

# Syndrome cardio-rénal



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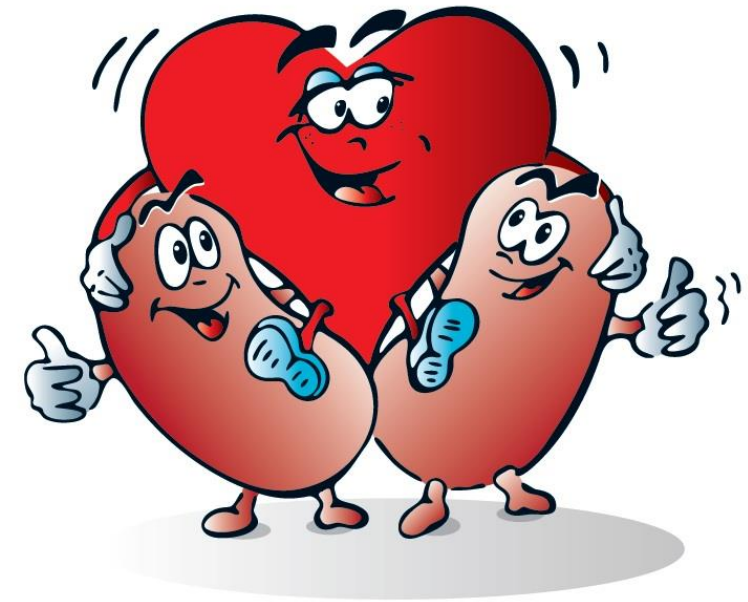
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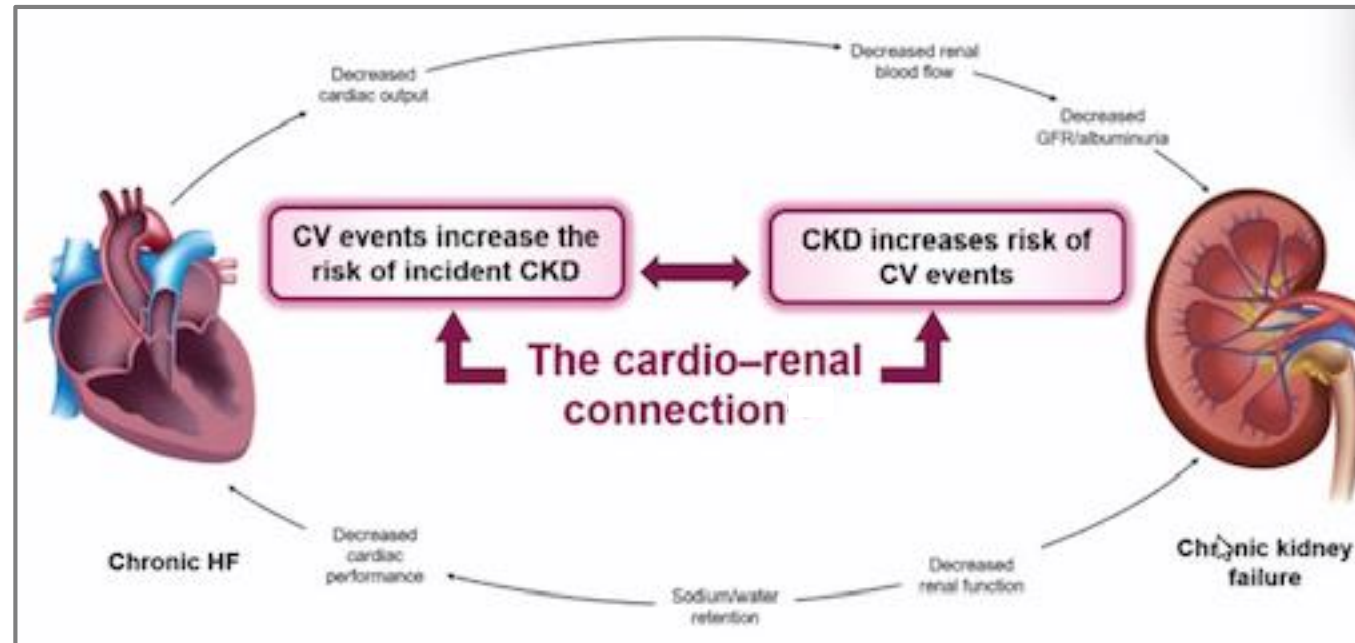
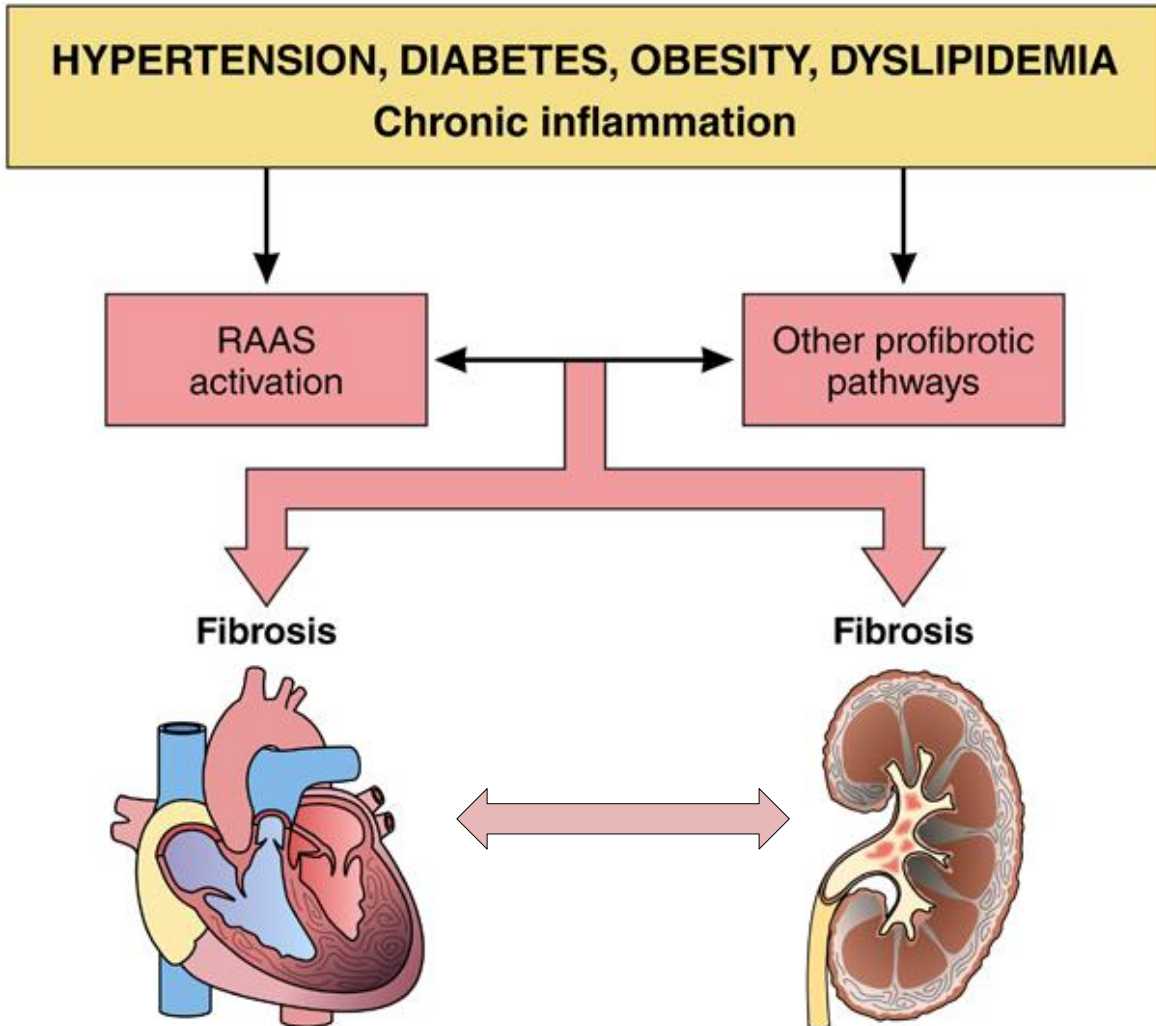
# PLAN

- ❑ From kidney to heart: the nephrologist point of view
- ❑ Cardiorenal «syndromes» & Physiopathology
  - ❑ Role of venous pressure
- ❑ Treatments
- ❑ Conclusions



