

Can VT Ablation Prevent Sudden Cardiac Death?



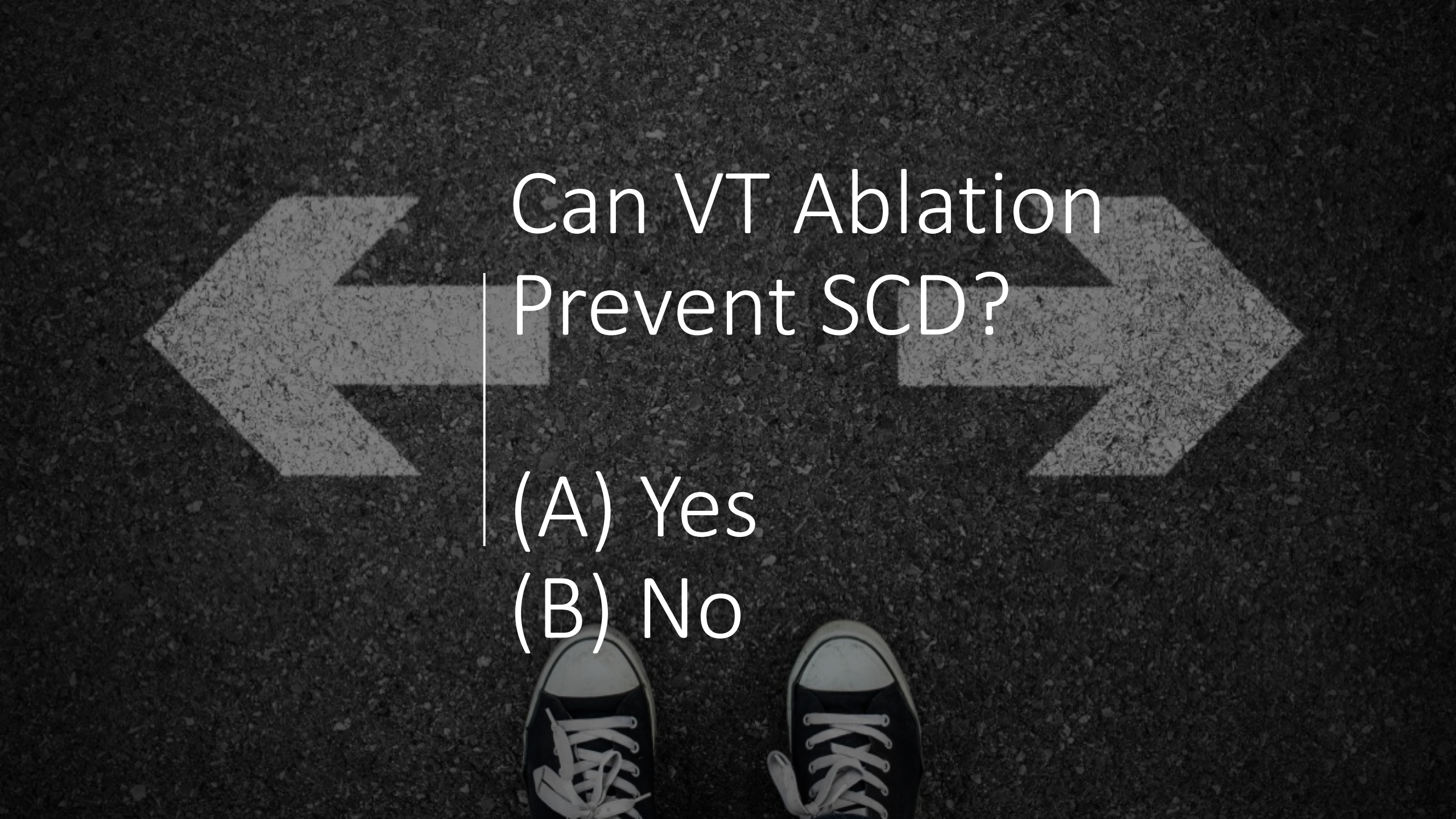
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NONE



Can VT Ablation
Prevent SCD?

(A) Yes

(B) No

Overview:

Can VT Ablation Prevent Sudden Cardiac Death?



Current Data and Studies



My Vision: VT Ablation for Prevention of SCD

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If we want to
prevent SCD:



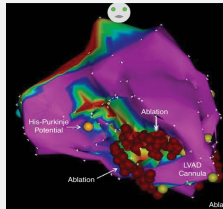
Optimal Medical Therapy



Risk Factor(s) Management



Better Event Prediction and Risk
Assessment



Better VT Ablation Techniques
and/or Energy Sources



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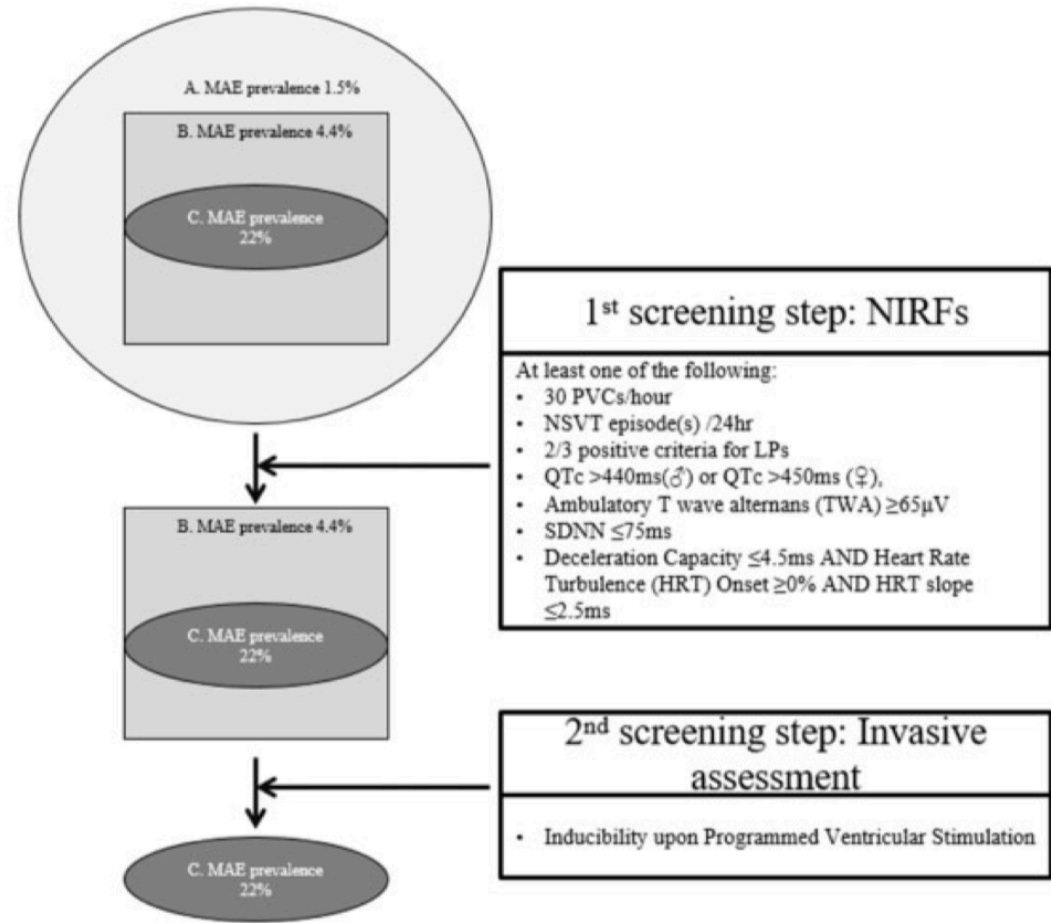
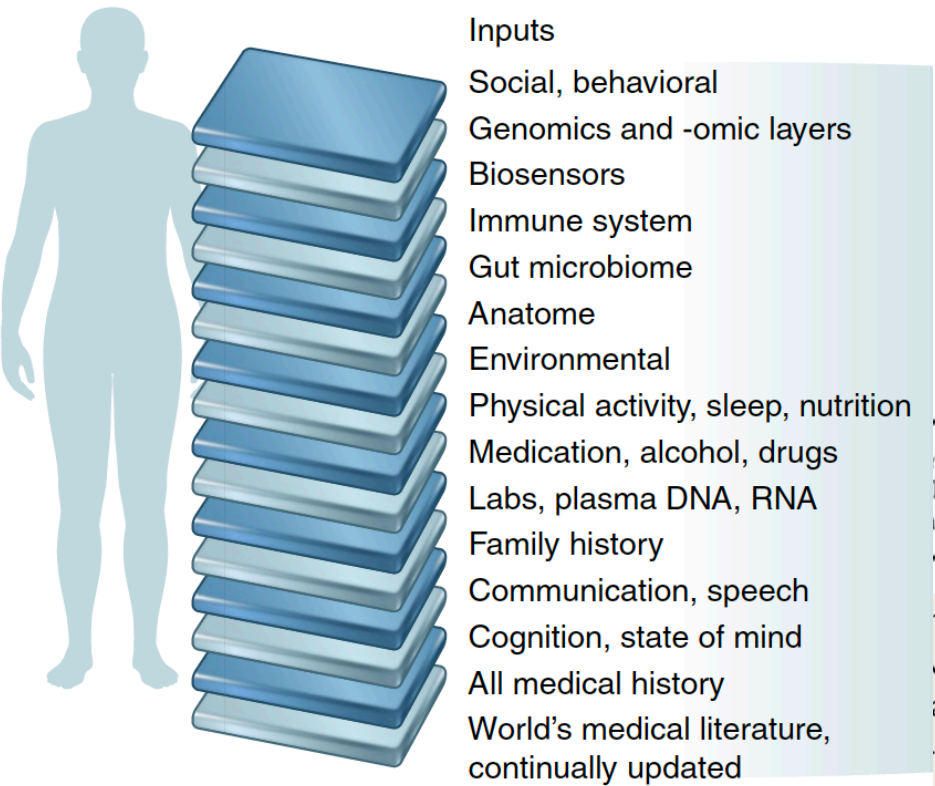
Arrhythmia/electrophysiology

