

Recomanacions en el tractament no farmacològic de la insuficiència cardíaca



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Indicacions de DAI

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ICD implantation <u>is not recommended within 40 days of an MI as implantation at this time does not improve prognosis.</u>	III	A	158, 228
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A <u>wearable ICD</u> may be considered for patients with HF who are at risk of sudden cardiac death for a limited period or as a bridge to an implanted device.	IIb	C	239–241

AVID, CASH, CIDS, metaanàlisis

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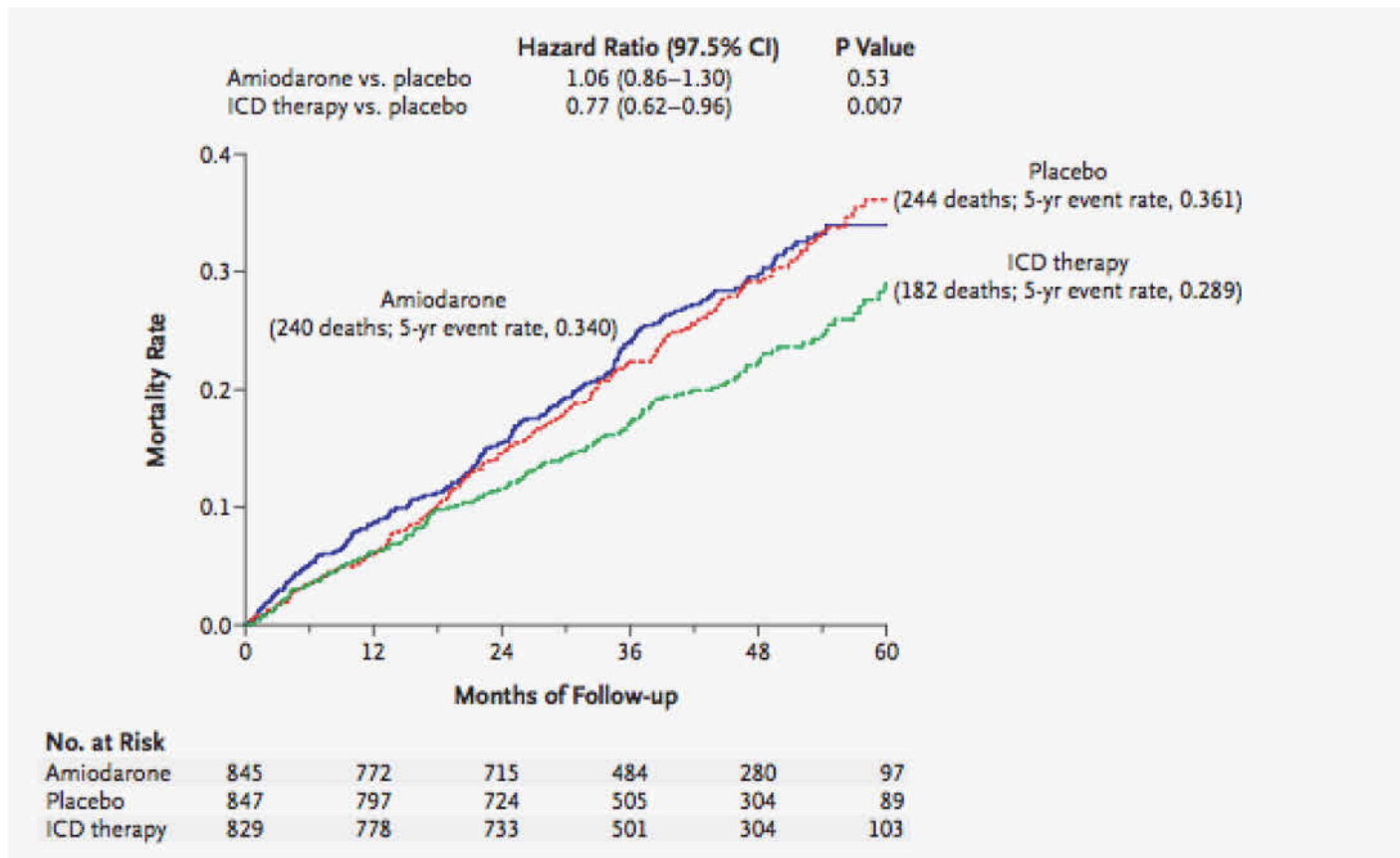
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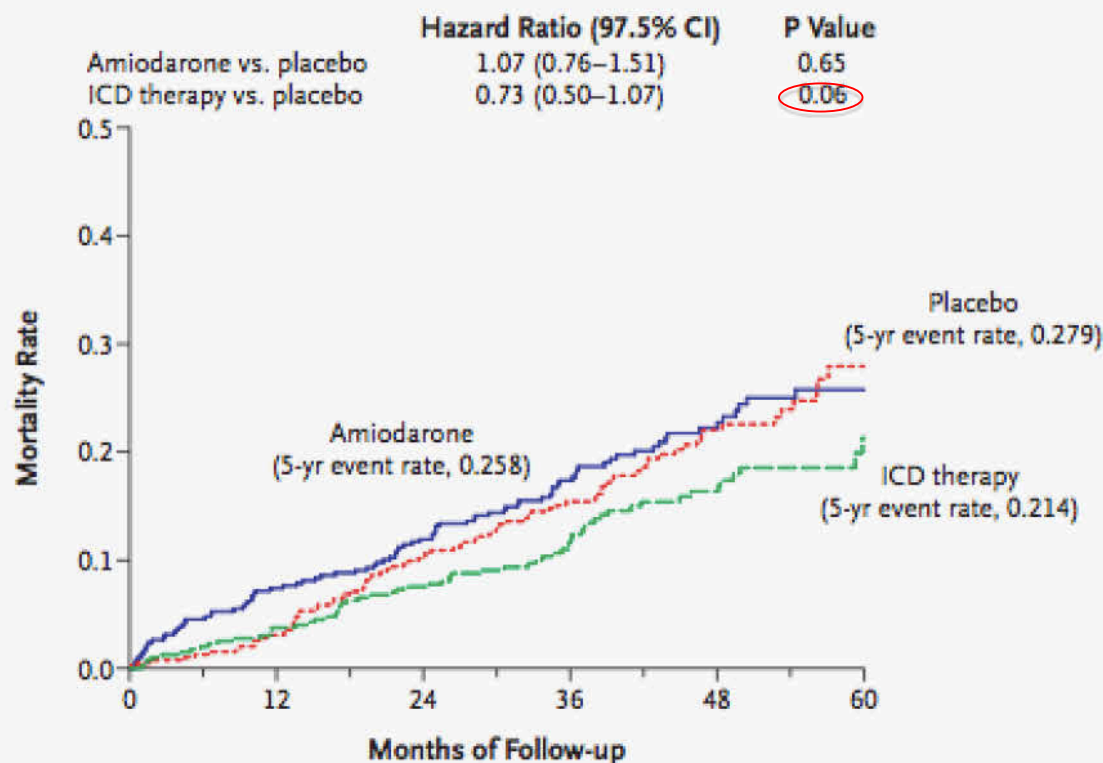
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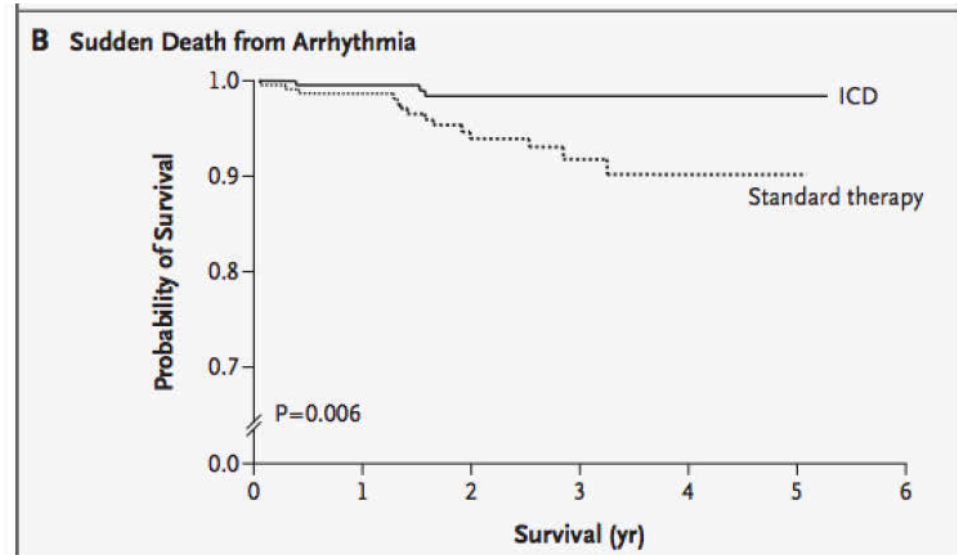
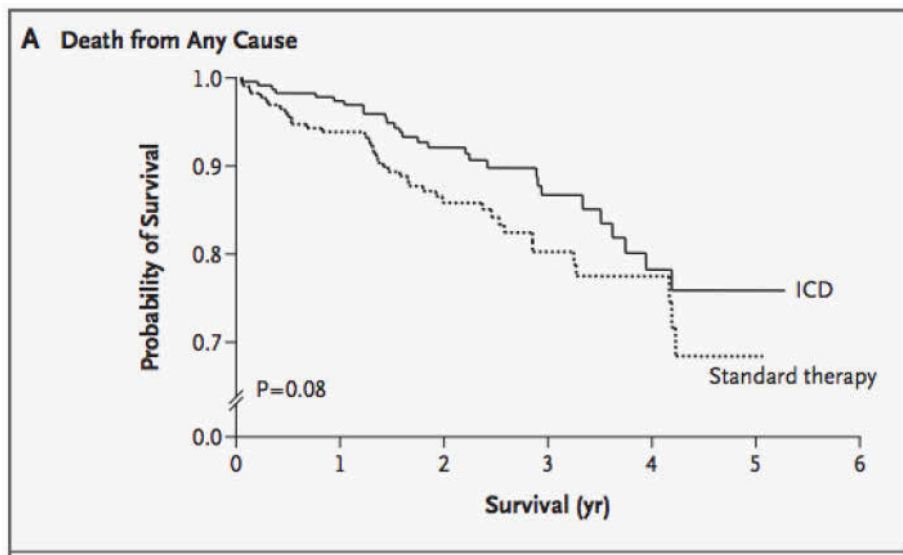


No. at Risk

Amiodarone	419	388	369	257	150	51
Placebo	394	382	354	261	152	41
ICD therapy	398	383	368	257	160	55

