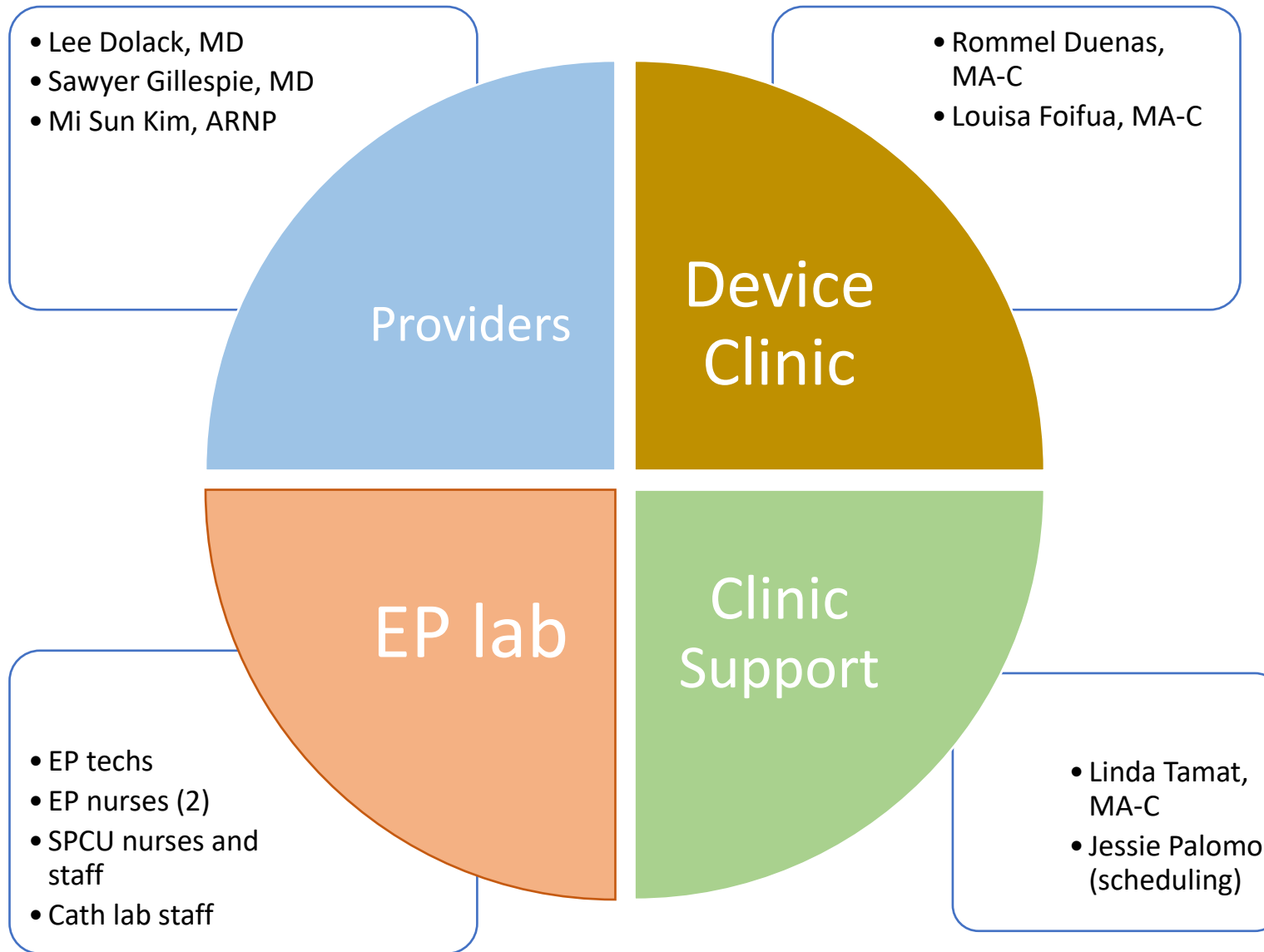


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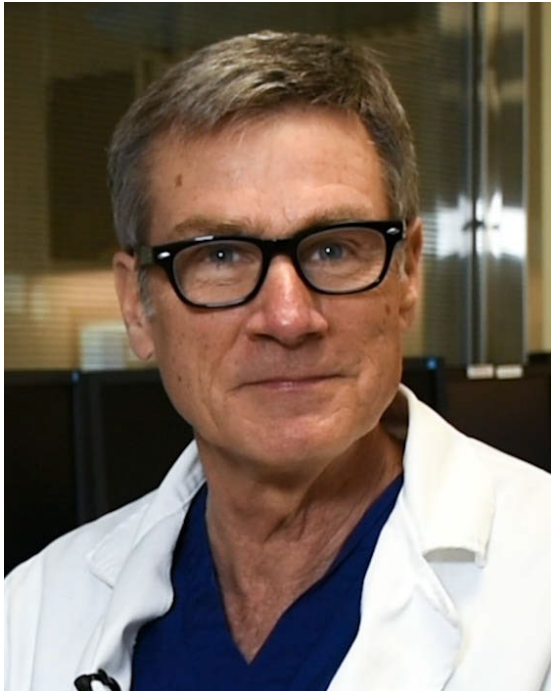
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Electrophysiology Service Providers



Lee Dolack, MD

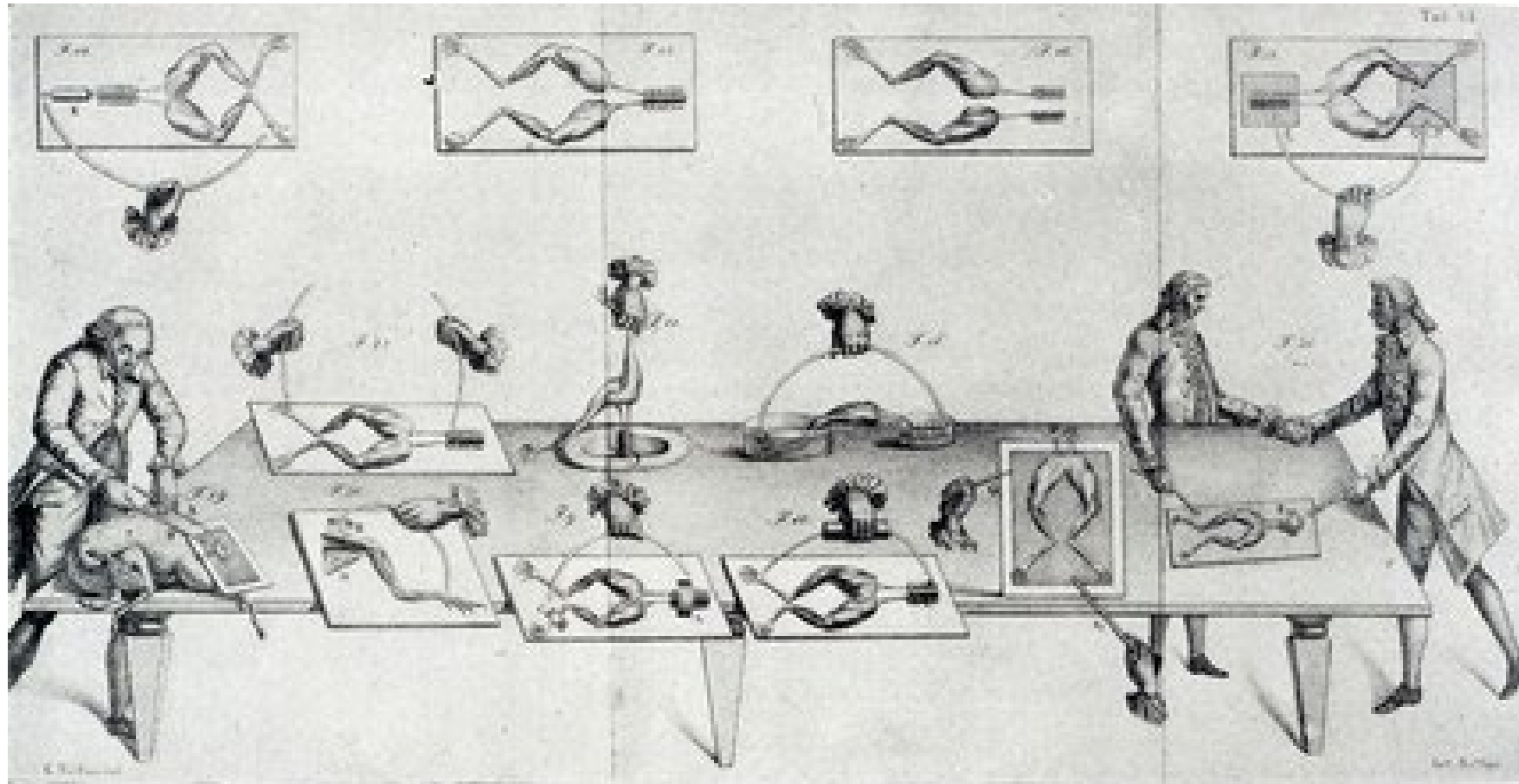


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What is electrophysiology?

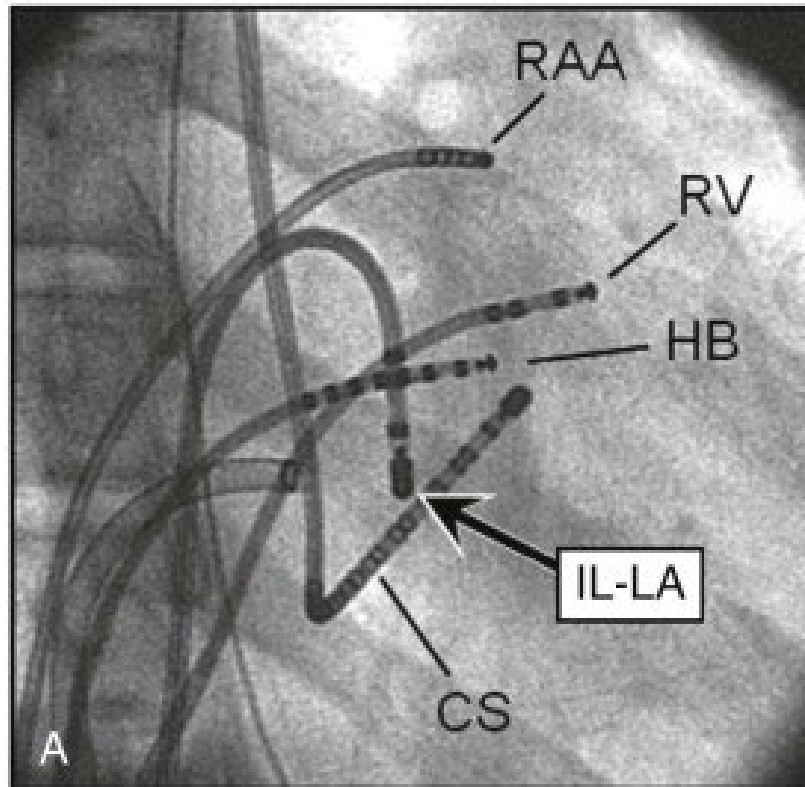


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(Collection de M. E. Sartiaux.)

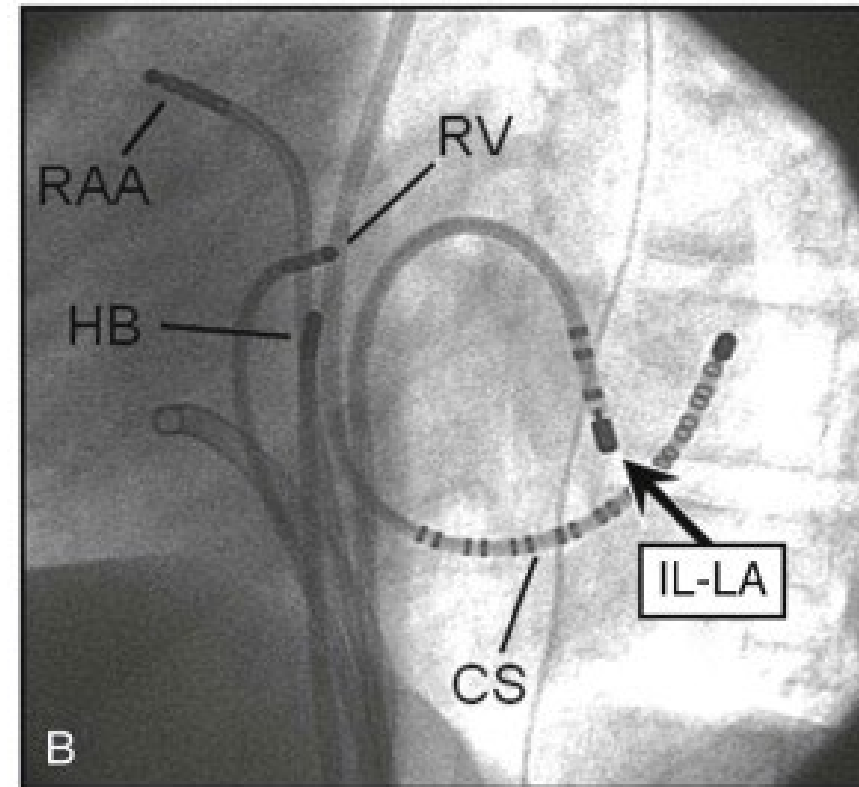


Look what we can do...

