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Objectives

- 1. Define heart failure and reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF)**
- 2. Review conventional pharmacologic treatments (“the old”)**
- 3. Review recent, late-breaking and future pharmacologic treatments (“the new”)**

Heart Failure and Ejection Fraction



LVEF < 40%

HFrEF

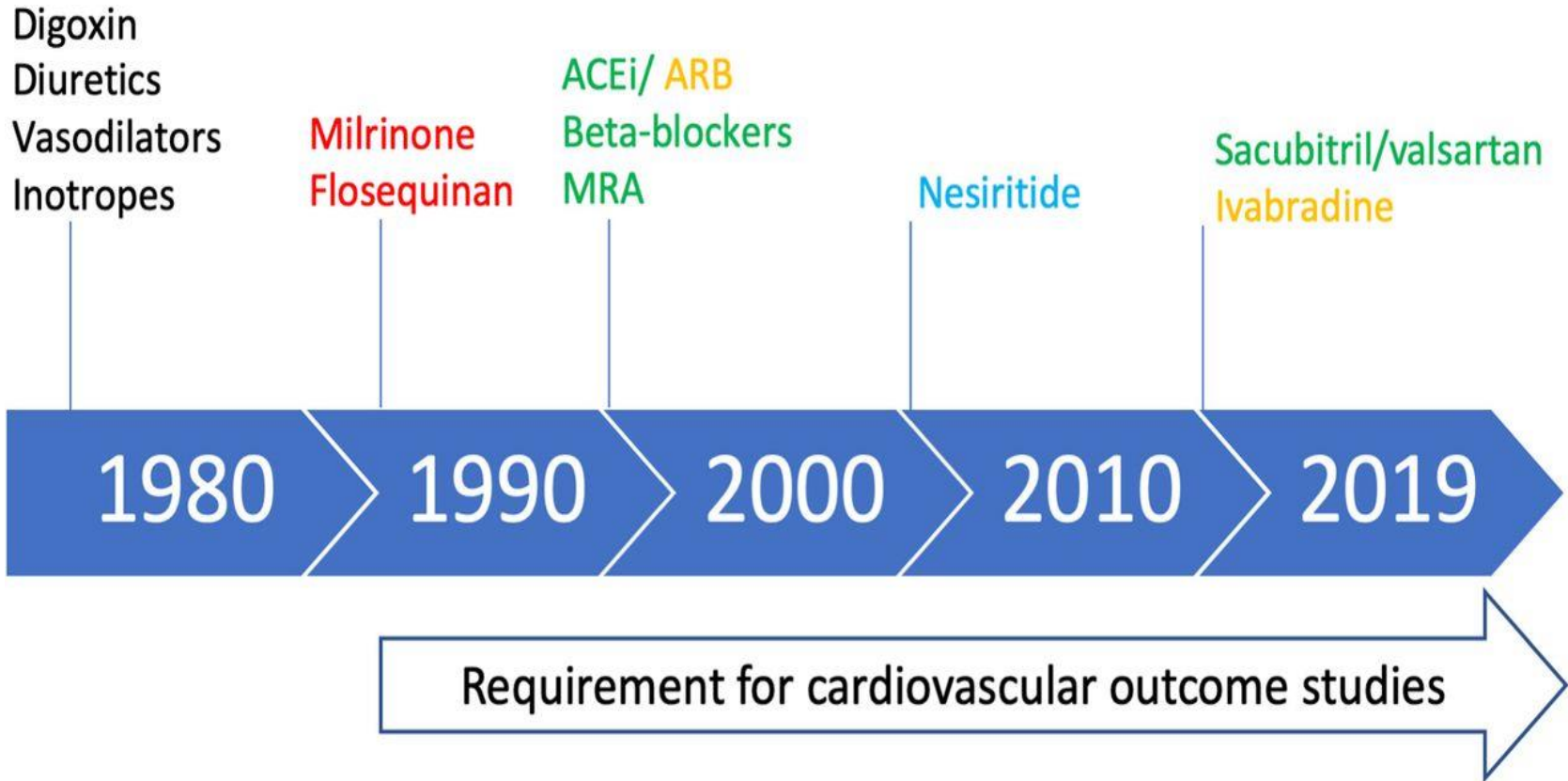
LVEF = 40-50%

HFmrEF

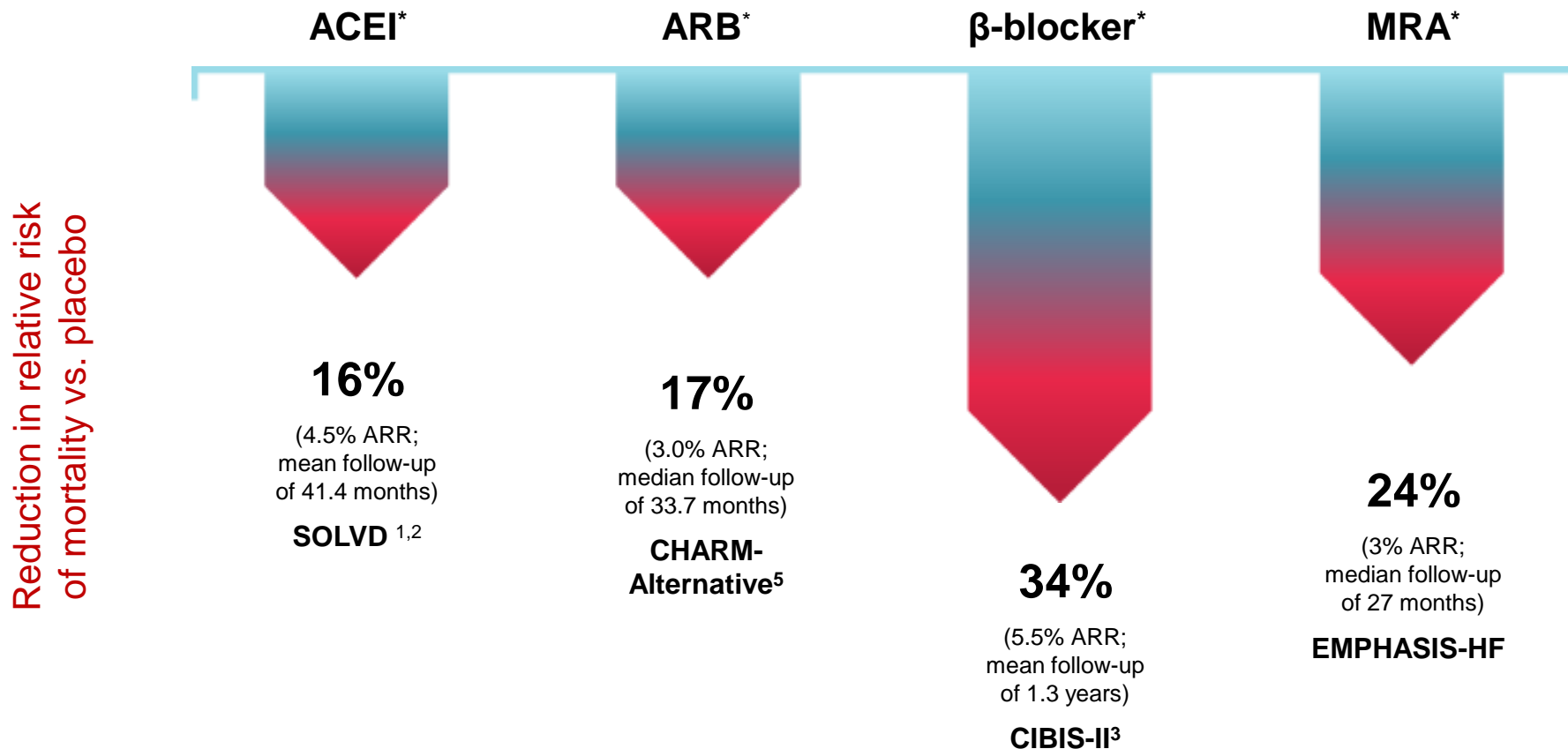
LVEF > 50%

HFpEF

Timeline of Approved Drugs to Treat HF



