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Heart Failure Risk Management: What to Know, What to Do

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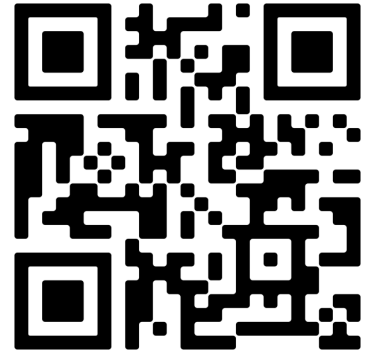
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Welcome and Overview	Michael W. Konstan, MD Shari Bolen, MD, MPH	5 mins.
Heart Failure Risk Management: What to Know, What to Do	Mark E. Dunlap, MD, MPH	40 mins.
Audience Question and Answer	Amy Zack, MD (Moderator) Mark E. Dunlap, MD, MPH	10 mins.
Next Steps and Wrap Up	Shari Bolen, MD, MPH	5 mins.



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Heart Failure Risk Management: What to Know, What to Do

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Objectives

1. Screen and identify those at risk for heart failure.
2. Describe current disparities in care in heart failure risk, assessment and management.
3. Evaluate patients with suspected heart failure.
4. Utilize key therapies in the management of heart failure.

What Do These People Have in Common?

- Wilt Chamberlin
- Federico Fellini
- Jerry Garcia
- Chaim Herzog
- Charles Kuralt
- Harold Robbins
- Roy Rogers
- Mike Royko
- Jonas Salk
- Isaac Stern
- Jimmy “the Greek” Snyder
- Hank Williams

They all:

- a) were born in Ohio
- b) are dead
- c) had wives named “Betsy”
- d) had heart failure (HF)
- e) both b and d

Heart Failure: Overview

- 6.5 million men and women in the U.S. have HF.
 - 1,000,000 new HF cases annually.
- Prevalence of HF **will increase 46% by 2030**, resulting in >8 million people.
- Biggest risk factor is uncontrolled hypertension.
- Annual impact on healthcare resources.
 - 1.1 million hospitalizations (# 1 cause in older adults).
 - \$30.7 billion per year, projected to increase to \$70 billion.

Epidemiology of Heart Failure in the United States



Increase in HF related deaths from 2009 to 2014.



Increase in HF hospitalizations from 2013 to 2017.



Decline in overall HF incidence from 2011 to 2014 with declining incidence of HFrEF but increasing incidence of HFpEF.

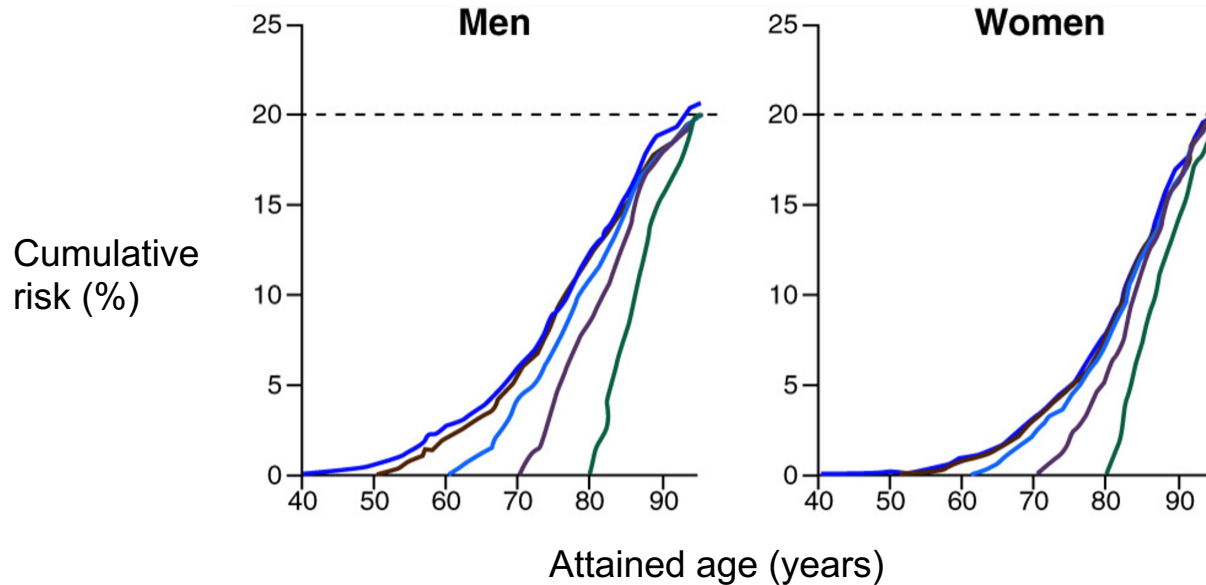
Increasing *prevalence* of HF.

Racial and ethnic disparities in death resulting from HF persist.

Disparities in racial and ethnic HF outcomes warrant studies and health policy changes to address health inequity.

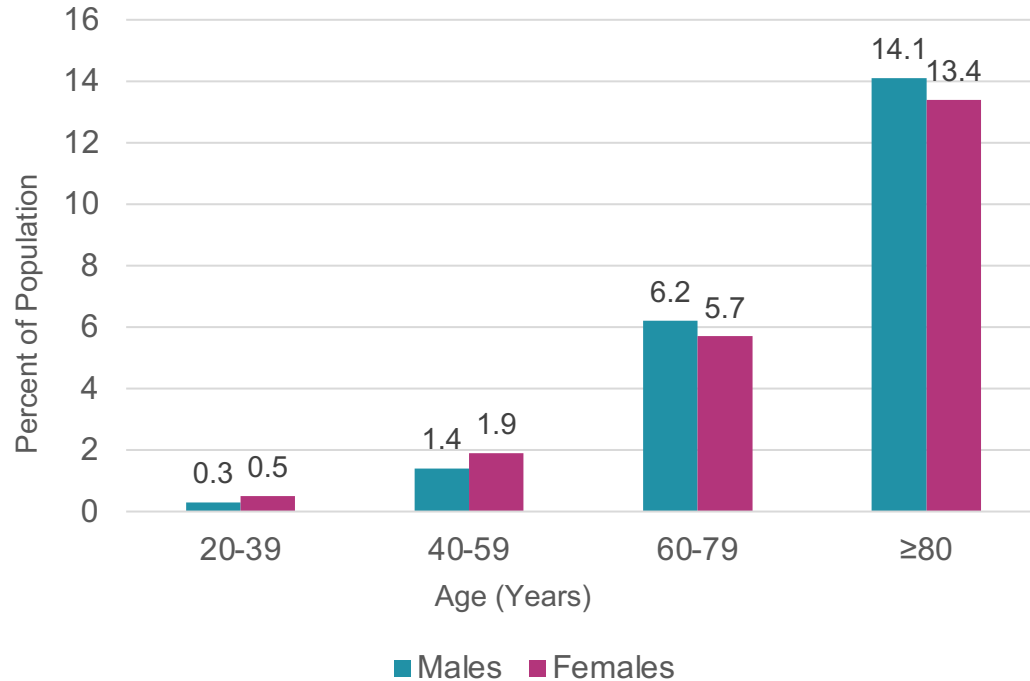
20% Lifetime Risk for Heart Failure After Age 40

