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An EAPCI Expert Consensus Document on Ischaemia with Non-Obstructive Coronary Arteries in Collaboration with European Society of Cardiology Working Group on Coronary Pathophysiology & Microcirculation Endorsed by Coronary Vasomotor Disorders International Study Group

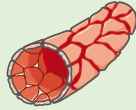
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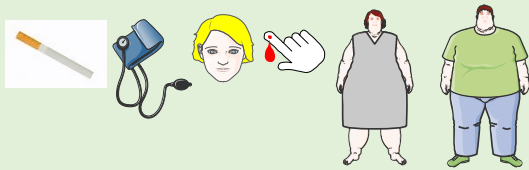
Ischaemia with non obstructive coronary arteries (INOCA)

Coronary Microvascular dysfunction (CMD)

Coronary microcirculation



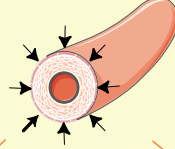
Impairs coronary physiology and myocardial blood flow in subjects with risk factors



Causes microvascular angina and contributes to myocardial ischaemia in CAD



Vasospastic angina (VSA)

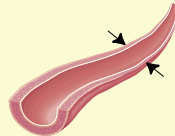


Transient vasospasm

Persistent vasospasm

Prinzmetal angina

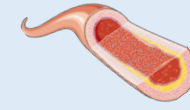
Myocardial infarction



Epicardial coronary artery

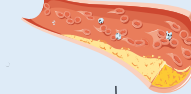
Ischaemia with obstructive coronary artery disease

Atherosclerotic disease



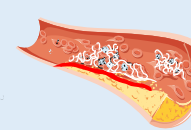
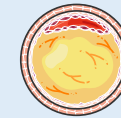
Stable plaque

Vulnerable plaque



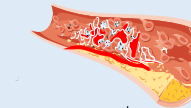
Reduction in FFR

Plaque rupture



Demand ischaemia ± angina

Thrombosis



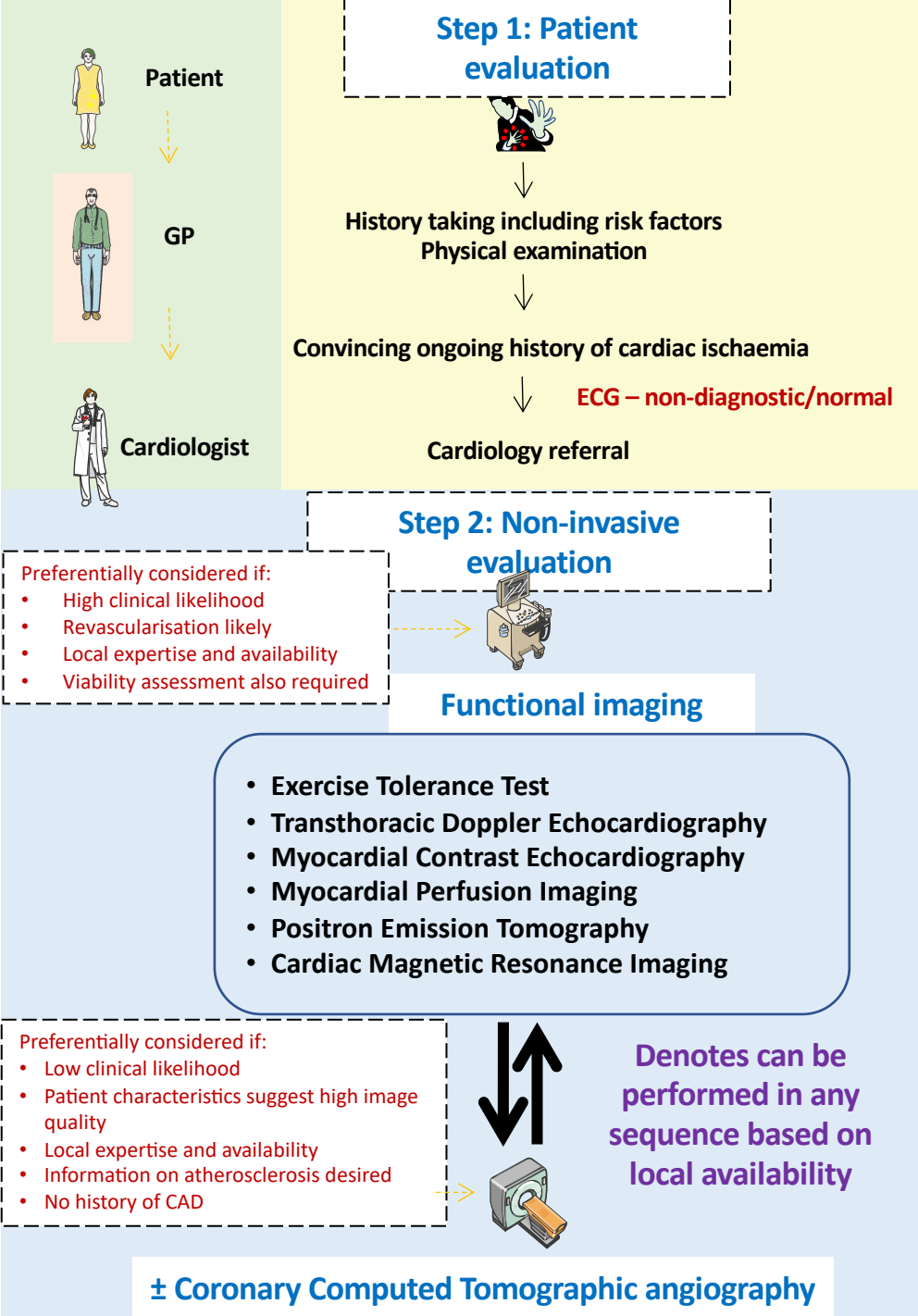
Acute coronary syndromes/infarction



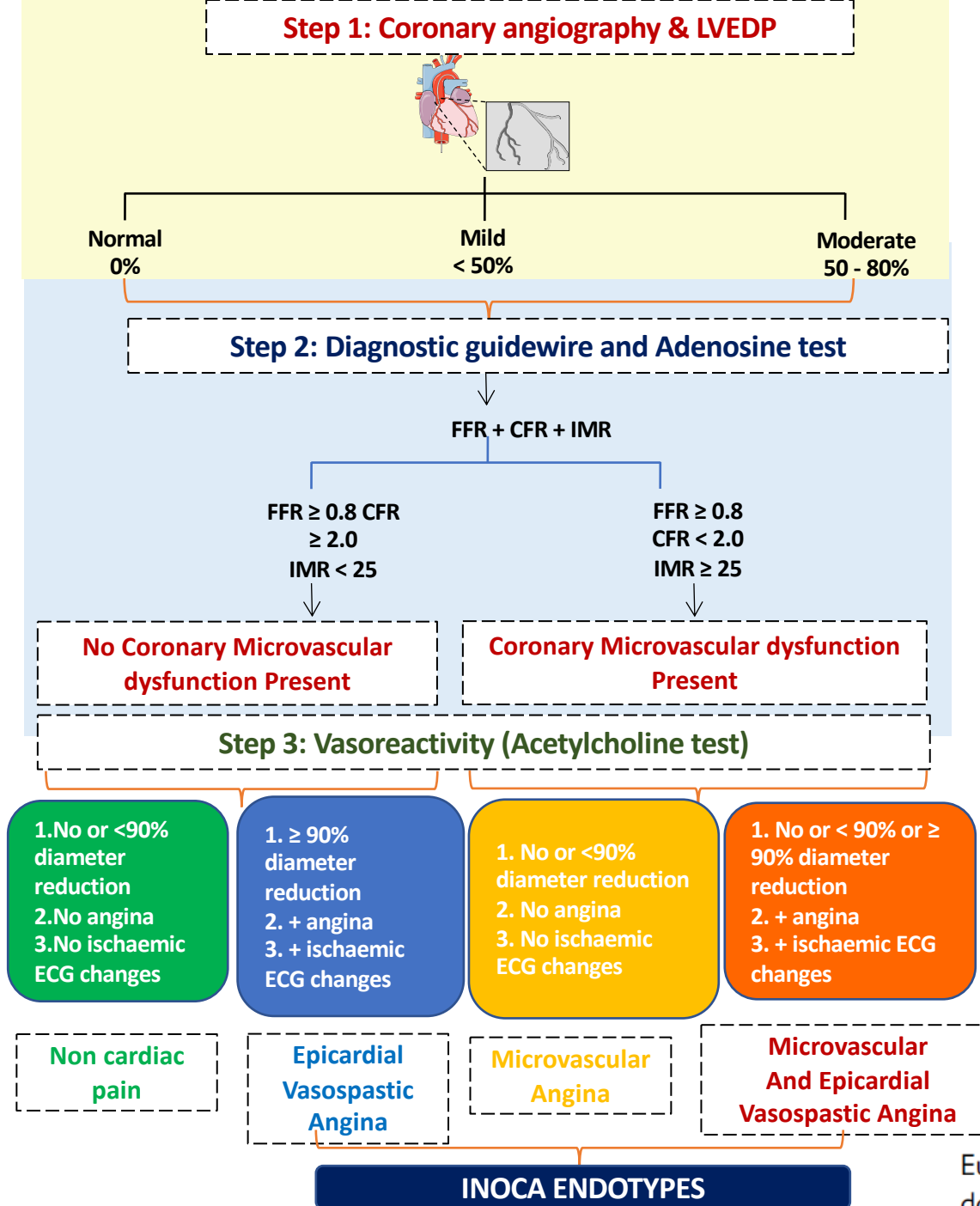
Non-obstructive coronary atherosclerosis is frequently present.

