

Risk Stratification for SCD in pts. with HCM

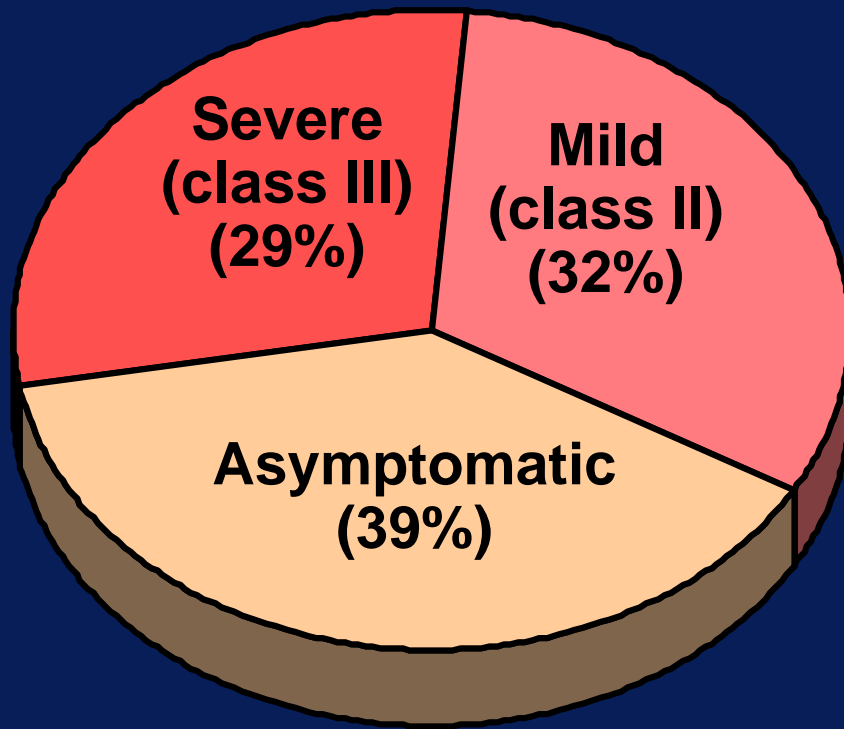
Clinical Implications of Molecular Genetics

Clinical Profile of Sudden Death

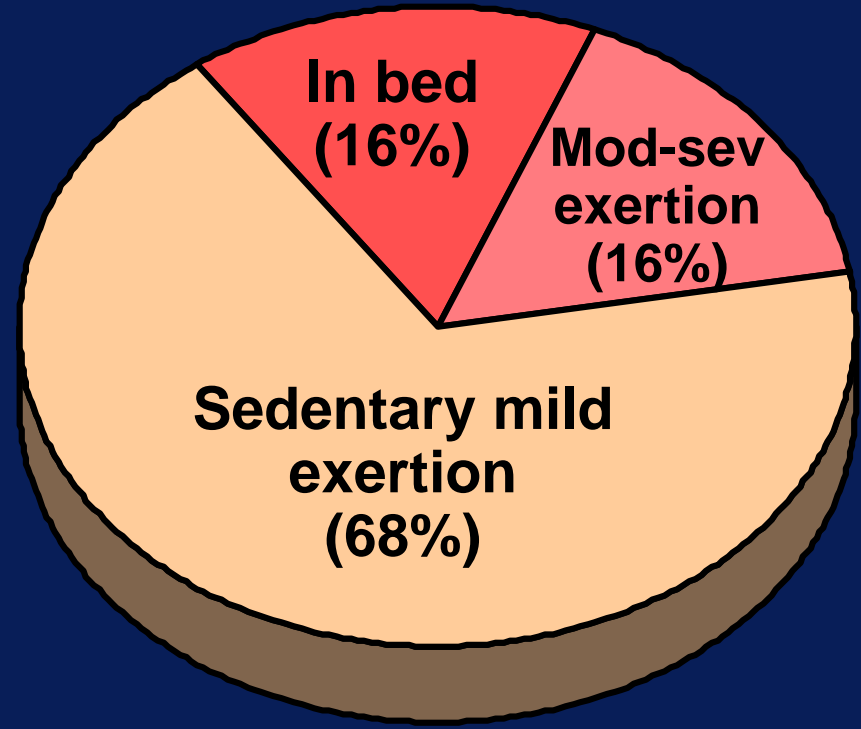
744 Patients

SCD 86 Pt (12%)

Symptom Status

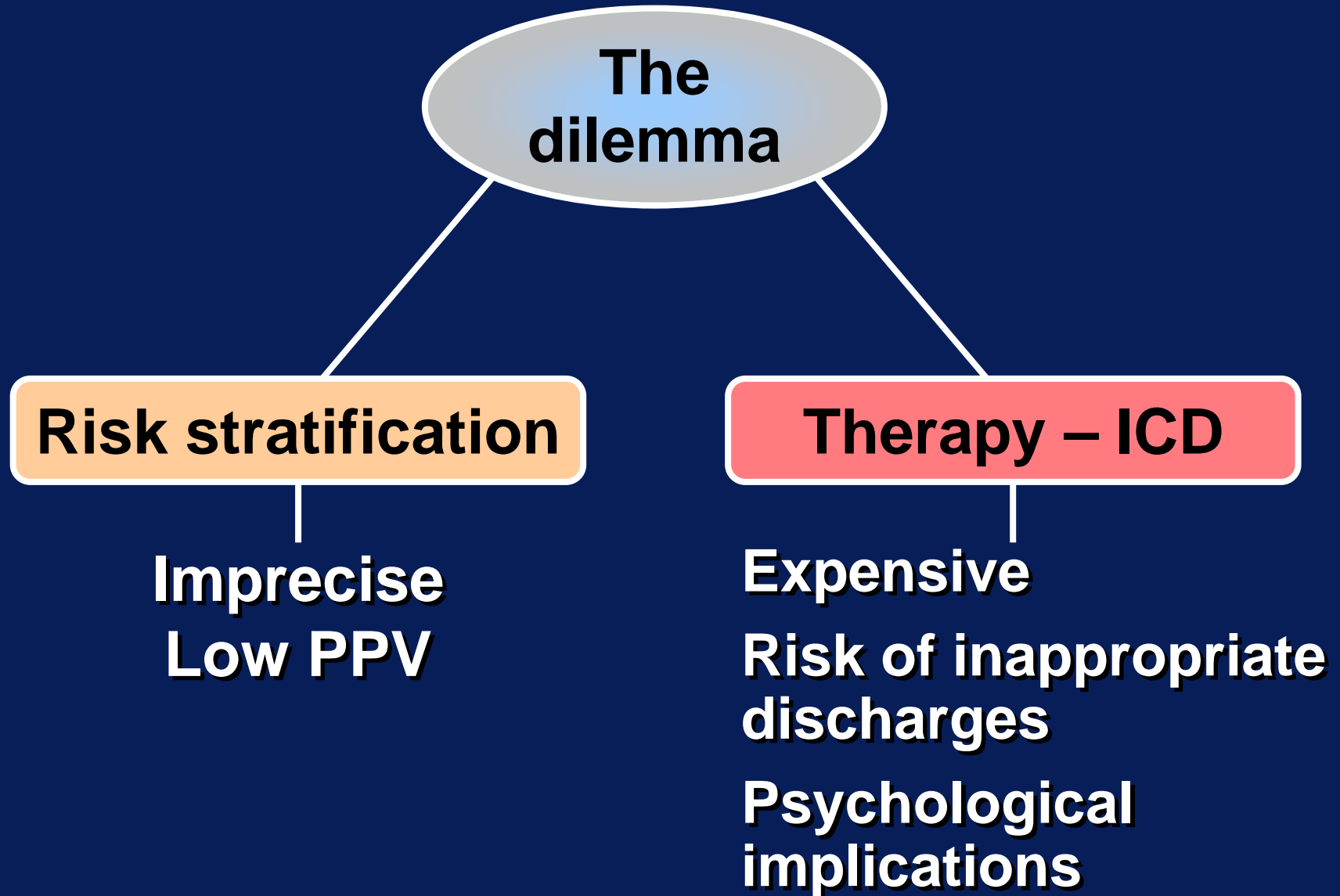


Activity Level

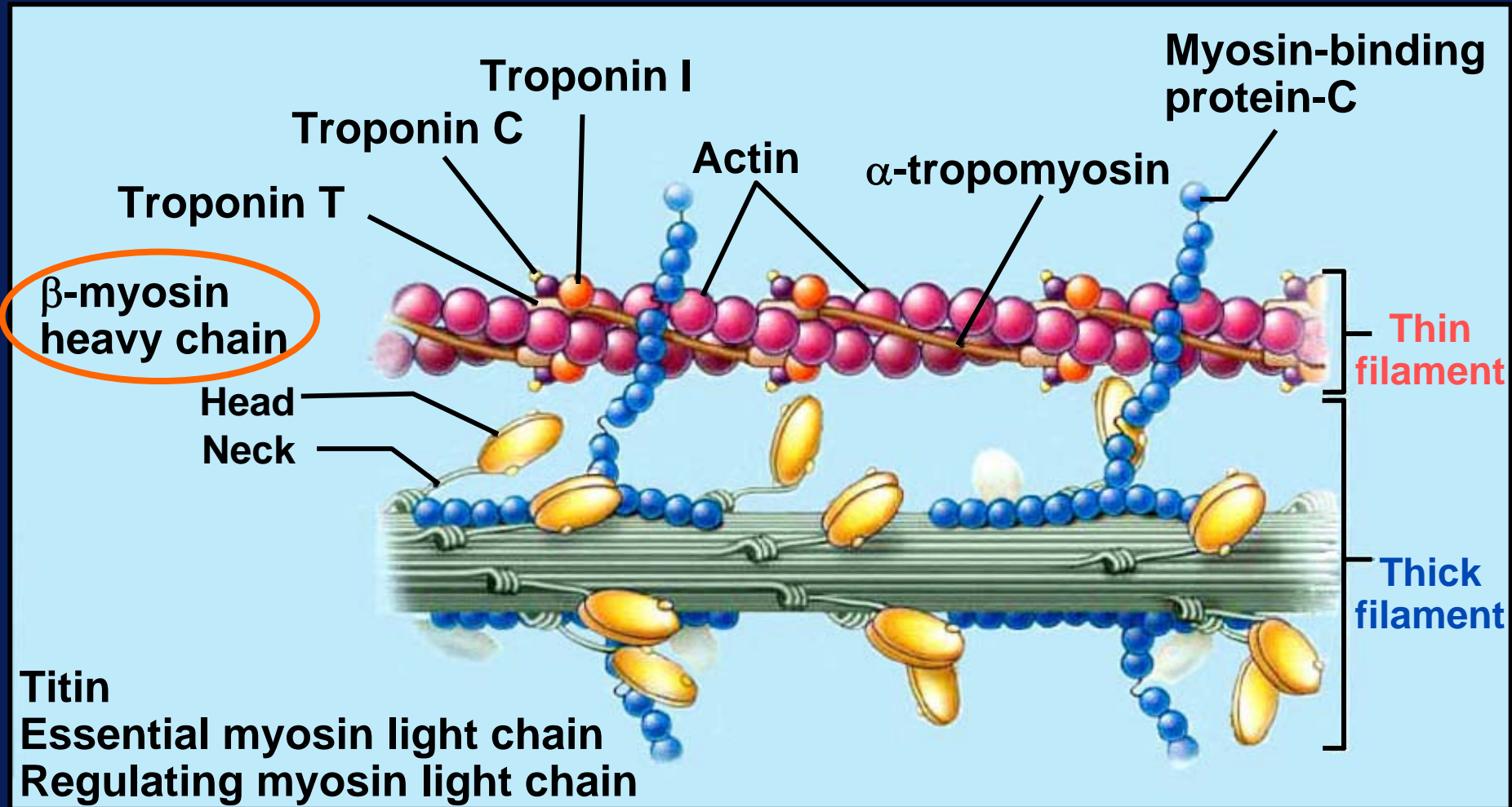


Maron et al: Circ 102:858, 2000

SCD in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

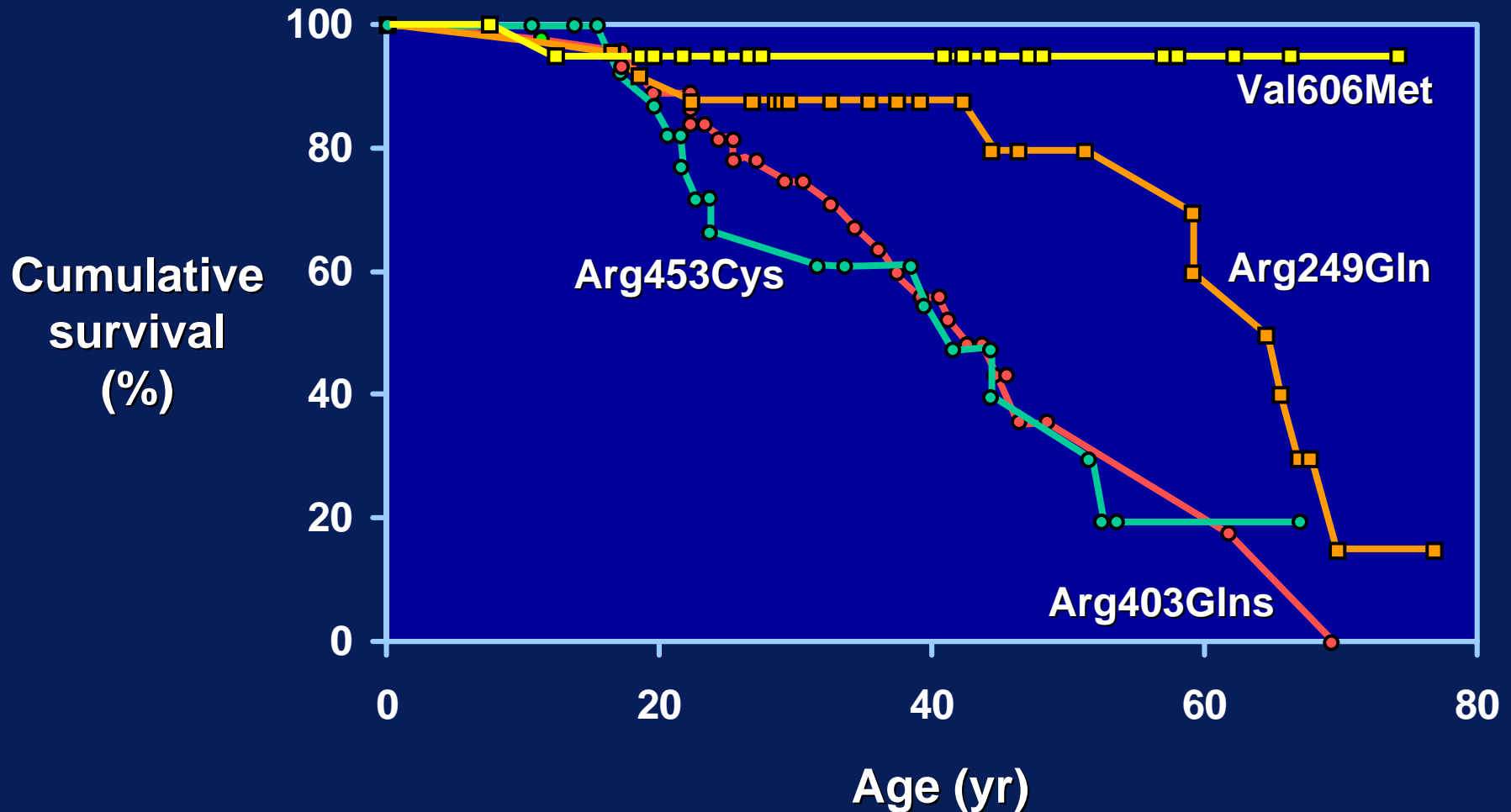


Mutations in Sarcomeric Proteins



Profound genetic heterogeneity: 10 genes,
>400 mutations

Survival of Family Members According to Mutation



HCM – Molecular Genetics and Clinical Practice

Problem

For every association there is an exception

Clinical impact

Profound for the patient who dies

Molecular Genetics and Prognosis

Specific mutations



Prognosis

Familial linkage studies



Consecutive unrelated outpatient population

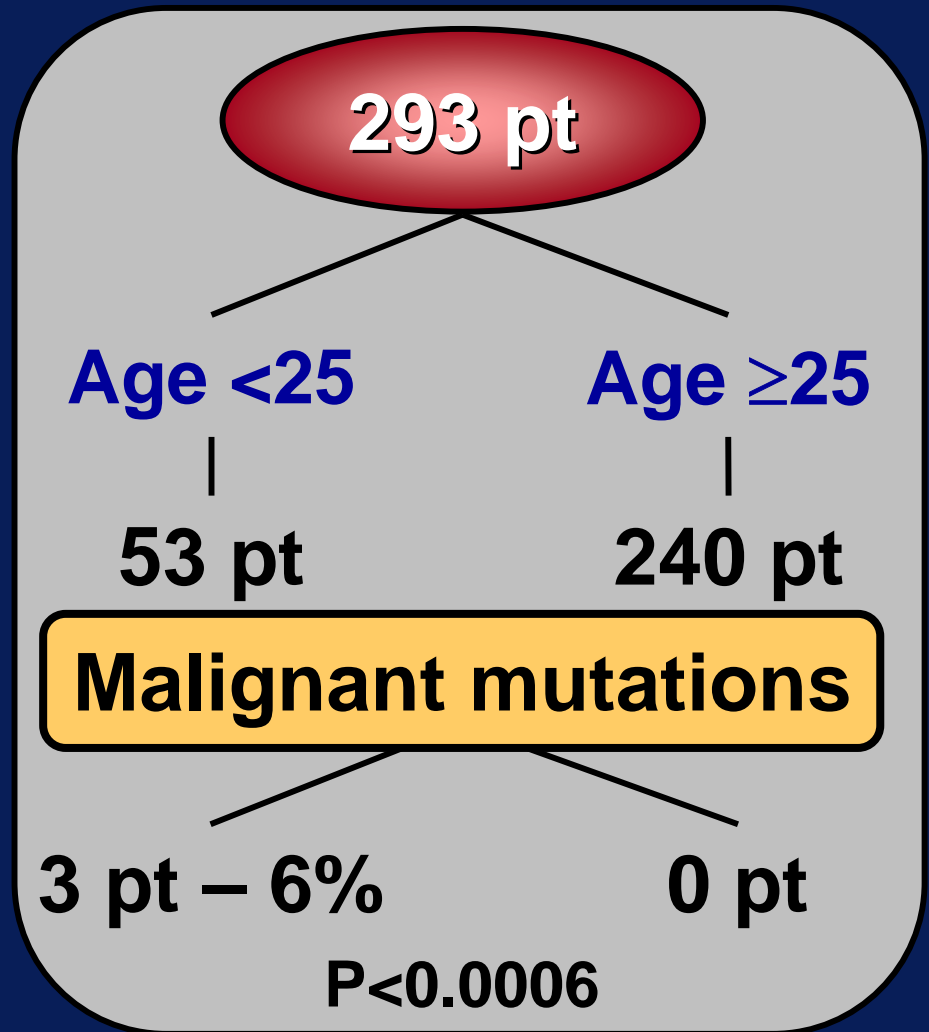
Frequency of Malignant Mutations – Clinical Perspective

β MHC, Troponin T and Alpha Tropomyosin Genes

- 293 consecutive pt – Mayo Clinic
- 1997-2000
- Mean age – 42.5 yr

Family history

- HCM – 32.4%
- SCD – 23.4%



“Benign” Mutations – Clinical Perspective

293 Consecutive Patients

8 benign mutations of
 β MHC, troponin T and
alpha tropomyosin genes

5 pt – 1.7%

How ‘benign’?

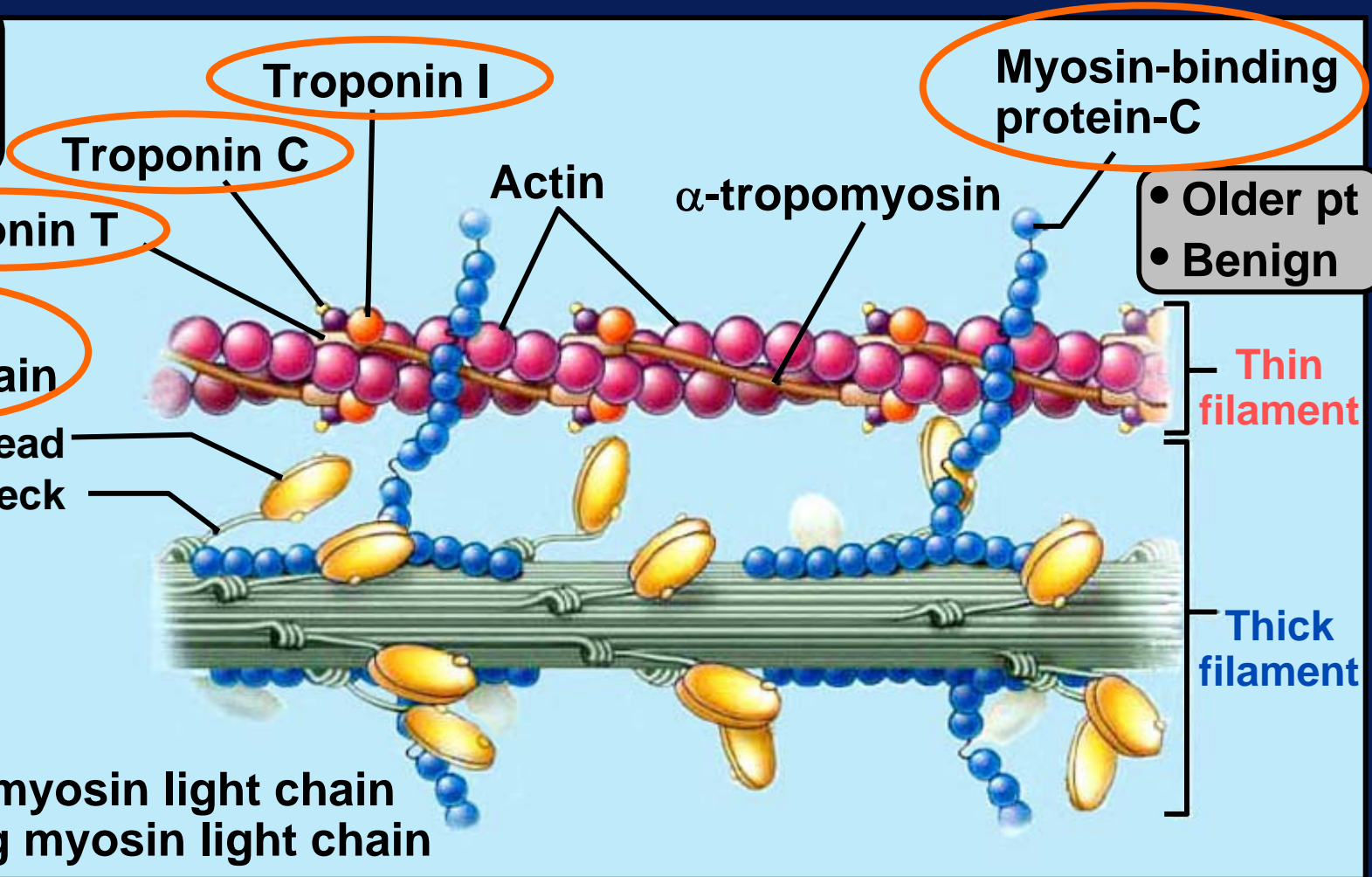
- Myectomy/myotomy – 5 pt
- FH of SCD – 3 pt
- Cardiac transplant – 1 pt

Van Driest and Ackerman M: Circ, 2002

Prevailing Concepts

Phenotype/Genotype Correlations

- Thin
- High rate of SCD



- Older pt
- Benign

- β -myosin heavy chain

- Thick
- Young
- Deadly

Titin
 Essential myosin light chain
 Regulating myosin light chain

Genetic heterogeneity ≥ 10 genes > 150 mutations
 Nabel: NEJM, 2003

Phenotypes in Genotyped HCM n=389

	MYH7	MYBPC3	TNNT2
No.	54	63	6
Age at diagnosis (yr)	33 ± 18	38 ± 15	44 ± 17
FH of HCM (%)	42	43	17
FH of SCD (%)	21	16	0
LVWT (mm)	24 ± 8	23 ± 5	18 ± 16

Van Driest et al
Mayo Clin. Proc. 2005t

HCM – Changing Concepts

- Sarcomeric mutations in <50% of pt

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Novel genetic mechanisms

- Specific mutations (benign/malignant) are **rare** and unreliable estimates of risk

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Novel genetic/environmental modifiers

- There are no genetic specific phenotypes

| ?

Novel genetic/environmental modifiers

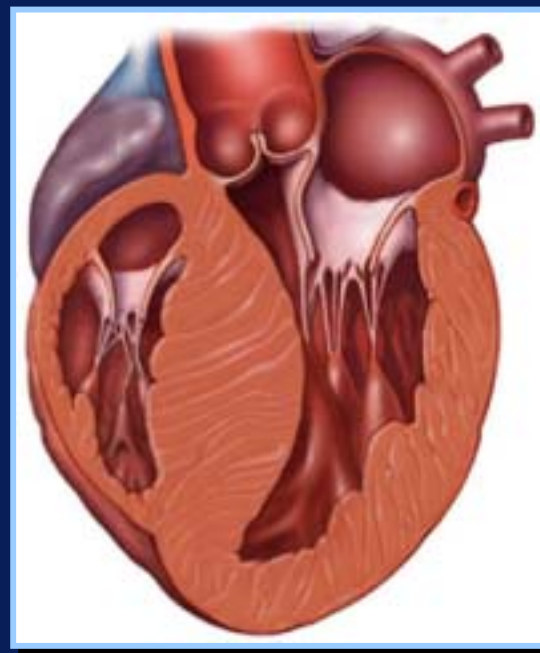
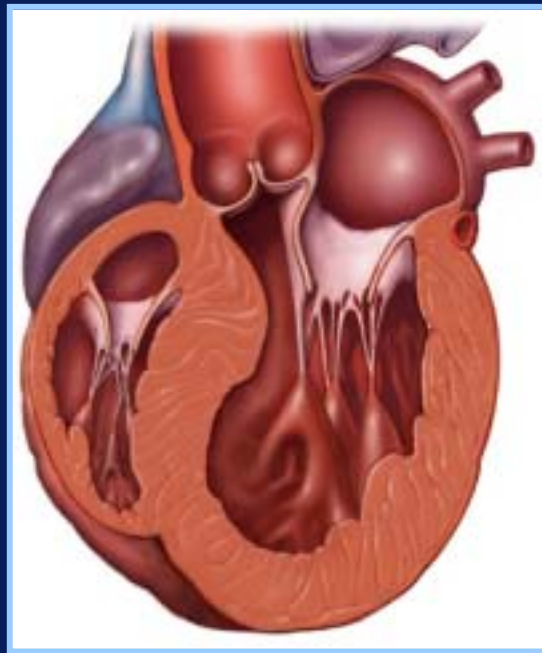
HCM of the Elderly-Same Disease ?

Survival similar to age- and sex-matched controls

Distinct morphology

Older patients

Younger patients



Fay:
JACC, 1990

Lever:
Circ, 1989

Ventricular Morphology

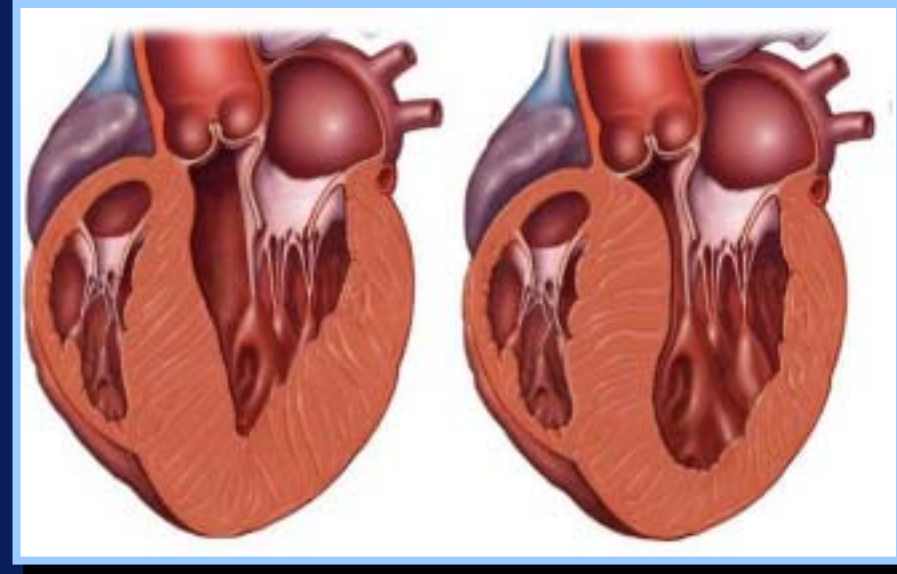
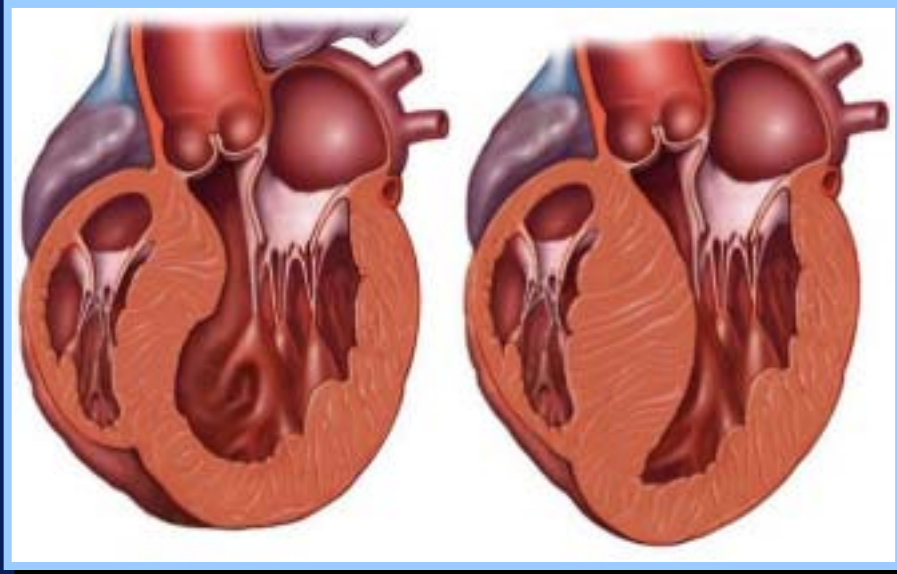
Myofilament Mutations

Sigmoid
Septum

Reversed
Septal
Curvature

Apical
HCM

Indeterminate



Gene+ 8%

Gene+ 79%

Gene+ 32%

Gene+ 41%

Binder J

HCM – Patients at High Risk for SCD

Established risk factors

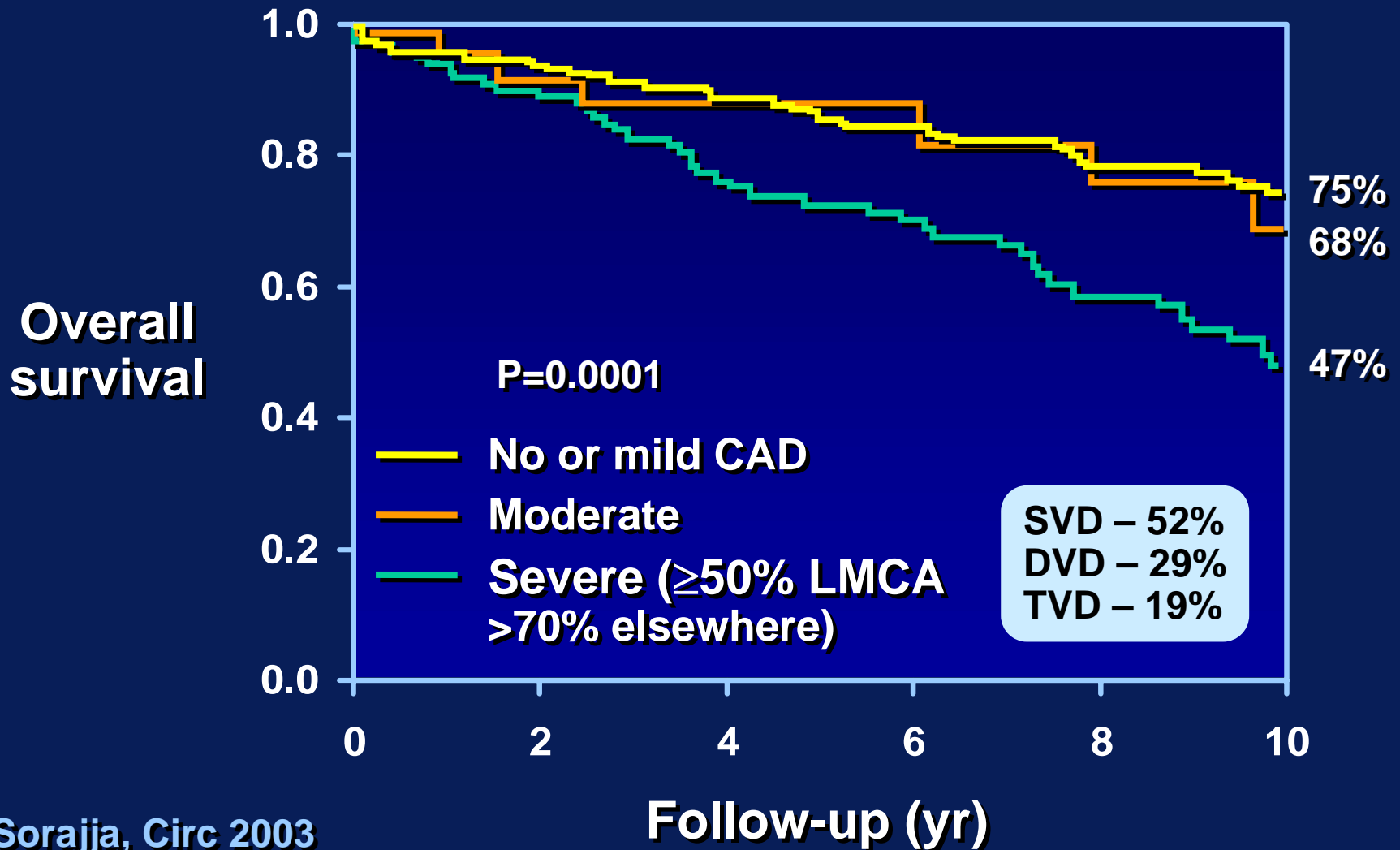
- Prior cardiac arrest
- Younger age
- **Positive FH of SCD**
- Unexplained syncope



- NSVT
- Exercise-induced hypotension
- LV wall thickness $\geq 25-30$ mm
- **Associated coronary artery disease – novel risk factor-**
Sorajja Circ 2003

Overall Survival – Stratified by Severity of CAD

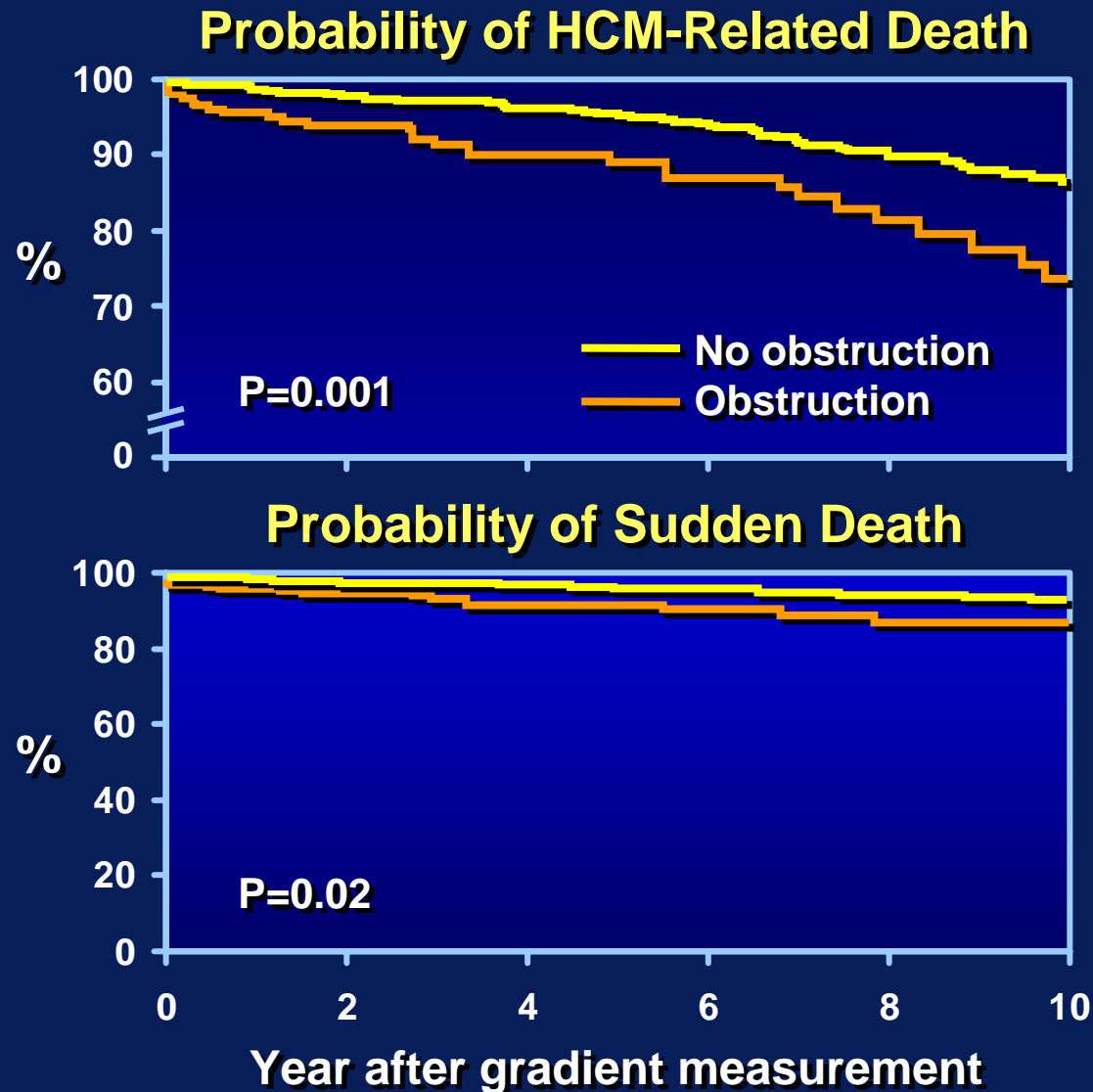
398 Patients



Sorajja, Circ 2003

Effect of LV Outflow Tract Obstruction on Prognosis

- 1,101 pt
- Florence
Naples
Minneapolis
- F-U 6.3 ± 6.2 yr



Maron MS: NEJM, 2003

Risk Stratification and Therapeutic Strategies

High risk

Young pt
Positive FH of SCD
Syncope
NSVT – ?
Exercise-induced
hypotension?
LVWT ≥ 25 mm?
Associated CAD

Intermediate risk

Symptomatic
patients

Low risk

Asymptomatic
Elderly patients

Therapeutic objectives

Improved
survival

Relieve
symptoms

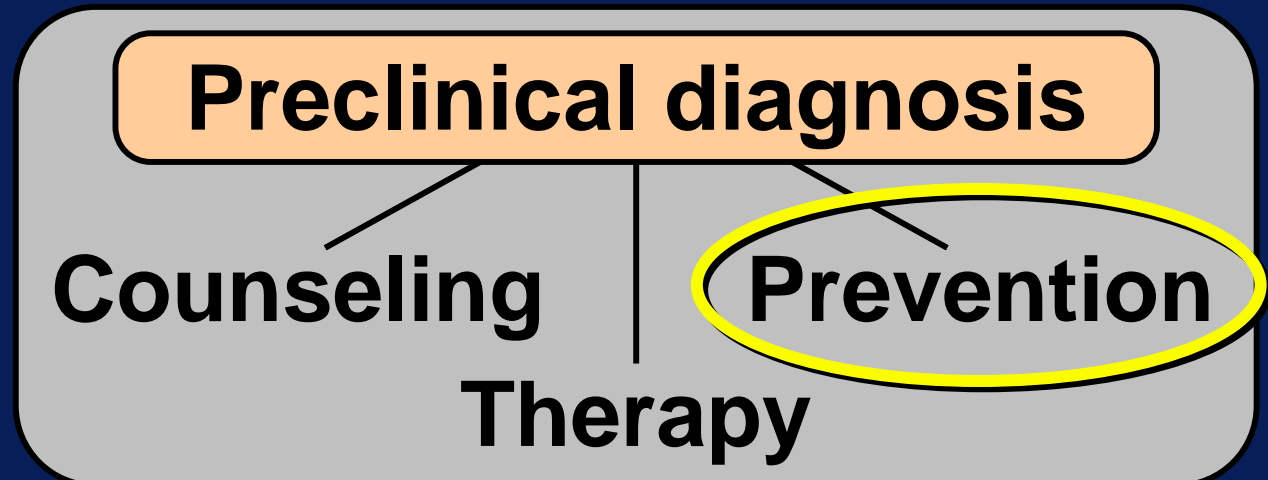
Reassurance
Surveillance
Treat hypertension

***How would this be altered
by genotyping?***

Future of Routine Genotype Determination

Optimistic

- Establishment of disease patterns
- Risk stratification?



