



Apical cannulation: a step forward from a simple unloading tool

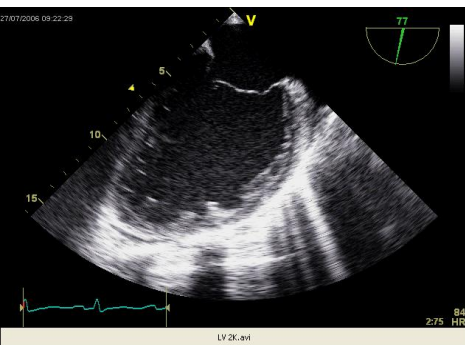
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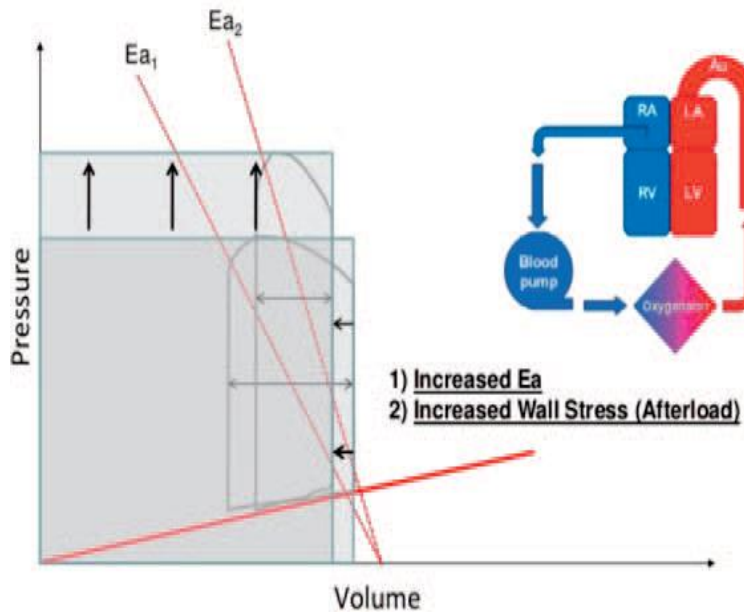
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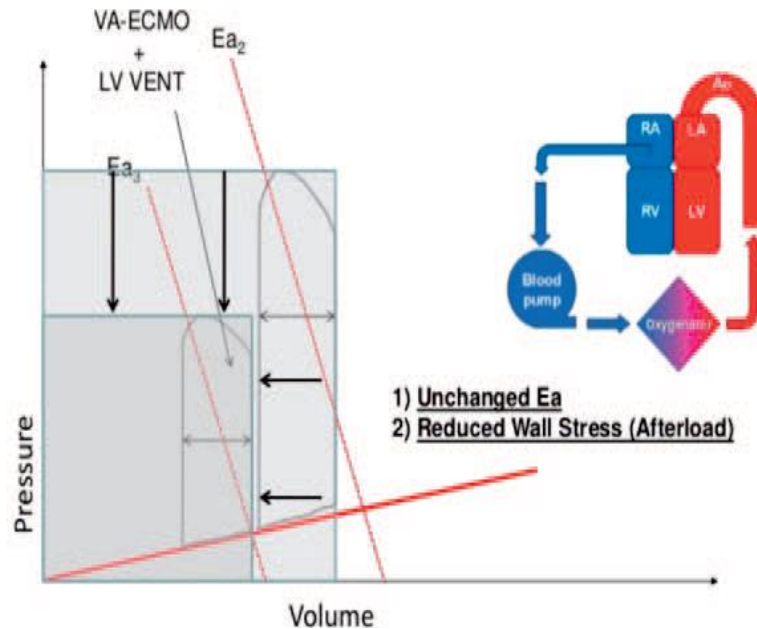


VA ECMO Kills the Heart

Veno-Arterial ECMO



Rationale for Venting the LV with VA-ECMO



Unloading of the Left Ventricle

Immediate Mechanical Effects (minutes...)

Less myocardial oxygen demand

More myocardial Oxygen supply (subendocardial reperfusion)

Long-term Biochemical Effects (hours-days...)

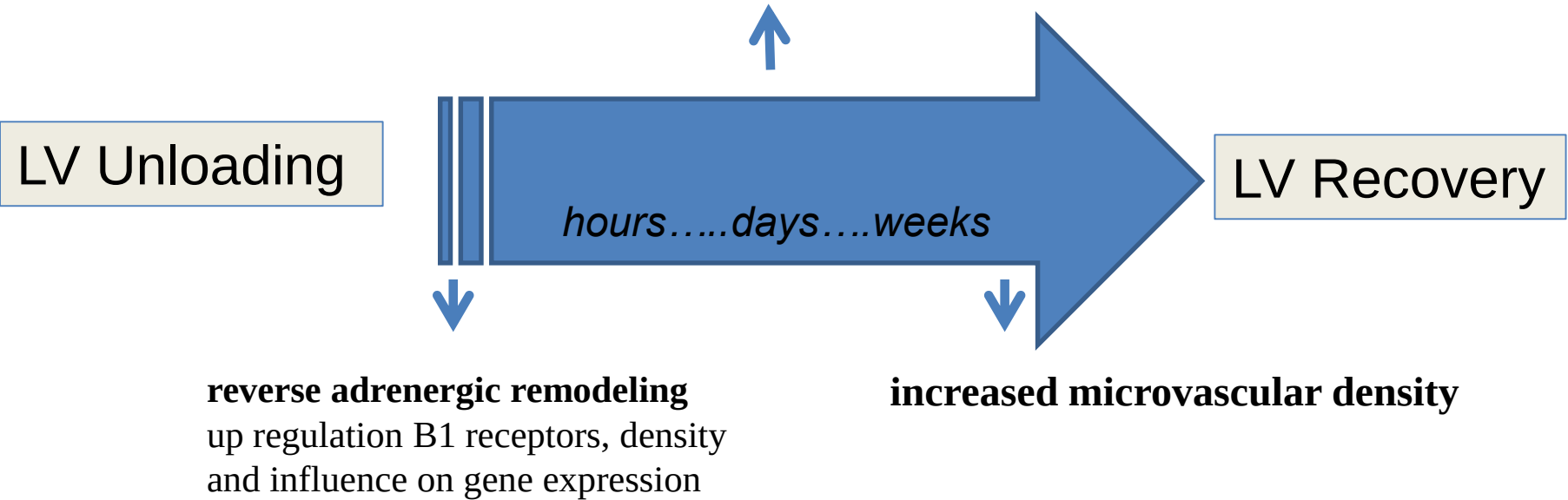
Inactivation of pro-apoptotic pathways

Preserve mitochondrial integrity

Reduce AMI area and size

Early Unloading of the Left Ventricle

changes in expression of genes involved in the regulation of **vascular organization and migration**



