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HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY

The “Pump”: Myocardial Conditions
Affecting the Circulation in the Young

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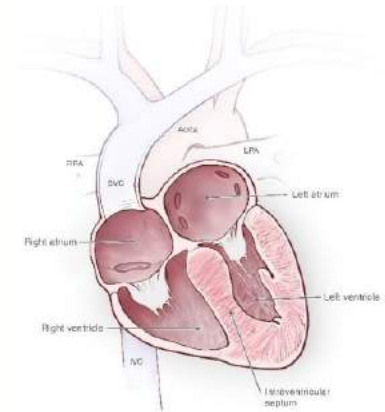
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OVERVIEW – AN UPDATE ON PEDIATRIC HCM

- Disease manifestation in children
- Risk stratification tools
- New guidelines and implications for exercise
- Treatment options



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HCM IN KIDS

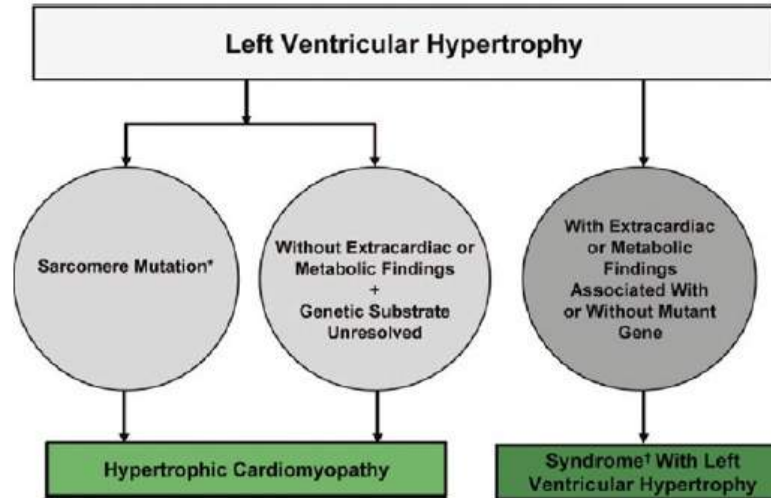
- Older classification schemes excluded genetic, metabolic or syndromic causes of LV hypertrophy in the definition of HCM

- Modern definition
nondilated &

- Hypertrophied,
least 15mm,
in children &

- Genetic test
helpful in bc

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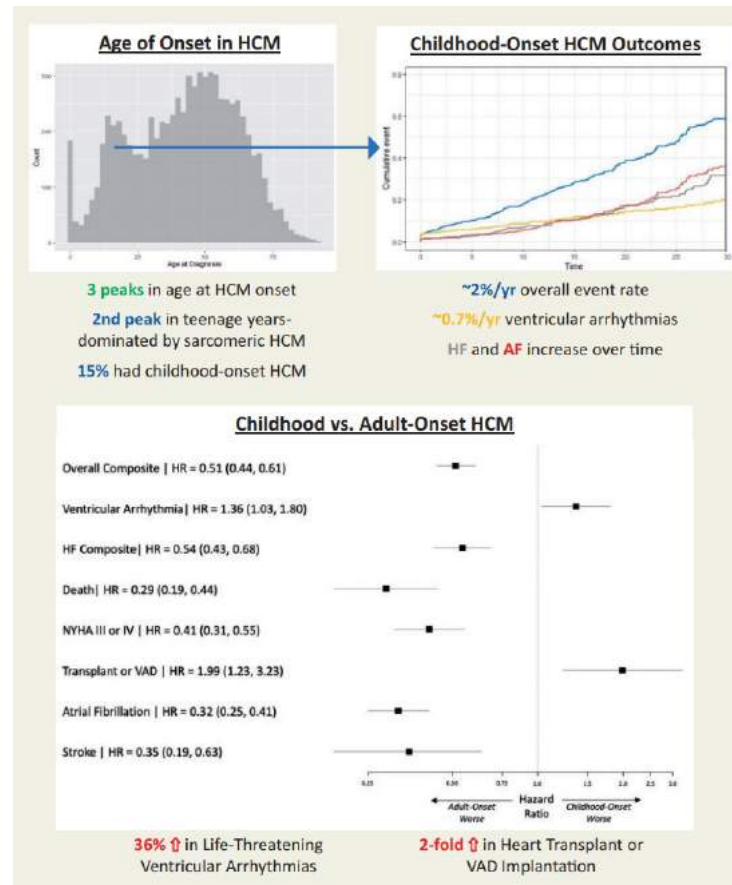
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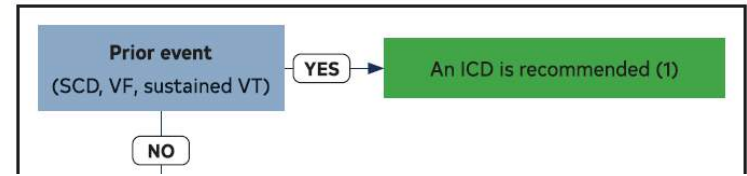
HOW DO CHILDREN EXPERIENCE HCM?

