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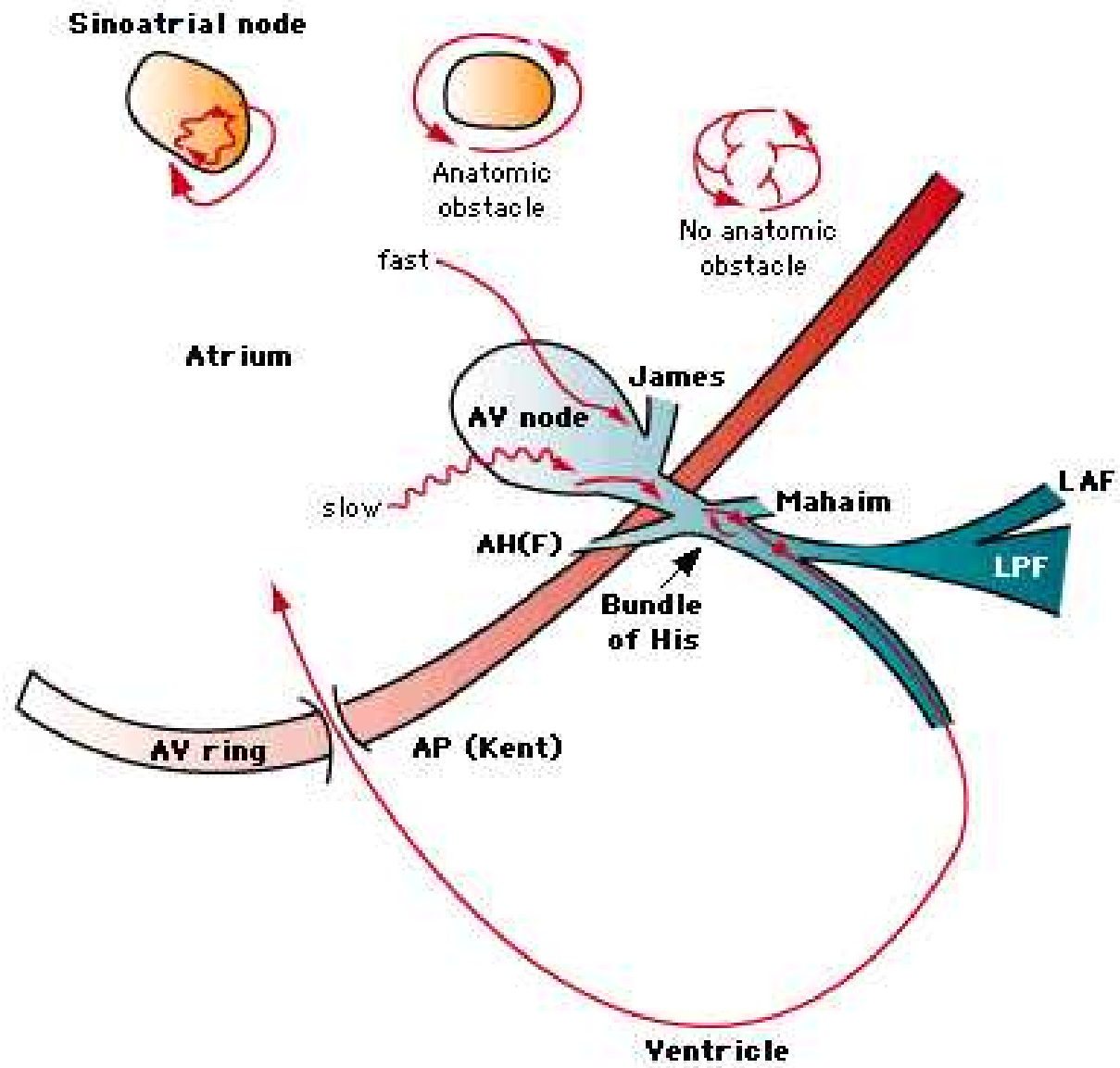
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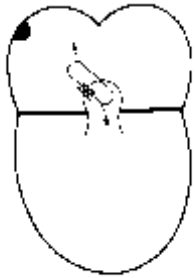


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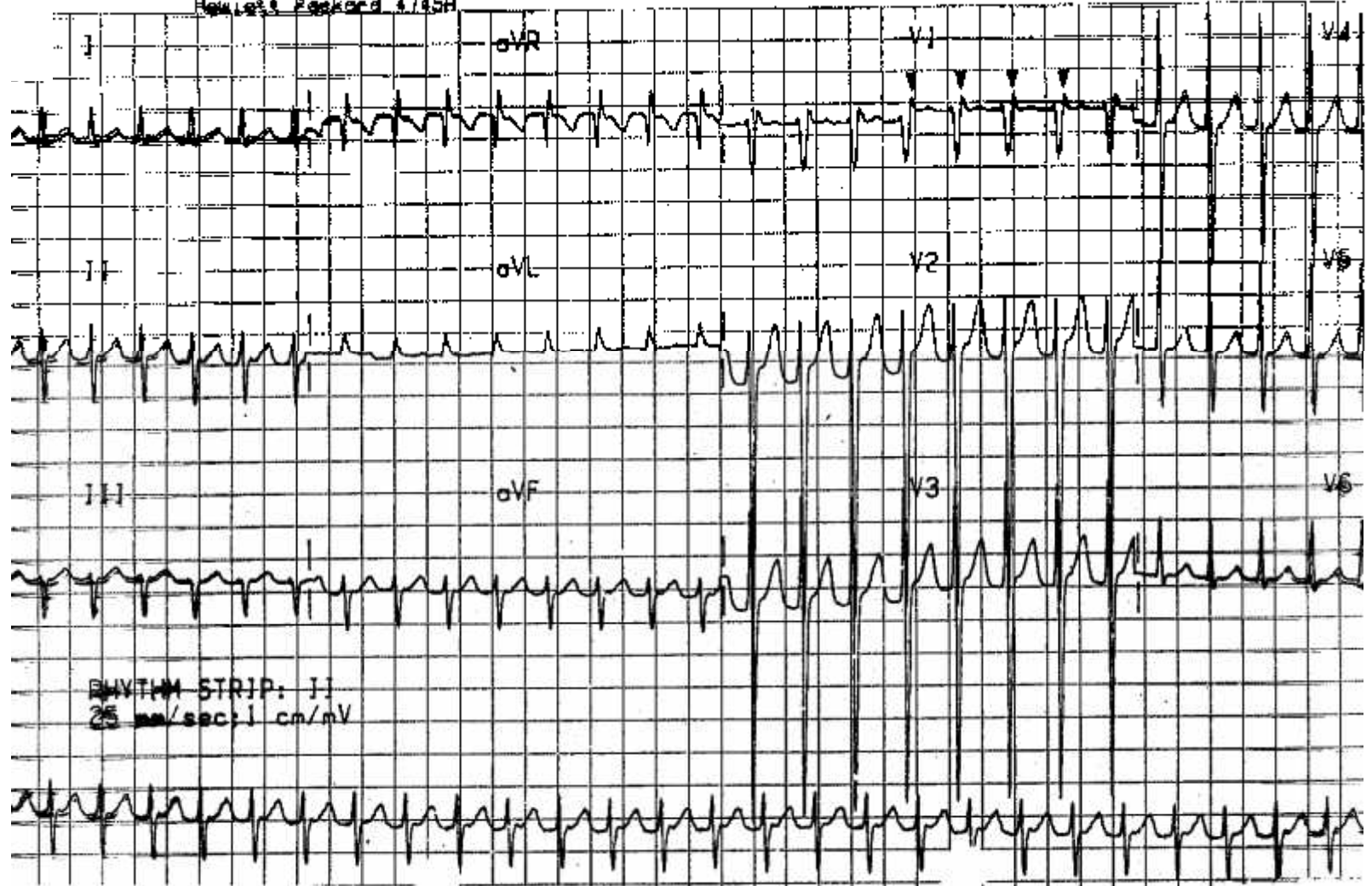