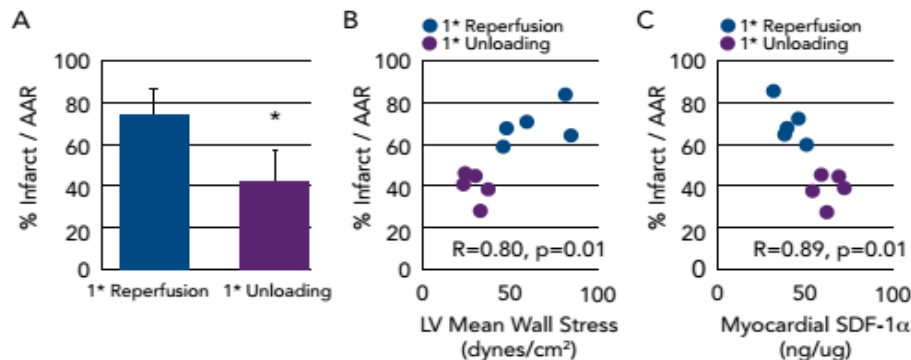
Primary Left Ventricular Unloading

JACC

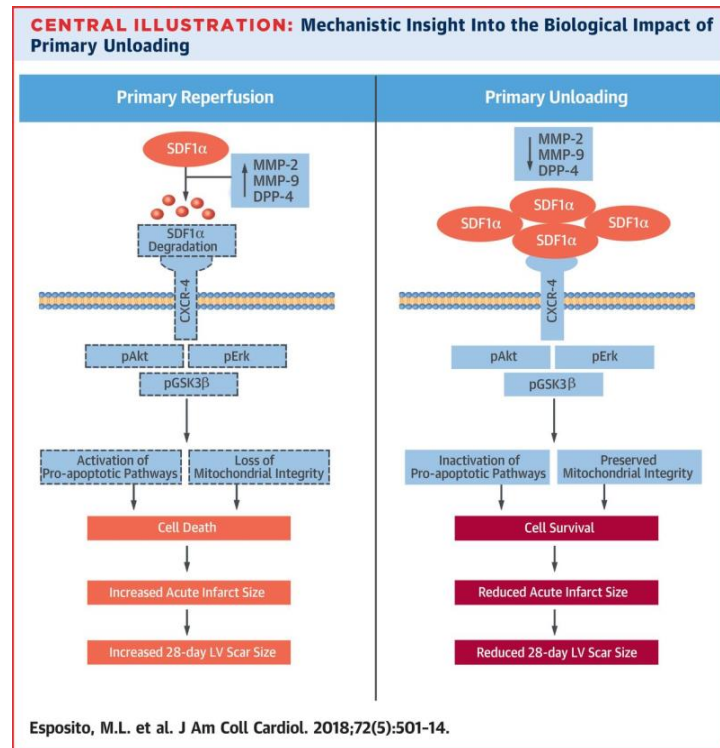
Left Ventricular Unloading Before Reperfusion Promotes Functional Recovery After Acute Myocardial Infarction

Michele L. Esposito, Yali Zhang, Xiaoying Qiao et al.

Figure 2: Effect of Mechanical Circulatory Support Before Reperfusion in Acute Myocardial Infarction



Source: Kapur et al, 2015.⁹ AAR = assessment of the area at risk; LV = left ventricular; SDF-1 = stromal cell-derived factor 1



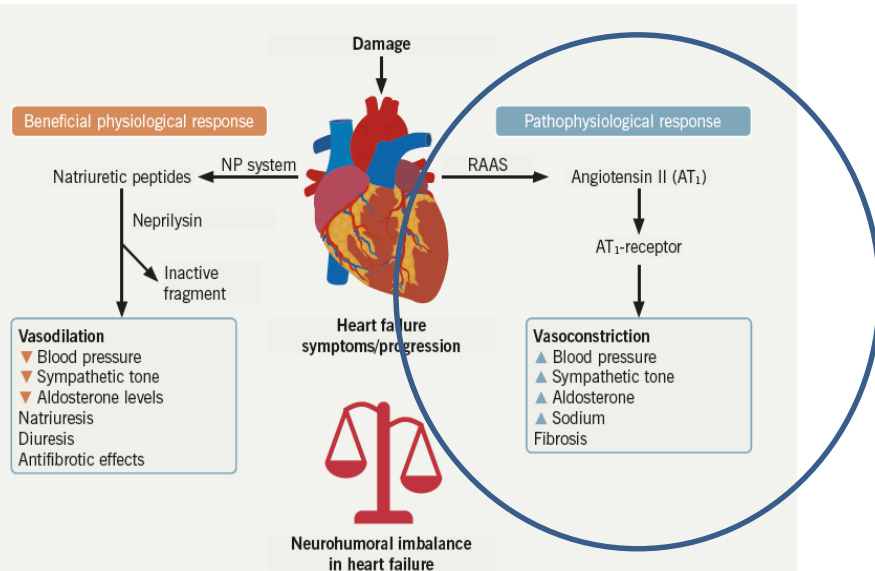
Left Ventricular Reverse Remodelling

Left ventricular assist device unloading effects on myocardial structure and function: current status of the field and call for action

