

Trattamento aggressivo delle miocarditi

*Le diverse forme di supporto meccanico
al circolo: quando e come*



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Natural History of Myocarditis

Clinical presentation

Left Ventricular dysfunction

mild

moderate

severe

LVEF

> 40 %

40 – 30 %

< 30 %

25%
spontaneous
improvement

50%
chronic
dysfunction

25%
death

HTx / VAD



HTx for myocarditis

Udine experience *

	ID	Age (yrs)	Sex	Myocarditis	Pre-HTx treatment	HTx year	Immunosuppression		Rejections		Infections	F-U (mos.)
							early	late	All	β A		
1	A.I.	12	F	Chronic (Borderline)	ICD	2006	CsA + MMF + Pred	Tac + MMF + Pred	1	0		45
2	M.S.	42	M	Chronic (Borderline)	ICD	2006	CsA + MMF + Pred	CsA + MMF + Pred	3	1	CMV	49
3	C.S.	33	M	Active (Eosinophilic)	ICD	2005	CsA + MMF + Pred	CsA + MMF	5	0		60
4	RDE	27	F	Chronic (Borderline)	ICD	2005	CsA + Evl + Pred	CsA + Evl	3	0		56
5	G.L.	39	M	Active (Granulomatous)	ICD + Dobu	2004	CsA + MMF + Pred	CsA + MMF + Pred	3	1	CMV, VZV	67
6	MCR	40	F	Chronic (Borderline)		2003	CsA + MMF + Pred	CsA + MMF	2	0	HSV, VZV	86
7	T.B.	28	M	Chronic (Borderline)	IABP BVAD	2000	CsA + MMF + Pred	CsA + MMF	5	0	VZV	119



* = On 176 hearts 1999 - 2007

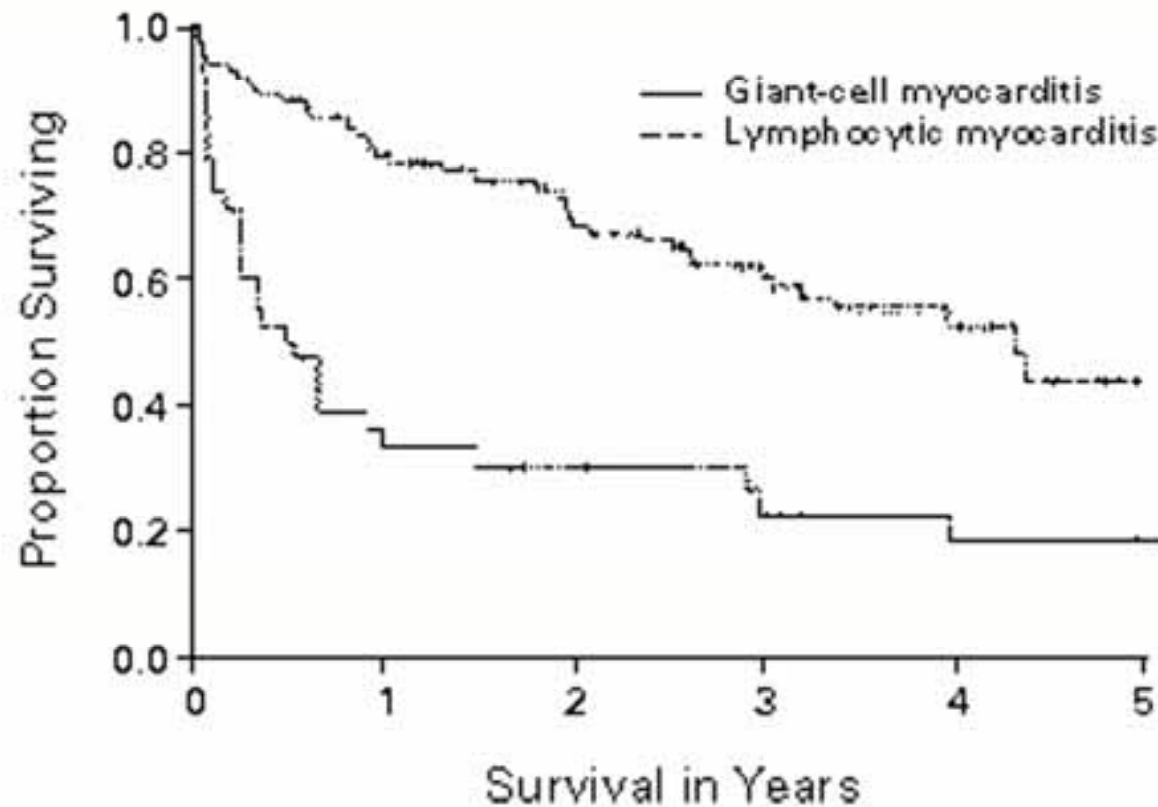
Natural History of Myocarditis

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IDIOPATHIC GIANT-CELL MYOCARDITIS — NATURAL HISTORY AND TREATMENT

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Giant Cell Myocarditis (GCM)

role of HTx

- BTT with ECMO or VAD
- triple-drug immunosuppression
- aggressive post-HTx surveillance (↑ *biopsies*)
- ① long-term outcome



ECMO = ExtraCorporeal Membrane Oxygenation
VAD = Ventricular Assist Device

BTT = Bridge-To-Transplant

WHEN TO IMPLANT

- Rapid Progression to Shock
- Refractory to Intensive Medical Treatment
- Major Ventricular Arrhythmias or Cardiac Arrest
- Profound Cardiac Dysfunction by ECHO
- Confirmed Diagnosis by EMB (if possible)

EMB = EndoMyocardial Biopsy

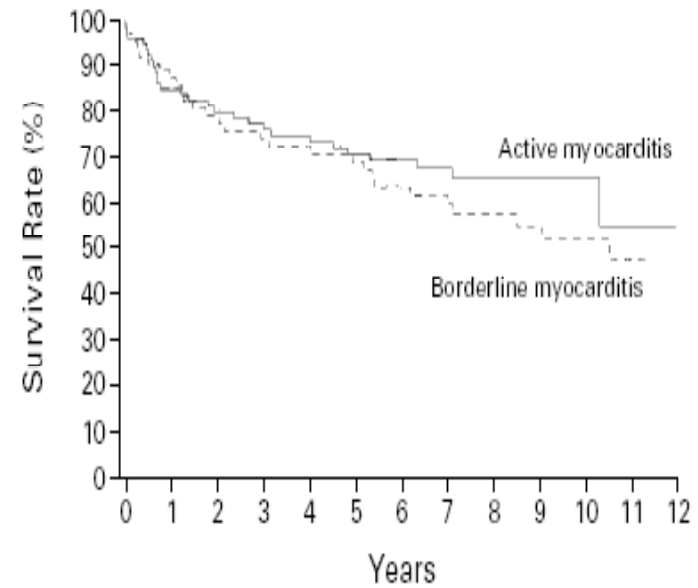
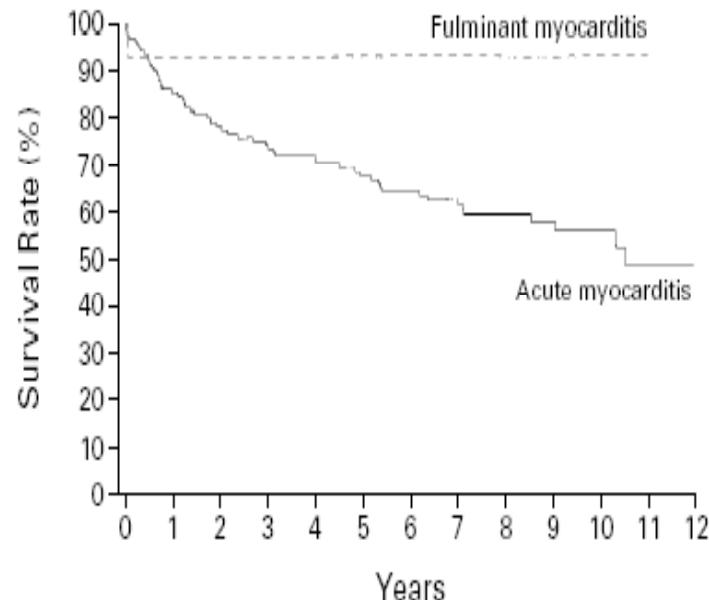


