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# Cardiotoxicity of Cancer Chemotherapy

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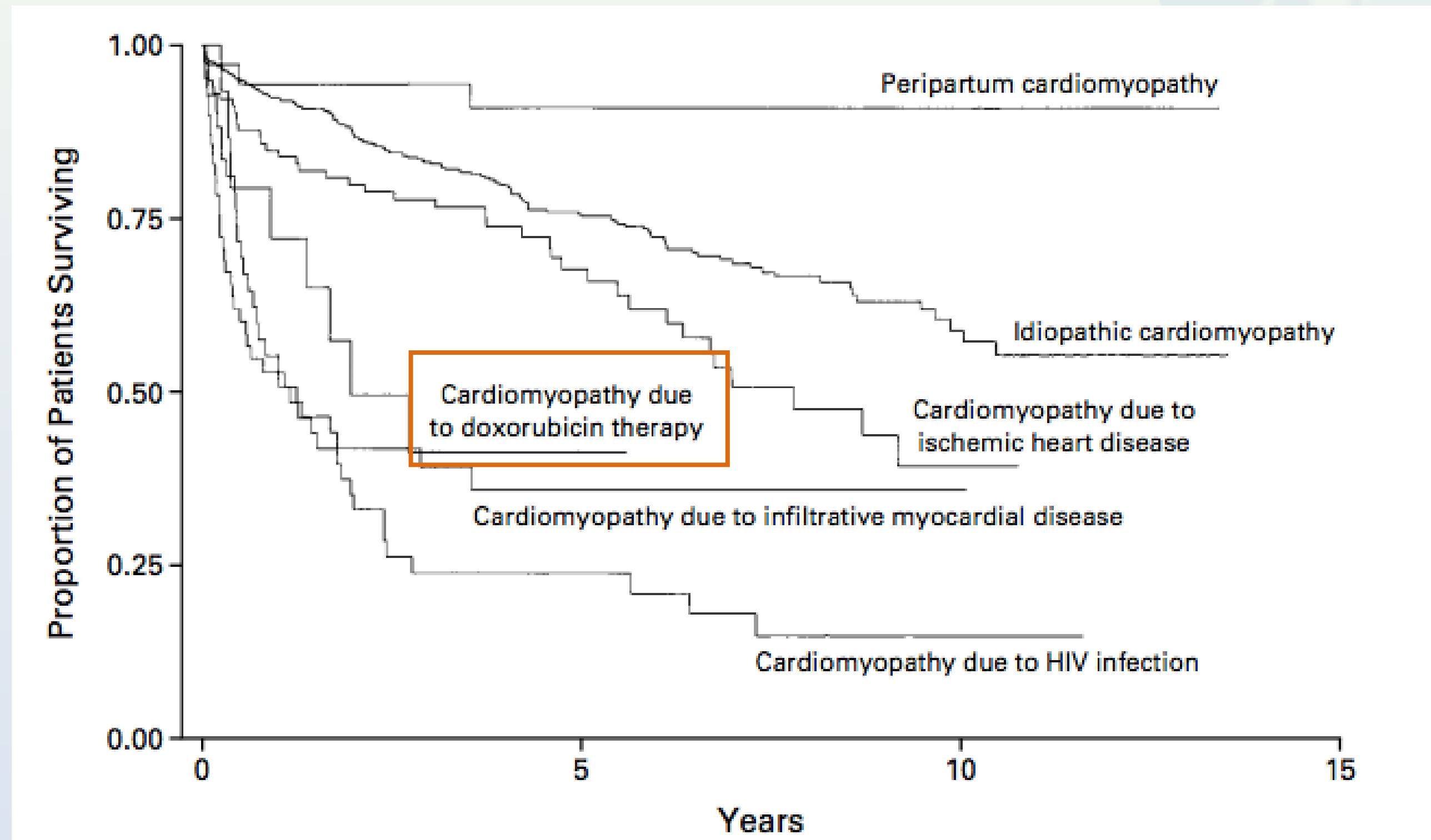
# Outline

- **Intersection of medical oncology and cardiovascular disease**
  - **Definitions and diagnostic criteria**
  - **Diagnostic modalities**
  - **Review of specific cancer therapeutics**
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# Scope of Cardio-oncology

- **Cancer is poised to become the leading cause of death in the western world**
- **14 million cancer survivors in the US, 18 million by 2022**
- **Among cancer survivors, cardiovascular death is the second leading cause of death (33%) after cancer (51%)**
- **Conventional chemotherapy vs. targeted agents**

# Survival in Chemotherapy Induced Cardiotoxicity



**1230 patients with unexplained HF undergoing EMB**

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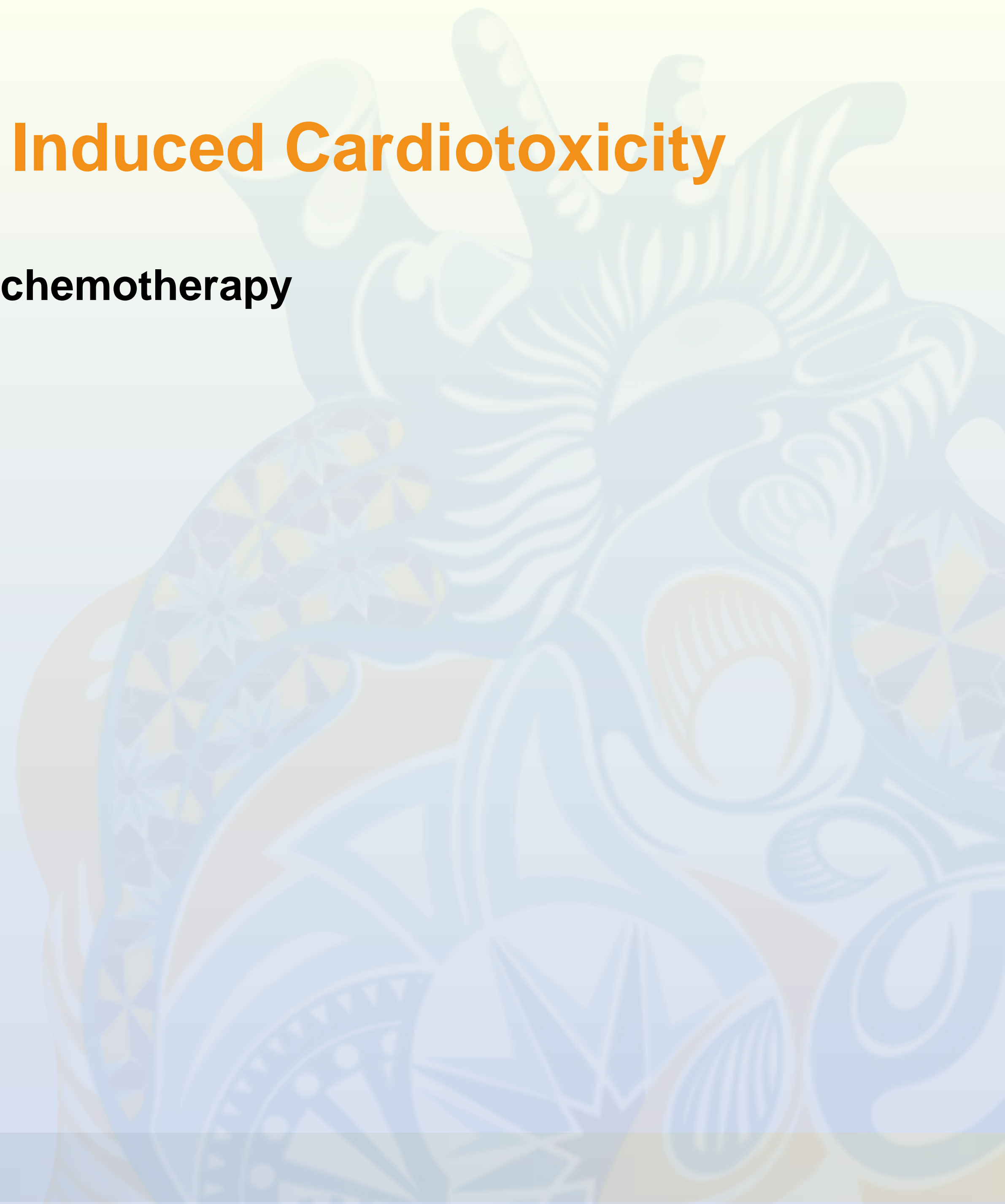
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- **PREDICT Trial**  
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**Cardiotoxicity defined as presentation of one or more cardiac events within 12 months of initiation of chemotherapy**

