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Cardiomiopatia ipertrofica: nuove evidenze di terapia

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7. Specific cardiomyopathy phenotypes

7.1. Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

The 2014 ESC Guidelines on diagnosis and management of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy provide detailed recommendations on the assessment and management of patients with HCM.¹ The aim in this guideline is to provide a focused update to the 2014 document, highlighting novel aspects and signposting the reader to the assessment and management of HCM in adults and children. Further details to support the recommendations are available in [Supplementary data online, Table S1](#).

7.1.1. Diagnosis

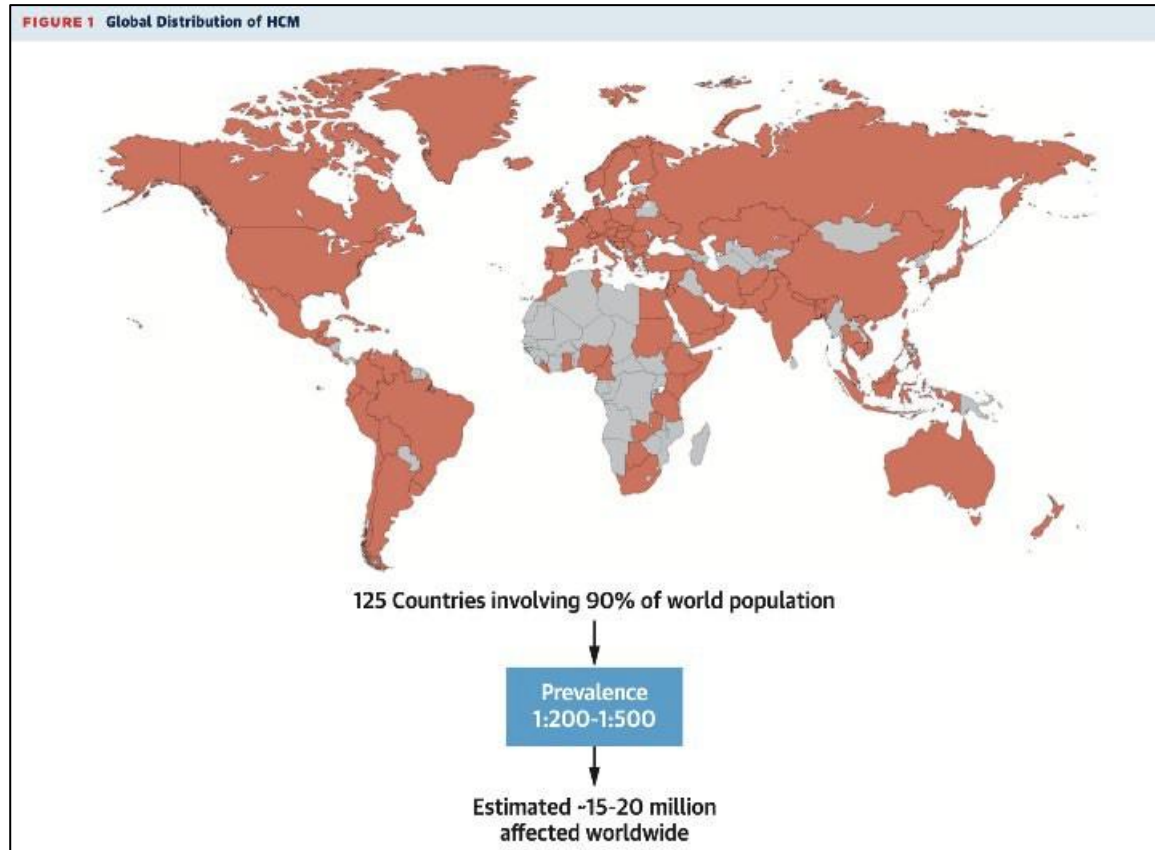
7.1.1.1. Diagnostic criteria

Adults: in an adult, HCM is defined by an LV wall thickness ≥ 15 mm in any myocardial segment that is not explained solely by loading conditions. Lesser degrees of wall thickening (13–14 mm) require evaluation of other features including family history, genetic findings, and ECG abnormalities.

Children: the diagnosis of HCM requires an LV wall thickness more than 2 standard deviations greater than the predicted mean (z-score >2).⁵⁷⁸

