

At The Forefront of Care for Patients with Worsening **Heart Failure: New and Emerging Treatment Options**





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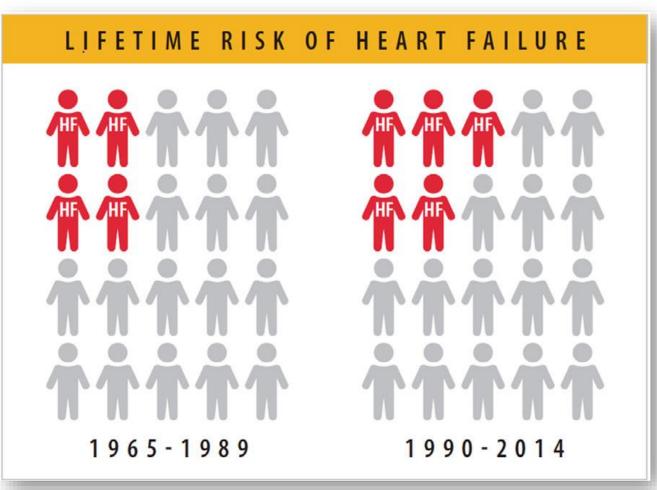


The Continuum of Risk in HF: Current State and Ongoing Gaps

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Lifetime Risk



Lifetime risk of HF has increased to 24%

Approximately **1 in 4** persons will develop HF in their lifetime

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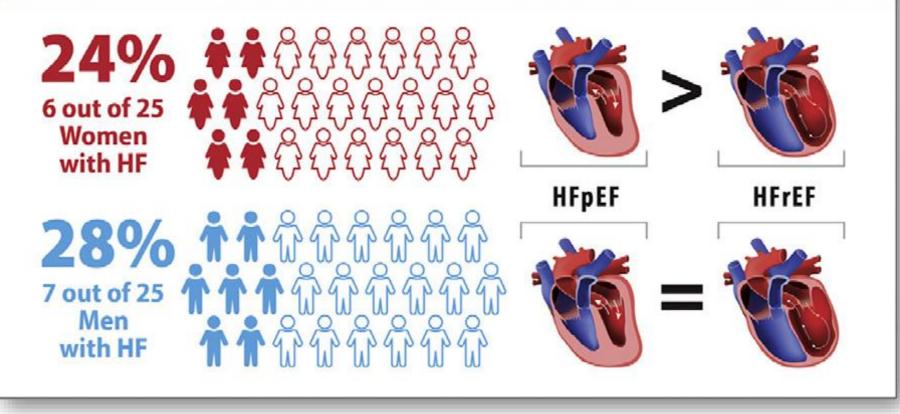






Lifetime risk of HFpEF vs. HFrEF by Sex

LIFETIME RISK HEART FAILURE WITH PRESERVED EJECTION FRACTION VERSUS HEART FAILURE WITH REDUCED EJECTION FRACTION BY SEX



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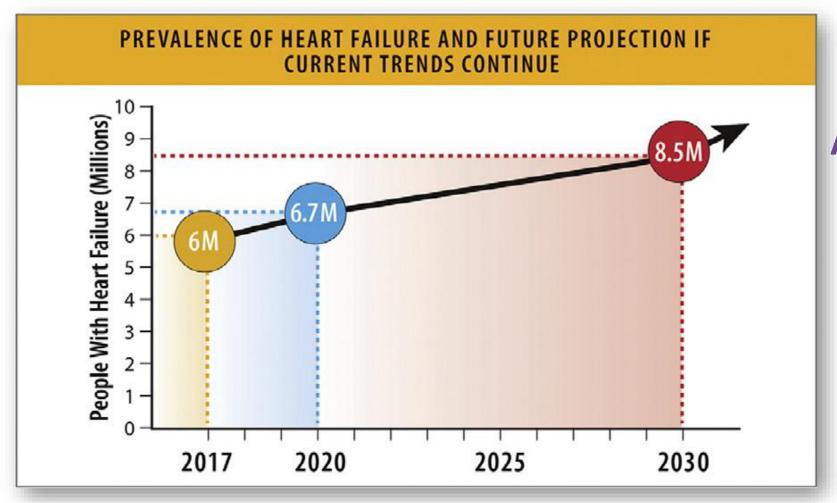








Prevalence of HF & Future Projection



~6.7 million Americans over 20 years of age have HF

Prevalence expected to rise to **8.5 million Americans** by 2030

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Prevalence across HF Stages

	Stage 0 No HF/Risk	Stage A At-Risk	Stage B Pre-HF	Stage C HF	Stage D Advanced HF
Olmsted County (age ≥45 years)	32%	22%	34%	12%	0.2%
Framingham Heart Study (mean age: 51±16 years)	38%	36.5%	24.2%	1.2%	1.2%
Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study (age: 67-91 years)	5%	52%	30%	<mark>13%</mark>	
Pooled cohorts (MESA, CHS, ARIC) using updated 2023 definititions	16.7%	37.4%	43.2%	2.7%	2.7%

Stage A HF: ~33% of the US adult population is at-risk for HF

Stage B HF: 24-34% of the US population has pre-HF

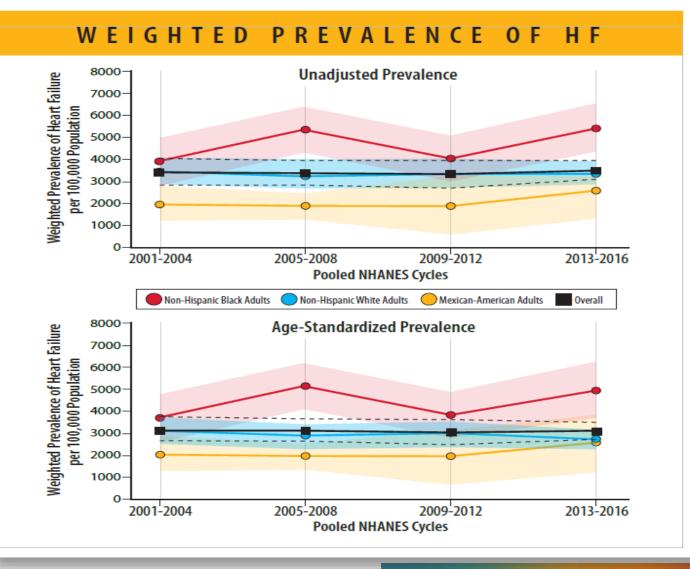
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Prevalence of HF from pooled NHANEE by Race, Ethnicity and Age



The prevalence of HF has increased among Black and Mexican American individuals over time.

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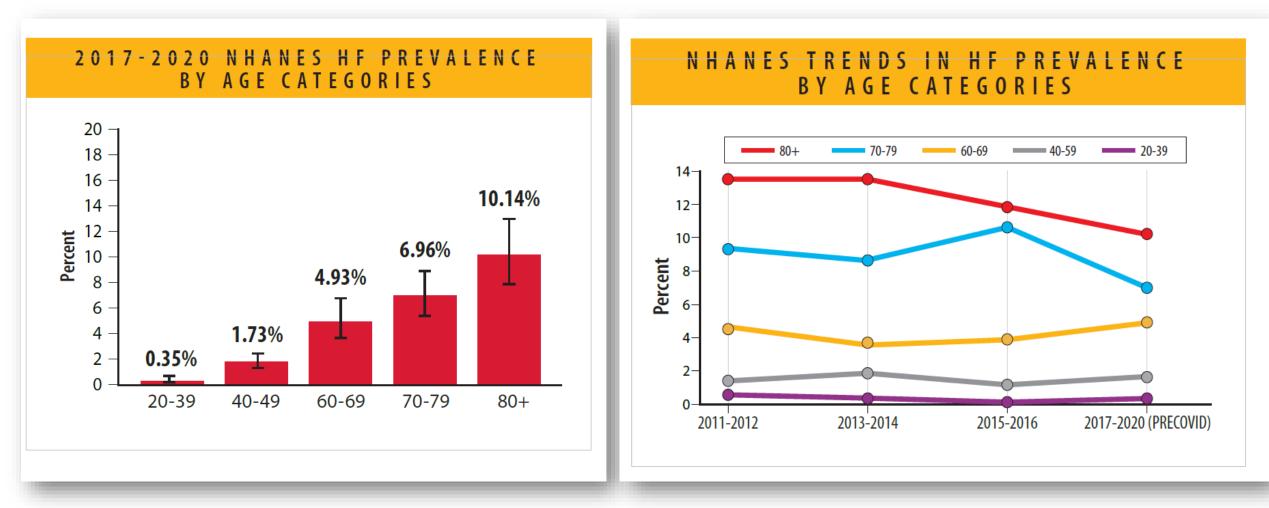








