

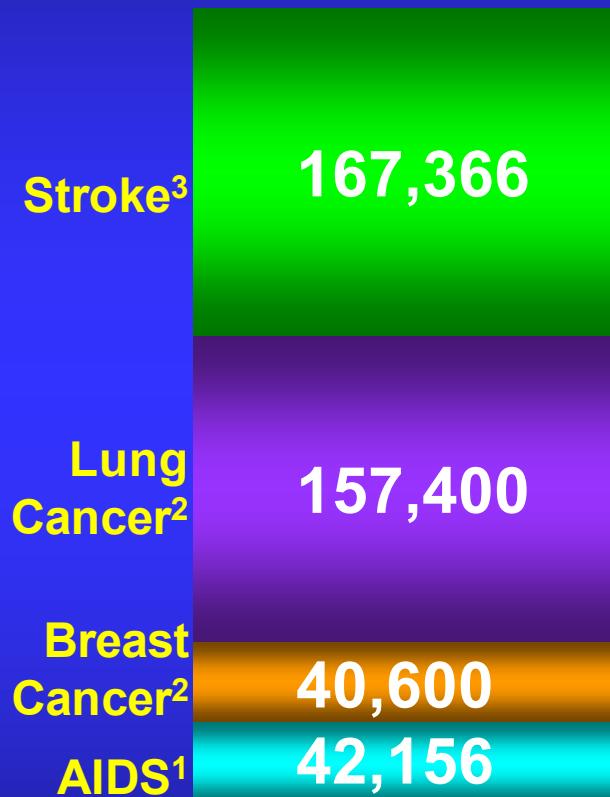
# Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator (ICD)

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# Magnitude of SCA in the US



SCA claims  
more lives  
each year  
than these  
other  
diseases  
combined

450,000  
**SCA<sup>4</sup>**

The #1 Killer  
in the U.S.

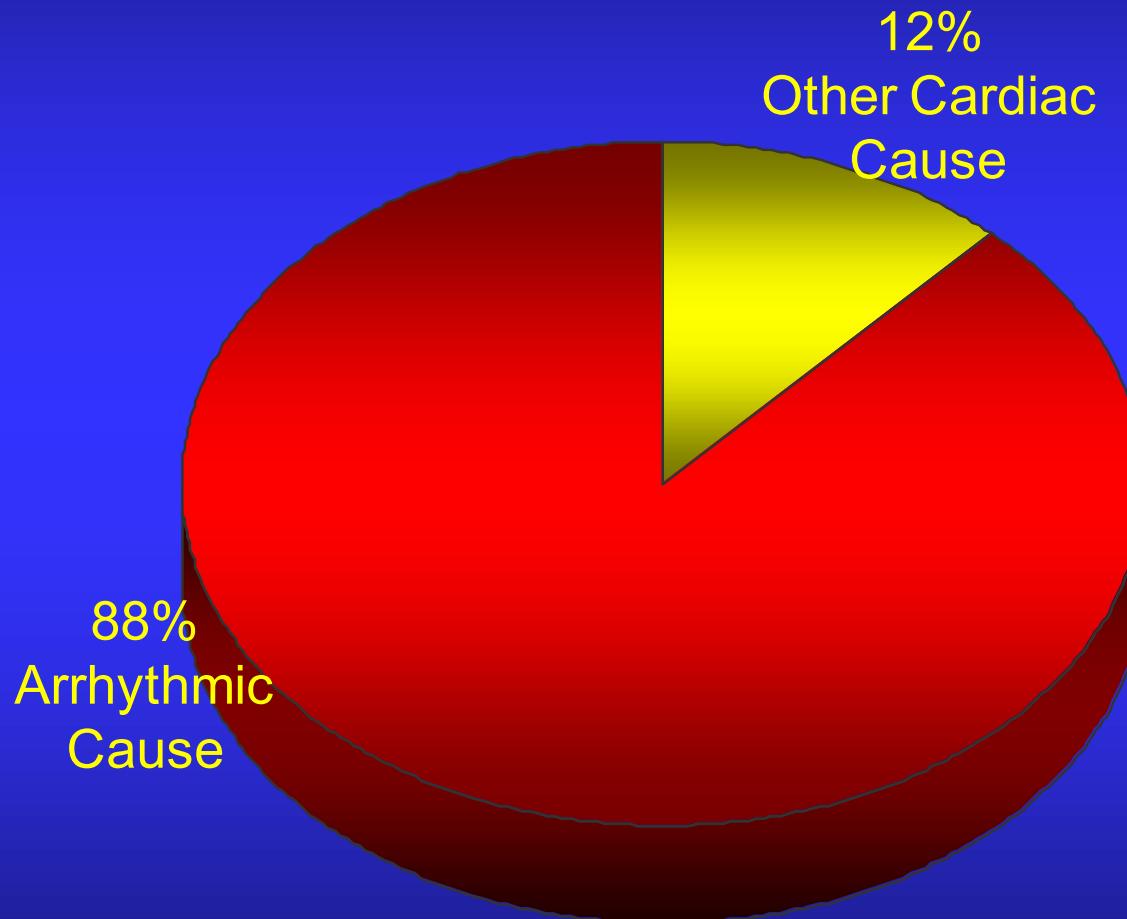
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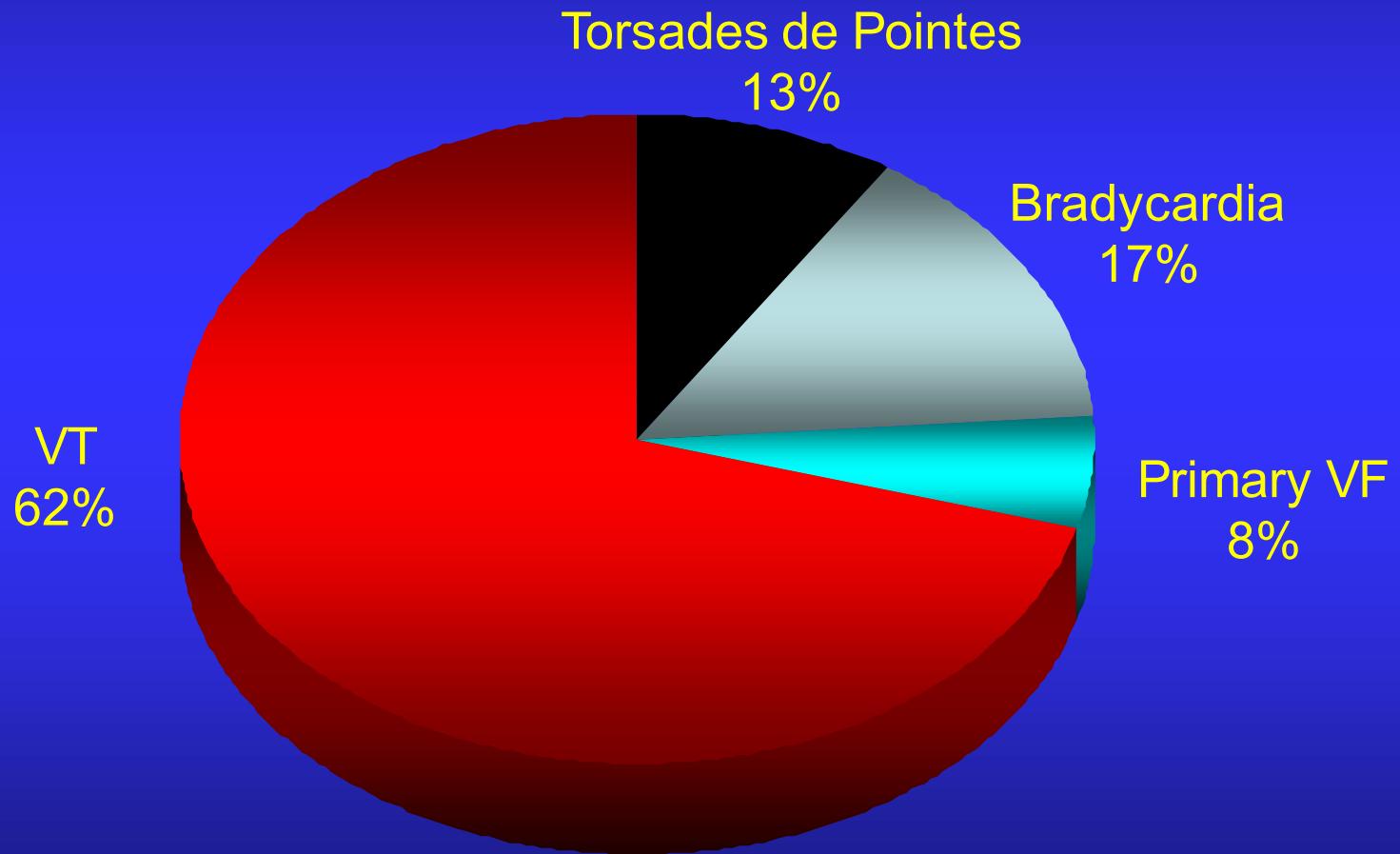
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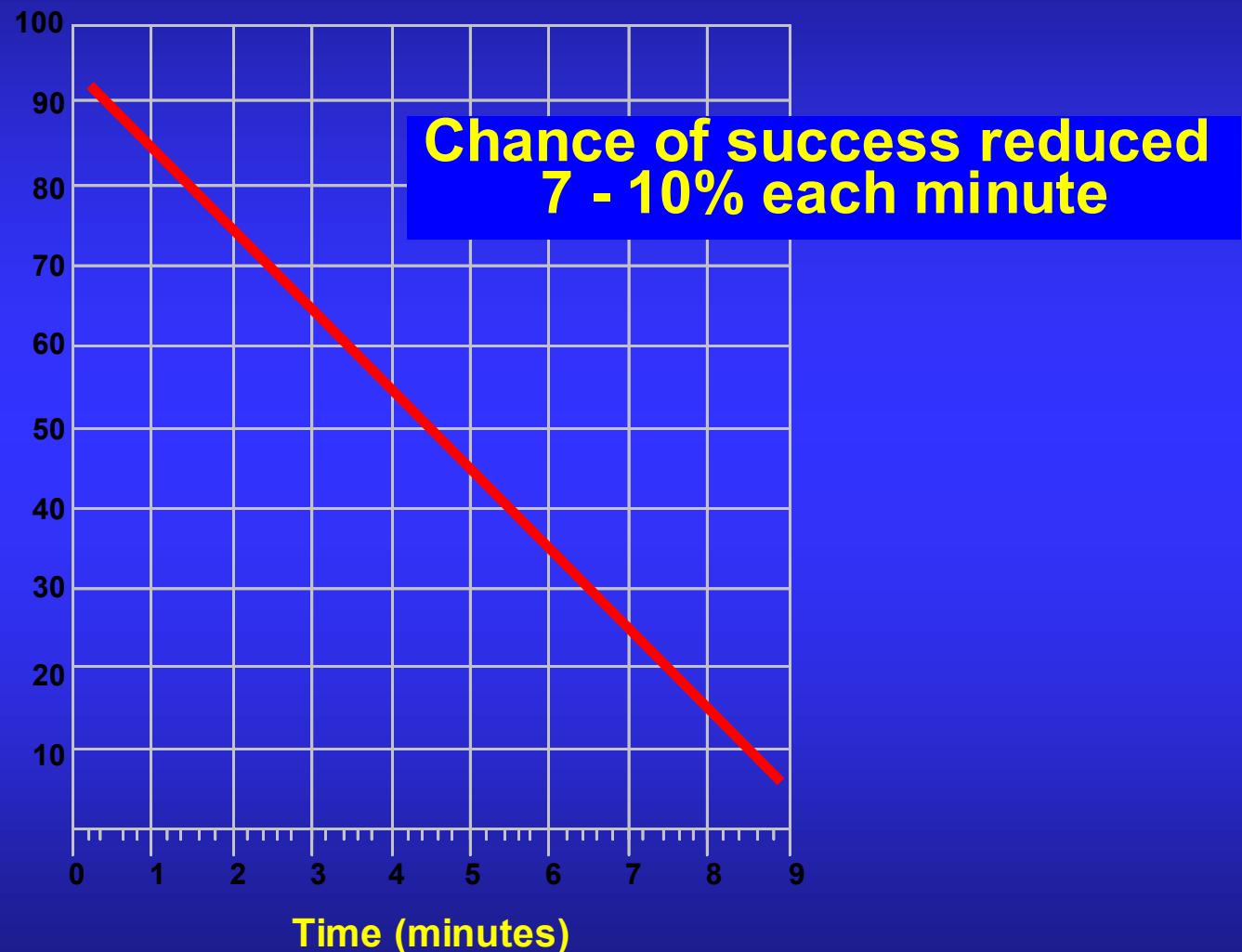
# Arrhythmic Cause of SCD



