

# Echocardiographic assessment in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

*The Spectrum of Diagnosis and Management in HCM*



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# Echo in HCM

Diagnosis

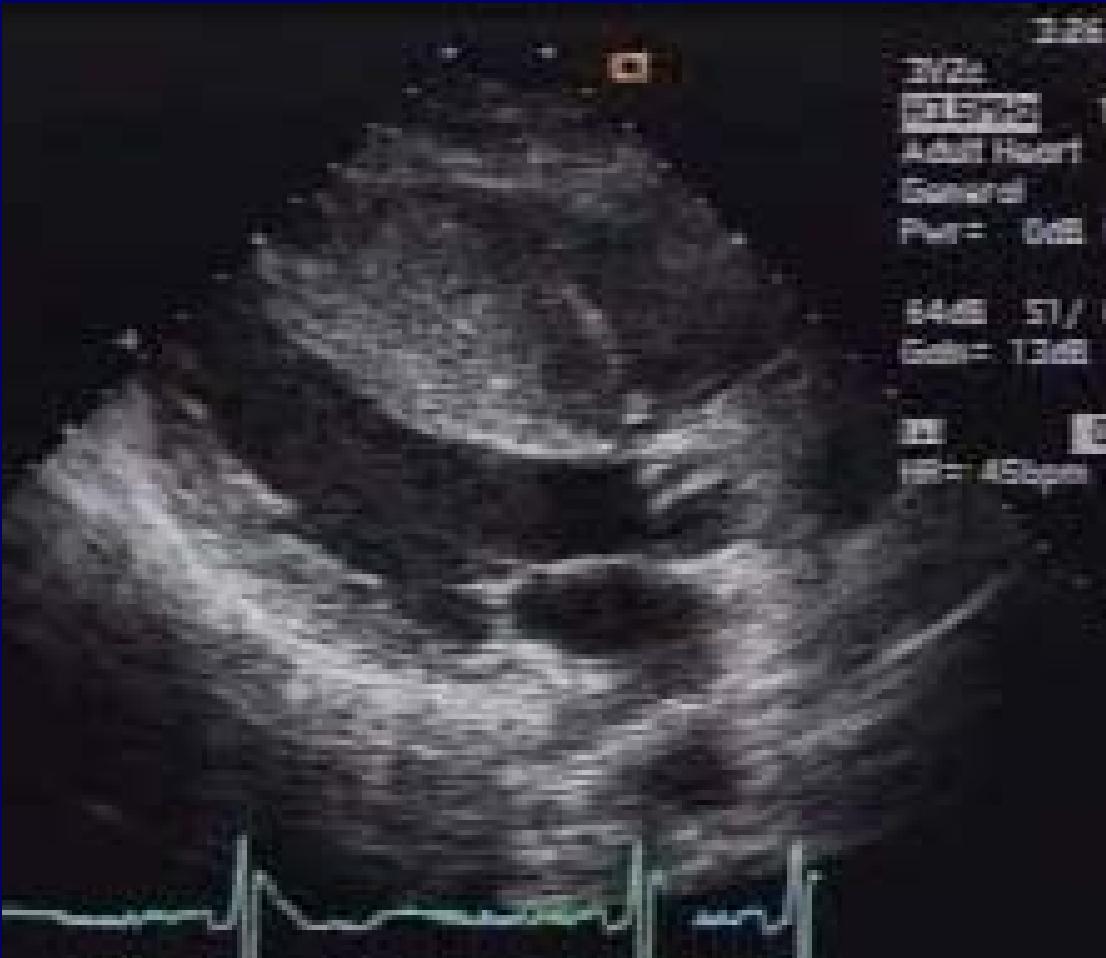
Prognosis

Therapeutics

Familial screening

# ECHO DIAGNOSIS IN HCM

## Unexplained LVH



**$\geq 15$  mm (13 if familial)**

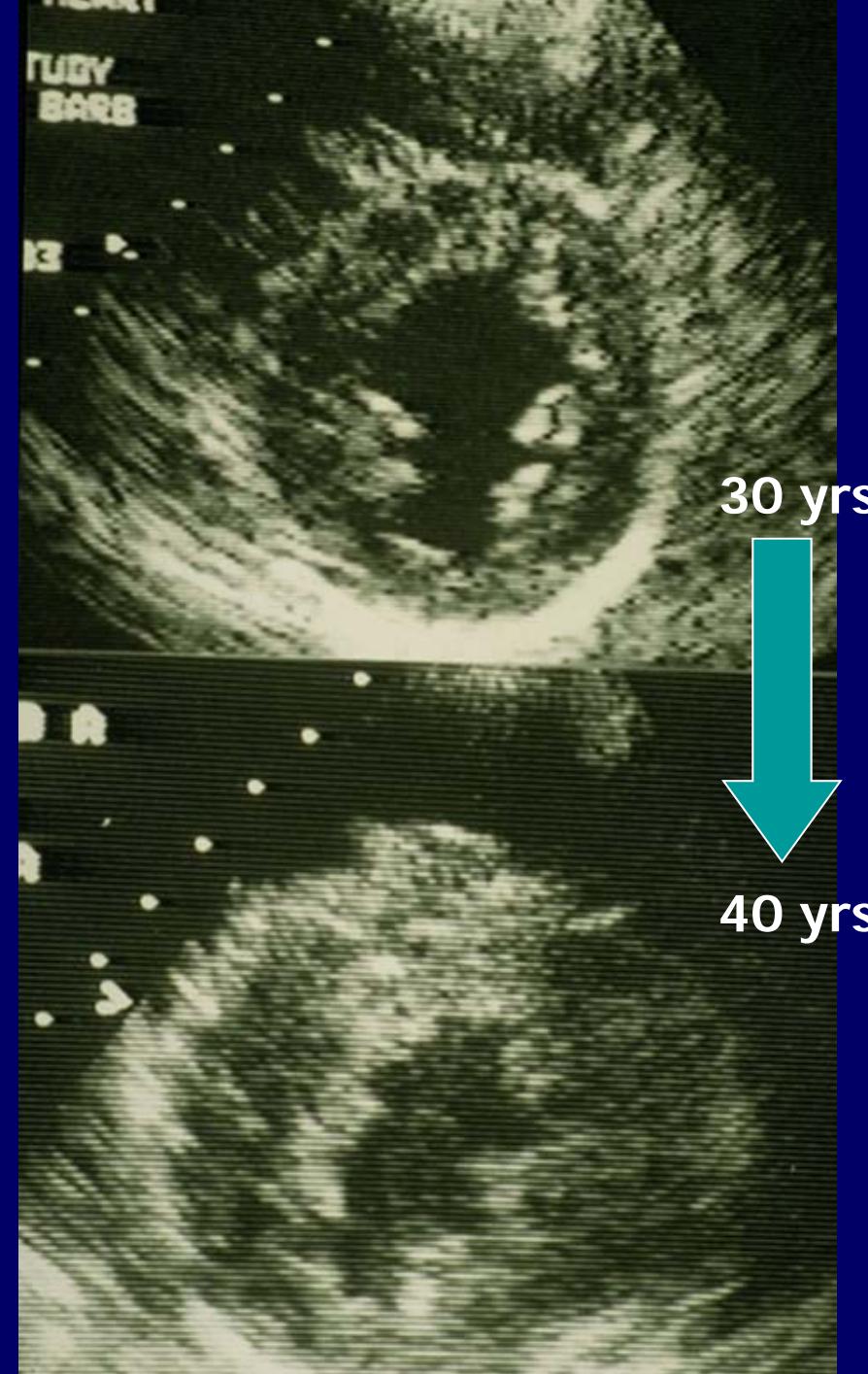
# No LVH

- Child & adolescent

- Adult

MyBPC mutations  
(France - 30%)

