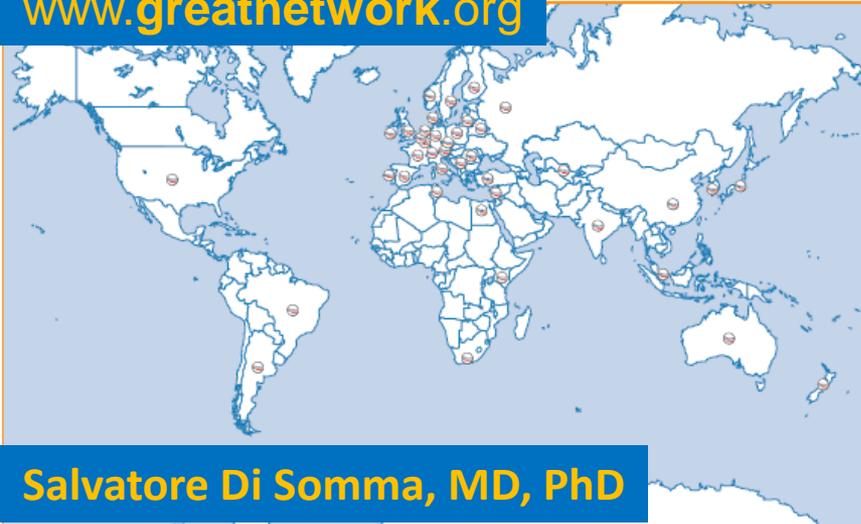


# Scompensso Cardiaco Acuto ed Insufficienza Renale: L'importanza dei biomarkers per predire l'evoluzione

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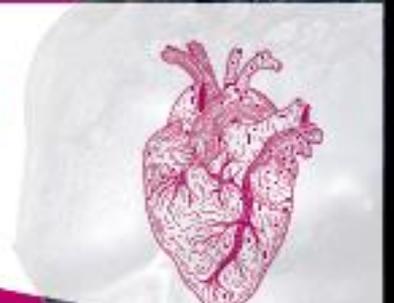
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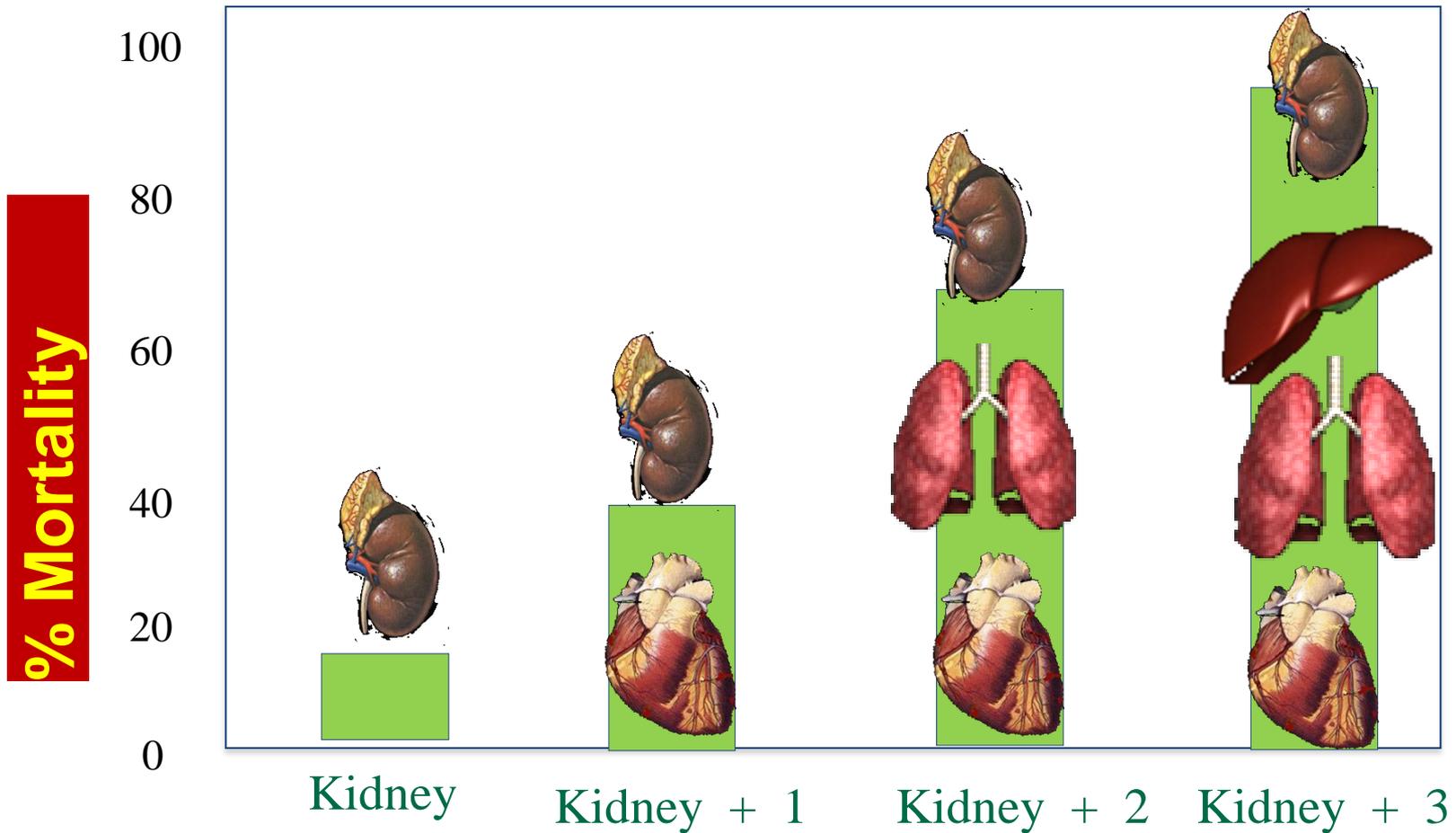
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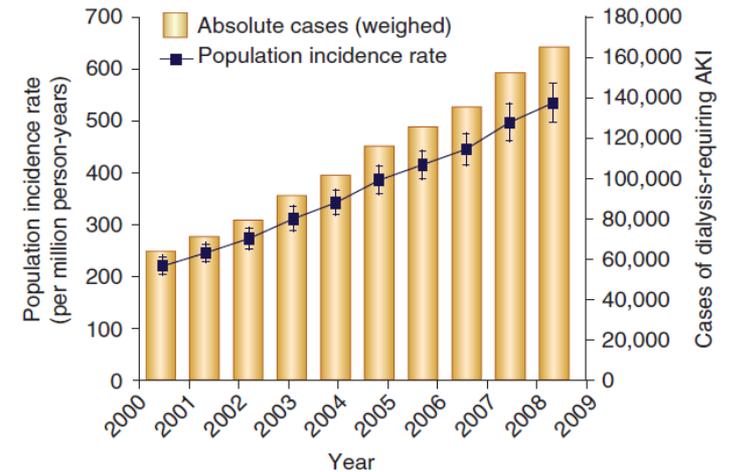
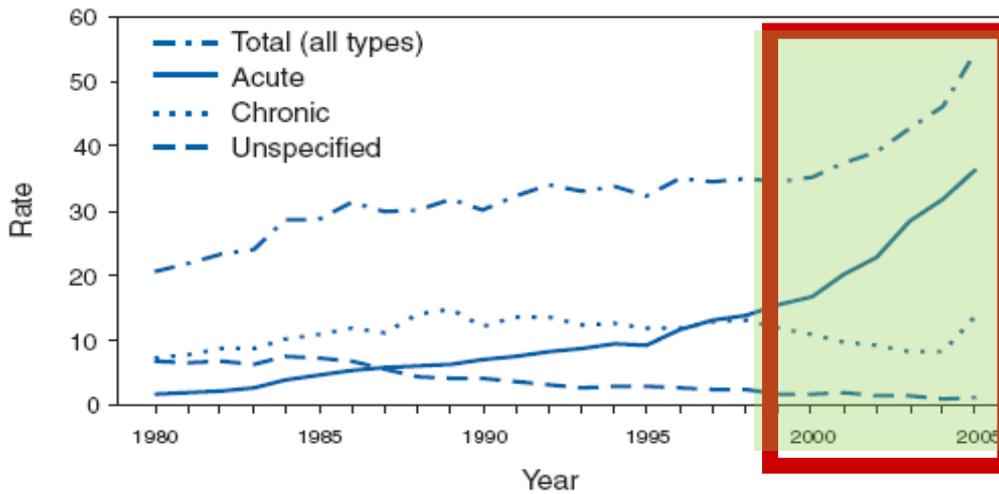


# Number of Failing Organs for any acute disease



# Increasing Frequency of Hospitalizations and Need for Dialysis because of Kidney Disease

**FIGURE 2. Age-adjusted hospitalization rates\* for kidney disease,† by type of kidney failure — National Hospital Discharge Survey, United States, 1980–2005**



\* Per 10,000 population.

† Based on *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification* codes 580–589, which include acute kidney disease, acute renal failure, end-stage renal disease, chronic kidney failure, and other kidney diseases.

*Morb Mortal Wkly Rep*, 57: 309-12, 2008.

**Population incidence of dialysis-requiring AKI**

Siew ED et al. *Kidney international* 2015.



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# AKI: Epidemiology

- ✓ Over the past two decades, the increased availability of electronic health records and large prospective cohorts of patients with AKI have facilitated the study of this disease in different settings;
- ✓ Rapid increases in the incidence of AKI have been reported, highlighting a growing contribution to the public health burden of advanced kidney disease.

AKI (KDIGO definition) is estimated to occurs in:

- **18% of general hospitalizations and**
- **up to 50% of ICU cases worldwide;**

*Bienholz A et al. From the nephrologist's point of view: diversity of causes and clinical features of acute kidney injury. Clinical Kidney Journal 2015.*  
*Siew ED et al. The growth of acute kidney injury: a rising tide or just closer attention to details? Kidney international 2015.*



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**Patients considered for eligibility in ED (n= 700)**

**Admission (T0)**



- Baseline clinical screening;
- Routine laboratory tests\*;
- sCr, NGAL;
- ED physician clinical judgement for suspected AKI;
- Medications, urine output, nephrology consults and disposition

**T:6-12-24-48 and 72 (hours after admission)**

sCr, NGAL;  
medications, urinary output, nephrology consults, dialysis, ICU admission and mortality;

**Excluded (n= 35):**

- Did not consent (n = 8)
- Withdraws from study (n=21)
- Not admitted (n= 3)
- Incomplete data (n= 3)

**7%**

**Patients considered for statistical analysis (n= 665)**

**Catania (n= 193)**  
**Genoa (n= 200)**  
**Rome (n= 272)**

**Outcomes**

**NO AKI (n=616)**

- Preserved Renal Function (n = 461)
- Stable CKD (n=84)
- Renal Dysfunction\* (n= 71)

**AKI (n=49)**

- RIFLE "R" (n= 9)
- RIFLE "I & F" (n=8)
- Recovery from RIFLE "I & F"(n= 6)
- AKIN Criteria (n = 10)
- Oliguria (n = 14)
- RRT (n=2)

**In-hospital deaths (n= 27)**  
**ICU admission (n=11)**

S. Di Somma et al. Critical Care 2013, 17: R 29

\*see in the text methods section

Figure 1

# Why is AKI Important to Society

## Drives Up Length of Stay And Hospital Costs

### ANNUAL IMPACT

ANNUAL  
AKI  
DIAGNOSES  
IN ICU<sup>12\*</sup>

1,909

AT 48% MODERATE TO SEVERE AKI<sup>13</sup>

AVG  
INCREMENTAL  
COST/  
PATIENT<sup>13</sup>

\$29,800

LENGTH OF  
STAY  
INCREASE /  
PATIENT<sup>13</sup>

10.4  
DAYS

READMISSION  
RATE<sup>8</sup>

15.9%

**\$27.3M**  
**0.4% INPATIENT  
REVENUE**  
**7.0% OF NET  
INCOME**

**9,532 DAYS  
LENGTH OF STAY  
INCREASE**

**146 PATIENTS  
READMITTED**

[8] Brown JR et al. Impact of perioperative acute kidney injury as a severity index for thirty-day readmission after cardiac surgery. *Ann Thorac Surg.* 2014;97(1):111-7

[11] Massicottee-Azarniouch, Magder S, Goldberg P, Alam A. Acute Kidney Injury in the Intensive Care Unit: Risk Factors and Outcomes of Physician Recognition Compared with KDIGO Classification. Poster presented at: Society of Critical Care Medicine; February 2016; Orlando, FL.

[12] American Hospital Directory Database, accessed Dec 2016 on 7,052 hospitals, data on file

\*AKI diagnoses from AHD Database adjusted for diagnoses in ICU using assumptions from AHA Database (ICU beds per hospital bed), Wunsch et al. (ICU LOS, % cardiovascular/respiratory compromised), and Hobson et al. (% moderate/severe AKI).

