



Léčba arytmogenní kardiomyopatie

Treatment of arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy

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Treatment of arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy/dysplasia: an international task force consensus statement

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Most important goals of the therapy

- Reduction of mortality (SCD and HF related)
- Prevention of disease progression
- Improvement of symptoms (increase in QoL)
- Reducing HF symptoms

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- **Life-style changes**
- **Pharmacological therapy**
- **Catheter ablation**
- **ICD implantation**
- **Heart transplantation**

Risk stratification

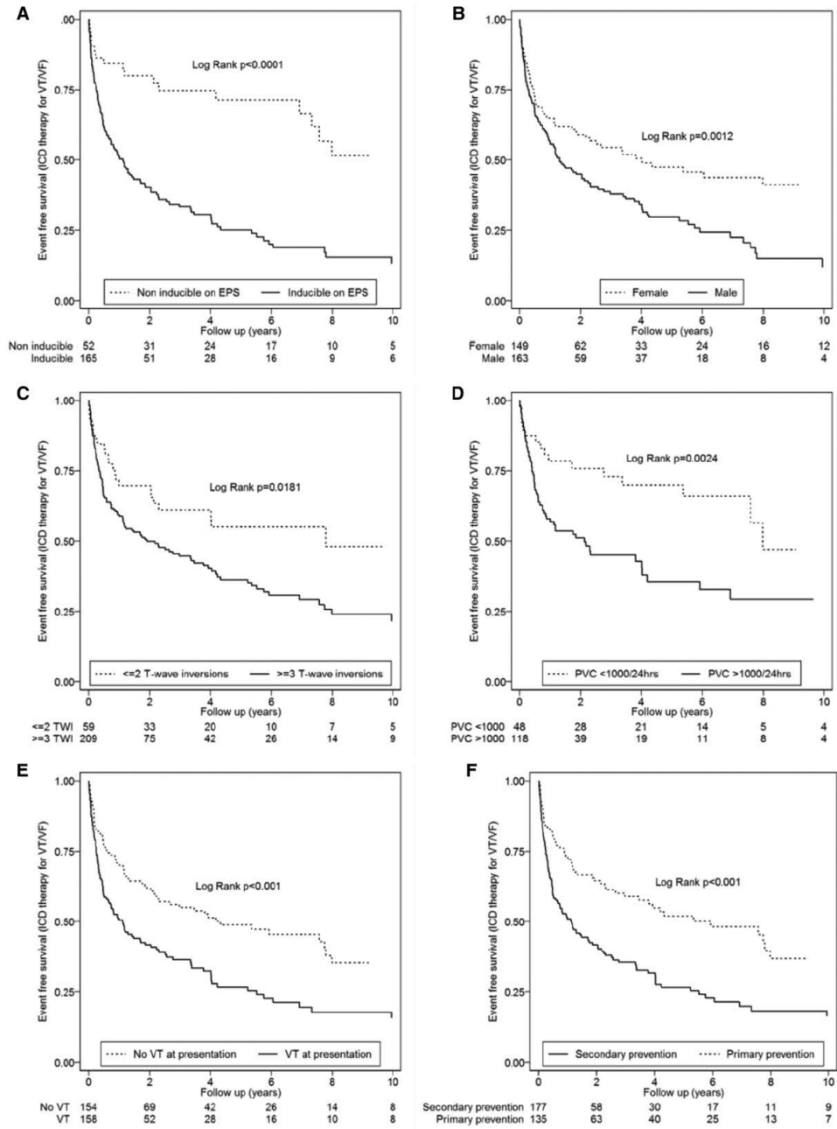
- **Annual mortality rate < 1%**
- **Risc factors**
 - History of VT/VF
 - Unexplained syncope
 - RV, LV (or both) dysfunction
 - Positive EP study
 - Male gender
 - Young age at diagnosis
 - nsVT at Holter monitoring
 - Electroanatomic scars with ECG fragmentation...

