



Cardiac resynchronization

Responders, non-responders, hyper-responders

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The Benefit from CRT is well established

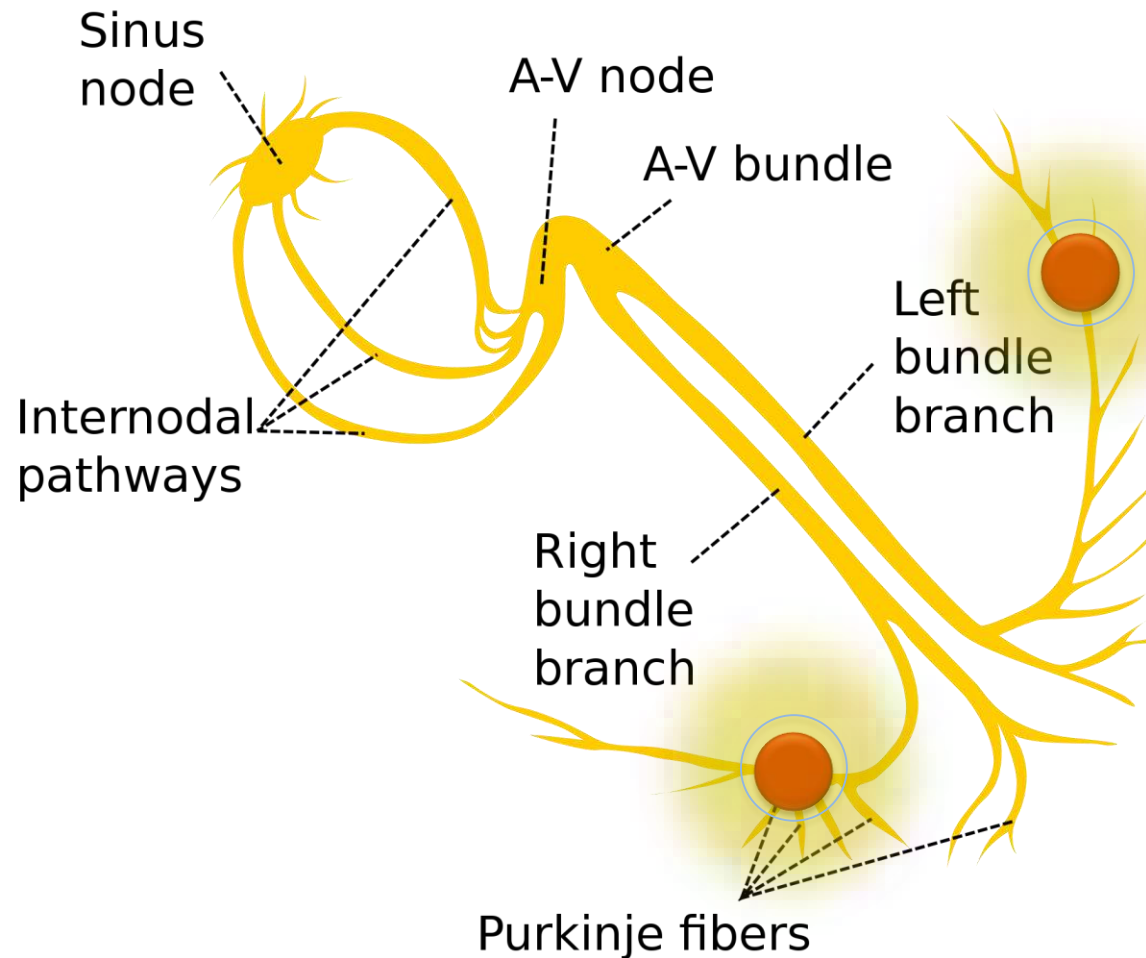
Clinical Studies Evaluating CRT in Heart Failure

| Trial (ref) | No. | Design | NYHA | LVEF | QRS | Primary endpoints | Secondary endpoints | Main Findings |
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| MUSTIC-SR ⁵³ | 58 | Single-blinded, crossover, randomized CRT vs. OMT, 6 months | III | <35% | ≥150 | 6MWD | NYHA class, QoL, peak VO ₂ , LV volumes, MR hospitalizations, mortality | CRT-P improved 6MWD, NYHA class, QoL, peak VO ₂ , reduced LV volumes and MR and reduced hospitalizations |
| PATH-CHF ⁵⁴ | 41 | Single-blinded, crossover, randomized RV vs. LV vs. BiV, 12 months | III–IV | NA | ≥150 | Peak VO ₂ , 6MWD | NYHA class, QoL, hospitalizations | CRT-P improved NYHA class, QoL and 6MWD and reduced hospitalizations |
| MIRACLE ⁴⁹ | 453 | Double-blinded, randomized CRT vs. OMT, 6 months | III–IV | ≤35% | ≥130 | NYHA class, 6MWD, QoL | Peak VO ₂ , LVEDD, LVEF, MR clinical composite response | CRT-P improved NYHA class, QoL and 6MWD and reduced LVEDD, MR and increased LVEF |
| MIRACLE-ICD ⁵⁴ | 369 | Double-blinded, randomized CRT-D vs. ICD, 6 months | III–IV | ≤35% | ≥130 | NYHA class, 6MWD, QoL | Peak VO ₂ , LVEDD, LVEF, MR clinical composite response | CRT-D improved NYHA class, QoL, peak VO ₂ |
| CONTA-CD ⁵⁵ | 490 | Double-blinded randomized CRT-D vs. ICD, 6 months | II–III–IV | ≤35% | ≥120 | NYHA class, 6MWD, QoL | LV volume, LVEF composite of mortality, VT/VF, hospitalizations | CRT-D improved 6MWD, NYHA class, QoL, reduced LV volume and increased LVEF |
| MIRACLE-ICD II ⁴⁹ | 186 | Double-blinded, randomized CRT-D vs. ICD, 6 months | II | ≤35% | ≥130 | Peak VO ₂ | VE/CO ₂ , NYHA, QoL, 6MWD, LV volumes and EF, composite clinical endpoint | CRT-D improved NYHA, VE/CO ₂ and reduced LV volumes and improved LVEF |

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| COMPANION ⁵⁵ | 1520 | Double-blinded randomized OMT vs. CRT-P / or vs. CRT-D, 15 months | III–IV | ≤35% | ≥120 | All-cause mortality or hospitalization | All-cause mortality, cardiac mortality | CRT-P and CRT-D reduced all-cause mortality or hospitalization |
| CARE-HF ⁵⁶ | 813 | Double-blinded randomized OMT vs. CRT-P 29.4 months | III–IV | ≤35% | ≥120 | All-cause mortality or hospitalization | All-cause mortality, NYHA class, QoL | CRT-P reduced all-cause mortality and hospitalization and improved NYHA class and QoL |
| REVERSE ⁵¹ | 610 | Double-blinded, randomized CRT-ON vs. CRT-OFF, 12 months | I–II | ≤40% | ≥120 | % worsened by clinical composite endpoint | LVESV index, heart failure hospitalizations and all-cause mortality | CRT-P/CRT-D did not change the primary endpoint and did not reduce all-cause mortality but reduced LVESV index and heart failure hospitalizations. |
| MADIT-CRT ⁵⁶ | 1820 | Single-blinded, randomized CRT-D vs. ICD, 12 months | I–II | ≤30% | ≥130 | All-cause mortality or heart failure hospitalizations | All-cause mortality and LVESV | CRT-D reduced the endpoint heart failure hospitalizations or all-cause mortality and LVESV. CRT-D did not reduce all-cause mortality |
| RAFT ⁵² | 1798 | Double-blinded, randomized CRT-D vs. ICD 40 months | II–III | ≤30% | ≥120 | All-cause mortality or heart failure hospitalizations | All-cause mortality and cardiovascular death | CRT-D reduced the endpoint all-cause mortality or heart failure hospitalizations. In NYHA III, CRT-D only reduced significantly all-cause mortality |

More than 8000 patients included in randomized controlled trials

The Benefit from CRT is well established



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Hospitalizations



Symptoms

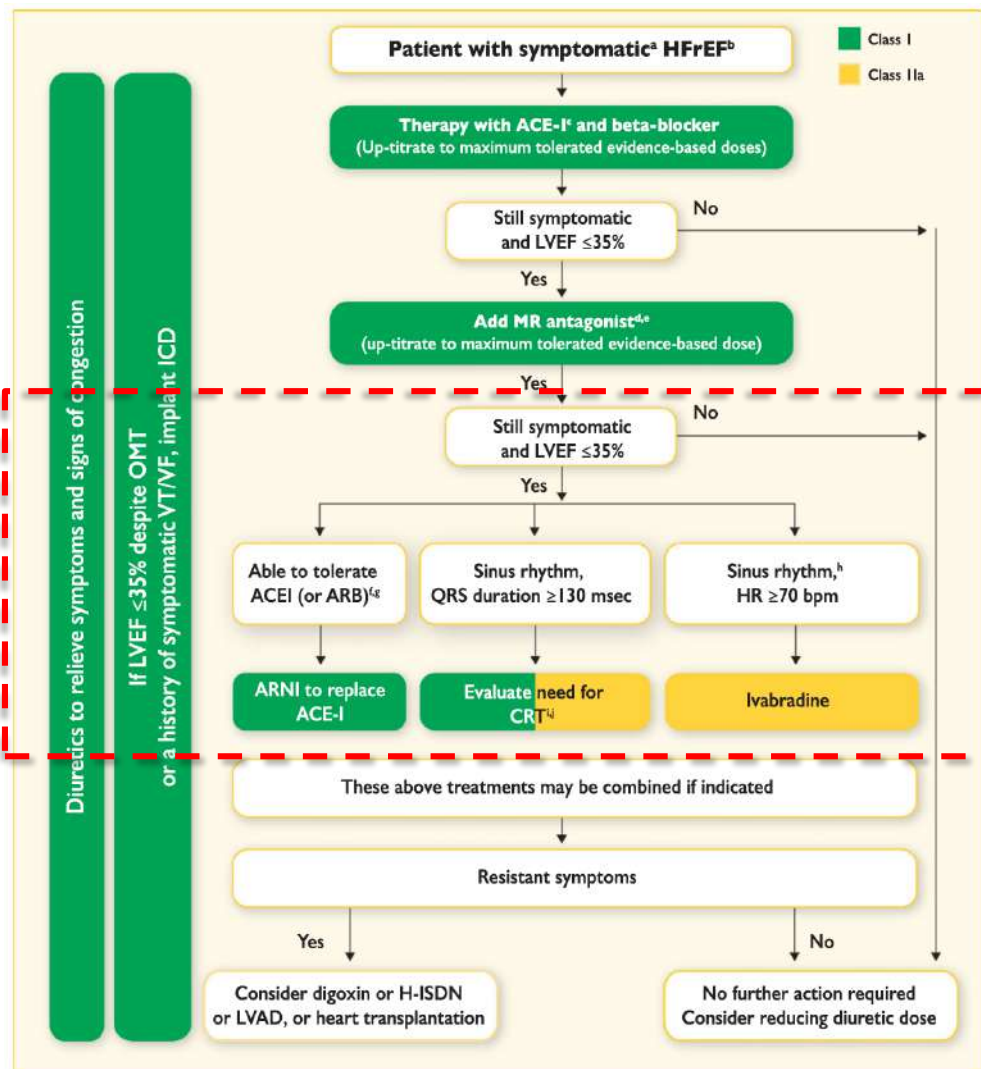


QoL



Mortality

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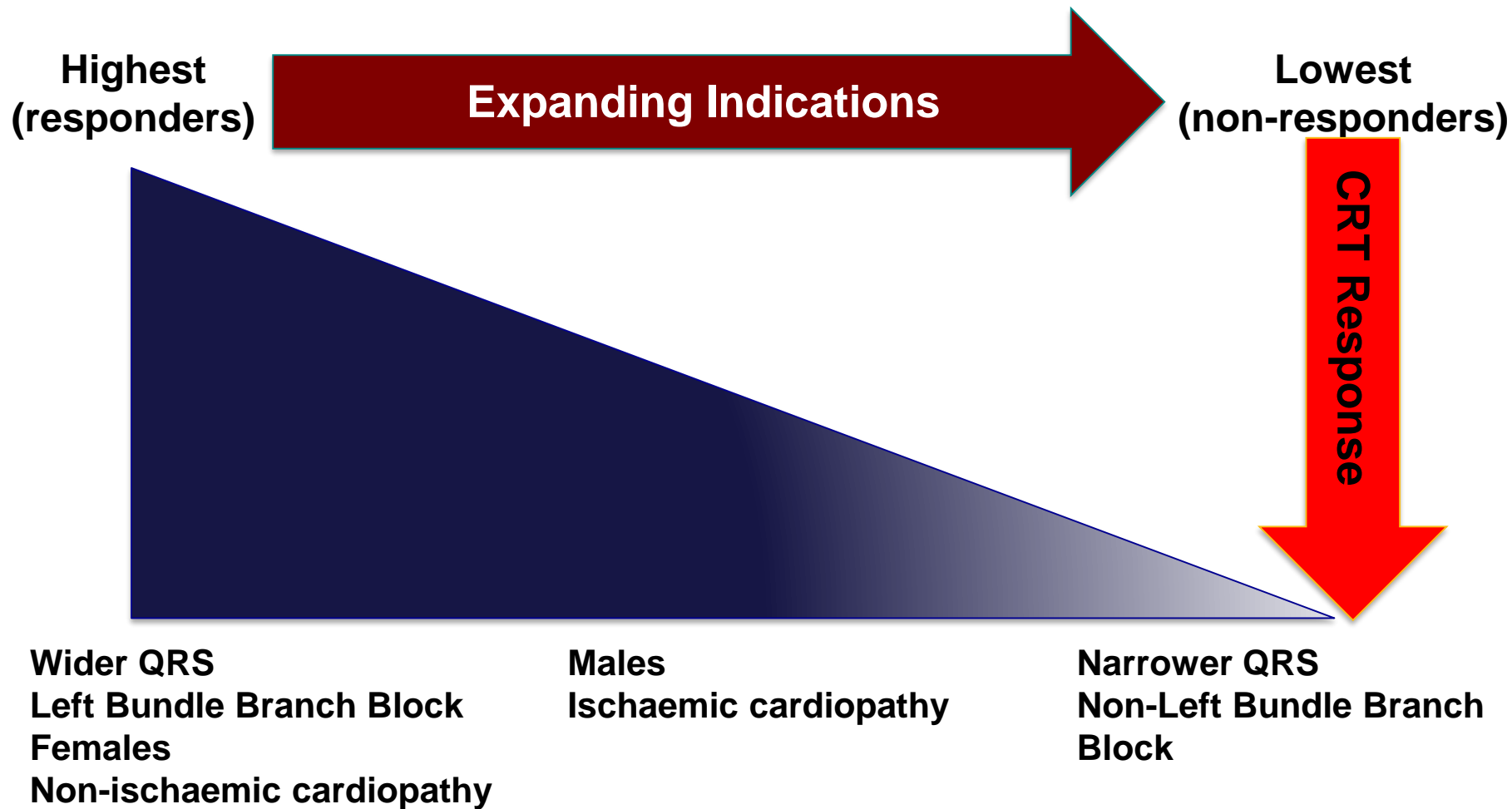
Recommendations for cardiac resynchronization therapy implantation in patients with heart failure

| Recommendations | Class ^a | Level ^b | Ref ^c |
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| CRT is recommended for symptomatic patients with HF in sinus rhythm with a QRS duration ≥ 150 msec and LBBB QRS morphology and with LVEF $\leq 35\%$ despite OMT in order to improve symptoms and reduce morbidity and mortality. | I | A | 261–272 |
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| CRT rather than RV pacing is recommended for patients with HFrEF regardless of NYHA class who have an indication for ventricular pacing and high degree AV block in order to reduce morbidity. This includes patients with AF (see Section 10.1). | I | A | 274–277 |
| CRT should be considered for patients with LVEF $\leq 35\%$ in NYHA Class III–IV ^a despite OMT in order to improve symptoms and reduce morbidity and mortality, if they are in AF and have a QRS duration ≥ 130 msec provided a strategy to ensure bi-ventricular capture is in place or the patient is expected to return to sinus rhythm. | IIa | B | 275, 278–281 |
| Patients with HFrEF who have received a conventional pacemaker or an ICD and subsequently develop worsening HF despite OMT and who have a high proportion of RV pacing may be considered for upgrade to CRT. This does not apply to patients with stable HF. | IIb | B | 282 |
| CRT is contra-indicated in patients with a QRS duration < 130 msec. | III | A | 266, 283–285 |



