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**•ESC/ERS Guidelines and DETECT Algorithm Recommendation
in Pulmonary Artery Hypertension associated to Scleroderma.
A real life comparison.**

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ESC Guidelines 2009 on PH:

1 Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH)

- 1.1 Idiopathic
- 1.2 Heritable
 - 1.2.1 BMPR2
 - 1.2.2 ALK1, endoglin (with or without hereditary haemorrhagic telangiectasia)
 - 1.2.3 Unknown
- 1.3 Drugs and toxins induced
- 1.4 Associated with (APAH)
 - 1.4.1 Connective tissue diseases
 - 1.4.2 HIV infection
 - 1.4.3 Portal hypertension
 - 1.4.4 Congenital heart disease
 - 1.4.5 Schistosomiasis
 - 1.4.6 Chronic haemolytic anaemia
- 1.5 Persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn

1 Pulmonary veno-occlusive disease and/or pulmonary capillary haemangiomatosis

2 Pulmonary hypertension due to left heart disease

- 2.1 Systolic dysfunction
- 2.2 Diastolic dysfunction
- 2.3 Valvular disease

3 Pulmonary hypertension due to lung diseases and/or hypoxaemia

- 3.1 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- 3.2 Interstitial lung disease
- 3.3 Other pulmonary diseases with mixed restrictive and obstructive pattern
- 3.4 Sleep-disordered breathing
- 3.5 Alveolar hypoventilation disorders
- 3.6 Chronic exposure to high altitude
- 3.7 Developmental abnormalities

4 Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension

5 PH with unclear and/or multifactorial mechanisms

- 5.1 Haematological disorders: myeloproliferative disorders, splenectomy.
- 5.2 Systemic disorders: sarcoidosis, pulmonary Langerhans cell histiocytosis, lymphangioleiomyomatosis, neurofibromatosis, vasculitis
- 5.3 Metabolic disorders: glycogen storage disease, Gaucher disease, thyroid disorders
- 5.4 Others: tumoural obstruction, fibrosing mediastinitis, chronic renal failure on dialysis

ALK-1 = activin receptor-like kinase 1 gene; APAH = associated pulmonary arterial hypertension; BMPR2 = bone morphogenetic protein receptor, type 2; HIV = human immunodeficiency virus; PAH = pulmonary arterial hypertension.

5th World Symposium on PH: Modified classification of PH

1. Pulmonary arterial hypertension

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1' **Pulmonary veno-occlusive disease** and/or
pulmonary capillary haemangiomatosis

1'' **Persistent PH of the newborn (PPHN)**

2. PH due to LHD

2.1 LV systolic dysfunction

2.2 **LV diastolic dysfunction**

2.3 Valvular disease

2.4 **Congenital/acquired left heart
inflow/outflow obstruction**

3. PH due to lung diseases and/or hypoxia

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Vi sono pazienti a rischio di PAH” che richiedono uno screening

- **Familiarità per PAH** (mutazione genetica *BMPR2*)
- **Malattie polmonari** (*BPCO, enfisema, fibrosi, bronchiectasie*)
- **Ipertensione portale**
- **Pregresse embolie polmonari**
- **Malattie del Tessuto Connettivo**
- **Infezione da HIV**
- **Cardiopatie congenite con shunt sx-dx**

M.Palazzini et al . *G Ital Cardiol* 2009;10(5):271-300
L.J.Rubin, W. Hopkins www.uptodate.com

Screening ESC/ERS Guidelines

Proposed criteria for referral for right heart catheterisation			
TR velocity	sPAP	Additional signs of PH on echo	Symptoms
> 3.4 m/s	> 50 mmHg	Yes / No	Yes / No
2.9–3.4 m/s	37–50 mmHg	Yes / No	Yes
≤ 2.8 m/s	≤ 36 mmHg	Yes	Yes

- TR velocity forms the basis of ESC / ERS screening recommendations, but it...
 - ...does not accurately reflect invasive pressures
 - ...is not present in all patients^{3,4}

Echocardiography for PH in SSc

Early Detection of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension in Systemic Sclerosis

A French Nationwide Prospective Multicenter Study

Eric Hachulla,¹ Virginie Gressin,² Loïc Guillevin,³ Patrick Carpentier,⁴ Elisabeth Diot,⁵ Jean Sibilia,⁶ André Kahan,³ Jean Cabane,⁷ Camille Francès,⁸ David Launay,¹ Luc Mouthon,³ Yannick Allanore,³ Kiet Phong Tiev,⁷ Pierre Clerson,⁹ Pascal de Groote,¹⁰ and Marc Humbert¹¹

- **21 SSc expert centers**

- **599 SSc patients (-29 known PAH = 570)**

Reliability of prospective screening of SSc patients based on:

- TVR > 2.5 m/s in symptomatic patients (25 mmHg+RAP)

Right heart catheterization. All of the 33 patients in whom PAH was suspected underwent RHC. Among them, PAH was confirmed in 18 cases

} **33 patients**

45% of cases of echocardiographic diagnoses of PH were falsely positive!