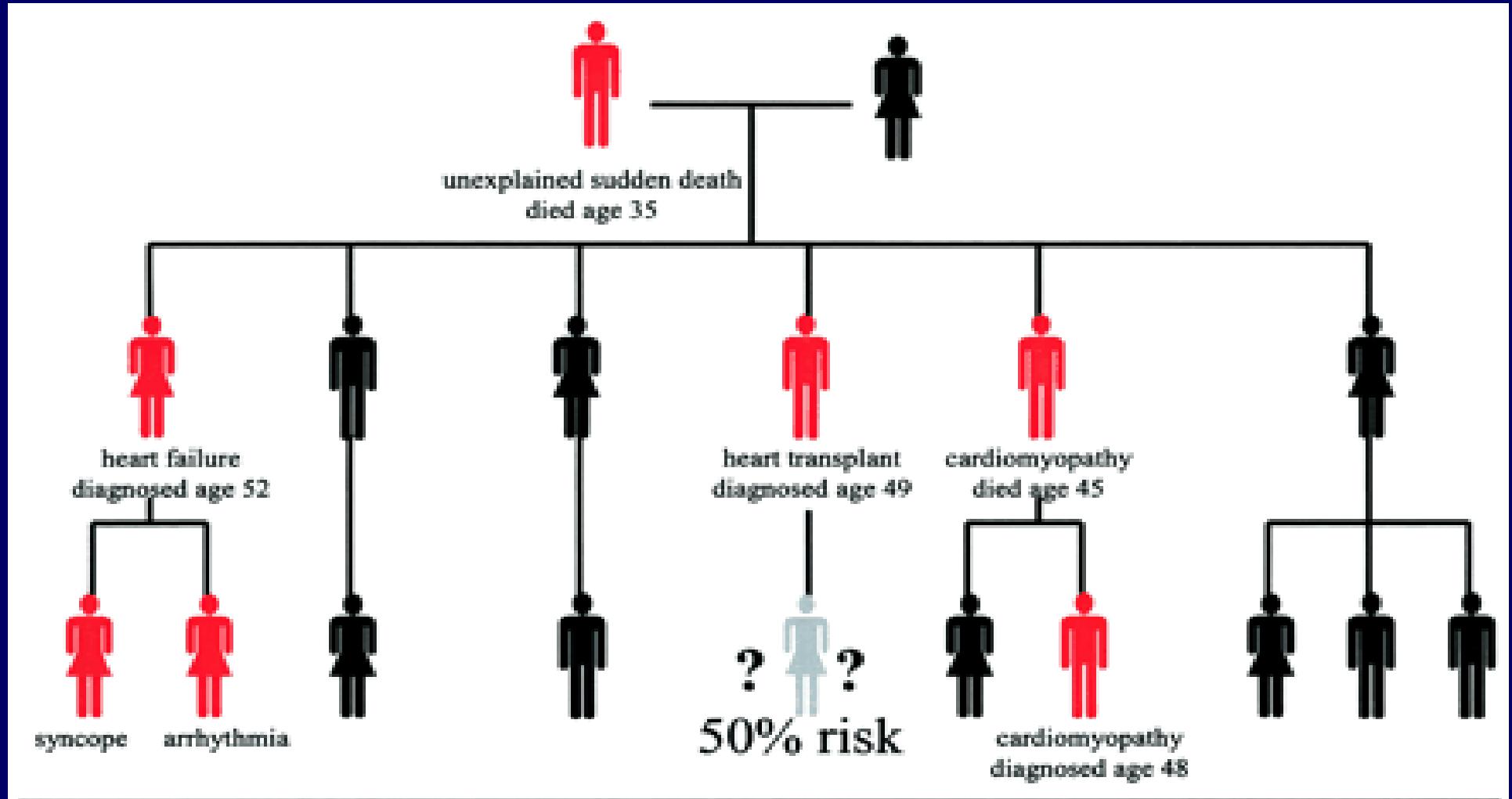
*Maron JACC 2001*



# Usual cause of HCM

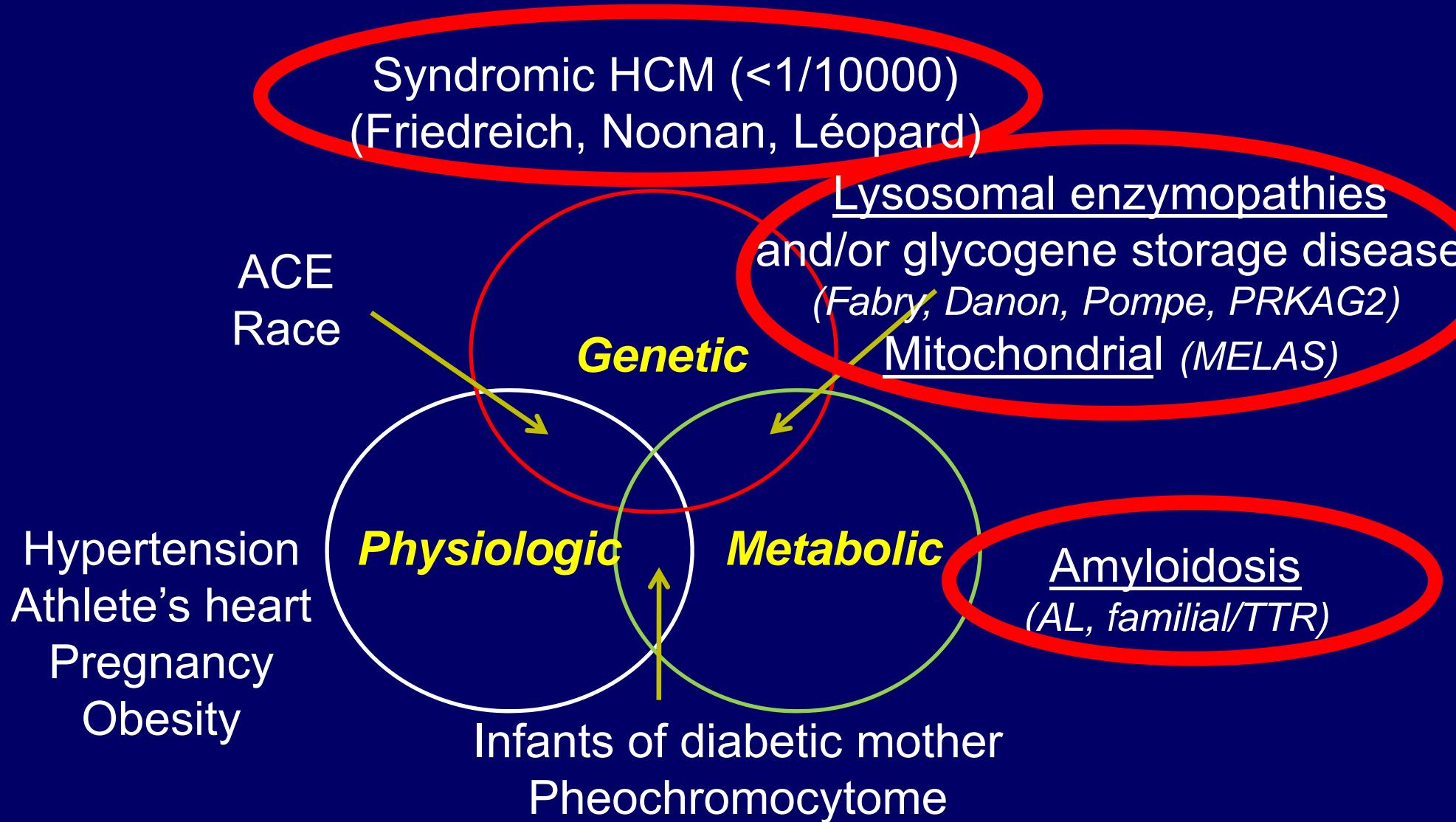
## Sarcomeric gene defect

### Autosomal dominant transmission



# CAUSES OF HCM

## Sarcomeric HCM (1/500)



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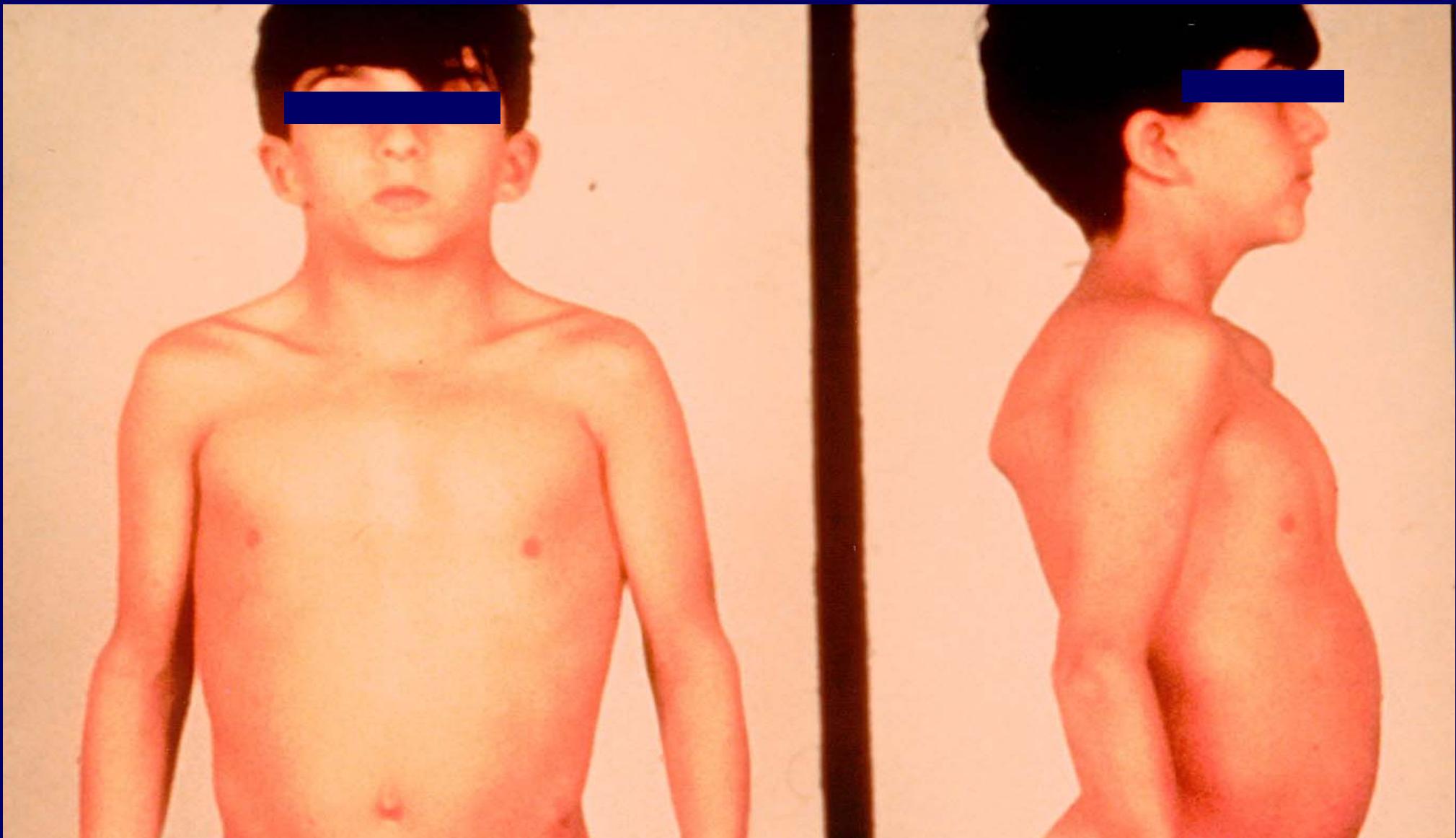
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# Syndromic HCM (Noonan)



# Non-cardiac signs

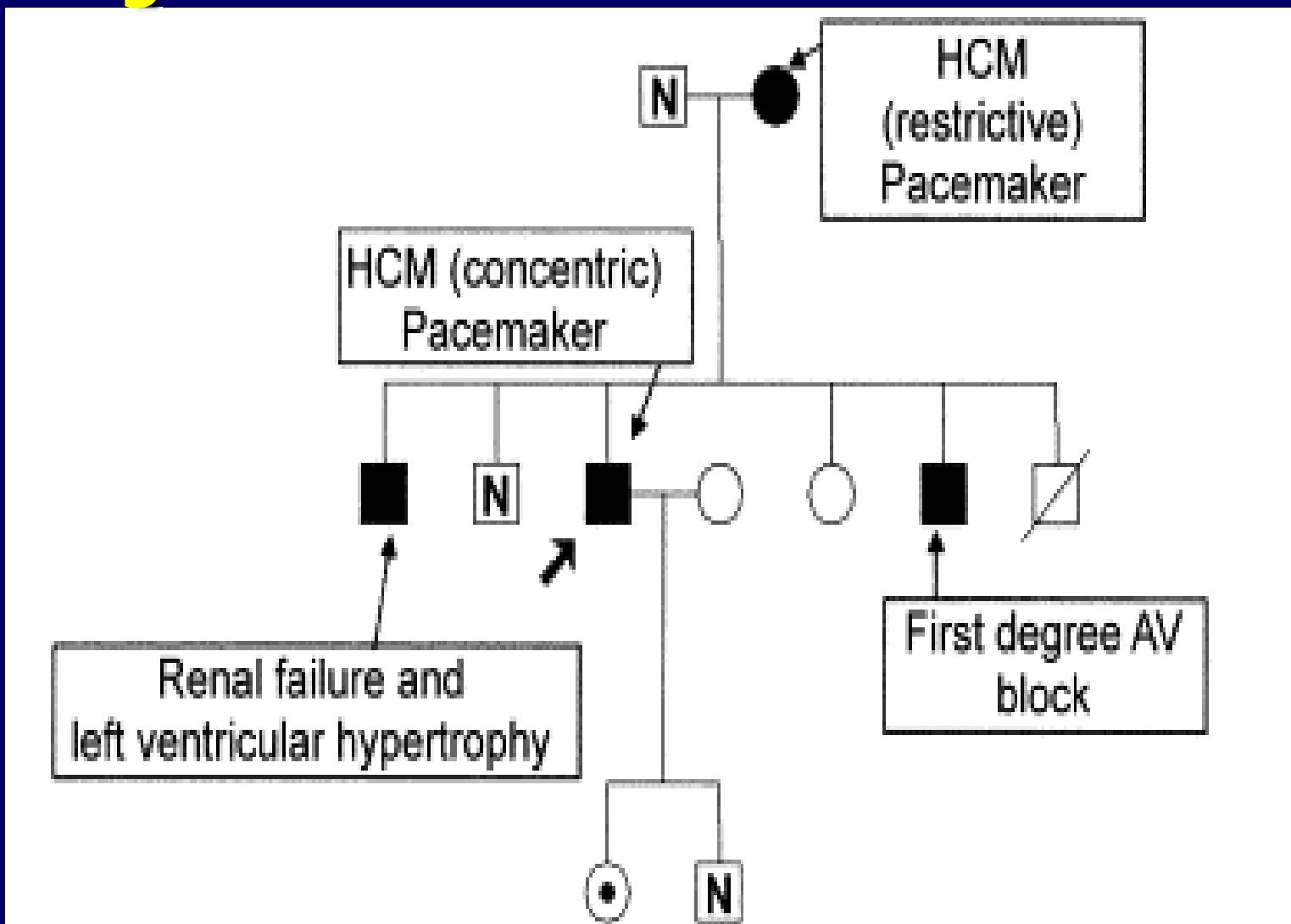
## Fabry disease



Angiokeratoma

# Non-autosomal transmission

## Fabry : X-linked transmission



# The problem

*Sporadic patient  
with « isolated » LVH :*

*Sarcomeric HCM or not ?*

# Genetics

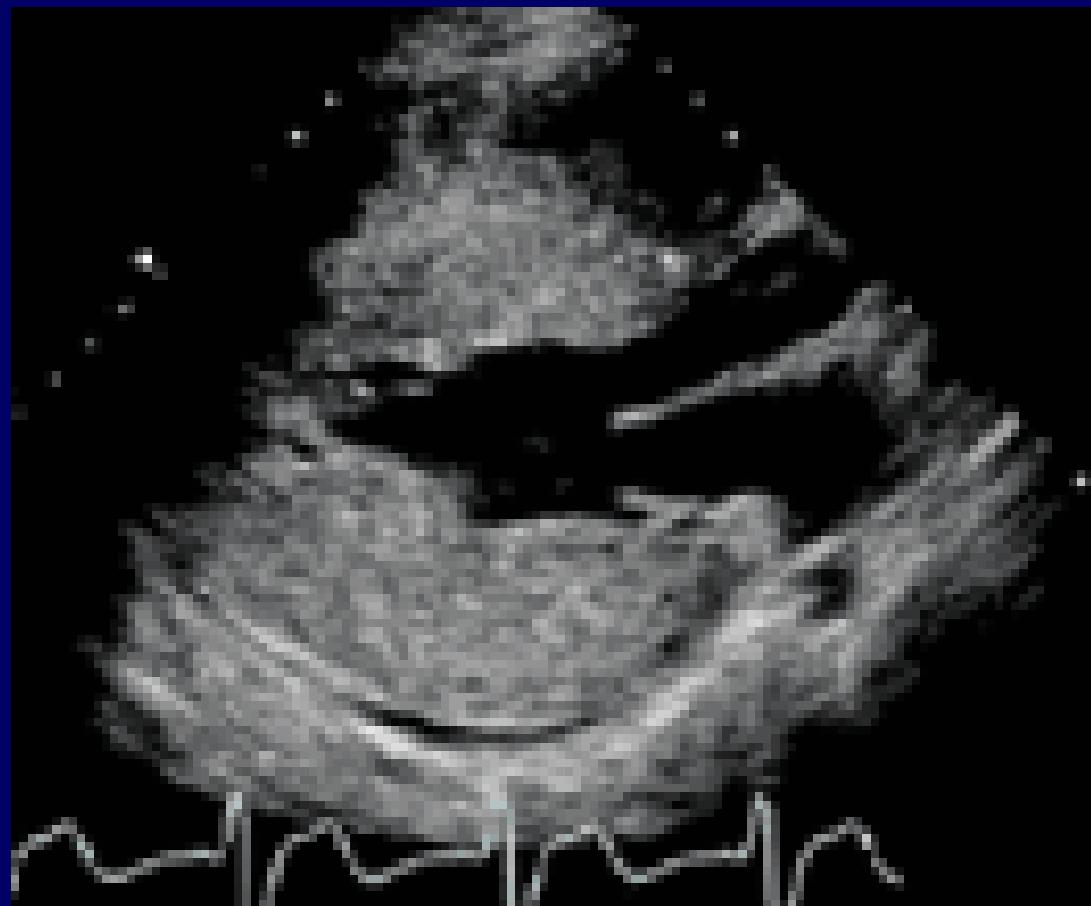
- 1 – Genetic profile is currently only scarcely performed and always patient-orientated
- 2 – When performed, a negative test ( $> 40\%$ ) is not conclusive for the absence of a sarcomeric disease

# RED FLAGS : ECHO

- Concentric LVH: amyloidosis, mitochondrial disease, Fabry, if  $\geq$  30 mm Danon
- Global LV hypokinesia +/- dilatation : Fabry, mitochondrial, TTR amyloidosis, PRKAG2, Danon, end-stage sarcomeric
- Pericardial effusion, increased interatrial septal thickness, ground-glass septum appearance: Amyloidosis
- Increased thickness of the RV free wall or AV valves: Amyloidosis or Fabry

# Amyloidosis Mitochondrial

# Fabry disease



# Binary appearance of the myocardium (Fabry disease)



Pieroni, JACC 2006;47:1663-71

# FABRY Disease: Cardiac variant

## *FOCUS Study (French Society Cardiology)*

- HCM Pts : 392 (supposed sarcomeric origin)
- Systematic dosage  $\alpha$ -gal A
- < 20% & genetic confirmation
- Fabry disease
  - 4 male pts (**1.8% of male  $\geq 40$  yrs**)
  - 3 PM, Asymmetric LVH, 2 obstructive (1 TASH)
  - Identification of 8 pts Fabry in families

# TTR Amyloidosis: Cardiac variant

## *Italian registry*

- Pts : ATTR (186), SSA (30), HCM (30)
- Phenotype exclusively cardiac (17%), exclusively neurologic (25%), mixed (58%)
- TTR cardiac variants
  - **Male > 65 yrs (>90%)**
  - **HF signs (40% III/IV)**
  - **Symmetric LVH (97%)**
  - **Moderately depressed LVEF (35-55%)**
- ATTR (autosomal dominant) similar to senile systemic amyloidosis (SSA)

# RED FLAGS : BIOLOGY

## Systematic

- NFS (leucocytopenia in mitochondrial diseases)
- CK, ALAT, ASAT (mitochondrial, Danon, glycogenosis)
- Protein electrophoresis (AL amyloidosis)
- Proteinuria, creatinin levels (Fabry, amyloidosis)