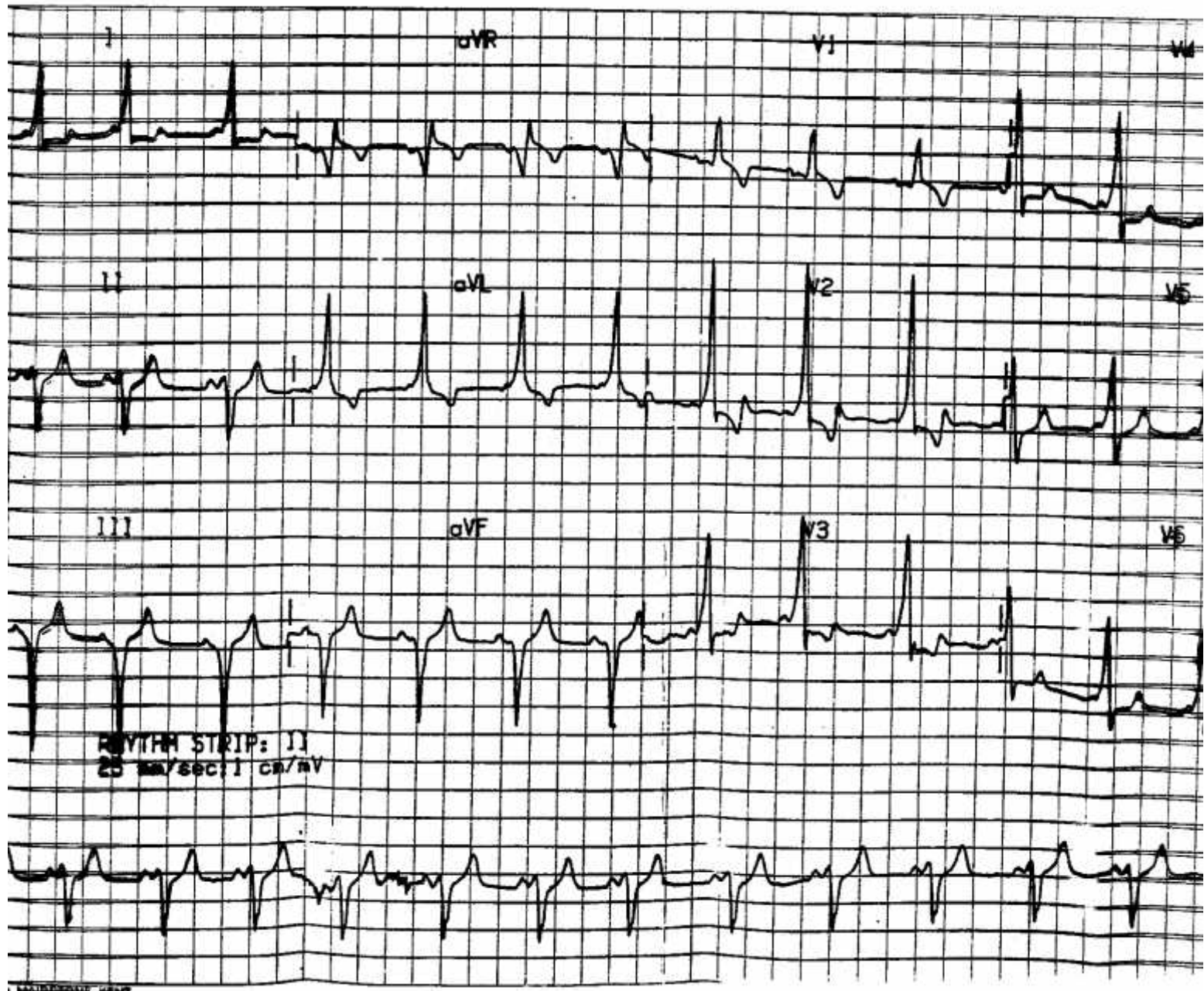
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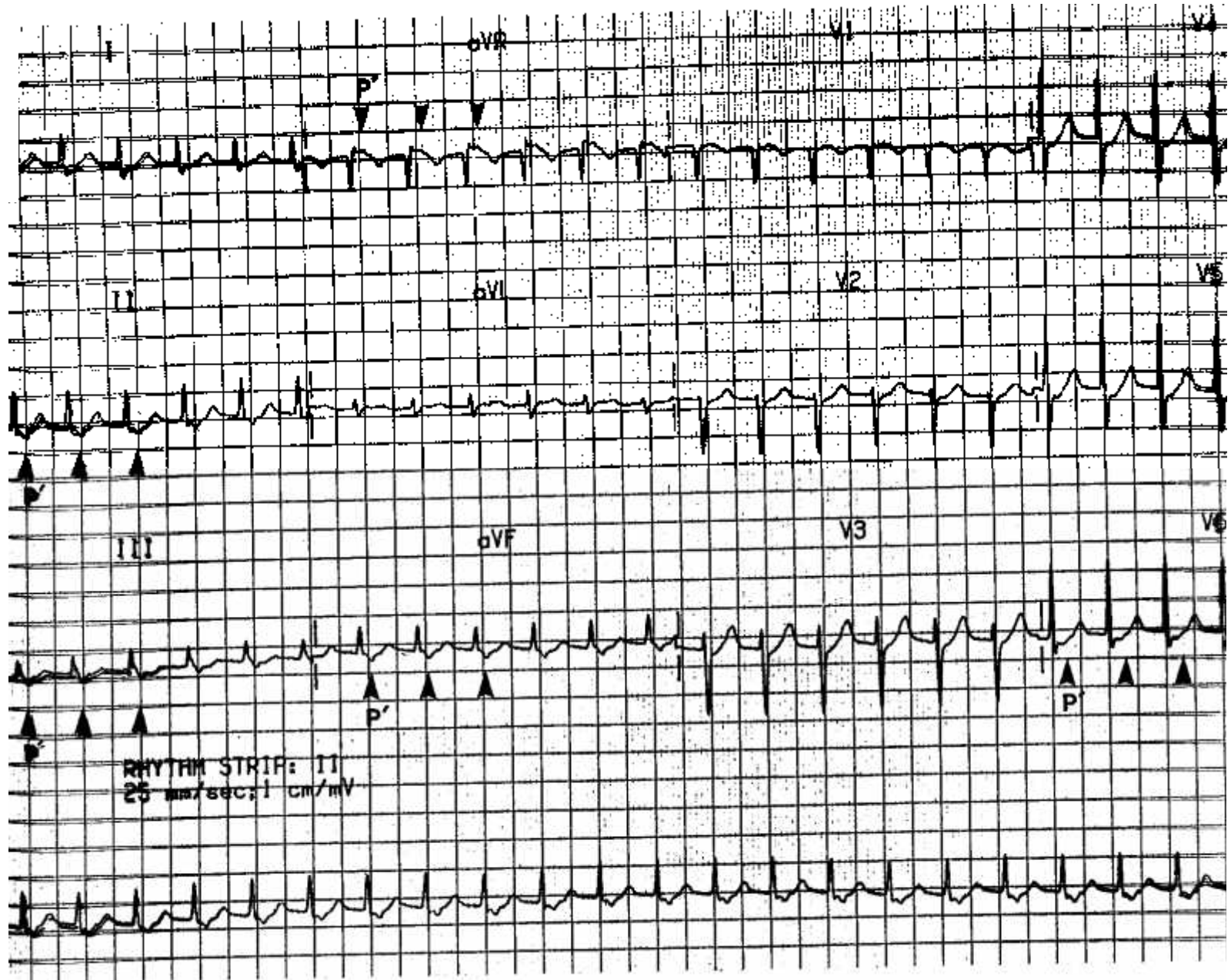
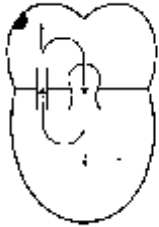
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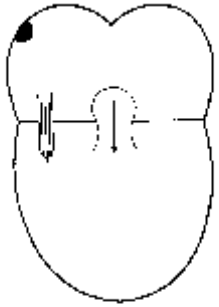
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25 mm/sec; 1 cm/mV