Prophylactic Defibrillator Implantation in Patients with Nonischemic Dilated Cardiomyopathy

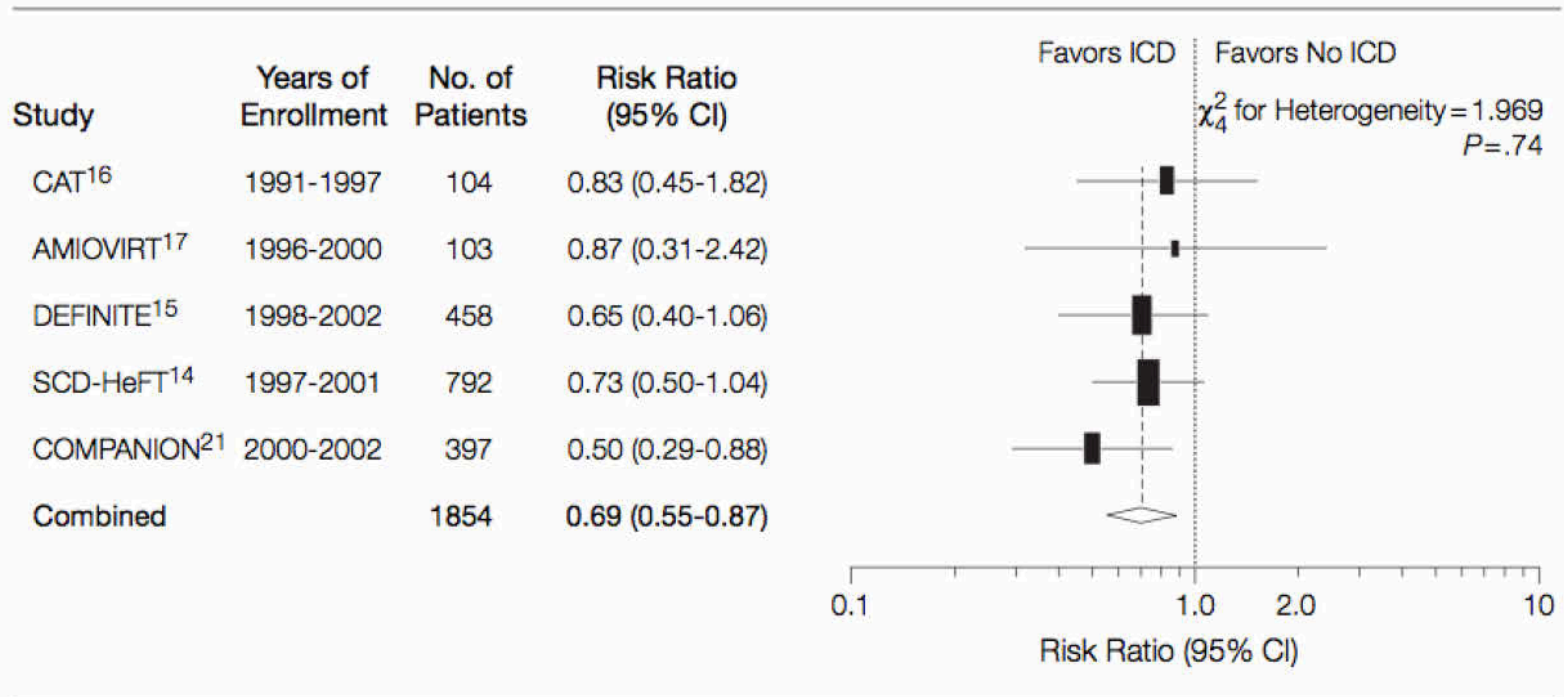
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Implantable Defibrillators for the Prevention of Mortality in Patients With Nonischemic Cardiomyopathy

A Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials

Figure 3. All-Cause Mortality Among Patients With NICM Randomized to ICD or CRT-D vs Medical Therapy in Primary Prevention



ICD implantation is recommended only after a sufficient trial (minimum 3 months) of optimal medical therapy (OMT) has failed to increase the LVEF to $>35\%$. However, one of the two landmark papers on which these recommendations are based included patients with an LVEF $>30\%$. Fewer than 400 patients with an LVEF of 30–35% were included in the landmark studies, and although there was no statistical interaction between treatment effect and LVEF, the evidence of benefit is less robust in this group of patients.

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DAI subcutani

Subcutaneous defibrillators may be as effective as conventional ICDs with a lower risk from the implantation procedure.^{256,257} They may be the preferred option for patients with difficult access or who require ICD explantation due to infection. Patients must be carefully selected, as they have limited capacity to treat serious bradyarrhythmia and can deliver neither antitachycardia pacing nor CRT. Substantial RCTs with these devices and more data on safety and efficacy are awaited.^{258,259}

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Indicaciones CRT

Recommendations for cardiac resynchronization therapy implantation in patients with heart failure

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CRT is recommended for symptomatic patients with HF in sinus rhythm with a QRS duration ≥ 150 msec and LBBB QRS morphology and with <u>LVEF $\leq 35\%$ despite OMT</u> in order to improve symptoms and reduce morbidity and mortality.	I	A	261–272
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CRT is contra-indicated in patients with a QRS duration < 130 msec.	III	A	266, 283–285

