

OVERVIEW OF CHRONIC HEART FAILURE

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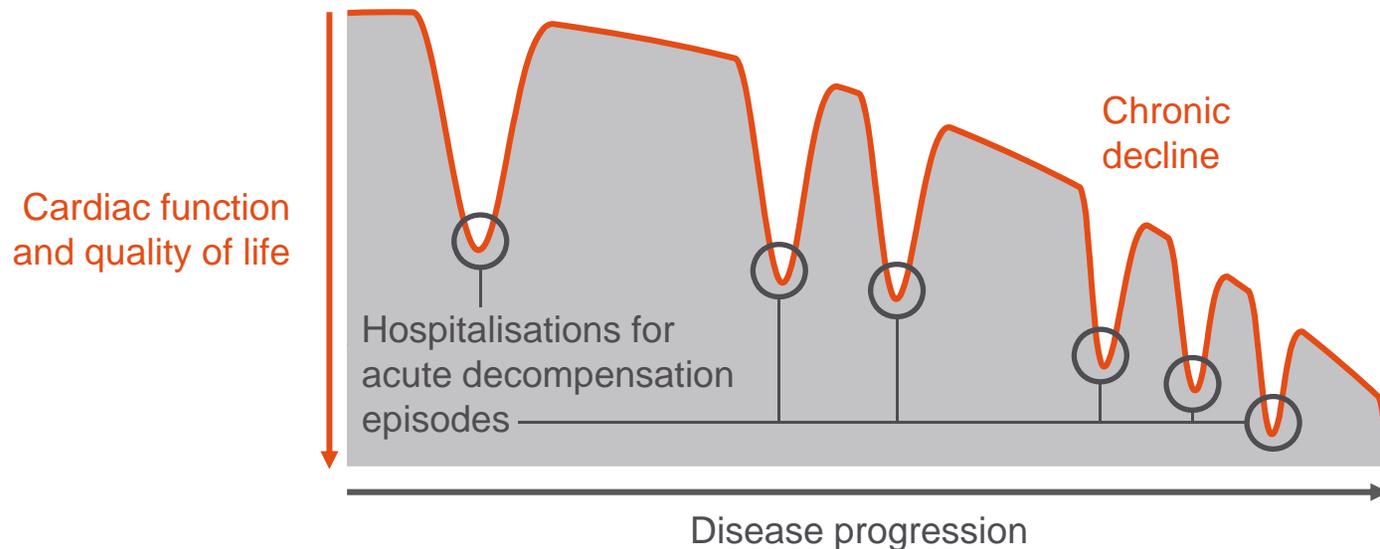
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Heart Failure is a complex syndrome involving multiple organ systems and is associated with a high morbidity and mortality.

- **Heart failure (HF) is a chronic condition, punctuated by acute episodes**
- **Each acute event results in further organ damage: may contribute to progressive left ventricular and/or renal dysfunction**
- **Increasing frequency of acute events with disease progression leads to higher rates of hospitalization and increased risk of mortality**



Heart failure, a worldwide burden

**26
million**

Number of heart failure patients worldwide.¹

1-2%

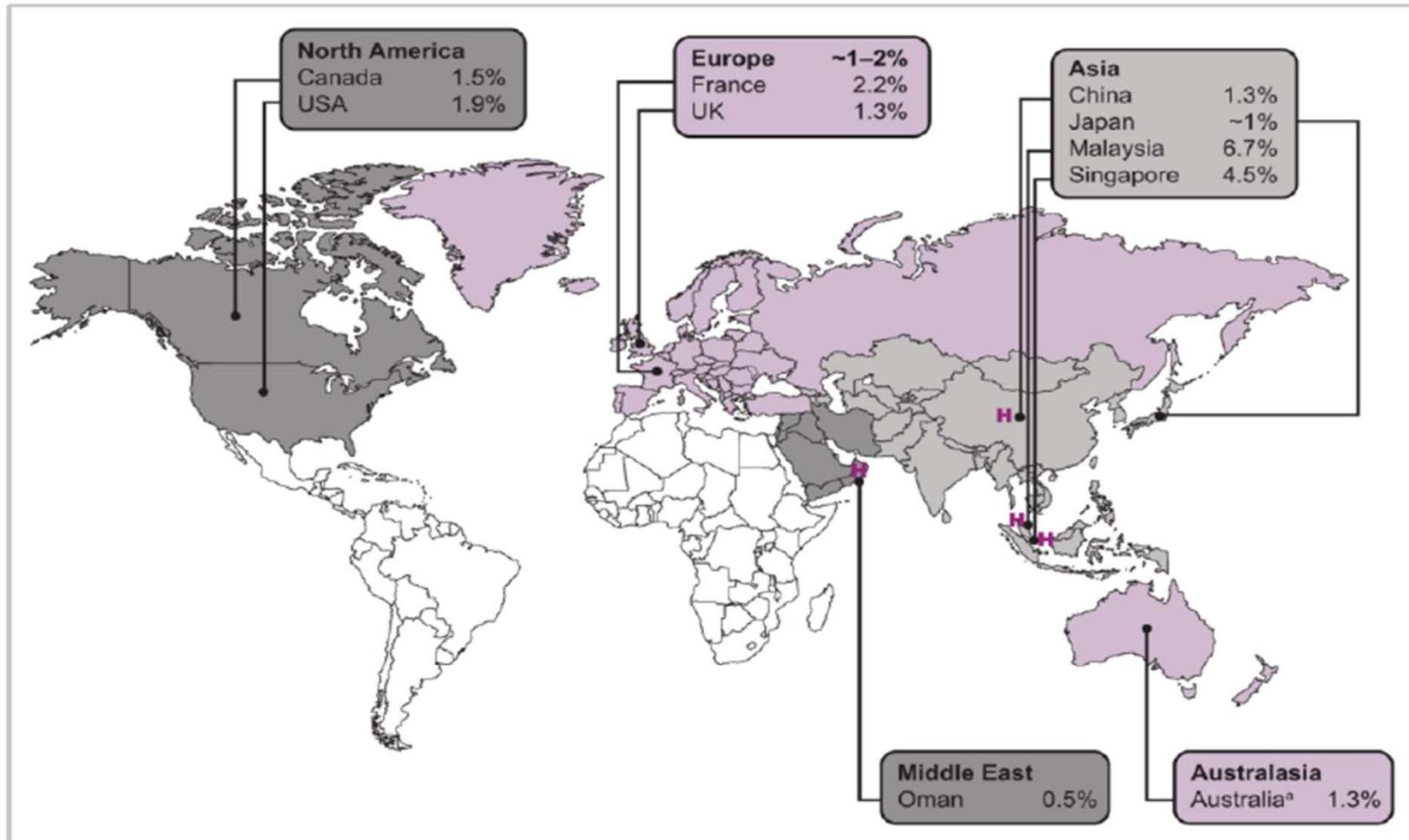
Health care expenditure attributed to heart failure in Europe and North America.²

74%

Heart failure patients suffering from at least 1 comorbidity: more likely to worsen the patient's overall health status.³

