



Heart Failure and Hospitalization

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Outline

- Scope of the Problem
- Identifying High Risk Patients
- Current Treatments
- Future of Heart Failure Management

What is heart failure?

- **Heart failure** is a clinical entity of *findings and symptoms* which stems from the body's inability to pump enough blood to meet the need for circulation of oxygen and nutrients
- **Symptoms** can include:
 - Shortness of breath
 - Chest pain
 - Difficulty lying flat (orthopnea), waking up from sleep due to shortness of breath (paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea)
 - Fluid retention → Abdominal bloating and Leg swelling
 - Poor appetite and weight loss

What is heart failure?

The Ejection Fraction compares the amount of blood in the heart to the amount of blood pumped out. The fraction or percentage helps describe how well the heart is pumping blood to the body.

EJECTION FRACTION

$$\frac{\text{amount of blood pumped out}}{\text{amount of blood in chamber}}$$

How much blood is pumped out?

NORMAL Ejection Fraction = 50-70% is pumped out during each contraction (Usually comfortable during activity)

BORDERLINE Ejection Fraction = 41-49% is pumped out during each contraction (Symptoms may become noticeable during activity)

REDUCED Ejection Fraction = ≤40% is pumped out during each contraction (Symptoms may become noticeable even during rest)

It is also possible to have a diagnosis of heart failure with a seemingly normal (or preserved) ejection fraction of greater than or equal to 50%.

www.RiseAboveHF.org

What is heart failure?

Systolic Heart Failure

Less blood pumped out of ventricles

Weakened heart muscle can't squeeze as well

Diastolic Heart Failure

Less blood fills the ventricles

Stiff heart muscle can't relax normally

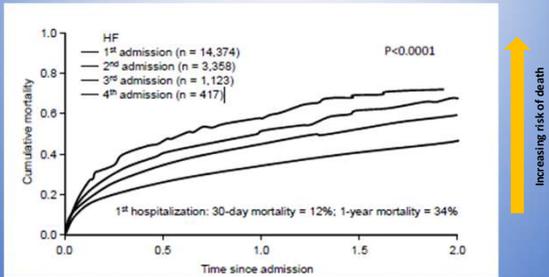
- **Systolic Heart Failure**
 - Acute MI or Coronary Artery Disease
 - Arrhythmia
 - Hypertension
 - Alcohol Use
 - Genetic Abnormalities
- **Diastolic Heart Failure**
 - Hypertension
 - Diabetes
 - Kidney disease
 - Genetic Abnormalities

<https://www.cardiologistmidtownnyc.com/conditions/heart-failure-cardiomyopathy-enlarged-heart/>

Scope of the Problem

- Recent data report there are approximately **6.5 million people** in the U.S. >20 years of age living with heart failure
- Projections show this will **increase 46%** from 2012 to 2030 resulting in nearly >8 million people with heart failure
- There are nearly **1 million hospitalizations** per year where heart failure is the *primary* diagnosis
- In 2012 there were an estimated \$30.7 billion in costs for HF with an projected rise of 127% by 2030 to \$69.7 billion

Why should we care about hospitalization?

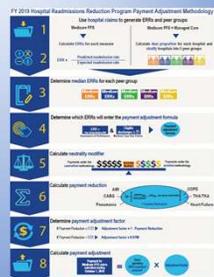


Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program (HRRP)

- A CMS program instituted in 2012 to reduce excess readmissions to inpatient prospective payment hospitals
- Defined readmission within 30 days of discharge from the same or another subsection hospital for *any reason*
- Tracked conditions included were acute myocardial infarction, *heart failure* and pneumonia. Later expanded to include patients admitted for coronary artery bypass grafting surgery (CABG), total knee or hip arthroplasty surgery and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

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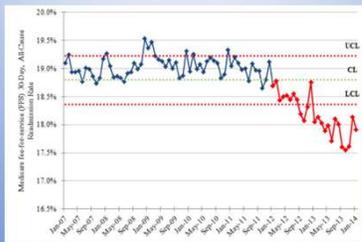
- The maximum penalty has been rising from 2013 to 2015 from 1% to now 3%.
- For FY 2019 hospitals will be stratified into peer groups based on the number of qualified services