- HFrEF $\leq 35\%$, QRS ≥ 130 ms
- HFrEF, RV pacing

Magnitude of benefit from CRT



Responders

- Clinical measures (functional & QoL)
- LV reverse remodelling
- Event-based measures

Vs

Non-responders

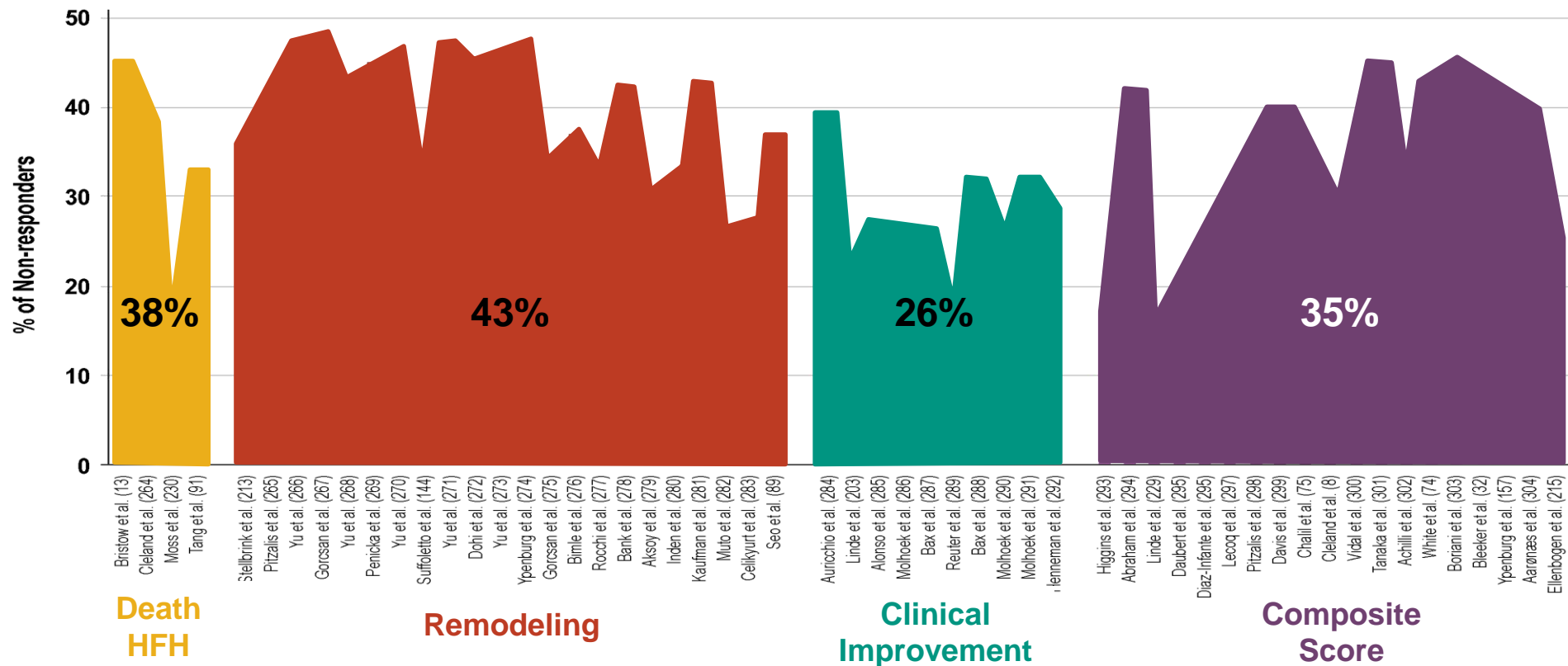
- ∅ clinical improvement
- ∅ LV reverse remodelling
- ∅ Event-based measures



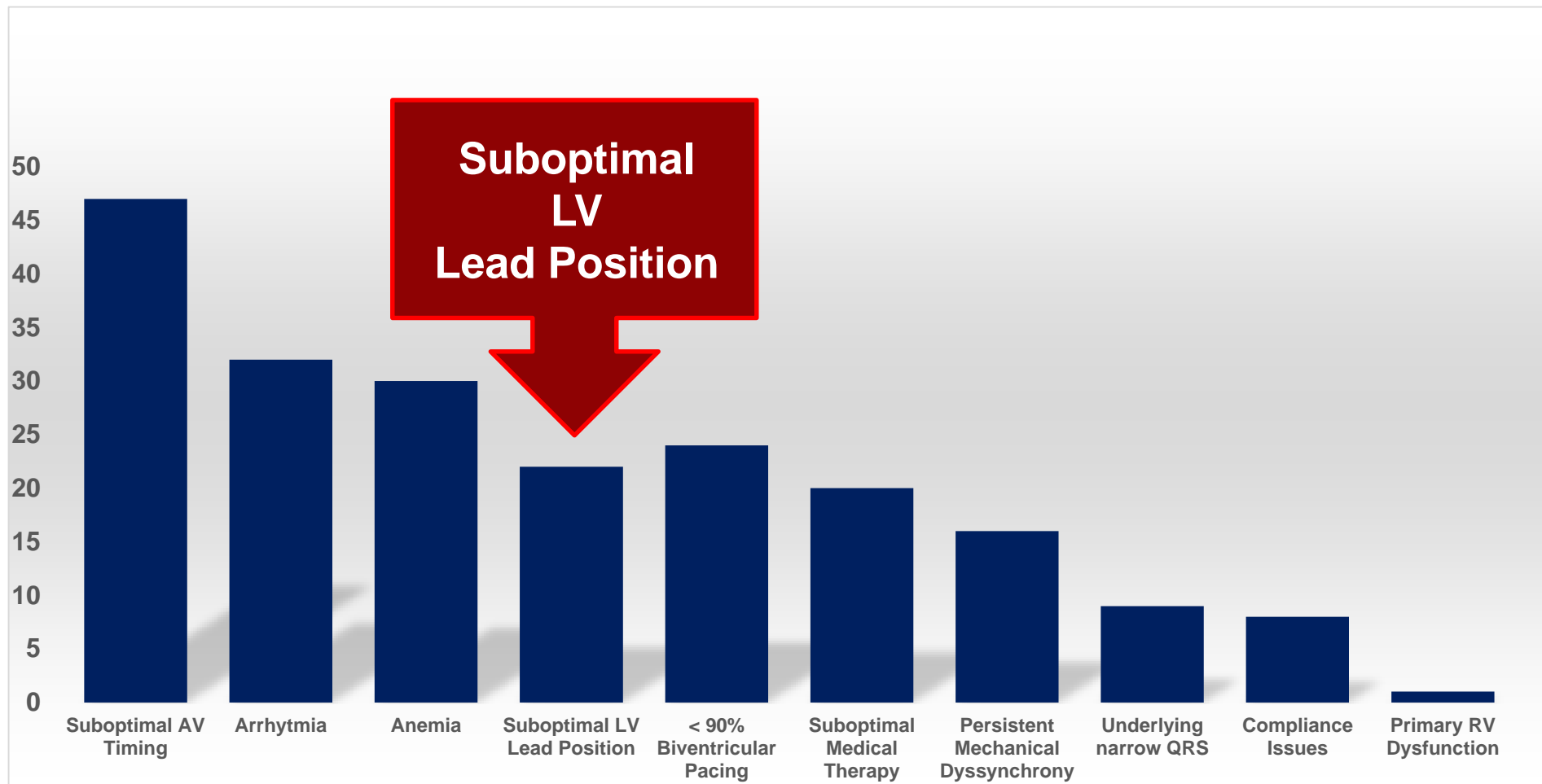
- $LVEF \geq 5\%$ and/or $LVESV \leq 15\%$
- \downarrow NYHA ≥ 1 class
- ∅ HF hospit, deaths

Globaly 30-40% Non Responders

Non Responders per Clinical Study and Response Criteria



Potential Reasons for Non Response



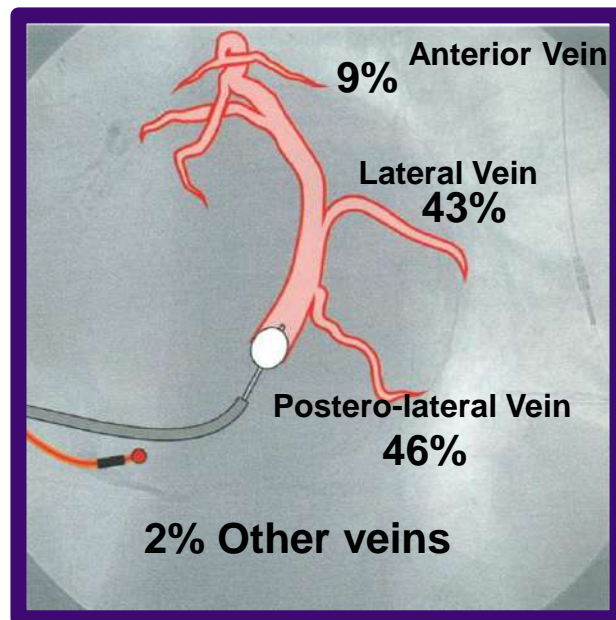
Inadequate LV Lead Position

2013 ESC Guidelines on cardiac pacing and cardiac resynchronization therapy

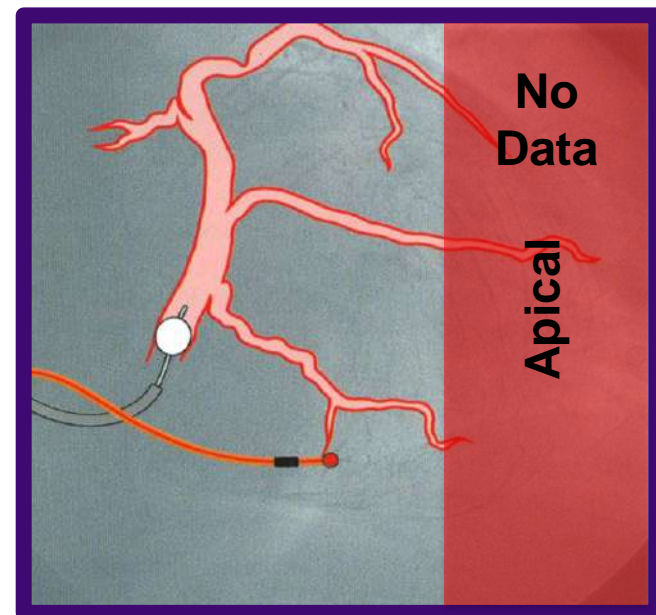


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ESC GUIDELINES



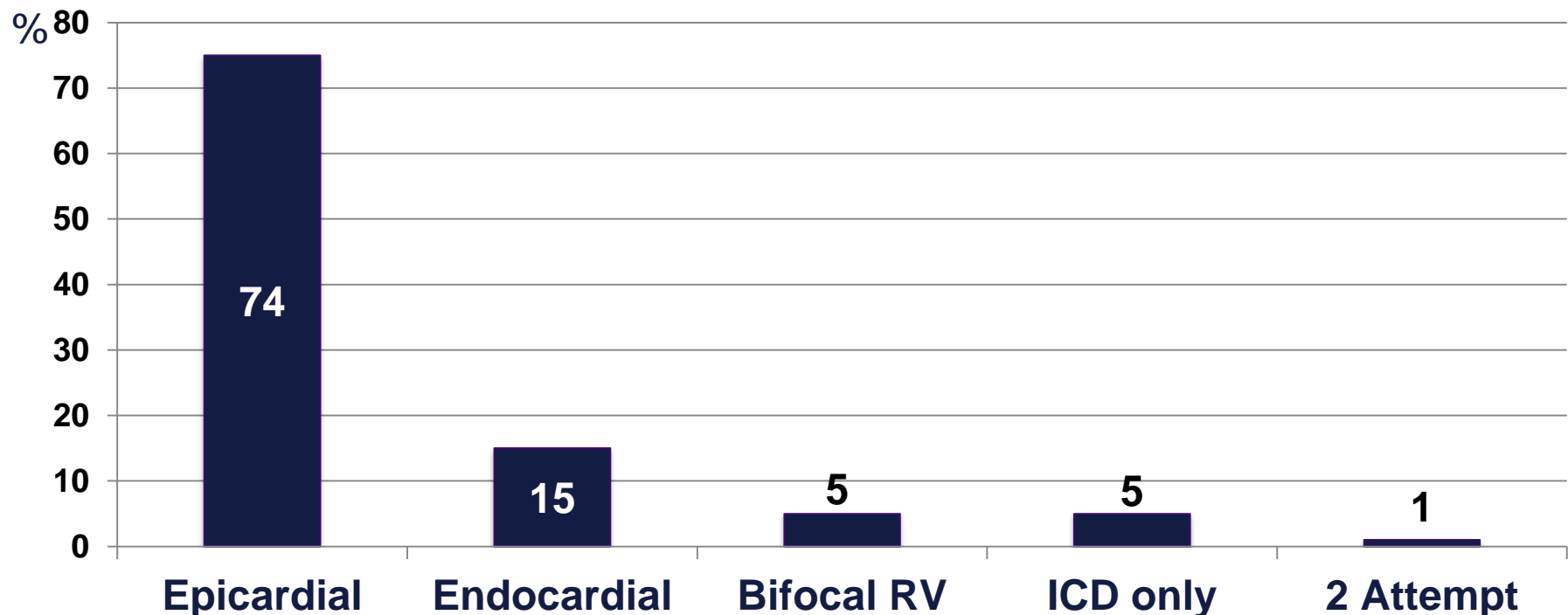
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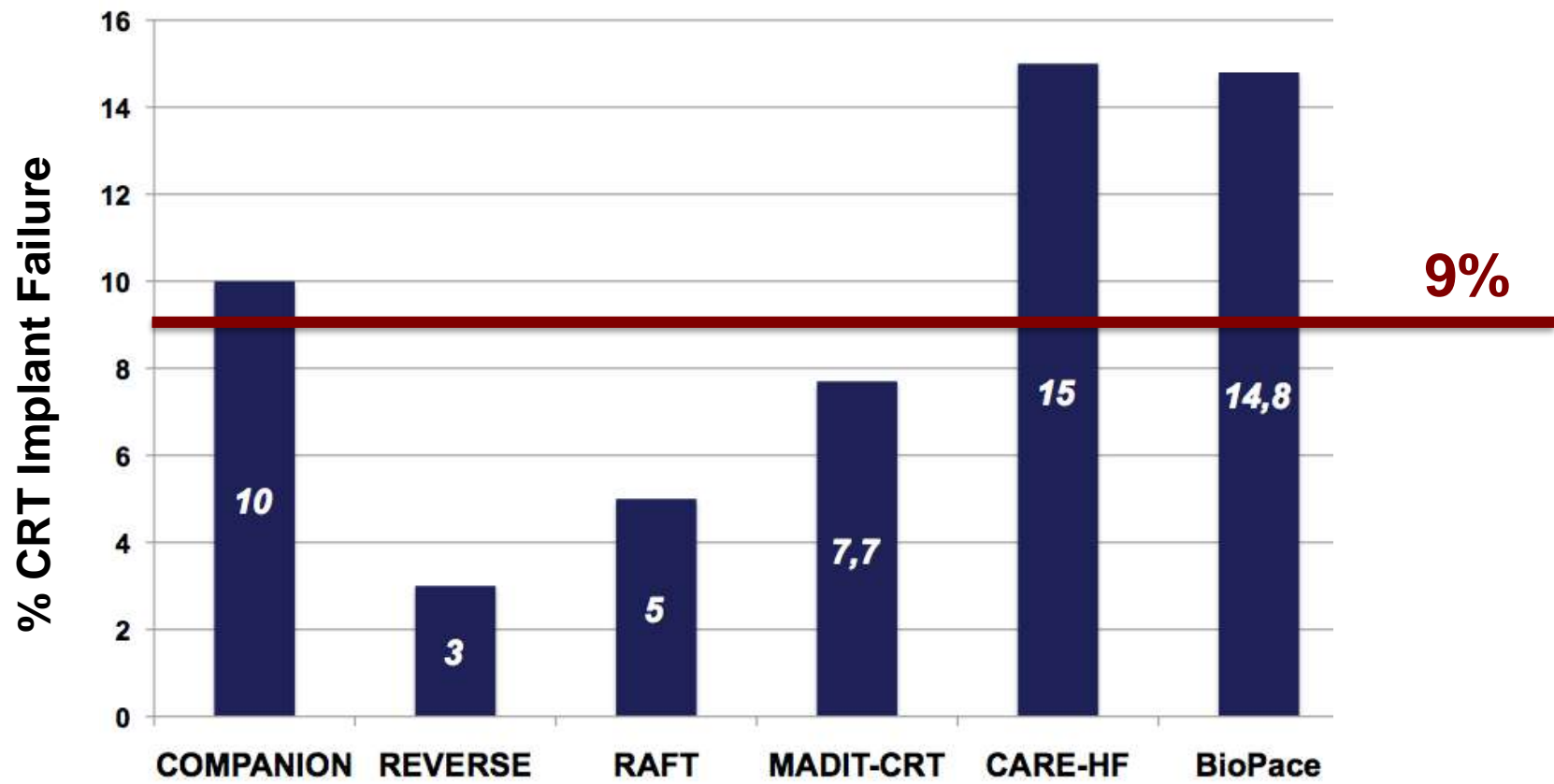
At least 11 % patients have suboptimal LV Lead Position