Prognostic Assessment – HCM



Clinical

History ECG Holter Stress test

Identification for mutation positives without LVH

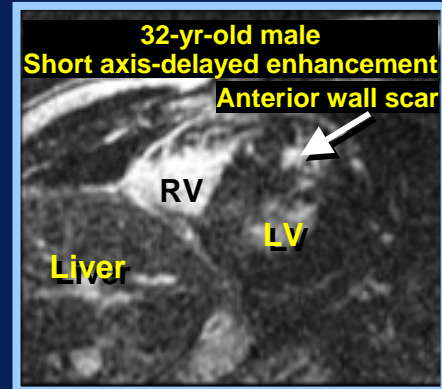
Reduced TD velocity

Sens	Spec
100%	93%

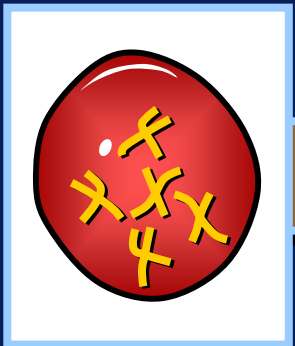
Role of specificity TDI?



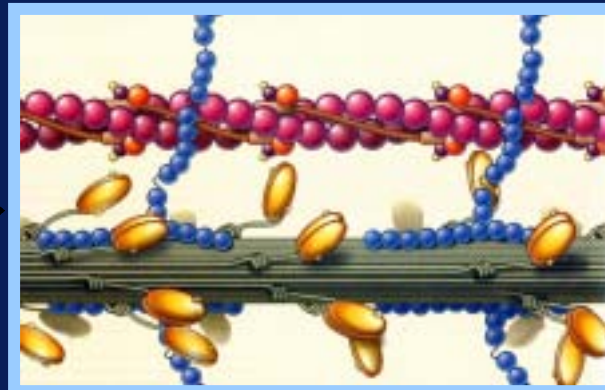
Morphologic/cellular/scarring



Role of MRI?



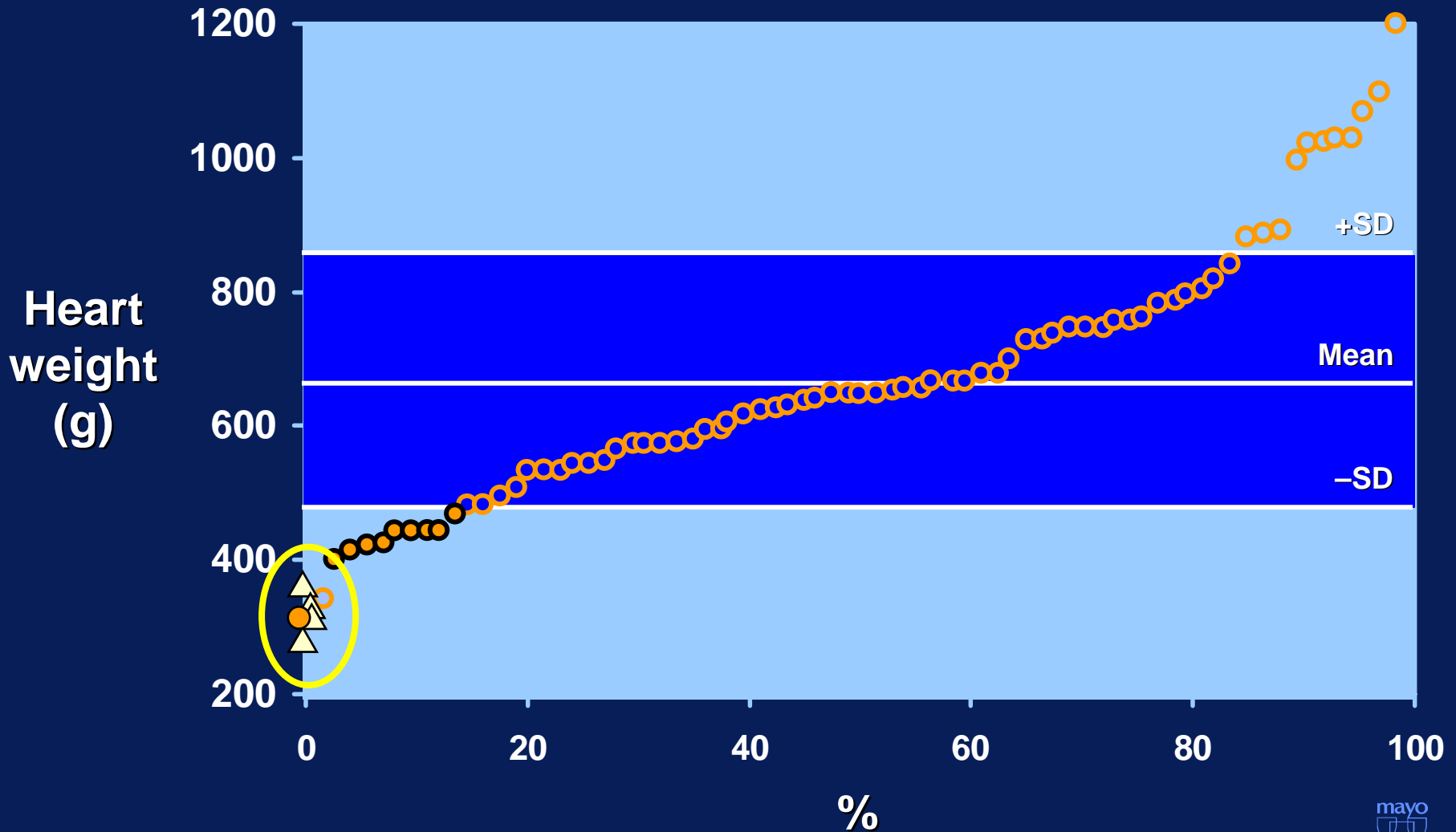
Molecular



Future?

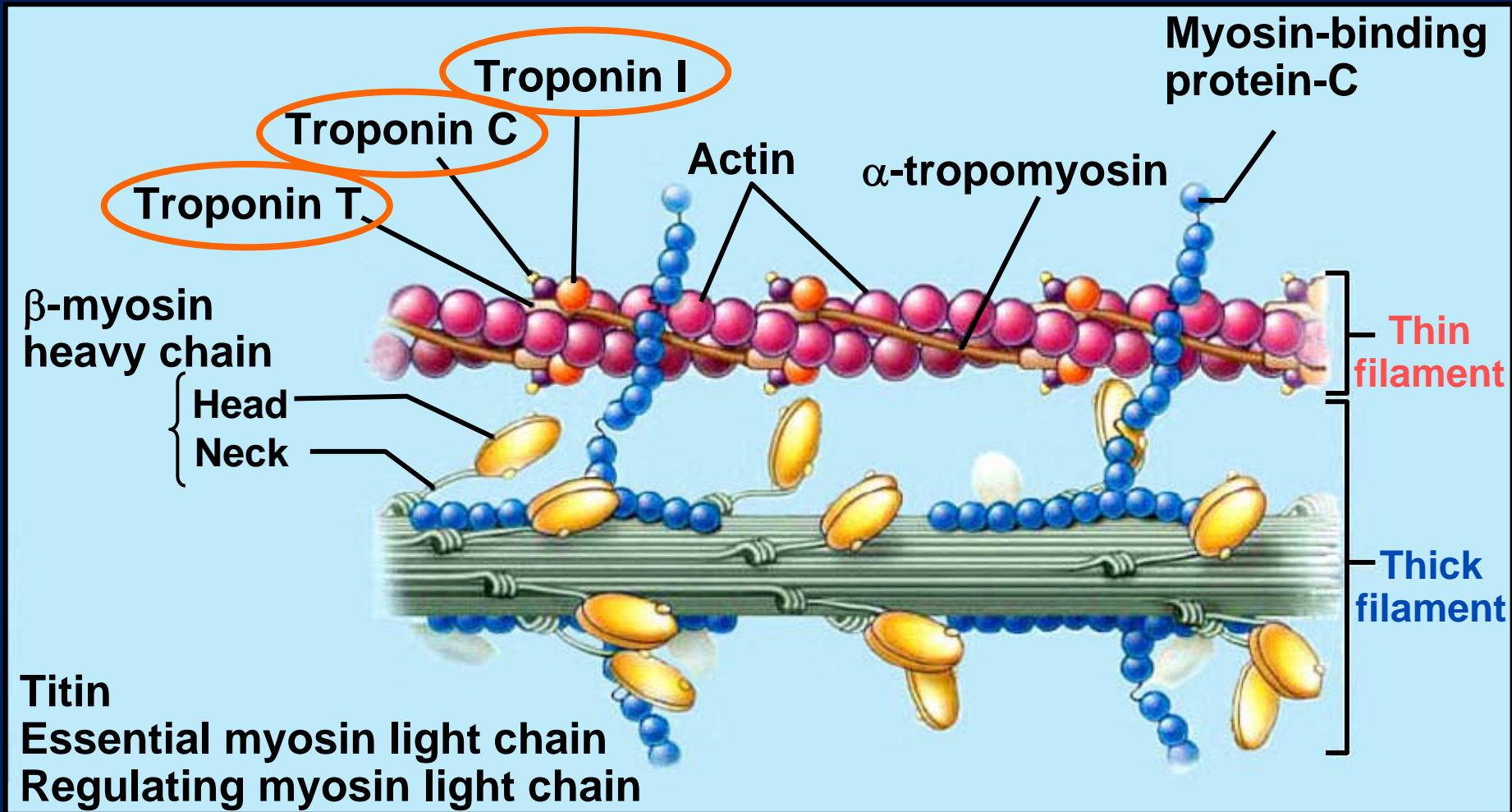
Heart Weights in HCM

Male Pts NIH Pathology Branch Registry



Maron: Br Heart J, 1990

Mutations in Sarcomeric Proteins

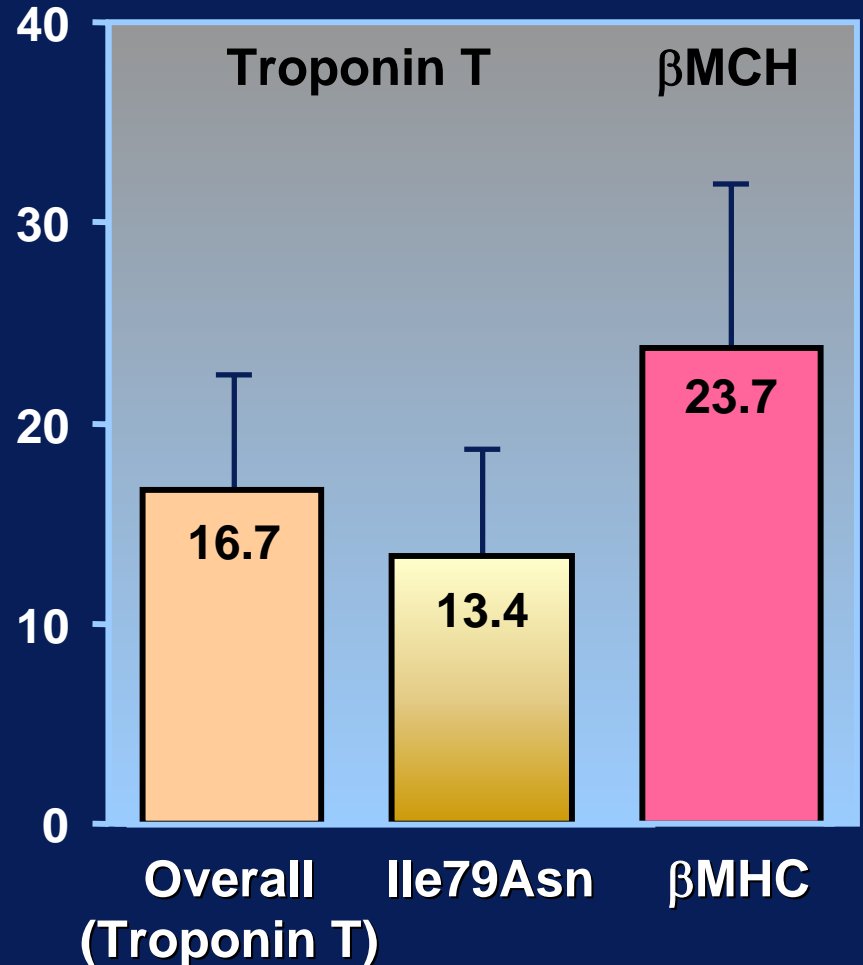


Mutations in Genes for Cardiac Troponin T

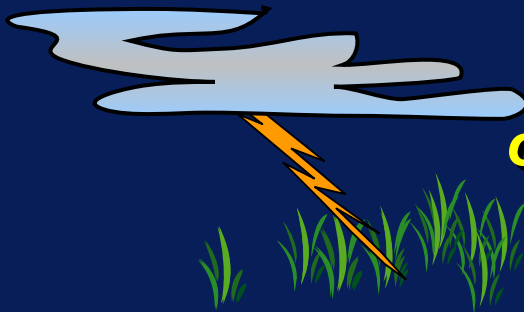
Cardiac troponin T mutations

- 7 unrelated families
- 4 mutations
- Life expectancy 35 years (SCD – 78%)

Maximal LV Wall Thickness

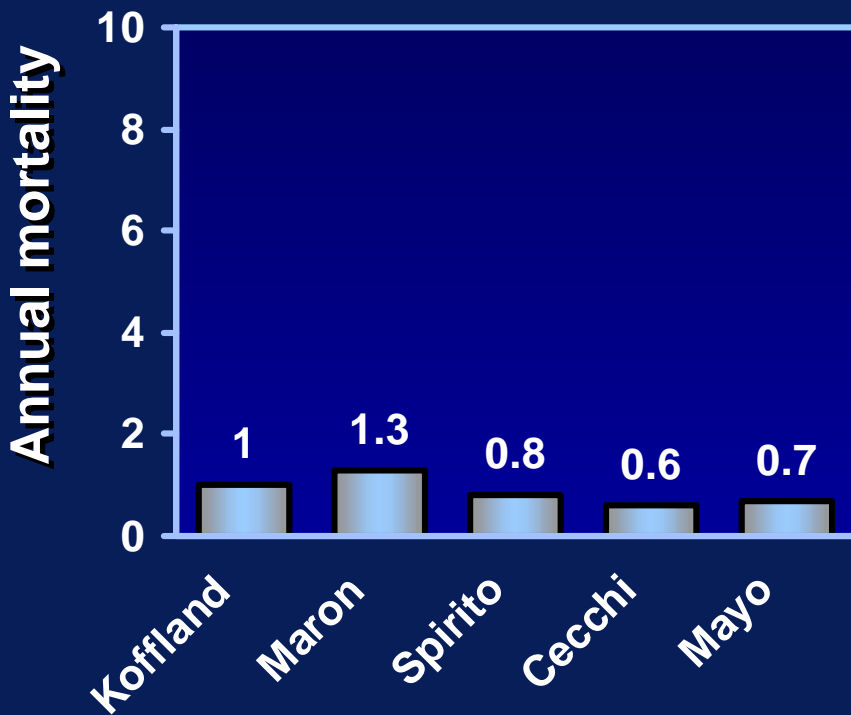


Sudden “Unexpected” Cardiac Death and HCM

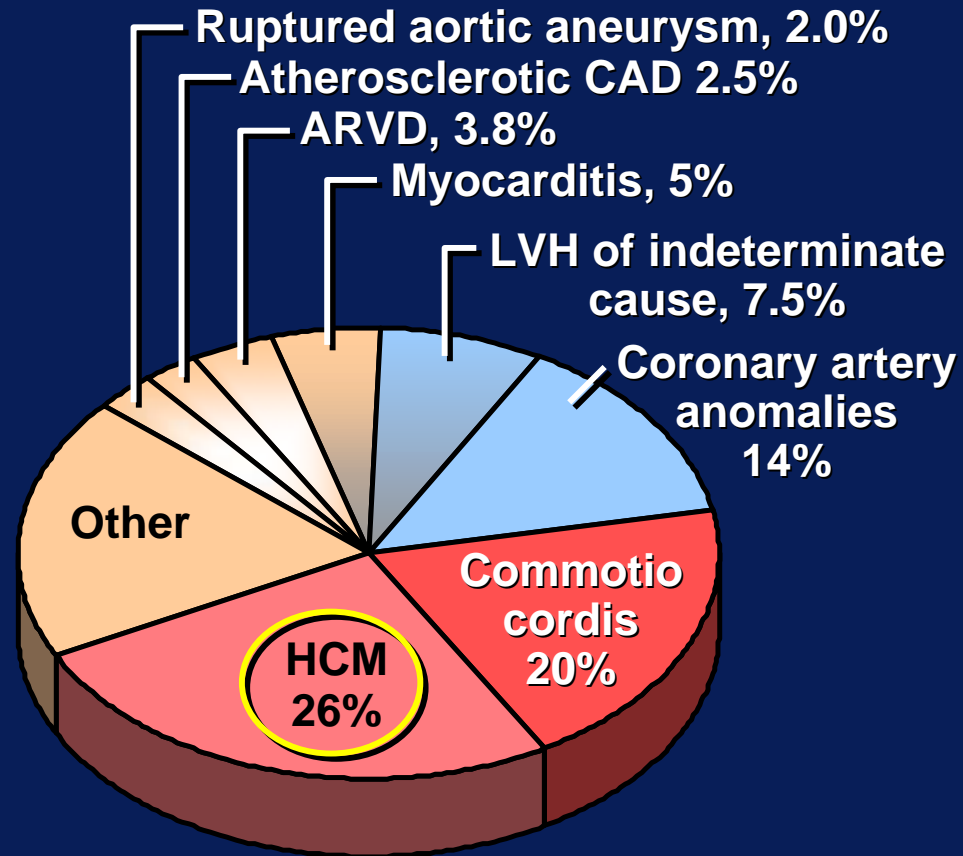


“A bolt out of the blue!”

Low Annual Mortality Overall



Causes of Death in 387 Young Athletes



HCM in the Elderly – Unresolved Questions

***Different
disease?***

***Milder form of the
same disease?***

**Is it an inappropriate response to
stimuli to hypertrophy?**

- **Mild systemic hypertension**
- **Diminished vascular compliance**
- **Decreased cardiac size**
- **Angulation of the aorta**

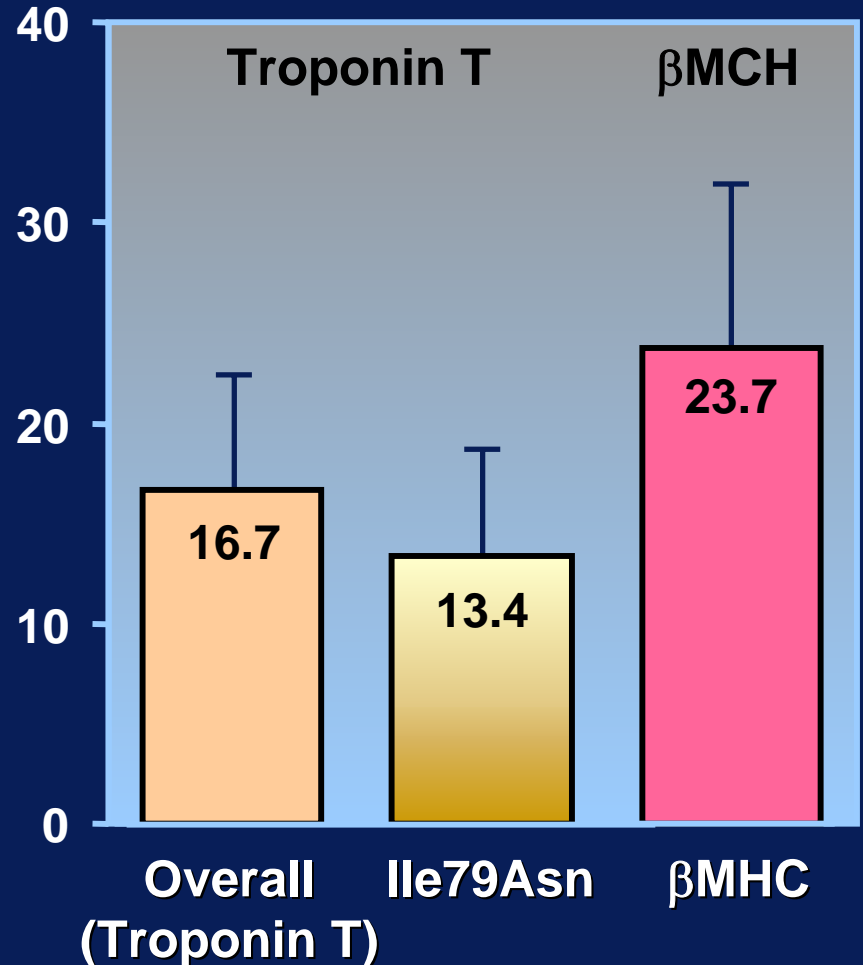
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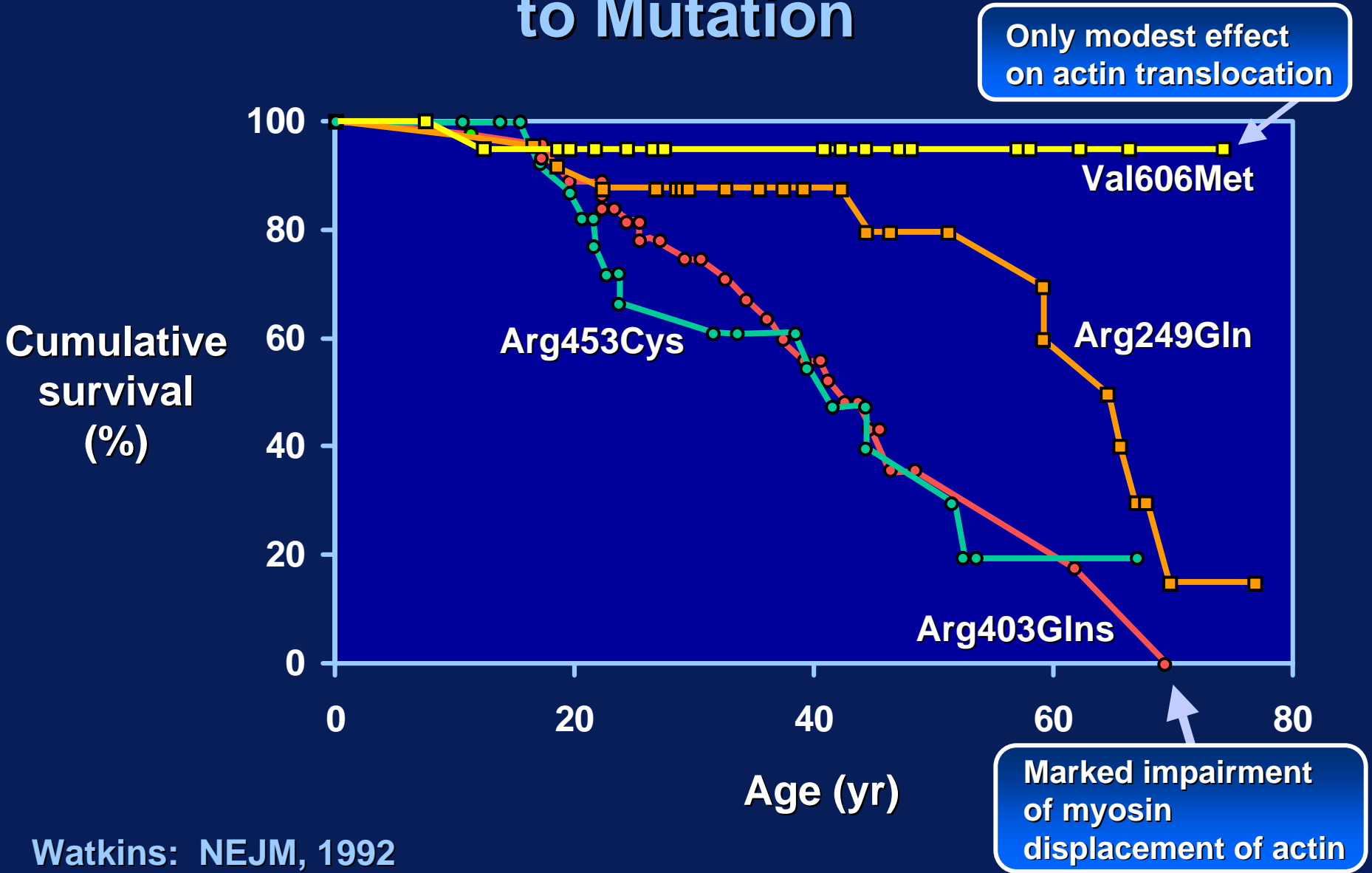
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β cardiac MHC mutation
SCD – 56%

Maximal LV Wall Thickness



Survival of Family Members According to Mutation



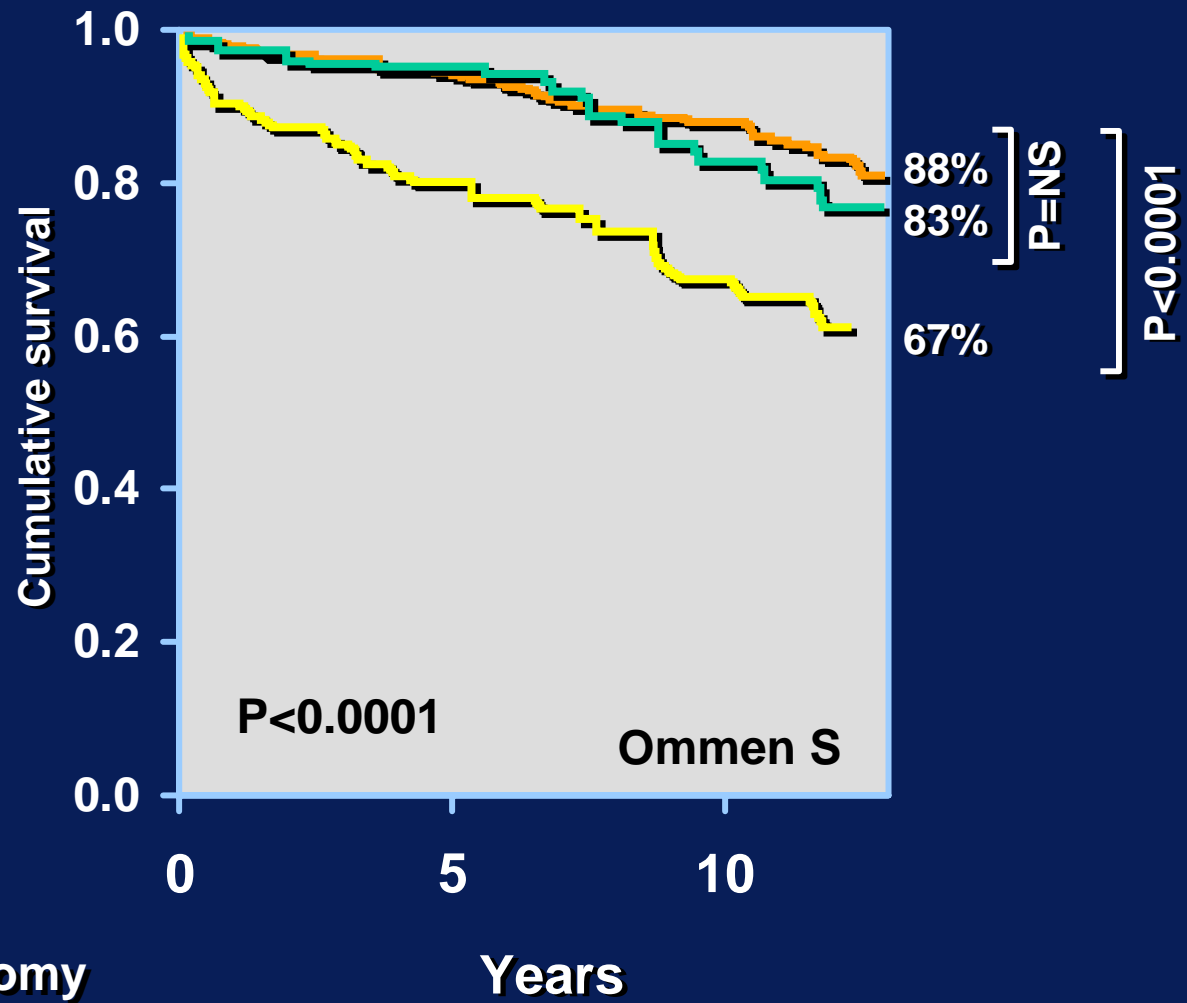
Watkins: NEJM, 1992

Results of Surgery in HOCM

Surgical pt – 353
 Mayo Clinic 1983-2001

Nonoperated 1,101 pt
 Florence
 Naples
 Minnesota

Maron: NEJM, 2003



- Mayo isolated myectomy
- Unoperated obstructive
- Nonobstructive

Ommen JACC 2005

HCM – Changing Natural History

- Uncommon disease in young people
- Relatively common in older patients in community hospitals

Prognosis

Young

Frequently fatal

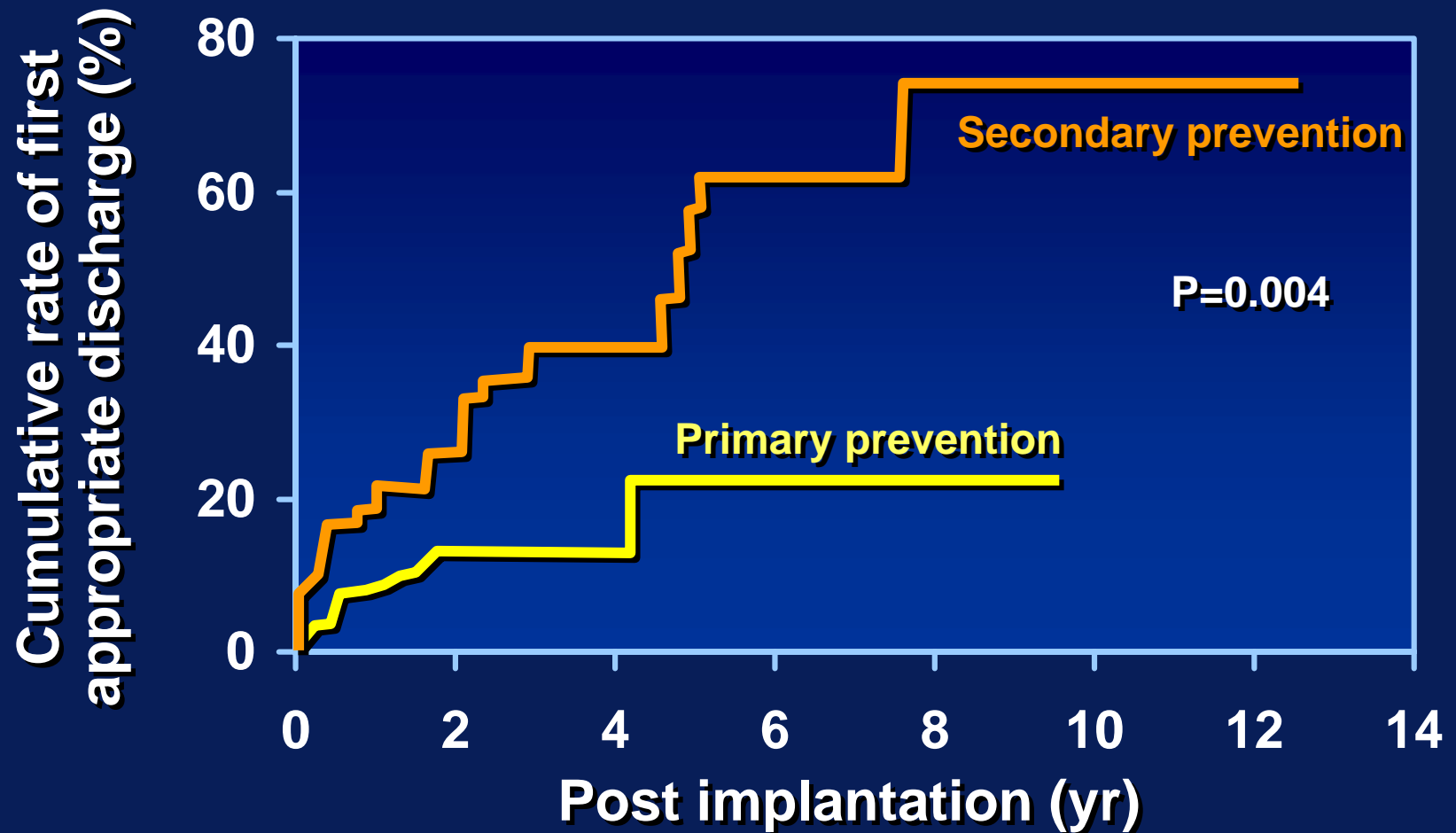
Middle
age

Better than CAD

Elderly

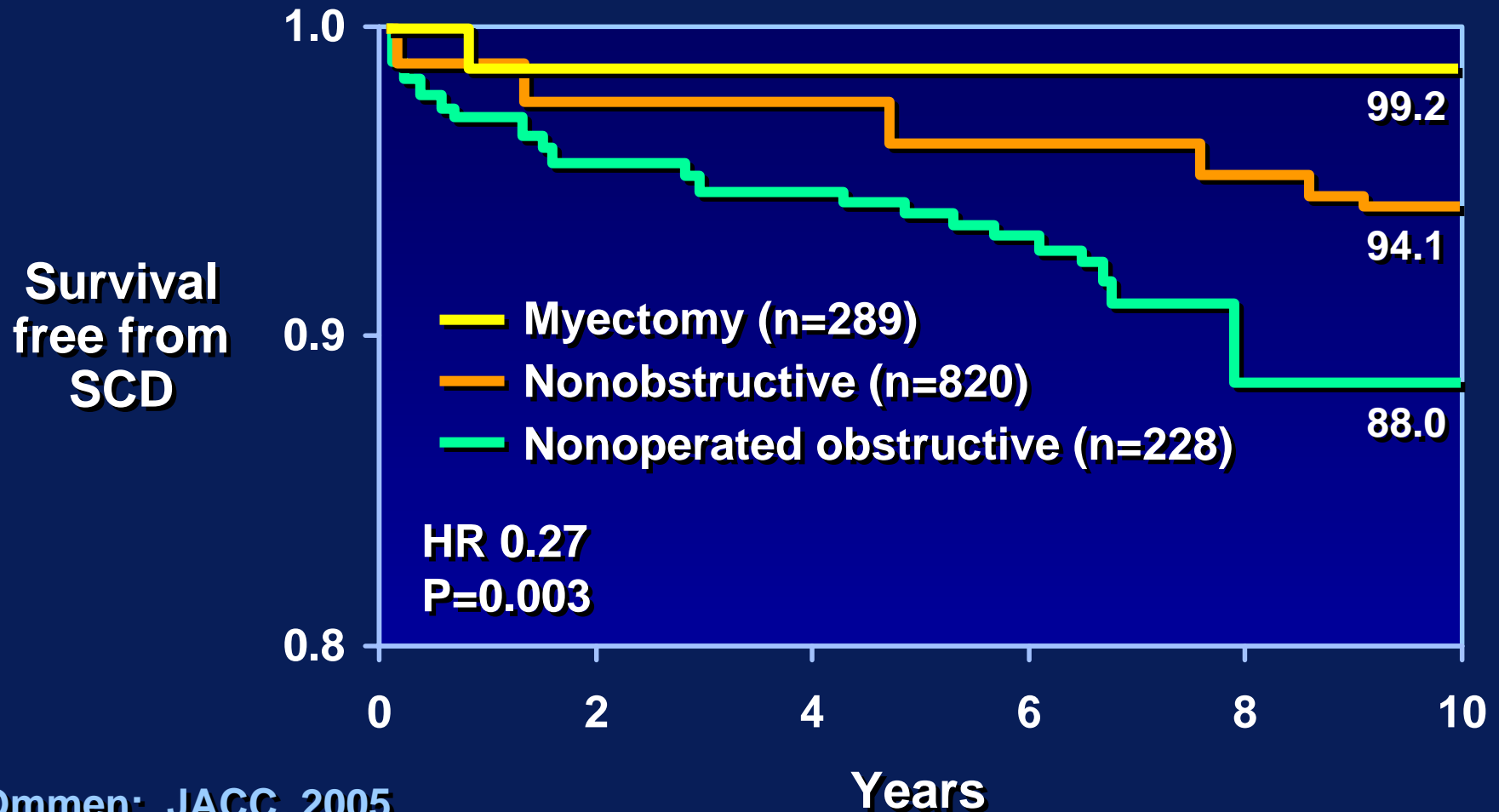
Similar to population
at large in the majority