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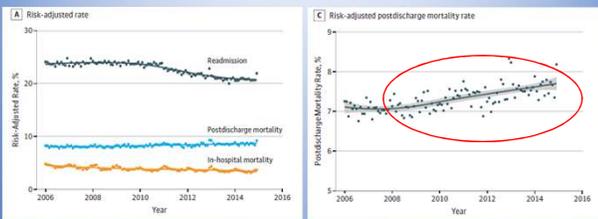
- In its first year, the HRRP penalized 2,213 hospitals a total of \$280 million dollars for excessive readmission rates.
 - This included 70% of eligible hospitals with 60% receiving a penalty of <1% and 10% receiving the maximal penalty
- By 2014, there were 2,610 hospitals penalized with 39 receiving the maximum penalty of 3% due to added conditions

Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program (HRRP)



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Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program (HRRP) – Effects on HF Post-Discharge Mortality

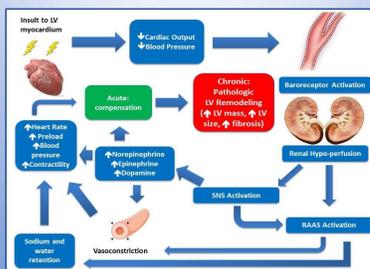


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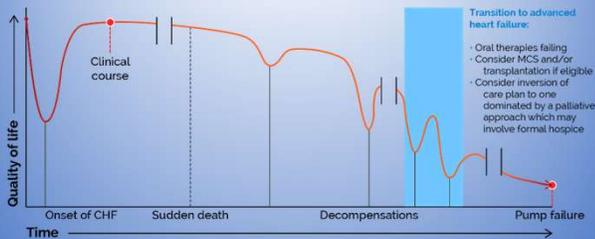
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Heart Failure is a Multiorgan Process



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Natural History of Heart Failure



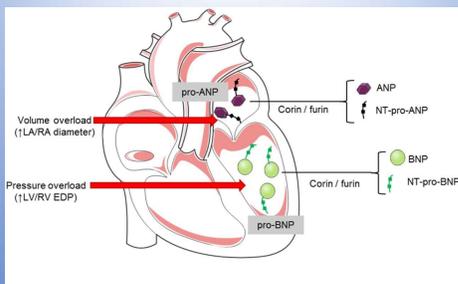
Can we identify patients at risk for hospitalization or dying?

- Biomarkers
 - Brain natriuretic peptide
 - Troponin
- Timing of Discharge – how do we ensure success?
- After hospital care
 - Follow up visits
 - Continued monitoring

Use of Biomarkers to Predict Mortality and Readmission

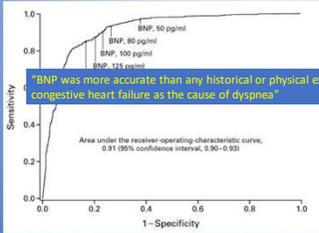
- *Brain natriuretic peptide (BNP)* is measured in heart failure patients to guide diagnosis and to provide prognosis
- BNP is released from myocardial tissue in response to wall stress, i.e. increased filling pressures within the heart or volume overload
- It has beneficial physiologic effects including vasodilation, decrease production of circulating maladaptive hormones and promoting diuresis in the kidneys

Brain Natriuretic Peptide



Singh JSS, Heart 2017;103:1569-1577

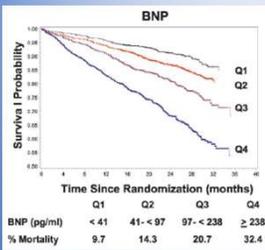
BNP Assists with Diagnosing Heart Failure



BNP	Sensitivity	Specificity	POSITIVE PREDICTIVE VALUE	NEGATIVE PREDICTIVE VALUE	ACCURACY
50	83 (93-95)	74 (72-77)	77 (75-80)	82 (81-83)	79
80	89 (88-92)	76 (73-79)	79 (78-81)	83 (82-84)	83
100	87 (85-90)	79 (76-82)	80 (78-83)	87 (84-89)	83
150	85 (82-88)	83 (80-85)	83 (80-85)	85 (83-88)	84

Maisel AS et al, N Engl J Med. 2002;347:161-167.

