

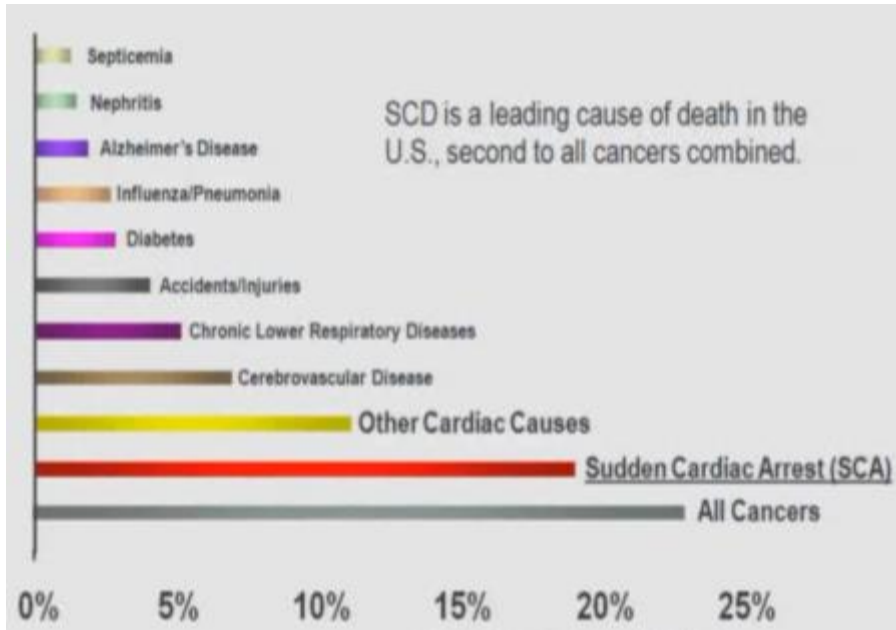
Role of ILR for SCD

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Sudden Cardiac Death



Leading Cause of Death



Annual incidence of SCD (per 100,000)

USA	53 (41-89)
Netherland	90-100
Japan (Okinawa)	39
China	41
West Ireland	51
Canada	56
Korea	> 41 (~80)

Prospective Survey ~ Death Certificate Data

- **6~15%** of Annual mortality
- Estimated number of SCD in U.S. in 1999 \approx **450,000**

National Vital Statistics Report. 2001;49:11

MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. 2002;51(6):123

Circulation.2001 Oct 30;104(18):2158-63

Journal of Korean Arrhythmia Society. 2010; 11 (2): 13-16

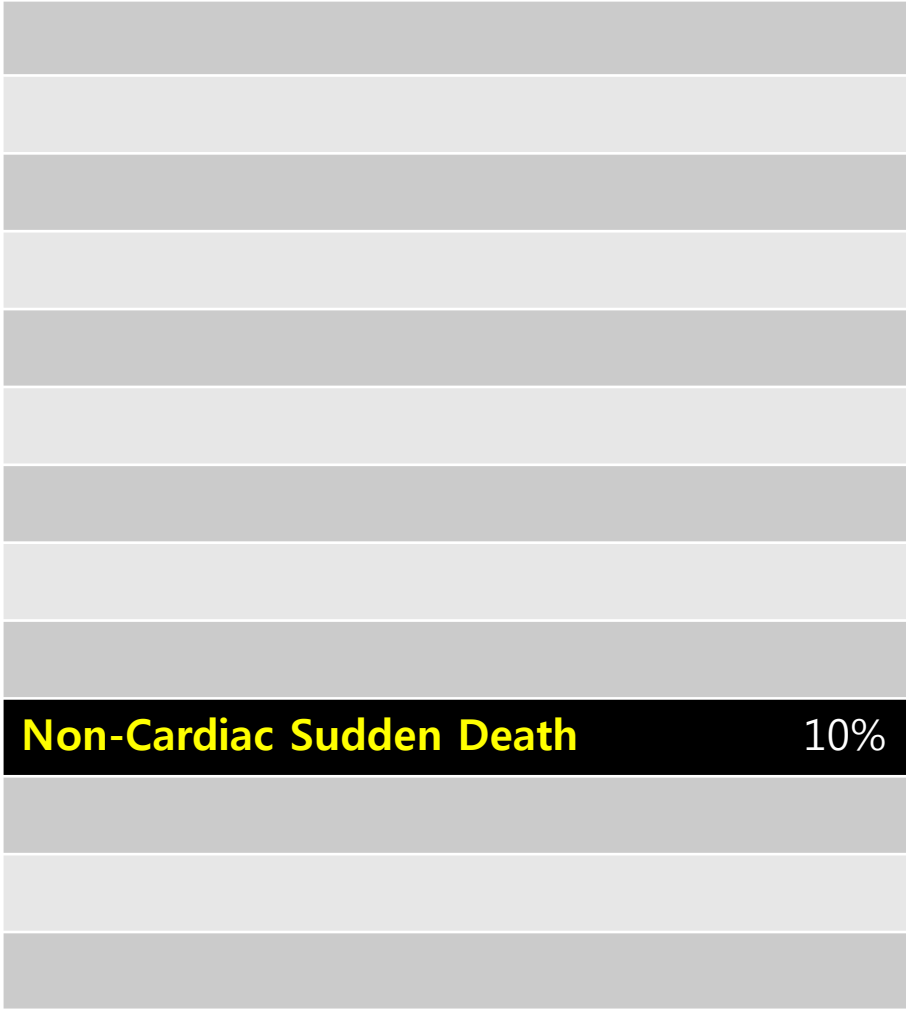
Heart 2006;92:1873-1878

Major Causes of Sudden Death

with Structural Heart Disease 80%



without Structural Heart Disease 10%



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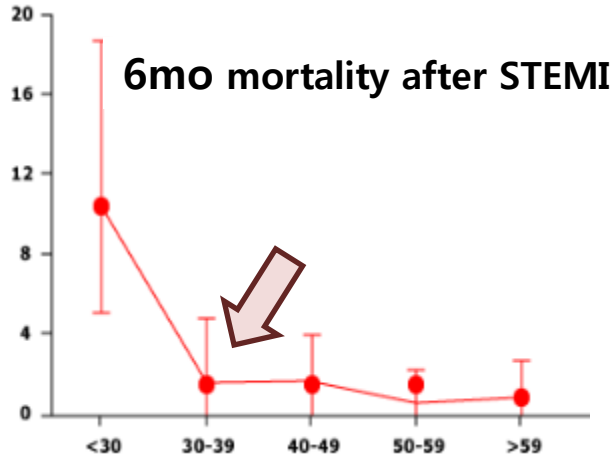
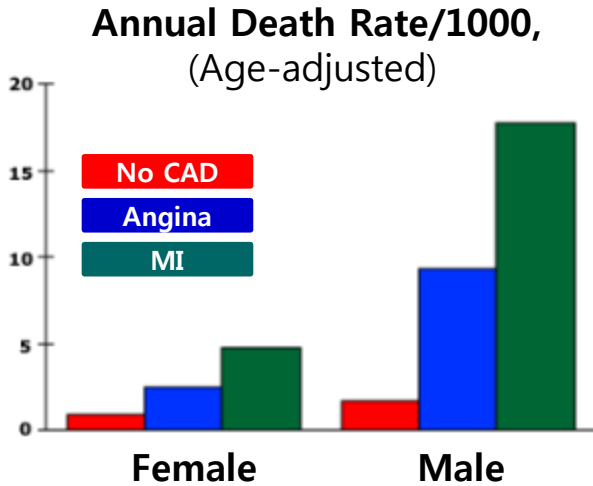
with Structural Heart Disease 80%	without Structural Heart Disease 10%
<i>Ischemic HD</i> 60-70%	
Coronary Artery Disease	
Coronary Artery Spasm	
Coronary Artery Embolism	
Congenital Coronary Artery Anomalies	
<i>non-Ischemic HD</i> 10%	
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy	
Dilated Cardiomyopathy	
Adult Congenital Heart Disease	
Arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia	
Pericardial tamponade	
Myocarditis	
Valvular Heart Disease	
	Non-Cardiac Sudden Death 10%

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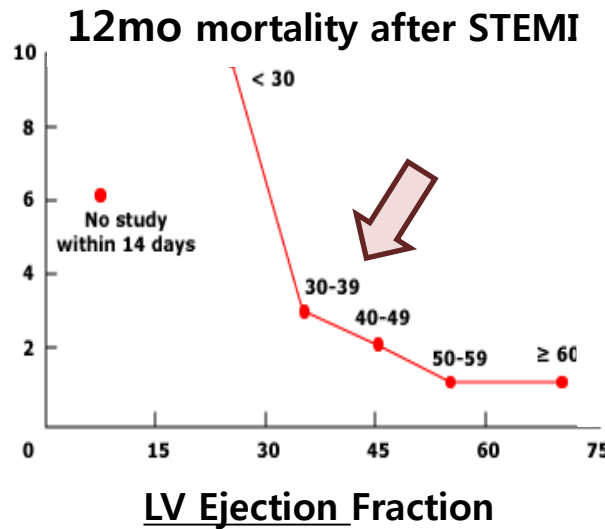
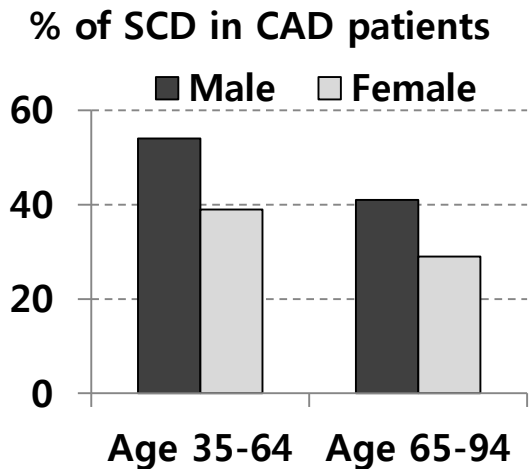
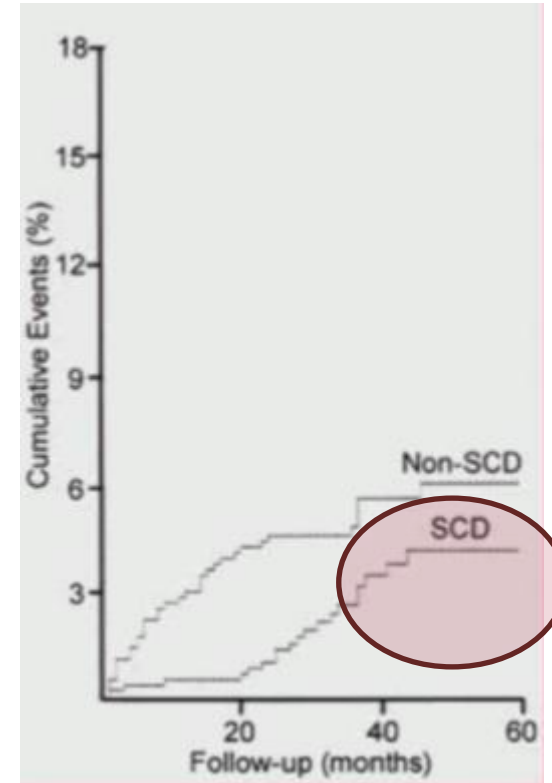
with Structural Heart Disease	80%	without Structural Heart Disease	10%
<i>Ischemic HD</i>	60-70%	Idiopathic VF (primary channelopathy)	
Coronary Artery Disease		Brugada syndrome	
Coronary Artery Spasm		Long QT syndrome	
Coronary Artery Embolism		Short QT syndrome	
Congenital Coronary Artery Anomalies		Preexcitation syndrome (WPW + AF)	
<i>non-Ischemic HD</i>	10%	CPVT (Familial Polymorphic VT)	
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy		Complete Atrioventricular Block	
Dilated Cardiomyopathy		Chest wall trauma (Comotio Cordis)	
Adult Congenital Heart Disease		Emotional stress (Catecholamine Surge)	
Arrhythmic right ventricular dysplasia		Non-Cardiac Sudden Death	10%
Pericardial tamponade		Pulmonary Embolism	
Myocarditis		Drug-induced	
Valvular Heart Disease		SUDEP (Sudden unexpected death in epilepsy)	

CAD & SCD risk

the Framingham Heart Study Cohort



MRFAT trial



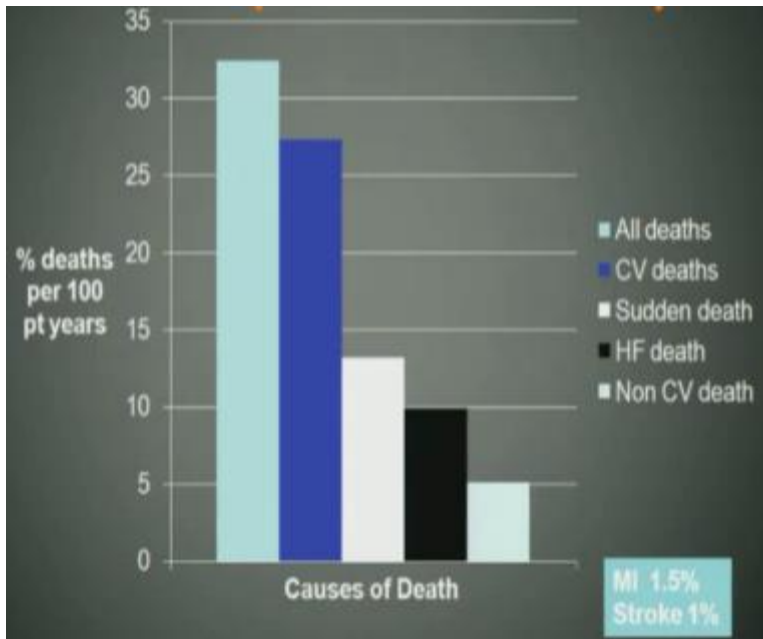
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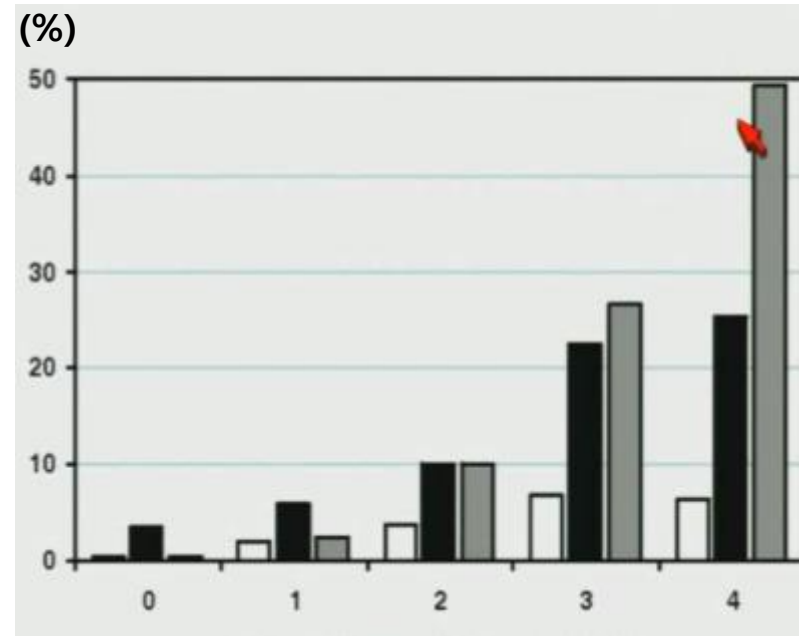
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Heart Failure & SCD

NYHA Class II-III (CHARM Added)