# INTRODUCTION

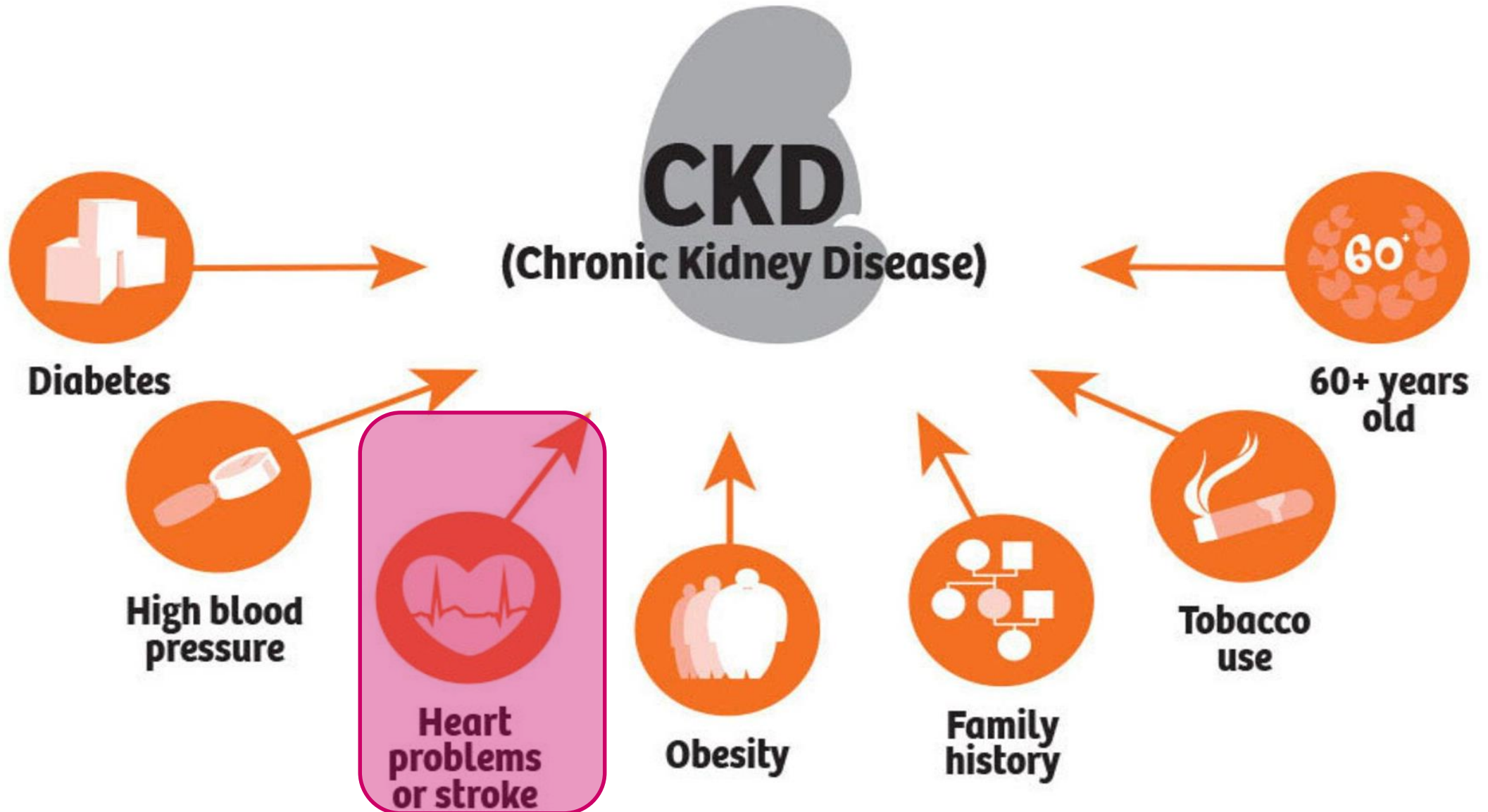
Heart and kidney have multiple bidirectional interactions



CKD : 30-60% in heart failure

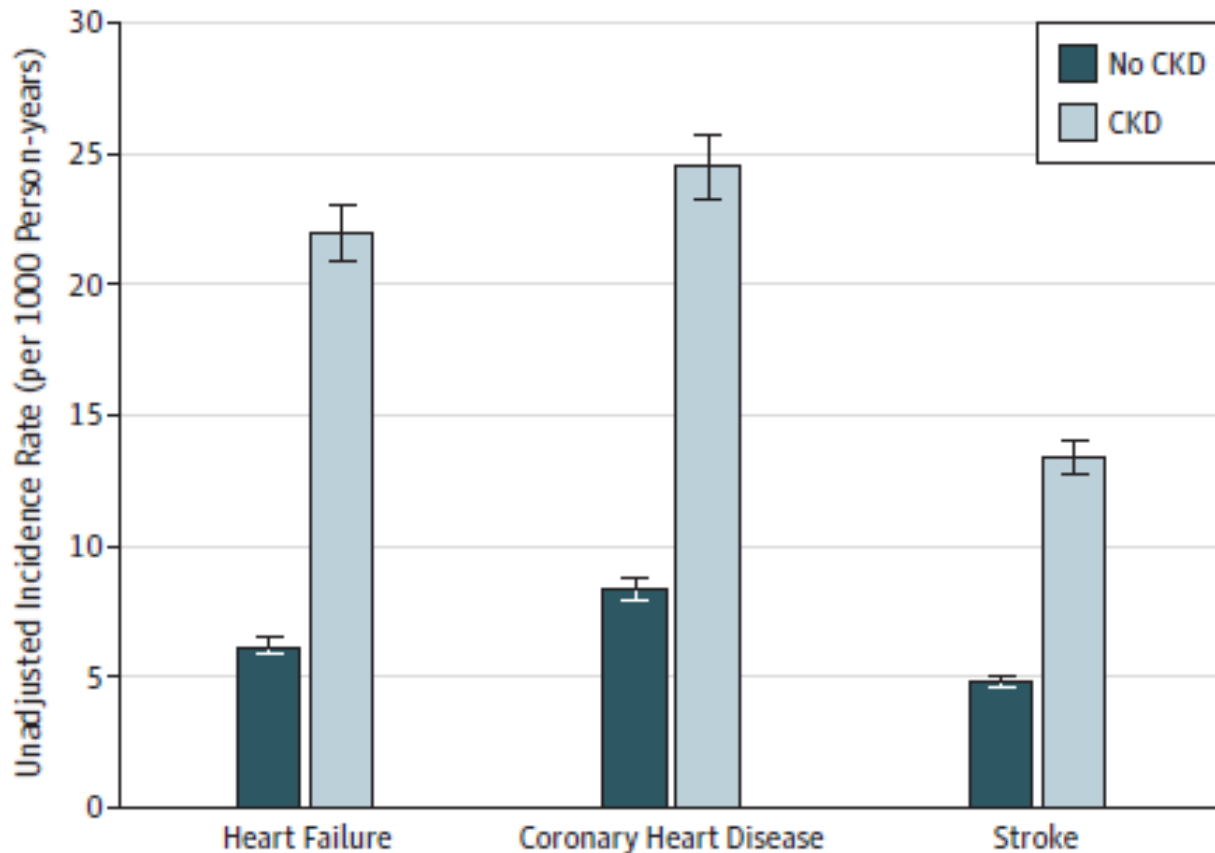


# CKD CAUSES

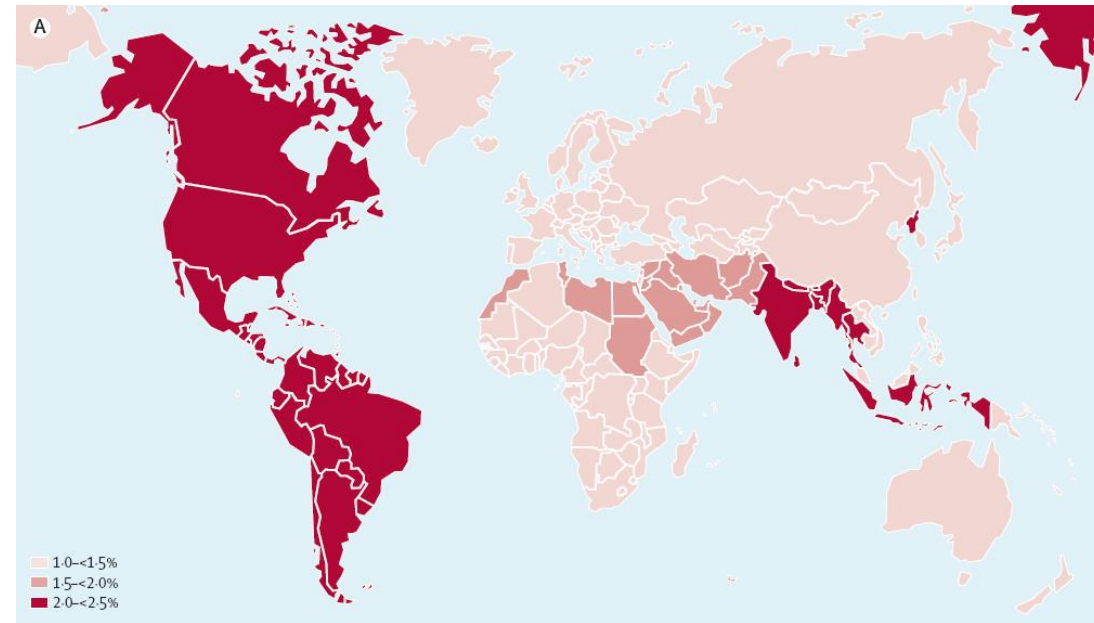


# Absolute Rates of Heart Failure, Coronary Heart Disease, and Stroke in Chronic Kidney Disease

## An Analysis of 3 Community-Based Cohort Studies



Risk differences were 15.8 (95% CI, 12.2-18.1) for heart failure, 16.1 (95% CI, 13.2-19.0) for coronary heart disease, and 8.6 (95% CI, 6.4-10.7) for stroke.



