

Εφαρμογή των νεώτερων κατευθυντήριων οδηγιών στην καρδιακή ανεπάρκεια σε αρρώστους με αμυλοείδωση

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Class I	Evidence and/or general agreement that a given treatment or procedure is beneficial, useful, effective.
Class II	Conflicting evidence and/or a divergence of opinion about the usefulness /efficacy of the given treatment or procedure.
<i>Class IIa</i>	Weight of evidence/opinion is in favour of usefulness/efficacy.
<i>Class IIb</i>	Usefulness/efficacy is less well established by evidence/opinion.
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Level of Evidence A	Data derived from multiple randomized clinical trials or meta-analyses.
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Clinician Update: Cardiac Amyloidosis

Circulation 2011

- A 55-year-old woman, very physically active, noted a gradual decrease in exercise tolerance over a period of 3 to 4 months to the extent that she had to rest briefly after climbing a single flight of stairs.
- She had consulted a dermatologist 6 months earlier because of recurrent, small bruises of her eyelids, but no cause had been found.
- An ECG suggested an old myocardial infarction and a cardiology consultation described symmetrical left ventricular hypertrophy on the echocardiogram with normal left ventricular ejection fraction, normally functioning valves, and mild right ventricular hypertrophy.

Rodney Falk: From the Cardiac Amyloidosis Program, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Boston, MA.

New Classification and Diagnosis

New Classification!

- Heart failure with preserved, mid-range and reduced EF

Type of HF		HFrEF	HFmrEF	HFpEF
CRITERIA	1	Symptoms ± Signs ^a	Symptoms ± Signs ^a	Symptoms ± Signs ^a
	2	LVEF <40%	LVEF 40–49%	LVEF ≥50%
	3	–	1. Elevated levels of natriuretic peptides ^b ; 2. At least one additional criterion: a. relevant structural heart disease (LVH and/or LAE), b. diastolic dysfunction (for details see Section 4.3.2).	1. Elevated levels of natriuretic peptides ^b ; 2. At least one additional criterion: a. relevant structural heart disease (LVH and/or LAE), b. diastolic dysfunction (for details see Section 4.3.2).

*it is only in patients with **HFrEF** that therapies have been shown to reduce both morbidity and mortality*

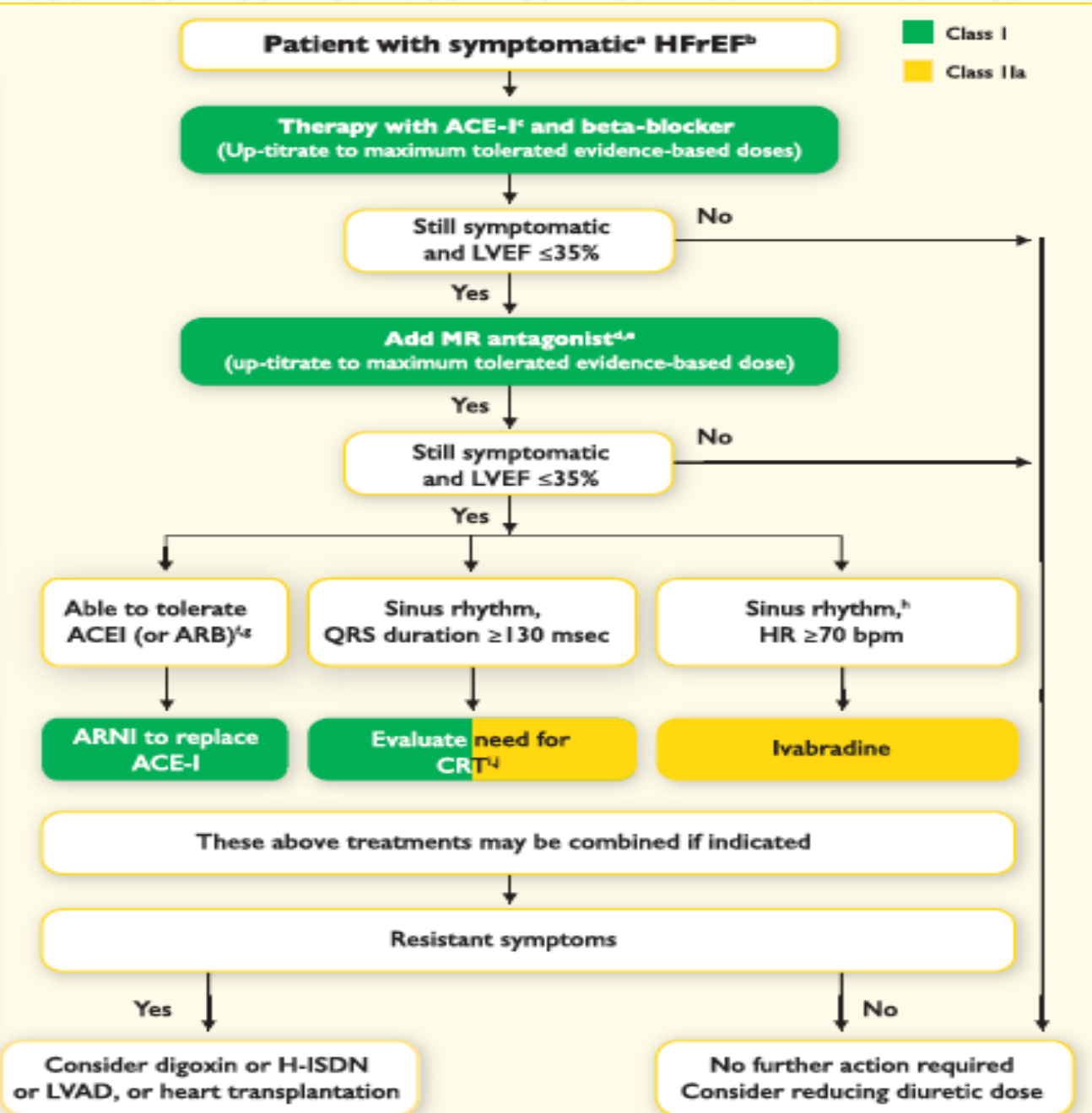
ESC Heart Failure Guidelines: HFPEF

Manage HF co-morbidities in all heart failure patients.

In HFpEF, this is the only evidence based treatment approach.