**Cardiac event defined as any new**

**Symptomatic cardiac arrhythmia, acute coronary syndrome, HF**

**Development of asymptomatic LV dysfunction, defined as LVEF reduction of 10% to less than 50% or a decrease of greater than 15% from baseline**

# Spectrum of Chemotherapy Induced Cardiotoxicity

- **Heart failure**

Anthracyclines, HER2 antagonists, alkylating agents, proteasome inhibitors, tyrosine kinase inhibitors

- **Ischemia**

Anti-metabolites, VSP inhibitors, proteasome inhibitors, taxanes

- **HTN**

VSP inhibitors, proteasome inhibitors

- **Arrhythmia**

Taxanes, alkylating agents (bradycardia), TKI (QT prolongation)

- **PH**

Dasatinib

- **Pericardial diseases**

Anthracyclines, cyclophosphamide, cytarabine, imatinib, dasatinib, interferon- $\alpha$ , arsenic trioxide

# Diagnostic Criteria for Chemotherapy Induced Cardiotoxicity in Clinical Trials

- **Slamon D, et al. N Engl J Med 2001;344:783-92**

NYHA III/IV HF or LV dysfunction

- **HERA Trial Piccart-Gebhart M, et al. N Engl J Med 2005;353:1659-72**

LVEF decrease  $\geq 10\%$  to  $< 50\%$

- **PACS-04 Spielmann M, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2009 Dec 20;27(36):6129-34**

Decrease in LVEF  $> 15\%$  to  $< 50\%$

# Diagnostic Criteria for Chemotherapy Induced Cardiotoxicity Across Guidelines

## **Cardiac Review and Evaluation Committee (2002)**

LVEF decrease  $> 5\%$  to  $< 55\%$  with HF symptoms, or  $> 10\%$  to  $< 55\%$  without HF symptoms

## **American Society of Echocardiography/European Association of CV imaging (2014)**

LVEF decrease  $> 10\%$  to  $< 53\%$ , confirmed on repeat imaging, with or without HF symptoms

## **European Society of Cardiology (2017)**

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## **Trastuzumab labeling**

LVEF decrease  $> 16\%$  from baseline or  $> 10\%$  to institutionally defined normal

## **Food and Drug Administration**

LVEF decrease  $> 20\%$  from a normal baseline, or  $> 10\%$  from abnormal baseline, LVEF  $< 45\%$

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- **Widely available**
- **No radiation exposure**
- **Cost effective**
- **Evaluation of other cardiac structures**
- **Well-suited for surveillance**

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- **More reproducible**
- **Needs specialized training and quality control**



