

# HHP Care Model and Disease Management Webinar Series

## **COVID-19 Updates and Heart Failure Webinar #3: Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF)**

Thursday, July 29, 2021  
5:30pm – 6:30pm

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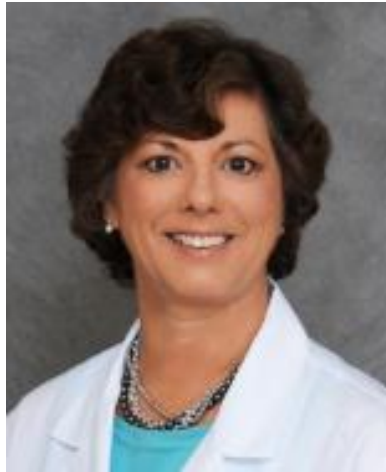


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# COVID-19 Updates



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# Hawaii COVID-19 Cases and Testing

LAST UPDATED ON Wednesday, July 28, 2021

DATA AS OF Monday, July 26, 2021

## Cases per 100K\*

**\*\*An interruption in electronic lab reporting resulted in incomplete case counts reported on Monday, July 26, 2021.**

**Retrieval of these reports is anticipated to occur the next 1-2 days.\*\***

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Current 7-day Average Daily New Cases (per 100,000 population)

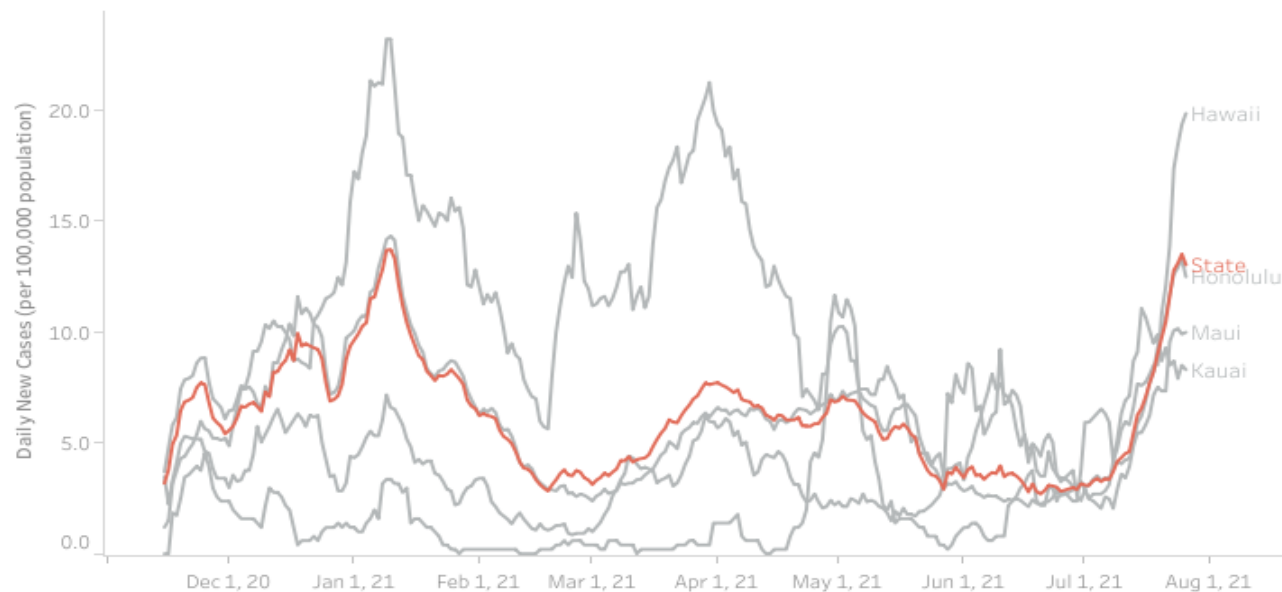
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\* 7-day moving daily average cases per 100,000 population; Includes both confirmed and probable cases; Chart excludes 483 probable cases with missing date information

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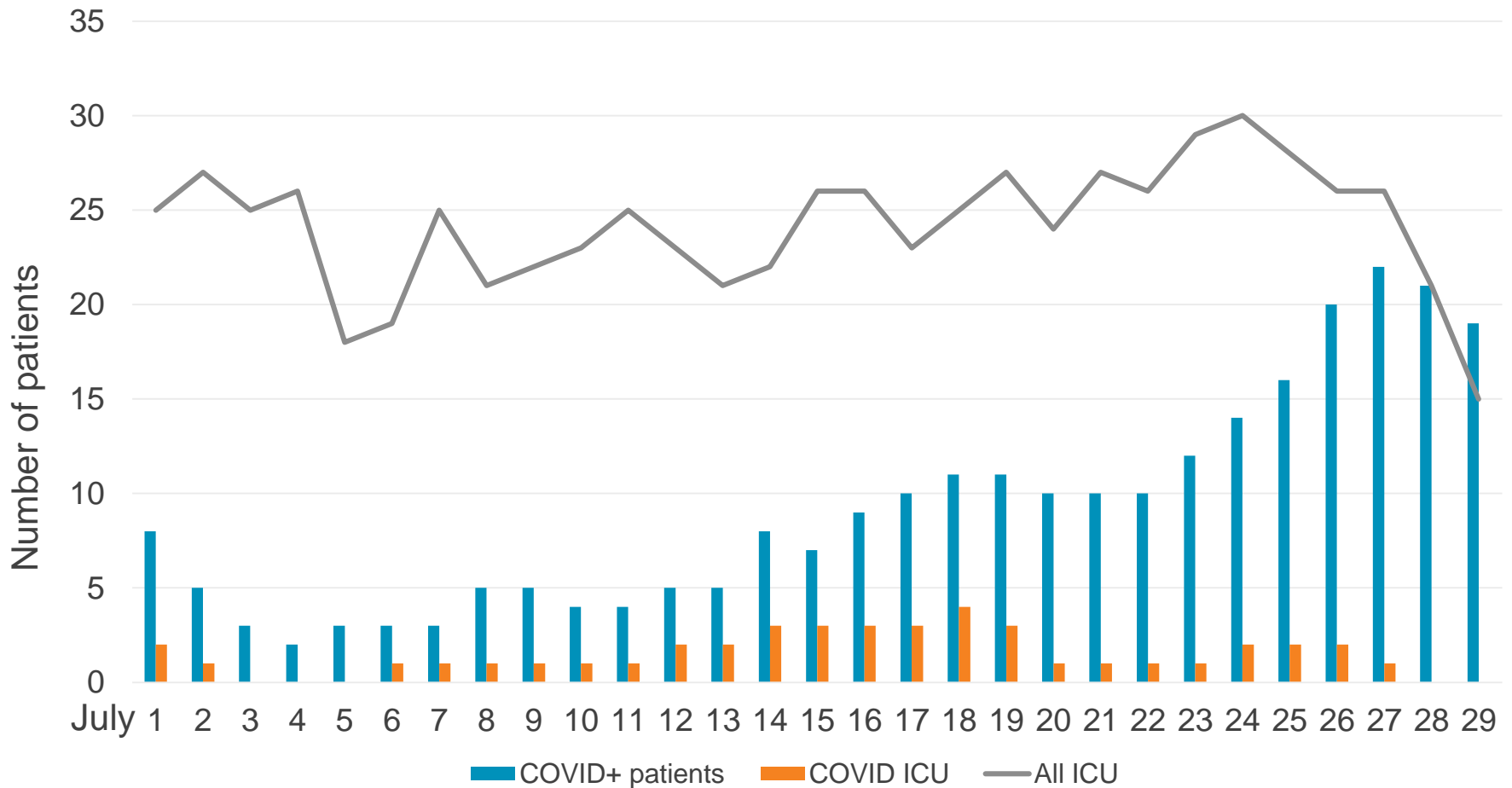
MAP

EPI CURVE

COUNTY RATES

TESTING

# Inpatient COVID-19 Activity: All HPH, July 2021



# Confirmed COVID-19 cases: 07/29/2021

| Age   | KMCWC | PMMC | SMC | WMC | HPH |
|-------|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| < 12  |       |      |     |     |     |
| 12-20 |       |      |     |     |     |
| 21-35 | 2     |      | 3   |     | 5   |
| 36-50 |       | 2    | 2   |     | 4   |
| 51-65 |       | 1    | 4   | 2   | 7   |
| 66-75 | 1     | 2    |     | 0   | 3   |
| > 75  |       | 2    |     |     | 2   |
| Total | 3     | 7    | 9   | 2   | 21  |

# Hot Topic: Delta Variant

- Now the most dominant variant in the US
- Much more easily transmissible
  - More virus replication
  - Spreads to more people
- Unclear if more severe disease
  - Asymptomatic spread continues to be a problem
  - If symptoms occur, they may present sooner

# Delta Variant and Vaccines

- Current vaccines in US protect against severe disease and death
- Study results are inconsistent:
  - A full course of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine
    - 39% effective at preventing infections reported by Israel's health ministry
    - 64% two weeks prior
  - Other recent studies
    - 80% - 90% protection against infection and mild illness including peer reviewed research from Public Health England

# Delta Variant and Vaccines

- Breakthrough infections may occur in fully vaccinated people
  - Usually spread from infected unvaccinated people
  - Unusual to have spread from vaccinated to vaccinated
  - Severe disease has occurred in fully vaccinated patients with comorbid conditions or who are elderly

# Updated CDC Guidance: 07/28/21

## Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People

### Summary of Recent Changes:

- Recommendation for fully vaccinated people to wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission
- Fully vaccinated people might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission if:
  - immunocompromised
  - at increased risk for severe disease
  - someone in their household is immunocompromised, at increased risk of severe disease or not fully vaccinated

# Updated CDC Guidance: 07/27/21

## Summary of Recent Changes, cont'd:

- Added a recommendation for fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to be tested 3-5 days after exposure, and to wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.
- CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status.