Risk stratification

Risk Stratification in Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy

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Risk stratification

- **Risc of arrhythmic SCD**
- **Risc of heart failure progression**

Natural History and Risk Stratification of Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia/Cardiomyopathy

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- **130 pts from the years 1977-2000**
- **Annual mortality rate 2.3%**
- **21 CV deaths – 14 HF, 7 SCD**

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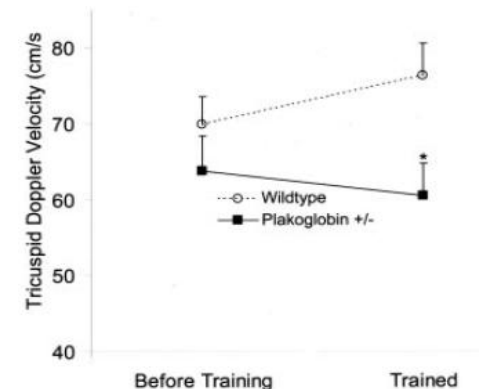
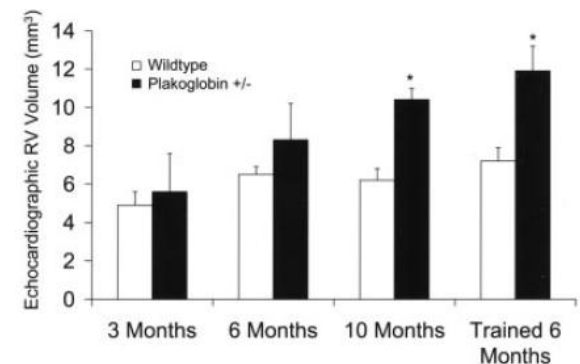
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Life-style changes

Age- and Training-Dependent Development of Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy in Heterozygous Plakoglobin-Deficient Mice

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Thomas Wichter, MD; Bodo Levkau, MD

- Plakoglobin deficient mouse had RV dilatation and reduced systolic function
- Endurance training accelerated the changes

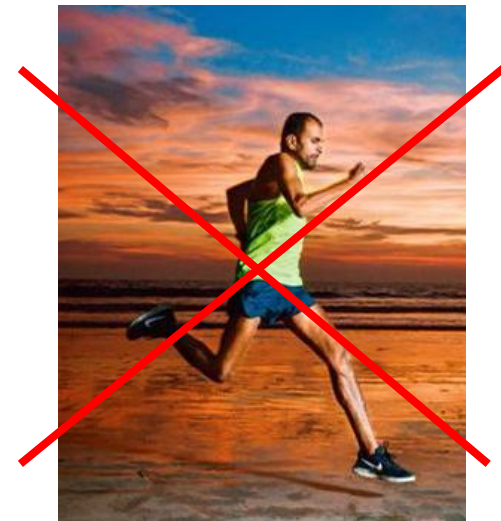


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Life-style changes

Recommendations

- It is recommended that patients with a definite diagnosis of ARVD/C not participate in competitive and/or endurance sports (Class I).
- Patients with a definite diagnosis of ARVD/C should be restricted from participation in athletic activities, with the possible exception of recreational low-intensity sports (Class IIa).
- Restriction from competitive sports activity may be considered in ARVC/D family members with a negative phenotype, either healthy gene carriers (class IIa) or with unknown genotype (class IIb).



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- **Pharmacological therapy**
 - **Antiarrhythmic drugs**
 - **Heart failure therapy**



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Pharmacological therapy

- Antiarrhythmic drugs

AADs are effective in reduction of arrhythmias (and ICD therapies)

Prevention of SCD was not proved

Recommendations

- AADs are recommended as an adjunct therapy to ICD in ARVC/D patients with frequent appropriate device discharges (class I).
- The use of AADs should be considered to improve symptoms in patients with frequent premature ventricular beats and/or non-sustained VT (class IIa).
- AADs may be considered as an adjunct therapy to catheter ablation without a back-up ICD in selected ARVC/D patients with recurrent, haemodynamically stable VT (class IIb).
- AAD treatment of asymptomatic ARVC/D patients without documented ventricular arrhythmias and healthy gene carriers is not recommended (class III).

