



# EMB in Myocarditis: who needed?

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## Viral myocarditis—diagnosis, treatment options, and current controversies

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### Infectious aetiologies

#### Viral agents

- Adenoviruses
- Enteroviruses (coxsackievirus)
- Herpesviruses (human herpesvirus 6, Epstein–Barr virus)
- Hepatitis C virus
- HIV
- Influenza A
- Parvovirus B19



#### Parasitic agents

- Larva migrans
- Schistosomiasis



#### Bacterial agents

- *Borrelia* species
- *Mycobacterium* species
- *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*
- *Streptococcal* species
- *Treponema pallidum*



#### Fungal agents

- *Aspergillus* species
- *Candida* species
- *Coccidioides* species
- *Cryptococcus* species
- *Histoplasma* species



#### Protozoal agents

- *Trypanosoma cruzi* (Chagas disease)



### Noninfectious aetiologies

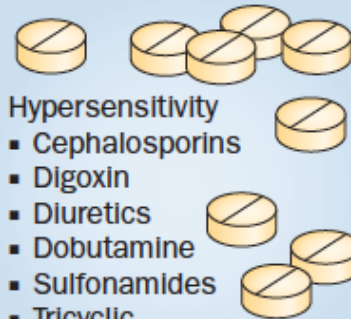
#### Toxins

- Anthracyclines
- Cocaine
- Interleukin-2



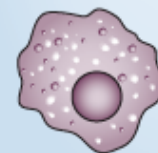
#### Hypersensitivity

- Cephalosporins
- Digoxin
- Diuretics
- Dobutamine
- Sulfonamides
- Tricyclic antidepressants

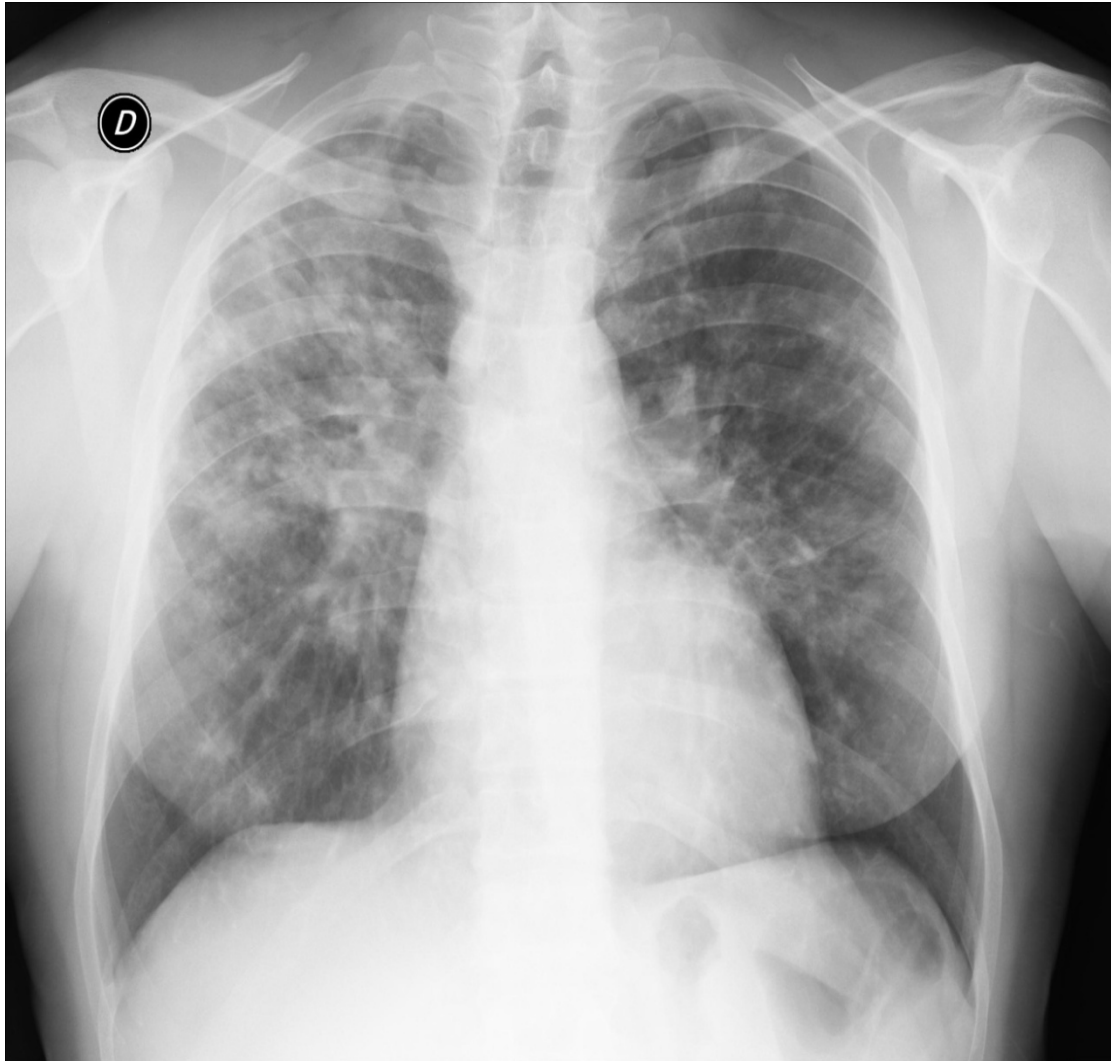


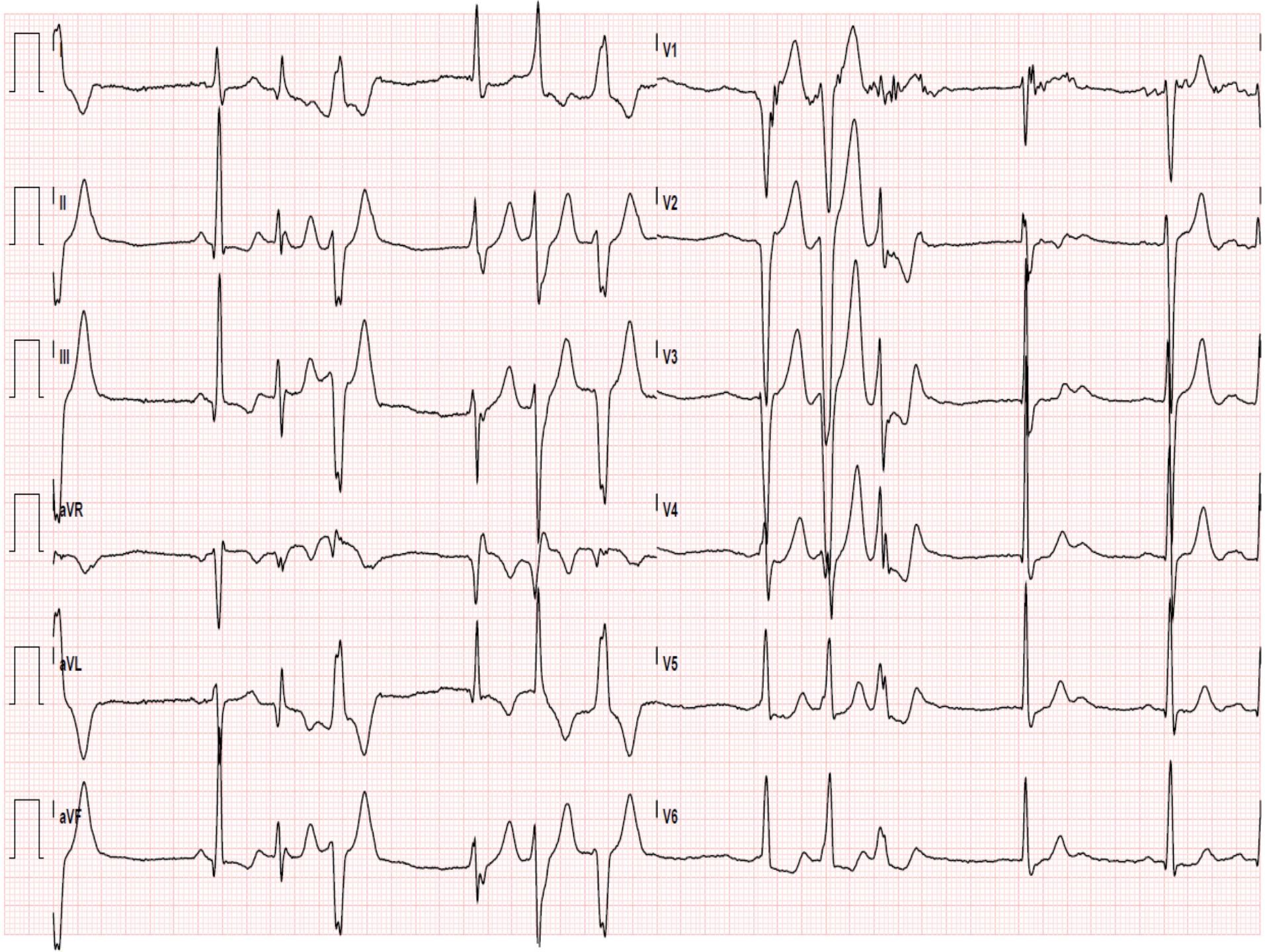
#### Immunological syndromes

- Churg–Strauss syndrome
- Diabetes mellitus
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Giant cell myocarditis
- Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Wegener granulomatosis)
- Sarcoidosis
- Systemic lupus erythematosus
- Takayasu arteritis
- Thyrotoxicosis