## Clinically-orientated

- AL amyloidosis: urinary/plasma protein immunofixation, plasma free light chains
- DNA testing : Sarcomeric, ATTR, Fabry
- Fabry disease:  $\alpha$ -gal A level (male)
- Mitochondrial disease: lactic acidosis, myoglobinuria

# RED FLAGS : OTHERS

- Clinical signs
  - Cutaneous : Fabry (angiokeratoma, hypohydrosis)
  - Neuropathy: Fabry, amyloidosis (bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome)
  - Stroke (w/wo symptoms): Fabry
- ECG
  - **Short PR** : Fabry, mitochondrial, Danon, PRKAG2
  - **A-V block**: Fabry (w/wo PM), amyloidosis, Danon
  - **Low QRS voltage** (or normal despite echo LVH): amyloidosis
- MRI LGE
  - Focal/patchy or at the septal junctions : Sarcomeric
  - **Diffuse subendocardial** : Amyloidosis

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Diagnosis (athlete)

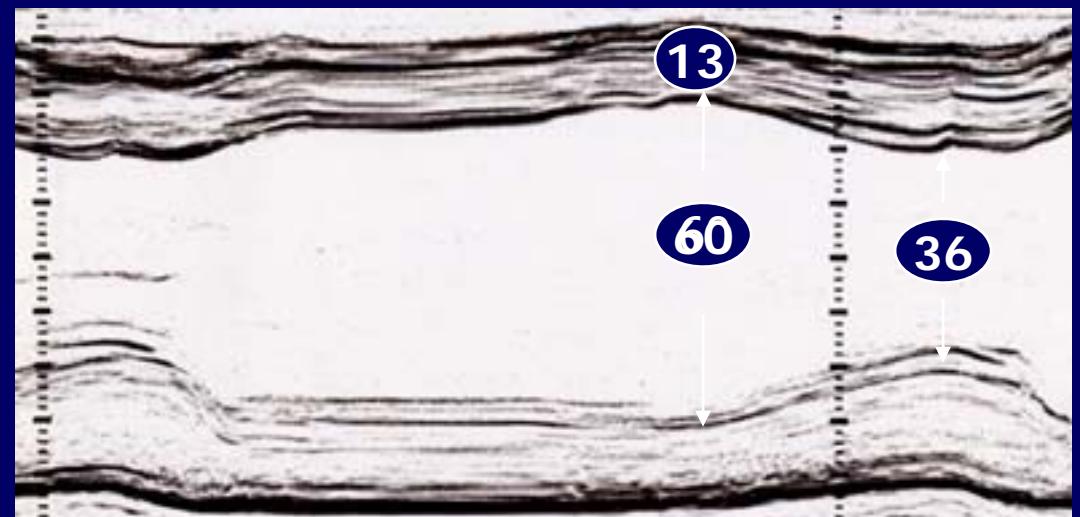
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# ATHLETE'S HEART

Cycling, male, competition

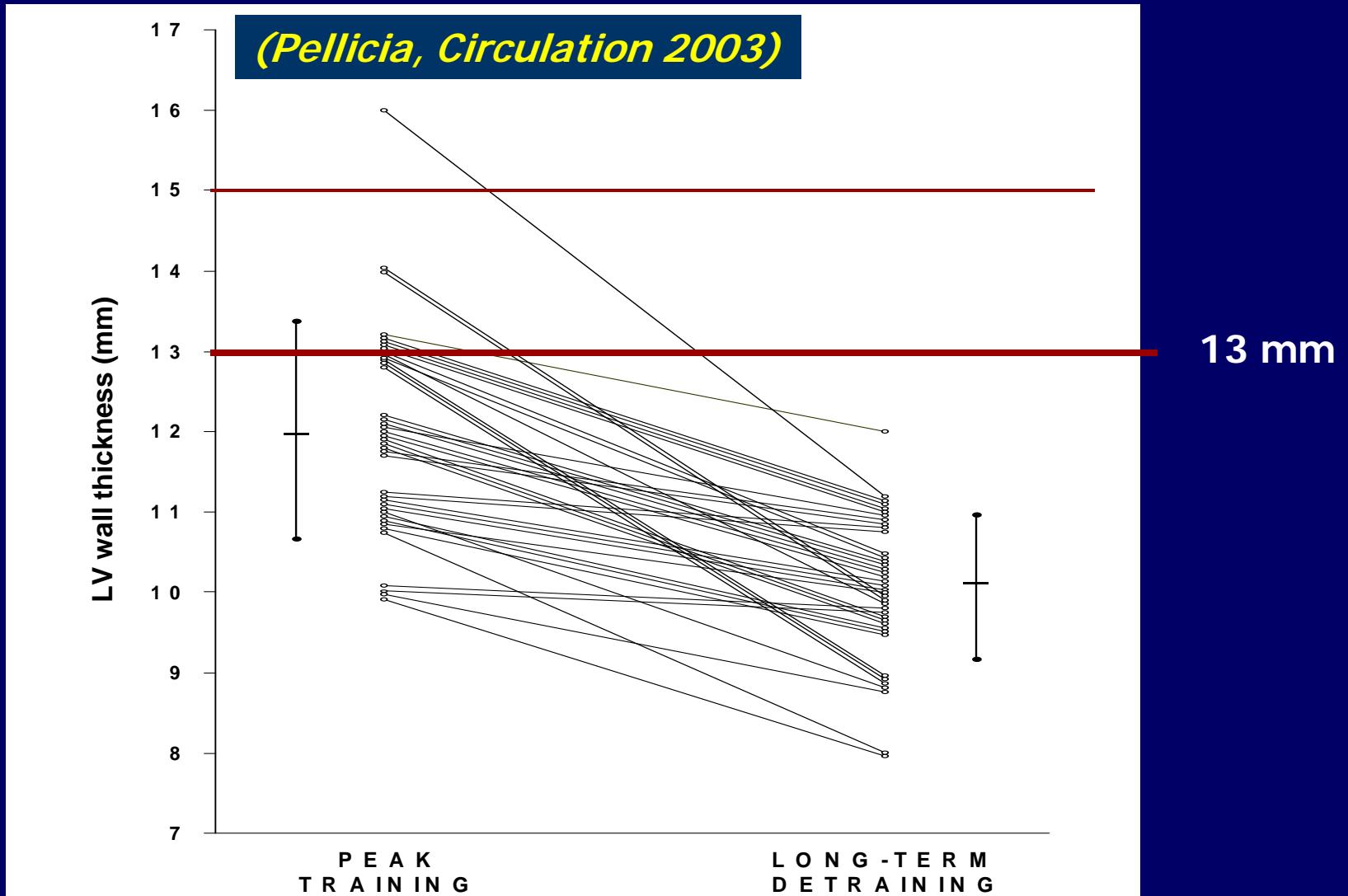


# PHYSIOLOGIC LVH IN ATHLETES (>10h/w)

- Adolescents (14-18 yrs) *Sharma, JACC 2002*
  - $\leq 12$  mm in male
  - $\leq 11$  mm in female
  - 0.5% (all male) 13-14 mm, all with LV > 48 mm & E/A >1
- Adults *Pellicia, NEJM, 1991*
  - All female  $\leq 11$  mm
  - 2% (all male) with LVH  $\geq 13$  mm, but LV > 55 mm

