

# Κολπική Μαρμαρυγή: Μια σύγχρονη επιδημία

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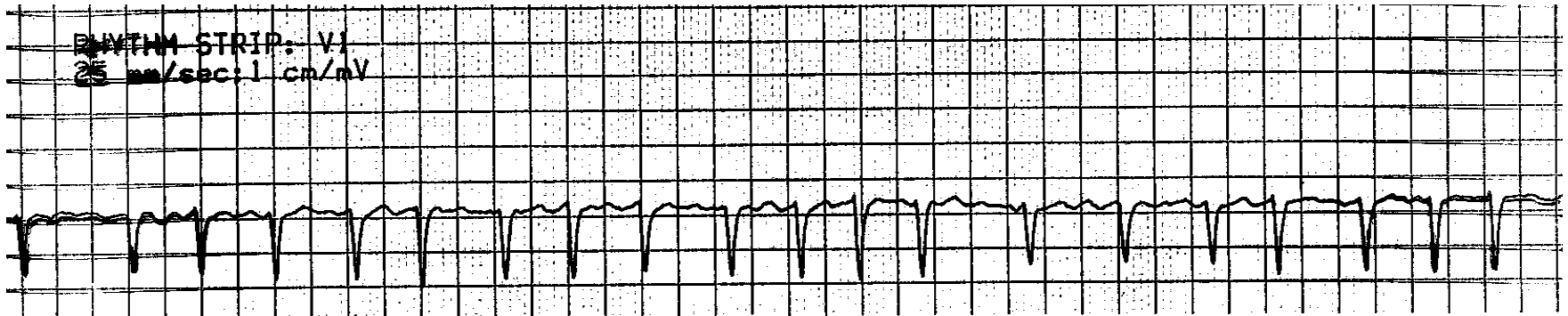


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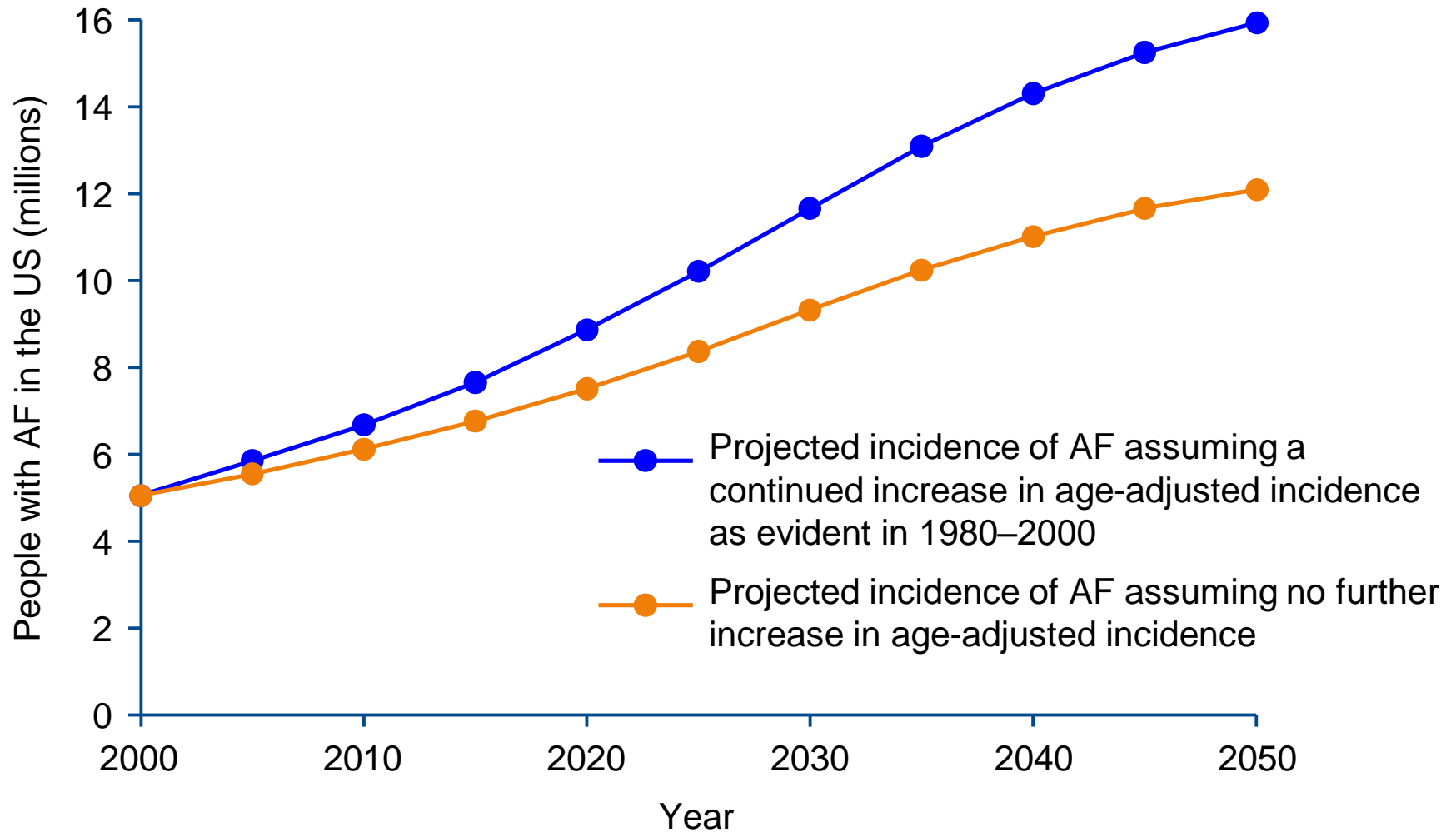
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## 2017 HRS/EHRA/ECAS/APHRS/SOLAECE expert consensus statement on catheter and surgical ablation of atrial fibrillation

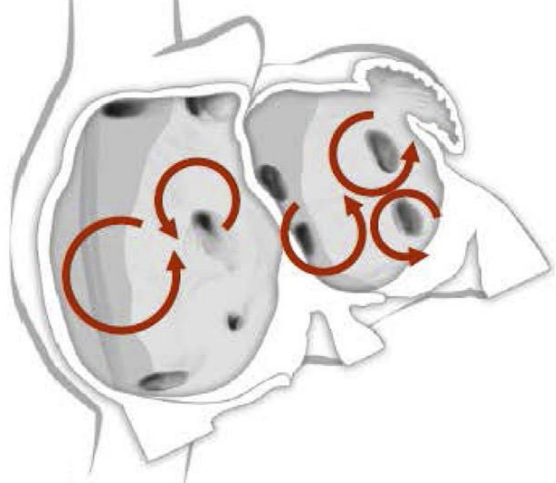
- × AF is a common supraventricular arrhythmia that is characterized by rapid and irregular activation in the atria without discrete P waves on the surface ECG



## Prevalence of AF predicted to more than double by 2050

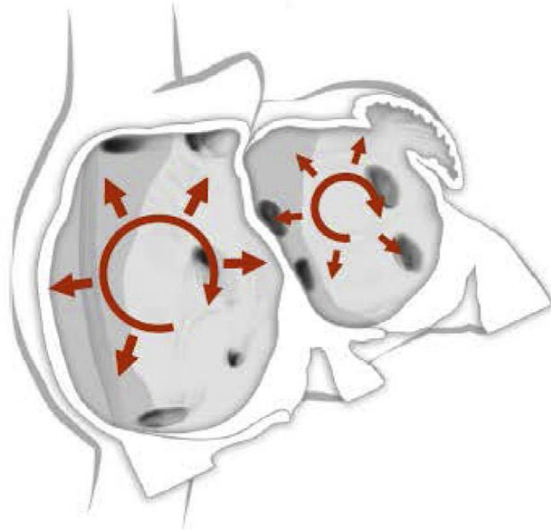


**A** Multiple wavelets hypothesis

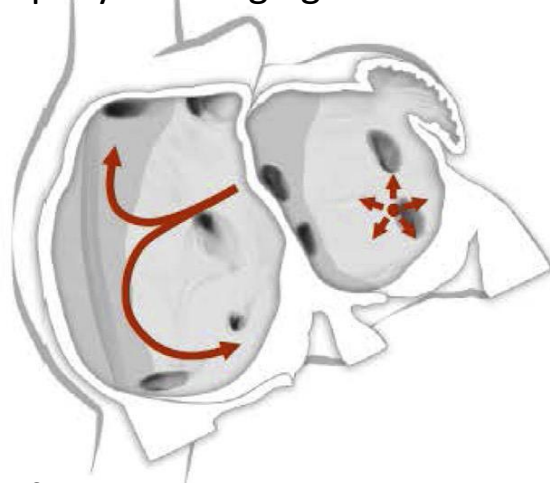


: Functional reentry resulting from rotors or spiral waves

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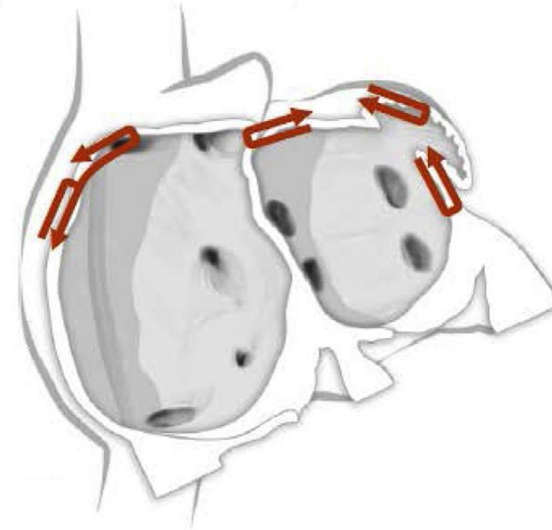


**B** Rapidly discharging automatic foci

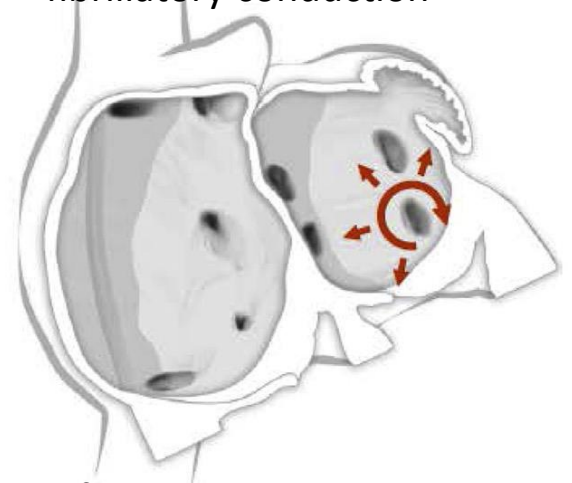


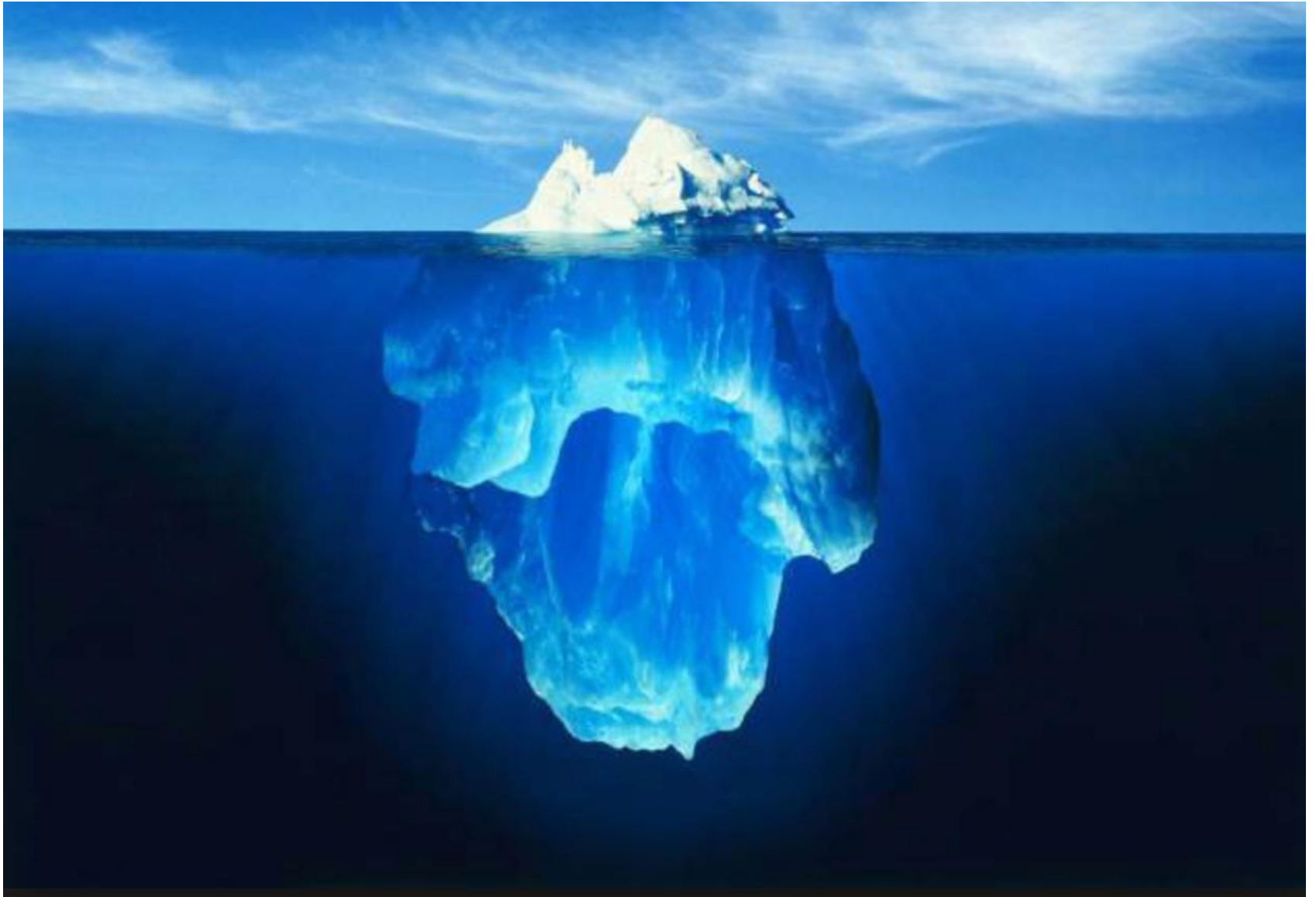
Maintenance resulting from dissociation between epicardial and endocardial layers,