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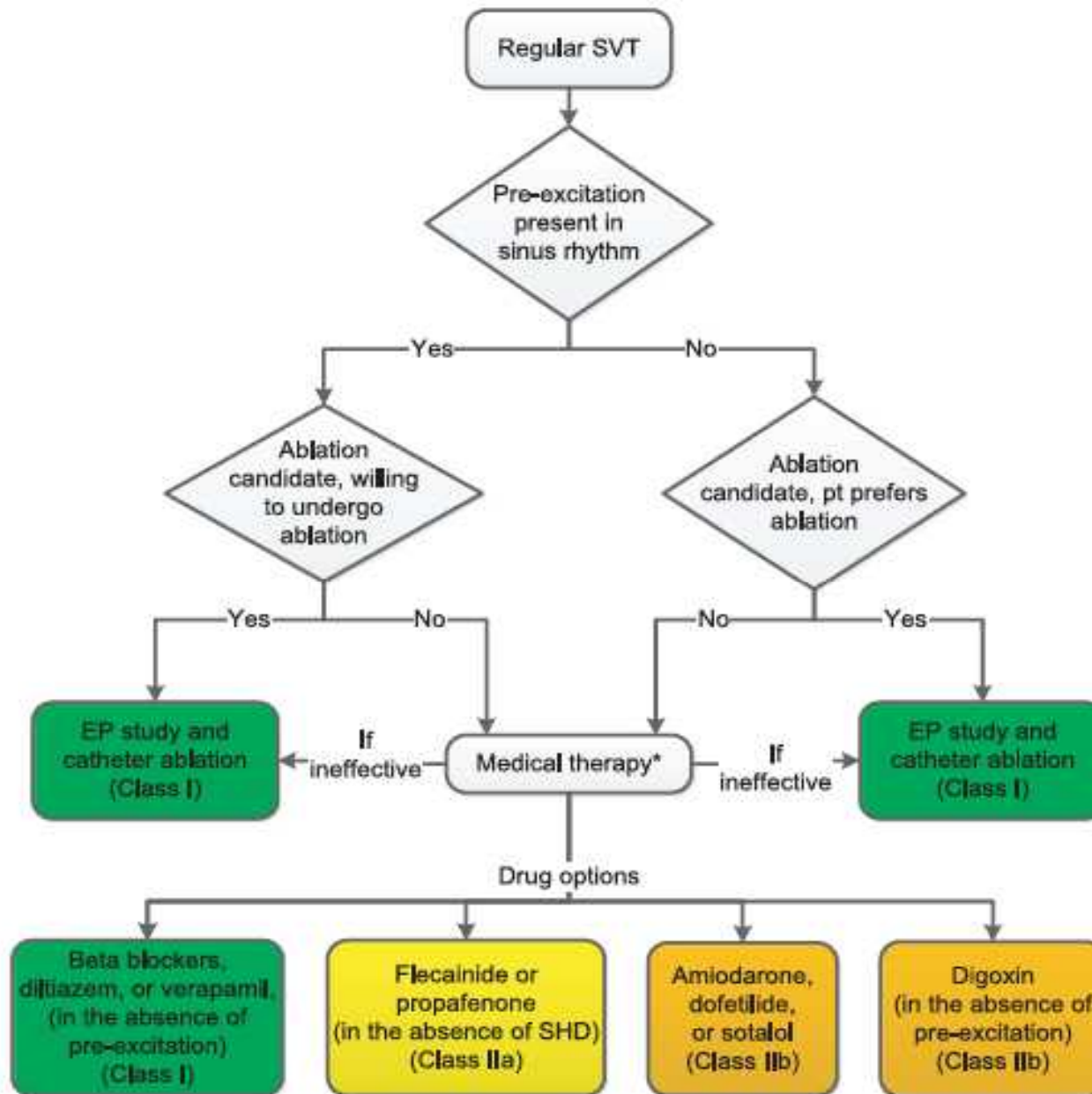
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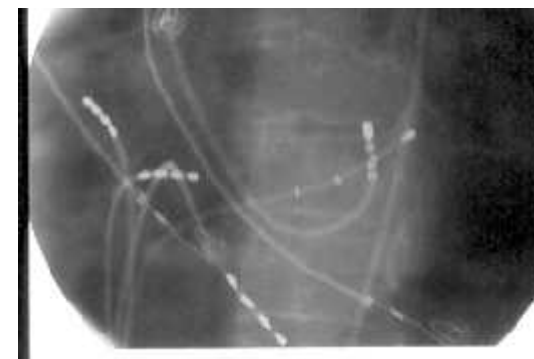
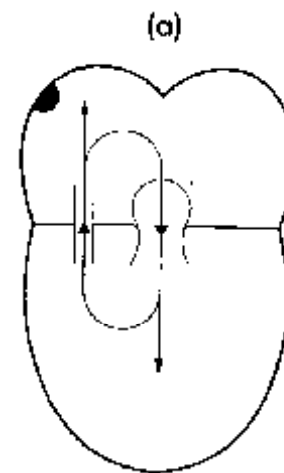
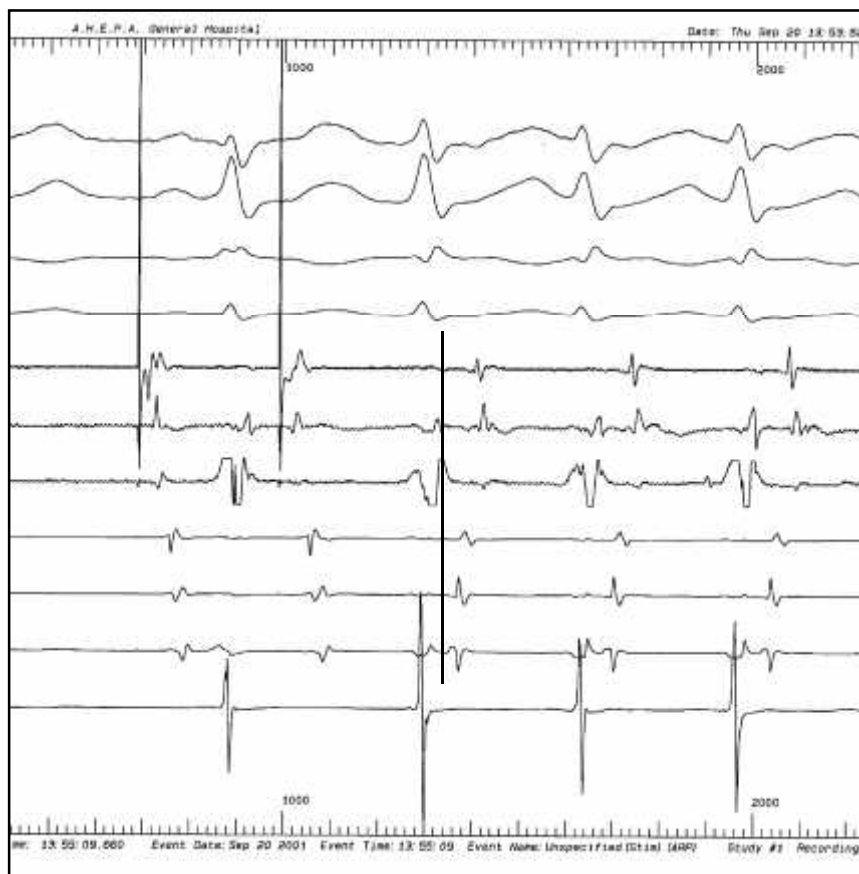
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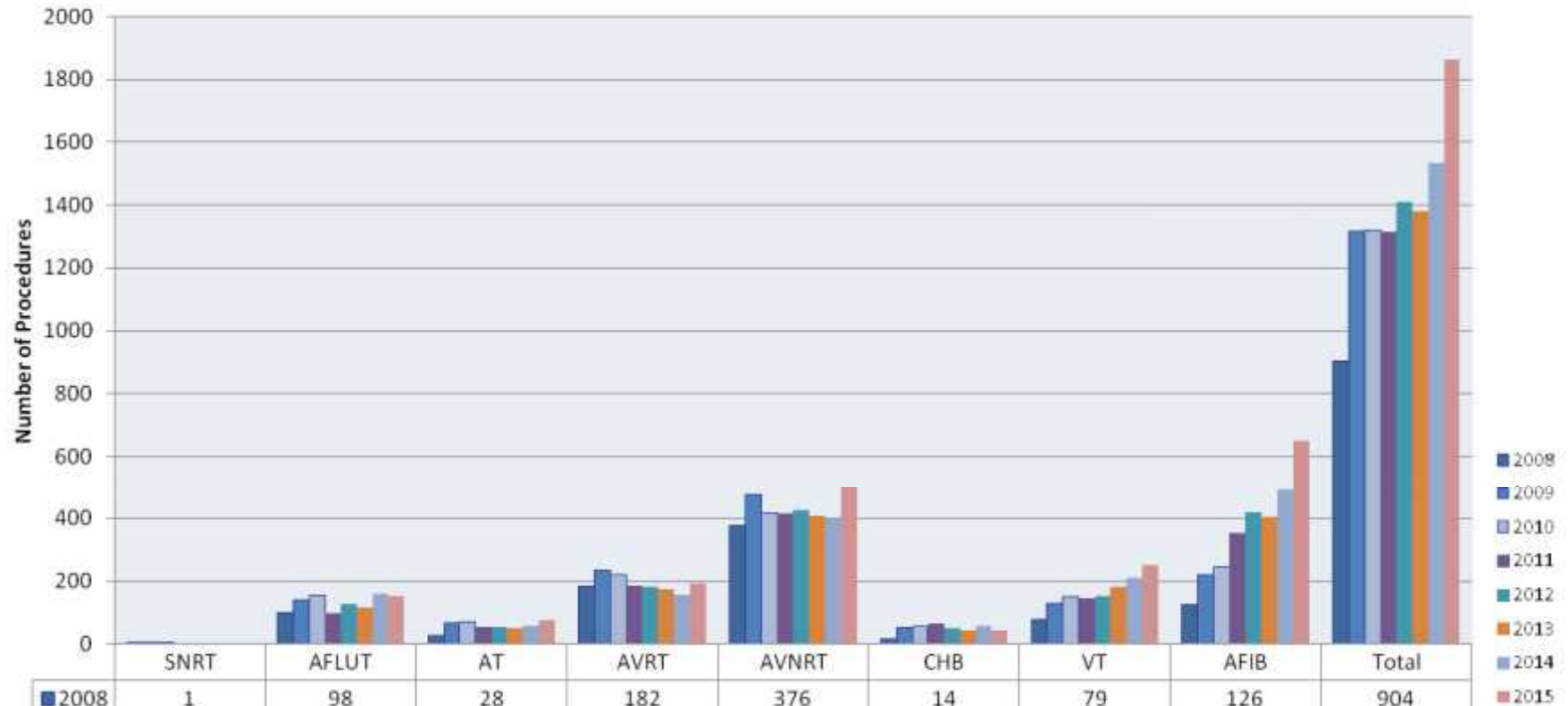
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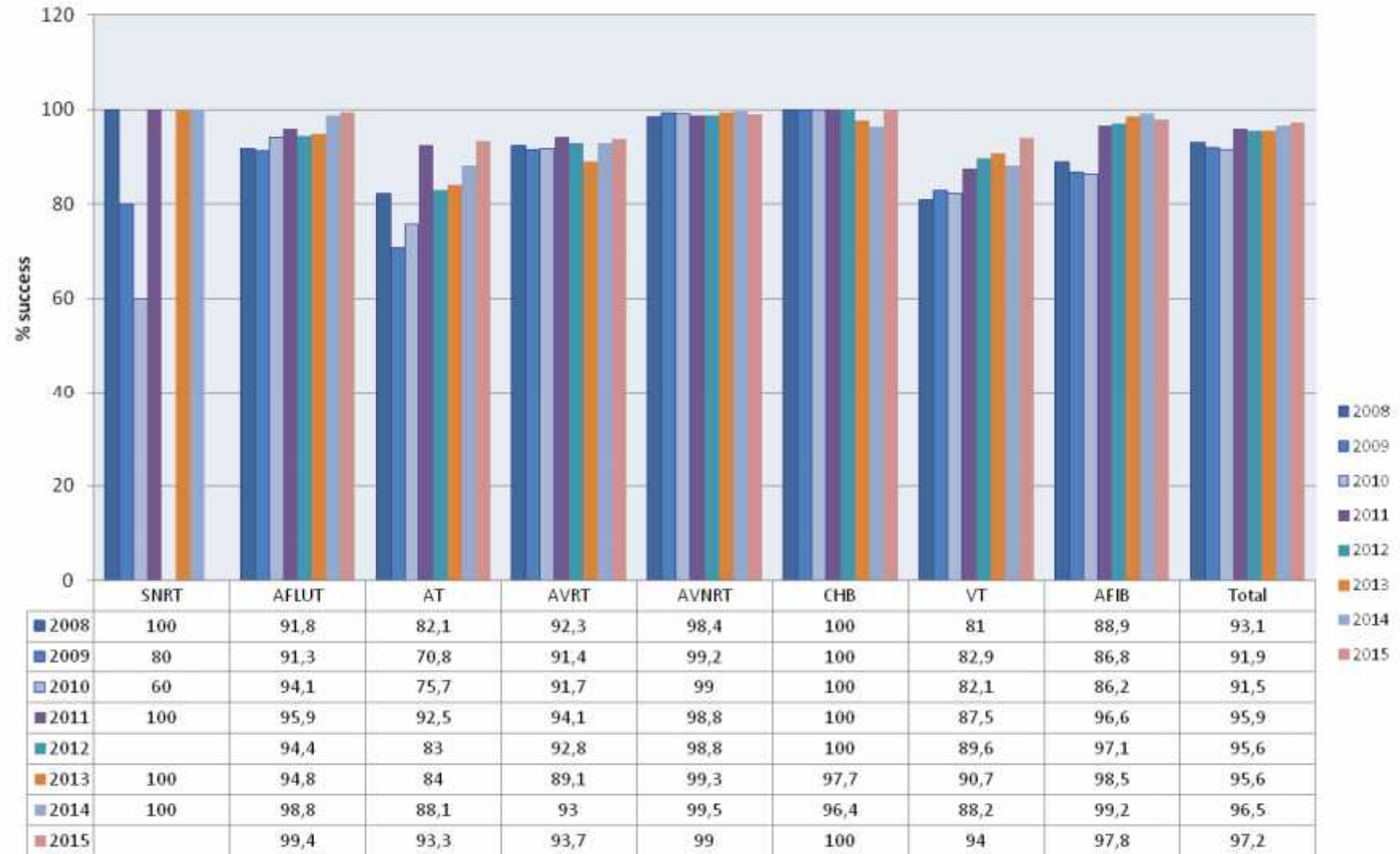


Ablation Procedures in Greece during 2008-2015

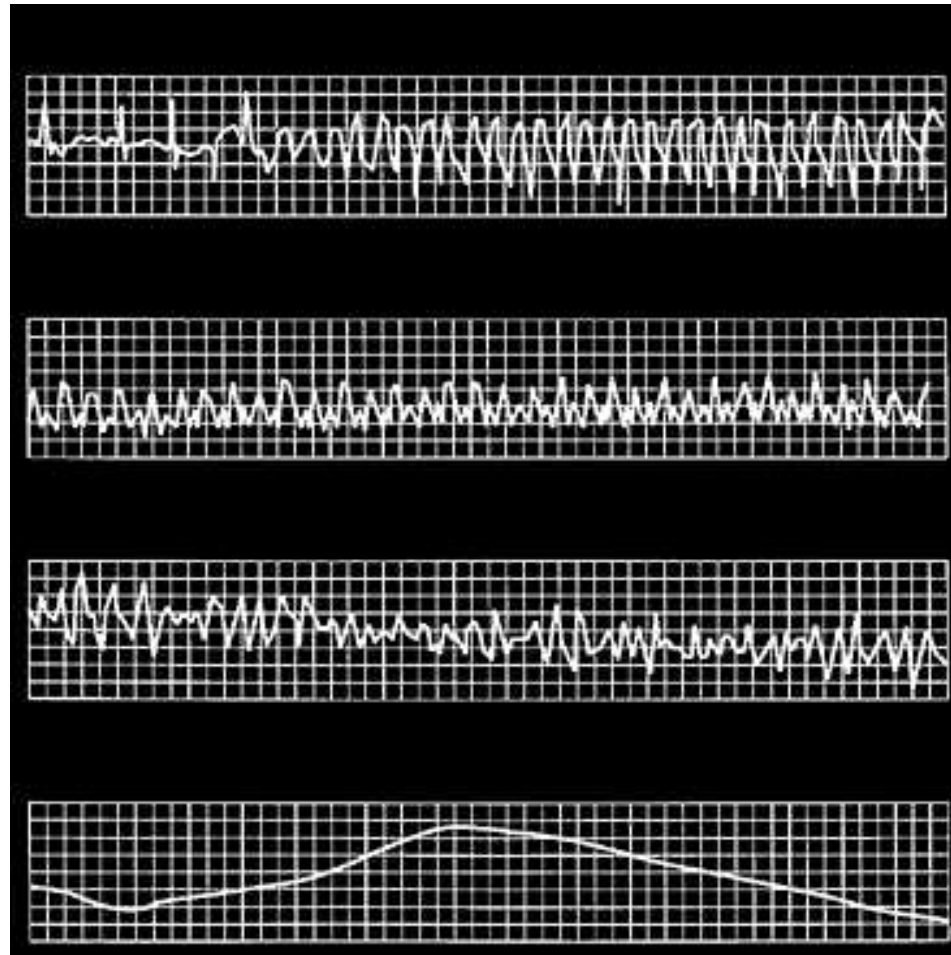


	SNRT	AFLUT	AT	AVRT	AVNRT	CHB	VT	AFIB	Total
2008	1	98	28	182	376	14	79	126	904
2009	5	138	65	233	476	51	129	220	1317
2010	5	154	70	219	419	55	152	246	1320
2011	3	97	53	185	417	65	144	352	1316
2012	0	126	53	180	426	51	154	420	1410
2013	1	115	50	174	409	44	183	403	1379
2014	1	161	59	156	399	56	211	492	1535
2015	0	154	75	191	499	42	252	651	1864

