

# La sindrome di Eisenmenger

Sono pazienti che devono essere lasciati a sé stessi o oggi possediamo nuove opzioni terapeutiche ?

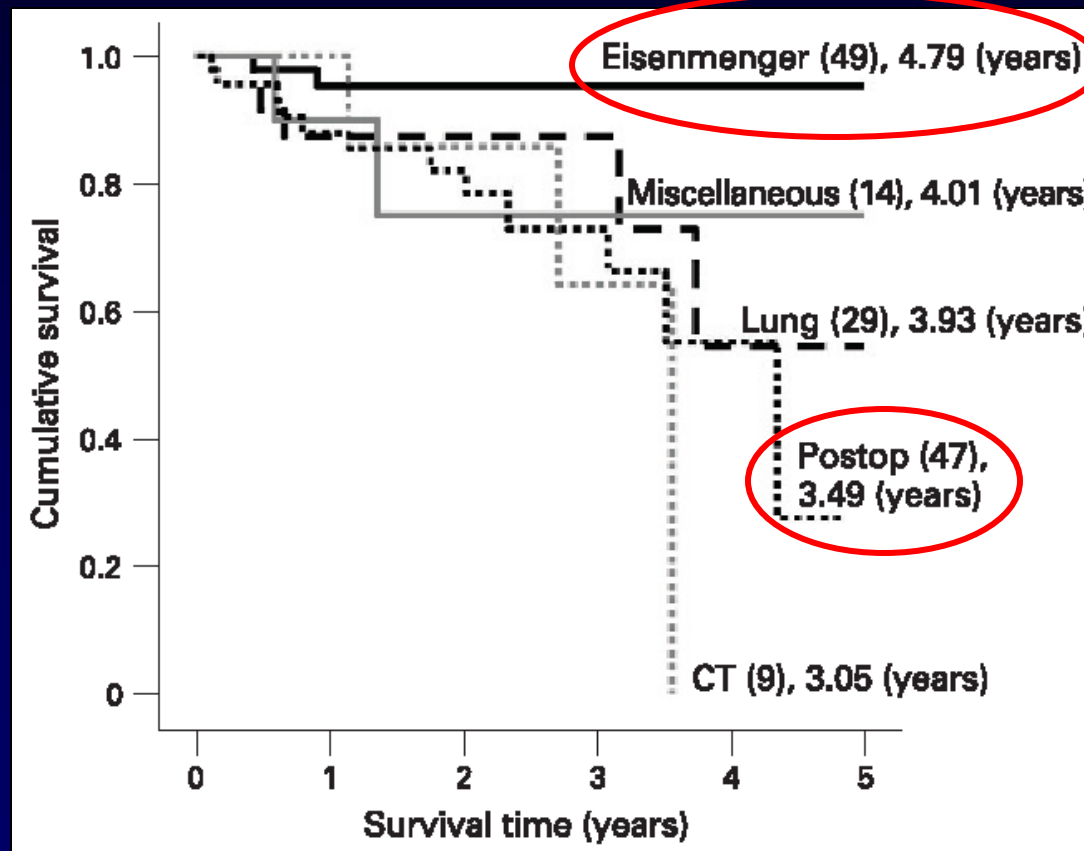
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# Treatment and survival in children with pulmonary arterial hypertension: the UK Pulmonary Hypertension Service for Children 2001–2006

S G Haworth, A A Hislop

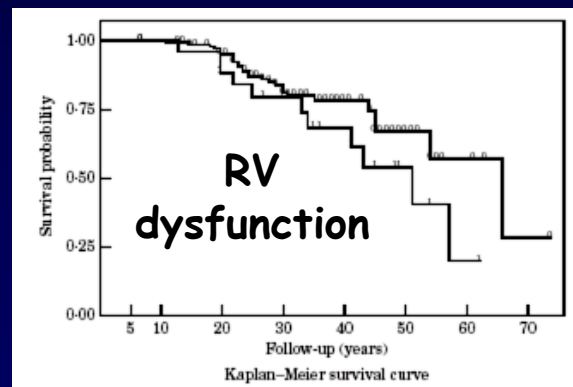
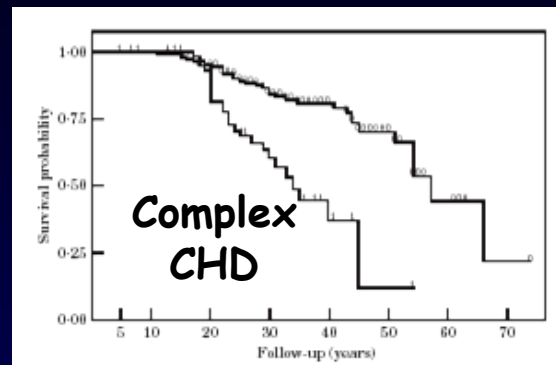
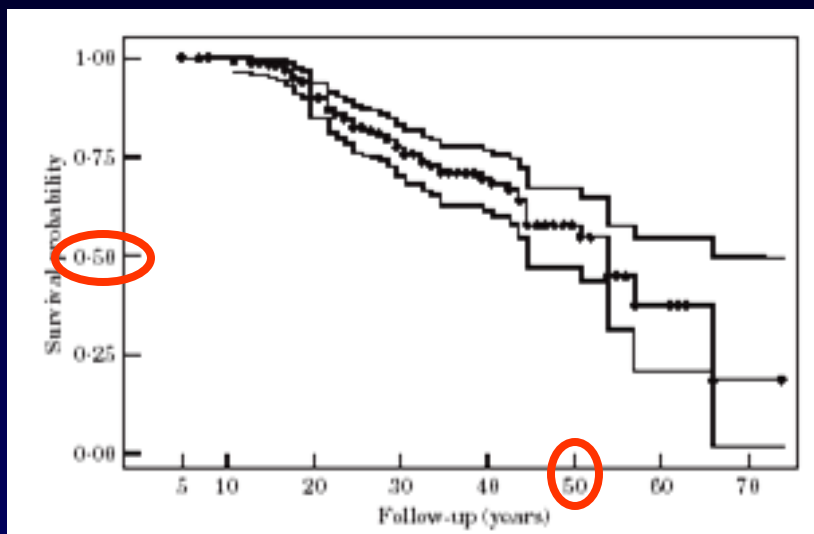


*Haworth et al. Heart 2009;95:312-317*

# Eisenmenger syndrome

Factors relating to deterioration and death

(Eur Heart J 1998; 19: 1845–1855)



**Table 4 Predictive factors of survival**

Parameters	Hazard ratio	Standard error	P	95% confidence interval
<u>Complex CHD</u>	4.91	3.67	0.03	1.09–22.01
<u>Creatinine</u>	1.01	0.003	0.002	1.00–1.01
<u>RV dysfunction</u>	3.24	1.51	0.01	1.27–8.27
<u>Age at onset of symptoms</u>	0.83	0.02	<0.001	0.77–0.88

CHD=congenital heart defect; RV=right ventricular.

# Il paziente con sindrome di Eisenmenger va .....accudito !

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**Table 22** Risk reduction strategies in patients with cyanotic congenital heart disease

**Prophylactic measures are the mainstay of care to avoid complications. The following exposures/activities should be avoided:**

- Pregnancy
- Iron deficiency and anaemia (no routine, inappropriate phlebotomies to maintain a pre-determined haemoglobin)
- Dehydration
- Infectious disease: annual influenza vaccination, pneumovax (every 5 years)
- Cigarette smoking, recreational drug abuse including alcohol
- Transvenous PM/ICD leads
- Strenuous exercise
- Acute exposure to heat (sauna, hot tub/shower)

### Other risk reduction strategies include:

- Use of an air filter in an intravenous line to prevent air embolism
- Consultation of a GUCH cardiologist before administration of any agent and performance of any surgical/interventional procedure
- Prompt therapy of upper respiratory tract infections
- Cautious use or avoidance of agents that impair renal function
- Contraceptive advice



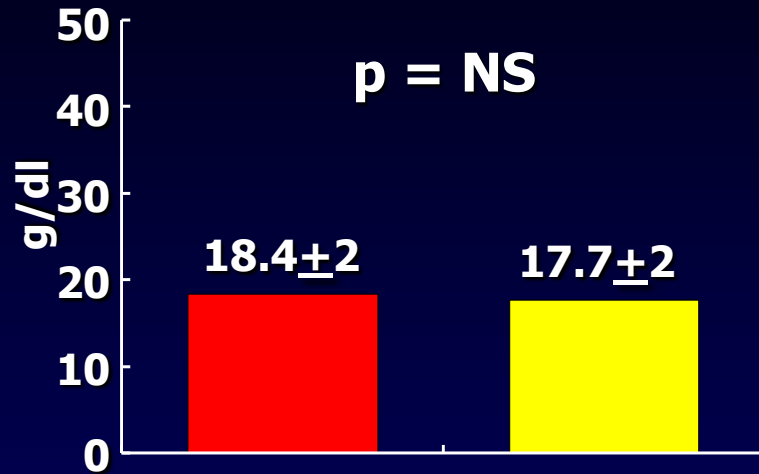
*Il salasso nel paziente cianotico :  
quando e perchè ??*

Ogni volta che Ht > 60%  
per prevenire il rischio di eventi cerebrovascolari ??

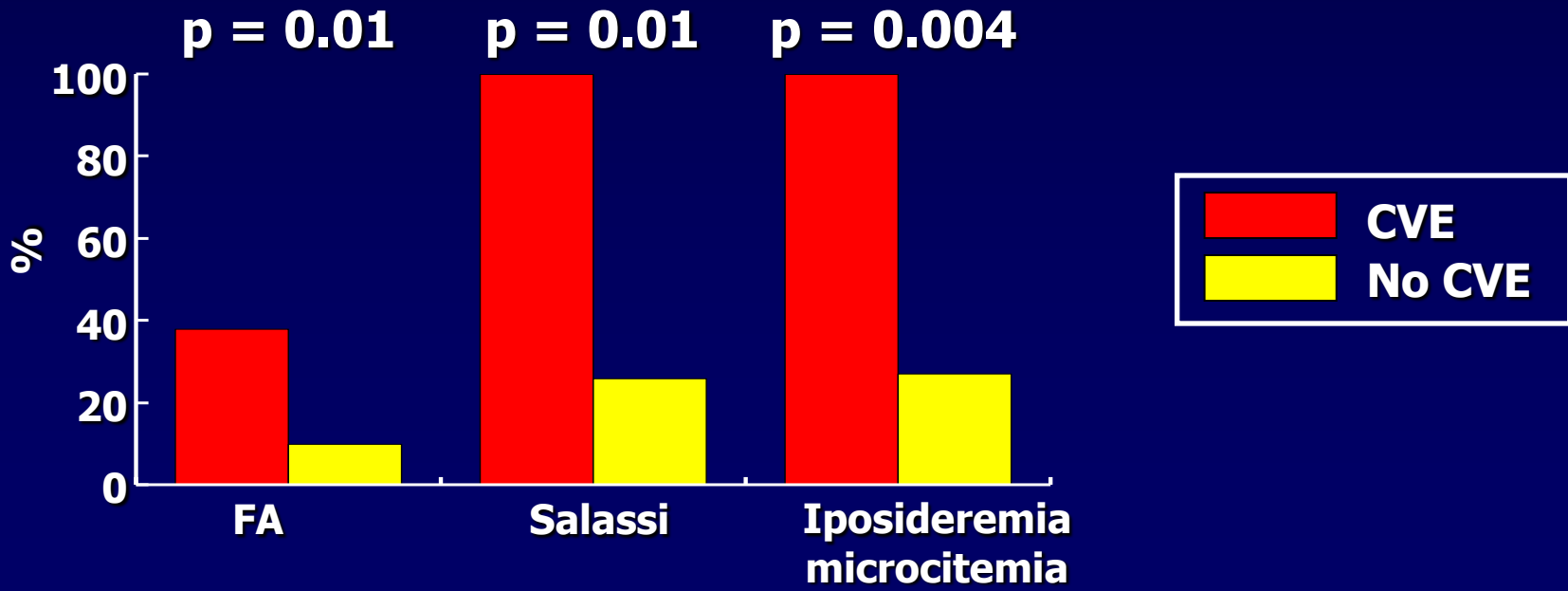
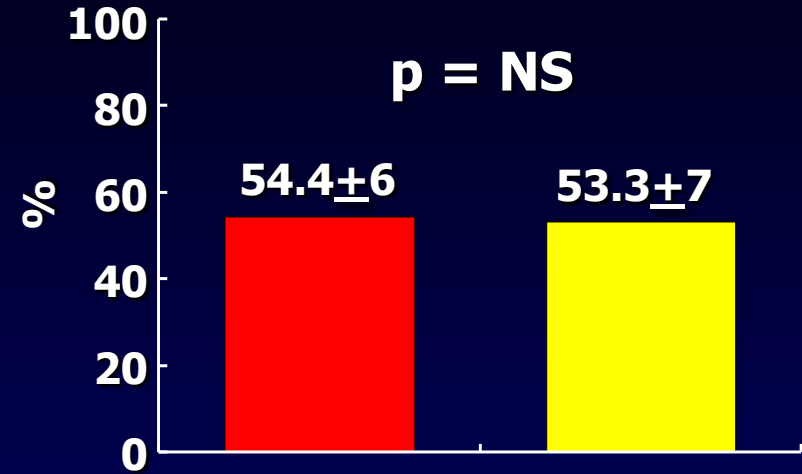
# Cerebrovascular Events in Adult Patients With Cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease

N. Ammash et al., J Am Coll Cardiol 1996; 28: 768-772

**Hb**

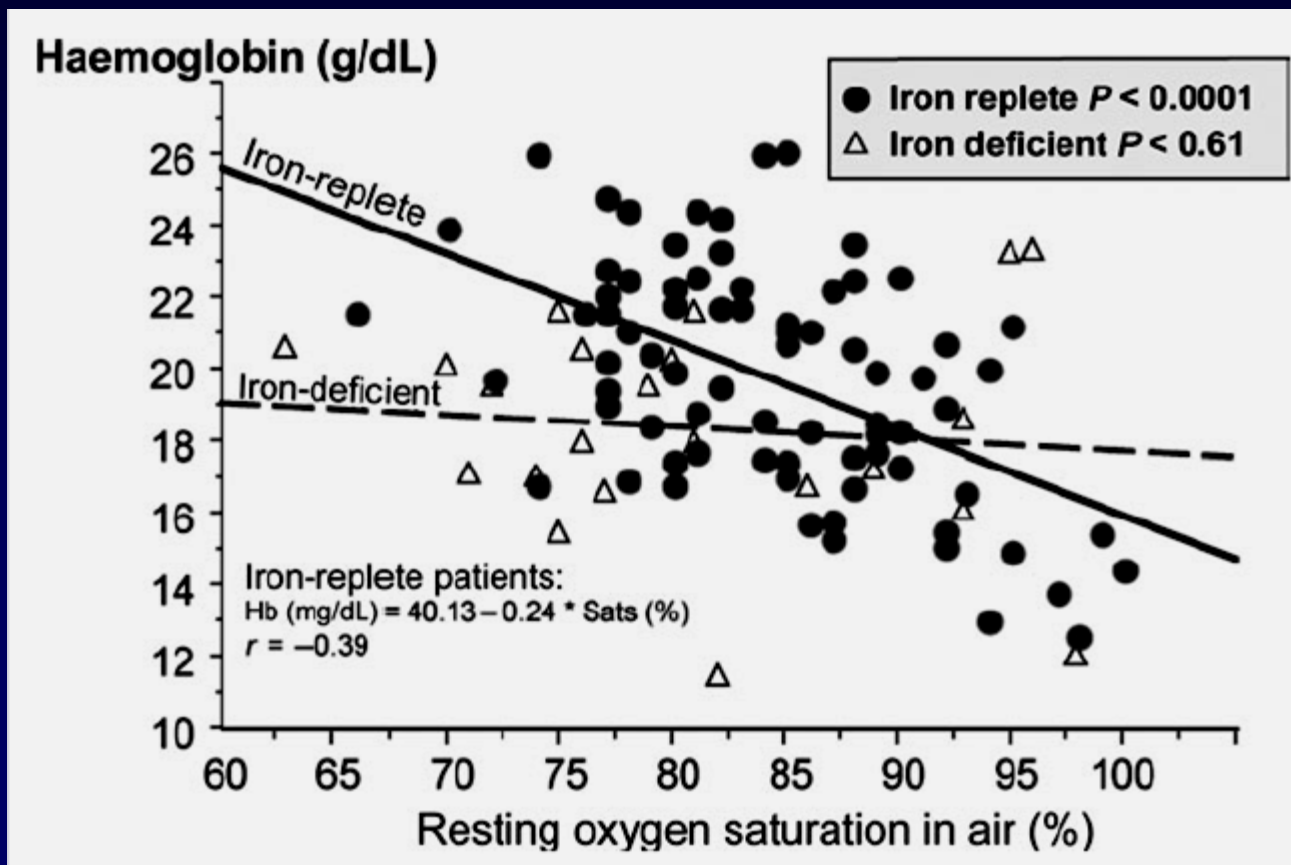


**HT**



# Presentation, survival prospects, and predictors of death in Eisenmenger syndrome: a combined retrospective and case-control study

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## *Il salasso nel paziente cianotico :*

- 1)  $Ht > 65\%$  o  $Hb > 20g/dl$  + sintomi da iperviscosità (esclusa disidratazione)

*Prelievo di 300-400 ml di sangue  
+ infusione contemporanea o precedente di SF 700-1000 ml*



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- Blood transfusion may be required in the presence of iron-replete anaemia (haemoglobin inadequate to oxygen saturation).
- Iron supplementation should be performed in the presence of iron deficiency (MCV <80 fL) and carefully followed (rebound effect).

Es : Fe trivalente 62.5 mg/die per 2-3 settimane  
seguito da controllo  
HB - MCV - Fe - %sat transferrina - ferritina



## *Il salasso nel paziente cianotico :*

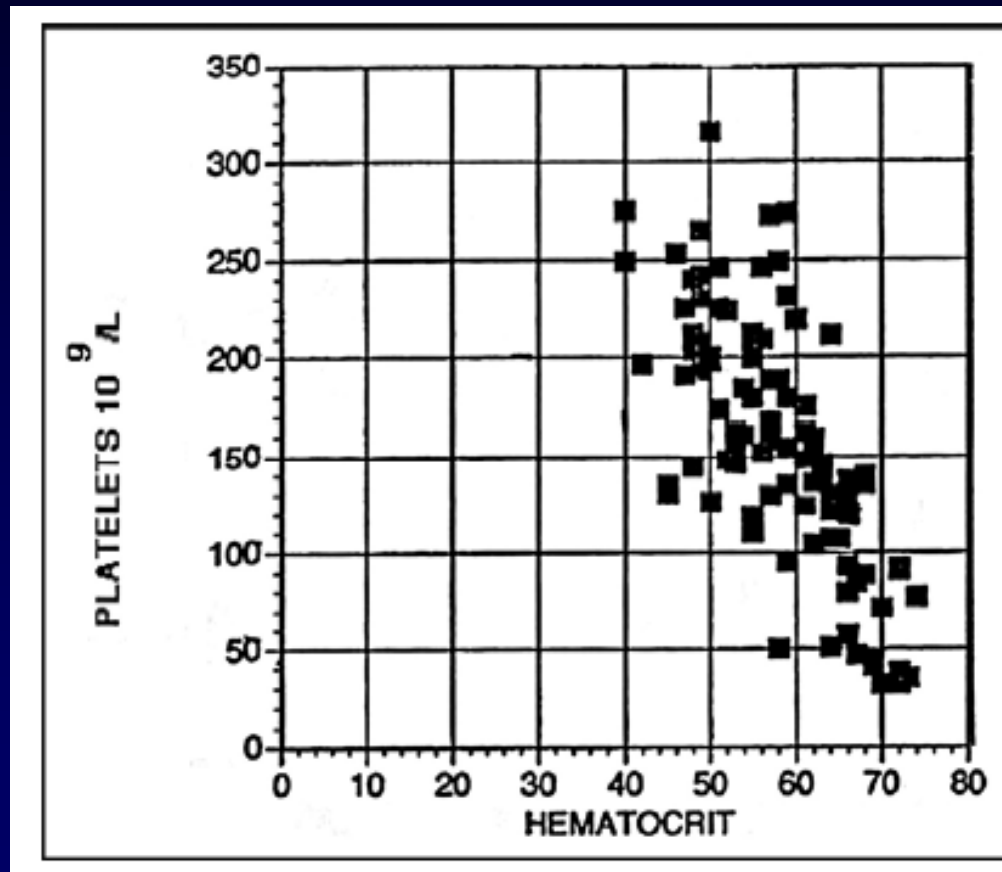
- 2) Ht > 60% in caso di intervento chirurgico (colecistectomia , ....)

*Per ridurre il rischio emorragico (+ autotrasfusione)*

# Pathogenesis of Thrombocytopenia in Cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease

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**Am J Cardiol 2006; 98: 254 - 58**



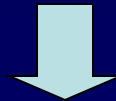
# Eisenmenger

## Terapia anticoagulante si o no ?

### PRO

↑ rischio trombotico

- ❖ stasi ematica (AP)
- ❖ disfunzione endoteliale
- ❖ aterosclerosi
- ❖ materiali protesici
- ❖ aritmie (FA)

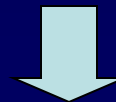


*Trombosi arterie polmonari  
TIA/Ictus*

### CONTRO

↑ rischio emorragico

- ❖ piastrinopenia/patia
- ❖ deficit fattori K dip.
- ❖ > attività fibrinolitica
- ❖ < fatt. Von Willebrand