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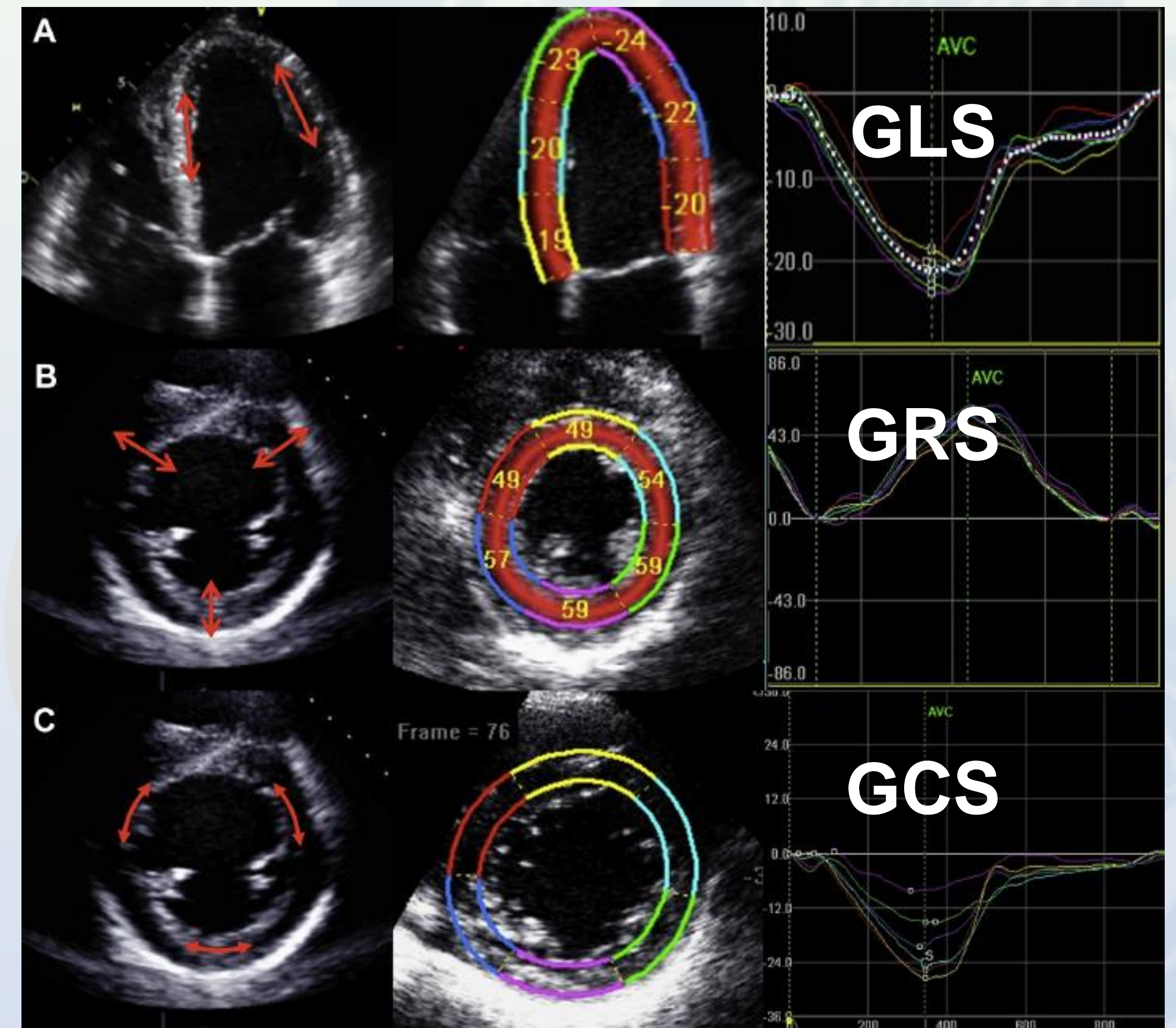
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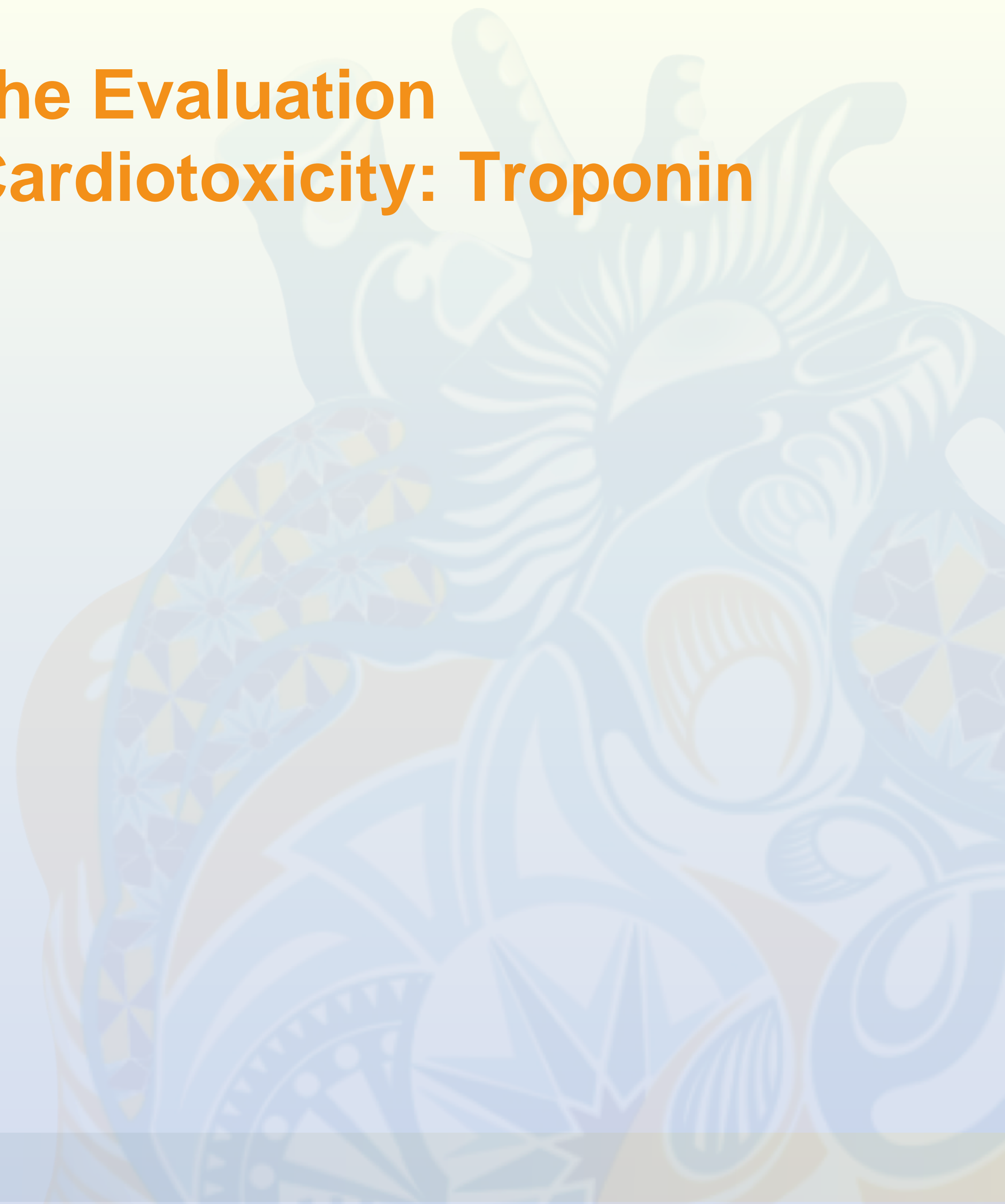
- **MUGA / CMR**

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- GLS is more reproducible compared to GRS or GCS
- Reduction in GLS by 9-19% is common during or immediately after anthracycline administration, preceding asymptomatic reductions in LVEF
- STE measured GLS is the most consistent parameter of future cardiotoxicity (**GLS > 15%**)