Heart Failure Prevalence by Age



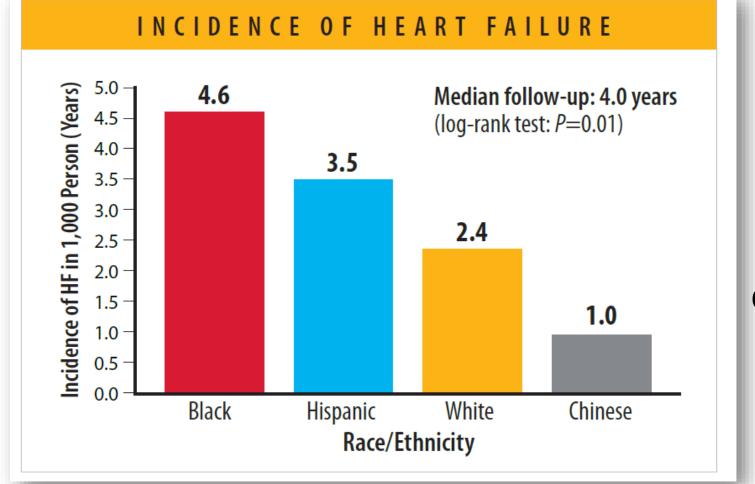
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Incidence Rates by Race and Ethnicity in US



The incidence and prevalence of HF is **higher among Black individuals** compared with other racial and ethnic groups.

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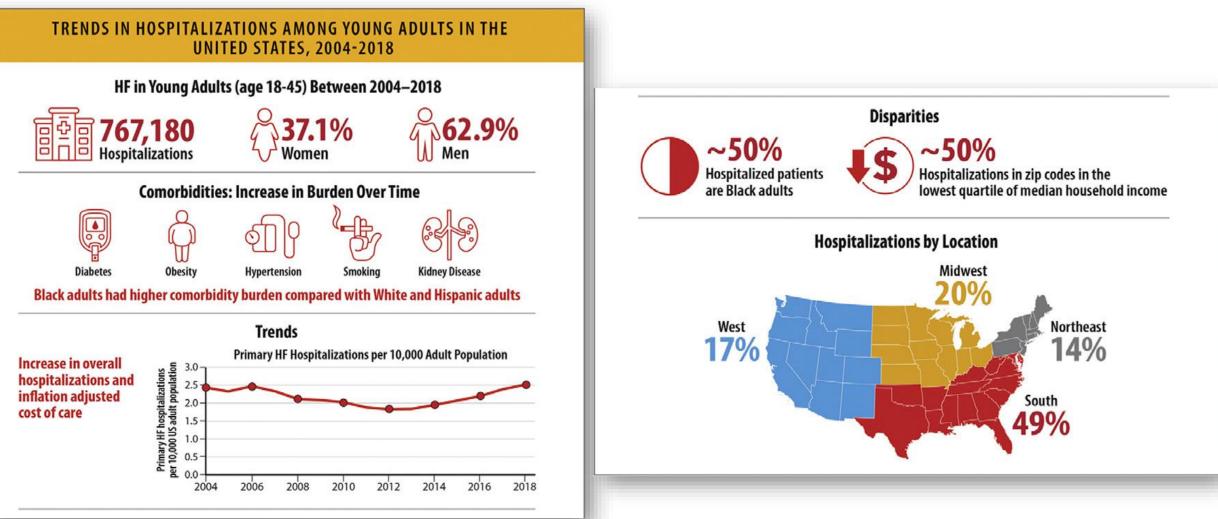








Young Adults



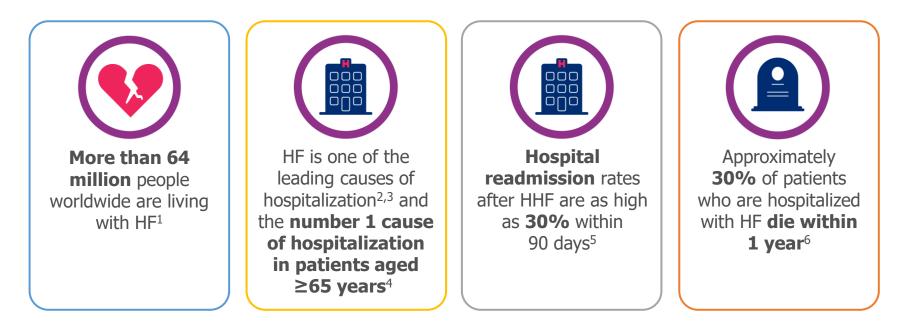
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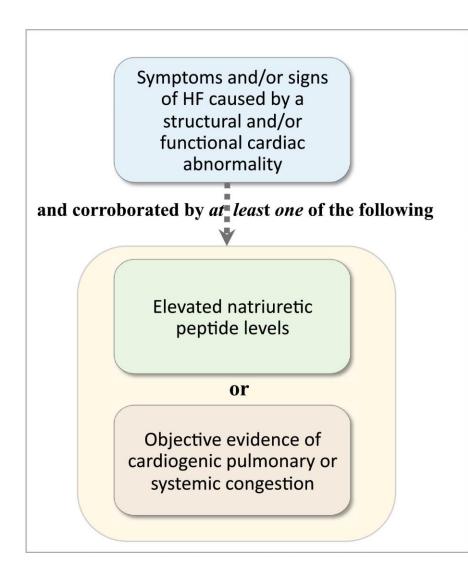
Heart Failure Imposes a Huge Burden on Patients...and Caregivers



1. GBD 2016 Disease and Injury Incidence and Prevalence Collaborators. Lancet. 2017;390(10100):1211-1259;

- 2. Blecker S, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2013;61(12):1259-1267;
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 - 6. Shah KS, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2017;70(20):2476-2486.





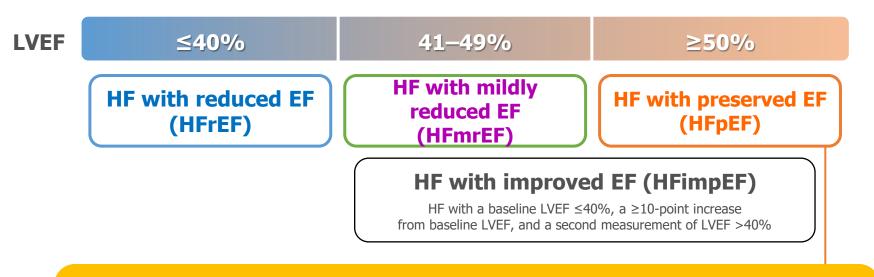
Heart Failure is a clinical syndrome with current or prior symptoms and signs caused by a structural and/or functional cardiac abnormality (as determined by an EF of<50%, abnormal cardiac chamber enlargement, E/E' of >15, moderate/severe ventricular hypertrophy or moderate/severe valvular obstructive or regurgitant lesion) and corroborated by at least one of the following:

- Elevated natriuretic peptide levels
- Objective evidence of cardiogenic pulmonary or systemic congestion by diagnostic modalities, such as imaging (e.g., by chest X ray or elevated filling pressures by echo, or hemodynamic measurement (right heart cath, PA catheter)at rest or with provocation, (e.g., exercise)





The Universal Definition of Heart Failure Classifies the Different Phenotypes According to LVEF



The proportion of hospitalized patients with HFpEF has increased over time

EF = ejection fraction; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction.

Data from 1. Bozkurt B, et al. *Eur J Heart Fail.* 2021;23(3):352-380; 2. Oktay AA, et al. *Curr Heart Fail Rep.* 2013;10(4):401-410.



