



Heart Failure and Exercise

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Exercise physiology in heart failure patients

Current medical therapy for heart failure patients and how it effects exercise capacity

Benefit of exercise in heart failure/LVAD/transplant

Unique aspects to watch for in LVAD/transplant patients



Mrs. S (she sent me this picture and tells me to use it)

74 yo

Hx L breast Ca and received Adriamycin/trastuzumab 2001

I met in 2017 when referred for new EF 20

Cath with normal cors

Started meds and she did well

Rides 10 miles/day in 55 minutes



Mar 2018 – comes to clinic complaining that her 10 mile ride now takes over an hour

Nov 2018 – now has to walk up the hill on her ride

CPX – 12/3/18 – Peak VO₂ 7.3 (41% predicted), Ve/VCO₂ slope 57.6

Undergoes implantation of LVAD 1/7/19

Recovers well, enjoyed cardiac rehab

Wanted to start riding again but worried with having to handle two batteries and controller and on warfarin



Spring 2019 - S Russell made the mistake of telling wife that on ride ended up in the ditch while trying to avoid 3 deer running across the road and then later on same ride dinged by a wide mirror on a truck

Father's Day 2019 – S Russell gets Peloton and threats to cut my bike up if I ever rode on the road again

July 2019 – Tells Ms. S his story and she buys a Peloton

Nov 2019 – “Why can't I increase my output on the Peloton?”



Circulation

ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

Long-Term Leisure-Time Physical Activity Intensity and All-Cause and Cause-Specific Mortality: A Prospective Cohort of US Adults

Dong Hoon Lee¹, ScD; Leandro F.M. Rezende², ScD; Hee-Kyung Joh, MD, PhD; NaNa Keum, ScD; Gerson Ferrari, PhD; Juan Pablo Rey-Lopez, PhD; Eric B. Rimm, ScD; Fred K. Tabung, PhD; Edward L. Giovannucci, MD, ScD

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116,221 adults from Nurses Health Study and Health Professional f/u Study

1988-2018

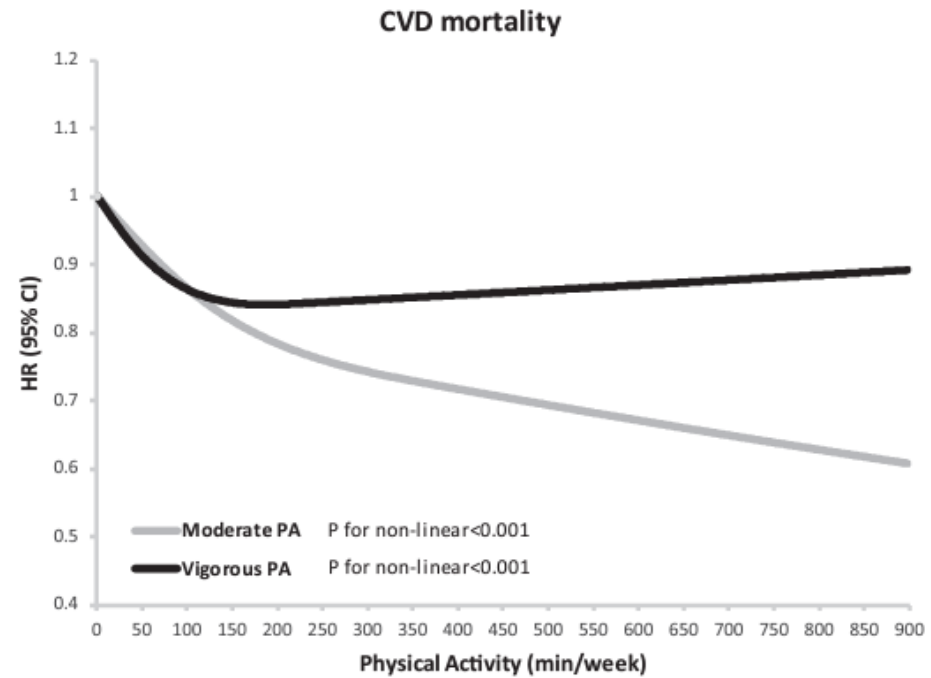
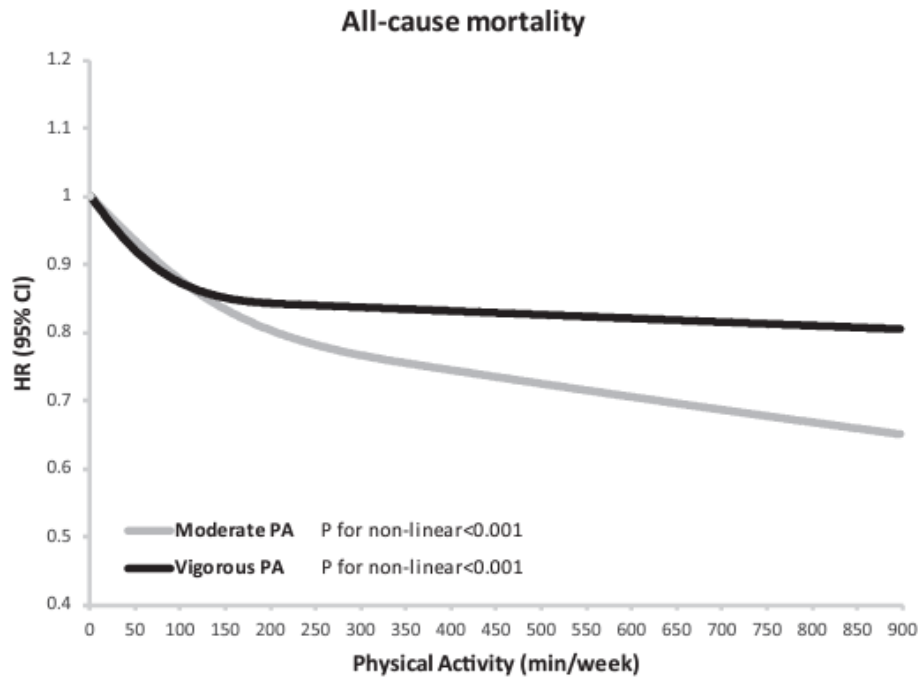
Detailed self-reported leisure time activity logs

Repeated 15 times

Over 30 years of f/u, 47,596 deaths

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Physical activity and mortality



150 min/wk moderate
75-150 min/wk vigorous

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Examples of exercise intensity



2020 WHO Physical Activity Guidelines for Aerobic Exercise	Activity^a	Duration (min/wk)
150-300 min moderate-intensity aerobic exercise per week	Walking (2.5 miles/h, moderate pace)	150-300
	Ballroom dancing (slow pace)	150-300
	Gardening and yardwork	113-225
	Bicycling (light, <10 mph)	113-225
	Brisk walking (3.5 miles/h, fast pace)	105-209
75-150 min vigorous-intensity aerobic exercise per week	Jogging (4.0 miles/h)	75-150
	Swimming (leisure)	75-150
	Hiking	75-150
	Bicycling (moderate, 12-14 miles/h)	56-113
	Running (6 miles/h)	46-92

JACC 2022;80:1091-1106



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ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

Association Between Device-Measured Physical Activity and Incident Heart Failure: A Prospective Cohort Study of 94 739 UK Biobank Participants

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Prospective cohort study

94,739 participants

Wore a device to measure physical activity from 2013-2015

No history of heart failure or MI

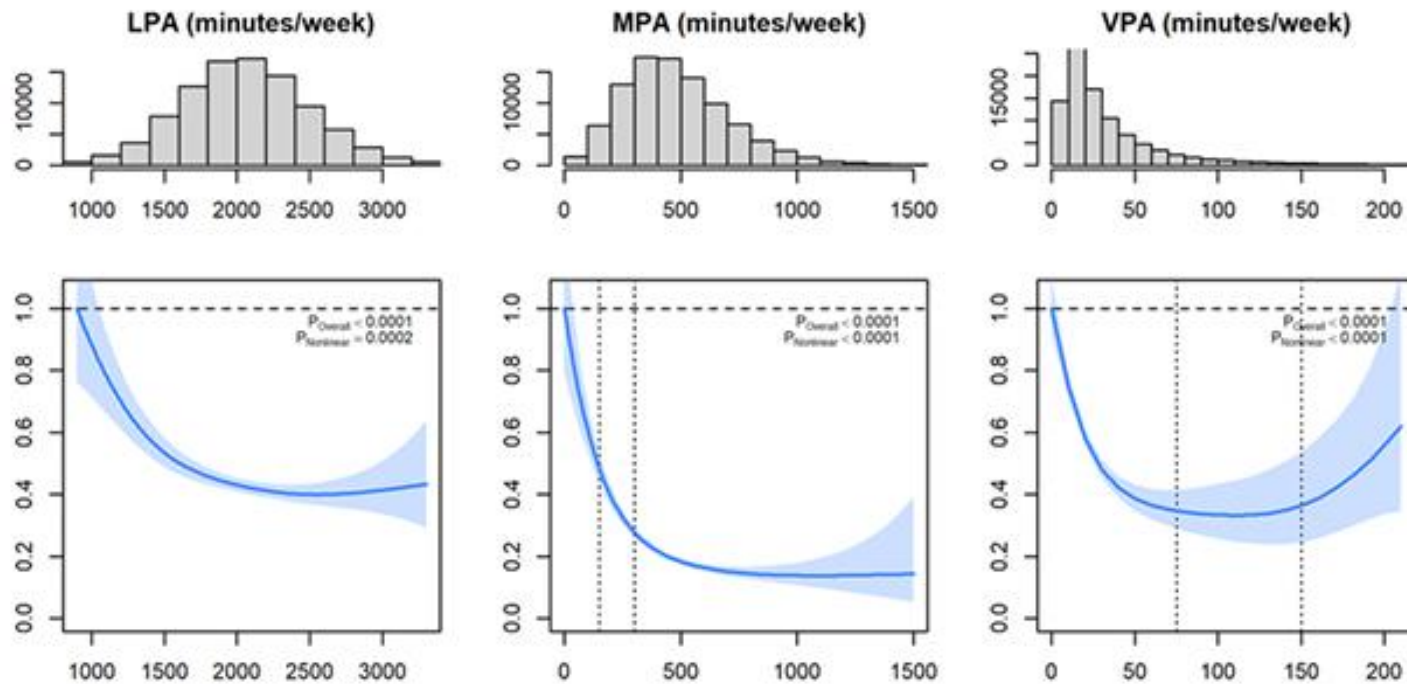
Measured intensity of activity with an accelerometer

Overall incidence of HF 98.5/10,000 person years over 6.1 yrs f/u

Physical activity and heart failure



- Light intensity 30-125 mg
- Moderate intensity 126-400 mg
- Vigorous intensity > 400 mg
- Measured minutes at each



How much should you do



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Optimal Effects and Preferred Recommendation of Mode and Exercise Intensity

	High-Intensity Training	Moderate-Intensity Training	Resistance Training
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Chronic coronary disease without heart failure	↑↑	↑↑	↑
Peripheral artery disease	↑↑	↑	(↑)
HFrEF	↑	↑↑	↑
HFpEF	↑↑	↑↑	↑
Atrial fibrillation	↑	↑↑	↑

Scope of Heart Failure (HF)

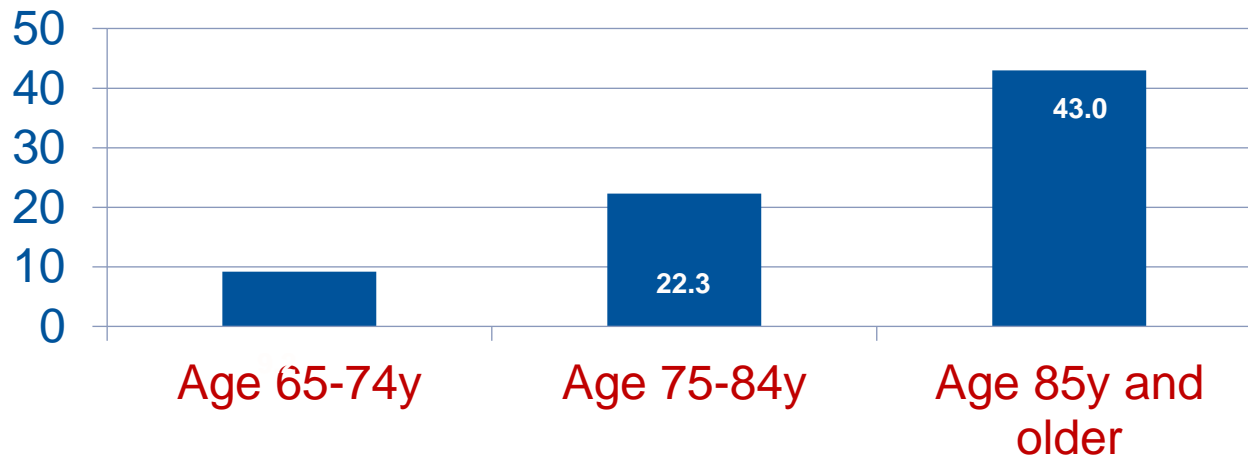


6.5 million Americans ≥ 20 years of age have HF

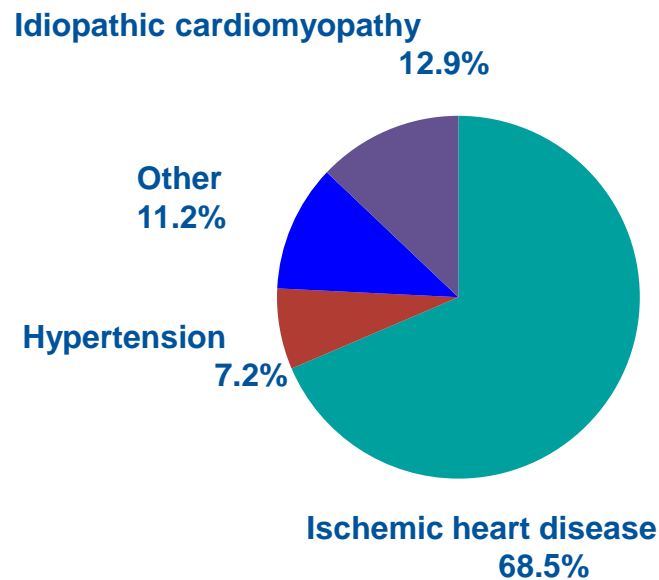
960,000 new cases of HF are diagnosed annually

5-year survival rate for HF is $\sim 50\%$

Annual new HF events per 1000 person years



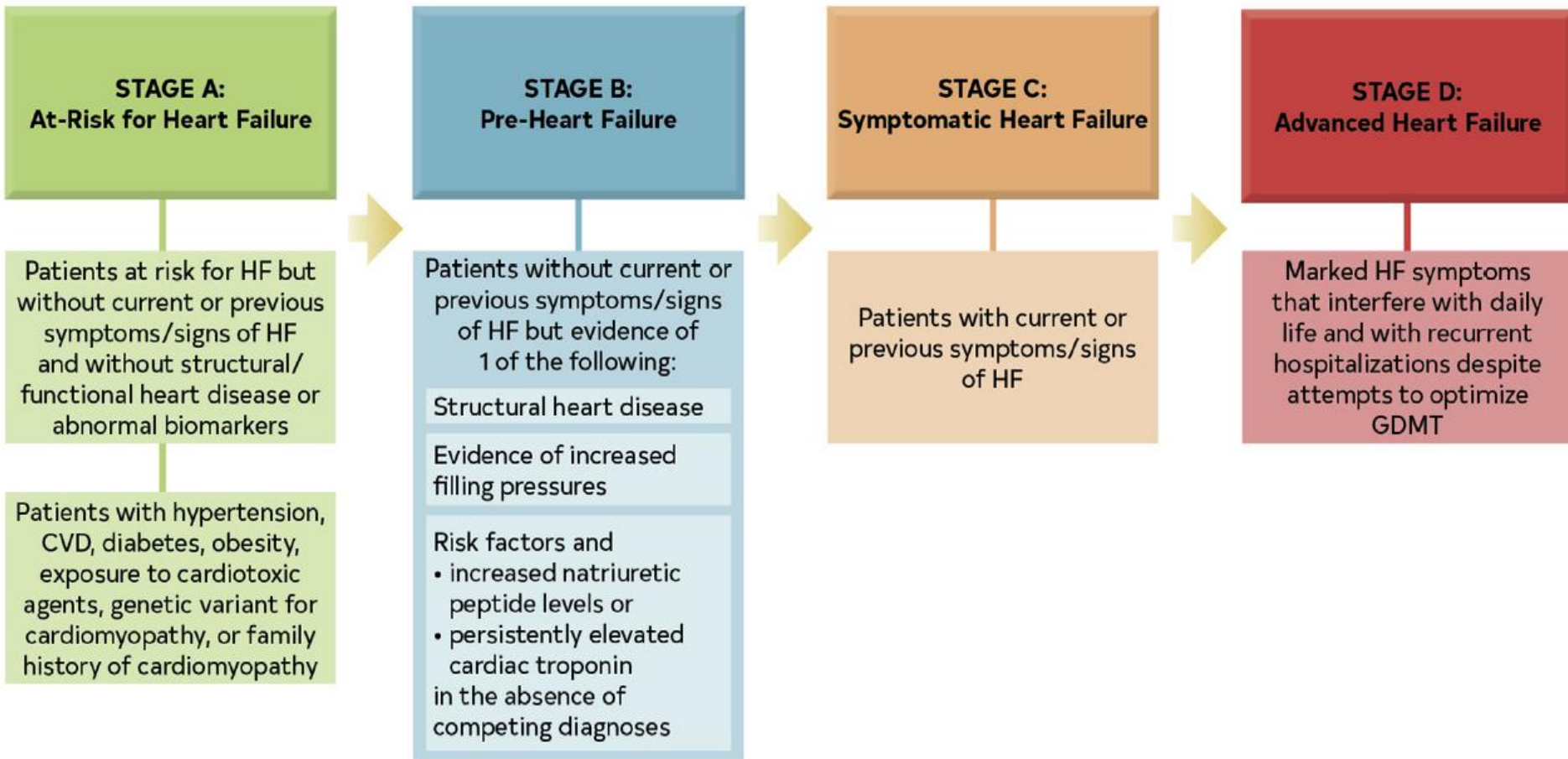
Etiology of heart failure



Valve disease
Myocarditis
Drugs – adriamycin 550mg/m²
herceptin
Systemic disease
Amyloid
Sarcoid
Chagas
HIV
Thyroid
Hemachromatosis
Rheumatologic
Muscular dystrophy
Peripartum
Pheochromocytoma
Alcohol