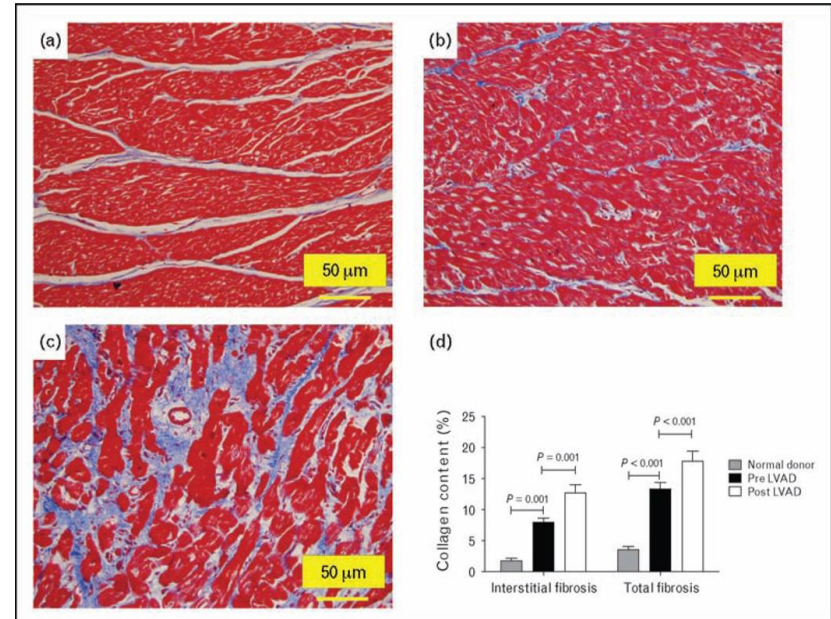
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Reduced neurohormonal response

RAAS (renine angiotensin aldosteron system)



Reduced pro-fibrotic *and* pro hypertrophic factors





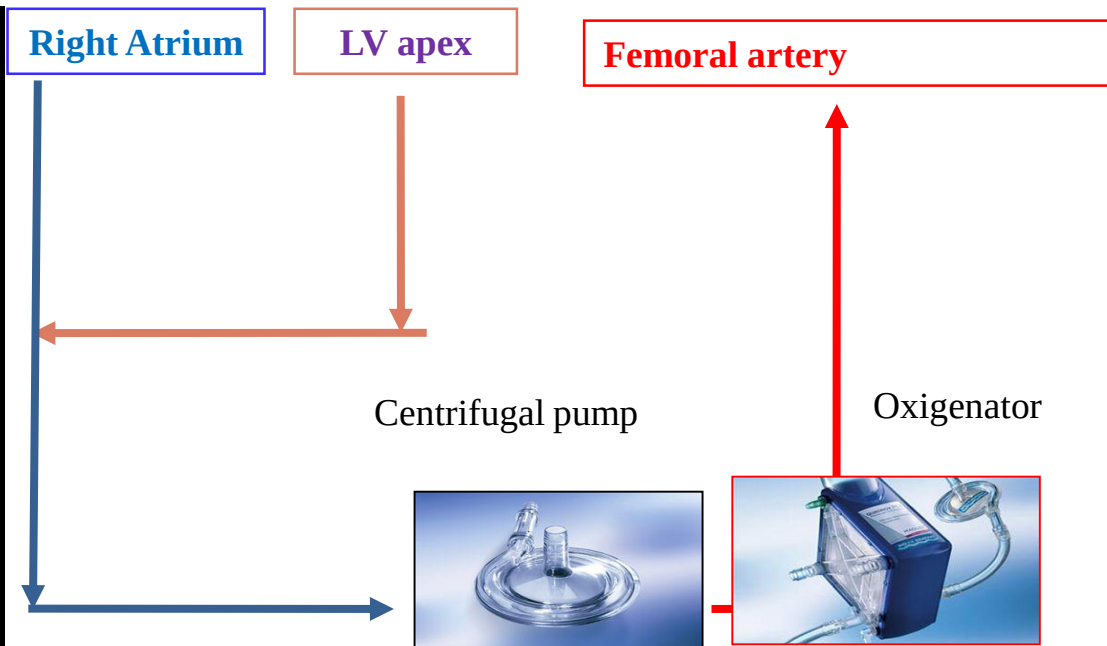
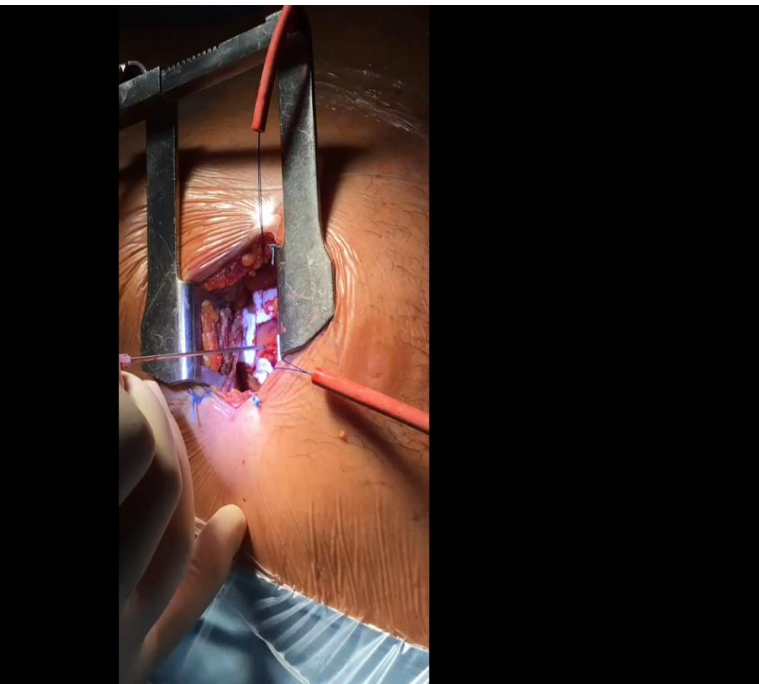
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TRANSAPICAL LEFT VENTRICULAR INFLOW CANNULA (TLVIC) DURING VENO-ARTERIAL ECMO SUPPORT: A BRIDGE TO SOLUTION IN ACUTE CARDIOGENIC SHOCK