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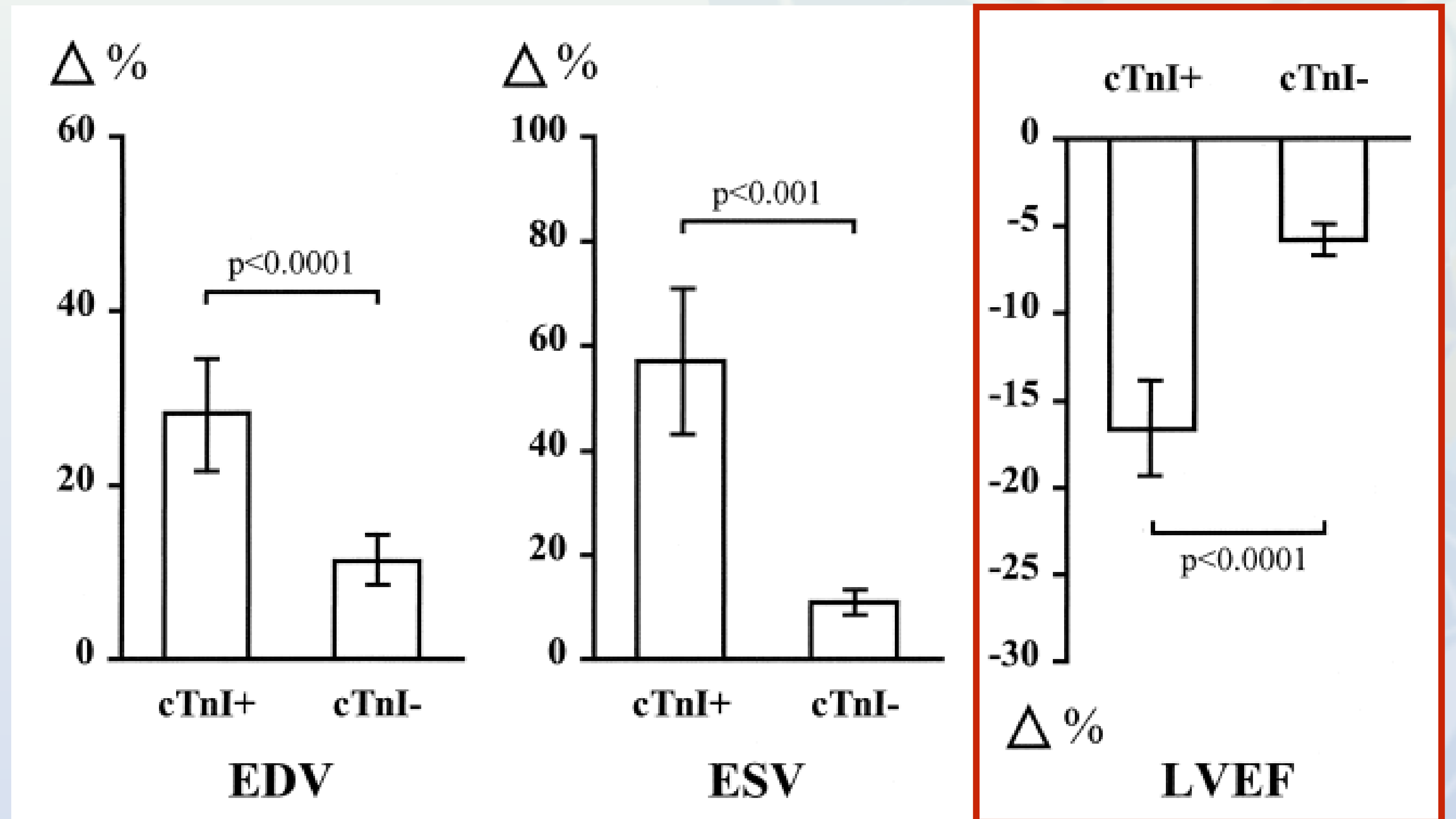
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