

Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy

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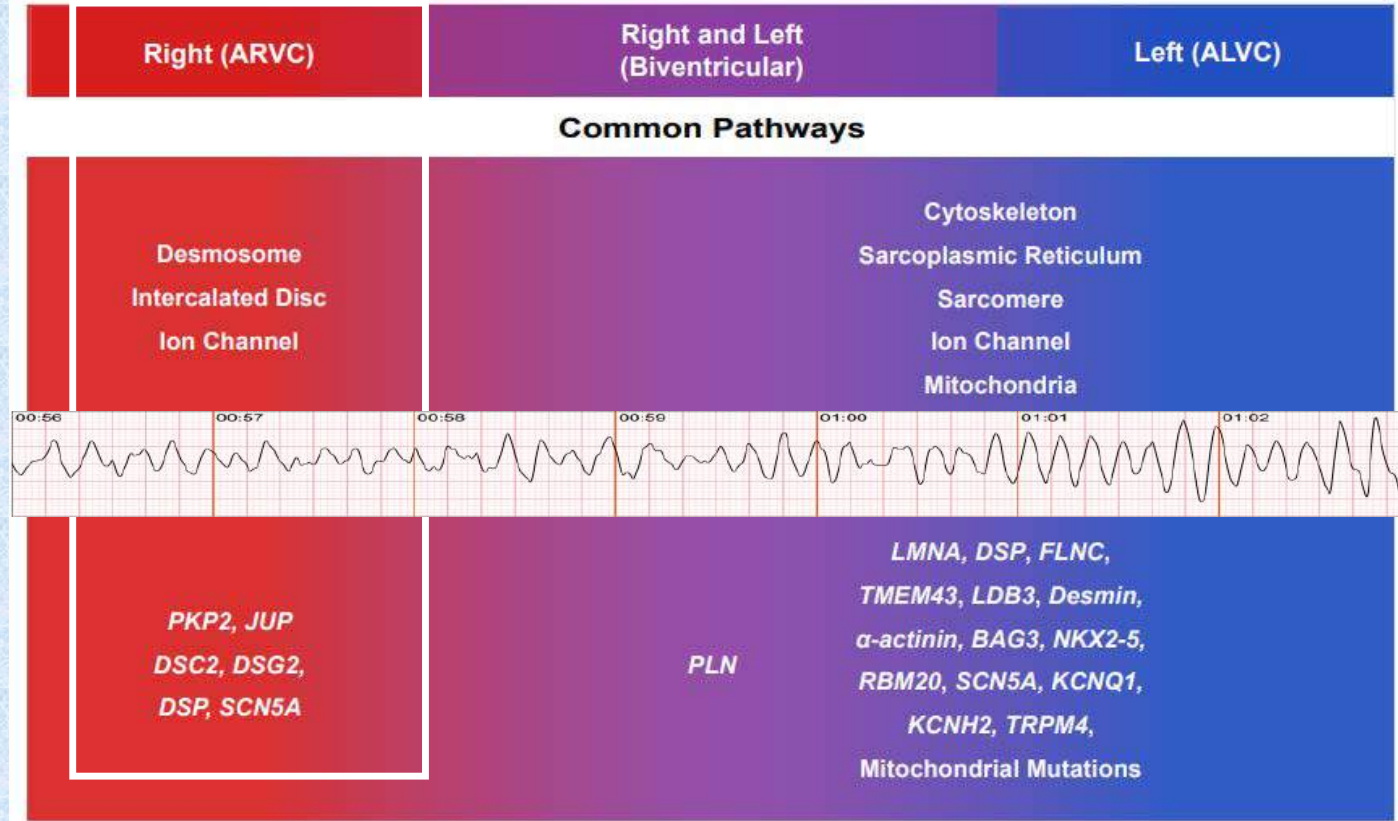
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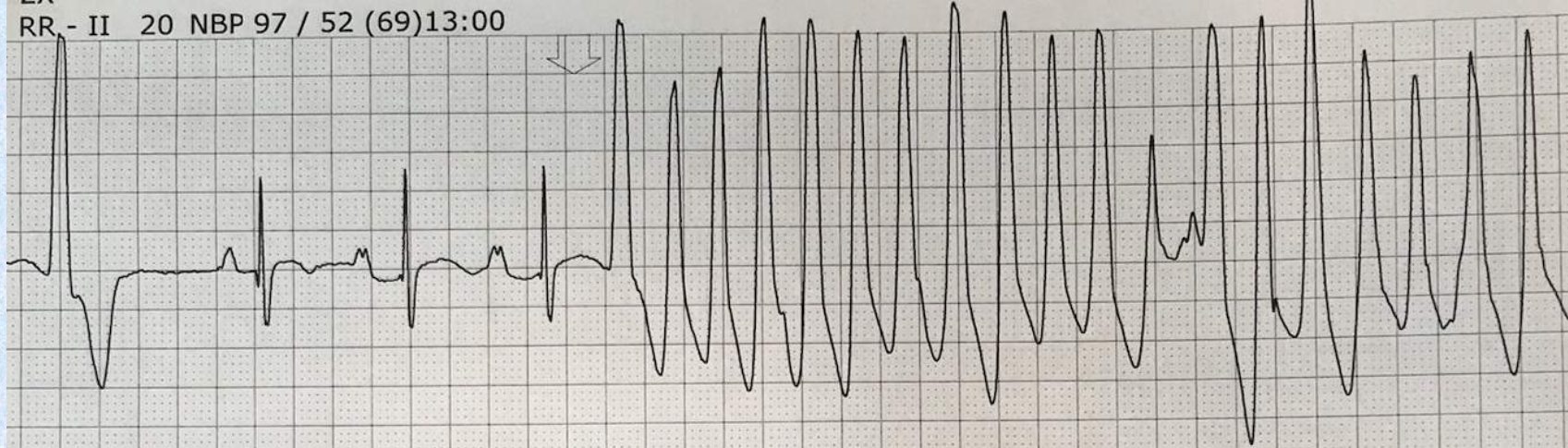
Ventricular Dysfunction in ACM (not due to systemic disorders)



Case Presentation (January 2022)

- 16-yo girl walking around Costco with a friend
- *“Tells her friend that her heart is racing”*, faints and wakes up on the floor of the store with all of these people standing around her.
- A similar experience has happened 1-2 times per year since 7th grade (now in 11th grade)
- Moved to Northern Virginia - 7 years ago from Ghana
- Family History: Unremarkable (no SCD, no unexplained syncope)