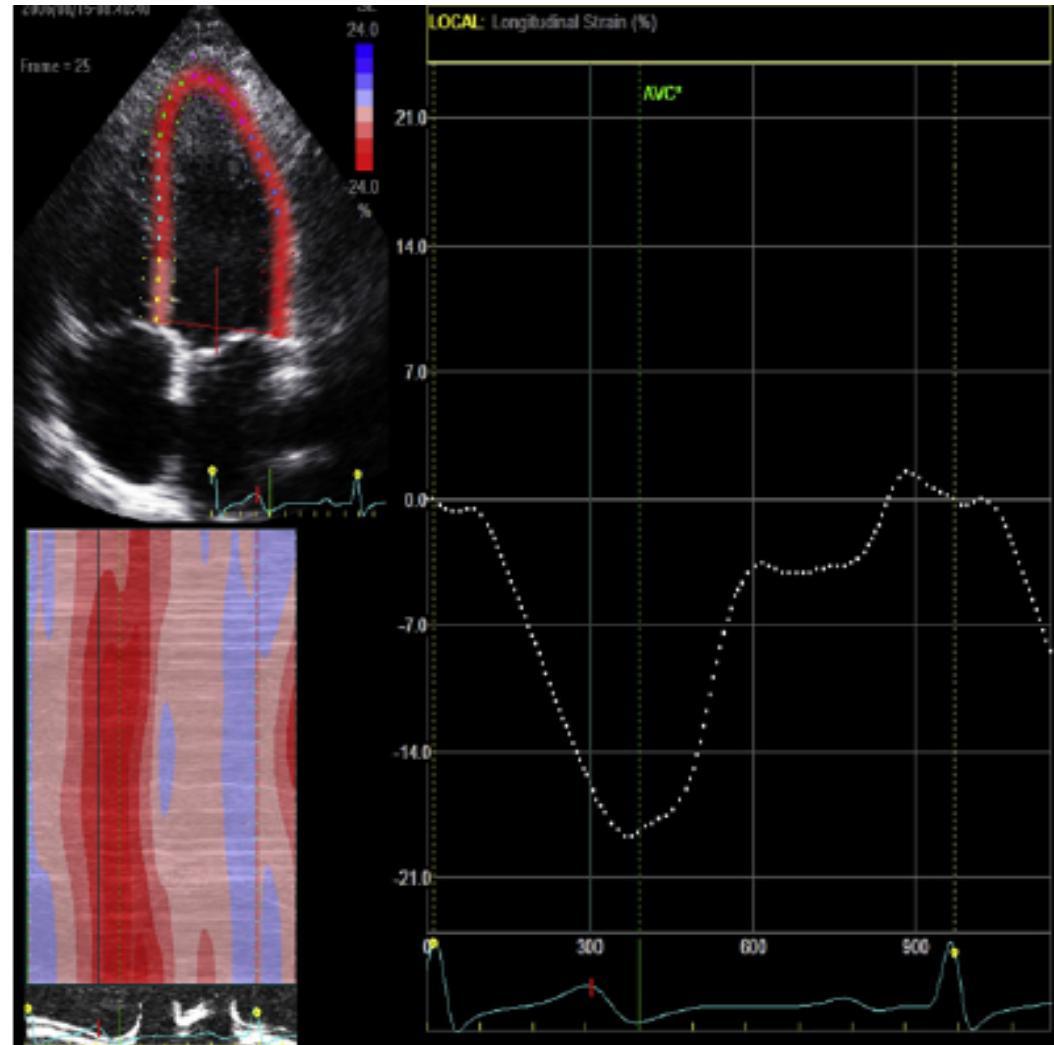
Alert : 12 mm in female & 13 mm in male

# LVH & deconditioning (>8 w)

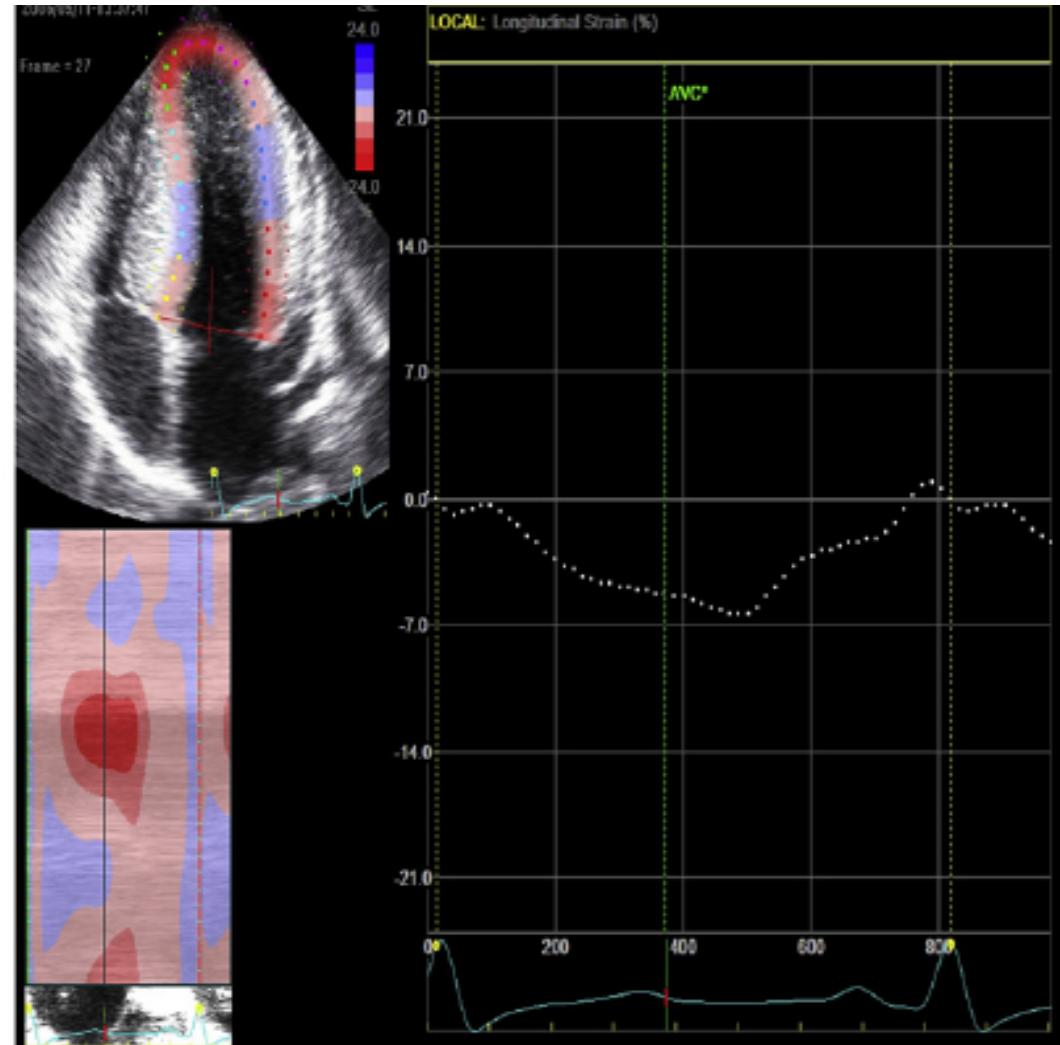


# LV global longitudinal strain

Normal, Athlete

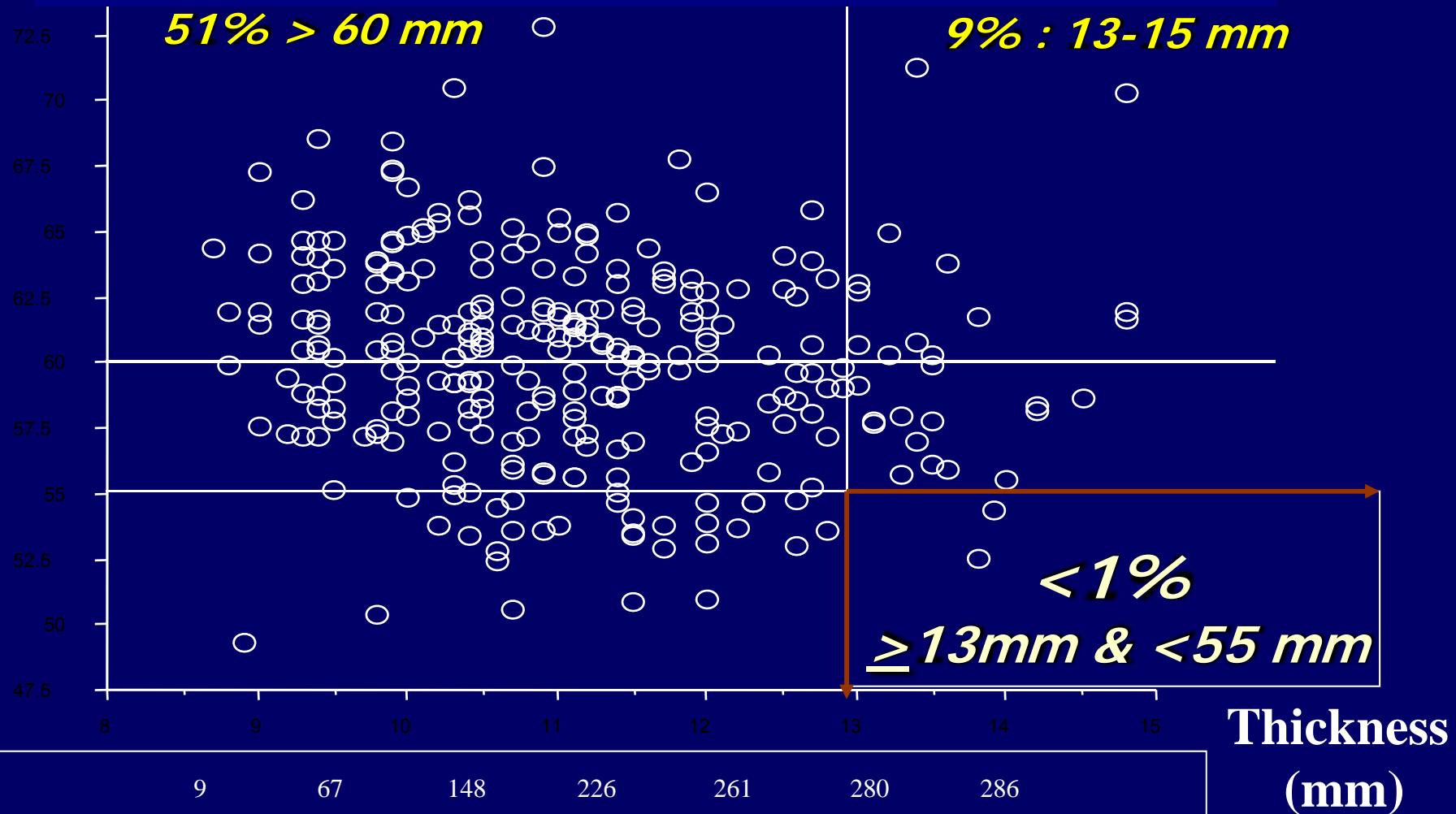


CMH



# Very high competitive athletes "Tour de France"

Size (mm)



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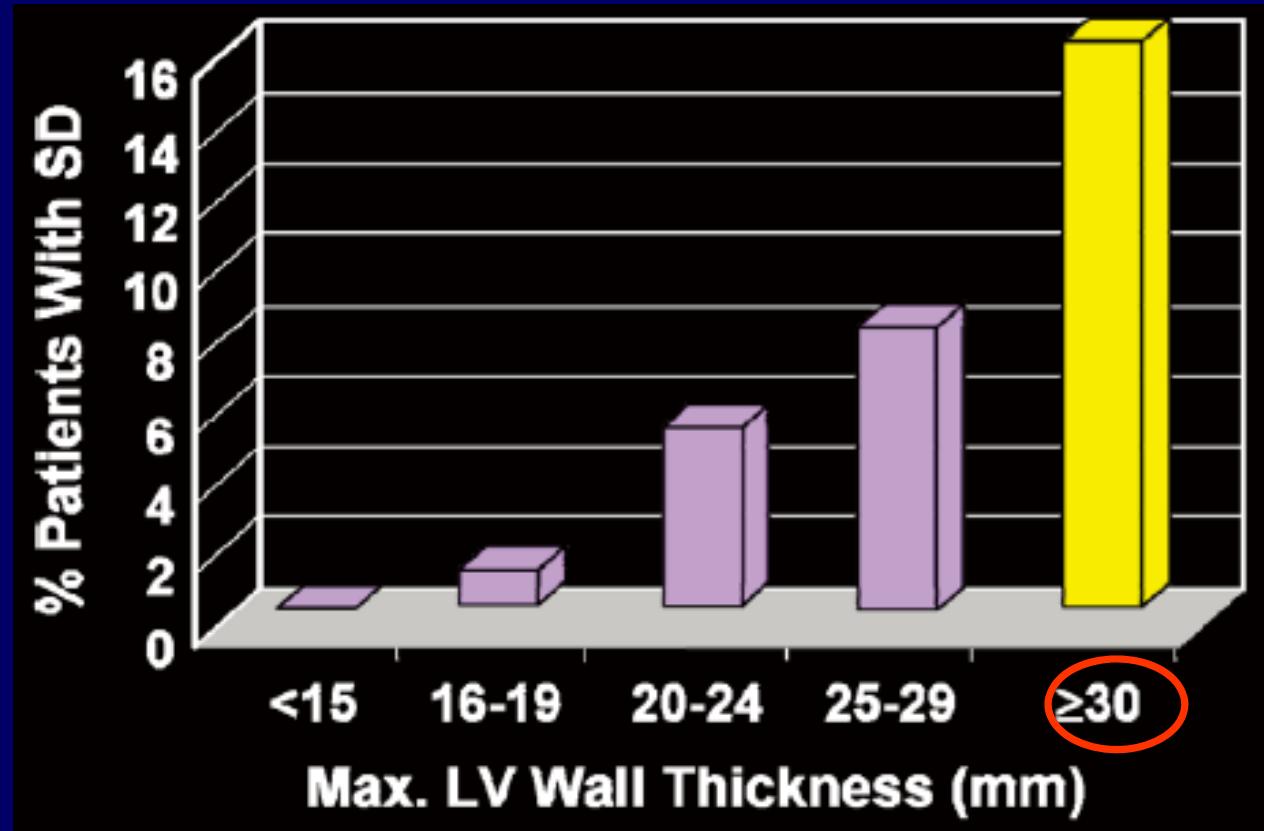
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# Malignant LVH ( $\geq$ 30mm)

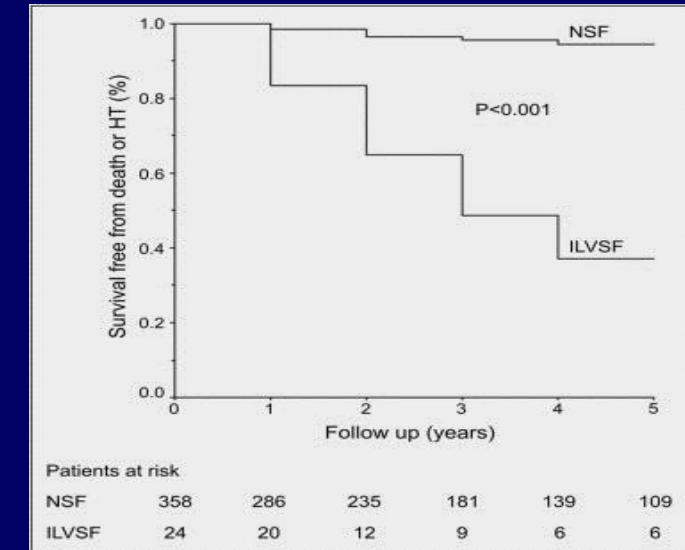
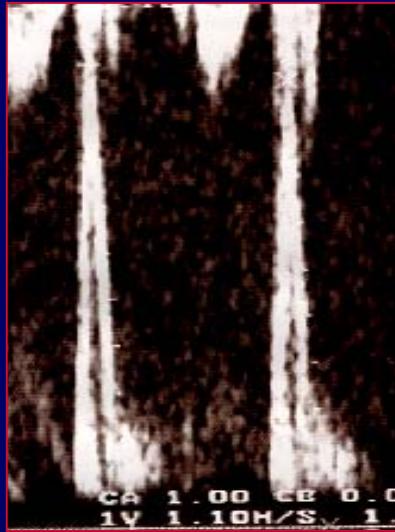
*1/10 Pts but 1/4 SCD*



*A major risk factor for SCD*

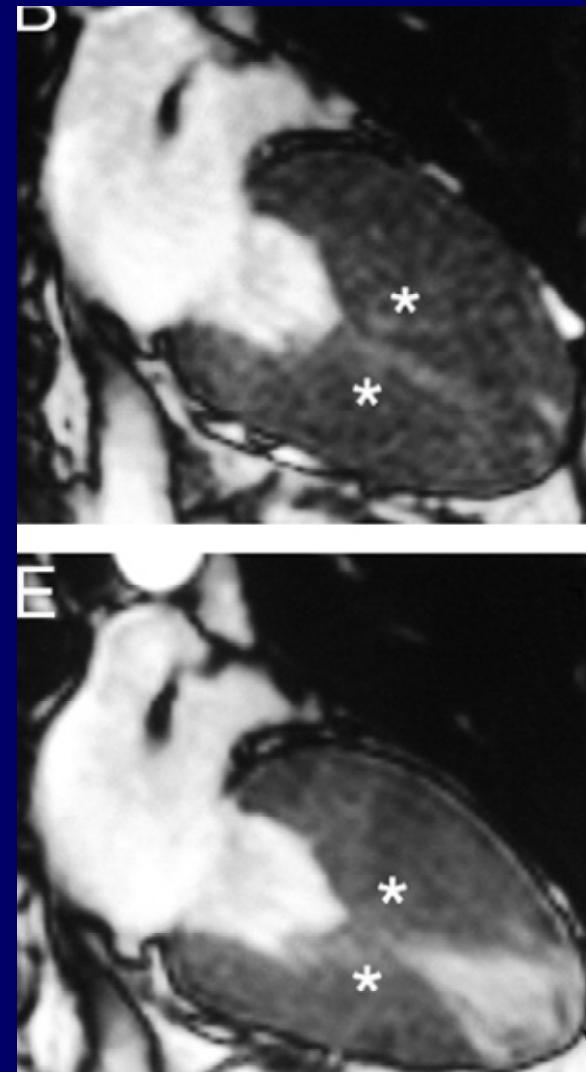
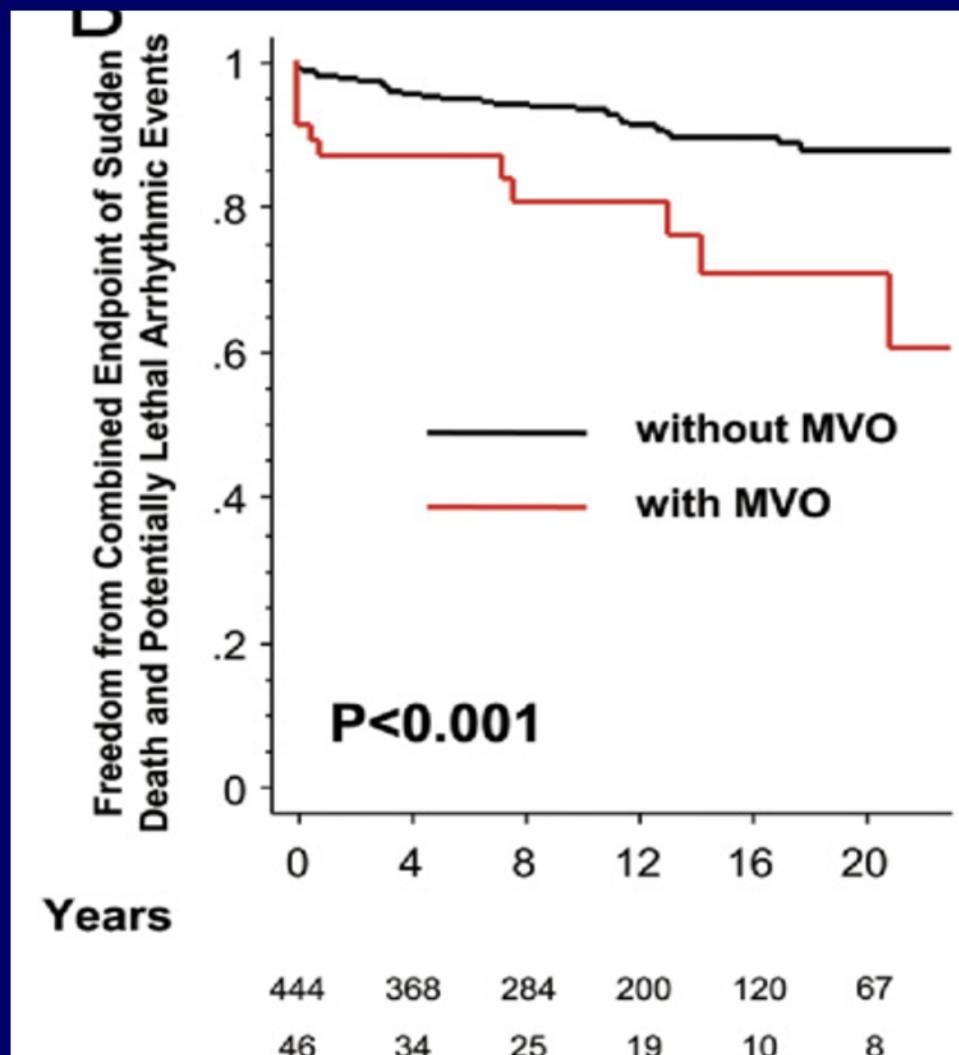
*Spirito NEJM 2000*