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LONG-TERM OUTCOME OF FULMINANT MYOCARDITIS AS COMPARED WITH ACUTE (NONFULMINANT) MYOCARDITIS

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McCarthy RE et al *N Engl J Med* 2000; 342: 690 - 5



No. at Risk

Acute myocarditis	132	110	98	91	84	79	73	59	41	28	18	3	0
Fulminant myocarditis	15	12	12	10	10	9	7	5	4	3	2	0	0

Active myocarditis	82	68	61	58	53	50	47	34	22	13	6	1	0
Borderline myocarditis	65	54	47	43	40	38	33	30	23	18	14	2	0



Mechanical Support for Acute Myocarditis

- ECMO vs VAD
- Univentricular (LVAD) vs Biventricular (BVAD)
- Atrial vs Apical cannulation
- Pulsatile vs Non-Pulsatile flow
- BTR vs BTT



ECMO = ExtraCorporeal Membrane Oxygenation
VAD = Ventricular Assist Device

BTR = Bridge-To-Recovery
BTT = Bridge-To-Transplant

Mechanical Support for Recovery of Cardiac Function

Reversal of Shock is Flow & Pressure Dependent



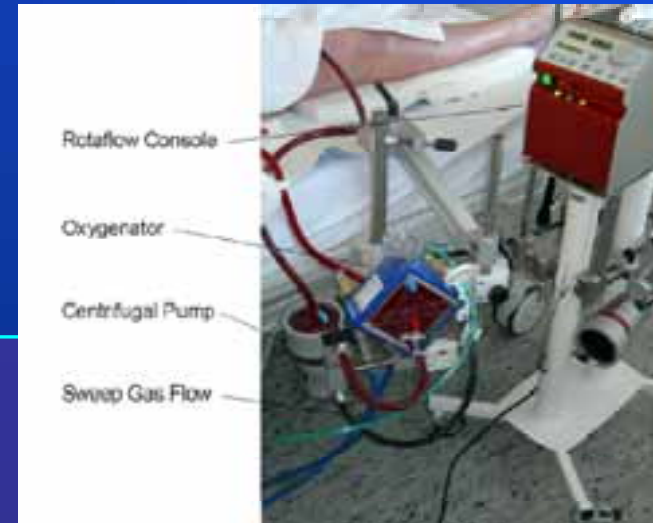
- ECMO → infants & children
→ “bridge to decision”
- PF > CF → low flows/pressures
- CF = PF → flow > 90 ml/kg/min
- BVAD > LVAD → MOF or BV compromise



ECMO = ExtraCorporeal Membrane Oxygenation
VAD = Ventricular Assist Device

PF = Pulsatile Flow
CF = Continuous Flow

ECMO



SET-UP

Venous access

Circuit

Centrifugal pump

Membrane oxygenator

Arterial access

CANNULATION SITE

Femoral Vessels

Cervical Vessels

Axillary / Brachial artery

Additional procedures

Distal femoral artery perfusion

LV Transthoracic / Impella

Septostomy



ECMO

ADVANTAGES

Rescue procedure for CPR

Full biventricular support, ↑ systemic oxygenation

Sufficient for short-term support, easy weaning

Readily available in ICU, quick set-up

No need for OR or cath-lab, no sternotomy & general anesthesia

Mobile VAD ⇒ transportability

DISADVANTAGES

No LV unloading ⇒ ↑ pulmonary congestion

↑ LV afterload

Complications (leg ischemia, thromboembolism, infections)

Limited duration of support

Bleeding, hemolysis, ↓ platelet count

No deambulation ⇒ limited rehabilitation

LIMITATIONS

Vessels quality/size (peripherally)

Need for high-flow rate (60-80 ml/kg)

Flow volume & afterload dependent









Long-distance bridging

Out-of-Udine

(days)	IABP	IMPELLA	ECMO	LVAD	Mech Vent	CVVH / Dyalysis	Distance (km)
G.B.	13	-	8	-	11	-	110
I.M.	3	-	5	-	3	-	130
E.C.	17	6	-	-	23	-	1100
A.E.	16	6	-	43	20	47	1100

In-Udine

(days)	Trans port	Mech Vent	IABP	IMPELLA	LVAD	CVVH / Dyalysis	Out come	F-U
G.B.		-	1	-	-	-	HTx	A/W
I.M.		20	1	-	75	35	HTx	A/W
E.C.	 	18	-	4 + 8	5	16	†	
A.E.	 	-	-	-	2	-	HTx	A/W

VADs

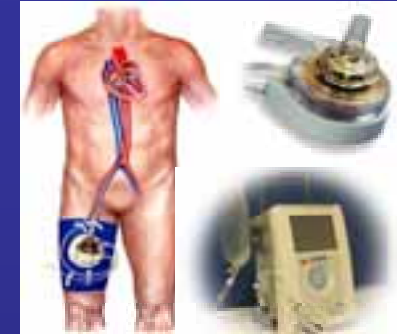
Peripheral

Femoral vein

TandemHeart

Femoral artery

Impella



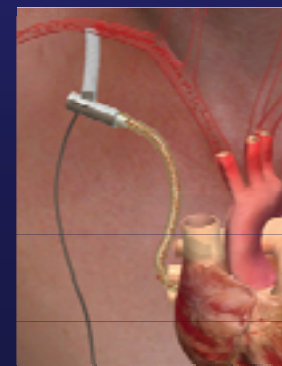
Hybrid

*LV apex →
Axillary/Femoral artery*

Levitronix, Biomedicus,
Maquet

*LA →
Axillary artery*

CircuLite



Percutaneous VADs (pVADs)

ADVANTAGES

Immediate assistance, even during CPR
No ECC & blood transfusions, no sternotomy & general anesthesia
Partial LV unloading
No risk for bleeding ⇒ high-risk, redo pts
Potential for recovery or decision
Simple to manage; easy weaning
Less costly