Rates of Defibrillation Discharge After Implantation for Primary and Secondary Prevention in HCM



Maron et al: NEJM 342:365, 2000

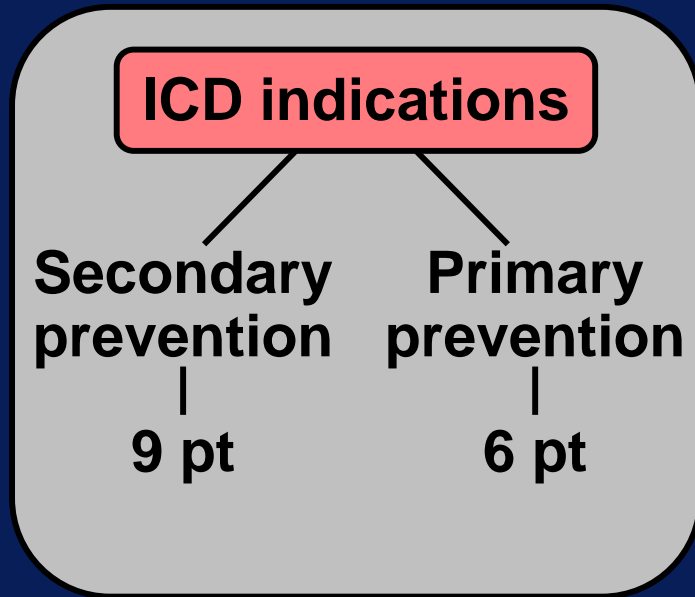
Effect of Surgery on Sudden Cardiac Death



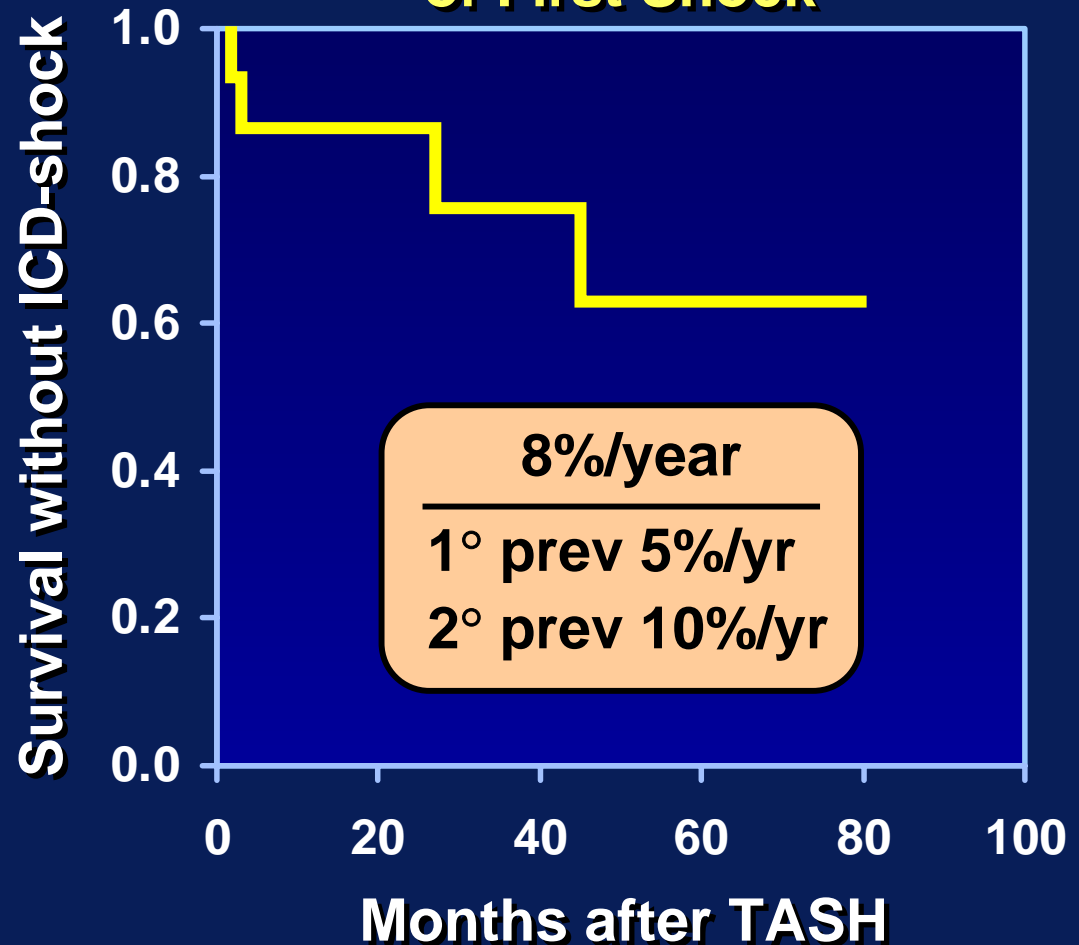
Ommen: JACC, 2005

Septal Ablation and ICD Intervention

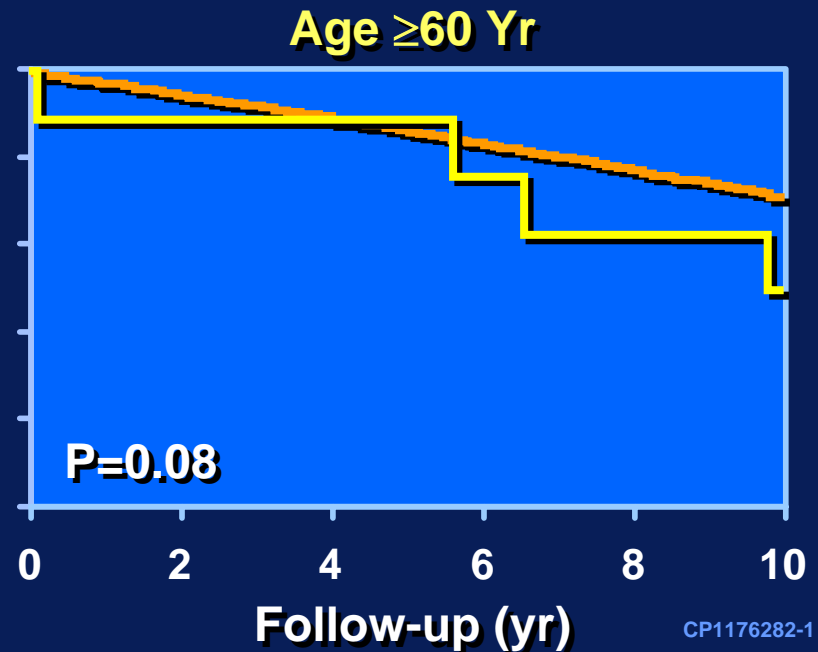
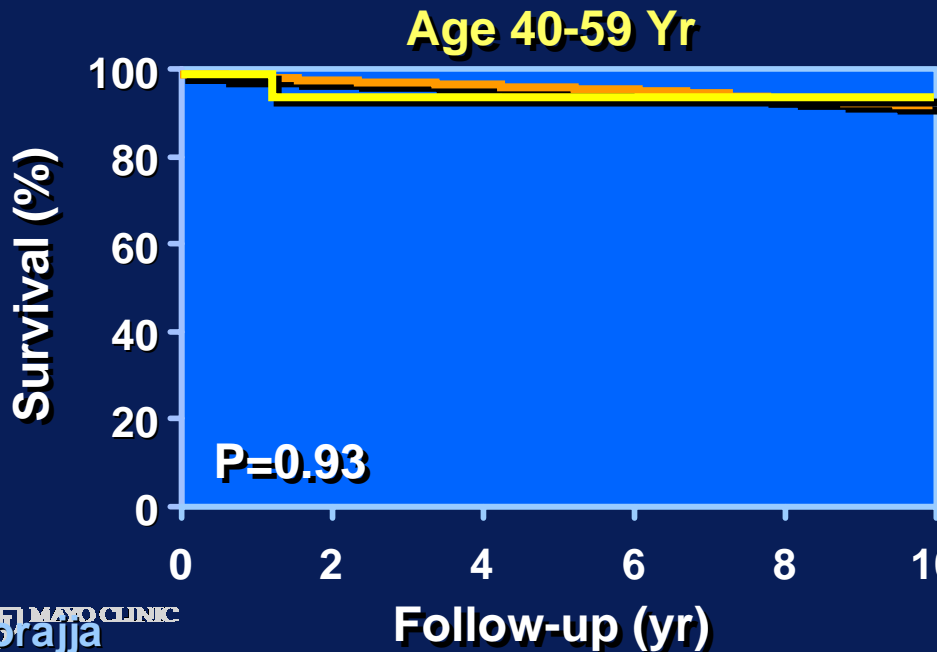
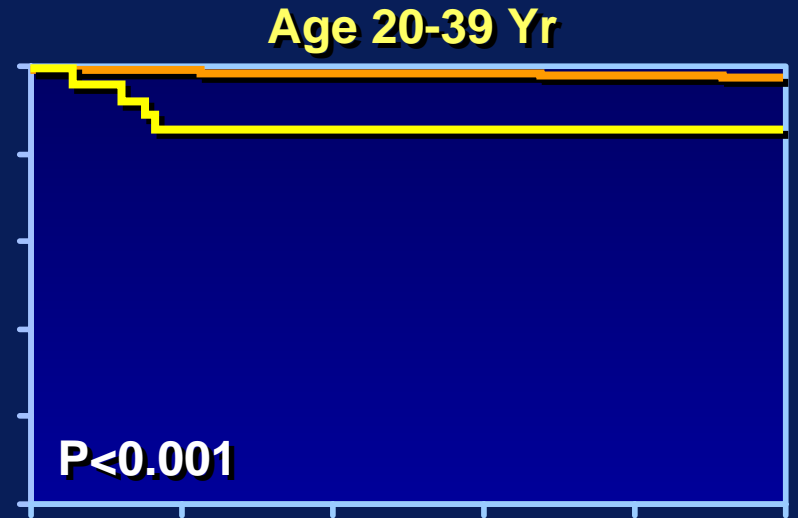
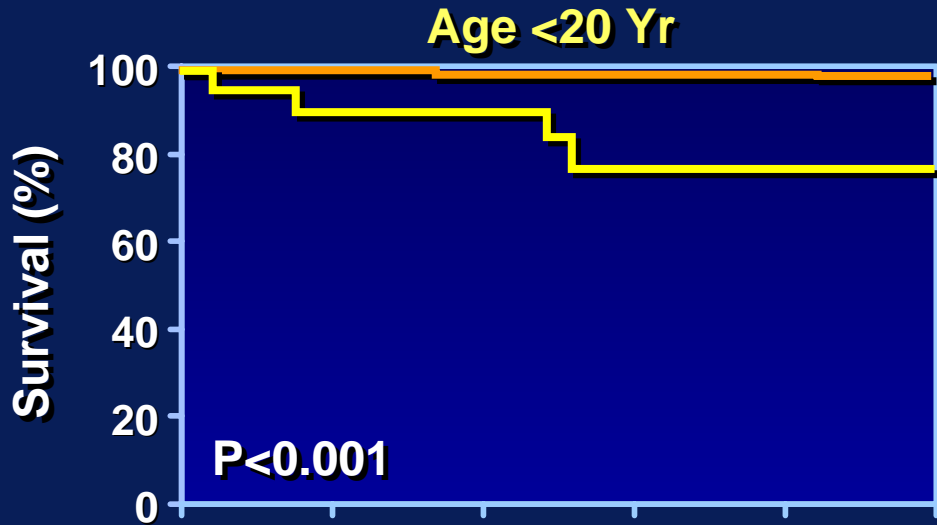
15 patients



Freedom from Occurrence of First Shock



Survival in 107 Patients with “Massive” LVH Max LVWT ≥ 30 mm



Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

Prevalence

1:5000

1.500

Rare

Common

Mortality

High

Low

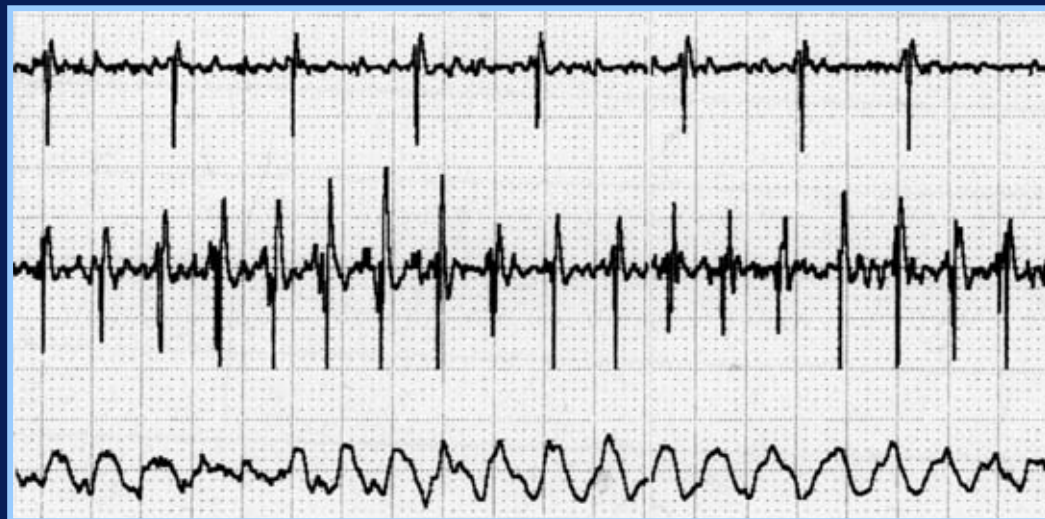
1960s

1980s

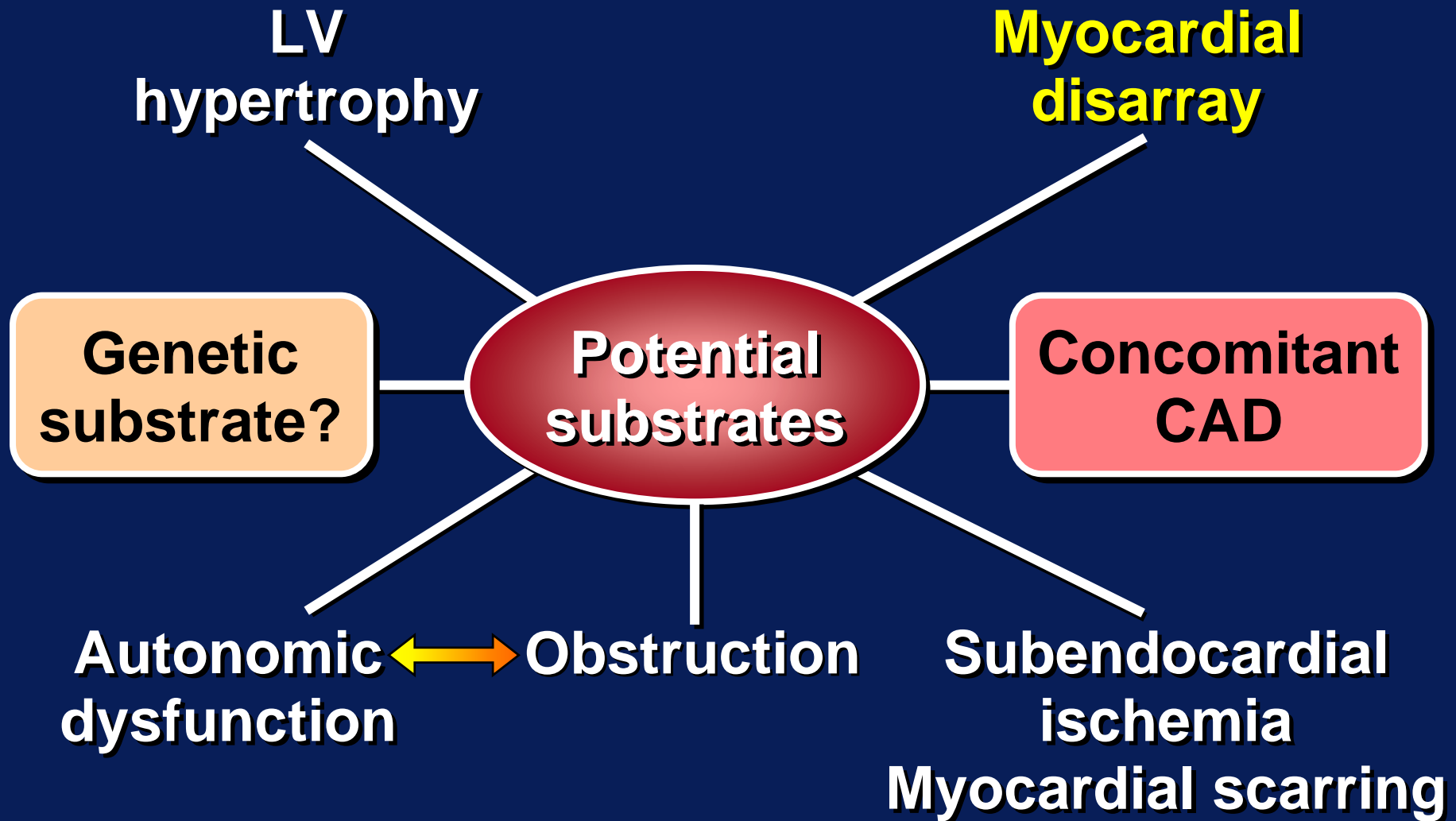
2005

Routine Device Interrogation

Event 2 mo previously – pt unaware of any discharges



Sudden Cardiac Death in HCM



How to save HCM lives



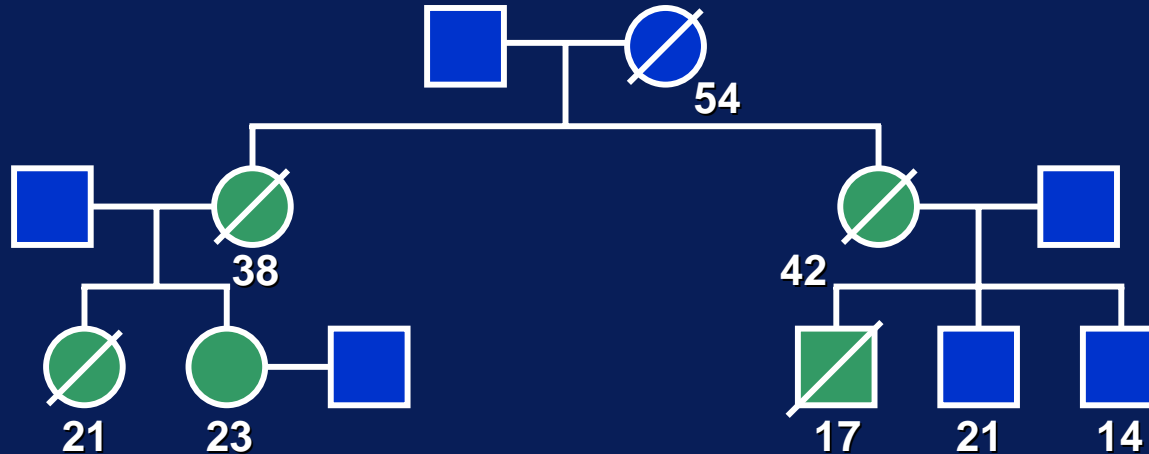
Sudden Cardiac Death in Familial Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Are “Benign” Mutations Really Benign?

Sudden death at age 14 in a patient with
Val 606 Met mutation in cardiac β MCHC gene

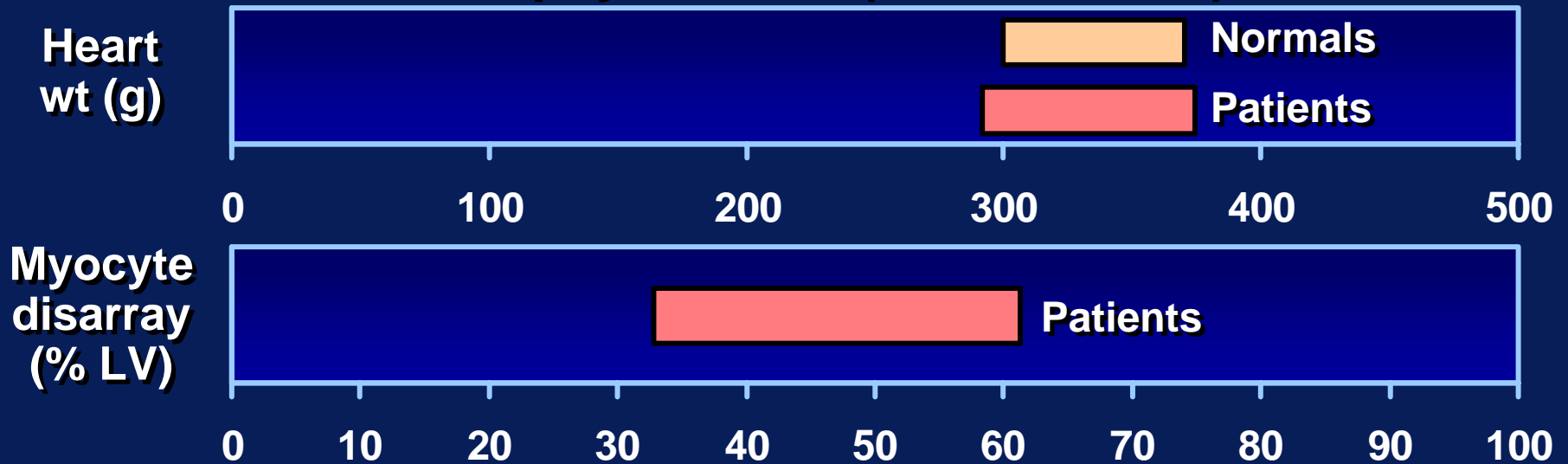
*Is it the mutation alone or
combinations with other genes
and environmental factors ?*

HCM Without Hypertrophy

Family Pedigree



Autopsy Results (4 Individuals)

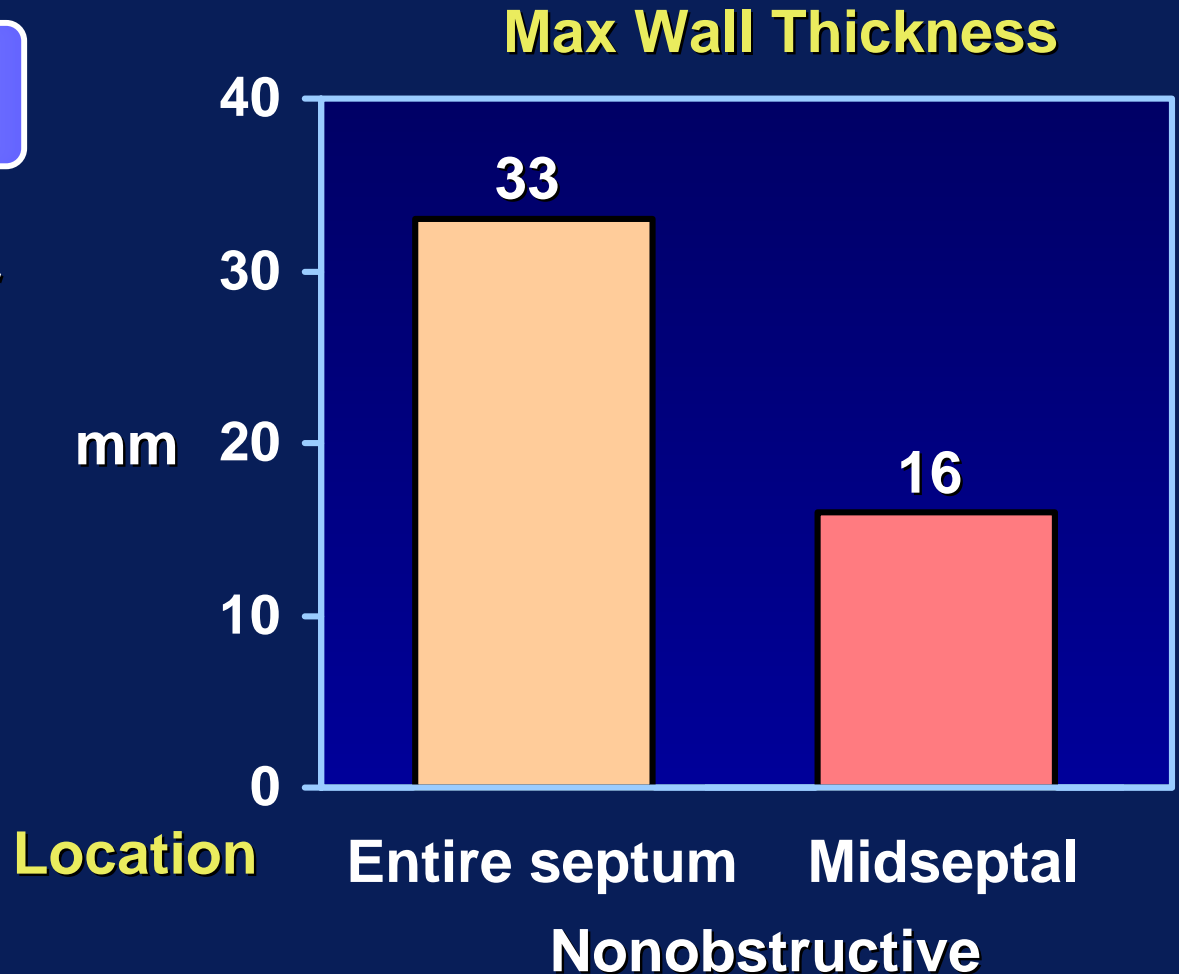


Family with “Malignant” Cardiac Troponin T Mutation

R92W (Exon 9)

