

Heart Failure and Hospitalization

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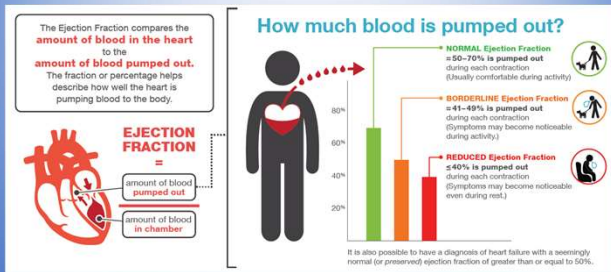
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What is heart failure?

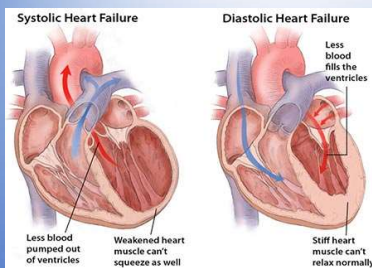
- **Heart failure** is a clinical entity of *findings and symptoms* which stems from the body's inability to pump enough blood to meet the need for circulation of oxygen and nutrients
- **Symptoms** can include:
 - Shortness of breath
 - Chest pain
 - Difficulty lying flat (orthopnea), waking up from 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?



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What is heart failure?



- **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

Temporal Trends in the Age-Adjusted Incidence of Heart Failure

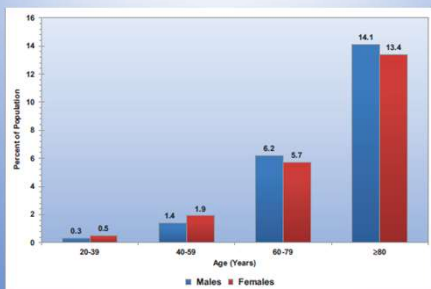
Period	Men		Women	
	INCIDENCE OF HEART FAILURE rate/100,000 person-yr	RATE RATIO	INCIDENCE OF HEART FAILURE rate/100,000 person-yr	RATE RATIO
1950-1969†	627 (475-779)	1.00	420 (336-504)	1.00
1970-1979	563 (437-689)	0.87 (0.67-1.14)	311 (249-373)	0.63 (0.47-0.84)
1980-1989	536 (448-623)	0.87 (0.67-1.13)	298 (247-350)	0.68 (0.45-0.79)
1990-1999	568 (463-665)	0.93 (0.71-1.23)	327 (266-388)	0.69 (0.51-0.93)

	1979-1984	1985-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000
Men				
Incidence per 100,000 (95% CI)	380 (323-398)	390 (354-425)	375 (340-409)	383 (351-415)
RRI (95% CI)	1.00	1.07 (0.94-1.22)	1.01 (0.88-1.15)	1.04 (0.92-1.18)
Women				
Incidence per 100,000 (95% CI)	284 (260-307)	292 (270-315)	280 (238-282)	315 (292-338)
RRI (95% CI)	1.00	1.04 (0.93-1.16)	0.93 (0.83-1.05)	1.11 (1.00-1.24)

Levy D et al. NEJM. 2002;347:18

JAMA 2004; 292:344-350

Prevalence of Heart Failure for Adults >20 years



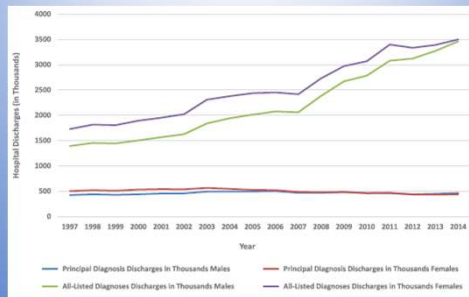
Benjamin et al, Circulation 2018.

Heart Failure Prevalence

Sex	Year									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Female	86 450 (86.3)	94 726 (94.0)	101 024 (103.4)	105 932 (109.5)	109 381 (109.7)	111 230 (112.4)	113 068 (114.5)	114 593 (115.4)	116 732 (114.5)	118 485 (115.1)
Male	53 390 (95.4)	58 456 (105.7)	62 520 (110.4)	66 309 (117.1)	68 942 (122.8)	70 465 (125.9)	72 133 (127.9)	74 177 (128.3)	76 376 (128.2)	78 709 (129.2)
Total	139 840 (89.9)	153 182 (97.9)	163 544 (104.4)	172 241 (110.3)	178 323 (114.9)	181 695 (117.8)	185 201 (119.9)	188 770 (120.1)	193 108 (120.2)	197 194 (121.0)