These mechanisms can overlap

Non Invasive Evaluation



Invasive Evaluation



Management of INOCA

1. Lifestyle factors



Nutrition



Exercise



Weight management



Smoking cessation



Coping with stress

2. Risk factor management



Hypertension

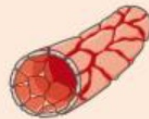


Dyslipidaemia



Diabetes mellitus

3. Antianginal medication



Microvascular angina

1. Betablocker
2. Calcium channel blocker
3. Nicorandil
4. Ranolazine
5. Ivabradine
6. Trimetazidine

Consider statins and ACEI/ARB



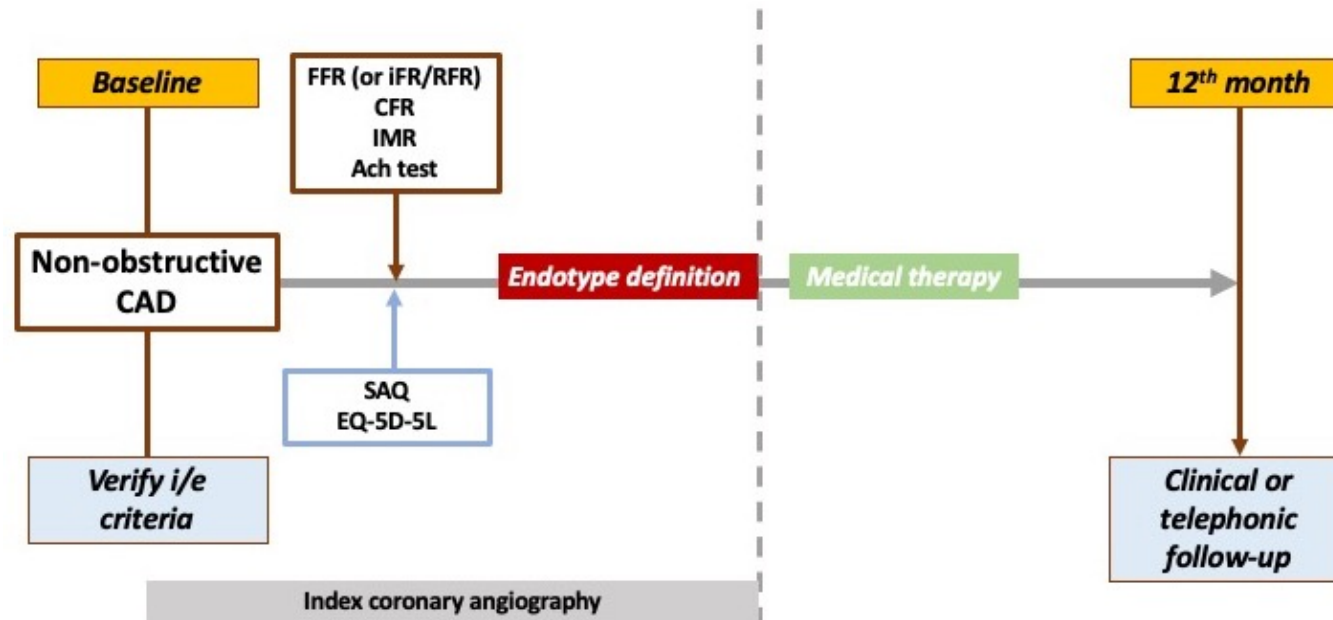
Vasospastic angina

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2. Long-acting nitrate
3. Nicorandil

Ischemia in patients with non-obstructive disease (INOCA) in Italy

INOCA IT Multicenter Registry (RF-2019-12369486)

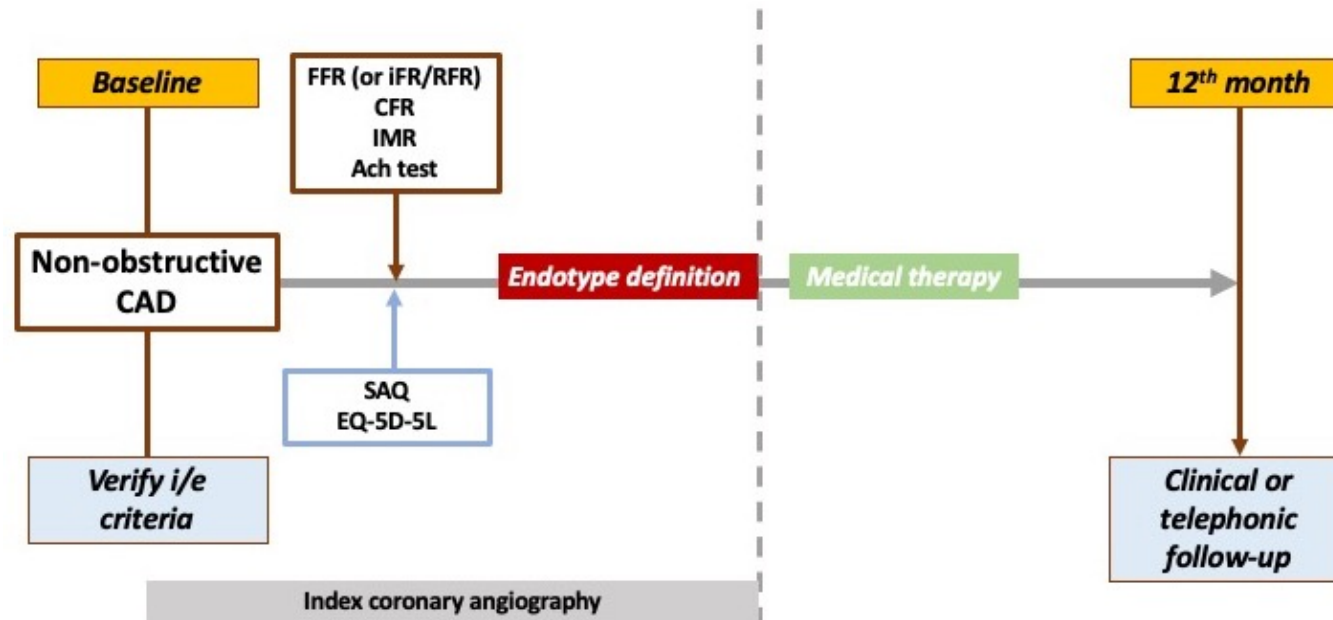
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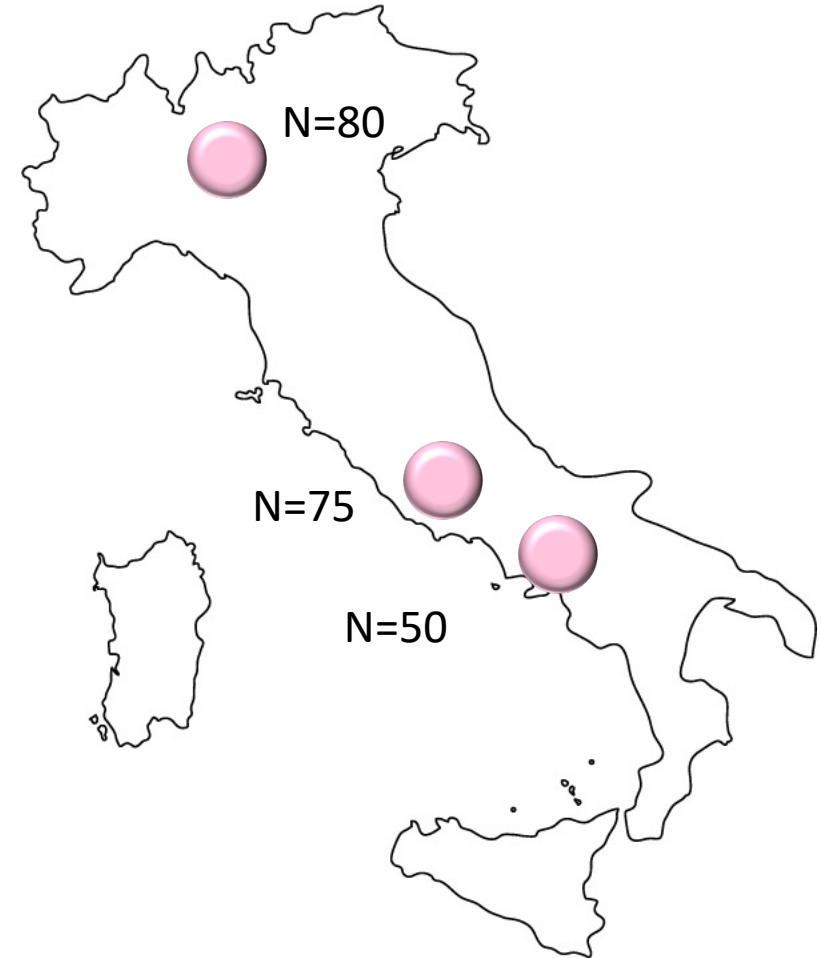