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Pharmacological therapy

■ Betablockers

Prevention of effort-induced ventricular arrhythmias

Slow progression of the disease by reducing RV wall stress

Recommendations

- Beta-blocker therapy is recommended in ARVC/D patients with recurrent VT, appropriate ICD therapies, or inappropriate ICD interventions resulting from sinus tachycardia, supraventricular tachycardia, or atrial fibrillation/flutter with high-ventricular rate (class I).
- Beta-blocker therapy should be considered in all patients with ARVD/C irrespective of arrhythmias (class IIa).
- The prophylactic use of beta-blockers in healthy gene carriers is not recommended (class III).

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Pharmacological therapy

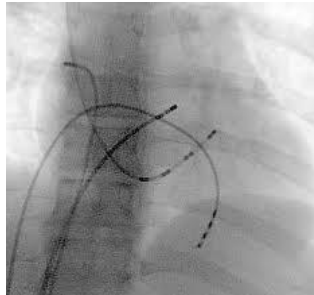
■ Heart failure therapy

Recommendations

- For ARVC/D patients who developed right- and/or left-sided heart failure standard pharmacological treatment with angiotensin-converting-enzyme inhibitors, angiotensin II receptor blockers, beta-blockers, and diuretics is recommended (class I).
- Long-term oral anticoagulation is generally indicated for secondary prevention in patients with documented intracavitary thrombosis or venous/systemic thromboembolism (class I).
- For ARVC/D patients with asymptomatic RV and/or LV dysfunction treatment with angiotensin-converting-enzyme inhibitors or angiotensin II receptor blockers may be considered (class IIb).

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Catheter ablation



Good acute results, risk of VT recurrence due to disease progression

Not proved to prevent SCD

Recommendations

- Catheter ablation of VT is recommended in ARVC/D patients with incessant VT or frequent appropriate ICD interventions on VT despite maximal pharmacological therapy, including amiodarone (class I).
- An epicardial approach to VT ablation is recommended in patients who fail one or more attempts of endocardial VT ablation (class I).
- Catheter ablation of VT should be considered in ARVC/D patients with incessant VT or frequent appropriate ICD interventions on VT who have failed pharmacological therapy other than amiodarone (class IIa).
- Catheter ablation is not recommended as an alternative to ICD for prevention of SCD in ARVC/D (class III).

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ICD implantation

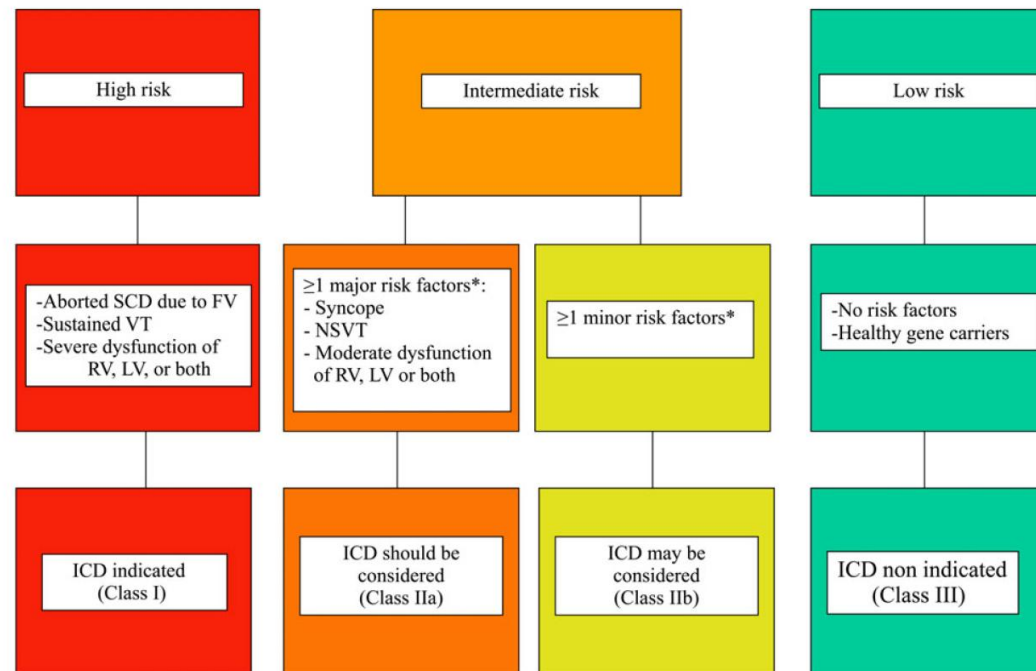


Most important and logical
therapeutic approach

No prospective studies

Proven prognostic benefit

Flow chart for ICD implantation



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Risk Stratification in Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy

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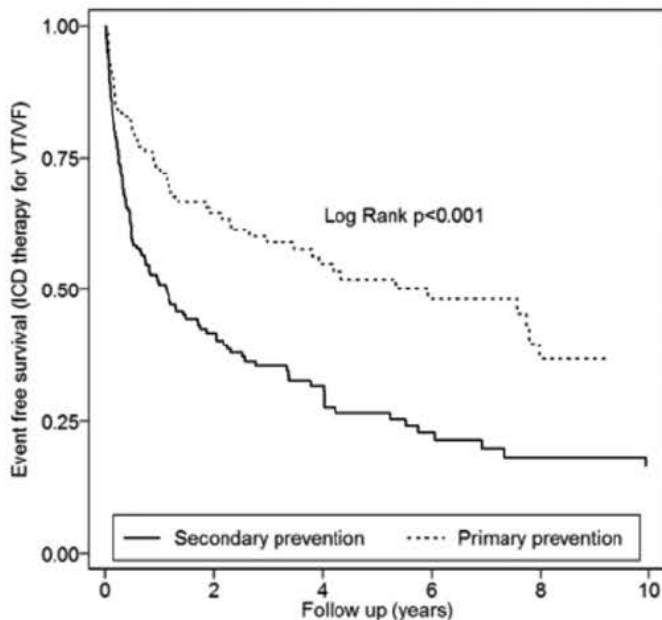
- 439 pts
- Initial presentation: 11% cardiac arrest, 50% VT
- Mean age at presentation 36y, age at cardiac arrest 25y
- sVT during follow-up in 72%, HF developed in 13%
- SCD incidence in 16% without ICD vs 0.6% with ICD ($p < 0.001$)
- 94% alive at last follow-up (5y)

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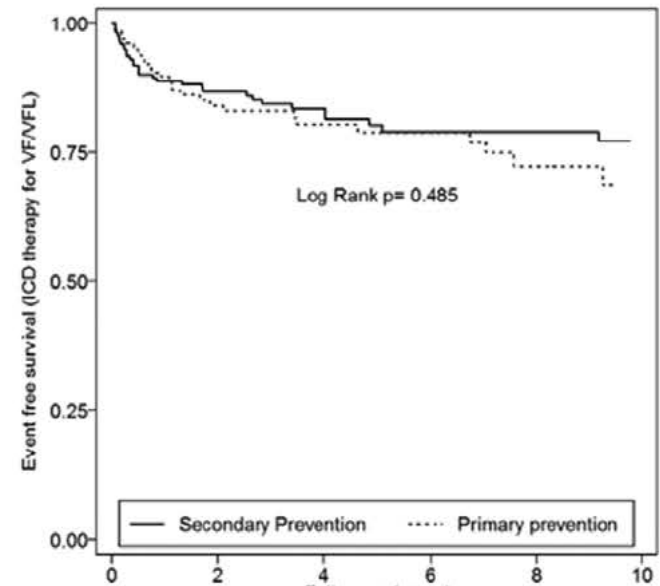
Primary vs secondary prevention