**E**

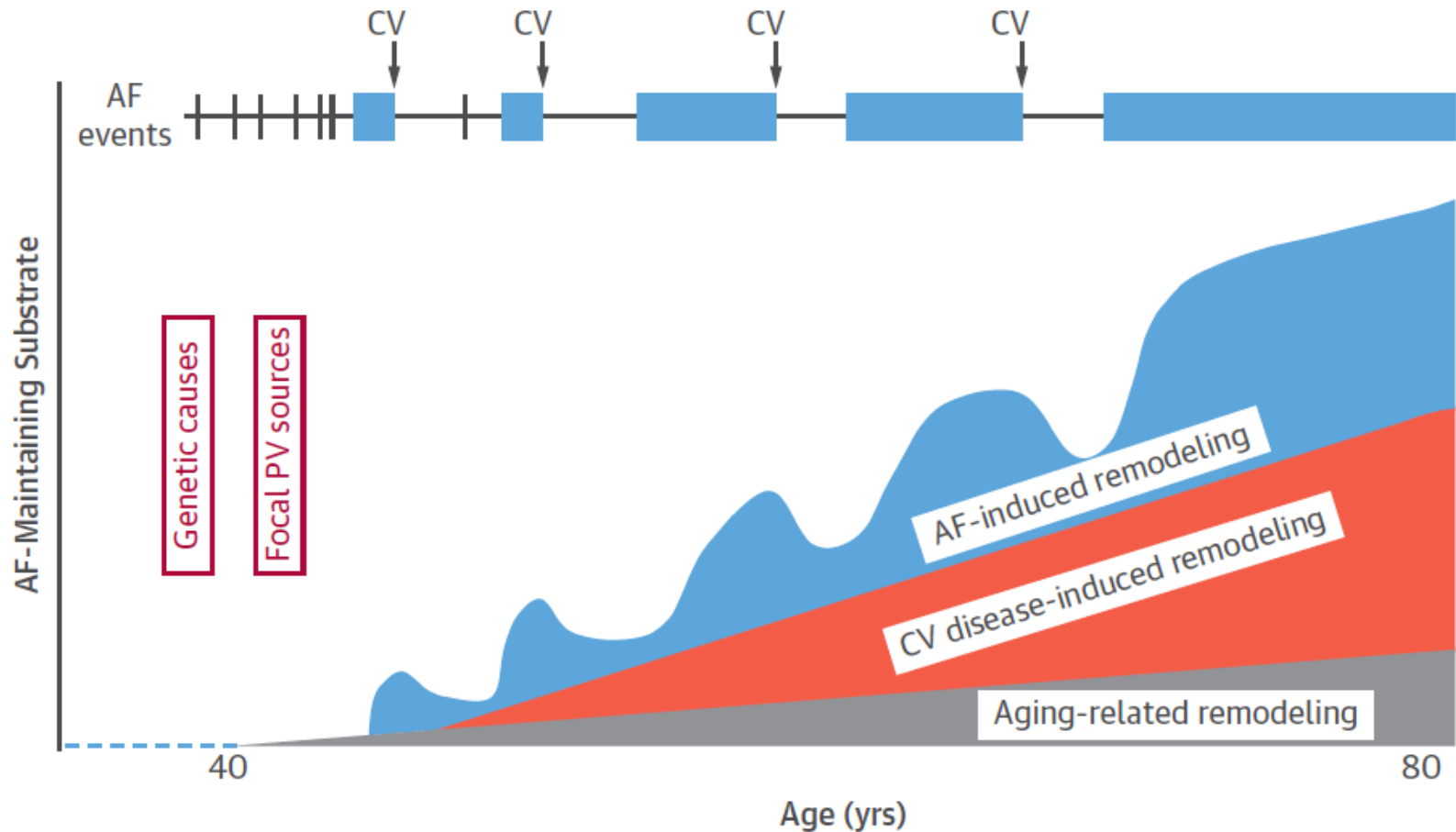


**C** Single reentrant circuit with fibrillatory conduction





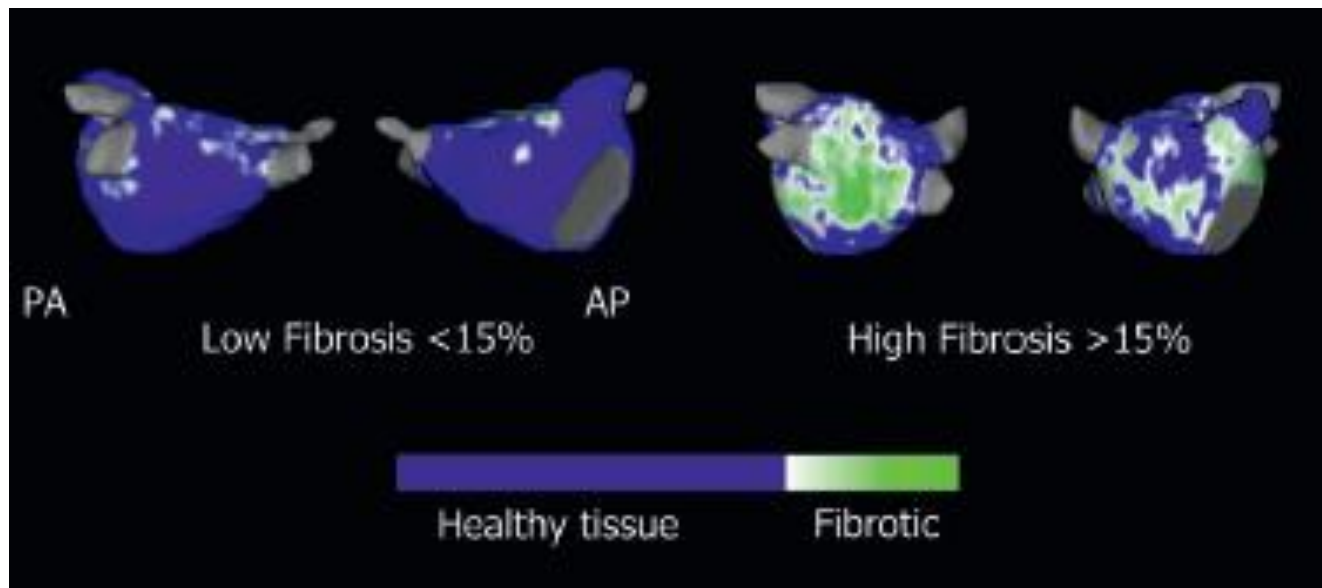
# A Schematic Representation of the Natural History of AF



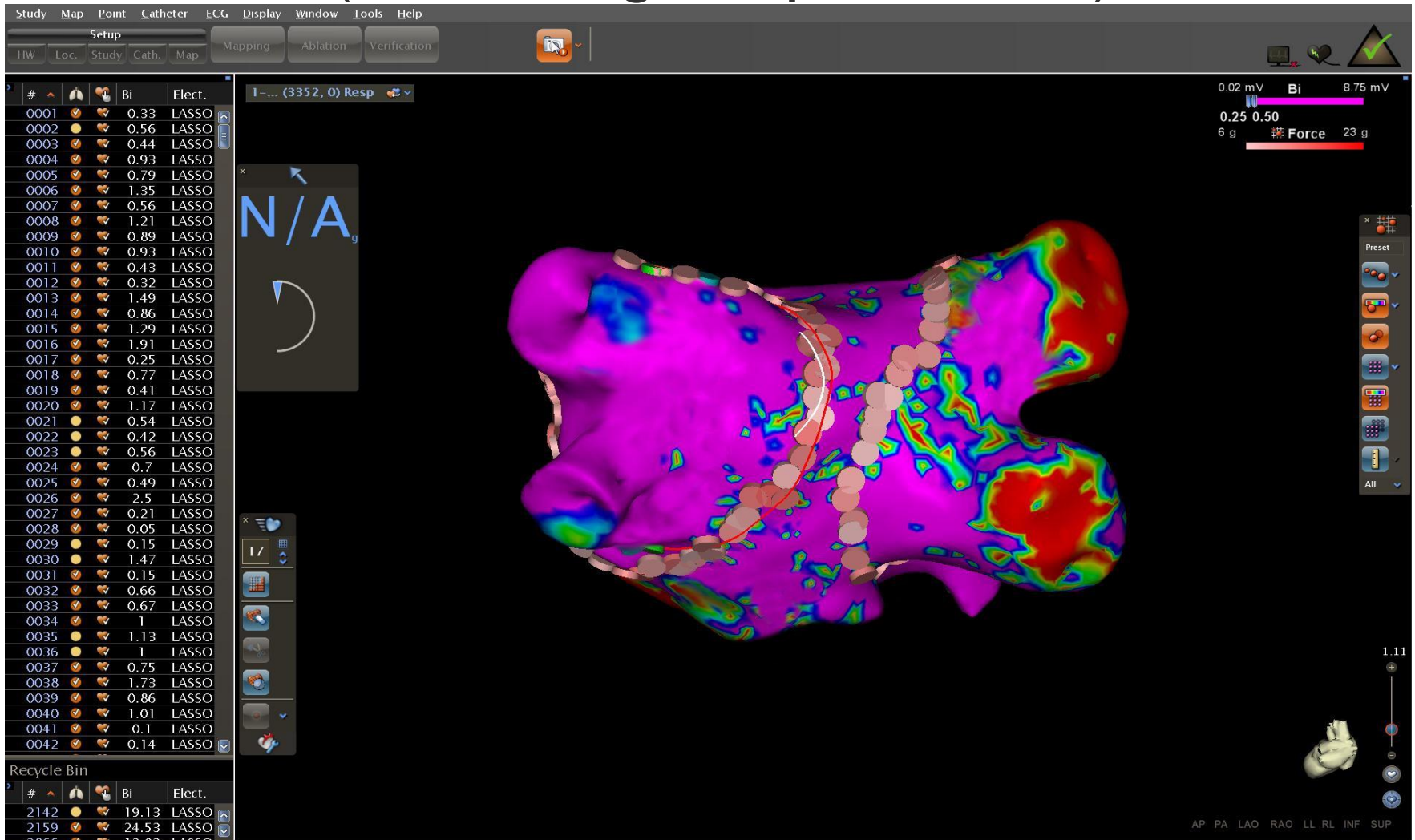
*Guichard and Nattel. JACC 2017*

# Left Atrial Fibrosis and Risk of Cerebrovascular and Cardiovascular Events in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation

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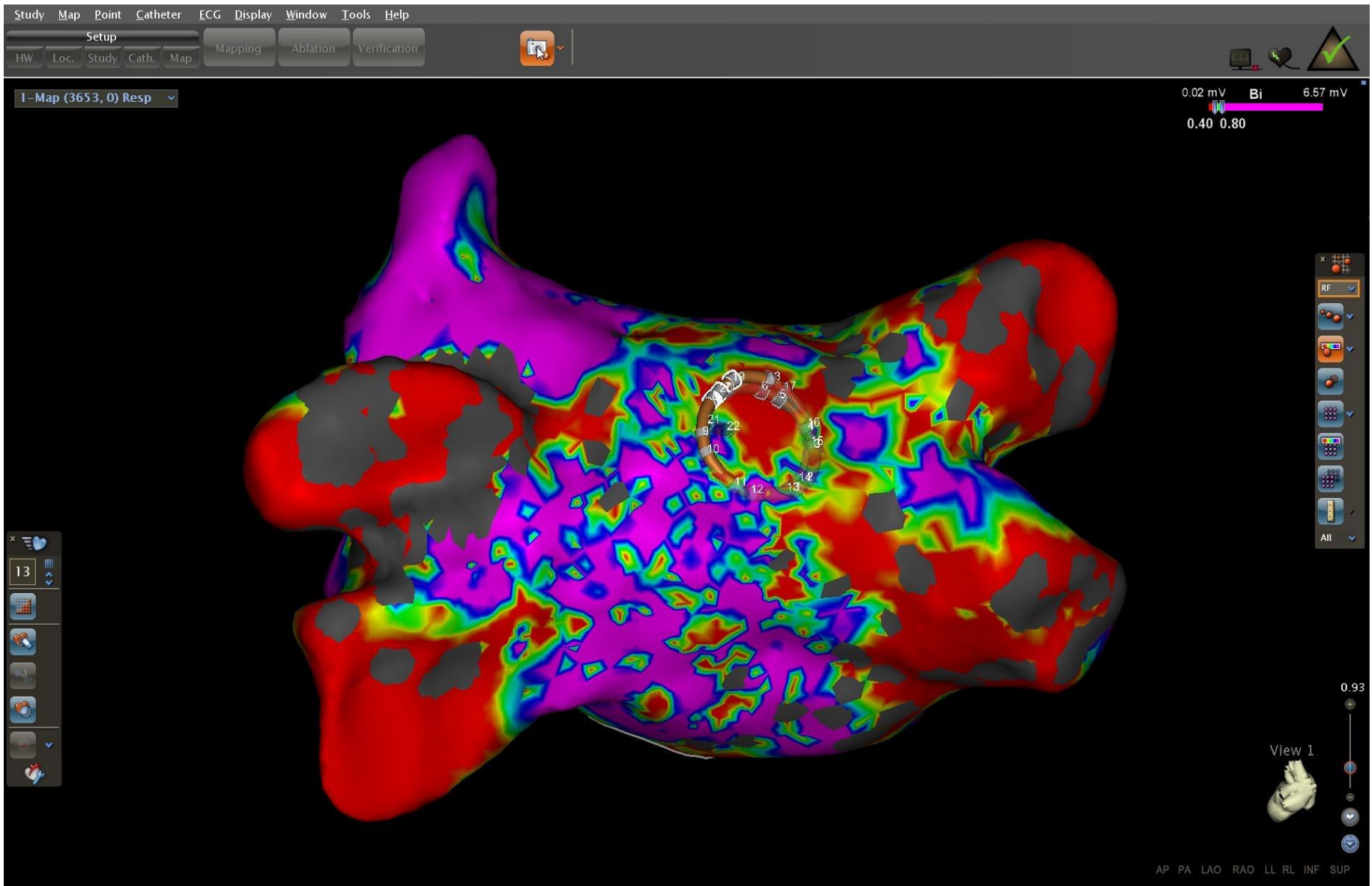


# 32 y old male with Persistent AF (SR during RF procedure)



Courtesy of Dr Efraimidis, Evangelismos Hospital, Athens

# 46 y old pt with Persistent AF



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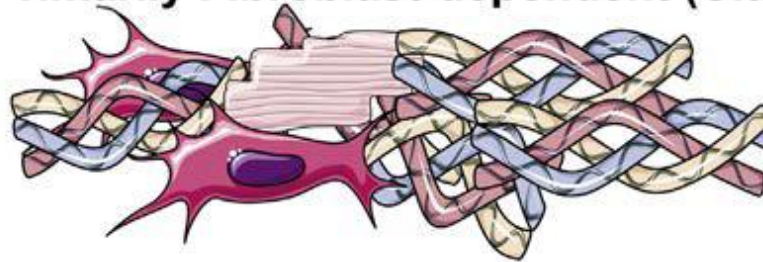
# EHRAS classification

## Primarily Cardiomyocyte-dependent (Class I)



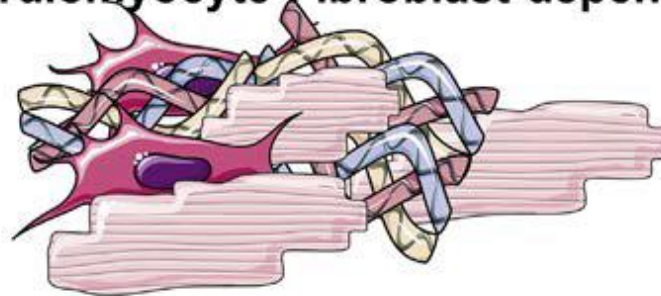
- lone AF
- genetic diseases
- diabetes mellitus