Arrhythmic risk stratification in post-myocardial infarction patients with preserved ejection fraction: the **PRESERVE EF** study

The authors screened and included 575 consecutive patients (mean age 57 years, LVEF 50.8%) with LVEF $\geq$ 40%.

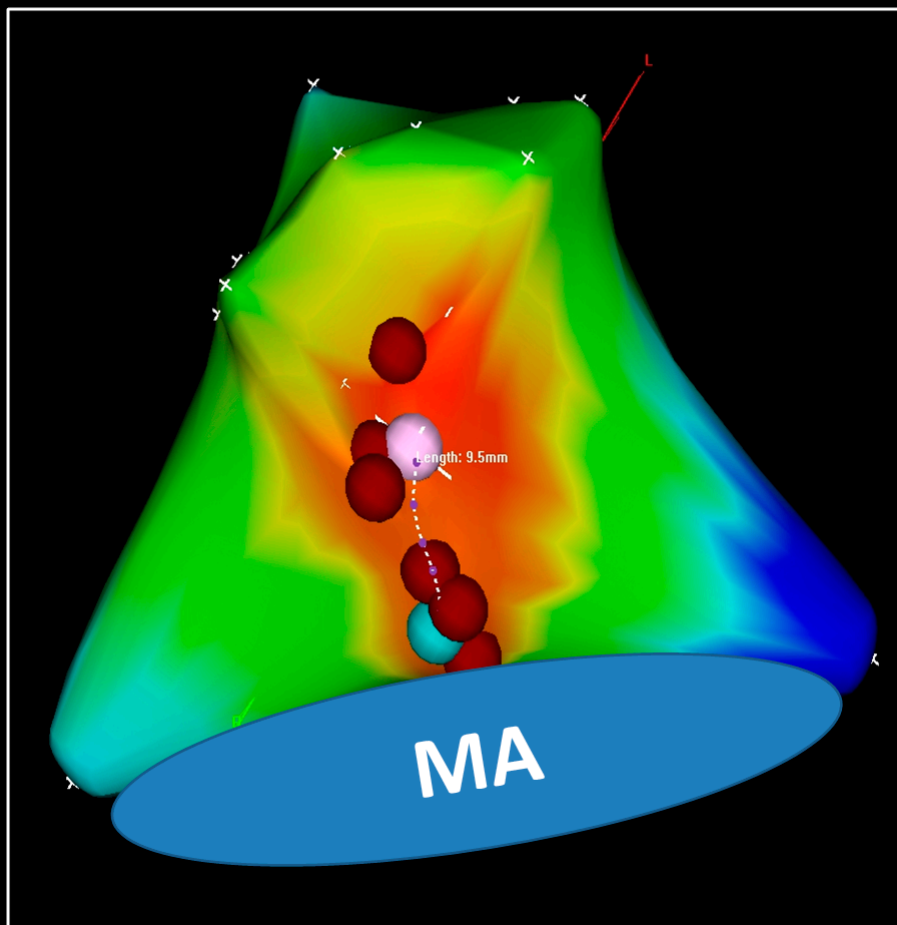
The two-step approach of the PRESERVE EF study detects a subpopulation of post-MI patients with preserved LVEF at risk for MAEs that can be effectively addressed with an ICD.

FU: 32 Months, No SCD. 9/37 (24.3%) patients with ICD received appropriate therapy for VT.



MAE prevalence in study cohort (post-MI patients with EF≥40%) is estimated at 1.5% (Group A, n=575, MAEs in 9 patients). The first screening step detects a second subgroup (Group B, n=204) with a MAE prevalence reaching 4.4%. The second screening step detects a third subgroup (Group C, n=41) with a MAE prevalence reaching 22%, eligible for an ICD.

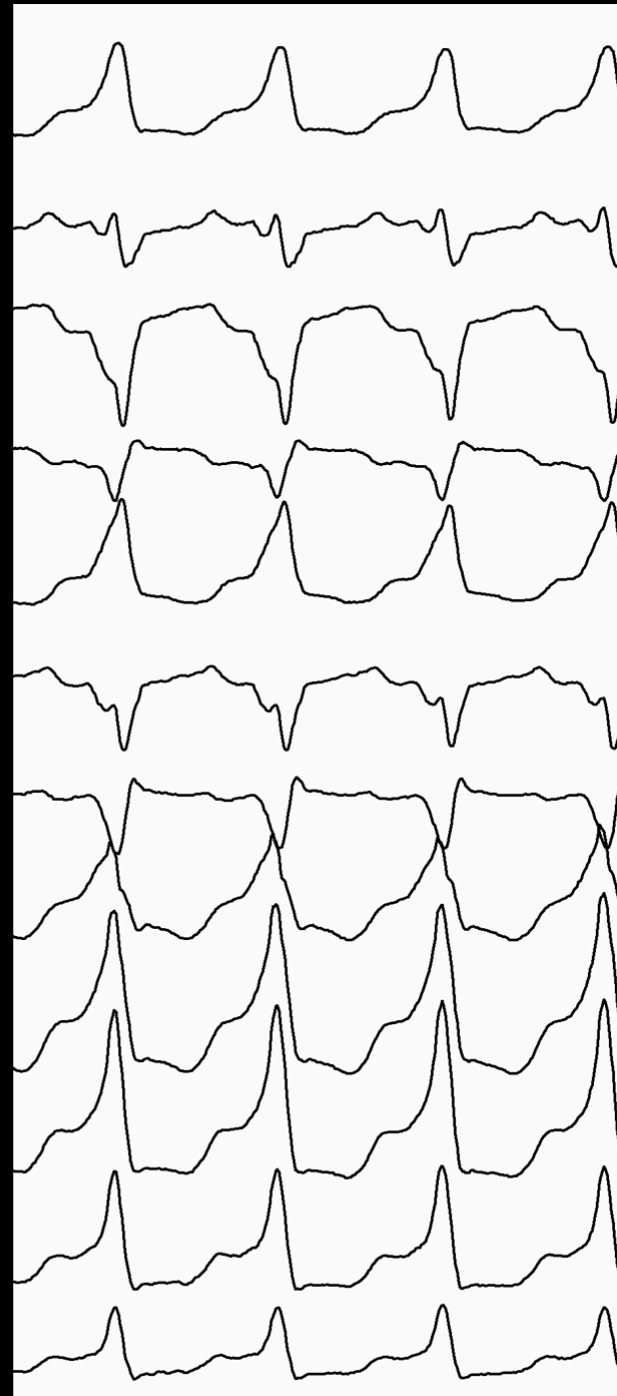
Outline of study design and findings. Starting with a cohort exhibiting a prevalence of major arrhythmic events at the 1.5% (baseline), the two-step, programmed ventricular stimulation-inclusive approach allowed for the identification of a high arrhythmic risk subpopulation (Group C) with a major arrhythmic event prevalence reaching 22% (almost 15-fold higher than baseline). LP, late potentials; MAE, major arrhythmic event; NIRF, non-invasive risk factors; nsVT, non-sustained ventricular tachycardia; PVC, premature ventricular complex.