New Classification According to EF

CMHC

HF with reduced EF (HFrEF):

HF with LVEF $\leq 40\%$

HF with mildly reduced EF (HFmrEF):

HF with LVEF 41-49%

HF with preserved EF (HFpEF):

HF with LVEF \geq 50%

HF with improved EF (HFimpEF):

HF with a baseline LVEF \leq 40%, a \geq 10 point increase from baseline LVEF, and a second measurement of LVEF > 40%

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Classification of Heart Failure—Stages and NYHA

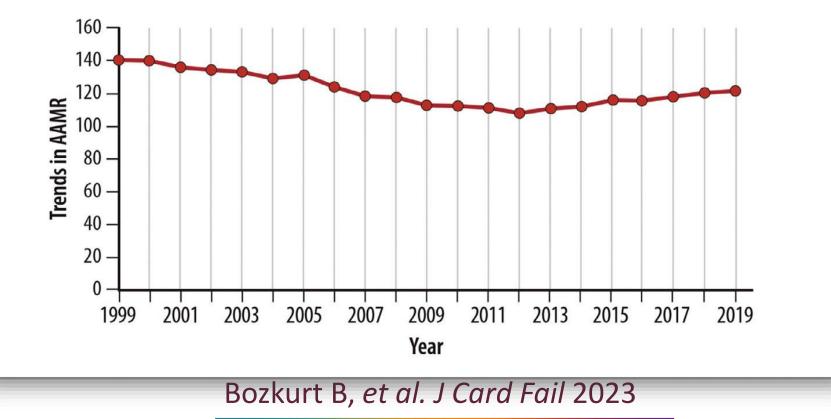
ACCF/AHA Stages of HF		NYHA Functional Classification	
А	At high risk for HF but without structural heart disease or symptoms of HF.	None	
В	Structural heart disease but without signs or symptoms of HF.	I	No limitation of physical activity. Ordinary physical activity does not cause symptoms of HF.
С		I	No limitation of physical activity. Ordinary physical activity does not cause symptoms of HF.
	Structural heart disease with prior or current symptoms of HF.	II	Slight limitation of physical activity. Comfortable at rest, but ordinary physical activity results in symptoms of HF.
		111	Marked limitation of physical activity. Comfortable at rest, but less than ordinary activity causes symptoms of HF.
D	Refractory HF requiring specialized interventions.	IV	Unable to carry on any physical activity without symptoms of HF, or symptoms of HF at rest.



HF-related Mortality

TRENDS IN HEART FAILURE-RELATED MORTALITY AMONG OLDER ADULTS IN THE UNITED STATES FROM 1999-2019



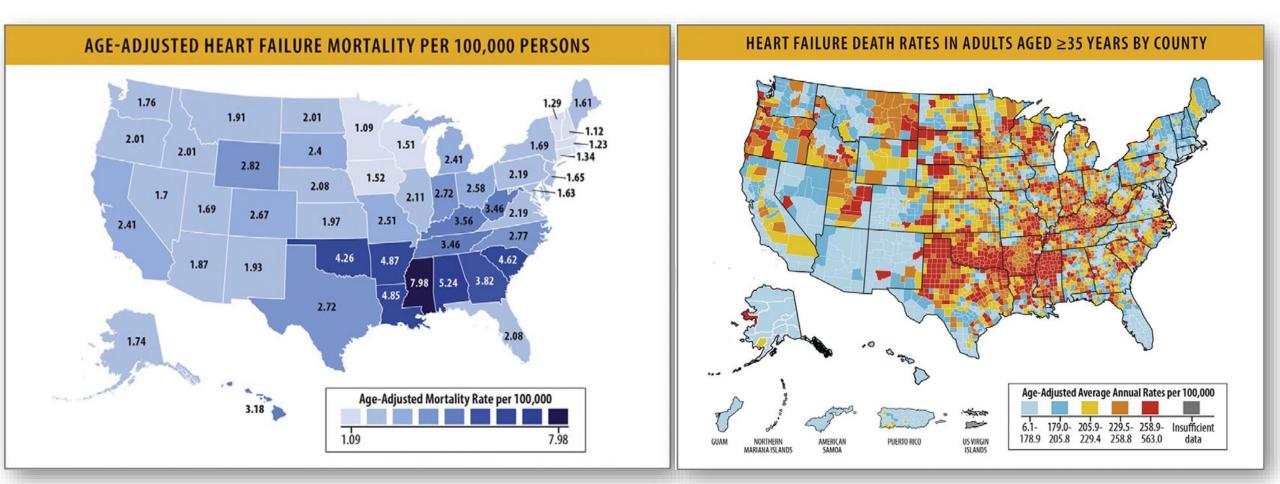








Mortality: Regional Differences



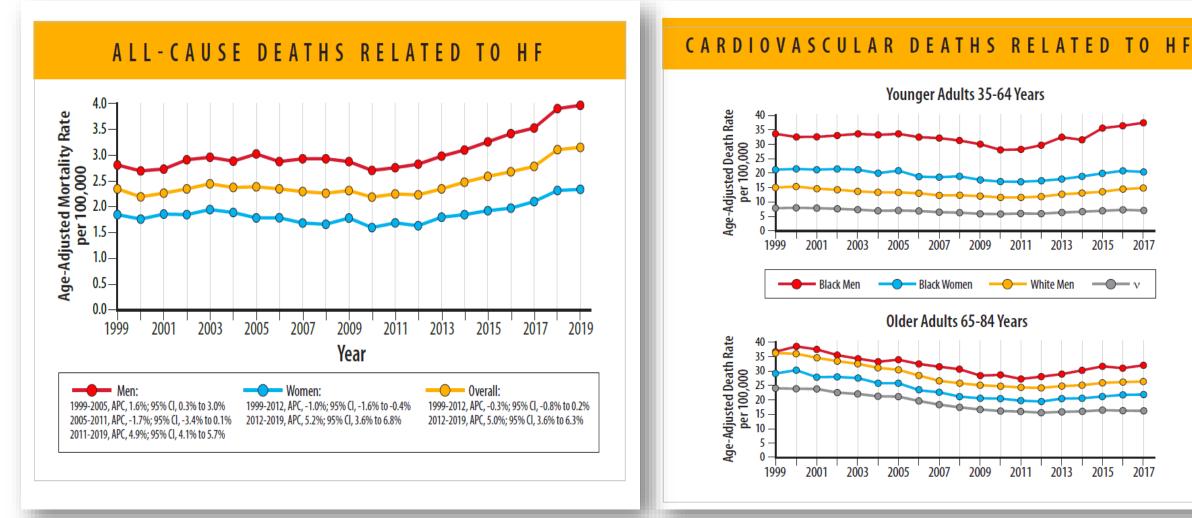
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Deaths Related to HF: Sex and Race



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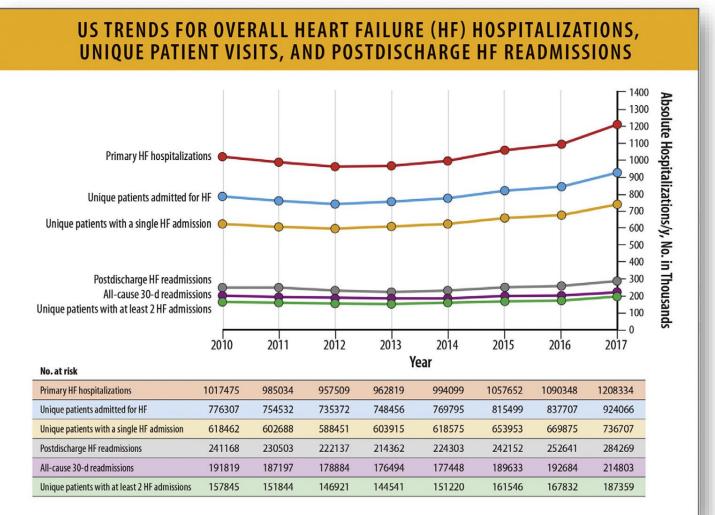
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US Trends: HF Hospitalization



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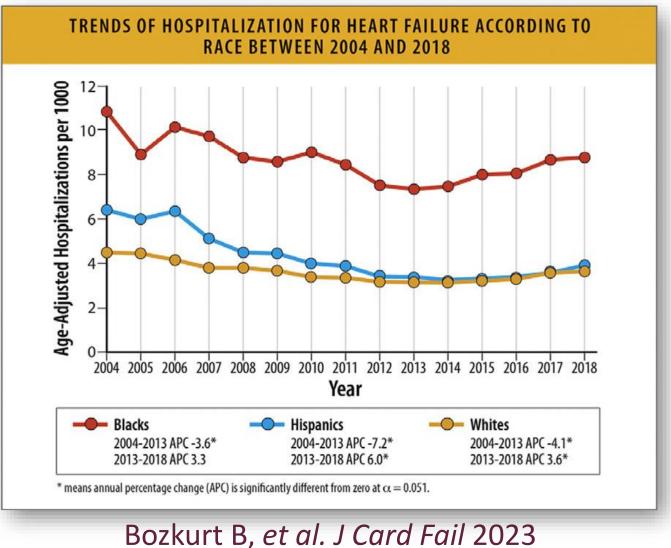








