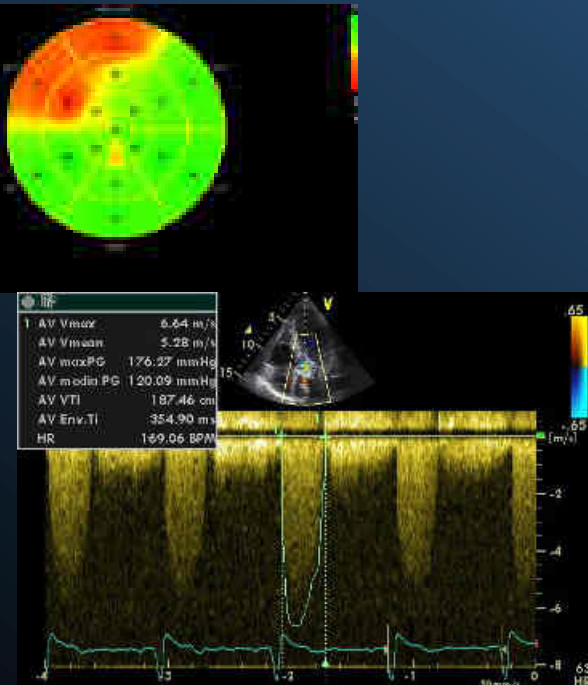




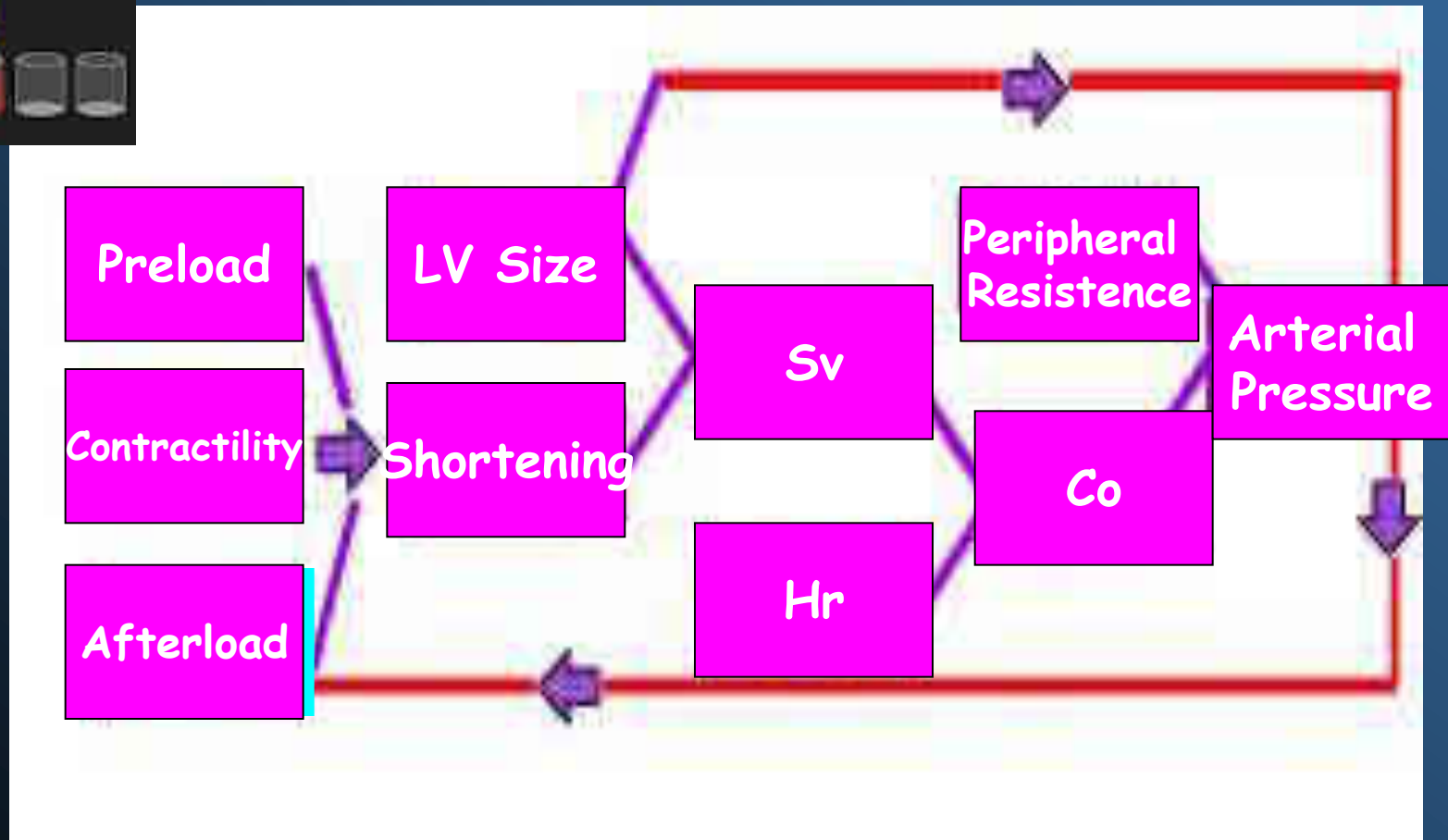
TRATTAMENTO DELL'IPERTENSIONE ARTERIOSA ASSOCIATA A STENOSI VALVOLARE AORTICA

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Determinants Of Cardiac Output

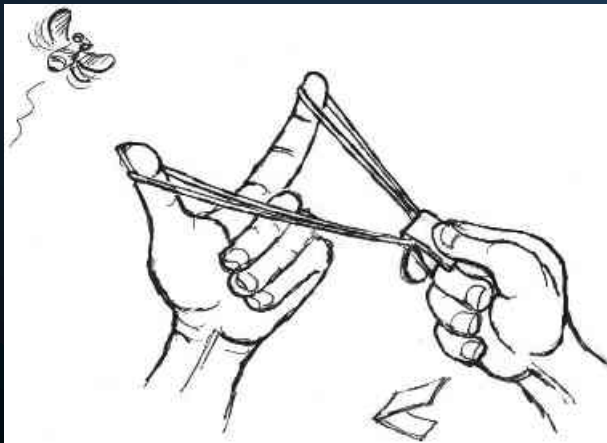


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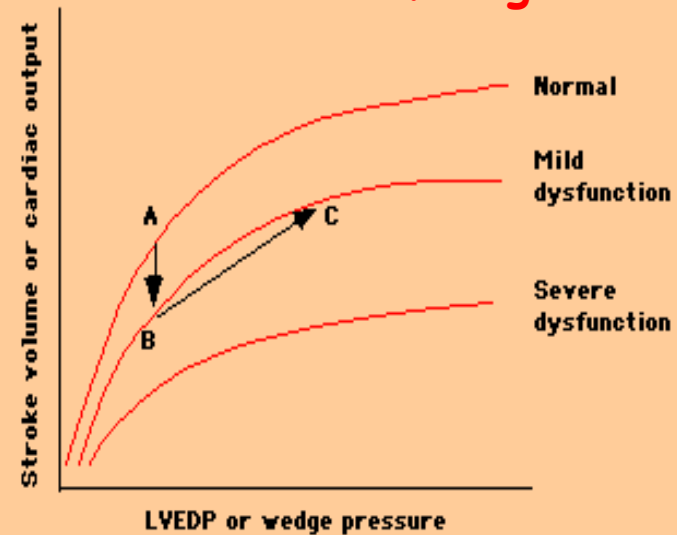
Amount of stretch of the ventricular myocardium prior to contraction

1. Central venous pressure (CVP) = right atrial pressure.

2. Pulmonary capillary diastolic wedge pressure (PCWP) = LVEDP



Preload = ventricular filling or volume



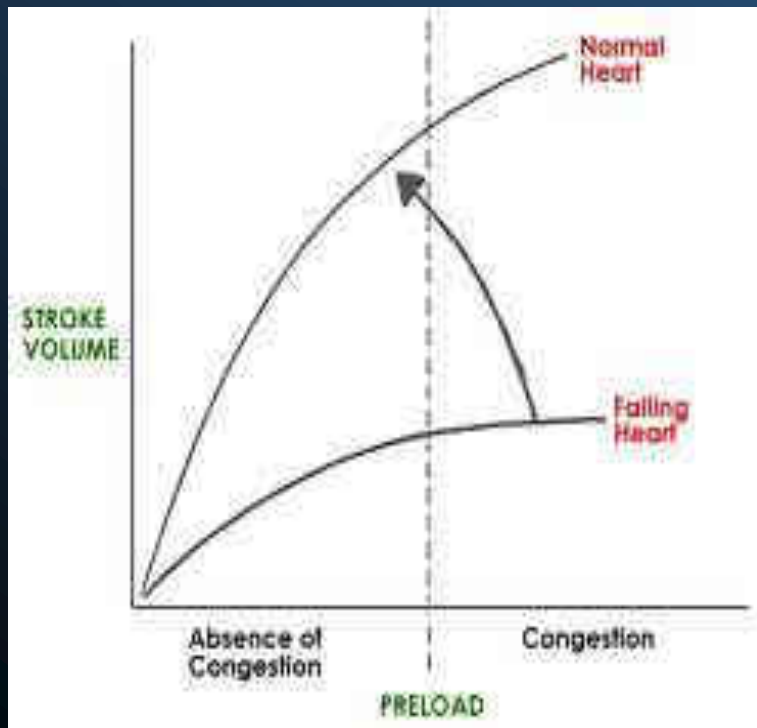
Frank-Starling Mechanism of the Heart

The intrinsic ability of the heart to adapt to changing volumes of inflowing blood

Frank-Starling Relationship

Long on Importance, Short on Mechanism

Richard L. Moss, Daniel P. Fitzsimons

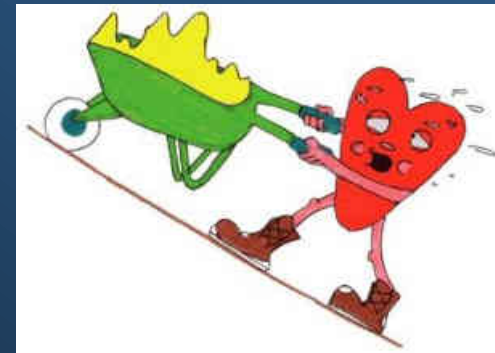
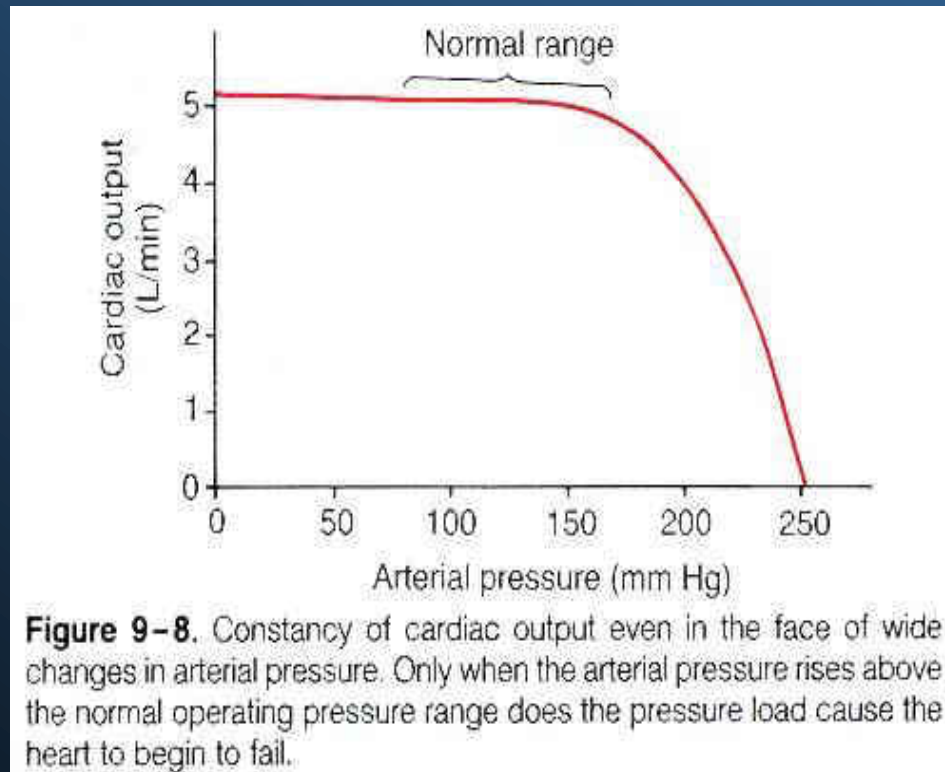


- Normal range of the LVEDP, 5-6 mmHg
- Optimal initial preload, 15-20 mmHg (Sarcomere, 2.0 - 2.2 μm)
- When the LVEDP > 20 mmHg, LV work is maintained at almost the same level, does not change with the increase of LVEDP