# Lots of questions about boosters.....

- Boosters will be needed if:
  - Duration of immunity is shown to wane over time
  - Vaccine induced immunity doesn't confer protection for circulating variants
- Currently, no recommendation for routine boosters
  - CDC/FDA may soon recommend boosters for immunocompromised and elderly

# HPH Response to Increased Disease Activity

- Reinstated use of N95s for all ED care and all aerosol generating procedures
  - regardless of vax status
- Reinstated pre-procedural testing for all
  - regardless of vax status
- Reinstated masks/facial coverings for all employees
  - regardless of vax status

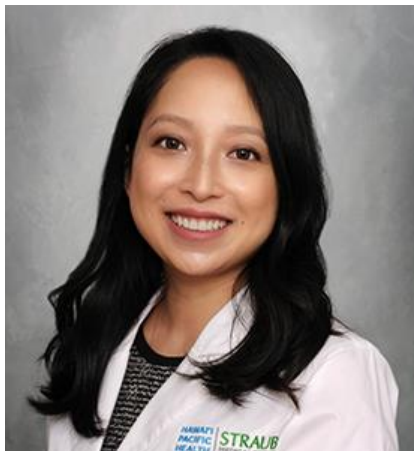
# HPH Response to Increased Disease Activity

- Strengthening our visitor management
  - 1 adult visitor per inpatient or accompanying an outpatient at Straub, Pali Momi and Wilcox (may swap out)
  - 2 adult visitors at all locations at Kapi‘olani and at Wilcox Labor and Delivery (may swap out)
- Looking at revisions to our return to work policy
  - Will modify to comply with CDC guidance updates

# HPH Vaccination Sites: update

- We are closing Pier 2 on July 31, 2021
  - ~185,000 doses provided there
- We are relocating the vaccination clinic to Kapi'olani
  - Anticipating the next big group of vaccine recipients will be under 12 years old
  - Urgent Care and Clinic locations
- VaxSquad bus will continue
  - Return visits to schools are popular

# Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction HFpEF



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# Objectives

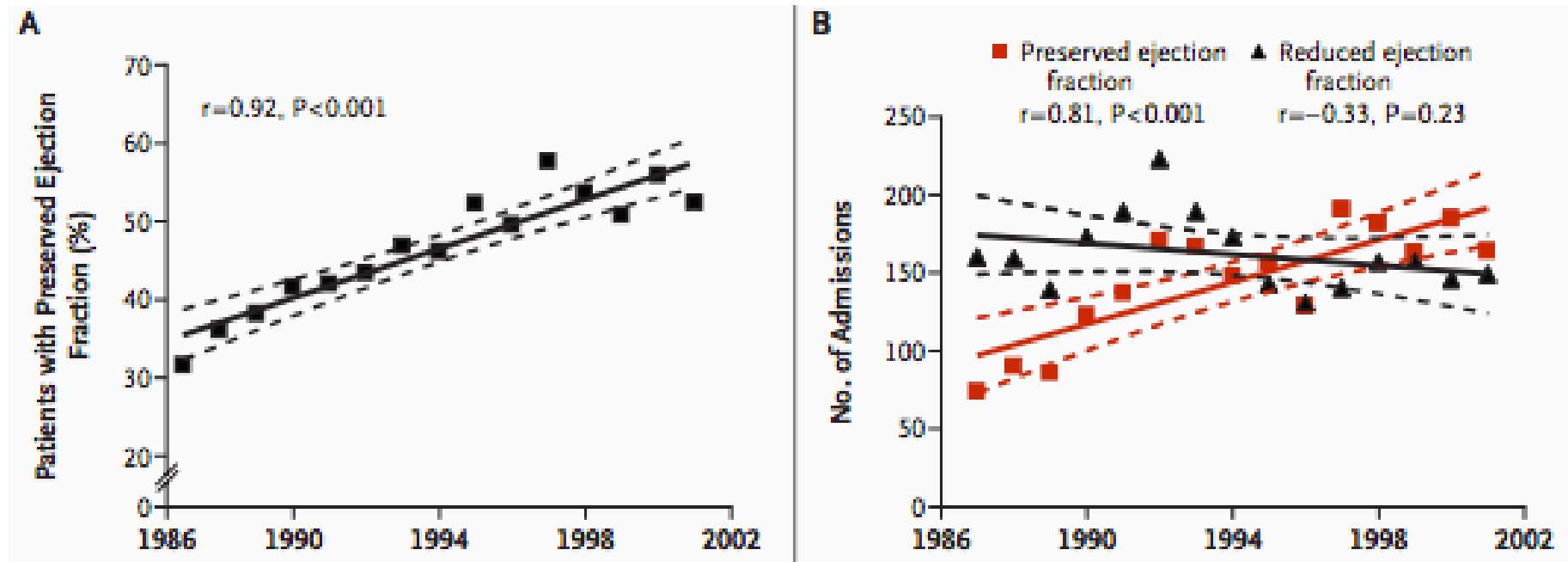
- Epidemiology
- Pathophysiology
- Definition
- Diagnosis
- Management

# Epidemiology

- 6.5 million U.S. adults have heart failure
- HFpEF accounts for approximately 50% of heart failure cases
- Overall prevalence of HFpEF has been reported to be 1.1-5.5% in the general population
  - Estimation of prevalence has been challenging due to lack of standardization in the diagnostic criteria and difficulties in the diagnosis of HFpEF

# Epidemiology

- Prevalence of HFpEF relative to HFrEF is increasing at a rate of 1% per year
- HFpEF is on track to become the most common type of HF in the near future



Curr Heart Fail Rep. 2013;10(4):401-10.

N Engl J Med. 2006;355(3):251-9.



# Prognosis

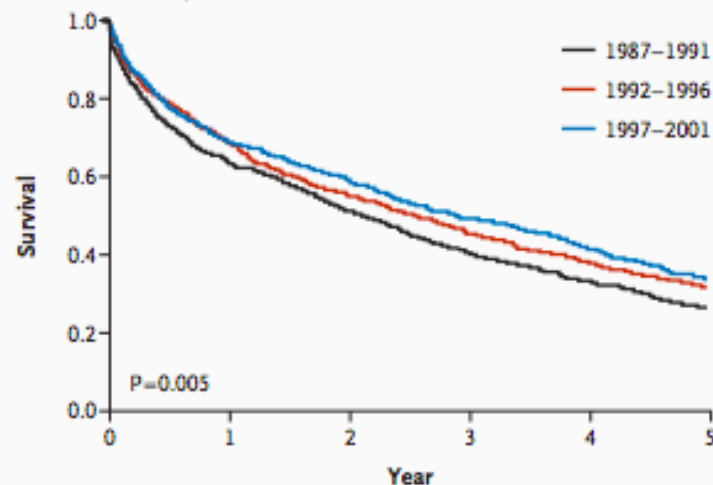
- High risk of cardiovascular death and repeat hospitalizations
- Survival in HFpEF has not shown any significant change
- 5-year survival 35-40% after hospitalization for HF
- Lack of evidence-based treatment

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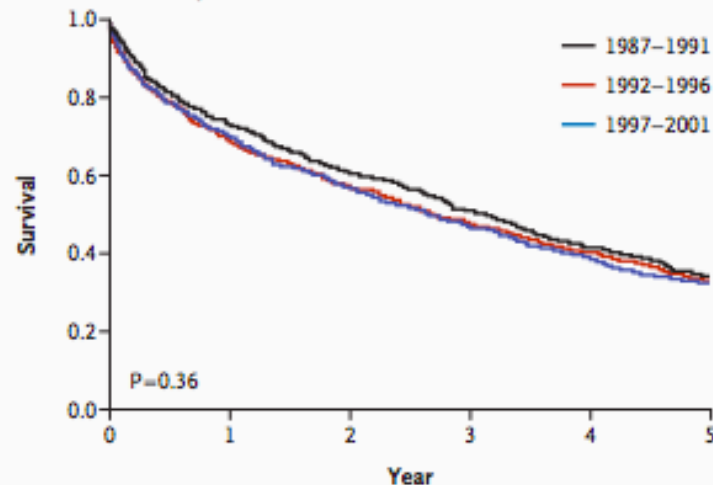
A Patients with Reduced Ejection Fraction



No. at Risk

|           |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1987-1991 | 819 | 525 | 424 | 336 | 274 | 220 |
| 1992-1996 | 857 | 594 | 481 | 395 | 331 | 273 |
| 1997-2001 | 748 | 520 | 447 | 319 | 210 | 114 |

B Patients with Preserved Ejection Fraction



No. at Risk

|           |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1987-1991 | 510 | 377 | 313 | 263 | 216 | 117 |
| 1992-1996 | 771 | 537 | 447 | 375 | 314 | 262 |
| 1997-2001 | 885 | 629 | 513 | 365 | 230 | 138 |

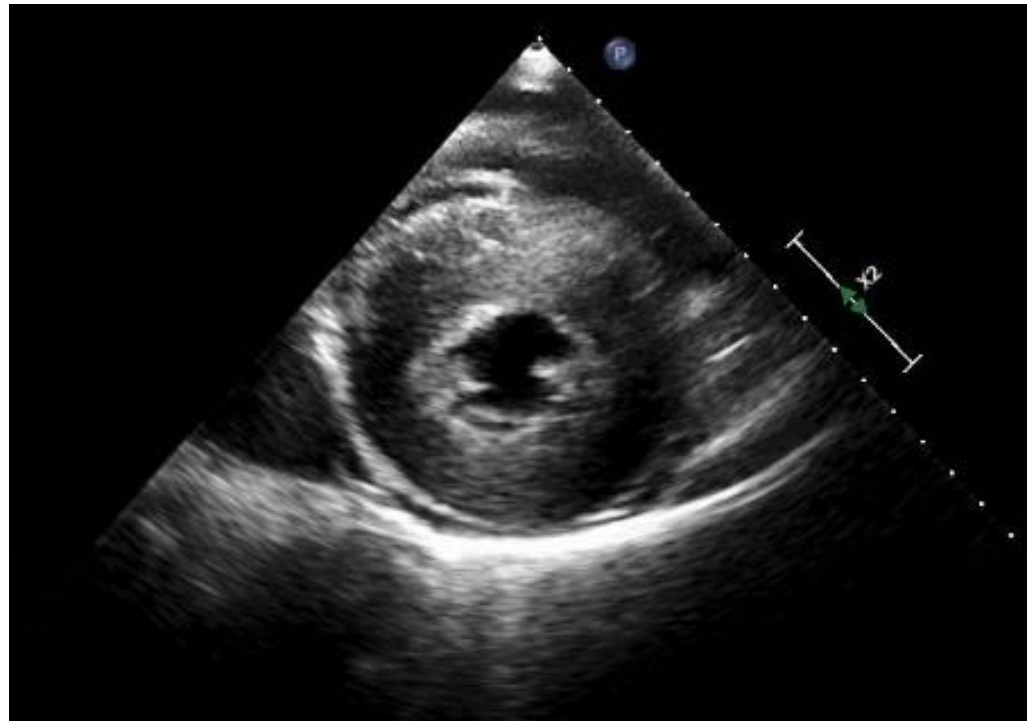
# Traditional Concept of HFpEF: Diastolic Dysfunction

Hypertension



Concentric hypertrophy

Diastolic dysfunction



Nat Rev Cardiol. 2012;9(10):555-6.