## Primarily Fibroblast-dependent (Class II)



- aging
- cigarette smoking

## Mixed Cardiomyocyte-Fibroblast-dependent (Class III)



- CHF
- valvular diseases

## Primarily Non-Collagen Deposits (Class IV)

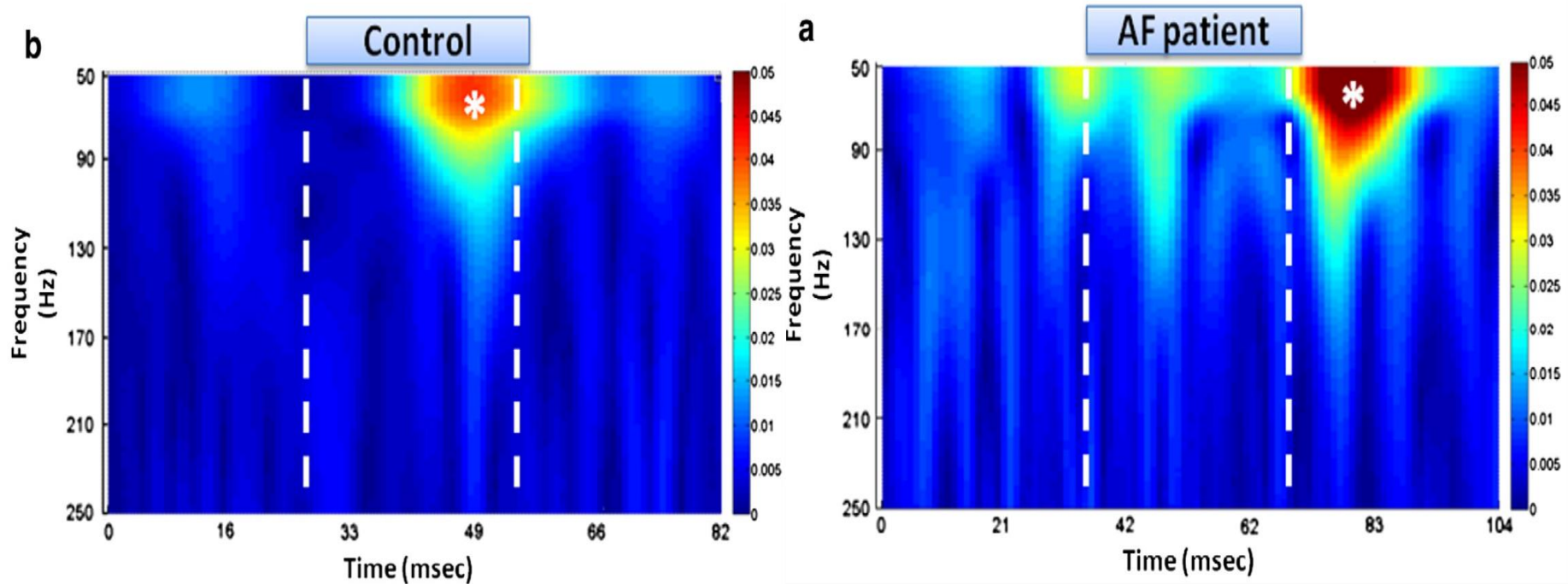


- isolated atrial amyloidosis
- granulomatosis
- inflammatory infiltrates
- glycosphingolipids

# Wavelet-based analysis of P waves identifies patients with lone atrial fibrillation: A cross-sectional pilot study

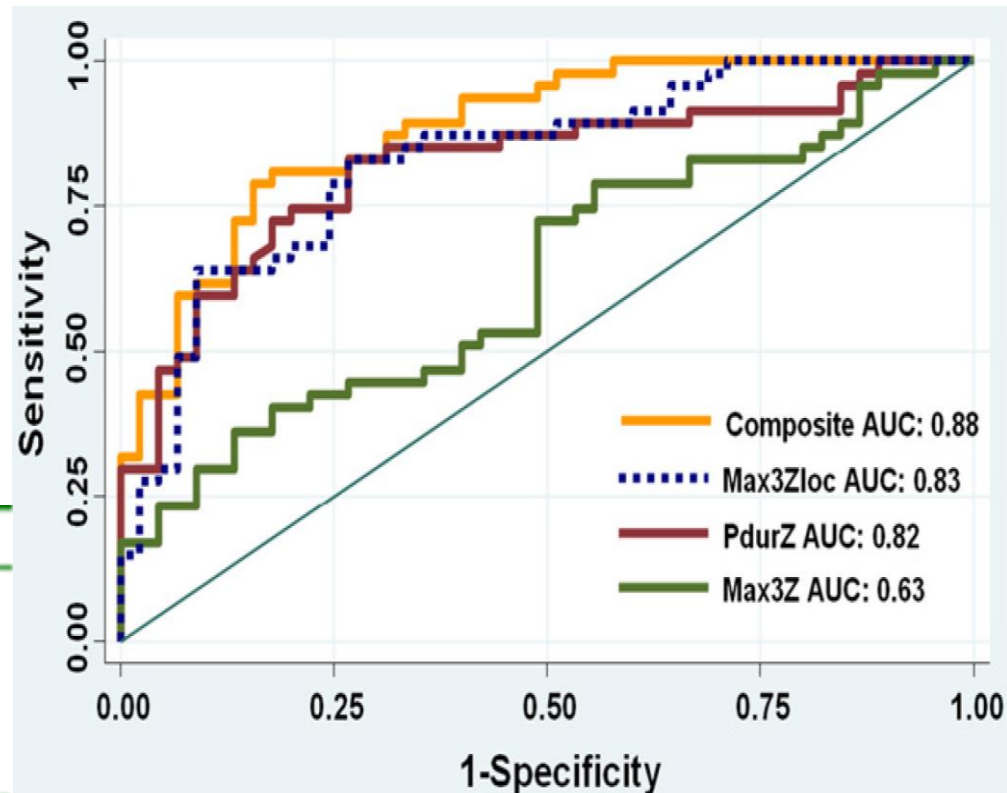
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Time-frequency representations of the wavelet transform on Z axis

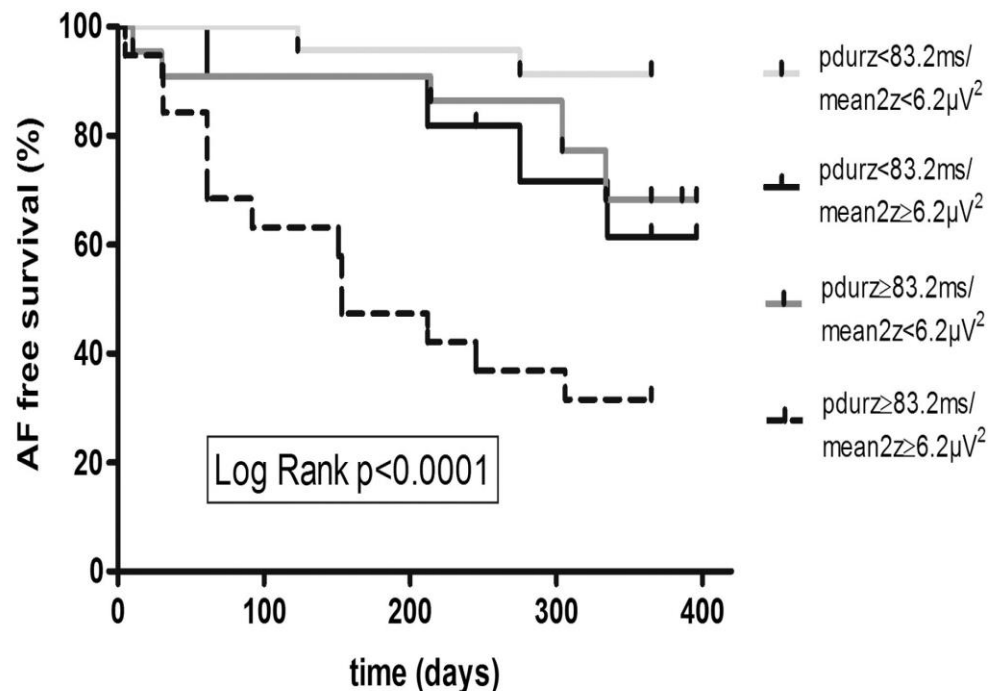


# P wave wavelet analysis parameters as independent predictors of lone AF prevalence

Variables	B	SE	p
Max3Zloc	0.061	0.019	0.003
Max3Z	53.773	29.715	0.030
PdurZ	70.609	21.102	0.008
Constant	-10.457	2.278	<0.001



# P-wave analysis in patients with hypertension and AF



N <sup>o</sup> at risk	0	100	200	300	400
Pdurz < 83.2ms & mean2z < 6.2 $\mu$ V <sup>2</sup>	23	23	22	21	21
Pdurz < 83.2ms & mean2z $\geq$ 6.2 $\mu$ V <sup>2</sup>	10	9	9	7	7
Pdurz $\geq$ 83.2ms & mean2z < 6.2 $\mu$ V <sup>2</sup>	22	20	20	19	16
Pdurz $\geq$ 83.2ms & mean2z $\geq$ 6.2 $\mu$ V <sup>2</sup>	19	12	9	7	6

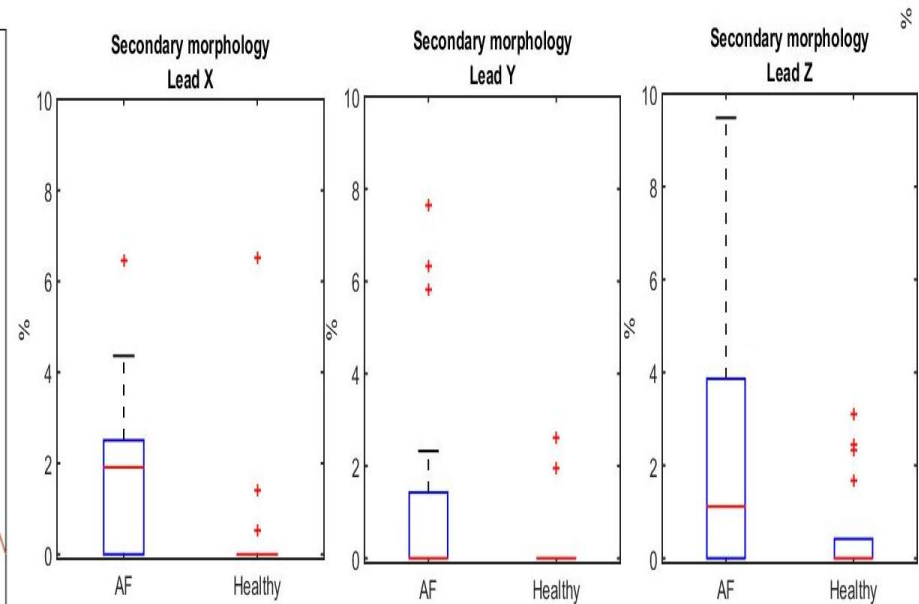
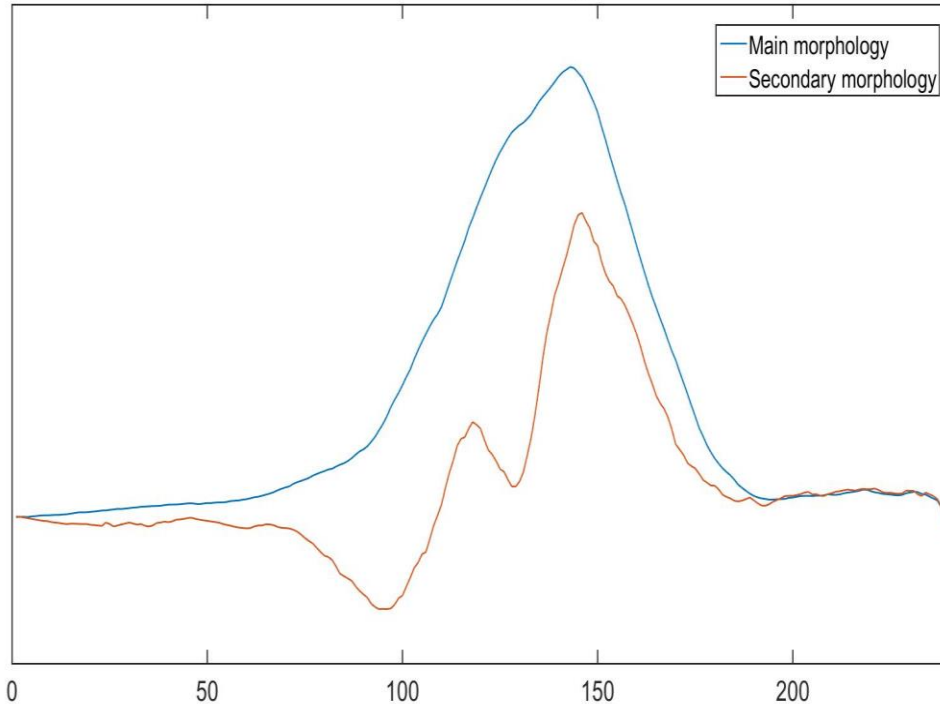
## Beat-to-beat P-wave morphology as a predictor of paroxysmal atrial fibrillation

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Mean P-wave morphologies



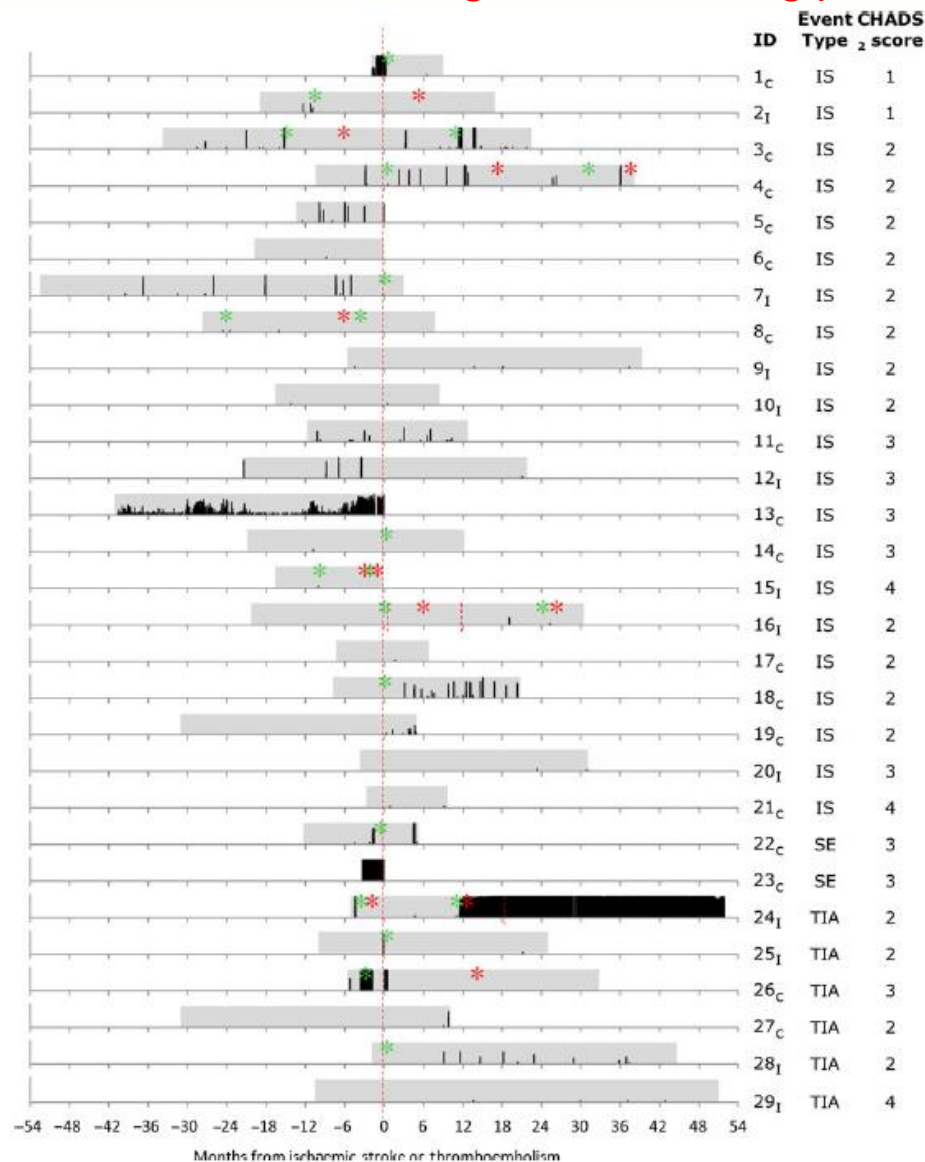
# Randomized trial of atrial arrhythmia monitoring to guide anticoagulation in patients with implanted defibrillator and cardiac resynchronization devices