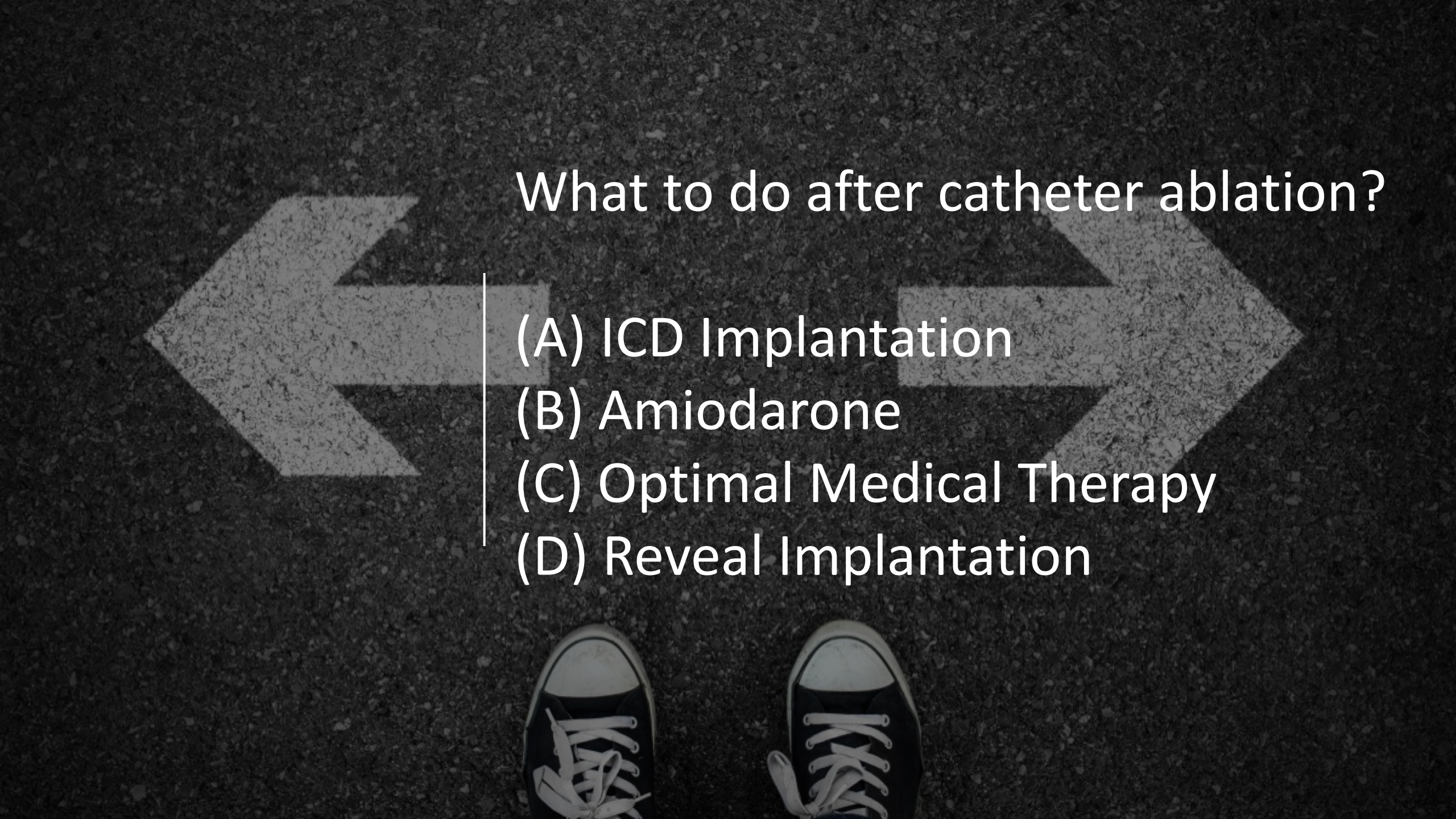


Inferior View

VT Mapping

I
II
III
aVR
aVL
aVF
V1
V2
V3
V4
V5
V6





What to do after catheter ablation?

- (A) ICD Implantation
- (B) Amiodarone
- (C) Optimal Medical Therapy
- (D) Reveal Implantation

Radio-frequency ablation as primary management of well-tolerated sustained monomorphic ventricular tachycardia in patients with structural heart disease and left ventricular ejection fraction over 30%

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One hundred and sixty-six patients with structural heart disease (SHD), LVEF over 30%, and well-tolerated SMVT (no syncope) underwent primary radiofrequency ablation without ICD implantation at eight European centres.

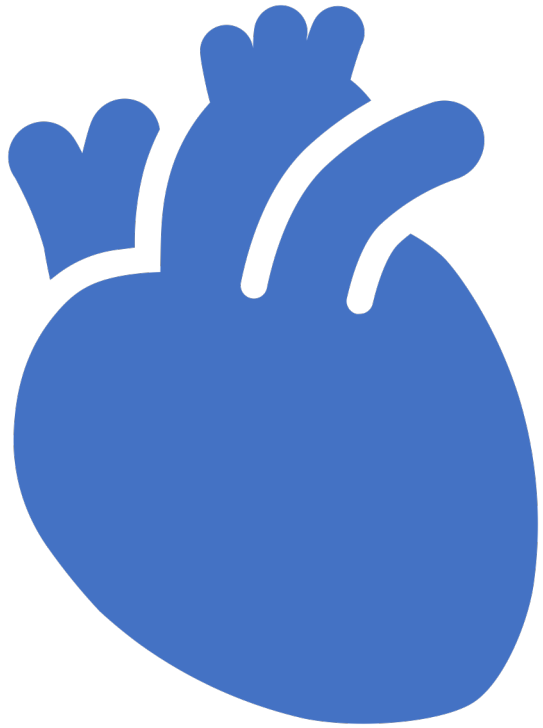
Table 4 Mortality rates and causes of deaths in the patient's population (*n* = 166)

All-cause mortality	20/166 (12%)
Non-cardiac mortality	8/166 (4.8%)
Neoplasia	2
Renal failure	1
Pulmonary cause	2
Neurologic deterioration	1
Cachexy	1
Exact cause NA	1
Cardiac non-arrhythmic mortality	8/166 (4.8%)
Refractory heart failure	7
Electro-mechanical dissociation	1
Sudden death	4/166 (2.4%)

Table 5 Details about the four patients presenting with sudden death during the follow-up

Delay after ablation (months)	1	33	42	75
Underlying heart disease	Valvular	Ischaemic	Ischaemic	Ischaemic
Gender	Male	Male	Male	Male
Age	77	76	60	81
LVEF (%)	65	50	50	43
VT rate (bpm)	140	170	160	135
Symptoms	Palpitations	Near syncope	Chest pain	Near syncope
Inducible after ablation	NA	No	No	Fast VT

Patients with well-tolerated SMVT, SHD, and LVEF>30% undergoing primary VT ablation without a back-up ICD had a very low rate of arrhythmic death and recurrences were generally non-fatal. These data would support a randomized clinical trial comparing this approach with others incorporating implantation of an ICD as a primary strategy.