RAO Projection



LAO Projection



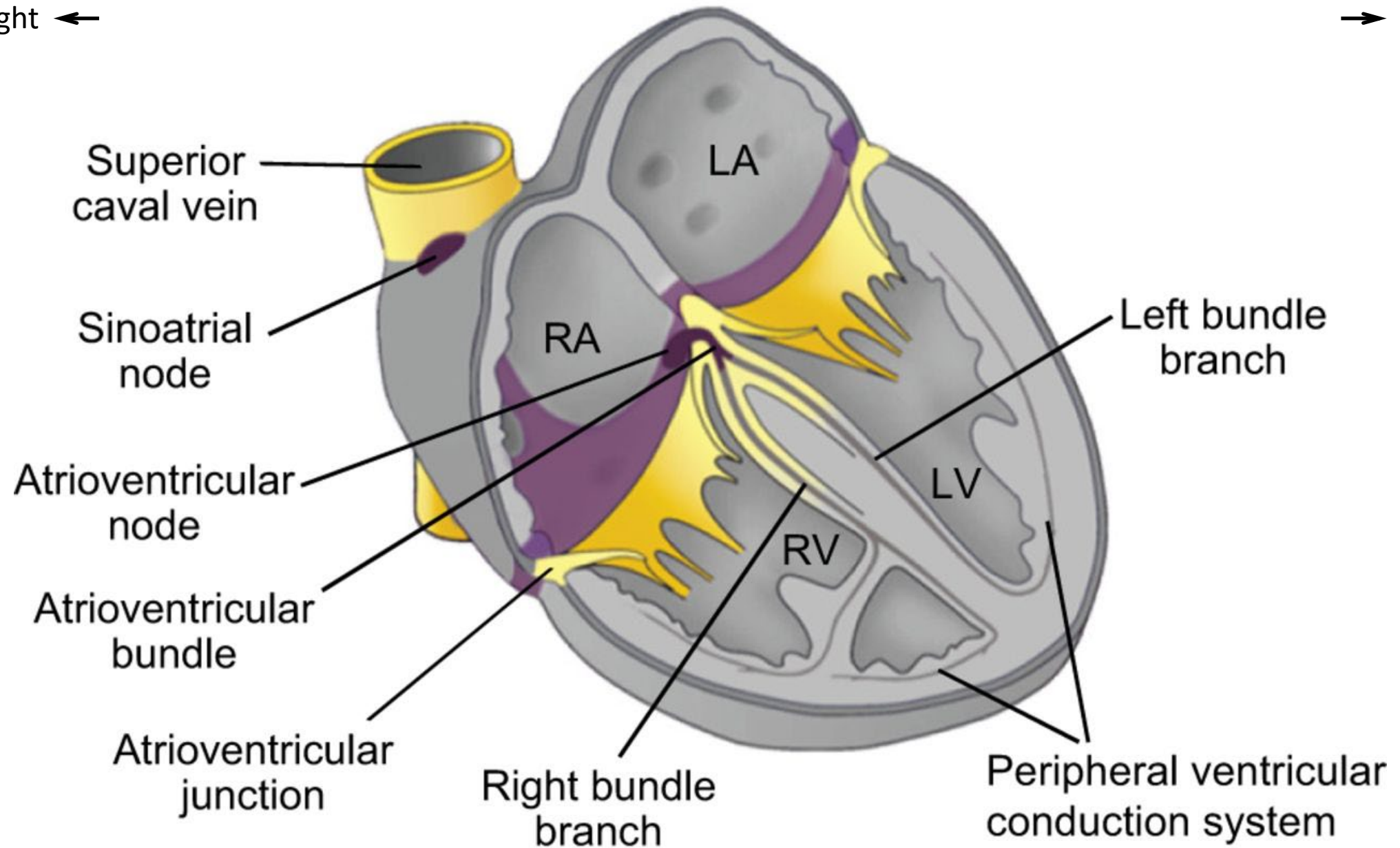
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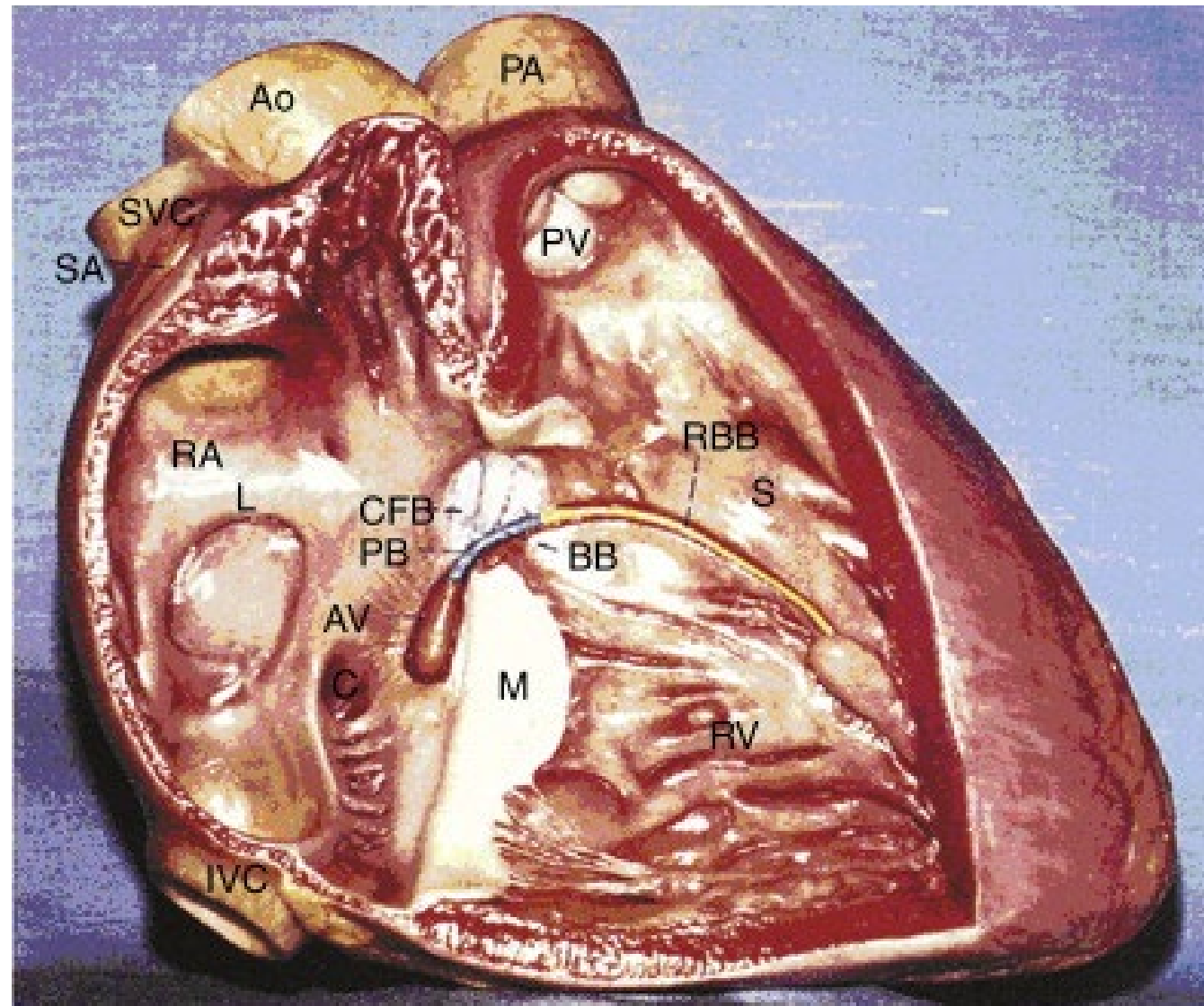
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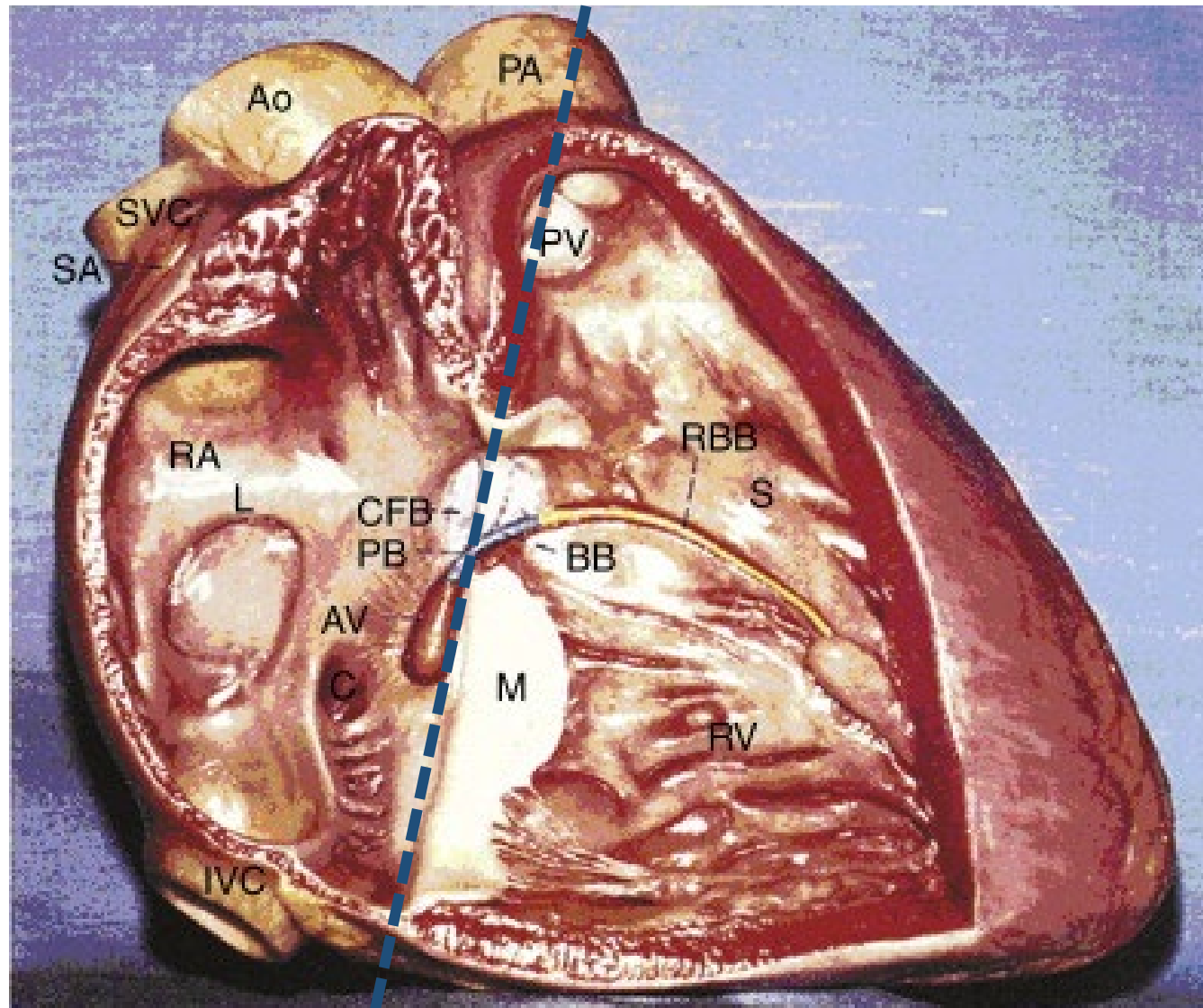
**and a little bit with stroke*

