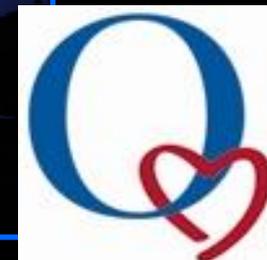




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***Cardioncology:  
is there a common clinical practice?***

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# 4 KEY POINTS

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**RISK STRATIFICATION**

**PREVENTION**

**EARLY DETECTION**

**TREATMENT**

Prevention and Monitoring of Cardiac Dysfunction in Survivors of Adult Cancers: American Society of Clinical Oncology Clinical Practice Guideline

2016 ESC Position Paper on cancer treatments and cardiovascular toxicity developed under the auspices of the ESC Committee for Practice Guidelines

**Clinical Question 1: Which patients with cancer are at increased risk for developing cardiac dysfunction?**

**Recommendation 1.1.** It is recommended that patients with cancer who meet any of the following criteria should be considered at increased risk for developing cardiac dysfunction.

- Treatment that includes any of the following:
  - **High-dose** anthracycline (eg, doxorubicin  $\geq 250$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>, epirubicin  $\geq 600$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>)
  - **High-dose** RT ( $\geq 30$  Gy) where the heart is in the treatment field
  - **Lower-dose** anthracycline (eg, doxorubicin  $< 250$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>, epirubicin  $< 600$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>) in combination with lower-dose RT ( $< 30$  Gy) where the heart is in the treatment field
- Treatment with lower-dose anthracycline (eg, doxorubicin  $< 250$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>, epirubicin  $< 600$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>) or trastuzumab alone, and presence of any of the following risk factors:
  - Multiple cardiovascular risk factors ( $\geq$  two risk factors), including smoking, hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia, and obesity, during or after completion of therapy
  - Older age ( $\geq 60$  years) at cancer treatment
  - Compromised cardiac function (eg, borderline low LVEF [50% to 55%], history of myocardial infarction,  $\geq$  moderate valvular heart disease) at any time before or during treatment
- Treatment with lower-dose anthracycline (eg, doxorubicin  $< 250$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>, epirubicin  $< 600$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>) followed by trastuzumab (sequential therapy)

**Table 4** Baseline risk factors for cardiotoxicity

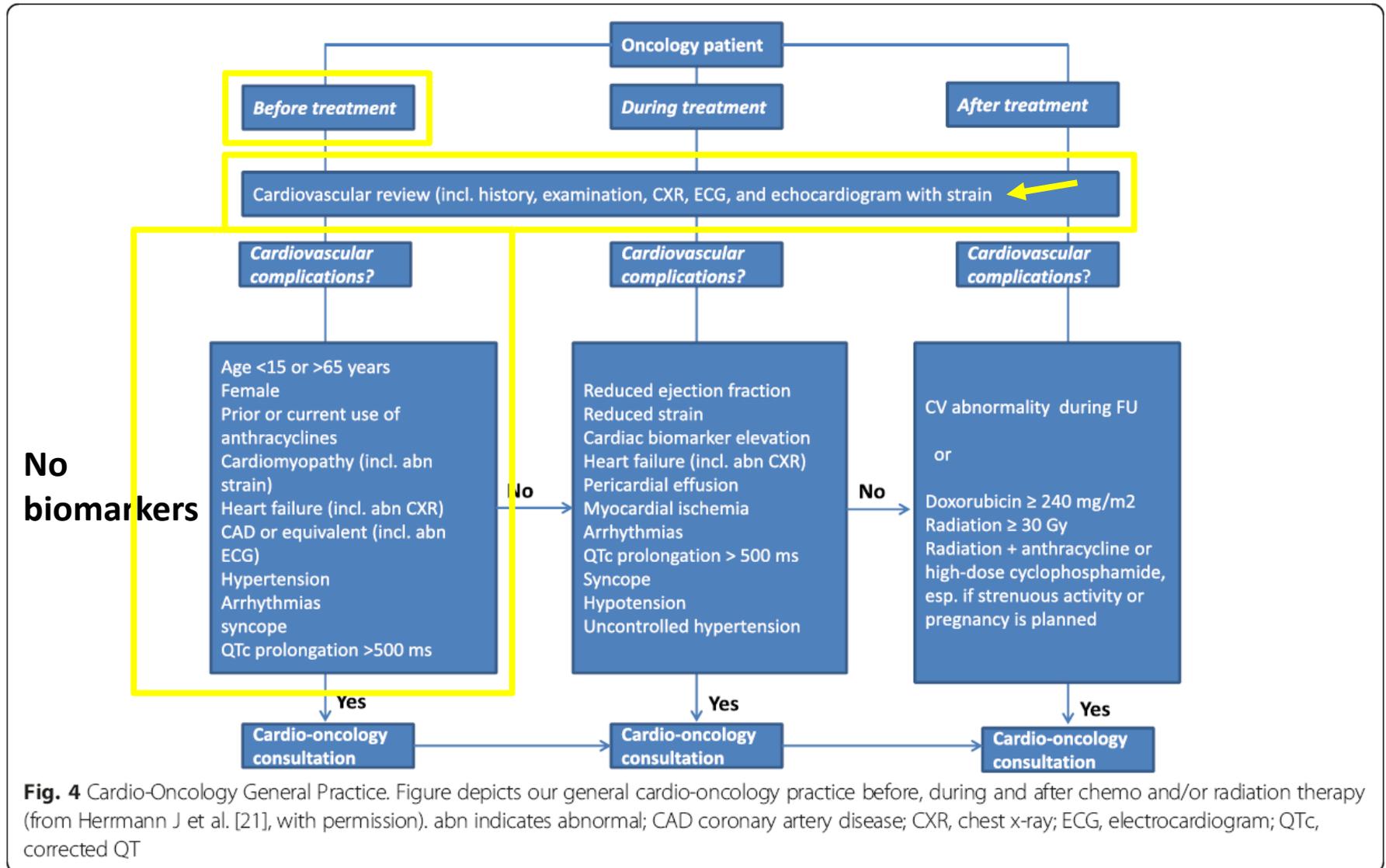
Current myocardial disease	Demographic and other CV risk factors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heart failure (with either preserved or reduced ejection fraction)</li> <li>• Asymptomatic LV dysfunction (LVEF <math>&lt; 50\%</math> or high natriuretic peptide<sup>a</sup>)</li> <li>• Evidence of CAD (previous myocardial infarction, angina, PCI or CABG, myocardial ischaemia)</li> <li>• Moderate and severe VHD with LVH or LV impairment</li> <li>• Hypertensive heart disease with LV hypertrophy</li> <li>• Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy</li> <li>• Dilated cardiomyopathy</li> <li>• Restrictive cardiomyopathy</li> <li>• Cardiac sarcoidosis with myocardial involvement</li> <li>• Significant cardiac arrhythmias (e.g. AF, ventricular tachyarrhythmias)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age (paediatric population <math>&lt; 18</math> years; <math>&gt; 50</math> years for trastuzumab; <math>&gt; 65</math> years for anthracyclines)</li> <li>• Family history of premature CV disease (<math>&lt; 50</math> years)</li> <li>• Arterial hypertension</li> <li>• Diabetes mellitus</li> <li>• Hypercholesterolaemia</li> </ul>
Previous cardiotoxic cancer treatment	Lifestyle risk factors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prior anthracycline use</li> <li>• Prior radiotherapy to chest or mediastinum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smoking</li> <li>• High alcohol intake</li> <li>• Obesity</li> <li>• Sedentary habit</li> </ul>