% Success rates per procedure



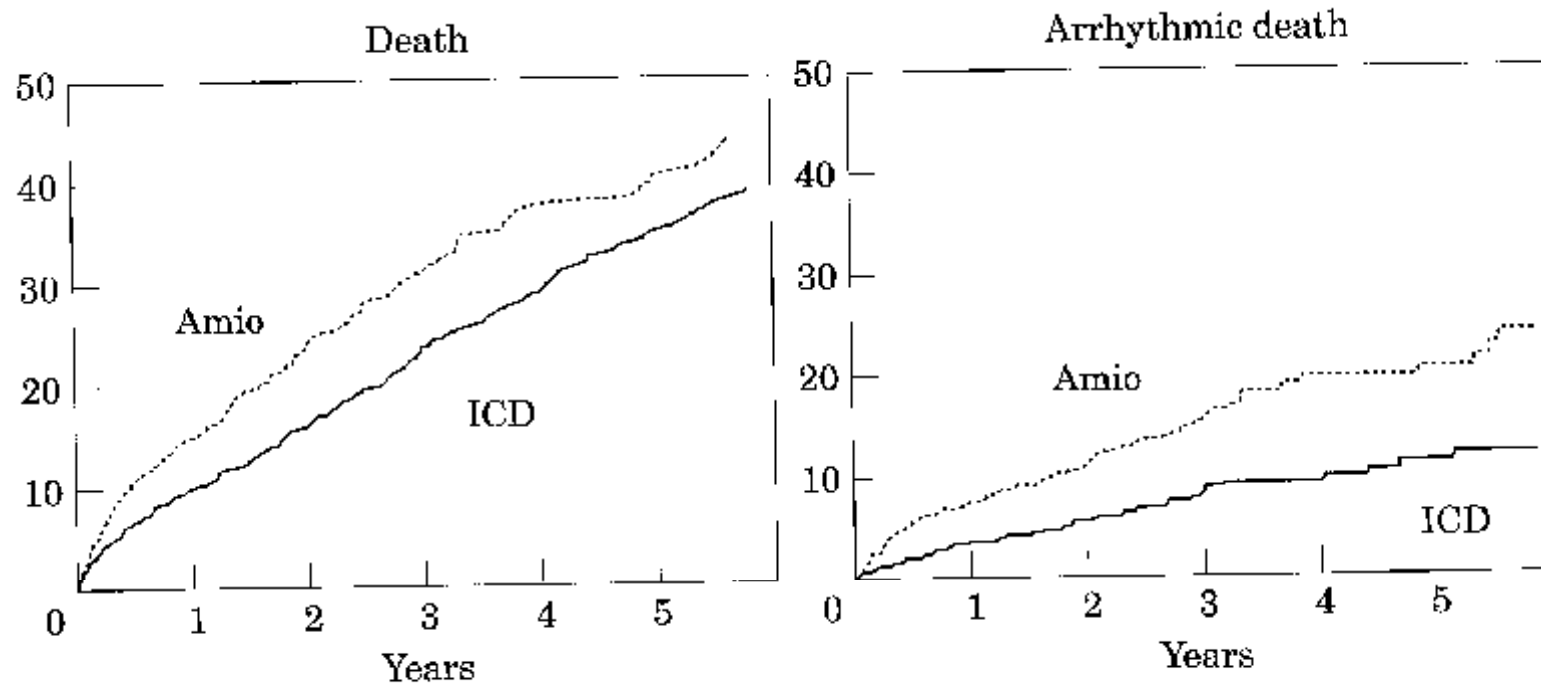
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“Prediction is very difficult,
especially about the future”

Niels Bohr, physicist





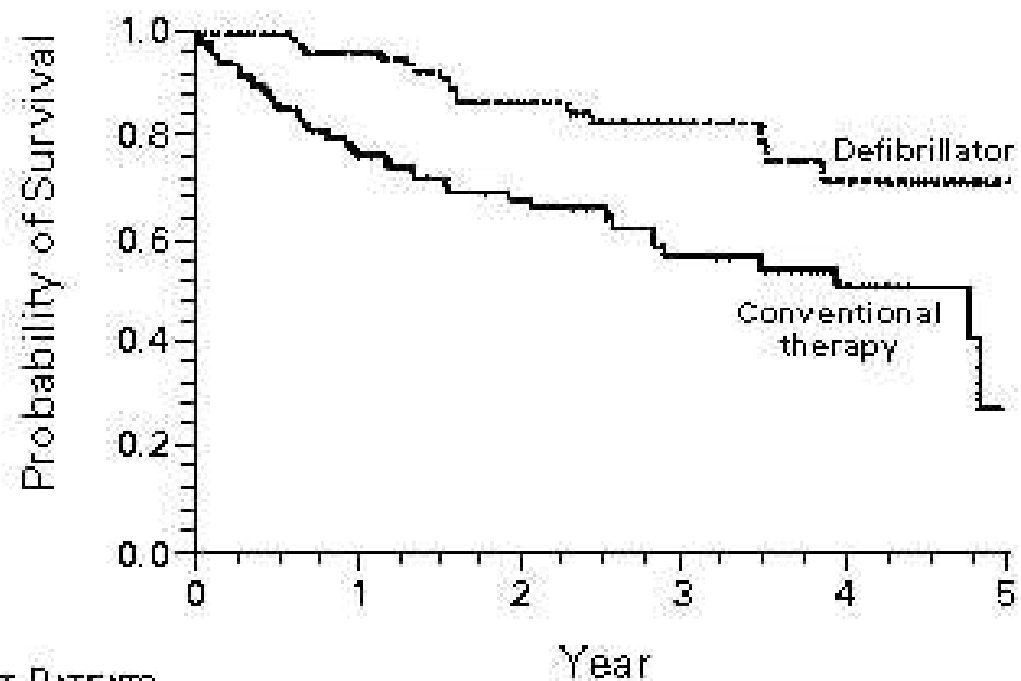
Number at risk													
ICD:	934	715	467	273	159	104	934	715	467	273	159	104	
Amio:	932	664	427	248	128	82	932	664	427	248	128	82	

Figure 1 Cumulative risk of fatal events or the amiodarone (...) and ICD (—) treatment arms.

