

**The recovery of LV diastolic
function after AMI can be
predicted with diastolic reserve
during exercise echocardiography**

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Stress echocardiography after AMI

- Stress (exercise or pharmacological) echocardiography can be used to assess ischemia and viability using WMSI, LVEF
- Residual ischemia : poor outcome
- Viability (contractile reserve) : spontaneous recovery of function and good outcome

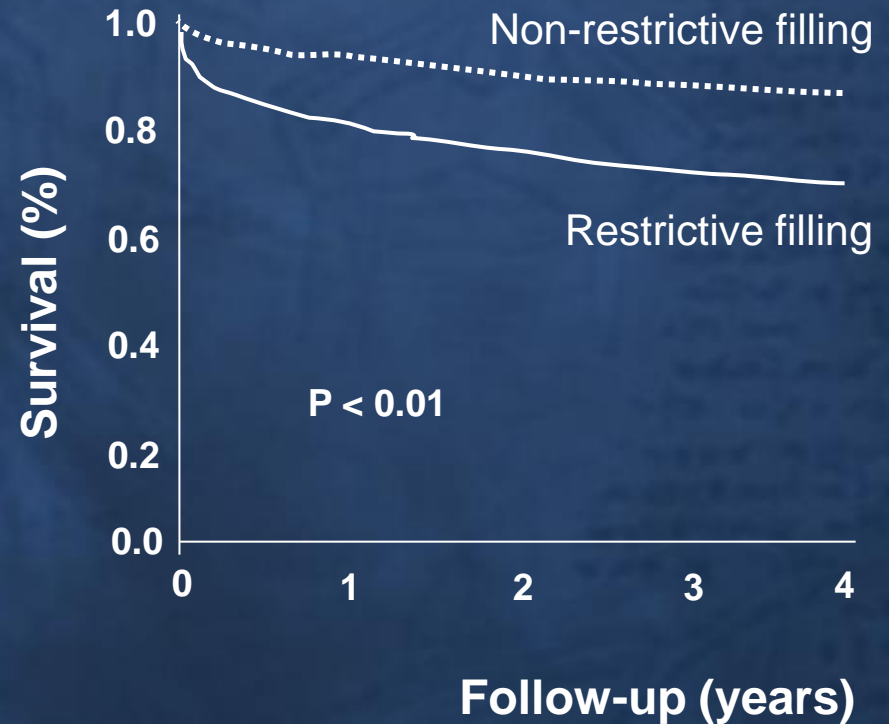
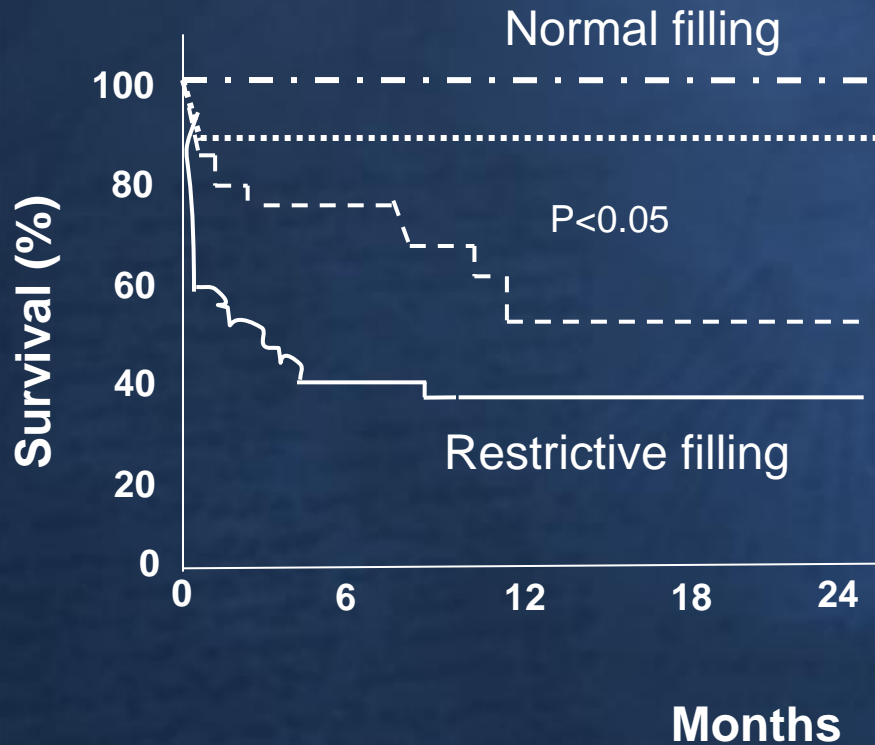
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Prognostic importance of a LV filling pattern after AMI