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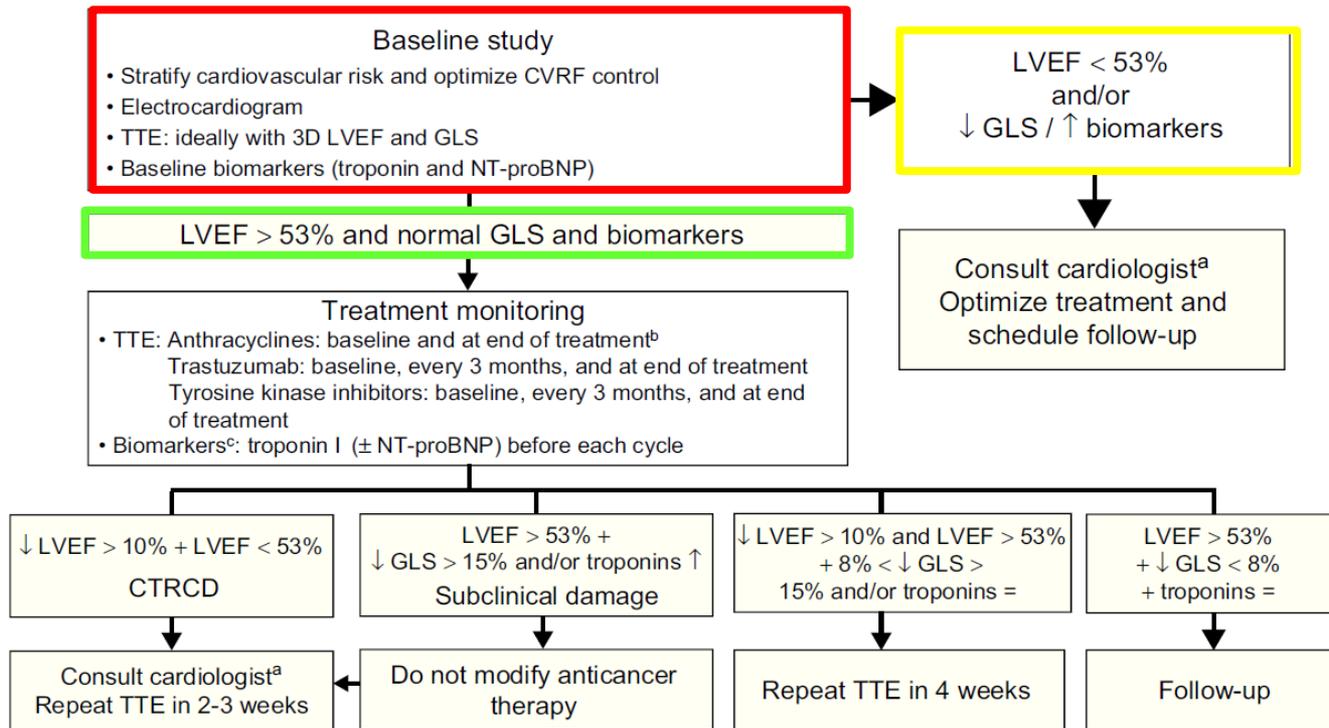
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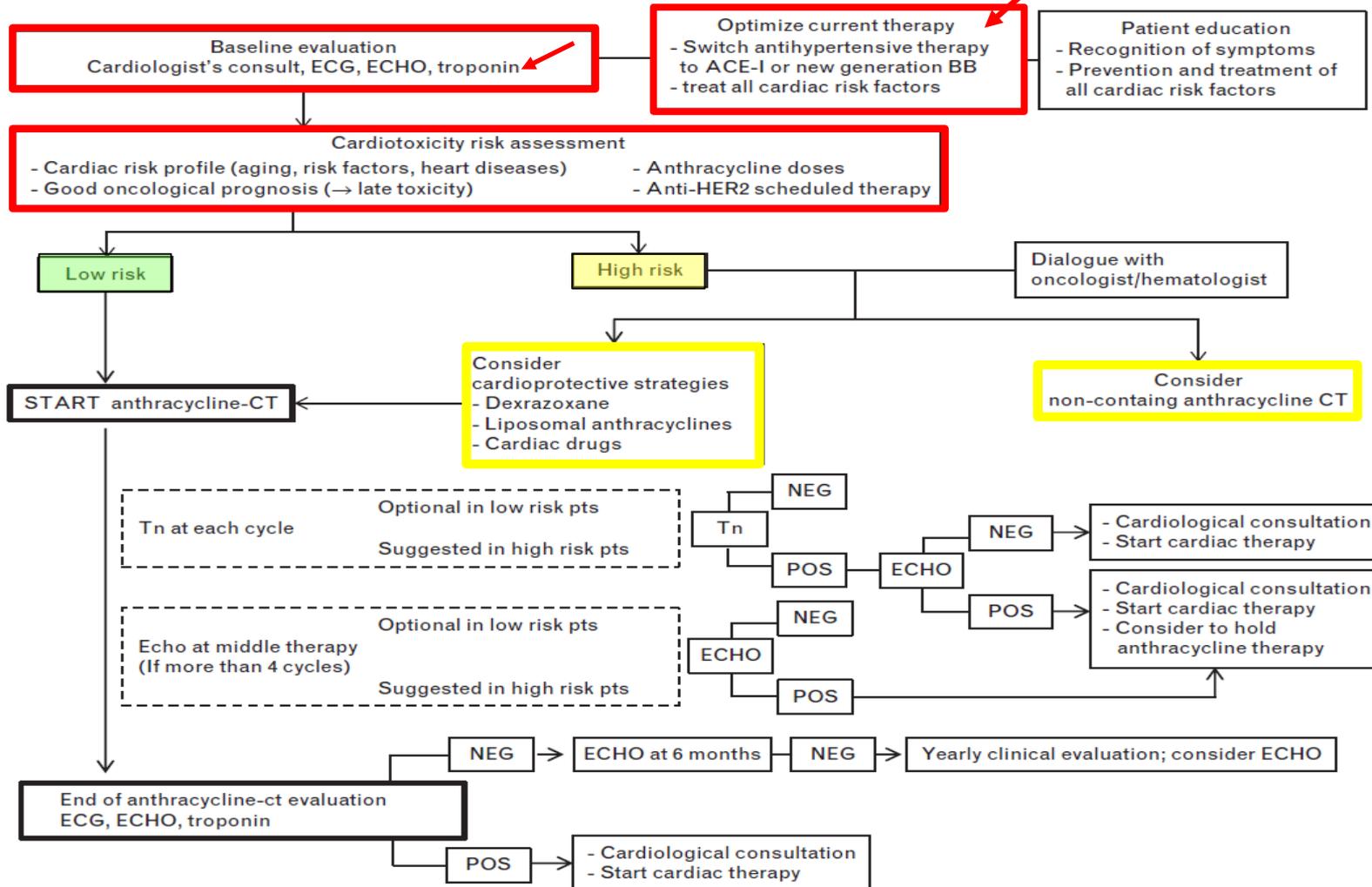