# Underlying Arrhythmias of Sudden Cardiac Arrest



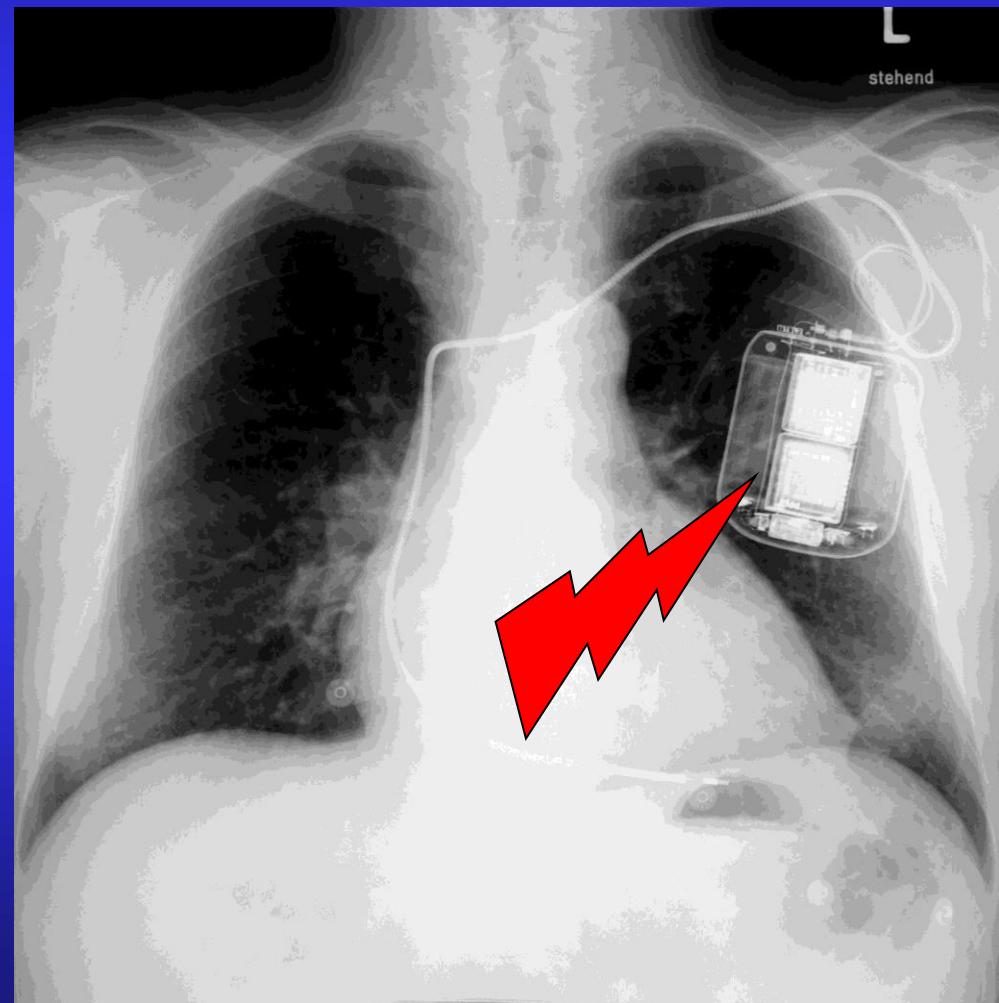
# SCA Resuscitation Success vs. Time\*



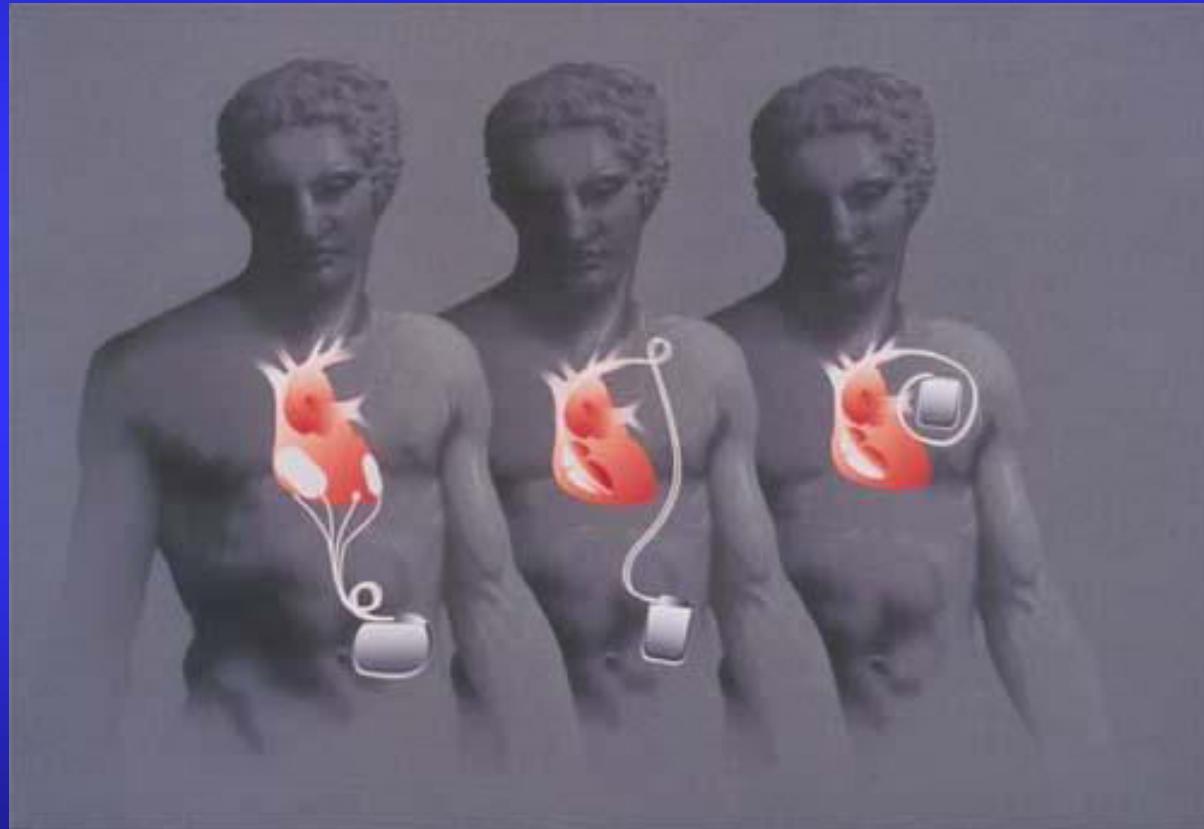
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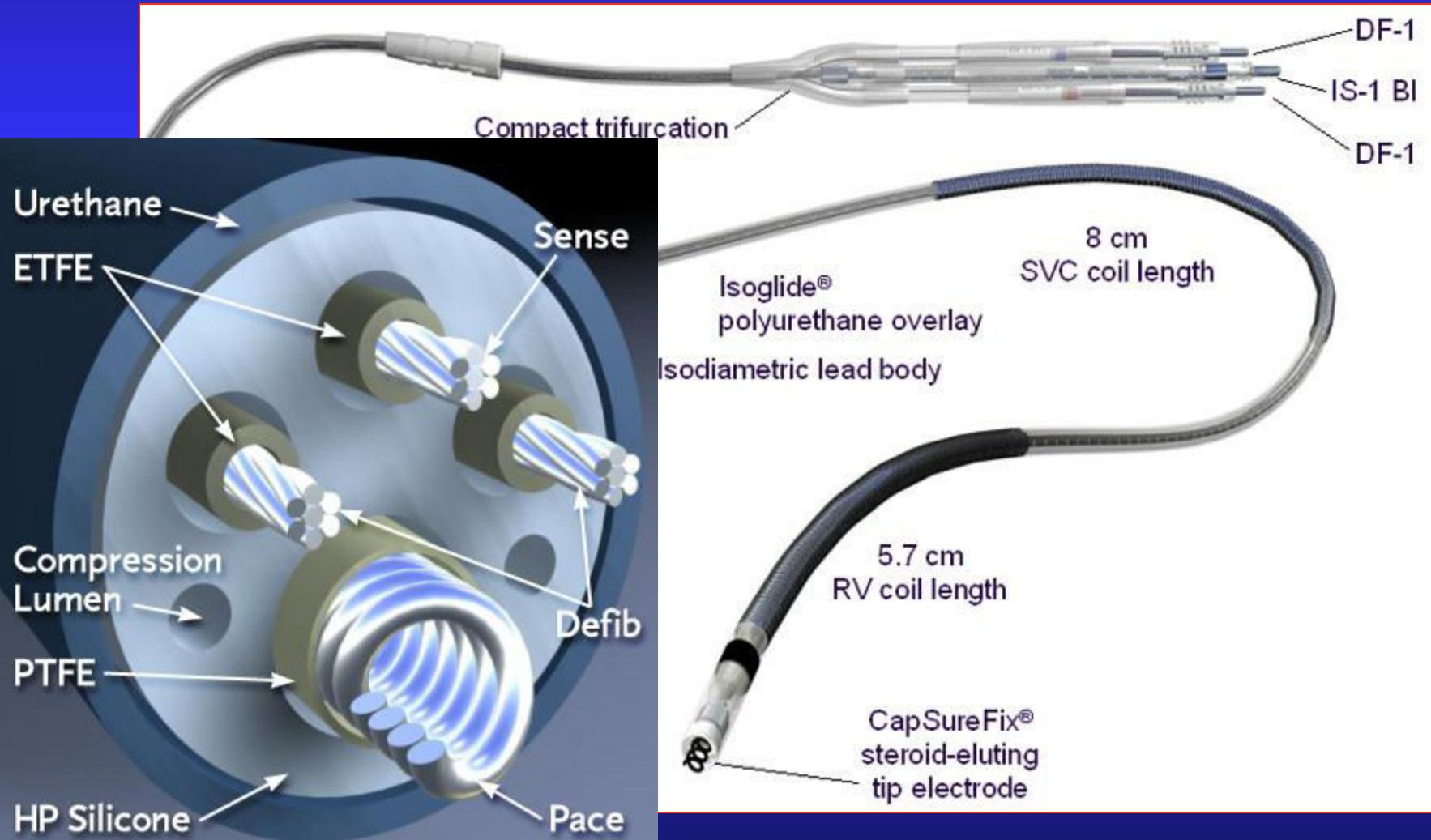
# ICD-implantation sites



# ICD-size



# ICD-leads



# Functions of an ICD

An ICD is a „pacemaker that shocks“ !

## 3 main features

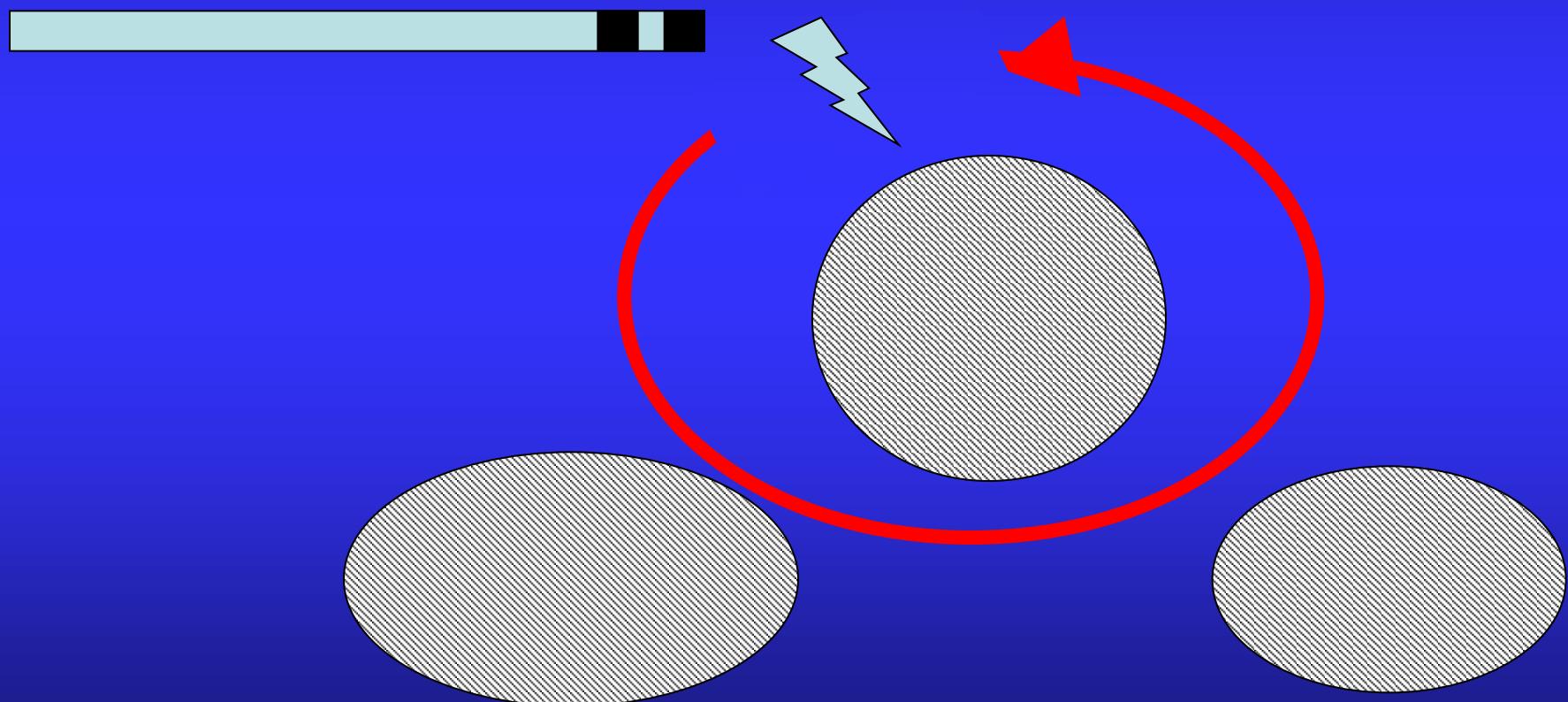
- 1.) State-of-the-art pacemaker (VVIR, DDDR)  
- > antibradycardia therapy
- 2.) Shock delivery Rx of ventricular fibrillation/tachycardia  
-> most effective treatment of sudden cardiac death !
- 3.) Antitachycardia pacing (ATP) for Rx of monomorphic VT  
-> „pain-free“ treatment !

# Antitachycardia Pacing (ATP)

„Pain-free“ therapy of monomorphic VT



# ATP – „Excitable Gap“



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# Groups at risk and incidence of SCD

Total population

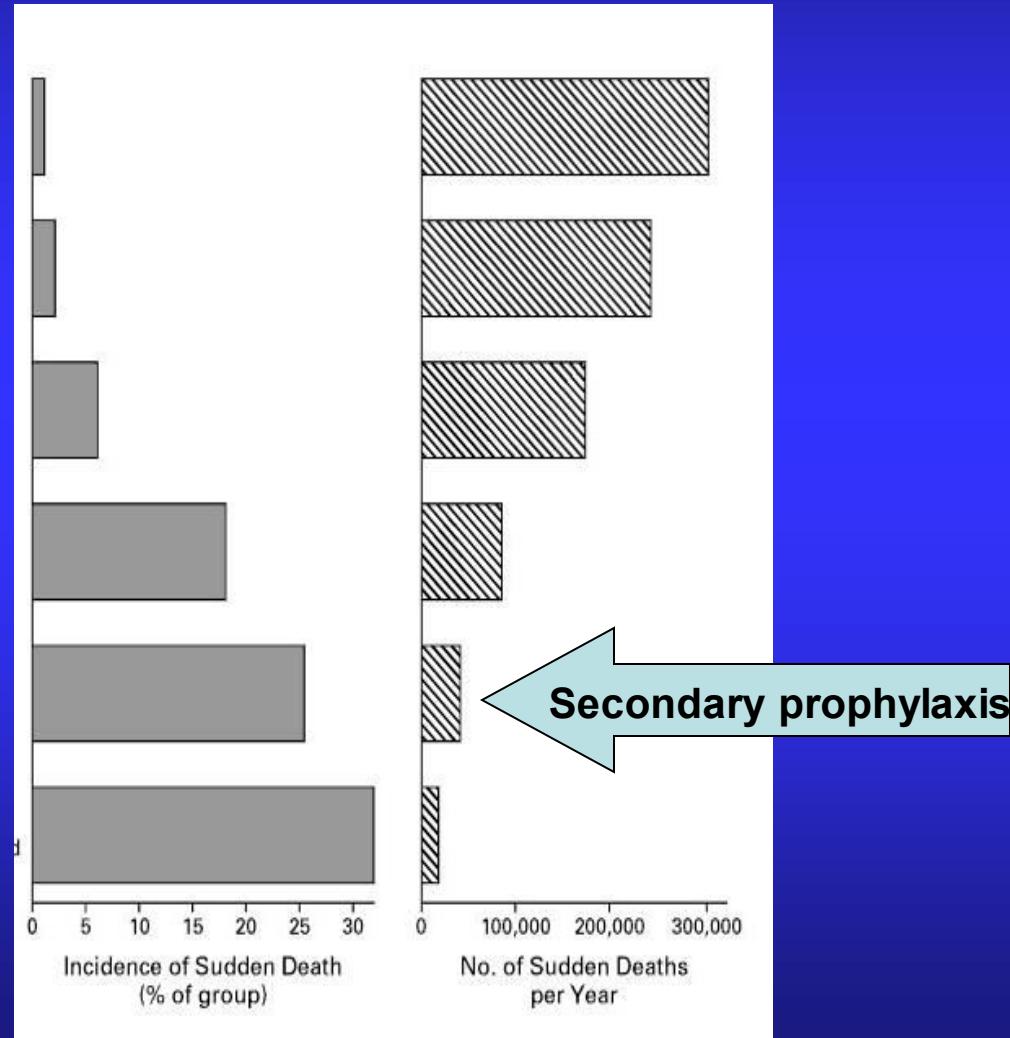
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Pts with survived SCD