Curtis L, et al. Arch Int Med. 2008. 168:418-424

Hospital Discharges for Heart Failure by Sex



Heart Failure Hospitalization Rates

Table 2. Heart Failure Hospitalization Rates, 1998-2008*

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
HF hospitalization rate per 100,000	2545	2595	2612	2542	2488	2496	2459	2330	2223	2119	1997
HF patients per 100,000 person-years	2074	1885	1853	1898	1833	1851	1810	1724	1601	1503	1482
Observed HF hospitalization rate per 100,000 person-years											
Age < 65 y	1763	1614	1564	1514	1488	1482	1416	1338	1229	1145	1026
65-74 y	3502	3204	3203	3121	3027	3065	3027	2859	2717	2586	2403
≥75 y	5745	5403	5406	5207	5152	5272	5255	5091	4895	4757	4519
Male	2644	2718	2634	2565	2508	2448	2359	2427	2254	2112	2055
Female	2776	2813	2903	2937	2439	2481	2402	2258	2149	2046	1993
White race	2749	2888	2958	2455	2381	2390	2385	2258	2151	2054	1976
Black race	2862	2650	2586	2463	2434	2472	2485	2355	2231	2148	2000
White female	2688	2460	2474	2365	2310	2300	2277	2132	2006	1933	1798
Black female	4171	4134	4355	2493	3369	3440	3595	3767	3606	3553	3554
Black male	4142	3699	3727	3749	3701	3768	3772	3759	3636	3481	3301
Black female	4410	4235	4172	4103	4004	4040	3965	3925	3801	3637	3515
Other race†	2767	2717	2715	2739	2687	2653	1980	1867	1759	1627	1470
Other race male	2280	2272	2162	2089	2080	2073	2017	1889	1781	1672	1482
Other race female	2739	2764	2331	2744	2749	2598	1863	1868	1731	1593	1444
Risk-adjusted HF hospitalization rate per 100,000 person-years†	2545	2752	2687	2622	2542	2598	2525	2382	2272	2169	2007

Chen J, et al. JAMA. 2011;306:1669-1678

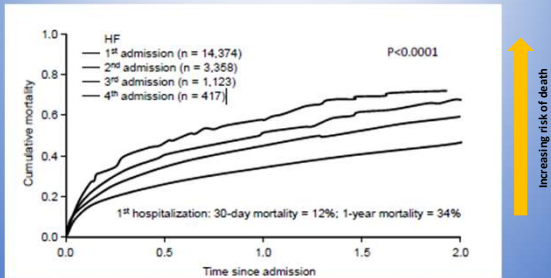
Why should we care about hospitalization?

Table 3. One-Year Mortality Rates After Heart Failure Hospitalization, 1999-2008*

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
HF hospitalizations, No.	505,234	511,176	513,156	513,205	526,817	521,496	495,029	457,777	421,764	368,963
Overall rate, %	31.7	31.4	31.9	31.2	31.1	30.6	30.7	30.7	31.7	32.0
Rate by age, %										
65-74 y	23.6	23.4	23.4	22.5	22.4	21.7	21.4	20.9	21.7	22.0
75-84 y	31.1	30.5	31.1	30.5	30.1	29.6	29.3	29.1	30.1	30.3
≥85 y	42.3	42.4	42.9	42.4	42.6	41.9	42.4	42.2	43.0	42.7
Men, %	33.6	33.4	33.9	33.0	32.7	32.0	31.5	31.5	32.5	33.1
Women, %	30.4	30.1	30.4	29.8	29.9	29.6	30.1	30.0	31.1	31.1
White race, %	32.5	32.2	32.7	32.1	32.0	31.5	31.6	31.6	32.6	33.0
Black race	34.5	34.1	34.8	33.9	33.5	32.8	32.2	32.3	33.3	34.1
White female	31.3	30.8	31.2	30.7	30.9	30.6	31.0	31.0	32.0	32.1
Black female	28.6	28.3	28.6	25.7	25.8	25.5	25.6	25.4	28.5	28.2
Black male	27.9	27.8	28.1	27.1	27.3	26.7	26.3	26.4	26.9	26.9
Black female	25.5	25.5	25.8	25.0	25.0	24.7	25.2	24.9	26.2	25.6
Other race, %†	27.9	29.0	28.5	28.1	28.3	27.3	27.8	27.7	28.0	28.7
Other race male	29.6	30.5	29.6	29.7	29.7	28.9	28.8	28.3	28.9	29.0
Other race female	26.8	27.9	27.8	26.9	27.2	26.1	27.1	27.2	27.3	28.5
Risk-adjusted 1-year mortality, %†	31.7	31.4	31.8	30.9	30.7	29.8	29.4	28.2	29.6	29.6