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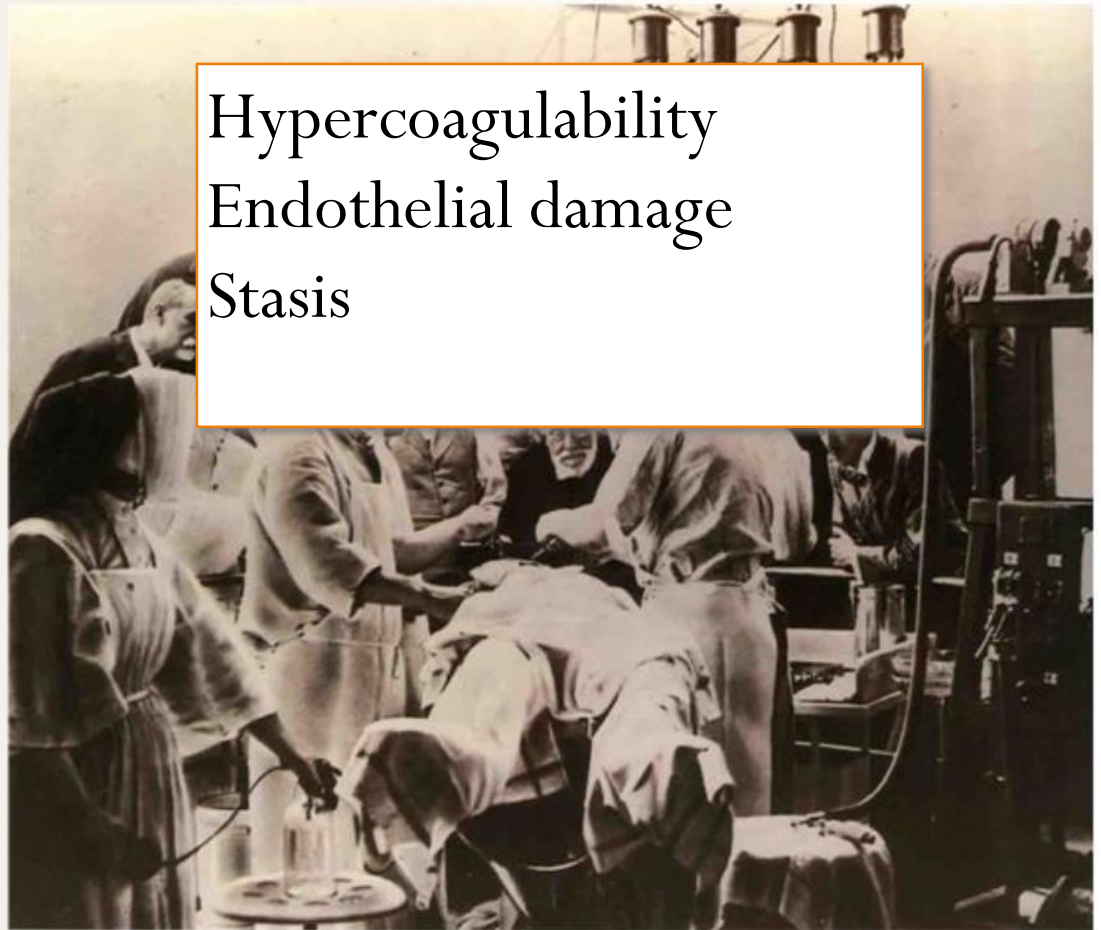
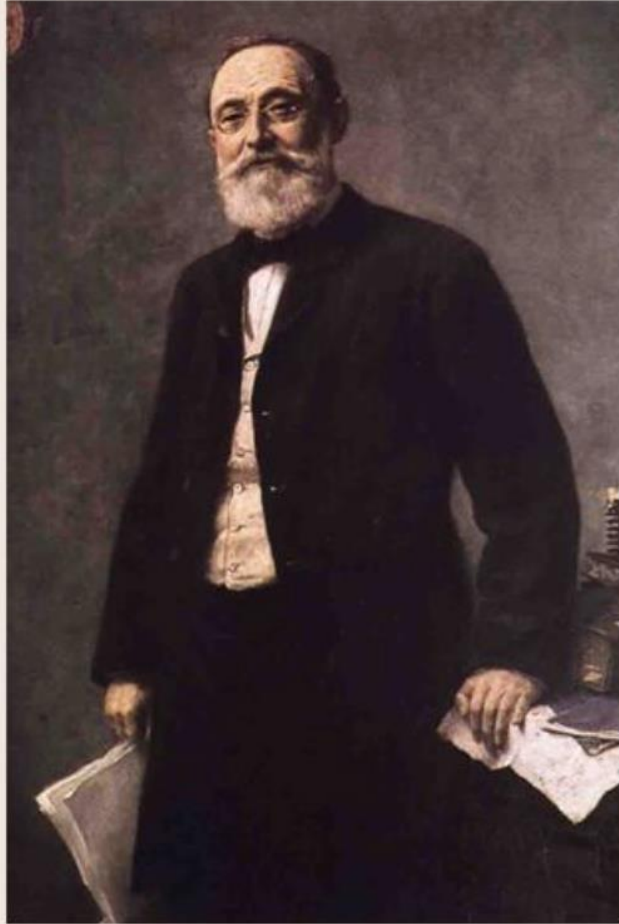
2718 patients with dual-chamber and biventricular defibrillators to start and stop anticoagulation based on remote rhythm monitoring vs. usual office-based follow-up with anticoagulation determined by standard clinical criteria.

20 (29.0%) followed AT by 1 to 489 days, and 9 (13.0%) preceded AT  
 40 (58.0%) occurred without AT detected during the monitoring period

69 thromboembolic events



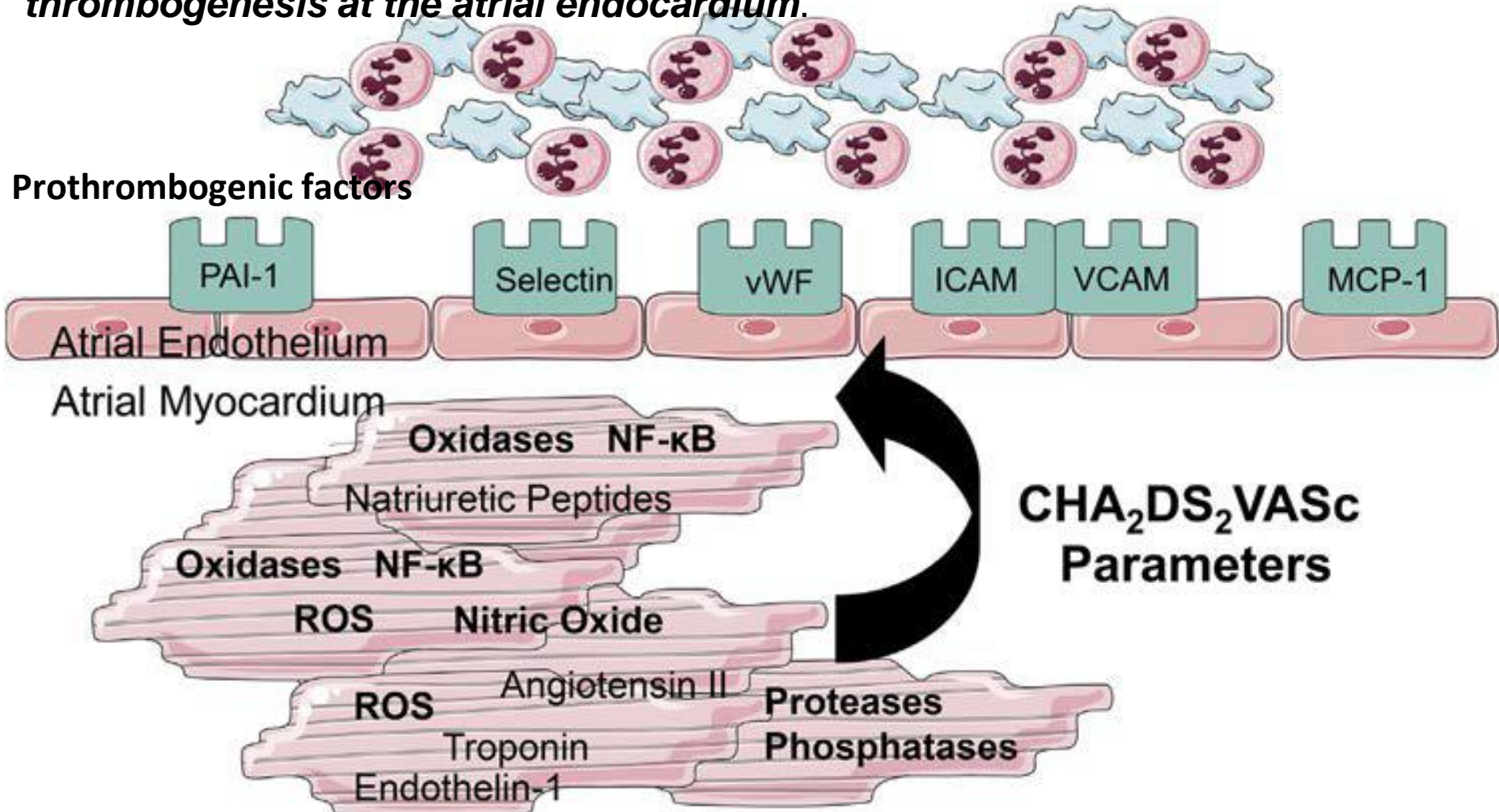
# Rudolf Virchow



Hypercoagulability  
Endothelial damage  
Stasis

**Are not directly related to the presence of absence of atrial fibrillation in the surface ECG**

**Flow abnormalities, and endothelial changes must co-exist to induce thrombogenesis at the atrial endocardium.**



**Molecular alterations (oxidative stress pathways etc.) within myocytes and endothelial cells, and thereby, increase the expression of prothrombotic factors.**

# Progression of Device-Detected Subclinical Atrial Fibrillation and the Risk of Heart Failure



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Subclinical atrial fibrillation (SCAF)  
(episodes lasting >6 minutes and ≤24 hours)



No progression of SCAF  
to episodes >24 hours



Annual rate of heart failure (HF)  
hospitalization:  
2.5%/year



SCAF progression  
(incidence 8.8%/year)



Annual rate of HF  
hospitalization:  
8.9%/year

Predictors of SCAF  
progression:

Older age

Greater BMI

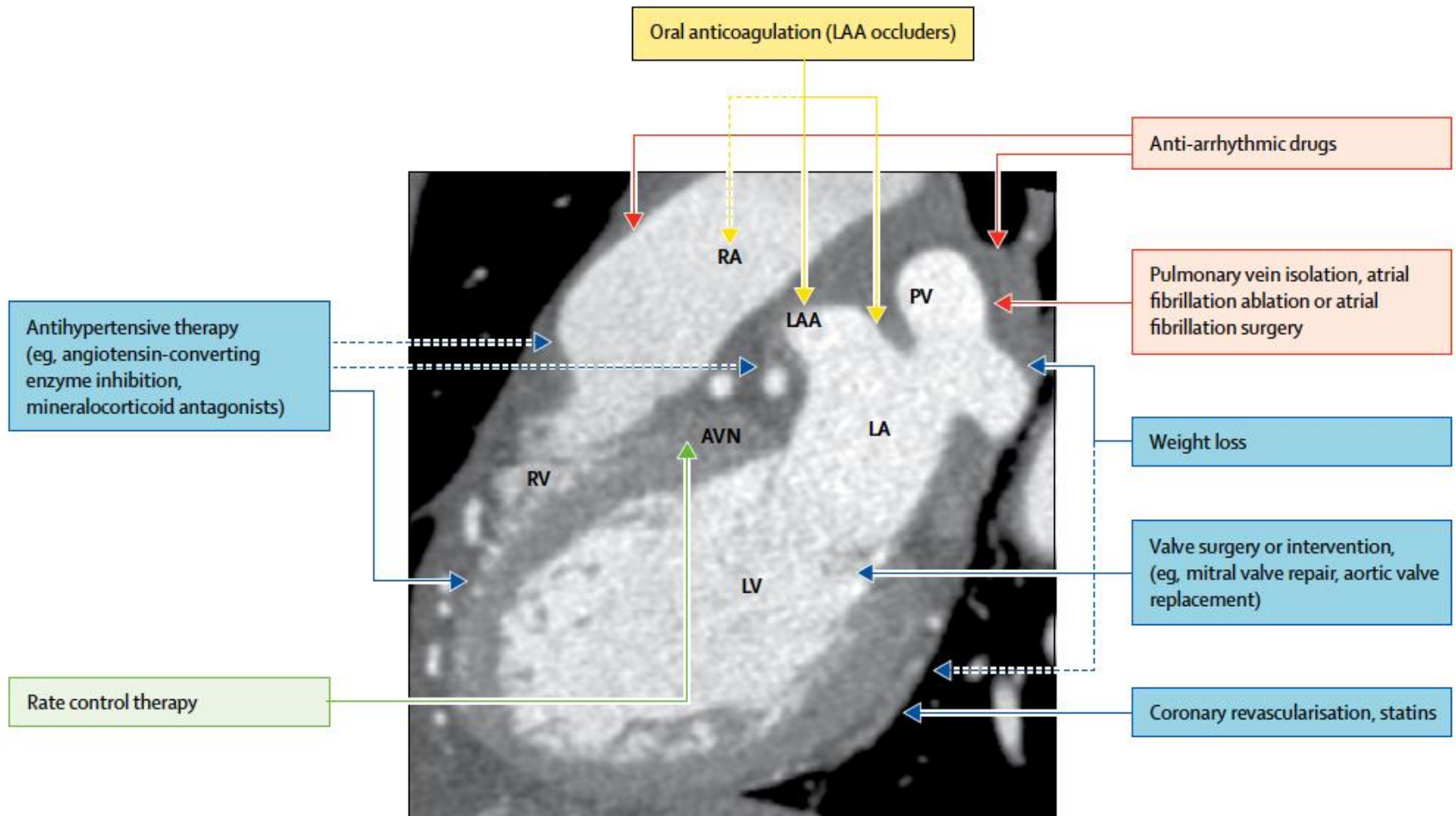
SCAF episode duration:  
1-hour increase  
in duration



13% increased risk  
of SCAF progression

SCAF progression associated with increased risk of HF hospitalization  
[HR: 4.58; 95% CI: 1.64 - 12.8; p = 0.004]