Pts post-MI with high risk



## Secondary prophylaxis of SCD

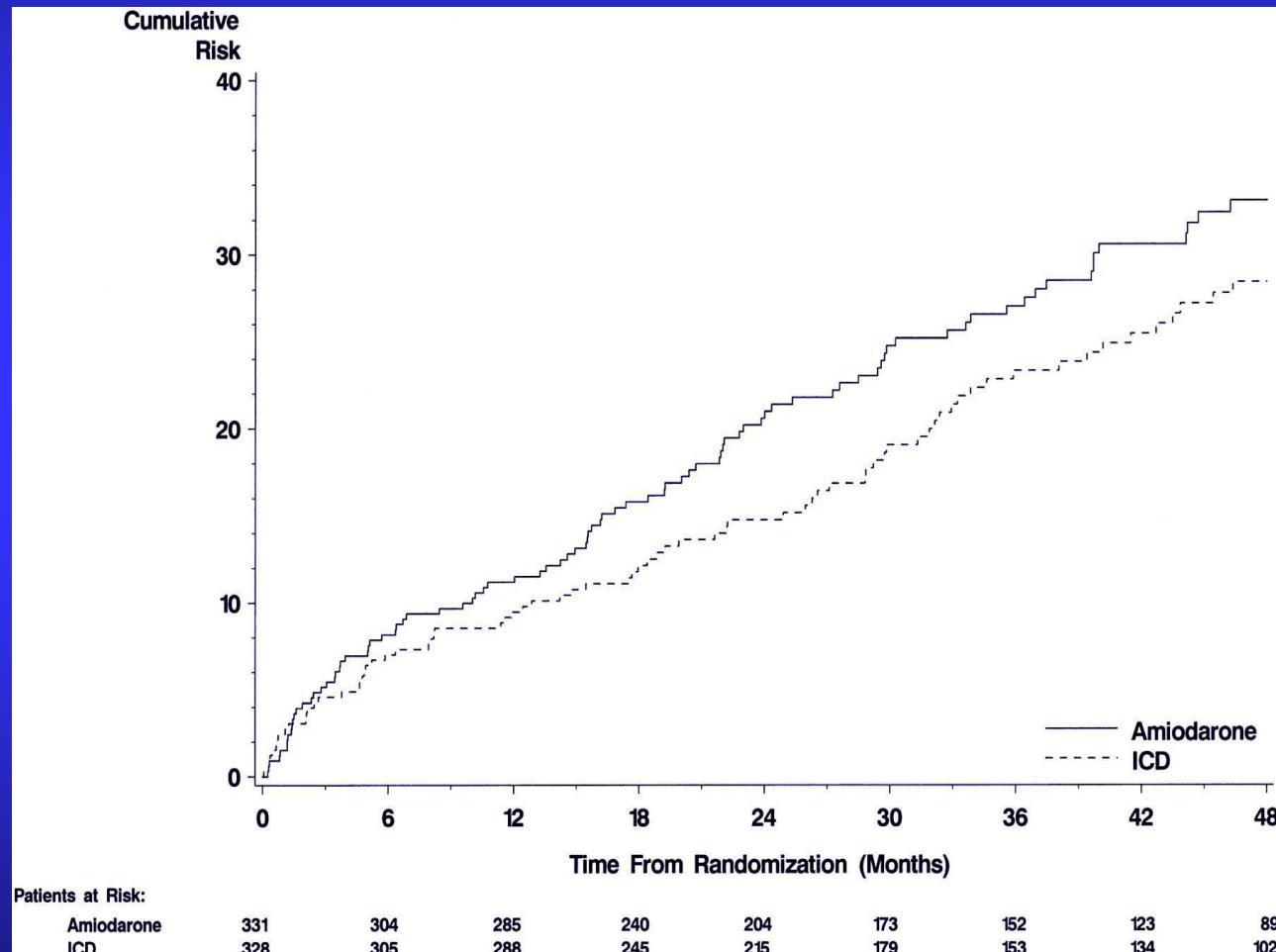
### Comparative studies of ICD vs. AA post-VT/VF

n	Indication	Follow-up (years)
AVID (NEJM 1997) 1016	VT/VF	1,5
CIDS (Circ 2000) 659	VT/VF/Syncope	3,0
CASH (Circ 2000) 288	VF/Rea	5,8

Connolly et al, Eur Heart J 2000

# Secondary prophylaxis of SCD

## Meta-Analysis of AVID, CIDS, CASH



## **Secondary prophylaxis of SCD**

### **Meta-Analysis of AVID, CIDS, CASH**

**Consistent results in all 3 primary prevention trials**

**Mortality reduction: 28% (12,3% -> 8,8%/yr)**

**Reduction of SCD: 50%**

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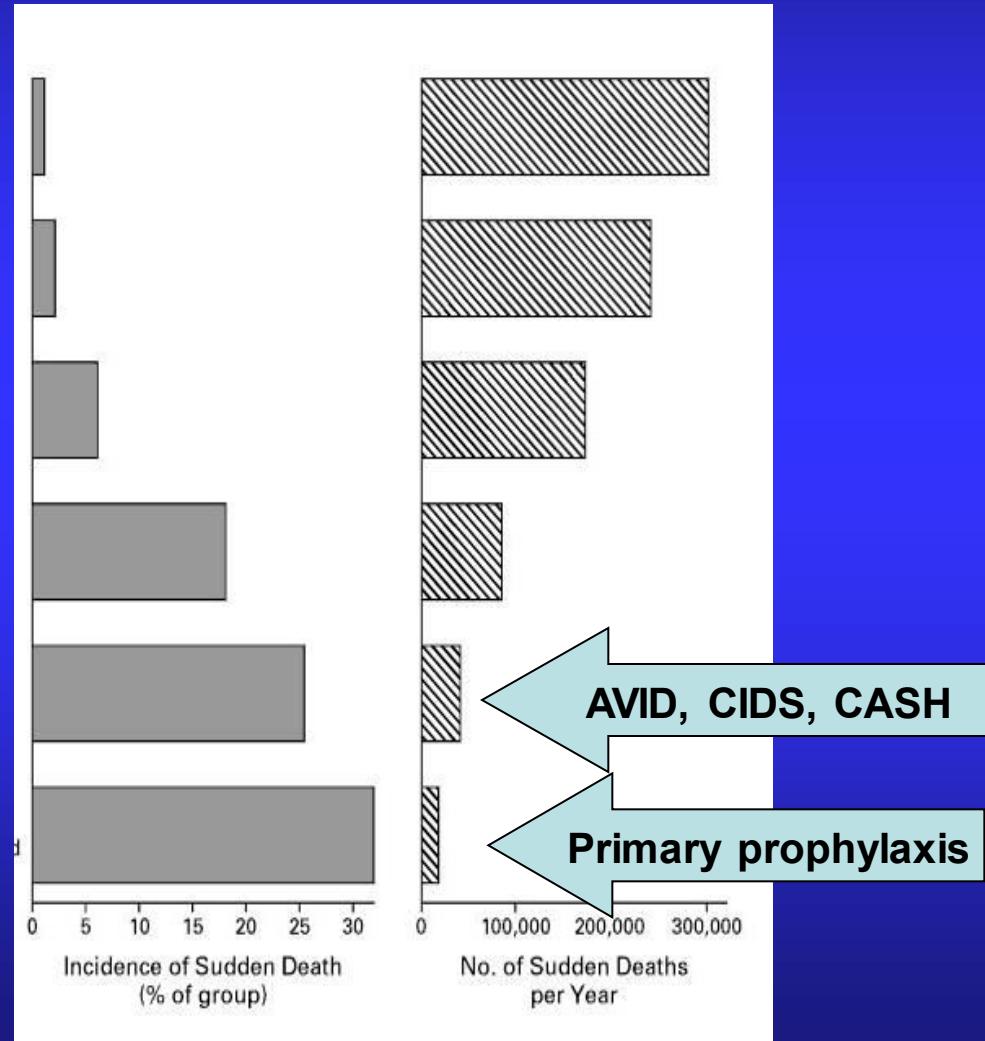
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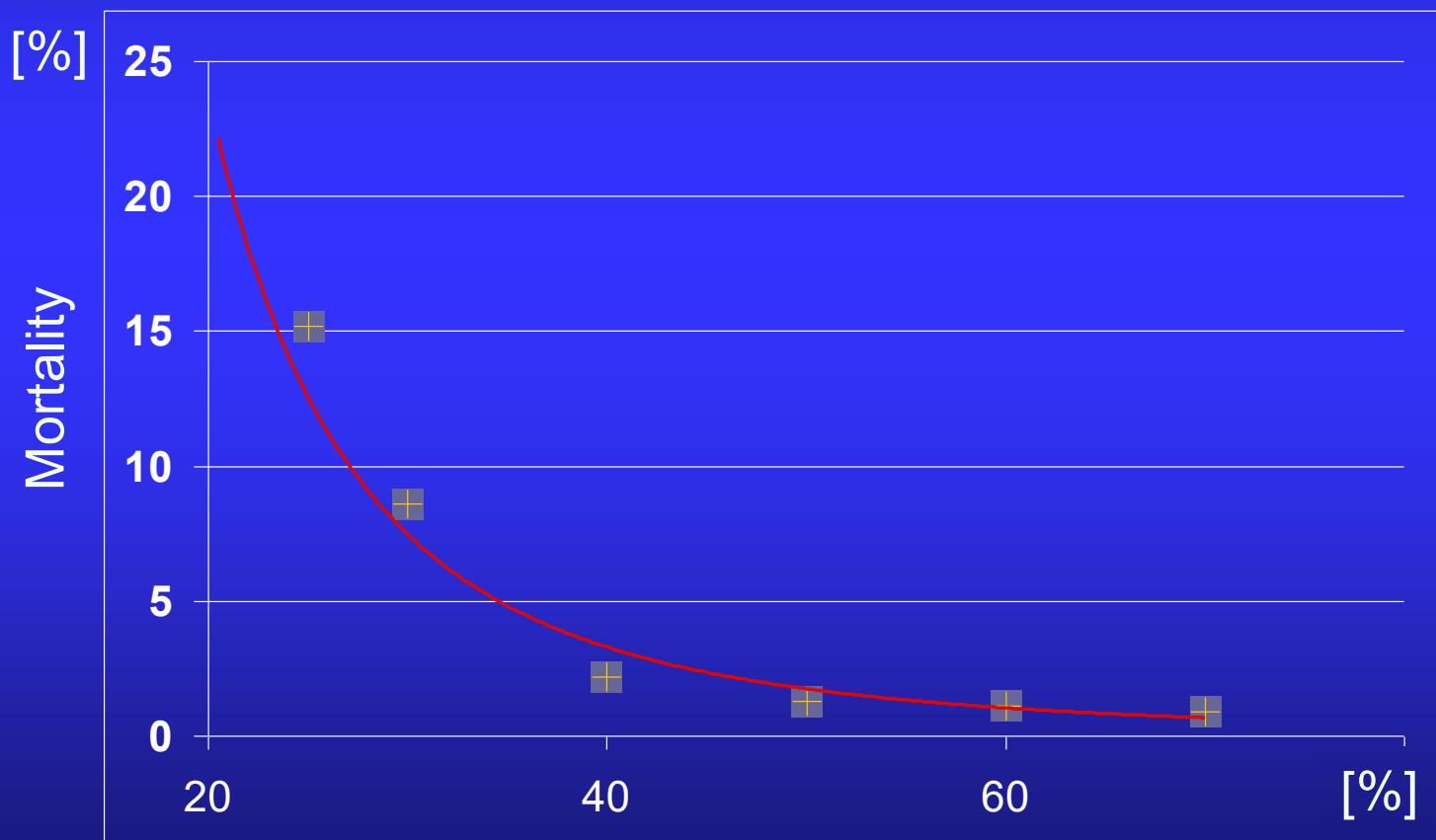
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# Primary prophylaxis of SCD - Post-MI risk stratification

## Left ventricular ejection fraction



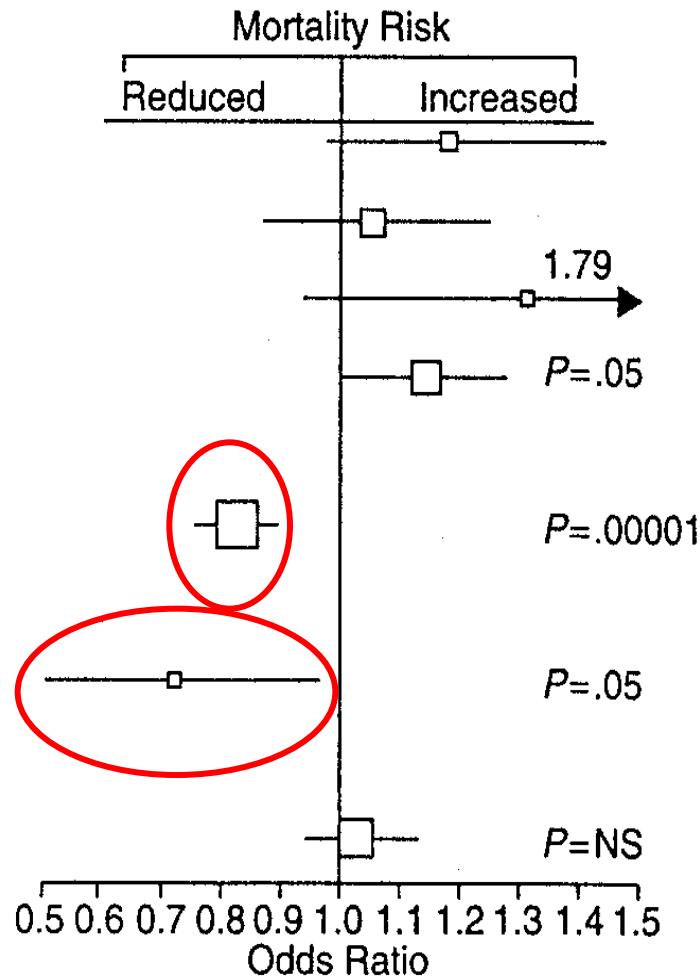
# Primary prophylaxis of SCD – Drug therapy