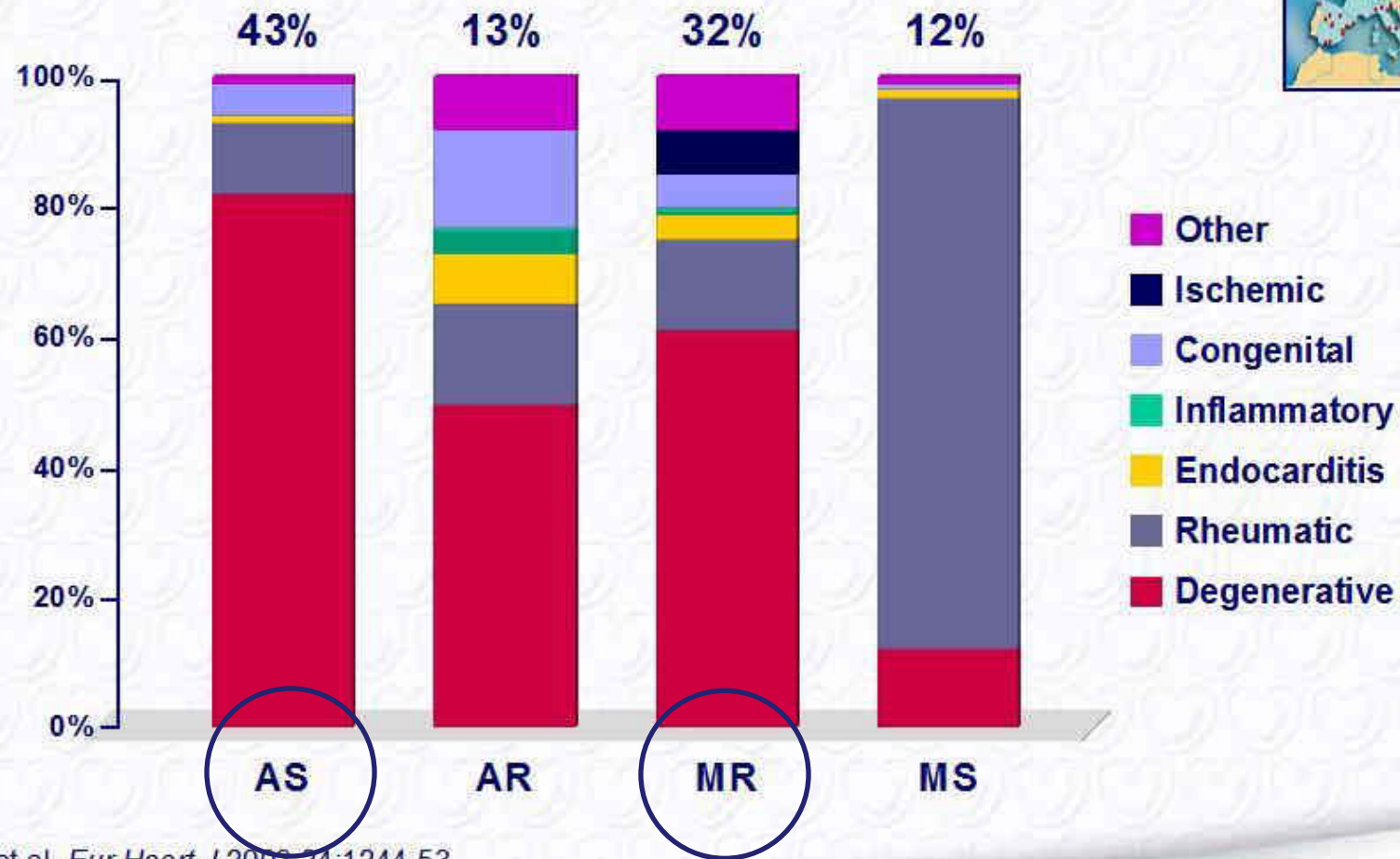


AFTERLOAD

The load that a ventricle must overcome while it contracts during ejection



Aetiologies of Single Valvular Heart Diseases in the Euro Heart Survey



Iung et al. *Eur Heart J* 2003;24:1244-53

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Età Avanzata



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Ipertensione Arteriosa



Diabete Mellito



Obesità

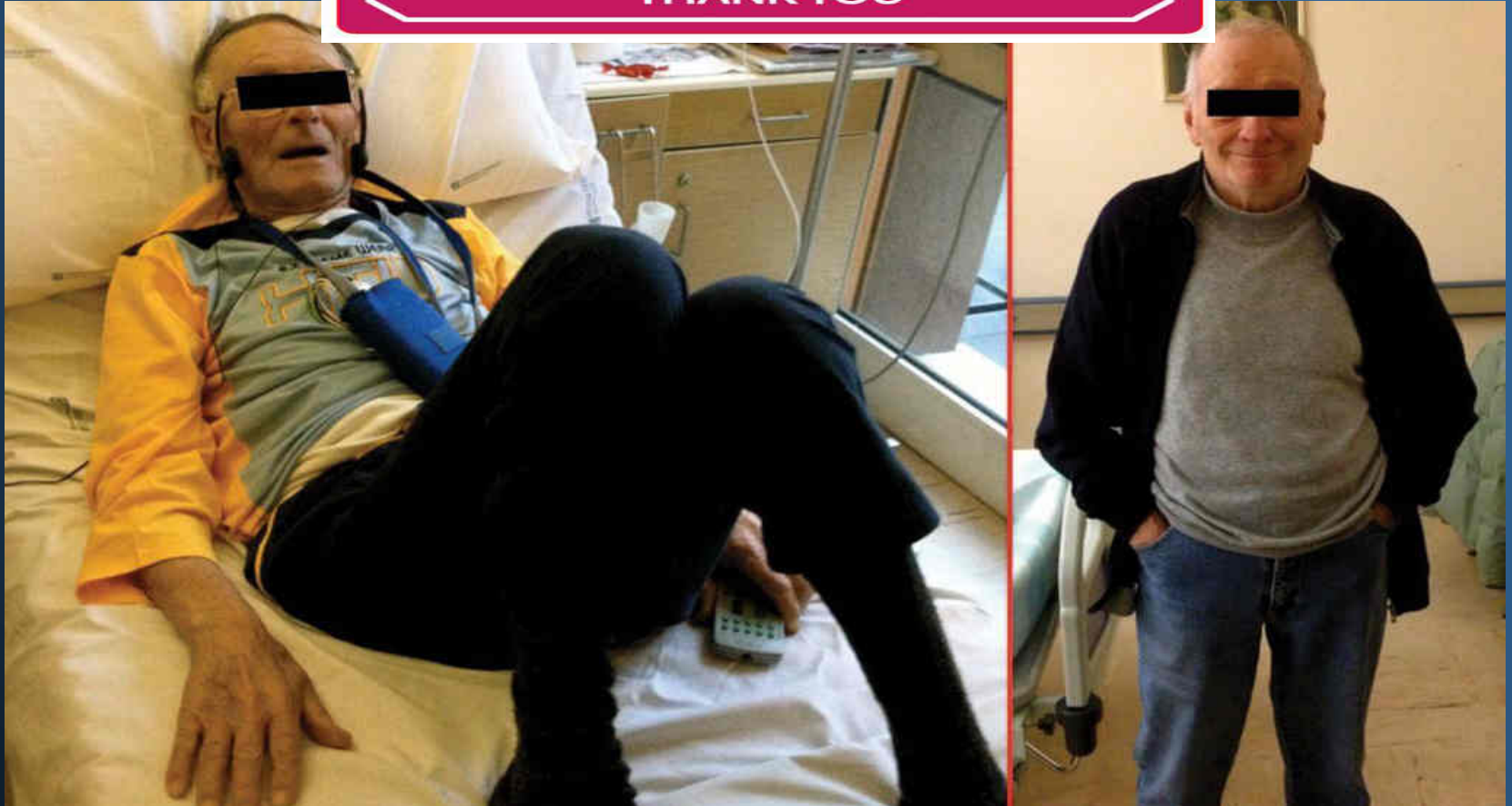


Insuff. Renale Cronica



BPCO





Frailty concept. Two 78-year-old patients with severe degenerative aortic stenosis, presenting with comparable Logistic EuroScores ($\sim 12\%$). The patient on the left appears much more frail than that one on the right, in spite of the same chronologic age and same predicted surgical risk.

Ipertensione e Stenosi Aortica

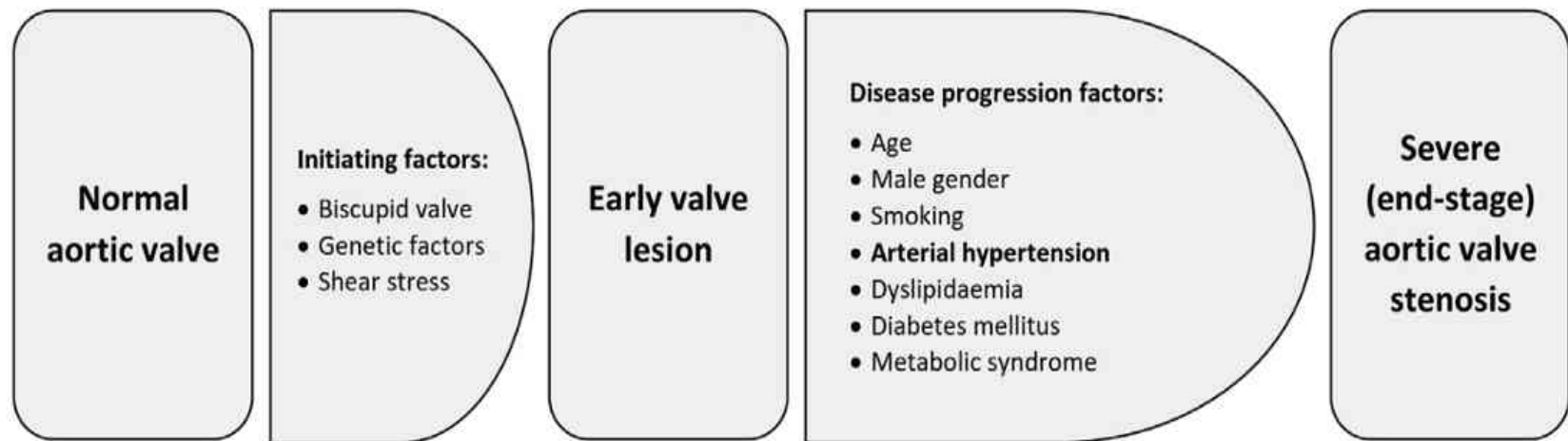
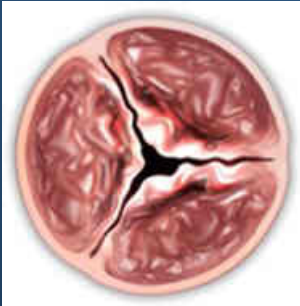


Figure 1 Factors involved in the initiation and progression of aortic valve sclerosis and stenosis.

Ipertensione e Stenosi Aortica

- **Prevalenza**
- **Effetti sulla progressione**
- **Effetti sulla prognosi**
- **Effetti sul recupero post-intervento**
- **Effetti sul calcolo della severità**

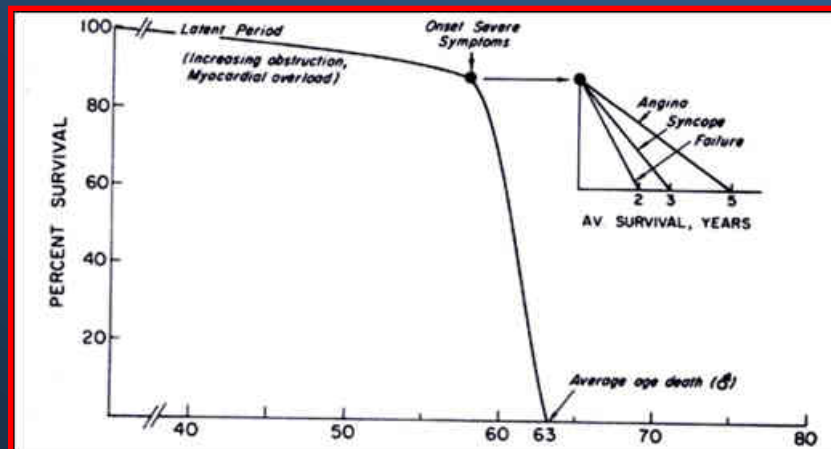
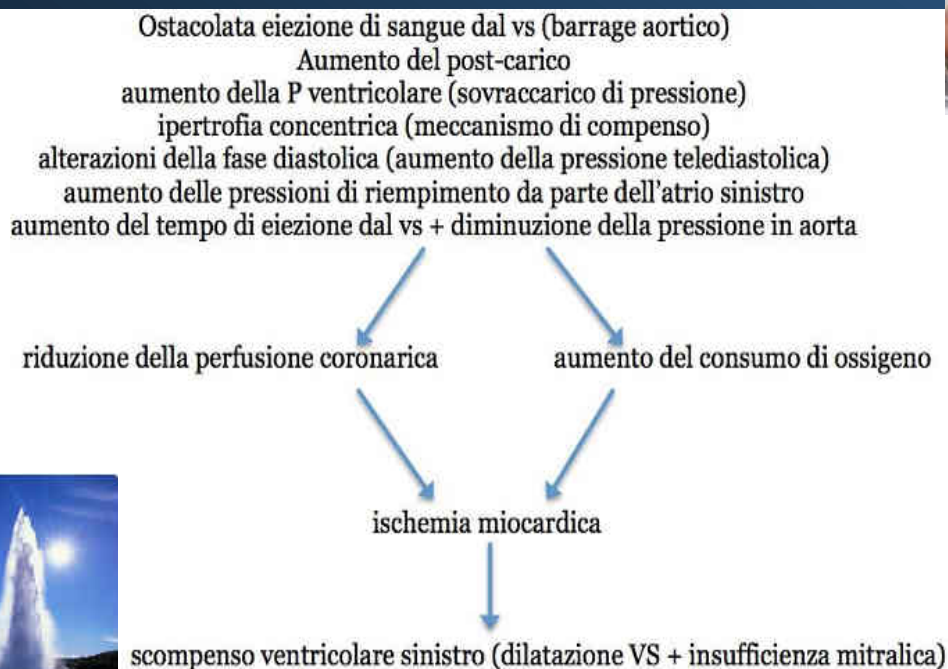