Echocardiography may help detect pulmonary vasculopathy in the early stages of pulmonary artery hypertension associated with systemic sclerosis

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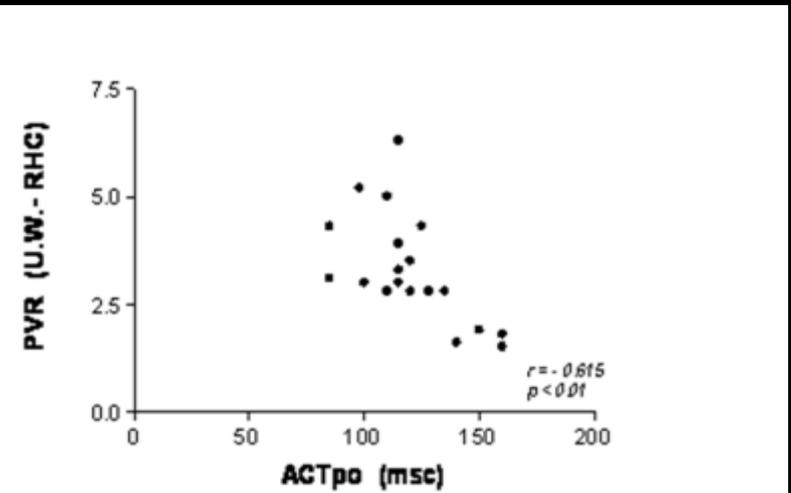
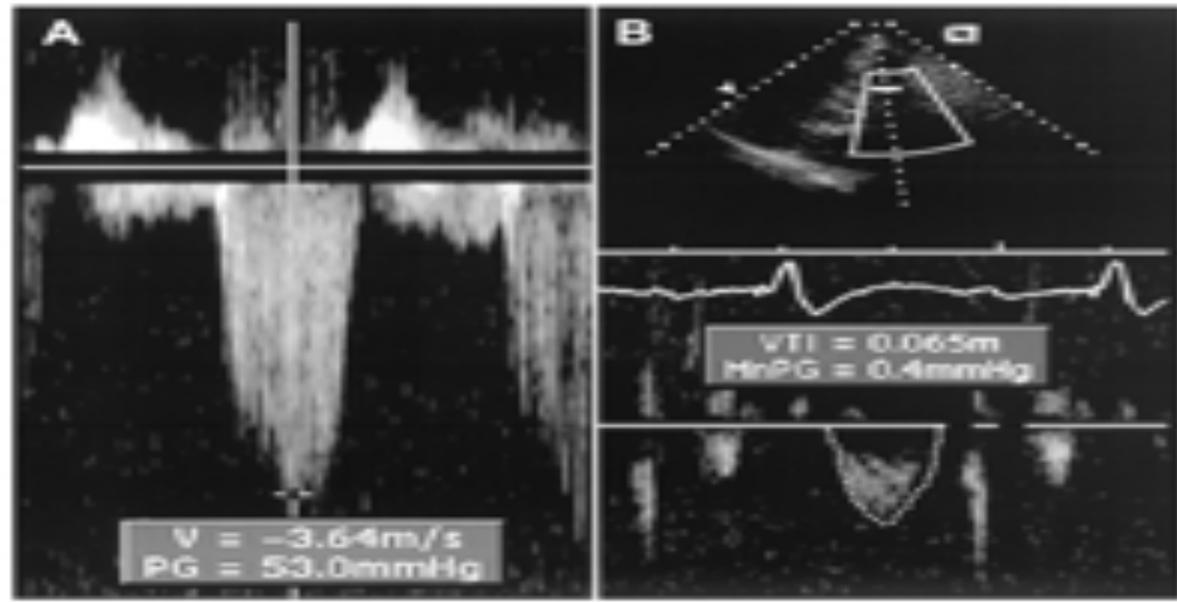
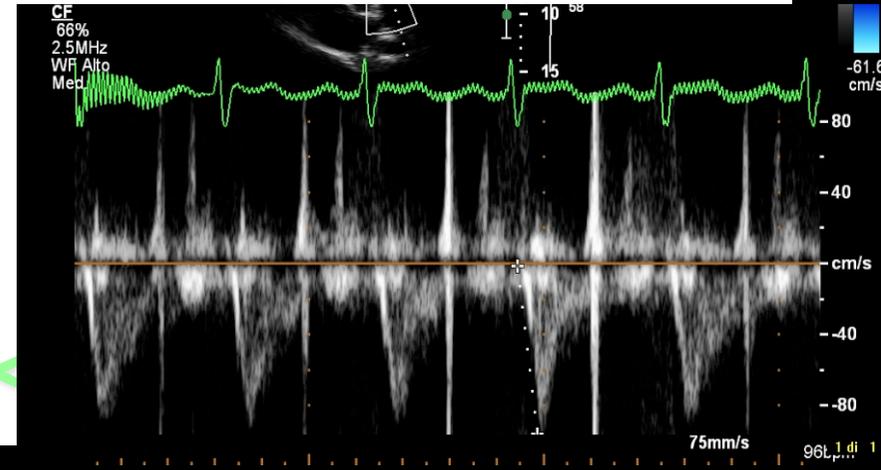
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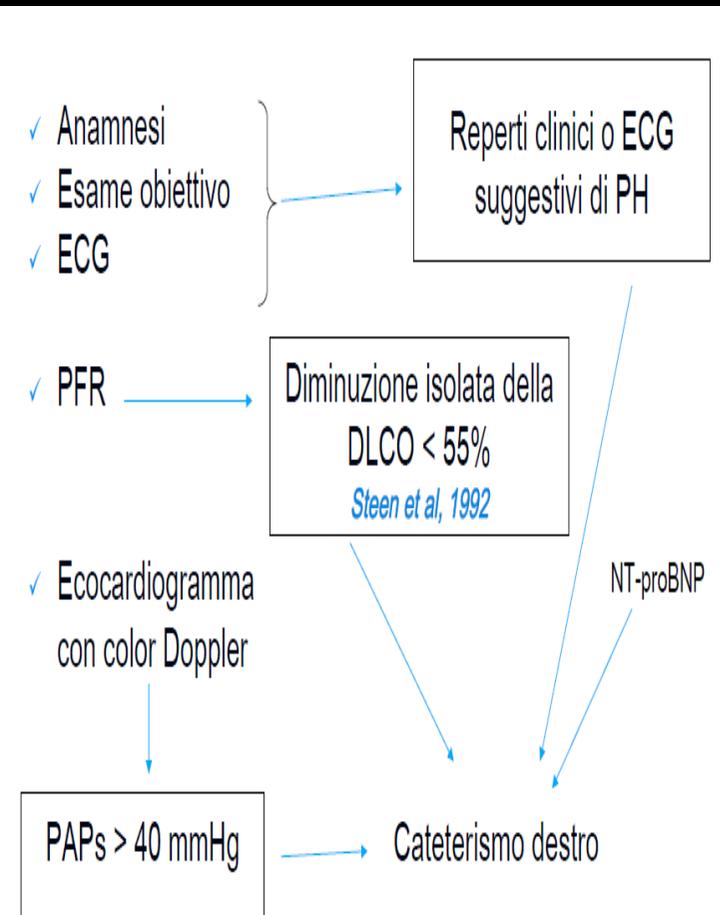
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Early detection of PAH in SSc