Absolute Risk of 1Yr Mortality



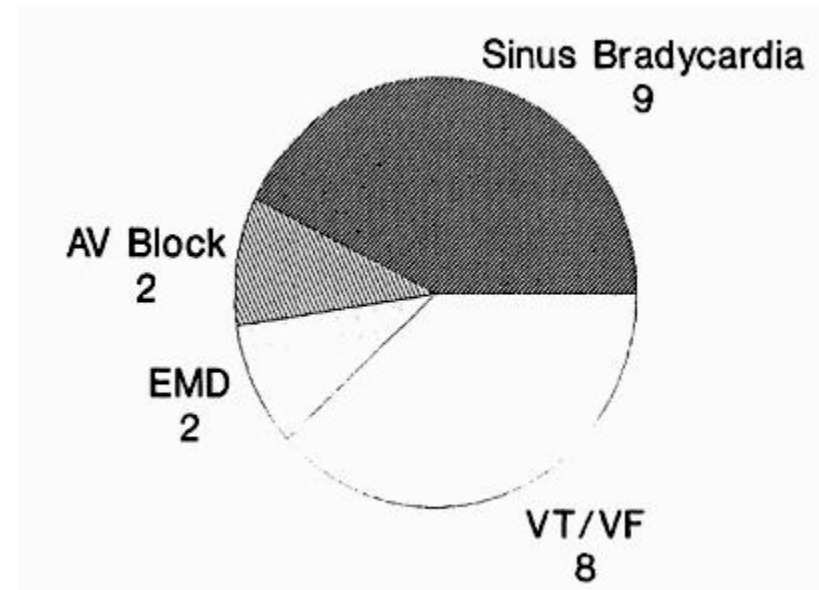
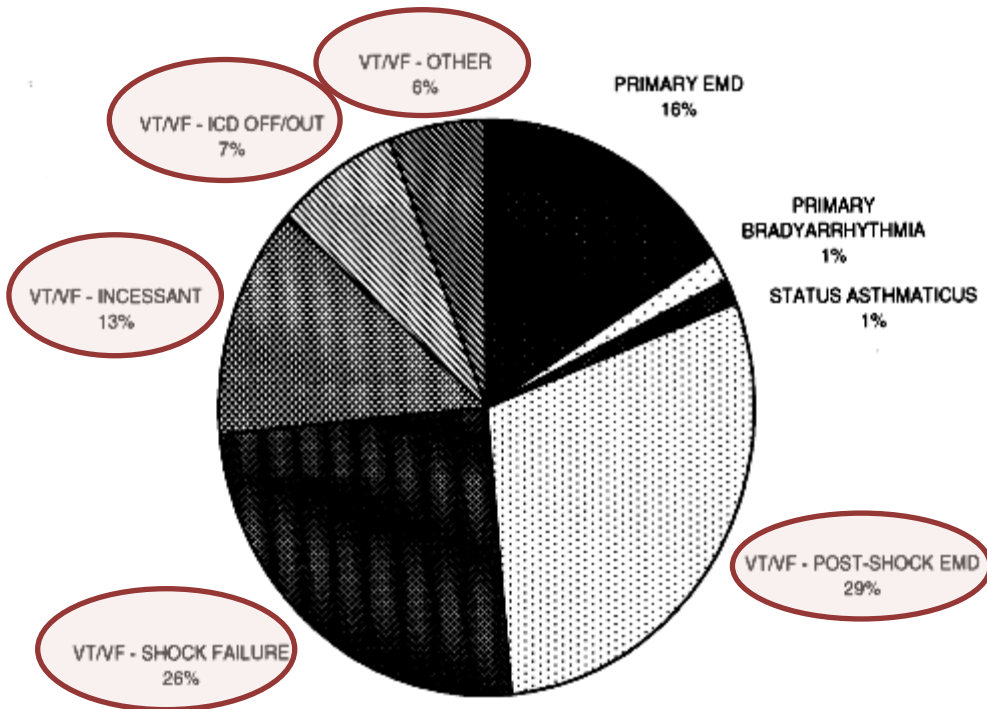
Seattle Heart Failure Score



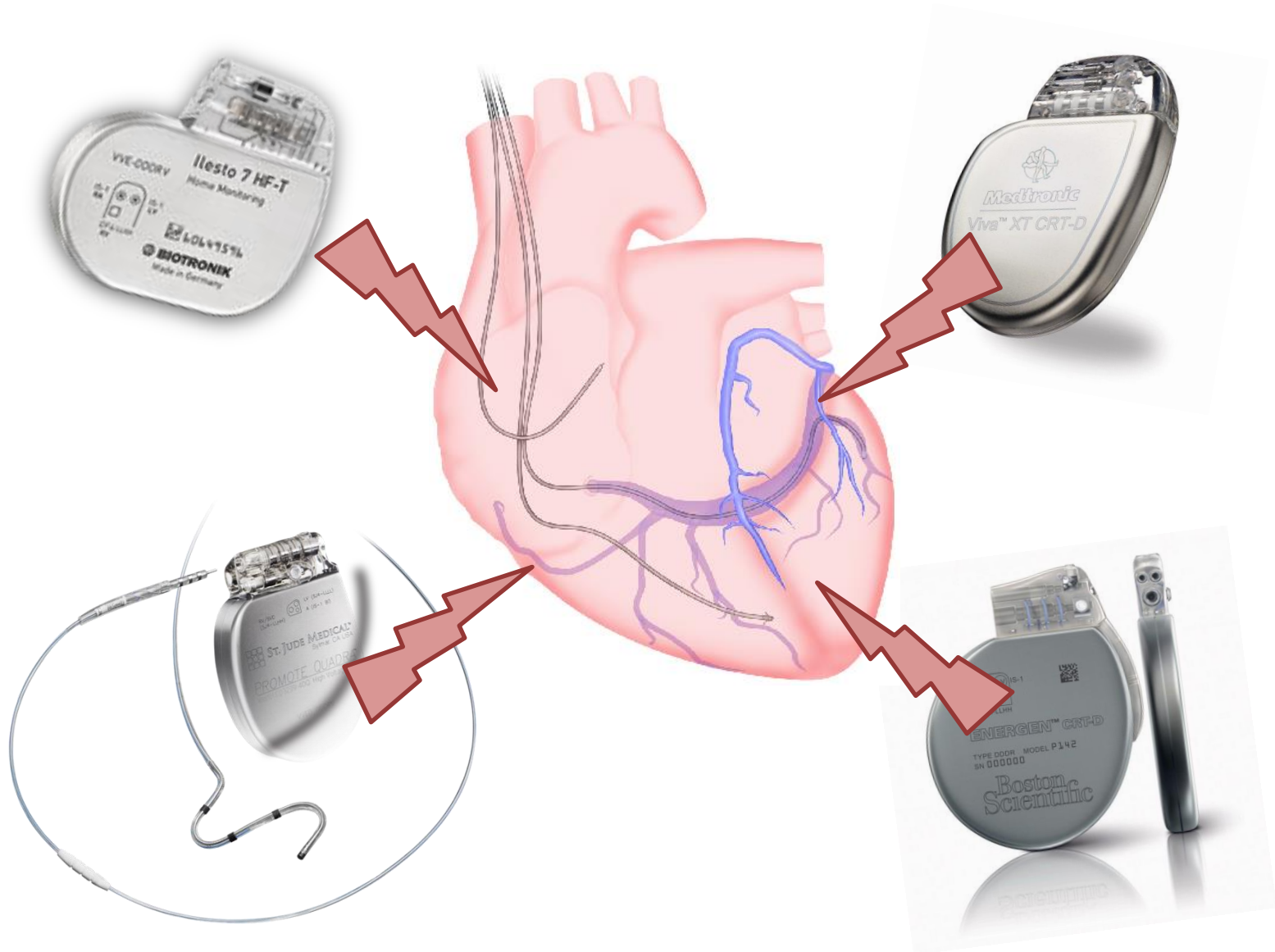
SCD \cong 50% of CV death

Various Arrhythmic Causes

- **VT/VF:** most common: 30-70%
- **Bradycardia:** Sinus bradycardia, AV Block: 10-50%
- **PEA:** pulseless electrical activity



ICD & CRT(D)



ICD for Primary Prevention

Trial	F/U	Inclusion criteria	Time from MI	Mortality reduction
MADIT	2 yr	EF \leq 35%, NSVT, inducible VT	\geq 3 wk	59%
MUSTT	5 yr	EF \leq 40%, NSVT, inducible VT	Not defined	58%
MADIT II	2 yr	EF \leq 30%	\geq 1mo	28%
SCD-HeFT	5 yr	EF \leq 35%, NYHA (II, III), ischemic & nonischemic	Not defined	23%
DINAMIT	2.5 yr	EF \leq 35%, recent MI	6-40 days	No

CRT for HF (III,IV)

Trial (Pt. Number)	NYHA	QRSd	Rhythm	ICD	Results
MIRACLE (453)	III, IV	≥130	Sinsu	-	+
MUSTIC SR (58)	III	>150	Sinsu	-	+
MUSTIC AF (43)	III	>200*	AF	-	+
PATH CHF (41)	III, IV	≥120	Sinsu	-	+
MIRACLE ICD (369)	III, IV	≥130	Sinsu	Yes	+
CONTAK CD (490)	II~IV	≥120	Sinsu	Yes	+
COMPANION (1520)	III, IV	≥120	Sinsu	-	+
PATH CHF II (89)	III, IV	≥120	Sinsu	-	+
MIRACLE ICD II (186)	II	≥130	Sinsu	Yes	+
CARE HF (814)	III, IV	≥120	Sinsu	-	++

LVEF ≤ 35% for all trials, * Paced QRS duration,

CRT for HF (I, II)

Trial (Pt. Number)	NYHA	QRSd	EF	Rhythm	Results
REVERSE (610) REVERSE long-term (262)	I, II	≥ 120	$\leq 40\%$	Sinus	+
RAFT (1798)	II, III	> 120	$\leq 30\%$	Sinus/AF	+
MADIT-CRT (1820) MADIT-CRT long-term (1818)	I (post-MI), II	≥ 130	$\leq 30\%$	Sinus	+

Role of ILR for SCD ?

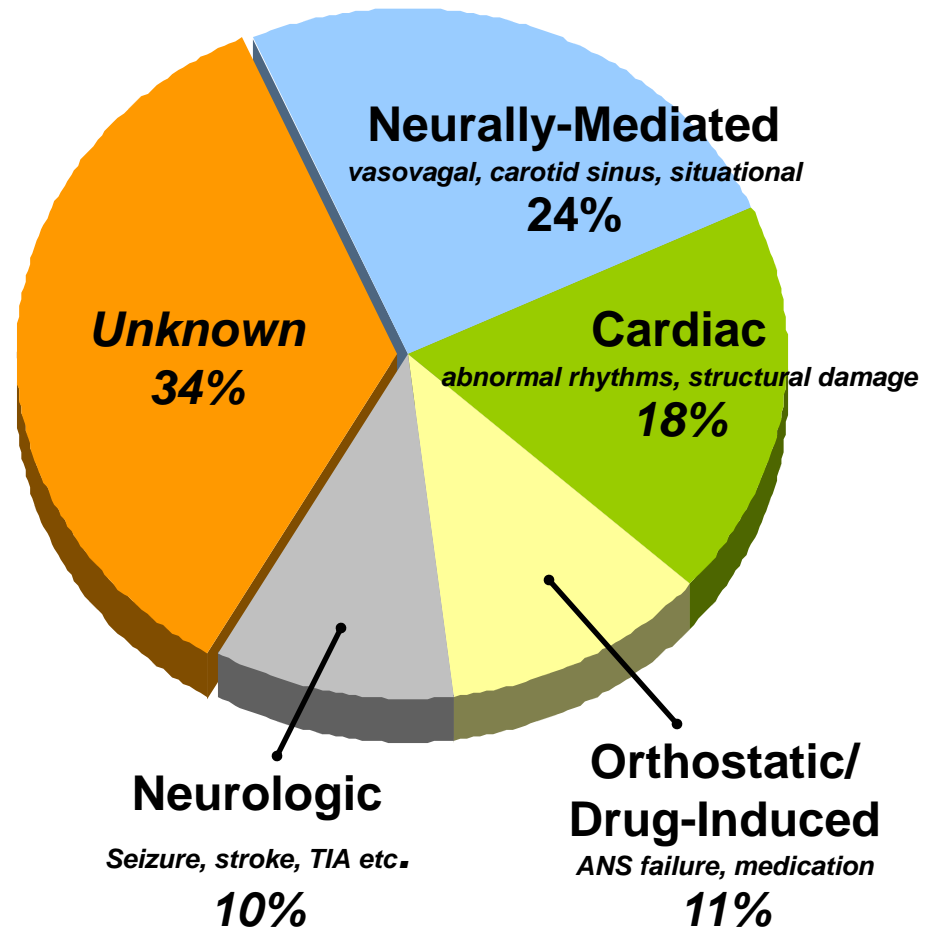
- Ischemic/Non-ischemic Cardiomyopathy
- Aborted SCD with/without Structural HD
 - ICD/CRT-P(D)
- Structural HD with preserved EF
- No Structural HD with potential risk of SCD (channelopathy, hereditary disease, ...)
 - **Unexplained syncope**

ILR for unexplained syncope

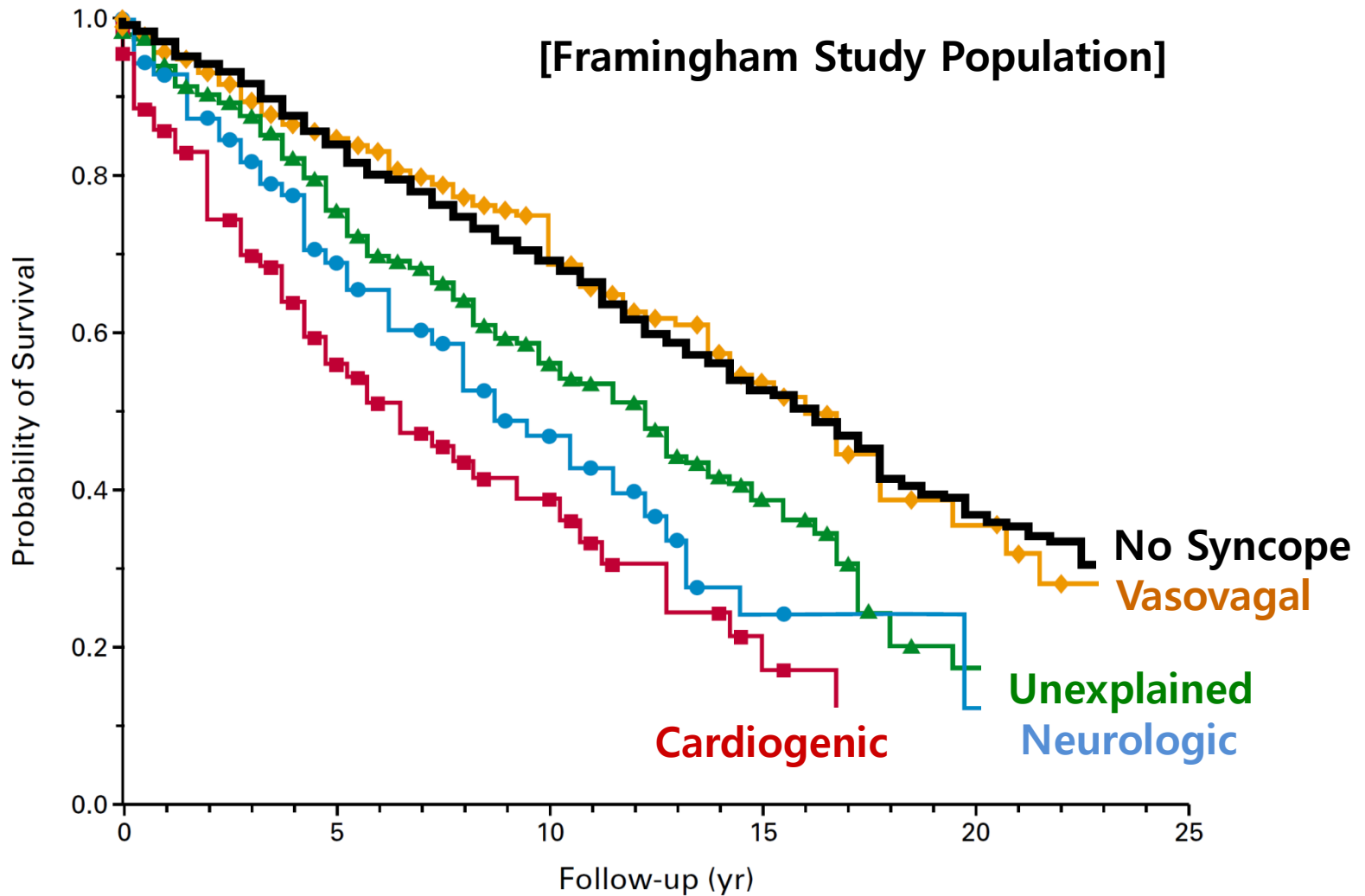


Unexplained Syncope

- Syncope remains **unexplained** in approximately **1/3** of cases



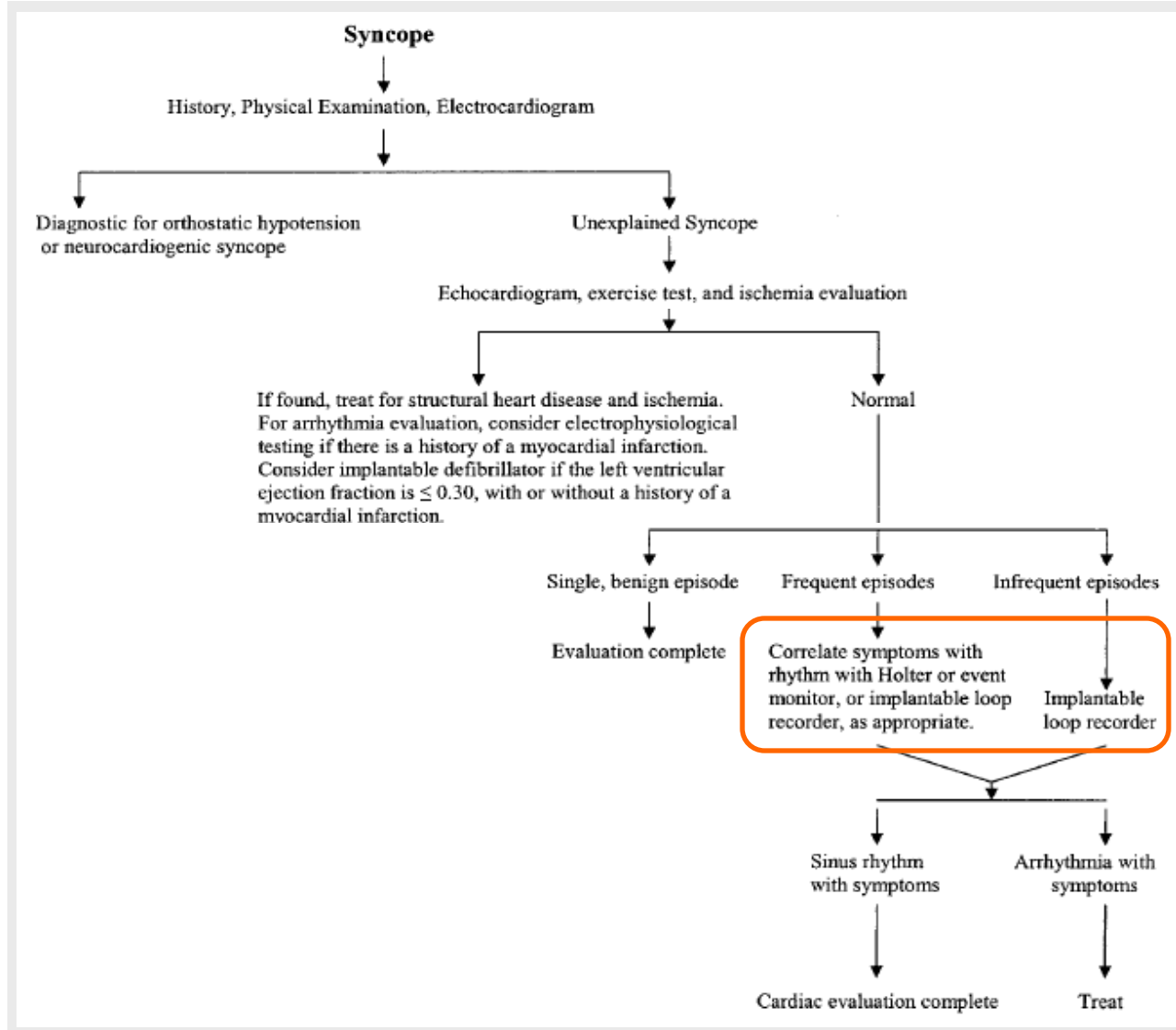
Unexplained Syncope can be a harbinger of SCD



Role of an ICM for Syncope

AHA/ACC Scientific Statement on the Evaluation of Syncope:

“This approach (ILRs) is more likely to identify the mechanism of syncope than is a conventional approach that uses Holter or event monitors and EP testing and is cost-effective.”