HF Hospitalization Trends by Race



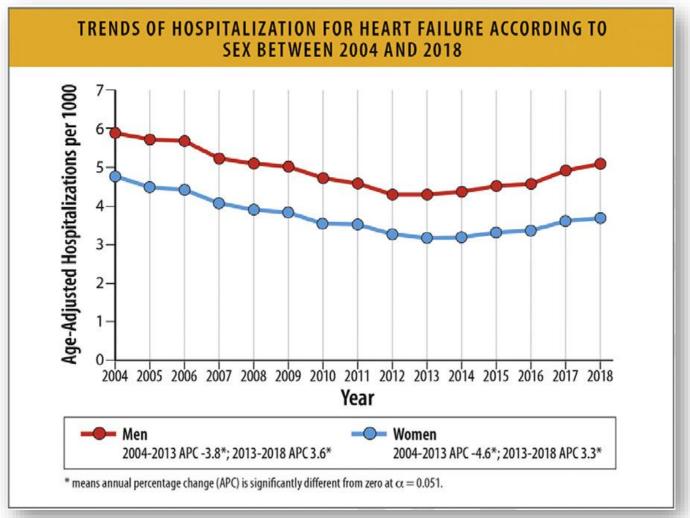
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HF Hospitalization Trends by Sex



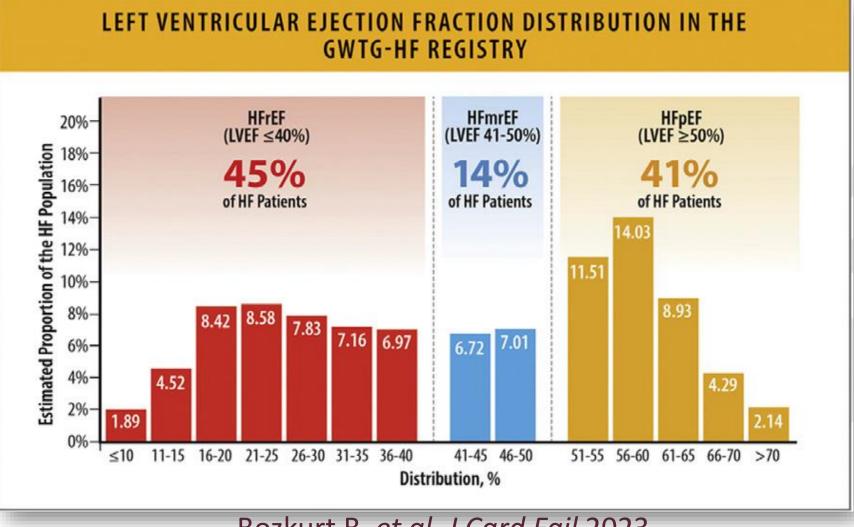
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LVEF Distribution in HF Hospitalization



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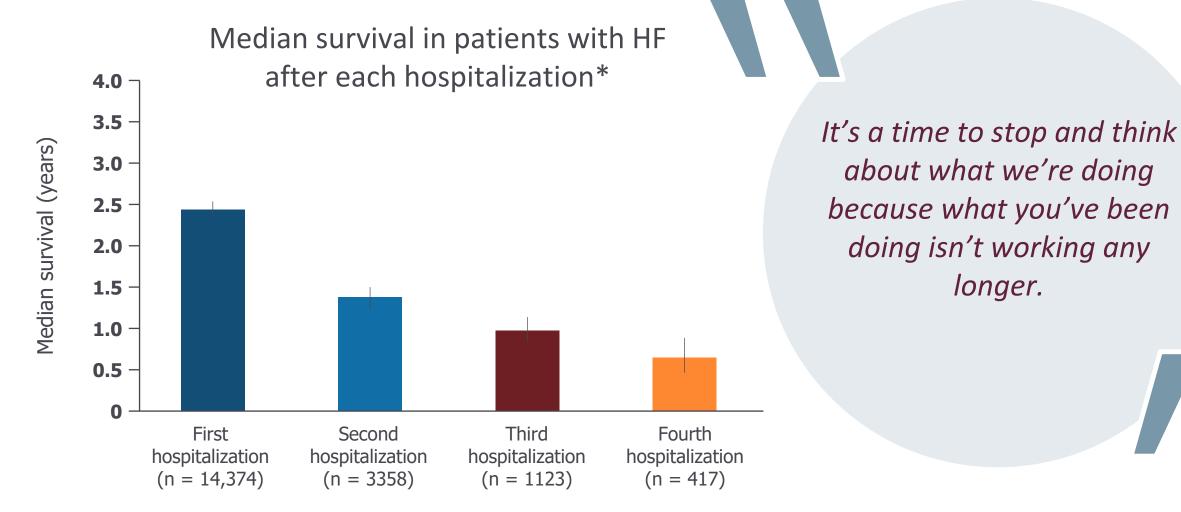






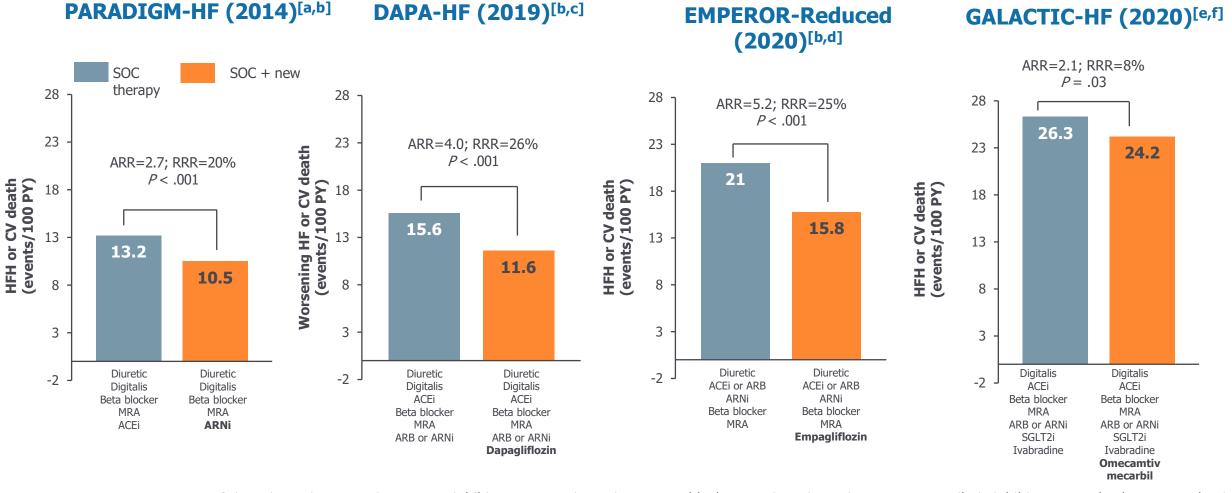


Hospitalization Is a Marker of Risk



*After the initial worsening HF event, each subsequent event becomes longer in duration and is separated by shorter intervals. Setoguchi S, et al. Am Heart J. 2007;154:260-264.

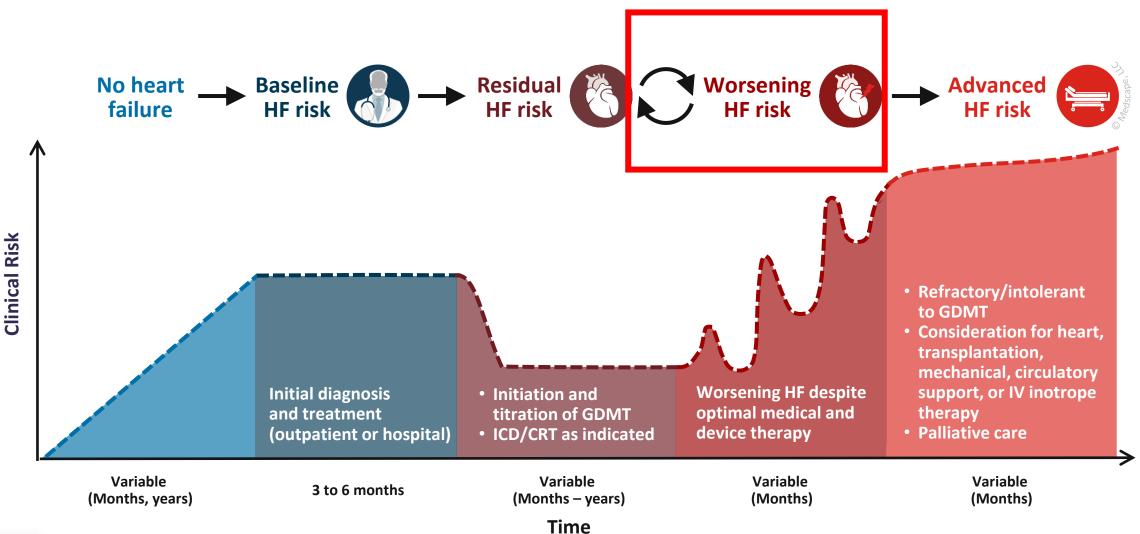
Residual Risk Remains Despite the Use of HF Medications





ACEi, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; ARNi, angiotensin receptor—neprilysin inhibitor; ARR, absolute rate reduction; MRA, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; PY, patient-years; RRR, relative risk reduction; SGLT2i, sodium—glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor; SOC, standard of care. a. McMurray JJV, et al. N Engl J Med. 2014;371:993–1004; b. Butler J, et al. Eur J Heart Fail. 2020;22:1991–1993; c. McMurray JJV, et al. N Engl J Med. 2019;381:1995–2008; d. Packer M, et al. N Engl J Med. 2020;383:1413–1424; e. Teerlink JR, et al. N Engl J Med. 2021;384:105–116; 6. Teerlink JR, et al. Eur J Heart Fail. 2020;22:1991–1993; c. McMurray JR, et al. Eur J Heart Fail. 2020;22:2160–2171.