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Prevalence of HF



Heart failure is a major and growing public health problem

Prevalence¹

1-3%

of the population in Asia have HF¹



As many as **1 in 5** people aged 70–80 years have HF¹

Growth²

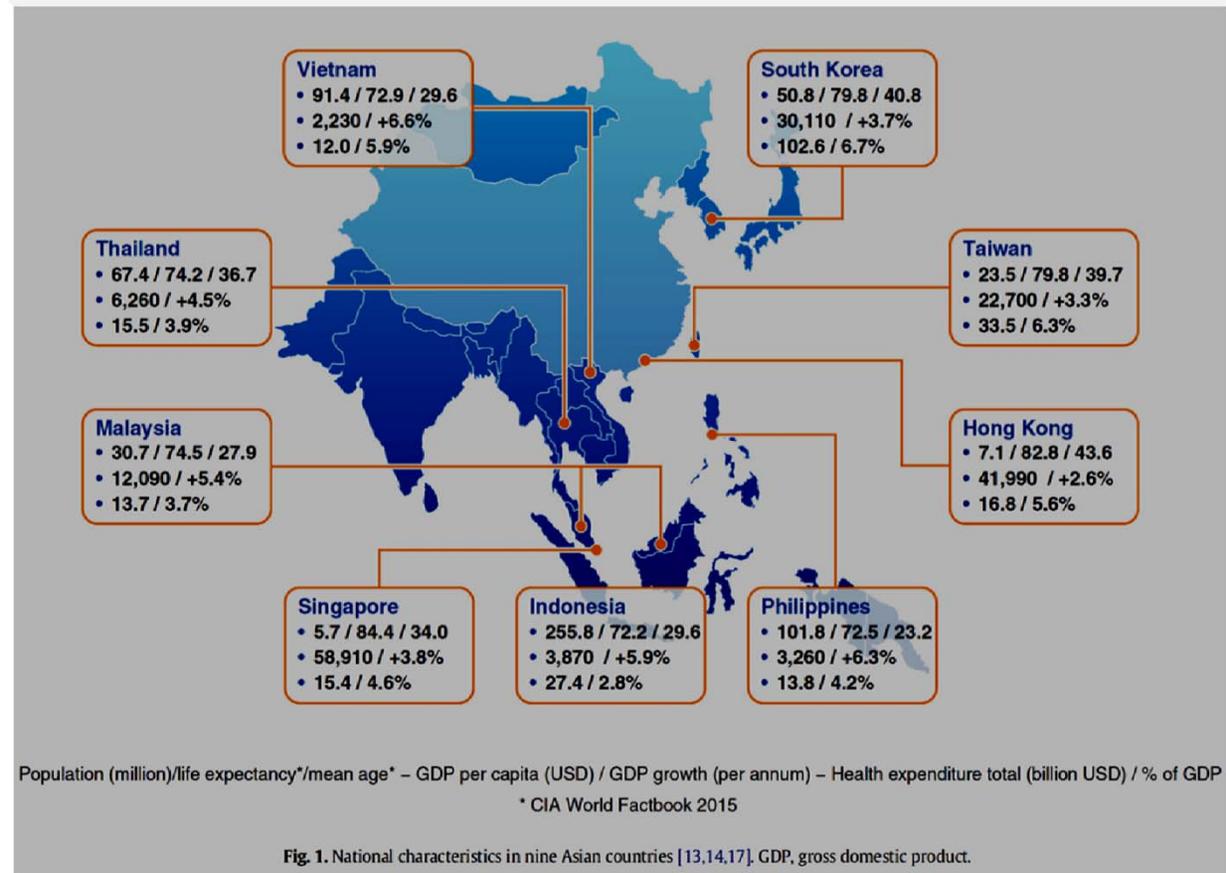
HF Prevalence

Increasing prevalence of risk factors^{5,6}

Aging population⁵

Improved post-MI survival⁵

General socioeconomic and health expenditure data for the regions



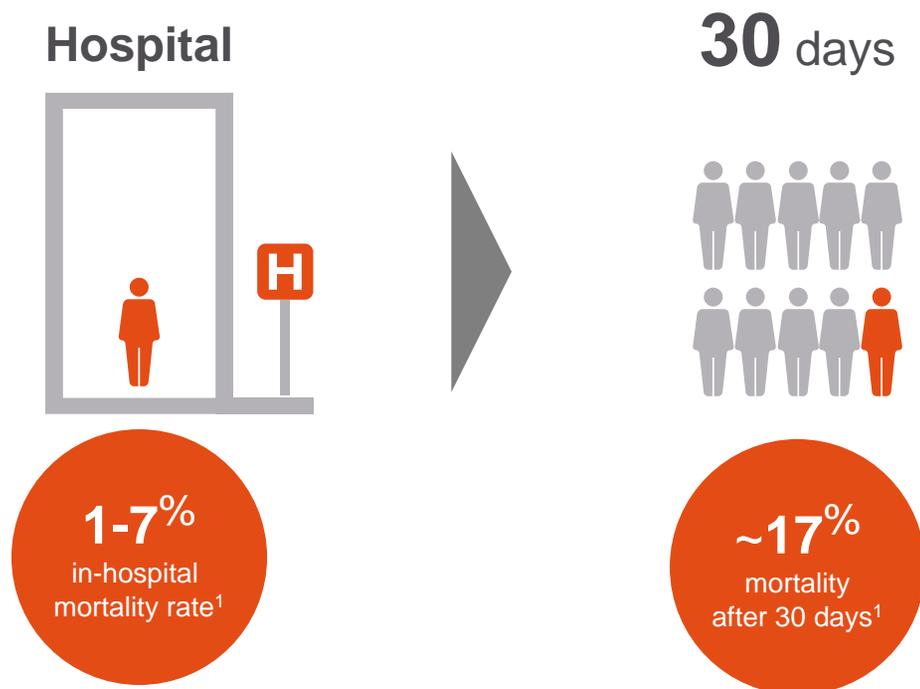
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Prevalence of Heart Failure, demographic characteristics of patients and etiology in 9 Asian regions

Prevalence or characteristic	Asia								
	Hong Kong	Indonesia	Malaysia	Philippines	Singapore	South Korea	Taiwan	Thailand	Vietnam
Prevalence of HF	2%-3% ^a	5%	-	1%-2%	-	0.6%	6%	0.4%	-
Demographic characteristics of HF patients									
Male	45%	66%	75%	57%	64%	55%	72%	-	59%
Female	55%	34%	26%	43%	36%	45%	28%	-	41%
Mean age at admission (years)	76.8	57.8	61.8	60	66.6	69	64	67	59
Cardiovascular risk factors									
Ischemic heart disease	29%	35%	68%	52%	37%	37%	44%	45%	32%
Valvular/rheumatic heart disease	6%	18%	29%	20%	-	14%	8%	19%	18%
Cardiomyopathy (non-ischemic)	1%	2%	28%	11%	-	21%	34%	14%	21%
Hypertensive heart disease	70%	8%	2%	6%	-	4%	7%	12%	21%
Other causes ^b		2%	5%	7%	-	11%	7%	-	-

Morbidity and mortality in Heart failure

HF is associated with significant mortality

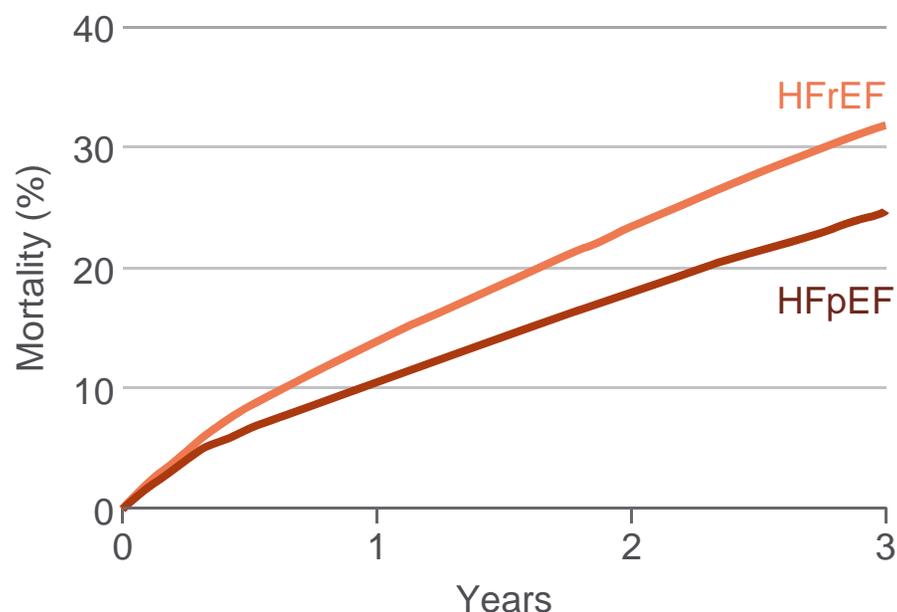


Heart Failure hospitalization and mortality in 9 Asian countries or regions

Mortality	Indonesia	Malaysia	Philippines	Singapore	South Korea	Thailand	Vietnam
Inpatient	3%	6%	7%	1.1%	6.1%	6%	7%
Within 30 days of discharge	17%	1%	10%	-	-	-	2%-3%

Morbidity and mortality in Heart failure

HF with reduced EF and HF with preserved EF are associated with high levels of morbidity and mortality



The **prognosis** for patients with **chronic HF and preserved EF** is **substantially worse** than that for patients with **other conditions that increase CV risk**^{‡2}

No therapies are proven to reduce morbidity and mortality in chronic HF with preserved EF³

‡Based on data comparing mortality and HF hospitalization rates from clinical trials in patients with HFpEF (n=3 trials) with similar data from clinical trials in patients of without HF but who were of a similar age, comorbidity profile and had other conditions that increase CV risk (stable angina pectoris [n=1 trial], diabetes [n=1 trial] or hypertension [n=5 trials])

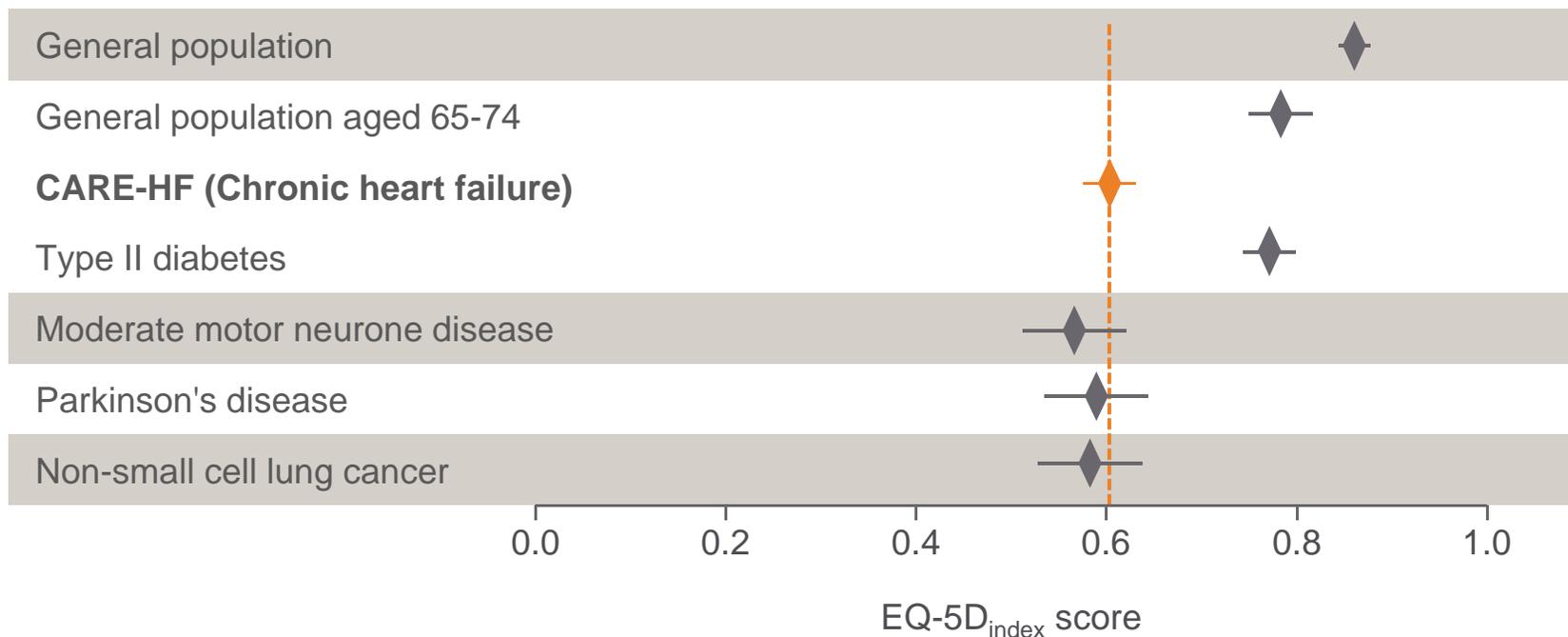
CV=cardiovascular; EF=ejection fraction; HF=heart failure; HFpEF=heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; HFrEF=heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; LVEF=left ventricular ejection fraction