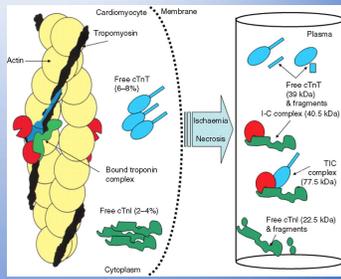
BNP Assists with Predicting Outcomes in Heart Failure Patients

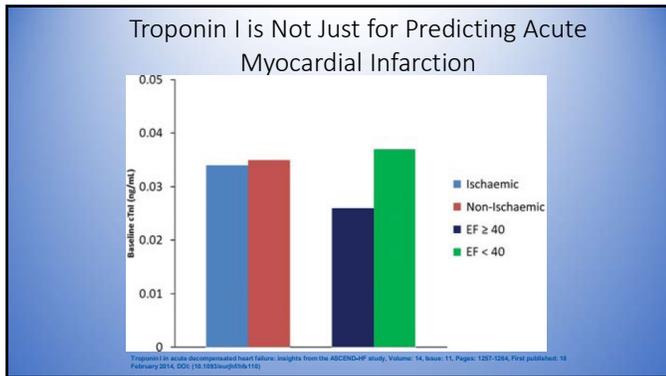


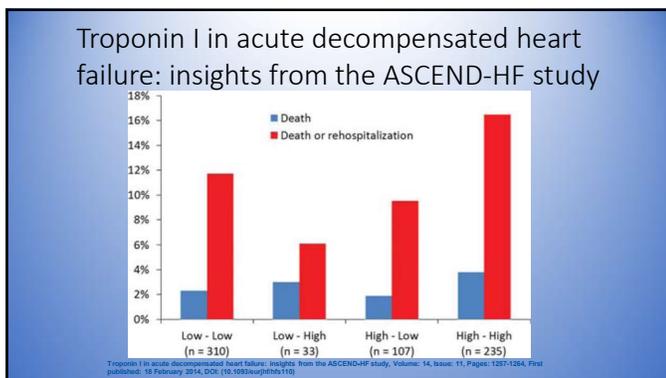
Anand et al., Circulation 2003

Troponin is Not Just for Predicting Acute Myocardial Infarction

- A **troponin** blood test measures the level of the troponin protein circulating in the blood
- Elevation of troponin occurs when myocardial cells die and leak this protein into the blood stream







Who is ready to be discharged?

- Persistent or subclinical congestion at discharge is associated with increased mortality and risk for HF hospitalization

Lucas C, et al. Am Heart J. 2000;140:840-847.

Fonarow GC, et al. Circulation. 1994;90(pt. 2):1-488.

Logeart D, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2004;43:635-641.

Does Follow up Matter?

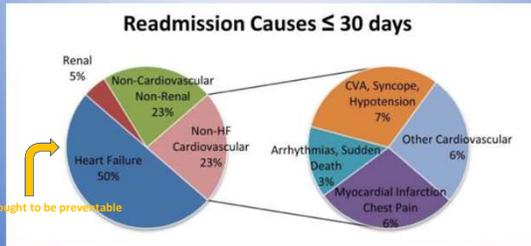
Table 3. Rates of Mortality, Readmission, and Mortality or Readmission at 30 Days by Quartile of Hospital Rate of Early Follow-up

Variable	Percentage Rate of Early Follow-up by Quartile, No. (%)				P Value
	1 (<32.4)	2 (32.4-37.9)	3 (38.3-44.5)	4 (>44.5)	
No. of patients	7081	8662	7812	6581	
Event, 30 d					
Mortality ^a	353 (5.0)	417 (4.8)	352 (4.5)	297 (4.5)	.44
Readmission ^b	1658 (23.3)	1787 (20.5)	1606 (20.5)	1377 (20.9)	<.001
Mortality or readmission ^a	1849 (26.1)	2015 (23.3)	1813 (23.2)	1544 (23.5)	<.001

^aBased on proportion of events.
^bBased on cumulative incidence function.

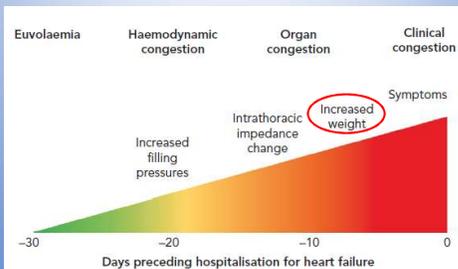
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Recurrent congestive heart failure most common reason for readmission



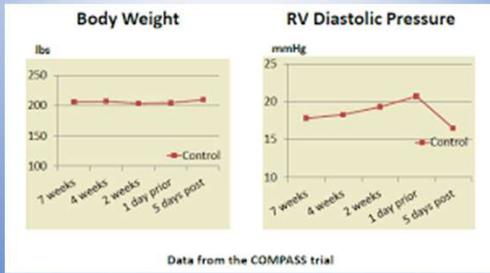
Vader, et al. J Card Fail 2016

How do we prevent readmission?