Second option for LV Lead Placement

Preferred tools and techniques for implantation of cardiac electronic devices in Europe: results of the European Heart Rhythm Association survey



Implant Failure in Randomized Trials



N patients

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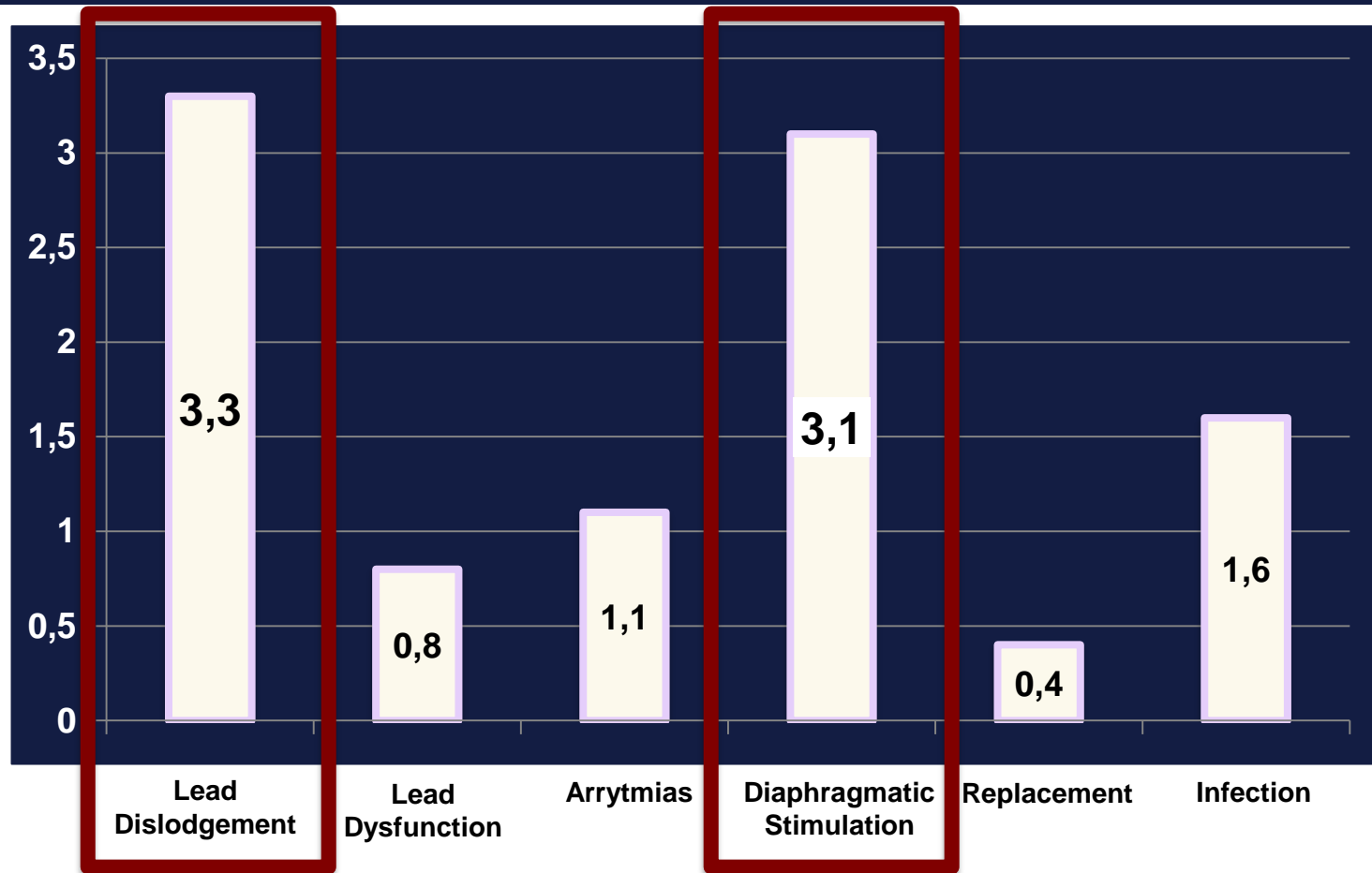
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902

Short-mid term complications 9-15 months follow-up



6% Complications due to implant difficulties

How to increase the rate of responders ?

Improvement in patient selection

Optimization of medical therapy

Assessment of dyssynchrony

Assessment of latest activated areas and burden of myocardial scar

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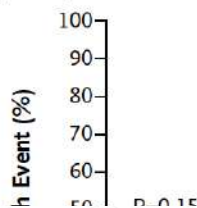
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Assessment of dyssynchrony

- Evaluated pre-procedure?
- Large RCTs have failed to prove benefit evaluating dyssynchrony (EchoCRT, PROSPECT)

A Primary Composite Outcome



Conclusion—Given the modest sensitivity and specificity in this multicenter setting despite training and central analysis, no single echocardiographic measure of dyssynchrony may be recommended to improve patient selection for CRT beyond current guidelines. Efforts aimed at reducing variability arising from technical and interpretative factors may improve the predictive power of these echocardiographic parameters in a broad clinical setting. (*Circulation*. 2008;117:2608-2616.)

| No. at Risk | Years since Randomization | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| CRT | 404 | 297 | 223 | 155 | 103 | 65 | 42 | 19 |
| Control | 405 | 302 | 236 | 166 | 119 | 71 | 44 | 15 |

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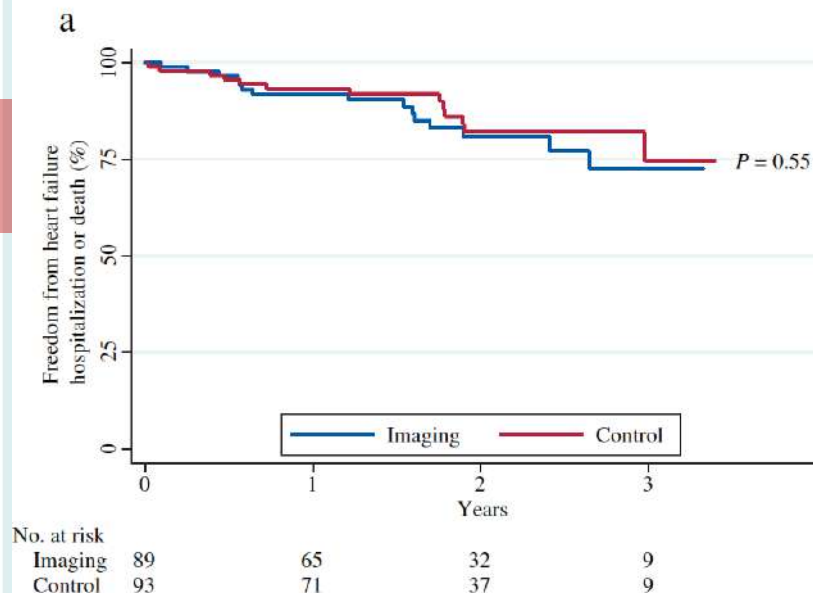
- Image-guided LV placement in latest activated areas (TARGET, STARTER)

| | Target Group (n = 103) | Control Group (n = 104) | p Value | | Echocardiographic- Guided CRT (n=96) | Routine Control CRT (n=69) | P Value |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------|
| Latest site of activation, % (% basal/mid) | | | 0.962 | Distribution of LV lead location | | | |
| Inferior | 13 (13) [4/9] | 14 (15) [5/9] | | LAO projection | | | 0.867 |
| Posterior | 38 (39) [14/24] | 41 (43) [15/26] | | Anterolateral | 17% | 15% | |
| Lateral | 32 (33) [13/19] | 31 (32) [11/20] | | Lateral | 40% | 46% | |
| Anterior | 9 (9) [3/6] | 7 (7) [3/4] | | Posterolateral | 36% | 30% | |
| Anteroseptal | 4 (4) [1/3] | 4 (4) [1/3] | | Posterior | 7% | 9% | |
| Inferoseptal | 4 (4) [1/3] | 3 (3) [0/3] | | RAO projection | | | 0.114 |
| LV lead position, % (% basal/mid/apical) | | | 0.442 | Basal | 39% | 17% | |
| Inferior | 12 (12) [4/7/1] | 6 (6) [1/4/1] | | Mid-ventricular | 39% | 43% | |
| Posterior | 35 (36) [12/20/3] | 38 (40) [14/22/2] | | Apical | 23% | 33% | |
| Lateral | 46 (47) [16/29/1] | 47 (49) [13/31/3] | | | | | |
| Anterior | 3 (3) [1/2] | 6 (6) [2/4] | | | | | |

Assessment of latest activated areas and burden of myocardial scar

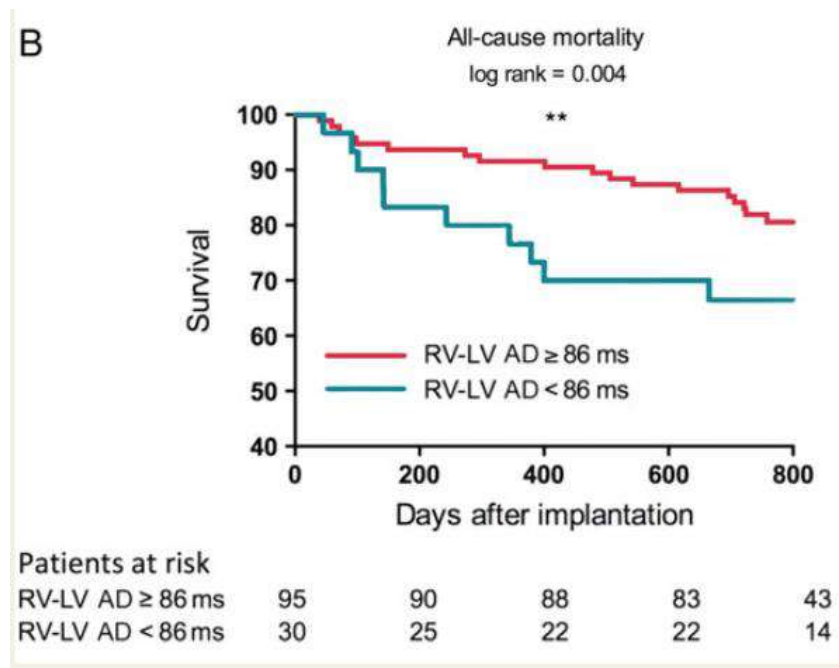
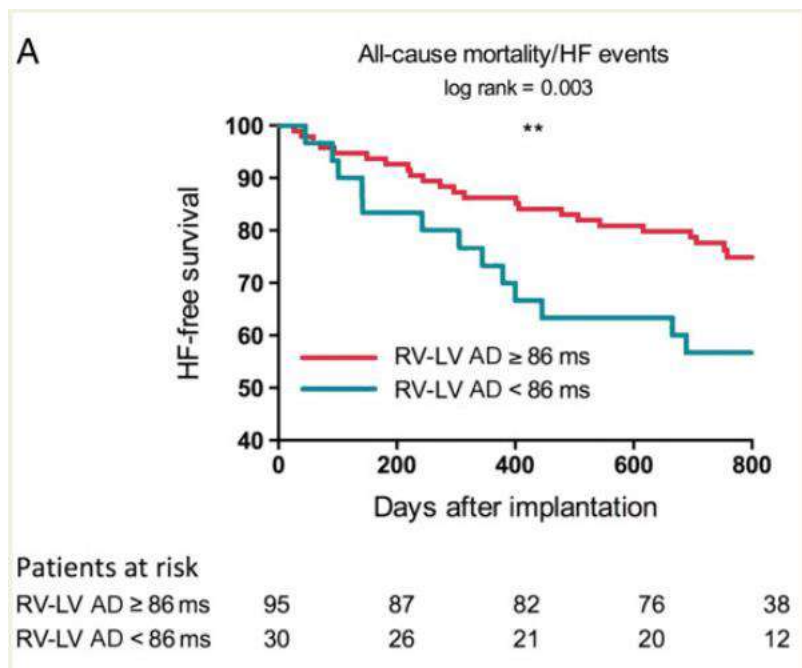
- Multimodality imaging-guided LV lead placement

| | Imaging group (n = 89) | Control group (n = 93) | P |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------|
| Optimal CS tributary | | | 0.90 |
| Anterior vein | 1 (1) | 1 (1) | |
| Left marginal vein | 62 (70) | 62 (67) | |
| Posterior vein | 26 (29) | 29 (31) | |
| Middle cardiac vein | 0 (0) | 1 (1) | |
| Optimal LV pacing site | | | 0.75 |
| Anterior | 1 (1) | 1 (1) | |
| Lateral | 62 (70) | 61 (66) | |
| Posterior | 26 (29) | 29 (31) | |
| Inferior | 0 (0) | 2 (2) | |
| Distribution of LV lead position by cardiac CT | | | 0.11 |
| LV short-axis | | | |
| Anterior | 4 (5) | 2 (2) | |
| Lateral | 41 (47) | 38 (42) | |
| Posterior | 39 (44) | 50 (56) | |
| Inferior | 4 (5) | 0 (0) | |
| LV long-axis | | | 0.43 |
| Basal | 48 (55) | 52 (58) | |
| Mid-LV | 36 (41) | 37 (41) | |
| Apical | 4 (5) | 1 (1) | |
| LV lead electrical delay, % of QRS | 80 (72–85) | 78 (68–84) | 0.24 |
| Relationship of LV lead to optimal CS branch | | | 0.01 |
| 1. priority | 74 (83) | 60 (65) | |
| 2. or 3. priority | 15 (17) | 32 (35) | |
| Relationship of LV lead to optimal pacing site | | | 0.66 |
| Concordant | 43 (49) | 39 (43) | |
| Adjacent | 44 (50) | 49 (54) | |
| Remote | 1 (1) | 2 (2) | |
| Scar at LV pacing site | 3 (3) | 2 (2) | 0.68 |



Assessment of latest activated areas and burden of myocardial scar

- LV lead implantation in LAD → reduction of all-cause mortality and HF events



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- LV lead implantation in lateral/posterior wall, non-apical is associated with reduction in death/HF events.

