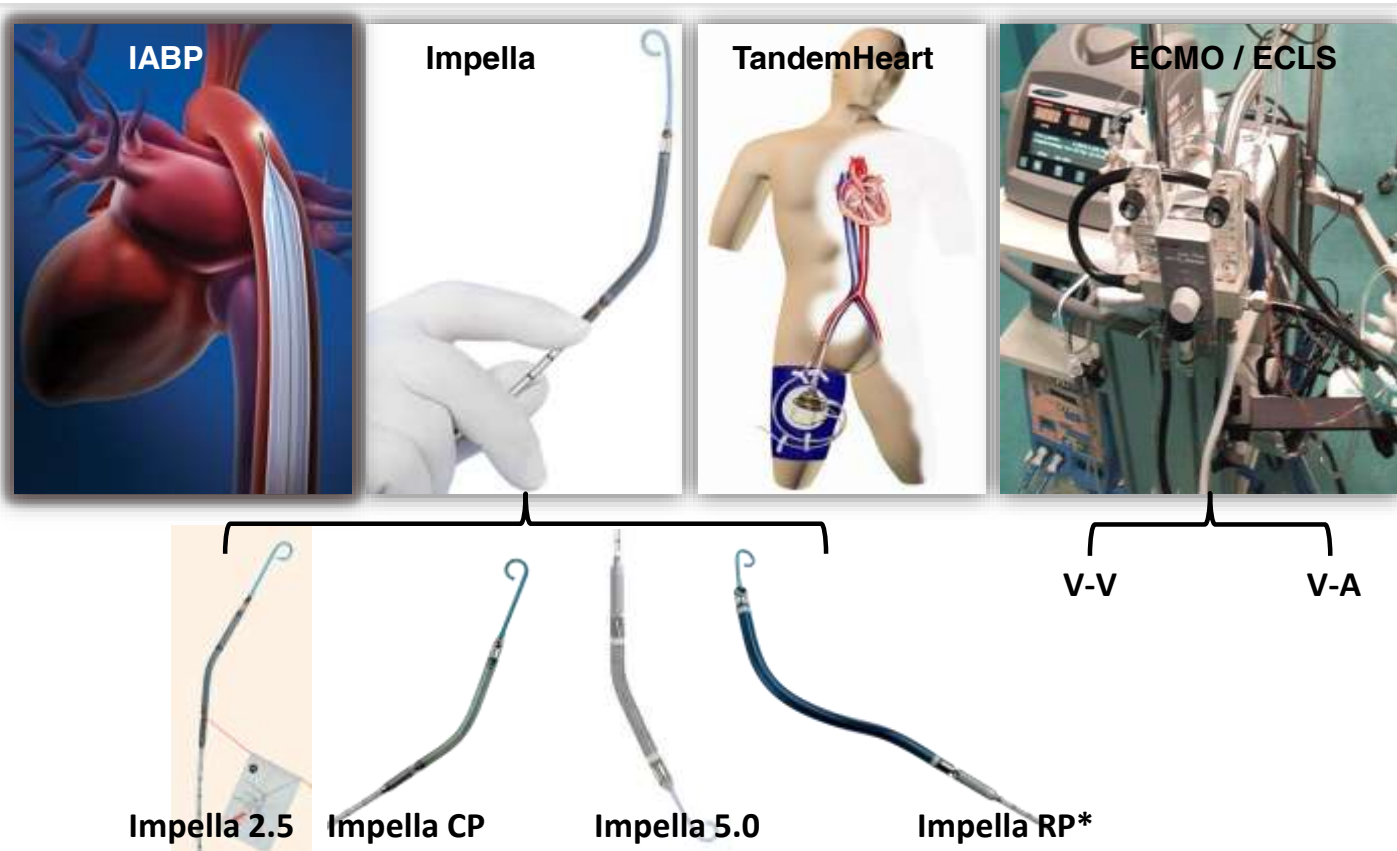


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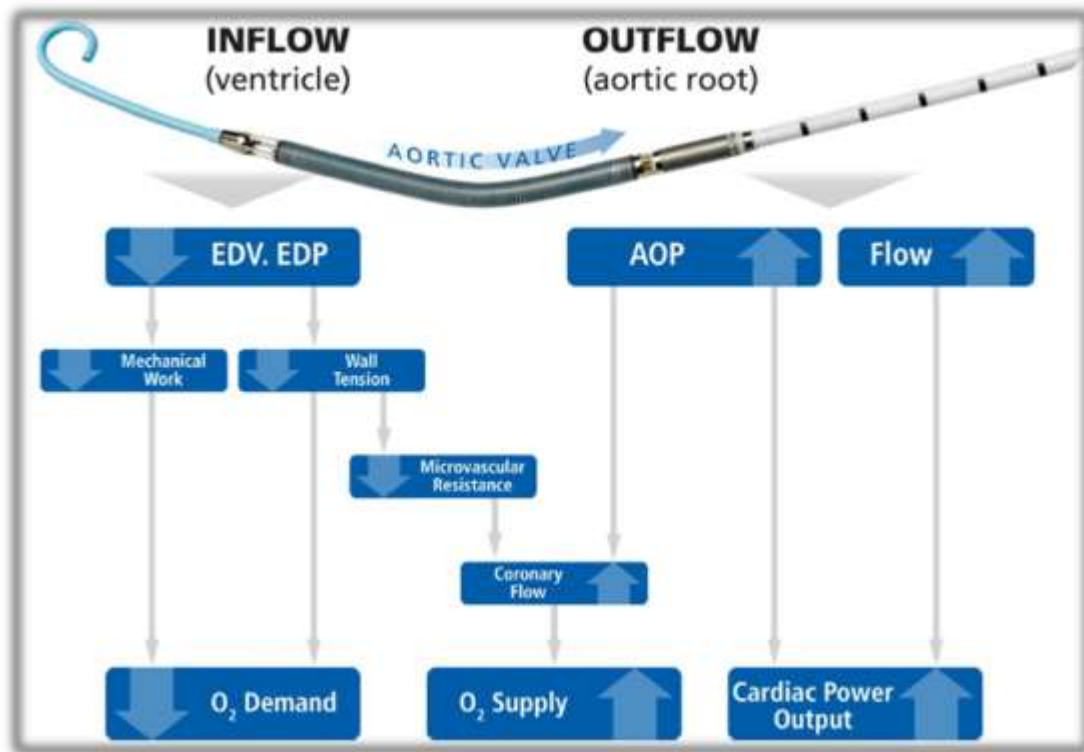
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# Survival Among End-Stage Heart Failure Patients Discharged on Continuous Inotropes