STENOSI AORTICA SEVERA

Sintomi e segni

- Dolore toracico, sincope, vertigini, dispnea, scompenso cardiaco di nuova insorgenza
- Soffio sistolico, scomparsa del II tono (specifico ma non sensibile)

Dispnea
Angina
Vertigini
Sincope



Astenia
Affaticabilità
**Ridotta tolleranza
all'esercizio**

**Ipoperfusione
muscolare**

Confusione
**Difficoltà di
concentrazione**
Cefalea
Insonnia
Ansia

**Ipoperfusione
cerebrale**



FS (no BE)

pulsus alternans



disfunzione severa LV
veramente pericardico massivo

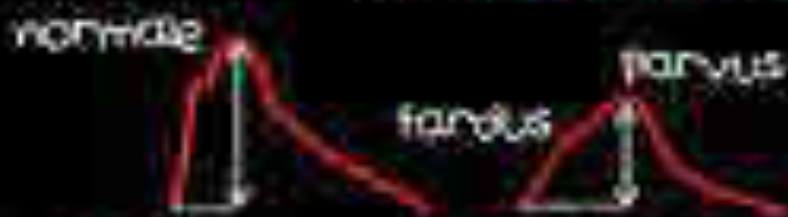
pulsus bisferiens



rigidità aortica
rigidità + stenosi
aortica (pericardico)



pulsus parvus et tardus



< diff. diast.
< SPK, PP
< insulina diastola

stenosi aortica

pulsus paradoxus



inspirazione < ↓ SPK > 0-12 mmHg

tamponeamento
costripping pericardico
(COPD, broncoasma, dispnea)

REVIEW ARTICLE

Aortic Stenosis, Aortic Regurgitation and Arterial Hypertension

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Epidemiological data suggest a strong association between HT and AS .

Antonini-Canterin *et al.* reported that about **30%** of patients with symptomatic AS were hypertensive.

In the PRO- GRESSA study, **37%** of patients with AS had systolic HT Hueb *et al.* reported that **48%** of patients with AS were classified as hypertensives, whereas among older patients with AS, HT is a common comorbidity found in up to **78%** of patients.

PROGRESSION

- HT may contribute to AVC through induced mechanical stress on the valve causing **endothelium injury**, and through the well-known activation of the **RAAS** associated with elevated BP. In addition, HT has been reported as an independent risk factor for AVC and aortic sclerosis in population-based studies

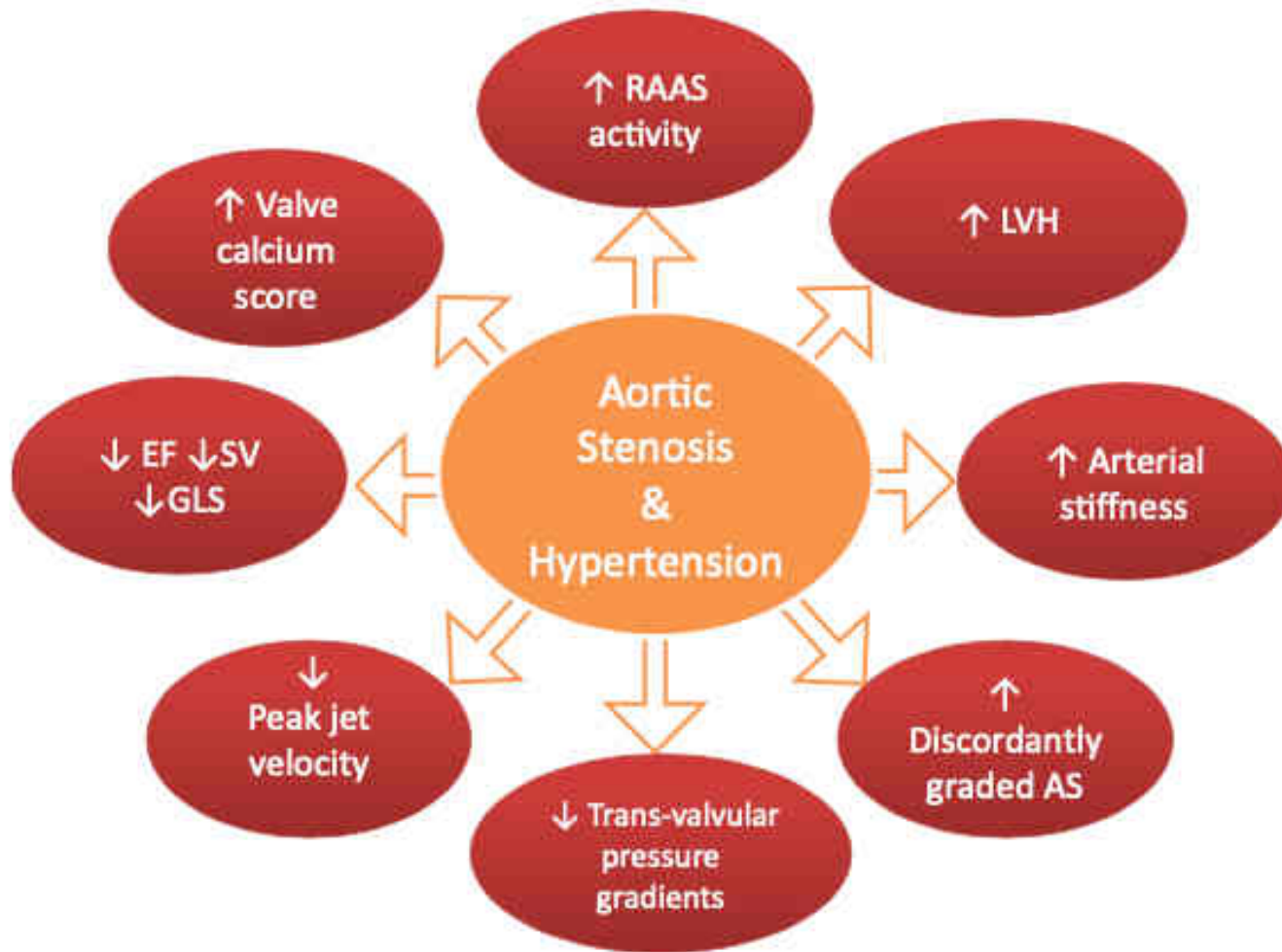


Figure 1 Main features of patients with combined arterial hypertension and aortic stenosis.

ABSOLUTE PROGNOSIS

- Hypertensive patients with asymptomatic AS had a 56% higher rate of ischaemic cardiovascular events and a 2-fold increased CV and total mortality according to a sub-analysis of the (Simvastatin and Ezetimibe in Aortic Stenosis) SEAS study.
- Moreover, in hypertensive patients with symptomatic AS, symptoms occur earlier and with larger valve area compared with normotensive subjects, probably due to the additional overload



PROGNOSIS AFTER AVR

HT influences adversely the **prognosis of patients after AVR** and is independently associated with CV death.

HT impairs **LVM regression** and reverses remodeling after AVR.





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ESC/EACTS GUIDELINES

2021 ESC/EACTS Guidelines for the management of valvular heart disease

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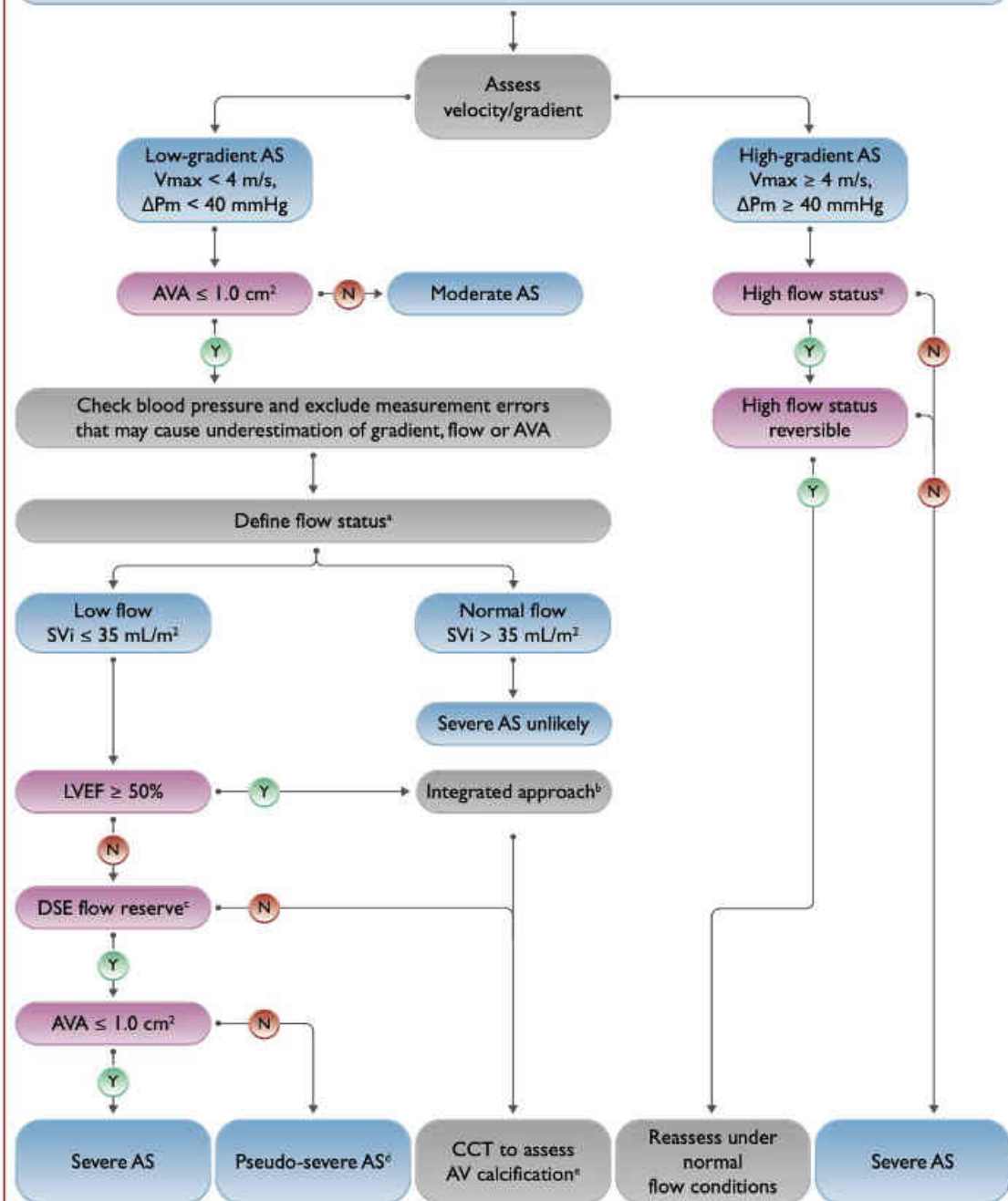
Echocardiographic criteria for the definition of severe valve stenosis: *an integrative approach*

	Aortic stenosis	Mitral stenosis	Tricuspid stenosis
Valve area (cm ²)	< 1.0	< 1.0	–
Indexed valve area (cm ² /m ² BSA)	< 0.6	–	–
Mean gradient (mmHg)	> 40	> 10	≥ 5
Maximum jet velocity (m/s)	> 4.0	–	–
Velocity ratio	< 0.25	–	–