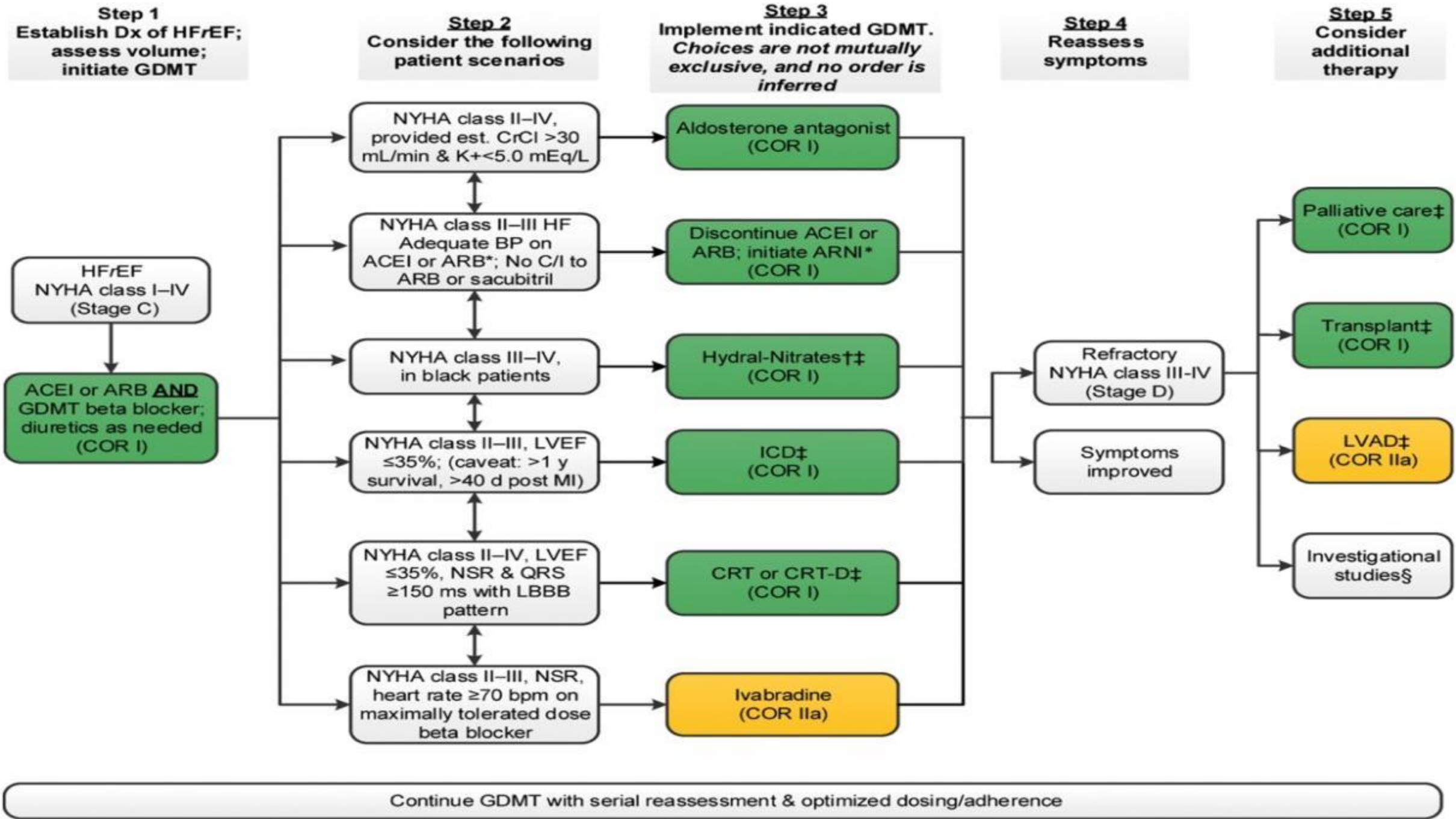
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or a history of symptomatic VT/VF, implant ICD



Treatment Algorithm
Available online on
Eur J Heart Fail

We are HFA



Treatment of cardiac amyloidosis

- **Non-amyloid specific therapies**

- Diuretics
- Neurohormonal modulators (BB, ACEI, MRA)-?
- Cardiac devices (ICD, CRT)?
- VAD?
- Heart transplantation

- **Amyloid-specific therapies**

- AL-amyloidosis: chemotherapy, autologous stem cell transplantation, immunomodulators, proteasome inhibitors
- TTR amyloidosis: diflunisal, RNA interference approaches, tafamidis

Gertz, M. A. et al. Nat. Rev. Cardiol 2015

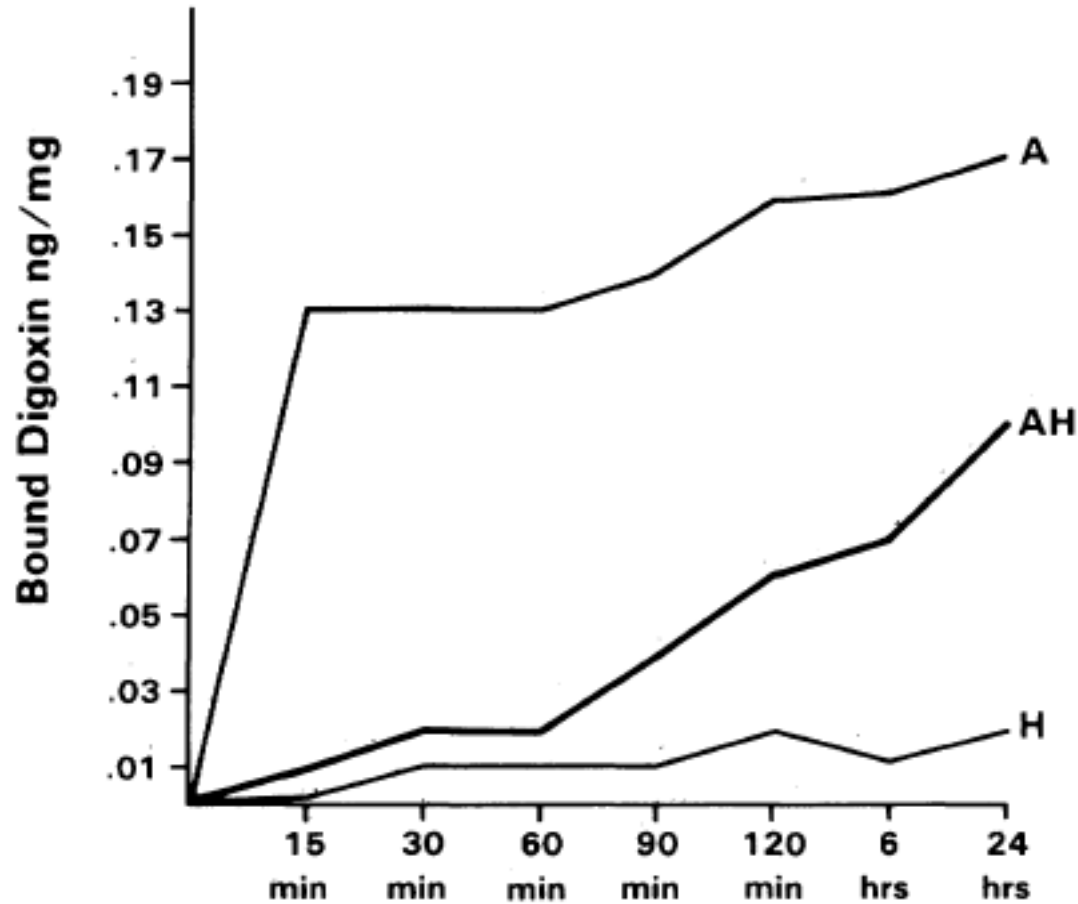
Omar K. Siddiqi, et al. Trends in Cardiovasc Med 2018