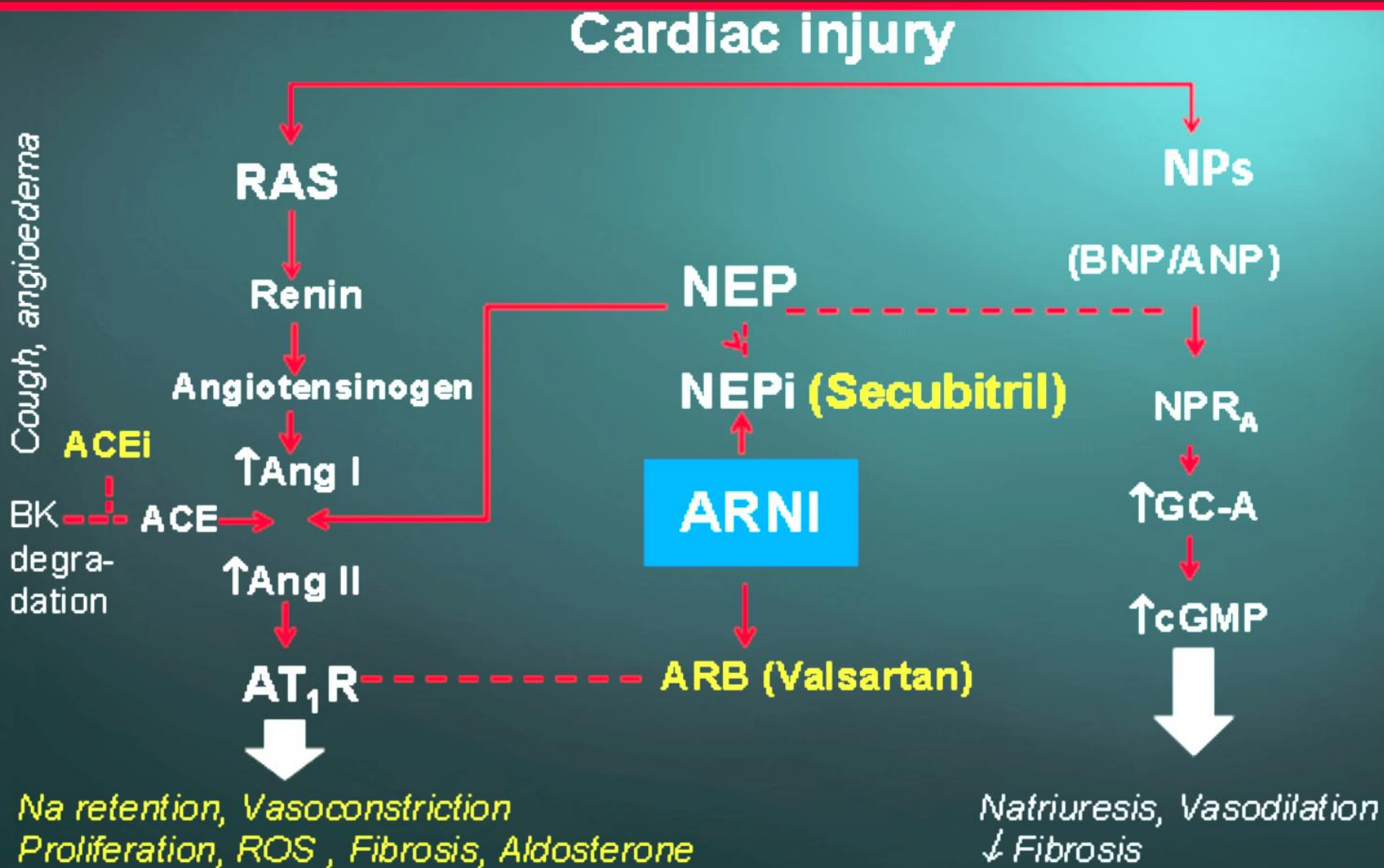
Approved Conventional Treatment of HFrEF: (the “Old”)



*On top of standard therapy except in CHARM-Alternative. SOLVD (Studies of Left Ventricular Dysfunction), CIBIS-II (Cardiac Insufficiency Bisoprolol Study II), and EMPHASIS-HF (Eplerenone in Mild Patients Hospitalization and Survival Study in Heart Failure) enrolled chronic HF patients with LVEF ≤35%. CHARM-Alternative (Candesartan in Heart failure: Assessment of Reduction in Mortality and Morbidity) enrolled chronic HF patients with LVEF ≤40%.