Right ←

→ Left







Bradycardia

Supraventricular

Sinus Bradycardia

Intrinsic

Sinus node
dysfunction

Injury

Extrinsic

Metabolic

Drugs

Autonomic

AV Block

Mobitz I

Infra-nodal

AV Block

Intrinsic

His bundle

Bundle branches

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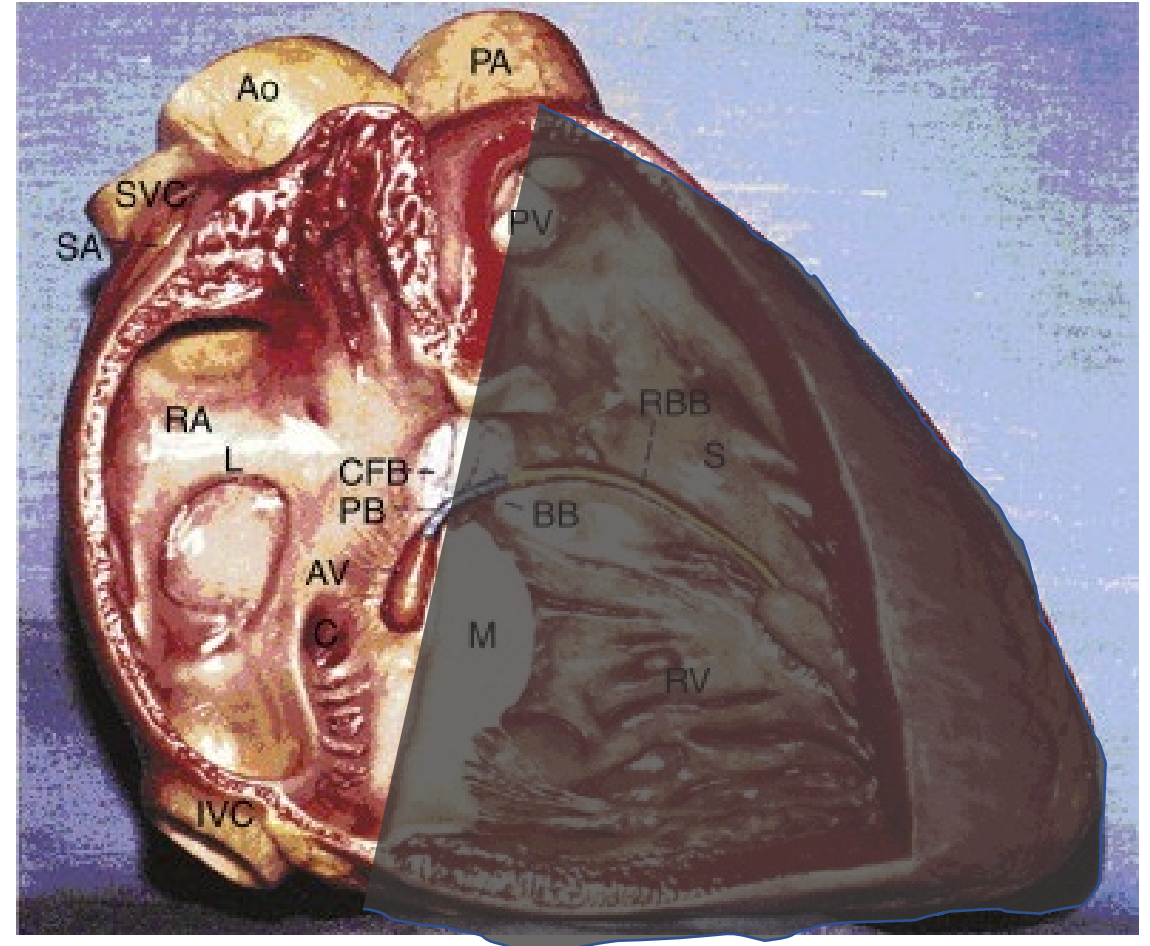
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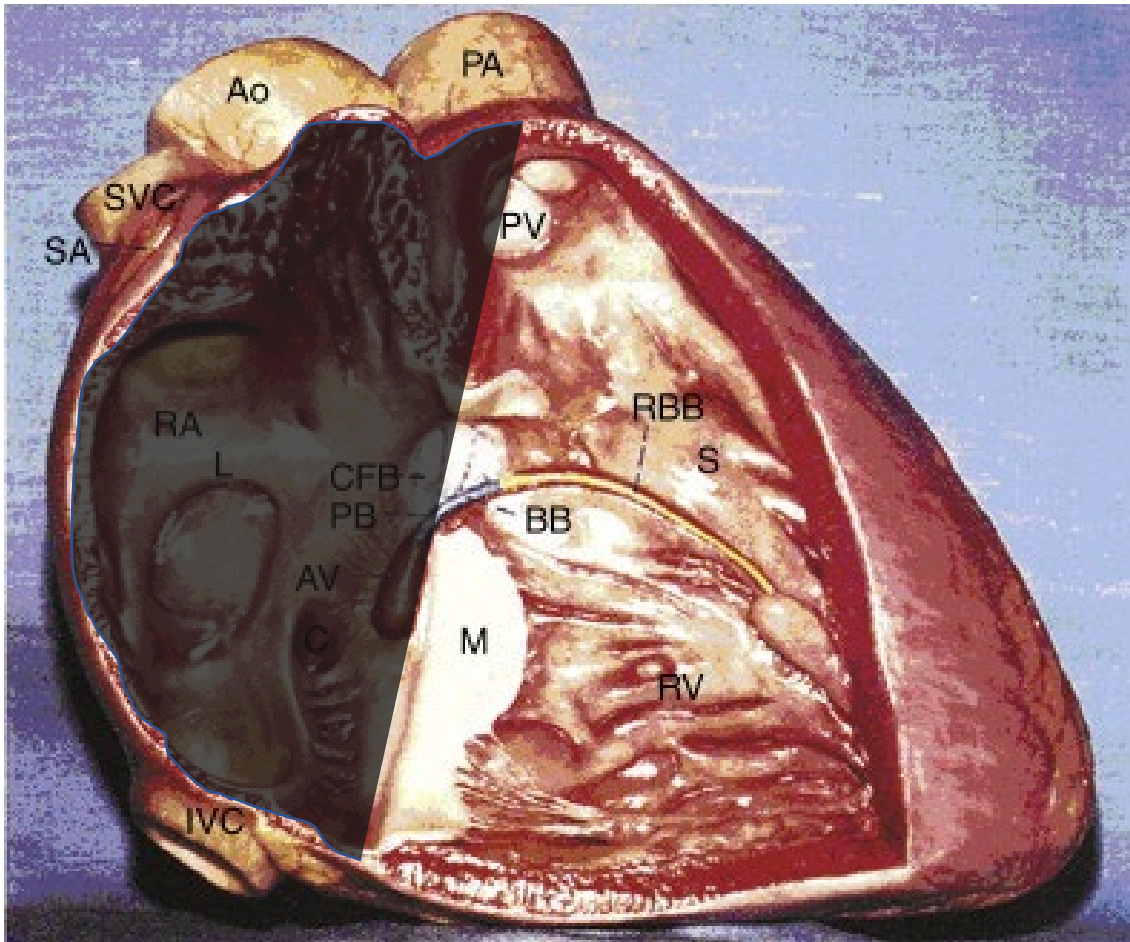
Autonomic

AV Block

Mobitz I



Bradycardia



Infra-nodal

AV Block (Mobitz II, CHB)