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Heart failure has a significant impact on quality of life

Quality of life among patients with HF compared with the general population and other chronic conditions*



*Data from patients receiving optimal medical therapy with chronic heart failure due to left ventricular systolic dysfunction and dysynchrony enrolled in the CARE-HF trial. EQ-5D™ is a standardized instrument for use as a measure of health outcome, providing a simple descriptive profile and a single index value for health status. Reprinted from the European Journal of Heart Failure, 7(2), Calvert MJ, et al. The impact of chronic heart failure on health-related quality of life data acquired in the baseline phase of the CARE-HF study, 243–51, Published on behalf of the European Society of Cardiology. All rights reserved, Copyright (2005) the authors, with permission of John Wiley & Sons, Inc. CARE-HF=Cardiac RESynchronisation in Heart Failure; HF=heart failure Calvert et al. Eur J Heart Fail 2005;7:243–51

HEART FAILURE ADMISSION NORTH CARDIOLOGY DEPARTMENT 2017

MONTH	TOTAL	HF	HF (%)	TOTAL MORTALITY
FEB, MARCH,	782	107	13.7%	31 (3.96%)
JUNE, JULY, AUG	743	97	13.05%	51 (6.86%)
SEP, OCT, NOV,	770	102	13.25%	42 (5.45%)
	2295	306	13.3%	124 (5.4%)

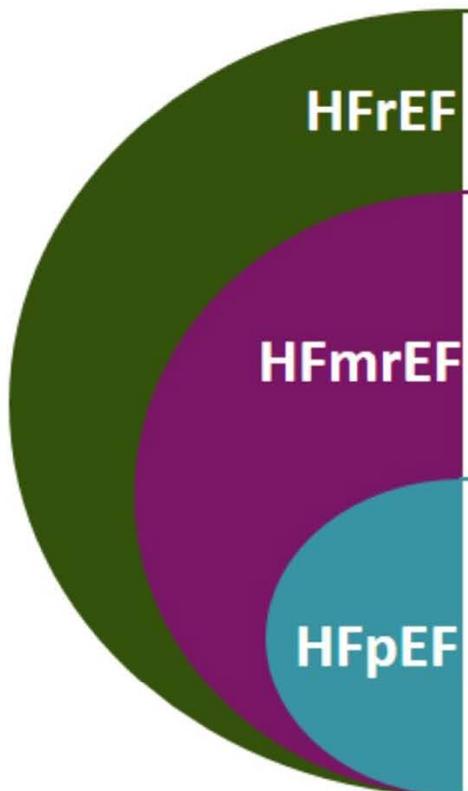
Definition of Heart Failure

Classification	Ejection Fraction	Description
I. Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction (HFrEF)	$\leq 40\%$	Also referred to as systolic HF. Randomized clinical trials have mainly enrolled patients with HFrEF and it is only in these patients that efficacious therapies have been demonstrated to date.
II. Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF)	$\geq 50\%$	Also referred to as diastolic HF. Several different criteria have been used to further define HFpEF. The diagnosis of HFpEF is challenging because it is largely one of excluding other potential noncardiac causes of symptoms suggestive of HF. To date, efficacious therapies have not been identified.
a. HFpEF, Borderline	41% to 49%	These patients fall into a borderline or intermediate group. Their characteristics, treatment patterns, and outcomes appear similar to those of patient with HFpEF.
b. HFpEF, Improved	$>40\%$	It has been recognized that a subset of patients with HFpEF previously had HFrEF. These patients with improvement or recovery in EF may be clinically distinct from those with persistently preserved or reduced EF. Further research is needed to better characterize these patients.

Classification of Heart Failure

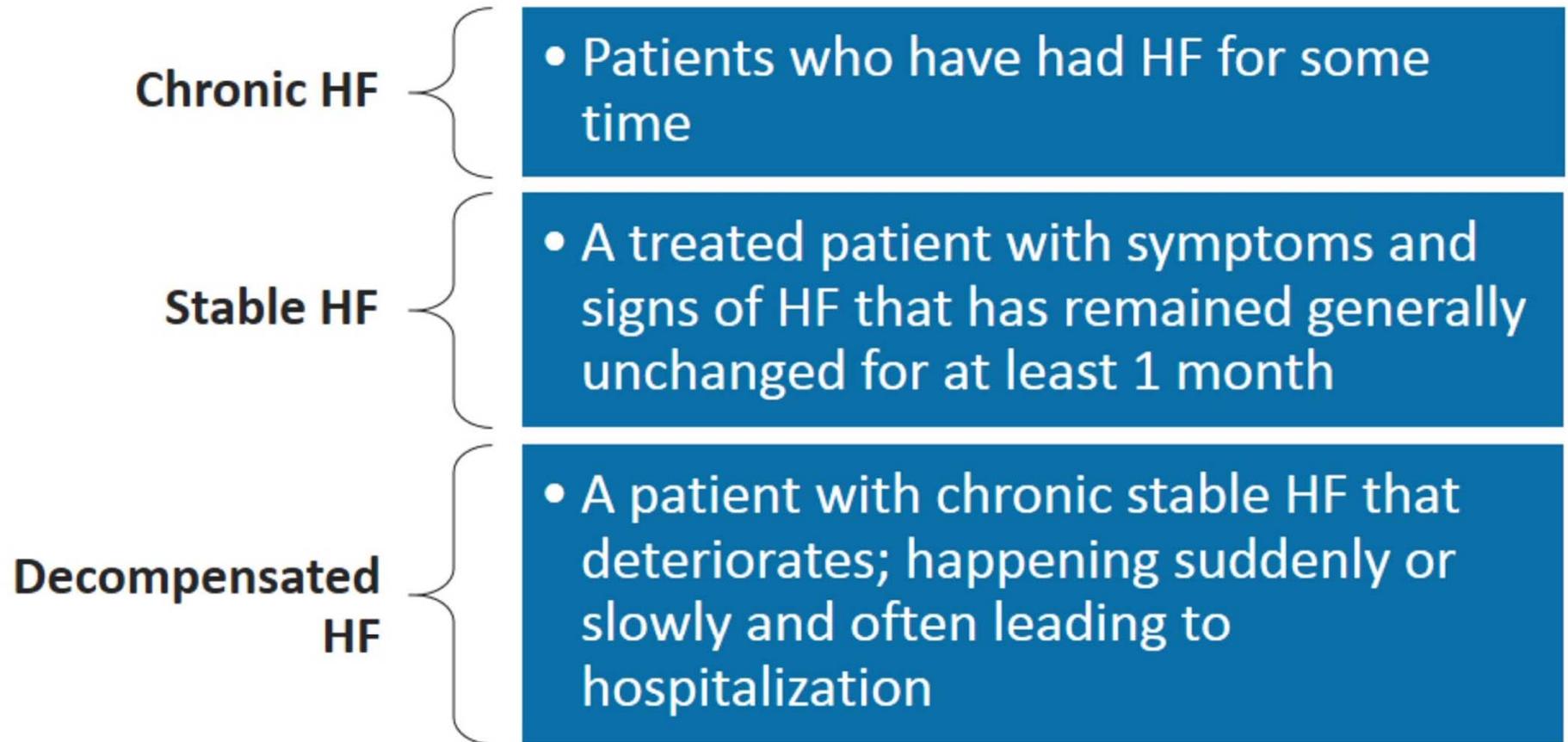
ACCF/AHA Stages of HF		NYHA Functional Classification	
A	At high risk for HF but without structural heart disease or symptoms of HF.	None	
B	Structural heart disease but without signs or symptoms of HF.	I	No limitation of physical activity. Ordinary physical activity does not cause symptoms of HF.
C	Structural heart disease with prior or current symptoms of HF.	I	No limitation of physical activity. Ordinary physical activity does not cause symptoms of HF.
		II	Slight limitation of physical activity. Comfortable at rest, but ordinary physical activity results in symptoms of HF.
		III	Marked limitation of physical activity. Comfortable at rest, but less than ordinary activity causes symptoms of HF.
		IV	Unable to carry on any physical activity without symptoms of HF, or symptoms of HF at rest.
D	Refractory HF requiring specialized interventions.		