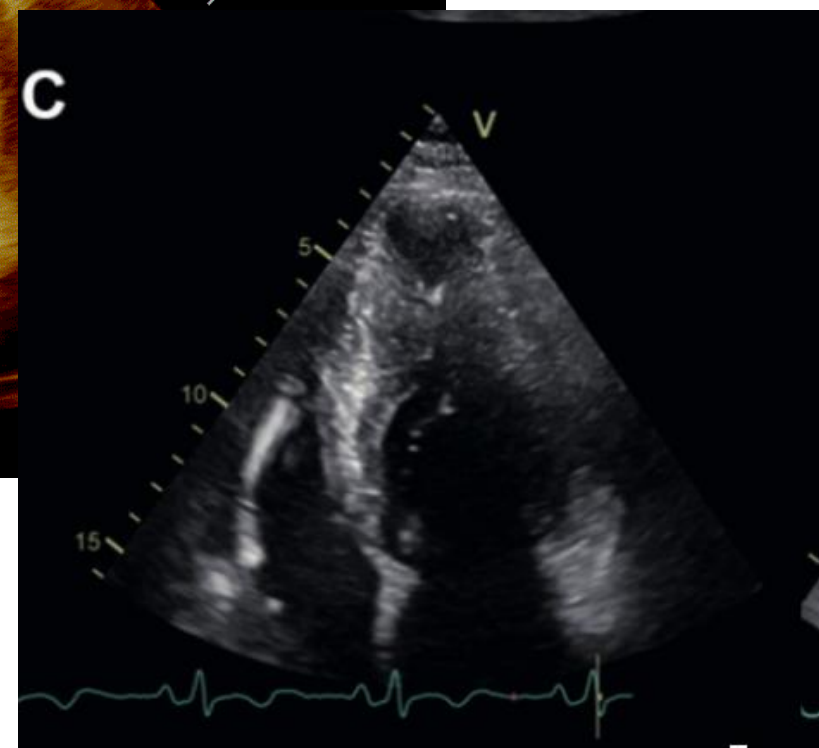
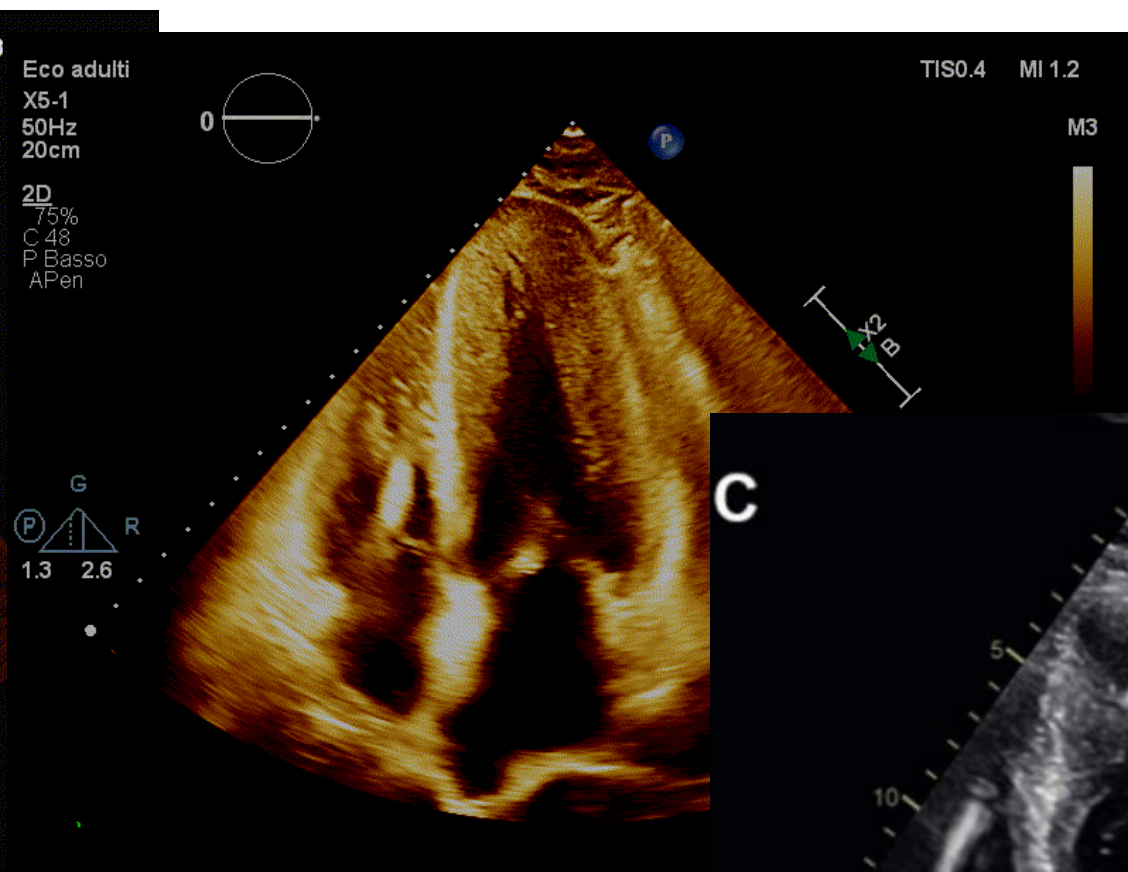
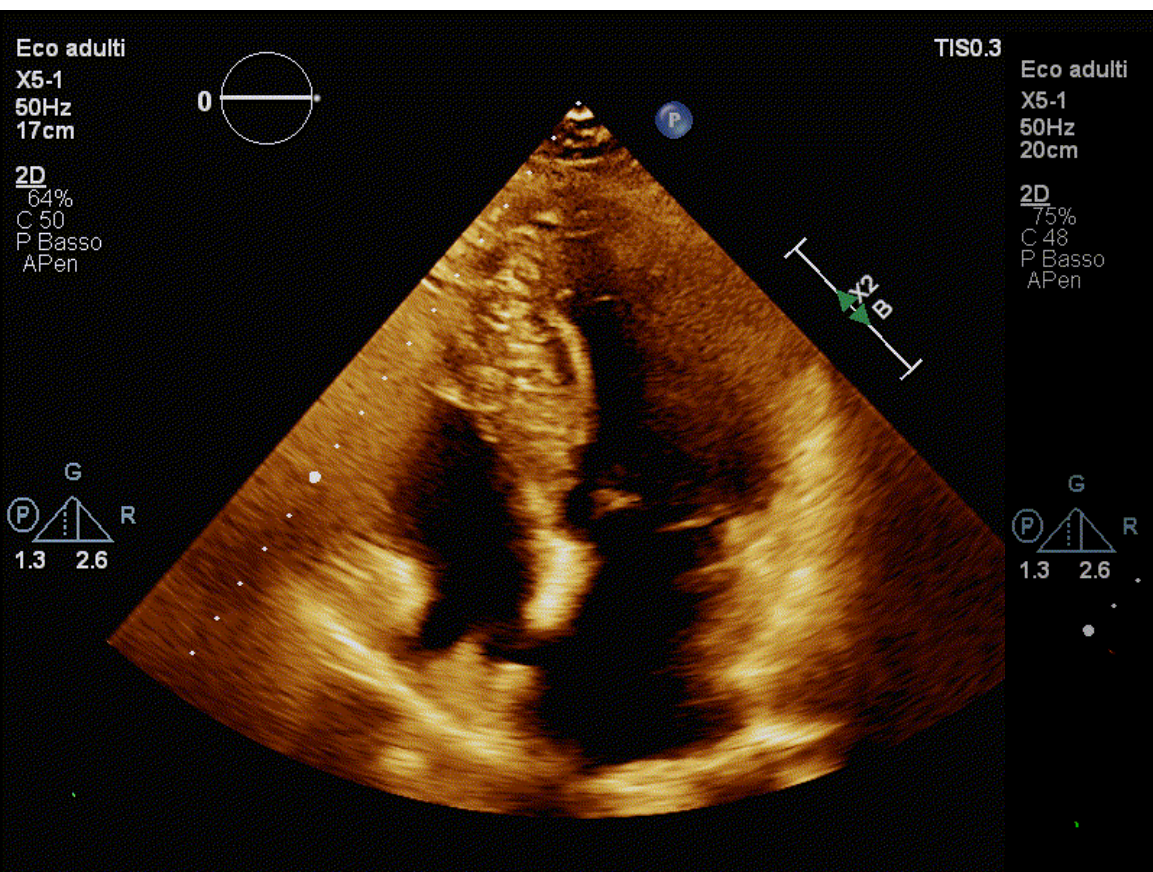
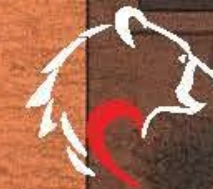
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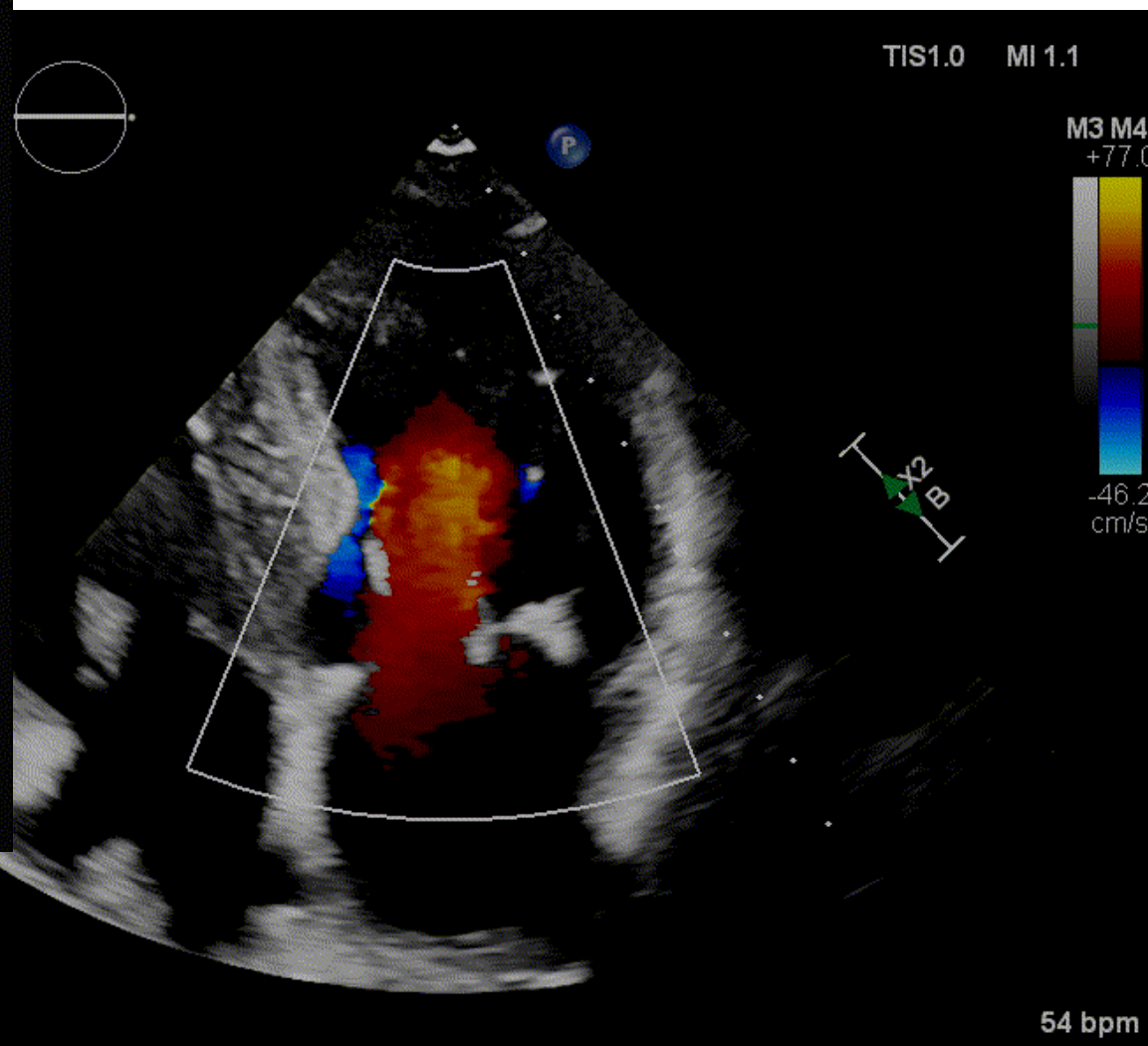
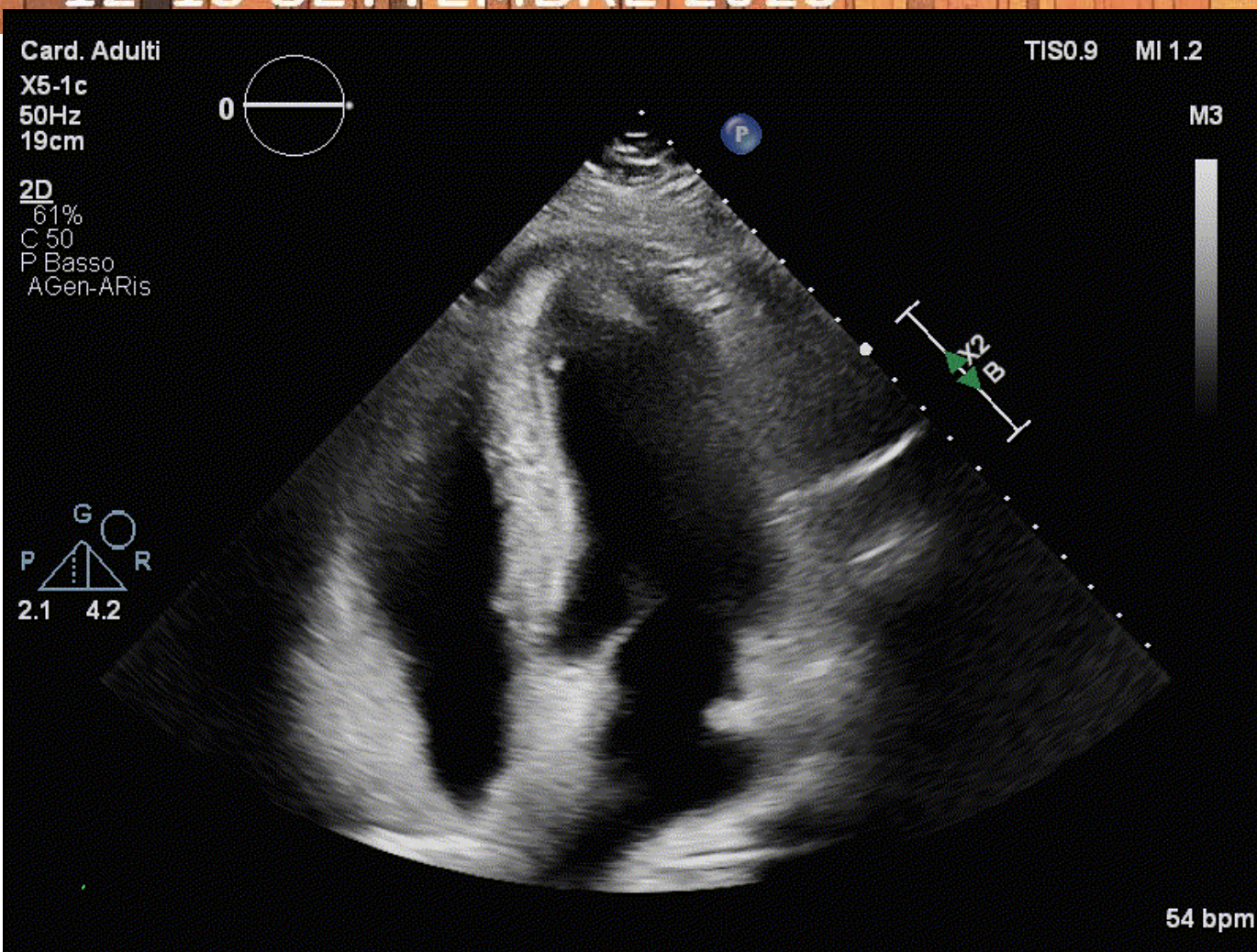
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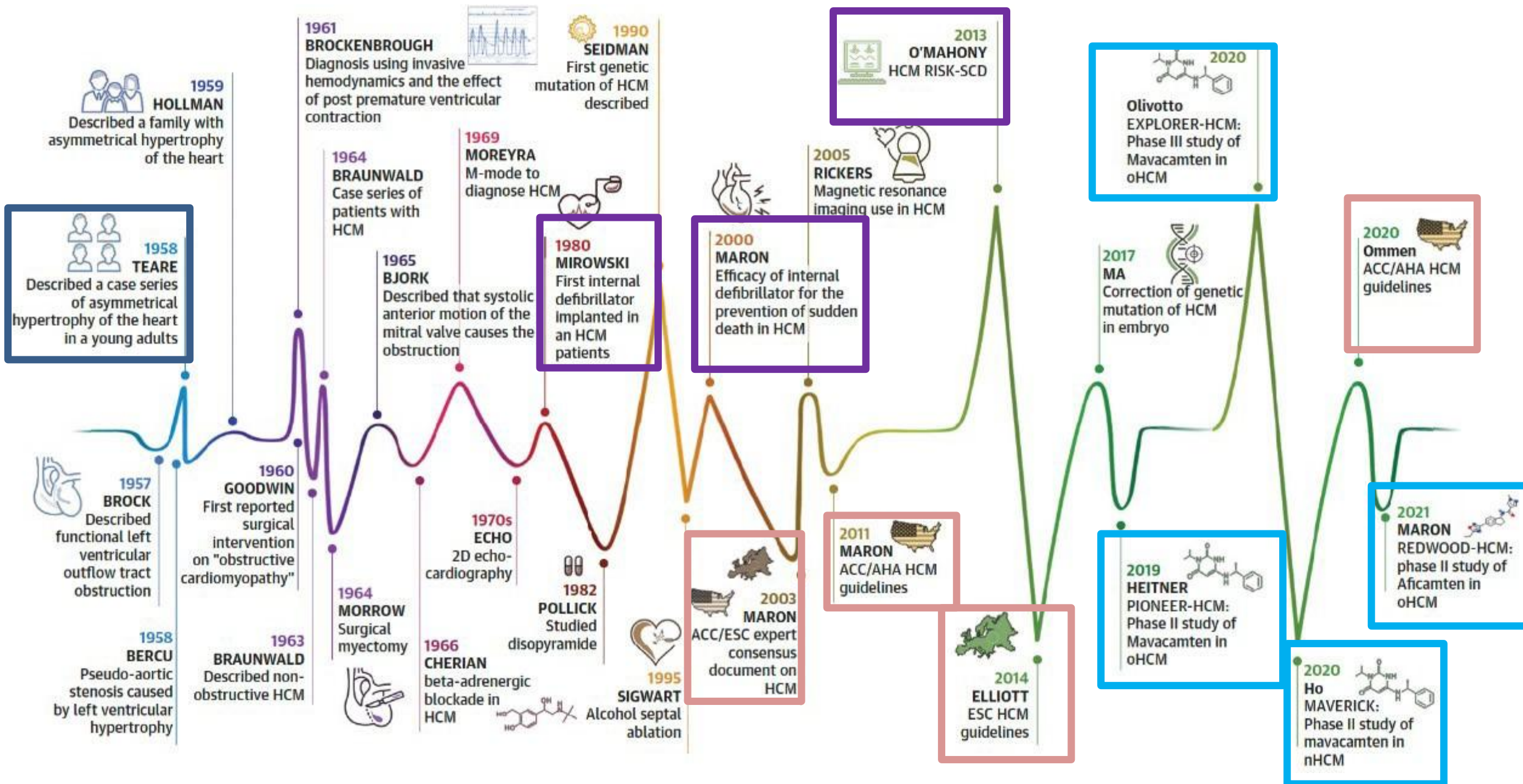