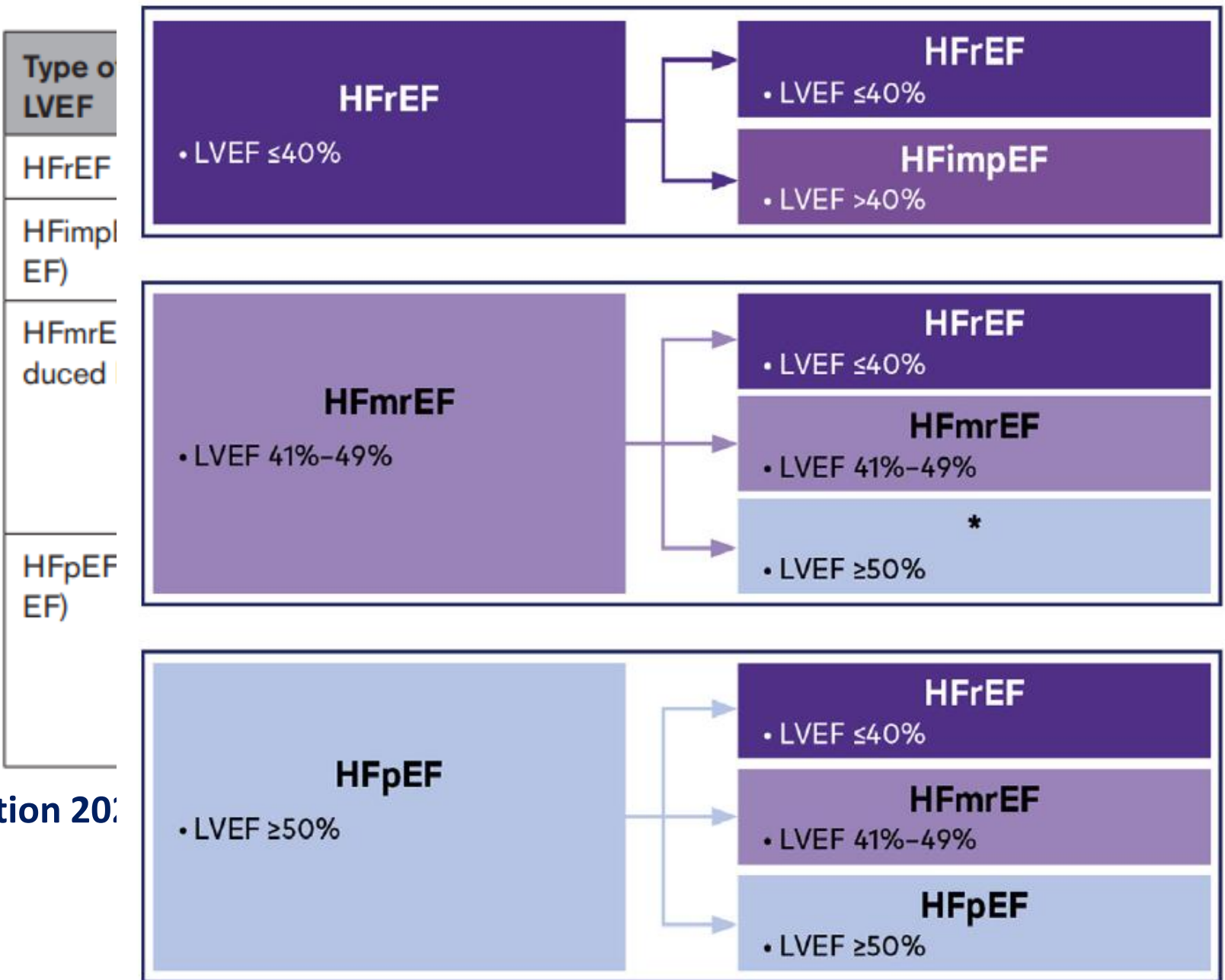
JACC 1993;22:14A

ACC/AHA stages of HF



Initial Classification

Serial Assessment and Reclassification





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Scott Adams



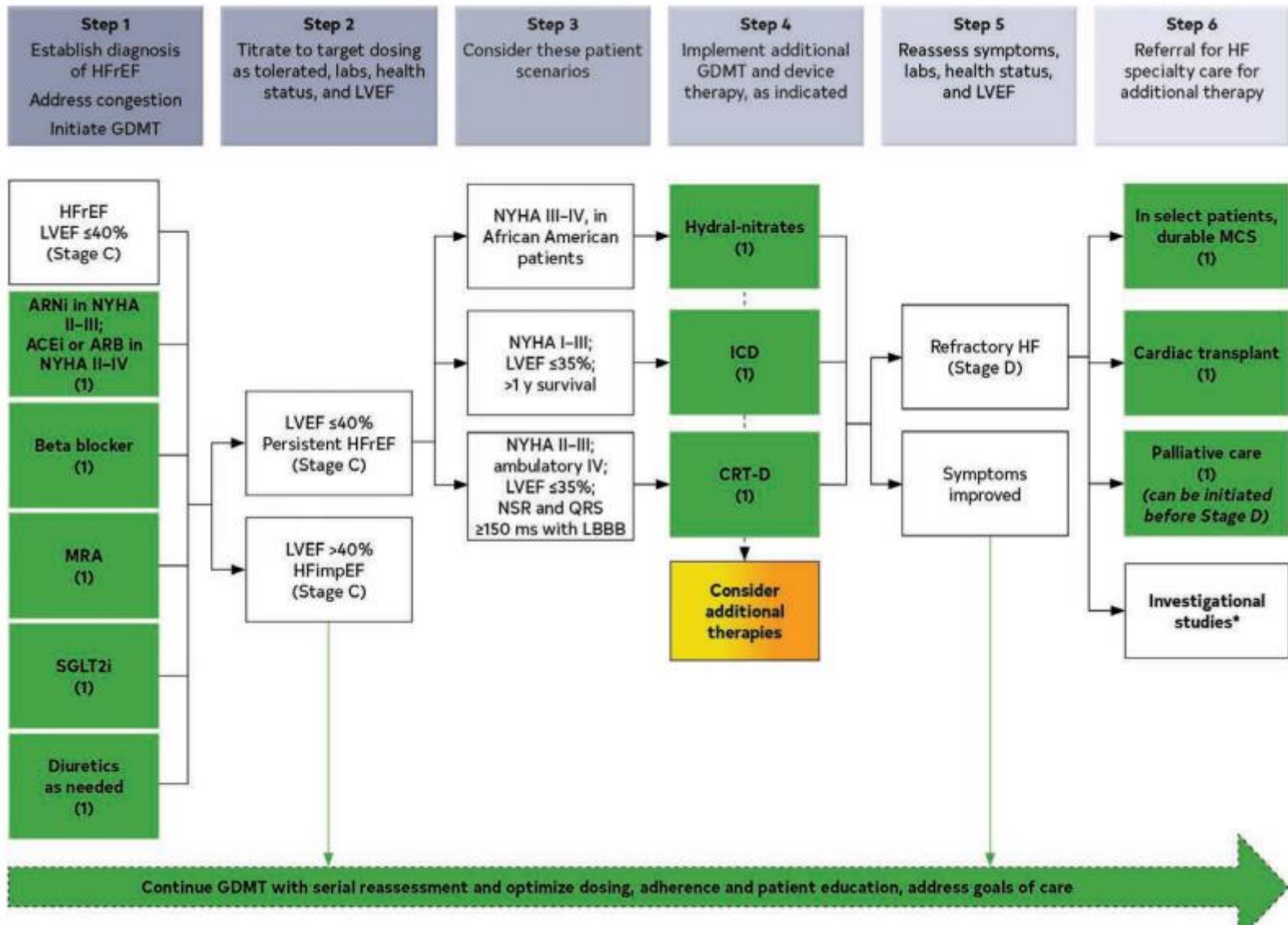
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Therapy for Stage C and D



What is the evidence?



Evidence-Based Therapy	Relative Risk Reduction in All-Cause Mortality in Pivotal RCTs, %	NNT to Prevent All-Cause Mortality Over Time*	NNT for All-Cause Mortality (Standardized to 12 mo)	NNT for All- Cause Mortality (Standardized to 36 mo)
ACEi or ARB	17	22 over 42 mo	77	26
ARNit	16	36 over 27 mo	80	27
Beta blocker	34	28 over 12 mo	28	9
Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist	30	9 over 24 mo	18	6
SGLT2i	17	43 over 18 mo	63	22
Hydralazine or nitrate†	43	25 over 10 mo	21	7
CRT	36	12 over 24 mo	24	8
ICD	23	14 over 60 mo	70	23

Cumulative Impact of HFrEF Therapies on All-Cause Mortality



	Relative Risk	2-year Mortality
None	-	35.0%
ARNI (vs. imputed placebo)	↓ 28%	25.2%
Beta-blocker	↓ 35%	16.4%
MRA	↓ 30%	11.5%
SGLT2i	↓ 17%	9.5%

Cumulative risk reduction in mortality if all GDMT are used:

RRR 73% and ARR 26%

NNT = 3.9

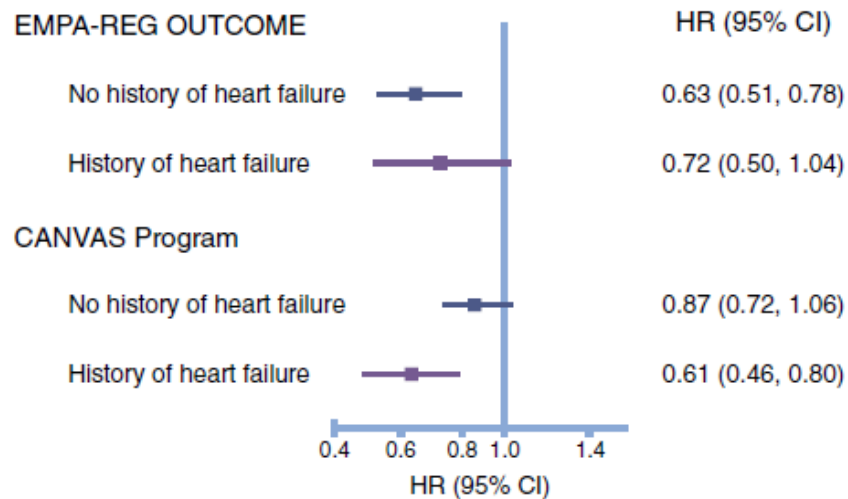
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Why diabetes drugs for heart failure?



FDA mandate that all therapies being studied for patients with diabetes have cardiovascular outcome trials

CV death and HF hospitalizations

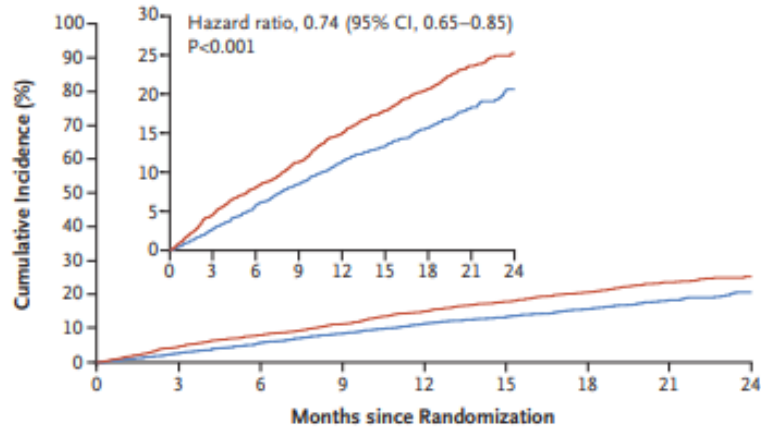


Diabetologia 2018;61:2108-17



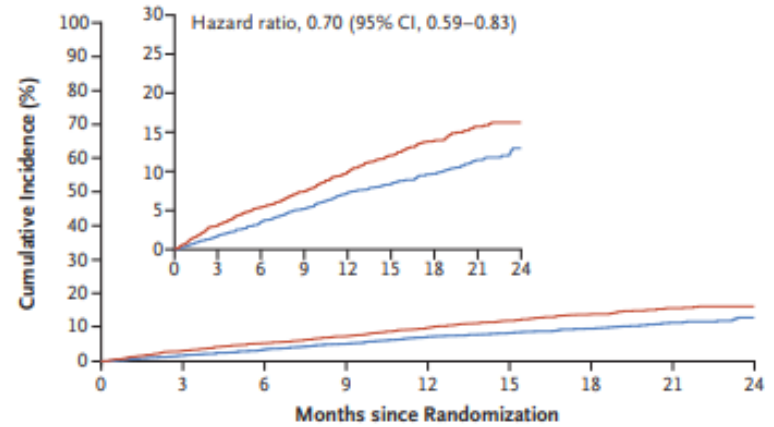
— Placebo — Dapagliflozin

A Primary Outcome



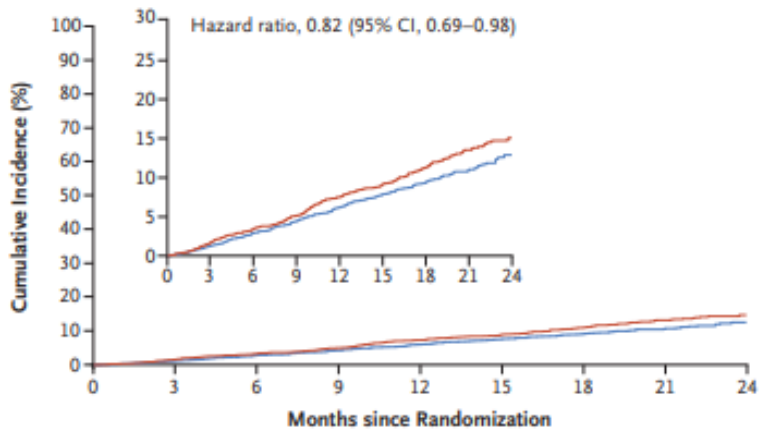
No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Placebo	2371	2258	2163	2075	1917	1478	1096	593	210
Dapagliflozin	2373	2305	2221	2147	2002	1560	1146	612	210

B Hospitalization for Heart Failure



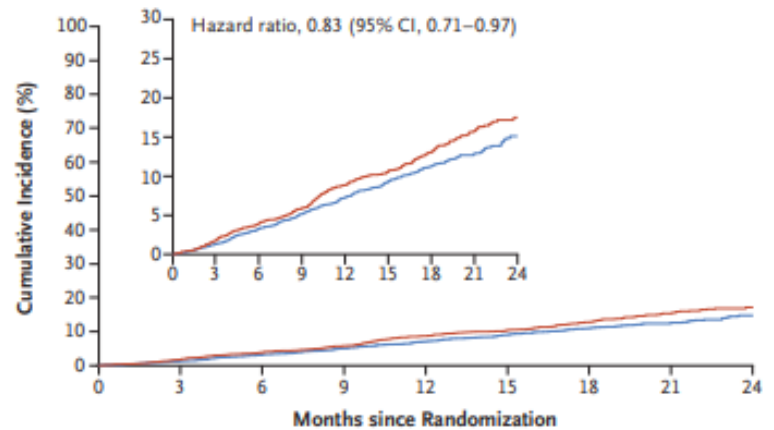
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Placebo	2371	2264	2168	2082	1924	1483	1101	596	212
Dapagliflozin	2373	2306	2223	2153	2007	1563	1147	613	210

C Death from Cardiovascular Causes



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Placebo	2371	2330	2279	2230	2091	1636	1219	664	234
Dapagliflozin	2373	2339	2293	2248	2127	1664	1242	671	232

D Death from Any Cause



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Placebo	2371	2330	2279	2231	2092	1638	1221	665	235
Dapagliflozin	2373	2342	2296	2251	2130	1666	1243	672	233

How do SGLT2 inhibitors work in HF?

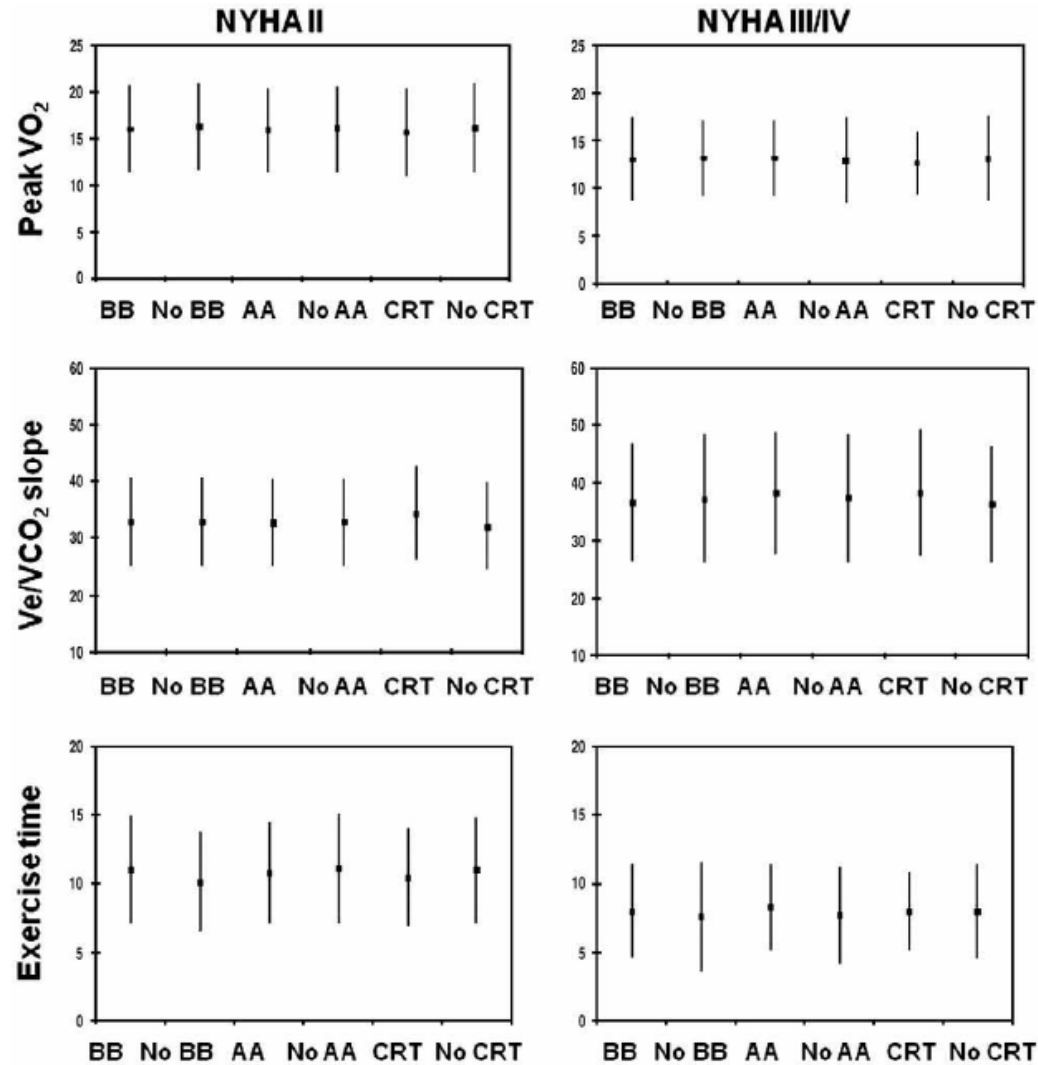


1. Stimulation of natriuresis
2. Stimulation of osmotic diuresis
3. Cardiomyocyte Na⁺/H exchanger inhibition
4. Increased myocardial energetics (via altered myocardial substrate metabolism)
5. Reduction in left ventricular mass
6. Improved systolic and diastolic function
7. Improved cardiac filling conditions secondary to reductions in preload and afterload
8. Increased circulating proangiogenic progenitor cells
9. Increased erythropoietin
10. Improved endothelial function
11. Reduction in myocardial CaM kinase II activity
12. Improved myocardial autophagy
13. Inhibition of cardiac fibrosis
14. Increased cardiac output, HR, O₂ consumption, coronary blood flow mediated by increased levels of circulating glucagon