Framingham Heart Study

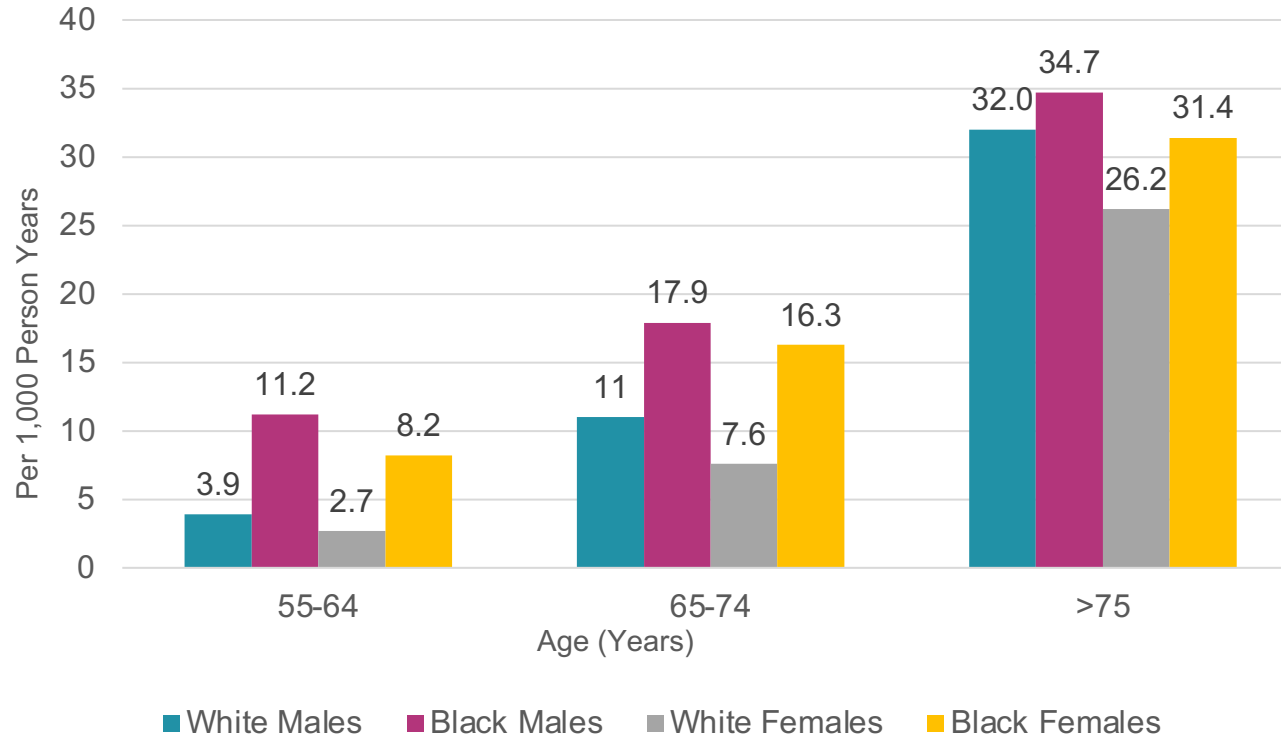


Lifetime risk for congestive HF for given index age is cumulative risk through age 94 years

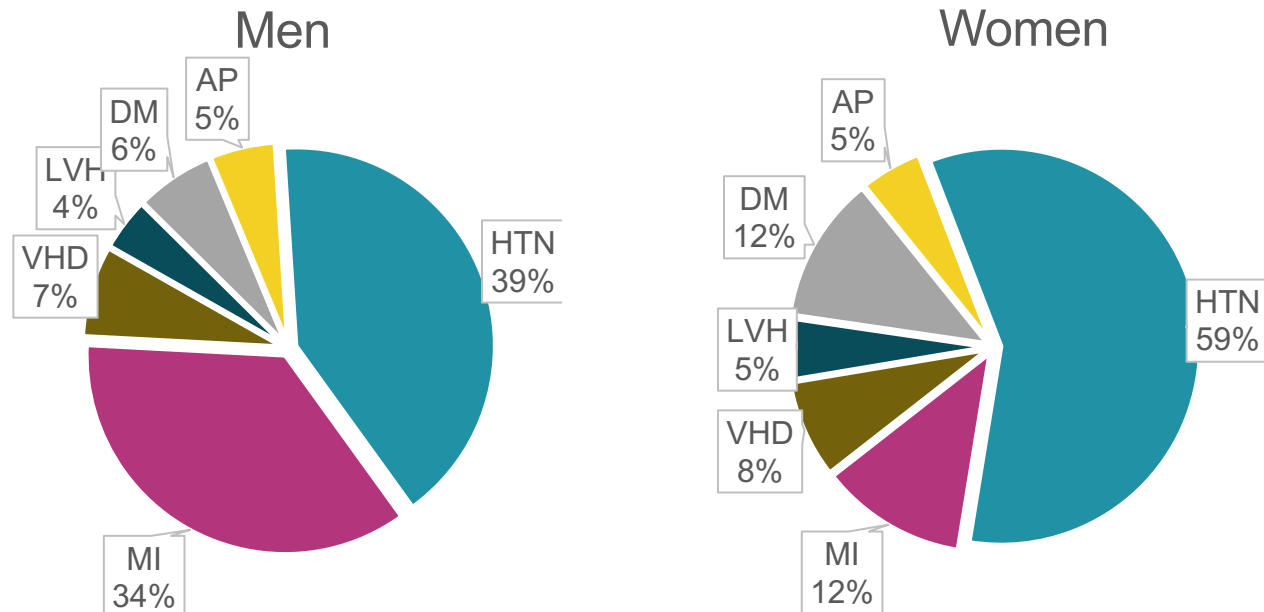
Prevalence of Heart Failure by Age



First Acute Heart Failure Episode by Sex and Race



Population-Attribution Risks for Development of Heart Failure

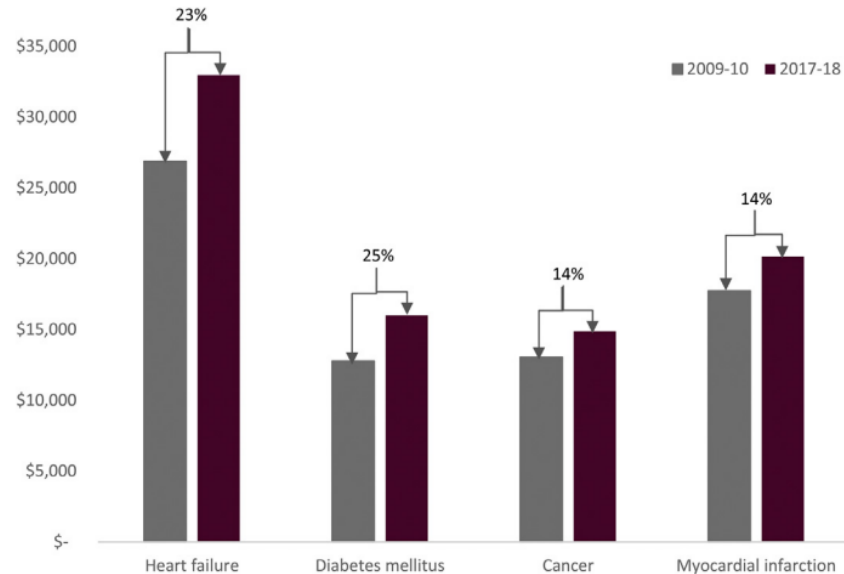


Population-attributable risk defined as:
 $100 \times \text{prevalence} \times [\text{hazard ratio} - 1] / (\text{prevalence} \times [\text{hazard ratio} - 1] + 1)$