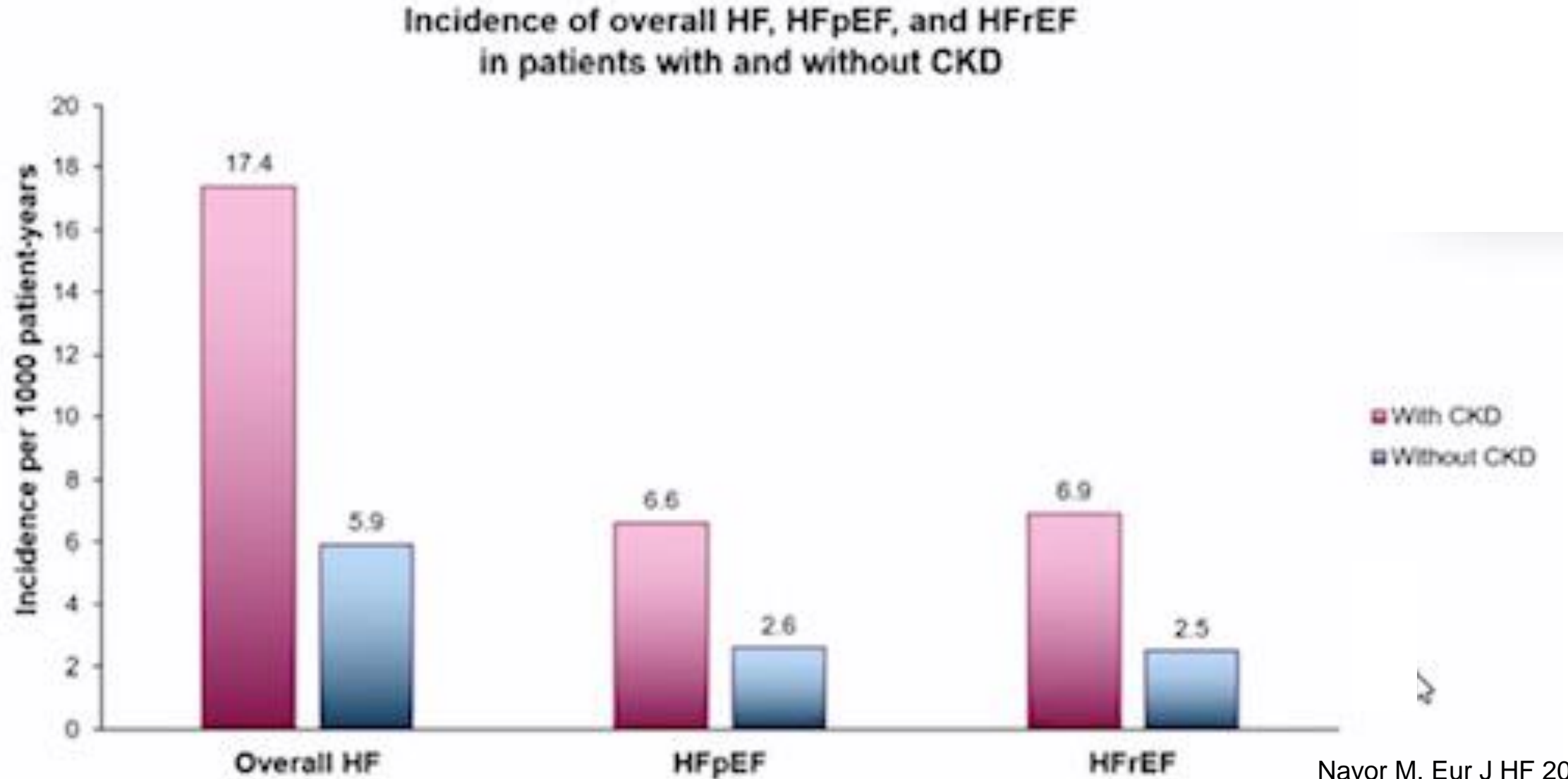
Adjusted Risk difference:

HF: 2.3 (CI:1.2-3.3)

CHD: 2.3 (CI: 1.2-3.4)

Stroke: 0.8 (CI: 0.09-1.5)

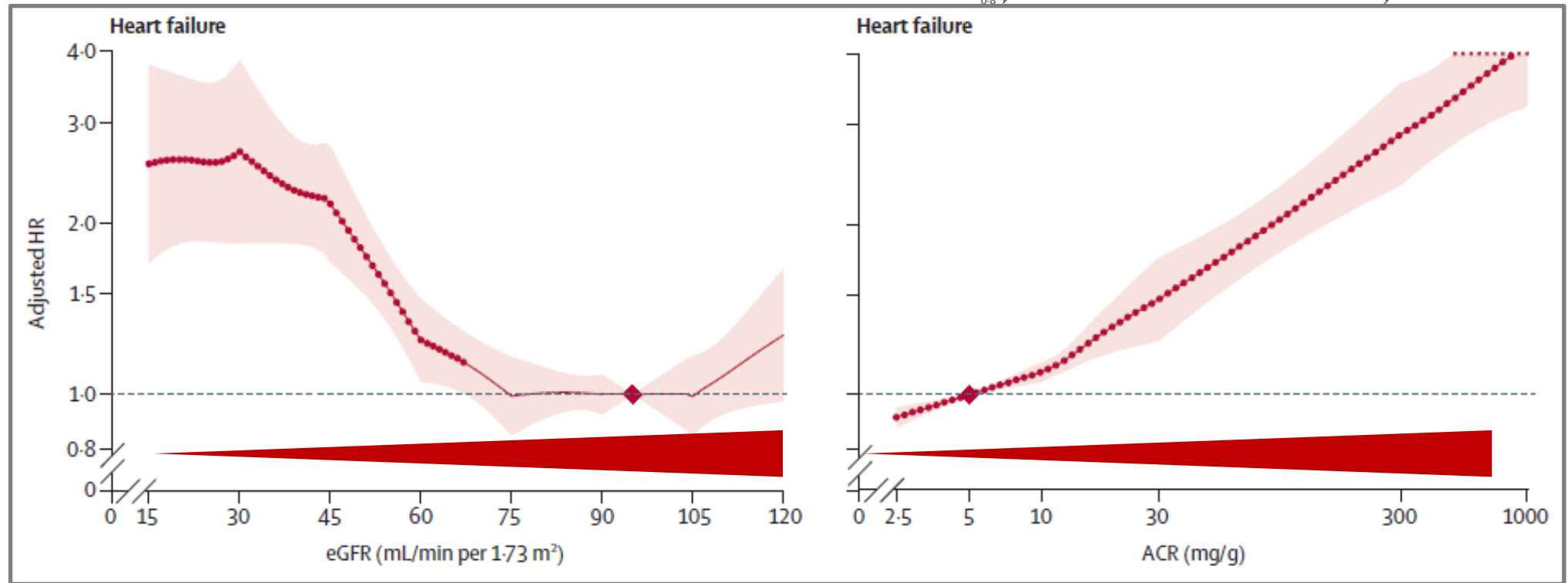
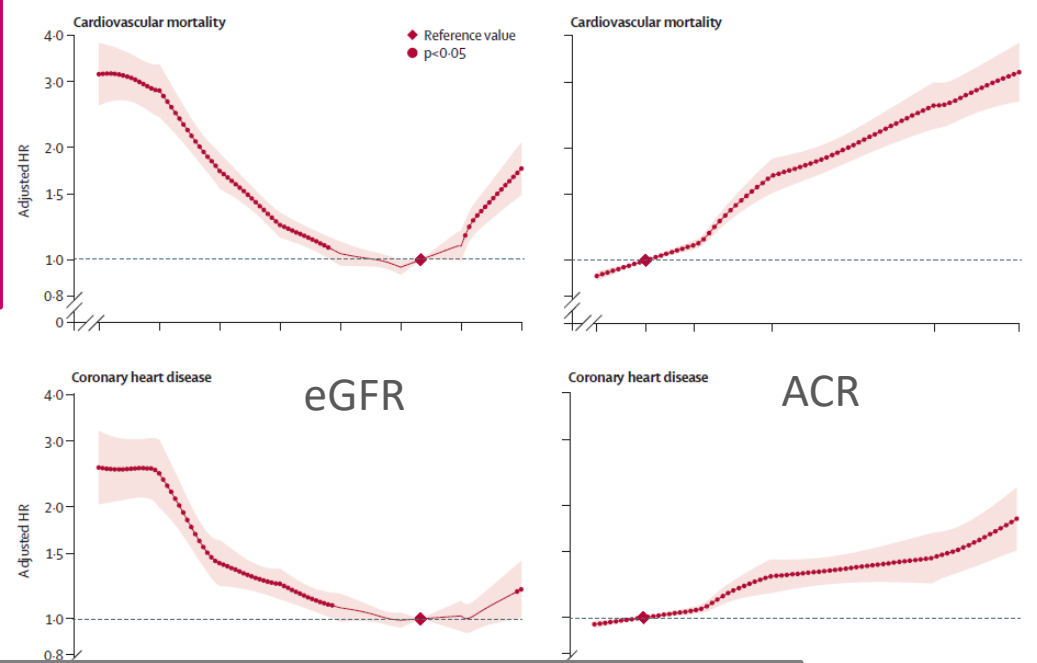
# Association CKD with HF Types