Test Options & Diagnostic Yields

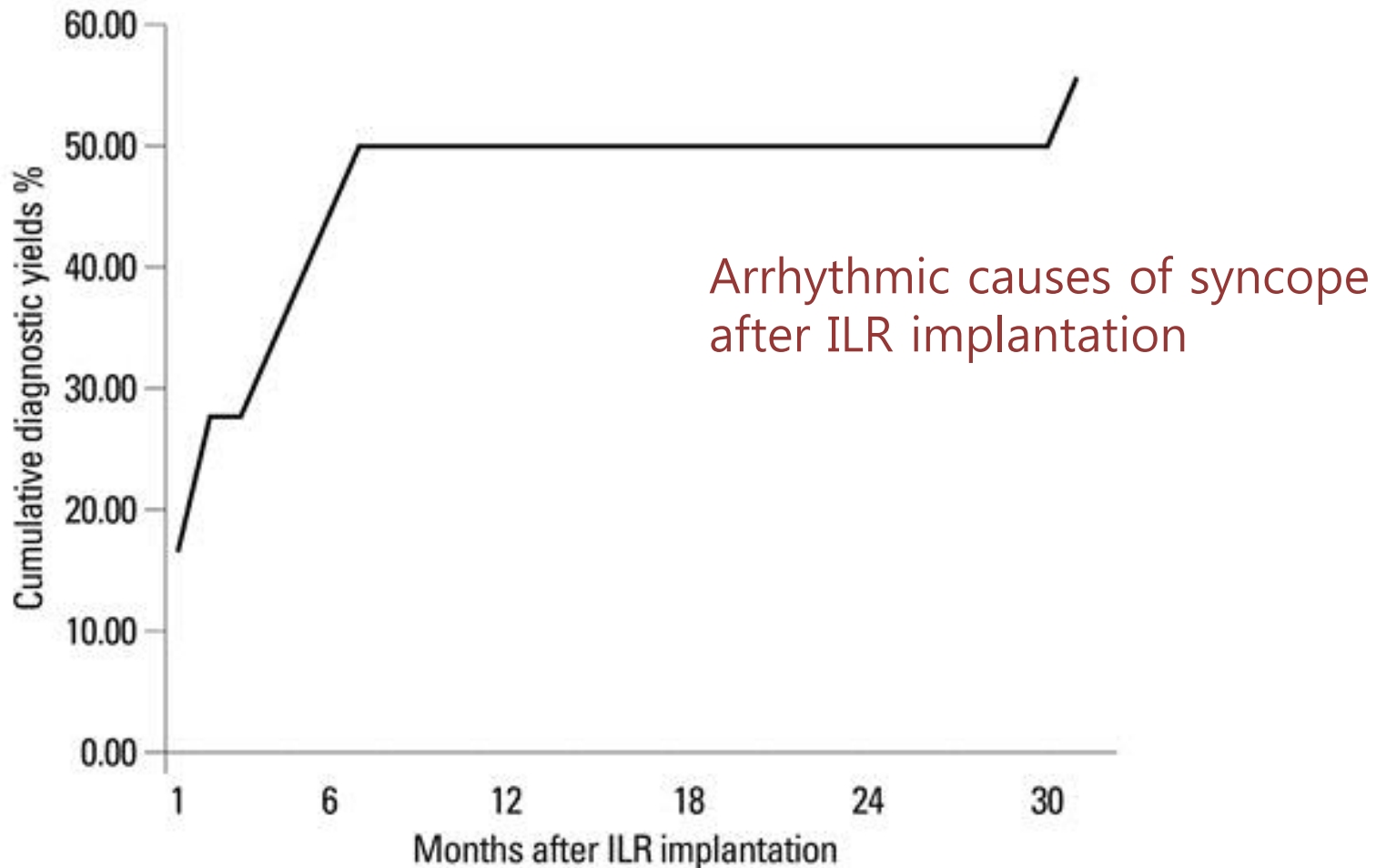
Test/Procedure	Yield*
ECG	2-11%
Holter Monitoring	2%
External Loop Recorder	20%
Tilt Table	11-87%
EP Study without structural heart disease	11%
EP Study with structural heart disease	49%
Neurological (CT scan, carotid doppler)	0-4%
ILR	30-50% ^{1,2,3}

1.Europace 2005;7:19–24.

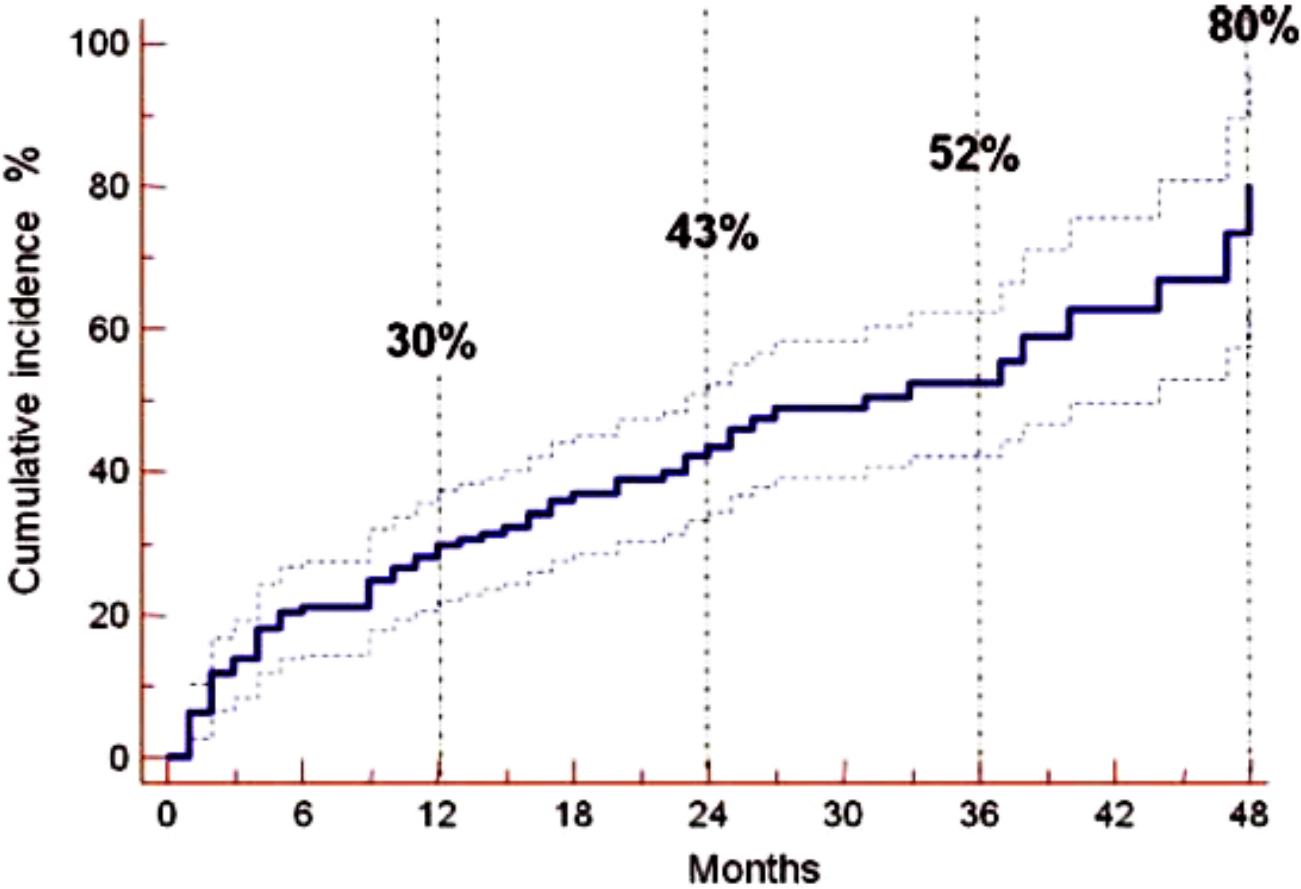
2.Europace 2004;6:70–76

3.Europace 2010;12:1475–1479.

Cumulative diagnostic yields of ILR



Cumulative diagnostic yields of ILR



ILR for Syncope:

Supporting Information and Clinical Data

Supporting Clinical Evidence

Randomized Assessment of Syncope Trial (RAST)

Methods:

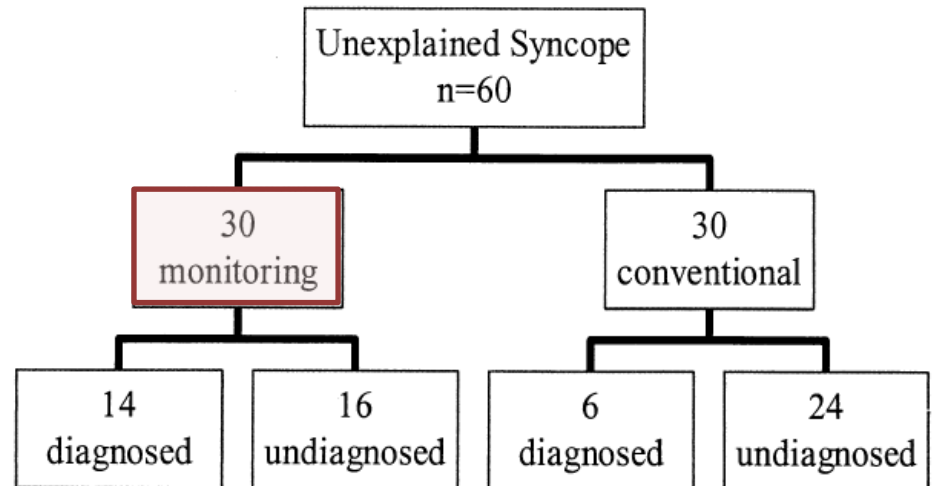
- 60 patients with **unexplained syncope** and **LV EF >35%** were randomized to conventional testing or a Reveal ILR
- If patients remained undiagnosed after their assigned strategy, they were offered a crossover to the alternate strategy

Results:

- Combining primary strategy with crossover, the diagnostic yield was 43% for ILR only versus 20% for conventional only
- Cost/diagnosis of ILR was 26% less than conventional testing

Krahn AD. Cost implications of testing strategy in patients with syncope. JACC. 2003;42(3):495-501.

Outcomes of Primary Diagnostic Strategy



\$2731 / patient
\$5852 / diagnosis

\$1683 / patient
\$8414 / diagnosis

“Although the cost of monitoring was greater than that of conventional testing, the cost/diagnosis was reduced because of the greater diagnostic yield ($p < 0.0001$).”

Supporting Clinical Evidence

Eastbourne Syncope Assessment Study (EaSyAS)

Methods:

- 201 patients presenting acutely with recurrent unexplained syncope were randomized to receive the **ILR** or **conventional** investigation/manage.
- Median follow-up 17 months

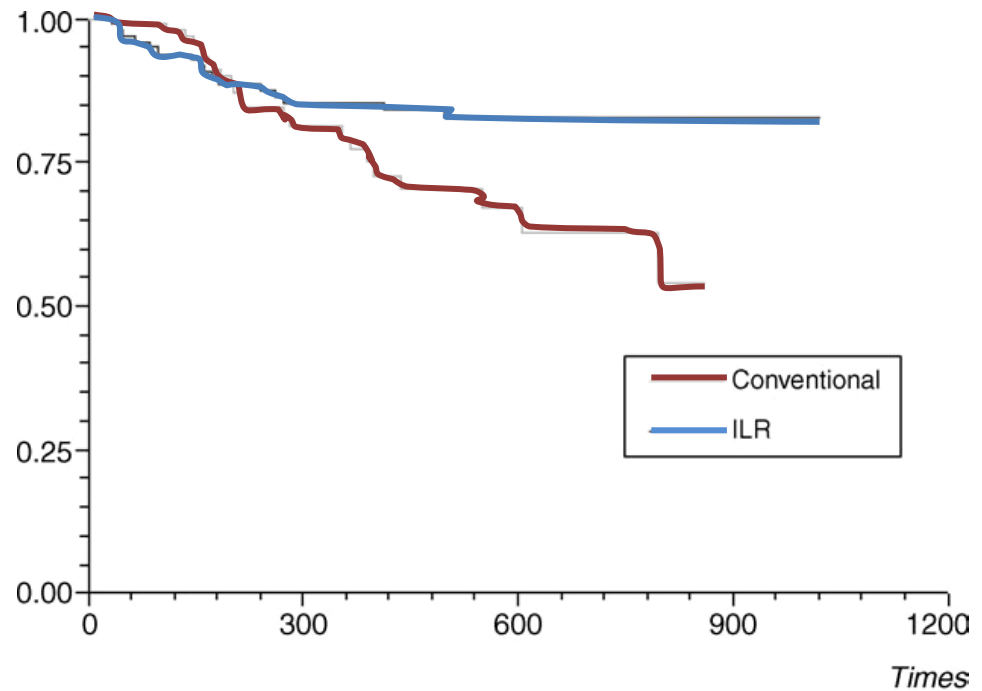
Results:

- 42 (43%) of ILR patients and 8 (6%) of conventional patients received an ECG diagnosis
- The ILR group also saw improved QOL

Farwell D, et al. *The clinical impact of implantable loop recorders in patients with syncope*. *European Heart Journal* (2006) 27, 351–356.

Time to Second Syncope Recurrence

*“ILR patients achieved a longer time to second syncope, suggesting **more appropriate treatment**.”*



$P = 0.04$.