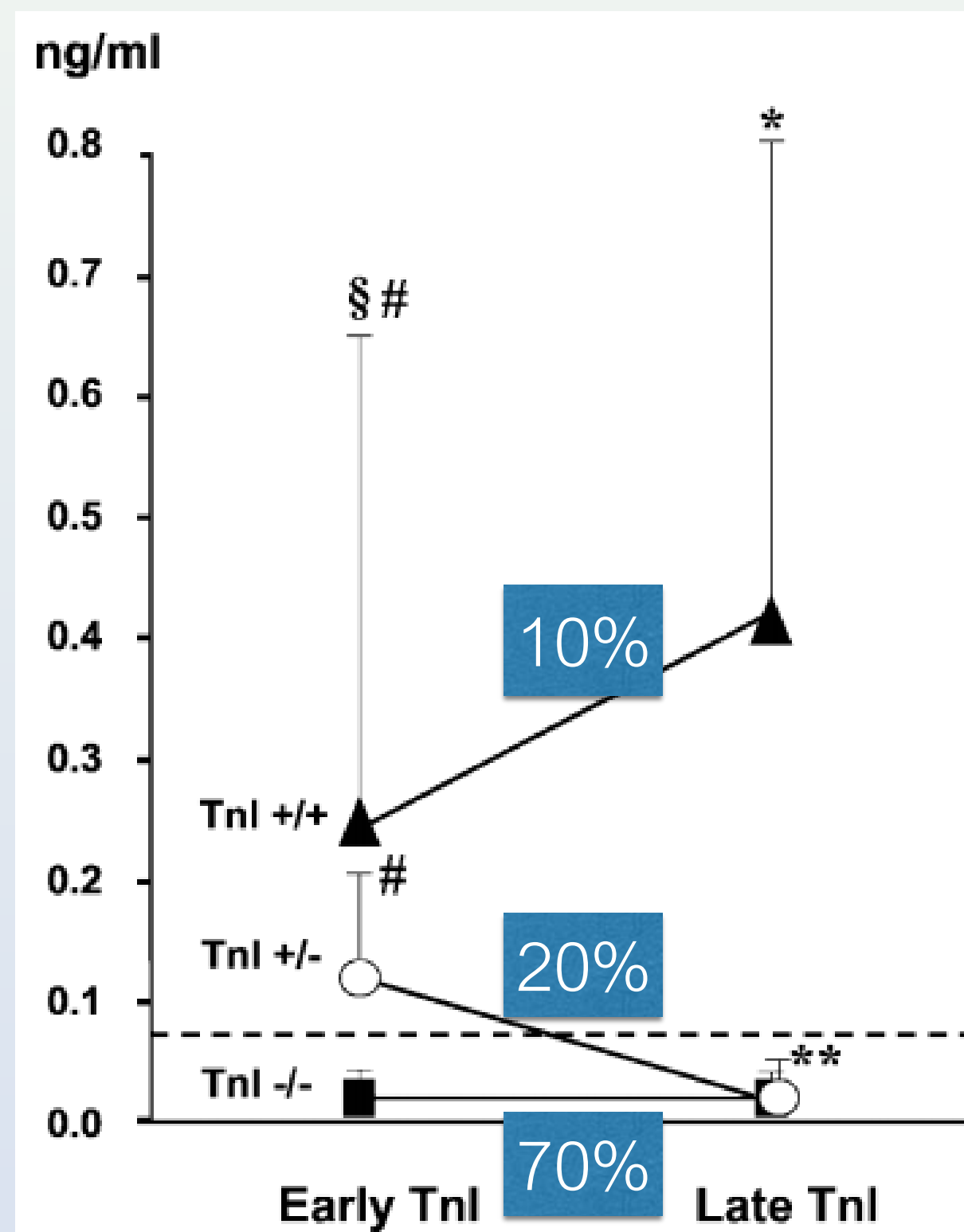
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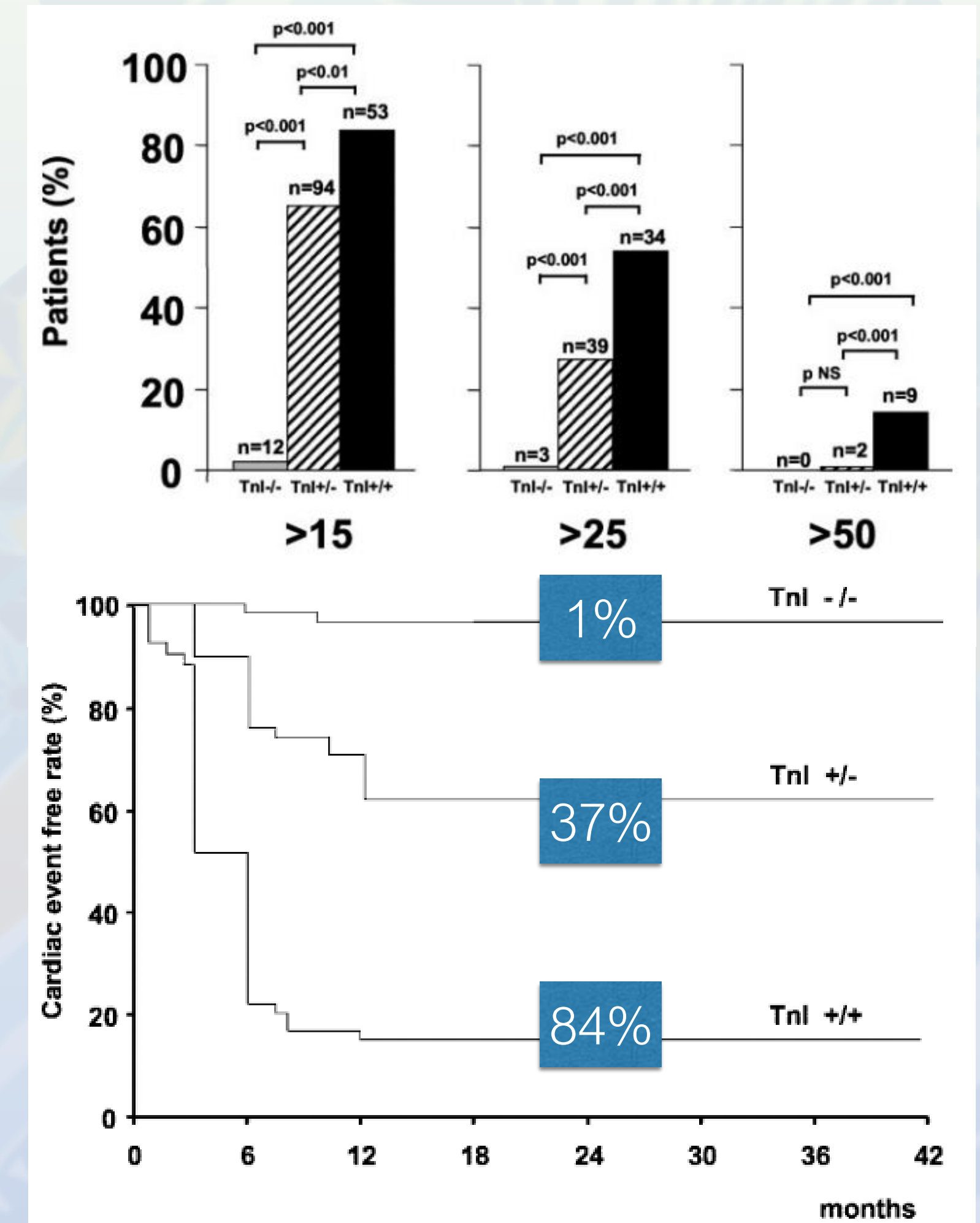
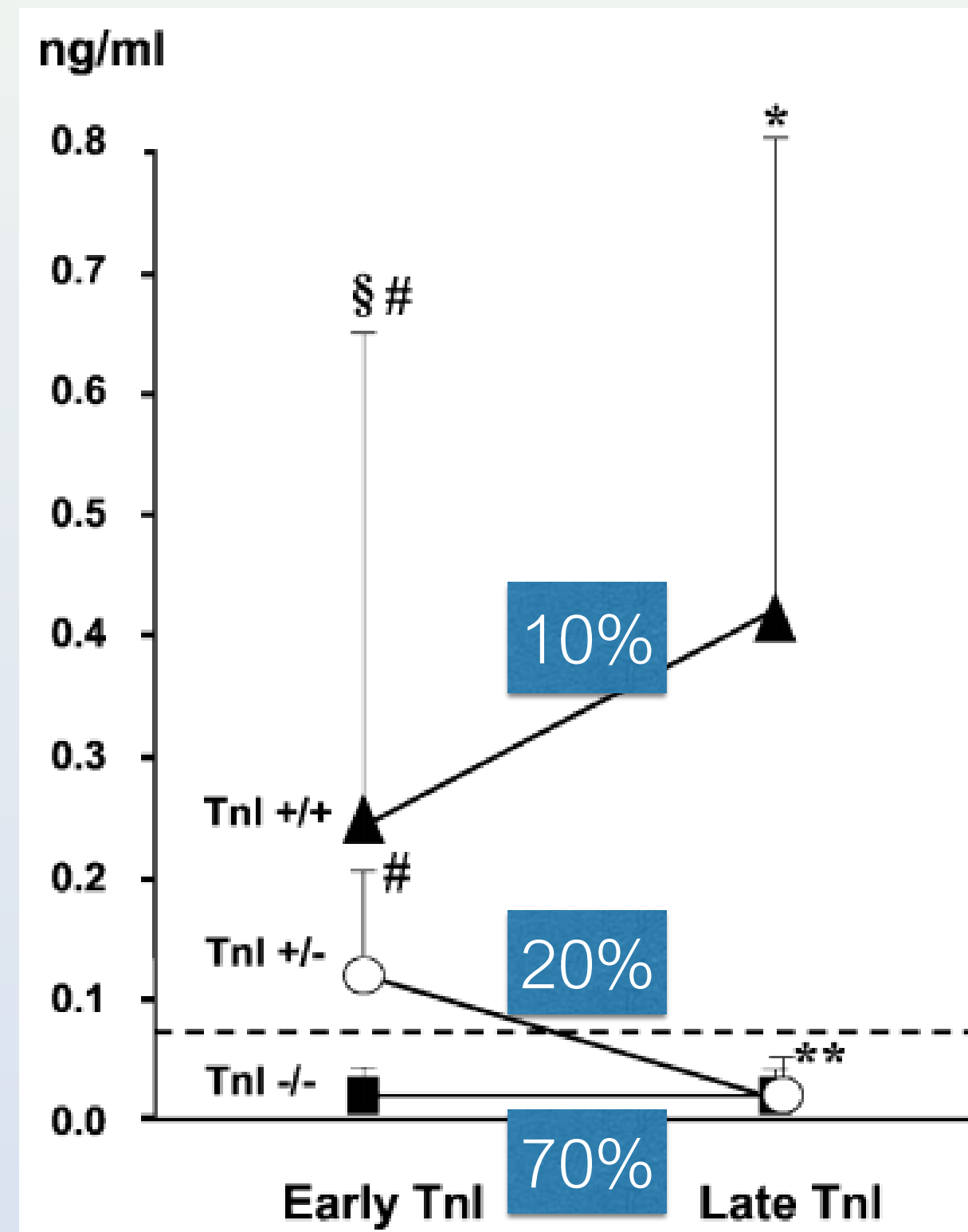