Screening for PAH-SSc: ESC/ERS Guidelines 2009

PH unlikely on echo:

- TRV < 2.8 m/s
- PA systolic ≤ 36 mmHg



Consider echo follow-up if a PAH risk factor present

PH possible on echo:

- TRV < 2.8 m/s + other features
- TRV < 3.4 m/s +/- other features



Consider RHC if risk factor present or moderate symptoms

PH likely on echo:

- TRV > 3.4 m/s
- PA systolic > 50 mmHg

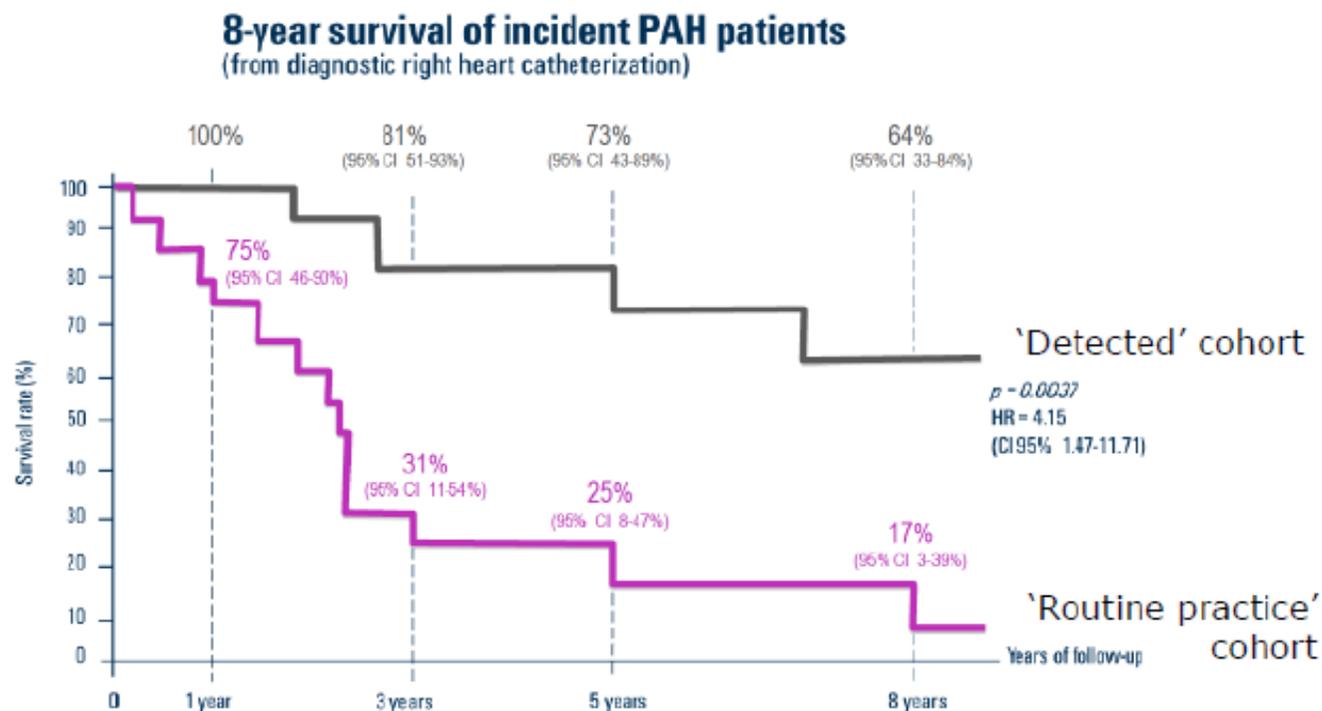


Consider RHC if no symptoms
Perform RHC if symptoms

PA: pulmonary artery; RHC: right heart catheterisation;
 TRV: tricuspid regurgitant jet velocity
 34; 20 October 2013

Galiè N, et al. *Eur Heart J* 2009; 30:2493-537.

Early detection of PAH in SSc



5th World Symposium on PH: Updated recommendations on screening for PAH

Recommendations on screening of high-risk populations for PAH