[13] Hobson CE, Ozrazgat-Baslanti T, Kuxhausen A, et. al. Cost and Mortality Associated With Postoperative Acute Kidney Injury *Annals of Surgery.* 2014;00:1-8



# Acute conditions associated with AKI

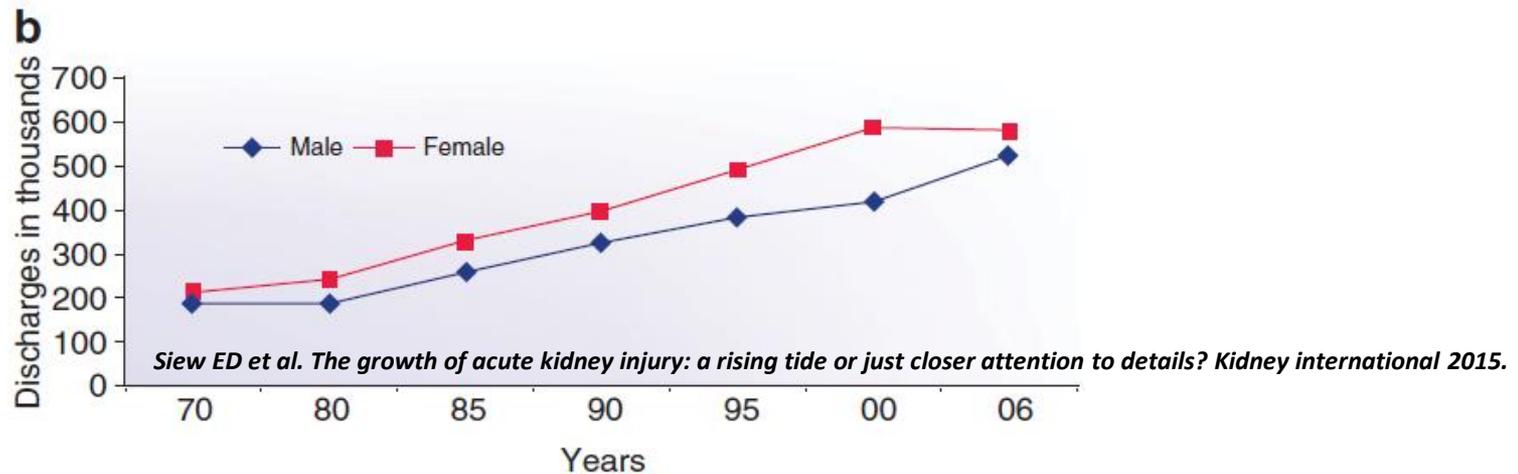
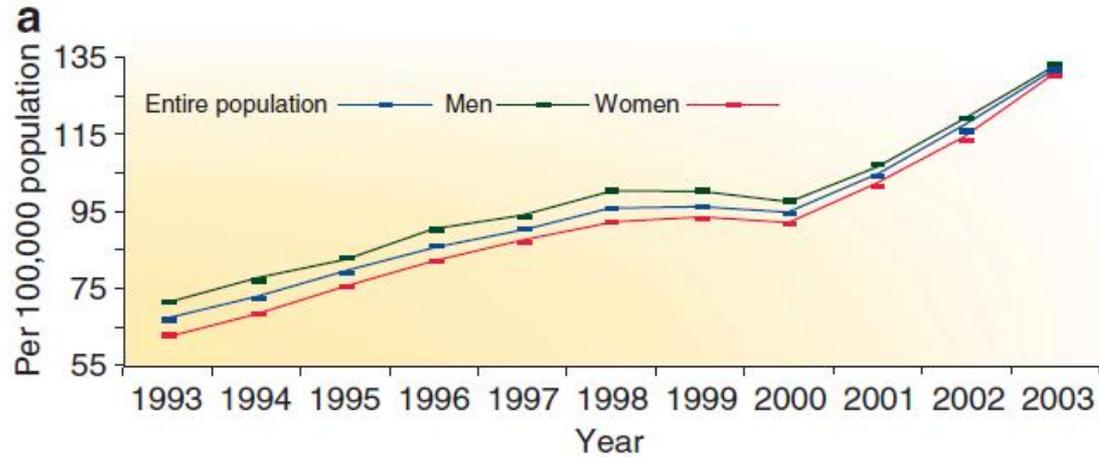
Exposures	Susceptibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sepsis</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dehydration and volume depletion</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Critical illness</li><li>• Circulatory shock</li><li>• Burns</li><li>• Trauma</li><li>• Cardiac surgery (especially with cardio-pulmonary bypass)</li><li>• Major non-cardiac surgery</li><li>• Nephrotoxic drugs</li><li>• Radiocontrast agents</li><li>• Poisonous plants and animals</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advanced age</li><li>• Female gender</li><li>• Black race</li><li>• CKD</li><li>• Chronic diseases (heart, lung, liver)</li><li>• Diabetes mellitus</li><li>• Cancer</li><li>• Anaemia</li><li>• . . .</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Acute Heart Failure</b></li></ul>	<b>Both Volume Depletion and or Congestion</b>

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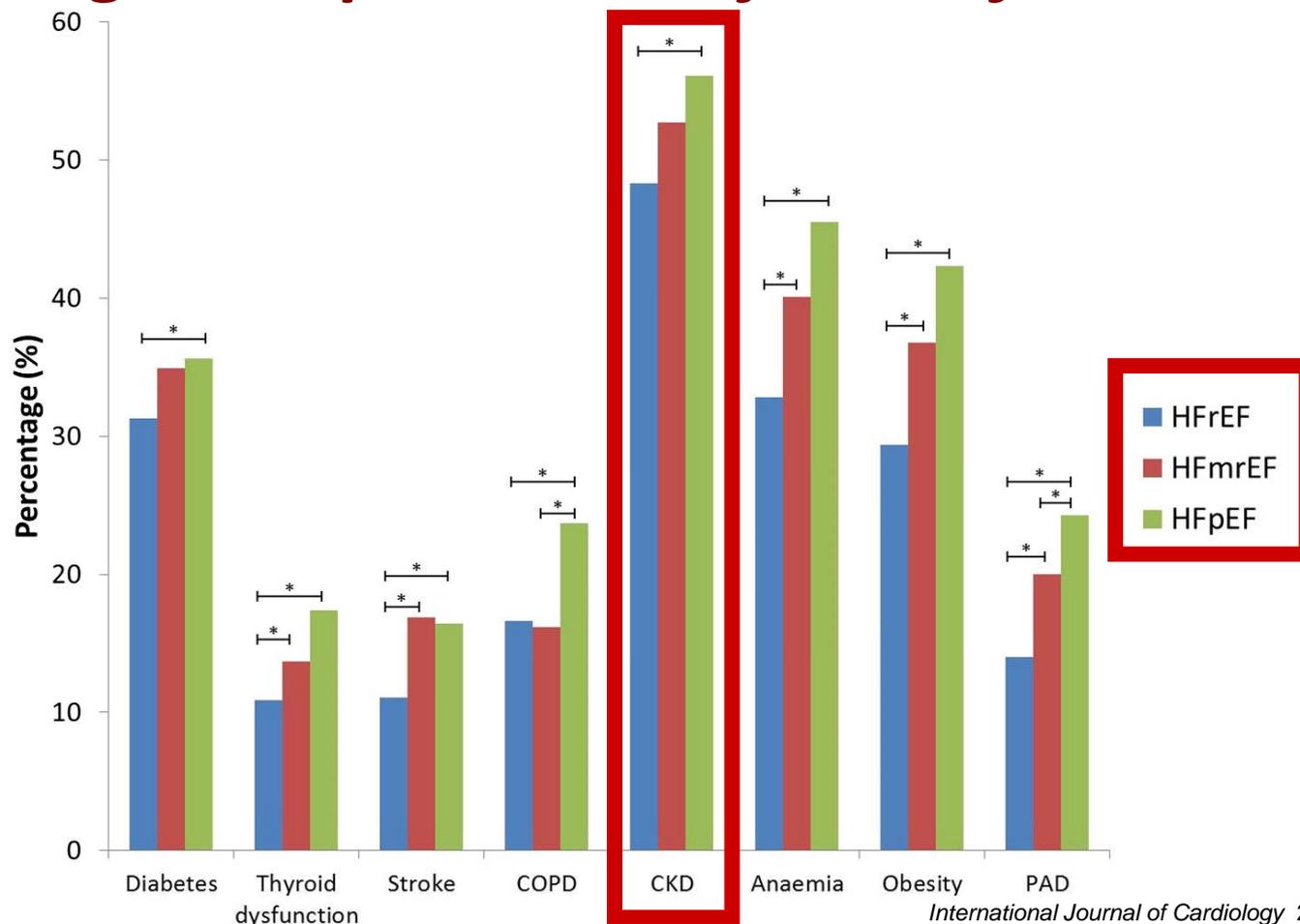
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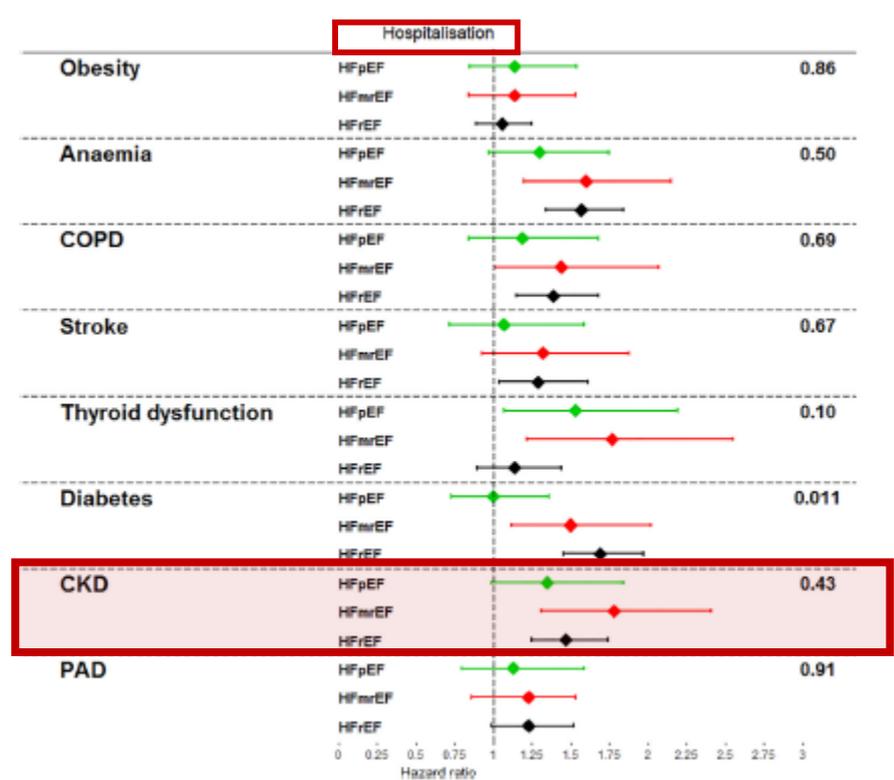
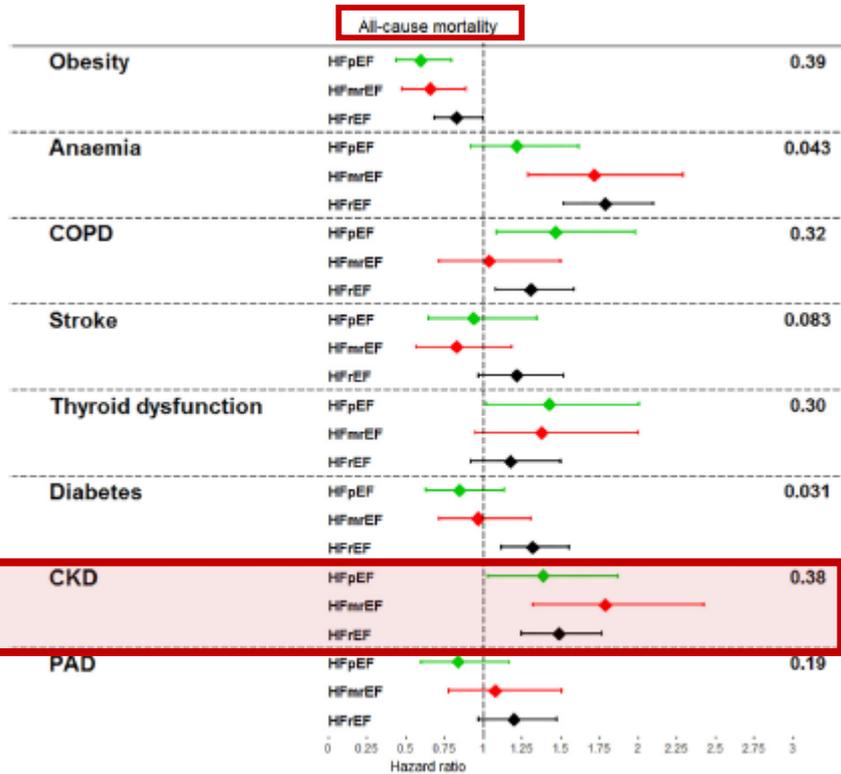
# Temporal trends in Sepsis (a) and Heart Failure (b) hospitalizations in US



# Comorbidities in heart failure with reduced, mid-range and preserved ejection fraction



# Kidney Disease and Outcome in Heart Failure



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**European Society of Cardiology  
– Acute Cardiovascular Care**  
**Association position paper on safe  
discharge of acute heart failure patients  
from the emergency department**

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**Table 2.** Variables included in the Emergency Heart Failure Mortality Risk Grade Model formulated by Lee et al.<sup>41</sup> Score calculation for a particular patient can be done through a web calculator (<https://ehmrg.ices.on.ca/#/>) which allocates patient in low (deciles 1 to 4), medium (deciles 5 to 7) or high (deciles 8 to 10) risk category.

Variable <sup>a</sup>	Unit of measurement
Age	Continuous in years
Transported by EMS	Categorical
Systolic blood pressure	Continuous in mmHg (max = 160 mmHg)
Heart rate	Continuous in beats/min (min = 80, max = 120 beats/min)
Oxygen saturation	Continuous as % (max = 92%)
<b>Creatinine</b>	<b>Continuous as mg/dl</b>
Potassium	Categorical: 4.0 to 4.5 mmol/l ≥ 4.6 mmol/l ≤ 3.9 mmol/l
Troponin	Categorical
Active cancer	Categorical
Metolazone at home	Categorical

# Cardiorenal Syndrome(CRS)

“a pathophysiological disorder of the heart and kidneys, in which acute or chronic dysfunction of one organ may induce acute or chronic dysfunction to the other.”

Although cardiorenal syndrome was usually referred to as acute kidney dysfunction following acute cardiac disease, it is now clearly established that impaired kidney function can have an adverse impact on cardiac function.

Ronco C et al. *Adv Chronic Kidney Dis.*2018 Sep;25(5):382-390.

**Table 1.** Classification of CRS

Type	Denomination	Description	Example
1	Acute cardiorenal	Heart failure leading to AKI	Acute coronary syndrome leading to acute heart and kidney failure
2	Chronic cardiorenal	Chronic heart failure leading to kidney failure	Chronic heart failure
3	Acute nephrocardiac	AKI leading to acute heart failure	Uremic cardiomyopathy AKI related
4	Chronic nephrocardiac	CKD leading to heart failure	Left ventricular hypertrophy and diastolic heart failure due to kidney failure
5	Secondary	Systemic disease leading to heart and kidney failure	Sepsis, vasculitis, diabetes mellitus

**Cardiorenal Syndrome: Review**

Ronco C *Kidney Dis* 2016;2:151-163

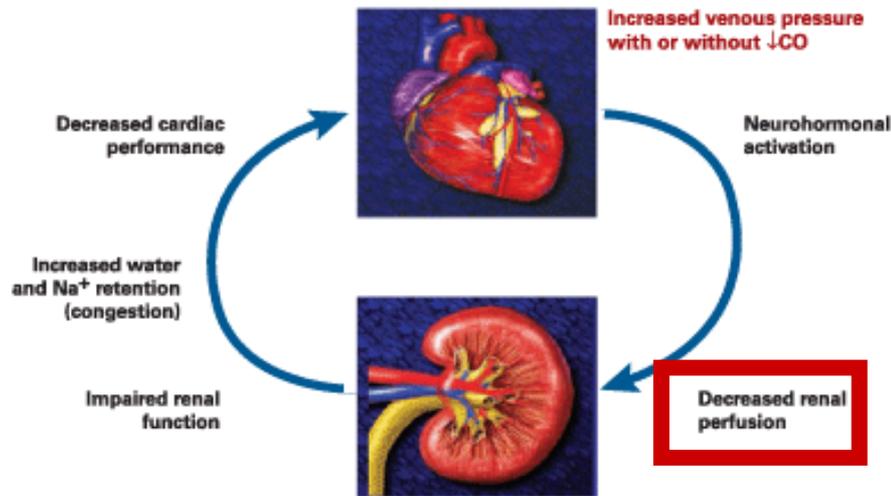


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# CRS Type 1: Acute CRS

■ **Figure 1.** Cardiac/Renal Syndrome\* in Acute Heart Failure Syndrome<sup>7</sup>

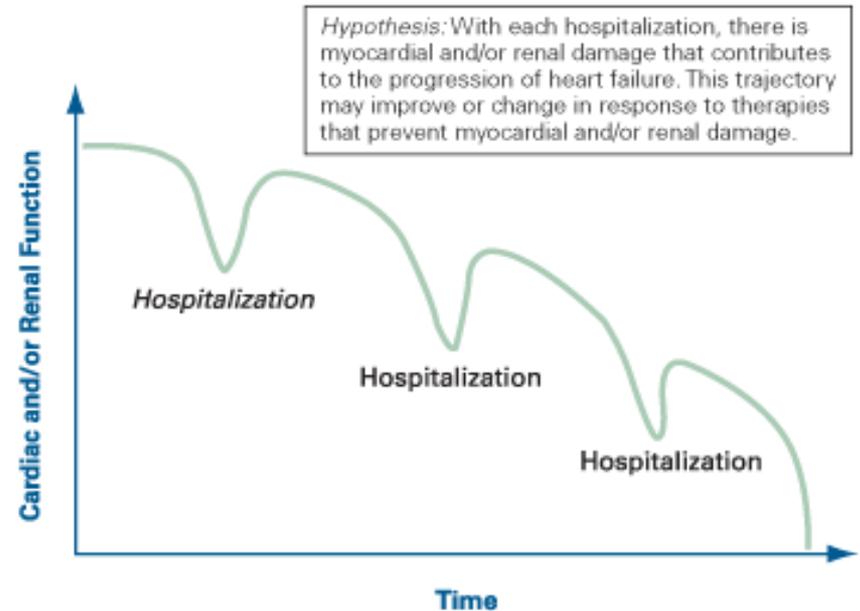


Most patients do not have low cardiac output.