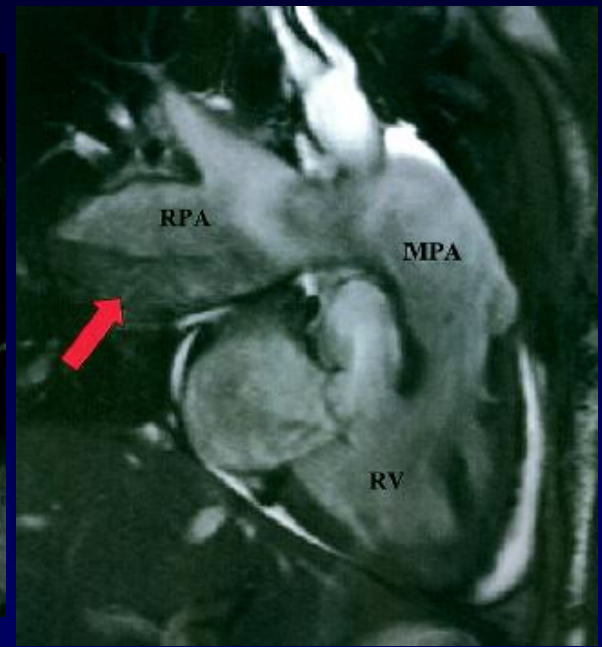
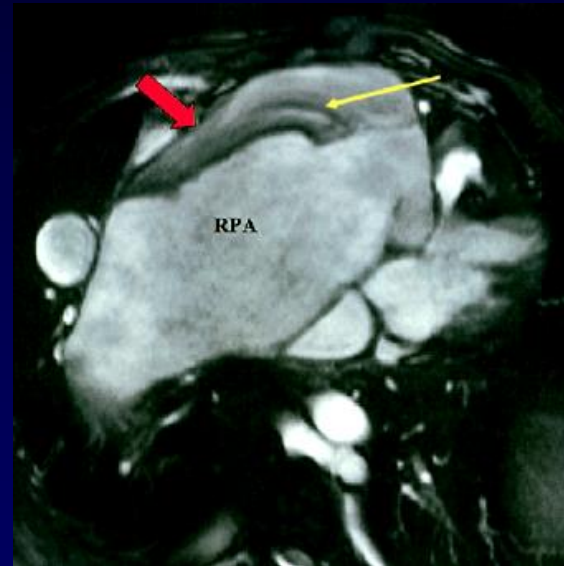
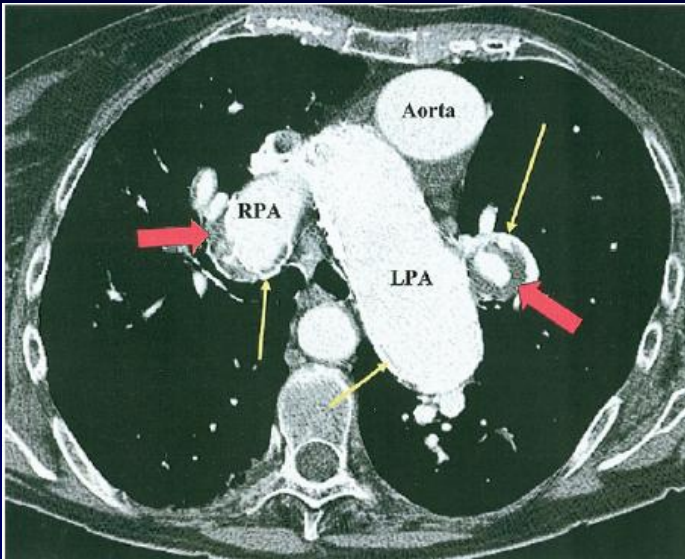
*Emottisi  
Altre emorragie*



## Pulmonary Arterial Thrombosis in Eisenmenger Syndrome Is Associated With Biventricular Dysfunction and Decreased Pulmonary Flow Velocity

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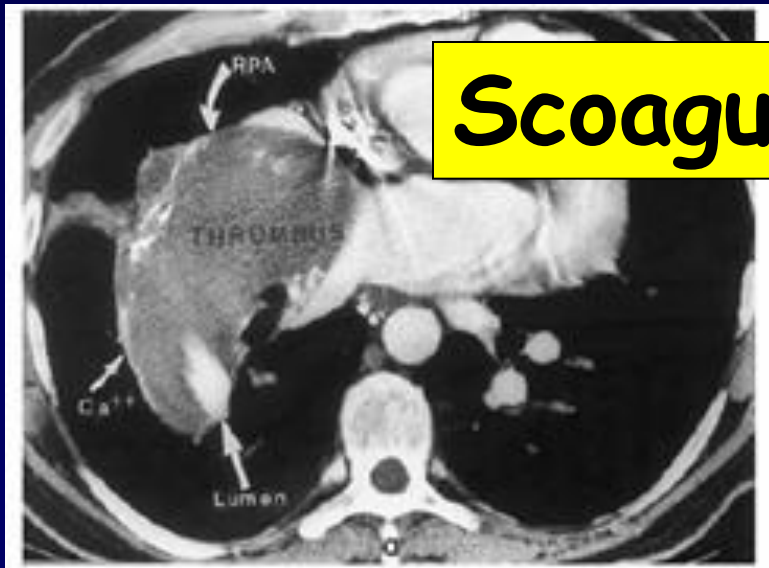
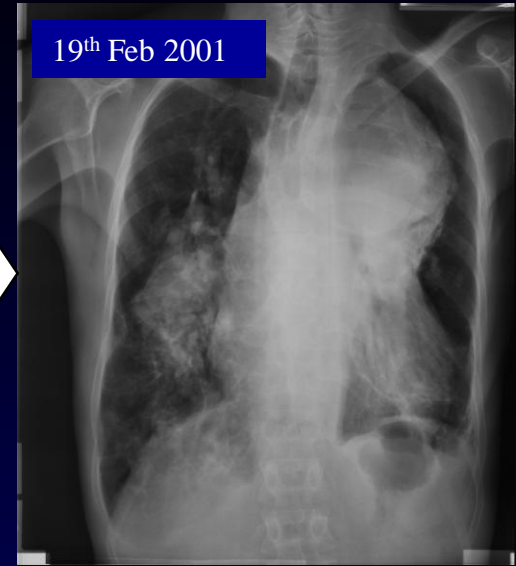
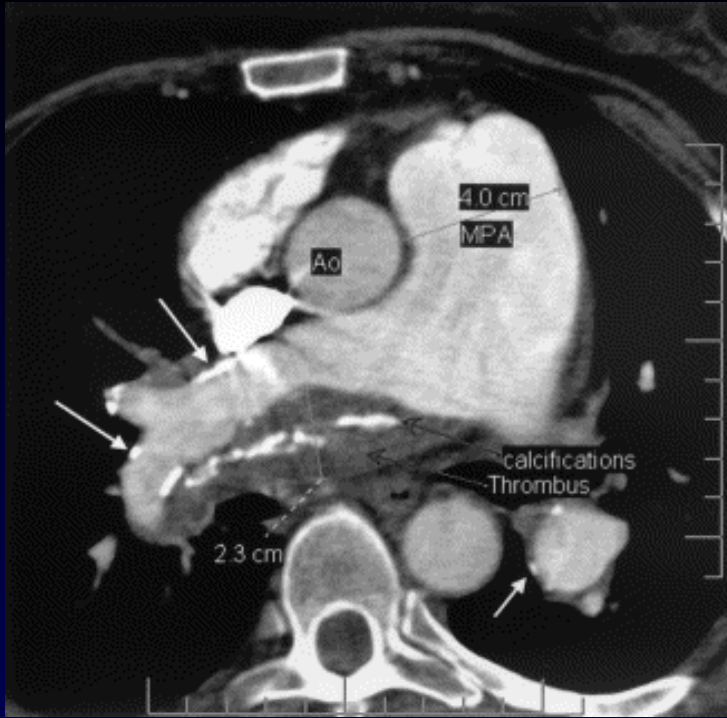
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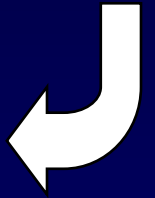
*~20% dei pz Eisenmenger*

*Rischio aumenta se :*

*Età avanzata - dilatazione severa AP - disfunzione VDx e VSn*



**Scoagulare o no ??**



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**Table 25** Recommendations for PAH associated with congenital cardiac shunts

Statement	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
In the <u>absence of significant haemoptysis</u> , oral <u>anticoagulant treatment</u> should be considered in <u>patients with PA thrombosis or signs of heart failure</u>	IIa	C



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## Blood Samples

Patient samples should be collected in 109 mmol/L (3.2%) sodium citrate when INR testing is performed on anticoagulated plasma [B], [R].

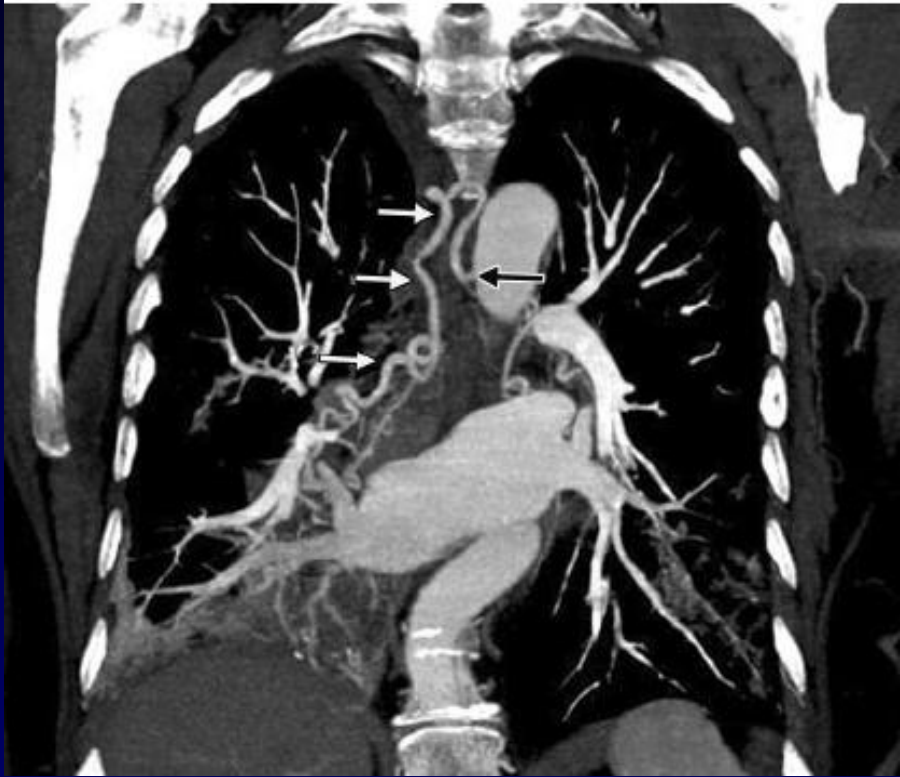
- The volume of sodium citrate in blood tubes used for collection of plasma INR testing should be adjusted when the patient's hematocrit is greater than 55%. Specimens with a high hematocrit will cause spuriously high INR values unless the citrate volume is adjusted [R].
- Anticoagulated whole blood may be stored spun or unspun at room temperature for up to 24 hours prior to testing [R].

Correggere la quantità di citrato in base ai valori di Ht  
se  $Ht > 55\%$  !!