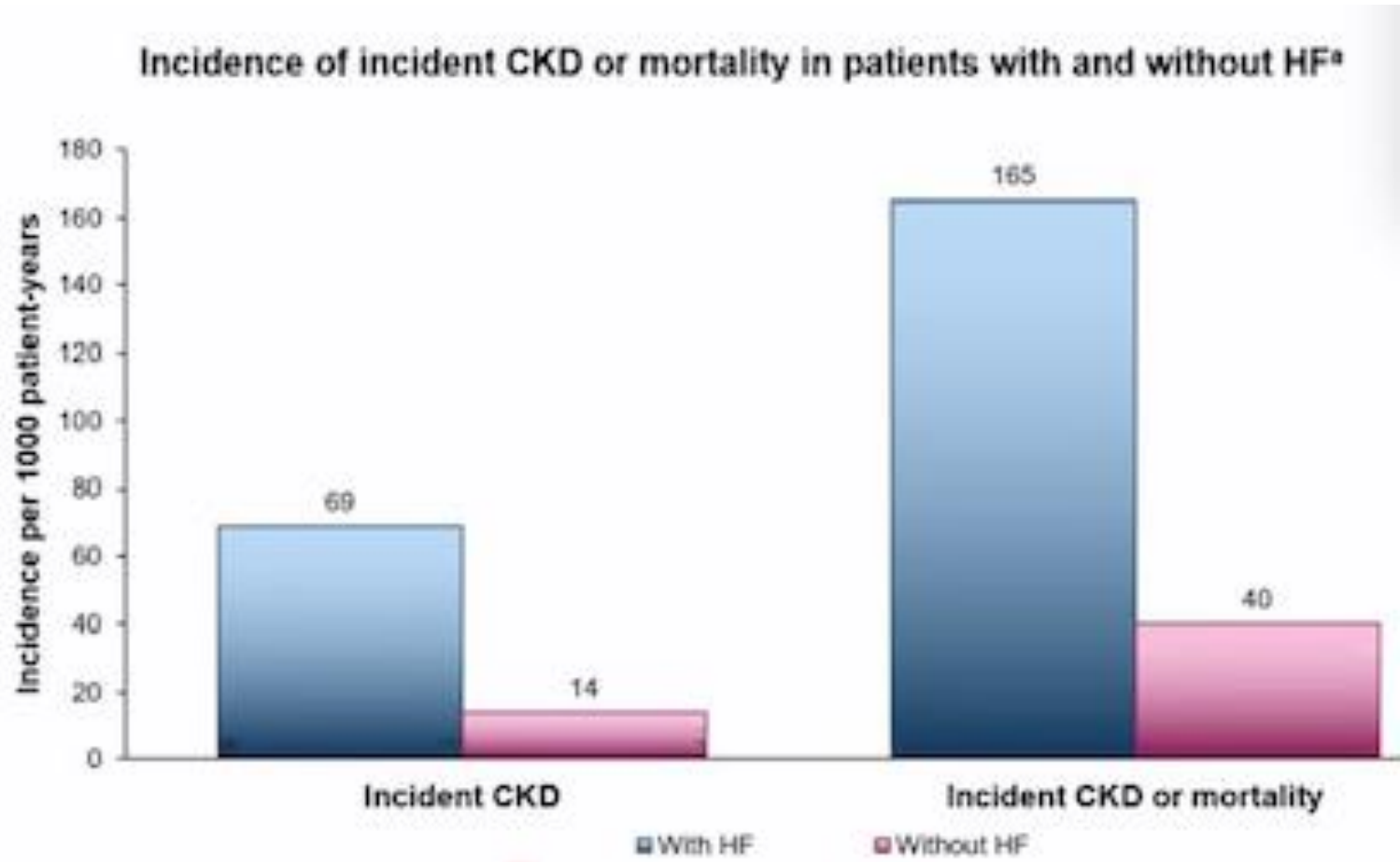
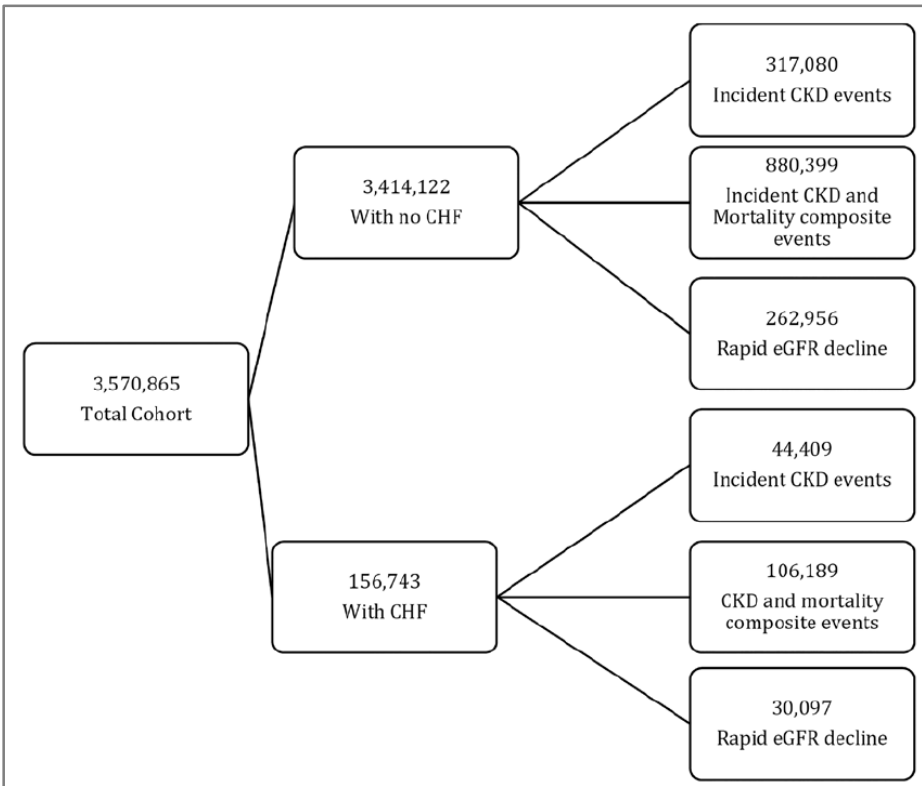


# Estimated glomerular filtration rate and albuminuria for prediction of cardiovascular outcomes: a collaborative meta-analysis of individual participant data Lancet 2015

N=637'315 individuals without CVD  
24 cohorts CKD consortium  
Follow-up 2 years (2-19)

