



# SCD Prevention in HCM, Recent Guidelines and Decision-Making

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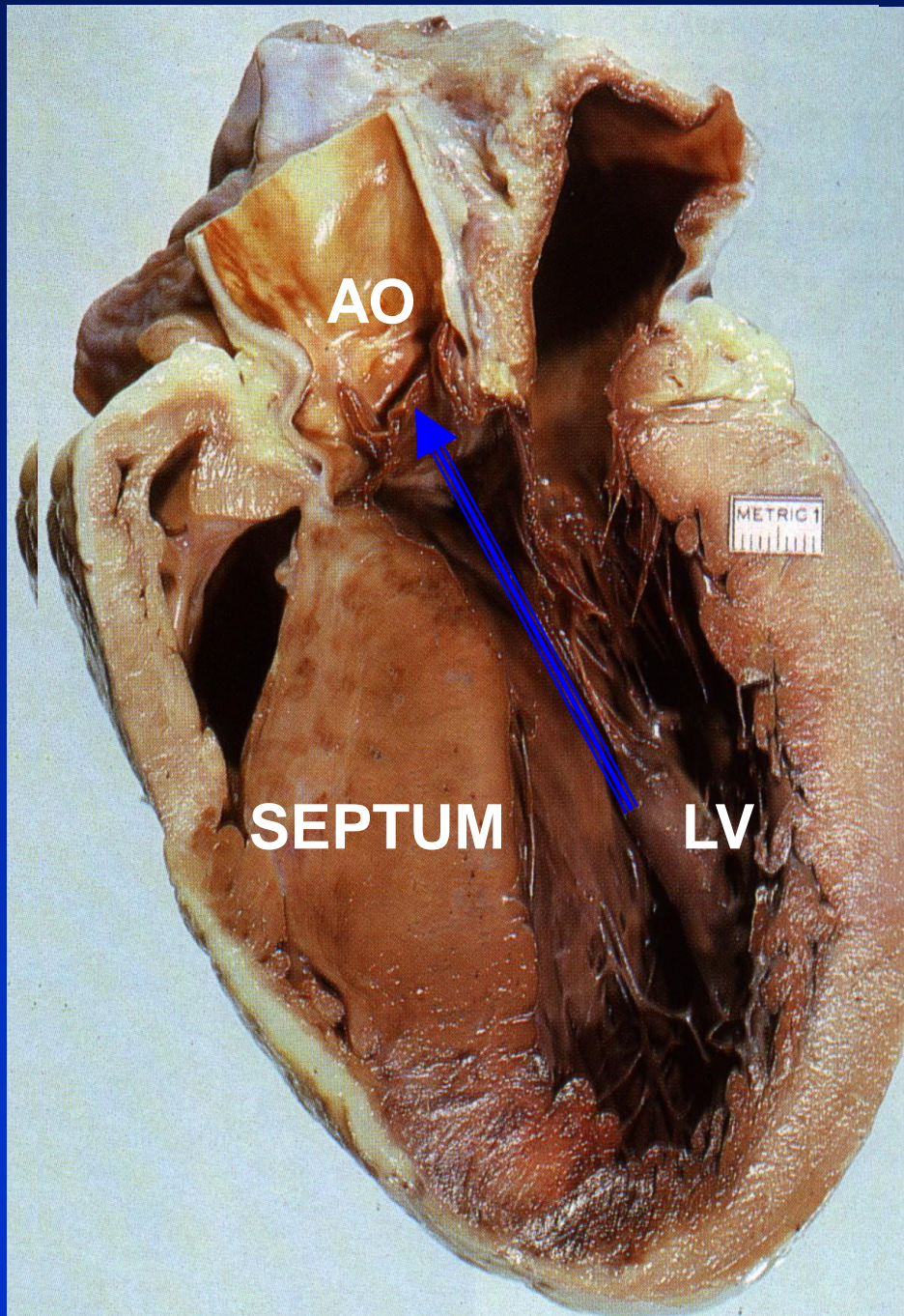
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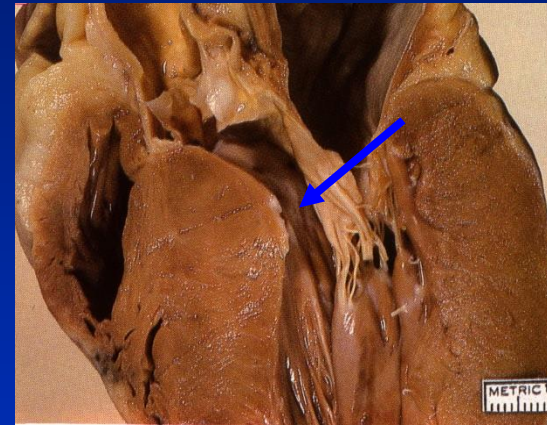
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## HCM