Definition of the Type of HF

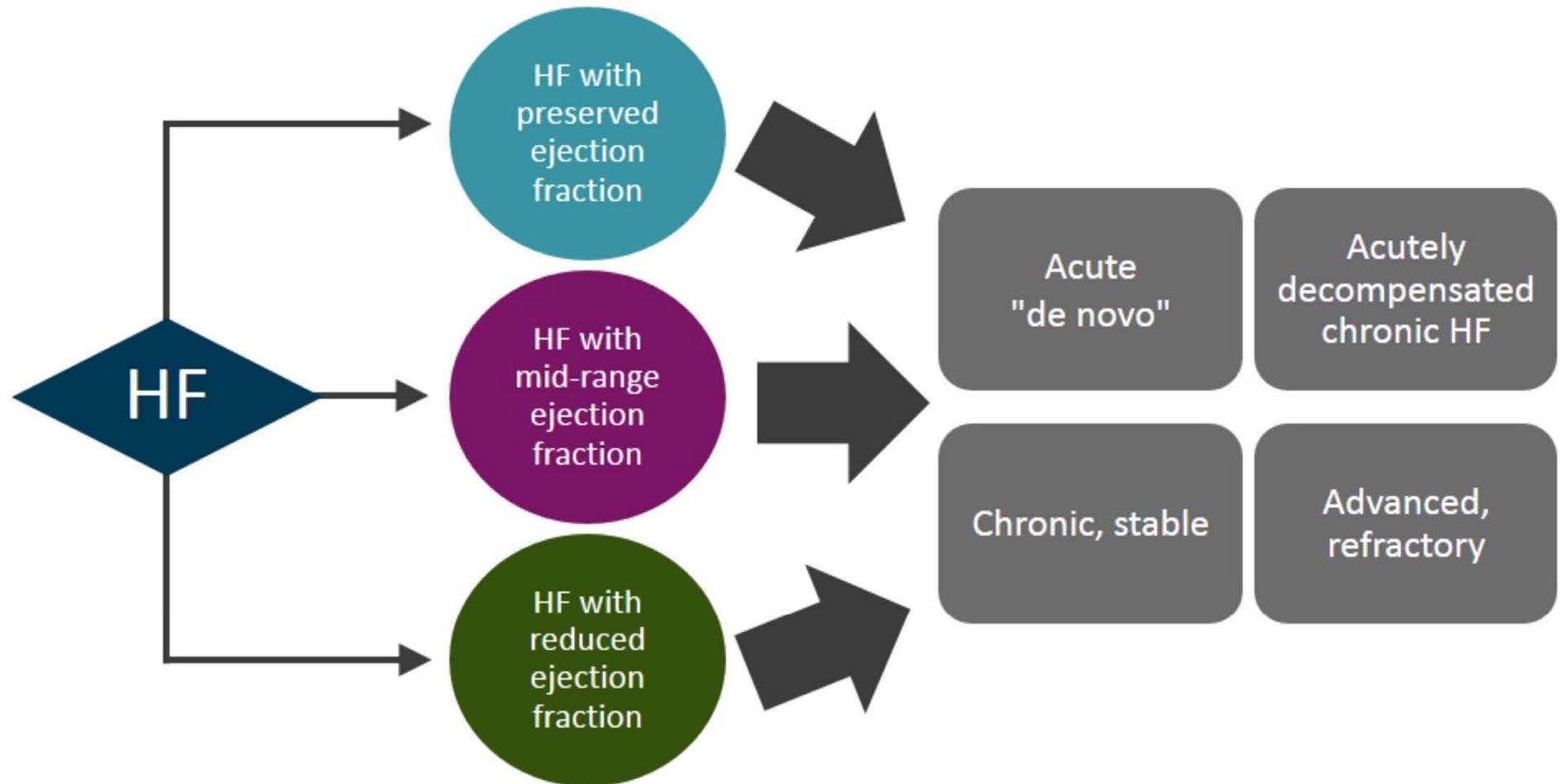


HFrEF	Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Symptoms ± signs2) LVEF < 40%
HFmrEF	Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Symptoms ± signs2) LVEF 40% to 49%3) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Elevated levels of natriuretic peptides▪ At least one additional criterion:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Relevant structural heart disease (LVH and/or LAE)– Diastolic dysfunction
HFpEF	Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Symptoms ± signs2) LVEF ≥ 50%3) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Elevated levels of natriuretic peptides▪ At least one additional criterion:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Relevant structural heart disease (LVH and/or LAE)– Diastolic dysfunction

Terminology Within Heart Failure



HF: More Than Just LV Systolic Function

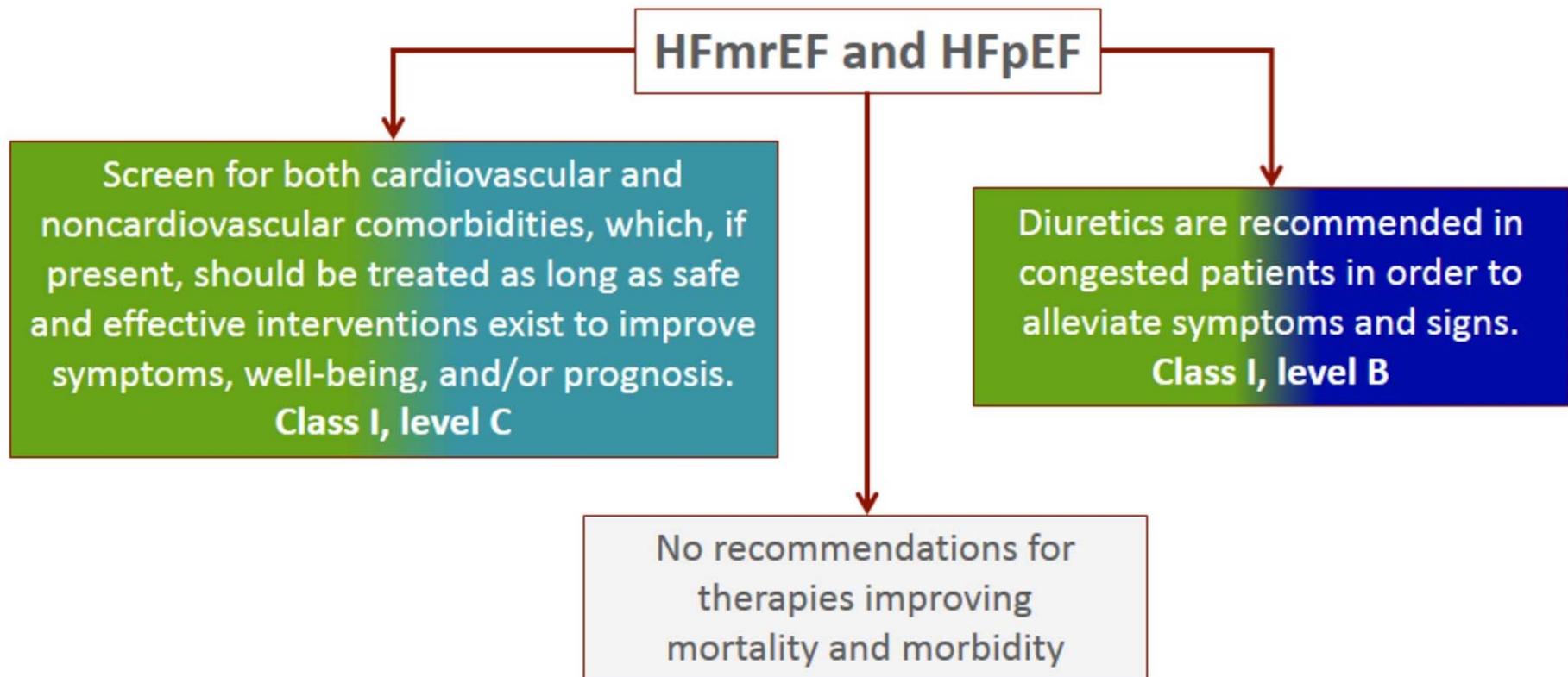


What We Do Know About HFmrEF

- The EF is not normal
- There are no treatments available to reduce morbidity and mortality
- There are limitations to using the measurement of EF but it is what clinicians use
- Drugs used in HFrEF are not indicated in HFpEF
- HFmrEF is a lot like HFrEF in terms of
 - Underlying causes
 - Clinical presentation
 - Biomarkers
- Patients with HFmrEF usually have a better prognosis than patients with HFrEF

What Is New in the Therapeutic Algorithm?

Recommendations for treatment of patients with HFpEF and HFmrEF



Heart Failure

GENETICS

**Sustained
Hyperfunction**

- Congenital
- Valvular
- Hypertension

**Loss of
Contractile
Tissue**

Ischemic
**Coronary
Artery Disease**

**Myopathic and
Interstitial
Processes**

- Idiopathic
- Nutritional
- Infectious
- Autoimmune
- Toxic
- Infiltrative

Symptoms of HF

Symptoms

Typical

- Breathlessness
- Ankle swelling
- Orthopnea
- Fatigue, tiredness, increased time to recover after exercise
- Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
- Reduced exercise tolerance

Less Typical*

- Nocturnal cough
- Syncope
- Wheezing
- Palpitations
- Bloating feeling
- Confusion

Signs

More Specific

- Laterally displaced apical impulse
- Elevated jugular venous pressure
- Third heart sound (gallop rhythm)
- Hepatojugular reflux

