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# Cardiotoxicities of Contemporary Cancer Treatment

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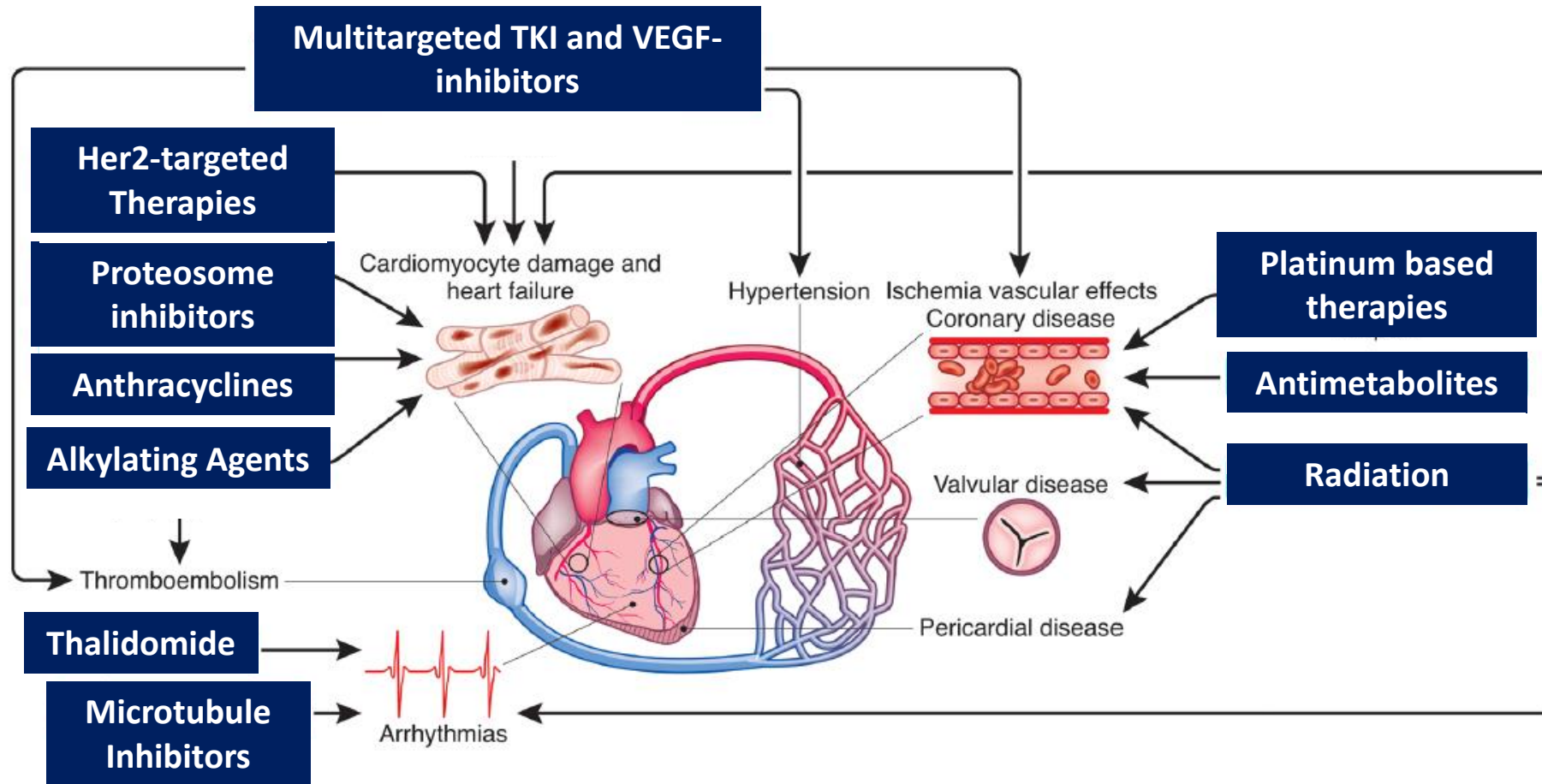
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# Learning objectives

- 1. Discuss how to manage LV dysfunction from anthracyclines and HER2 targeted therapies**
- 2. Recognize cardiovascular side effects of TKI's**
- 3. Highlight future directions in cardio-oncology**

# Cardiac effects of chemotherapy: Beyond LV function



# ICOS 2022 definitions for cardiotoxicity

## Cardiac Dysfunction/HF

Cardiac dysfunction or structural injury associated with cancer therapy, which can remain asymptomatic, or present as clinical HF, each defined ranging from mild to severe degree

(Table 1, Figure 2)

## Myocarditis

Toxicity or immune-mediated inflammation of the myocardium, associated with various cancer therapies, especially immune checkpoint inhibitors, defined by major and minor diagnostic criteria

(Table 2)

## Arrhythmias/ QT Prolongation

A QT interval >500 ms, measured by the Fridericia formula, is defined as prolonged. Supraventricular and ventricular arrhythmias are defined as per standard practice

(Table 5, Figure 3)

## Definition of Key Cardiovascular Toxicities

### Hypertension

Elevation in systolic and/or diastolic blood pressure after initiation of cancer therapy without any other contributing changes.

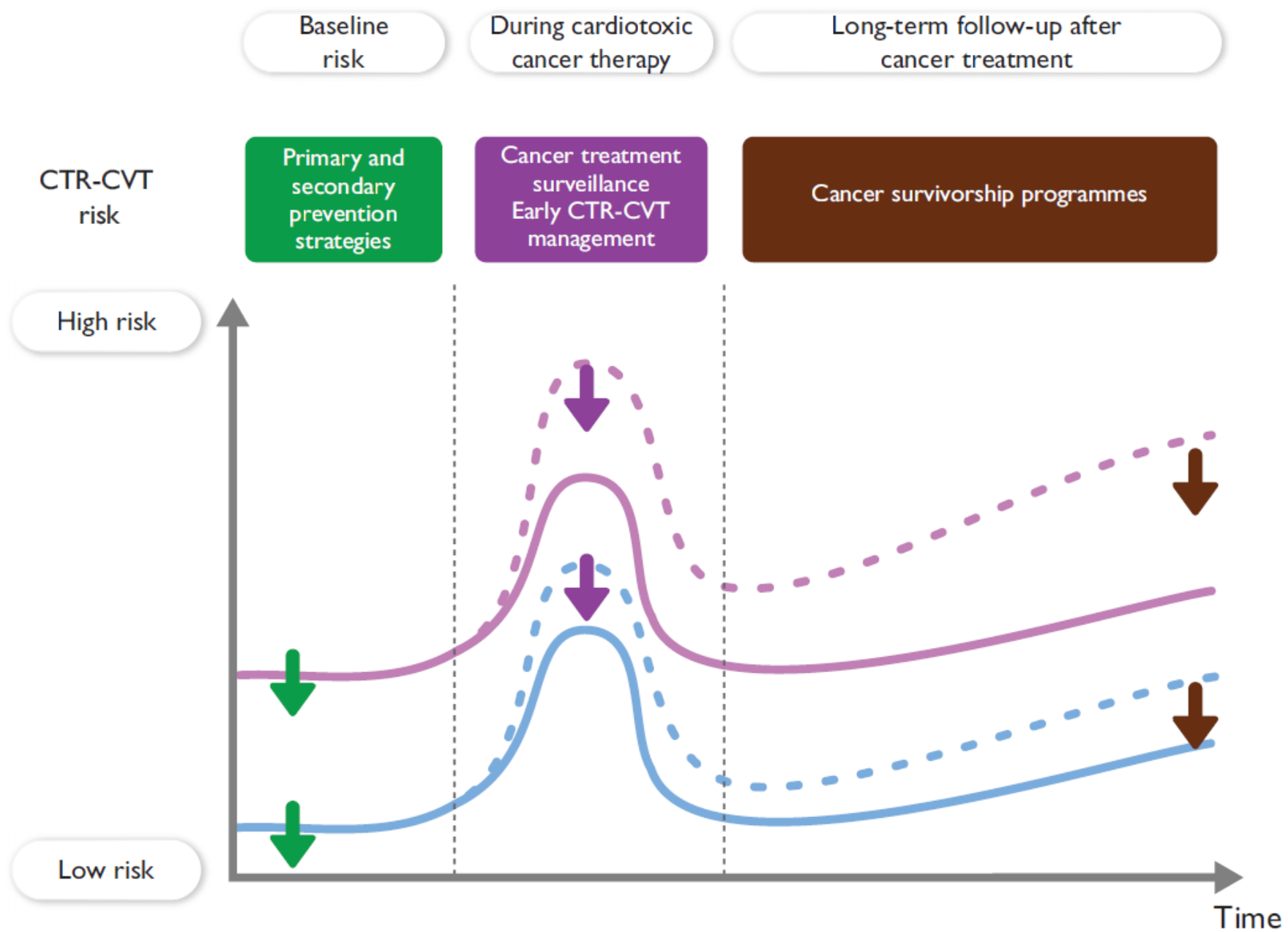
130/80 mmHg and 140/90 mmHg are defined as diagnostic and therapeutic thresholds according to co-morbidities

(Table 4)

## Vascular Toxicity

Induction or aggravation of vascular disease caused by cancer therapy; vascular toxicity may be transient or sustained, symptomatic or asymptomatic, defined by standard criteria

(Table 3)



# Case study: Breast cancer

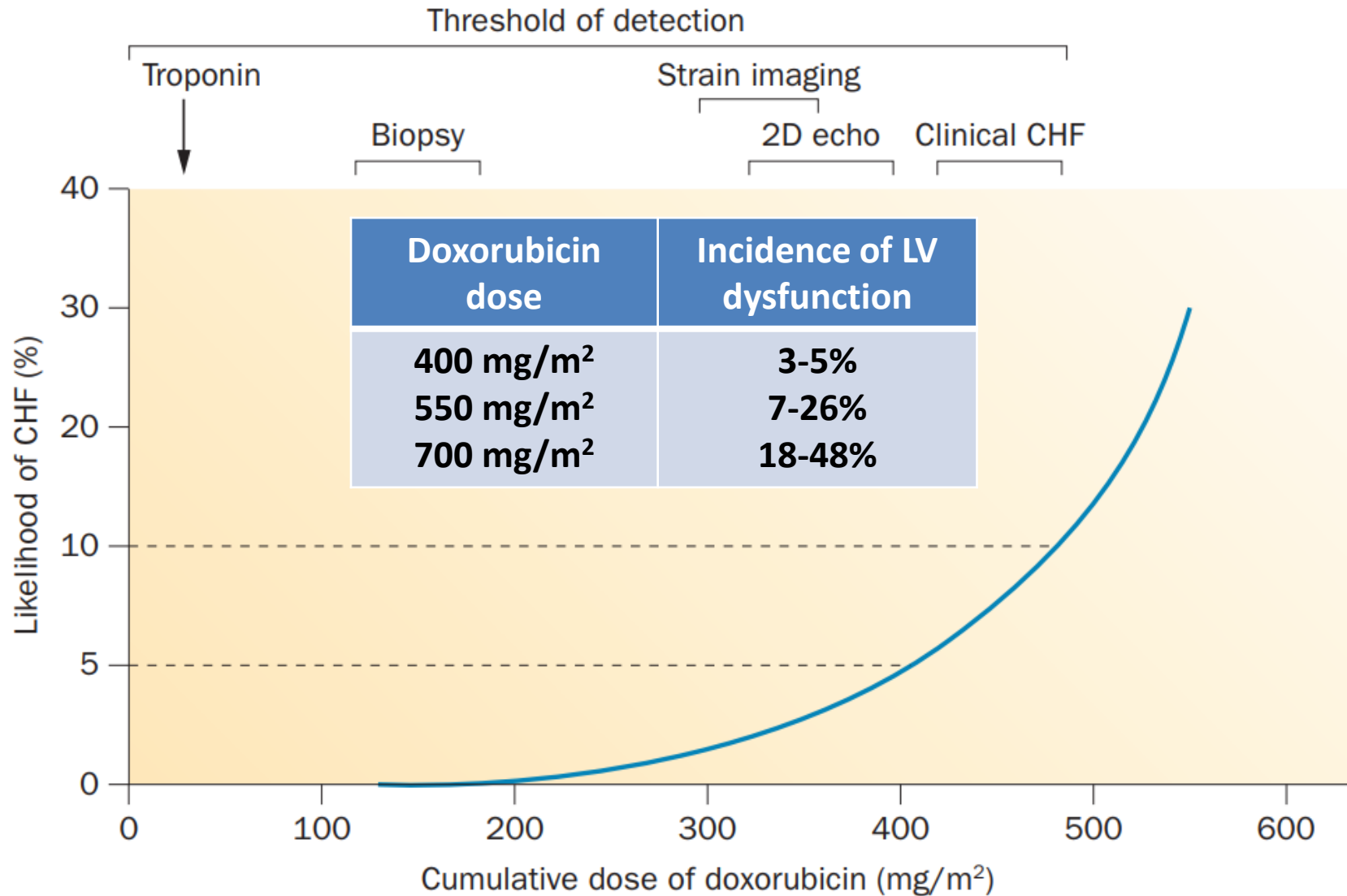
- **JC: 35 y/o woman, no PMH**
- **Dx: Infiltrating lobular carcinoma of L breast, ER-/PR-, HER2+, no mets**