- Kids are most often diagnosed as infants (metabolic/syndromic causes) and adolescents (sarcomere gene mutation)
- Many are largely asymptomatic
- Compared with adult-onset HCM:
 - 36% higher life-threatening arrhythmia risk
 - 2-fold higher need for advanced heart failure therapies



MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

- Management of HCM symptoms is similar in the 2011 and 2020 AHA/ACC Guidelines
 - BB, CCB, disopyramide for obstructive symptoms
 - Septal myectomy for refractory symptoms
- ICD implantation criteria should be individualized in children
- Shared decision-making prominent in 2020 guidelines

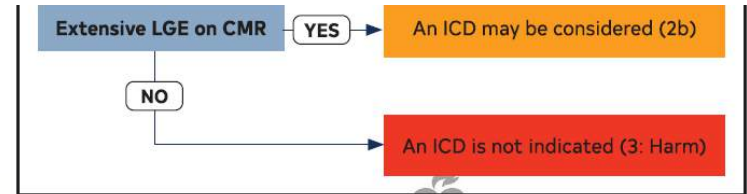


4. SHARED DECISION-MAKING

Recommendation for Shared Decision-Making

Referenced studies that support the recommendation are summarized in [Online Data Supplement 1](#).

| COR | LOE | Recommendation |
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| 1 | B-NR | 1. For patients with HCM or at risk for HCM, shared decision-making is recommended in developing a plan of care (including but not limited to decisions regarding genetic evaluation, activity, lifestyle, and therapy choices) that includes a full disclosure of the risks, benefits, and anticipated outcomes of all options, as well the opportunity for the patient to express their goals and concerns. ¹⁻⁶ |



PEDIATRIC RISK STRATIFICATION TOOLS

PRIMaCY Childhood HCM Sudden Cardiac Death Risk Prediction tool

- Age
- Height
- Weight
- Max IV septal thickness
- Max LV posterior wall thickness
- Left atrial diameter
- LV outflow tract gradient
- Non-sustained VT (prior 6 months)
- Unexplained syncope (prior 6 months)
- Genotype status



HCM Risk-Kids

- Age
- Gender
- Weight
- LV max wall thickness
- LV max wall thickness Z score
- Left atrial diameter
- Left atrial diameter Z score
- LV outflow tract gradient
- Non-sustained ventricular tachycardia
- Unexplained syncope

SHARED DECISION-MAKING

- More complicated in pediatrics as there are more stakeholders
- Generally involves more than one-time discussion
- Documentation important
- Precautions for those who proceed with sports participation:
 - Maintain hydration
 - AED present
 - Exercise with others present
 - Inform coaches, teammates, gym teachers of HCM diagnosis

TABLE 1 Steps in Shared Decision Making for Sports Participation in Athletes With HCM

| Steps of Shared Decision Making | Details |
|--|---|
| 1. Confirmation of Diagnosis | Often uses advanced imaging and genetic testing |
| 2. Individualized risk stratification and treatment plans | Testing: ECG, ambulatory monitoring, stress testing, echocardiography, CMR, family history, genetic testing. Treatment: role for pharmacotherapy, intervention, and risk stratification for SCD |
| 3. Patient and family education | Discuss potential risks/benefits, review relevant research studies, acknowledge uncertainty, provide your own expert opinion |
| 4. Assessment of the patient's preferences and values | Discuss the role that athletics plays in their lives and athletic aspirations; gauge their risk tolerance and comfort with uncertainty |
| 5. Synthesis of information and arrival at a shared decision | Review the treatment plan, summarize key points, discuss the balance of risks and benefits |
| 6. Stakeholder engagement | Engage third parties, including school athletic departments, coaches, and team physicians |
| 7. Longitudinal care and follow-up | Regular surveillance (at least yearly): monitoring for arrhythmia, stress testing, and imaging Reinforce precautions and best practices for athletes choosing to continue or returning to play and for recreational exercise |

CMR = cardiac magnetic resonance; ECG = electrocardiography; HCM = hypertrophic cardiomyopathy; SCD = sudden cardiac death.