# *Emottisi*

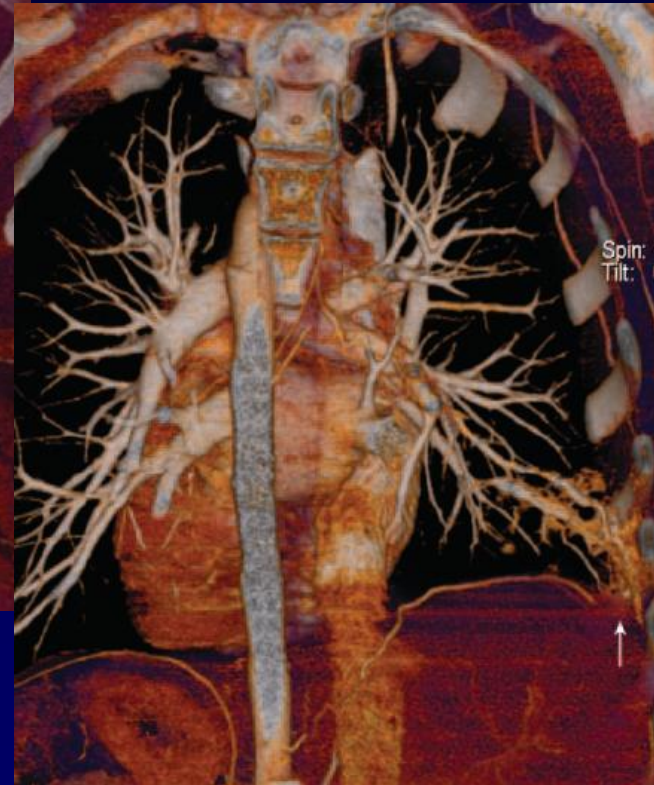
## *l'importanza della TC multistrato*



Arterie bronchiali

# *Emottisi*

*l'importanza della TC multistrato*



*Collaterali sistemico-polmonari*

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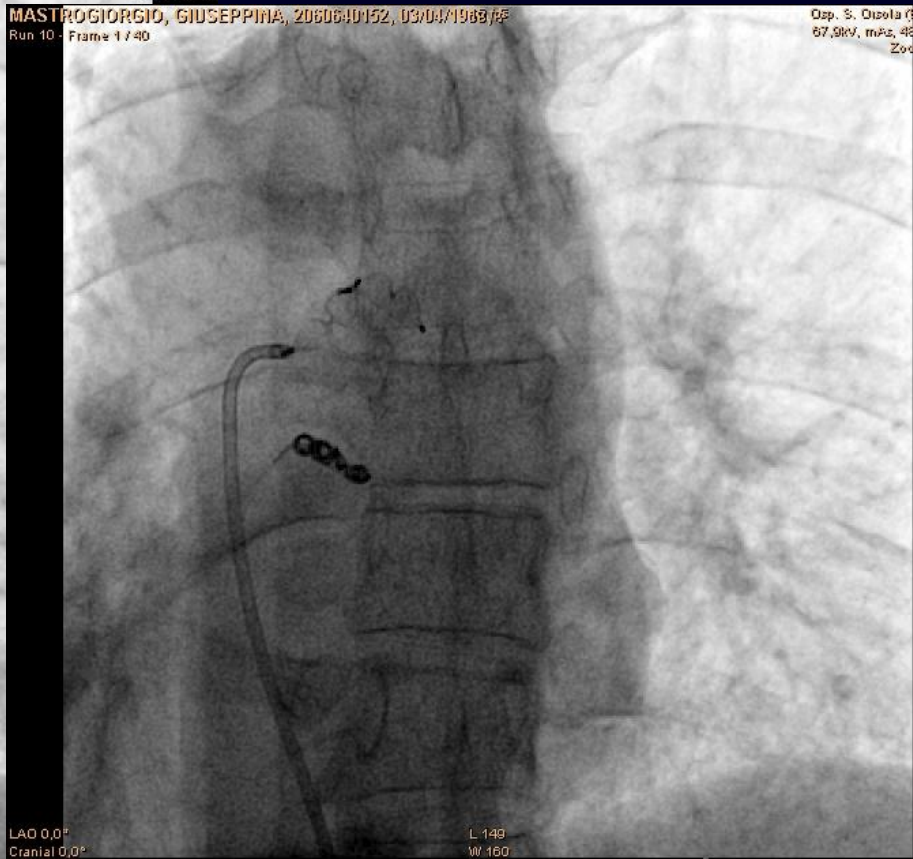


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Osp. S. Cecilia (Bologna)  
66,7kV, mAs, 426mA, 4s  
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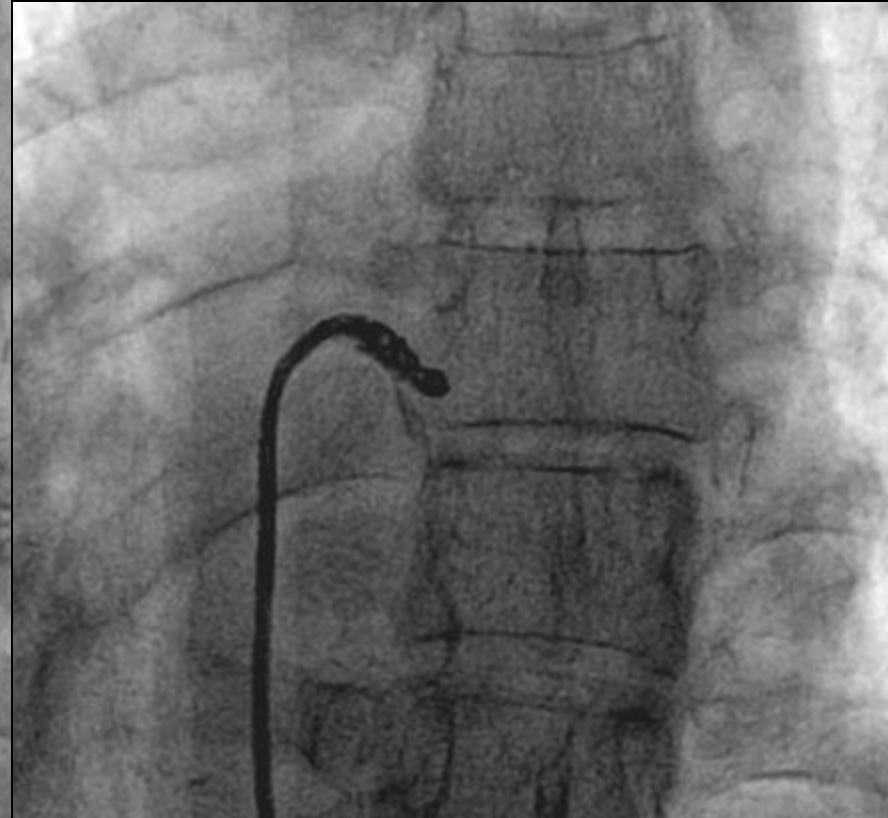
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**Sat.O2 80% + emottisi recidivanti**

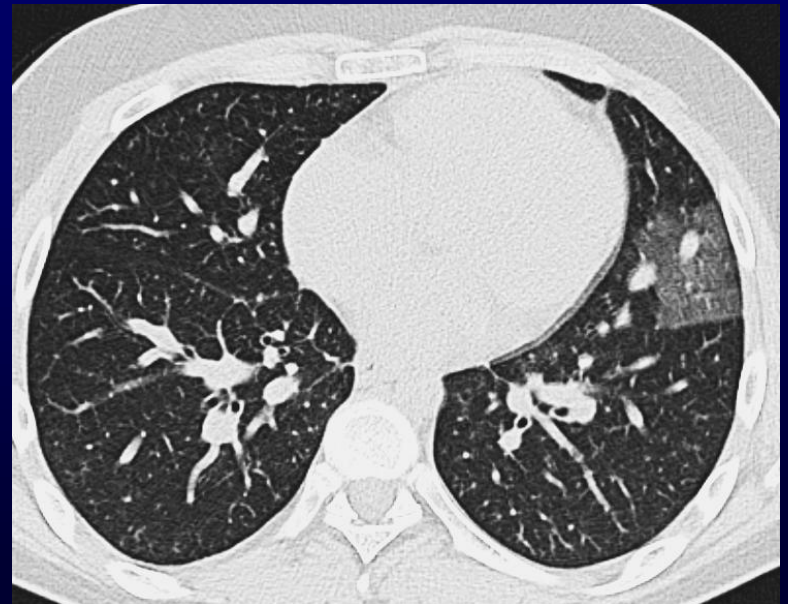
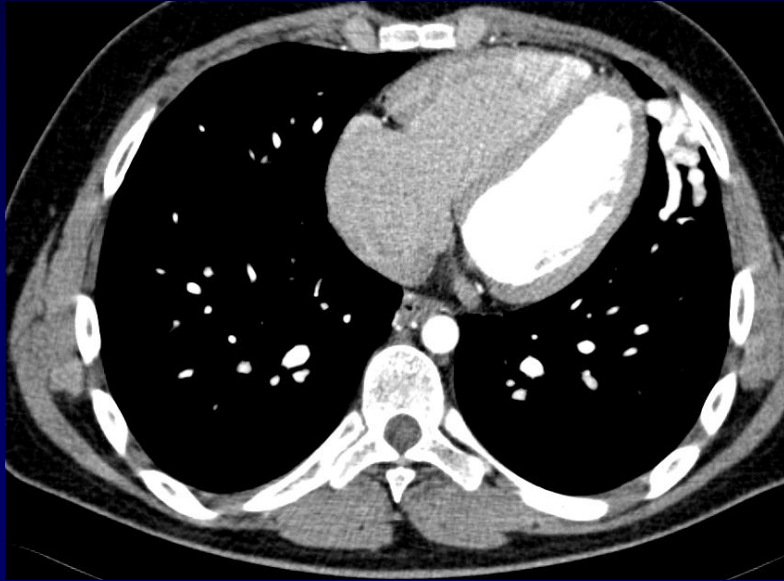
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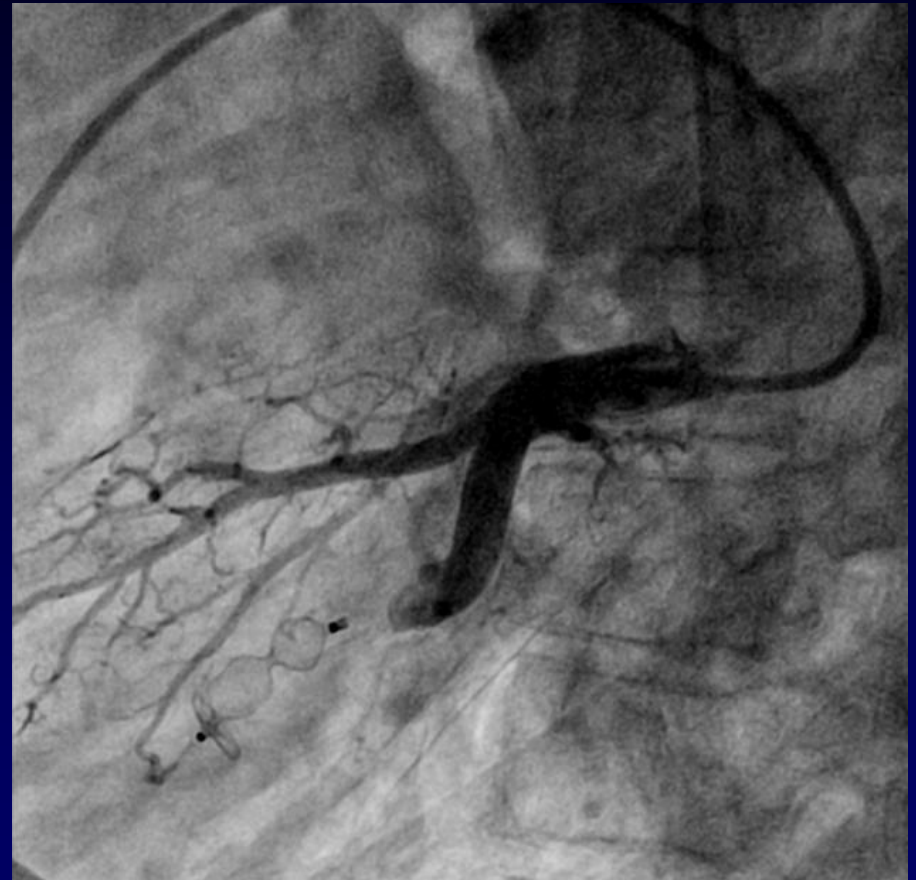
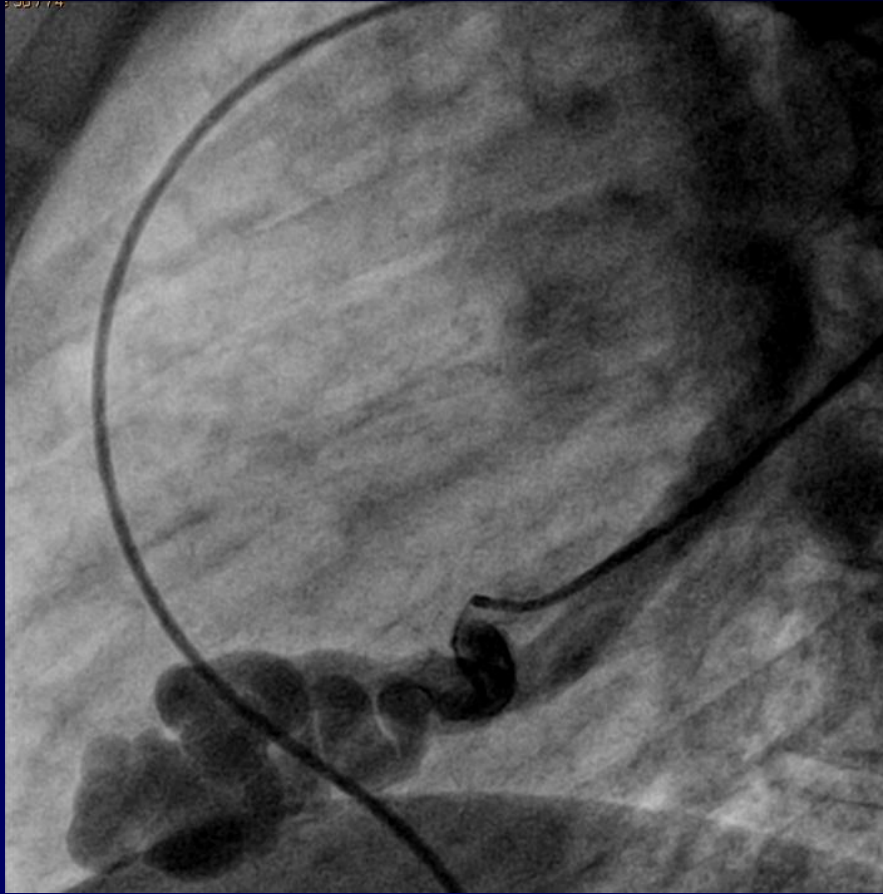