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Centers involved

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- Dipartimento Assistenziale Integrato di Emergenze Cardiovascolari, Medicina Clinica e dell'Invecchiamento Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria Federico II, **Napoli**



205 pazienti arruolati!!

Arruolamento terminato 29/02/2024

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Study Objectives

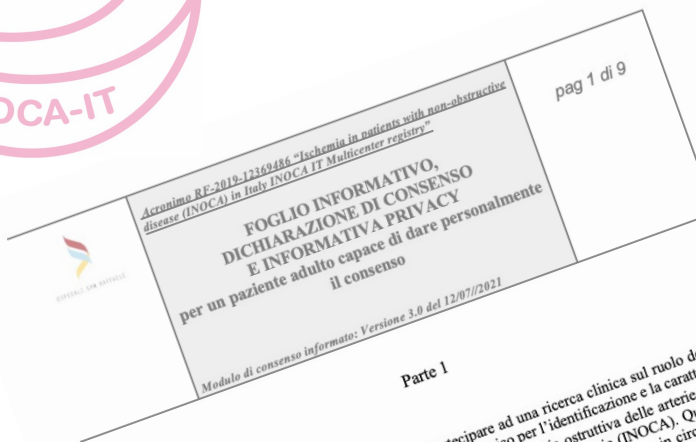
1. To investigate the prevalence of INOCA in women vs. men who are referred for a clinically indicated coronary angiography in three Centers in Northern, Central and Southern Italy
2. To stratify in INOCA endotypes patients according to the presence or absence of alternative (i.e. non obstructive CAD) causes of myocardial ischemia detected during CA clinically indicated through physiology tests
3. To implement a stratified therapy in these patients considering the different INOCA endotypes and evaluate the impact on angina class and quality of life as well as cardiac hospitalization and coronary revascularization during 1 year follow up





Enrolment

Ischemia in patients with non-obstructive disease (INOCA) in Italy INOCA IT Multicenter Registry. (RF-2019-12369486)



Gentile signora/e,

1) In questo Istituto Le viene proposto di partecipare ad una ricerca clinica sul ruolo di quei pazienti che presentano ischemia cardiaca in assenza di patologia ostruttiva delle arterie coronarie (INOCA). La condizione definita da termini funzionali del microcircolo coronario, si riscontra in circa il 10% della popolazione adulta. I pazienti che vengono sottoposti a coronarografia nel sospetto di cardiopatia ischemica, in donne di mezza età, e conferisce un aumentato rischio di eventi cardiovascolari avversi miocardici e scompenso cardiaco, oltre ad avere un significativo impatto negativo sulla qualità di vita. La gestione terapeutica dei pazienti affetti da INOCA è controversa, tutt'oggi non esiste un trattamento standardizzato, e la gestione terapeutica deve essere personalizzata in base alle caratteristiche del paziente. La gestione terapeutica deve essere personalizzata in base alle caratteristiche del paziente. La gestione terapeutica deve essere personalizzata in base alle caratteristiche del paziente.

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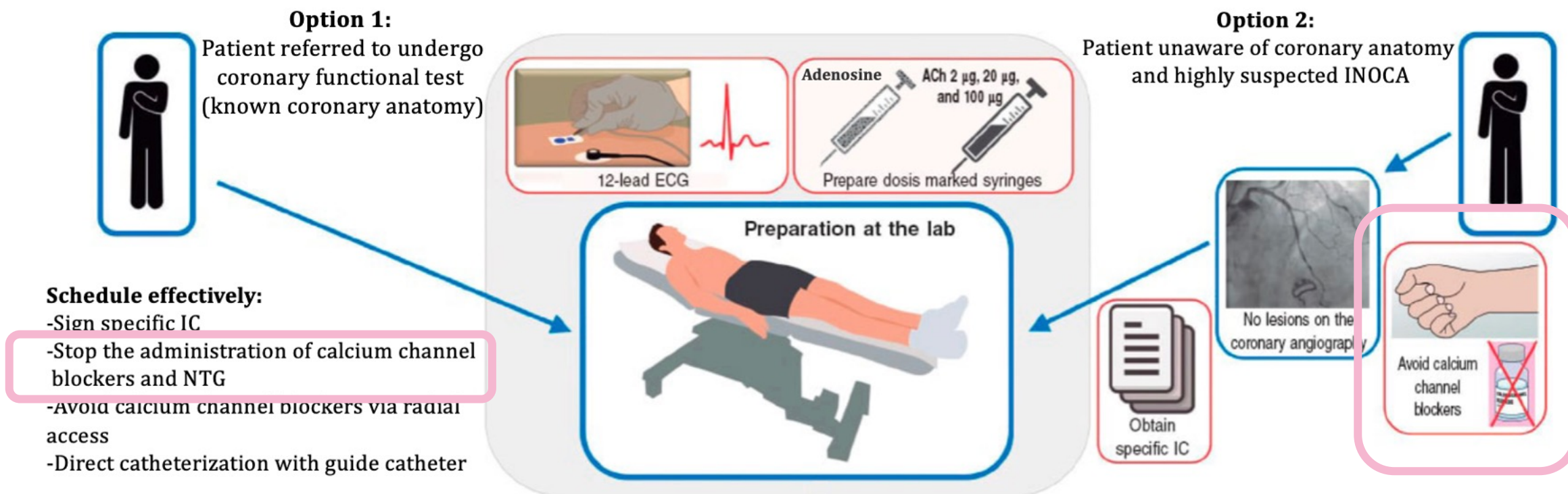
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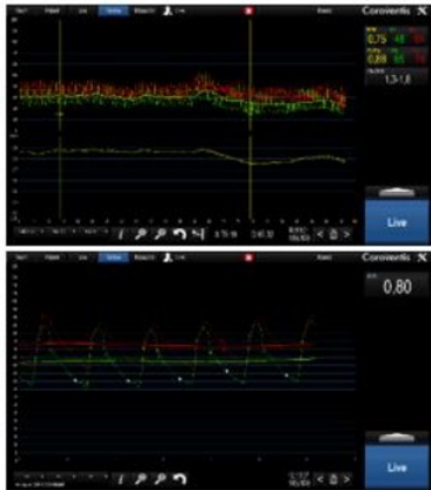
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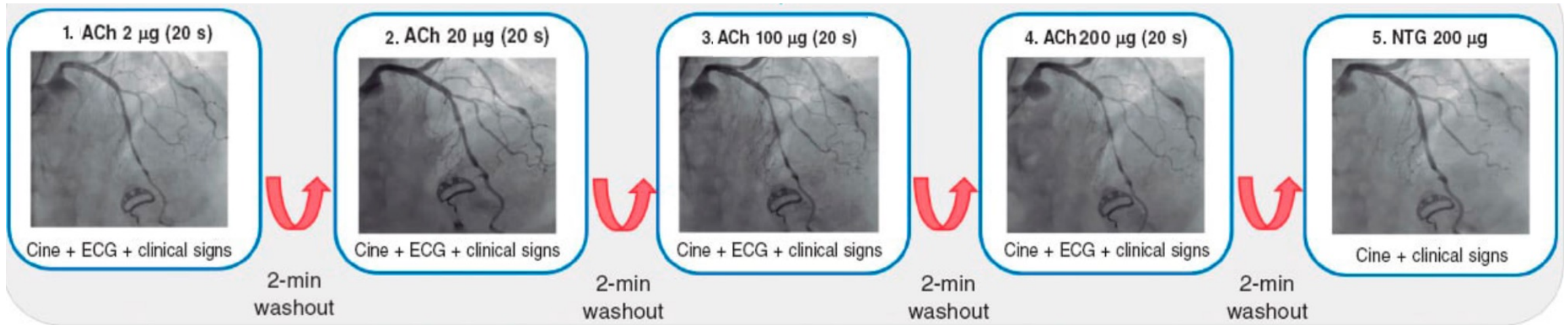