RR - II 20 NBP 97 / 52 (69)13:00



Beginning of
long run x 2 mins

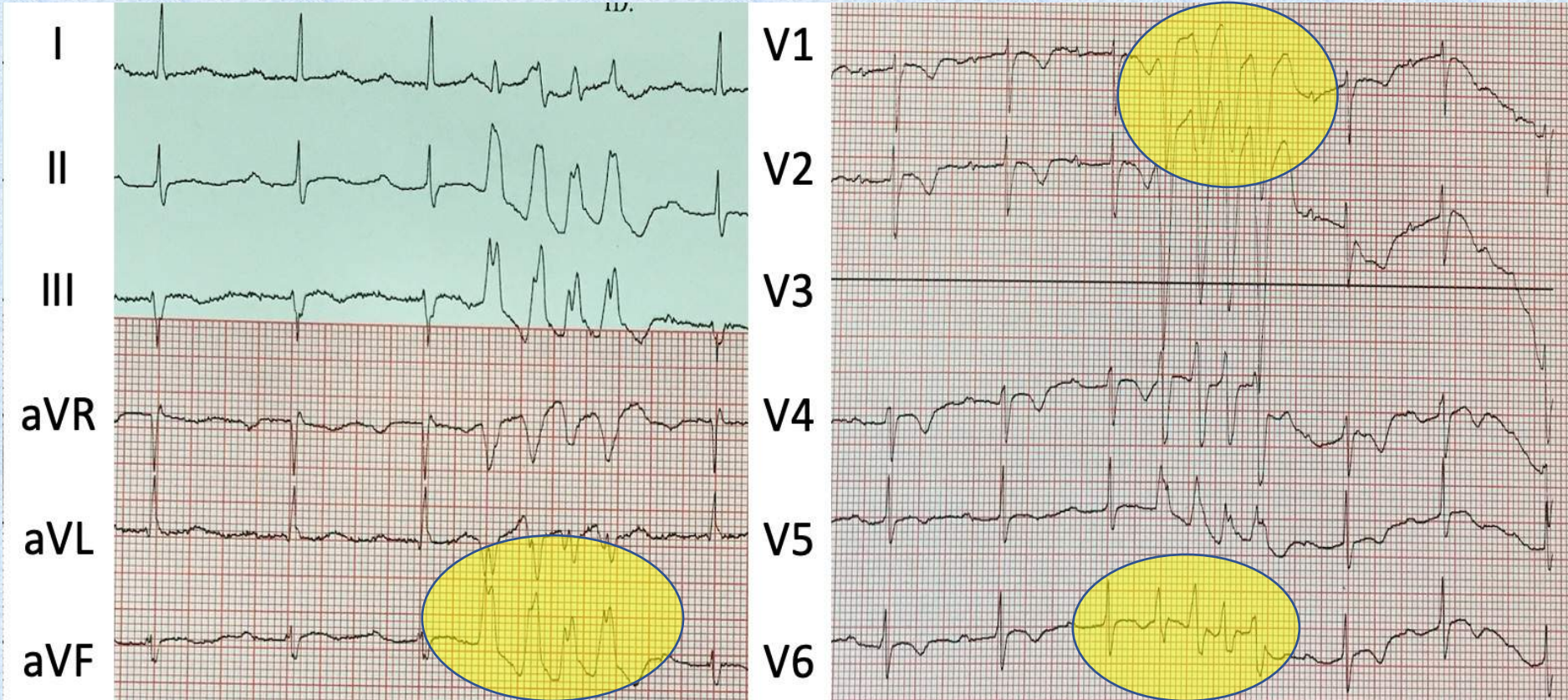
Admitted to ICU - Telemetry

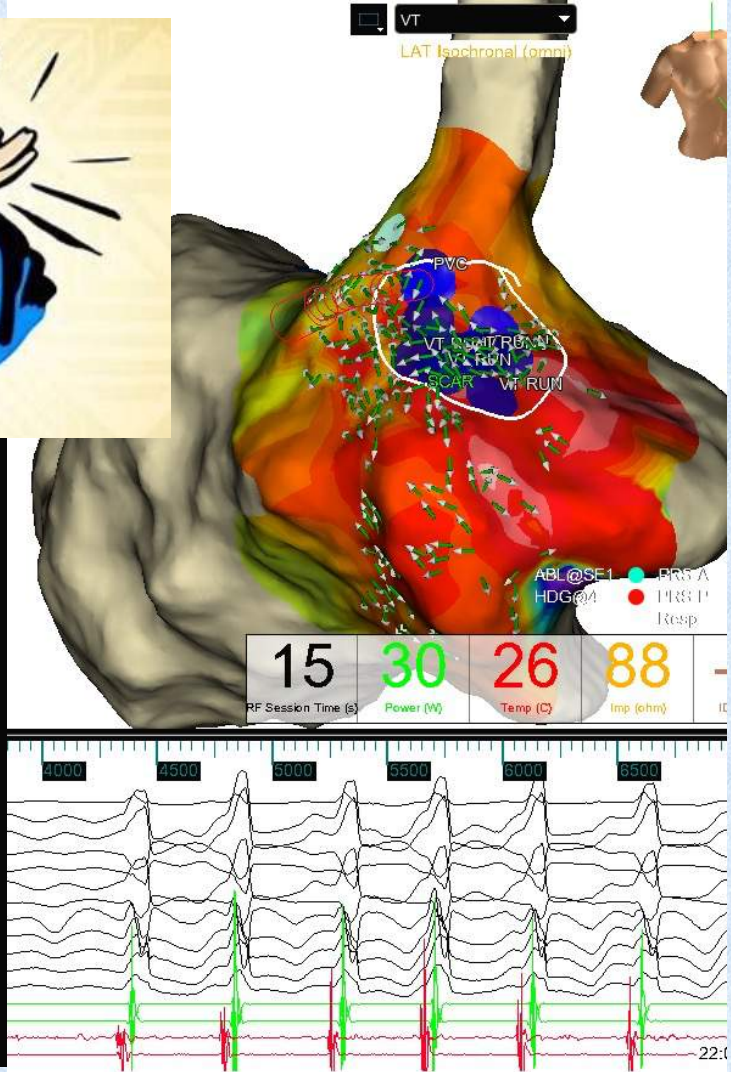
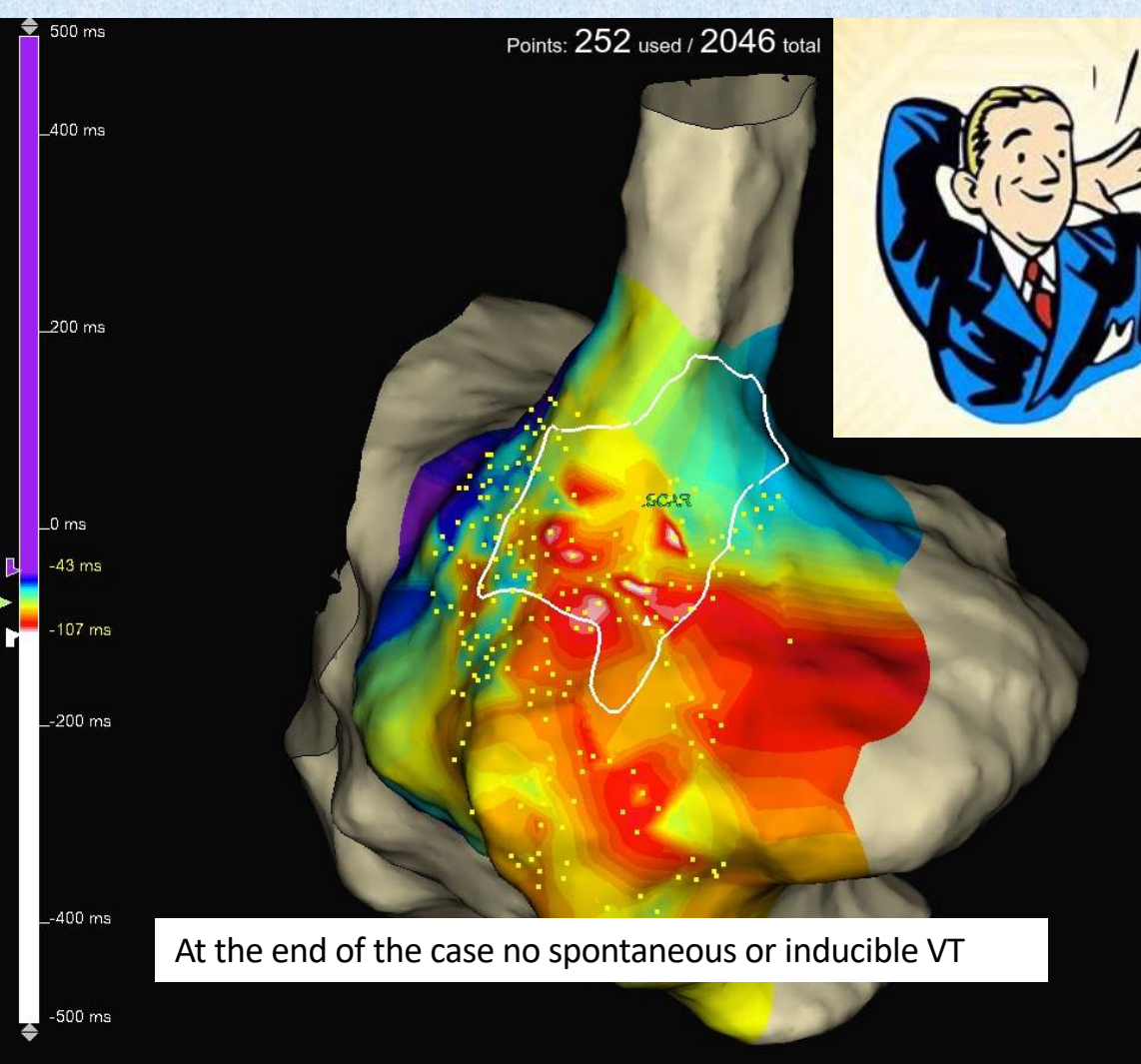


MRI- RV dilated, normal LVEF

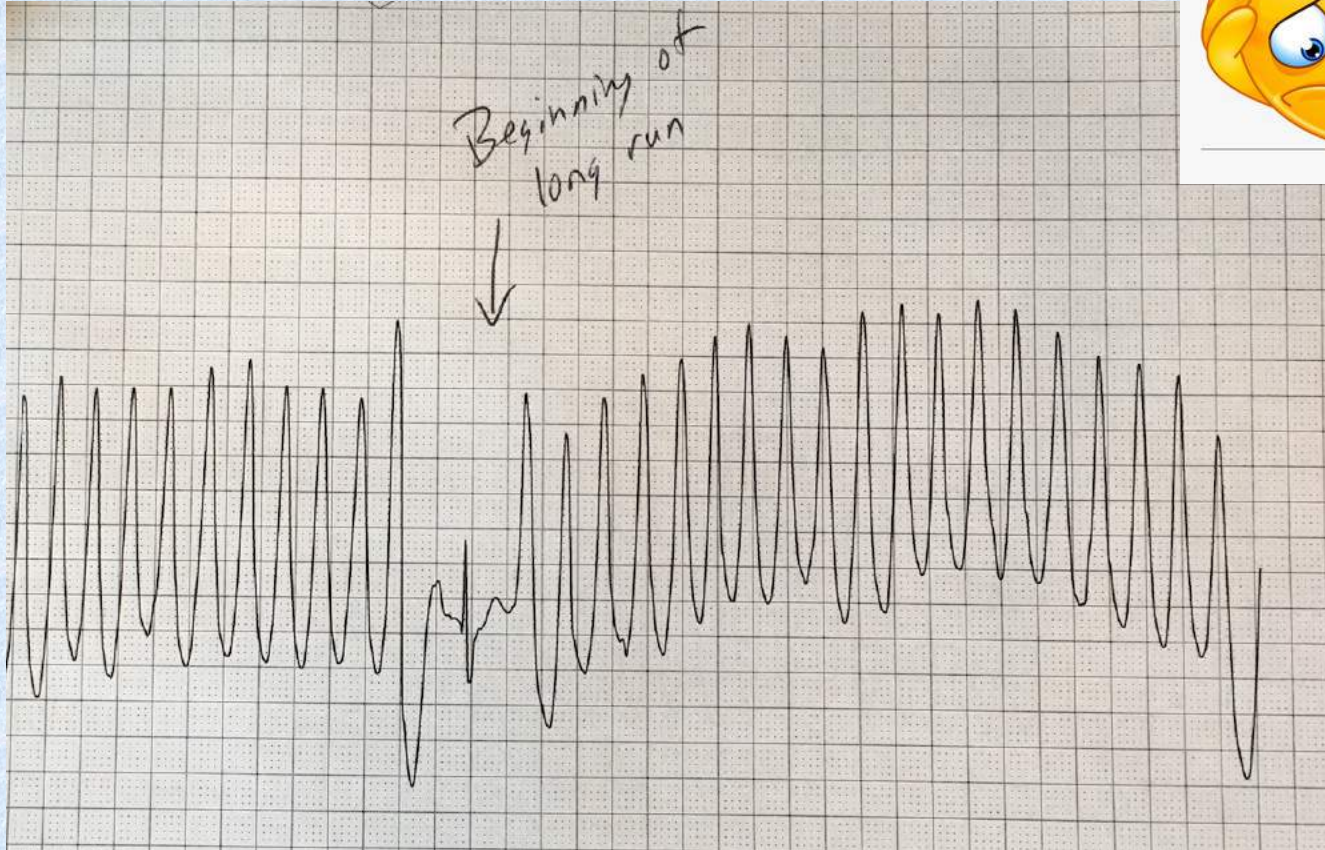
Esmolol & Flecainide but still....

Left Bundle, Inferior Axis (RVOT) -NSVT

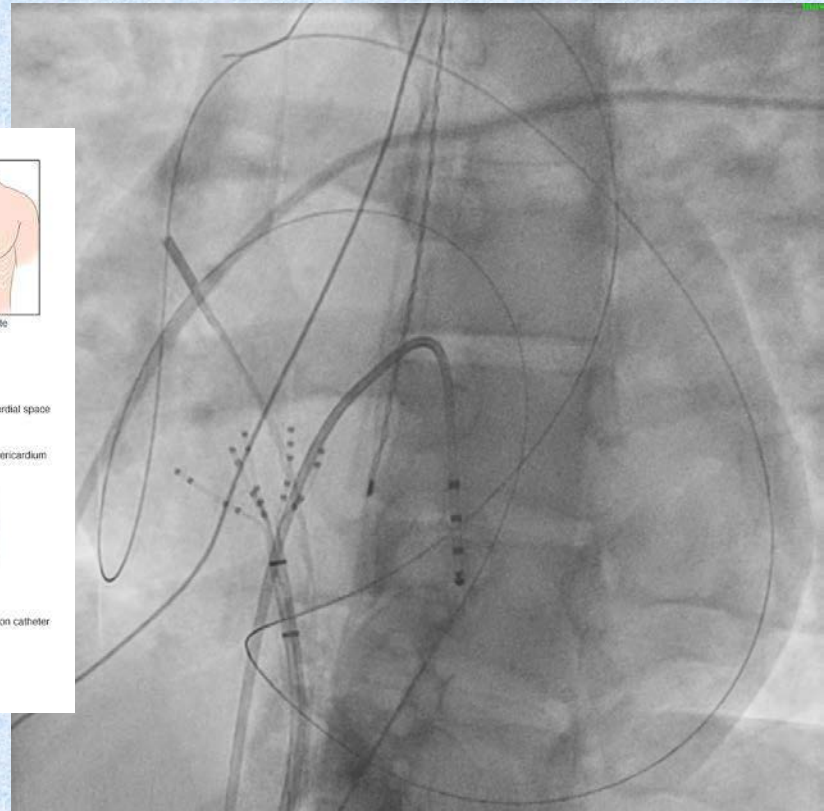
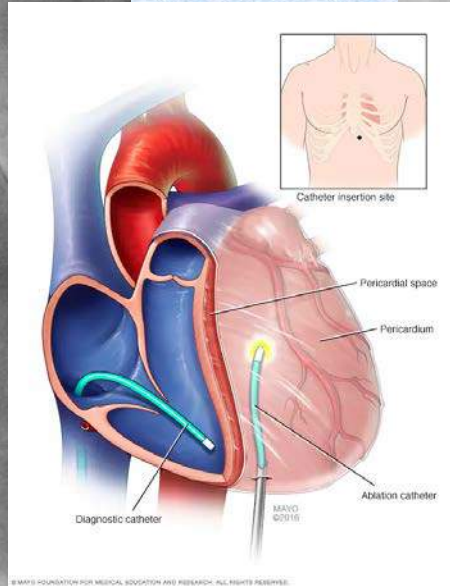
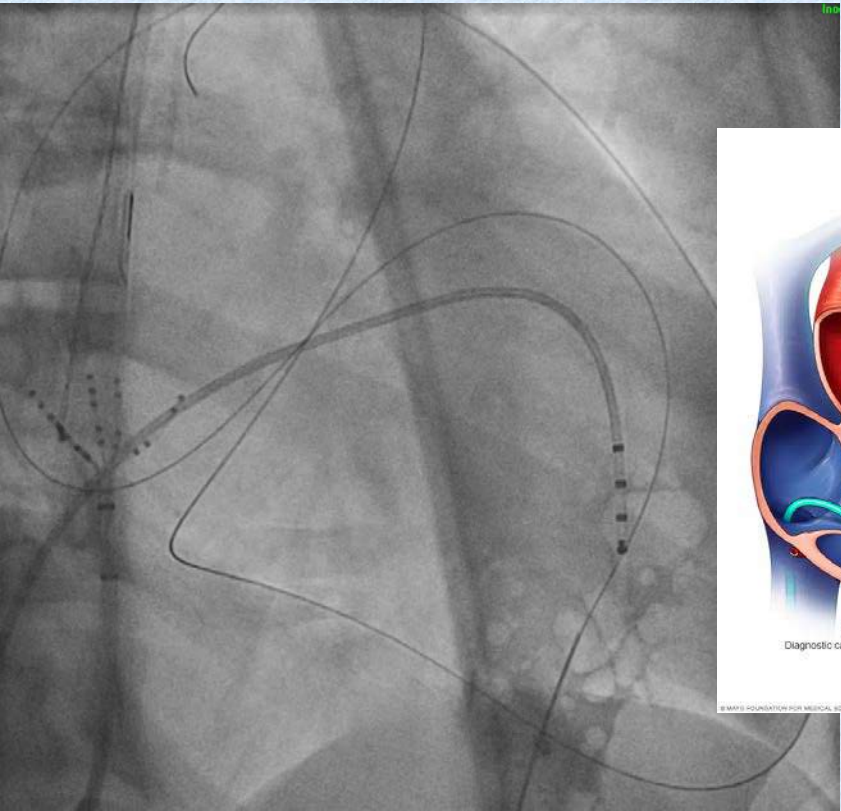