Pharmacologic management of cardiac-related symptoms

- **No evidence base for HF specific pharmacologic therapies in cardiac amyloidosis**
- **Diuretics:**
 - Mainstay of treatment for the cardiac-related symptoms
 - Combination of loop diuretics and potassium-sparing diuretics to maintain adequate volume and potassium balance
 - Avoid overdiuresis that promote hypotension
- **ACE inhibitors/angiotensin II inhibitors:**
 - Use with caution
 - Even low doses are often poorly tolerated, resulting in profound hypotension, possibly by exposing a subclinical autonomic neuropathy.
- **b-blockers:**
 - No survival data available in cardiac amyloidosis patients.
 - Limited use due to refractory heart failure or severe hypotension
- **Digoxin**
 - Not recommended owing to a higher risk of digoxin toxicity, as the drug binds avidly to amyloid fibrils

Digoxin sensitivity in amyloid cardiomyopathy

Circulation 1985



H - heart
AH - amyloid heart
A - amyloid fibrils

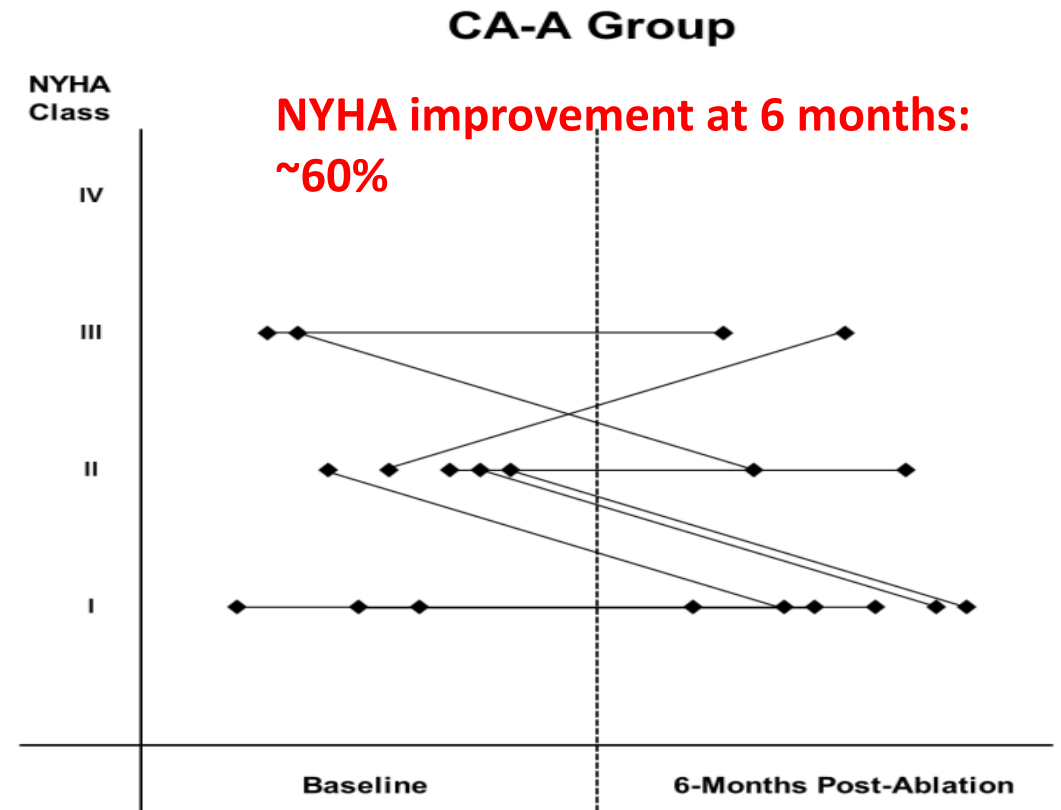
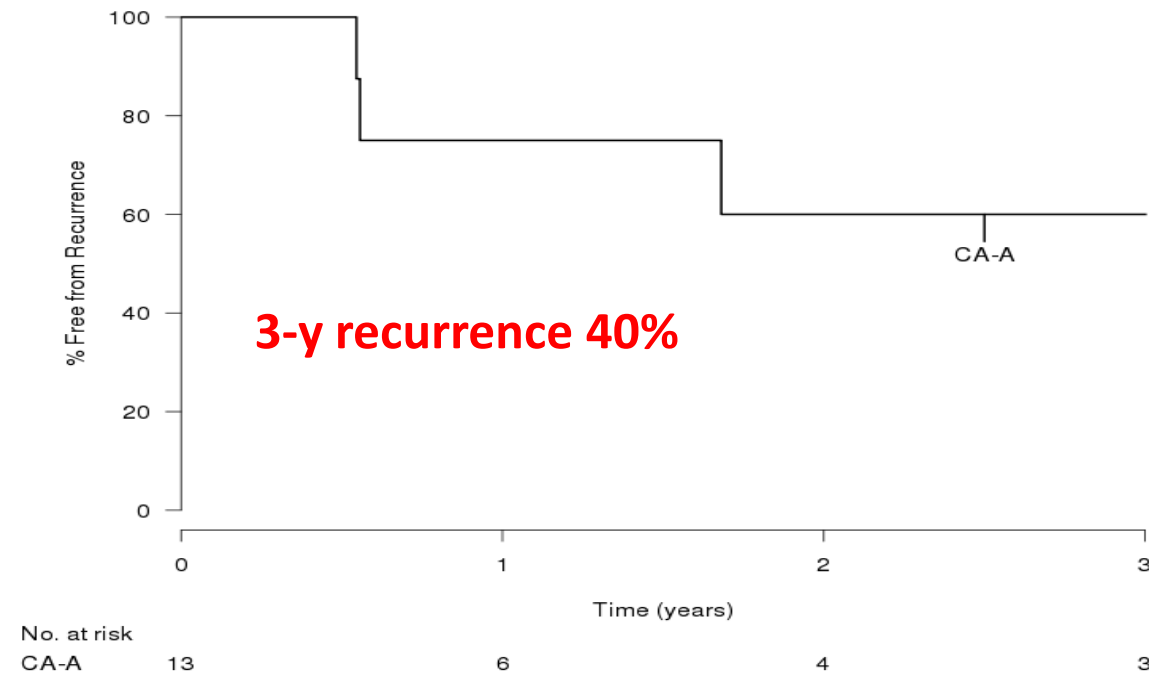
Digoxin uptake by non amyloidotic heart homogenate (H), an (AH) homogenate and isolated amyloid fibrils (A)