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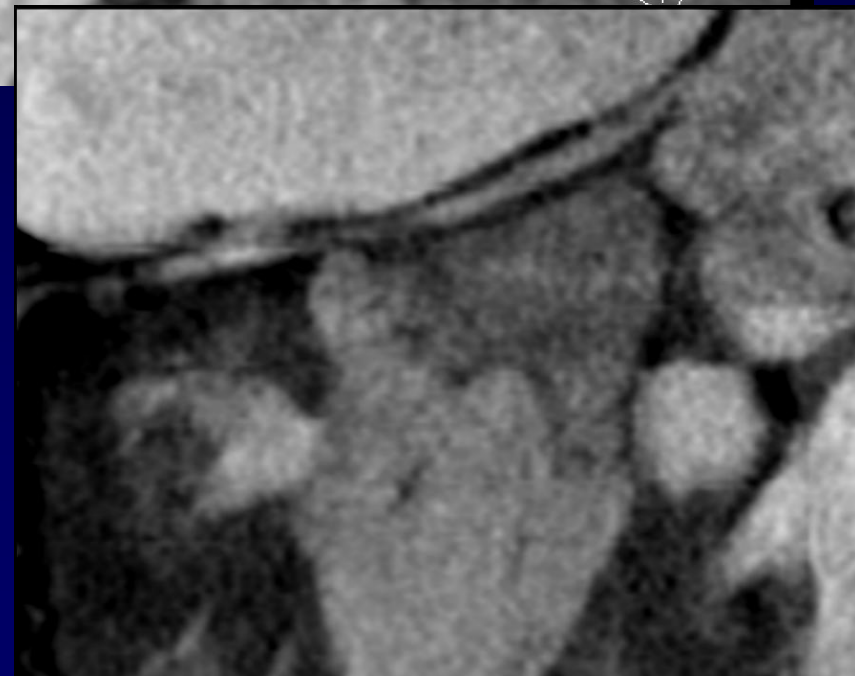
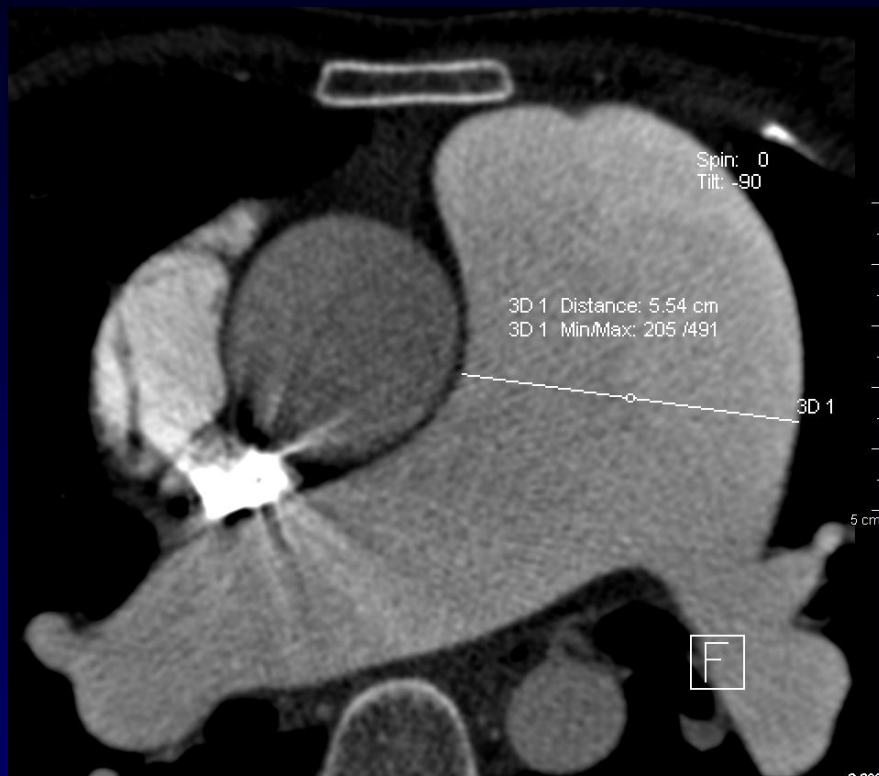
*M.C. 20 aa. IAP idiopatica  
Emottisi recidivante : qual'è la sorgente?*



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*Emottisi recidivante*

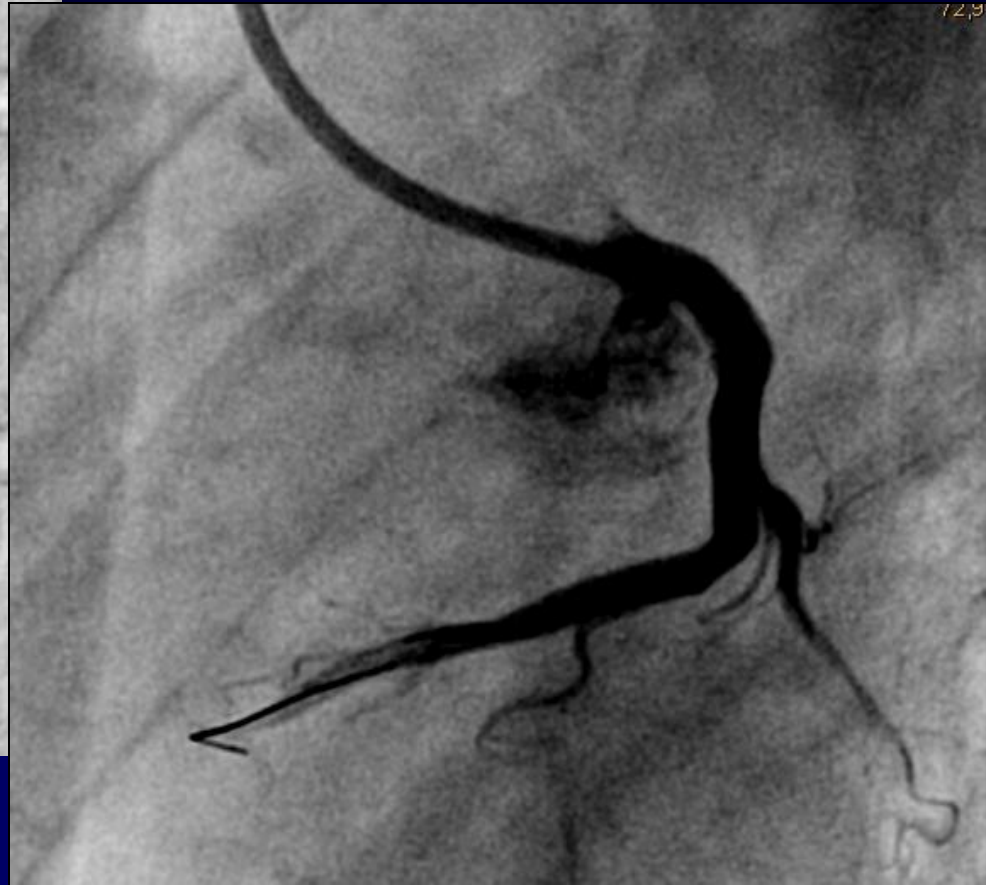
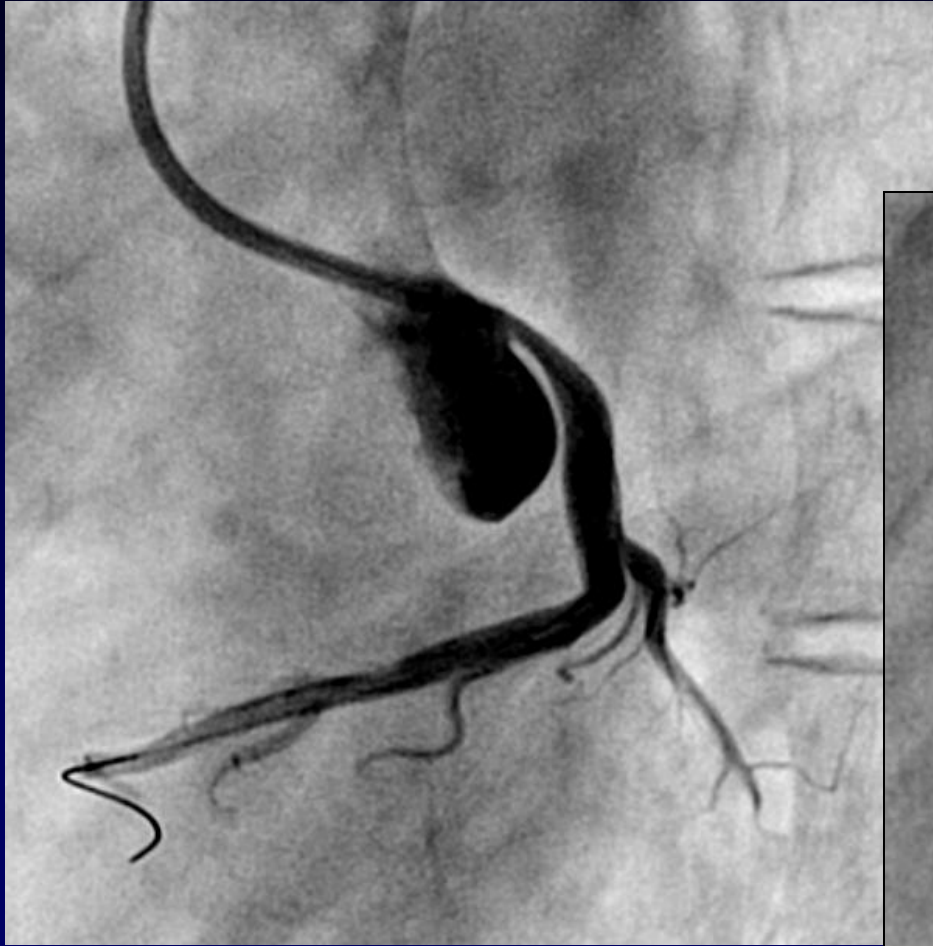