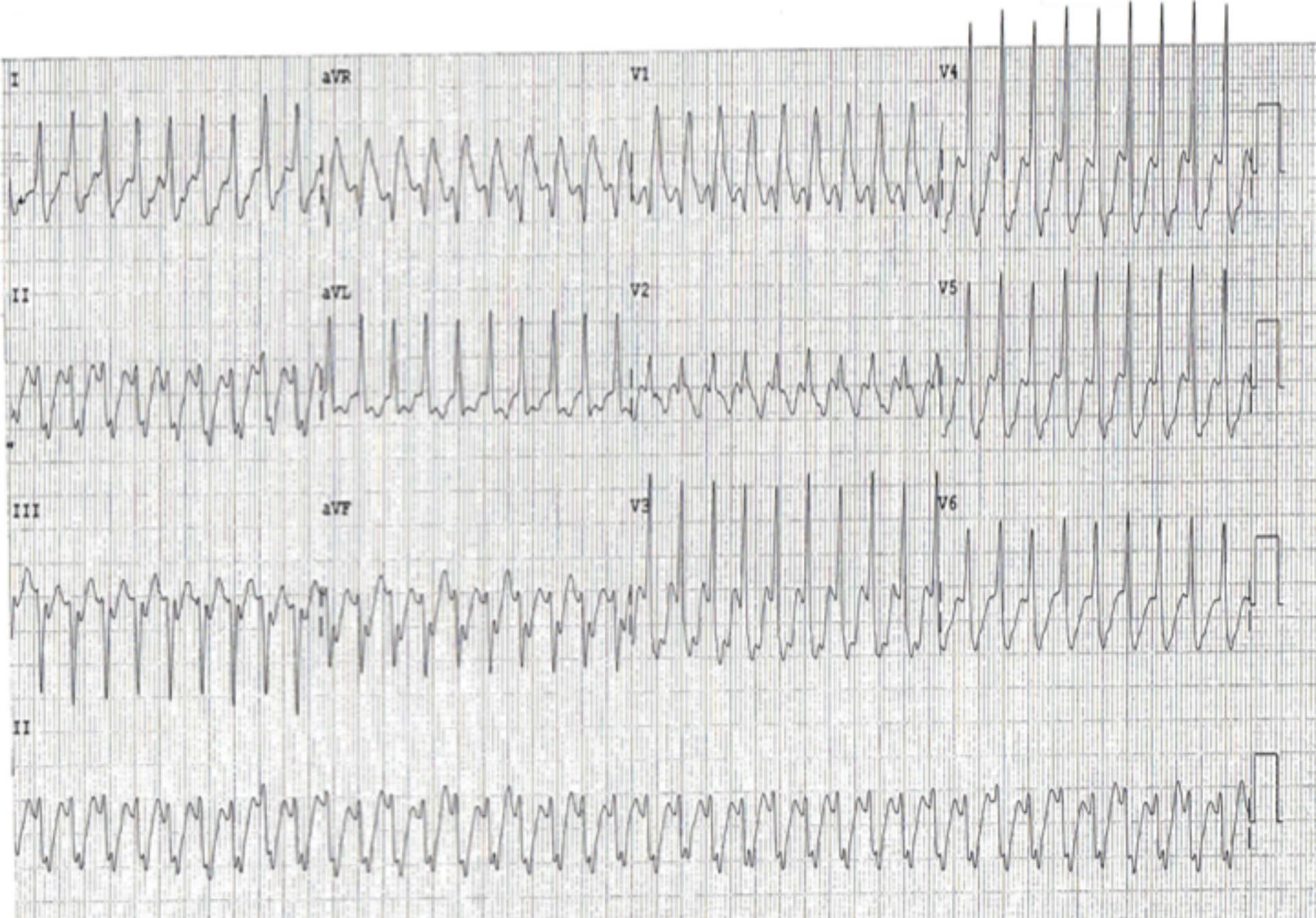


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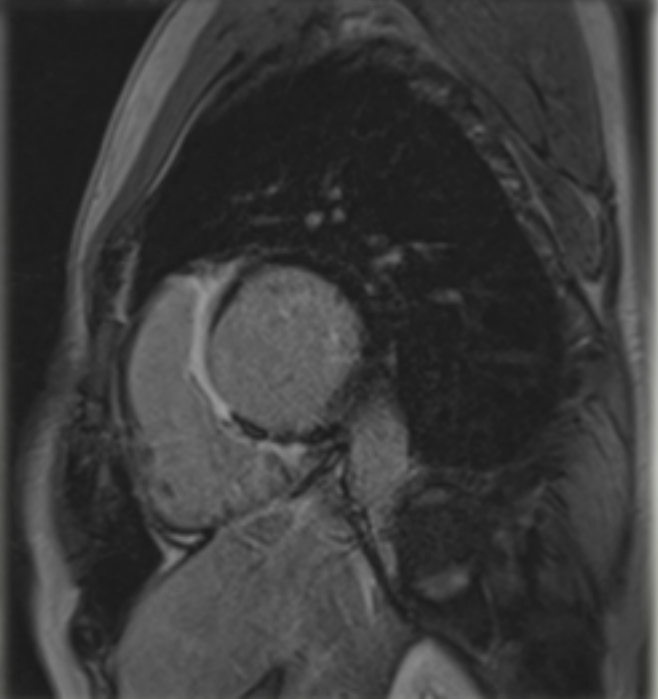
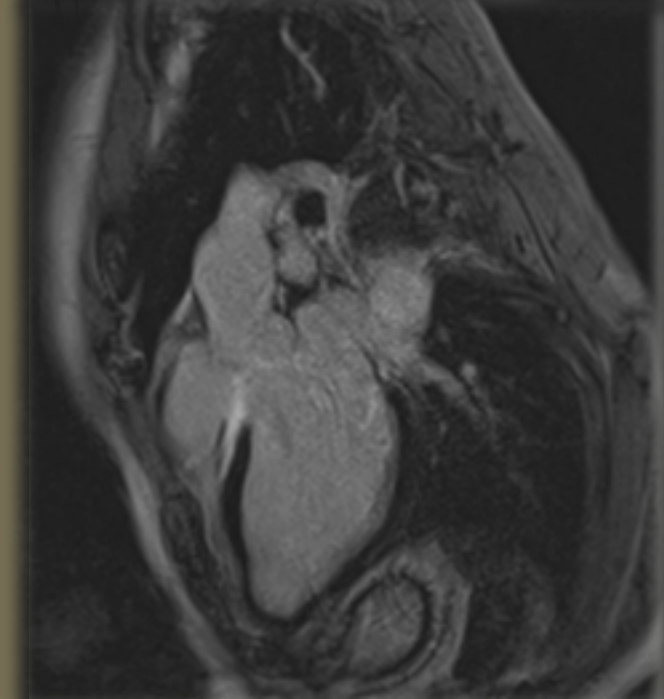
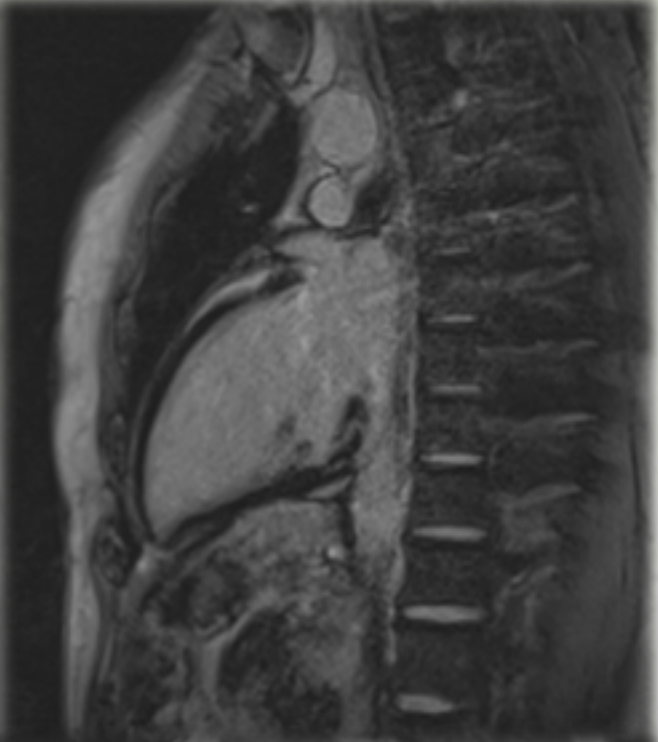
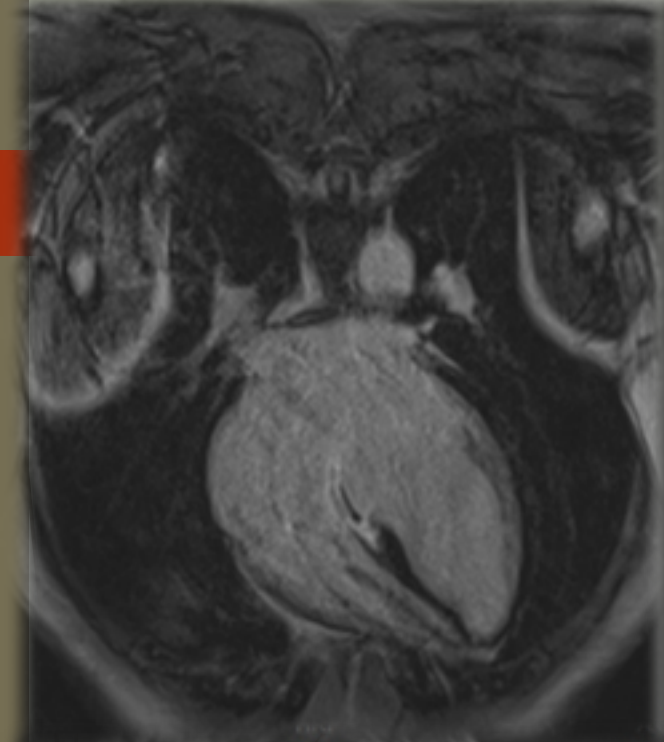




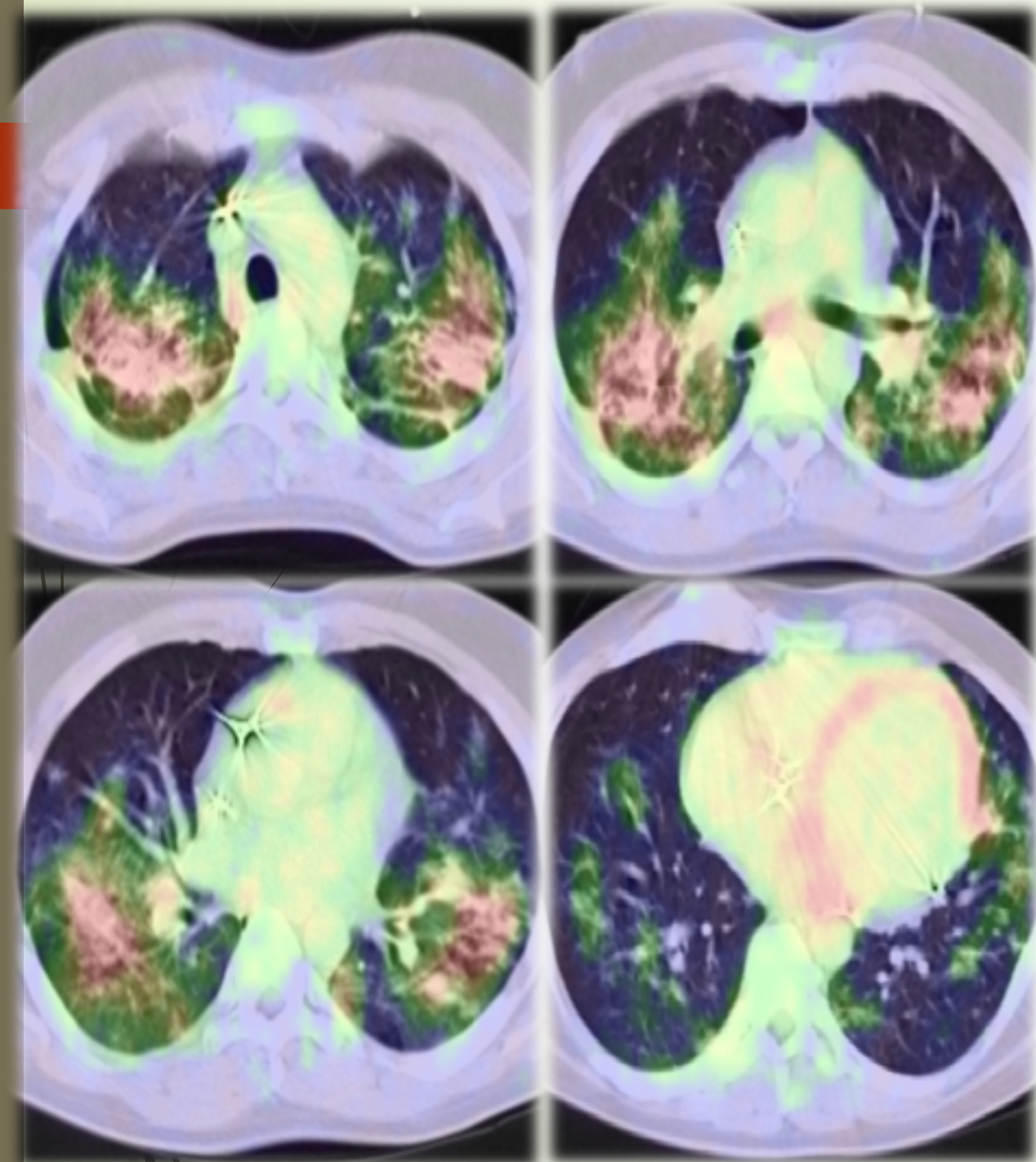




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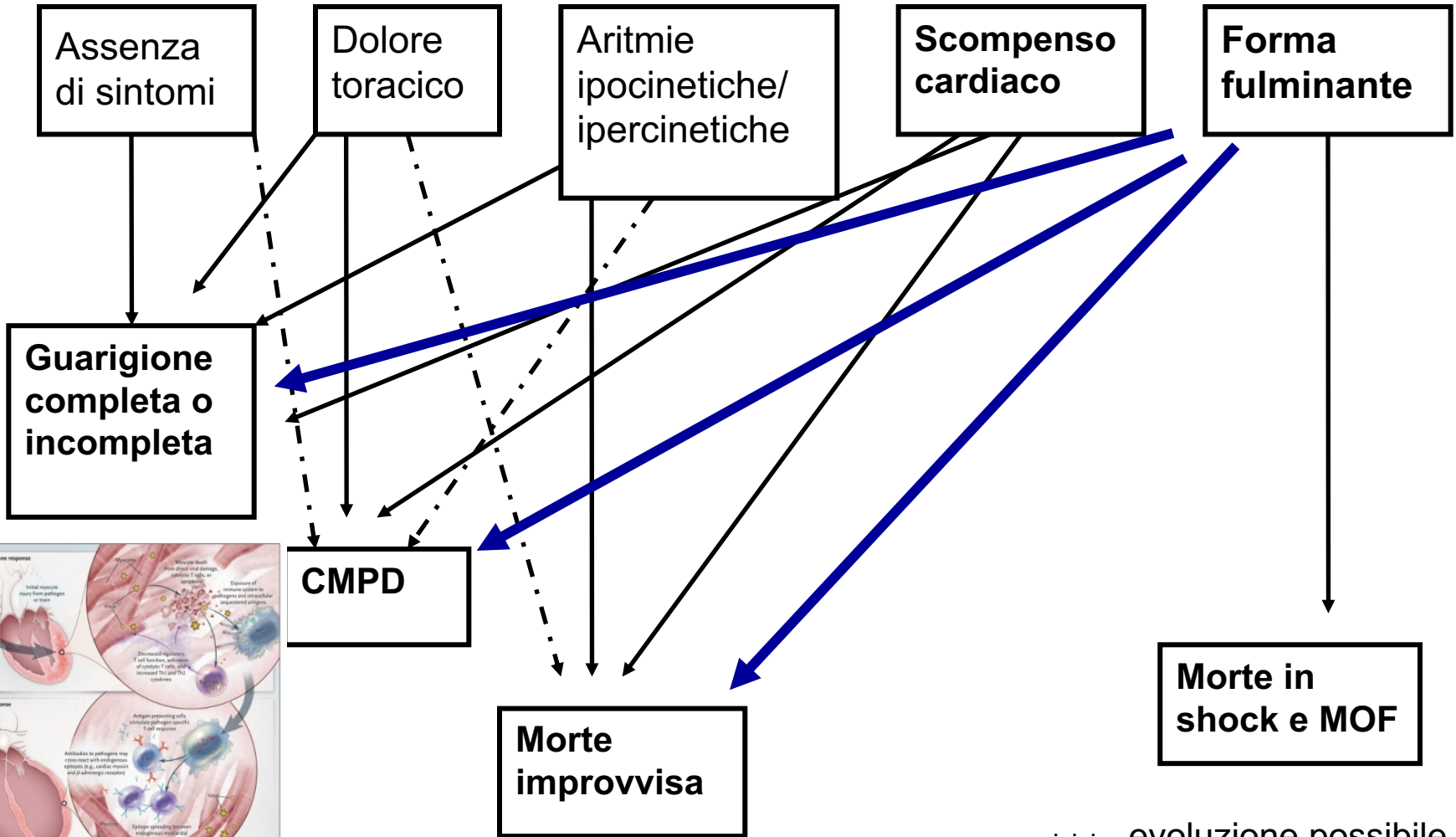
# Myocarditis with Immune Checkpoint Blockade

## Cardiovascular Adverse Events Reported in Phase 3 Trials of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors

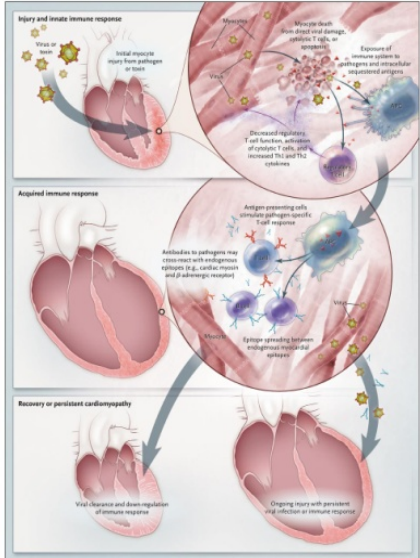
Study and Year	Tumor Type	Drug	Exposed Patients	Reported Cases of Cardiovascular Toxicity
			<i>no.</i>	<i>no. (%)</i>
All studies			5347	10 (0.19)
Hodi et al., 2010	Melanoma	Ipilimumab	511	0
Robert et al., 2011	Melanoma	Ipilimumab	247	0
Weber et al., 2015	Melanoma	Nivolumab	268	0
Robert et al., 2015	Melanoma	Nivolumab	206	1 case of hypotension (0.49)
Robert et al., 2015	Melanoma	Pembrolizumab or ipilimumab	811	1 cardiac arrest associated with metabolic imbalances from ipilimumab-induced diarrhea; 4 cases of hypertension (0.62)
Larkin et al., 2015	Melanoma	Nivolumab, ipilimumab, or nivolumab plus ipilimumab	937	0
Eggermont et al., 2015 and 2016	Melanoma (adjuvant)	Ipilimumab	471	1 case of myocarditis (0.21)
Borghaei et al., 2015	Non-squamous non-small-cell lung cancer	Nivolumab	287	1 case of cardiac tamponade; 1 case of pericardial effusion (0.70)
Brahmer et al., 2015	Squamous non-small-cell lung cancer	Nivolumab	131	0
Reck et al., 2016	Non-small-cell lung cancer	Pembrolizumab	154	0
Herbst et al., 2016	Non-small-cell lung cancer	Pembrolizumab	682	1 case of myocardial infarction (0.15)
Motzer et al., 2015	Renal-cell carcinoma	Nivolumab	406	0
Ferris et al., 2016	Head and neck squamous-cell carcinoma	Nivolumab	236	0