Intrinsic

His bundle

Bundle branches

Fascicles

Extrinsic

Metabolic

Drugs

Tachycardia

Supraventricular

Sinus
Tachycardia

Atrial
Tachycardia

AV node
Re-entry

AV
Re-entry

Focal Atrial
Tachycardia

Atrial
Flutter

Atrial
Fibrillation

PACs

Ventricular

Monomorphic

Idiopathic
Ventricular
Tachycardia

Structural
Heart Disease

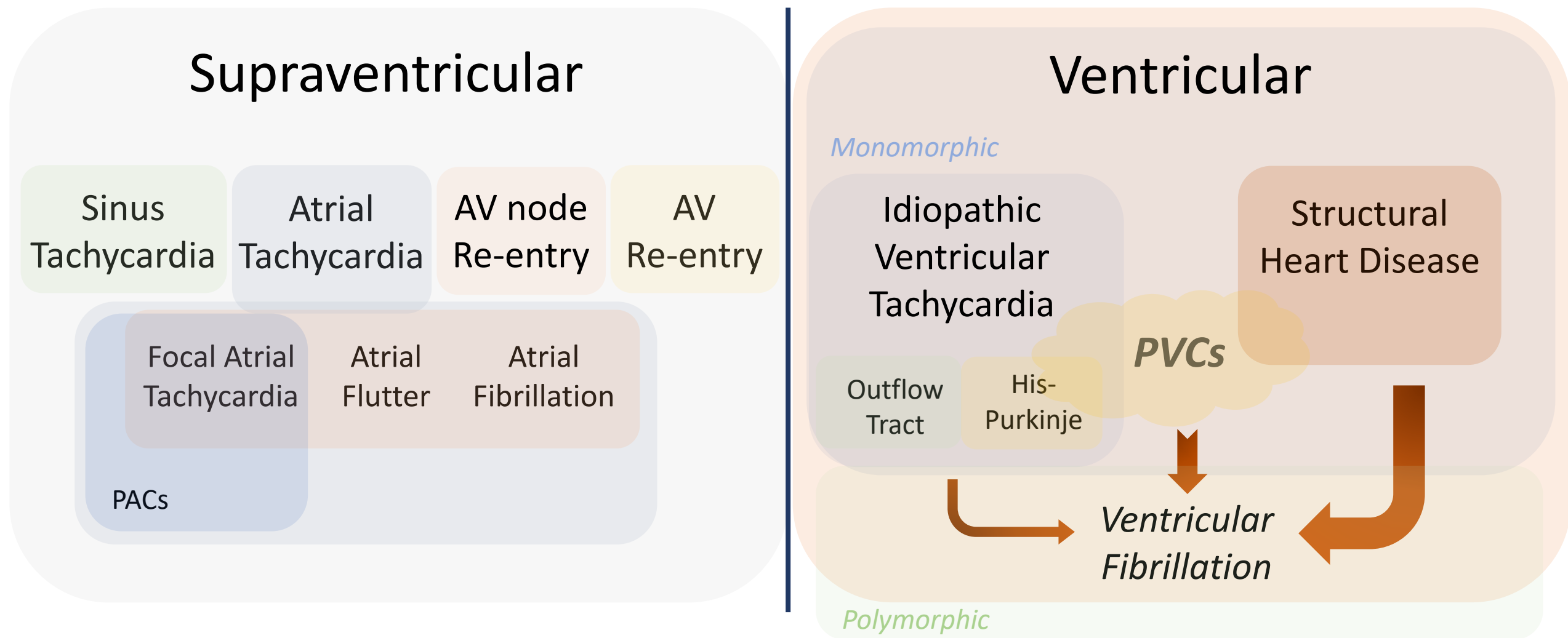
Outflow
Tract

His-
Purkinje

PVCs

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Polymorphic



Tachycardia

Supraventricular

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Atrial
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AV node
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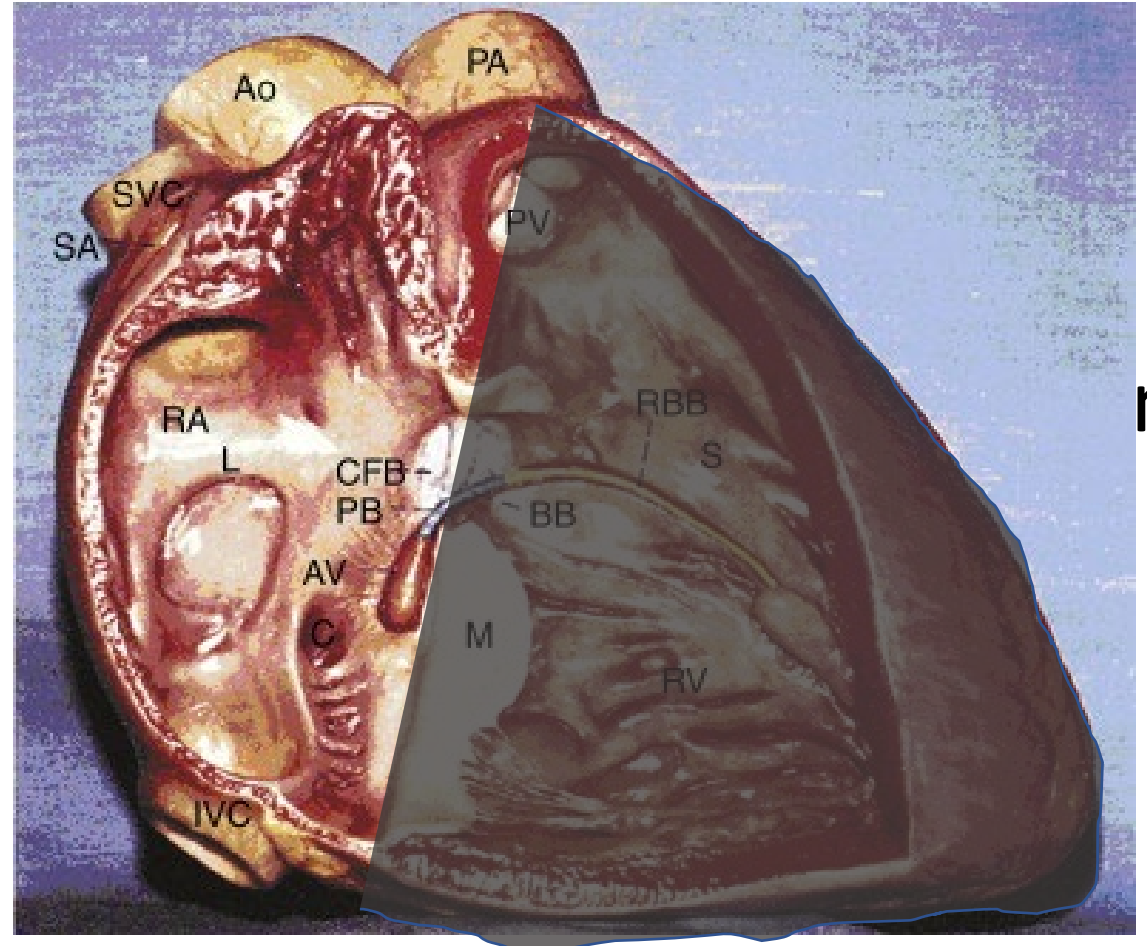
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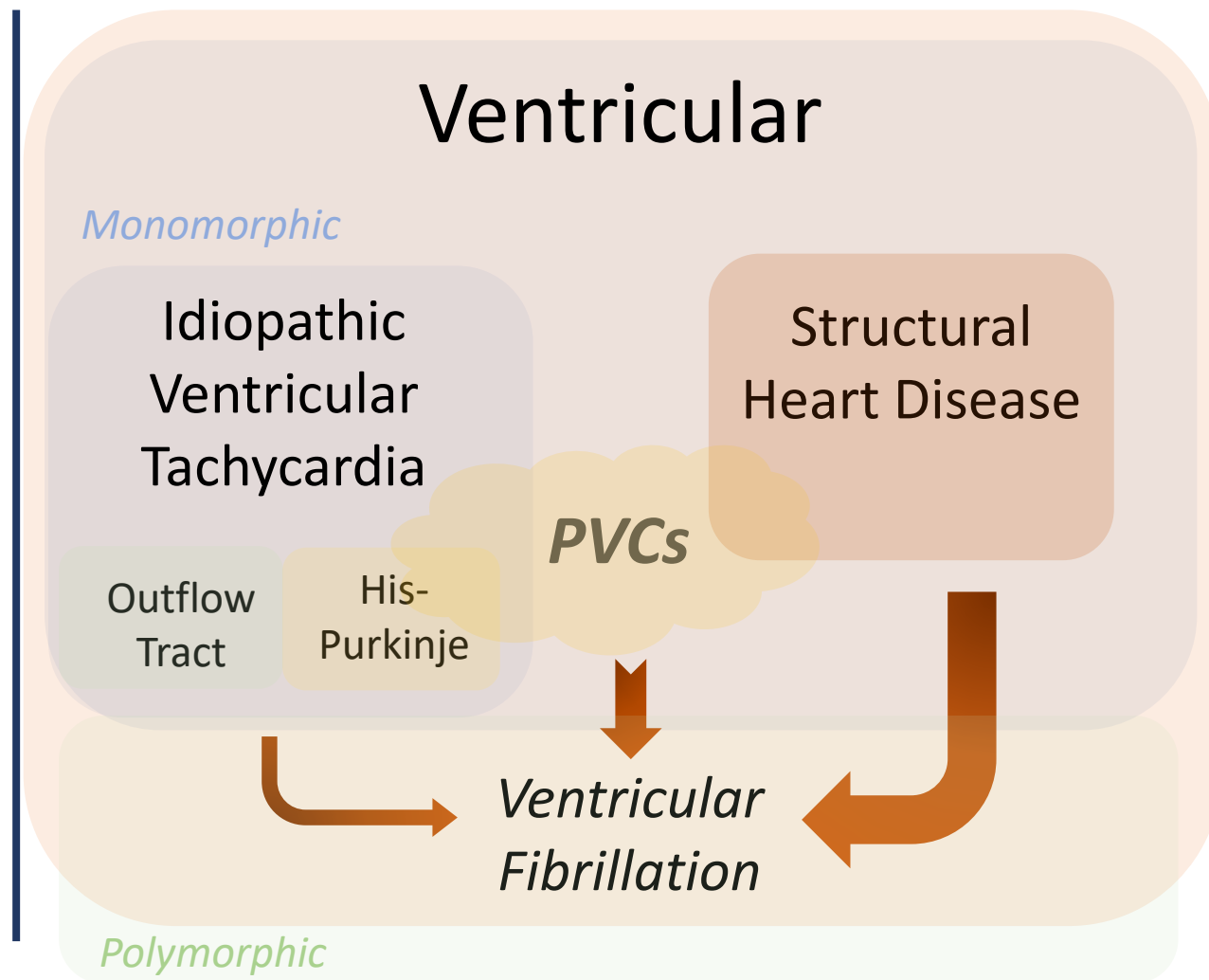
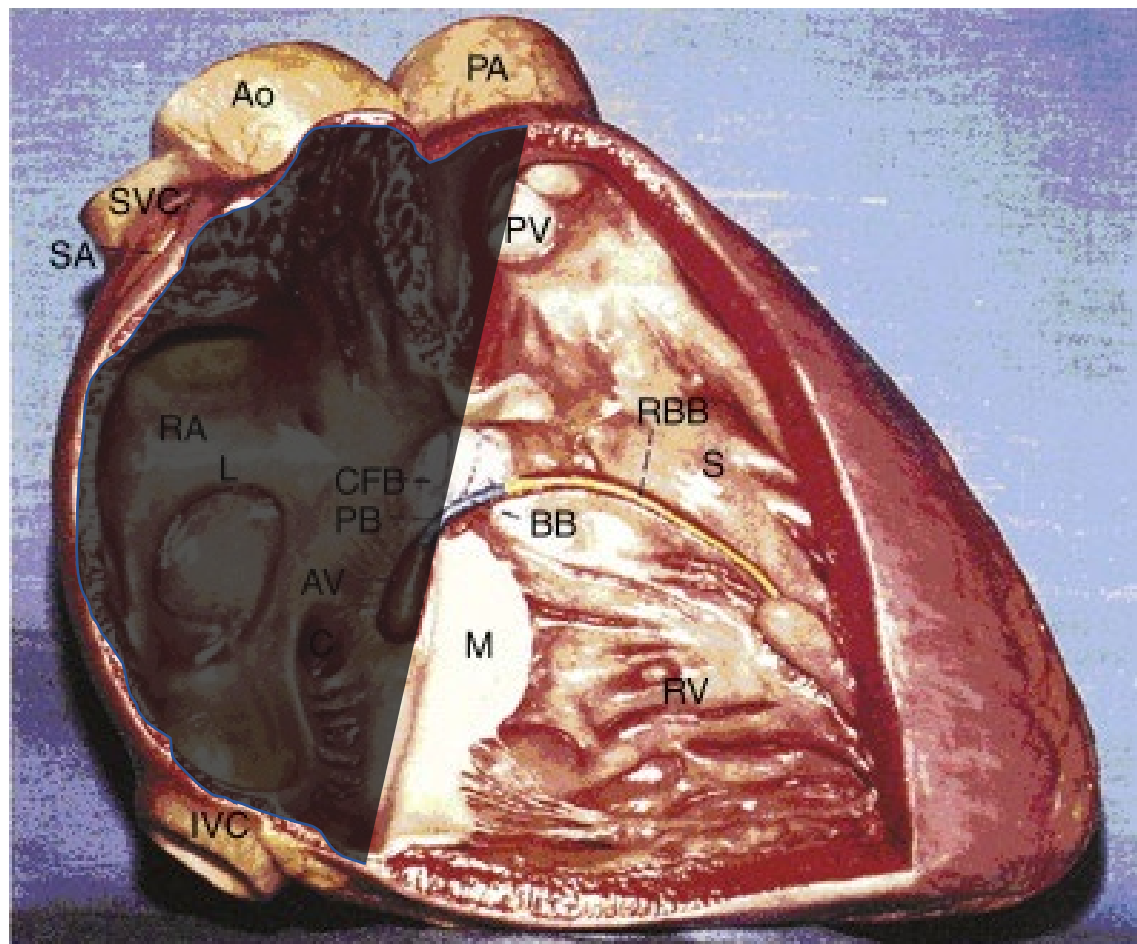
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n

Tachycardia



Diagnostics

“CAM Patch”



“Zio Patch”



- 12 lead ECG
- Signal averaged ECG (rare)
- Treadmill testing
- Ambulatory monitoring
 - 24-48h Holter
 - 7-14d ambulatory monitor
 - Event monitoring (loop recorder)
 - Implantable loop recorder (3 yr)
- Electrophysiology study
- Device interrogation (pacemaker/defibrillator)
- Imaging
 - Echo (TTE, TEE)
 - MRI

Treatment

- MEDICAL THERAPY

- Antiarrhythmic drugs (including beta blockers/CCB)
- Anticoagulation
- Counselling/precautions
 - Medical therapy
 - Genetic therapy

- EP STUDY/ABLATION

- Atrial fibrillation
 - Radiofrequency
 - Cryoballoon
- Supraventricular tachycardia
 - Radiofrequency
 - Cryocatheter
- Ventricular tachycardia
 - PVC

