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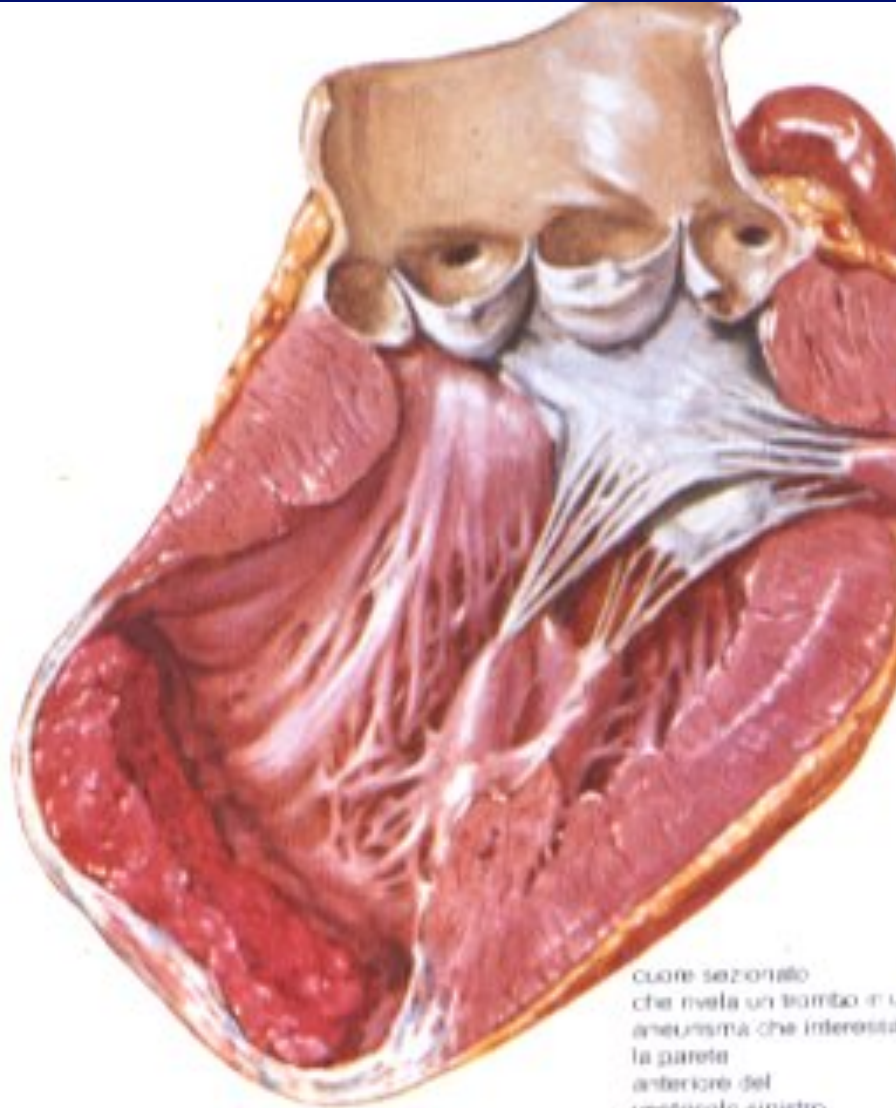


Ecografia e remodeling ventricolare: diagnosi e terapia ... nell'infarto miocardico acuto

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Rimodellamento Ventricolare

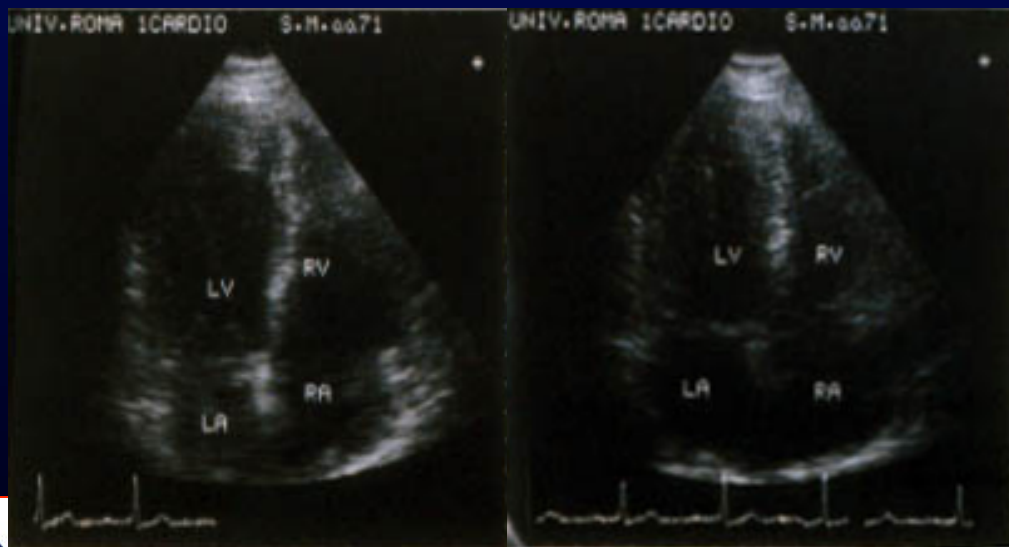


cuore sezionato
che rivela un trombo in un
aneurisma che interessa
la parete
anteriore del
ventricolo sinistro
e il setto





1988
W.P. 20 mmHg
I.C. 2,2 l/m²/min
PO₂ 66 mmHg
SaO₂ 92,8 %
VTDVS 220 cc
VTSVS 140 cc
FE 36 %
DCO 9,6 cc/min/mmHG



W.P. 10 mmHg
I.C. 2,7 l/m²/min
PO₂ 80 mmHg
SaO₂ 95,8 %
VTDVS 190 cc
VTSVS 100 cc
FE 48 %
DCO 15,2 cc/min/mmHG





Definition

“Remodelling” qualifies changes that result in the rearrangement of normally existing structures. Although remodelling does not necessarily define a pathological condition, myocardial remodelling is usually restricted to diseased conditions. The above definition eliminates gestational and developmental aspects and also the so-called physiological cardiac hypertrophy that follows intensive exercising .





Rimodellamento Ventricolare

- *Rimodellamento fisiologico*

in funzione: a) entità

b) durata

c) tipo

dell' esercizio fisico

- *Rimodellamento Patologico*

- **Aumenti prevalenti di pre-carico**

(iperafflussi, insufficienze valvolari, etc.)

- **Aumenti prevalenti di post-carico**

(iperafflussi, insufficienze valvolari, etc.)

- **Rimodellamento ventricolare post-infartuale**

nuovo adattamento morfologico e funzionale in risposta al sovvertimento della normale topografia e alla distorsione della geometria ventricolare





RIMODELLAMENTO FISIOLÓGICO



NORMALE

ISOMETRICI (atleti di potenza)

ISOTONICI (atleti di resistenza)

RAPPORTO MASSA / VOLUME COSTANTE



GIRAFFA



UOMO



ANFIBIO





Rimodellamento post-infartuale

Dilatazione ventricolare sinistra con distorsione della geometria ventricolare regionale e globale che si verifica dopo un infarto miocardico

Qualunque modificazione architettonica o strutturale che avviene dopo infarto miocardico sia nelle regioni infartuate che non infartuate





Rimodellamento post-infartuale

Processo caratterizzato da:

espansione della zona infartuata

ipertrofia compensatoria delle regioni non ischemiche



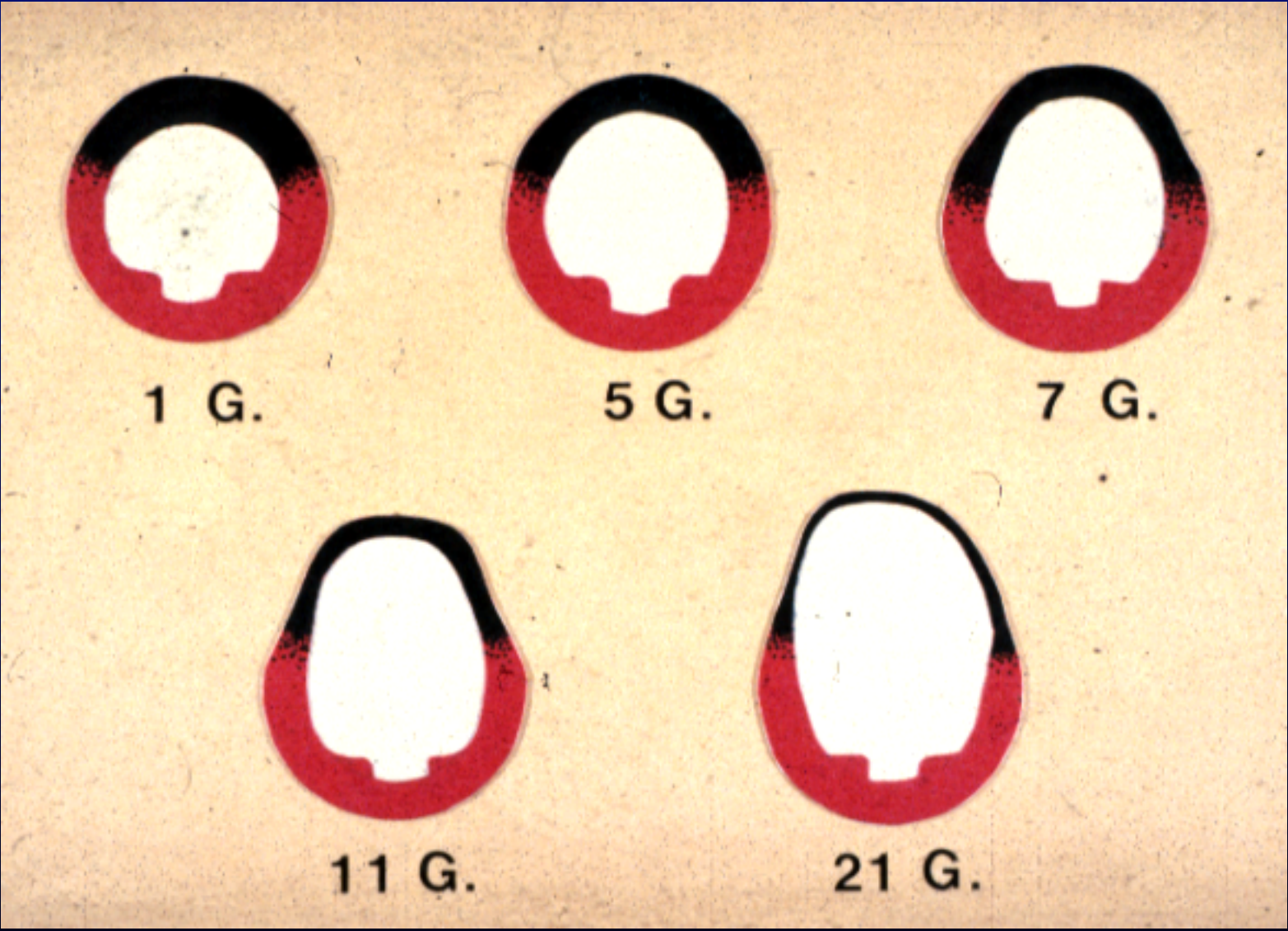


LV Remodeling after AMI

Definition

**$\geq 20\%$ End Diastolic Volume
from day 1 to 6 months
follow-up**





1 G.

5 G.

7 G.

11 G.

21 G.





Timing of LV remodeling

EARLY remodeling (in-hospital):

from 24-48 hours to pre-discharge

LATE remodeling:

from pre-discharge to 6 months





European Heart Journal (1995) 16 (Supplement N), 31-36

Post-infarction myocardial remodelling: why does it happen?

G.S. Franchs and C. Chu

*Cardiovascular Division of Medicine, University of Minnesota Medical School,
Minneapolis.*

Minnesota U.S.A.





LV REMODELING AFTER AMI

ACUTE MI

LV DYSFUNCTION

EARLY

**INFARCT
EXPANSION**

**INCREASED
LV VOLUME**

**DISTORTED
GEOMETRY**

LATE

INCREASED WALL STRESS

**PROGRESSIVE
DILATATION**

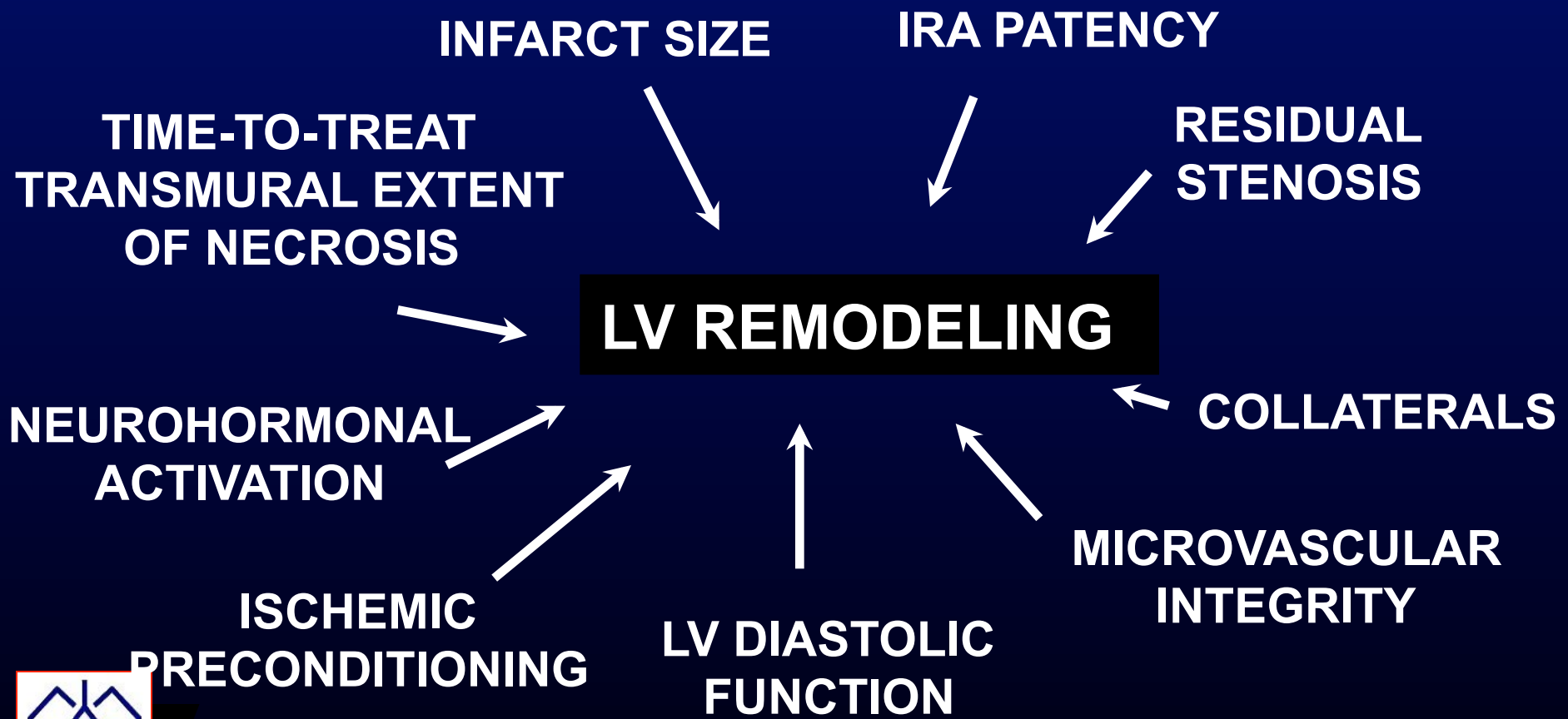
**REGIONAL
HYPERTROPHY**



HEART FAILURE



INTERACTIVE FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE LV REMODELING





Segmental infarction



Decreased Systolic Ejection



Increased Left Ventricular End-Diastolic Volume and Pressure



Increased Wall Stress

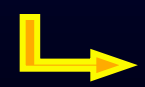


Non-Infarcted segment
Regional Hypertrophy

Infarcted Segment
Infarct Expansion



Decreased Contractility



Late Heart Failure



Restored
Stroke Volume



Increased
Systolic
Ejection



Frank-
Starling





Variabili che condizionano entità e progressività del rimodellamento ventricolare

- *Sede dell' infarto*
- *Dimensioni dell' infarto*
- *Modalità e tempi di cicatrizzazione dell' infarto*
- *Sollecitazioni meccaniche parietali
(stress telediastolico e telesistolico)*





1) SEDE NECROSI

**INFARTI IN SEDE
ANTERIORE**



Più estesa
compromissione



**MAGGIORE
FREQUENZA
COMPLICANZE**



**COINVOLGIMENTO
REGIONI APICALI**



Minore
Spessore
pareti

Più ampio
Raggio di
curvatura



Maggiore
stress



Maggiore sollecitazione meccanica

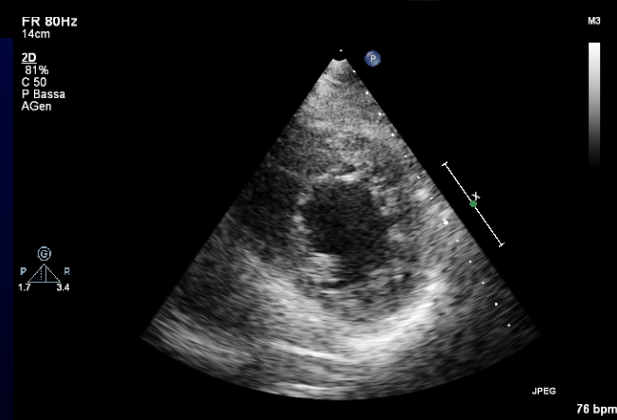
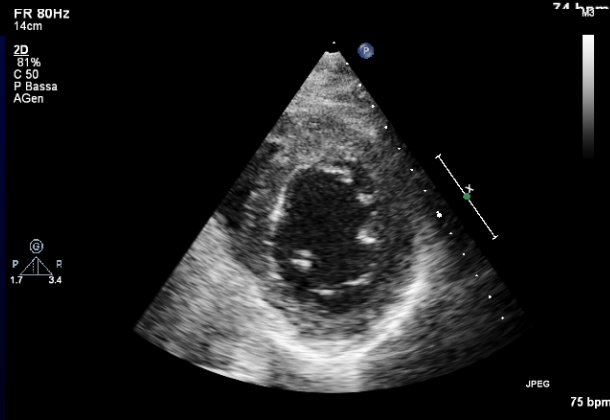
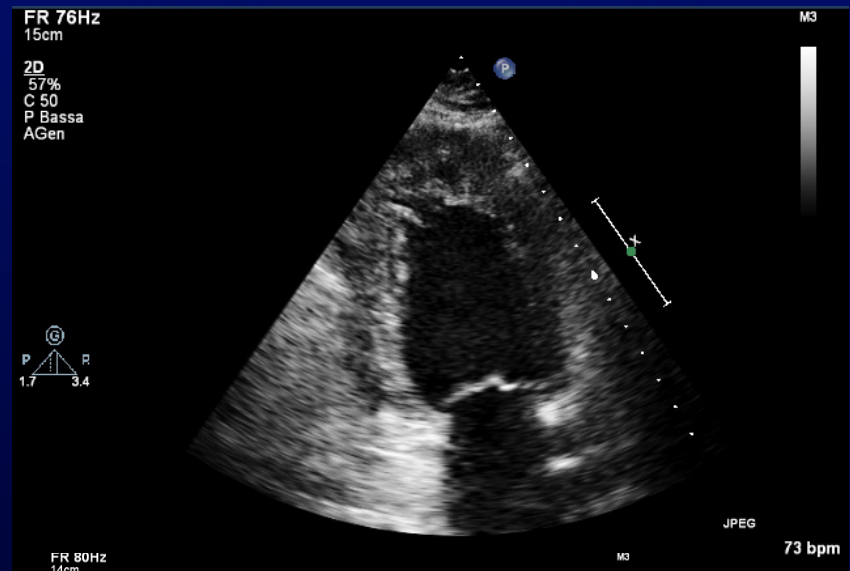
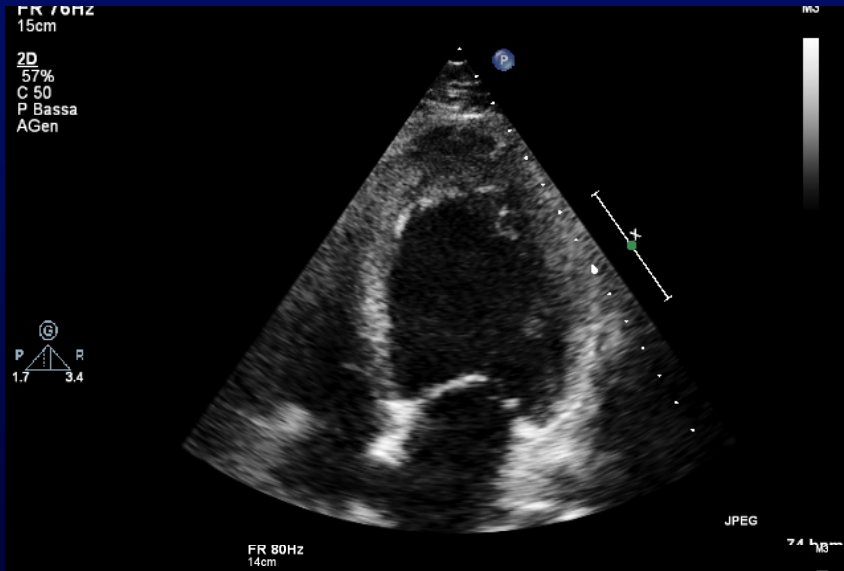


**DILATAZIONE FINO
ALL' ANEURISMA**





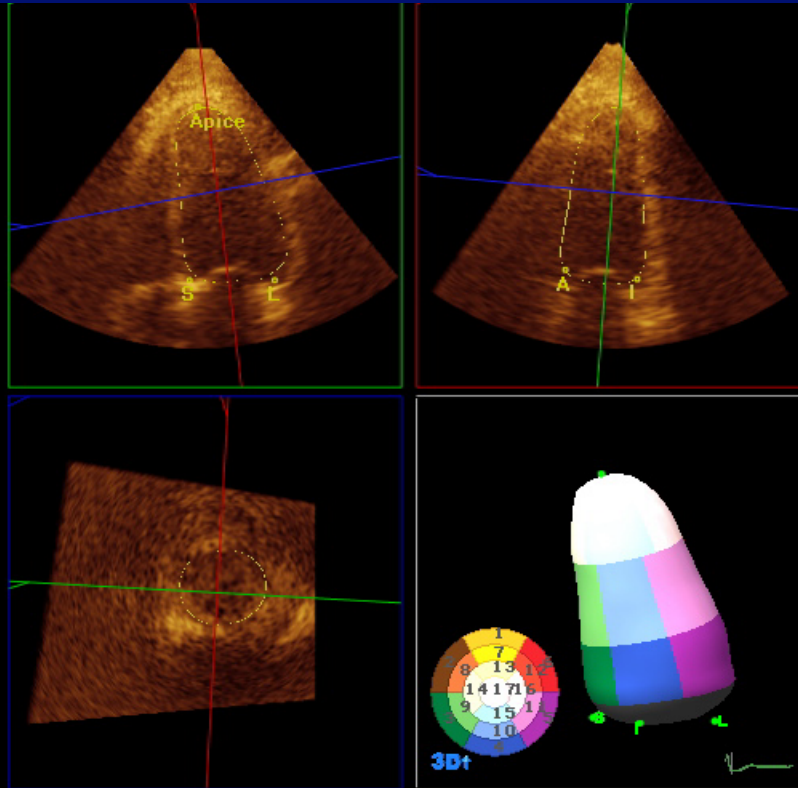
2D Echo antero-apical MI



2D ECHO qualitative EF: 35%



3D ECHO: regional wall motion assessment



Volumi

EDV = 125.5 ml

ESV = 77.3 ml

Calcoli

EF = 38.4 %

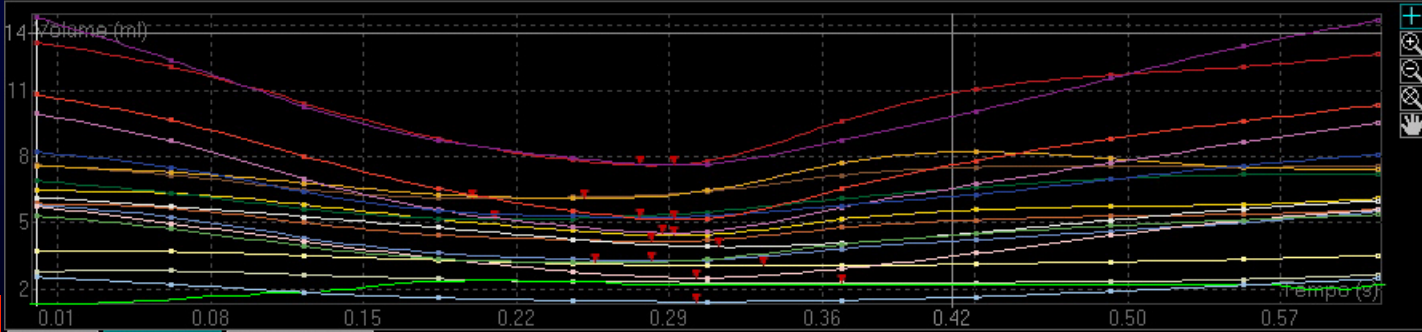
SV = 48.3 ml

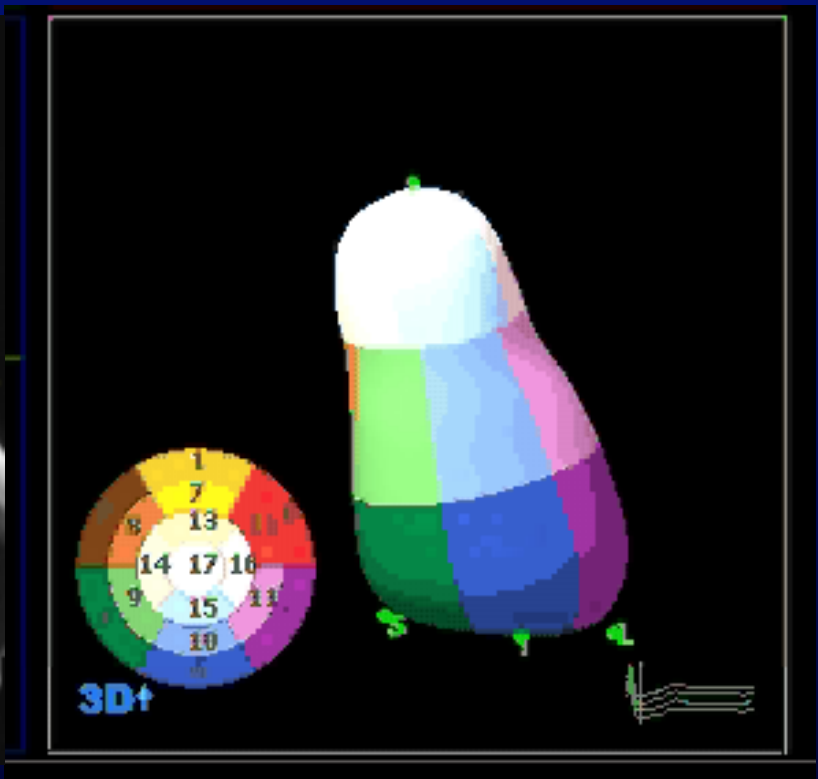
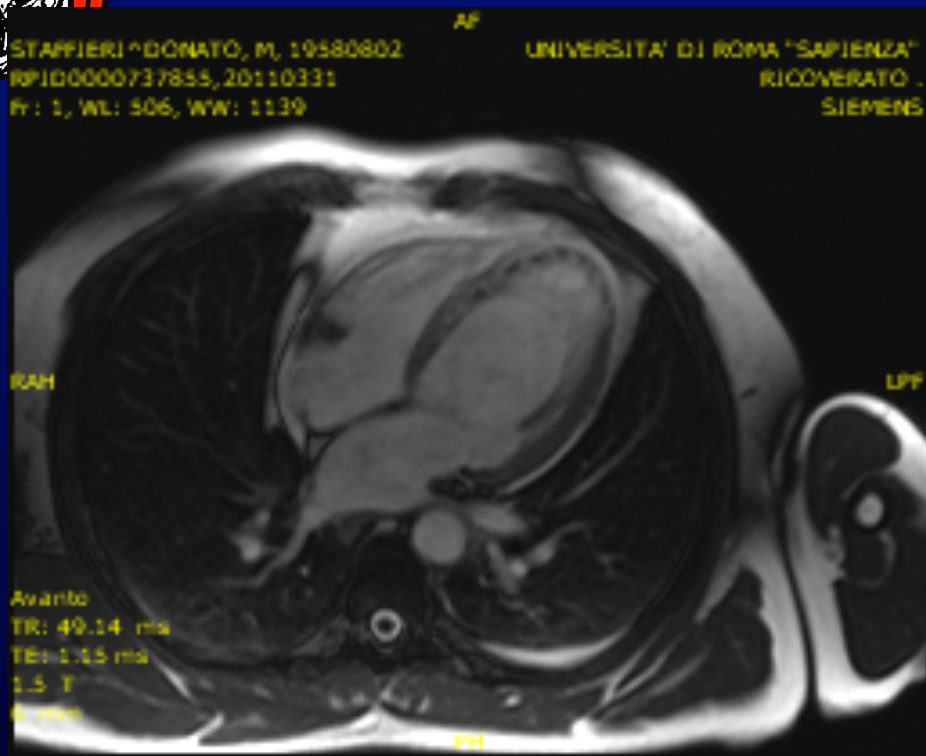
Regionale

Tmsv Sel-SD = 40 ms

Tmsv Sel-Dit = 169 ms

Tmsv Sel-SD = 4.90 %





CMR: FE: 38%



ECHO 3D: FE: 38%





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Ecocardiografia nella valutazione dell'estensione della necrosi