18 hours later in the ICU



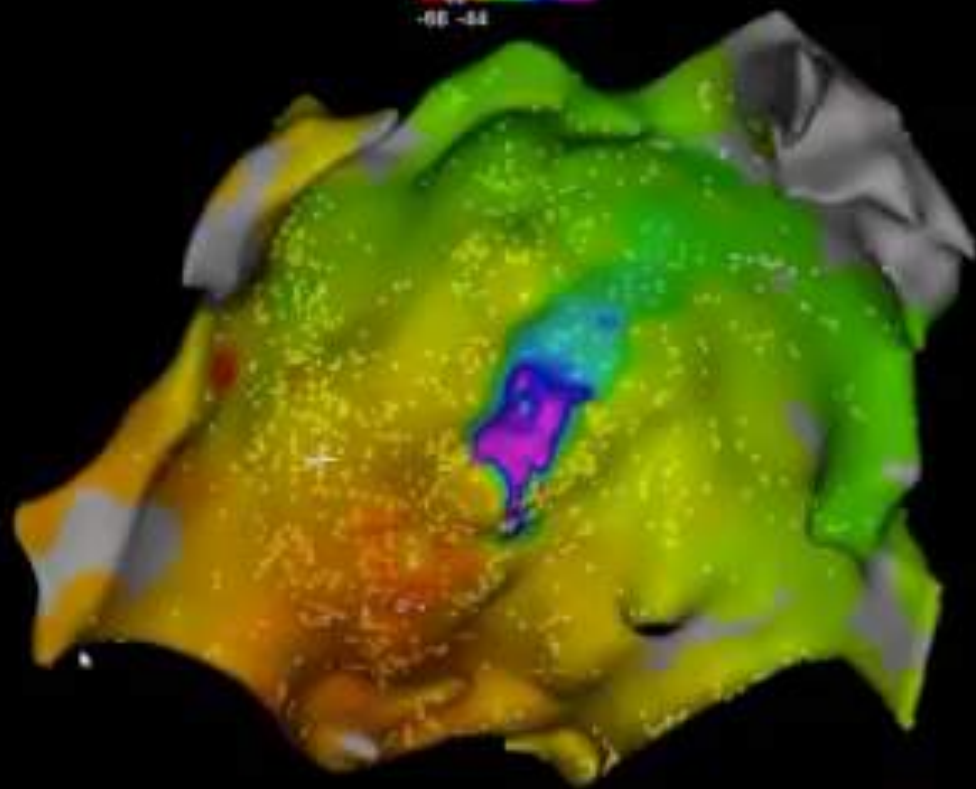
Back to the EP Lab - Pericardial Access

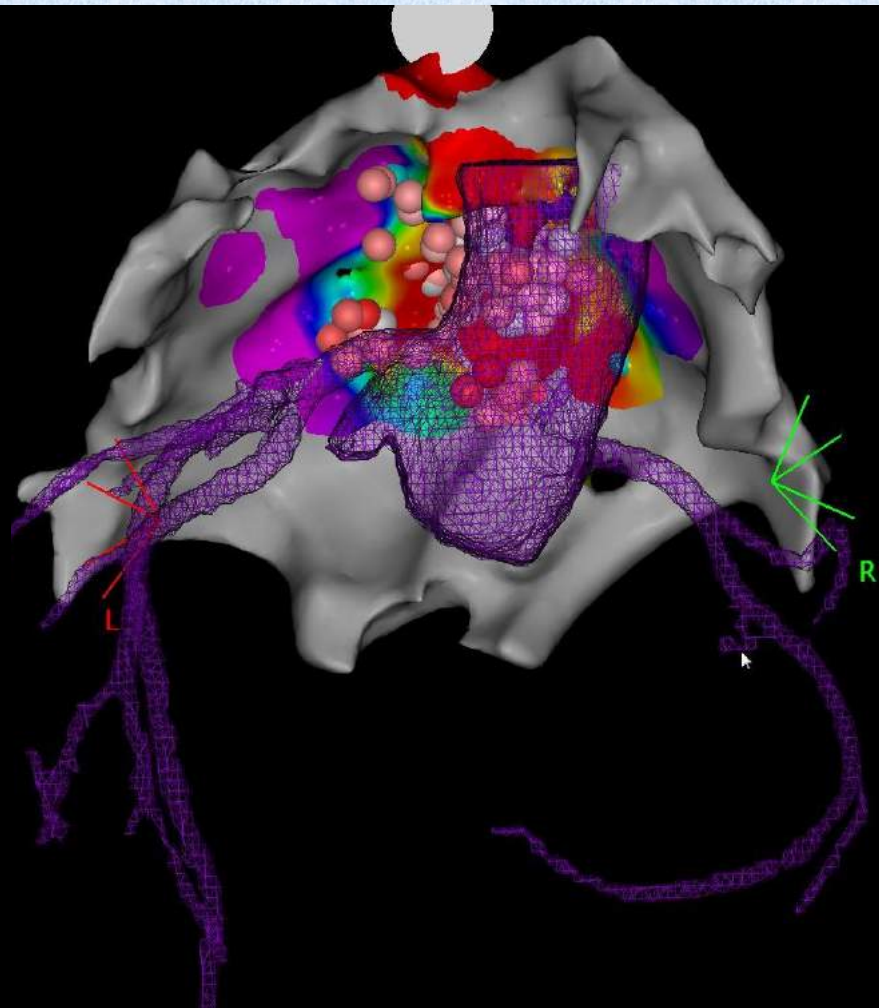
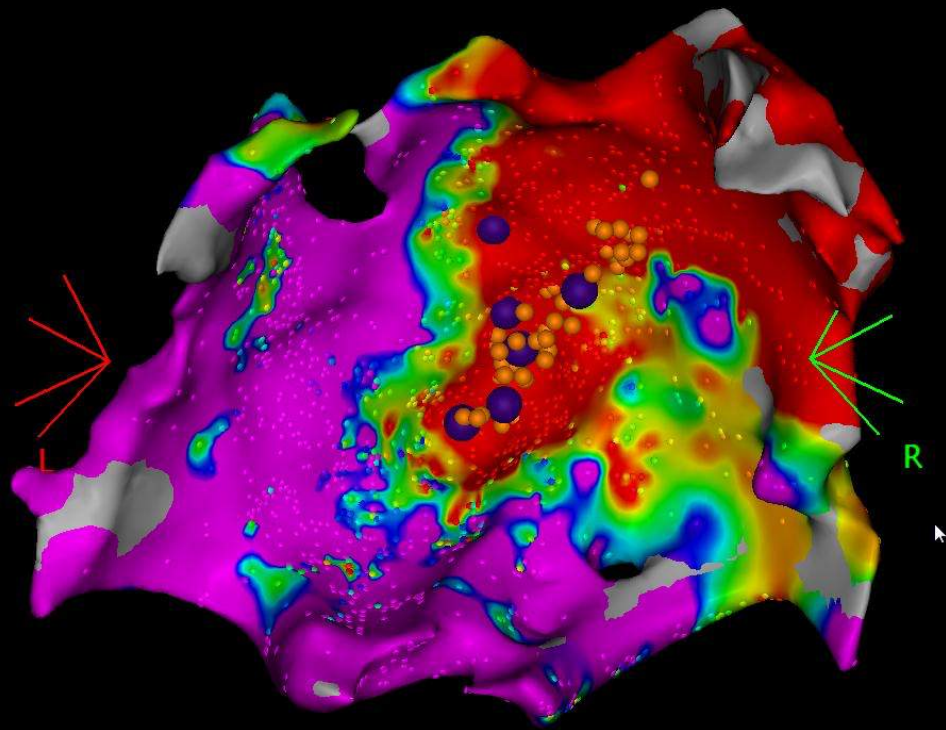






148 res LAT 207 res
-6E -54





Follow-Up

- The patient has no further VT events in 12 months
- Receives a single chamber ICD
- Discharged initially on atenolol and Flecainide
- + plakophilin ARVC mutation (patient is the proband)

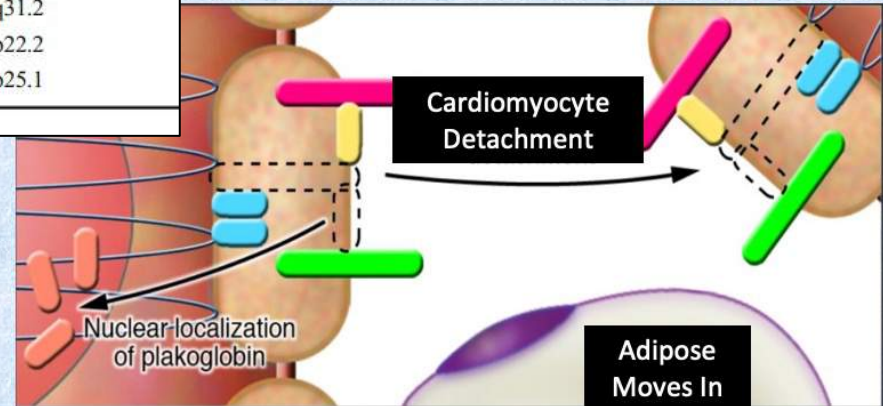
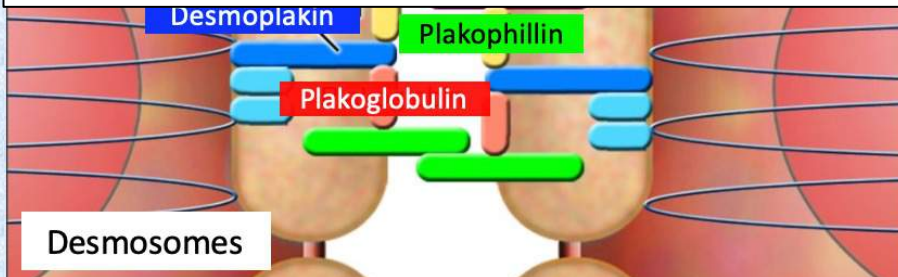
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Adherens Junctions

Gene	Encoded protein	Subcellular localisation	Chromosomal locus
<i>JUP</i>	Plakoglobin	Desmosome	17q21.2
<i>DSP</i>	Desmoplakin	Desmosome	6p24.3
<i>PKP2</i>	Plakophilin-2	Desmosome	12p11.21
<i>DSG2</i>	Desmoglein-2	Desmosome	18q12.1
<i>DSC2</i>	Desmocollin-2	Desmosome	18q12.1
<i>CDH2</i>	N-Cadherin	Area composita	18q12.1
<i>LMNA</i>	Lamin A/C	Nuclear envelope	1q22
<i>DES</i>	Desmin	Intermediate filament	2q35
<i>CTNNA3</i>	Alpha-T-catenin	Area composita	10q21.3
<i>PLN</i>	Phospholamban	Sarcoplasmic reticulum	6q22.31
<i>RYR2</i>	Ryanodine receptor 2	Sarcoplasmic reticulum	1q43
<i>TGFB3</i>	Transforming growth factor β 3	Growth factor	14q24.3
<i>TTN</i>	Titin	Sarcomere	2q31.2
<i>SCN5A</i>	Sodium voltage-gated channel alpha subunit 5	Sodium channel Intercalated disk	3p22.2
<i>TMEM43</i>	Transmembrane protein 43	Nuclear envelope	3p25.1