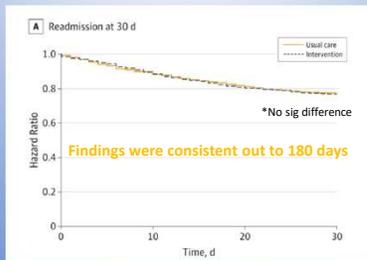
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Weight does not always track with filling pressures



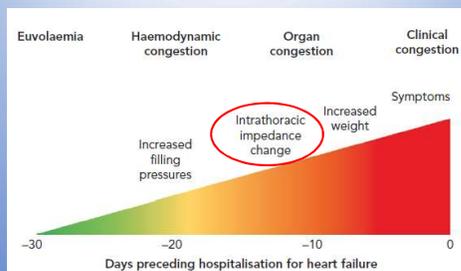
Renlund D, et al. Circulation 2007; 116:II_599

Telemonitoring of Weight Does NOT reduce readmissions



Ong MK et al. JAMA Intern Med. 2016;176:310-318.

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Adapted from Adamson et al, Curr Heart Fail Reports, 2009.

Thoracic Bioimpedance

Drier lungs means the transthoracic impedance is higher
↑ Better

Wetter lungs means the transthoracic impedance is lower
↓ Worse

<http://www.jlgh.org/Past-Issues/Volume-1---Issue-1/Thoracic-impedance.aspx>

Impedance Monitoring Does NOT Reduce Hospitalization

Implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD)

- OptiVol fluid index
- OptiVol threshold

Thoracic impedance (ohms)

- Daily
- Reference

Hospitalization for Heart Failure (%)

Hazard ratio, 1.79 (95% CI, 1.08-2.95)
P=0.022

Months since randomization

No. at Risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21
Active Arm	188	156	144	130	97	66	47	
Control Arm	187	156	151	136	113	67	46	

How do we prevent readmission?

Euvolaemia Haemodynamic congestion Organ congestion Clinical congestion Symptoms

Increased filling pressures

Intrathoracic impedance change Increased weight

Days preceding hospitalisation for heart failure

Adapted from Adamson et al, Curr Heart Fail Reports, 2009.

Implantable PA Pressure Monitor

The slide illustrates the implantable PA pressure monitor system. On the left, a diagram shows the PA sensor and delivery system with dimensions of 4.5cm and 2.20cm. Below this is a photograph of the physical device. On the right, a screenshot of the monitoring software interface displays patient information (Last Name, First Name, Age, Gender, Phone No.) and a multi-line graph showing PA pressure and other vital signs over time.

Remote Monitoring of PA Pressures DOES Reduce Hospitalizations

550 PATIENTS WITH SENSOR IMPLANTS
all patients take daily readings

TREATMENT
270 PATIENTS
Management based on PA Pressure + Traditional info

PRIMARY ENDPOINT:
Rate of HF hospitalization

Secondary endpoints included:

- Change in PA Pressure over 6 months
- Number of patients admitted to hospital for HF over 6 months
- Days alive outside of hospital for HF over 6 months
- Quality of Life at 6 months

CONTROL
280 PATIENTS
Management based on Traditional info

Abraham WT, et al. Lancet, 2011;377:658-666.

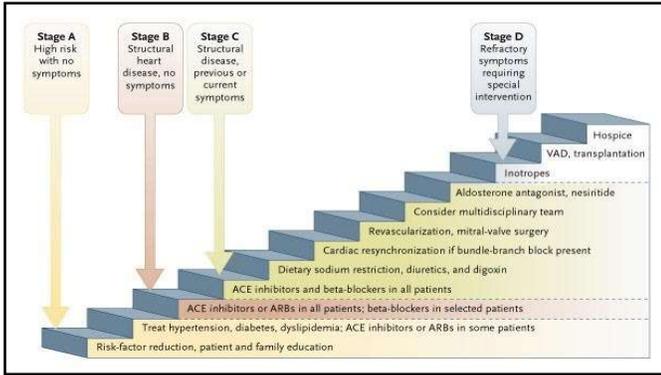
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Control group (280 hospital admissions for heart failure)
Treatment group (153 hospital admissions for heart failure)

Hazard ratio: 0.64 (95% CI 0.55-0.75)
p=0.0005

Time from implant (days)	Control group	Treatment group
0	280	270
90	242	244
180	215	230
270	178	195
360	145	171
450	118	145
540	87	108
630	82	82