Heart Failure in African Americans

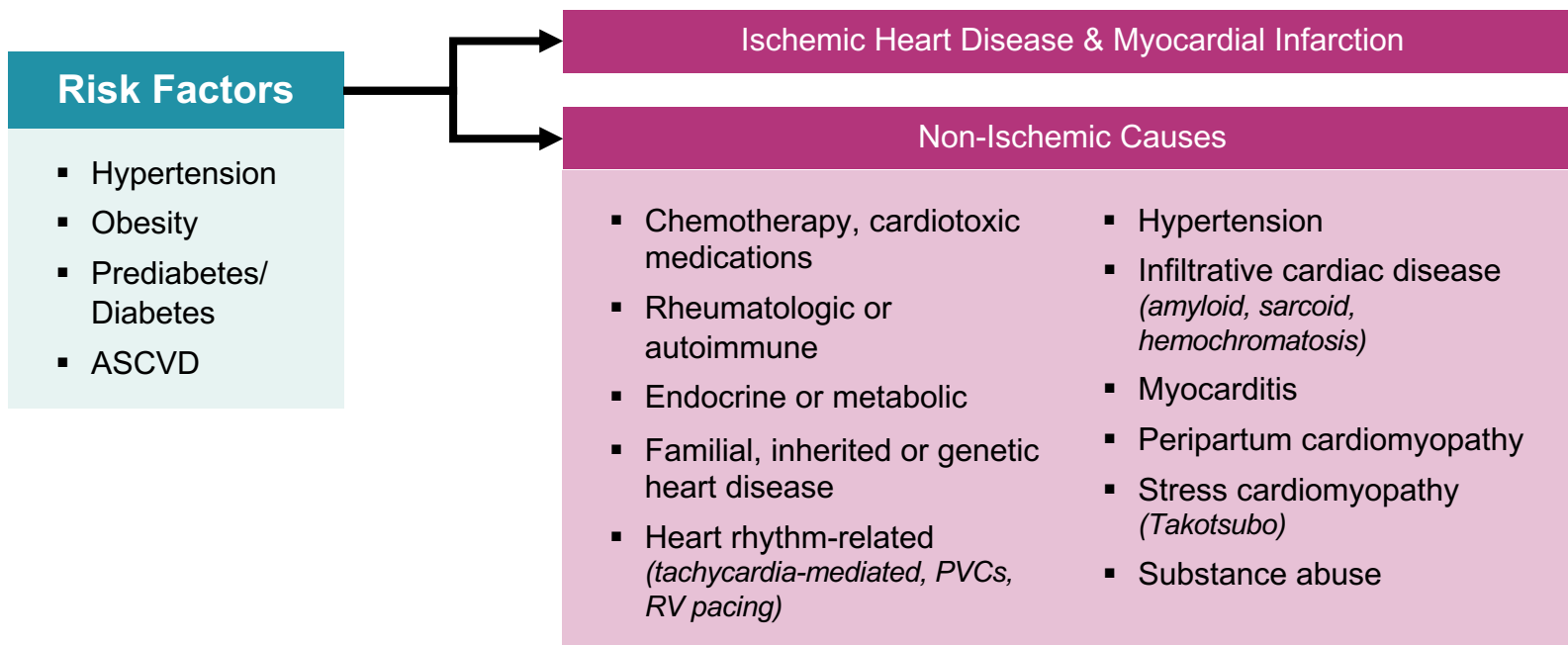
- Incidence of HF 50% higher.
- Occurs at an earlier age.
- More left ventricle (LV) dysfunction.
- More hypertension, diabetes, obesity; more non-ischemic.
- Worse New York Heart Association (NYHA) functional class.
- Higher morbidity (hospitalizations).

Trend in 2009-2018 Expenditure Change by Clinical Condition



The rate of overall expenditure growth from 2009-2018 was higher for HF-related spending compared with that of cancer or myocardial infarction.

Causes of Heart Failure



Benefits of Lowering Blood Pressure

	Average Percent Reduction
Stroke incidence	35-40%
Myocardial infarction	20-25%
Heart failure	50%

Racial Disparities in Risks for Heart Failure

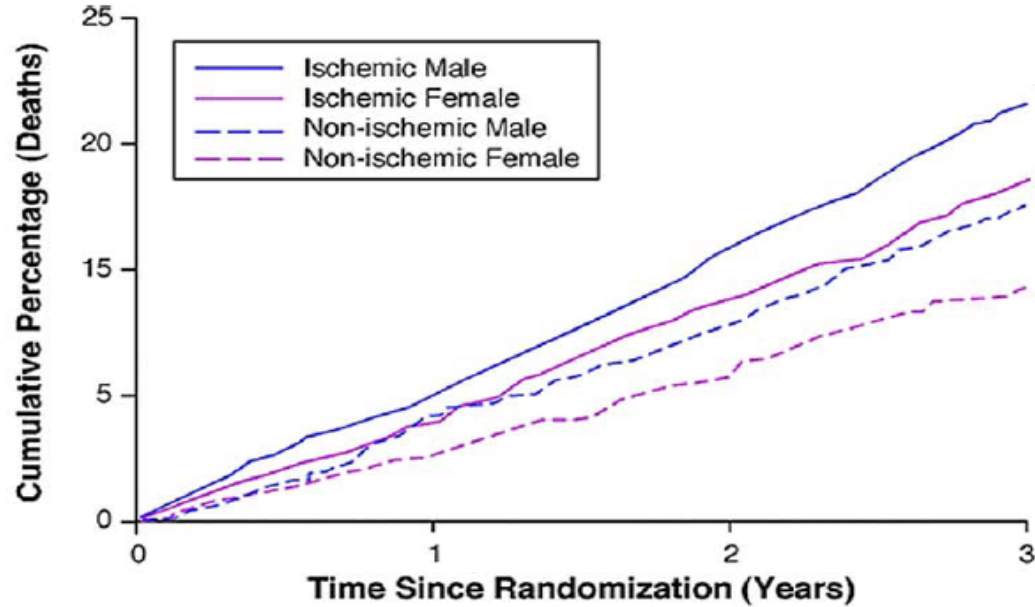


- Among Blacks, a greater proportion of HF risk (68% versus 49% among whites) was attributable to modifiable risk factors:
 - High systolic blood pressure, elevated fasting glucose level, coronary heart disease, LV hypertrophy, and smoking.
 - LV hypertrophy was 3-fold more prevalent in Blacks than in Whites.
- Hispanics carry a predominance of HF risk factors and health care disparities suggesting elevated HF risk.