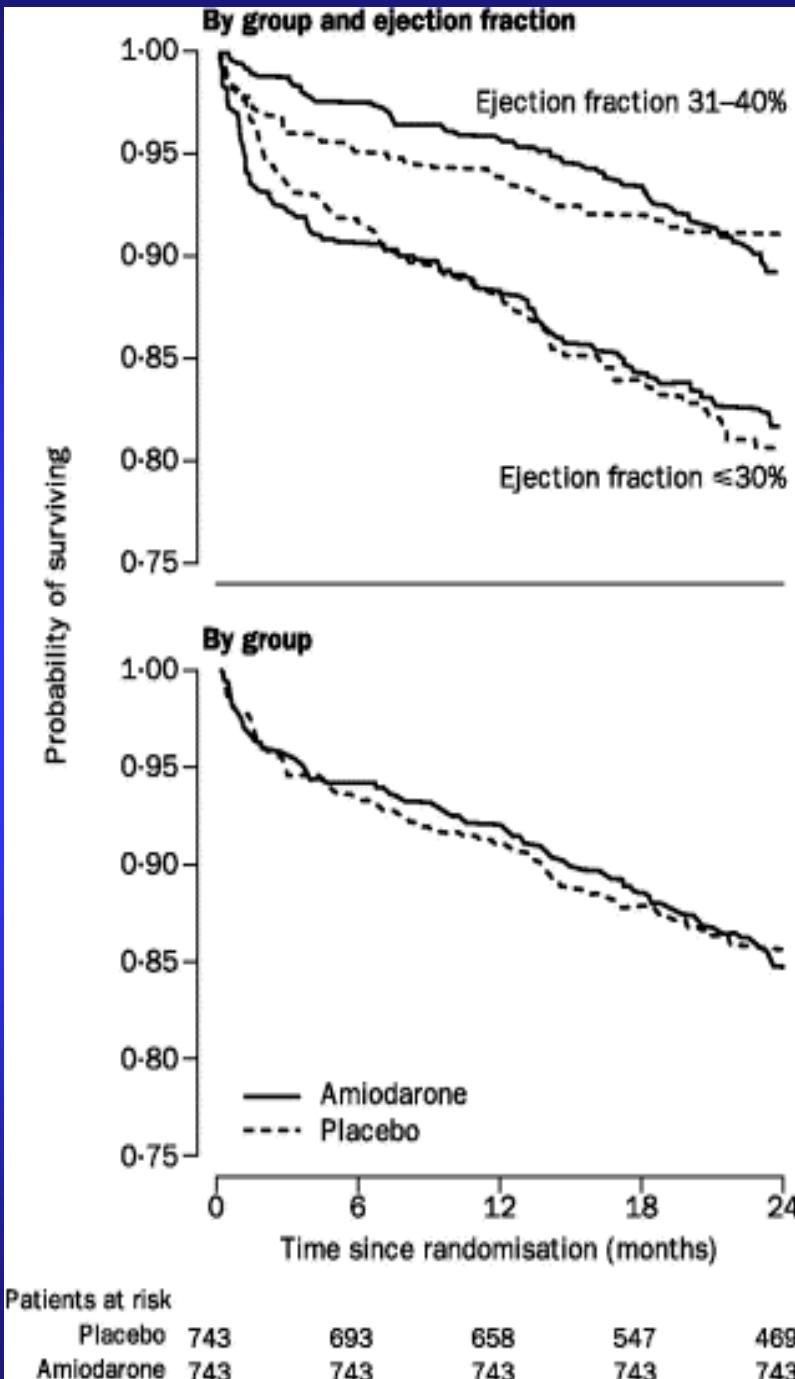
Class IA  
Act, 253/3292: Pla, 217/3290  
Class IB  
Act, 306/7068: Pla, 275/6945  
Class IC  
Act, 97/1303: Pla, 74/1235  
Total\*  
Act, 660/11 712: Pla, 571/11517

Class II  
 $\beta$ -Blockers  
Act, 1464/26 973: Pla, 1727/26 295

Class III  
Amiodarone  
Act, 77/778: Pla, 101/779

Class IV  
Calcium Blockers  
Act, 982/10 154: Pla, 949/10 188





# Amiodarone for primary prevention of SCD (EMIAT-trial)

1486 Post-MI pts., EF  $< 40\%$   
 ( 743 pts Amio/Plac each)  
 Total mortality  
 Median FU 21 months

# ICD Clinical Trials in Post-MI Patients

## MADIT

- Multicenter Automatic Defibrillator Implantation Trial

Moss AJ. *N Engl J Med* 1996;335:1933-40.

## MUSTT

- Multicenter Unsustained Tachycardia Trial

Buxton AE. *N Engl J Med*. 1999;341:1882-90.

## MADIT-II

- Multicenter Automatic Defibrillator Implantation Trial-II

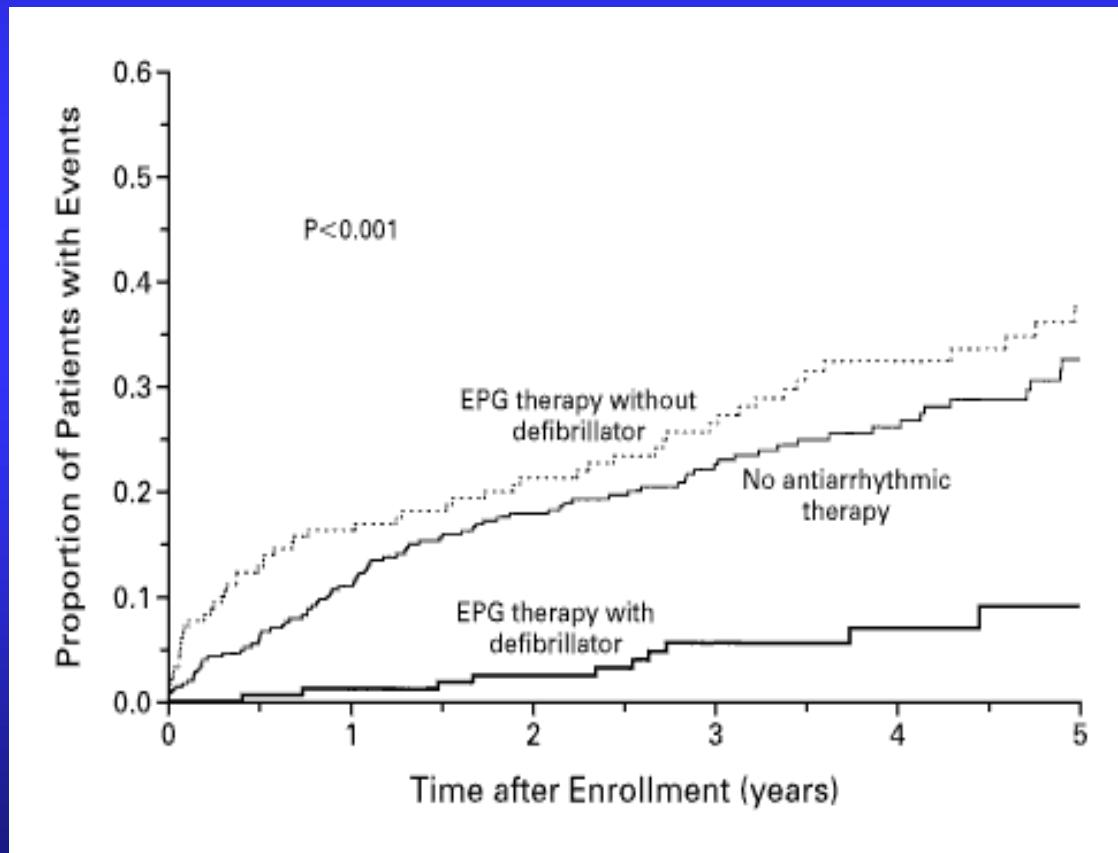
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# CAD-Primary Prevention: MUSST

## Multicenter Unsustained Tachycardia Trial (MUSTT)

- n = 704 pts, EF ≤ 40 %, ischemic CMP, ns-VT in Holter recordings
- EPS: inducible sustained VT
- Randomisation: EPS-guided antiarrhythmic Rx vs. ICD

# CAD-Primary Prevention: MUSST



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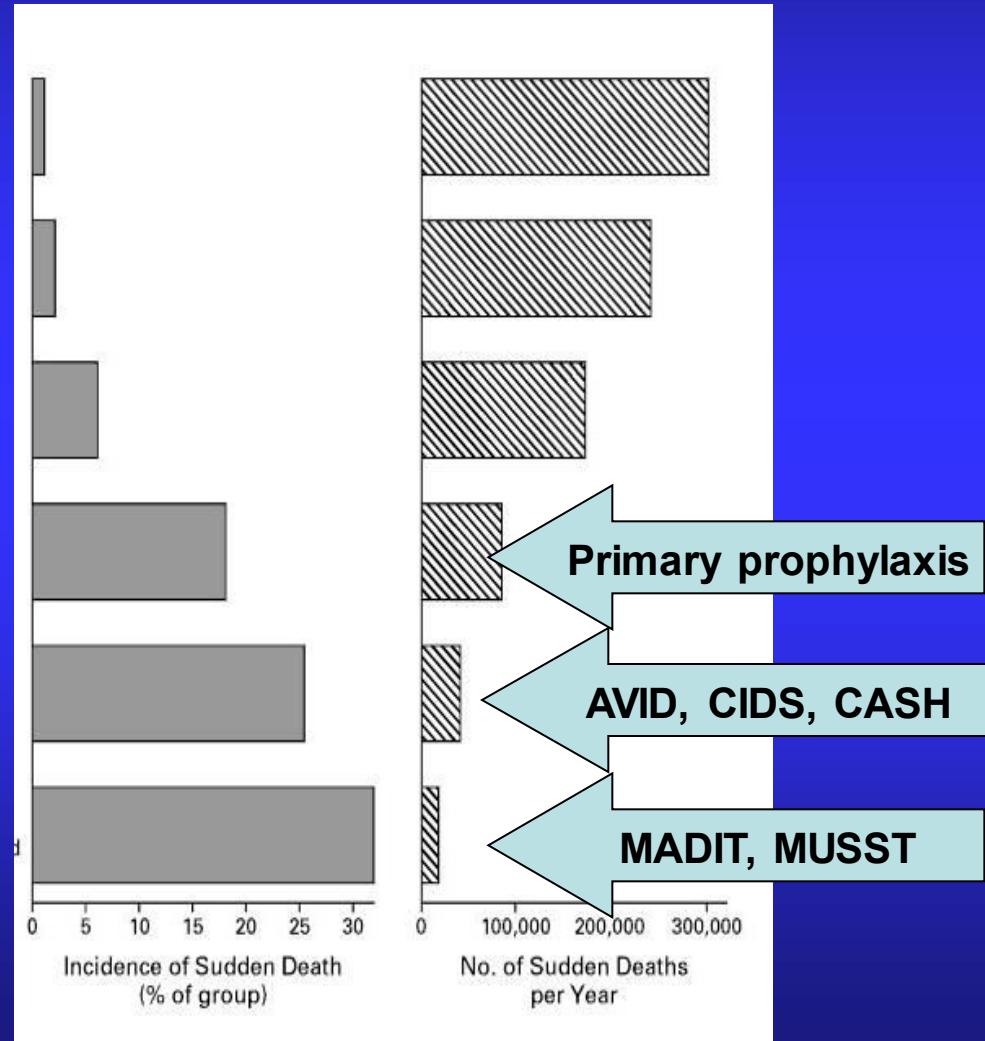
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# CAD-Primary Prevention: MADIT II

**MADIT II (Moss et al. NEJM 2002)**

**Inclusion:**

**4 weeks post-MI, EF  $\leq 30\%$**

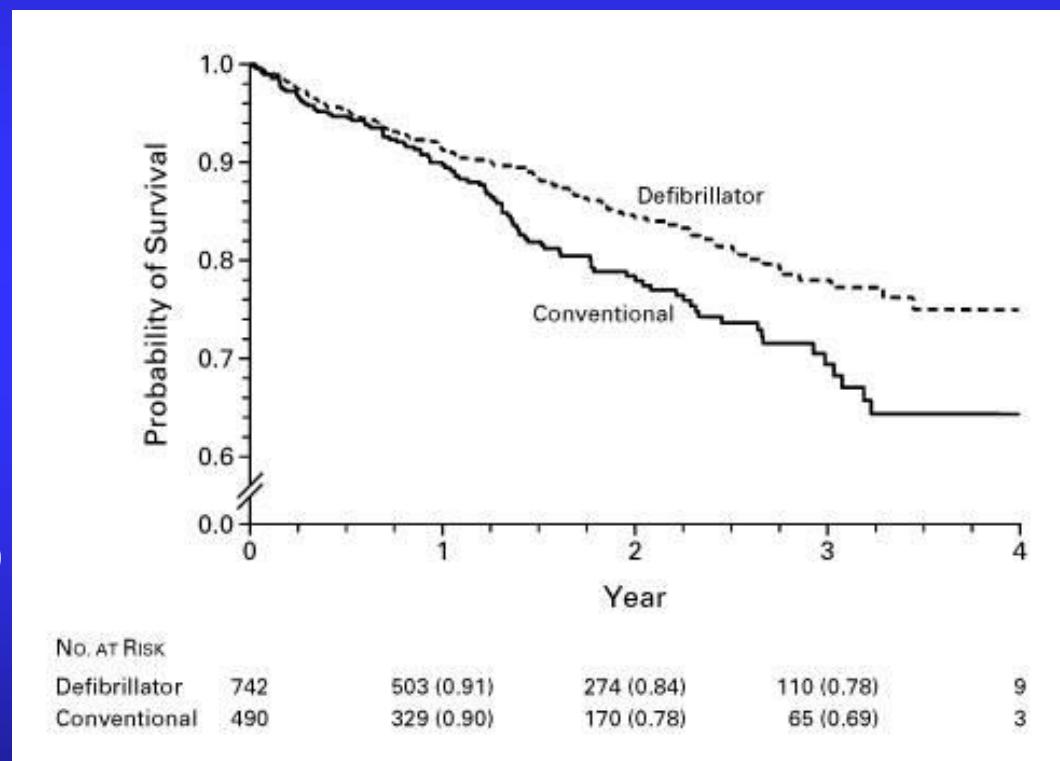
**FU: 20 months, EF  $0.23 \pm 0.05$**

**Mortality:**

**Conventional: 19.8%**

**ICD: 14.2% (Hazard Ratio 0.69)**

**RR: 31 %, NNT 17**



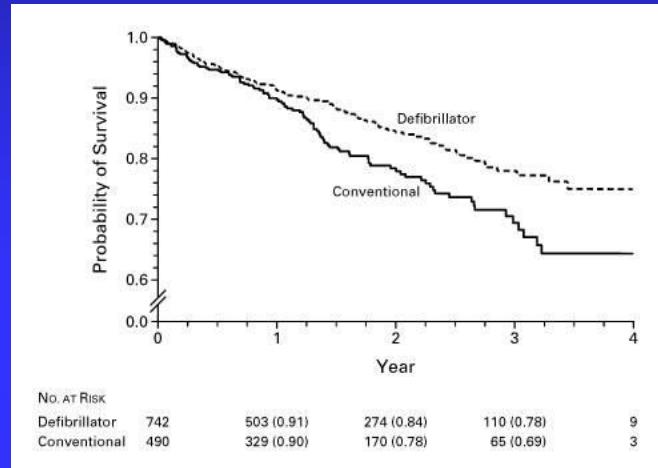
# Mortality Differences – ischemic and non-ischemic

## Mortality MADIT II

(FU: 20 months, EF 0.23+0.05)