# Restrictive pattern & “end-stage”



- LVEF < 50%
- Short E deceleration time
- Atrial dilatation
- Wall thining

# Mid-LV obstruction



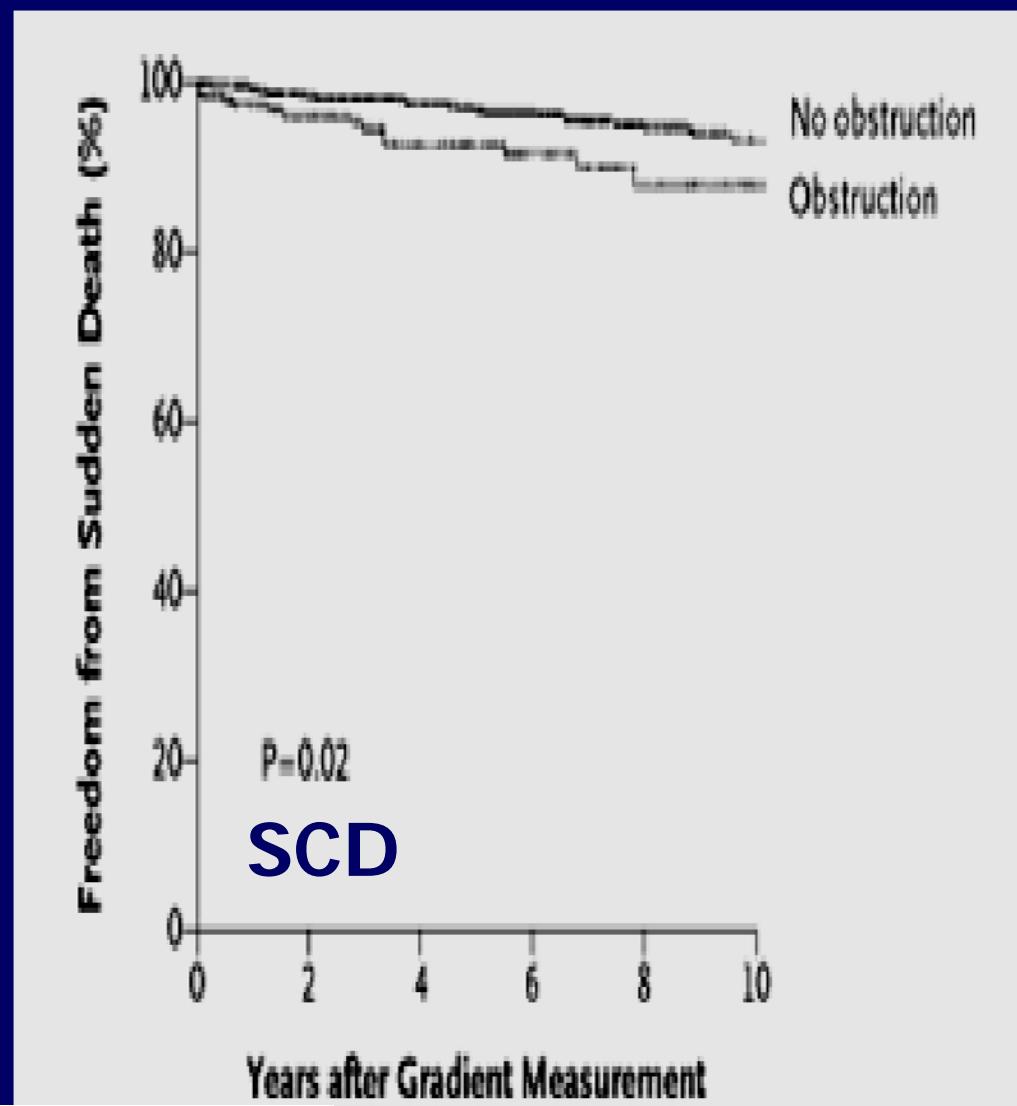
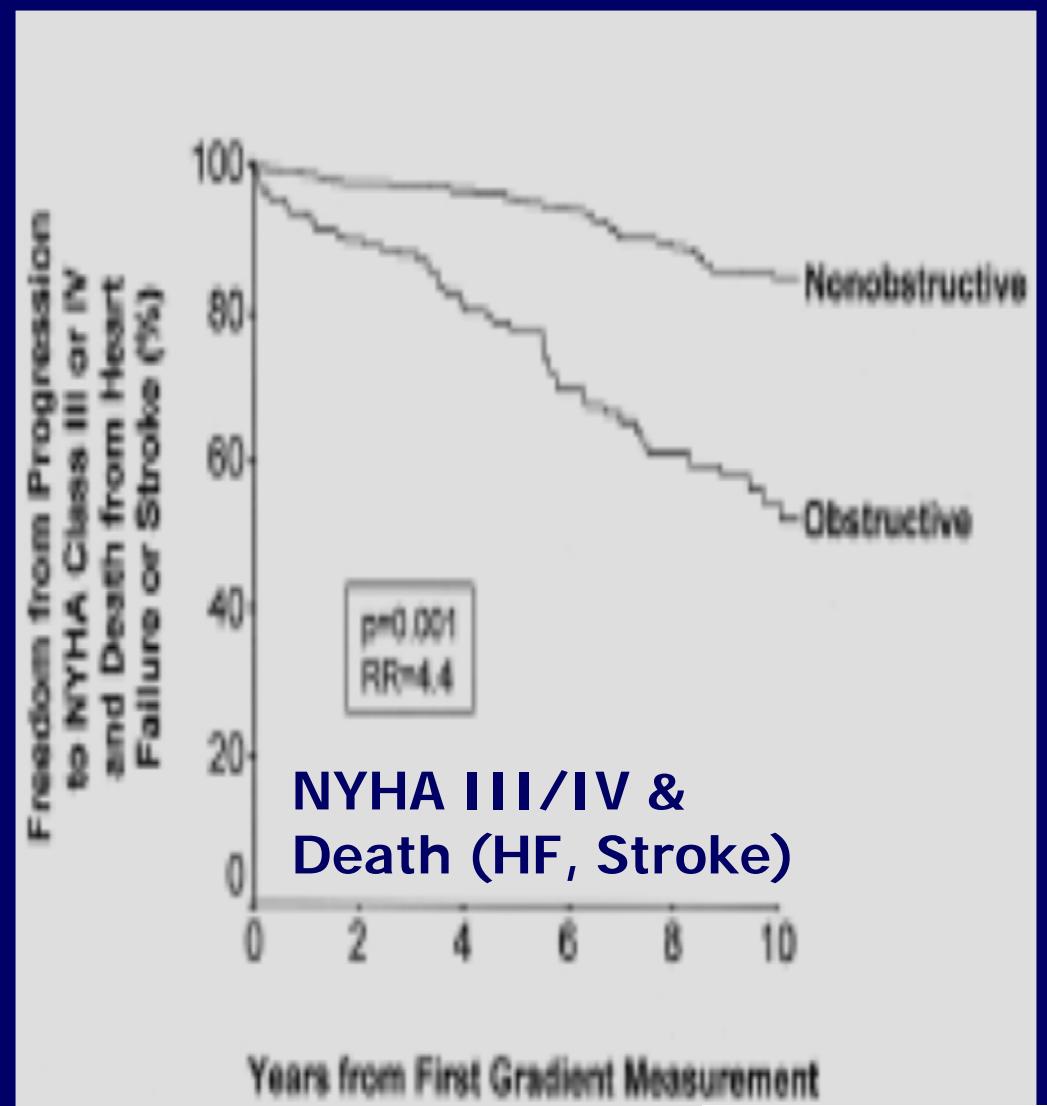
T 0  
4 yrs

# LV apical aneurysm

*(2% pts, MCE\* 10%/yr)*



# Resting gradient $\geq$ 30 mmHg

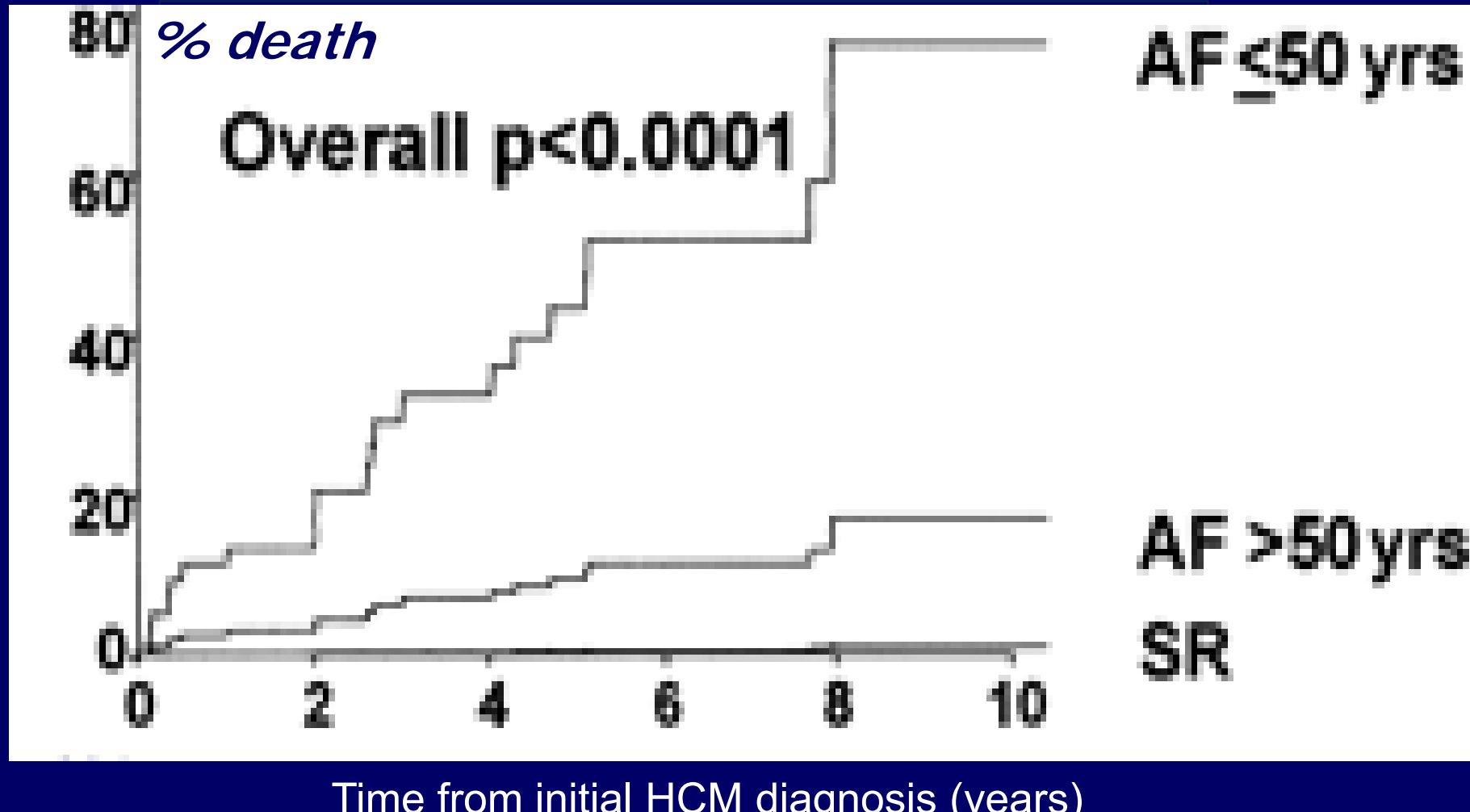


*Yrs post-echo (1100 pts)*

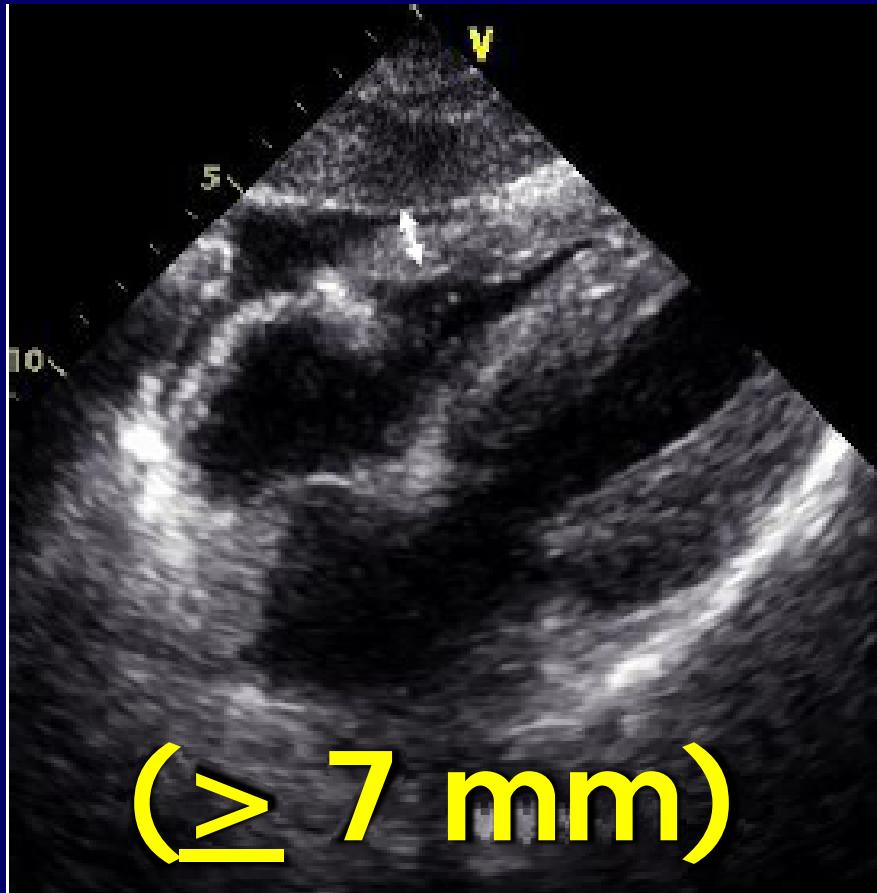
*Maron NEJM 2003*

# LA size at diagnosis & AF

(exponential rise above 45 mm or  $34 \text{ ml/cm}^2$ )



# Right ventricular hypertrophy



( $\geq 7$  mm)