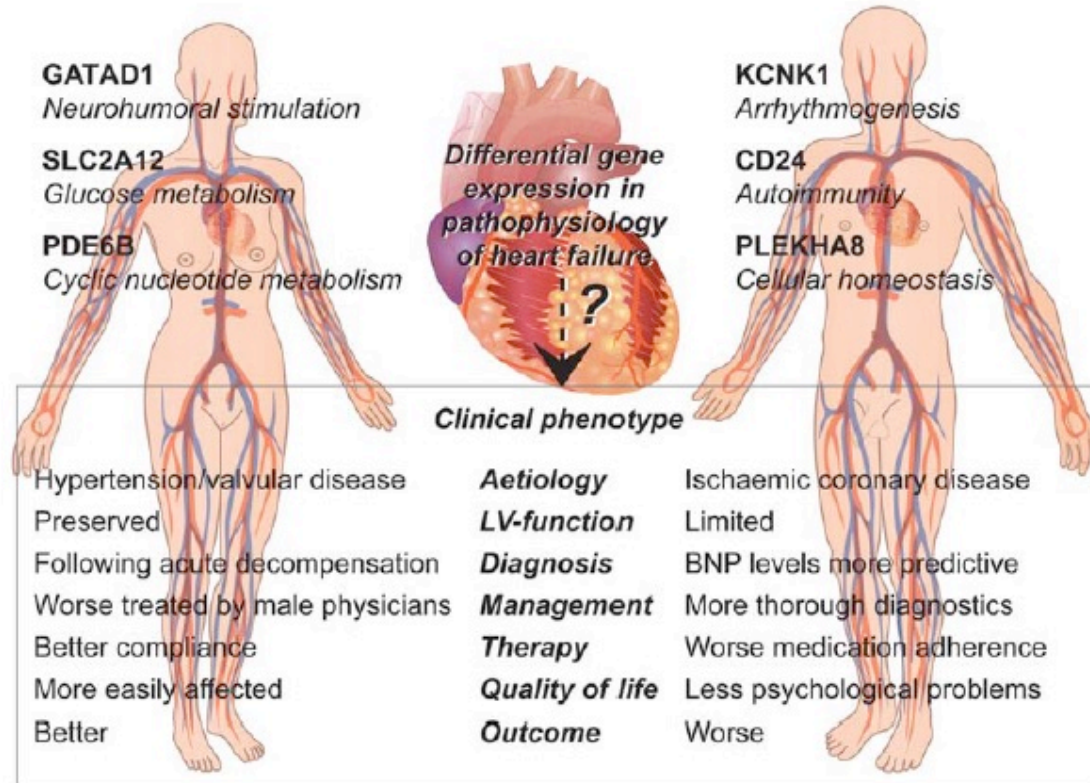
Heart Failure Gender Disparities: Women Compared to Men

- Tend to have more preserved LV function (HFpEF).
- Onset at older ages.
- Greater prevalence of hypertension, obesity, and anemia.