DISADVANTAGES

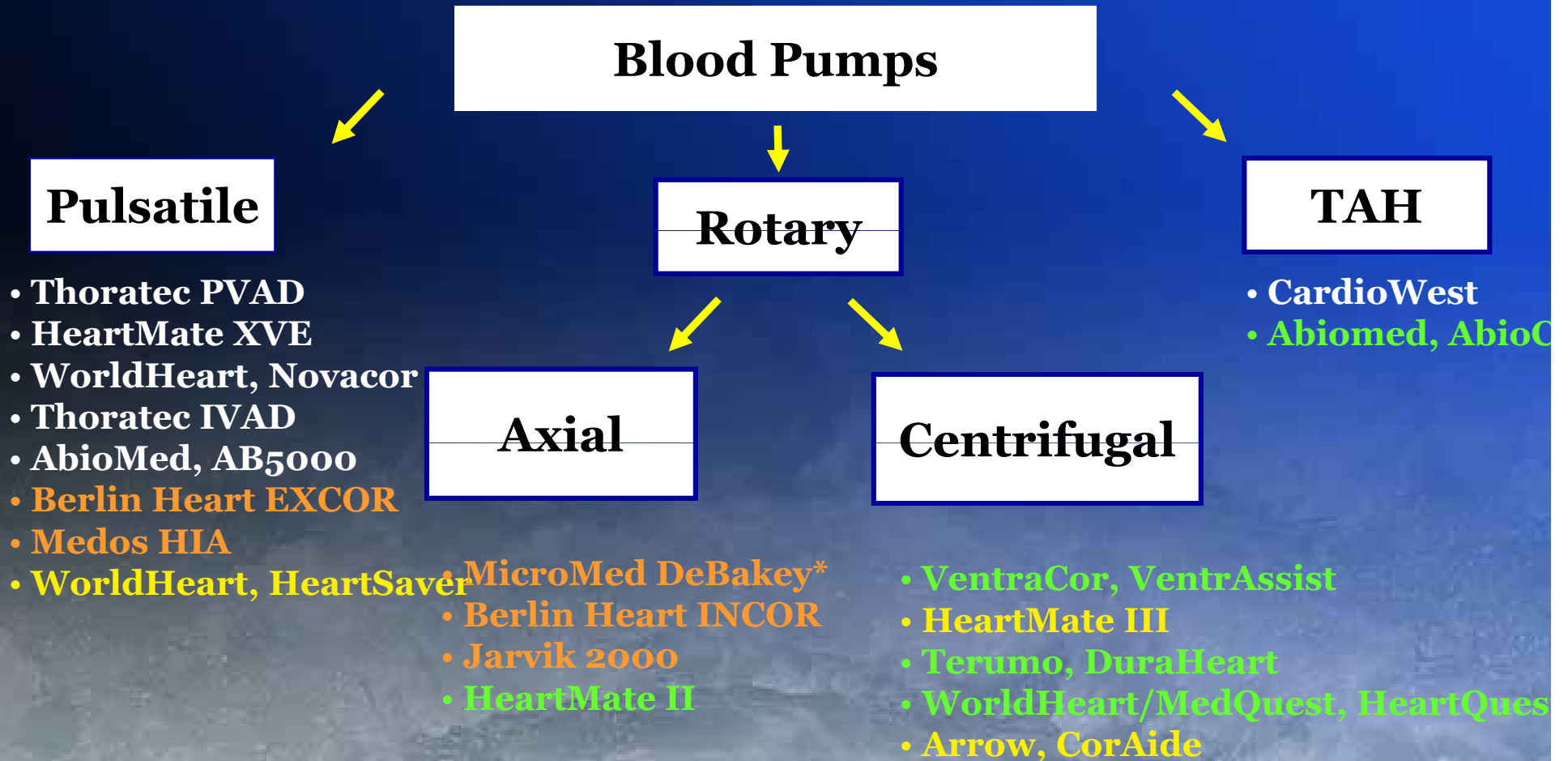
Limited flow (max 5.0 lt/min)
Displacement pump risk; need for inotropes to sustain RV
Complications (leg ischemia 25%; cannulation site bleeding 30%)
Short duration of support (max 7 days ⇒ 14-20 days)
Need for cath-lab for insertion
Transportability ?

LIMITATIONS

Small or diseased peripheral vessels
Mechanical Ao prosthesis, calcified AS, moderate AR
Advanced cardiogenic shock (Impella 2.5 LP)
Small LV-EDV, children



Blood Pump Technology



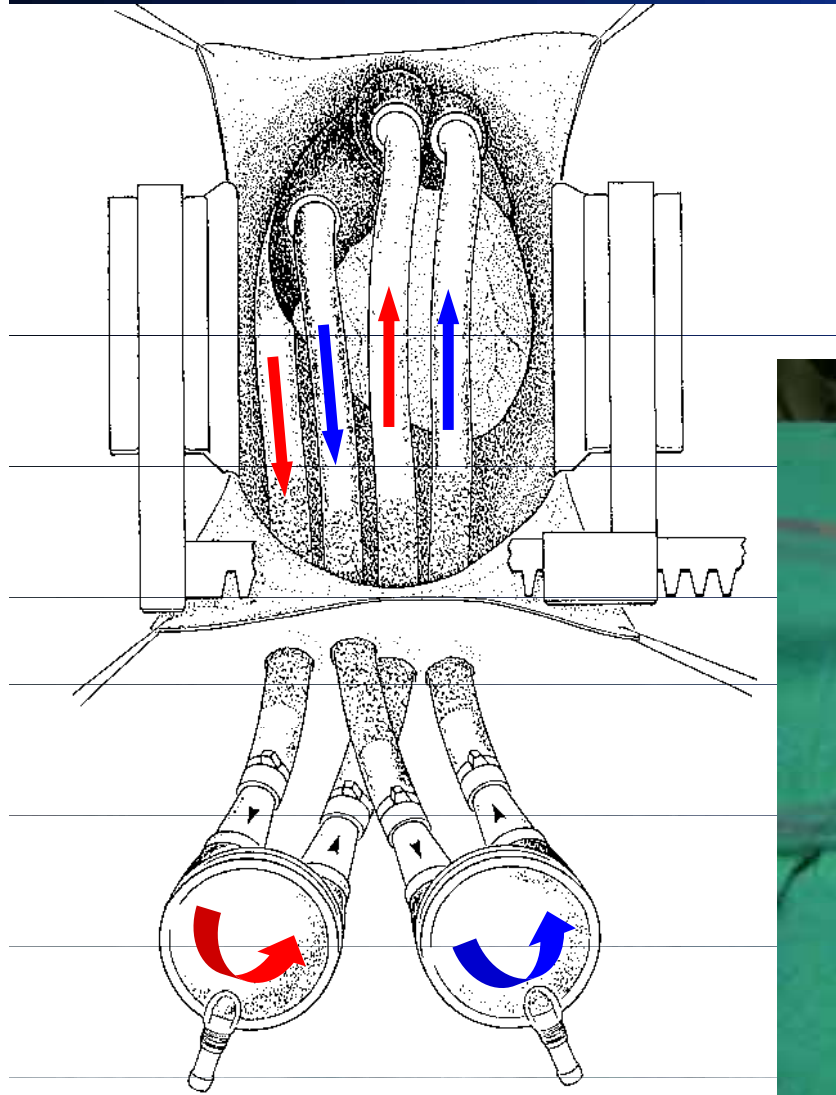
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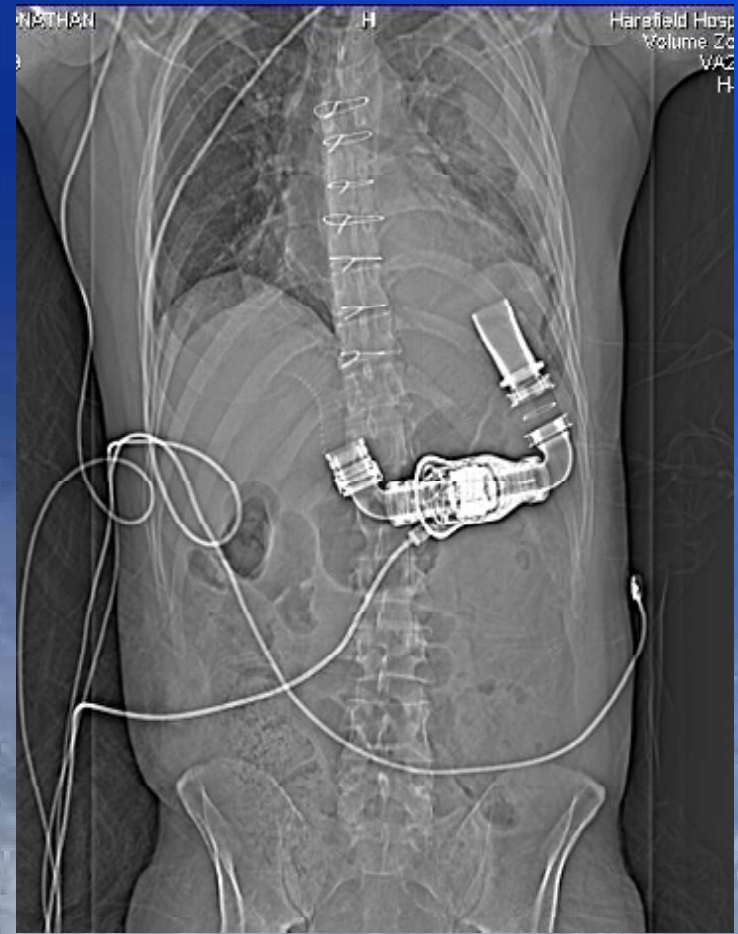