Atrial arrhythmias in cardiac amyloidosis

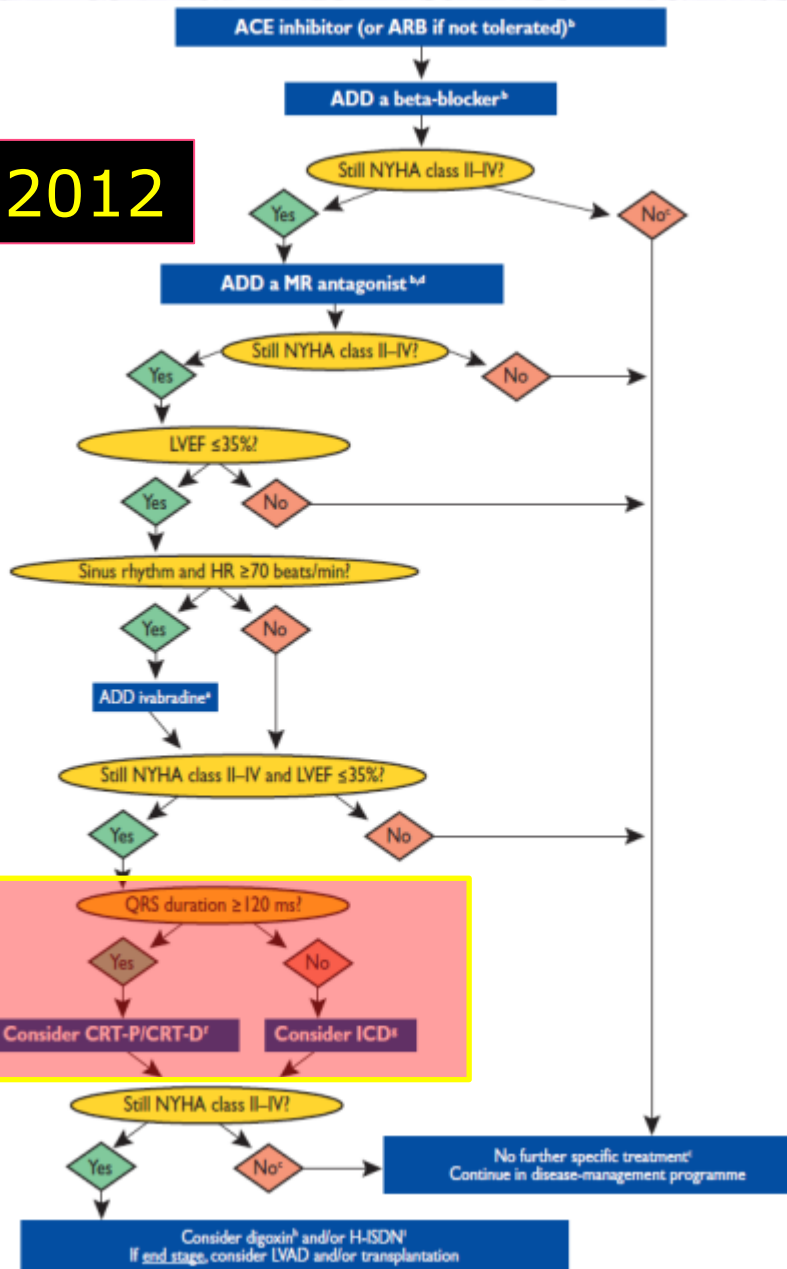
- Poorly tolerated, frequently necessitating cardioversion and/or antiarrhythmic therapy
- Rhythm control options limited; amiodarone most commonly used and relatively well tolerated

Catheter ablation of atrial arrhythmias in cardiac amyloidosis

Mayo Clinic,
N= **27 patients** (7 AL, 17 TTRw, 2 TTRm)