All Cause Mortality by Gender



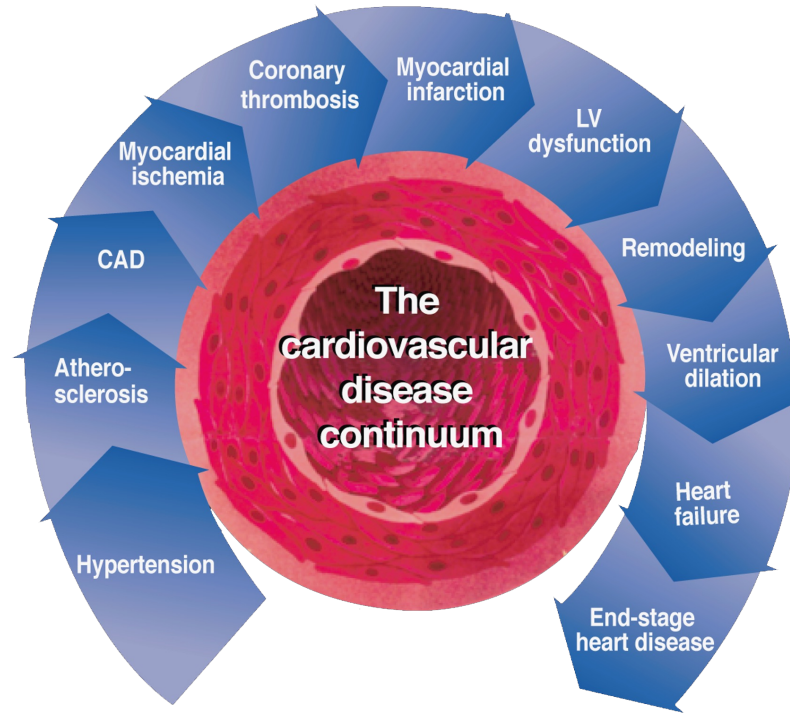
Gender Differences in Heart Failure

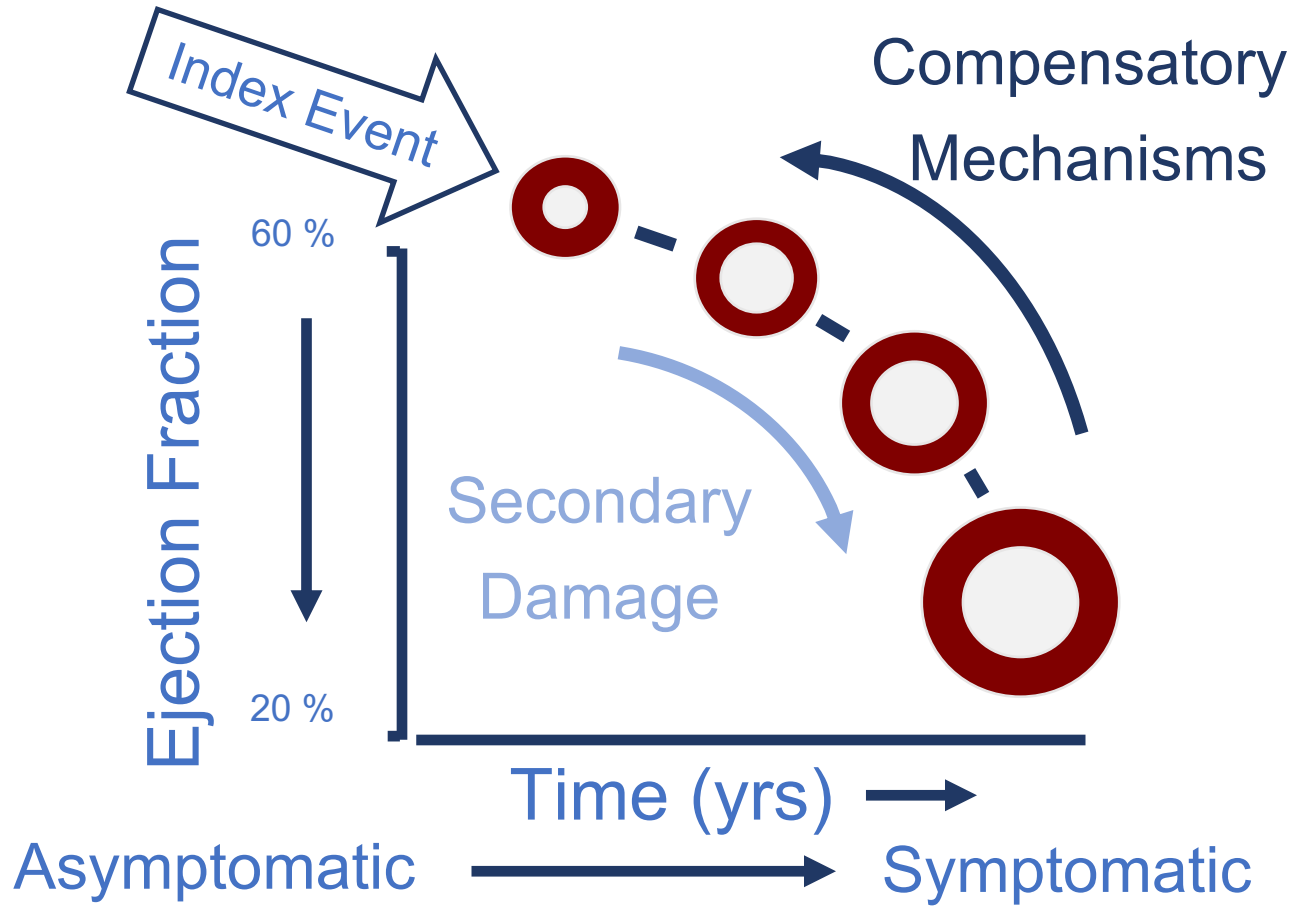


When to Suspect Heart Failure

- Unexplained dyspnea
- H/o hypertension
- H/o CAD
- Volume overload (elevated JVP, edema)
- Elevated BNP (note: BNP levels are lower in obese pts)

The Cardiovascular Disease Continuum

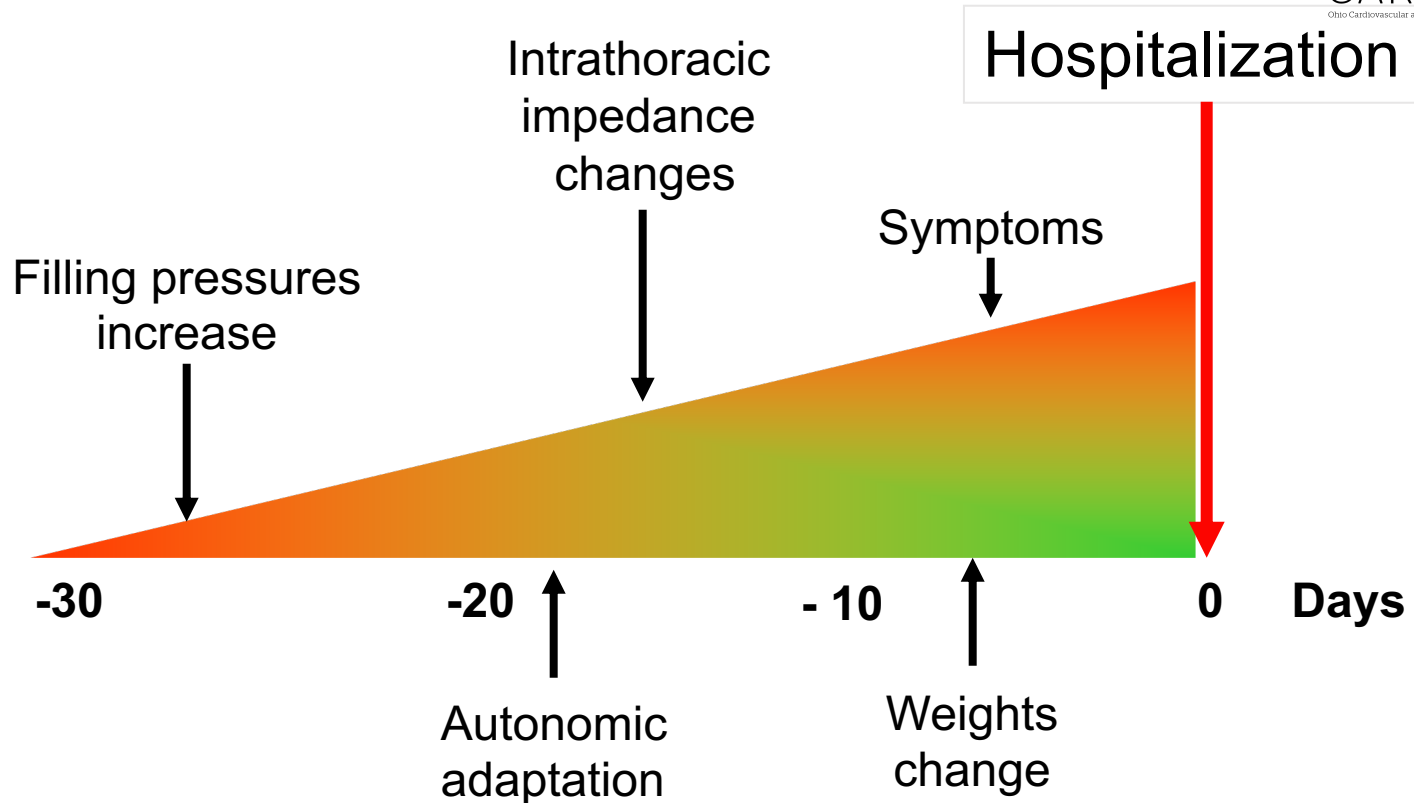




Pathophysiology of Congestion



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Initial Evaluation of Patients with Heart Failure



History and Physical exam

Class 1 Recommendations:

- Measure vitals signs and assess for evidence of congestion
- Evaluate for the presence of advanced HF
- In patients with cardiomyopathy use a 3-generation family history to screen for inherited disease
- Use H&P to direct diagnostic strategies to uncover causes which require disease specific management
- Identify cardiac & non-cardiac diseases, lifestyle & behavioral factors, and SDOH which may cause or worsen HF



Laboratory and ECG testing

Class 1 Recommendations:

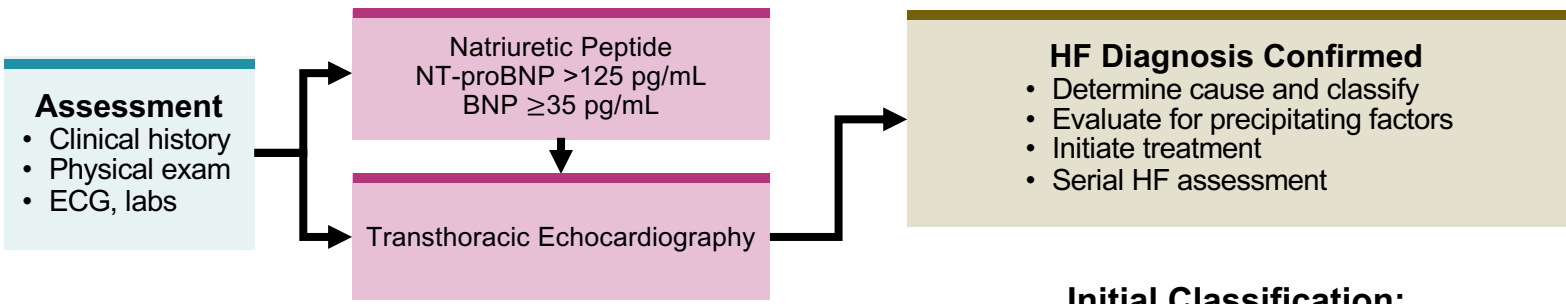
CBC, UA, serum electrolytes, serum creatinine, BUN, glucose, lipid profile, LFTs, iron studies, and TSH