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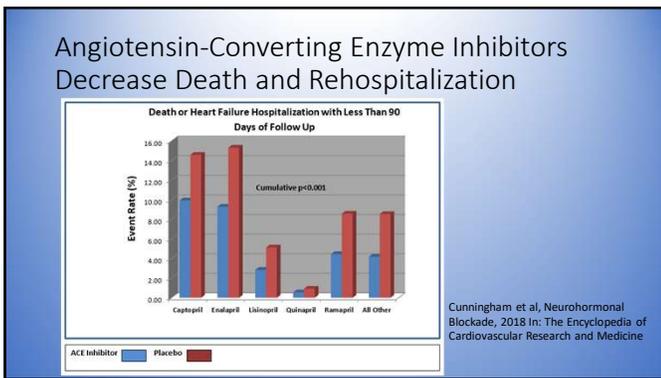


Beta-Blockers Reduce Death and Hospitalization in Heart Failure

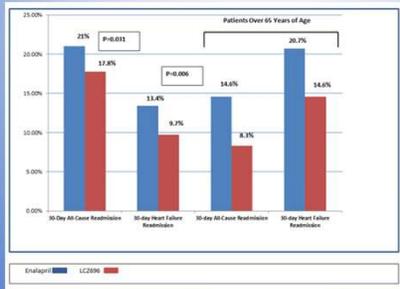
Study	CIBIS ⁶⁷	Carvedilol Heart Failure Study Group ⁶⁸	CIBIS II ¹⁷	MERIT-HF ⁵⁵
Medication	Bisoprolol 5 mg daily versus Placebo (51% reached max dose)	Carvedilol 25 to 50 mg twice daily* versus Placebo (MDD=45 mg)	Bisoprolol 10 mg daily versus Placebo (42% reached max dose)	Metoprolol CR/XL (Sustained) 200 mg daily versus Placebo (MDD=150 mg daily)
Study Subjects	641 Patients with LVEF ≤40% and NYHA Class III or IV heart failure	1094 Patients with LVEF ≤35% and 3 months of heart failure symptoms	2647 Patients with LVEF ≤35% and NYHA Class III or IV heart failure	3993 Patients with LVEF ≤40% and NYHA Class III/IV heart failure
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced CHF Hospitalization (p<0.001) Non-significant reduction in mortality (RR=0.96, p=0.22) Improvement in NYHA Class (p<0.001) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 65% RRR in death (95% CI: 2.0-8.61, p<0.001) Reduced CHF hospitalization (RR=0.27%, p<0.036) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 44% RRR in death (95% CI: 0.54-0.81, p<0.001) Reduced all cause and CHF hospitalization (p<0.0049 and p<0.001, respectively) Reduced hospitalization for V* and VF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 44% RRR in death (95% CI: 0.53-0.81, p<0.001) Reduction in progression of heart failure at 18 months (p<0.0023)

Abbreviations: MDD, Mean daily dose; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; CHF, congestive heart failure; RRR, relative risk reduction; V*, ventricular tachycardia; VF, ventricular fibrillation
*There was a non-in phase of carvedilol 6.25 mg BID for all patients

Cunningham et al, Neurohormonal Blockade, 2018 In: The Encyclopedia of Cardiovascular Research and Medicine

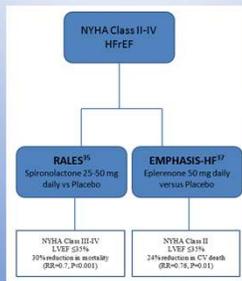


Entresto Decreases HF Admissions Over Enalapril



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Spironolactone Decreases Death and Admission in Heart Failure



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Each Therapy Has ADDITIVE Benefits

Therapy	RR in Mortality (%)	RR in HF Hospitalization (%)
ACE Inhibitor or ARB	17	31
Beta-Blocker	34	41
Aldosterone Antagonist	30	35
ARNI	26	28

Abbreviations: RR, relative reduction; ACE, angiotensin converting enzyme; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; ARNI, angiotensin receptor neprilysin-inhibitor.
The estimated benefit of ARNI is based on its use instead of ACE inhibitors or ARBs.

Adapted from: Yancy, et al. 2013 ACCF/AHA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure - A Report of the American College of Cardiology Foundation/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines. Circulation. 2013;128:e270.

What Happens When Medications Are Not Enough?