Supporting Clinical Evidence

ISSUE 2

Methods:

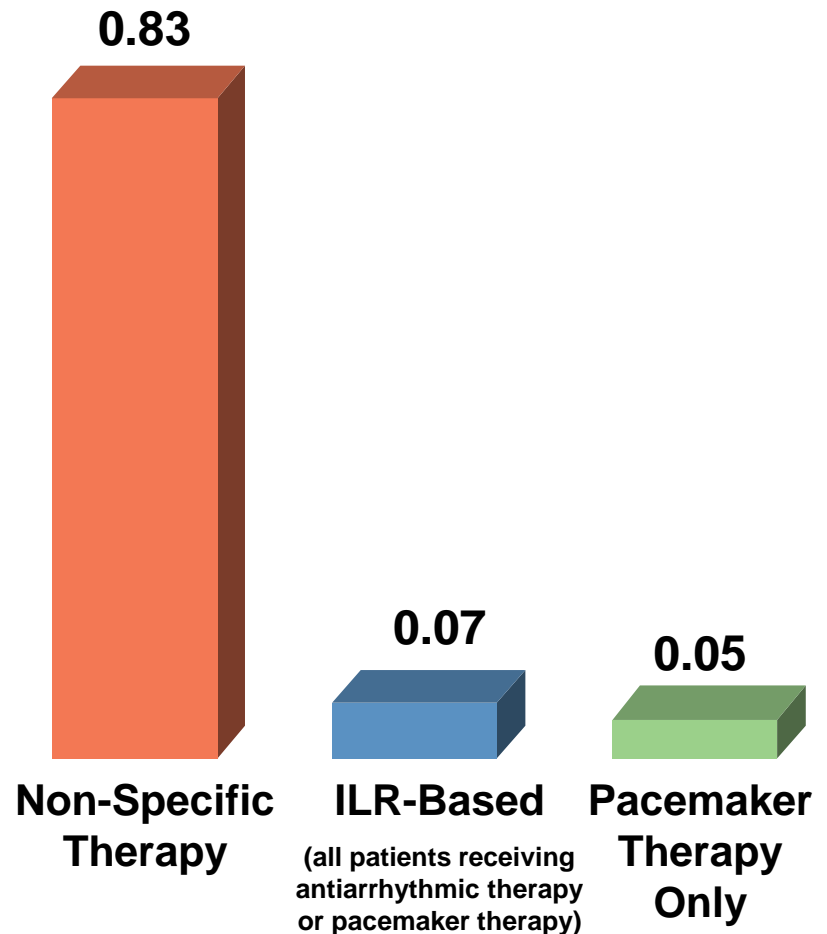
- 392 patients with suspected neurally-mediated syncope were enrolled
- 103 pts. had an ECG documented syncope, leading to therapy and a follow-up observational period

Results:

- A 92% relative reduction in syncope burden and 80% relative reduction in one-year recurrence rate with pacing and antiarrhythmic therapies guided by ILR findings

Brignole M. *Eur Heart J.* 2006;27:1085-1092 (ISSUE 2).

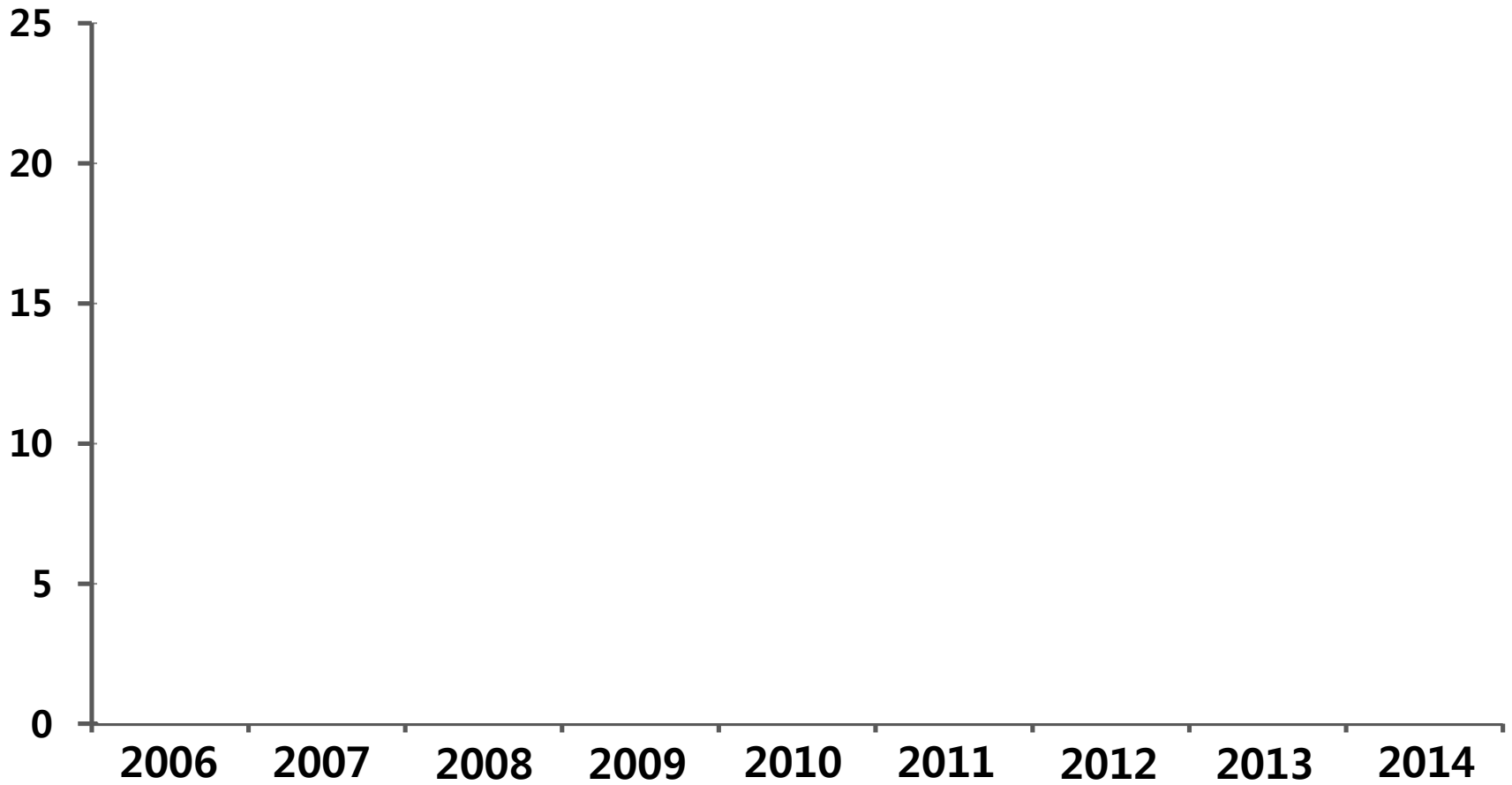
Syncopal Episodes per Patient per Year



Diagnosis by ILR in SMC

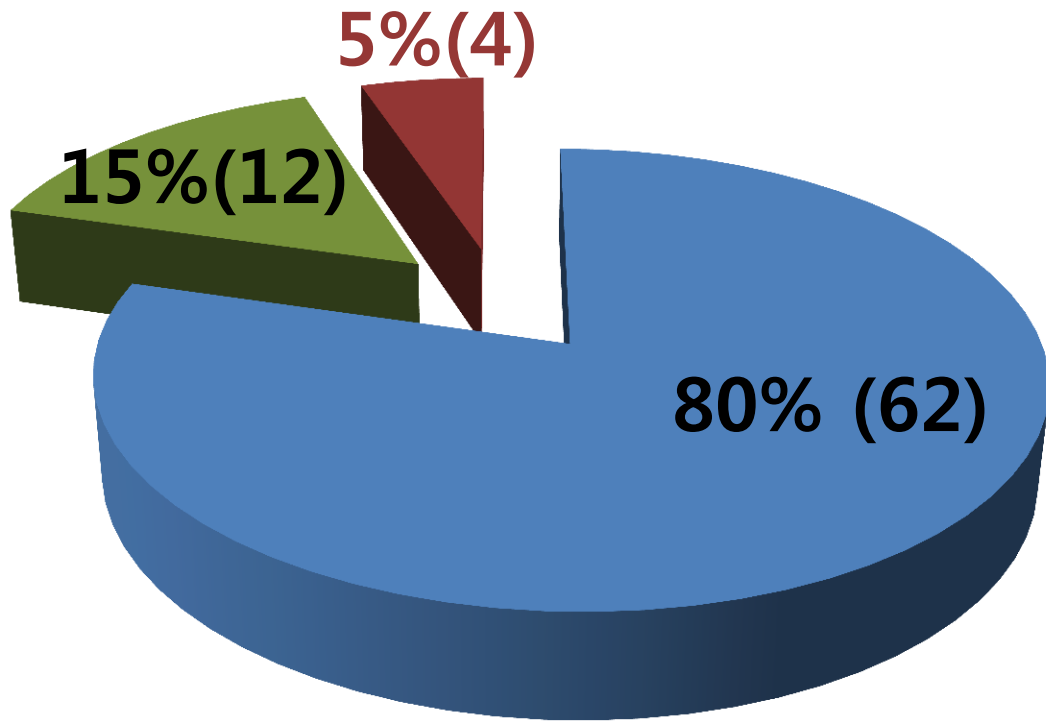
2006~2013: ILRs in 31 patients

ILRs in Korea



VT/VF by ILR in Korea

■ no Dx ■ PPM ■ ICD



(n=78)

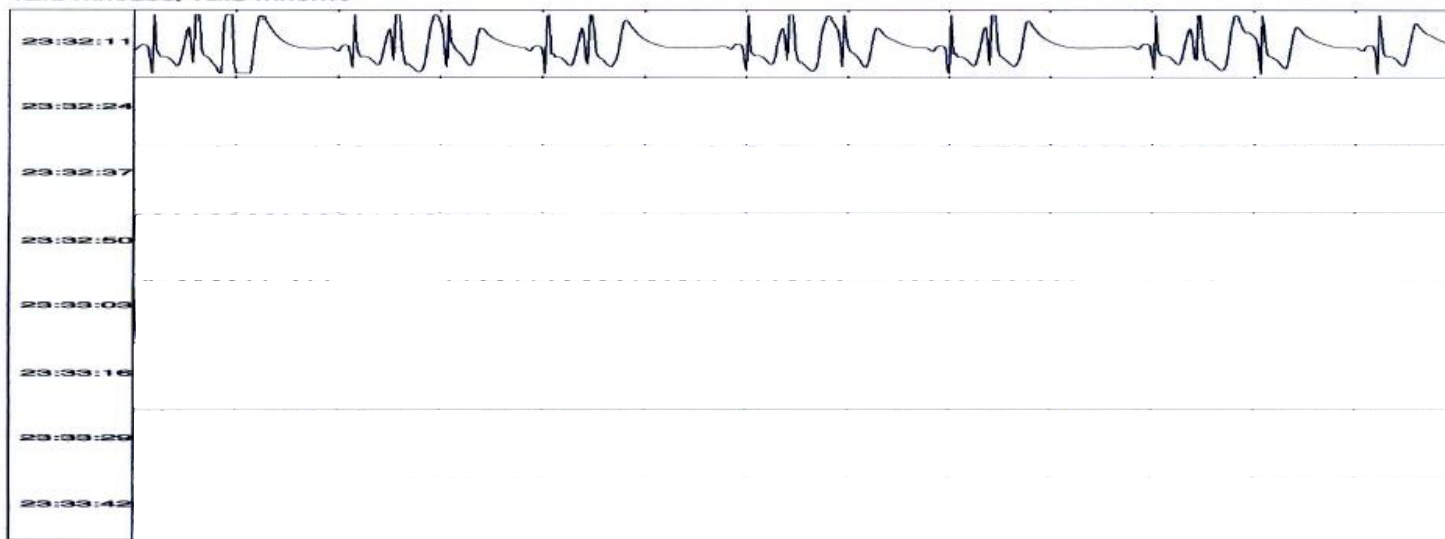
VF cases

- 27 YO Male
- Recurrent episode of syncope (4 times)
- Family Hx of SCD (Patient's father)
- No prodromal symptoms
- Eye ball deviation
- Cyanotic change, free voiding

ILR recording during sleep

- Agonal respiration with gasping

Reveal(R) Plus Model 9526
Gain: x8 (+/- 0.2 mV)
Storage Mode: 3 patient, 5 auto events, 42 min.
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2 min.

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Indication of ILR:

2009 ESC Syncope Guidelines

Class I

- for **early phase evaluation** in patients with recurrent syncope of uncertain origin, absence of high-risk criteria which require prompt hospitalization or intensive evaluation, and a high likelihood of recurrence within the battery life of the device.
- for high-risk patients in whom a comprehensive evaluation did not demonstrate a cause of syncope or lead to a specific treatment.

Class IIa

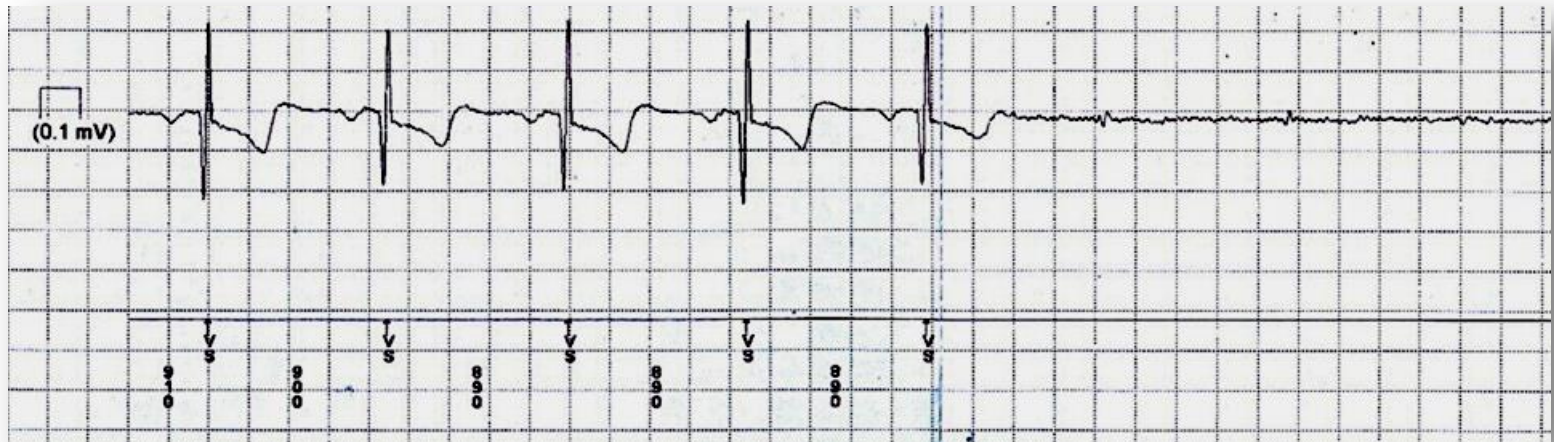
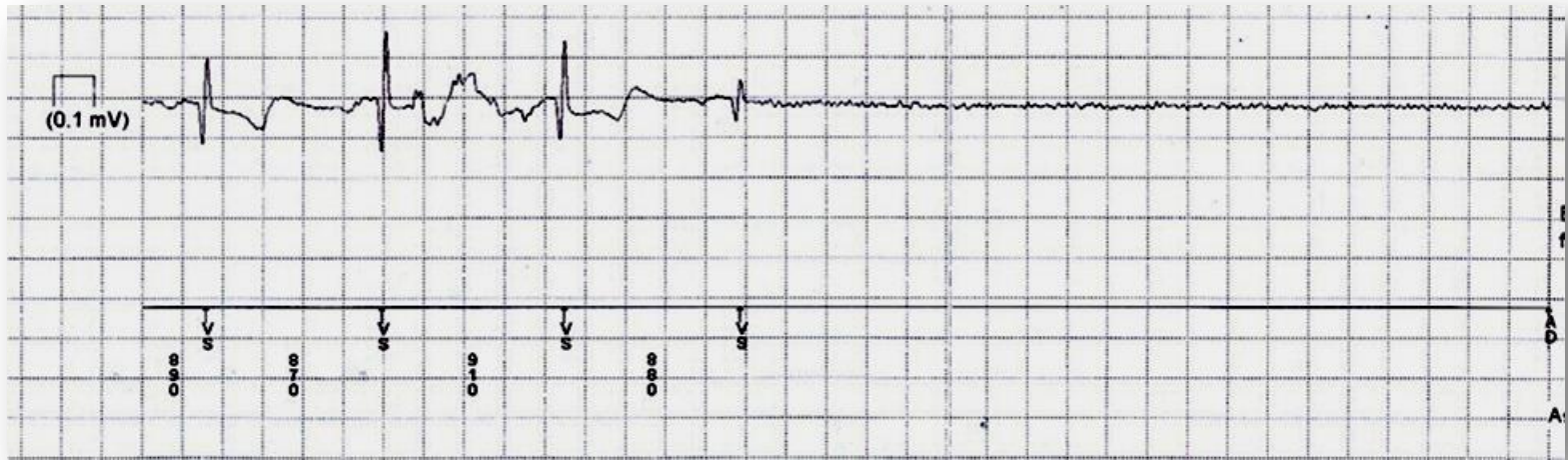
- to assess the contribution of bradycardia before embarking on cardiac pacing in patients with suspected or certain reflex syncope with frequent or traumatic syncopal episodes.