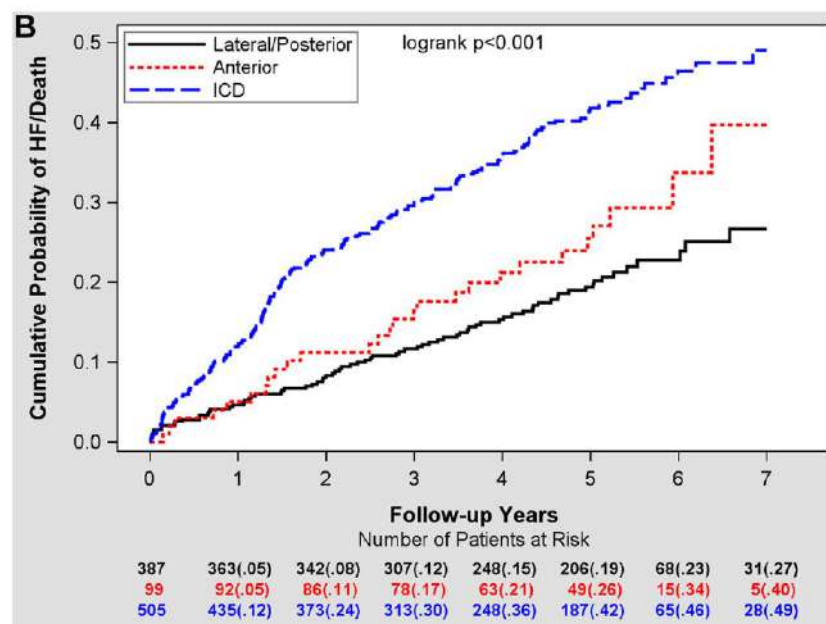
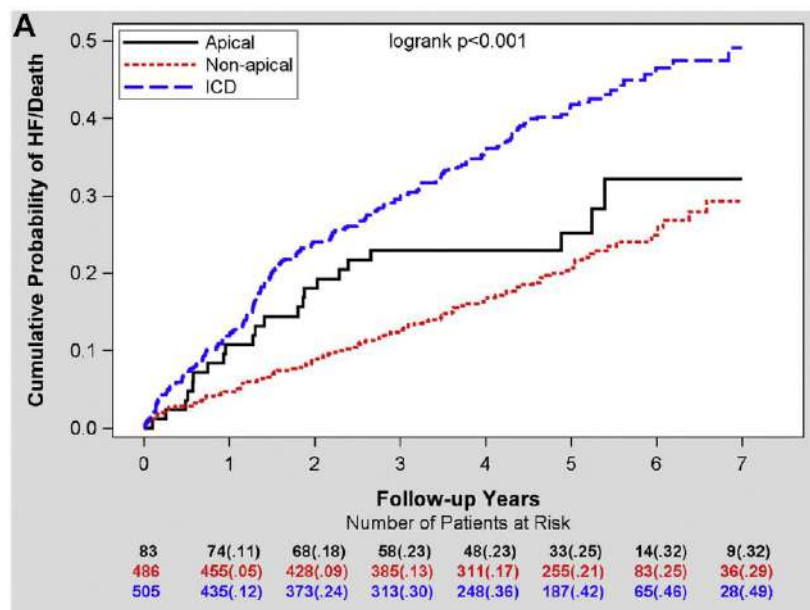


FIGURE 1 Cumulative Probability of Heart Failure or Death in Patients With LBBB ECG Pattern by LV Lead Location

Assessment of dyssynchrony

Assessment of latest activated areas and burden of myocardial scar

Yes, but...

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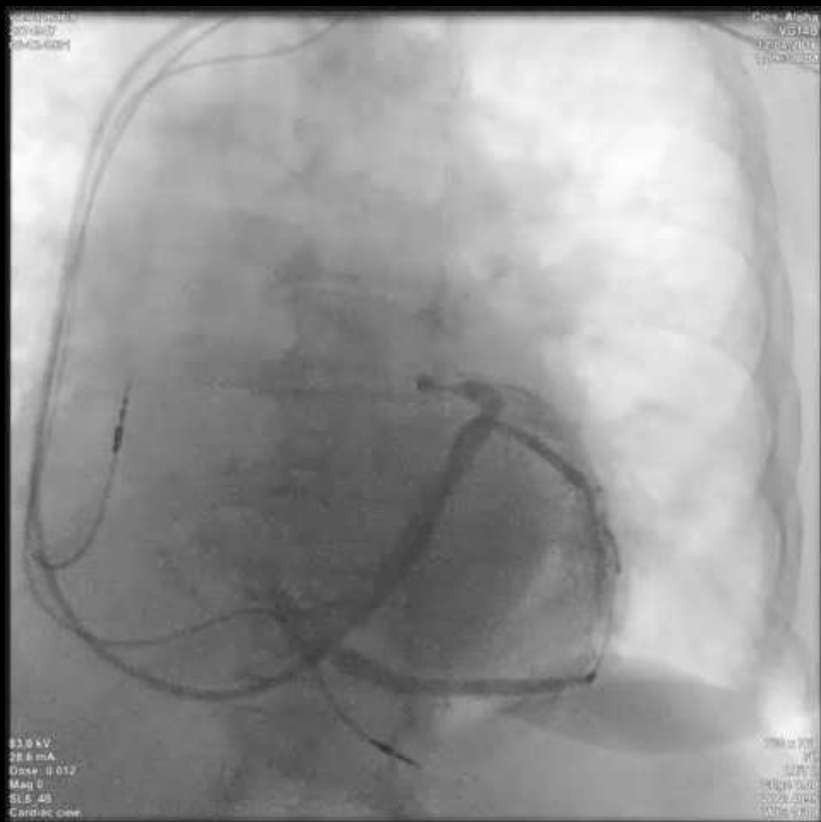
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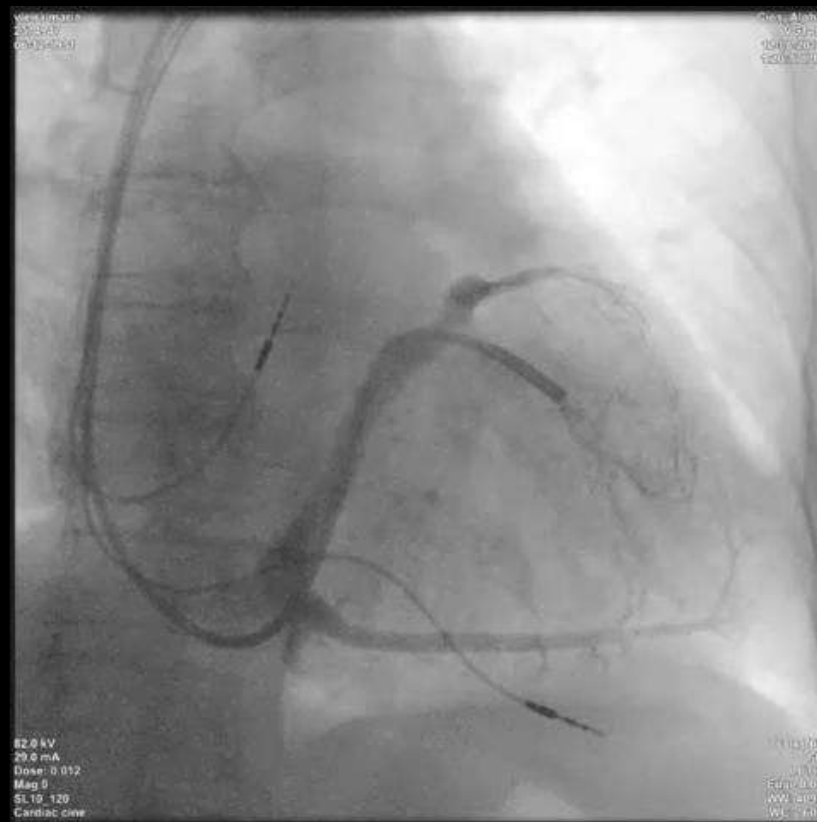
Delivery of CRT

- **Technical challenges of LV lead implantation**
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- Multipoint pacing

Venogram



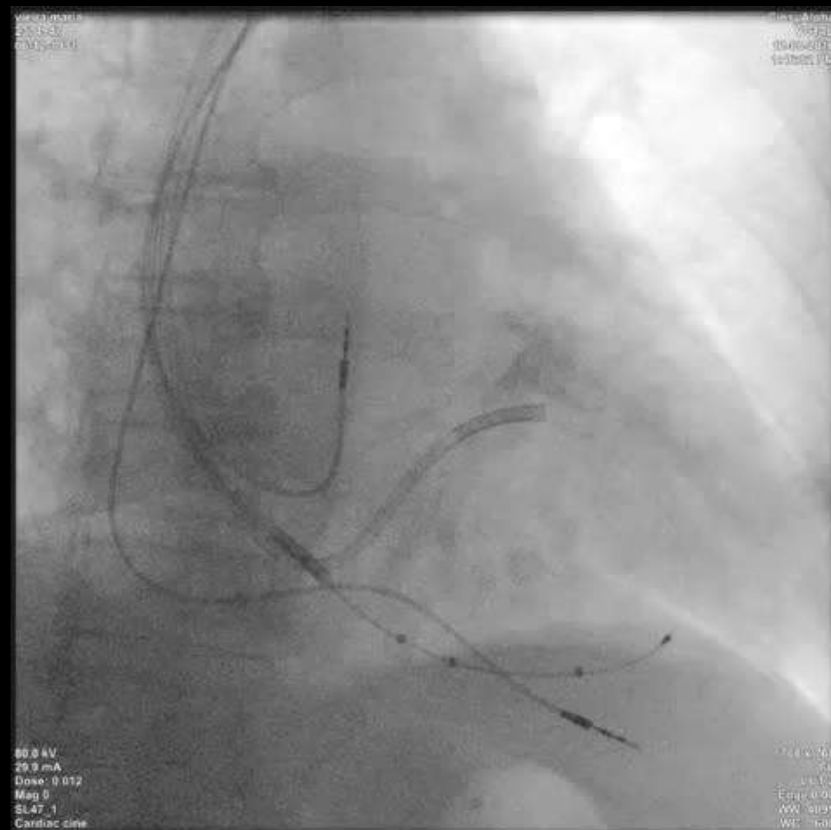
LAO view



RAO view

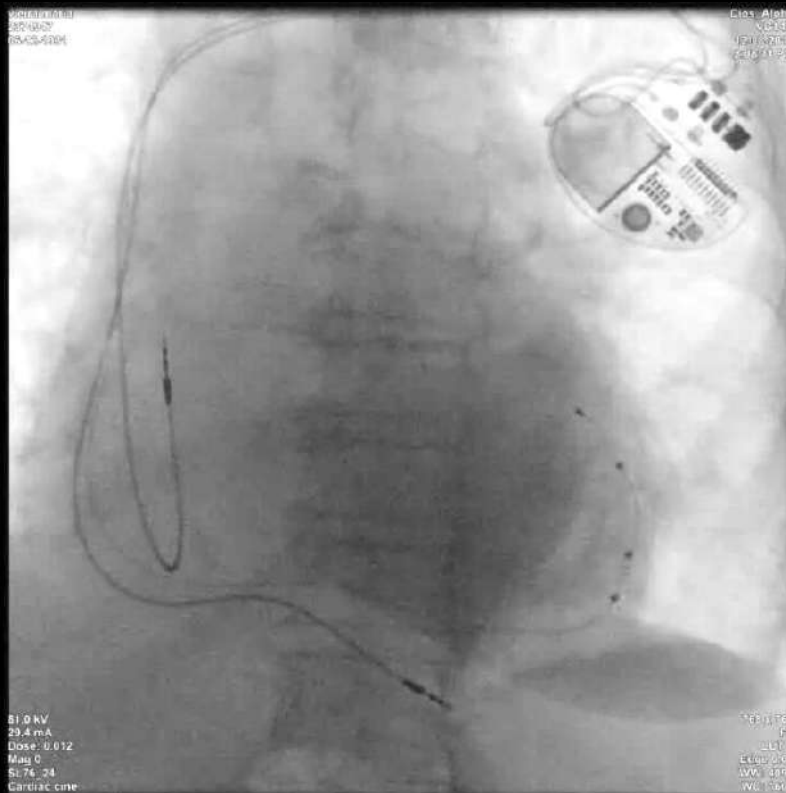


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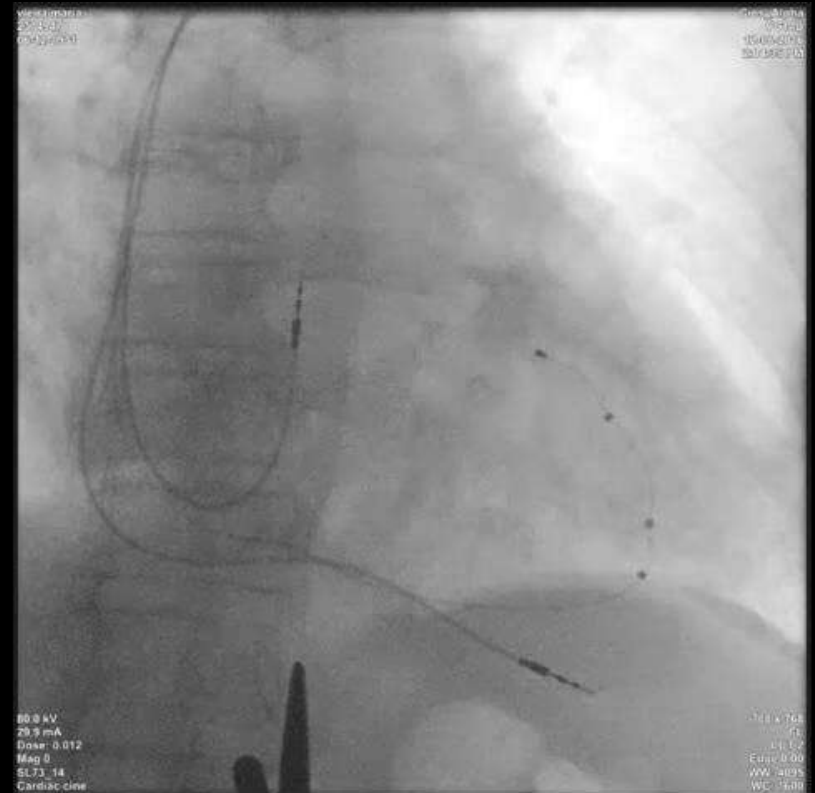