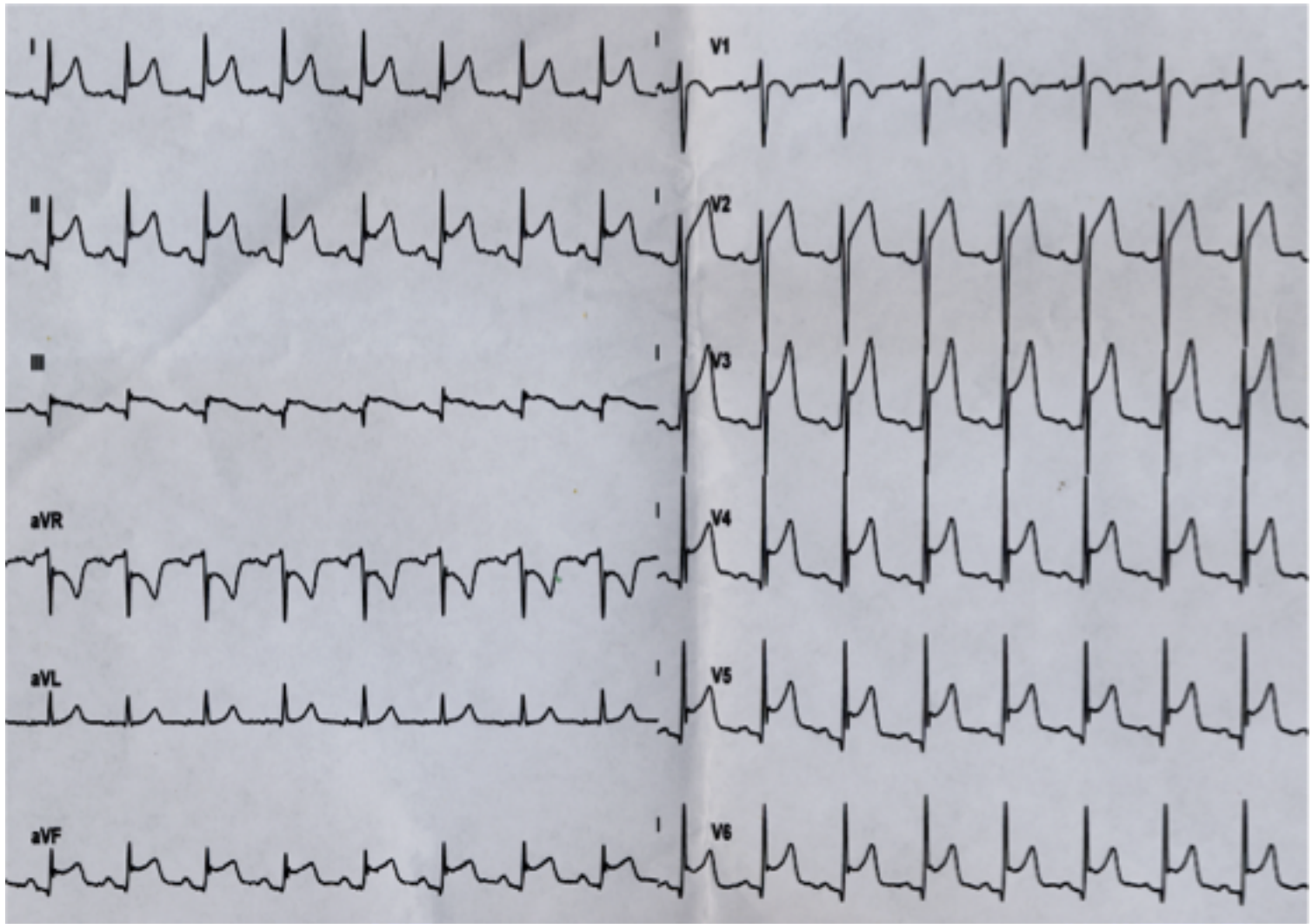
# Miocardite: manifestazioni cliniche ed evoluzione



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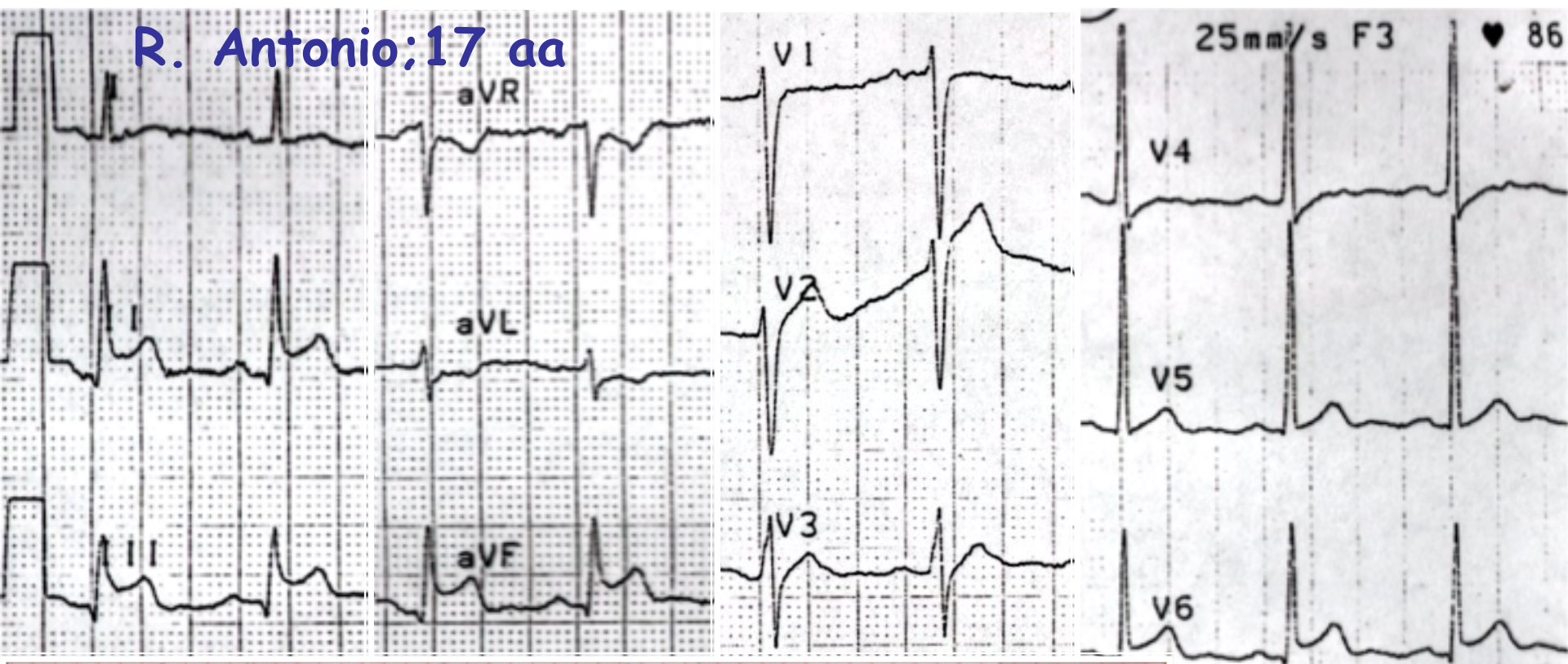


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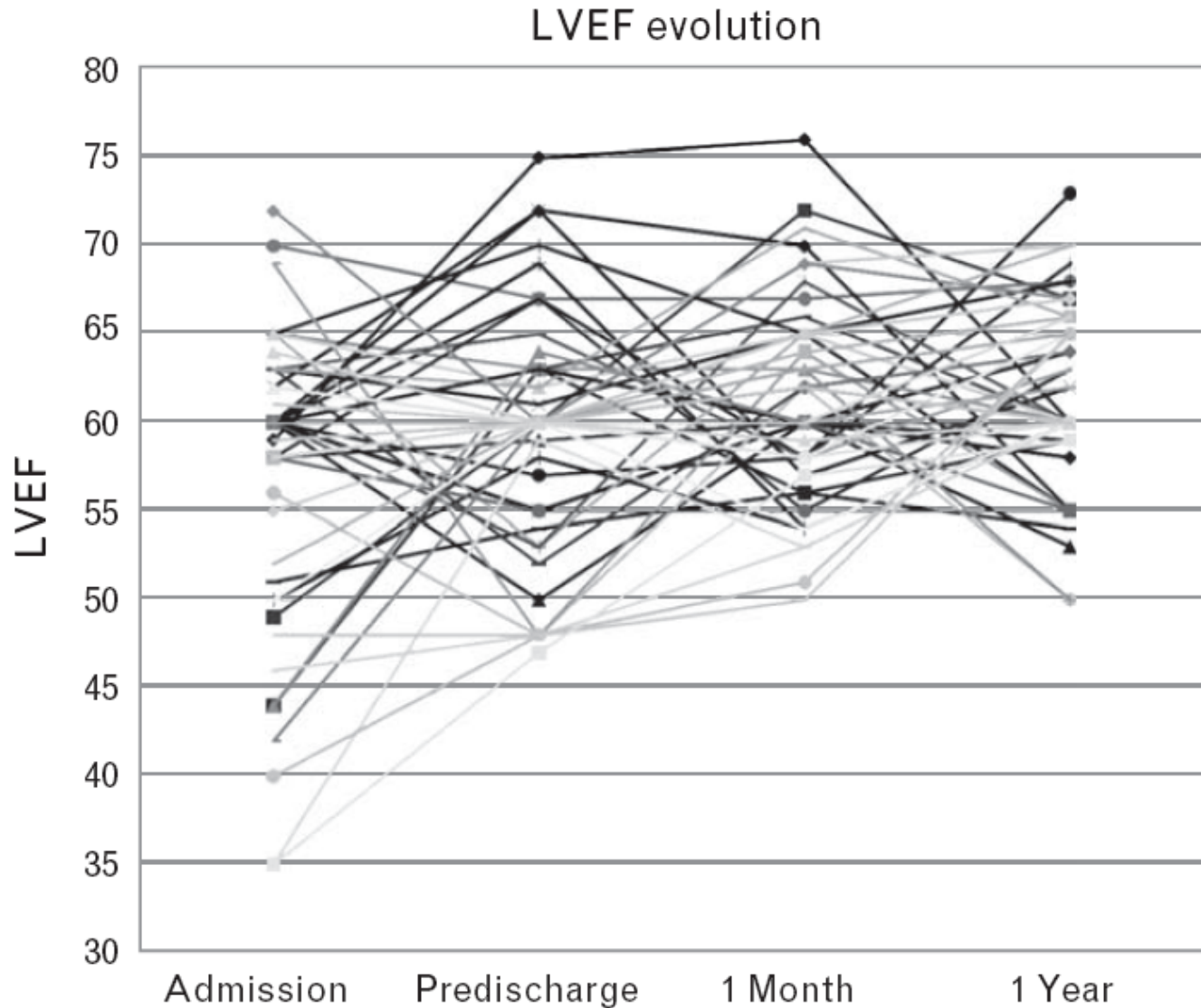
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# Clinical presentation and long-term follow-up of perimyocarditis

Buiatti, Sinagra et al  
J Cardiovasc Med 2012, 13:000–000





## Good Prognosis for Pericarditis With and Without Myocardial Involvement : Results From a Multicenter, Prospective Cohort Study

Massimo Imazio, Antonio Brucato, Andrea Barbieri, Francesca Ferroni, Silvia Maestroni, Guido Ligabue, Alessandra Chinaglia, Davide Cumetti, Giovanni Della Casa, Federica Bonomi, Francesca Mantovani, Paola Di Corato, Roberta Lugli, Riccardo Faletti, Stefano Leuzzi, Rodolfo Bonamini, Maria Grazia Modena and Riccardo Belli