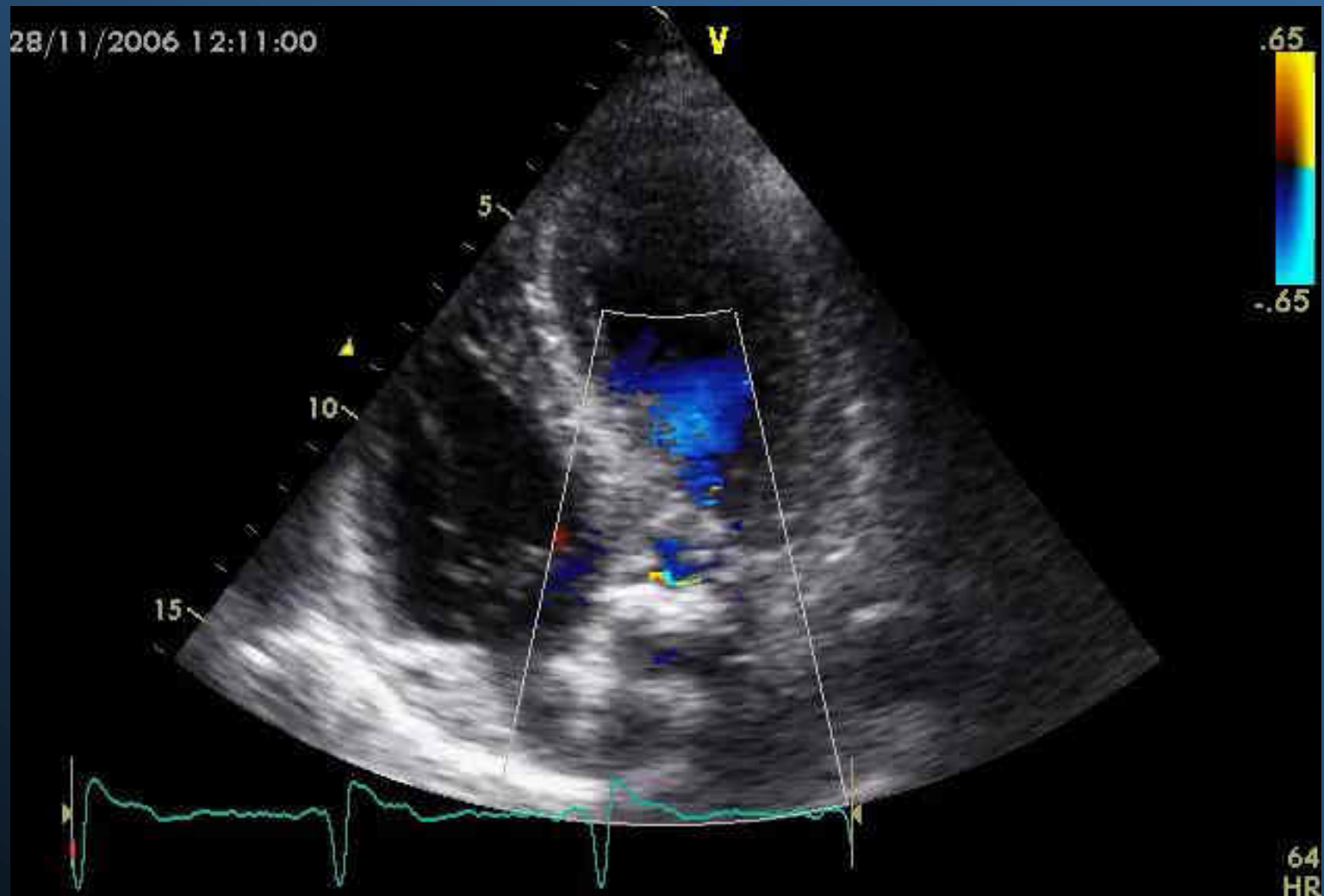
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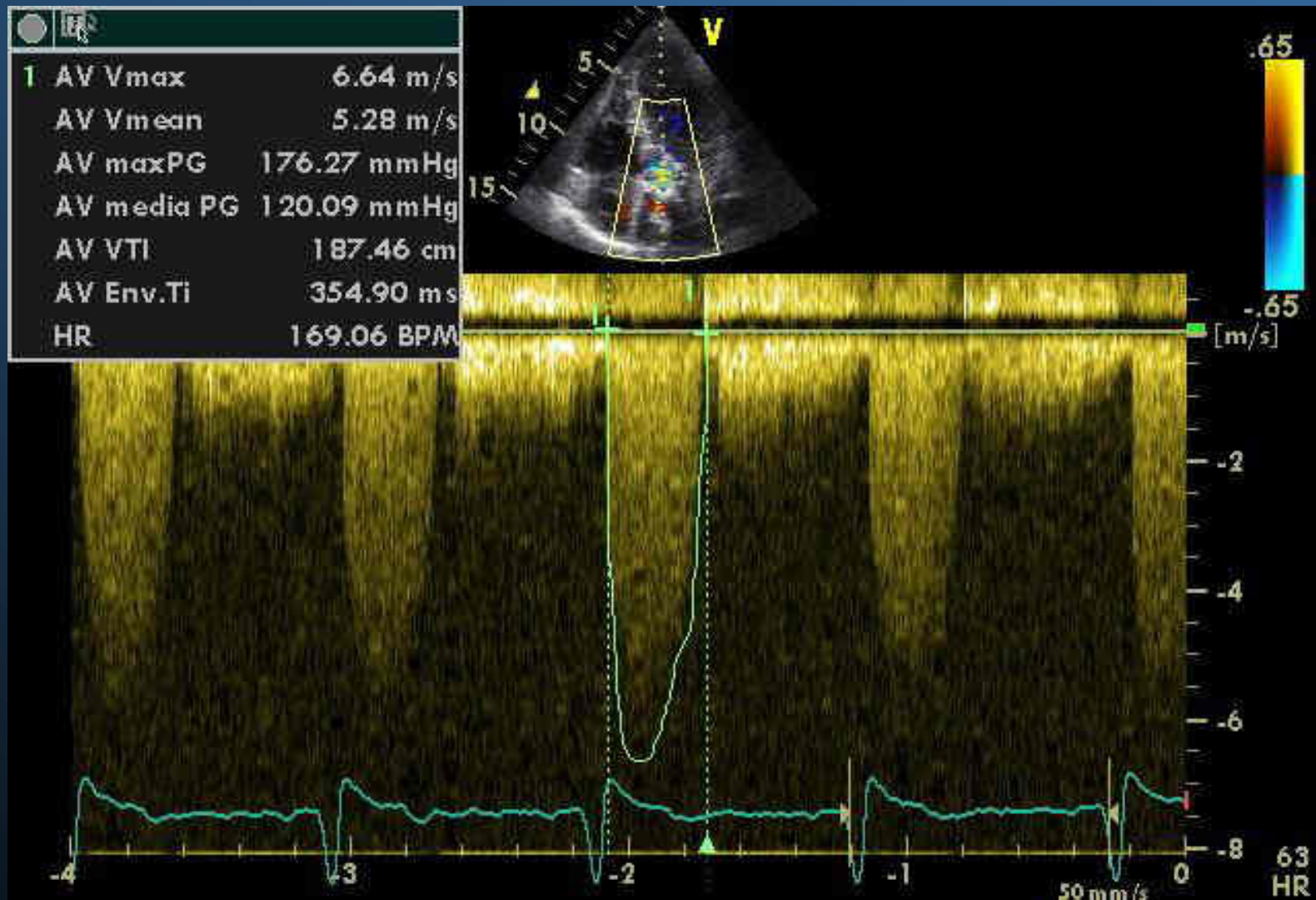
Valve morphology by echocardiography suspicious of AS



Severità della Stenosi



Stenosi Aortica Severa

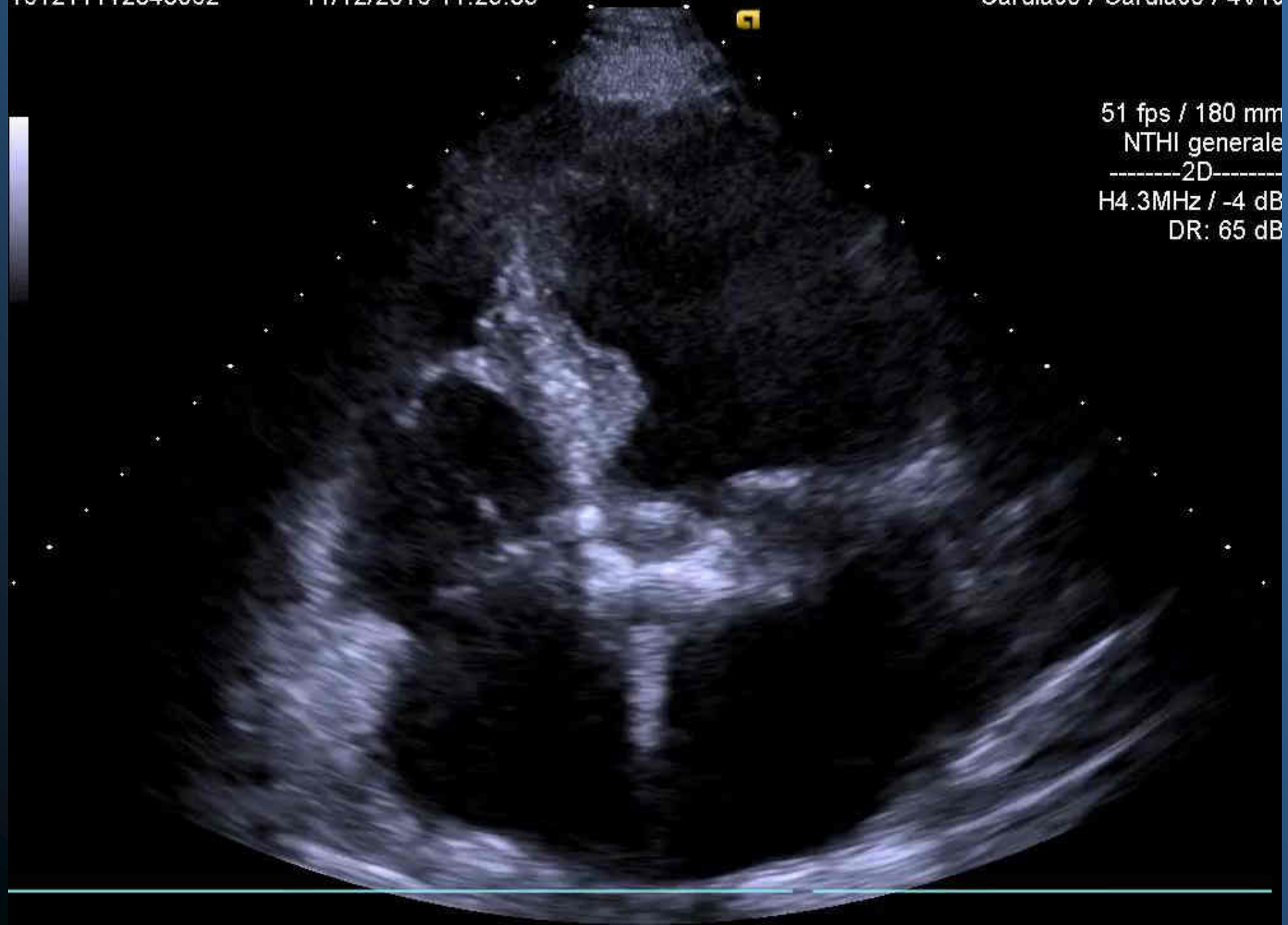


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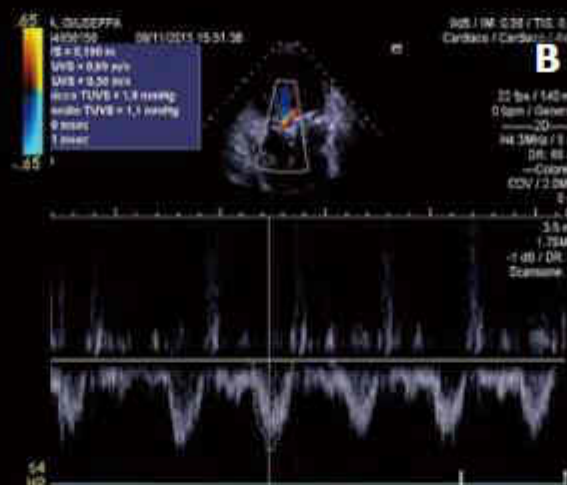
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Apical view



LVOT gradient



Aortic valve gradient



Apical view



LVOT gradient



Aortic valve gradient



STATE-OF-THE-ART PAPERS

Low-Flow, Low-Gradient Aortic Stenosis With Normal and Depressed Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction

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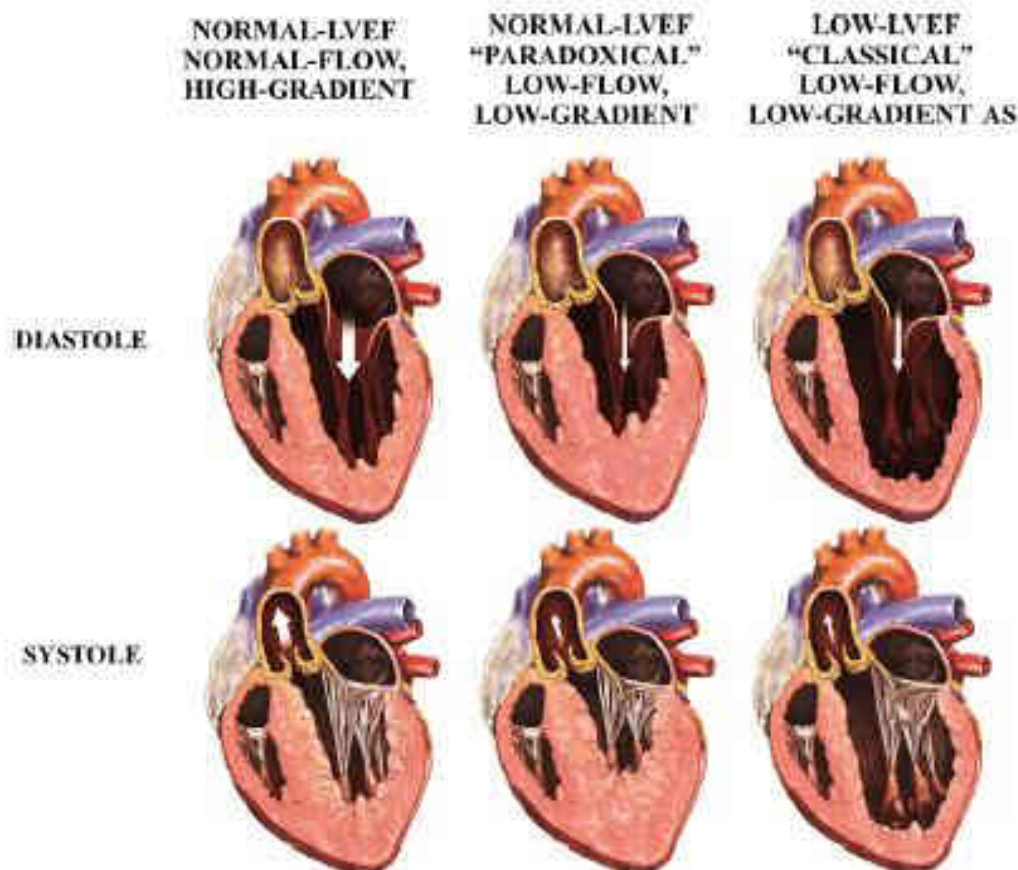


Figure 1 Different Patterns of Severe AS According to Flow, Gradient, and LV Geometry

Criteria that increase the likelihood of severe AS in pts. with AVA <1.0 cm², mean gradient < 40 mmHg and preserved EF

(Baumgartner et al)



Criteria	
Clinical criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typical symptoms without other explanation. • Elderly patient (>70 years).
Qualitative imaging data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LV hypertrophy (additional history of hypertension to be considered). • Reduced LV longitudinal function without other explanation.
Quantitative imaging data	• Mean gradient 30–40 mmHg.
	• AVA ≤0.8 cm ² .

Criteria that increase the likelihood of severe AS in pts. with AVA < 1.0 cm², mean gradient < 40 mmHg and preserved EF

(Baumgartner et al)

Criteria(continued)	
Quantitative imaging data (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low flow (SVi <35 mL/m²) confirmed by techniques other than standard Doppler technique (LVOT measurement by 3D TOE or MSCT; CMR, invasive data).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calcium score by MSCT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Severe aortic stenosis very likely: men ≥3000; women ≥1600, – Severe aortic stenosis likely: men ≥2000; women ≥1200, – Severe aortic stenosis unlikely: men <1600; women <800.



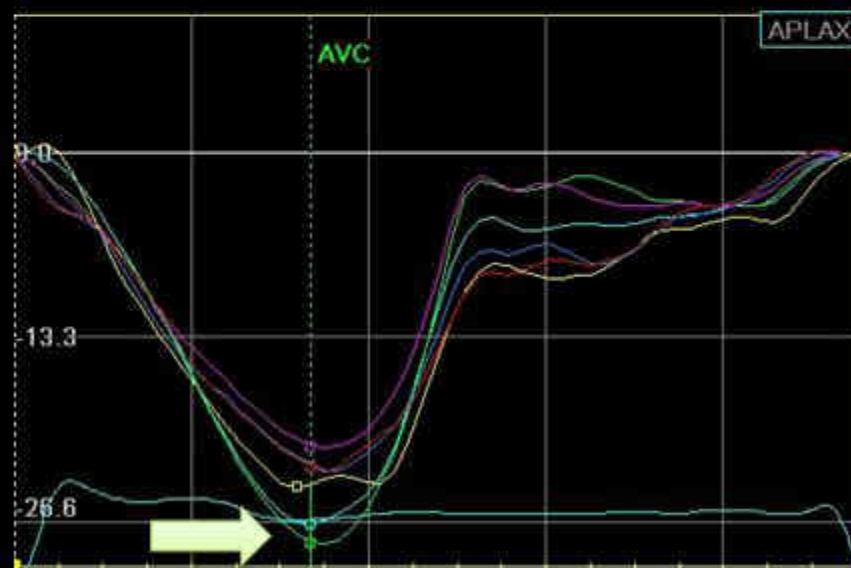
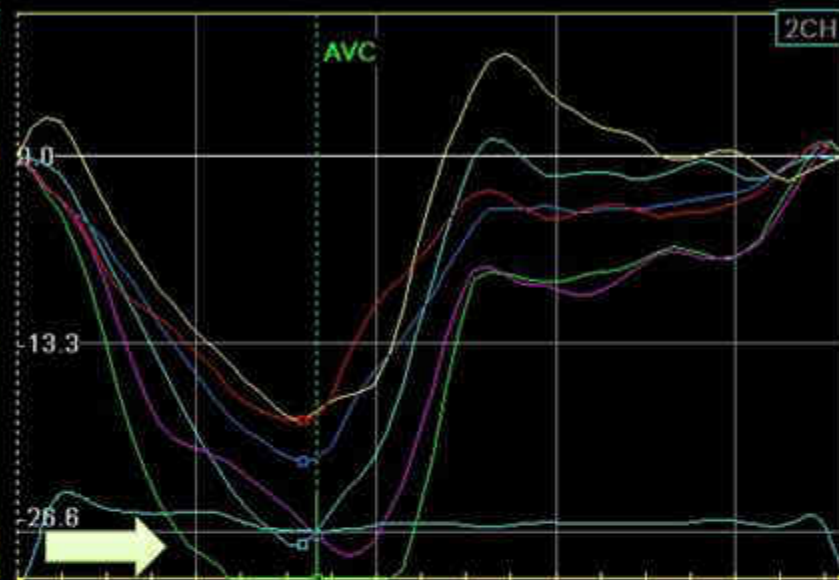
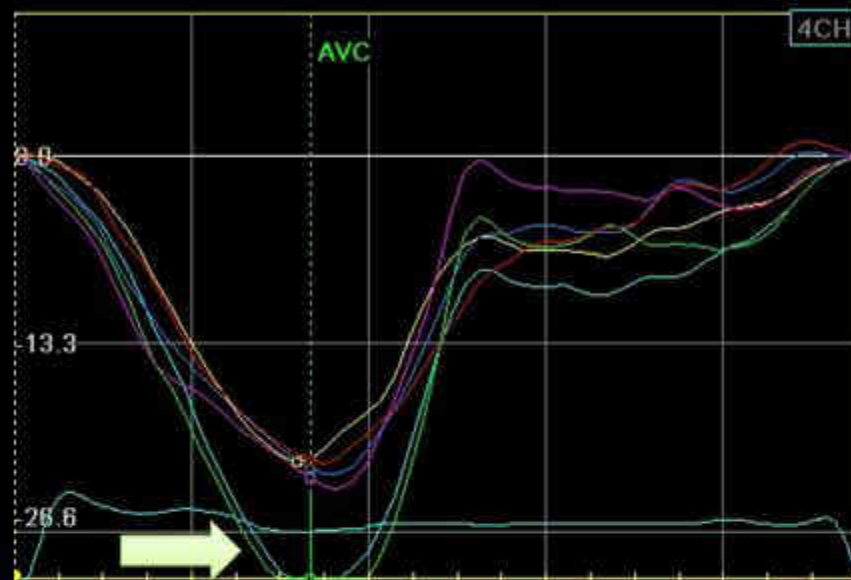
Left ventricular hypertrophy or storage disease? the incremental value of speckle tracking strain bull's eye

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Type of left ventricular hypertrophy	Strain pattern	Mean GLS	Typical impairment on STE
Athlete's heart ¹⁴	Normal GLS	-22.1±4.4%	None
Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy ¹⁰	Reduced GLS	-15.7±3.6%	IVS
Arterial hypertension ²²	Reduced GLS—normal	-18.3±2.1%	IVS
Aortic stenosis ²⁹	Reduced GLS and GRS		Basal LV segments
Low flow-low gradient		-11.6±3.4%	
Normal flow-high gradient		-13.6±3.2%	
Normal flow-low gradient		-14.8±3.0%	
Aortic stenosis after TAVI ³¹	GLS improvement	-16.3±4.2%	Basal LV segments
Mitral regurgitation ²⁴			
Initial disease	Normal/supranormal GLS	-23.2±2.1%	None
Advanced disease	Reduced GLS	-17.2±3.0%	Basal segments and lateral wall
Aortic regurgitation ³⁴	Reduced GLS	-17.5 ±3.1%	Diffused
Cardiac amyloidosis ⁴⁰	Reduced GLS	-9.1±4.0%	Apical sparing
Fabry disease ⁴²	Reduced GLS		Basal posterior-lateral
Normal sphericity index		-18.3±3.1%	
Elevated sphericity index		-17.2±3.0%	
Anabolic steroid abuse ⁴⁵	Reduced GLS	-12.1±2.0%	Diffused

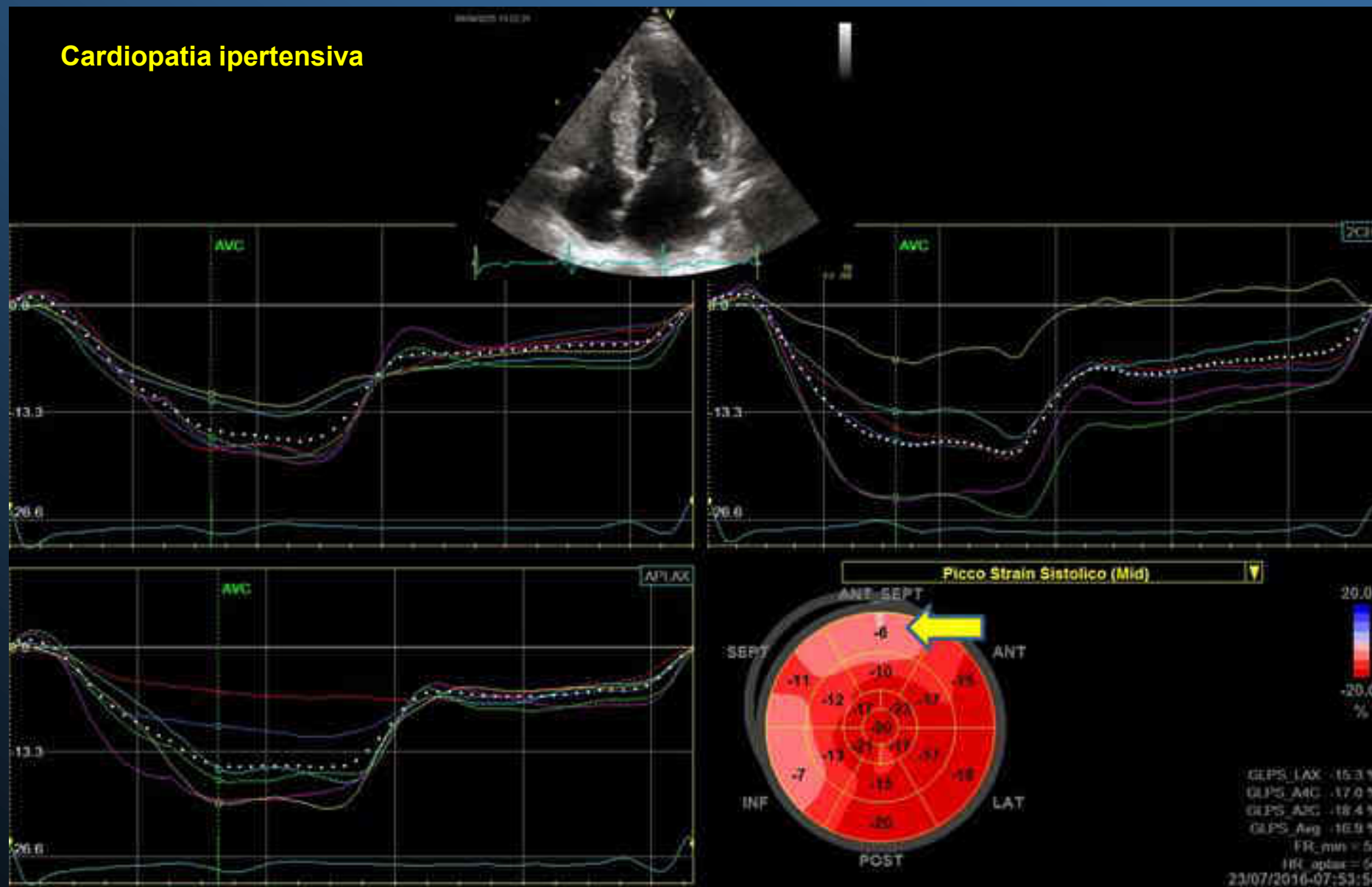
GLS, global longitudinal strain; GRS, global radial strain; IVS, interventricular septum; LV, left ventricular; STE, speckle tracking echocardiography; TAVI, transcatheter aortic valve implantation.