Interventions

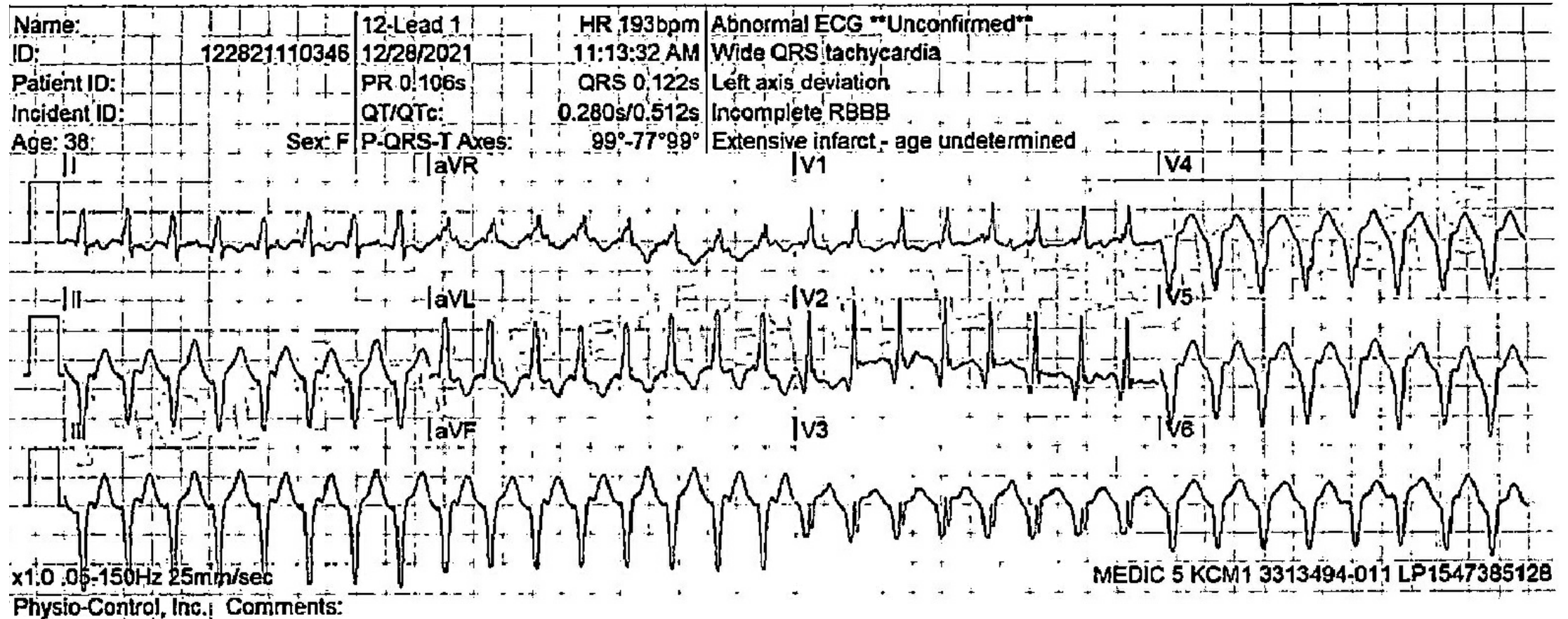
- DEVICE THERAPY

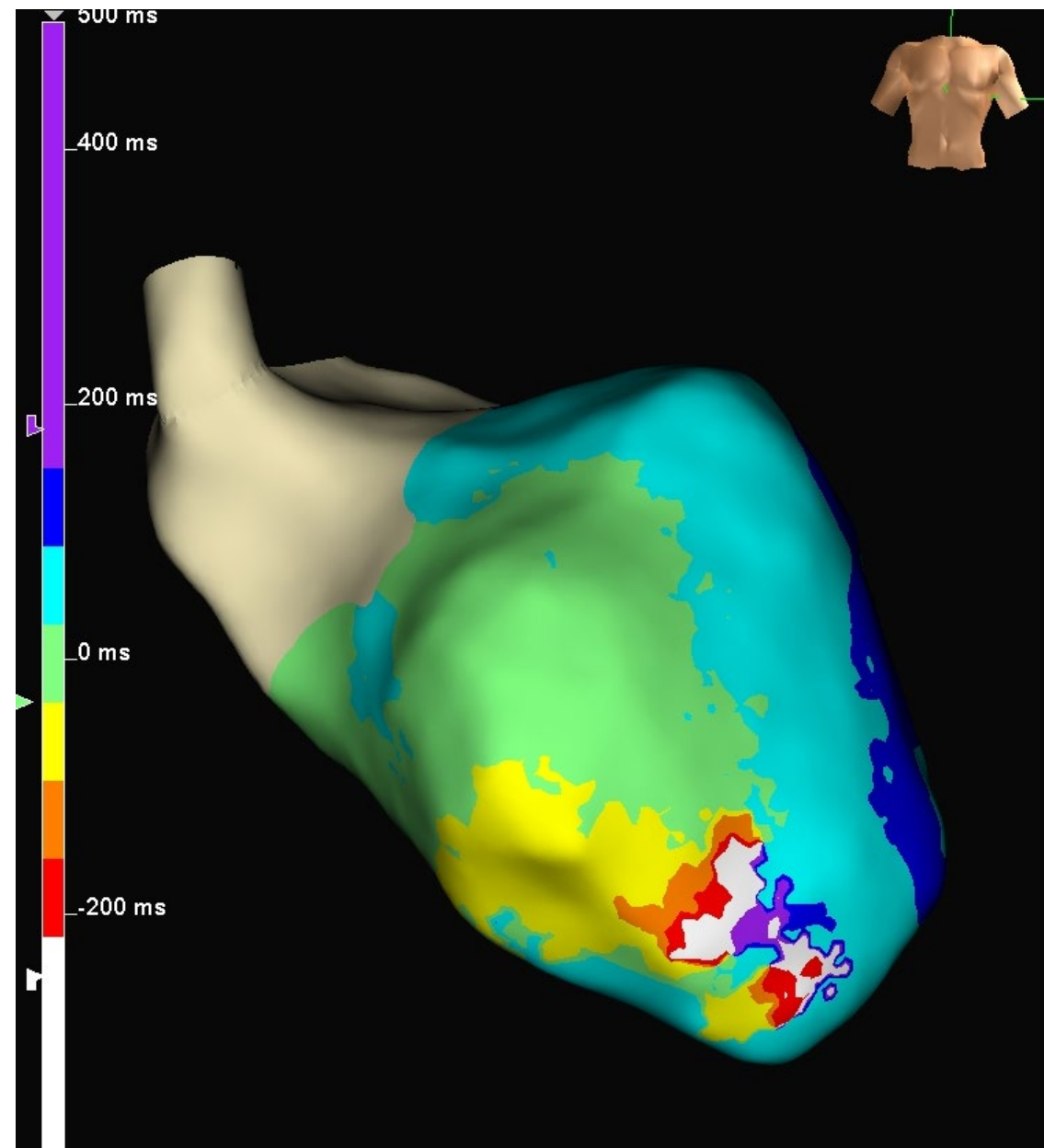
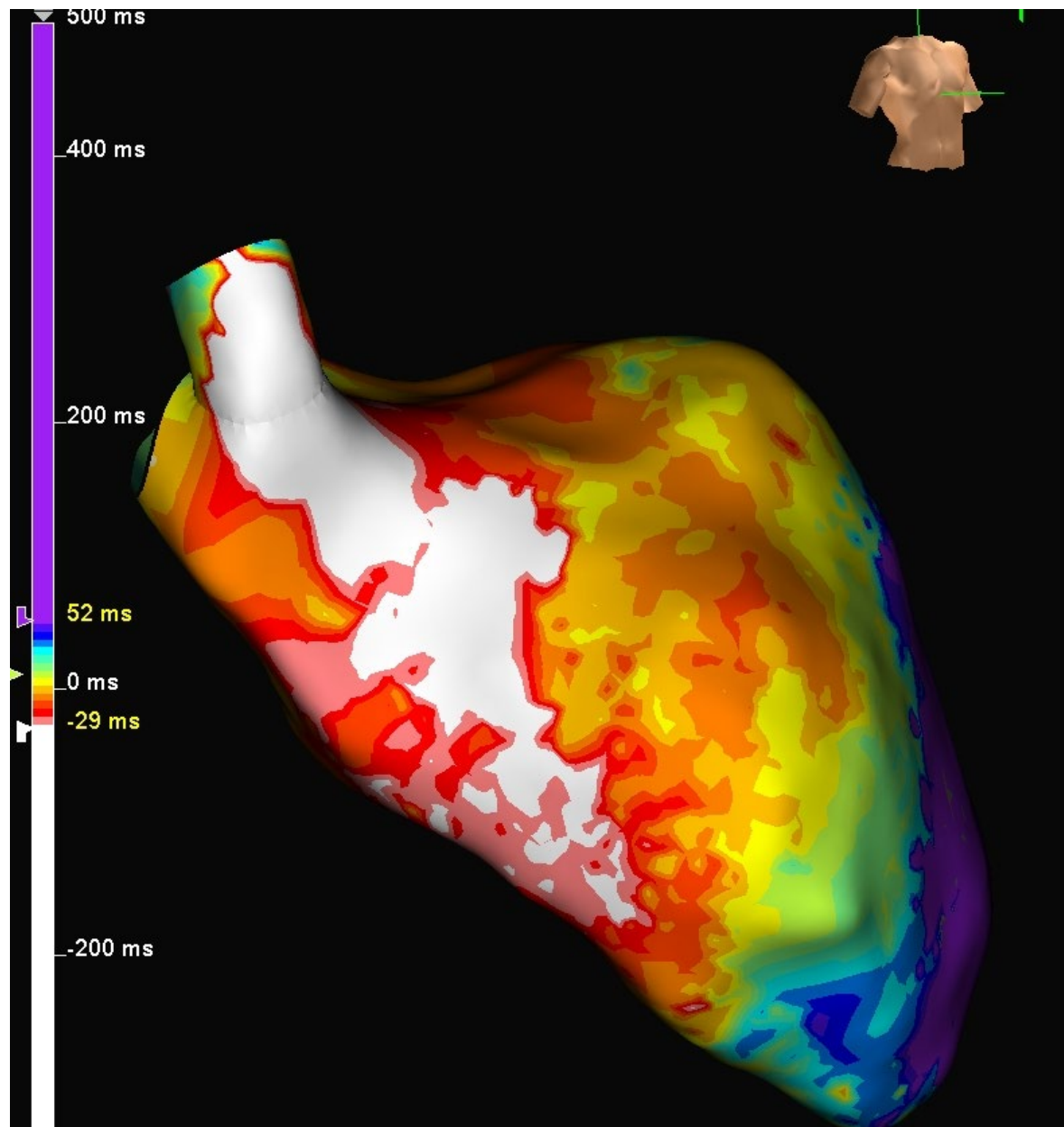
- Pacemaker
 - Transvenous
 - “Leadless”
 - Physiologic pacing
 - Cardiac resynchronization (CRT)
 - His-bundle pacing
- Defibrillator
 - Implantable
 - Transvenous
 - Subcutaneous
 - Wearable