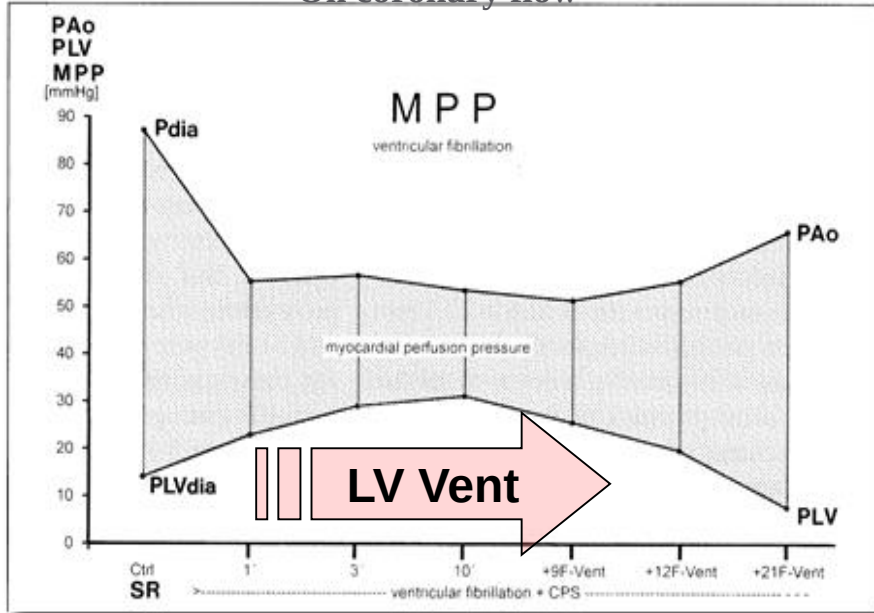


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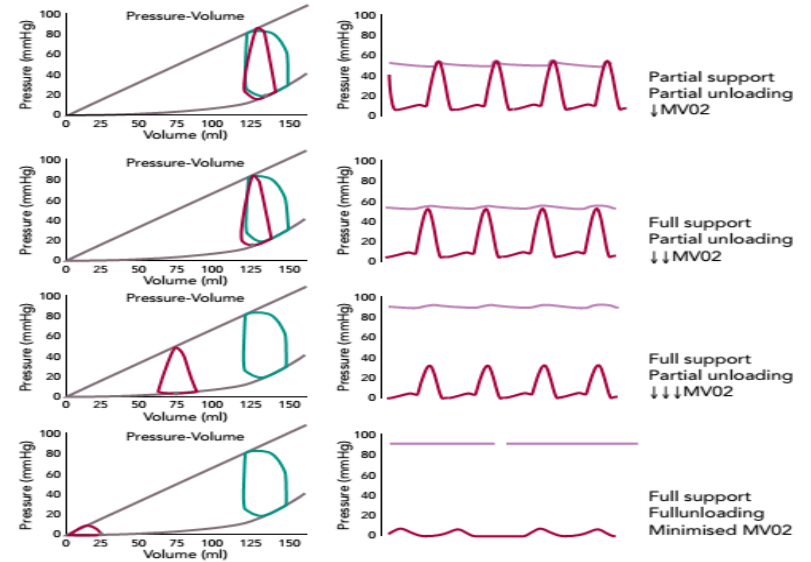
Unloading of the Left Ventricle