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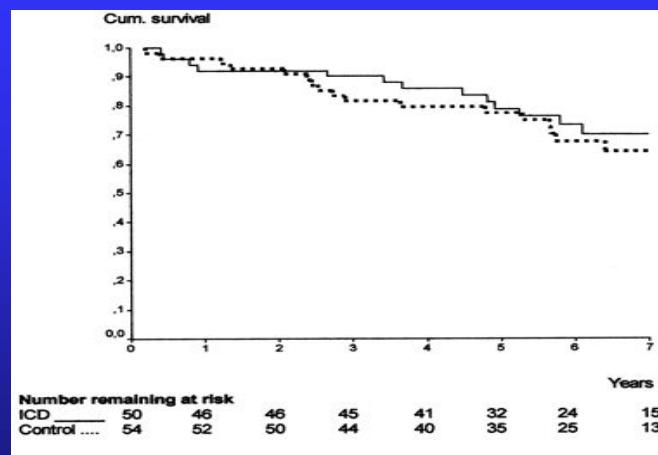


## Mortality CAT

(FU: 24 months, EF 0.24+0.07)

Conventional: 7%

ICD: 8%



# Non-ischemic CMP: Primary Prevention

DEFINITE

n=458

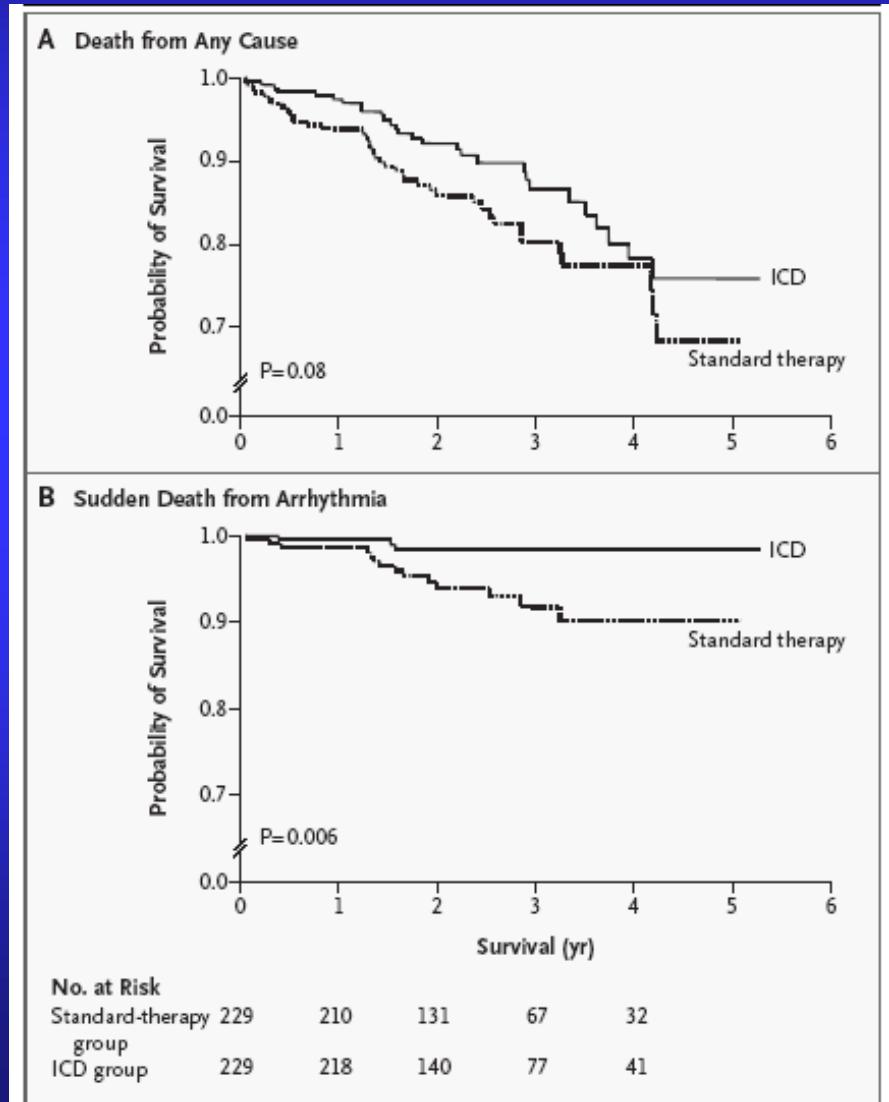
EF  $\leq$  35%, NSVT or > 10 VES/h

FU: 24 months

Mortality:

Conventional: 14.1 %

ICD: 7.9 % (P=0.08)



# SCD-HeFT – Hypothesis and primary endpoint

- Intention-to-treat analysis:  
Do **Amiodaron** or a „shock-only“ **ICD** reduce  
the **all-cause mortality** compared to placebo\*  
in patients with  
**ischemic** or **non-ischemic NYHA II or III CHF**  
and **EF < 35%** ?

\* Drugs double-blind

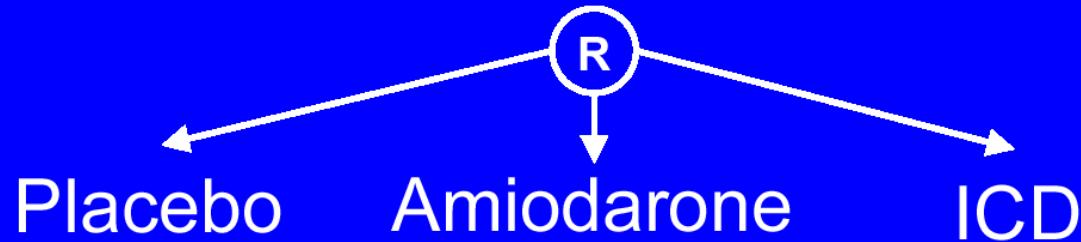
# SCD-HeFT – Inclusion criteria

DCM  $\pm$  CAD and CHF

↓  
EF  $\leq$  35%

↓  
NYHA Class II or III

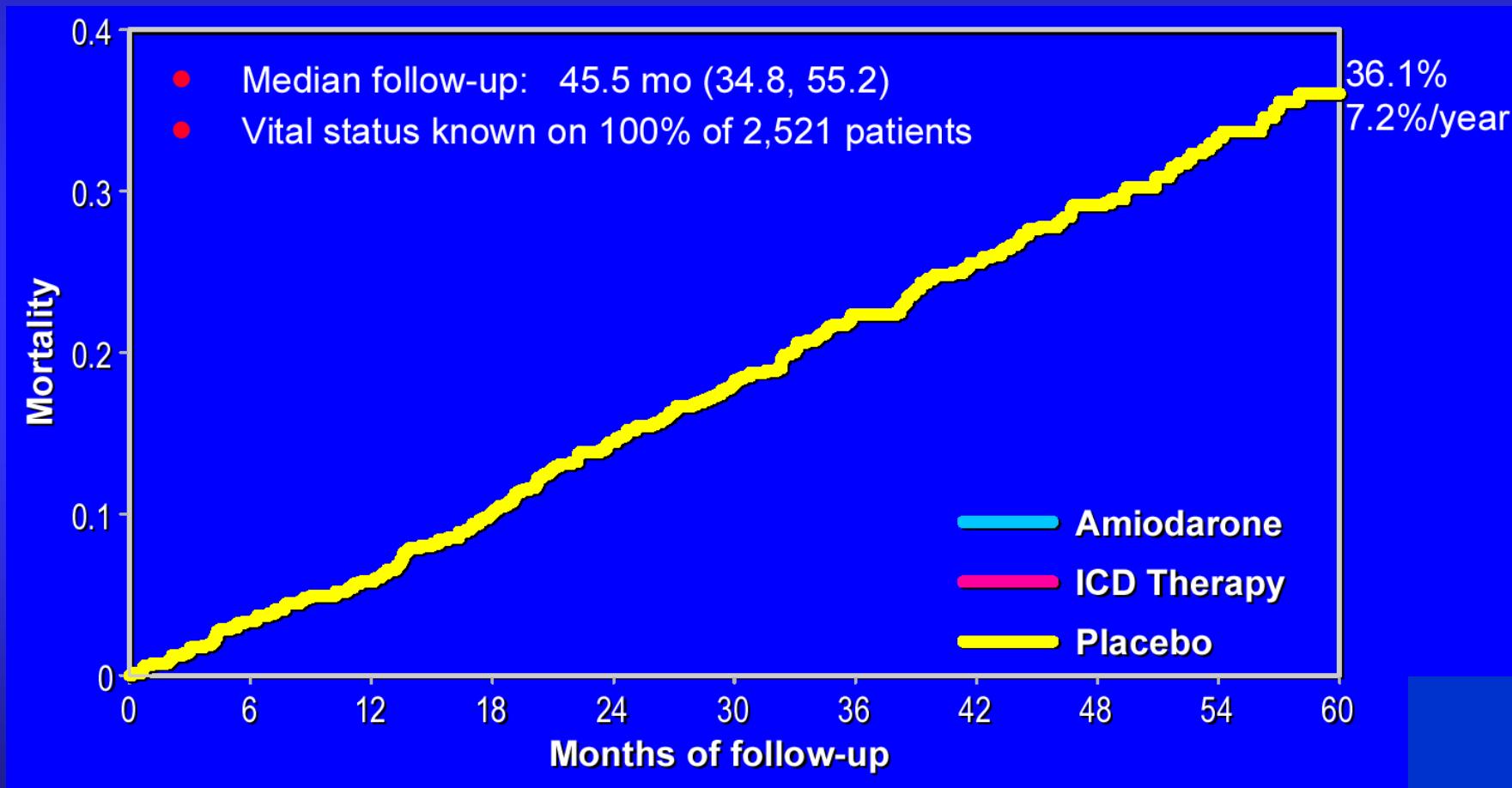
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6 minute walk, Holter



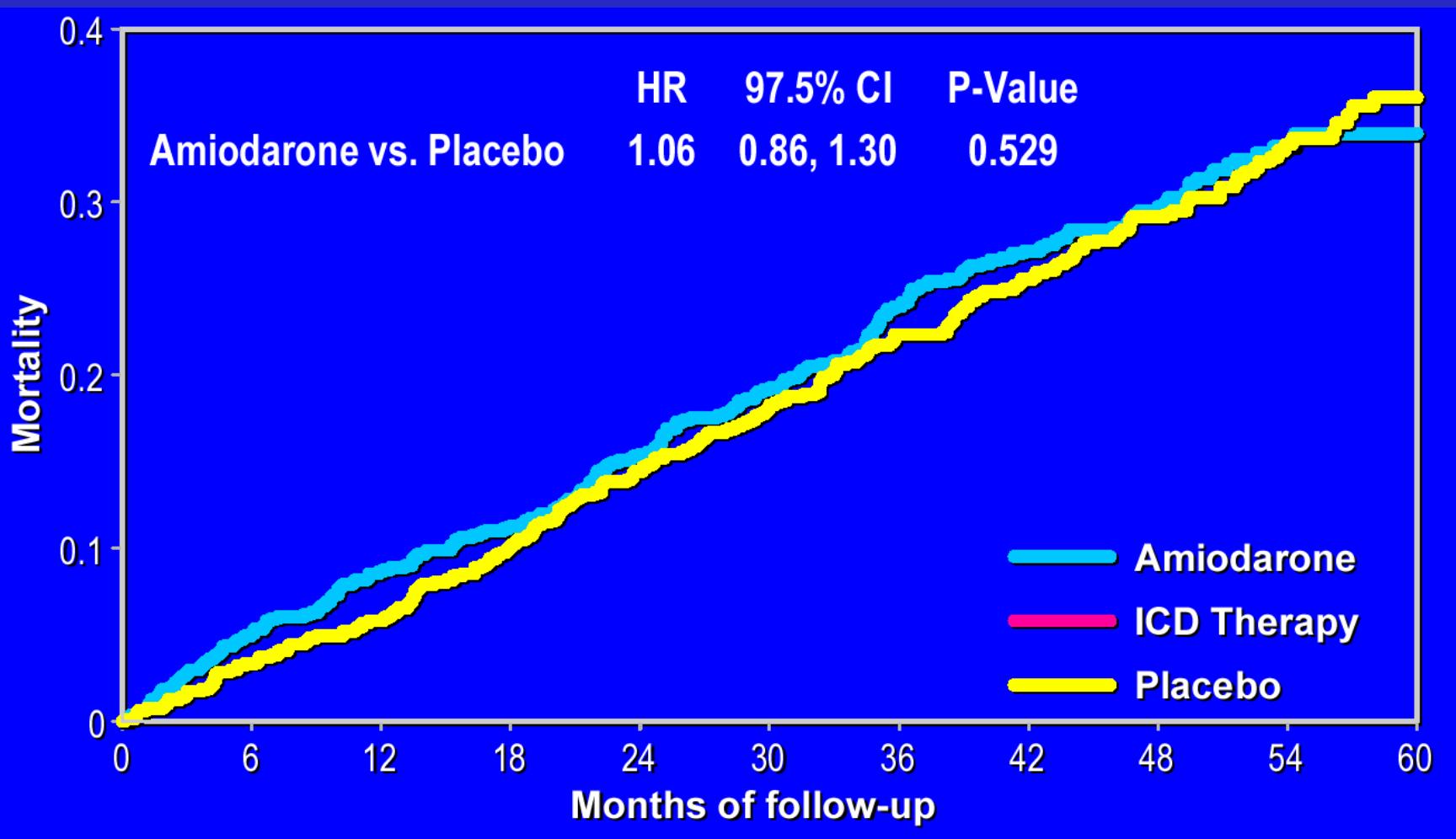
# SCD-HeFT – patient characteristics

• CHF duration	24.5 mo (8.1, 59.4)
• LV EF	25.0 (20.0, 30.0)
• NYHA II, III	70%, 30%
• Ischemic, non-ischemic	52%, 48%
• 6 minute walk	1130 ft (840, 1360)
• Diabetes	30%
• CABG and/or Perc. Revasc.	37%
• H/O Hypertension	56%
• H/O Hyperlipidemia	53%
• H/O AF	15%
• H/O NSVT	23%
• ECG QRS duration	112 ms (96, 140) 41% ≥ 120 ms