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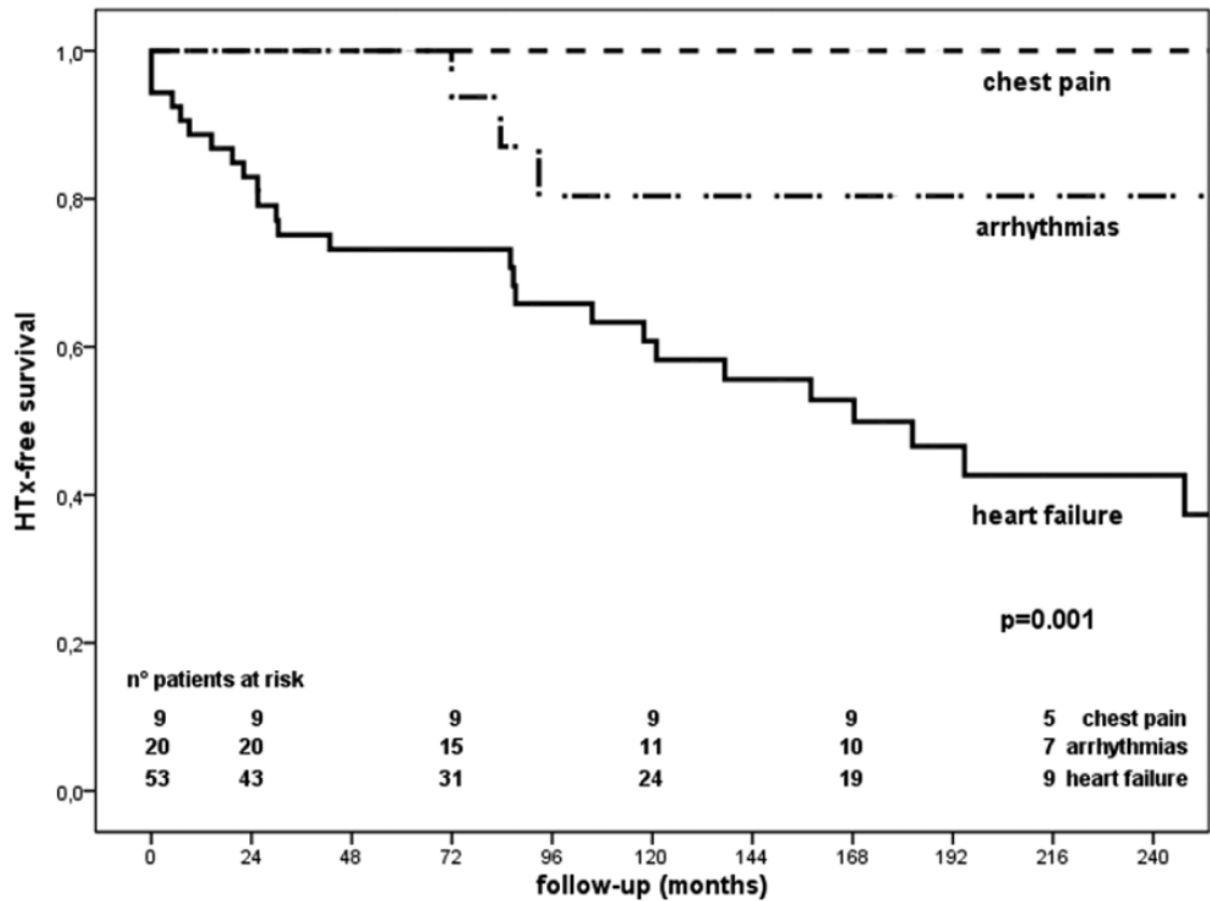
f-up 36 mo (6-88)	Pericarditis (n=346), n (%)	Myopericarditi s (n=114), n (%)	Perimyocarditi s (n=26), n (%)	P
Recurrence	110 (31.8)	12 (10.5)	3 (11.5)	<0.001
Cardiac tamponade	8 (2.3)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	NS
Constrictive pericarditis	2 (0.6)	1 (0.9)	0 (0.0)	NS
<b>Heart failure</b>	<b>0 (0.0)</b>	<b>0 (0.0)</b>	<b>0 (0.0)</b>	<b>NS</b>
LV dysfunction (EF <55%) at 12 mo	4 (1.1)	9 (7.9)	4 (15.4)	<0.001
<b>All-cause death</b>	<b>0 (0.0)</b>	<b>0 (0.0)</b>	<b>0 (0.0)</b>	<b>NS</b>

## Long-Term Evolution and Prognostic Stratification of Biopsy-Proven Active Myocarditis

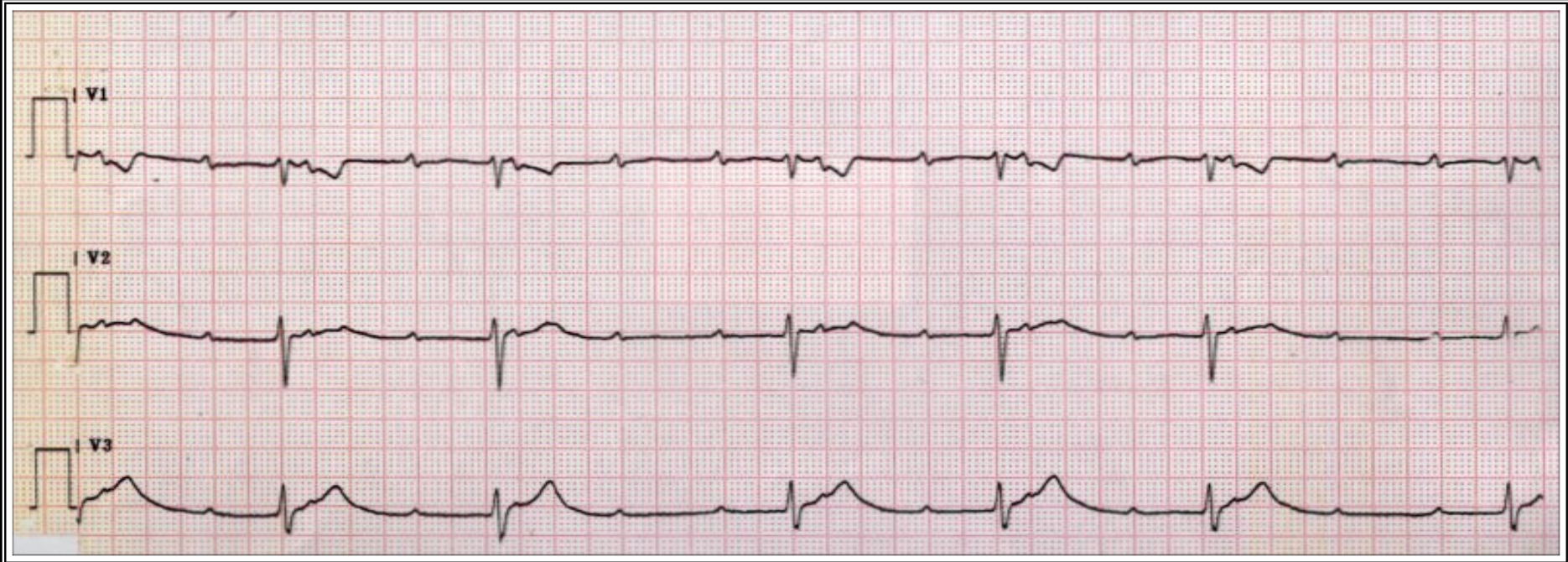
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*Circulation.* 2013;128:2384-2394; originally published online October 1, 2013;  
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**82 pts; Fup 147 mo;  
53% 6 mo impr/norm  
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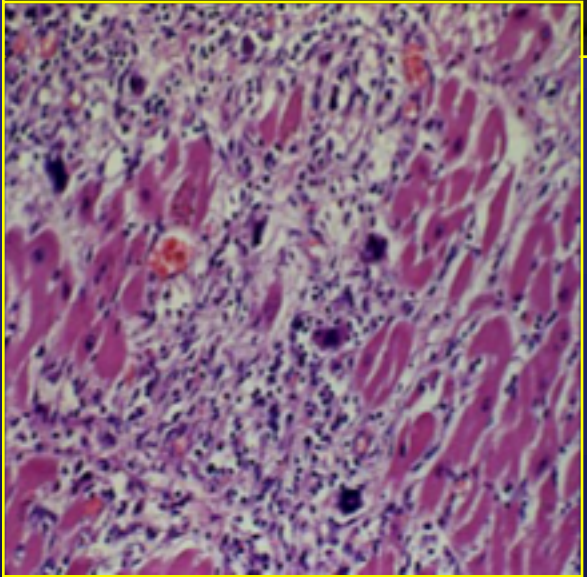
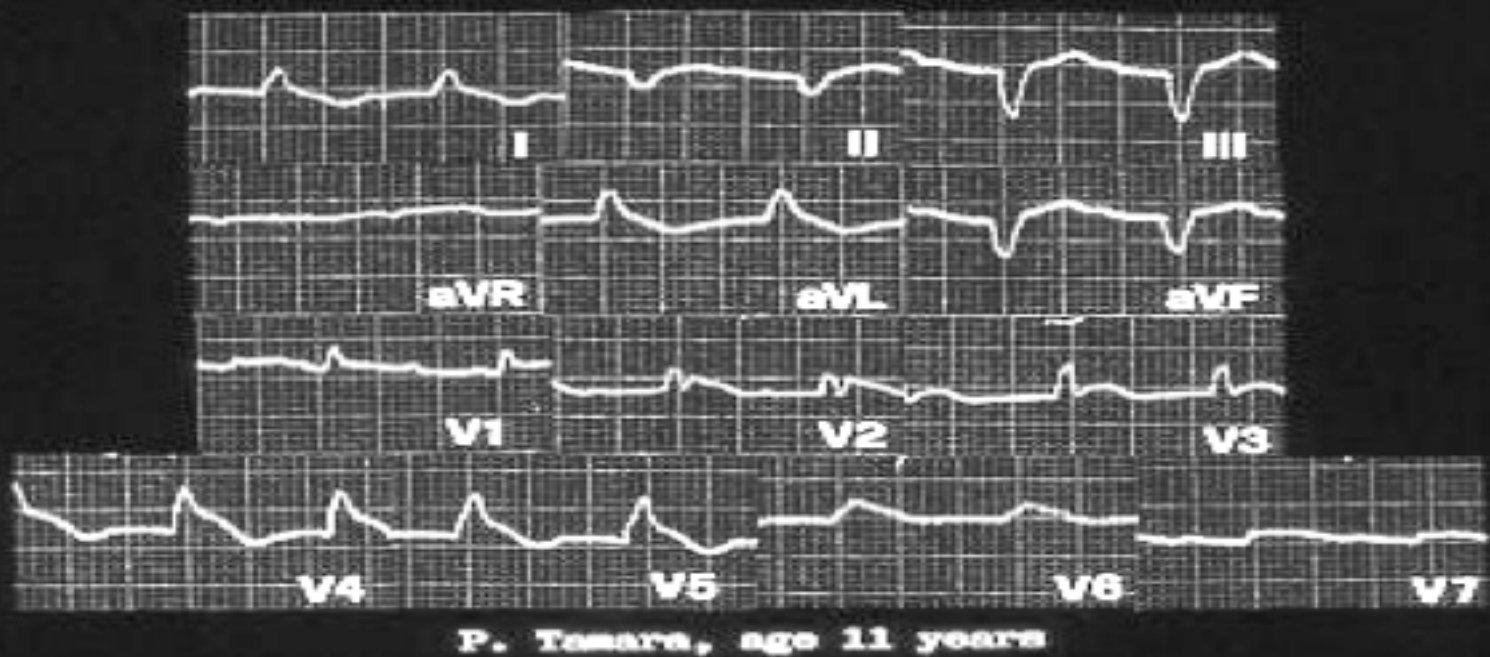
# Venoarterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for Acute Fulminant Myocarditis in Adult Patients: A 5-Year Multi-Institutional Experience

Table 5. Review of Published Studies That Included 6 or More Adults Patients Affected by Acute Fulminant Myocarditis and Supported by ECMO

Reference	Time Span	Patients, n	ECMO Weaning, n (%)	Survival to Hospital Discharge, n (%)	Postoperative Survival, % (follow-up, years)
Kawahito et al [19]	1991–1997	6	5 (80)	5 (80)	NA
Aoyama et al [5]	1989–2000	52	42 (80.7)	31 (59.6)	NA
Chen et al [9]	1994–2001	15	14 (93)	11 (73)	NA
Asaumi et al [13]	1993–2001	6	4 (67)	4 (67)	NA
Maejima et al [14]	1991–2000	8	NA	6 (75)	100 (range, 1.4–5.9)
Sezai et al [20]	1999–2006	7	7 (100)	7 (100)	NA
Pages et al [6]	2001–2006	6	5 (83)	5 (83)	80% (1)
Thiagarajan et al [21]	1992–2007	16	NA	9 (56)	NA
Hsu et al [10]	1994–2009	51	NA	31 (61)	NA
Mirabel et al [12]	2002–2009	35	NA	24 (69)	100 (1.5)
Beurtheret et al [22]	2005–2009	14	NA	9 (65)	NA
Diddle et al [6]	1995–2014	147	101 (69)	90 (61)	NA

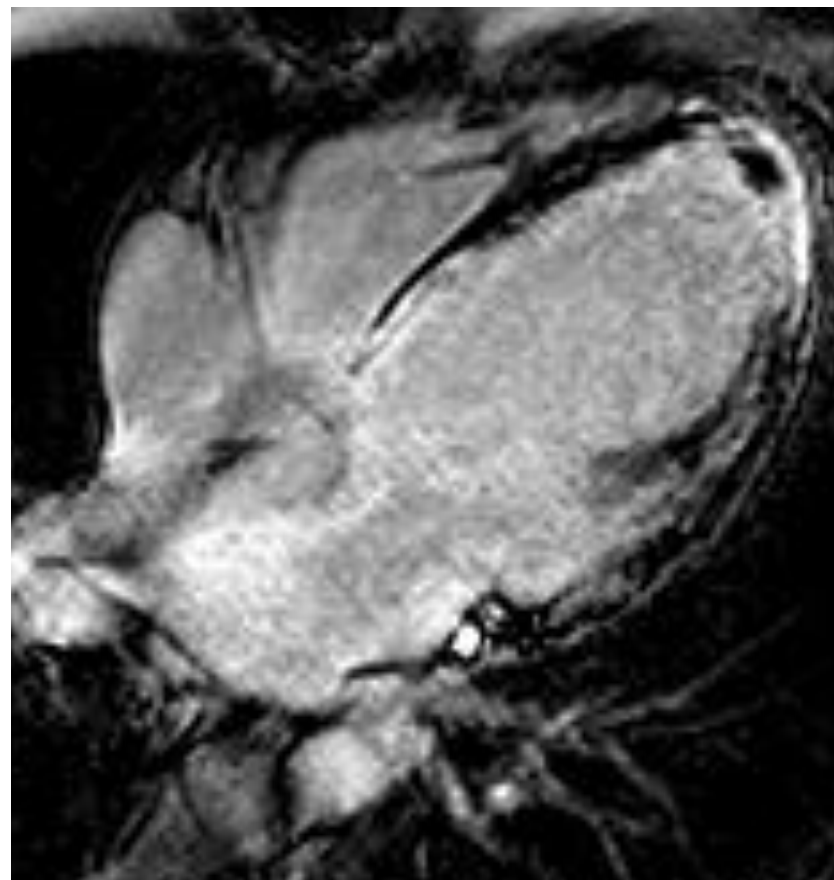
Cardiopulmonary support with VA-ECMO provides an invaluable tool in the treatment of AFM, although major complications may characterize the hospital course. Long-term outcome appears favorable with rare episodes of recurrent myocarditis or cardiac related events.