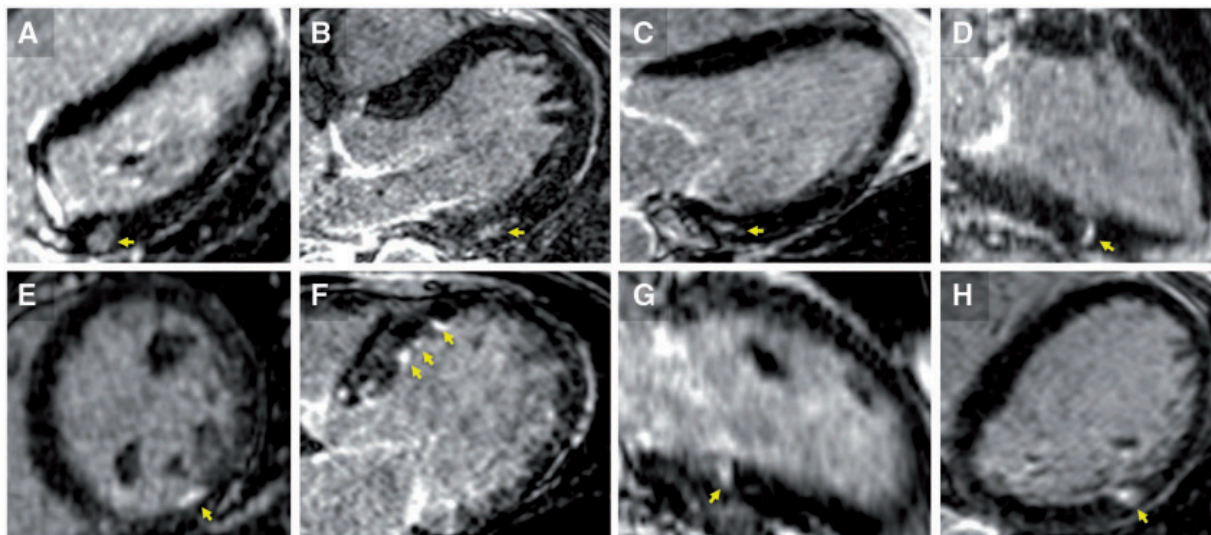
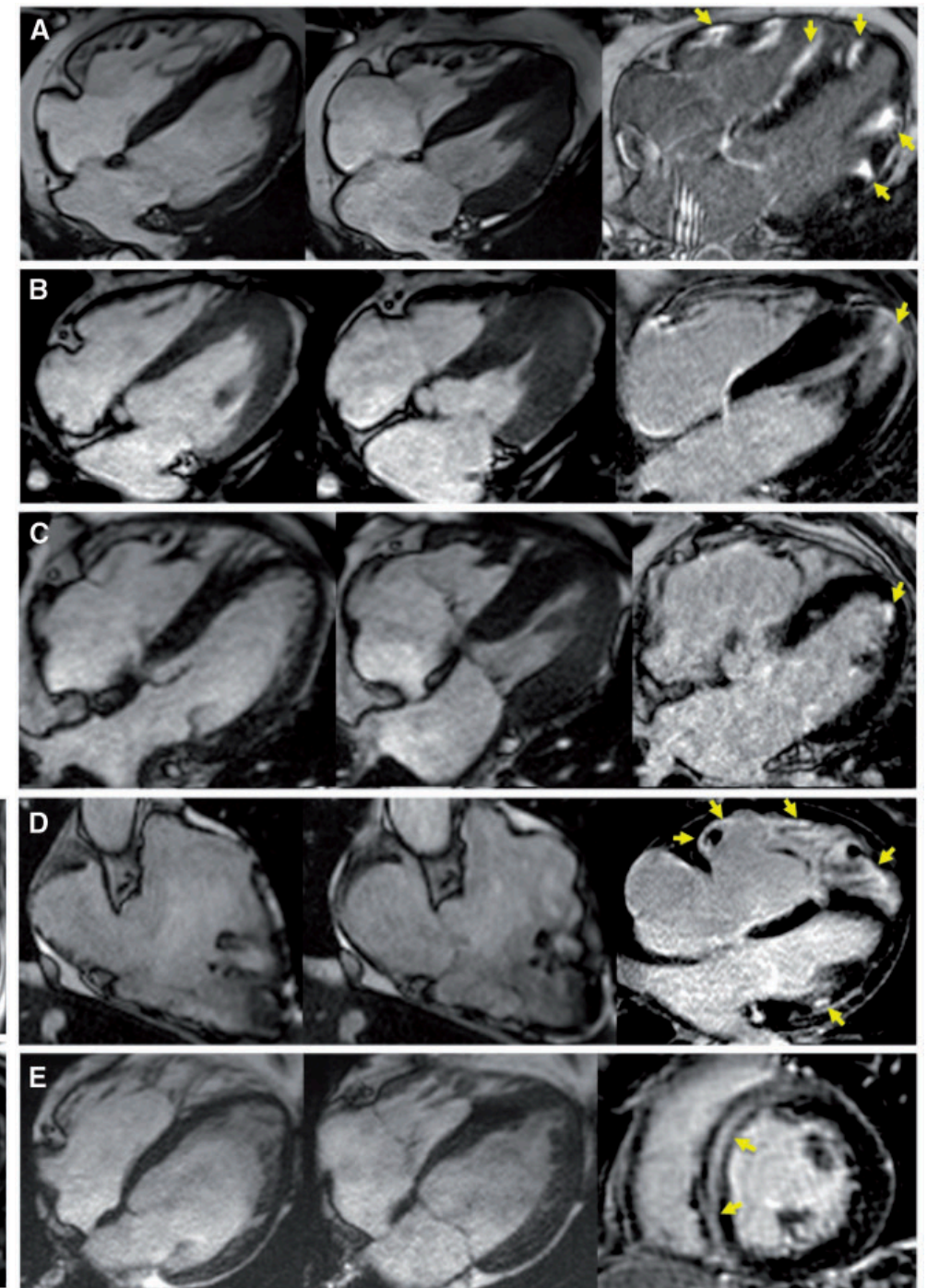
Role of Cardiac Imaging

High-resolution three-dimensional late gadolinium-enhanced cardiac magnetic resonance imaging to identify the underlying substrate of ventricular arrhythmia

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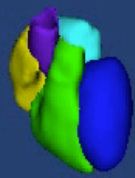
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In patients with **no prior history of SHD**, and **negative diagnostic workup** including **TTE** and **coronary angiography** with VT, VF, or SCD, the diagnostic yield of CMR is high, leading to a diagnostic change in over 40% of these.



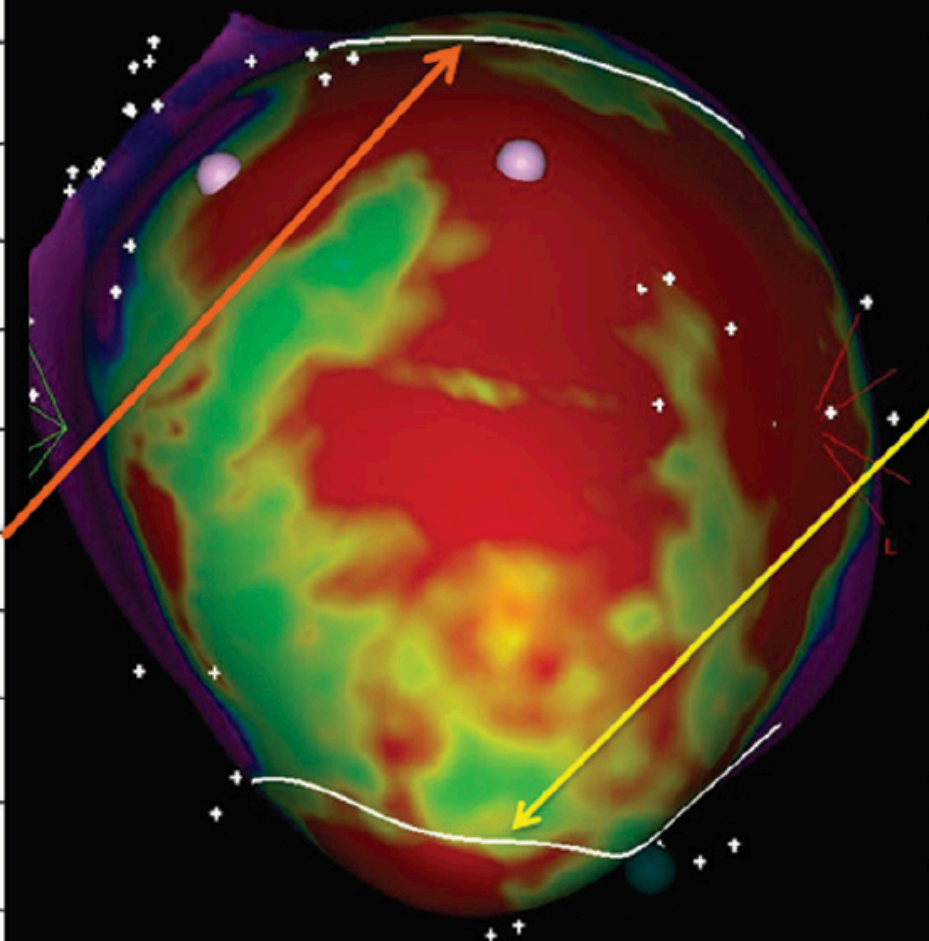
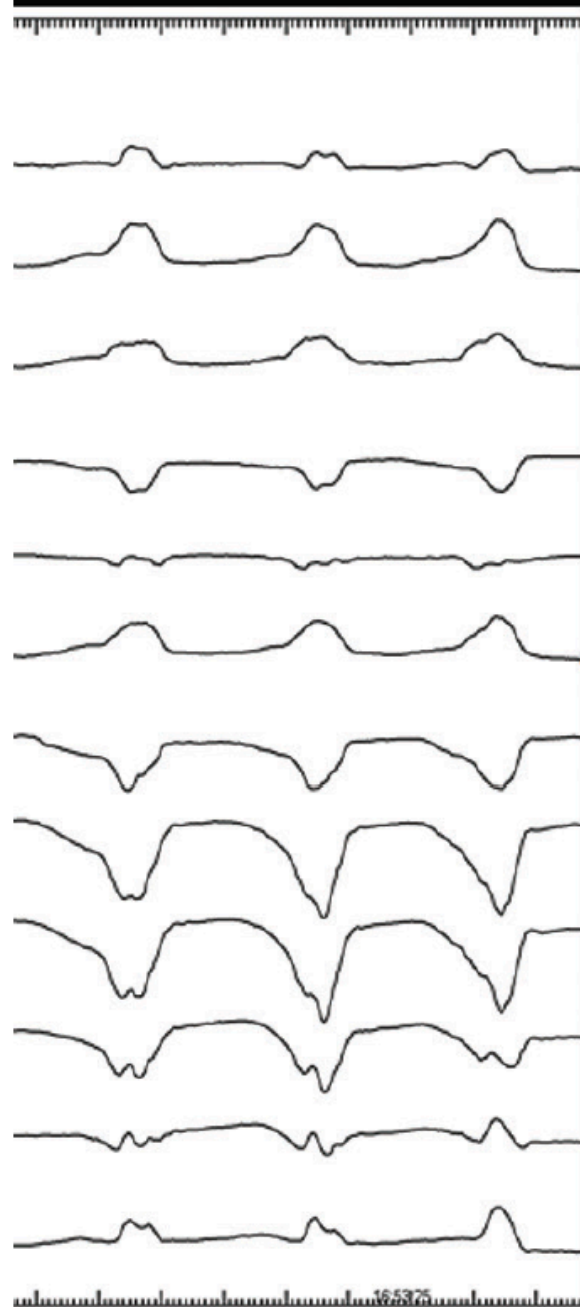
Cardiac Imaging