***Dolore toracico/sincope da sforzo  
Attenzione alla coronaria sinistra !!  
Compressione TC***



***D.S. 38 aa  
DIV-Eisenmenger  
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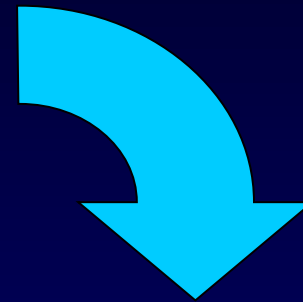
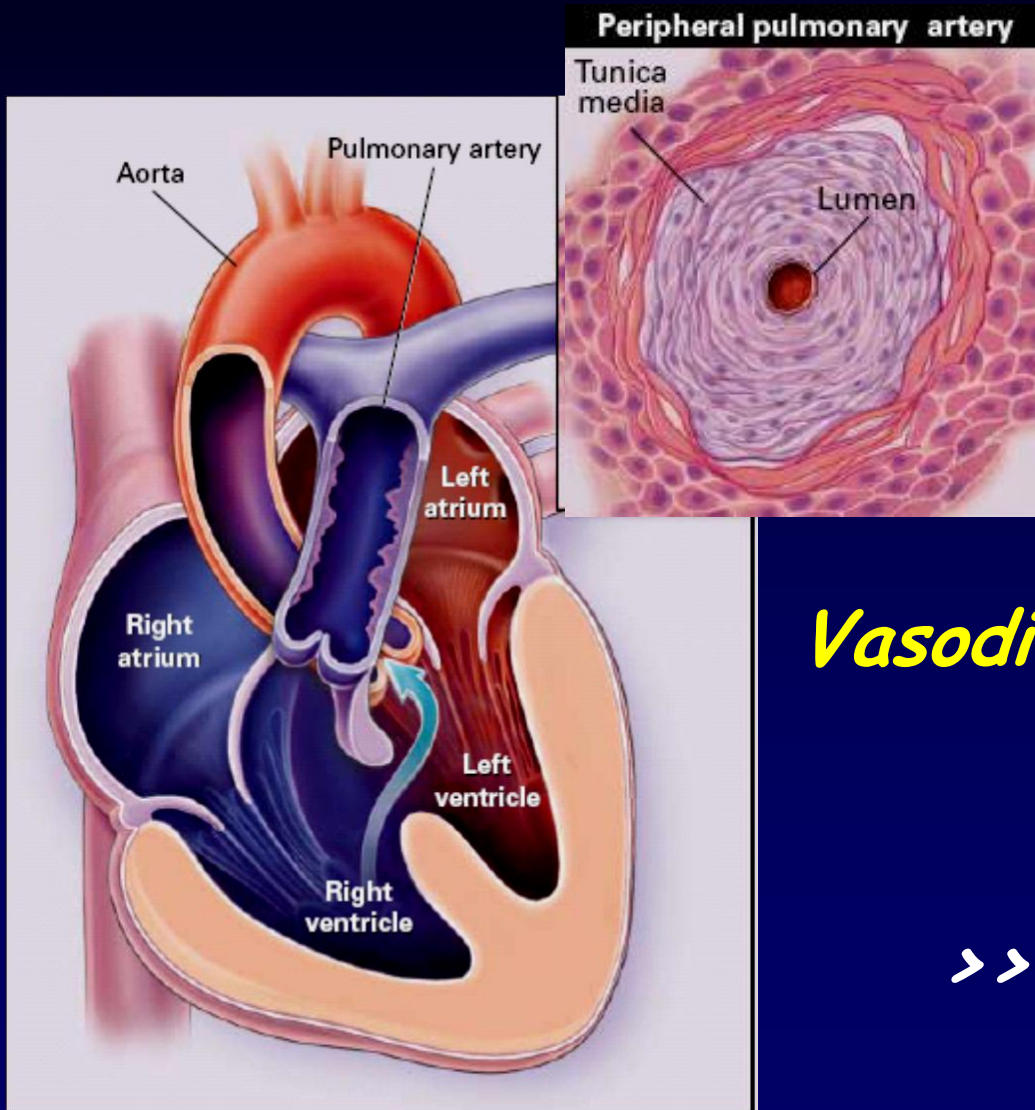
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**Table 4** Updated clinical classification of pulmonary hypertension (Dana Point, 2008<sup>1</sup>)

- 1 Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH)**
  - 1.1 Idiopathic
  - 1.2 Heritable
    - 1.2.1 BMPR2
    - 1.2.2 ALK1, endoglin (with or without hereditary haemorrhagic telangiectasia)
    - 1.2.3 Unknown
  - 1.3 Drugs and toxins induced
  - 1.4 Associated with (APAH)
    - 1.4.1 Connective tissue diseases
    - 1.4.2 HIV infection
    - 1.4.3 Portal hypertension
    - 1.4.4 Congenital heart disease**
    - 1.4.5 Schistosomiasis
    - 1.4.6 Chronic haemolytic anaemia
  - 1.5 Persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn
- 1' Pulmonary veno-occlusive disease and/or pulmonary capillary haemangiomatosis**

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- ❖ Epoprostenolo e prostanoïdi
  - ❖ Inibitori PDE5
  - ❖ Antagonisti recettori Endotelina
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# *Ventricolo destro sistemico : la sindrome di Eisenmenger*



*Vasodilatatore polmonare*



*>> shunt dx/sn ??*

## Bosentan Therapy in Patients With Eisenmenger Syndrome

### A Multicenter, Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Study

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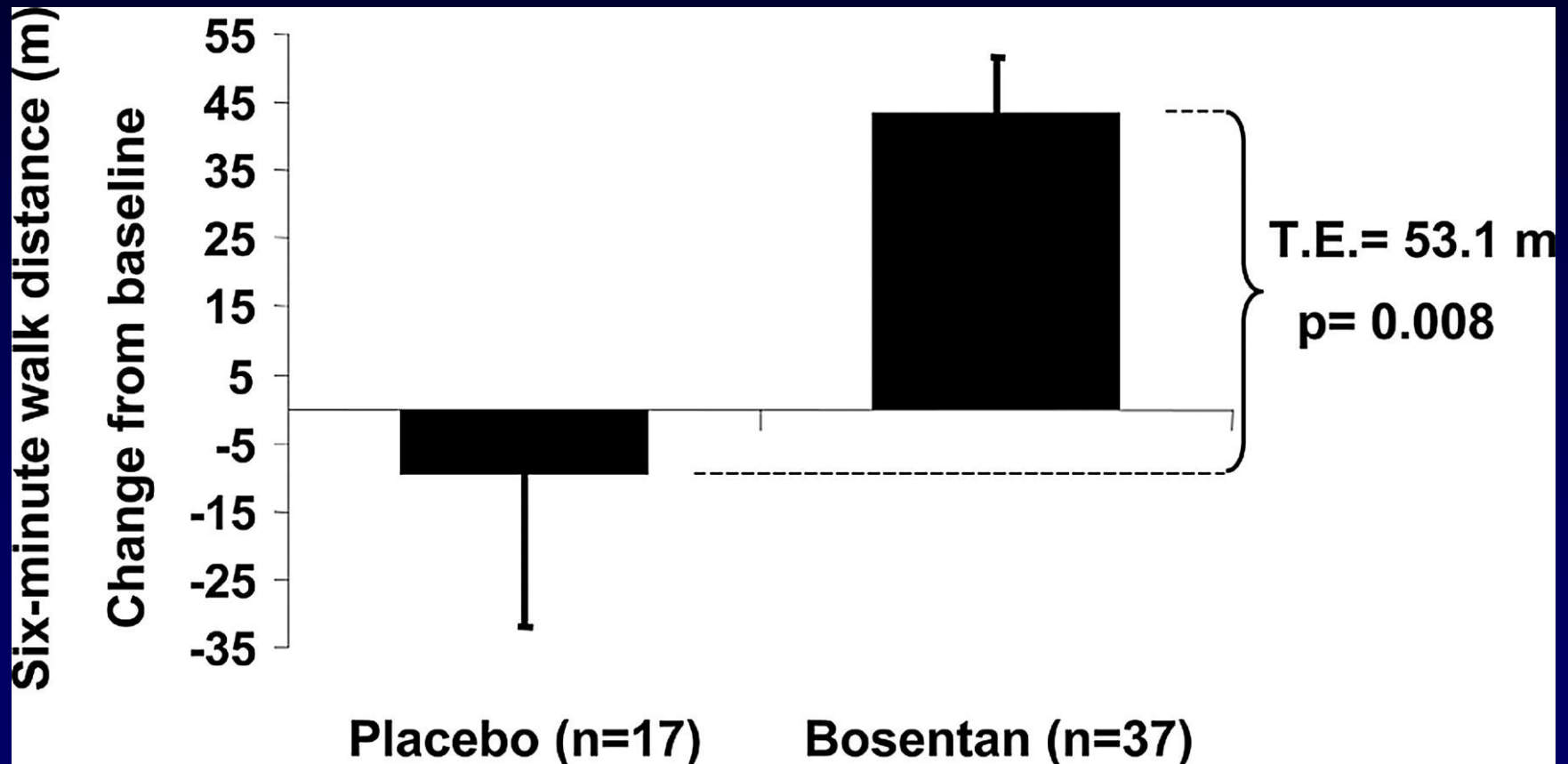
*54 pazienti - classe WHO III- F.Up 16 sett.*

Parameter	Change From Baseline		Treatment Effect	
	Placebo (n=17)*	Bosentan (n=37)*	(Bosentan-Placebo)	P
Heart rate, bpm	-0.8 (2.7)	-2.0 (1.9)	-1.2 (3.4)	0.7329
Mean pulmonary arterial pressure, mm Hg	0.5 (1.4)	-5.0 (1.6)	-5.5 (2.5)	0.0363
Mean left atrial pressure, † mm Hg	0.5 (1.2)	0.4 (0.6)	-0.2 (1.3)	0.8862
Pulmonary flow index, L · min <sup>-1</sup> · m <sup>-2</sup>	0.0 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)	0.4675
Pulmonary vascular resistance index, dyne · s · cm <sup>-5</sup>	155.1 (134.0)	-316.9 (138.3)	-472.0 (221.9)	0.0383
Mean systemic arterial pressure, mm Hg	2.5 (2.2)	-3.8 (1.6)	-6.3 (2.8)	0.0282
Mean right atrial pressure, mm Hg	0.4 (0.9)	0.3 (0.5)	-0.1 (1.0)	0.9448
Systemic flow index, L · min <sup>-1</sup> · m <sup>-2</sup>	-0.2 (0.1)	0.9 (0.8)	1.1 (1.1)	0.2981
Systemic vascular resistance index, dyne · s · cm <sup>-5</sup>	378.9 (246.8)	-372.9 (244.6)	-751.8 (388.4)	0.0595