Eur Heart J, Vol. 21, issue 24, December 2000

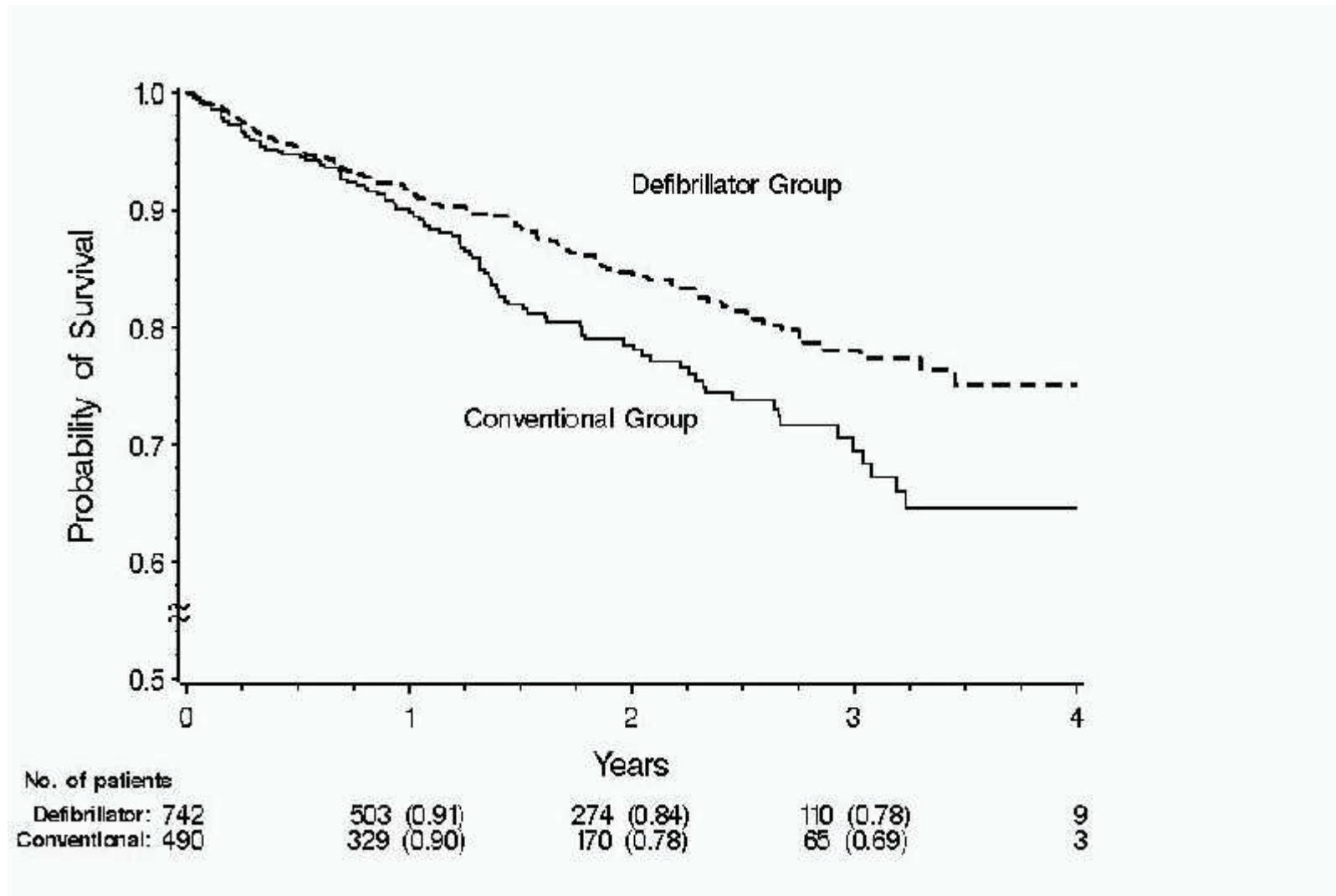
Connolly et al., Eur Heart J 2000

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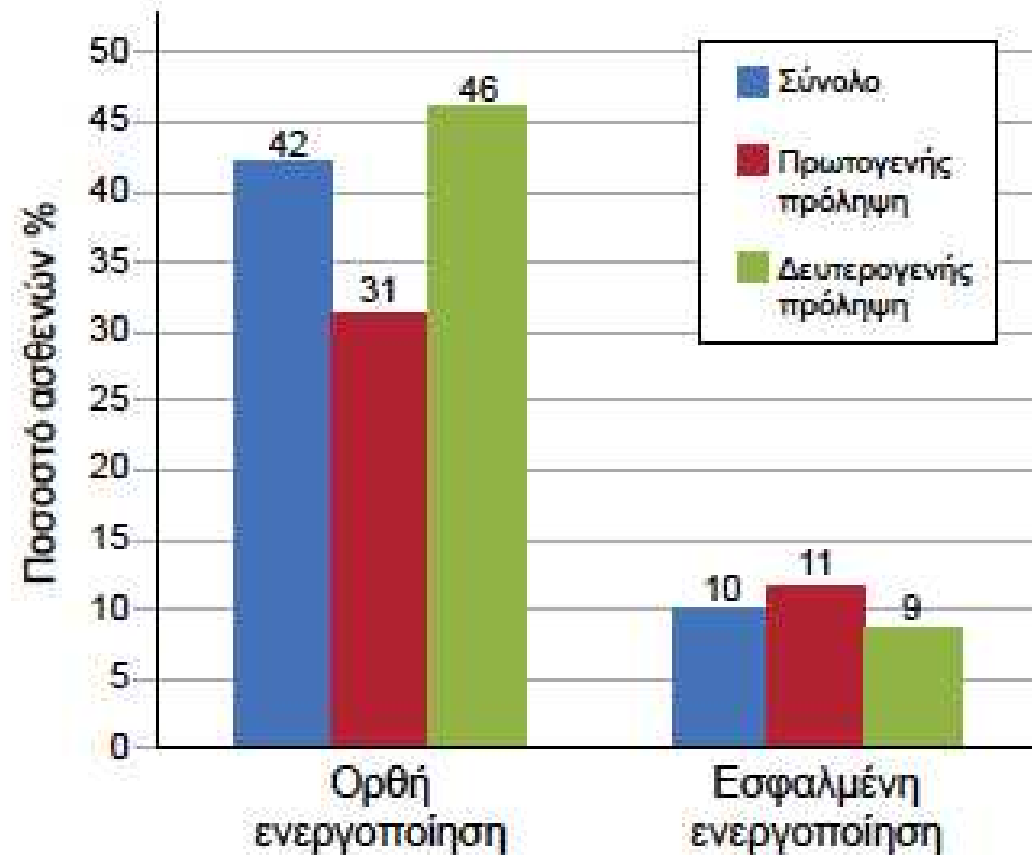


	No. of Patients					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
Defibrillator	95	80	53	31	17	3
Conventional therapy	101	67	48	29	17	0

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AHEPA experience

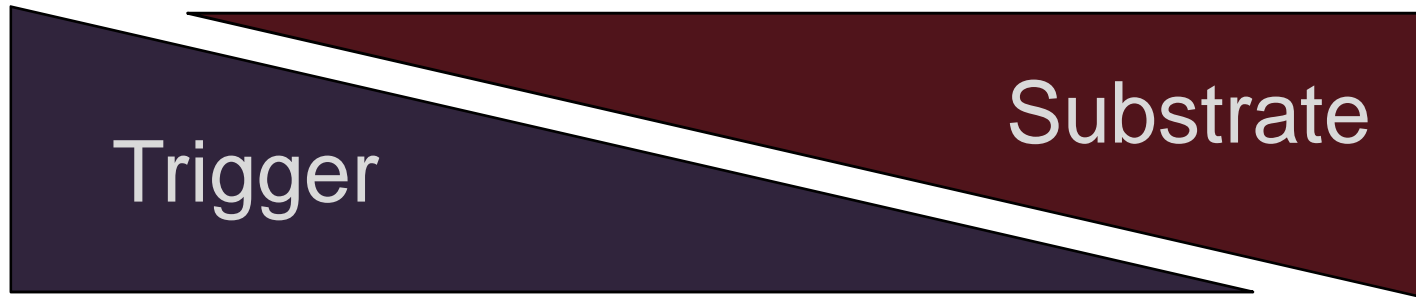


Vassilikos et al, HJC 2011

AF mechanisms

Paroxysmal AF

Persistent AF

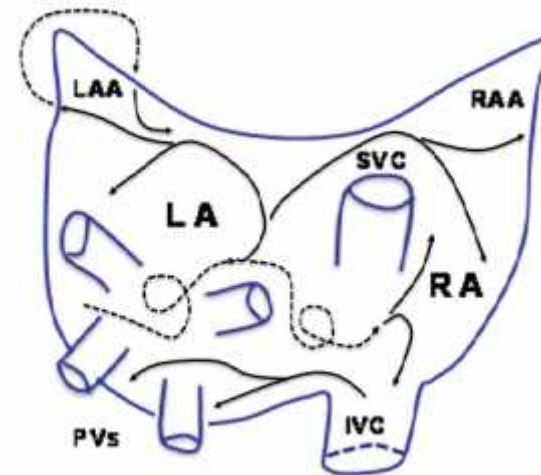
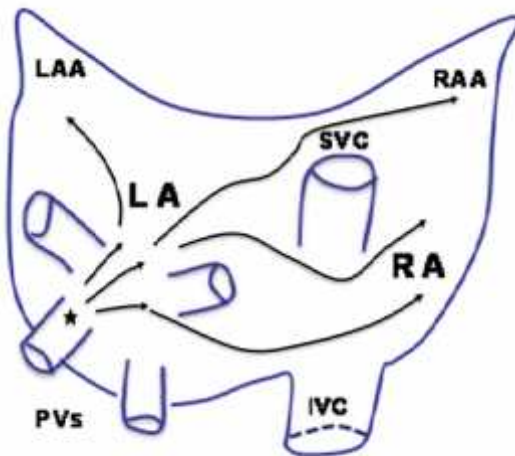


No Structural Heart Disease

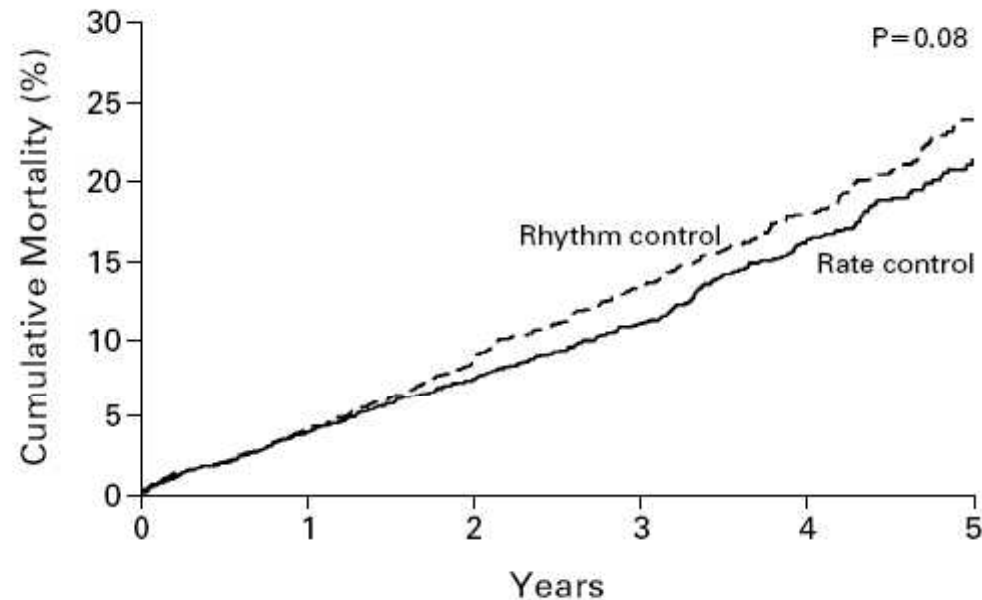
Structural Heart Disease

PV triggers

Multiple Wavelets, Nests, Rotors



AFFIRM Trial: Rhythm vs Rate Control

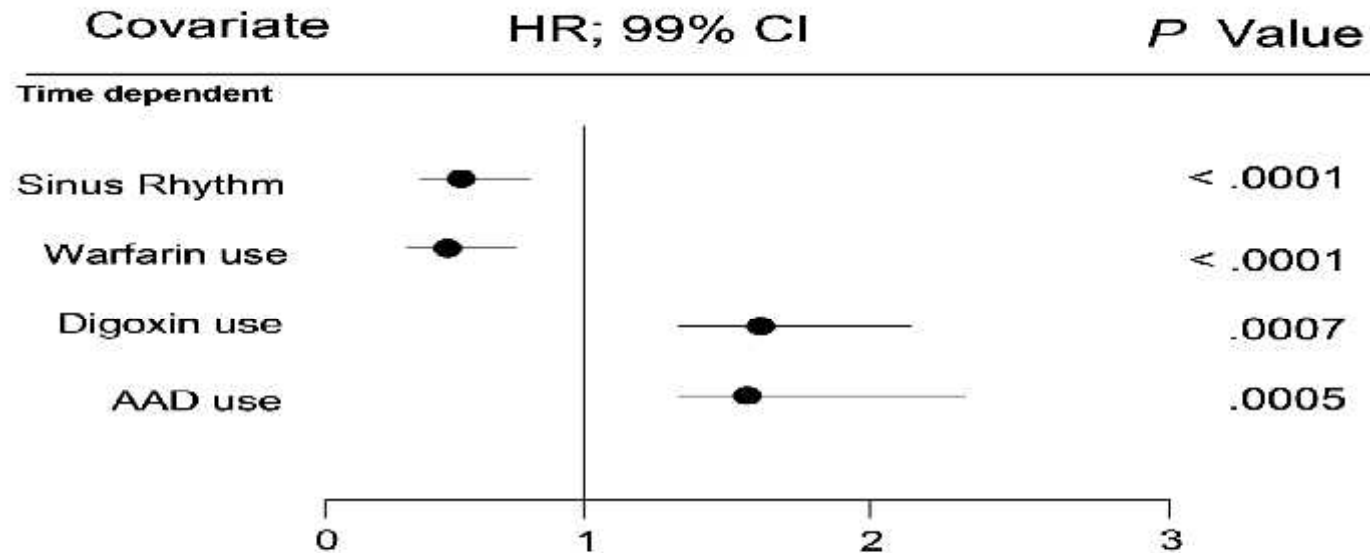


NO. OF DEATHS	number (percent)					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
Rhythm control	0	80 (4)	175 (9)	257 (13)	314 (18)	352 (24)
Rate control	0	78 (4)	148 (7)	210 (11)	275 (16)	306 (21)