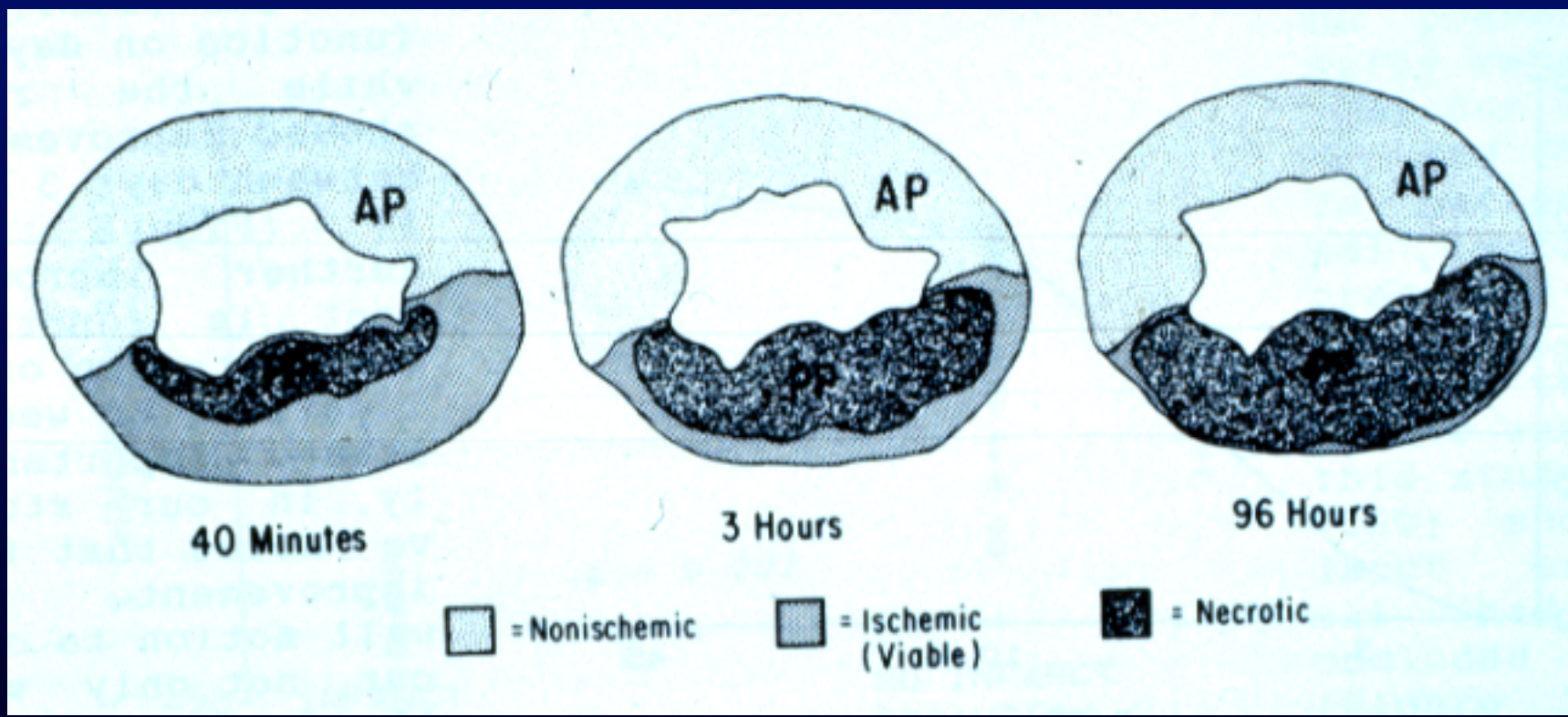
- Inadeguatezza del parametro FE**
- Inadeguatezza del parametro eco-score**
(se si prendono in considerazione le aree ipercinetiche)
- Alterazioni cinetiche non specifiche di danno ischemico necrotico**
- Limitazioni nella valutazione dell'ispessimento sistolico**
- Problematica del miocardio stunned ed ibernato**
(necessità di studi seriati)
- Impossibilità di valutare la transmuralità della necrosi**





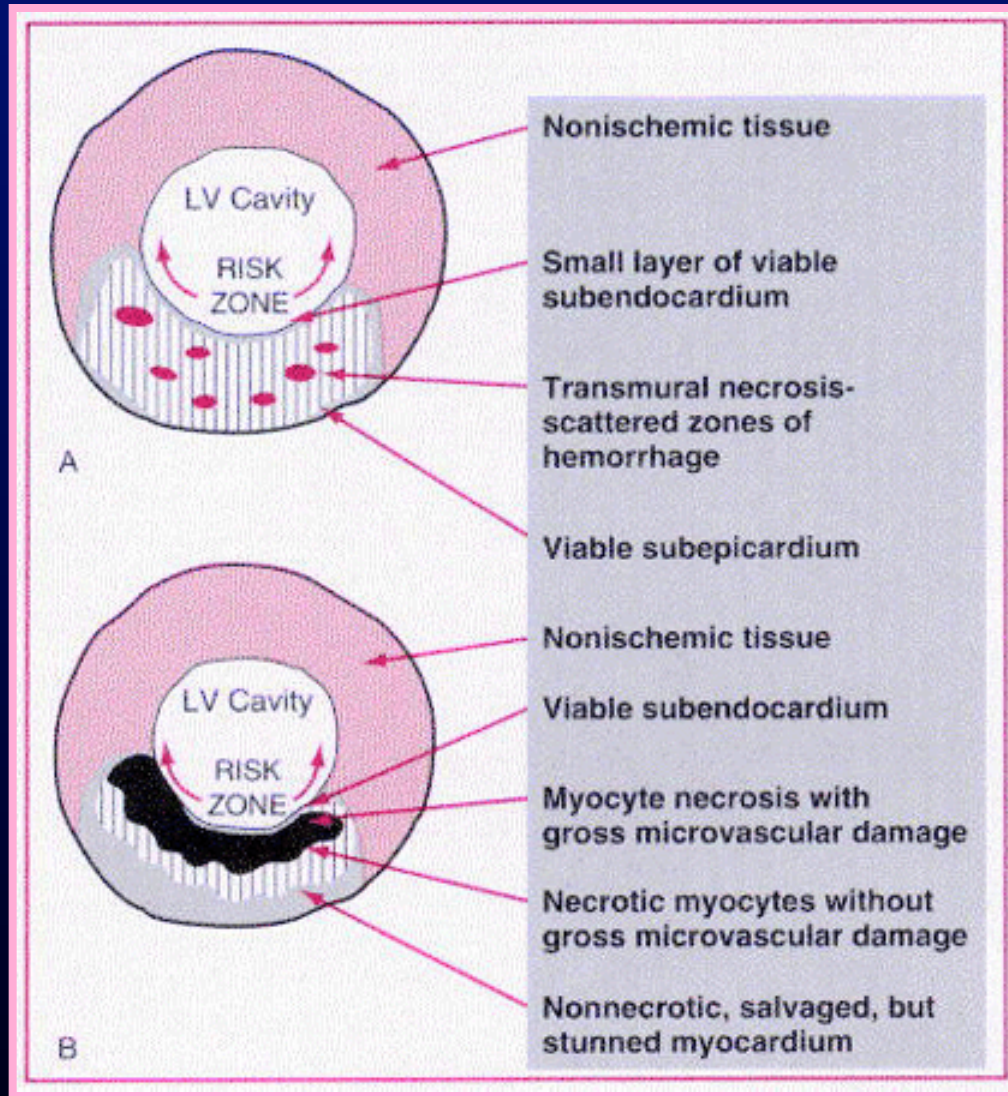
ESTENSIONE CIRCONFERENZIALE





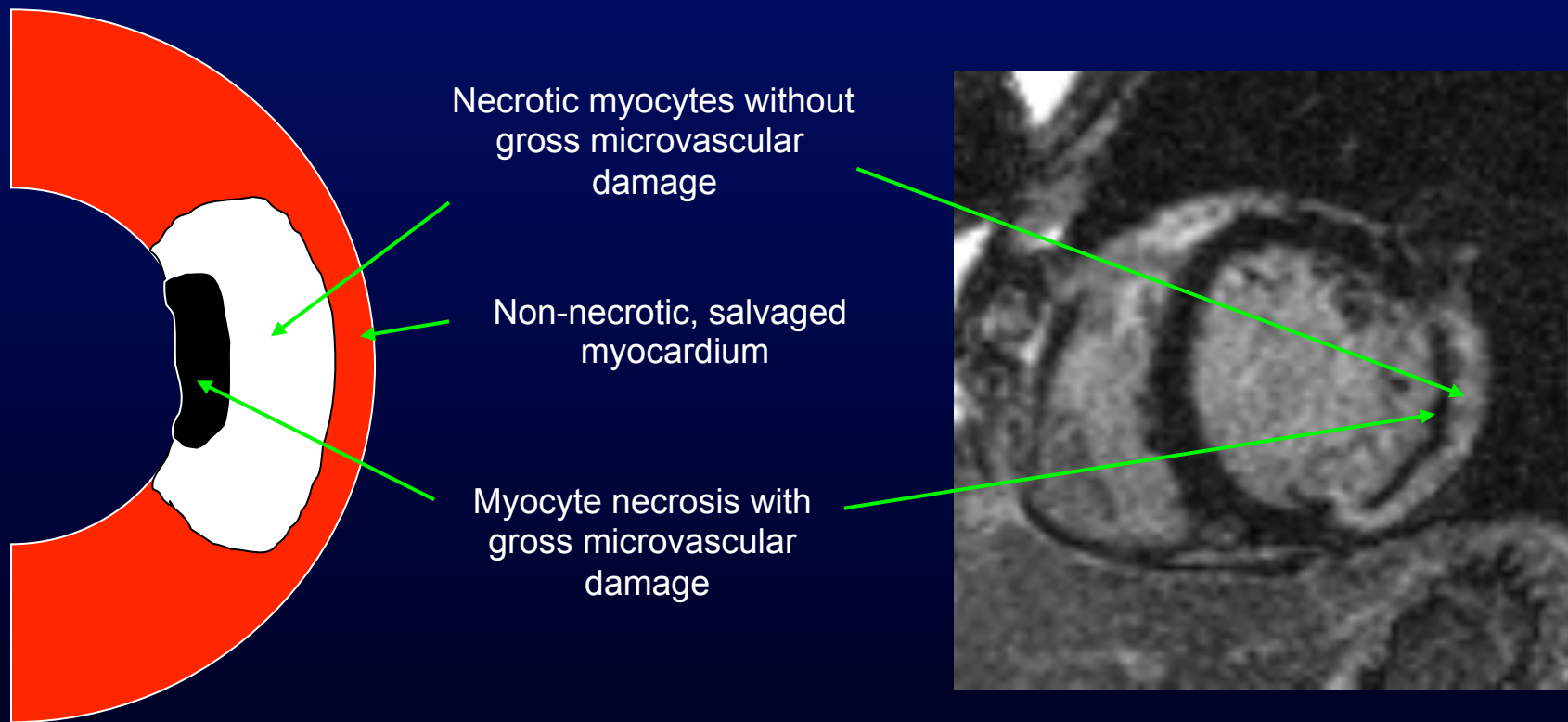


Ischemic-necrotic wavefront





Acute Myocardial Infarcts



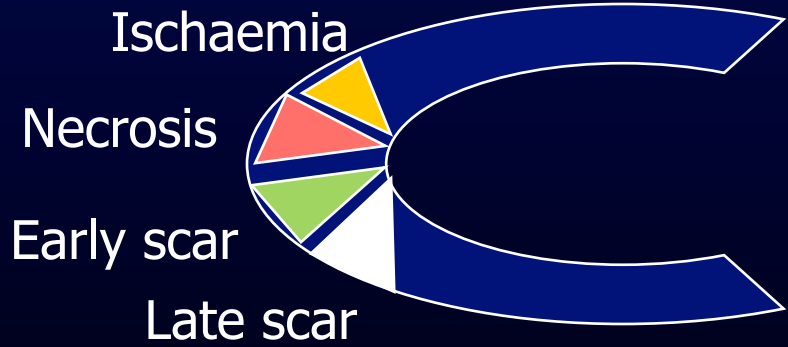


Transmural extension

Grade



Type





Estensione Circonferenziale



Ecocardiografia

**Numero settori con
cinesi compromessa**

Estensione Transmurale

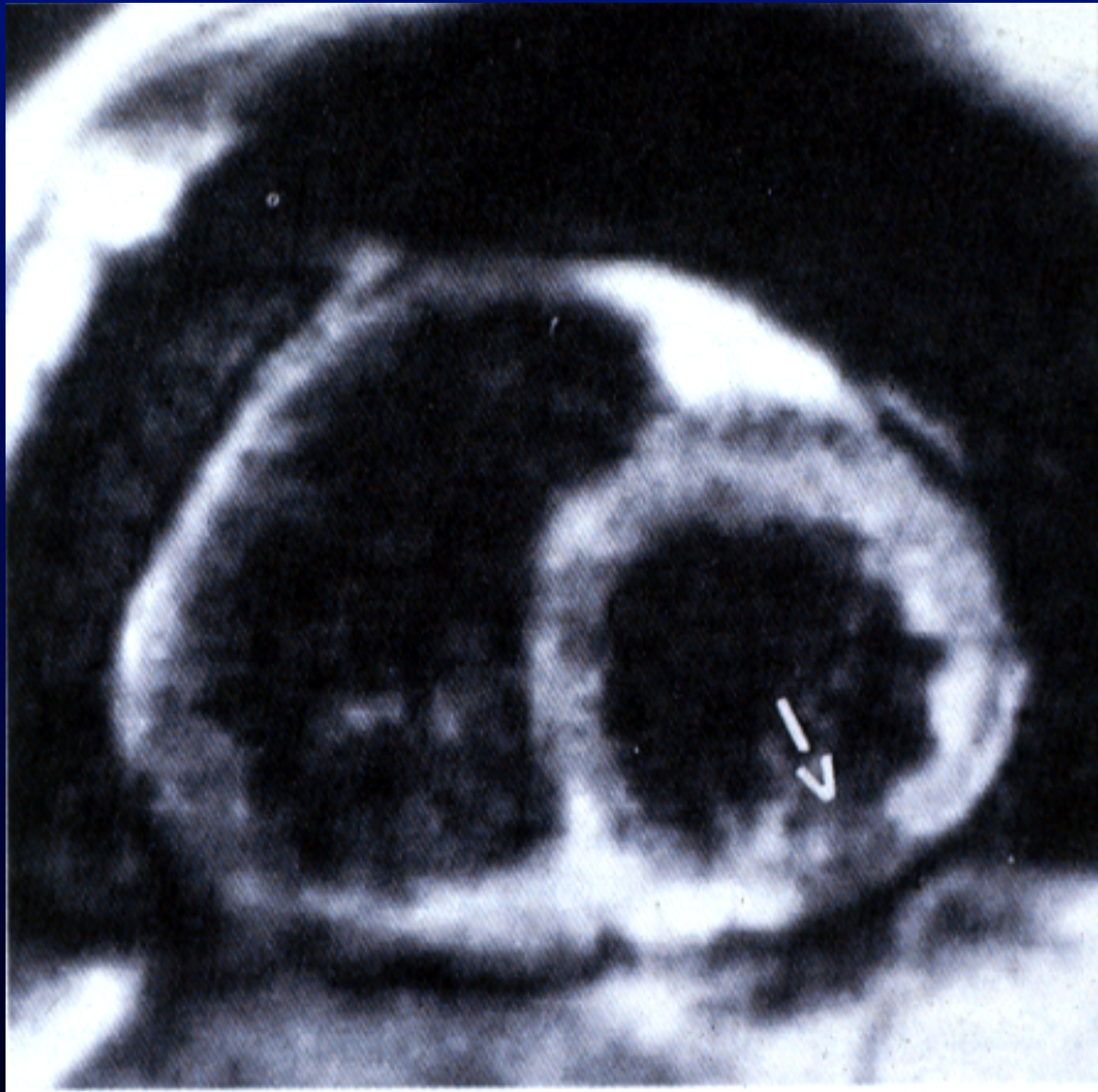


**Caratterizzazione
Tissutale**

Ecocardiografia

**Risonanza
Magnetica**







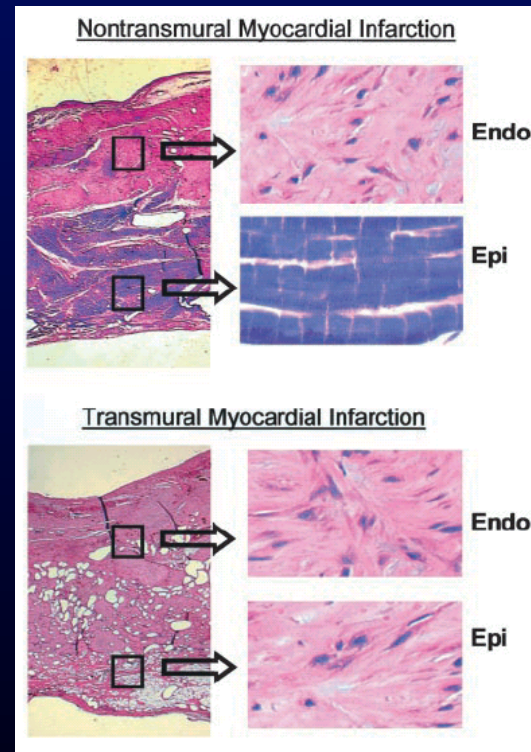
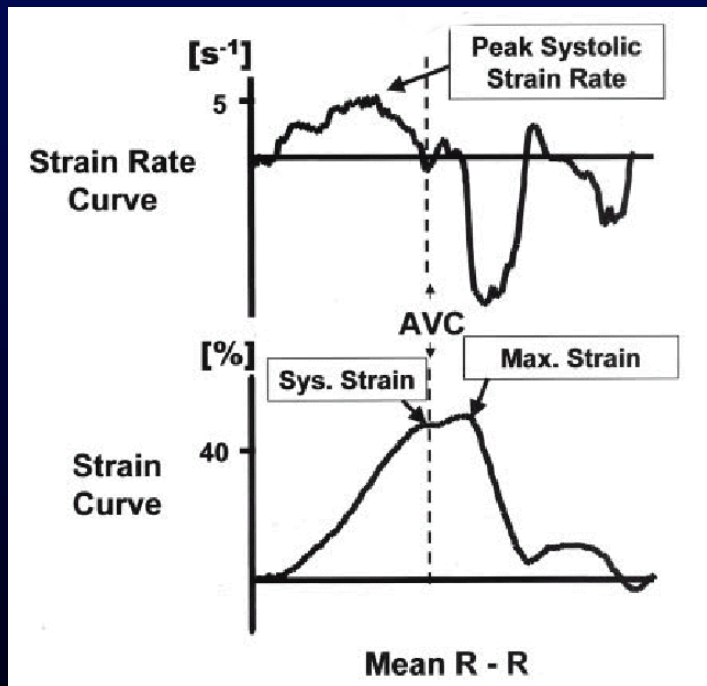
Tissue deformation imaging:

Strain rate-imaging quantifies both the amount of myocardial deformation (strain) and the rate of local myocardial deformation (strain-rate)

Defining the Transmurality of a Chronic Myocardial Infarction by Ultrasonic Strain-Rate Imaging Implications for Identifying Intramural Viability.

An Experimental Study

Weidemann et al, *Circulation*. 2003





MRI $\overset{?}{\rightleftarrows}$ TDI





Our experience: correlation MRI vs TDI derived strain

MRI Study

“On-line” analysis

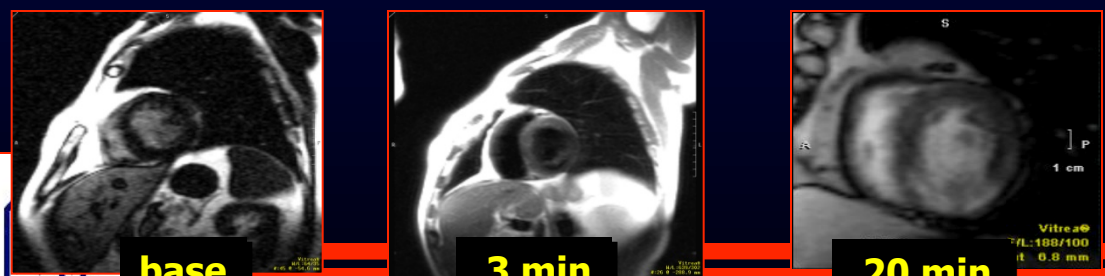
MRI SHORT AXIS BASAL-MIDWALL-APICAL VIEWS



MRI 4-5-2 CHAMBERS APICAL VIEW



Functional Study
(cine-GRE sequences)



Contrast perfusional study
(Gadolinium-
diethylenetriamine
pentaacetic acid)(Gd-DTPA)

base

3 min

20 min



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“Off-line” analysis

- % THICKENING=
$$\frac{\text{SYSTOLIC THICKENING} - \text{DIASTOLIC THICKENING}}{\text{DIASTOLIC THICKENING}} \times 100$$

- NON HYPERENHANCEMENT (mm)

- NON HYPOENHANCEMENT (mm)

-
$$\frac{\text{EARLY HYPOENHANCEMENT} / \text{WALL THICKNESS}}{\text{LATE HYPERENHANCEMENT} / \text{WALL THICKNESS}} \times 100$$

40 myocardial segments showed early hypoenhancement and /or delayed hyperenhancement





Materials and Methods

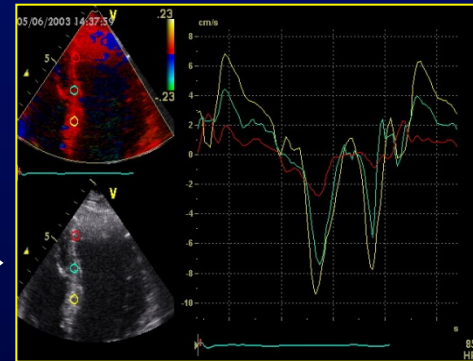
Echographic study using TDI

“Off-line” analysis

Velocimetric Study



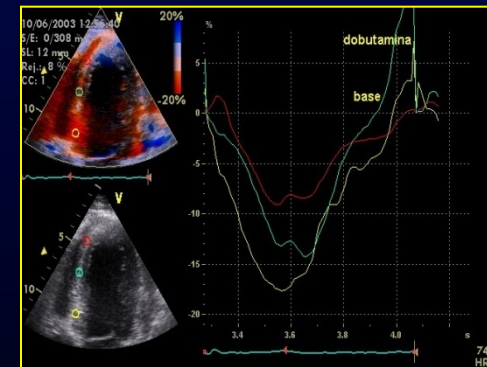
Velocity graphics



Wall Strain Study



“Strain” graphics





Ventricular remodeling

	Non Remodelled	Remodelled
Patients (n)	9	3
Strain	-12.9 ± 4.4	-4.8 ± 2.8
Hypo (mm)	0.4 ± 1.5	1.0 ± 2.2
Hyper (mm)	7.3 ± 2.3	6.7 ± 3.8
Non Hypo (mm)	9.5 ± 1.7	8.4 ± 3.8
Non Hyper (mm)	2.6 ± 2.8	2.7 ± 2.6
Hypo/Hyper (%)	18.6 ± 18.8	31.9 ± 39





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What about delayed hyperenhancement ?

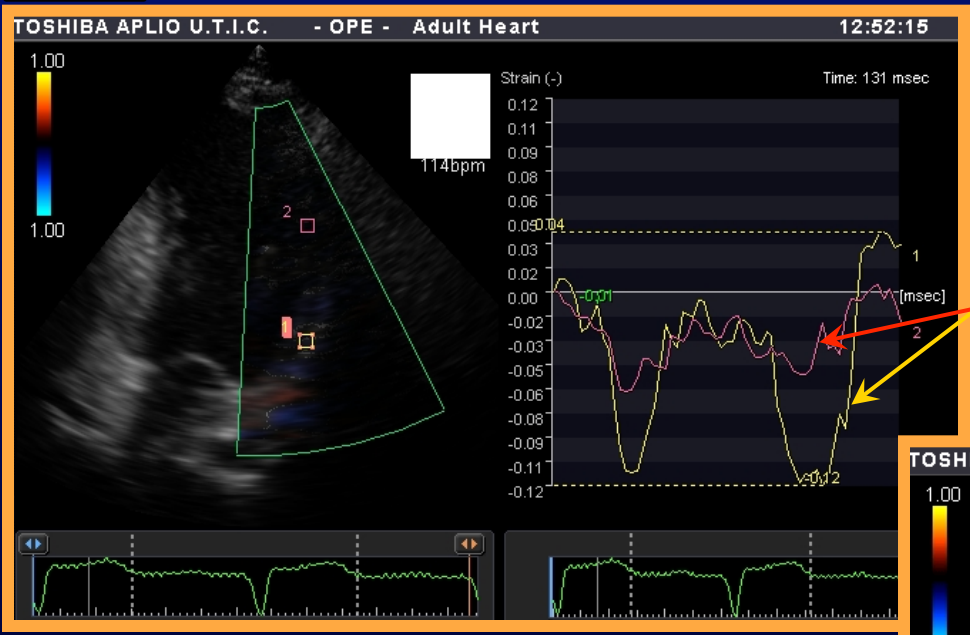




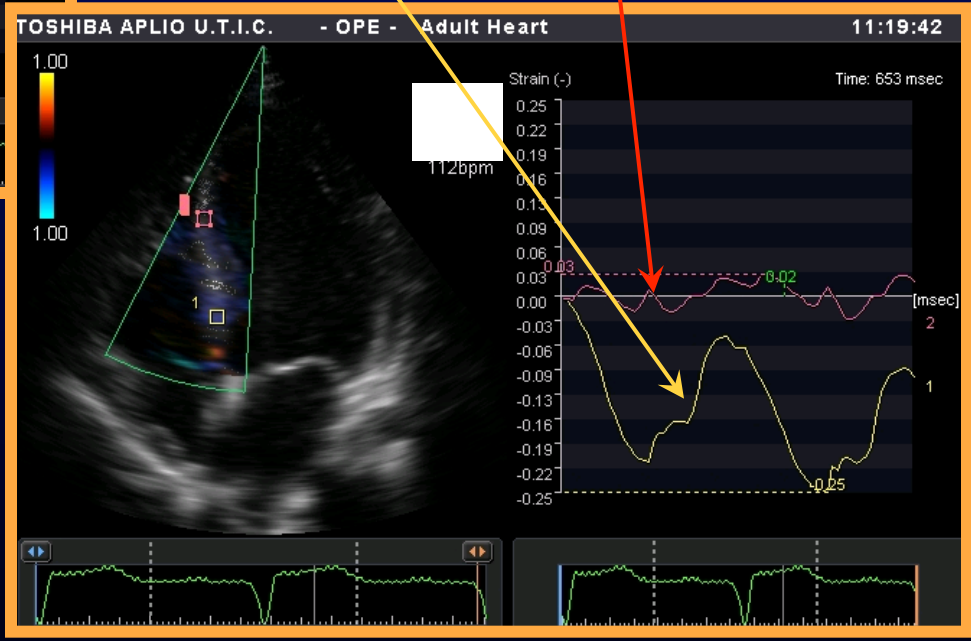
Our experience...

MRI delayed hyperenhancement vs TDI strain

2 chamber view in antero-apical STEMI: anterior wall strain curves.



basal middle segment



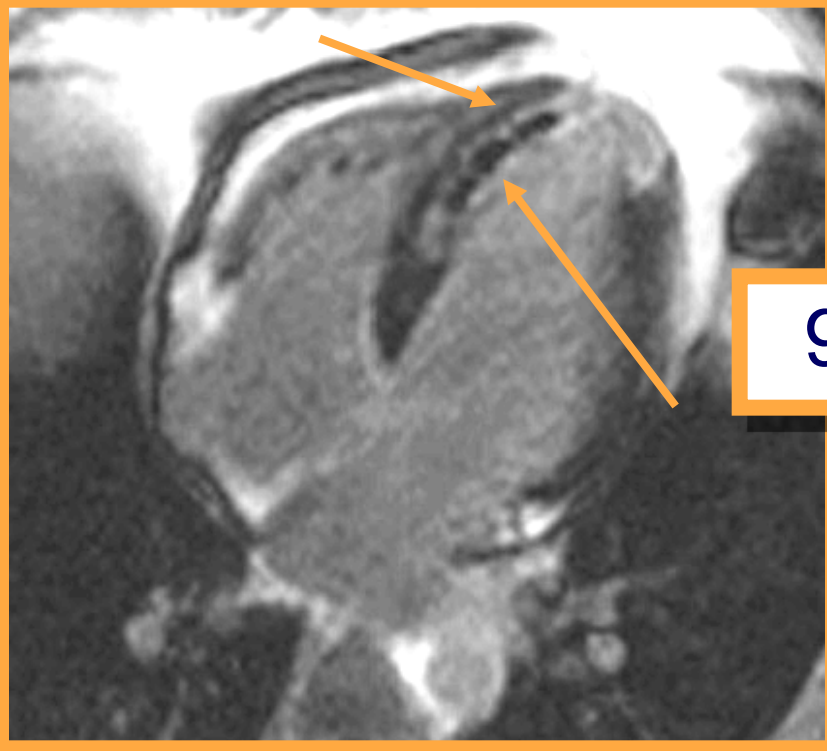
4 chamber view in antero-apical STEMI: septal strain curves.



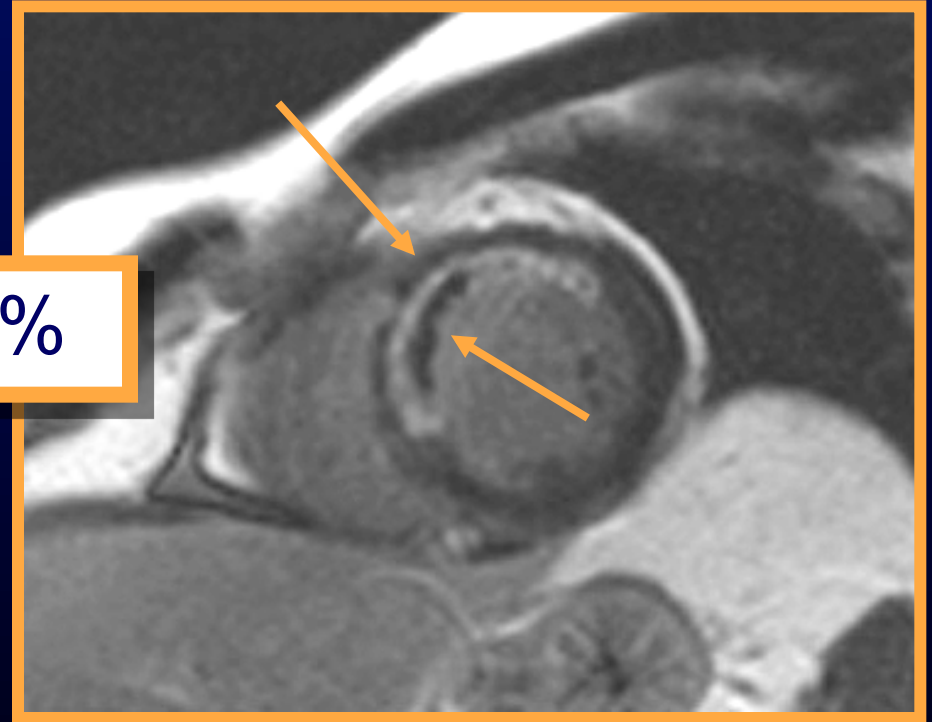


MRI QUANTIFICATION

Antero-apical STEMI: delayed hyperenhancement.

