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# PREVENTION OF SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN PATIENTS WITH HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY

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# OUTLINE

- Risk of SCD
- Risk factors for SCD in HCM
- Recommendations for the prevention of SCD
- Gaps and knowledge and limitations

# BACKGROUND

- A minority of clinically recognized patients with HCM have increased risk for SCD (1% per year )
- ICDs offer the only effective means of preventing SCD in HCM patients



# BACKGROUND

- **Appropriate selection of primary prevention ICD therapy limited by:**
  - **Variable definitions for risk markers**
  - **Relative infrequency of HCM and SCD**
  - **Sparse clinical data**
  - **Morbidity associated with early ICD implant.**
  - **Use of surrogate markers for SCD**
  - **Do not consider reduced risk of SCD by age**

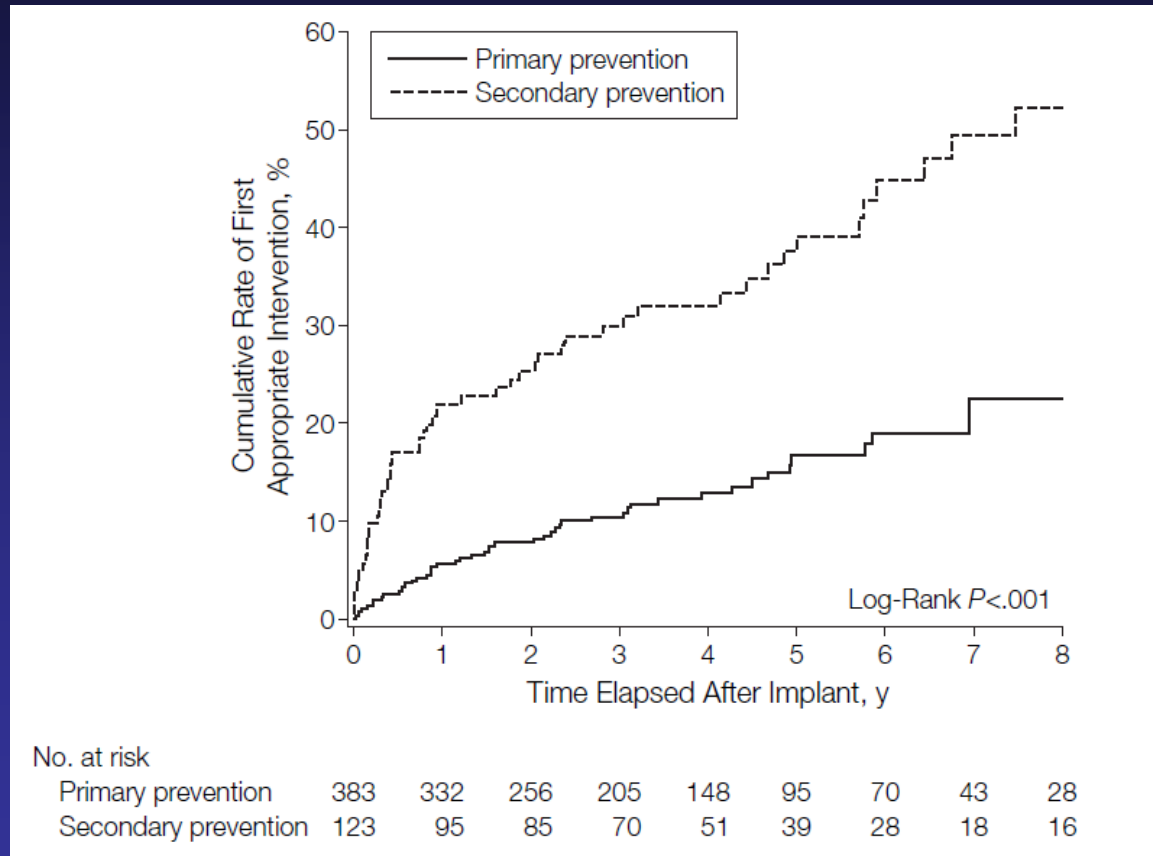


# RISK MARKERS FOR SCD IN HCM



# SECONDARY PREVENTION

- History of:
  - VF
  - Sustained VT
  - SCD



*Maron et al. JAMA, 2007*

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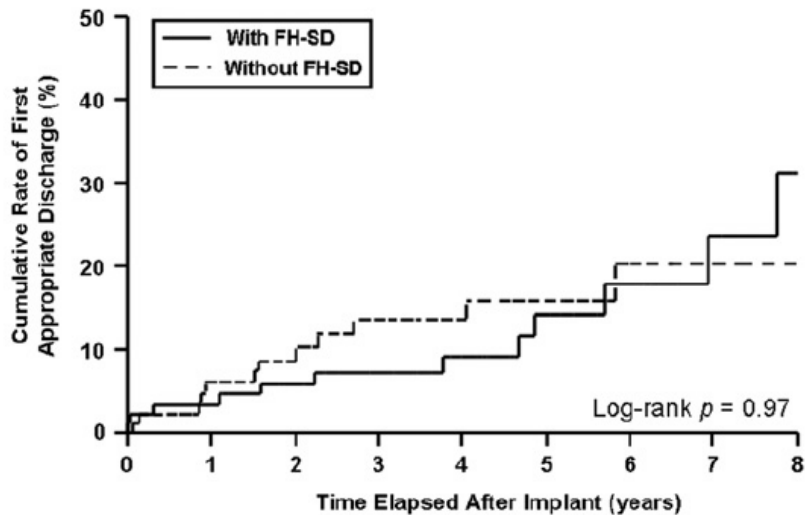


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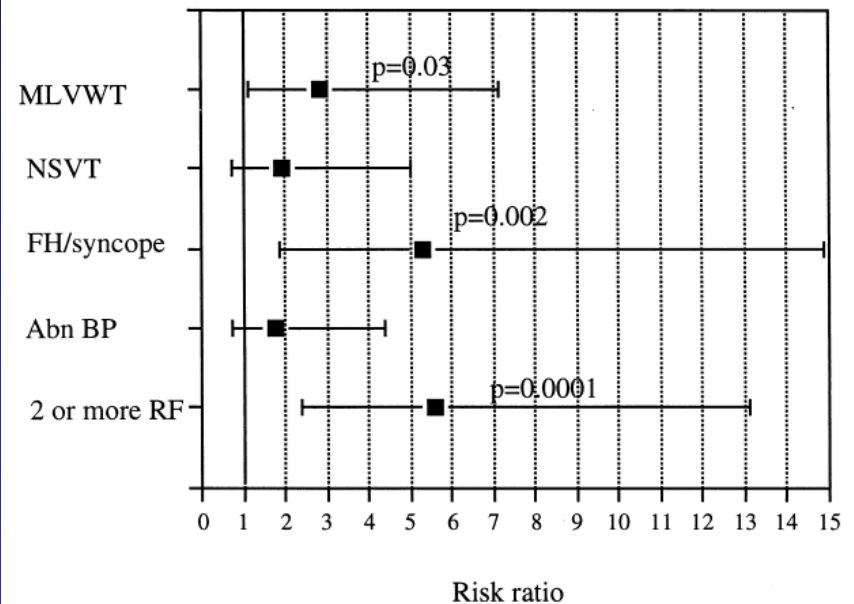
# FAMILY HISTORY OF SCD

Limited and conflicting data:



No. of patients at risk:

With FH-SD	91	80	70	62	50	33	23	13	8
Without FH-SD	86	76	60	51	43	32	17	14	11



*Bos JM, et al. AJC, 2010*

*Elliott PM et al. JACC 2000*



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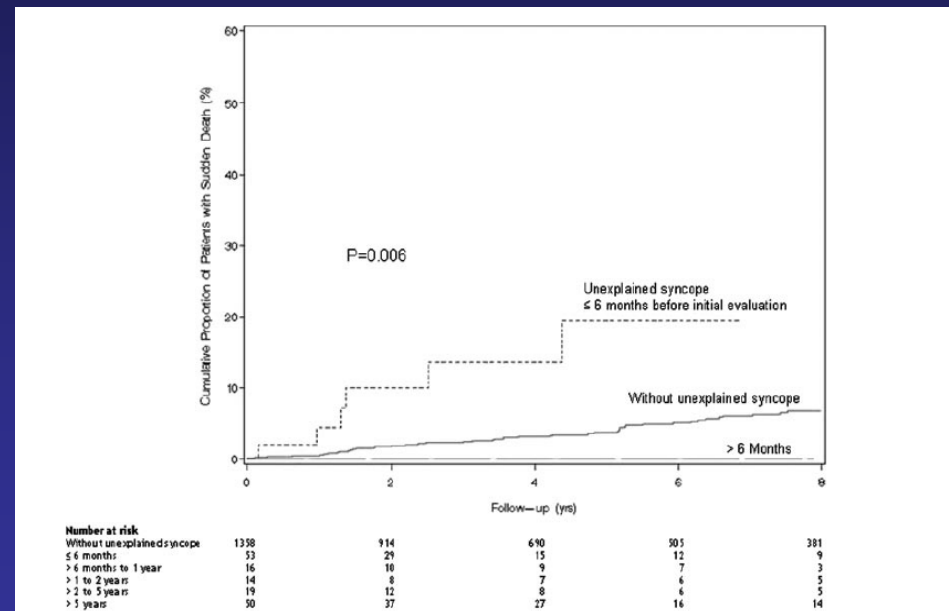
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# SYNCOPE

- Multifactorial etiology
- Requires a careful clinical history
- *Predominant risk associated with recent unexplained syncope:*



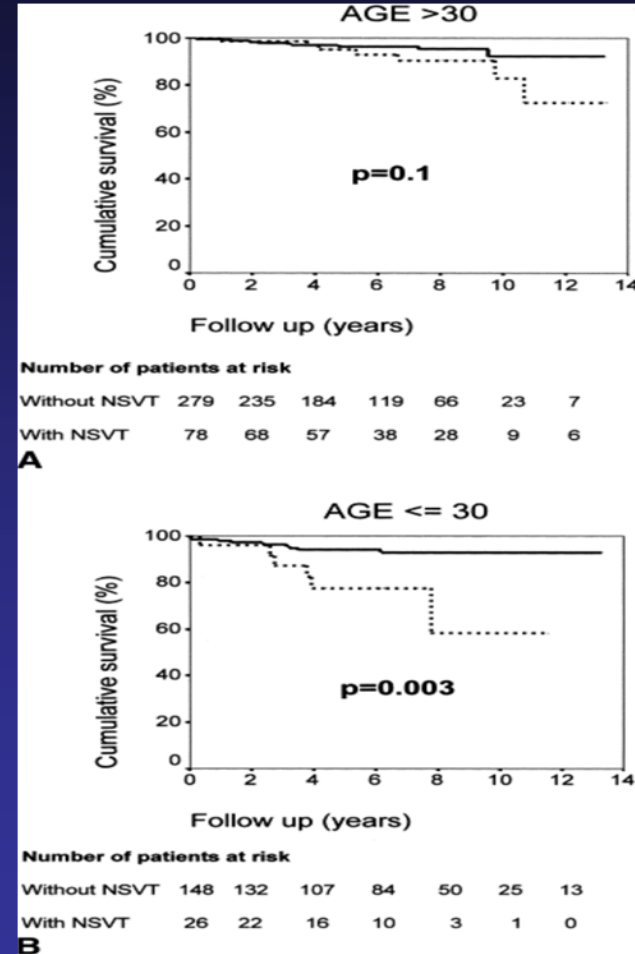
*Spirito, et al. Circulation, 2009*



# NONSUSTAINED VT

- Conflicting data from 5 studies
- One study showed age-dependent association with SCD