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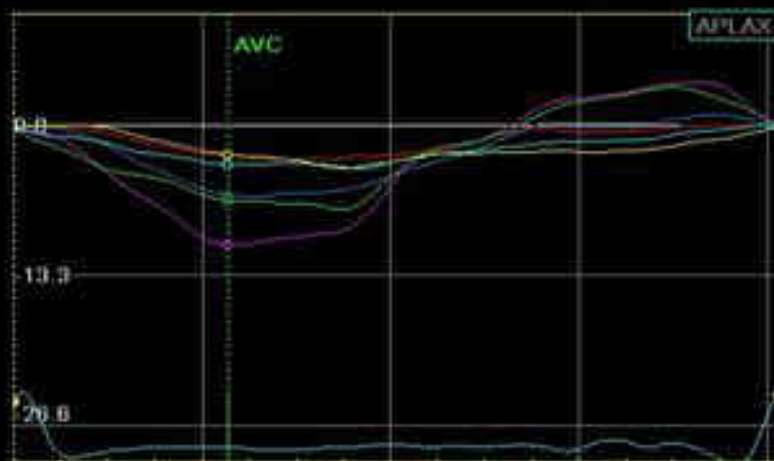
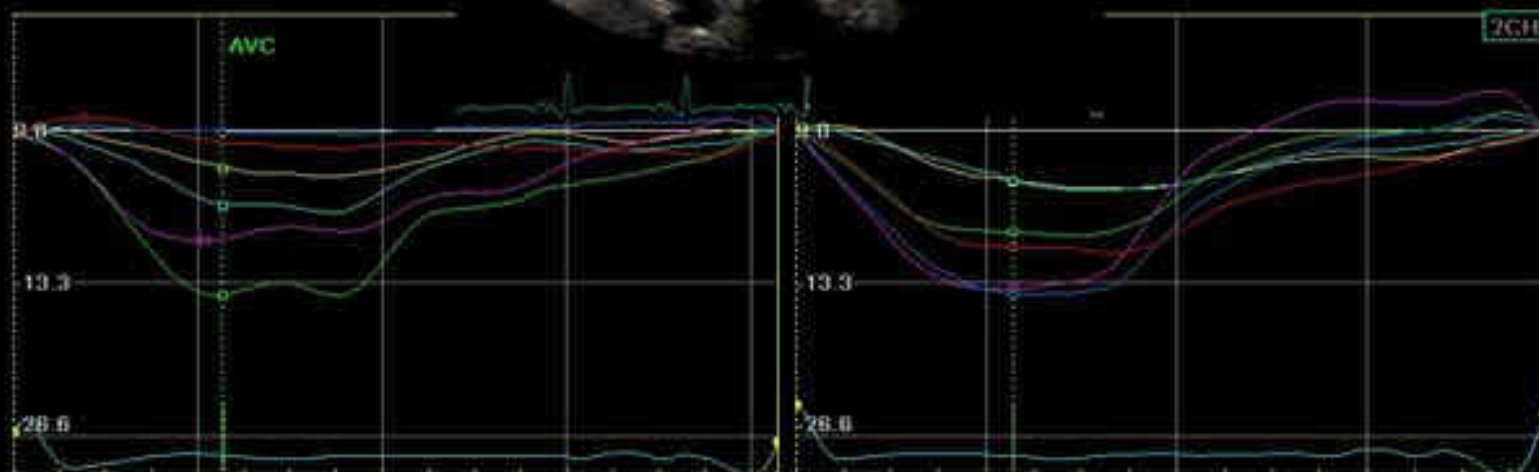
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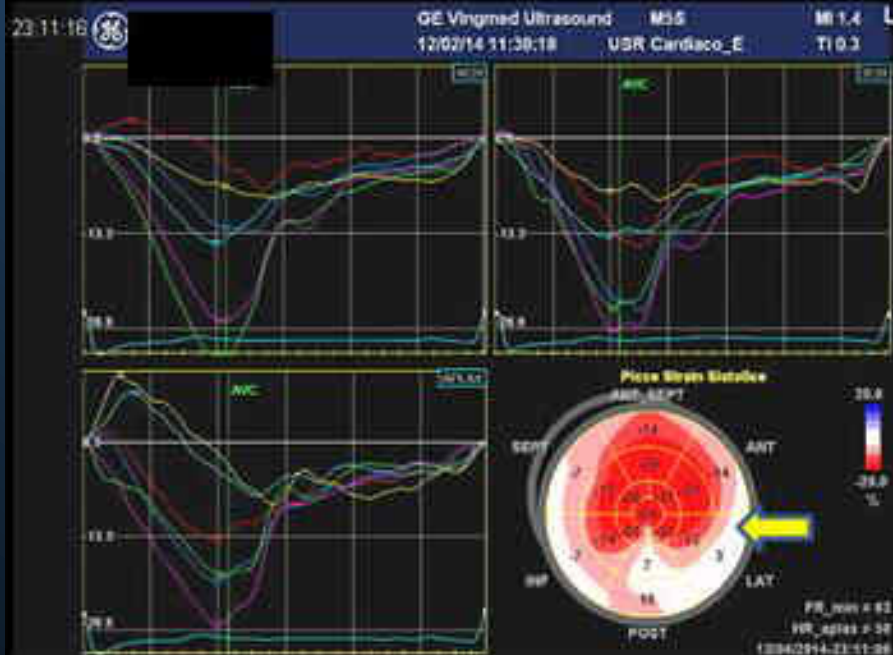
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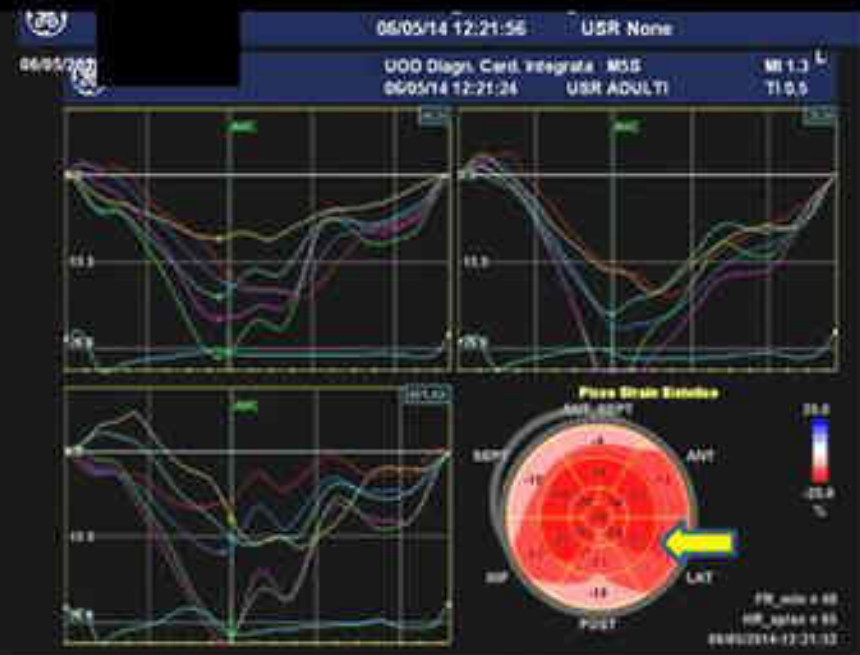
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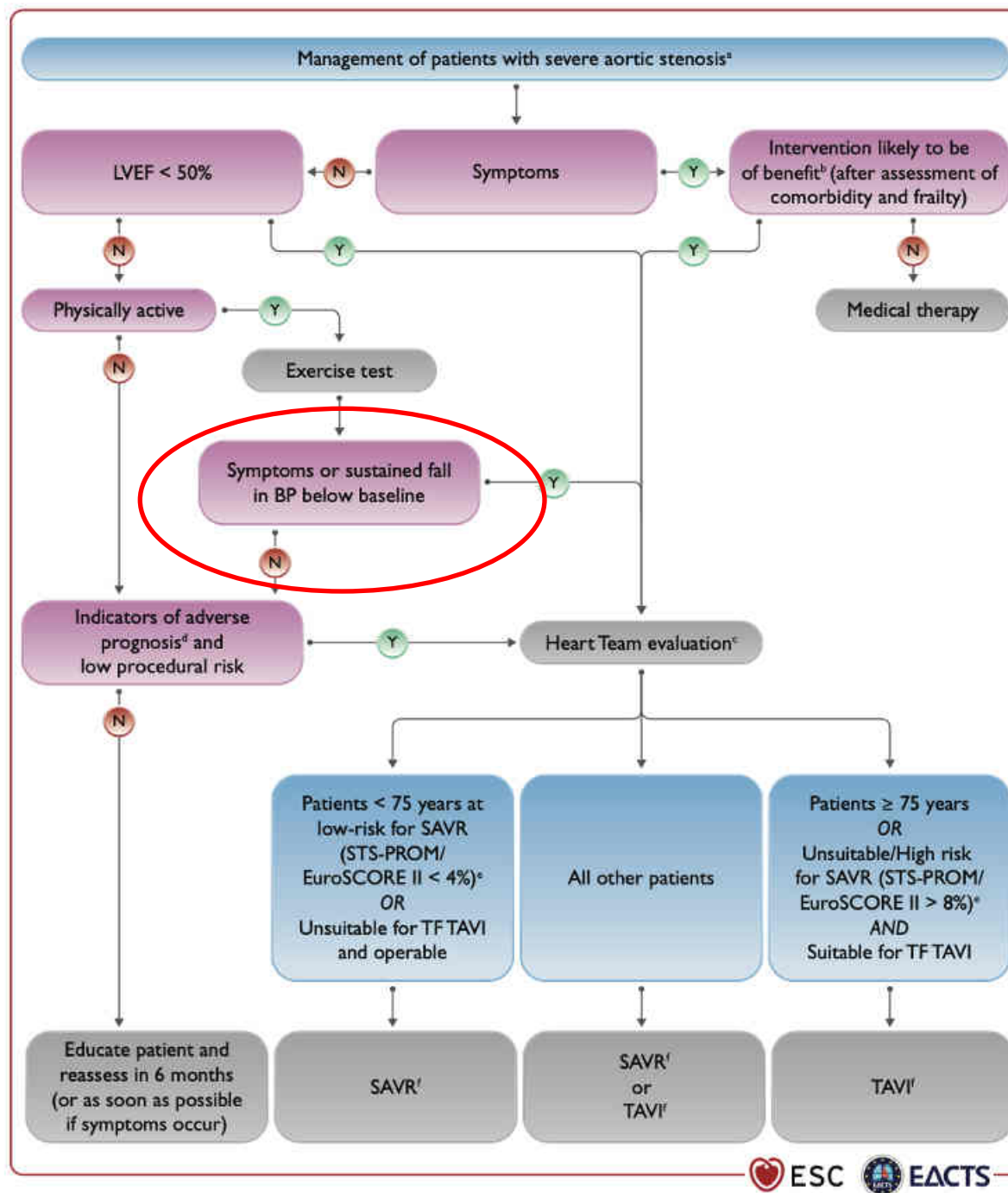
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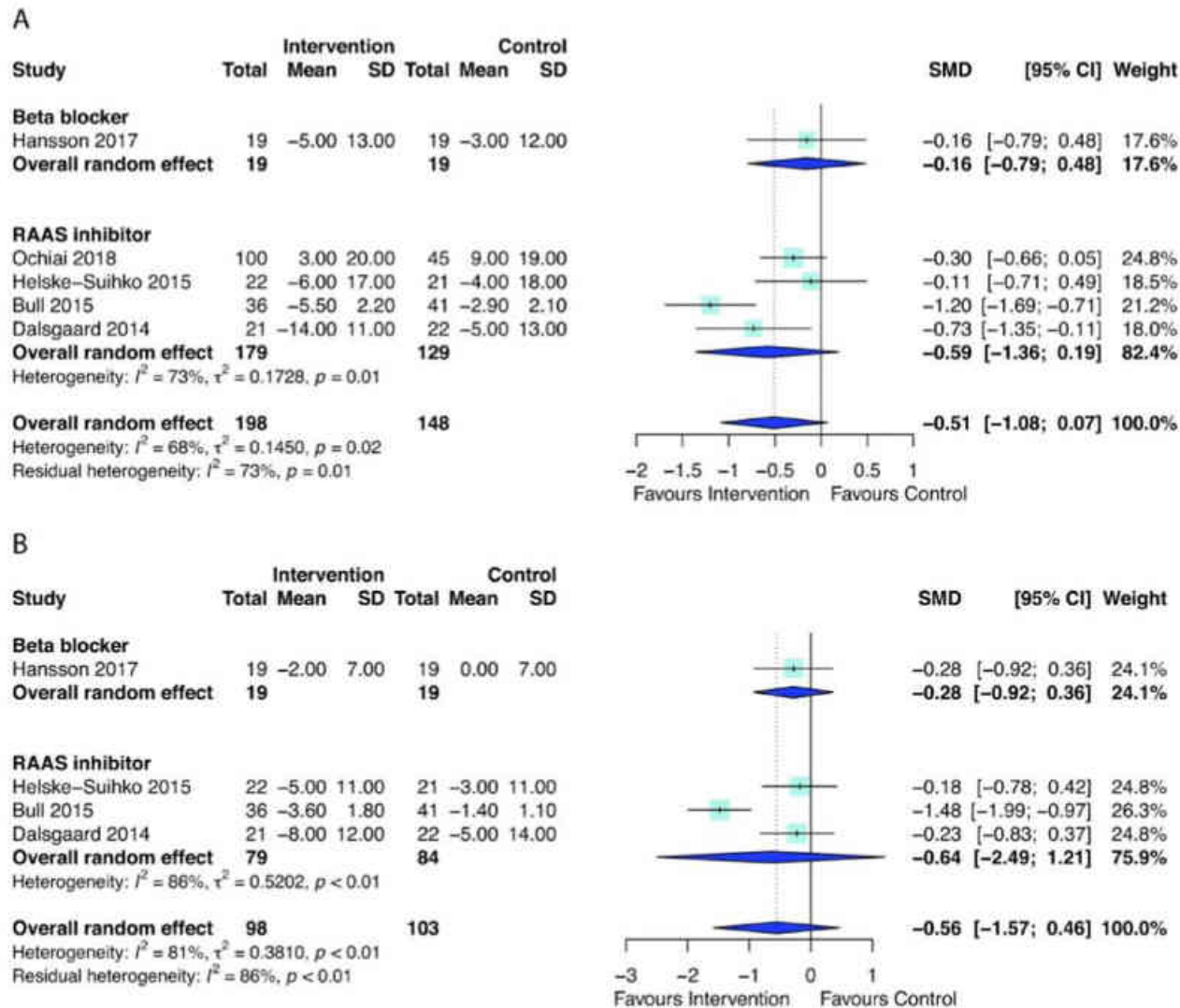
AFTER TAVI