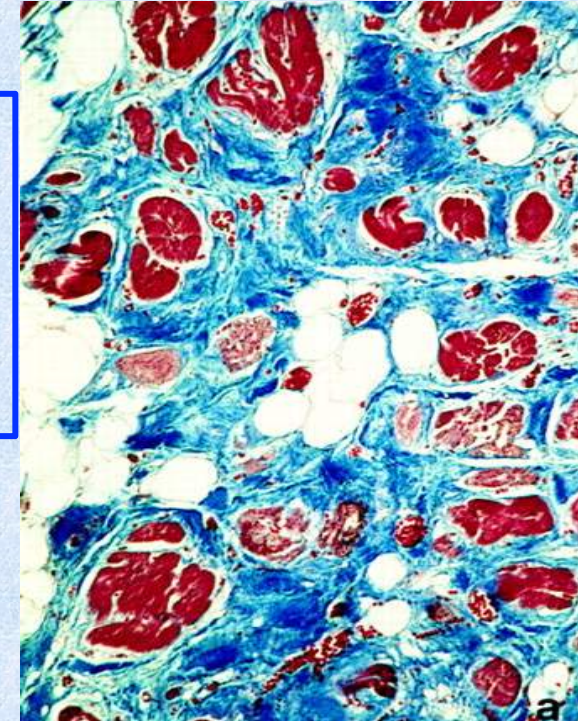
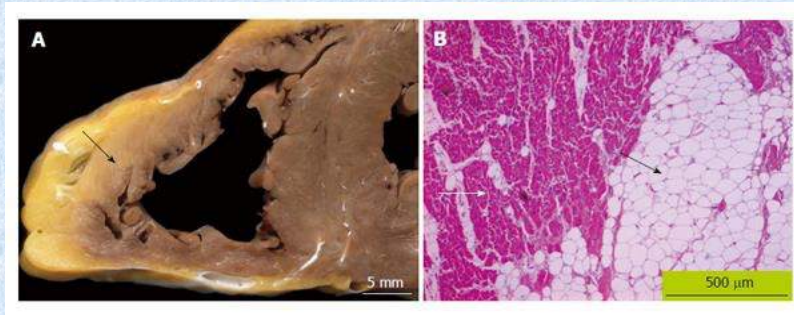
15 genes



Histopathology



- Fibro-fatty tissue replacement
- Scar Zone for slow conduction and VT circuits
- Exercise exaggerates desmosomal dysfunction



Basso Circulation 1996;94:983-991
Corado, NEJM 2018

Diagnosis of ARVC

2019 HRS expert consensus statement on evaluation, risk stratification, and management of arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy

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Complicated set of diagnostic criteria

Need 4 points (2 major, 1 major + 2 minor, or 4 minor TFC points)
from different groups for definite diagnosis

4 points = definite ACM

3 points = borderline ACM

2 points = possible ACM

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Global or Regional Dysfunction and Structural Alteration		
ECHO	Regional RV akinesia, dyskinesia, or aneurysm and one of the following (end diastole):	
	1. PLAX RVOT ≥ 32 mm (PLAX/BSA ≥ 19 mm/m ²)	1. PLAX RVOT ≥ 29 mm (PLAX/BSA ≥ 16 to <19 mm/m ²)
	2. PSAX RVOT ≥ 36 mm PLAX/BSA (≥ 21 mm/m ²)	2. PSAX RVOT ≥ 32 to < 36 mm PLAX/BSA (≥ 18 to <21 mm/m ²)
	3. Fractional area change of $\leq 33\%$	3. Fractional area change of $> 33\%$ to $\leq 33\%$
MRI	Regional RV akinesia or dyskinesia or dyssynchronous RV contraction and one of the following:	
	1. Ratio of RV end-diastolic volume to BSA ≥ 110 ml/m ² (male patients) or ≥ 100 ml/m ² (female patients)	1. Ratio of RV end-diastolic volume to BSA 100 to <110 ml/m ² (male patients) or 90 to <100 ml/m ² (female patients)
	2. RV ejection fraction $\leq 40\%$	2. RV ejection fraction 41 - 45%
RV Angiography	Regional RV akinesia, dyskinesia, or aneurysm	

Tissue Characterization of the Wall		
Endomyocardial Biopsy (>1 sample)	$<60\%$ residual myocytes on morphometric analysis (or $<50\%$, if estimated) and fibrous replacement of the RV free-wall myocardium, with or without fatty replacement of tissue, in at least one EMB sample	60-75% residual myocytes, on morphometric analysis (or 50-65%, if estimated) and fibrous replacement of the RV free-wall myocardium, with or without fatty replacement of tissue, in at least one EMB sample
ECG	Repolarization Abnormalities	
	Inverted T waves in right precordial leads (V ₁ , V ₂ , and V ₃) or beyond in patients older than 14 yr of age (in the absence of complete RBBB, QRS ≥ 120 msec)	Inverted T waves in leads V ₁ and V ₂ in patients older than 14 yr of age (in the absence of complete RBBB) or in V ₄ , V ₅ , or V ₆ ; Inverted T waves in leads V ₁ , V ₂ , V ₃ , and V ₄ in patients older than 14 yr of age (in the presence of complete RBBB)

Arrhythmias		
ECG	Depolarization/Conduction Abnormalities	
	Epsilon wave (reproducible low-amplitude signals from end of QRS complex to onset of the T wave) in the right precordial leads (V ₁ , V ₂ , and V ₃)	<p>Late potentials on signal-averaged ECG in at least one of three parameters in the absence of a QRS complex duration of ≥ 110 msec on the standard ECG:</p> <p>a. Filtered QRS complex duration, ≥ 114 msec</p> <p>b. Duration of terminal QRS complex < 40 μV (low-amplitude signal duration), ≥ 38 msec</p> <p>c. Root-mean-square voltage of terminal 40 msec, ≤ 20 μV</p> <p>Terminal activation duration of QRS complex, ≥ 55 msec, measured from the nadir of the S wave to the end of the QRS complex, including R', in V₁, V₂, or V₃, in the absence of complete RBBB</p>
ECG & Holters	Nonsustained or sustained ventricular tachycardia with a left bundle-branch block and superior axis pattern (negative or indeterminate QRS complex in leads II, III, and aVF and positive QRS complex in lead aVL)	Nonsustained or sustained ventricular tachycardia of RV outflow configuration with a left bundle-branch block and inferior axis pattern (positive QRS complex in leads II, III, and aVF and negative QRS complex in lead aVL) or unknown axis, or > 500 ventricular extrasystoles per 24 hr (on Holter monitoring)

Family History		
Family History	ARVC confirmed in a first-degree relative who meets current task- force criteria.	History of ARVC in a first-degree relative in whom it is not possible or practical to determine whether current task-force criteria are met.
	ARVC confirmed pathologically at autopsy or surgery in a first-degree relative, or	Premature sudden death (at < 35 yr of age) due to suspected ARVC in a first-degree relative, or
	Identification of a pathogenic mutation categorized as associated or probably associated with ARVC in the patient under evaluation	ARVC confirmed pathologically or by current task-force criteria in a second-degree relative
BSA=body surface area; MR; PLAX=parasternal long-axis; PSAX=parasternal short-axis; RBBB=right bundle branch block		



Phenotypic Manifestations of Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy in Children and Adolescents



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N=32 patients < 21 years of age
Mean age: 15.1 ± 3.8 years

ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND Arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy (ACM) is a variably penetrant disease increasingly identified in young patients.

OBJECTIVES This study sought to describe the diverse phenotype, genotype, and outcomes in pediatric and adolescent patients.

METHODS Records from 1999 to 2016 were reviewed for individuals age <21 years with a consistent personal or family history. Patients were categorized by right ventricular (RV), left dominant (LD), or biventricular subtypes using 2010 Task Force Criteria or proposed features of LD disease, encompassing electrocardiographic, structural, histological, and arrhythmic characteristics. Genetic variants classified as pathogenic and/or likely pathogenic by 2015 American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics criteria in recognized disease-associated genes were included.

RESULTS Manifest disease was evident in 32 patients (age 15.1 ± 3.8 years), of whom 22 were probands, including 16 RV, 7 LD, and 9 biventricular ACM. Nondiagnostic features were seen in 5 of 15 family members. RV disease was associated with cardiac arrest and ventricular tachycardia ($p = 0.02$) and prevalence of *PKP2* variants ($p < 0.01$), whereas biventricular disease was associated with a younger age of onset ($p = 0.02$). LD ACM was associated with variants in *DSP* and *LMNA*, and biventricular ACM with more a diverse etiology in desmosomal genes. Cardiac arrest was observed in 5 probands (age 15.3 ± 1.9 years) and ventricular tachycardia in 10 (age 16.6 ± 2.7 years), 6 probands, and 4 family members. Features suggestive of myocardial inflammation were seen in 6 patients, with ventricular tachycardia and/or cardiac arrest in 3 patients. Cardiac transplantation was performed in 10 patients. There were no deaths. In RV and biventricular disease, electrocardiographic preceded imaging features, whereas the reverse was seen in LD disease.

CONCLUSIONS ACM in the young has highly varied phenotypic expression incorporating life-threatening arrhythmia, heart failure, and myocardial inflammation. Increased awareness of early onset, aggressive disease has important implications for patient management and familial screening. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2019;74:346-58)
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	Right Dominant (ARVC)	Left Dominant AVC	Biventricular (AVC)
NUMBER	16	7	9
FEMALE/MALE	6/10	3/4	5/4
PROBAND	11 (69%)	3 (43%)	8 (89%)
Age at Diagnosis	16.7 yrs	15 yrs	12.1 yrs
Cardiac Arrest	19%	19%	11%
Ventricular Tachycardia	56%	43%	22%
CARDIAC TRANSPLANT	0 (0%)	2 (29%)	8 (89%)
GENETIC FINDINGS	<p>PKP2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PKP2 (10) PKP2/PKP2* (1) PKP2/DSC2 (1) 	<p>Desmoplakin (DSP) Non-desmosomal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMNA (3) DSP (2) DSP/DSG2 (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSG2*/DSG2* (2) DSP/DSP* (2) PKP2/PKP2* (1) PKP2/PKP2 (1) DSC2 (1) PKP2 (1) DES (1)
Predominantly Plakophilin-2			

Once again, not a disease of just adults

The ARVC Registry Study

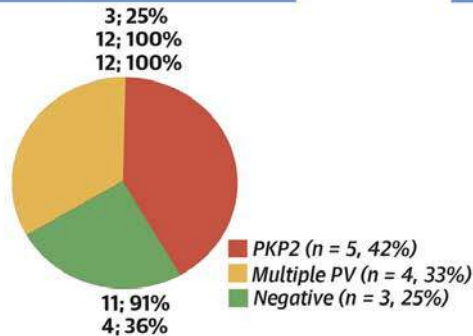
SCD/Arrest
Definite Diagnosis
Diagnosis <18 years

Genetics

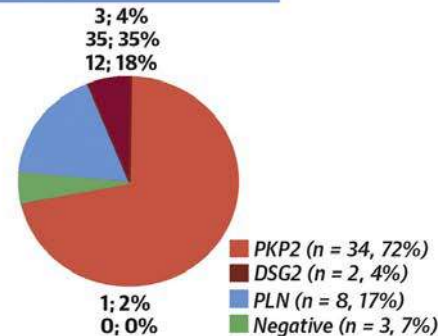
Clinical Course

Sustained VT
Heart Failure

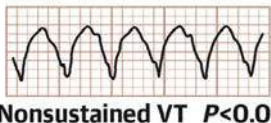
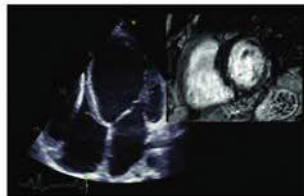
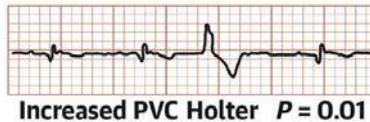
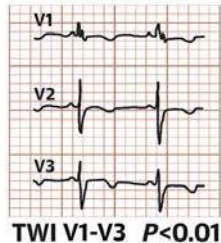
Probands (n = 12)



At-Risk Relatives (n = 68)