## **What is her risk of cardiotoxicity?**

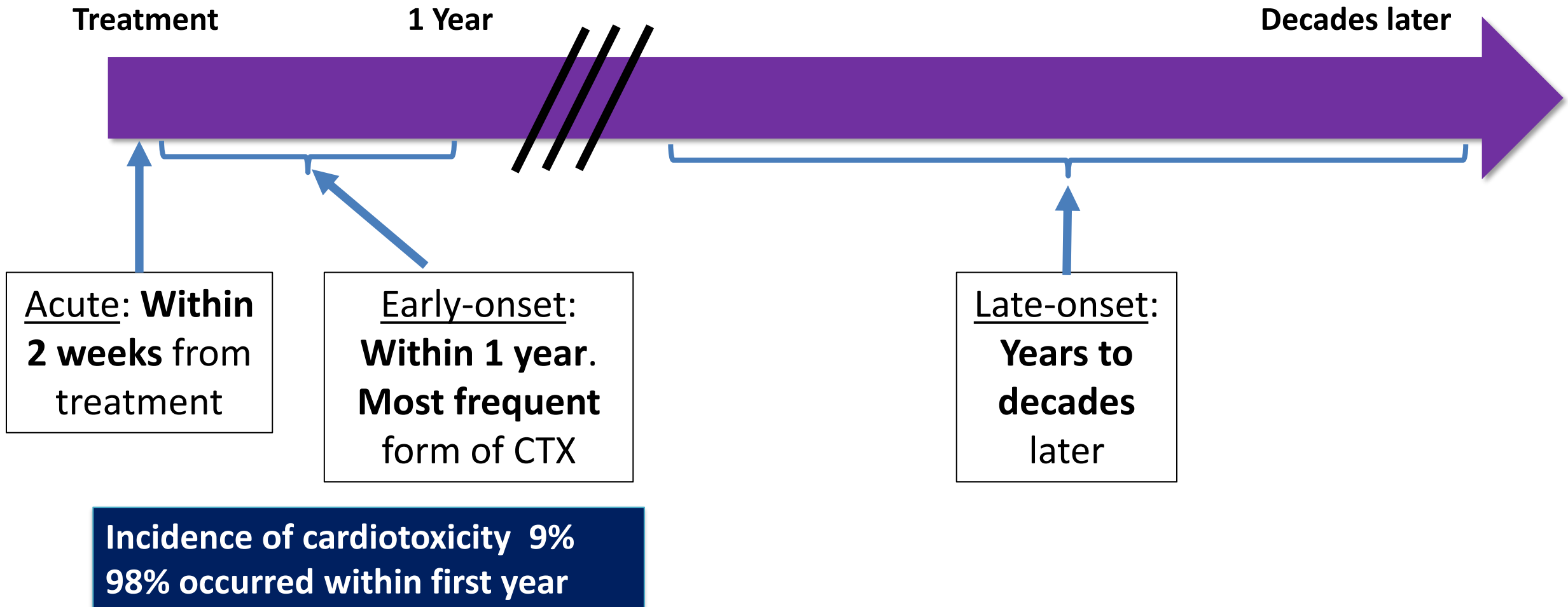
- **Lumpectomy, Radiation therapy, ddAC-T (doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide and paclitaxel)**
- **HER2+ → Starts trastuzumab 1 mo later**
- **Breast cancer in remission**



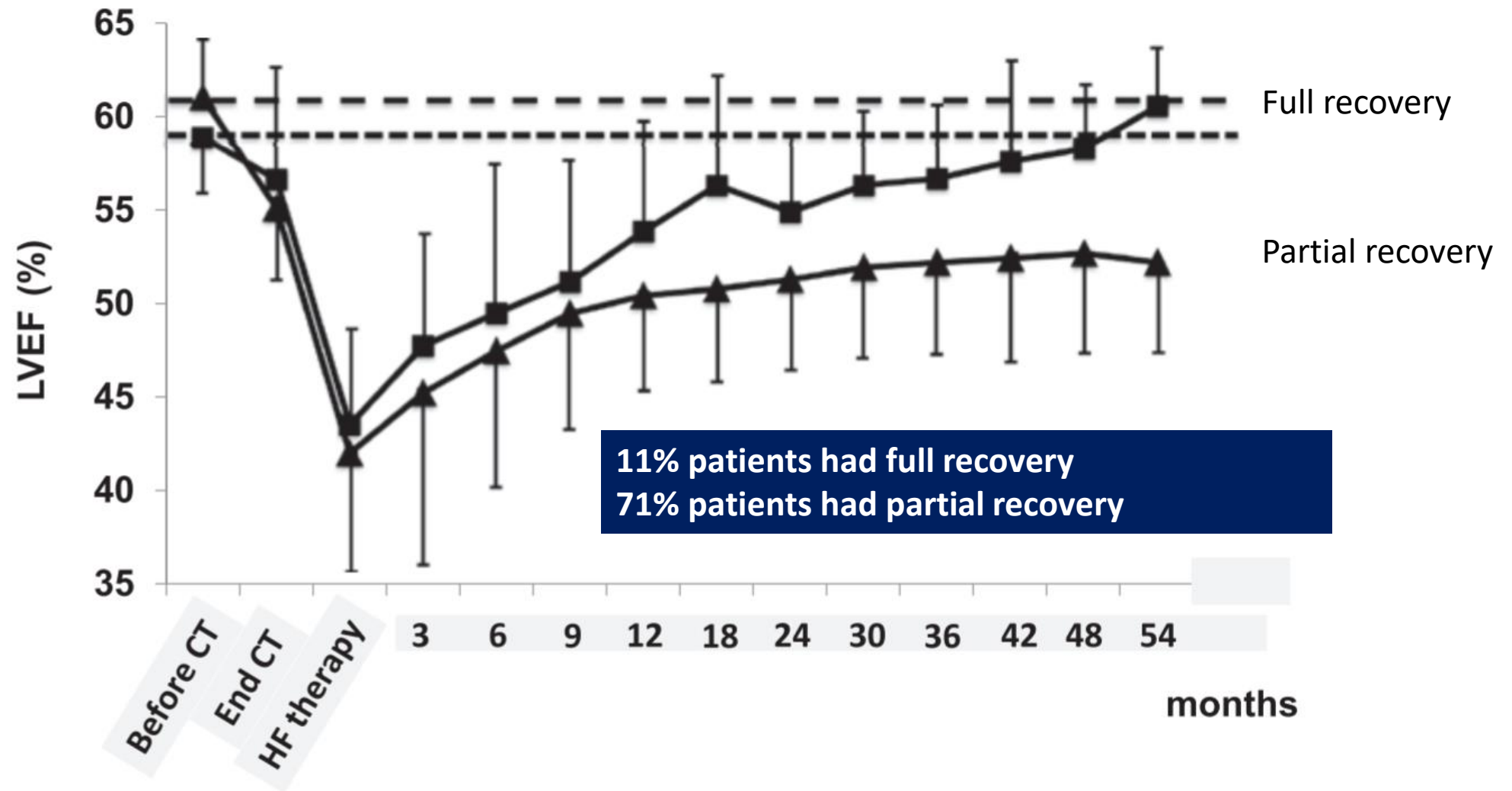
# Anthracycline cardiotoxicity



# Anthracyclines and timing

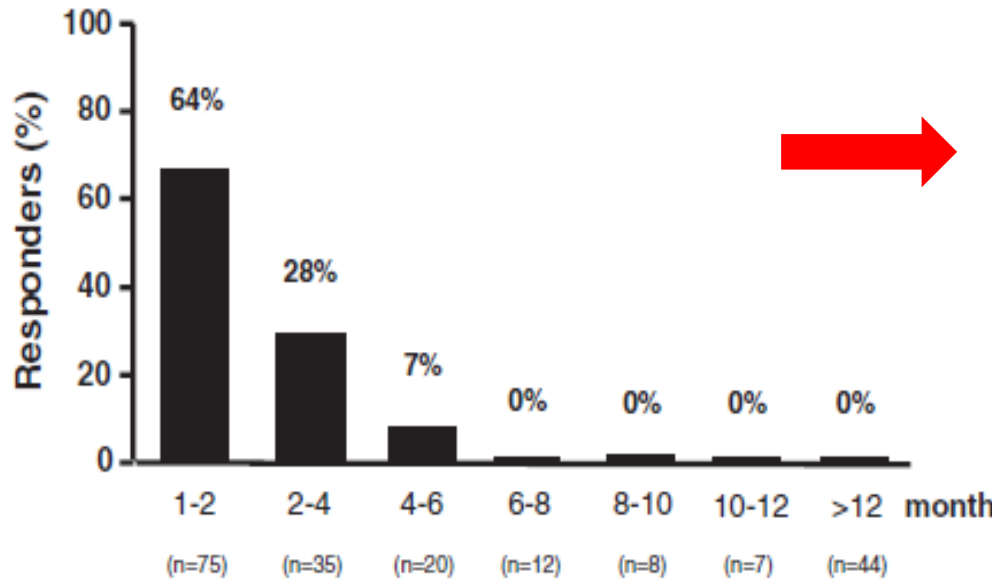


# Anthracycline cardiotoxicity is reversible?



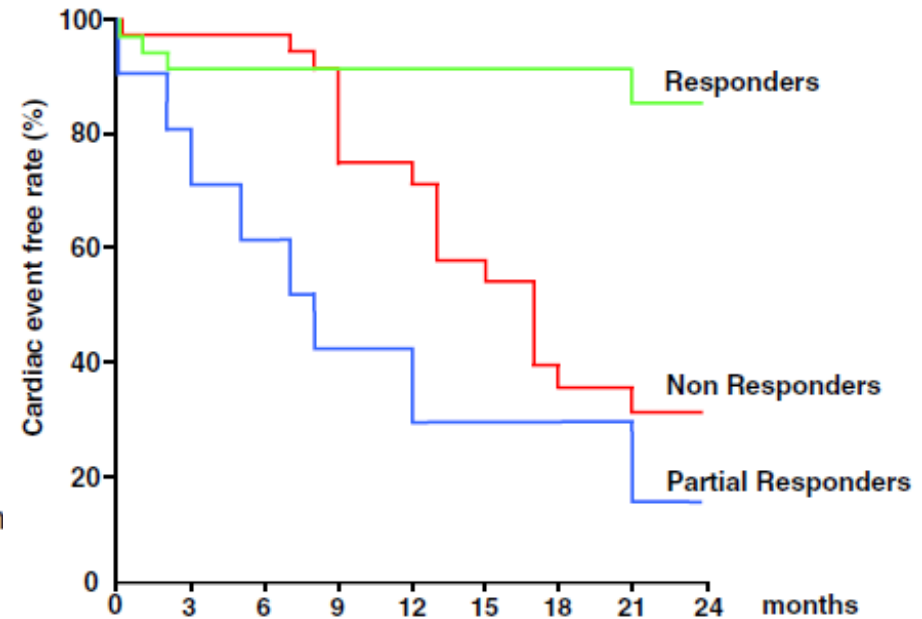
# Timing of intervention matters

201 patients with LVEF < 45% due to anthracyclines  
Enalapril and carvedilol were added, followed LVEF q3 mo