2012

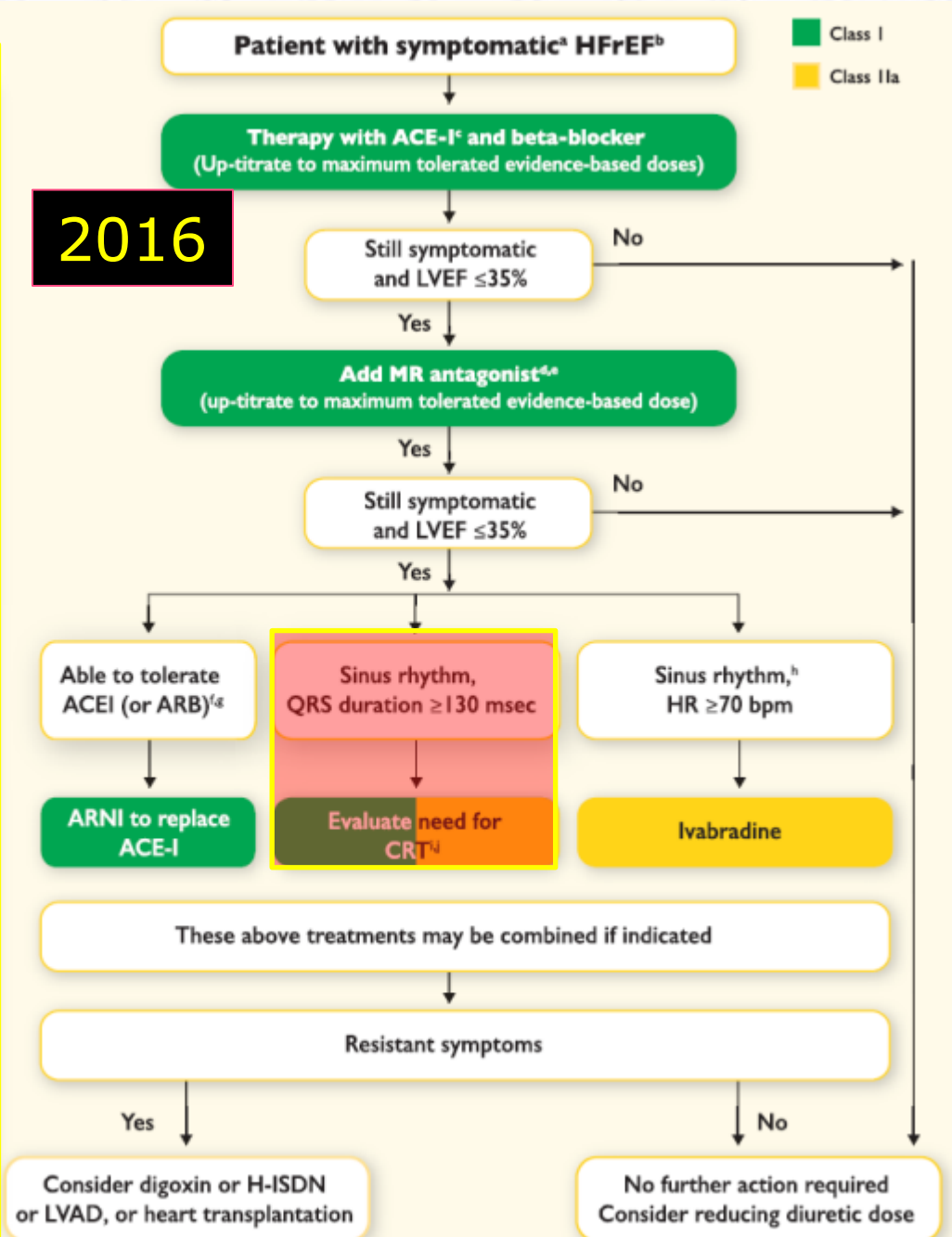


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Class I
Class IIa



Ventricular arrhythmias and SCD

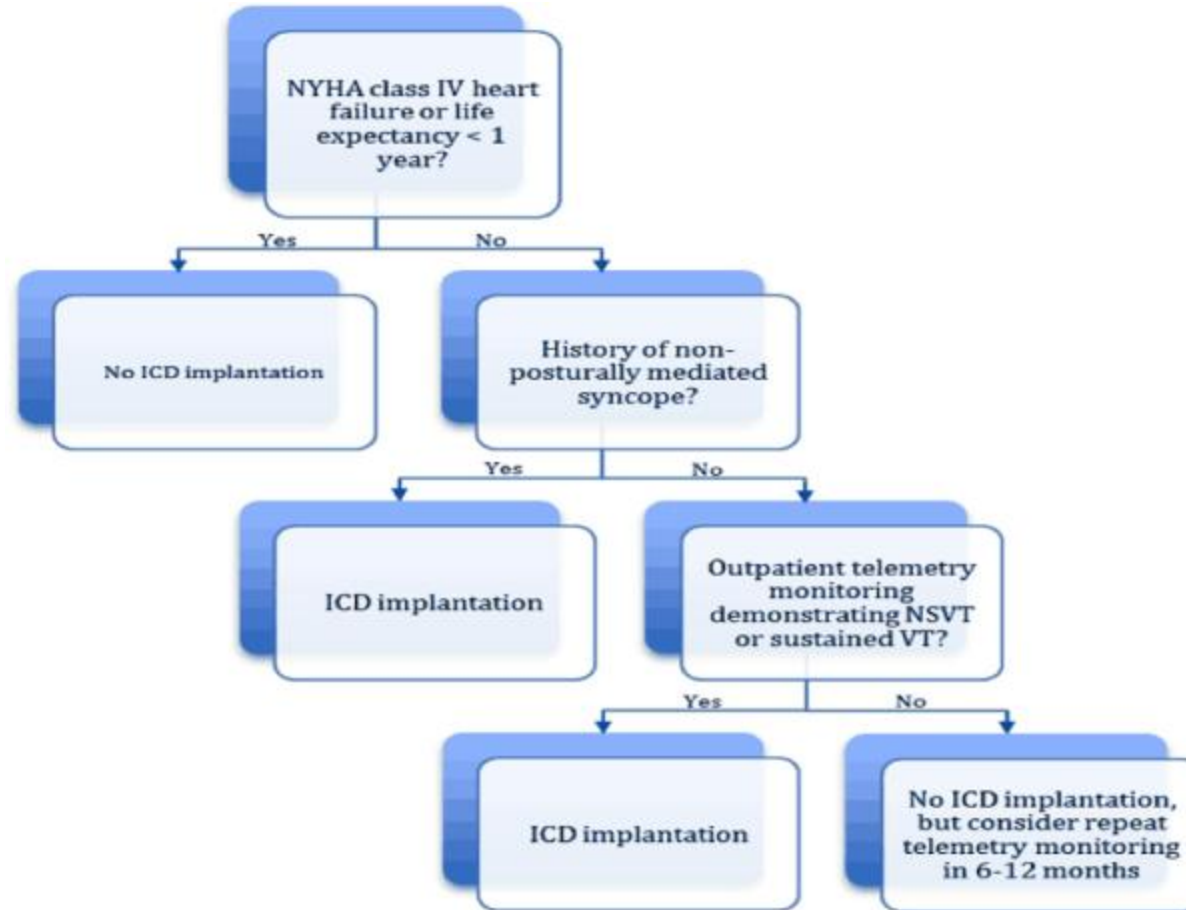
- Prevalence of sudden cardiac death: 25%
- Complex ventricular arrhythmias: ~50%
- Pulseless electrical activity probably the dominant cause of SCD.
- Primary prevention of SCD with ICDs:
 - Small case series
 - Inconsistent results
 - Probably more effective in the current/future era of development of effective amyloid-specific therapies

Recommendations for implantable cardioverter-defibrillator in patients with heart failure

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
<p>Secondary prevention</p> <p>An ICD is recommended to reduce the risk of sudden death and all-cause mortality in patients who have recovered from a ventricular arrhythmia causing haemodynamic instability, and who are expected to survive for >1 year with good functional status.</p>	I	A
<p>Primary prevention</p> <p>An ICD is recommended to reduce the risk of sudden death and all-cause mortality in patients with NYHA Class II–III, and an LVEF ≤35% despite ≥3 months of OMT, provided they are expected to survive substantially longer than one year with good functional status, and they have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHD (unless they have had an MI in the prior 40 days – see below). • DCM. 	I	A
	I	B
ICD implantation is not recommended within 40 days of an MI as implantation at this time does not improve prognosis.	III	A
ICD therapy is not recommended in patients in NYHA Class IV with severe symptoms refractory to pharmacological therapy unless they are candidates for CRT, a ventricular assist device, or cardiac transplantation.	III	C
Patients should be carefully evaluated by an experienced cardiologist before generator replacement, because management goals and the patient's needs and clinical status may have changed.	IIa	B
A wearable ICD may be considered for patients with HF who are at risk of sudden cardiac death for a limited period or as a bridge to an implanted device.	IIb	C

Suggested algorithm for patient selection for ICD implantation for primary SCD prevention

Stanford Amyloid Center's ICD implantation criteria for cardiac amyloidosis



Therapeutic algorithm for a patient with symptomatic HF with reduced ejection fraction