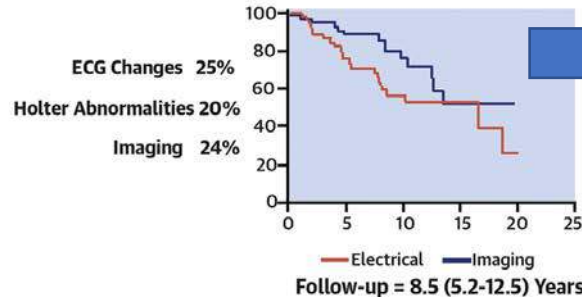


Factors Associated With Sustained VT



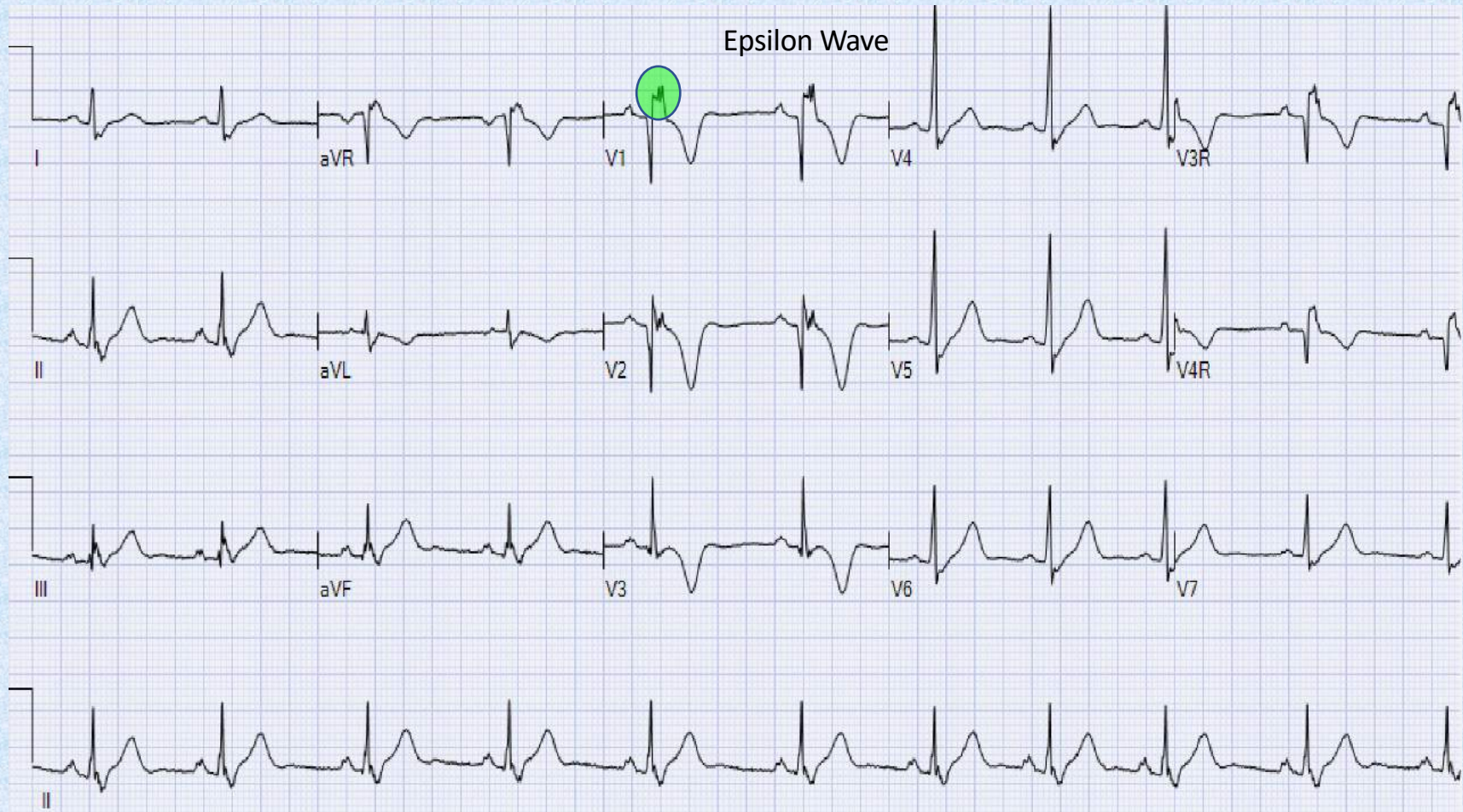
Disease Progression During Follow-Up

Electrical vs Imaging

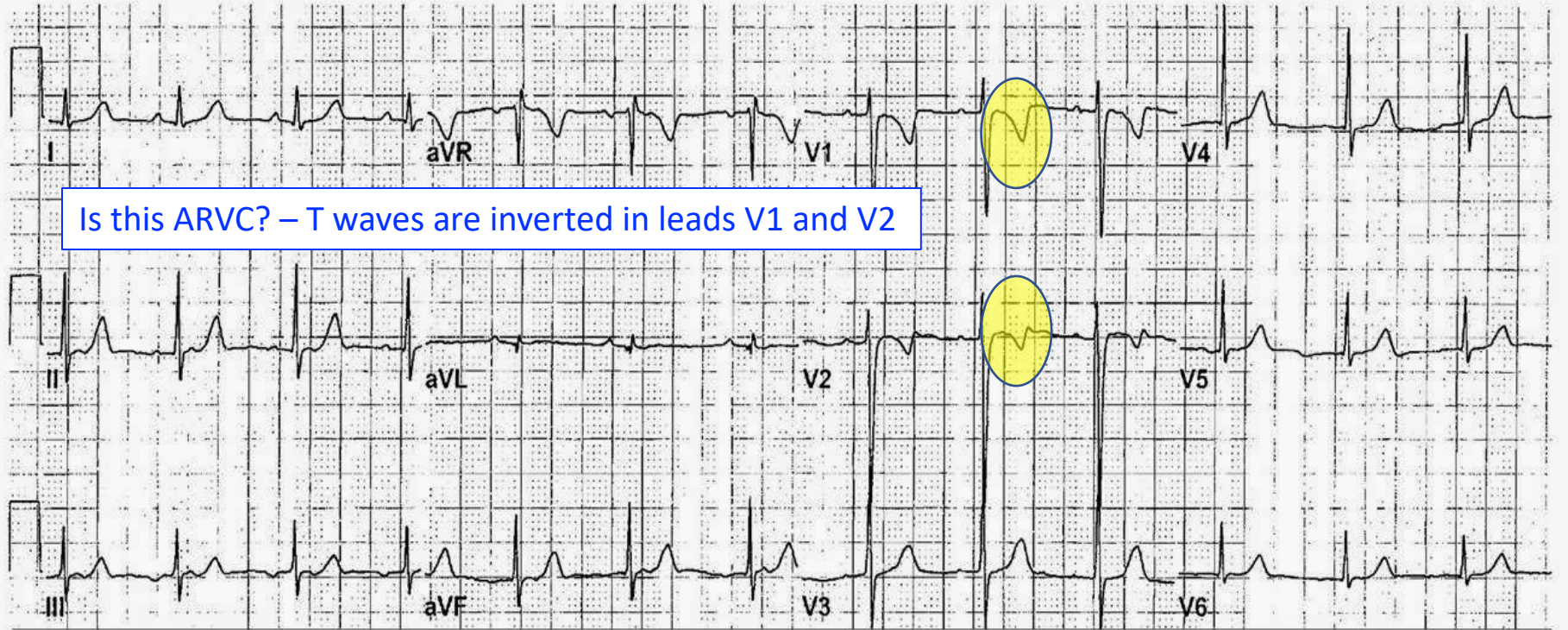


**IN CHILDREN,
ELECTRICAL
DISEASE
PROGRESSION
PRECEDED
IMAGING CHANGES**
-VE% on Holter
-ECG changes

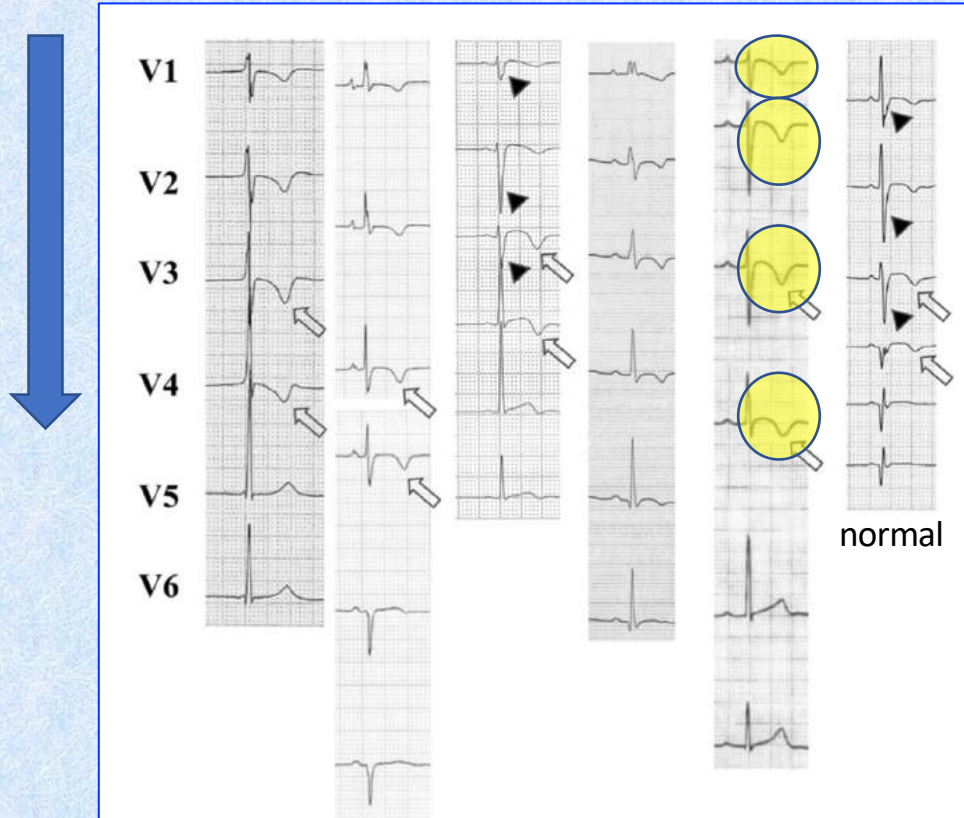
If only it were this easy...21 year-old clear ARVC ECG



Healthy 14 year-old (juvenile pattern)



Impact of the T-wave characteristics on distinguishing arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy from healthy children

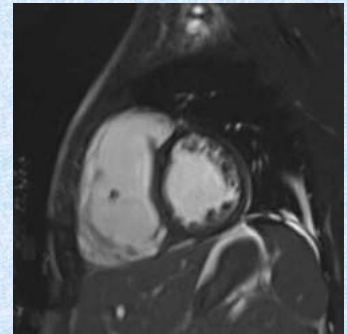
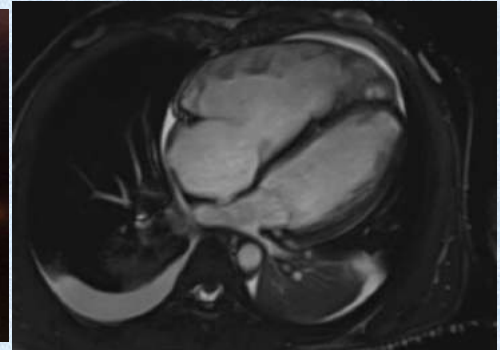


T wave inversion gets bigger in ARVC patients going from V1 out -whereas in healthy children tends to get smaller (60% vs. 0.55%)

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11 y.o (50 kg.) healthy male,
no FH, Cardiac arrest after
Basketball in school



Gene: PKP2
c.1237C>T (p.R413*)

CMR: RVEF: 24% with a
RVEDV 242 cc/sq m, RVESV183 cc/sq m
LGE +++

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ARVC Task Force Criteria

Demographics			ARVC Task Force Criteria				Family History and Genetics
Family	Patient #	Age at Diagnosis, yrs	Structural	Tissue Repolarization	Depolarization	Arrhythmia	
A	1	13.9	++	++	+		++
B	1	15.2		++	+	+	++
C	1	16.8	++	++	+	+	++
C	2	18.3		+	+		++
D	1	15.0		++	+	+	++
E	1	14.5	++	++	+	+	
F	1	22.1	+	++	+	+	++
G	1	14.2		++	+	+	++
H	1	20.2			+	+	++
H	2	21.8	+	++	+	+	
I	1	18.4		++	+	+	++
J	1	12.0	++	+	+	+	++
K	1	16.5	++	++		+	++
L	1	14.3	++	+		+	++
M	1	17.6		++	+	+	
N	1	16.1		+	+		++

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ARVC PHASES

Natural History

Early Concealed Phase

non-apparent or subtle RV changes
(patients can still be at risk for SCD)

Electrical Phase

Characterized by T-wave inversions, PVCs
and VT with left bundle branch pattern

Structural Phase

structural modifications progressed into RV
and/or LV dilation and potentially heart failure

Early Phase

Are there Triggers in the “Early Phase” that accelerate Phenotypic Conversion ?