5.3 Medical therapy

No medical therapies influence the natural history of aortic stenosis. Statins (which demonstrated favourable effects in pre-clinical studies) do not affect disease progression²⁴⁶ and clinical trials targeting calcium metabolic pathways are ongoing. Patients with heart failure who are unsuitable (or waiting) for SAVR or TAVI should be medically treated according to ESC heart failure Guidelines.²⁴⁷ ACEI are safe in aortic stenosis (provided that BP is monitored carefully) and may have beneficial myocardial effects before the onset of symptoms, and after TAVI and SAVR.^{248–250} Coexisting hypertension should be treated to avoid additional afterload, although medication (particularly vasodilators) should be titrated to avoid symptomatic hypotension.





SBP

DBP

Figure 6 Forest plot of the effect of antihypertensive therapies on change in (A) systolic blood pressure and (B) diastolic blood pressure during follow-up. RAAS, renin-angiotensin and aldosterone systems; SMD, standardised mean difference.

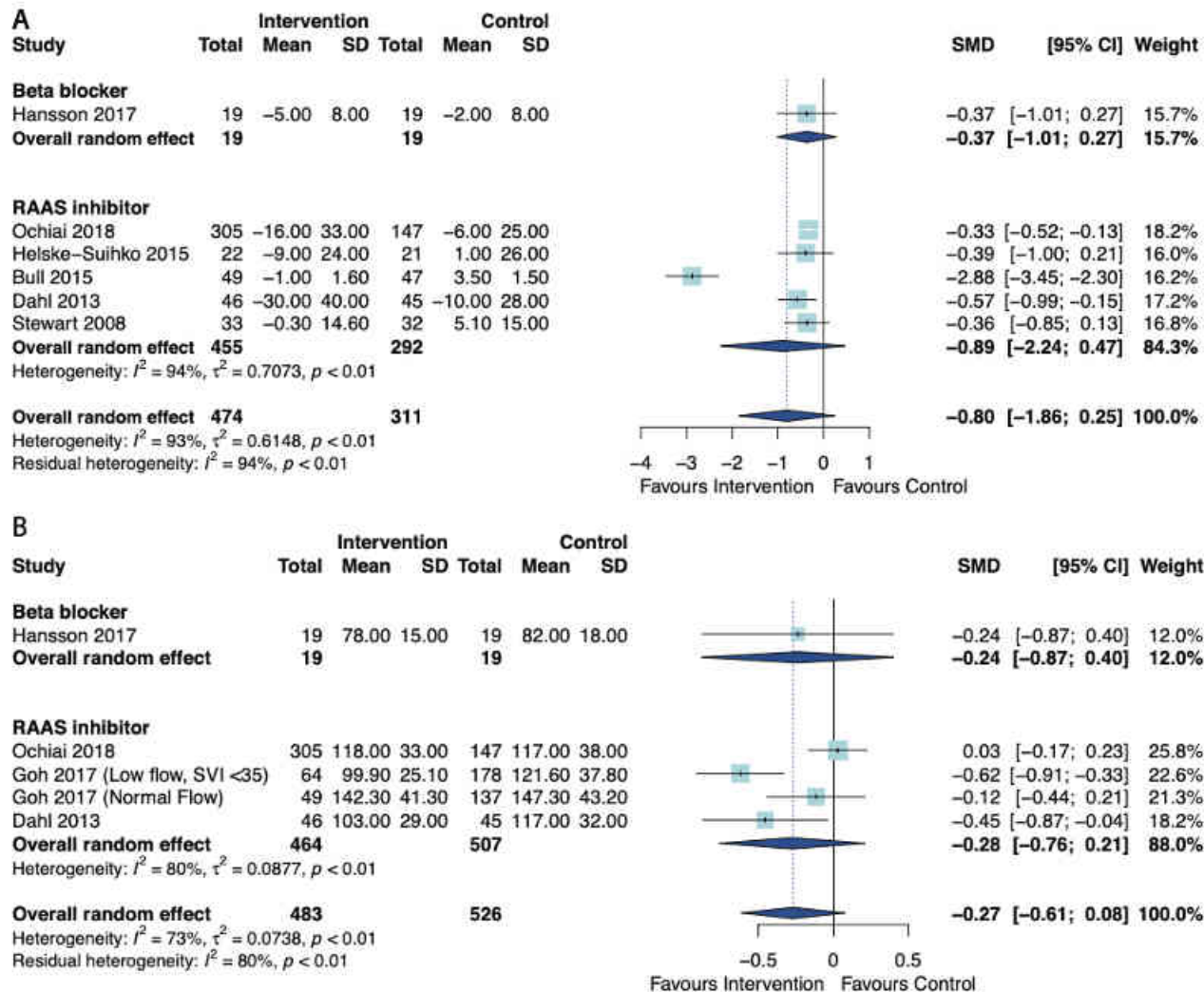


Figure 5 Forest plot of the effect of antihypertensive therapies on (A) change in Left Ventricular Mass Index (LVMI) and (B) post-LVMI. RAAS, renin-angiotensin and aldosterone systems; SMD, standardised mean difference.

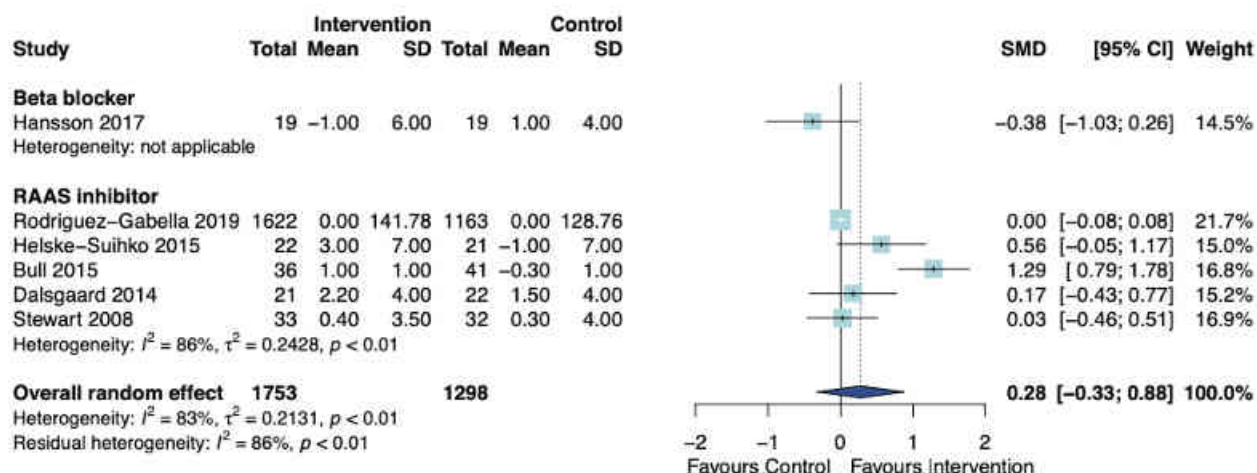


Figure 7 Forest plot of the effect of antihypertensive therapies on change in left ventricular ejection fraction during follow-up. RAAS, renin-angiotensin and aldosterone systems; SMD, standardised mean difference.

Table 4 Pooled risk ratios for postaortic valve replacement complications, haemodynamic and echocardiographic parameter changes with antihypertensive therapies at follow-up

Postoperative complications	No of studies	Risk ratio	95% CI	P value	I ² (%)
Postoperative atrial fibrillation	6	0.98	0.64 to 1.50	0.92	81.2
Postoperative stroke or transient ischaemic attack	4	0.45	0.06 to 3.69	0.31	86.9
Acute kidney injury	3	0.8	0.35 to 1.84	0.47	53
Permanent pacemaker	5	0.99	0.62 to 1.58	0.92	70
Readmission	5	0.79	0.40 to 1.60	0.43	82
Haemodynamic and echocardiographic parameters	No of studies	SMD	95% CI	P value	I ² (%)
Post-mean arterial pressure	3	−0.62	−2.85 to 1.60	0.35	79
Change in heart rate	3	−0.41	−1.71 to 0.88	0.3	61
Post-heart rate	3	−0.68	−2.60 to 1.23	0.26	80
Change in aortic valve area	3	0.09	−0.36 to 0.54	0.48	37
Post-aortic valve area	3	0.01	−0.14 to 0.16	0.89	0
Post-mean pressure gradient	3	−0.16	−0.55 to 0.23	0.28	25
Post-deceleration time	3	0.03	−0.23 to 0.30	0.71	0
Post-E/A ratio	3	−0.06	−0.43 to 0.32	0.67	23
Post-E/e' ratio	4	0.16	−0.56 to 0.87	0.54	65

Other haemodynamic and echocardiographic changes.
SMD, standardised mean difference.;

BMJ Open Antihypertensive therapies in moderate or severe aortic stenosis: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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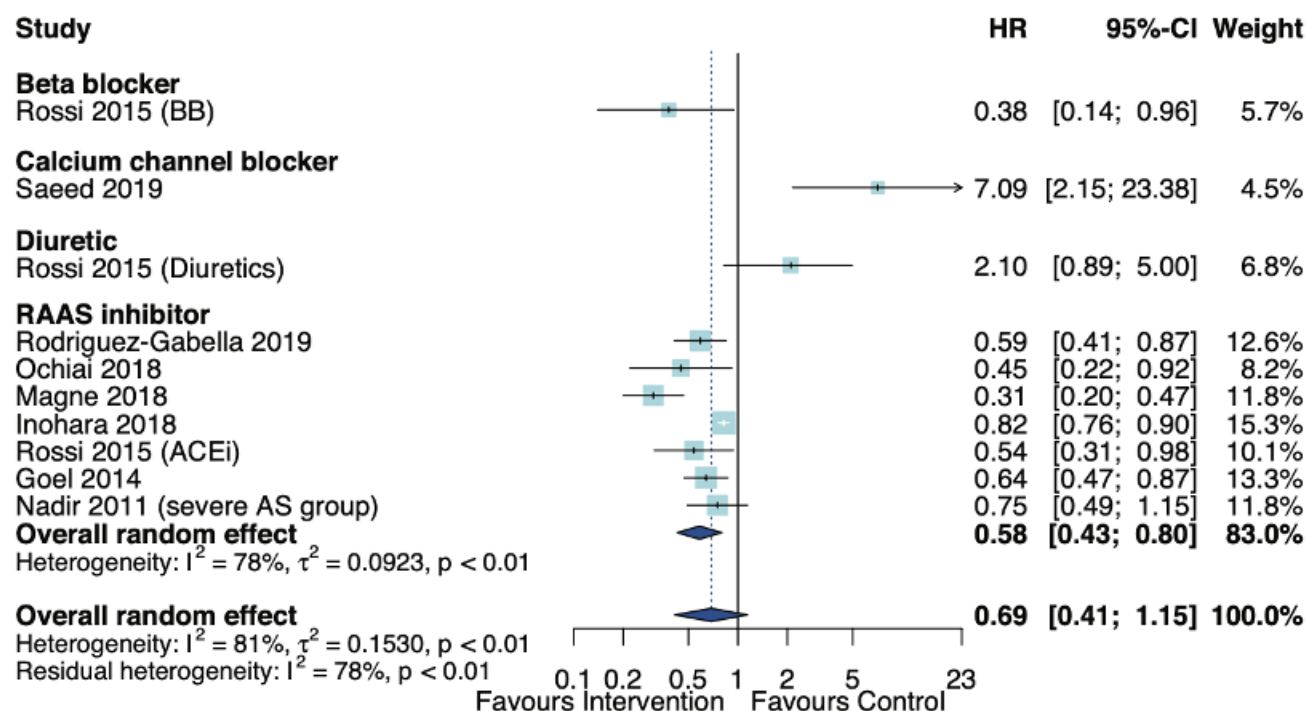


Figure 4 Forest plot of the effect of antihypertensive therapies on HR of all-cause mortality at follow-up. ACEi, ACE inhibitor; AS, aortic stenosis; RAAS, renin-angiotensin and aldosterone systems.