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VT1

VT2

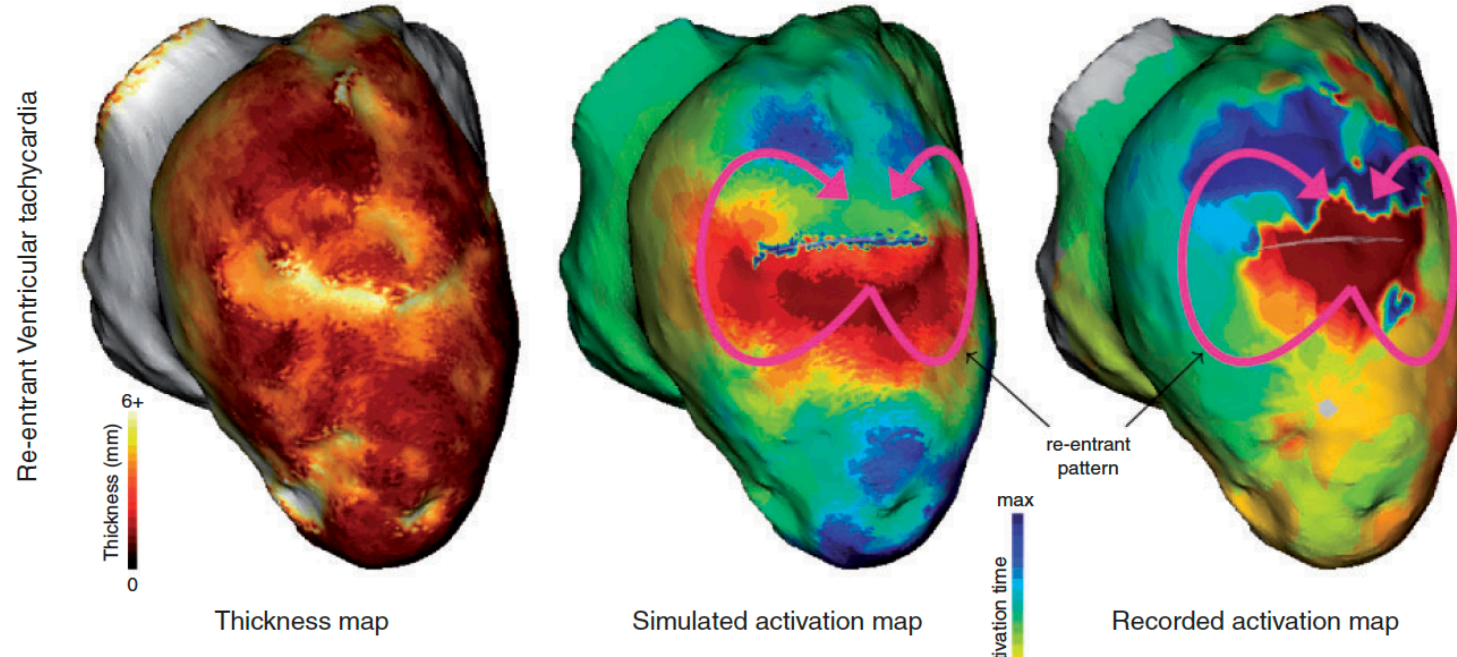
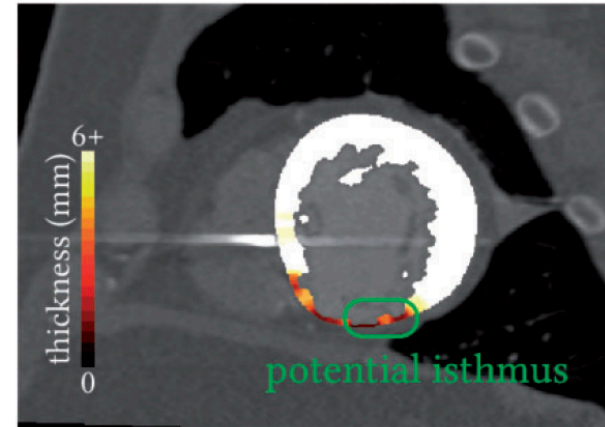


LV
LAO



Fast personalized electrophysiological models from computed tomography images for ventricular tachycardia ablation planning

The authors aim at building such a pipeline from computed tomography (CT) images to personalized cardiac electrophysiology (EP) model.

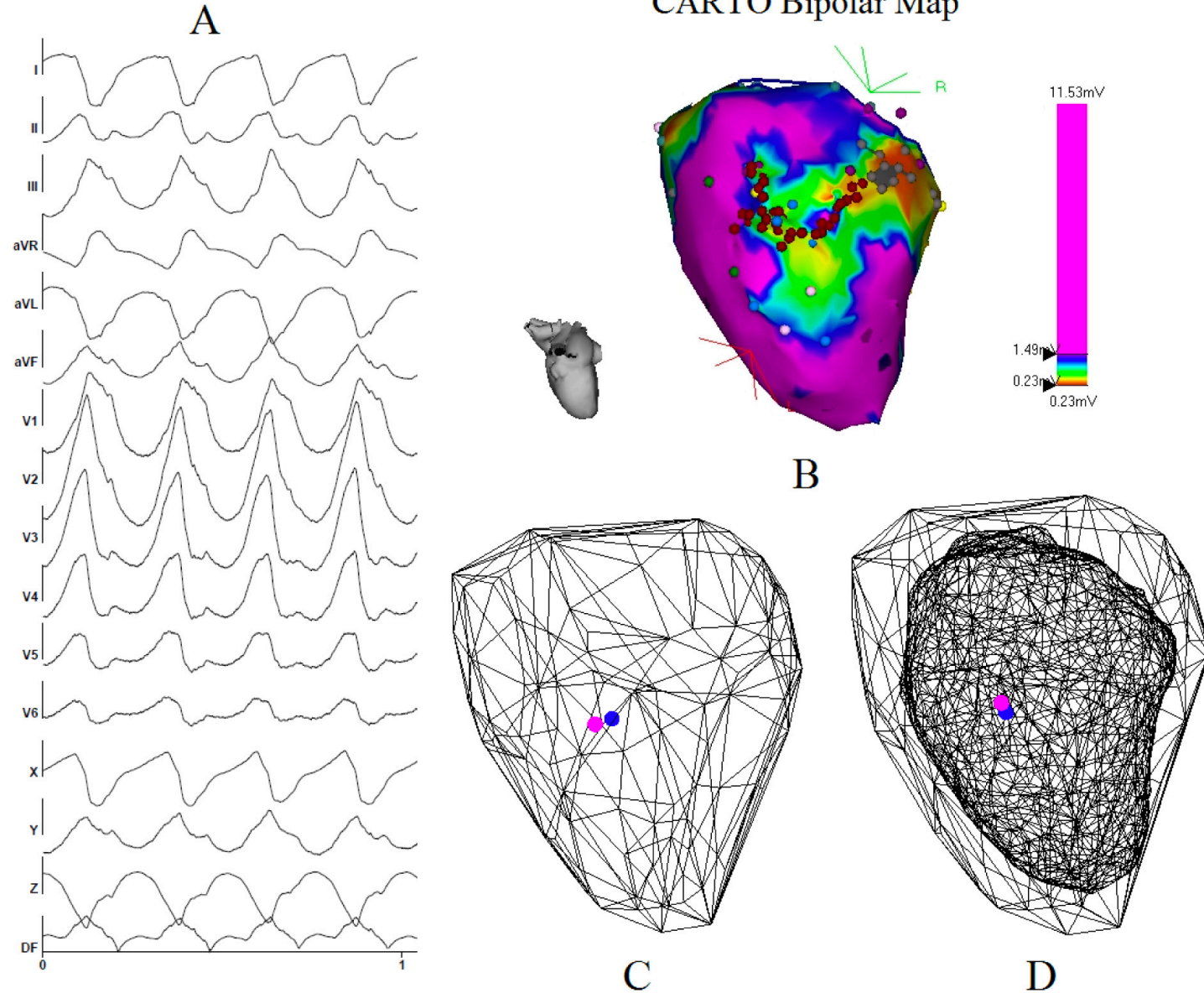


Rapid 12-lead automated localization method: Comparison to electrocardiographic imaging (ECGI) in patient-specific geometry

