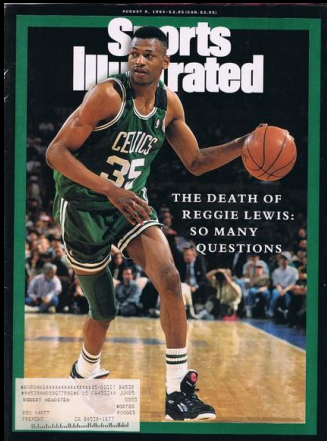
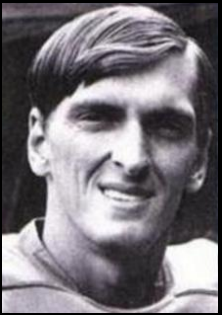


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Δ/ντής Καρδιολογικού Τμήματος

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| 1971 Chuck Hughes SD (CAD) NFL | 1976 Owen Brown SD (HCM) | 1980 1 st SD in athletes paper (Maron & Roberts) | 1985 Bethesda #16 | 1987 1 st Screening studios (college athletes) | 1988 "Pistol" Pete Maravich SD | 1990 Hank Gathers SD | 1993 Reggie Lewis SD | 1995 Commotio Cordis described | 1998 Knapp v. Northwestern | 2005 Jason Collier Thomas Herrion Jiri Fischer (SD/CA) | 2006 Veneto screening data | 2009 Causes SD in athletes (n=1986) | 2015 AHA/ACC screening recommendations #3 |
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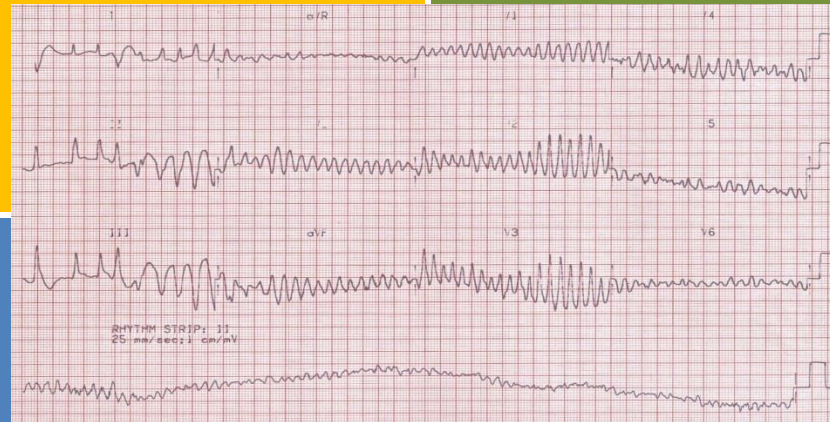


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| 1976 Chris Patton SD (Marfan) | 1981 U.S. Sudden Death in Athletes Registry begins | 1986 Len Bias SD (cocaine) | 1988 ARVC Introduced as disease (& cause of SD in athletes) | 1994 Bethesda #26 recommendations | 1996 AHA screening recommendations #1 | 2001 Korey Stringer SD (heat stroke) | 2005 Bethesda #36 | 2007 AHA screening recommendations #2 | 2015 U.S Sudden Death in Athletes Registry (n=3000) |
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Φάρμακα - άλλα

Pre-participation screening

Young Athletes < 35 years old



Young Athletes - Incidence of SCD

Table 1 Incidence studies in general populations of athletes

| Author | Year | Country | Study design | Case identification | Denominator | Exertional deaths of all? | SCD or SCA+SCD | Years studied | Population | Incidence | Number of years | Age range | Mean age | Number of cardiac deaths |
|------------------------|------|---------|--------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|
| Van Camp ²¹ | 1996 | USA | Retrospective cohort | National Center for Catastrophic Injury Research and media database | 17 most popular sports, participants in NCAA, NFHS, NAIA, NAJ, added together, conversion factor to account multisport athletes used 'based on discussions with representatives from the national organisations'. 1.9 for high school and 1.2 for college | Exertional | SCD | 1983–1993 | College athletes and high school | 1:300 000 | 10 | 17–24 | 17 | 100 |
| Maron ²⁶ | 1996 | USA | Retrospective cohort | US Registry for Sudden Death in Athletes | 'Unavoidable selection bias and certainly significantly underestimate' | All | SCD | 1985–1995 | Athletes | — | 10 | 12–40 | 17 | 134 |
| Maron ²⁵ | 2003 | USA | Retrospective cohort | US Registry for Sudden Death in Athletes | Not possible b/c of selection bias | All | SCD | 1985–2000 | Athletes | — | 25 | 9–40 | 17 | 286 |
| Corrado ²² | 2003 | Italy | Prospective cohort study | Mandatory death reporting | Registered Italian athletes | All | SCD | 1979–1999 | Athletes and young people | 1:47 600 athlete 1:142 900 young people | 20 | 12–35 | 23 | 55 |
| Maron ⁸ | 2009 | USA | Retrospective cohort | US Registry for Sudden Death in Athletes | Estimated 10.7 million athletes <39 participating in sports during 2000–2006 (method not described) | All | SCA+SCD | 1980–2006 | Athletes | 1:163 934 | 27 | 8–39 | 18 | 690 |
| Holst ⁶ | 2010 | Denmark | Retrospective cohort | Review of death certificates—then autopsies if available—15 sports related SCD (SrSCD) | Denmark population statistics | All and sports related | SCD | 2000–2006 | Athletes and young people | 1:82 645 SrSCD 1:26 595 general pop | 7 | 12–35 | 26 | 15 SrSCD 470 SCD |
| Steinvil ²³ | 2011 | Israel | Retrospective cohort | Retrospective review of two Israeli newspapers by two media researchers | 45 000 registered competitive athletes in 2009, extrapolated the growth of the Israeli population age 10–40 since 1985 based on that figure and allowed for a presumed doubling of the sporting | All | SCD | 1985—19 971 998—2009 | Athletes | 1st—1:393 702nd—1:37 593 | 24 | 12–44 | 24 | 24 |

1 : 50.000 – 80.000

Table 2 Incidence studies in college athletes

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|-----------------------|------|---------|----------------------|---|--|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|---|-----------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|
| Drezner ²⁹ | 2005 | USA | Retrospective survey | Survey answered by 244/326 (75%) Div I NCAA institutions | Number of athletes at surveyed schools | All | SCD | | College athletes | 1:67 000 | 3.3 | | | 5 |
| Harmon ³ | 2011 | USA | Retrospective cohort | Parent Heart Watch database, NCAA Resolutions list, insurance claims—capture—recapture analysis demonstrated 90–100% of deaths were likely identified | Participation data from NCAA | All | SCD | 2004–2008 | College athletes | 1:43 000 | 5 | 18–26 | 20 | 37 |
| Maron ⁷ | 2014 | USA | Retrospective cohort | US Registry for Sudden Death in Athletes and NCAA resolutions list for cardiac cases | Participation data from NCAA | All | SCD | 2002–2011 | College athletes | 1:83 000—confirmed 1:62 000—presumed | 10 | 17–26 | 20 | 64 |