Diuretics to relieve symptoms and signs of congestion

Able to tolerate ACEI (or ARB)^{f,g}

ARNI to replace ACE-I

Sinus rhythm, QRS duration ≥ 130 msec

Evaluate need for CRT^{i,j}

Sinus rhythm,^h HR ≥ 70 bpm

Ivabradine

These above treatments may be combined if indicated

Resistant symptoms

Yes

Consider digoxin or H-ISDN or LVAD, or heart transplantation

No

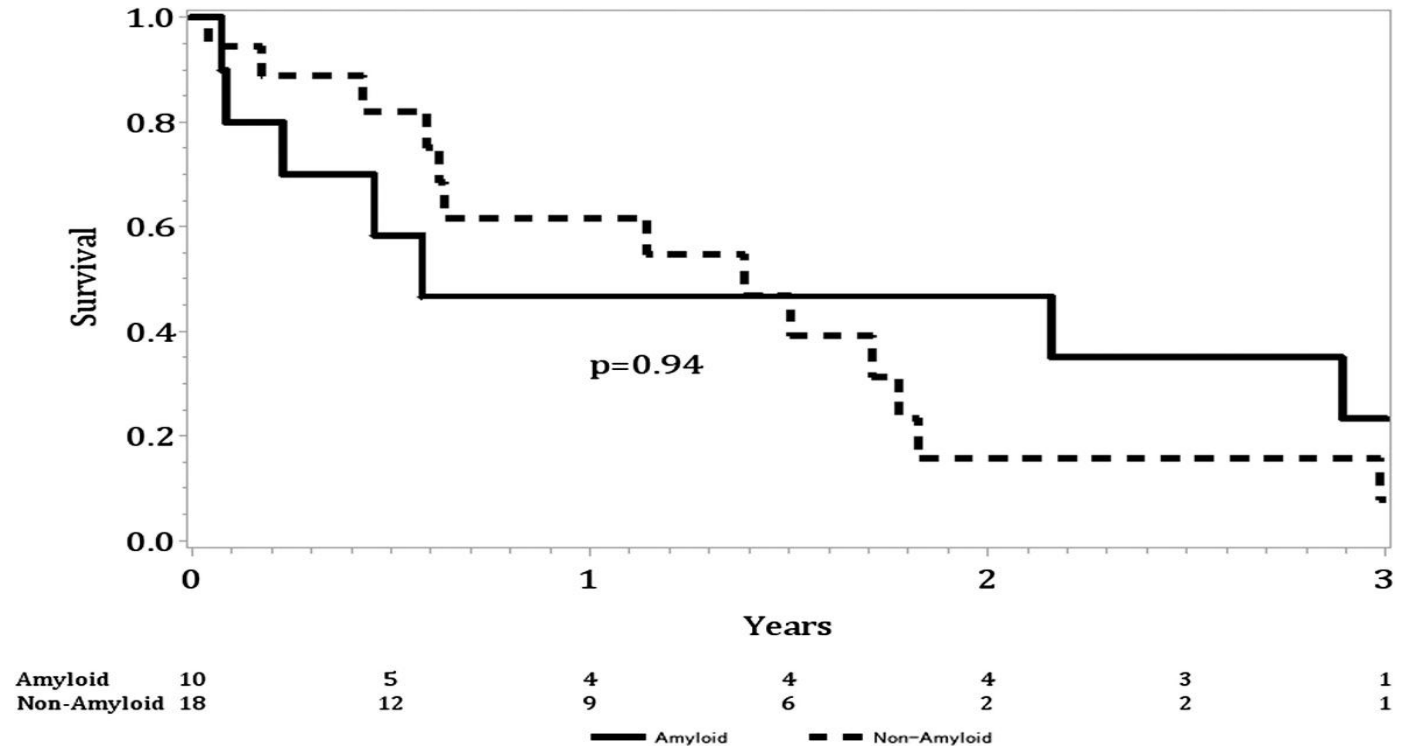
No further action required
Consider reducing diuretic dose

Ventricular assist devices

Mayo Clinic,
N= 28 patients with restrictive CM: 10 cardiac amyloidosis
(1 AL, 6 TTRw, 3 TTRm)
DT/BTT 4/5

Mean survival post-VAD 536 days
In-hospital death 2/9

Complications:
GI bleeding (3/9)
RV failure (2/9)



“Firm conclusions cannot be drawn from our investigation, but the present observations suggest LVAD implantation is technically feasible for patients with severe heart failure due to advanced cardiac amyloidosis”

Heart transplantation in cardiac amyloidosis

- Isolated HTx
 - In selected patients with AL cardiac amyloidosis, followed by autologous stem cell transplantation
 - In highly selected wild-type senile amyloidosis (however, frequently old patients, ineligible for HTx)
- Combined HLTx
 - In selected younger patients with familial TTR cardiac amyloidosis