- 24-yr-old daughter
- 56-yr-old mother

FHx of SCD – negative



Ackerman M: JACC, 2002

HCM in the Elderly

Comparison with Younger Patients

Many questions – some answers

Genetics

Prognosis

**Patho-
physiology**

**Responses
to therapy**

HCM in the Elderly

Normal



Young pt



Hypertrophy
with
reversed septal
curvature

Older pt



Hypertrophy
with
normal
shape

Older pt

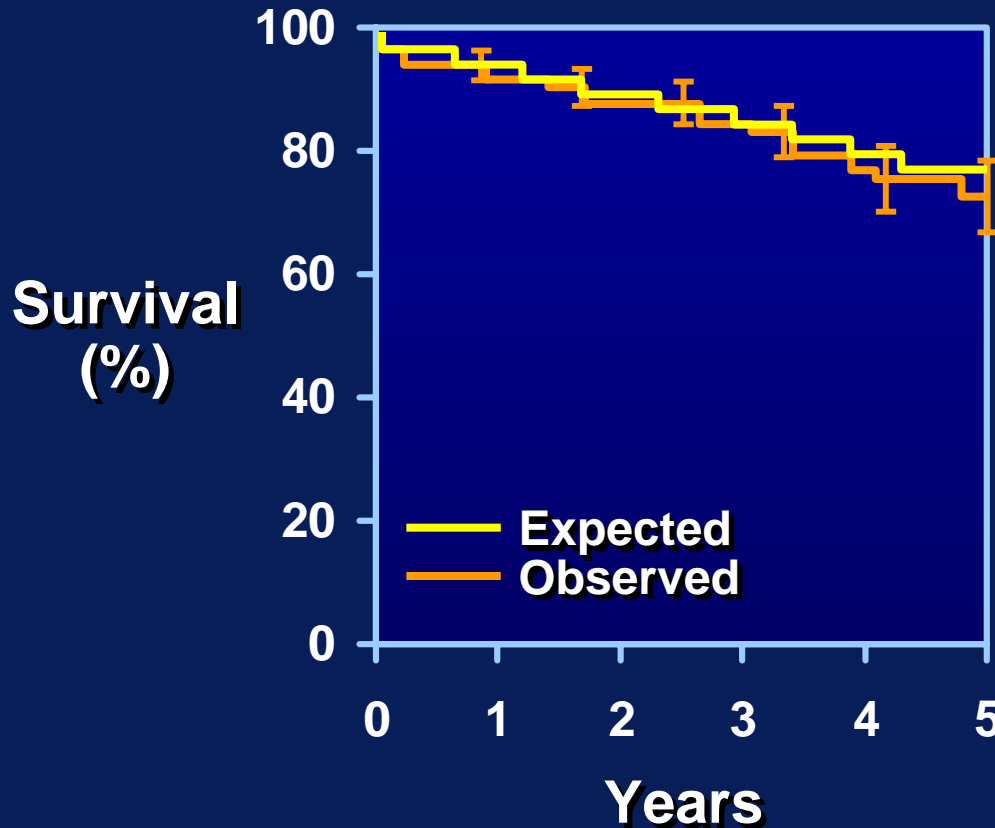


Hypertrophy
with
proximal
bulge

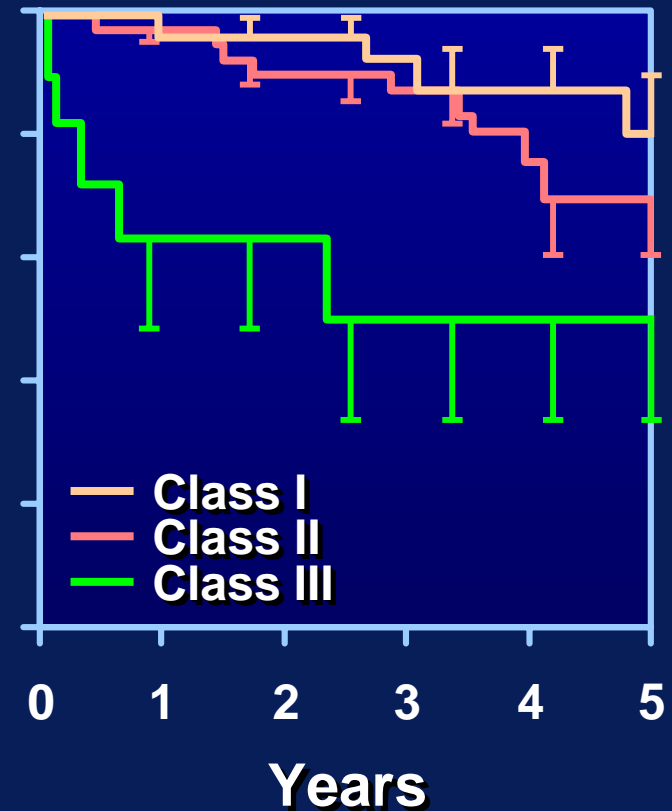
Survival

HOCM – Patients ≥ 65 Years Old

Overall Survival



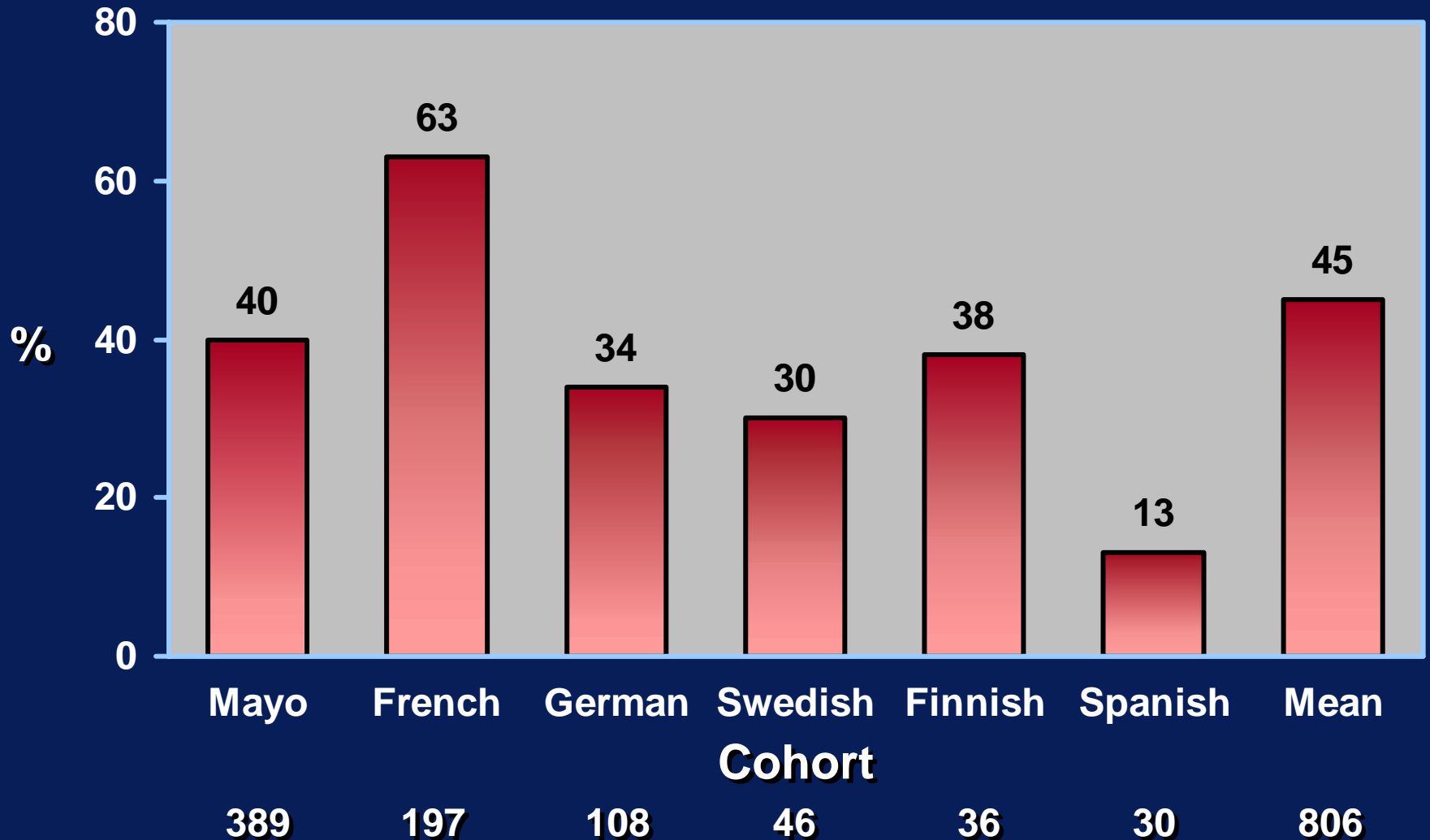
Overall Survival by Functional Class



Fay: JACC, 1990

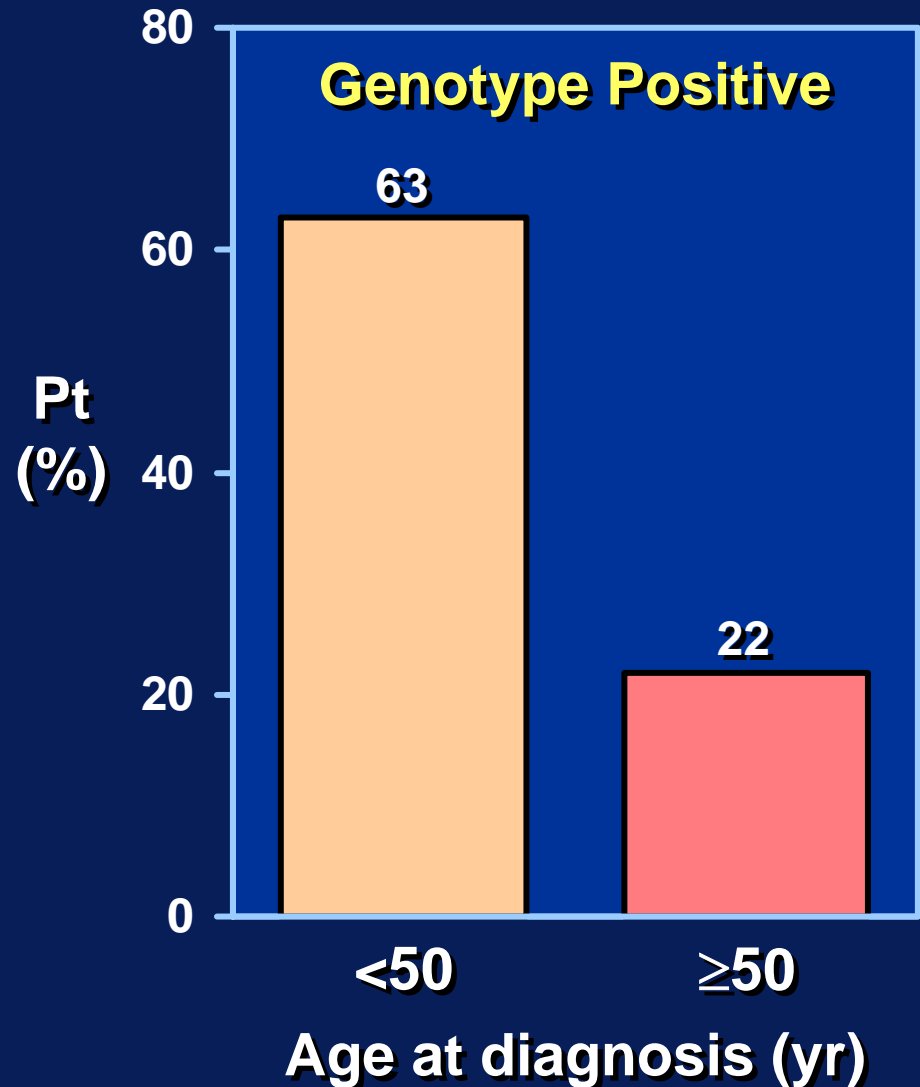
Sarcomeric Mutations Identified

7 Studies – 806 Patients



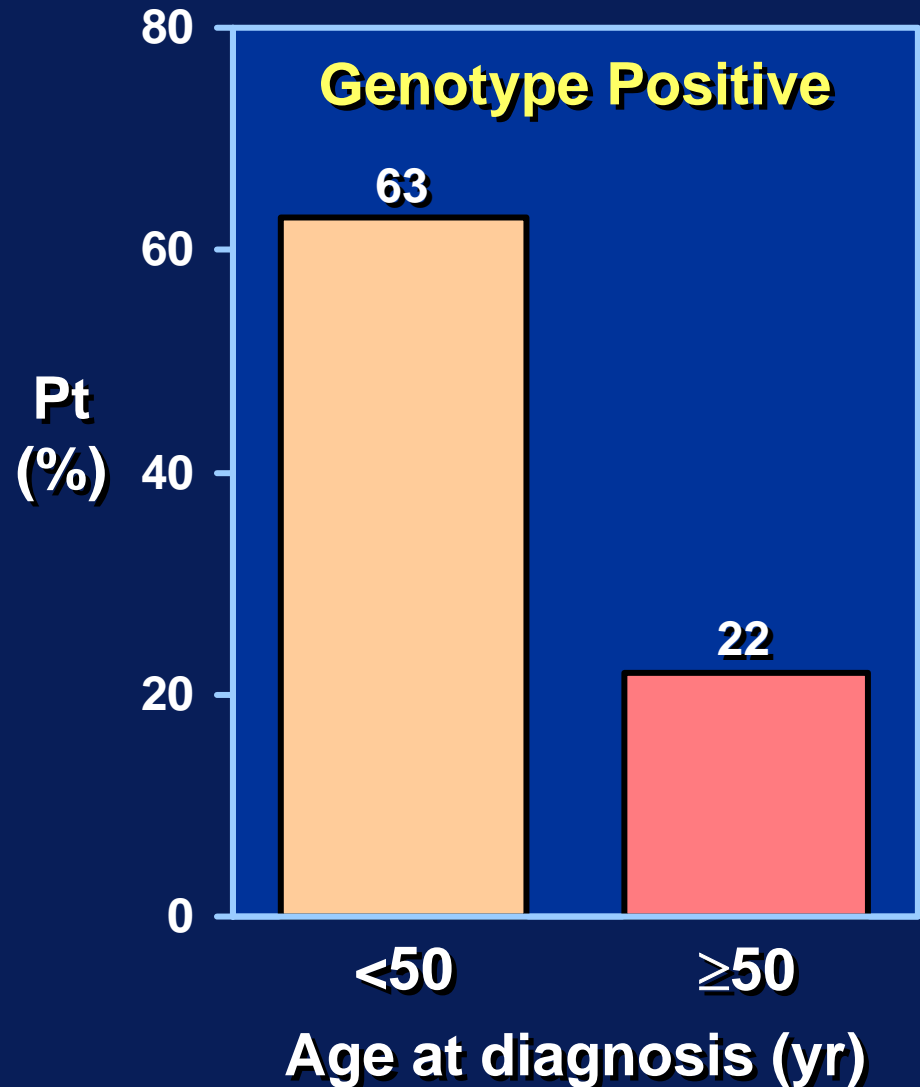
Genotype Phenotype Correlations and Age

- 382 pt
- 8 HCM-associated genes screened

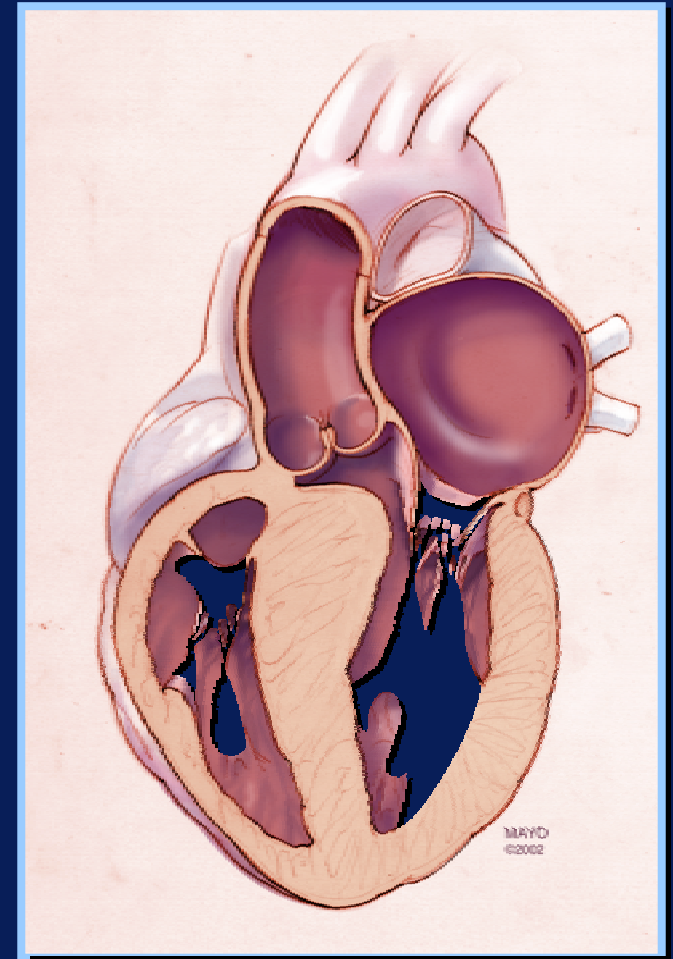
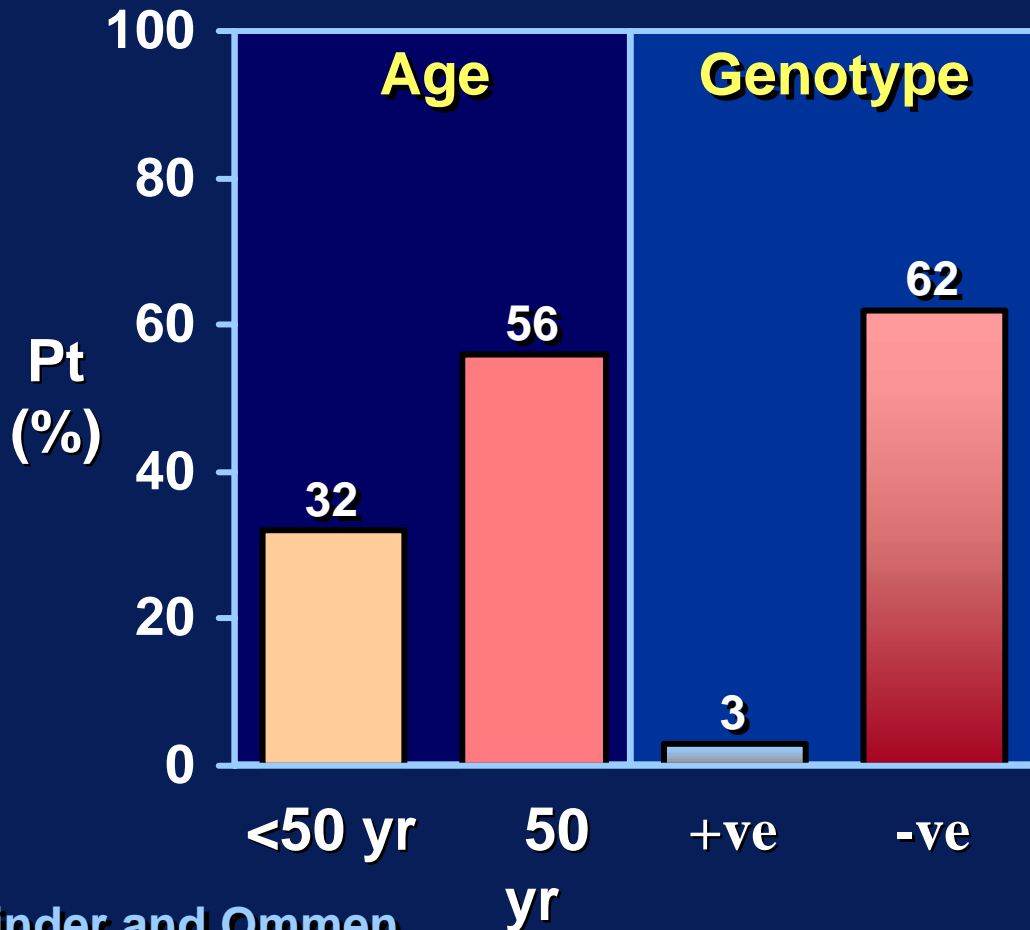


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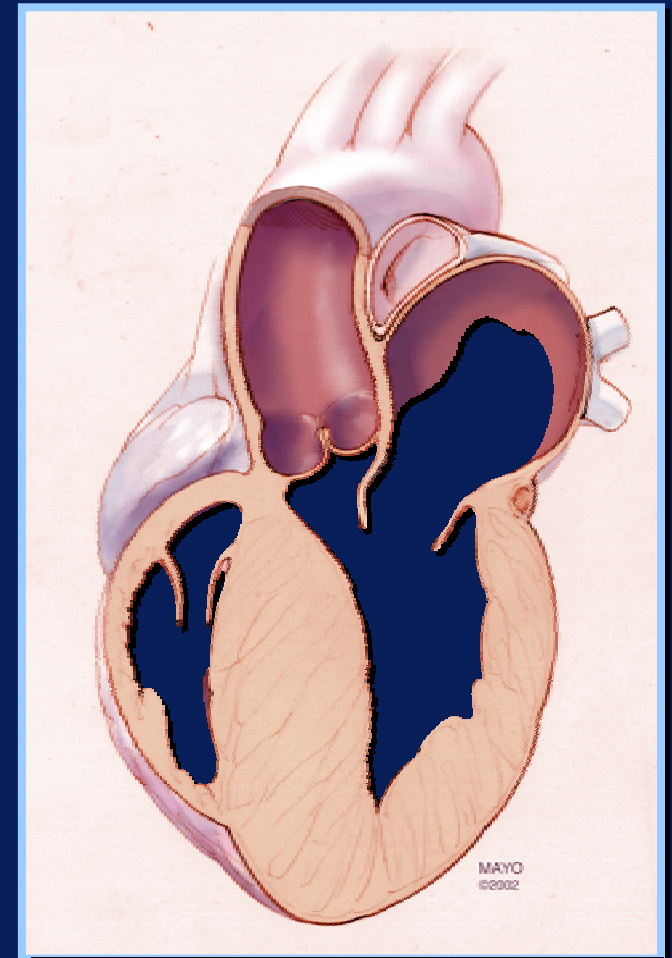
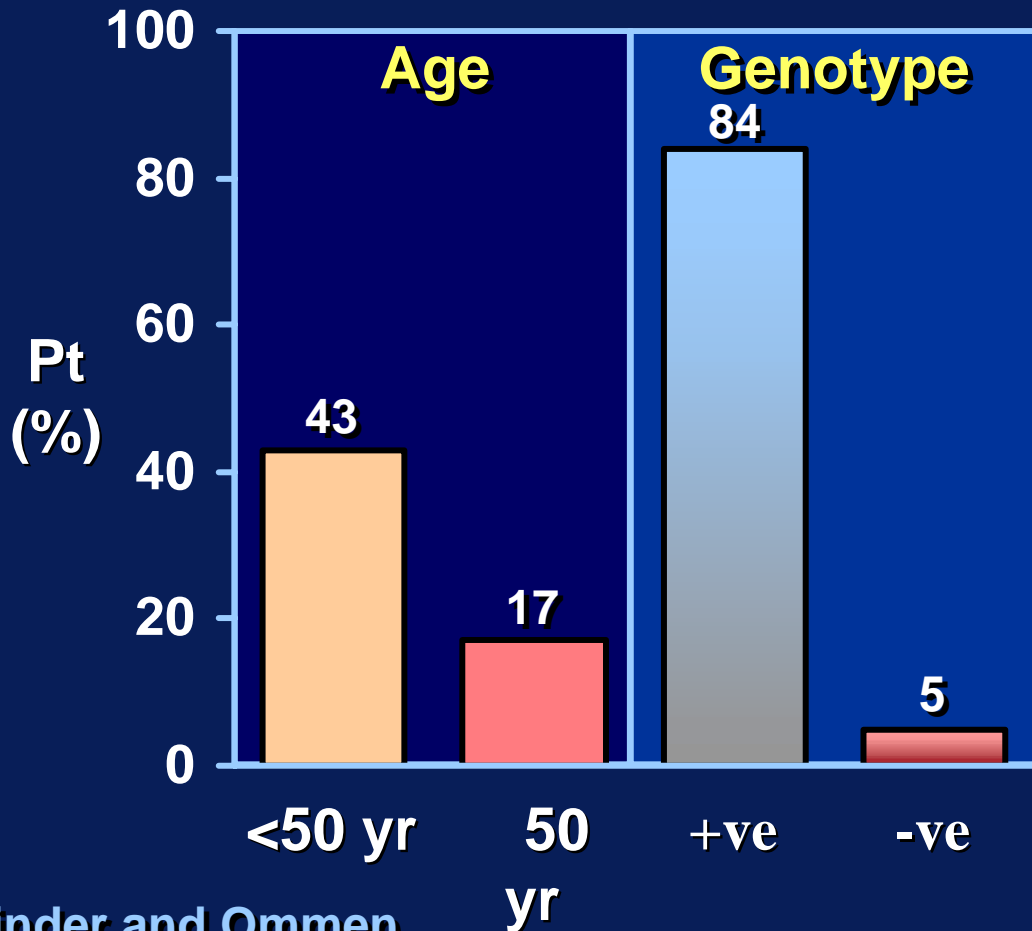


“LVH” with Concave (Sigmoid) Septum (Normal LV Cavity Contour)



Binder and Ommen

“LVH” with Convex (Reversed) Septal Curvature



Binder and Ommen

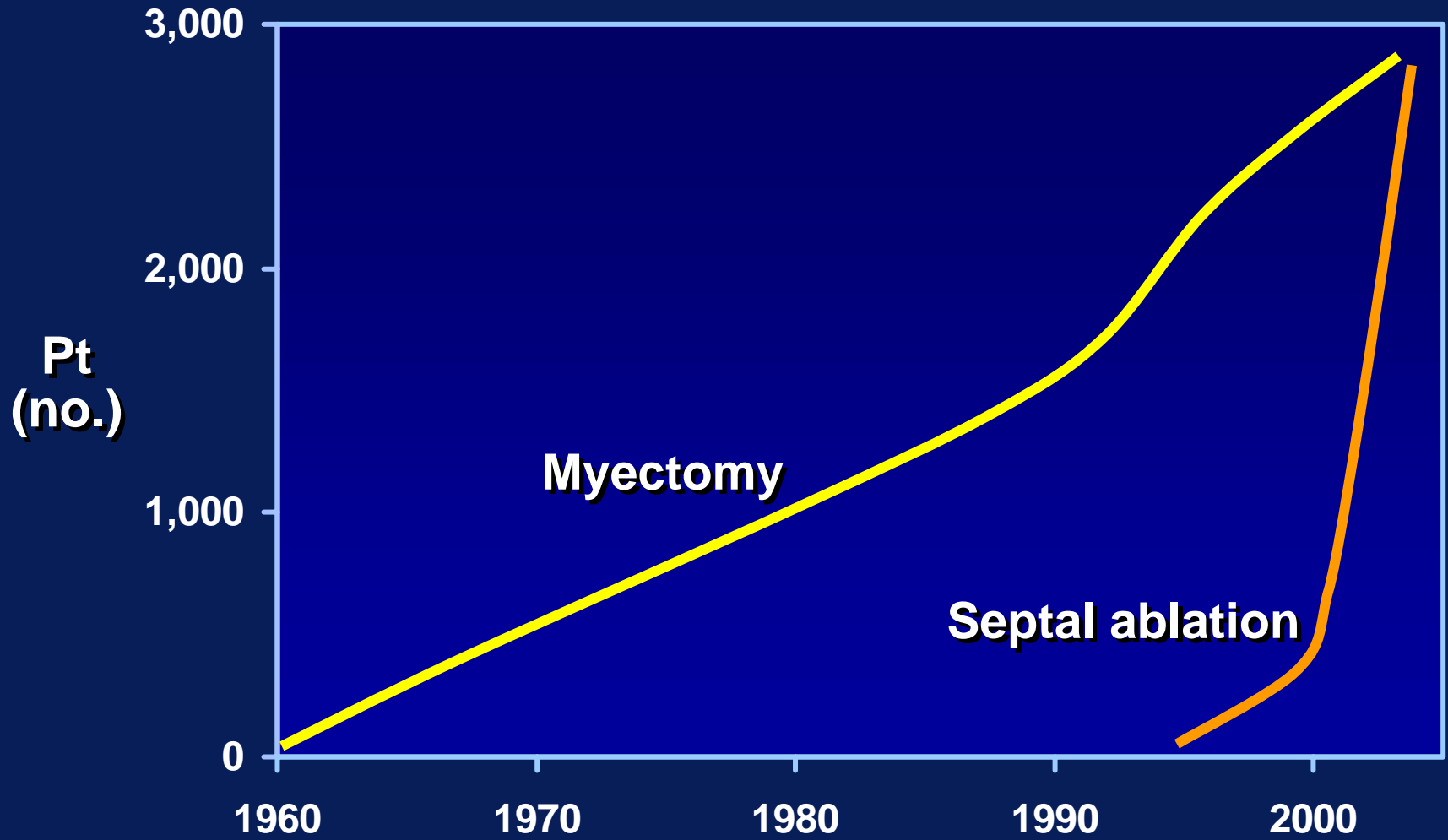
Clinical experience

Making the same mistakes with increasing confidence over an increasing number of years

Evidence-based medicine

Making someone else's mistakes instead of your own

Patient Selection Criteria???????



Simvastatin and Regression of LVH Experimental HCM

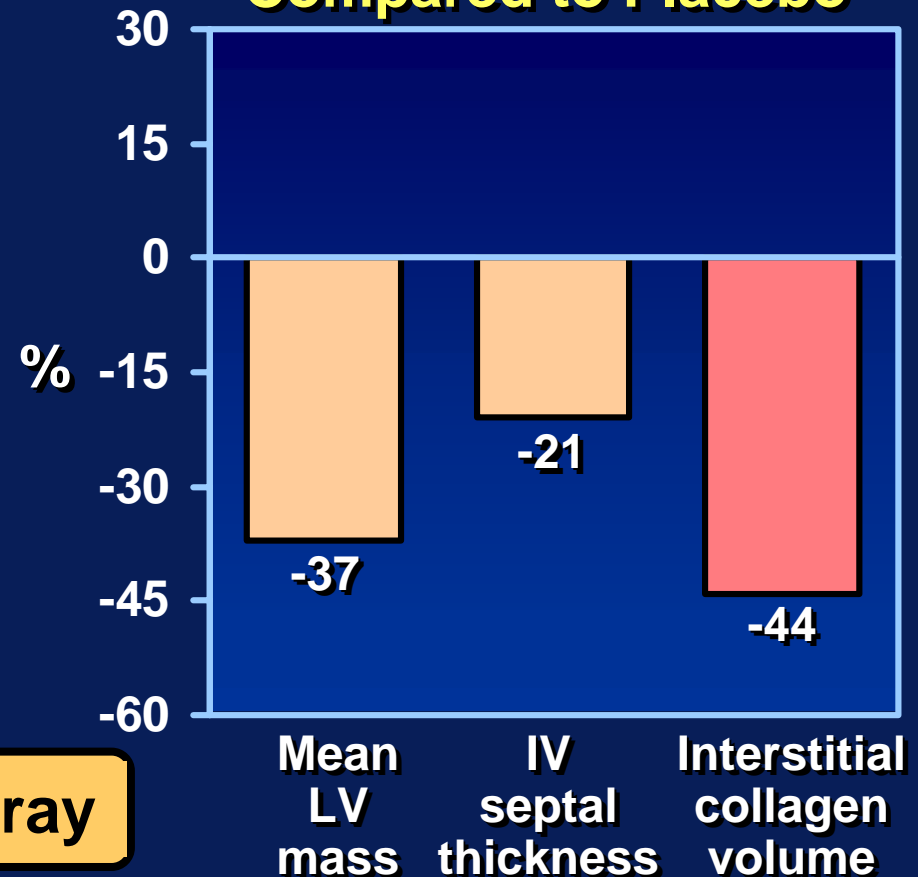
- Transgenic rabbit model
- β MHC mutant

Simvastatin

- Inhibits Ang-II mediated myocyte hypertrophy
- Blocks intracellular signaling molecules involved in LVH

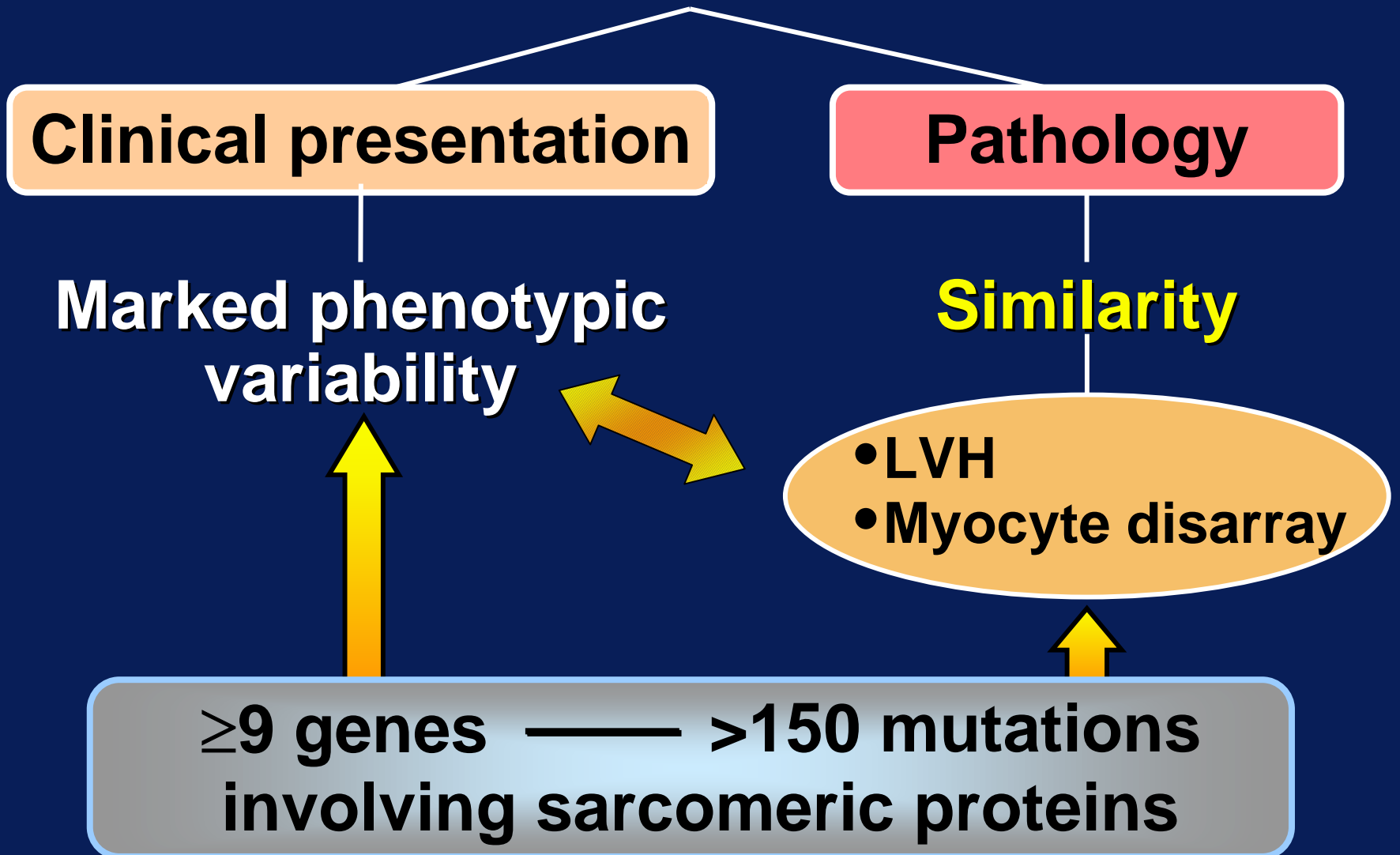
No change in myocyte disarray

Indices of Hypertrophy Change vs Baseline Compared to Placebo



Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

A Paradox?



β MHC Gene Mutations and Prognosis

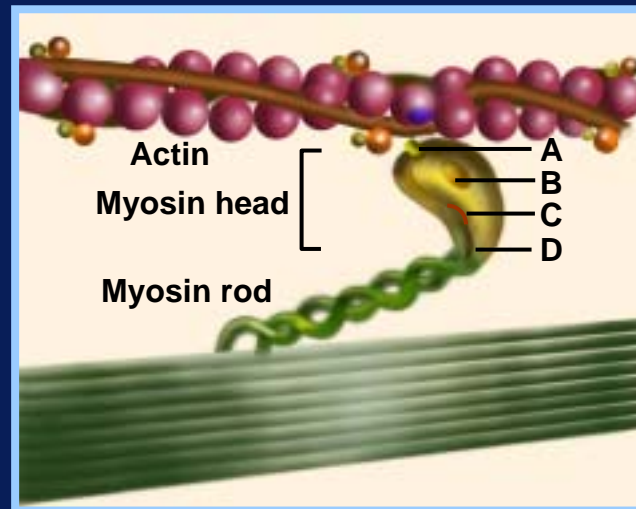
70 probands

**β MHC mutations
21%**



148 family members

**Mutations
50%**

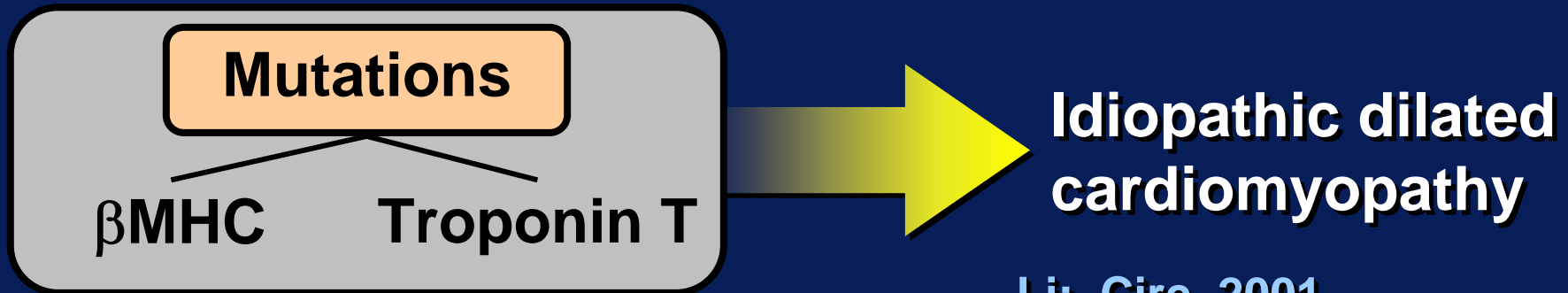


- A = actin binding site
- B = active ATP binding site
- C = essential light chain binding site
- D = head-rod junction

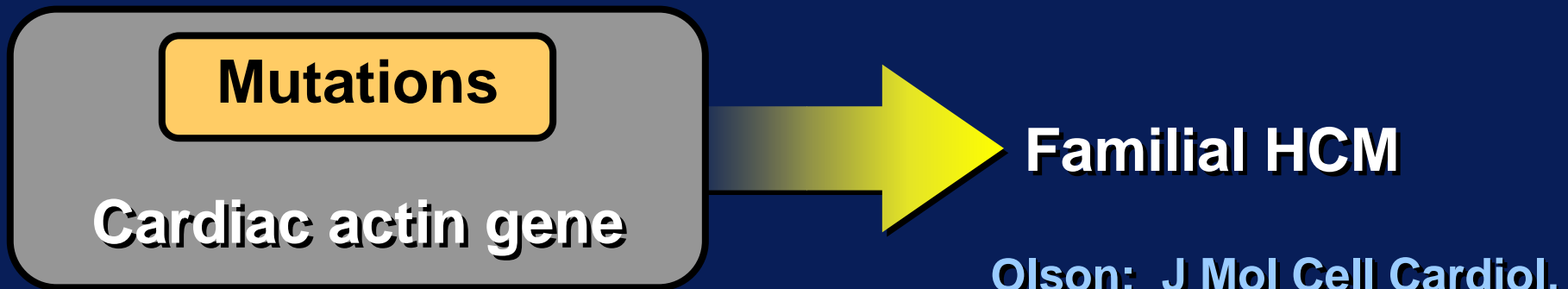
Predictors of mortality
Missense mutations – A P=0.003
– D P=0.03

Woo: Heart, 2003

Mutations in Sarcomeric Proteins and HCM/IDC

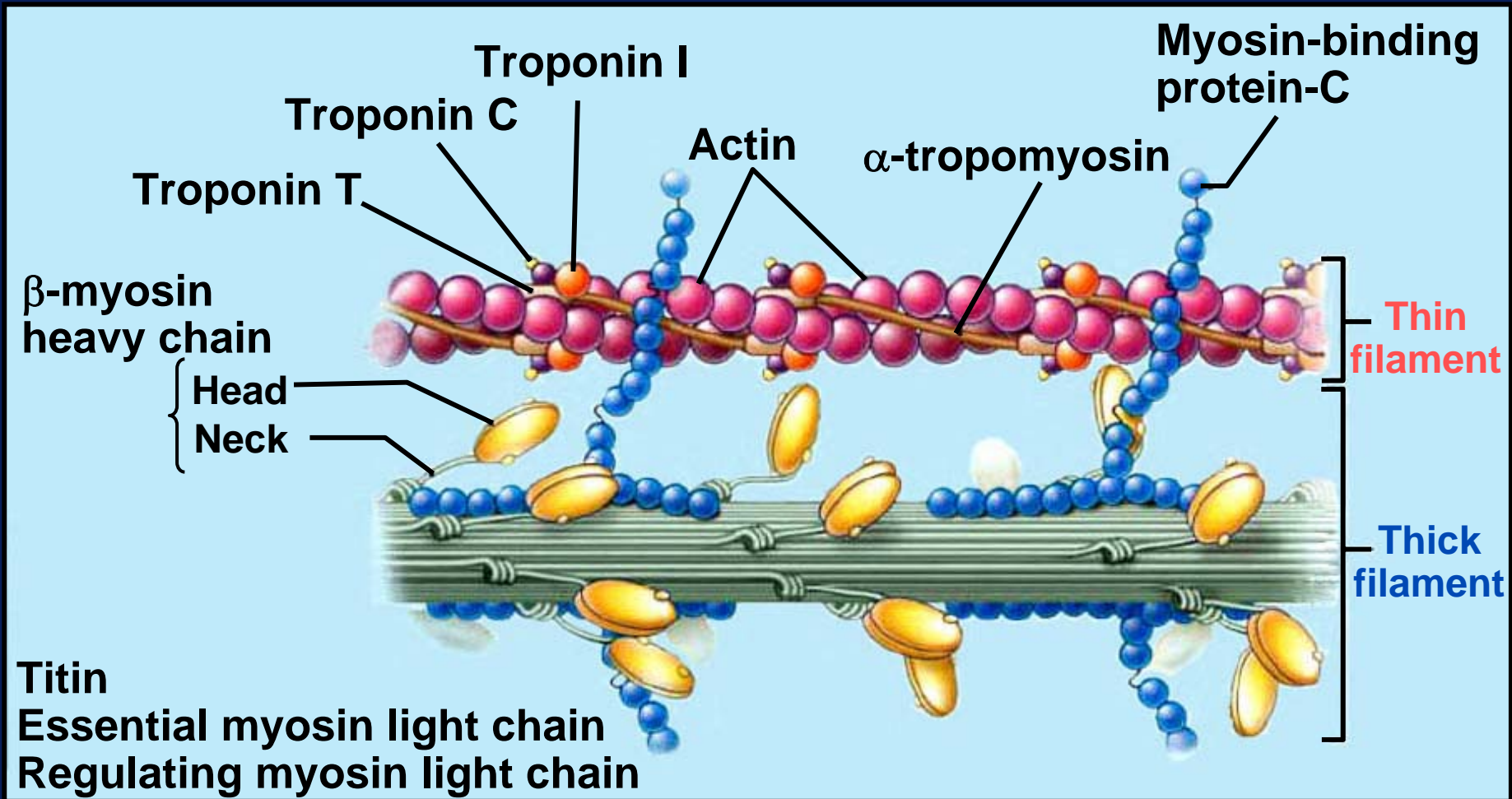


Li: *Circ*, 2001
Kamisago: *NEJM*, 2000



Olson: *J Mol Cell Cardiol*, 2000

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*Molecular
Genetics*



The Future

Risk Stratification and Therapeutic Strategies

High risk

Intermediate risk

Low risk

Young pt
Positive FH of SCD
Syncope
NSVT – ?
Exercise-induced hypotension?
LVWT ≥ 25 mm?
Associated CAD

Symptomatic patients

Asymptomatic
Elderly patients

How would this be altered by genotyping?