Sports as a trigger for SCD

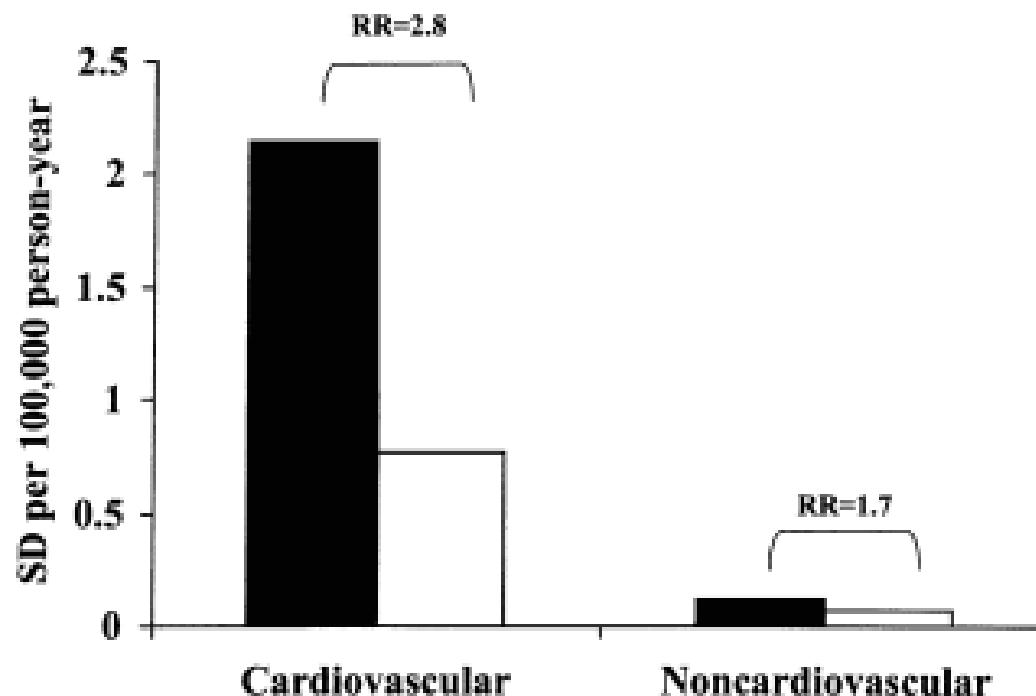
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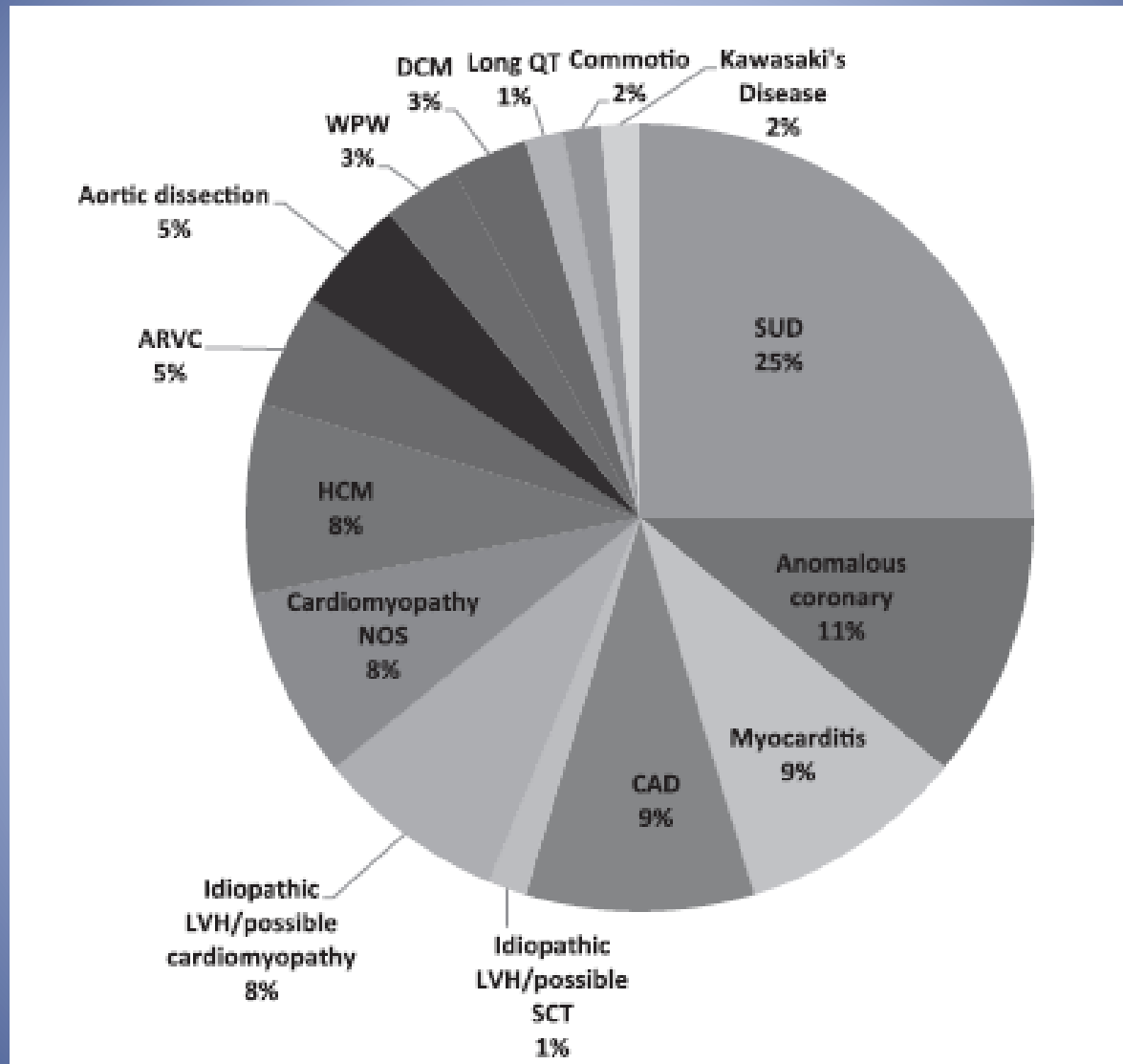
Does Sports Activity Enhance the Risk of Sudden Death in Adolescents and Young Adults?

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Young Athletes - Causes of SCD



Young Athletes - Causes of SCD

Table 3. Incidence of Sudden Cardiac Death in NCAA Athletes

| Characteristic | Athlete-Years | SCD | Incidence per Athlete-Year | IRR | 95% CI | P Value |
|----------------|---------------|-----|----------------------------|------|-----------|----------|
| Overall | 4242519 | 79 | 1 in 53703 | – | – | – |
| Sex | | | | | | |
| Male | 2418563 | 64 | 1 in 37790 | 3.22 | 1.9–5.5 | >0.0001* |
| Female | 1823899 | 15 | 1 in 121593 | 1.00 | Reference | |
| Division | | | | | | |
| Division 1 | 1663441 | 38 | 1 in 43775 | 1.98 | 1.1–3.6 | 0.0131* |
| Division 2 | 930434 | 22 | 1 in 42292 | 2.05 | 1.1–4.0 | 0.0231* |
| Division 3 | 1648128 | 19 | 1 in 86744 | 1.00 | Reference | |
| Race | | | | | | |
| White | 3075942 | 45 | 1 in 68354 | 1.00 | Reference | |
| Black | 644715 | 30 | 1 in 21491 | 3.18 | 1.9–5.2 | >0.0001* |
| Hispanic | 168763 | 3 | 1 in 56254 | 1.22 | 0.2–3.8 | 0.6974 |
| Other | 353042 | 1 | 1 in 353042 | 0.19 | 0.005–1.1 | 0.0491* |

Screening Protocol – AHA 2015

Table 1. The 14-Element AHA Recommendations for Preparticipation Cardiovascular Screening of Competitive Athletes

Medical history*

Personal history

1. Chest pain/discomfort/tightness/pressure related to exertion
2. Unexplained syncope/near-syncope†
3. Excessive and unexplained dyspnea/fatigue or palpitations, associated with exercise
4. Prior recognition of a heart murmur
5. Elevated systemic blood pressure
6. Prior restriction from participation in sports
7. Prior testing for the heart, ordered by a physician

Family history

8. Premature death (sudden and unexpected, or otherwise) before 50 y of age attributable to heart disease in ≥ 1 relative
9. Disability from heart disease in close relative < 50 y of age
10. Hypertrophic or dilated cardiomyopathy, long-QT syndrome, or other ion channelopathies, Marfan syndrome, or clinically significant arrhythmias; specific knowledge of genetic cardiac conditions in family members

Physical examination

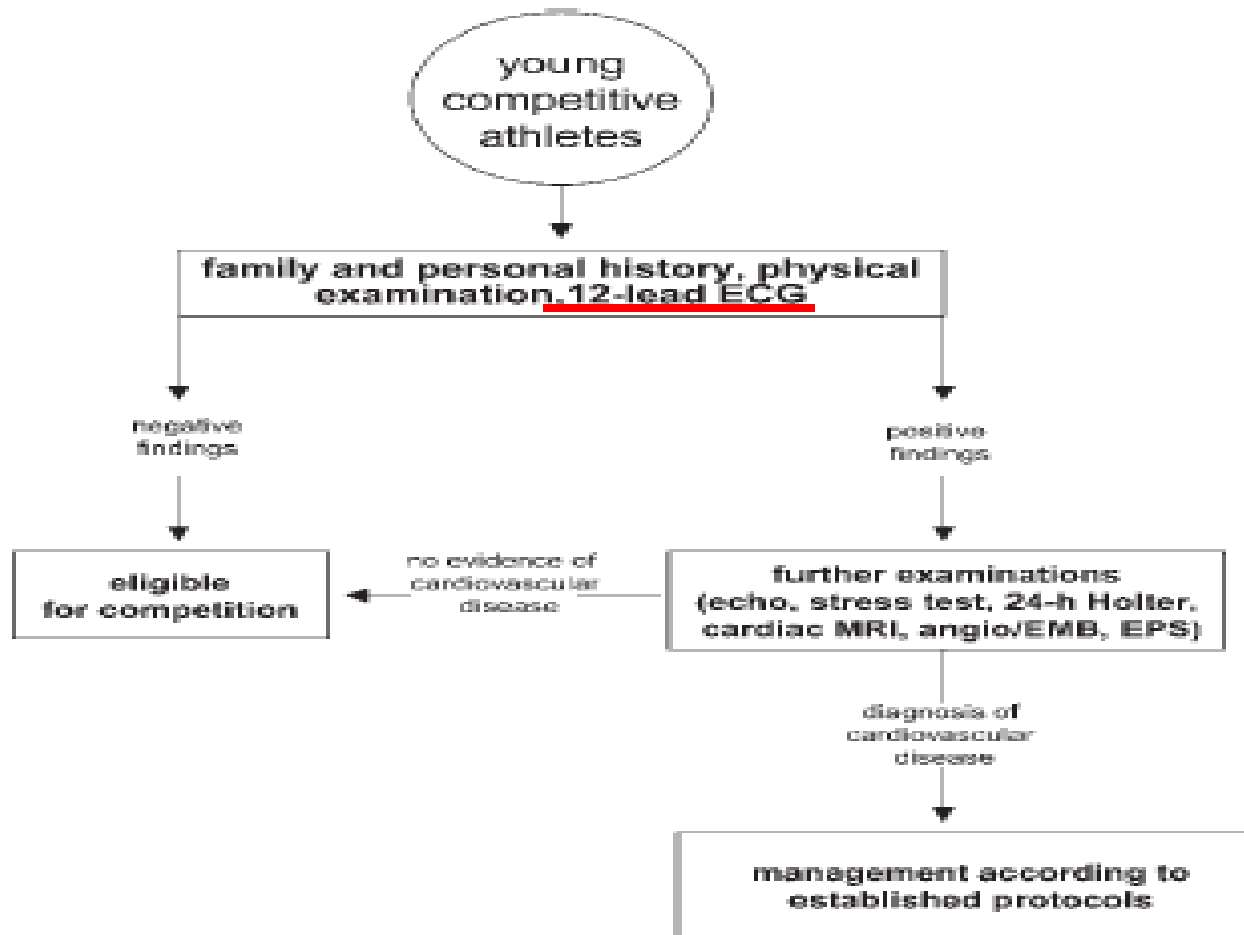
11. Heart murmur‡
12. Femoral pulses to exclude aortic coarctation
13. Physical stigmata of Marfan syndrome
14. Brachial artery blood pressure (sitting position)§