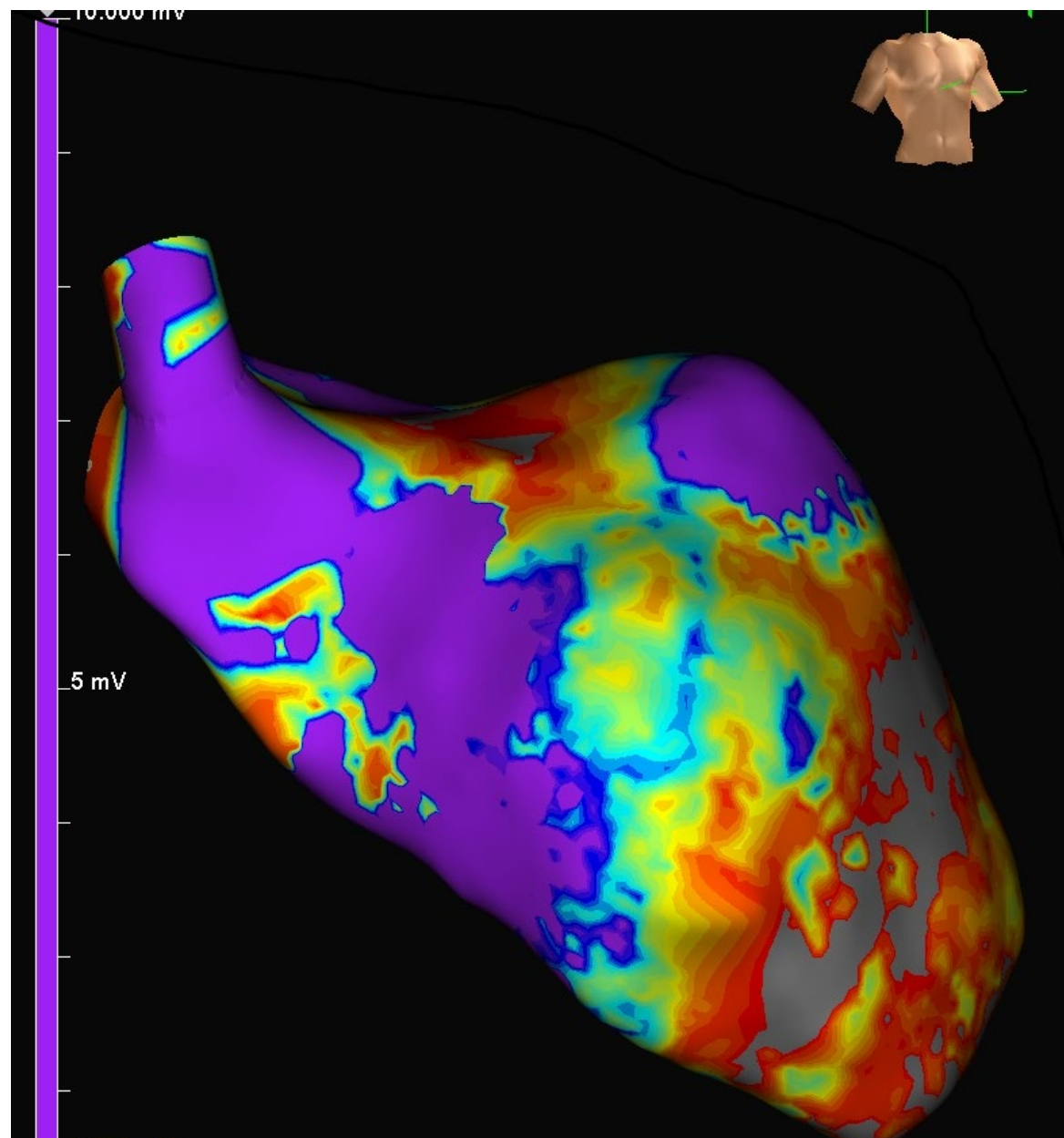
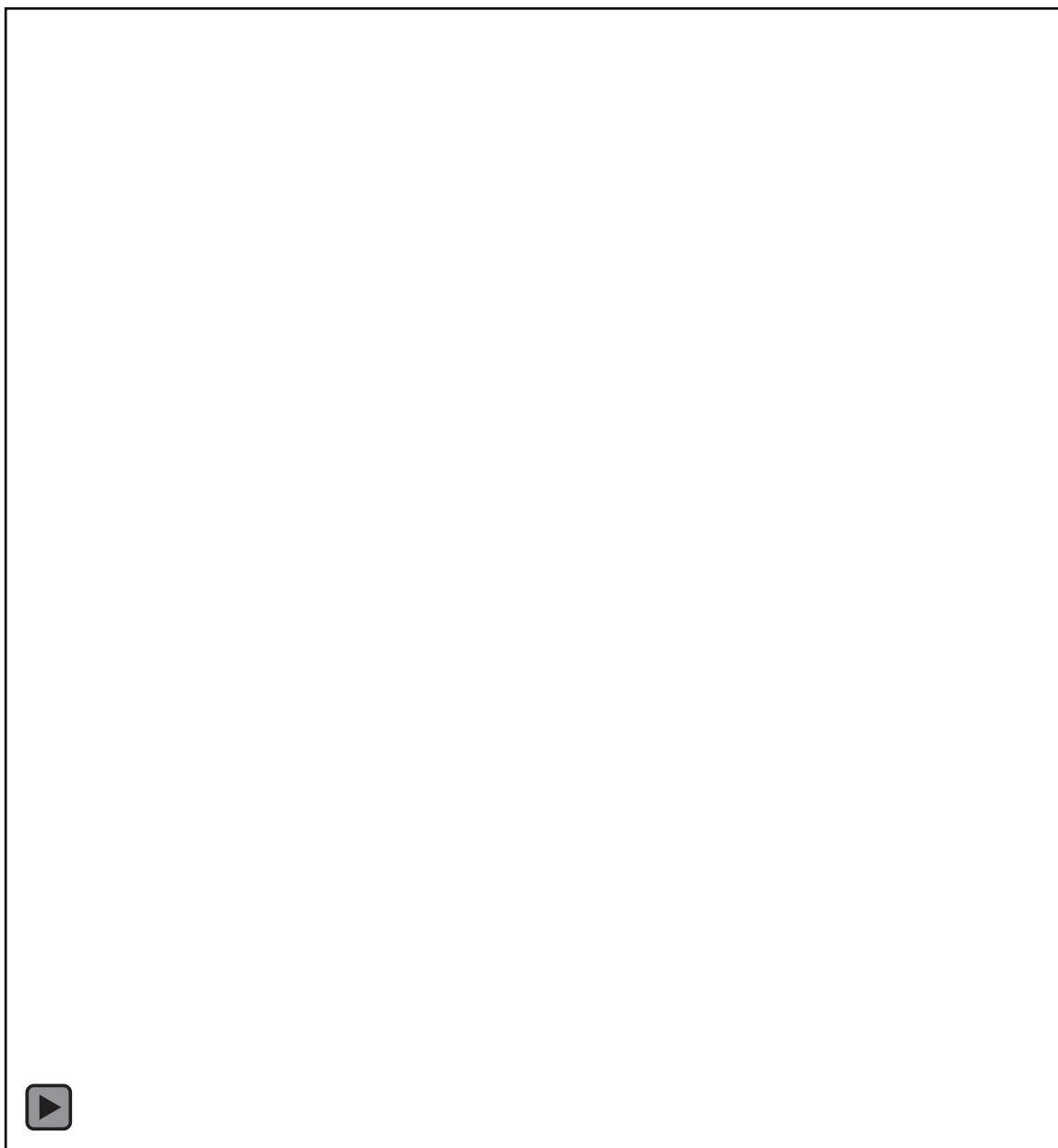
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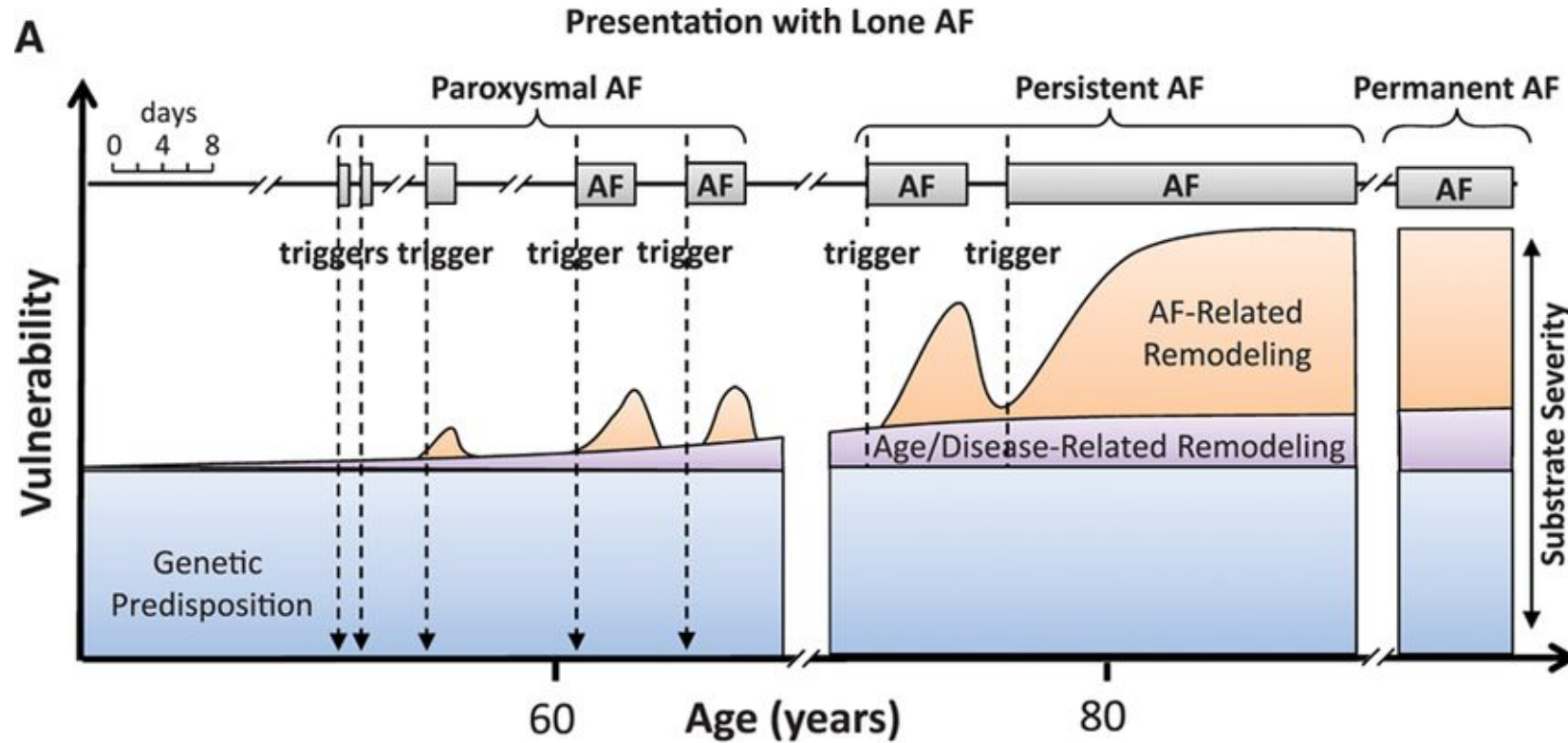
39yo F with racing heartbeat, dyspnea