Heart Failure Is a Progressive Condition



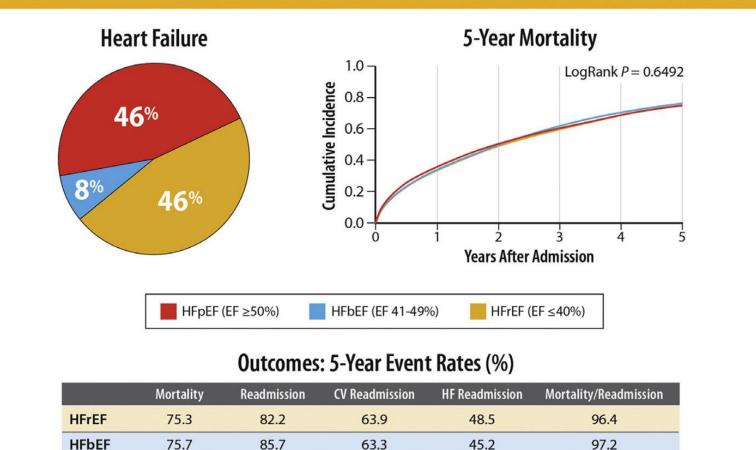


CRT, cardiac resynchronization therapy; GDMT, guideline-directed medical therapy; HF, heart failure; ICD, implantable cardioverter defibrillator; IV, intravenous.

Greene SJ, et al. Circ Heart Fail. 2020;13:e007132.

5-yr Outcomes after HF Hospitalization

5-YEAR OUTCOMES IN PATIENTS HOSPITALIZED WITH HF WITH PRESERVED, BORDERLINE, AND REDUCED EF



58.9

40.5

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84.0

HFpEF

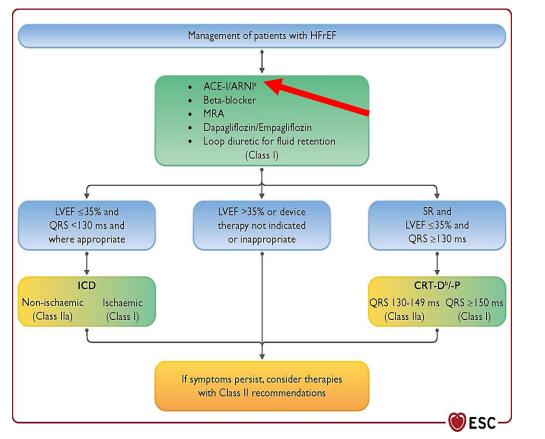
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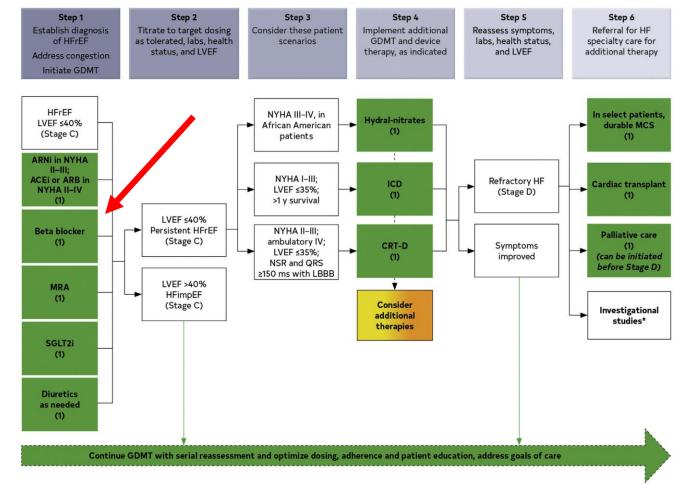
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GDMT for HFrEF

Therapeutic Algorithm of Class I Therapy Indications for a Patient With Heart Failure With Reduced Ejection Fraction^[a]



Treatment of HFrEF Stages C and D^[b]



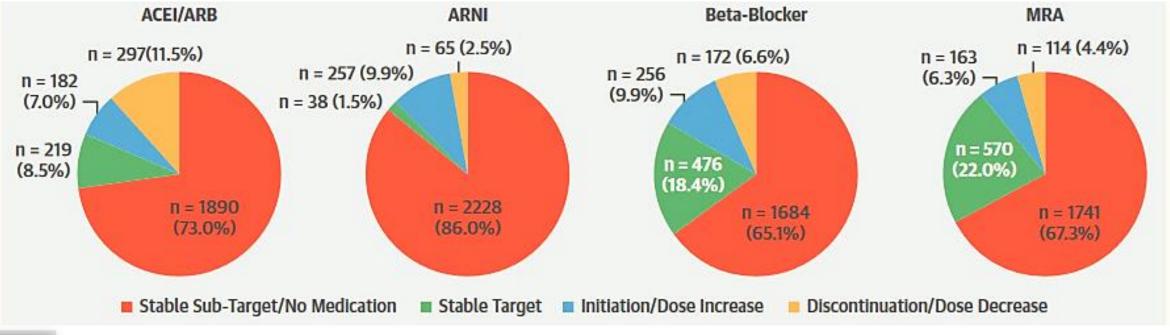
COR, class of recommendation; CRT, cardiac resynchronization therapy; GDMT, guideline-directed medical therapy; ICD, implantable cardioverter-defibrillator; hydral-nitrates, hydralazine and isosorbide dinitrate; LBBB, left bundle branch block; MCS, mechanical circulatory support; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; NSR, normal sinus rhythm; SGLT2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor.

a. McDonagh TA, et al. Eur Heart J. 2021;42:3599–3726; b. Heidenreich P, et al. J Cardiac Fail. 2022;145:1-e167.

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~80% of Patients With Chronic HF Are Either Not on Target Dose, or RAAS Inhibitor Therapy Has Been Down-Titrated or Discontinued

- The CHAMP-HF registry comprises 2588 United States outpatients with chronic HFrEF who are receiving ≥ 1 oral medication
- At baseline 658 (25%), 525 (20%), 287 (11%), and 45 (2%) patients were receiving target doses of MRA, beta-blocker, ACE inhibitor/ARB, and ARNi therapy, respectively





Greene SJ, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2019;73:2365-2383.

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Barriers to Prescribing GDMT

Lack of standard protocols; enforcement

Gaps in provider knowledge; inertia; "I know what to do!"

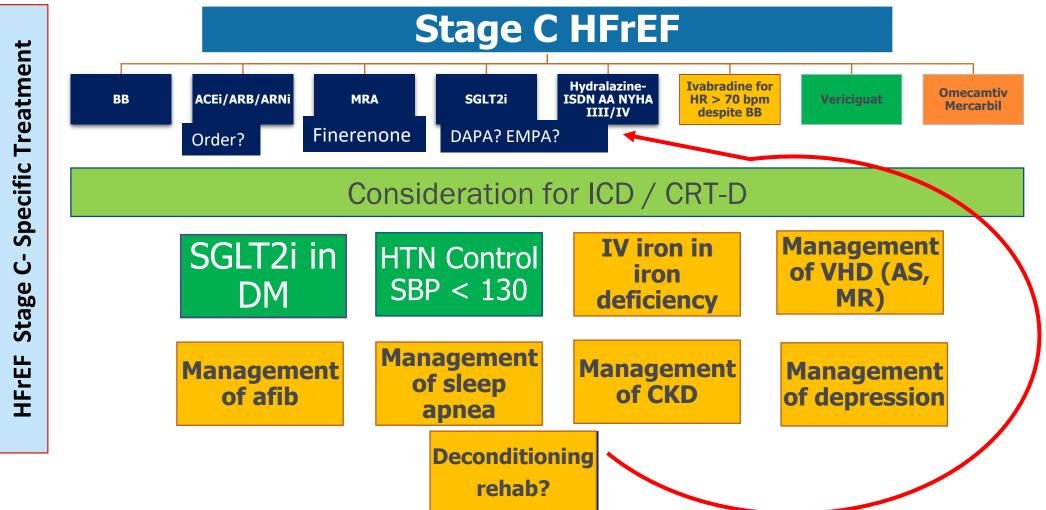
Warnings, precautions, adverse effects; hypotension, fear of "AKI", hyperkalemia

Suboptimal transitions of care

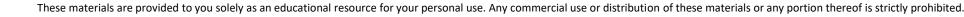
AKI = acute kidney injury.