Screening Protocol – AHA 2015

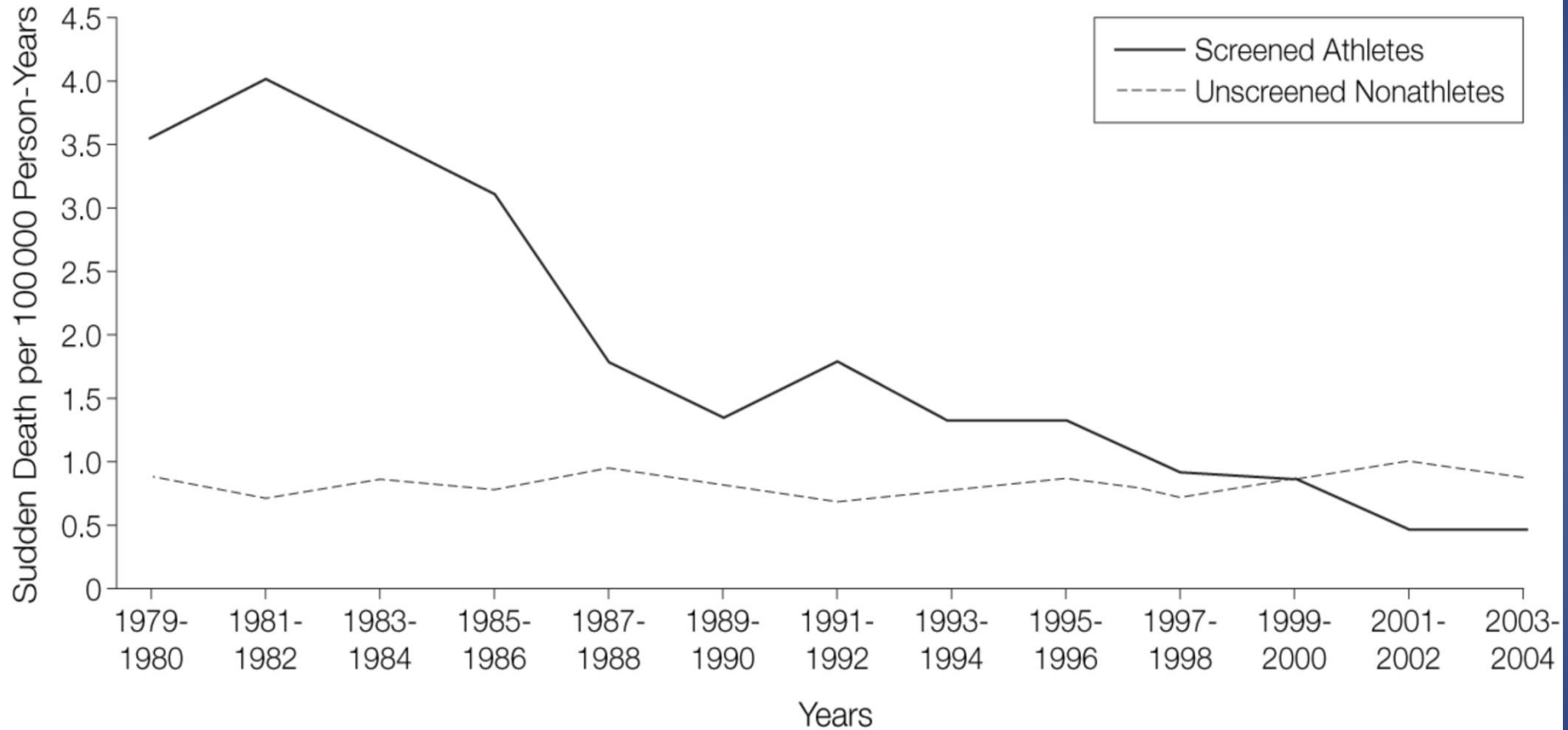
- AHA's 14-point screening guidelines as part of a comprehensive history taking and physical examination to detect or raise suspicion of genetic/congenital cardiovascular abnormalities (Class I; Level of Evidence C).
- Screening with 12-lead ECGs (or echocardiograms)**may be considered** in relatively small cohorts of young healthy people 12 to 25 years of age, not necessarily limited to competitive athletes (Class IIb; Level of Evidence C)
- Mandatory and universal mass screening with 12-lead ECGs in large general populations.... **is not recommended** for athletes and nonathletes alike (Class III, no evidence of benefit; Level of Evidence C).

Screening Protocol – ESC

Screening of young competitive athletes



Is ECG effective (mandatory)?



Cost effectiveness

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Results of a nationally implemented de novo cardiac screening programme in elite rugby players in England.

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Abstract

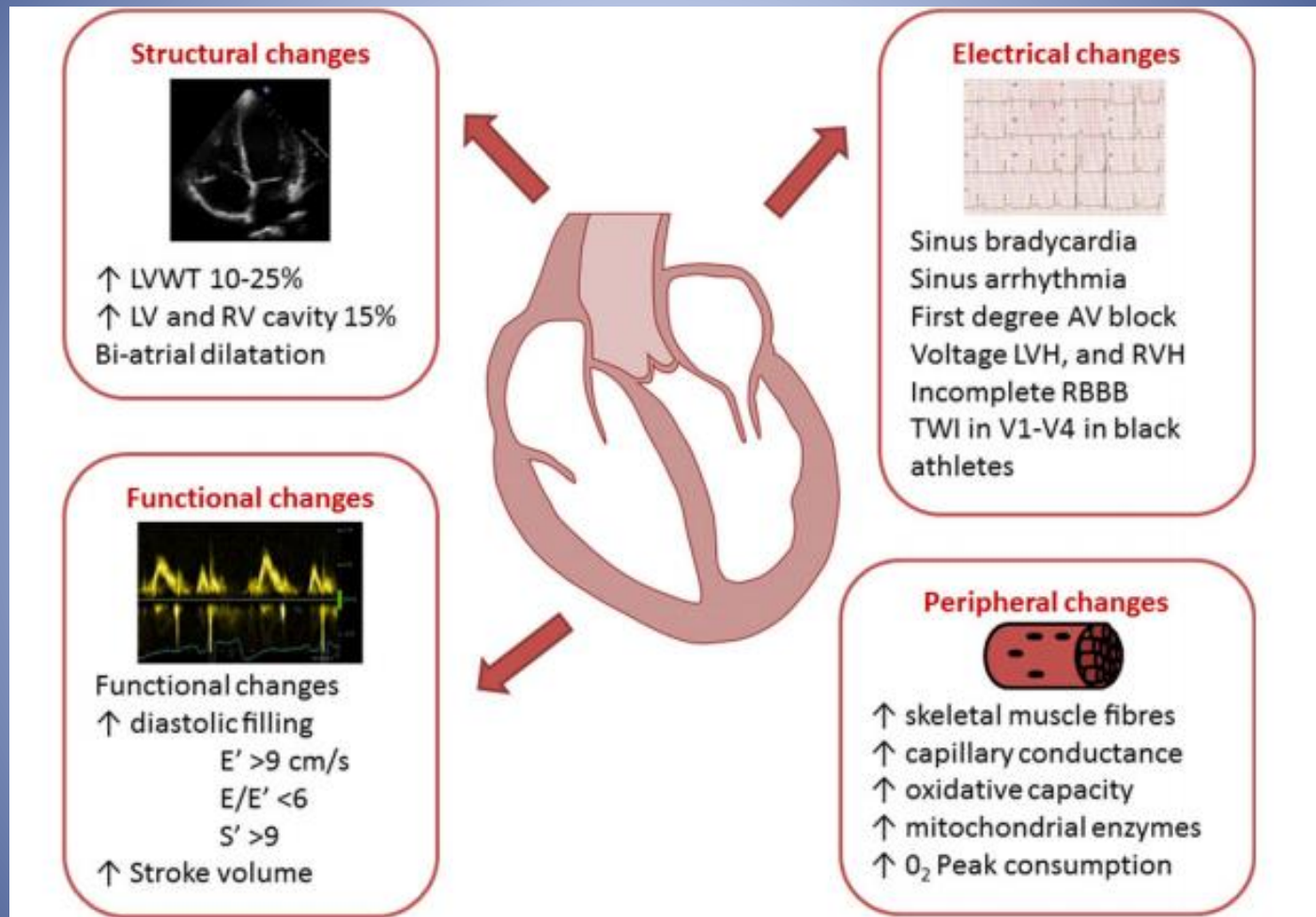
BACKGROUND/AIM: Screening of young competitive athletes remains a contentious issue. In 2010, a nationwide cardiac screening for all elite rugby players was introduced in England. This provided a unique opportunity to prospectively assess the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of a de novo, ECG-based cardiac screening programme.