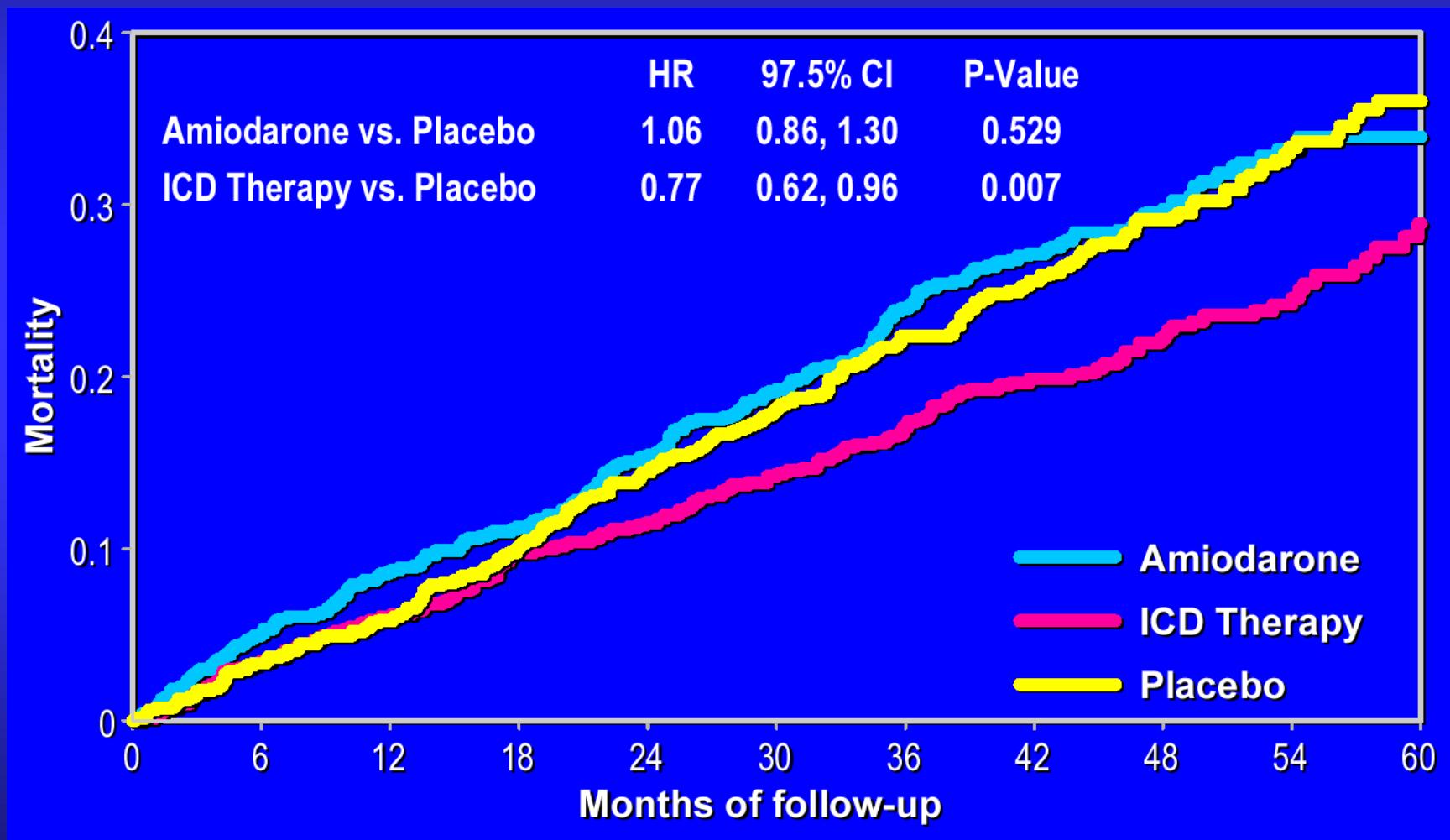
# SCD-HeFT – Mortality (Intention-to-treat)



# SCD-HeFT – Amiodarone vs. Placebo



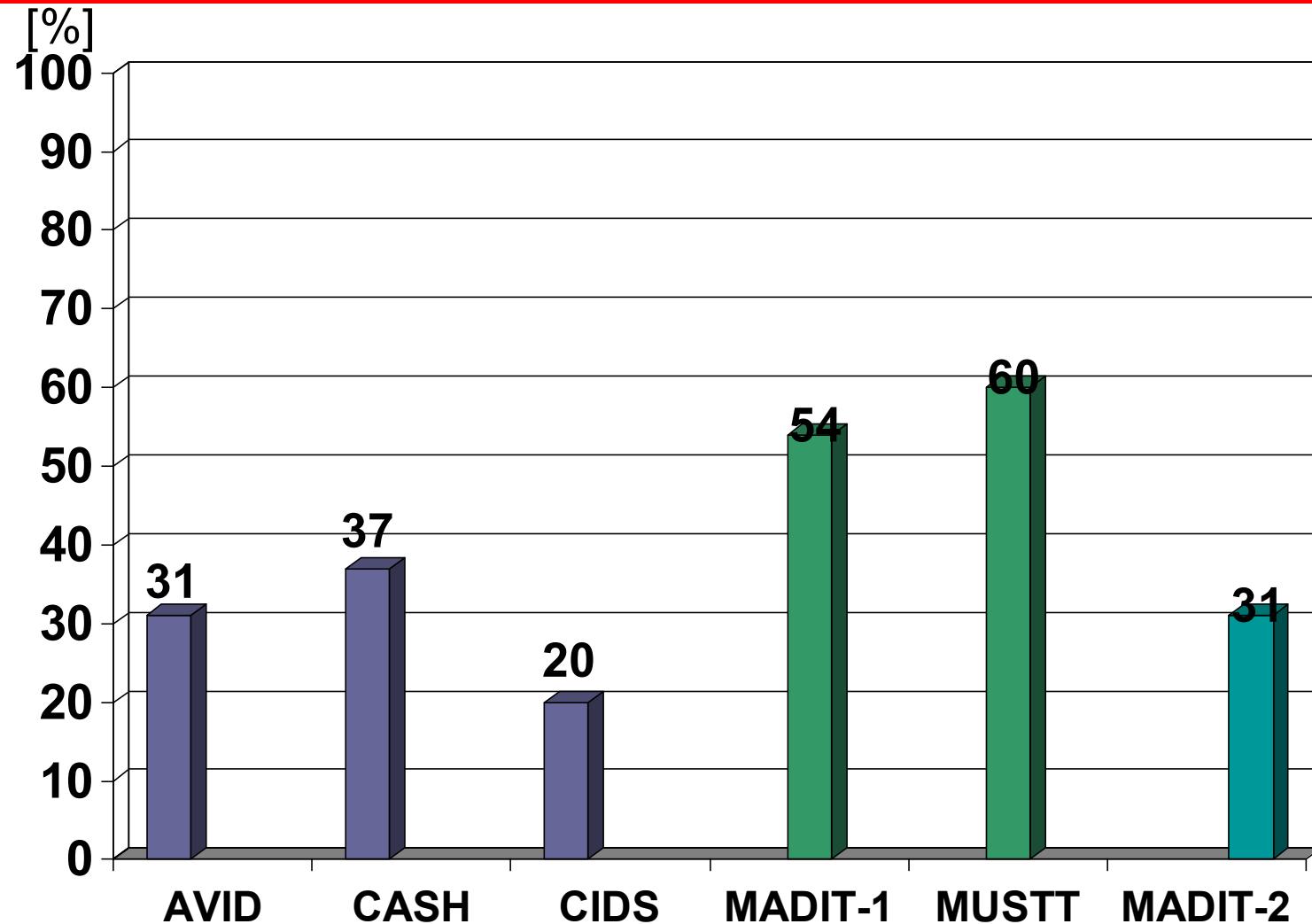
# SCD-HeFT – ICD vs. Placebo



# SCD-HeFT – Conclusion

- In pts with CHF NYHA II or III, EF  $\leq 35\%$ , and an optimized medical therapy, the annual mortality is 7.2 % over 5 years
- Simple, „shock only“ ICD reduces mortality by 23%
- Amiodaron does not improve survival

## ICD-therapy - Mortality-Benefits (RR)



# Groups at risk and incidence of SCD

Total population

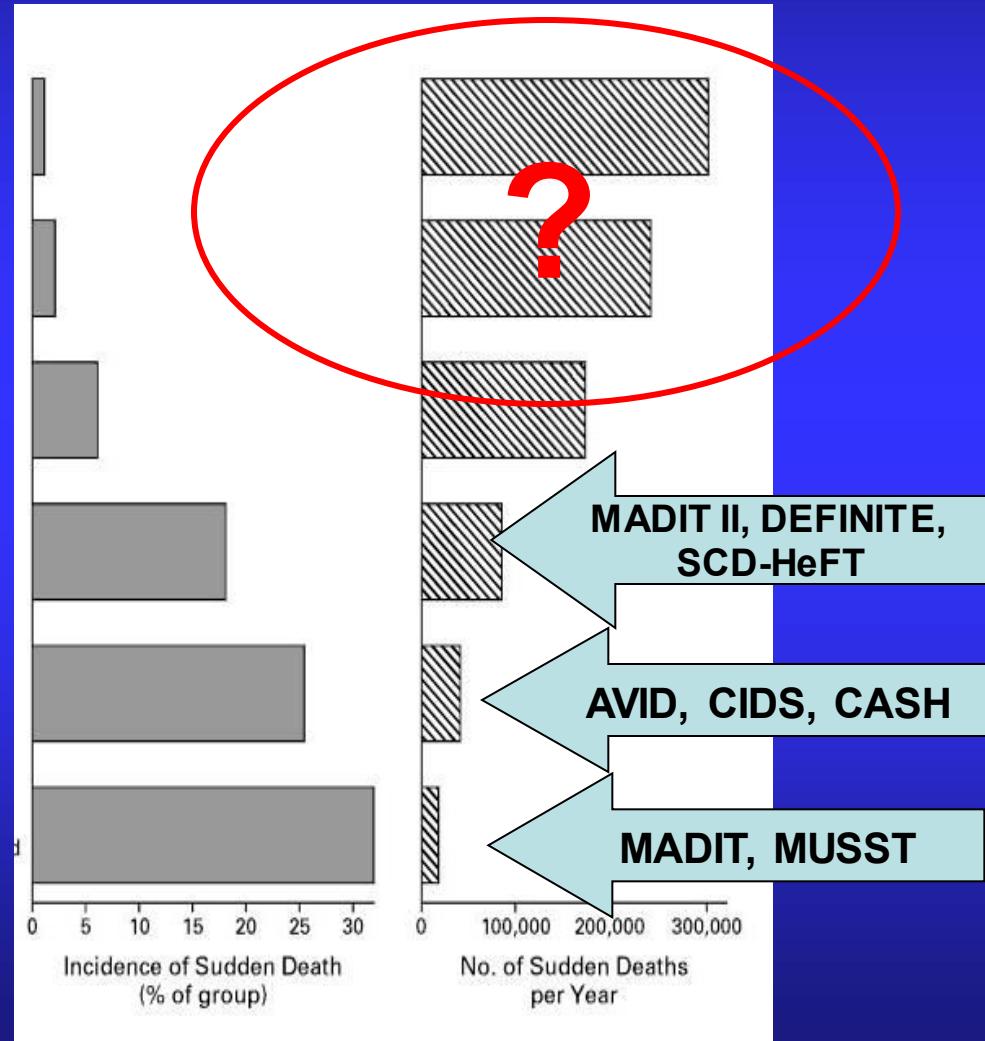
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# Summary: ICD-Indications

Secondary  
Prophylaxis

Primary  
Prophylaxis

Ischemic heart ds

Non-ischemic HD

AVID, CIDS, CASH

MADIT II (EF<30%),  
MUSST, MADIT

DEFINITE (EF<35%) ??

SCD-HeFT (all pts with EF<35%) ?

# Chỉ định đặt ICD

## Class I

- 1. Sống sót sau ngưng tim do VF hoặc VT có rối loạn huyết động, sau khi đã loại trừ tất cả các nguyên nhân có thể hồi phục được.
- 2. Bệnh tim cấu trúc có nhịp nhanh thất kéo dài, xuất hiện tự nhiên
- 3. Ngất không rõ nguồn gốc, tạo được VF hoặc VT gây rối loạn huyết động khi khảo sát điện sinh lý.
- 4. NMCT cũ trên 40 ngày, EF <35%, NYHA II hoặc III.

# Chỉ định đặt ICD

- 5. Bệnh cơ tim dẫn nở không do thiếu máu cục bộ, EF <35%, NYHA II or III.
- 6. NM cơ tim cũ trên 40 ngày, EF <30%, NYHA class I.
- 7. NMCT cũ, EF< 40%, nhịp nhanh thất không kéo dài, và tạo được VF or VT kéo dài khi khảo sát điện sinh lý.

# Chỉ định đặt ICD

## CLASS IIa

- 1. Ngất không rõ nguyên nhân, rối loạn chức năng thất trái đáng kể, Bệnh cơ tim dẫn nở không do thiếu máu cục bộ.
- 2. Nhịp nhanh thất kéo dài, chức năng thất trái bình thường hoặc gần bình thường
- 3. Bệnh cơ tim phì đại có 1 hay nhiều yếu tố nguy cơ đột tử
- 4. Bệnh loạn sản thất phải sinh loạn nhịp (ARVD/C), có 1 hay nhiều yếu tố nguy cơ đột tử
- YTNC đột tử: *ngưng tim trước đó, nhịp nhanh thất tự nhiên, tiền sử gia đình đột tử, ngất, thất trái dày từ 30mm trở lên, đáp ứng huyết áp bất thường khi gắng sức*

# Chỉ định đặt ICD

- 5. Hội chứng QT dài có ngắt và/ hoặc nhịp nhanh thất khi đang uống ức chế bêta.
- 6. Bệnh nhân đang chờ ghép tim chưa được nhập viện
- 7. Hội chứng Brugada đã bị ngắt
- 8. Hội chứng Brugada có nhịp nhanh thất không gây ngưng tim
- 9. Nhịp nhanh thất đa dạng do catecholamine, có ngắt và/ hoặc có nhịp nhanh thất kéo dài khi đang dùng ức chế bêta
- 10. Bệnh sarcoidosis tim, viêm cơ tim tế bào lớn, bệnh Chagas.