We don't know

Lam et al JAHA 2019;8 issue 20

Effect of medical therapy and functional class on exercise capacity

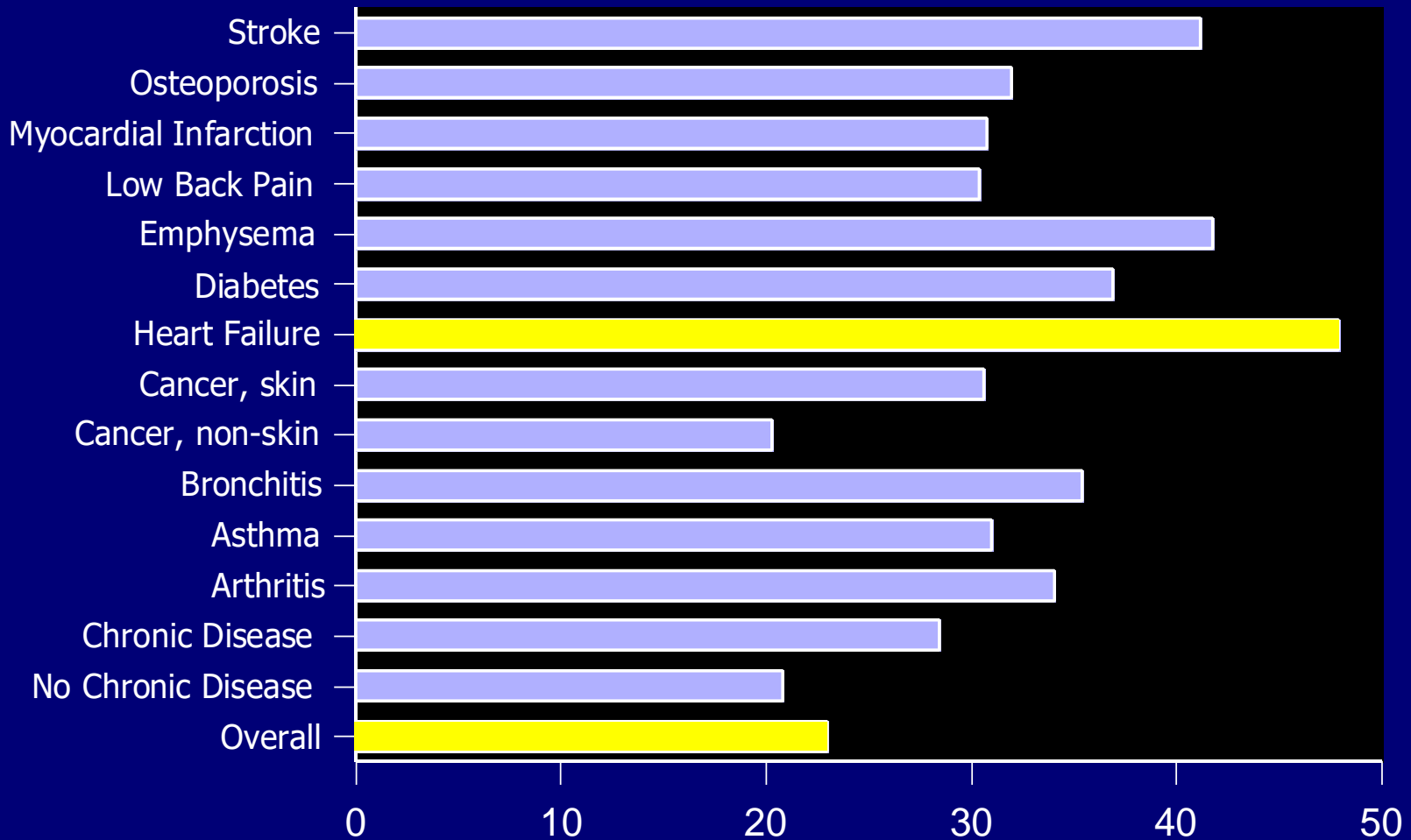




Recommendations for Management of Stage C HF: Activity, Exercise Prescription, and Cardiac Rehabilitation
Referenced studies that support the recommendations are summarized in the [Online Data Supplements](#).

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
1	A	1. For patients with HF who are able to participate, exercise training (or regular physical activity) is recommended to improve functional status, exercise performance, and QOL (1-9).
2a	B-NR	2. In patients with HF, a cardiac rehabilitation program can be useful to improve functional capacity, exercise tolerance, and health-related QOL (1,2,5,6,8).

Prevalence of No Leisure Time Physical Activity (LTPA) Among Adults in the United States



Crespo, et al. *Clinical Exercise Physiology*, 1999

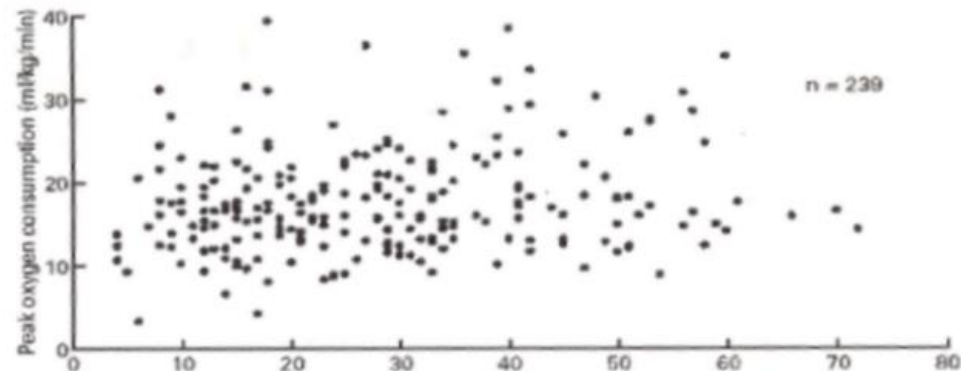


Apparent Disconnects Between Cardiac Function and Exercise Performance



- **Left ventricular ejection fraction does not correlate with exercise performance**
- **Acute increase in cardiac output do not translate into increase in exercise performance**
- **Chronic increases in cardiac function may not increase exercise performance**

Relationship Between Exercise Capacity and Resting LVEF



Wilson, JR et al Acute Inotropes AJC 83:1305, 1984

Wilson, JR et al Acute Vasodilators Circulation 72:72, 1985

Regulation of Stroke Volume During Sub-maximal and Maximal Upright Exercise in Normal and HF patients

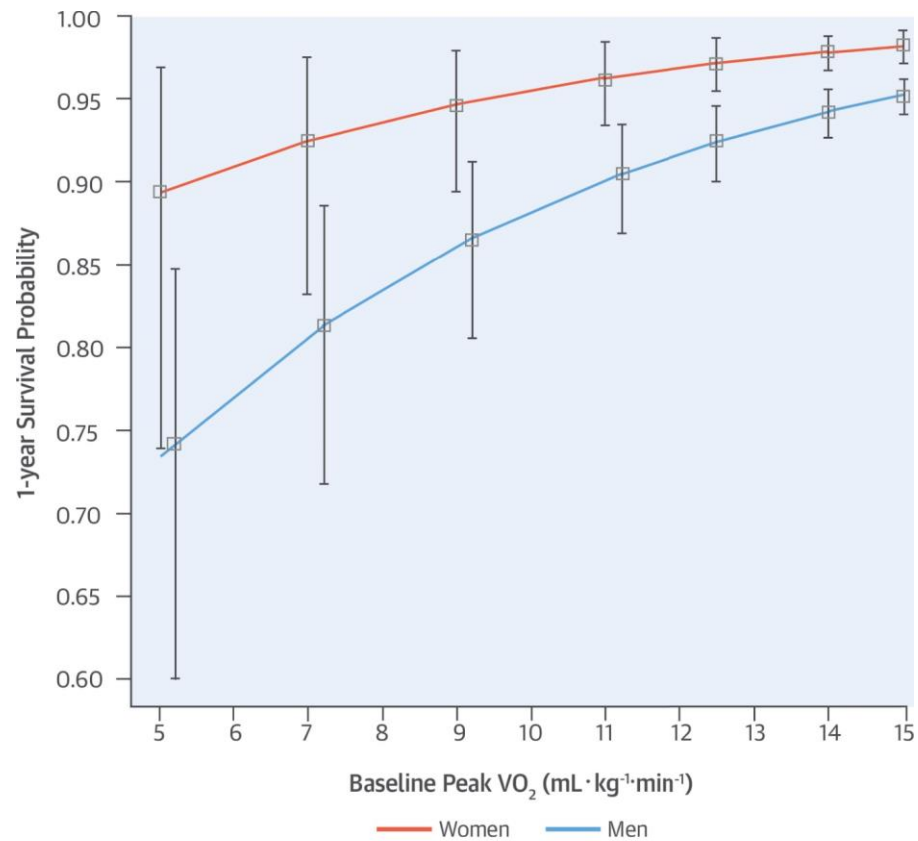


	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Heart failure</u>
$\dot{V}O_2$ increase	8 x	3.5 x
Increase in cardiac output	3.2 x	2.0 x
Increase in AVO_2 difference	2.5 x	2.0 x
Increase in CO due to		
Increase SV	1.4 x	0.3 x
Increase HR	2.5 x	1.8 x

Higginbotham, Morris, Williams, McHale, Coleman, Cobb, Circ Res 58:281, 1986

Sullivan, M., et al, Circulation 80: 769, 1989

1 Year Survival and Peak VO₂



J Am Coll Cardiol 2016; 67:780.



Muscle Biopsy

Decreased oxidative enzyme capacity

Succinate dehydrogenase

Citrate synthetase

Decreased enzyme of beta oxidation of fatty acids

3 hydroxyacyl – COA Dehydrogenase

No change in high-energy phosphagens

Decrease in slow twitch type I fibers

Increase in fast twitch type IIb fibers

Decrease in capillaries per fiber

Changes similar to exercise deconditioning

Biochemistry Improves with Exercise Training in Patients with Heart Failure



- ↑ citrate synthetase \approx 25-77%
- ↑↔ lactate dehydrogenase
- ↑ cytochrome-C oxidase activity

Hambrecht, et al. Circulation, 1998.

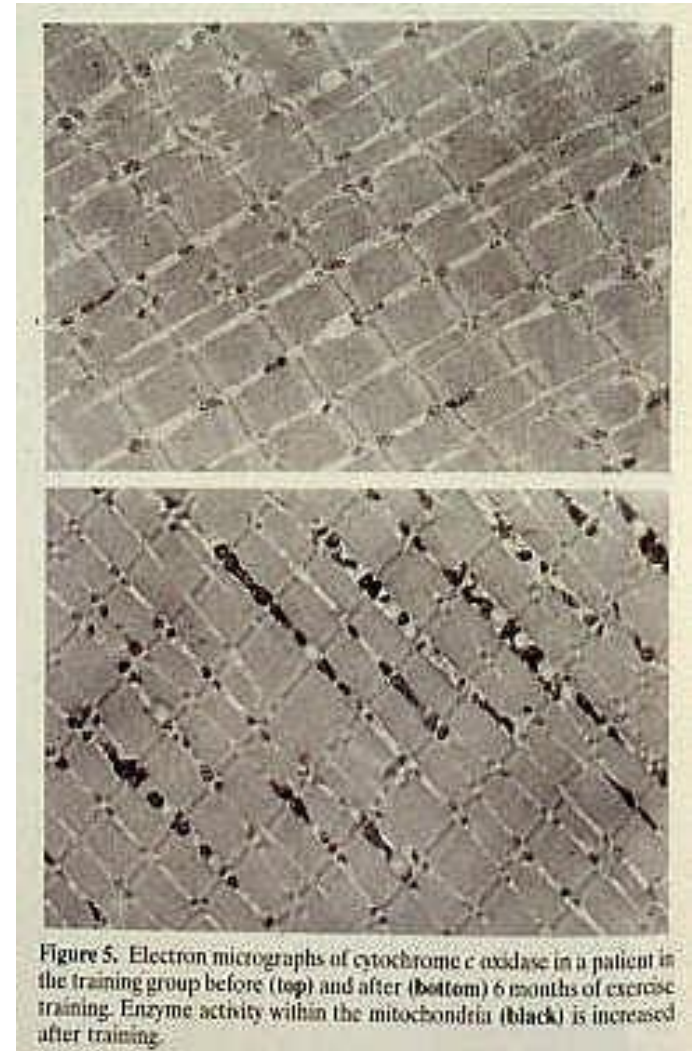


Figure 5. Electron micrographs of cytochrome c oxidase in a patient in the training group before (top) and after (bottom) 6 months of exercise training. Enzyme activity within the mitochondria (black) is increased after training.

What Limits Exercise Performance in Patients with Ambulatory Heart Failure?

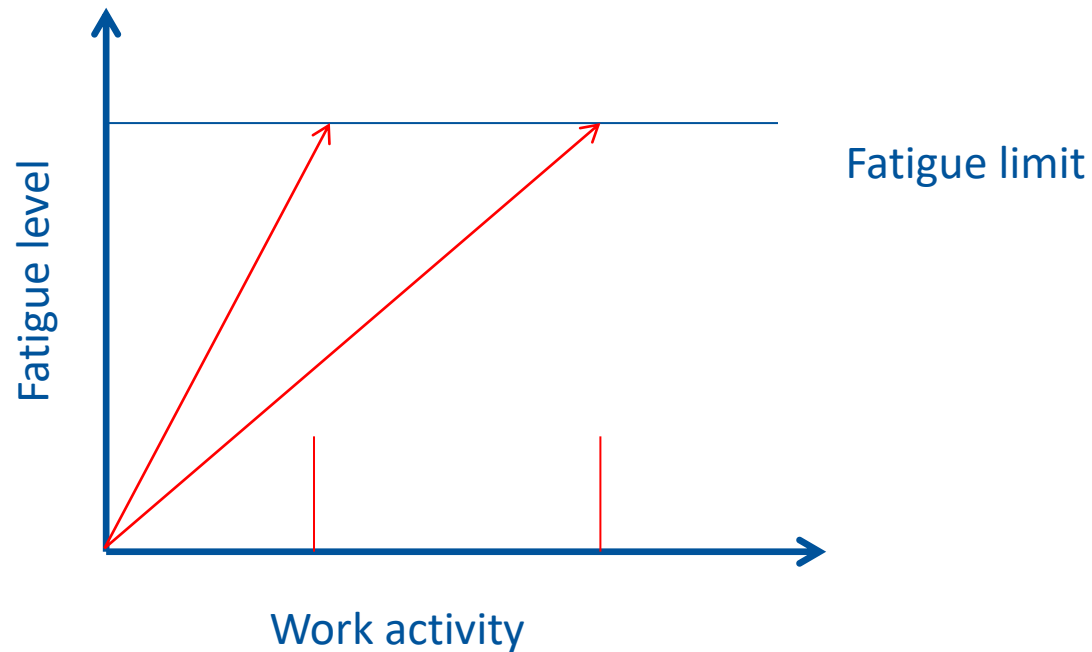


Is it the heart? CO, SV	Yes
Is it the lungs? Hyperventilation, \uparrow V_e/CO_2	No
Is it the muscles? Deconditioning Oxidative enzyme decreased Muscle wasting – myopathy Increased ergoreceptor activity	Yes
Is it the peripheral vasculature? Endothelial Dysfunction Vasoconstriction Reduced vasodilator capacity Vascular compliance changes	Possibly

Fatigability



Relates the symptom of tiredness or fatigue to the level, duration, or intensity of exercise that induces the symptom





In isolated muscle, fatigue is associated with ..