\*Increasing blood urea nitrogen, in the presence of high filling pressures (edema) often related to high doses of loop diuretics.

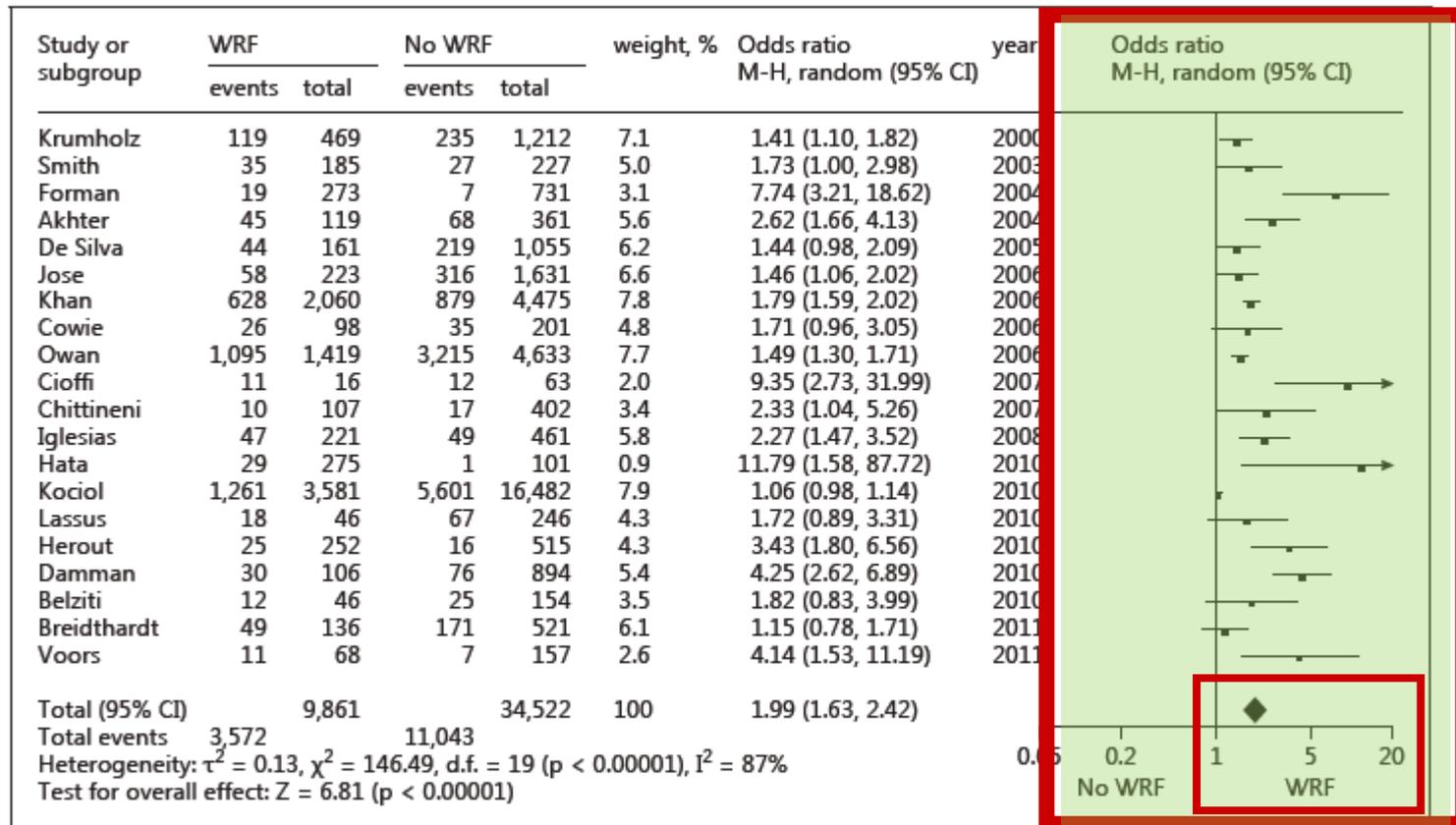
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■ **Figure 2.** Acute Heart Failure Syndrome and Heart Failure Progression as Related to Cardiac/Renal Function<sup>10</sup>



*Am J Manag Care.* 2008 Dec;14(12 Suppl Managed):S273-86

# WRF and poor outcome in Heart Failure

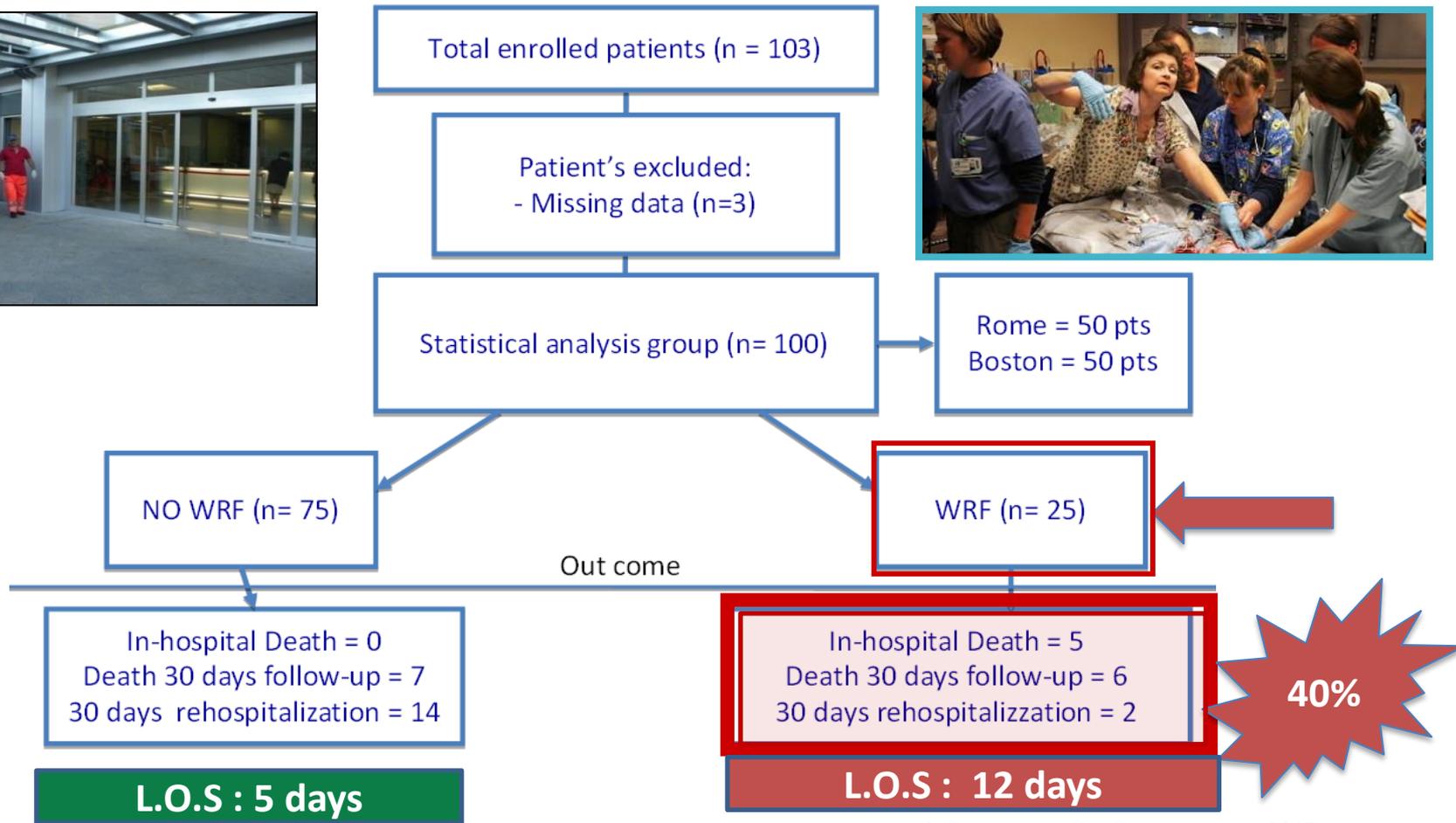


NGAL: Ready for Routine Clinical Use?

Blood Purif 2014;37:271-285  
DOI: 10.1159/000360689



# CRS Type 1: outcome



← WRF: worsening renal function

Di Somma et al. Clin Chem Lab Med. 2015  
Mar;53(4):613-21



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# Importance of early therapies for AHF as consequence of prompt diagnosis

- In 46,599 patients with ADHF (ADHERE)
- **a delay in Treatment** was associated with:



- **250% ↑ in acute mortality;**
- **150% ↑ in Hospital length of stay**

W.F. Peacock, S. Di Somma et al. *Congest Heart Fail.* 2008



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**2016 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure**

The Task Force for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

Developed with the special contribution of the Heart Failure Association (HFA) of the ESC

**Recommendations for the management of patients with acute heart failure: pharmacotherapy**

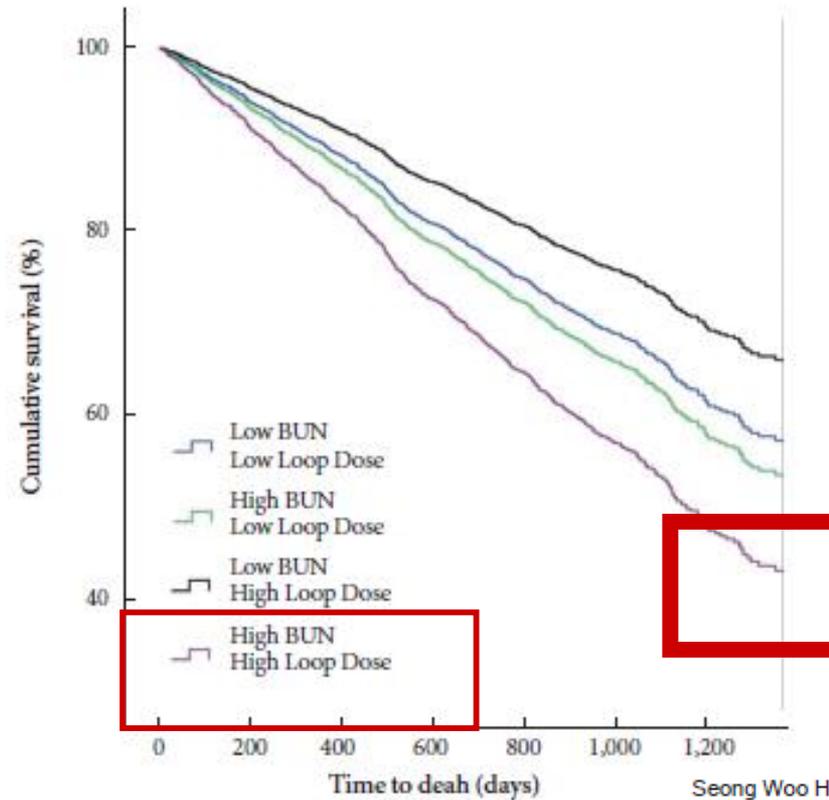
Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref <sup>c</sup>
<b>Diuretics</b>			
Intravenous loop diuretics are recommended for all patients with AHF admitted with signs/symptoms of fluid overload to improve symptoms. It is recommended to regularly monitor symptoms, urine output, renal function and electrolytes during use of i.v. diuretics.	I	C	

**Recommendations regarding monitoring of clinical status of patients hospitalized due to acute heart failure**

Frequent, often daily, measurement of renal function (blood urea, creatinine) and electrolytes (potassium, sodium) during i.v. therapy and when renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system antagonists are initiated is recommended.	I	C
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# Diuretic dosage and kidney function



Seong Woo Han, et al. (Korean Circ J 2011;41:565-574)