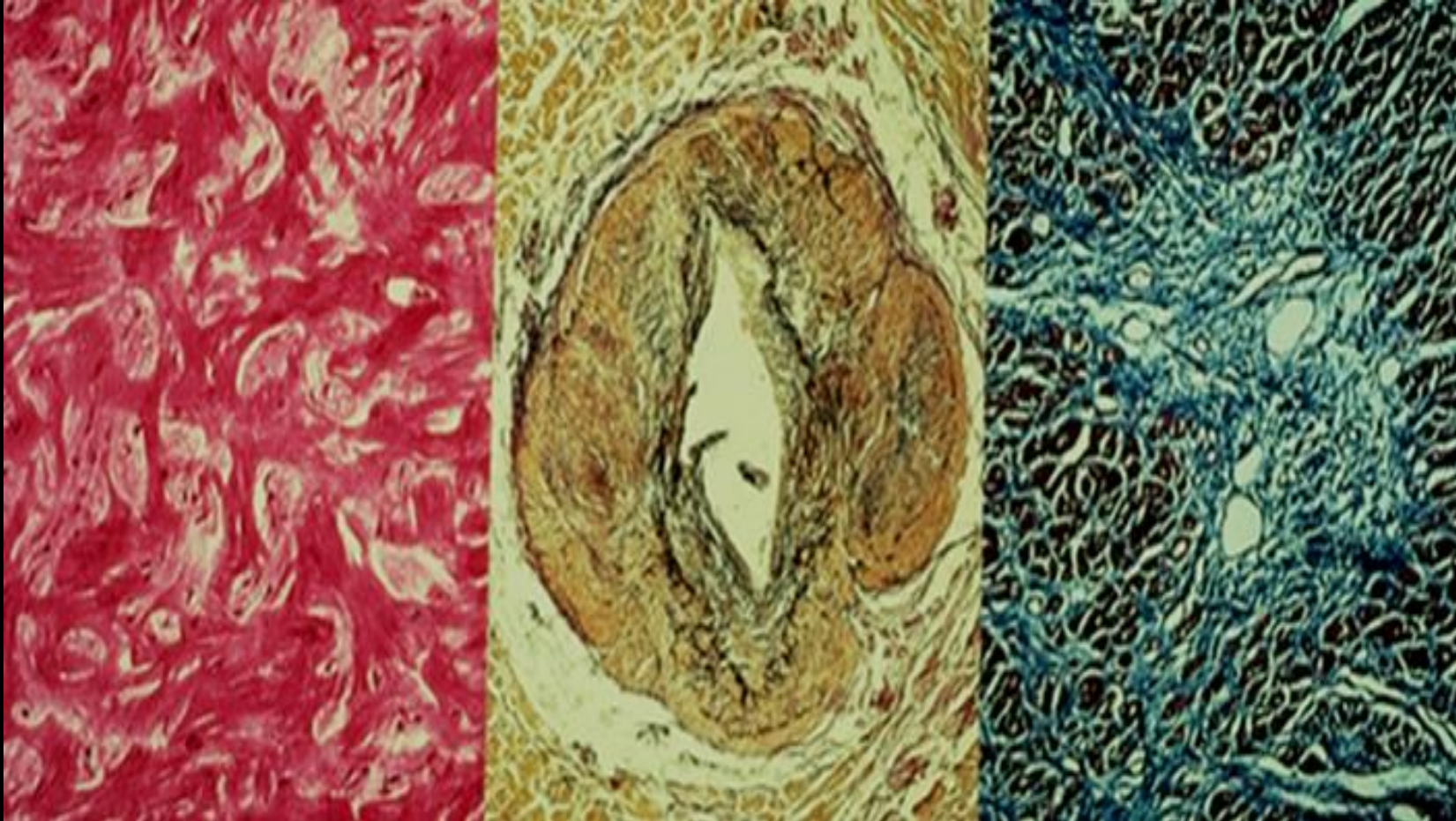




## Sudden cardiac death in HCM

- Rare, but devastating event for the family, community

# Arrhythmogenic Myocardial Substrate in HCM



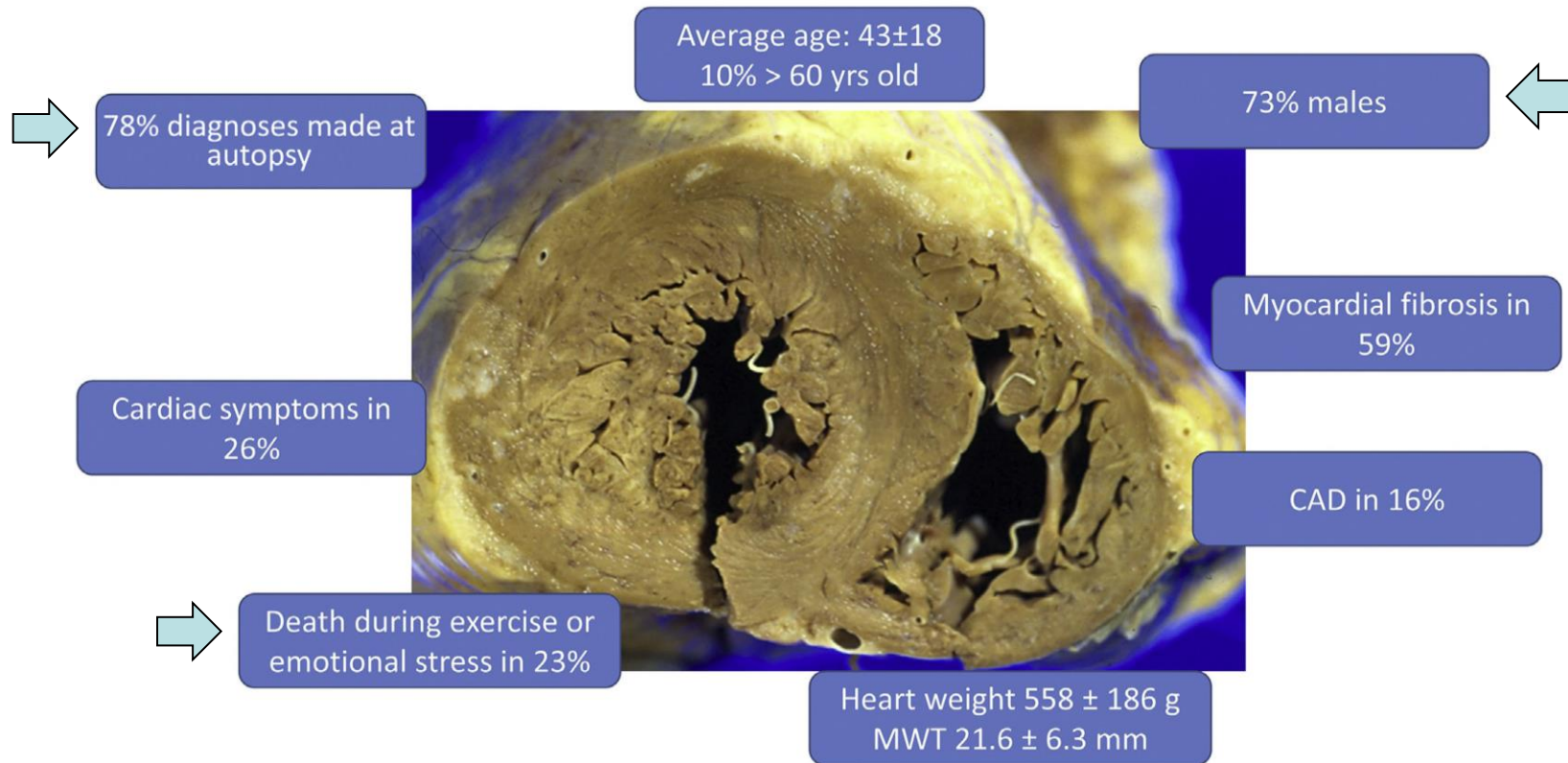
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# Changing concepts on SCD in HCM



# Sudden Cardiac Death in HCM

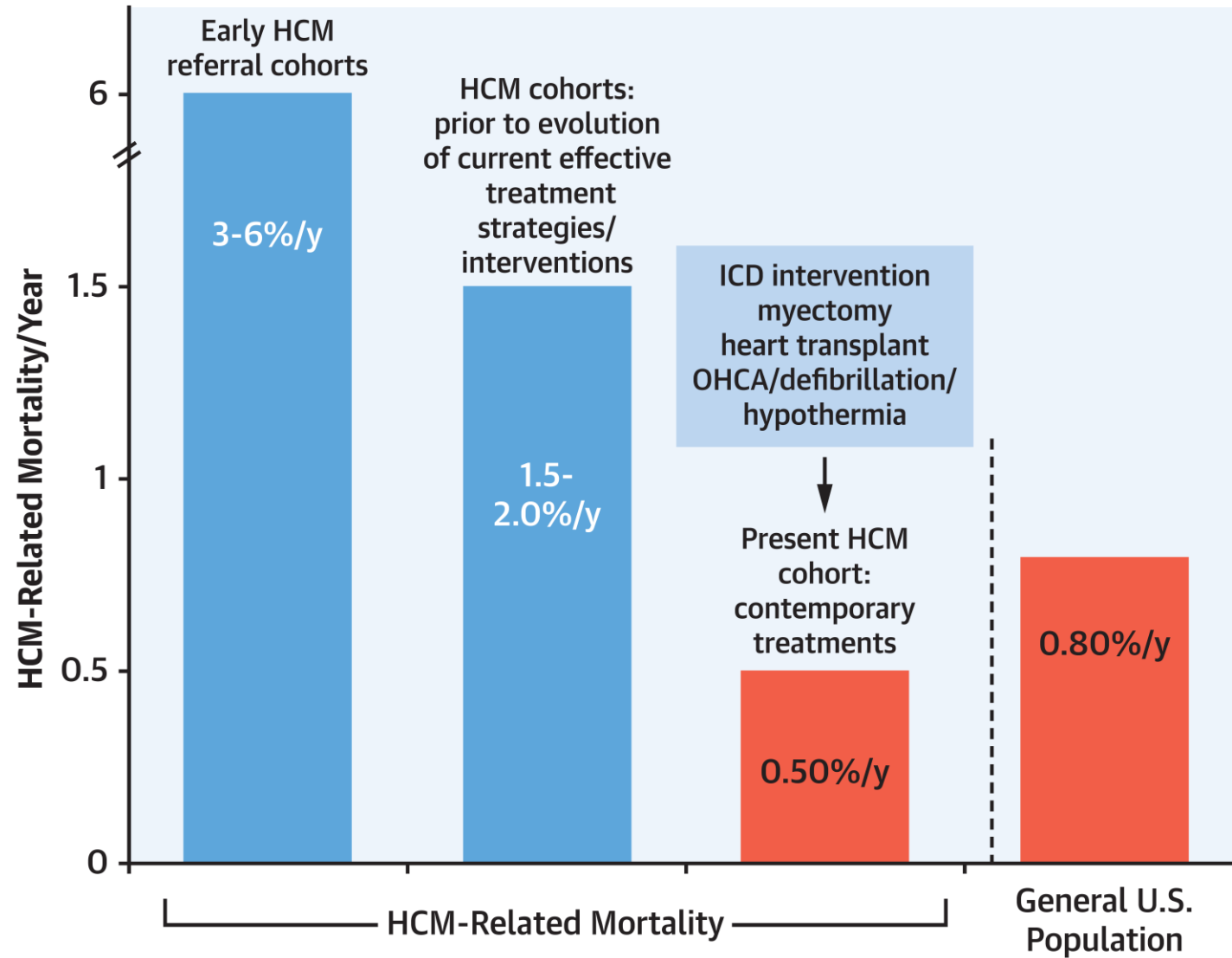
- The most prevalent inherited heart disease, 1:200-1:500 population
- SCD can be the first manifestation of the disease