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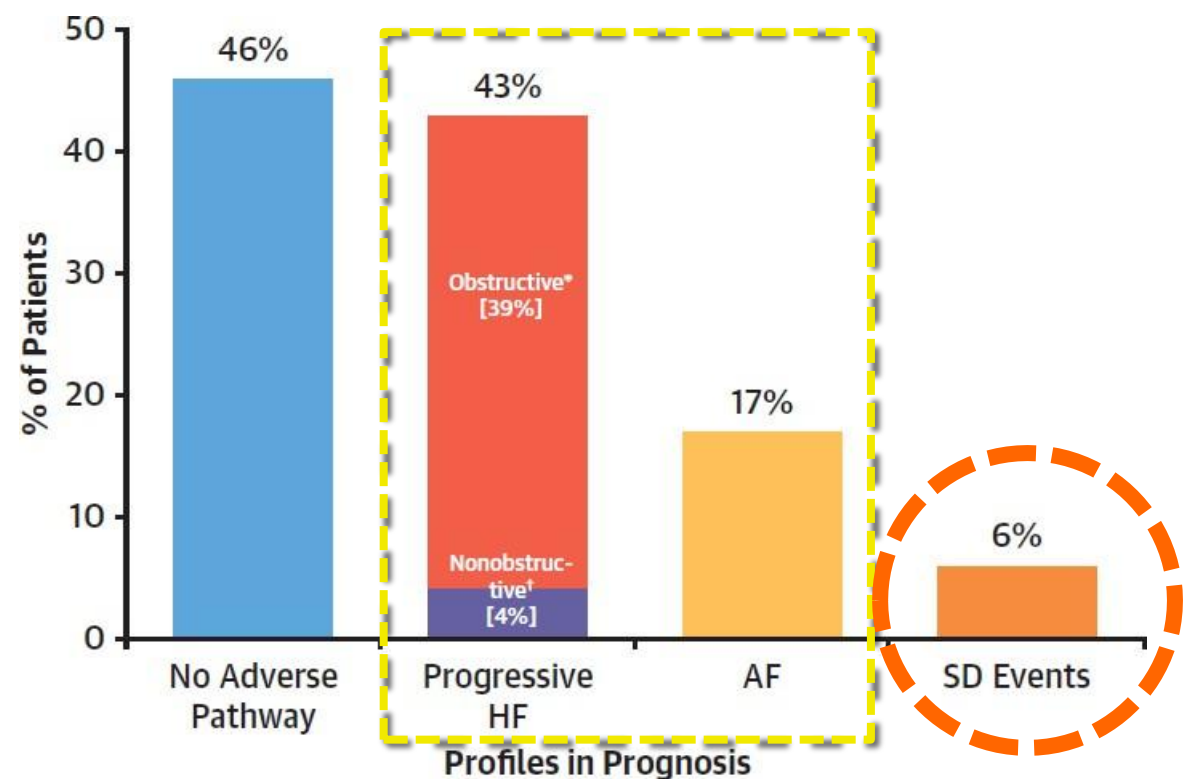
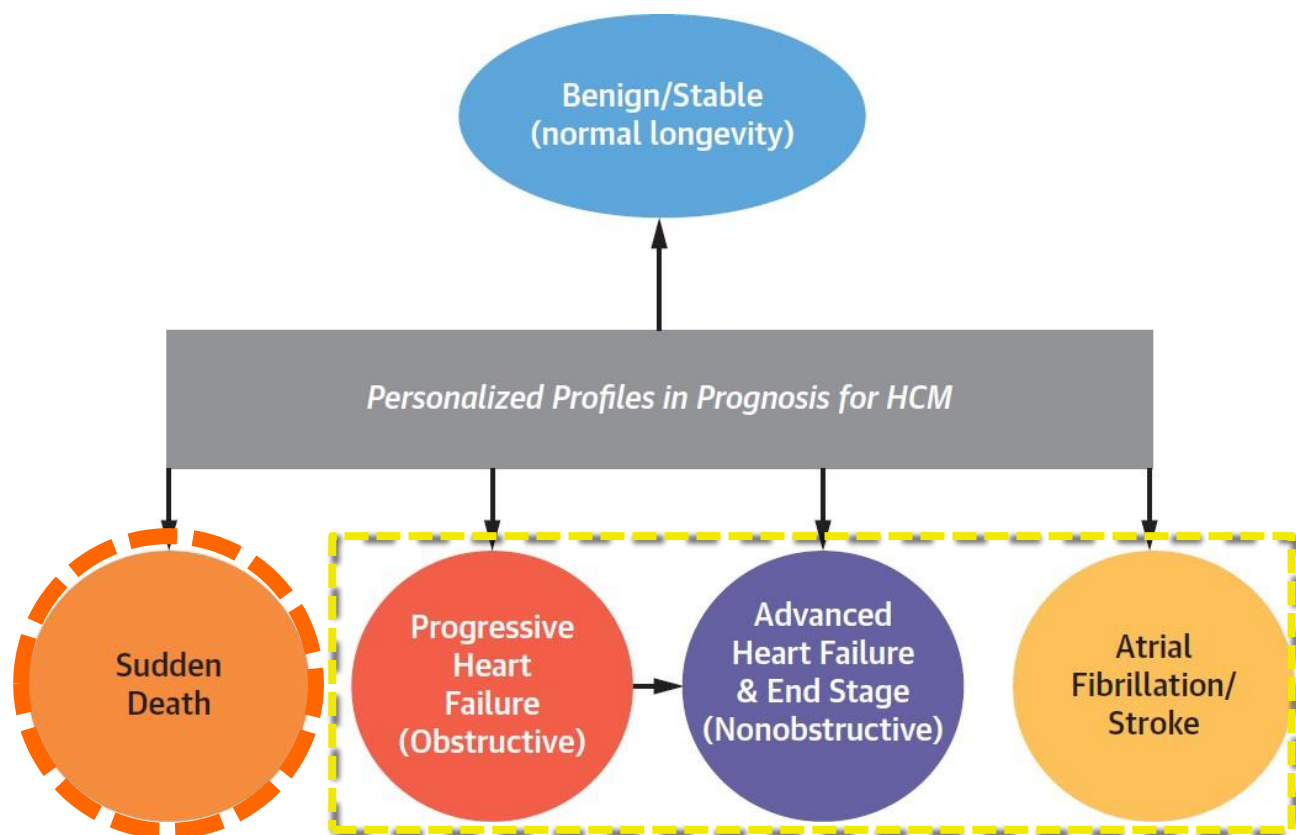
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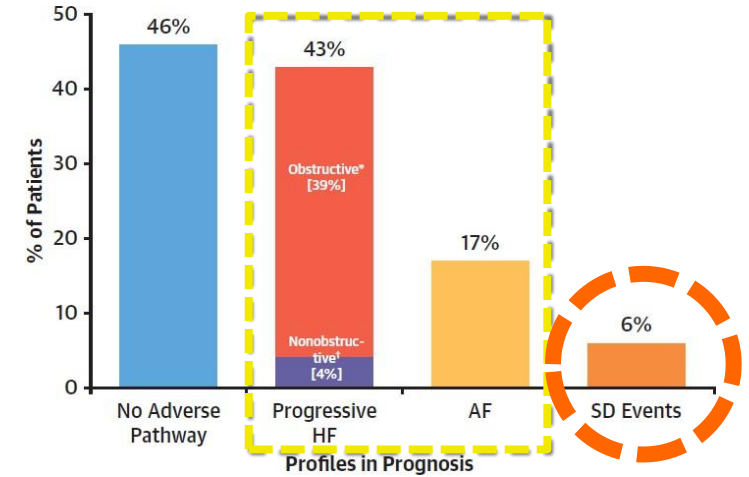
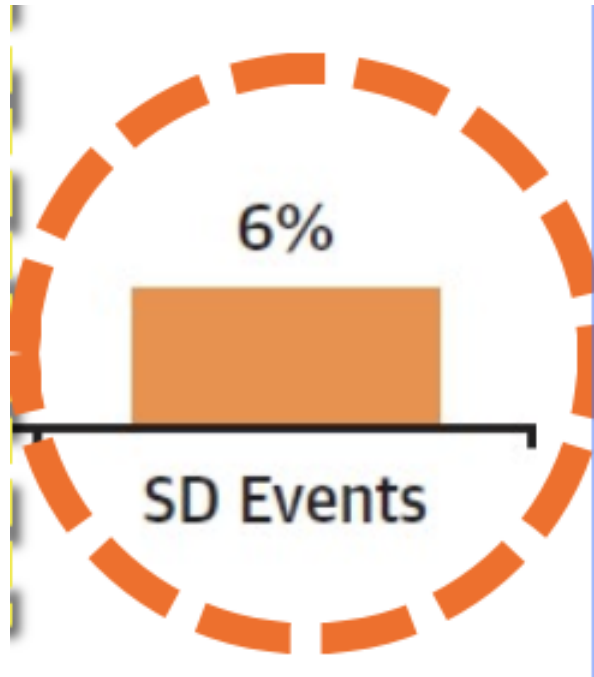
HCM timeline of the Major Advances and RCTs in HCM



Prognostic profiles in HCM



Prognostic profiles in HCM



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EFFICACY OF IMPLANTABLE CARDIOVERTER-DEFIBRILLATORS FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUDDEN DEATH IN PATIENTS WITH HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY

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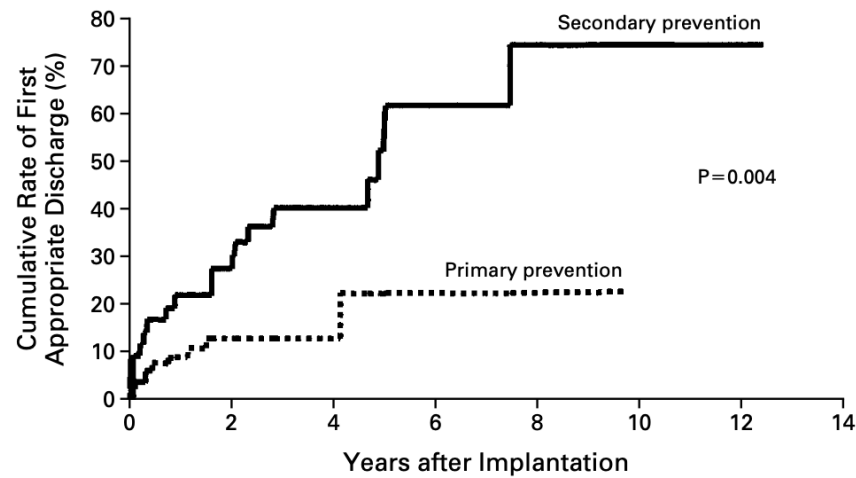
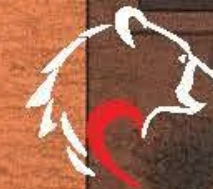


Figure 4. Estimated Cumulative Rates of First Appropriate Discharges, Calculated Separately for the 85 Patients with Defibrillators for Primary Prevention and the 43 Patients with Defibrillators for Secondary Prevention.

TABLE 1. CLINICAL AND ECHOCARDIOGRAPHIC DATA ON 128 PATIENTS WITH HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY WHO RECEIVED IMPLANTABLE CARDIOVERTER-DEFIBRILLATORS.*

CHARACTERISTIC	VALUE
Mean age — yr	40±16
Male sex — no. (%)	88 (69)
NYHA class — no. (%)	
I	83 (65)
II	27 (21)
III or IV	18 (14)
Antiarrhythmic drugs — no.	
Amiodarone	
Before implantation	33
After implantation	22
Sotalol	
Before implantation	13
After implantation	11
Disopyramide	
Before implantation	7
After implantation	8
Maximal LV-wall thickness — mm†	
Mean	23±7
Range	14–60
LV end-diastolic cavity dimension — mm	
Mean	44±8
Range	23–61
Left atrial dimension — mm	
Mean	44±6
Range	26–62
LV outflow gradient — no. (%)	
≥30 mm Hg	23 (18)
<30 mm Hg‡	105 (82)
Electrophysiologic testing to induce VT or VF — no.	
Not inducible	12§
Inducible	79¶

studio retrospettivo di 128 pz con diagnosi di HCM sottoposti a AICD



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HCM Risk-SCD Calculator

Age		Years	Age at evaluation
Maximum LV wall thickness		mm	Transthoracic Echocardiographic measurement
Left atrial size		mm	Left atrial diameter determined by M-Mode or 2D echocardiography in the parasternal long axis plane at time of evaluation
Max LVOT gradient		mmHg	The maximum LV outflow gradient determined at rest and with Valsalva provocation (irrespective of concurrent medical treatment) using pulsed and continuous wave Doppler from the apical three and five chamber views. Peak outflow tract gradients should be determined using the modified Bernoulli equation: $\text{Gradient} = 4V^2$, where V is the peak aortic outflow velocity
Family History of SCD	☐ No ☐ Yes		History of sudden cardiac death in 1 or more first degree relatives under 40 years of age or SCD in a first degree relative with confirmed HCM at any age (post or ante-mortem diagnosis).
Non-sustained VT	☐ No ☐ Yes		3 consecutive ventricular beats at a rate of 120 beats per minute and <30s in duration on Holter monitoring (minimum duration 24 hours) at or prior to evaluation.
Unexplained syncope	☐ No ☐ Yes		History of unexplained syncope at or prior to evaluation.

Risk of SCD at 5 years (%):

ESC recommendation:

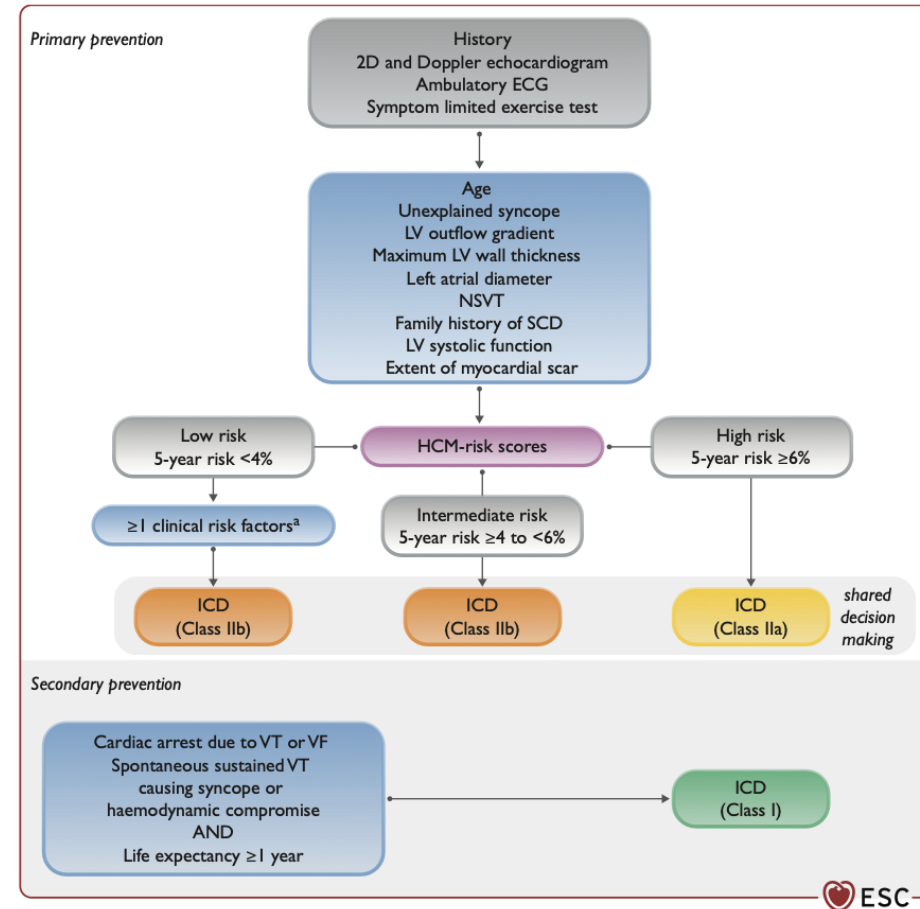
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Stima del rischio con HCM risk SCD