Effect of elevated LVEDP
On coronary flow



Myocardial perfusion pressure

Figure 3: 'Dose dependence' of unloading

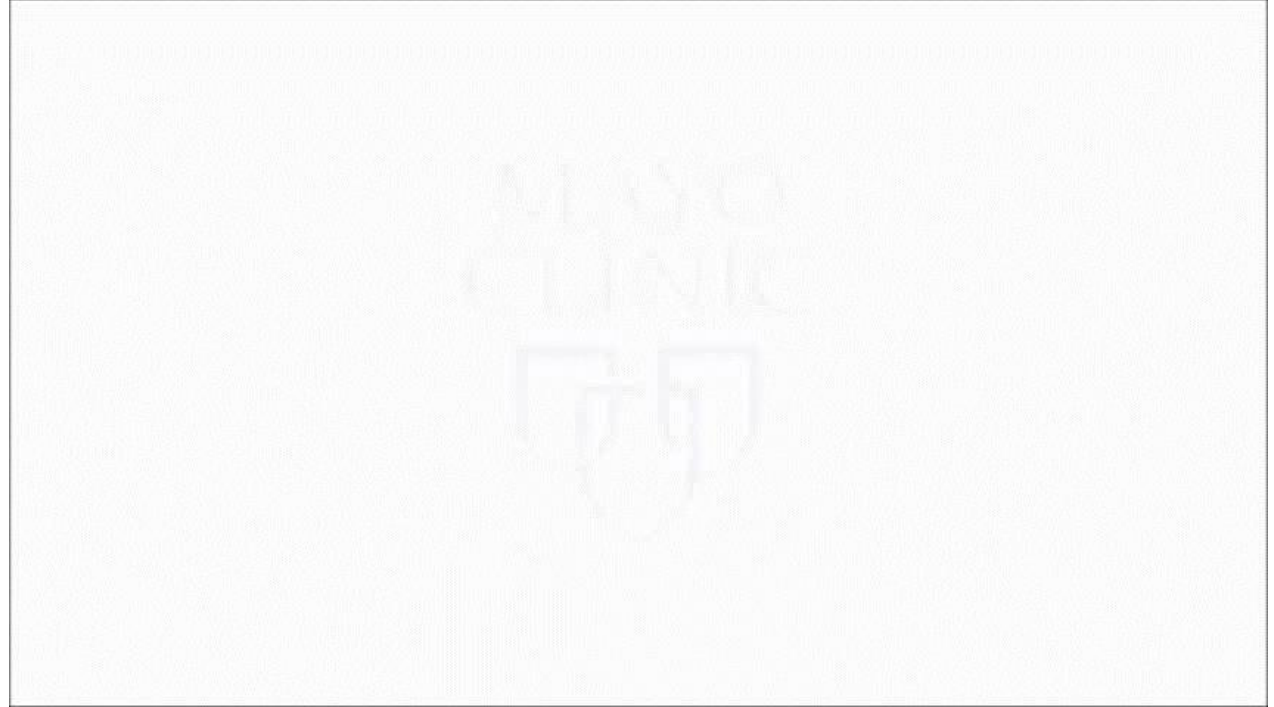


Rationale for UNLOAD the LV

LV overload

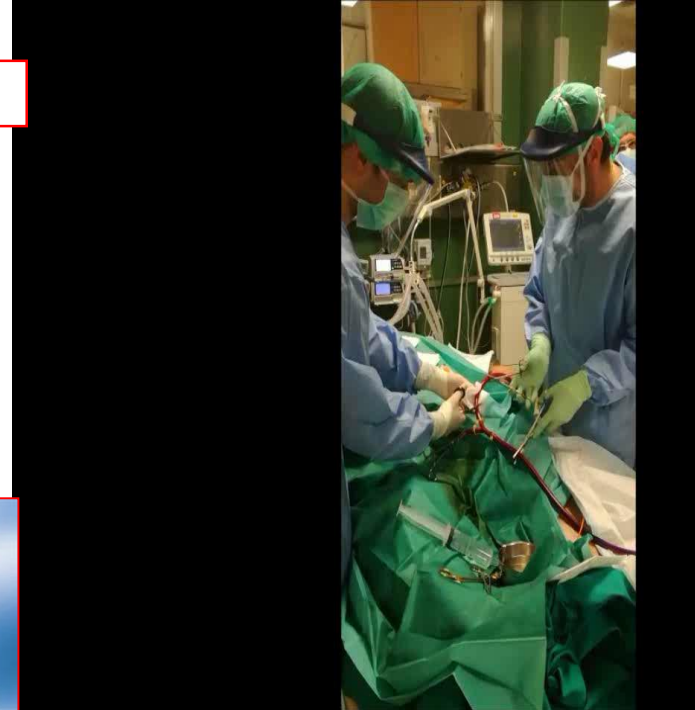
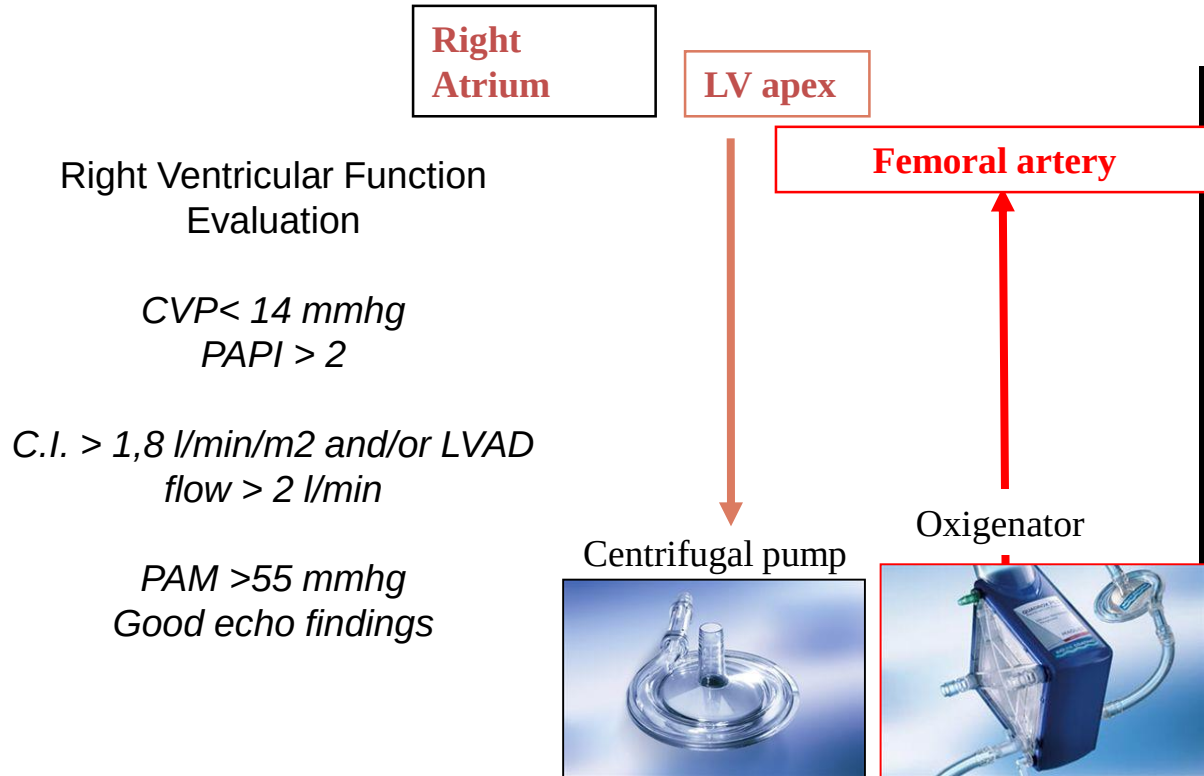
Pulmonary edema