LV lead traction

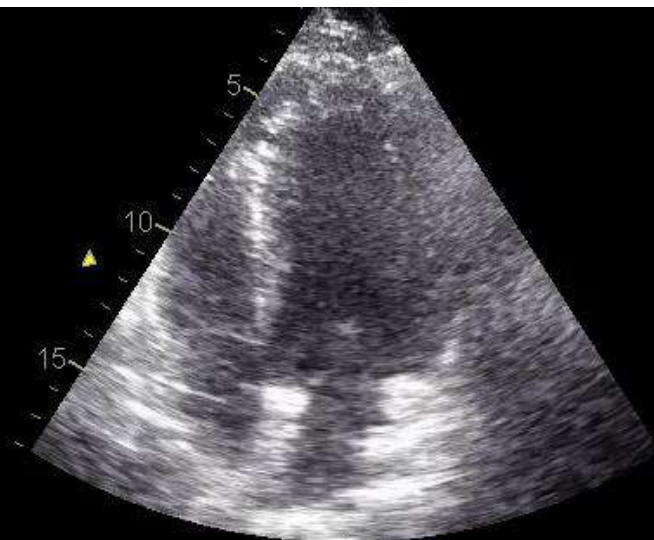
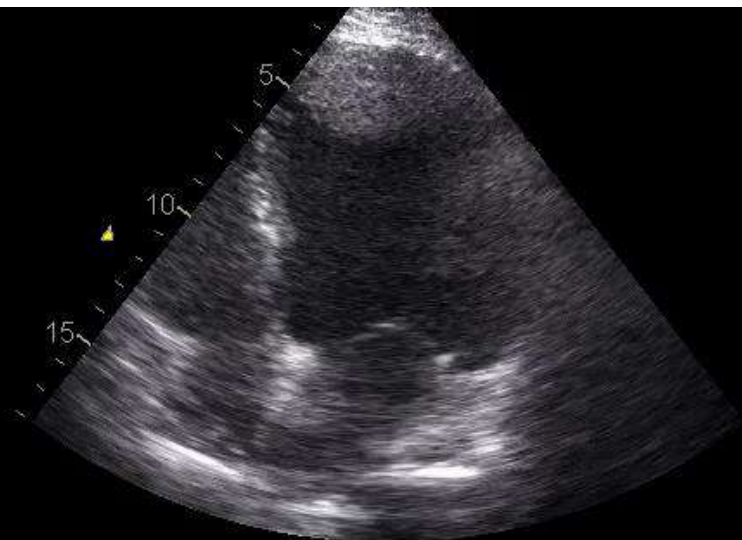
Final Position



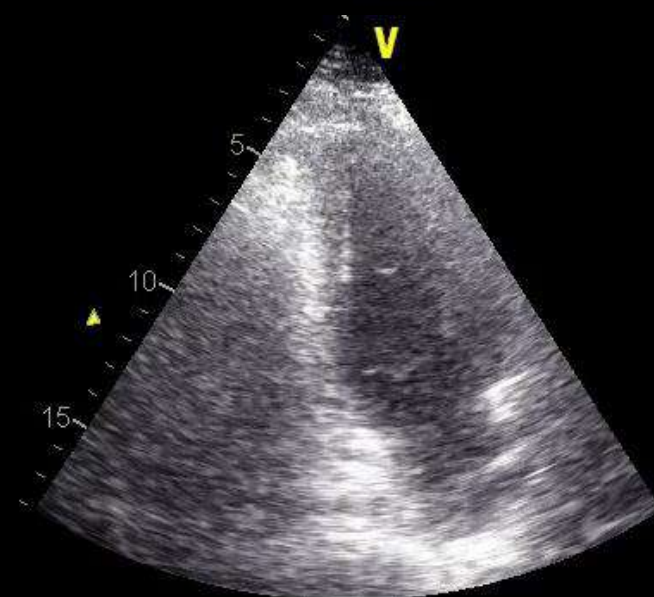
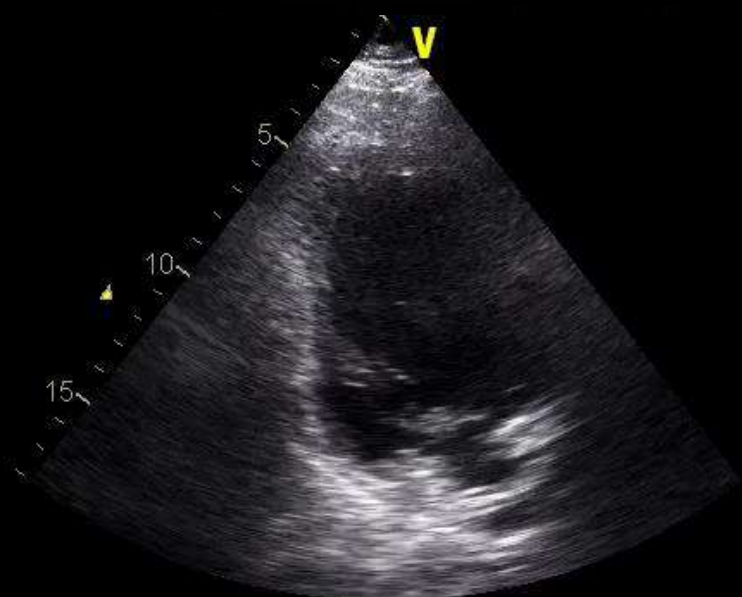
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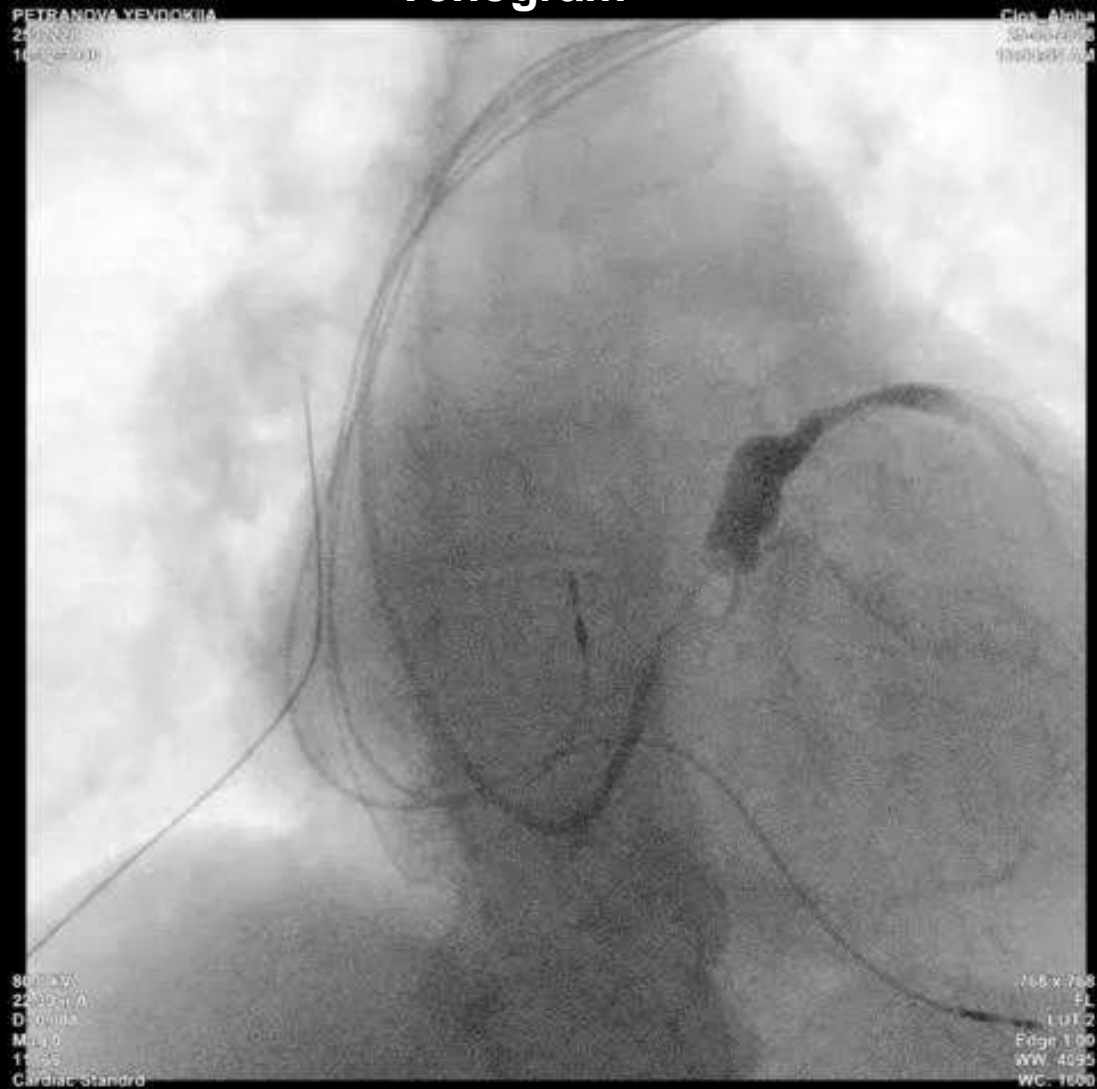
RAO view



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Venogram



Selective Venogram



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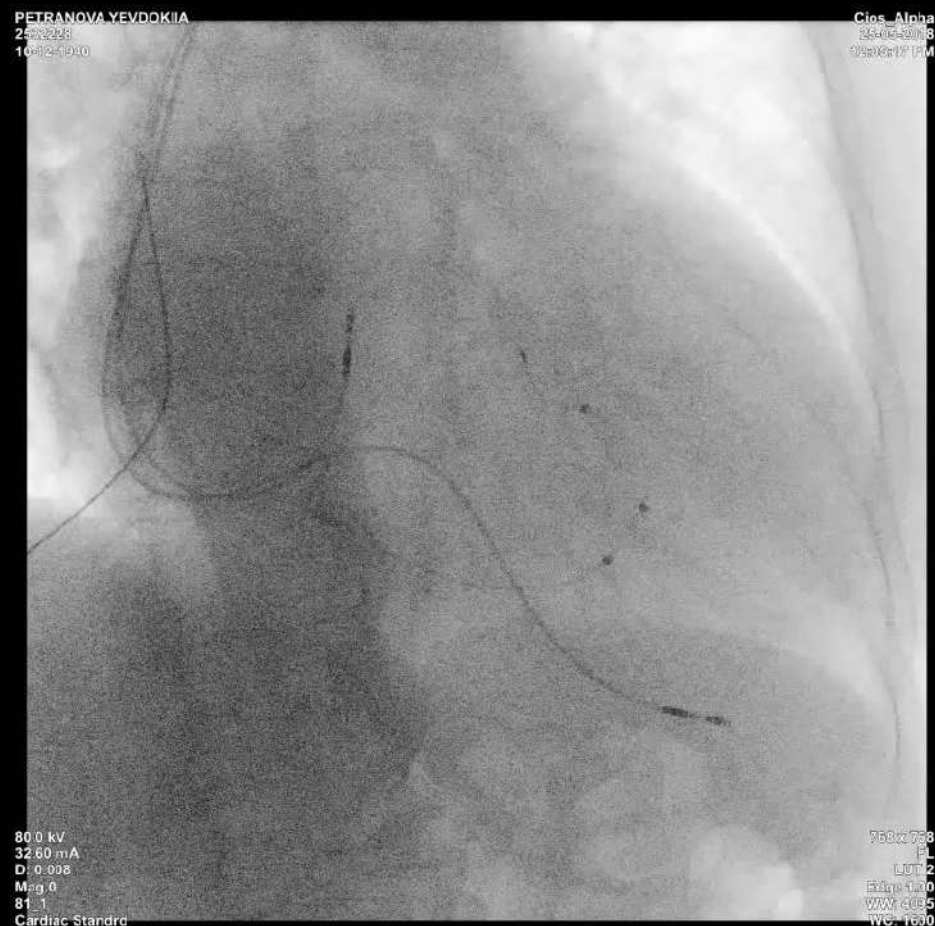
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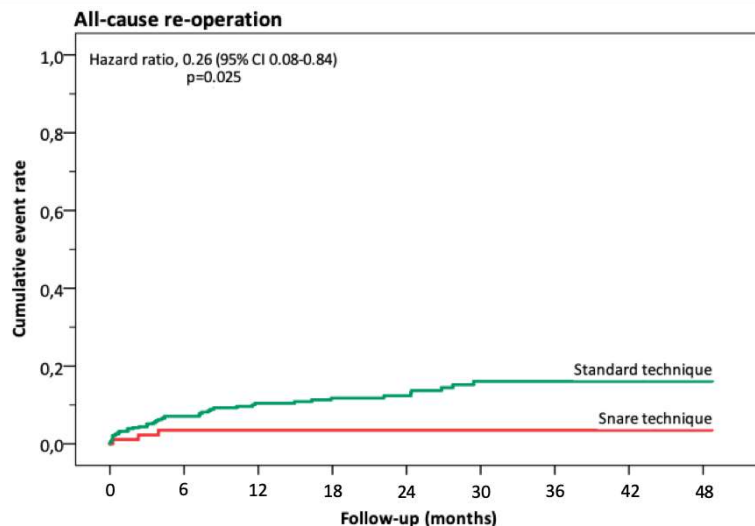


RAO view



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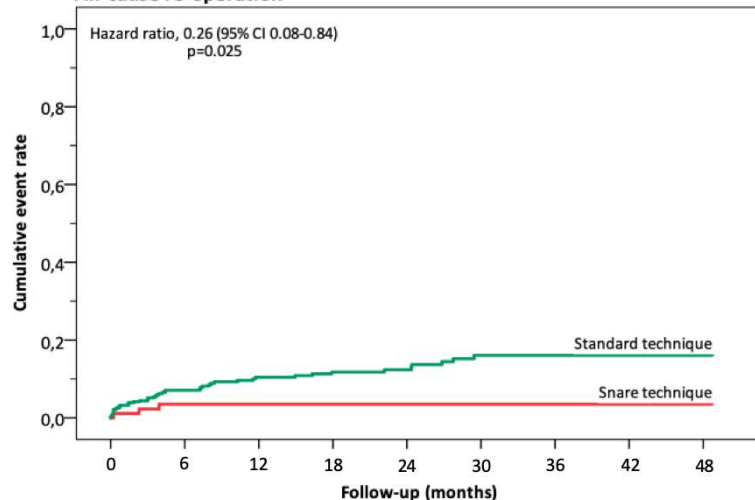
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| | 0 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 24 | 30 | 36 | 42 | 48 |
| Snare technique | 94 | 69 | 61 | 57 | 45 | 37 | 25 | 8 | 3 |
| Standard technique | 472 | 296 | 219 | 185 | 132 | 97 | 72 | 38 | 17 |

| Causes of re-operation | Snare group (N=3) | Standard group (N=50) | Total (N=53) |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| LV lead implant failure or dislodgment | 0 | 25 | 25 (47.2%) |
| RV lead dislodgment | 1 | 9 | 10 (18.9%) |
| RA lead dislodgment | 1 | 6 | 7 (13.2%) |
| Infection | 0 | 6 | 6 (11.3%) |
| Device extrusion | 1 | 4 | 5 (9.4%) |

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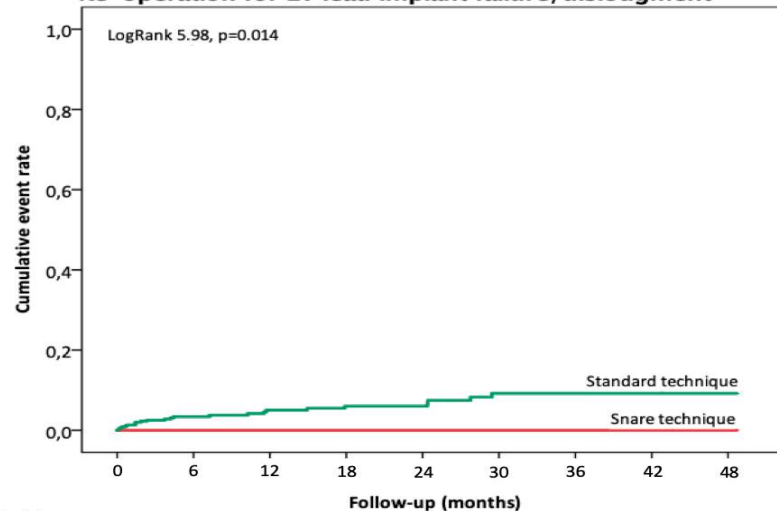
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Re-operation for LV lead implant failure/dislodgment



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- The rate of major complications, 30-day mortality and all-cause mortality (15.9% vs 15.5%, $p = 0.49$) were similar between groups.