Limitations of ILR for SCD

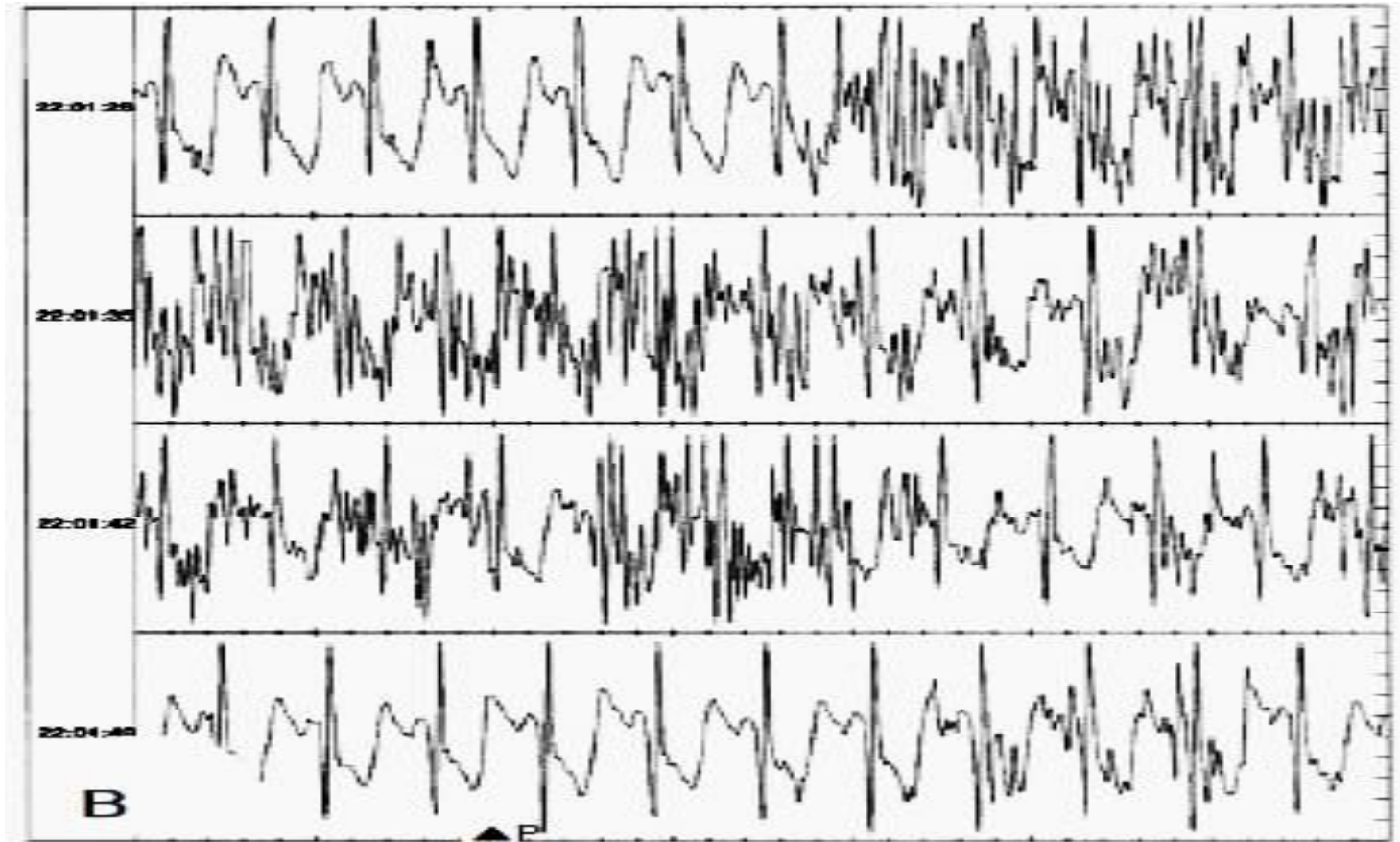
- **Undersensing of signals**
- **Oversensing of signals**
- **Noise**
- **Limited storage capacity**

Overwrite clinically significant arrhythmic events with ECG storage of events triggered by a sensing abnormality.

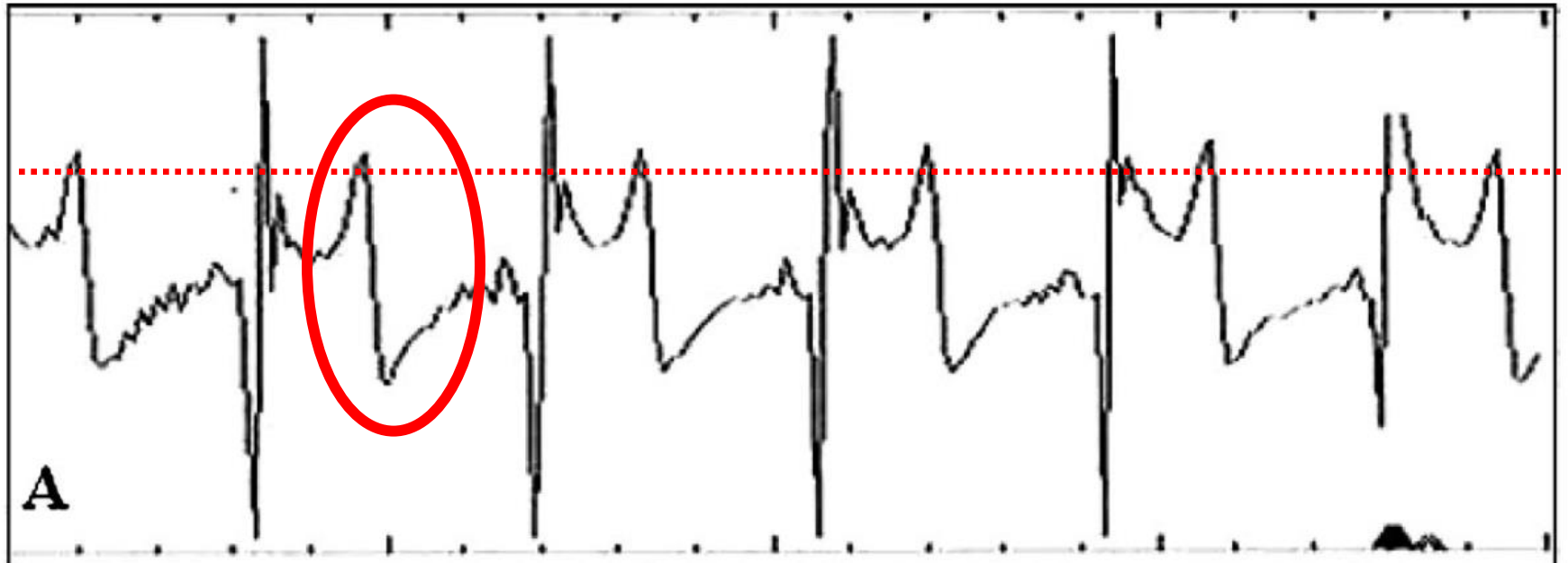
Undersensing of Signals



Oversensing of Noise



T-wave Oversensing

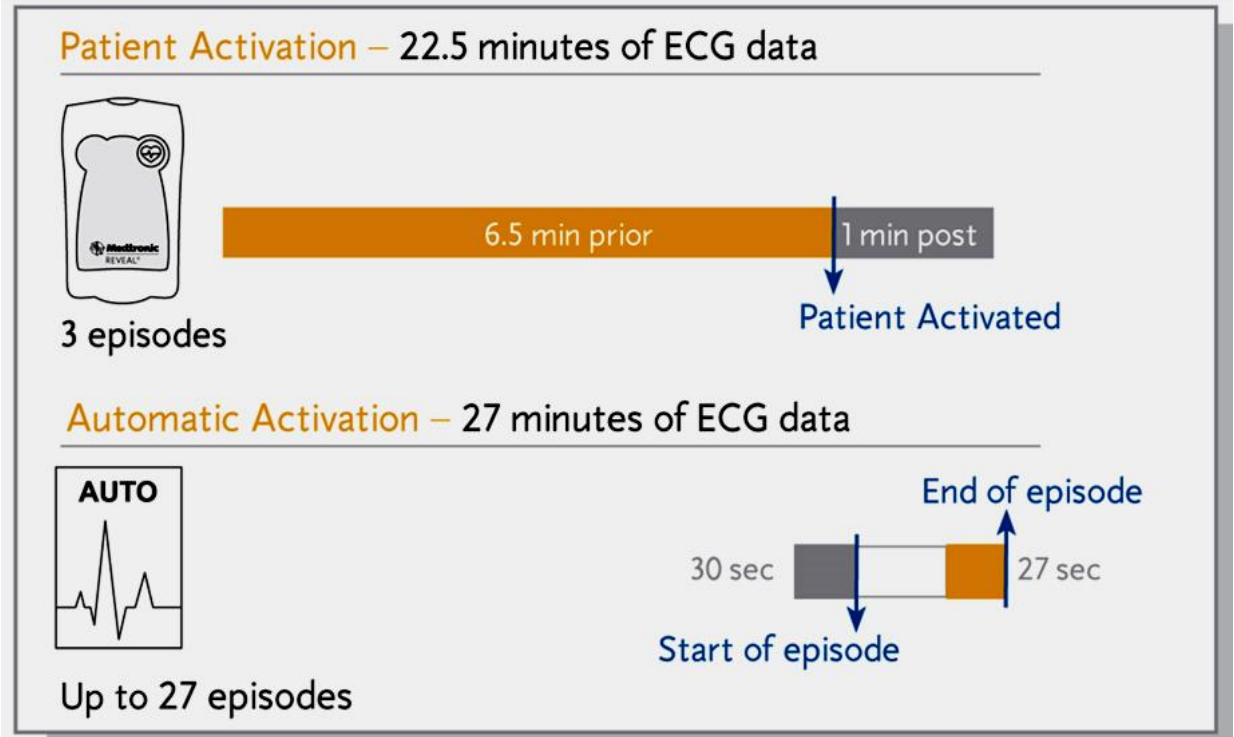


Improvement of ILR



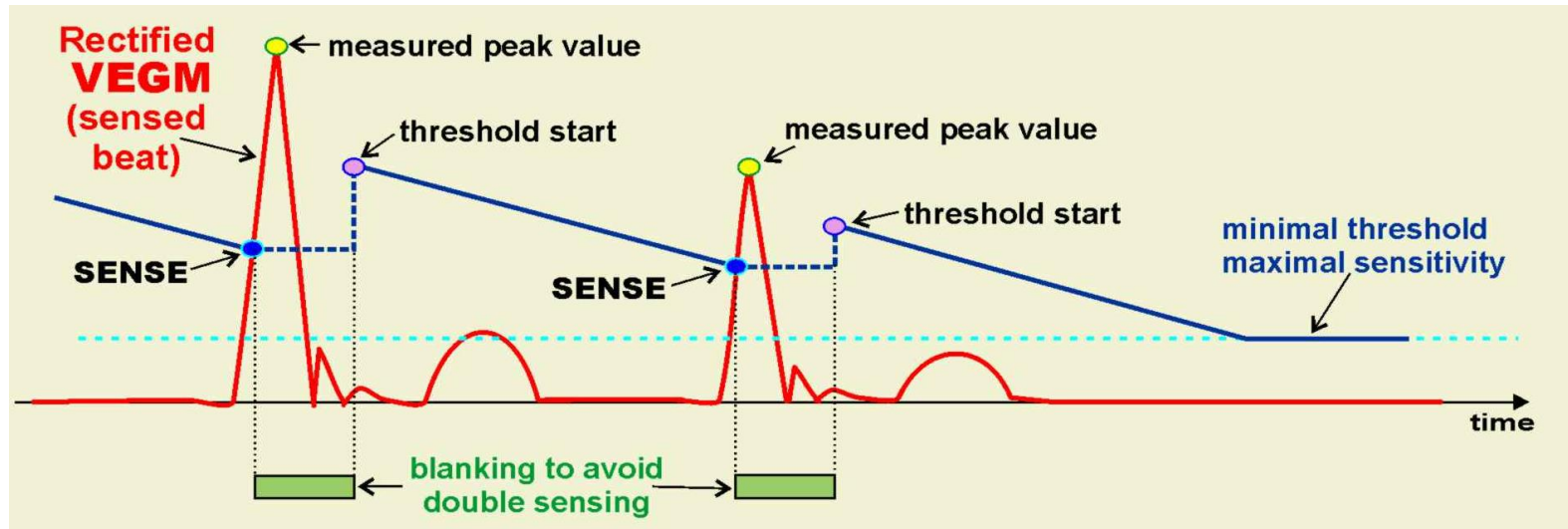
Automatic detection

- 49.5 minutes of ECG storage
- Episodes are captured automatically or via the Patient Assistant to establish a symptom-rhythm correlation