Annual screening for PAH is recommended in asymptomatic patients with the SSc spectrum of diseases

Screening should include a two-step approach using clinical assessment in the initial stage, followed by echocardiography and consideration of RHC in patients with abnormal findings*†

Screening programs for patients with SSc should be part of a scientific protocol, or a registry, whenever possible

Patients with SSc and other CTDs with clinical signs and symptoms of PH should be evaluated by RHC

*Based on the DETECT study

†There is a lack of data with DLCO > 60%

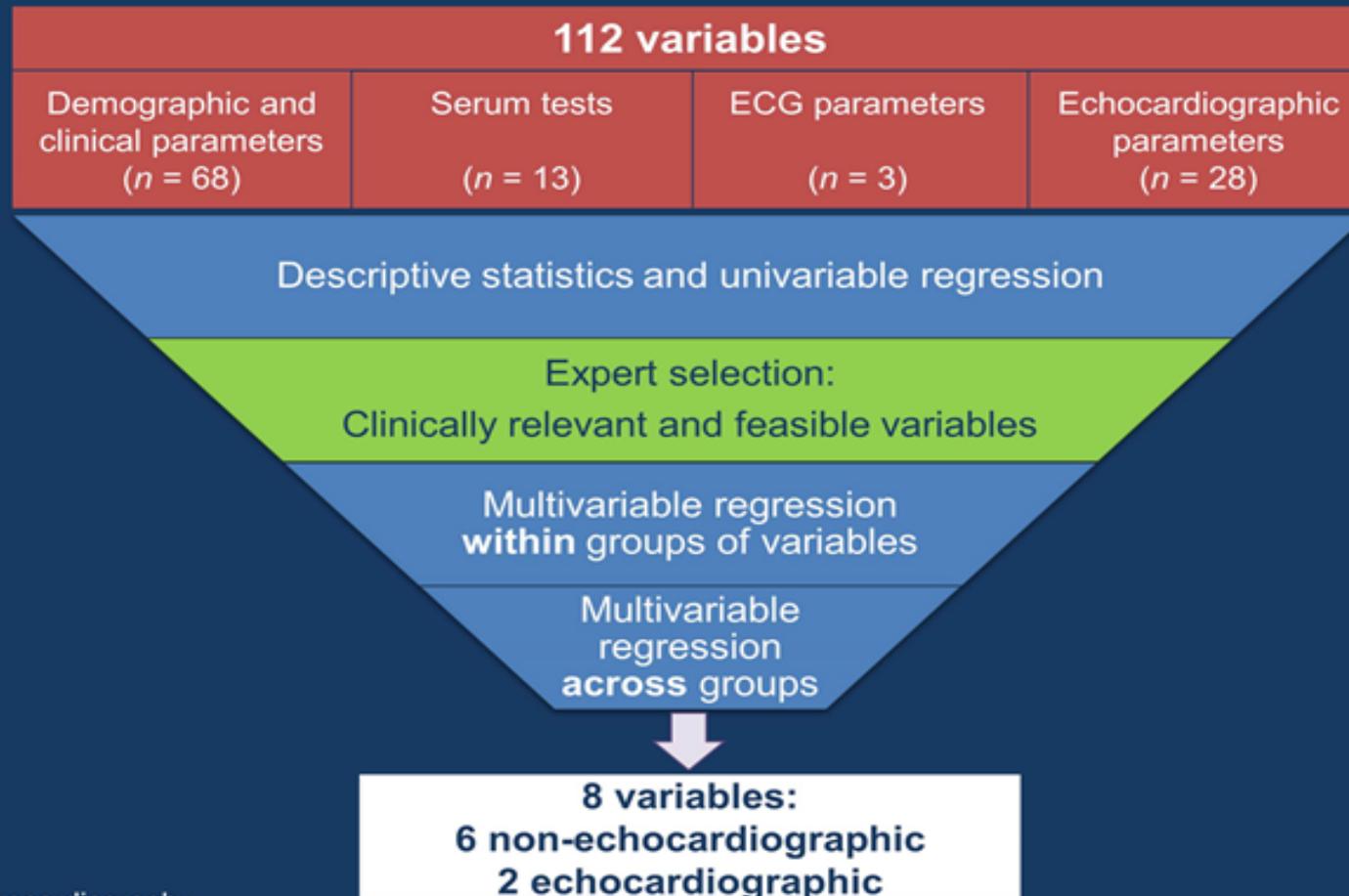
CTD: connective tissue disease; DLCO: carbon monoxide diffusing capacity;

RHC: right heart catheterisation; SSc: systemic sclerosis

Adapted from Hoeper MM, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2013; 62:D42-50.