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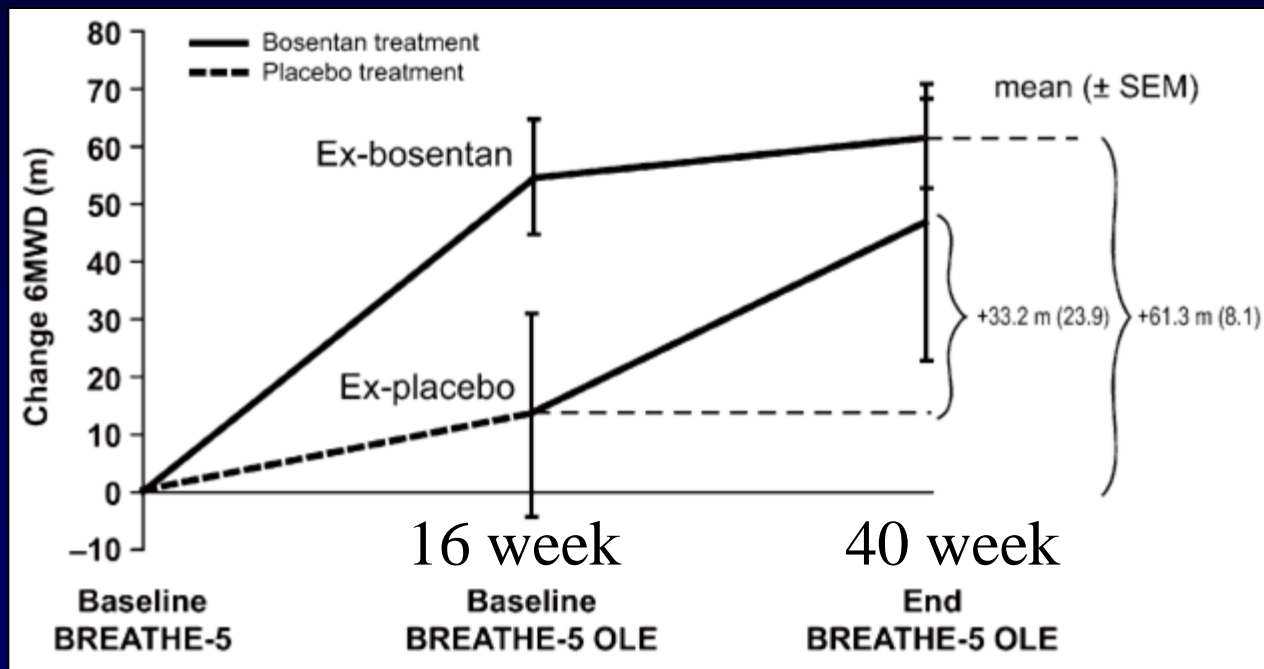
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# Longer-term bosentan therapy improves functional capacity in Eisenmenger syndrome: Results of the BREATHE-5 open-label extension study

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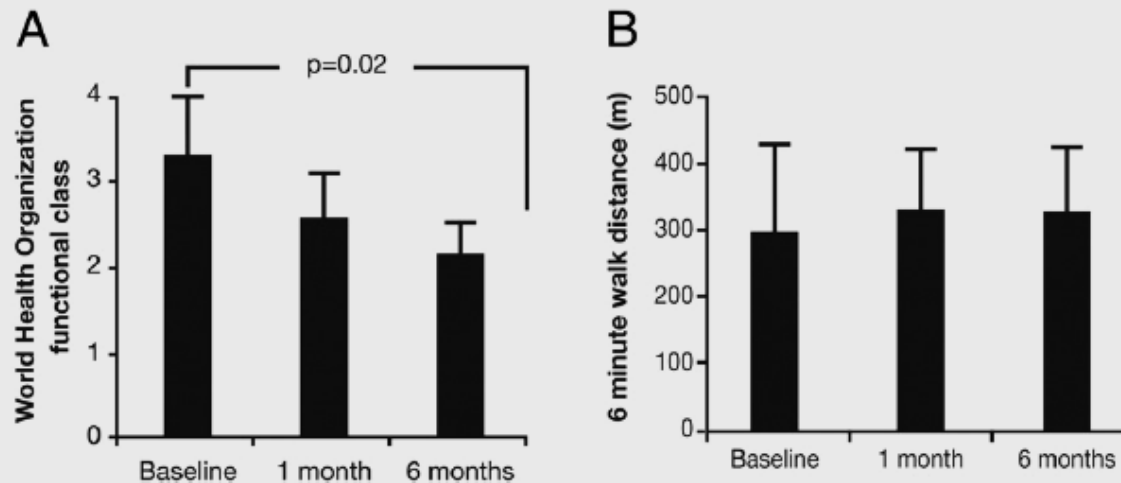
Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
Targeted PAH therapy in CHD should only be performed in specialized centres	I	C
<u>The ERA bosentan</u> should be initiated in WHO-FC III <sup>c</sup> patients with Eisenmenger syndrome	I	B

# Eisenmenger Syndrome

A Clinical Perspective in a New Therapeutic Era  
of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

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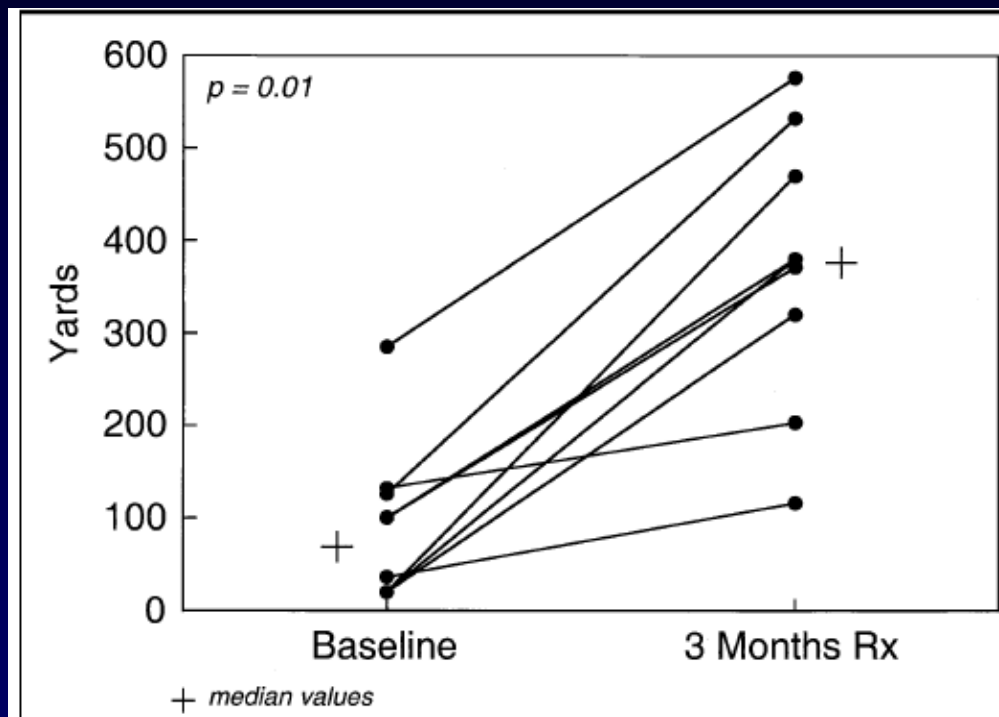
Effects of Sildenafil on World Health Organization Functional Class and 6-Min Walk Distance in Patients With ES

**Inibitori della fosfodiesterasi 5**

## Usefulness of Epoprostenol Therapy in the Severely Ill Adolescent/Adult With Eisenmenger Physiology

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Epoprostenolo : Broviac → rischio embolia paradossa

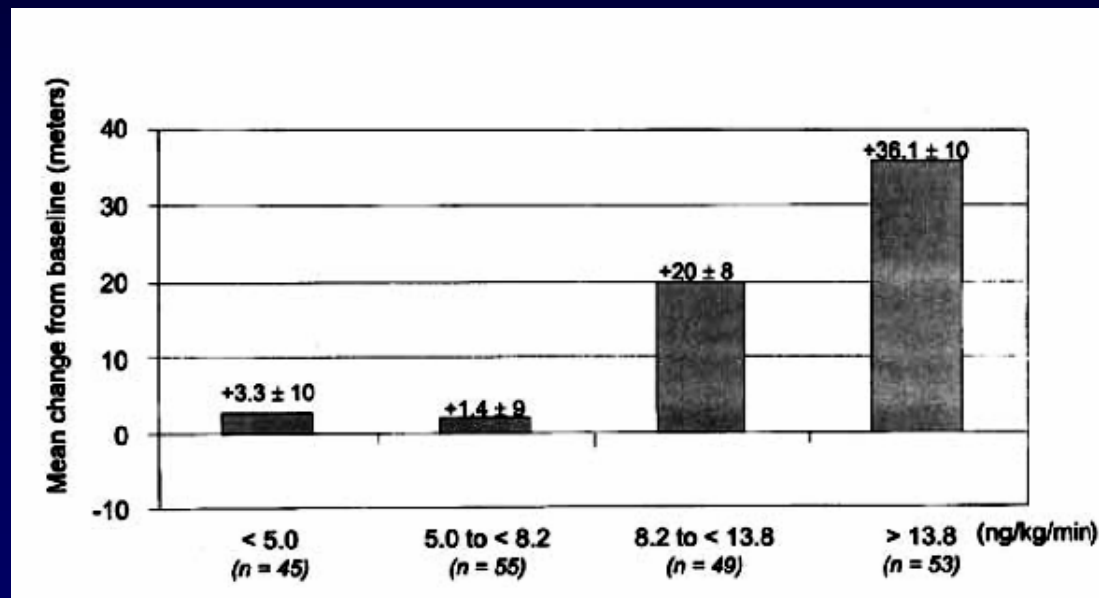


# Continuous Subcutaneous Infusion of Treprostinil, a Prostacyclin Analogue, in Patients with Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

A Double-blind, Randomized, Placebo-controlled Trial

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Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2002 ;165:800-4



Treprostinil : dolore in sede di infusione (85%)

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Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
<p><u>Other ERAs, phosphodiesterase type-5 inhibitors, and prostanoids should be considered in WHO-FC III<sup>c</sup> patients with Eisenmenger syndrome</u></p>	IIa	C

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<u>Combination therapy may be considered in WHO-FC III<sup>c</sup> patients with Eisenmenger syndrome</u>	IIb	C
<u>The use of calcium channel blockers should be avoided in patients with Eisenmenger syndrome</u>	III	C

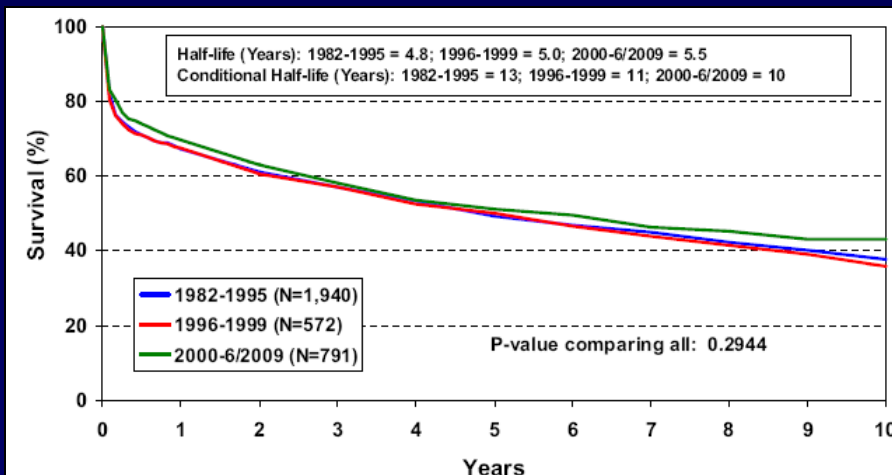
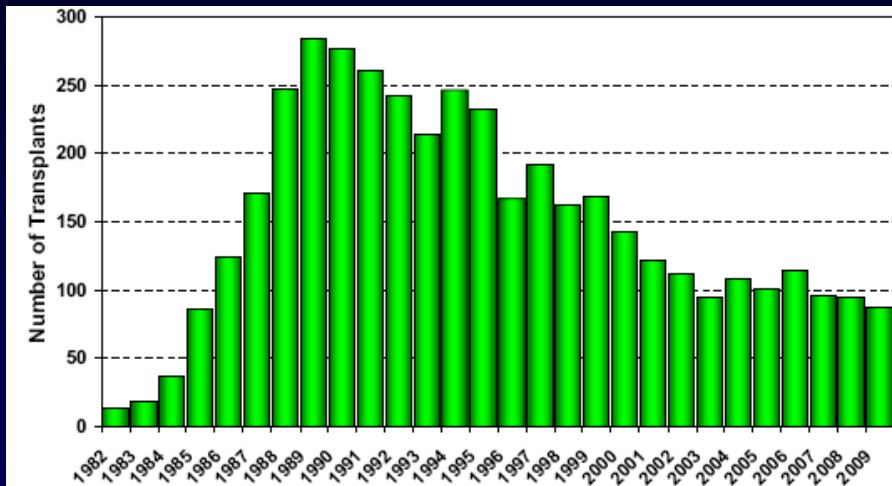