# Physiologic Impact of Impella



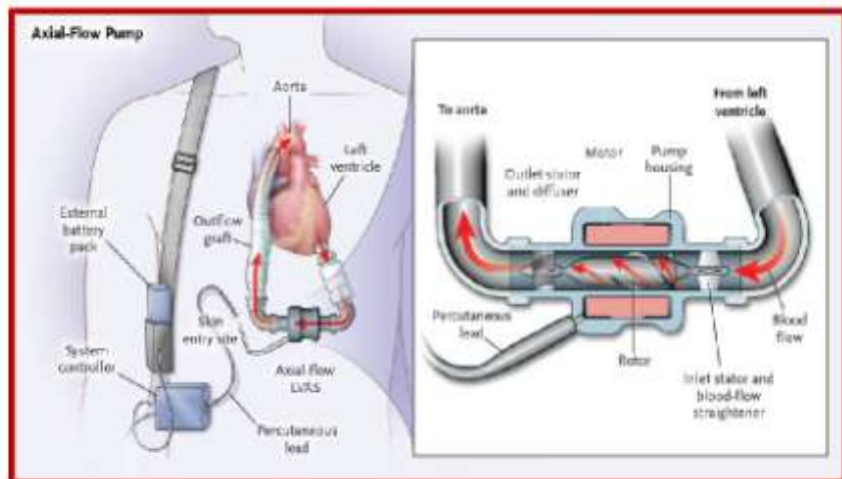
## Impella 5.0L Axillary

- 58 yo CAD, MR, TR, EF 15% pre transplant, IABP
- PA 77/50 (59) PCW 40
  - TPG 19 CO 4 PVR 5
  - +3 TR Mod RV dysfunc
- Impella 5 R axillary art
- POD 2 RA 8 PA 40/24 (30)  
PCW 18 TPG 12 CO 6 PVR 2
- POD 7 HM3 LVAD