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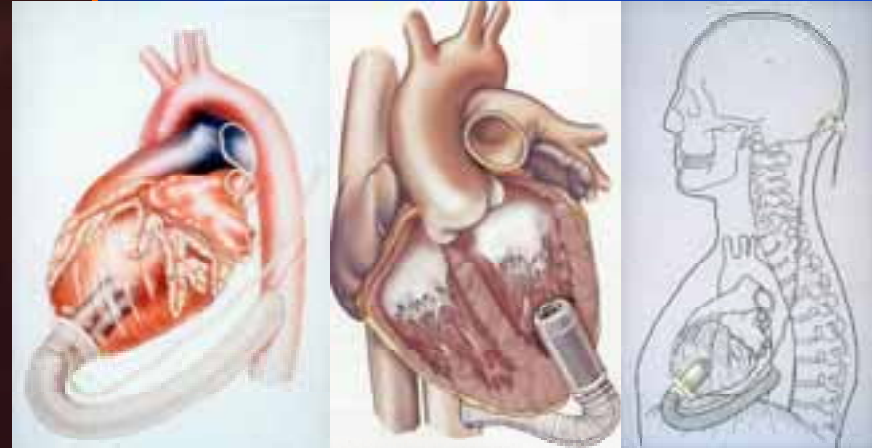




Thoratec HeartMate II



JARVIK 2000



VADs (LVAD, BVAD)

ADVANTAGES

LV unloading ⇒ prevent pulmonary edema
⇒ better for cardiac recovery

Higher flow

More efficacy to reverse profound shock

Pulsatile flow

Long-term support

Pt mobilized / discharged home

DISADVANTAGES

Costs

Longer time of assistance before weaning

High risk of infection

Need for general anesthesia, full sternotomy, ECC

Thromboembolic / bleeding complications

Need for OR and personnel facilities

LVADs vs. BVADs

Cannulation site (LV apex vs. LA roof)

LV unloading

RV function

Organ function recovery



When a BiVAD may be preferred?

- Low PA pressure with poor RVEF
- Cardiogenic shock with end-organ dysfunction
- Giant cell myocarditis
- Re-transplant candidate
- Pulmonary edema despite max medical therapy
- Ischemic CM where surgery threatens RV



LVAD vs. BVAD

Echo predictors of good RV function after LV implant	Echo predictors of RV failure after LV implant
RV wall hypokinesia light or absent	RV wall akinesia
	++ or +++ TR
	RV-EDD >> LV-EDD
	RV-EDD > 85 mm
	RV-EDV > 200 ml
RV-RA pressure drop 30-50 mmHg	RV-RA pressure drop < 30 mmHg
RV-FAC > 20%	RV-FAC < 25%
TAPSE > 10 mm	TAPSE < 10 mm
RVOT fs% > 20%	RVOT fs% < 20%



Fulminant myocarditis

Udine experience

	ID	Age (yrs)	Sex	LVEF (%)	Treatment (MCS)		Duration (days)	Outcome	LVEF (%)	F-U (mos.)
1	T.B.	28	M	20	IABP	BVAD	28	HTx		120
2	M.A.	38	M	15	-	BVAD	15	Weaned	63	46
3	G.R.	52	M	15	ECMO + IABP	BVAD	16	Weaned	70	46
4	F.R.	20	M	20	-	BVAD	12	Weaned	70	40
5	R.R.	66	M	10	IABP	ECMO	8	†		
6	G.G.	28	F	<10	-	ECMO	6	Weaned	65	11