*Coghlan JG, et al. *Ann Rheum Dis* 2013; 73:1340-9.

Selection of screening variables in the DETECT study



DETECT online PAH risk calculator

DETECT
DETECTION of PAH in SSc

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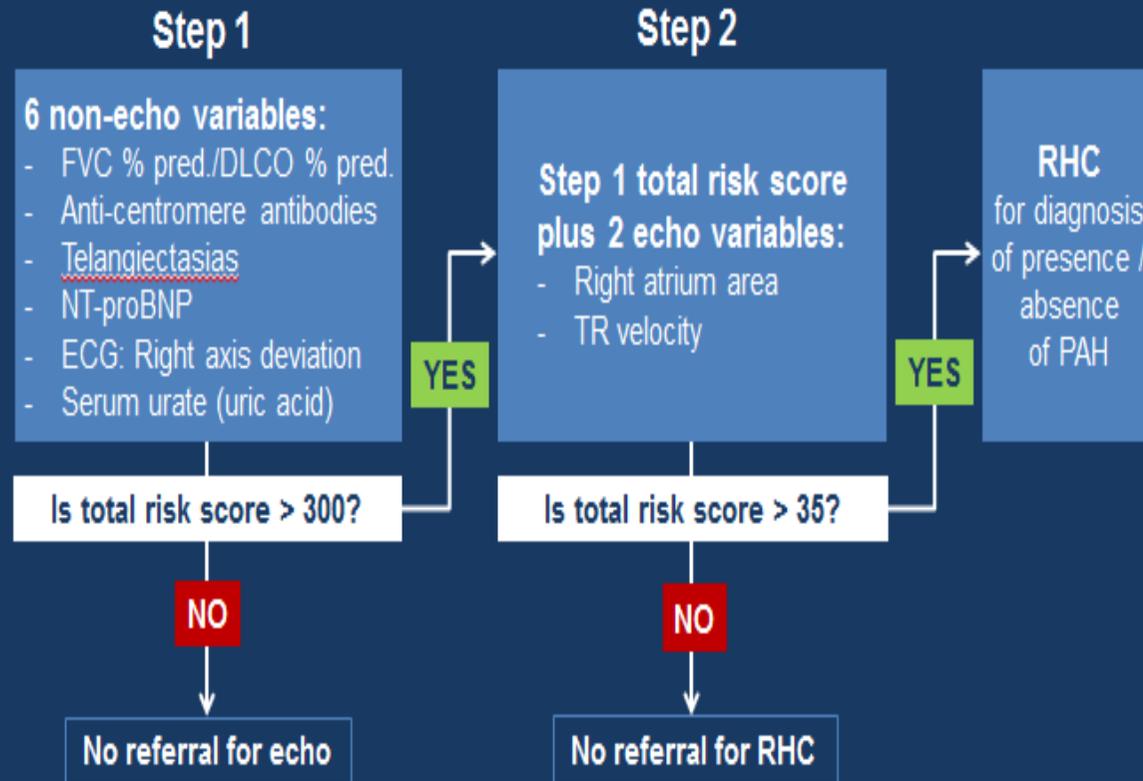
WELCOME TO THE PAH RISK CALCULATOR

The PAH risk calculator is a tool for all physicians dealing with systemic sclerosis (SSc). The calculator was developed and validated in the DETECT study. The DETECT study was designed and carried out by a group of experts, all of whom are physicians practising in different countries, and was supported by Actelion Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

The calculator was developed for your daily clinical practise. It will help you to identify and diagnose SSc patients with pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), which is a serious condition that develops in 8-13% of SSc patients and is the leading cause of death in patients with this disease. The calculator is based on an algorithm with a high sensitivity and specificity and can help you to decide which of your SSc patients should be evaluated using echocardiography, and of those patients who should be referred for right heart catheterization.