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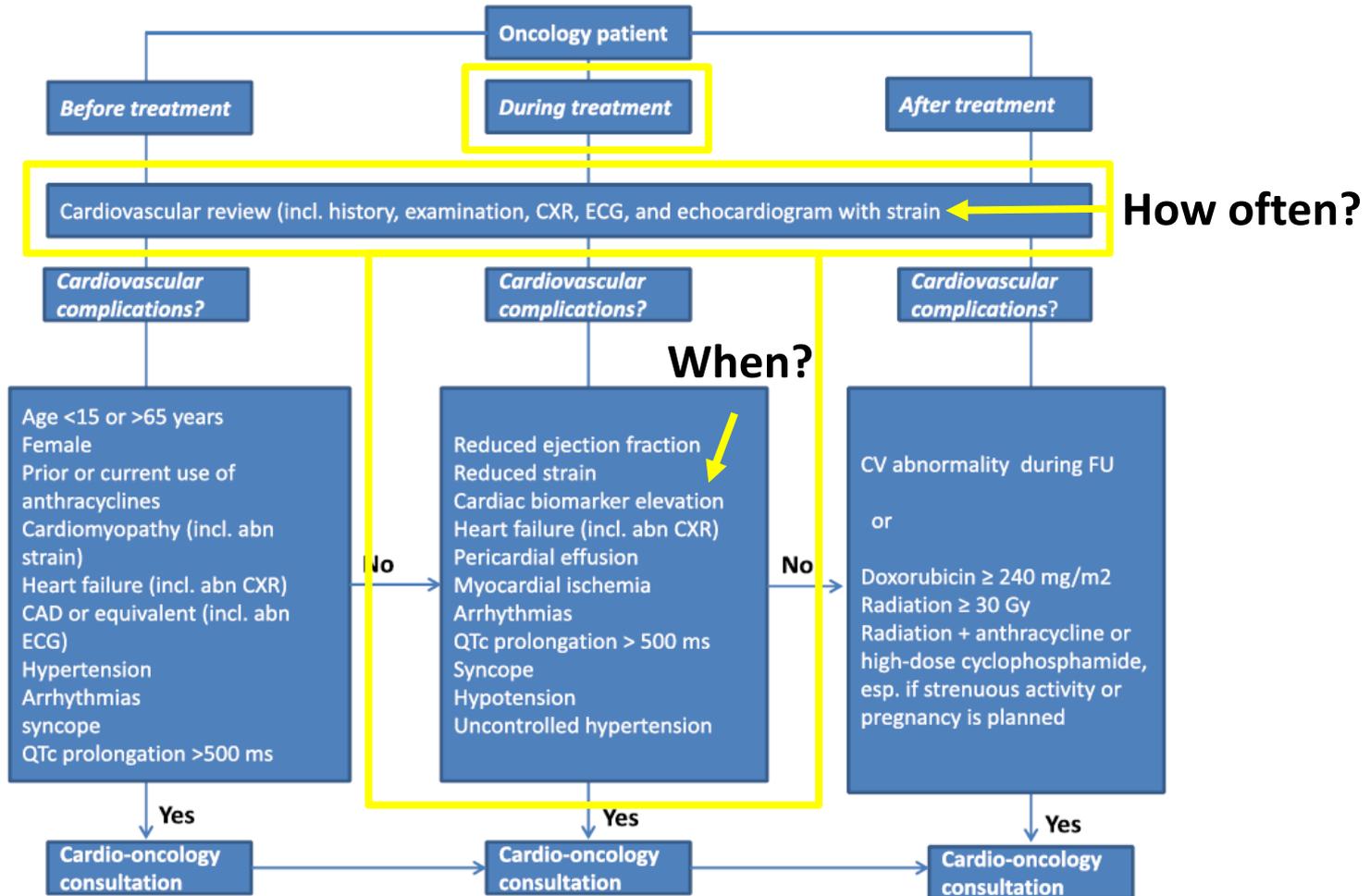
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