Therapeutic objectives

Improved survival

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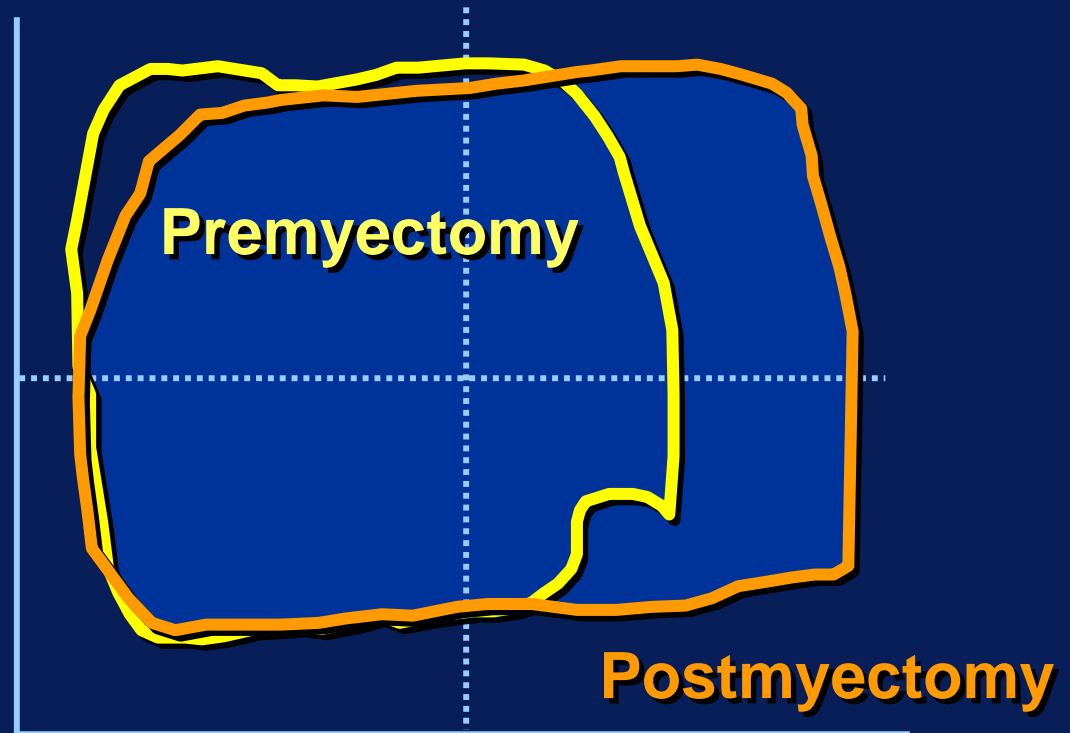
Surgery for Apical HCM

1996-2003 – Mayo Clinic

Changes in Diastolic Dysfunction

- 14 patients
- 1 perioperative death

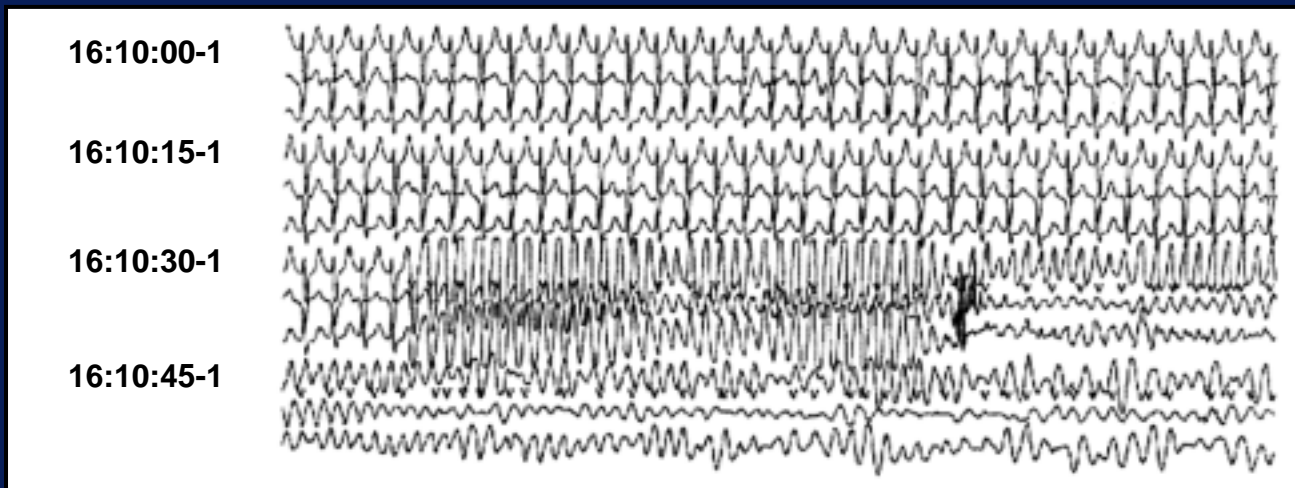
LV
pressure



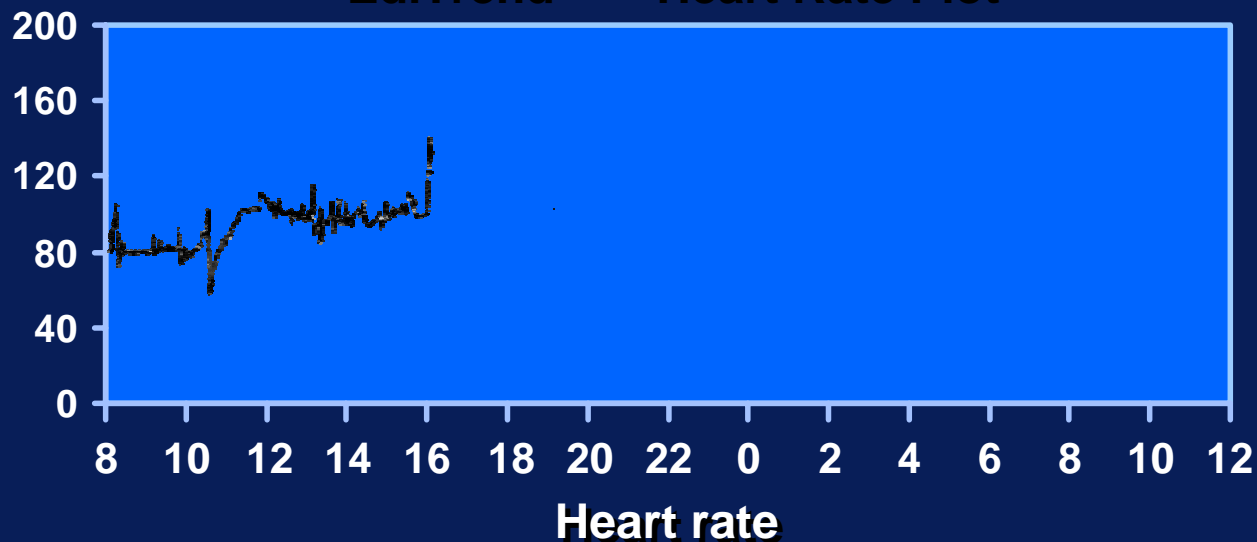
LV volume

47-Year-Old Female with Angina and HCM

No Prior History of Syncope



EdiTrend™ – Heart Rate Plot



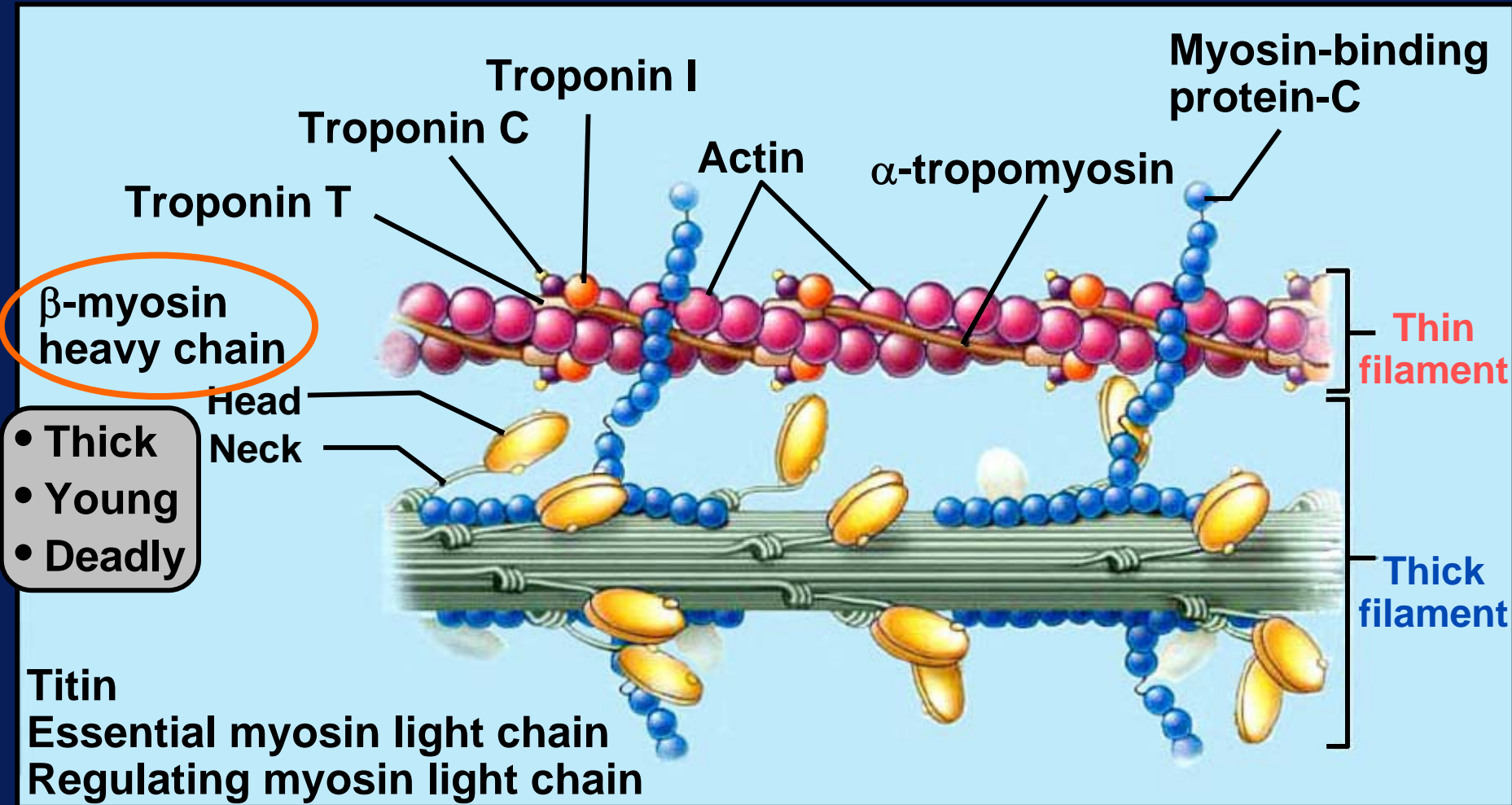
Follow-up

**Surgical
myectomy/
myotomy**

ICD implanted

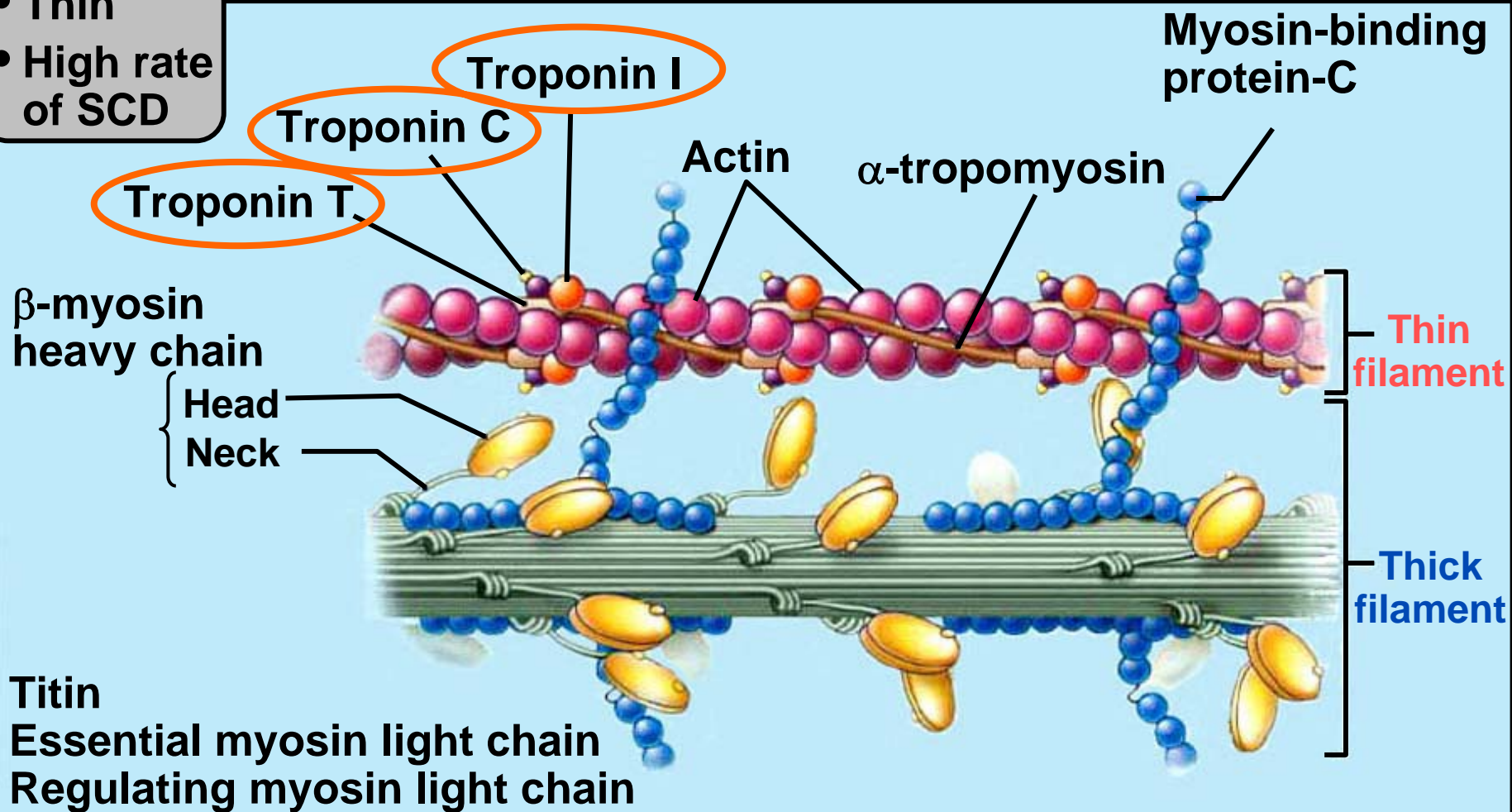
**No discharges
over 8 yr**

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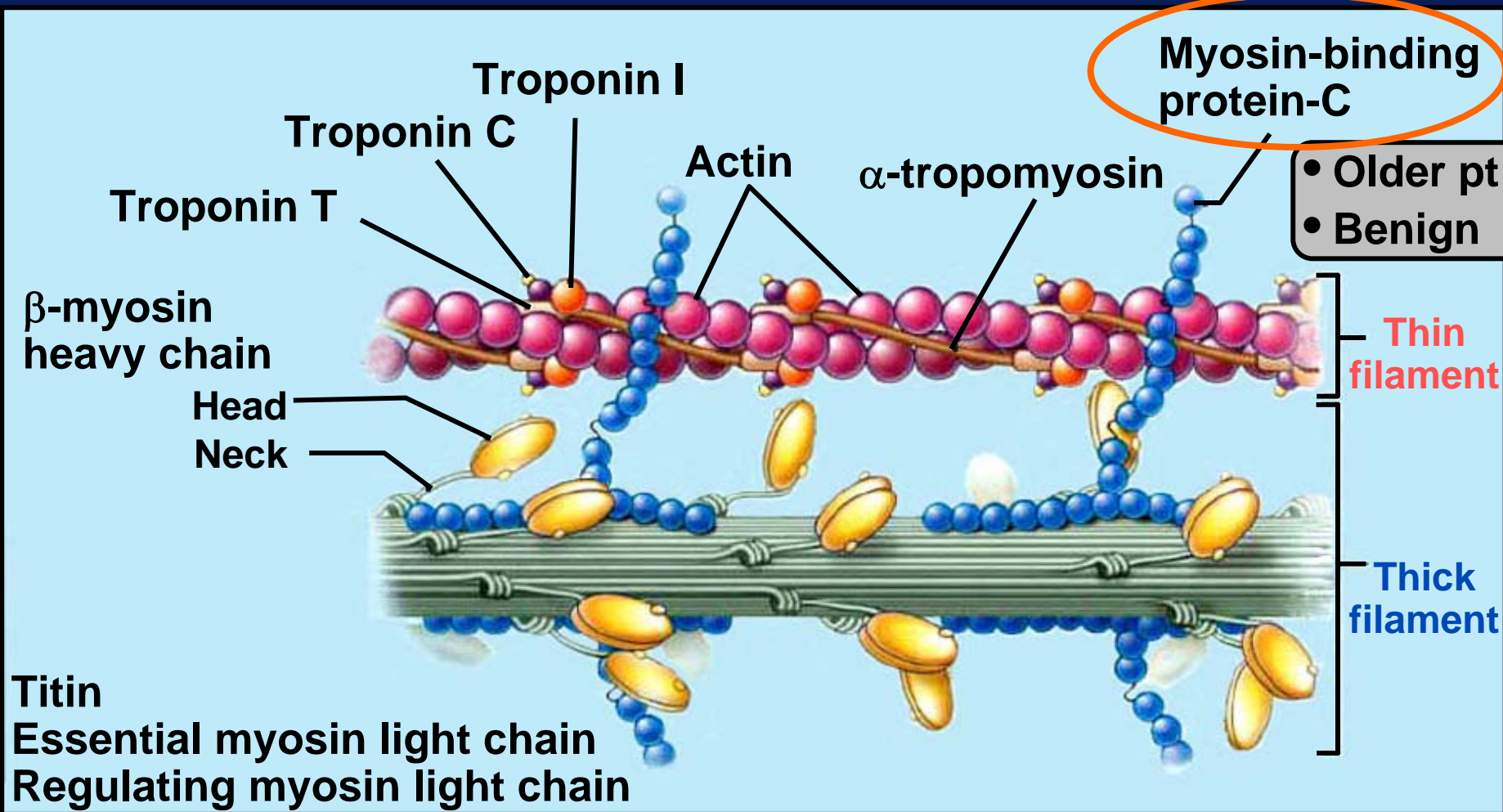


Mutations in Sarcomeric Proteins

- Thin
- High rate of SCD



Mutations in Sarcomeric Proteins



Cumulative Rate of First Appropriate ICD Discharges/ATP

- 68 patients

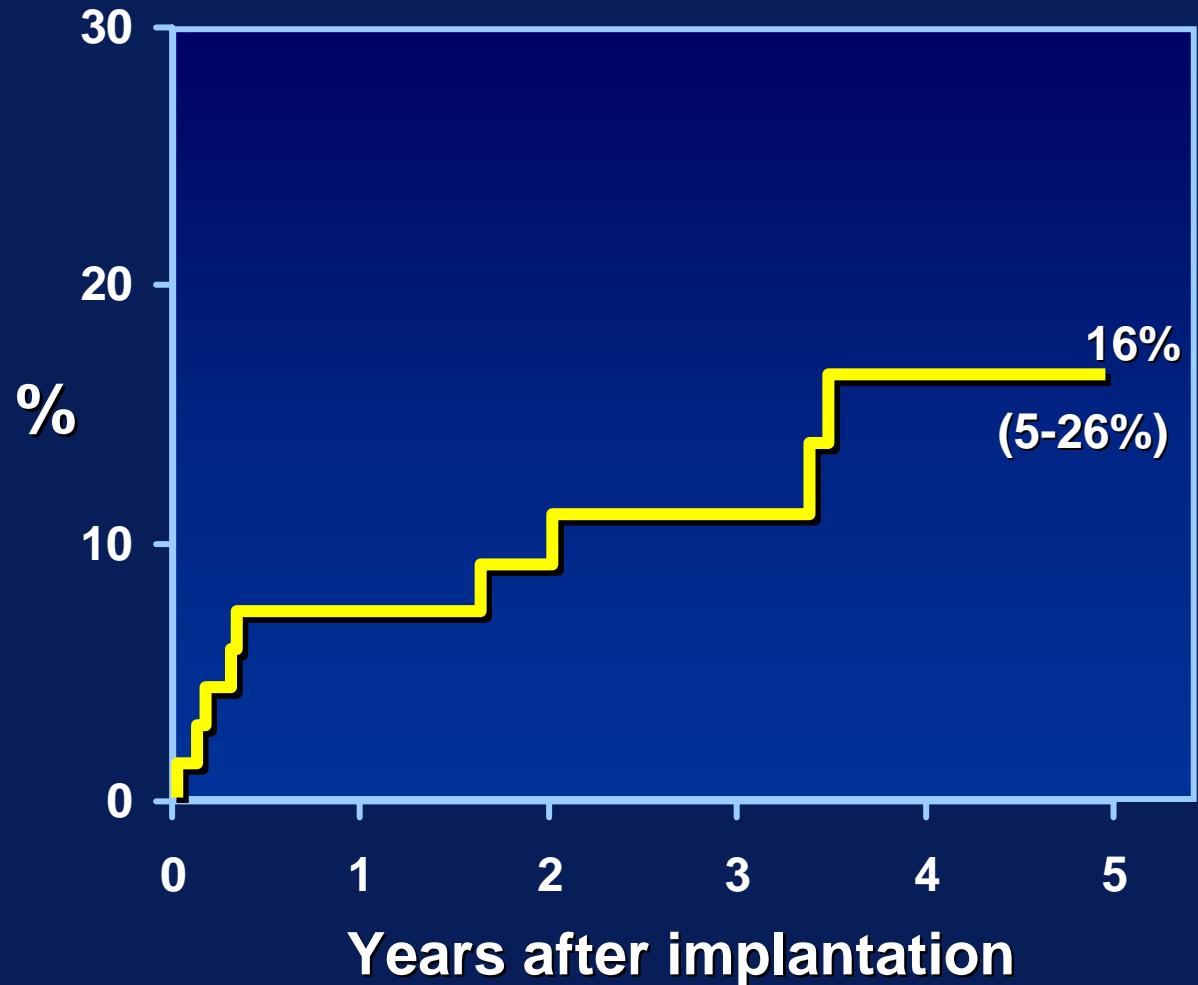
**Prophylactic
ICD placement**

Risk factors (no.)

1 – 34%

2 – 47%

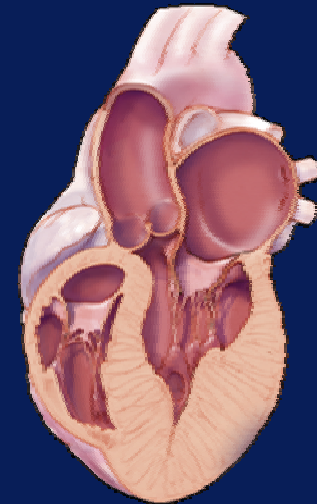
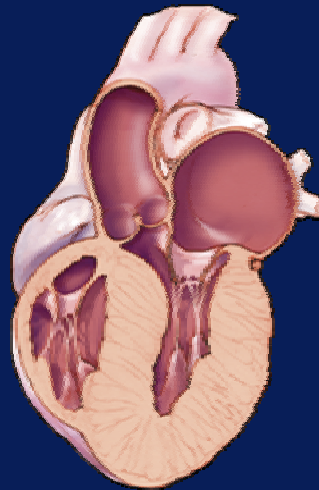
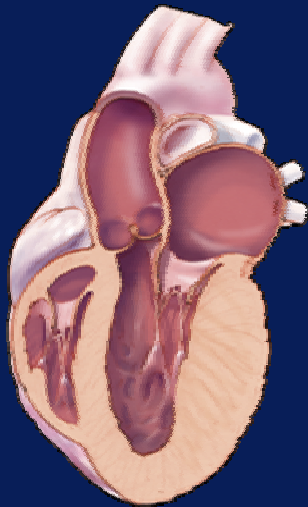
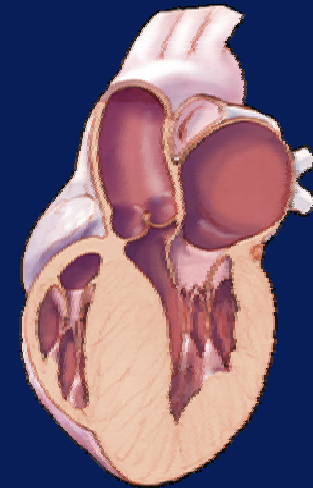
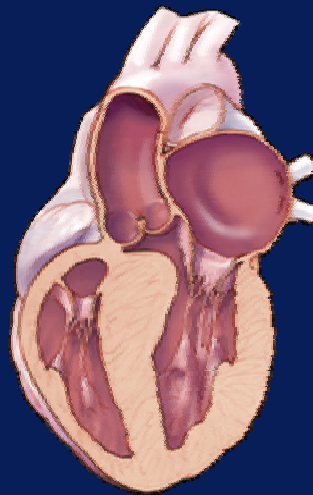
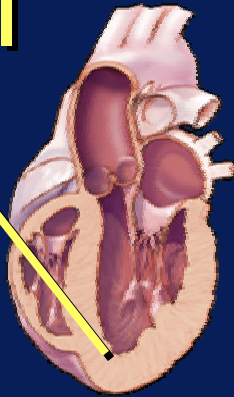
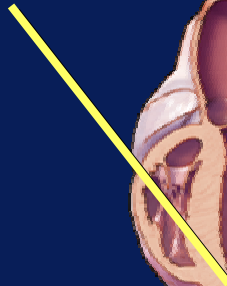
≥3 – 19%



Cha, in press

Patterns of Hypertrophy

Normal



Risk of SCD in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

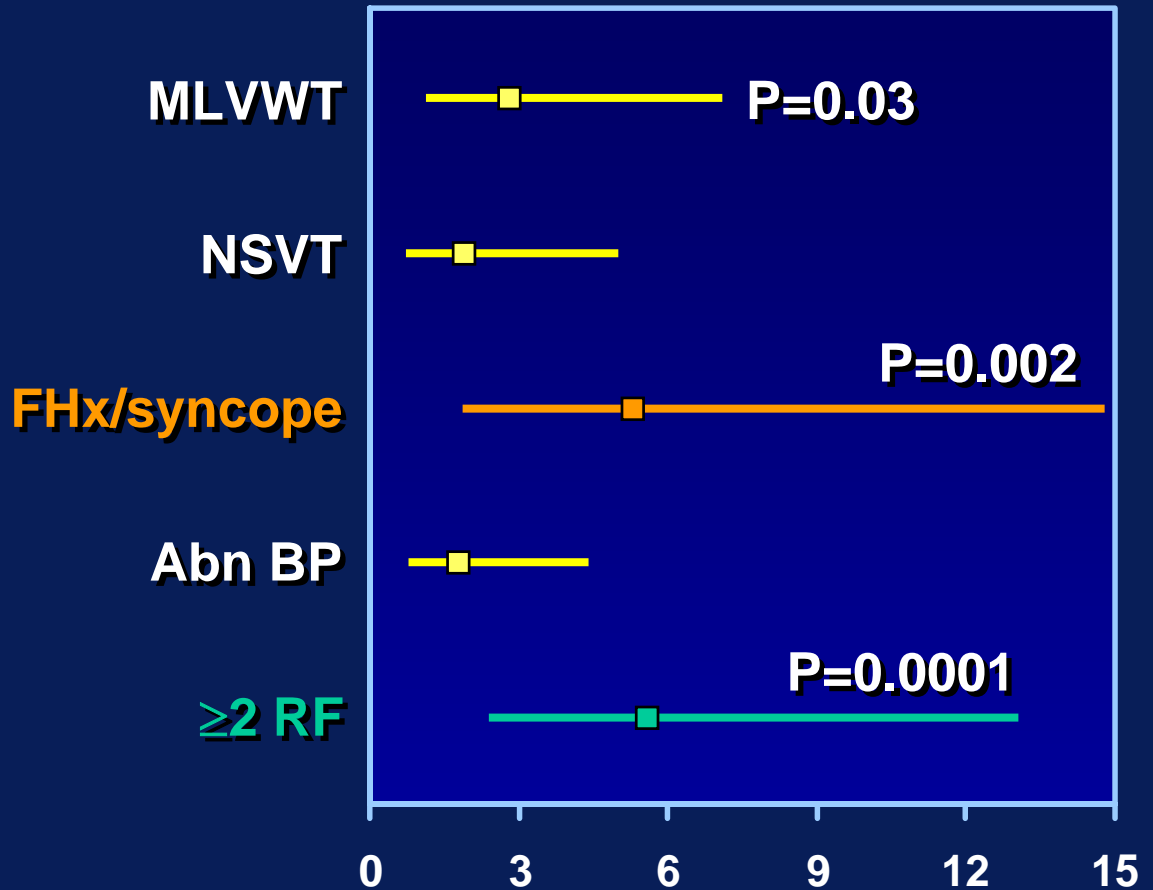
- 368 pt
- Mean F-U
3.6±2.5 yr

Family Hx of SCD

SCD in ≥2 first degree relatives <40 years old

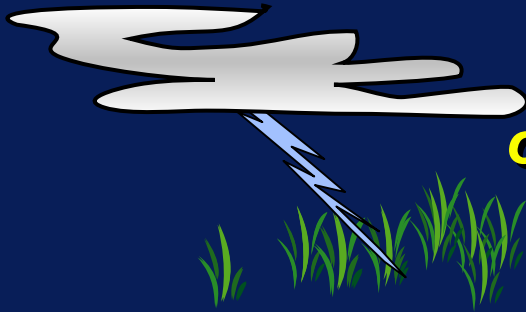
Univariate analysis
RR 1.9 (95% CI 0.8-4.5)
P=0.15

Multivariate Risk Ratios



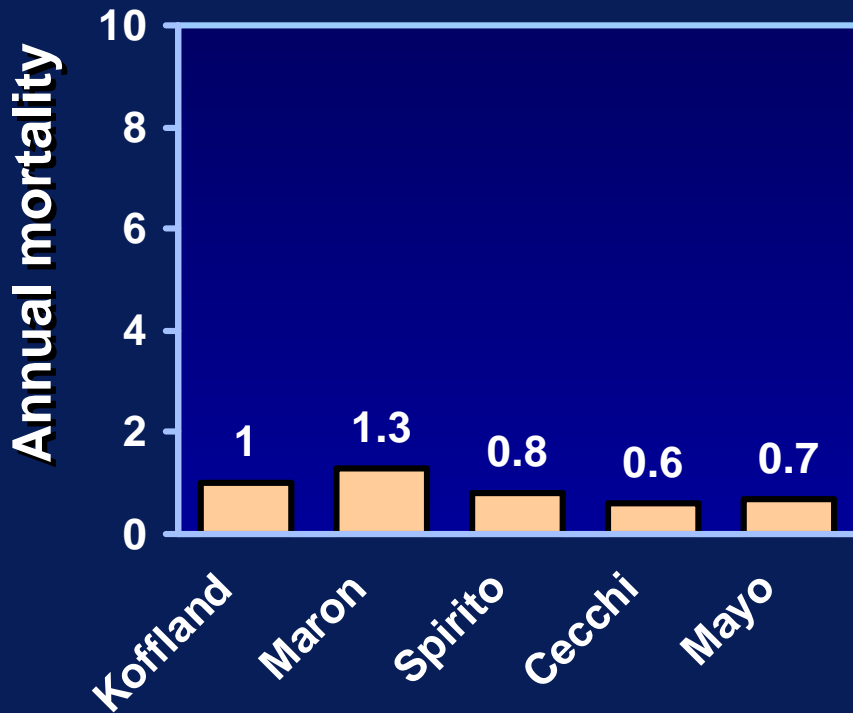
Elliott: JACC, 2000

Sudden “Unexpected” Cardiac Death and HCM

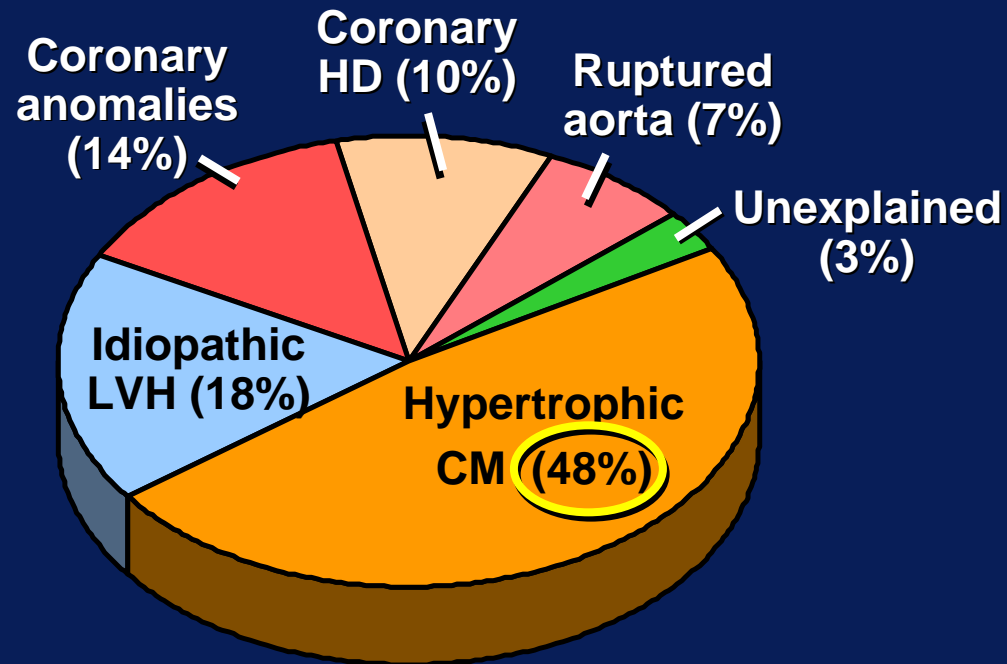


“A bolt out of the blue!”

Low Annual Mortality Overall



Causes of Death in Competitive Athletes Aged <35 yr



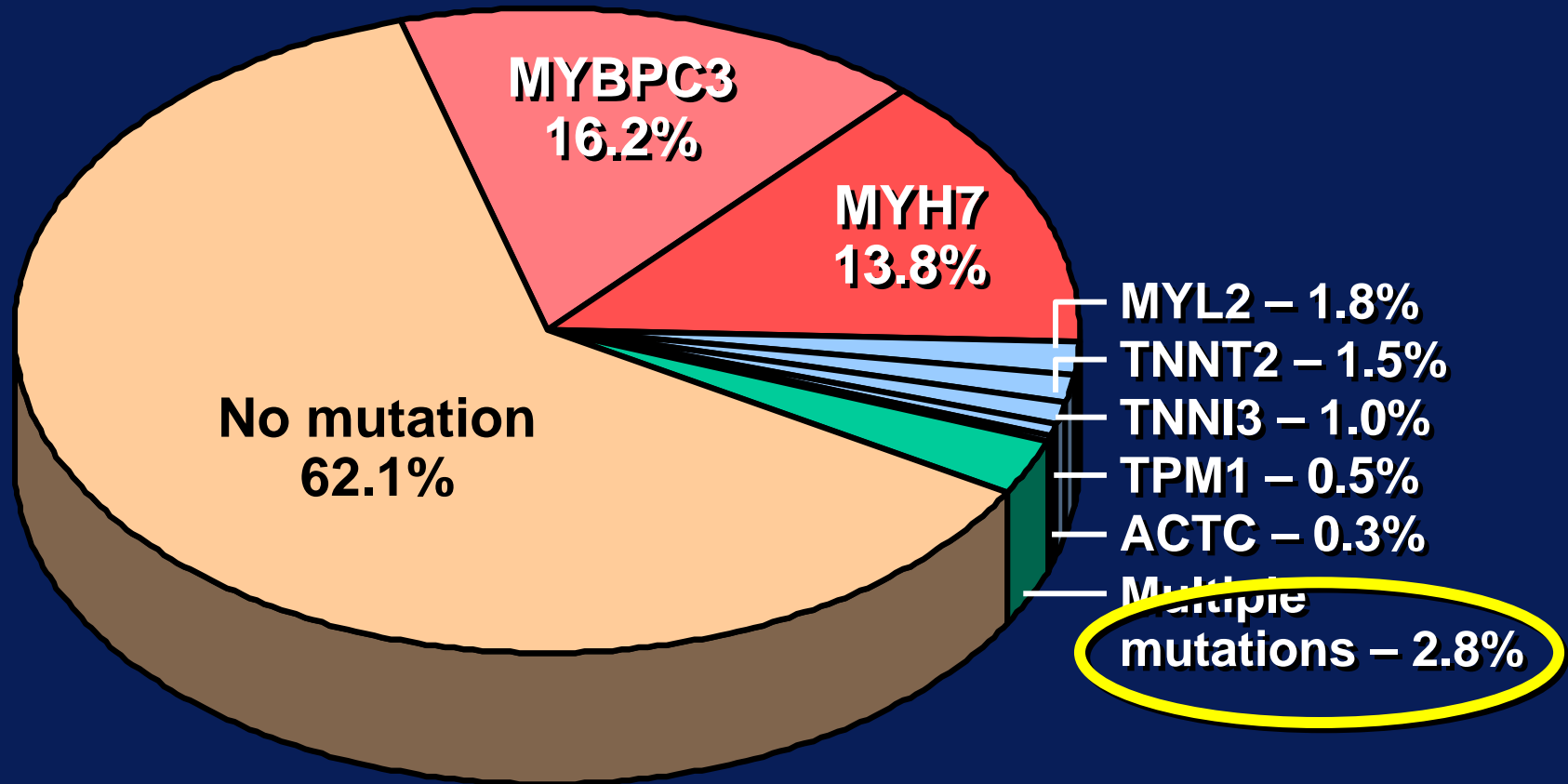
≤35 years

Maron: JACC, 1989

Distribution of Sarcomeric Mutations

389 Unrelated HCM Patients

Mayo Clinic 1997-2001



Van Driest and Ackerman

Mutations Causing Dilatation vs Hypertrophy

The phenotype $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Hypertrophy} \\ \text{Dilatation} \end{array} \right.$
Determined by specific mutations and not the gene

Future insights – Impaired contractility

Growth factor release ?