- Cumulative mortality from any cause in the rhythm-control group and the rate-control group

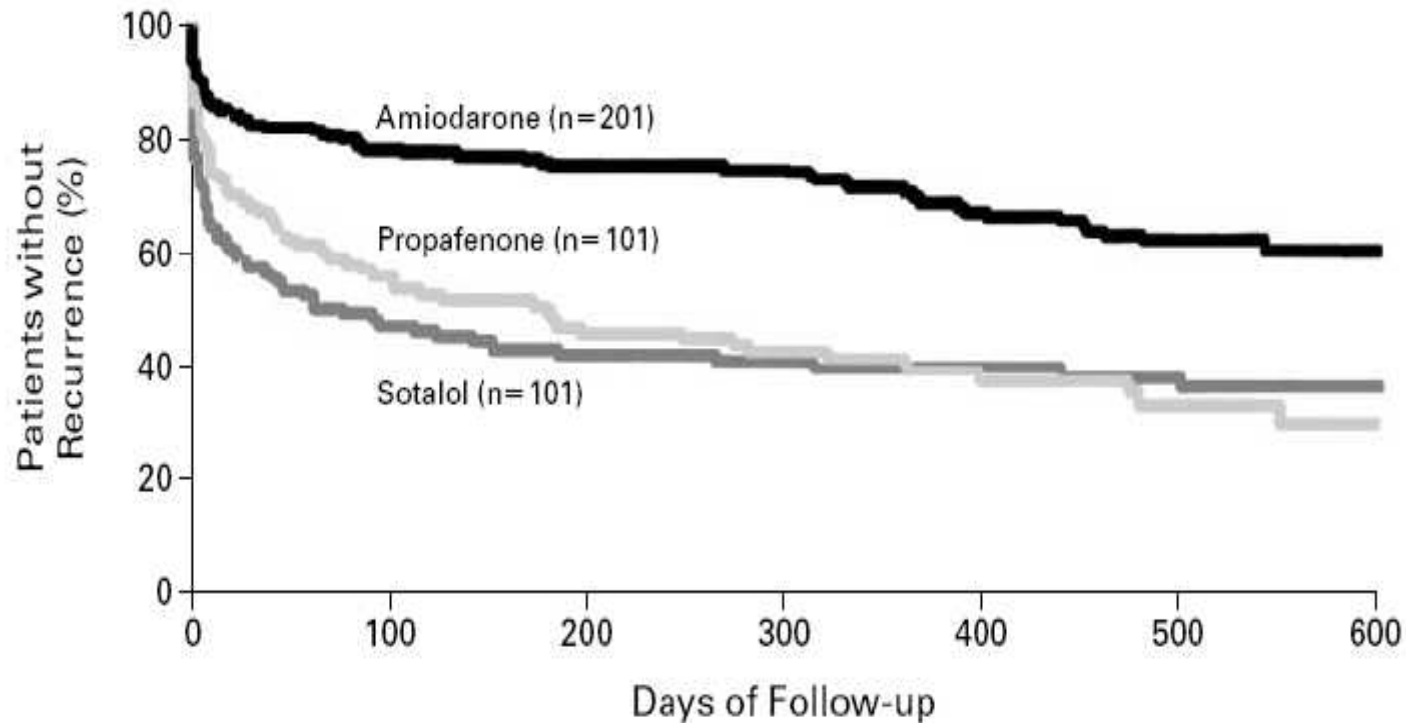
Wyse et al. NEJM 2002;347:1825-33

AFFIRM: Independent predictors of survival

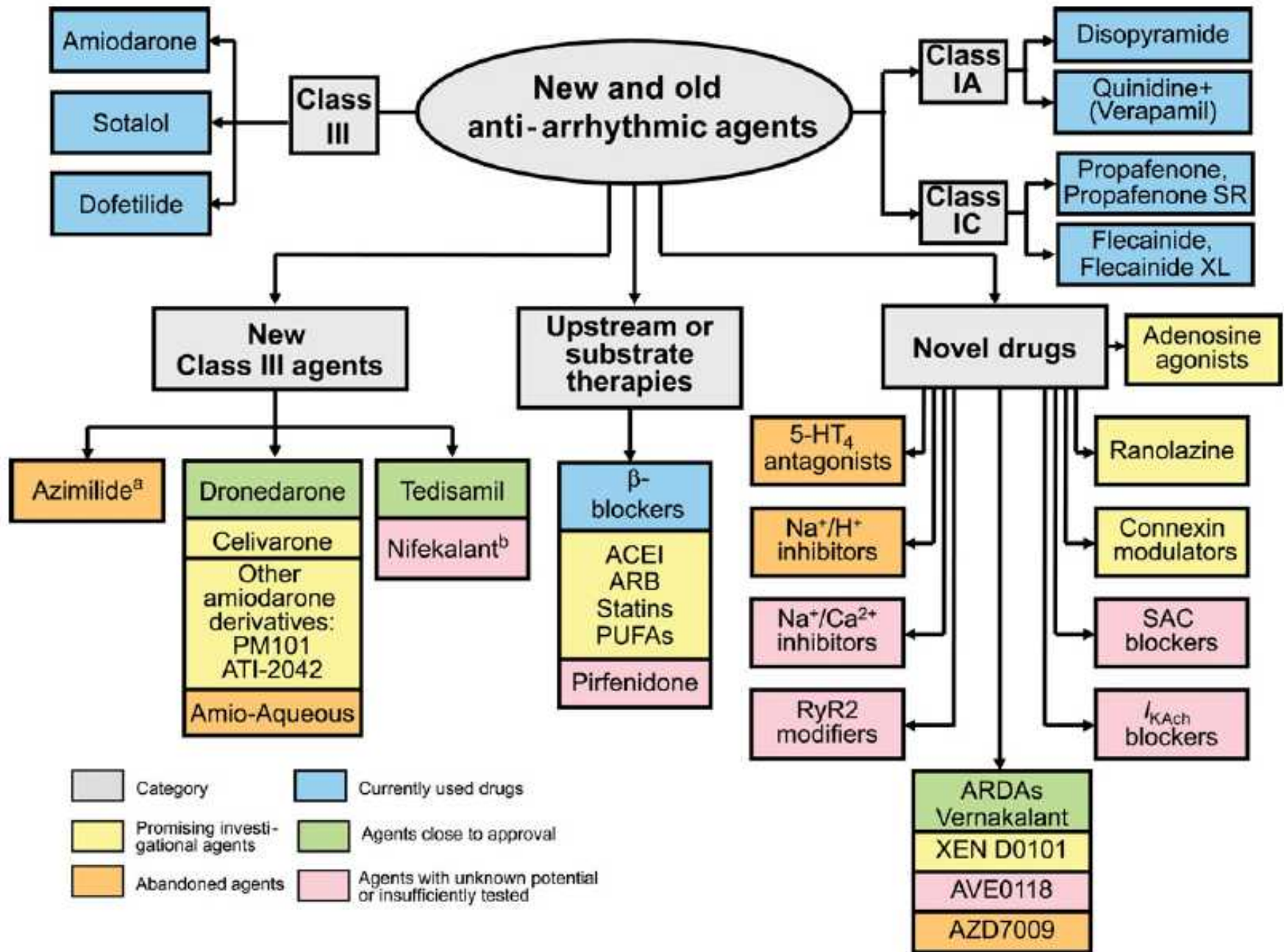


- The risks of AADs counterbalance the benefits of sinus rhythm

Amiodarone: the most effective AA agent



Roy et al. NEJM 2000;342:913-20





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CLINICAL RESEARCH

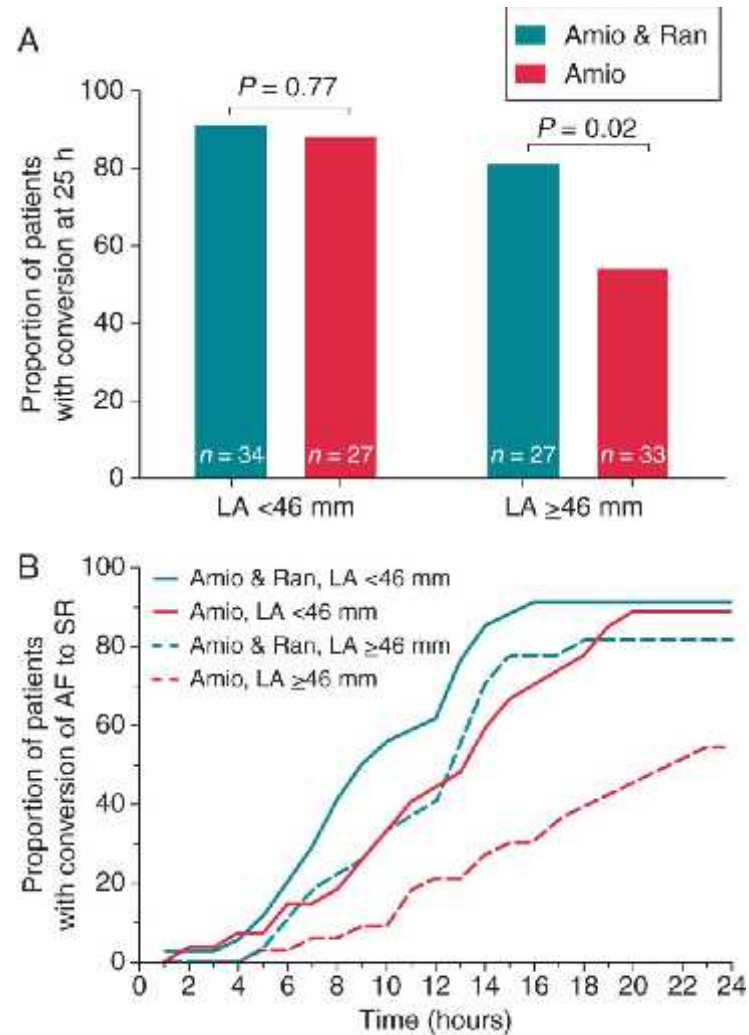
Atrial fibrillation

Ranolazine enhances the efficacy of amiodarone for conversion of recent-onset atrial fibrillation

Konstantinos C. Koskinas^{1*}†, Nikolaos Fragakis^{1†}, Demosthenes Katritsis², Vassileios Skeberis¹, and Vassileios Vassilikos¹

121 patients were randomized in a 1 : 1 ratio to either **intravenous amiodarone** (60 min loading dose of 5 mg/kg followed by maintenance infusion of 50 mg/h until conversion to SR, for a maximum of 24 h) or **intravenous amiodarone** at the same dosage and duration **plus oral ranolazine 1500 mg** given once at the time of randomization.