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Echo-CRT

2013 ESC Guidelines on cardiac pacing and cardiac resynchronization therapy

Indication for upgraded or *de novo* cardiac resynchronization therapy in patients with conventional pacemaker indications and heart failure

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<p>1) Upgrade from conventional PM or ICD. CRT is indicated in HF patients with LVEF <35% and high percentage of ventricular pacing who remain in NYHA class III and ambulatory IV despite adequate medical treatment.^d</p>	I	B	47, 108–122
<p>2) <i>De novo</i> cardiac resynchronization therapy. CRT should be considered in HF patients, reduced EF and expected high percentage of ventricular pacing in order to decrease the risk of worsening HF.</p>	IIa	B	123–130

Effect of Long-Term Resynchronization Therapy on Left Ventricular Remodeling in Pacemaker Patients Upgraded to Biventricular Devices

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Right ventricular pacing resulted in abnormal ventricular depolarization and an activation pattern similar to left branch bundle block. In some circumstances, it may exacerbate symptoms of heart failure and increase hospital admission rates. The objective of this study was to assess the effects of long-term ventricular resynchronization therapy on echocardiographic parameters of left ventricular (LV) remodeling in patients with moderate to severe heart failure who were upgraded from single- to biventricular pacing. Twenty-six consecutive pacemaker-dependent patients (20 men; mean age 61 ± 20 years) who underwent placement of an LV lead to upgrade their conventional pacing system to biventricular pacing were included in the study. All patients had heart failure symptoms, received the maximum tolerated medical therapy, and were stable for ≥ 1 month before the upgrade. Echocardiography and electrocardiography were performed before the pacemaker upgrade and at follow-up (mean duration 15 ± 9 months). QRS duration decreased significantly from 176 ± 23 to 154 ± 19 ms ($p < 0.001$). LV end-diastolic volume ($p = 0.006$) and LV end-systolic volume ($p = 0.004$) decreased at follow-up compared with baseline. The decrease in LV volumes observed during follow-up was accompanied by a significant increase in ejection fraction ($39 \pm 11\%$ to $46 \pm 10\%$; $p = 0.001$) and decrease in LV myocardial performance index (0.84 ± 0.18 to 0.68 ± 0.14 ; $p = 0.001$). The upgrade of conventional pacing to biventricular pacing resulted in significant prolongation of normalized LV filling time ($p = 0.01$) and shortening of isovolumic contraction time ($p = 0.002$). In addition, biventricular pacing significantly (V-V interval = 0) reduced intra- (44 ± 11 vs 18 ± 12 ms; $p < 0.001$) and interventricular dyssynchrony (78 ± 33 vs 49 ± 22 ms; $p < 0.001$). In conclusion, these findings suggested that in patients with advanced heart failure and continuous right ventricular pacing, upgrading to biventricular system resulted in significant reverse LV remodeling in the long-term follow-up and improvement in overall synchronicity of ventricular function. © 2009 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. (Am J Cardiol 2009;103:1280–1284)

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Echo-CRT*

Cardiac-Resynchronization Therapy in Heart Failure with a Narrow QRS Complex

809 p, FEVE \leq 35%, CF III-IV NYHA , QRS <130ms + asincronía per ecocardio

Implant CRT

Randomitzats a CRT "on" vs. "off"

Table 2. Protocol-Specified Cardiovascular Outcomes.*

Outcome	Control Group (N = 405)	CRT Group (N = 404)	Adjusted Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
	<i>no. of patients with event (%)</i>			
Primary composite outcome				
Death from any cause or hospitalization for heart failure	102 (25.2)	116 (28.7)	1.20 (0.92–1.57)	0.15
Components of primary outcome				
Hospitalization for heart failure	90 (22.2)	99 (24.5)	1.16 (0.87–1.55)	0.25
Death from any cause	26 (6.4)	45 (11.1)	1.81 (1.11–2.93)	0.02
Other cardiovascular outcomes				
Hospitalization for cardiovascular event	137 (33.8)	147 (36.4)	1.11 (0.88–1.40)	0.36
Death				
Cardiovascular event	17 (4.2)	37 (9.2)	2.26 (1.27–4.01)	0.004
Heart failure	10 (2.5)	17 (4.2)	1.74 (0.80–3.81)	0.15
Follow-up data censored				
Owing to LVAD implantation	10 (2.5)	7 (1.7)	—	—
Owing to heart transplantation	5 (1.2)	3 (0.7)	—	—
Death after data were censored owing to LVAD implantation or heart transplantation†	4 (1.0)	1 (0.2)	—	—

The effect of QRS duration on cardiac resynchronization therapy in patients with a narrow QRS complex: a subgroup analysis of the EchoCRT trial

Aims

In EchoCRT, a randomized trial evaluating the effect of cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT) in patients with a QRS duration of < 130 ms and echocardiographic evidence of left ventricular dyssynchrony, the primary outcome occurred more frequently in the CRT when compared with the control group. According to current heart failure guidelines, CRT is recommended in patients with a QRS duration of ≥ 120 ms. However, there is some ambiguity from clinical trial data regarding the benefit of patients with a QRS duration of 120–130 ms.