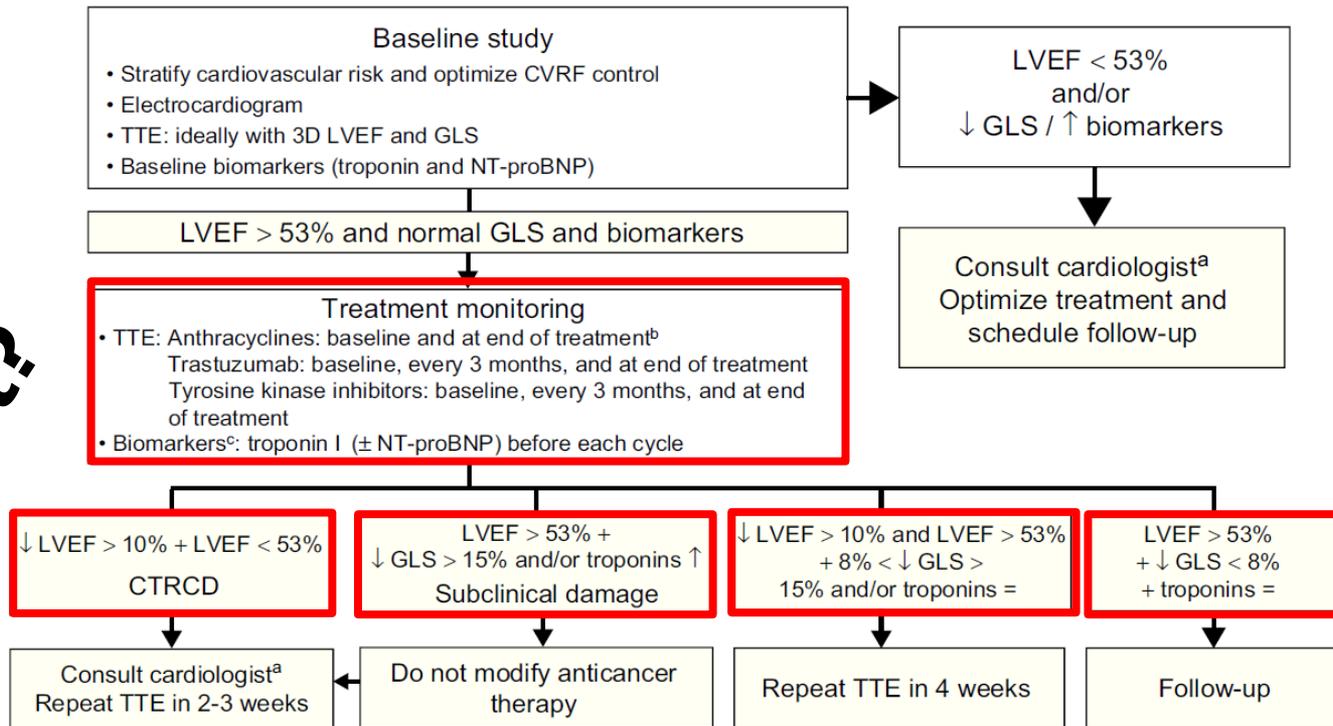
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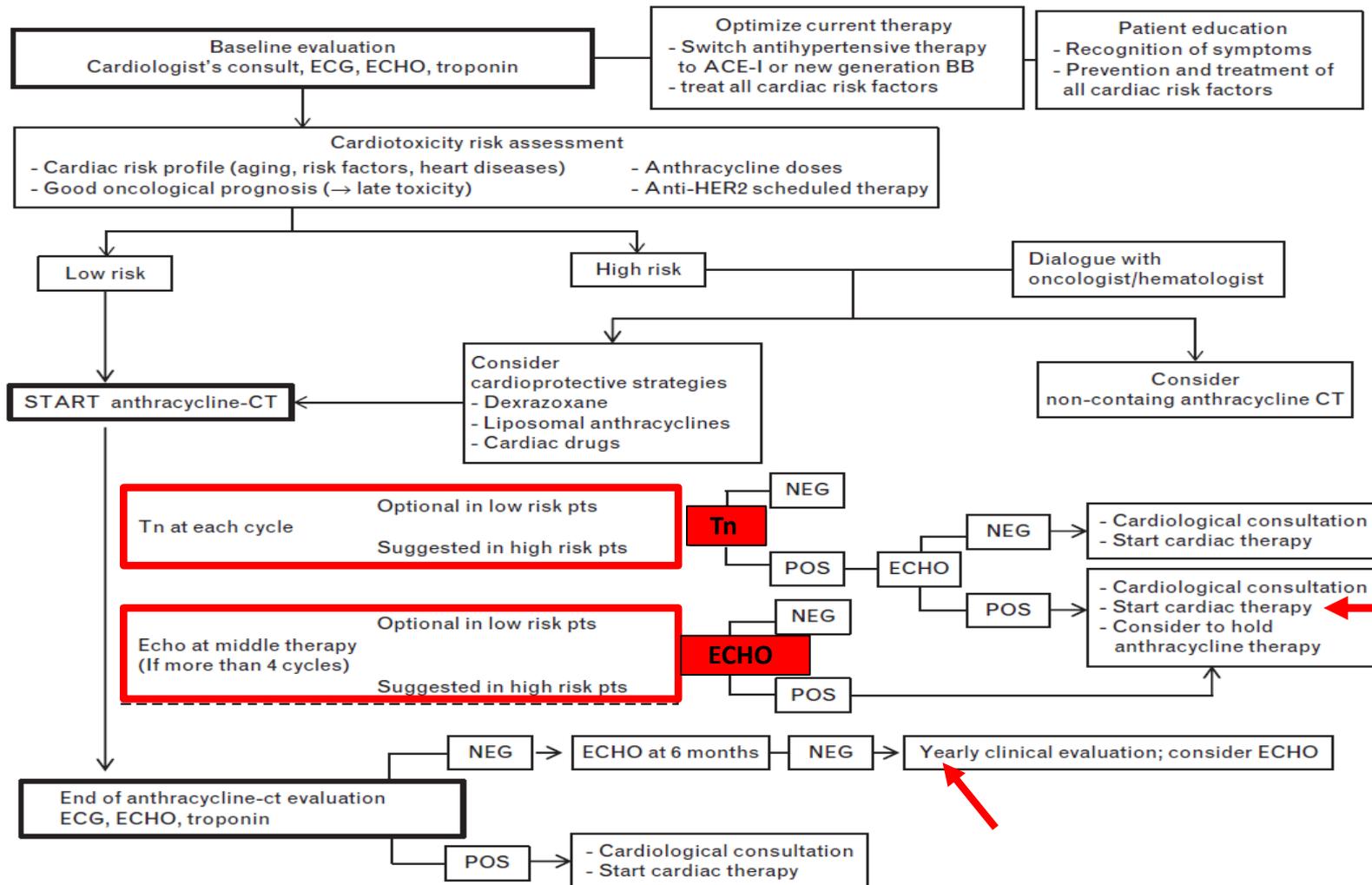