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# Diastolic Dysfunction

- Diastolic dysfunction is a pathophysiologic condition
- Impaired myocardial relaxation and/or decreased LV compliance → elevated filling pressures

# Diastolic Dysfunction ≠ HFpEF

- Not all patients with diastolic dysfunction have or will develop clinical HFpEF
  - Can be seen with normal aging and cardio metabolic abnormalities
  - >90% of patients >65 years have abnormal diastolic dysfunction
- Some HFpEF patients may have minimal diastolic dysfunction
- Significant limitations with evaluation of diastolic dysfunction
  - Large inter-observer variation
  - Evaluation relies on multiple different criteria that are not easy to apply

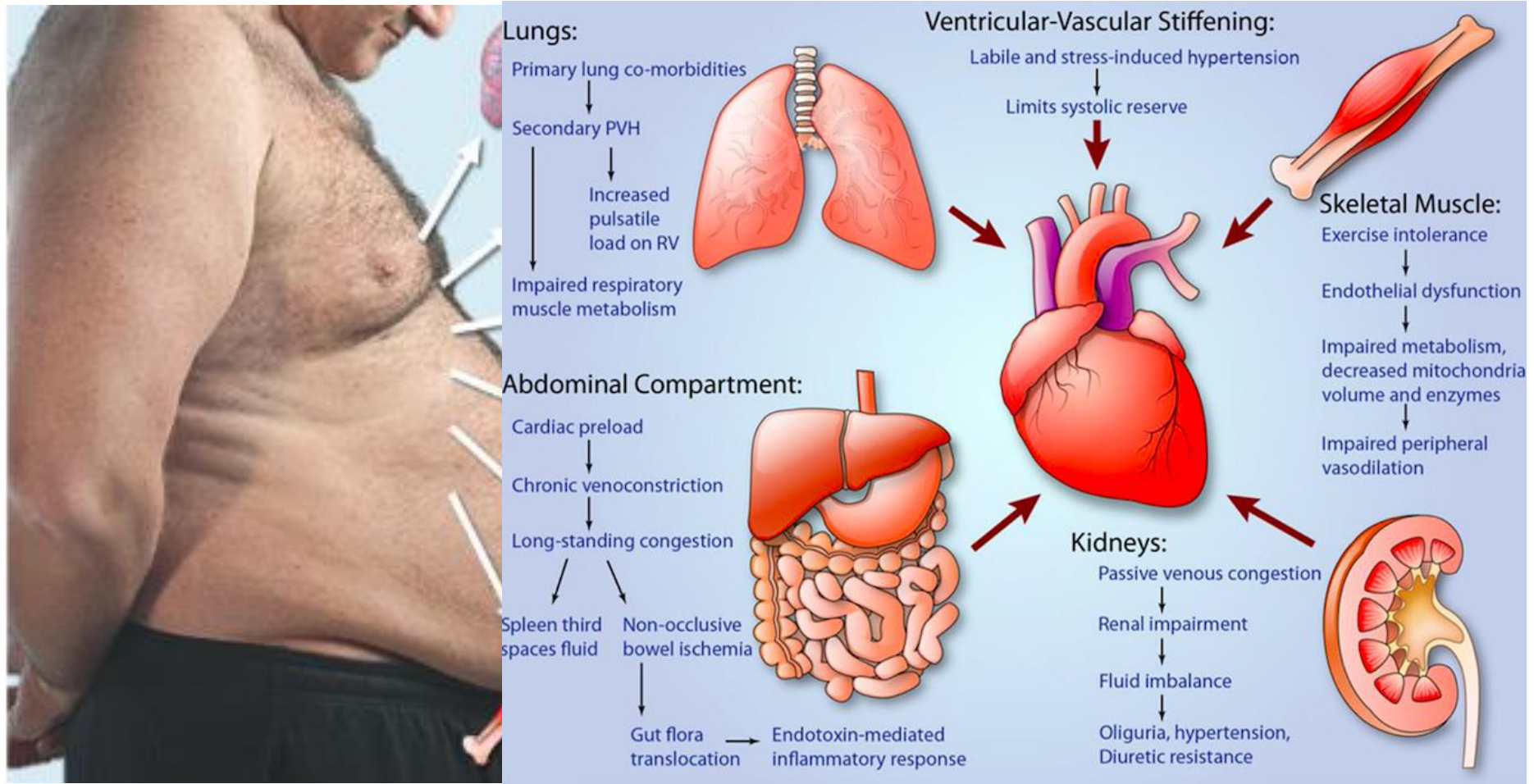
# Diastolic HF vs HFpEF

- “Diastolic HF” is suboptimal
  - Suggests a single mechanism underlying the pathophysiology of HFpEF
- Several alternative and complementary physiologic mechanisms exist:
  - Longitudinal LV systolic dysfunction (despite normal EF)
  - Left atrial dysfunction
  - Pulmonary hypertension
  - Abnormal ventricular-arterial coupling
  - Abnormal exercise-induced vasodilation
  - Extracardiac volume overload
  - Chronotropic incompetence

Circ Res. 2014;115(1):79-96

Curr Cardiol Rev. 2015;11(1):42-52

# A Heterogenous Syndrome



J Am Coll Cardiol. 2016;68(2):200-3.

Circ Res. 2014;115(1):79-96.

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# HFpEF Hypothesis

## Comorbidities

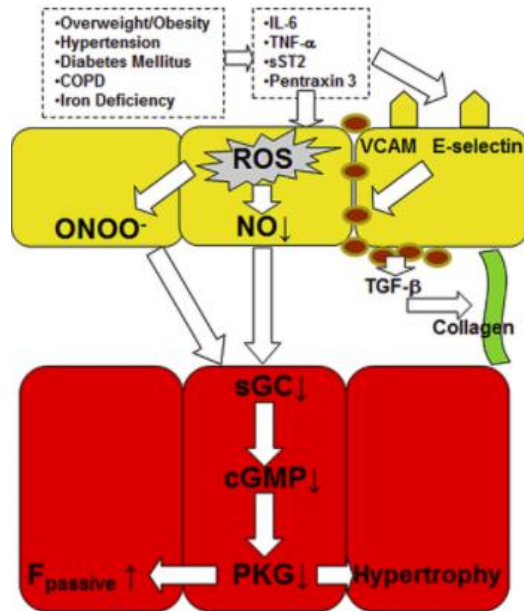
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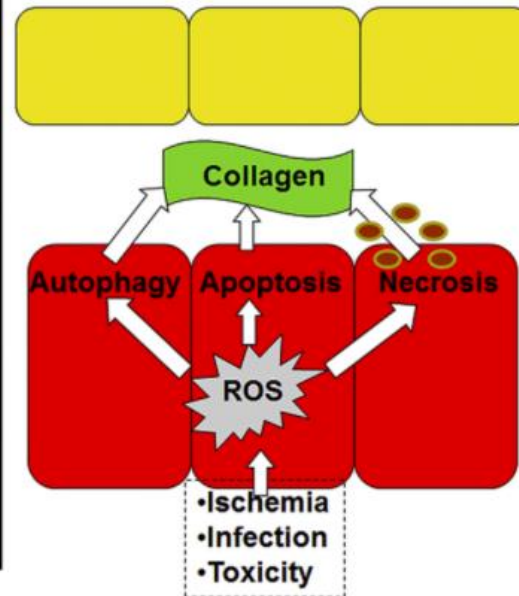
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## Myocardial Remodeling in HFPEF and HFREF

HFPEF



HFREF



Primary injury

HFrEF

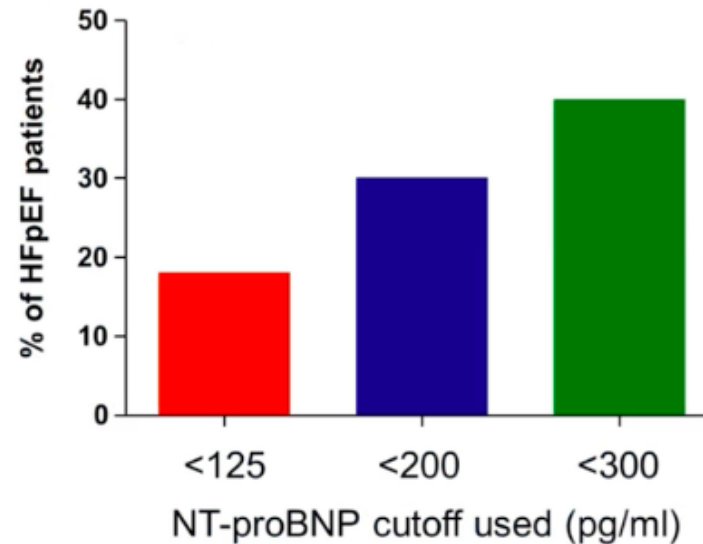
# HFpEF Definition

- Symptoms and/or signs of heart failure
  - Dyspnea, edema, exercise intolerance, elevated JVP, rales, pulmonary edema on CXR, etc.
- Preserved LV function (>45-50%)
- Objective evidence of elevated LV filling pressures at rest *or during exercise*
  - Elevated natriuretic peptide\*
  - Increased left atrial size
  - Elevated LV filling pressure (increased E/e', PCWP, or LVEDP *at rest or with exercise*)



# Biomarkers

- A normal BNP does not exclude HFpEF



- Mechanism of “normal BNP”:
  - Obesity is associated with increased BNP clearance and decreased production
  - Wall stress is lower in HFpEF compared to HFrEF

Circ. 2017;135(9):825-838.

Curr Cardiol Rep. 2016;18(12):122.

# HFpEF Diagnosis



# Case

- 70 yoF with hypertension and metabolic syndrome who presents with dyspnea on exertion
- Appears “euvolemic” on exam. BMI 38.
- No ED or hospitalizations for volume overloaded episodes
- Normal BNP
- Echo:
  - LVEF 55-60%
  - Mild left atrial enlargement
  - Grade I diastolic dysfunction
  - E/e' 11
  - RVSP 36

# H2FPEF Score

|                           | Clinical Variable      | Values   | Points    |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--|-----------|
| H <sub>2</sub>            | Heavy                  | Body mass index > 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>   | 2         |
|                           | Hypertensive           | 2 or more antihypertensive medicines   | 1         |
| F                         | Atrial Fibrillation    | Paroxysmal or Persistent   | 3         |
| P                         | Pulmonary Hypertension | Doppler Echocardiographic estimated Pulmonary Artery Systolic Pressure > 35 mmHg | 1         |
| E                         | Elder                  | Age > 60 years   | 1         |
| F                         | Filling Pressure       | Doppler Echocardiographic E/e' > 9   | 1         |
| H <sub>2</sub> FPEF score |                        |  | Sum (0-9) |

|                      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |   |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|---|
| Total Points         | 0   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8    | 9 |
| Probability of HFpEF | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.95 |   |

- Score of 0-1: Low risk
- Score of 6-9: High risk
- Score of 2-5: Intermediate risk

Circ. 2018;138(9):861-70.