START CALCULATOR

DETECT two-step decision tree for screening SSc patients



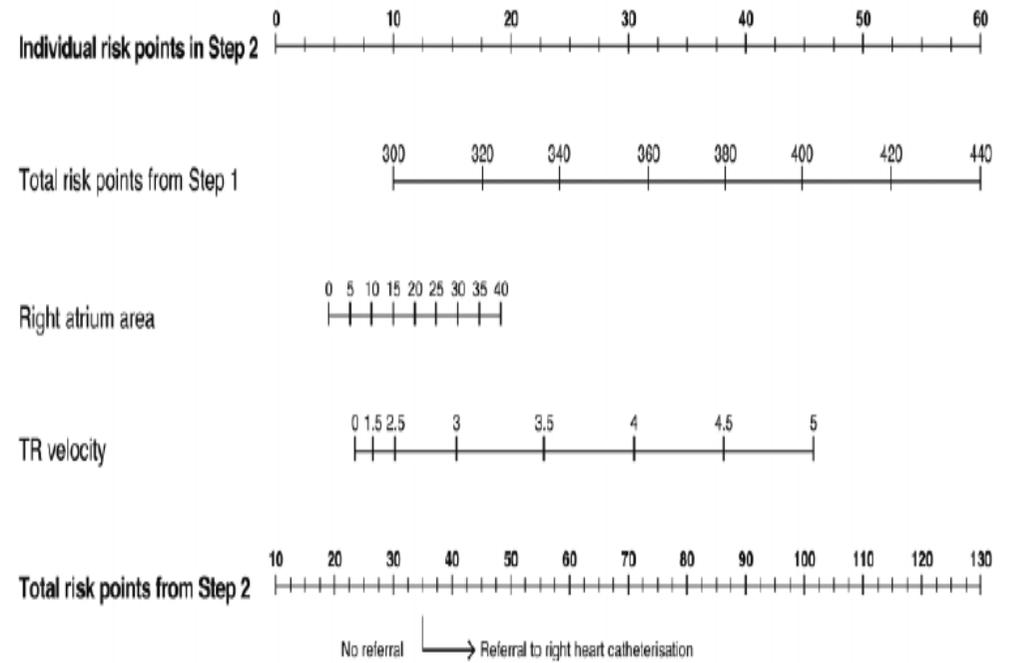
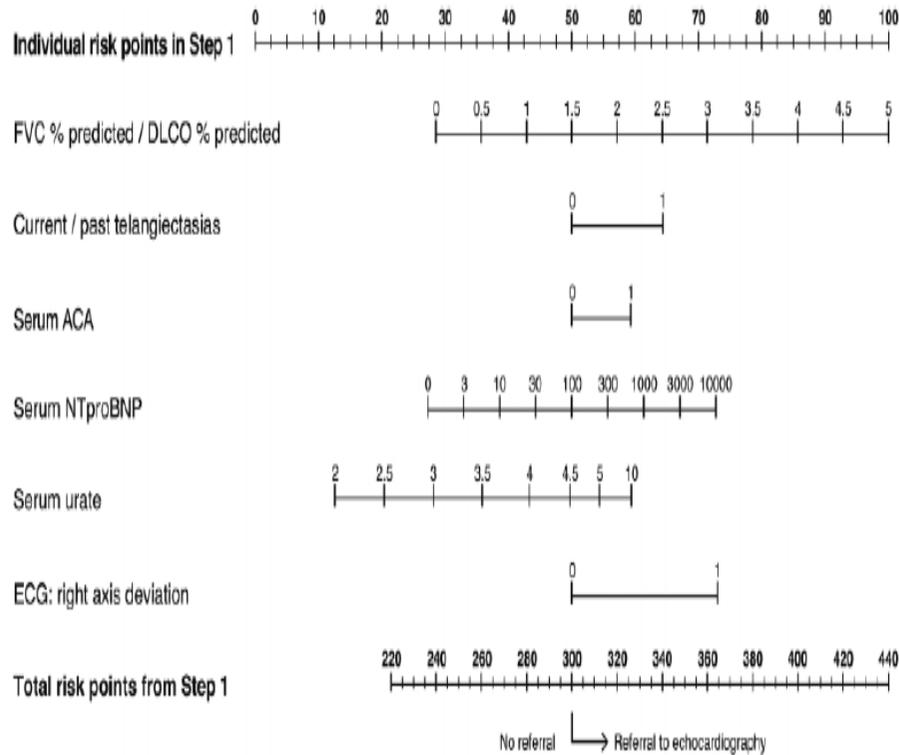
DLCO: Diffusing capacity of the lungs for carbon monoxide; ECG: Electrocardiogram; FVC: Forced vital capacity; NT-proBNP: N-terminal prohormone brain natriuretic peptide; RHC: Right heart catheterisation; SSc: Systemic Sclerosis; TR: Tricuspid regurgitation