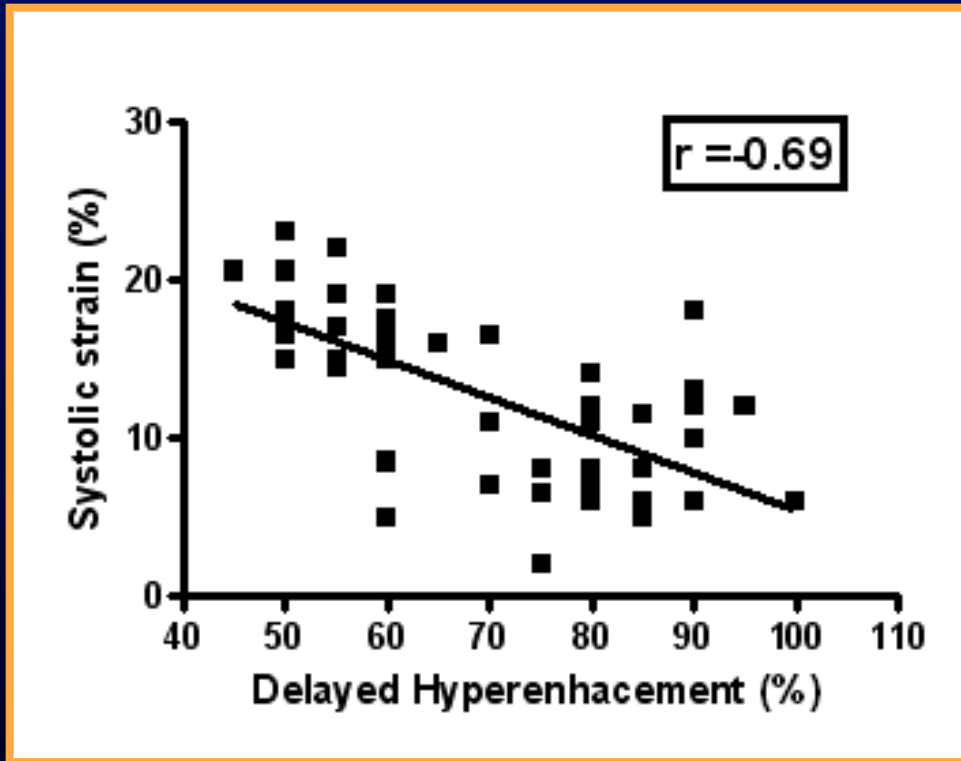


90%





RESULTS



**Significant systolic strain-
delayed hyperenhancement
correlation.
($r=0.69$; $p<0.0001$)**





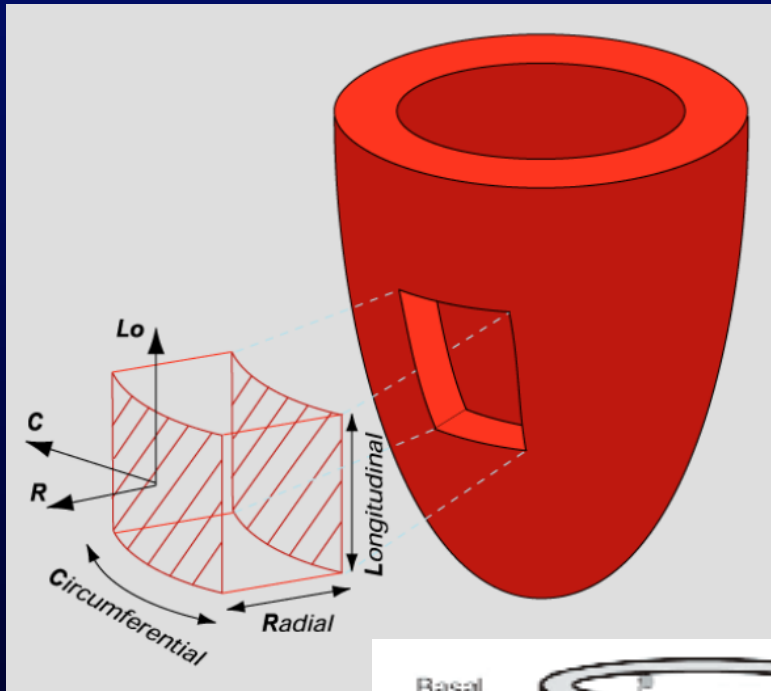
FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. A significant **INVERSE CORRELATION** between the **TRANSMURALITY** of MYOCARDIAL NECROSIS and **SYSTOLIC STRAIN** was found;
2. In the clinical setting of ST-elevation myocardial infarction **SYSTOLIC STRAIN** may represent a **PREDICTIVE INDEX** of the **TRANSMURAL EXTENSION** of MYOCARDIAL NECROSIS.



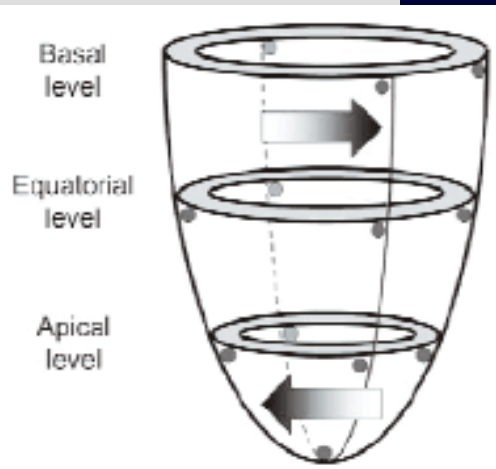


Multi-dimensional deformation new models of myocardial deformation



Longitudinal:
sub-endocardium fibers base/
apex shortening

Circumferential:
circular border fibers
shortening

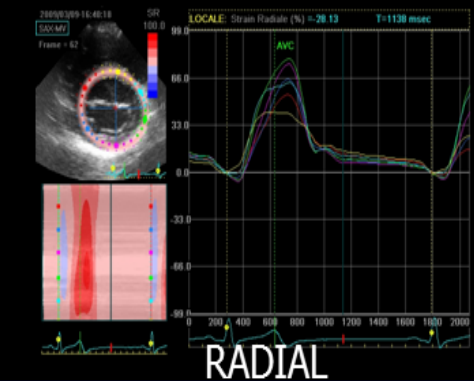
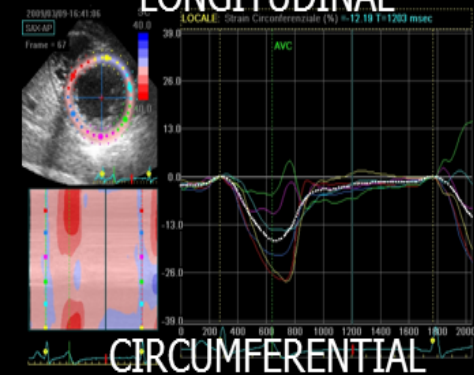
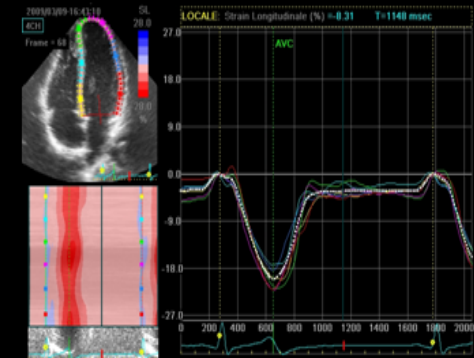
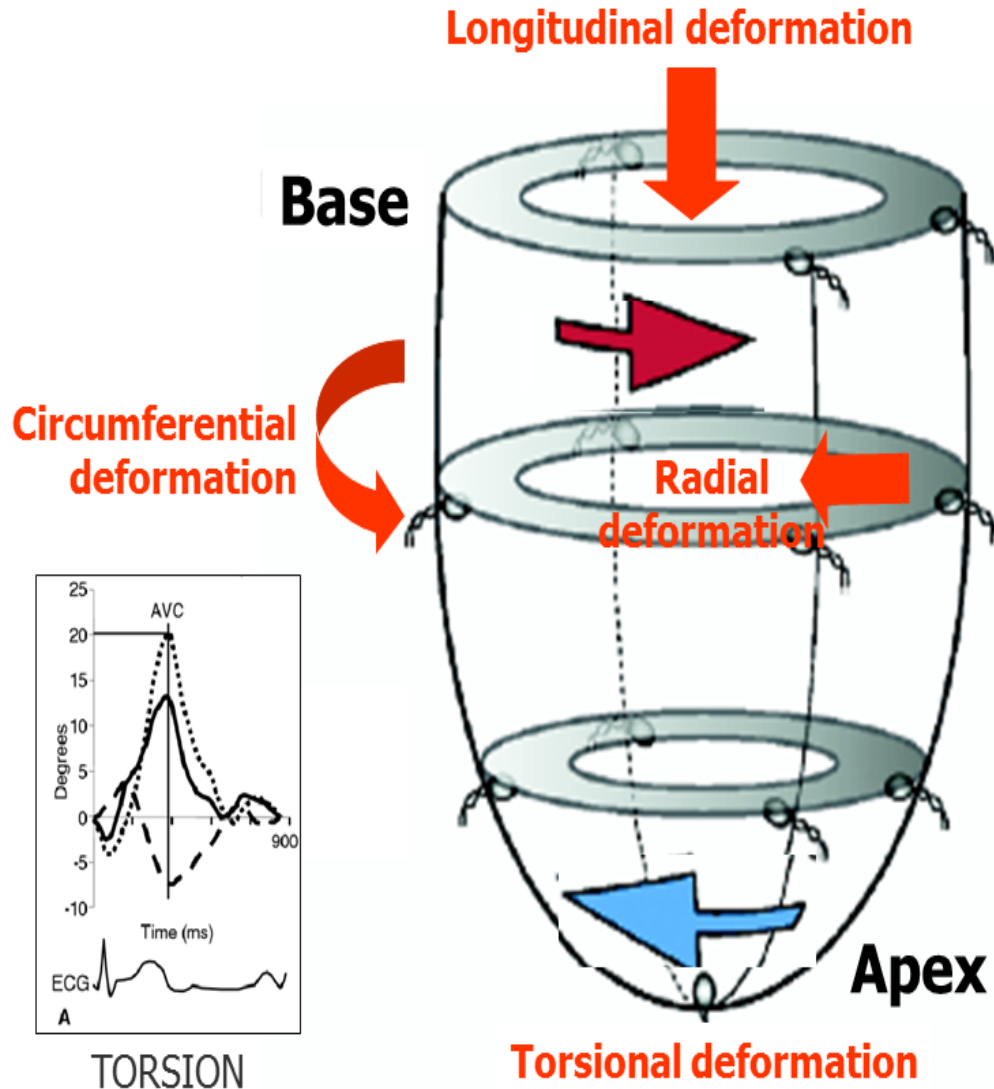


Radial: wall thickening





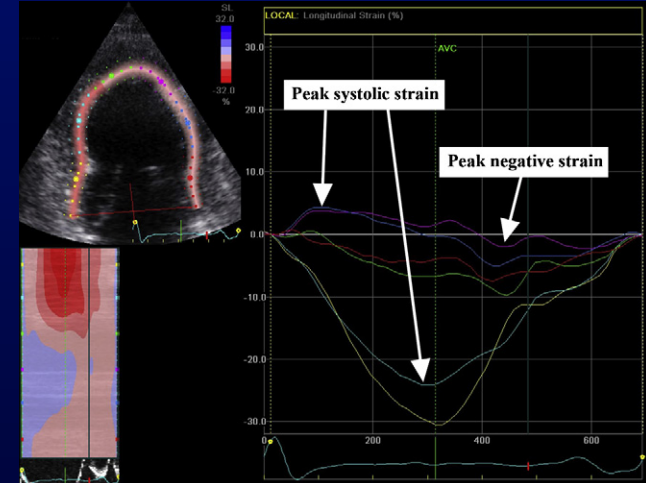
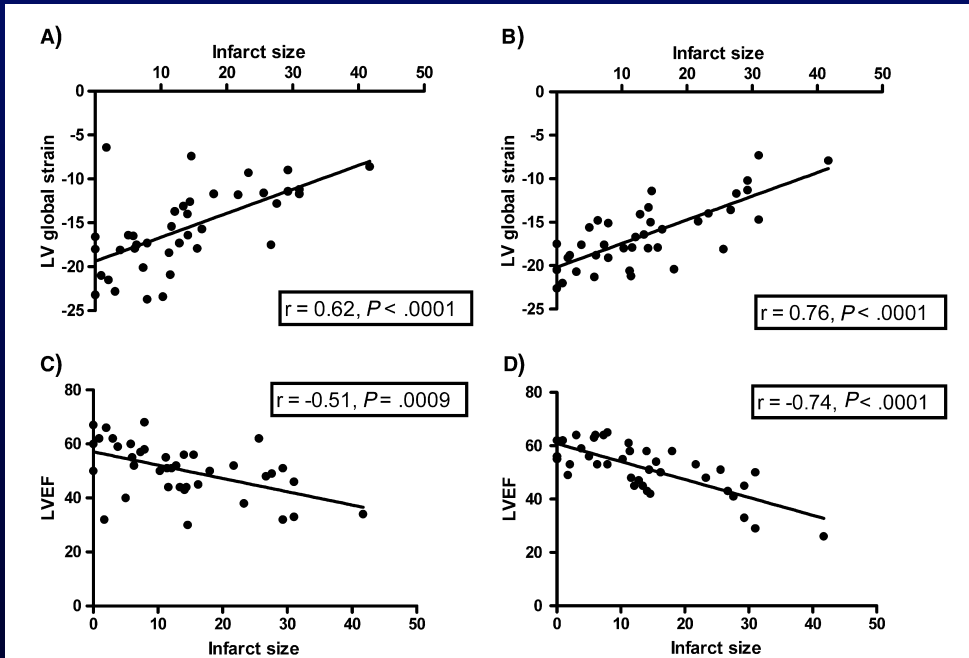
Speckle Tracking Echo: analysis of strain



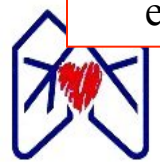


Comparison of Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction and Left Ventricular Global Strain as Determinants of Infarct Size in Patients with Acute Myocardial Infarction

Benthe Sjøli, MD, Stein Ørn, MD, Bjørnar Grenne, MD, Trond Vartdal, MD, Otto A. Smiseth, MD, PhD, Thor Edvardsen, MD, PhD, and Harald Brunvand, MD, PhD, *Oslo, Norway*



- LV global strain is a more precise diagnostic predictor of large infarcts compared with LVEF and is more reproducible.
- Global strain measured after revascularization demonstrates advantages over LVEF in the evaluation of LV injury in patients with ST-elevation myocardial infarction.

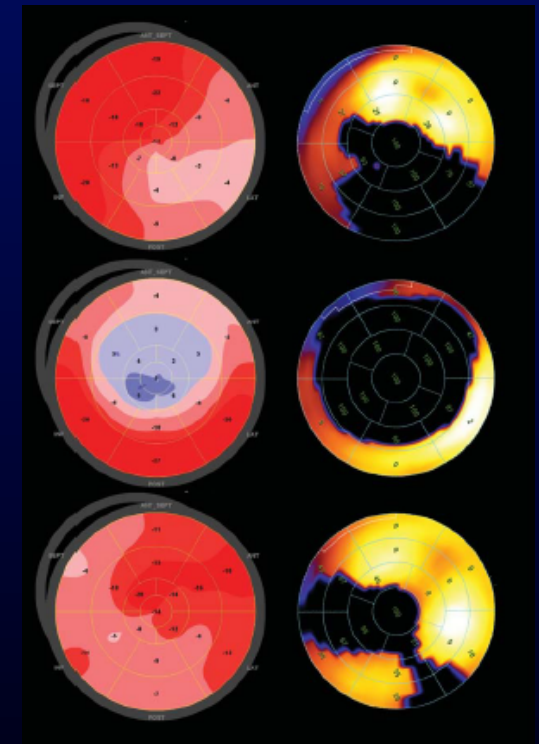
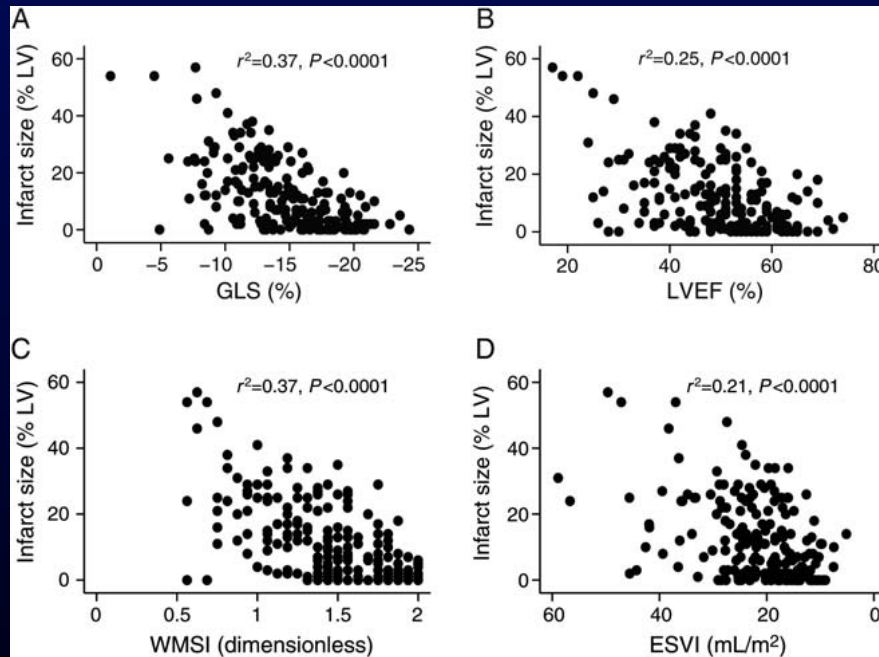




Global longitudinal strain by speckle tracking for infarct size estimation

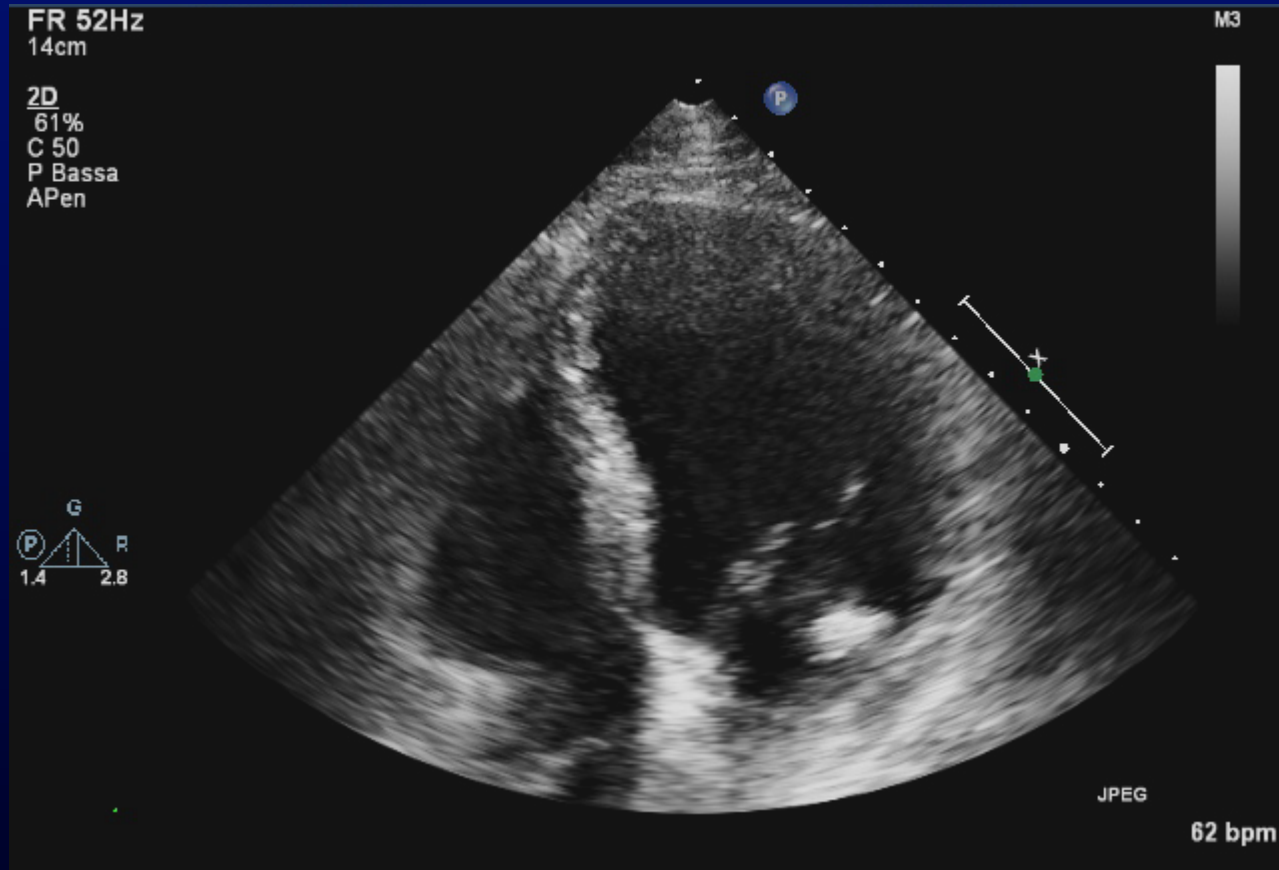
Kim Munk^{1,*}, Niels Holmark Andersen¹, Søren Steen Nielsen², Bo Martin Bibby³,
Hans Erik Bøtker¹, Torsten Toftegaard Nielsen¹ and Steen Hvitfeldt Poulsen¹

Linear regression
showed good correlation
between GPLS and
Infarct Size (assessed
by SPECT)



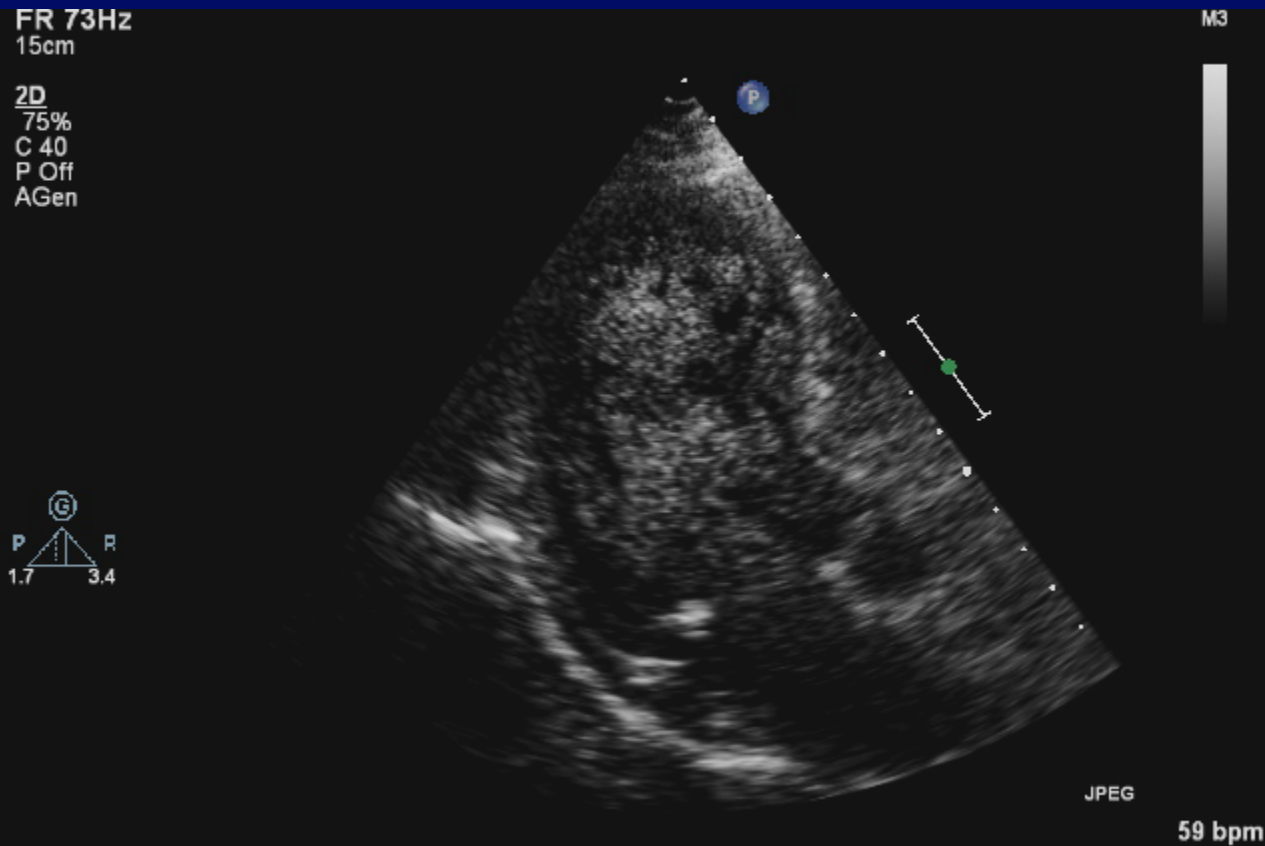


Our experience: a pt with acute apical MI





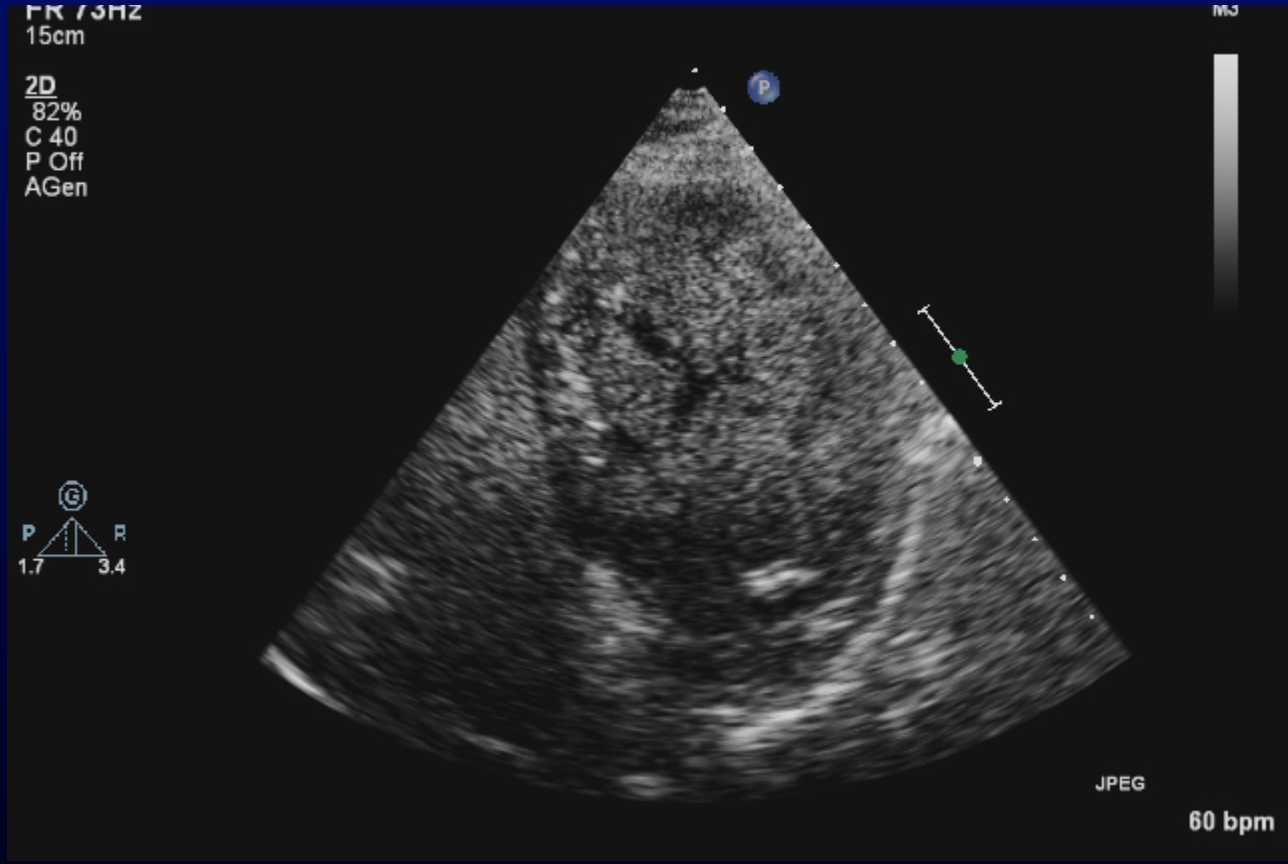
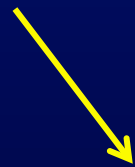
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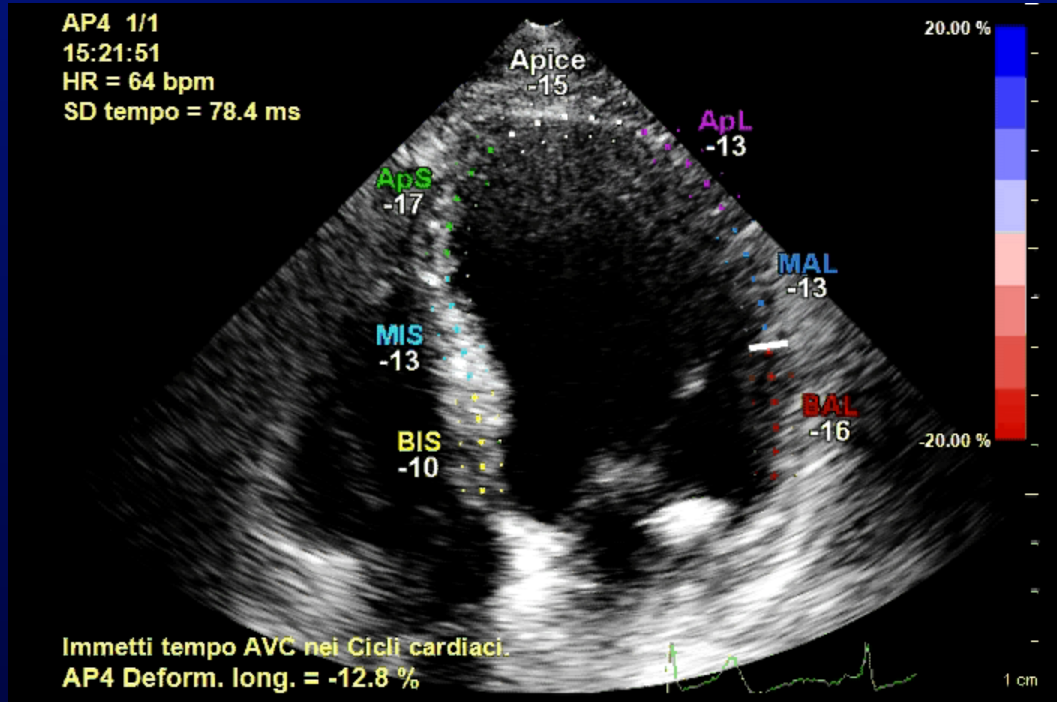
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Wide apical WMA