***Finocchiaro G, JACC Clin Electrophysiol 2019;5:252-4; UK autopsy registry of 194 pts with HCM&SCD***

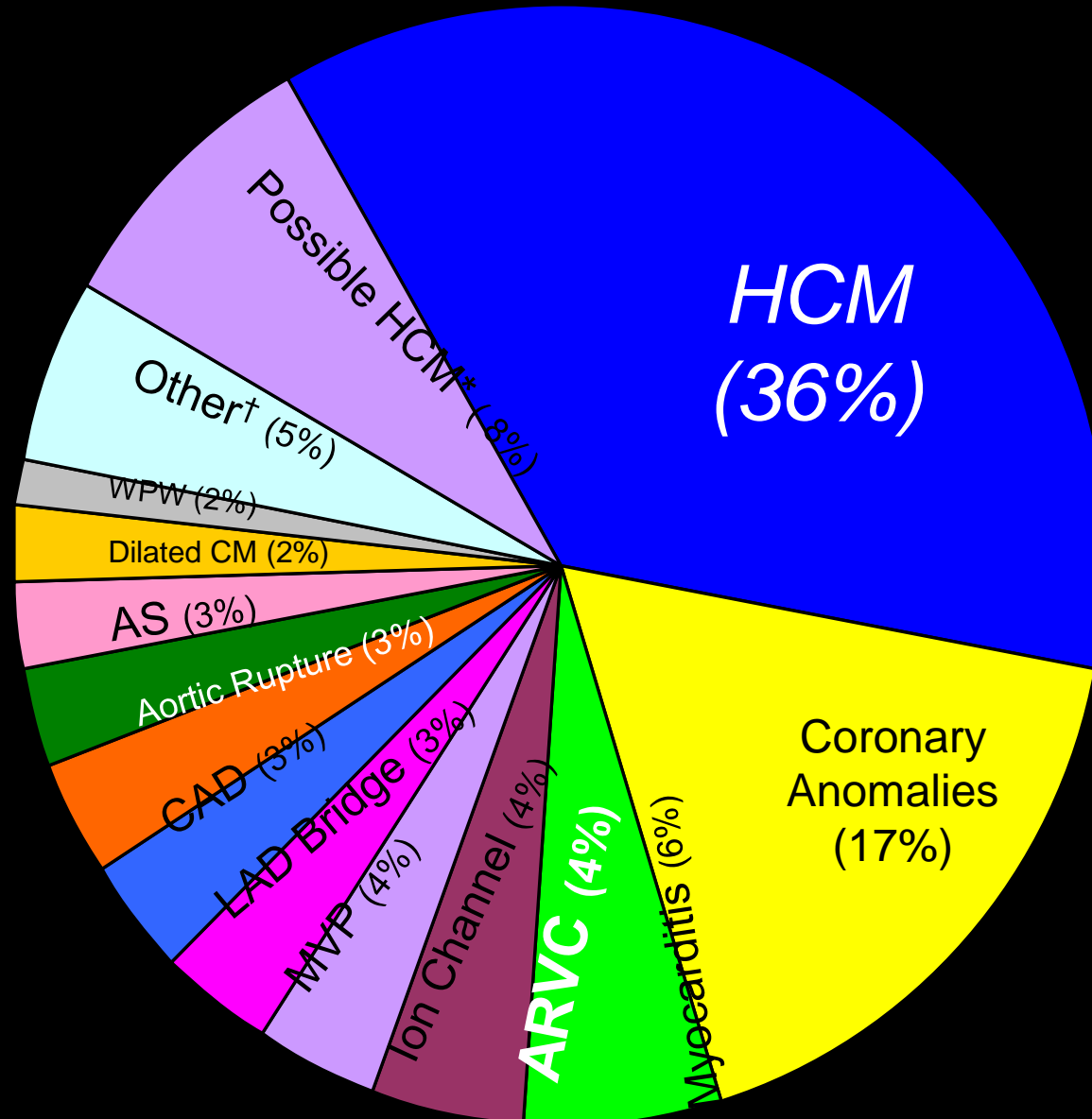
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# Decrease in SCD rates over 60 years





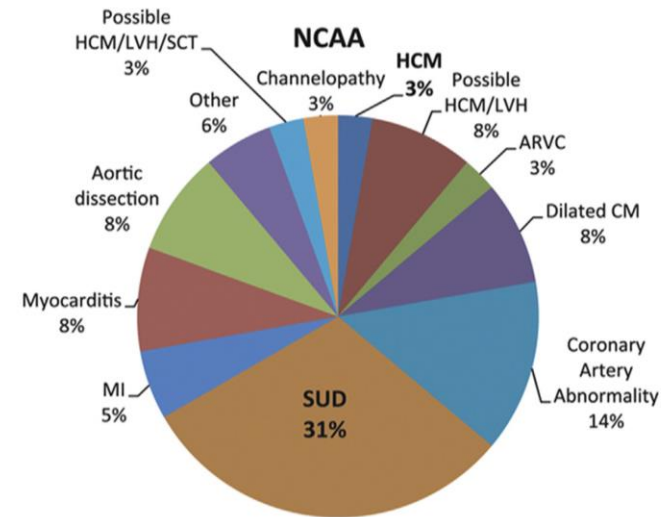
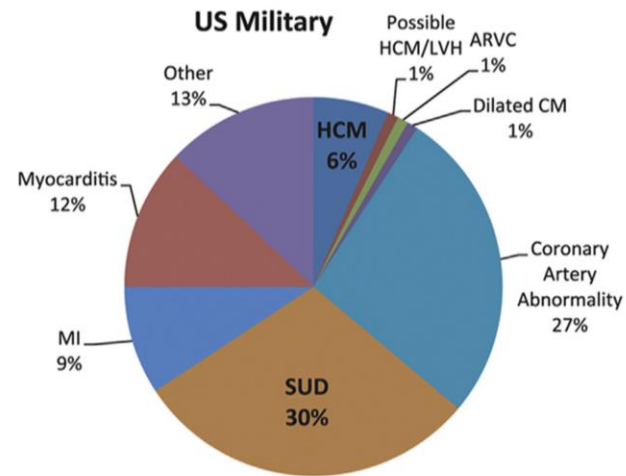
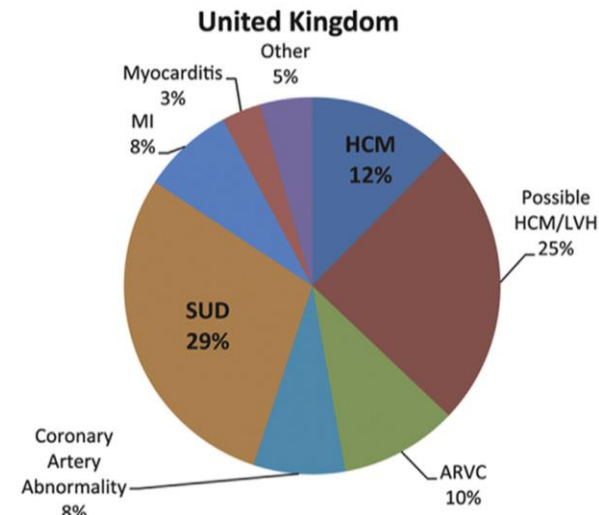
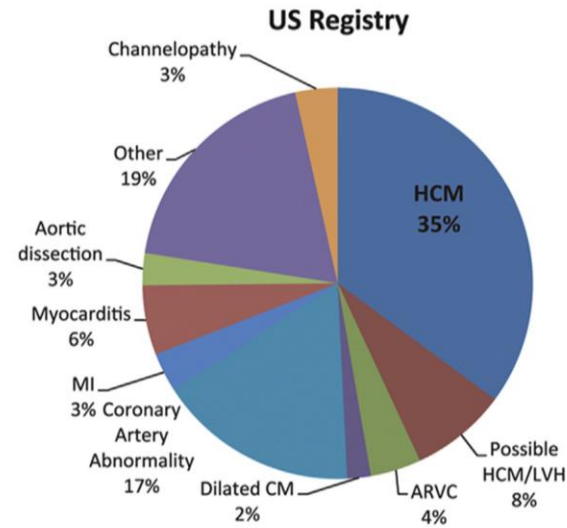
# HCM – the leading cause of SCD in athletes and in the young