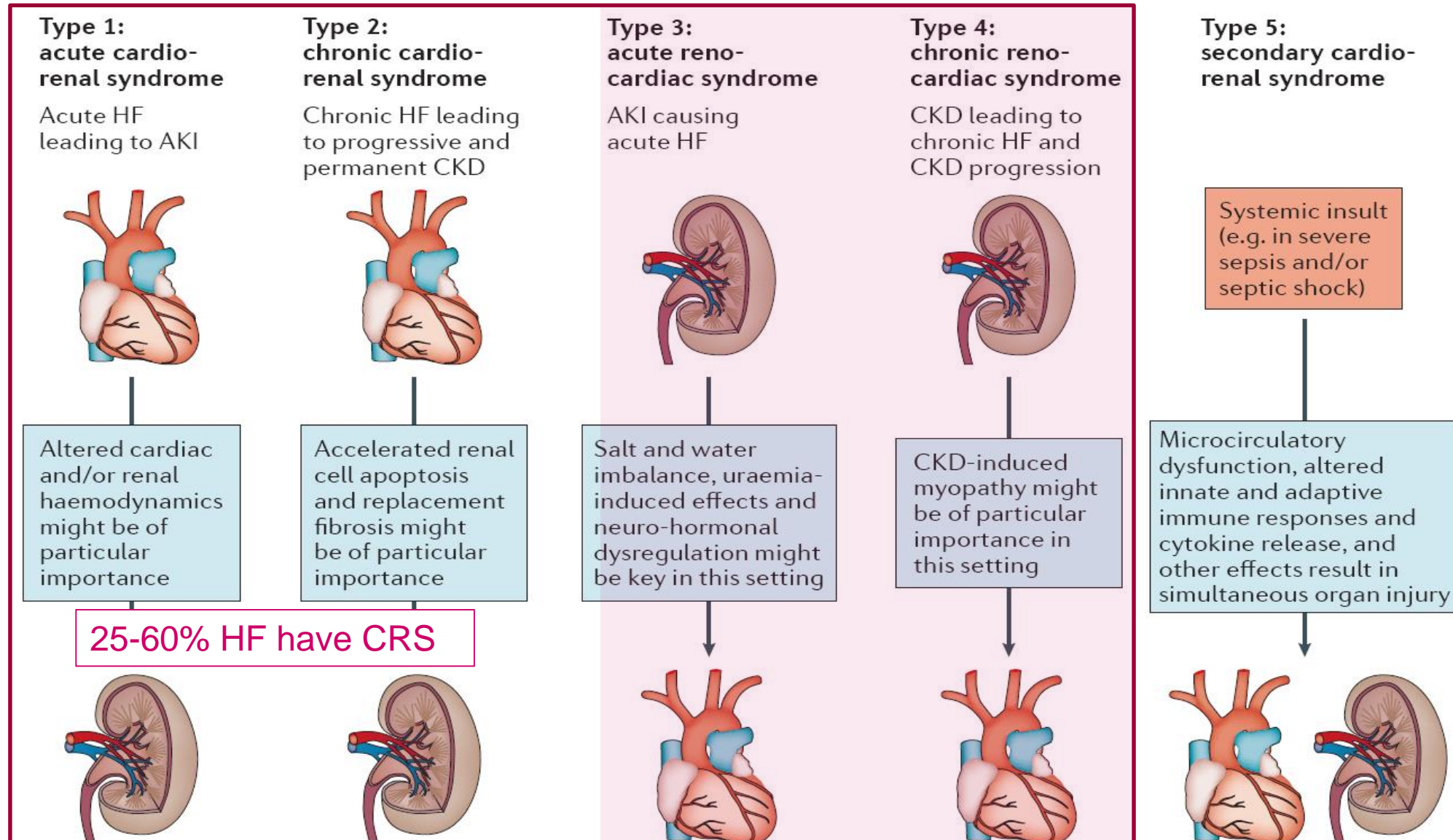


# Association HF with CKD



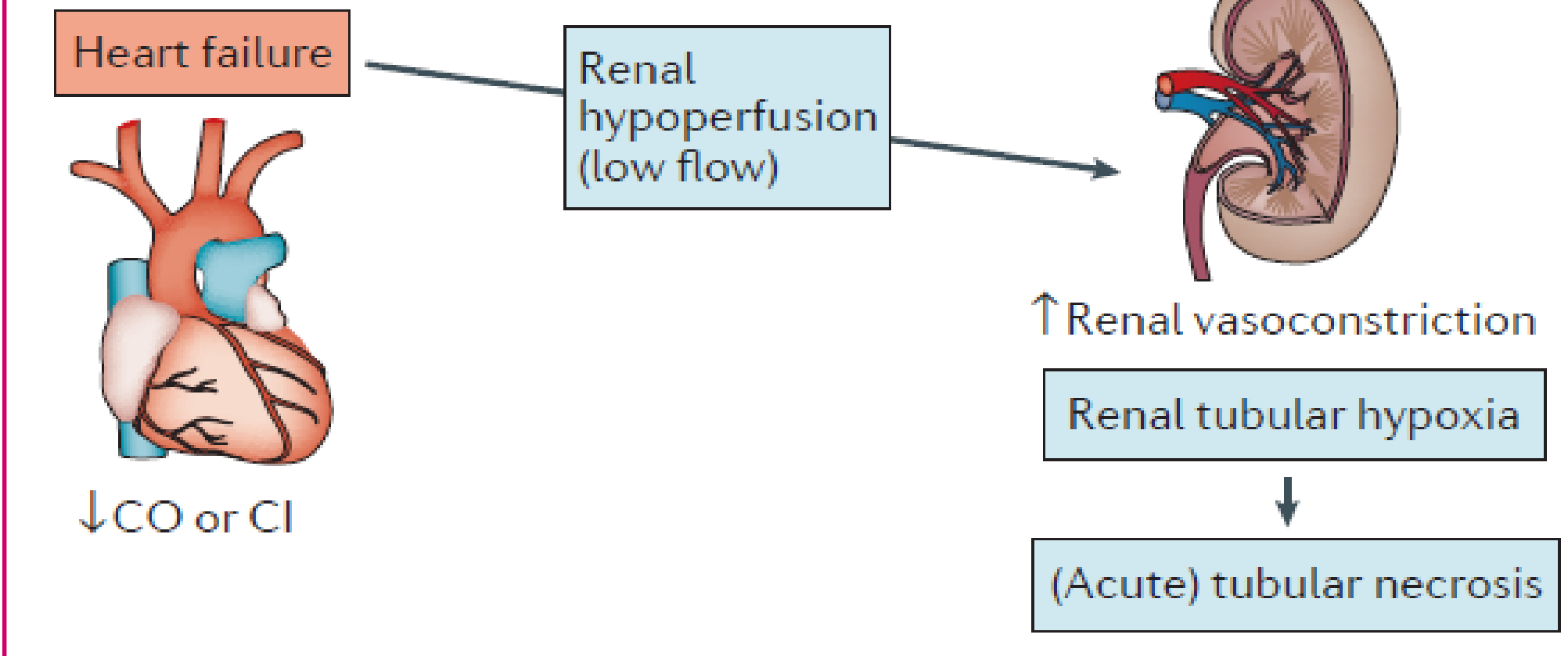


# CARDIO-RENAL SYNDROMES



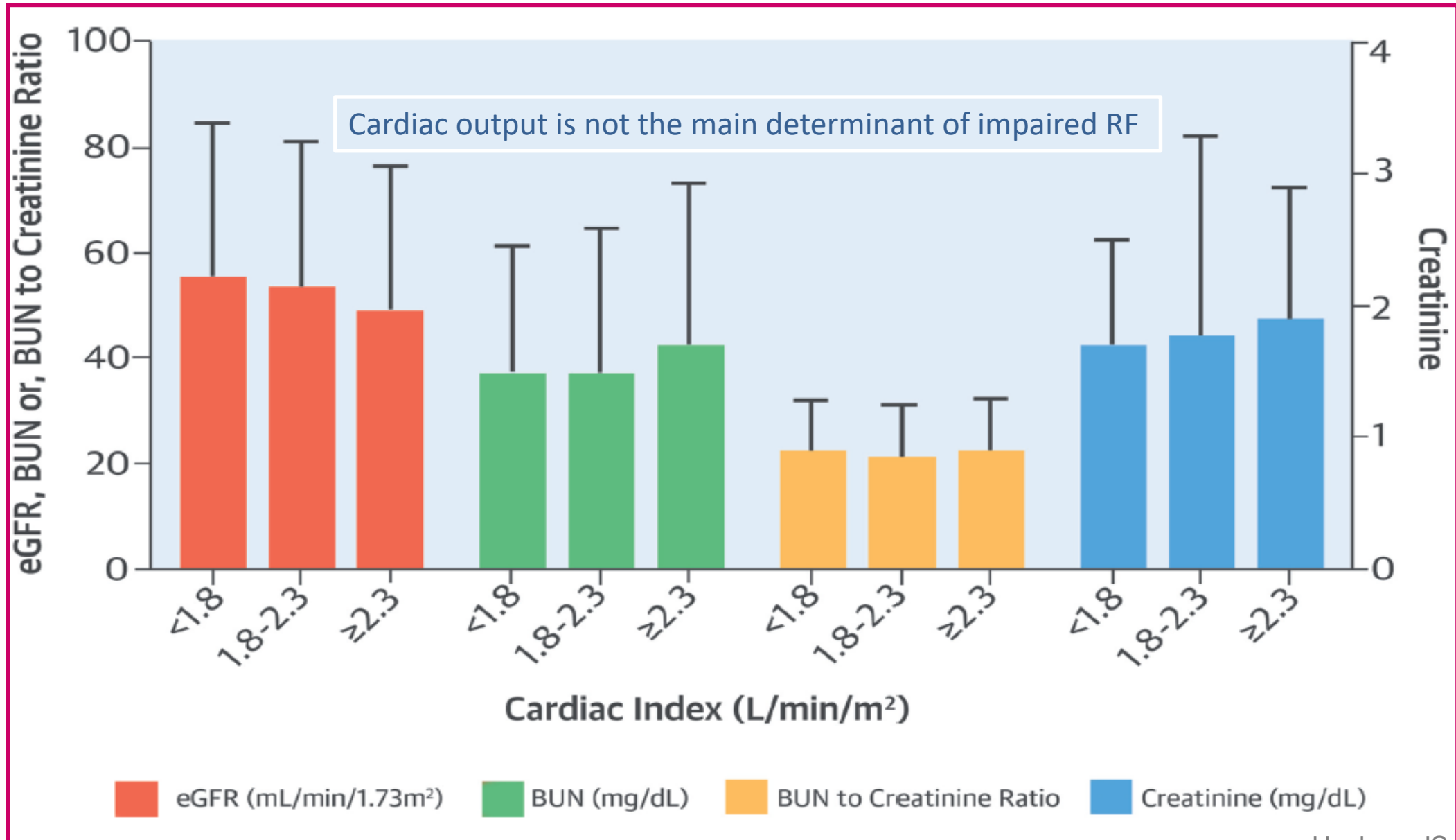
# PHYSIOPATHOLOGY - HYPOTHESIS

## Traditional hypothesis of cardio-renal interactions



**BUT** ↑Renal Filtration Fraction mitigates effect of ↓Blood Flow

# Cardiac Index and Renal Function in HF

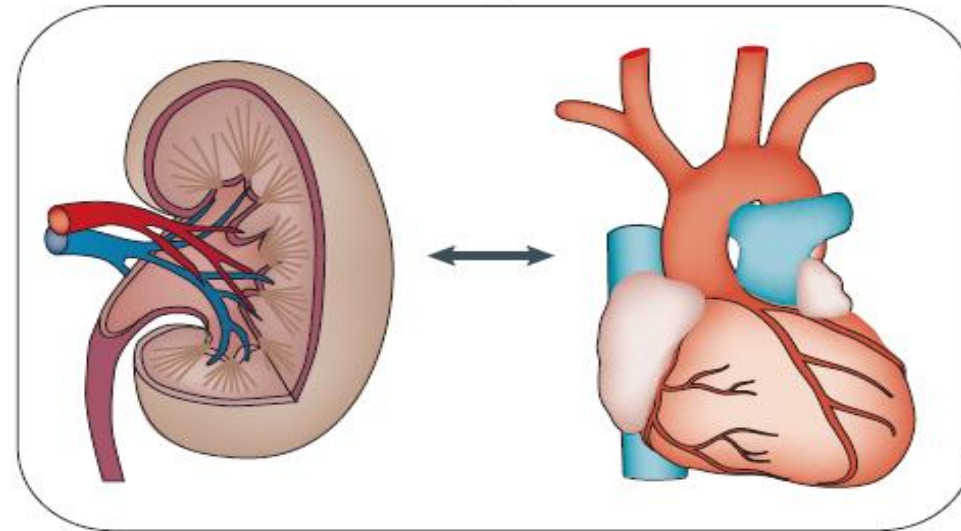


NOW

### Haemodynamic mechanisms

- Fluid overload and retention of salt and water
- Renal and cardiac congestion (renal venous hypertension)
- Limited organ perfusion (forward failure)
- Vasoconstriction in end organs

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### (Neuro)hormonal mechanisms

- Activation of the RAAS
- Activation of the sympathetic nervous system

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### Cardiovascular disease-associated mechanisms