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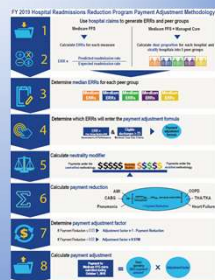


Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program (HRRP)

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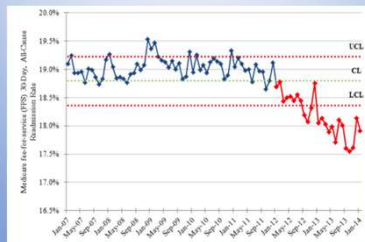
- The maximum penalty has been rising from 2013 to 2015 from 1% to now 3%.
- For FY 2019 hospitals will be stratified into peer groups based on the number of qualified services



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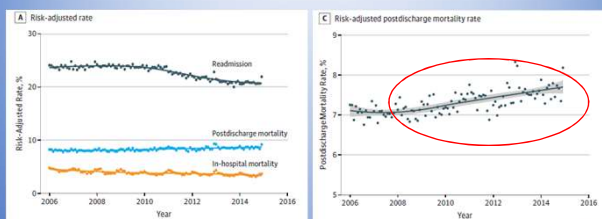
- In its first year, the HRRP penalized 2,213 hospitals a total of \$280 million dollars for excessive readmission rates.
- This included 70% of eligible hospitals with 60% receiving a penalty of <1% and 10% receiving the maximal penalty
- By 2014, there were 2,610 hospitals penalized with 39 receiving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

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Circulation. 2015 May 19; 131(20): 1796–1803

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

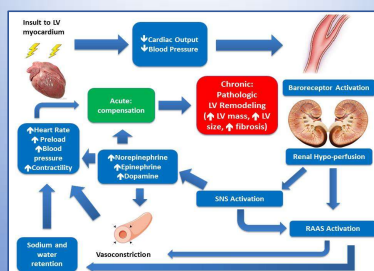


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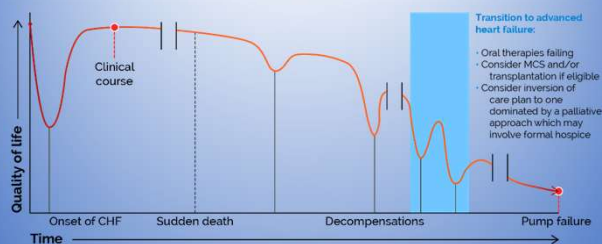
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Heart Failure is a Multiorgan Process



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Natural History of Heart Failure



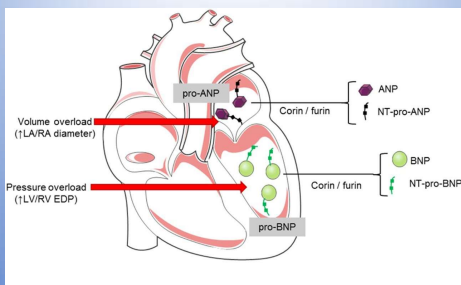
Can we identify patients at risk for hospitalization or dying?

- 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

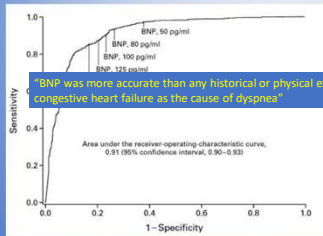
- *Brain natriuretic peptide (BNP)* is measured in heart failure patients to guide diagnosis and to provide prognosis
- BNP is released from myocardial tissue in response to wall stress, i.e. increased filling pressures within the heart or volume overload
- It has beneficial physiologic effects including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

Brain Natriuretic Peptide



Singh JS, Heart 2017;103:1569-1577

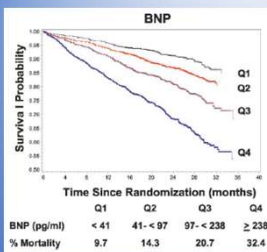
BNP Assists with Diagnosing Heart Failure



BNP	Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive Predictive Value	Negative Predictive Value	Accuracy
50	83 (81-85)	74 (72-76)	77 (75-80)	82 (80-84)	79
80	89 (88-91)	76 (73-79)	79 (76-83)	83 (81-85)	83
125	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.