Arlechin syndrome



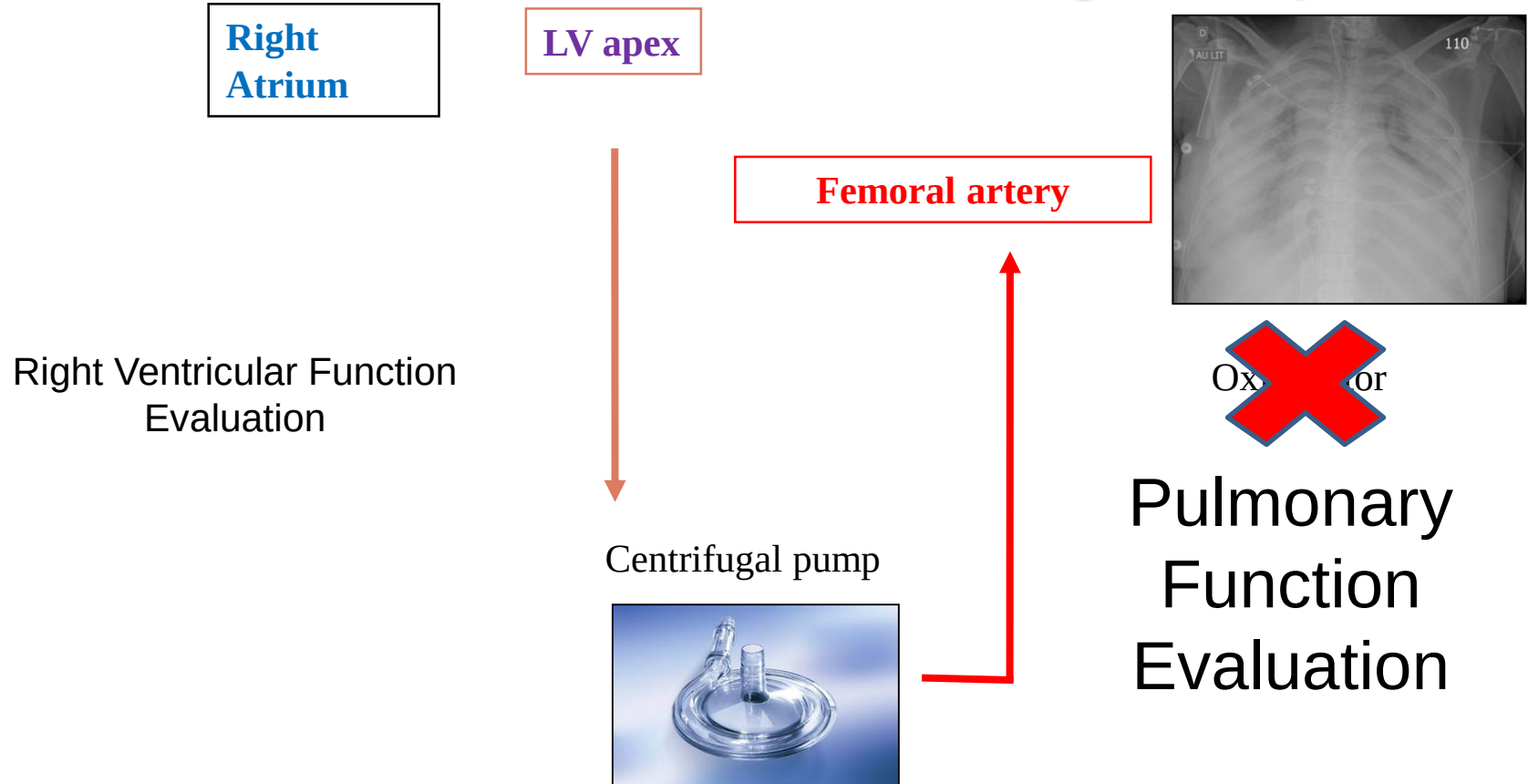
Right Ventricular Function Evaluation

switch from V-A ECMO to LVAD



Pulmonary Function Evaluation

switch from V-A ECMO to A-A Centrifugal Pump



BRIDGE TO BRIDGE Concept

FROM SHORT-TERM VAD TO LVAD

LV
apex

Femoral artery

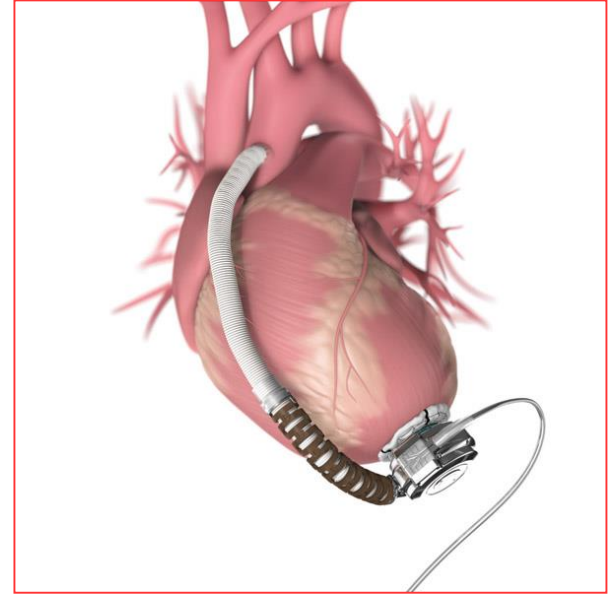
5.000 Euros

Centrifugal pump



Bridge to Bridge

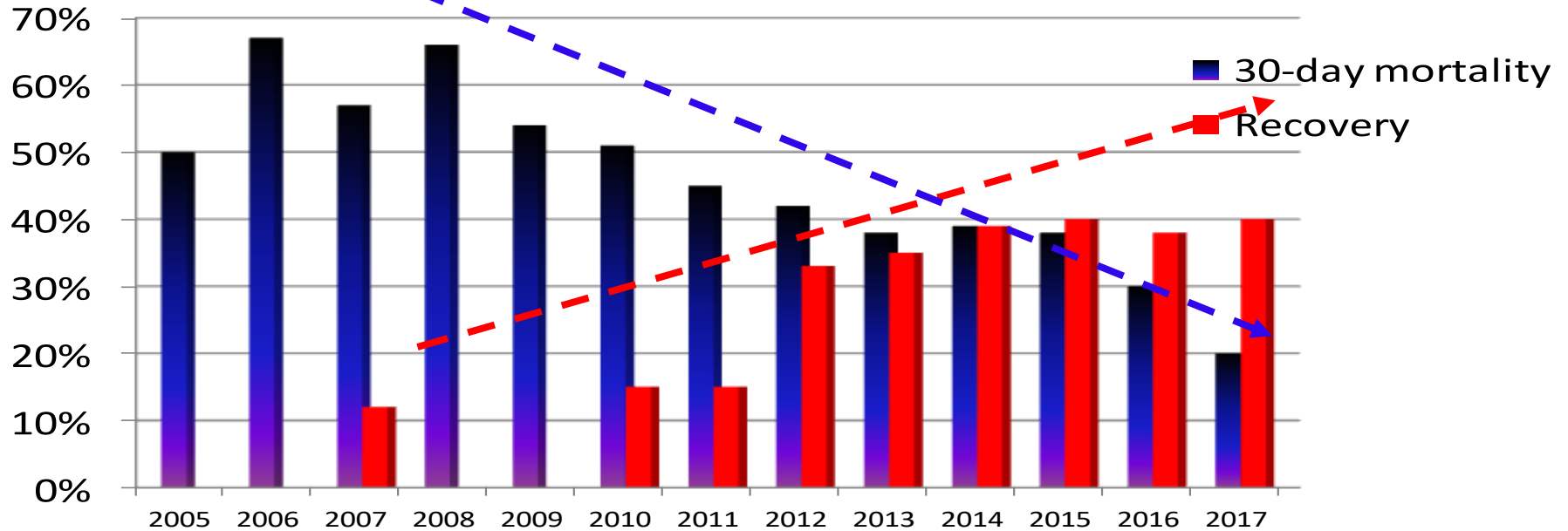
- 1 Neurological status
- 2 RV function optimization
- 3 End organ function recovery
- 4 Compliance to VAD therapy