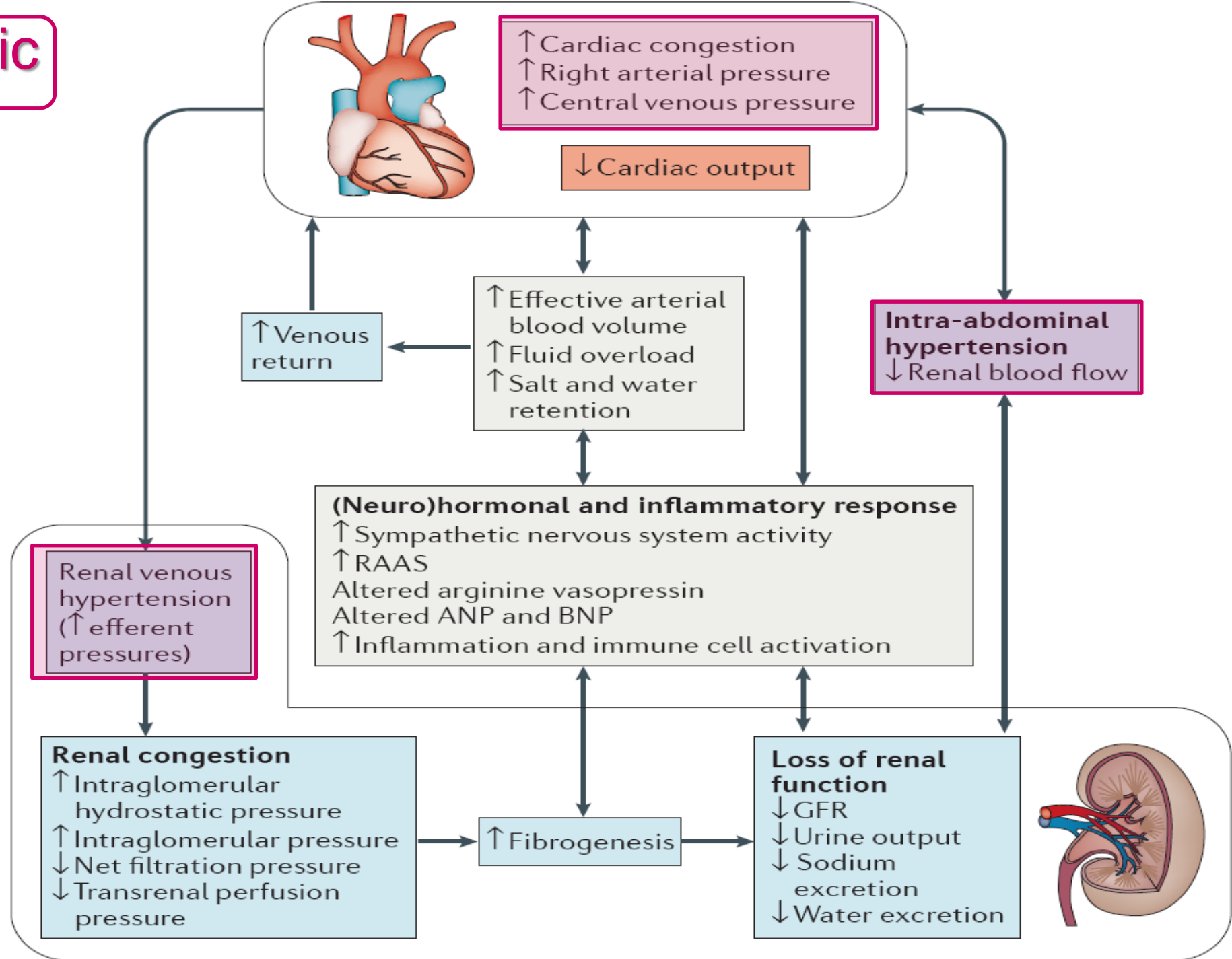
- Chronic inflammation and activation of cellular immunity
- Malnutrition, cachexia and wasting
- Bone-mineral disorder
- Acid-base metabolism disorder
- Anaemia and cardio-renal anaemia

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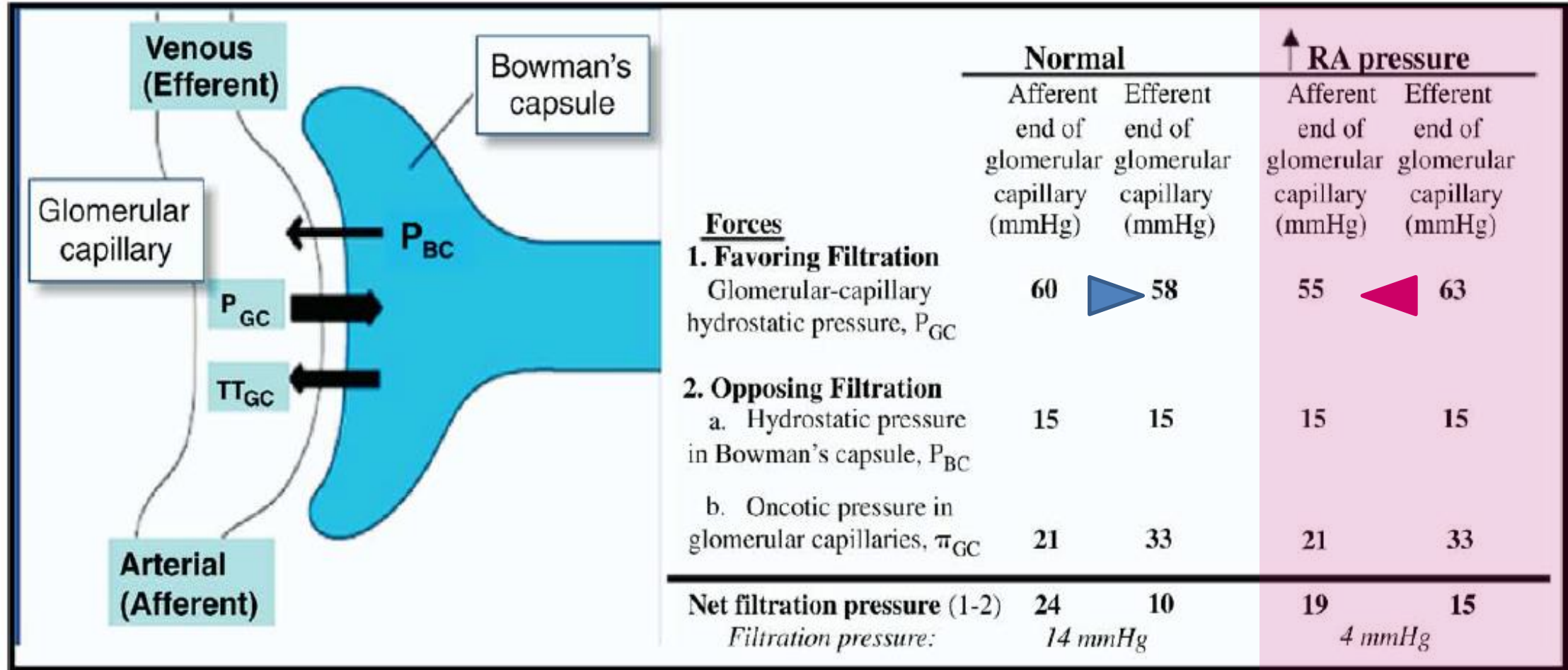




# Hemodynamic

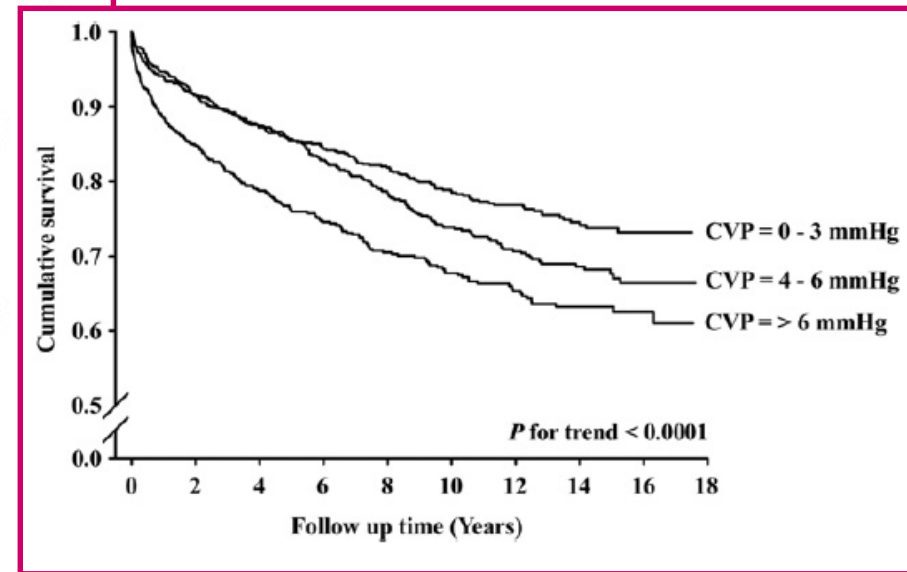
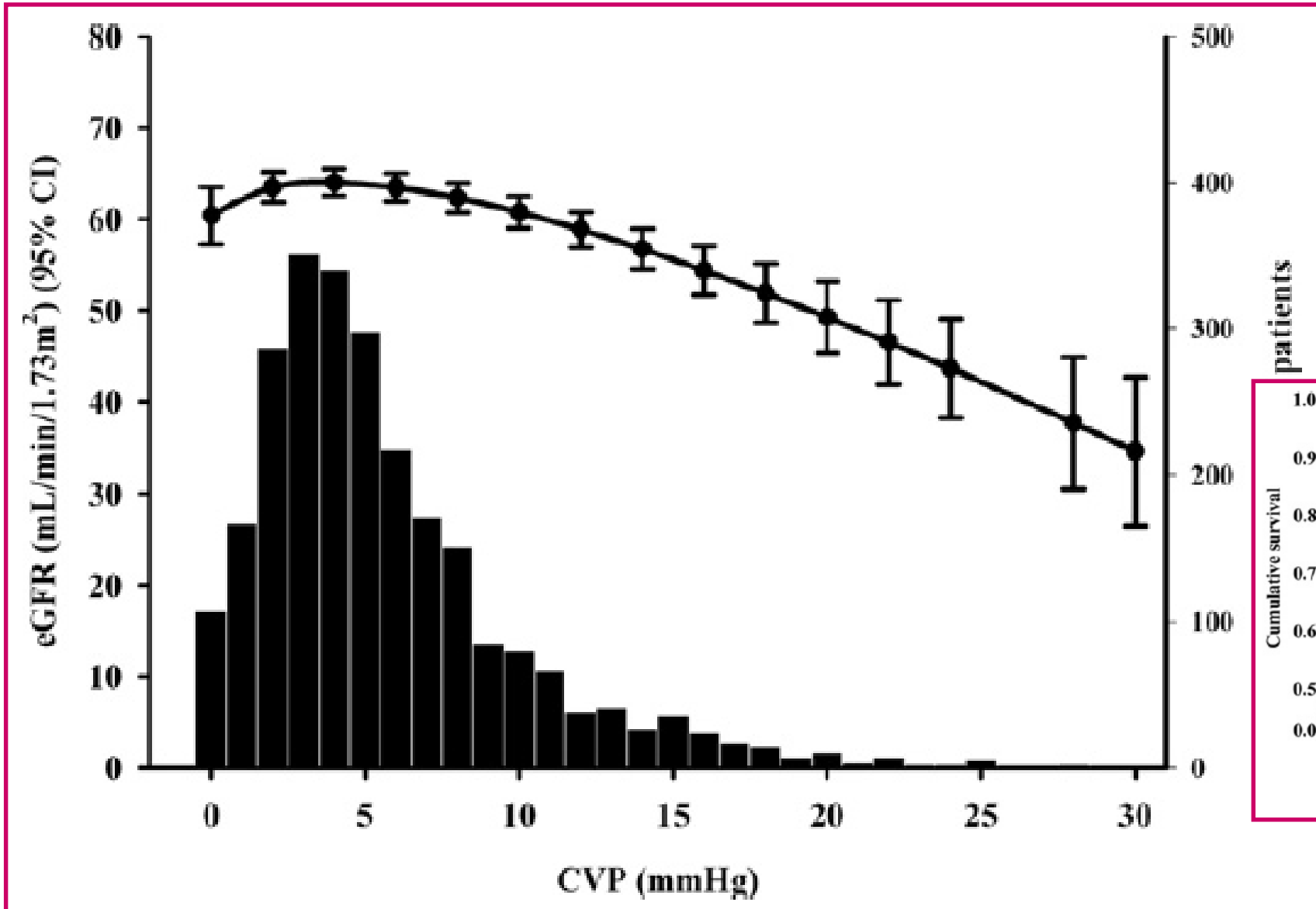