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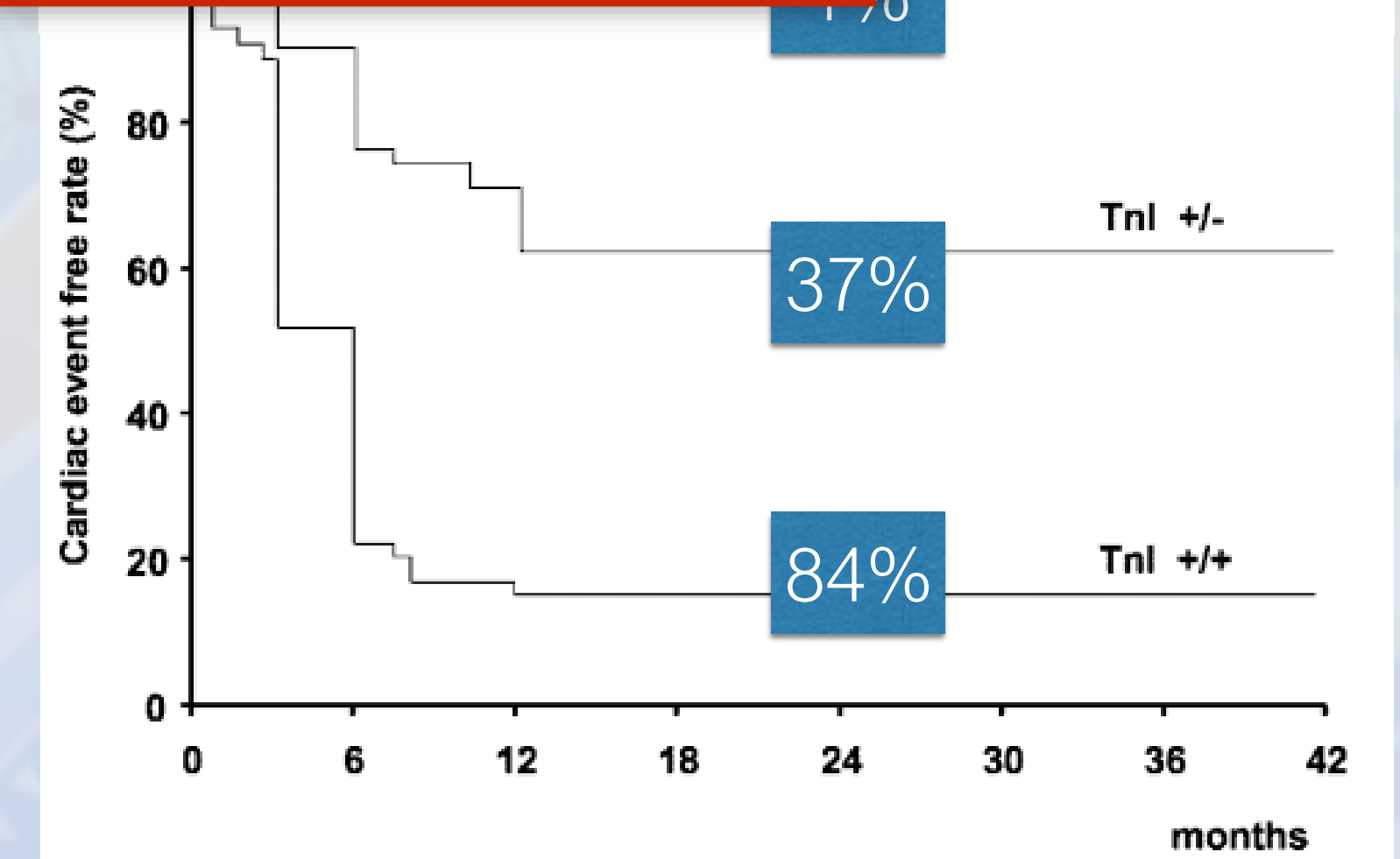
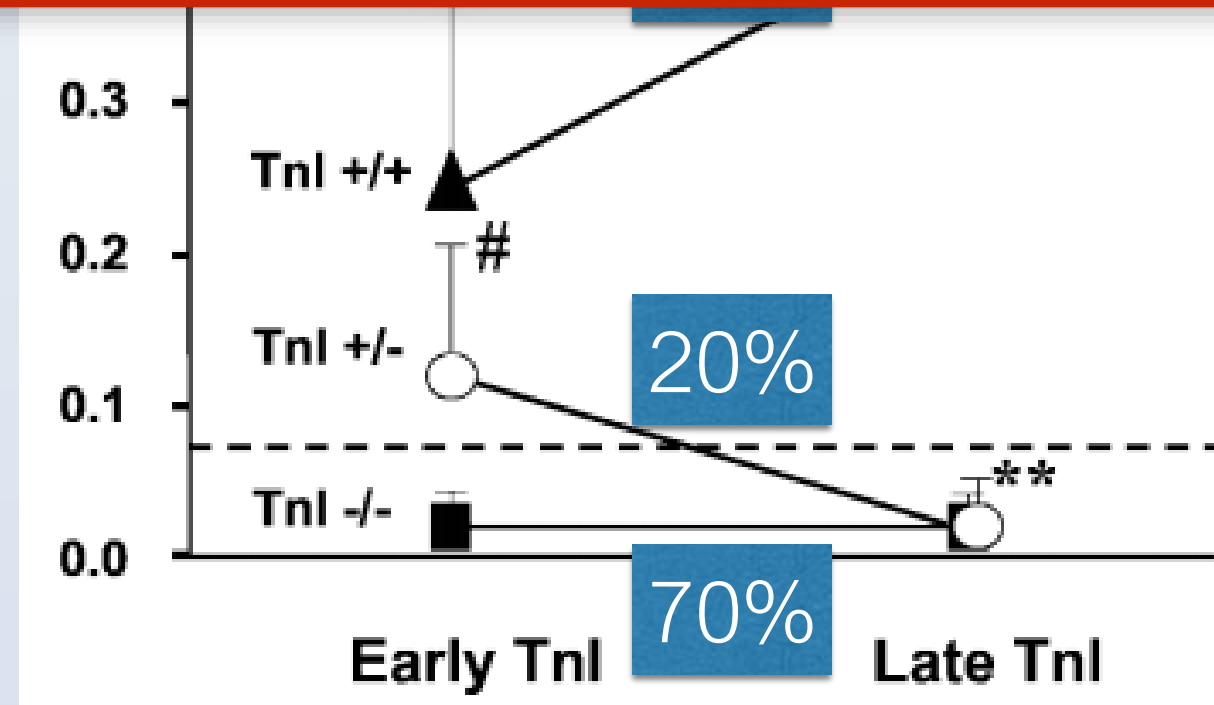
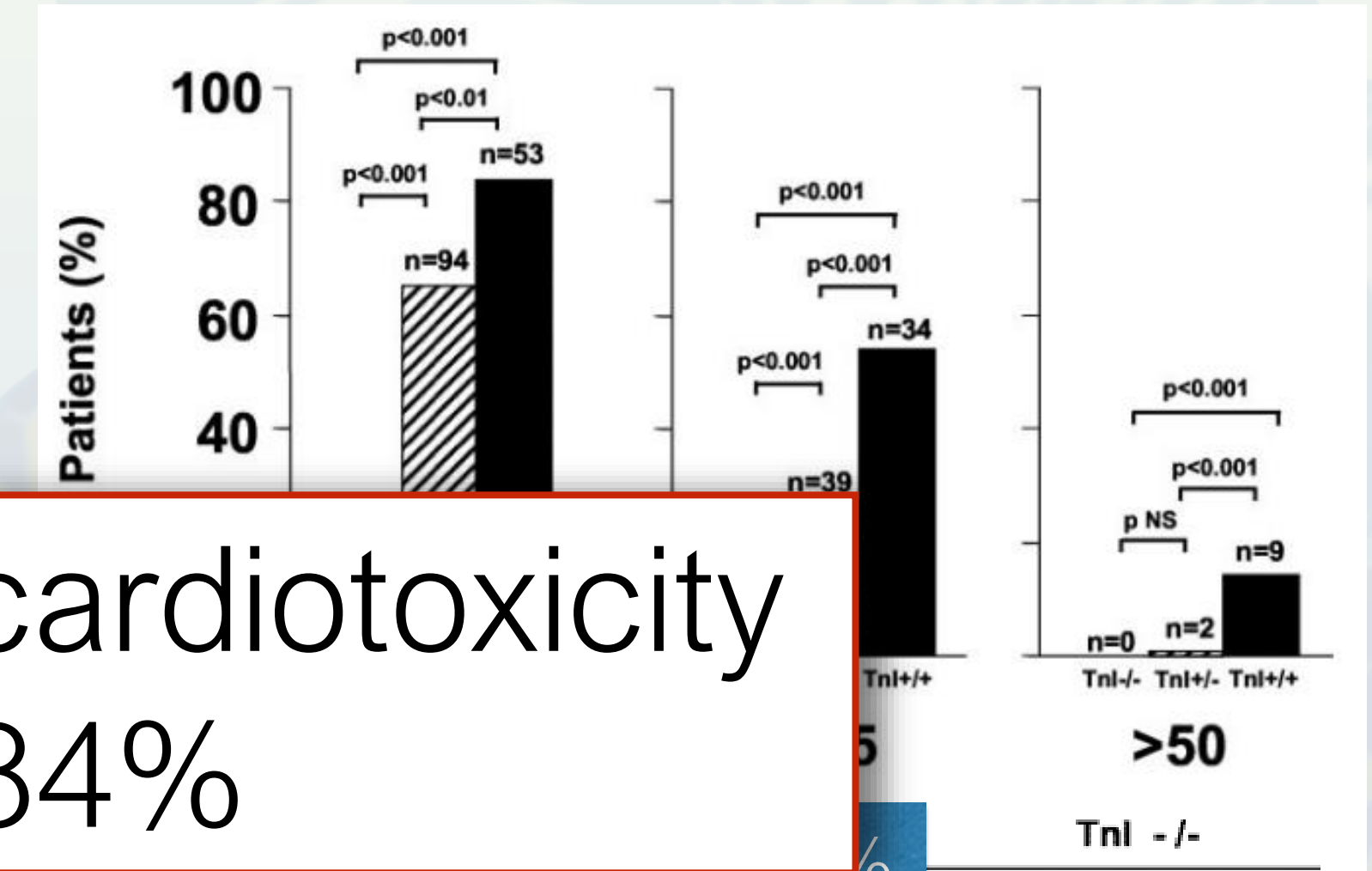
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Negative troponin: NPV 99% for cardiotoxicity  
Positive troponin: PPV 84%