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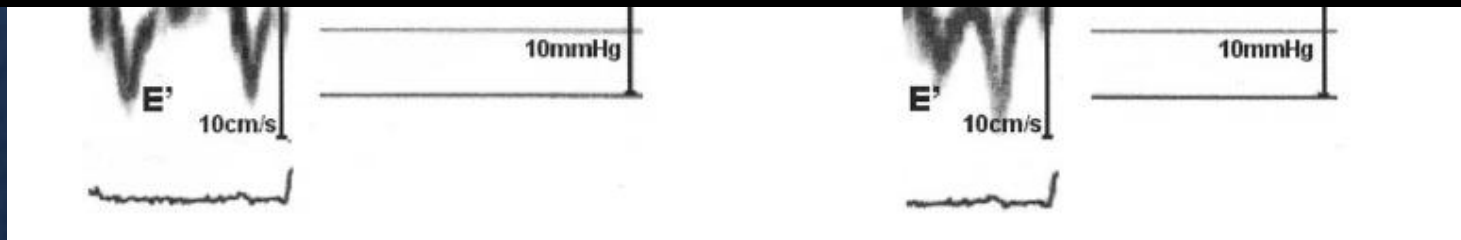
Diastolic vs. systolic function as a predictor of outcome after primary PCI

f/u LVEF (%)	Univariate		Multiple regression	
	r	p value	R ²	p value
Baseline DT	0.61	0.002	0.39	0.002
WMSI	-0.52	0.01		
LVEF	0.50	0.01	0.54	<0.02
S'	0.36	0.1		
E	0.36	0.1		
E / E'			0.66	0.02

Diastolic function during exercise



1. E/E' correlates with LVDP during exercise
2. Cutoff value : 13 for exercise E/E'
with an LVDP \uparrow during exercise



Background

- **Exercise is more physiological and therefore a preferred method for stress testing**
- **Reduced ventricular compliance and inappropriately elevated filling pressure after AMI are important causes of DOE and early termination of exercise**
- **Few studies about the changes of LV diastolic function during exercise in pts with AMI**