12-lead ECG to optimize management

For patients presenting with HF, the specific cause of HF should be explored using additional laboratory testing for appropriate management

Abbreviations: BUN=blood urea nitrogen; CBC=complete blood count; ECG=electrocardiogram; H&P=history and physical; HF=heart failure; LFTs= liver function tests; SDOH,=social determinates of health; TSH=thyroid-stimulating hormone

Diagnostic Algorithm for Heart Failure and LVEF Based on Heart Failure Classification



Abbreviations: BNP=B-type natriuretic peptide; ECG=electrocardiogram; HF=heart failure; HFimpEF=heart failure with improved ejection fraction; HFmrEF=heart failure with mildly reduced ejection fraction; HFpEF=heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; HFrEF=heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; LV=left ventricle; LVEF=left ventricular ejection fraction; NT-proBNP=N-terminal pro-B type natriuretic peptide.

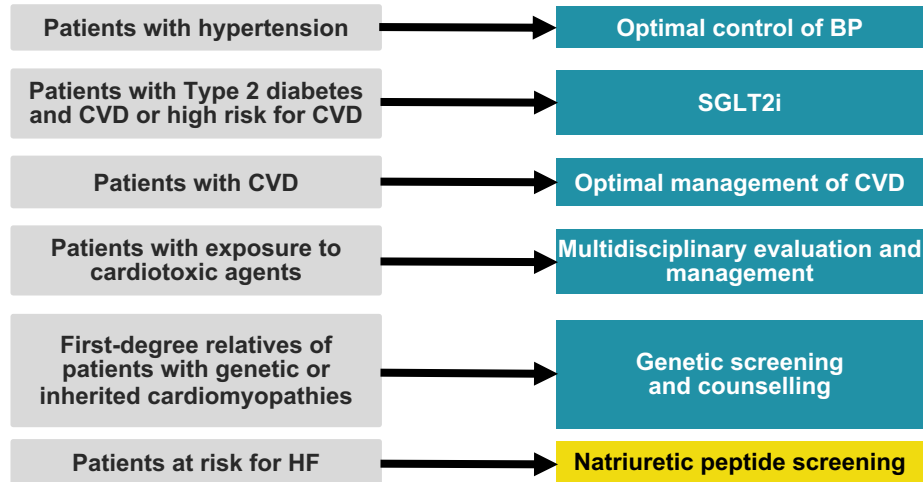
Initial Classification:

- HFrEF**
LVEF ≤ 40%
- HFmrEF**
LVEF 41%-49%
- HFpEF**
LVEF ≥ 50%

Recommendations for Patients at Risk of Heart Failure

At Risk for HF (Stage A)

Primary Prevention

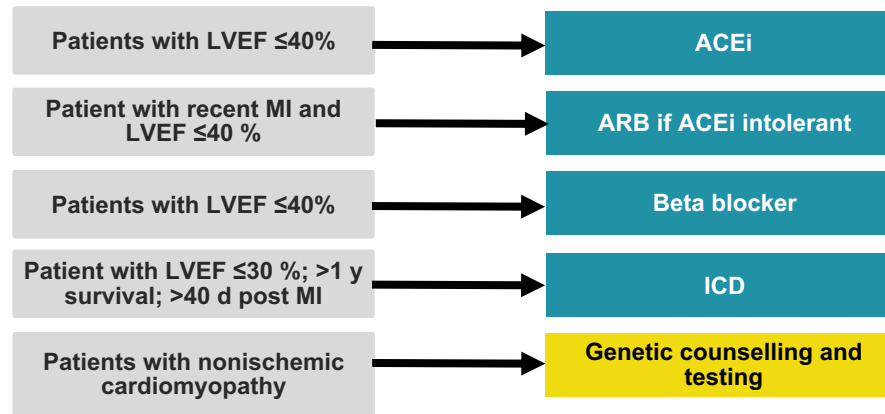


Continue Lifestyle modification and management strategies implemented in Stage A, through Stage B

Abbreviations: ACEi=angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB=angiotensin receptor blocker; BP=blood pressure; CVD=cardiovascular disease; HF=heart failure; ICD=implantable cardioverter-defibrillator; LVEF=left ventricular ejection fraction; MI=myocardial infarction; SGLT2i=sodium glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor.

Recommendations for Patients with Pre-Heart Failure

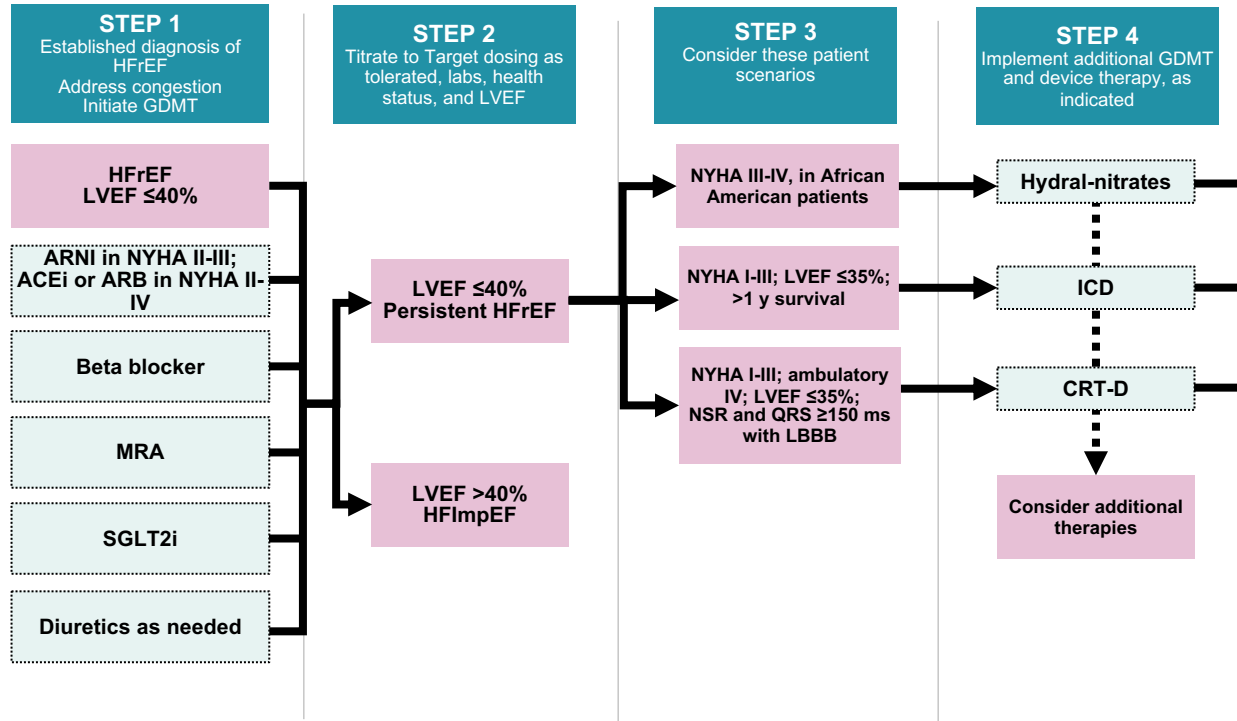
Pre-HF (Stage B/LV dysfunction) Preventing the Syndrome



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Treatment of Symptomatic Heart Failure



Specialty Referral to Advanced Heart Failure

Consider if “I-Need-Help” to aid with recognition of patients with advanced HF:



I Intravenous inotropes



E EF $\leq 35\%$



E Edema despite escalating diuretics



N New York Heart Association class III or IV, or persistently elevated natriuretic peptides



D Defibrillator shocks



L Low systolic BP ≤ 90 mmHg



E End-organ dysfunction



H Hospitalizations >1



P Prognostic medication; intolerance of GDMT

Abbreviations: BP=blood pressure; EF=ejection fraction; GDMT=guideline-directed medical therapy; LVAD=left ventricular assist device.