- Myocardial inflammation may play a role
- Exercise may play a role
 - A deficiency in Plakophilin alters sarcoplasmic reticulum regulation of calcium homeostasis.
 - Adrenergic mediated release (? Exercise) of calcium can trigger VT

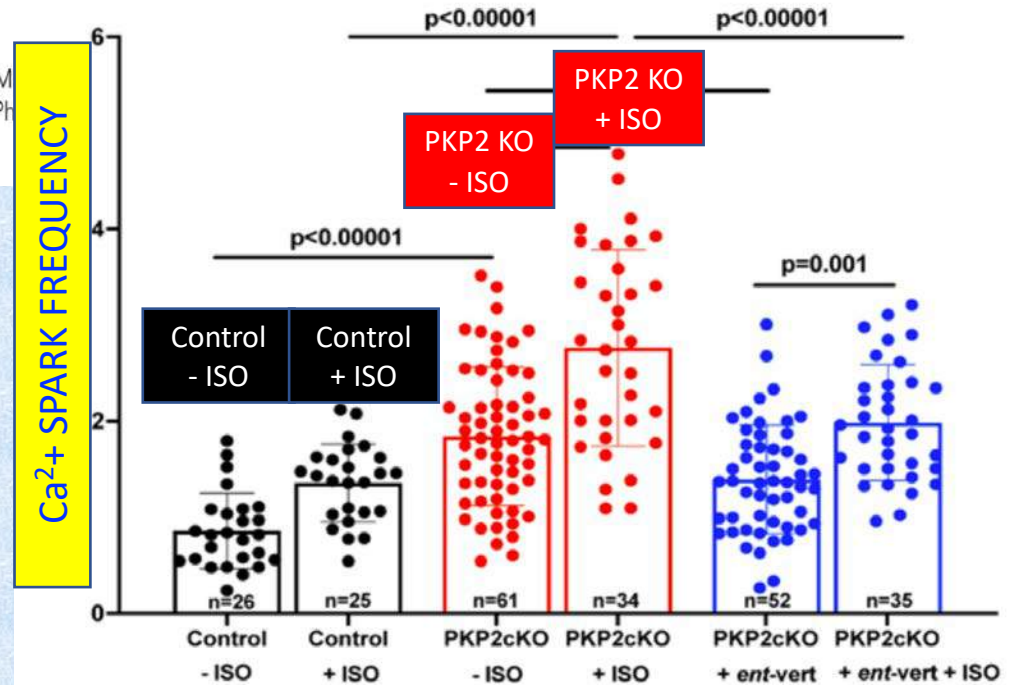
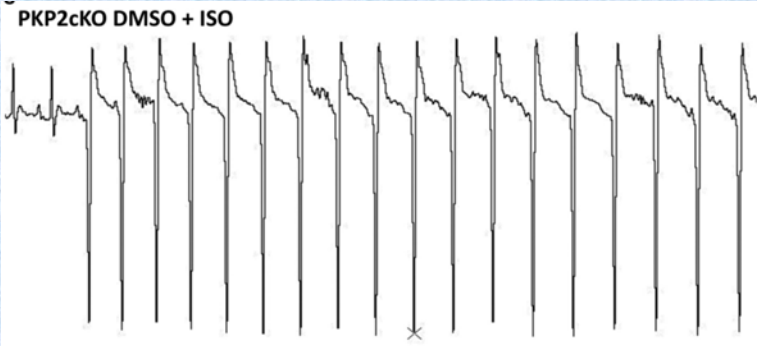
Myocardial inflammation detected by cardiac MRI in Arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy: A paediatric case series

CMR results at admission and follow-up.

Patient	Age at first CMR (years)	LV EF at first CMR	T2 criteria	EGE criteria	LGE criteria	LV localization	Last CMR at follow-up	RV compromise at follow-up	Last LV EF
1	11	55%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Septal basal	RV and LV septal fibrosis	Right ventricular fibrosis without ARVC criteria	55%
2	15	65%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Lateral	Normal	RV dyskinesia on ventriculography and fibrosis at biopsy	55%
3	5	23%	No	Yes	Yes	Anterior, lateral, apical	NA	Dilatation and severe dysfunction	15%
4	10	60%	No	Yes	Yes	lateral	ARVC major criteria	Dilatation and dysfunction	54%
5	12	53%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Anterior, lateral, apical	ARVC major criteria	Dilatation and severe dysfunction	42%
6	2	20%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Anterior, lateral, apical	NA	NA	NA
Patient	Gender	Age at admission (years)	Follow-up (years)	Family history	Number of myocarditis-like episodes	Gene	ECG during myocarditis-like episode	ECG during follow-up	NYHA at last follow-up
1	F	11	8	Yes	6	DSG2	Ti V1-2	Unchanged	I
2	M	15	7	No	3	PKP2	Ti V1-3	Unchanged	I
3	M	5	1	No	2	DSP	Arrhythmic storm with RBBB VT	Normal	Transplant
4	M	10	6	Yes	1	DSP	Unspecific QRS prolongation	Epsilon wave	I
5	M	12	3	Yes	2	PKP2	Right precordial STe and Ti; LBBB VT	Ti V3-6 and inferior limb leads	II

Exercise Causes Arrhythmogenic Remodeling of Intracellular Calcium Dynamics in Plakophilin-2–Deficient Hearts

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Definition of Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy

ARRHYTHMOGENIC RIGHT VENTRICULAR CARDIOMYOPATHY

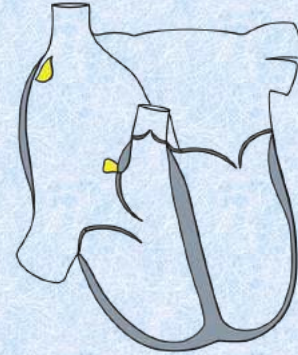


RV dilatation/dysfunction
RV VT
ECG - V1-V3

Δ 2010 Task Force Criteria
Genetics:

Plakophilin-2 (abnormal ECG)
Desmocollin
Desmoglein

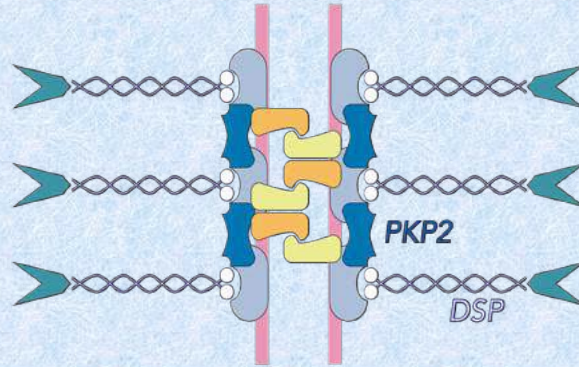
LEFT DOMINANT ARRHYTHMOGENIC CARDIOMYOPATHY



LV dilatation/dysfunction
LV VT
LV LGE on MRI
ECG - 1,aVL, V4-V6

Δ 2008/Padua criteria
Genetics:

Desmoplakin
Normal ECG and
subepicardial LV scar



CARDIAC DESMOSOME

Genetic testing in ARVC
assessing for desmosomal
mutations generally approaches
40-50%.

50% Genetically Elusive- Now What?



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FASTTRACK CLINICAL RESEARCH

Arrhythmia/electrophysiology

An autoantibody identifies arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy and participates in its pathogenesis

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Anti-DSG2
antibodies are
a sensitive and
specific
biomarker for
ARVC

- In 12 of 12 cases of definite ARVC and 7 of 8 cases of Borderline ARVC in human samples, autoantibodies to the desmosomal protein DSG2 were present on western blots
- Autoantibodies were absent (in 11) from sera of 12 control subjects

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Exercise Increases Age-Related Penetrance and Arrhythmic Risk in Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia/Cardiomyopathy–Associated Desmosomal Mutation Carriers

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Journal of the American College of Cardiology 2013

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jacc.2013.06.033>

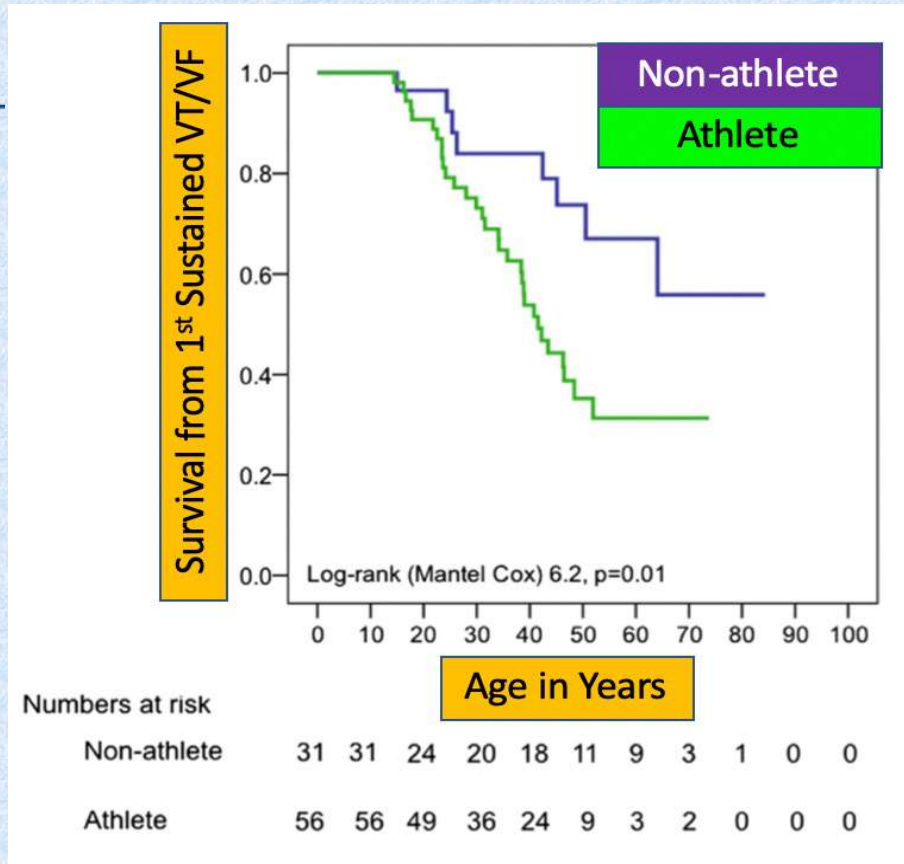
Dominated by PKP2 carriers 87%

Endurance sports >75% VO₂


Proband Status of Athletes

50% athletes

26% non-athletes



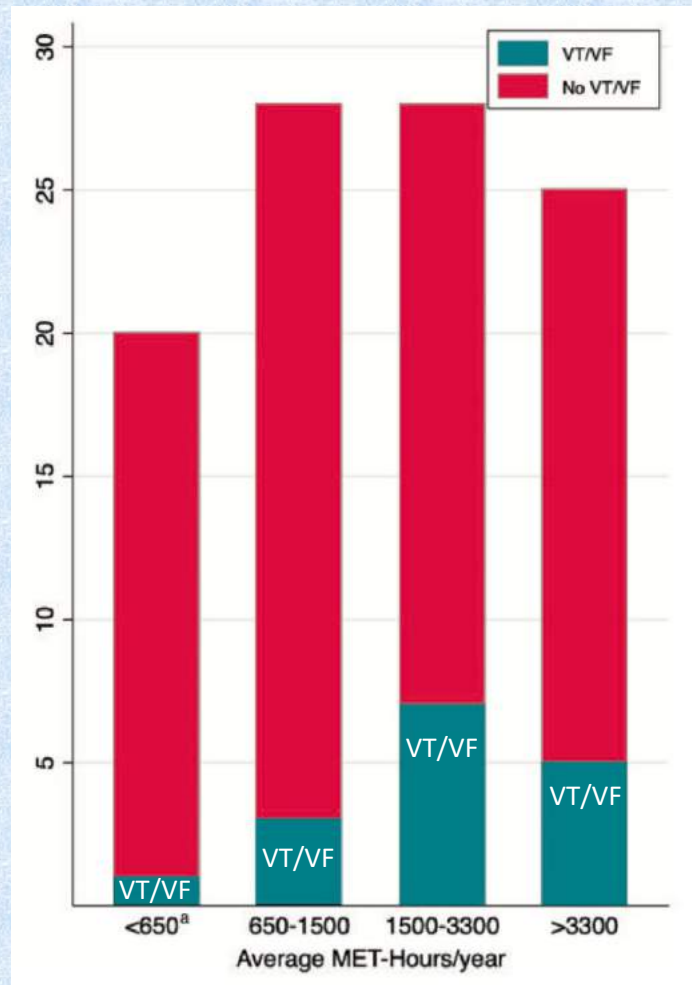
Exercise restriction is protective for genotype-positive family members of arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy patients