115.000 Euros

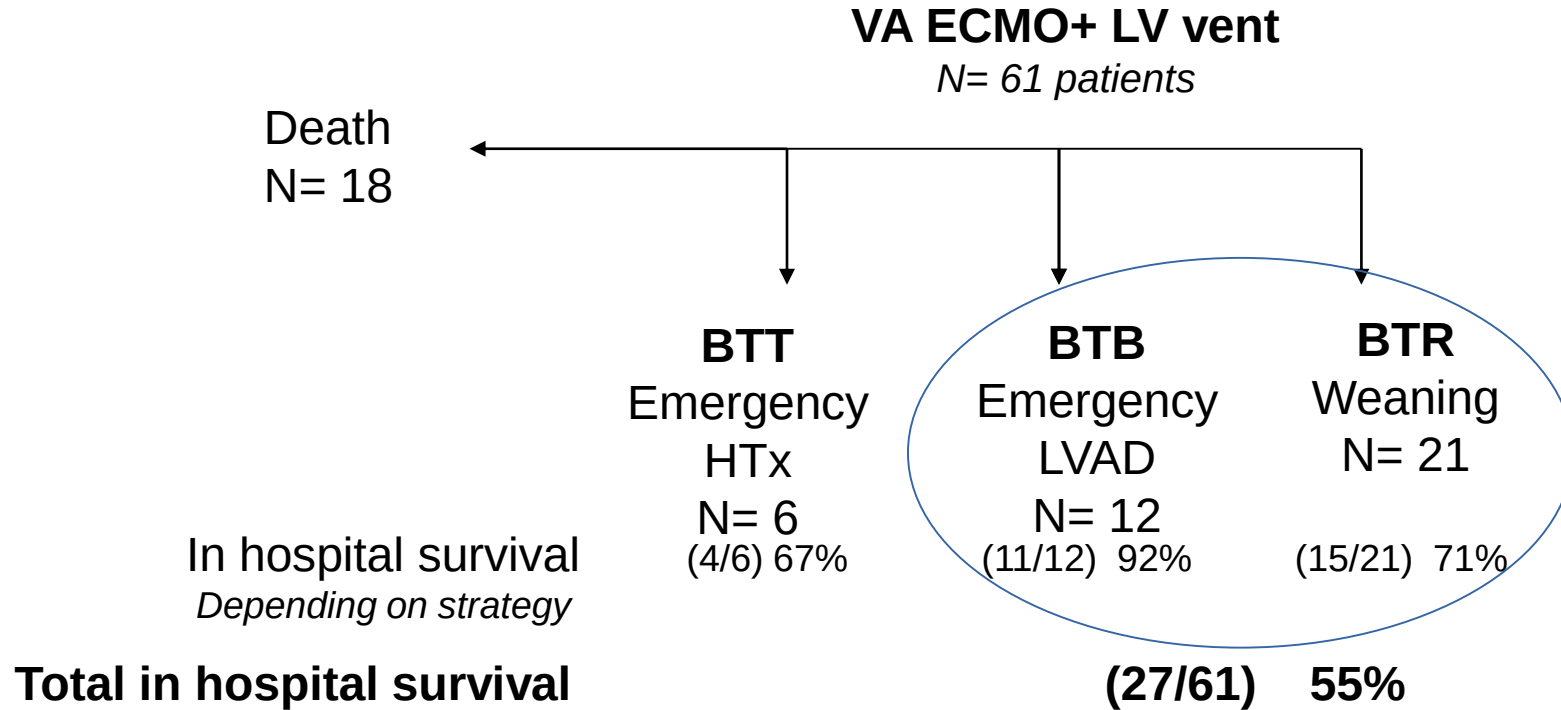
VADs/ECMO changing outcomes

- Early Referral
- Increasing Experience
- Systematic LV venting



INTERMACS Level 1

Turin Experience 2011- 2018



Turin Experience 2011- 2018

Outcomes *N= 61 patients*

Mean support time	5,8 days (2 – 31) days
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Switch from VA ECMO to LVAD	79% (48/61)
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Mean time from VA ECMO to LVAD	2,4 days (1- 6)
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Mean time weaning from Oxygenator	5,2 days (3-14)
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Mean time successfull weaning from LVAD	6,8 days (5- 31)
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Bleeding complications related to LV cannulation	3% (2/61)
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Hemolysis	11% (7/61)
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Turin experience 2011-2018
VA ECMO+ LV vent N= 61 patients

Mean time of recovery

In hospital mortality rate

Fulminant myocarditis	3,9 days		0/10	0%
Acute Myocardial Infarction	5,7 days		9/23	39%
Idiopathic CMP	6,5 days		6/12	50%
Post HTX	8,4 days		2/3	66%
Postcardiotomy	10,1 days		9/13	69%

VA ECMO+ Impella

Advantage S

Endovascular system
Partial or total unloading
Antegrade flow on the aortic root

Disadvantages

Displacement
Hemolysis ++
Cotraindication in peripheral vasculopathy
Arlechin Syndrome
High cost (20000 euros)
TEE or Cath Lab scenarios

VA ECMO+ LV vent

LVAD+ Oxygenator

No Arlechin syndrome

Mid term temporary LVAD

Low or stop anticoagulation

No TEE or Cath Lab necessary

Low cost (less than 500 euros)

External system

Retrograde flow on the aortic root

Bleeding (< 5%)