# **Apical HCM**

# Echo in HCM

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Prognosis

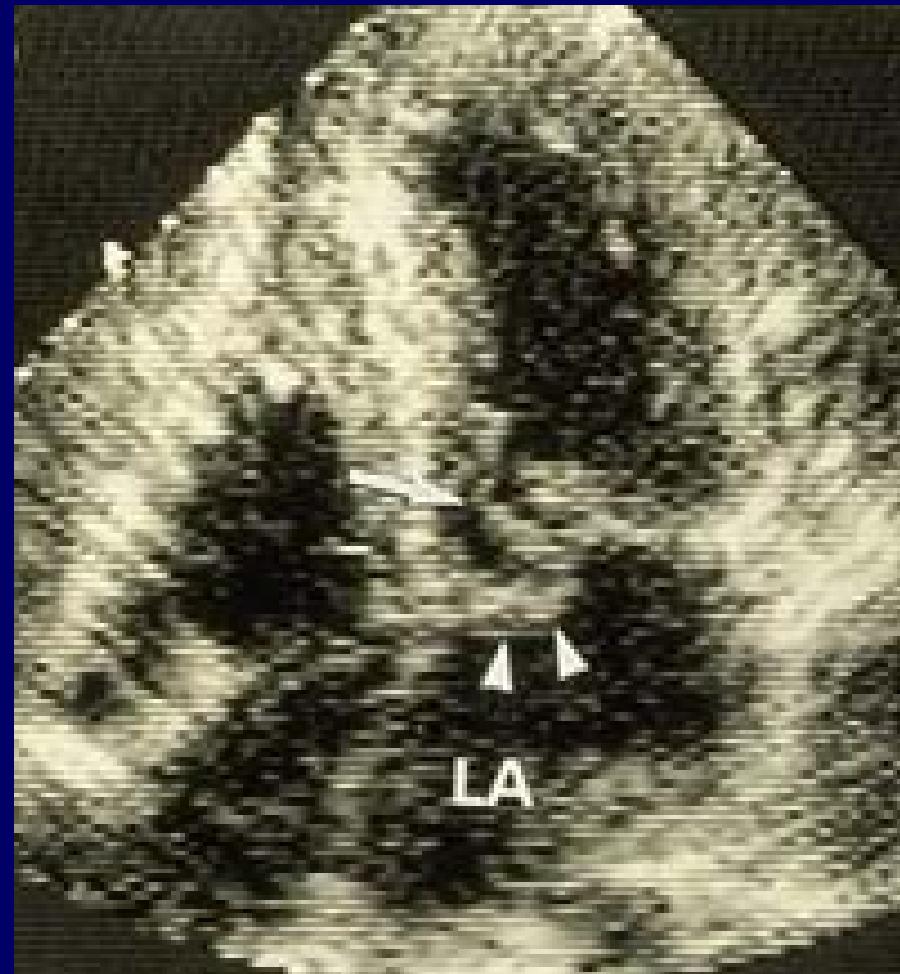
Therapeutics (obstruction)

Familial screening

# 1- Search/quantify obstruction

- At rest or provoked (post-VPB, standing, Valsalva, peak/post upright exercise)
- Location: outflow tract (SAM) or mid-LV
- Thresholds (peak Doppler gradient)
  - Significant = 30 mmHg
  - Discuss invasive therapies = 50 mmHg (50% pts)
- Variability : Time, alcohol, meals, drugs (30% decrease in 50%)

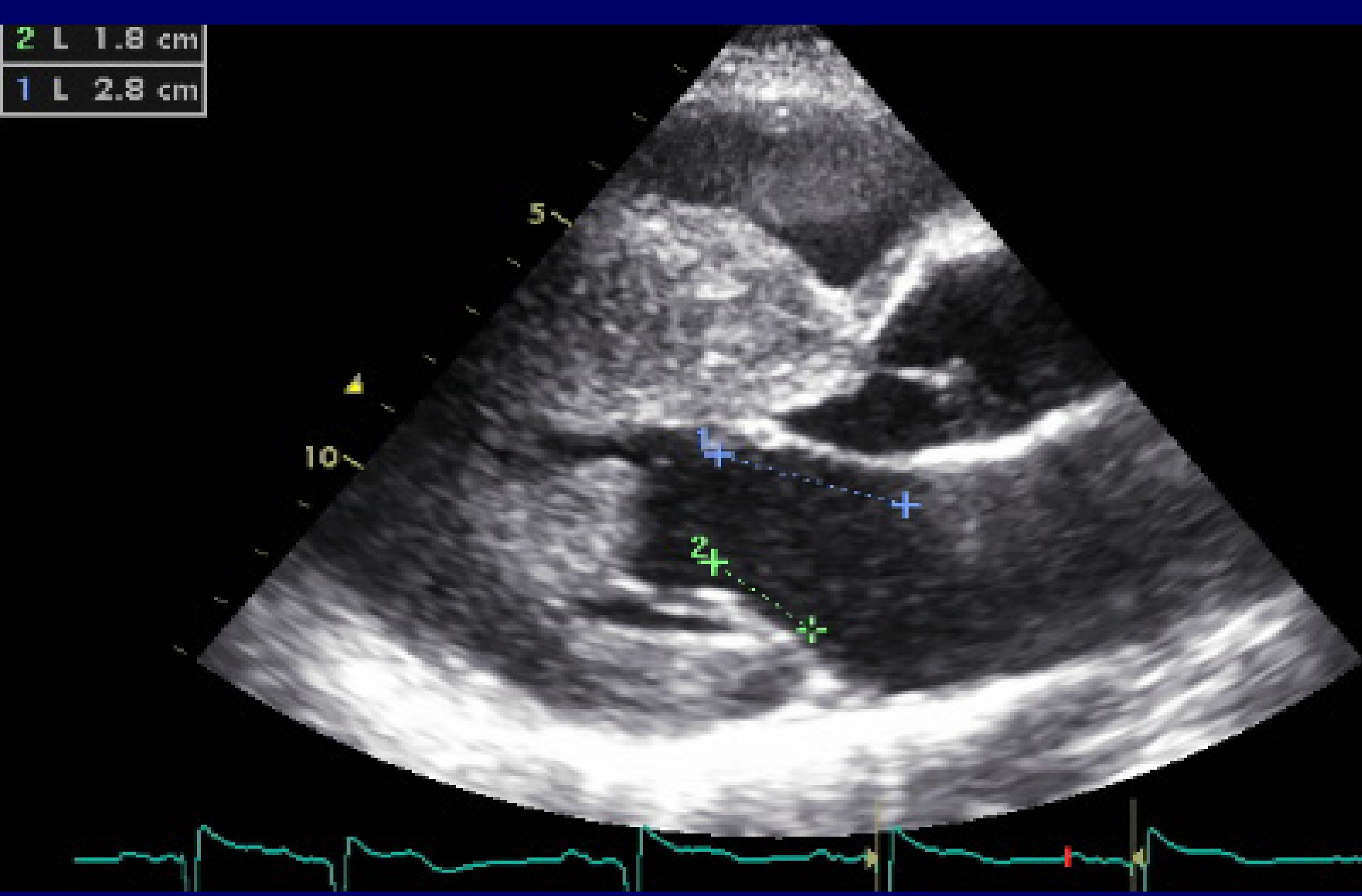
## 2- Describe leaflet SAM

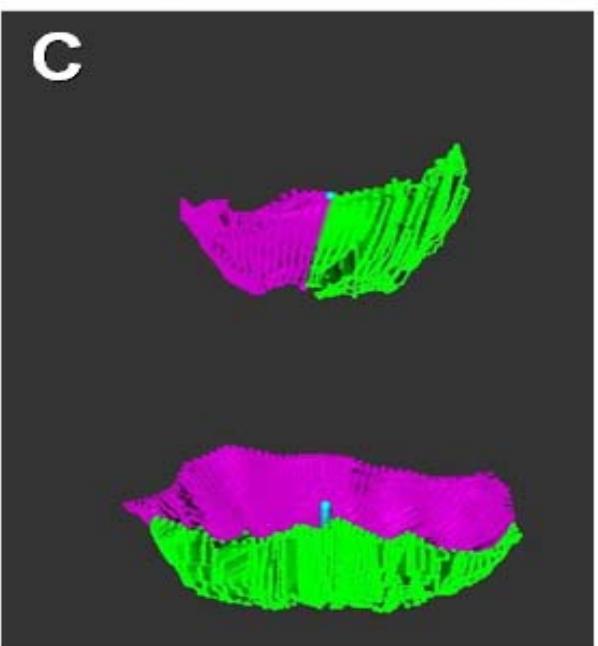
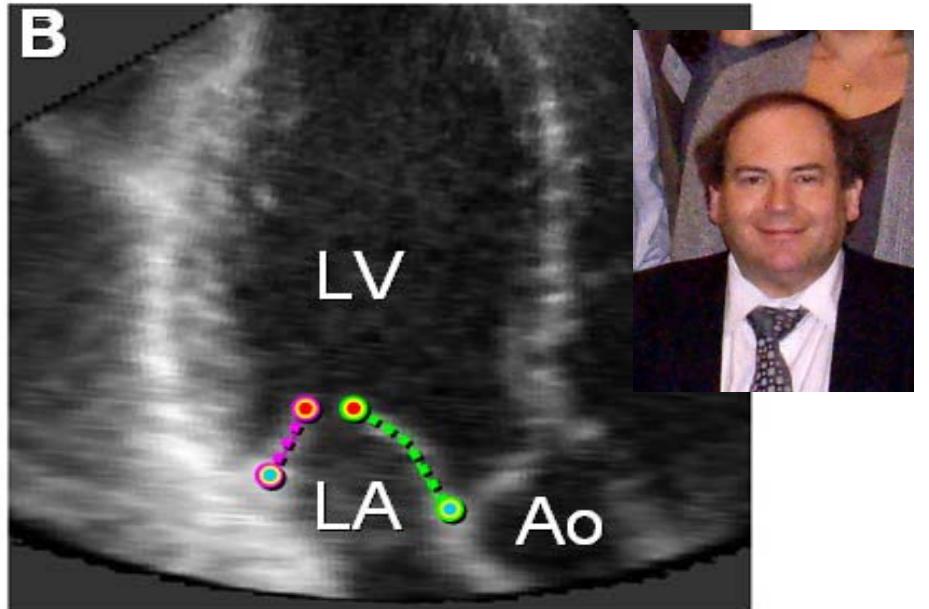