Time between chemo and HF meds

**Earlier is Better!**



**Early = Response = Survival!**

# Trastuzumab Cardiotoxicity

Selected Trials	Time interval between anthracycline and trastuzumab	Incidence of CHF (%)	Incidence of LV dysfunction (%)	Reversibility
Slamon <i>et al.</i> <sup>‡</sup>	 Concurrent	16	 27	 Yes
NCCTG N9831;arm B	 105 days	2.8	 7.8	
NCCTG N9831;arm C	 21 days	3.3	 10.4	
BCIRG-006; Anthracycline arm	21 days	2.0	 18.6	
BCIRG-006; Nonanthracycline arm	NA	0.4	9.4	

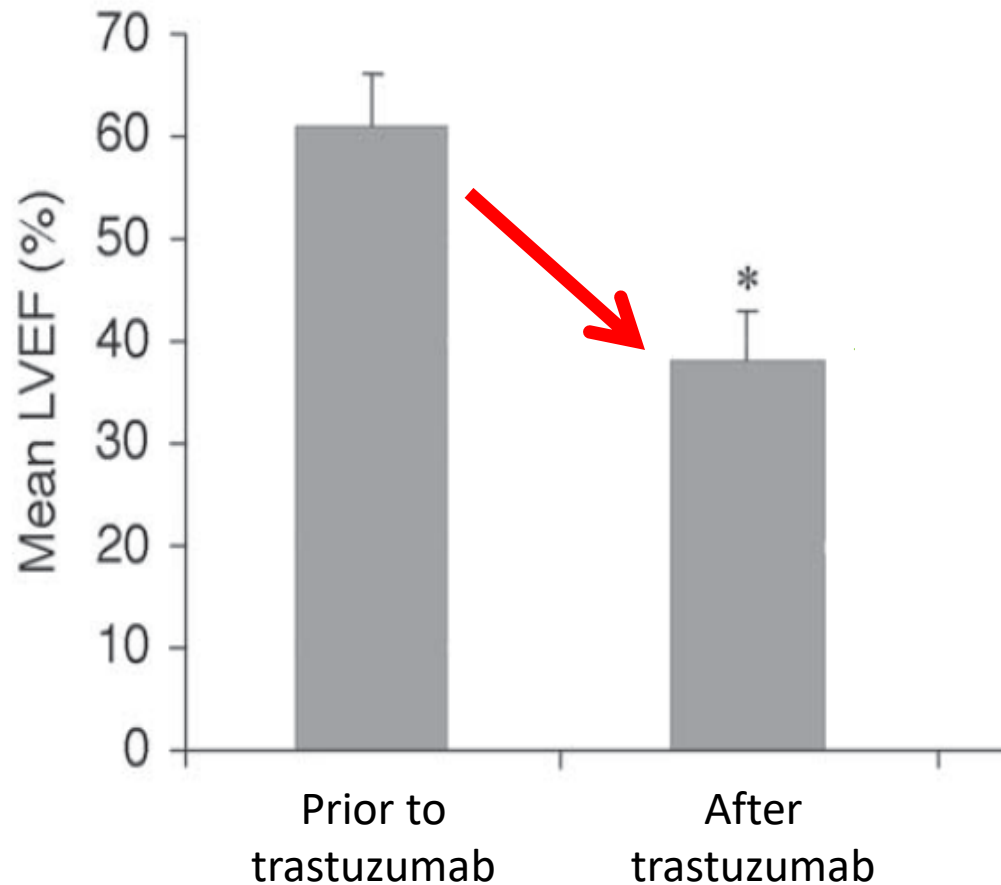
**Administration w/ anthracyclines increases risk**

**Increased delay between therapies decreases risk**

**Toxicity is usually reversible**

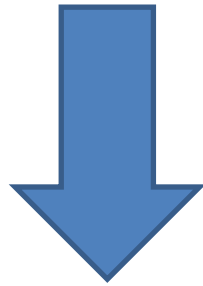
# What about trastuzumab rechallenge?

38 patients with HER2/neu+ breast cancer  
All received anthracyclines



# Case study: Breast cancer

- Echo shows LVEF of 40% (baseline 60%)  
GLS is now -13% (baseline -19%)



**Could we have prevented this?**

# Summary of Select Cardioprotection Studies

Study	Year	Cohort and Exposure	Cardiac Intervention	Outcome Measures	Results
<b>OVERCOME</b>	2013	Hematologic malignancies (AML or auto-HSCT)	Enalapril and carvedilol vs. placebo	Change in LVEF on echo and cardiac MRI	Enalapril and coreg prevented drop in LVEF; also lower incidence of death or HF
<b>PRADA</b>	2016	Early stage breast cancer treated with anthracyclines +/- trastuzumab or RT	2x2 factorial treatment with candesartan or metoprolol succinate vs. placebo	5% drop in LVEF by cardiac MRI	Candesartan attenuated drop in LVEF (0.8% vs. 2.6%); no effect of metoprolol succ
<b>MANTICORE</b>	2017	HER2-positive early breast cancer +/- anthracyclines	Perindopril vs. bisoprolol vs. placebo	Change in LVEDVi (primary) and LVEF (secondary, LVEF $\geq$ 10% drop to less than 53%) by cardiac MRI	<u>No difference</u> in LVEDVi; bisoprolol (-1%) and perindopril (-3%) protected against change in LVEF vs. placebo (-5%)
<b>CECCY</b>	2018	HER2-neg breast cancer exposed to anthracyclines	Carvedilol vs. placebo	$\geq$ 10% drop in LVEF by echo	<u>No difference</u> in LVEF or BNP between groups; carvedilol protected against troponin elevation and diastolic dysfunction
<b>USF (Guglin)</b>	2018	Breast cancer exposed to trastuzumab +/- anthracyclines	Lisinopril vs. carvedilol vs. placebo	$\geq$ 10% drop in LVEF by echo	<u>No difference</u> in trastuzumab alone; for those exposed to anthracyclines and trastuzumab, lisinopril and carvedilol were protective
<b>ICOS-One</b>	2018	Mixed cohort with exposure to anthracyclines	Enalapril starting with anthracyclines vs. only starting with Troponin elevation	Troponin elevation	<u>No difference</u> between strategy of primary prevention vs. Troponin-triggered strategy

OVERCOME: Bosch X et al. JACC 2013; 61(23): 2355-62  
 PRADA: Gulati G et al. Eur Heart J 2016; 37(21): 1671-80  
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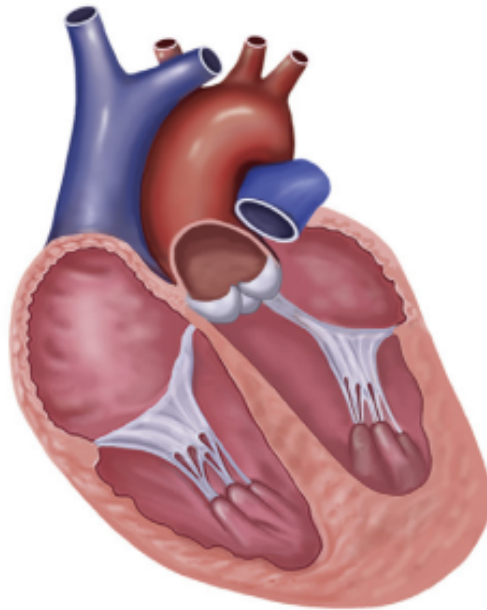
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# Meta-analysis of NH blockade as cardioprotection

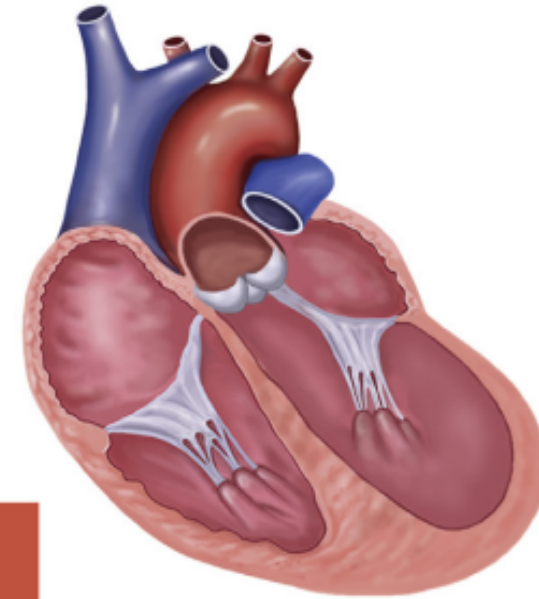
Patients With Cancer  
Undergoing Chemotherapy