# Background

- Continuous-flow Left Ventricular Assist Systems (LVAS) improve survival and quality of life in patients with advanced heart failure refractory to medical therapy<sup>1</sup>

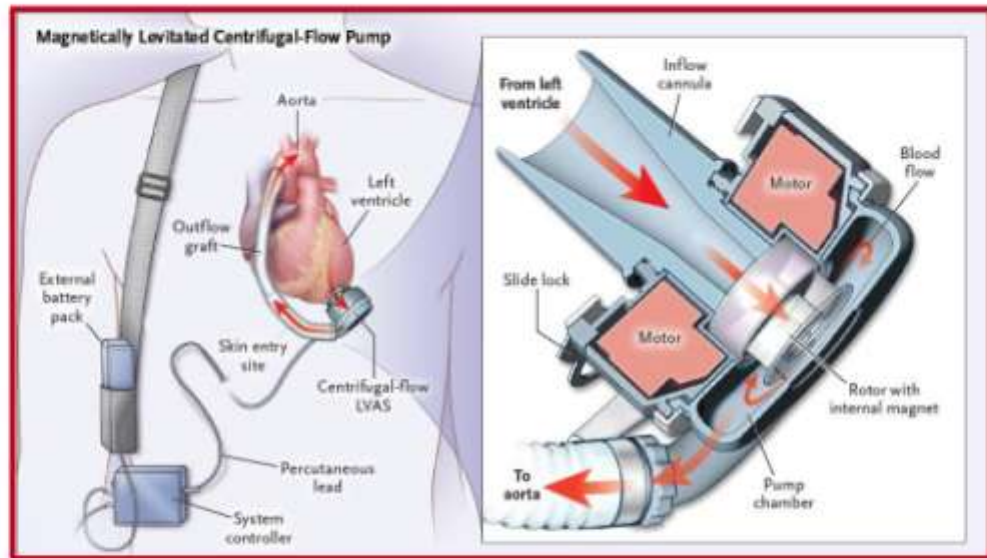


The HeartMate II LVAS is a mechanical bearing axial continuous-flow blood pump;  
An LVAS approved for *both* Bridge-To-Transplant (BTT) and Destination Therapy (DT) patients

## Background

- LVAS, such as the HeartMate II, are associated with significant risk of pump thrombosis requiring pump exchange, limiting long-term durability
- Other major adverse events of concern with LVAS devices include stroke, bleeding and device related infection<sup>1</sup>

# HeartMate 3 LVAS



- **Wide** blood-flow passages to reduce shear stress
- **Frictionless** with absence of mechanical bearings
- **Intrinsic Pulse** designed to reduce stasis and avert thrombosis