Major complications

Snare
technique

7.4%

Vs

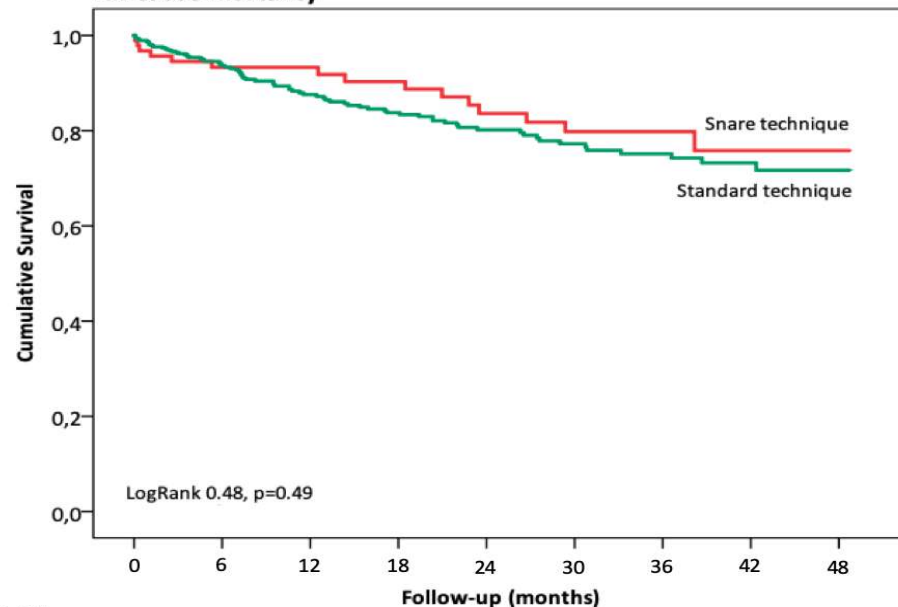
Standard
technique

3.8%

$P=0.12$

++ pericardial efusion and
contrast nephropathy

All-cause mortality

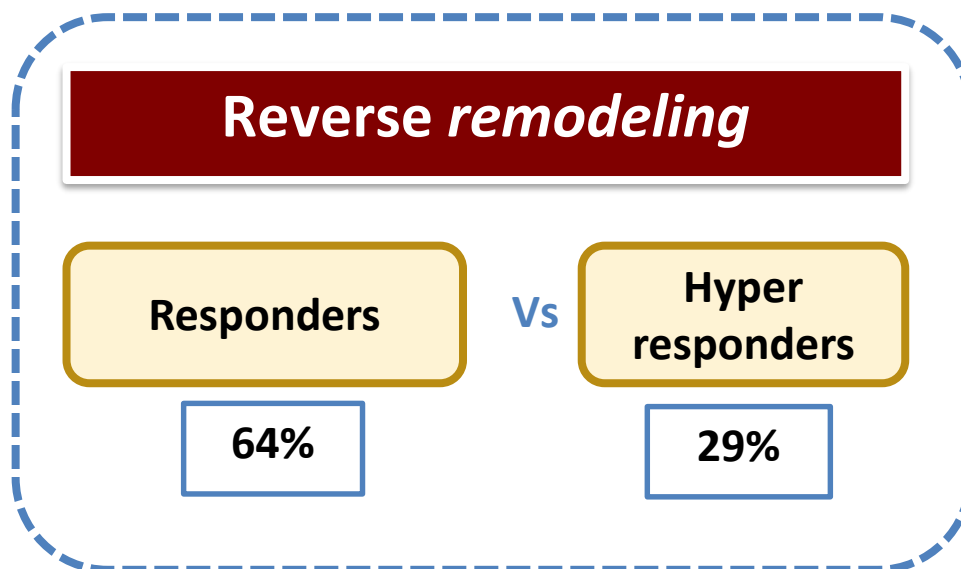


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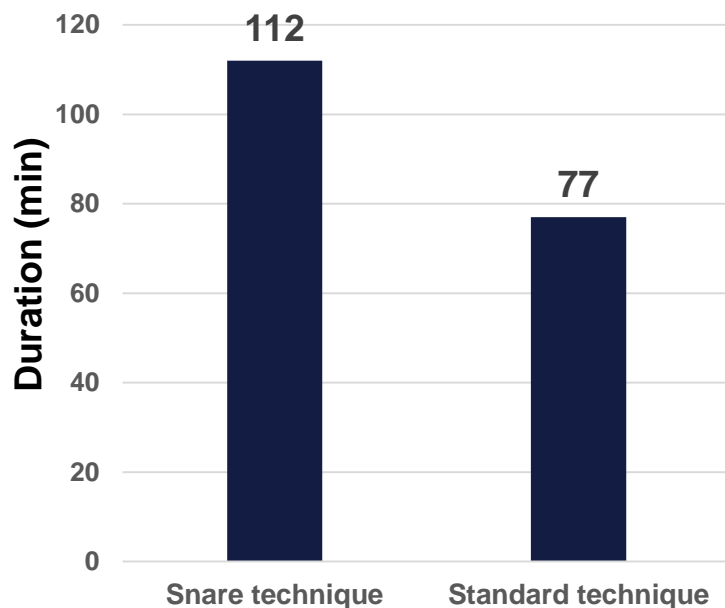
- Response to CRT in 64% of patients who would not benefit from the therapy otherwise.



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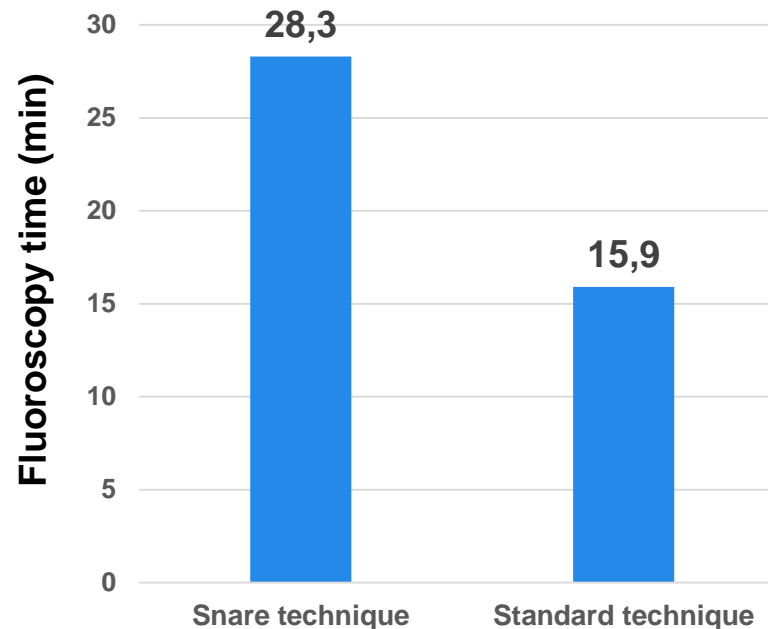
- Snare technique with longer procedure duration and fluoroscopy time.

Procedure duration



P<0.01

Fluoroscopy time



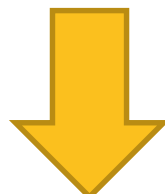
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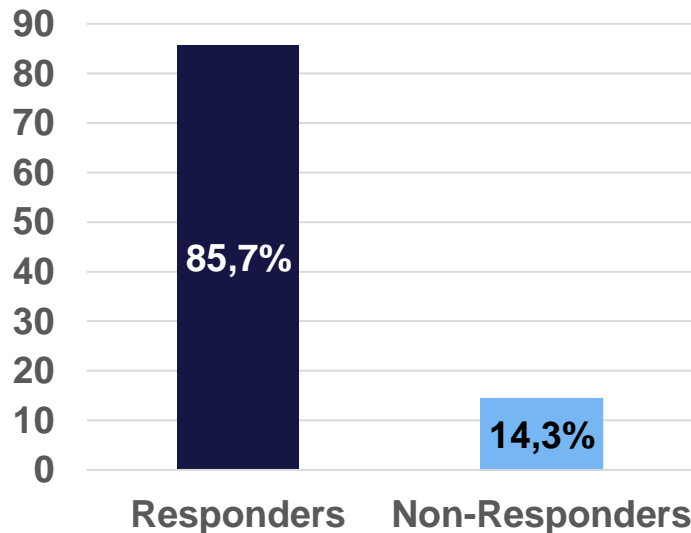
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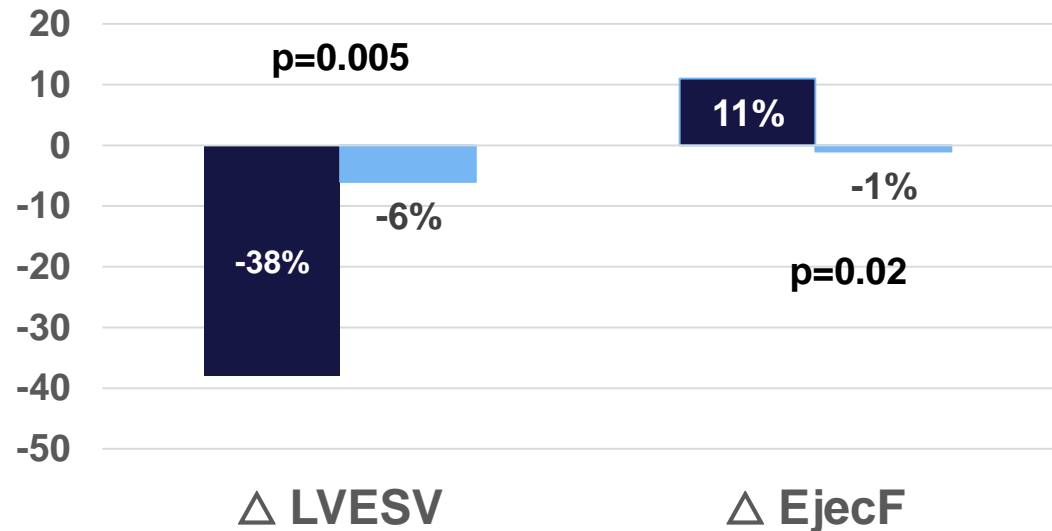
Automatically, operator-independent, assess the conduction delay between RV pacing and the LV available veins to select the LV pacing site.
Evaluate the impact of LV site on clinical and remodeling outcomes.

Response Rate Overall population

Reduction LVESV > 15%
Increase EF > 10%



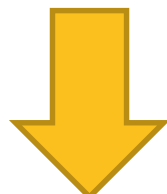
LVESV and Ejection Fraction Variations 0-6 Months



Assessment of dyssynchrony

Assessment of latest activated areas and burden of myocardial scar

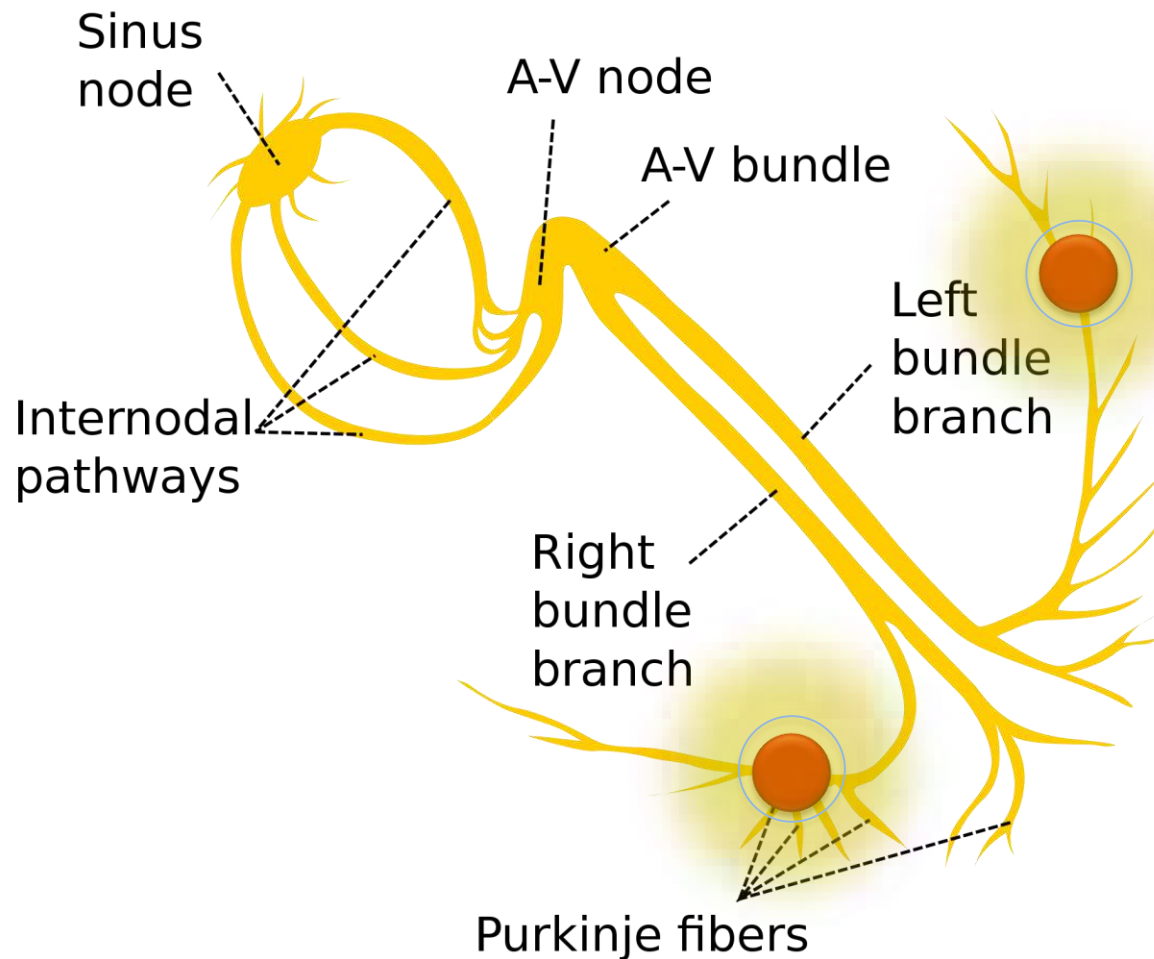
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Delivery of CRT