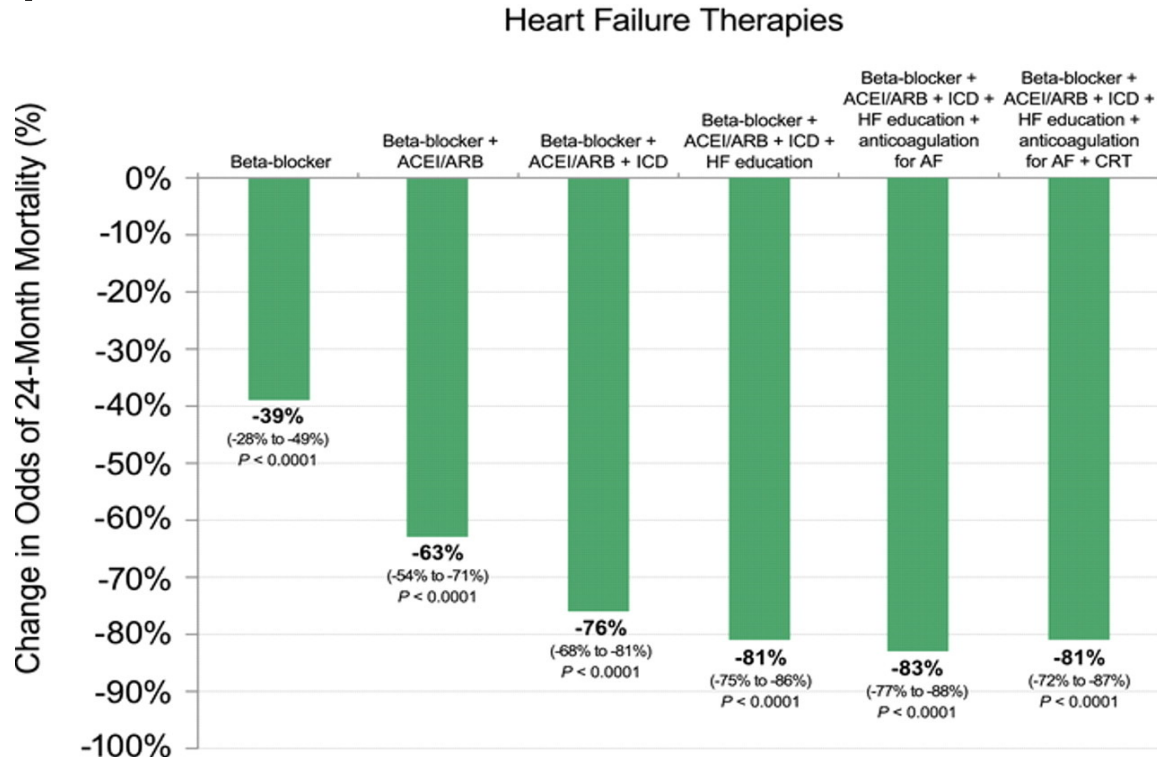
Patients with LVEF $\leq 40\%$: 4 Drug Regimen for All

- ACEI, ARB, or ARNI (sacubitril/valsartan)
- Beta blocker
- MRI (spironolactone)
- SGLT2i
- Diuretics as needed

Reassess LV Function in 3-6 Months

- If LVEF remains low ($\leq 35\%$):
 - African Americans: Nitrates/hydralazine
 - ICD
 - Wide QRS complex: Bi-V pacing
- If $>40\%$: success!
- Education, medication dosing, volume assessment, BP/HR

Cumulative % Reduction in Mortality Risk at 24 Months



SOLVD: Effects of Enalapril by Race



	African Americans		European Americans	
	Risk Ratio (CI)	p Value	Risk Ratio (CI)	p Value
All-Cause Mortality	0.89 (0.69-1.13)	NS	0.95 (0.76-1.18)	NS
Cardiovascular Death	0.92 (0.71-1.20)	NS	0.96 (0.76-1.22)	NS
Hospitalization for CHF	0.96 (0.74-1.24)	NS	0.56 (0.43-0.73)	<0.001
Death or Hospitalization for CHF	0.91 (0.75-1.12)	NS	0.75 (0.62-0.91)	<0.01

Therapies That Improve Outcomes in Patients with Heart Failure



Medications

- ACE inhibitors
- Angiotensin receptor blockers
- Beta blockers
- Aldosterone blockers
- Hydralazine/nitrates
- Iron replacement
- Digoxin
- n-3-PUFA
- Sacubitril/valsartan
- Ivabradine

Devices/procedures

- Implantable defibrillators
- Bi-V pacing
- Disease-specific self management
- Exercise training
- Pulmonary artery pressure monitoring
- Ventricular assist devices
- Transplantation

It's complicated...

Heart Failure: What to Know

- Common and carries a poor prognosis.
- Characterized by activation of multiple pathways.
- Neurohormonal activation contributes to ventricular remodeling and the progression of LV dysfunction.
- Evidence-based medicine supports the use of multiple approaches for the treatment of HF, including ACEI/ARB or other RAAS blockade, beta blockade, MRA, SGLT2i.

Heart Failure: What to Do

- For patients at risk of developing HF:
 - Aggressive control of risk factors, especially hypertension, obesity, and diabetes.
 - Monitor for co-morbidities (renal disease, obstructive sleep apnea, anemia, rhythm abnormalities).
- For patients with LVEF $\leq 40\%$:
 - 4 drug regimen in all: RAAS blockade, beta blockade, MRA, SGLT2i.
 - Dosing important, especially for RAAS and beta blockade.