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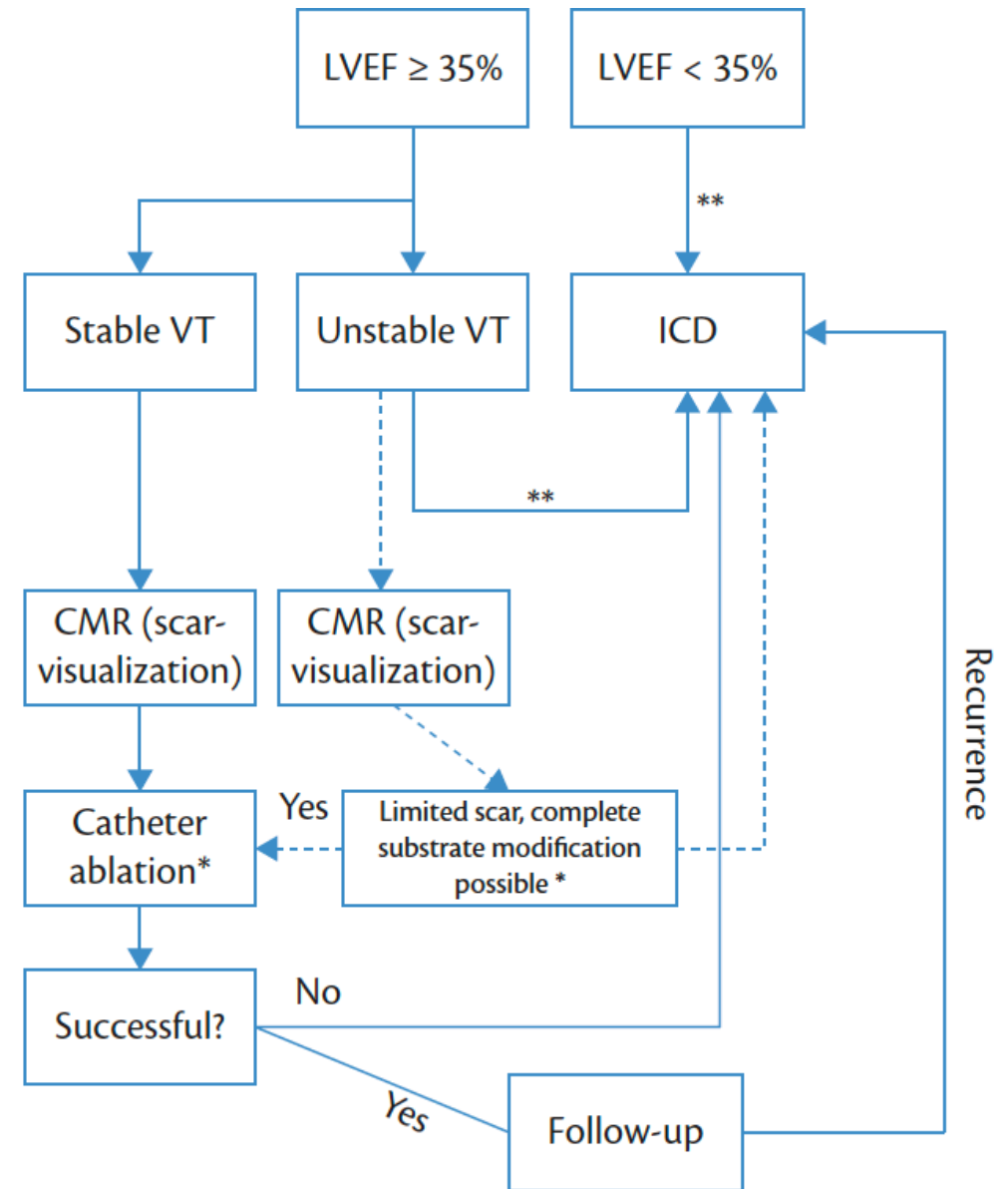
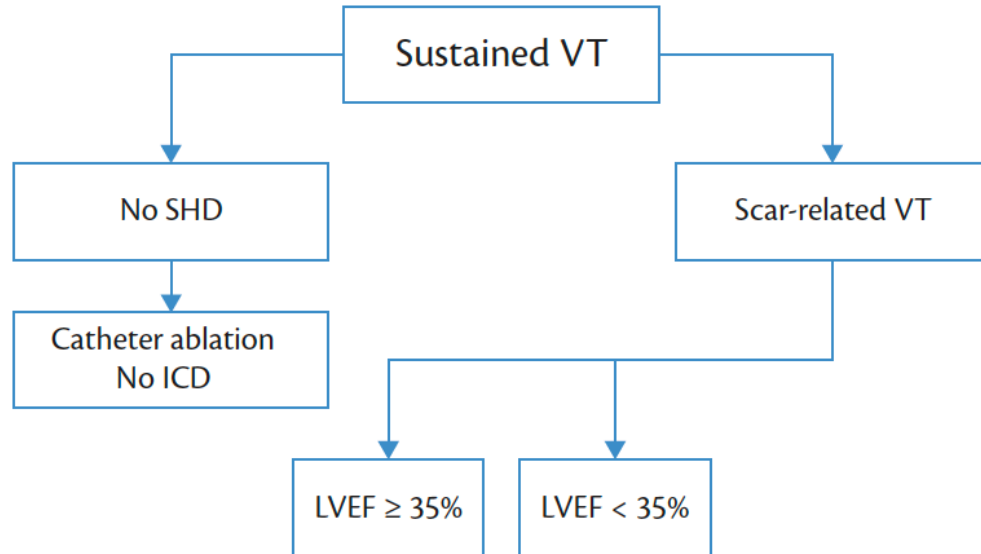
With 10 training pacing sites ...
demonstrated that the automated method
achieved localization error of <5mm for the
VT-exit site



Chapter 43.20 **Secondary prevention of sudden cardiac death after catheter ablation of ventricular tachycardia**

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* High-volume center, experienced operator

** Catheter ablation should be considered before or after ICD implantation to reduce ICD therapy and improve outcome



The Future of VT Ablation



Artificial Intelligence

Background:

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Screening for cardiac contractile dysfunction using an artificial intelligence-enabled electrocardiogram

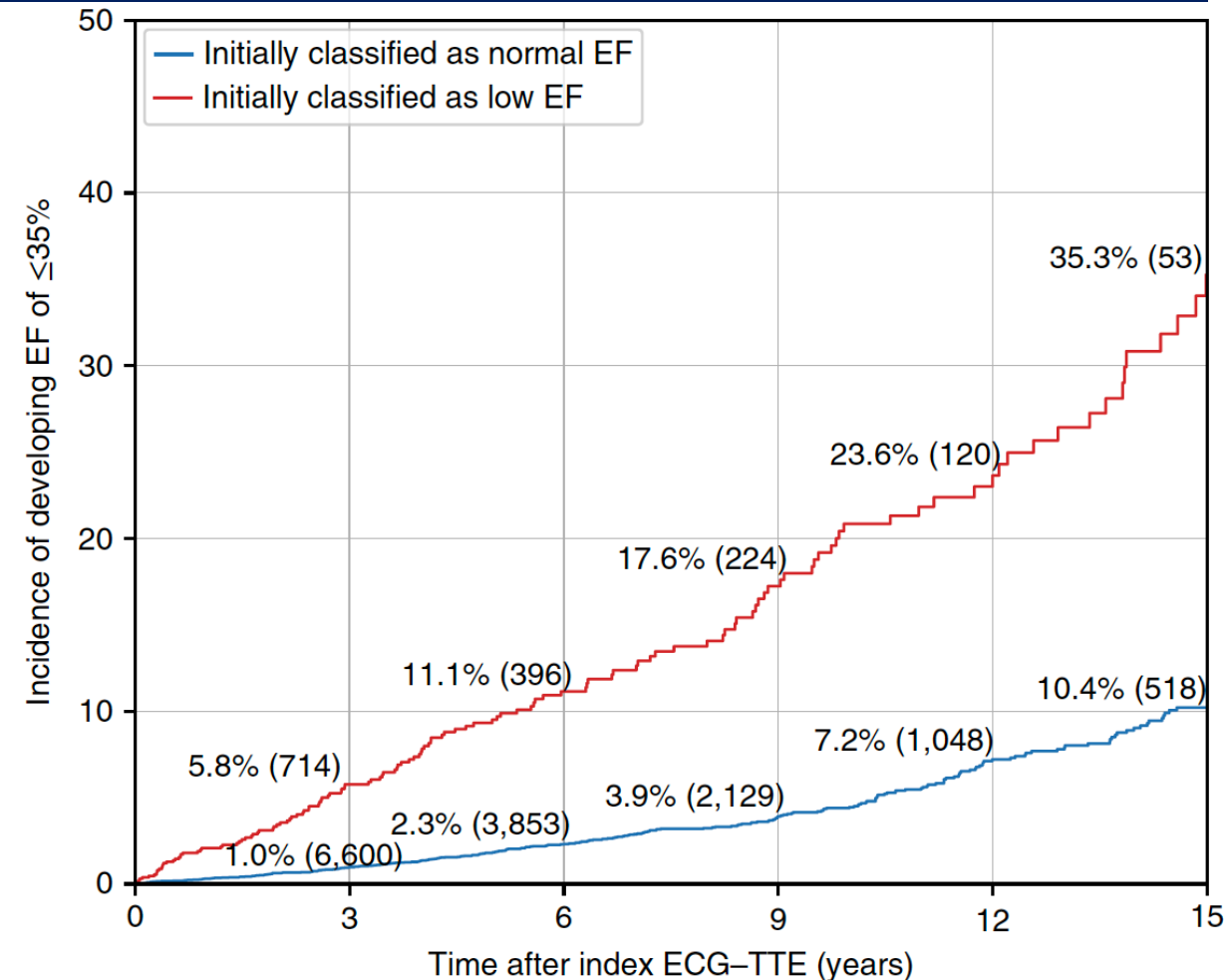
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Using paired 12-lead ECG and echocardiogram data, including the LVEF, from 44,959 patients at the Mayo Clinic, we trained a convolutional neural network to identify patients with ventricular dysfunction, **defined as ejection fraction $\leq 35\%$, using the ECG data alone.**