Objectives

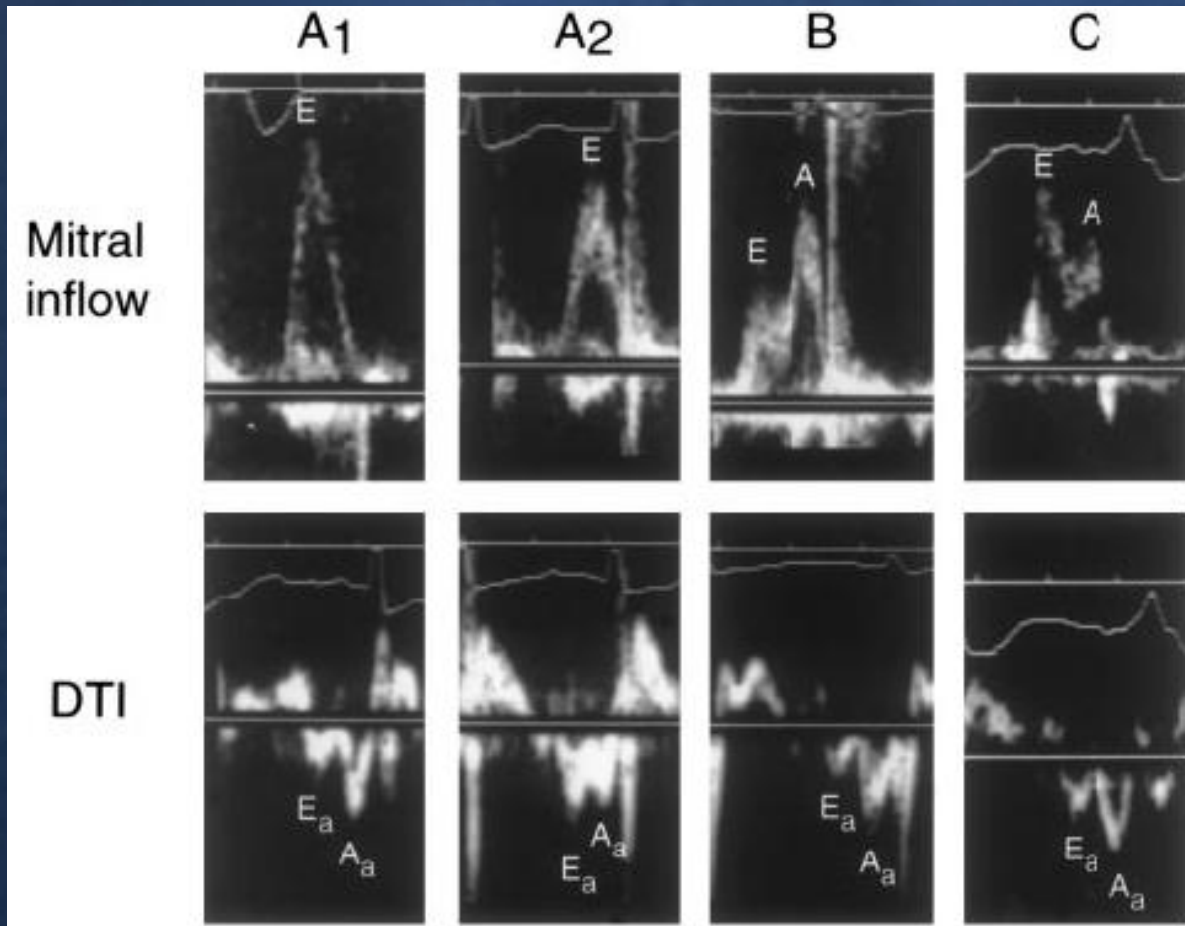
- We sought to assess dynamic changes of diastolic function, including LV filling pressure using Doppler imaging during exercise and its impact on recovery of diastolic function in patients with coronary revascularization after AMI

Methods (1)

- 51 male patients with first ST-elevation AMI
- After within 7 days after revascularization
- Vivid 7, GE Medical Systems, EchoPac PC
- Exclusion criteria :
significant VHD, CHF, RCA MI (involve basal septal wall)
- Conventional & tissue Doppler parameters were measured at baseline and peak exercise during semisupine stress echocardiography (25W, 3-minute increments)
- Echo follow up after 6-8months with optimal medical treatment

Methods (2)

- E/E' can be used to estimate PCWP with reasonable accuracy in tachycardia, even with complete merging of E & A velocities



Baseline clinical characteristics

- 51 male patients presenting with AMI

	Mean
Age (years)	52.3 ± 9.0
Duration of chest pain (min)	206 ± 213
BMI (kg/m ²)	25.2 ± 2.43
DM / HTN / Smoking (%)	22 / 41 / 76
SBP / DBP (mmHg)	123 ± 17.1 / 76 ± 11.5
AMI lesion	
LAD / LCx	39 / 12
Beta blockers (%)	49 (96%)
TIMI 2/3 flow after PCI	3 / 48 (94%)

Laboratory findings

	Mean (n=51)
T.Chol (mg/dl)	189.3 ± 51.8
TG (mg/dl)	141.8 ± 105.0
HDL (mg/dl)	37.0 ± 8.0
LDL (mg/dl)	118.6 ± 38.4
Hs-CRP (mg/dl)	0.66 ± 1.25
BNP (pg/ml)	172.5 ± 183.6
Glucose (mg/dl)	168.8 ± 74.9
CK-MB	38.3 ± 70.4
Peak TnT level (ug/L)	2.63 ± 3.89
Creatine (mg/dl)	1.22 ± 0.75