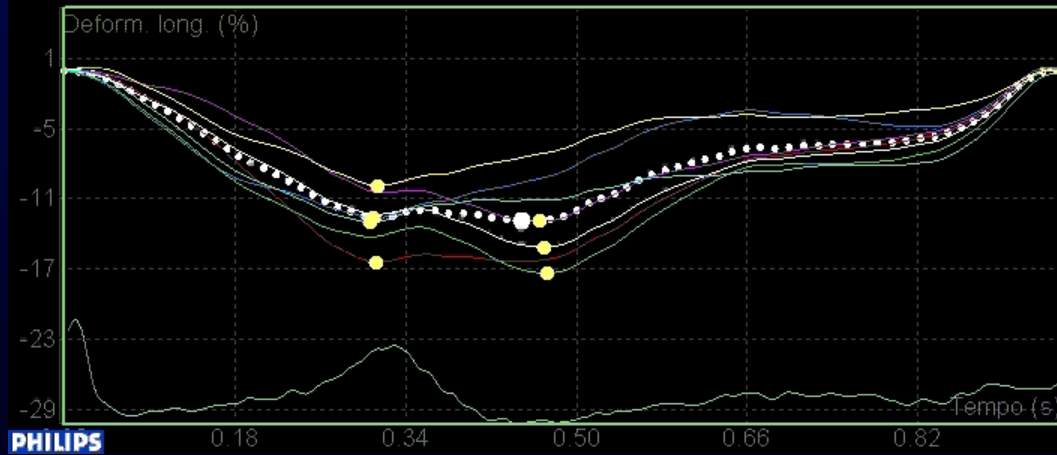




AP4 1/1
15:21:51
HR = 64 bpm
SD tempo = 78.4 ms



Immetti tempo AVC nei Cicli cardiaci.
AP4 Deform. long. = -12.8 %



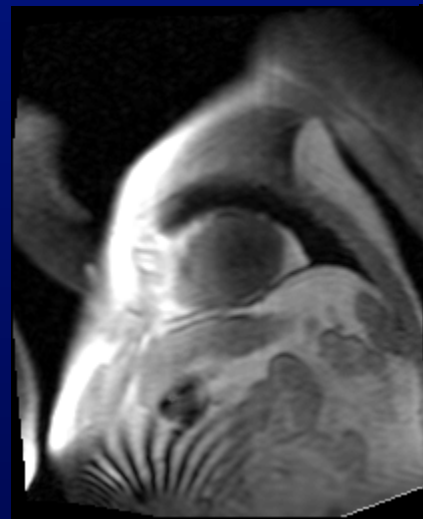
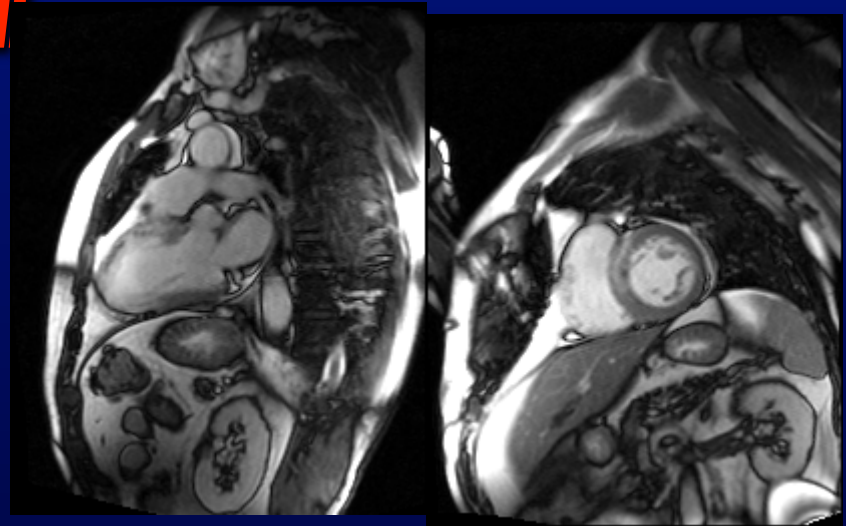
Misurazioni	
EDV	131.2 ml
ESV	68.8 ml
EF	47.5 %
Cicli cardiaci	
AV R-R	934 ms
MV R-R	934 ms

PHILIPS

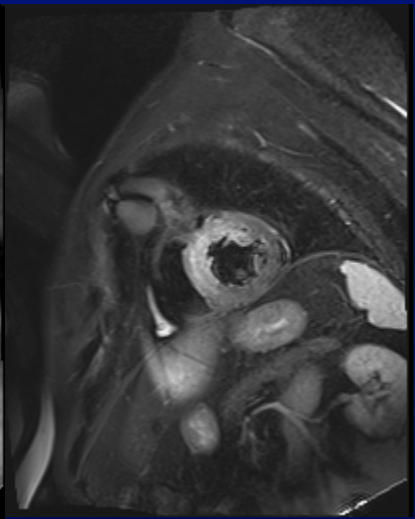




Acute phase

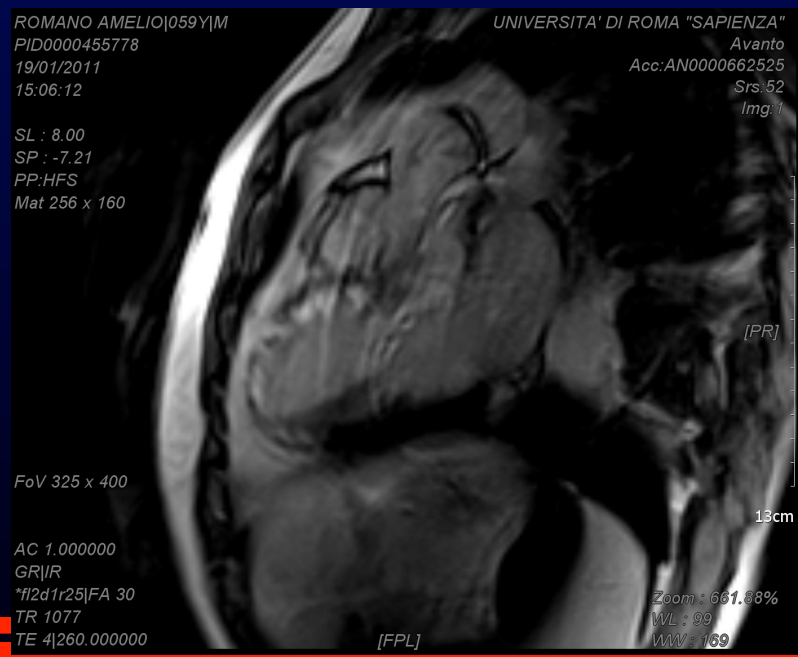


First pass



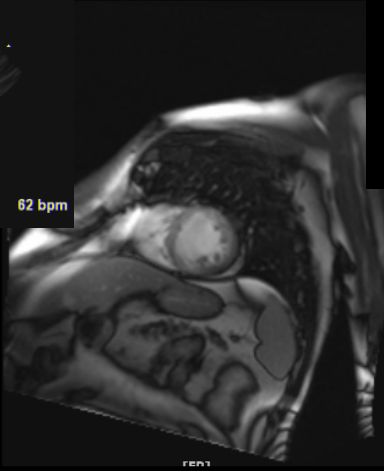
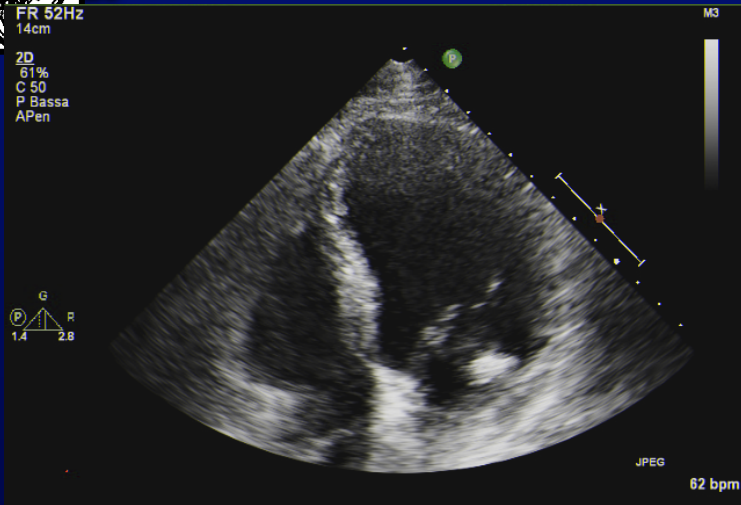
edema

LGE





...6 months later



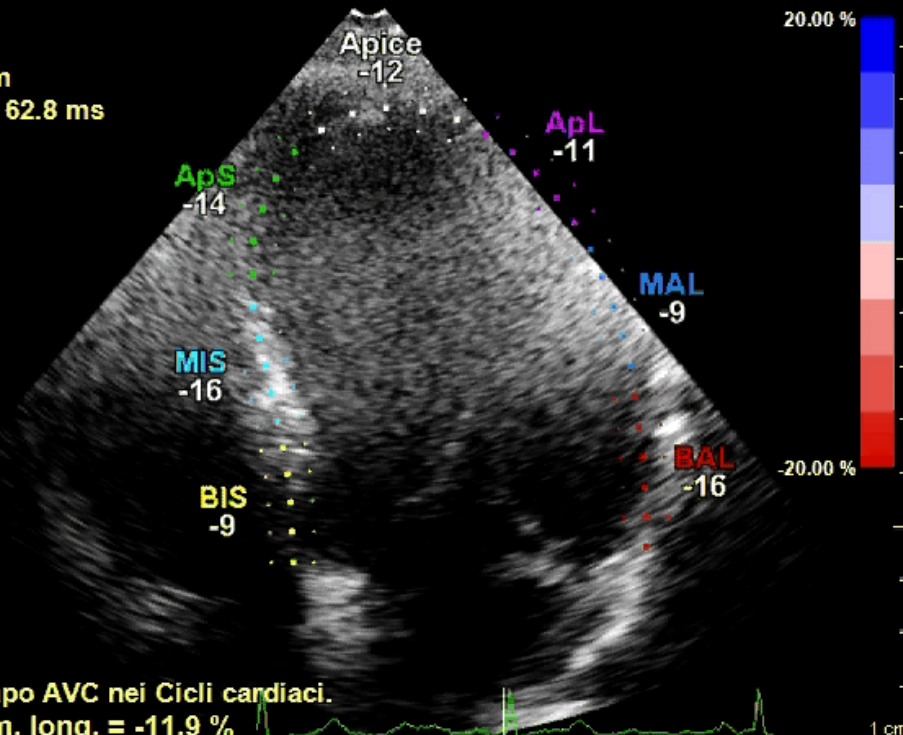
Delayed hypertenancement

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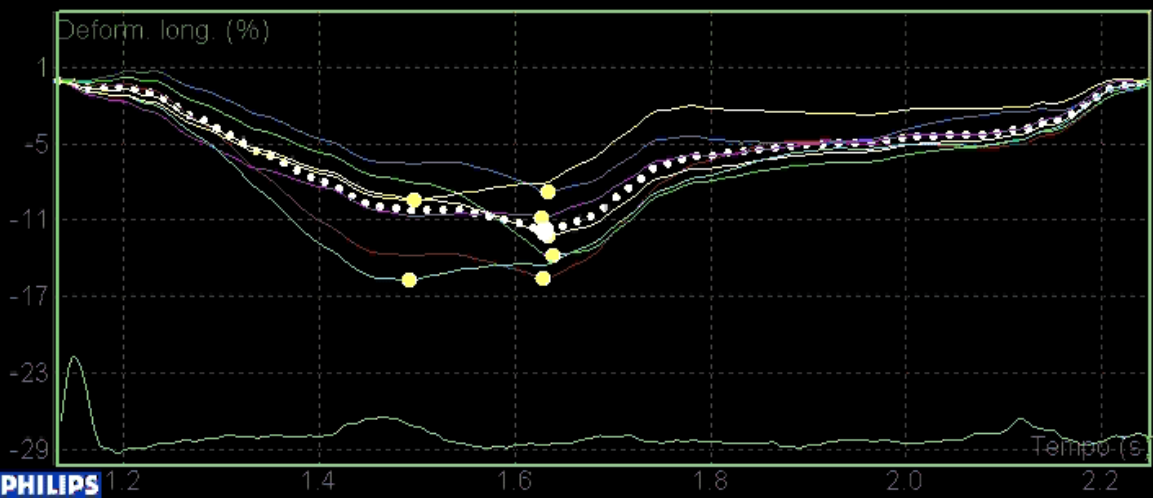


AP4 1/1
14:53:20
HR = 54 bpm
SD tempo = 62.8 ms



<input type="checkbox"/> Misurazioni	
EDV	176.5 ml
ESV	99.0 ml
EF	43.9 %
<input type="checkbox"/> Cicli cardiaci	
AV R-R	1118 ms
MV R-R	1118 ms

Immetti tempo AVC nei Cicli cardiaci.
AP4 Deform. long. = -11.9 %





Variabili che condizionano entità e progressività del rimodellamento ventricolare

- *Sede dell' infarto*
- *Dimensioni dell' infarto*
- *Modalità e tempi di cicatrizzazione dell' infarto*
- *Sollecitazioni meccaniche parietali*
(stress telediastolico e telesistolico)



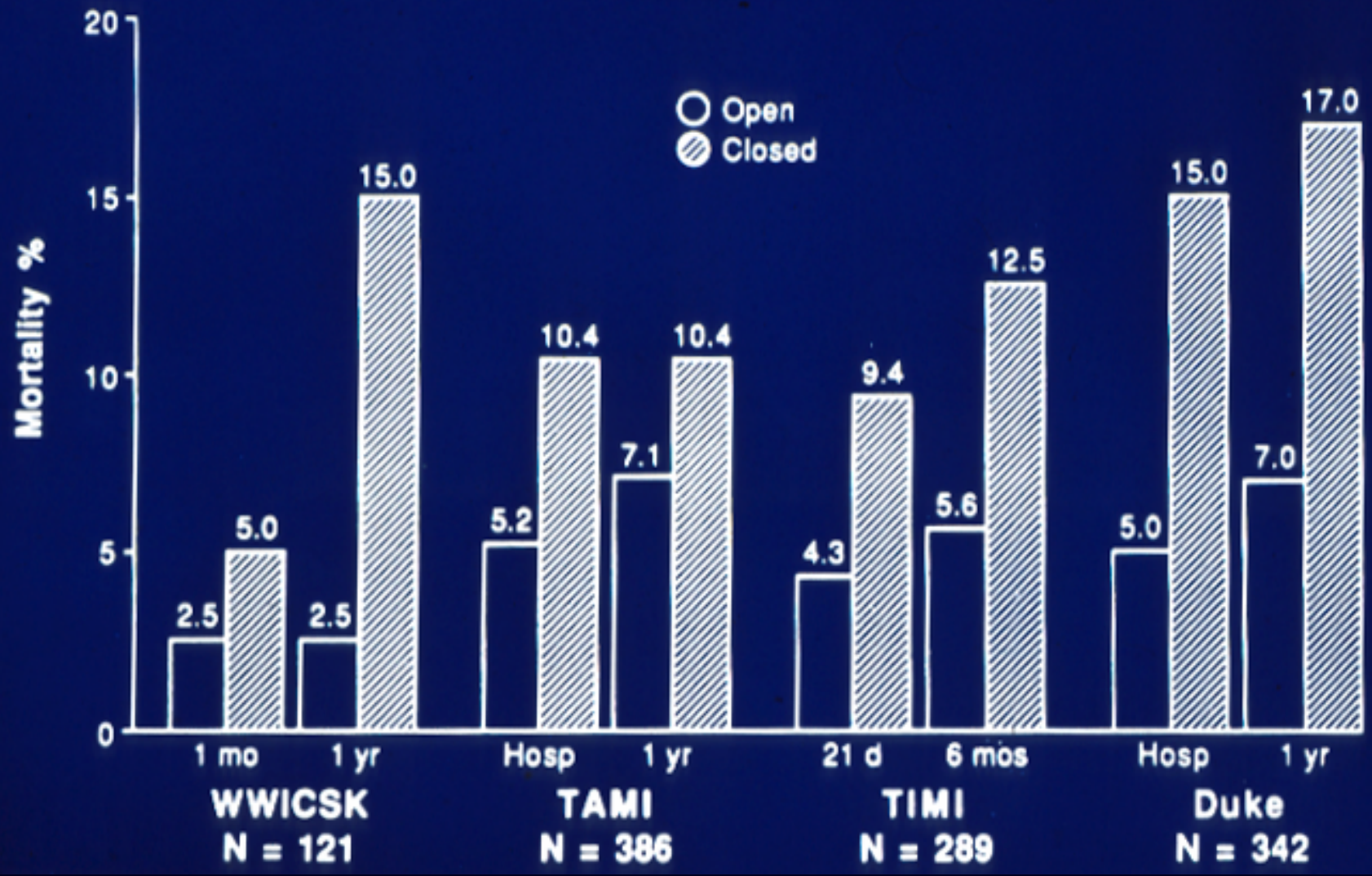


Effect of Infarct Artery Patency on Prognosis After Acute Myocardial Infarction

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Bernard J. Gersh, MD, ChB, Dphil; Chuan Chuan Wun, PhD; Lemuel Moyè, MD, PhD; Jean L.
Rouleau, MD; John D. Rutherford, MD; Marc A. Pfeffer, MD, PhD; Eugene Braunwald, MD;
for the Survival and Ventricular Enlargement Investigators

(Circulation, 1995;92:1101-1109)



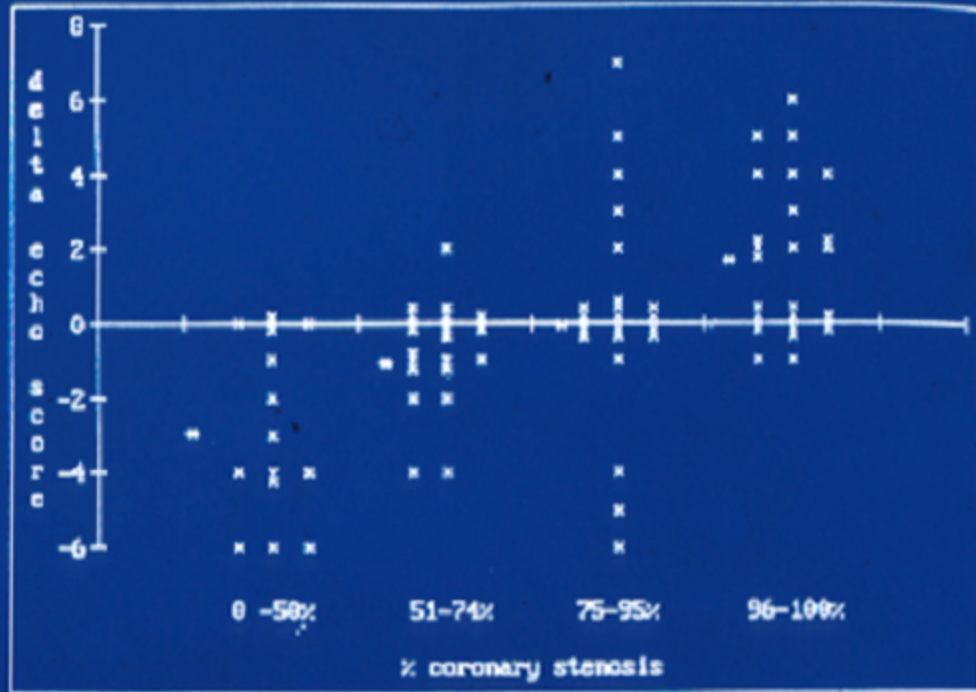




Influence of Reperfusion Induced by Thrombolytic Treatment on Natural History of Left Ventricular Regional Wall Motion Abnormality in Acute Myocardial Infarction

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(Am J Cardiol 1993;71:1015-1020)





Clinical Implications of the “No Reflow” Phenomenon

A Predictor of Complications and Left Ventricular
Remodelling in Reperfused Anterior
Wall Myocardial Infarction

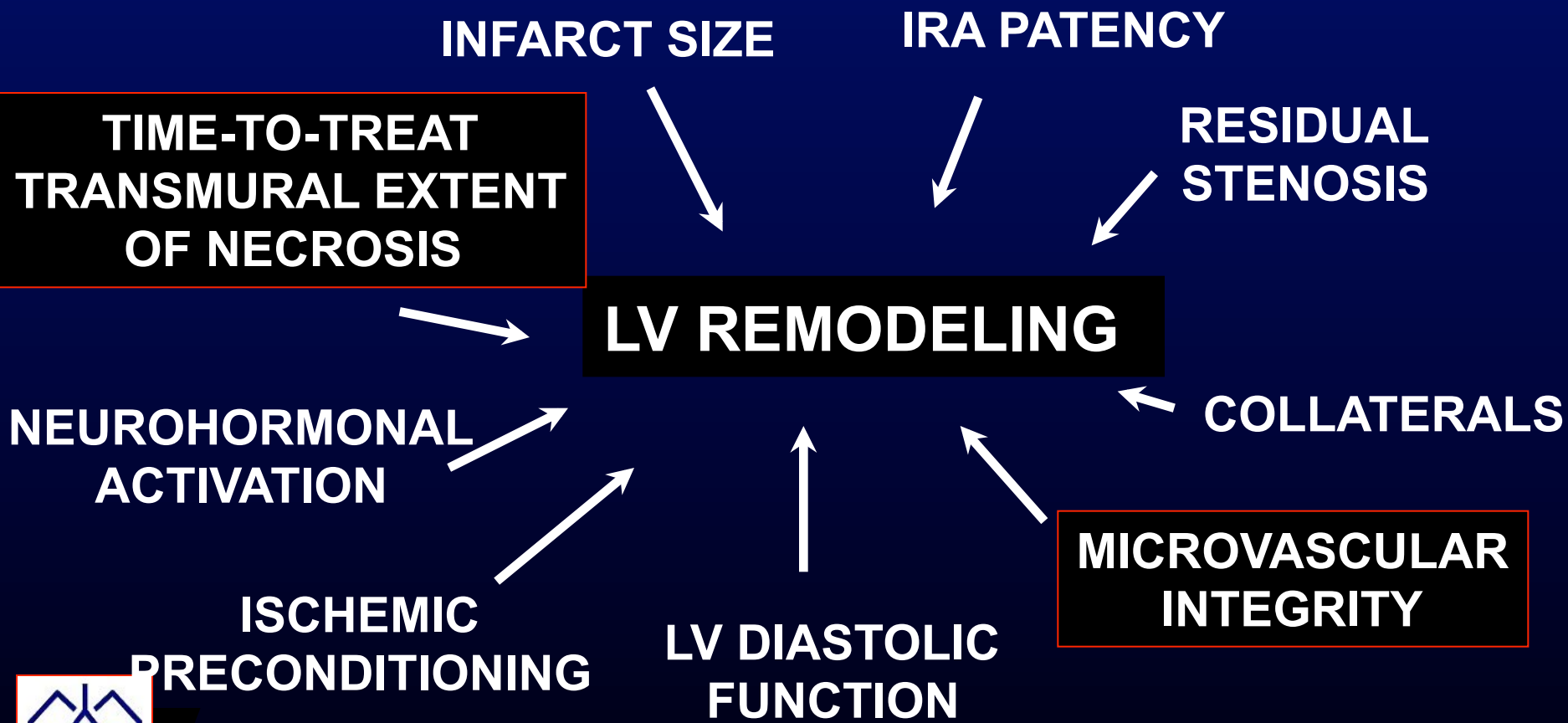
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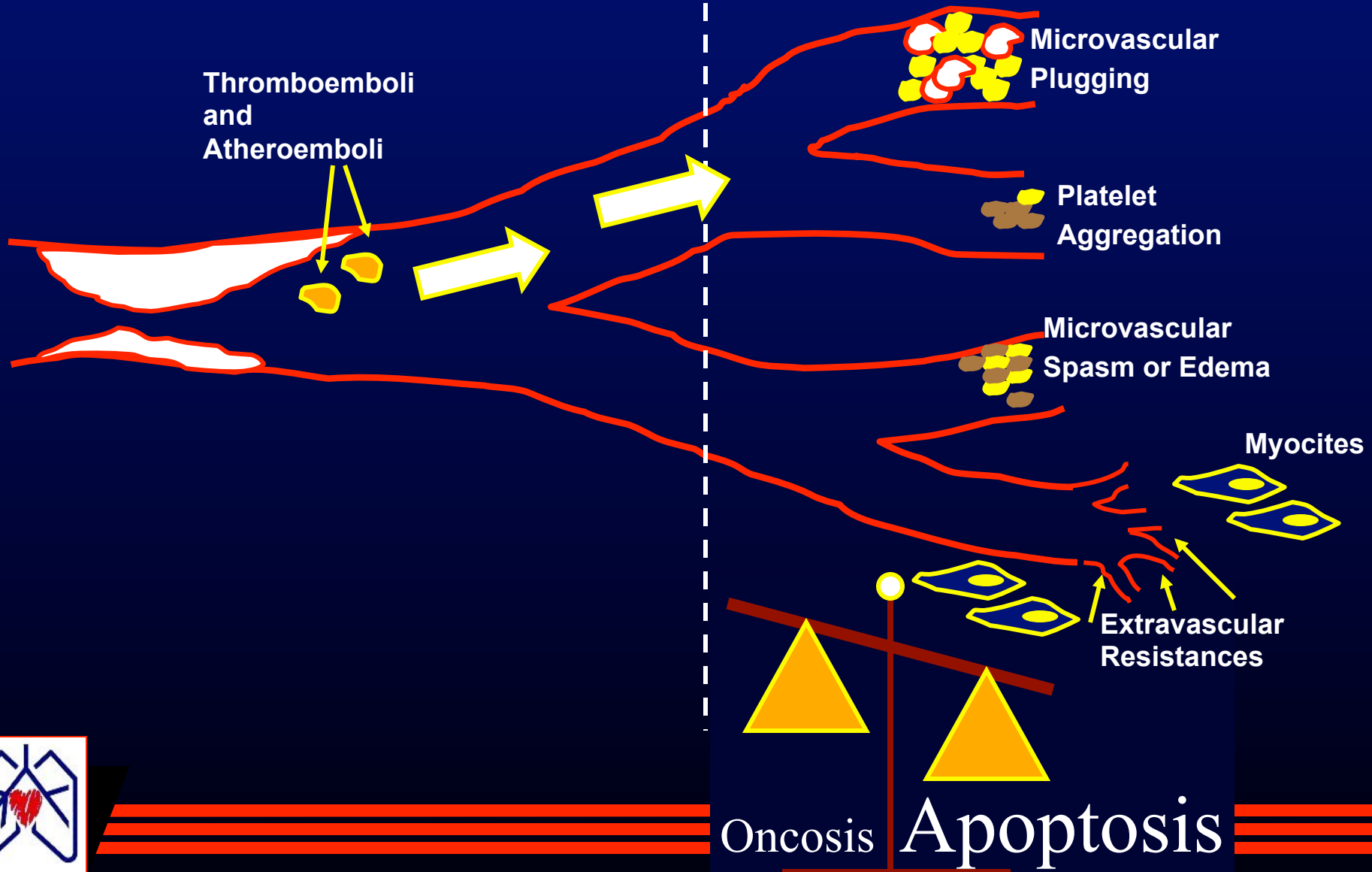
INTERACTIVE FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE LV REMODELING





Epicardial Vessel

Microvasculature



Oncosis Apoptosis



Cardioprotection in AMI

Proven Benefit in AMI

Early reperfusion—attain and maintain coronary patency
Stents > PCI > thrombolysis
Agents to help maintain patency:
Aspirin
Low-molecular-weight heparin
Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa inhibitor with PCI
Intravenous beta-blocker (given early)

Possible Benefit as Early Adjunctive Therapy

Glucose-insulin-potasium or glucose-insulin
Adenosine (anterior wall myocardial infarctions)
Cariporide
Thrombectomy devices
Hypothermia (in anterior wall AMI with temperature 35°C)
Hyperoxemic solutions