Specific Treatment of Comorbidities: Is it Time for "Precision"?



AA, African American; AS, aortic stenosis; BB, beta blocker; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CRT-D, cardiac resynchronization therapy with defibrillator; DM, diabetes mellitus; HTN, hypertension; ICD, implantable defibrillator; ISDN, isosorbide dinitrate; IV, intravenous; MR, mitral regurgitation; SBP, systolic blood pressure; VHD, valvular heart disease. Heidenreich P, et al. Circulation. 2022;145:e895-e1032.



Summary and Looking Ahead

- Earlier intervention
- New targets
- New agents without mortality reduction
- New mechanisms, different perspective
- Better refine patient population, e.g., biomarkers
- Recognize the worsening HF patient
- Recognize the residual risk
- Mechanisms of kidney protection: importance of kidney protection
- Transition from acute to chronic
- Still plenty to do!





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New and Emerging Agents for Worsening Heart Failure

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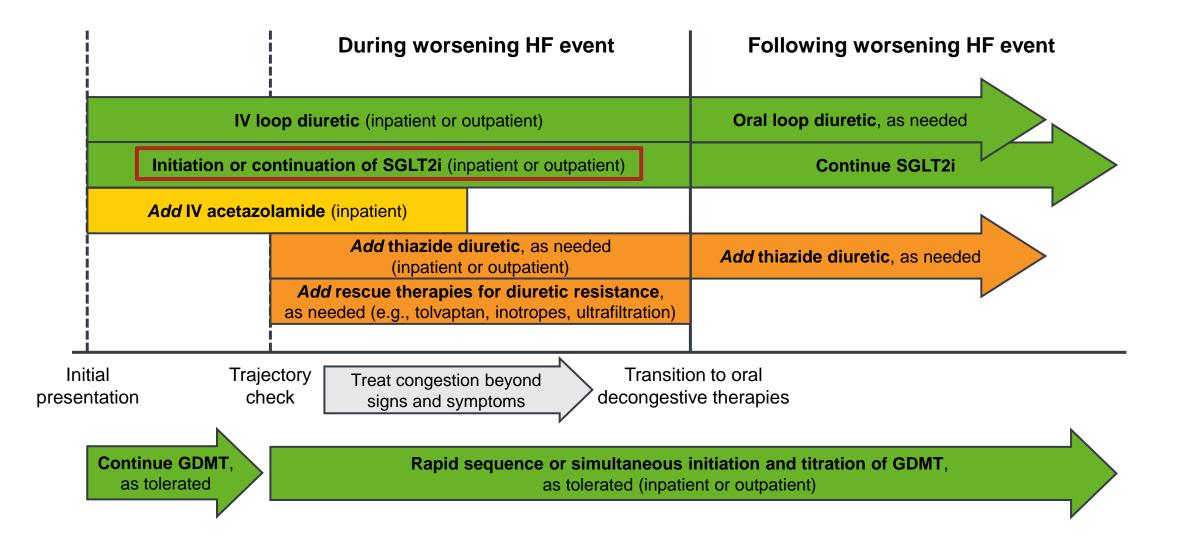


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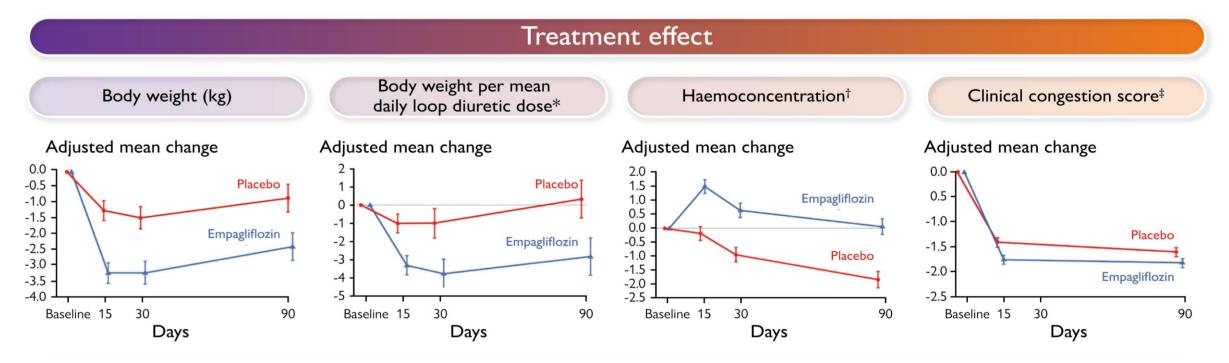
Sodium Glucose Co-transporter Inhibitors (SGLTi)



Approach to Decongestive Therapy for Worsening HF



SGLT2i results in early and sustained decongestion, incremental to background loop diuretic therapy



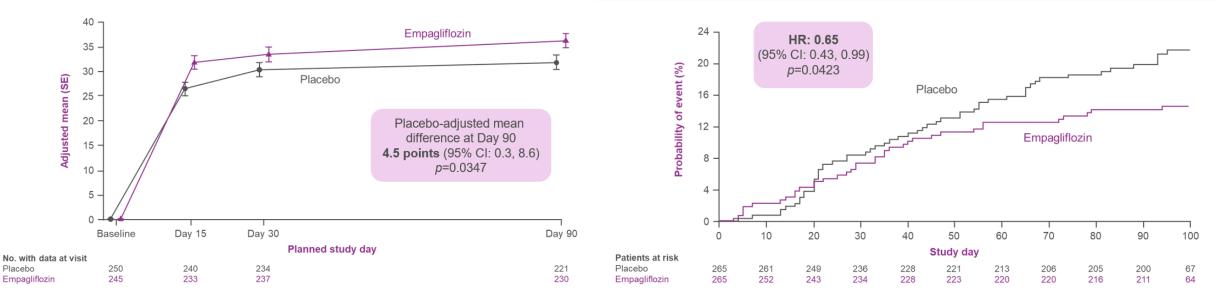
Adjusted difference: -2.0 kg at Day 15

Biegus J et al. Eur Heart J 2023

But don't forget....SGLT2i in EMPULSE also showed:

Secondary endpoint: change in KCCQ-TSS at Day 90

Time to all-cause death or first HFE*



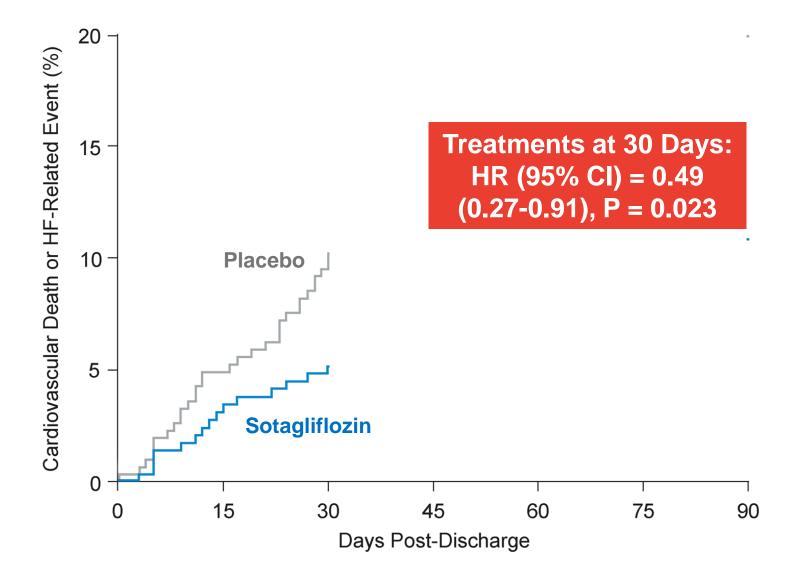
Early, sustained, incremental improvement in symptoms