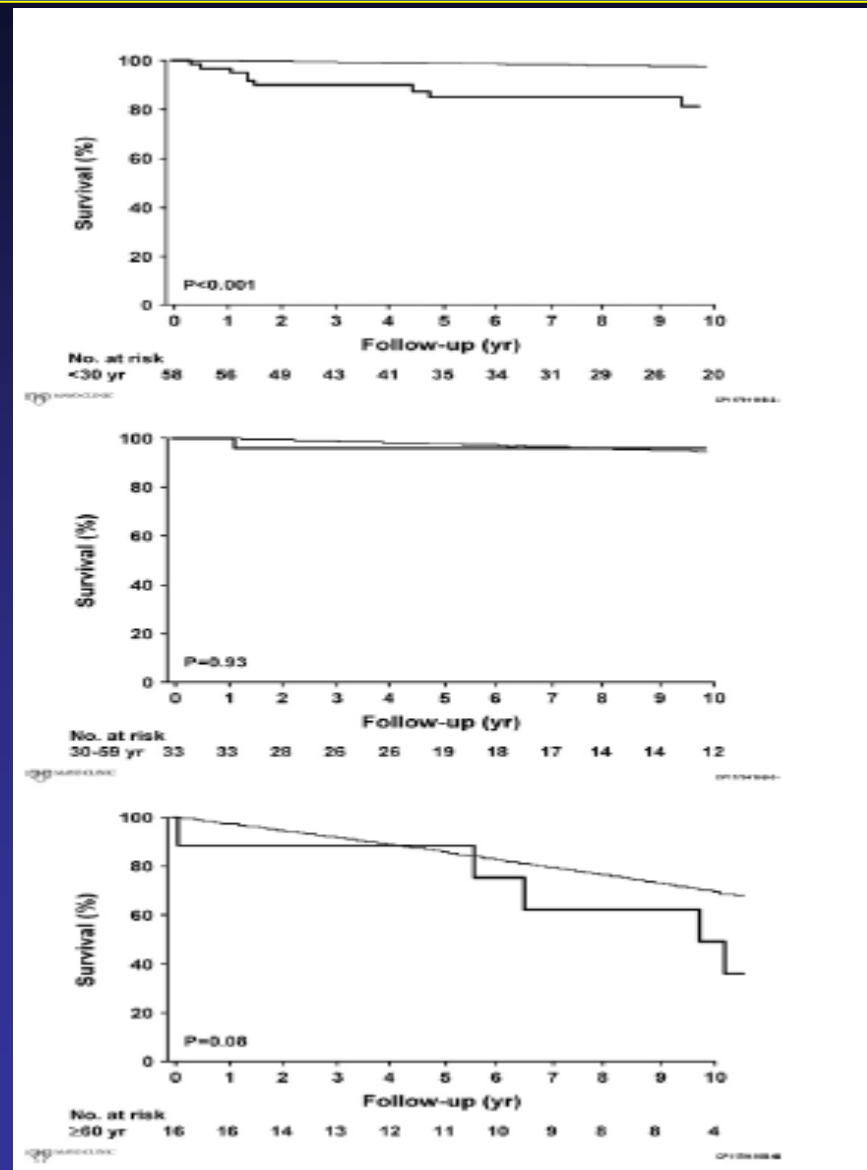
*Montserrat et al. JACC, 2003*



# MAX. LV WALL THICKNESS

- Arbitrarily defined at  $\geq 30$  mm
- Risk increases in a linear fashion
- *Associated risk is age-dependent*

Sorajja et al. J Am Col Echo, 2006



# B.P. RESPONSE TO EXERCISE

- **Defined as effort associated:**
  - **Failure to increase by at least 20 mm Hg**
  - **Drop of at least 20 mm Hg**
- **Occurs in up to a third of HCM pts**
- **Univariate association with SCD shown in several studies**

# ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE RISK MODIFIERS



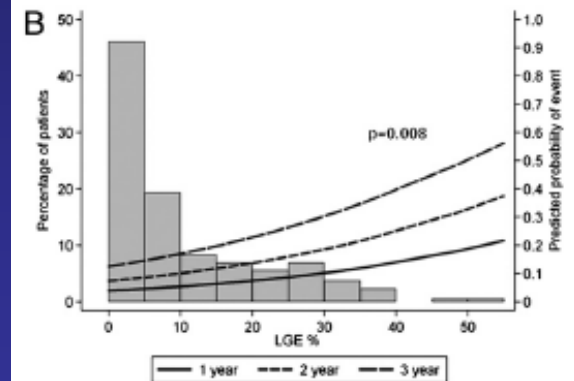
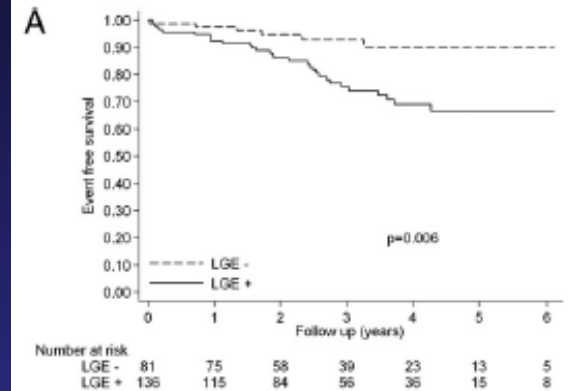
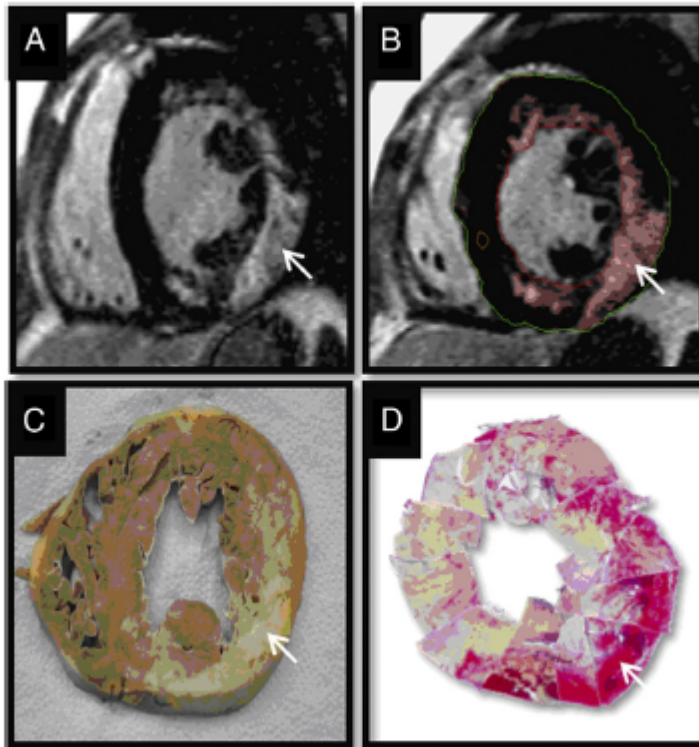
# LVOT OBSTRUCTION

- $\geq 30$  mm Hg obstruction suggested to be associated with increased risk for SCD
- Low risk of SCD following surgical myomectomy
- Conflicting data
- Dynamic obstruction limits this variable as a risk modifier

# LGE-CMR

- Represents fibrosis or scarring
- Limited data suggest association with SCD
- Limitations:
  - Common in HCM pts
  - Lack of consensus on appropriate imaging protocols or threshold

# LGE-CMR



**O'Hanlon et al. JACC 2010**



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# LV APICAL ANEURYSM

- 2% develop a thin-walled LV apical aneurysm associated with regional scarring
- Increased risk for adverse clinical events during follow-up:
  - Progressive heart failure
  - Possibly SCD

# GENETIC MARKERS

- **Currently routine mutational screening offers little prognostic information:**
  - **Some “malignant” mutations found to have a lower rate of clinical risk factors than “benign” mutations**
  - **Many are novel within specific families**