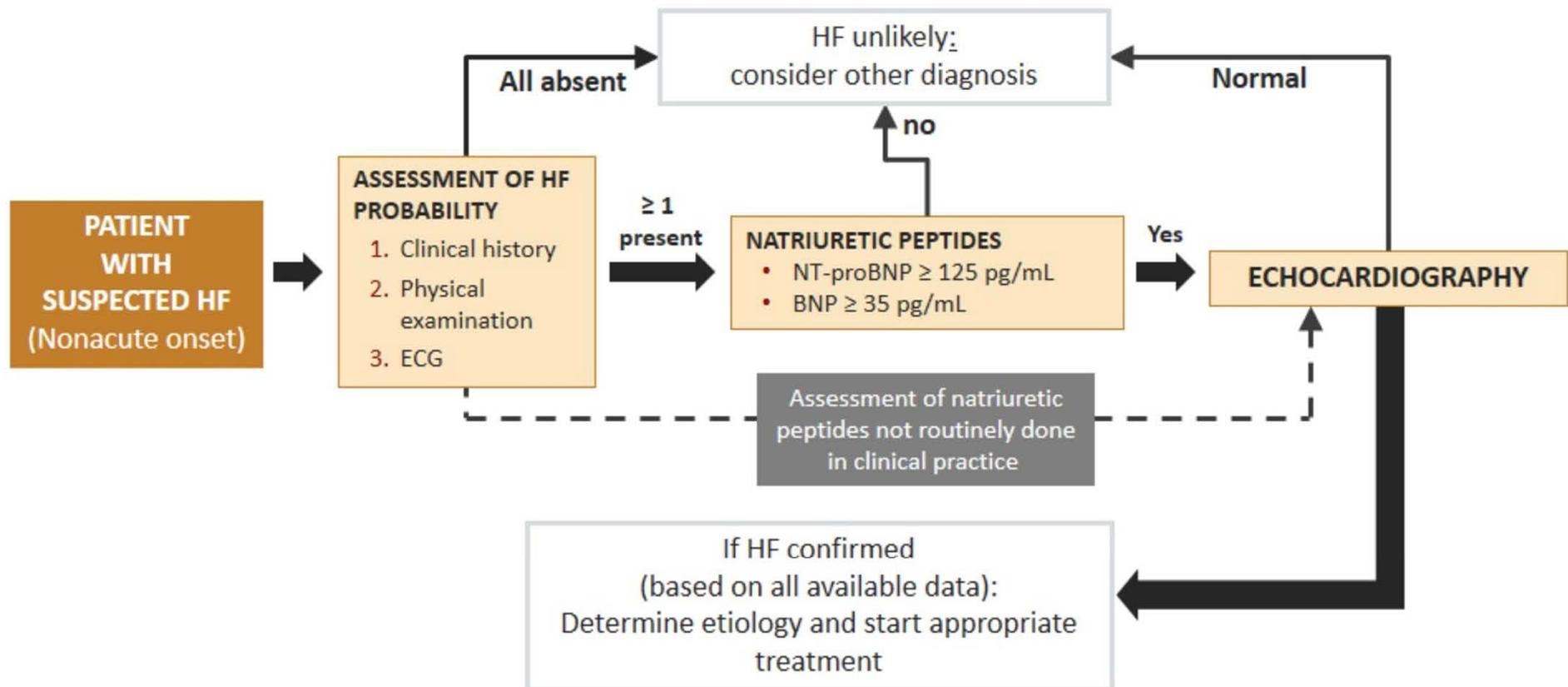
Less Specific*

- Weight gain
- Tissue wasting (cachexia)
- Peripheral edema (ankle, sacral, scrotal)
- Hepatomegaly
- Pulmonary crepitations
- Irregular pulse
- Reduced air entry and dullness to percussion at lung bases (plural effusion)



*For complete list of symptoms and signs, refer to Table 4.1 in:
Ponikowski P, et al. *Eur Heart J*. 2016;18:891-975.

ESC Guidelines: Management of Suspected HF



HF: Becoming a Preventable Disease

The goals of treatment in patients with HF:

- **Reduce mortality**
- Prevent hospital admission
- Improve clinical status, functional capacity, and quality of life
- In the year 2016 (...) by applying all evidence-based discoveries, HF is becoming a preventable and treatable disease

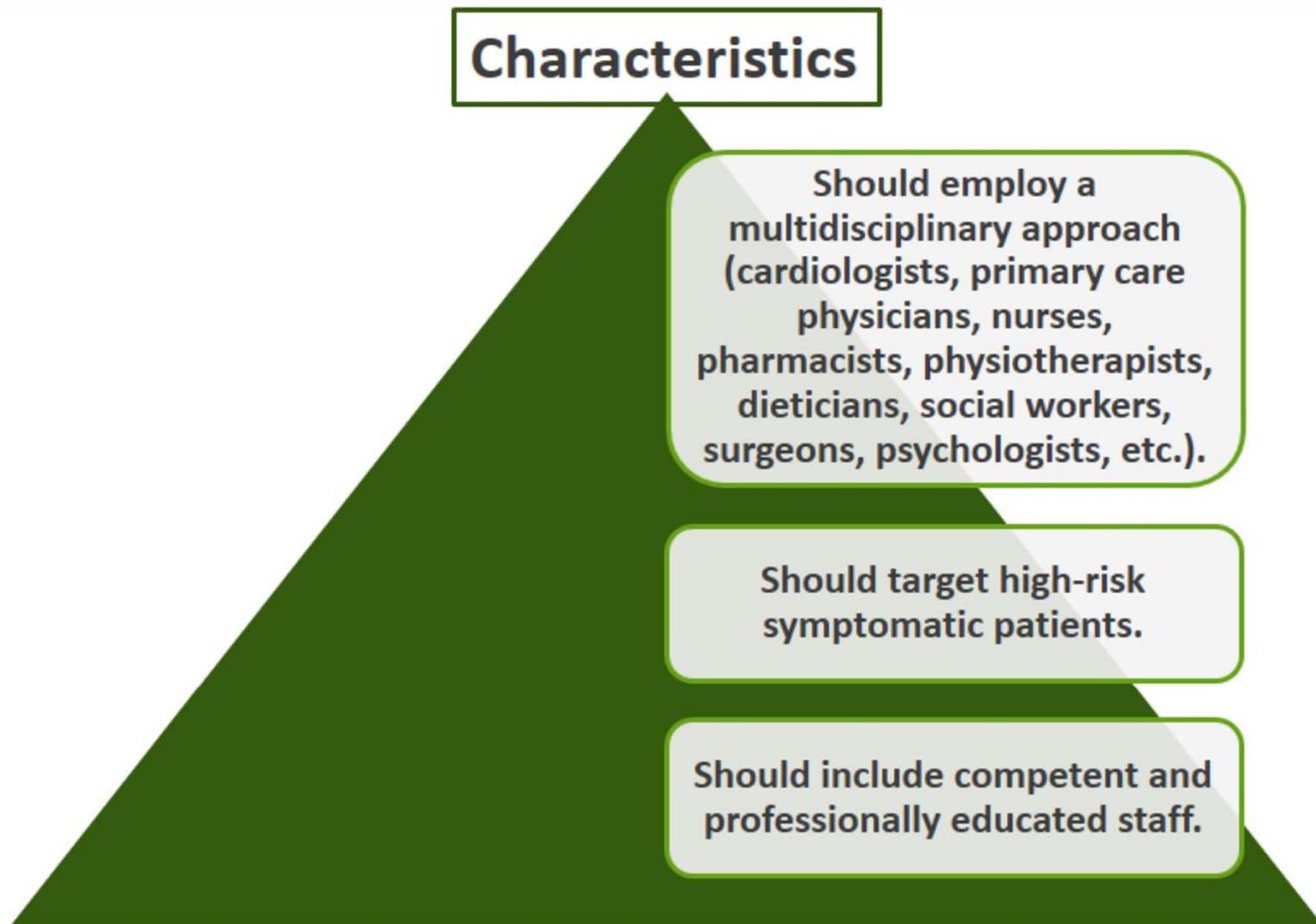
"...preventing HF hospitalization and improving functional capacity are important benefits to be considered if a mortality excess is ruled out..."

2016 ESC HF Guidelines: Prevention

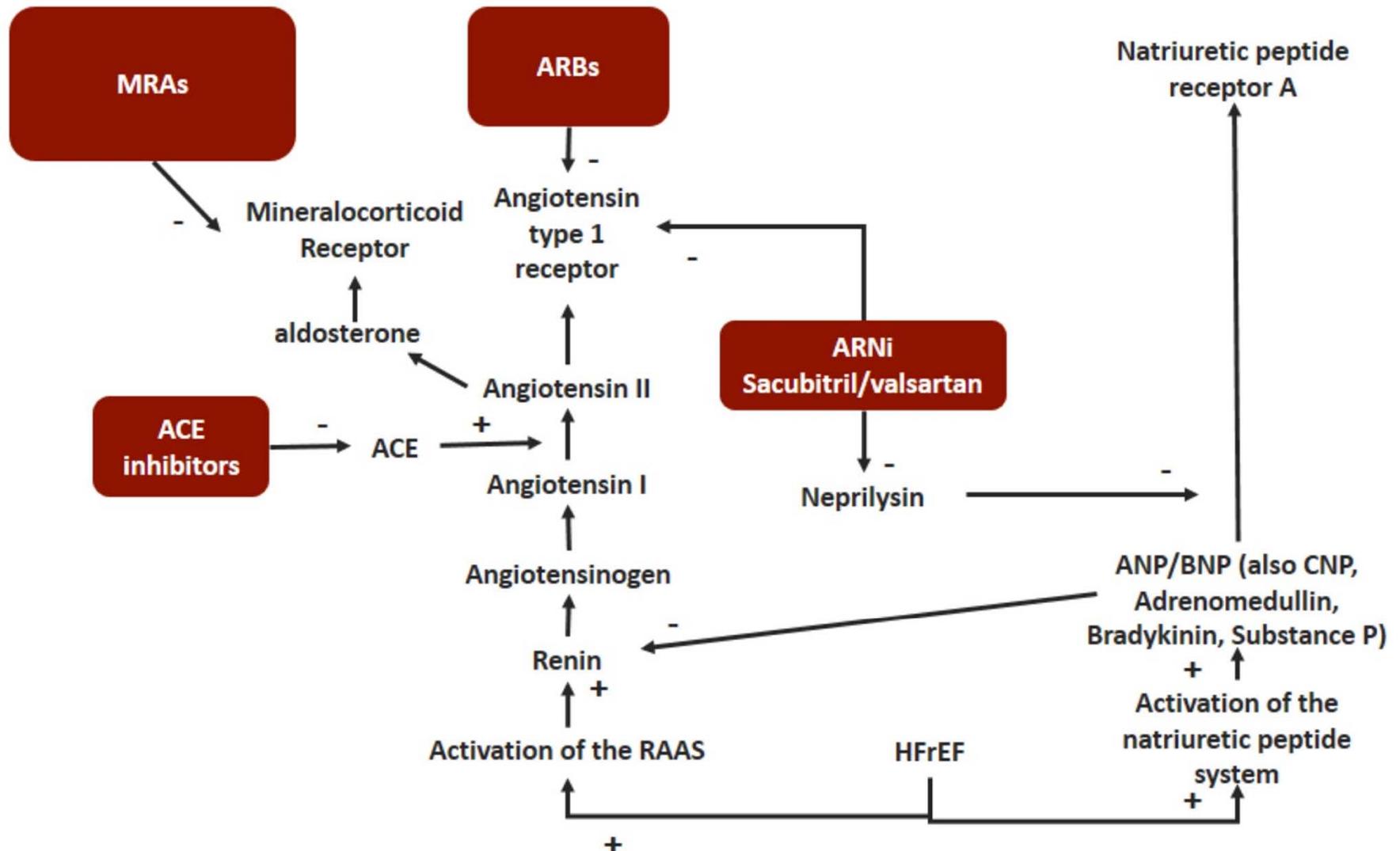
To prevent or delay onset of HF and prolong life, the following are recommended