# Case

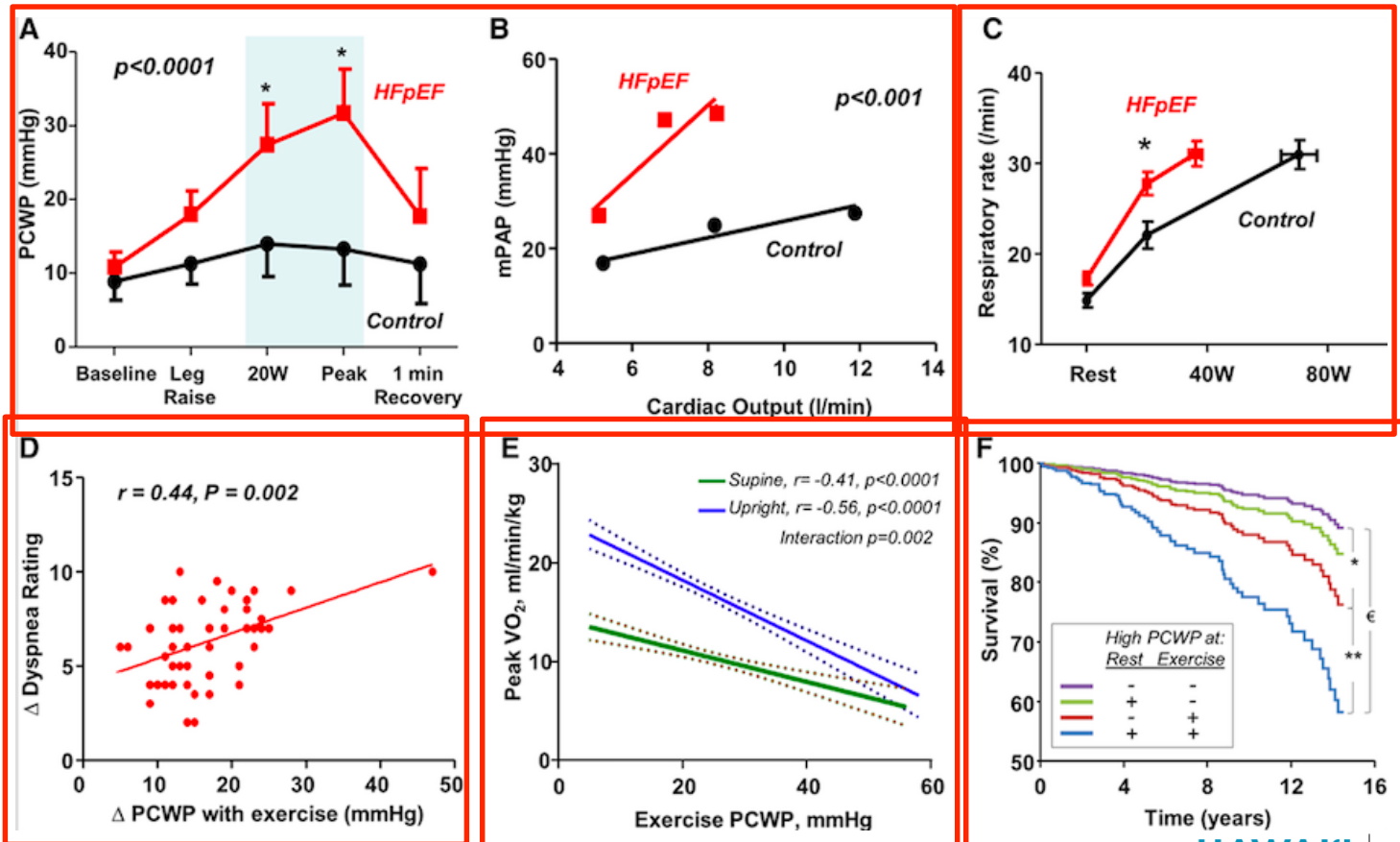
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| Total Points <span style="float: right;">0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9</span><br>Probability of HFpEF <span style="float: right;">0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 0.95</span> |                        |  |           |

**H2FPEF Score= 6**

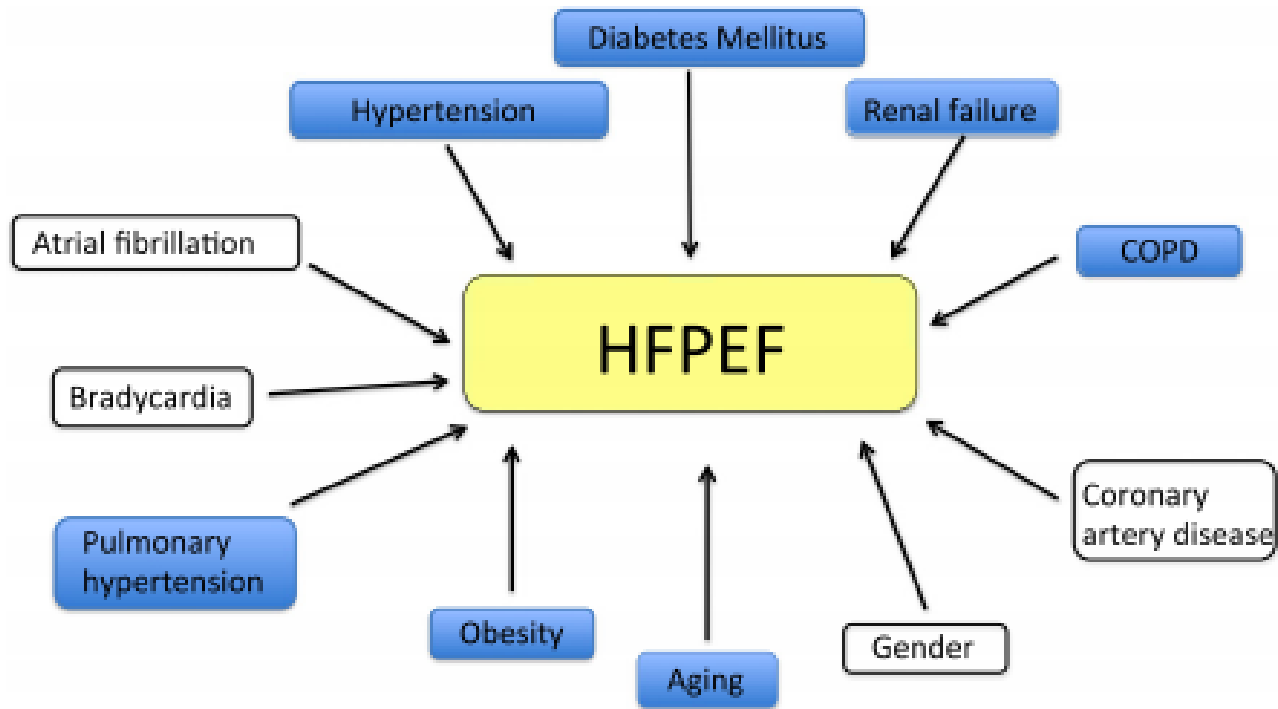
# Right Heart Catheterization

- Patients with “early” stage of disease, LV filling pressure is normal at rest but becomes elevated only during the stress of exercise



# Focus on Etiology of HFpEF

- It is important to determine the etiology of the heart failure syndrome in a patient with preserved ejection fraction



# Case


Which patient has HFpEF?

- 68 yoF with stage 4 CKD, HTN, and obesity who presents with dyspnea on exertion and atrial fibrillation. Echo with LVEF >50%, LVH. BNP 300.
- 68 yoM with carpal tunnel syndrome and lumbar spinal stenosis, presents with dyspnea on exertion and atrial fibrillation. Echo with LVEF >50%, LVH. BNP 300



# Focus on Etiology

Patient with congestive  
symptoms and EF  $\geq$  50%



J Card Fail. 2021;27(6):622-24.

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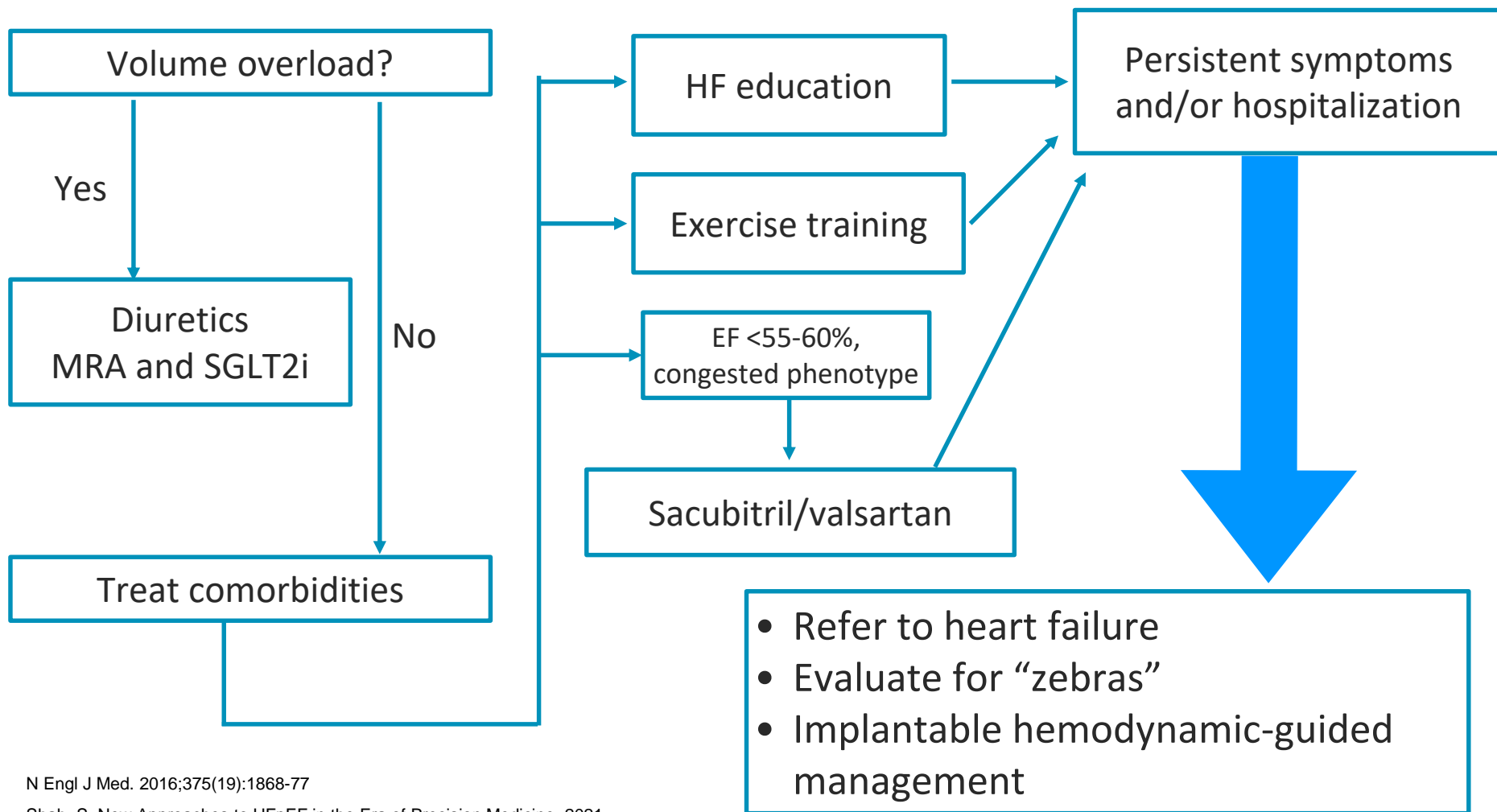
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# ACC/AHA Guidelines

- Manage the co-morbidities
- Co-morbidities drive as much the adverse outcomes as the HF syndrome itself

| COR | LOE | Recommendation   |
|-----|-----|--|
| I   | B   | SBP and DBP should be controlled according to guidelines   |
| I   | C   | Diuretics for relief of symptoms, volume overload.   |
| Ila | C   | Coronary revascularization if evidence of significant CAD and symptoms/ischemia despite GDMT.            |
| Ila | C   | Management of atrial fibrillation according to published guidelines.                                     |
| Ilb | B-R | Spironolactone to reduce heart failure hospitalizations if EF >45%, GFR >30, creatinine <2.5, and K<5.0. |
| Ilb | B   | ARBs to reduce HF hospitalization.   |
| III | B-R | PDE5i and nitrates are ineffective for QOL, physical activity.   |

# Treatment Algorithm



N Engl J Med. 2016;375(19):1868-77

Shah, S. New Approaches to HFrEF in the Era of Precision Medicine. 2021, Houston Methodist.