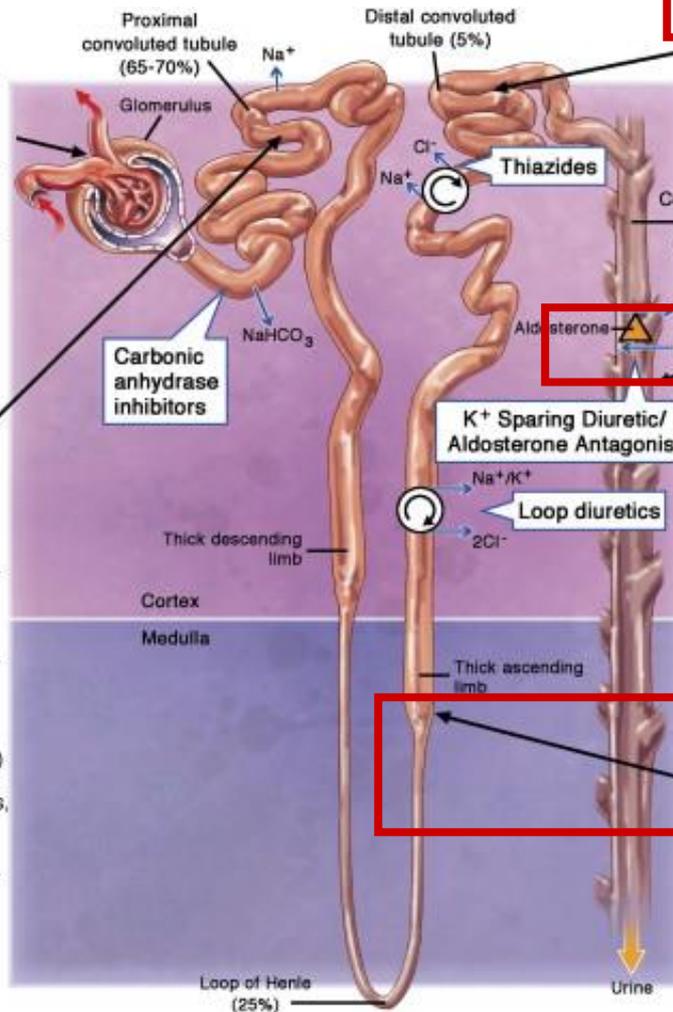
# Diuretic Resistance

## Reduced GFR:

Barriers	Potential solution
Abnormal glomerular hemodynamics	Discontinue NSAIDs, consider holding ACEI/ARB
Low cardiac output	Hemodynamic support
Chronic kidney disease or functional renal hypoperfusion	Increase LD dose

## Proximal Tubule Hyperfunction:

Barriers	Potential solution
Neuro-hormonal activation	ACEI/ARB
Sodium-avid states	Increased LD doses, proximal tubule diuretics (i.e. acetazolamide)
Post-diuretic effect	Multiple daily doses, continuous LD infusion
Excessive daily sodium intake	Sodium restriction



## Distal Tubule Hypertrophy

Barriers	Potential solution
Rebound sodium retention	Sequential nephron blockade (Combination diuretic therapy)

## Distal Nephron Hyperfunction:

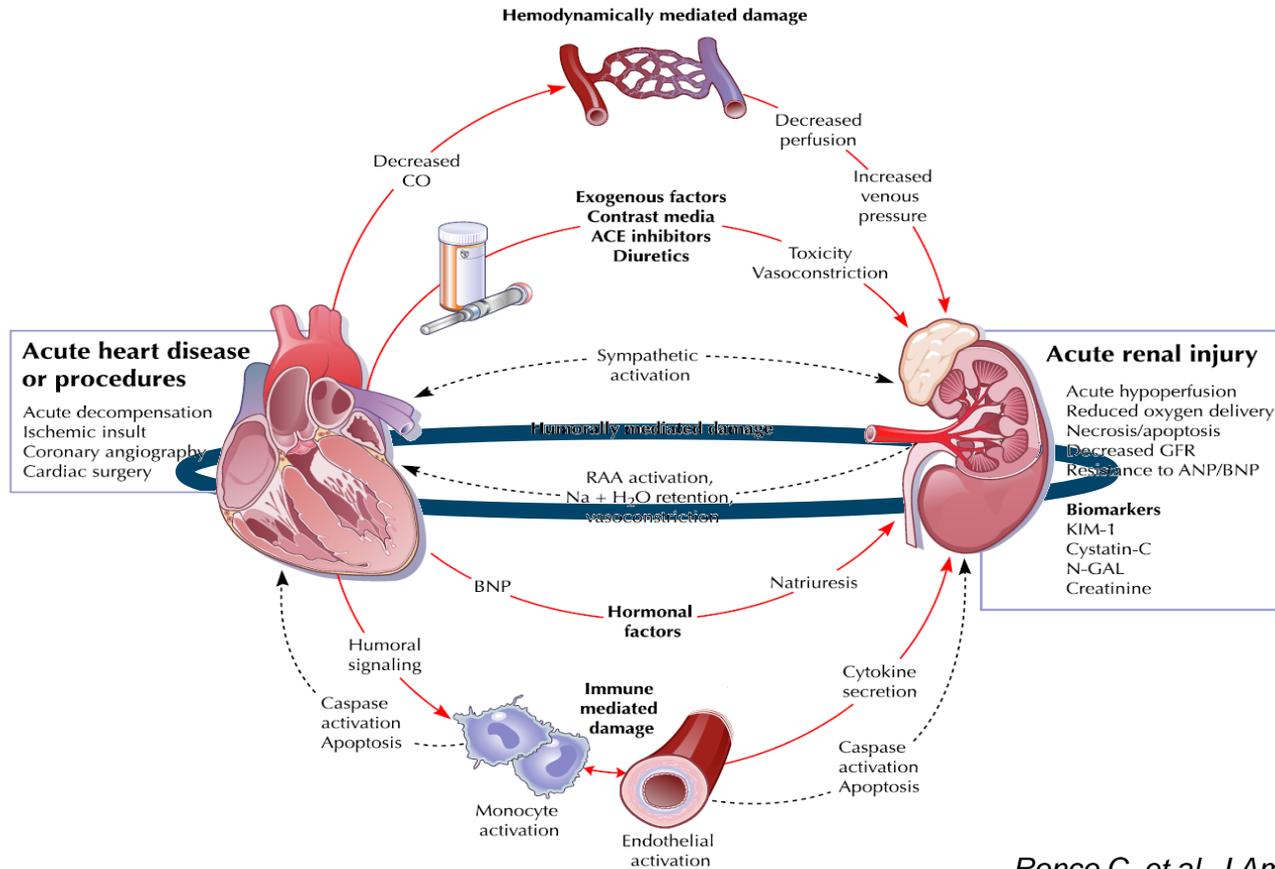
Barriers	Potential solution
Excessive aldosterone-mediated sodium retention	Aldosterone antagonist, K <sup>+</sup> -sparing diuretic (ENaC blocker)
Excessive vasopressin-mediated water retention	Vasopressin antagonist, free water restriction

## Loop of Henle Hyperfunction:

Barriers	Potential solution
Braking effect	Higher LD doses

Jentzer J.C. et al JACC Nov 2;56(19):1527-34. 2010

# Type 1 Cardiorenal Syndrome: Biomarkers Utility



Ronco C, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2008;52:1527-.

# AKI:Diagnosis

Criteria	RIFLE <sup>25</sup>		AKIN <sup>26</sup>		KDIGO <sup>27,92</sup>		
Date of release	2004		2007		2012		
Baseline	Not specifically defined. If not available, back-calculate a serum creatinine using an eGFR of 75 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> using the MDRD equation		48-h window		Not specifically defined. If not available, use lowest serum creatinine during hospitalization, or calculate SCr using MDRD assuming baseline eGFR 75 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> when there is no evidence of CKD		
Time interval	Diagnosis and staging: within 1-7 days and sustained more than 24 h		Diagnosis: within 48 h Staging: 1 week		Diagnosis: 50% increase in SCr within 7 days or 0.3 mg/dl (26.5 μmol/l) within 48 h		
Criteria	Creatinine		Urine output		Creatinine (urine output criteria same)		
Stage	Risk	Increased SCr 1.5-1.9 times baseline or GFR decrease >25%	<0.5 ml/kg/h for 6-12 h	1	Increased SCr 1.5-1.9 times baseline <i>OR</i> ≥0.3 mg/dl (≥26.5 μmol/l) increase	1	Increased SCr 1.5-1.9 times baseline (7 days) <i>OR</i> ≥0.3 mg/dl (≥26.5 μmol/l) increase (48 h)
Injury		2.0-2.9 times baseline or GFR decrease >50%	<0.5 ml/kg/h for ≥12 h	2	Same as RIFLE minus eGFR criteria	2	same as AKIN
Failure		3.0 times baseline, GFR decrease >75%, or SCr ≥4.0 mg/dl (354 μmol/l) with an acute rise of ≥0.5 mg/dl (44 μmol/l)	<0.3 ml/kg/h for ≥24 h <i>OR</i> Anuria for ≥12 h	3	Same as RIFLE or on RRT. eGFR criteria removed	3	3.0 times baseline, <i>OR</i> Increase in SCr ≥4.0 mg/dl (354 μmol/l) <i>OR</i> Initiation of renal replacement therapy <i>OR</i> For <18 years, decrease in eGFR to <35 ml/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>
Loss		Persistent ARF = complete loss of kidney function (need for dialysis) >4 weeks			Notable differences: (1) Addition of 0.3 mg/dl absolute change in SCr to increase diagnostic sensitivity (2) eGFR criteria removed (3) 48-h time window to ensure acuity (also allows for inpatient baseline values) (4) Exclusion of Loss/ESKD categories as diagnostic criteria		Notable differences: (1) Time frame differences for absolute versus relative changes in serum creatinine (2) 0.5 mg/dl increase for those with SCr ≥4.0 mg/dl (354 μmol/l) no longer required if minimum AKI threshold met (3) Inclusion of eGFR criteria for children
ESKD		End-stage kidney disease (>3 months)					

Bienholz A et al. From the nephrologist's point of view: diversity of causes and clinical features of acute kidney injury. *Clinical Kidney Journal* 2015.



# Creatinine caveats

Ostermann and Joannidis *Critical Care* (2016) 20:299  
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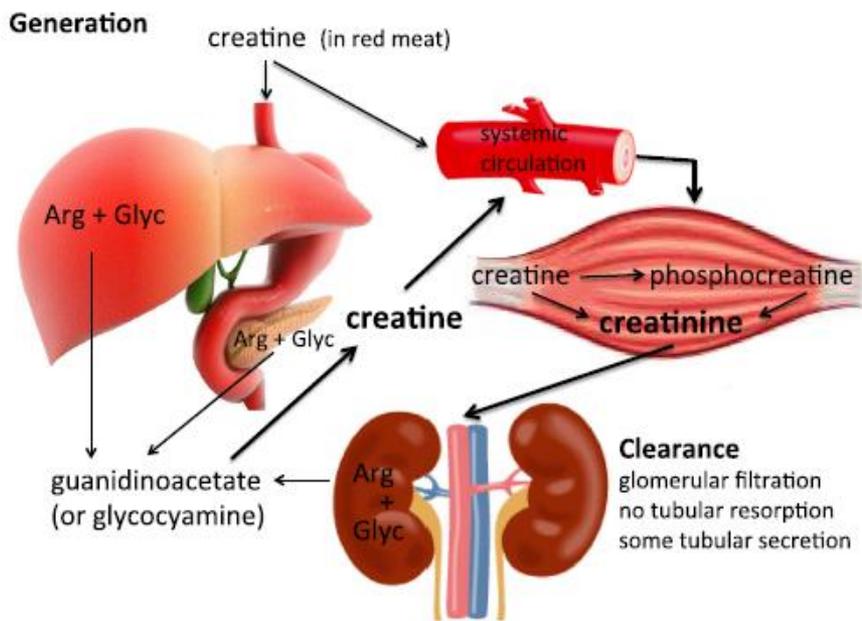
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## Acute kidney injury 2016: diagnosis and diagnostic workup

Marlies Ostermann<sup>1\*</sup> and Michael Joannidis<sup>2</sup>



**Fig. 1** Generation and clearance of creatinine. *Arg* arginine, *Glyc* glycine



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# Caveats in using BNP

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HEART FAILURE (F PEACOCK, SECTION EDITOR)

## Biomarkers for Diagnosis and Prognosis of Acute Heart Failure

Rajiv Choudhary · Salvatore Di Somma · Alan S. Maisel

**Table 1** Factors affecting natriuretic peptide levels in patients with HF along with “grey-zone” values in diagnosing HF

	BNP	NT-proBNP
Factors affecting NP levels		
Pulmonary disease <sup>a</sup>	↑	↑
Renal disease <sup>b</sup>	↑	↑
Diastolic dysfunction <sup>c</sup>	↑	↑
Obesity <sup>d</sup>	↓	↓
Flash pulmonary edema <sup>e</sup>	↓	↓
Other causes <sup>f</sup>	↓	↓
Diagnostic cut-off		
HF present (pg/ml)	>400	<50 years: >450 50–75 years: >900 >75 years: >1800
HF absent (pg/ml)	<100	<75 years: 125 >75 years: 450
Grey-zone (pg/ml)	100–400	<50 years: 300–450 50–75 years: 300–900 >75 years: 300–1800

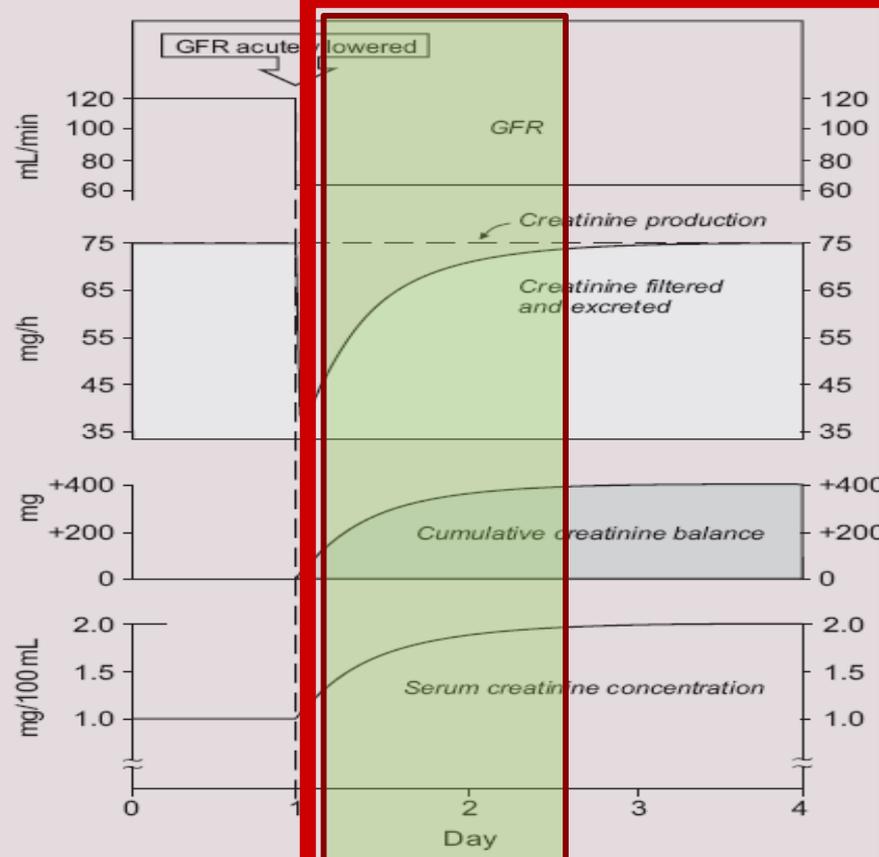
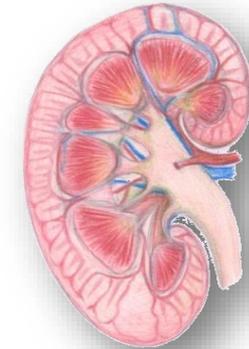
*BNP* B-type natriuretic peptide, *NT-proBNP* amino-terminal B-type natriuretic peptide