# Main cardiac targets of the different domains of atrial fibrillation management



## REVIEW

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

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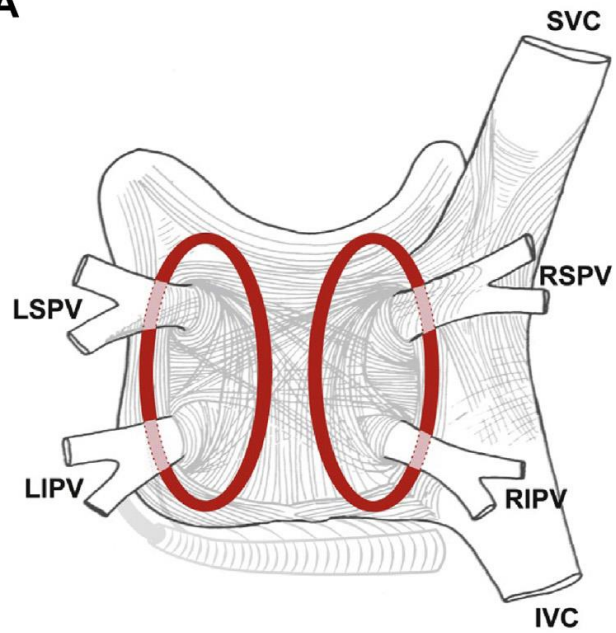
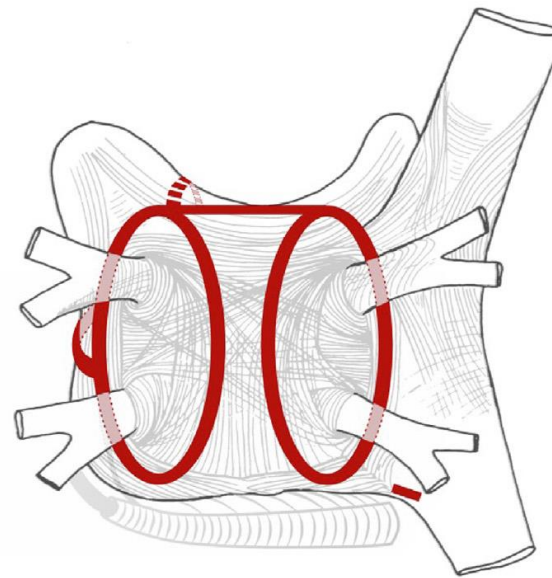
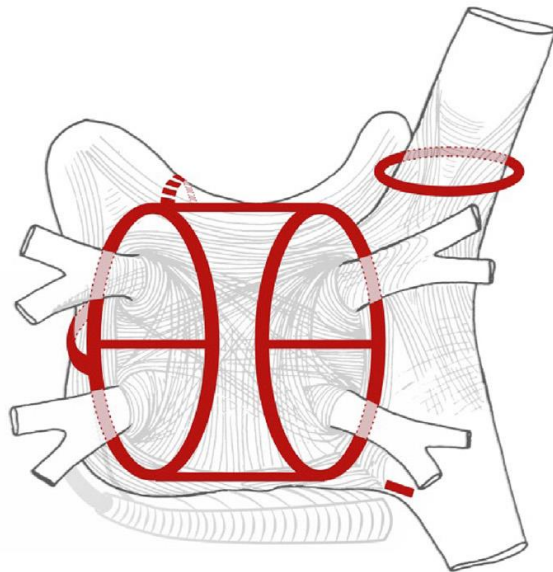
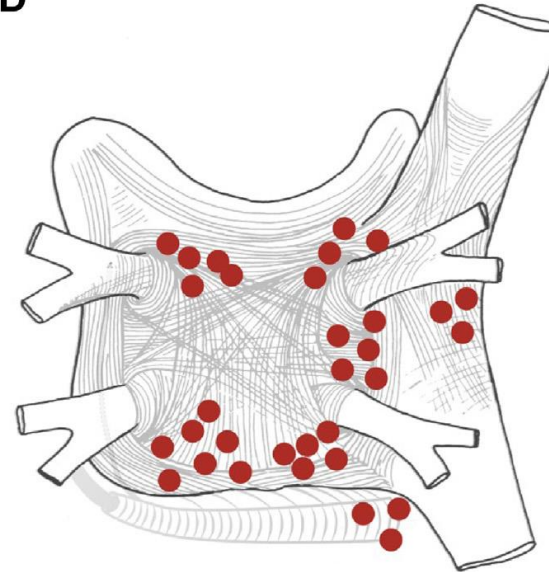
*Currently available agents for pharmacologic management of atrial fibrillation (AF) are limited by their suboptimal efficacy and nonnegligible proarrhythmic risk. Ranolazine (RN) is a novel antianginal agent with increasingly appreciated antiarrhythmic properties that can suppress ventricular and supraventricular arrhythmias including AF. In this review, we describe the electrophysiological properties of RN, focusing on atrial-selective inhibition of a number of ion channels implicated in the development of AF, particularly the sodium current. We further summarize evidence from experimental studies that demonstrate a potent AF-suppressing effect of RN, alone or in combination with other antiarrhythmic drugs. Of clinical relevance, we present growing evidence from preliminary clinical investigations indicating the safety and efficacy of RN for prevention and treatment of AF in various clinical settings including prevention of AF in patients with acute coronary syndromes, prevention and conversion of postoperative AF after surgical coronary revascularization, sinus rhythm maintenance in drug-resistant recurrent AF, and facilitating of electrical or pharmacological cardioversion in cardioversion-resistant patients. While current experimental and clinical evidence points to RN as a potentially promising agent for suppression of AF, well-designed, large-scale trials will be required before RN can be considered for pharmacological treatment of AF in clinical practice. (PACE 2014; 37:1412–1420)*

***atrial fibrillation, ranolazine, clinical trials, pharmacology***

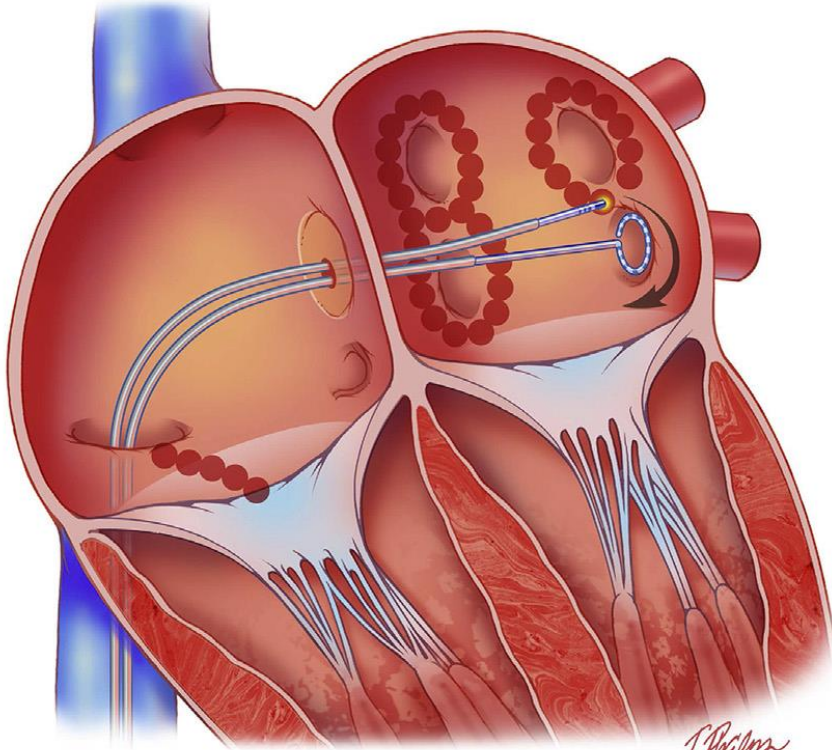
# 2017 HRS/EHRA/ECAS/APHRS/SOLAECE expert consensus statement on catheter and surgical ablation of atrial fibrillation



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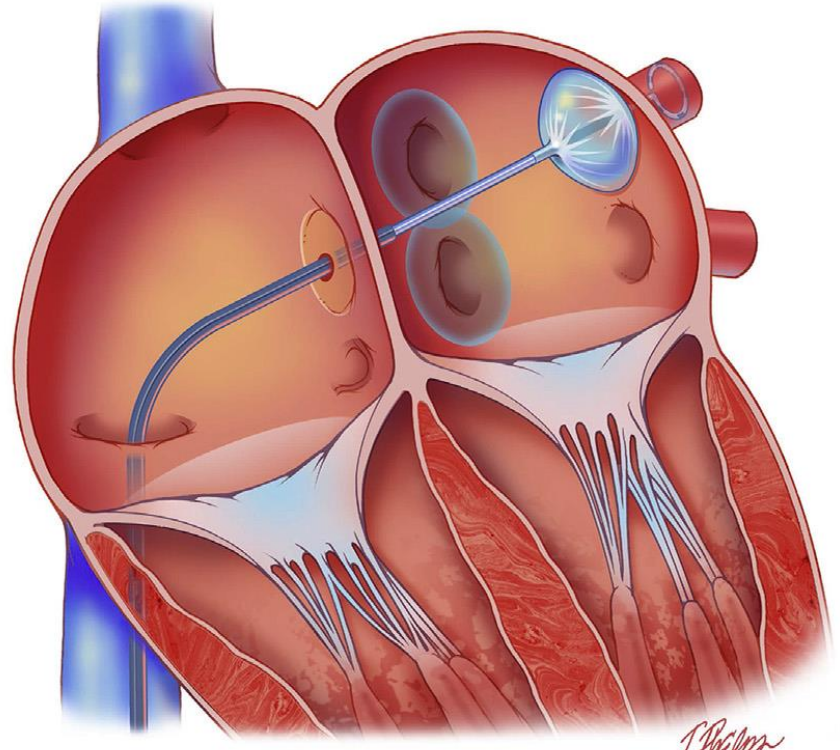
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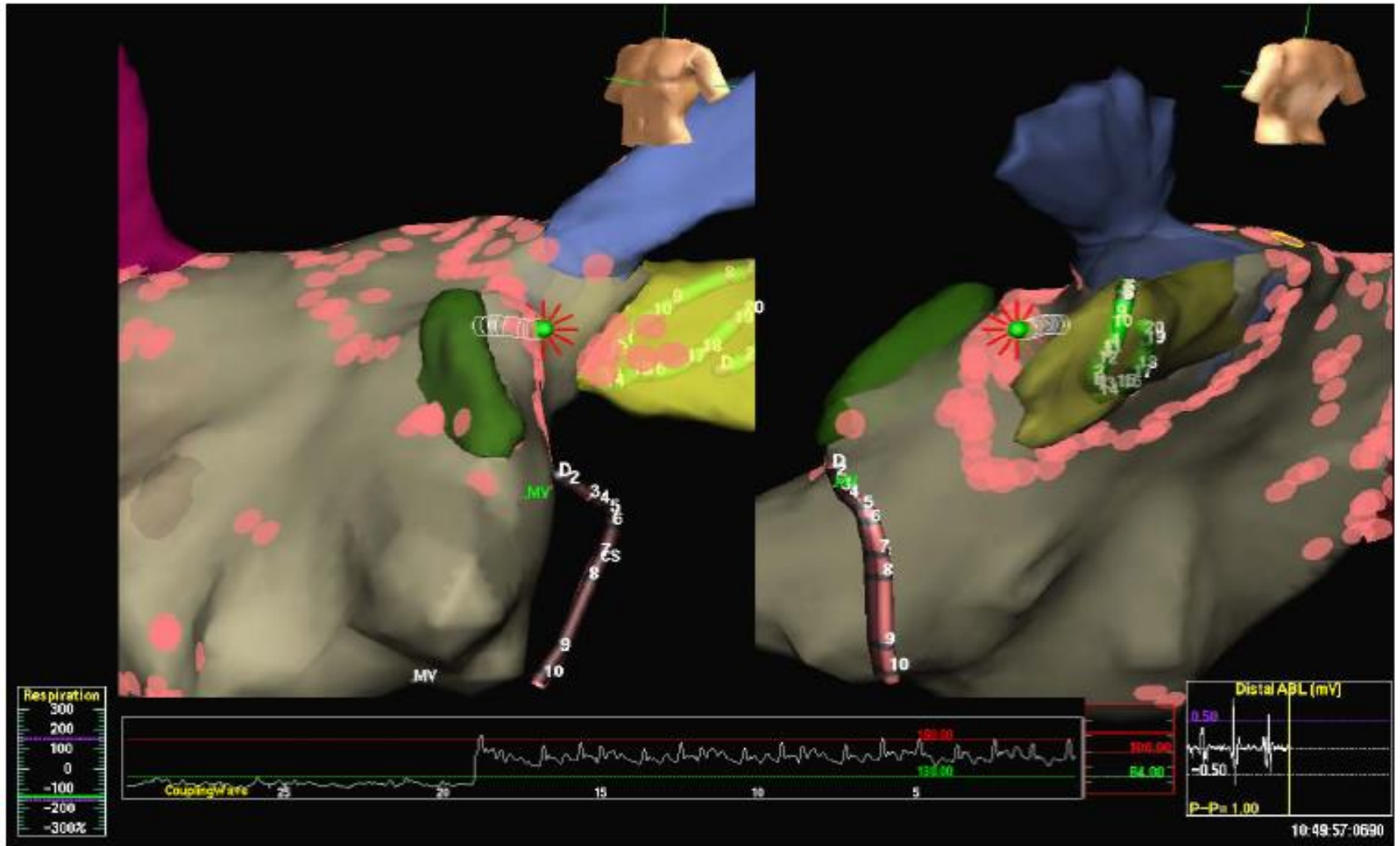


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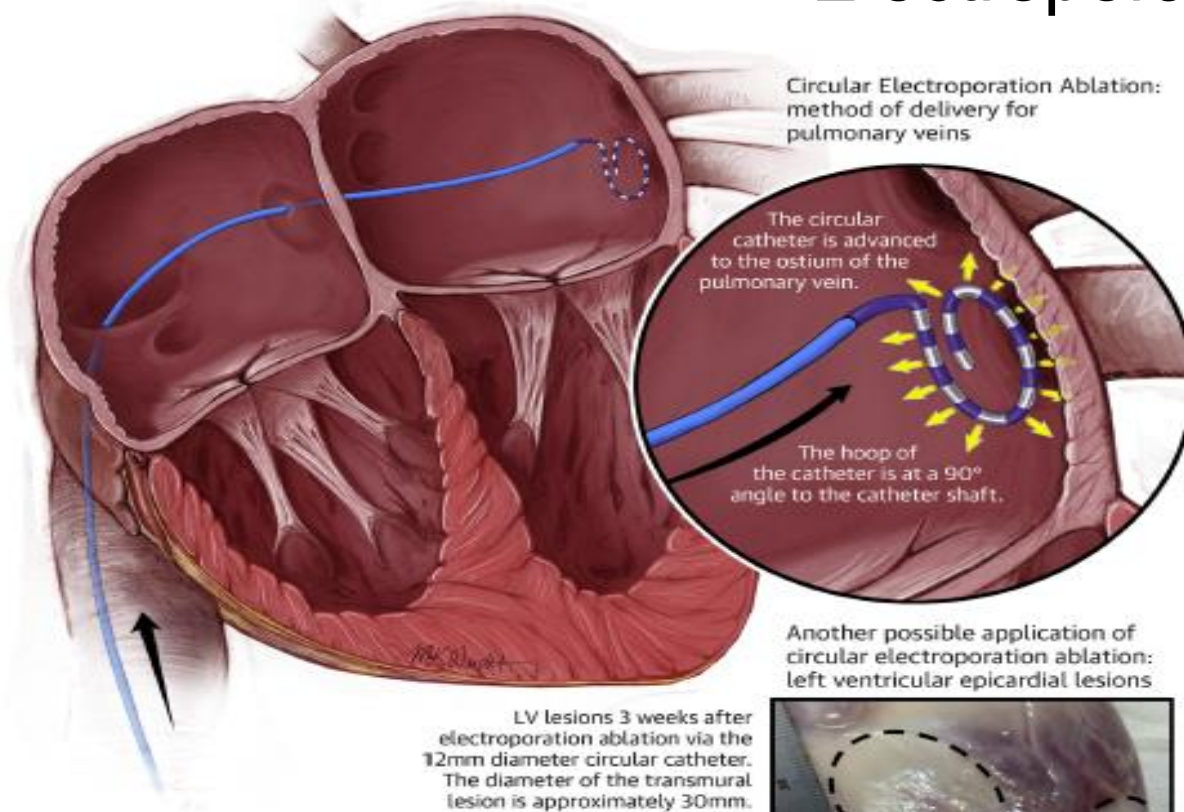
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# Electroporation Ablation