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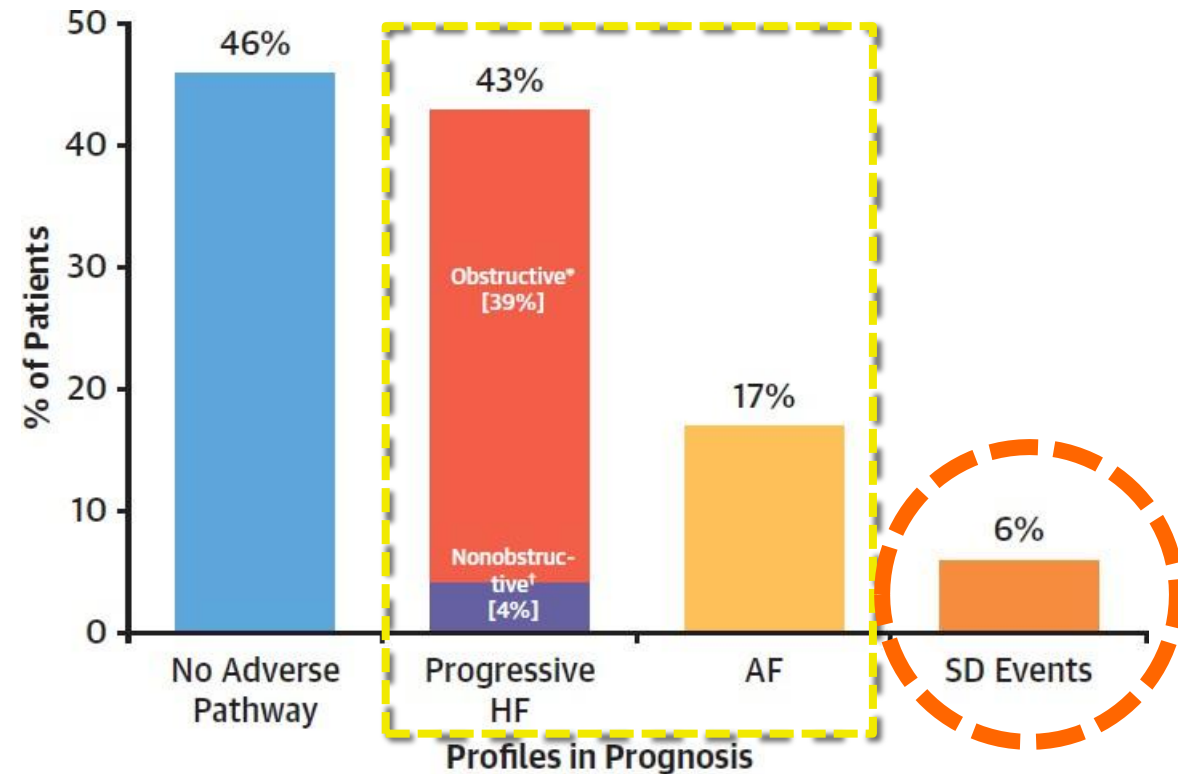
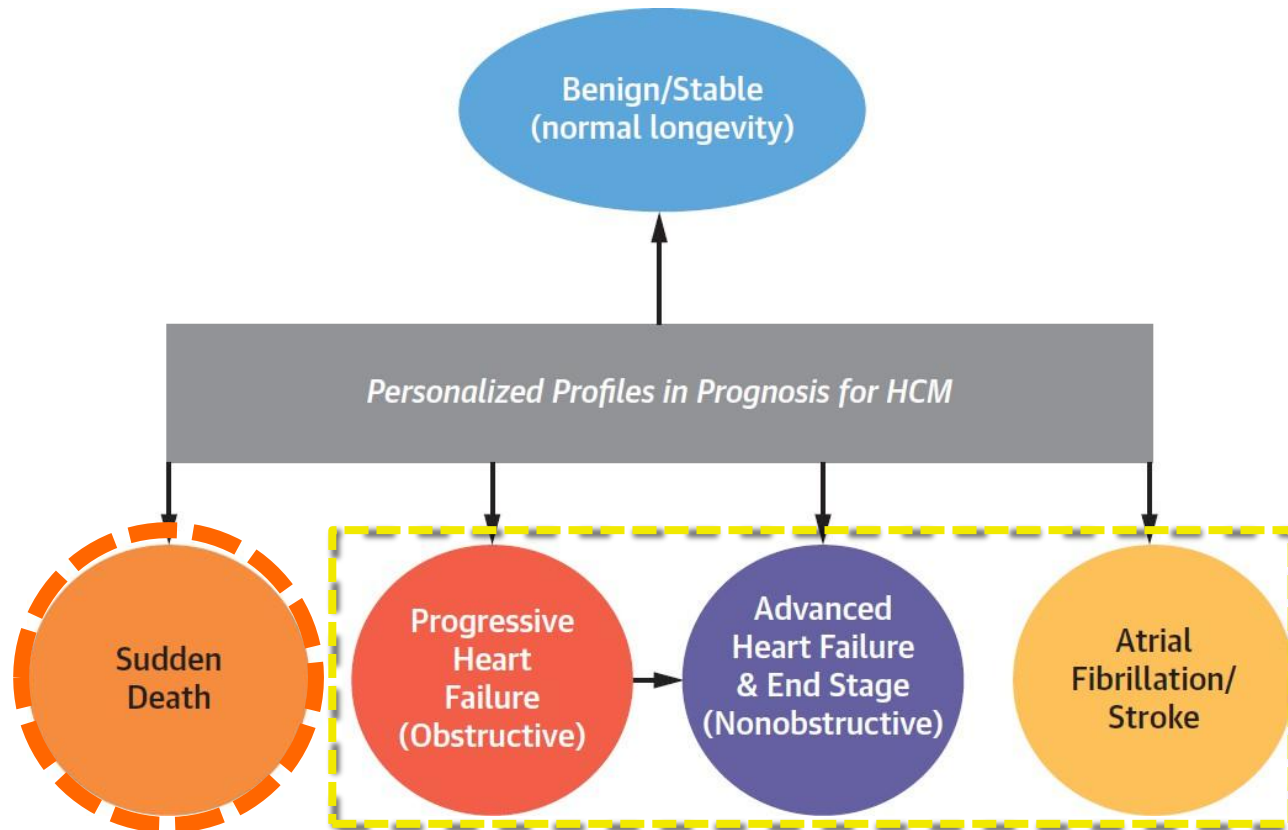
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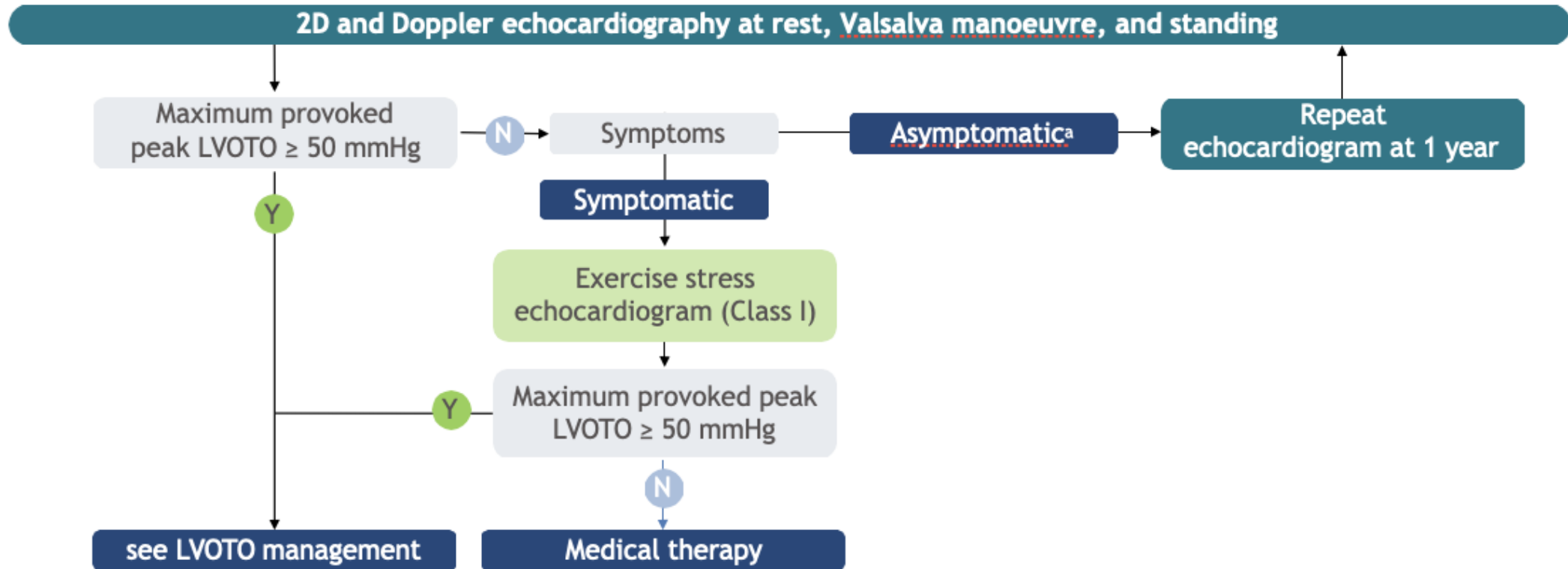
FE < 50%
LGE alla RMN > 15%

Figure 16 Flow chart for implantation of an implantable cardioverter defibrillator in patients with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. 2D, two-dimensional; CMR, cardiac magnetic resonance; ECG, electrocardiogram; HCM, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy; ICD, implantable cardioverter defibrillator; LGE, late gadolinium enhancement; LV, left ventricular; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; NSVT, non-sustained ventricular tachycardia; SCD, sudden cardiac death; VF, ventricular fibrillation; VT, ventricular tachycardia. ³Clinical risk factors: extensive LGE (>15%) on CMR; LVEF <50%.

Prognostic profiles in HCM



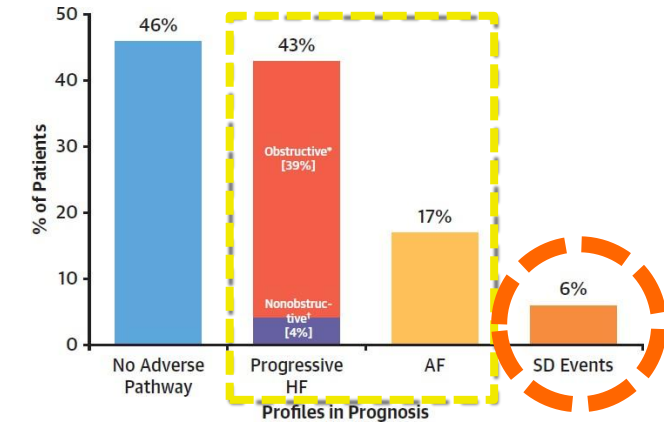
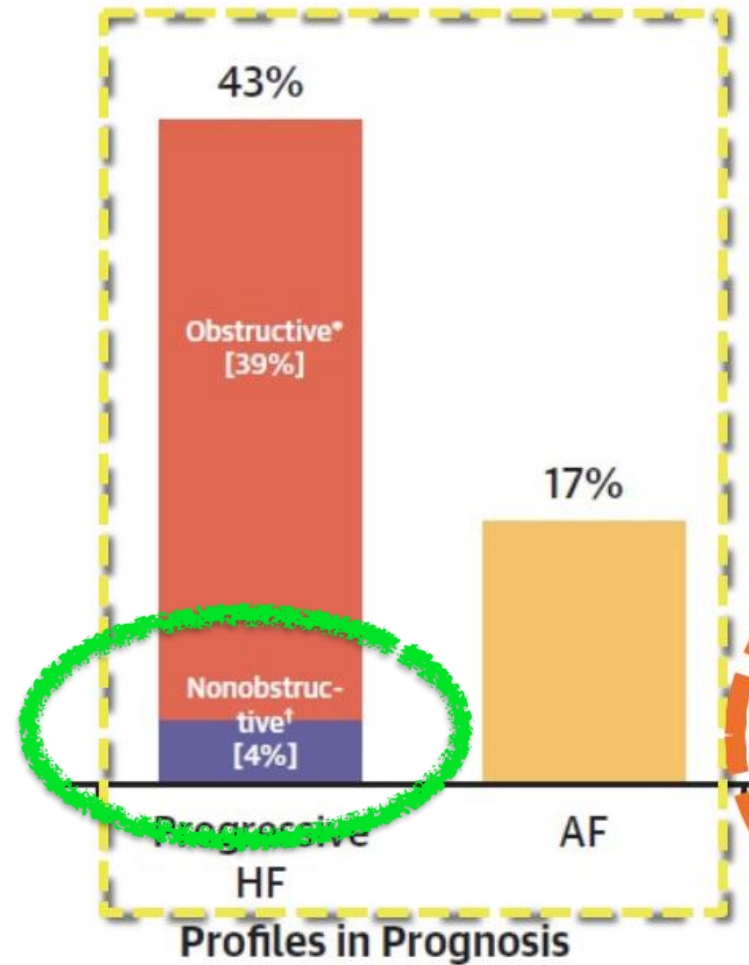
Assessment and treatment of left ventricular outflow tract obstruction