*SCD in 1866  
Young Athletes*

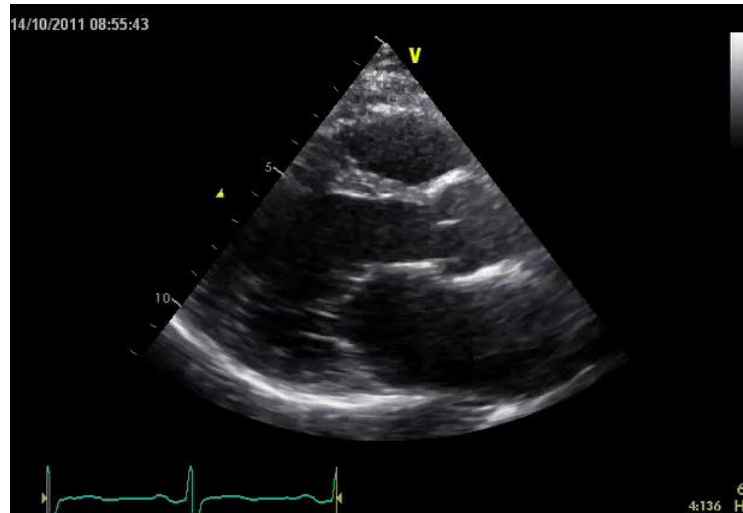
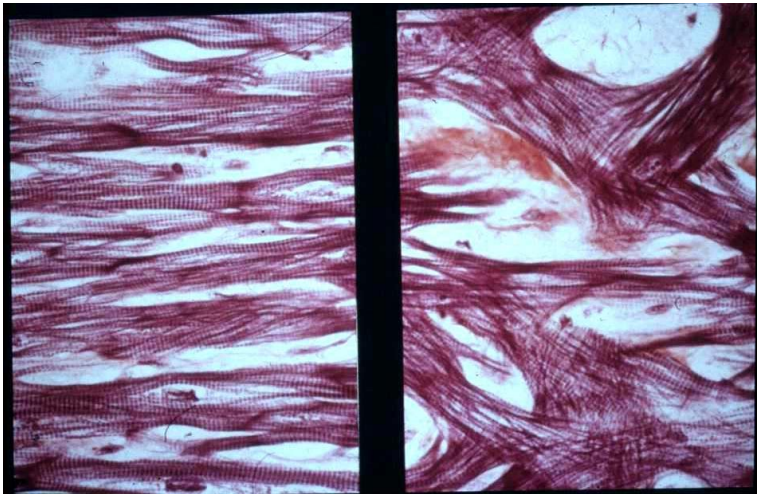
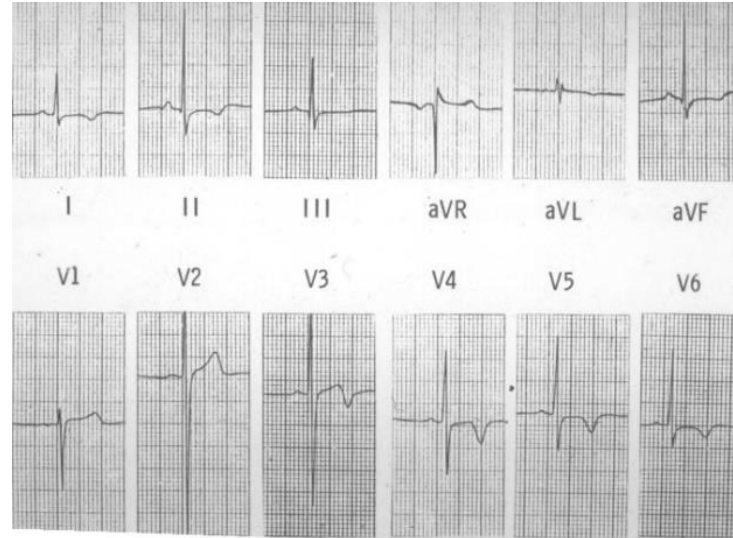
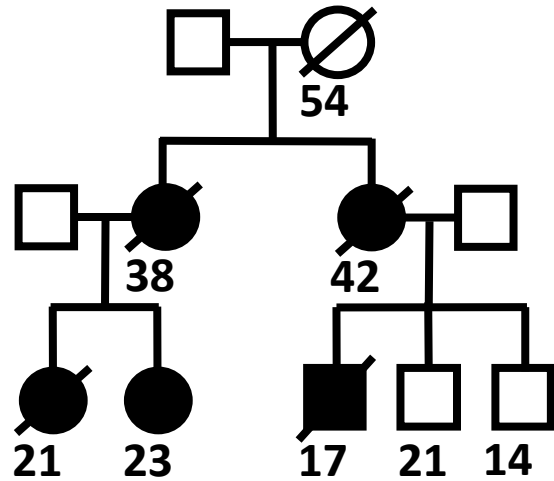
Maron, BJ et. al.  
Circulation 2009;  
119:1085-1092

# Pathogenesis of SCD in the young



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# Troponin T (Arg94Leu): sudden death, myocardial disarray, but no hypertrophy