Methods and results

The main EchoCRT trial was prematurely terminated due to futility. For the current subgroup analysis we compared data for CRT-ON vs. -OFF in patients with QRS < 120 ($n = 661$) and QRS 120–130 ms ($n = 139$). On uni- and multi-variable analyses, no significant interaction was observed between the two groups and randomized treatment for the primary or any of the secondary endpoints. On multivariable analysis, a higher risk for the primary endpoint was observed in patients with a QRS duration of 120–130 ms randomized to CRT-ON vs. CRT-OFF (hazard ratio 2.18, 95% CI 1.02–4.65; $P = 0.044$). However, no statistically significant interaction, compared with patients with QRS < 120 ms randomized to CRT-ON vs. CRT-OFF, was noted (P -interaction = 0.160).

Conclusions

In this pre-specified subgroup analysis of EchoCRT, no benefit of CRT was evident in patients with a QRS duration of 120–130 ms. These data further question the usefulness of CRT in this patient population.

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Fibril·lació auricular

Recommendations for initial management of a rapid ventricular rate in patients with heart failure and atrial fibrillation in the acute or chronic setting

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
Urgent electrical cardioversion is recommended if AF is thought to be contributing to the patient's haemodynamic compromise in order to improve the patient clinical condition.	I	C	
For patients in NYHA Class IV, in addition to treatment for AHF, an intravenous bolus of amiodarone or, in digoxin-naïve patients, an intravenous bolus of digoxin should be considered to reduce the ventricular rate.	IIa	B	348, 349
For patients in NYHA Class I–III, a beta-blocker, usually given orally, is safe and therefore is recommended as first-line treatment to control ventricular rate, provided the patient is euvoelaemic.	I	A	177
For patients in NYHA Class I–III, digoxin, should be considered when ventricular rate remains high ^d despite beta-blockers or when beta-blockers are not tolerated or contra-indicated.	IIa	B	197
AV node catheter ablation may be considered to control heart rate and relieve symptoms in patients unresponsive or intolerant to intensive pharmacological rate and rhythm control therapy, accepting that these patients will become pacemaker dependent.	IIb	B	290
Treatment with dronedarone to improve ventricular rate control is not recommended due to safety concerns.	III	A	347



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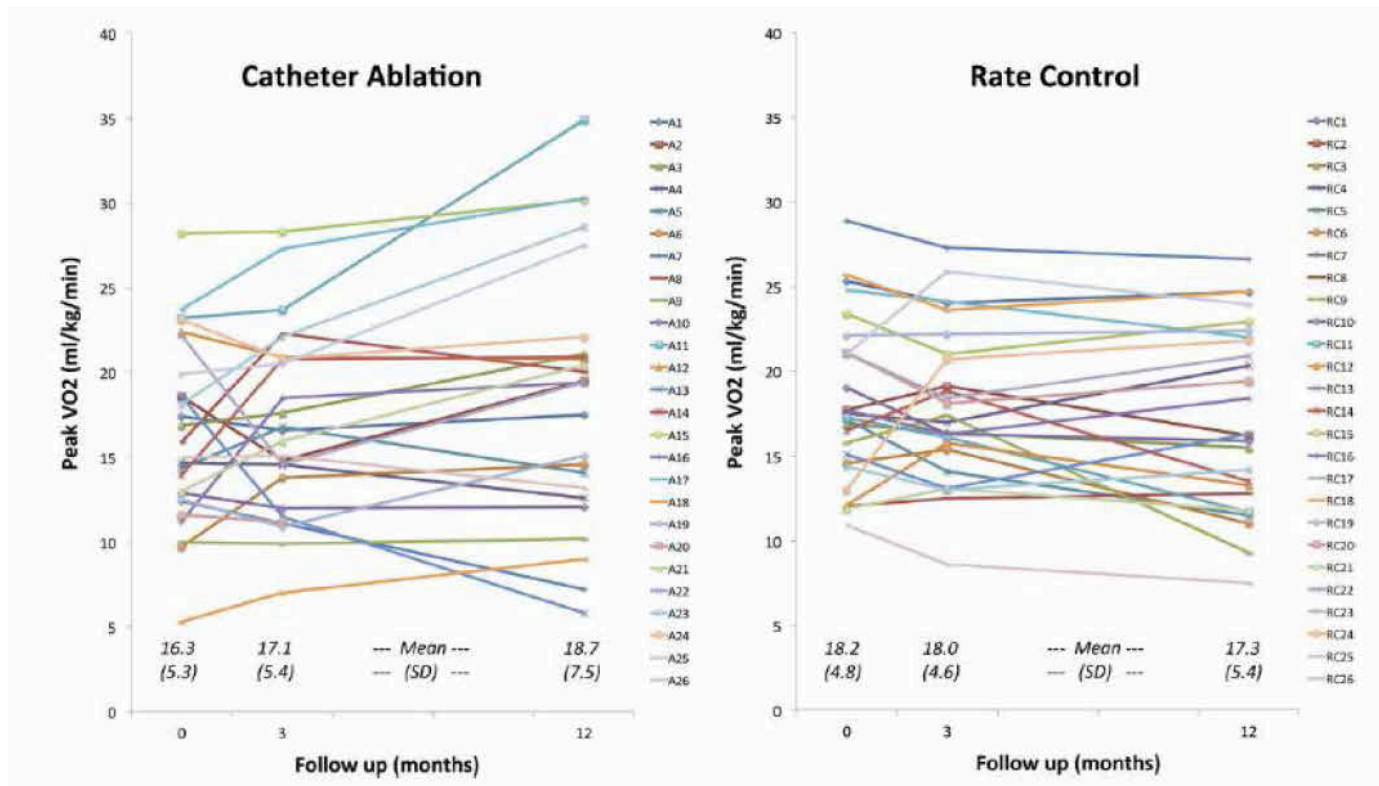
Recommendations for a rhythm control management strategy in patients with atrial fibrillation, symptomatic heart failure (NYHA Class II–IV) and left ventricular systolic dysfunction and no evidence of acute decompensation