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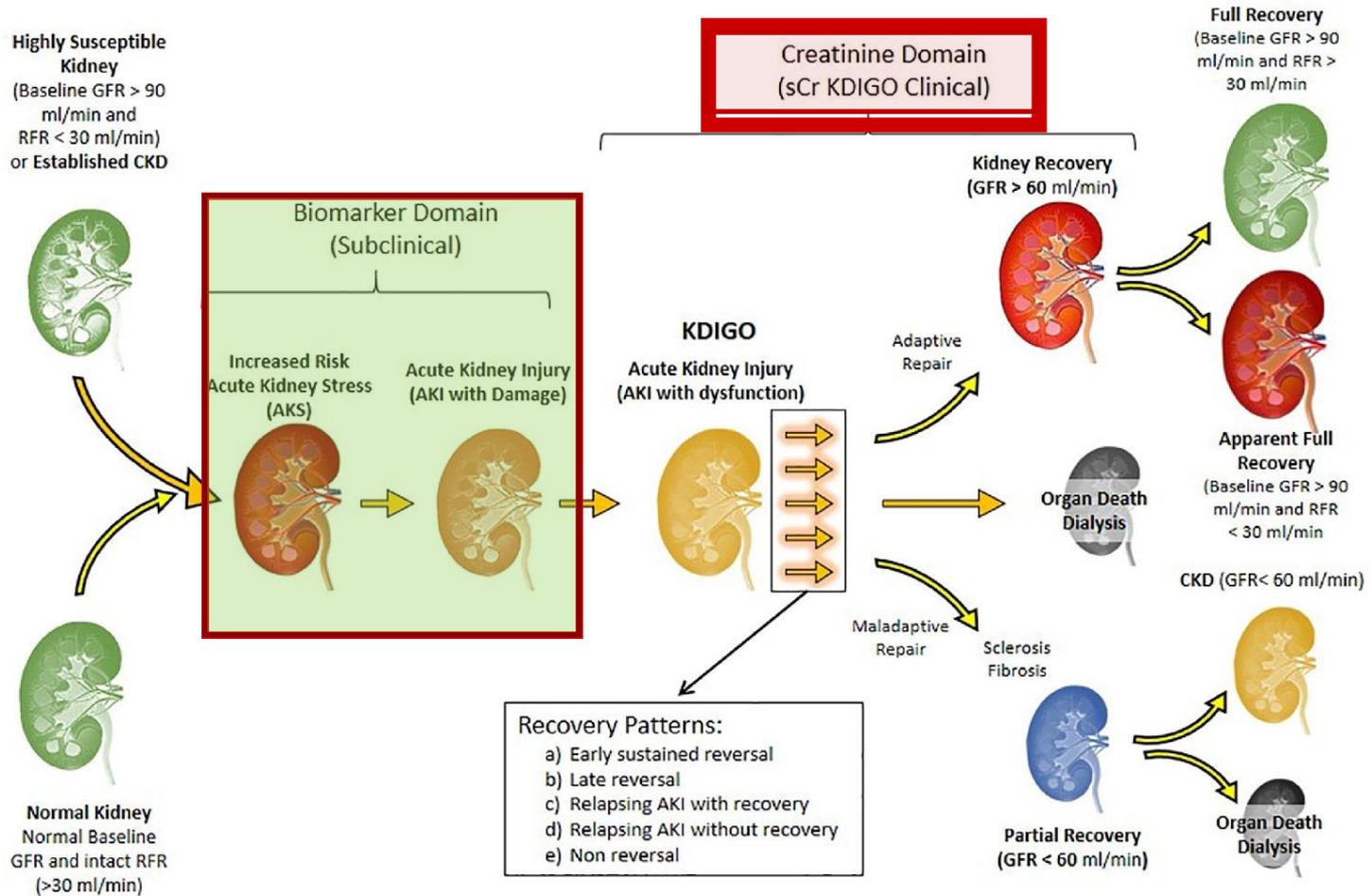


# Importance of Time in Acute Kidney Injury: we need AKI biomarkers !



**In ACS Time is Myocardium !!**  
**And we have troponin...**  
***IN AKI Time is important to stop the progression of nephrons death***  
***We need Kidney troponin....***

# Acute Kidney Disease



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# Entities of acute kidney injury syndrome

The most common and expensive kidney disease in hospital;

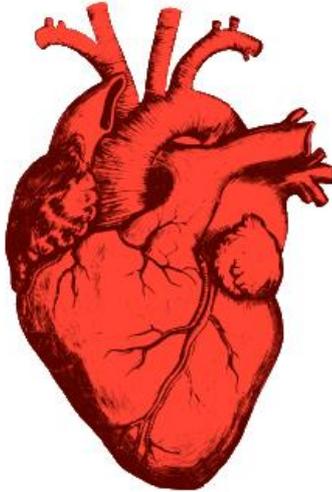


- AKI implies injury or damage but not necessarily dysfunction
- Functional criteria and damage criteria: new domain of AKI diagnosis

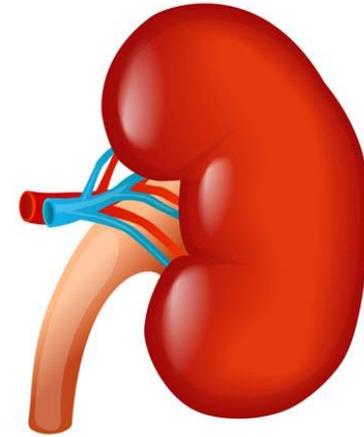
Ronco et al. *Critical Care* 2012, 16:313



# Biomarkers: Function x Lesion



- Function marker – Natriuretic Peptides.
- Lesion marker – Hs troponins



- Function marker – creatinine and urine output
- Lesion marker - TIMP-2 & IGFBP7

A lesion marker does not necessarily predict loss of function – nor should it !!!!

But a lesion marker STILL SHOULD GUIDE PATIENT MANAGEMENT!!!!



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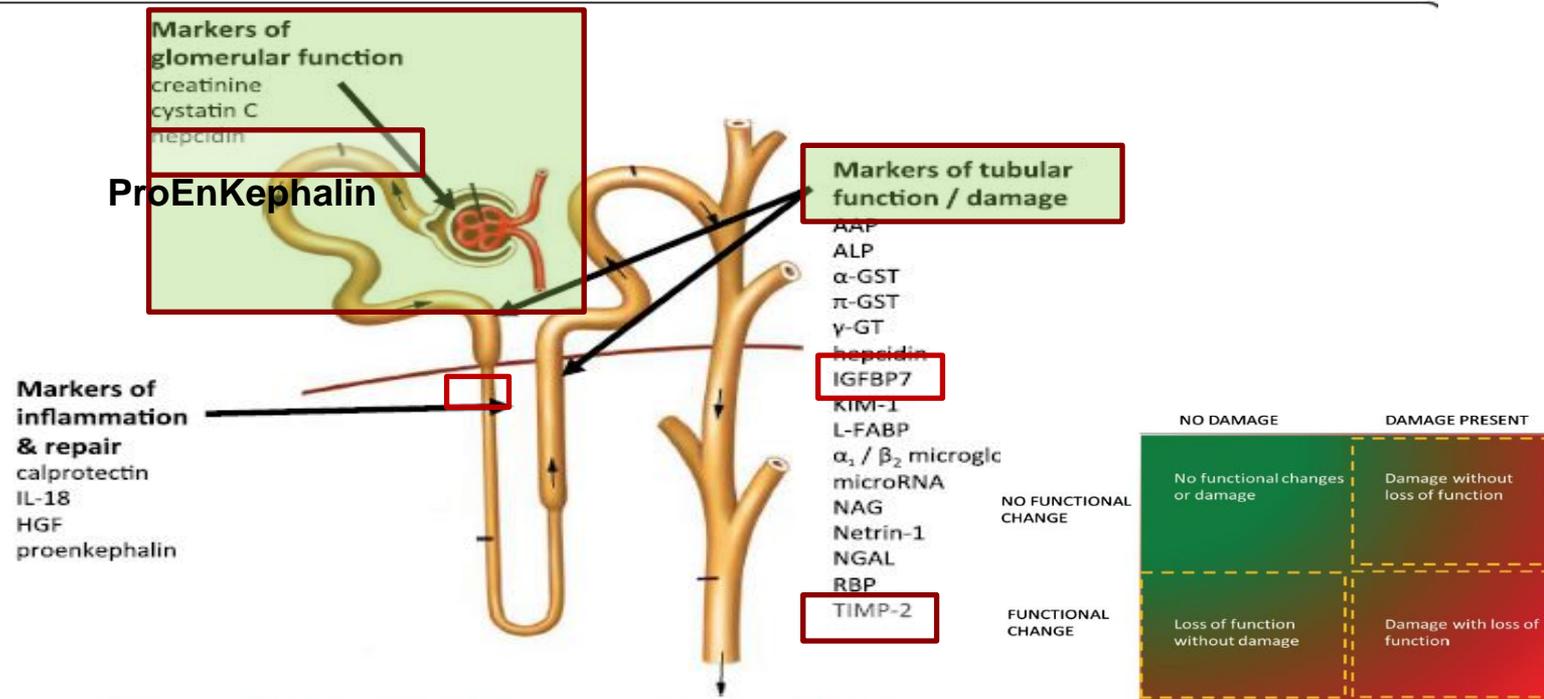
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# Functional and Damage Kidney Biomarkers



**Fig. 2** Biomarkers of AKI. α-GST α glutathione S-transferase, AAP alanine aminopeptidase, ALP alkaline phosphatase, γ-GT γ-glutamyl transpeptidase, n GST n glutathione S-transferase, HGF hepatocyte growth factor, IGFBP-7 insulin like growth factor binding protein 7, IL-18 interleukin 18, KIM-1 kidney injury molecule-1, L-FAB liver fatty acid-binding protein, NAG N-acetyl-β-D-glucosaminidase, NGAL neutrophil gelatinase-associated lipocalin, RBP retinol binding protein, TIMP2 tissue inhibitor metalloproteinase 2

Ostermann and Joannidis *Critical Care* (2016) 20:299  
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# AKINESIS Study

## OBJECTIVES:

This study sought to determine whether NGAL is superior to creatinine for prediction and/or prognosis of WRF in hospitalized patients with AHF treated with intravenous diuretic agents.

## METHODS:

This was a multicenter, prospective cohort study enrolling patients presenting with AHF requiring intravenous diuretic agents. The primary outcome was whether plasma NGAL could predict the development of WRF, defined as a sustained increase in plasma creatinine of 0.5 mg/dl or  $\geq 50\%$  above first value or initiation of acute renal-replacement therapy, within the first 5 days of hospitalization. The main secondary outcome was in-hospital adverse events.

## RESULTS:

We enrolled 927 subjects (mean age, 68.5 years; 62% men). The primary outcome occurred in 72 subjects (7.8%). Peak NGAL was more predictive than the first NGAL, but neither added significant diagnostic utility over the first creatinine (areas under the curve: 0.656, 0.647, and 0.652, respectively). There were 235 adverse events in 144 subjects. The first NGAL was a better predictor than peak NGAL, but similar to the first creatinine (areas under the curve: 0.691, 0.653, and 0.686, respectively). In a post hoc analysis of subjects with an estimated glomerular filtration rate  $< 60$  ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, a first NGAL  $< 150$  ng/ml indicated a low likelihood of adverse events.

## CONCLUSIONS:

Plasma NGAL was not superior to creatinine for the prediction of WRF or adverse in-hospital outcomes. The use of plasma NGAL to diagnose acute kidney injury in AHF cannot be recommended at this time.

*A. Maisel et al. J ACC 2016*



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# Proenkephalin, Renal Dysfunction, and Prognosis in Patients With Acute Heart Failure



## A GREAT Network Study

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**CONCLUSIONS** PENK levels reflect cardiorenal status in acute HF and are prognostic for worsening renal function and in-hospital mortality as well as mortality during follow-up. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2017;69:56-69)

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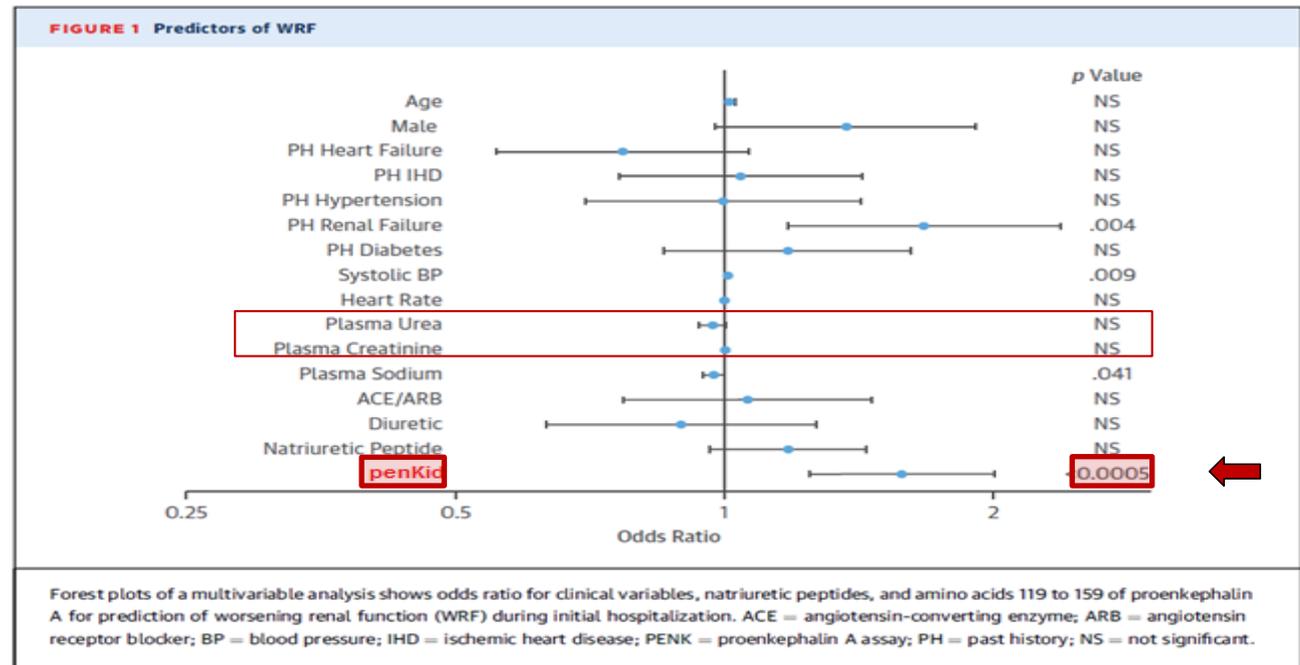
# ProEnkephalin (penKid) is the strongest predictor of WRF