↑ Release

↓ Release

Impaired response

Limitations of Genotype/Phenotype Correlation Studies

Mutations

- Low frequency of each causal mutation
- Unknown roles of noncoding mutations
- Unknown sens/spec of current mutation detection technologies

Families

- Small number of families with identical mutations

Phenotypic expression

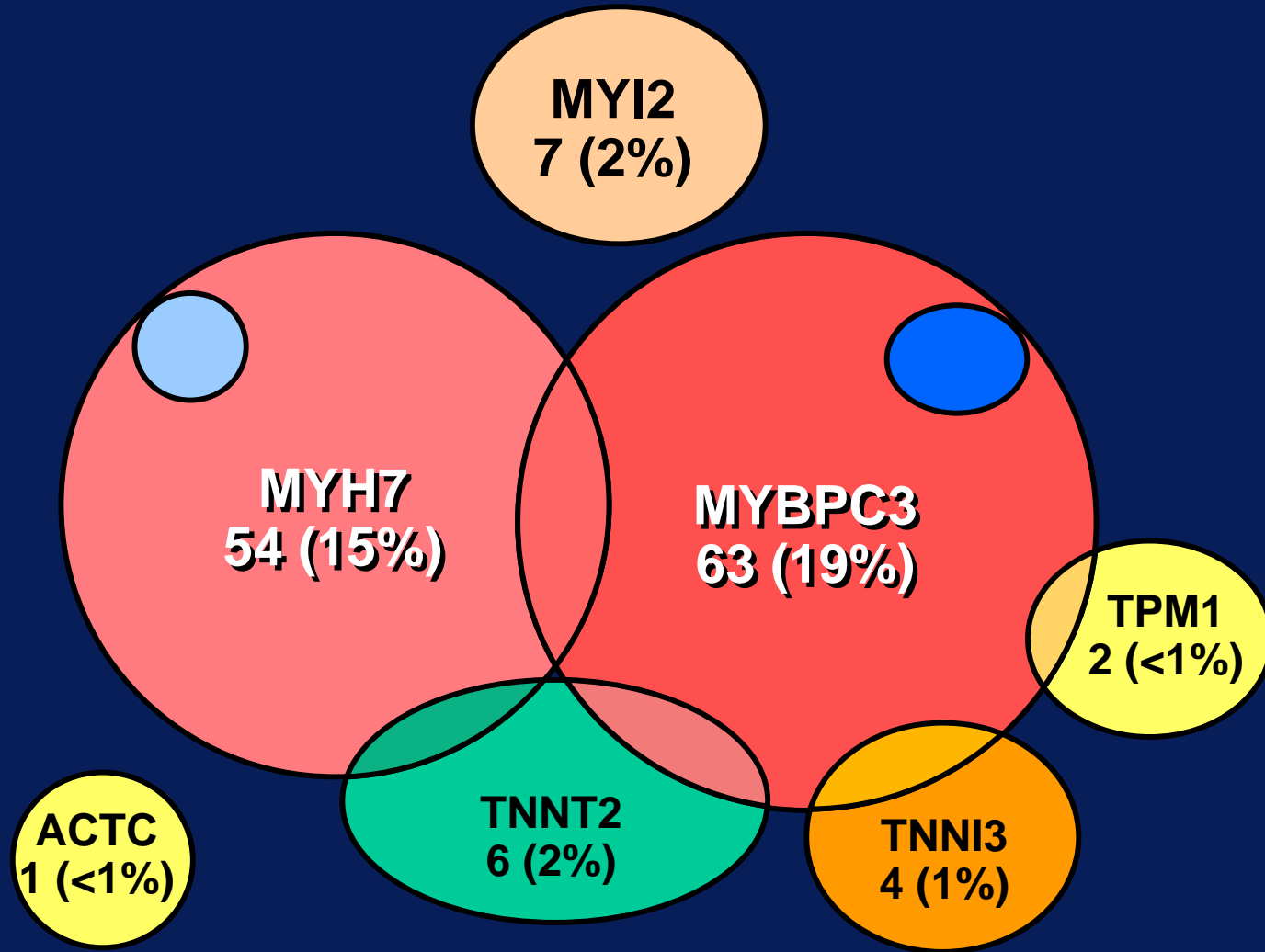
- Marked variability in affected individuals

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Effects of modifier genes
and environmental factors

Genotypes in 389 Mayo Clinic Outpatients with HCM

Genotype Positive – 35%



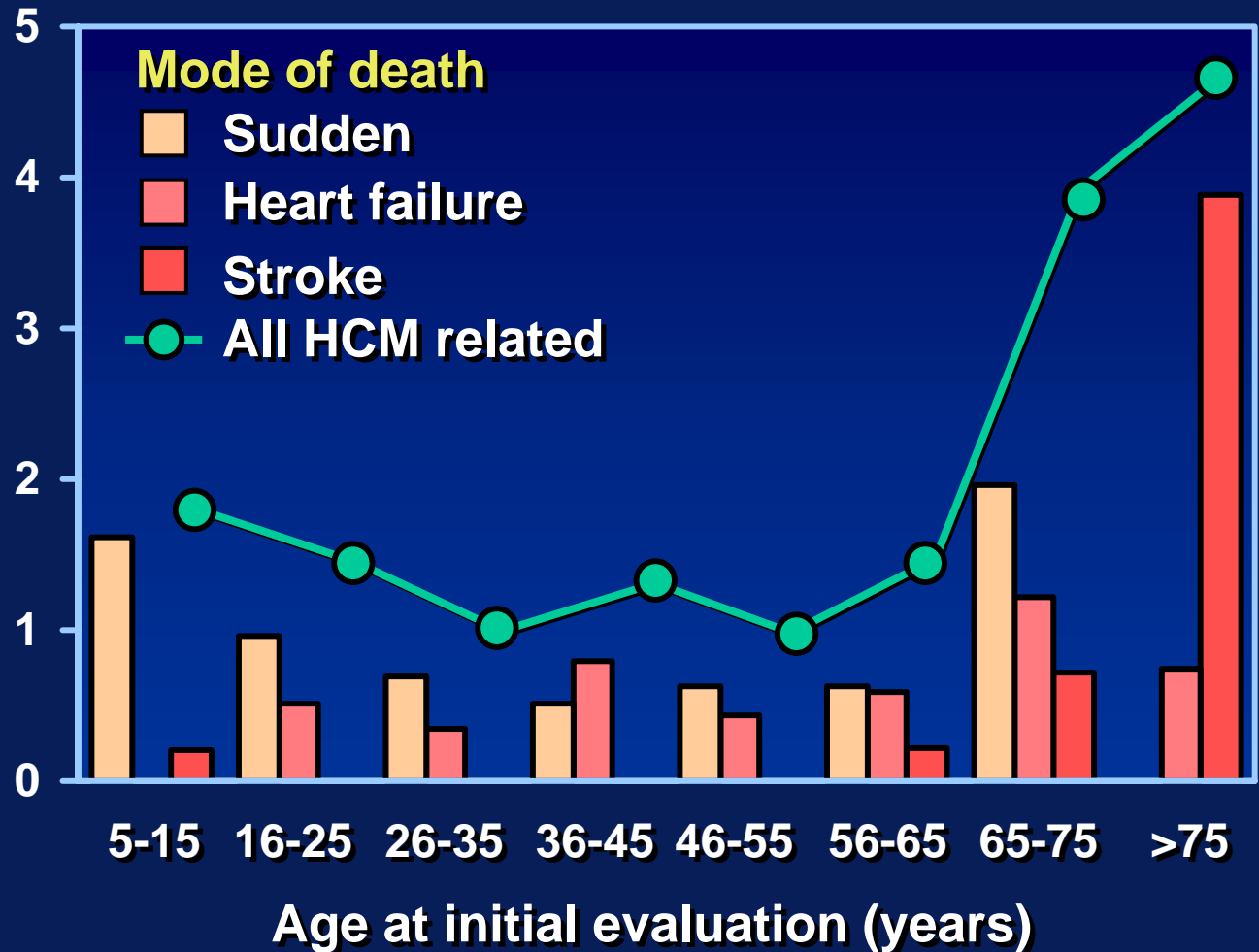
Ackerman and Van Driest, 2003

HCM-Related Mortality Stratified by Age

- 744 pt
- Minneapolis
- Genoa
- Florence

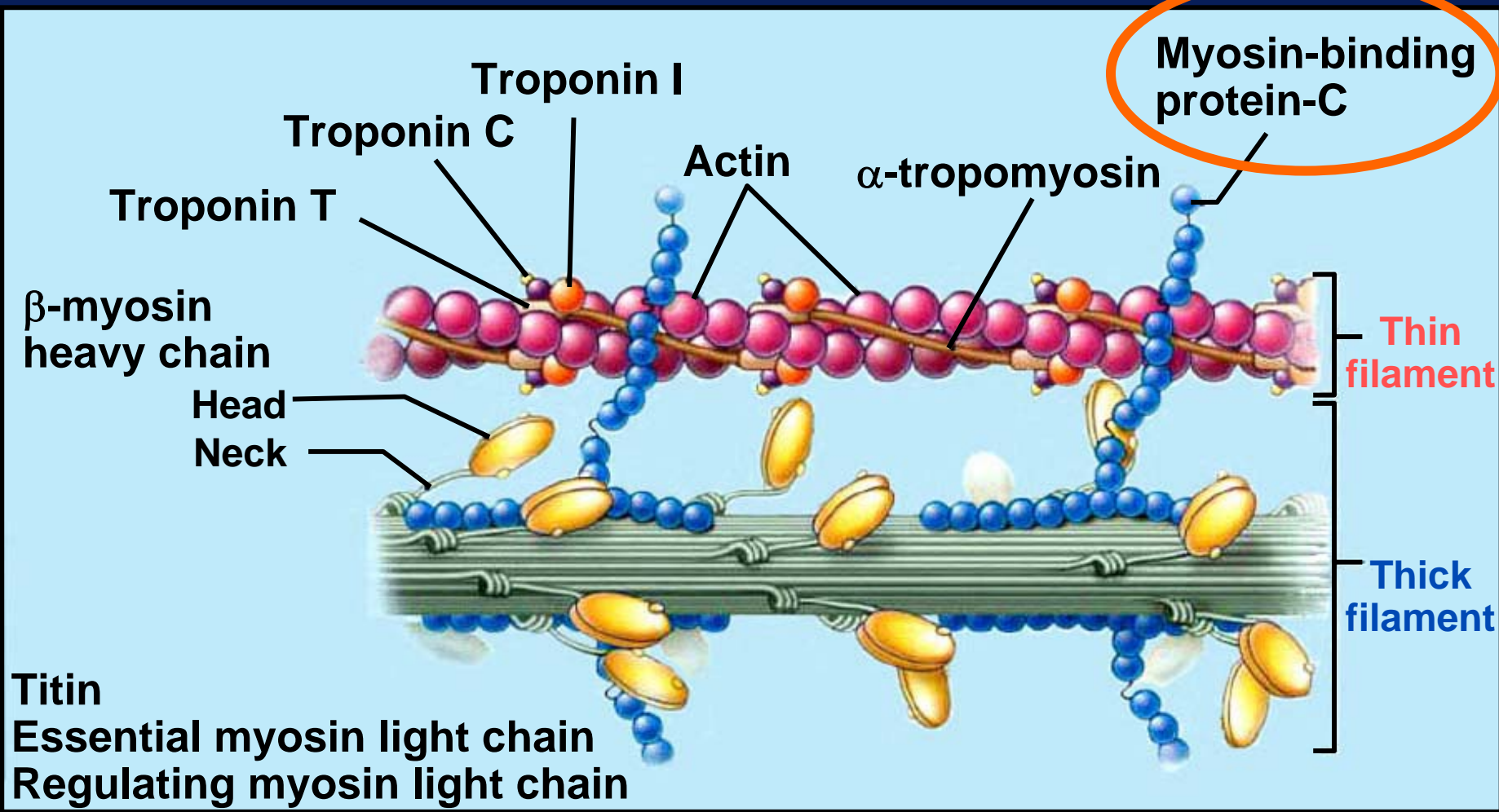
HCM-related death – 12% over 8 years

Annual HCM Mortality

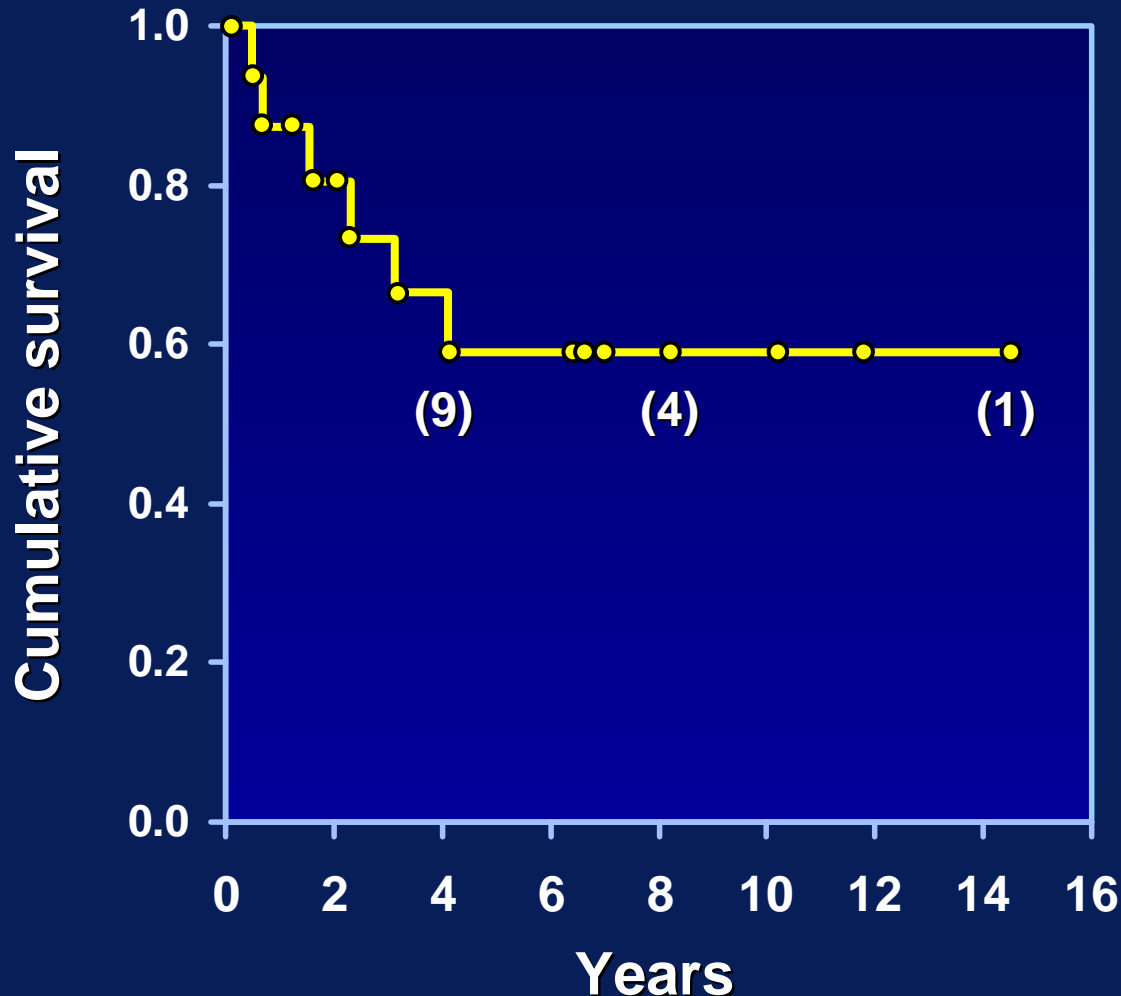


Maron: Circ, 2000

Mutations in Sarcomeric Proteins



Survival After Cardiac Arrest in Patients with HCM



- 16 patients
- Age 19 yr (10-36 yr)
- Sustained VT/VFib

Endpoint

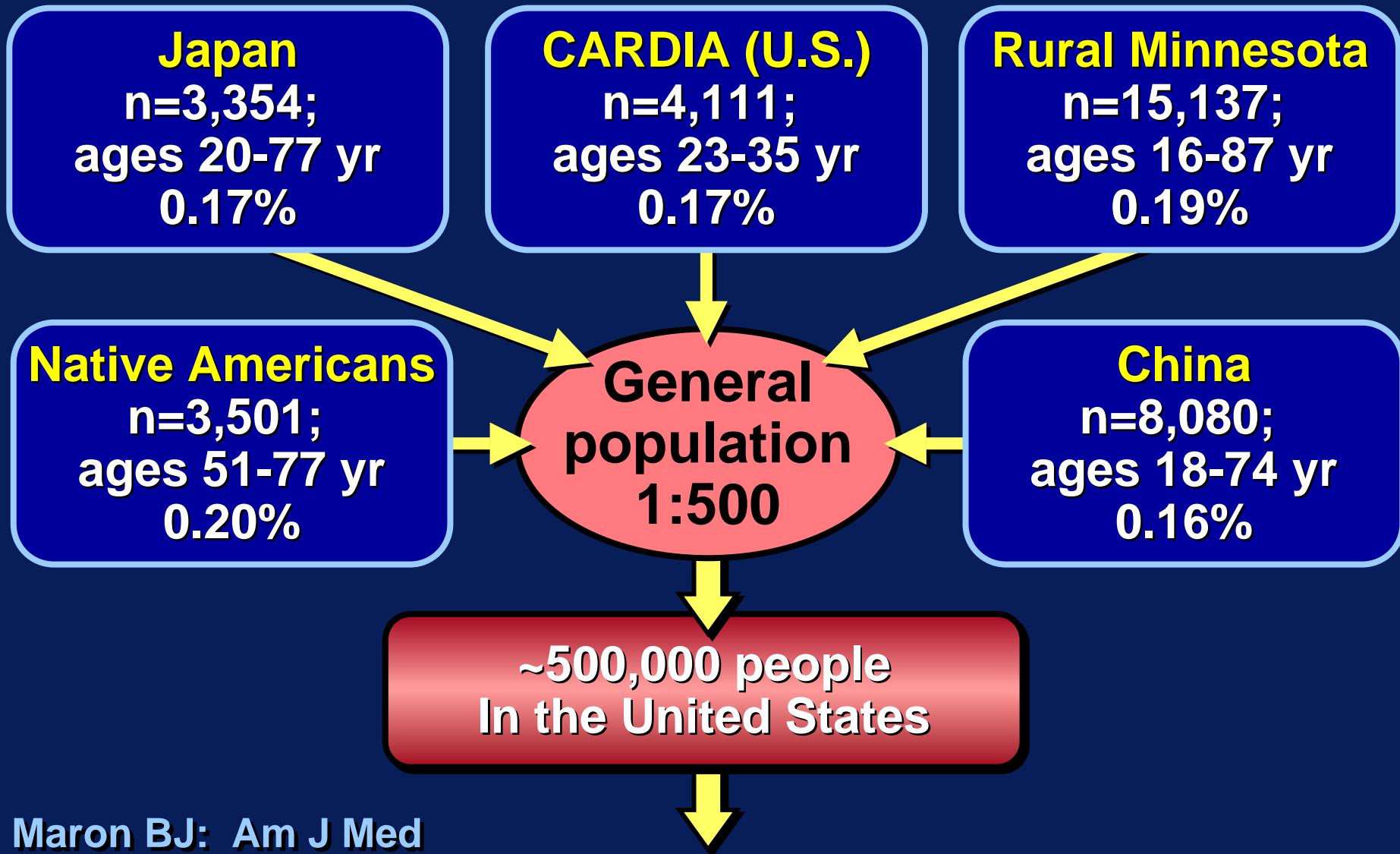
Death or 1st
appropriate
ICD discharge

Routine Device Interrogation

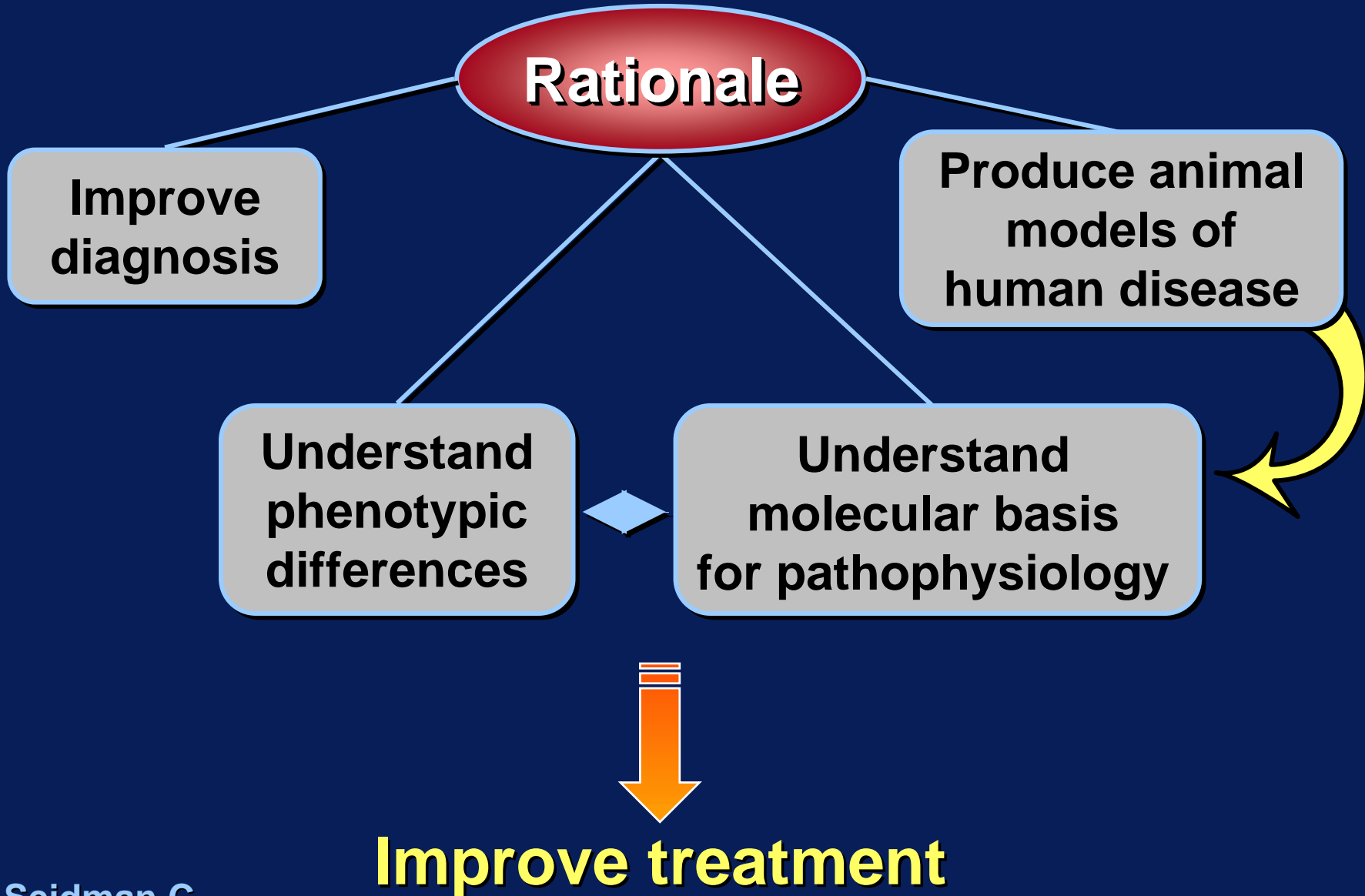
Event 2 mo previously – pt unaware of any discharges



Prevalence of HCM



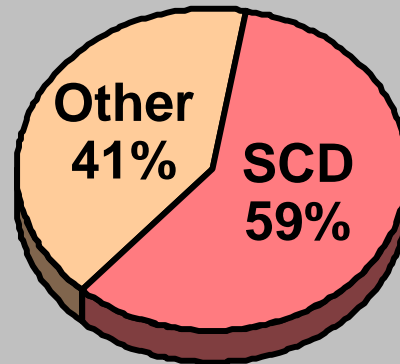
Identification of Genes Causing Disease



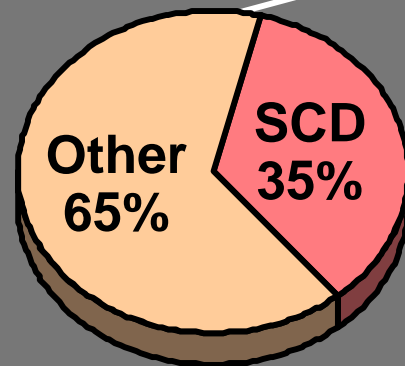
SCD in HCM and IDC/CHF

Proportion of Overall Cardiac Deaths

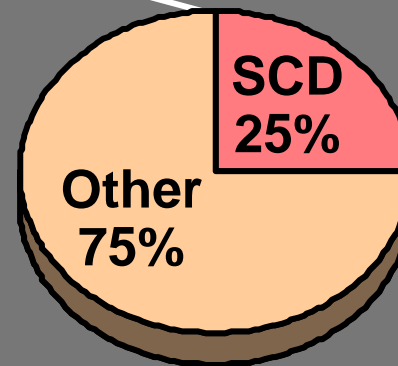
HCM



LV Dysfunction (SOLVD)



Asymptomatic
LV dysfunction



CHF

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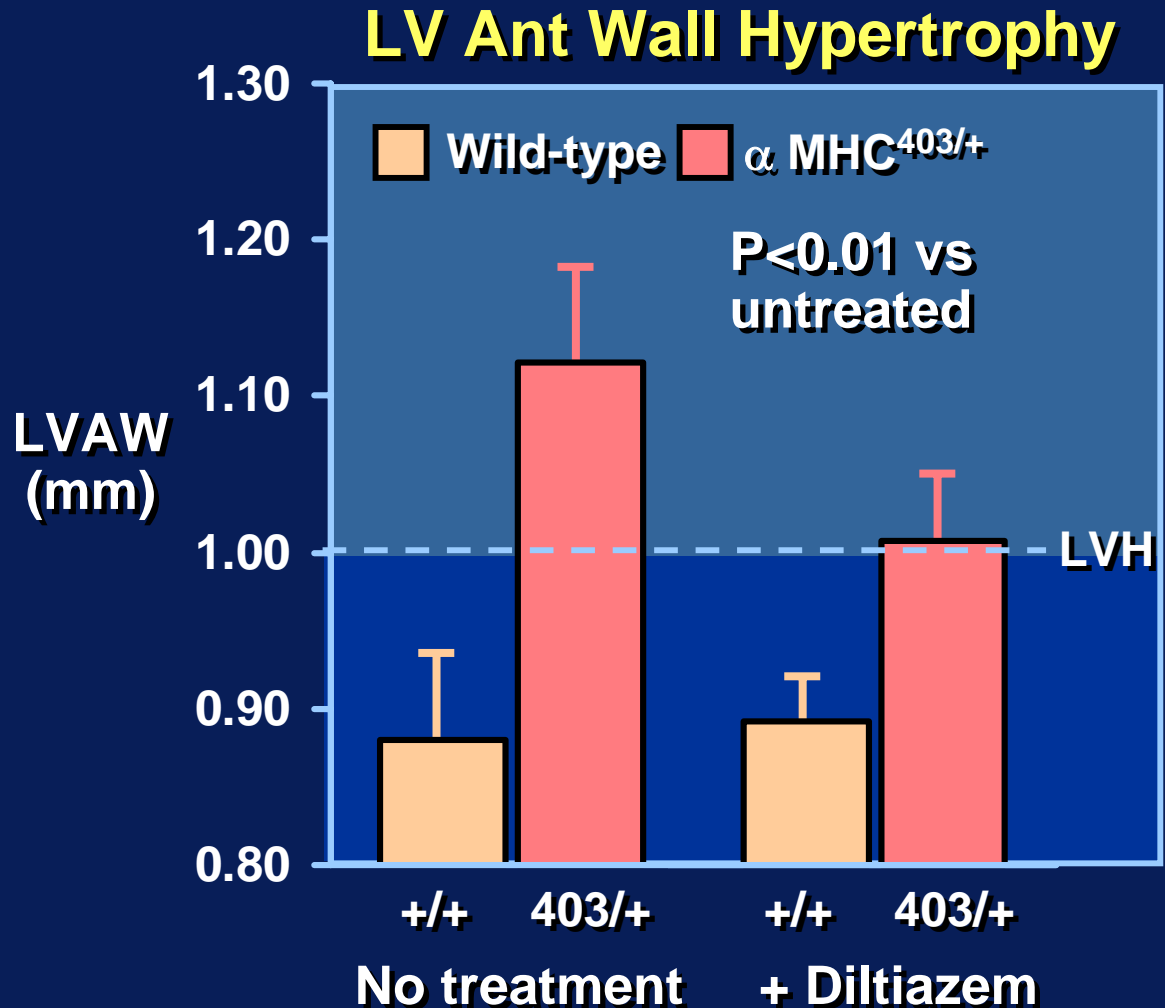
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Effects of modifier genes
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Prevention of HCM by Diltiazem in a Mouse Model

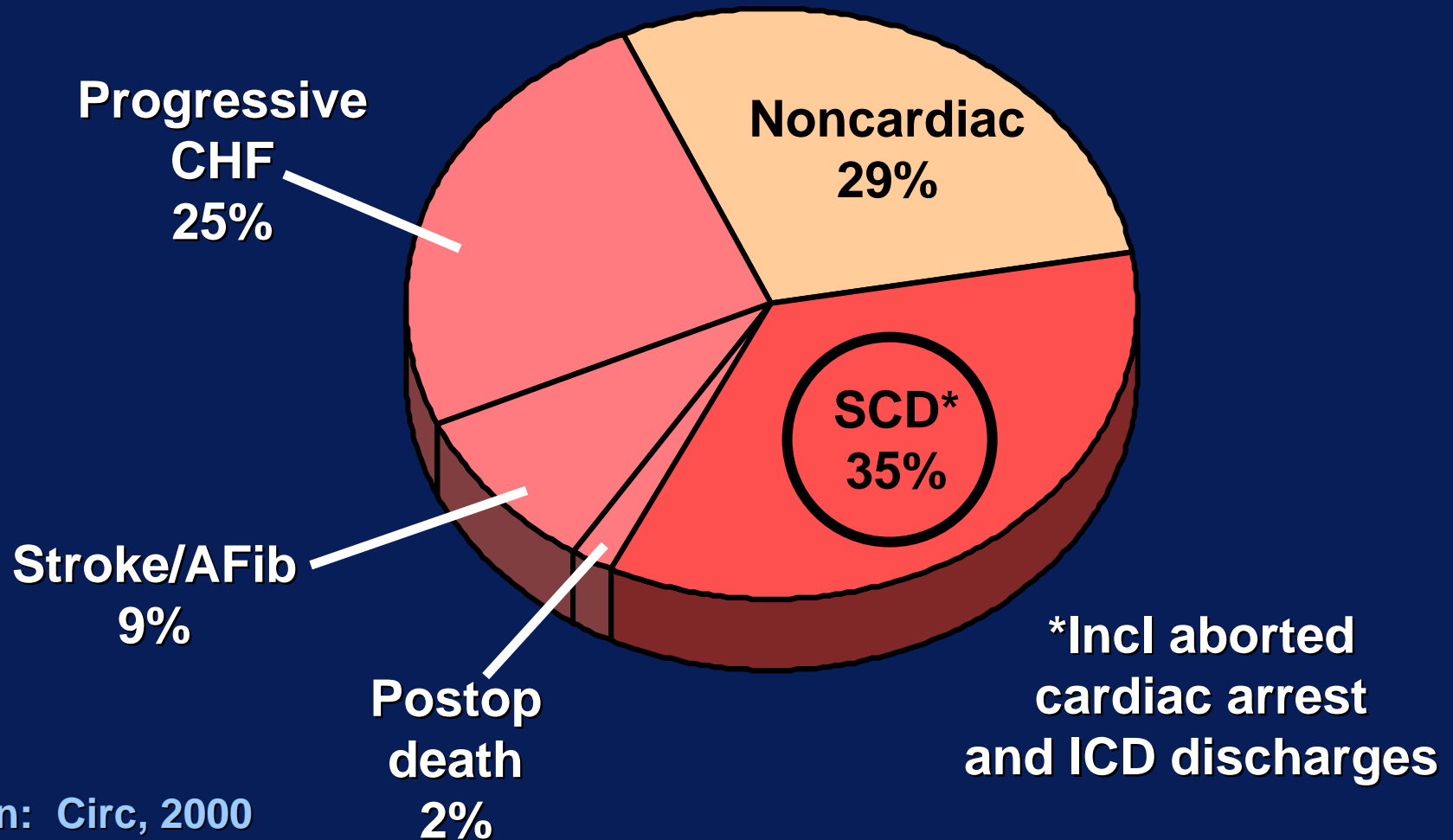
α MHC mice

- Abnormal Ca^{2+} homeostasis
- Changes in Ca^{2+} binding levels precede LVH myocyte disarray
- Diltiazem – L-type calcium channel inhibitor vs no treatment



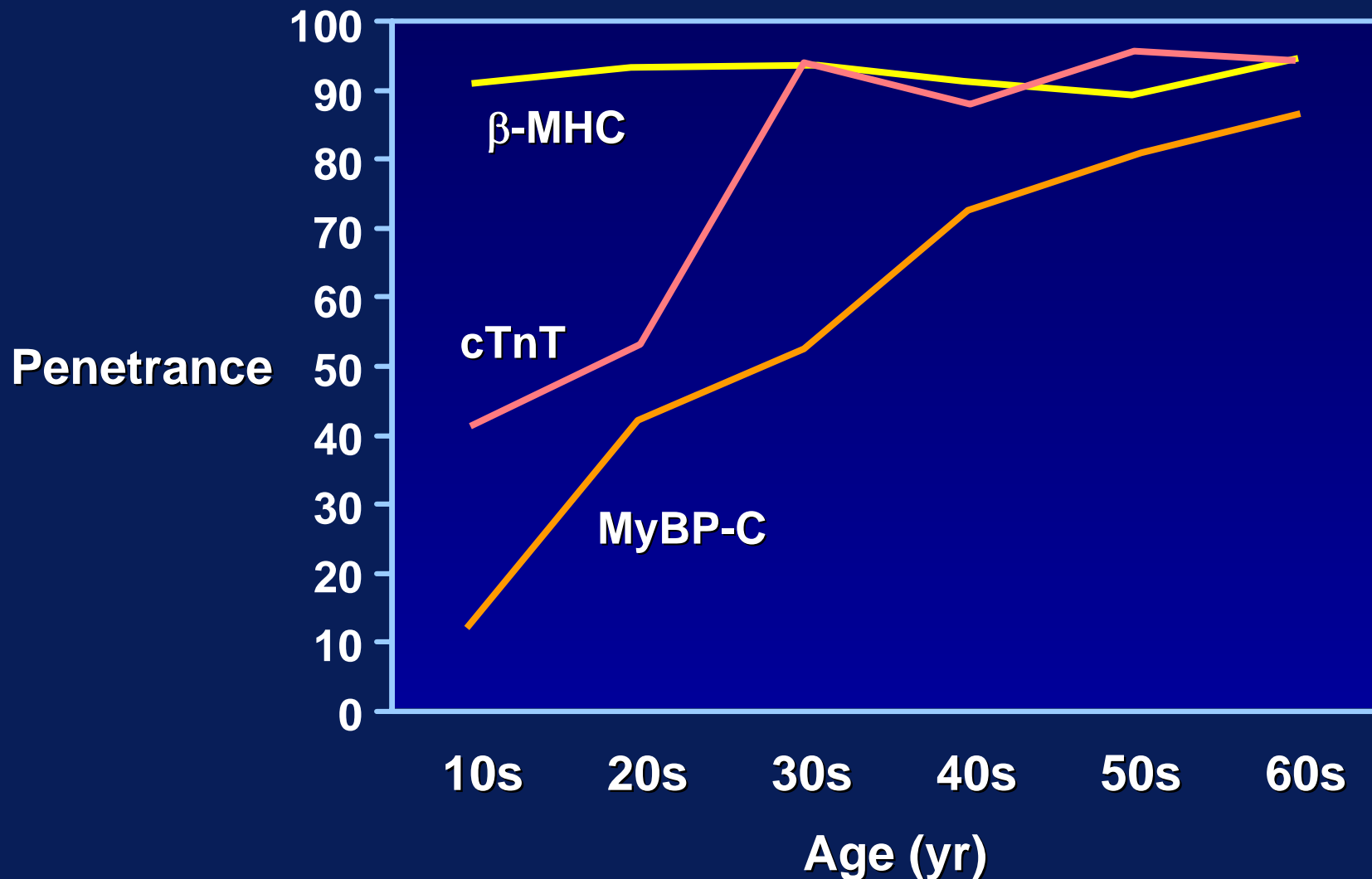
Causes of Death in HCM

744 Patients – 125 Deaths



Maron: Circ, 2000

Age-Related Penetrance of HCM Mutations



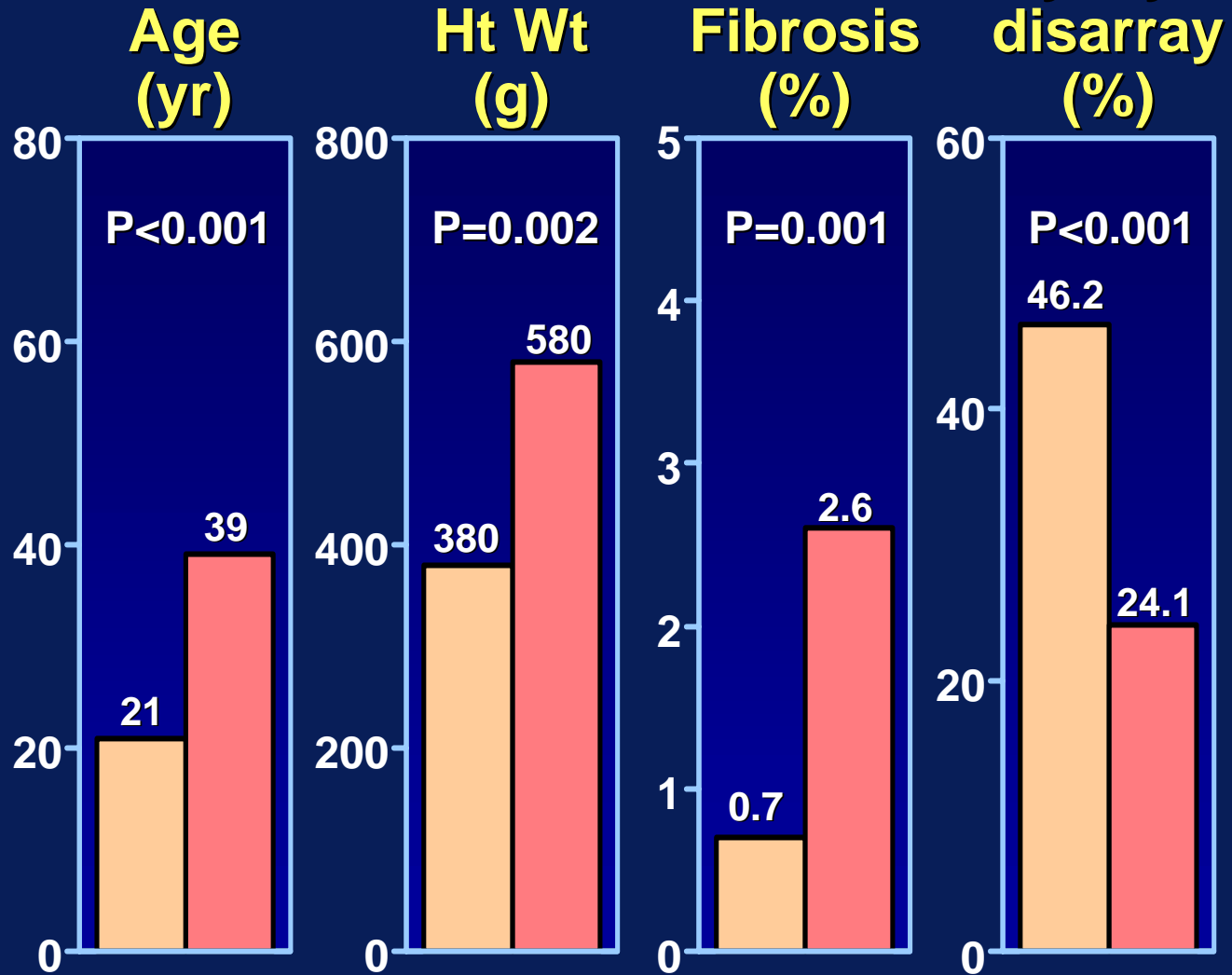
SCD in Cardiac Troponin T Disease

Histopathology

- 50 hearts
- DNA analysis

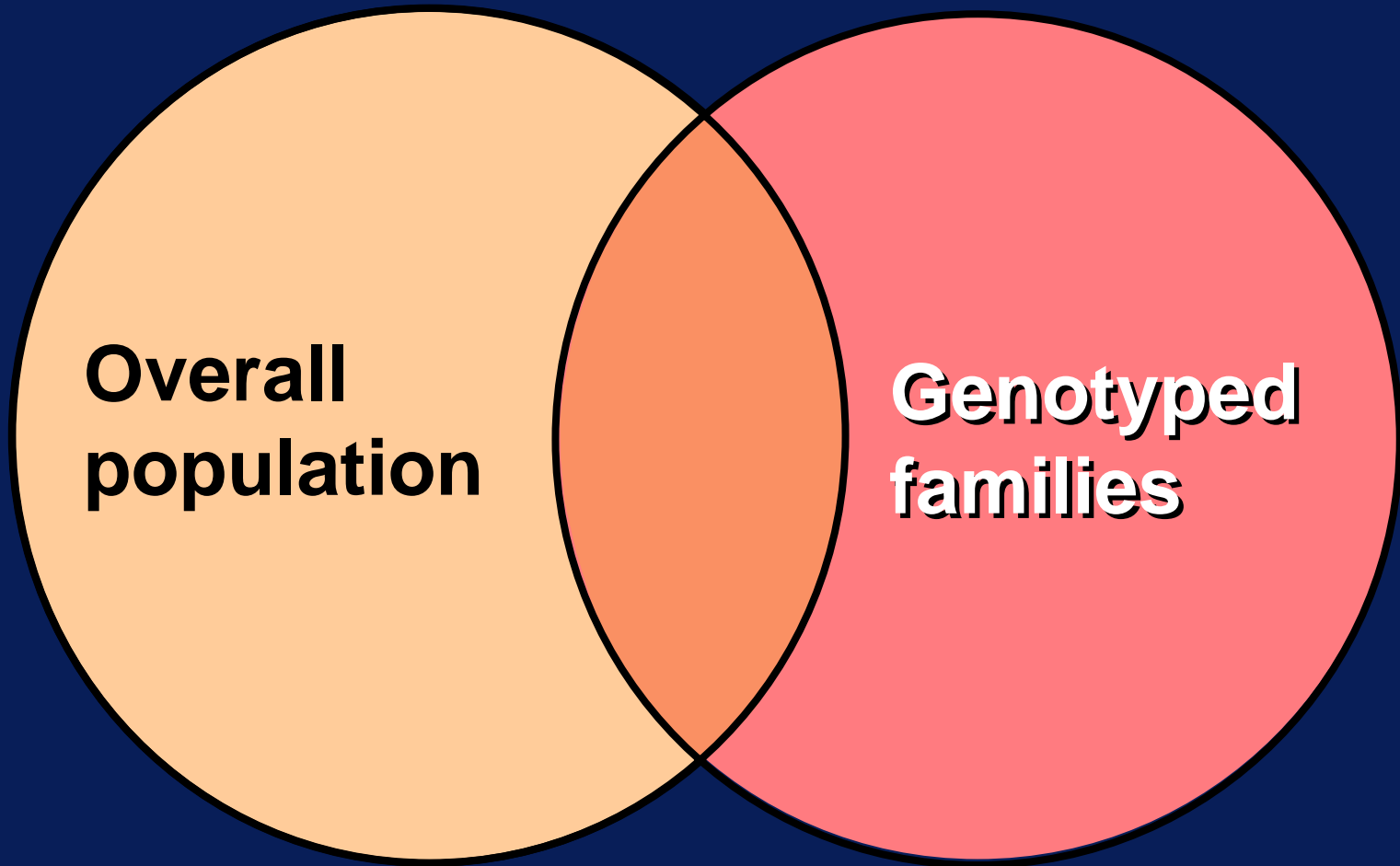
Troponin T mutation
18%

- Troponin T mutation
- Other HCM pt



Varnava: Circ, 2001

Genotyping in Perspective



Prevalence and Spectrum of Thin and Thick-Filament Mutations

- 395 unrelated pt
- Mayo Clinic
- 1997-2001

- β MHC mutations – 14%
- 38 mutations (63% novel)