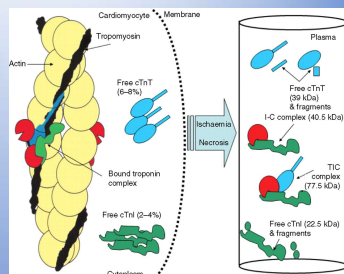
BNP Assists with Predicting Outcomes in Heart Failure Patients



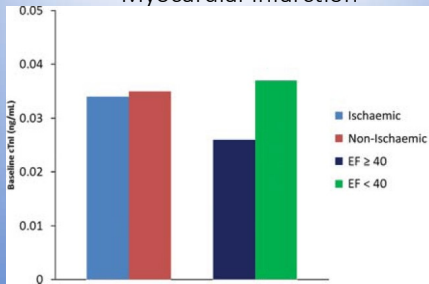
Anand et al., Circulation 2003

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

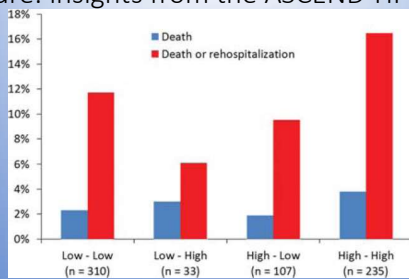


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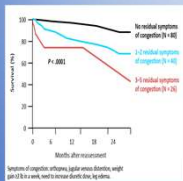
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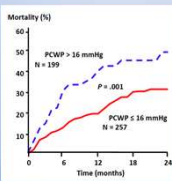
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Who is ready to be discharged?

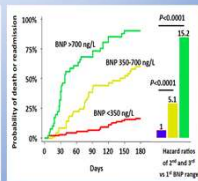
- Persistent or subclinical congestion at discharge is associated with increased mortality and risk for HF hospitalization



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

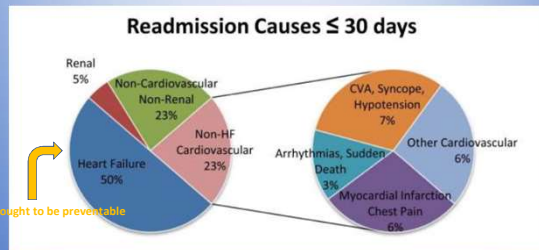
Variable	Percentage Rate of Early Follow-up by Quartile, No. (%)				P Value
	1 (<32.4)	2 (32.4-37.9)	3 (38.3-44.5)	4 (≥44.5)	
No. of patients	7081	8662	7812	6581	
Event, 30 d					
Mortality ^a	353 (5.0)	417 (4.8)	352 (4.5)	297 (4.5)	.44
Readmission ^b	1658 (23.3)	1787 (20.5)	1606 (20.5)	1377 (20.9)	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

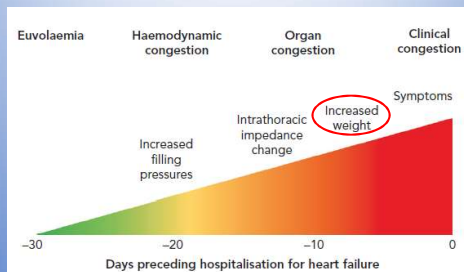
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Recurrent congestive heart failure most common reason for readmission

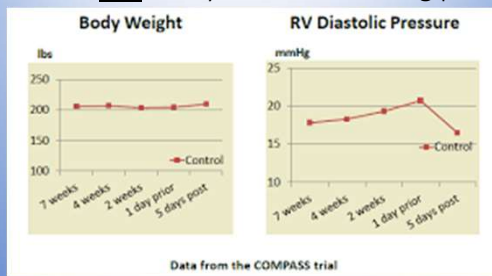


Vader, et al. J Card Fail 2016

How do we prevent readmission?