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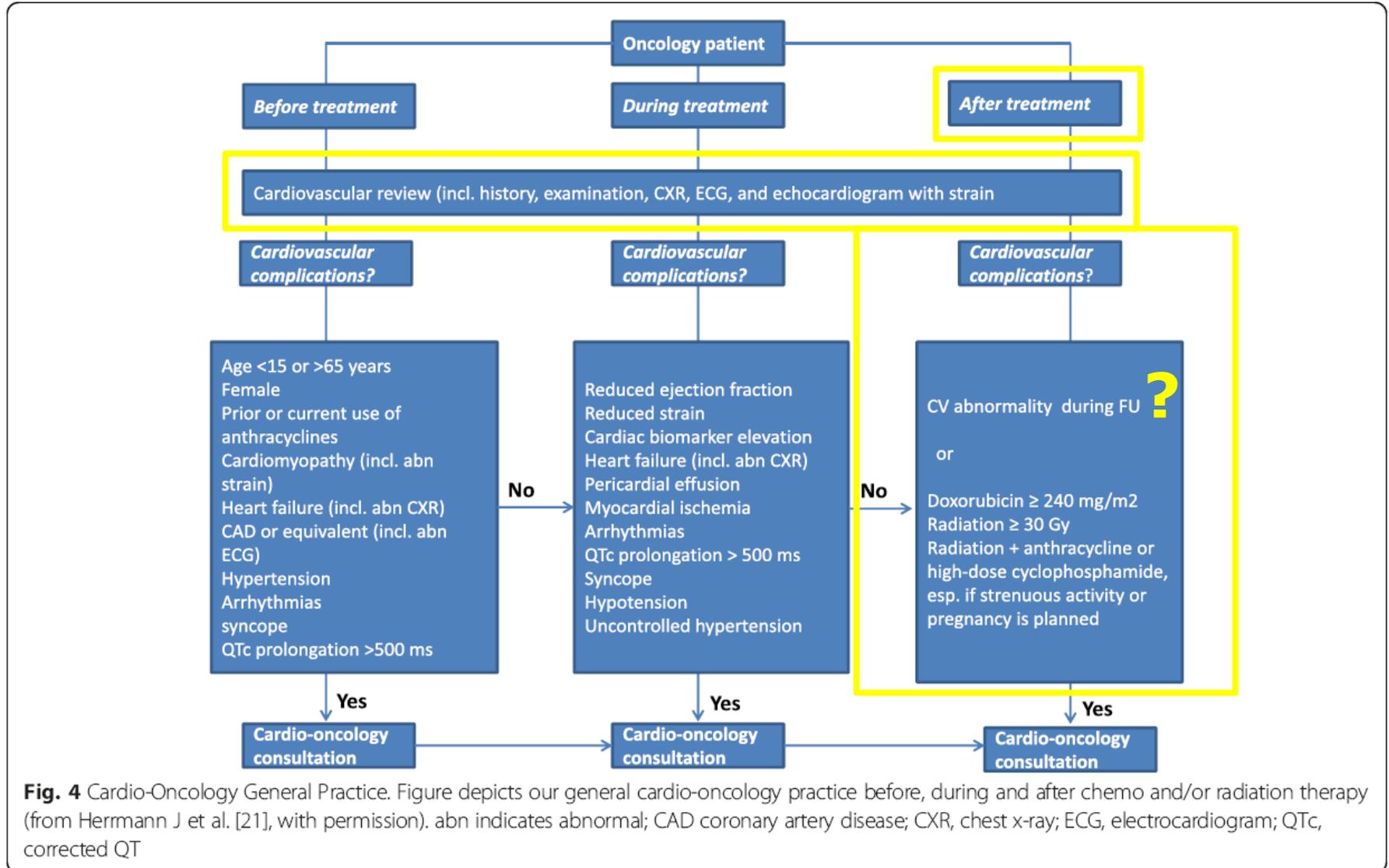
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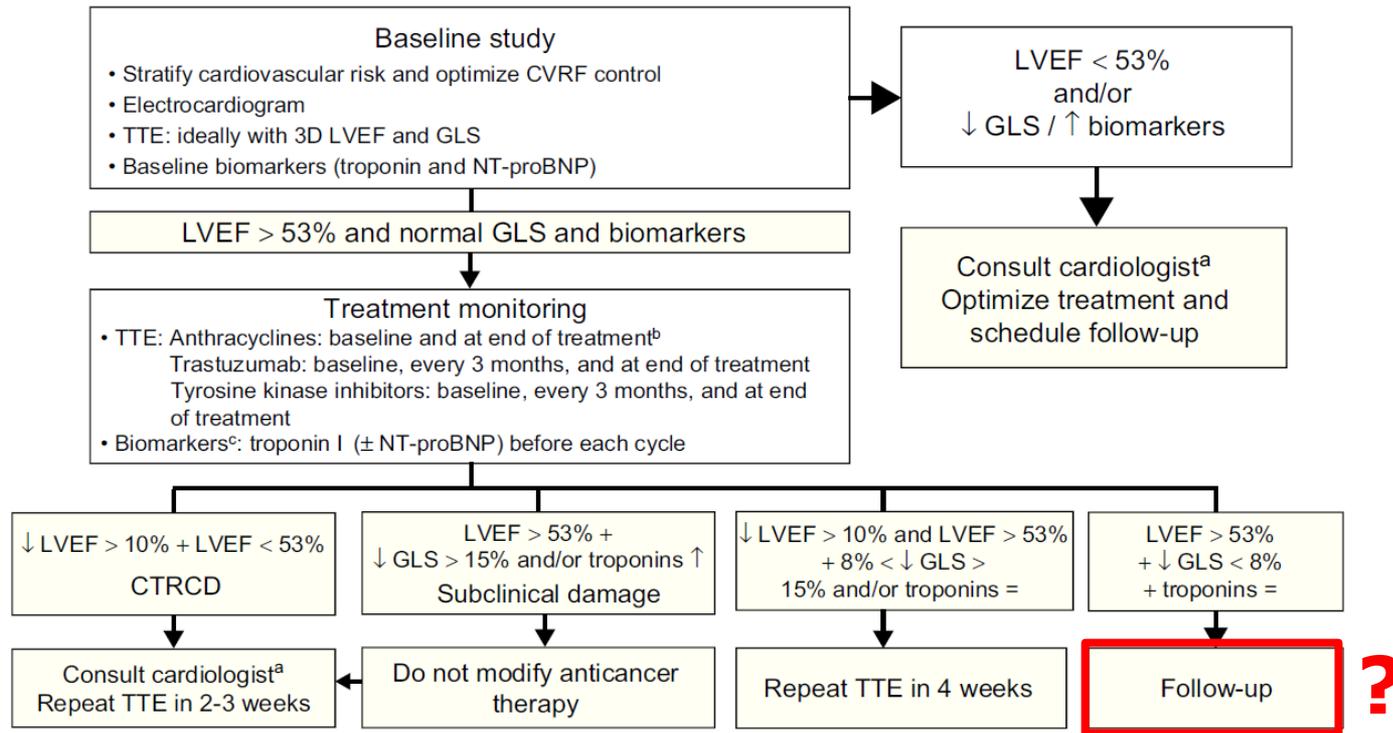