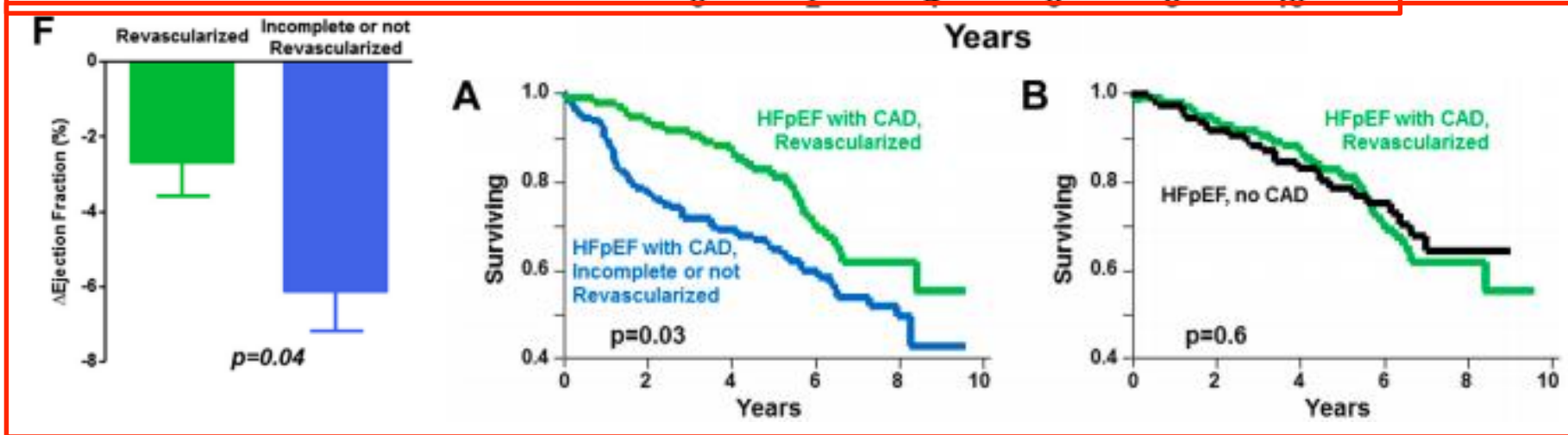
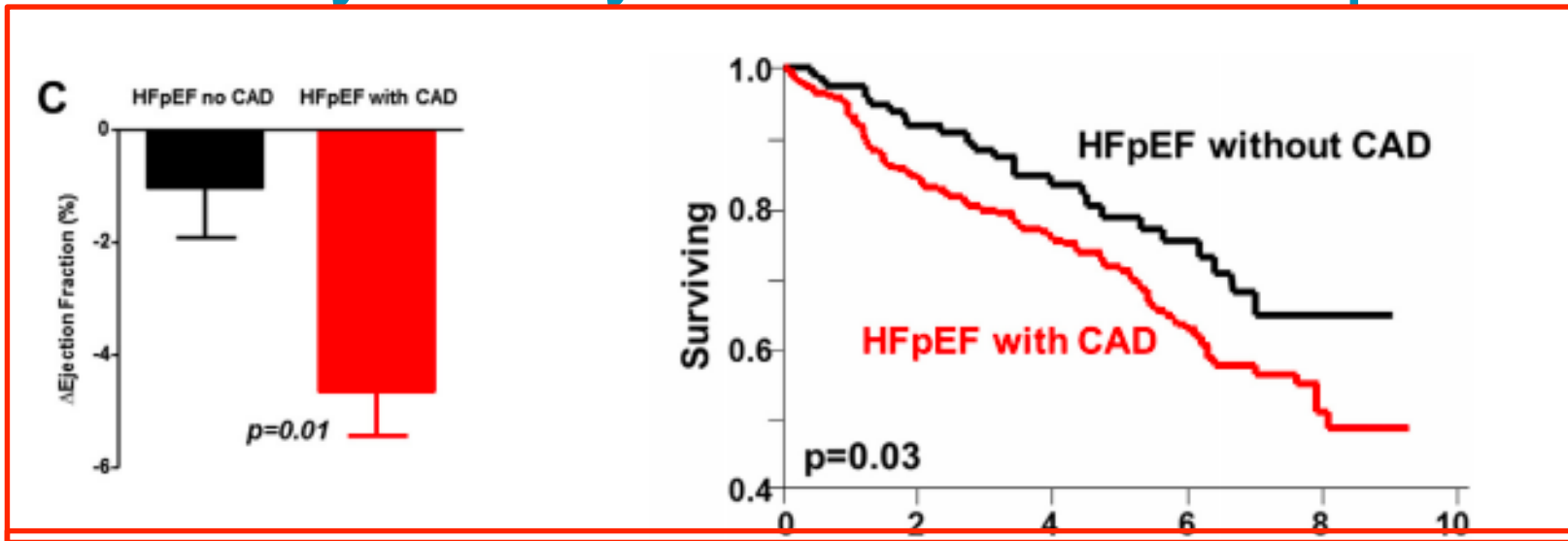
# Hypertension

- Goal SBP < 130mmHg
- Consider ACEi/ARB, thiazide diuretic, and vaso-dilating beta-blocker (e.g., carvedilol) as first line agents
- Thiazides prevent HFpEF
- Work up secondary causes of hypertension in patients with difficult to control blood pressure

# Coronary Artery Disease and HFpEF

- CAD is present in ~50% of patients with HFpEF
  - More prevalent in men with typical atherosclerotic risk factors
- All patients should be screened for CAD (non-invasive vs coronary angiography)
- If pre-test positivity is high, a negative stress test may not reliably exclude the diagnosis
  - 30% false negative rate

# Coronary Artery Disease and HFpEF



J Am Coll Cardiol. 2014;63(25):2817-27

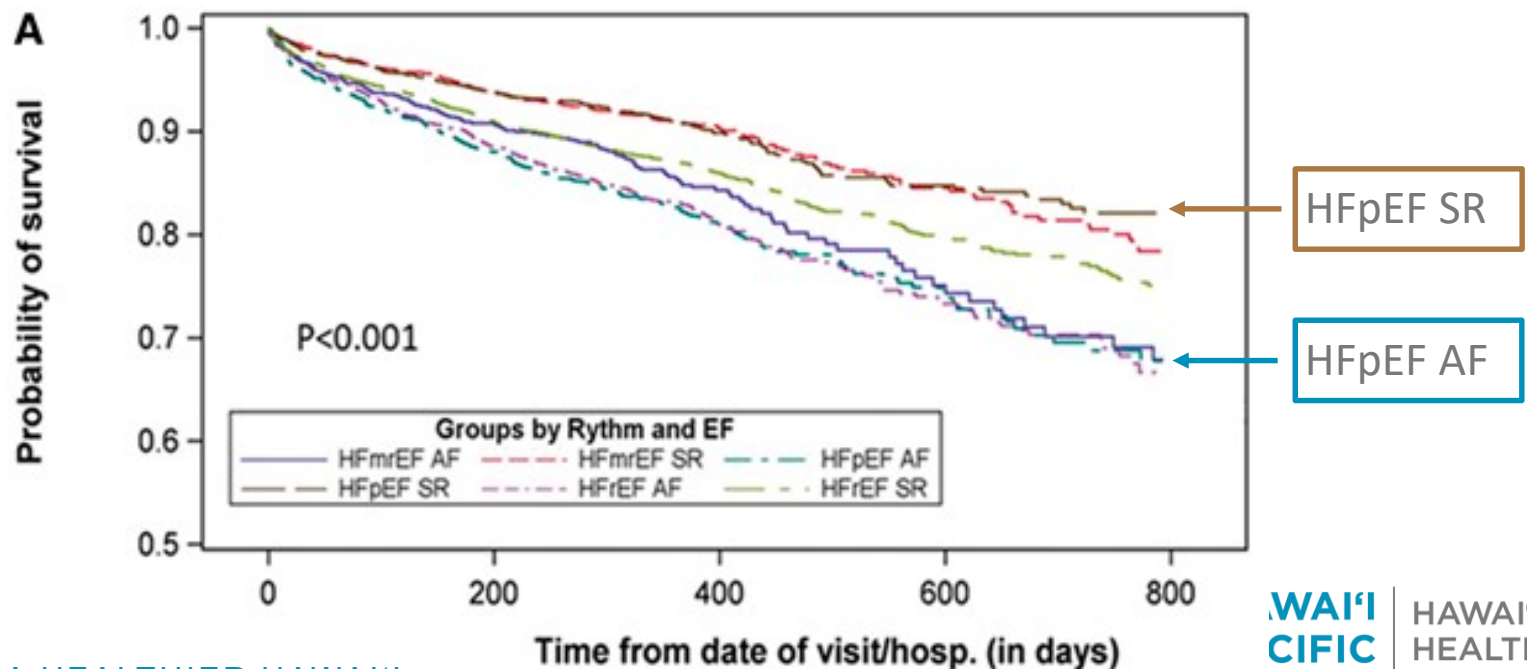
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# Atrial Fibrillation

- HFpEF and atrial fibrillation often co-exist
- Associated with impaired relaxation, loss of atrial kick, shorter diastolic filling time, and elevated filling pressures
- Worsening systolic function, mitral regurgitation, and pulmonary hypertension



# Atrial Fibrillation

- Trial of restoration to normal sinus rhythm in all patients
- Rate control with beta-blockers or non-dihydropyridine calcium channel blockers
- Caution with bradycardia, HR in the 80s is ideal
  - Patients have low stroke volume and rely on heart rate to augment their cardiac output