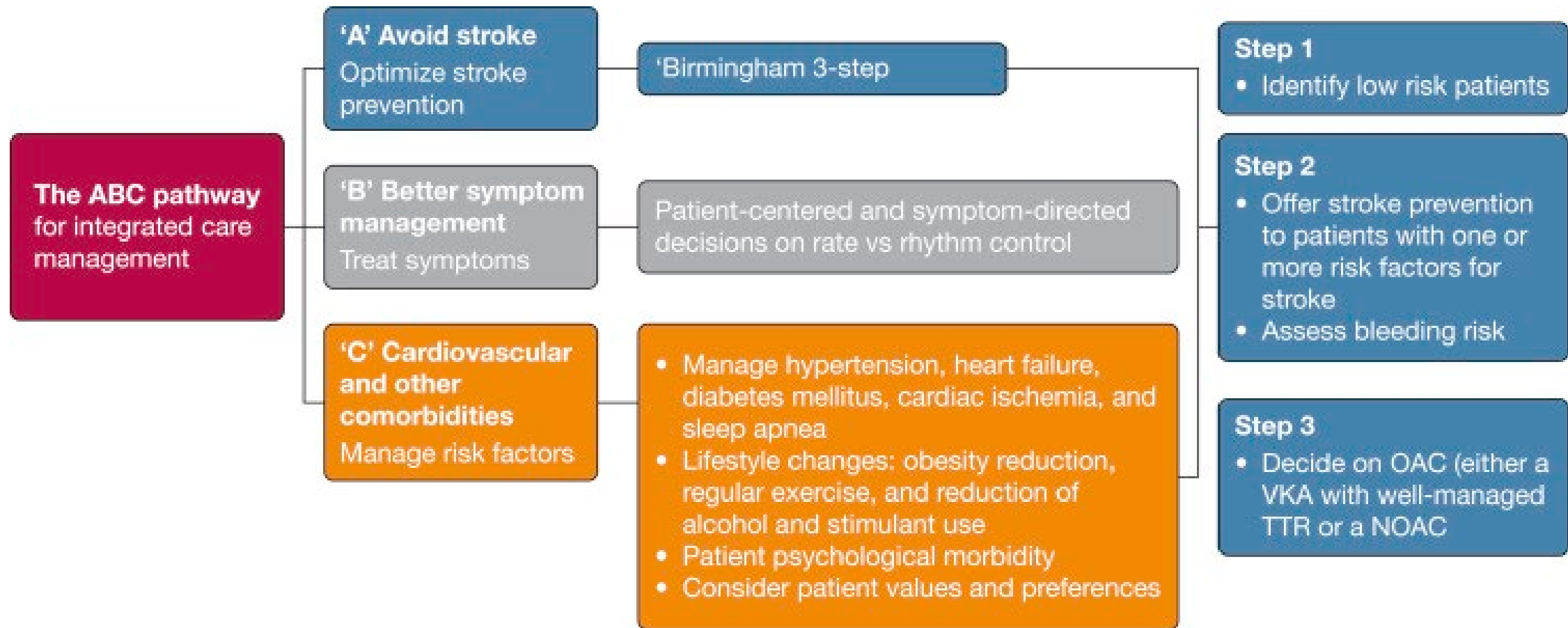




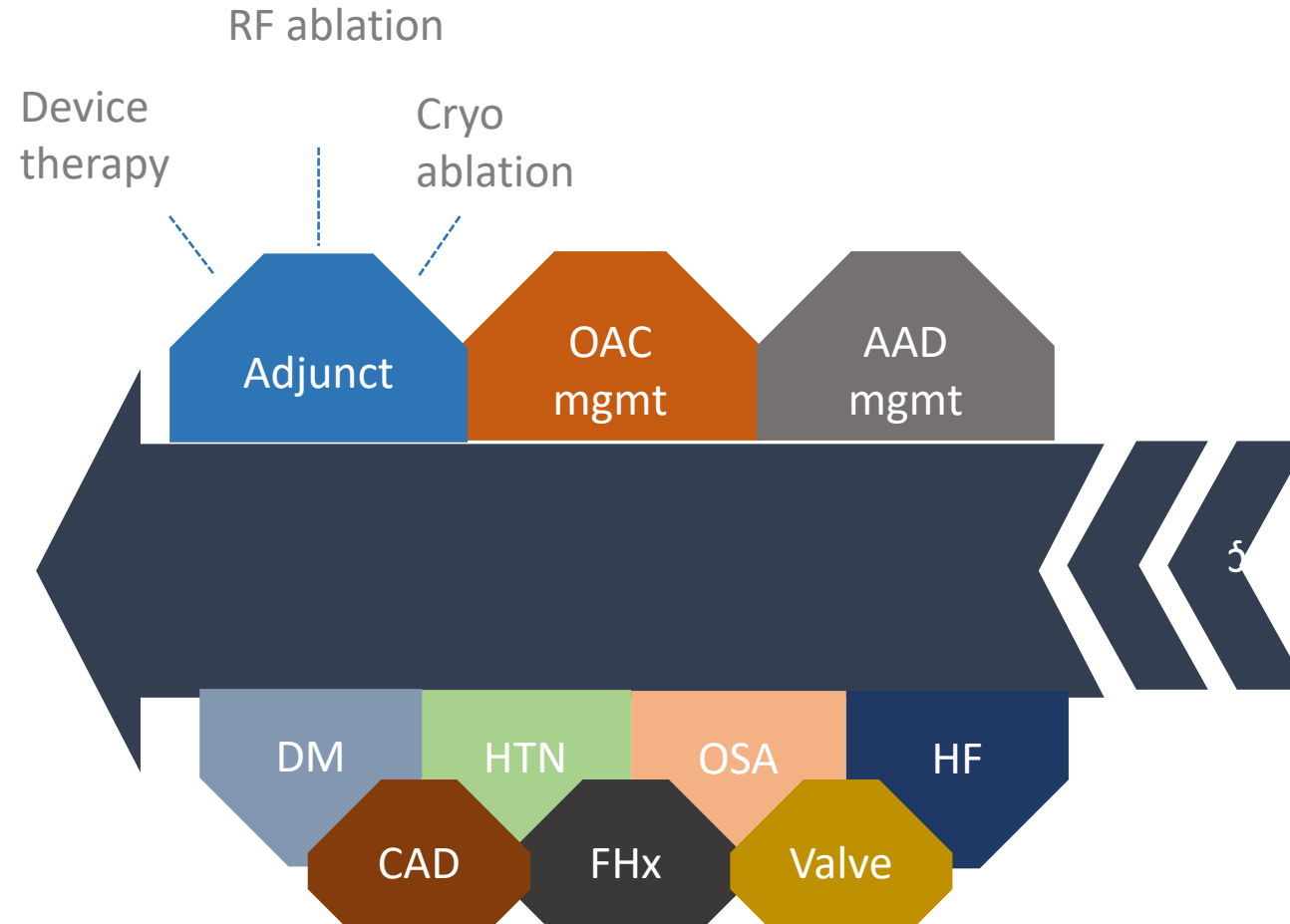
Atrial Fibrillation



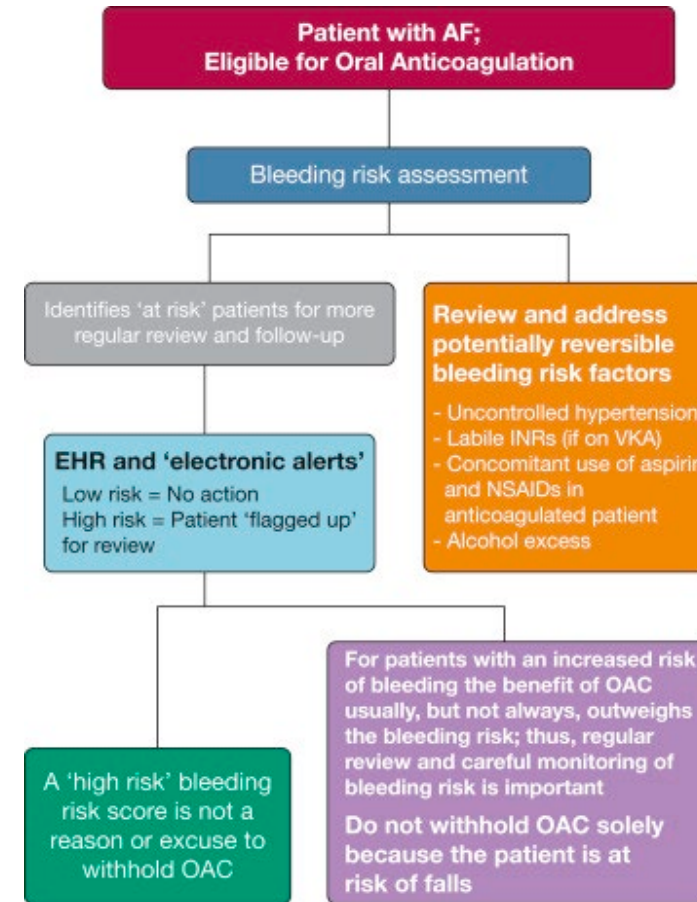
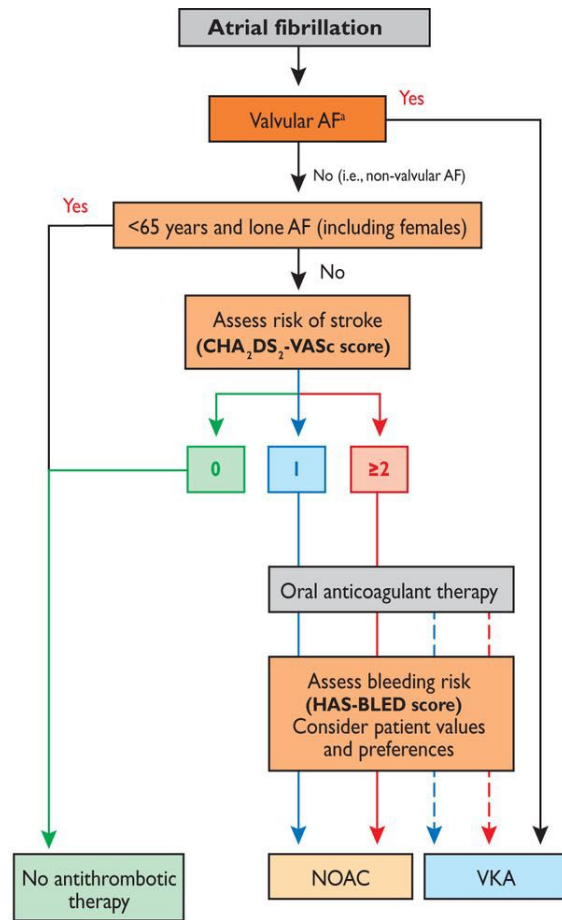
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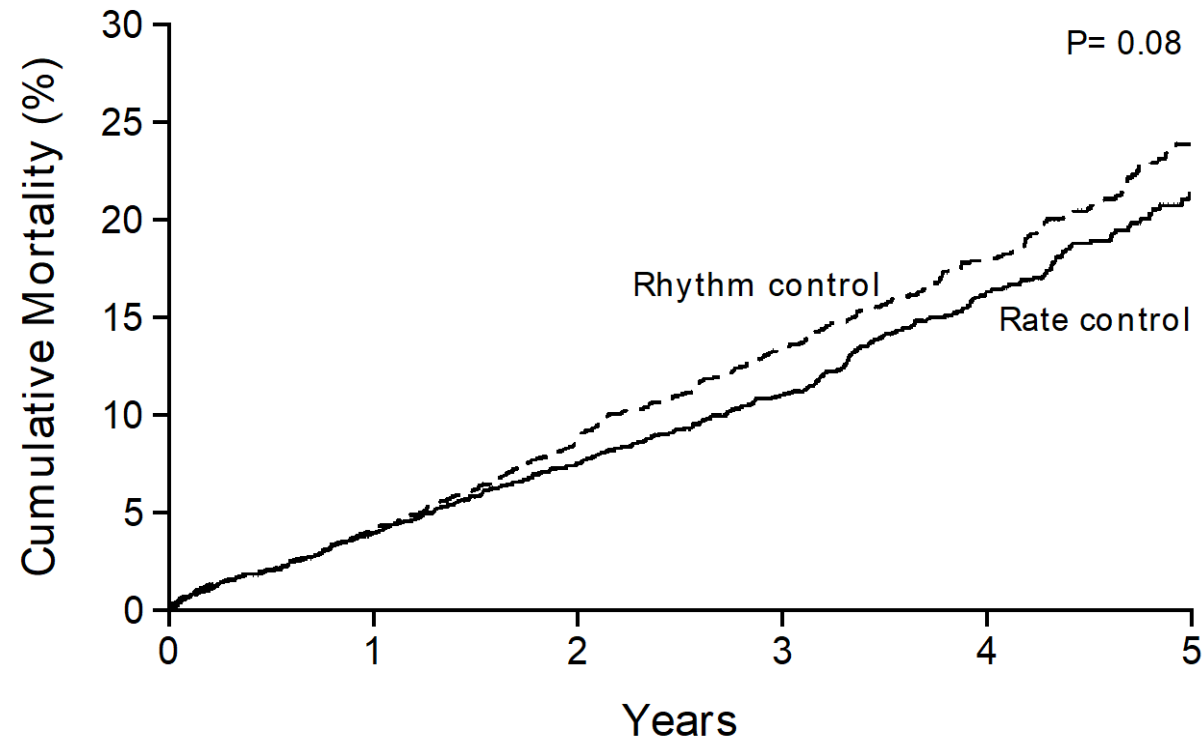
Models for an AF program



Atrial Fibrillation - Anticoagulation



AFFIRM: Rate vs. Rhythm control (pub 2002)



NO. OF DEATHS	number (percent)					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
Rhythm control	0	80 (4)	175 (9)	257 (13)	314 (18)	352 (24)
Rate control	0	78 (4)	148 (7)	210 (11)	275 (16)	306 (21)

The Atrial Fibrillation Follow-up Investigation of Rhythm Management (AFFIRM) Investigators. A Comparison of Rate Control and Rhythm Control in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation. N Engl J Med; 2002 Dec 5;347(23):1825–33.