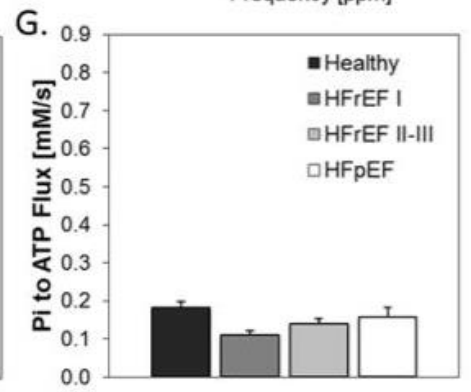
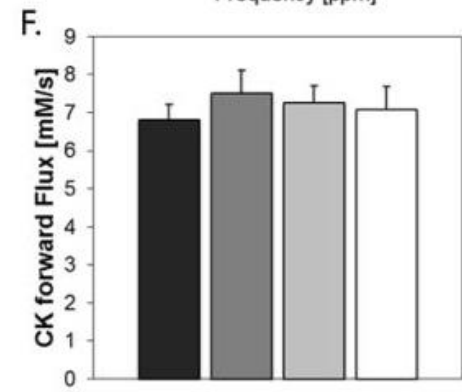
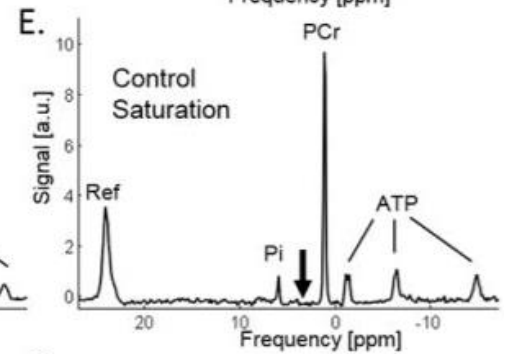
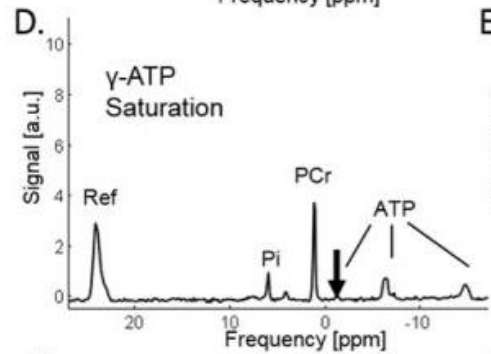
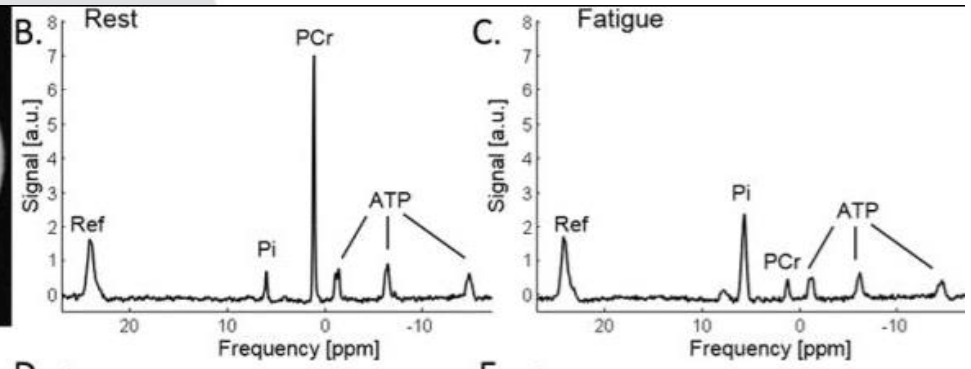
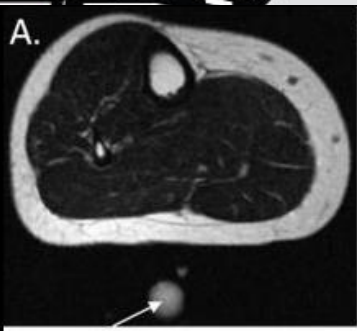
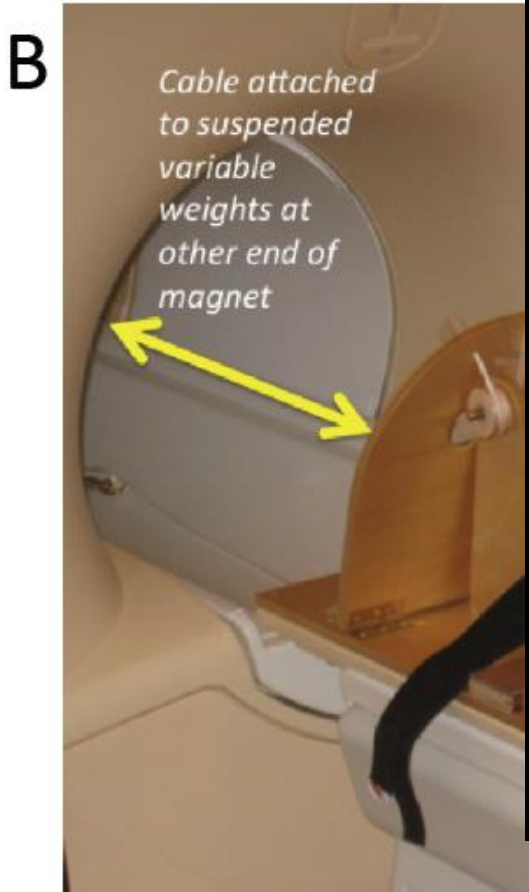
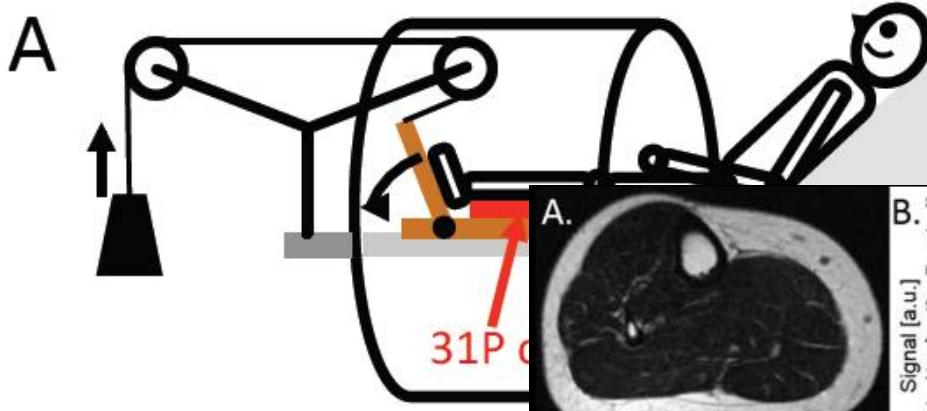
High energy phosphate depletion

Reduced ATP hydrolysis

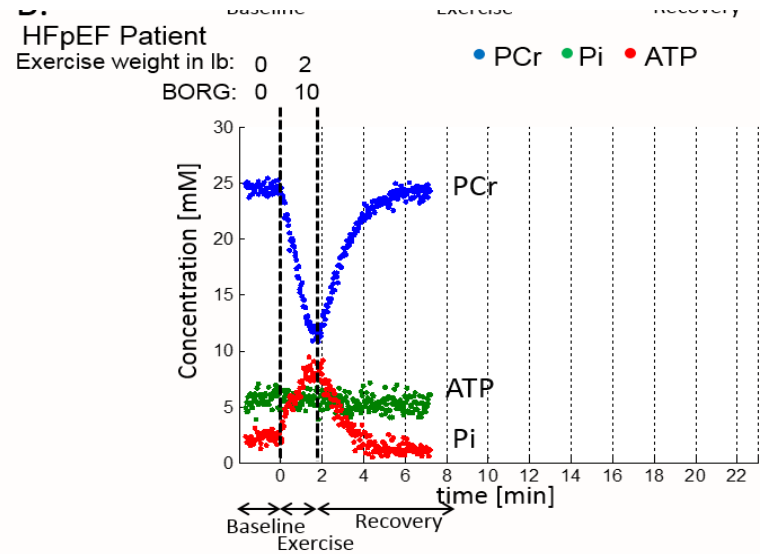
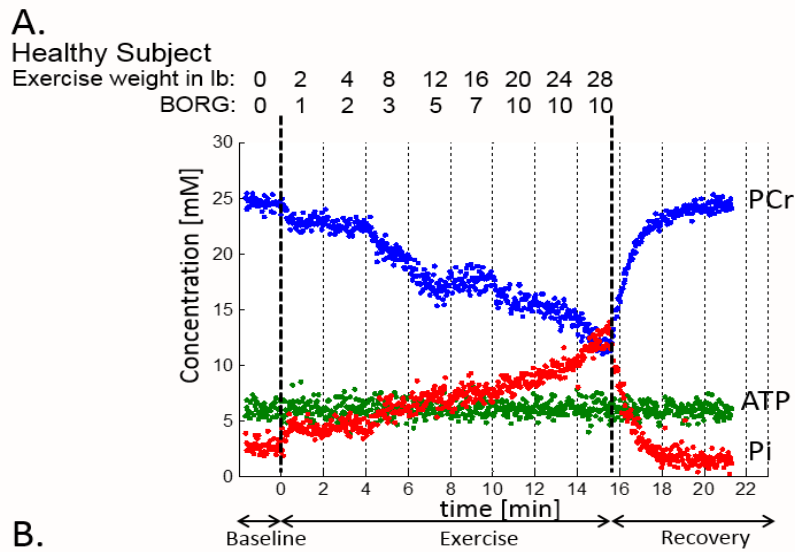
Increased inorganic phosphate

Physiol Rev 2008;88:287

Exercise patients during MRS looking at relative and absolute concentrations of high energy phosphates and ATP synthesis rates

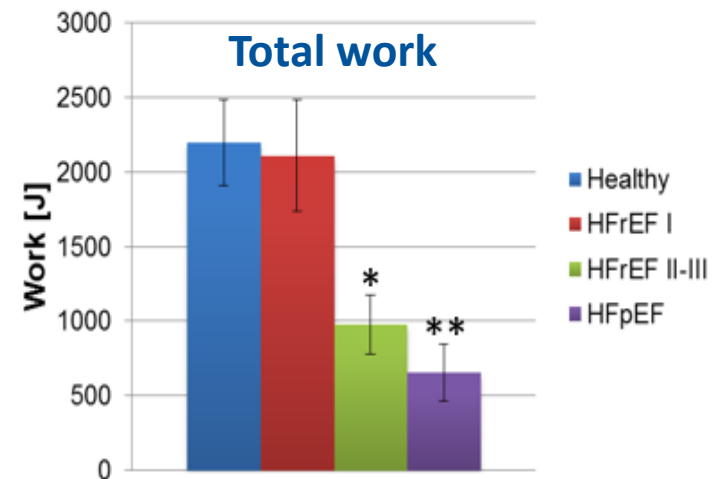
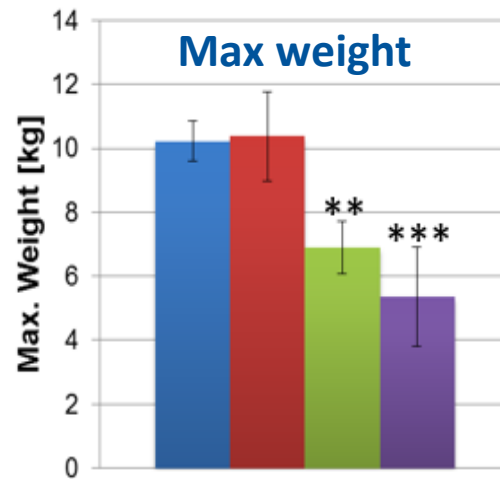
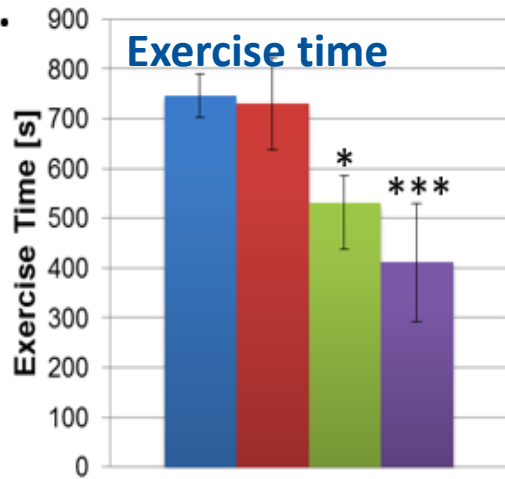


Energy characteristics

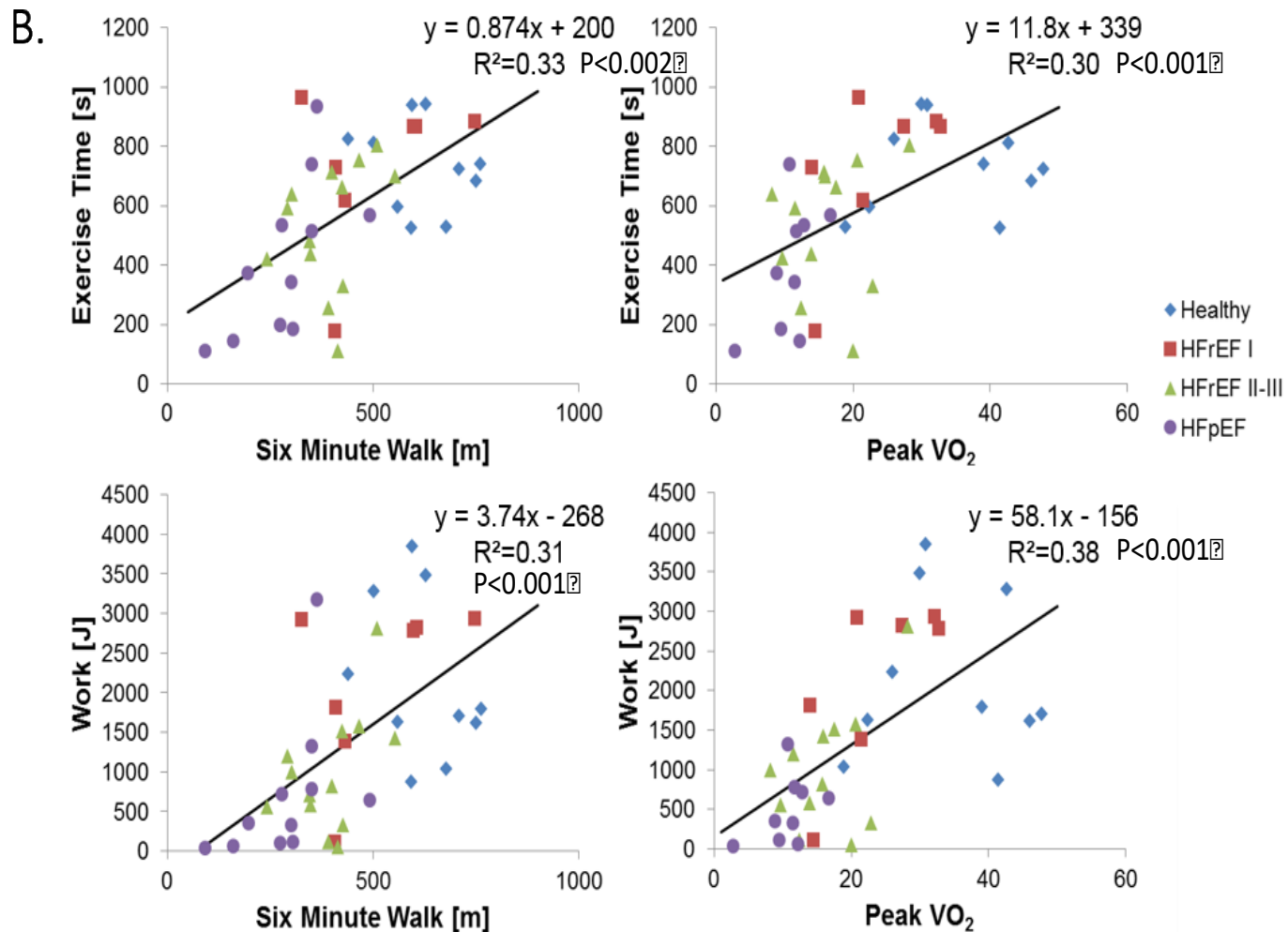


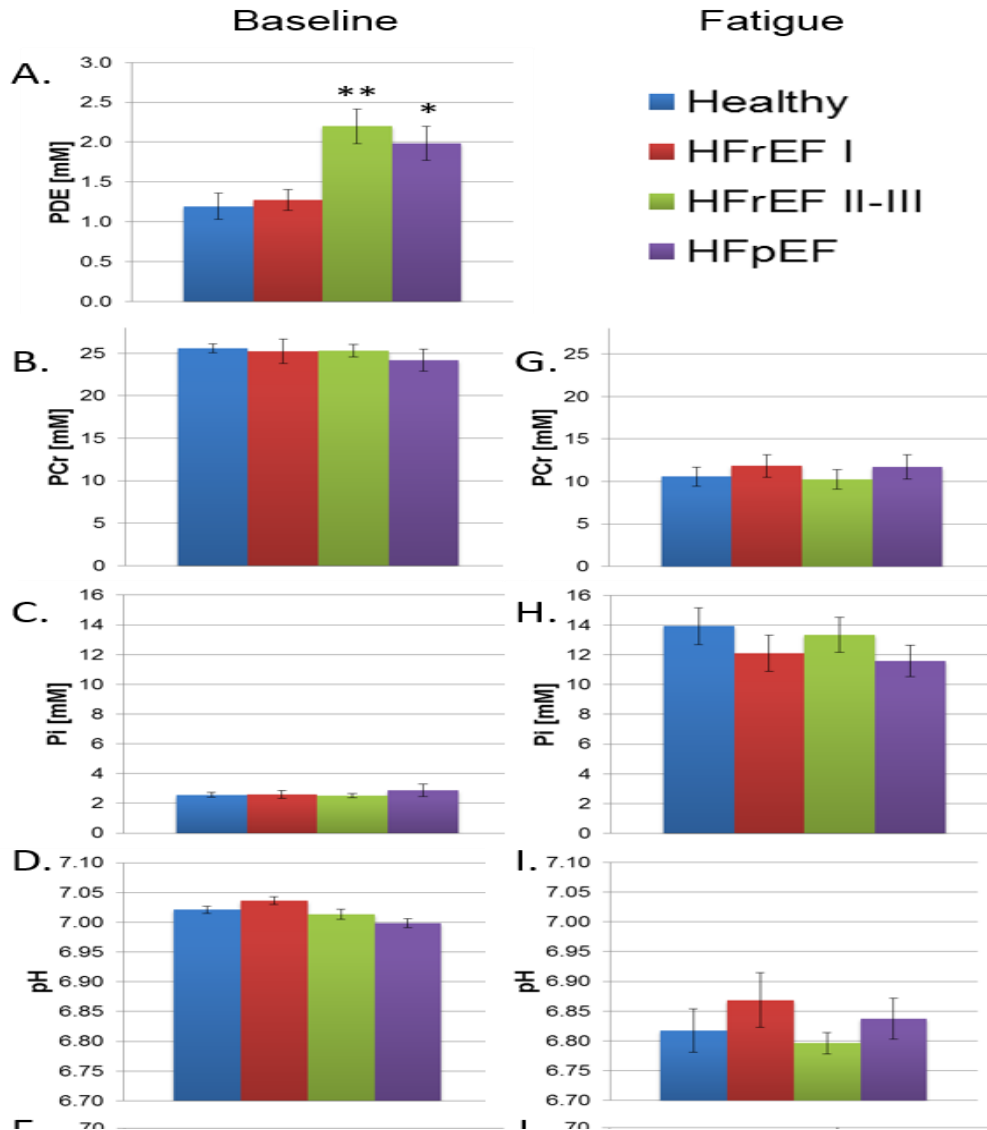


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Correlation between 6MW, VO₂ and plantar flexion work





Summary

Symptomatic fatigue occurs at a common energetic limit in all. HFrEF and HFpEF patients with

EI and increased fatigability manifest early, rapid exercise-induced declines high-energy phosphates and reduced oxidative capacity