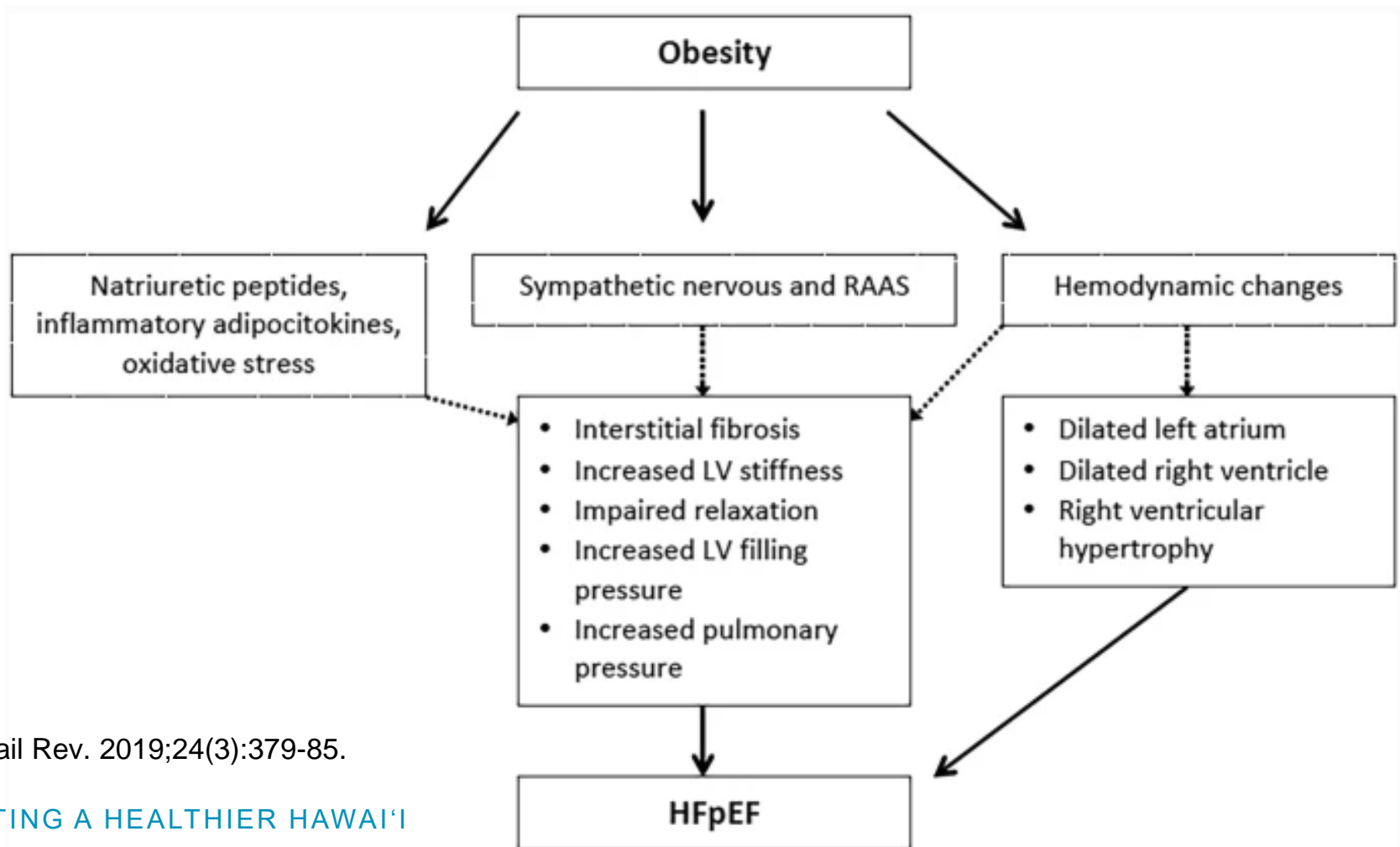


# Sleep Disordered Breathing

- ~ 40% of patients have OSA and 29% have CSA
- Obstructive sleep apnea can result in left ventricular hypertrophy, diastolic dysfunction, pulmonary hypertension, and right heart failure
- HFpEF can be associated with oropharyngeal and laryngeal edema, which can cause OSA

# Obesity

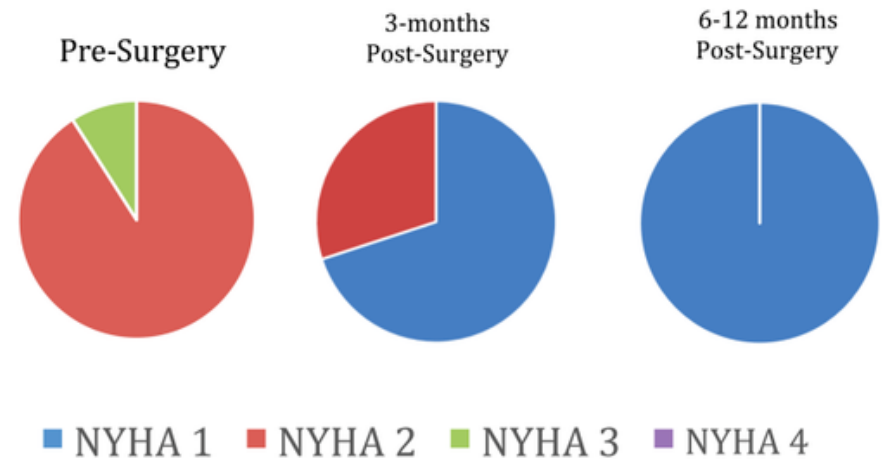
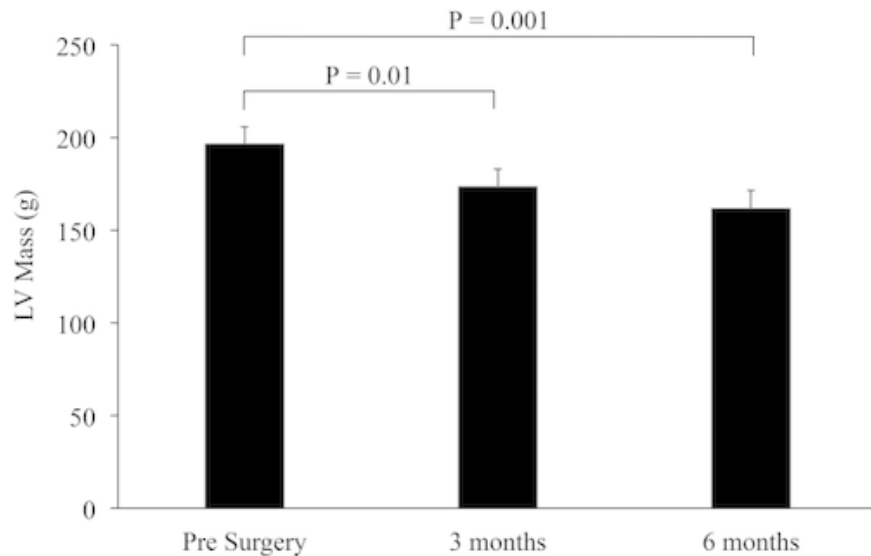
- 80% of HFpEF patients are overweight or obese



Heart Fail Rev. 2019;24(3):379-85.

# Obesity

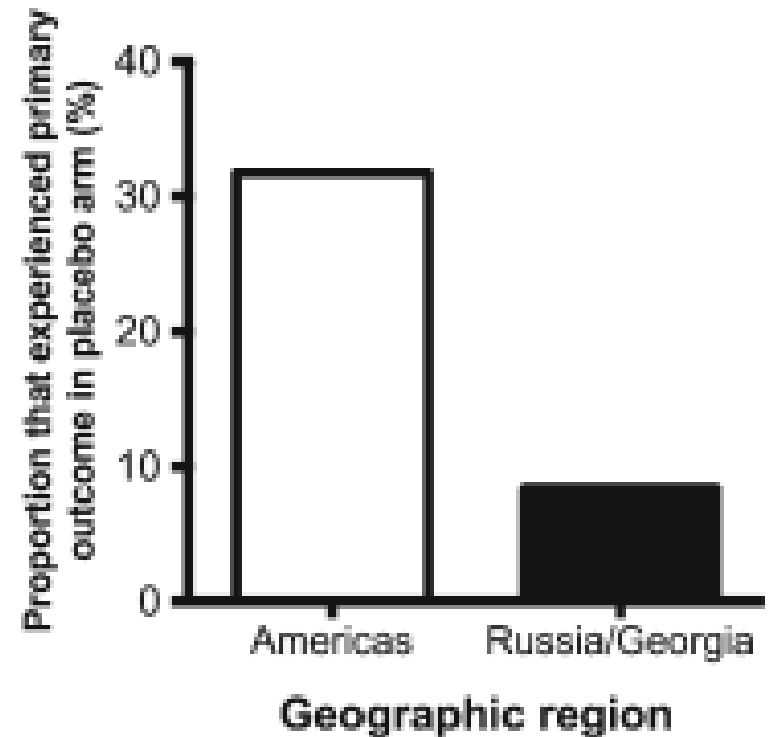
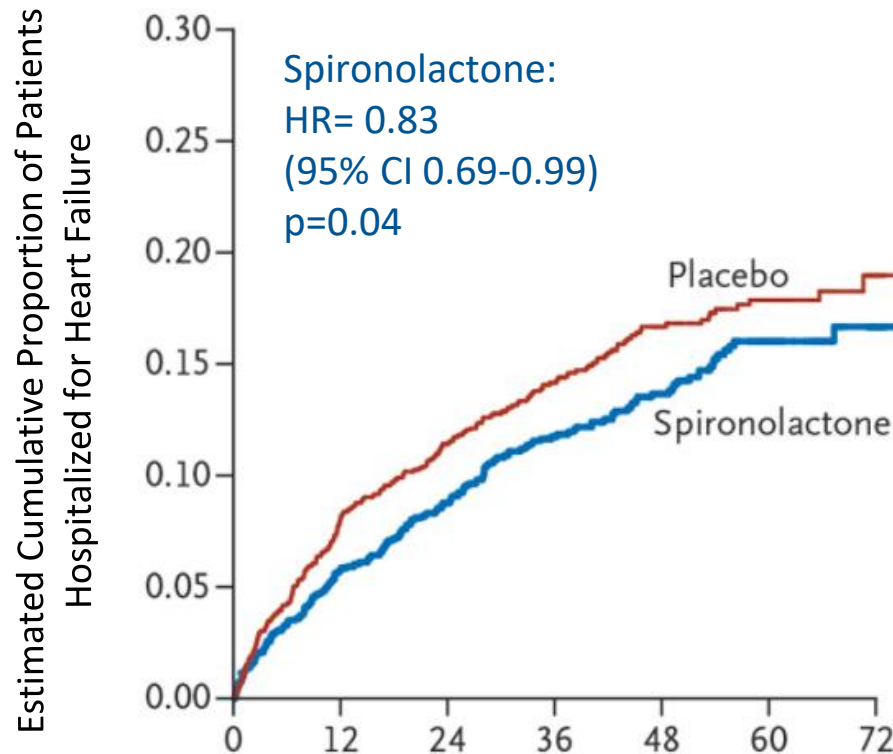
- Hemodynamic and cardiac alterations can be reversed with significant weight reduction.



Obesity. 2018;26(2):284-90.

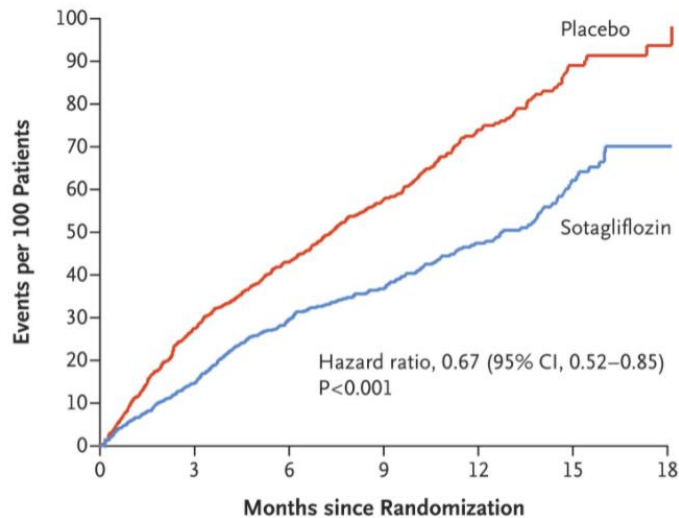
# TOPCAT: Spironolactone

- 3445 symptomatic patients with LVEF >45%
- Primary outcome: composite of death from cardiovascular causes, aborted cardiac arrest, or hospitalization for HF