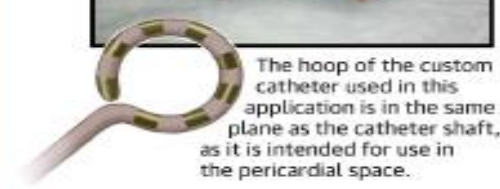
## Circular Electroporation Ablation

### Advantages

- Ultra fast
- Great lesion depth
- Non-thermal
- Myocardial specificity:
  - No nerve damage
  - No coronary damage
  - No PV stenosis
  - Esophageal fistulas unlikely
- LV transmural with pericardial ablation

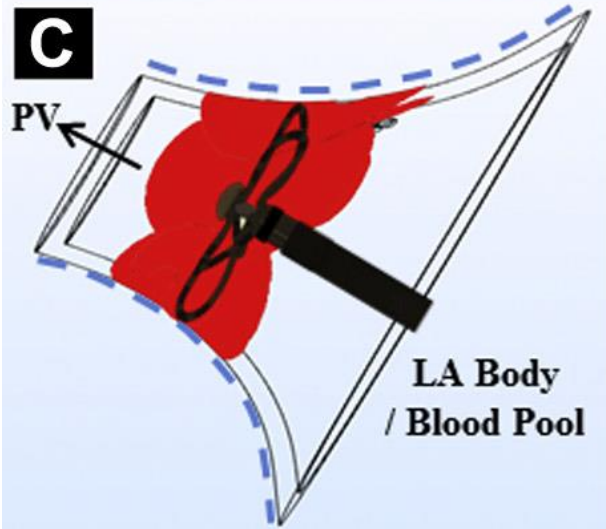
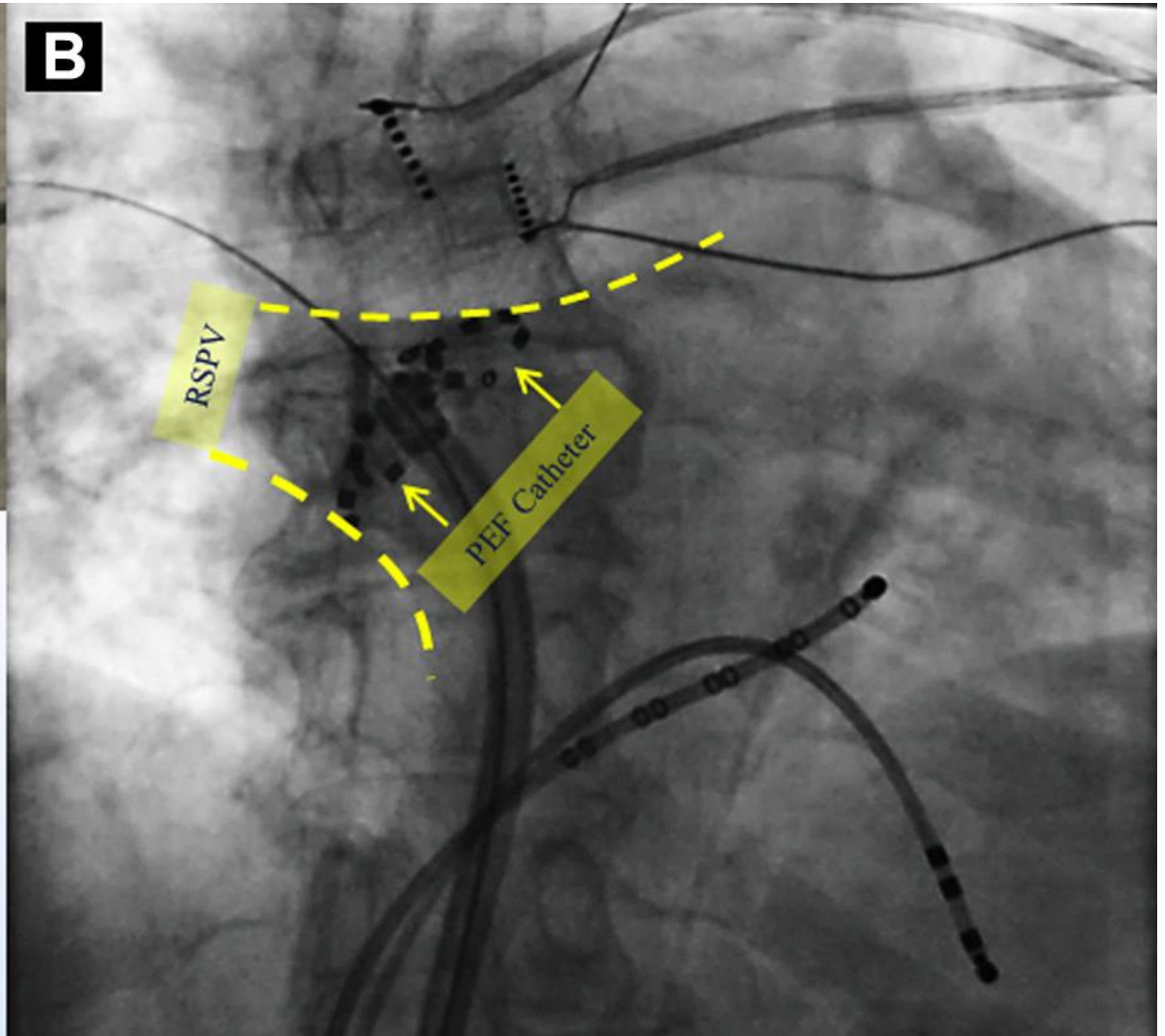
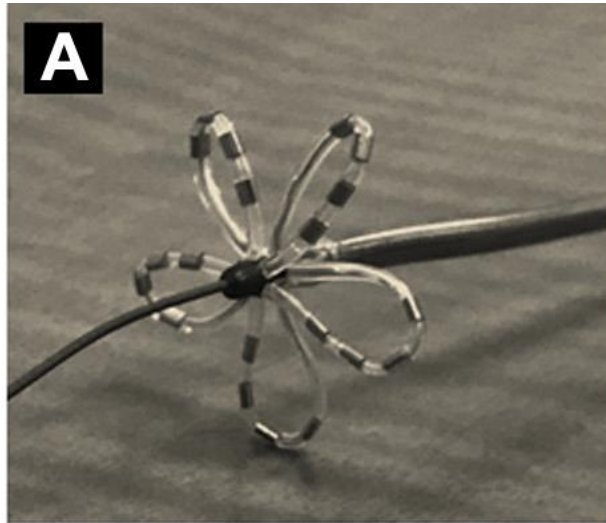
### Disadvantages

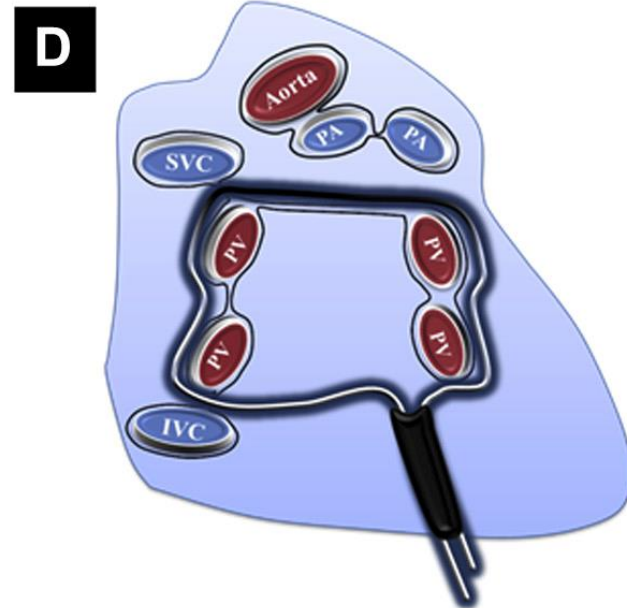
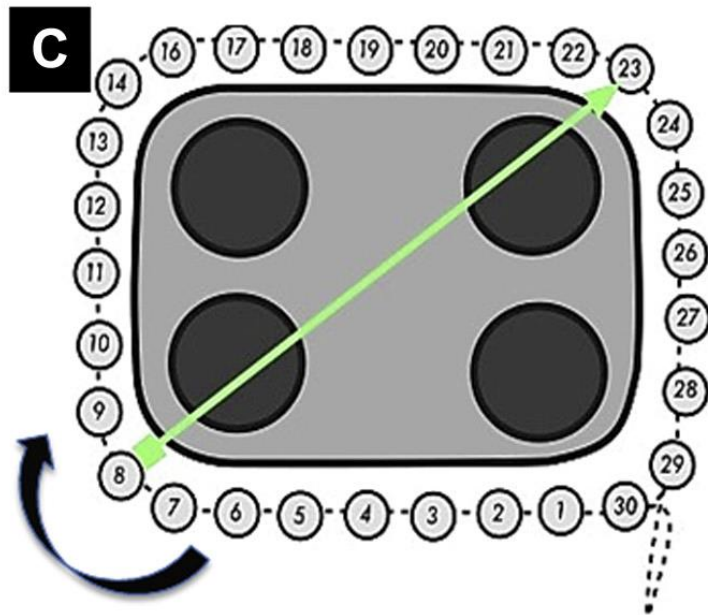
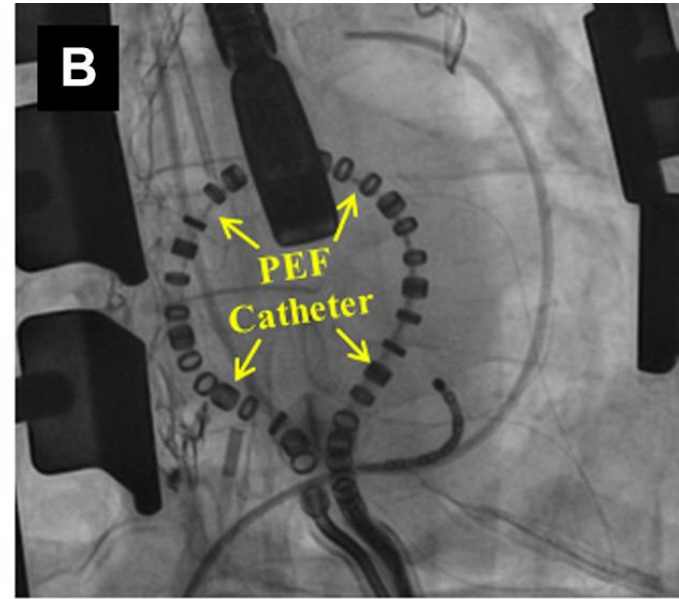
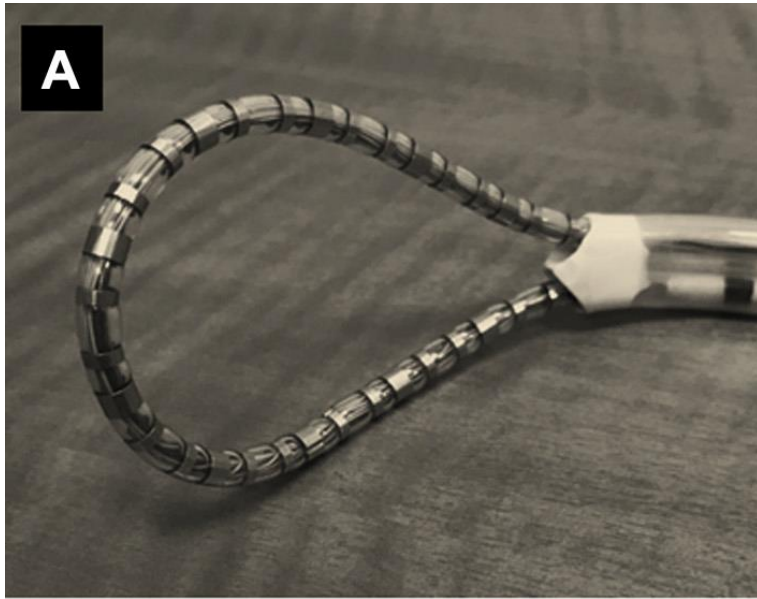
- No power titration:
  - Not suitable for AVNRT
- Large lesions:
  - Not 1<sup>st</sup> choice for focal arrhythmias
- Myocardial stunning:
  - Endpoint misleading
- High voltage:
  - Technical catheter challenge
- Tiny gas bubbles



The hoop of the custom catheter used in this application is in the same plane as the catheter shaft, as it is intended for use in the pericardial space.

# Pulsed electric fields





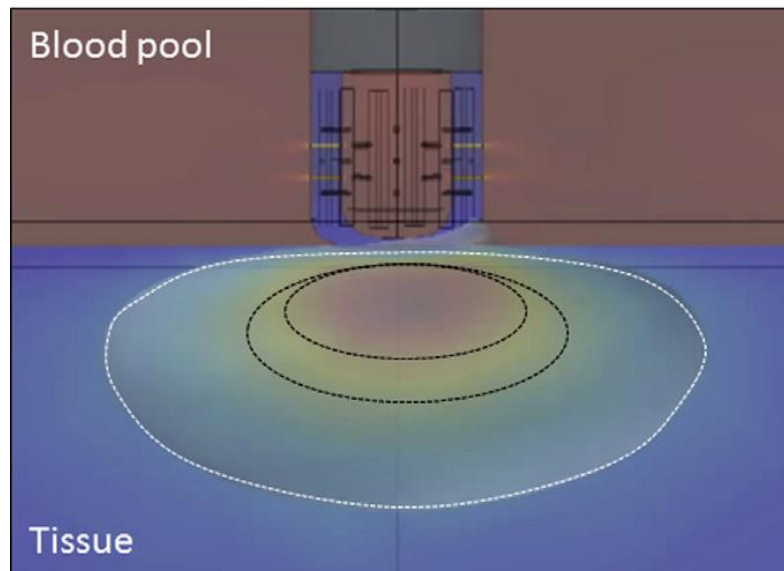
# High-Power and Short-Duration Ablation for Pulmonary Vein Isolation