- Thin-filament mutations – 4.8%
- 12 mutations (63% novel)

Difference – Pt with/without β MHC mutations

- Younger
- F history
- \uparrow LVW thickness
- Surgery more frequent
- **No difference in SCD**

Van Driest and Ackerman: Circ, 2003

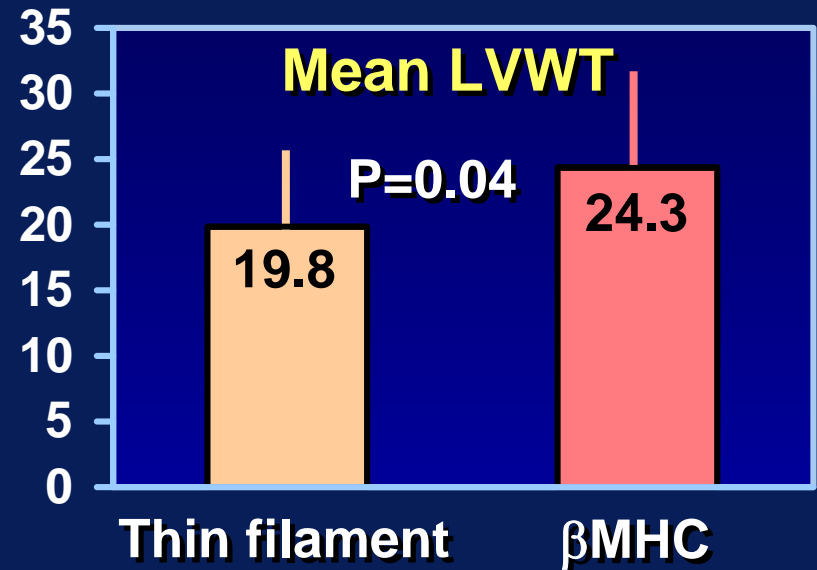
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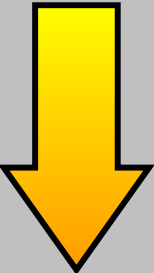


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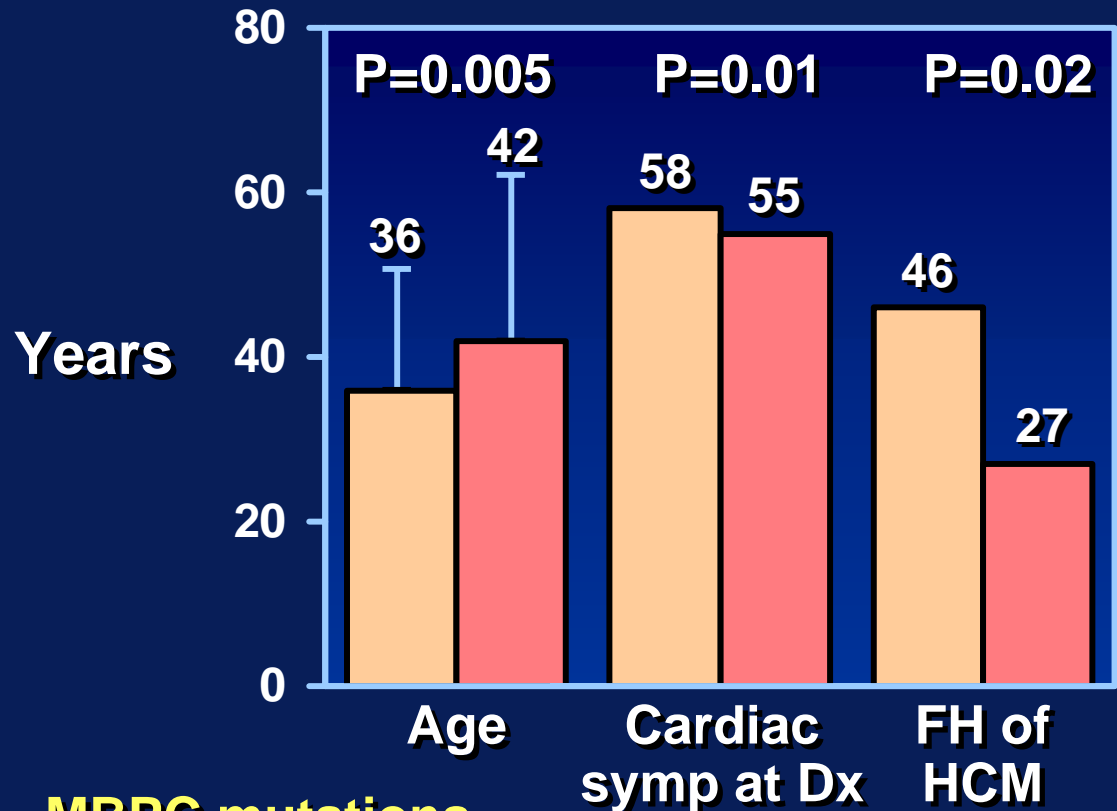
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Myosin-binding protein-C



19%

Baseline Characteristics



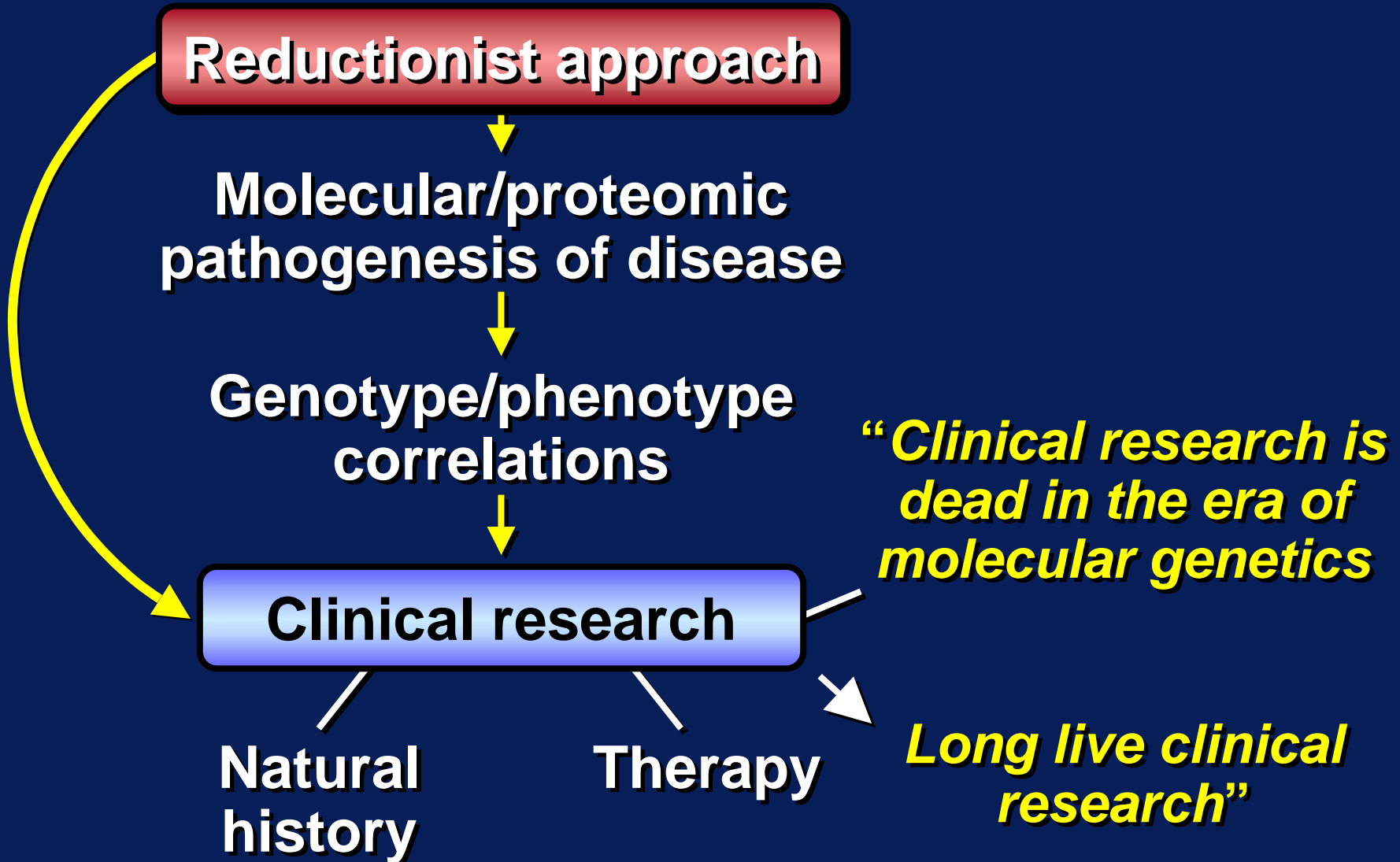
MBPC mutations

Yes

No

Van Driest and Ackerman

Implications of Medical Genetics for Clinical Research

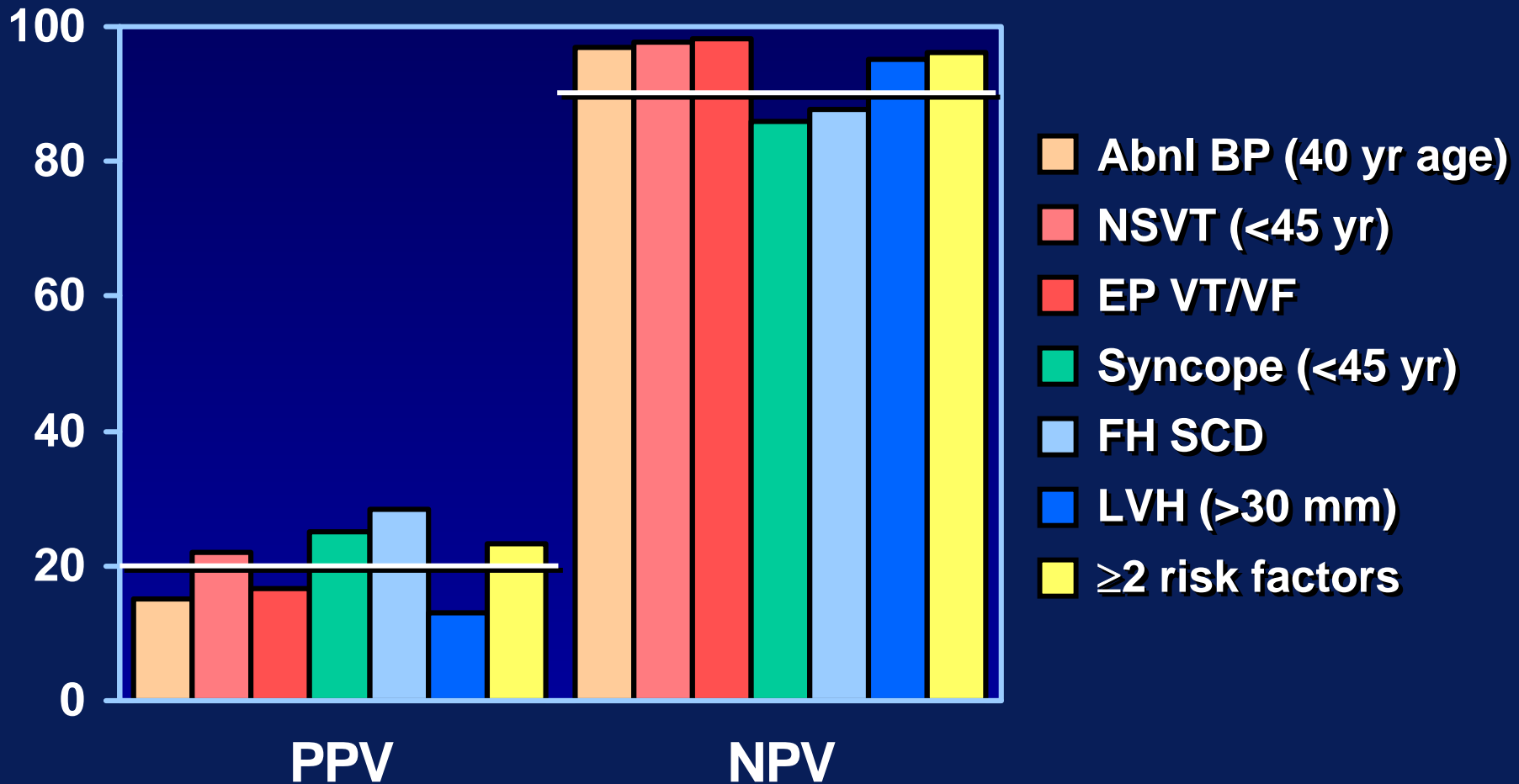


*Molecular
Genetics*



The Future

Predictive Value of SCD Risk Factors



McKenna, Heart 2002

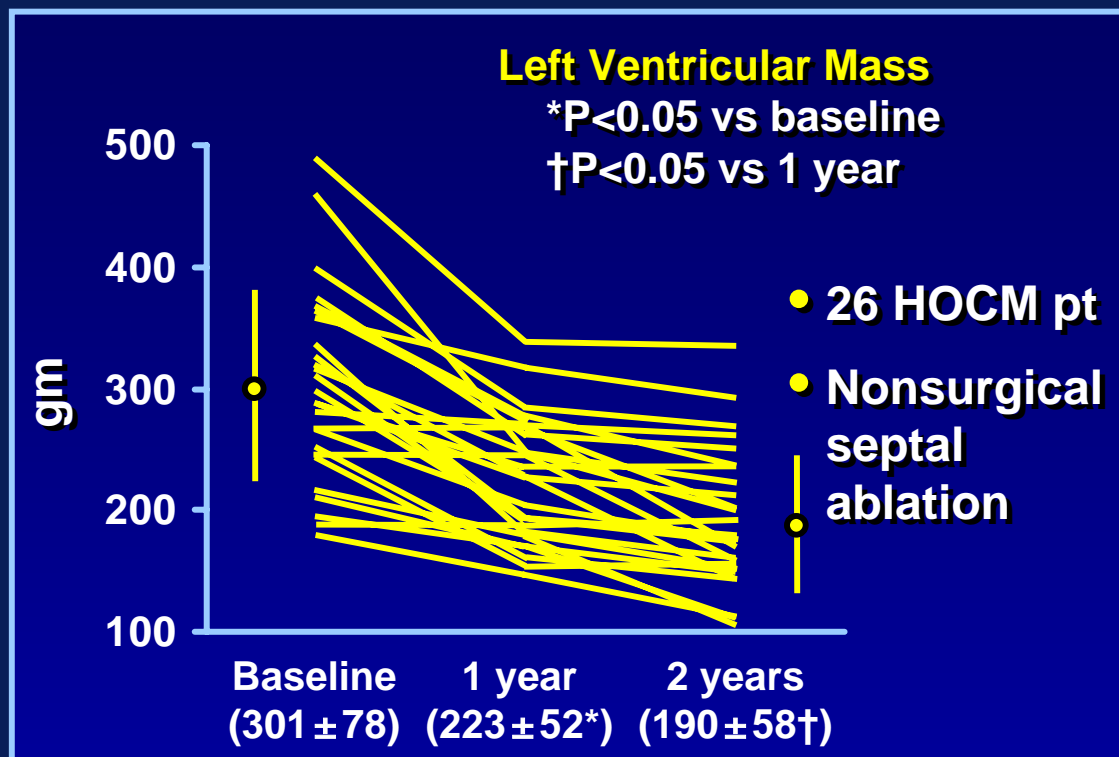
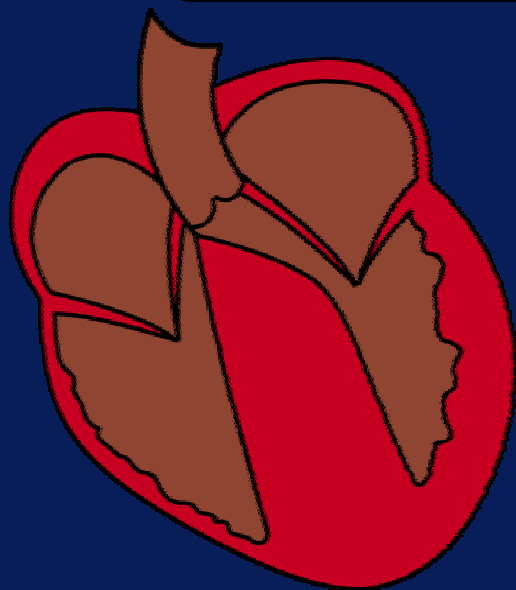
Ventricular Pressure as a Stimulus for Hypertrophy

Evidence

Lack of RV involvement

Post-ablation

Regression in LV mass, LVWT and Collagen



Mazur: Circ, 2001

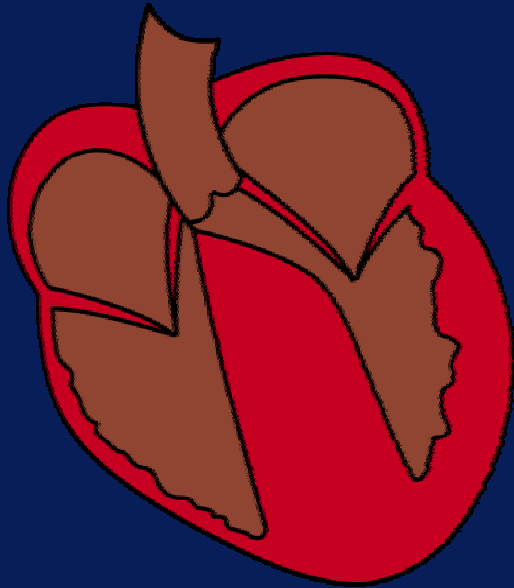
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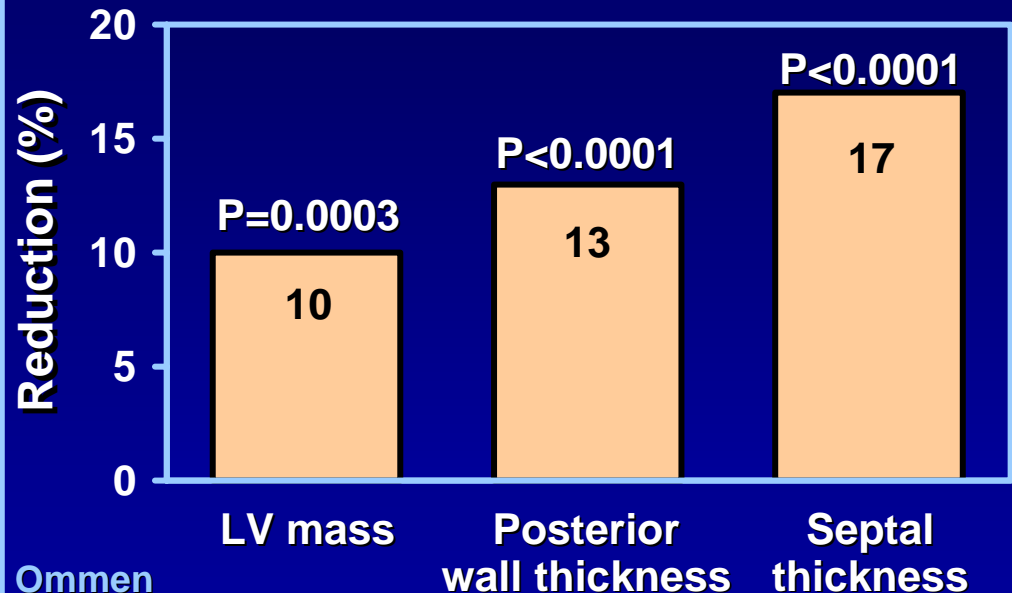
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Regression After Surgical Myectomy/Myotomy 120 Patients – Pre- and Postop Echocardiography



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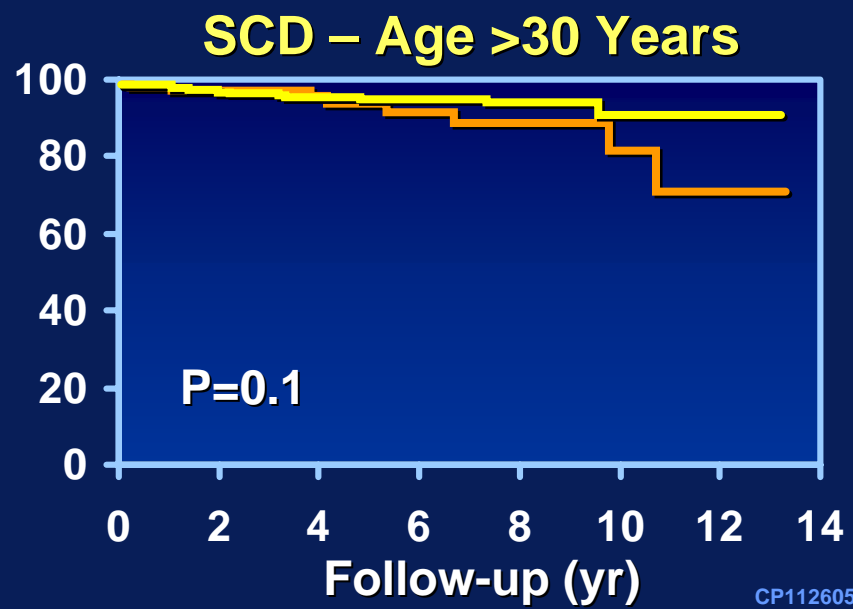
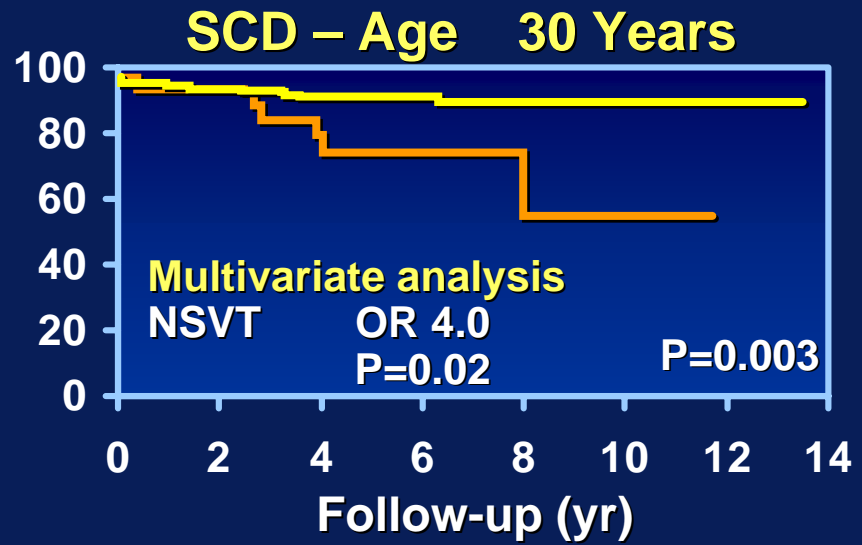
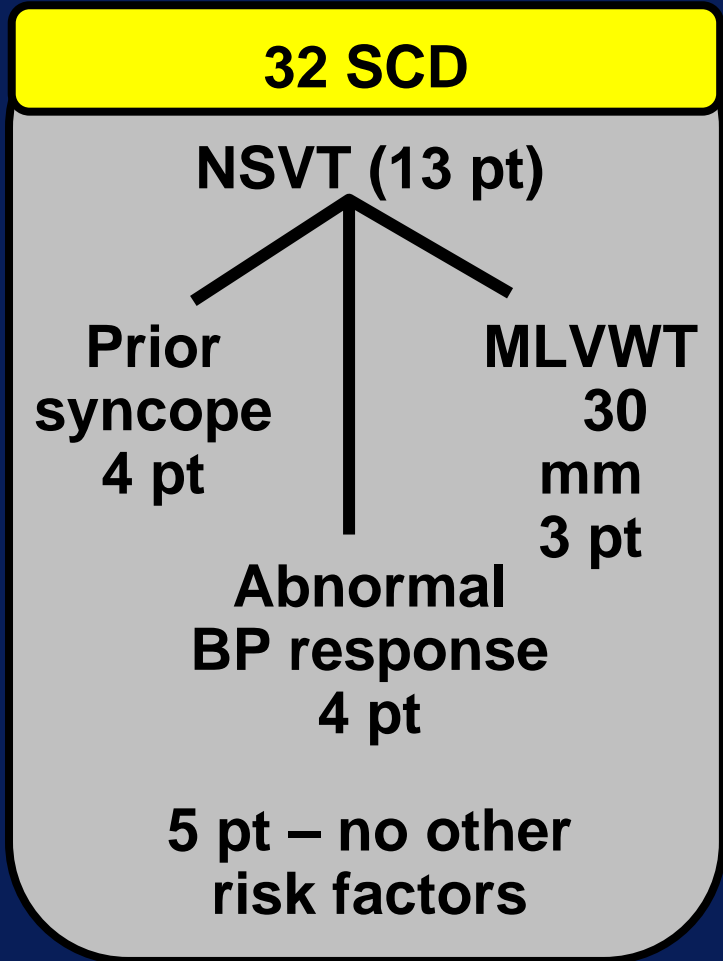
Studies of Pts. With Severe LVH

Study	Pt (no.)	SCD rate (%)	5-yr survival (%)	Conclusions
Spirito	43	1.8	86	ICD for all
Elliott	78	2.1	88	ICD if other risk factors
Olivotto	30	0.3	87	Use other risk factors
Mayo	107	1.4	82	ICD if other risk factors

Overall death/yr = 3.5% vs 2.0%
Sudden death/yr = 1.4% vs 1.1%

NSVT on Holter and Risk of SCD

531 Patients – NSVT (19.6%)



Severe LVH and Age

312 community-based patients

Age <75 yr
239 pt (77%)

Age ≥75 yr
73 pt (23%)

22 ± 6

**Max LVWT
mm (mean)**

20.6 ± 3

P=0.01

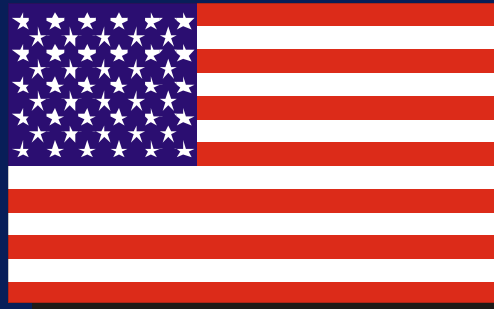
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**Max LVWT
30 mm (%)**

1.4

P=0.002

Prevalence of Apical HCM in Japan and USA

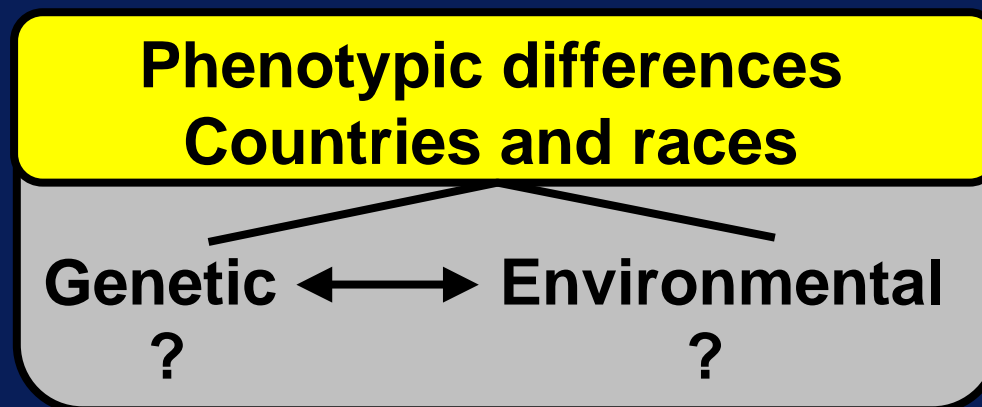


Minneapolis



Kochi

• MLVW thickness		Similar	
• Apical variant	3%	P<0.0001	15%
• Giant negative T waves	2%	P<0.001	26%



Prognostic Assessment – HCM



Clinical

History ECG Holter Stress test

Identification for mutation positives without LVH

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Reduced TD velocity

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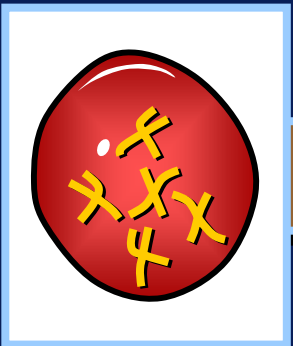
Role of specificity TDI?



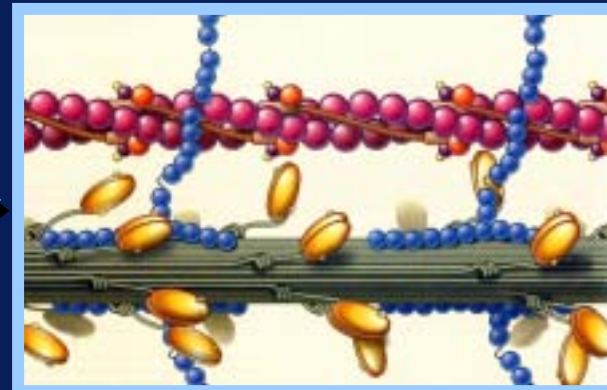
Morphologic/cellular/scarring



Role of MRI?



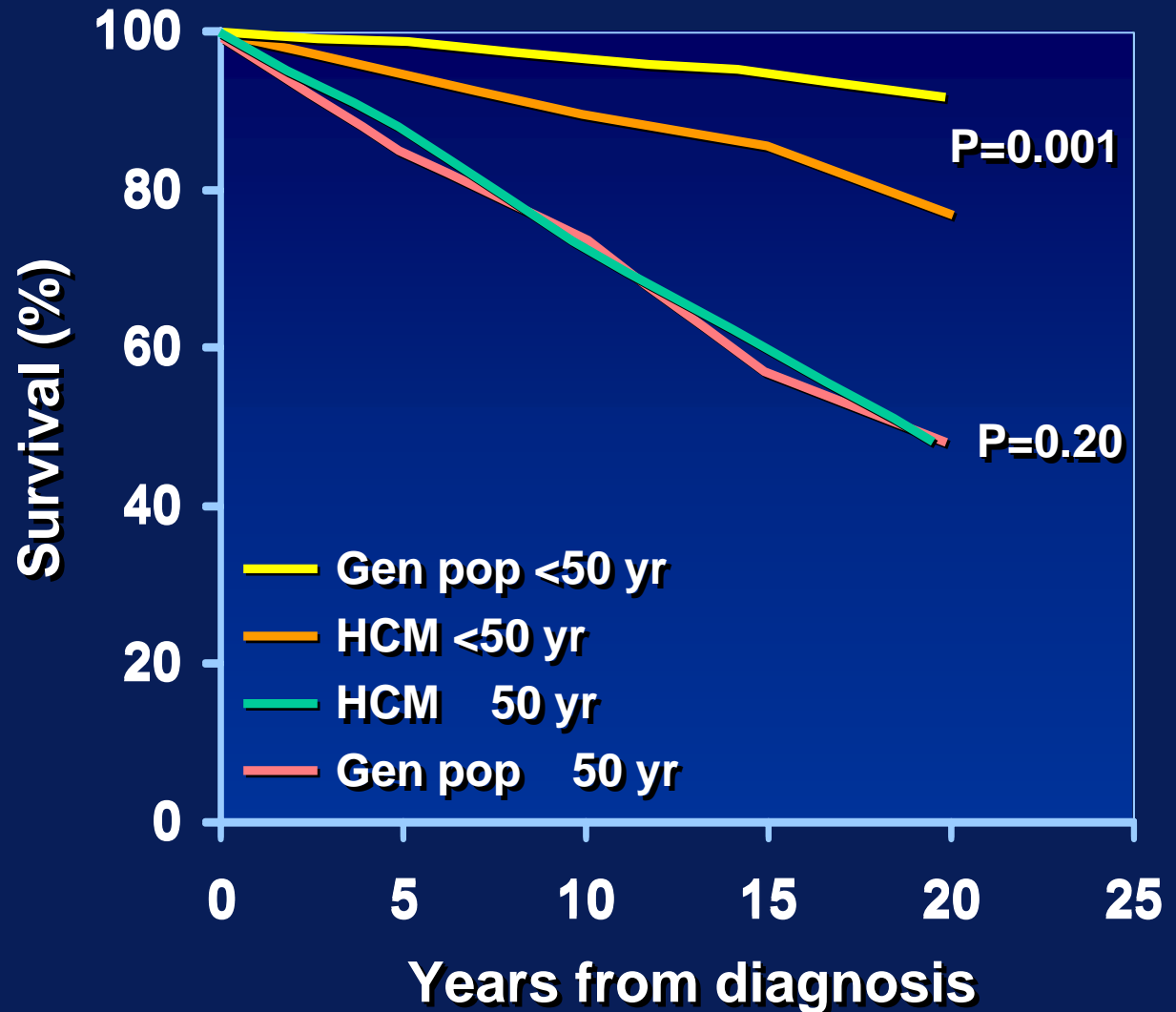
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Future?