Heart transplantation in cardiac amyloidosis: ISHLT guidelines

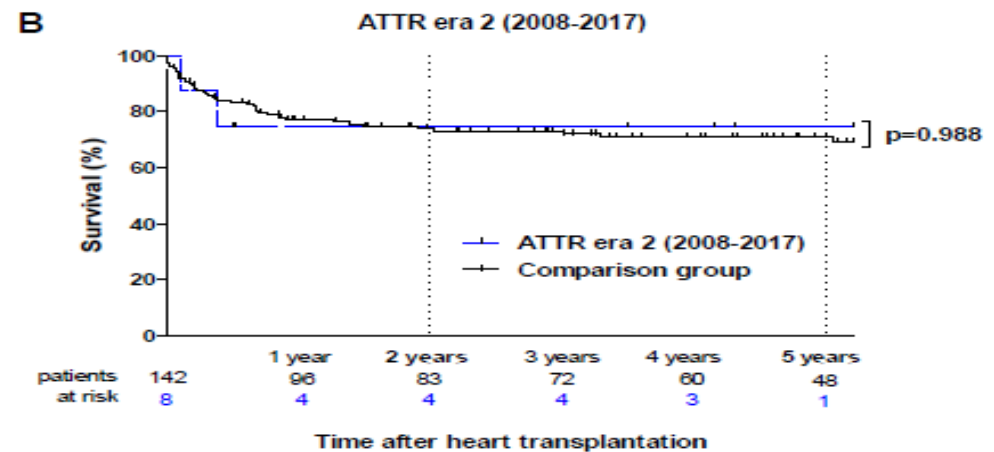
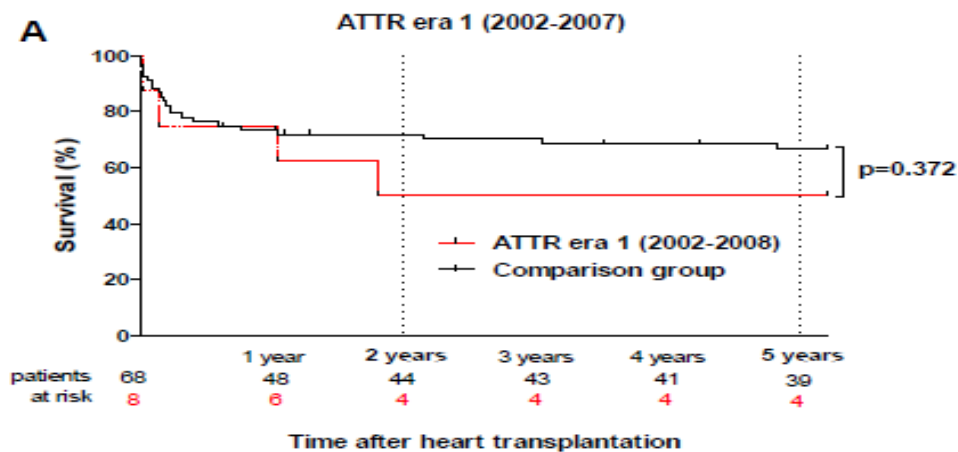
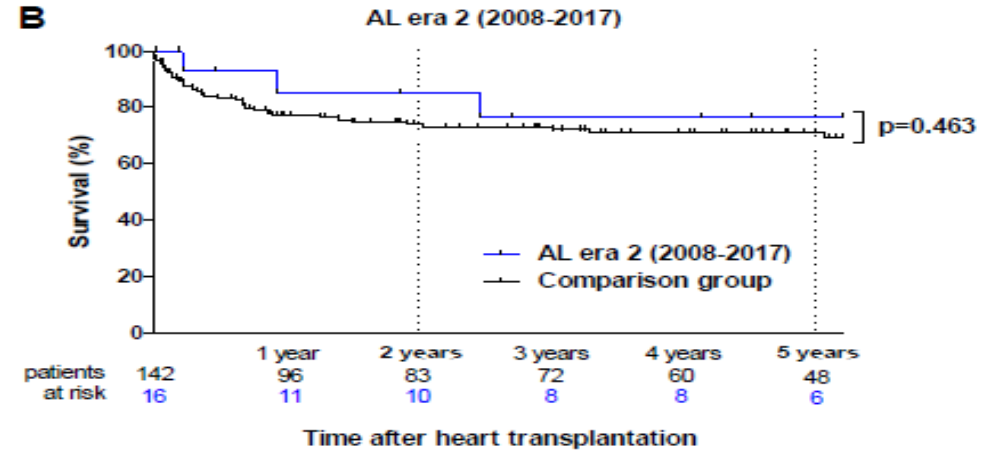
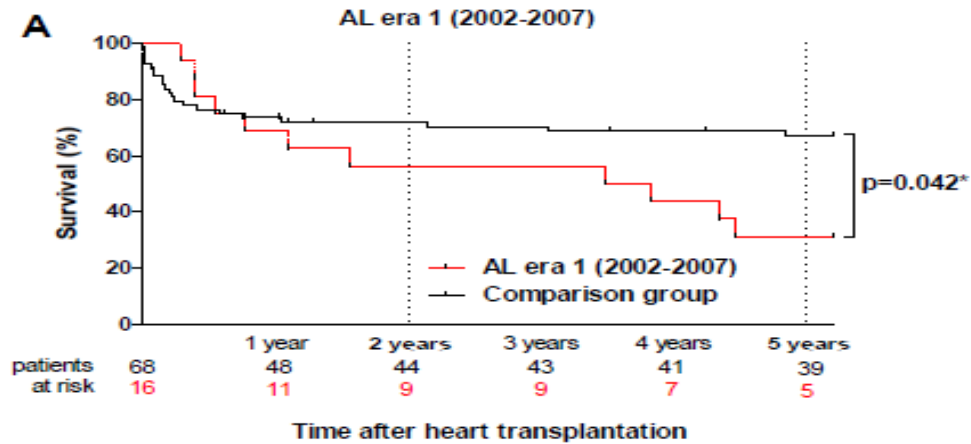
Recommendations: 2.2.1 Selected patients with HF due to AL amyloidosis who are not candidates for disease-specific therapies due to cardiovascular compromise may be considered for HT in experienced centers with established collaborations between cardiovascular and hematology teams. Autologous stem cells transplantation (ASCT) should be planned as soon as clinically feasible after recovery from HT (Class IIA, Level of Evidence: B).

2.2.2 Patients with transthyretin related (TTR) amyloidosis involving the heart may be considered for HT. Familial TTR cardiac amyloidosis patients should be considered for combined heart and liver transplantation in experienced centers with established collaboration between cardiology, hepatology, and neurology teams (Class IIA, Level of Evidence: B).

2.2.3 Amyloid involvement of extracardiac organs must be carefully evaluated when considering AL amyloid patients for sequential HT/ASCT (AL patients) or TTR amyloid patients for HT or combined HT with liver transplantation. Severe extracardiac amyloid organ dysfunction should be considered a contraindication to proceeding with HT (Class IIA, Level of Evidence: B).