1. Severe symptoms of HF with dyspnea and/or fatigue at rest or with minimal exertion (NYHA class III or IV)
2. Episodes of fluid retention (pulmonary and/or systemic congestion, peripheral edema) and/or reduced cardiac output at rest (peripheral hypoperfusion)
3. Objective evidence of severe cardiac dysfunction shown by at least 1 of the following:
 - a. LVEF <30%
 - b. Pseudo-normal or restrictive mitral inflow pattern
 - c. Mean PCWP >16 mmHg and/or BNP >12 mmHg by PA catheterization
 - d. High BNP or NT-proBNP plasma levels in the absence of noncardiac causes
4. Severe impairment of functional capacity shown by 1 of the following:
 - a. Inability to exercise
 - b. 6-Minute walk distance <300 m
 - c. Peak $\dot{V}O_2$ <12 to 14 mL/kg/min
 - d. History of ≥ 1 HF hospitalization in past 6 mo
5. Presence of all the previous features despite "attempts to optimize" therapy, including diuretics and GDMT, unless these are poorly tolerated or contraindicated, and CRT when indicated

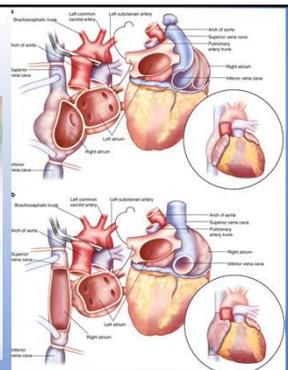
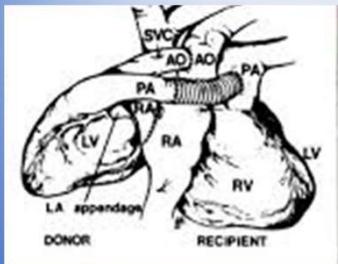
- Symptoms with dressing, showering or at rest
- Fluid retention despite high doses of diuretics
- LVEF <30%
- 2 or more hospitalizations in 6 months
- Having to decrease or stop meds due to low blood pressure

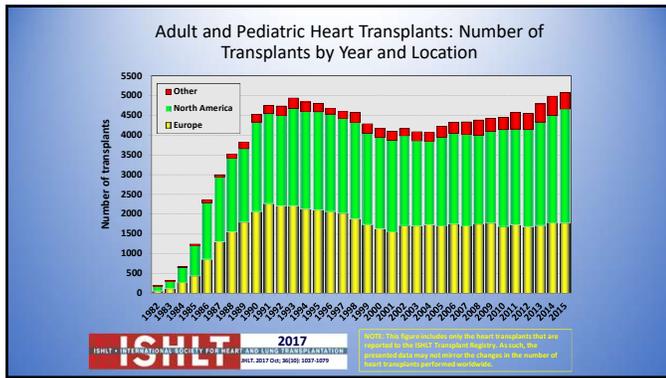
Yancy, et al. 2013 ACCF/AHA Heart Failure Guideline

Advanced Heart Failure Therapies

- Heart Transplant
 - > Requires immunosuppressive medications for life
 - > Outcomes are good – 90% survival at 1 year and 50% at 11 years
- Left Ventricular Assist Devices (LVADs)
 - > Can be implanted as a bridge to transplant (BTT) or destination therapy (DT)
 - > Requires anticoagulation with Coumadin/Warfarin
 - > Can be associated with complications including infection, stroke and right heart failure
 - > For those awaiting transplant, most recent survival is 85% at 1 year

Heart Transplant

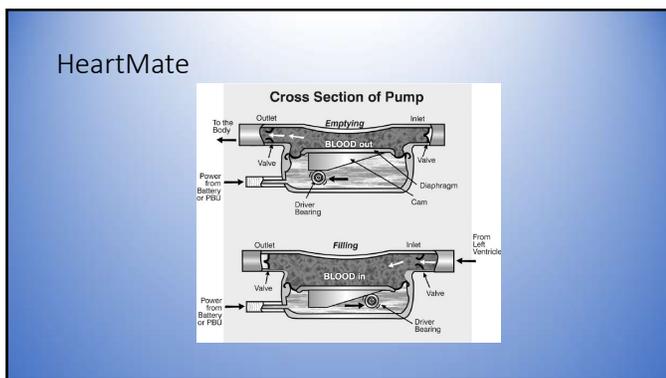




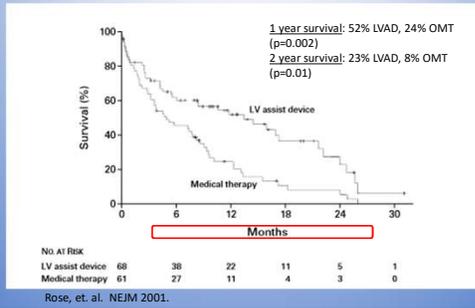
HeartMate

- HeartMate XVE
- Implantation: Intra-abdominal
- Approved by FDA for use as BTT and DT in November 2002
- Weighs 1150 grams