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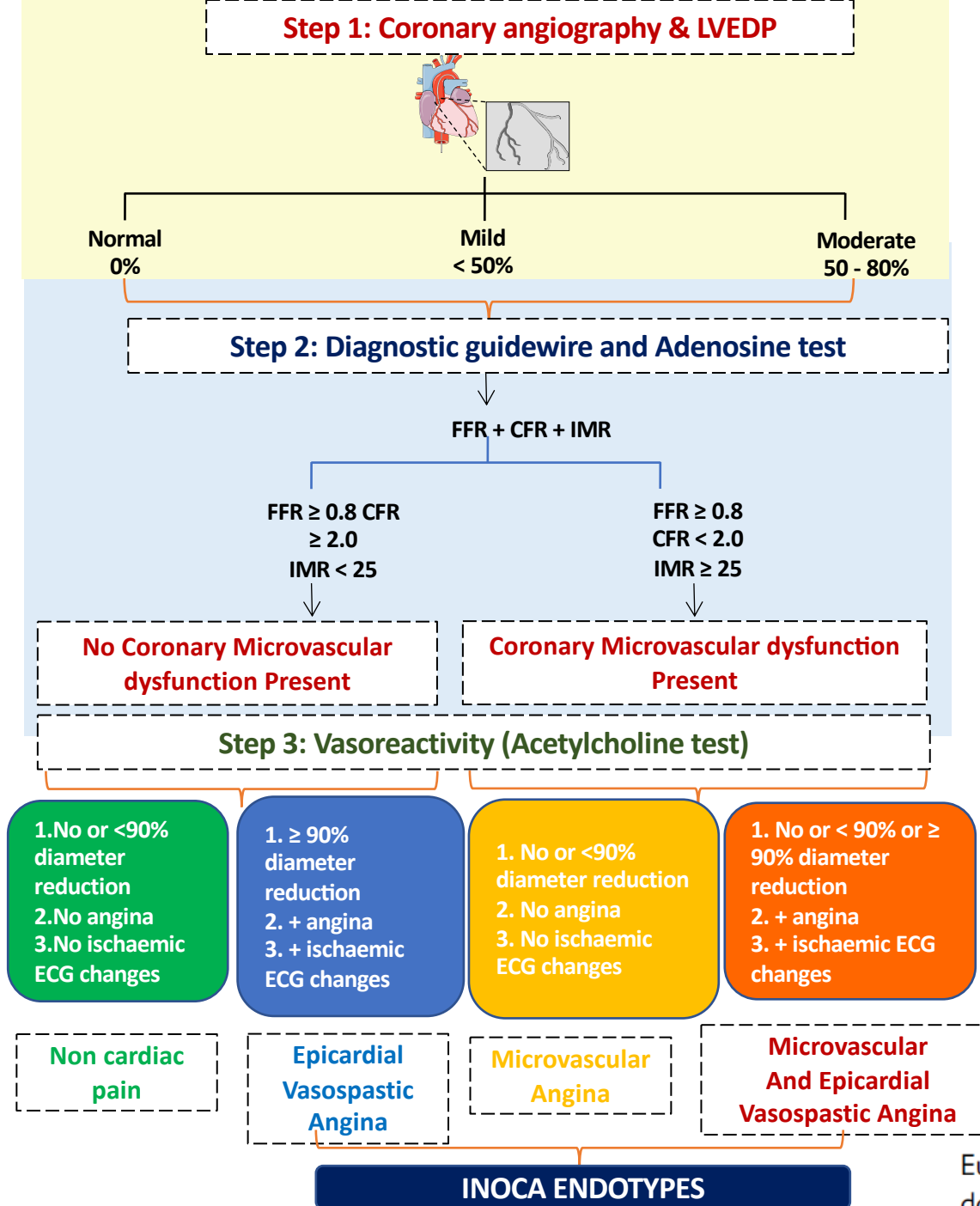
- IMR, RRR
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Acetylcholine Test

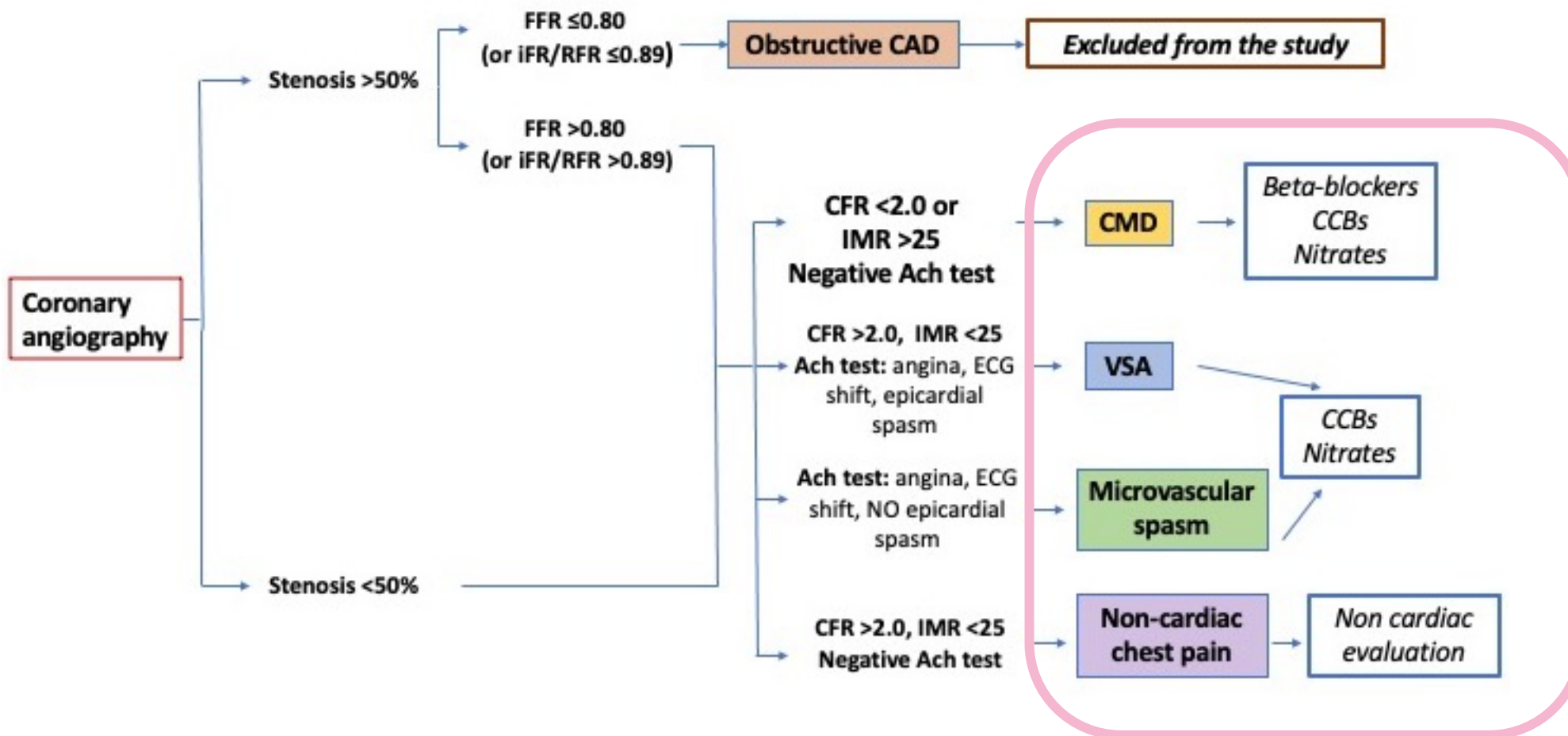


Invasive Evaluation





Treatment Schedule





Case-Based Presentation 1: INOCA - How to Diagnose and Treat

Coronary Microvascular Dysfunction (CMD)

CLINICAL PRESENTATION



- ♀ , 51 years old
- **Risk factors for Cardiovascular Disease:** Hypertension, Dyslipidaemia, Family History for CAD