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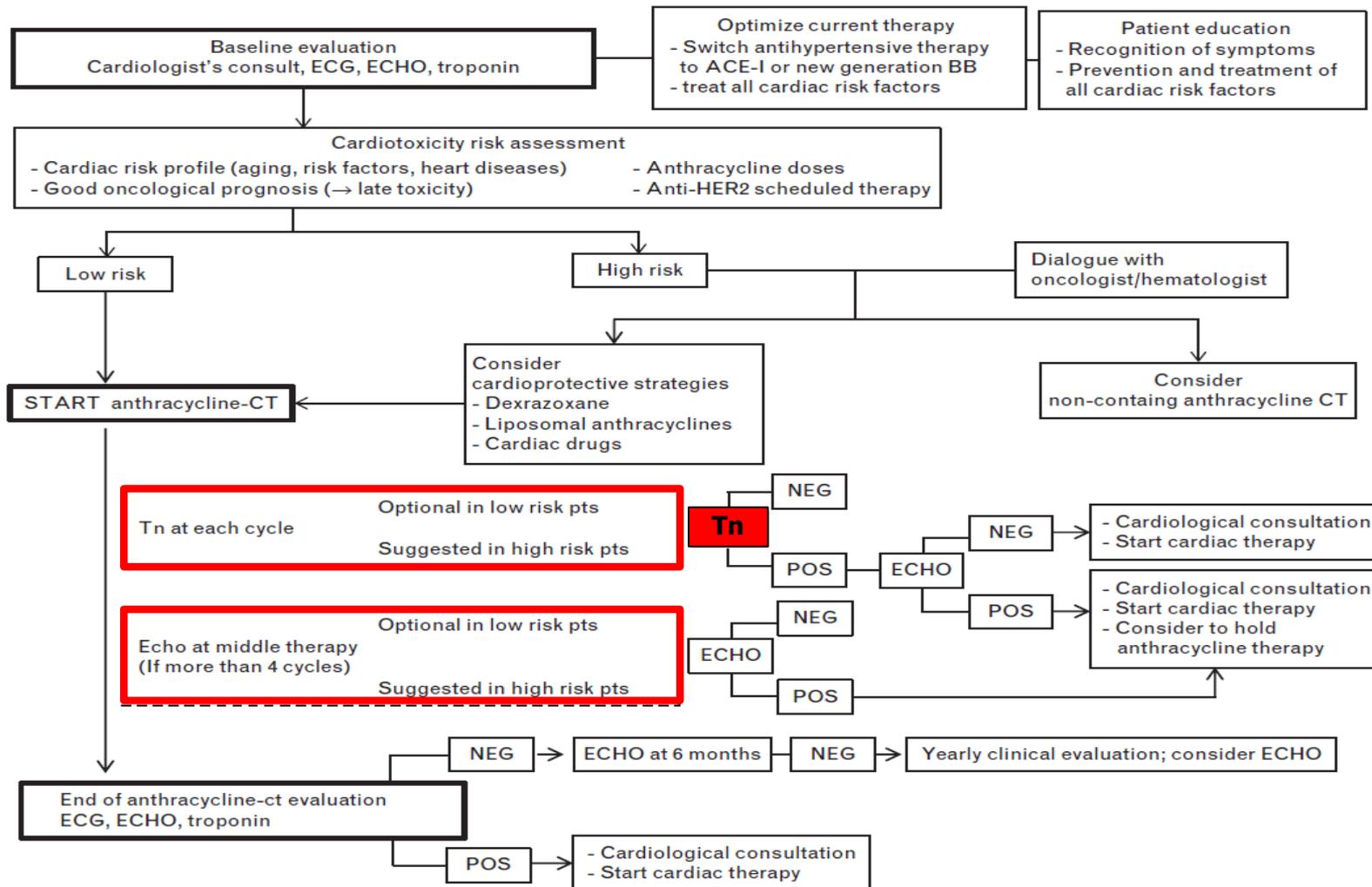
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## Suggested approaches for prevention