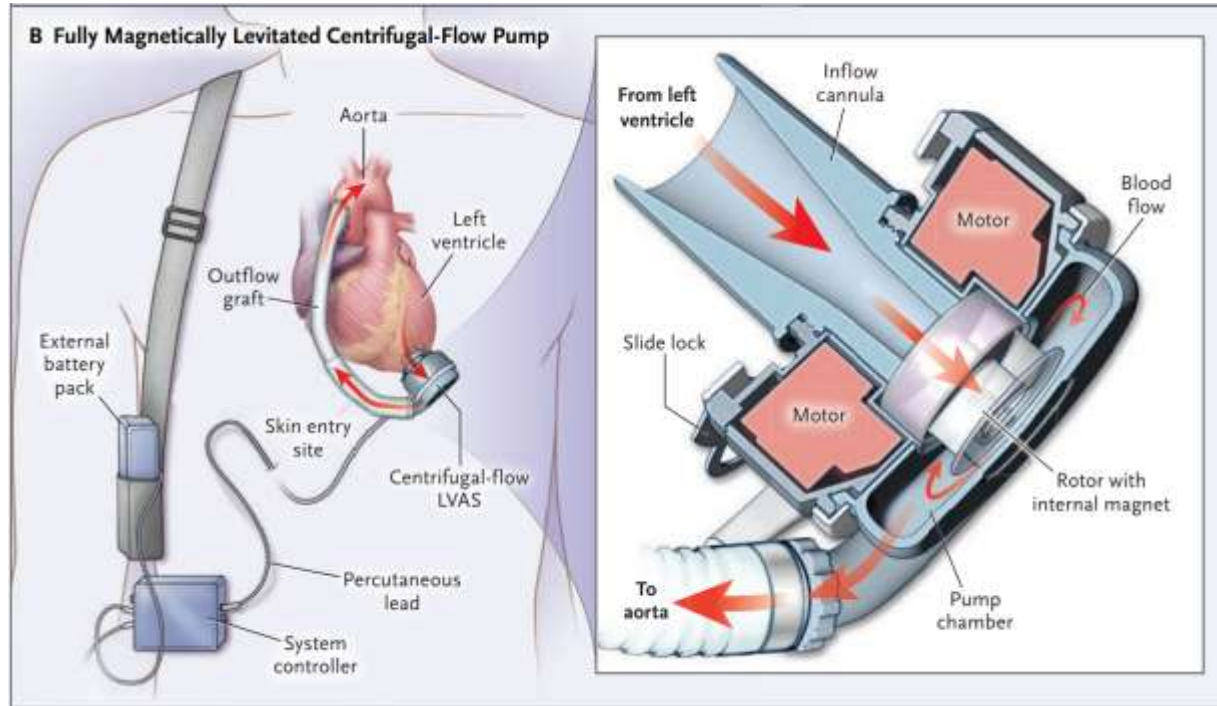
# Heart Mate3 LVAD Pulsatility



# HeartMate 3

## Approved by FDA August 28, 2017

### Short Term Use





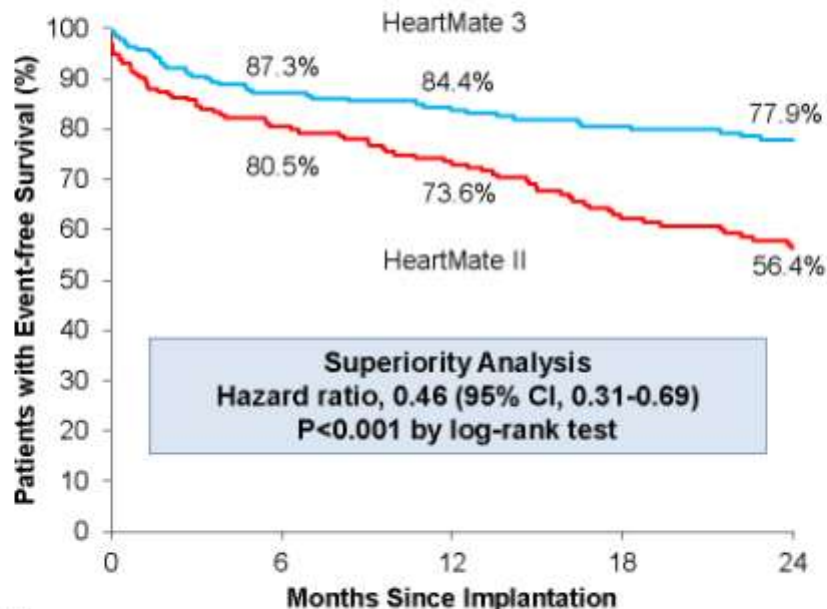
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Two-Year Outcomes of a Magnetically Levitated Cardiac Pump in Heart Failure