METABOLIC STATUS

Patient Journey



- **BMI 26.7**
- **Fasting blood glucose 92 mg/dL**
- **LDL-c 154 mg/dL**



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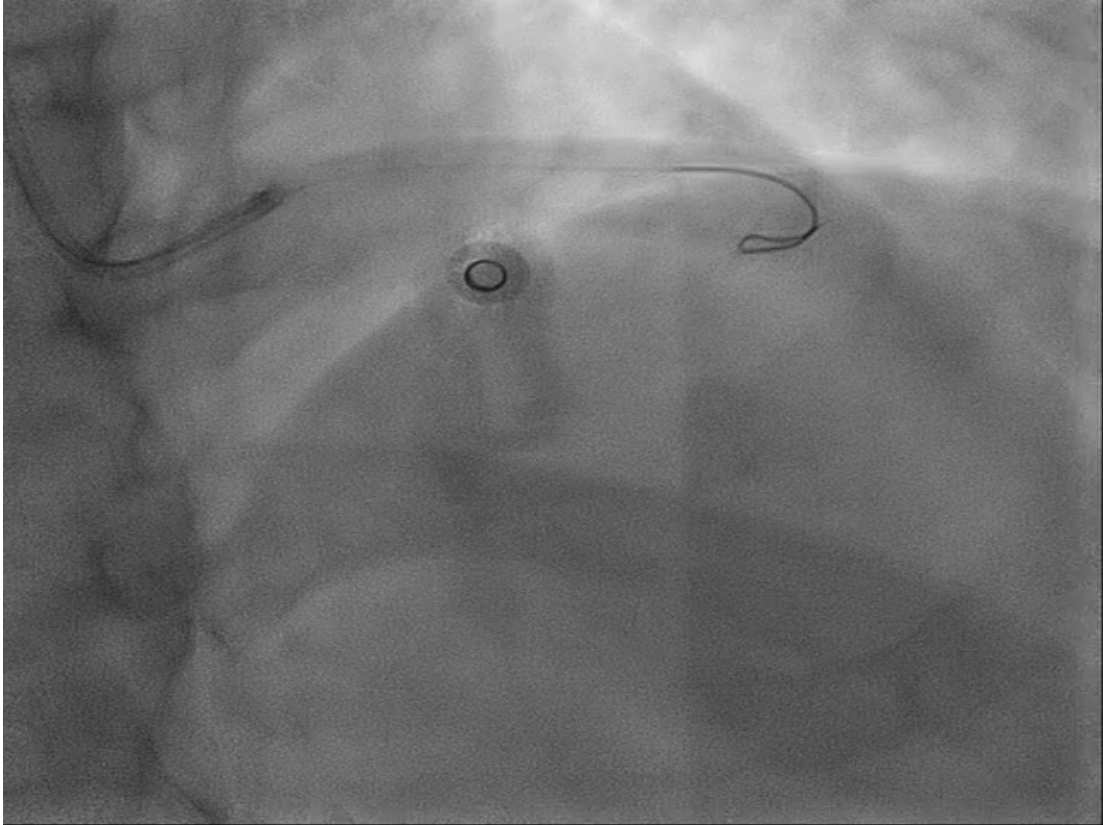
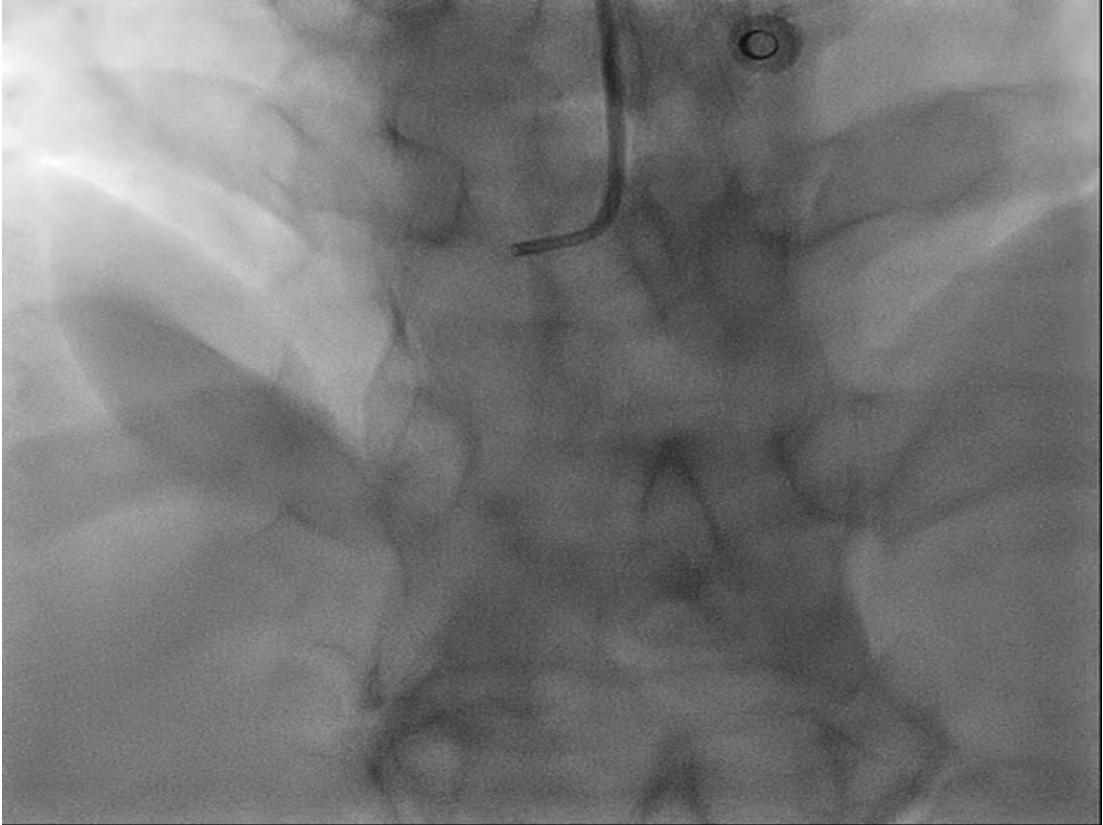
CLINICAL PRESENTATION

Patient Journey



- **Gennaio 2020** Dolore toracico da sforzo CCS 2
- Marzo 2020 1 visita presso medico di base che le consiglia *ansiolitici*
- Settembre 2020 2 visita medico di base persiste dolore toracico da sforzi moderati > medico di base prescrive *visita cardiologica*
- Dicembre 2020 visita cardiologica che prescrive ecocardiogramma e TDS ed inizia empiricamente la seguente terapia : Diltiazem 60 mg x3/die, Olmesartan 20 mg/die
- Giugno 2021 TDS positivo per ischemia per sintomi ed ECG
- Settembre 2021 seconda visita cardiologo paziente ancora sintomatica ora per minimi sforzi nonostante terapia medica per angina CCS 3 . Riferita presso nostro centro per coro
- **December 2021:** CCS4. Arruolata in **INOCA- IT Registry**