- Treatment of arterial hypertension
- Use of statins in patients with or at high risk of CAD
- Use of ACEi in patients with asymptomatic LV dysfunction
- Use of BBs in those with asymptomatic LV dysfunction and a history of myocardial infarction

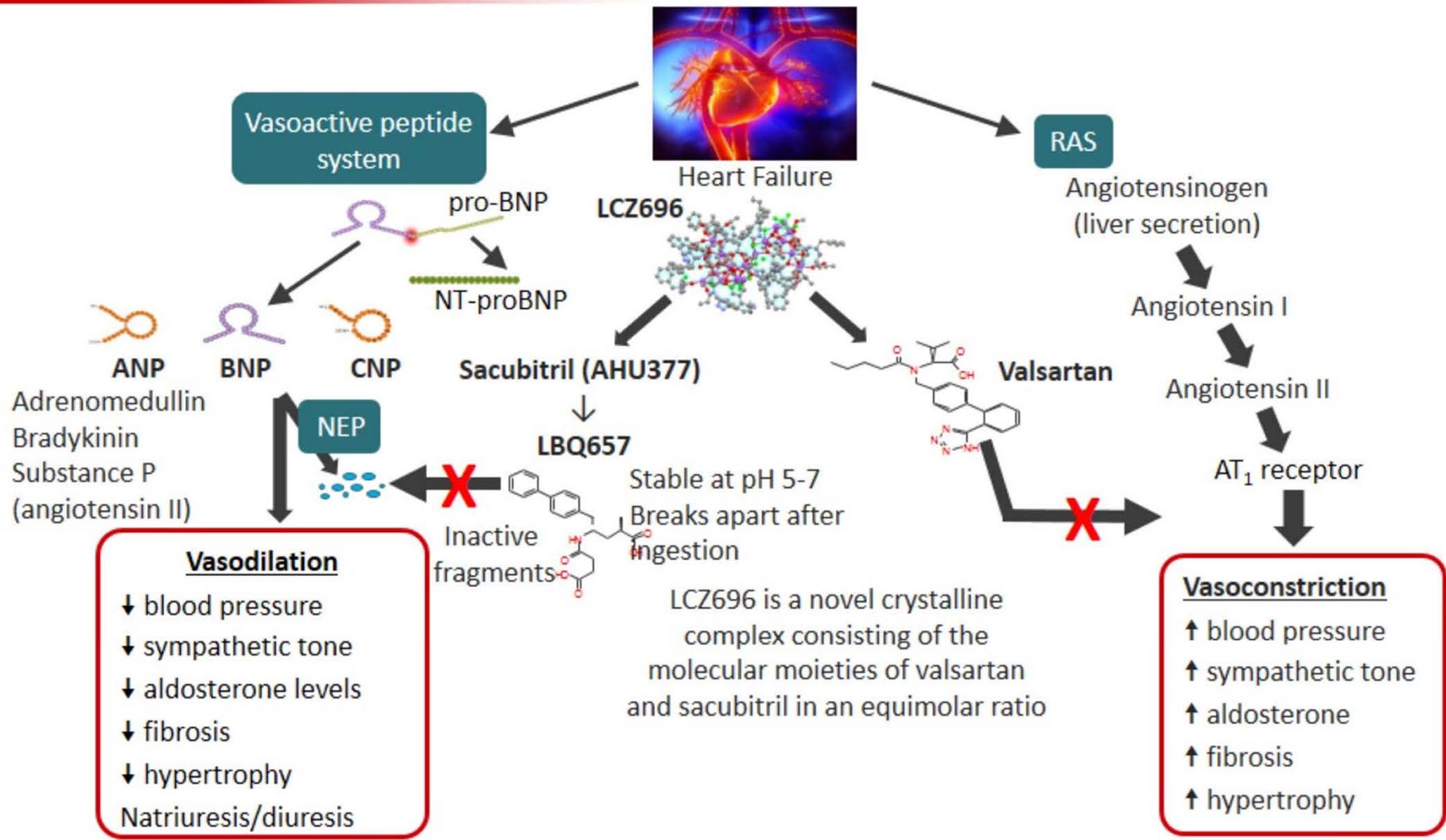
Multidisciplinary Approach to HF Management



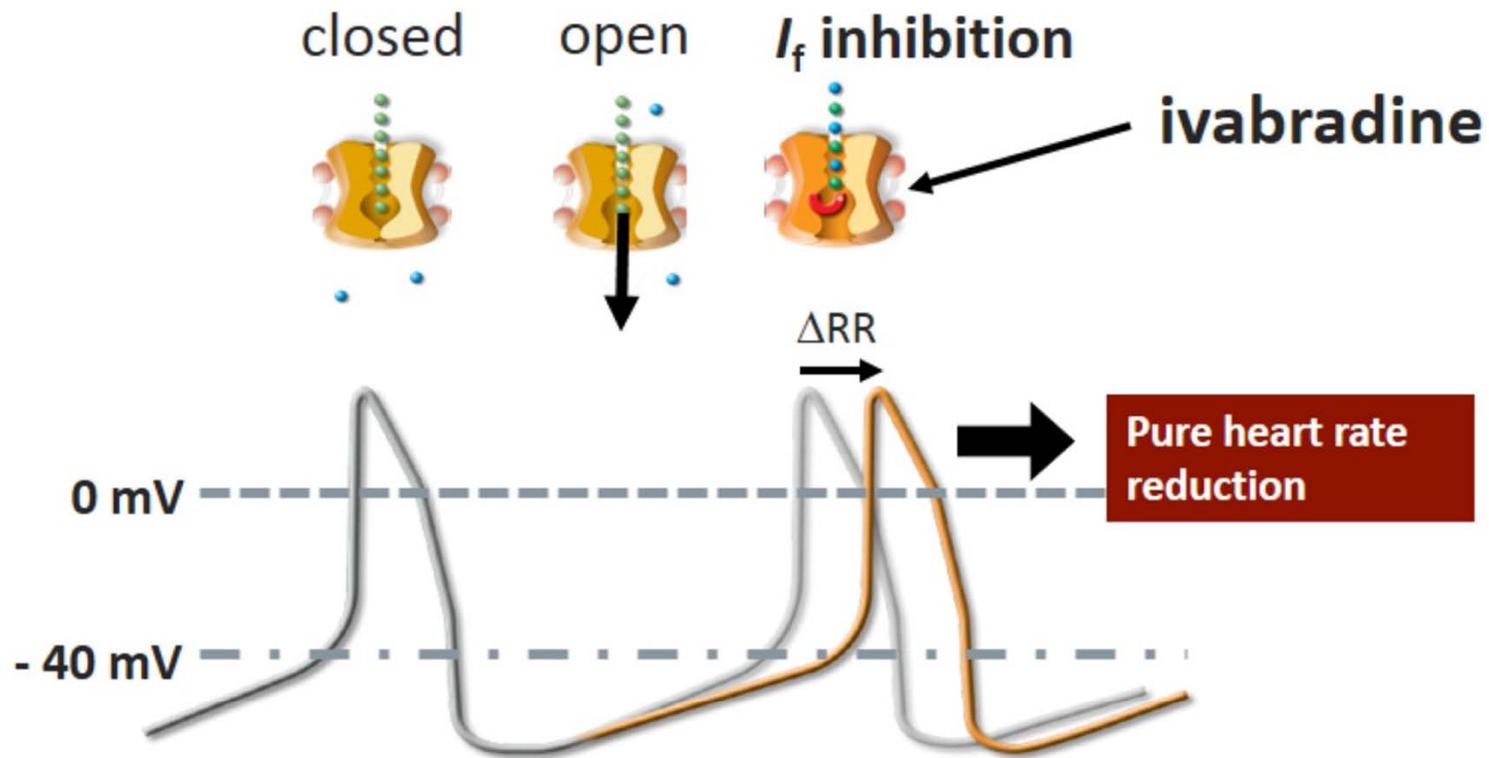
Pathways Blocked by Pharmacological Therapies in HF