Rose EA, et al. NEJM 2001



HeartMate - REMATCH

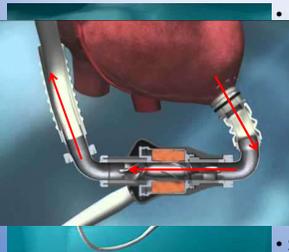


HeartMate - REMATCH

CAUSE OF DEATH	MEDICAL-THERAPY GROUP		LVAD GROUP	TOTAL	SCALE†	NO. SURVIVING TOTAL NO. (%)	P VALUE
	no. of patients						
Left ventricular dysfunction	50	1	51		SF-36		
Sepsis	1	17	18		Physical function		0.01
Failure of LVAD	0	7	7		LVAD group	23/24 (96)	46±19
Miscellaneous noncardiovascular causes	0	5	5		Medical therapy group	6/11 (55)	21±21
Cardiovascular disease	0	4	4		Emotional role		0.03
Miscellaneous cardiovascular causes	1	2	3		LVAD group	23/24 (96)	64±45
Pulmonary embolism	0	2	2		Medical therapy group	6/11 (55)	17±28
Acute myocardial infarction	1	0	1		Mannose Binding with Heart Failure		0.11
Cardiac procedure	1	0	1		LVAD group	23/24 (96)	41±22
Perioperative bleeding	0	1	1		Medical therapy group	6/11 (55)	38±21
Unknown	0	2	2		Beta-Blocker Intensity		0.04
Total	54	41	95		LVAD group	22/24 (92)	8±7
					Medical therapy group	5/11 (45)	12±7
					Median NYHA class		<0.001
					LVAD group	24/24 (100)	II
					Medical therapy group	7/11 (64)	IV

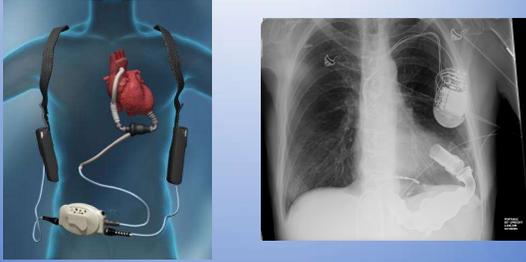
Rose, et. al. NEJM 2001.

HeartMate II



- Implantation: subdiaphragmatic or intrathoracic
- DA approved
- BTT in 2008
- DT in 2010
- Weighs 281 grams
- Single moving rotor

HeartMate 2



HeartMate II - DT

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Table 2. Primary End Point and Hazard Ratios, According to Treatment Group.*

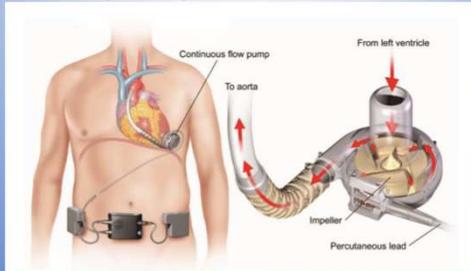
End Point	Continuous-Flow LVAD (N=134) no. (%) [95% CI]	Pulsatile-Flow LVAD (N=66) no. (%) [95% CI]	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value	
Survival free from disabling stroke and reoperation to repair or replace LVAD at 2 yr (primary composite end point)	62 (46 [38-55])	7 (11 [3-18])		<0.001	
First event that prevented patient from reaching the primary end point					
Disabling stroke†	15 (11 [6-17])	8 (12 [4-20])	0.78 (0.33-1.82)	0.56	
Reoperation to repair or replace pump‡	13 (10 [5-15])	24 (16 [25-48])	0.18 (0.09-0.37)	<0.001	
Death within 2 yr after implantation	44 (33 [25-41])	27 (41 [29-53])	0.59 (0.35-0.99)	0.048	
Any	72 (54 [45-62])	59 (89 [82-97])	0.38 (0.27-0.54)	<0.001	
Continuous-flow LVAD	133	95	82	69	62
Pulsatile-flow LVAD	59	32	19	5	2

Slaughter MS, et al. NEJM 2009.