Baseline echocardiographic characteristics

	Mean
LVIDd (mm)	48.4 ± 3.4
IVSd / PWd (mm)	10.6 ± 1.35 / 10.0 ± 1.25
EF (%)	45.4 ± 19.9
LVMI (g/m ²)	118.3 ± 24.4
LAVI (ml/m ²)	24.7 ± 6.4
E / A (cm/sec)	65.3 ± 14.8 / 66.0 ± 15.2 = 1.12 ± 0.33
DT (sec)	212.7 ± 37.7
E' / A' (cm/sec)	5.93 ± 1.35 / 7.83 ± 1.61
E / E'	11.2 ± 2.41
S' (cm/sec)	7.14 ± 1.53
RVSP (mmHg)	25.7 ± 4.40

Exercise capacity

- Peak exercise (watts)

- Duration of exercise (sec) by ages

(sec)

800


30-		Mean (n=51)
25-		
20-	Exercise duration (sec)	658 ± 123
15-	Peak HR (bpm)	117.6 ± 17.8
10-	Peak SBP (mmHg)	154.8 ± 21.7
5-		
0-	Peak DBP (mmHg)	84.5 ± 9.1

(yrs)

P=0.003

The changes in Doppler parameters during peak exercise

	Baseline	Peak exercise
E (cm/sec)	65.3 ± 14.8	113.8 ± 11.8
A (cm/sec)	66.0 ± 15.2	83.9 ± 18.7
DT (sec)	212.7 ± 37.7	160.1 ± 28.1
E' (cm/sec)	5.83 ± 1.46	8.14 ± 1.57
A' (cm/sec)	7.83 ± 1.61	9.62 ± 2.13
E / E'	11.2 ± 2.14	14.5 ± 3.47
S' (cm/sec)	7.14 ± 1.53	8.96 ± 2.29
RVSP (mmHg)	25.7 ± 4.40	52.3 ± 16.7



The changes in Doppler parameters after 6 months

	baseline	6M later	P value
E (cm/sec)	65.3 ± 14.8	62.7 ± 13.2	0.014
A (cm/sec)	66.0 ± 15.2	64.7 ± 16.4	< 0.001
DT (sec)	213 ± 37.7	221 ± 41.2	0.758
E' (cm/sec)	5.93 ± 1.35	6.20 ± 1.03	<0.001
A' (cm/sec)	7.83 ± 1.61	8.11 ± 1.46	0.002
E / E'	11.2 ± 2.41	10.3 ± 2.32	0.001
S' (cm/sec)	7.14 ± 1.53	7.27 ± 1.65	0.016
RVSP (mmHg)	25.7 ± 4.40	25.5 ± 2.85	0.381