^aExercise echocardiography may be considered in individual patients when the presence of a left ventricular outflow tract gradient is relevant to lifestyle advice and decisions on medical treatment.
2D, two-dimensional; LVOTO, left ventricular outflow tract obstruction.
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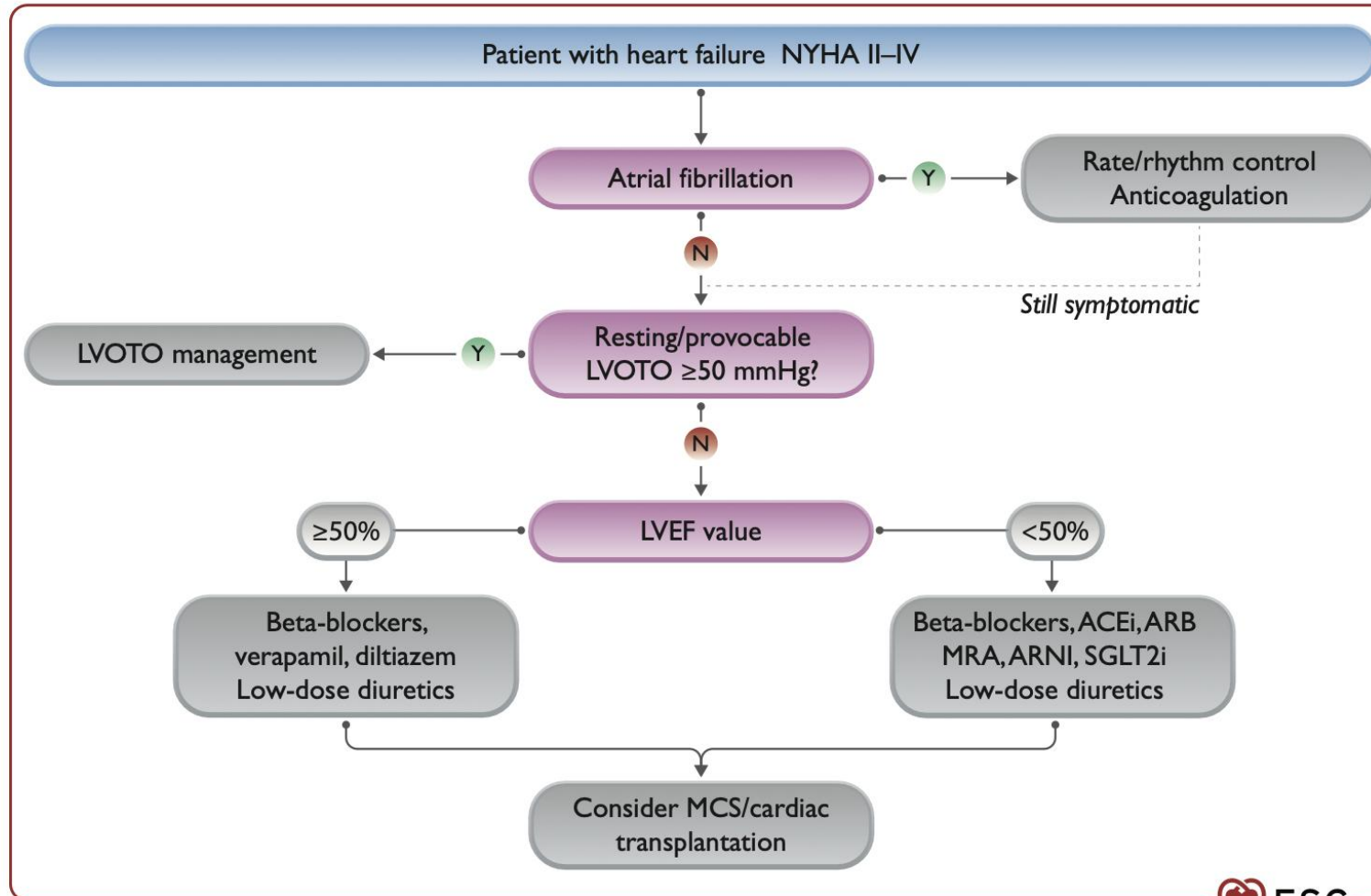
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progressive HF in NON obstructive



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Prognostic profiles in HCM progressive HF in obstructive

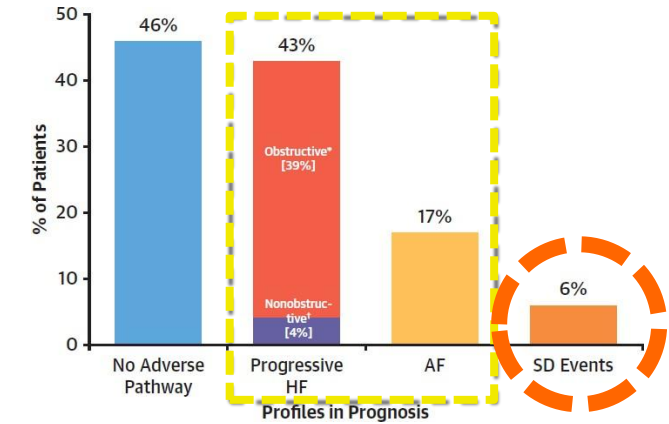
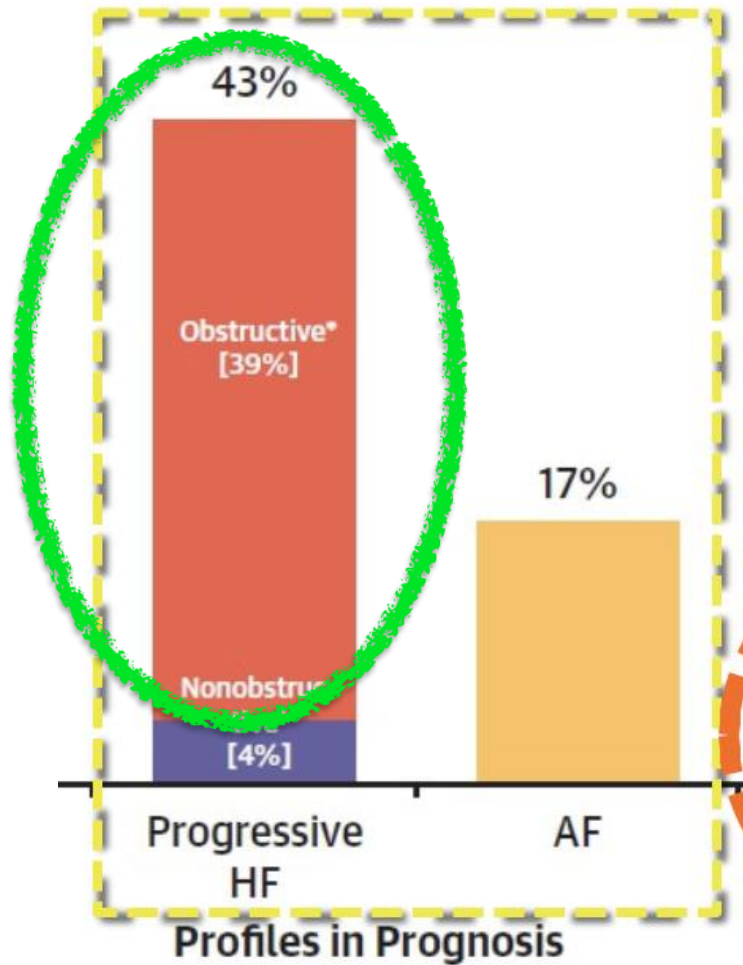
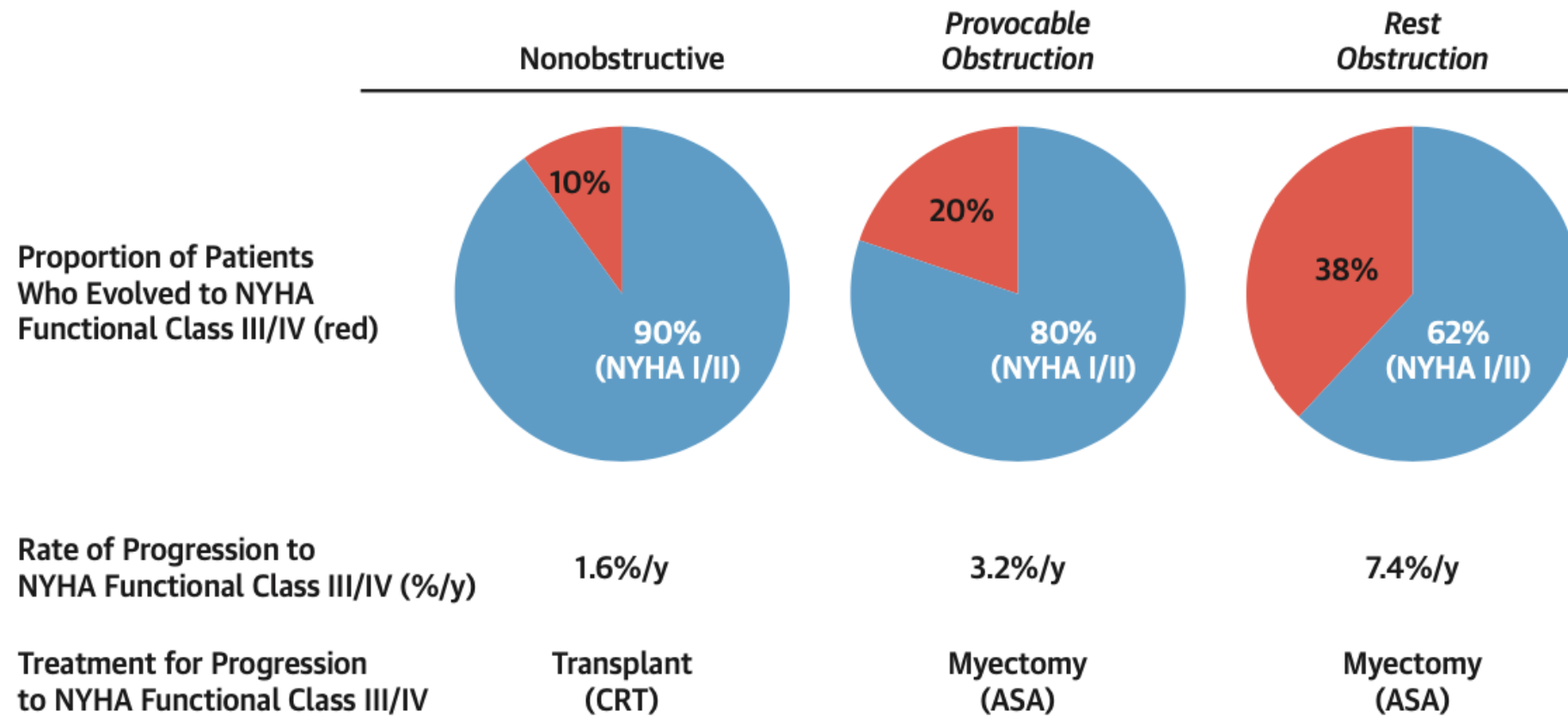


FIGURE 7 Progression of Severe Heart Failure Symptoms With Respect to Hemodynamic State in HCM



Demonstration that evolution to New York Heart Association (NYHA) functional class III symptoms are most common in obstructive patients (up to 38%) who may become candidates for surgical myectomy, and uncommon in nonobstructive patients (10%) who may become candidates for heart transplant. ASA = alcohol septal ablation; CRT = cardiac resynchronization therapy.