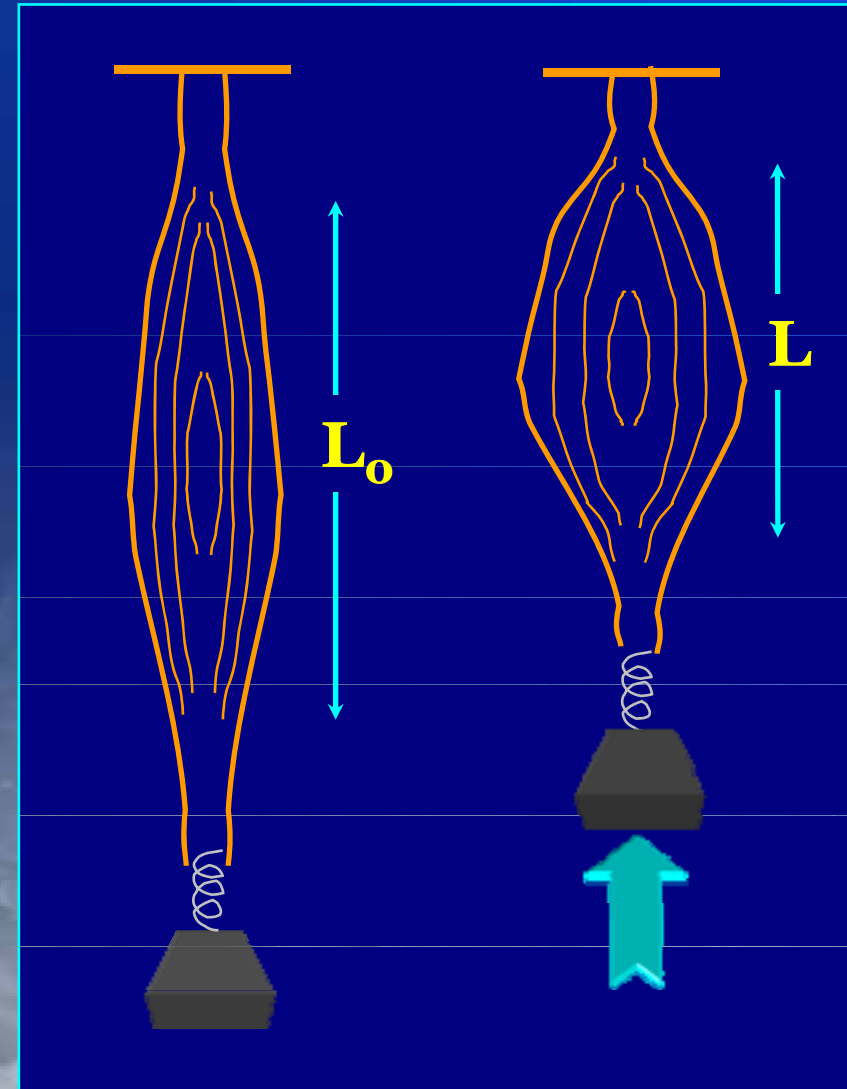
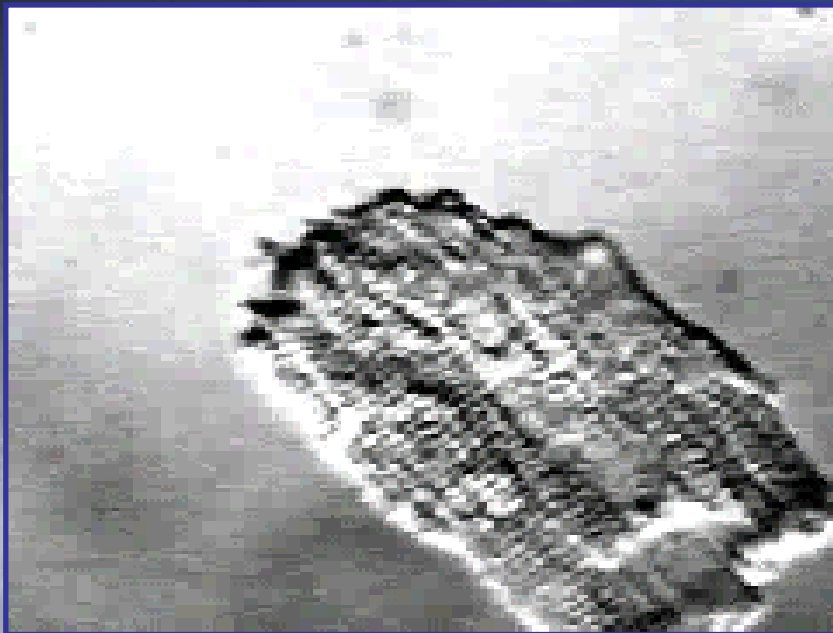


Myocardial Strain: What is It??

Strain: dimensionless index of change in length

$$\text{Strain } (\epsilon) = (L - L_0) / L_0$$

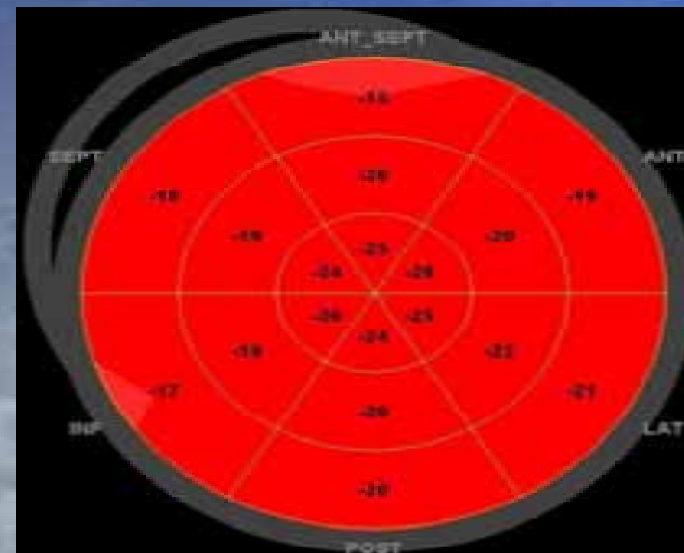
LV strain may offer a pure index of regional LV function but is difficult to measure



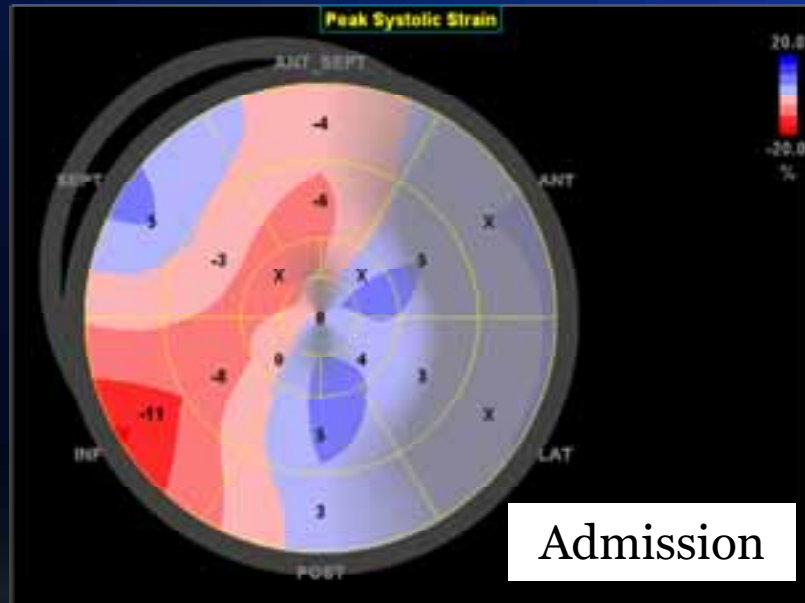
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AUTOMATIC FUNCTION IMAGING

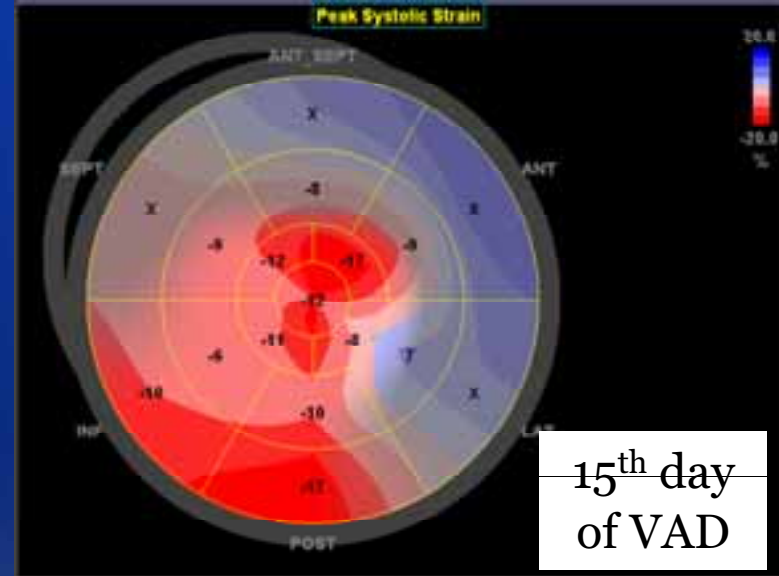
Quantitative Results in a Bull's Eye Display