Test di vasoreattività non indicato

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Nuove tecnologie

Nuovi farmaci

*Esperienza*  
*Team multidisciplinare*



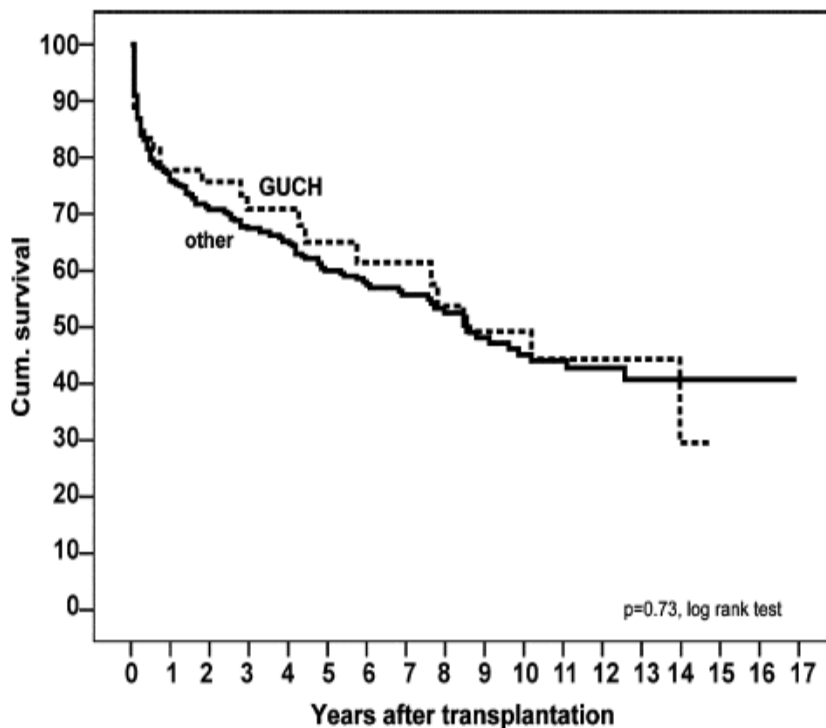
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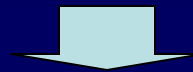
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## Test di vasoreattività polmonare: *posso usare il Ca antagonista?*

Drug	Route	Half-life	Dose range <sup>a</sup>	Increments <sup>b</sup>	Duration <sup>c</sup>
Epoprostenol	Intravenous	3 min	2–12 ng/kg/min	2 ng/kg/min	10 min
Adenosine	Intravenous	5–10 s	50–350 µg/kg/min	50 µg/kg/min	2 min
Nitric oxide	Inhaled	15–30 s	10–20 ppm	–	5 min <sup>d</sup>

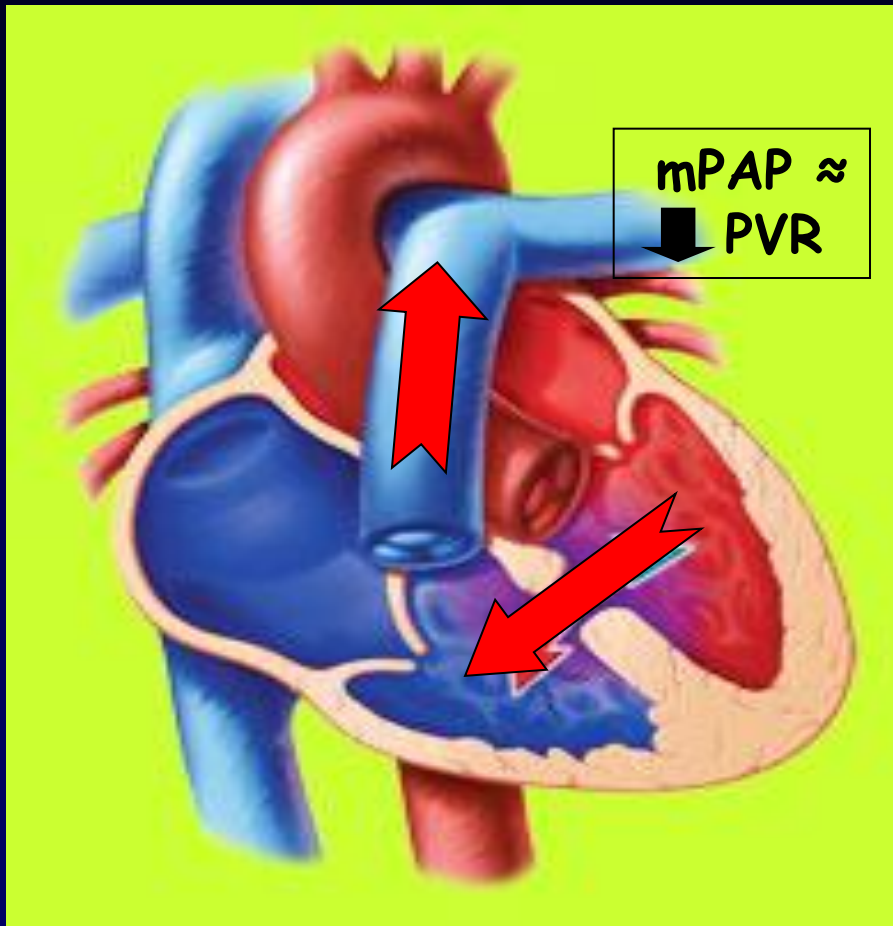
### Responder:

- riduzione PAP media  $\geq 10$  mmHg
- PAP media  $\leq 40$  mmHg
- CO invariata o aumentata



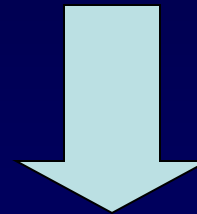
Eisenmenger ???





## *Chi è responder ?*

- ❖  $PVR_i \geq 20\%$
- ❖  $PVR/SVR \geq 20\%$
- ❖  $PVR_i < 6WU \cdot m^2$
- ❖  $PVR/SVR < 0.3$



*Valutazione di operabilità  
nel Pre-Eisenmenger*

# Operability Assessment

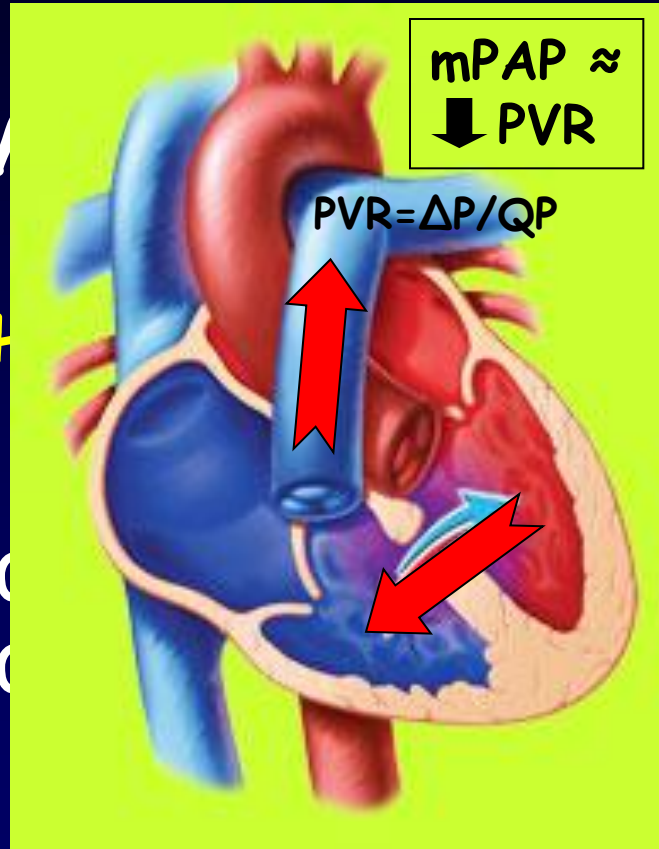
## Vasoreactivity test ?

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PAH

(Established

- ❖  $\downarrow$  mPAP  $\geq 10$
- ❖ mPAP  $\leq 40$
- ❖ CO = /  $\uparrow$



der ?

CHD

Diagnostic criteria)

Ri  $\geq 20\%$

R/SVR  $\geq 20\%$

Ri  $< 6 \text{ WU} \cdot \text{m}^2$

( $\downarrow$  PVR/SVR  $< 0.3$ )

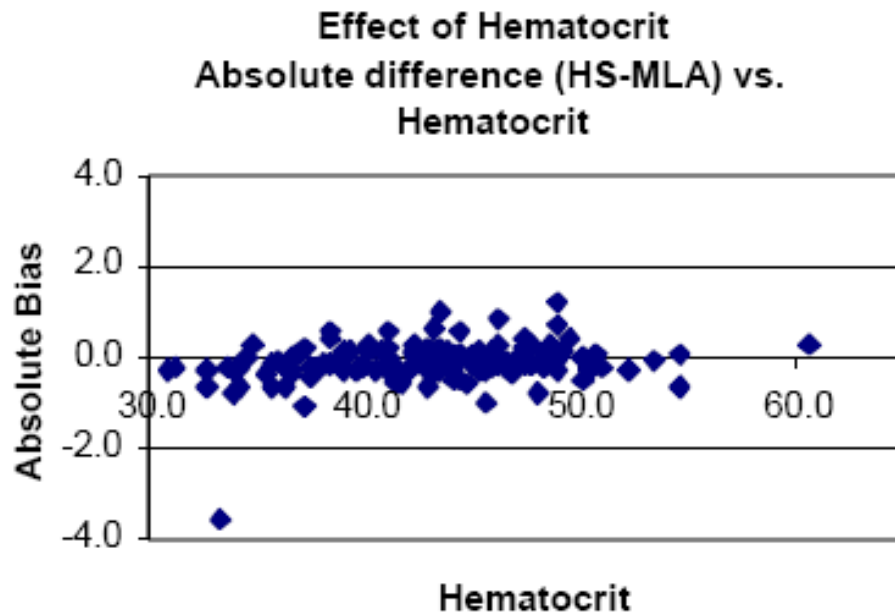
**M.G. ♂ 51aa**

**Isomerismo sn. Cardiopatia complessa in storia naturale**



**Sat.O2 80% + emottisi recidivanti**

### Effect of Hematocrit



Accurate results were obtained on samples with hematocrits ranging from 30 to 55%.

# Congenital heart diseases and Pulmonary Hypertension

## The 4 phenotypes

**Table 6** Clinical classification of congenital, systemic-to-pulmonary shunts associated with pulmonary arterial hypertension

### A. Eisenmenger's syndrome

Eisenmenger's syndrome includes all systemic-to-pulmonary shunts due to large defects leading to a severe increase in PVR and resulting in a reversed (pulmonary-to-systemic) or bidirectional shunt. Cyanosis, erythrocytosis, and multiple organ involvement are present.

### B. Pulmonary arterial hypertension associated with systemic-to-pulmonary shunts

In these patients with moderate to large defects, the increase in PVR is mild to moderate, systemic-to-pulmonary shunt is still largely present, and no cyanosis is present at rest.

### C. Pulmonary arterial hypertension with small<sup>n</sup> defects

In cases with small defects (usually ventricular septal defects <1 cm and atrial septal defects <2 cm of effective diameter assessed by echocardiography) the clinical picture is very similar to idiopathic PAH.

### D. Pulmonary arterial hypertension after corrective cardiac surgery

In these cases, congenital heart disease has been corrected but PAH is either still present immediately after surgery or has recurred several months or years after surgery in the absence of significant post-operative residual congenital lesions or defects that originate as a sequela to previous surgery.