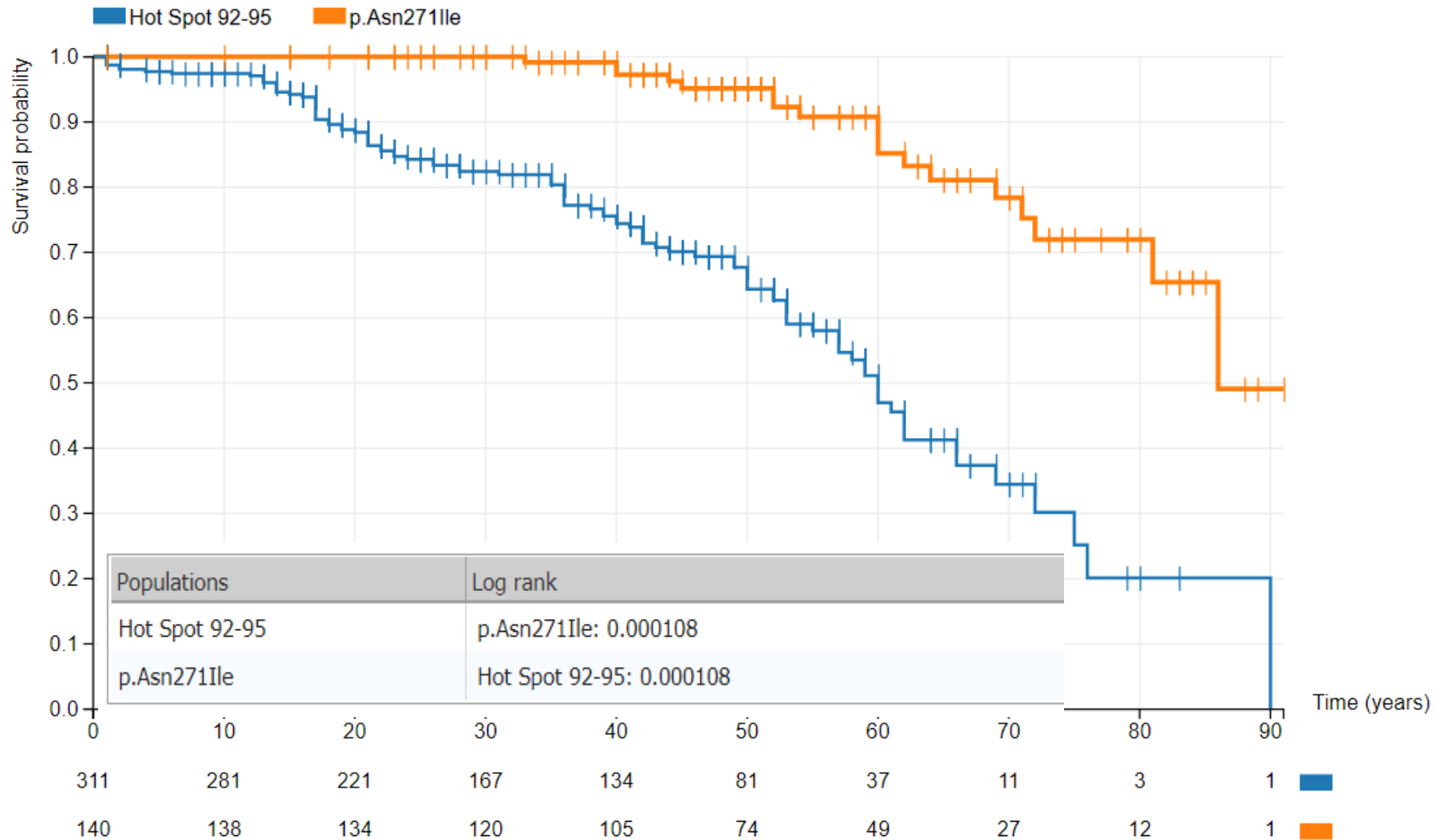


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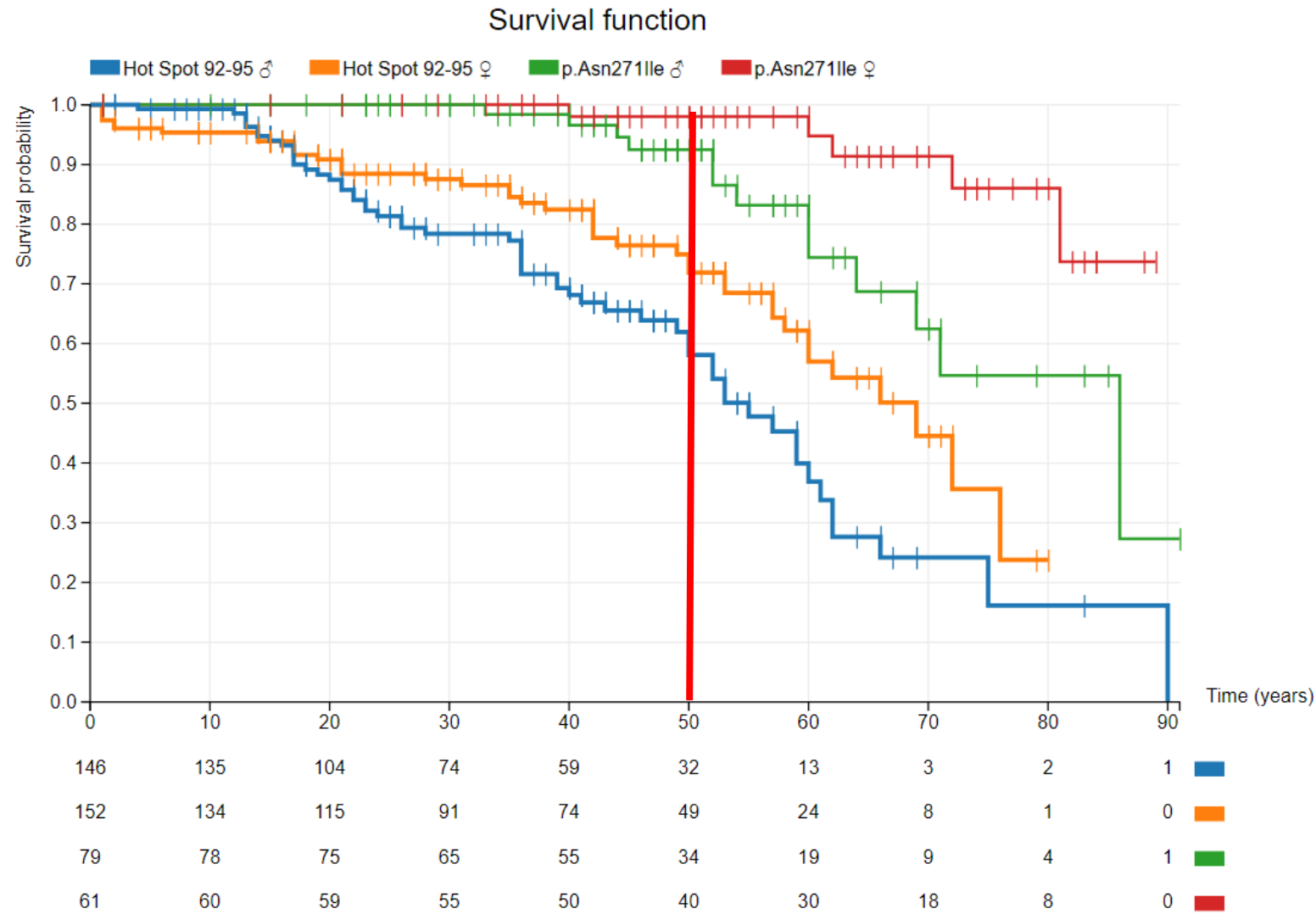


# Genetic determinants of outcome

Kaplan Meier Survival – Troponin T Hot Spot 92-95 vs founder mutation at amino acid 271