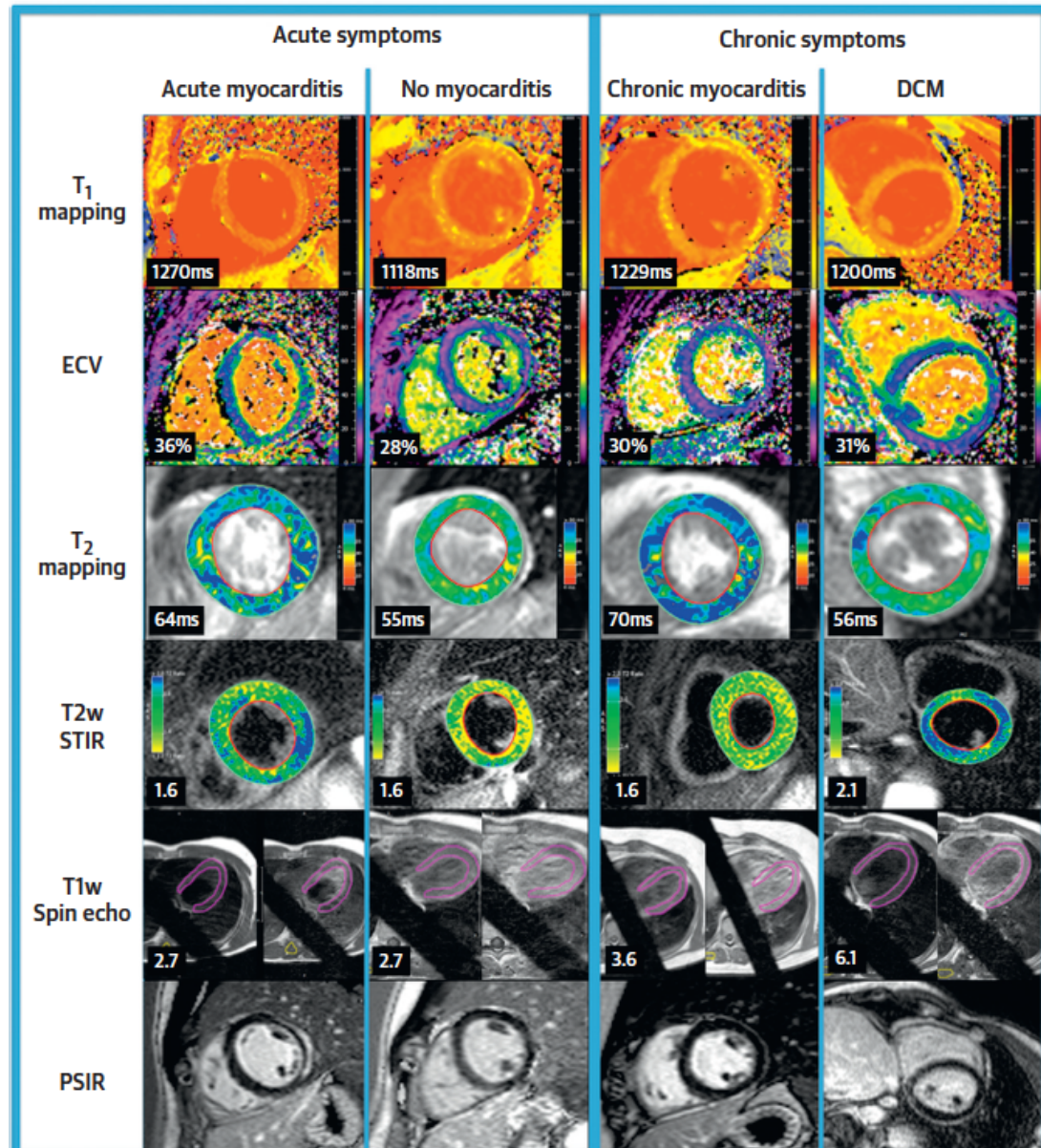


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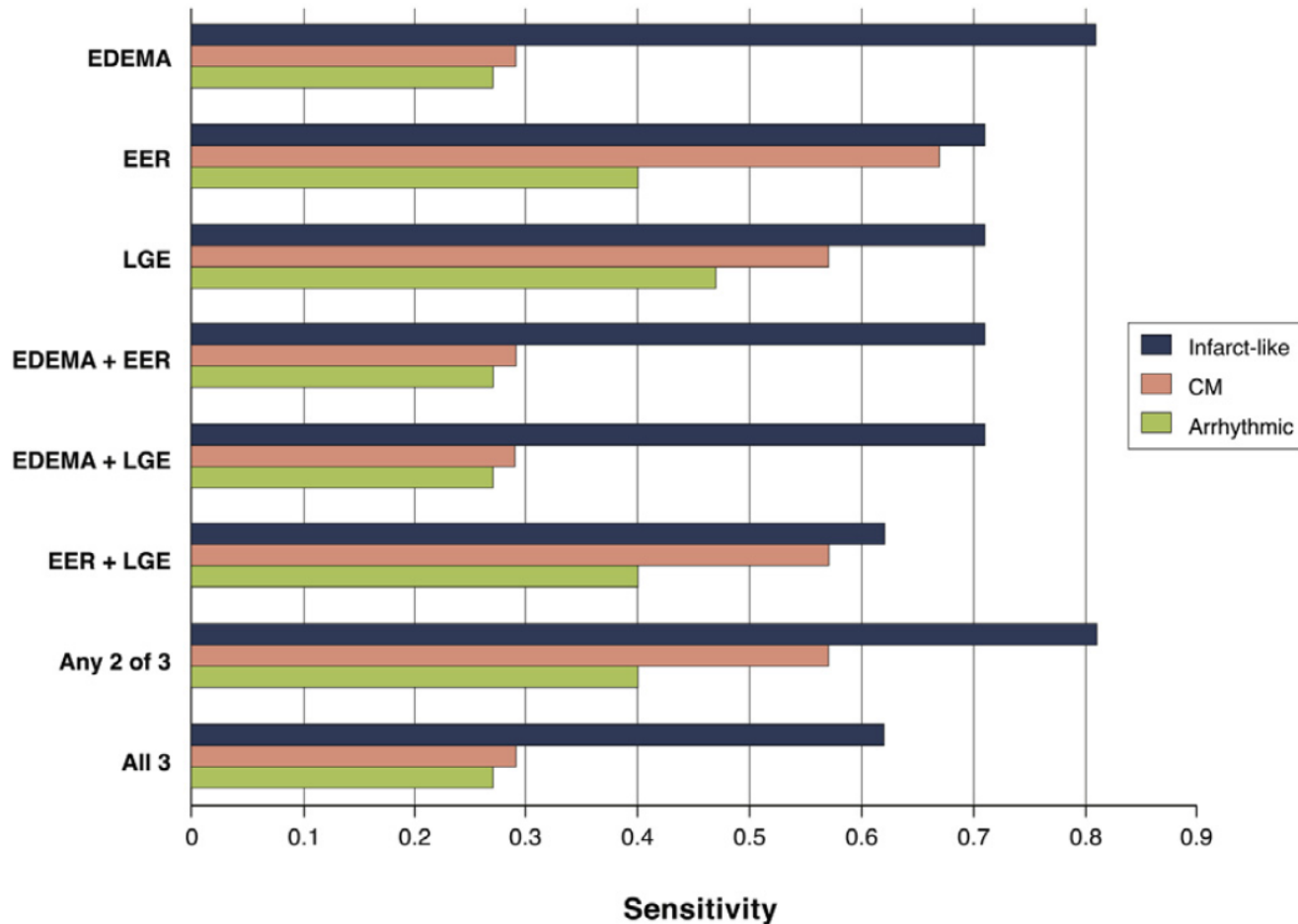
# Comprehensive Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Patients With Suspected Myocarditis