Conversion rate of AF to SR at 24 h in patients stratified according to LA diameter by TTE < 46 mm (left) vs. ≥ 46 mm (right) and according to treatment with amiodarone plus ranolazine (Amio and Ran) vs. amiodarone alone (Amio).



6.2.2. Upstream Therapy: Recommendations

CLASS Ia

1. An ACE inhibitor or angiotensin-receptor blocker (ARB) is reasonable for primary prevention of new-onset AF in patients with HF with reduced LVEF (130,379,380). *(Level of Evidence: B)*

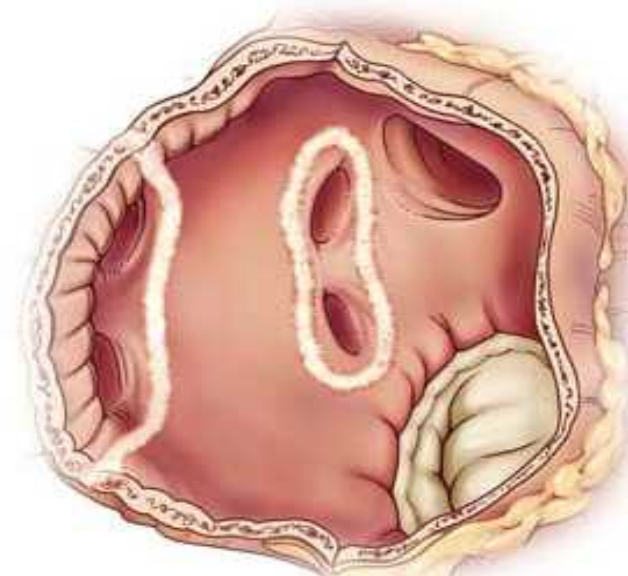
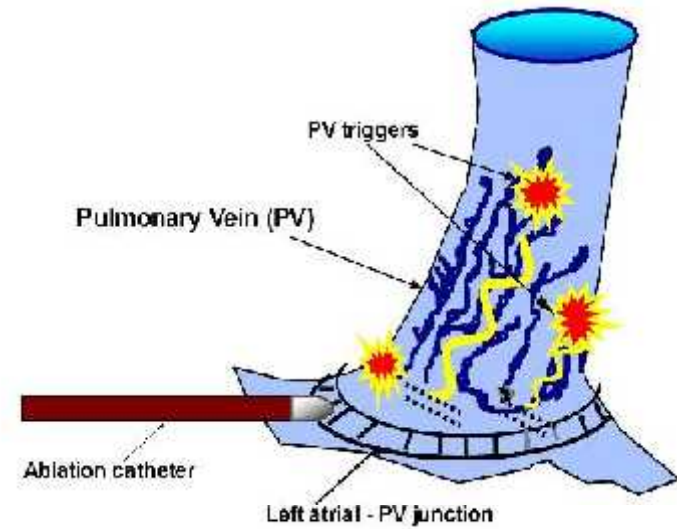
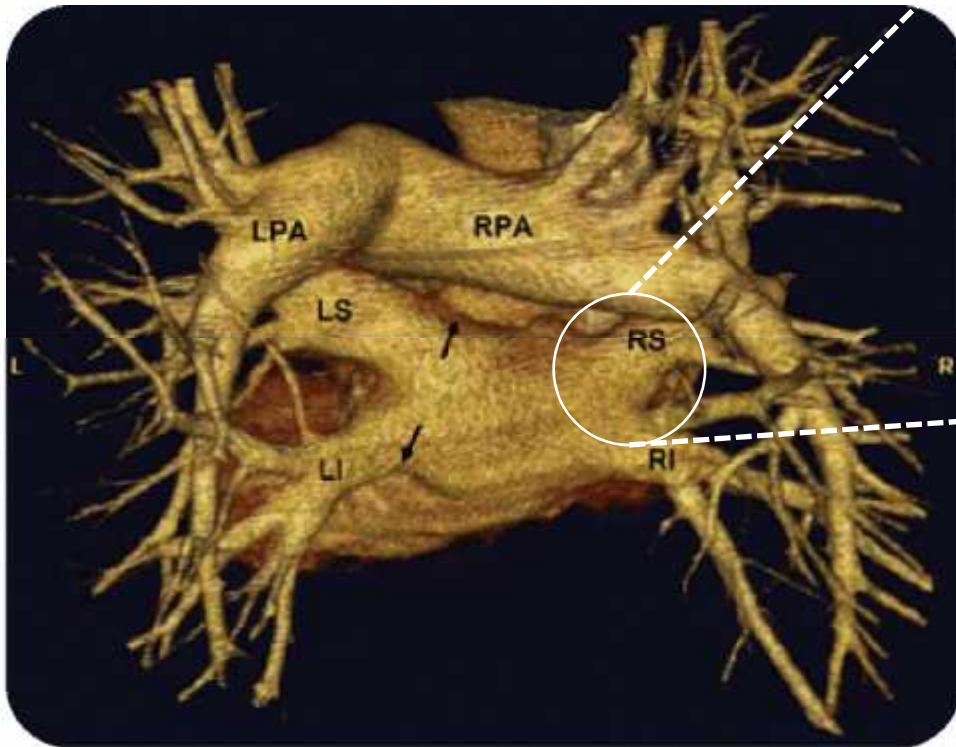
CLASS Ib

1. Therapy with an ACE inhibitor or ARB may be considered for primary prevention of new-onset AF in the setting of hypertension (381). *(Level of Evidence: B)*
2. Statin therapy may be reasonable for primary prevention of new-onset AF after coronary artery surgery (136,382). *(Level of Evidence: A)*

CLASS III: NO BENEFIT

1. Therapy with an ACE inhibitor, ARB, or statin is not beneficial for primary prevention of AF in patients without cardiovascular disease (383). *(Level of Evidence: B)*

μ - Ablation

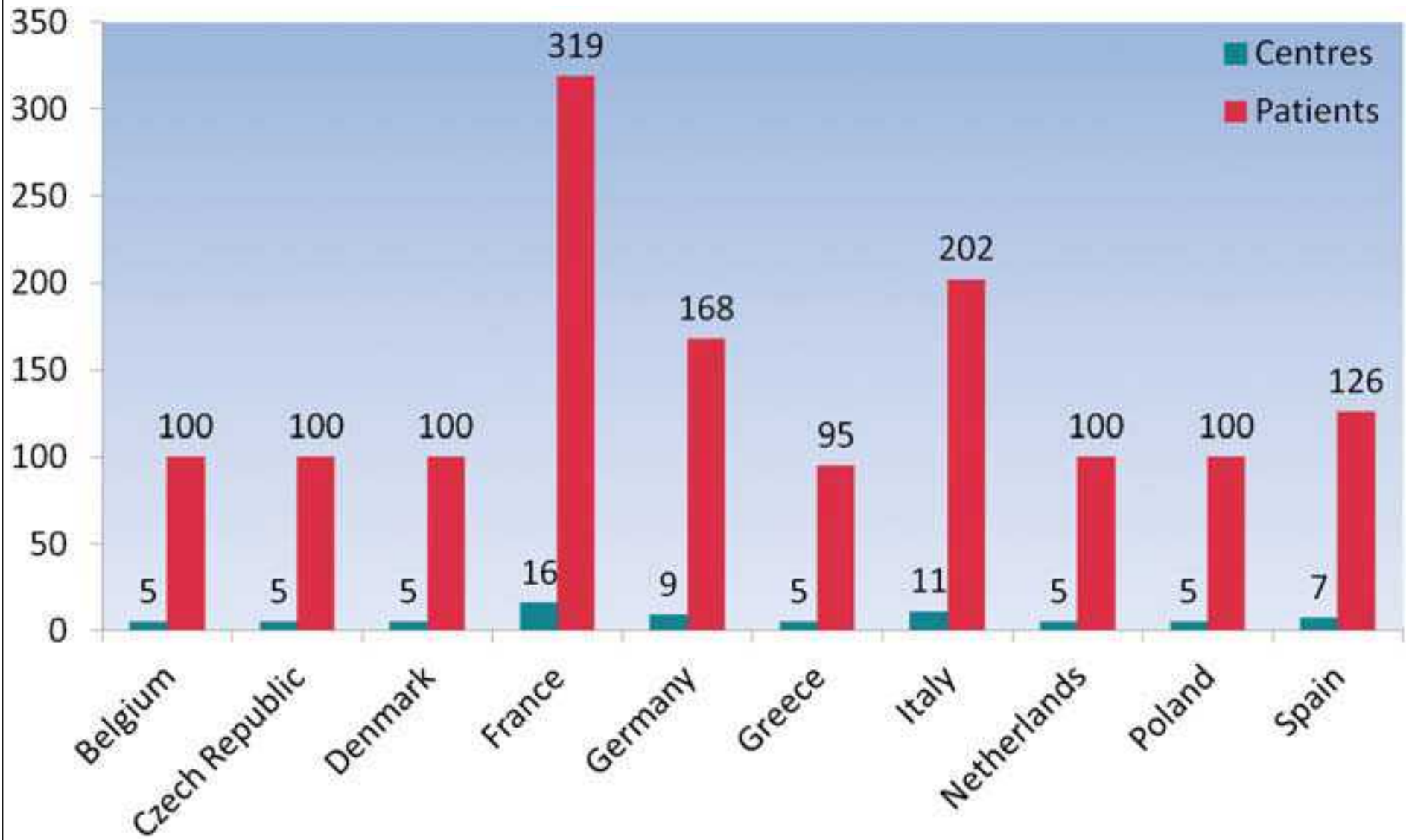


EURObservational Research Programme

Atrial Fibrillation Ablation Pilot Registry

1-year follow-up results

Elena Arbelo¹, Josep Brugada¹, Gerhard Hindricks², Aldo Maggioni³, Luigi Tavazzi⁴, Panos Vardas⁵, Frédéric Anselme⁶, Giuseppe Inama⁷, Pierre Jais⁸, Zbigniew Kalarus⁹, Josef Kautzner¹⁰, Thorsten Lewalter¹¹, Georges Mairesse¹², Julian Perez-Villacastin¹³, Sam Riahi¹⁴, Milos Taborsky¹⁵, George Theodorakis¹⁶, Serge Trines¹⁷, on the behalf of the *Atrial Fibrillation Ablation Pilot Study Investigators**



Indications for ablation (%)

- Symptoms 89.7
- Quality of life 73.4
- Desire for drug-free lifestyle 34.9
- Desire for sinus rhythm 39.6

BLANKING

1300 patients at 12 months follow-up

19 Unknown status at follow up

192 patients with recurrence during *blinking period* (15.1%)

2 deaths during *blinking period*

1087 patients with NO recurrence during *blinking period* (84.9%)