METHODS: Between 2010 and 2012, 1191 rugby players aged ≥ 14 years underwent cardiac screening with a health questionnaire, 12-lead ECG and a consultation with a cardiologist. The players with concerning findings on initial evaluation were offered on-site transthoracic echocardiogram (TTE). Athletes were referred for further investigations as deemed necessary. The overall cost of the screening programme was estimated.

RESULTS: After initial evaluation, 9.7% of athletes underwent on-site TTE; 8.2% underwent on-site TTE due to ECG anomalies and 1.4% underwent on-site TTE due to concerns on the questionnaire. After TTE, only 2.9% of the total cohort was referred for further evaluation. Two players were diagnosed with potentially serious conditions; one with Wolff-Parkinson-White, who resumed competition after catheter ablation, and one with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, who withdrew from competition. During a mean follow-up of 52.8 ± 5.5 months, none of the players who were reassured experienced any adverse cardiac events. The total cost of the screening programme was £59 875, which averaged to a cost of £50 per player or £29 938 per condition identified. Application of refined ECG criteria would reduce the ECG false-positive rate to 4.9%.

CONCLUSIONS: Preparticipation cardiac screening with 12-lead ECG is feasible. Refinement of the ECG criteria, the use of on-site TTE and expert setting can minimise the burden of unnecessary investigations and reduce costs.

Athlete's Heart adaptations



Seattle criteria

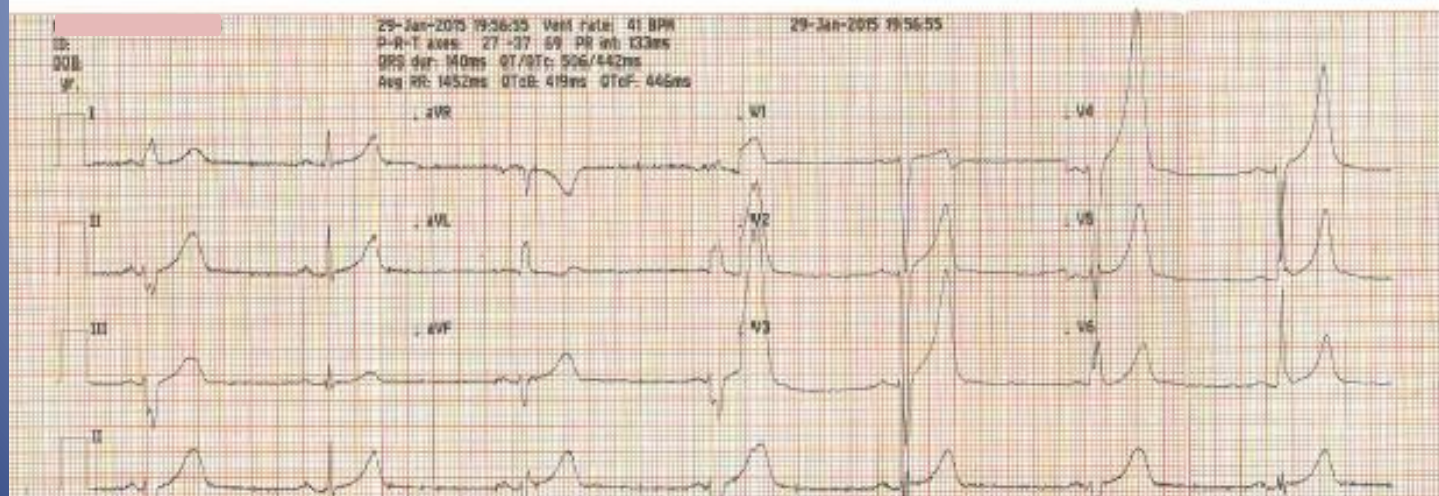
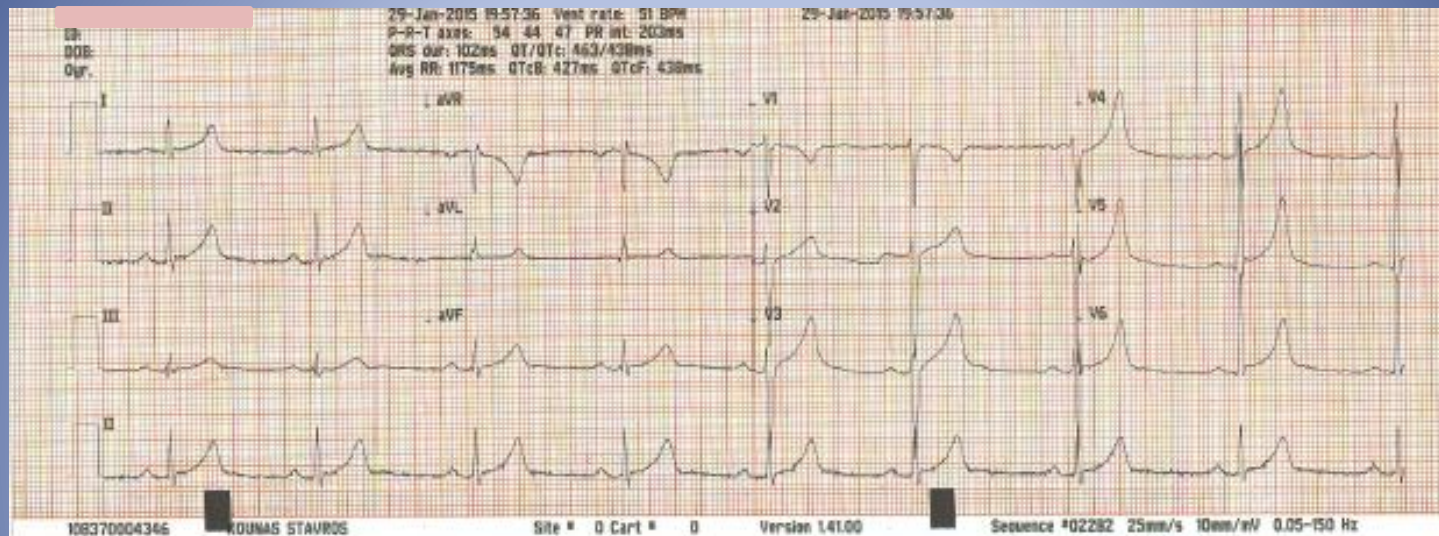
ECG INTERPRETATION IN ATHLETES