## The MyoRacer-Trial





# CMR Sensitivity Varies With Clinical Presentation and Extent of Cell Necrosis in Biopsy-Proven Acute Myocarditis

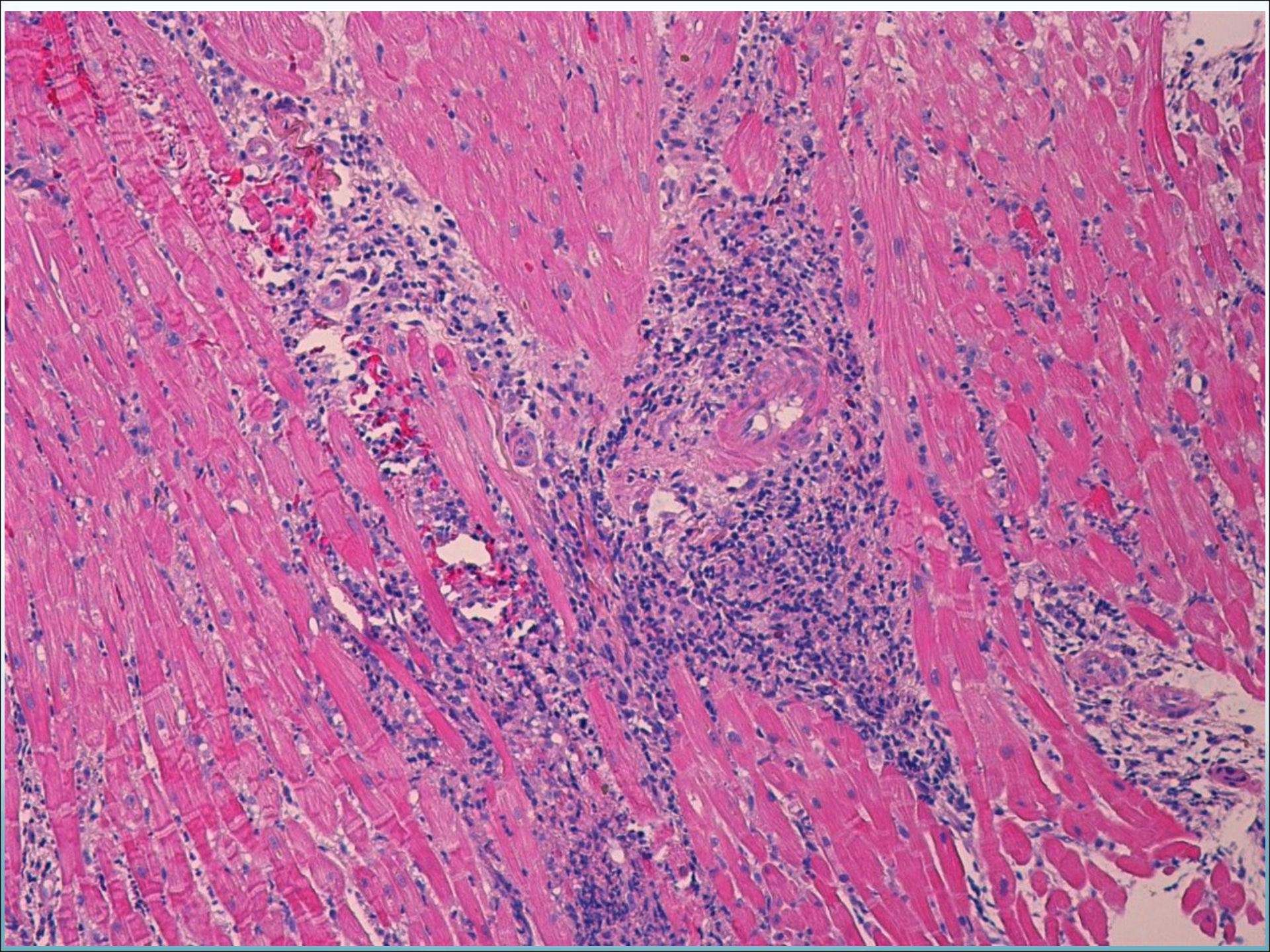


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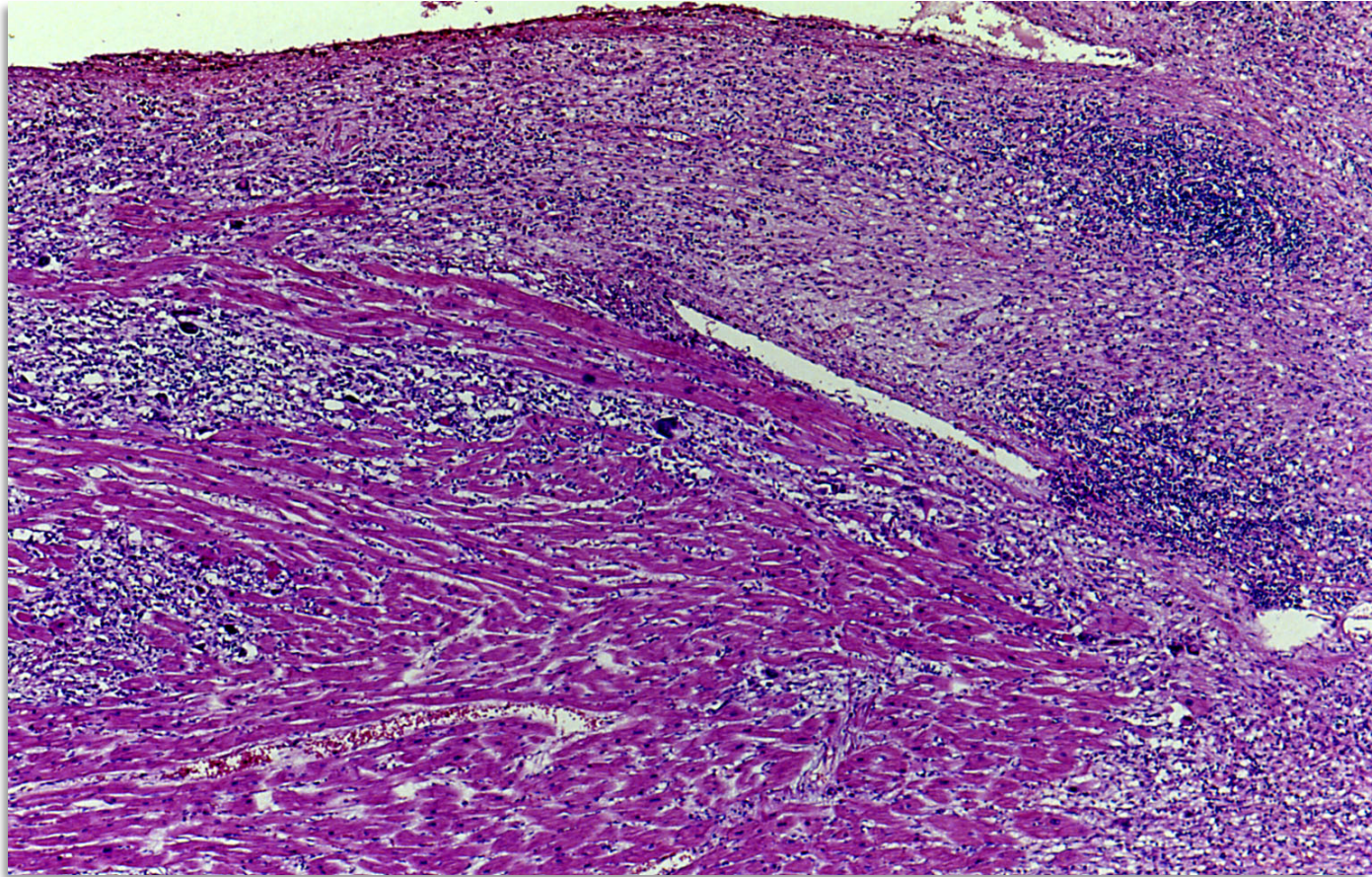
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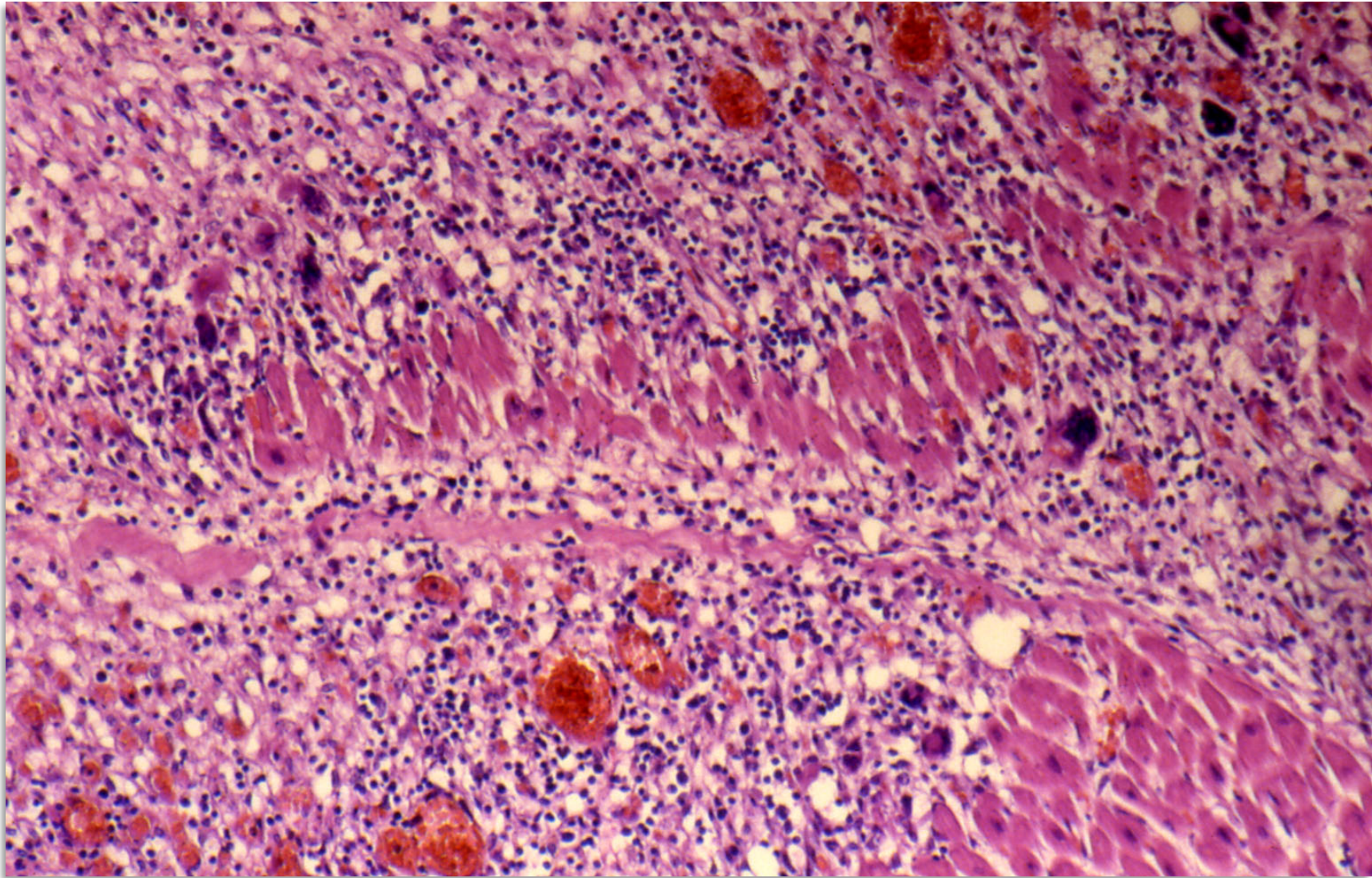




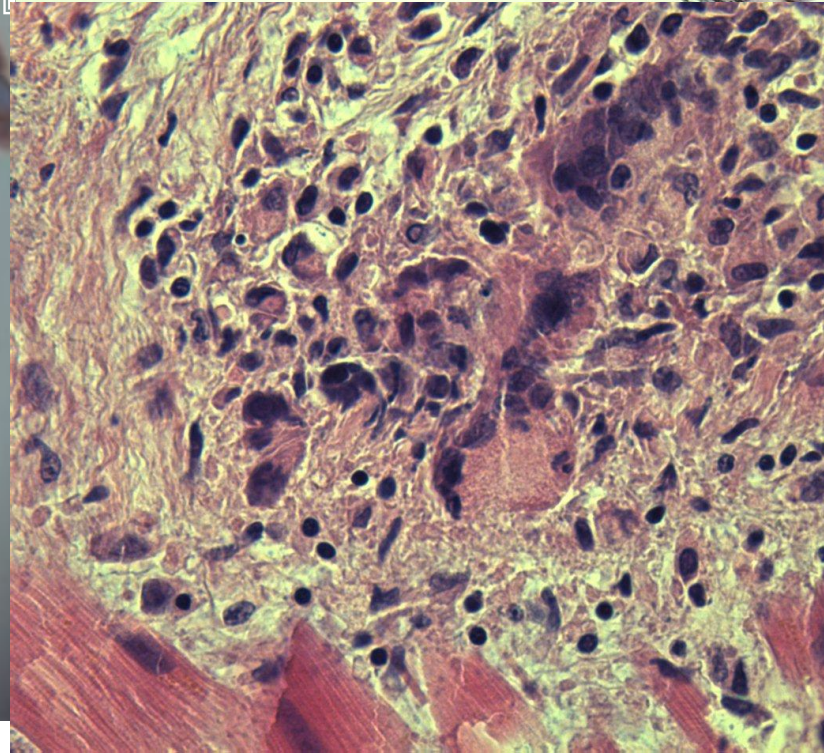
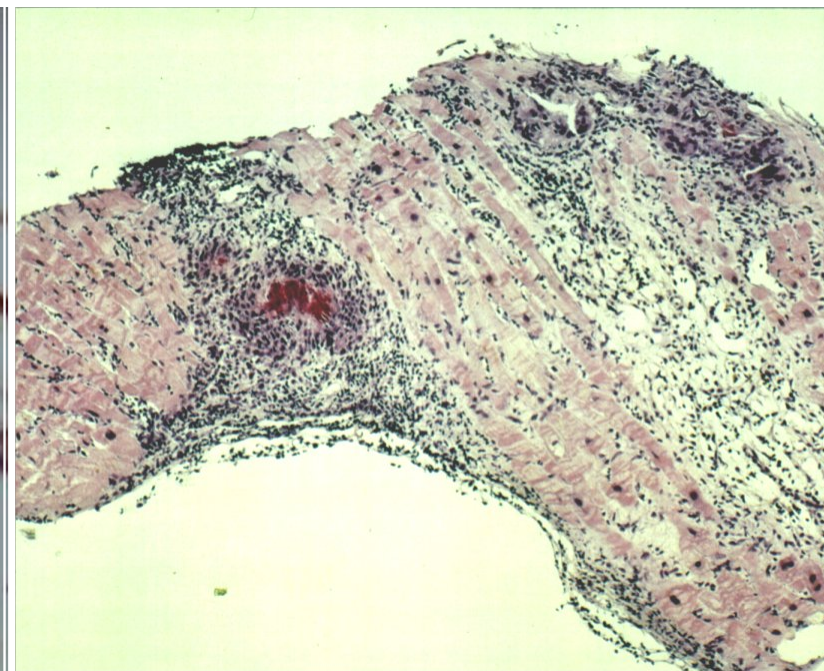
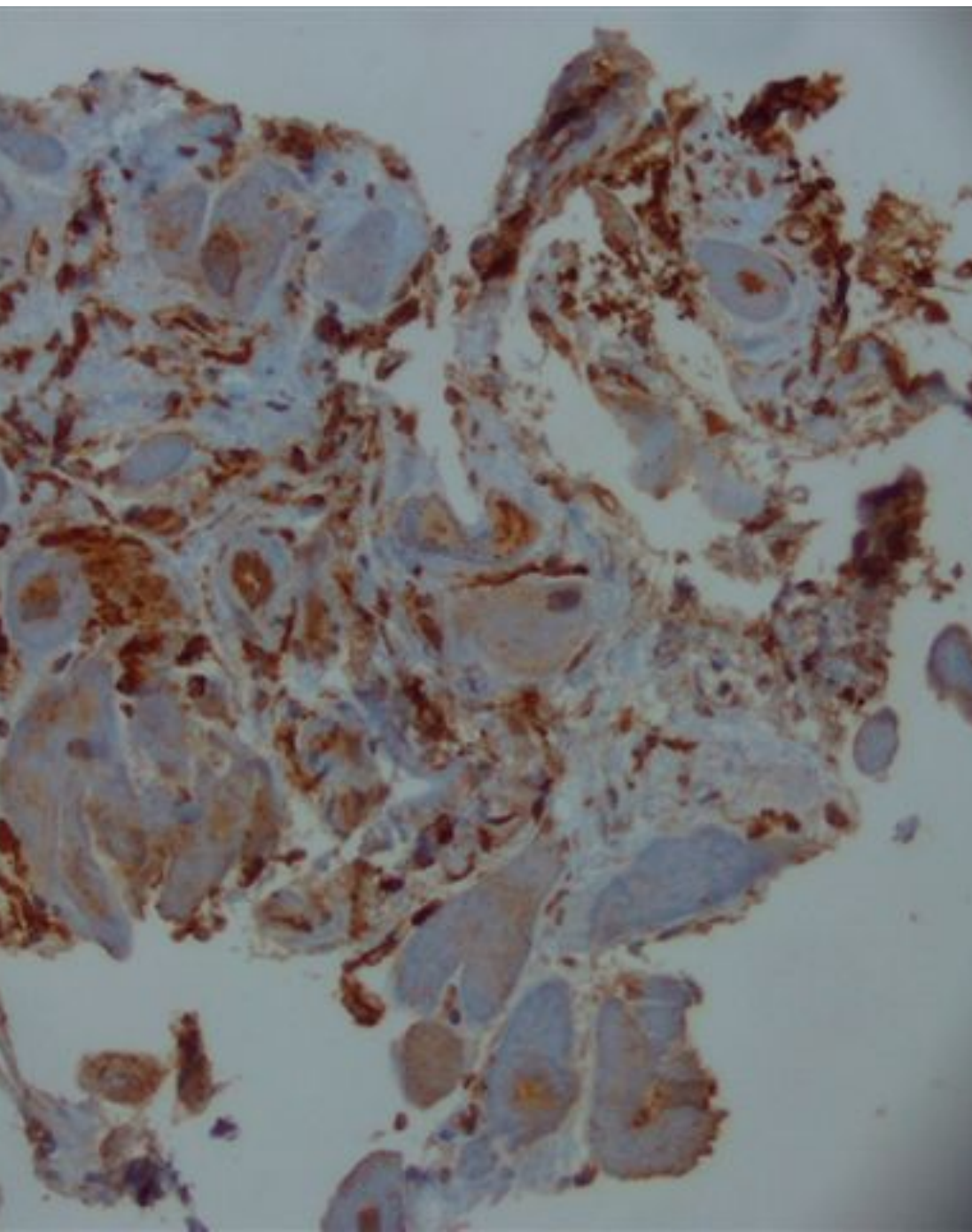




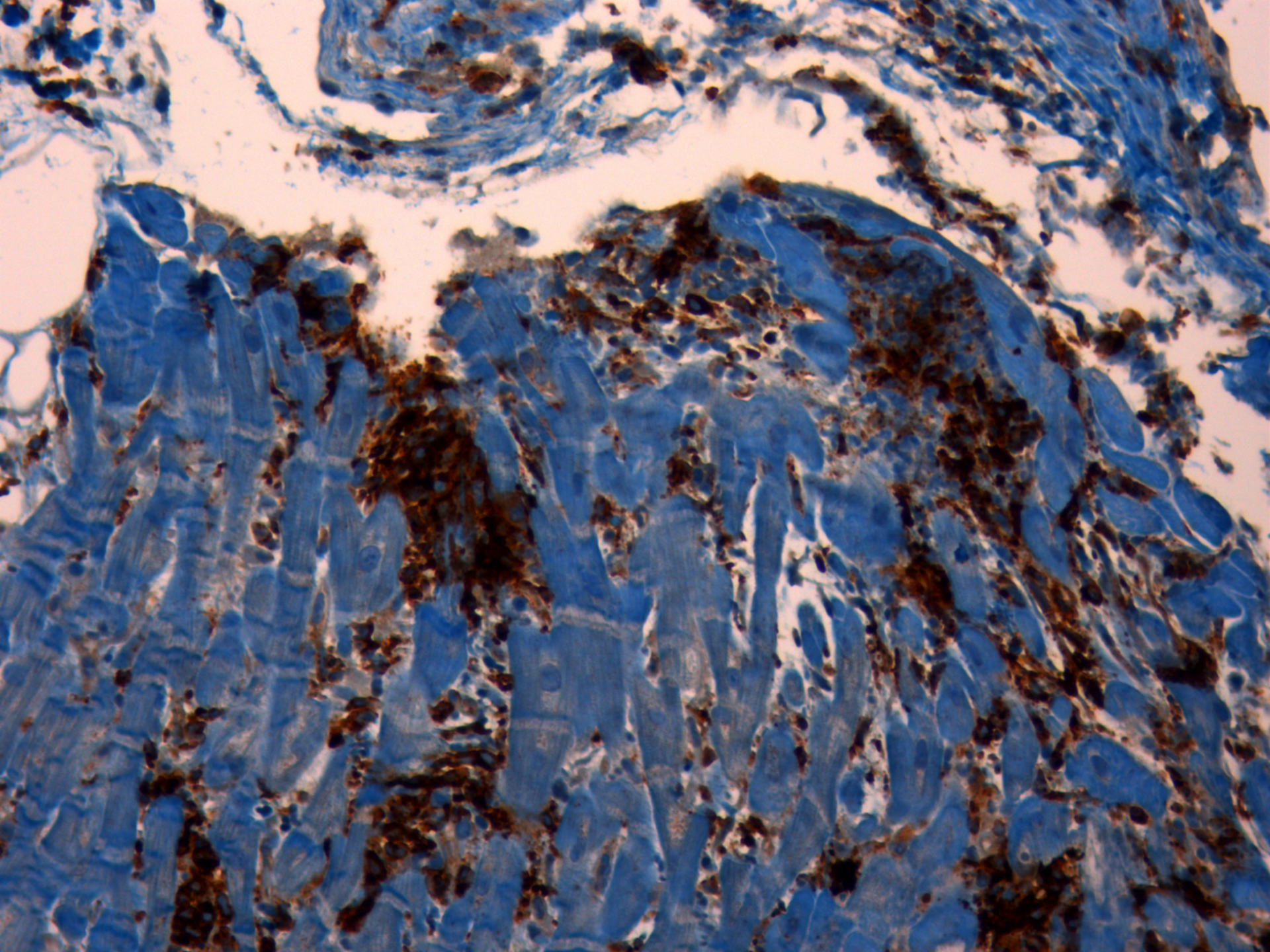
















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**Documento di consenso sulla biopsia endomiocardica  
promosso dall'Associazione per la Patologia  
Cardiovascolare Italiana**