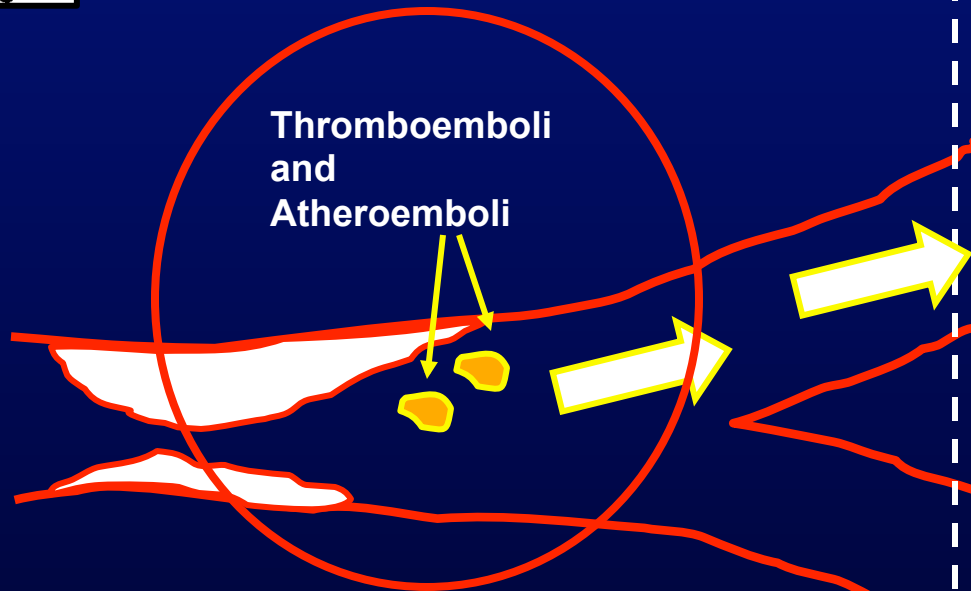
No Consistent Benefits as Early Adjunctive Therapy in Clinical Trials

Inhibitors of neutrophil adhesion
Calcium channel blockers
hSOD (superoxide dismutase)
Reothrex
Trimetazidine (antioxidant)
Molsidomine (nitric oxide donor)
Fluosol
Hyaluronidase (pre-thrombolytic study)
Corticosteroids
Beta blockers (given late and without reperfusion)
Complement inhibition (no effect on infarct size)

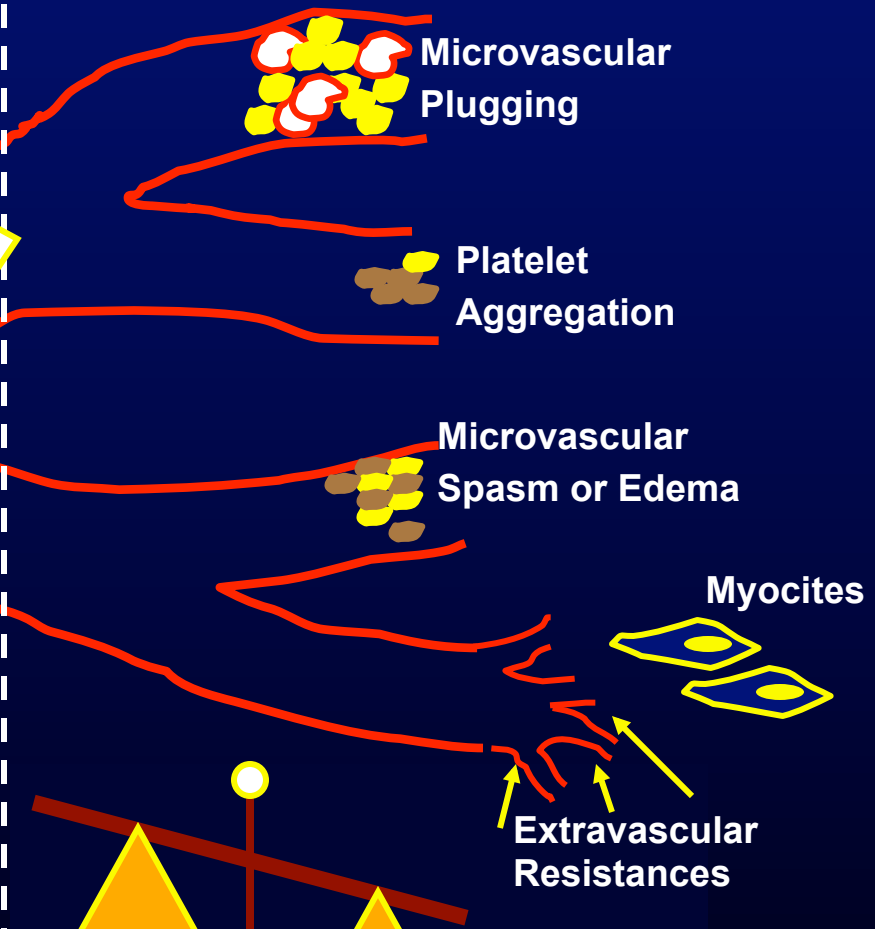




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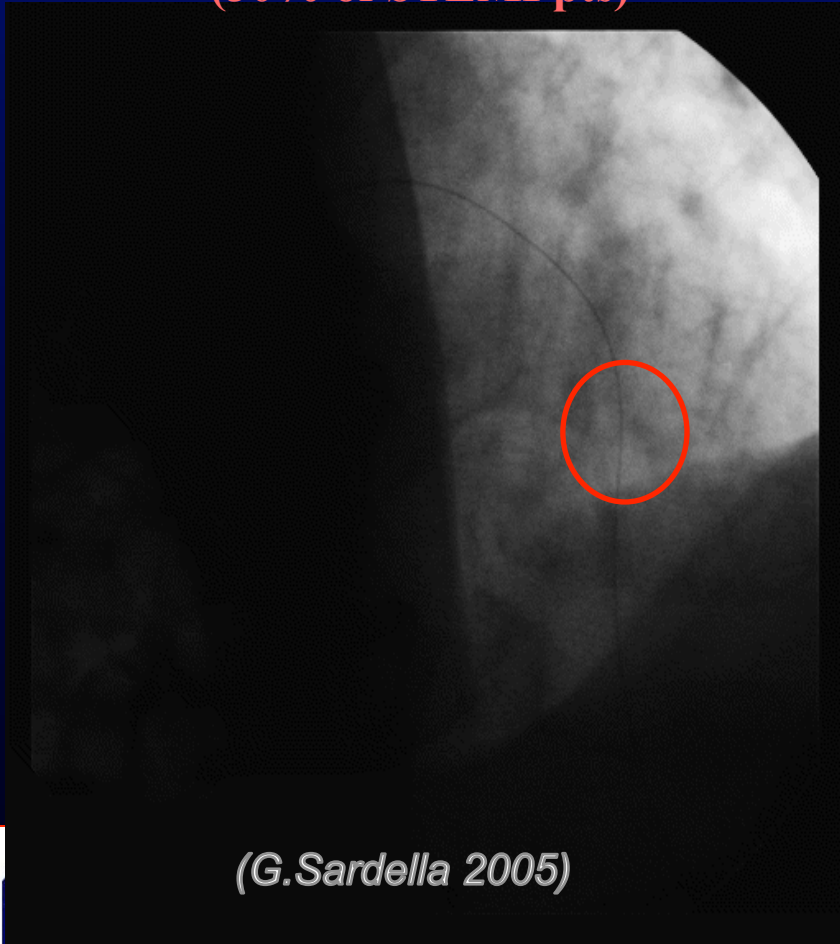
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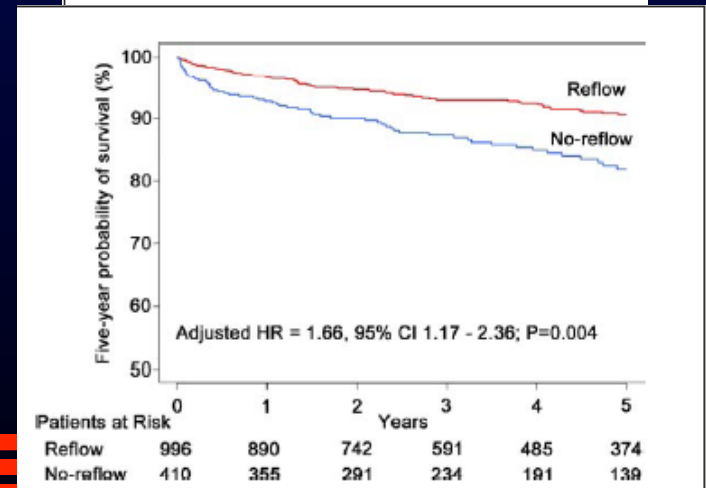
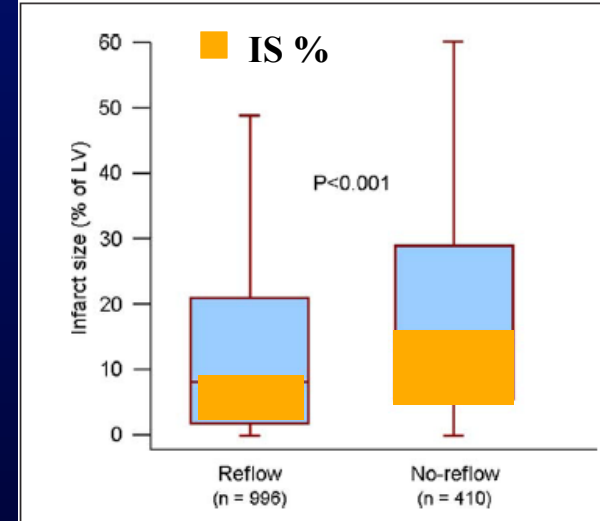
Distal Embolization as “NO-FLOW” determinant

- In STEMI the “no-flow” phenomenon is caused by the **distal embolization** after the IRA reopening (30% of STEMI pts)



(G.Sardella 2005)

- Impact of “NR” on IS and Mortality





CLINICAL RESEARCH

Interventional Cardiology

Thrombus Aspiration During Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Improves Myocardial Reperfusion and Reduces Infarct Size

The EXPIRA (Thrombectomy With Export Catheter in Infarct-Related Artery During Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention) Prospective, Randomized Trial

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Microvascular Flow Assessment in ACS: Methods

ST Segment Changes

TIMI grade

Blush grade

SPECT

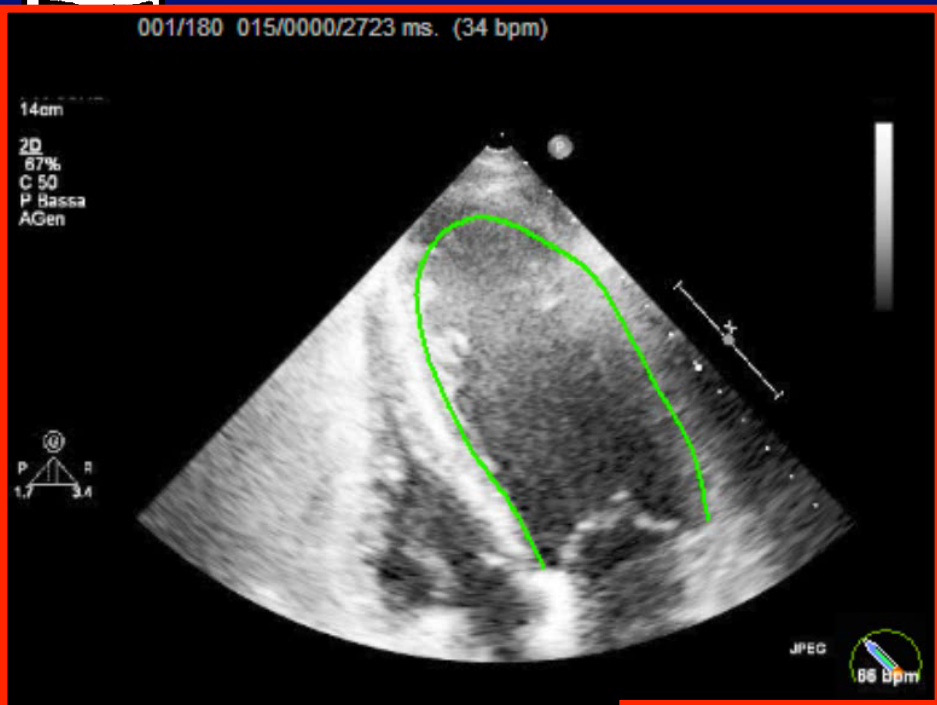
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MRI

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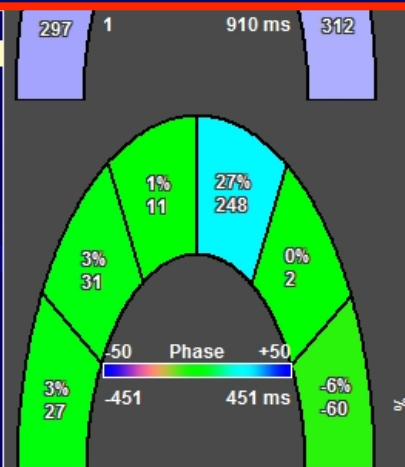


EXPIRA trial Echo sub-study

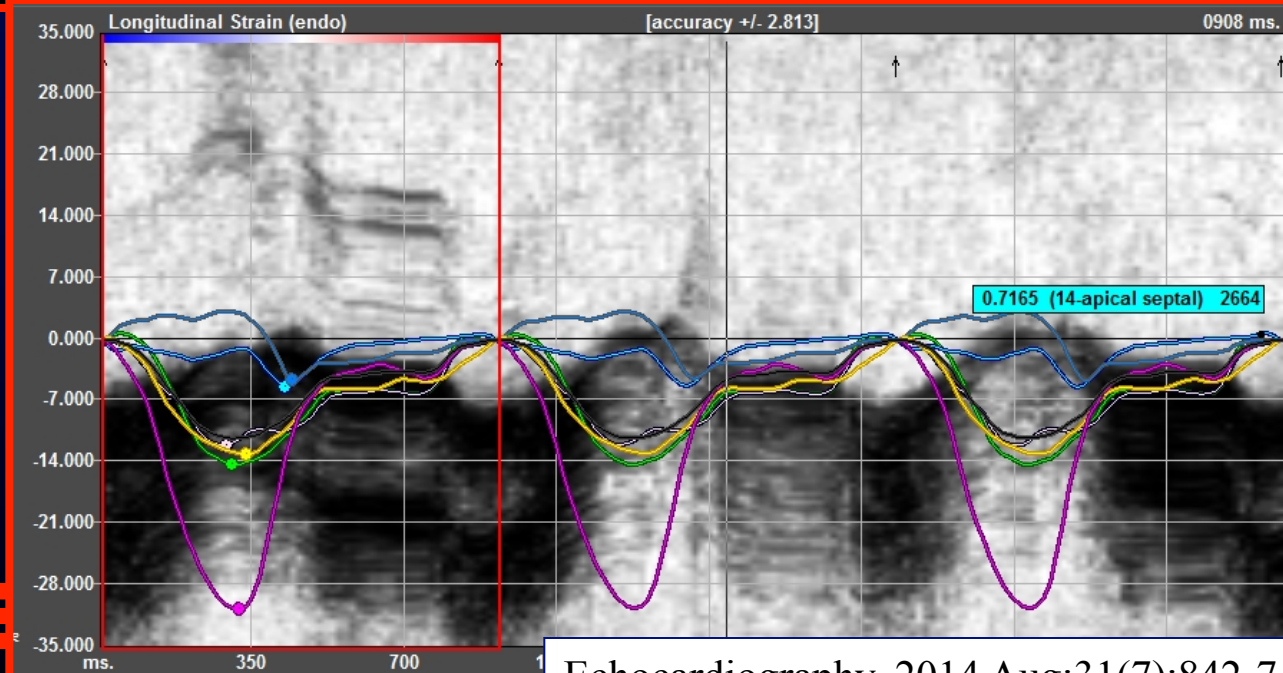


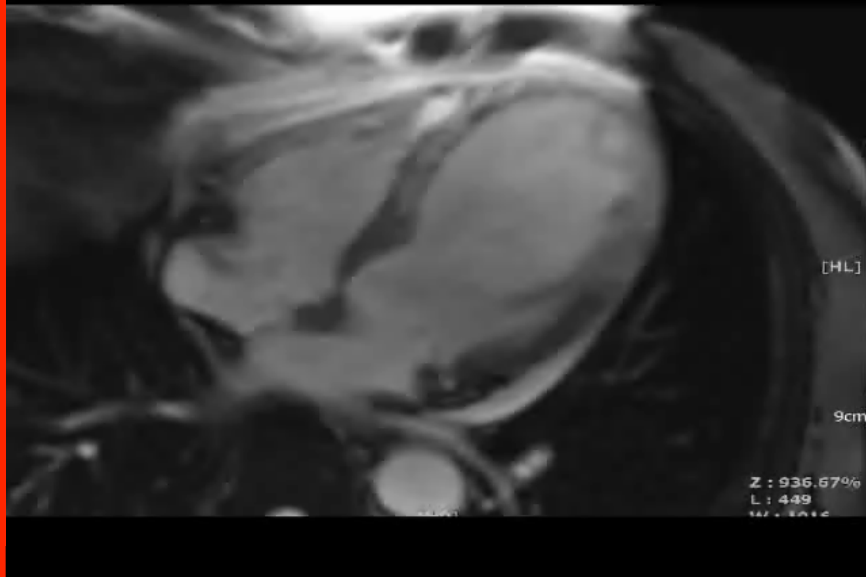
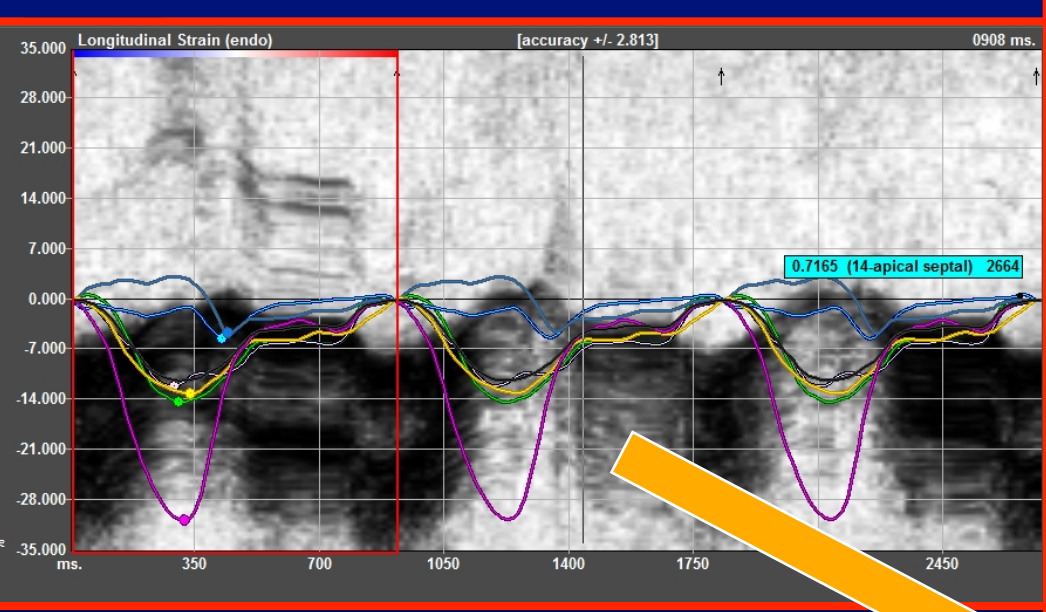
Longitudinal Strain (endo)		
Seg.	Pk %	TPk ms
03-basal septal	-14.4181	297
09-mid septal	-12.1745	282
14-apical septal	-5.3933	418
16-apical lateral	-4.5801	433
12-mid lateral	-13.1805	327
06-basal lateral	-31.1076	312
Average	-13.4757	345

Maximum Opposing Wall Delay: 151

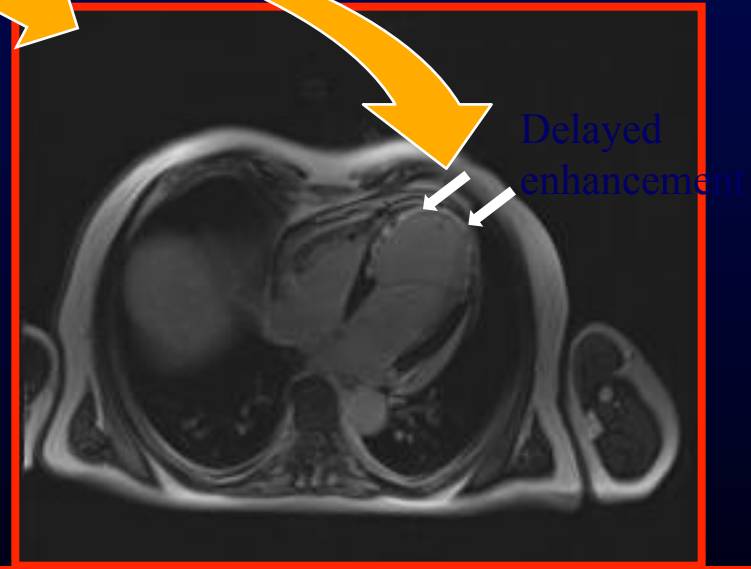
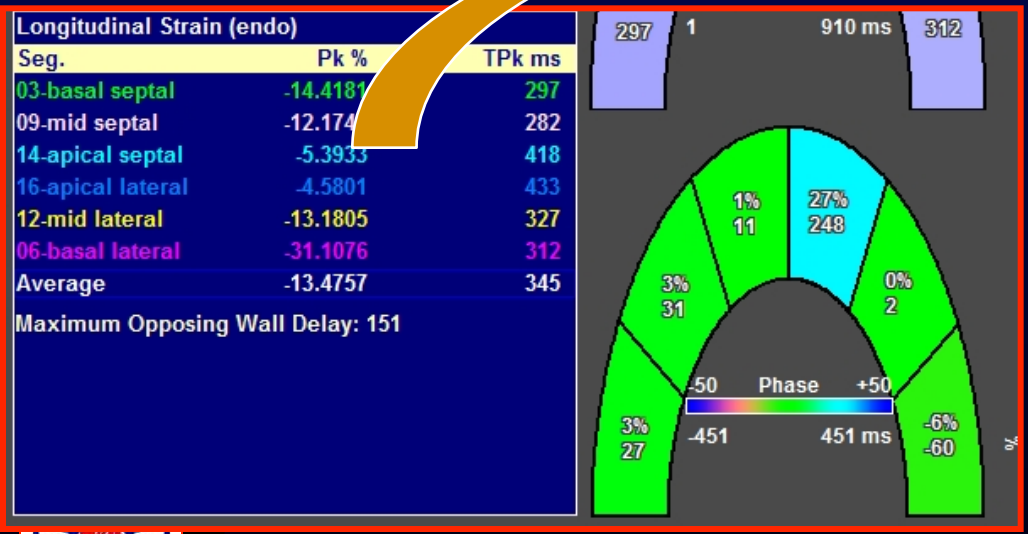


Apical strain impairment



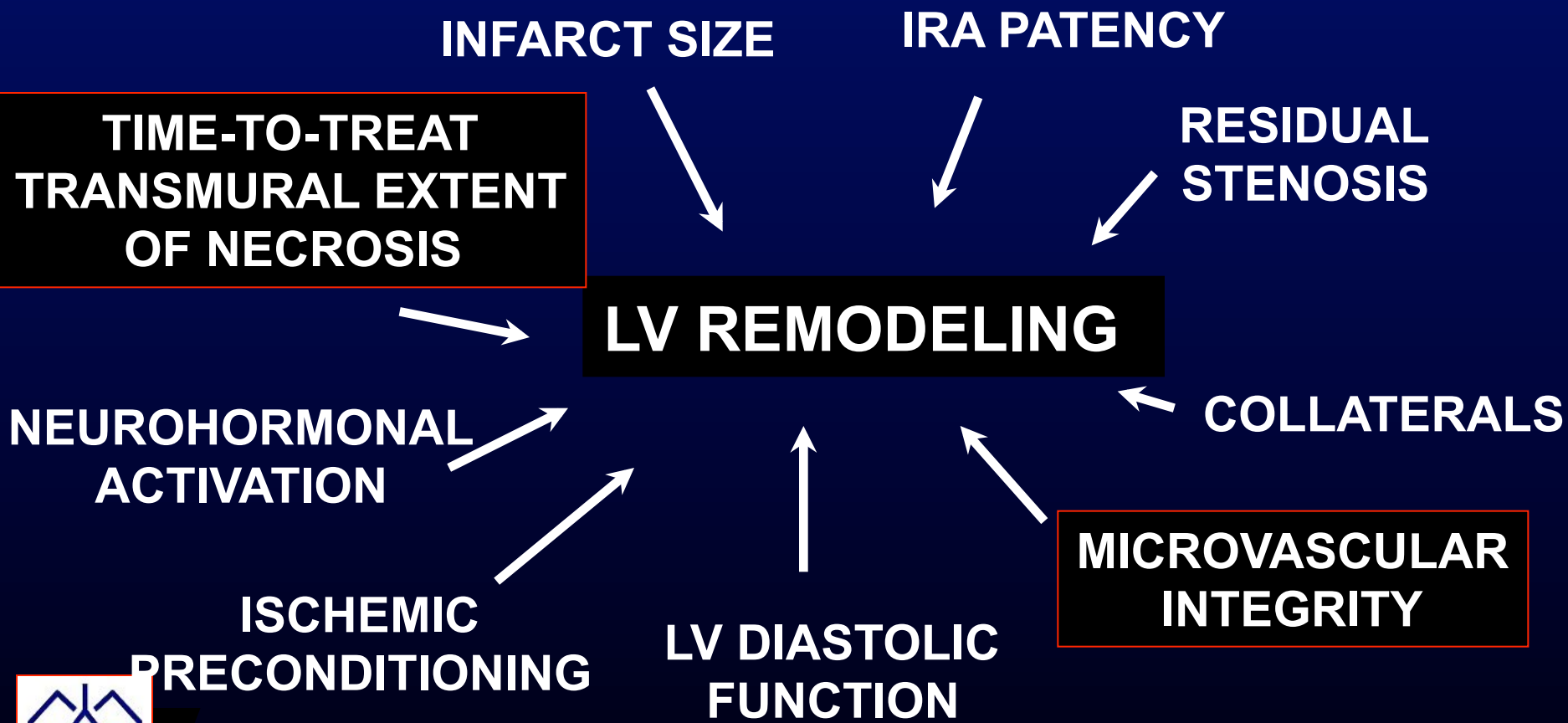


2D strain correlation with MRI





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The Extent of Microvascular Damage During Myocardial Contrast Echocardiography Is Superior to Other Known Indexes of Post-Infarct Reperfusion in Predicting Left Ventricular Remodeling

Results of the Multicenter AMICI Study

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**Table 2****Univariate and Multivariate Analysis of the Day 1 Predictors of Left Ventricular Remodeling at Follow-Up**

Variable	Odds Ratio* (95% CI)	p Value	Odds Ratio† (95% CI)	p Value
Age >65 yrs	2.44 (0.97-6.19)	0.059		
Male gender	1.18 (0.35-3.96)	0.784		
Hypertension	0.58 (0.23-1.41)	0.231		
Diabetes	2.06 (0.66-6.32)	0.208		
Dyslipidemia	2.8 (1.14-6.85)	0.024		
Smoker	0.58 (0.23-1.35)	0.195		
Positive family history of CAD	0.55 (0.19-1.62)	0.277		
Time to treat	0.94 (0.84-1.04)	0.245		
ST-segment reduction cutoff <70%	1.15 (0.40-3.25)	0.79		
CK peak	0.99 (0.37-2.71)	0.996		
Initial TIMI score = 0	1.06 (0.74-1.52)	0.743		
Initial MBG = 0	0.55 (0.25-1.21)	0.138		
Final TIMI score <3	5.84 (2.04-16)	0.001	5.6 (1.40-22)	0.015
Final MBG <3	1.14 (0.36-3.67)	0.819		
Multivessel disease	1.75 (1.02-2.99)	0.042		
WMA cutoff >44%	5.78 (2.09-15.8)	0.001		
WMSI cutoff >1.9	5.82 (2.19-15.4)	<0.0001		
CD cutoff >25%	6.48 (2.48-16)	<0.0001	7 (1.86-27)	0.04
CSI cutoff >1.8	8.85 (3.26-24)	<0.0001		
EF cutoff <44.5%	4.29 (1.71-10)	0.002		
ESV cutoff <54.4 ml	1.08 (0.45-2.58)	0.864		
EDV cutoff <101 ml	1.95 (0.81-4.70)	0.136		
Hosmer-Lemeshow test			Chi-square =	



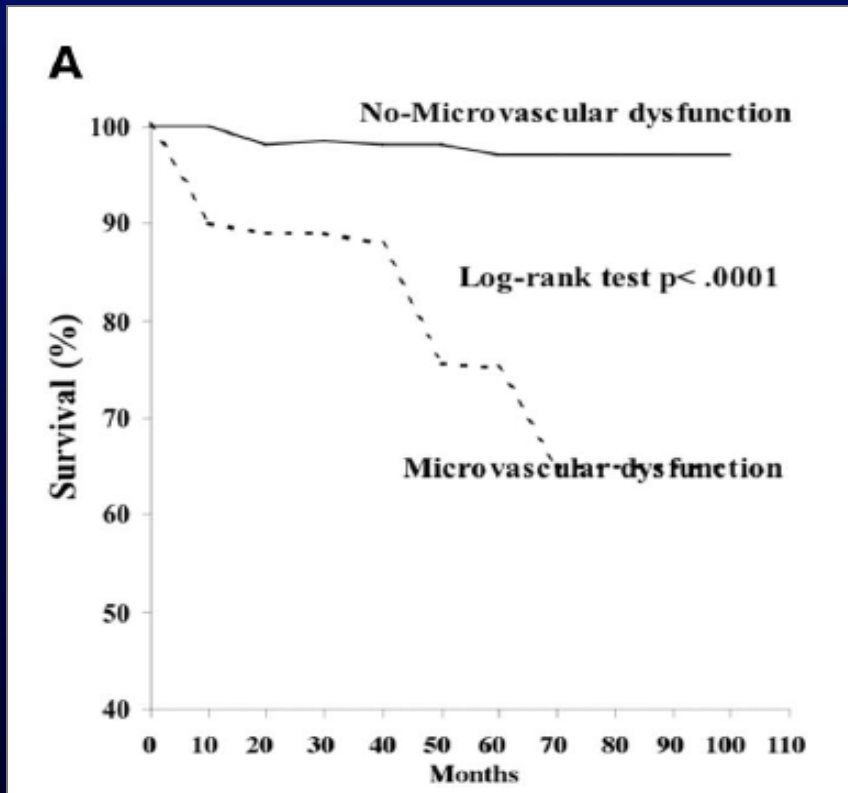
**Table 3****Univariate and Multivariate Analysis of the Day 1 Predictors of Left Ventricular Remodeling at Follow-Up in Patients With Grade 3 TIMI Flow**