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- 101 family members (40.5 +/- 19.3 years)
- *PKP2* = 82%
- Exercise - METs/hr/year
- Correlation between exercise duration & ARVC/VT (F>M)

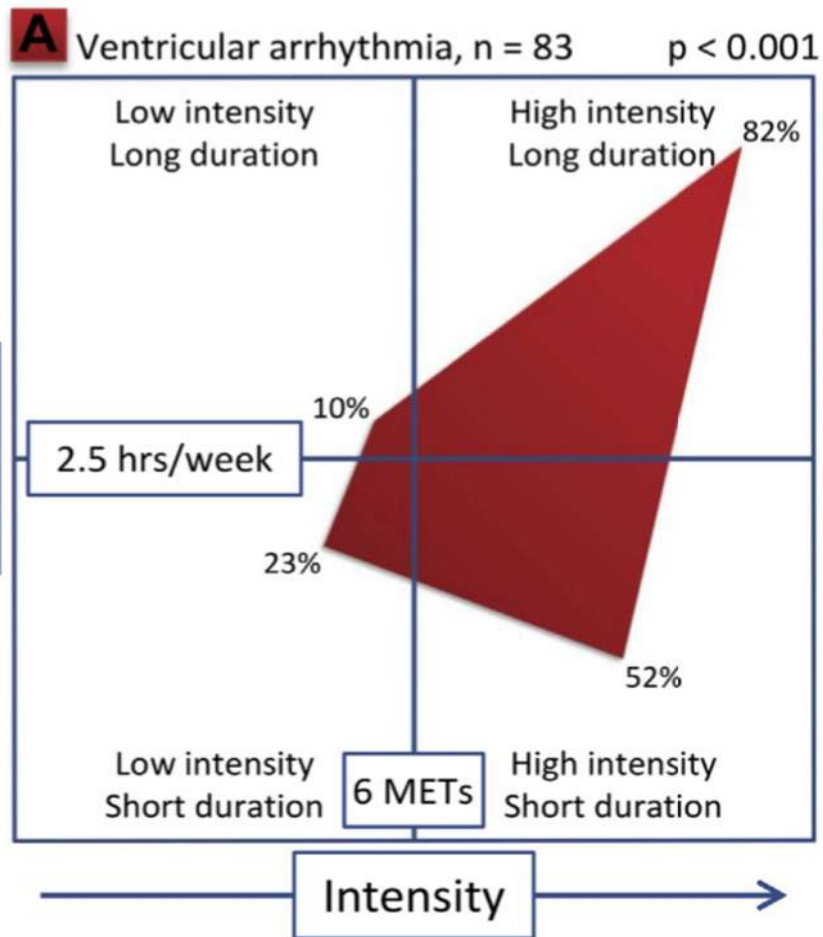
- AHA recommendation = 650/METs/hr/year
- 3 METs = walking at 3 miles an hour
- 3 METs * 30 mins * 2 per day = 1095/METs/hr/year

In patients with Plakophilin mutations (F>M) vigorous exercise increases disease expression (? more stress on RV)



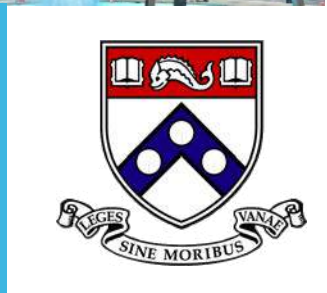
Harmful Effects of Exercise Intensity and Exercise Duration in Patients With Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy

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Treatment Strategies and Algorithms for Risk Stratification

1. Lifestyle changes
2. Pharmacological intervention
3. Implantation of an ICD
4. Catheter ablation of ventricular tachyarrhythmias,
5. Heart transplantation patients with end-stage heart failure or therapy-resistant arrhythmias (rarely, pediatric patients with ARVC)



SAVE THE DATE



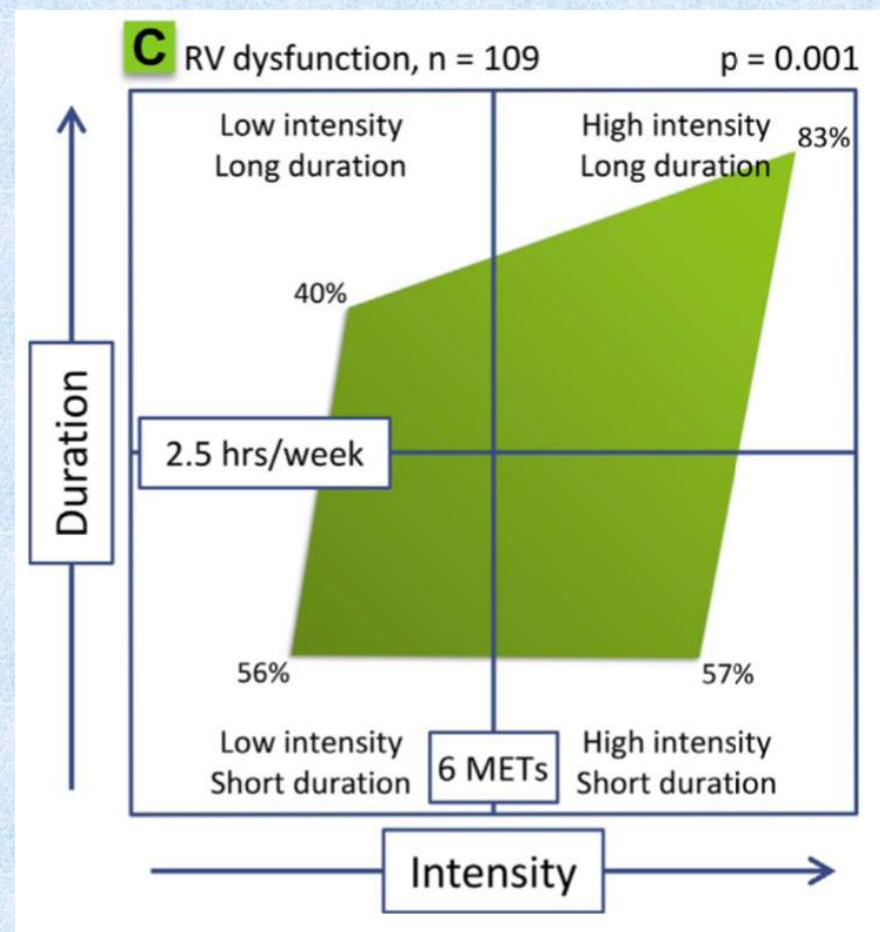
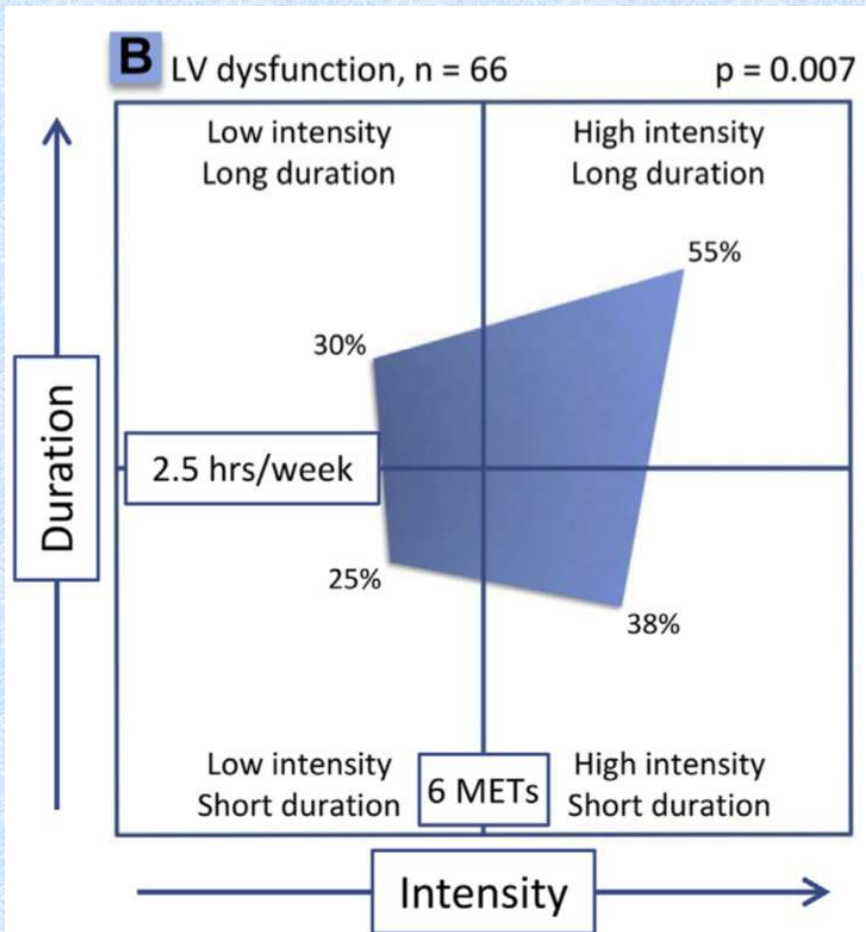
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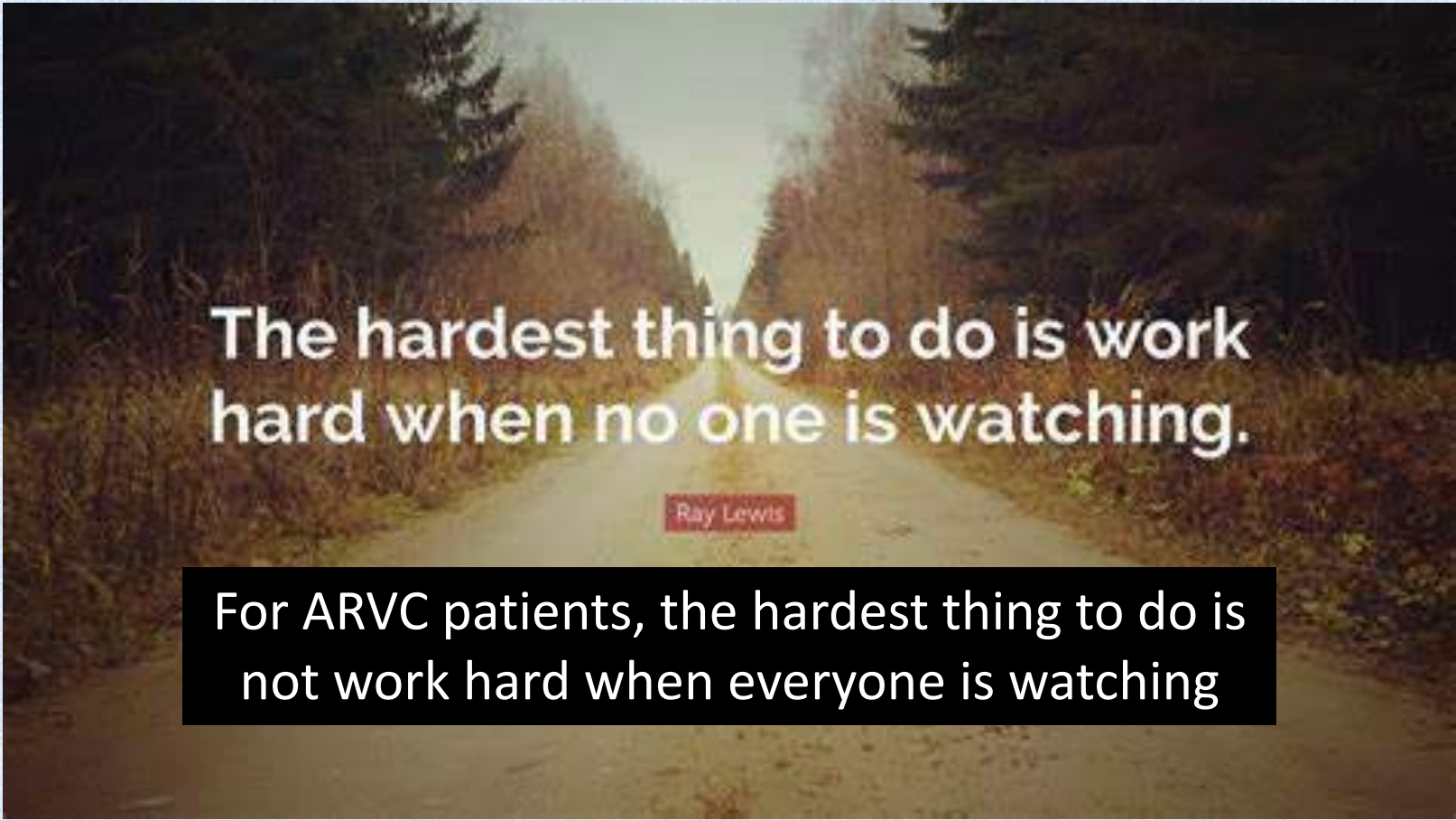
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INTENSITY IS MORE CONCERNING In ARVC THAN DURATION (Long Walk Better than a 20 MINUTE HIIT CLASS)

Frequency	Rare	High	METS	Exemplary sports
			16	Competitive cycling
			15	Cross-country ski racing (>13 km/h)
			12	Canoeing, rowing crew in competition
			10	Soccer, competitive
			9.8	Running (10 min, 1.6 km)
			8	Basketball game
			5.8	Swimming laps / freestyle (moderate effort)
			5.3	Downhill skiing (moderate effort)
			5	Walking for exercise (6 km/h)
			4.8	Golf
			3.5	Walking for pleasure or transportation
			3.3	Sailing, wind surfing
			3	Canoeing, rowing for pleasure
	Regular	Low	2.5	Yoga

A photograph of a dirt road winding through a forest. The trees on either side have autumn-colored foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and brown. The road leads towards a bright light at the end of the path, creating a sense of perspective. The overall tone is somewhat somber due to the muted colors of the forest.