Temporal trends in outcomes after HTX for cardiac amyloidosis

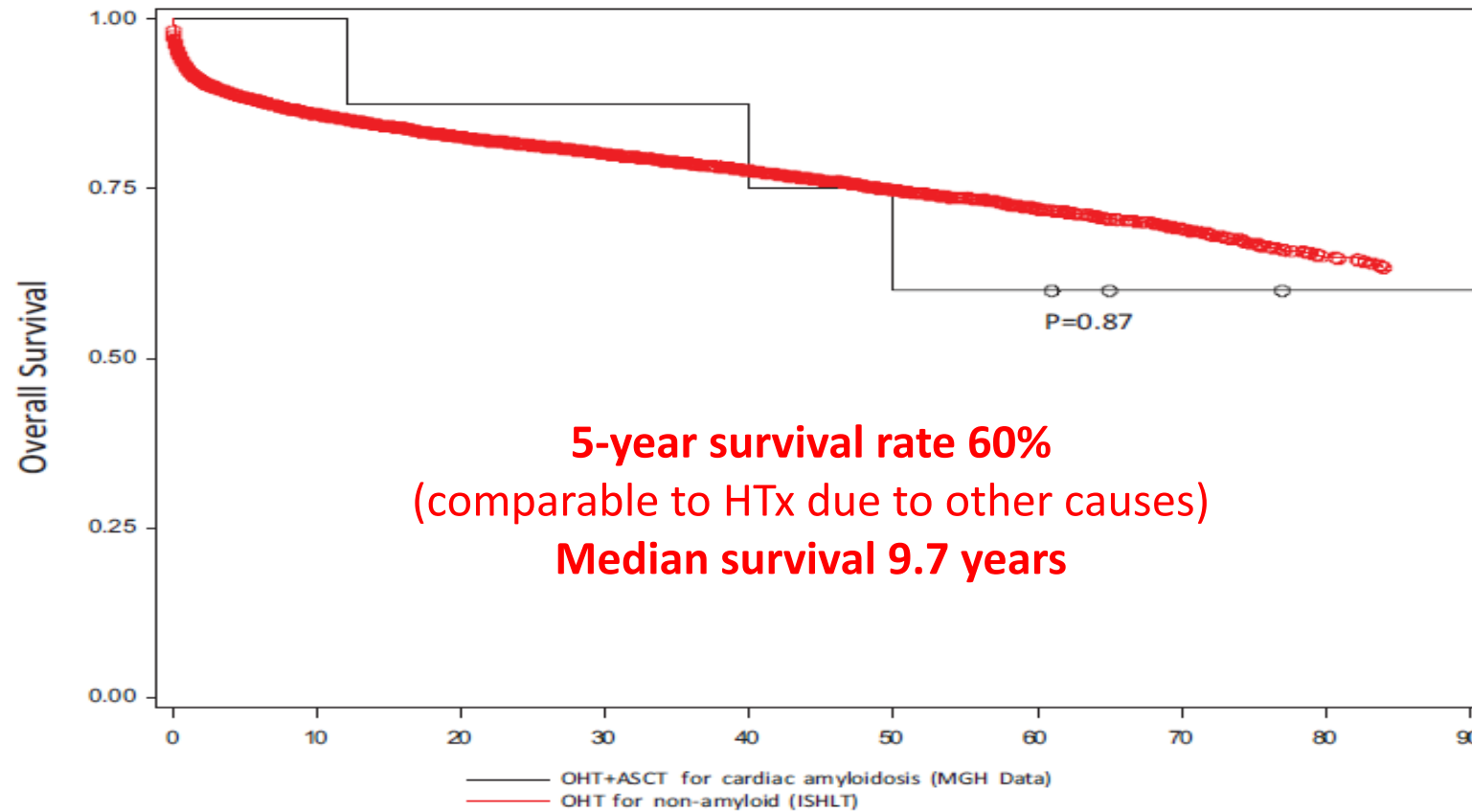
AL, n=32; familial ATTR, n= 16



Heart transplantation

- The majority with cardiac AL amyloidosis have significant noncardiac amyloidosis and are not suitable candidates for heart transplantation.
 - In one series, only 4 percent had clinically isolated cardiac disease
- Early cardiac transplantation did not address the underlying plasma cell dyscrasia, which later progressed in other organs and/or returned in the transplanted heart.
- Heart transplantation is followed by high-dose chemotherapy and autologous HCT within a 12-month period. Long-term follow-up data in these patients is not yet available, but several appear to have had good results

Heart transplantation+ASCT in AL cardiac amyloidosis

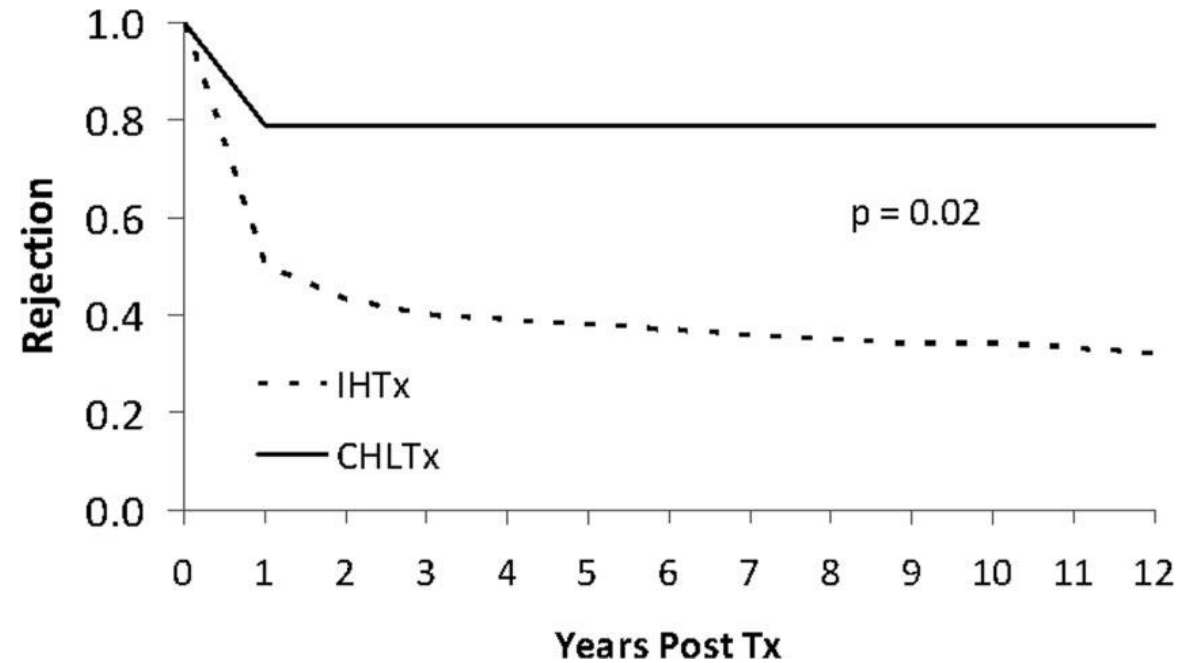
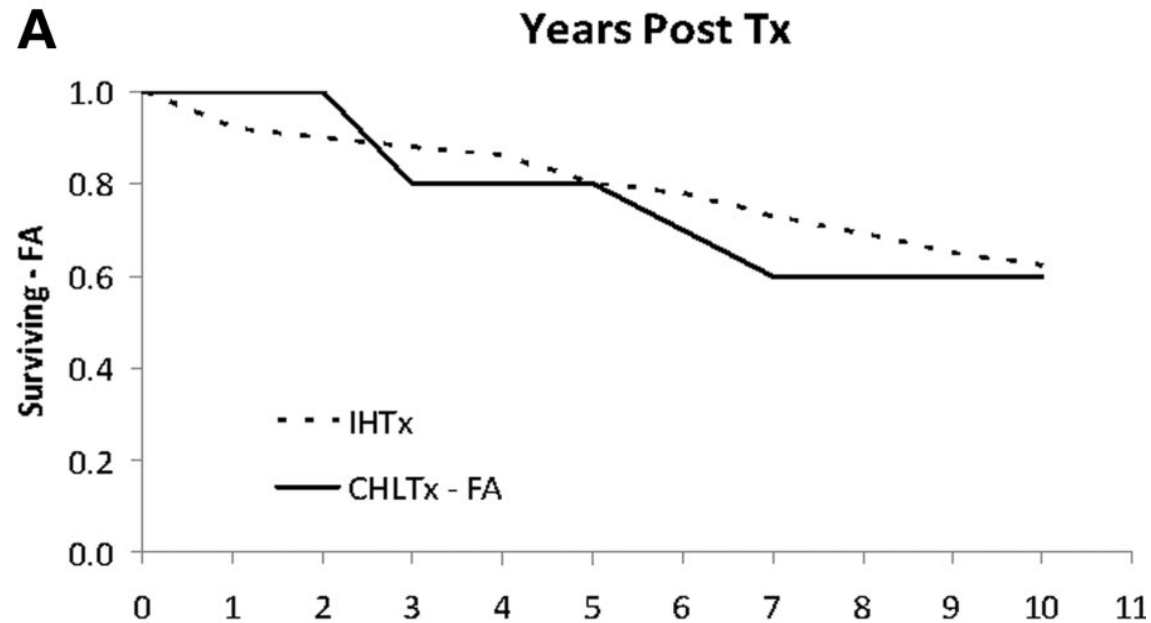


Bimalangshu R. Dey, et al. Transplantation 2010

Combined Liver and Heart Tx in familial TTR cardiac amyloidosis

Similar survival rates after combined HLTx vs Isolated HTx

Less cardiac allograft rejection with combined HLTx vs Isolated HTx



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