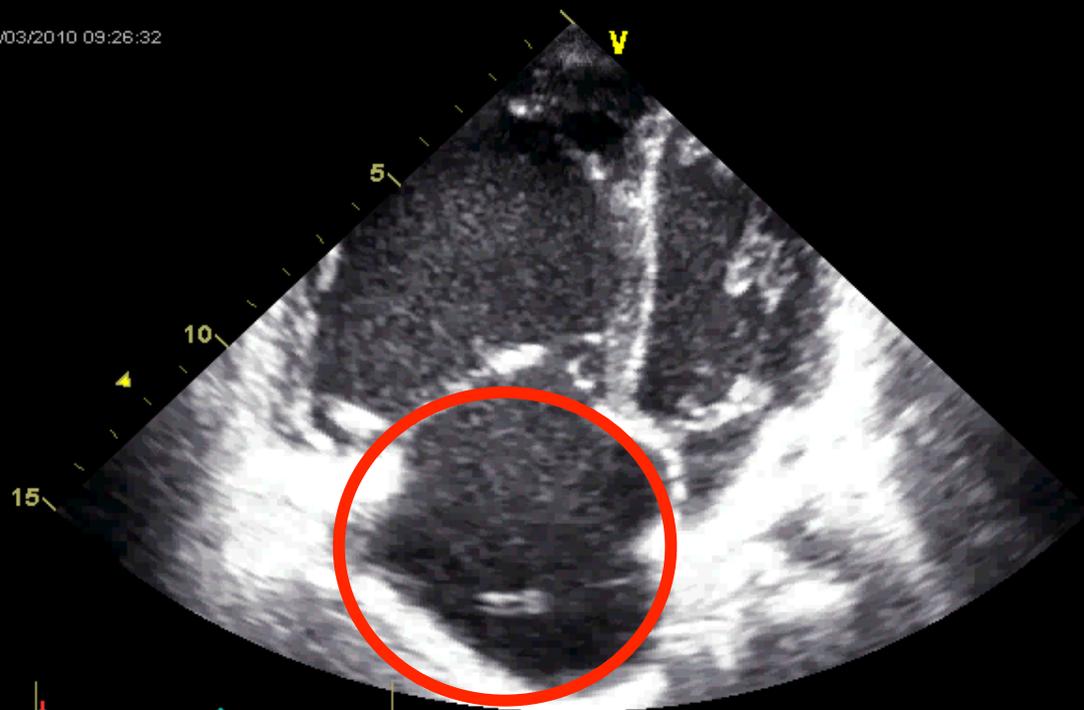
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Evidence-based detection of Pulmonary Arterial Hipertension in Systemic Sclerosis

DETECT STUDY Caghan 2013





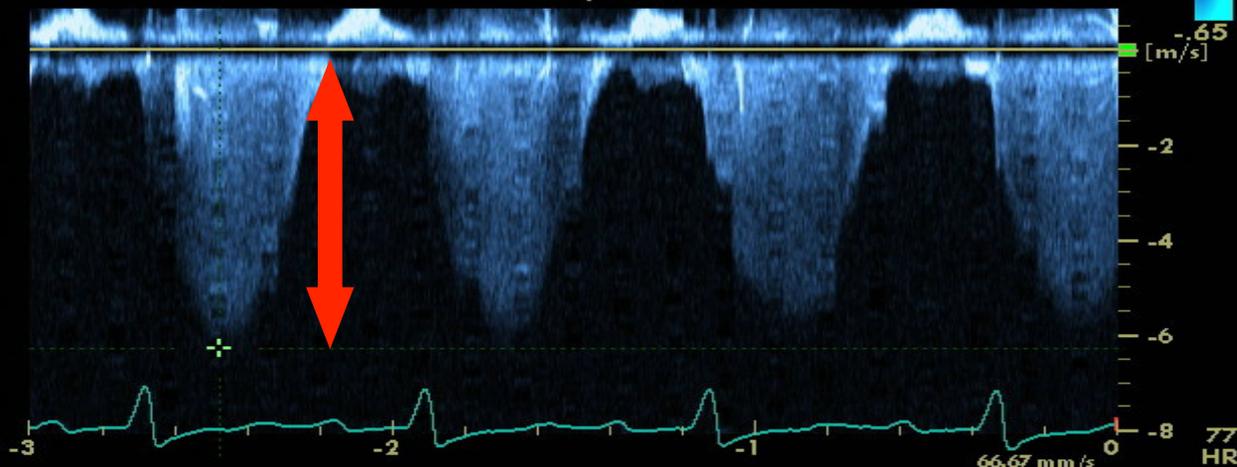
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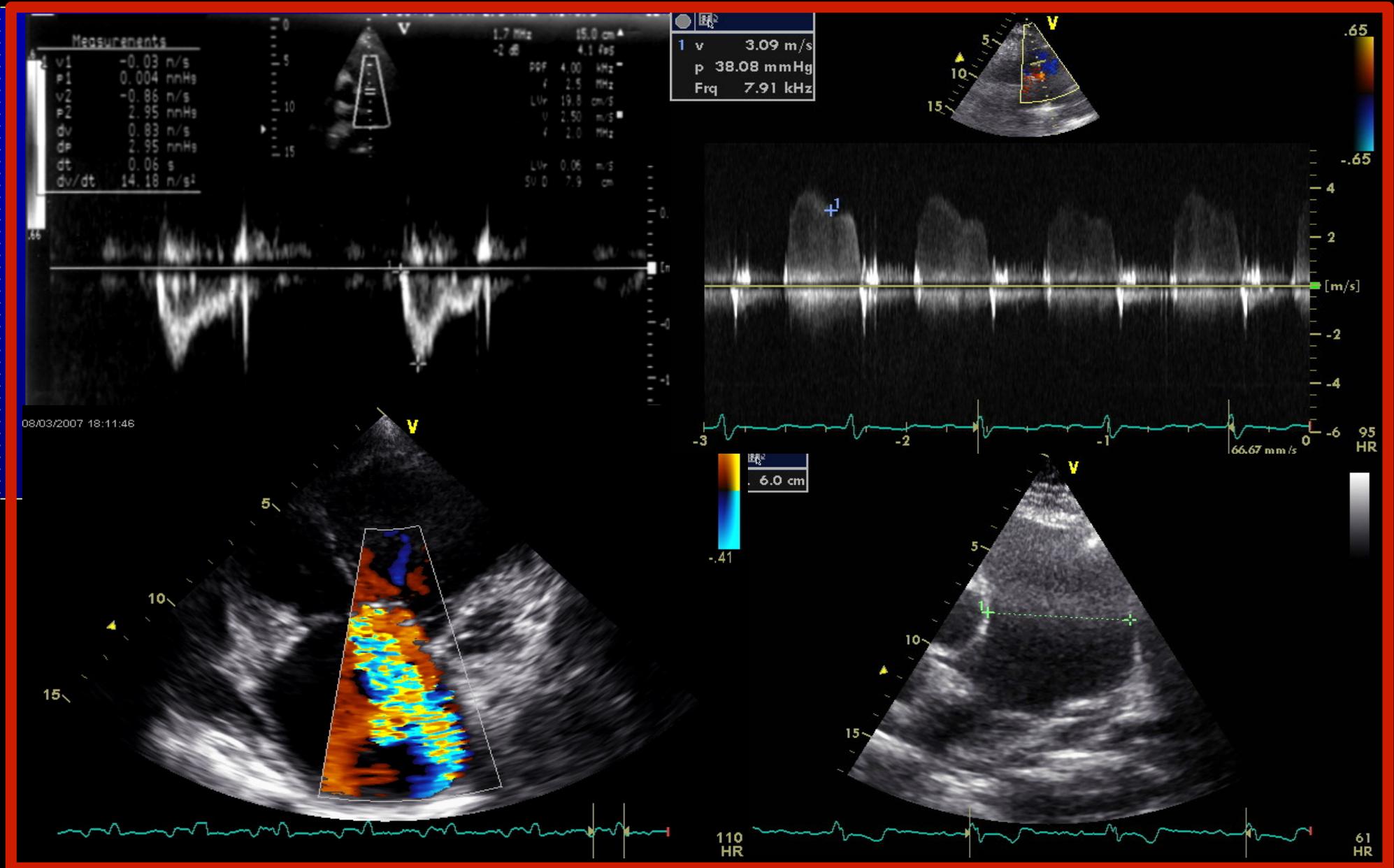