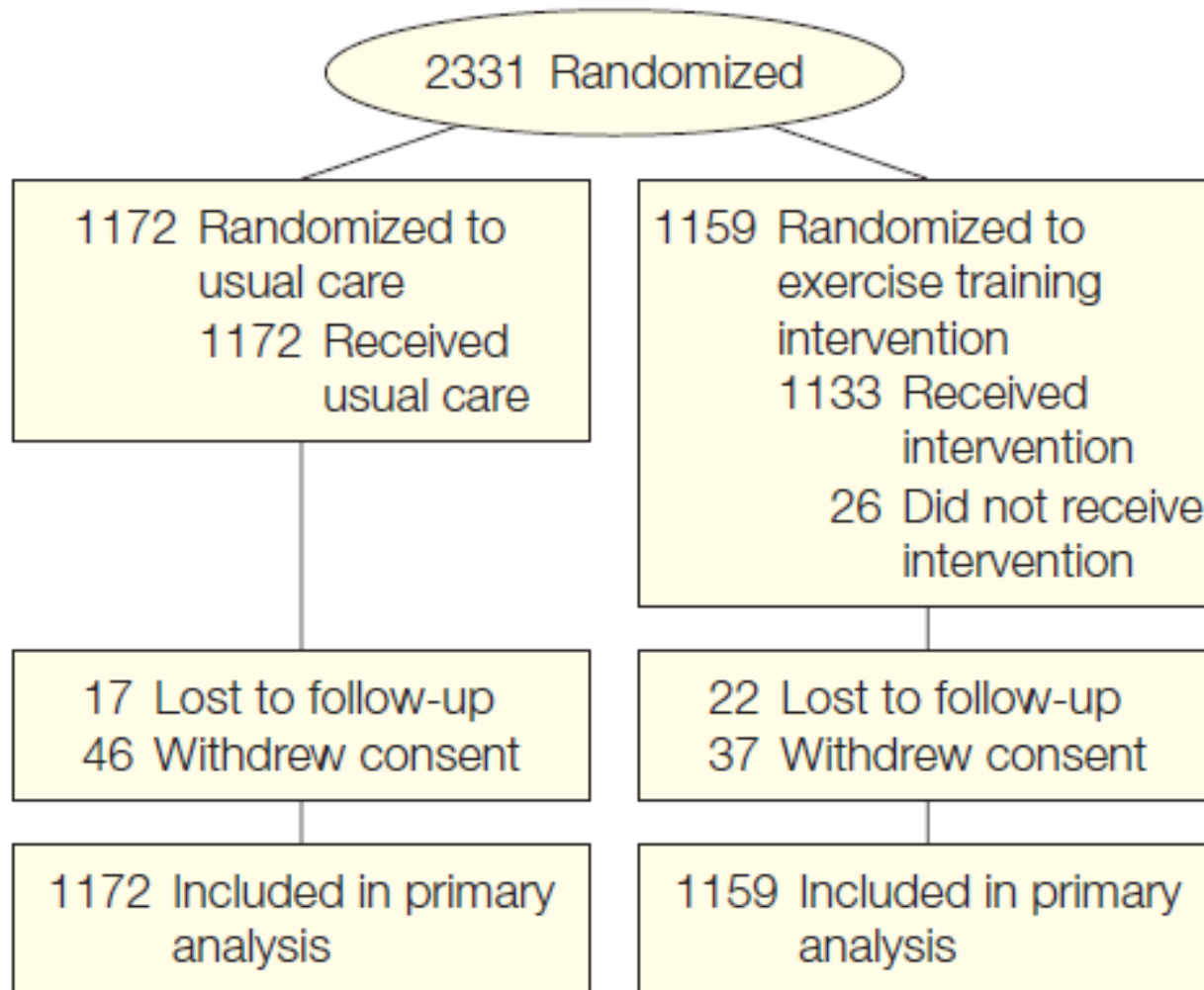


Exercise Training

“An agent with lipid-lowering, antihypertensive, positive inotropic, negative chronotropic, vasodilating, diuretic, anorexigenic, weight-reducing, cathartic, hypoglycemic, tranquilizing, hypnotic and antidepressive qualities.”

**William C. Roberts, MD
Editor-in-Chief
American Journal of Cardiology 1984; 53:261**

HF ACTION Study design



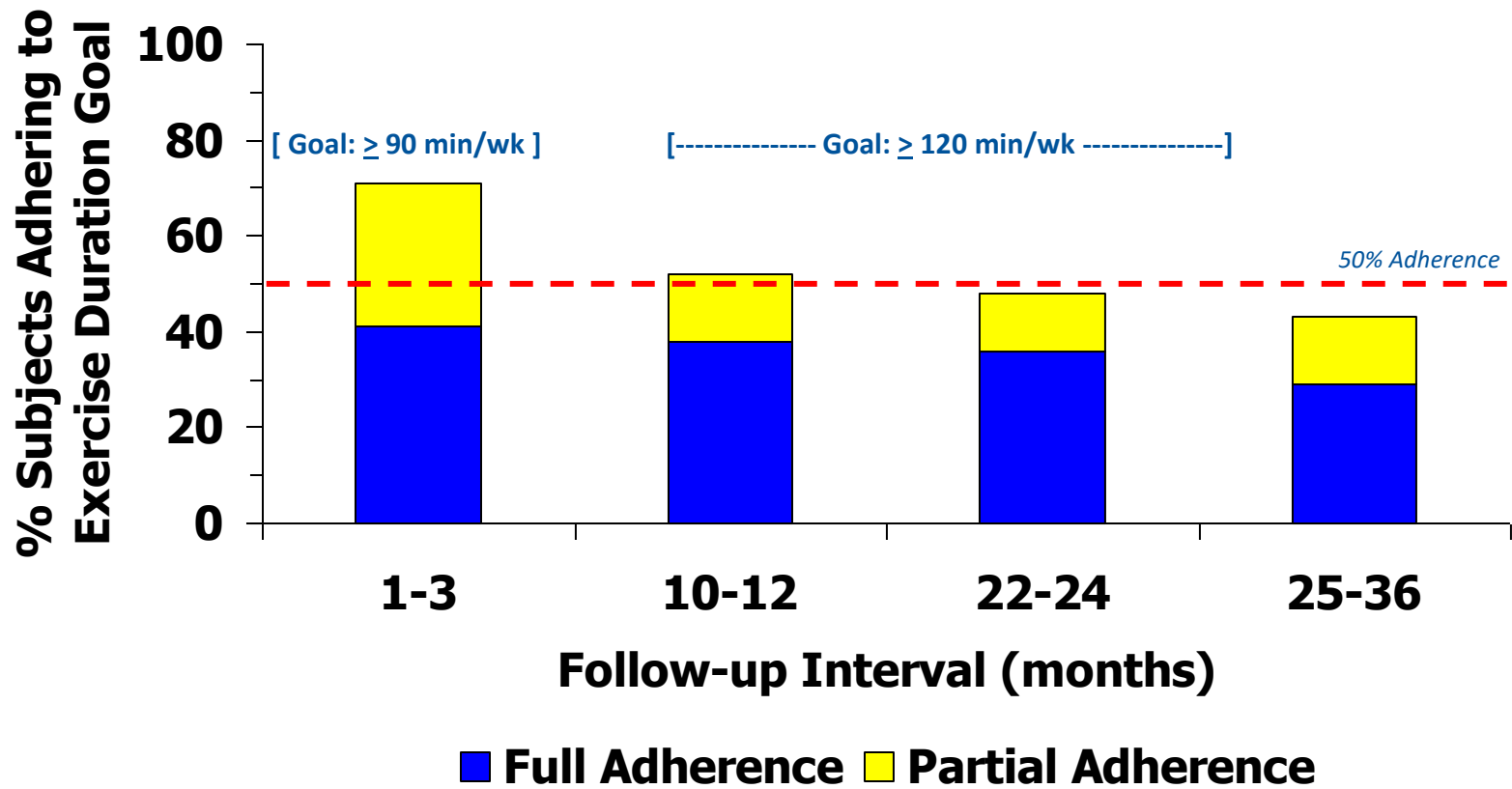


Exercise Training Program

Training Phase	Location	Week*	Sessions / week	Aerobic minutes	Intensity (% HR reserve)	Training Mode
Initial Supervised	Clinic	1-2	3	15-30	60%	Walk/Cycle
Supervised	Clinic	3-6	3	30-35	70%	Walk/Cycle
Supervised & Home	Clinic & Home	7-12	3 & 2	30-35	70%	Walk/Cycle
Maintenance	Home	13-end	5	40	60-70%	Walk/Cycle

*Week intervals shown are goals and may vary for individual participants.

Adherence to Prescribed Exercise in HF-ACTION





Baseline Characteristics

	Usual Care N=1172	Exercise Training N=1159
Age, y *	59 (51, 68)	59 (51, 68)
Female, %	27	30
African American, %	32	33
NYHA Class, % II / III / IV	64 / 35 / 1	62 / 36 / 1
LVEF, % *	25 (20, 30)	25 (20, 30)
Ischemic etiology, %	51	52
Diabetes, %	32	33
Afib/flutter, %	21	21
History of Stroke, %	11	10
BMI, kg/m² *	30 (26, 35)	30 (26, 35)
Serum Creatinine, mg/dL *	1.2 (1.0, 1.5)	1.2 (1.0, 1.5)
Peak VO₂, mL/min/kg *	14.5 (11.6, 17.8)	14.4 (11.3, 17.6)
CPX duration, minutes *	9.7 (7.0, 12.1)	9.5 (6.9, 12.0)

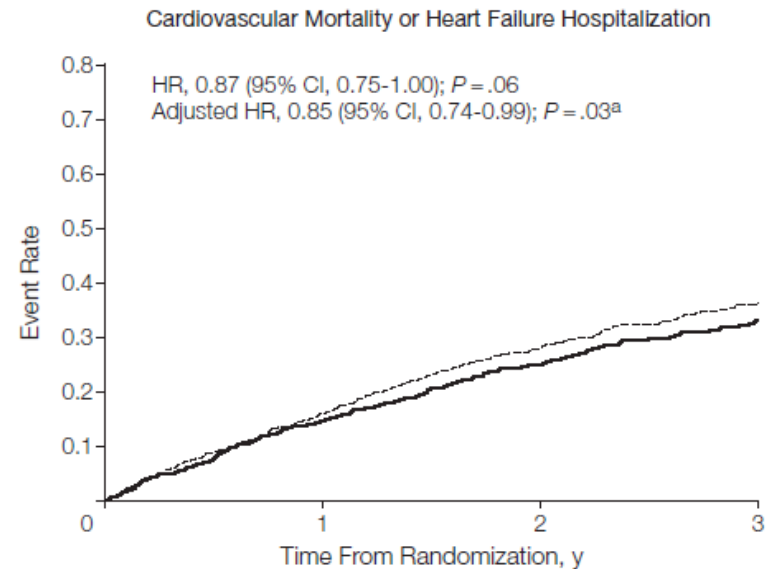
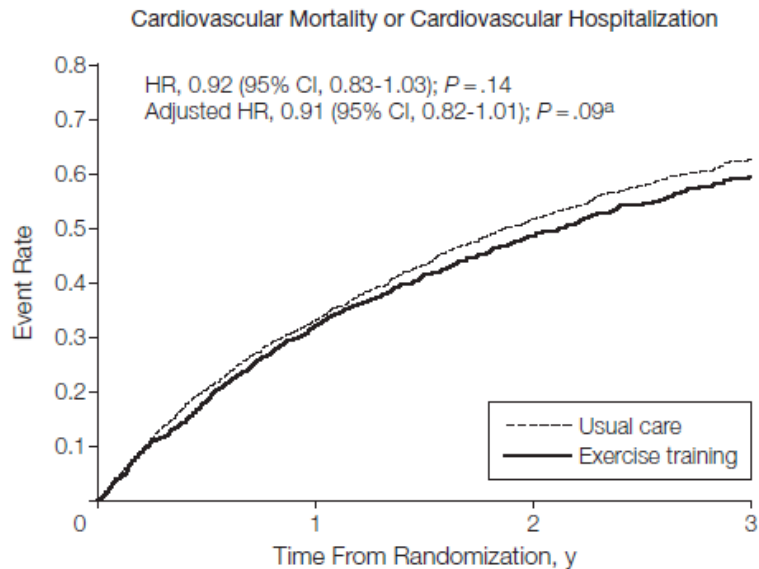
Median Change in 6-Minute Walk and Cardiopulmonary Exercise (CPX) Tests



Table 4. Change in 6-Minute Walk Test and Cardiopulmonary Exercise Test Results

	Median (IQR)		<i>P</i> Value
	Usual Care	Exercise Training	
Baseline to 3 mo ^a			
Distance of 6-minute walk, m (n = 1835)	5 (-28 to 37)	20 (-15 to 57)	<.001
Cardiopulmonary exercise time, min (n = 1914)	0.3 (-0.6 to 1.4)	1.5 (0.3 to 3.0)	<.001
Peak oxygen consumption, mL/kg/min (n = 1870)	0.2 (-1.2 to 1.4)	0.6 (-0.7 to 2.3)	<.001
Baseline to 12 mo ^b			
Distance of 6-minute walk, m (n = 1444)	12 (-30 to 55)	13 (-28 to 61)	.26
Cardiopulmonary exercise time, min (n = 1476)	0.2 (-1.0 to 1.7)	1.5 (0 to 3.2)	<.001
Peak oxygen consumption, mL/kg/min (n = 1442)	0.1 (-1.5 to 1.8)	0.7 (-1.0 to 2.5)	<.001

OUTCOMES – HF ACTION by risk

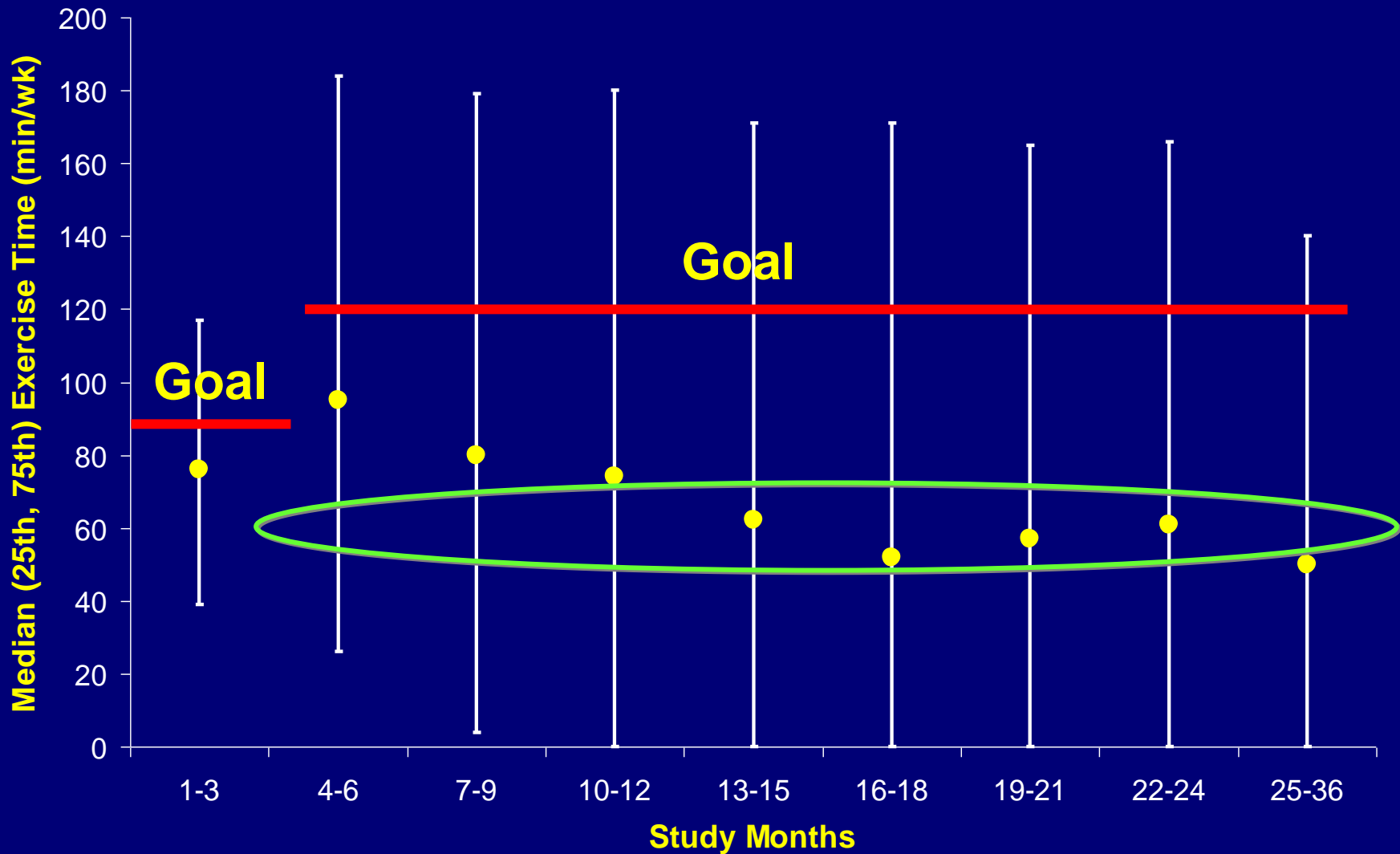


No. at risk					
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Exercise training	1159	756	432	209	