Variable	Odds Ratio* (95% CI)	p Value	Odds Ratio† (95% CI)	p Value
Age >65 yrs	1.23 (0.55–4.12)	0.121		
Male gender	1.18 (0.35–3.96)	0.784		
Hypertension	0.25 (0.74–0.821)	0.024		
Diabetes	2.62 (0.67–10.16)	0.163		
Dyslipidemia	4.32 (1.28–14.50)	0.018		
Smoker	0.59 (0.184–1.93)	0.388		
Positive family history of CAD	0.40 (0.08–1.95)	0.257		
Time to treat	0.98 (0.86–1.10)	0.757		
ST-segment reduction cutoff <70%	1.00 (0.98–1.02)	0.648		
CK peak	1 (1–1)	0.821		
Initial TIMI score 0	1.26 (0.81–1.26)	0.303		
Initial MBG 0	0.97 (0.41–2.30)	0.955		
Final MBG <3	1.16 (0.46–2.82)	0.738		
Multivessel disease	2.46 (1.16–5.21)	0.019		
WMA cutoff >44%	1.03 (1.00–1.07)	0.029		
WMSI cutoff >1.9	7.4 (1.32–41)	0.02		
CD cutoff >25%	8.75 (3.22–46)	0.0001	12.7 (2.65–61.2)	
CSI cutoff >1.8	1.05 (1.01–1.09)	0.005		
EF cutoff <44.5%	0.90 (0.83–0.97)	0.013		
ESV cutoff <54.4 ml	0.98 (0.95–1.01)	0.40		
EDV cutoff <101 ml	0.96 (0.93–0.99)	0.015		
Hosmer-Lemeshow test			Chi-square = 0.37	0.840

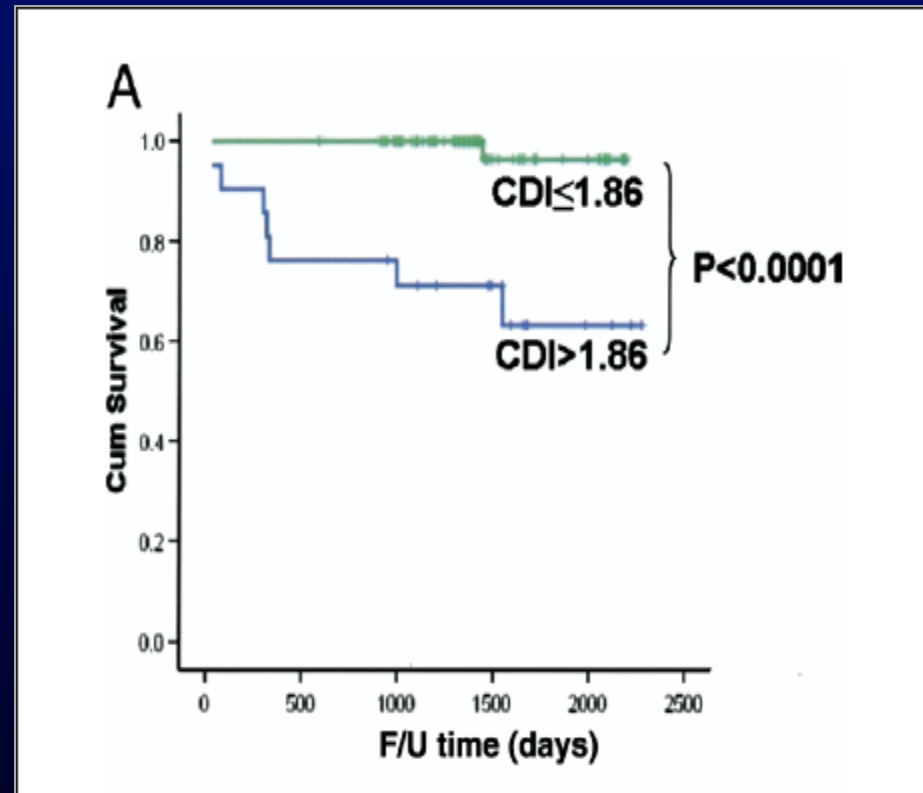




Long Term Follow-up



Bolognese L et al. Circulation 2004;109:1121



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Segmental infarction



Decreased Systolic Ejection



Increased Left Ventricular End-Diastolic Volume and Pressure



Increased Wall Stress

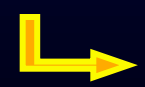


Non-Infarcted segment
Regional Hypertrophy

Infarcted Segment
Infarct Expansion



Decreased Contractility



Late Heart Failure



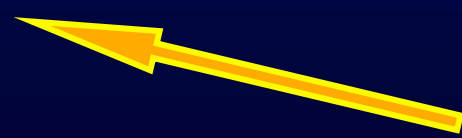
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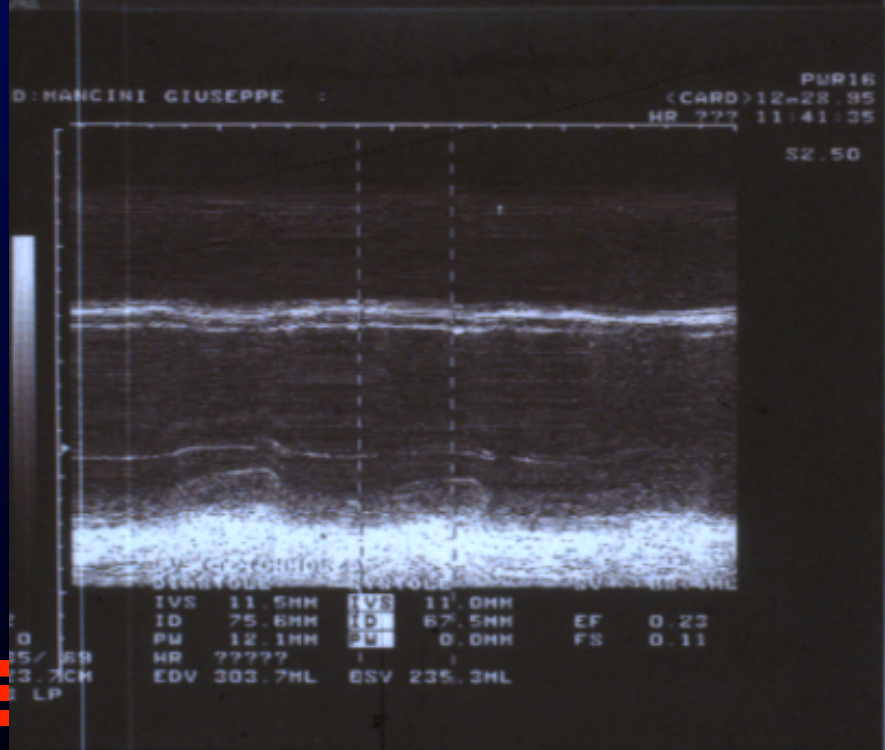
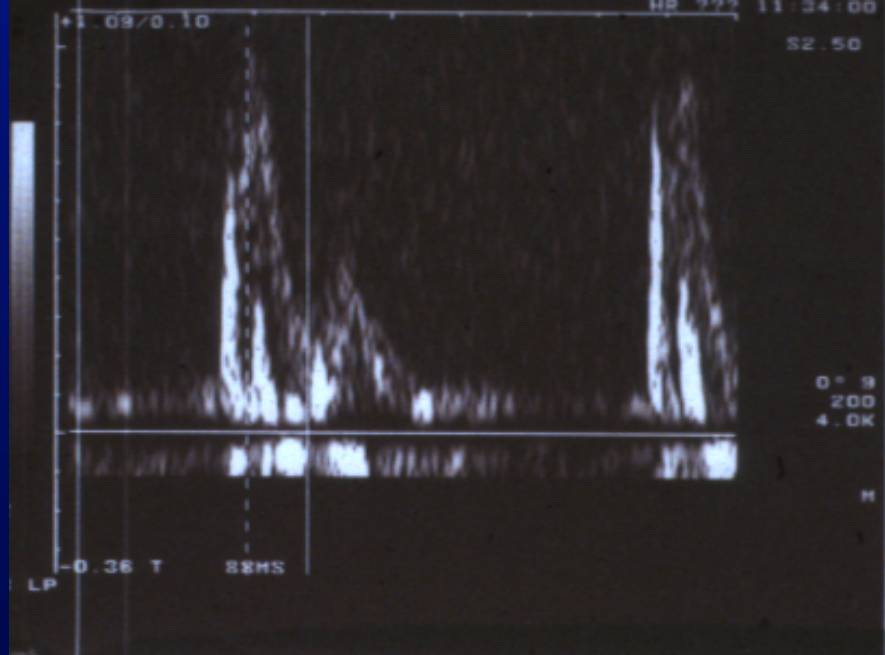


Early and Late Changes in Left Ventricular Filling After Acute Myocardial Infarction and The Effect of Infarct Size

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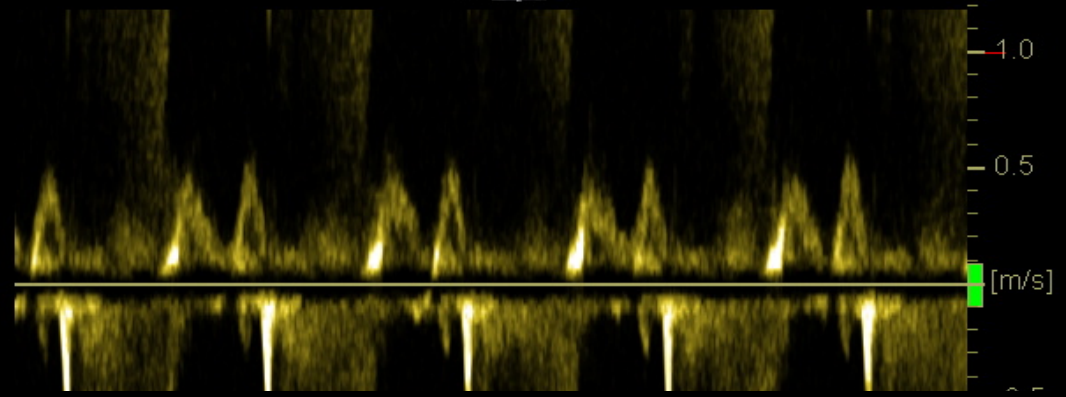
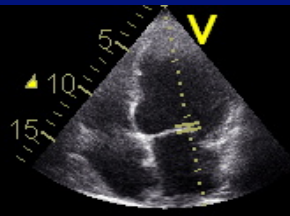
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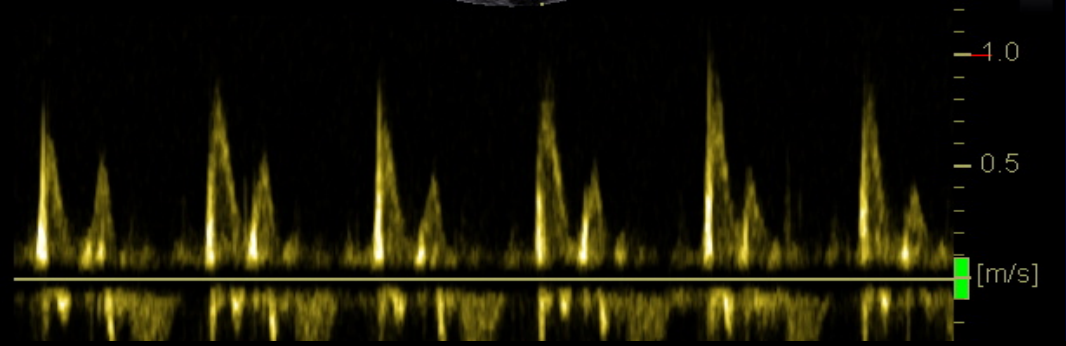
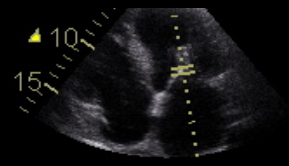




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Early mild impaired relaxation



Restrictive physiology, altered compliance

50 mm/s



Segmental infarction



Decreased Systolic Ejection



Increased Left Ventricular End-Diastolic Volume and Pressure



Increased Wall Stress



Non-Infarcted segment
Regional Hypertrophy

Infarcted Segment
Infarct Expansion



Decreased Contractility



Late Heart Failure



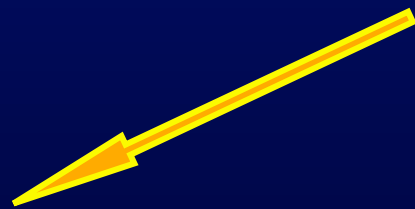
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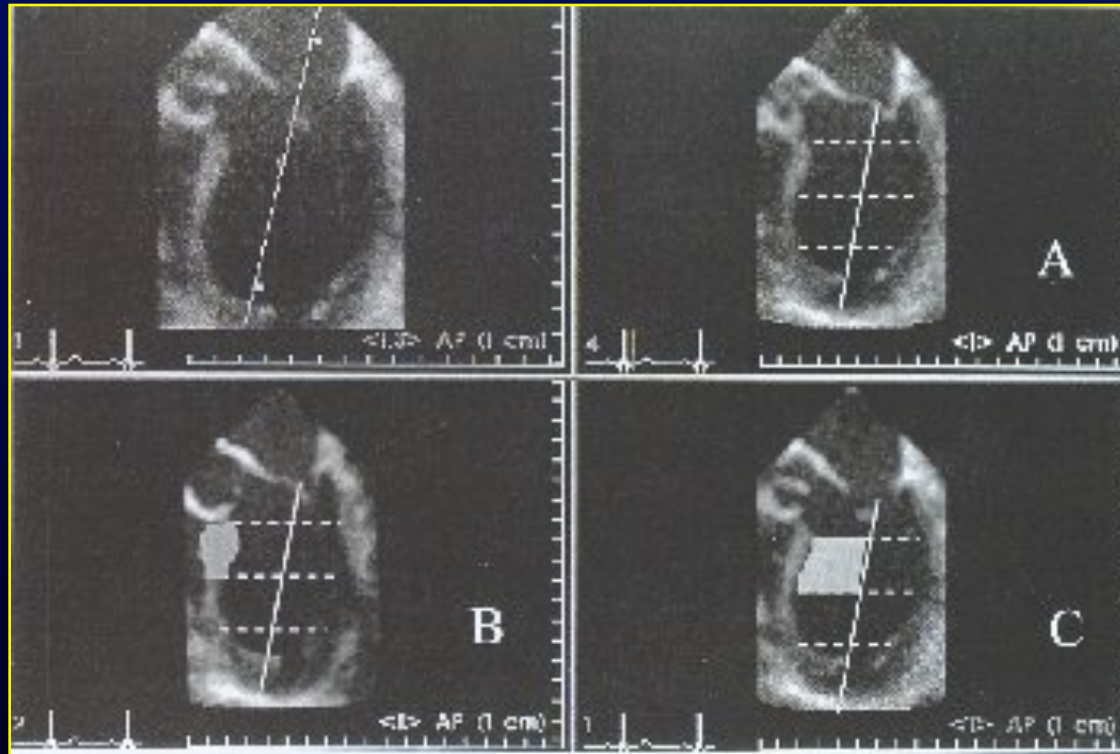


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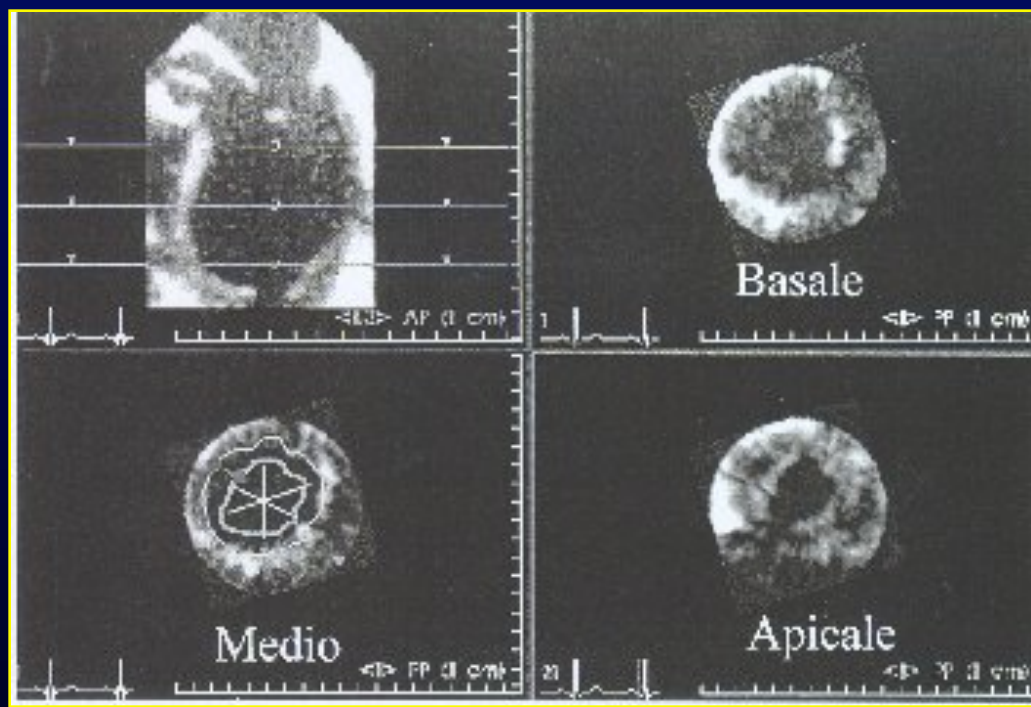


Calcolo dello stress circonferenziale mediante ecocardiografia tridimensionale





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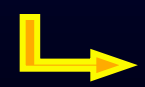


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Cellular Mechanisms of Myocardial Infarct Expansion

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(Circulation 1988; 78: 186-201)



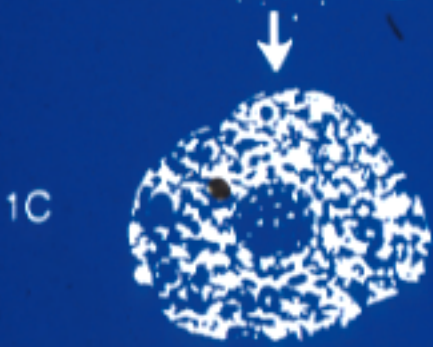
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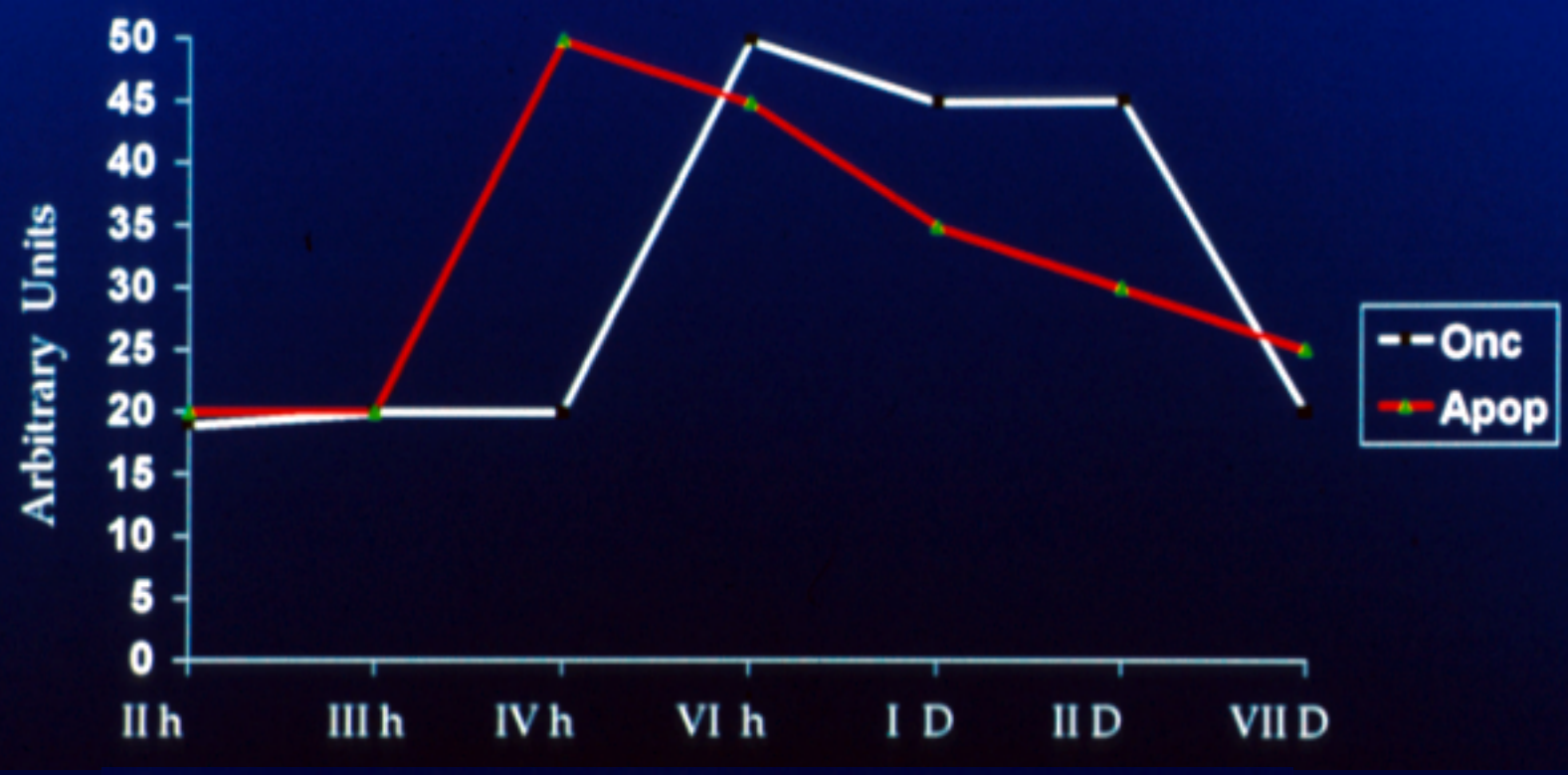


NECROSIS





Myocyte Cell Death in the Infarcted Heart



Oncosis ⇒ 90.000 myocytes
Apoptosis ⇒ 2.800 .000 myocytes] Necrosis





Stretch-Induced Programmed Myocyte Cell Death

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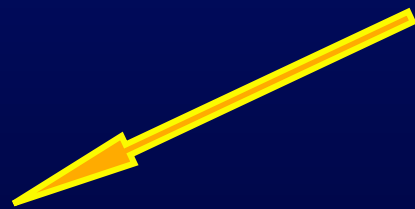
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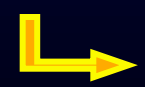


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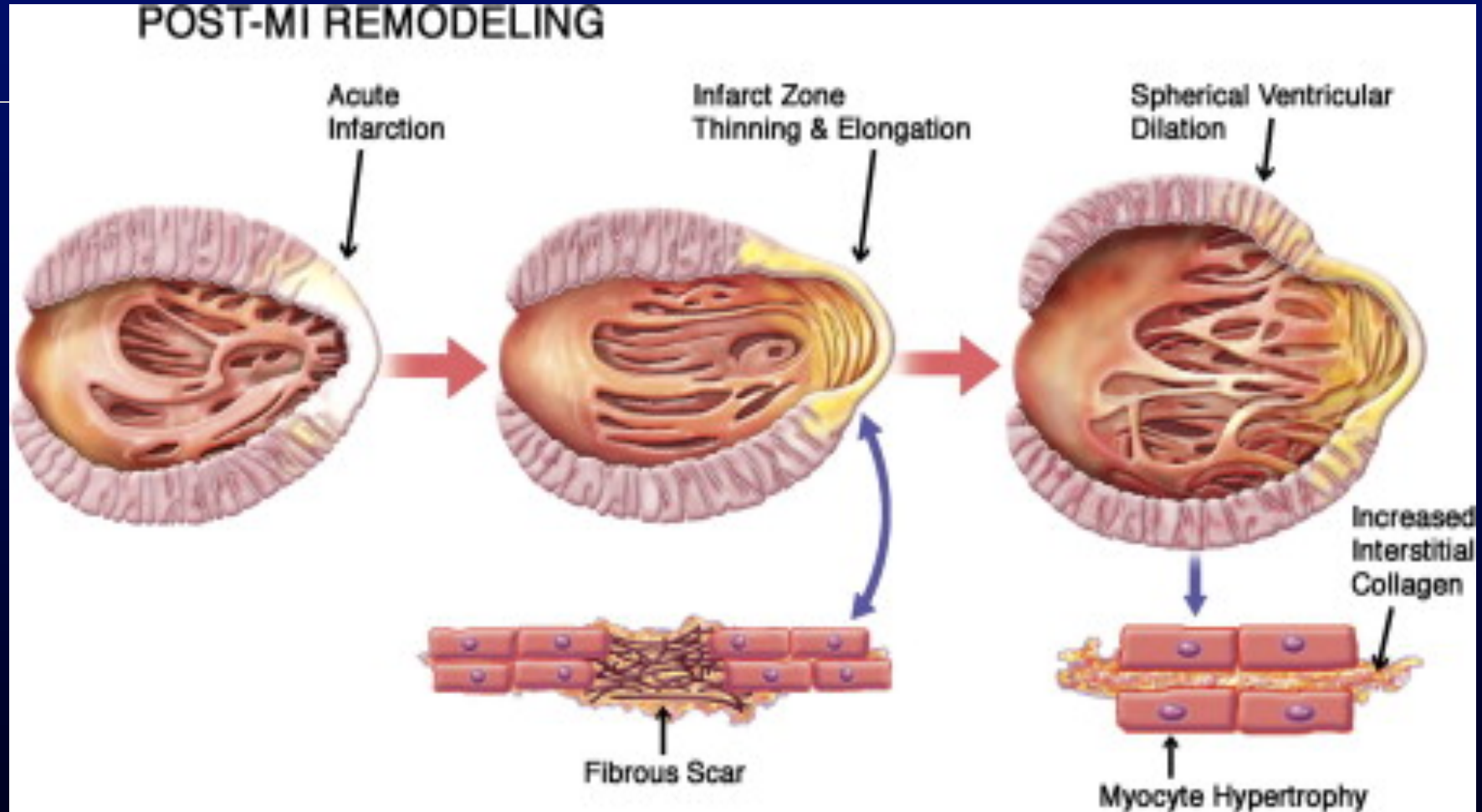