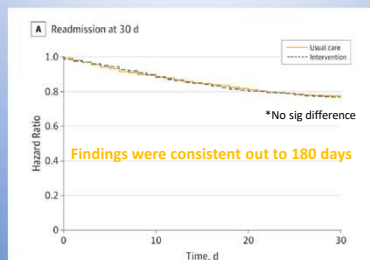


Weight does not always track with filling pressures



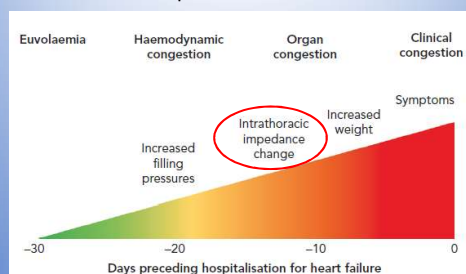
Renlund D, et al. Circulation 2007; 116:II_599

Telemonitoring of Weight Does NOT reduce readmissions



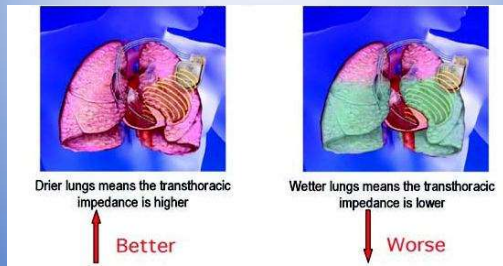
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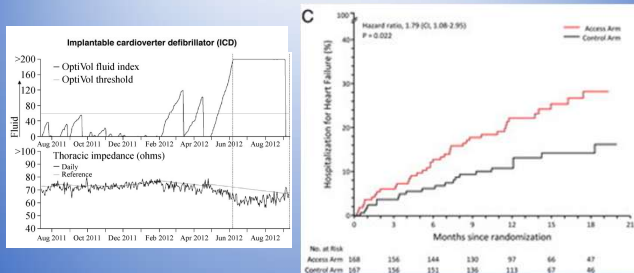
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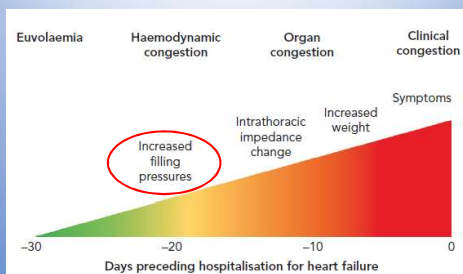


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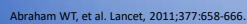
Impedance Monitoring Does NOT Reduce Hospitalization

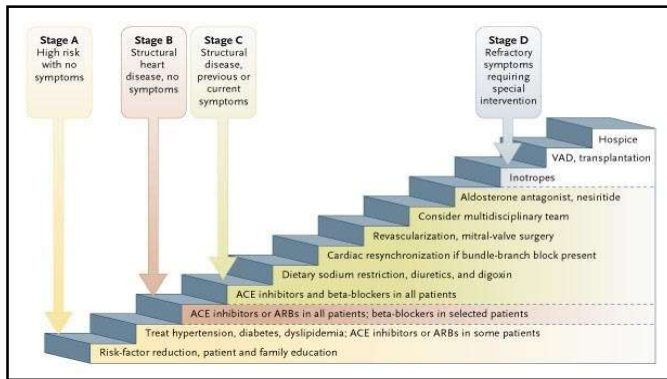


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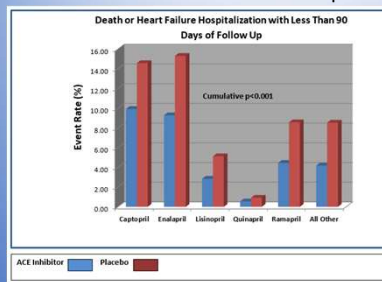
Beta-Blockers Reduce Death and Hospitalization in Heart Failure

Study	CIBIS ⁶⁷	Carvedilol Heart Failure Study Group ⁶⁸	CIBIS II ¹⁷	MERIT-HF ⁵⁵
Medication	Bisoprolol 5 mg daily versus Placebo (53% reached max dose)	Carvedilol 25 to 50 mg twice daily* versus Placebo (MDD=45 mg)	Bisoprolol 10 mg daily versus Placebo (43% reached max dose)	Metoprolol CR/XL (Sustained) 200 mg daily versus Placebo (MDD=150 mg daily)
Study Subjects	643 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	3992 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=0.90, p=0.22) Improvement in NYHA Class (p=0.001) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 65% RRR in death (95% CI 0.32-0.61, 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 VT 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; VT, ventricular tachycardia; VF, ventricular fibrillation.