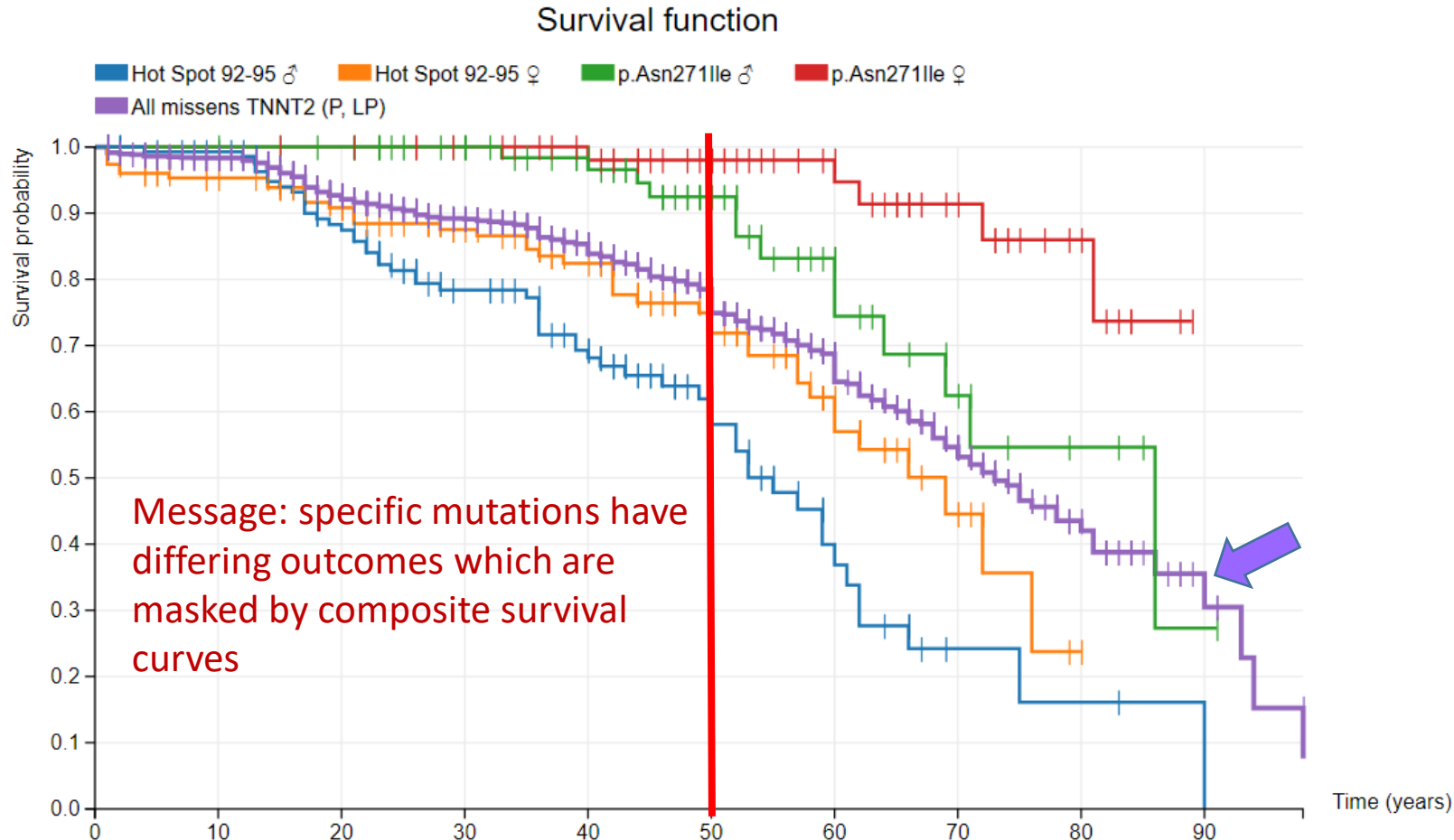


# Kaplan Meier Survival – Troponin T Hot Spot 92-95 vs 271 – Male vs Female



By courtesy of William McKenna

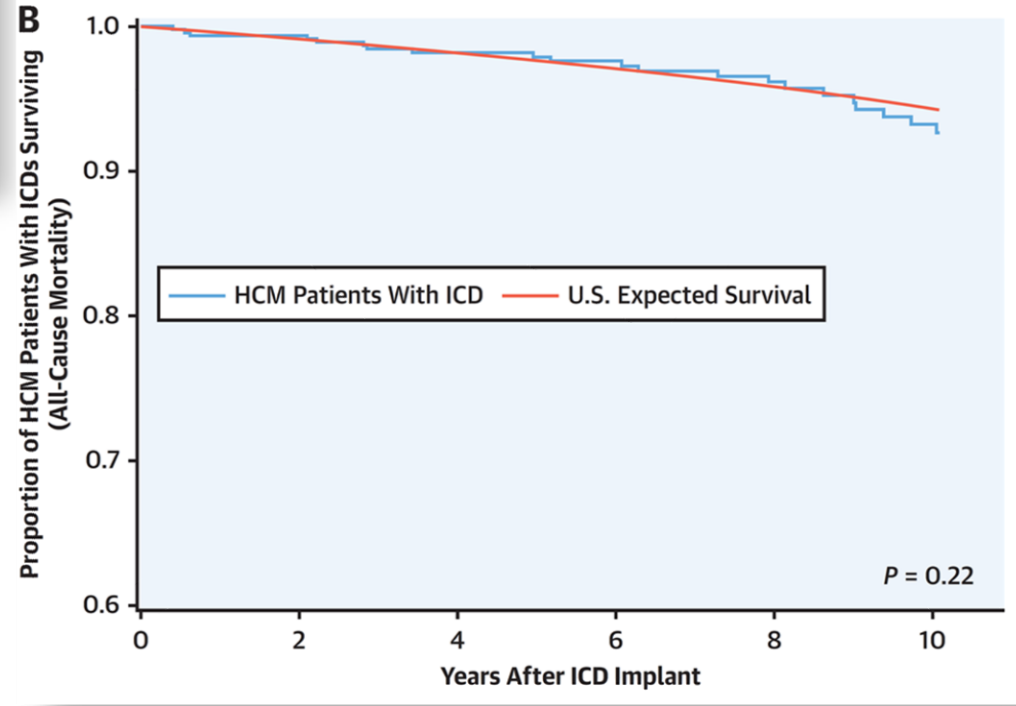
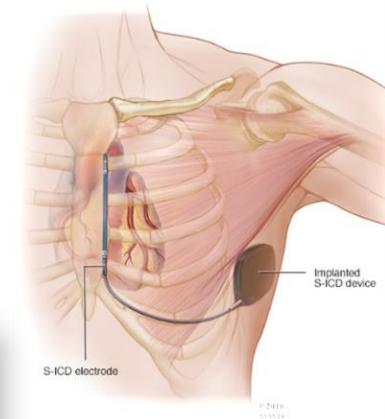
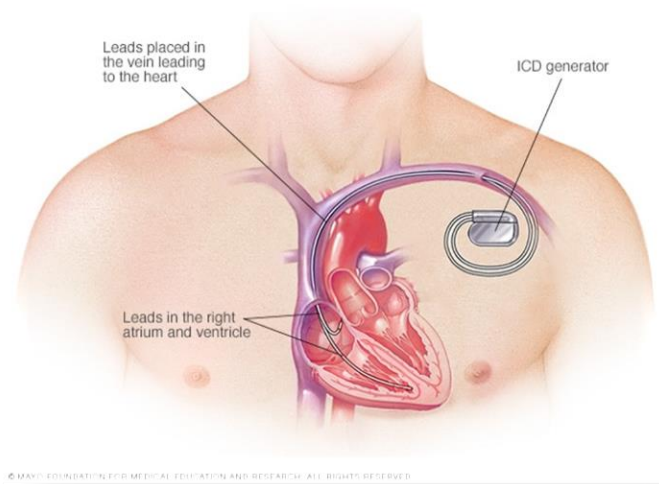
# Kaplan Meier Survival – Troponin T Hot Spot 92-95 vs 271 – Male vs Female Comparison with composite troponin T data



146	135	104	74	59	32	13	3	2	1	■
152	134	115	91	74	49	24	8	1	0	■
79	78	75	65	55	34	19	9	4	1	■
61	60	59	55	50	40	30	18	8	0	■
1142	1066	914	770	632	415	245	109	29	7	■



# Improved ICD technologies and lower complication rates



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# Ventricular arrhythmias in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy patients: prevalence, distribution, predictors and outcome

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Combined cohort of HCM patients  
n=1,328

ICD implanted  
n=207

VTA  
n=37 (18%)

No VTA  
n=170

VT±VF  
n=26 (70%)

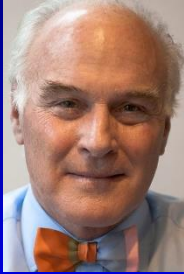
VF only  
n=11 (30%)

~80% terminated by  
ATP





**How to apply the recommendations of the  
current guidelines?**



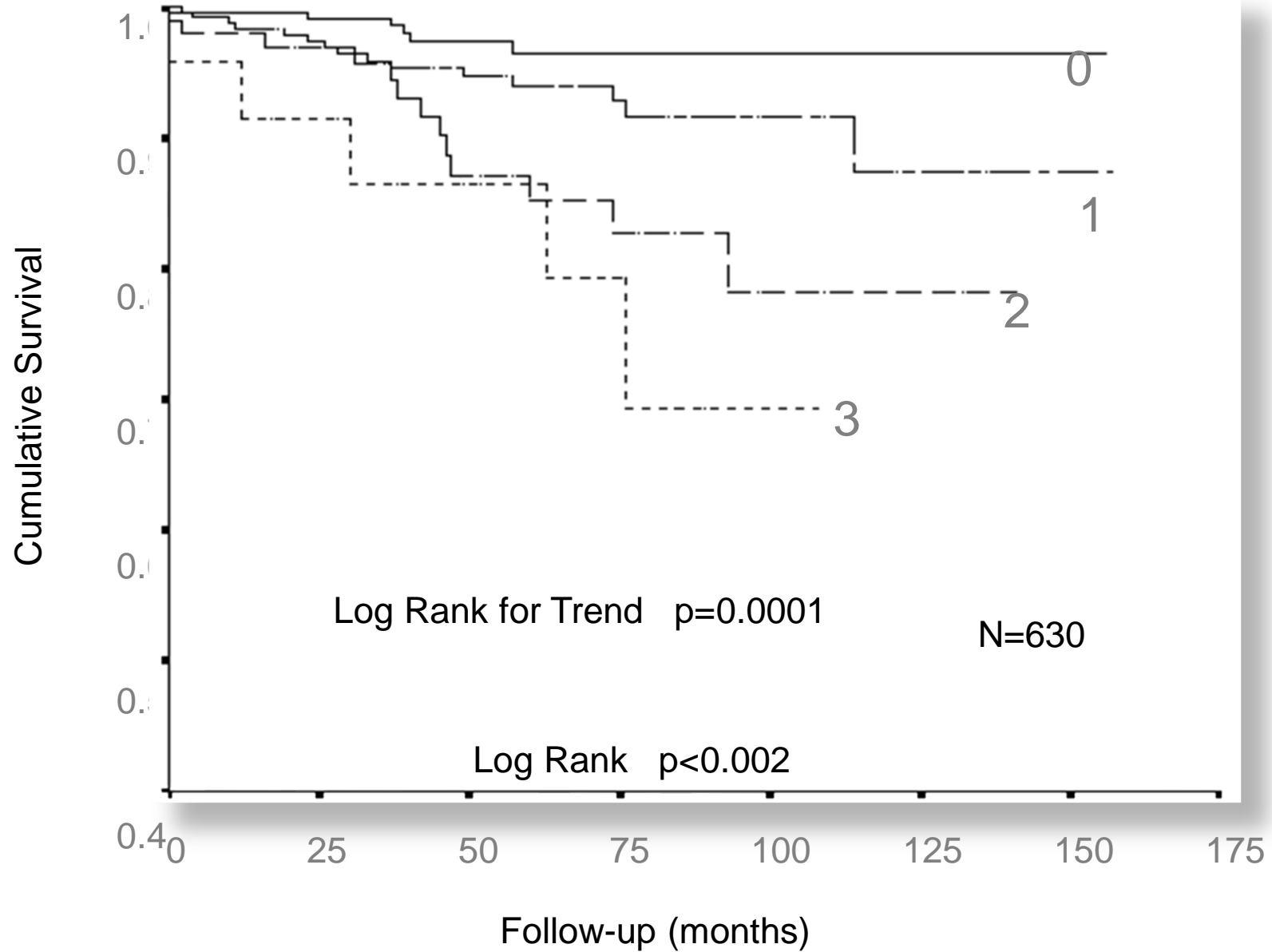
**ESC 2014  
Guideline  
"Euroscore" like  
principle**