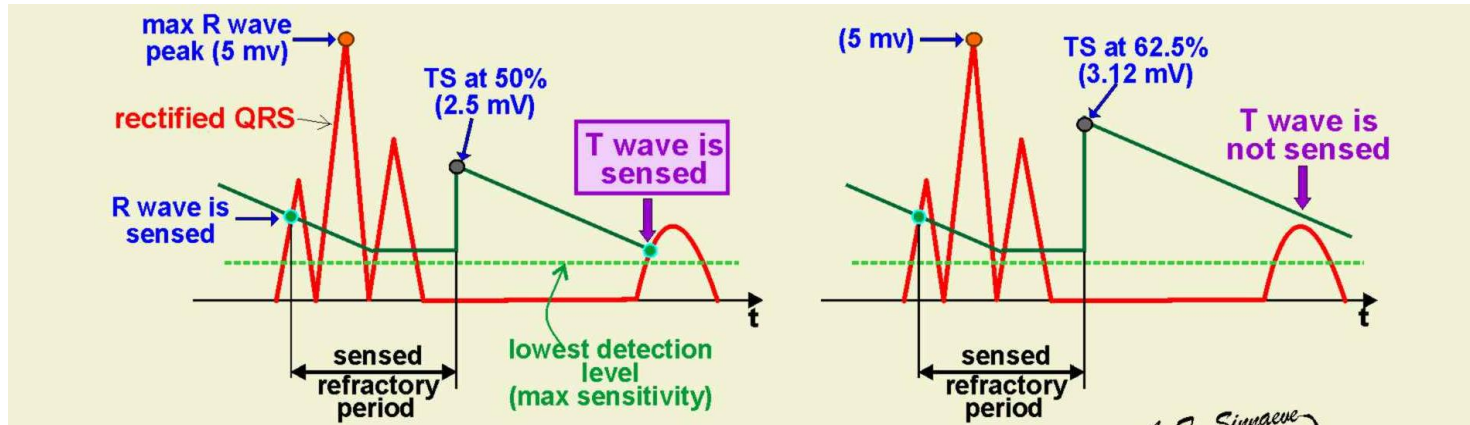
Improved sensing algorithm

- **Dynamic Sensitivity:** auto-adjusting sensing threshold

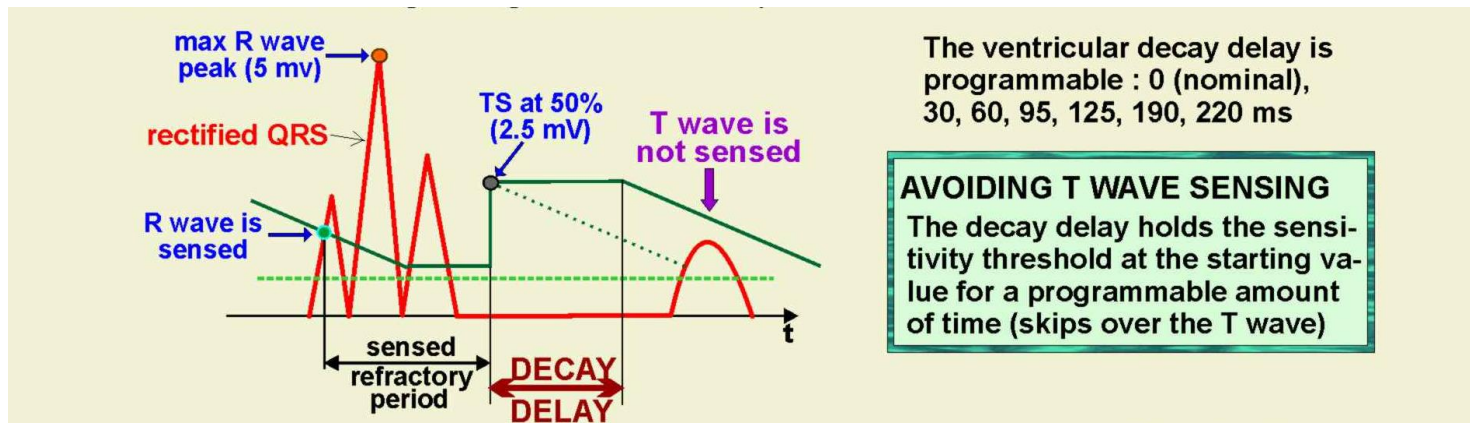


Improved sensing algorithm

- **Threshold Start:** pattern of HR increase

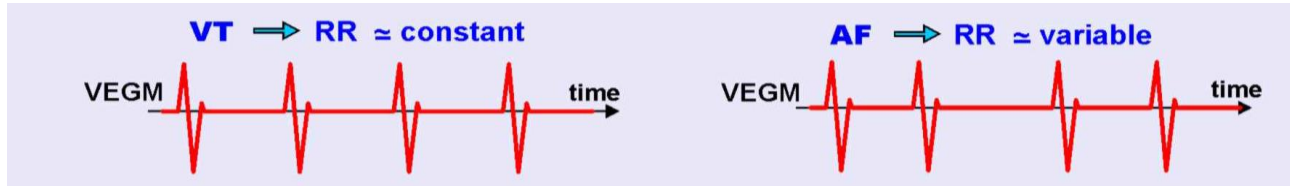


- **Decay Delay:** pattern of HR increase

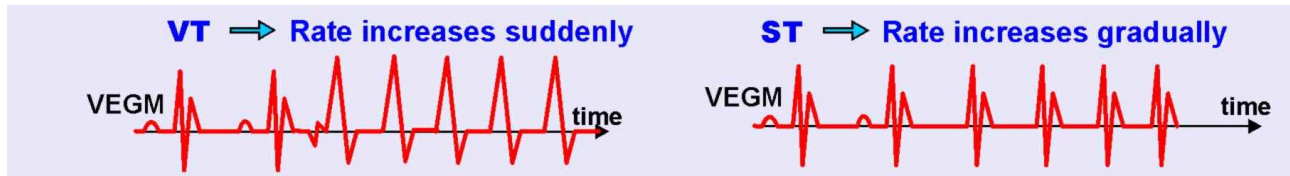


Enhanced Discrimination

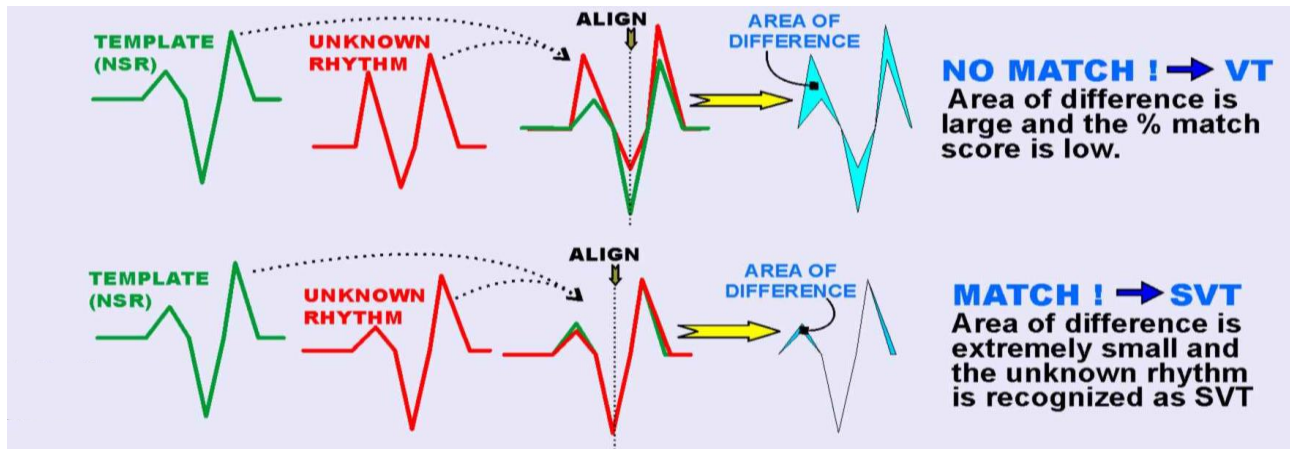
- **Ventricular Stability:** regularity of RR interval (ex; 50ms)



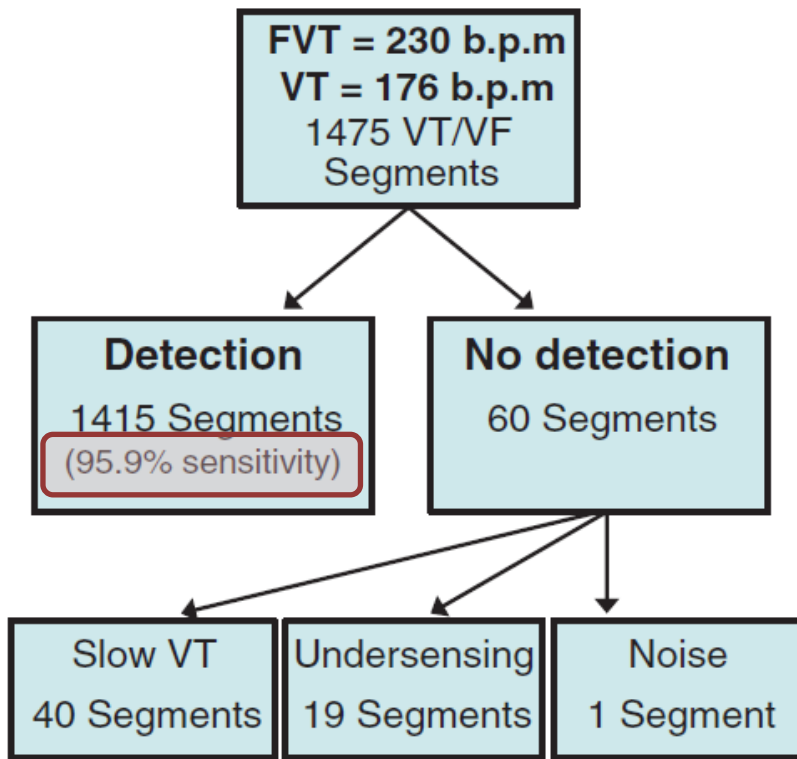
- **Sudden Onset:** pattern of HR increase



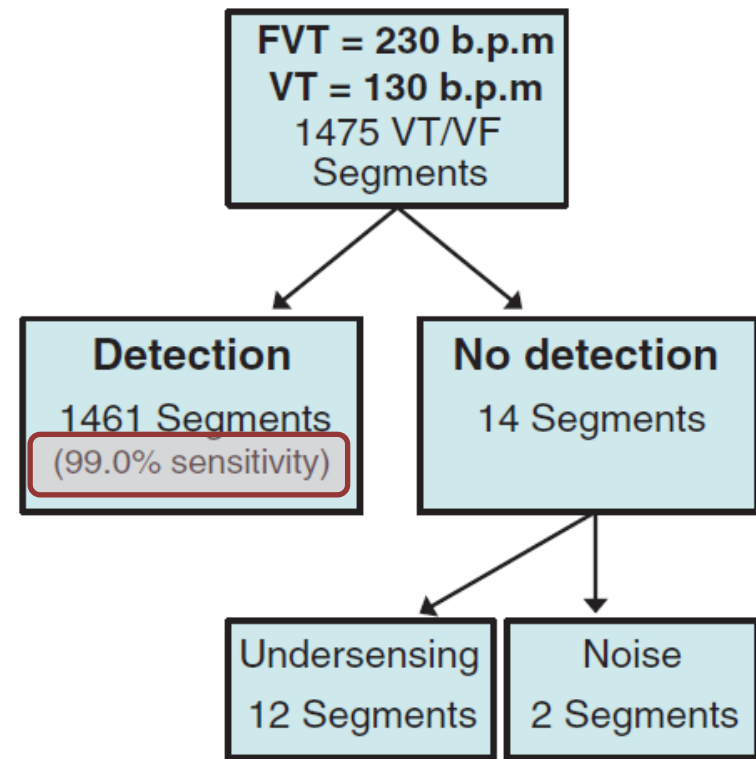
- **QRS morphology:** compare to SR (template)



High sensitivity to detect induced VT/VF



Nominal Setting



Rate threshold ≥ 130 bpm
(VT detection)

Better longevity



Reveal
1998

14 mo



Reveal Plus
2000

2 yrs



Reveal DX
2007

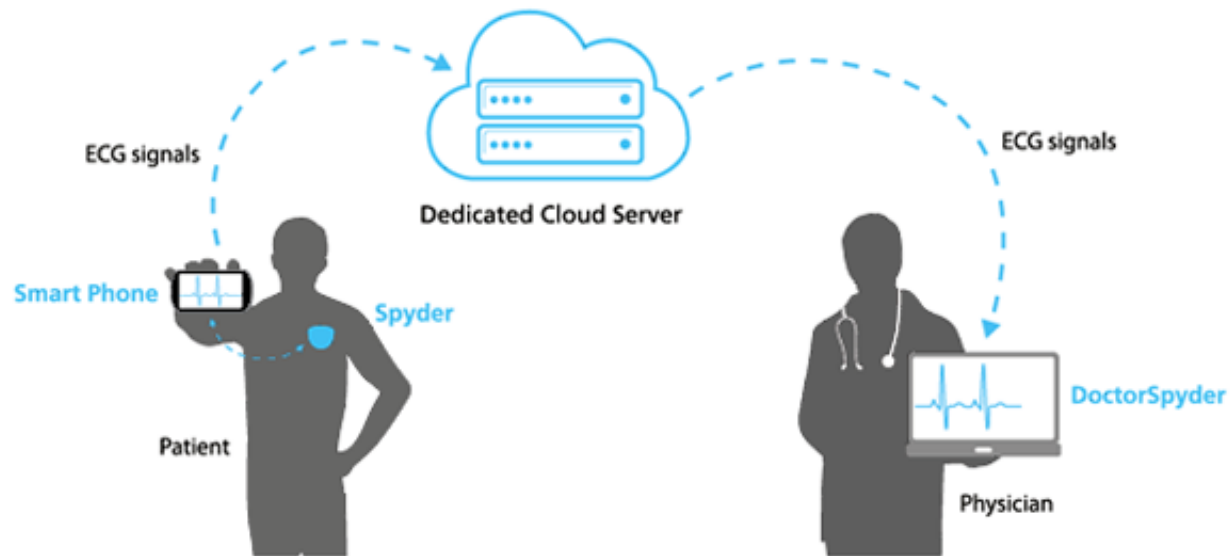
Up to 3yrs



Confirm
2008


Remote monitoring capabilities

- Remote real-time monitoring & automatic transmission of ECG data to central monitoring station



Reveal on CareLink

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Several Cases

Case (1)

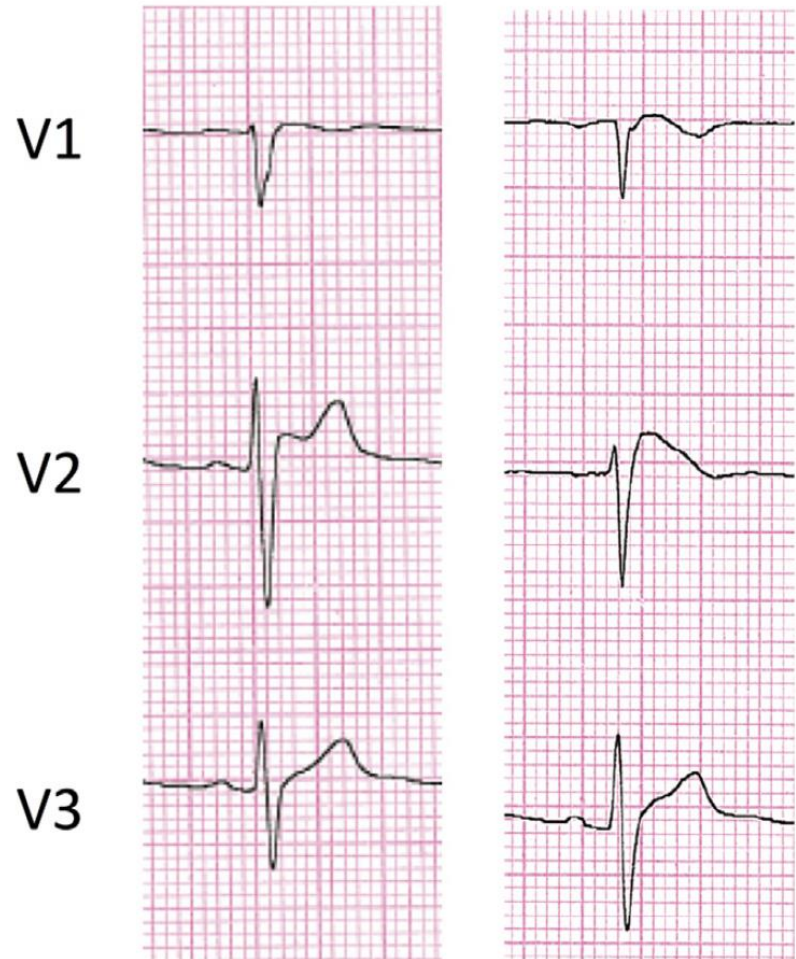
33-year-old male
with syncope

LOC for several minutes
& long postsyncopal
recovery period

Initial Type2 Brugada pattern
→ Type I by challenge

EPS; negative
Vasovagal ?