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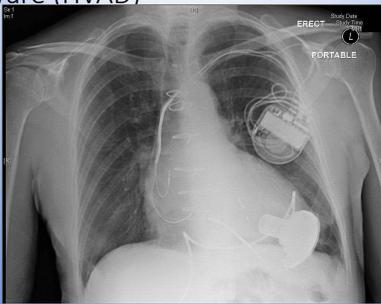
HeartWare (HVAD)



HeartWare (HVAD)

- Implantation: Intrapericardial
- *Partially* magnetically levitated
- Weight 145 grams
- FDA Approved
 - BTT in November 2012
 - DT in September 2017

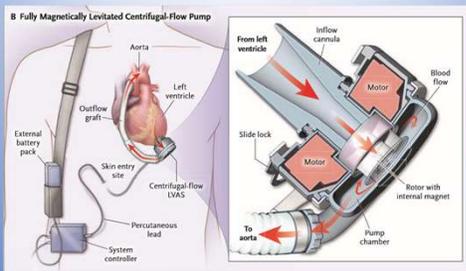
HeartWare (HVAD)



HeartWare (HVAD) - ADVANCE

- Enrollment of 140 patients to the HVAD device with comparison to registry of 499 axial-flow device recipients
- All patients were enrolled as a BTT strategy
- Primary outcome was non-inferiority of survival at 180 days

HeartMate III



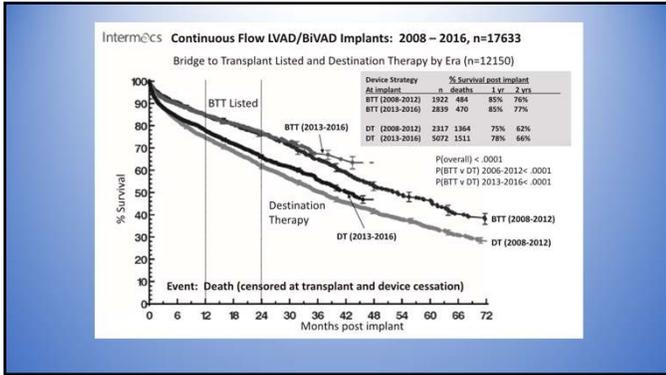
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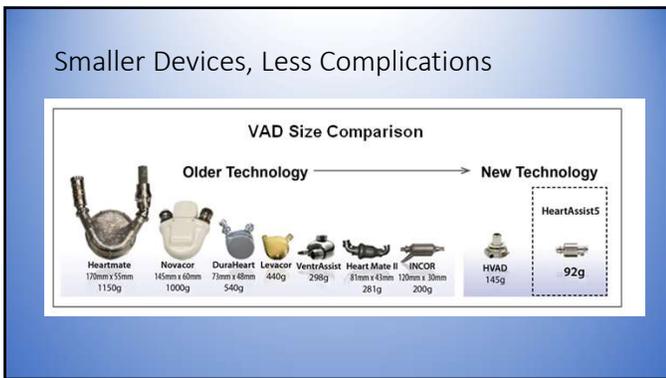
HeartMate III – MOMENTUM 3

Table 3. Major Adverse Events in the Per-Protocol Population.*

Event	Centrifugal-Flow Pump Group (N=151)		Axial-Flow Pump Group (N=138)		Relative Risk (95% CI)	P Value
	no. of patients with events (%)	no. of events	no. of patients with events (%)	no. of events		
Suspected or confirmed pump thrombosis	0	0	14 (10.1)	18	NA	<0.001
Stroke						
Any stroke	12 (7.9)	12	15 (10.9)	17	0.73 (0.35-1.51)	0.39
Hemorrhagic stroke	4 (2.6)	4	8 (5.8)	8	0.46 (0.14-1.48)	0.18
Ischemic stroke	8 (5.3)	8	9 (6.5)	9	0.81 (0.32-2.05)	0.66
Disabling stroke	9 (6.0)	9	5 (3.6)	5	1.65 (0.57-4.79)	0.36
Other neurologic event†	9 (6.0)	9	8 (5.8)	8	1.03 (0.41-2.59)	0.95
Bleeding						
Any bleeding	50 (33.1)	100	54 (39.1)	98	0.83 (0.62-1.15)	0.29
Bleeding requiring surgery	15 (9.9)	15	19 (13.8)	21	0.72 (0.38-1.36)	0.31
Gastrointestinal bleeding	24 (15.9)	47	21 (15.2)	36	1.04 (0.61-1.79)	0.87
Centrifugal-flow pump	152	146	138	135	130	128
Axial-flow pump	142	125	119	116	110	106

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