M.R. Mehra, D.J. Goldstein, N. Uriel, J.C. Cleveland, Jr., M. Yuzefpolskaya, C. Salerno, M.N. Walsh, C.A. Milano, C.B. Patel, G.A. Ewald, A. Itoh, D. Dean, A. Krishnamoorthy, W.G. Cotts, A.J. Tatroles, U.P. Jorde, B.A. Bruckner, J.D. Estep, V. Jeevanandam, G. Sayer, D. Horstmanshof, J.W. Long, S. Gulati, E.R. Skipper, J.B. O'Connell, G. Heatley, P. Sood, and Y. Naka, for the MOMENTUM 3 Investigators\*

# Primary End Point Analysis (ITT)

Survival at 2 years free of disabling stroke (>3 mRS) or reoperation to replace or remove a malfunctioning device

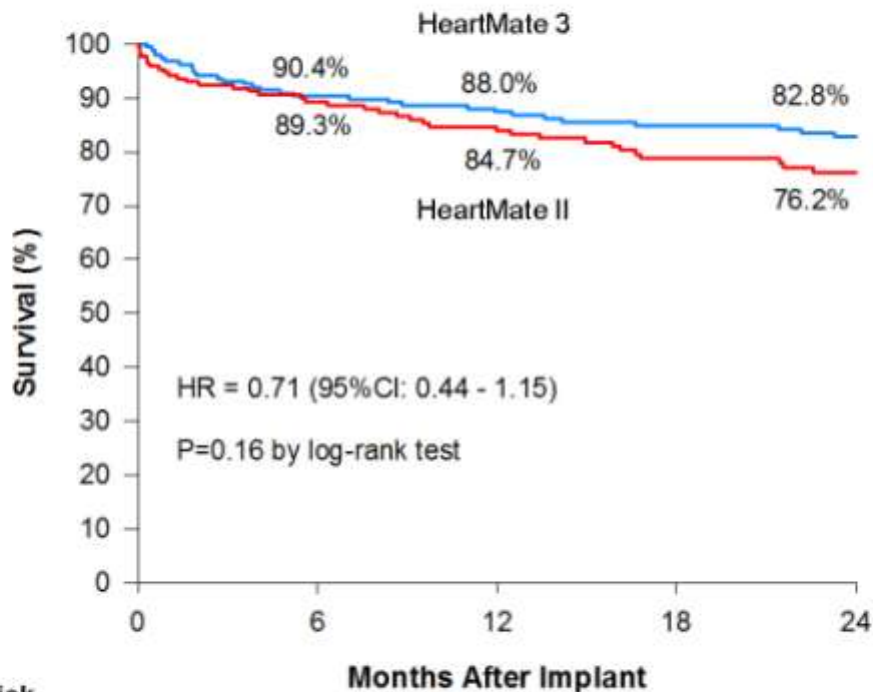


## No. at Risk

HeartMate 3	190	161	141	122	111
HeartMate II	176	134	114	90	75

# Primary Endpoint Component 1

## Overall Survival



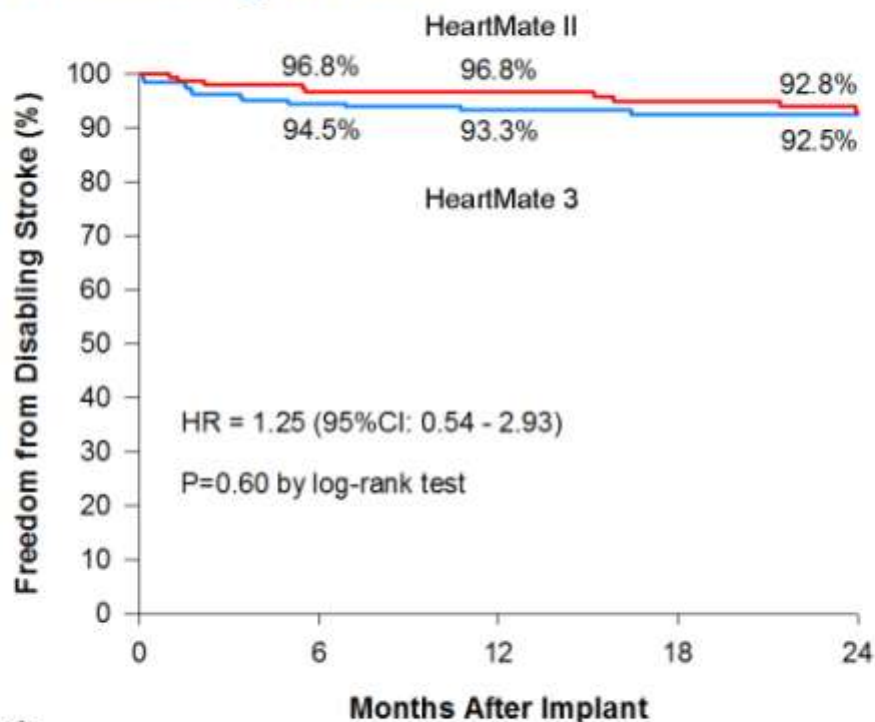
Survival similar  
To heart transplant