Table 1 Abnormal ECG criteria in Athletes

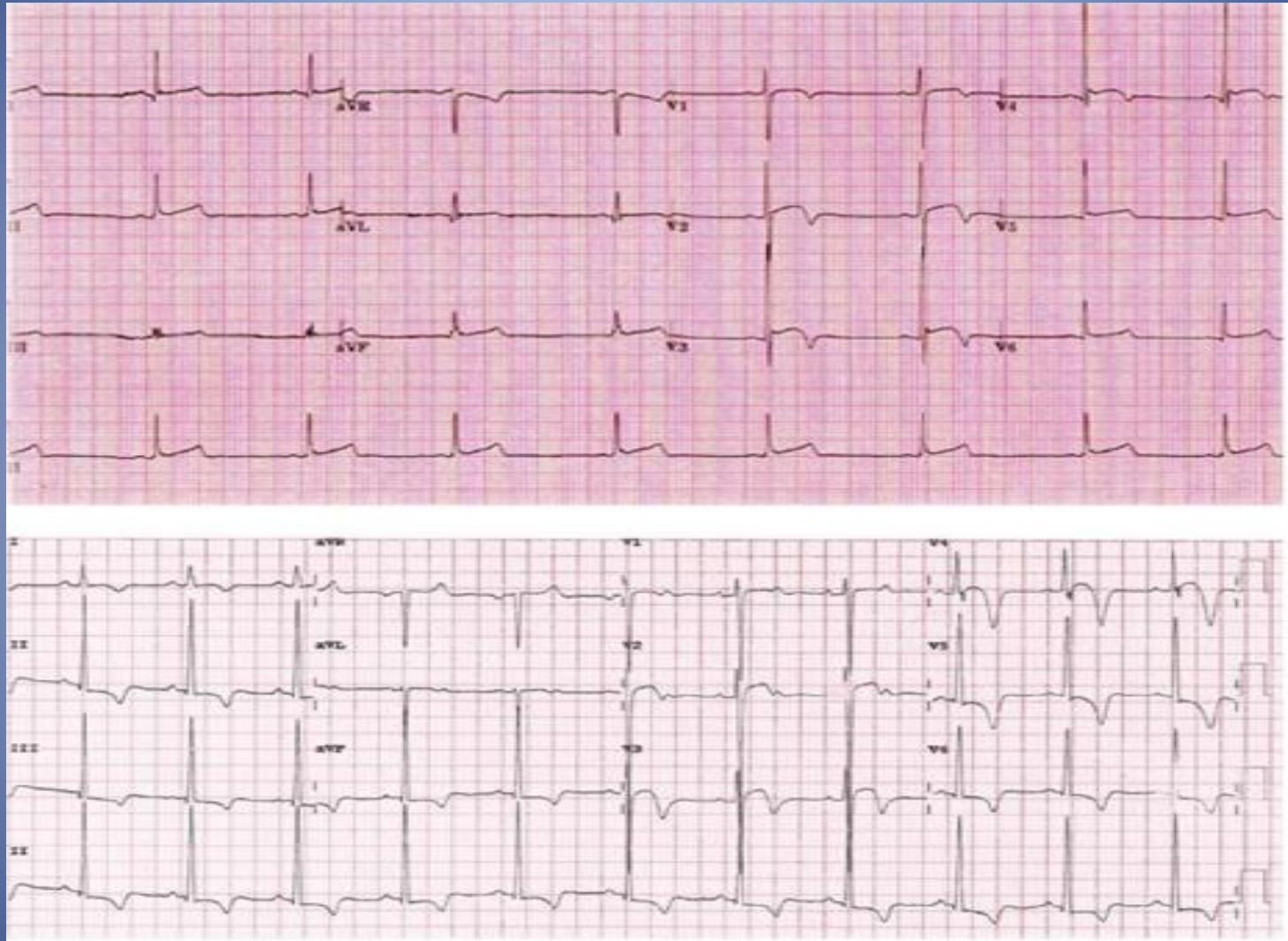
Any abnormal finding is considered training-unrelated and suggests the possibility of underlying pathological cardiac disease, requiring further diagnostic work-up.

| Abnormal ECG finding | Definition |
|------------------------------------|---|
| T wave inversion | >1 mm in depth from baseline in two or more adjacent leads not including aVR or V ₁ (¹ note exception below—figure 1) |
| ST segment depression | ≥1 mm in depth in two or more adjacent leads |
| Pathological Q waves | >3 mm in depth or >0.04 s in duration in two or more leads |
| Complete left bundle branch block | QRS >0.12 s, predominantly negative QRS complex in lead V ₁ (QS or rS), and upright monophasic R wave in leads I and V ₆ (figure 2) |
| Complete right bundle branch block | QRS >0.12 s, terminal R wave in lead V ₁ (rSR'), and wide terminal S wave in leads I and V ₆ (figure 3) |
| Intraventricular conduction delay | Non-specific, QRS >0.12 s |
| Left atrial enlargement | Prolonged P wave duration of >0.12 s in leads I or II with negative portion of the P wave ≥1 mm in depth and ≥0.04 s in duration in lead V ₁ |
| Left axis deviation | −30° to −90° |
| Right atrial enlargement | High/pointed P wave ≥2.5 mm in leads II and III or V ₁ |
| Right ventricular hypertrophy | Right axis deviation ≥120°, tall R wave in V ₁ +persistent precordial S waves (R-V ₁ +S-V ₅ >10.5 mm) |
| Mobitz type II 2° AV block | Intermittently non-conducted P waves not preceded by PR prolongation and not followed by PR shortening |
| 3° AV block | Complete heart block |
| Ventricular pre-excitation | PR interval <0.12 s with a delta wave (slurred upstroke in the QRS complex—figure 4) |
| Long QT interval | QTc ≥0.47 s (99% males) QTc ≥0.48 s (99% females) QTc ≥0.50 s (unequivocal LQTS; figure 5) |
| Short QT interval | QTc ≤0.34 s |
| Brugada-like ECG pattern | High take-off and downsloping ST segment elevation in V ₁ –V ₃ (figure 6) |
| Epsilon wave | Small negative deflection just beyond the QRS in V ₁ or V ₂ (figure 7) |
| Profound sinus bradycardia | <30 BPM or sinus pauses ≥3 s |
| Atrial tachyarrhythmias | Supraventricular tachycardia, atrioventricular nodal reentrant tachycardia, atrial-fibrillation and atrial-flutter |
| Premature ventricular contractions | ≥2 per tracing |
| Ventricular arrhythmias | Couplets, triplets and non-sustained ventricular tachycardia |

Case: 25 yo athlete (triathlon)



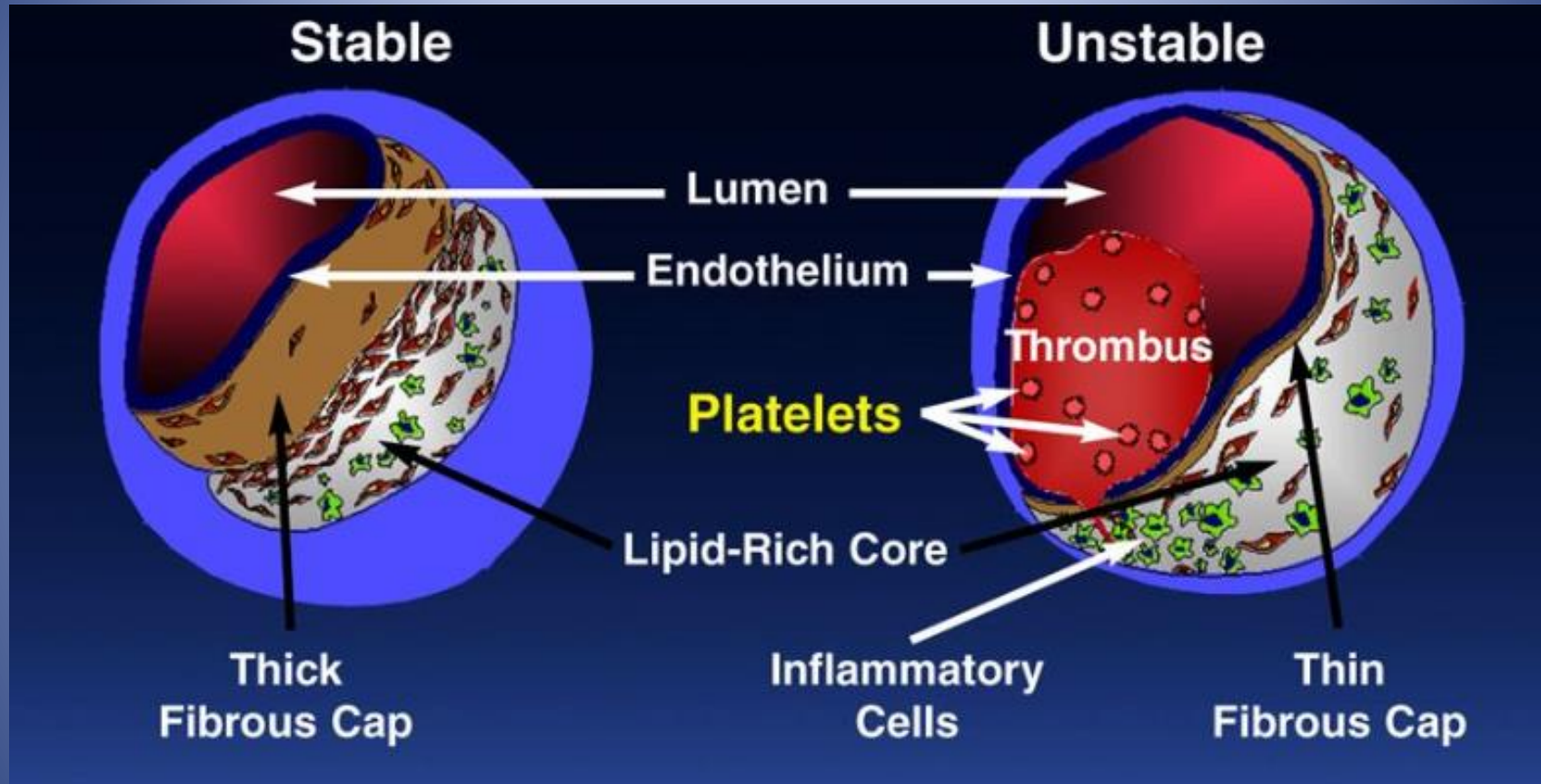
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Pre-participation screening