### 3- Search for PM insertion abnormalities (up to 10%)

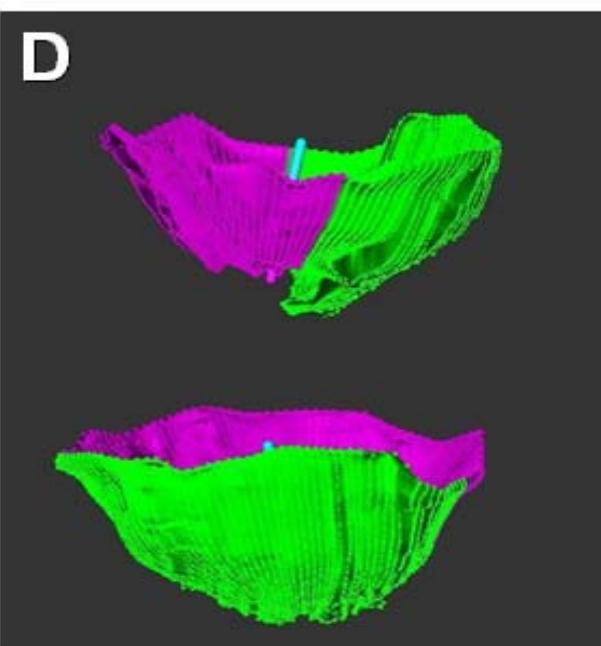


# 4- Quantify leaflet elongation (> 50%)

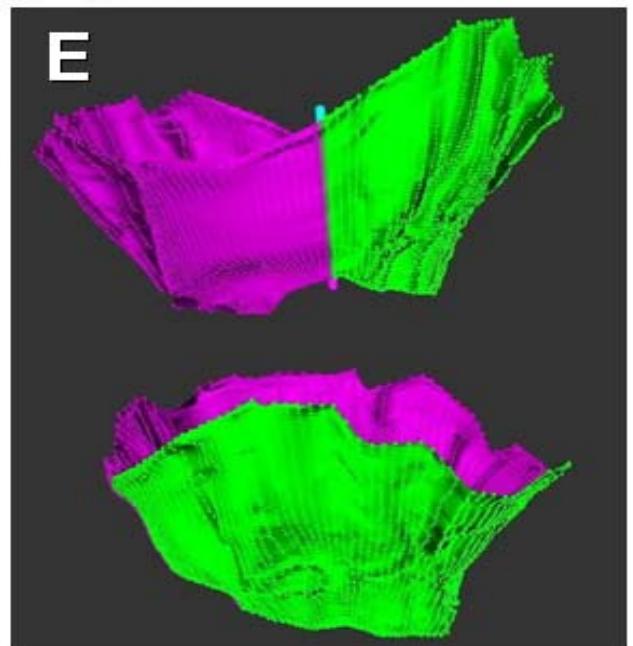




**Normal**



**ASH only**

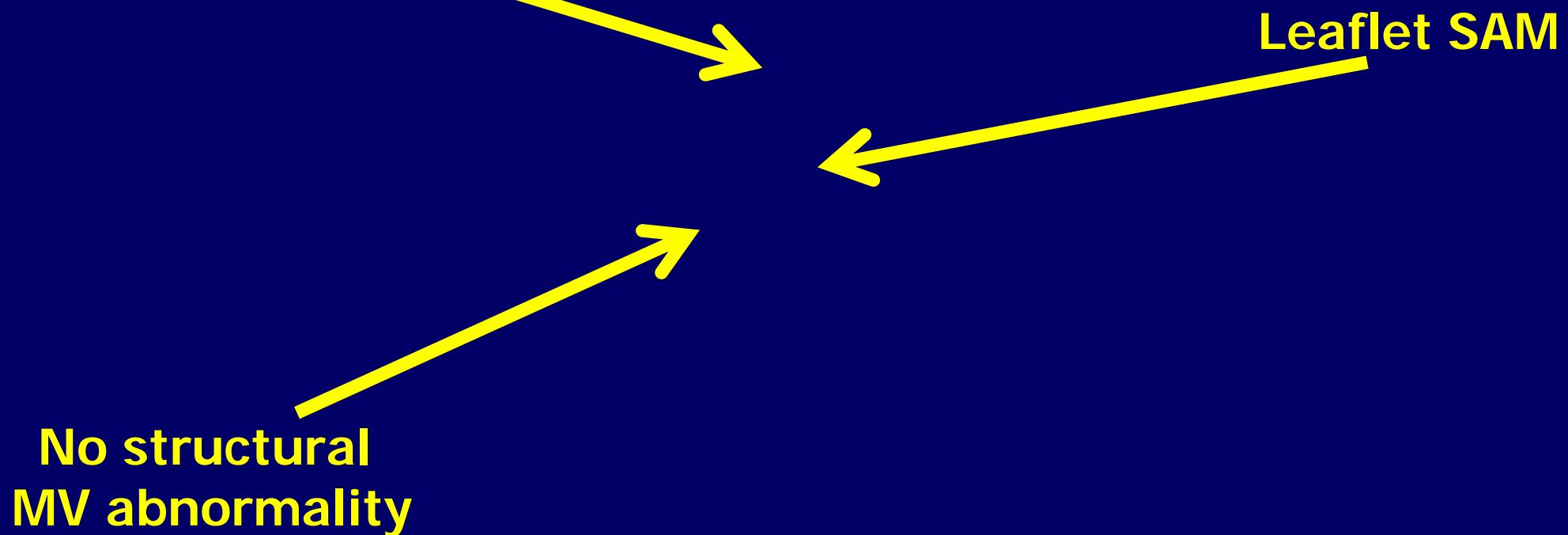


**ASH+LVOTO**

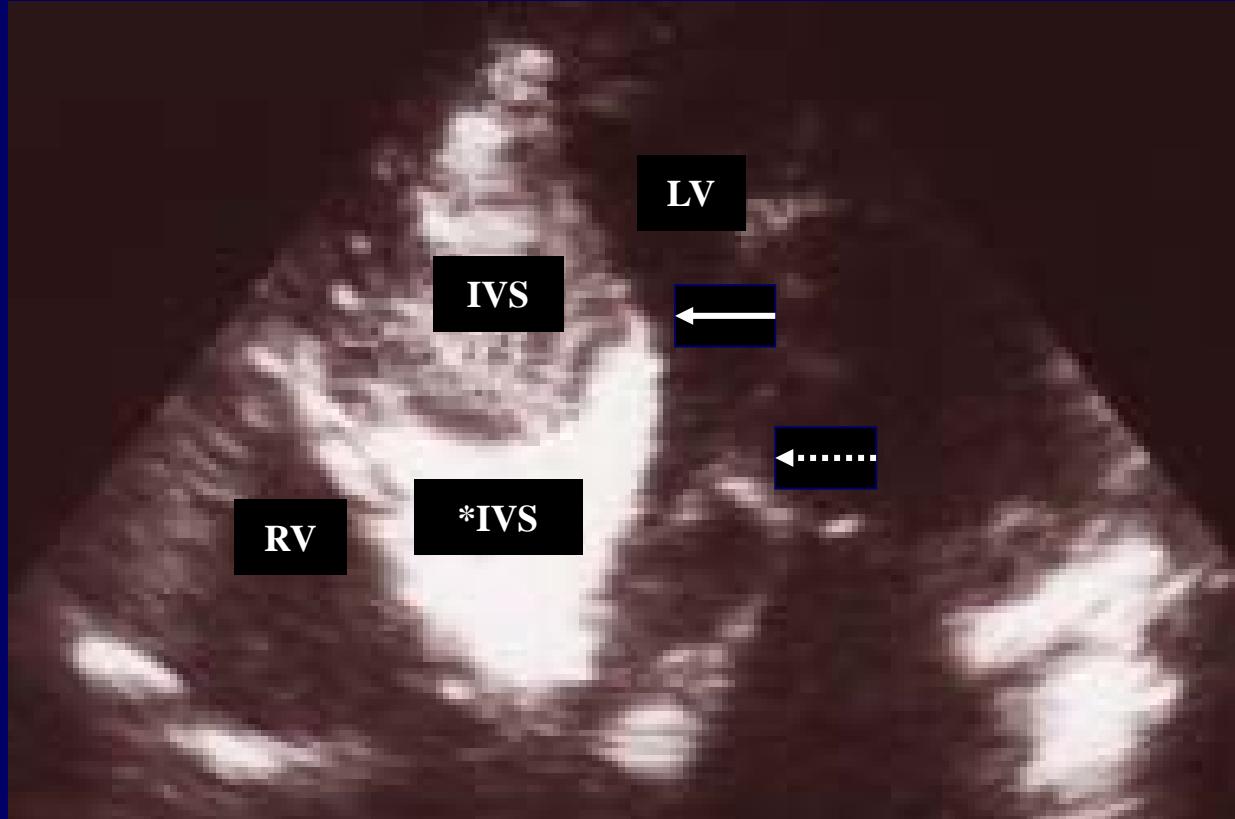
# 5- Indication for TASH

(NYHA III, optimal drug therapy, LVOT  $\geq 50$  mmHg)

Upper septal LVH  
 $\geq 18$  mm



# 6- Contrast echo



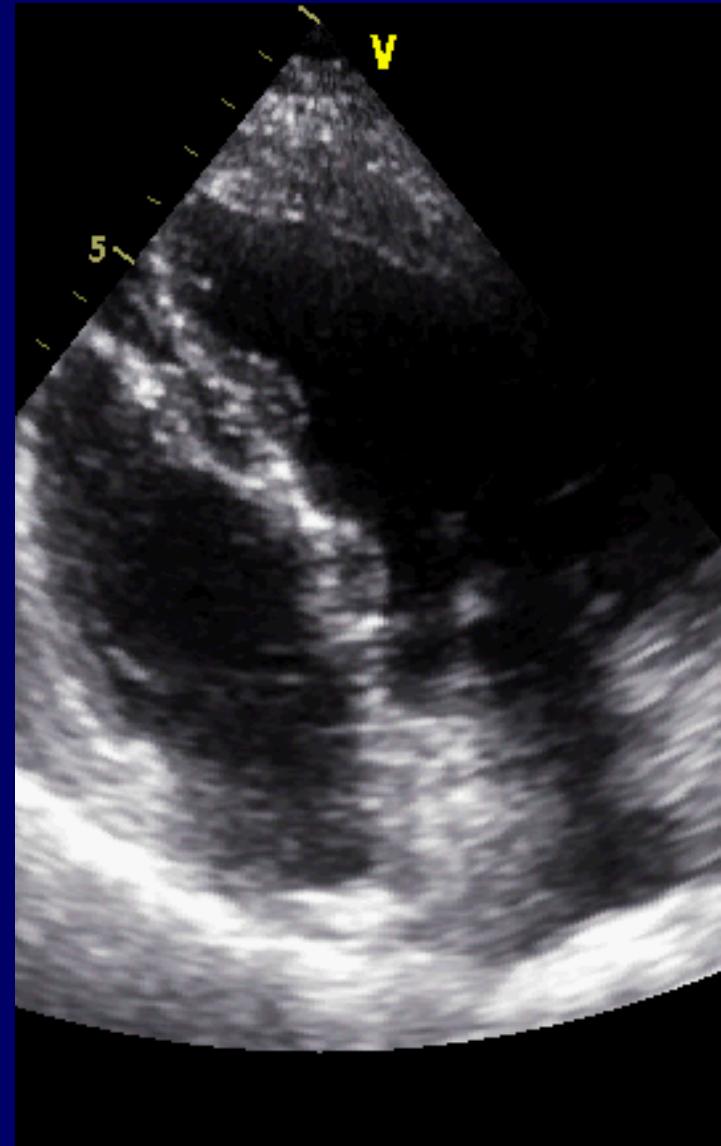
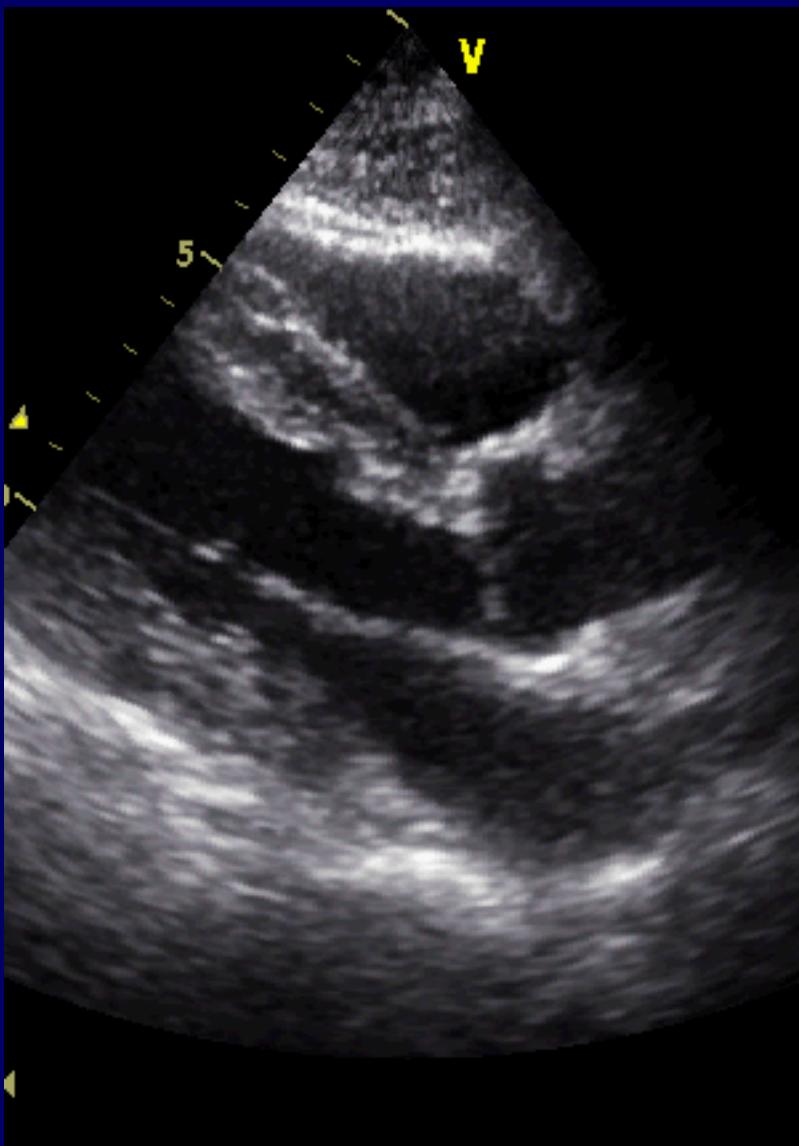
230 patients

8.7%: 1st septal artery is not the target

5.2%: No target artery

*Seggewiss, Curr Cardiol Rep 3:160-166, 2001*

# Echo post-TASH



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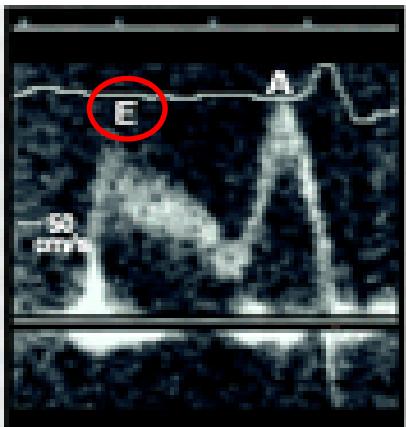
Prognosis

Therapeutics (LVEDP)

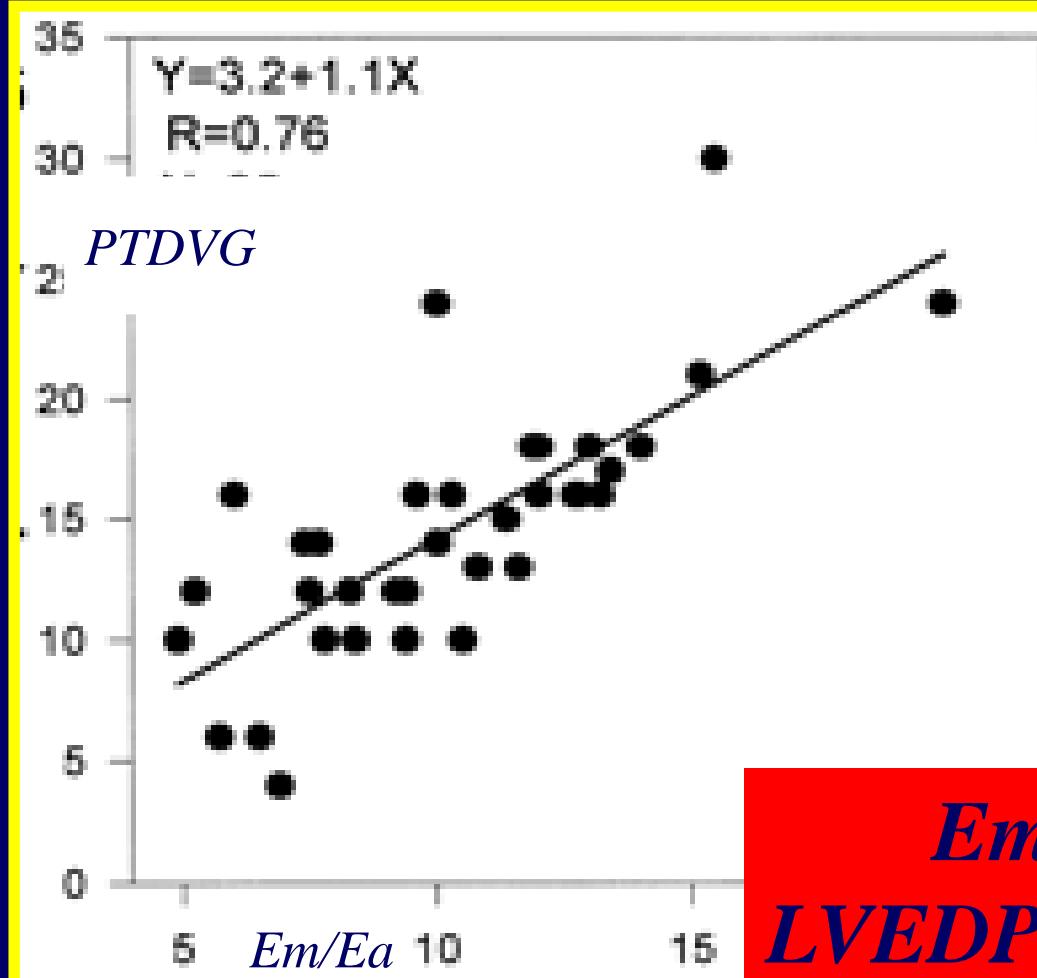
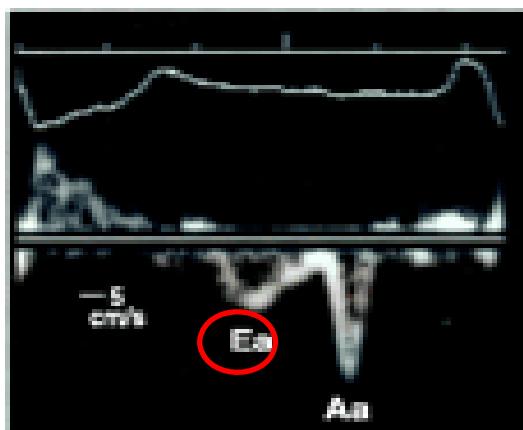
Familial screening