CORONARY ANGIOGRAPHY



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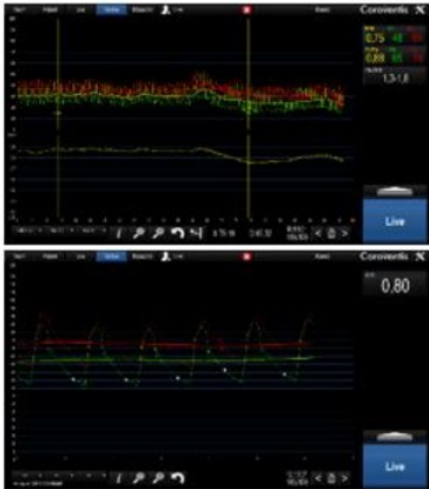
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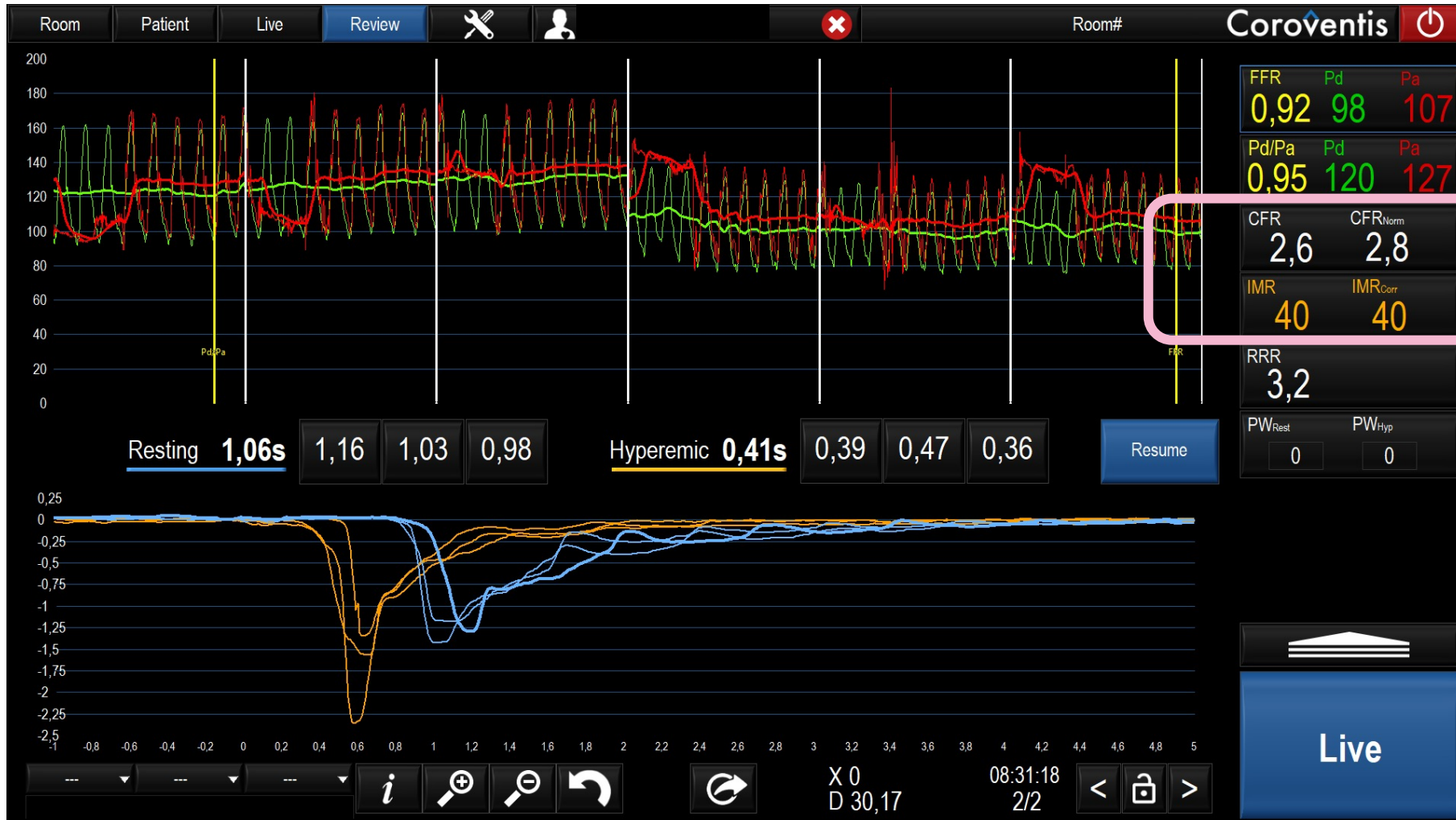


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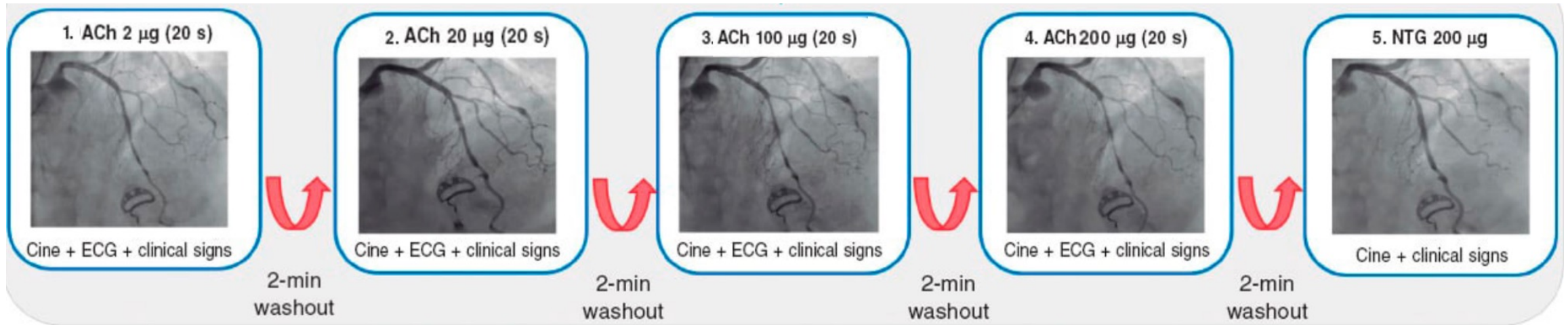
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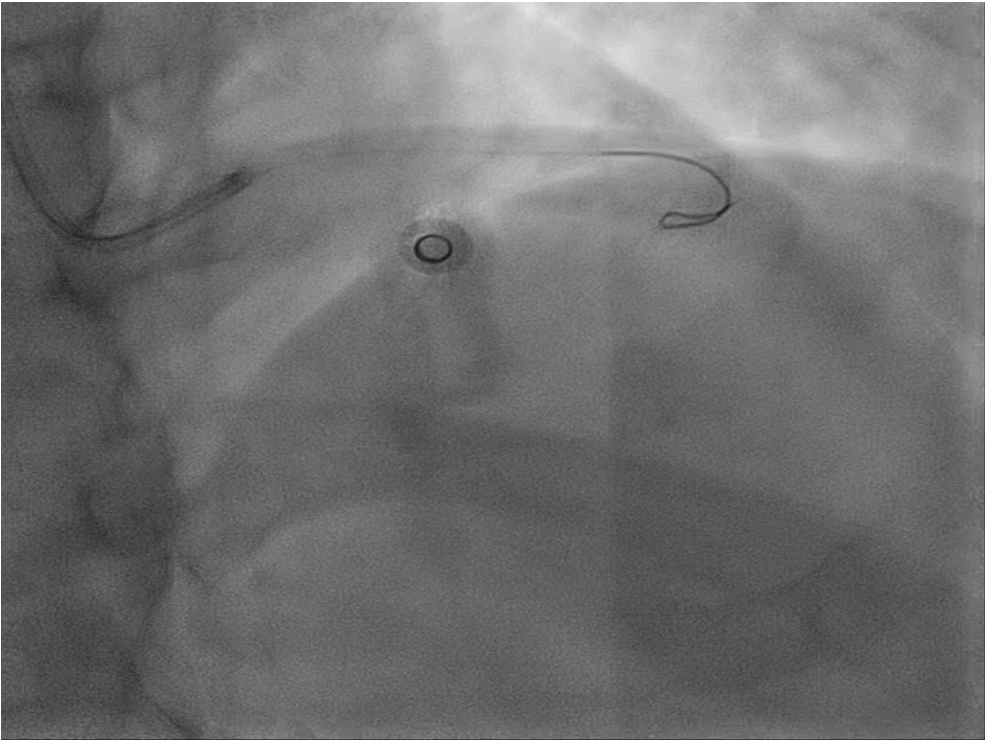
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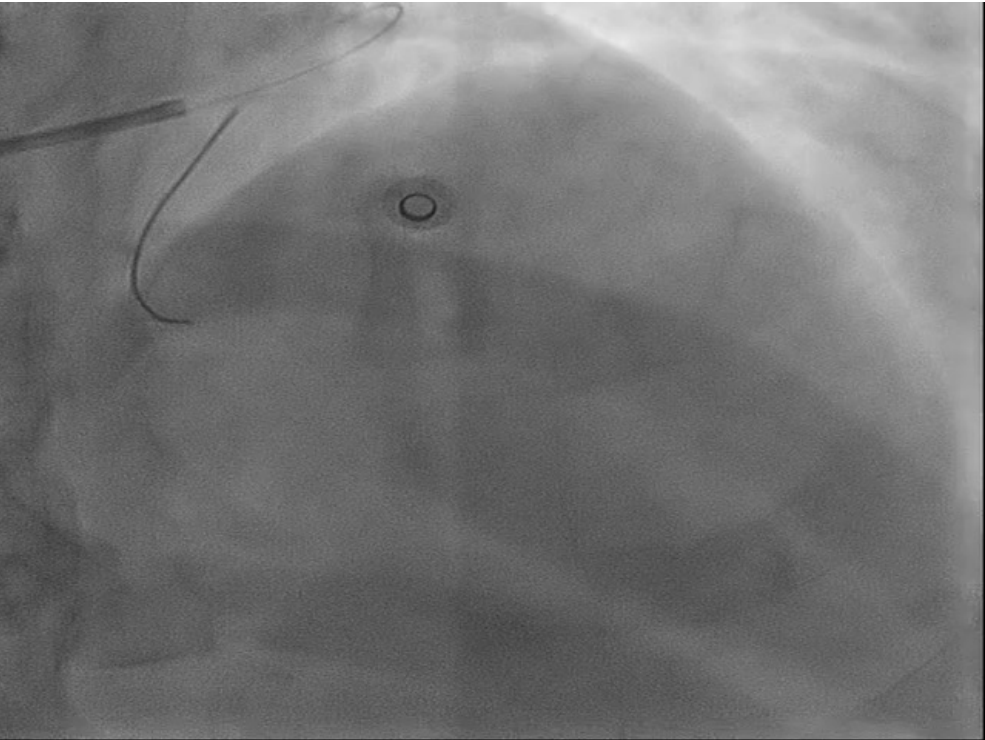
Acetylcholine Test