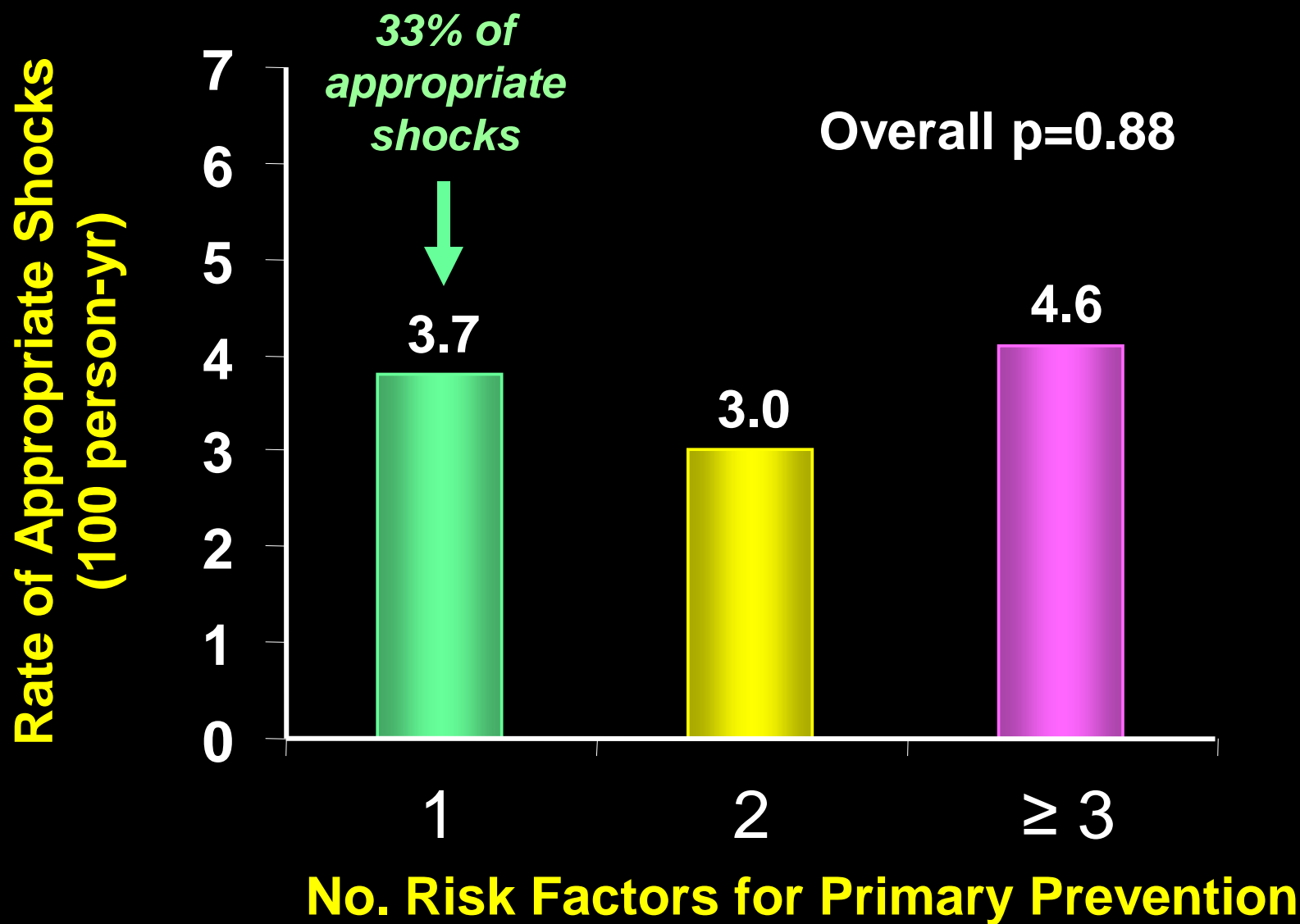
**ACCF/AHA  
Guideline 2011/  
2020**

**ACC/ESC Consensus Document (2003)**

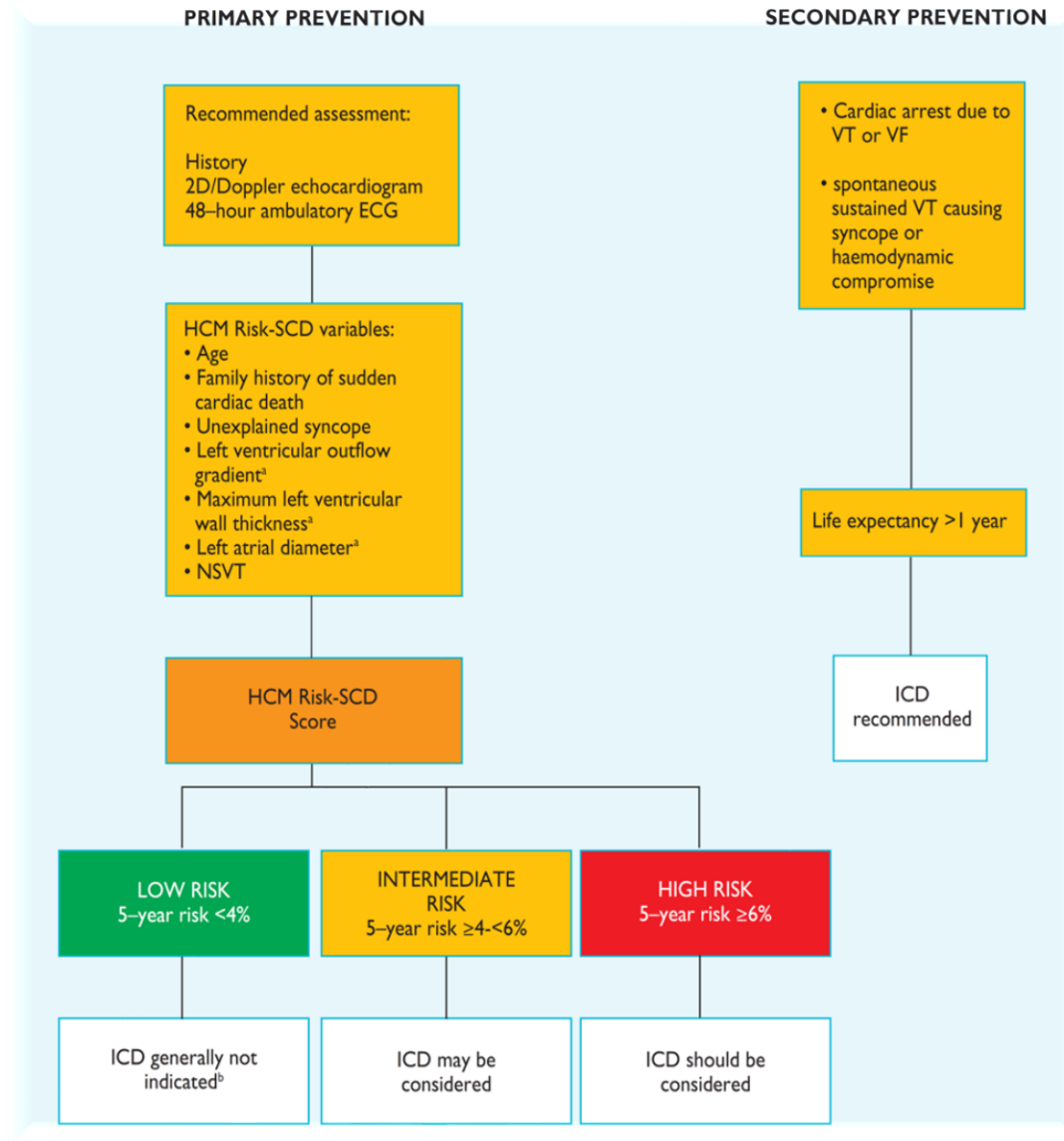
# More Risk Factors – Lower the Survival