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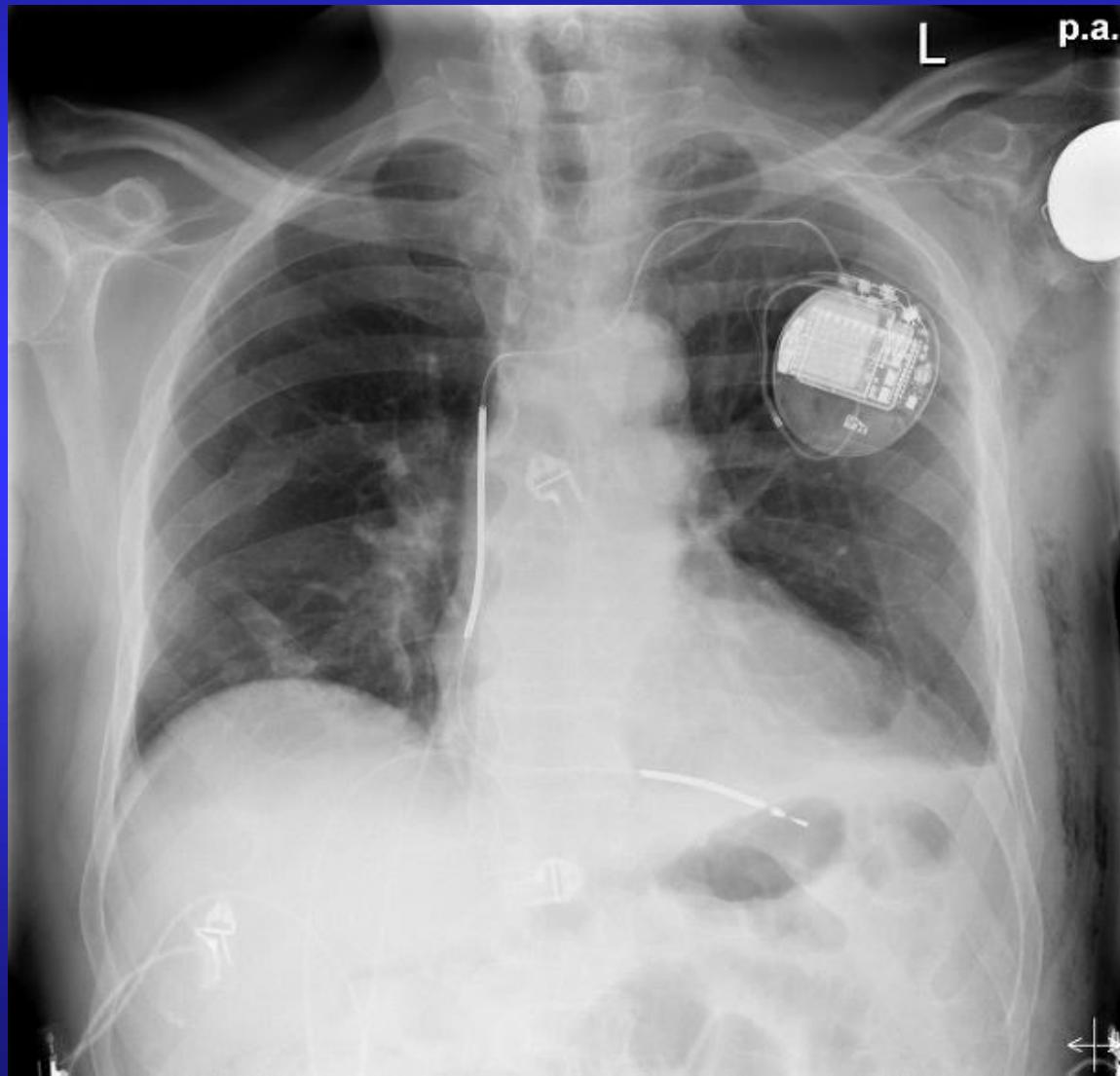
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# Complications in ICD pts

144 pts with 3rd generation ICD  
F/U 21±15 months

Early complications:	- hematoma	3%
	- pneumothorax	1%
	- high DFT	1%
Late complications:	- lead related	4%
	- inappropriate shocks	16%

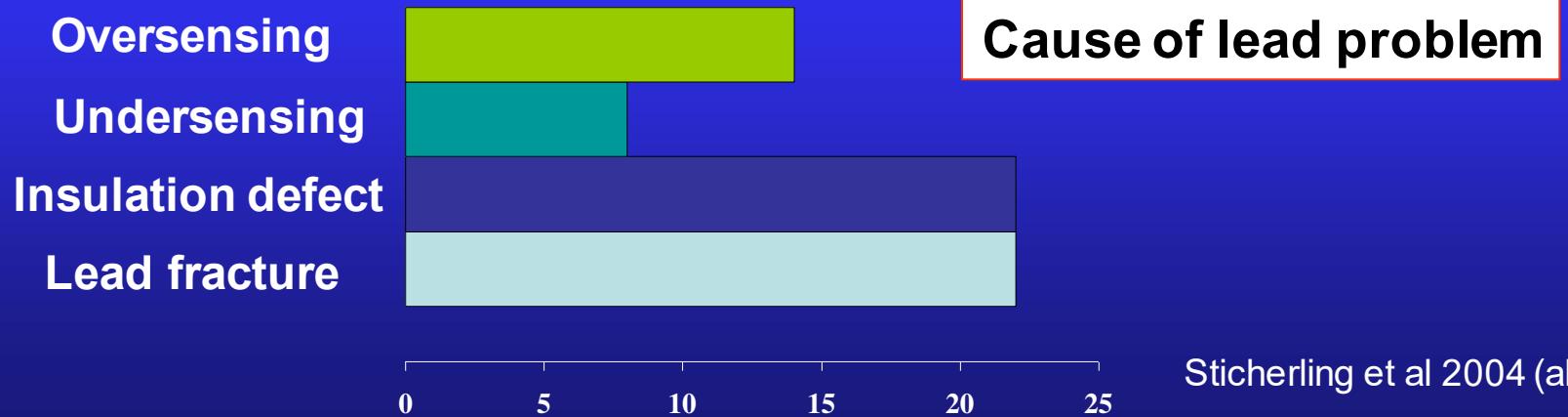
## Perioperative complication: pneumothorax (1%)



# Incidence of lead failure in chronically implanted ICD-leads

1657 consecutive ICD patients in 3 European centers  
F/U  $60 \pm 31$  months (5/1995 - 1/2004)

Lead related problems: 37 pts (2.2%)  
Occurrence of lead problem:  $23 \pm 17$  months  
Inappropriate shocks c/o  
lead problems: 21 pts (57%)



## **Management of lead failure in chronically implanted ICD-leads**

**20/37 pts (54%) had problem in the P/S part only**

**-> all received an additional P/S lead**

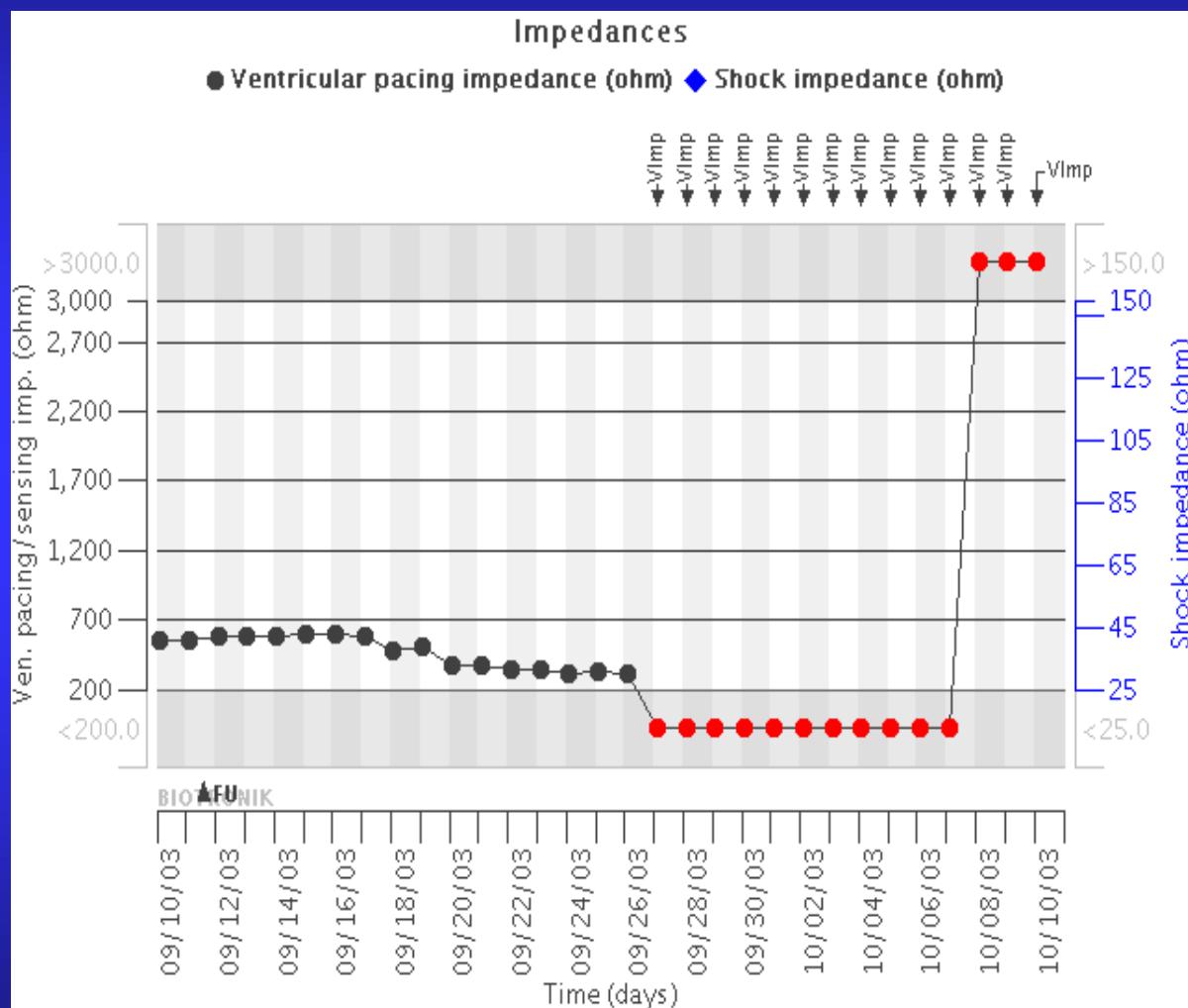
**17/37 pts (46%) received a new ICD lead**

**Incidence of further ICD-lead related problems:**

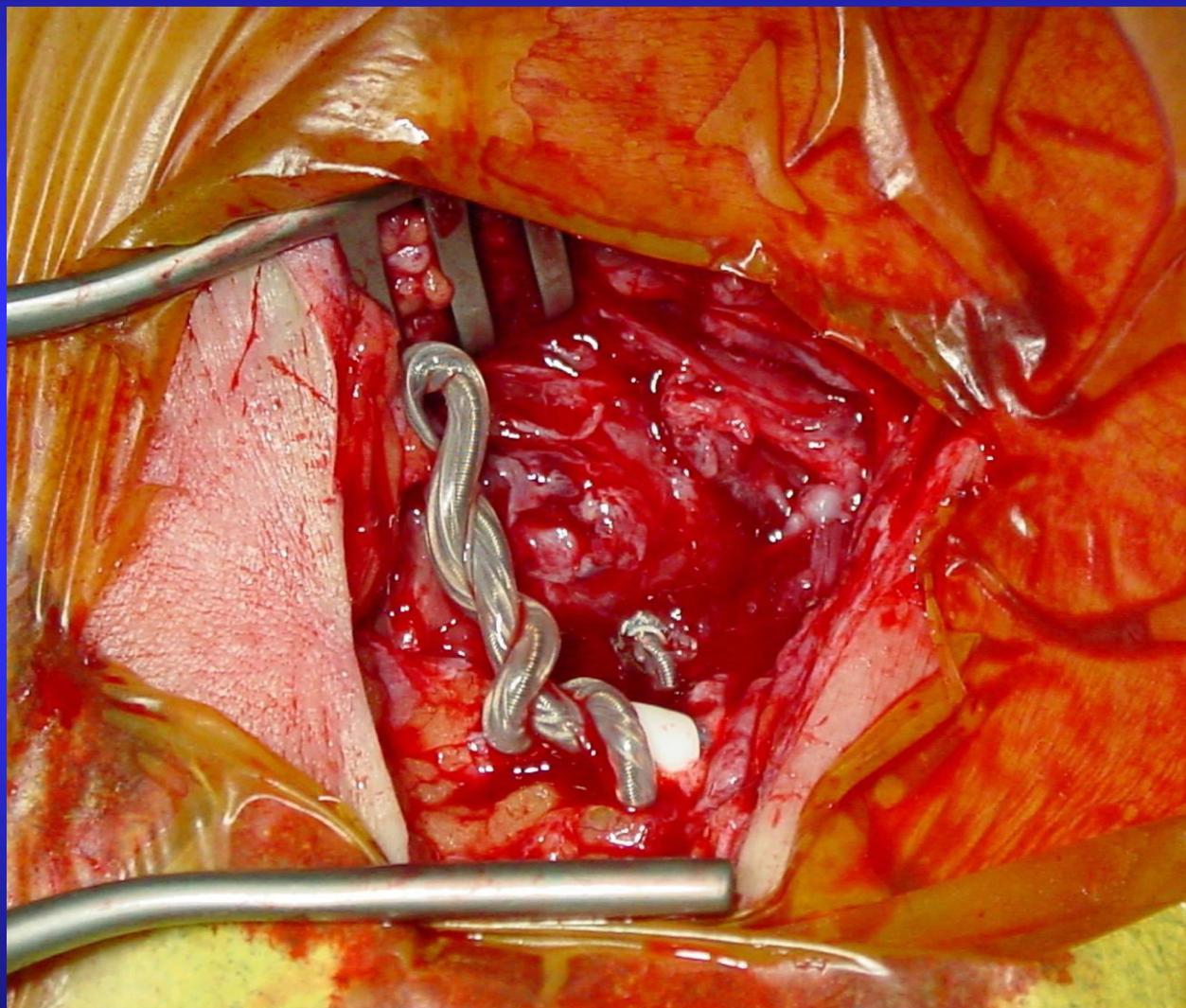
**2/37 (5%) after a F/U of  $33 \pm 31$  months**

- LV lead placement (ICD lead)**
- oversensing secondary to contact to old ICD lead**

# Early Recognition of “silent” lead dysfunction



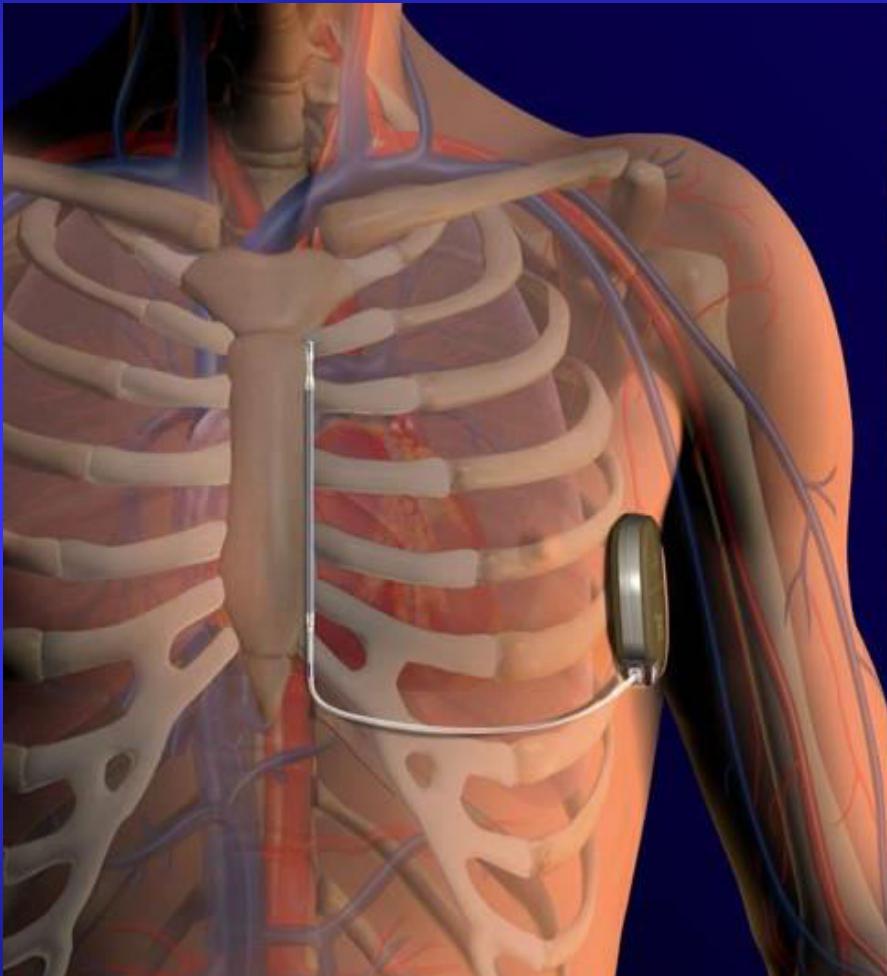
# Broken lead



# Broken lead



# Totally Subcutaneous Lead System ("Leadless" ICD System)



- Placed strictly by anatomical landmarks without fluoroscopy
- TV lead exposed to > 30 million cardiac contractions/year
- Subcutaneous lead not exposed to heart stresses