ARN Inhibition: Sacubitril/Valsartan



Pure Heart Rate Reduction Through I_f Current Inhibition



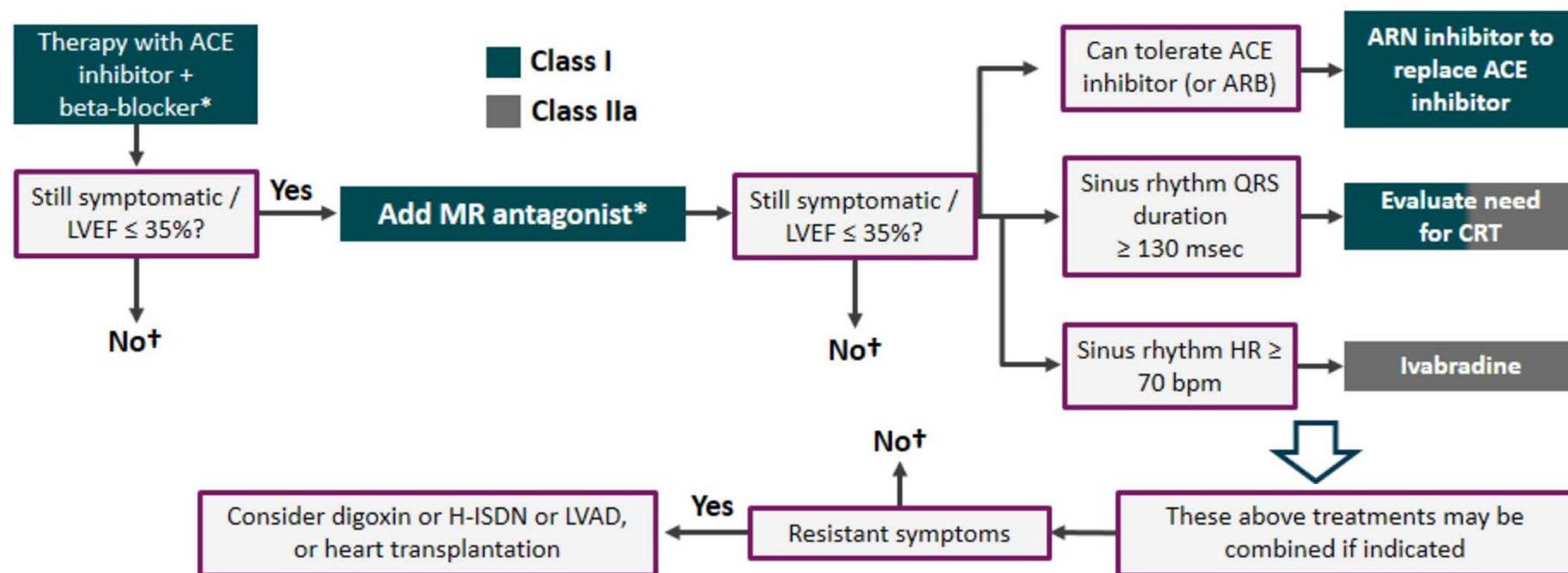
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ESC Guidelines for HF: Patient With Symptomatic HFrEF

Diuretics to relieve symptoms and signs of congestion
If LVEF \leq 35% despite OMT or a history of symptomatic VT/VF, implant ICD



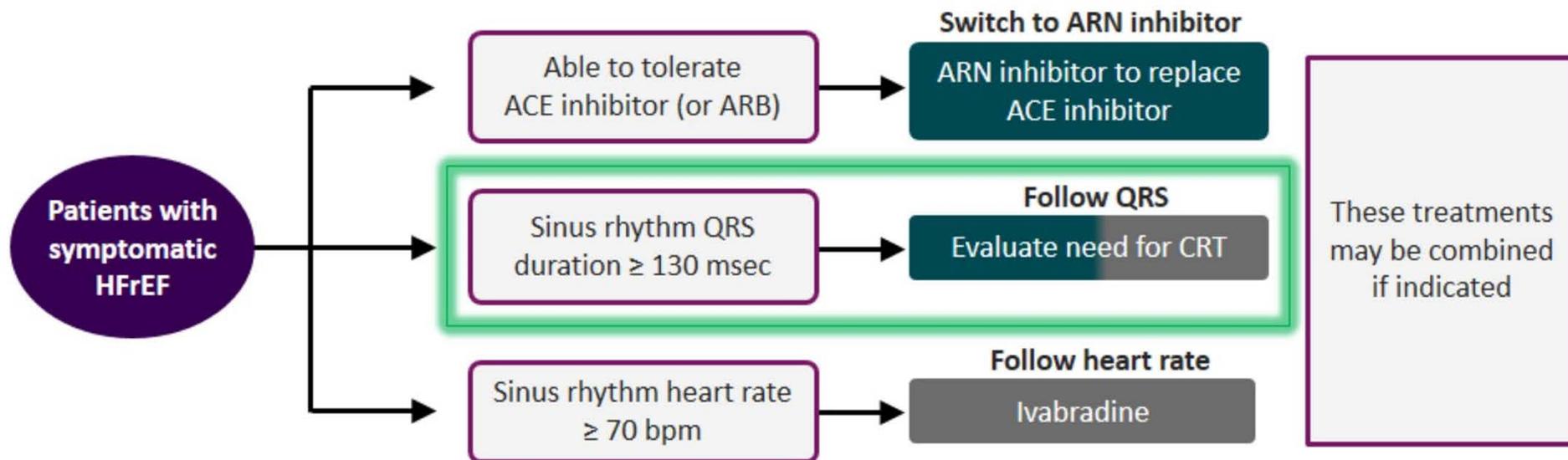
*Up-titrate to maximum tolerated evidence-based doses; †No further action required, Consider reduction diuretic dose.

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Guidelines: Therapy for Symptomatic HFrEF (cont)

■ Class I

■ Class IIa

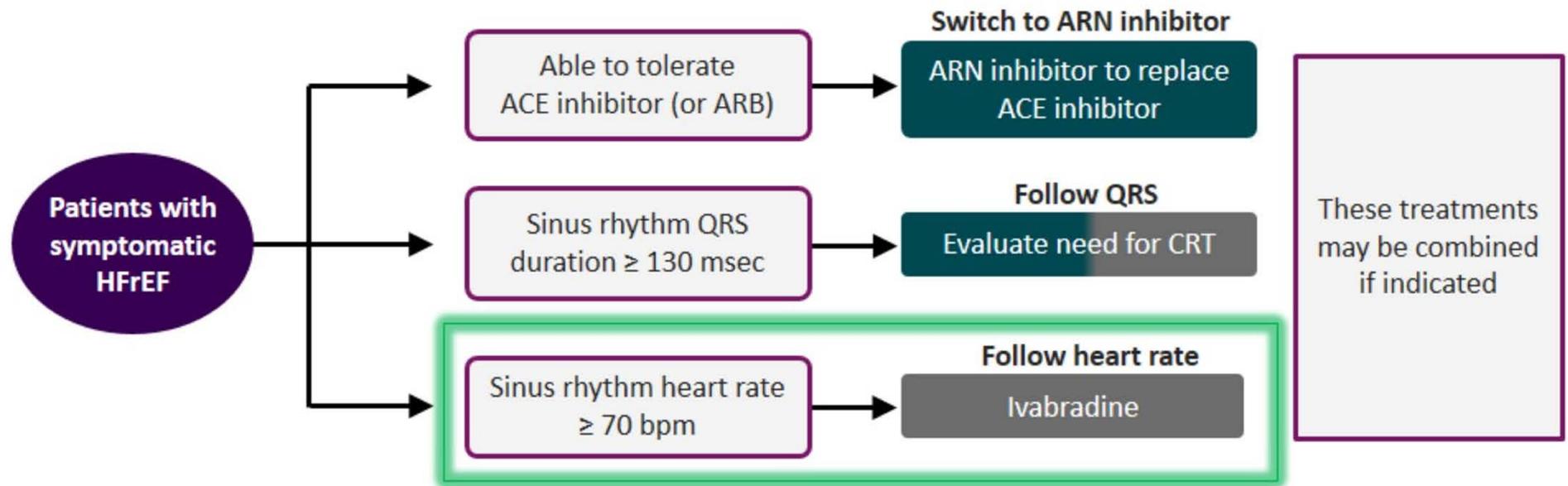


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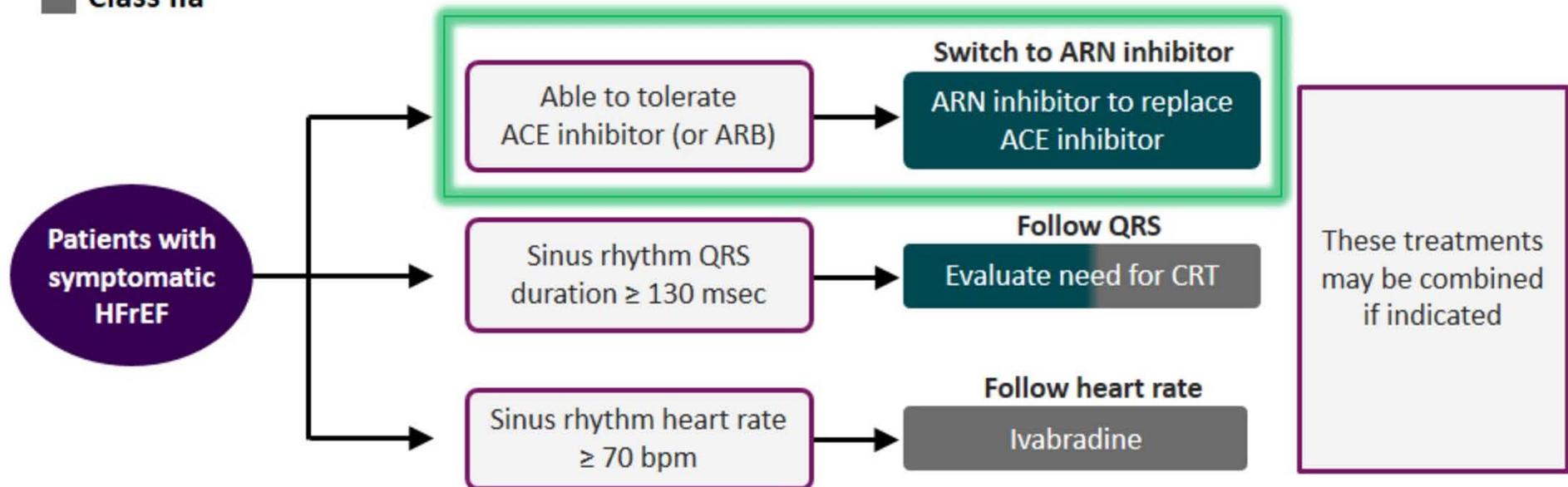