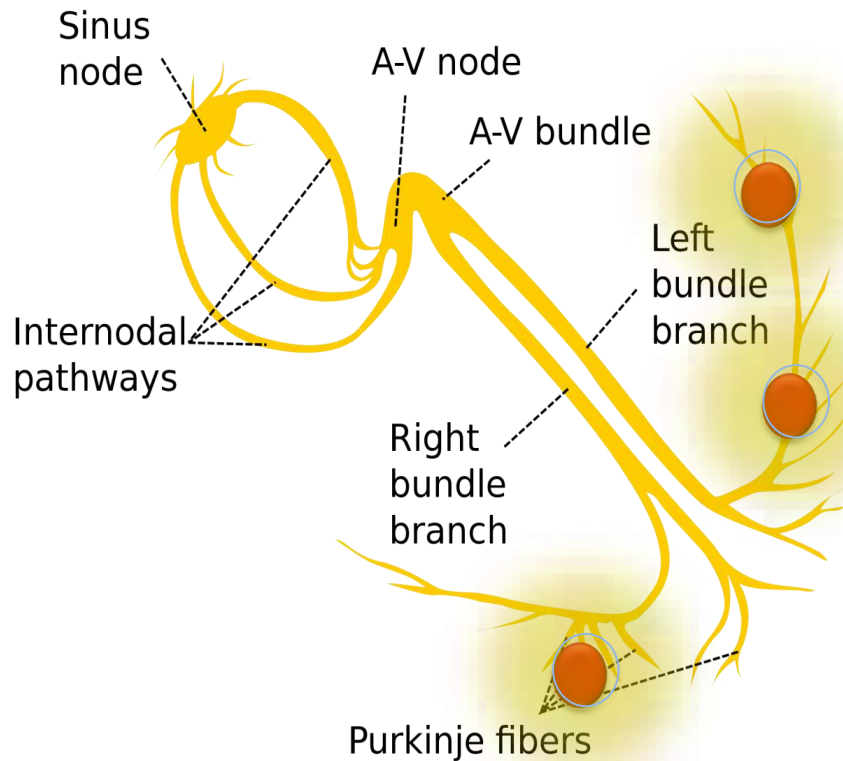
- Technical challenges of LV lead implantation
- Latest activated areas
- **Multisite pacing**
- Multipoint pacing

The Benefit from CRT is well established

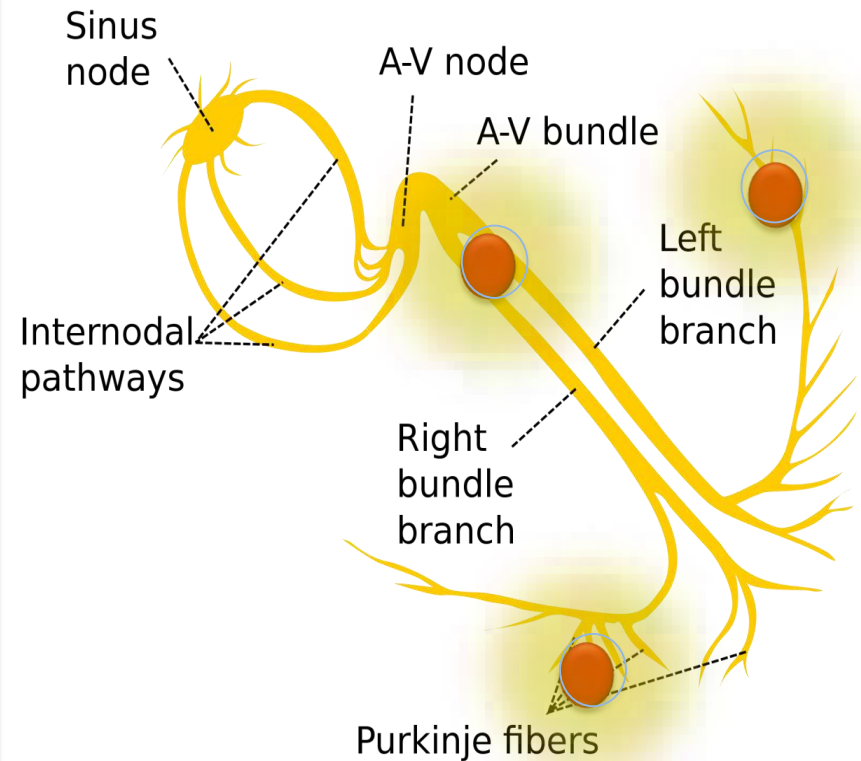


Multisite pacing

- 1 RV lead + 2 LV leads



- 2 RV leads + 1 LV lead



Multisite pacing

- Multisite pacing improves symptoms, QoL, LVEF

Table 1 Patient baseline characteristics

| Group | Global | Tri-V |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| N | 40 | 33 |
| Age (years, mean \pm SD) | 73 \pm 11 | 72 \pm 10 |
| Male sex (N, %) | 37 (97.5) | 28 (85) |
| Ischemic cardiomyopathy (N, %) | 10 (25) | 7 (21) |
| NYHA I (N, %) | 3 (7.5) | 2 (6) |
| NYHA II (N, %) | 14 (34) | 12 (36) |
| NYHA III (N, %) | 24 (58.5) | 19 (58) |
| NYHA IV (N, %) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) |
| Angiotensin conversion enzyme inhibitor (N, %) | 34 (85) | 28 (85) |
| Aldosterone receptor blocker (N, %) | 3 (7.5) | 3 (9) |
| Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist (N, %) | 23 (57.5) | 19 (57.5) |
| Beta-blocker (N, %) | 34 (85) | 27 (82) |
| Diuretic (N, %) | 36 (90) | 29 (88) |
| Digoxin (N, %) | 11 (27.5) | 8 (24.5) |
| Amiodarone (N, %) | 7 (17.5) | 6 (18) |
| Antithrombotics (N, %) | 6 (15) | 4 (12) |
| Vitamin K antagonist (N, %) | 24 (60) | 21 (64) |
| Novel oral anticoagulant (N, %) | 11 (27.5) | 9 (27.5) |
| Pre-implantation QRS (ms) | 170 \pm 25 | 169 \pm 27 |
| Left bundle branch block pattern (N, %) | 34 (85) | 29 (87.9) |
| Pre-implantation ejection fraction (% mean \pm SD) | 25 \pm 8 | 26 \pm 7 |
| CRT-D (N, %) | 26 (65) | 26 (58) |
| CRT-P (N, %) | 14 (35) | 14 (42) |
| AV node ablation (N, %) | 6 (17.5) | 6 (18.2) |

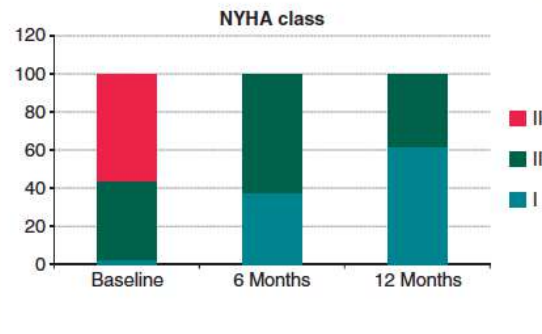


Figure 2 NYHA class distribution (%) at the various time points among all Tri-V patients.

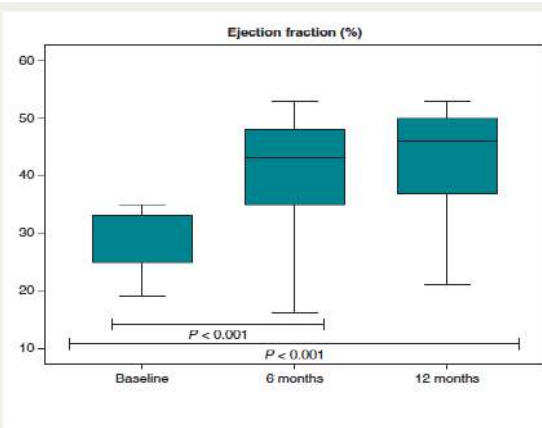


Figure 3 Mean ejection fraction during follow-up.

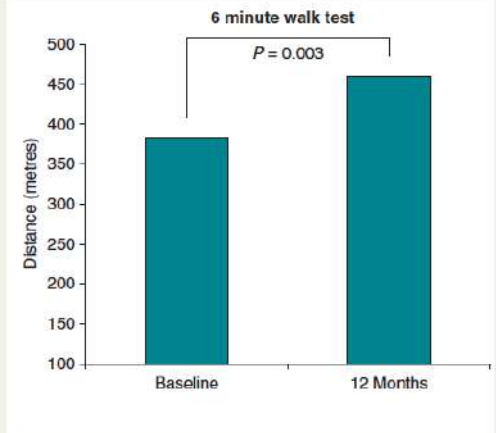
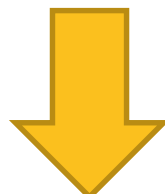


Figure 5 Six-minute walking test distance.

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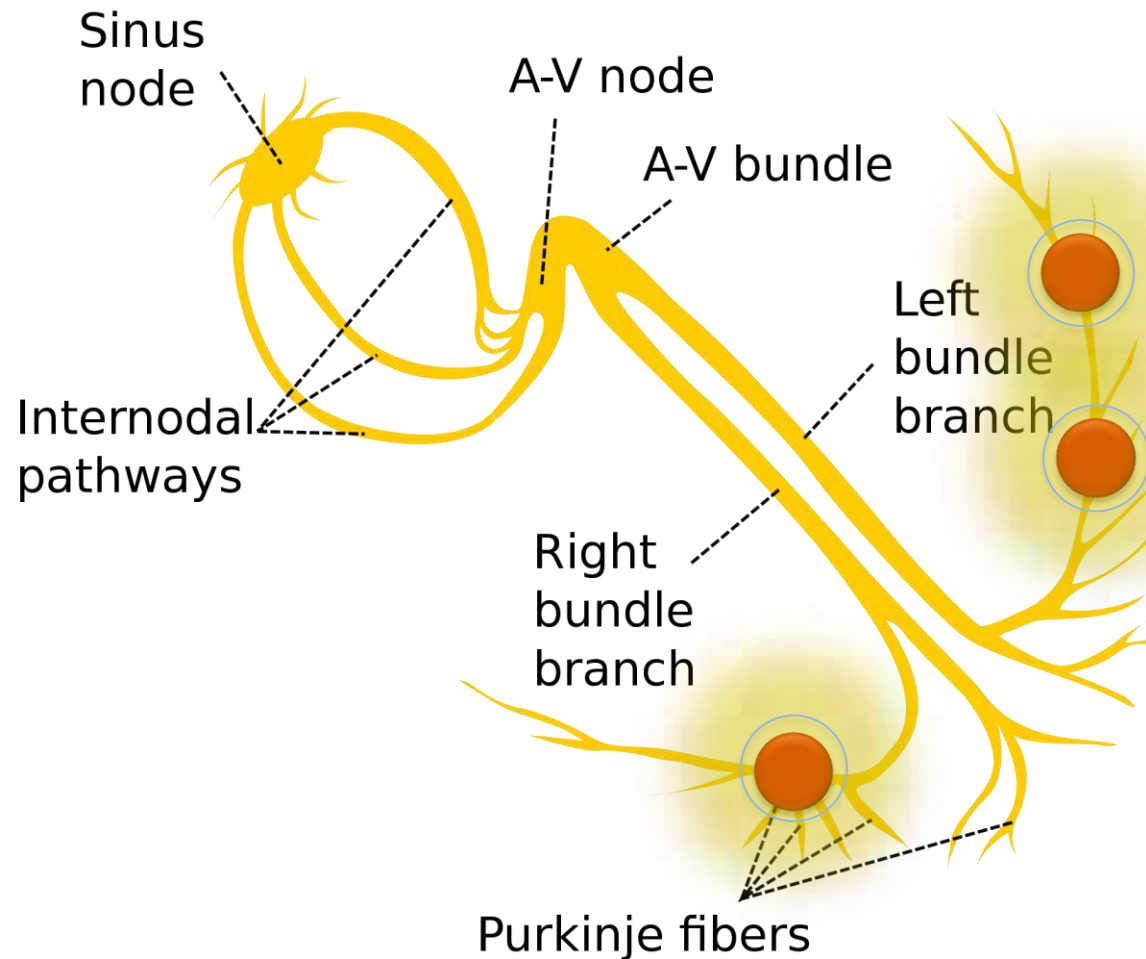
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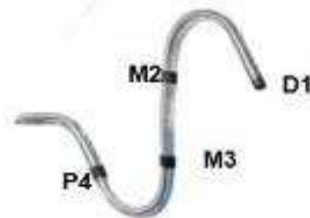
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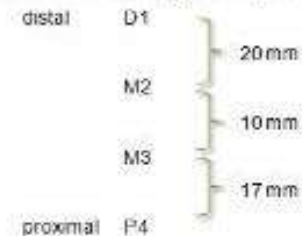
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Quartet™ LV Lead 1458Q



Electrode naming and spacing



Ability to pace from 2 LV sites with programmable delays

LV1

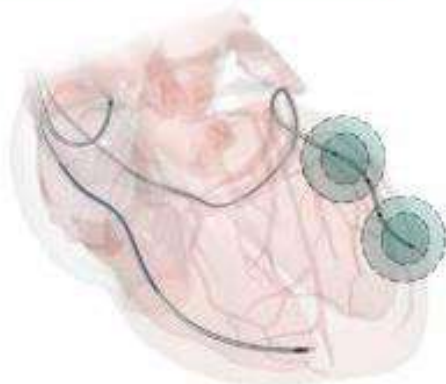
Delay 1

LV2

Delay 2

RV

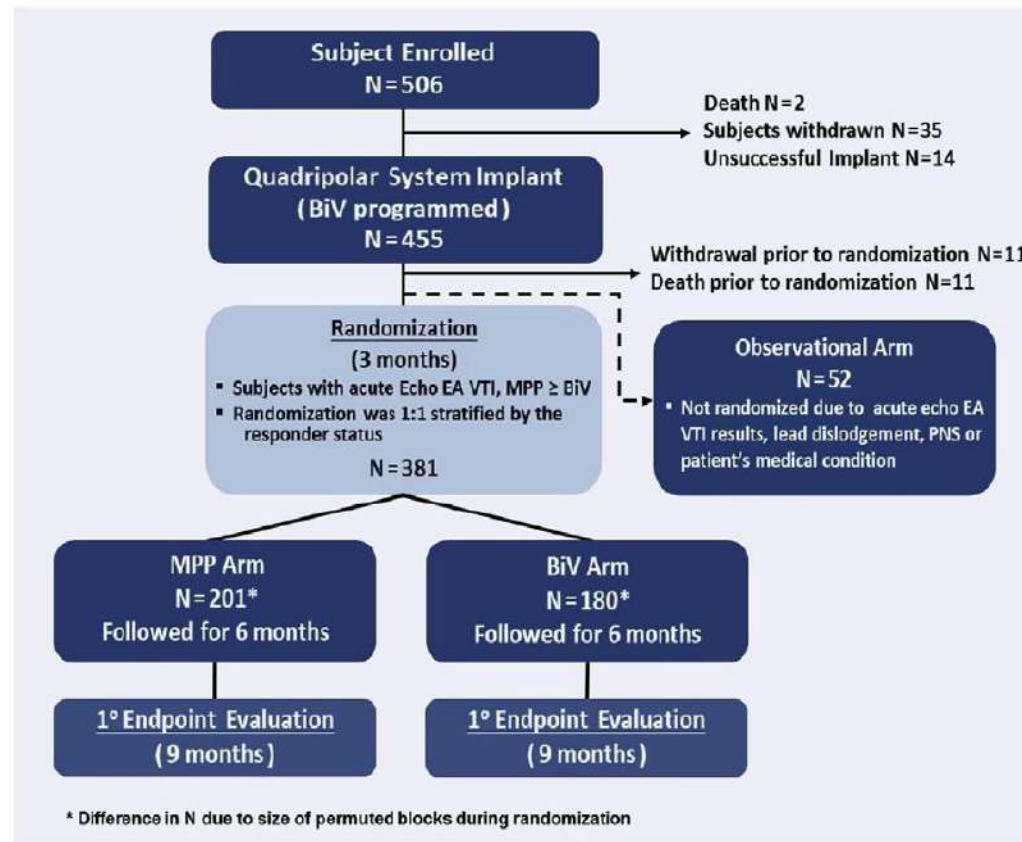
LV1 and LV2
VectSelect™
options



| Vector | Cathode to Anode |
|-----------|------------------------|
| Vector 1 | Distal 1 to Mid 2 |
| Vector 2 | Distal 1 to Proximal 4 |
| Vector 3 | Distal 1 to RV Coil |
| Vector 4 | Mid 2 to Proximal 4 |
| Vector 5 | Mid 2 to RV Coil |
| Vector 6 | Mid 3 to Mid 2 |
| Vector 7 | Mid 3 to Proximal 4 |
| Vector 8 | Mid 3 to RV Coil |
| Vector 9 | Proximal 4 to Mid 2 |
| Vector 10 | Proximal 4 to RV Coil |