ACETYLCHOLINE PROVOCATION TEST: NEGATIVE



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ACETYLCHOLINE PROVOCATION TEST: NEGATIVE



MANAGEMENT



- **Diagnosis:** Coronary Microvascular Dysfunction
- **Lifestyle modification, diet, physical activity , risk factors modification**
- **Changes to Medication:**



Diltiazem



Nebivololo 5 mg/die
Ranolazina 350 1cpx2die
Rosuvastatin 10 mg

One Month Follow Up



- **Diagnosis:** Coronary Microvascular Dysfunction

Angina status : From CCS4 to CCS2 EKG sinus rythm HR 70 bpm AP 130/80 mmHG

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Physical Limitation Domain: 38 ➔ 44
 Angina Stability Domain: 3 ➔ 2
 Angina Frequency Domain: 9 ➔ 9
 Treatment Satisfaction Domain: 12 ➔ 16
 Quality of Life Domain: 5 ➔ 10

(A higher subscale score represents fewer functional limitations or patient is more satisfied)

VAS score: 50% ➔ 90%

ANGINA CCS IV ➔ CCS I

LDL C 50 mg/dL .Good AP control. Regular physical activity. BMI 22

Nebivololo 10 mg/die Ranolazina 500 1cpx2die Rosuvastatin a10 mg /dL

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Case-Based Presentation 2: INOCA - How to Diagnose and Treat



Vasospastic Angina (VA)

CLINICAL PRESENTATION



-  , 38 years old
- **Risk factors for Cardiovascular Disease:** type 1 Diabetes, Dyslipidaemia
- **Comorbidities:** Sarcoidosis, GERD, Anxiety Disorder, Asthma

METABOLIC STATUS

Patient Journey



- **BMI 24.8**
- **Fasting blood glucose 122** mg/dL (Type 1 Diabetes)
- **LDL-c 52** mg/dL



BLOOD TEST

CLINICAL PRESENTATION

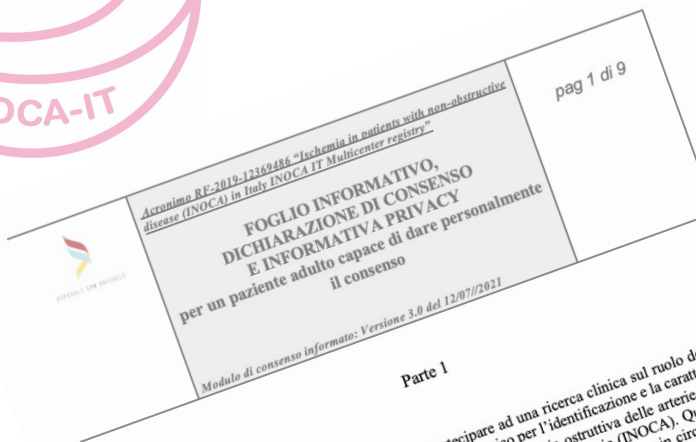


- **Cardiovascular History:**
 - 2019 angina da sforzo -> RCA PCI
 - 2022 episodi di dolore toracico a riposo di insorgenza mattutina con limitazione attività quotidiane e lavorative . Si ricovera per coro ed ev
- **Baseline Medication:** Acetylsalicylic Acid 100 mg/die, Ticagrelor 90 mgx2/die, Rosuvastatin+Ezetimibe 20+10 mg/die, Diltiazem 30 mgx2/die, Insulin, Omeprazole 40 mg/die



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Ischemia in patients with non-obstructive disease (INOCA) in Italy INOCA IT Multicenter Registry. (RF-2019-12369486)



Gentile signora/e,

1) In questo Istituto Le viene proposto di partecipare ad una ricerca clinica sul ruolo di quei pazienti che presentano ischemia cardiaca in assenza di patologia ostruttiva delle arterie coronarie (INOCA). La condizione definita da termini funzionali del microcircolo coronario, si riscontra in circa il 10% della popolazione adulta. I pazienti che vengono sottoposti a coronarografia nel sospetto di cardiopatia ischemica, in donne di mezza età, e conferisce un aumentato rischio di eventi cardiovascolari avversi miocardici e scompenso cardiaco, oltre ad avere un significativo impatto negativo sulla qualità di vita. La gestione terapeutica dei pazienti affetti da INOCA è controversa, tutt'oggi non esiste un trattamento standardizzato, e la gestione terapeutica deve essere personalizzata in base alle caratteristiche del paziente. La ricerca che si propone di avviare in 3 centri italiani (IRCCS San Raffaele, centro coordinatore) e IRCCS San Raffaele, IRCCS Poma, IRCCS Galeazzi) ha lo scopo di valutare l'efficacia di un trattamento personalizzato, e di identificare i fattori prognostici di tale patologia. Il titolo dello studio è: "Ischemia in pazienti con malattia coronarica non ostruttiva: studio prospettico, interventistico, multicentrico, multicentero, non randomizzato, aperto che si propone di arruolare in 3 centri italiani 200 pazienti consecutivi di sospetta cardiopatia ischemica cronica in assenza di coronaropatia ostruttiva clinicamente indicata. Lo studio è promosso dall'IRCCS San Raffaele (centro coordinatore) e finanziato dal Ministero della Sanità. Per svolgere tale ricerca abbiamo bisogno della collaborazione e della partecipazione di un numero di pazienti che soddisfi i requisiti scientifici idonei alla valutazione che verrà eseguita. Partecipare a questa ricerca sulla quale Lei ha già avuto informazioni dal medico curante, però, che Lei prenda la decisione di accettare o rifiutare di partecipare, prendendo tutto il tempo che Le necessita, queste pagine sono state preparate per essere ben comprese o avesse bisogno di ulteriori precisazioni. Le saremo molto grato se Lei deciderà di partecipare a questa ricerca confermando un aumento del rischio di complicanze. Questa ricerca si propone come obiettivo generale di migliorare la conoscenza della malattia del paziente. In particolare, con la ricerca che qui Le presentiamo, si vuole caratterizzare i pazienti che presentano ischemia cardiaca in assenza di malattia coronarica. Questi pazienti possono presentare una varietà di caratteristiche che complessivamente conferiscono un aumentato rischio di

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The Seattle Angina Questionnaire

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Place an x in one box on each line.