For women without pre-existing cardiac risk factors receiving limited doses of anthracyclines, no cardiac imaging, biomarkers, or drug interventions are required.

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## Cancer prevention 1



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One unintended consequence of intensive cardiac surveillance and cardioprotective drugs is medicalisation.<sup>72</sup>

In addition to potentially unnecessary interventions, telling an individual that they have a heart problem can cause distress and anxiety, and reduce their health-related quality of life.

Another unintended consequence is the potential for increased health-care costs when the value of provision of that care is unknown. Value, in this case, would be defined as the prevention of heart failure or cardiac deaths relative to the total costs of the preventive care required.<sup>74</sup>

# L.F., 40-year-old woman

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- left sided breast cancer
- staging: pT2 pN3a (24/30) - grading MG2
- receptors: ER 80%, PR 90%, HER2 negative.
  
- no history of CV disease
- no CV risk factors
- baseline ECHO: normal - LVEF 66%

# Cancer therapy

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- 18/5/2018:  
left mastectomy + axillary dissection
- 6/7/2018 – 22/9/2018:  
Epirubicin 90 mg/m<sup>2</sup> --> 140 mg tot  
Cyclophosphamide 600 mg/m<sup>2</sup> --> 960 mg tot } X 4 cycles
- From 16/6/2018 to present:  
Decapeptyl 3.75 mg i.m. every 28 days
- From 5/10/2018 to present:  
Tamoxifen 20 mg/day
- 25/10/2018 – 15/11/2018:  
left side chest and supraclavicular lymph nodes radiotherapy (RT)  
with image-guided technique; total dose 40 Gy

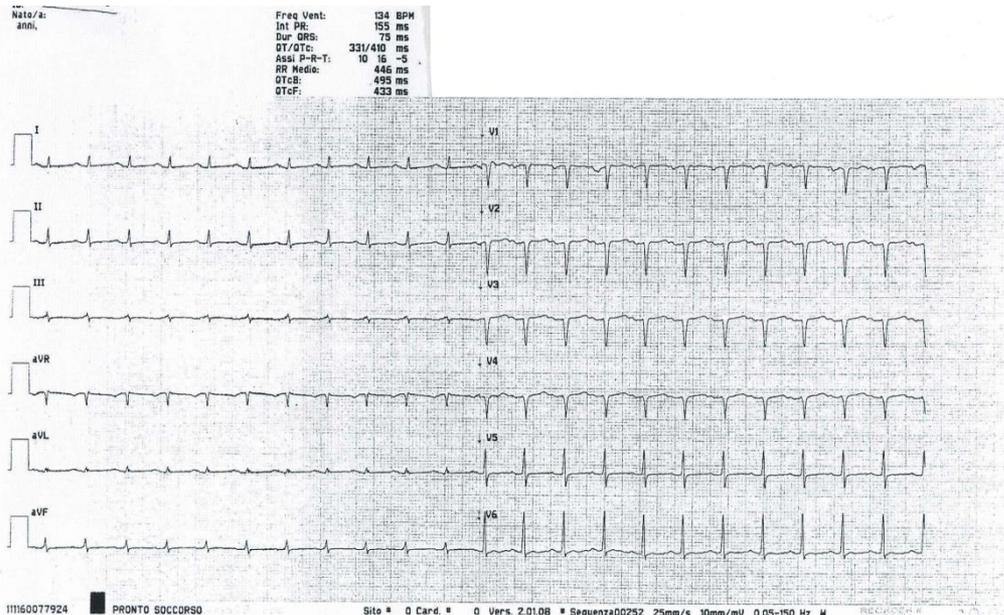
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- 31 March 2019 (6 months after the end of CT): hospitalization for congestive heart failure. Evidence of hypokinetic cardiomyopathy with severe left ventricular dysfunction (LVEF = 16%) and bilateral pleural effusion. NT-proBNP = 12.862 ng/L.



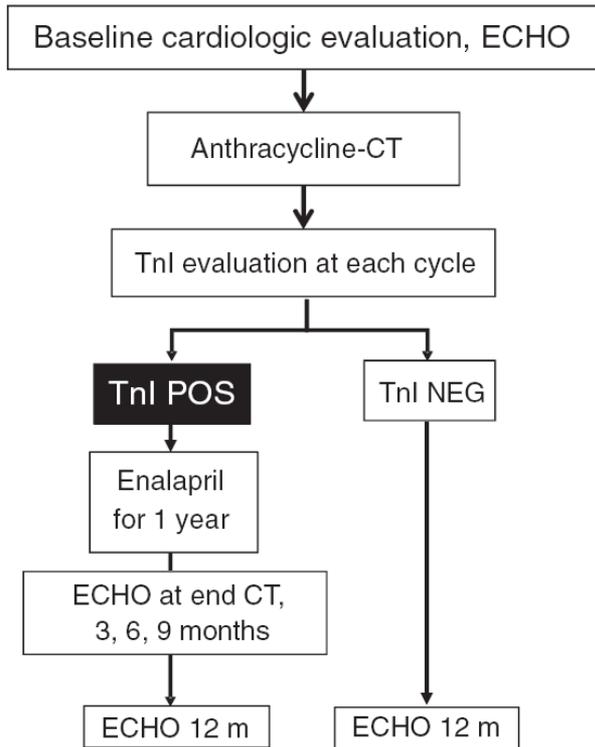


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**WE DON'T STOP CHEMOTHERAPY**