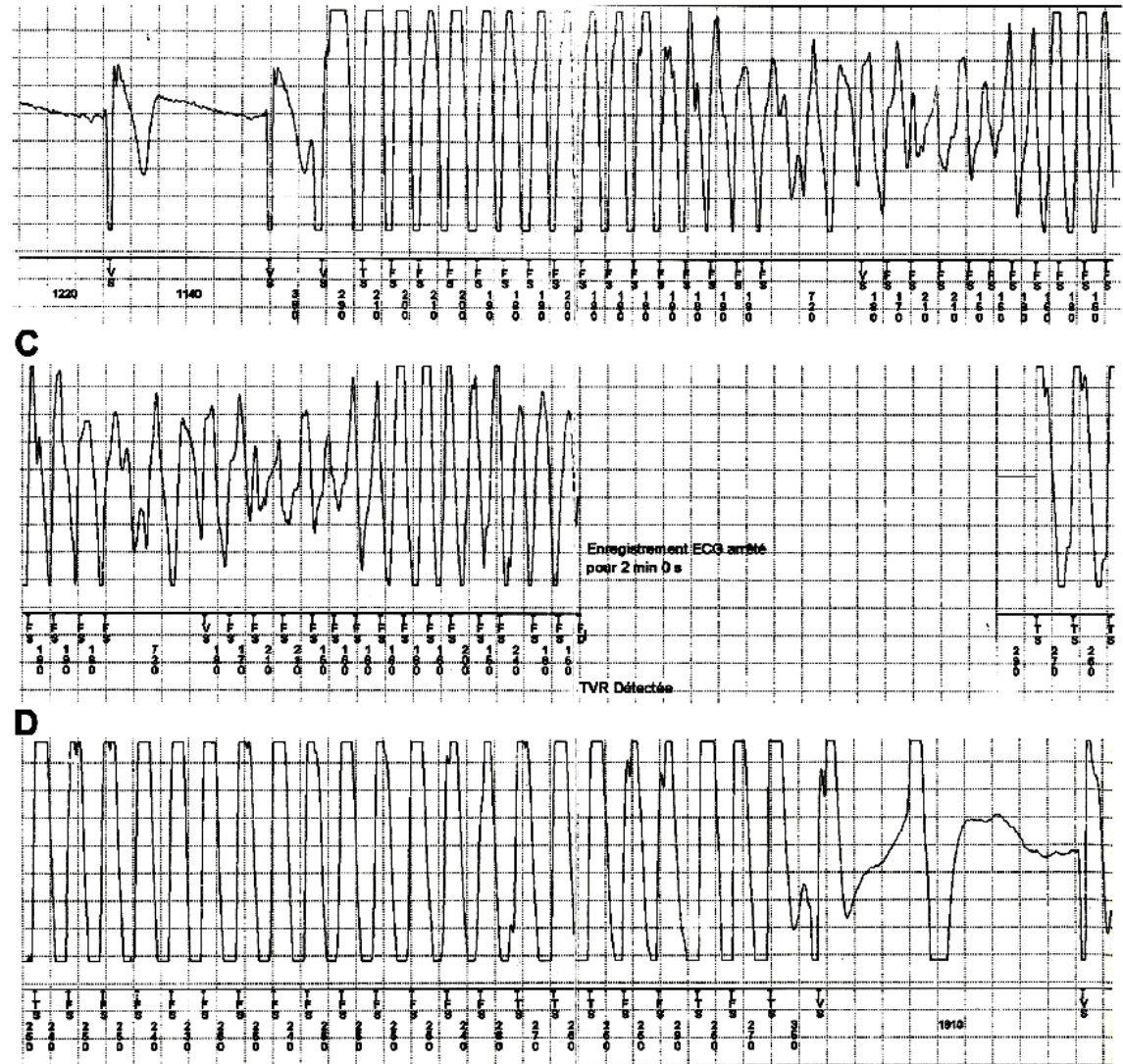
ILR → 11mo. later
Syncope



Prolonged Syncope in Brugada

Syncope recurred
→ ECG: Type I

Interrogation:
2min. 41 sec.
VF → VT

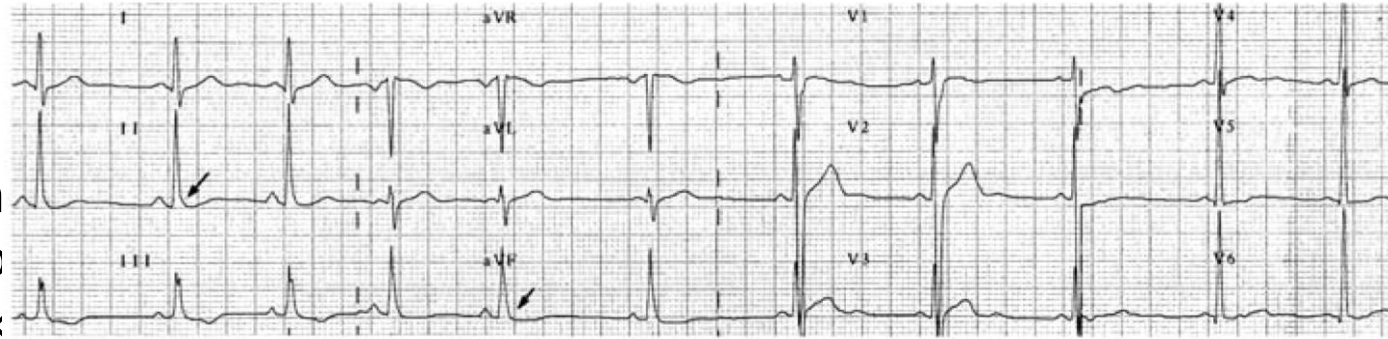


VF by ILR in Early Repolarization

14-year-old boy

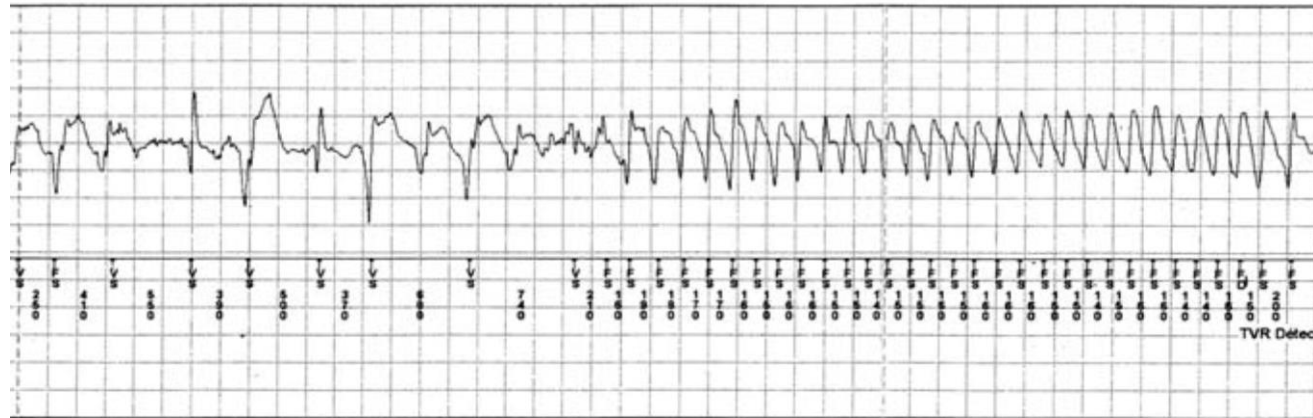
No FHx of SCD

Recurrent unexplained
Usually after exertion
Cyanosis, Seizure-like



Diagnosed Epilepsy:
Tilt test positive
Abnormal EEG

VF during recreational
exertion



VF in Exercise-induced Syncope

9-year-old boy

Recurrent exercise-induced syncope

ILR

Colla

→ C

→ In

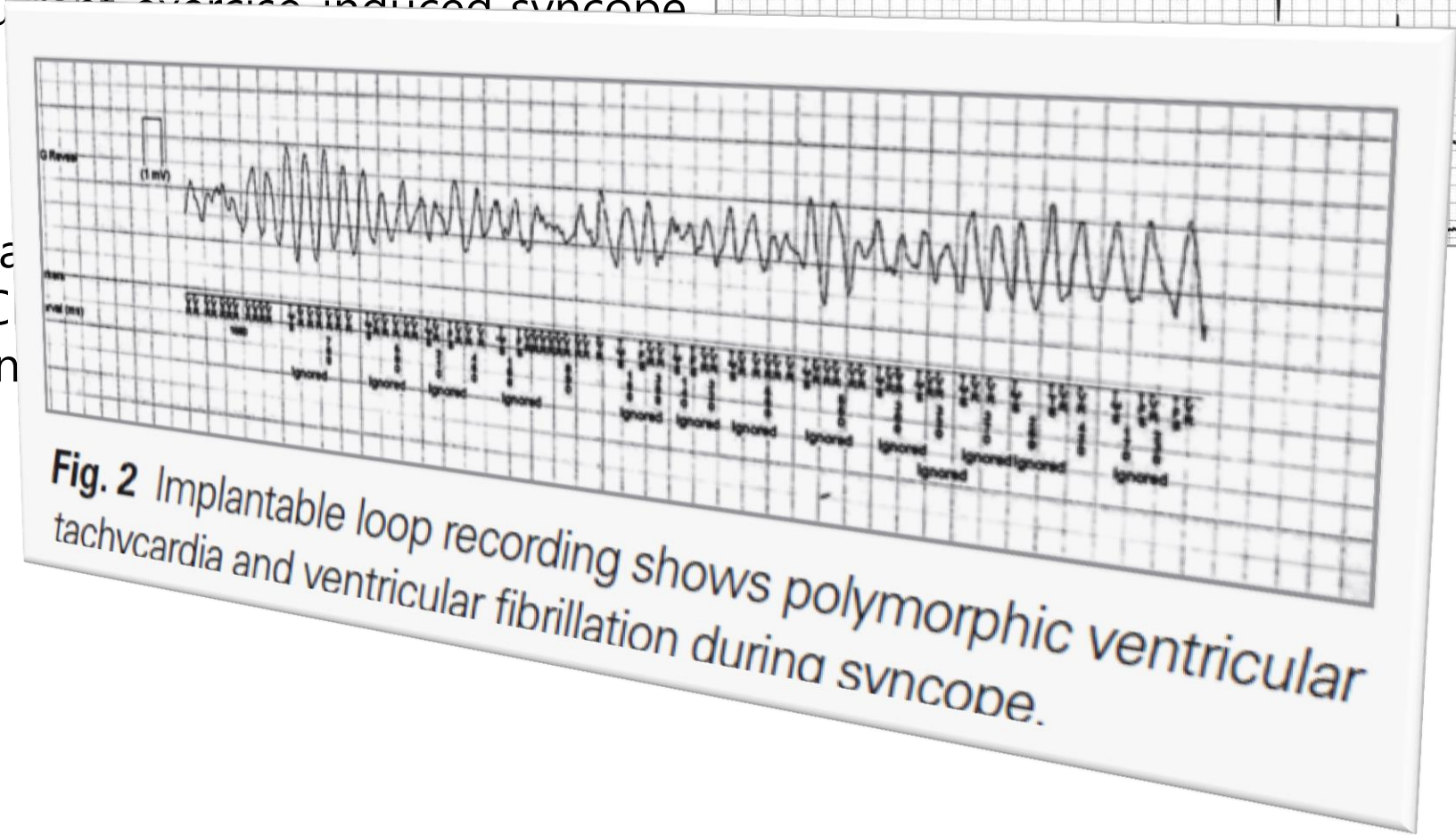
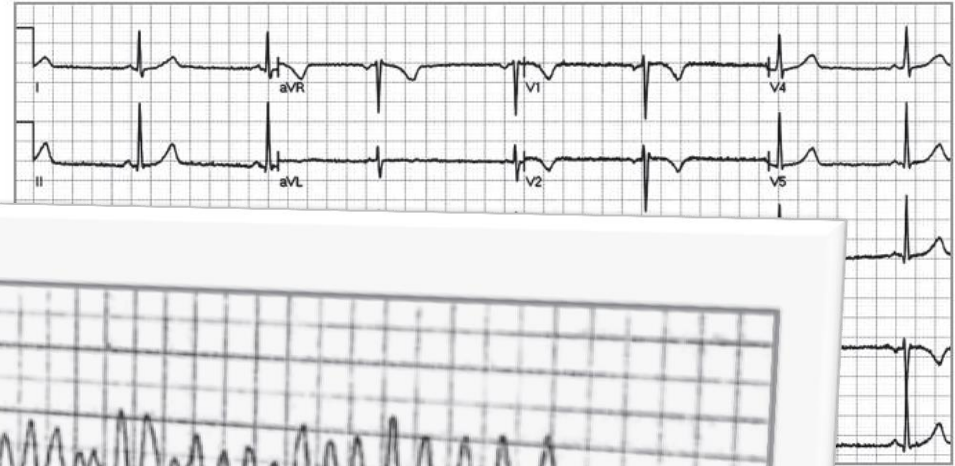


Fig. 2 Implantable loop recording shows polymorphic ventricular tachycardia and ventricular fibrillation during syncope.

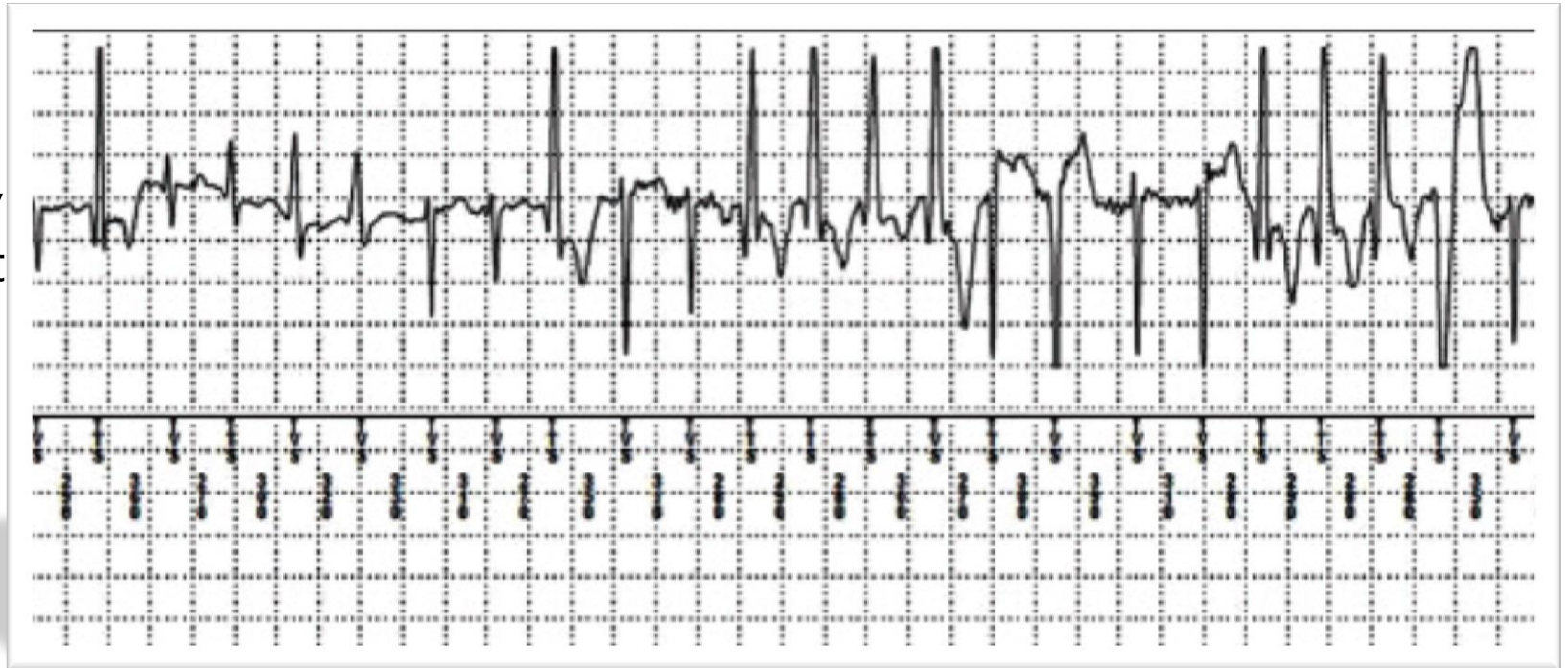
Bidirectional VT by ILR

6-year-old boy

Recurrent exercise-induced syncope

ILR

Pre-sy
→ Act



Vasospastic angina by ILR

66-year-old woman

ILR for recurrent syncope

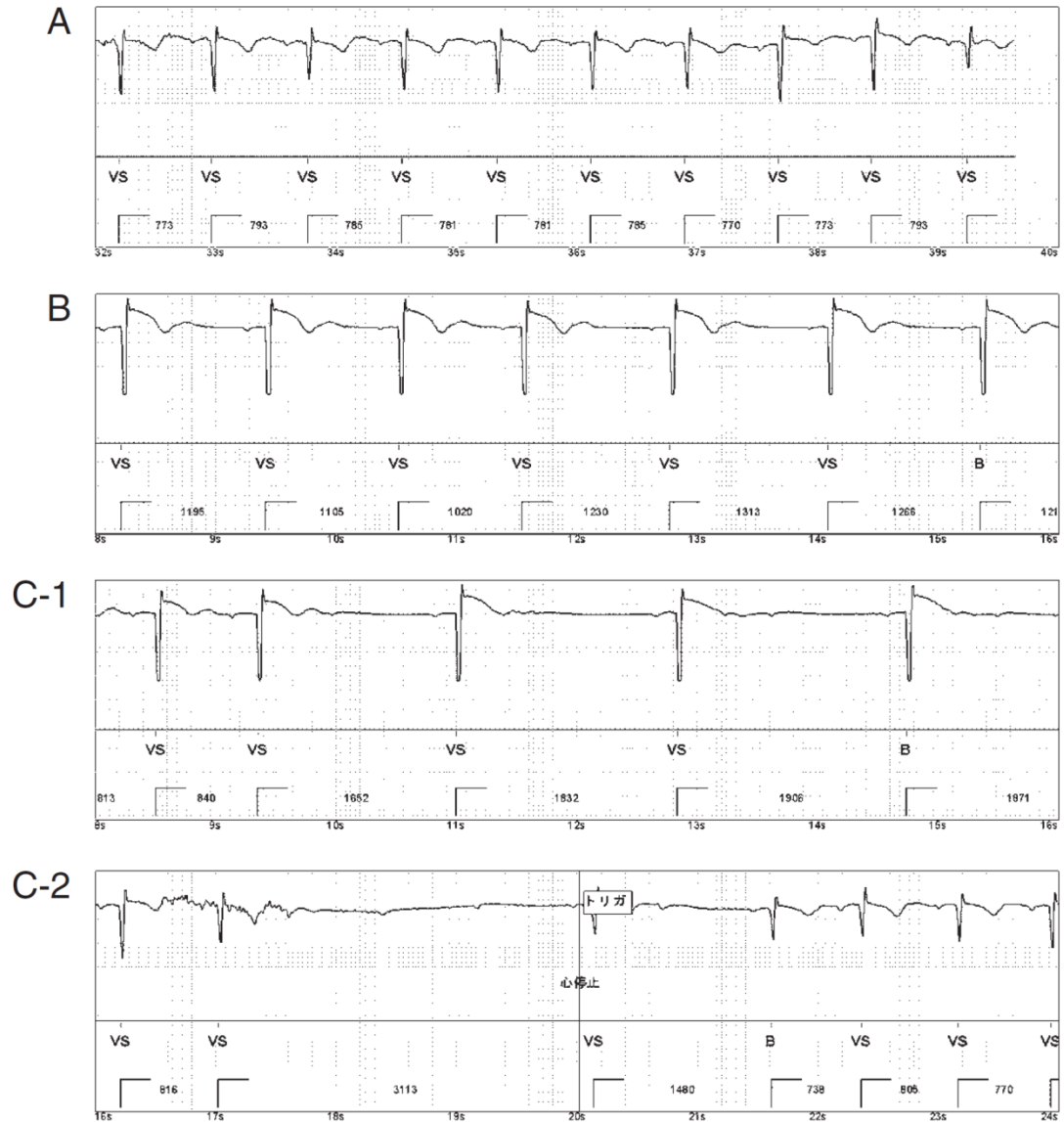
nighttime chest discomfort

Provocation test:

Diffuse spasm

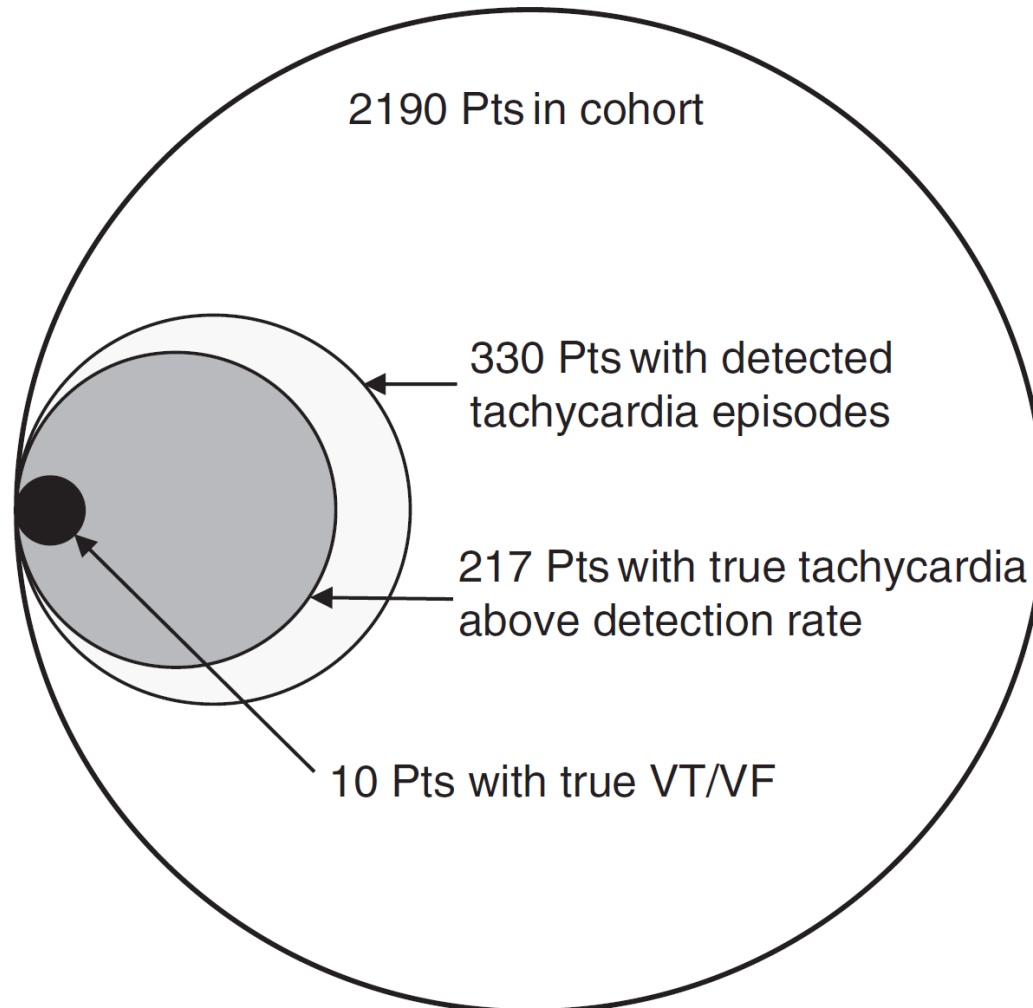
in 3 coronary artery

CCB & PPM



Tachycardia detection by ILR

Results from a large 'real-life' patient cohort



over a 4-month period

Short-term High Risk Criteria

-Prompt hospitalization required-

Severe structural or coronary artery disease (heart failure, low LVEF, or previous myocardial infarction)