Cardiotoxicity, Subclinical Cardiac  
Dysfunction, and Heart Failure

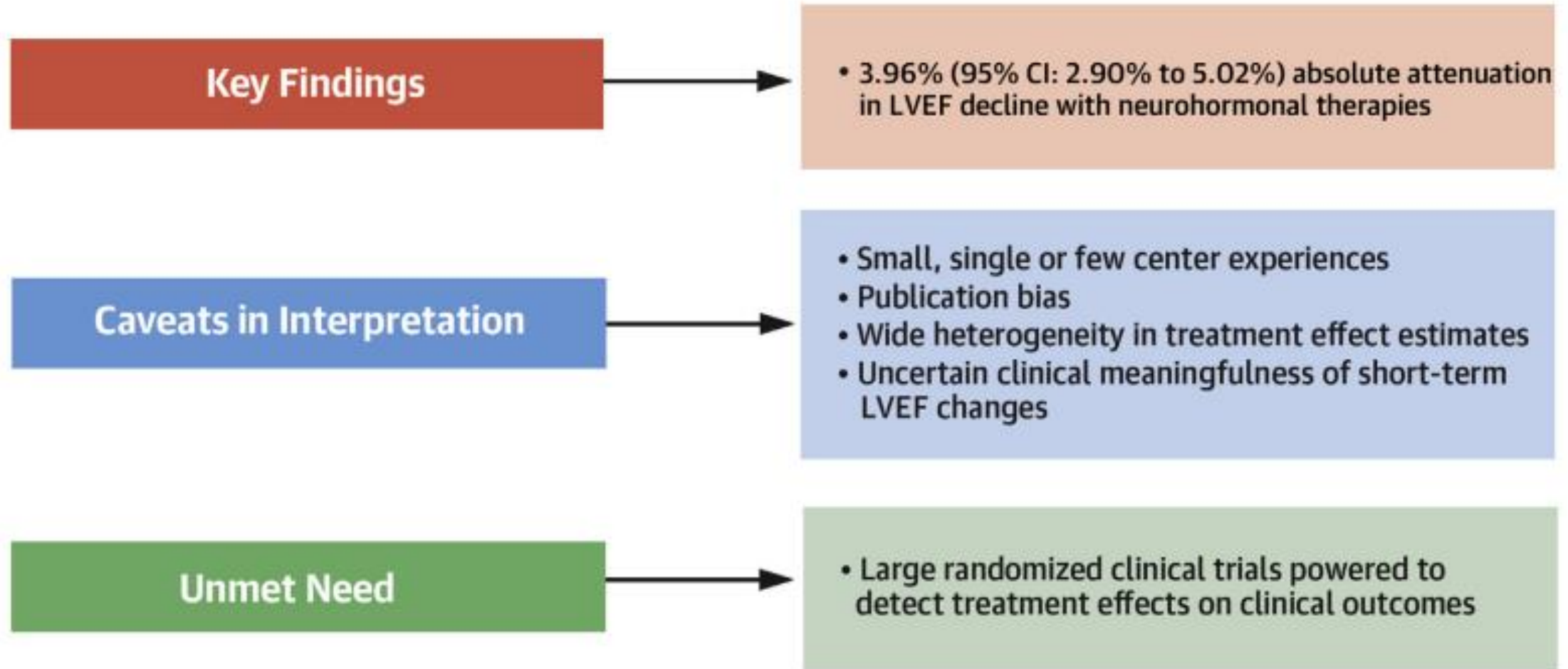


**Neurohormonal Therapies**  
 $\beta$ -blockers, ACE inhibitors/ARBs,  
mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists

**Updated Trial-Level Meta-Analysis**  
17 Studies

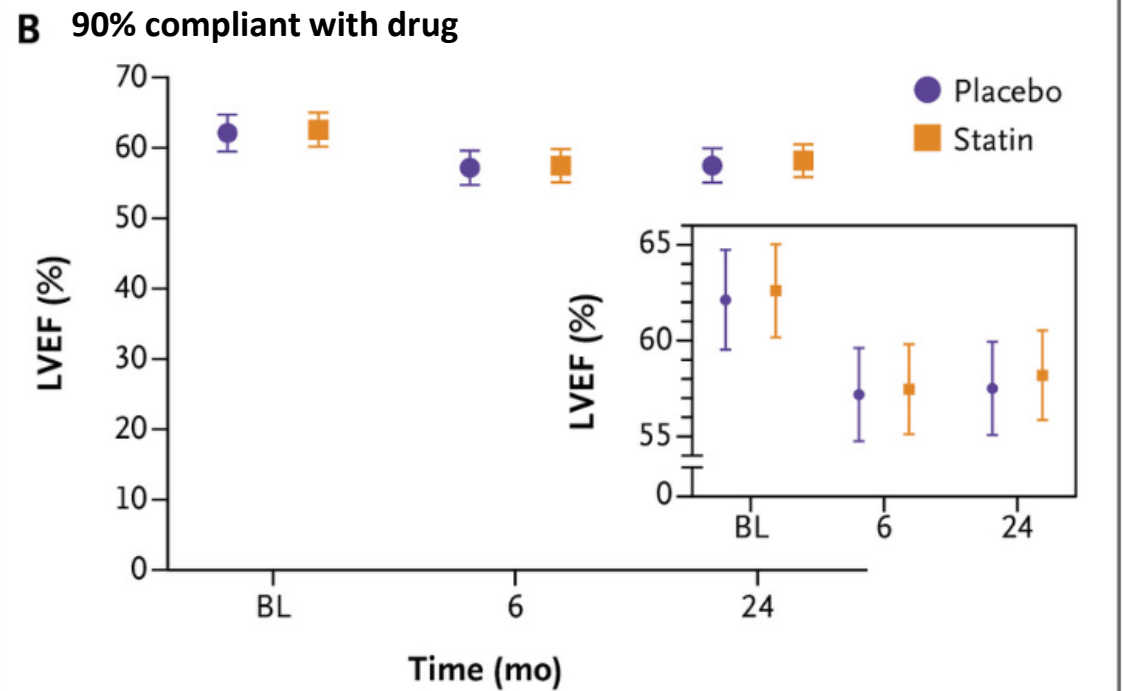
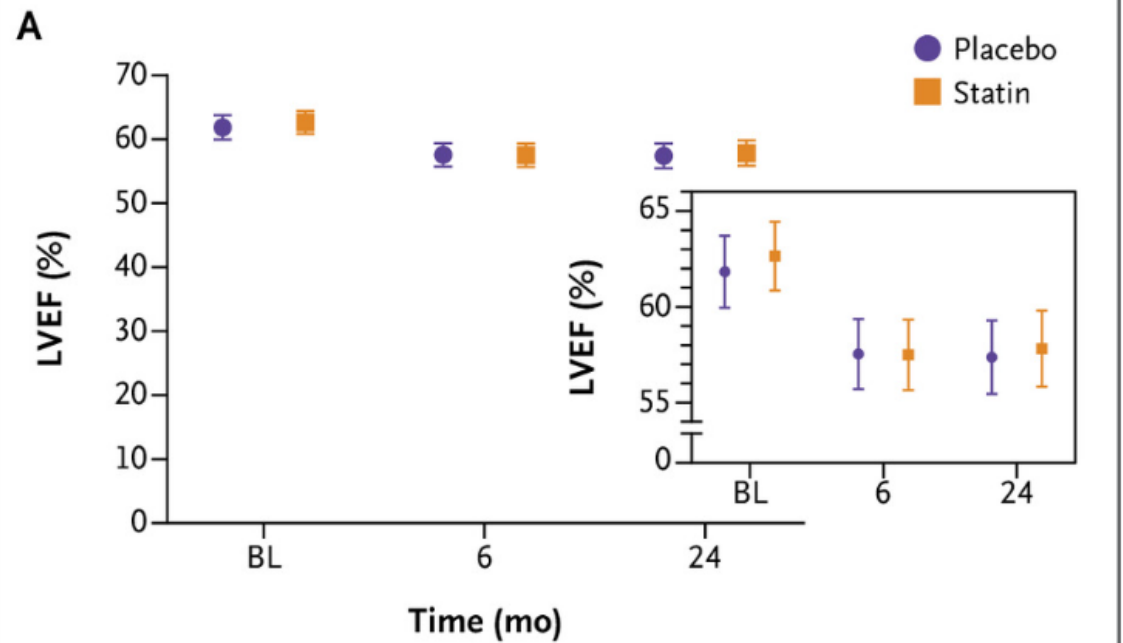


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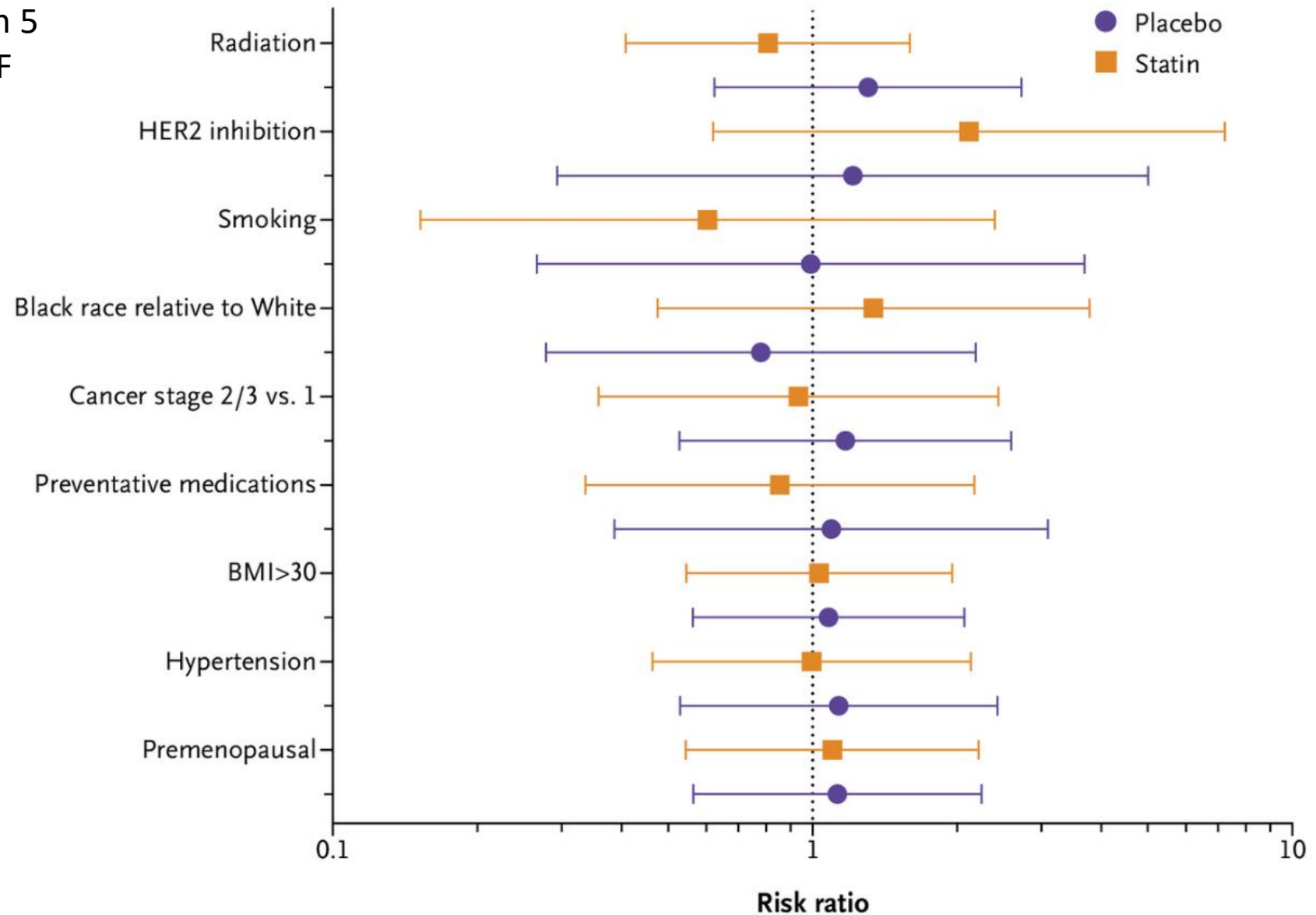
# What about statins?