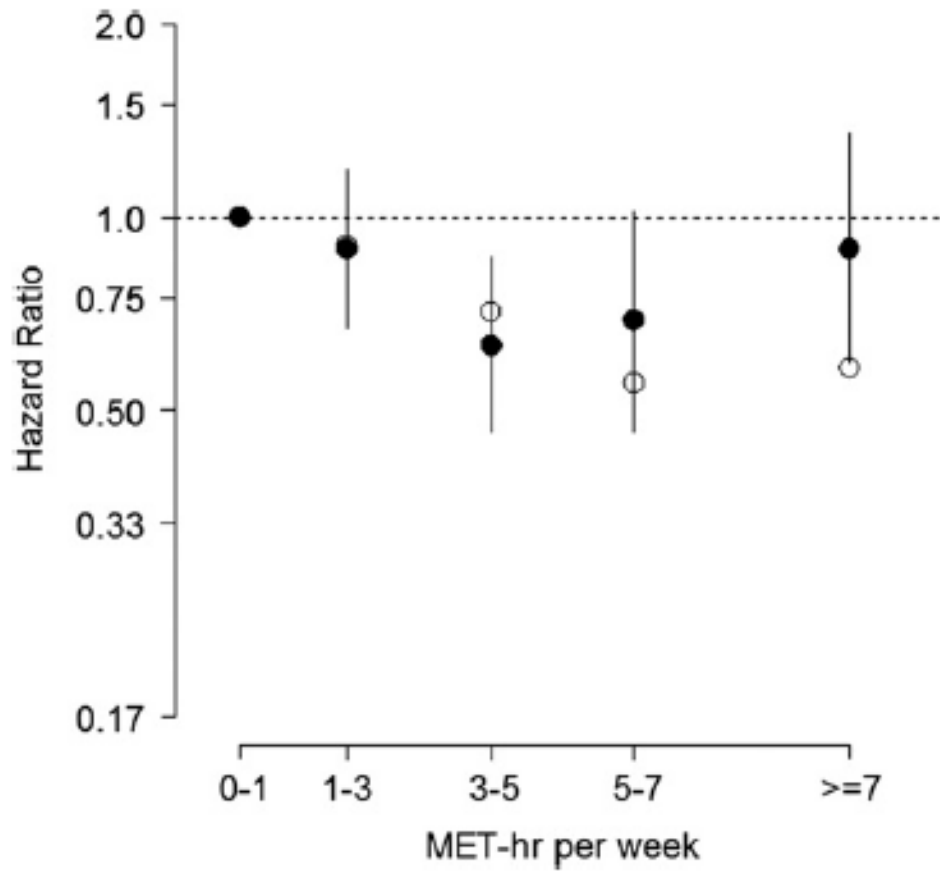
No. at risk					
Usual care	1172	937	616	342	
Exercise training	1159	952	626	344	

Adjustments for EF, exercise capacity, presence of a fib/CAD/depression

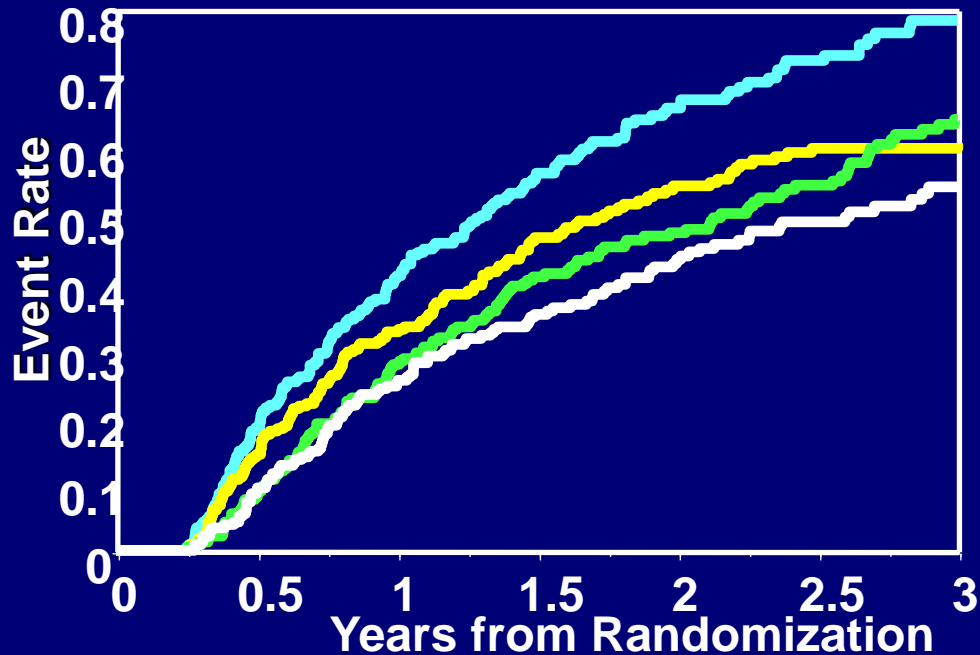
Exercise Training: Minutes Per Week



All cause mortality/hosp by amount of exercise



Unadjusted Kaplan-Meier Curves of the Primary Endpoint by Quartiles of MET-hr/wk



	MET-hr/wk
— Quartile 1	≤ 1.9
— Quartile 2	1.9 ≤ 3.9
— Quartile 3	3.9 ≤ 6.2
— Quartile 4	> 6.2

HF-ACTION

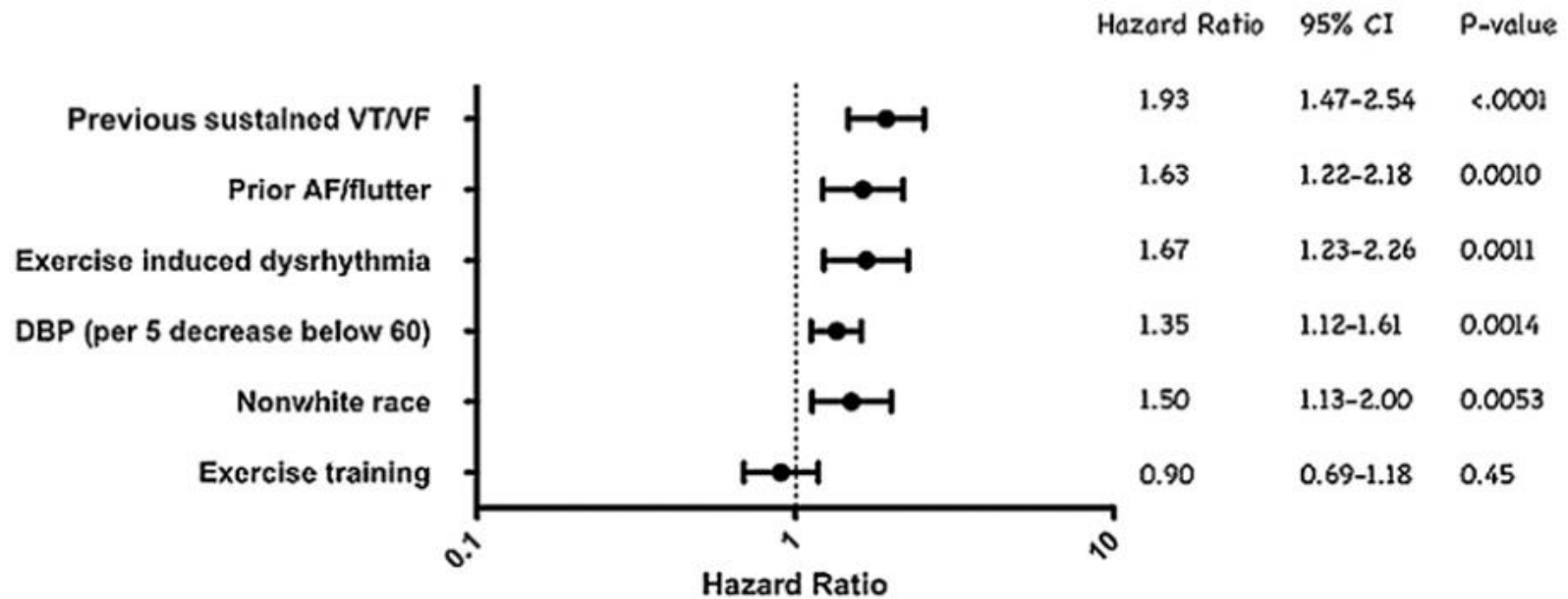
Safety of exercise



Adverse Event	No. (%) of Patients ^a	
	Usual Care (n = 1171) ^b	Exercise Training (n = 1159)
Prespecified cardiovascular adverse events		
Worsening heart failure	340 (29.0)	303 (26.1)
Myocardial infarction	45 (3.8)	41 (3.5)
Unstable angina	88 (7.5)	86 (7.4)
Serious adverse arrhythmia ^c	164 (14.0)	167 (14.4)
Stroke	28 (2.4)	33 (2.8)
Transient ischemic attack	23 (2.0)	20 (1.7)
Any of the above events	471 (40.2)	434 (37.4)
General adverse events		
Hospitalization for fracture of the hip or pelvis	7 (0.6)	3 (0.3)
Outpatient fracture repair	20 (1.7)	13 (1.1)
ICD firing ^d	151/644 (23.4)	142/641 (22.2)
Hospitalization after exercise ^e	22 (1.9)	37 (3.2)
Died after exercise ^f	5 (0.4)	5 (0.4)

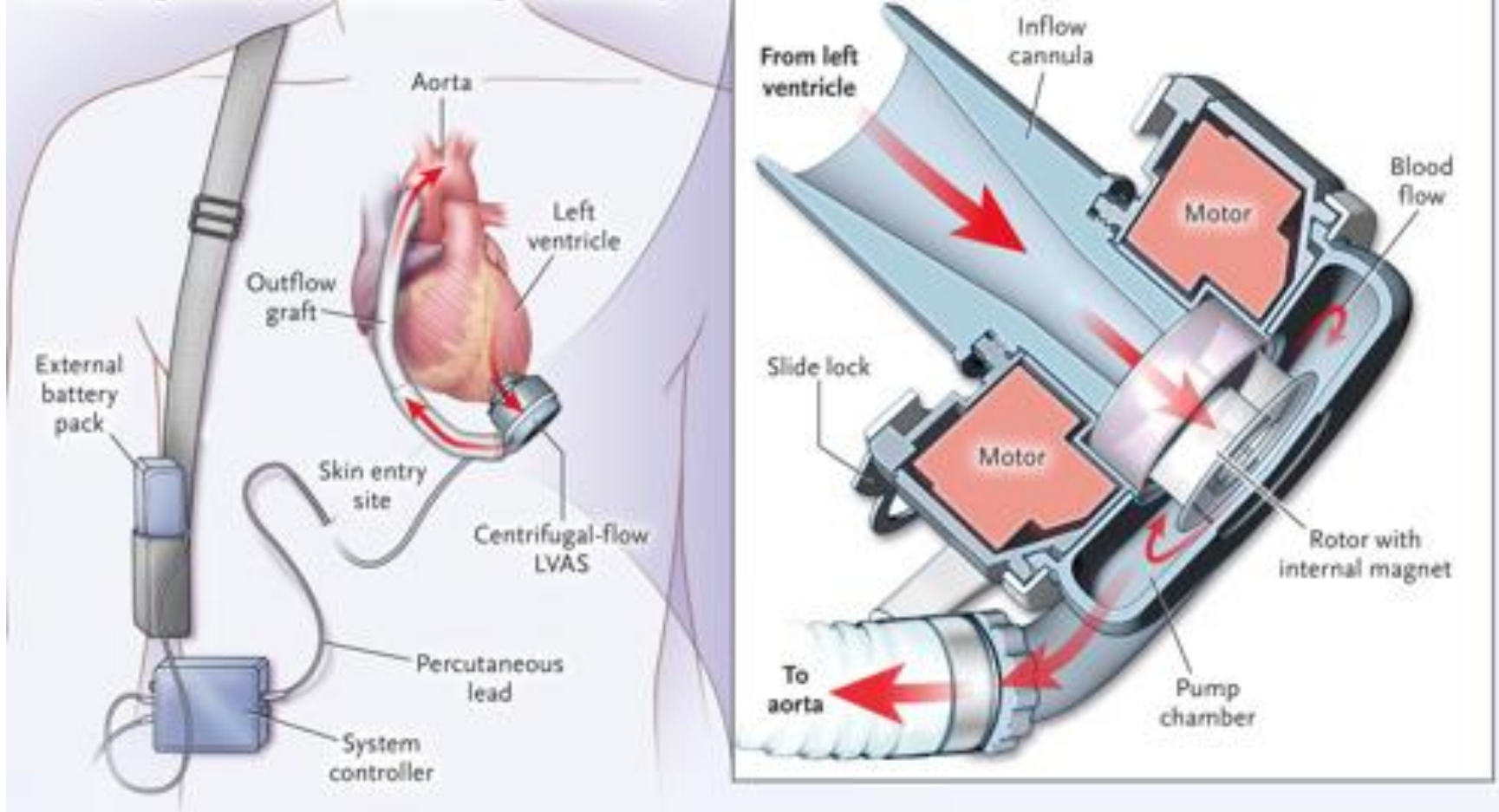
HF-ACTION

Exercise and ICD shocks





B Fully Magnetically Levitated Centrifugal-Flow Pump





Continuous flow pumps



TABLE 1 Typical LVAD Operating Parameters

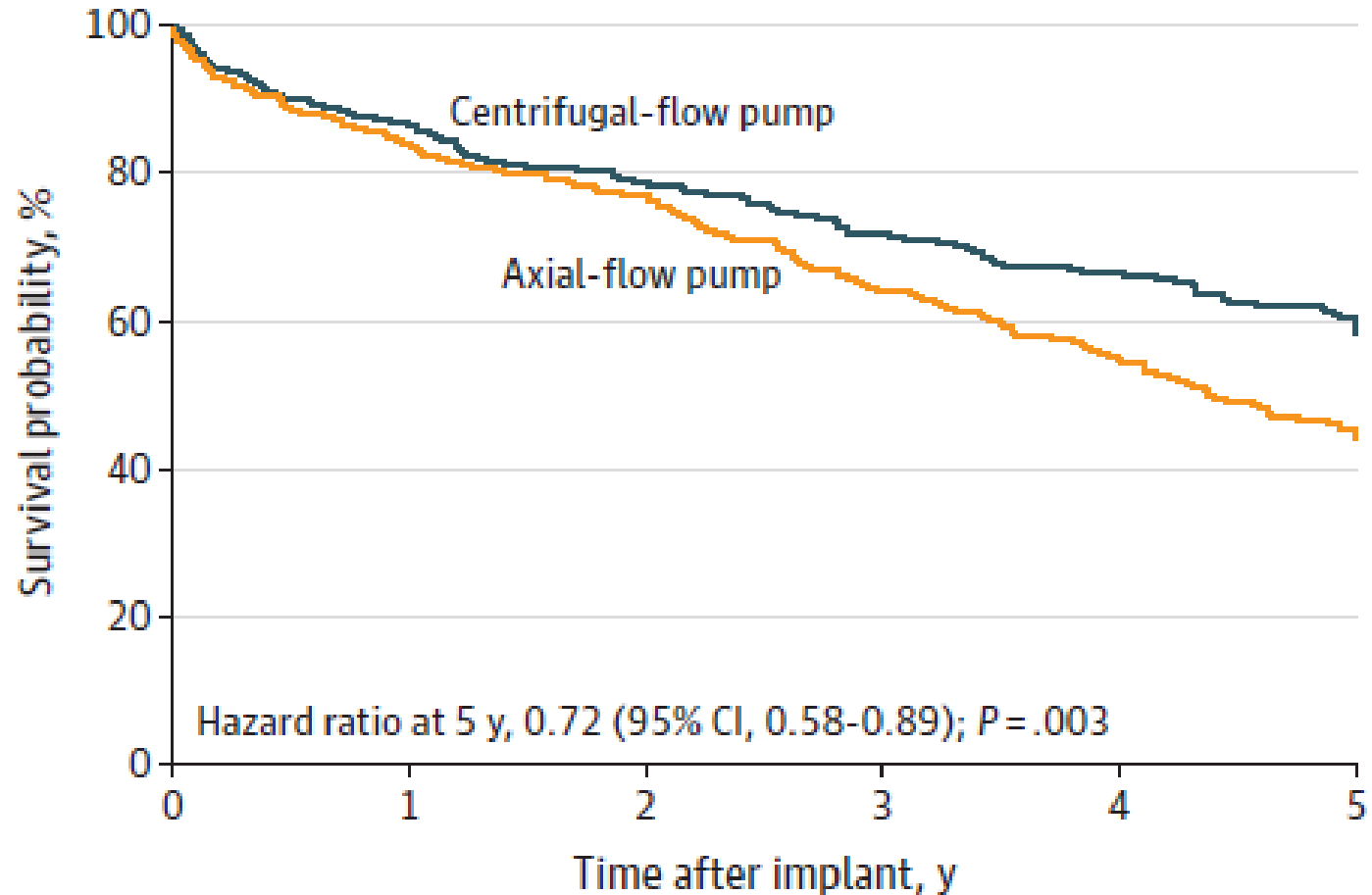
	HeartMate II	HeartMate 3	HVAD
Typical speed, rpm*	8,000-10,000	5,000-6,000	2,400-3,200
Speed adjustment increment, rpm/increment	200	100	20
Flow, l/min	4-7	4-6	4-6
Power, W	5-8	4.5-6.5	3-7
Pulsatility index (or HVAD, peak to trough)	5-8	3.5-5.5	2-4 l/min/beat



(a)