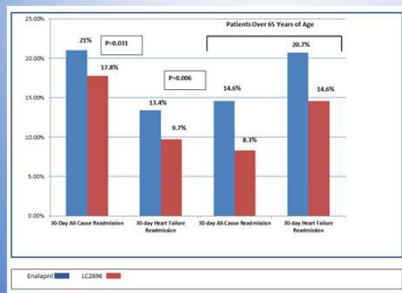
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Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitors Decrease Death and Rehospitalization



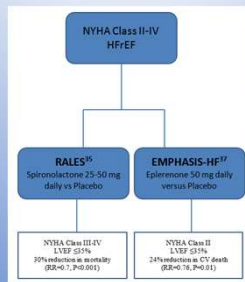
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Entresto Decreases HF Admissions Over Enalapril



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Spirolactone 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. Pseudonormal or restrictive mitral inflow pattern
 - c. Mean PCWP >16 mmHg and/or RAP >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



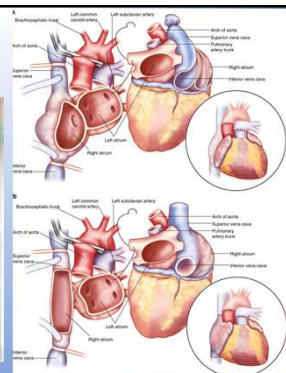
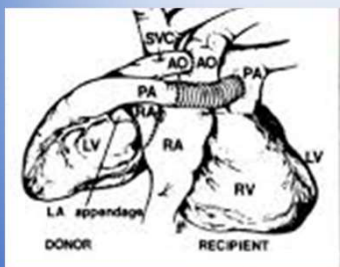
Having to decrease or stop meds due to low blood pressure

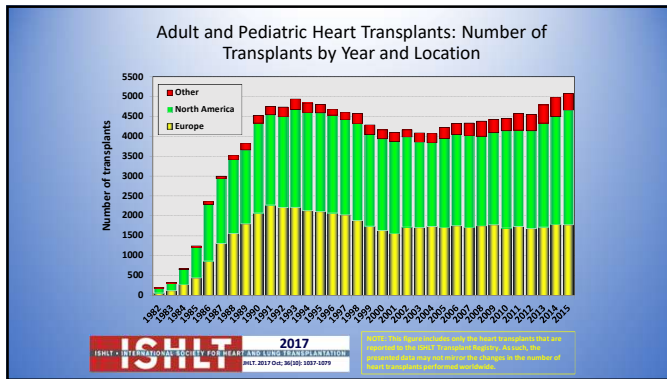
Yancy, et al. 2013 ACCF/AHA Heart Failure Guideline