EXERCISE

- The majority of adults with HCM do not meet minimum physical activity recommendations
- RESET-HCM showed us that moderate-intensity exercise can improve VO2Max in adult HCM
- Many barriers exist in improving physical activity in children with HCM

Sweeting et al, Open Heart 2016

Saberi et al, JAMA 2017

| | Comments from weekly phone check-ins | Completed 16-week program? | Adverse Events |
|-----------|--|----------------------------|--|
| Subject 1 | "I've always been self-motivated. Want to get more endurance." | Yes | Chest pain, musculoskeletal, not study-related |
| Subject 2 | Technical difficulties with MyHeart CHOP application; when fixed, still would not use app | Yes | None |
| Subject 3 | "Didn't have time to finish," did not utilize MyHeart CHOP app regularly, lost to follow up | No | None |
| Subject 4 | Initial exercise completed "because my mom is telling me to," difficulty with app, lost to follow up after viral illness | No | Pollen allergy, not study related |
| Subject 5 | "Motivated by mom," missed some sessions due to "busy with school and mom working," cracked FitBit screen | Yes | None |
| Subject 6 | Withdrew after 2 weeks because "she doesn't feel like she can keep up with such a plan that this program demands" | No | None |
| Subject 7 | "Motivated to lose weight" | Yes | None |
| Subject 8 | "Motivated by parents," had technical difficulties with MyHeart CHOP application | No | Chest pain, resting, not study-related |

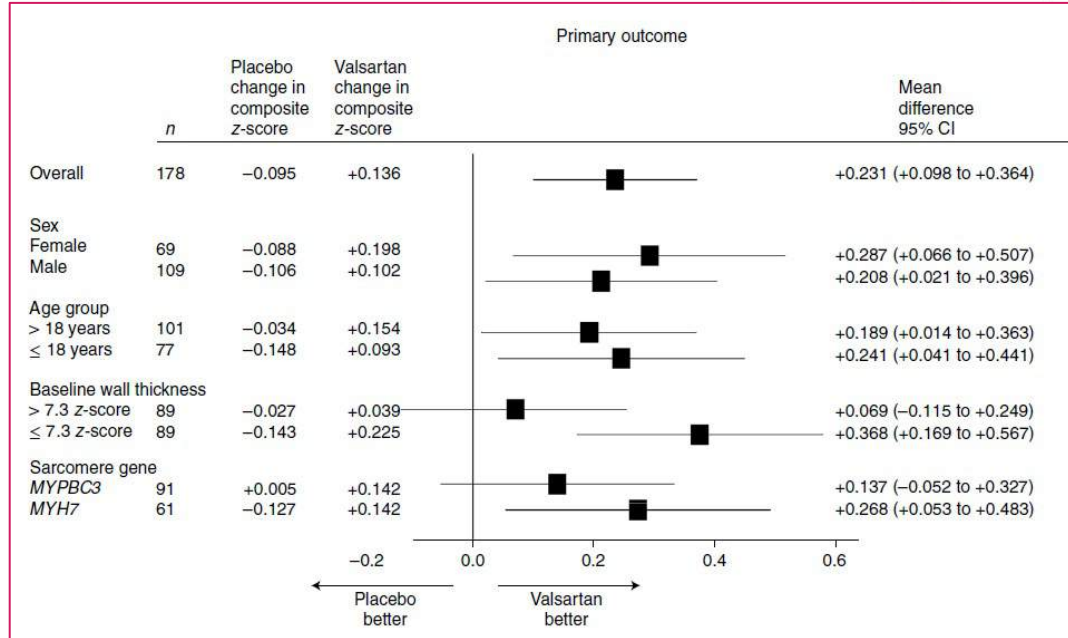
VANISH TRIAL

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ARTICLES

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-021-01505-4>

Check for updates



- Showed benefit of valsartan over placebo on composite primary endpoint in early HCM
- Subjects were all positive for pathogenic or likely pathogenic sarcomere gene mutation
- Age 8–45 years, LV wall thickness 12–25 mm (or z-score 3–18), NYHA Class I or II, LVOTO < 30mmHg, LVEF >55%, no ICD

TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR NOONAN-SPECTRUM HCM?