When tested on an independent set of 52,870 patients, the network model yielded values for the area under the curve, sensitivity, specificity, and accuracy of 0.93, 86.3%, 85.7%, and 85.7%, respectively.

In patients without ventricular dysfunction, those with a positive AI screen were at 4 times the risk (hazard ratio, 4.1; 95% confidence interval, 3.3 to 5.0) of developing future ventricular dysfunction compared with those with a negative screen.



An artificial intelligence-enabled ECG algorithm for the identification of patients with atrial fibrillation during sinus rhythm: a retrospective analysis of outcome prediction

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... Including all ECGs acquired during the first month of each patient's window of interest (i.e., the study start date or 31 days before the first recorded atrial fibrillation ECG) increased the AUC to 0·90 (0·90–0·91), sensitivity to 82·3% (80·9–83·6), specificity to 83·4% (83·0–83·8), F1 score to 45·4% (44·2–46·5), and overall accuracy to 83·3% (83·0–83·7).

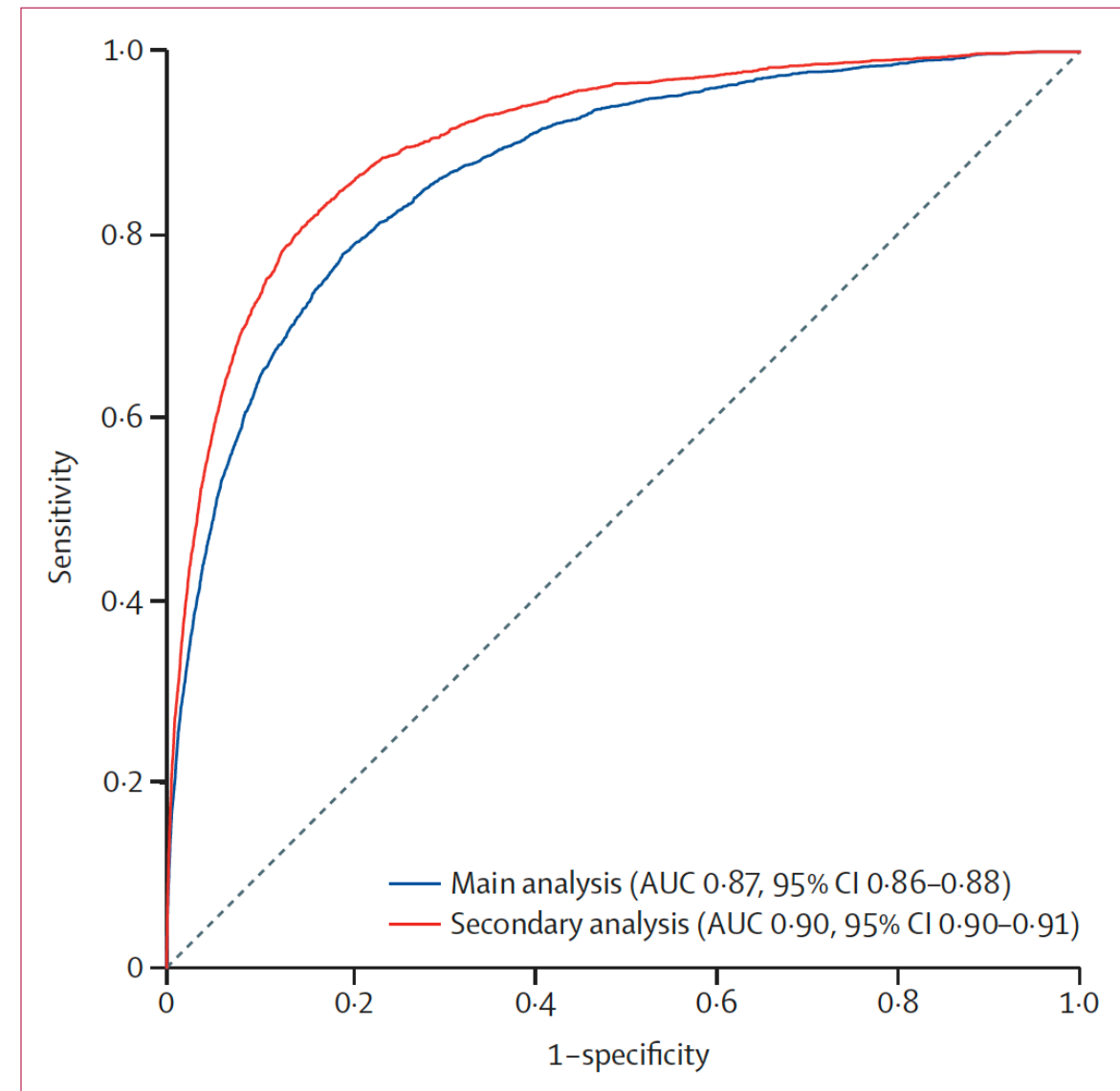


Figure 3: ROC curves for the convolutional neural networks on the testing dataset

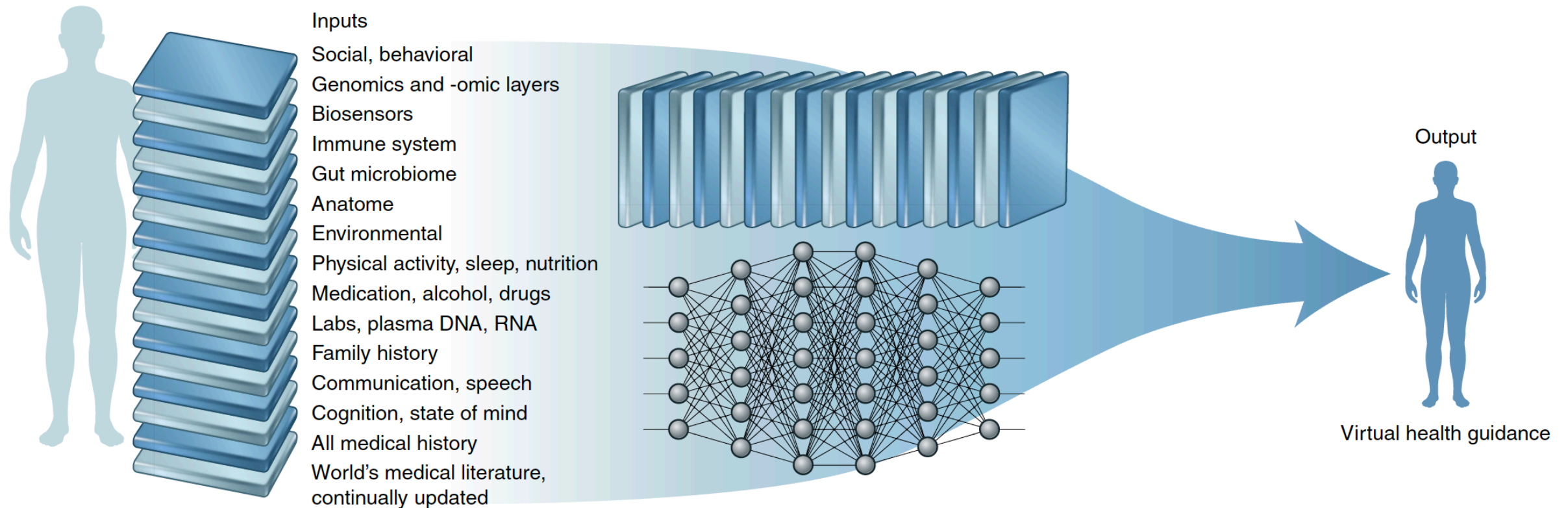


Fig. 3 | The virtual medical coach model with multi-modal data inputs and algorithms to provide individualized guidance. A virtual medical coach that uses comprehensive input from an individual that is deep learned to provide recommendations for preserving the person's health. Credit: Debbie Maizels/ Springer Nature