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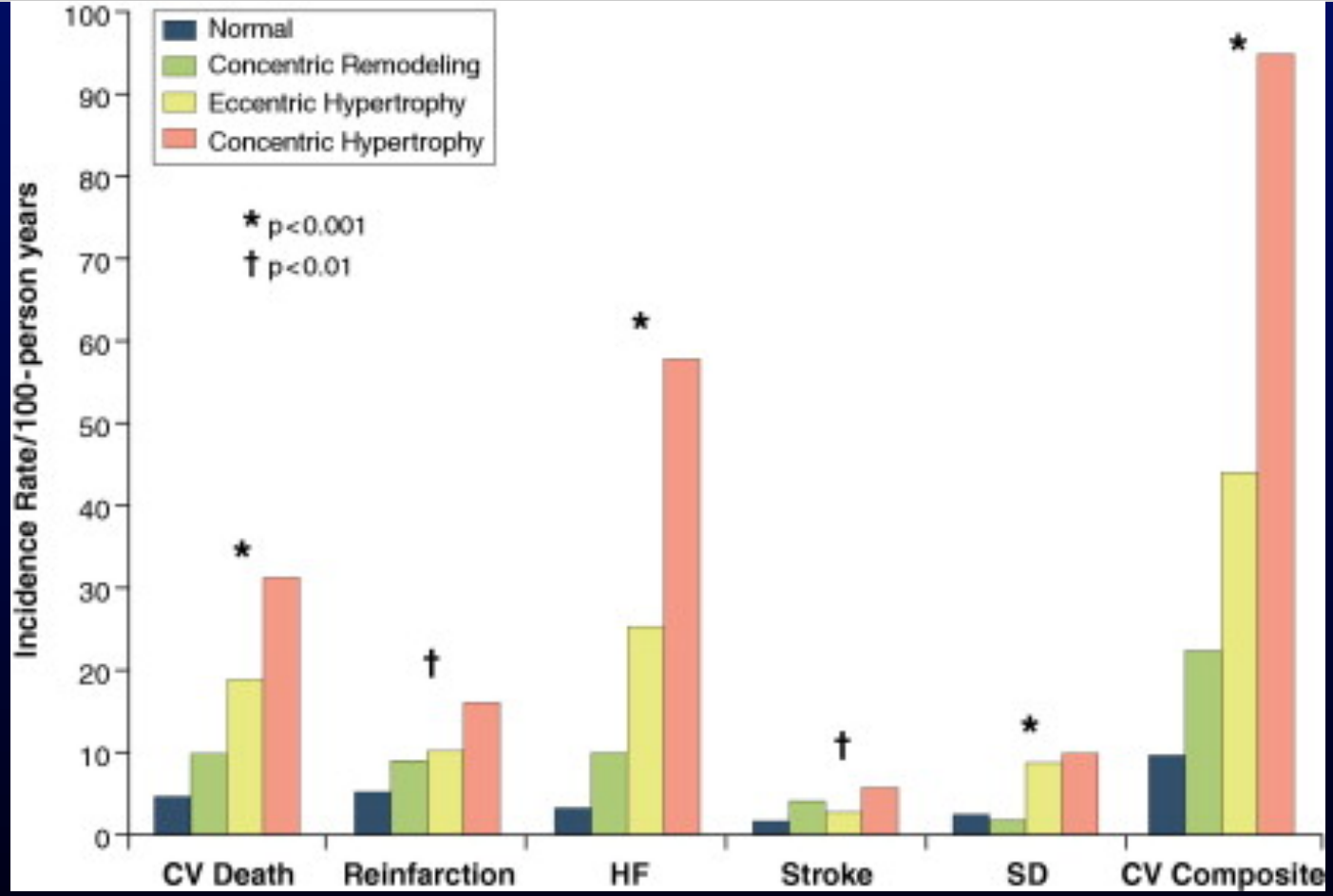
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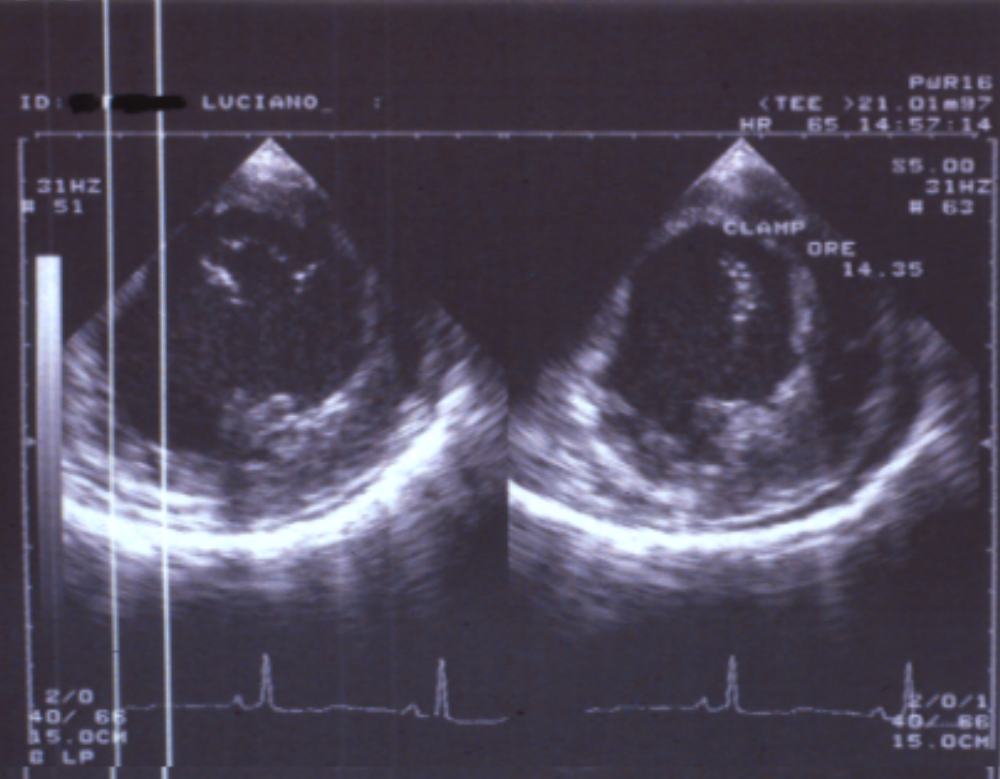
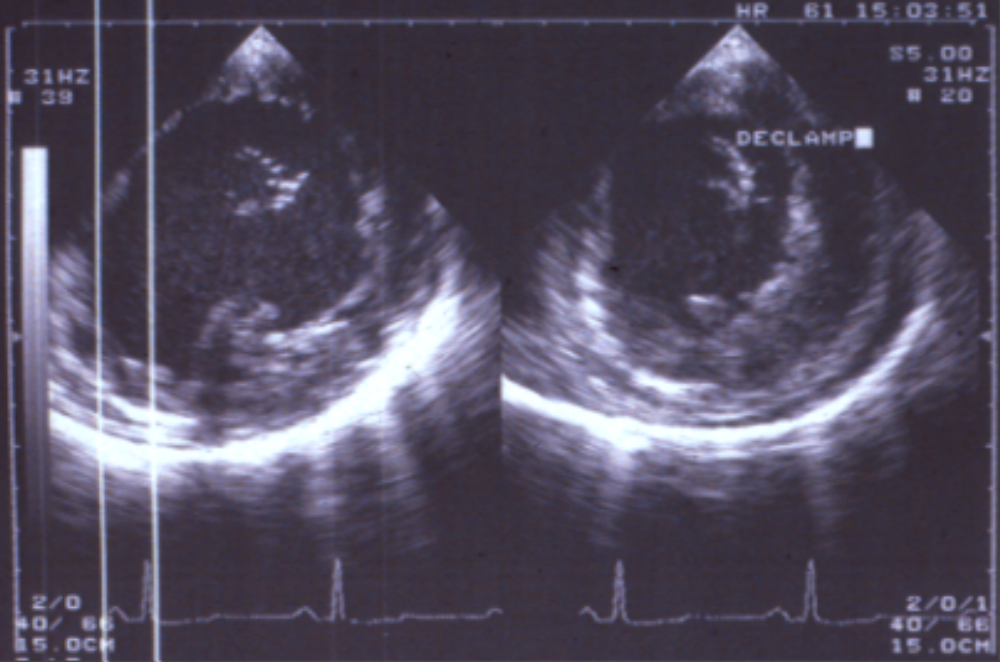


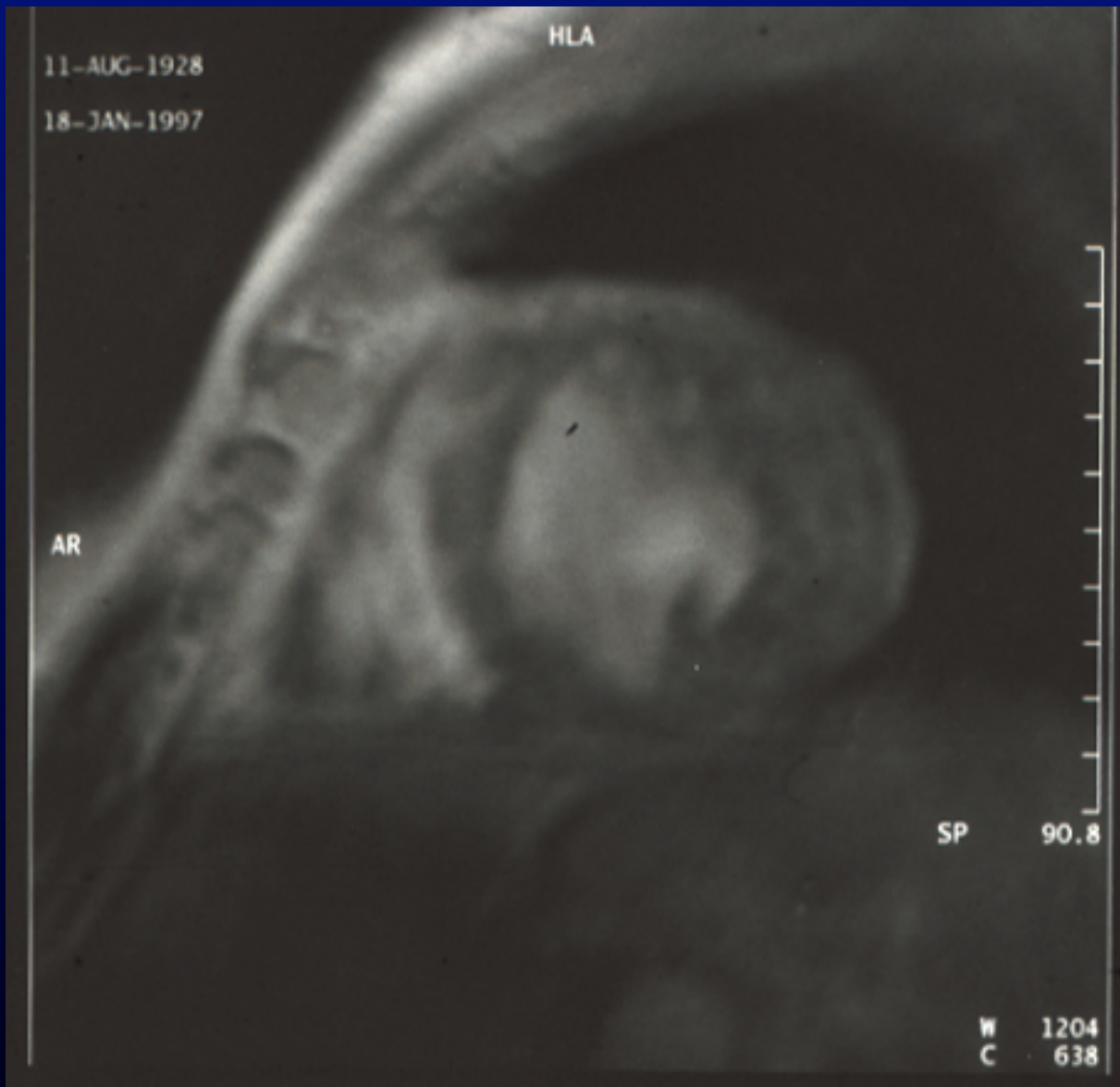


Prognostic Implications of Left Ventricular Mass and Geometry Following Myocardial Infarction

The VALIANT (VALsartan In Acute myocardial iNfarction)
Echocardiographic Study









HYPOTHESIS

Primary Stimulus



**PRESSURE
OVERLOAD**



Increased
Systolic Pressure



Increased
Systolic σ



Parallel Addition
of New Myofibrils



Wall
Thichening



**CONCENTRIC
HYPERTROPHY**

**VOLUME
OVERLOAD**



Increased
Diastolic Pressure



Increased
Diastolic σ



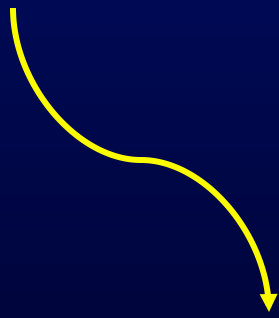
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Chamber
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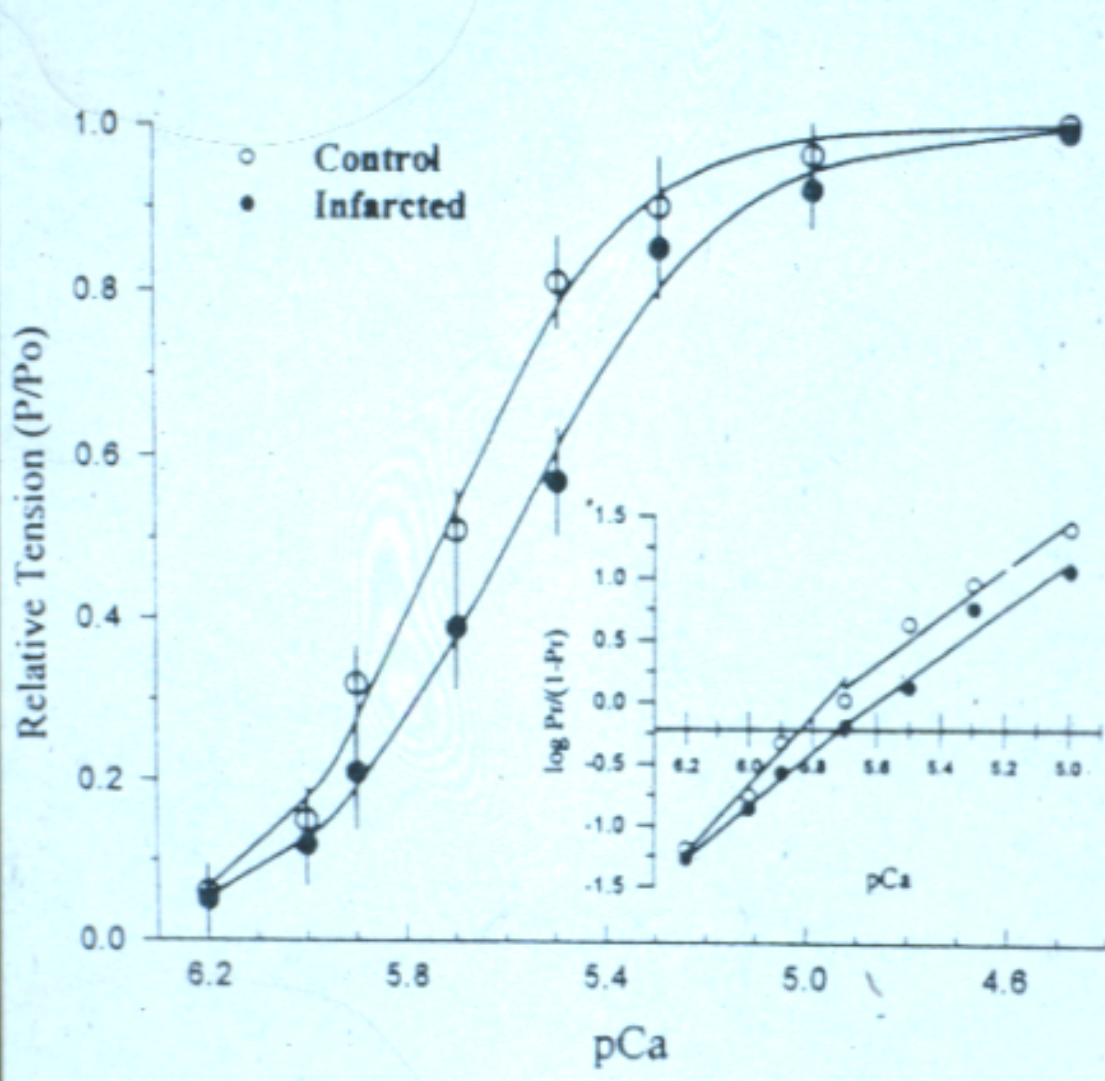
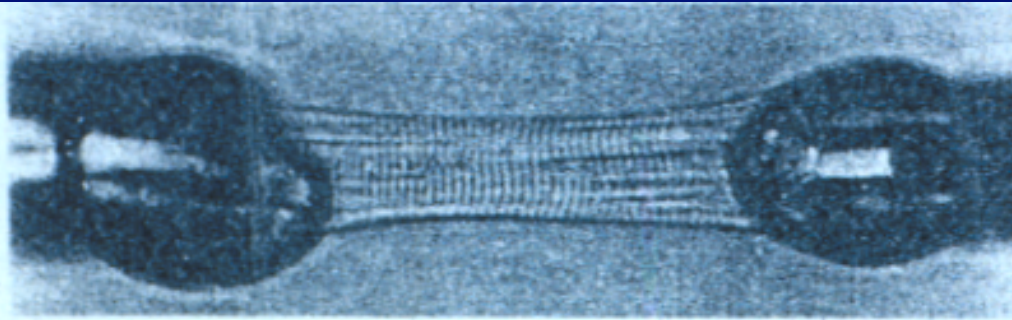


Functional Significance of Hypertrophy of the Noninfarcted Myocardium After Myocardial Infarction in Humans

Leonard E. Ginzton, MD; Richard Conant, PhD, derek M. Rodrigues, MD
and Michael M. Laks, MD

(Circulation 1989; 80: 816-822)







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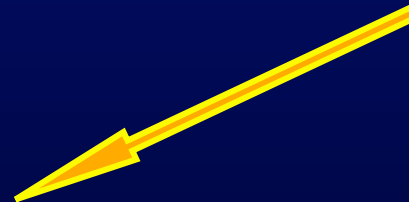
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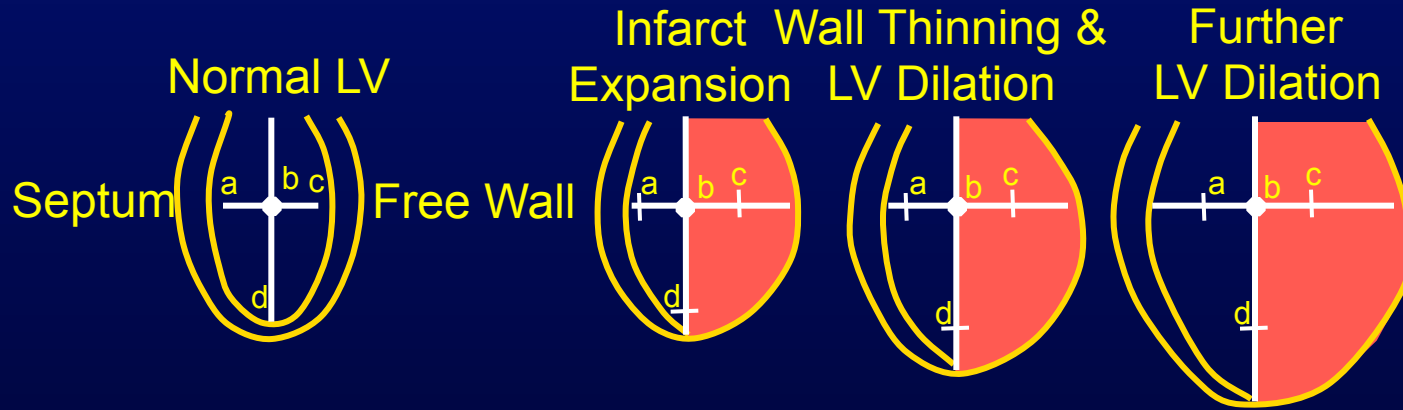


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Ventricular Remodeling Following MI

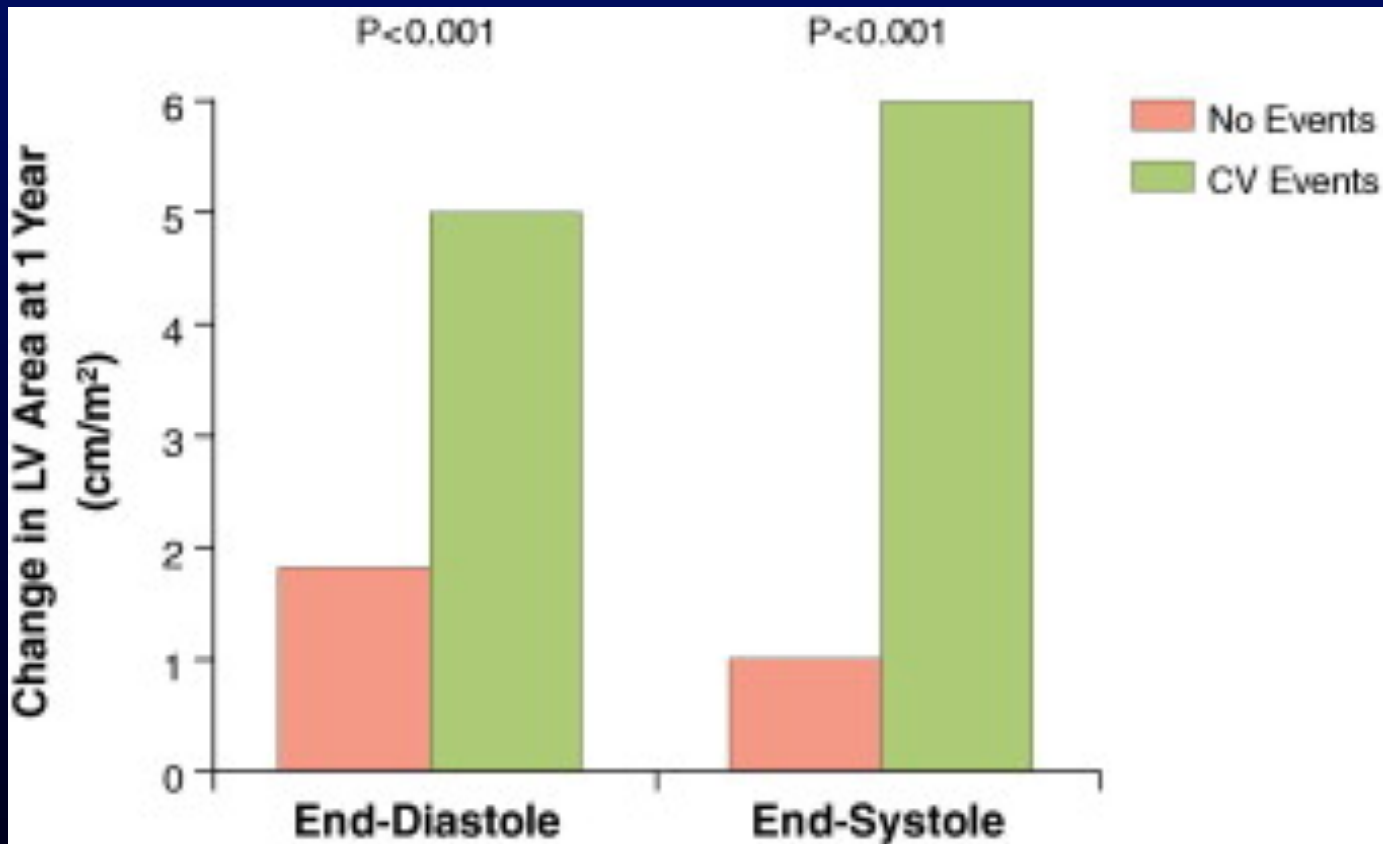


Volume Changes Occurring in Left Ventricle





Quantitative Two-dimensional Echocardiographic Measurements Are Major Predictors of Adverse Cardiovascular Events After Acute Myocardial Infarction The Protective Effects of Captopril





Left ventricular end-systolic volume as the major determinant of survival after recovery from myocardial infarction

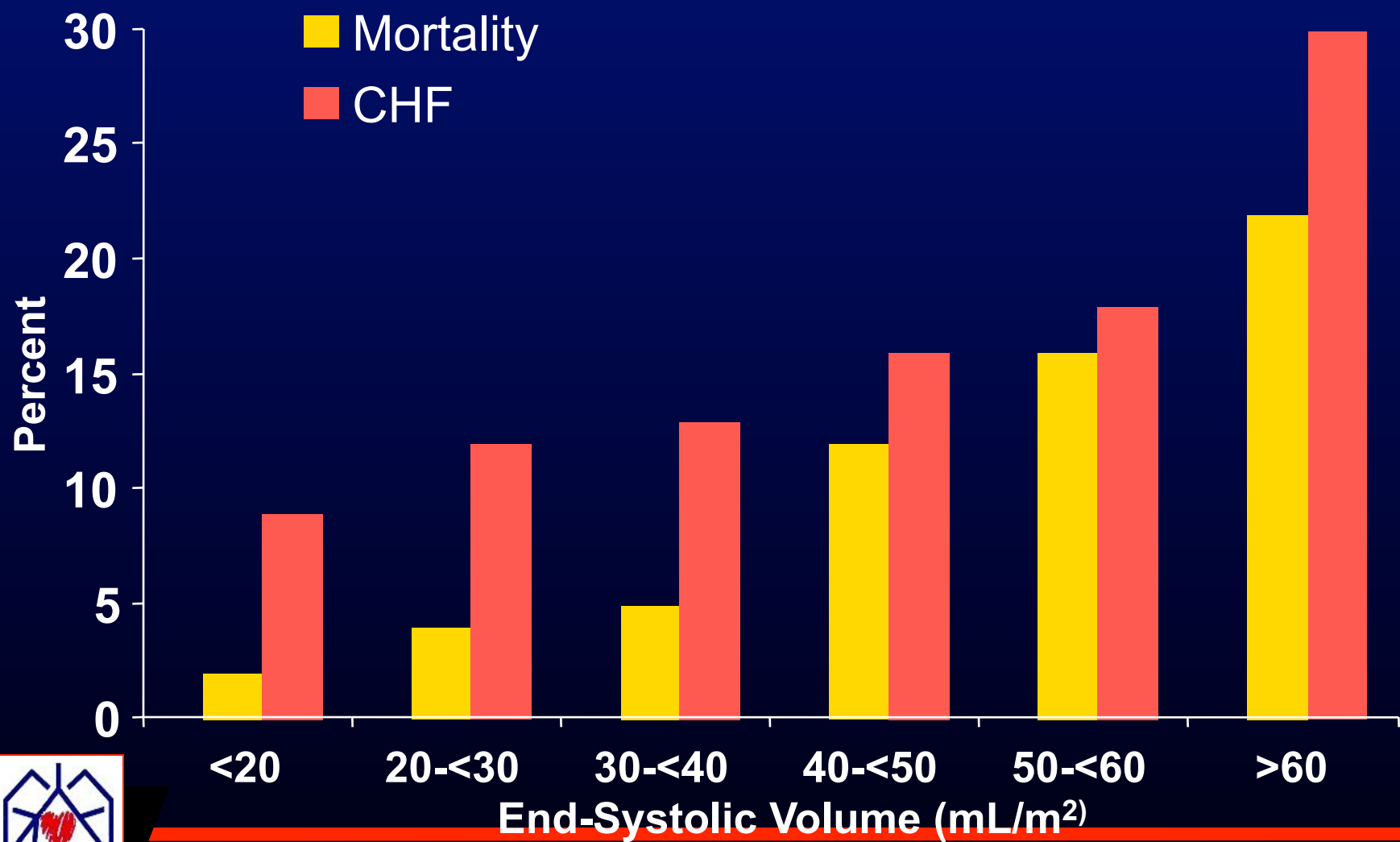
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ABSTRACT Impairment of left ventricular function is the major predictor of mortality after acute myocardial infarction, but it is not known whether this is best described by ejection fraction or by end-systolic or end-diastolic volume. We measured volumes, ejection fractions, and severity of coronary arterial occlusions and stenoses in 605 male patients under 60 years of age at 1 to 2 months after a first ($n = 443$) or recurrent ($n = 162$) myocardial infarction and followed these patients for a mean of 78 months for survivors (range 15 to 165 months). There were 101 cardiac deaths, 71 (70%) of which were sudden (instantaneous or found dead). Multivariate analysis with log rank testing and the Cox proportional hazards model showed that end-systolic volume ($\chi^2 = 82.9$) had greater predictive value for survival than end-diastolic volume ($\chi^2 = 59.0$) or ejection fraction ($\chi^2 = 46.6$), whereas stepwise analysis showed that once the relationship between survival and end-systolic volume had been fitted, there was no additional significant predictive information in either end-diastolic volume or ejection fraction. Severity of coronary occlusions and stenoses showed additional prediction of only borderline significance ($p = .04$ in one analysis), but continued cigarette smoking did remain an independent risk factor after stepwise analysis. For a subset of patients ($n = 200$) who had taken part in a randomized trial of coronary artery surgery after recovery from infarction, surgical "intention to treat" showed no predictive value. We conclude that for prediction, end-systolic volume is the primary predictor of survival after myocardial infarction, being superior to ejection fraction when ejection fraction is low ($<50\%$) or when end-systolic volume is high (<100 ml). Treatment of infarction should be aimed at limitation of infarct size and prevention of ventricular dilation.