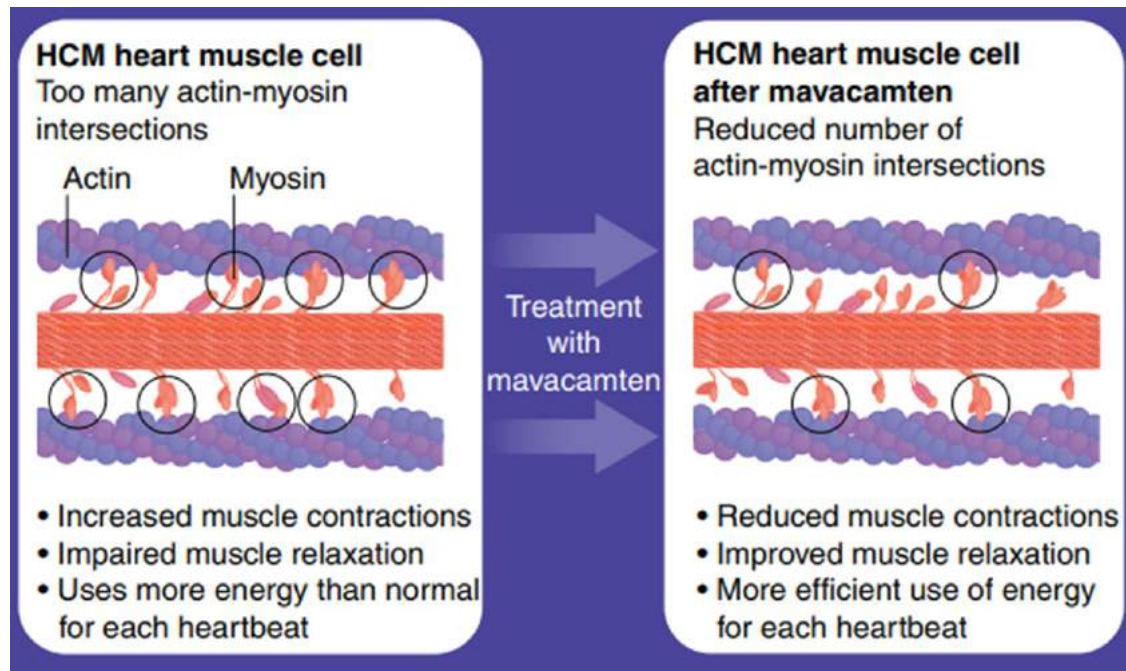
MEK-inhibitors

- Andelfinger et al 2019: 2 patients with gain-of-function RIT1 mutations successfully treated with trametinib
- Leegard et al 2022: RIT1 HCM patient successfully treated with trametinib

mTOR inhibitors

- Hahn et al 2015: NSML patient with loss-of-function PTPN11 mutation treated with everolimus, with subsequent improvement in HF but not hypertrophy

CARDIAC MYOSIN INHIBITORS



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Mavacamten

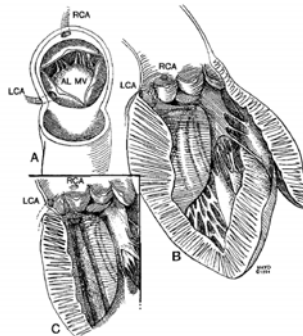
- EXPLORER-HCM trial for adults with symptomatic, obstructive HCM
 - FDA approval April 2022
 - REMS program for safety monitoring
- ODYSSEY-HCM trial for adults with symptomatic, nonobstructive HCM enrolling soon

Aficamten

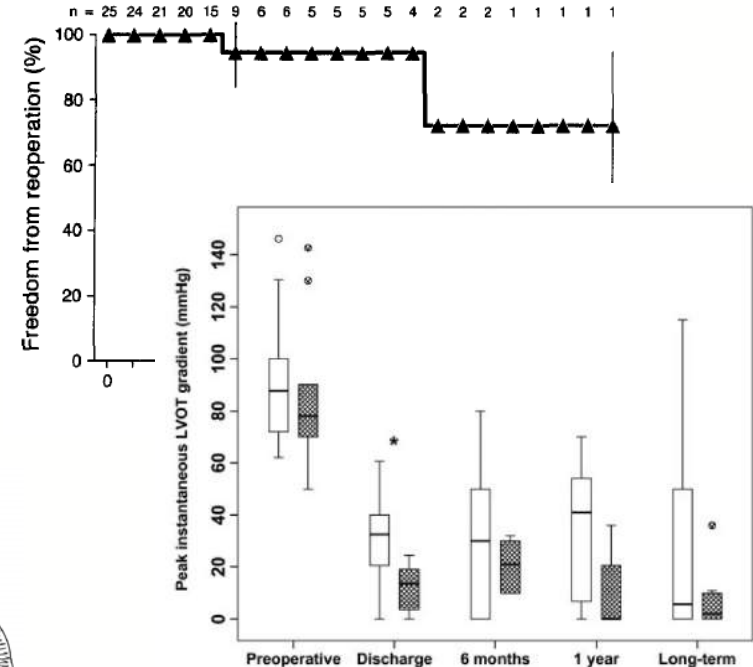
- SEQUOIA-HCM trial for adults with symptomatic obstructive HCM - enrolling now
- MAPLE-HCM trial - enrolling soon