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Dressing yourself	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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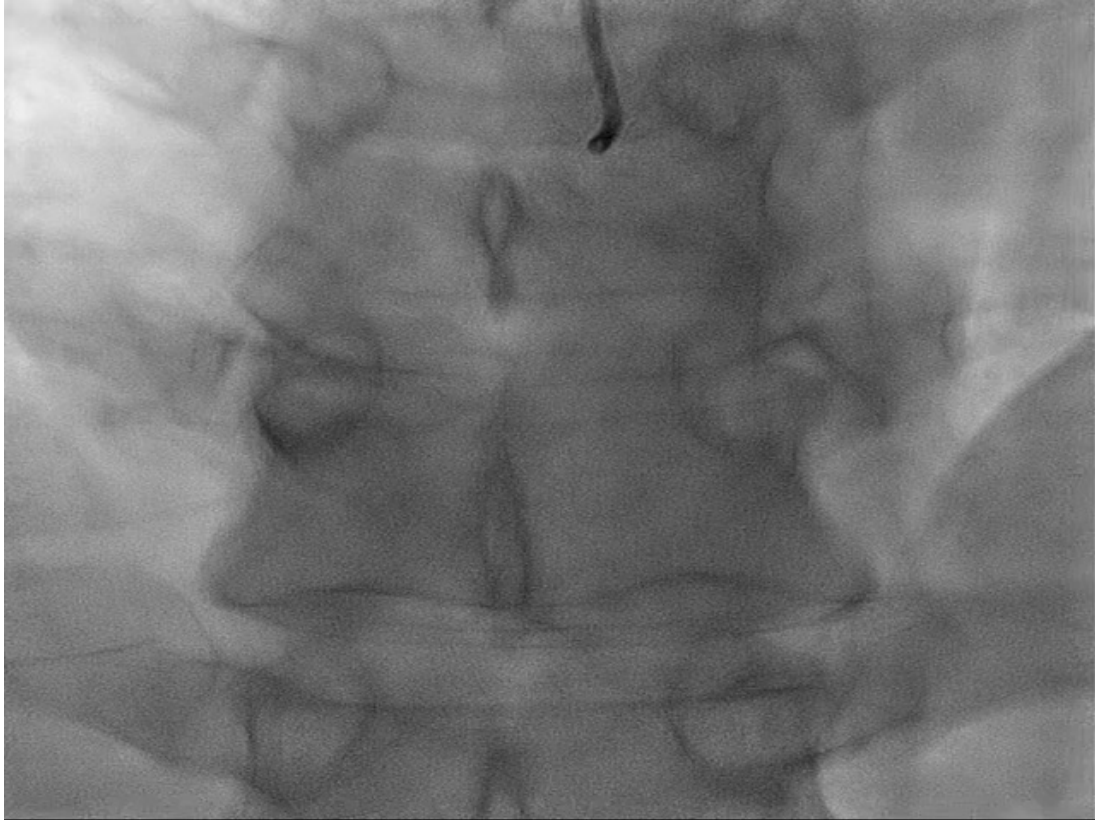


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ANGINA CCS IV

VAS score: 50%

CORONARY ANGIOGRAPHY



Arruolato in **INOCA- IT Registry**

Coronary function testing: Diagnostic guidewire and Adenosine test

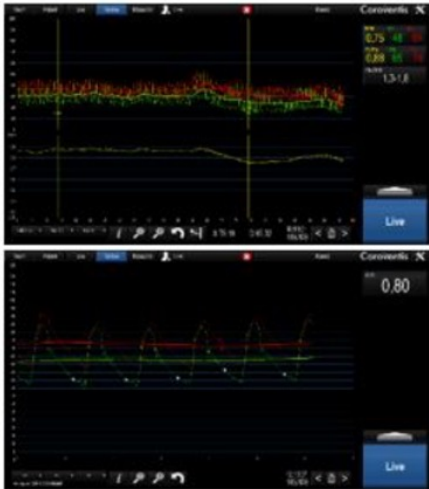
- Intravenous Adenosine (140 mcg/kg/min) to inducing steady-state hyperaemia and achieve endothelium-independent vasodilation



Coronary function testing: Diagnostic guidewire and Adenosine test

Epicardial assessment

- FFR, RFR, Pd/Pa
- Pullback



Microvascular assessment

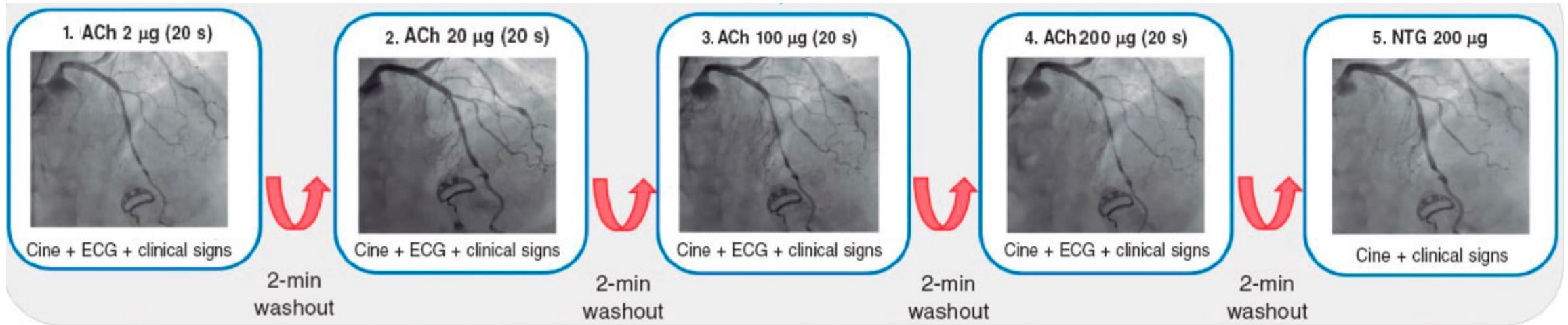
- IMR, RRR
- CFR, PB-CFR
- Absolute Flow/Resistance



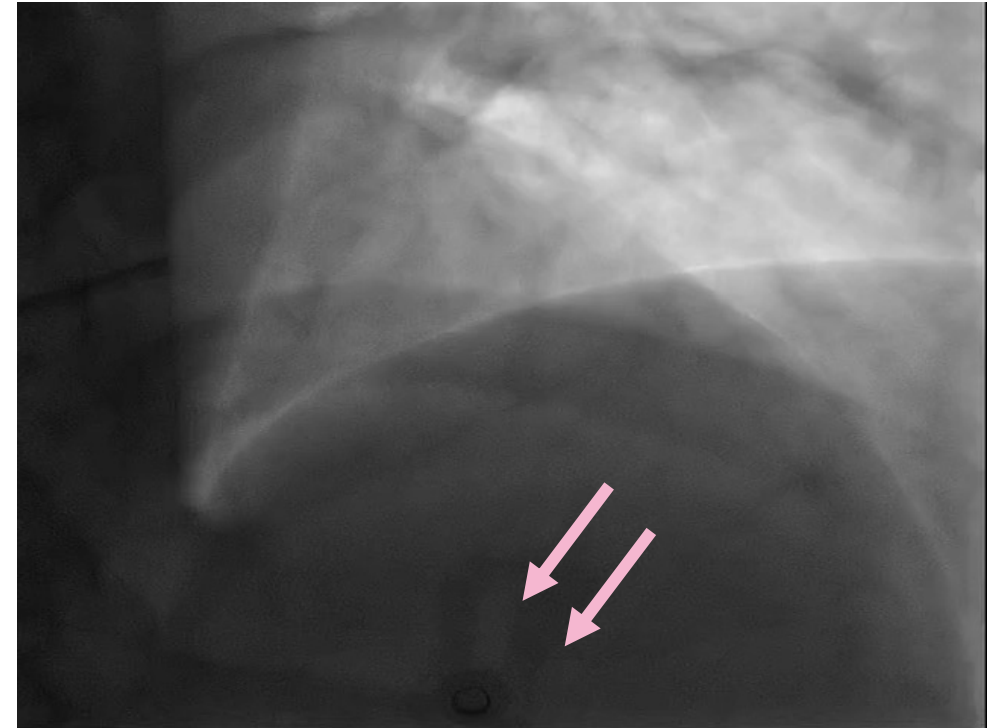
CORONARY FUNCTION TESTING: NEGATIVE



Acetylcholine Test



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MANAGEMENT



- **Diagnosis:** Vasospastic Angina
- **Changes to Medication:**



Uptitration to Diltiazem 120 mg x2/die

One Year FOLLOW-UP



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Physical Limitation Domain: 45 ➡ 48
 Angina Stability Domain: 3 ➡ 5
 Angina Frequency Domain: 9 ➡ 11
 Treatment Satisfaction Domain: 16 ➡ 17
 Quality of Life Domain: 6 ➡ 10

(A higher subscale score represents fewer functional limitations or patient is more satisfied)



VAS score: 50% ➡ 70%

ANGINA CCS IV ➡ CCS 0



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Conclusioni I

- **Strategie diagnostiche invasive** che utilizzano la coronarografia e procedure diagnostiche interventistiche dovrebbero essere implementate per poter formulare una diagnosi accurata dell' endotipo di INOCA in presenza di CAD non ostruttiva

- **"Full Physiology" con guide /caterer diagnostici e misurazione parametri di flusso e pressione**

- **Test di vasoreattività coronarica- test Acetilcolina**

Conclusioni II

Un approccio stratificato per la gestione dei pazienti of INOCA è necessario

- **Tailored counselling** sullo stile di vita e gestione fattori di rischio
- **Tailored therapy** Uso farmaci anti anginosi a secondo endotipo **INOCA**
per migliorare la sintomatologia e la qualità della vita

Sviluppo di progetti di ricerca

- per migliorare la **comprensione della fisiopatologia**
- **Sviluppare nuove terapie**

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