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From AI algorithm to changing medical practice

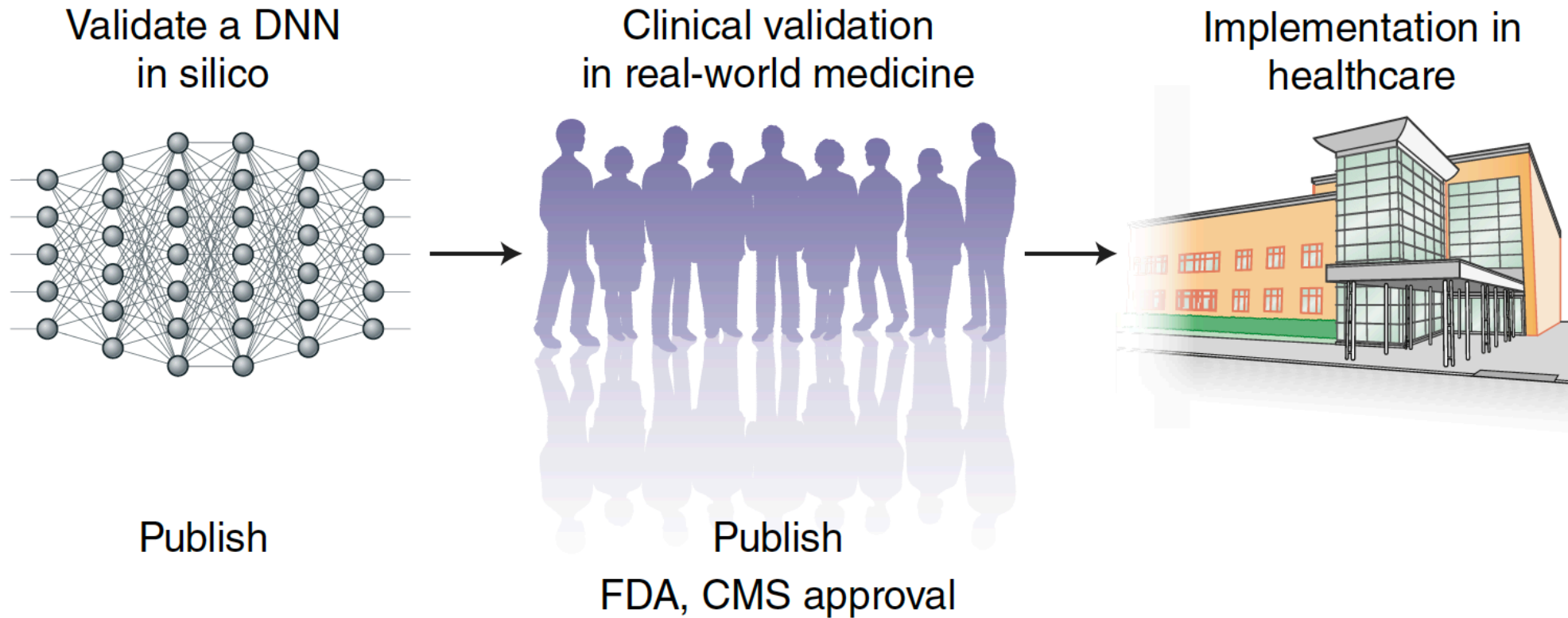
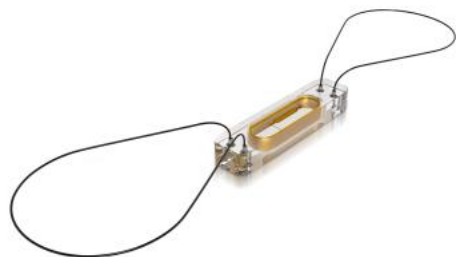
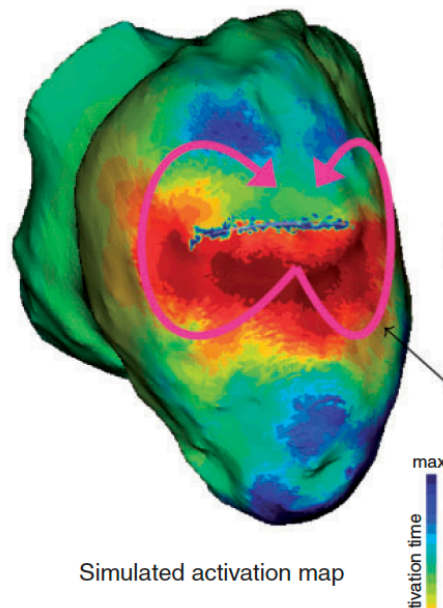
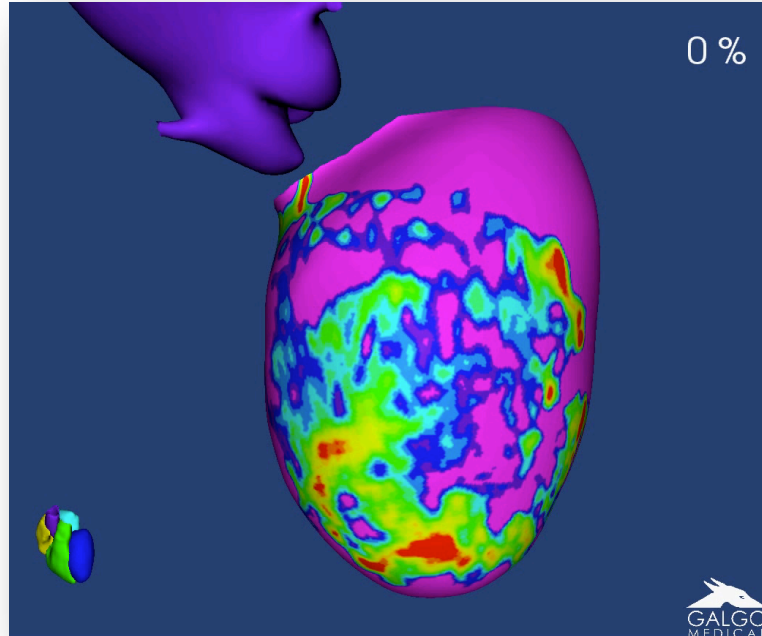
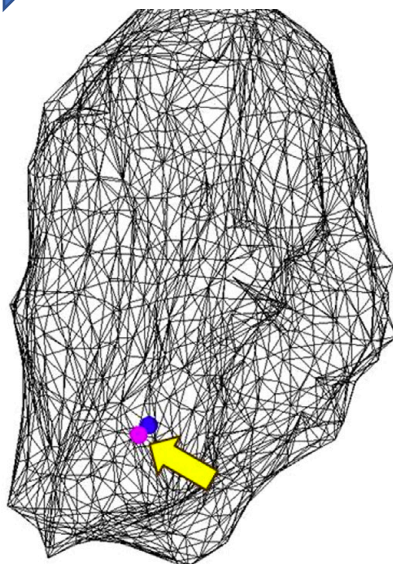
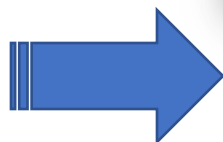


Fig. 4 | Call for due process of AI studies in medicine. The need to publish results in peer-reviewed journals with validation in real-world medicine must be addressed before implementation in patient care can take place. Credit: Debbie Maizels/Springer Nature



Inputs

Social, behavioral
Genomics and -omic layers
Biosensors
Immune system
Gut microbiome
Anatome
Environmental
Physical activity, sleep, nutrition
Medication, alcohol, drugs
Labs, plasma DNA, RNA
Family history
Communication, speech
Cognition, state of mind
All medical history
World's medical literature,
continually updated



Simulated activation map





*The best way to
predict the future
is to create it.*

Peter Drucker



Yes!

*We will be able to
predict and prevent SCD
in the near future.*

Thank you for your attention!