ACEI = angiotensin-converting-enzyme inhibitor; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; MRA = mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist

Angiotensin Receptor Neprilysin Inhibition (ARNI)



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Sacubitril/Valsartan in Patients Hospitalized for HF

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Angiotensin–Neprilysin Inhibition in Acute Decompensated Heart Failure

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PIONEER-HF: Protocol and Outcome

PIONEER-HF

Study Design

Hospitalized with Acute Decompensated HF with Reduced EF

While hospitalized

Sacubitril/valsartan
97/103 mg twice daily*

vs

Enalapril
10 mg twice daily*

In-hospital initiation

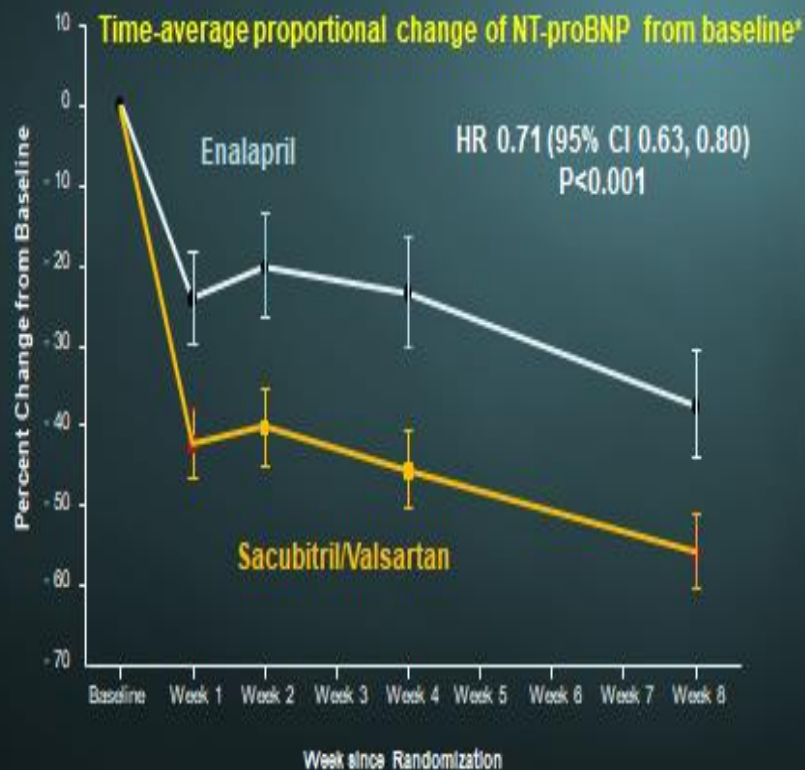
Study Drug for 8 weeks

- Evaluate biomarker surrogates of efficacy
- Evaluate safety and tolerability
- Explore clinical outcomes

*Target Dose
Velazquez EJ et al. [n engl j med 379;10:1068-1076 2018](https://doi.org/10.1068/NEJMoa1812851)

PIONEER-HF

Primary Endpoint



*Percentage (%) change from baseline to mean of weeks 4 and 8

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What does our CCS HF guideline say about ARNI?



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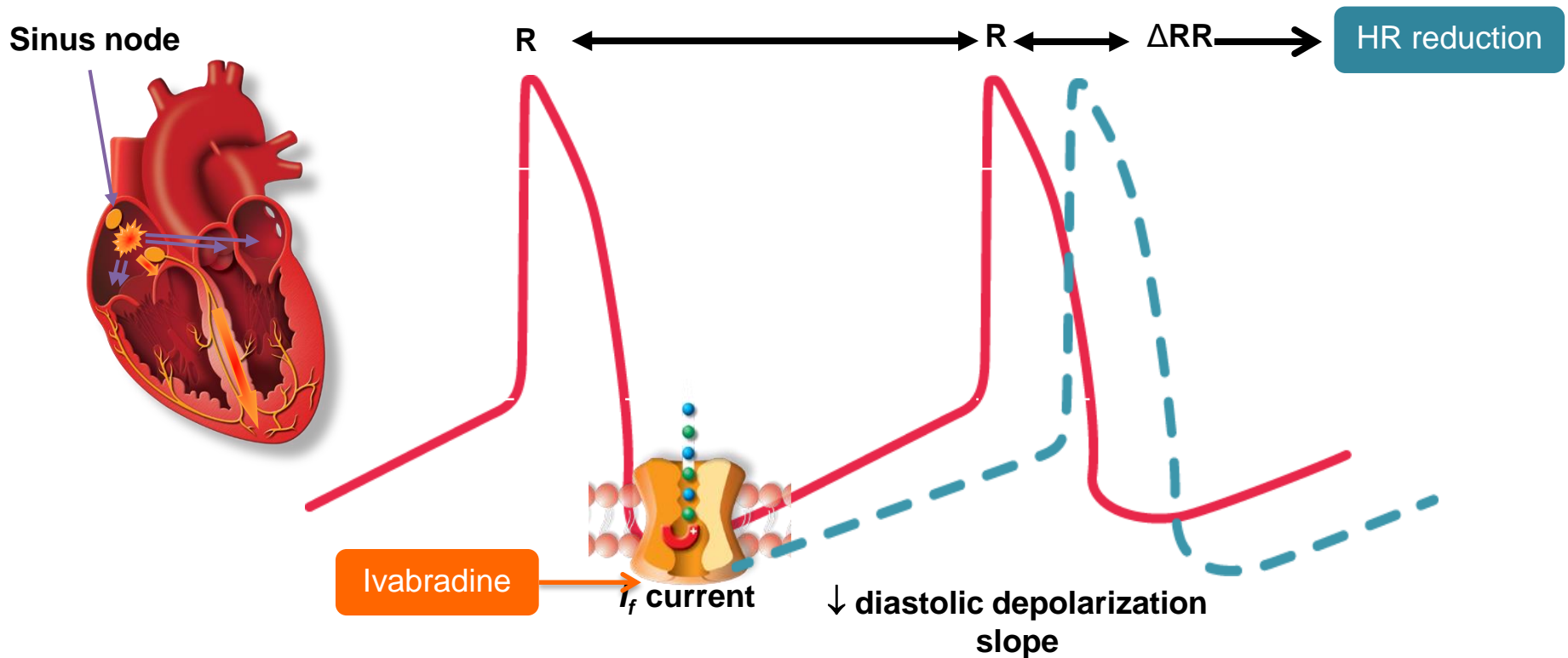
Society Guidelines