- Stage I-III breast CA or stage I-IV lymphoma
- Chemotherapy w/ anthracycline
- 279 randomized to atorvastatin 40 mg vs placebo
- Followed for 24 months
- Primary endpoint change in LVEF on CMR



# Subgroup analyses

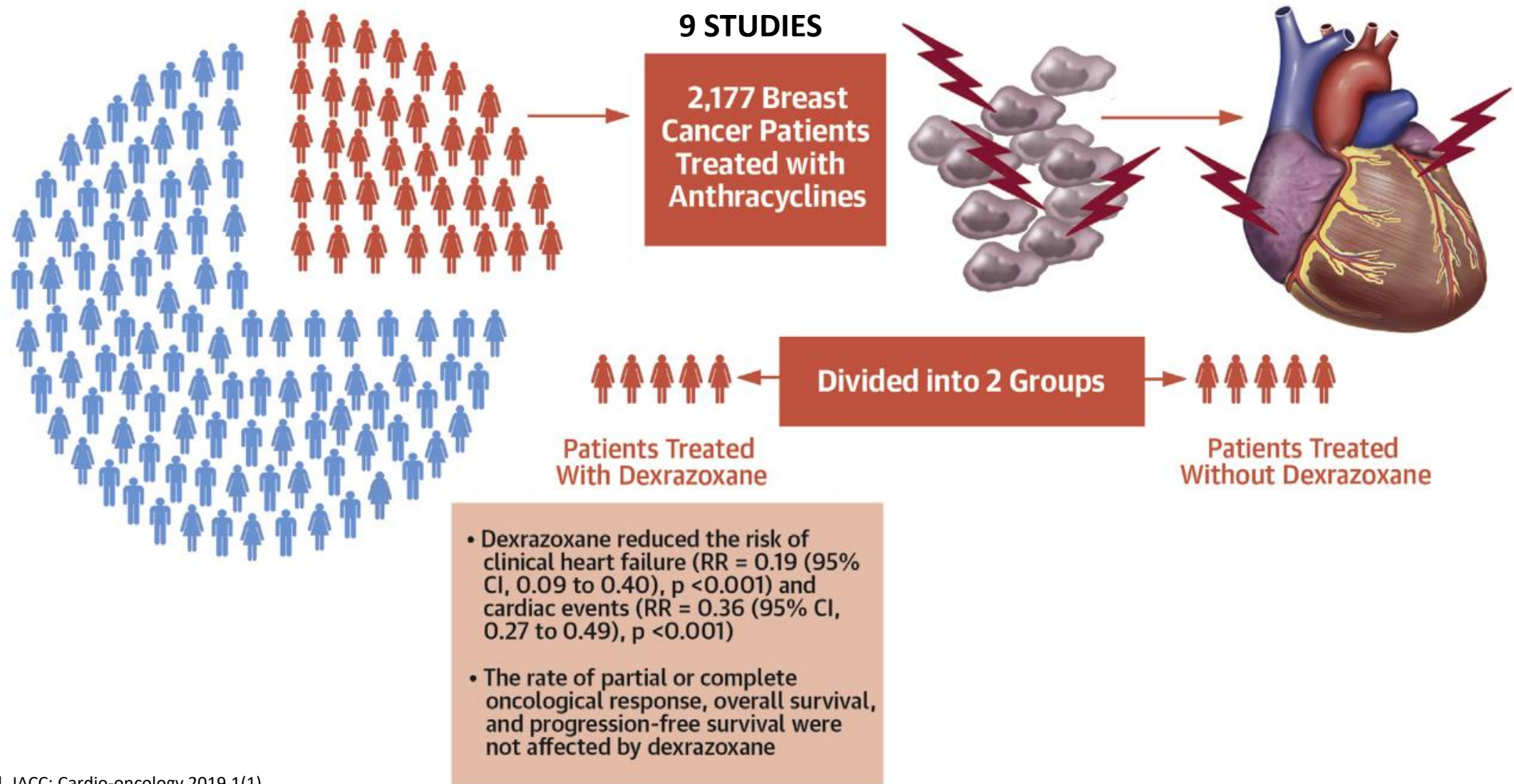
Risk ratios for greater than 5 percentage decline in LVEF over 24 months





# Meta-analysis of dexrazoxane in BC

## CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Dexrazoxane in Breast Cancer Patients Under Anthracycline-Based Chemotherapy



# Case study: JC


- Trastuzumab held; Started carvedilol and lisinopril
- 1 month later: LVEF 60% (GLS -18%)
- Completed Trastuzumab, LVEF stable

Breast Cancer Research and Treatment  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10549-019-05191-2>

## CLINICAL TRIAL



### Prospective evaluation of the cardiac safety of HER2-targeted therapies in patients with HER2-positive breast cancer and compromised heart function: the SAFE-HEaRt study

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## ORIGINAL RESEARCH

### Safety of Continuing Trastuzumab Despite Mild Cardiotoxicity

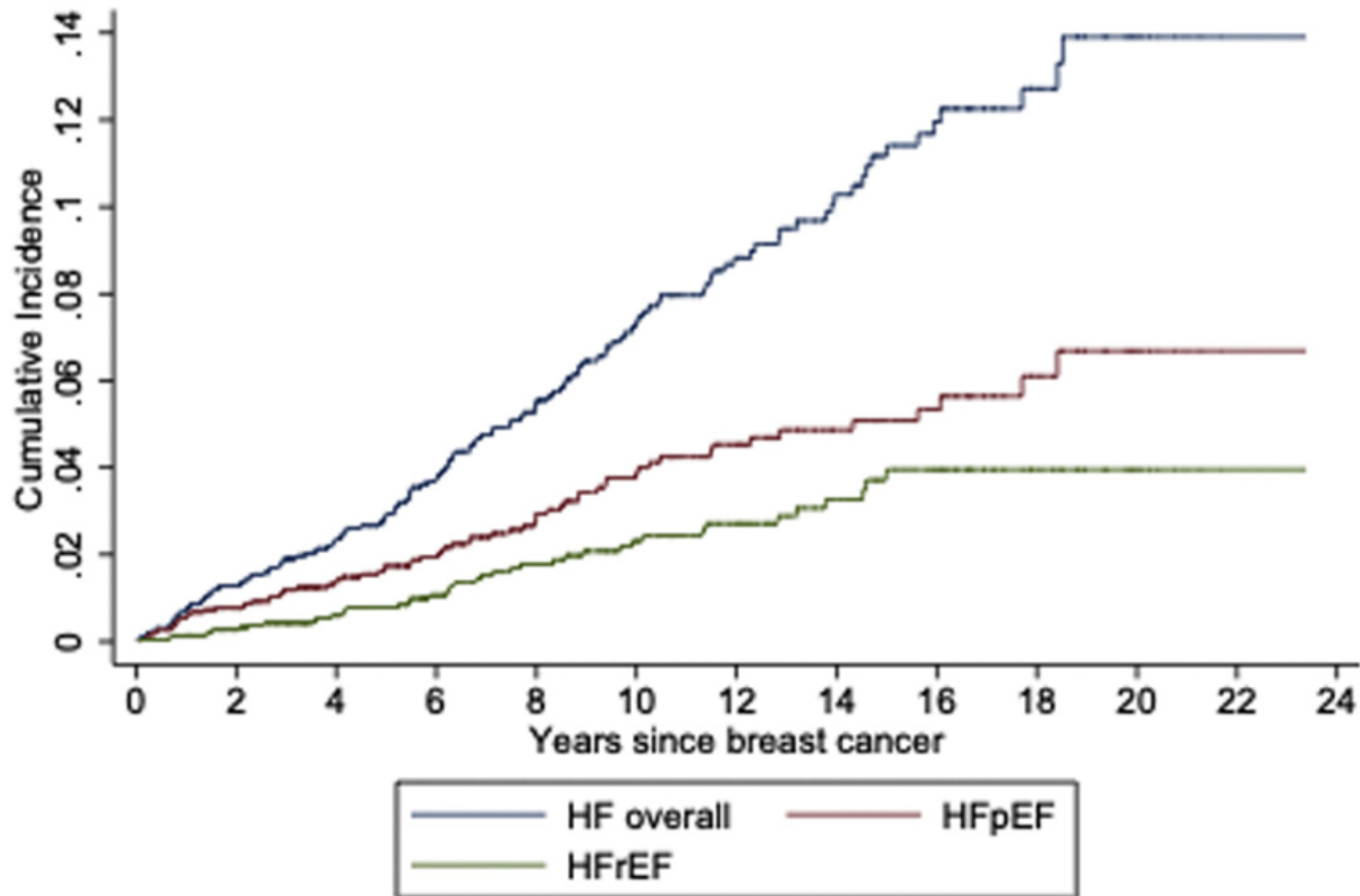
#### A Phase I Trial



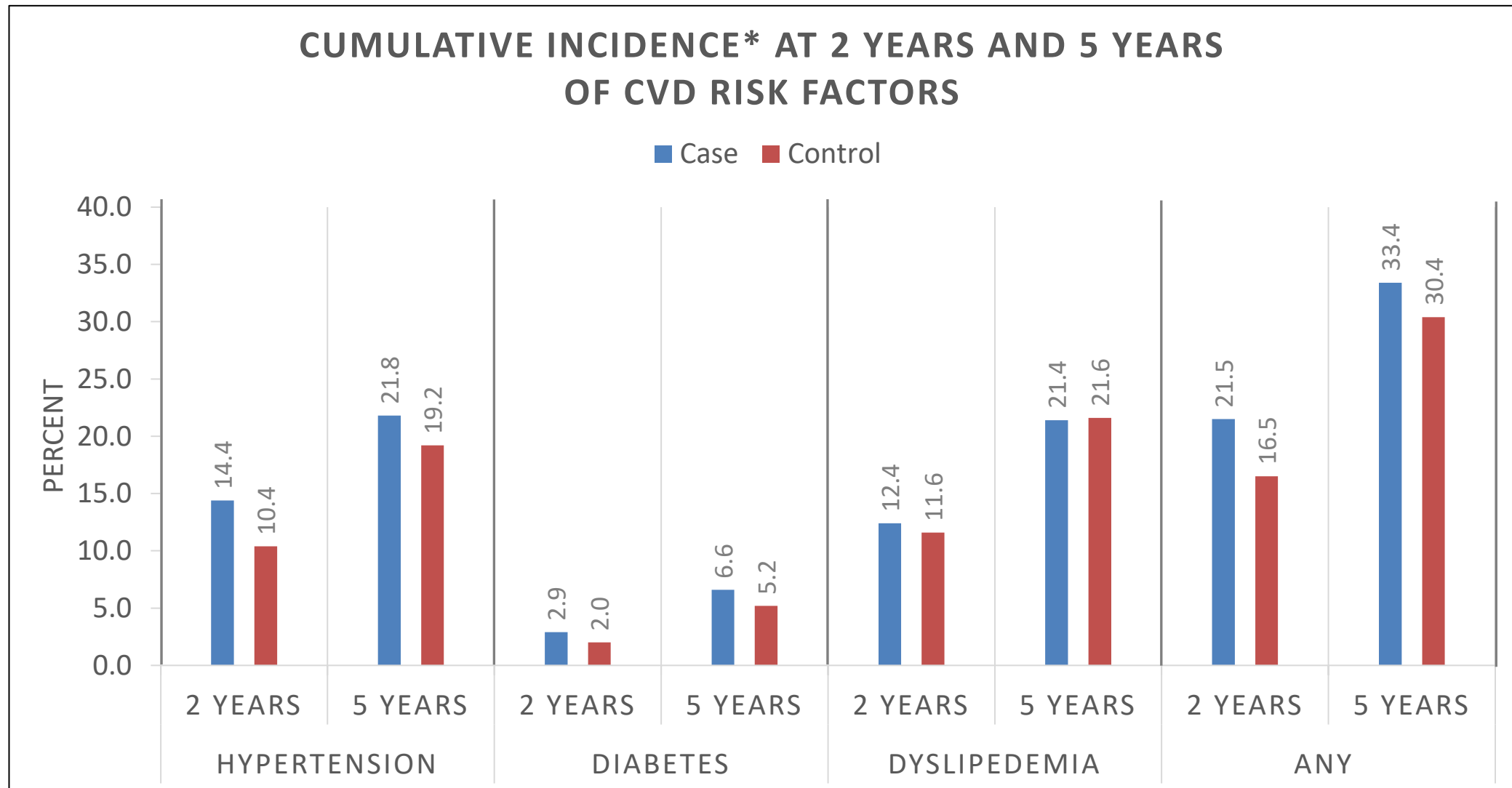
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# What about long term risk?