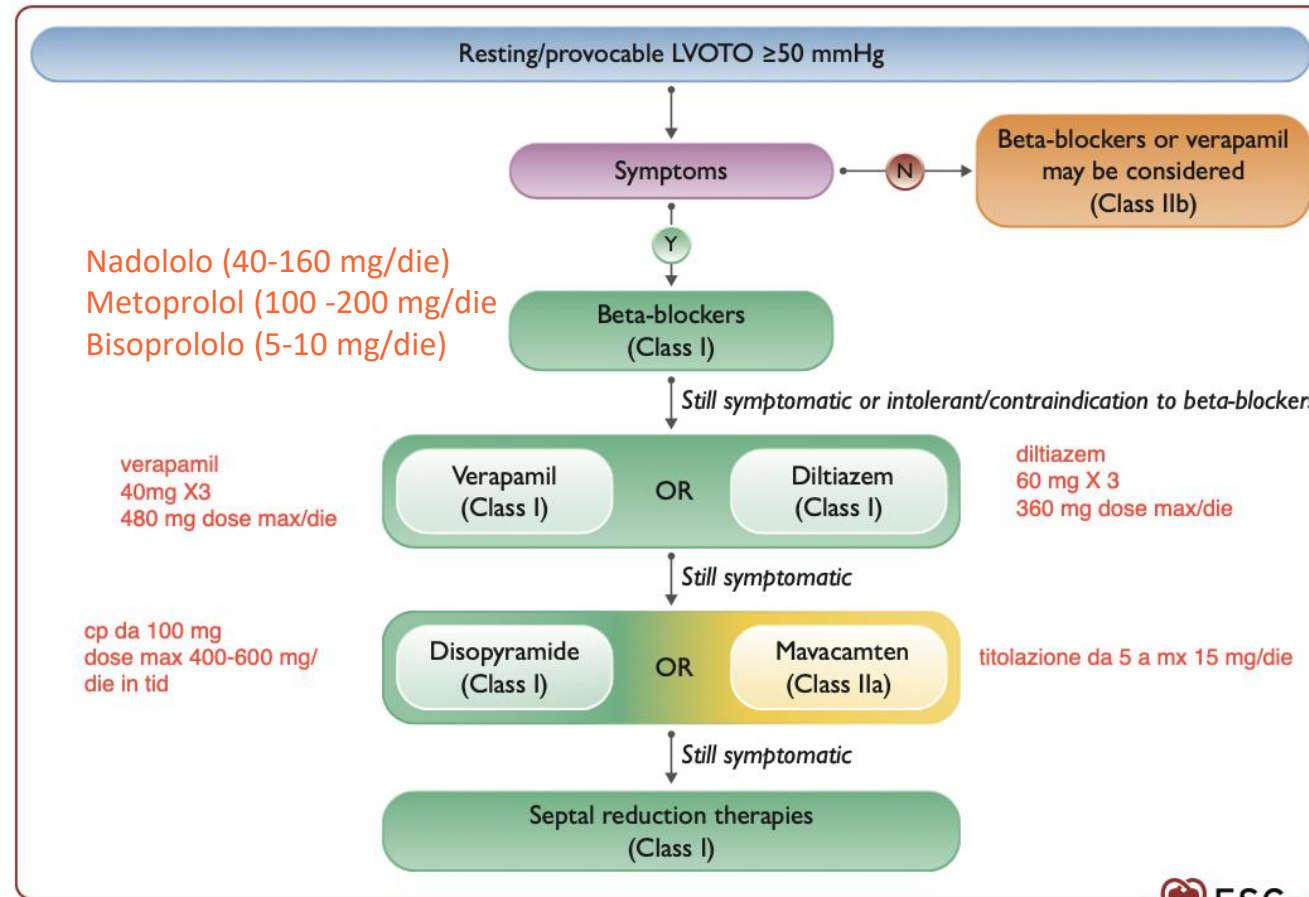
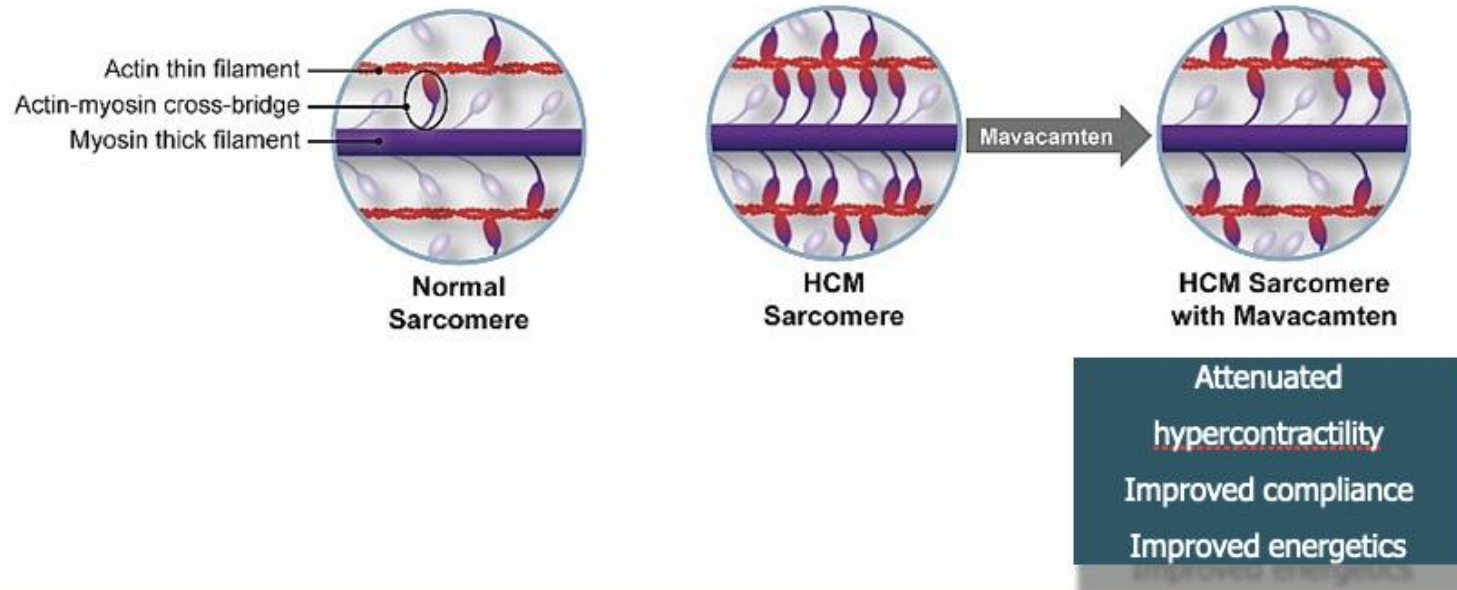


Figure 14 Flow chart on the management of left ventricular outflow tract obstruction. LVOTO, left ventricular outflow tract obstruction.

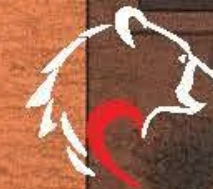


Mavacamten: Mechanism of Action

 EXPLORER-HCM



Mavacamten is a first-in-class, targeted inhibitor of cardiac myosin
→ **It reduces the number of myosin-actin cross-bridges and thus decreases excessive contractility characteristic of HCM**



Mavacamten for treatment of symptomatic obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (EXPLORER-HCM): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial



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Summary

Background Cardiac muscle hypercontractility is a key pathophysiological abnormality in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, and a major determinant of dynamic left ventricular outflow tract (LVOT) obstruction. Available pharmacological options for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy are inadequate or poorly tolerated and are not disease-specific. We aimed to assess the efficacy and safety of mavacamten, a first-in-class cardiac myosin inhibitor, in symptomatic obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

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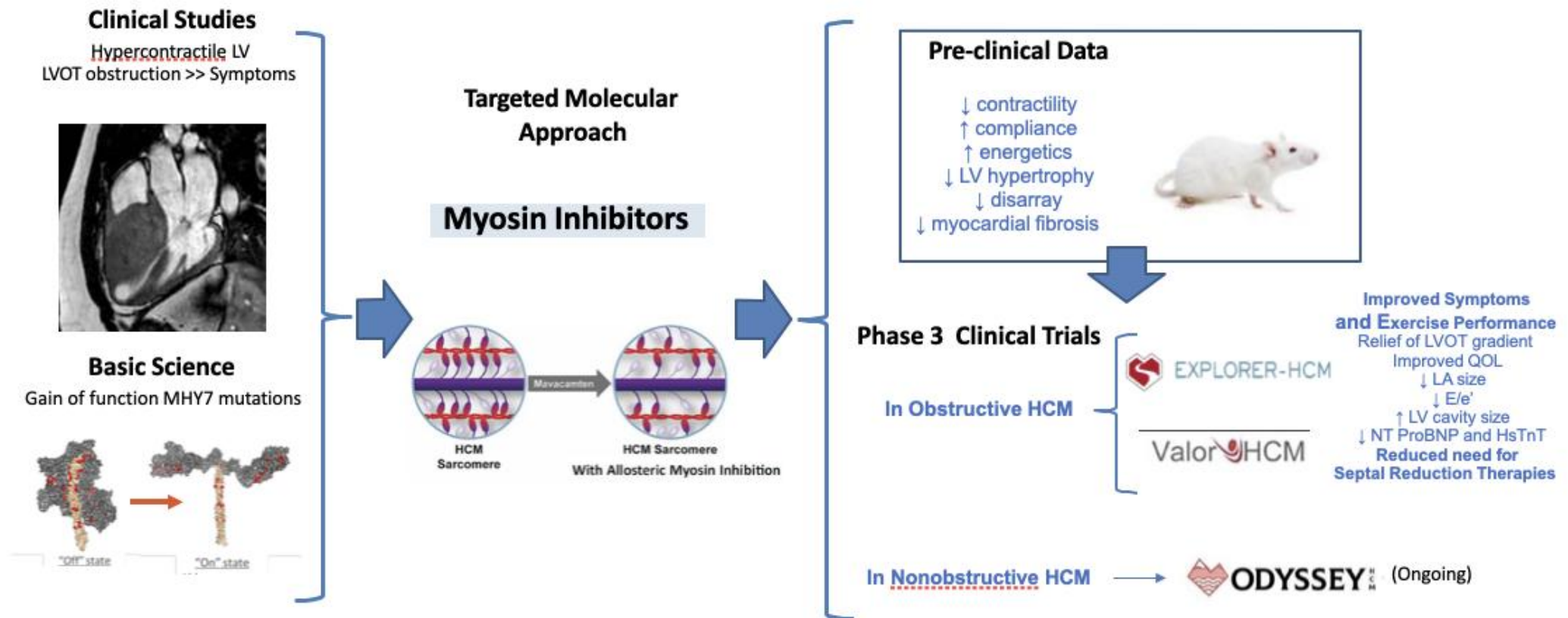
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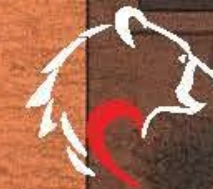
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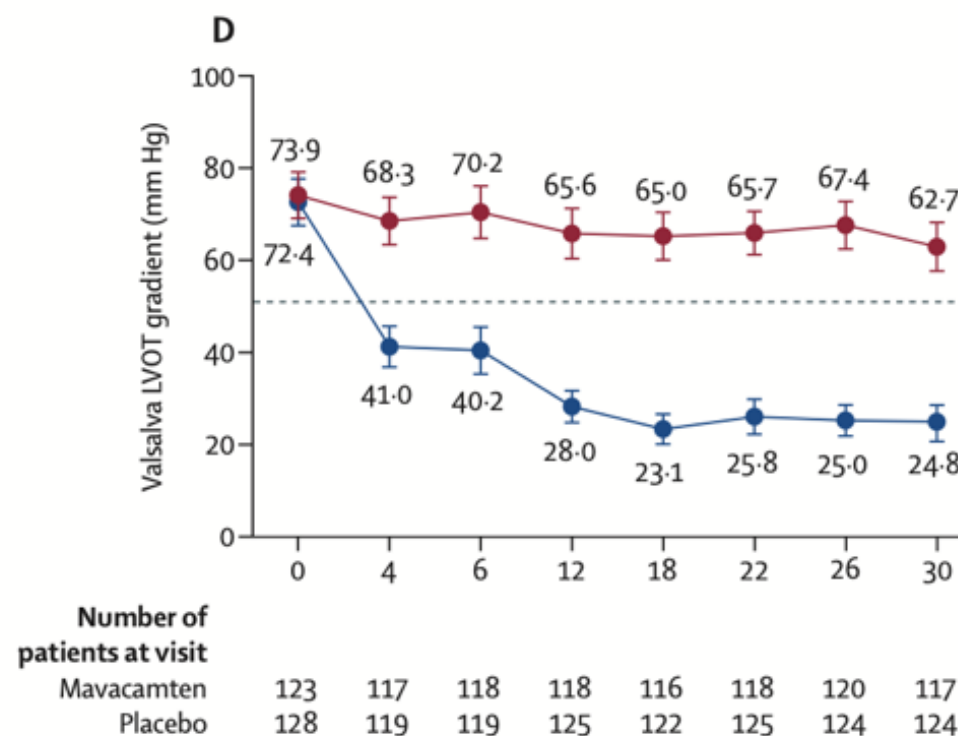
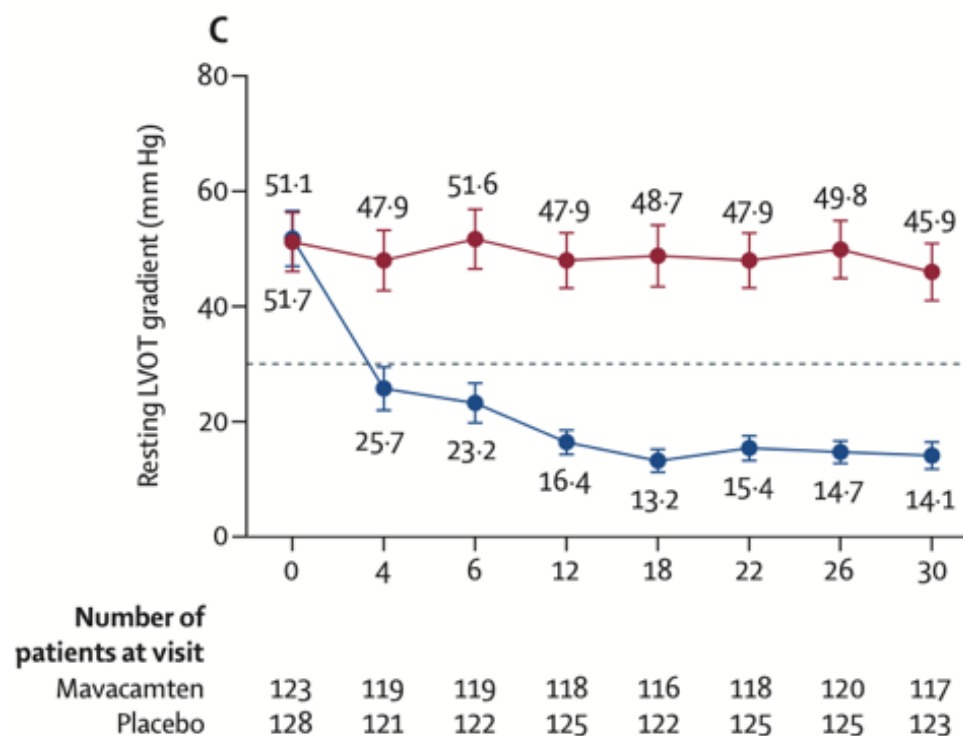