2017 Comprehensive Update of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Guidelines for the Management of Heart Failure

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Ivabradine selectively inhibits the I_f current

I_f is the main current of diastolic depolarization that leads to the generation of a new potential action



SHIFT Trial: Protocol and Outcomes

Systolic Heart failure treatment with the I_f inhibitor ivabradine Trial

SH/ I_f T

In 6,505 patients with

- Chronic HFrEF
- Moderate to severe chronic HF symptoms – NYHA class II-IV
- Left ventricular ejection fraction $\leq 35\%$
- HR ≥ 70 bpm
- Sinus rhythm
- Optimal standard therapy

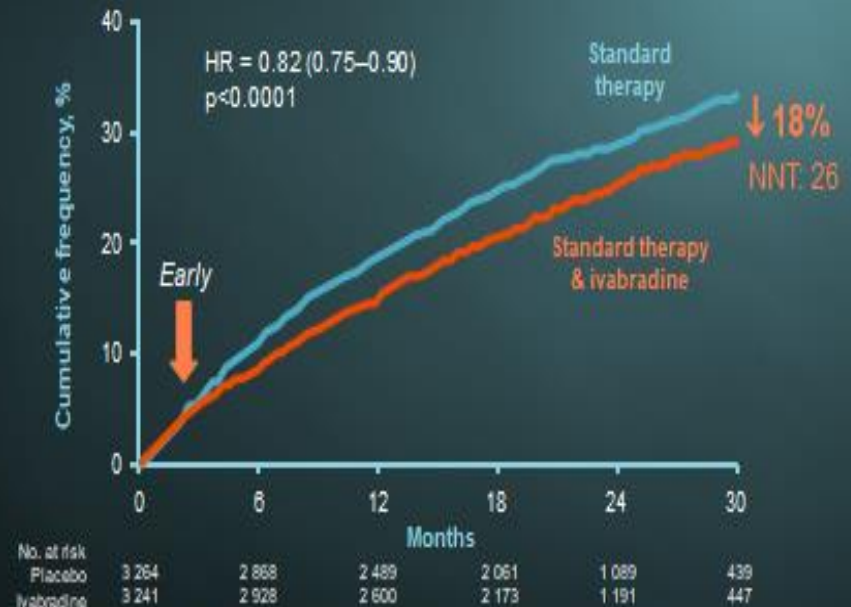
Ivabradine dose: 7.5 mg twice daily

Median study duration: 23 months

Median HR: 77 bpm

CV mortality and HF hospitalization (Primary Endpoint)

SH/ I_f T



- The curves begin to diverge at 3 months, and the difference is statistically significant at 6 months

Swedberg et al. Lancet 2010; 376: 875-85.

What does our CCS HF guideline say about Ivabradine?

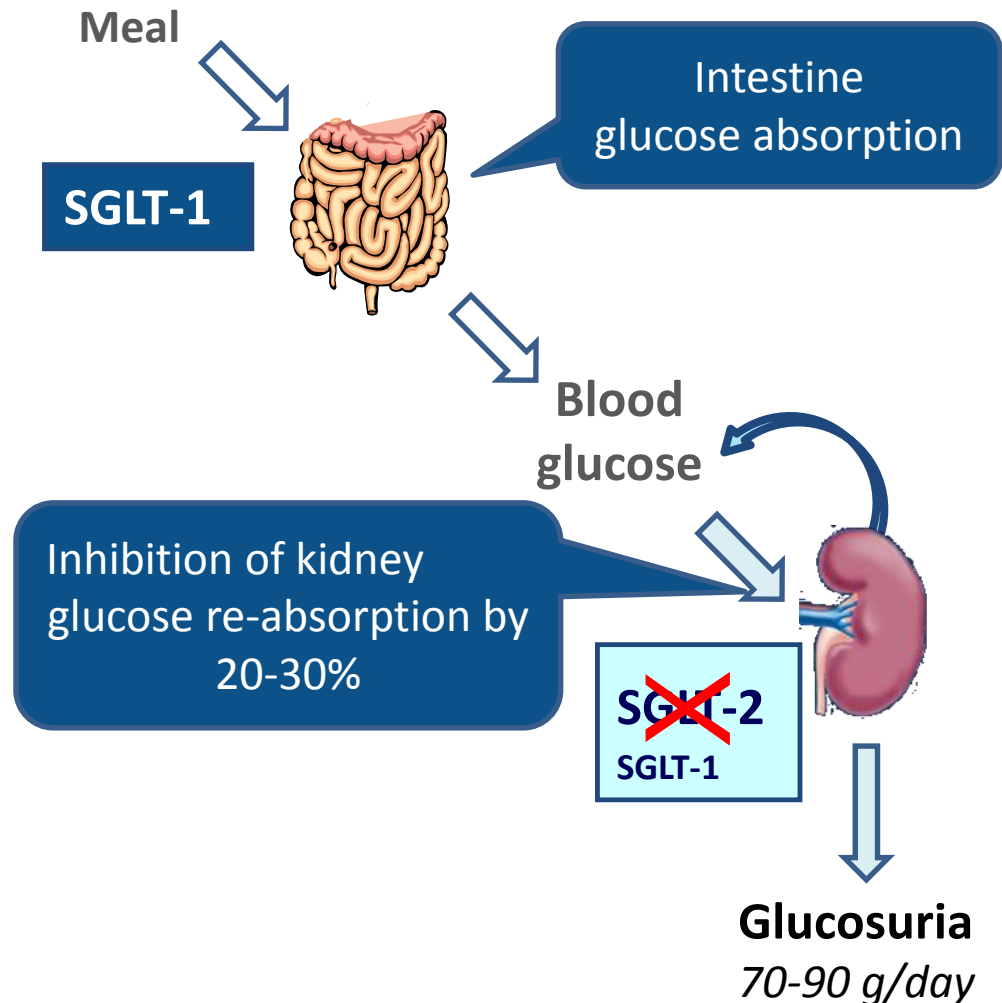
RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that ivabradine be considered in patients with HFrEF, who remain symptomatic despite treatment with appropriate doses of GDMT, with a resting heart rate > 70 beats per minute (bpm), in sinus rhythm, and a previous HF hospitalization within 12 months, for the prevention of cardiovascular death and HF hospitalization (Strong Recommendation; Moderate-Quality Evidence).