**FIGURE 2** HF Hospitalizations After Breast Cancer



# Kaiser Pathways – Incident CVRF





# Summary: anthracyclines +/- HER2

- **Anthracycline cardiotoxicity**
  - Dose dependent (risk at 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup>; stop at 550 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)
  - Occurs mostly within 1 year, partially reversible
- **HER2 targeted therapy cardiotoxicity**
  - Not dose related
  - Always reversible; Rechallenge is well-tolerated
- **Beta blockers and ACEi may be cardioprotective for primary prevention – but unclear which patients**
- **Think about long-term risk and surveillance for CV disease but also cardiometabolic disease (HTN, T2DM)**

# Post-test Question #1

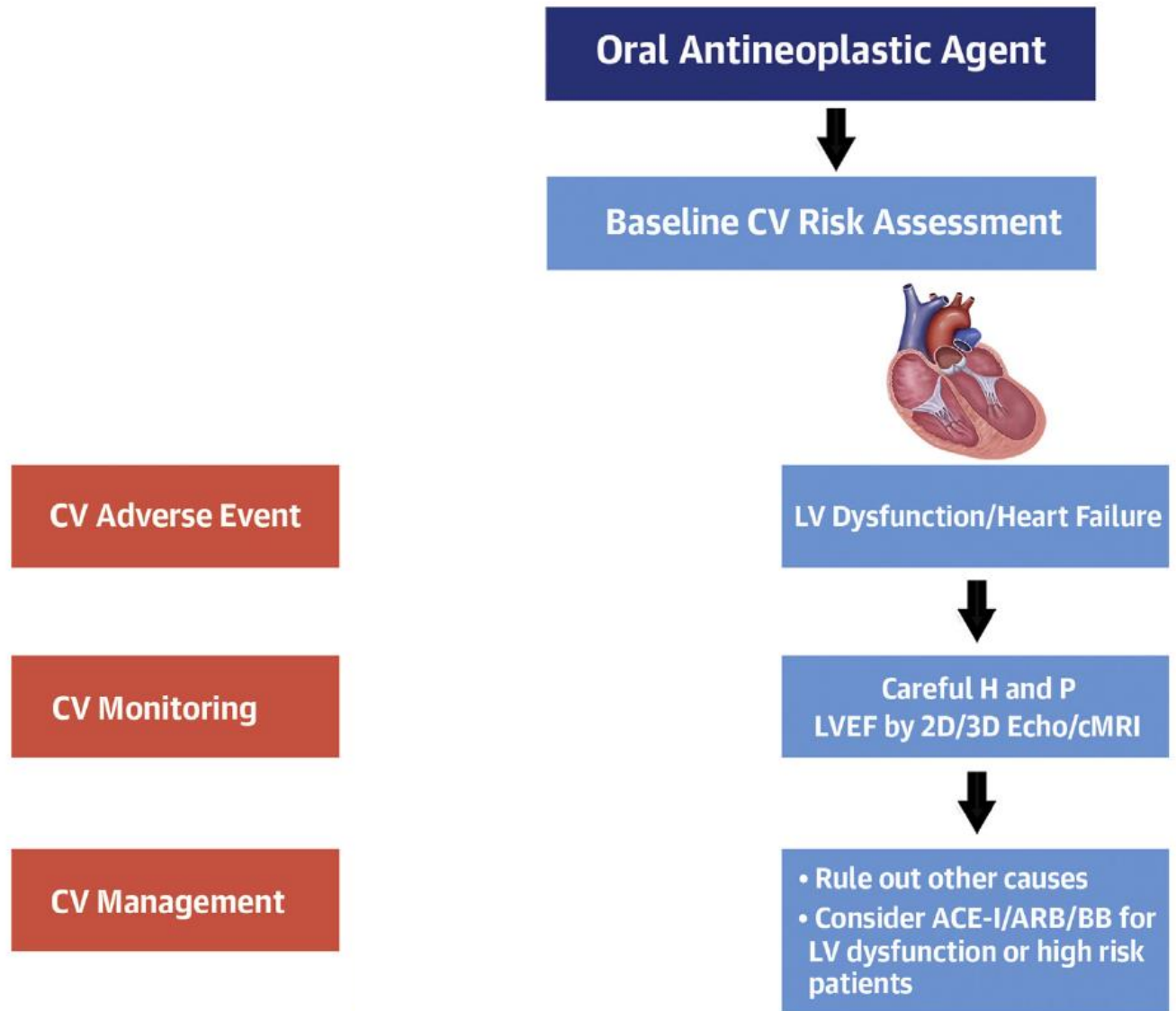
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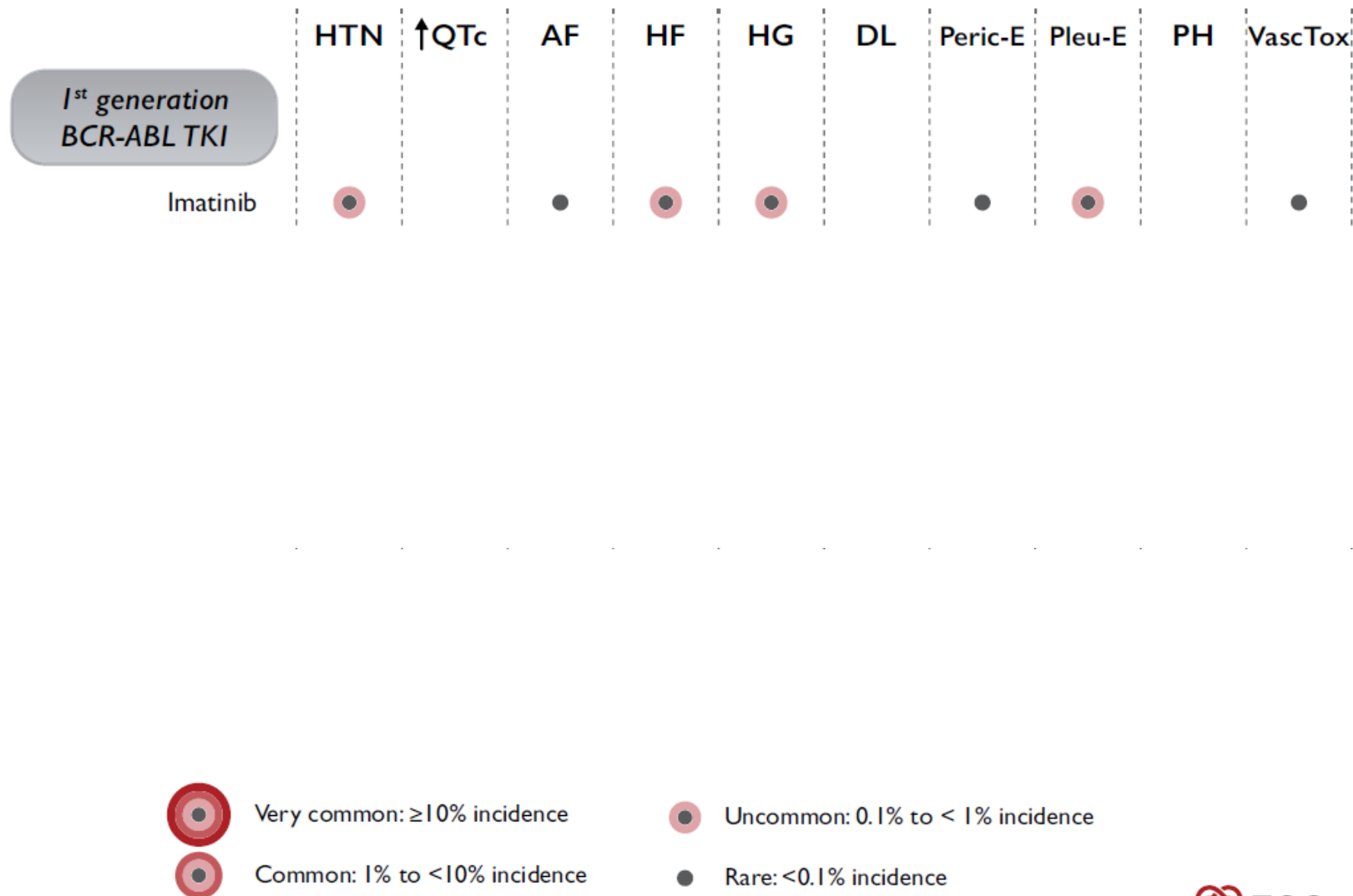
# Case 2: CML and BCR-ABL TKI

- Diagnosed at age 71 with CML without significant PMH
  - Treated w/ imatinib → stopped due to ocular symptoms
  - Treated w/ dasatinib → pleural effusions
  - Switched to nilotinib → good response but LE claudication with stenosis of bilateral SFA and L PTA
  - Switched to bosutinib
  - Ongoing hypertension, progressive aortic stenosis

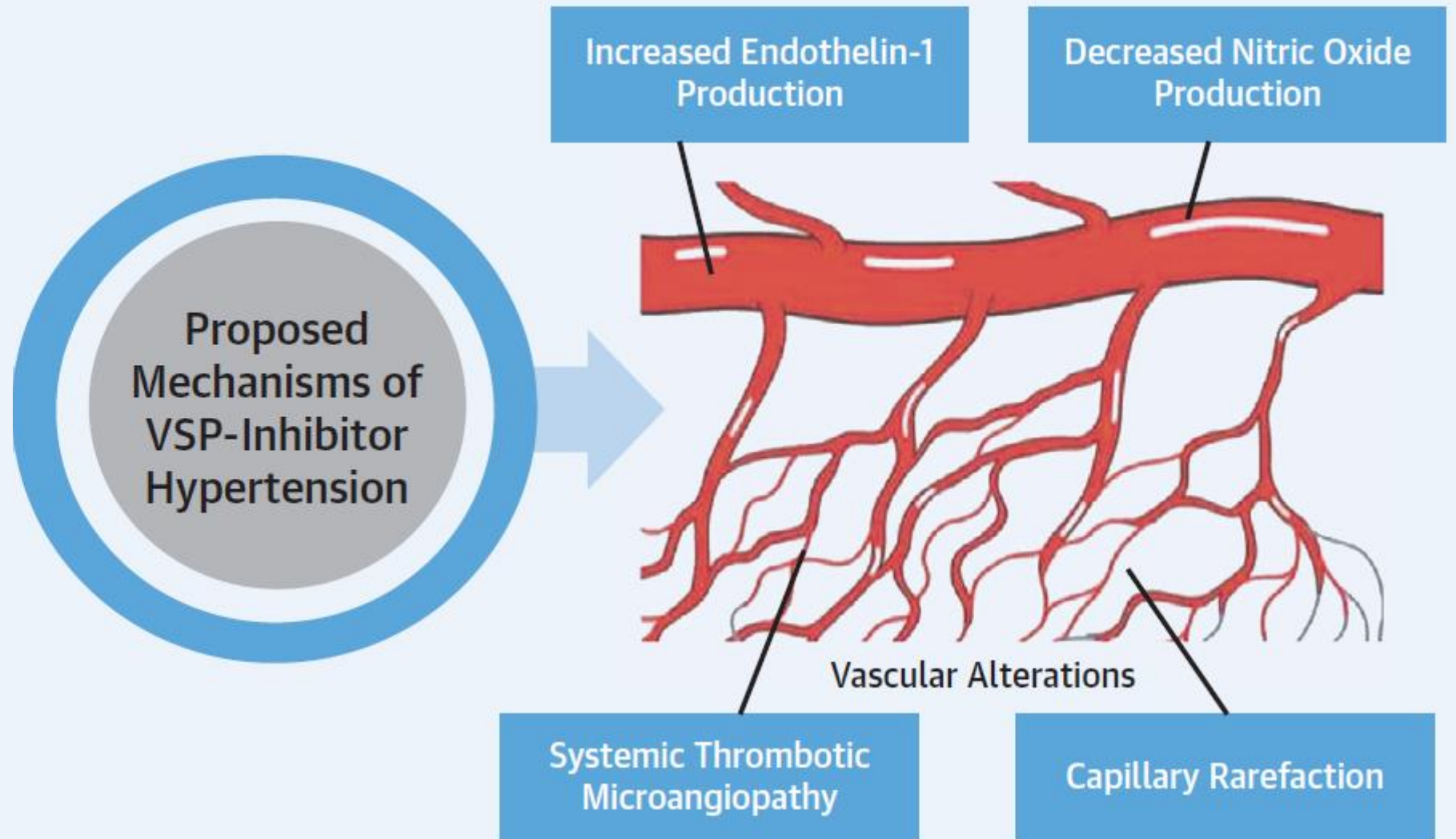
# Considerations of oral targeted therapies