**The hardest thing to do is work
hard when no one is watching.**

Ray Lewis

**For ARVC patients, the hardest thing to do is
not work hard when everyone is watching**

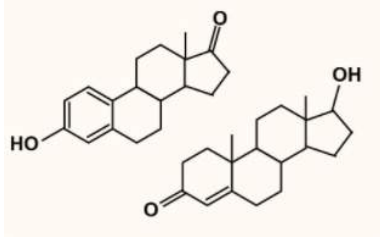
Pragmatic Advice to the ARVC Patient

- Endurance exercise should be avoided.
- Exercise should be limited to less than 2.5 hours (?) per week
- Intense exercise should be avoided. Patients should be
- Moderate static strength-based exercise may be reasonable

Variable Expressivity, Incomplete Penetrance, Epigenetics, Chance



**PRIMARY DISEASE
MUTATION**



**SEX LINKED
MODIFIERS**



**Variants of Unknown
Significance**



PHENOTYPE



**OTHER MODIFIERS
(I.E HISTONE)**

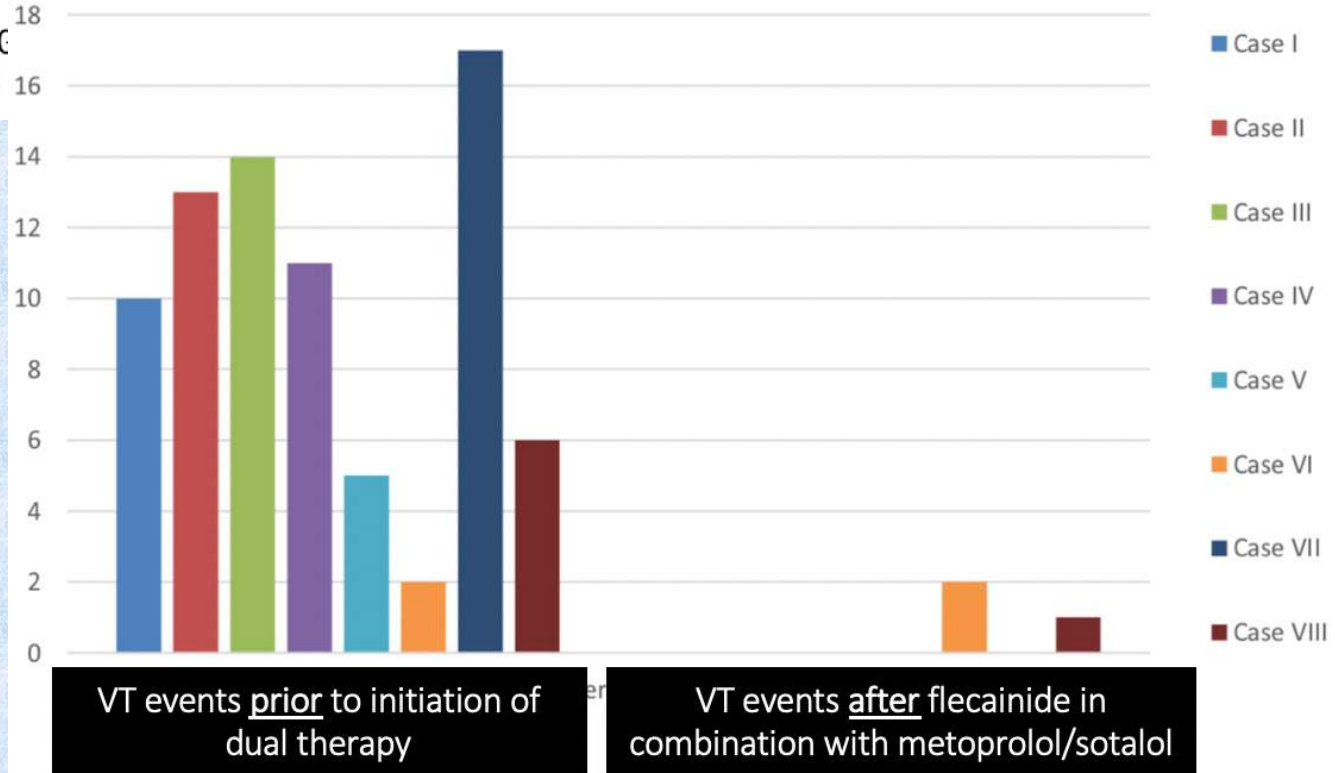


**EPIGENETIC
MODIFICATIONS**



Use of flecainide in combination antiarrhythmic therapy in patients with arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy

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ARVC Risk calculator

Prediction risk at 5 years of sustained VA (> 100 bpm)

Derivation cohort

C Index 0.77, Calibration slope 0.93

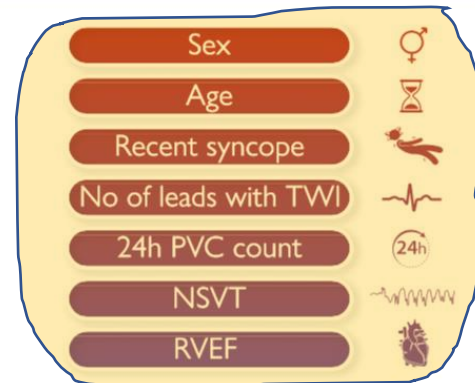
ARVC Risk calculator validation

Jordà P. et al.

- C-index 0.7
- Calibration slope 1.01
- Agreement between predicted and observed events

Protonotarios A. et al.

- C-index 0.75
(C-index gene positive 0.82 > gene negative 0.65)
- Calibration slope 0.52
- Overall overestimation of predicted risk



Open questions / concerns

High rate of VA without SCD in ARVC patients

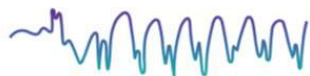
VA instead of SCD as end-point for the model

Over-estimation of risk at the lower end of spectrum

Patient selection (RV-dominant form, gene positive: PKP2 carriers)

Lack of prospective validation

Threshold for ICD-implantation





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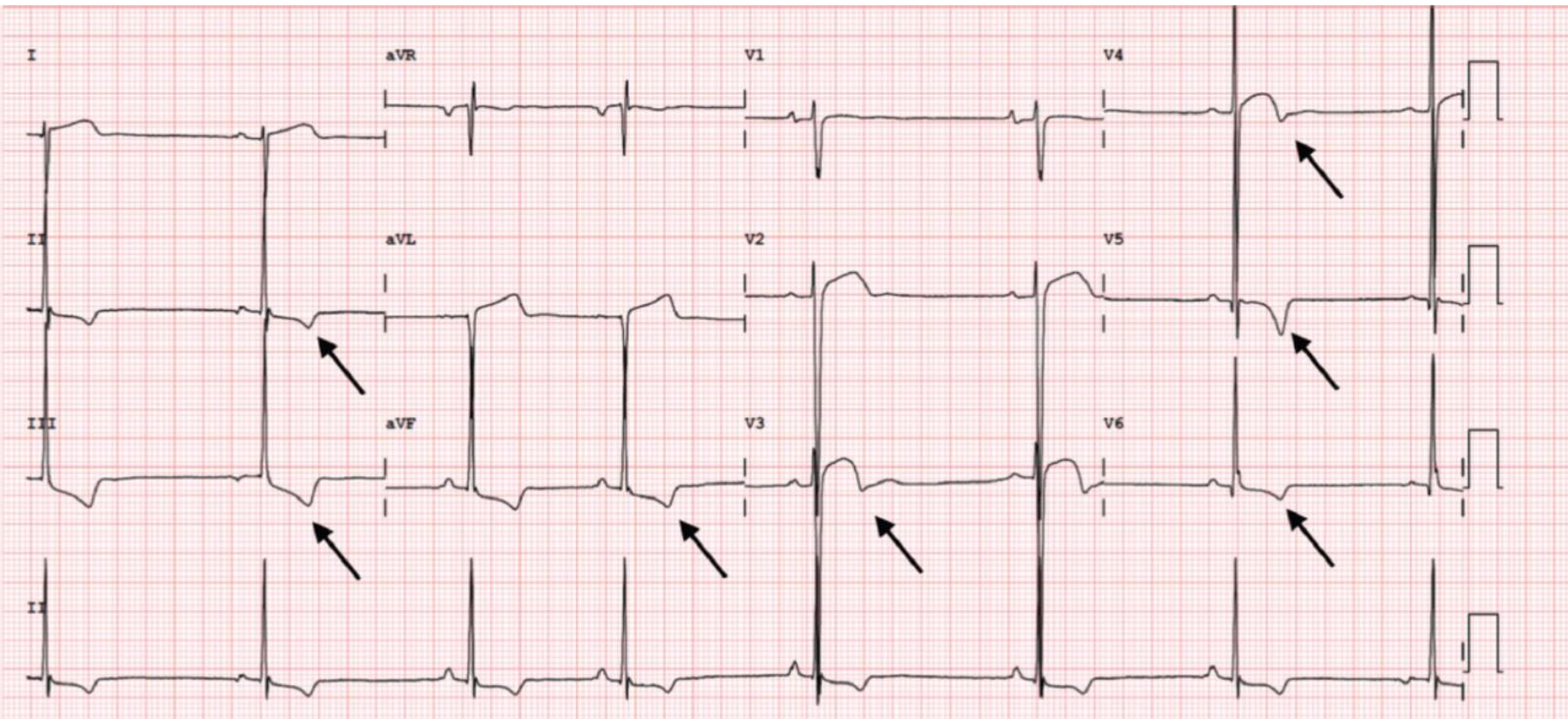
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	Overall	Probands	Relatives
Demographic characteristics of all patients	N = 80	n = 12	n = 68
Male	38 (48)	8 (67)	30 (44)
Age at presentation, y	13.5 [10.5-16.7]	16.8 [13.7-17.1]	13.2 [10.1-15.3]
Type of presentation			
Ventricular tachycardia	8 (10)	7 (58)	1 (2)
Resuscitated sudden cardiac arrest	3 (4)	2 (17)	1 (2)
Sudden cardiac death	3 (4)	1 (8)	2 (3)
Symptomatic	5 (6)	2 (17)	3 (4)
Cascade screening	61 (76)	0	61 (90)

TABLE 3 Characteristics of Patients Presenting Alive, Stratified According to Any VT Event

	VT (n = 12)	No VT (n = 65)	P Value
Demographic characteristics			
Proband status	10 (83)	1 (2)	<0.01
Male	10 (83)	27 (42)	<0.01
Pathogenic genetic variant	9/12 (75)	42/44 (96)	0.06
ECG and Holter monitoring			
T-wave inversion in V ₁ -V ₃	9 (75)	2 (3)	<0.01
No. of PVCs/24 h	3241 [413-6,892]	3 [1-285]	0.01
NSVT	5/11 (46)	5/63 (8)	<0.01
Imaging			
LVEF	54 [49-59]	60 [57-64]	0.01
RVEF	32 [24-33]	53 [47-57]	<0.01
Late gadolinium enhancement on CMR	3/4 (75)	4/18 (22)	0.09

Oh this must be it..... *No this is an athletic 16 year-old black male*



Healthy 14 year-old (juvenile pattern)