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
Electrical cardioversion or pharmacological cardioversion with amiodarone may be considered in patients with persisting symptoms and/or signs of HF, despite OMT and adequate control of ventricular rate, to improve clinical/symptomatic status.	IIb	B	344
AF ablation may be considered in order to restore sinus rhythm to improve symptoms in patients with persisting symptoms and/or signs of HF, despite OMT and adequate control of ventricular rate, to improve clinical/symptomatic status.	IIb	B	279, 363
Amiodarone may be considered prior to (and following) successful electrical cardioversion to maintain sinus rhythm.	IIb	B	342, 360
Dronedaron is not recommended because of an increased risk of hospital admissions for cardiovascular causes and an increased risk of premature death in NYHA Class III–IV patients.	III	A	247, 347
Class I antiarrhythmic agents are not recommended because of an increased risk of premature death.	III	A	248, 364, 365

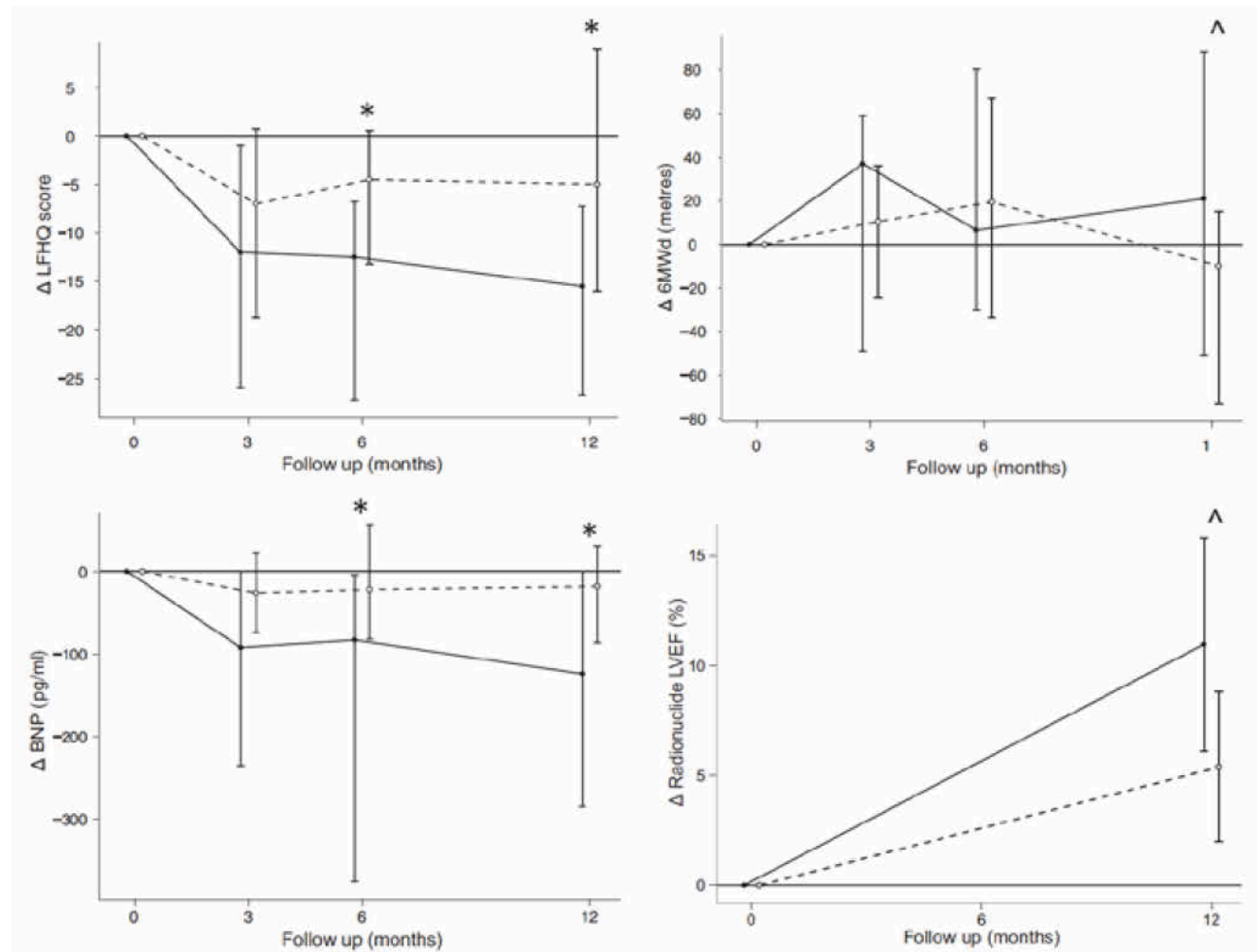


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52 p, FA, FEVE \leq 35%, CF NYHA II o III
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Recommendations for the management of ventricular tachyarrhythmias in heart failure