Doses for Common Heart Failure Medications

Class	Drug	Starting Dose	Target Dose
RASi	Lisinopril/enalapril	5-10 mg qd	20 mg bid
	Candesartan	4-8 mg qd	32 mg qd
	Valsartan	40 mg bid	160 mg bid
	Sacubitril/valsartan	24/26 mg bid	97/103 mg bid
BB	Metoprolol succinate	12.5-25 mg qd	200 mg qd
	Carvedilol	3.12 mg bid	25-50 mg bid
MRA	Spirolactone	12.5 mg qd	25-50 mg

What To Do (cont)

- For patients with LVEF >50%:
 - Control of HTN
 - Treatment of comorbidities (obesity, diabetes, afib)
 - Use of SGLT2i in all with diabetes, most without diabetes
 - MRA (spironolactone or eplerenone) in most
 - Beta blockers may be deleterious

What To Do (cont)

- For patients with LVEF 41-50%:
 - Some behave more like HFrEF, some more like HFpEF
 - Treatment of comorbidities
 - Use of SGLT2i in all with diabetes, most without diabetes
 - MRA (spironolactone or eplerenone) in most

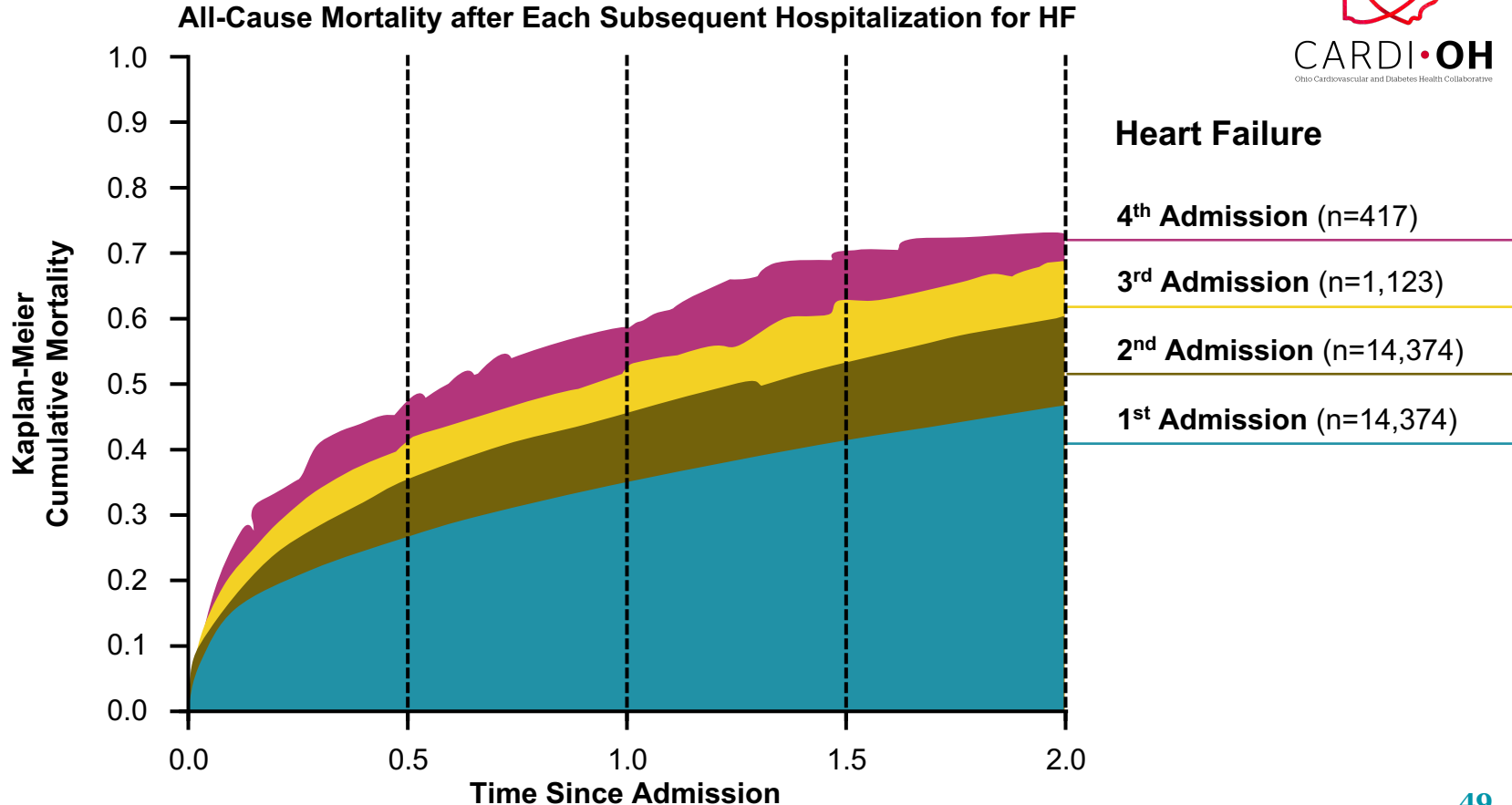
Heart Failure Patients: Who Remains at Risk?

- Symptomatic patients (NYHA class 3 or 4)
- LVEF remains low (especially $\leq 35\%$)
- BNP remains high
- Low doses of beta blockers and/or RAS inhibitors
- Comorbidities not recognized or adequately treated
- Hospitalized for HF

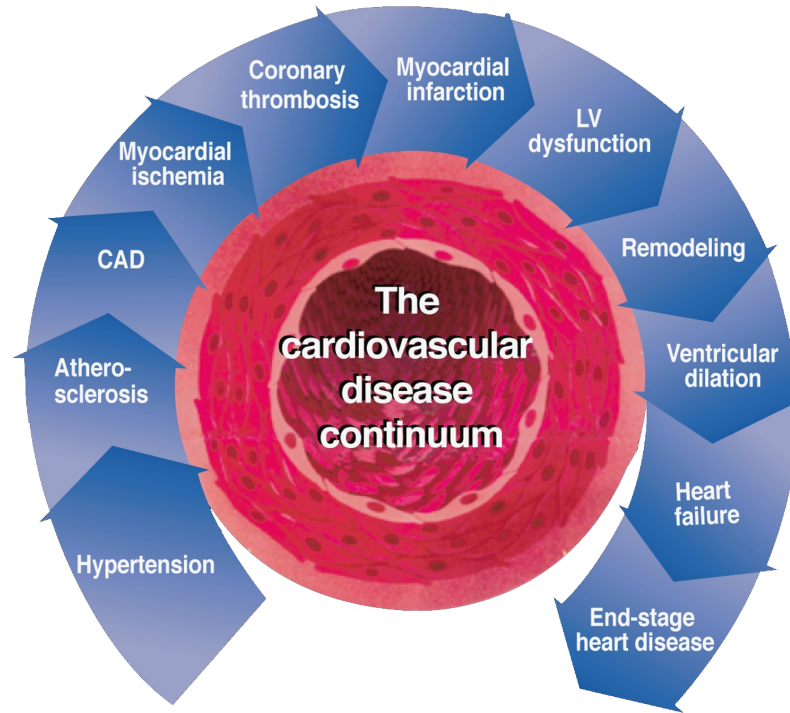
Repeat Hospitalizations Predict Mortality



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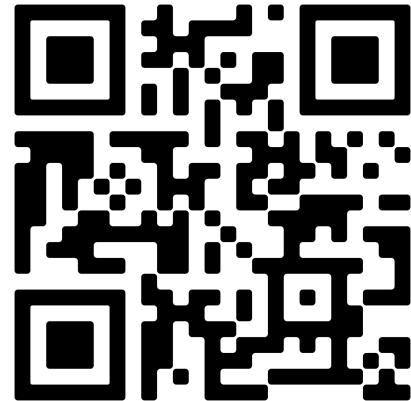
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