## in Acute Heart Failure patients

Forest plot of a multivariable analysis

**GREAT AHF Study**  
n = 1,908

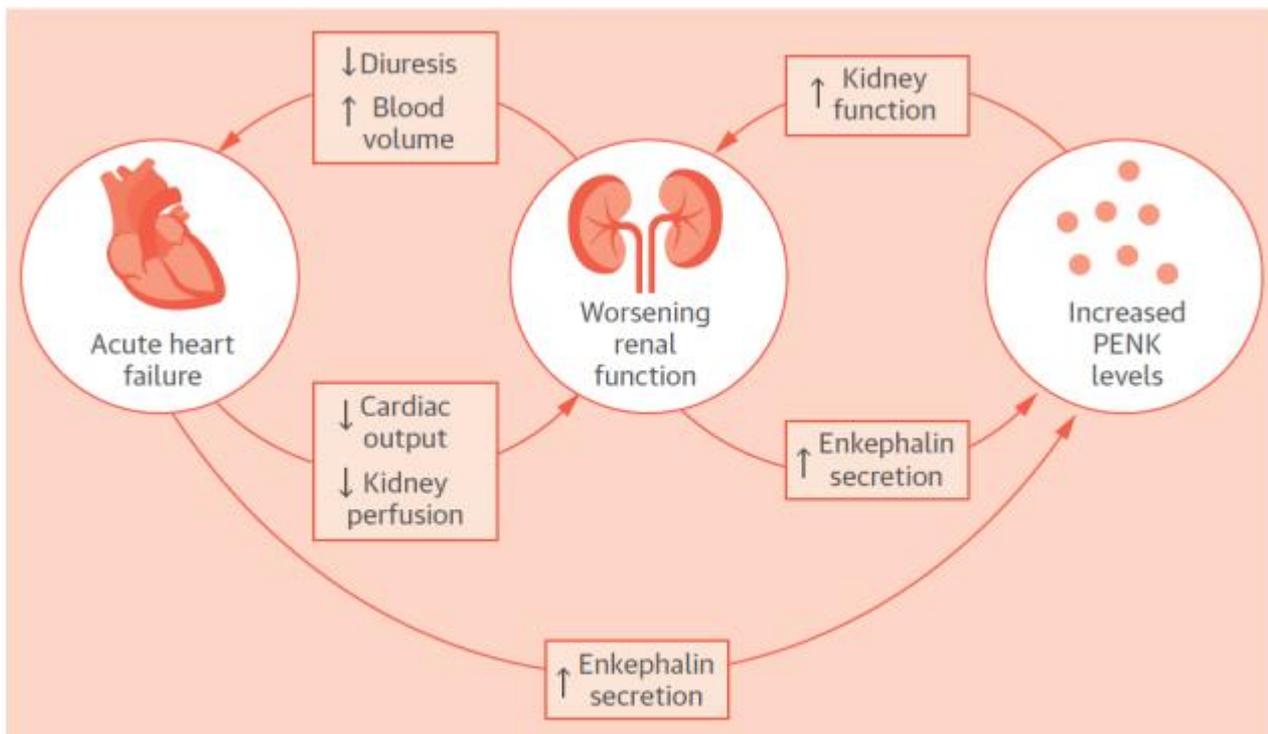
- Multicentric, observational study in patients with AHF presenting to the ED of participating university hospitals in 3 countries
- 264 patients developed WRF (rise in plasma creatinine of >26.5 mmol/l or 50% higher than the admission value)



Ng et al. (2017) J Am Coll Cardiol. 69(1):56-69.

# penKid in AHF

## CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Proenkephalin in Acute Heart Failure



Ng, L.L. et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2017;69(1):56-69.

Acute heart failure leads to reduced renal perfusion and worsening kidney function, which further exacerbates salt and fluid retention. Secretion of amino acids 119 to 159 of proenkephalin A (PENK) may be a counter-regulatory response to mitigate declining renal function, although extremely high levels may be cardiodepressive and lead to further decline in renal perfusion.

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# Need for Congestion and Perfusion assessment in AHF patients

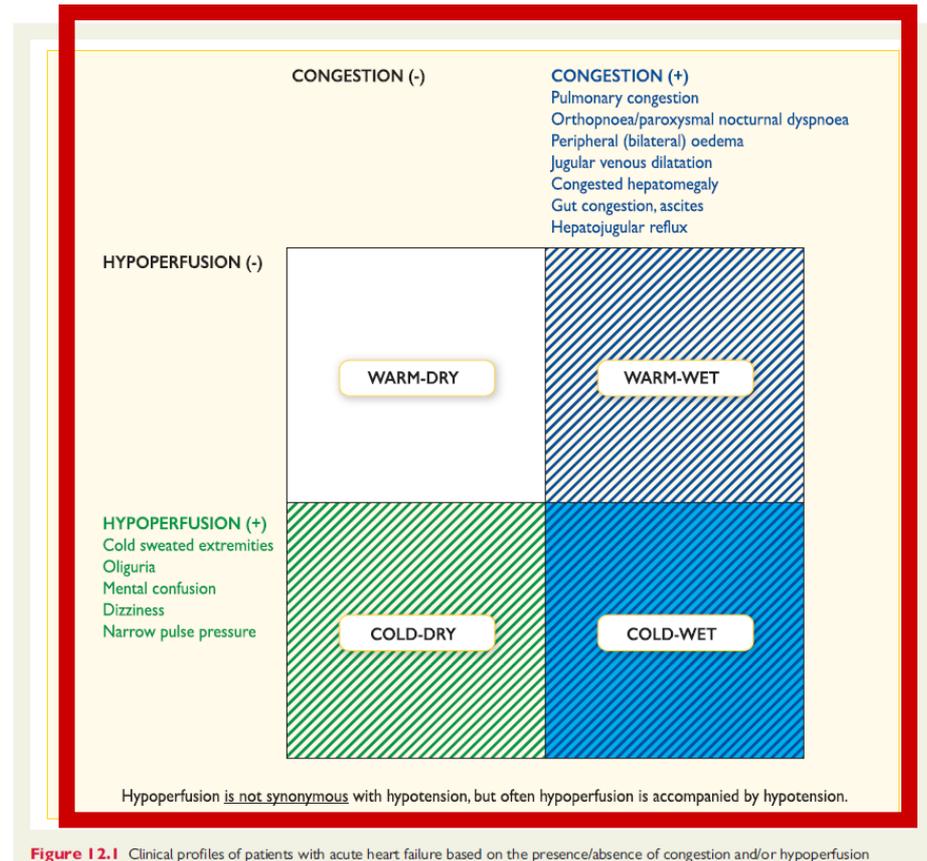
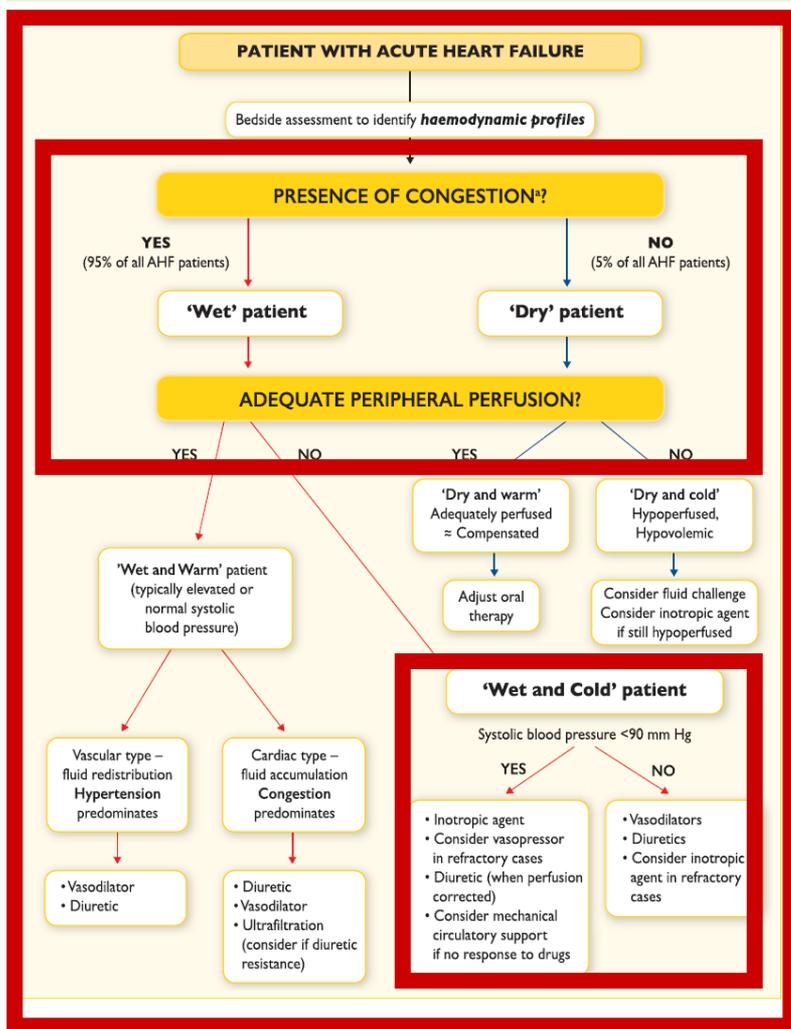


Figure 12.1 Clinical profiles of patients with acute heart failure based on the presence/absence of congestion and/or hypoperfusion

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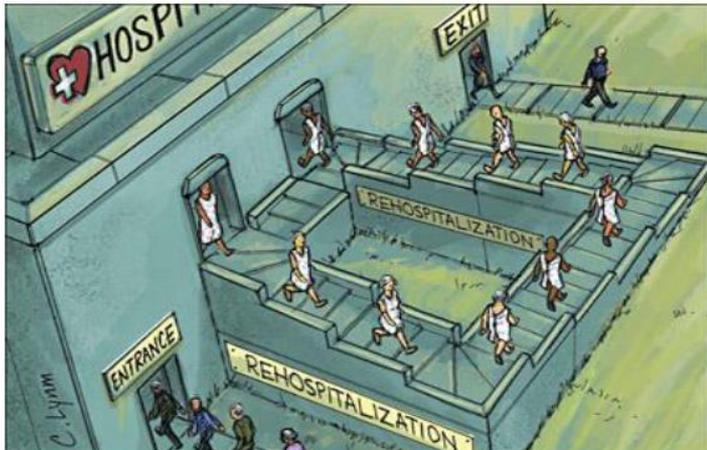


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# Congestion and Rehospitalization

## Heart Failure Admissions- The Revolving Door



- Main reason for hospitalization for worsening HF is related to **symptoms of congestion.**

*M. Gheorghiade et al. European Journal of Heart Failure (2010) 12, 423–433*



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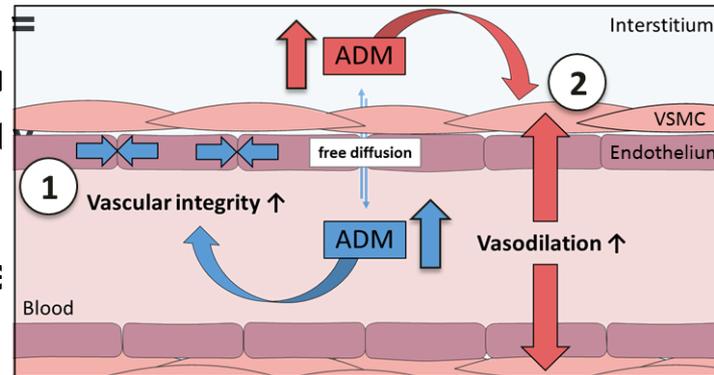
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# Any Biomarker of Congestion?

## Adrenomedullin (ADM)

Key regulator and Biomarker of vascular function & drug target for the causal treatment of vascular dysfunction

- 1 Increase in **plasma** ADM = Response of the body to support vascular integrity
- 2 **Interstitial** ADM acts on vascular smooth muscle cells (VSMC) and regulates vasodilation



Temmesfeld-Wollbrück et al. (2007) Thromb Haemost. 98(5):944-51.  
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# bio-ADM best reflects the degree of clinical congestion at baseline



## Diagnosis

- Severity of clinical congestion at baseline:

**OR = 1.76**, 95% CI (1.56-1.99)

- adjusted\***: **OR = 1.44**, 95% CI (1.25-1.65)

\* adjusted for BMI, serum albumin, total cholesterol, BNP, history of atrial fibrillation and past heart failure hospitalization

### Mild/moderate vs. Severe congestion at baseline

	OR (95% CI)	AUC (95% CI)
<b>bio-ADM</b>	<b>1.76 (1.56-1.99)</b>	<b>0.66 (0.63-0.69)</b>
Weight	1.53 (1.36-1.72)	0.60 (0.57-0.63)
<b>BNP</b>	<b>1.21 (1.09-1.35)</b>	<b>0.55 (0.52-0.58)</b>
Blood urea nitrogen	1.12 (1.00-1.24)	0.55 (0.50-0.56)
Creatinine	1.05 (0.95-1.17)	0.51 (0.48-0.54)
Hemoglobin	1.00 (0.89-1.12)	0.50 (0.47-0.53)
Serum Albumin	0.74 (0.66-0.83)	0.59 (0.56-0.62)
Cholesterol	0.74 (0.66-0.83)	0.59 (0.56-0.62)
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Kremer D et al., *Eur J Heart Fail.* 2018 Jun 22. doi: 10.1002/ejhf.1245.  
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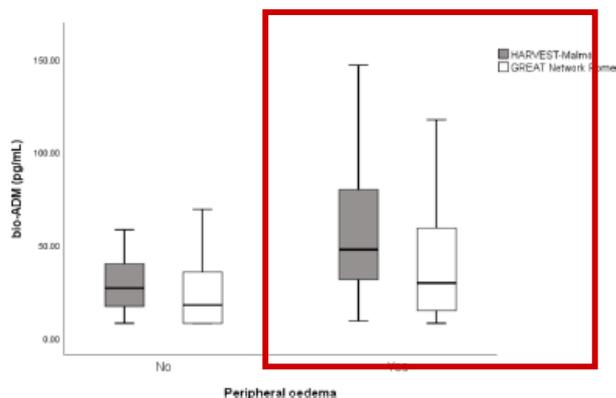
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**Figure 1** Distribution of bio-ADM according to signs of peripheral oedema within each centre. HARVEST-Malmö n=301, 215 events (p<0.001), GREAT Network Rome n=208, 123 events (p=0.080). bio-ADM, bioactive adrenomedullin, HARVEST, HeArt and bRain failure INVESTigation trial.