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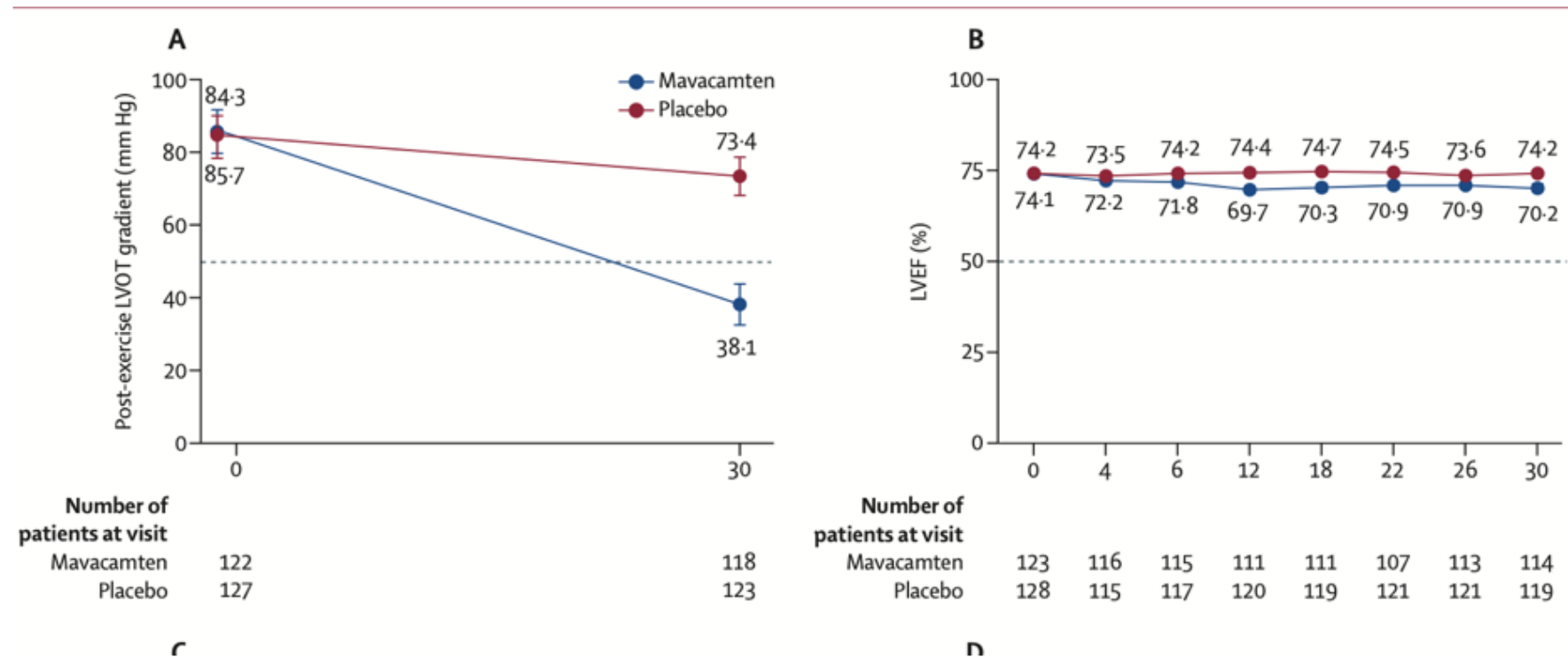


LVOT Gradients





LVOT Gradients and LVEF

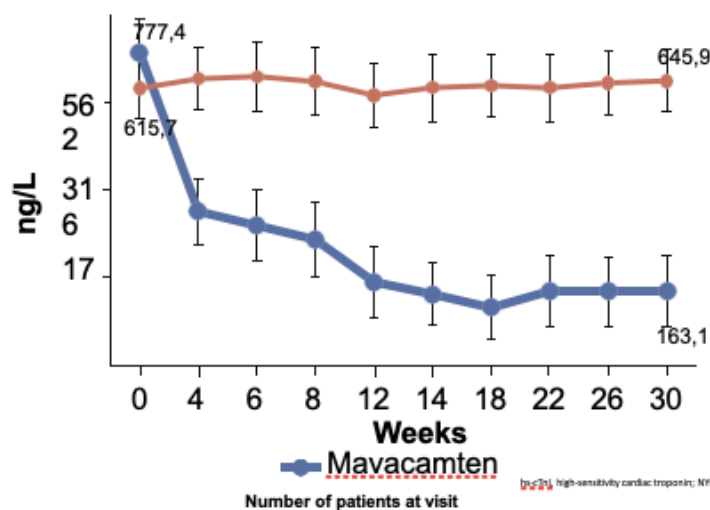




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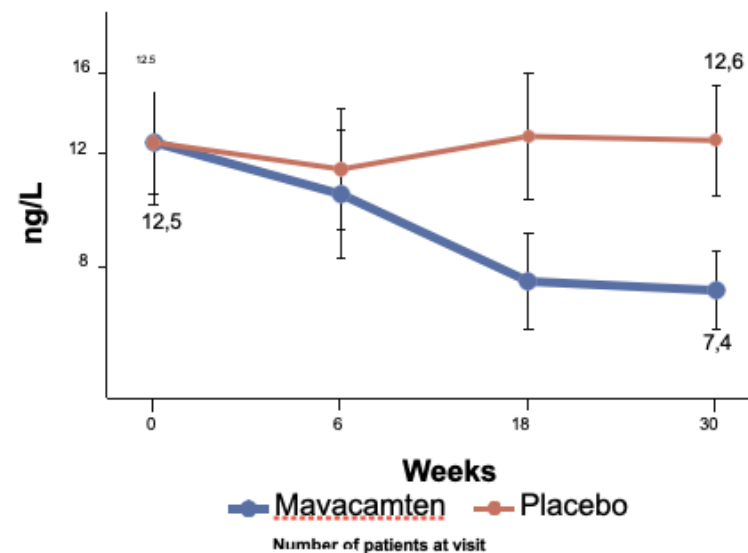


Geometric mean (95% CI) NT-proBNP



Mavacamten	120	115	114	115	114	109	115	115	117	119
Placebo	126	118	112	119	116	117	124	121	120	123

Geometric mean (95% CI) hs-cTnI



Mavacamten	120	86	102	115
Placebo	119	84	104	115

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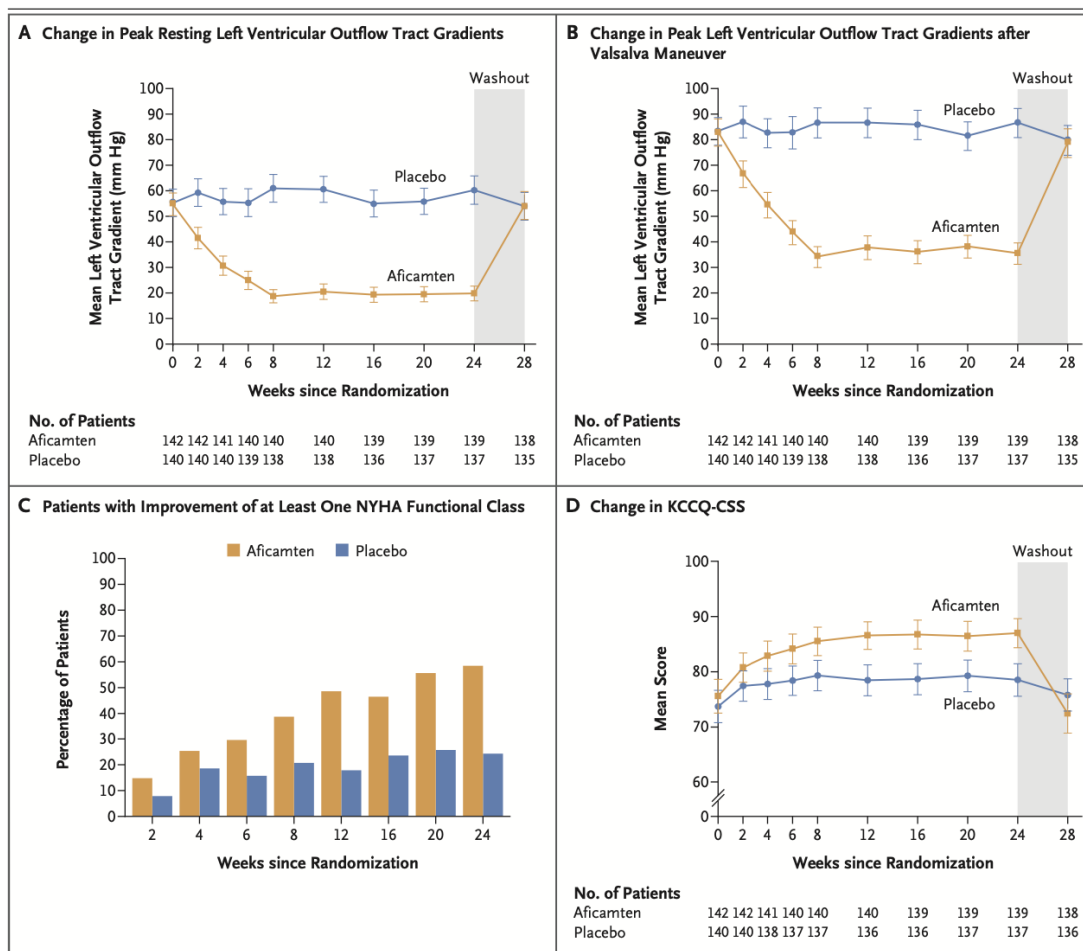


Figure 3. Key Secondary End Points and Other Outcomes.

Shown are the change from baseline in the mean peak resting left ventricular outflow tract gradient (Panel A), the change from baseline in the mean peak left ventricular outflow tract gradient after the Valsalva maneuver (Panel B), the percentage of patients with an improvement from baseline of at least one NYHA functional class (Panel C), and the change from baseline in the mean KCCQ-CSS (Panel D). The widths of the confidence intervals have not been adjusted for multiplicity, so the intervals should not be used to infer definitive treatment effects.



Septal Reduction therapy

Recommendation Table 20 — Recommendations for septal reduction therapy

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
It is recommended that SRT be performed by experienced operators working as part of a multidisciplinary team expert in the management of HCM. ^{664,665,687,695,696,708-710}	I	C
SRT to improve symptoms is recommended in patients with a resting or maximum provoked LVOT gradient of ≥ 50 mmHg who are in NYHA/Ross functional class III-IV, despite maximum tolerated medical therapy. ⁶⁹⁷⁻⁷⁰²	I	B
Septal myectomy, rather than ASA, is recommended in children with an indication for SRT, as well as in adult patients with an indication for SRT and other lesions requiring surgical intervention (e.g. mitral valve abnormalities). ⁶⁷³	I	C
SRT should be considered in patients with recurrent exertional syncope caused by a resting or maximum provoked LVOTO gradient ≥ 50 mmHg despite optimal medical therapy. ^{686,711-713}	IIa	C
Mitral valve repair or replacement should be considered in symptomatic patients with a resting or maximum provoked LVOTO gradient ≥ 50 mmHg and moderate-to-severe mitral regurgitation that cannot be corrected by SRT alone. ^{661,669-672,714}	IIa	C
Mitral valve repair should be considered in patients with a resting or maximum provoked LVOTO gradient ≥ 50 mmHg when there is moderate-to-severe mitral regurgitation following isolated myectomy.	IIa	C
SRT may be considered in expert centres with demonstrable low procedural complication rates in patients with mild symptoms (NYHA class II) refractory to medical therapy who have a resting or maximum provoked (exercise or Valsalva) gradient of ≥ 50 mmHg and: • moderate-to-severe SAM-related mitral regurgitation; or • AF; or • moderate-to-severe left atrial dilatation. ^{653,715}	IIb	C

Mitral valve replacement may be considered in patients with a resting or maximum provoked LVOTO gradient ≥ 50 mmHg when there is moderate-to-severe mitral regurgitation following isolated myectomy. ^{661,674,714,716}	IIb	C
Surgical AF ablation and/or left atrial appendage occlusion procedures during septal myectomy may be considered in patients with HCM and symptomatic AF. ^{717,718}	IIb	C

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Assess alternative/additional explanations

- Obesity
- Respiratory disease
- Coronary artery disease
- Anaemia
- Thyroid disease
- Arrhythmia (e.g. AF)
- Drug side effects
- Systemic disease (e.g. amyloid)
- RVOTO

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Assess the mechanism of obstruction

- SAM related
- Mid-cavity
- Sub-aortic membrane
- Aortic stenosis
- Anomalous papillary muscle insertion
- Accessory MV tissue

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Assess MV anatomy/function

- MV prolapse
- Other intrinsic MV abnormalities

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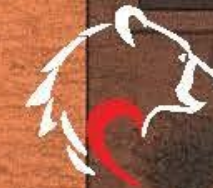
Assess distribution and severity of hypertrophy

- Minimum anterior septal thickness 15 mm



Figure 15 Pre-assessment checklist for patients being considered for invasive septal reduction therapies. AF, atrial fibrillation; MV, mitral valve; RVOTO, right ventricular outflow tract obstruction; SAM, systolic anterior motion.

AF, atrial fibrillation; ASA, alcohol septal ablation; HCM, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.



Septal Reduction therapy

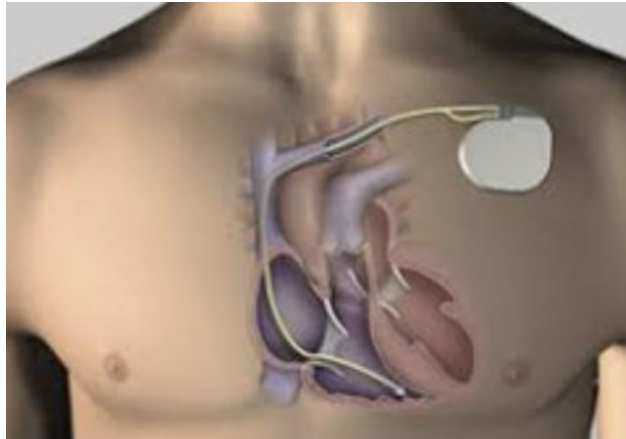
Tabella 4. Confronto tra miectomia e ablazione alcolica del setto.