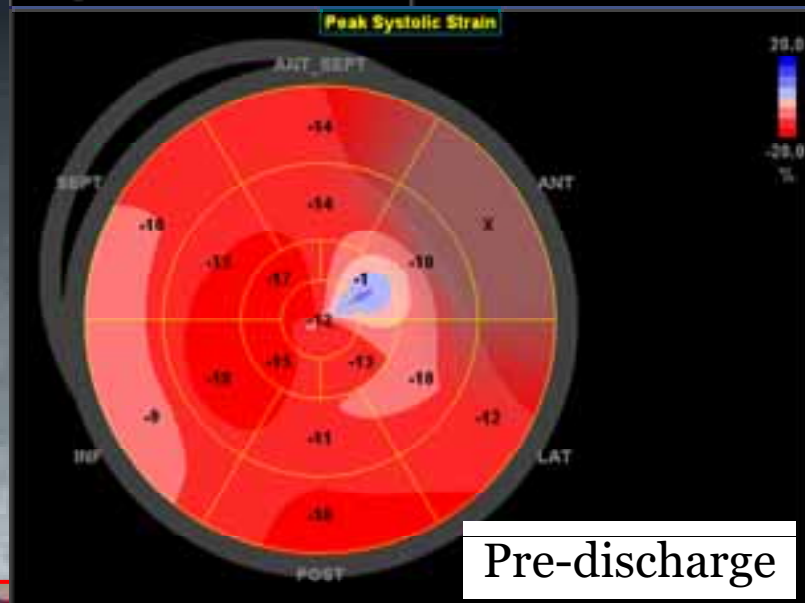
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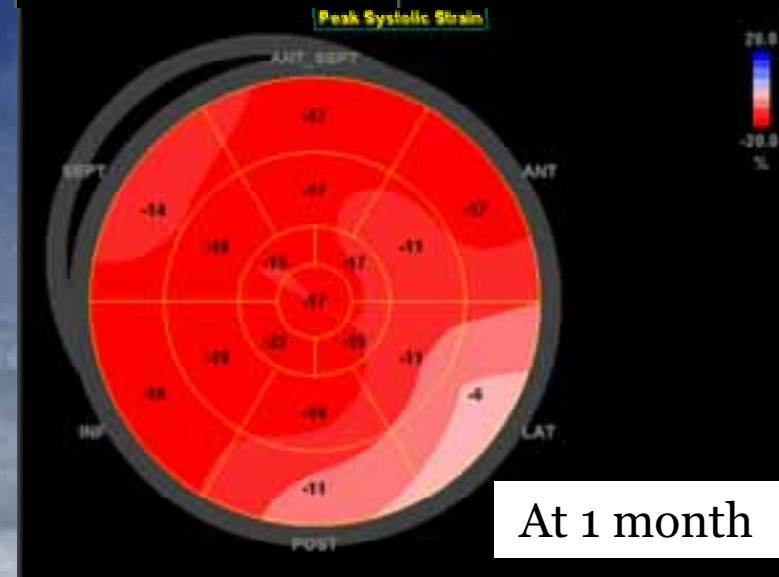
Admission