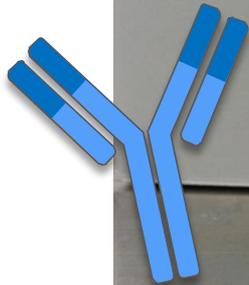
**Table 4** Logistic regression model for in-hospital mortality for bio-ADM and penKid

	Univariable			Bivariable: BioADM			Bivariable: PenKid		
	OR	95% CI	P value	OR	95% CI	P value	OR	95% CI	P value
Age	1.04	0.99 to 1.09	0.067	1.54	1.03 to 2.31	0.037	2.16	1.49 to 3.13	<0.001
Sex	0.53	0.24 to 1.16	0.112	1.58	1.05 to 2.37	0.028	2.19	1.53 to 3.14	<0.001
Diabetes	0.85	0.37 to 1.92	0.689	1.52	1.01 to 2.28	0.045	2.23	1.56 to 3.19	<0.001
SBP	0.99	0.98 to 1.01	0.254	1.48	0.98 to 2.25	0.063	2.28	1.59 to 3.27	<0.001
ACE-i	0.60	0.26 to 1.36	0.217	1.49	0.99 to 2.23	0.056	2.24	1.56 to 3.21	<0.001
ARB	0.92	0.46 to 1.81	0.798	1.51	1.01 to 2.27	0.049	2.27	1.58 to 3.25	<0.001
Betablockers	0.20	0.09 to 0.46	<0.001	1.61	1.08 to 2.40	0.020	2.08	1.44 to 3.00	<0.001
Prior HF	0.54	0.25 to 1.19	0.127	1.63	1.09 to 2.46	0.018	2.22	1.56 to 3.15	<0.001
Creatinine	1.77	1.27 to 2.46	0.001	1.38	0.90 to 2.11	0.139	2.31	1.51 to 3.53	<0.001
BNP	1.28	0.85 to 1.92	0.235	1.42	0.93 to 2.15	0.105	2.29	1.56 to 3.35	<0.001
Smoking	0.43	0.10 to 1.84	0.255	1.47	0.97 to 2.21	0.067	2.25	1.57 to 3.23	<0.001
Prevalent AF	0.47	0.20 to 1.09	0.078	1.50	1.01 to 2.25	0.047	2.18	1.53 to 3.11	<0.001
Bio-ADM	1.50	1.00 to 2.26	0.051				2.19	1.52 to 3.15	<0.001



# bio-ADM: Companion Dx for ADRECIZUMAB

## Targeted Therapy



## ADRECIZUMAB

- Phase-II in Early Septic Shock & Acute Heart Failure
- Expected Market Entry: 2021**

## Companion Diagnostic

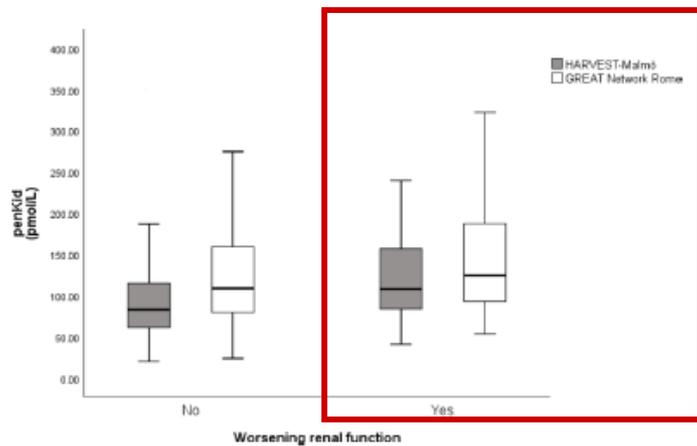


## sphingotest<sup>®</sup> bio-ADM assay

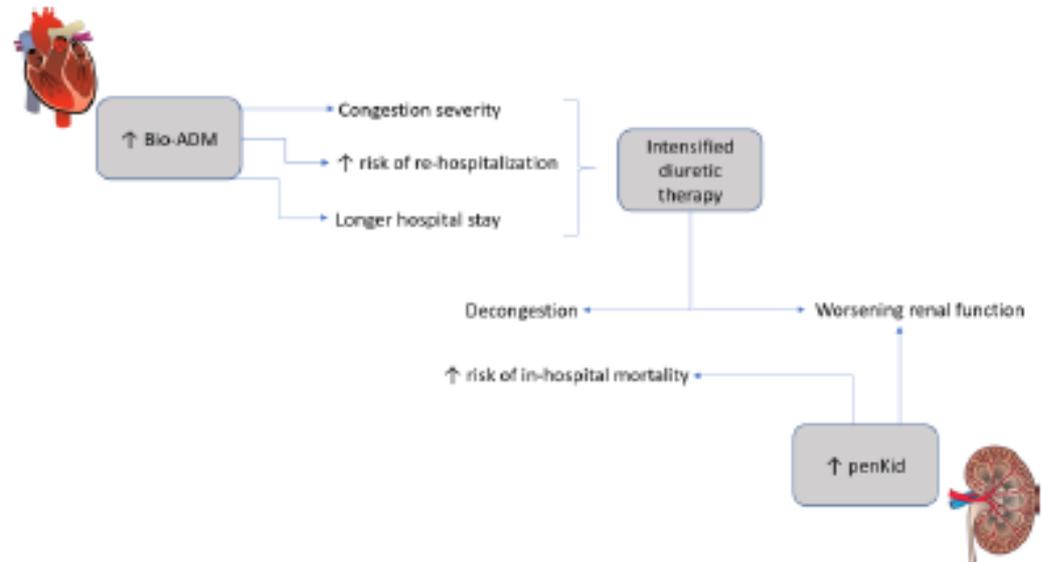
- CE-marked IVD test for measurement of the bioactive target
- Patients will be stratified according to their bio-ADM admission level**

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**Figure 2** Distribution of penKid according to worsening renal function in each centre. HARVEST-Malmö n=323, 30 events (p=0.003), GREAT Network Rome n=178, 37 events (p=0.050). PenKid, proenkephalin A 119–159 HARVEST, HeArt and bRain failure in VESTigation trial.



**Figure 3** The clinical use of Bioactive adrenomedullin (bio-ADM) and proenkephalin A 119–159 (penKid) for management of heart failure.

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## Sphingotec Biomarker

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## Biomarker Combinations

sphingotest® penKid®

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D-Dimer

sphingotest® D-Dimer

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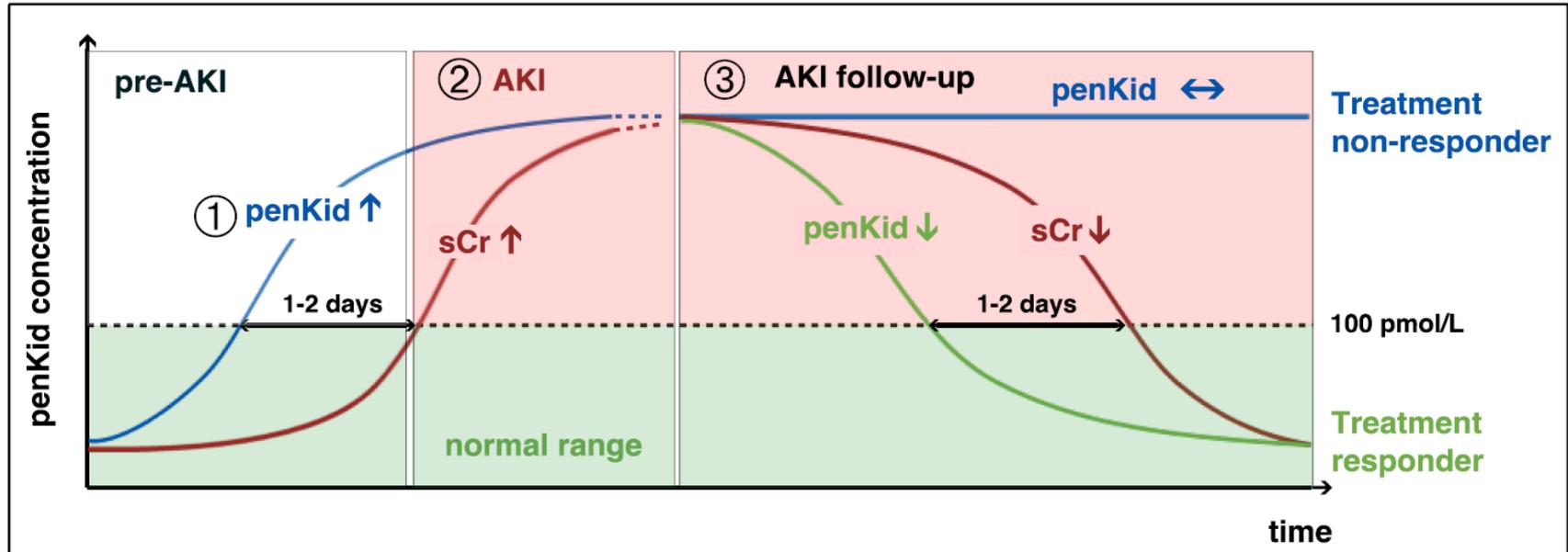
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# penKid® tracking AKI in AHF patients



## ① Relative Change

Relative changes in penKid® enables early assessment of worsening renal function

## ② Diagnosis

Independent of comorbidities or inflammation, penKid® is highly elevated in AKI patients

## ③ Monitoring

Dynamic penKid® level enables close monitoring of therapy success and kidney normalization



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## Cell Cycle Arrest Biomarkers: New Weapons for A New Battle

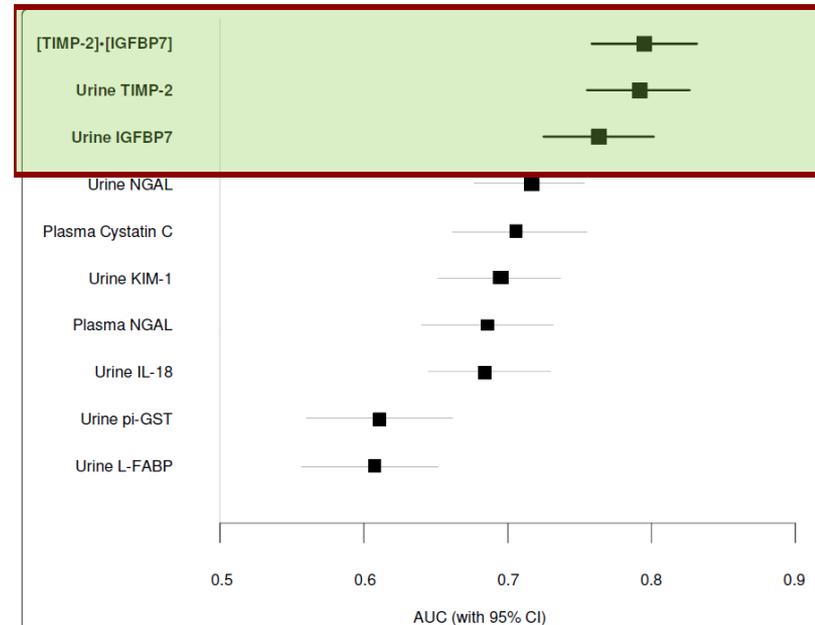
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Recently, the US Food and Drug Administration made an important step forward in the battle against AKI and its consequences. The FDA cleared the marketing of the NephroCheck Test (Astute Medical Inc., San Diego, USA), a rapid test for the quantitative measurement of the cell cycle arrest biomarkers Tissue Inhibitor of Metalloproteinase – 2 (TIMP2) and Insulin-Like Growth Factor Binding Protein – 7 (IGFBP7) [5]. The combination of the two biomarkers ([TIMP2] · [IGFBP7]) measured by the test seems to be highly predictive of which patients will develop moderate to severe AKI in the next 12–24 h.

## Discovery and validation of cell cycle arrest biomarkers in human acute kidney injury

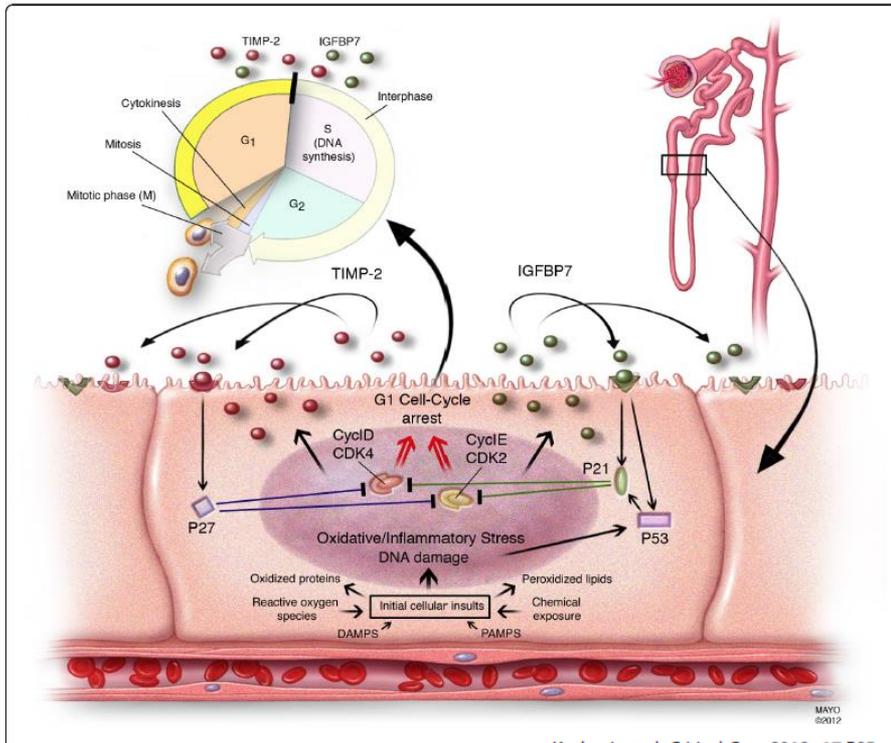
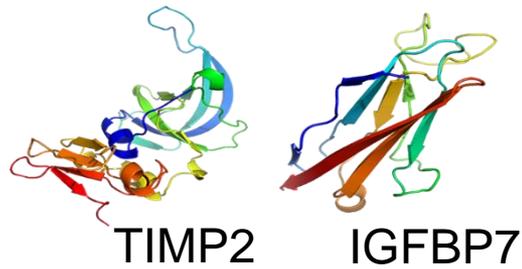
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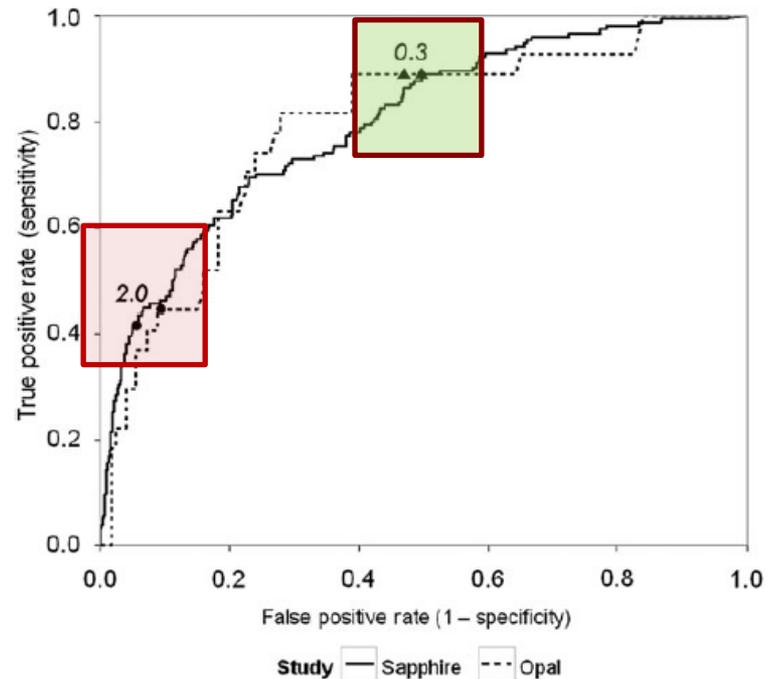
Original Articles