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Comparison of DETECT two-step algorithm with ESC/ERS guidelines

	RHC referral rate	Missed PAH diagnoses	Overall sensitivity	Overall specificity	Overall PPV	Overall NPV
ESC/ERS Guidelines*	40%	29%	71%	69%	40%	89%
DETECT algorithm	62%	4%	96%	48%	35%	98%

**Evidence-based detection of Pulmonary Arterial Hipertension in
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DETECT STUDY Coghlan 2013**

7% dei pz con PH: rigurgito tricuspidalico assente

20% dei pz con PH: VRT<2.5 m/sec

36% dei pz con PH: VRT<2.8 m/sec

Rate of missed PAH diagnosis:

4% (n=3) DETECT algorithm

29%(n=24) ESC/ERS guidelines

- **Objectives:**

- To compare RHC recommendations according to ESC/ERS guidelines and DETECT algorithm in a group of SSc patients .

- **Methods:**

- We included **39** consecutive patients admitted to the Unit of Internal Medicine and Rheumatology of the University Hospital Parma (Italy) between April and October 2013.
- Each patient had a SSc diagnosis (according to the **EULAR/ACR** classification criteria) established three or more years ago and was assessed with the above mentioned non echocardiographic and echocardiographic tests.

Results:

Table 1 shows patients with RHC recommended (or not) according to ESC/ERS guidelines and DETECT algorithm.

A concordant recommendation was found in **61,5%** of patients; 20,5% of patients had a RHC recommended only by ESC/ERS guidelines while **18,0%** of patients had a RHC referral according to DETECT algorithm.

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A real life comparison.

Background: Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) is one of the most common Systemic Sclerosis (SSc) related cause of death.

Right heart catheterisation (RHC) is the gold standard to detect a PAH. Nevertheless RHC is an invasive diagnostic procedure not always accepted by patients. The European Society of Cardiology/European Respiratory Society (ESC/ERS) has suggested several consensus guidelines to identify high risk PAH subjects. ESC/ERS RHC recommendation are based on patients' symptoms and echocardiographic parameters such as tricuspid regurgitant jet (TR) velocity and right atrium (RA) area. Recently the DETECT study has presented an evidence-based detection algorithm for PAH in SSc. The DETECT algorithm is divided in two steps determining referral to RHC. In the first one non echocardiographic tests (FVC/DLCO ratio, current/past telangiectasias, serum ACA, serum NTproBNP, serum urate and right axis deviation on ECG) are taken into account. TR velocity and RA are the echocardiographic parameters assessed in step 2.

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