# SOLOIST-WHF Trial: Sotagliflozin (SGLT2i/SGLT1i)

- 1222 patients with T2DM with recent hospitalization for HF (HFrEF and HFpEF)
- Primary outcome: death from cardiovascular causes, hospitalizations, and urgent visits for HF



| Subgroup                       | No. of Patients | Sotagliflozin<br>events per 100 patient-yr | Placebo<br>events per 100 patient-yr | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Overall                        | 1222            | 51.0                                       | 76.3                                 | 0.67 (0.52–0.85)      |
| LVEF                           |                 |  |                                      |                       |
| <50%                           | 966             | 56.9                                       | 79.9                                 | 0.72 (0.56–0.94)      |
| ≥50%                           | 256             | 30.6                                       | 64.0                                 | 0.48 (0.27–0.86)      |
| Geographic region              |                 |  |                                      |                       |
| North America or Latin America | 346             | 68.3                                       | 103.0                                | 0.64 (0.43–0.95)      |
| Europe                         | 800             | 44.1                                       | 64.7                                 | 0.69 (0.50–0.95)      |
| Rest of the world              | 76              | 48.4                                       | 78.3                                 | 0.60 (0.23–1.58)      |
| Timing of first dose           |                 |  |                                      |                       |
| Before discharge               | 596             | 52.1                                       | 76.6                                 | 0.71 (0.51–0.99)      |
| After discharge                | 626             | 50.0                                       | 76.1                                 | 0.64 (0.45–0.90)      |
| Sex                            |                 |  |                                      |                       |
| Female                         | 412             | 41.9                                       | 52.0                                 | 0.80 (0.51–1.25)      |
| Male                           | 810             | 55.7                                       | 89.3                                 | 0.62 (0.47–0.82)      |
| Age                            |                 |  |                                      |                       |
| <65 yr                         | 364             | 57.1                                       | 71.1                                 | 0.79 (0.51–1.23)      |
| ≥65 yr                         | 858             | 48.0                                       | 78.5                                 | 0.62 (0.47–0.82)      |
| Estimated GFR                  |                 |  |                                      |                       |
| <60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> | 854             | 50.1                                       | 85.8                                 | 0.59 (0.44–0.79)      |
| ≥60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> | 368             | 53.1                                       | 58.1                                 | 0.90 (0.58–1.37)      |

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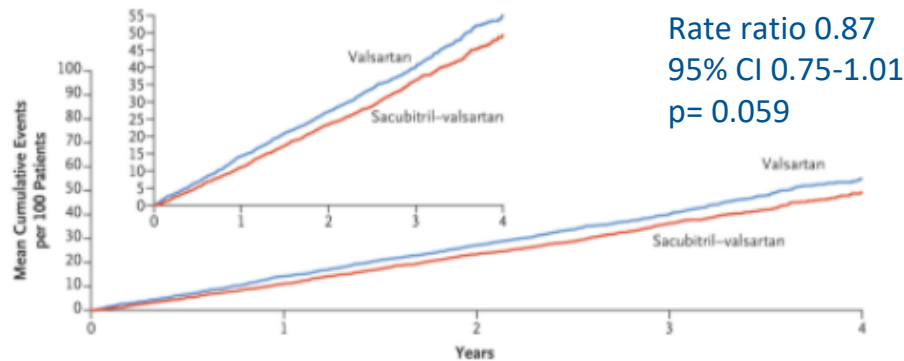
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- “Phase III trial met its primary endpoint and demonstrated significant risk reduction for the composite of cardiovascular death or hospitalization for heart failure with and without diabetes”.

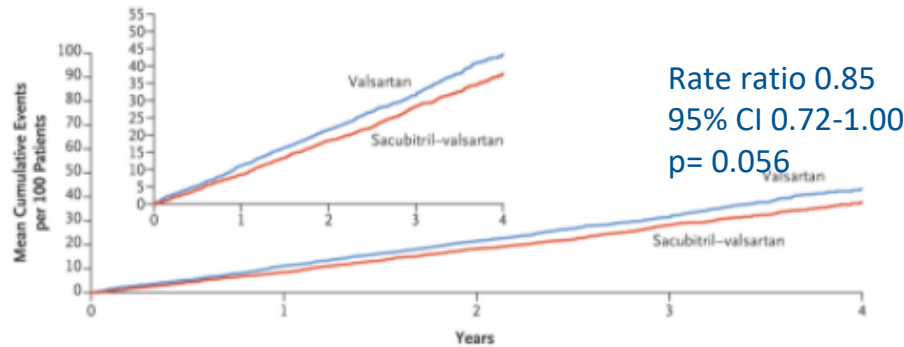
# PARAGON-HF: Sacubitril/Valsartan

- 4822 patients with NYHA II-IV HF, LVEF  $\geq 45\%$
- Primary outcome: composite of total hospitalization for HF and death from cardiovascular cause

A Total Hospitalizations for Heart Failure and Death from Cardiovascular Causes

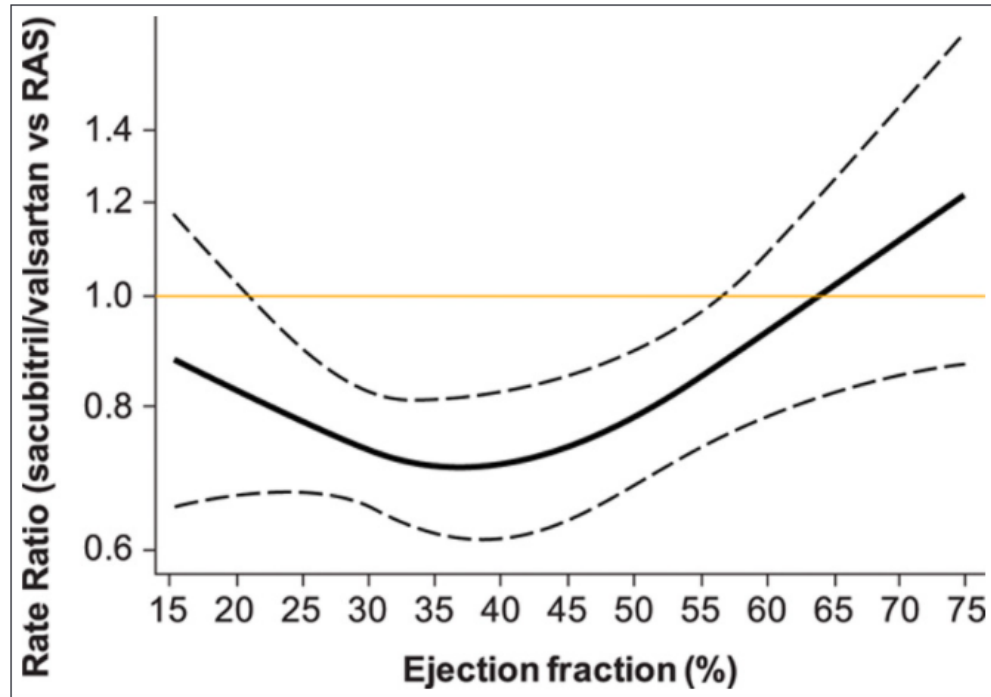


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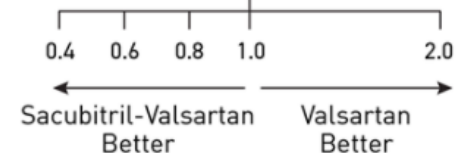


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# PARAGON-HF: Sacubitril/valsartan



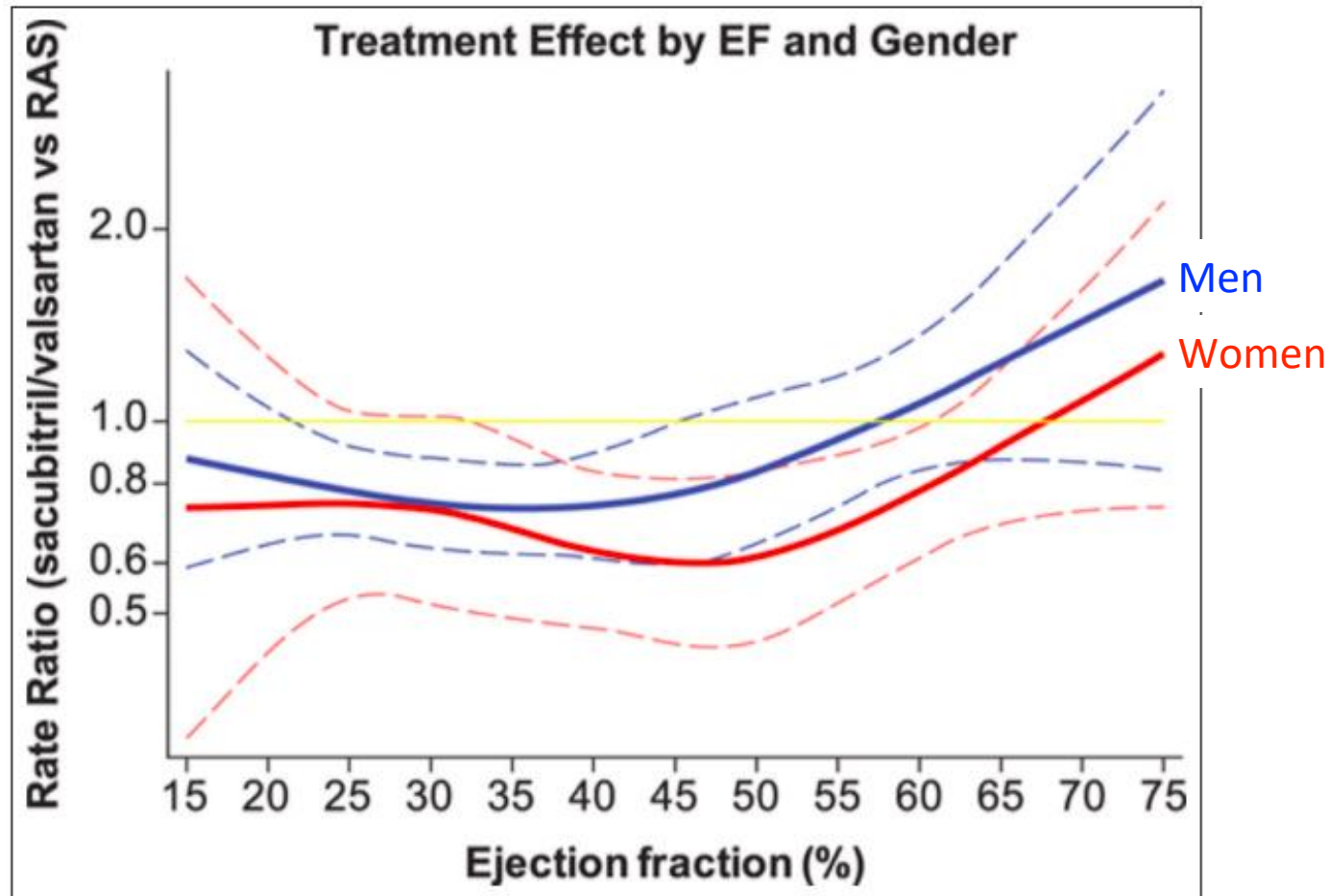
| Subgroup                           | No. of Events/<br>No. of Patients | Rate Ratio<br>(95% CI) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Left ventricular ejection fraction |                                   |                        |
| ≤Median (57%)                      | 1048/2495                         | 0.78 (0.64-0.95)       |
| >Median (57%)                      | 855/2301                          | 1.00 (0.81-1.23)       |