Clinical or ECG features suggesting arrhythmic syncope

- Syncope during exertion or supine
- Palpitations at the time of syncope
- Family history of SCD
- Non-sustained VT
- Bifascicular-block (LBBB or RBBB combined with left anterior or left posterior fascicular block) or other intraventricular conduction abnormalities with QRS duration ≥ 120 ms
- Inadequate sinus bradycardia (< 50 bpm) or sinoatrial block in absence of negative chronotropic medications or physical training
- Pre-excited QRS complex
- Prolonged or short QT interval
- RBBB pattern with ST-elevation in leads V1–V3 (Brugada pattern)
- Negative T waves in right precordial leads, epsilon waves, and ventricular late potentials suggestive of ARVC

Important co-morbidities

- Severe anaemia
- Electrolyte disturbance

Selection of High Risk Patients for Prolonged Monitoring

Table 2 – Prognostic significance of irregular ventricular activity detection in ambulatory ECG monitoring.

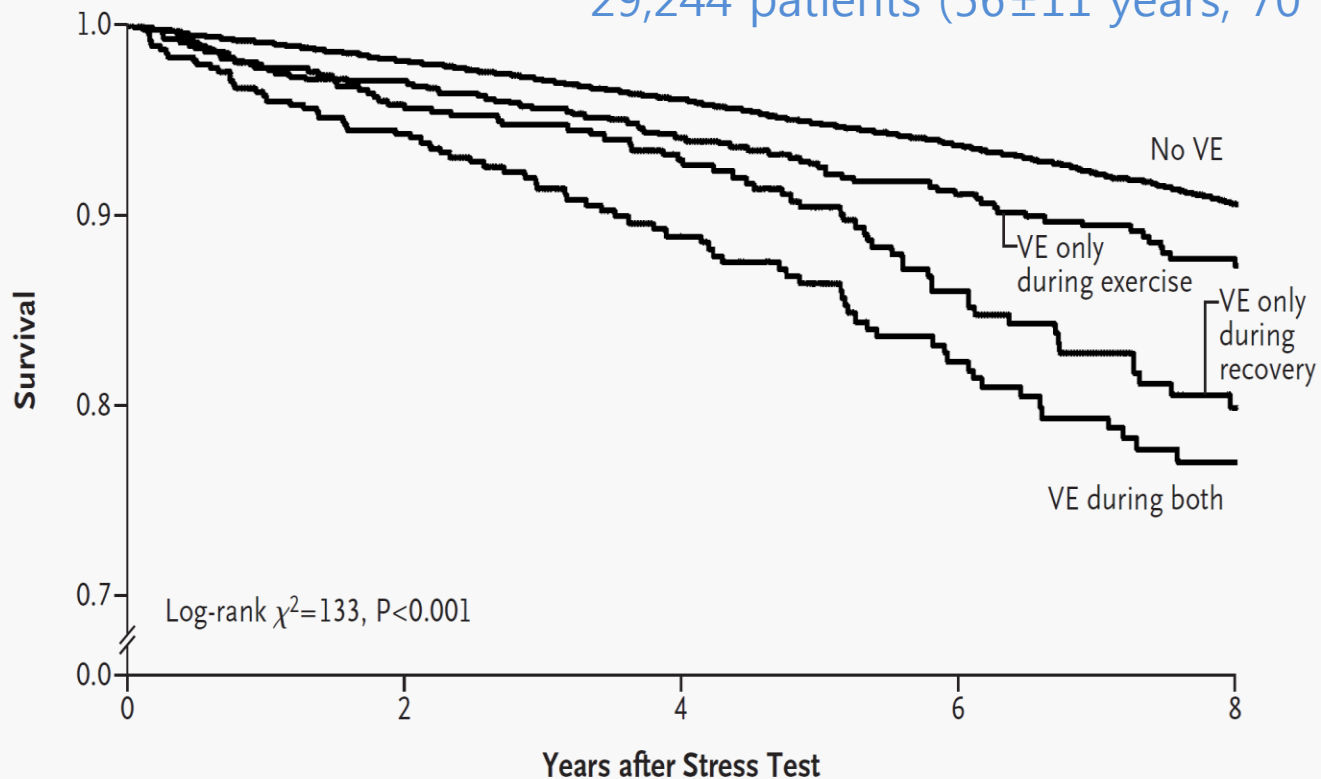
Clinical Condition	Prognostic Significance
Apparently healthy individuals	
PVCs and monomorphic NSVT	• No adverse prognostic significance (in the absence of occult pathology)
Multiform PVCs, polymorphic NSVT	• Probably increased risk of SCD
VA of right ventricular origin	• It is generally considered benign unless if ARVD is the underlying cause
Exercise induced VA	• Increased risk of life-threatening arrhythmias
Inherited cardiac channelopathies	• Symptomatic patients are at high risk for SCD
Trained athletes	• Benign condition when suppressed by exercise • “Athlete’s heart syndrome”
ACS patients	
STEMI	
aMI < 24 h	• No adverse prognostic significance
aMI > 24 h (in-hospital)	• Increased risk of in-hospital cardiac arrest and death
Post-discharge	• Prognostic significance not established
NSTE-ACS	
Short episodes of NSVT beyond the first 48 h	• Increased risk of SCD

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Clinical Condition	Prognostic Significance
Ischemic cardiomyopathy	• Prognostic significance not established
Dilated cardiomyopathy	• Prognostic significance not established
Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	• Indicate increased risk of SCD in young adults
Other cardiomyopathies	
Amyloidosis, sarcoidosis, Chagas disease	• Adverse prognostic significance
Systematic arterial hypertension	• Prognostic significance not established
Valvular heart disease	• Prognostic significance not established
Congenital heart disease	• Prognostic significance not established
Syncope	• Adverse prognostic significance varies depending on the underlying cause

Ventricular Ectopy after Exercise in apparently healthy people

29,244 patients (56±11 years; 70 % men)

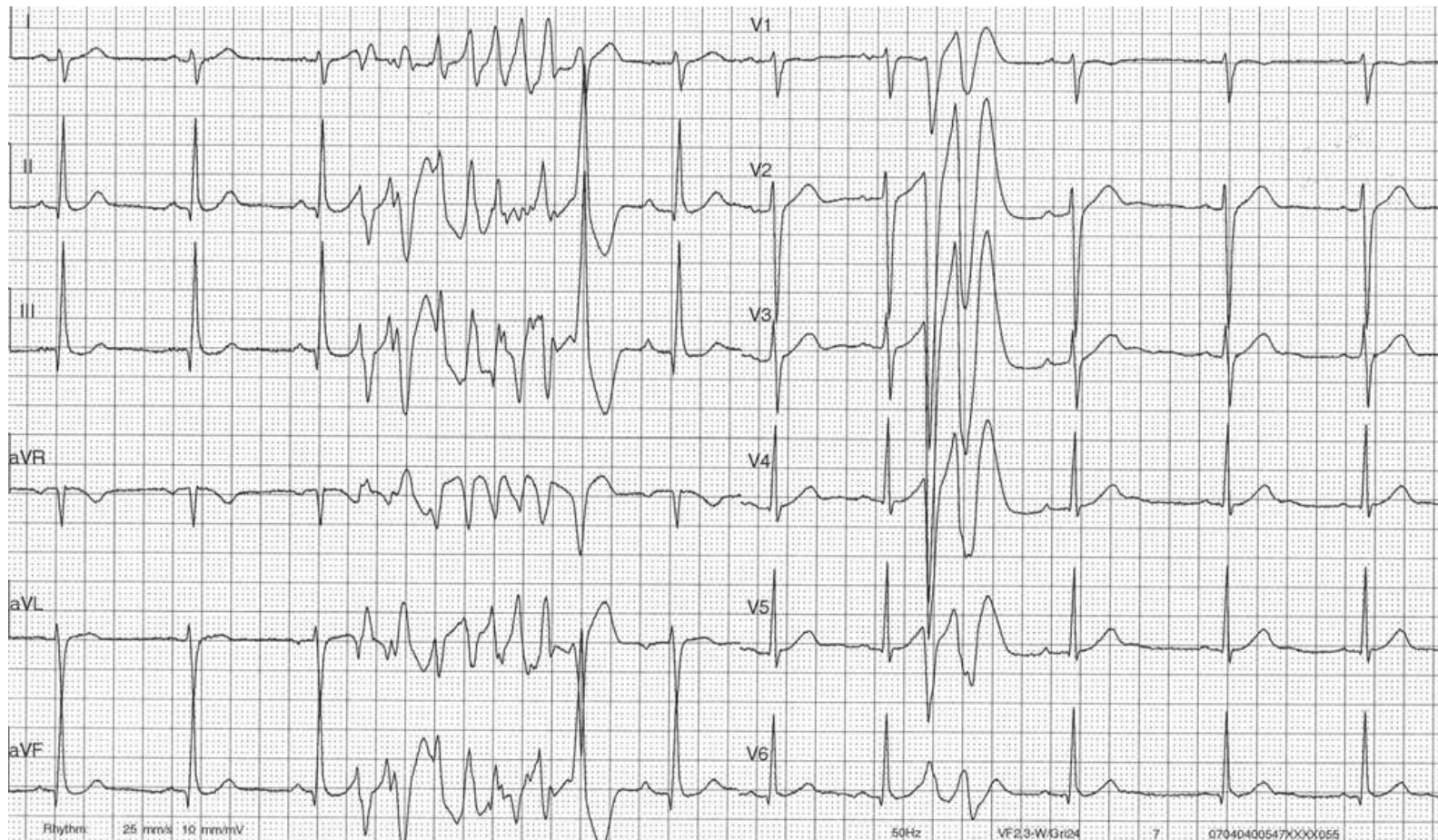


No. at Risk

No VE	27,219	26,295	22,900	19,576	16,708	13,971	11,283	9292	6480
VE only during exercise	945	900	840	687	598	504	418	352	255
VE only during recovery	589	564	474	425	331	276	226	162	121
VE during both	491	459	403	329	265	231	190	148	122

Short-coupled variant of torsade de pointes

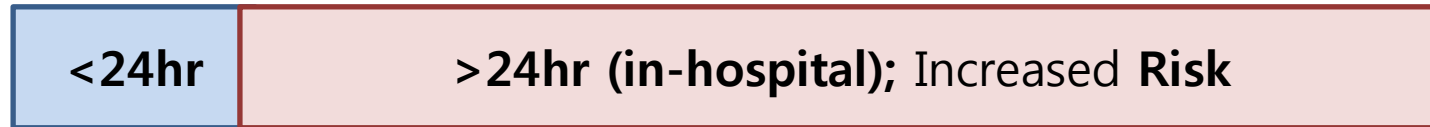
Polymorphic VT which often results in VF



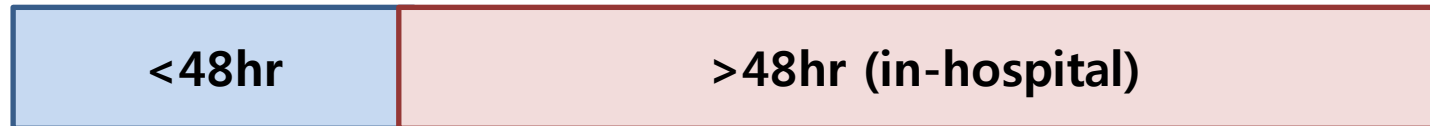
Non-sustained VT & Cardiac death

-in patients with CAD-

STEMI



Non-ST Elevation ACS



CABG pt. with LV dysfunction



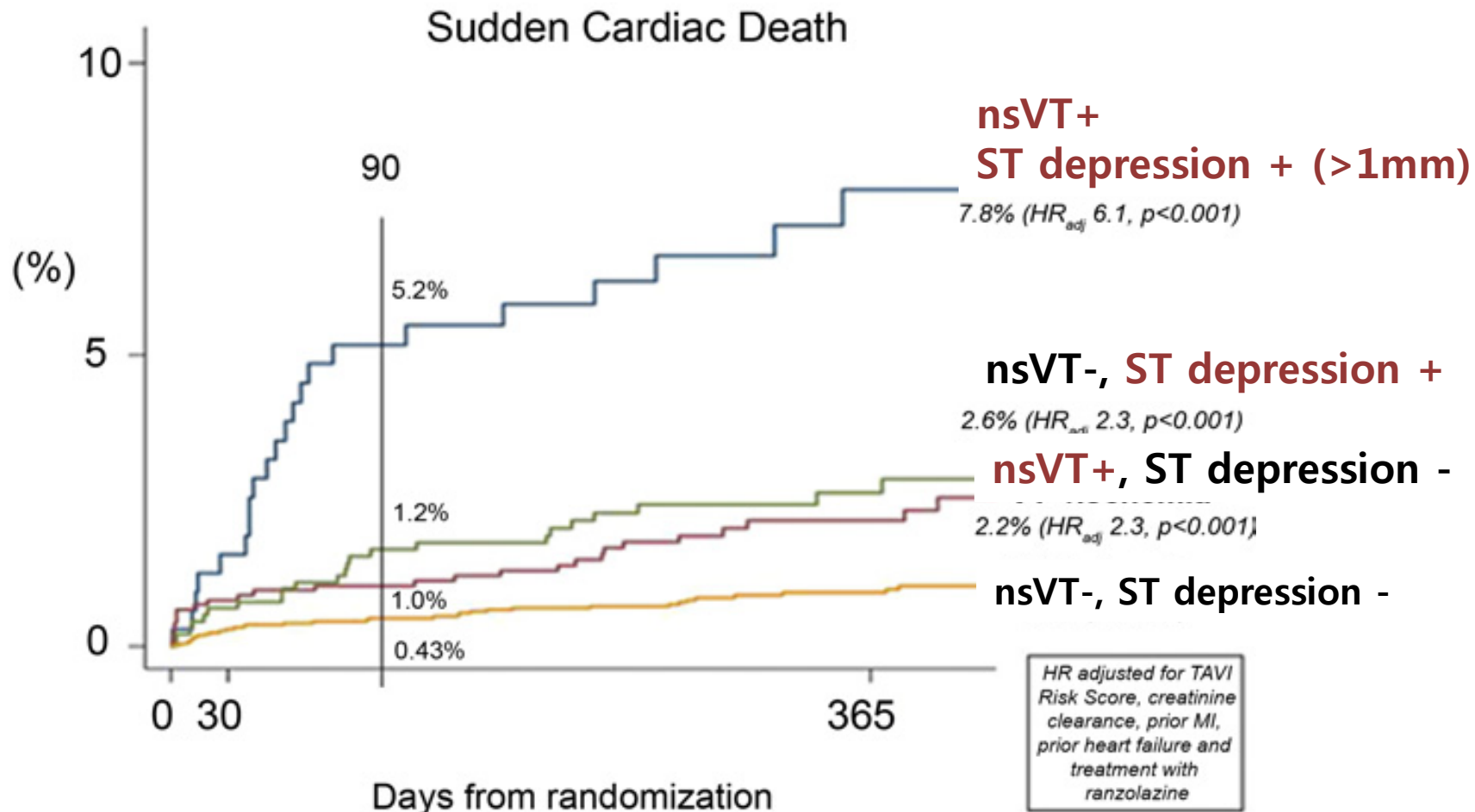
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nsVT & ST-depression

-in non-ST-elevation ACS-



Summary

- **Unexplained Syncope** can be a harbinger of SCD

Thank you for your attention!!

*Guard Your Heart
above all else
For it determines the
course of your life .*

--Proverbs 4: 23--