SGLT2 inhibitors

Inhibiting SGLT-2 in the proximal convoluted tubule:

- increases glucosuria
- inhibits renal glucose reabsorption
- causes weight loss
- does not induce hypoglycemia
- reduces blood pressure
- gives CV benefits
- may have renal benefits
- causes osmotic diuresis
- can induce genital mycotic infection
- leads to DKA if insulin too low



Trials of SGLT2 inhibitors on HF Events: “Primary Prevention”

Clinical trials	Patient numbers	HF hospitalization
DM2, multiple risk factors, no known CVD EMPA-REG OUTCOME, CANVAS-R, DECLARE-TIMI 58	13,672	0.64 (0.48-0.85)
DM2, known CVD Trials as above	20,650	0.71 (0.62-0.82)
DM2 and albuminuric CKD CRENCE	4,401	0.61 (0.47-0.8)

EMPA -REG OUTCOME, Empagliflozin cardiovascular outcome event trial

CANVAS-R, Canagliflozin cardiovascular assessment study-Renal

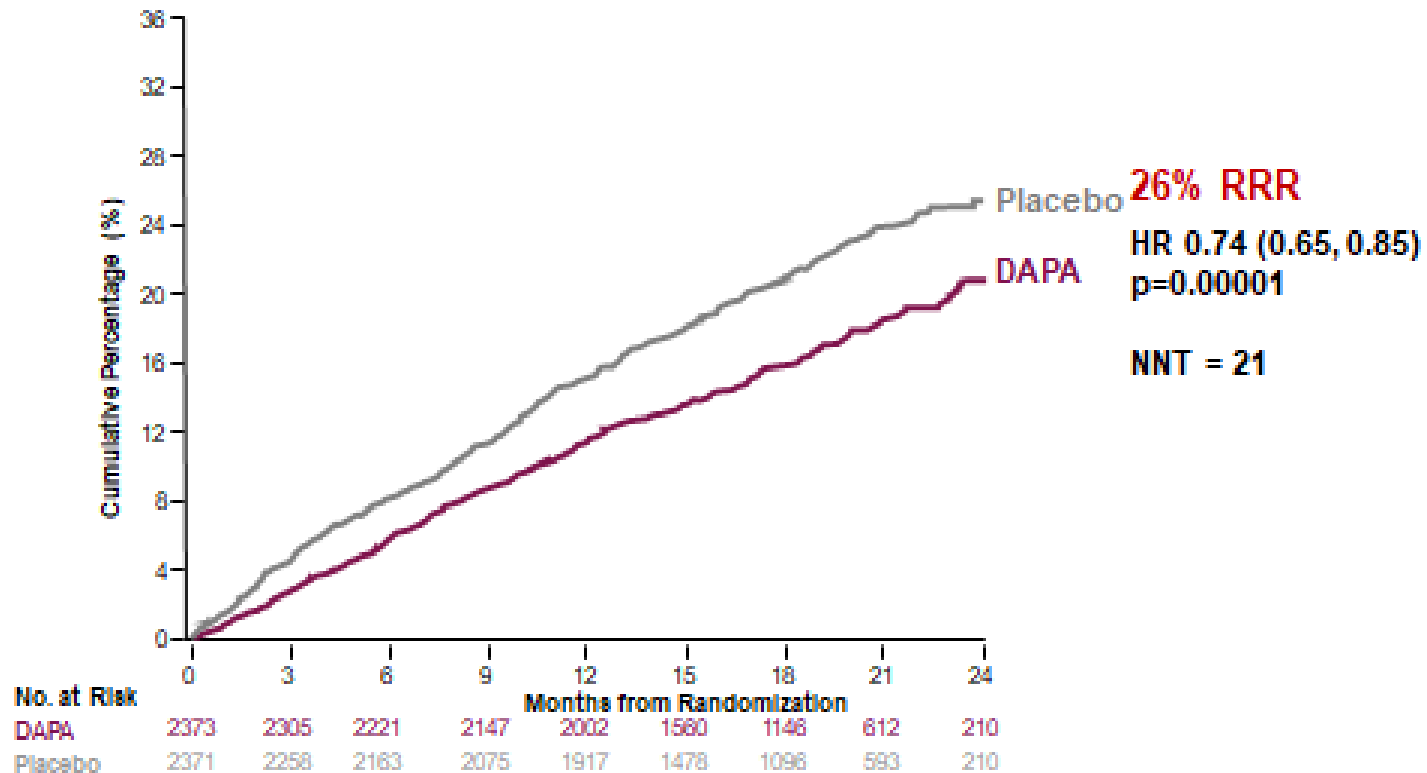
DECLARE-TIMI 58, Dapagliflozin effect on cardiovascular event

CRENCE, Canagliflozin and renal events in diabetes with established nephropathy clinical evaluation