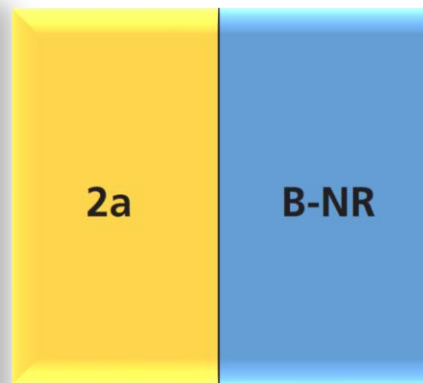
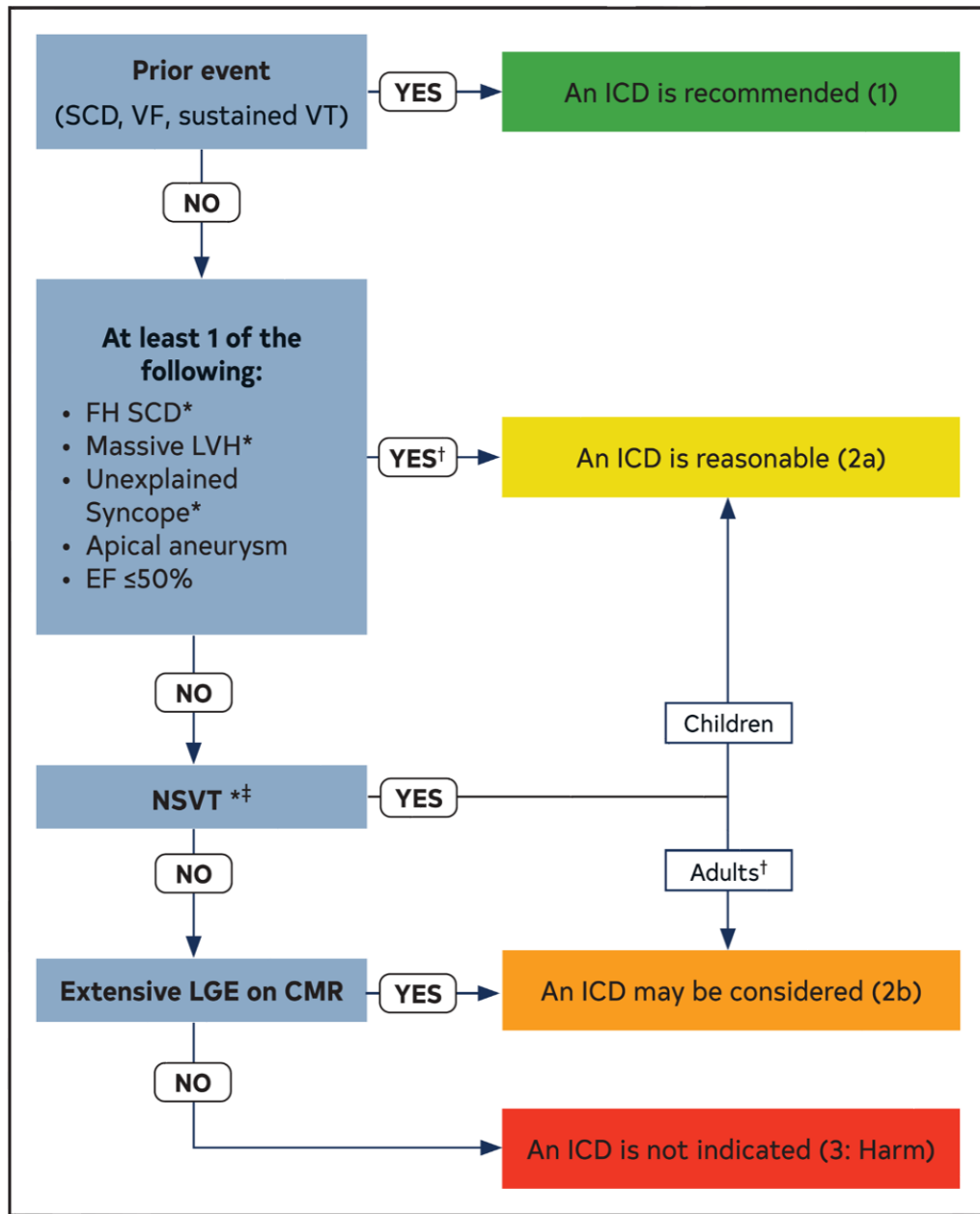






# Sudden Death Risk Definition in HCM





3. For patients who are  $\geq 16$  years of age with HCM, it is reasonable to obtain echocardiography-derived left atrial diameter and maximal LVOT gradient to aid in calculating an estimated 5-year sudden death risk that may be useful during shared decision-making for ICD placement<sup>2,22</sup> (Table 7).

# Missing Variables in SCD risk Assessment



- **ESC risk calculator (2014):**

- Blood pressure response to exercise
- End stage disease (LVEF  $\leq$ 50%)
- Apical aneurysm
- Extensive late gadolinium enhancement on CMR



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- **AHA/ACC 2020 guidelines**

- Age
- Blood pressure response to exercise
- LVOT gradient
- NSVT – not major risk category

- **The implication of single major risk factor!**





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## HCM Risk-SCD Calculator

Age  Years

Maximum LV wall thickness  mm

Left atrial size  mm

Max LVOT gradient  mmHg

Family History of SCD  No  Yes

Non-sustained VT  No  Yes

Unexplained syncope  No  Yes

*Age at evaluation*

*Transthoracic Echocardiographic measurement*

*Left atrial diameter determined by M-Mode or 2D echocardiography in the parasternal long axis plane at time of evaluation*

*The maximum LV outflow gradient determined at rest and with Valsalva provocation (irrespective of concurrent medical treatment) using pulsed and continuous wave Doppler from the apical three and five chamber views. Peak outflow tract gradients should be determined using the modified Bernouilli equation: Gradient=  $4V^2$ , where V is the peak aortic outflow velocity*

*History of sudden cardiac death in 1 or more first degree relatives under 40 years of age or SCD in a first degree relative with confirmed HCM at any age (post or ante-mortem diagnosis).*

*3 consecutive ventricular beats at a rate of 120 beats per minute and <30s in duration on Holter monitoring (minimum duration 24 hours) at or prior to evaluation.*

*History of unexplained syncope at or prior to evaluation.*



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## AHA HCM SCD Calculator

### Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy - Sudden Cardiac Death Risk Calculator

Age

years 

MS-VISIT

years 

LS-Risk

years 

Max CVD Conditions

months 

PM SCD

No  Yes 

MS-VISIT

No  Yes 

Unexplained Syncope

No  Yes 

BP < 100

No  Yes 

Agonal Termination

No  Yes 

Recurrent LCP

No  Yes 





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Risk of SCD at 5 years (%): 2.24

ESC recommendation: ICD generally not indicated \*\*



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Risk of SCD at 5 years(%)

2.24

Recommendation

Based on the SCD Risk factors present, this patient has a Class 2A indication for ICD (is reasonable)

Current messages from the literature can be applied in the specific patient using sound clinical judgment





# Shared Decision Making in HCM in Our Practice





## **Take-home messages**

- **The rate of SCD in HCM is 0.5%/year**
- **Risk stratification should be based on ESC/AHA guidelines, clinical judgement and shared decision making**
- **Current technologies allow building an actionable mutations based genetic map for future use in evaluation of SCD risk**

When a thing ceases to be a  
matter of controversy it ceases  
to be a matter of interest

William Hazlitt 1778-1830

*Thank  
you*