# LVEDP

Mitral  
Inflow



Tissue Doppler  
of Mitral Annulus



$Em/Ea > 12$

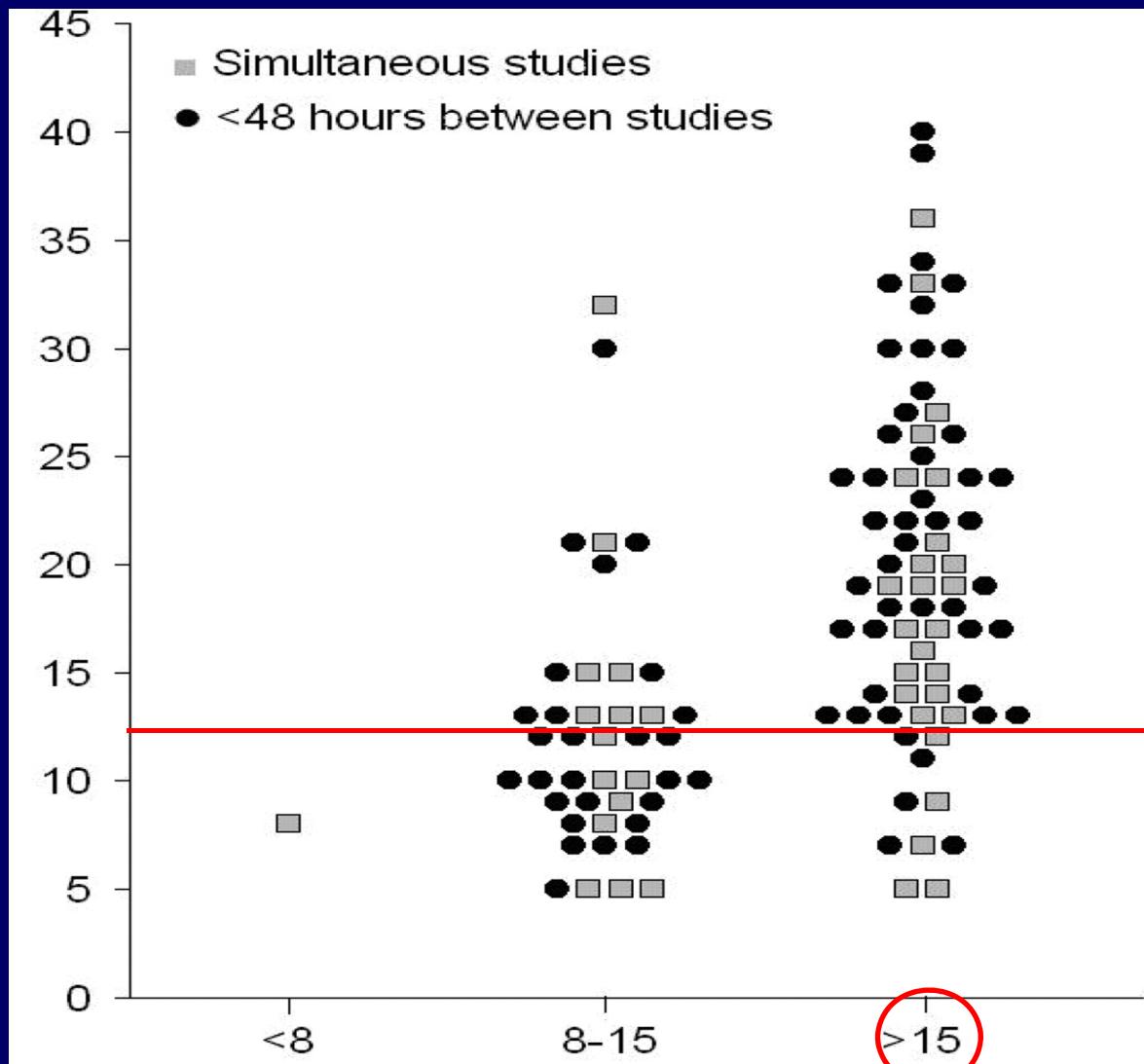
$LVEDP > 15 \text{ mmHg}$

( $Spe > 90\%$ ,  $Se 60\%$ )

Nagueh, Circulation 1999

# LVEDP

# Mean left atrial pressure (mmHg) *(cath.)*



*100 HCM pts  
83% NYHA 3/4*

# Medial Em/Ea *(Doppler)*

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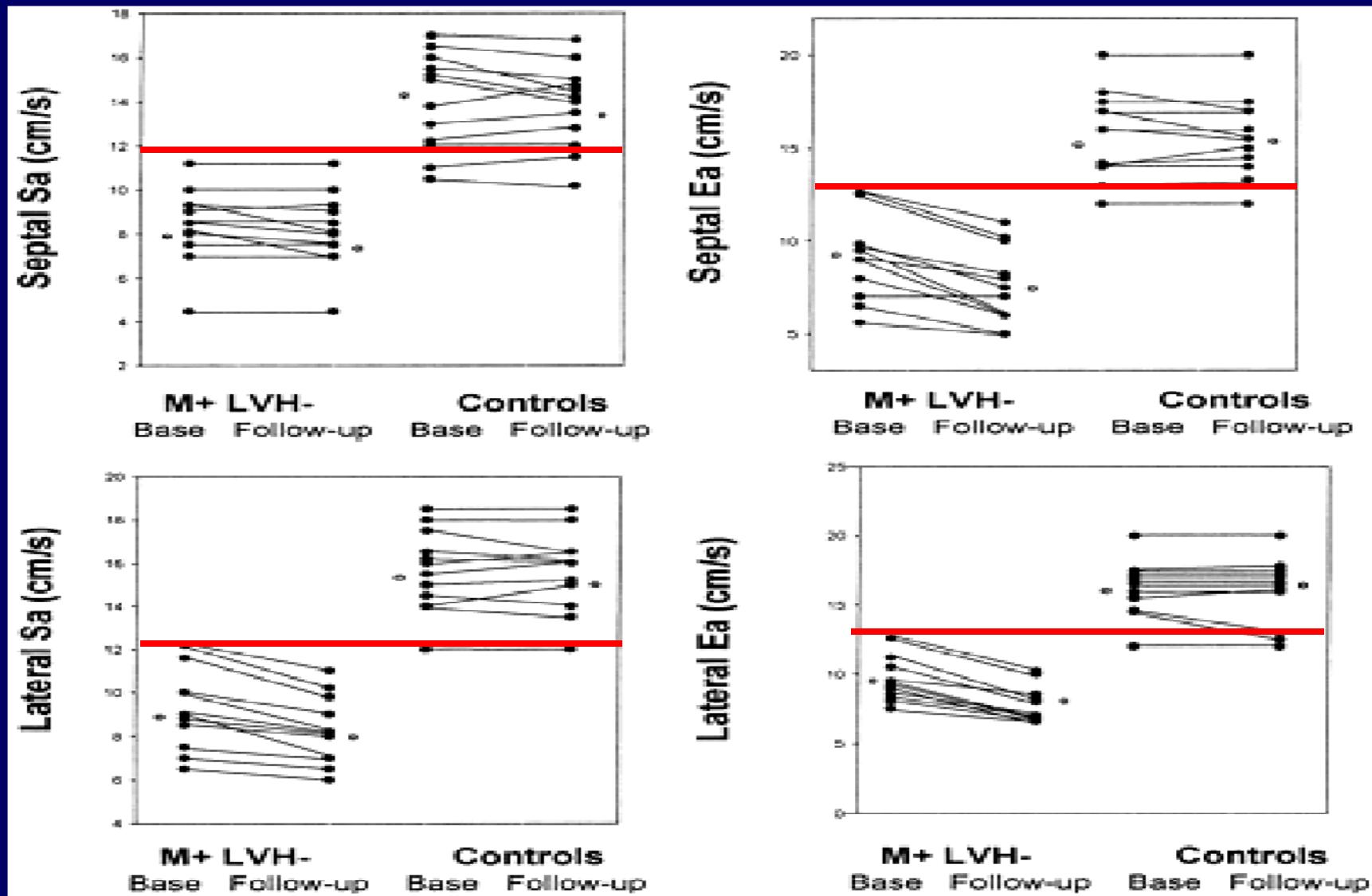
*(first degree relatives)*

# Criteria for HCM in first degree relatives

*Diagnosis if 1 major OR 2 minor echographic  
OR 1 minor echographic & 2 minor ECG criteria*

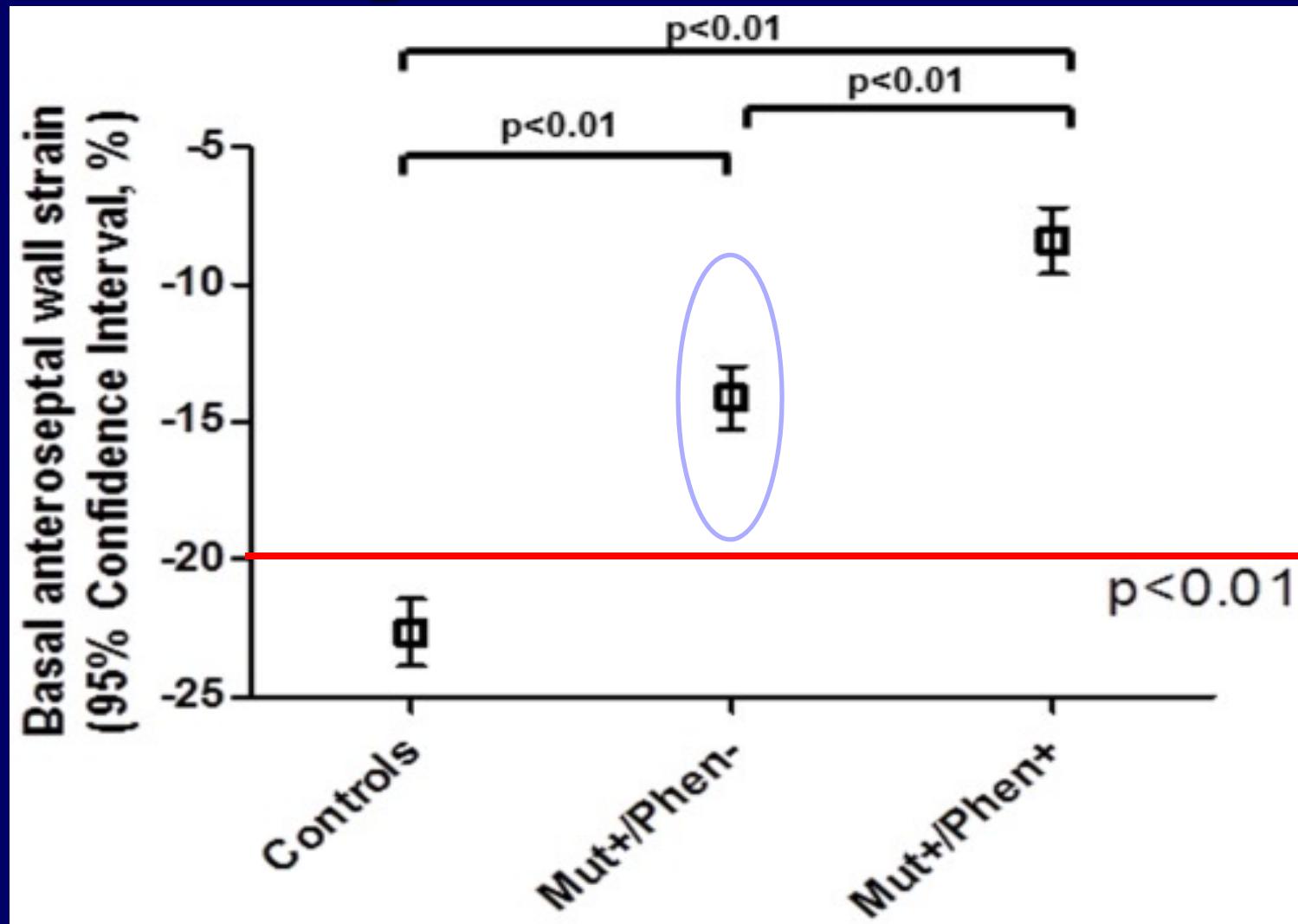
Major criteria	Minor criteria
<b>LV wall thickness <math>\geq</math> 13 mm</b>	<b>LV wall thickness = 12mm</b>
<b>Severe SAM (septal-leaflet contact)</b>	Moderate SAM (no contact)
	<b>Redundant MV leaflets</b>
<b>LVH with Romhilt Estes score <math>\geq</math> 4</b>	Complete BBB or interventricular conduction defect (QRS $\geq$ 120 msec)
<b>Abnormal Q waves (<math>&gt;</math> 40 ms or <math>&gt;</math> 1/3 R wave in depth) in <math>\geq</math> 2 leads</b>	Deep S V2 ( $>$ 25mm)
<b>T inversion (<math>&gt;</math> 3mm) in <math>\geq</math> 2 leads in the absence of BBB or hemiblock</b>	Minor repolarisation changes

# Prediction of LVH occurrence at 2 yrs DTI velocities < 12cm/s at mitral annulus



*Nagueh, Circulation. 2003;108:395*

# Septal strain



# Family screening

## *ECG & echo*

- Before 12 yrs : Optional
- 12 to 18-21 yrs\* : 12-18 months interval
- After 21 yrs : 3-5 yrs interval
- Systematic & early (5 yrs) if
  - Symptoms
  - Family history of SCD
  - Competitive sports

**Echo remains a  
major tool in HCM**