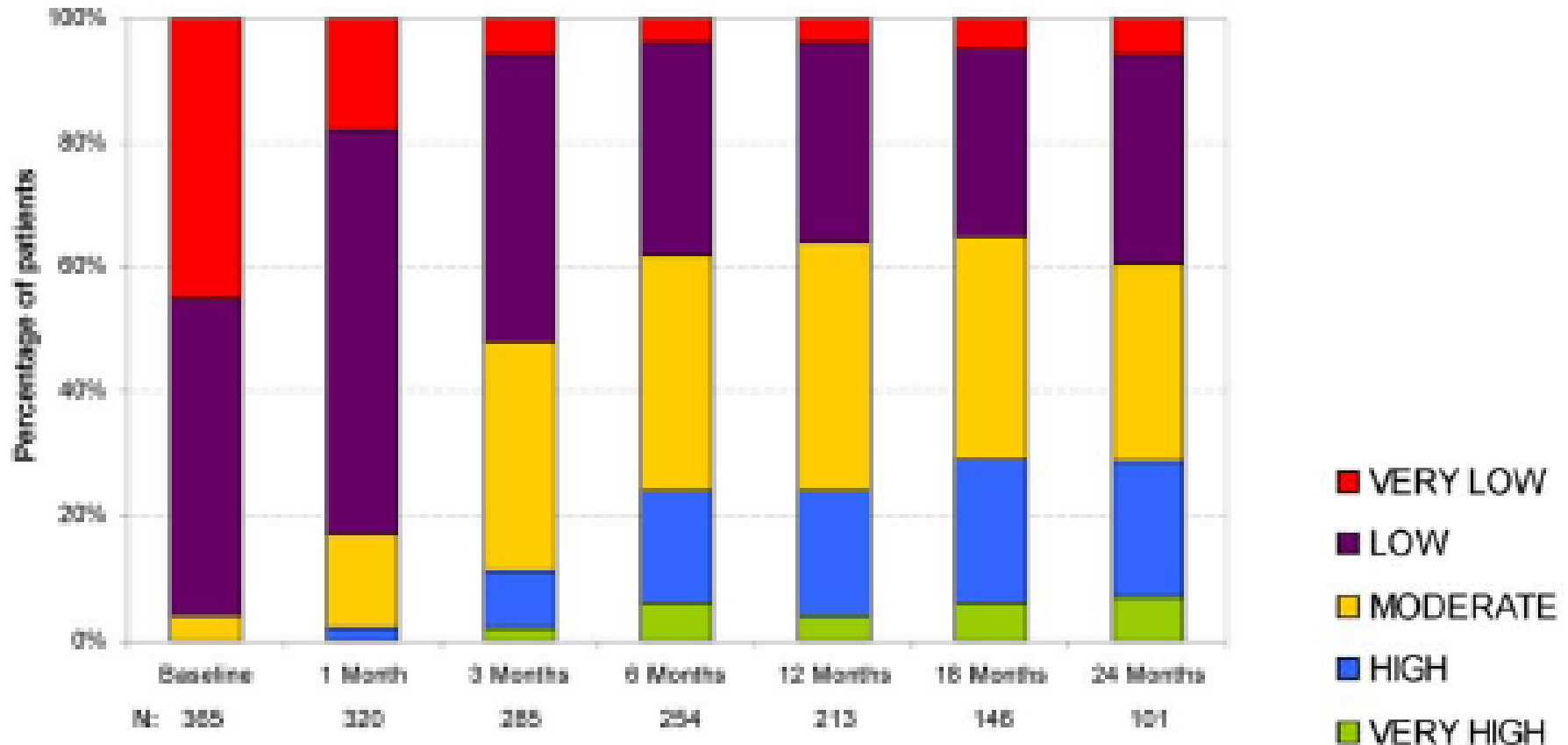


MOMENTUM 3 five year survival



JAMA 2022;online Sept 8, 2022

Pt reported exercise ability - DT



JACC 2010;55:1826

LVAD misery – Adverse events

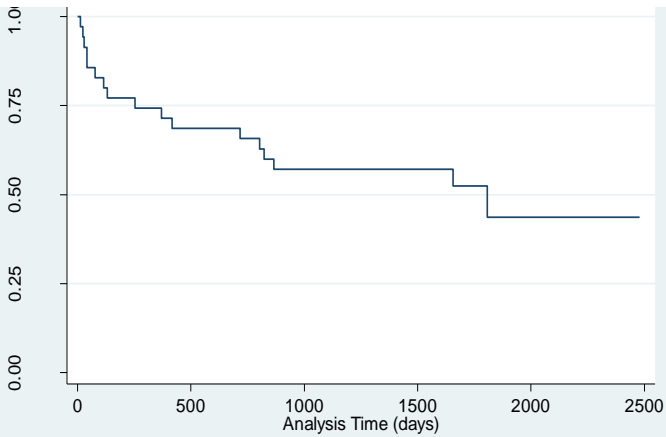


<u>Adverse event</u>	<u>Within 3 months</u>	<u>After 3 months</u>
Bleeding	29.5%	23.1%
Arrhythmia	21.8%	11.3%
Device malfunction	6.0%	14.9%
Infection	28.2%	31.0%
Neuro event	10.0%	13.9%
Rehospitalization	38.2%	64.5%
Renal dysfunction	9.6%	5.5%

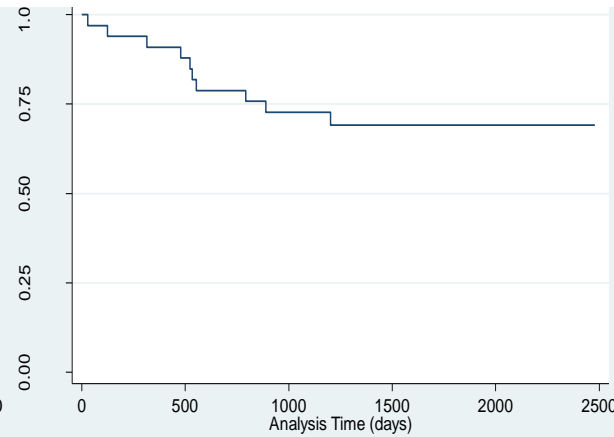
Hopkins database: 2000-2013



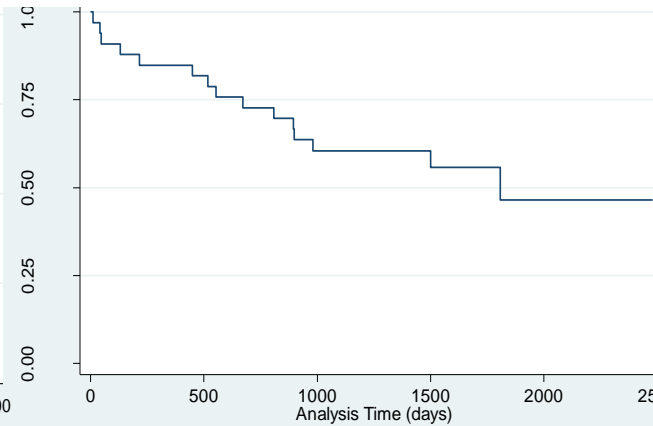
GI bleed



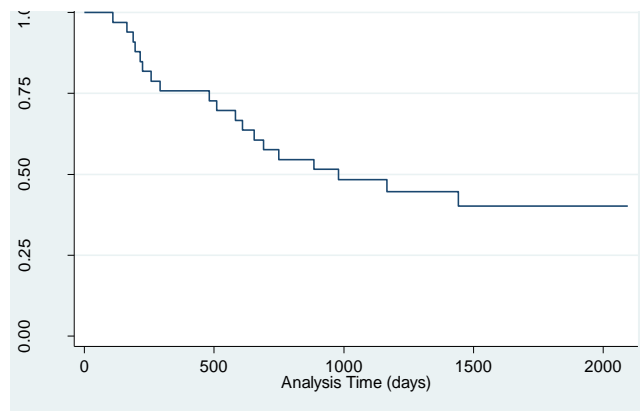
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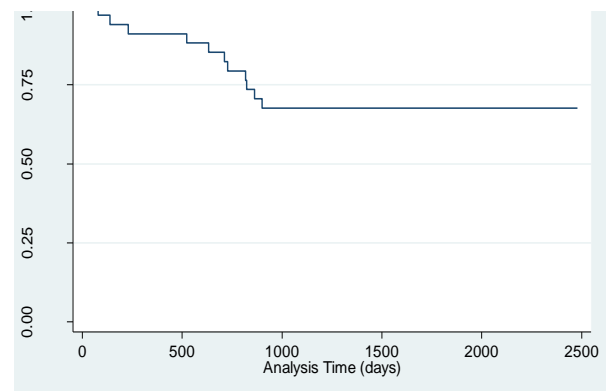
Transfusions



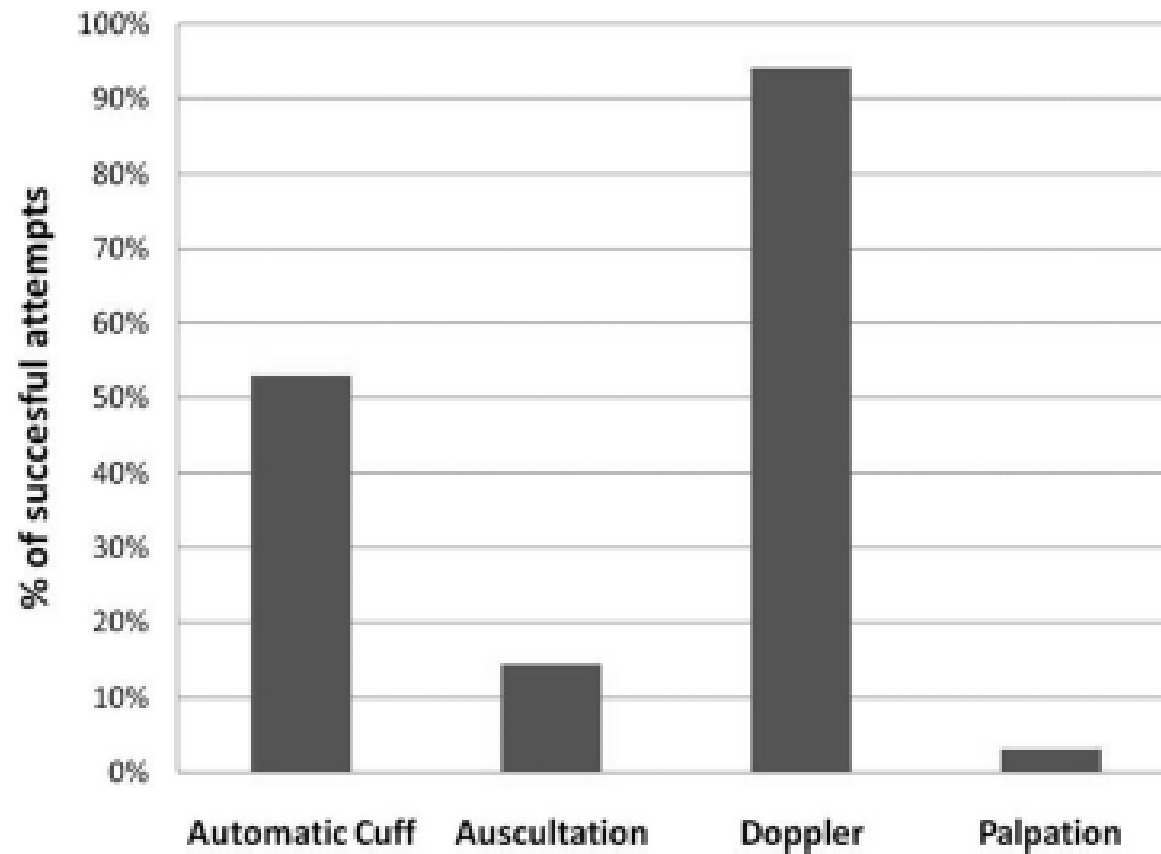
Driveline infection



Sepsis



Measuring blood pressure



Bennet M et al J Heart Lung Tx 2010;29:593



68 LVAD patients at least a month out from implant

57 yo

Support duration 483 days

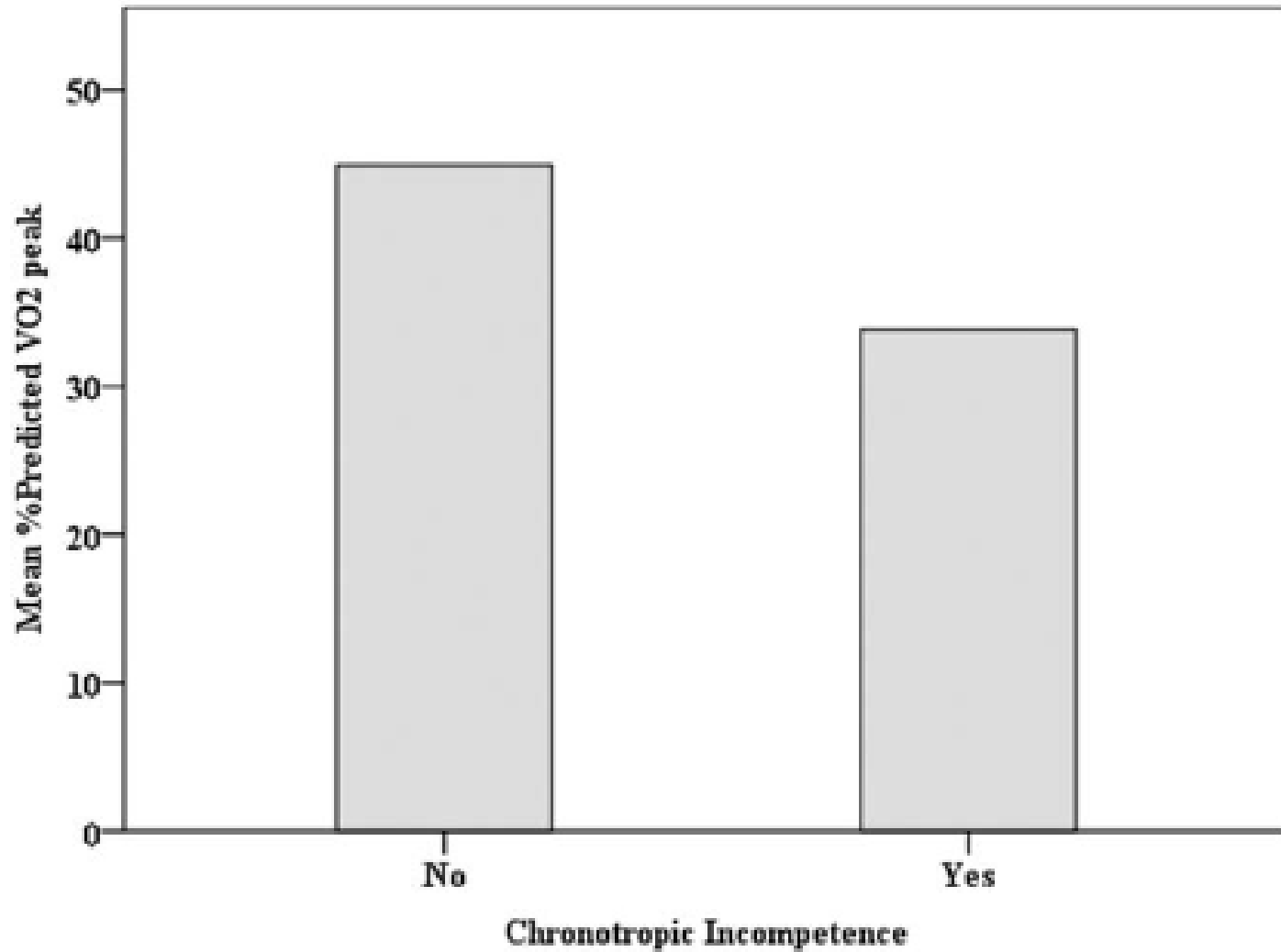
Exercise on cycle ergometer

ASAIO J 2020;66:160-165



	Mean \pm SD
VO ₂ peak (ml/kg/min)	11.71 \pm 4.06
% Predicted VO ₂ peak	40 \pm 13.4
Heart rate at rest (bpm)	79 \pm 14
Heart rate at VO ₂ peak (bpm)	123 \pm 25
Heart rate reserve	59 \pm 22
% Heart rate reserve	75 \pm 15
Respiratory exchange ratio	1.16 \pm 0.11
Load at test termination (watt), median (IQR)	75 (50–100)
Test duration (sec)	422 \pm 188

Functional capacity with LVADs



ASAIO J 2020;66:160-165



**Compared high intensity versus moderate intensity training
12 weeks supervised training, 3x/week**

Baseline CPX

HIIT – 80-90% of VO₂ AT 4 minutes alternating with 50-60%

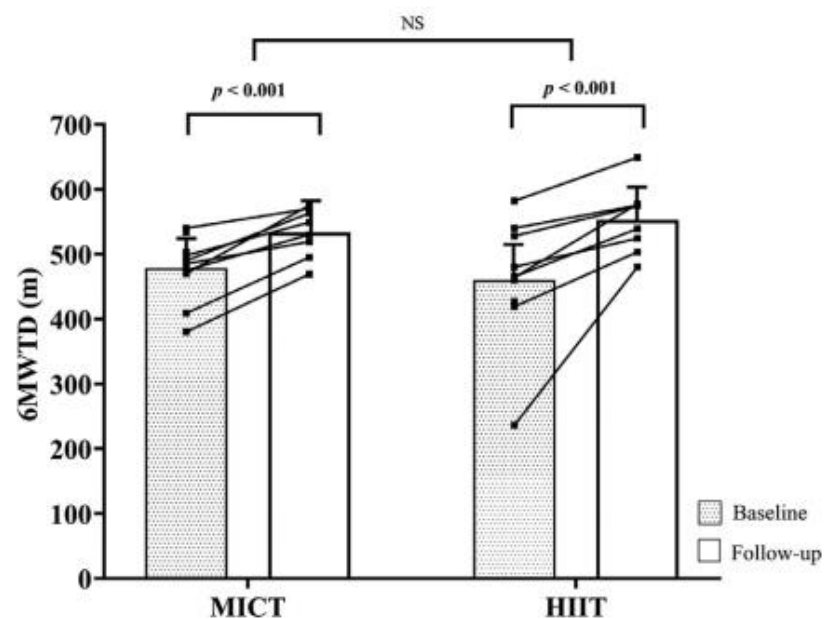
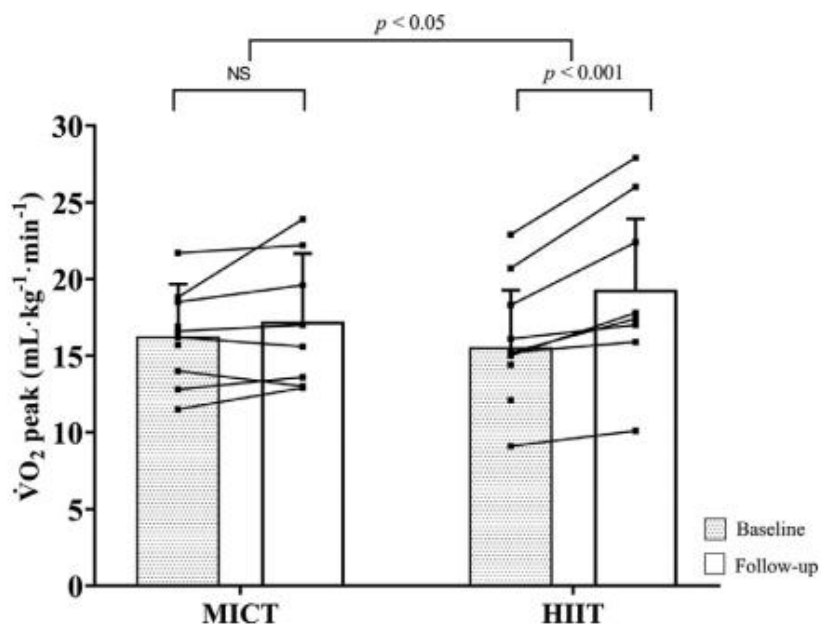
MIIT – 28 minutes 50-60%