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

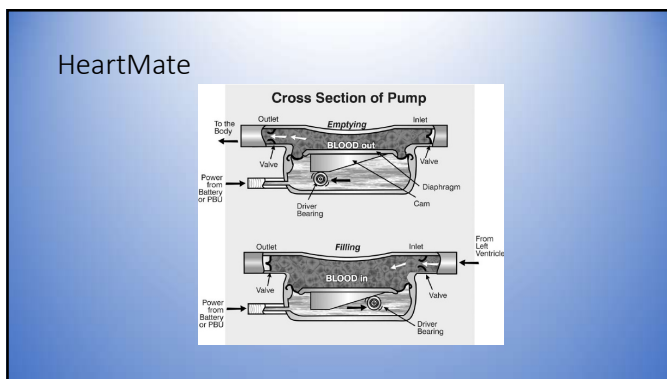




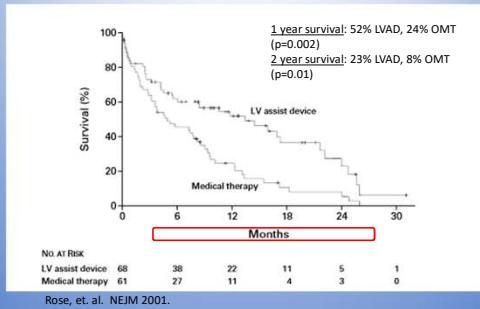
HeartMate

- 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

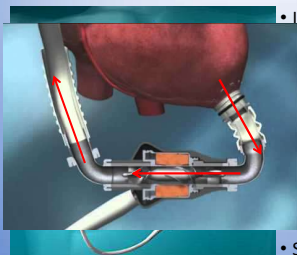


HeartMate - REMATCH

CAUSE OF DEATH	MEDICAL- THERAPY GROUP		LVAD	TOTAL	SCALE†	ONE YEAR		P VALUE
	no. of patients					NO. SURVIVING/ TOTAL NO. (%)	SCORE	
Left ventricular dysfunction	50	1	51		SF-36			
Sepsis	1	17	18		Physical function	23/24 (96)	46±19	0.01
Failure of LVAD	0	7	7		LVAD group	6/11 (55)	21±21	
Miscellaneous noncardiovascular causes	0	5	5		Medical therapy group	23/24 (96)	64±45	0.03
Cardiovascular disease	0	4	4		Emotional role	6/11 (55)	17±28	
Miscellaneous cardiovascular causes	1	2	3		Mann-Whitney U test	23/24 (96)	41±22	0.11
Pulmonary embolism	0	2	2		Medical therapy group	6/11 (55)	58±21	0.04
Acute myocardial infarction	1	0	1		LVAD group	23/24 (92)	8±7	
Cardiac procedure	1	0	1		Medical therapy group	5/11 (45)	13±7	
Perioperative bleeding	0	1	1		Median NHTA class	24/24 (100)	II	<0.001
Unknown	0	2	2		LVAD group	7/11 (64)	IV	
Total	54	41	95					

Rose, et. al. NEJM 2001.

HeartMate II



- Implantation:
subdiaphragmatic or
intrathoracic

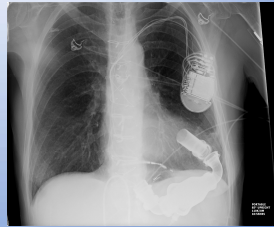
DA approved

- 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.^a

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 (36 [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

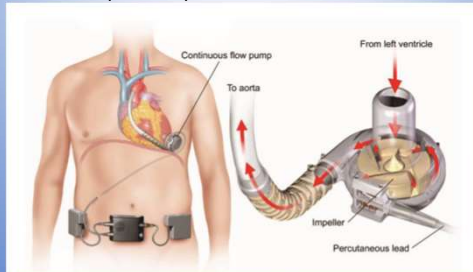
Continuous-flow LVAD	133	95	82	69	62
Pulsatile-flow LVAD	59	32	19	5	2

Slaughter MS, et al. NEJM 2009.

Outline

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

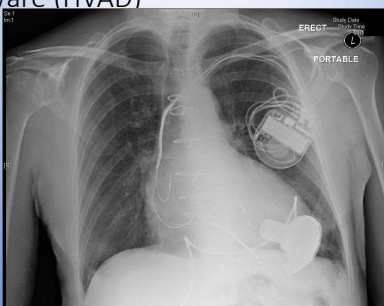
HeartWare (HVAD)



HeartWare (HVAD)

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

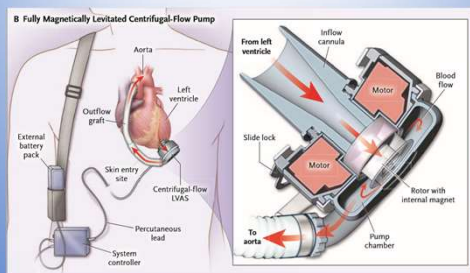
HeartWare (HVAD)



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



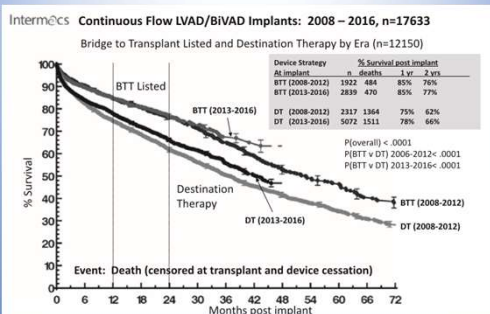
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HeartMate III – MOMENTUM 3

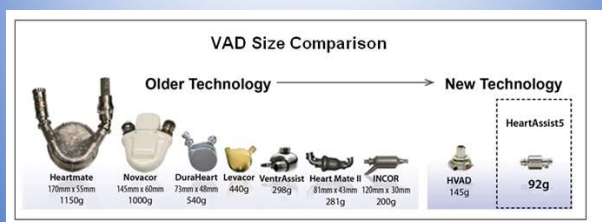
Table 3. Major Adverse Events in the Per-Protocol Population.*

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	0.71 (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	0.85 (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		
Axial-flow pump	142	125	119	116		

Mehra, et al. NEJM. 2017.



Smaller Devices, Less Complications



Questions?