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Relation Between Post-MI End Systolic Volume and Natural History Outcomes





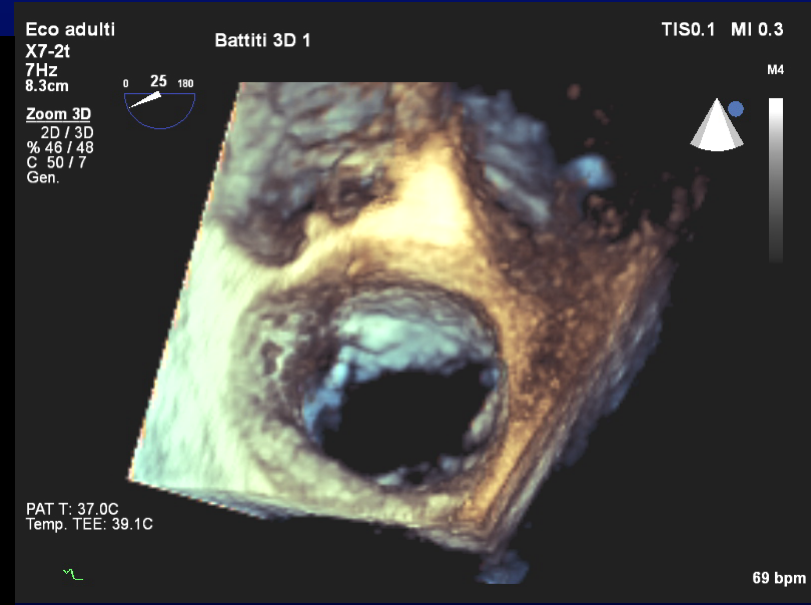
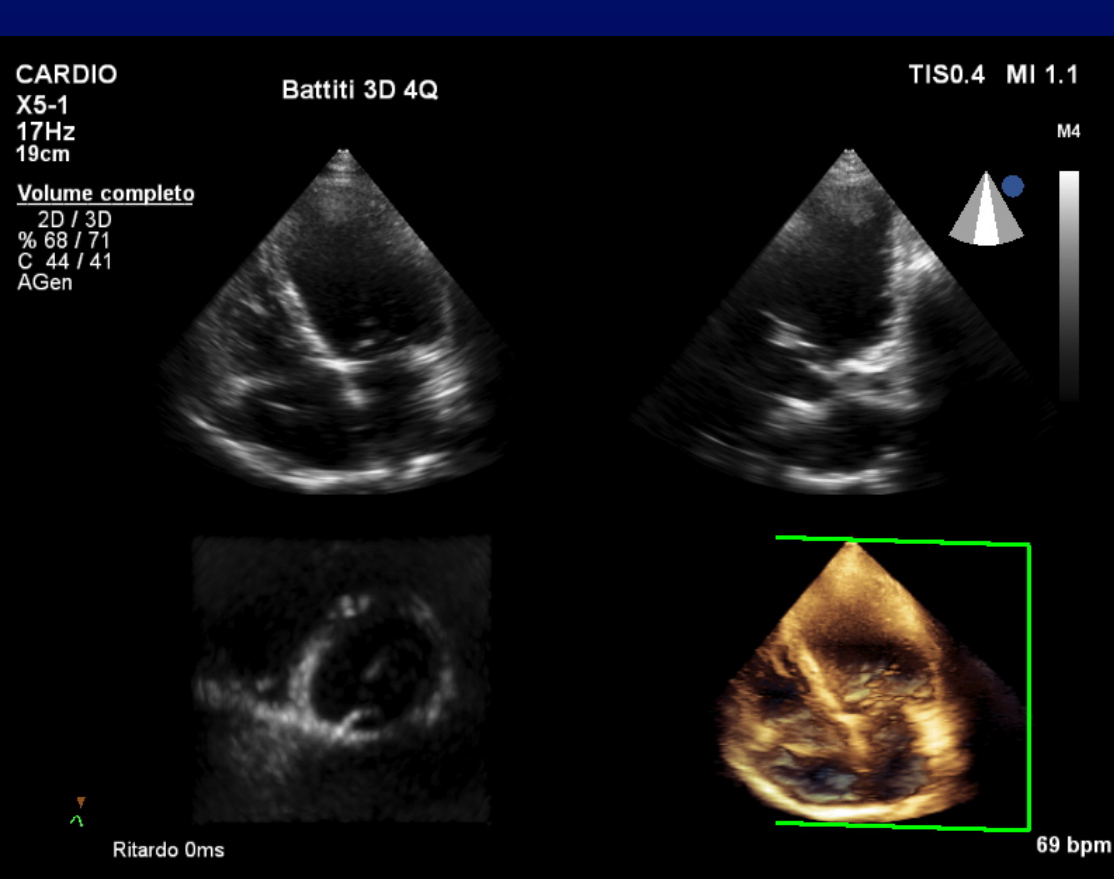
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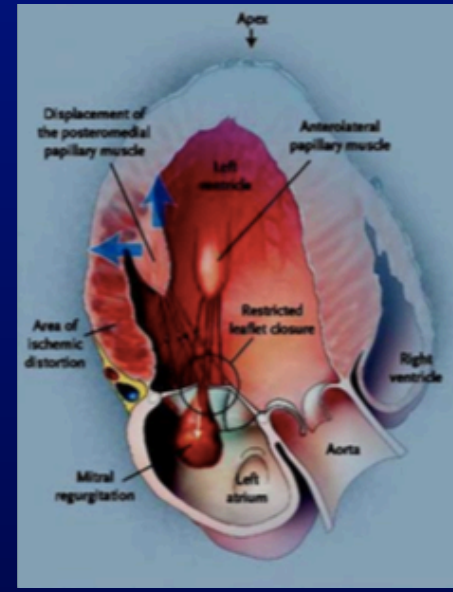
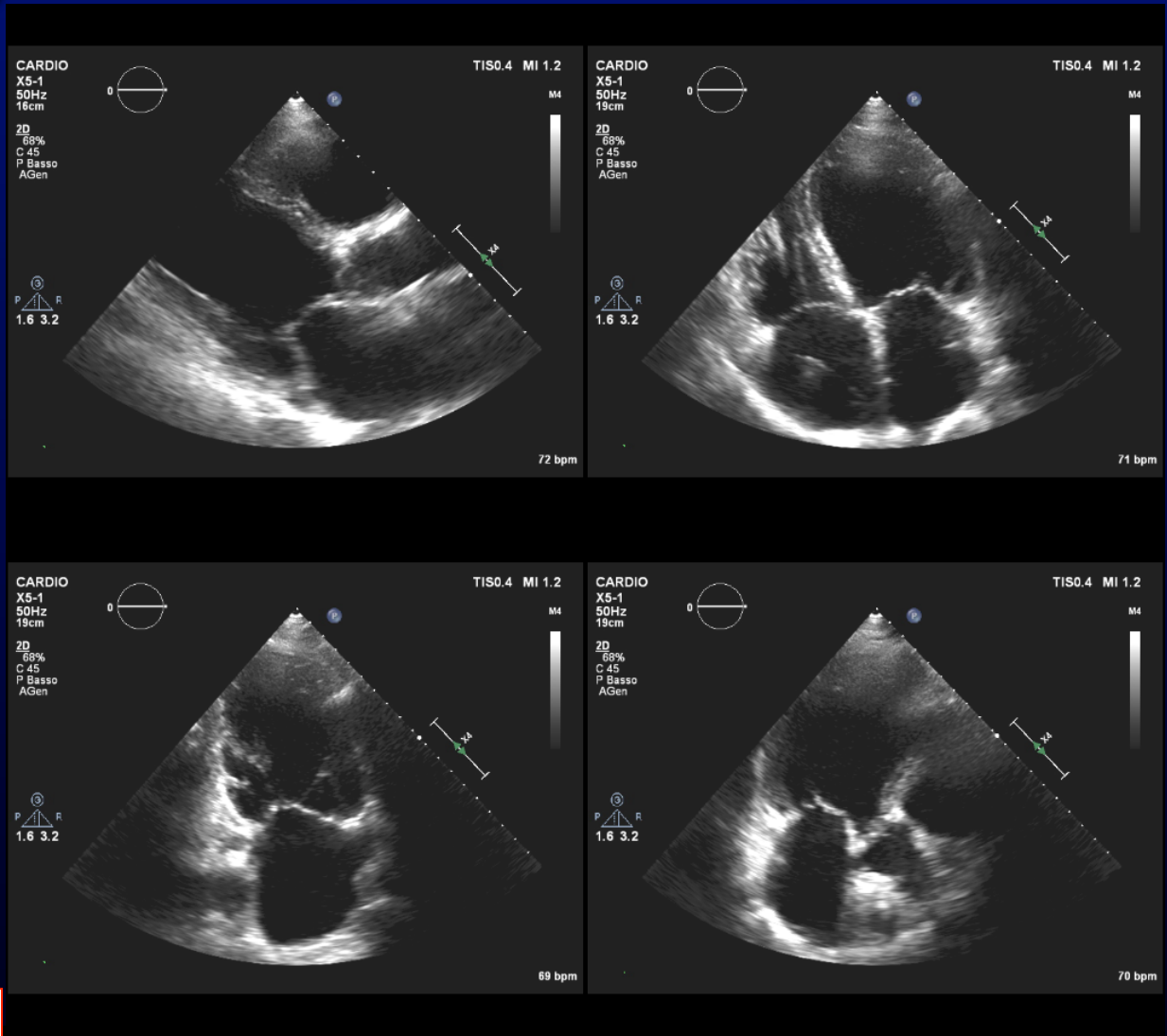


3D Full Volume and RT3D evaluation: insights on LV function and MV morphology



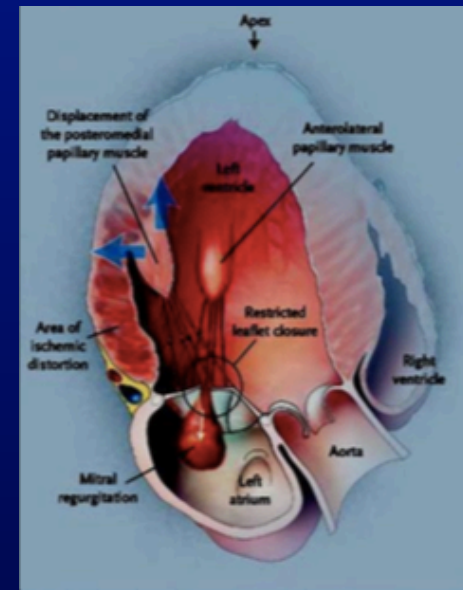
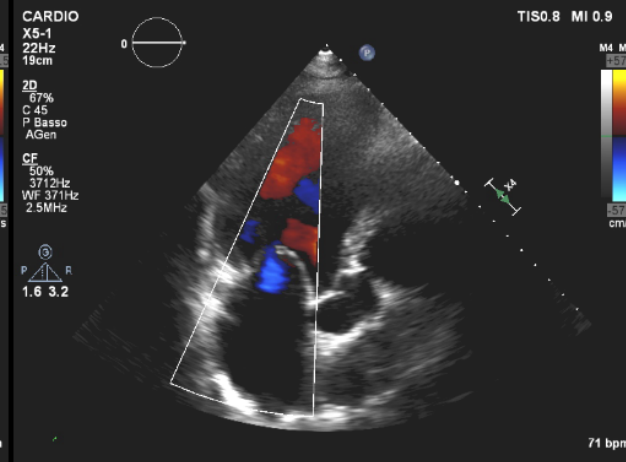
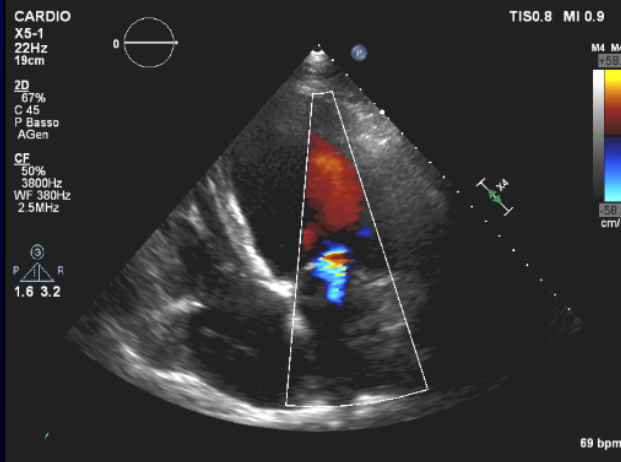
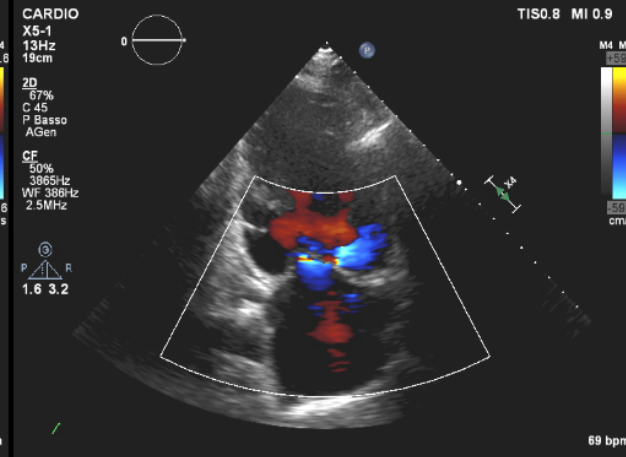
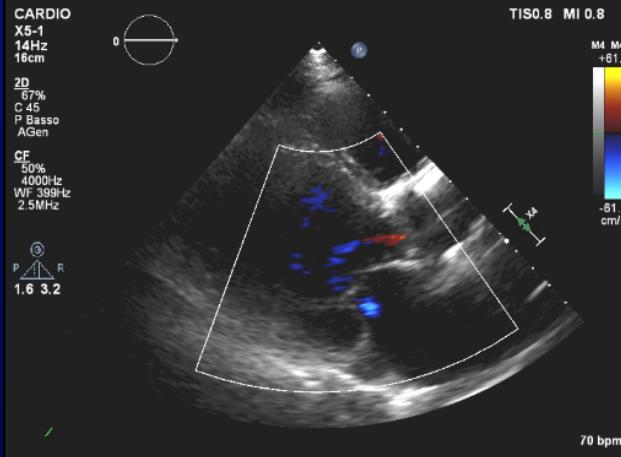


Pt with previous inferior MI





...functional ischemic MR

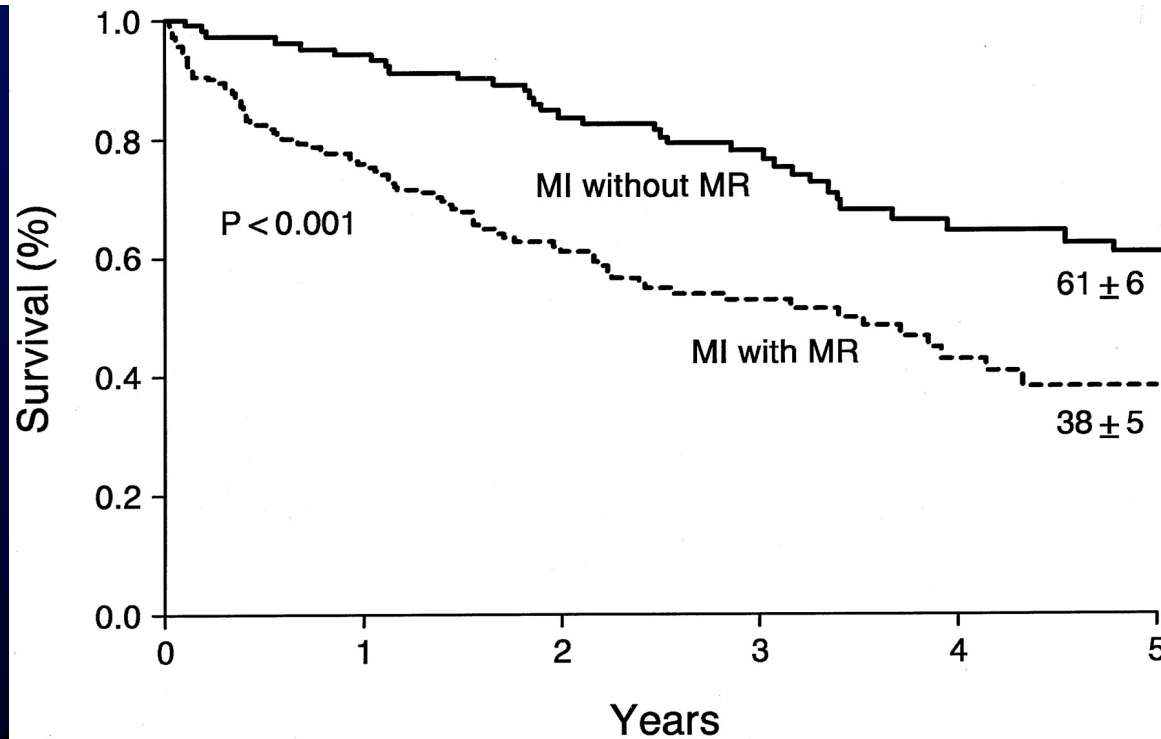




Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation

Long-Term Outcome and Prognostic Implications With Quantitative Doppler Assessment

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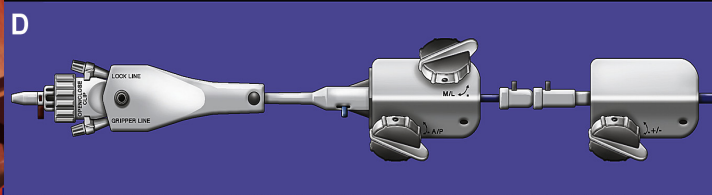
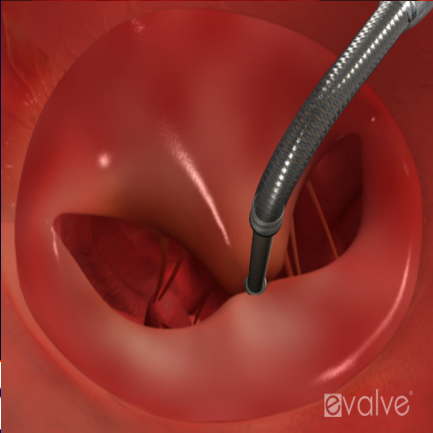
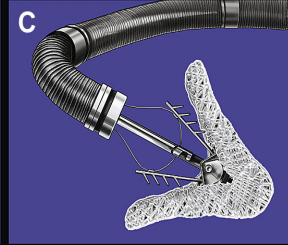
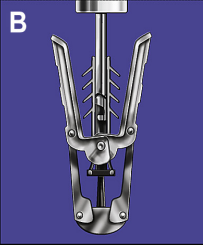
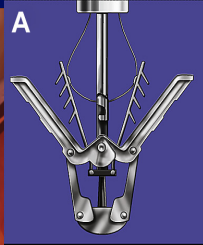


Survival (%) after diagnosis according to presence of MR.





Percutaneous Mitral Valve Repair





MitraClip: essential role of echo

- Patient selection
- Guidance to Procedure
- Identification/Assessment of Complications
- Evaluation of Final Results
- Follow up





Indications for Mitral clipping

LV function, who cannot be revascularized or who present with cardiomyopathy, are questionable. Repair may be considered in selected patients if comorbidity is low, in order to avoid or postpone transplantation. In the other patients, optimal medical treatment is currently the best option, followed, in the event of failure, by extended HF treatment [cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT); ventricular assist devices; cardiac restraint devices; heart transplantation].

The percutaneous mitral clip procedure may be considered in patients with symptomatic severe secondary MR despite optimal medical therapy (including CRT if indicated), who fulfil the echo criteria of eligibility, are judged inoperable or at high surgical risk by a team of cardiologists and cardiac surgeons, and who have a life expectancy greater than 1 year (recommendation class IIb, level of evidence C).

There is continuing debate regarding the management of moderate ischaemic MR in patients undergoing CABG. In such cases, valve repair is preferable. In patients with low EF, mitral valve surgery is more likely to be considered if myocardial viability is present and if comorbidity is low. In patients capable of exercising, exercise echocardiography should be considered whenever possible. Exercise-induced dyspnoea and a large increase in MR severity and systolic pulmonary artery pressure favour combined surgery.

There are no data to support surgical correction of mild MR.

6.2.6 Medical treatment

Optimal medical therapy is mandatory; it should be the first step in the management of all patients with secondary MR and should be given in line with the guidelines on the management of HF.¹² This includes ACE inhibitors and beta-blockers, with the addition of an aldosterone antagonist in the presence of HF. A diuretic is required in the presence of fluid overload. Nitrates may be useful for treating acute dyspnoea, secondary to a large dynamic component.

The indications for resynchronization therapy should be in accordance with related guidelines.¹³ In responders, CRT may immediately reduce MR severity through increased closing force and resynchronization of papillary muscles.¹²⁹ A further reduction in MR and its dynamic component can occur through a reduction in tethering force in relation to LV reverse remodelling.

7. Mitral stenosis

Rheumatic fever, which is the predominant aetiology of MS, has greatly decreased in industrialized countries; nevertheless, MS still results in significant morbidity and mortality worldwide.¹³ Percutaneous mitral commissurotomy (PMC) has had a significant impact upon the management of rheumatic MS.

7.1 Evaluation

The patient with MS may feel asymptomatic for years and then present with a gradual decrease in activity. The diagnosis is usually established by physical examination, chest X-ray, ECG, and echocardiography.

The general principles for the use of invasive and non-invasive investigations follow the recommendations made in the *General comments* (Section 3).¹²

Specific issues in MS are as follows:

- Echocardiography is the main method used to assess the severity and consequences of MS, as well as the extent of anatomic lesions.

Valve area should be measured using planimetry and the pressure half-time method, which are complementary. Planimetry, when it is feasible, is the method of choice. In particular immediately after PMC. Continuity equation and proximal isovelocity could be used when additional assessment is needed. Measurements of mean transvalvular gradient, calculated using Doppler velocities, are highly rate- and flow-dependent, but are useful to check consistency in the assessment of severity, particularly in patients in sinus rhythm. MS does not usually have clinical consequences as long as valve area is $>1.5 \text{ cm}^2$ (Table 4).¹⁵

A comprehensive assessment of valve morphology is important for the treatment strategy. Scoring systems have been developed to help assess suitability, taking into account valve thickening, mobility, calcification, subvalvular deformity, and commissural areas.^{16,161}

Echocardiography also evaluates pulmonary artery pressures, associated MR, concomitant valve disease, and LA size. Due to the frequent association of MS with other valve diseases, a comprehensive evaluation of the tricuspid and aortic valves is mandatory. TTE usually provides sufficient information for routine management.

TOE should be performed to exclude LA thrombus before PMC or after an embolic episode, if TTE provides suboptimal information on anatomy or, in selected cases, to guide the procedure.

3DE improves the evaluation of valve morphology (especially visualization of commissures),¹⁶² optimizes accuracy and reproducibility of planimetry, and could be useful for guiding (TOE) and monitoring (TTE) PMC in difficult cases.

Echocardiography also plays an important role in monitoring the results of PMC during the procedure.

- Stress testing is indicated in patients with no symptoms or symptoms equivocal or discordant with the severity of MS. Dobutamine or, preferably, exercise echocardiography may provide additional information by assessing changes in mitral gradient and pulmonary pressures.²¹

7.2 Natural history

Survival in asymptomatic patients is usually good up to 10 years, progression being highly variable with sudden deterioration, which is usually precipitated by pregnancy or complications such as AF or embolism.¹⁶³ Symptomatic patients have a poor prognosis without intervention.¹²

7.3 Results of intervention

7.3.1 Percutaneous mitral commissurotomy

Technical success and complications are related to patient selection and the operator's experience.¹⁶⁴ Good initial results, defined as valve area $>1.5 \text{ cm}^2$ with no MR $>2/4$, are achieved in over 80% of cases. Major complications include procedural mortality 0.5–4%, haemopericardium 0.5–10%, embolism 0.5–5%, and



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... really so effective?





Rimodellamento Ventricolare Post - Infartuale

Trattamento





“Prevenzione Primaria”

E' possibile prevenire o minimizzare il processo di rimodellamento:

- limitando l'insulto iniziale attraverso riperfusione miocardica precoce;
- avviando un trattamento farmacologico precocemente ed estensivamente a tutti i pazienti dopo IMA.





“Prevenzione Secondaria”

- **Trattamento farmacologico avviato più tardivamente in pazienti selezionati in base alla presenza di insufficienza cardiaca, disfunzione ventricolare sinistra, etc.**





Rimodellamento Ventricolare Post - Infartuale

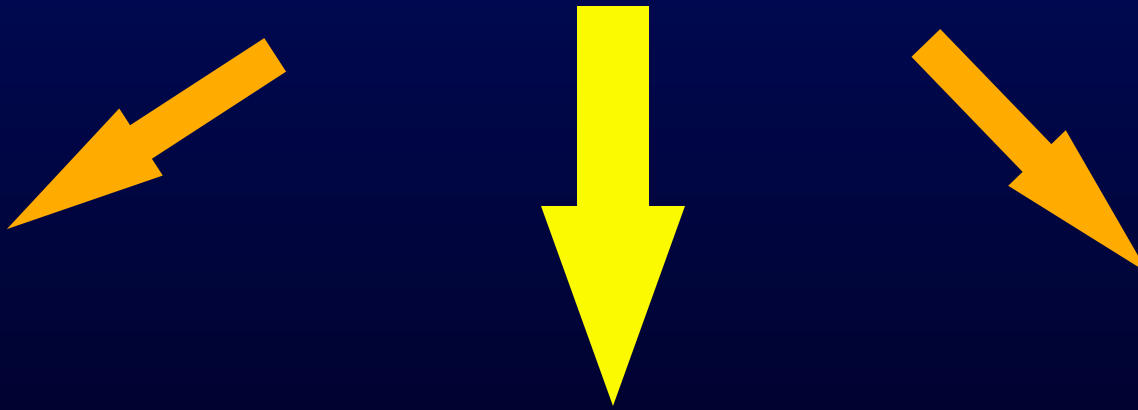
*Quale Trattamento
Farmacologico?*





*Effetto
emodinamico*

*Effetto
cardioprotettivo*



Effetti spesso disgiunti





TERAPIA FARMACOLOGICA INSUFFICIENZA CARDIACA

Situazione attuale

Antagonisti recettoriali
vasopressina

Antagonisti
adrenergici



Antagonisti
dell' endotelina

Antagonisti delle citokine





Spironolattone: *potenziali meccanismi d'azione*

25 mg/die

Diuresi e sodiuresi



*Effetto emodinamico non significativo
(soprattutto se paragonato ai diuretici
dell'ansa utilizzati)*



Blocco effetto aldosterone

↓ **formazione di collagene**

↓ **fibrosi miocardica e vascolare**

↓ **perdita di potassio**

↓ **rischio morte improvvisa**



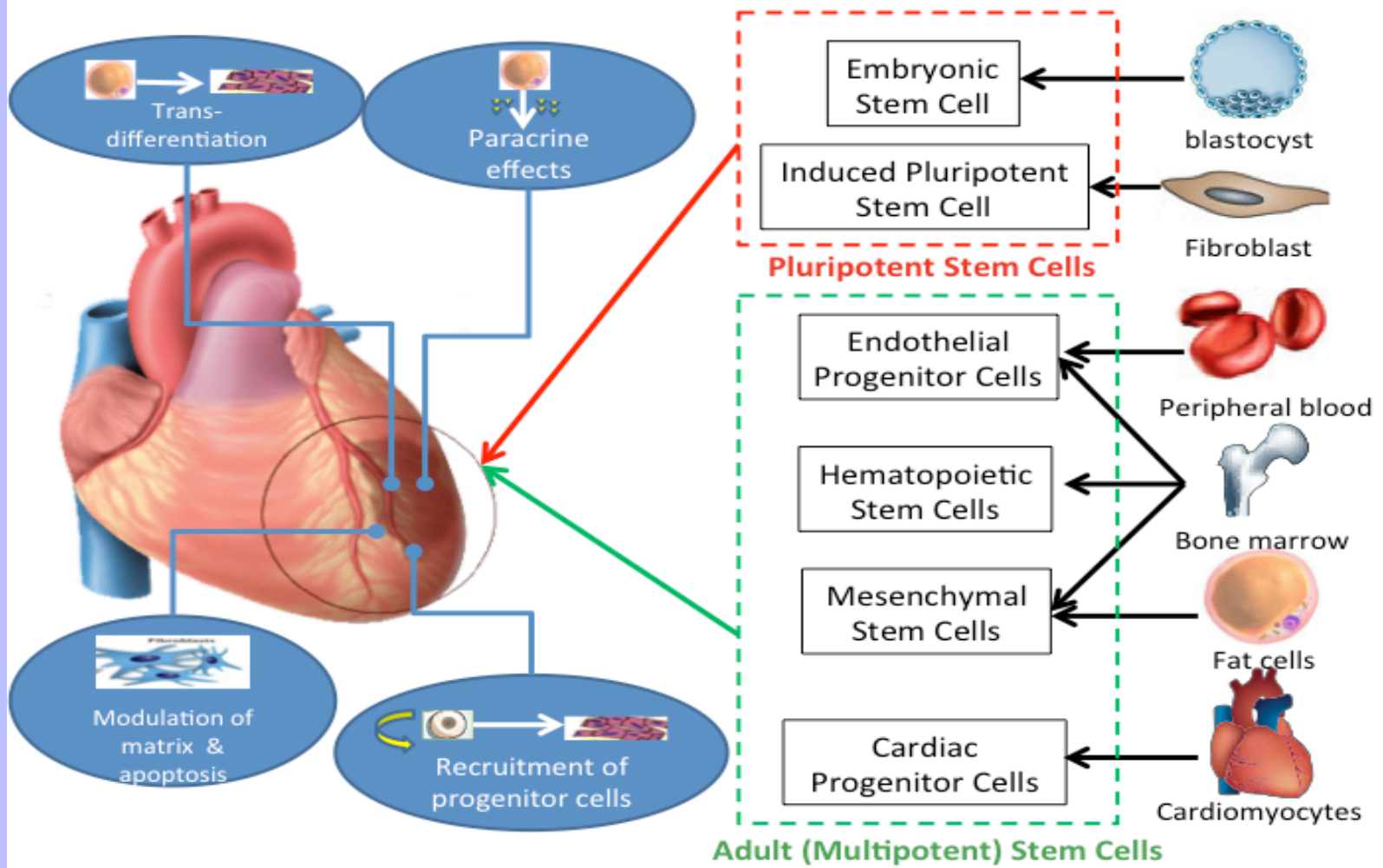
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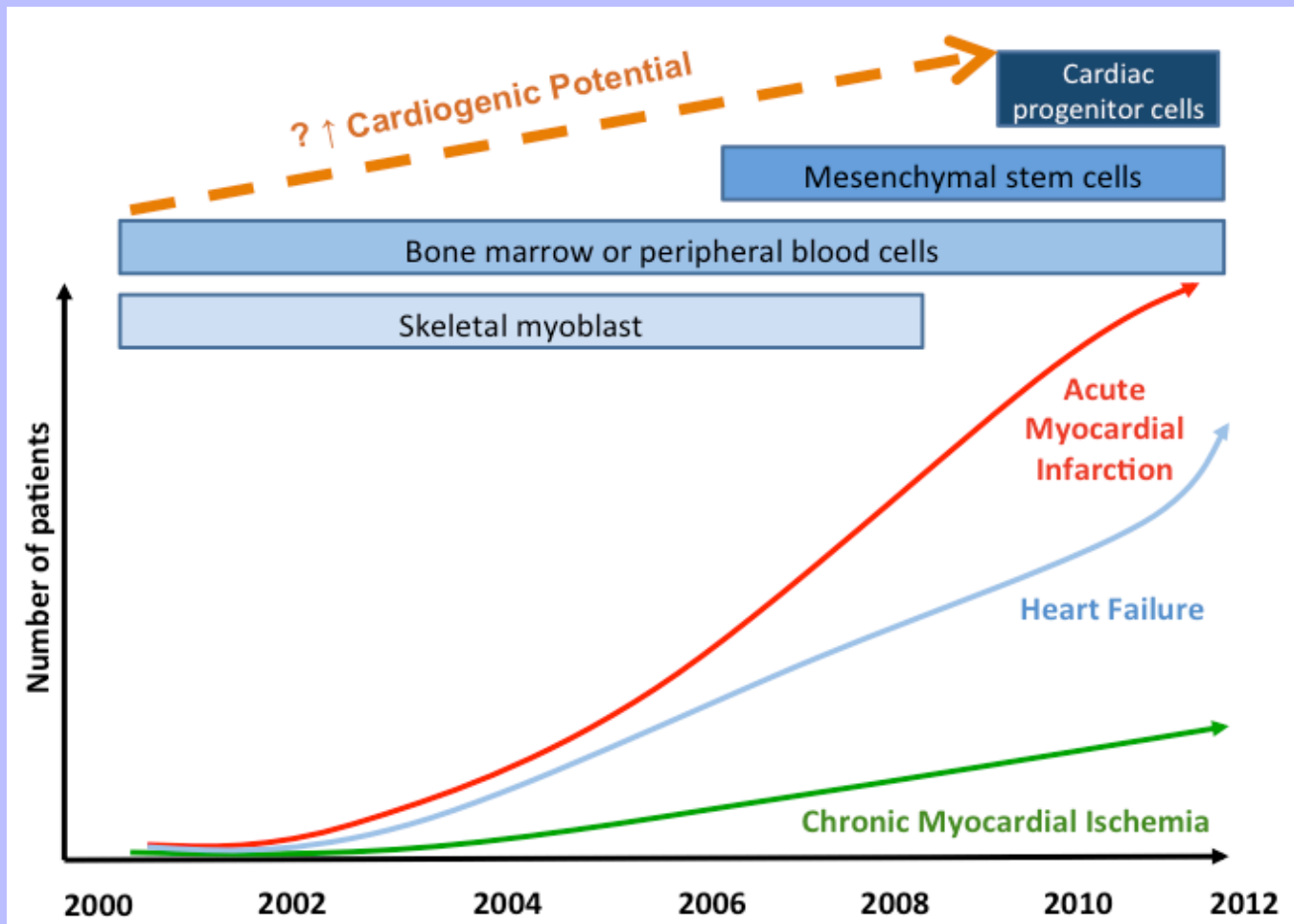


New emerging therapies: cardiac stem cells





Cardiac stem cells: increasing use in humans





*Thank you
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