# Multimodality Approach

- **N = 81 HER2 +ve breast cancer (AC+taxanes/trastuzumab)**

	Sensitivity	Specificity
Ultrasensitive <sup>[L]<sub>SEP</sub></sup> troponin	48%	73%
GLS <sup>[L]<sub>SEP</sub></sup> > -19%	74%	73%
Combined	84%	93%

# Recommendations for Initial Screening of Chemotherapy Induced Cardiotoxicity

## **American Society of Clinical Oncology**

Echo/MRI or MUGA, strain imaging and biomarkers (TnI, BNP) could be considered

## **American Society of Echocardiography/European Association of CV imaging (2014)**

LVEF at baseline with 3DE (preferred) / 2DE (consider contrast), GLS, TnI

## **European Society for Medical Oncology**

Echo or MUGA. May consider MRI as an alternative

## **European Society of Cardiology**

LVEF by 3DE and GLS. MUGA and MRI may be considered as alternative

## **Canadian Cardiovascular Society**

3DE and strain. MUGA and MRI as alternatives. Consider concomitant troponin and BNP

# Pharmacotherapy in Prevention of Chemotherapy Induced Cardiotoxicity

	N	Study Arms	Patients	Endpoints	Results
<b>PRADA Trial</b> Gulati G, et al. 2016	130	2x2 Candesartan Metoprolol XL	Breast Ca FEC	Dec LVEF by 5% <b>GLS</b> <b>Troponin</b>	LVEF dec 2.6% vs. 0,8%, p=0.026 with Candesartan No difference with metoprolol
<b>CECCY Trial</b> Avila M, et al. 2018	192	Carvedilol (3.1 25 mg - 25 mg bid)	Breast cancer pts HER2 negative ANT (<240 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	LVEF dec > 10% at 6 months (23% anticipated) <b>Tnl &gt; 0.04, BNP</b>	1ry: 14% vs. 13.5% <b>Tnl: 26% vs 42% (p = 0.03)</b> BNP: no difference

# Specific Agents





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Cumulative Dose <sup>[L SEP]</sup> mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Incident HF
150	6.5%
250	8.8%
350	17.9%
400	32.4%