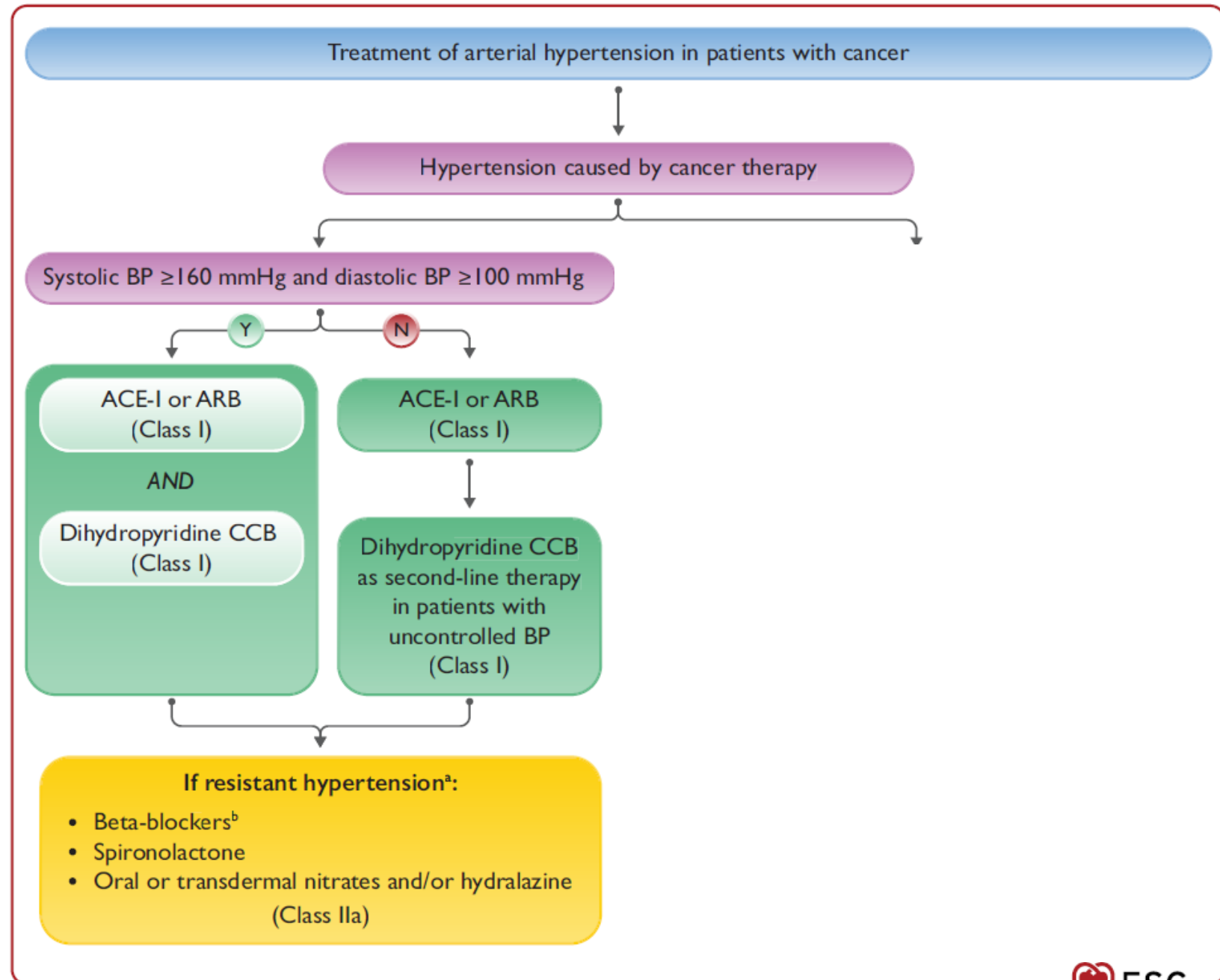
## BCR-ABL TKI-related cardiovascular toxicities






# Hypertension from VSP inhibitors



\*Consider  $\beta$ -blockers  
if indication  
e.g. HF or CAD



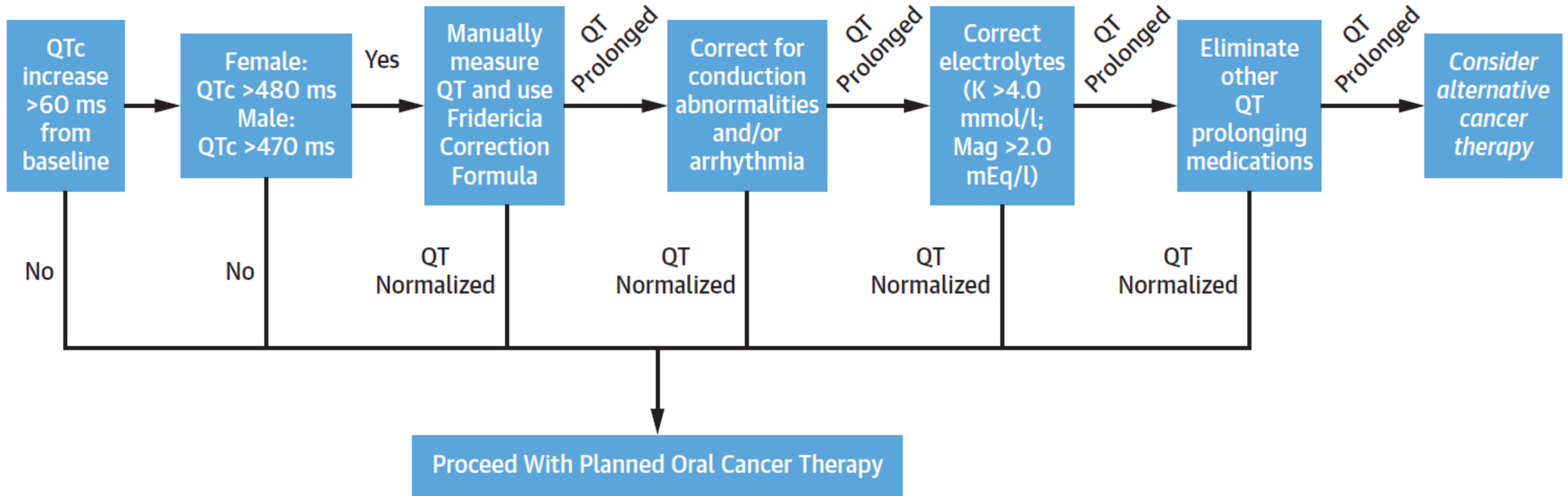
## Recommended threshold for asymptomatic hypertension treatment in different clinical scenarios

	Home BP mmHg	CS	Curable cancer during treatment	Metastatic cancer Prognosis >3 years	Metastatic cancer Prognosis 1–3 years	Metastatic cancer Prognosis <1 year
 Class I	160+	Treat	Treat	Treat	Treat	Treat
 Class IIa	140–159	Treat	Treat	Treat	Consider treatment	May treat
 Class IIb	135–139	Treat	May treat	Consider treatment	May treat	None
	130–134	May treat	None	None	None	None
	<130	None	None	None	None	None

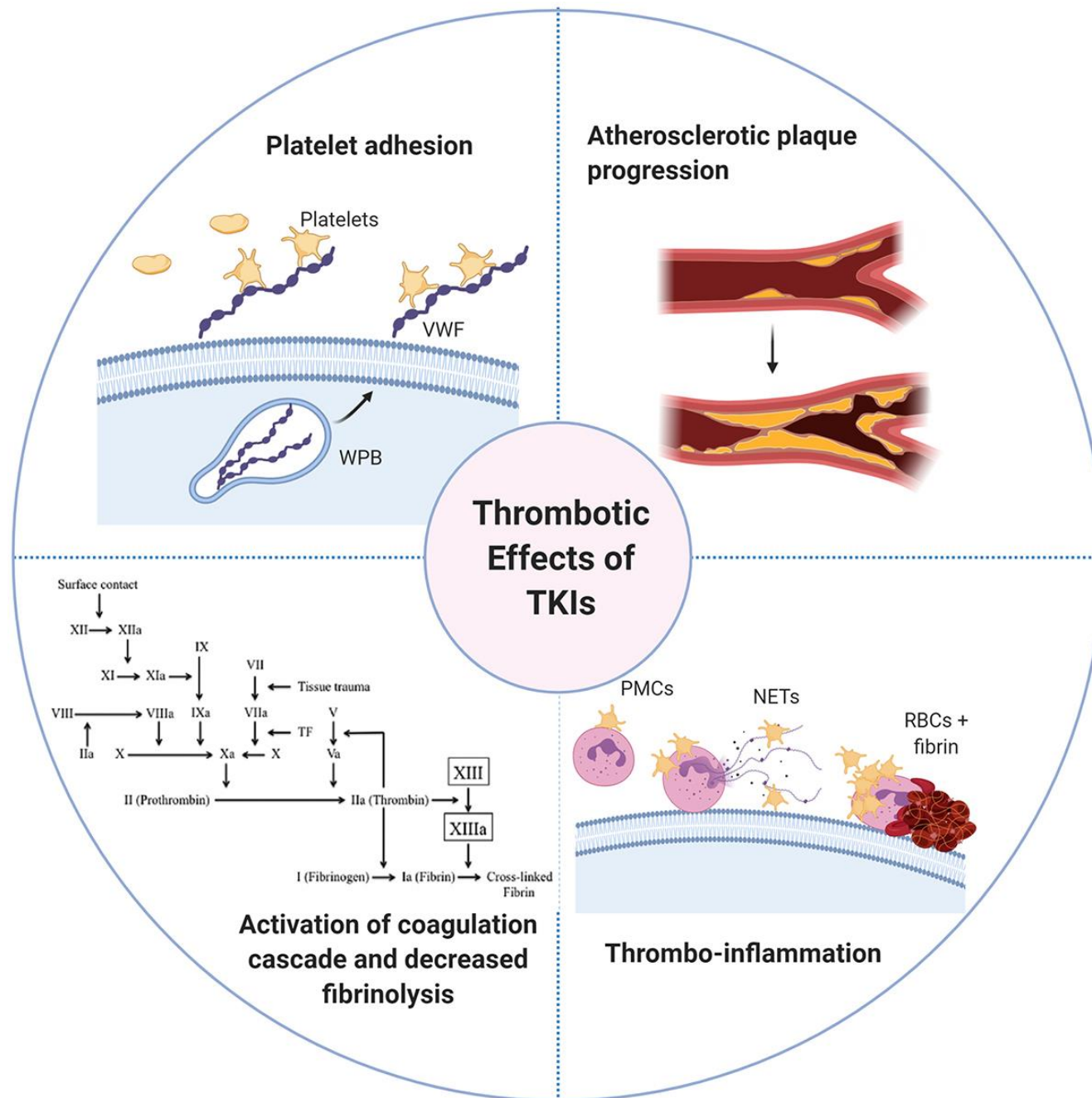


# QTc prolongation on TKI therapy

**FIGURE 2** Algorithm for QT-Interval Monitoring in Patients Receiving Oral Antineoplastic Agents



If baseline QT interval is prolonged, manual measurement and Fridericia correction should be completed. If QT increases by more than 60 ms from baseline to a level beyond 480 ms for females and 470 ms for males, QT should be corrected for conduction abnormalities/arrhythmias, electrolytes addressed, and concomitant QT-prolonging medications changed before proceeding with oral chemotherapy.