Caratteristica	Miectomia	ASA
Tipo di procedura	Chirurgia a cuore aperto	Cateterismo cardiaco
Invasività	Invasiva	Minimamente invasiva
Efficacia a lungo termine	Duratura	Buona, ma rischio di dilatazione VS
Mortalità operatoria	<1% nei centri esperti	1-3%
Complicanze maggiori	Sanguinamento, restenosi	Blocco AV, infarto settale
Selezione dei pazienti	Basso rischio chirurgico; IM severa da SAM	Pazienti anziani o con comorbidità

ASA, alcolizzazione settale; AV, atrioventricolare; IM, insufficienza mitralica; SAM, movimento anteriore sistolico; VS, ventricolare sinistra.



Indication for cardiac pacing



Recommendation Table 21 — Recommendations for indications for cardiac pacing in patients with obstruction

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
Sequential AV pacing, with optimal AV interval to reduce the LV outflow tract gradient or to facilitate medical treatment with beta-blockers and/or verapamil, may be considered in selected patients with resting or provokable LVOTO ≥ 50 mmHg, sinus rhythm, and drug-refractory symptoms, who have contraindications for ASA or septal myectomy or are at high risk of developing heart block following ASA or septal myectomy. ^{633,719–724}	IIb	C
In patients with resting or provokable LVOTO ≥ 50 mmHg, sinus rhythm, and drug-refractory symptoms, in whom there is an indication for an ICD, a dual-chamber ICD (instead of a single-lead device) may be considered, to reduce the LV outflow tract gradient or to facilitate medical treatment with beta-blockers and/or verapamil. ^{633,719–724,726}	IIb	C

ASA, alcohol septal ablation; AV, atrioventricular; ICD, implantable cardioverter defibrillator; LV, left ventricular; LVOTO, left ventricular outflow tract obstruction.

^aClass of recommendation.

^bLevel of evidence.

Case Report

Transcatheter Edge to Edge Mitral Valve Repair for Mitral Regurgitation in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: A Case Series

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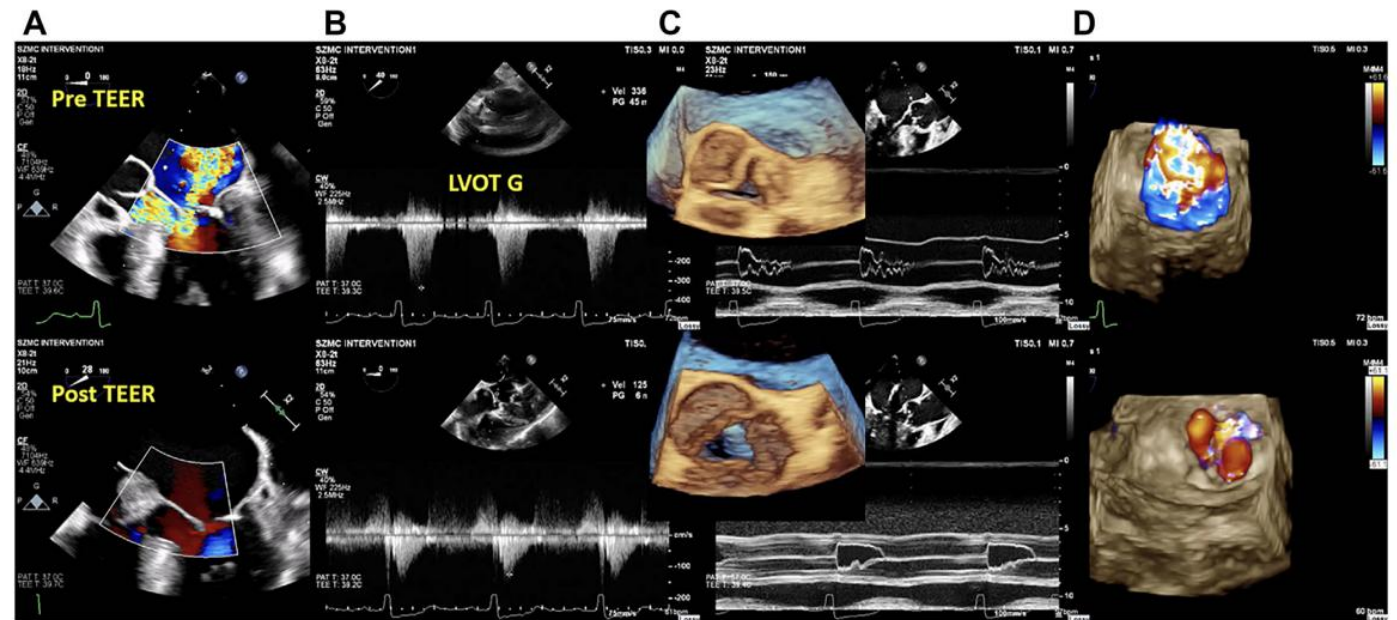
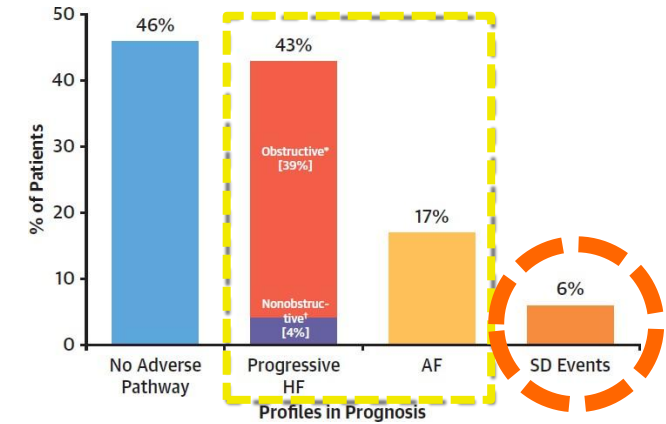
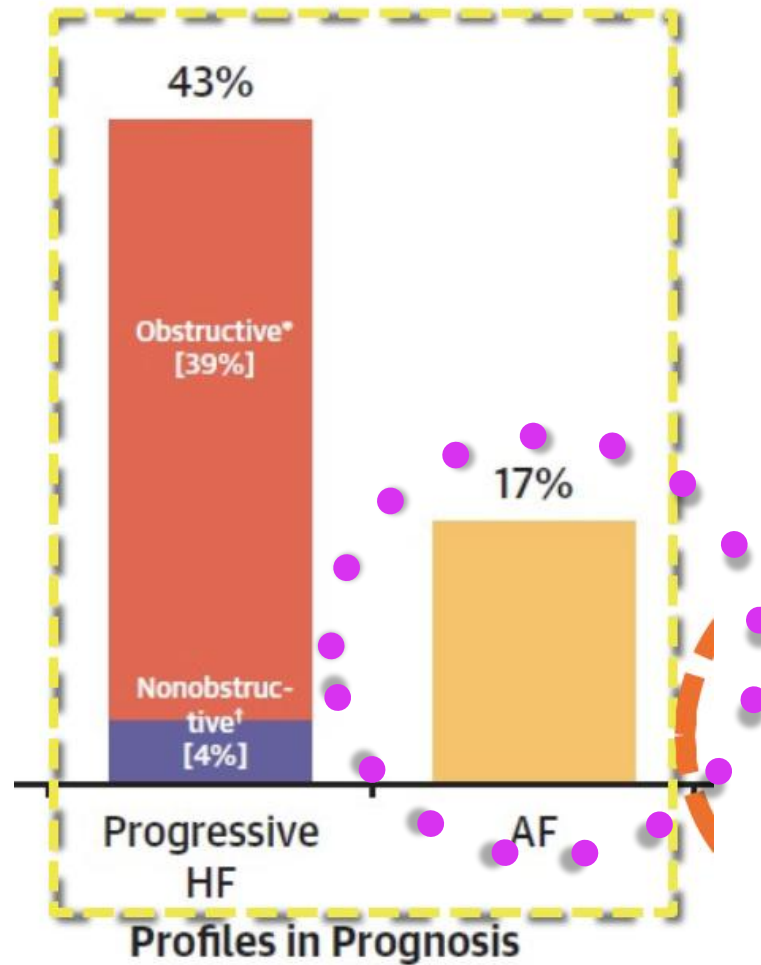


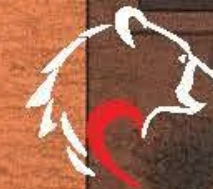
Figure 1. Transesophageal echocardiography assessment before (top) and after procedure (bottom). (A) Colour Doppler images of the mitral valve and left ventricular outflow tract (LVOT), (B) continuous-wave Doppler image of the LVOT velocity, (C) 3D images of the aortic valve near end-systole, M-mode images of the aortic valve, and (D) 3D colour images of the mitral valve. Postprocedural decrease in mitral regurgitation and LVOT flow velocities are shown, as well as an increase in aortic valve opening at end-systole. Elimination of aortic leaflet fluttering and premature closure also are demonstrated. LVOT G, left ventricular outflow tract gradient; TEER, transcatheter end-to-end repair.

Prognostic profiles in HCM and AF



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or of 2 in women.^{335-337,412,415-420,430-435,447,451,473-498}

Control of symptoms and heart failure

Atrial fibrillation catheter ablation is recommended for rhythm control after one failed or intolerant class I or III AAD to improve symptoms of AF recurrences in patients with paroxysmal or persistent AF and cardiomyopathy.^{335,397-399,412,415-420,430-435,447,451,473-498}

I

B

Atrial fibrillation catheter ablation is recommended to reverse LV dysfunction in AF patients with cardiomyopathy when tachycardia-induced component is highly probable, independent of their symptom status.^{405,407,408,499-501}

I

B

Maintenance of sinus rhythm rather than rate control should be considered at an early stage for patients with a cardiomyopathy and AF without major risk factors for recurrence, regardless of symptoms.⁴⁰²

IIa

C

Atrial fibrillation catheter ablation should be considered as first-line rhythm control therapy to improve symptoms in selected patients with cardiomyopathy and paroxysmal or persistent AF without major risk factors for recurrences as an alternative to class I or III AADs, considering patient choice, benefit, and risk.^{392,393,480,502-506}

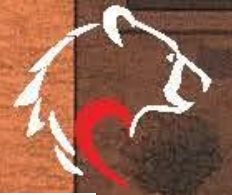
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Atrial fibrillation catheter ablation should be considered in selected patients with cardiomyopathy, AF, and heart failure and/or reduced LVEF to prevent AF recurrences and improve QoL, LVEF, and survival and reduce heart failure hospitalization.^{399-401,403-408,499-501,507}

IIa

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Antiarrhythmic drug

Table 9. Antiarrhythmic Drug Therapy Options for Patients With HCM and AF

Antiarrhythmic Drug	Efficacy for AF	Adverse Effects	Toxicities	Use in HCM
Disopyramide	Modest	Anticholinergic HF	Prolonged QTc TdP	Particularly with early onset AF Generally used in conjunction with atrioventricular nodal blocking agents
Flecainide and propafenone	...	Prolonged QRS	Proarrhythmia Typical atrial flutter	Not generally recommended in the absence of an ICD
Sotalol	Modest	Fatigue Bradycardia	Prolonged QTc TdP	Reasonable
Dofetilide	Modest	Headache	Prolonged QTc TdP	Reasonable
Dronedarone	Low	HF	Prolonged QTc	...
Amiodarone	Modest-high	Bradycardia	Liver, lung, thyroid, skin, neurologic Prolonged QTc	Reasonable

AF indicates atrial fibrillation; HCM, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy; HF, heart failure; ICD, implantable cardioverter-defibrillator; and TdP, torsades de pointes.



Recommendation Table 6 — Recommendations to assess and manage thromboembolic risk in AF (see also Evidence Table 6)

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
Oral anticoagulation is recommended in patients with clinical AF at elevated thromboembolic risk to prevent ischaemic stroke and thromboembolism. ^{239,240}	I	A
A CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VA score of 2 or more is recommended as an indicator of elevated thromboembolic risk for decisions regarding oral anticoagulation.	I	C
Oral anticoagulation is recommended in all patients with AF and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy or cardiac amyloidosis, regardless of CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VA score, to prevent ischaemic stroke and thromboembolism. ^{270–276}	I	B
Individualized assessment of thromboembolic risk is recommended at periodic intervals in patients with AF to ensure anticoagulation is started in appropriate patients. ^{277–280}	I	B

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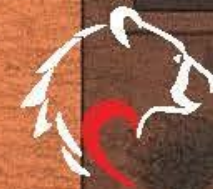
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Recommendation Table 14 — Recommendations for family screening and follow-up evaluation of relatives

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
Following cascade genetic testing, clinical evaluation using a multiparametric approach that includes ECG and cardiac imaging and long-term follow-up is recommended in first-degree relatives who have the same disease-causing variant as the proband. ^{178,544,547}	I	B
Following cascade genetic testing, it is recommended that first-degree relatives without a phenotype who do not have the same disease-causing variant as the proband are discharged from further follow-up but advised to seek re-assessment if they develop symptoms or when new clinically relevant data emerge in the family.	I	C
It is recommended that when no P/LP variant is identified in the proband or genetic testing is not performed, an initial clinical evaluation using a multiparametric approach that includes ECG and cardiac imaging is performed in first-degree relatives.	I	C
When no P/LP variant is identified in the proband or genetic testing is not performed, regular, long-term clinical evaluation using a multiparametric approach that includes ECG and cardiac imaging should be considered in first-degree relatives.	IIa	C
During cascade screening, where a first-degree relative has died, clinical evaluation of close relatives of the deceased individual (i.e. second-degree relatives of the index patient) should be considered.	IIa	C