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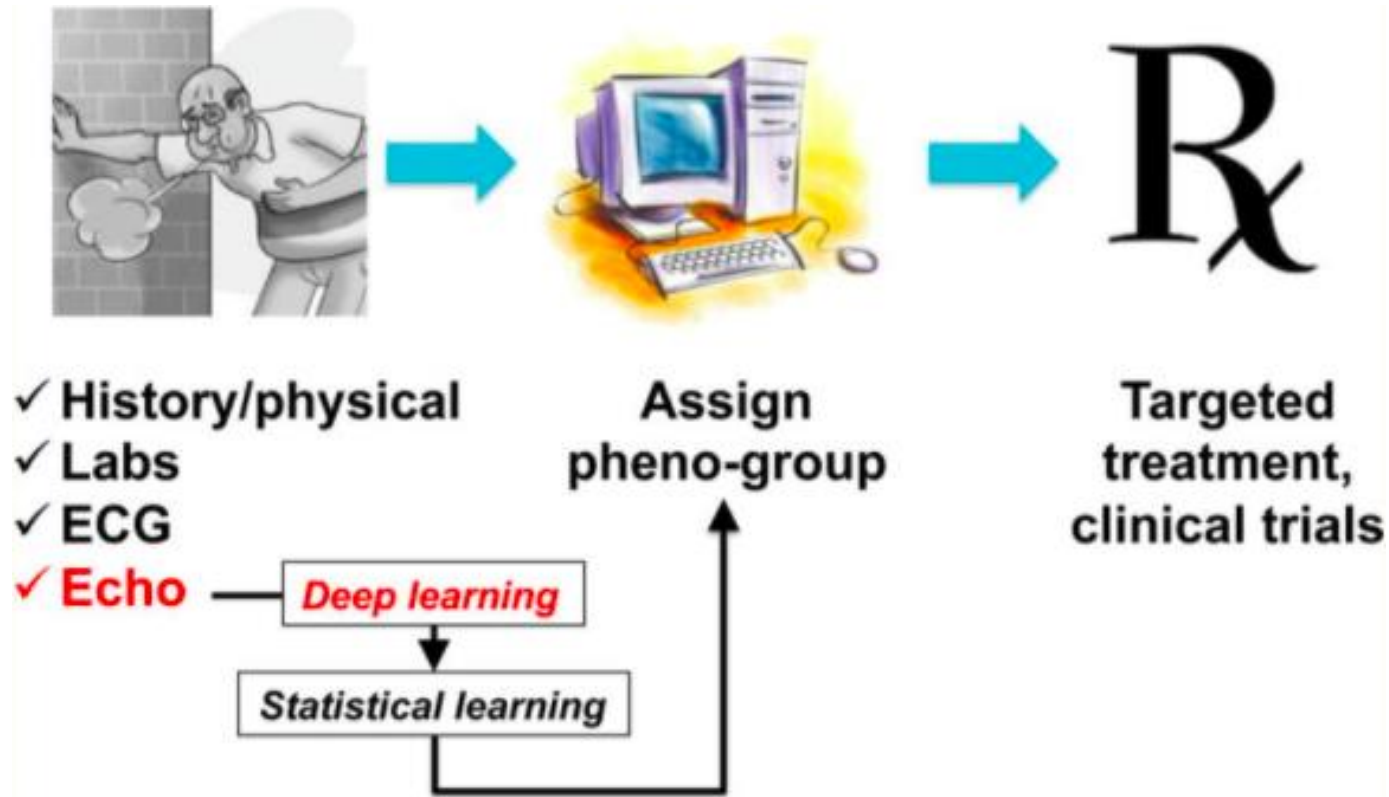


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# Next Steps: HFpEF Phenotypes



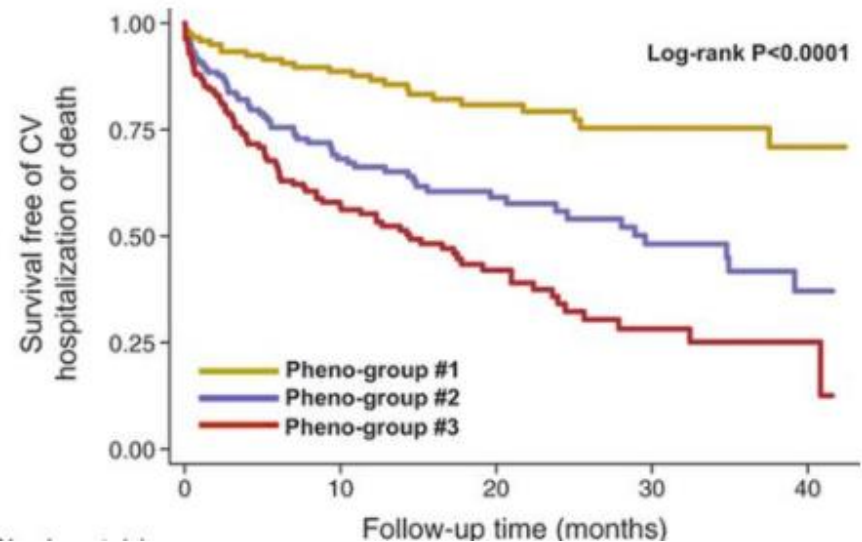
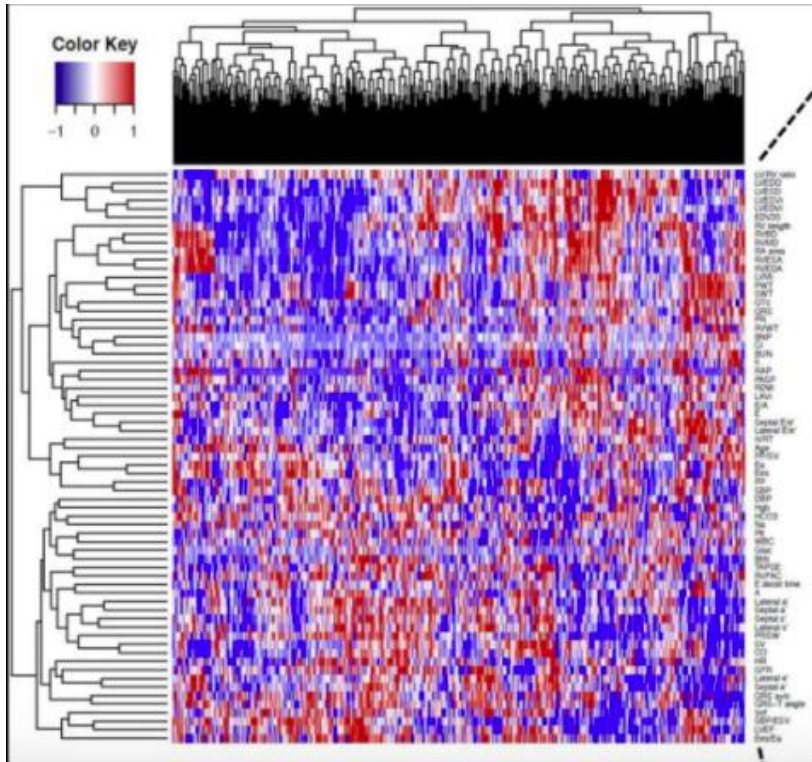
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# HFpEF Phenotypes

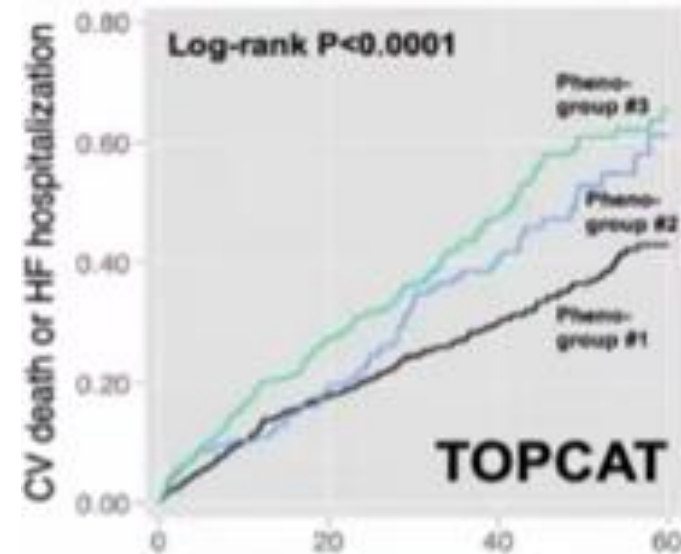


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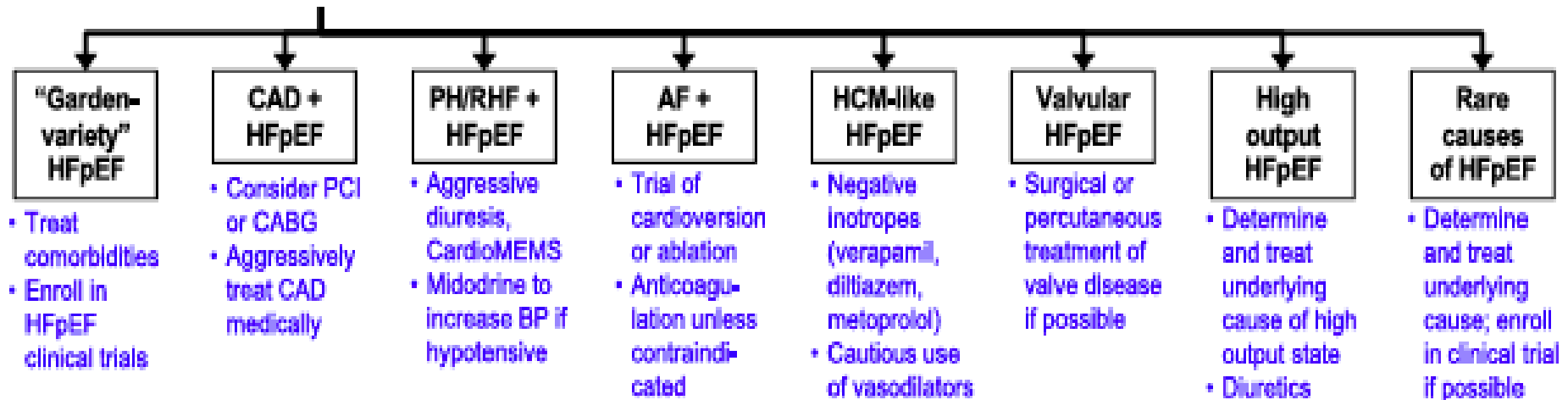
# HFpEF Phenotypes

- **GROUP 1: BNP deficiency syndrome**
  - Least cardiac remodeling
  - Lowest BNP
- **GROUP 2: Extreme metabolic syndrome**
  - Most severely impaired myocardial relaxation
  - Highest prevalence of diabetes
- **GROUP 3: RV failure/cardio-abdominal-renal syndrome**
  - Most severe cardiac and electrical remodeling
  - Highest prevalence of renal dysfunction



# HFpEF Phenotypes

- Etiology/pathophysiology phenotypes



# Take Home Points

- HFpEF is a heterogenous syndrome driven by comorbidities
- Diastolic dysfunction  $\neq$  HFpEF
- Diagnosis is challenging. Use the H2FPEF Score.
- Dynamic hemodynamic testing may be needed when considering HFpEF diagnosis
- Look for coronary artery disease in patients with HFpEF
- Categorize patients into clinical phenotypes to help determine the best management strategy

Next Webinar:

# HHP/HPH Community Webinar:

COVID-19 Updates

**Thursday, August 5, 2021**  
**TBD**

# Thank you!

- A recording of the meeting will be available afterwards.
- Unanswered question?
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