Frequency: 0,3-1,7%

- Type: arrhythmias, free wall perforation, haemopericardium, pneumothorax, coronary fistulae, valve chordal rupture, embolism
- Overall risk of death: 0-0,13%

# Current state of knowledge on aetiology, diagnosis, management, and therapy of myocarditis: a position statement of the European Society of Cardiology Working Group on Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases



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**Table 4** Diagnostic criteria for clinically suspected myocarditis

## Clinical presentations<sup>a</sup>

Acute chest pain, pericarditic, or pseudo-ischaemic

New-onset (days up to 3 months) or worsening of: dyspnoea at rest or exercise, and/or fatigue, with or without left and/or right heart failure signs

Subacute/chronic (>3 months) or worsening of: dyspnoea at rest or exercise, and/or fatigue, with or without left and/or right heart failure signs

Palpitation, and/or unexplained arrhythmia symptoms and/or syncope, and/or aborted sudden cardiac death

Unexplained cardiogenic shock

## Recommendations

11. Tissue obtained from EMB should be analysed using histology, immunohistochemistry, and viral PCR (on heart tissue and a blood sample).
12. At least three myocardial samples, each 1–2 mm in size, should be taken (from the right or from the left ventricle) and immediately fixed in 10% buffered formalin at room temperature for light microscopy; additional samples should be taken, snap frozen in liquid nitrogen, and stored at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$ , or stored in RNA later tubes at room temperature, for viral PCR.<sup>2,149</sup>
13. Endomyocardial biopsy may be repeated if necessary to monitor response to aetiology-directed therapy, or if a sampling error is suspected in a patient with unexplained progression of heart failure.

Clinically suspected myocarditis (see Table 4)

Hospital admission for observation

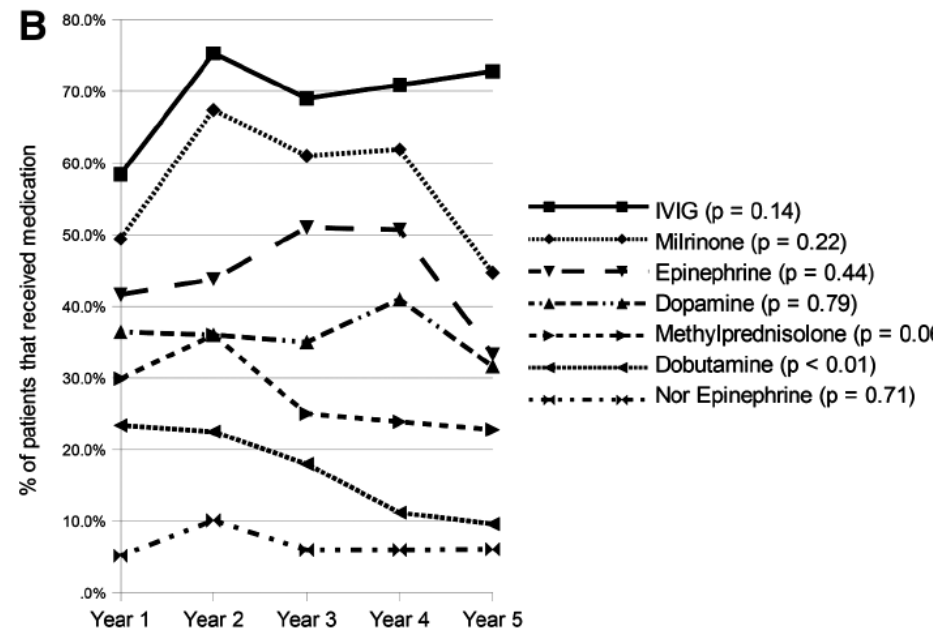
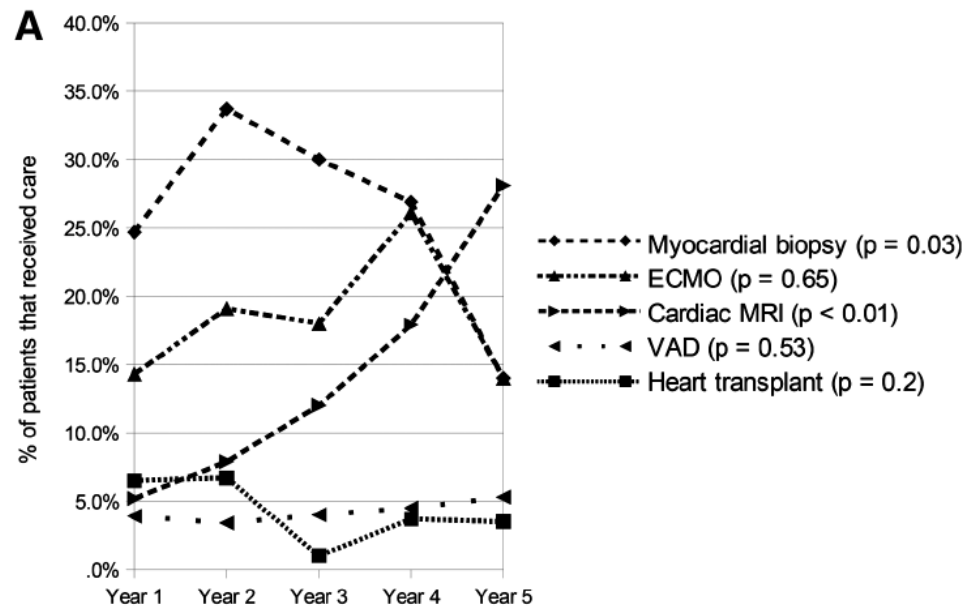
exclude coronary artery disease

EMB

# Demographics, Trends, and Outcomes in Pediatric Acute Myocarditis in the United States, 2006 to 2011

Sunil J. Ghelani, MBBS, MD; Michael C. Spaeder, MD, MS; William Pastor, MA, MPH;  
Christopher F. Spurney, MD; Darren Klugman, MD, MMS

*Circ Cardiovasc Qual Outcomes. 2012;5:622-627.*





# ACCF/AHA Practice Guideline

## 2013 ACCF/AHA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure

### A Report of the American College of Cardiology Foundation/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines

**Table 11. Recommendations for Invasive Evaluation**

Recommendations	COR	LOE
Monitoring with a pulmonary artery catheter should be performed in patients with respiratory distress or impaired systemic perfusion when clinical assessment is inadequate	I	C
Invasive hemodynamic monitoring can be useful for carefully selected patients with acute HF with persistent symptoms and/or when hemodynamics are uncertain	IIa	C
When ischemia may be contributing to HF, coronary arteriography is reasonable	IIa	C
Endomyocardial biopsy can be useful in patients with HF when a specific diagnosis is suspected that would influence therapy	IIa	C
Routine use of invasive hemodynamic monitoring is not recommended in normotensive patients with acute HF	III: No Benefit	B <sup>305</sup>
Endomyocardial biopsy should not be performed in the routine evaluation of HF	III: Harm	C

COR indicates Class of Recommendation; HF, heart failure; and LOE, Level of Evidence.

#### Class IIa

- Endomyocardial biopsy can be useful in patients presenting with HF when a specific diagnosis is suspected that would influence therapy. (*Level of Evidence: C*)

#### Class III: Harm

- Endomyocardial biopsy should not be performed in the routine evaluation of patients with HF. (*Level of Evidence: C*)

# 2016 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure

The Task Force for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

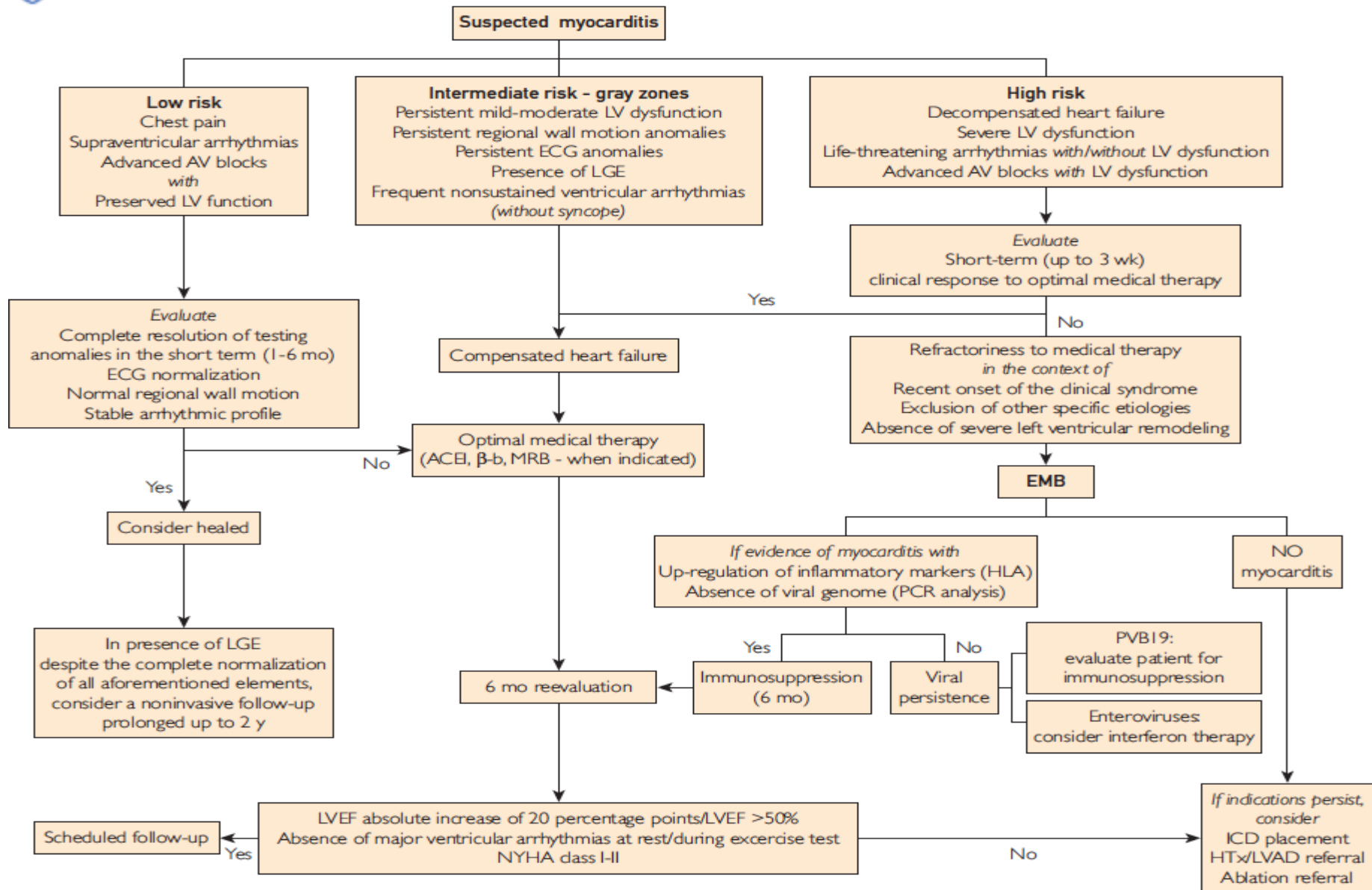
EMB should be considered in patients with rapidly progressive HF despite standard therapy when there is a probability of a specific diagnosis which can be confirmed only in myocardial samples and specific therapy is available and effective.

IIa

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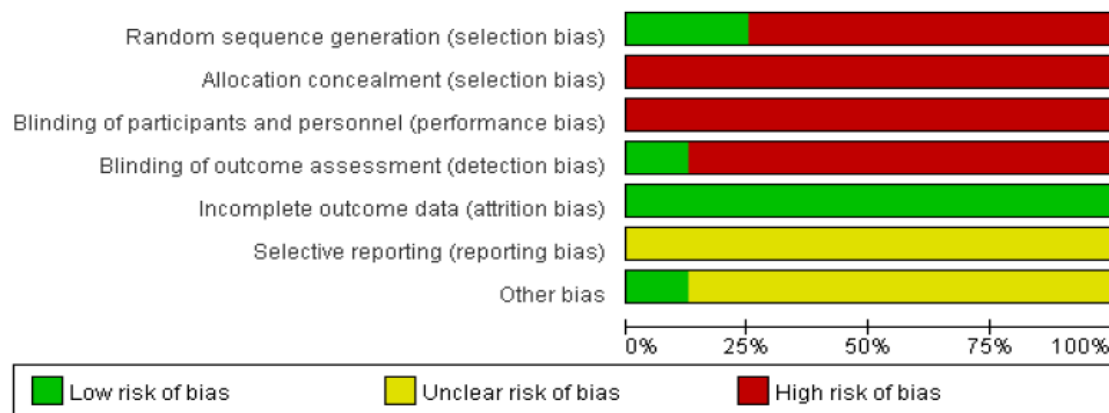


# Corticosteroids for viral myocarditis

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	Yang 2006	Wojnicz 1999	Mason 1995	Maisch 1995	Ma 2001	Liao 2005	Latham 1989	Aziz 2010
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Other bias	?	?	●	?	?	?	?	?