# ↑ Venous Pressure ↓ Renal Filtration Pressure



↓ **Net Filtration Pressure** =  $(P_{Hydro_{Glom}} - P_{Hydro_{Cap}}) - (P_{Hydro_{BC}} + P_{Oncotique_{Cap}})$

# Central Venous Pressure and Renal Function Worsening (WRF)



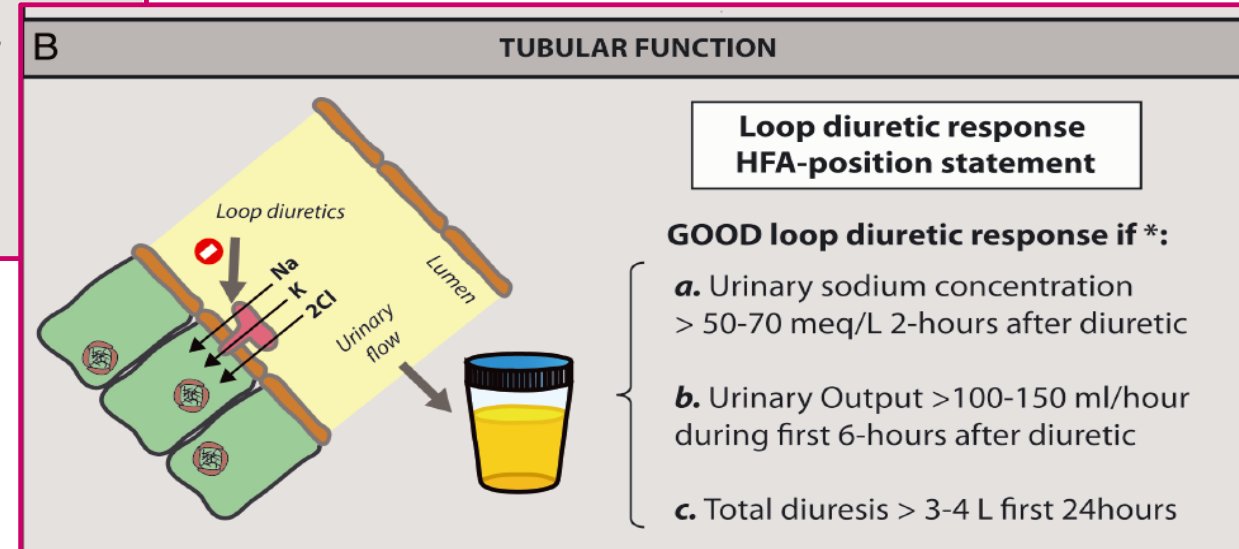
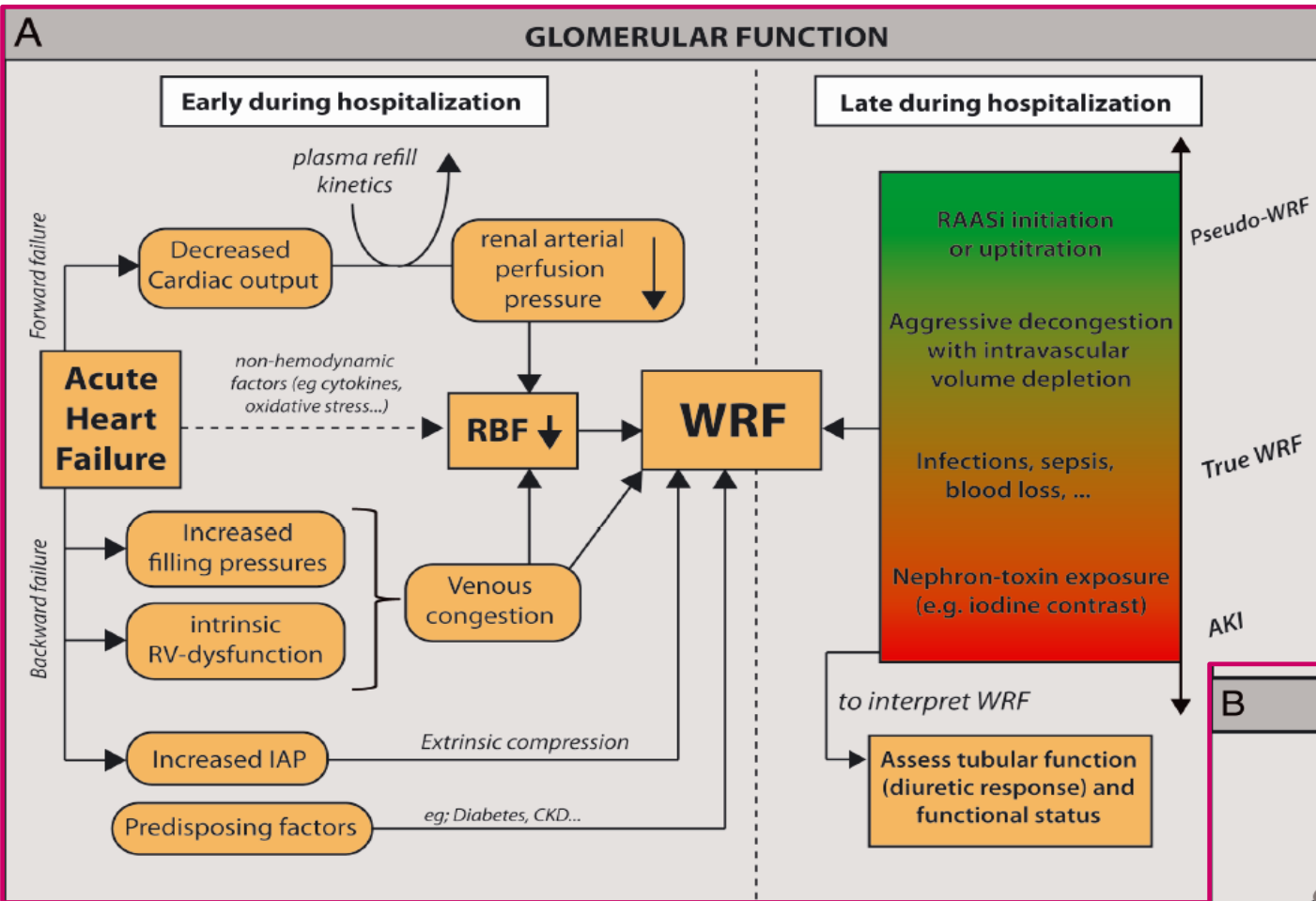
# TERMINOLOGY RENAL FUNCTION IN HF