15th day of VAD



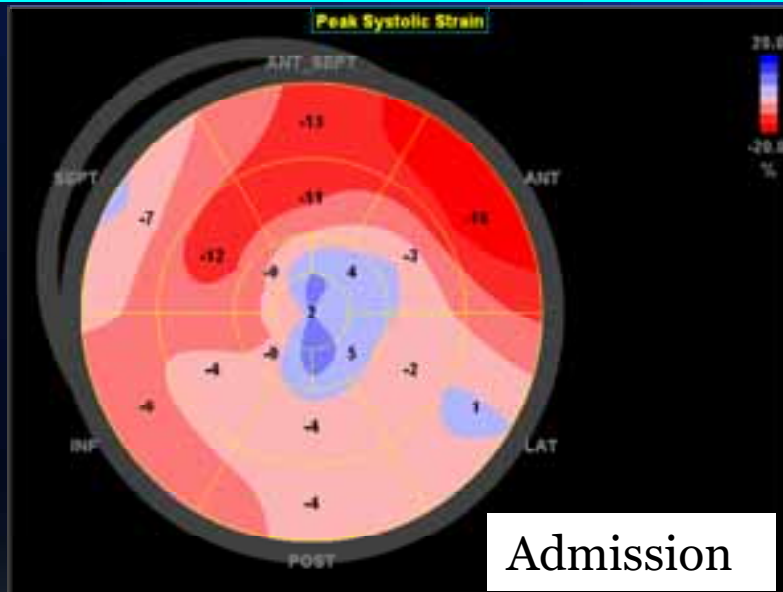
Pre-discharge



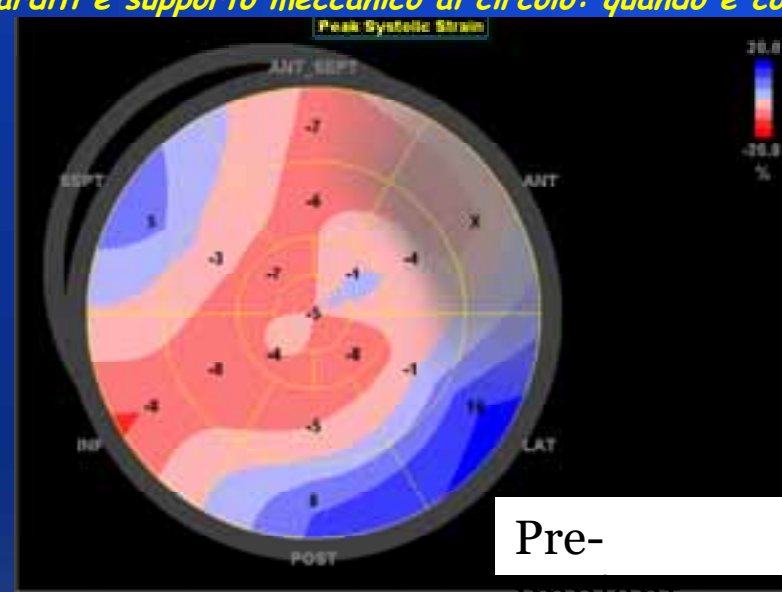
At 1 month



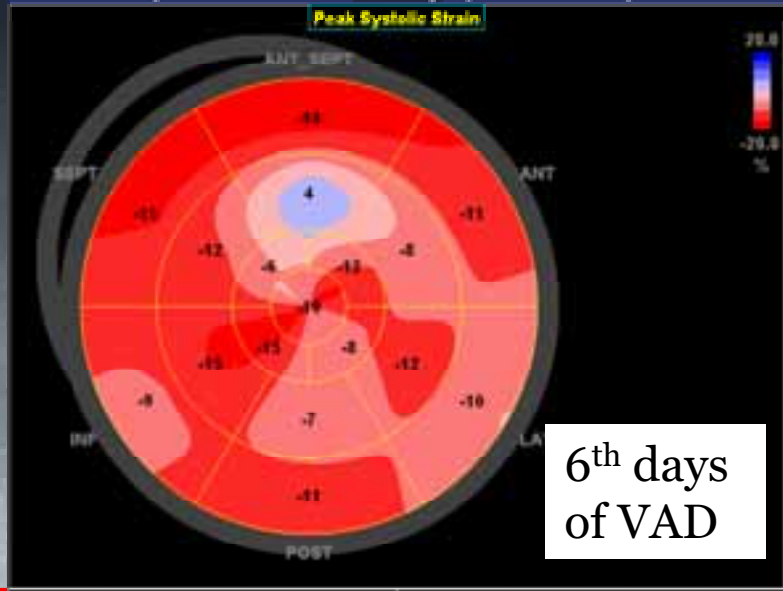
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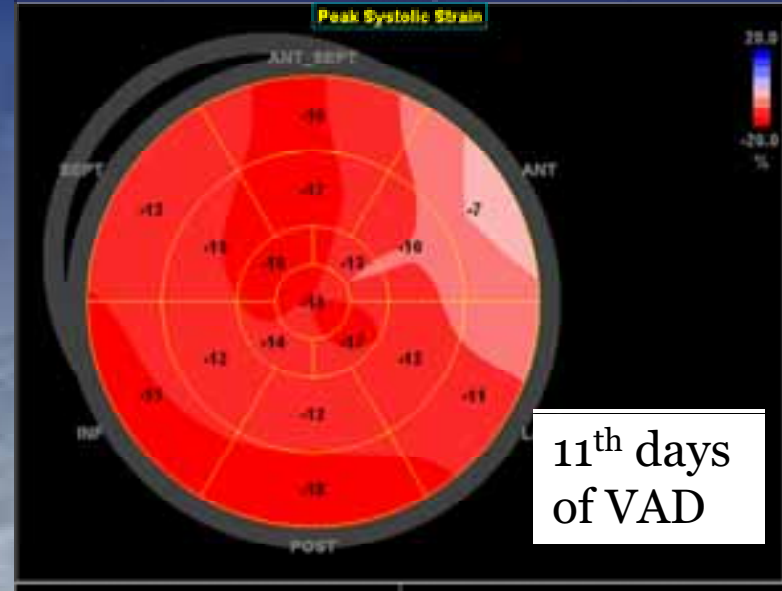
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GLPSS_A2C	-6.1 %		



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GLPSS_A2C	-4.6 %		




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GLPSS_A2C	-12.8 %		



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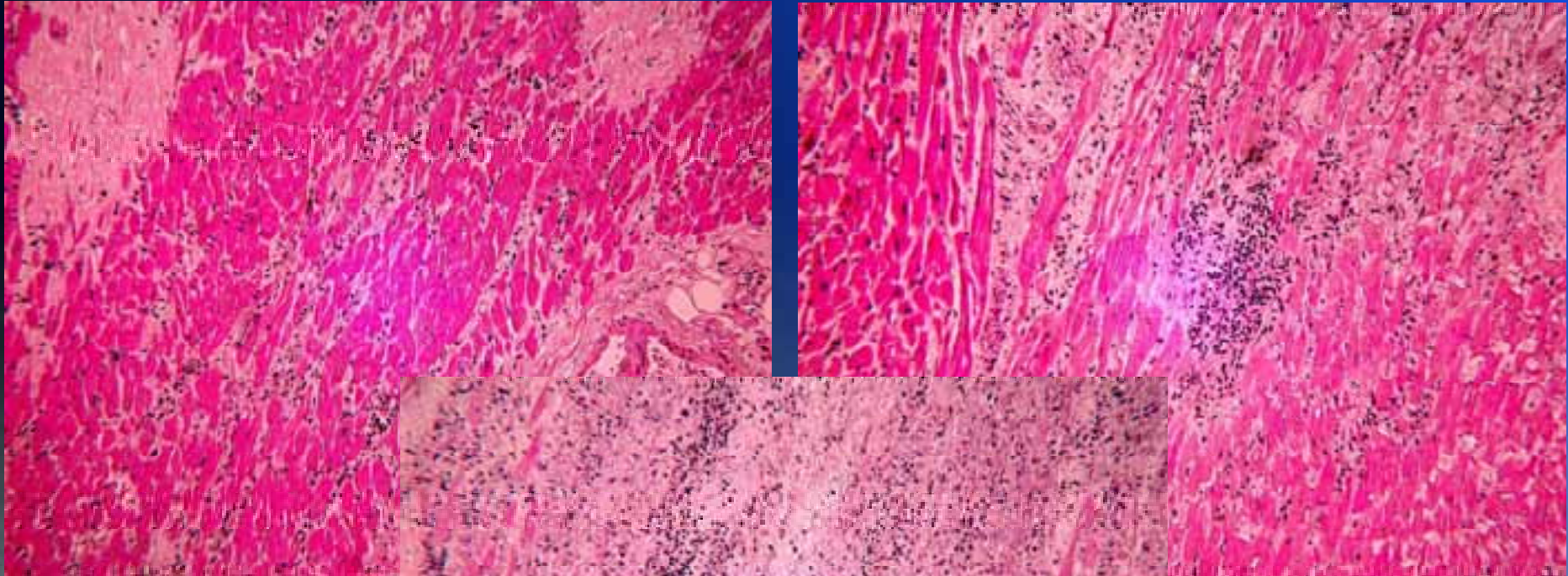
Predictability of Support Length

- by biopsy
- by clinical picture
- by echo
- by International experience

- by difference of device applied (ECMO vs. VAD)
- by difference for age (?) (children vs. adults)



Acute myocarditis: is recovery always feasible?



Mechanical Circulatory Support for Patients With Acute-Fulminant Myocarditis

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This report provides a review of mechanical circulatory support for patients in cardiogenic shock secondary to acute/fulminant myocarditis. Experience and outcomes with extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, left ventricular assist device support (ABIOMED, Thoratec, Thermo Cardiosystems, Novacor), and biventricular ventricular assist device support (ABIOMED, Thoratec) are described. Patients in cardiogenic shock secondary to acute

myocarditis in its fulminant presentation can recover, surprisingly with normal cardiac function. An aggressive approach to the use of mechanical support is strongly justified. Survival, either by bridge to transplant or recovery, should approach 70%. Transplantation can often be avoided.

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Mechanical Support for Acute Myocarditis and Cardiac Failure

Device	No. of Patients	Recovered Weaned	Recovered Discharged (% Weaned)	Transplants Transplanted	Transplants Discharged (% Transplanted)	Survival
ECMO	37	73% (27)	96% (26)	0	...	70% (26)
ABIOMED	32	56% (18)	67% (12)	19% (6)	83% (5)	53% (17)
Thoratec	40	40% (16)	88% (14)	45% (18)	94% (17)	78% (31)
TCI	17	12% (2)	...	35% (6)	...	47% (8)
	(not including 6 ongoing)					
Novacor	20	10% (2)	100% (2)	40% (8)	50% (4)	30% (6)

ECMO = extracorporeal membrane oxygenation; TCI = Thermo Cardiosystems.