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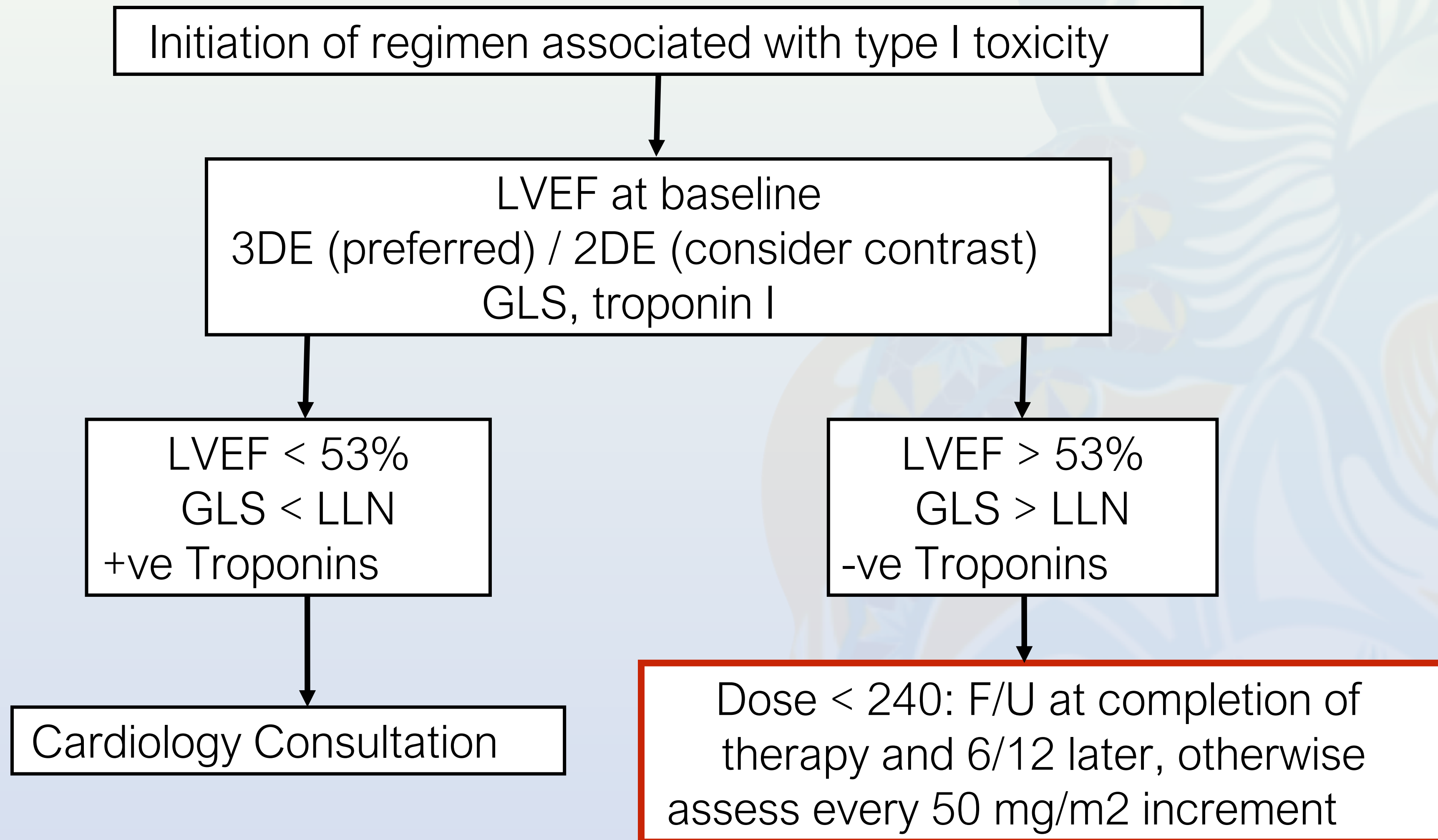
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  - NYHA I-II 81%, NYHA III-IV 19%**
  - 98% of cases diagnosed with cardiotoxicity in 1 year**
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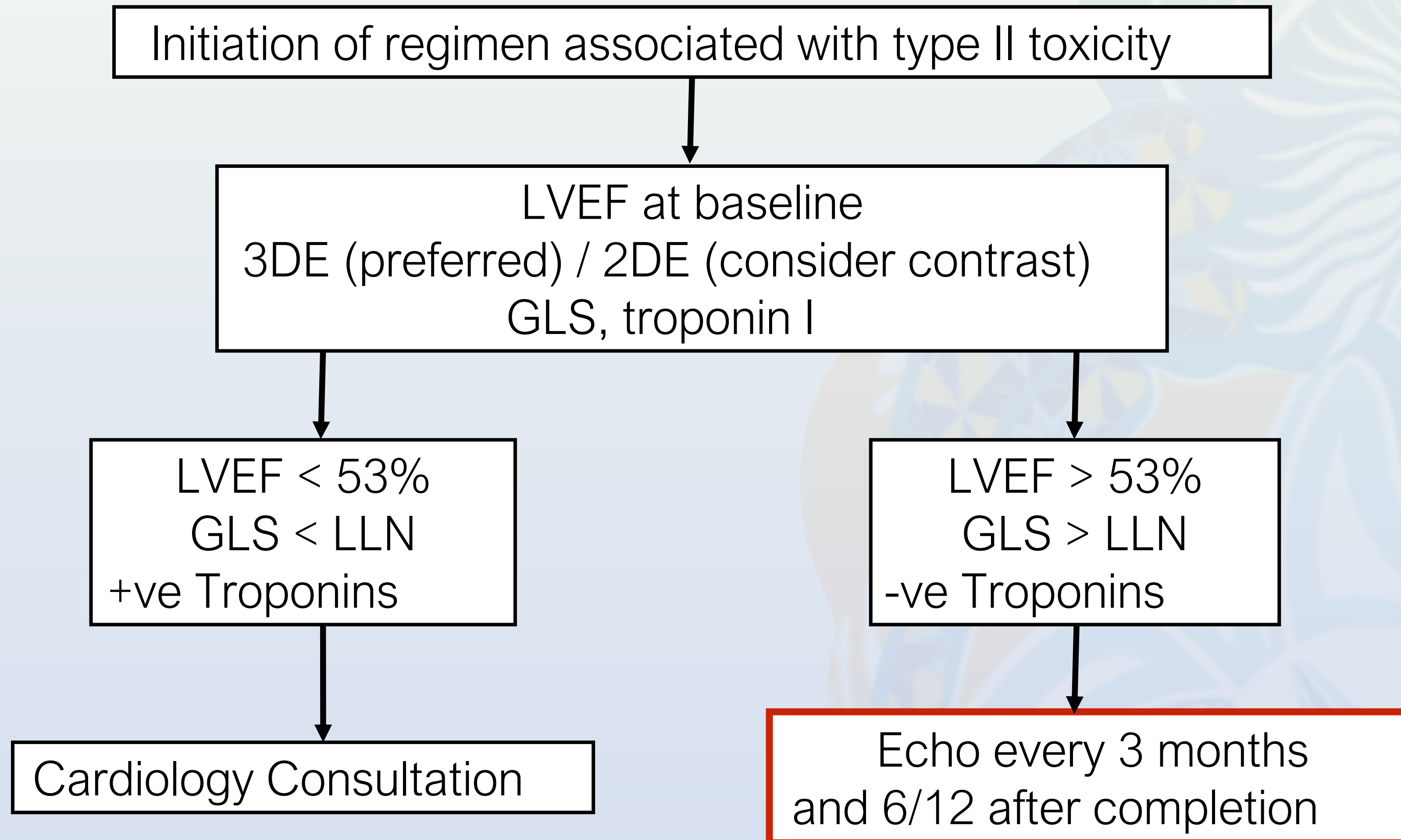
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