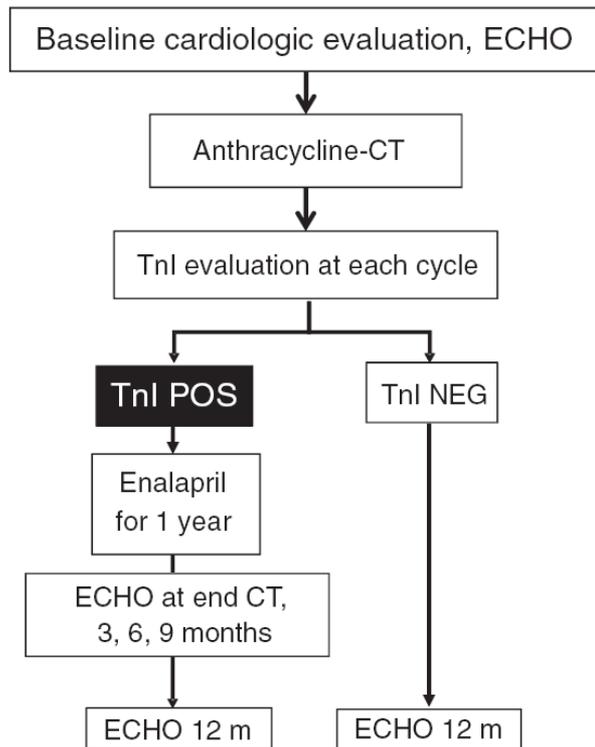
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**CARDIOLOGICAL MONITORING IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING CANCER THERAPY**

**Epirubicin + Cyclophosphamide x 4**

	TnI before	TnI after		LVEF%
EC 1°	0.002	0.001	n.v.<0.040	62
EC 2°	0.002	0.003		
EC 3°	0.007	0.080		66
EC 4°	0.006	0.005		64
after 2 months				62
after 1 year				63

**Enalapril for 1 year**



- 4284 post-study pts
- Negative cardiovascular history
- Different kinds of tumor
- Cardiotoxic oncologic treatments
  
- TnI before and after every CT cycle
- TnI + = n. 728 (17%)
- Enalapril in TnI+ pts
- Serial LVEF measurements
  
- 12 - year FU
- NO significant LVEF reduction from baseline

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# MV, 75-year-old man

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- NSCLC IIIA pN2
- CV risk factors:
  - ✓ smoking
  - ✓ hypertension
  - ✓ diabetes
- Hypokinetic CMP (post-MI)
- Pre-CT baseline ECHO: LVEF 23%



➔ Guideline-recommended oncologic treatment = neoadjuvant CT with Carboplatin + Gemcitabine followed by lung surgery

# Multimarker approach in pts with cardiac disease

**Patients are admitted to hospital to receive CT**

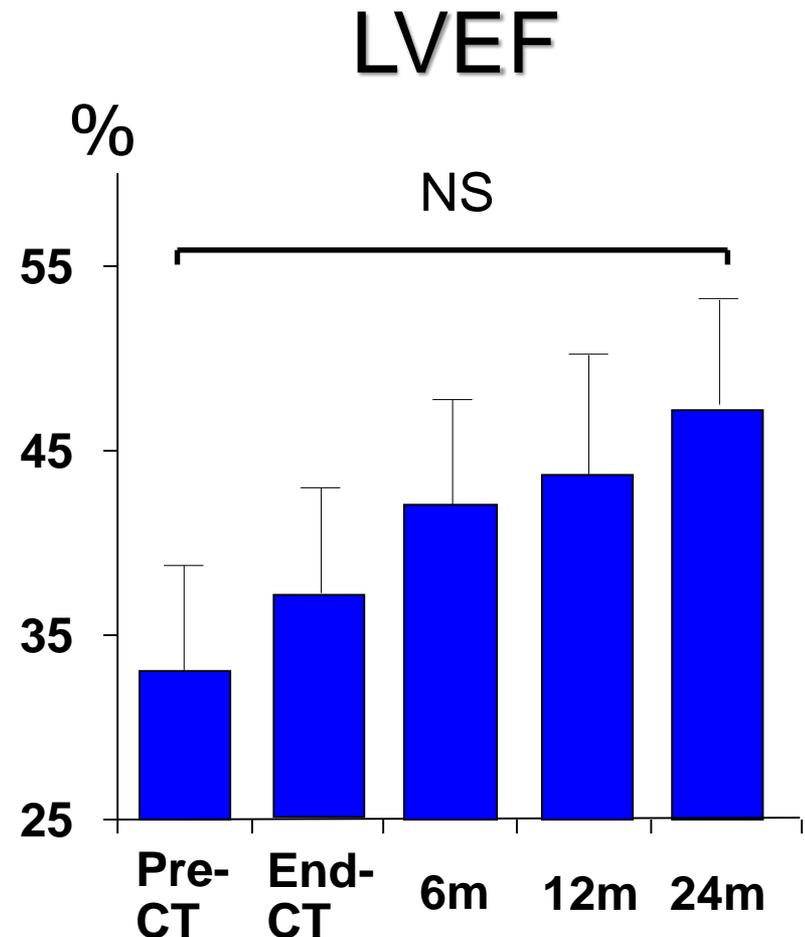
**Troponin + BNP approach**

cycle n.	day	phase	Tnl	BNP	EKG + visit	ECHO
1°	1°	baseline preCT	X	X	X	X
	2°	soon after CT	X	X	X	
	3°	before discharge	X	X	X	
2°	1°	baseline preCT	X	X	X	
	2°	soon after CT	X	X	X	
	3°	before discharge	X	X	X	
3°	1°	baseline preCT	X	X	X	X
	2°	soon after CT	X	X	X	
	3°	before discharge	X	X	X	
4°	1°	baseline preCT	X	X	X	
	2°	soon after CT	X	X	X	
	3°	before discharge	X	X	X	
After end CT		FU	X	X	X	X

# Multimarker approach in pts with cardiac disease

## Troponin + BNP approach

- 435 pts
- Cardiac disease:
  - reduced LVEF
  - pre-existent or developed after CT
- Different kinds of tumor
- Liposomal AC, 5FU and platinum derivatives, targeted therapy
- Tnl and BNP before and after every CT cycle
- Cardiology therapy guided by biomarkers
- Serial LVEF measurements
- NO significant further LVEF reduction (in some cases LVEF improvement)
- NO cardiac events



# Cardioncology: is there a common clinical practice?

The answer is NO.

Several guidelines/position papers with relevant differences in terms of:

- management of pts at standard/low risk
- diagnostic tools used in early identification
- primary prevention
- duration and intensity of follow-up no specified
- treatment no specified

Increased awareness and attention to the problem compared to the past.

# CARDIONCOLOGY....

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**...keeping the cancer patient  
treated today from becoming  
the heart patient of tomorrow.**

**Thank you!**