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ACE-Inhibitor

Recommendation

An ACE-I is recommended, in addition to a beta-blocker, for symptomatic patients with HFrEF

Class I

Level A

Beta-Blocker

Recommendation

A beta-blocker is recommended, in addition an ACE-I, for patients with stable, symptomatic HFrEF

Class I

Level A

Mineralocorticoid-Antagonist

Recommendation

An MRA is recommended for patients with HFrEF, who remain symptomatic despite treatment with an ACE-I and a beta-blocker

Class I

Level A

Pharmacological Treatments Recommended in Selected Patients With Symptomatic (NYHA Class II-IV) HFrEF

Diuretics

Recommendation

- Diuretics are recommended to improve symptoms and exercise capacity in patients with signs and/or symptoms of congestion. **Class I Level B**
- Diuretics should be considered to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization in patients with signs and/or symptoms of congestion. **Class IIa Level B**

ARN Inhibitor

Recommendation

- Sacubitril/valsartan is recommended as a replacement for an ACE inhibitor to further reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death in ambulatory patients with HFrEF who remain symptomatic despite optimal treatment with an ACE inhibitor, a beta-blocker and MRA. **Class I Level B**

If-channel Inhibitor

Recommendation

- Ivabradine should be considered to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and cardiovascular death in symptomatic patients with LVEF $\leq 35\%$, in sinus rhythm and a resting heart rate ≥ 70 bpm **Class IIa Level B**
- Ivabradine should be considered to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and cardiovascular death in symptomatic patients with LVEF $\leq 35\%$, in sinus rhythm and a resting heart rate ≥ 70 bpm who are unable to tolerate beta-blockers. Patients should also receive an ACE inhibitor (or ARB) and an MRA (or ARB). **Class IIa Level C**

ARB

Recommendation

- An ARB is recommended to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and cardiovascular death in symptomatic patients unable to tolerate an ACE inhibitor (Patients should also receive a beta-blocker and an MRA). **Class I Level B**
- An ARB is recommended to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and CV death in symptomatic patients despite optimal medical treatment. **Class IIb Level C**

The Conundrum of Inotropic Therapy

Applying Inotropic Therapy: Risk of Inducing Pro-arrhythmia

Inotropic Agents: Dobutamine, Dopamine, Levosimendan, Phosphodiesterase III (PDE III) Inhibitors

- ➔ Short-term, IV infusion of inotropic agents may be considered in patients with hypotension (SBP <90 mmHg) and/or signs/symptoms of hypoperfusion **Class IIb Level C**
- ➔ Inotropic agents are not recommended unless the patient is symptomatically hypotensive or hypoperfused because of safety concern. **Class III Level A**

Vasopressors

Concern of Increased Mortality

- ➔ A vasopressor (norepinephrine preferably) may be considered in patients who have cardiogenic shock -- despite treatment with another inotrope -- to increase blood pressure and vital organ perfusion **Class IIb Level B**
- ➔ It is recommended to monitor ECG and blood pressure when using inotropic agents and vasopressors, as they can cause arrhythmia, myocardial ischemia **Class I & IIb Level C**

ESC Guidelines: HF Education

Education Topic	Professional Behaviors
Symptom monitoring and self-care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide individual information to support self-management such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– In the case of increasing dyspnea or edema or a sudden unexpected weight gain of > 2 kg in 3 days, patients may increase their diuretic dose and/or alert their healthcare team– Use of flexible diuretic regime– Self-care support aids such as dosette box when appropriate
Diet and alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individualize information on fluid intake to take into account body weight and periods of high heat and humidity. Adjust advice during periods of acute decompensation and consider altering these restrictions towards end-of-life• Tailor alcohol advice to etiology of HF; eg, abstinence in alcoholic cardiomyopathy• Normal alcohol guidelines apply (2 units per day in men or 1 unit per day in women). 1 unit is 10 mL of pure alcohol (eg, 1 glass of wine, ½ pint of beer, 1 measure of spirit).
Smoking and recreational substance use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refer for specialist advice for smoking cessation and drug withdrawal and replacement therapy• Consider referral for cognitive behavioral theory and psychological support if patient wishes support to stop smoking
Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advice on exercise that recognizes physical and functional limitations, such as frailty, comorbidities• Referral to exercise program when appropriate

Polypharmacy and Comorbidities

- Need for adjustment of therapies to reduce polypharmacy due to comorbidities and drug interactions
 - Example: arthritis and HF-therapy

Sleep Apnea

Recommendation

Adaptive servo-ventilation is not recommended in patients with HFrEF and a predominant central sleep apnea because of an increased all-cause and CV mortality **Class III Level B**

Diabetes

Recommendation

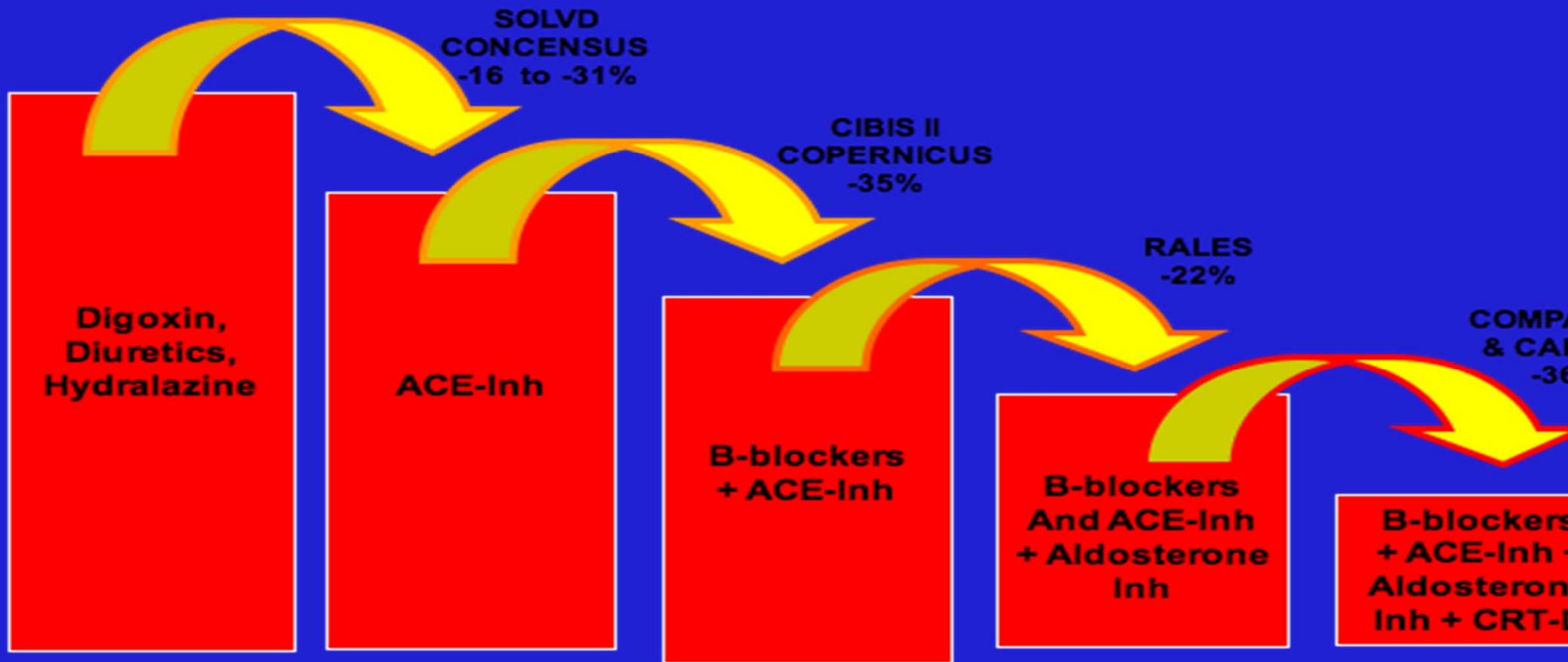
Thiazolidinediones (glitazones) are not recommended in patients with HF, as they increase the risk of HF worsening and HF hospitalization **Class III Level A**

Arthritis

Recommendation

NSAIDs or COX-2 inhibitors are not recommended in patients with HF, as they increase the risk of HF worsening and HF hospitalization **Class III Level B**

Improving survival of Heart Failure Patient



Conclusions

- HF most likely contributes to significant disease burden in Asia as a result of increasing prevalence of risk factors.
- Controlling the risk factors ; mainly HT, smoking & DM and treating heart disease optimally will prevent the burden of HF
- Over the last 40 years, treatment of chronic heart failure has improved dramatically.
- A series of randomized controlled trial have led to change in standard of medical care.
- Further improvement should hopefully replace old by new therapies more than adding them.



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