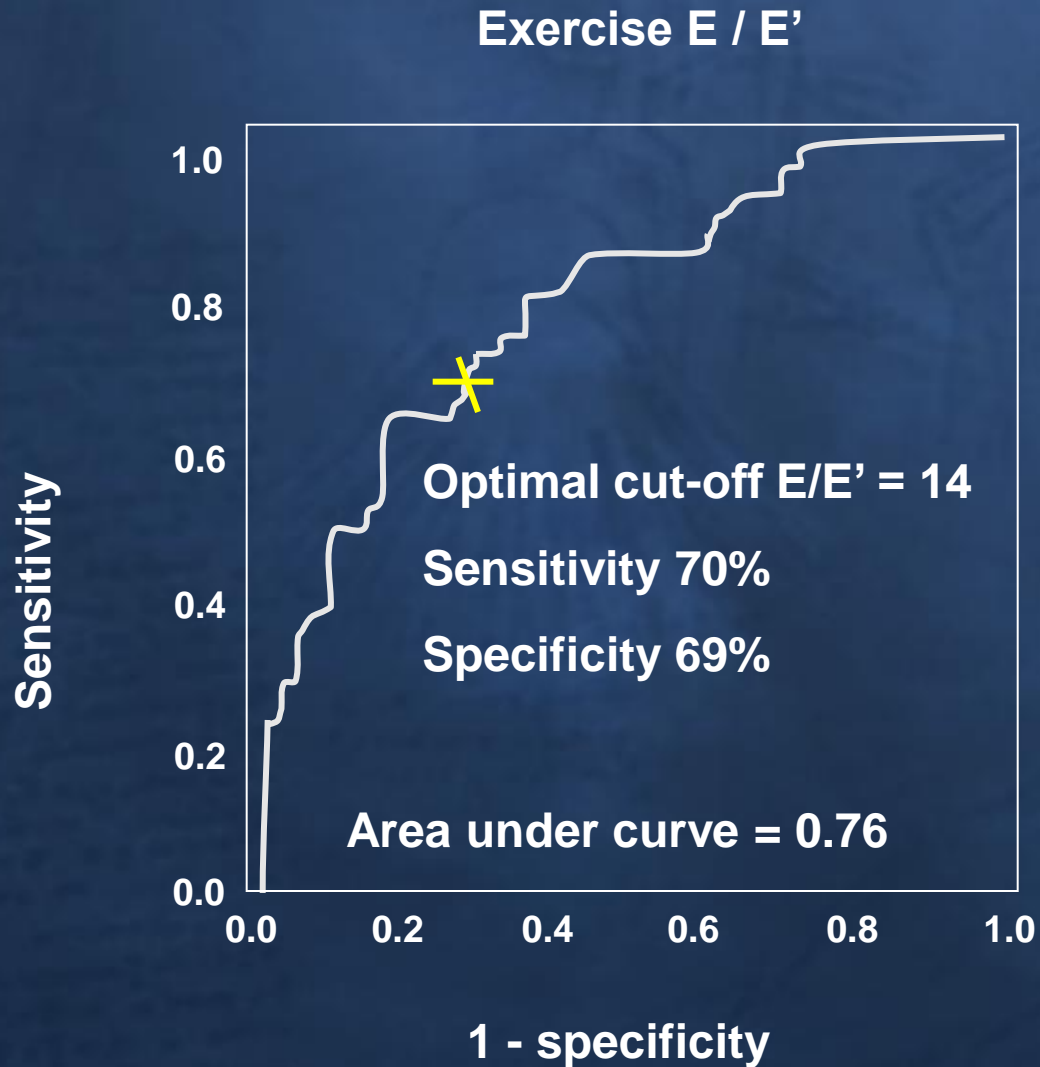
Correlation between exercise capacity and echo variables

	Correlation analysis		Regression analysis (Multi)	
	r	p	β	p
Age	-0.482	<0.001	-0.468	0.033
SBP	-0.257	0.071		
LVMI	0.050	0.730		
LAVI	-0.050	0.738	-0.206	0.291
S' rest	0.035	0.807		
E' rest	0.330	0.021		
E / E' rest	-0.344	0.014		
E' stress	0.712	0.002	0.649	0.007
E/E' stress	-0.572	0.026		

Univariate & multivariate predictors of recovery of diastolic function

	Univariate		Multivariate	
	β	p	β	p
Age	0.287	0.299	0.210	0.349
SBP	0.319	0.247		
LVMI	-0.002	0.996		
LAVI	0.029	0.926	-0.208	0.371
S' rest	-0.372	0.172	-0.372	0.130
E' rest	-0.178	0.526		
E / E' rest	0.592	0.020	0.598	0.045
E' stress	-0.755	0.001		
E/E' stress	0.895	<0.001	0.735	0.030

ROC curve to predict diastolic function



limitations

- Impaired exercise tolerance is associated with peripheral factors
(skeletal muscle, metabolism, endothelial function, ergoreflex activation etc..)
- In merging of E & A waves, the accuracy in E/E' during exercise is not confirmed
 - ➔ Most patients have merging after 50 watts
 - d/t relatively slow HR with β -blockers

Conclusion

- The best correlation with exercise capacity was E' at peak exercise
- The evaluation of hemodynamic response of diastolic function during exercise is feasible during stress echocardiography and provides valuable information in predicting recovery of diastolic function in patients after AMI

Thank you for your attention !