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1st ICD intervention



Cumulative event-free survival



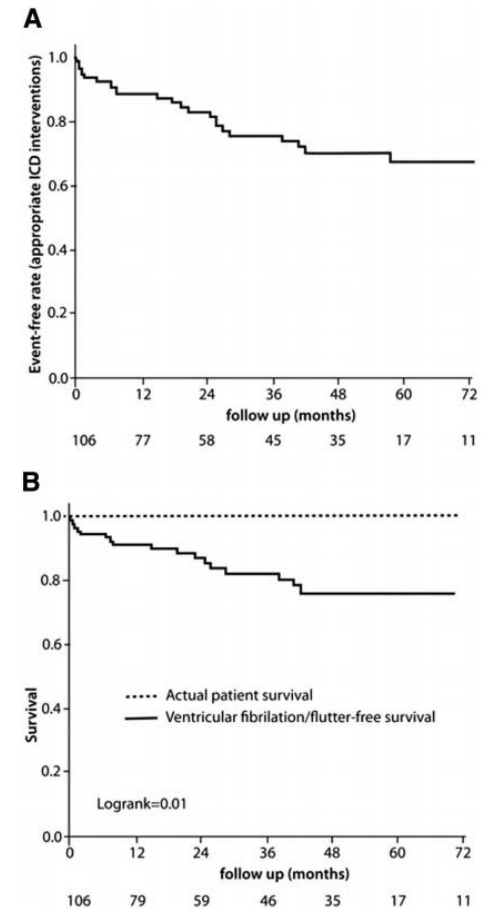
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Prophylactic Implantable Defibrillator in Patients With Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy/Dysplasia and No Prior Ventricular Fibrillation or Sustained Ventricular Tachycardia

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- 106 pts (62 men; 35.6 ± 18 y)
- ≥ 1 risk factor (syncope, nsVT, SCD in family, posit. EPS)
- appropriate ICD th in 24% (16% for VF) in 58-month F-U x inappr. ICD th in 19%
- Survival 100%, VF-free survival 77%



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Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator Therapy in Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia/Cardiomyopathy: Predictors of Appropriate Therapy, Outcomes, and Complications

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- **312 pts, follow-up 8.8 ± 7.3 y, 186 pts (60%) appropriate ICD th, 58 pts (19% VF); 64 pts (21%) inappropriate ICD th**
- **Overall mortality 2%, HTx in 4%**
- **independent predictor for appropriate ICD th was positive EP-study (HR 2.28)**
- **independent predictor for VF were younger age at presentation (HR 3.14), high number of ventricular arrhythmias (HR 4.43)**

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Recommendations

- Implantation of an ICD is recommended in ARVC/D patients who have experienced ≥ 1 episodes of haemodynamically unstable, sustained VT or VF (class I).
- Implantation of an ICD is recommended in ARVC/D patients with severe systolic dysfunction of the RV, LV, or both, irrespective of arrhythmias (class I).
- Implantation of an ICD should be considered in ARVC/D patients who have experienced ≥ 1 episodes of haemodynamically stable, sustained VT (class IIa).
- Implantation of an ICD should be considered in patients who have 'major' risk factors such as unexplained syncope, moderate ventricular dysfunction, or NSVT (class IIa).
- Implantation of an ICD may be considered in patients with 'minor' risk factors after a careful discussion of the long-term risks and benefits of ICD implantation (class IIb).
- Prophylactic ICD implantation is not recommended in asymptomatic ARVC/D patients with no risk factors or healthy gene carriers (class III).

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Arrhythmogenic ventricular cardiomyopathy: A paradigm shift from right to biventricular disease

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- **LV involvement as a sign of disease progression**
- **Better diagnostic methods**
- **Specific phenotype of the disease (Left dominant forms)**



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Cardiac Transplantation in Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia/Cardiomyopathy

- 21 pts (1 died before HTx)
- Initial symptoms HF in 28%, arrhythmic sy in 28%
- HF symptoms in 90%, VT in 20% at HTx
- LVD in 61% at HTx
- 1-year post-HTx survival 94%
- 88% of pts were alive 6.2 ± 4.8 years postHTx (med 4.5y)


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Heart transplantation in arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy – Experience from the Nordic ARVC Registry 

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- **31 pts, HF symptoms in 91% (biventricular HF 58%, RVF 28%, LVF 3%) at HTx**
- **VT present in 50%, single reason for HTx in 10%**
- **HTx more often in patient diagnosed in age < 35 (OR 7.59, p <0,001)**
- **5-year post-HTx survival 91%, 88% of pts were alive 6.2 ± 4.8 years post-HTx (med 4.5y)**

Conclusions

- **Risk stratification is fundamental for any therapeutic decision**
- **Therapy is still only palliative**
- **Pharmacological therapy improves QoL but not mortality**
- **The key decision is whether and when to implant ICD with dramatic prognostic improvement**
- **HTx can be performed in selected candidates for end-stage disease with excellent results**



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