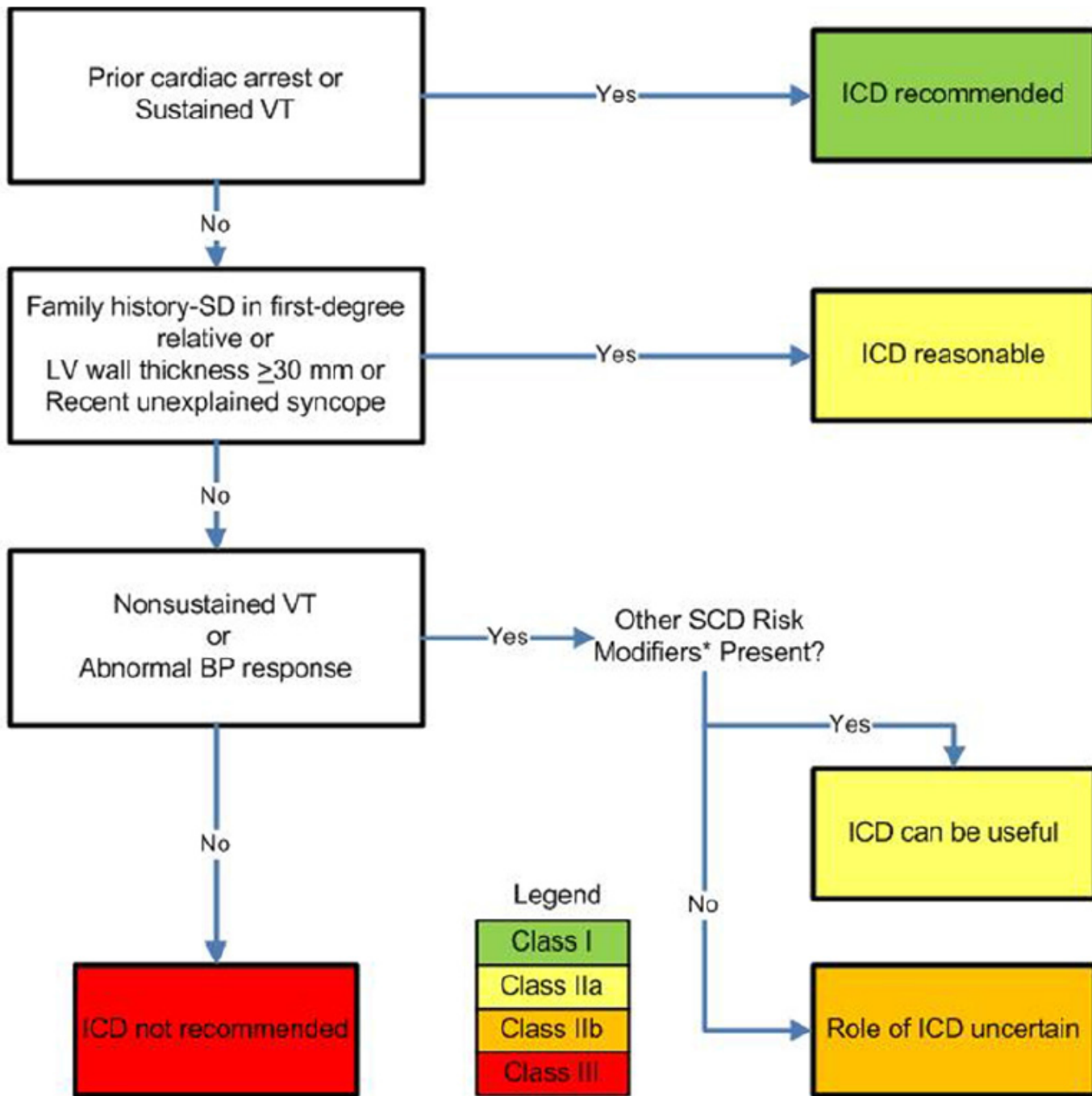


# SUMMARY: RISK FACTORS

- Low positive predictive value (10% - 20%)
- High negative predictive value (85% - 95%)
- The majority of pts with  $\geq 1$  risk factors will not experience SCD
- Cumulative number of risk factors not shown to correlate with risk

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# CONCLUSIONS

- Current data even regarding established (guidelines-based) risk markers for SCD in HCM are limited and conflicting
- Decision needs to be individualized:
  - Age
  - Strength of the risk factor
  - Risk-benefit of lifelong ICD therapy
- There is a need for a contemporary risk stratification approach in HCM

**THANK YOU**



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