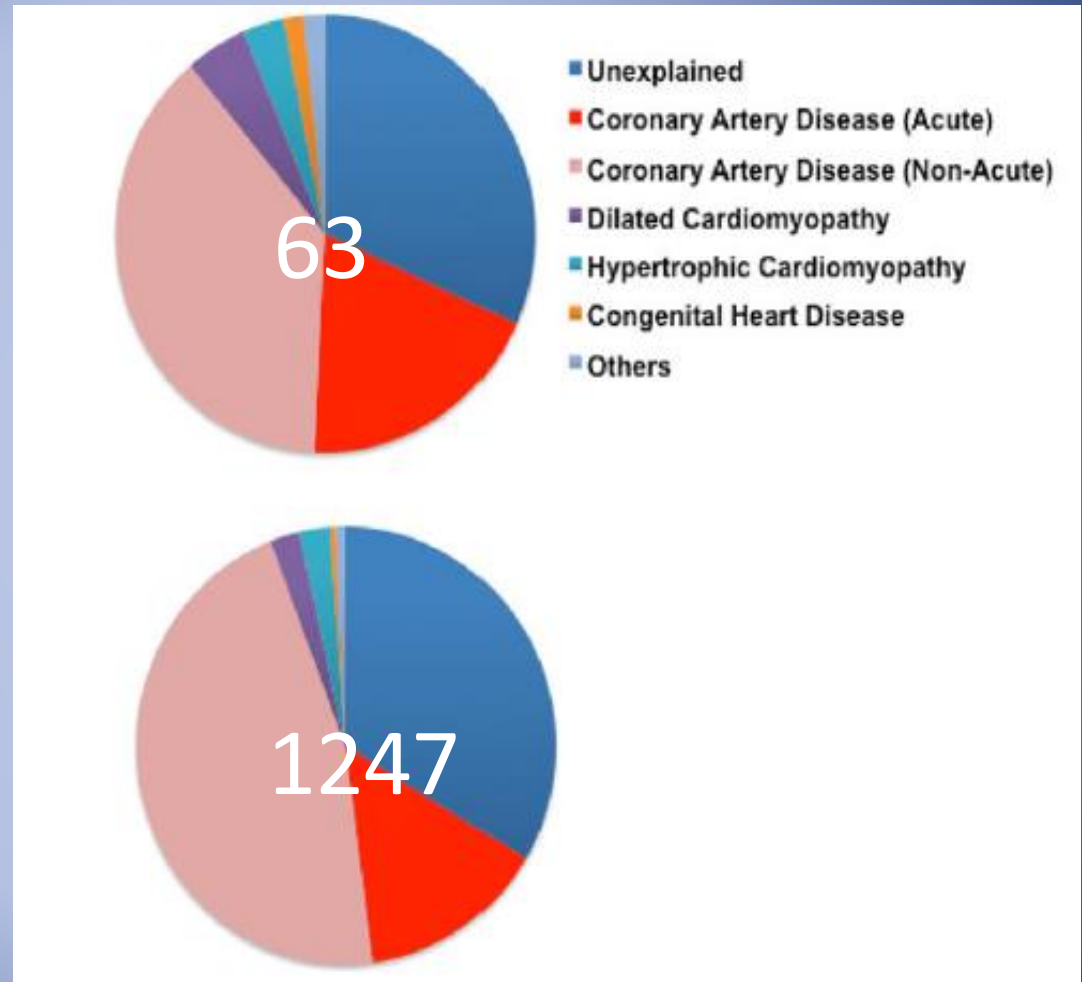
Master Athletes - Causes



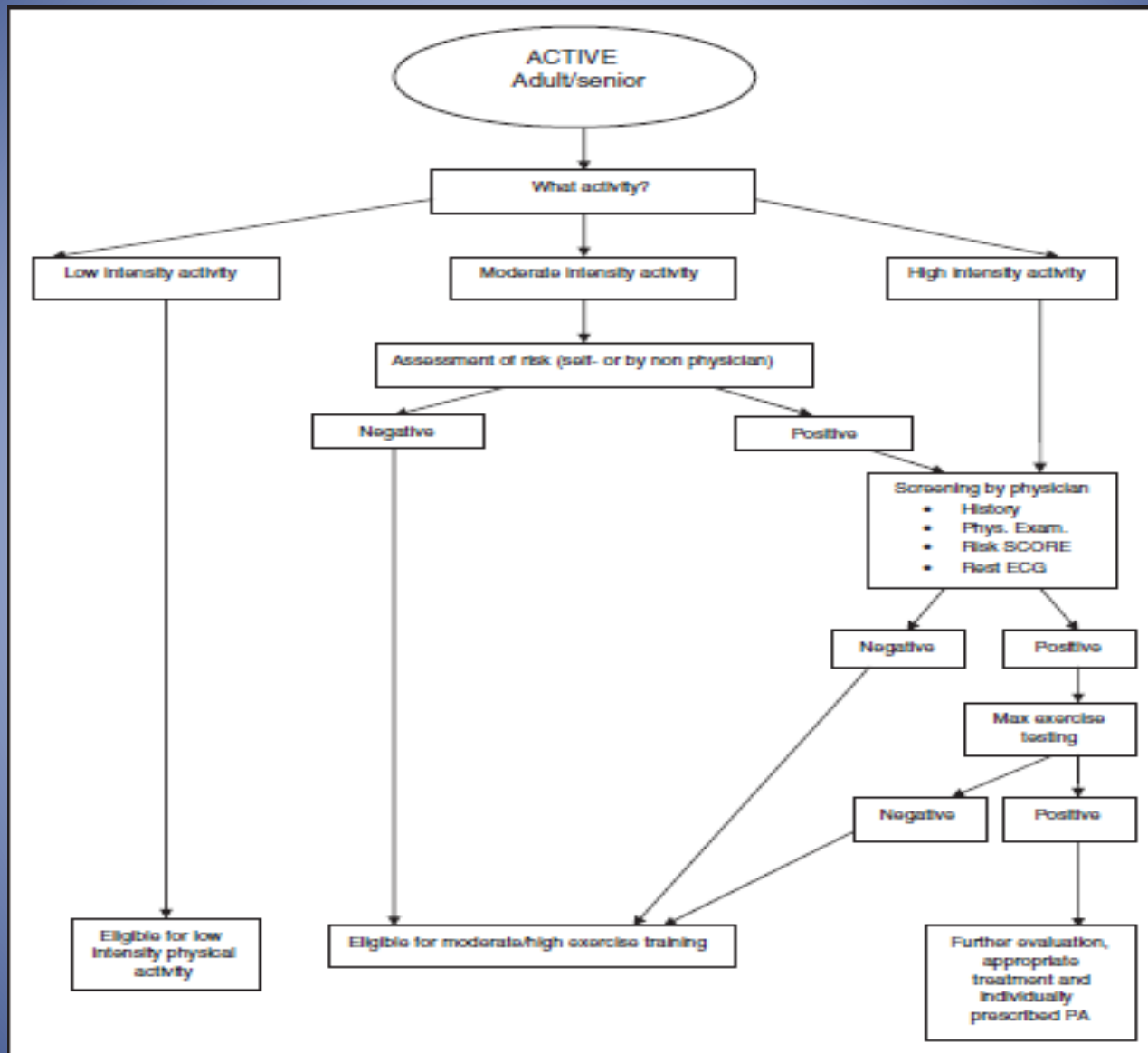
Master Athletes - Incidence

5% of total during sports
(21 per million per year)