3 – 12 MONTH FU

69 patients with at least one recurrence between *3 and 12 months after the procedure* (37%)

123 patients with NO recurrence between *3 and 12 months after the procedure* (63%)

2 deaths between *3 and 12 months after the procedure* (1 with at least one recurrence)

264 patients with at least one recurrence between *3 and 12 months after the procedure* (24.3%)

821 patients with NO recurrence at *12-month follow-up* (75.7%)

333 patients with at least one recurrence at *12-month follow-up after the blinking period* (26.1%)

4 deaths at *12-month follow-up* (1 included in recurrences)

944 patients with NO recurrence at *12-month follow-up* (73.7%)

12-MONTH RESULTS

One-year FAILURE in 337 patients (26.3%)

One-year SUCCESS in 944 patients (73.7%)

Without AADs: 56.6%

With AADs: 43.4%*





2012 HRS/EHRA/ECAS Expert Consensus Statement on Catheter and Surgical Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation: Recommendations for Patient Selection, Procedural Techniques, Patient Management and Follow-up, Definitions, Endpoints, and Research Trial Design

TABLE 2: CONSENSUS INDICATIONS FOR CATHETER AND SURGICAL ABLATION of AF

	CLASS	LEVEL
INDICATIONS FOR CATHETER ABLATION of AF		
Symptomatic AF refractory or intolerant to at least one Class 1 or 3 antiarrhythmic medication		
Paroxysmal: Catheter ablation is recommended*	I	A
Persistent: Catheter ablation is reasonable	IIa	B
Longstanding Persistent: Catheter ablation may be considered	IIb	B
Symptomatic AF prior to initiation of antiarrhythmic drug therapy with a Class 1 or 3 antiarrhythmic agent		
Paroxysmal: Catheter ablation is reasonable	IIa	B
Persistent: Catheter ablation may be considered	IIb	C
Longstanding Persistent: Catheter ablation may be considered	IIb	C

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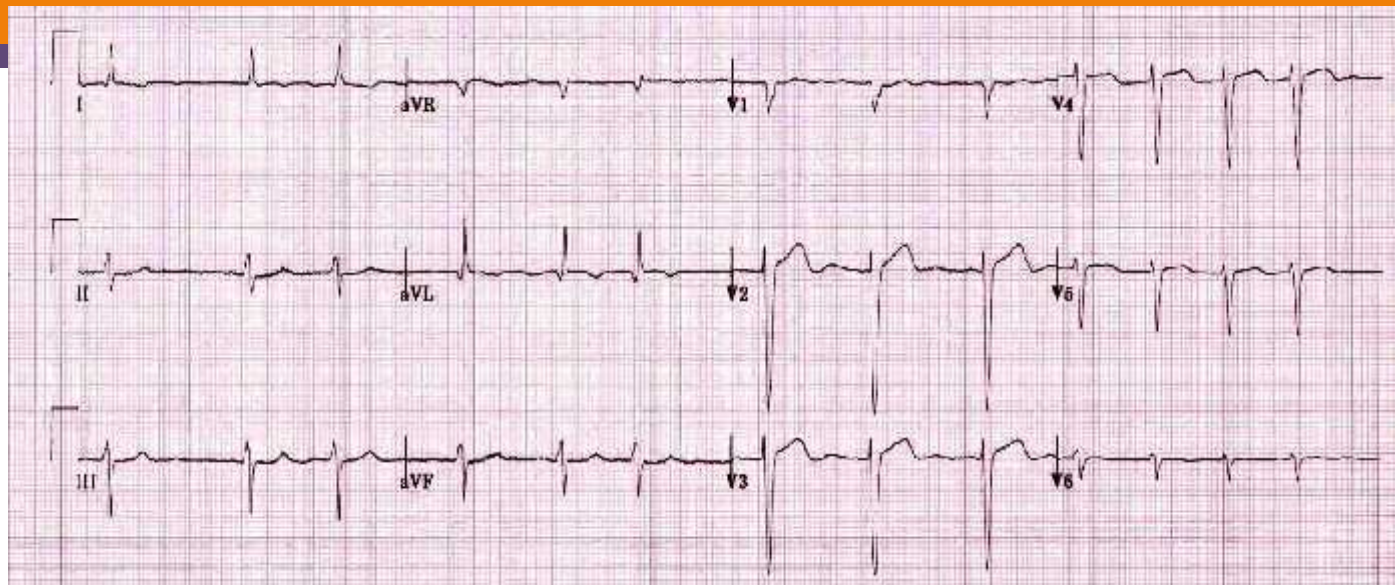
Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
Rate control should be the initial approach in elderly patients with AF and minor symptoms (EHRA score 1).	I	A
Rate control should be continued throughout a rhythm control approach to ensure adequate control of the ventricular rate during recurrences of AF.	I	A
Rhythm control is recommended in patients with symptomatic (EHRA score ≥2) AF despite adequate rate control.	I	B
Rhythm control in patients with AF and AF-related heart failure should be considered for improvement of symptoms.	IIa	B
Rhythm control as an initial approach should be considered in young symptomatic patients in whom catheter ablation treatment has not been ruled out.	IIa	C
Rhythm control should be considered in patients with AF secondary to a trigger or substrate that has been corrected (e.g. ischaemia, hyperthyroidism).	IIa	C

(1)

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➤ μ μ , μ μ

➤ μ ...



➤ TFTs: , TTE: , μ

μ , (LA:47mm)

Rhythm control



μ μ – **AF**
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 μ – **LA**
– μ **MR**

Recommendations for rate and rhythm control of AF

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref. ^c
Rate control should be the initial approach in elderly patients with AF and minor symptoms (EHRA score I).	I	A	86–87, 90

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CHA2DS2VASc score: 4

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➤ 53 , μ μ

➤ μ μ μ μ (160 bpm)

➤ TFTs OK – μ



CHADSVASc = 0

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- Έλεγχος ρυθμού (pill in the pocket)
- μ (μ AAD + -)
- μ (ablation)

(3)

- 46 , μ μ
- : μ μ (110 bpm)
- μ μ - TFTs OK
- : μ LA-42mm,



CHADSVASc = 0

- (-)
- pill in the pocket
- Ανάταξη και AAD
- Ανάταξη και ablation

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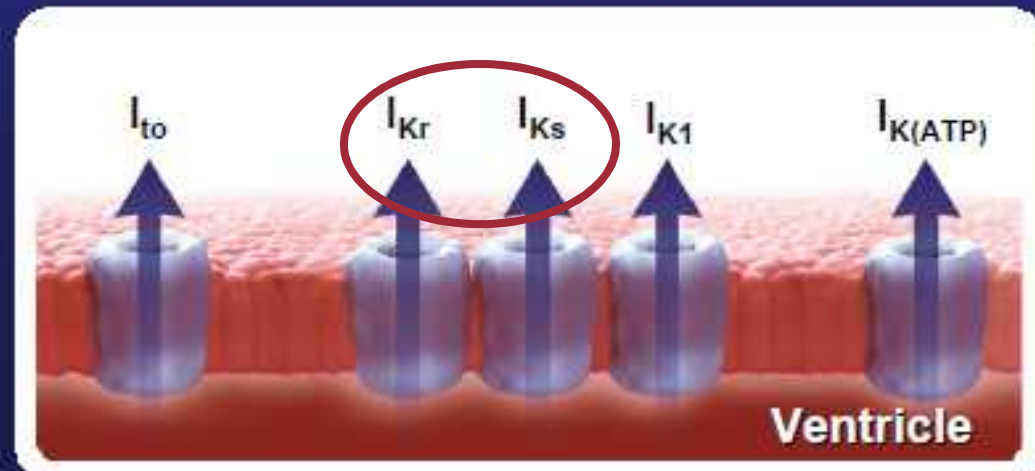
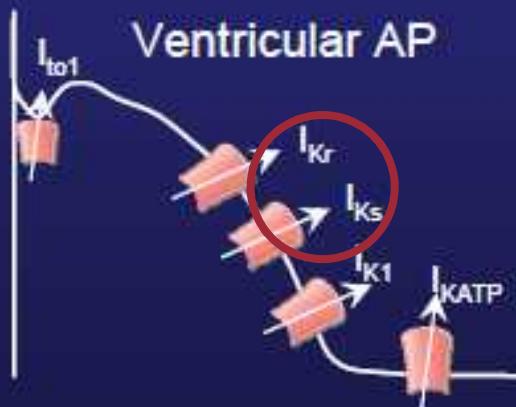
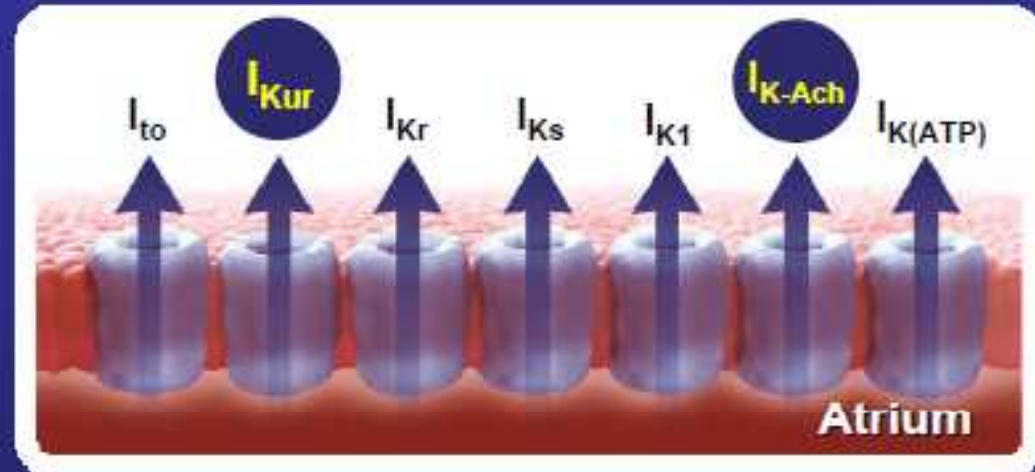
Rhythm control



COMMON SENSE

Just because you can, doesn't mean you should.

Action Potential in the Atria and the Ventricles: Some K^+ Ion Currents Are Present Only in the Atria^{1,2}



I_{to} = transient outward current; I_{Kur} = ultrarapid delayed-rectifier potassium current; I_{Kr} = rapid delayed-rectifier potassium current; I_{Ks} = slow delayed rectifier potassium current; I_{K1} = inward rectifier potassium current; I_{K-Ach} = acetylcholine-regulated potassium current; $I_{K(ATP)}$ = ATP-sensitive potassium current.

Ranolazine

- The late/sustained/persistent sodium channel current (late I_{Na})
- The rapidly activating delayed rectifier potassium current (I_{Kr})
- The early or peak sodium channel current (peak I_{Na})

REVIEW

Ranolazine as a Promising Treatment Option for Atrial Fibrillation: Electrophysiologic Mechanisms, Experimental Evidence, and Clinical Implications

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