No. at Risk  
HeartMate 3  
HeartMate II

	0	6	12	18	24
HeartMate 3	189	165	146	127	117
HeartMate II	172	141	121	98	86

# Primary Endpoint Component 2

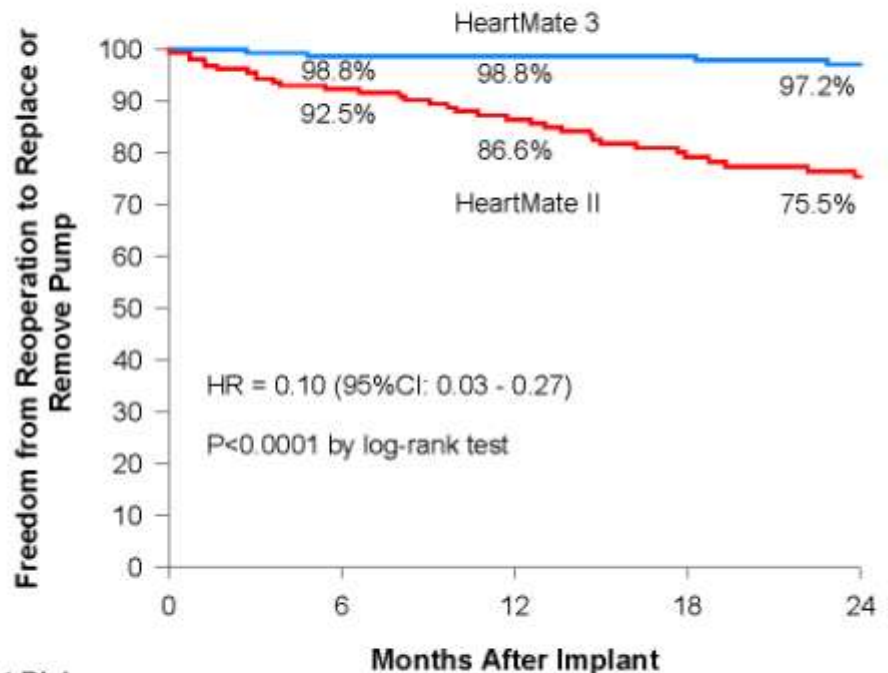
## Freedom from Disabling Stroke



No. at Risk	0	6	12	18	24
HeartMate 3	189	162	142	123	114
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# Primary Endpoint Component 3

## *Freedom from Reoperation to Replace or Remove Pump*



No. at Risk	0	6	12	18	24
HeartMate 3	189	164	145	126	114
HeartMate II	172	135	114	90	76

- There was a **ten-fold** difference in the reoperation rate between HeartMate II and HeartMate 3
- HeartMate 3 reoperations were due to infection (1), electrical fault (1), and outflow-graft twist (1)
- **2/3<sup>rd</sup>** of HeartMate II reoperations were due to "pump thrombosis or severe hemolysis"