SGLT2 Inhibition in Established HFrEF

DAPA-HF trial: Primary Endpoint

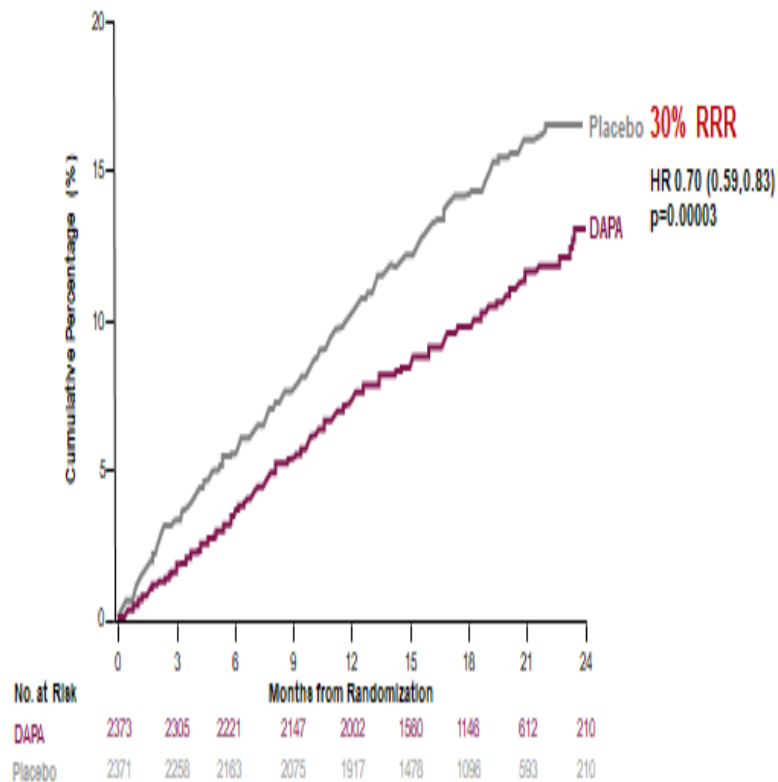
Primary Endpoint: CV Death/HF Hospitalization/Urgent HF Visit



DAPA = dapagliflozin; HF = heart failure; HR = hazard ratio; NNT = number needed to treat.

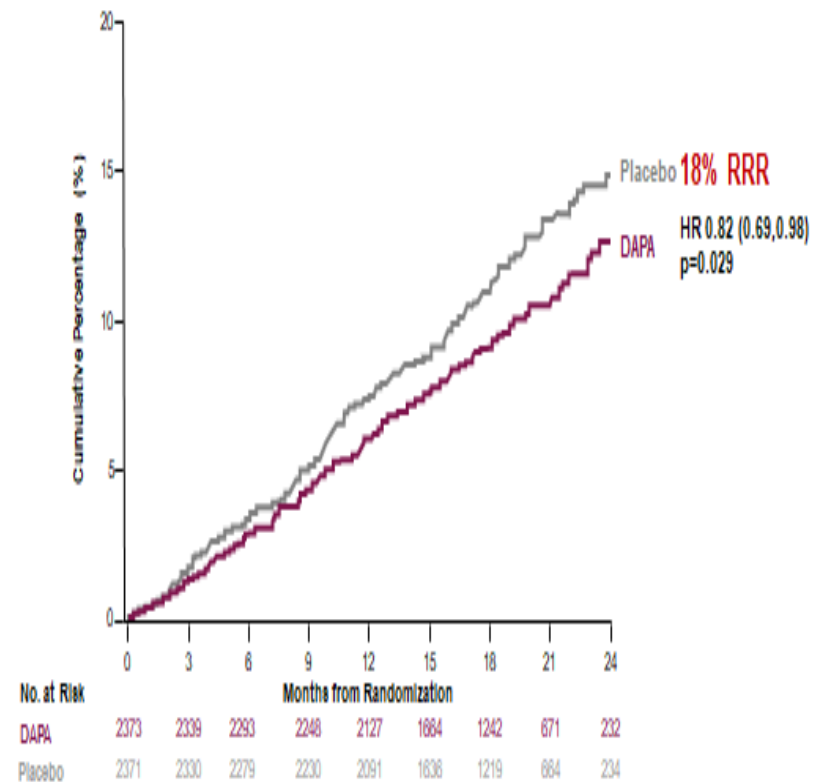
Primary Endpoint Components

Component of Primary Endpoint: Worsening HF Event



DAPA = Dapagliflozin; HF = Heart failure; HR = Hazard ratio.

Component of Primary Endpoint: Cardiovascular Death



DAPA = Dapagliflozin; HR = Hazard ratio.

What does our CCS HF guideline say about SGLT2 inhibitors?



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Society Guidelines

CCS/CHFS Heart Failure Guidelines: Clinical Trial Update on Functional Mitral Regurgitation, SGLT2 Inhibitors, ARNI in HFpEF, and Tafamidis in Amyloidosis

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CCS HF guideline recommendations on SGLT2 inhibitors?

5. **Updated.** We recommend SGLT2 inhibitors, such as empagliflozin, canagliflozin or dapagliflozin, be used for treatment of patients with type 2 diabetes and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death (Strong Recommendation, High-Quality Evidence).