Management of patients with combined arterial hypertension and aortic valve stenosis: a consensus document from the Council on Hypertension and Council on Valvular Heart Disease of the European Society of Cardiology, the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging (EACVI), and the European Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions (EAPCI)

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Box 5 Expert panel consensus

- Antihypertensive drug treatment should be initiated in patients with aortic stenosis (AS) at a blood pressure (BP) $\geq 140/90$ mmHg ($\geq 160/90$ mmHg in patients >80 years).
 - A target BP of 130–139/80–90 mmHg is advisable in most patients, if well tolerated.
 - A BP target $<120/70$ mmHg should be avoided.
 - Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors or angiotensin receptor blockers should be considered as first line therapy for antihypertensive treatment.
 - β -Blockers may be considered in hypertensive patients with AS and concomitant compelling indications such as coronary artery disease or arrhythmias.
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Box 6 Expert panel consensus

- Blood pressure (BP) should be optimally controlled before aortic valve replacement (AVR), irrespective of the chosen procedure (surgical or transcatheter valve replacement).
 - BP should be carefully managed in the early post-operative phase, because the increase in systolic BP after AVR may induce pulmonary oedema and acute heart failure.
 - Arterial hypertension in stabilized patients after AVR should be managed according to guidelines to reduce morbidity and mortality.
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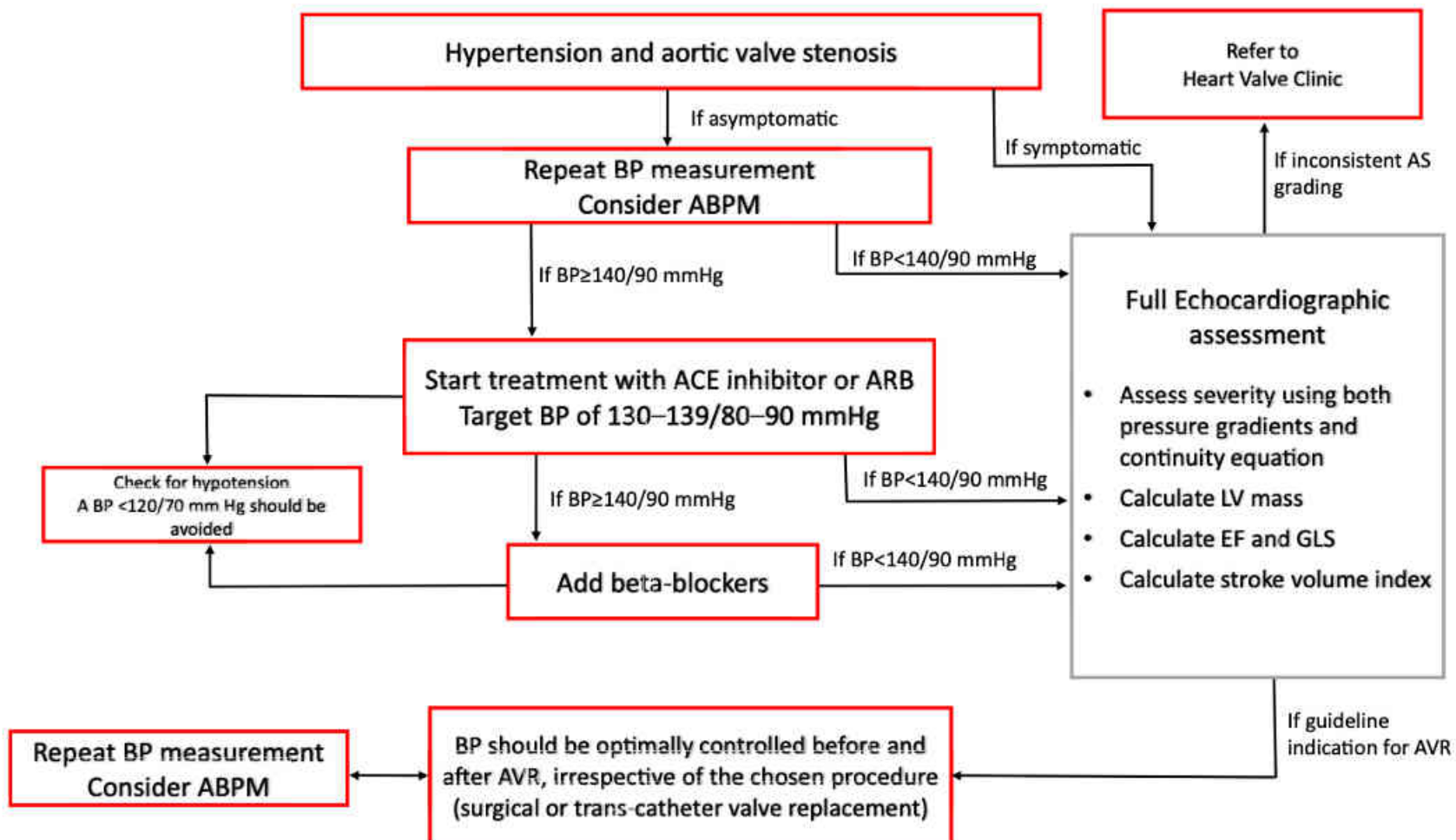


Figure 2 Flowchart for management of patients with combined arterial hypertension and aortic stenosis.

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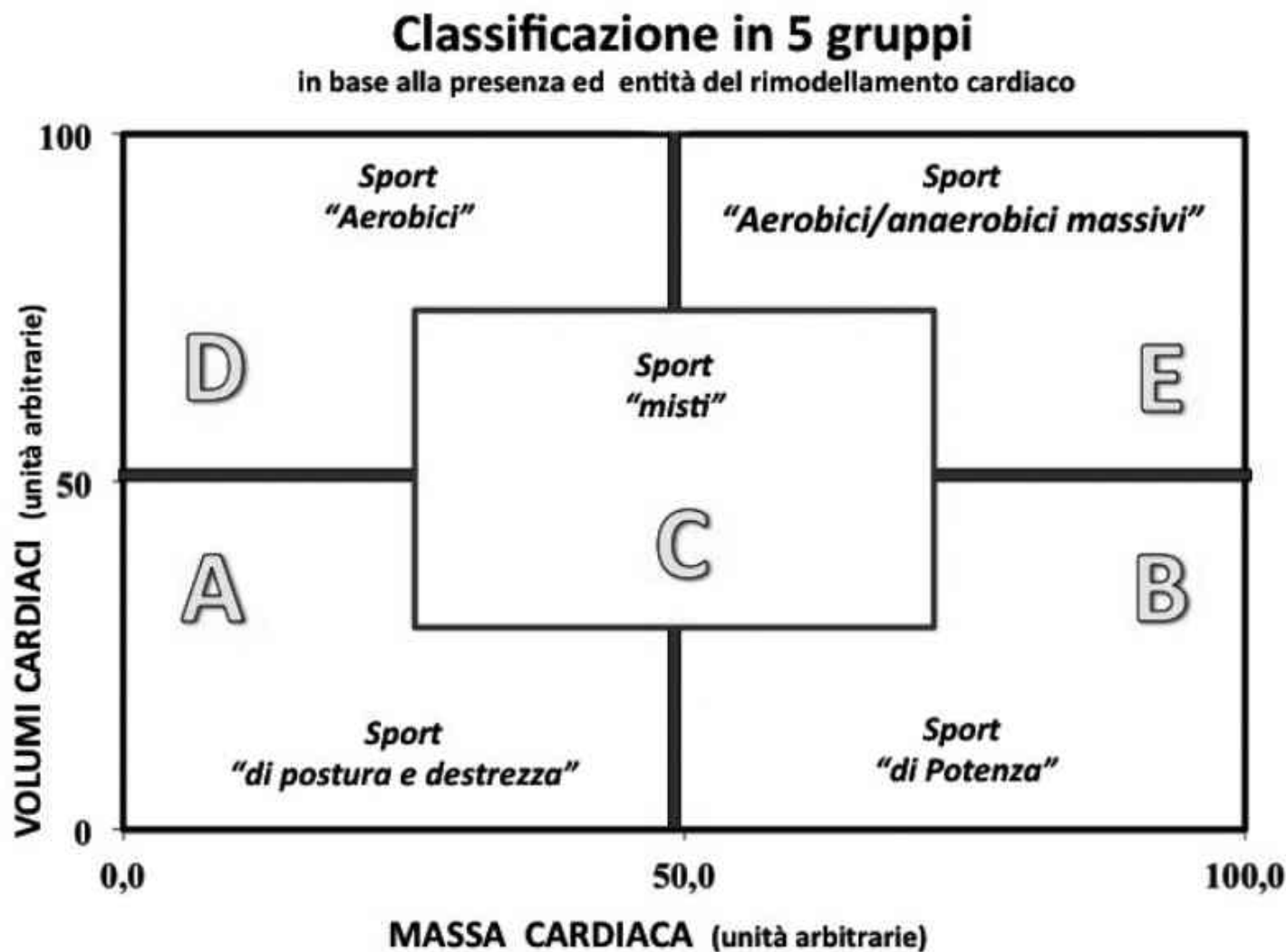


Tabella 1 - Classificazione delle attività fisiche e sportive (parte I)

ATTIVITÀ DINAMICHE AD IMPEGNO CARDIOVASCOLARE COSTANTE

Intensità*

	Lieve	Moderata	Elevata
Attività Fisiche	Camminare 3-4 km/h	6 km/h	>6 km/h
	Pedalarre <12 km/h	12-15 km/h	>15 km/h
	Nuoto lento	Nuoto moderato	Nuoto veloce
		Jogging < 8 km/h	> 10 km/h
		Pattinaggio (passeggiata)	Pattinaggio
Attività Sportive		Trekking	Canottaggio
			Mountain bike
		Sci di fondo (escurs.)	Sci di fondo
		Canoa (a. tranquilla)	Canoa
			Triathlon
			Danza Sportiva
Attività di Palestra		Aerobica (bassa intensità)	Aerobica (alto impatto)
		Step	Power Step
		Total Body CV Cross training (comb. aerobica, step, slide, ecc.)	Total Body CV Cross training (comb. aerobica, step, slide, ecc.)
	Indoor bike (endurance o per principianti)	Indoor bike (fitness)	Indoor bike (performance)
	Acquagym	Acquafitness	Acquafitness intenso
		Fitboxe	Aeroboxe
	Rebounding (scioltezza)	Rebounding fitness	Rebounding prestazione

**Endurance dynamic
aerobic physical activities
with costant cardio-
vascular performance**



Tabella 1 - Classificazione delle attività fisiche e sportive (parte II)

ATTIVITÀ DINAMICHE AD IMPEGNO CARDIOVASCOLARE INTERMITTENTE

Intensità*

	Lieve	Moderata	Elevata
Attività Sportive	Tennis (doppio)	Tennis (palleggio)	Tennis (partita)
	Golf	Calcio a 5 (ludico)	Calcio a 5 (partita)
	Bocce	Pallavolo e beachvolley	Beachvolley (2 vs 2)
	Caccia e pesca sportiva	Pallacanestro (ludico)	Pallacanestro (partita)
		Tennistavolo (ludico)	Tennistavolo (partita)
		Squash/raquetball (ludico)	Squash/raquetball (partita)
Attività di Palestra	Danza / Hip hop	Aerobic Circuit Training per il fitness	Aerobic Circuit Training per la prestazione
	Interval Training (per principianti)	Interval Training per il fitness	Interval Training per la prestazione
ATTIVITÀ STATICHE O DI POTENZA			
Attività Sportive		Scherma	Sollevamento pesi
		Equitazione	Body building
		Windsurf	Sci alpino
			Sci nautico
			Arrampicata sportiva
Attività di Palestra	Corpo libero	Pump/Bodypump/ Push	Body building
	Stretching	Acquafitness con galleggianti	Acquafitness con galleggianti in acqua profonda
	Body sculpture	Acquafitness con attrezzi di attrito	Acquafitness con attrezzi di attrito in acqua profonda
	Pilates/Yoga	Yoga per il fitness	Power Yoga
	Tai chi chuan		
	Qi Gong		

Power static anaerobic physical activities with intermittent cardio-vascular performance



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