Natural History of HCM in the Elderly

- 312 patients
- Community cohort
- 23% aged 75 yr

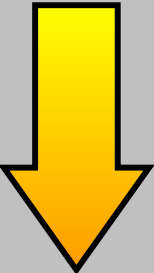


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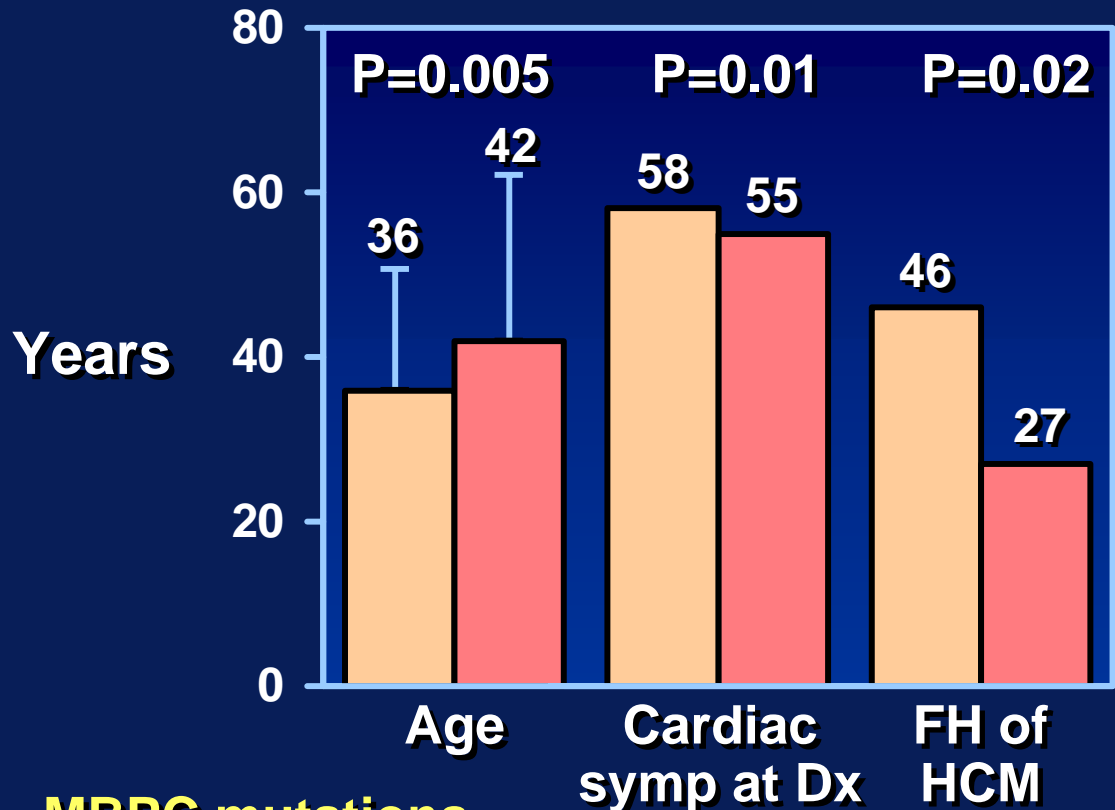
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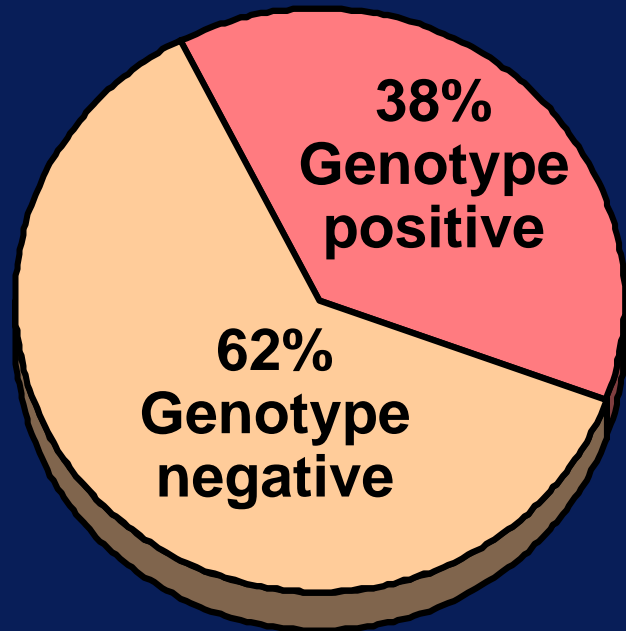
Yes

No

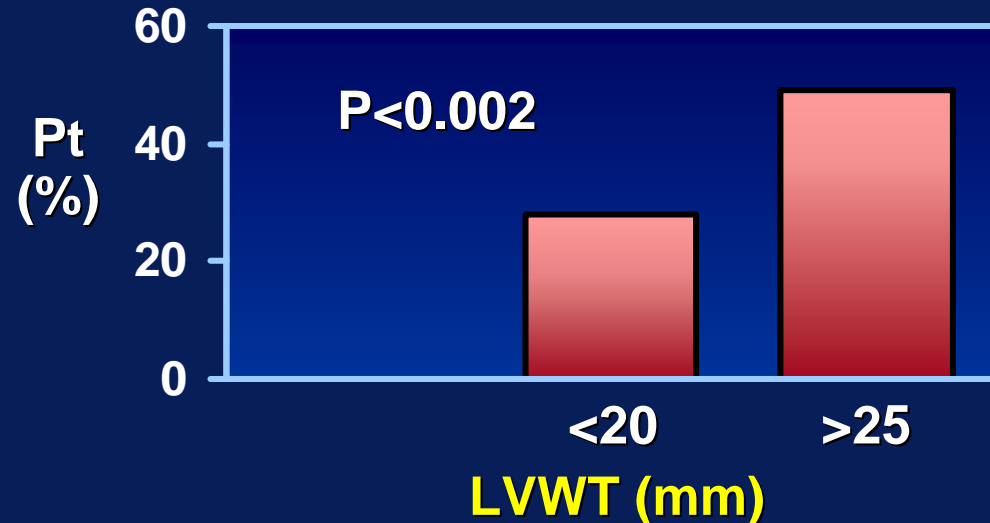
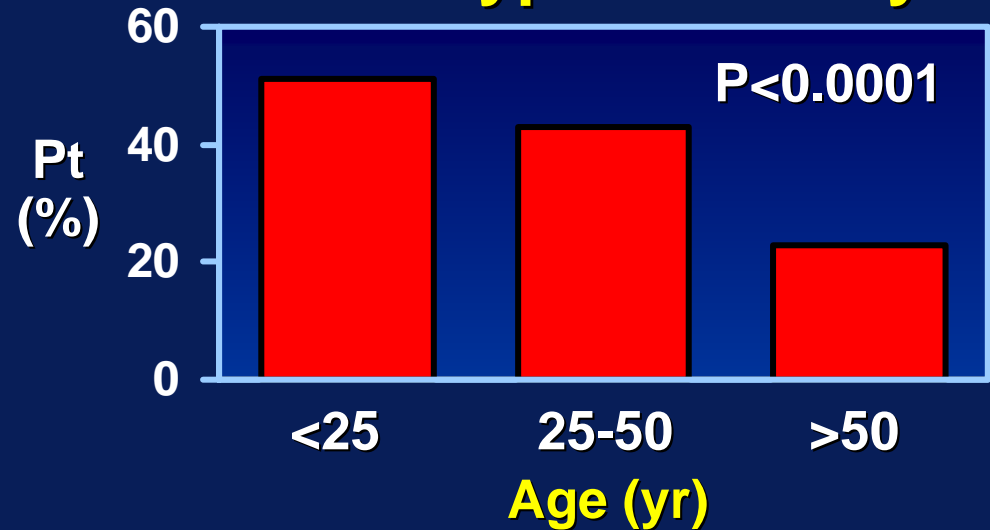
Van Driest and Ackerman

Yield of Sarcomere Gene Testing

- 389 unrelated pt
- Mayo Clinic
- 8 genes

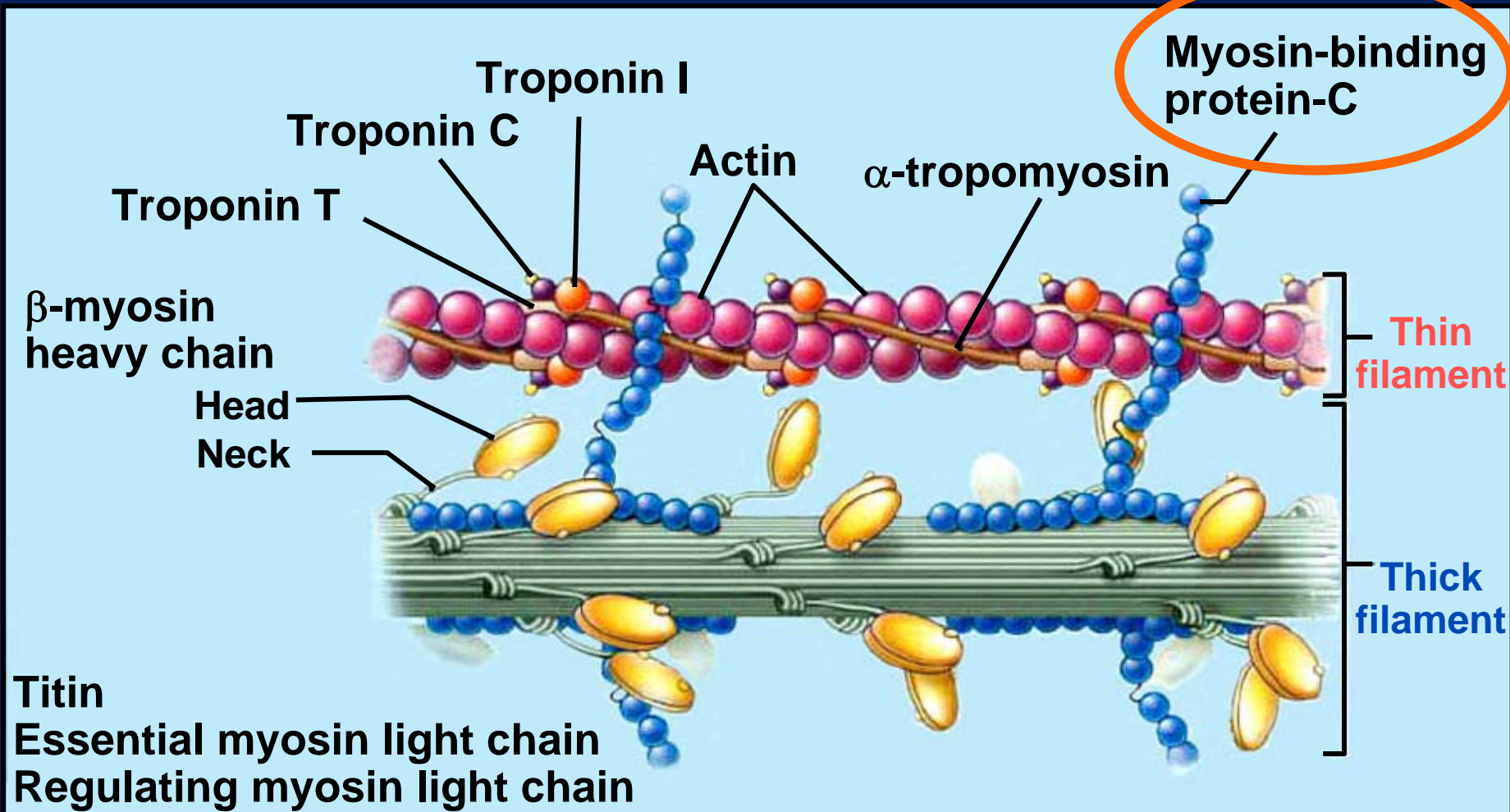


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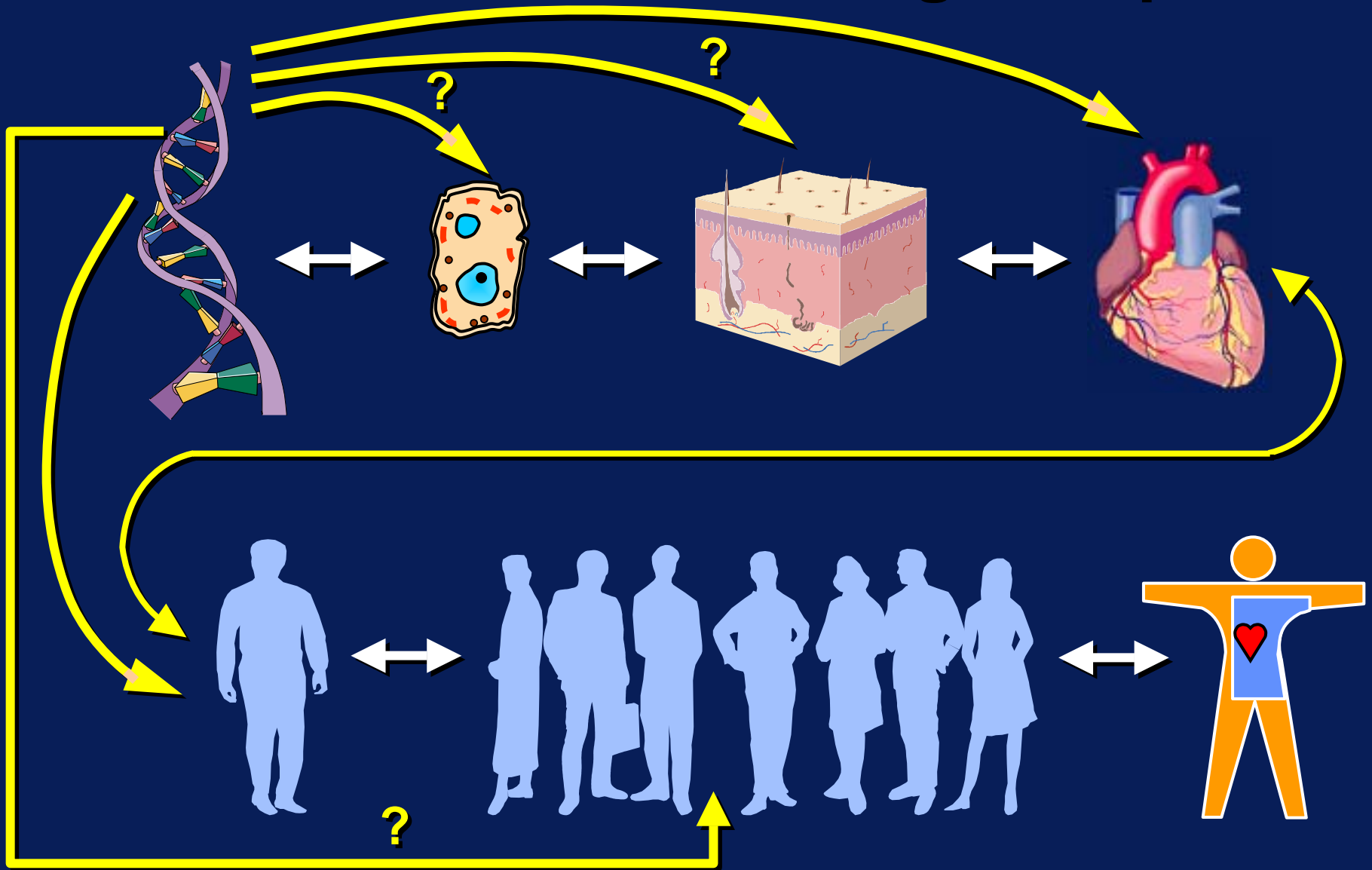


Ackerman M, 2003

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Differences in Sudden Cardiac Death in HCM and IDC

HCM

LV dysfunction

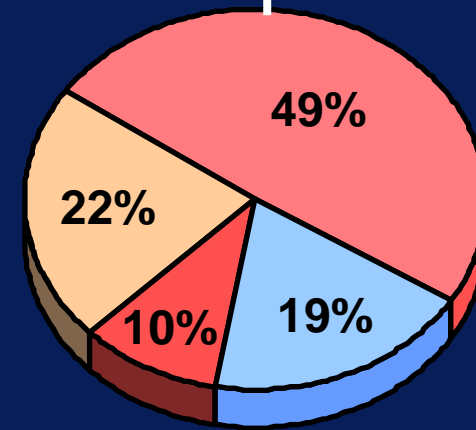
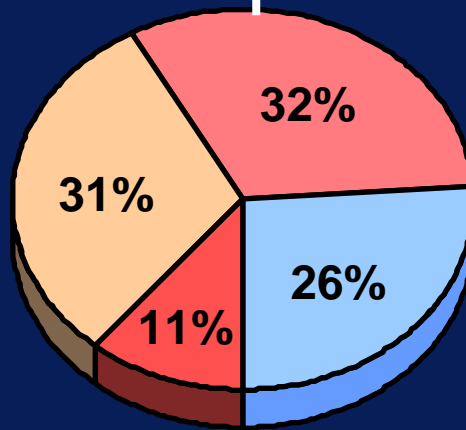
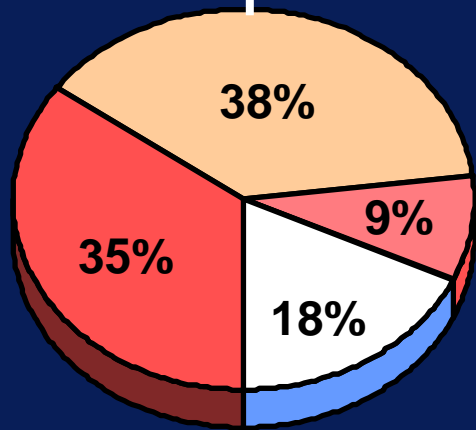
Asymptomatic

CHF

Mortality – 1.3%/yr

5.1%/yr

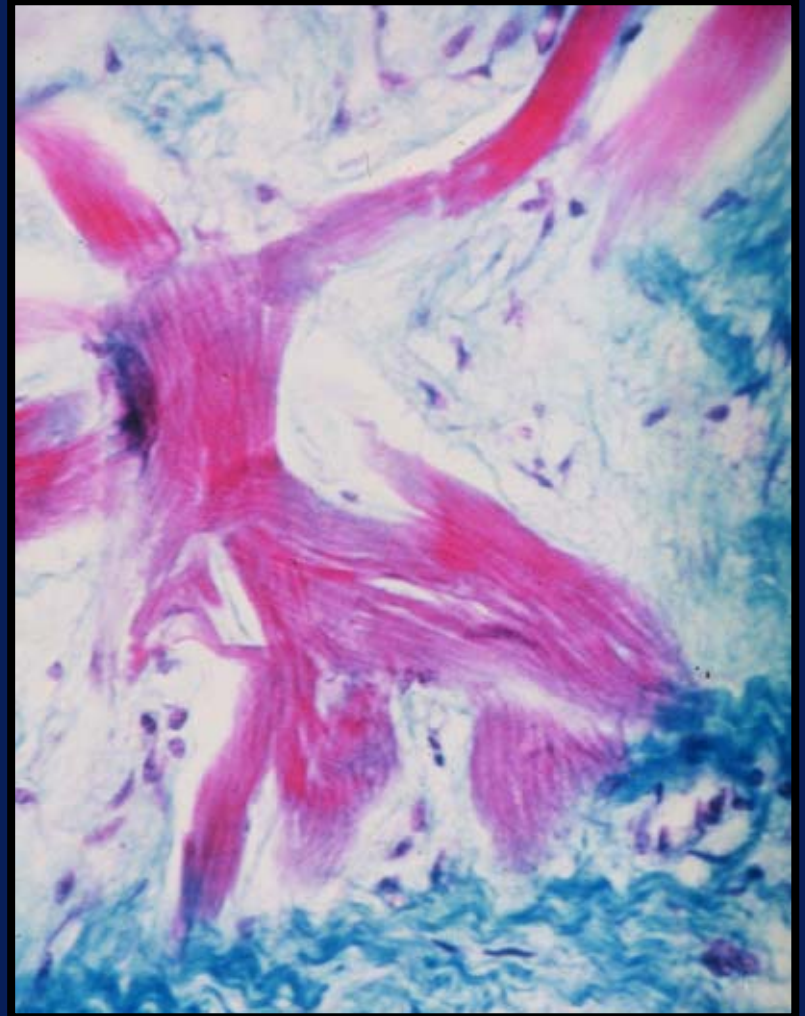
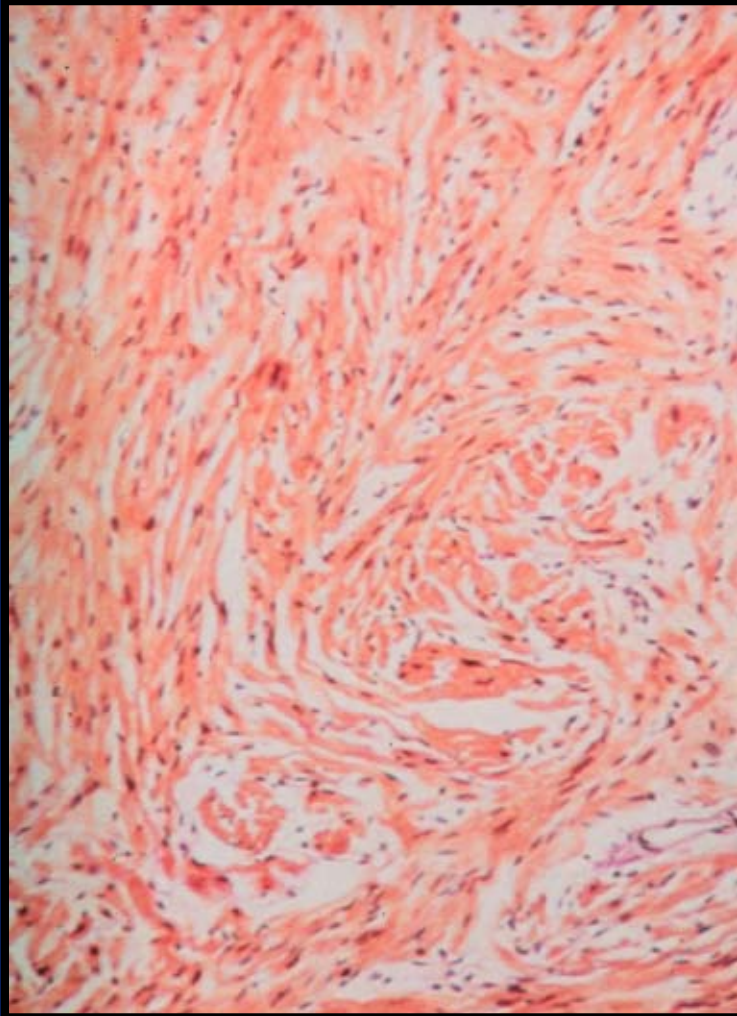
11.5%/yr



Pathology



Myocyte Disarray



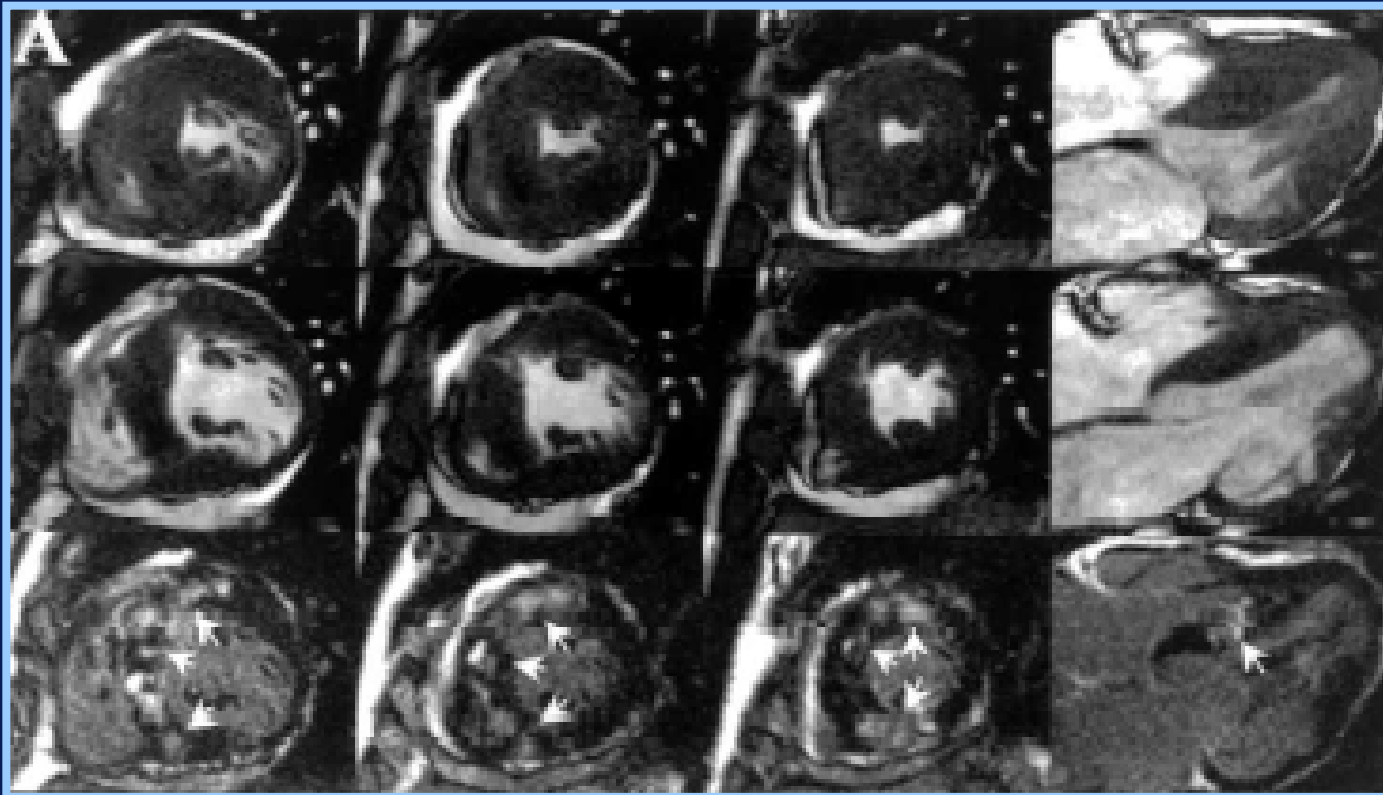
Myocardial Scar

Basal

Mid

Apical

Long



Systole

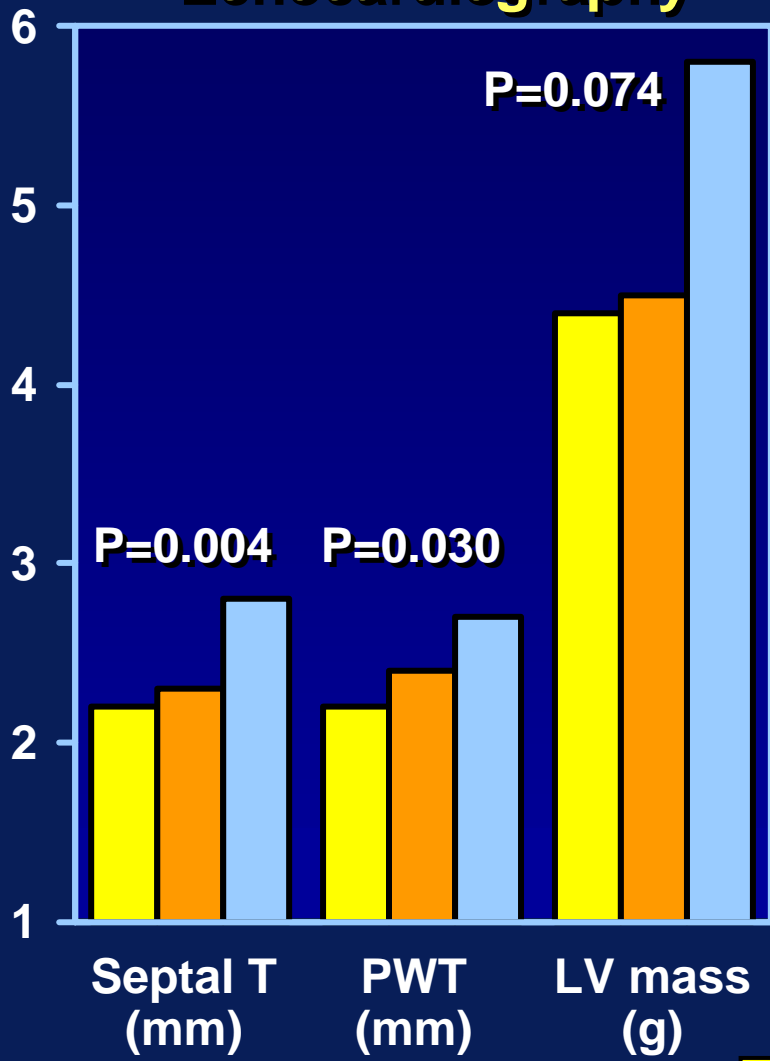
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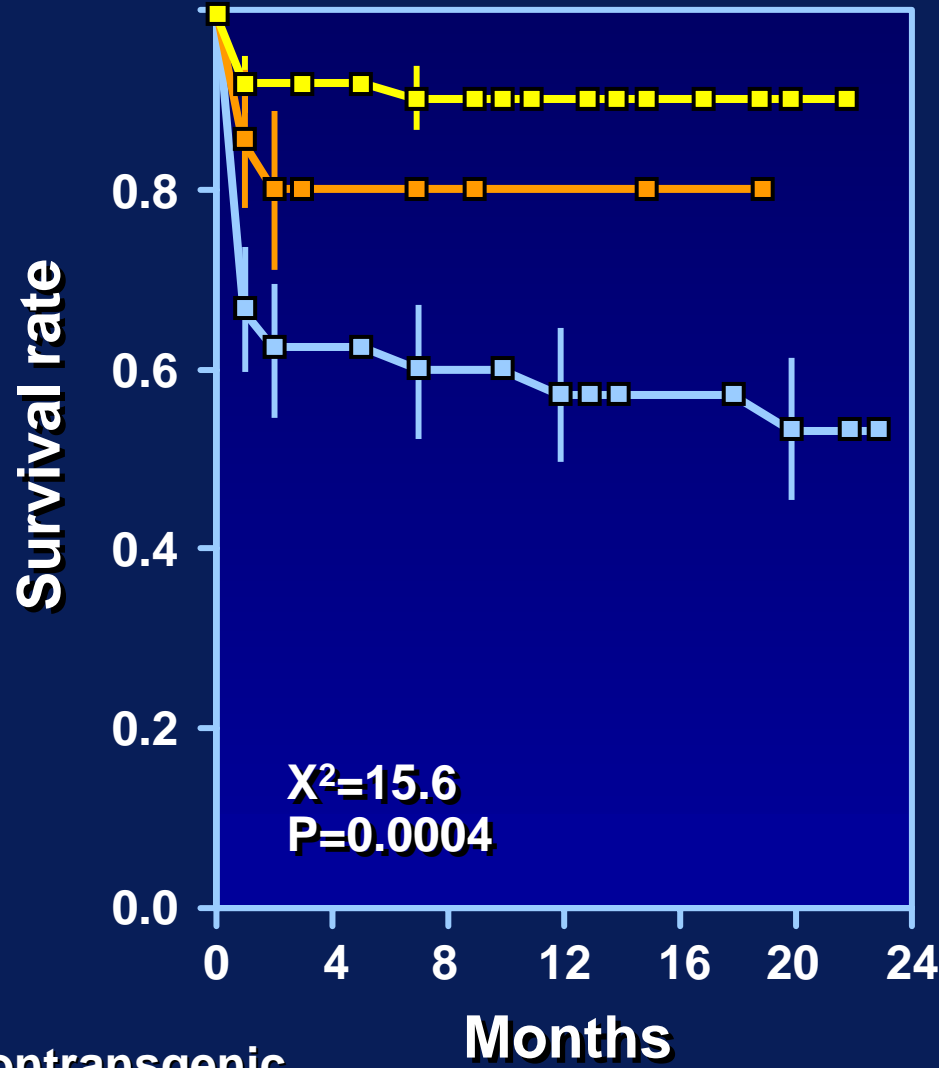
Choudhury: JACC 40:2156, 2002

A Transgenic Rabbit Model for Human HCM

Echocardiography



Survival Curve



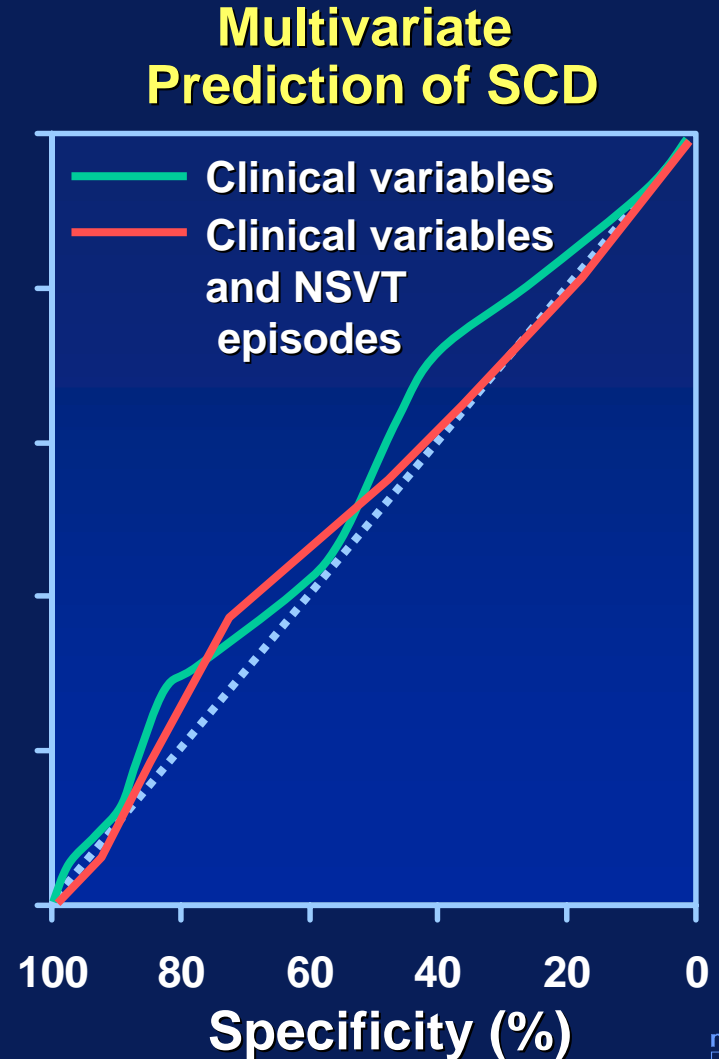
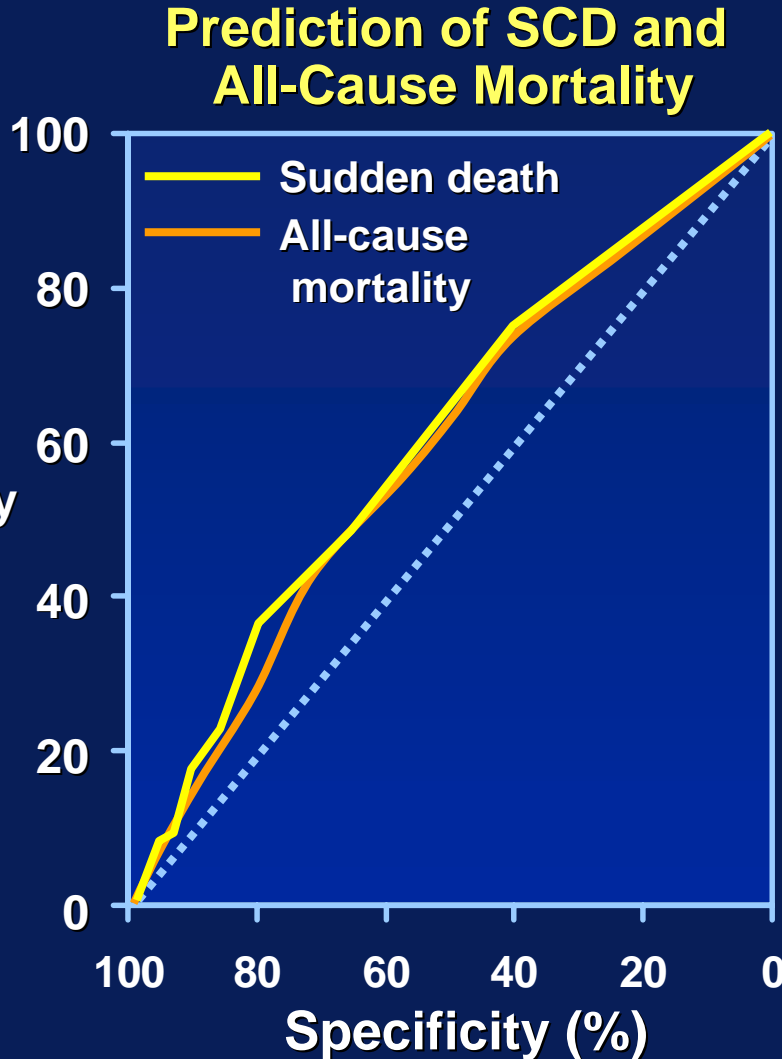
- Nontransgenic
- Wild-type transgenic (β-MyHC)
- Mutant transgenic (β-MyHC)

Marian AJ: JCI, 1999



Sensitivity and Specificity of NSVT and SCD

PROMISE Trial—EF $\leq 35\%$ —CAD (54%)



Teerlink: Circ, 2000

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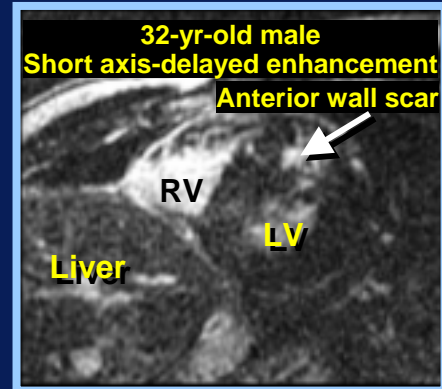
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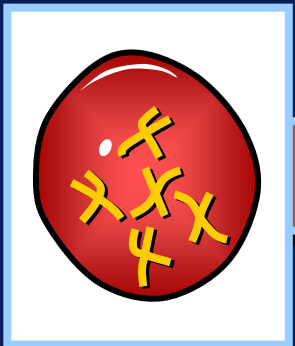
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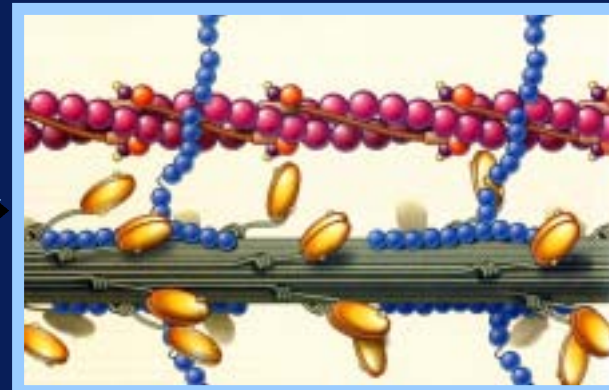
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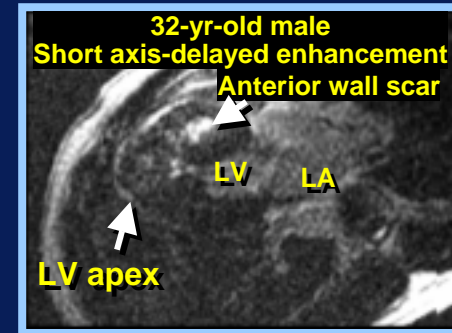
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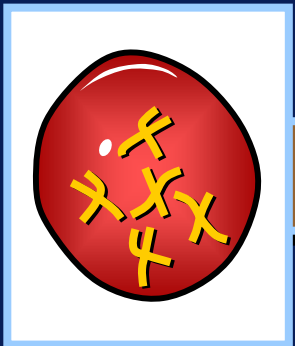
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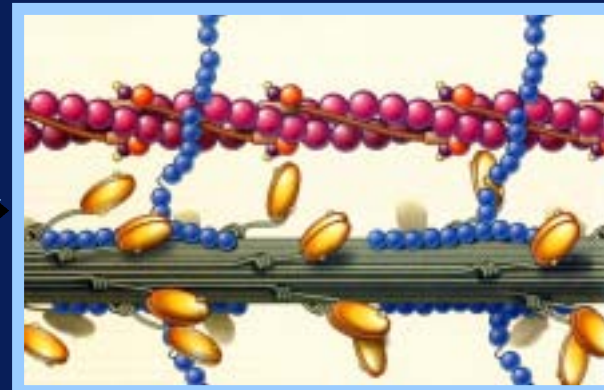
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Role of MRI?



Molecular



Future?