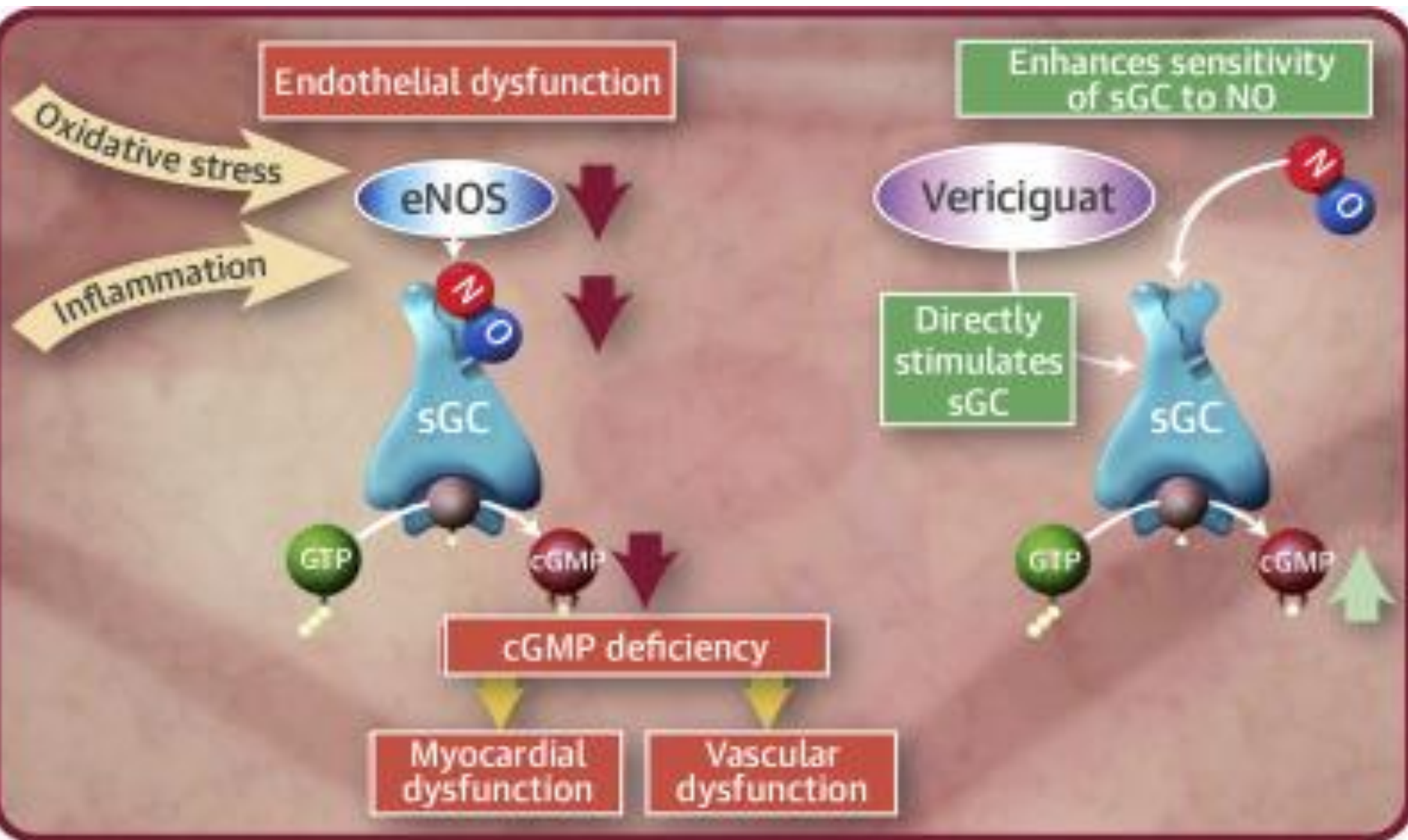
6. **New.** We recommend SGLT2 inhibitors, such as dapagliflozin be used in patients with type 2 diabetes aged > 50 years with additional risk factors for atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease to reduce the risk of HHF (Strong High-Quality).

7. **New.** We recommend SGLT2 inhibitors, such as canagliflozin, be used in patients aged > 30 years with type 2 diabetes, and macroalbuminuric renal disease, to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and progression of renal disease (Strong, High-Quality).

8. **New.** We recommend SGLT2 inhibitors, such as dapagliflozin be used in patients with mild to moderate HF due to reduced LVEF ($\leq 40\%$) and concomitant type 2 diabetes, to improve symptoms and quality of life and to reduce the risk of hospitalization and cardiovascular mortality (Strong, High-Quality).

9. **New.** We recommend SGLT2 inhibitors, such as dapagliflozin be used in patients with mild to moderate HF due to reduced LVEF ($> 40\%$) and without concomitant diabetes, to improve symptoms and quality of life and to reduce the risk of hospitalization and cardiovascular mortality (Conditional Recommendation, High-Quality Evidence).

Vericiguat: Mechanisms of Actions



The VICTORIA Study

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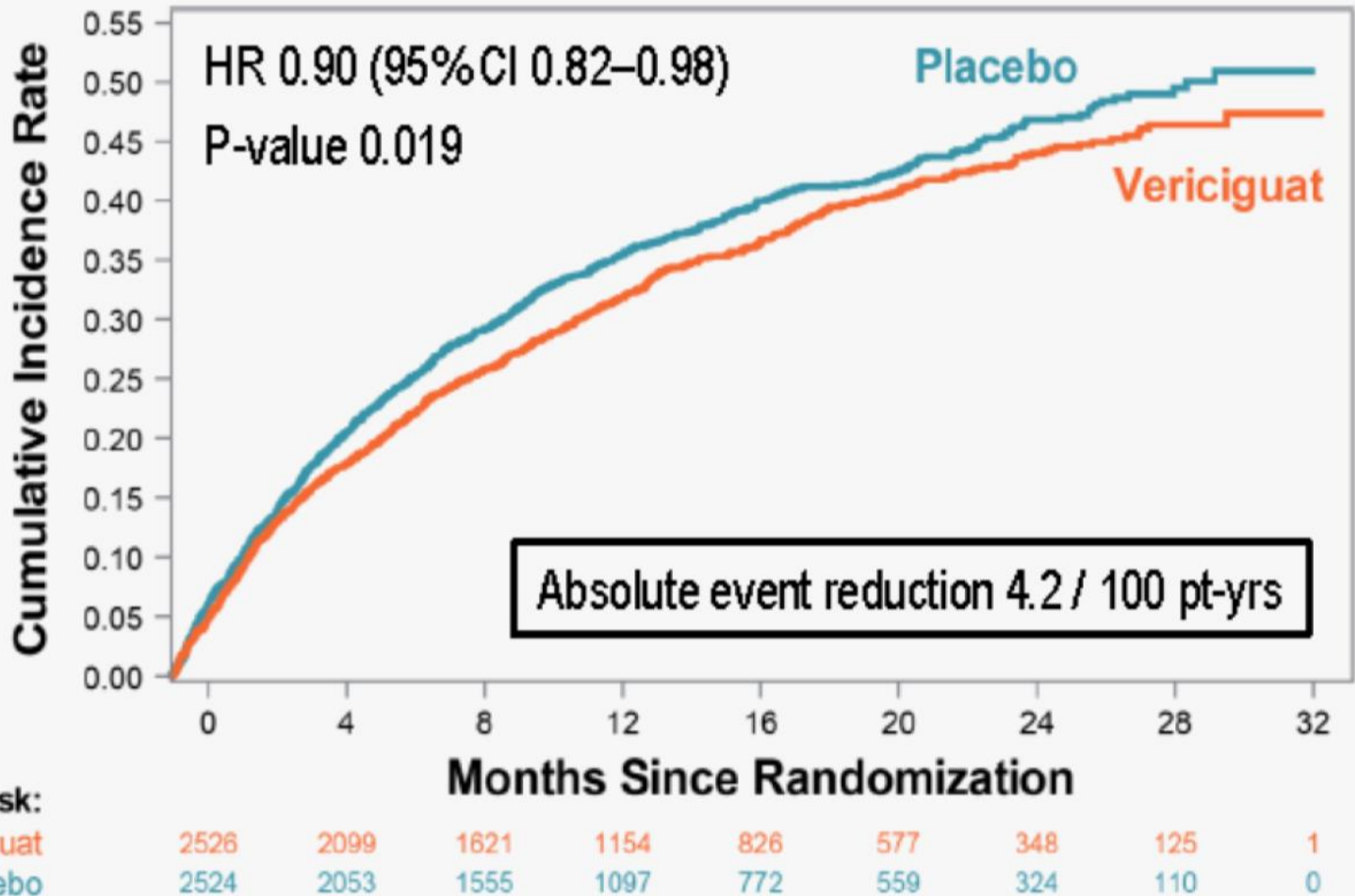
Vericiguat in Patients with Heart Failure and Reduced Ejection Fraction