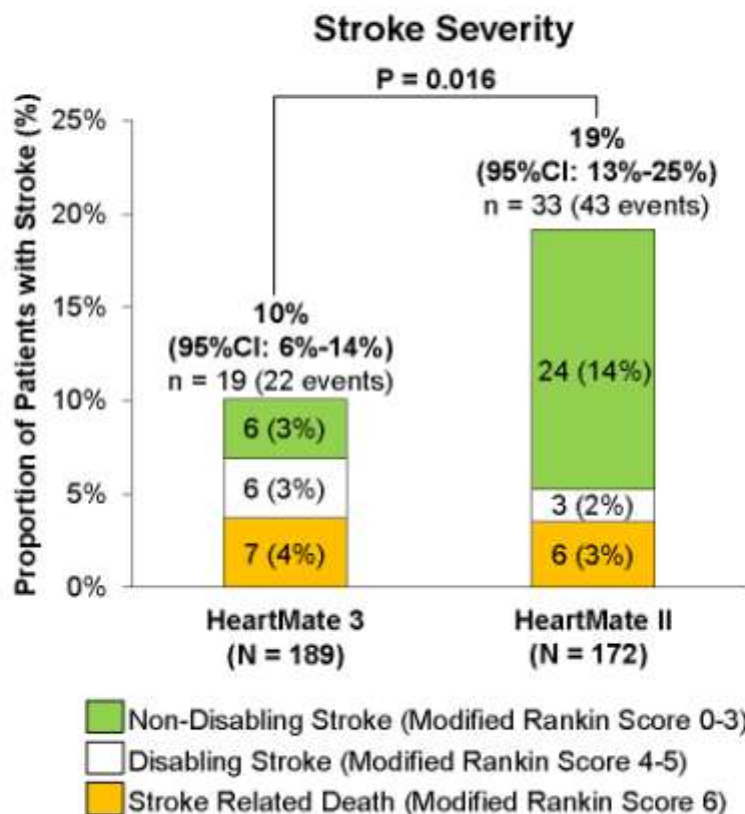
# Key Adverse Events

## *Pump Thrombosis, Neurological Events, Bleeding*

	HeartMate 3 (n=189)		HeartMate II (n=172)			
	n (%)	no. of Events	n (%)	no. of Events	HR (95% CI)	P Value*
* Suspected or confirmed pump thrombosis	2 (1.1)	2	27 (15.7)	33	0.06 (0.01-0.26)	<0.001
Resulting in reoperation	0 (0)	0	21 (12.2)	25	NA	<0.001
Any stroke	19 (10.1)	22	33 (19.2)	43	0.47 (0.27-0.84)	0.02
Ischemic stroke	12 (6.3)	14	23 (13.4)	26	0.44 (0.22-0.88)	0.03
Hemorrhagic stroke	8 (4.2)	8	16 (9.3)	17	0.42 (0.18-0.98)	0.06
Other neurologic event*	22 (11.6)	25	15 (8.7)	16	1.27 (0.66-2.45)	0.39
Bleeding	81 (42.9)	187	90 (52.3)	206	0.71 (0.53-0.96)	0.07
Bleeding that led to surgery	23 (12.2)	29	30 (17.4)	34	0.66 (0.38-1.13)	0.18
* * Gastrointestinal bleeding	51 (27.0)	107	47 (27.3)	100	0.92 (0.62-1.37)	1.00

# Key Adverse Events

## Stroke



Two HeartMate 3 subjects and 9 HeartMate II subjects had >1 stroke. The score for the most severe stroke is shown. 1.6% of HeartMate 3 subjects (n = 3) and 5.2% of HeartMate II subjects (n = 9) had a modified Rankin score of 0 at 60 days post-stroke. CI denotes confidence interval.

## Conclusions

- The HeartMate 3 LVAS is **clinically superior** when compared to the HeartMate II axial-flow pump, at 2-years
- These benefits were primarily driven by a **lower reoperation rate** in the HeartMate 3 arm
  - largely due to excess device malfunctions resulting from **pump thrombosis** in the HeartMate II LVAS
- Importantly, we observed a markedly **lower rate of stroke** with the HeartMate 3 LVAS

# Thank You

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