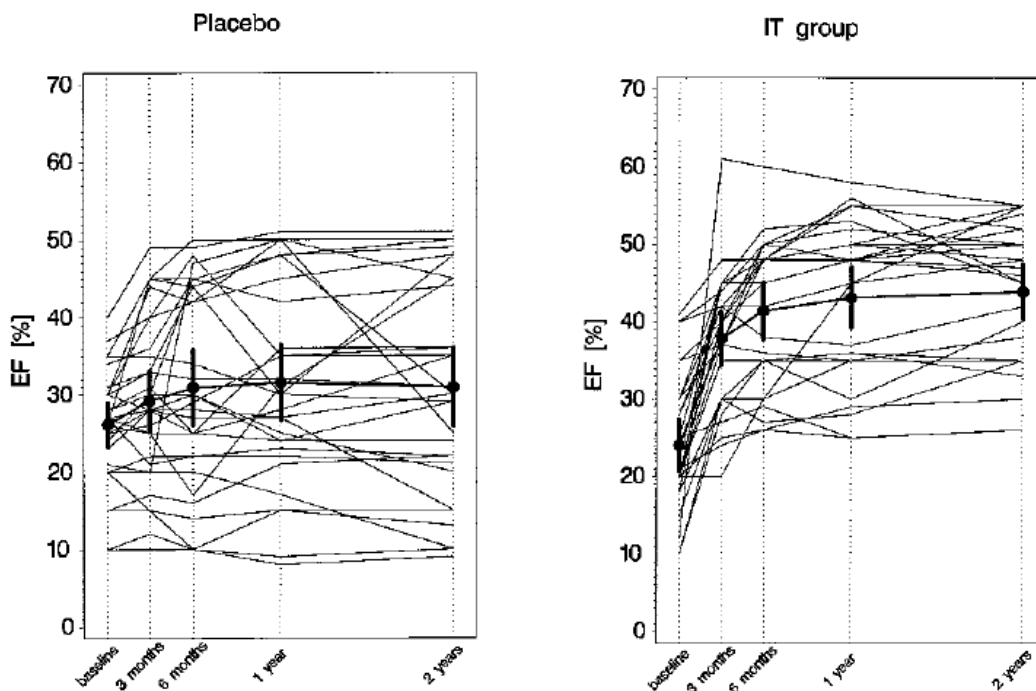


# Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Study for Immunosuppressive Treatment of Inflammatory Dilated Cardiomyopathy : Two-Year Follow-Up Results

Romuald Wojnicz, Ewa Nowalany-Kozielska, Celina Wojciechowska, Grazyna Glanowska, Przemyslaw Wilczewski, Tomasz Niklewski, Marian Zembala, Lech Polonski, Marius M.

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*Circulation* 2001, 104:39-45



**Studio Randomizzato Controllato**

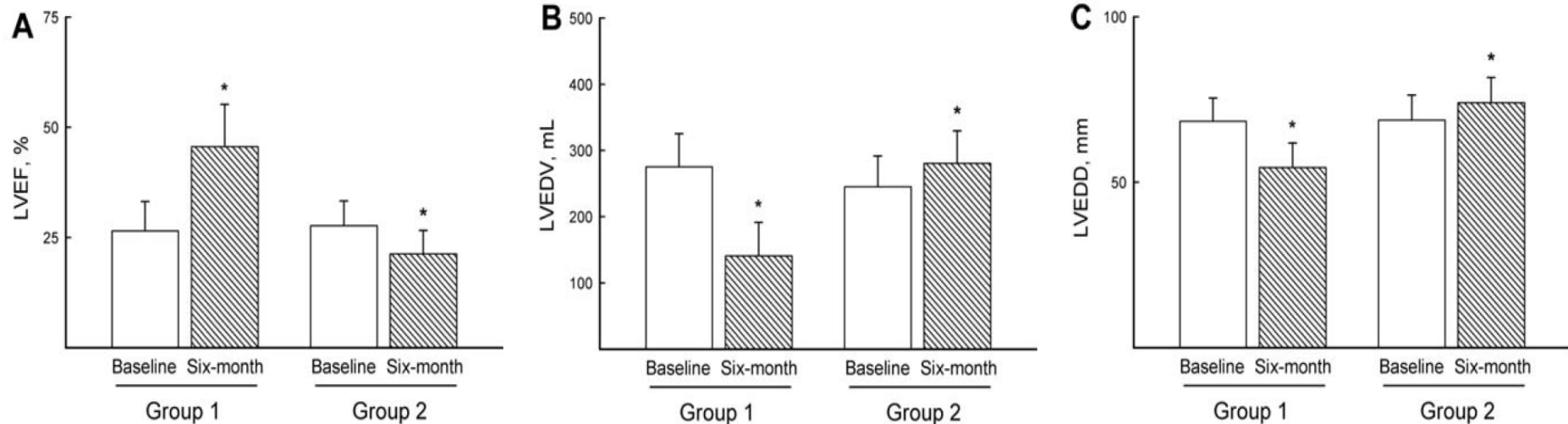
**Pazienti con sintomi di SCC da almeno 6 mesi**

**Arruolamento in base a Immunoistochimica (Immunoattivazione)**

# Randomized study on the efficacy of immunosuppressive therapy in patients with virus-negative inflammatory cardiomyopathy: the TIMIC study

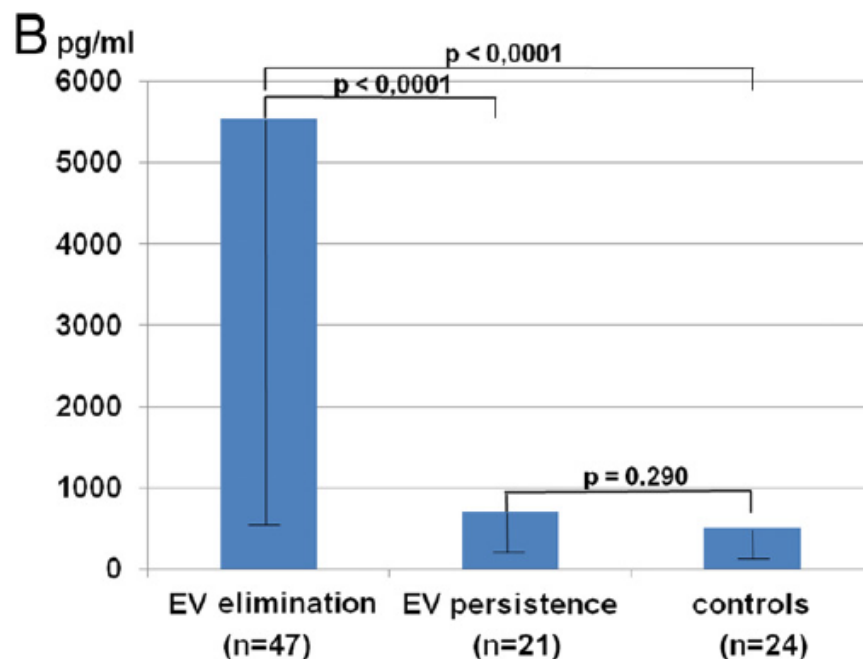
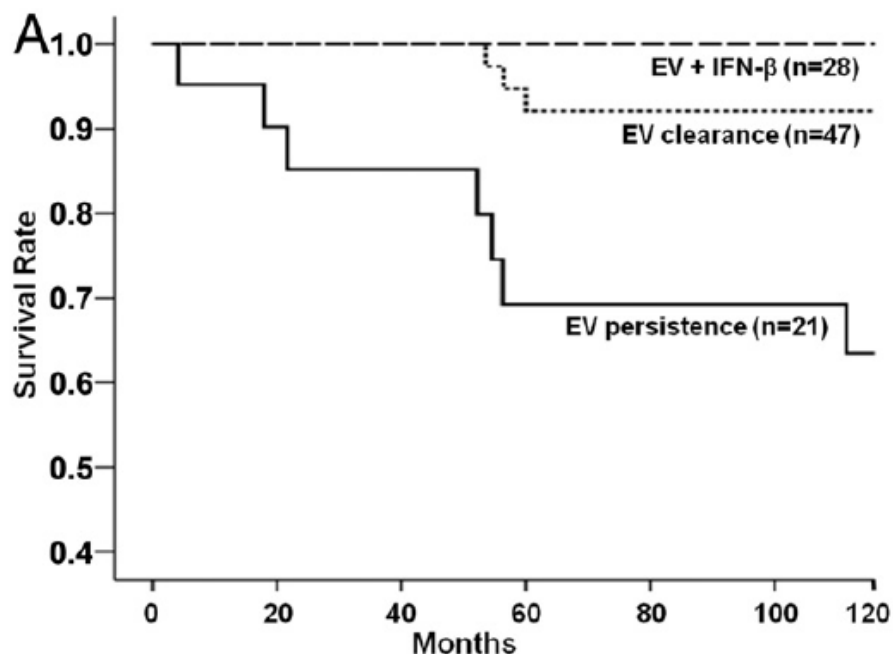
European Heart Journal (2009) **30**, 1995–2002

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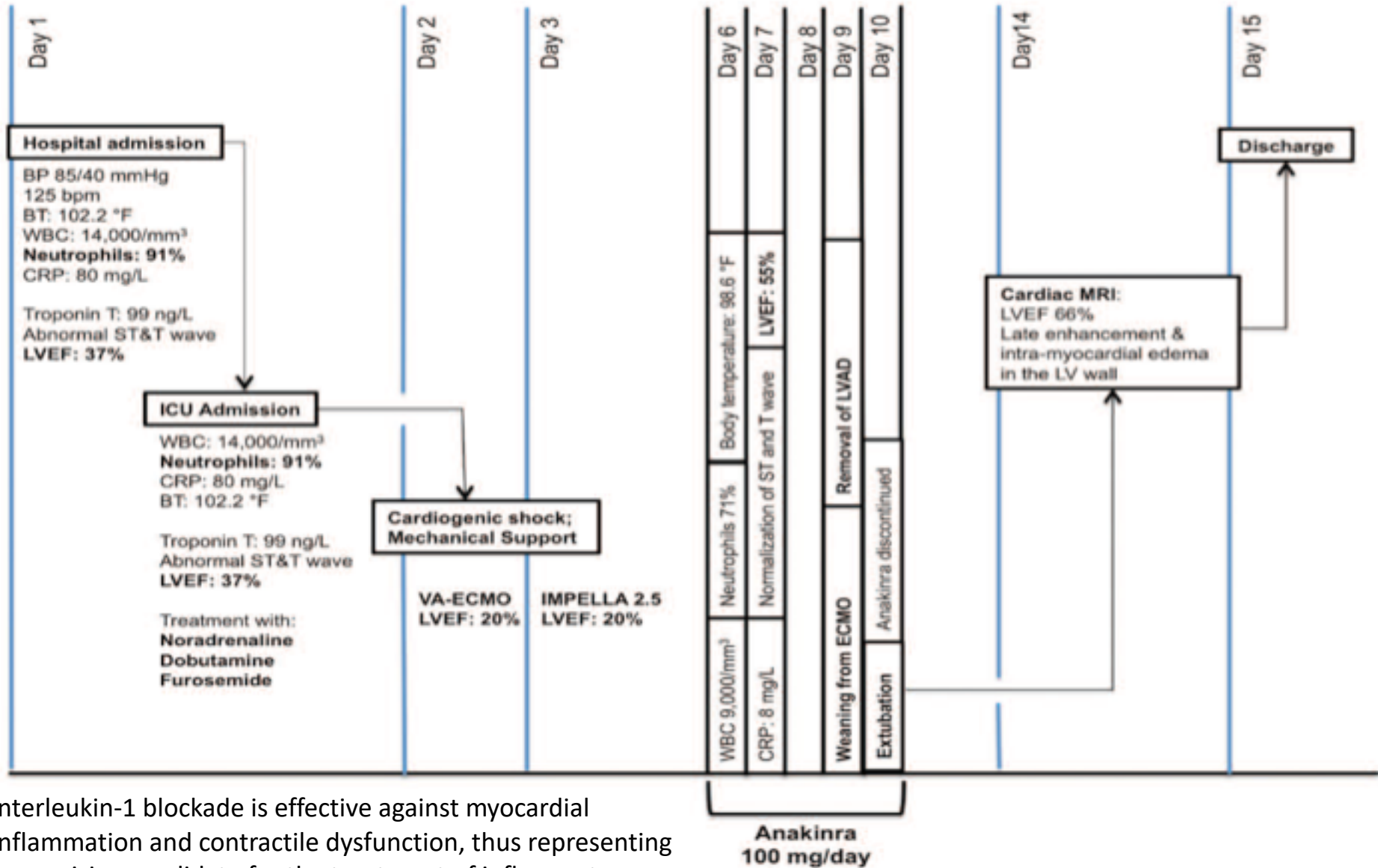
**Studio Randomizzato Controllato**  
**Pazienti con sintomi di SCC da almeno 6 mesi**  
**Eleggibilità se Immunoistochimica positiva e Virologia negativa**

# Interferon-Beta Improves Survival in Enterovirus-Associated Cardiomyopathy





# Treating Life-Threatening Myocarditis by Blocking Interleukin-1



interleukin-1 blockade is effective against myocardial inflammation and contractile dysfunction, thus representing a promising candidate for the treatment of inflammatory heart failure

# Take home message: quali indicazioni a BEM a scopo clinico?

- Shock cardiogeno;
- OHCA;
- HF/aritmie VE minacciose persistenti malgrado terapia convenzionale;
- perimiocarditi ricorrenti anche senza HF/Aritmie;
- quadri migliorati con persistente severa disfunzione (LVEF <40%);
- - malattie infiammatorie sistemiche in immunosoppressione con sospetto di forme infettive specifiche o ausilio all'intensità di immunosoppressione;
- dati controversi su protocolli di terapia specifica e responders a IS;
- spazio per terapia convenzionale ed osservazione evoluzione (prime 2-4 settimane);
- CRM nelle prime 2 sett;
- se BEM + con immunoistochimica+ e virologia molecolare -, vi sono indicazioni a tp immunosoppressiva (steroidi+AZA)