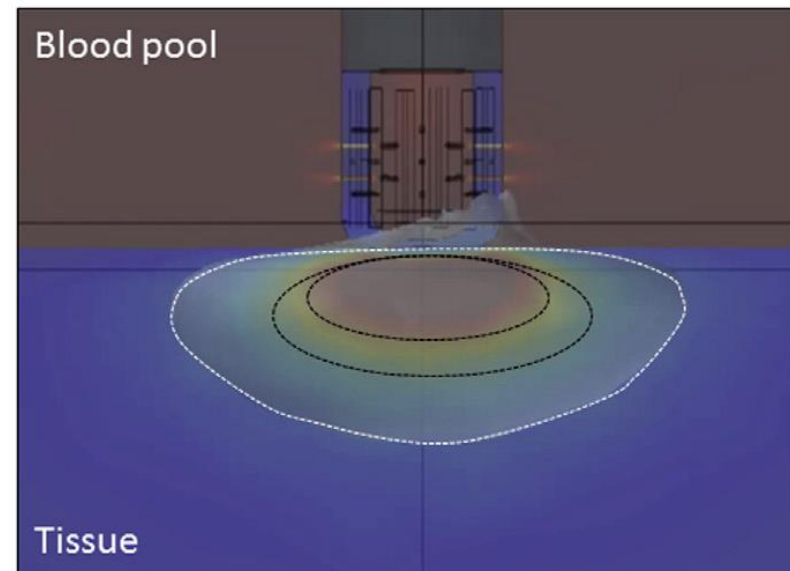
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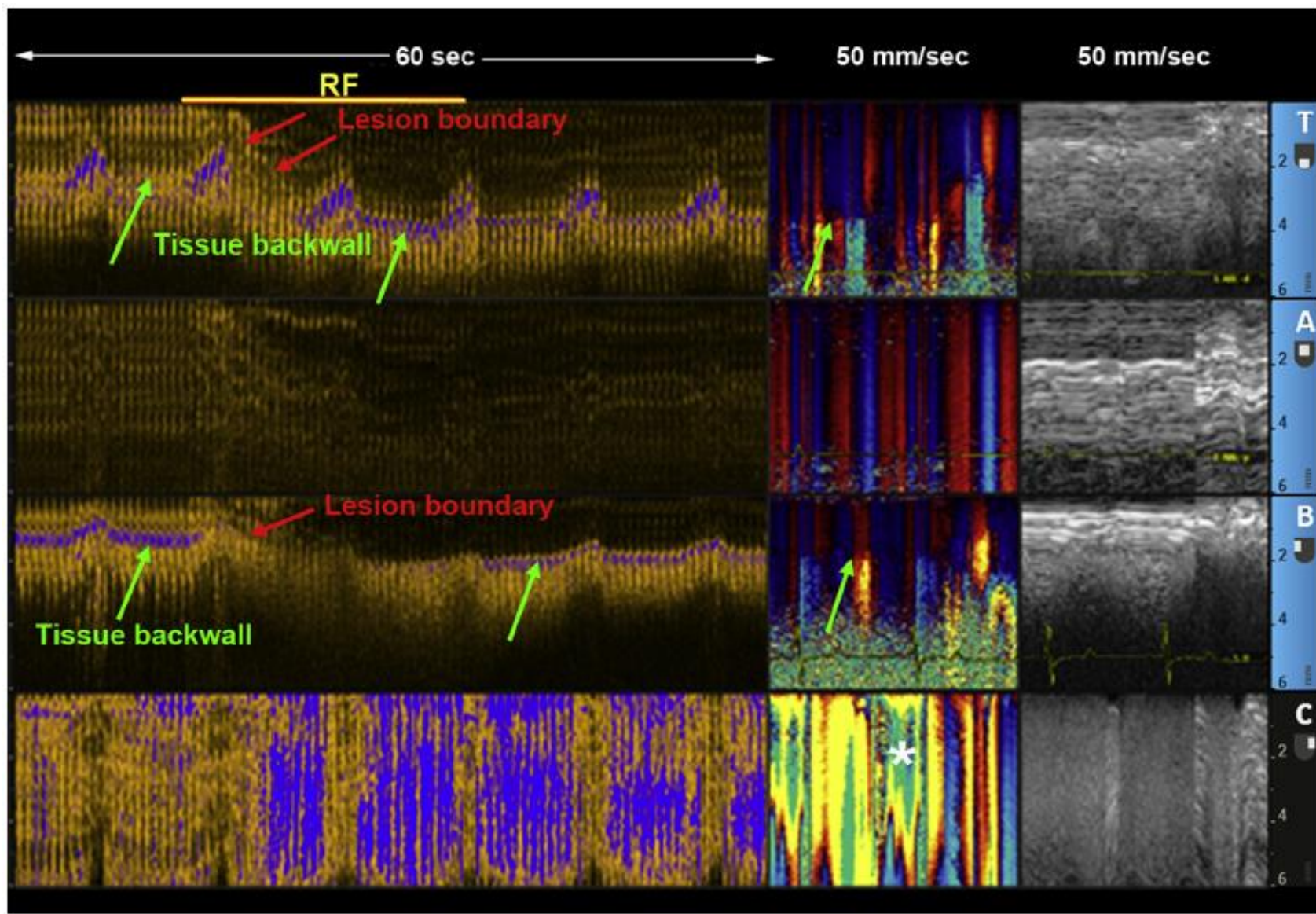
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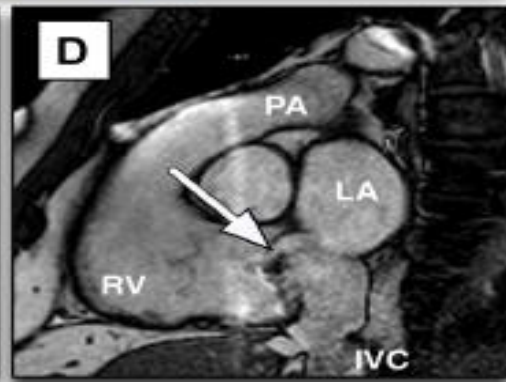
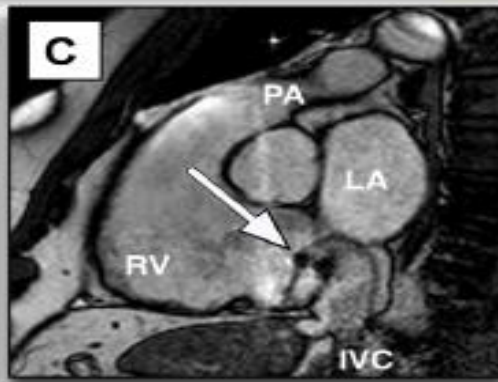
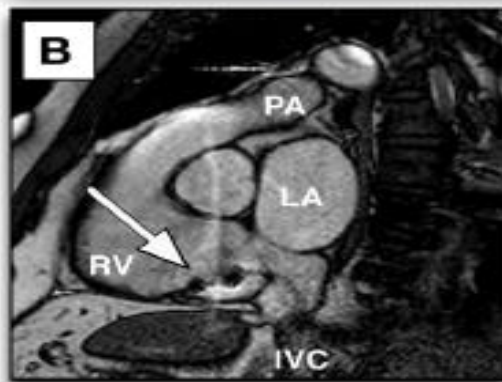
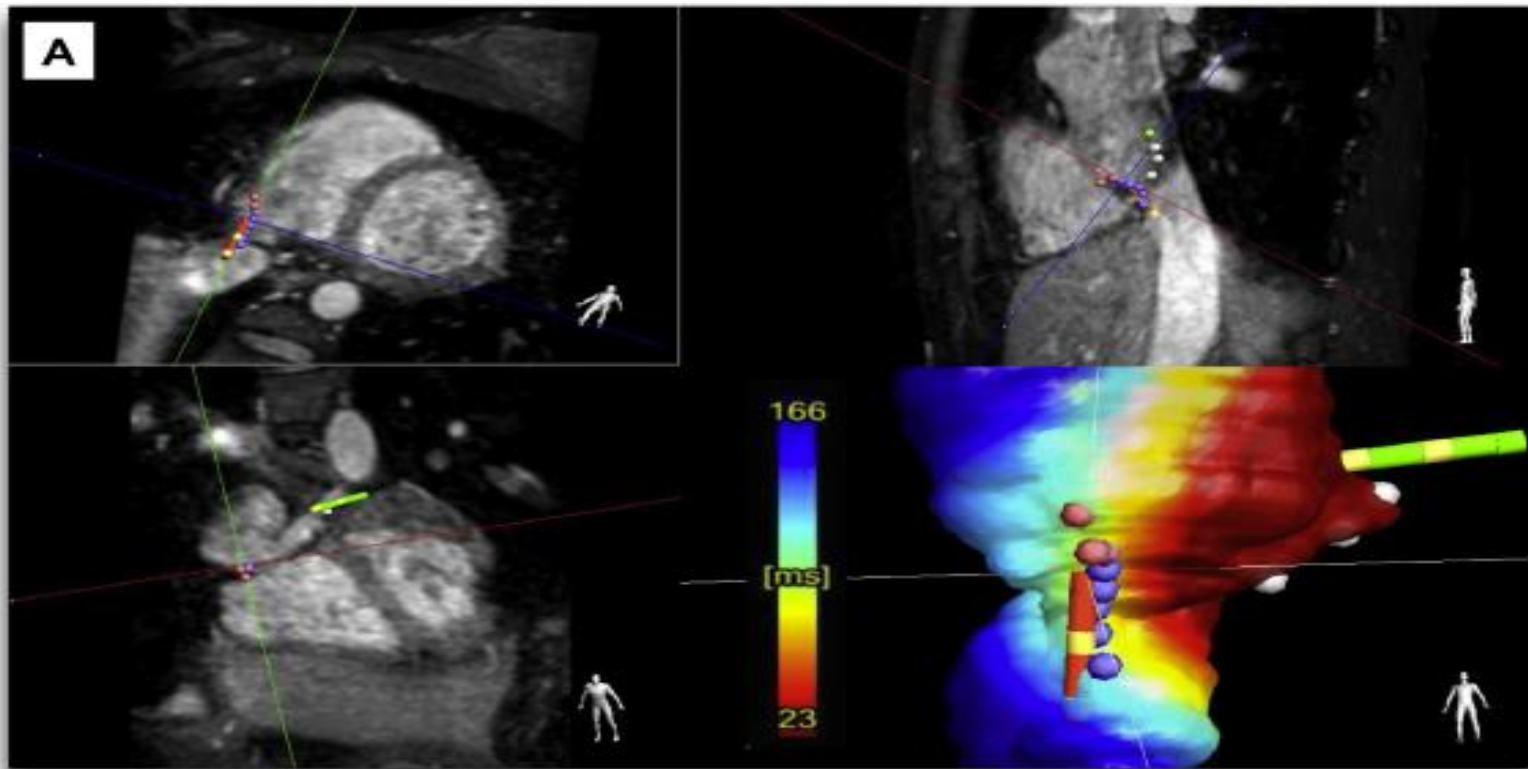
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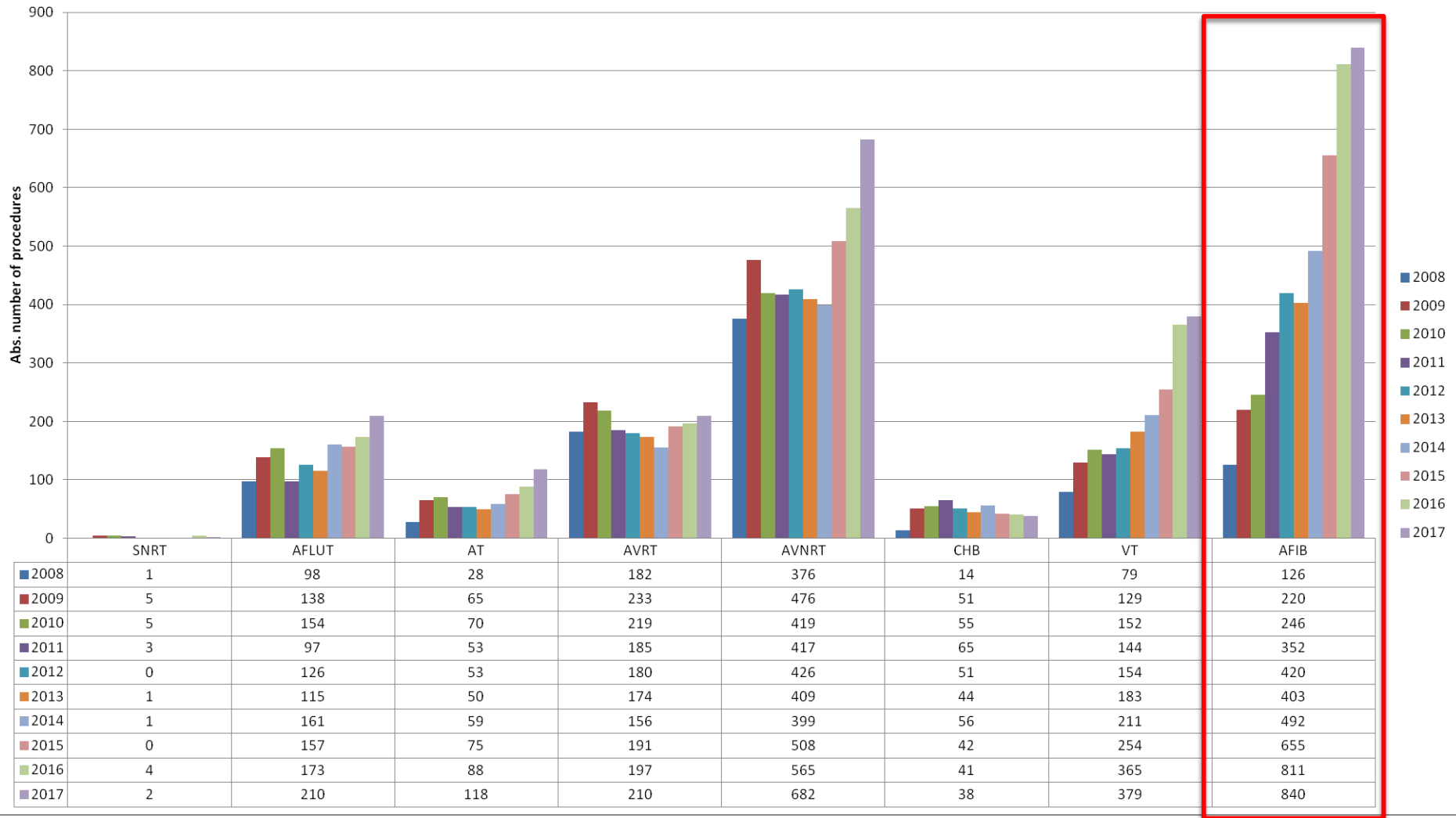
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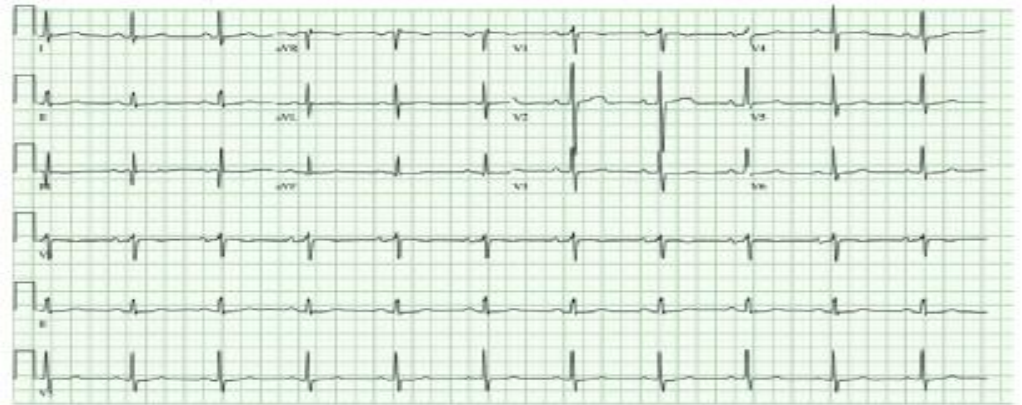


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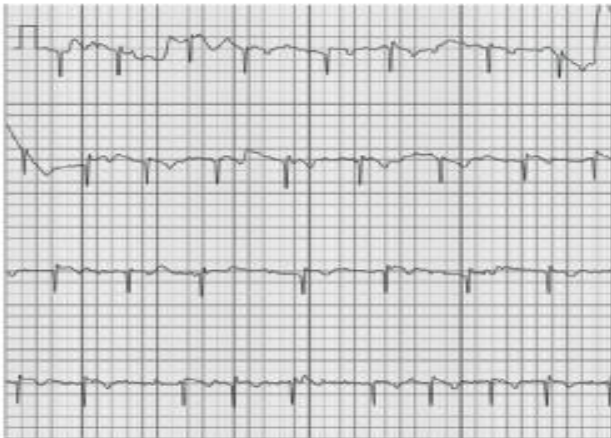