Derivation and validation of cutoffs for clinical use of cell cycle arrest biomarkers

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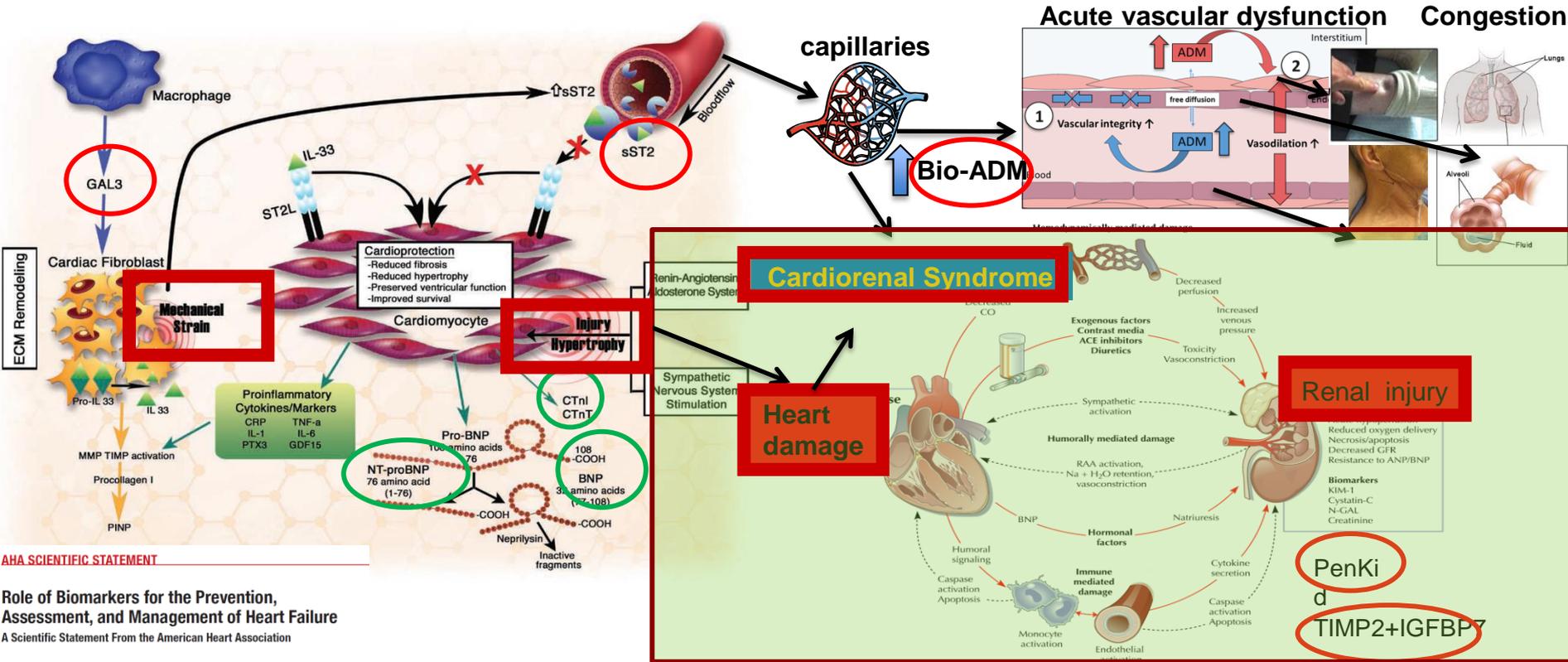
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# Mechanisms and responses to injury in heart failure: role of heart and kidney biomarkers



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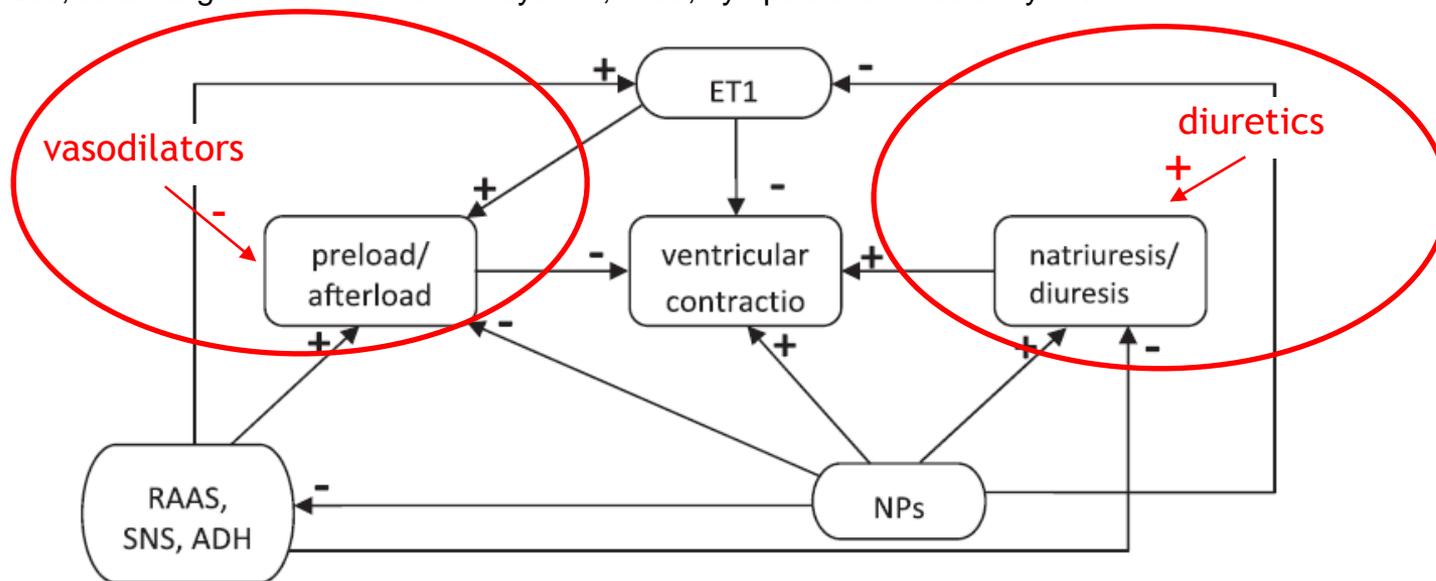
# AHF: pathophysiology and treatment

Neurohormones can affect cardiac function either directly or by modulating preload, afterload, natriuresis, and diuresis.



“afterload mismatch”: interaction between a progressive decrease of systolic function and an acute increase of vascular resistance.

ADH, antidiuretic hormone; ET1, endothelin-1; NPs, natriuretic peptides  
RAAS, renin-angiotensinaldosterone system; SNS, sympathetic nervous system



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# Vena-Vena Ultrafiltration 24 hours monitoring in intensive Observation Unit for Cardiorenal Syndrome type I



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# The (True) Value of Laboratory Medicine

Laboratory medicine is often misquoted as having a role in **70 percent of clinical decisions** – but how can we measure the true value, and more importantly, **how can we improve it?**



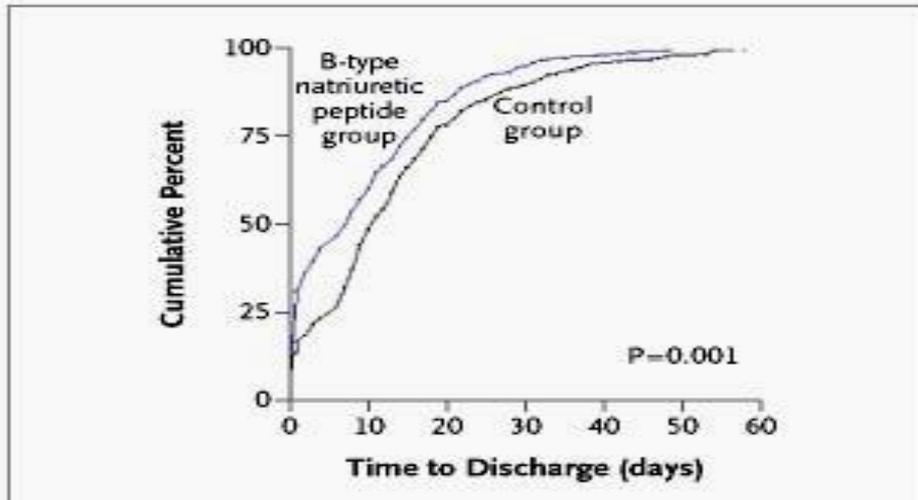
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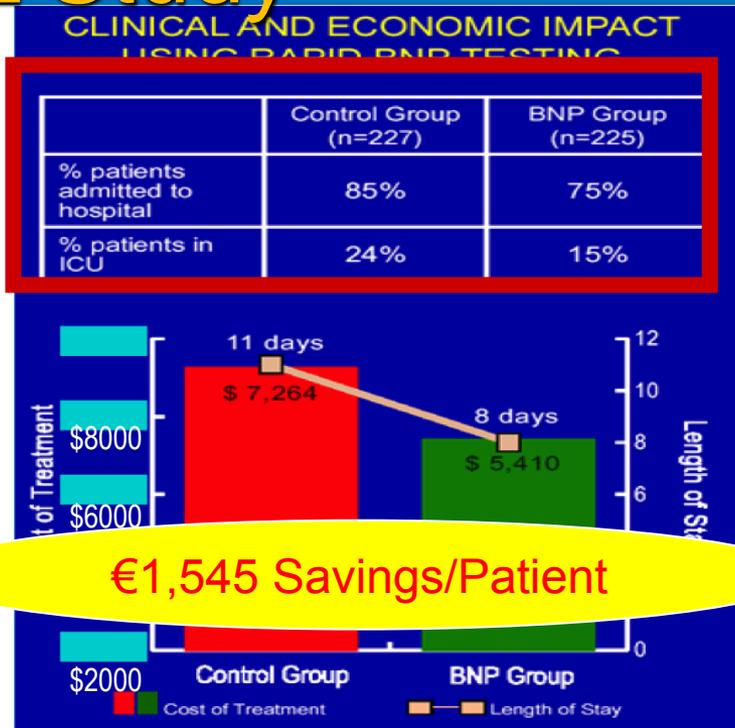
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# Cost-Effectiveness of NPs use at ED: The BASEL Study



**Favourable effects on appropriate rule out and hospital admissions and LOS**



Muller C, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2004;350:647-654.

## Editorial

# Biomarkers in Emergency Medicine

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Researchers navigate the ocean of biomarkers searching for proper targets and optimal utilization of them. Emergency medicine builds up the front line to maximize the utility of clinically validated biomarkers and is the cutting edge field to test the applicability of promising biomarkers emerging from thorough translational researches. The role of biomarkers in clinical decision making would be of greater significance for identification, risk stratification, monitoring, and prognostication of the patients in the critical- and acute-care settings. No doubt basic research to explore novel biomarkers in relation to the pathogenesis is as important as its clinical counterpart. This special issue includes five selected research papers that cover a variety of biomarker- and disease-related topics.



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There is still no substitute for a “Hands on” open-ended history and physical exam- all the while , demonstrating compassion and empathy



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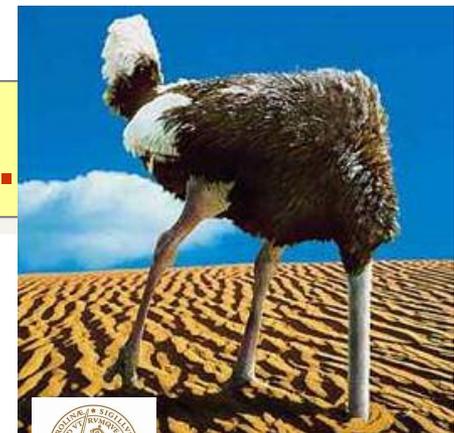


# Biomarkers should be used wisely

- They should be used as a tool together with clinical experience;
- You need to know:
- clinical indications, cut-off ranges and limitations of the biomarker

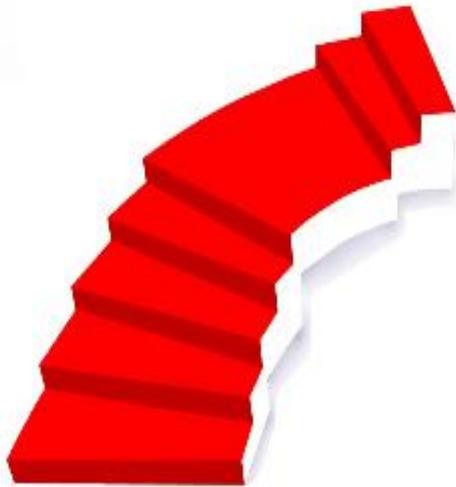


A fool with a tool is still a fool...



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## Our Associates:

**Patients:3879**

**Caregivers:706**

**Doctors :103**

**Nurses: 91**

**Others:330**



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- **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- **With the Final goal to Ameliorate relationship between clinicians and Patients with Heart Failure**

- 1) Promote information on heart failure, raising awareness of the disease and ensure the best prevention; Perform an educational function aimed at developing the ability to recognize the disease and follow the correct care, to improve the quality of patient life;**
- 2) Improve the goals of medical research also in light of the practical needs of patients;**
- 3) Create a national referral network for patients, to ensure the possibility of sharing information and receiving support throughout the territory;**
- 4) Bring the attention of institutions and public opinion to the pathology and patients, to improve prevention, protection and care interventions;**

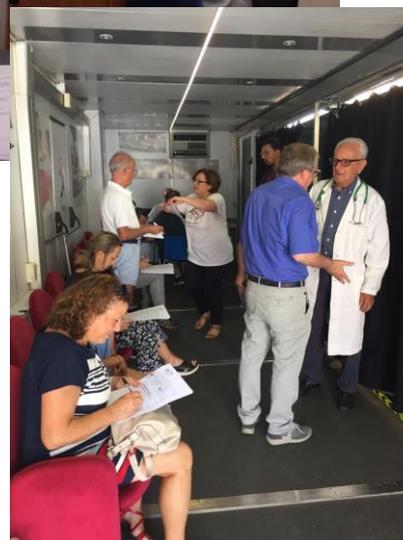
**Encourage contact with patient associations at international level**

# Perform an educational function: Books,Website,Video,Traveling vehicle Meetings,



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