Significant reduction in postdischarge death and readmission

...and numerically fewer adverse events with SGLT2i than placebo

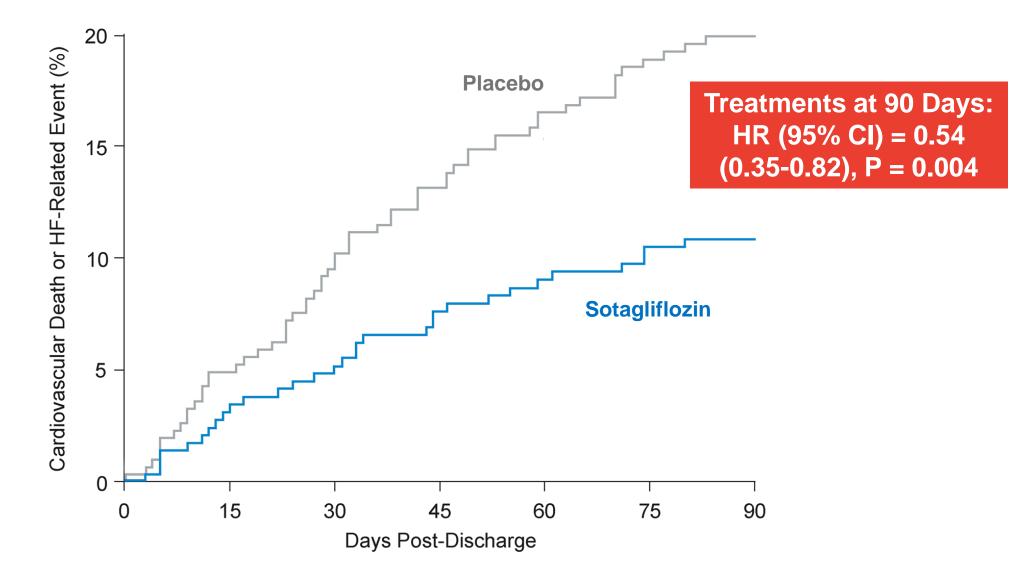
Kosiborod MN et al. *Circulation* 2022; Voors AA et al. *Nat Med* 2022

SOLOIST-WHF: CV Death and HF-Related Events <u>30 Days</u> Post Discharge



Pitt B et al. JACC Heart Fail. 2023 Aug;11(8):879-889.

SOLOIST-WHF: CV Death and HF-Related Events <u>90 Days</u> Post Discharge



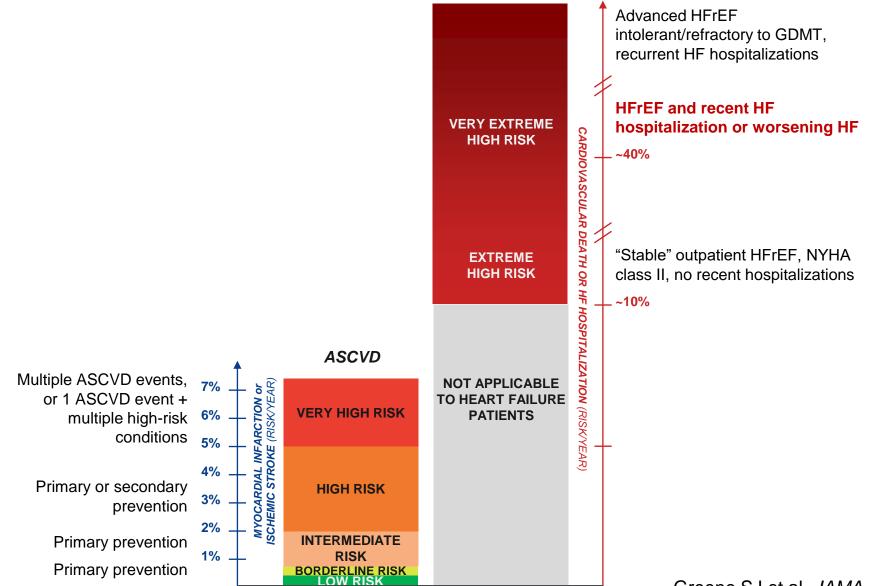
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Thinking Beyond Quadruple Therapy for Worsening HF

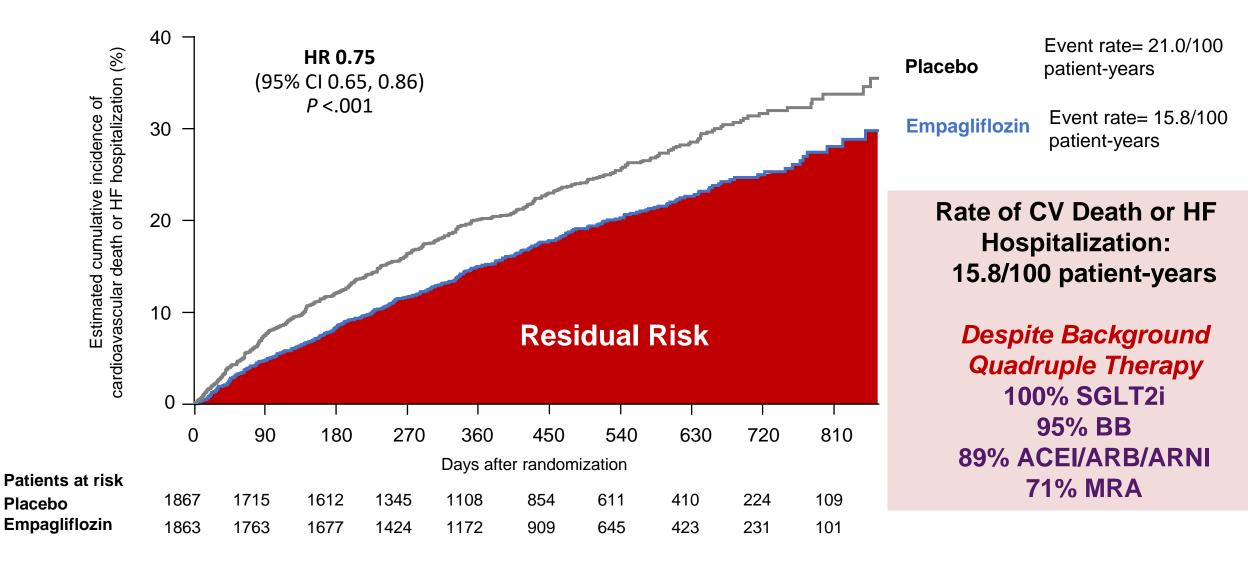


Heart Failure Risk in Context

HEART FAILURE



Residual Risk in HFrEF Despite Quadruple Therapy



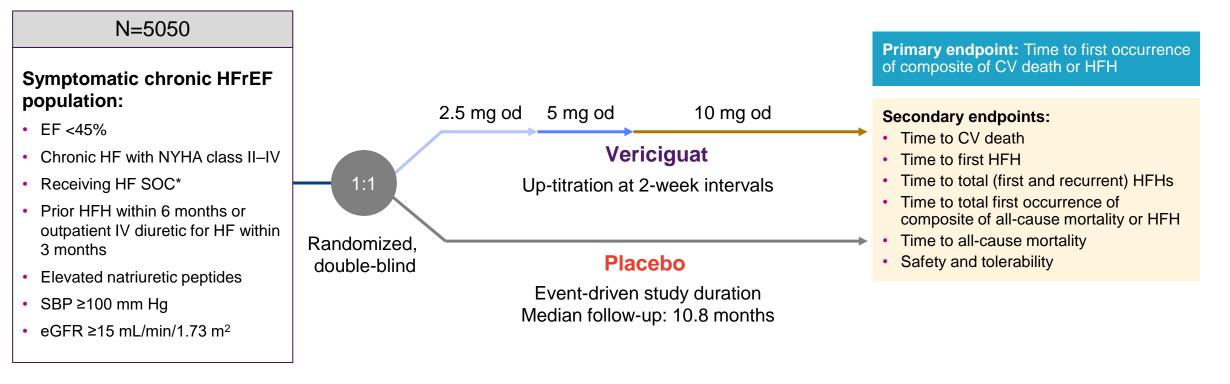
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Vericiguat (Soluble Guanylate Cyclase Stimulator)



VICTORIA Phase III: Study Design^{1,2}

Primary objective: To evaluate the efficacy of vericiguat in comparison with placebo against a background of contemporary HF therapies in increasing the time to first occurrence of the composite of CV death or HFH