Original Article

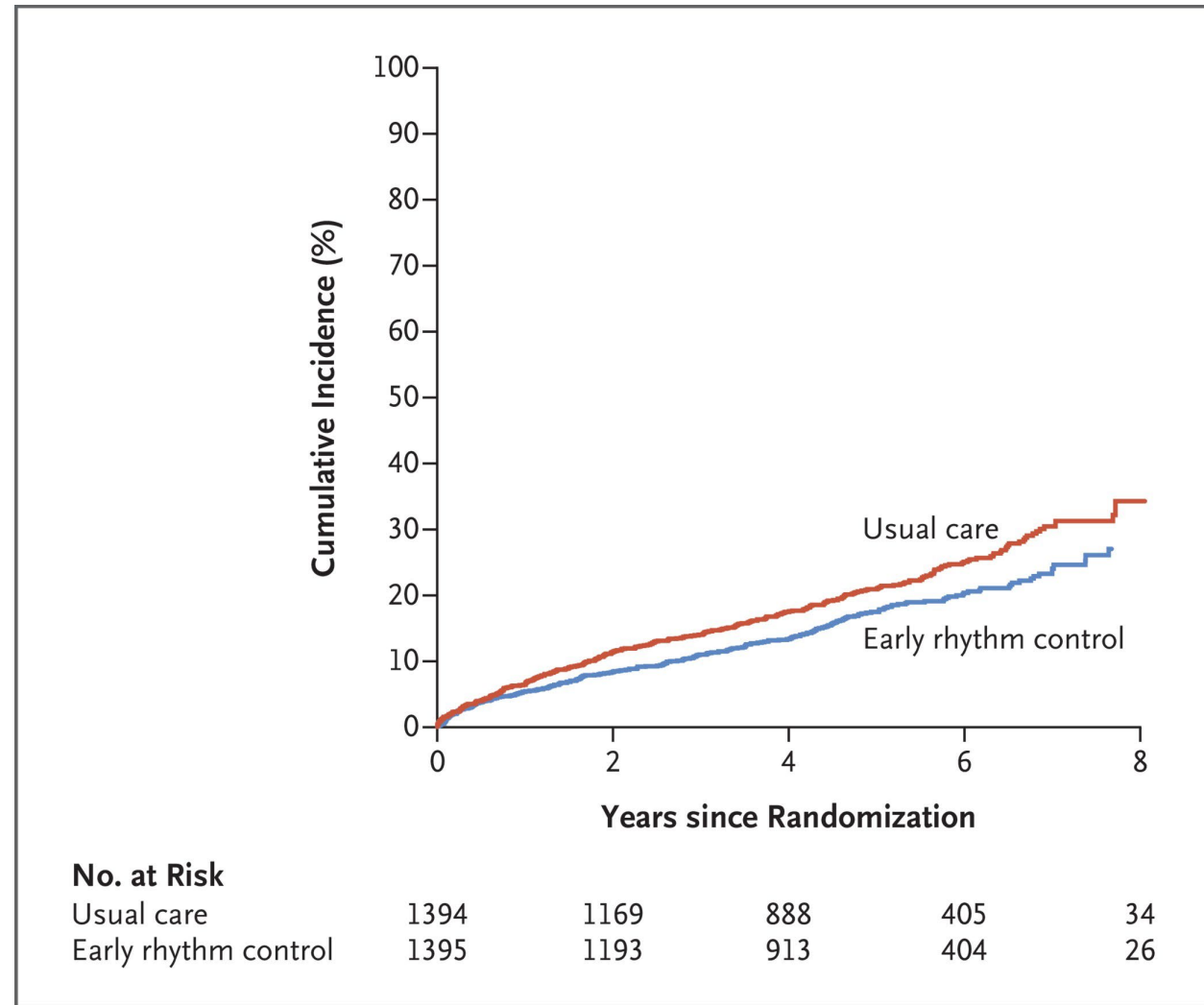
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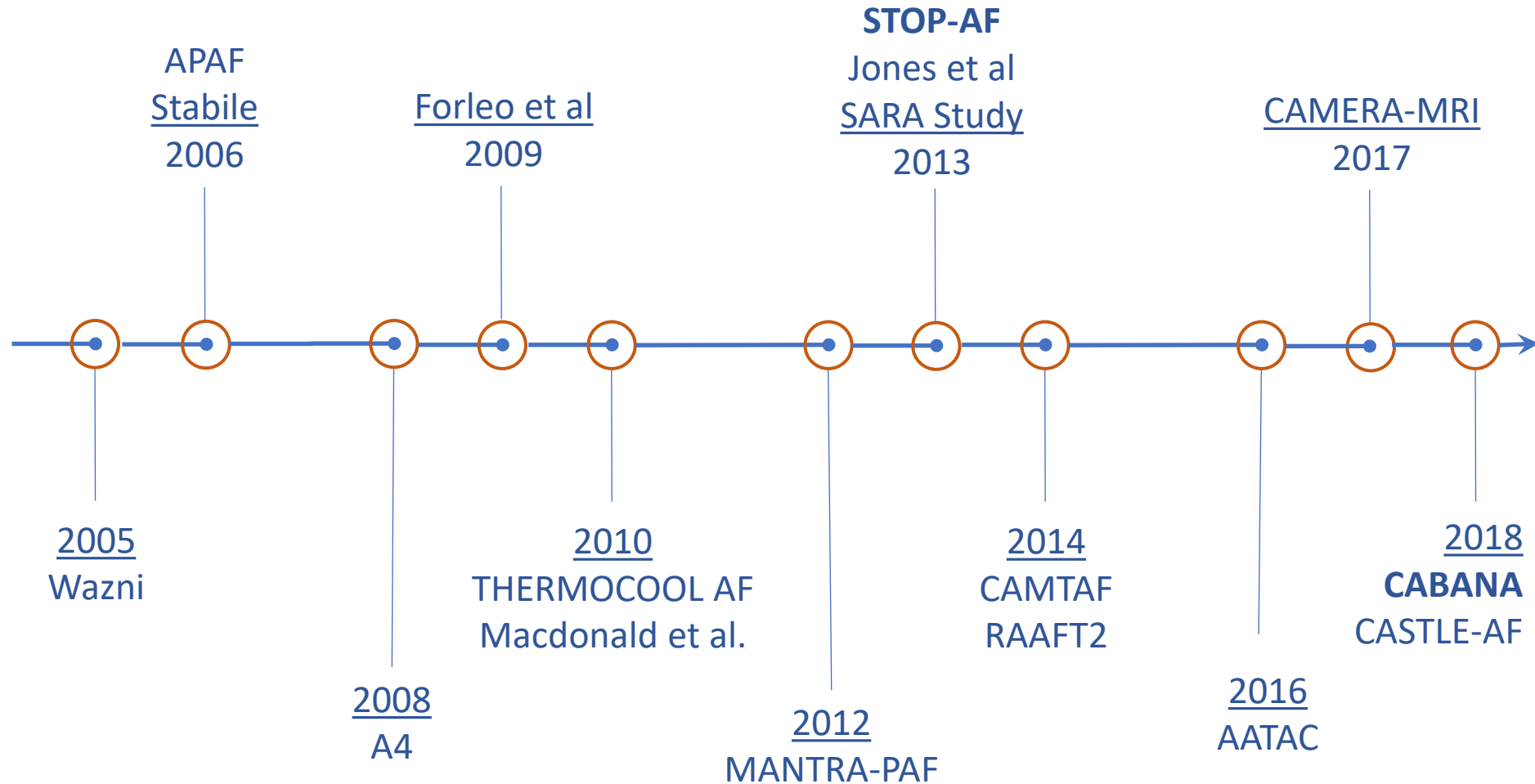
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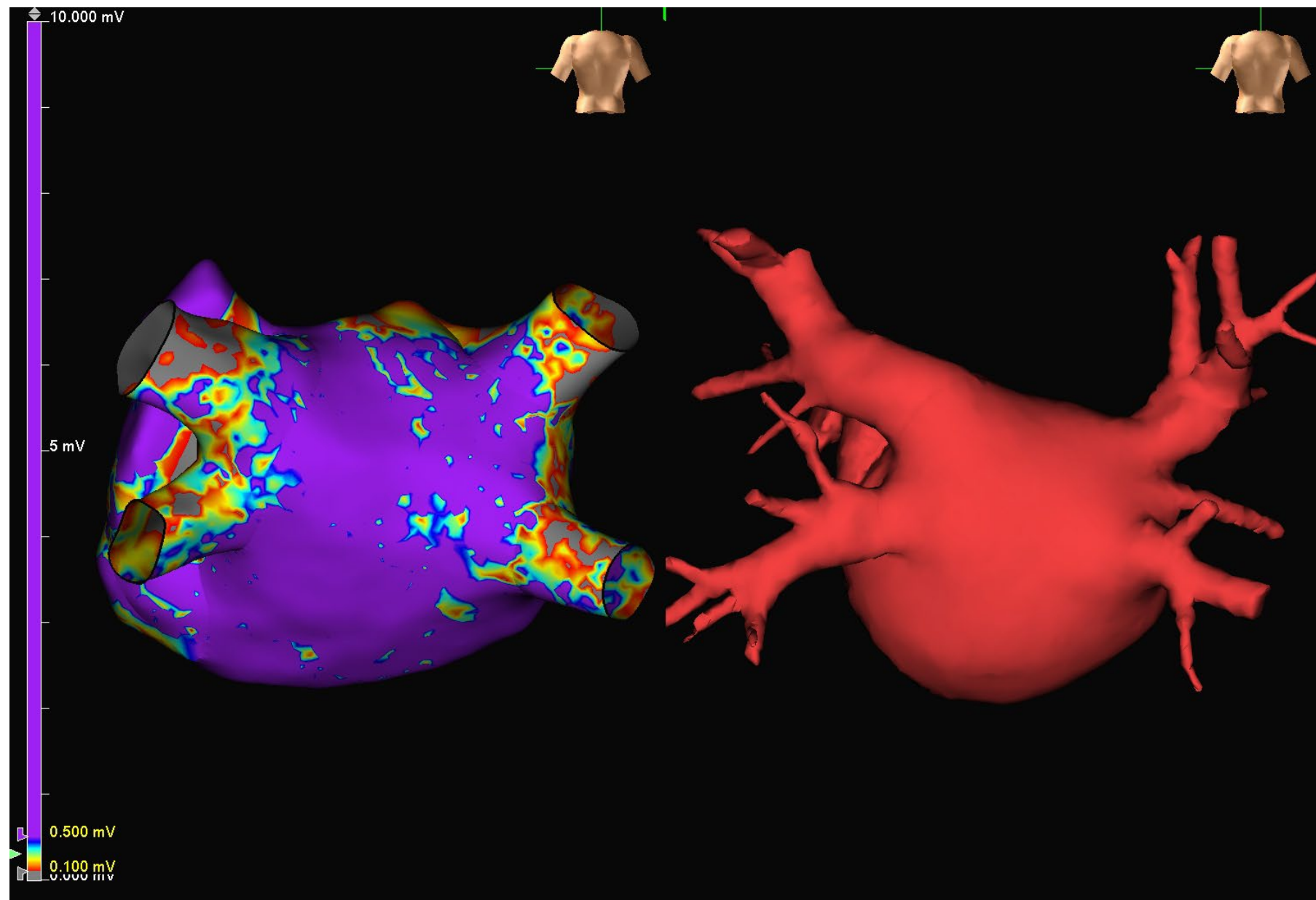
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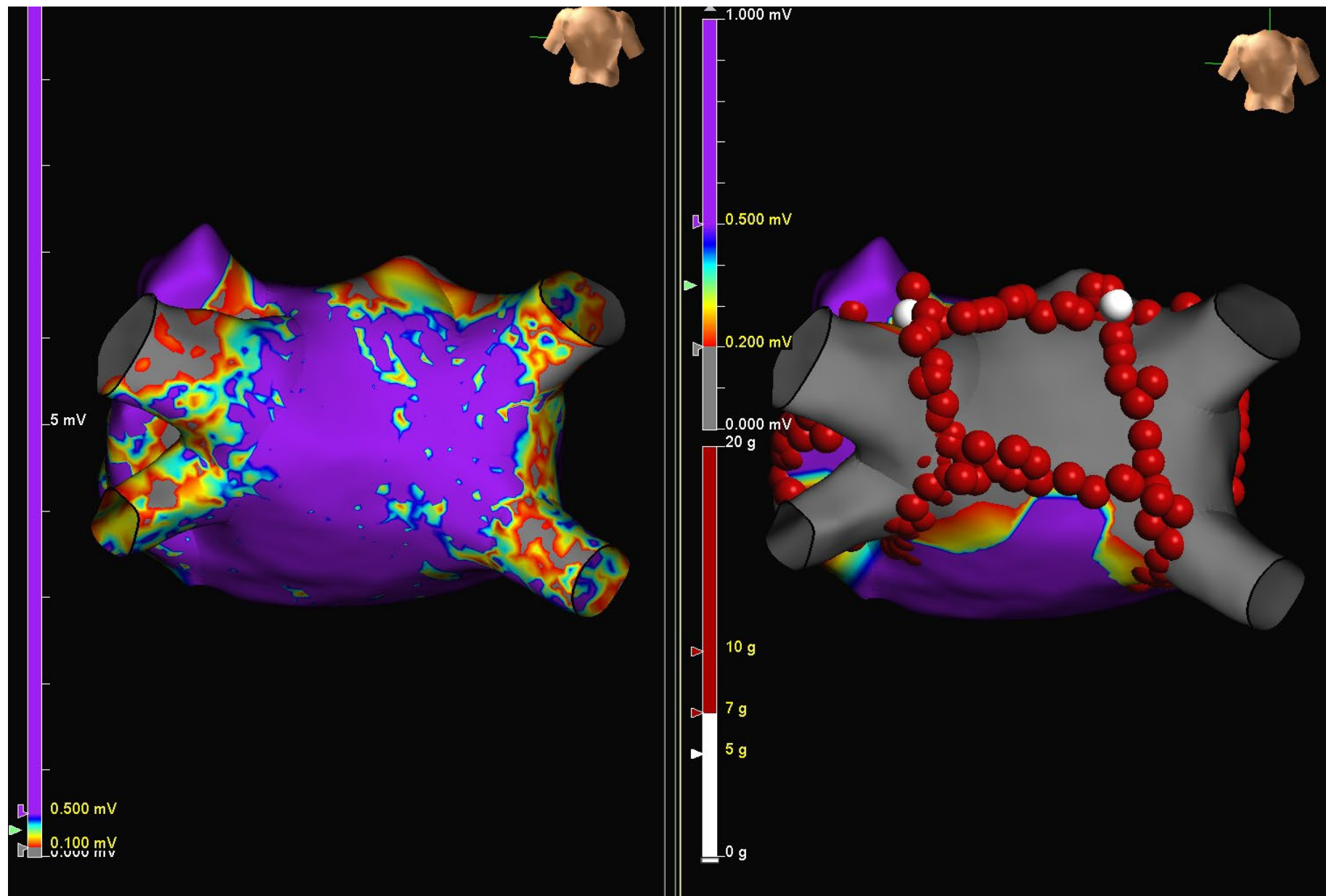
- In this multicenter, randomized trial comparing early rhythm control with usual care in patients with early atrial fibrillation and cardiovascular conditions, early rhythm control reduced the rate of death from cardiovascular causes and cardiovascular complications and did not affect the number of nights in the hospital.



Catheter ablation Clinical Trials







Atrial Fibrillation – When to Refer

- Any time
 - In particular:
 - Symptomatic
 - Heart failure (subjective or objective)
 - Questions around anticoagulation, rhythm control
 - “Cryptogenic” stroke
- Consider workup:
 - Echocardiogram
 - TSH with reflex
 - ? Ambulatory monitor
 - If rate control is in question – generally a 7-day extended CAM

How to refer

- In Epic:
 - “Cardiology” vs “Cardia Electrophysiology”
 - Many patients have both a general cardiologist and an electrophysiologist, so often the default is to see general cardiology first, and then refer to EP as indicated
 - In patients without other substantial cardiovascular problems, isolated EP referral and management is appropriate
- If any question as to how the patient should be referred, please feel free to call

How to Contact

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