SEPTAL REDUCTION THERAPY IN CHILDREN

- Alcohol septal ablation is not commonly performed at pediatric centers
- Septal myectomy, or even modified Konno, can be successfully performed for relief of outflow tract obstruction in children
- Younger patients have higher risk of recurrent obstruction

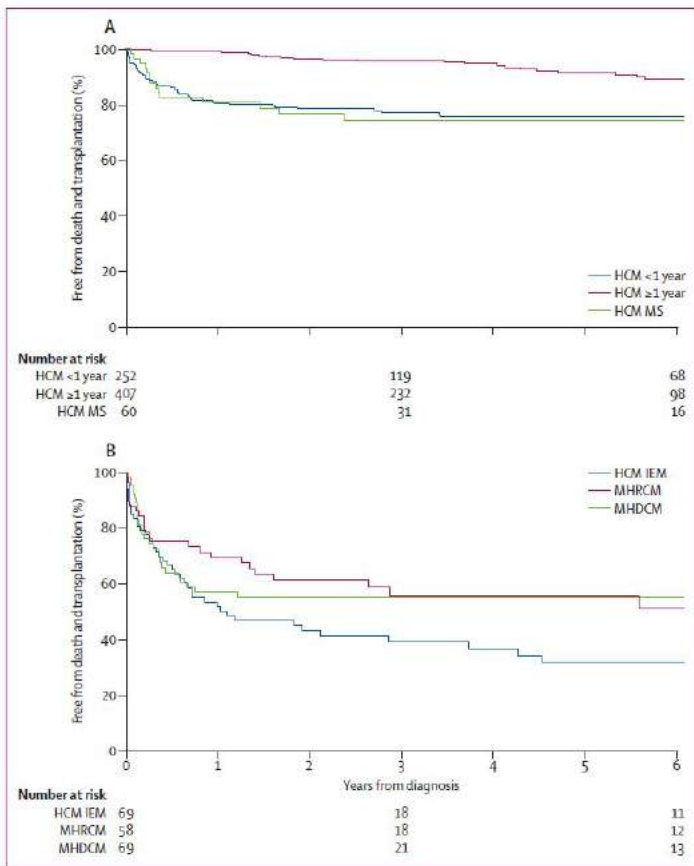


Schleihaupt et al, EJCTS 2018



Theodoro et al, JTCVS 1996

TRANSPLANT FOR PEDIATRIC HCM



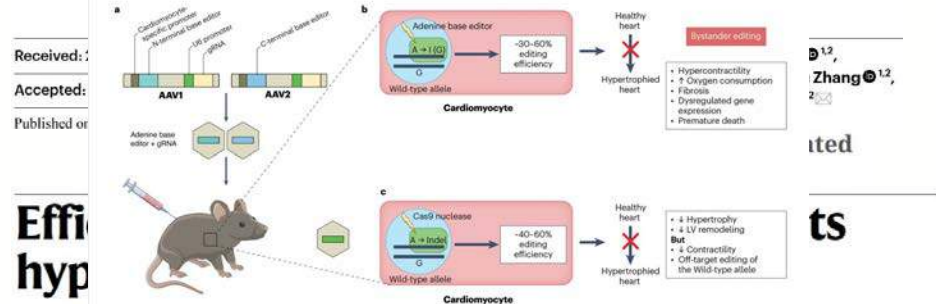
- Worst survival for pediatric HCM in those with:
 - Age < 1 year old
 - Malformation syndrome
 - Inborn error of metabolism
- VAD use is low in HCM
- Waitlist and post-transplant survival equivalent to DCM patients

Lipshultz et al, Lancet 2013
Amdani et al, ATS 2021

GENE THERAPY: AT THE HORIZON?

- Danon Disease: Phase 1 complete
- Friedreich Ataxia: Phase 1 underway
- MYBPC3: Phase 1 in next 1-2 years
- MHY7: Phase 1 in next 1-2 years

Base editing correction of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy in human cardiomyocytes and humanized mice



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SUMMARY

- HCM manifests in children in a variety of ways
- Consider a shared decision-making approach rather than universal activity restriction with respect to exercise
- New treatment options are on the horizon
- Genetic testing may have practical implications with respect to risk stratification and treatment options