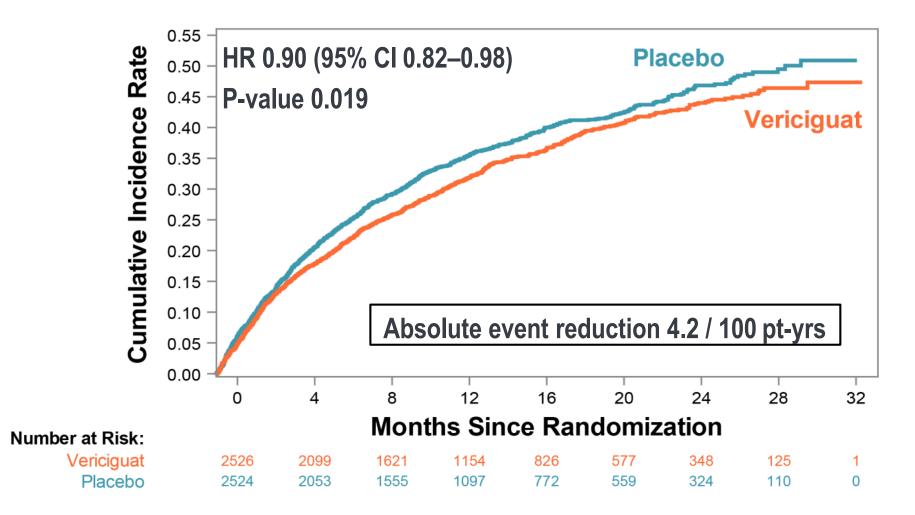


*Note: All subjects received standard HF treatment following locally relevant guidelines, such as ACCF/AHA and ESC Guidelines for the Management of Heart Failure

ACCF, American College of Cardiology Foundation; AHA, American Heart Association; CV, cardiovascular; EF, ejection fraction; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESC, European Society of Cardiology; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; HF, heart failure; HFH, heart failure hospitalization; HFrEF, heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; IV, intravenous; NT-proBNP, N-terminal pro B-type natriuretic peptide; od, once daily; QoL, quality of life; SBP, systolic blood pressure.

1. Armstrong PW, et al. JACC Heart Fail. 2018;6(2):96-104; 2. Armstrong PW, et al. N Engl J Med. 2020;382(20):1883-1893.

Primary Composite Endpoint: CV Death or First HF Hospitalization



2021 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure

Other pharmacological treatments indicated in selected patients with NYHA class II–IV heart failure with reduced ejection fraction (LVEF \leq 40%)

Soluble guanylate cyclase receptor stimulator						
Vericiguat may be considered in patients in						
NYHA class II–IV who have had worsening HF						
despite treatment with an ACE-I (or ARNI), a	llb	В				
beta-blocker and an MRA to reduce the risk of						
CV mortality or HF hospitalization. ¹⁴¹						

2022 AHA/ACC/HFSA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure

A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Joint Committee on Clinical Practice Guidelines



In selected high-risk patients with HFrEF and recent worsening of HF already on GDMT, an oral soluble guanylate cyclase stimulator (vericiguat) may be considered to reduce HF hospitalization and cardiovascular death.

McDonagh TA et al. *Eur Heart J.* 2021;42:3599-3726. Heidenreich PA et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2022;79:e263-421.

Intravenous Iron



Sensitivity Analysis (3 FCM Studies + IRONMAN) Total HF Hospitalizations + CV Death

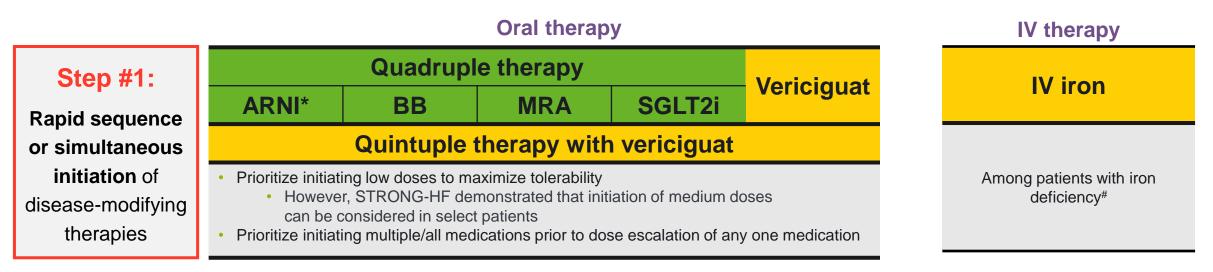
	Study	Rate ratio (95% CI)	Rate ratio (95% CI)
Censored at 52 weeks	CONFIRM-HF	0.51 (0.28–0.95)	_
	AFFIRM-AHF	0.76 (0.60–0.96)	_
	HEART-FID	0.89 (0.74–1.07)	
	IRONMAN	0.66 (0.48–0.91)	_
	Overall	0.76 (0.53–1.00)	
	Tau=0.16 (95% CI: 0.00–0.53	3)	0.25 0.5 1.0 2.5 Favours IV iron \triangleleft Favours control ^a
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^aPlacebo or standard of care. Standardized trial level analyses were performed using the semiparametric LWYY model, including

treatment and region as factors. Analysis used Bayesian random-effects meta-analysis.

CI=credible interval; CV=cardiovascular; FCM=ferric carboxymaltose; HF=heart failure; IV=intravenous.

Medical Therapy for Worsening HFrEF



	Quadruple therapy			Strength of recommendation				
Step #2:	↑ ARNI*	↑ BB	↑ MRA	Continue SGLT2i	↑Vericiguat		and benefit Proven to improve HF outcomes, including mortality	
Dose escalation	 ose escalation oral therapies, as tolerated Goal to achieve maximally tolerated or target doses of all eligible GDMT within 4–6 weeks Prioritize dose escalation of BB, as tolerated, given strongest dose-response data Dose escalation may require multiple visits; consider including virtual/remote visits to facilitate rapid titration Serial laboratory monitoring of kidney function, serum potassium and NT-proBNP during titration to confirm safety 						Foundational therapy to be utilized in all eligible patients, as tolerated	
• •							Proven to improve HF outcomes other than mortality	
							Therapy should be strongly considered, as tolerated	

Management of Worsening HF with Reduced EF

- Rapid sequence or simultaneous initiation of quadruple medical therapy is the foundational strategy for improving outcomes for worsening HFrEF.
 - start all without significant delay or prior to hospital discharge, as tolerated
 - top priority is at least low doses of all 4 medications
- Worsening HFrEF is an extreme risk condition, with substantial residual risk even with quadruple medical therapy. Additionally, some patients cannot tolerate or are ineligible for ≥1 component of quadruple therapy.
- Early up-front use of vericiguat and IV iron, in combination with simultaneous/rapid sequence optimization of quadruple medical therapy (i.e., quintuple medical therapy), can be considered to further reduce the high residual risk of worsening HFrEF.



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Management of Patients with Worsening Heart Failure Patient Case & Panel Discussion

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Outpatient Clinic Visit

- 64 yr. old male come for a clinic visit 2 weeks post-discharge from the hospital for decompensated HF.
- Was treated with IV diuretics
 - lost 5 lbs. and was discharged.
- History of HFrEF, LVEF during hospitalization was 32%
 - EF unchanged from one done 2 year ago.
- Now have class II symptoms.



History (2)

- Past History
 - IHD, MI with 2v PCI 4 years ago
 - Hypertension
 - Diabetes
 - Chronic Kidney Disease
 - Dyslipidemia
- Primary prevention ICD placed 1 year ago
- Smoker, but stopped at the time of MI



Medications

- ASA
- Clopidogrel
- Enalapril 5mg
- Carvedilol 12.5 bid
- Spironolactone 12.5 qod
- Furosemide 40 bid
- Metformin 500 bid
- Atorvastatin 80qd
- Linagliptin 5mg qd



Evaluation

- Blood Pressure 104/70 mmHg
- Heart Rate 71 bpm
- RR 16
- Body Mass Index 29
- JVP 8cm (difficult to assess)
- Chest clear
- CVS S1S2 soft MR, no S3S4
- Abdomen no HSM or ascites
- Legs trace to 1+ edema



Evaluation (2)

- Laboratory values
- Na+ 144
- K+ 5.0
- eGFR 32
- Hgb 11.8
- TSH and iron indices normal
- HbA1c 7.4
- NTproBNP 1486
- ECG NSR, QRS 110msec
- CXR (in hospital) ICD lead
- Echo (in hospital) LVEDD 6.0, LVEF 32%, RV normal, MR 2+



Management Options

What would you do first? What would you do overall? How many visit would you take to achieve your goal? How frequently will you see this patient?

- 1. Increase enalapril
- 2. Switch to ARNI
- 3. Increase Beta blocker
- 4. Add ivabradine
- 5. Add SGLT2i
- 6. Increase MRA
- 7. Increase diuretics
- 8. Add vericiguat
- 9. Refer for Mitraclip
- 10. Add K+ binder





Experts Dialogue

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