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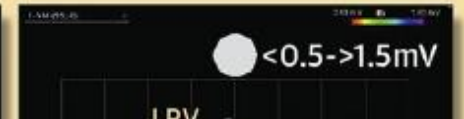
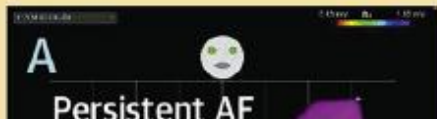
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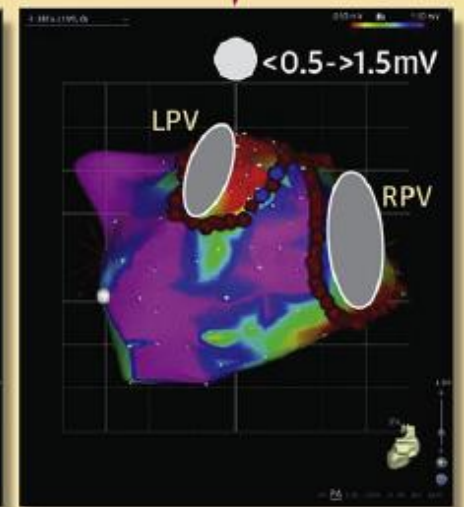
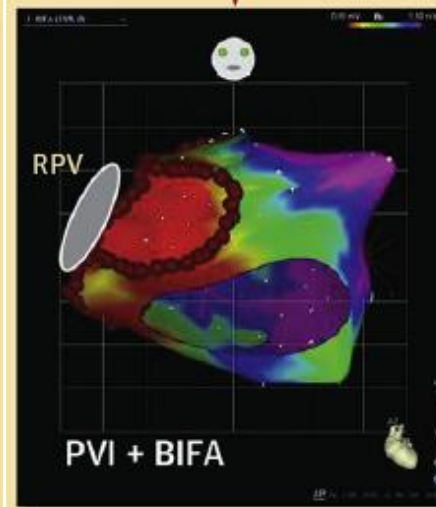
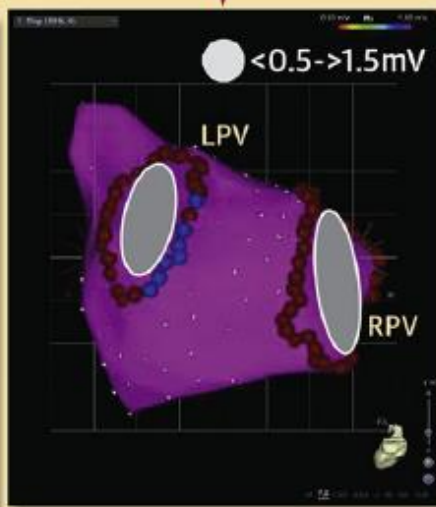
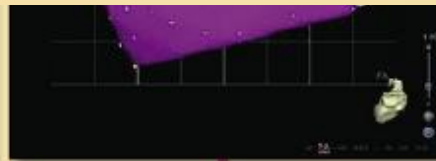
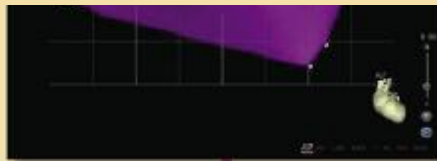
# Therapeutic Approaches to Atrial Fibrillation Ablation Targeting Atrial Fibrosis

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Ablation according to the substrate, not according to paroxysmal versus non-paroxysmal AF

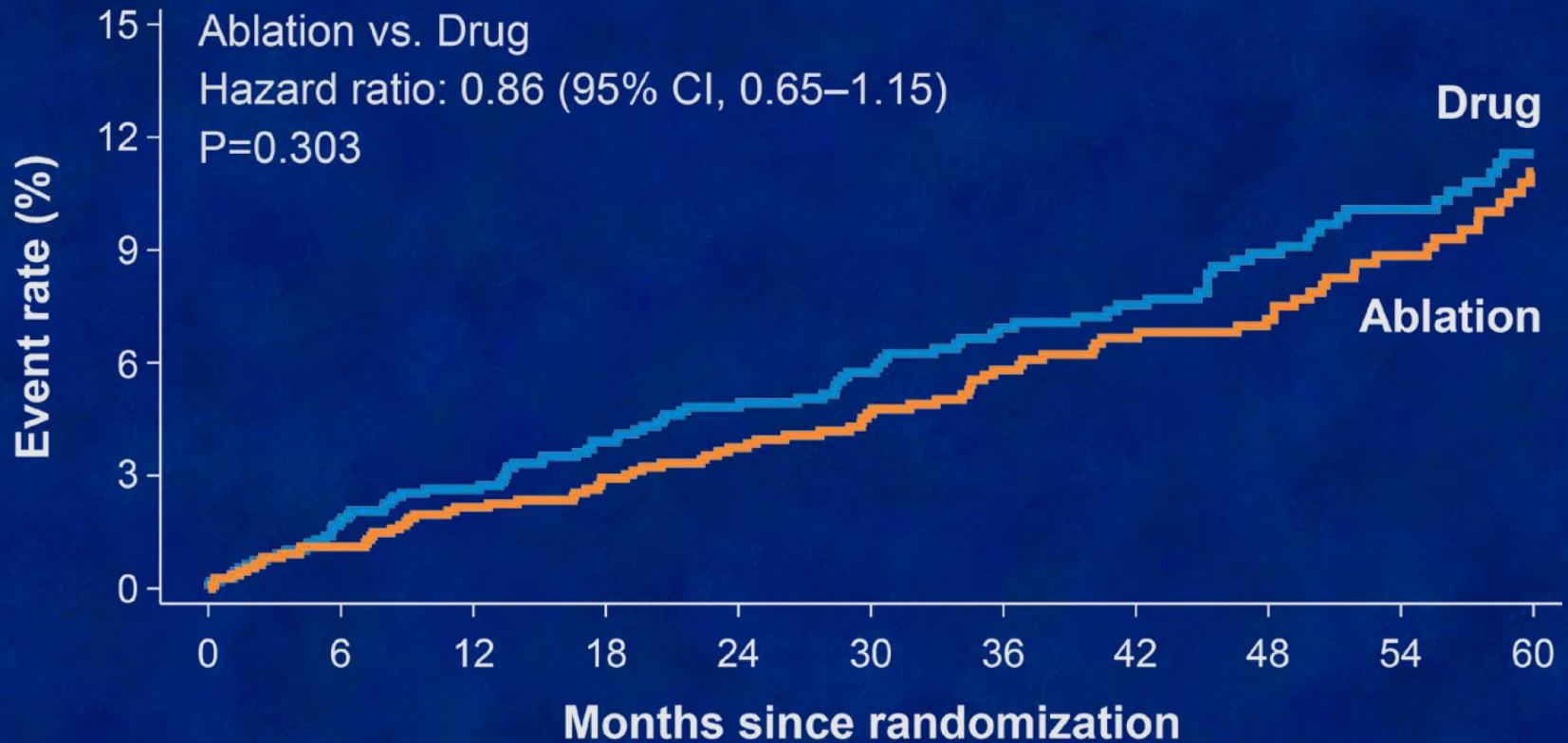


# Take Home Messages

- ✗ The arrhythmia in certain cases is part of an atrial myopathy
- ✗ Imaging techniques are developing and seem to add valuable information for the future management and prognosis
- ✗ Anticoagulation
- ✗ Ablation techniques, ?Personalized approach



# Primary Endpoint (Death, Disabling Stroke, Serious Bleeding, or Cardiac Arrest) (ITT)



#### Number at risk

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
Drug	1096	1036	1006	970	880	763	652	578	499	418	312
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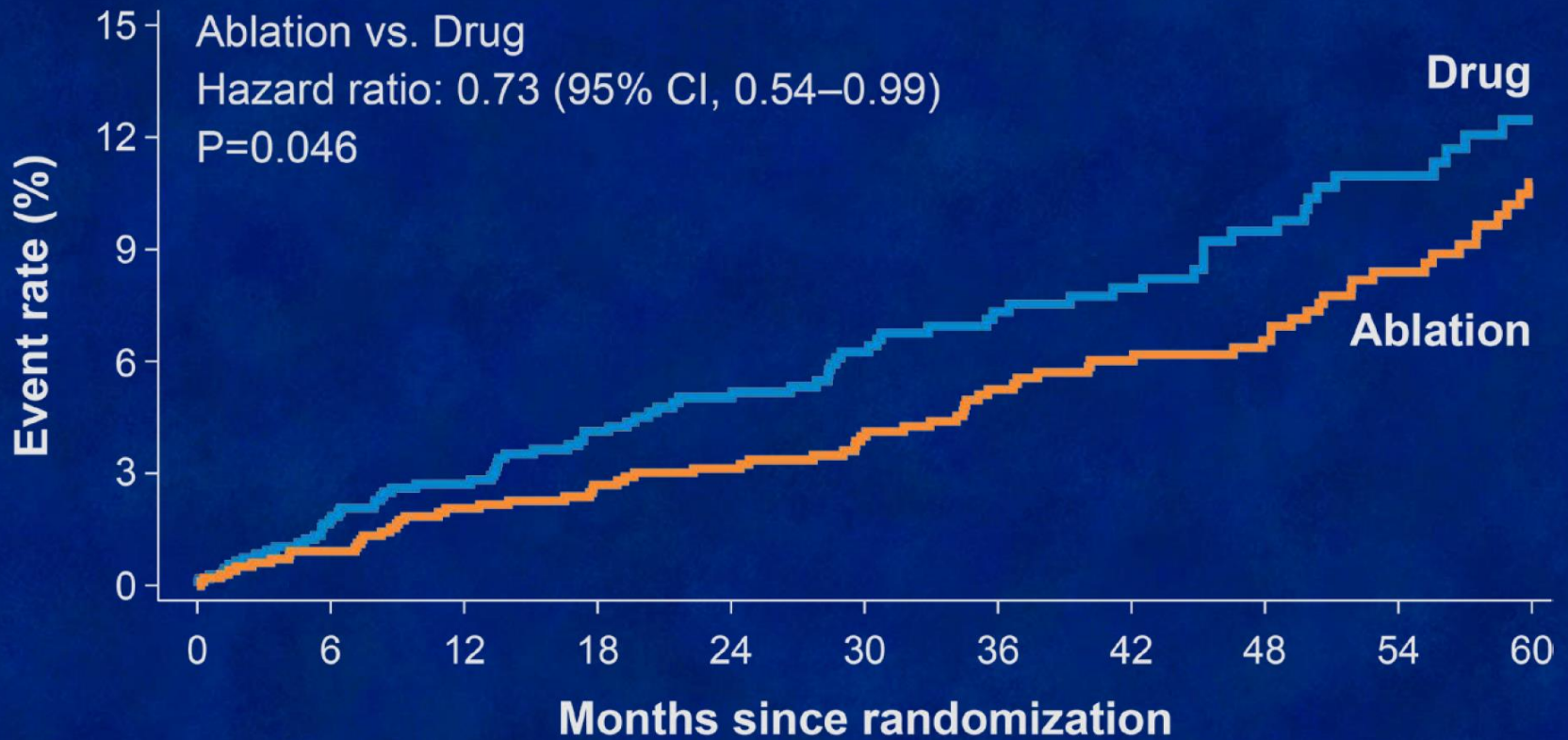
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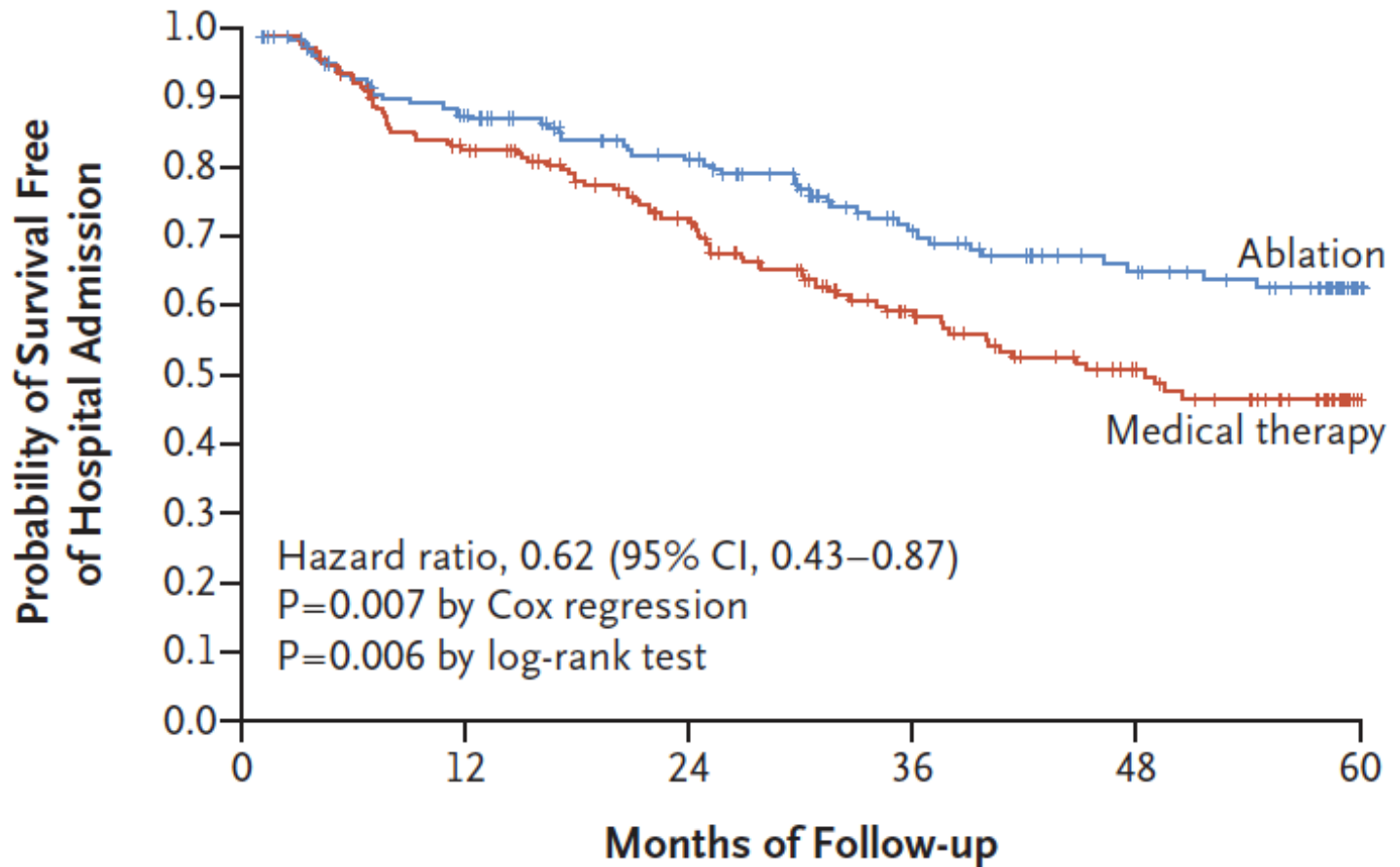


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Drug	1096	954	860	778	680	566	464	396	330	275	204
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# CASTLE-AF Study

## A Death or Hospitalization for Worsening Heart Failure



### No. at Risk

	0	12	24	36	48	60
Ablation	179	141	114	76	58	22
Medical therapy	184	145	111	70	48	12