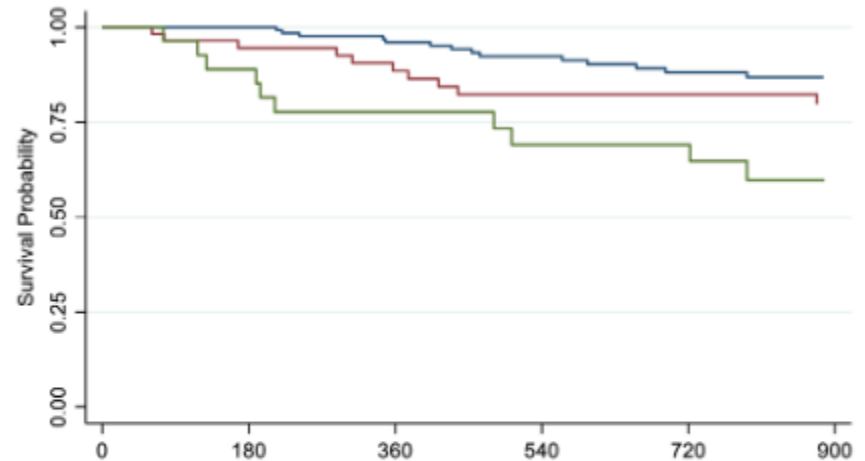
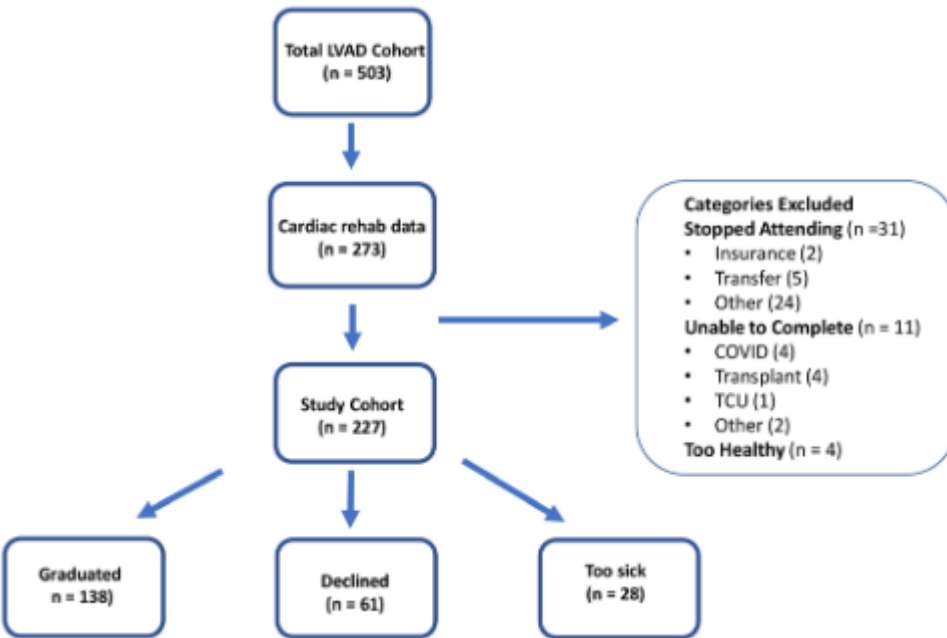
All on treadmill

21 patients

J Ht Lung Tx 2020;39:1380

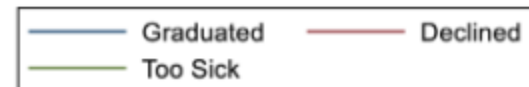
High intensity interval training LVADs





Number at risk	0	180	360	540	720	900
Graduated	138	134	113	92	78	65
Declined	61	48	43	38	34	31
Too Sick	28	24	19	16	16	9

p = 0.001



LVAD patients in rehab

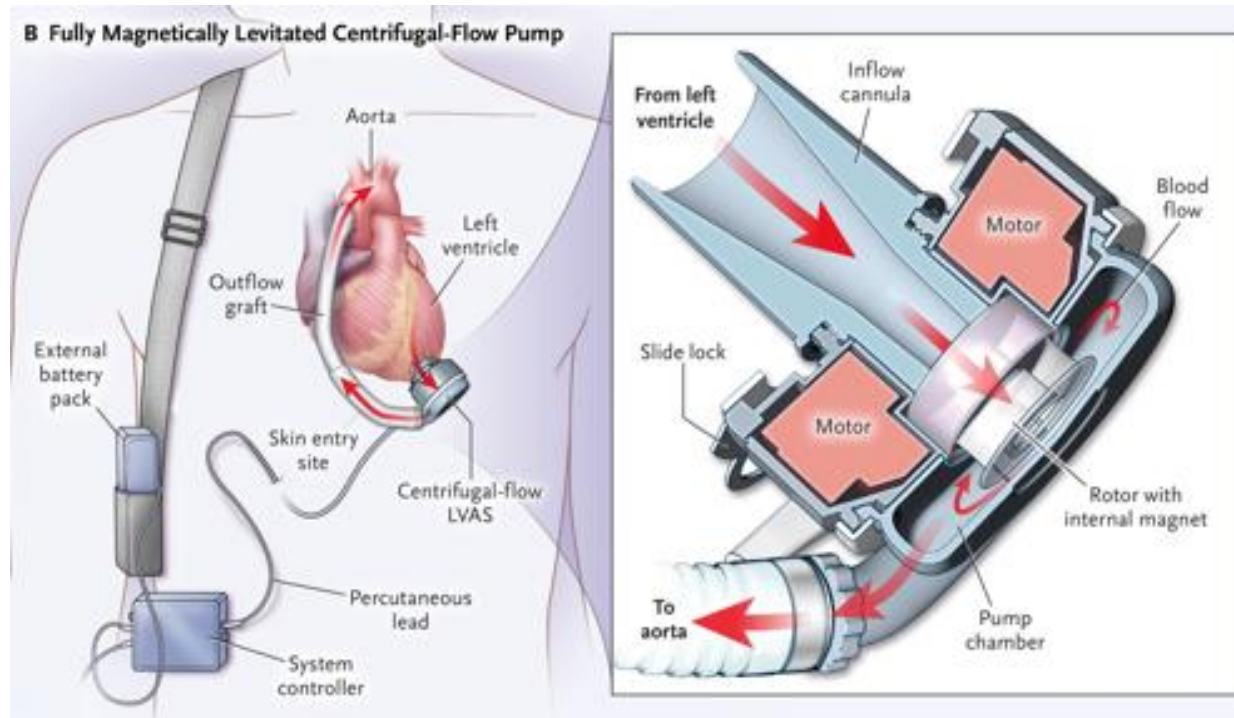


Blood pressure can be hard to check

If feel different than normal, think about arrhythmias

Watch the driveline

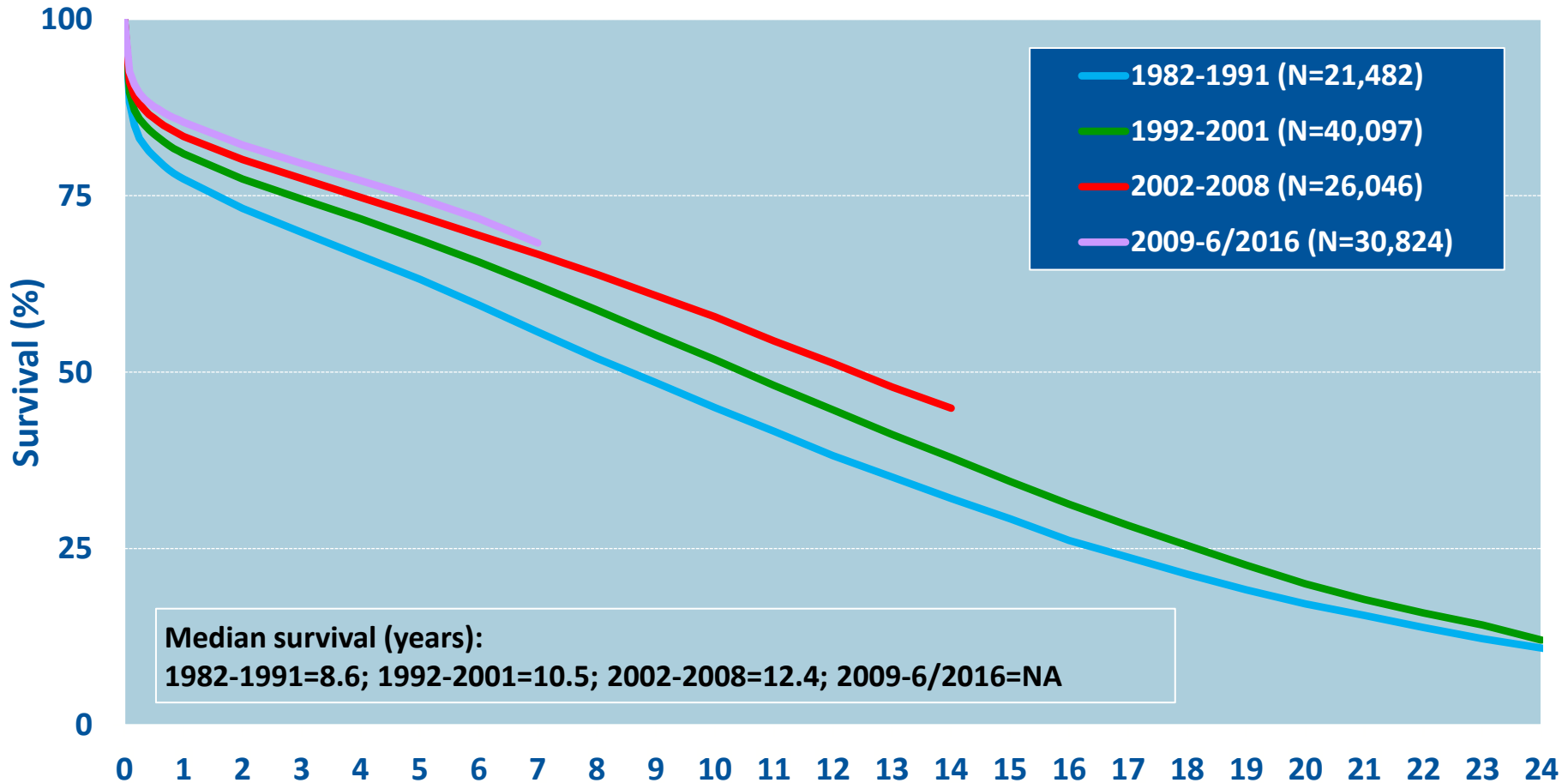
Make sure extra batteries



Adult Heart Transplants Kaplan-Meier Survival by Era



(Transplants: January 1982 – June 2016)



Transplanted heart is denervated



No afferents or efferents

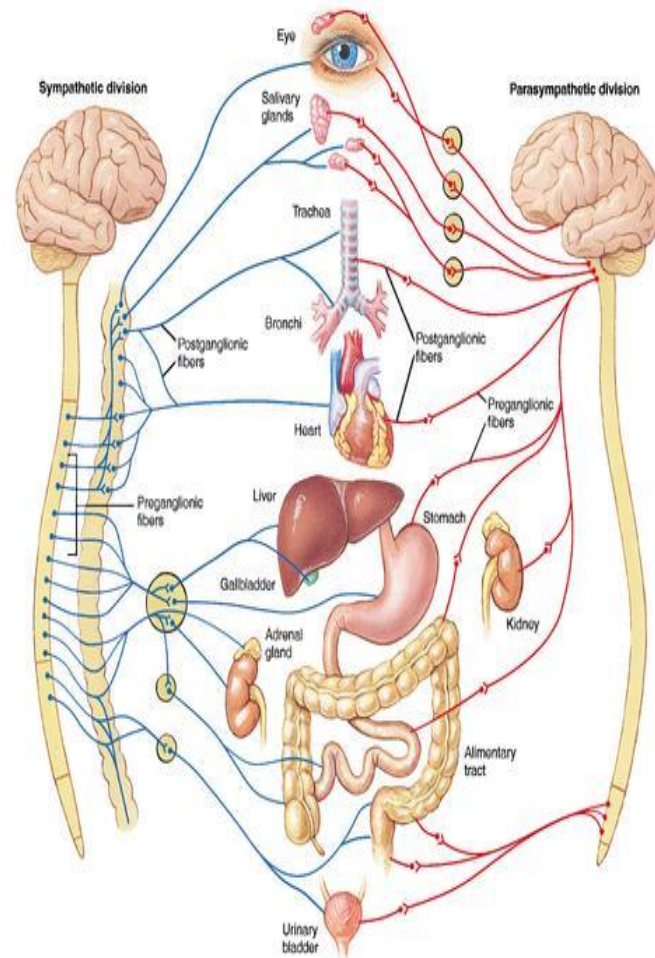
No angina

Higher resting HR

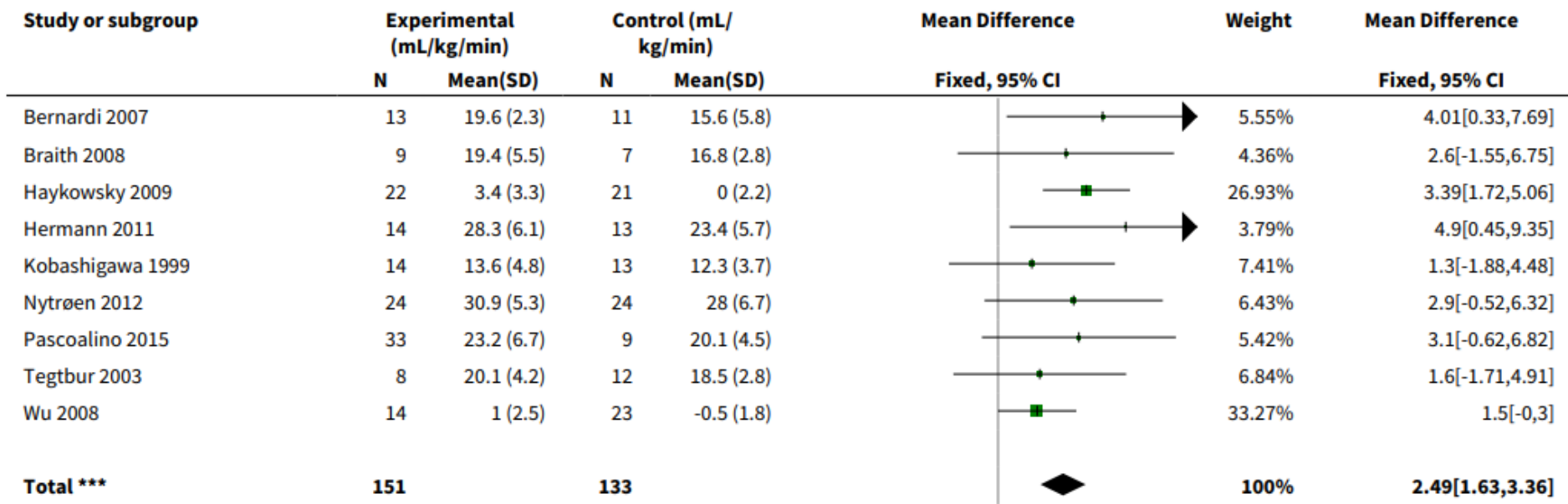
Reliance on circulating E, NE (exercise)

Increased receptor density → sensitivity to circulating E, NE (drugs)

Loss of feedback regulation



Training after Tx – Change in peak VO₂





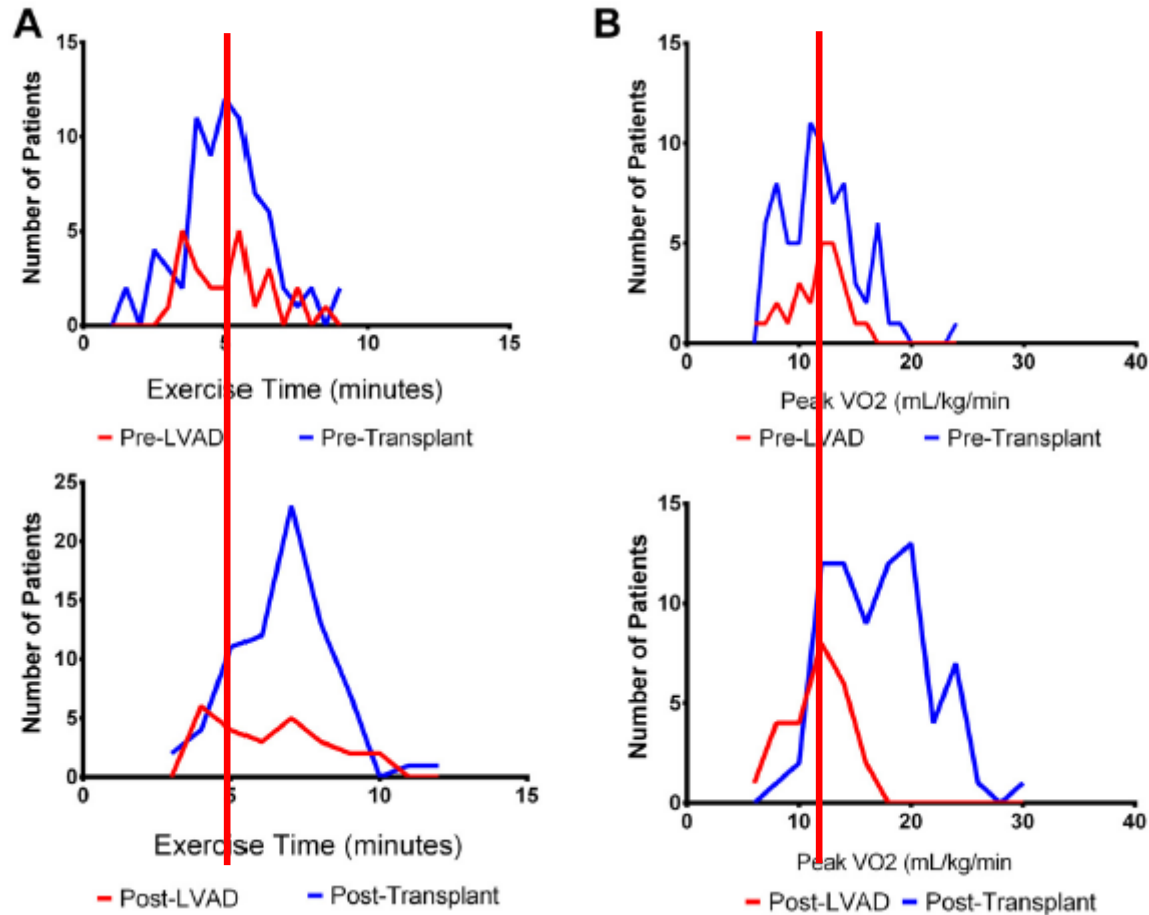
Need a longer warmup and warm down

Tend to be more hypertensive

Infectious risk is low (especially now since everyone more careful with COVID)

Tend to get better improvement than LVAD patients over time

Exercise time and VO₂ pre/post VAD and transplant





Heart failure patients have reduced exercise capacity related to reduced cardiac function and secondary muscle changes and energy changes

All (HF/LVAD/Tx) benefit from cardiac rehab

Watch for the unique differences between groups