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- Phase 3, RCT trial
- 5050 patients with chronic HF (NYHA class II, III, or IV)
- LVEF <45%
- HF hospitalization or IV diuretic Rx 3-6 months
- Vericiguat (target dose, 10 mg daily) or placebo, in addition to guideline-directed therapy
- 1° outcome CV death, 1st HF hospitalization

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VICTORIA Study: Primary Endpoints



Ongoing Trials in HFrEF



Omecamtiv Mecarbil

EMPEROR-Reduced

Empagliflozin



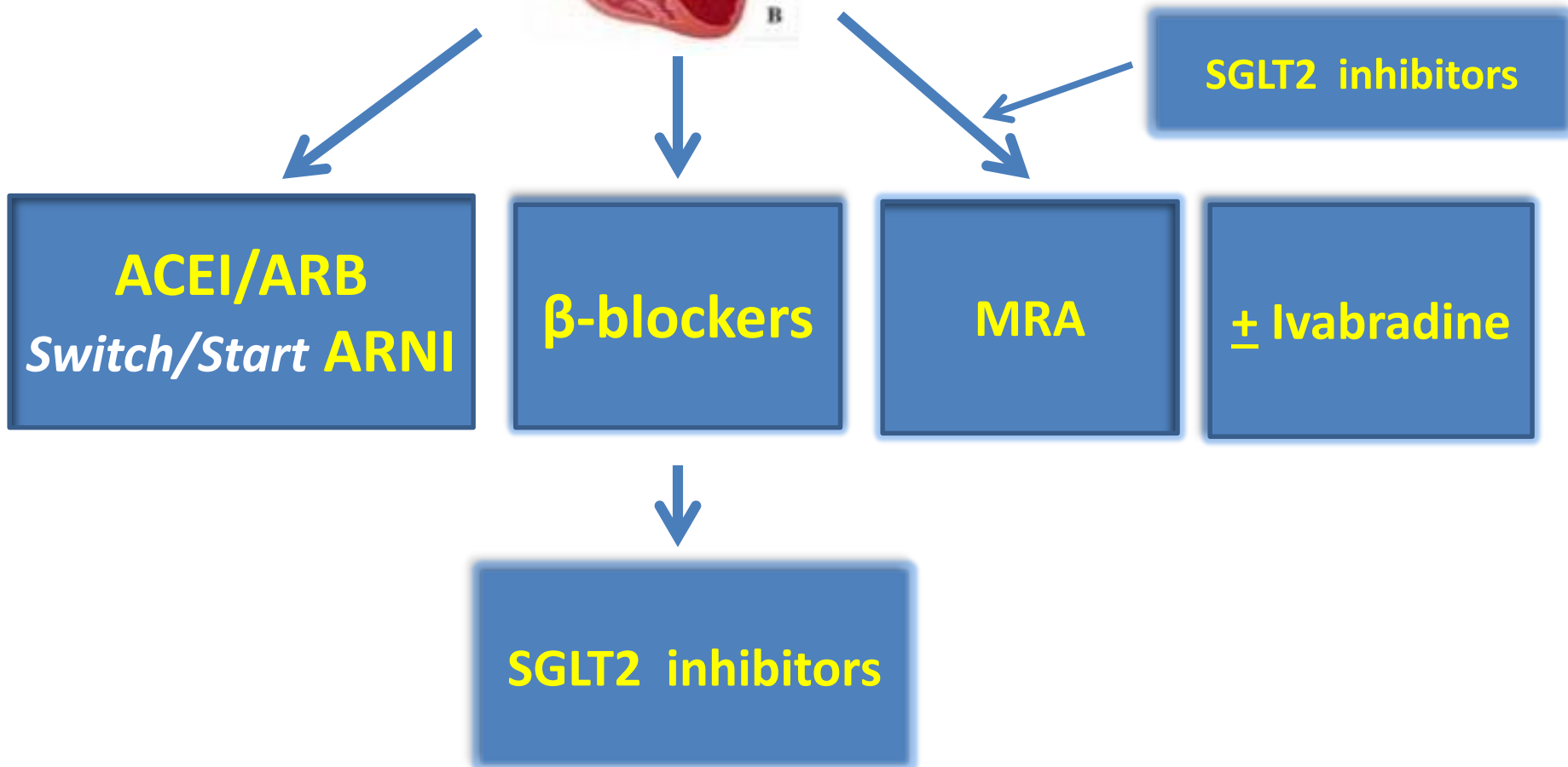
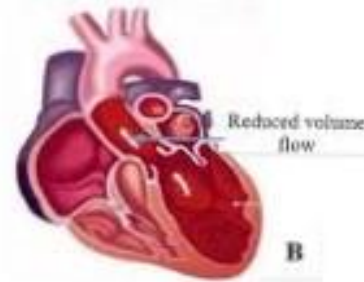
IV Ferric
Carboxymaltose

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Summary and Conclusions



Pharmacologic Management of HFrEF 2020



Tips, pitfalls and red flags for family physicians caring for patients with cardiovascular disease during the COVID-19 pandemic

Heart failure patients

Do not discontinue ACEI/ARB/Entresto in patients with heart failure in order to reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19, nor in people with confirmed/suspected COVID-19. There is no evidence to support this and doing so may lead to worsening heart failure. [See the CCS RRT document on COVID-19 and cardiovascular medications.](#)