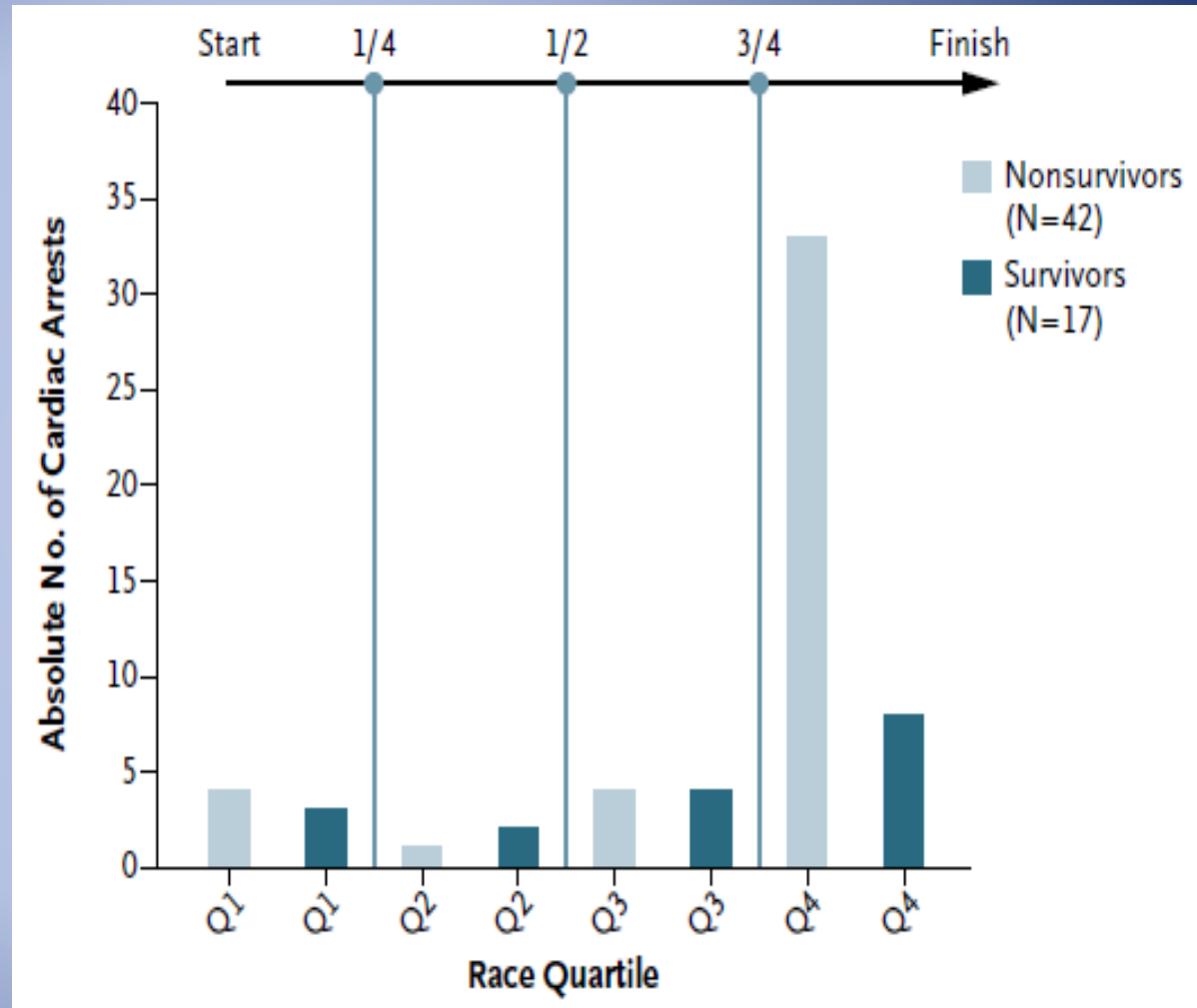
- Known pre-existing cardiac disease in 16%
- ≥ 1 cardiovascular risk factor in 56%
- 36% of cases had typical cardiovascular symptoms during the week preceding SCA



Screening protocol (CAD)



Long distances runners

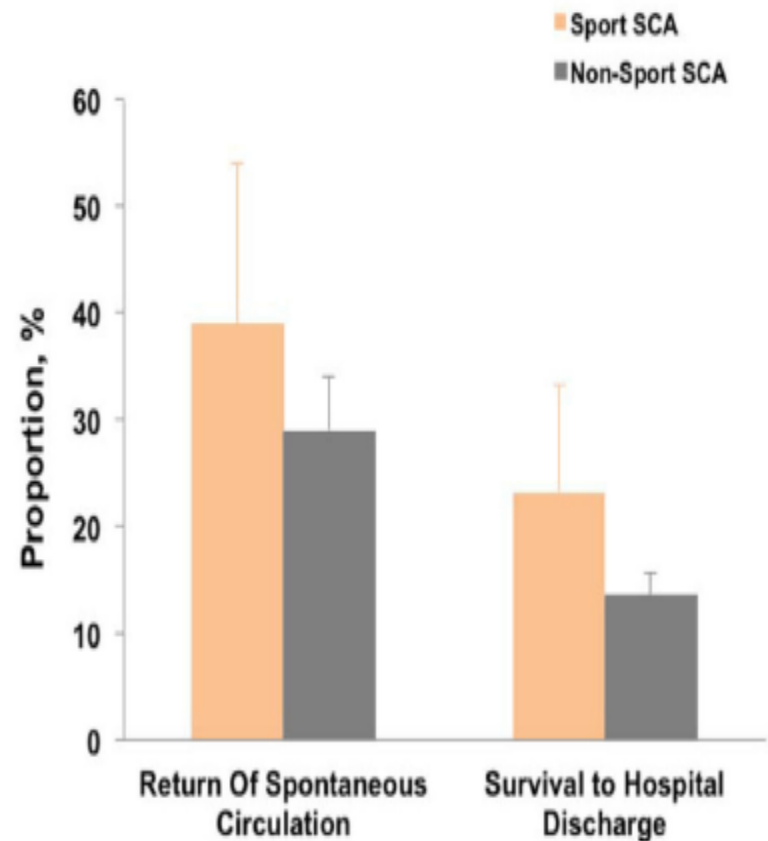


openheart Prerace aspirin to protect susceptible runners from cardiac arrest during marathons: is opportunity knocking?

Arthur J Siegel^{1,2}

- If cardiac arrests during marathons are due to atherosclerotic heart disease in some middle-aged men
- And same-aged asymptomatic marathoners show biomarkers of inflammation during races which predict cardiovascular events in healthy persons
- And aspirin has been conclusively shown to prevent first myocardial infarctions in healthy men
- Pre-race aspirin usage may protect susceptible runners from cardiac arrest.

Better survival rates of exercise SCAs



Consensus document regarding cardiovascular safety at sports arenas

Position stand from the European Association of Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation (EACPR), section of Sports Cardiology

Table 1 Check list: written medical action plan of sports arenas with >1000 spectators, should include

| |
|--|
| Name of medical director at arena |
| Map of the arena with localization of emergency exits and medical care (for opposing teams and spectators) |
| Arena and event specific planning |
| Level of care |
| Personnel |
| Medical equipment |
| Communication |
| Treatment facilities |
| Transportation resources |
| Documentation |
| Collaboration with local emergency medical system and nearest hospital |
| Continuous quality improvement |
| External information |



Table 2 Recommendations for minimum level of care at sports arenas/events with >1000 spectators/competitors

| Arena size | AEDs no | Physicians | Nurses | MTs | Ambulances |
|------------|---------|------------|--------|------|------------|
| <10 000 | 1–2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0–1 |
| 10–50 000 | 4 | 2 | 1–5 | 2–10 | 1–2 |
| >50 000 | 8 | 2–4 | >5 | >10 | >2 |

Pre-participation screening

Young Athletes < 35 years old

Master Athletes > 35 years old

Athletes with cardiovascular abnormalities

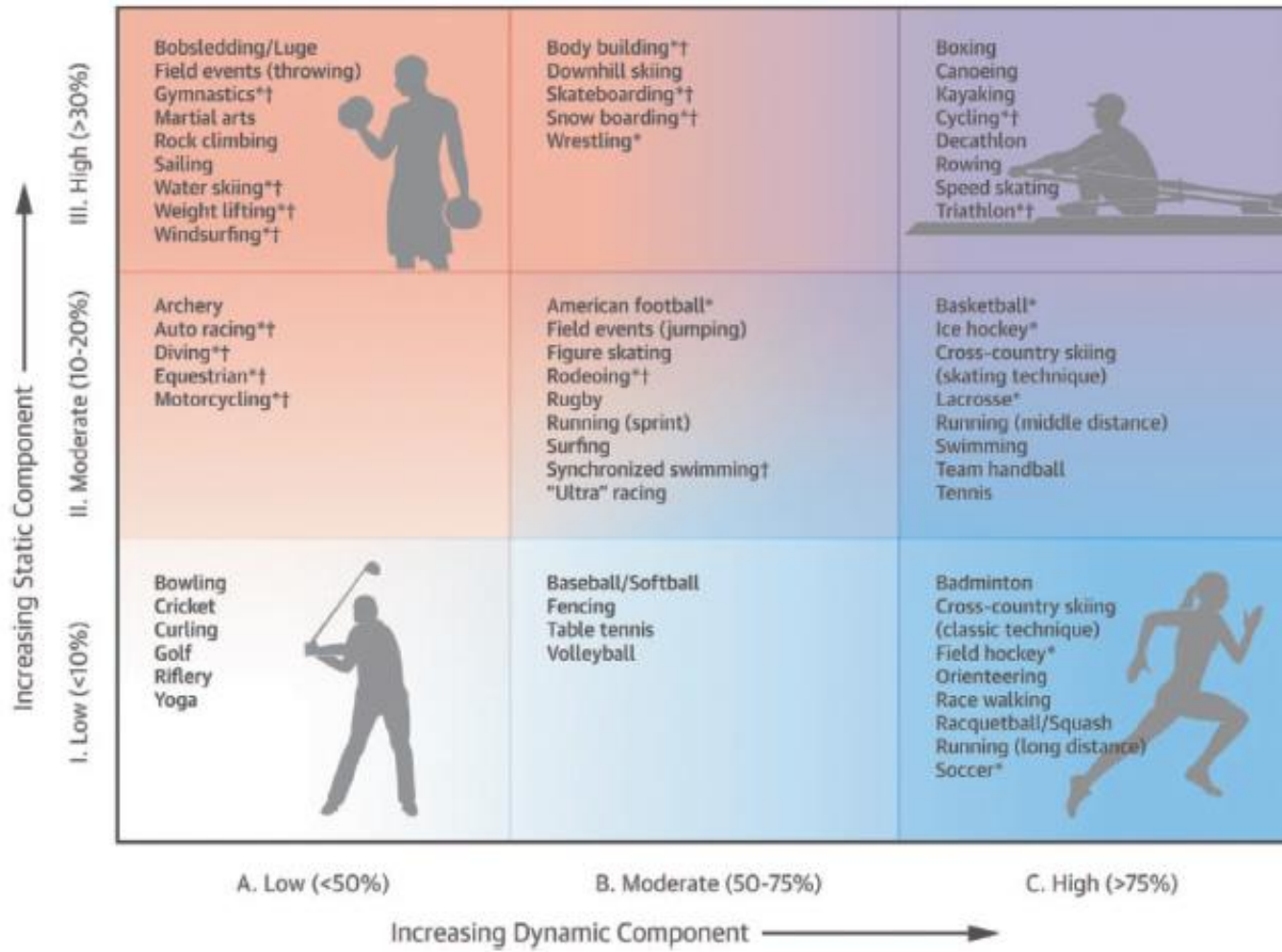
AHA/ACC SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT

Eligibility and Disqualification Recommendations for Competitive Athletes With Cardiovascular Abnormalities: Preamble, Principles, and General Considerations

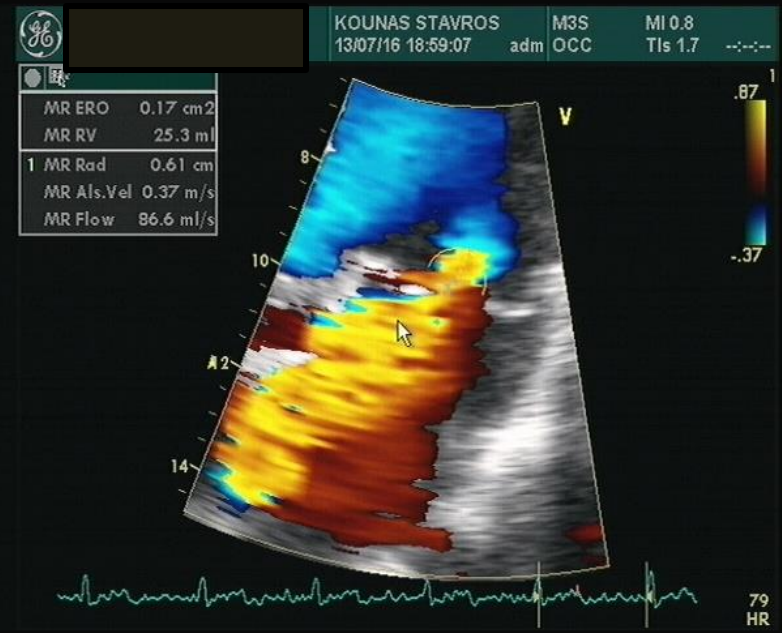
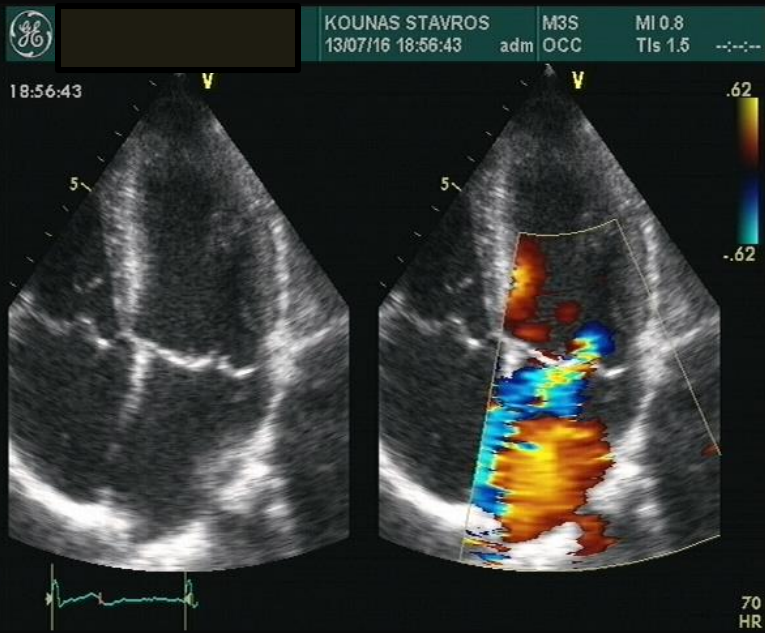
- Classification
- Pre-participation screening
- Cardiomyopathies (HCM/ARVC)
- Congenital Heart Disease
- Valvular Heart Disease
- Hypertension
- Coronary Artery Disease
- Arrhythmias
- Channelopathies
- Drugs
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Commotio Cordis
- Sickle cell trait
- Legal aspects

Sports classification

FIGURE Classification of Sports

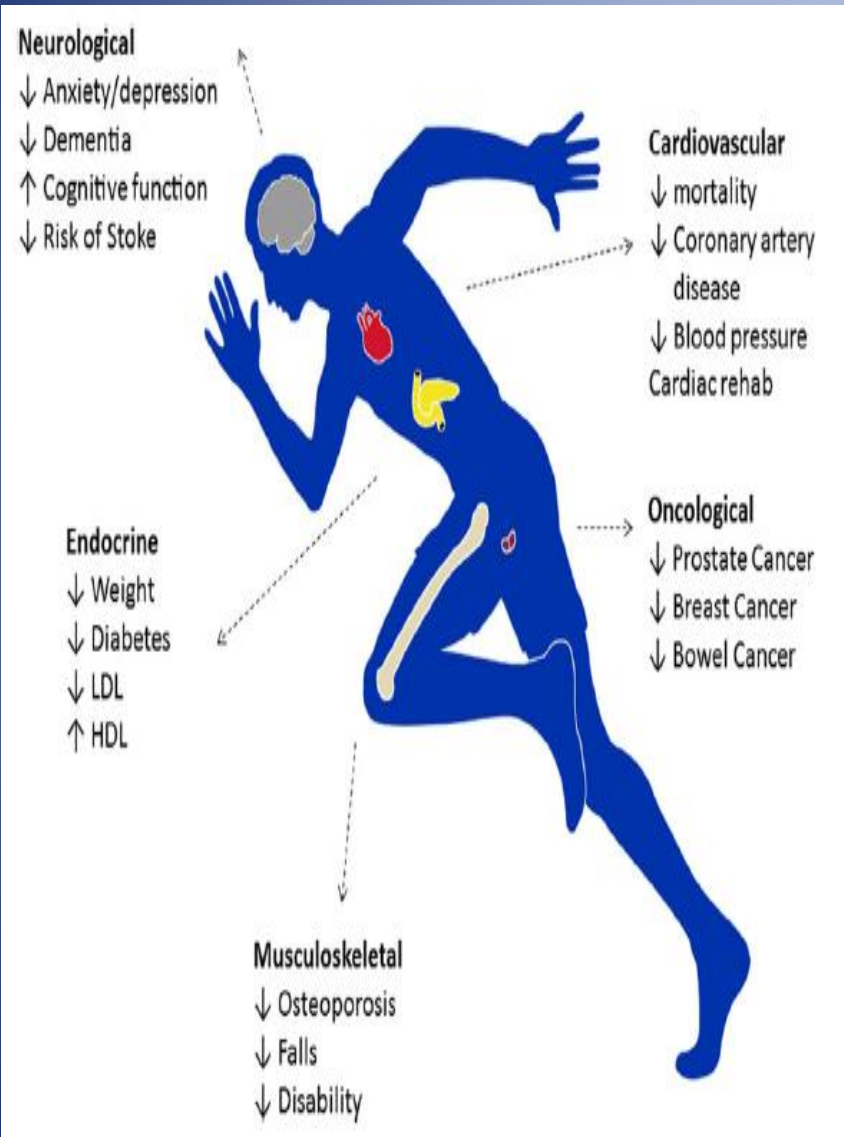


Case: 28 yo basketball player



It is reasonable for athletes with moderate MR in sinus rhythm with normal LV systolic function at rest and mild LV enlargement (compatible with that which may result solely from athletic training [LVEDD <60 mm or <35 mm/m² in men or <40 mm/m² in women]) to participate in all competitive sports (stage B) (Class IIa; Level of Evidence C).

Take home messages



- Exercise is beneficial!
- Pre-participation screening should attempt to identify athletes with underlying CVD or symptoms
- Screening protocols differ in young and master athletes
- Recommendations for athletes with CVD should be advised before disqualifying

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