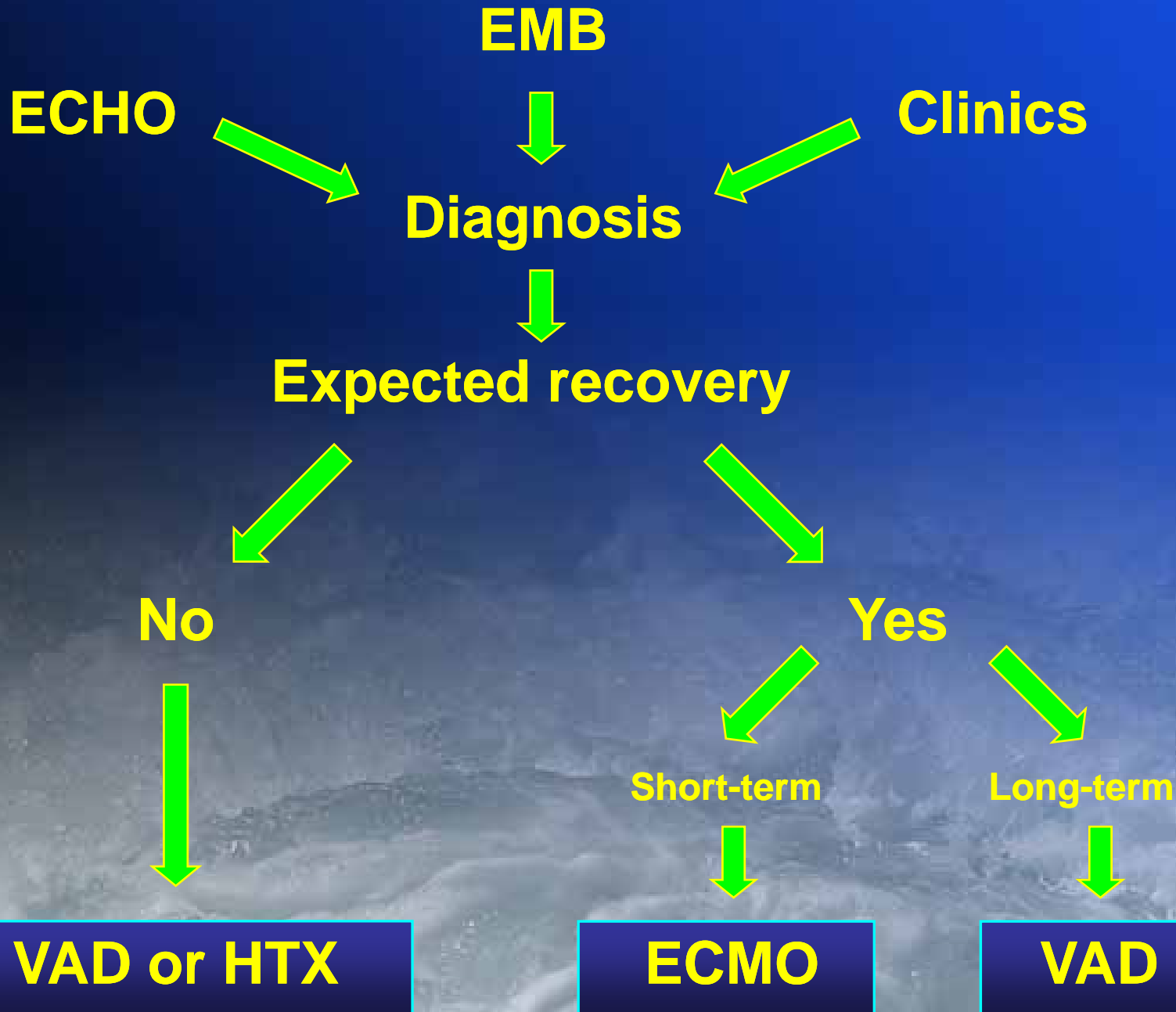
	Year	Pts	Age (yrs)	VAD type	Duration (days)	Result	Outcome
1	1992	1	33	BVAD BVS 500 ABIOMED	8	Complete recovery	Weaned
2	1994	1	31	CENTRIMED + IABP	3	No recovery	Weaned
3	1996	1	30	BVAD MEDOS	17	Partial- Complete recovery	Weaned
4	1996	5	29 (15 – 55)	BIOMEDICUS, ECMO, THORATEC, ABIOMED	1 – 111	3 † 2 HTx	
5	1998	6	34	ECMO + IABP	8 ± 2.5 (1 – 16)	1 †	5 weaned (83%)
6	1998	4	1 – 6	BVAD Berlin Heart	11 – 21	1 HTx	3 weaned
7	1999	11	24 ± 10 (13 – 49)	4 LVAD, 7 BVAD BVS 5000 ABIOMED	1 – 62	2 † 2 HTx	7 weaned
8	1999	4	1 – 5	BVAD Berlin Heart	11 – 21	1 HTx	3 Weaned
9	1999	1	34	LVAD Thoratec	21	Complete recovery	Weaned
10	1999	5	15 ± 9 (6 – 29)	ECMO	6 ± 2.5	1 †	4 weaned
11	2000	1	14	ECMO	7	Complete recovery	weaned



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	Year	Pts	Age (yrs)	VAD type	Duration (days)	Result	Outcome
1	2001	15	4.6 (1 d – 14)	12 ECMO, 2 LVAD 1 BVAD	6 (2 – 16)	6 HTx → 1 †	9 weaned → 2 †
2	2002	1	30	BVAD Thoratec	20	Complete recovery	Weaned
3	2002	1	12	BVAD Thoratec	68	Complete recovery	Weaned
4	2002	1	17	LVAD Thoratec	46	Complete recovery	Weaned
5	2004	1	29	LVAD HeartMate	100	Complete recovery	Weaned
6	2004	5	27 ± 6 (5 – 36)	BVAD MEDOS HIA-VAD	11 ± 6 (7 – 21)	Complete recovery	Weaned
7	2005	15	27 ± 19	ECMO	6 ± 3	1 †	14 (93%) weaned → 2 †
8	2006	7	5 – 66	ECMO	1 – 10	1 †	6 weaned
9	2006	5 (2 GCM)	19 – 61	LVAD HeartMate/Jarvik 2000	60	1 HTx 1 permanent 2 †	1 weaned
10	2006	3	28 – 41	Impella 5.0 (3x)	18	2 †	1 weaned
11	2007	4	14 – 57	ECMO	6 – 14	1 †	3 weaned
12	2007	4	n.d.	BVAD Levitronix	20 – 42	2 †	2 weaned
13	2007	2	38 / 63	TandemHeart	8 / 2		2 weaned
14	2008	1	16	LVAD Thoratec	96		weaned
15	2008	1	14	BVAD AB 5000	57		weaned
16	2008	1	26	ECMO	7		weaned
17	2009	1	25	ECMO	7		weaned
18	2009	1	44	ECMO → BVAD Levitronix → Thoratec	104		weaned
19	2009	1	0.66	ECMO → BVAD Excor	120		weaned
20	2009	5	32 ± 2	BVAD Thoratec	21 ± 5	1 HTx	4 weaned
21	2010	1	13	Impella 5.0	5		weaned





The better targets ...?

... for cardiac recovery

- No touch the LV!
- Complete unloading & rest
- Normal coronary perfusion
- No arrhythmias
- Normal RV function

... for patient

- Survival with normal cardiac function
- No complications
- Less invasive & traumatic surgery
- No blood transfusions

... for physician

- Successful procedure
- No repeated surgery
- Easy & simple to manage
- Respect cost / effective balance



MCS: Targets to recovery

Guarantee patient survival

⇒ **Time for decision**

Save organ integrity & function

⇒ **Prevention of complication**

Normalize hemodynamic parameters

⇒ **Optimization of tissue perfusion**

Preserve cardiac perfusion & metabolism

⇒ **Organ recovery**



Thank you



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