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
Potential aggravating/precipitating factors (e.g. low serum potassium/magnesium, ongoing ischaemia) should be sought and corrected in patients with ventricular arrhythmias.	IIa	C	
Treatment with beta-blocker, MRA and sacubitril/valsartan reduces the risk of sudden death and is recommended for patients with HFrEF and ventricular arrhythmias (as for other patients)(see Section 7).	I	A	162, 170–175
<u>Implantation of an ICD or CRT-D device is recommended for selected patients with HFrEF (see Section 8).</u>	I	A	223–226, 388
Several strategies should be considered to reduce recurrent symptomatic arrhythmias in patients with an ICD (or in those who are not eligible for ICD), including attention to risk factors and optimal pharmacological treatment of HF, amiodarone, <u>catheter ablation and CRT.</u>	IIa	C	
Routine use of antiarrhythmic agents is not recommended in patients with HF and asymptomatic ventricular arrhythmias because of safety concerns (worsening HF, proarrhythmia, and death).	III	A	247, 248, 364, 365

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Recommendations for the management of bradyarrhythmias in heart failure

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When pauses >3 seconds are identified on the ECG, or if the bradycardia is symptomatic and the resting ventricular rate is <50 bpm in sinus rhythm or <60 bpm in AF, it should be considered whether there is need for any rate limiting medications prescribed; for patients in sinus rhythm beta-blockers should be reduced in dose or withdrawn only as a last resort.	IIa	C	
For patients with symptomatic, prolonged or frequent pauses despite adjustment of rate limiting medication, either beta-blocker withdrawal or pacing may be considered as the next step.	IIb	C	
<u>Pacing solely to permit initiation or titration of beta-blocker therapy in the absence of a conventional pacing indication is not recommended.</u>	III	C	
<u>In patients with HFrEF who require pacing and who have high degree AV block, CRT rather than RV pacing is recommended.</u>	I	A	274, 275, 290
<u>In patients with HFrEF who require pacing who do not have high degree AV block, pacing modes that avoid inducing or exacerbating ventricular dyssynchrony should be considered.</u>	IIa	C	

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Cardiopatia isquèmica

Recommendations for the treatment of stable angina pectoris with symptomatic (NYHA Class II-IV) heart failure with reduced ejection fraction ^{112,113}

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
Step 1			
A beta-blocker (in an evidence-based dose or maximum tolerated) is recommended as the preferred first-line treatment to relieve angina because of the associated benefits of this treatment (reducing the risk of HF hospitalization and the risk of premature death).	I	A	167–173
Step 2: on top of beta-blocker or if a beta-blocker is not tolerated			
Ivabradine should be considered as an anti-anginal drug in suitable HFrEF patients (sinus rhythm and HR ≥70 bpm) as per recommended HFrEF management.	IIa	B	180, 410, 411
Step 3: For additional angina symptom relief – except from any combination not recommended			
A short-acting oral or transcutaneous nitrate should be considered (effective anti-anginal treatment, safe in HF).	IIa	A	183, 184, 409
A long acting oral or transcutaneous nitrate should be considered (effective anti-anginal treatment, not extensively studied in HF).	IIa	B	183, 184
Trimetazidine may be considered when angina persists despite treatment with a beta-blocker (or alternative) to relieve angina (effective anti-anginal treatment, safe in HF).	IIb	A	400–403
Amlodipine may be considered in patients unable to tolerate a beta-blocker to relieve angina (effective anti-anginal treatment, safe in HF).	IIb	B	215, 407
Nicorandil may be considered in patients unable to tolerate a beta-blocker to relieve angina (effective anti-anginal treatment, but safety in HF uncertain).	IIb	C	
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Step 4: Myocardial revascularization			
<u>Myocardial revascularization is recommended when angina persists despite treatment with anti-angina drugs.</u>	I	A	385, 412, 413
Alternatives to myocardial revascularization: combination of ≥3 antianginal drugs (from those listed above) may be considered when angina persists despite treatment with beta-blocker, ivabradine and an extra anti-angina drug (excluding the combinations not recommended below).	IIb	C	
The following are NOT recommended:			
(1) Combination of any of ivabradine, ranolazine, and nicorandil because of unknown safety.	III	C	
(2) Combination of nicorandil and a nitrate (because of lack of additional efficacy).	III	C	
Diltiazem and verapamil are not recommended because of their negative inotropic action and risk of worsening HF.	III	C	214

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Apneees centrals

Treatments not recommended of other co-morbidities in patients with heart failure

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
Sleep apnoea			
Adaptive servo-ventilation is not recommended in patients with HFrEF and a predominant central sleep apnoea because of an increased all-cause and cardiovascular mortality.	III	B	473
Diabetes			
Thiazolidinediones (glitazones) are not recommended in patients with HF, as they increase the risk of HF worsening and HF hospitalization.	III	A	209,210
Arthritis			
NSAIDs or COX-2 inhibitors are not recommended in patients with HF, as they increase the risk of HF worsening and HF hospitalization.	III	B	211-213

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Patologia valvular

Recommendations for treatment of valvular diseases in patients with heart failure