MPP IDE trial

- MPP-AS may improve response to CRT

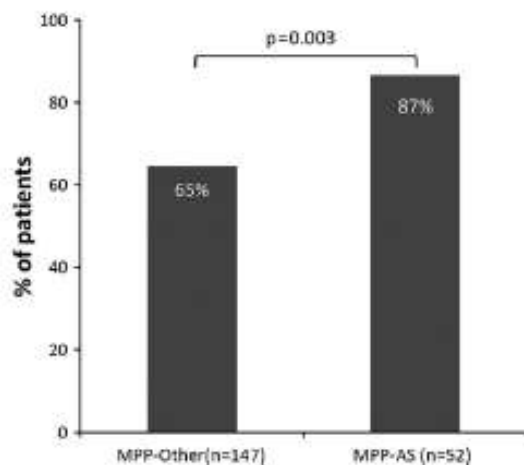


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FIGURE 2 Impact of MPP Programming on Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Responder Classification

A 9-Month clinical responder rates
(9-Month response status relative to 3-Month)



B Non-responder to responder
conversion rate

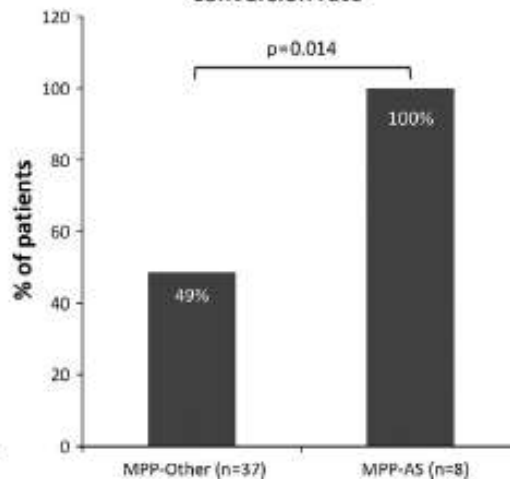
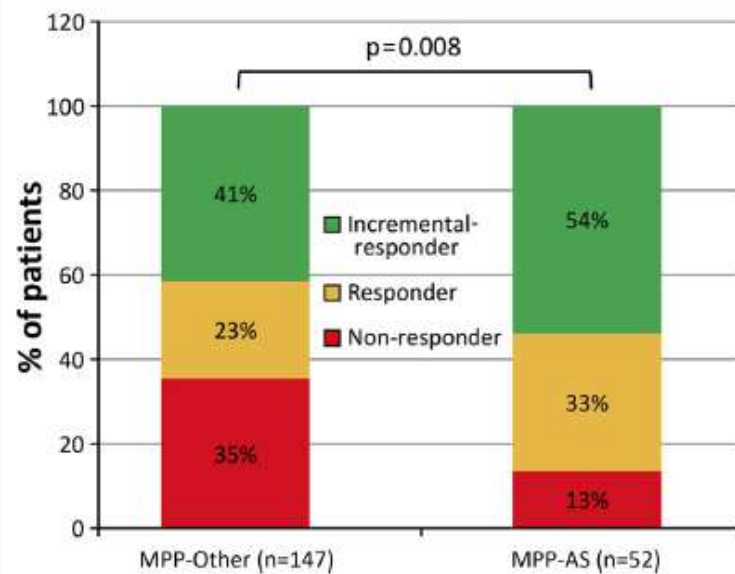
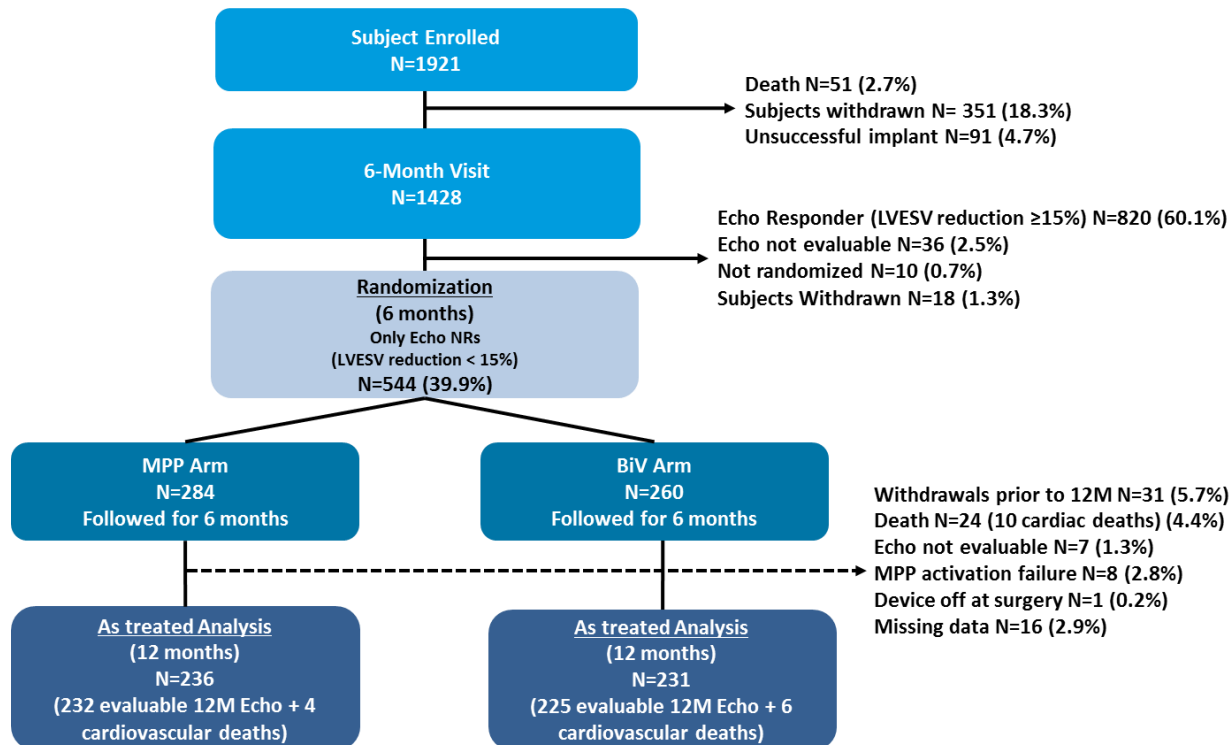


FIGURE 3 Impact of MPP Programming on Incremental Response



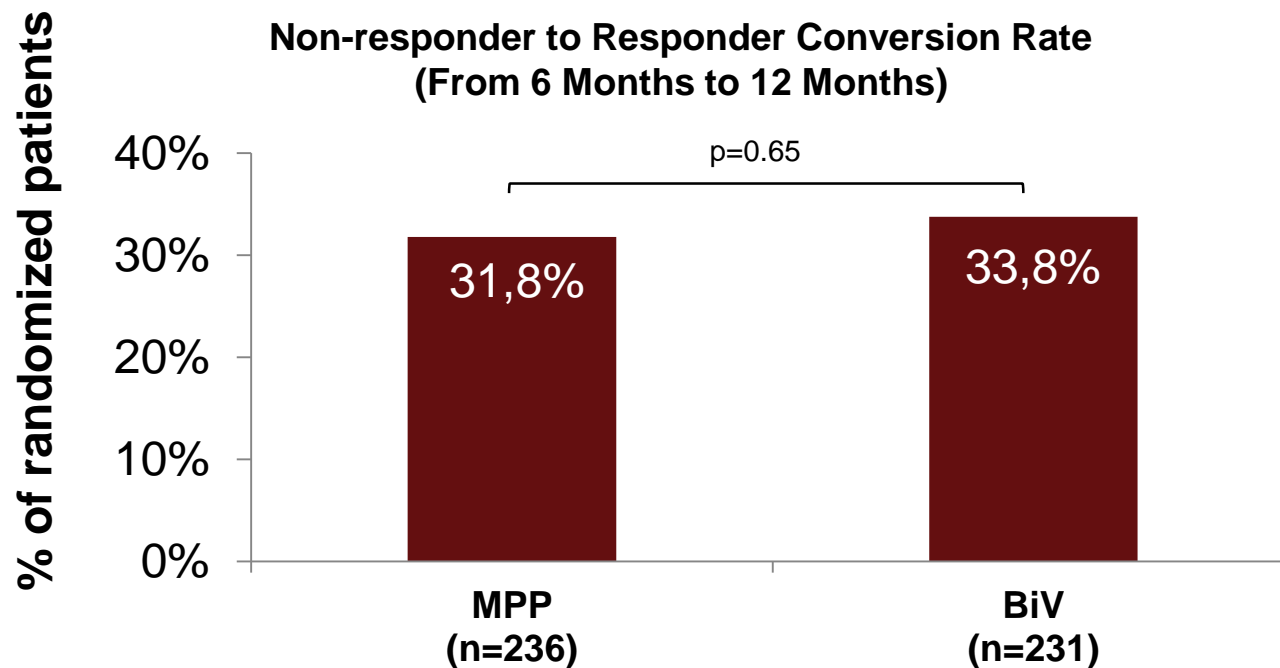
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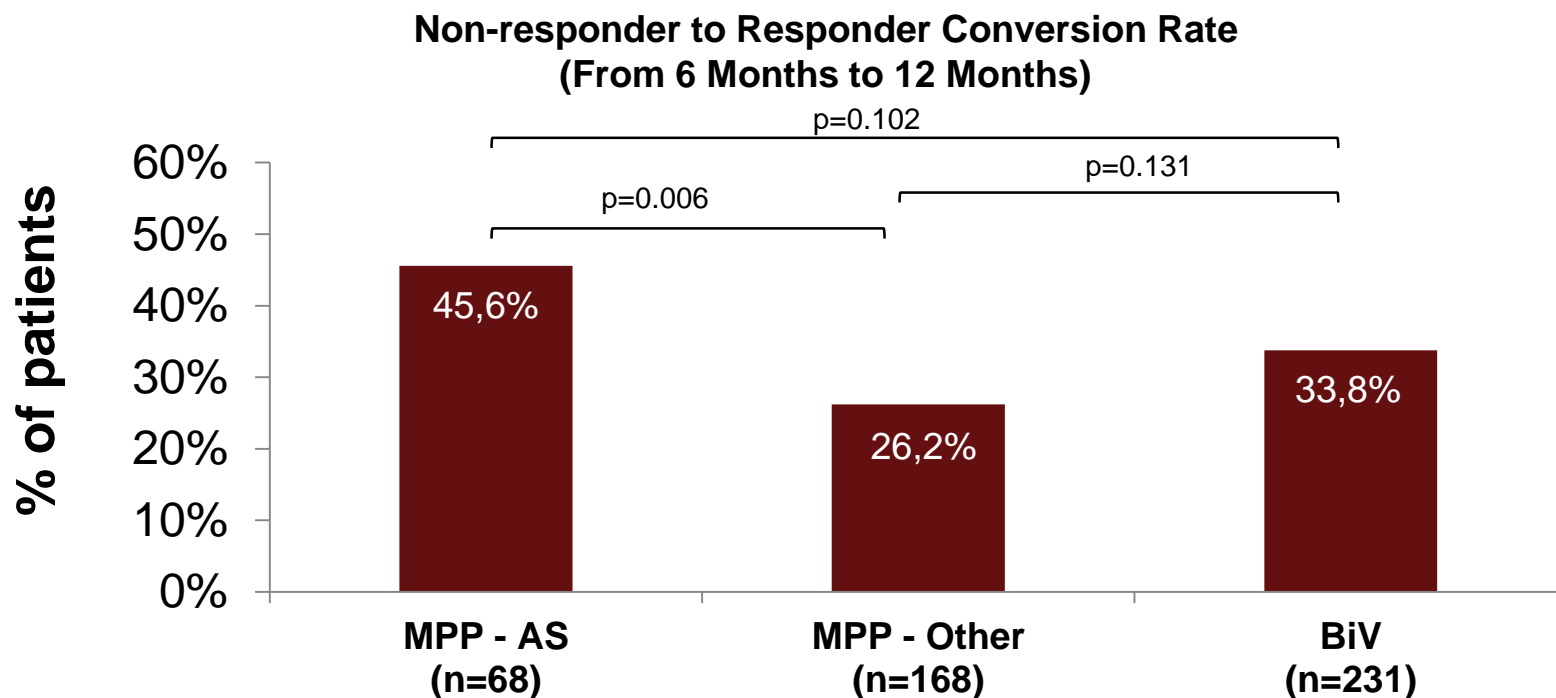
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Optimization of left ventricular pacing site plus multipoint pacing improves remodeling and clinical response to cardiac resynchronization therapy at 1 year

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**Single Center, non randomized
110 patients 1 year follow-up**

**Objective:
Compare Clinical and Echocardiographic
response between standard Biv,
Optimized Biv (Q-LV), Optimized + MPP**

| Response | STD | OPT | OPT + MPP |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Echocardiographic | 55.6% (42.4-68.0) | 72.2% (56.0-84.2) | 90% (69.9-97.2) |
| Clinical | 66.7% (46.0-71.3) | 77.8% (61.9-88.3) | 95% (76.4-99.1) |

Combining MPP with optimal positioning of the LV lead on the basis of electrical delay and hemodynamics enhances reverse remodeling and improves clinical outcomes beyond the effect due to conventional CRT.

Responders

- Clinical measures (functional & QoL)
- LV reverse remodelling
- Event-based measures

Non-responders

- ∅ clinical improvement
- ∅ LV reverse remodelling
- ∅ Event-based measures



Responders

- Clinical measures (functional & QoL)
- LV reverse remodelling
- Event-based measures

Hyper-responders

- Ø symptoms
- LVEF $\geq 50\%$; \downarrow LVESV $\geq 30\%$



CRT improves prognostic and clinical outcomes

Patient selection: ♀, LBBB, wide QRS, NI cardiopathy

30-40% non-responders

Alternative techniques to implant LV lead

New technologies to assess latest activated areas LV lead



Lateral or postero-lateral wall of the LV, non-apical

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