Hemolysis +

Cardiac surgeon

*Largest to smallest
...in ten years...*

4° Generation

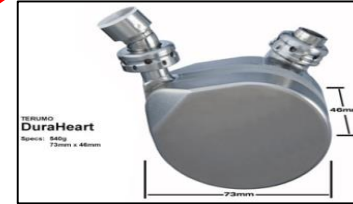
100 grams



92 grams



3° Generation



500 grams

2° Generation



300 grams



1° Generation

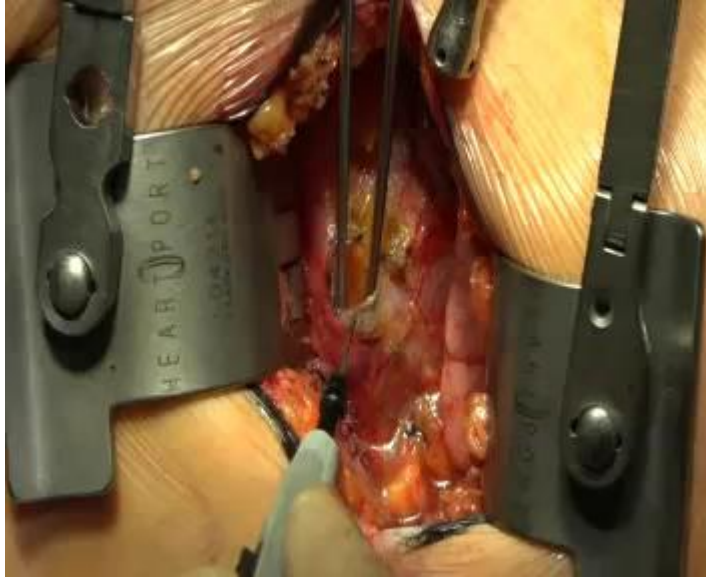
750 grams



100 grams

1000 grams

Minimally Invasive HM3 LVAD Implantation



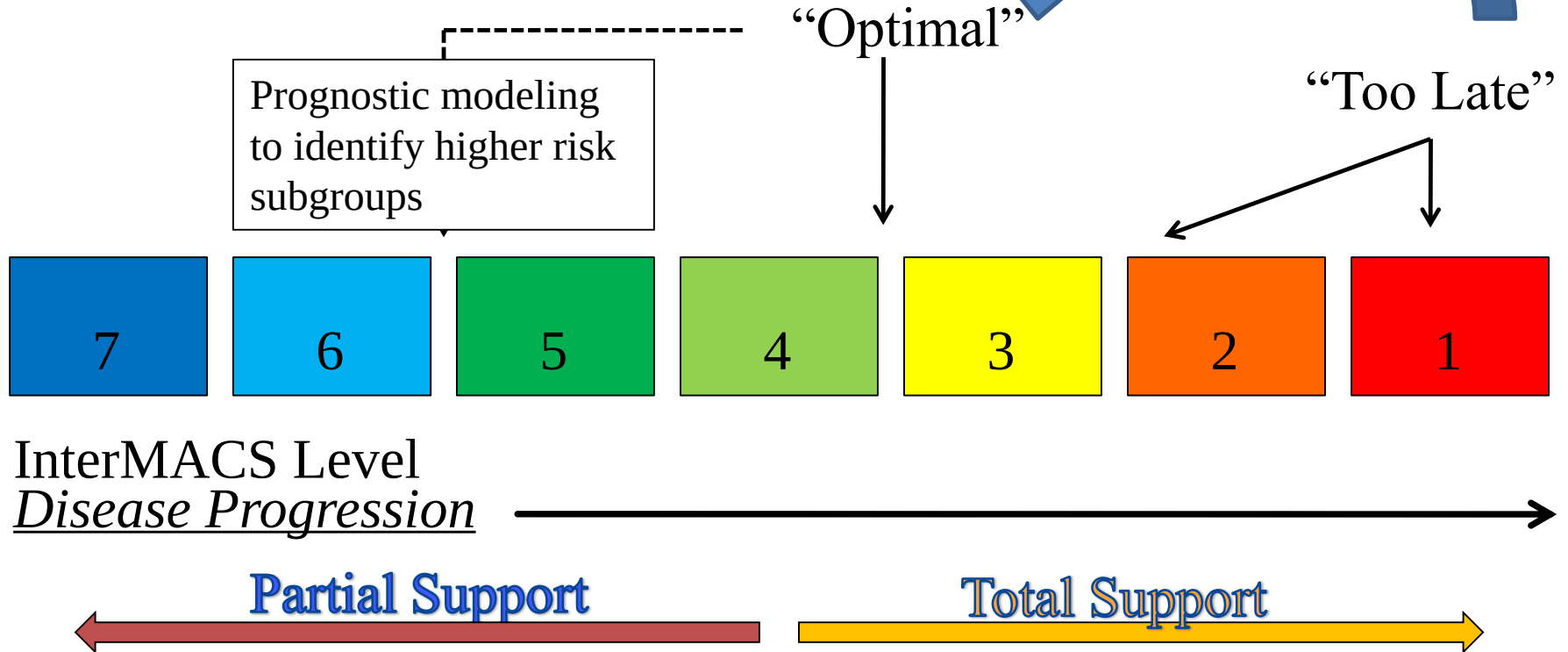
Pre



Post

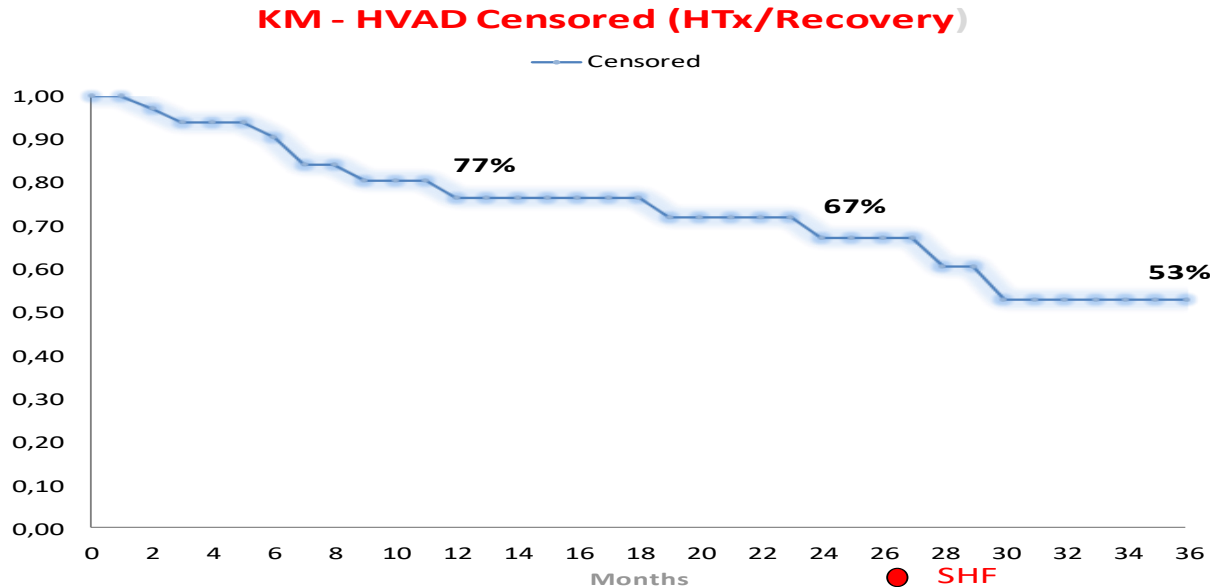


Optimal Timing of LVAD Implantation



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12 bridge to bridge from ECMO to LVAD



LVAd implanted

8 HVAD
3 HM3
1 INCOR