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
In symptomatic patients with reduced LVEF and 'low-flow, low-gradient' aortic stenosis (valve area <1 cm ² , LVEF <40%, mean pressure gradient <40 mmHg), low-dose dobutamine stress echocardiography should be considered to identify those with severe aortic stenosis suitable for valve replacement.	IIa	C	
TAVI is recommended in patients with severe aortic stenosis who are not suitable for surgery as assessed by a 'heart team' and have predicted post-TAVI survival >1 year.	I	B	495, 496, 509
TAVI should be considered in high-risk patients with severe aortic stenosis who may still be suitable for surgery, but in whom TAVI is favoured by a 'heart team' based on the individual risk profile and anatomic suitability.	IIa	A	497, 498
In patients with severe aortic regurgitation, aortic valve repair or replacement is recommended in all symptomatic patients and in asymptomatic patients with resting LVEF ≤50%, who are otherwise fit for surgery.	I	C	317
Evidence-based medical therapy in patients with HFrEF is recommended in order to reduce functional mitral regurgitation.	I	C	
Combined surgery of secondary mitral regurgitation and coronary artery bypass grafting should be considered in symptomatic patients with LV systolic dysfunction (LVEF <30%), requiring coronary revascularization for angina recalcitrant to medical therapy.	IIa	C	
<u>Isolated surgery of non-ischaemic regurgitant mitral valve in patients with severe functional mitral regurgitation and severe LV systolic dysfunction (LVEF <30%) may be considered in selected patients in order to avoid or postpone transplantation.</u>	IIb	C	

Mitraclip

In patients with HF with moderate-severe, secondary mitral regurgitation who are judged inoperable or at high surgical risk, percutaneous mitral valve intervention (percutaneous edge-to-edge repair) may be considered in order to improve symptoms and quality of life, although no RCT evidence of improvement has been published, only registry studies.^{504–506}



Percutaneous Mitral Valve Edge-to-Edge Repair

**In-Hospital Results and 1-Year Follow-Up of 628 Patients of
the 2011-2012 Pilot European Sentinel Registry**

JACC 2014

Meta-Analysis of the Usefulness of Mitraclip in Patients With Functional Mitral Regurgitation

Am J Cardiol 2015

**One-year outcomes and predictors of mortality
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Table 13.1 Terms describing various indications for mechanical circulatory support

Bridge to decision (BTD)/ Bridge to bridge (BTB)	<u>Use of short-term MCS (e.g. ECLS or ECMO) in patients with cardiogenic shock</u> until haemodynamics and end-organ perfusion are stabilized, contra-indications for long-term MCS are excluded (brain damage after resuscitation) and additional therapeutic options including long-term VAD therapy or heart transplant can be evaluated.
Bridge to candidacy (BTC)	<u>Use of MCS (usually LVAD)</u> to improve end-organ function in order to make an ineligible patient eligible for heart transplantation.
Bridge to transplantation (BTT)	<u>Use of MCS (LVAD or BiVAD)</u> to keep patient alive who is otherwise at high risk of death before transplantation until a donor organ becomes available.
Bridge to recovery (BTR)	<u>Use of MCS (typically LVAD)</u> to keep patient alive until cardiac function recovers sufficiently to remove MCS.
Destination therapy (DT)	<u>Long-term use of MCS (LVAD) as an alternative to transplantation in patients with end-stage HF</u> ineligible for transplantation or long-term waiting for heart transplantation.

Table 13.3 Patients potentially eligible for implantation of a left ventricular assist device

Patients with >2 months of severe symptoms despite optimal medical and device therapy and more than one of the following:

LVEF <25% and, if measured, peak VO₂ <12 mL/kg/min.

≥3 HF hospitalizations in previous 12 months without an obvious precipitating cause.

Dependence on i.v. inotropic therapy.

Progressive end-organ dysfunction (worsening renal and/or hepatic function) due to reduced perfusion and not to inadequate ventricular filling pressure (PCWP ≥20 mmHg and SBP ≤80–90 mmHg or CI ≤2 L/min/m²).

Absence of severe right ventricular dysfunction together with severe tricuspid regurgitation.

Recommendations for implantation of mechanical circulatory support in patients with refractory heart failure

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
An LVAD should be considered in patients who have <u>end-stage HFrEF</u> despite optimal medical and device therapy and who are <u>eligible for heart transplantation</u> in order to improve symptoms, reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and the risk of premature death (Bridge to transplant indication).	Ila	C	
An LVAD should be considered in patients who have <u>end-stage HFrEF</u> despite optimal medical and device therapy and who <u>are not eligible for heart transplantation to, reduce the risk of premature death.</u>	Ila	B	605, 612, 613

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Table 13.4 Heart transplantation: indications and contra-indications

Patients to consider	<p><u>End-stage HF with severe symptoms, a poor prognosis, and no remaining alternative treatment options.</u> <u>Motivated, well informed, and emotionally stable.</u> <u>Capable of complying with the intensive treatment required postoperatively.</u></p>
Contra-indications	<p>Active infection. Severe peripheral arterial or cerebrovascular disease. Pharmacologically irreversible pulmonary hypertension (LVAD should be considered with a subsequent re-evaluation to establish candidacy). Cancer (a collaboration with oncology specialists should occur to stratify each patient as to their risk of tumour recurrence). Irreversible renal dysfunction (e.g. creatinine clearance <30 mL/min). Systemic disease with multi-organ involvement. Other serious co-morbidity with poor prognosis. Pre-transplant BMI >35 kg/m² (weight loss is recommended to achieve a BMI <35 kg/m²). Current alcohol or drug abuse. Any patient for whom social supports are deemed insufficient to achieve compliant care in the outpatient setting.</p>