# Inappropriate shocks

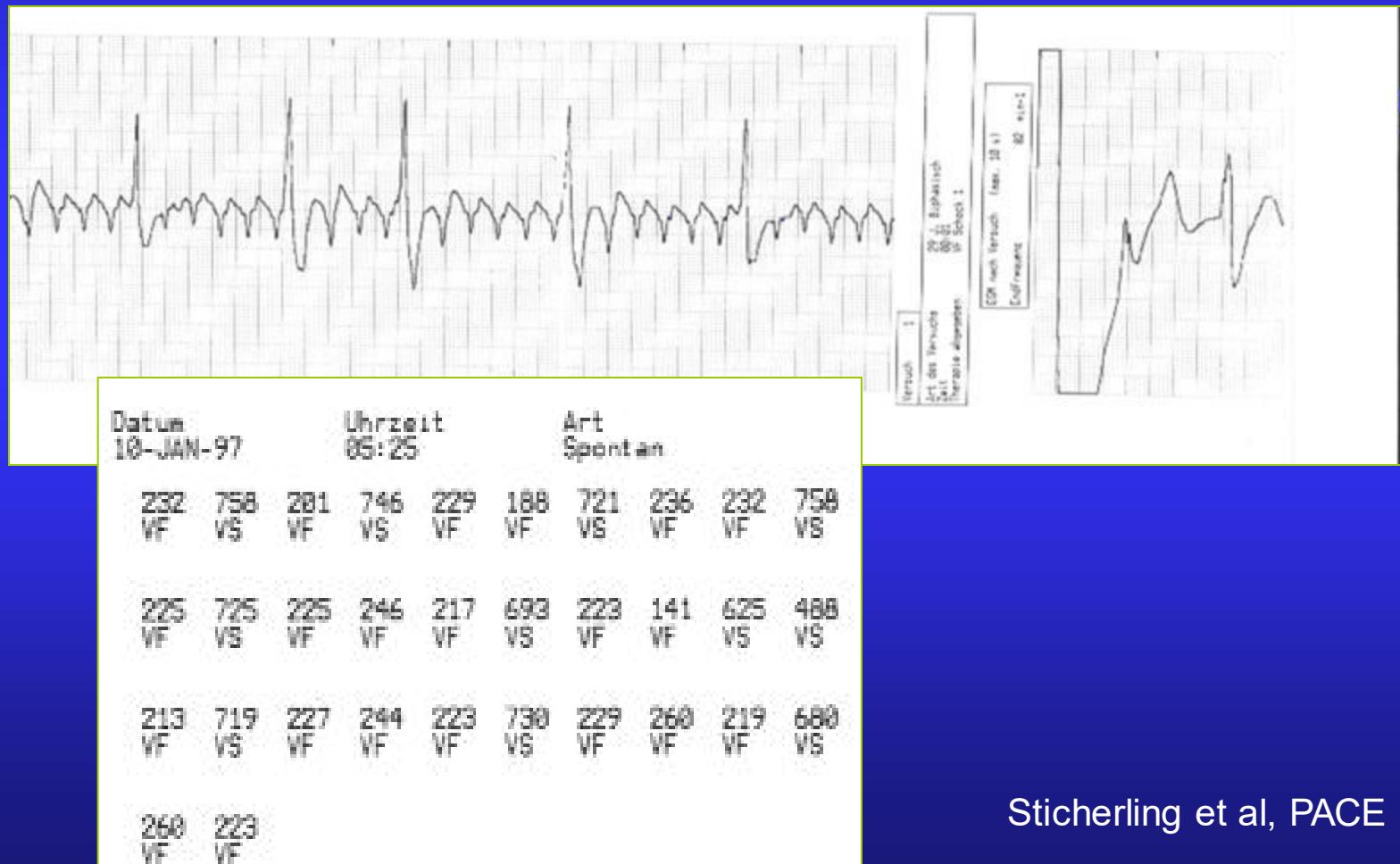
Incidence: 16-28 % (of all shocks)

Causes of inappropriate shocks:

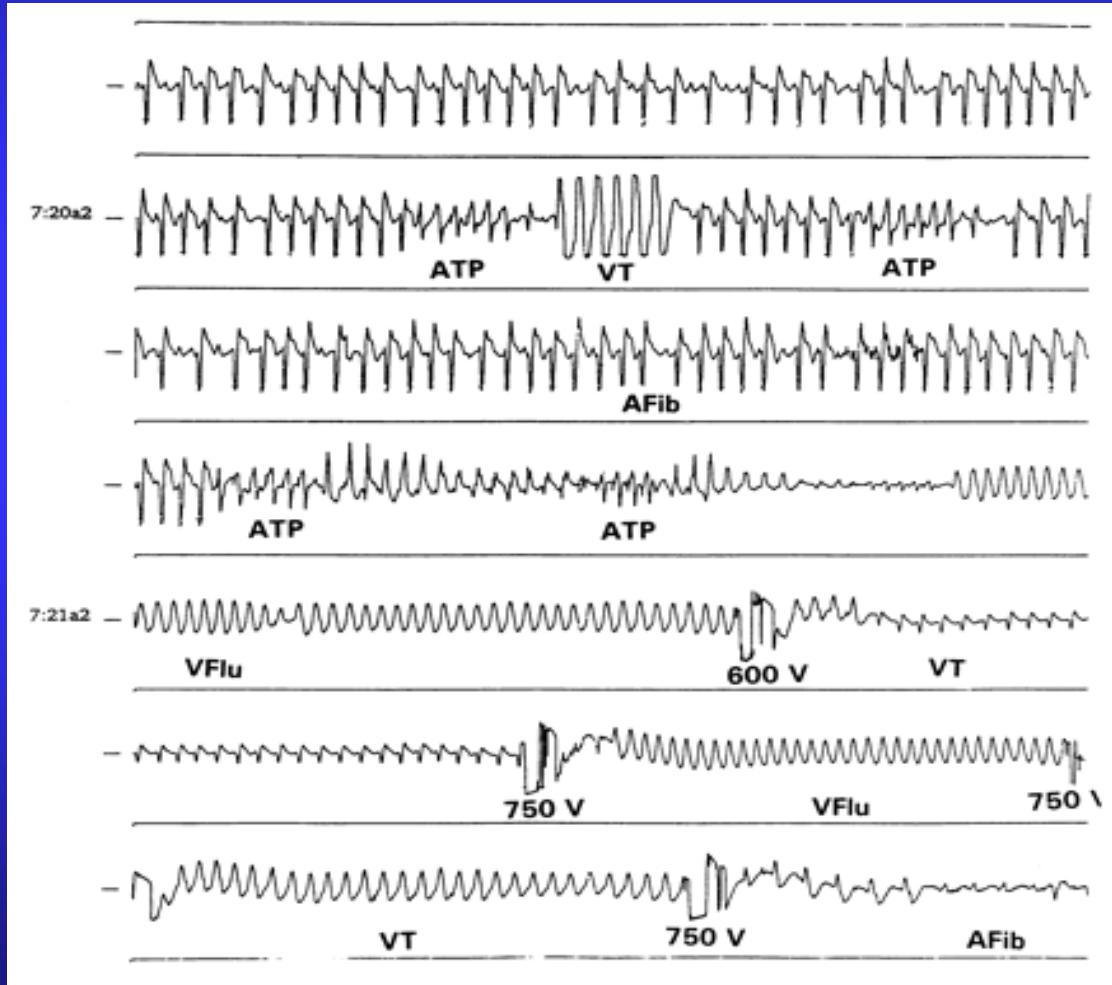


- Atrial fibrillation with rapid ventr. response 35%
- Sinus tachycardia/Atrial tachycardia 22%
- Oversensing 13%
- Non-sustained VT 30%

# Inappropriate shock: oversensing of atrial flutter



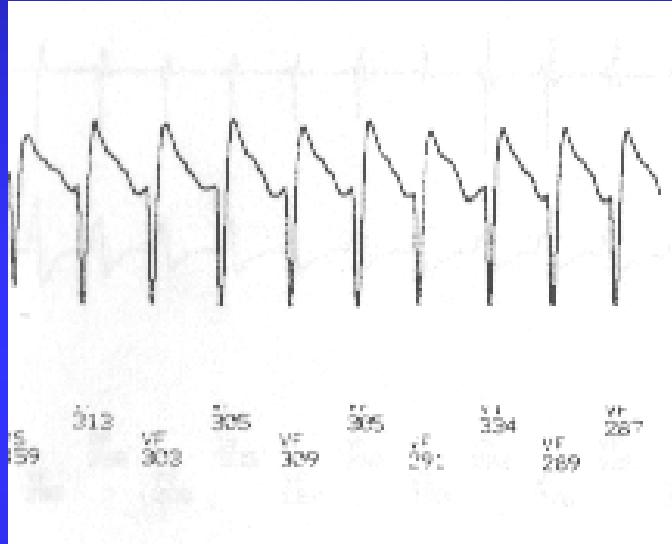
# Inappropriate shock: proarrhythmic effect



**Antitachycardia Pacing  
1-5%**

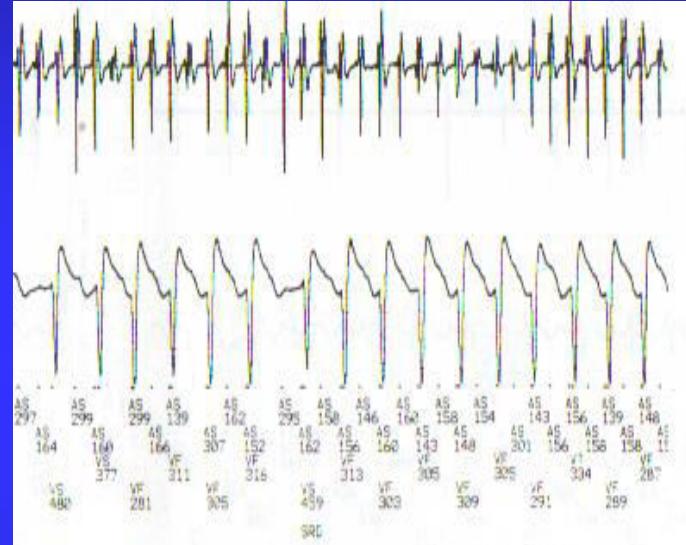
**Low energy CV shock  
5%**

# ICD- SVT/VT Differentiation



## Single Chamber:

Onset  
Stability  
Morphology criteria



## Dual Chamber:

Atrial stability  
A vs. V intervals/rates  
AV association  
P:R pattern  
A response to PVC

## **Impact of RV-pacing in the ICD population (DAVID Study)**

**Hypothesis:**

**Dual-chamber Pacing superior to VVI-Backup Pacing**

**Study Population:**

**506 Pat. with EF  $\leq$  40% and standard ICD-Indication  
without need for antibradycardia pacing**

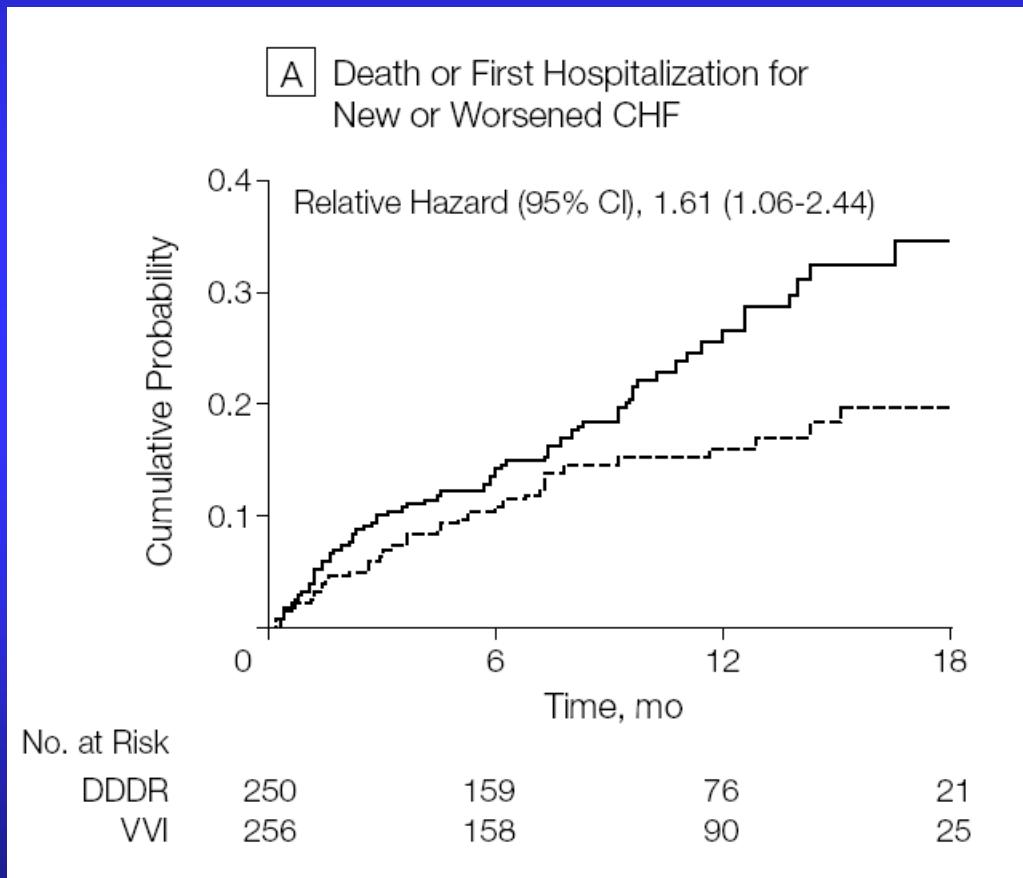
**Design:**

**256 Pat. VVI, 40/min**

**250 Pat. DDDR, 70/min**

# DAVID-Study

*David Investigators, JAMA 2002;288:3115-3123*



DDD, 70/min

VVI, 40/min

**RV-Stimulation = Cardiac Dyssynchronisation ?**

# **Effects of concomitant antiarrhythmic medication on ICD function**

- AA prolong VT cycle length (esp. class I agents)  
-> adaption of ICD VT-zone
- Class Ic agents increase capture threshold
- Sotalol and Dofetilide decrease DFT
- Amiodarone increases DFT

# **ICD-Summary**



**Highly effective in preventing SCD**

**Reliable long-term performance**

**Main issues:**

- **Economical aspects -> Costs**
- **Risk stratification for primary prevention**

# **THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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