**Nilotinib has been associated with AS**



## Case 2: CML follow-up

- **Peripheral arterial disease → angioplasty and stent, statin**
- **Progressive AS → TAVR**
- **HFpEF → diuretics**
- **Hypertension → ACEi, beta blocker**
- **Continue bosutinib, avoid nilotinib and ponatinib**

-  Class I
-  Class IIa
-  Class IIb

	Baseline	3 M	6 M	9 M	12 M	Every 6–12 M
Physical examination <sup>a</sup>	Bosutinib Dasatinib Nilotinib Ponatinib					
BP						
ECG	Bosutinib Dasatinib Nilotinib Ponatinib	Nilotinib Ponatinib				
Lipid profile/ HbA1c						
ABI	Nilotinib Ponatinib		Nilotinib Ponatinib		Nilotinib Ponatinib	
TTE	Dasatinib	High and very high risk patients treated with dasatinib or ponatinib				Dasatinib Ponatinib
	Bosutinib Nilotinib Ponatinib					

# Summary: CV concerns with TKI for CML

- **Many TKI are multitargeted with on- and off-target risk for cardiotoxicity**
- **Wide spectrum of CV risk that varies by TKI; Even within a class, differences by specific drug**
- **Treat HTN with ACEi and CCB**
- **Be vigilant of other cardiovascular effects such as QT prolongation, HF, AF, vascular effects**

# Post-test Question #2

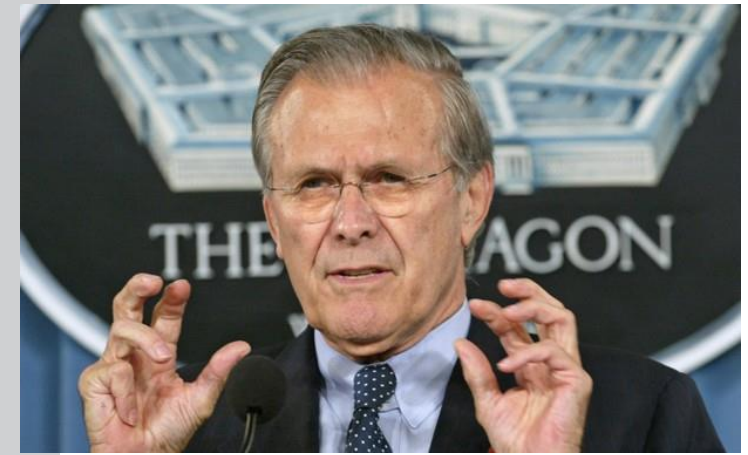
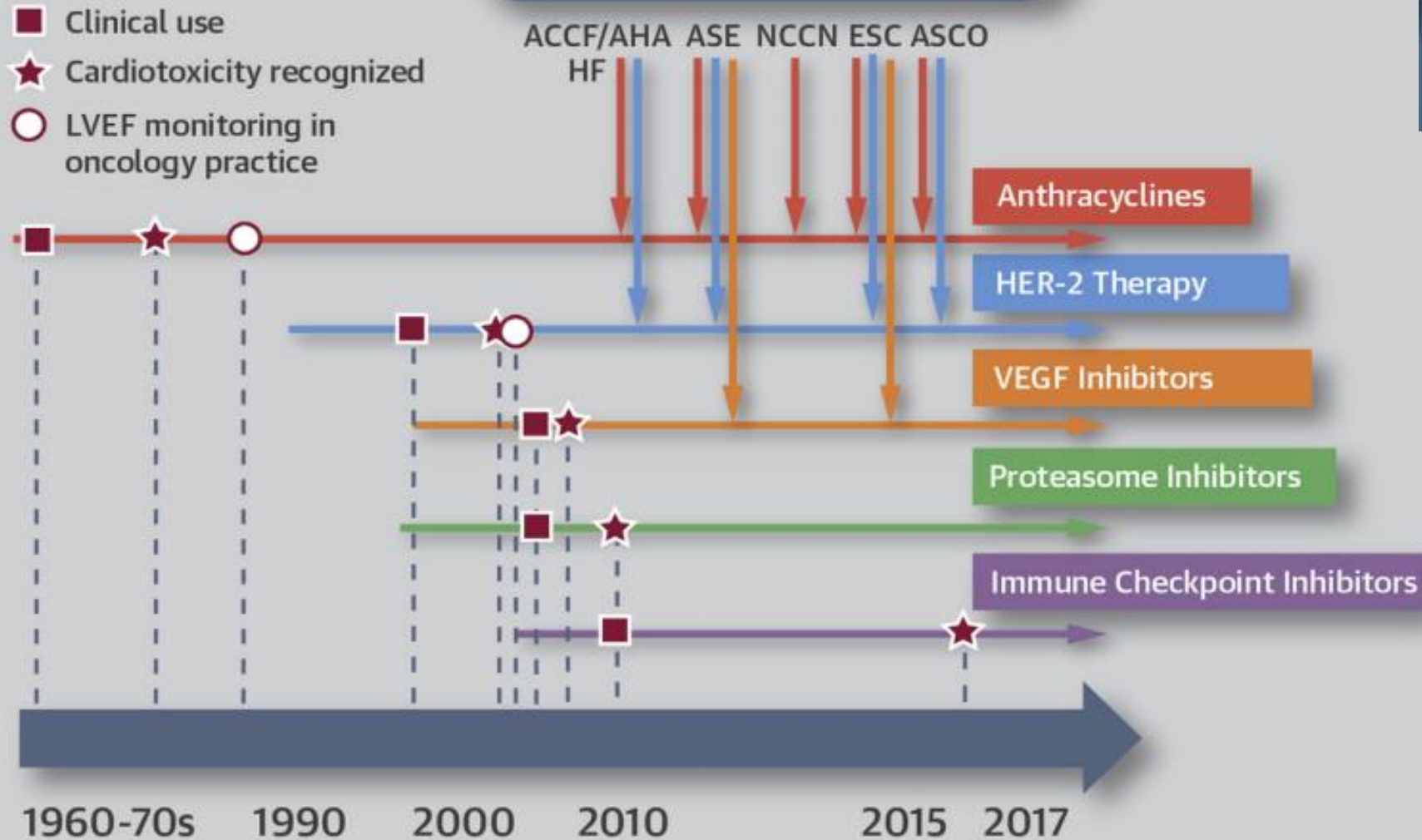
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## Timeline for Key Clinical Developments

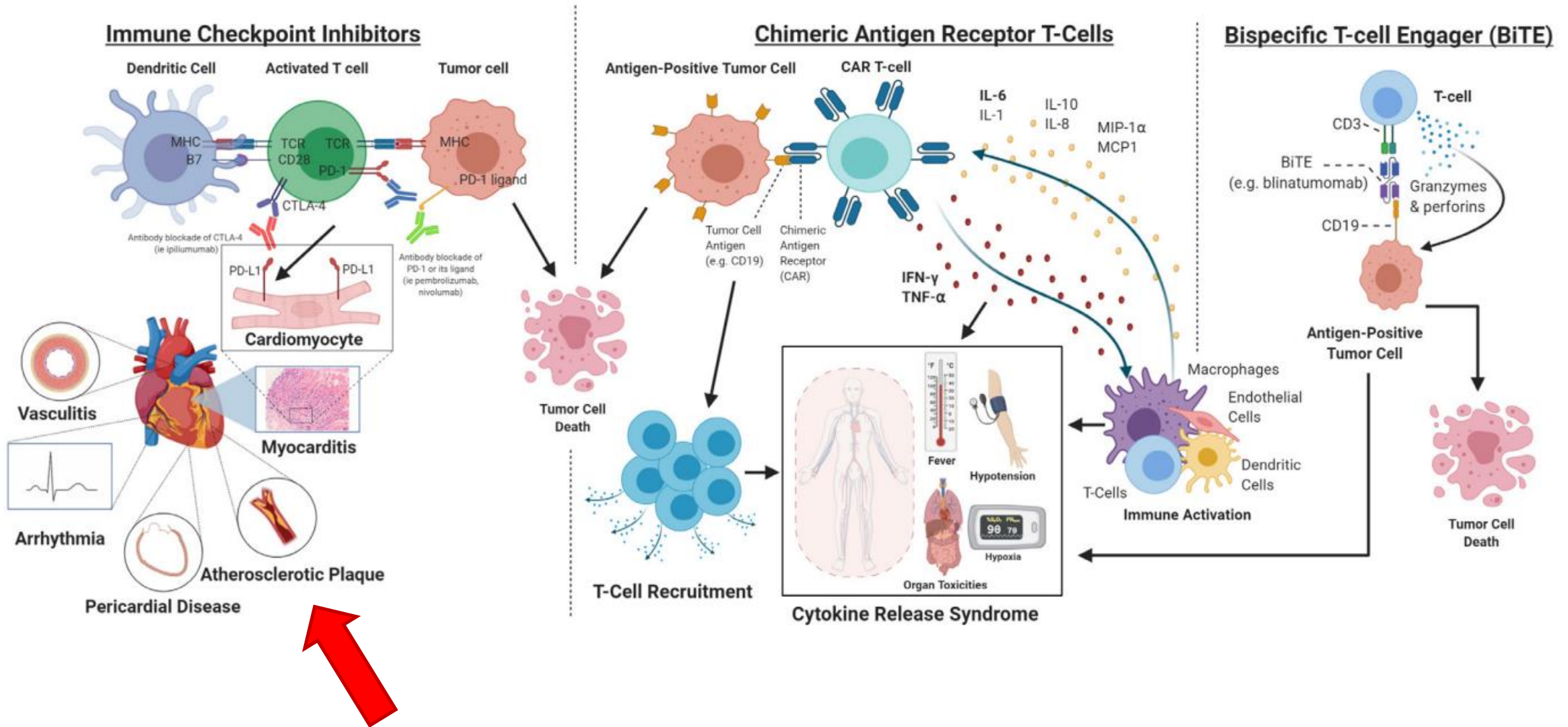
Cardiology and Oncology Professional Society Statements on LV Dysfunction



**“There are known knowns. These are things we know that we know. There are known unknowns. That is to say, there are things that we know we don't know. But there are also unknown unknowns. There are things we don't know we don't know.”**

**- Donald Rumsfeld**

# Immunotherapy and cardiovascular risk







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**ESC GUIDELINES**

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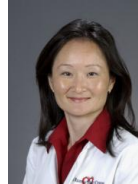
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- American College of Cardiology Cardio-oncology Meeting – Washington D.C. + virtual option, [April 2023](#)