ESC, JACC 2020

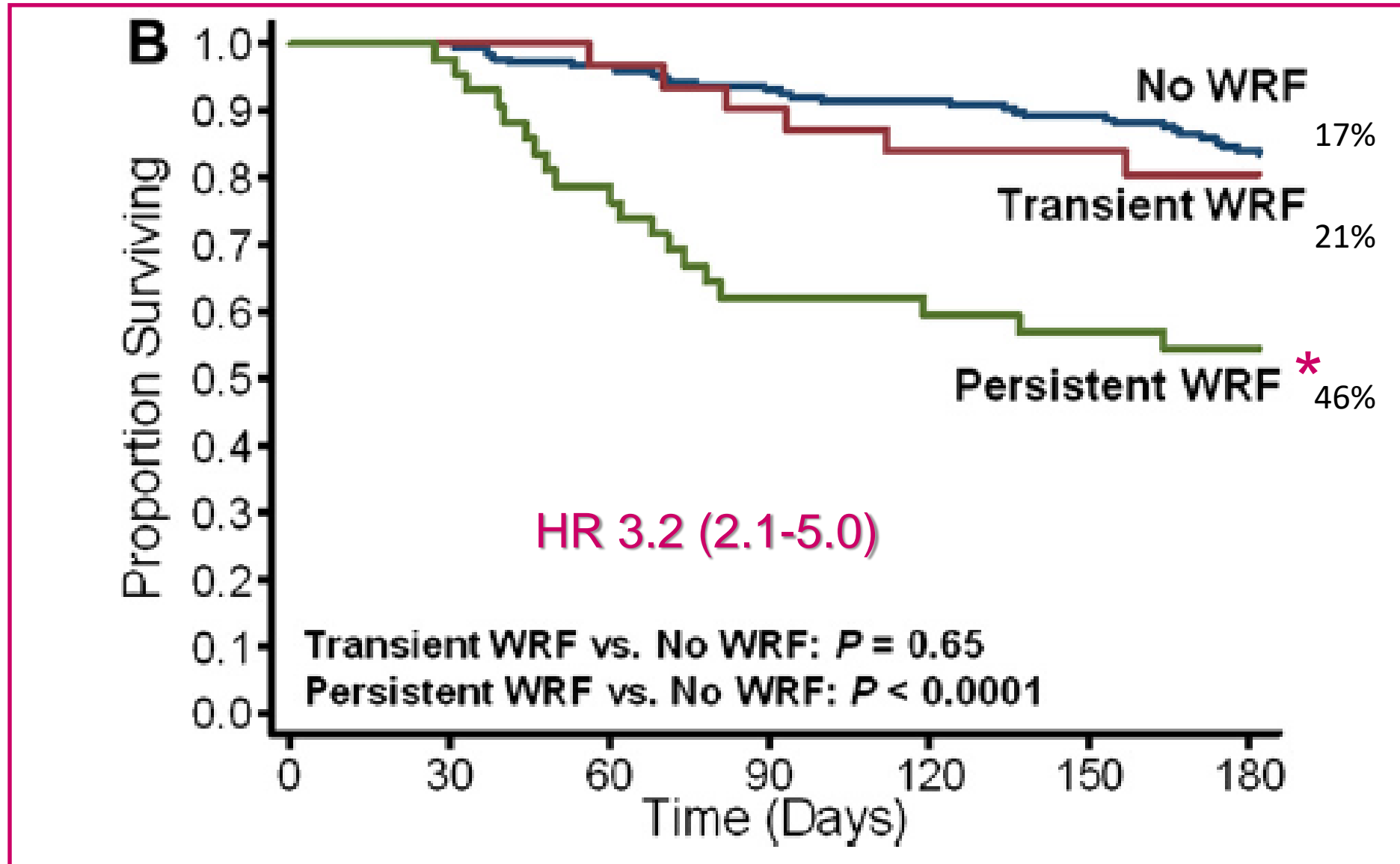
WRF = Worsening Renal function			
GFR-based definitions	Cystatin C-based definitions	Creatinine-based definitions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\geq 20\%</math> decrease</li> <li>• <math>\geq 25\%</math> decrease</li> <li>• <math>&gt; 5</math> mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> per year decrease</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>&gt; 0.3</math> mg/dL increase</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\geq 0.3</math> mg/dL increase</li> <li>• <math>\geq 0.3</math> mg/dL increase and <math>&gt; 25\%</math> increase</li> <li>• <math>\geq 0.5</math> mg/dL increase</li> <li>• 1.5<math>\times</math> baseline</li> <li>• <math>&gt; 25\%</math> increase + above 2.0 mg/dL</li> </ul>	
AKI			
UO component	Scr component		
	KDIGO	AKIN	RIFLE
<b>Grade 1</b>			
$< 0.5$ mL/kg/h for 6-12 h	Scr to 1.5–1.9 $\times$ baseline over 7 days or absolute increase $\geq 0.3$ mg/dL over 48 h	Scr to 1.5–2.0 $\times$ baseline or absolute increase $\geq 0.3$ mg/dL over 48 h	Scr to $\geq 1.5\times$ within 7 days sustained for 24 h
<b>Grade 2</b>			
$< 0.5$ mL/kg/h for $\geq 12$ h	Scr to 2.0–2.9 $\times$ baseline	Scr $> 2.0$ –3.0 $\times$ baseline	Scr $\geq 2.0\times$
<b>Grade 3</b>			
$< 0.3$ mL/kg/h for $\geq 24$ h or anuria for $\geq 12$ h	Scr to $\geq 3.0\times$ baseline or increase above $\geq 4.0$ mg/dL or RRT	Scr to $\geq 3.0\times$ baseline or increase above $\geq 4.0$ mg/dL (with absolute increase $> 0.5$ mg/dL) or RRT	Scr to $\geq 3.0\times$ baseline or increase above $\geq 4.0$ mg/dL (with absolute increase $> 0.5$ mg/dL) or RRT



# Clinical context has to be integrated when assessing creatinine elevation

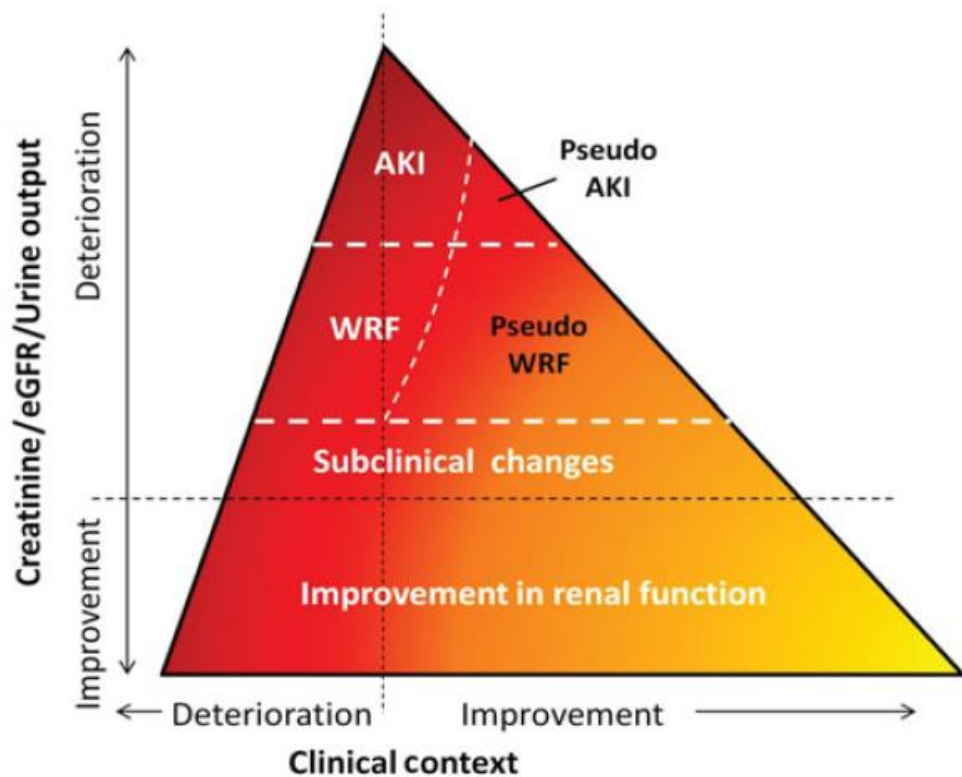


# Only persistent WRF is associated with increased mortality



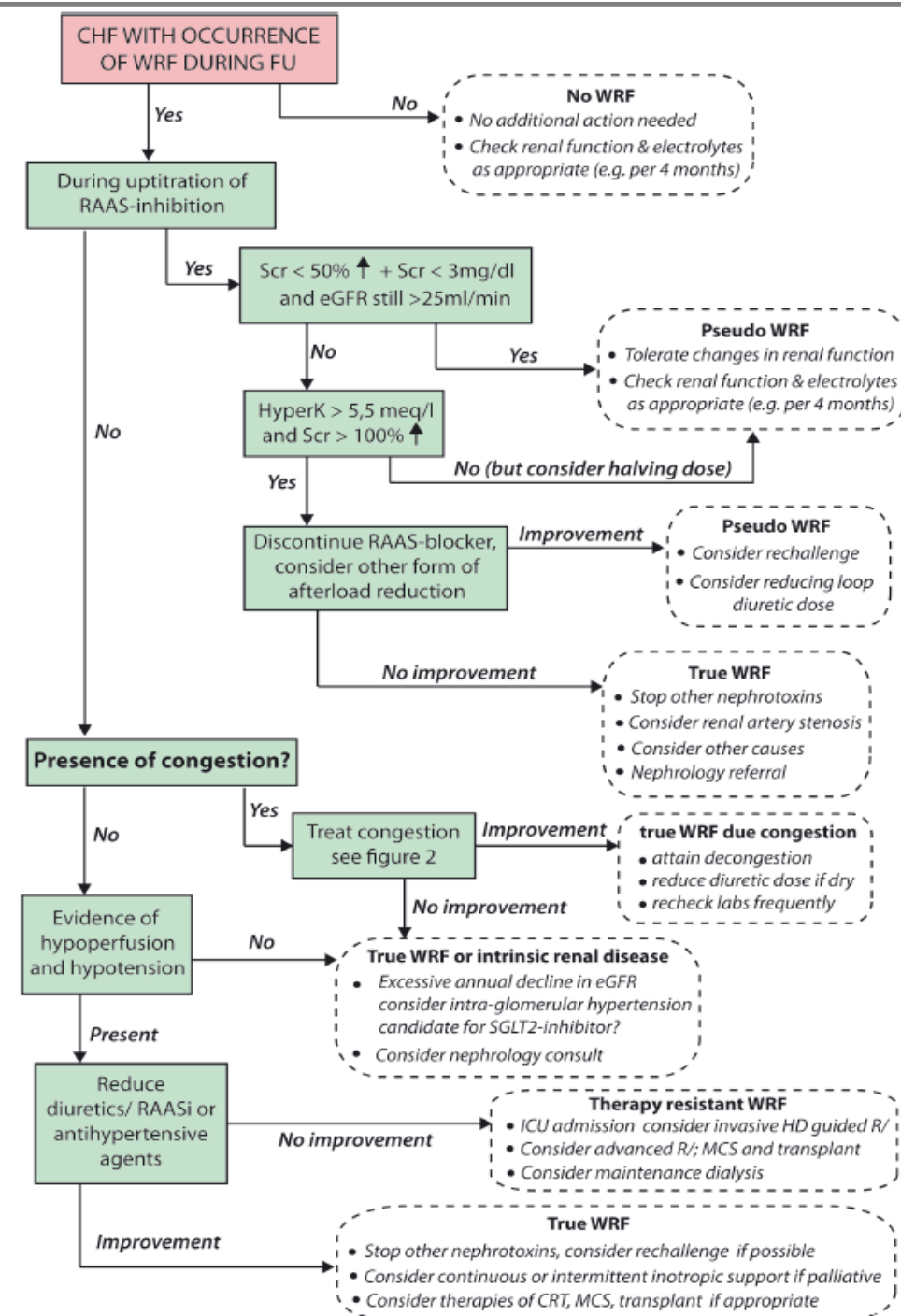


# Evaluation of kidney function throughout the heart failure trajectory – a position statement from the Heart Failure Association of the European Society of Cardiology

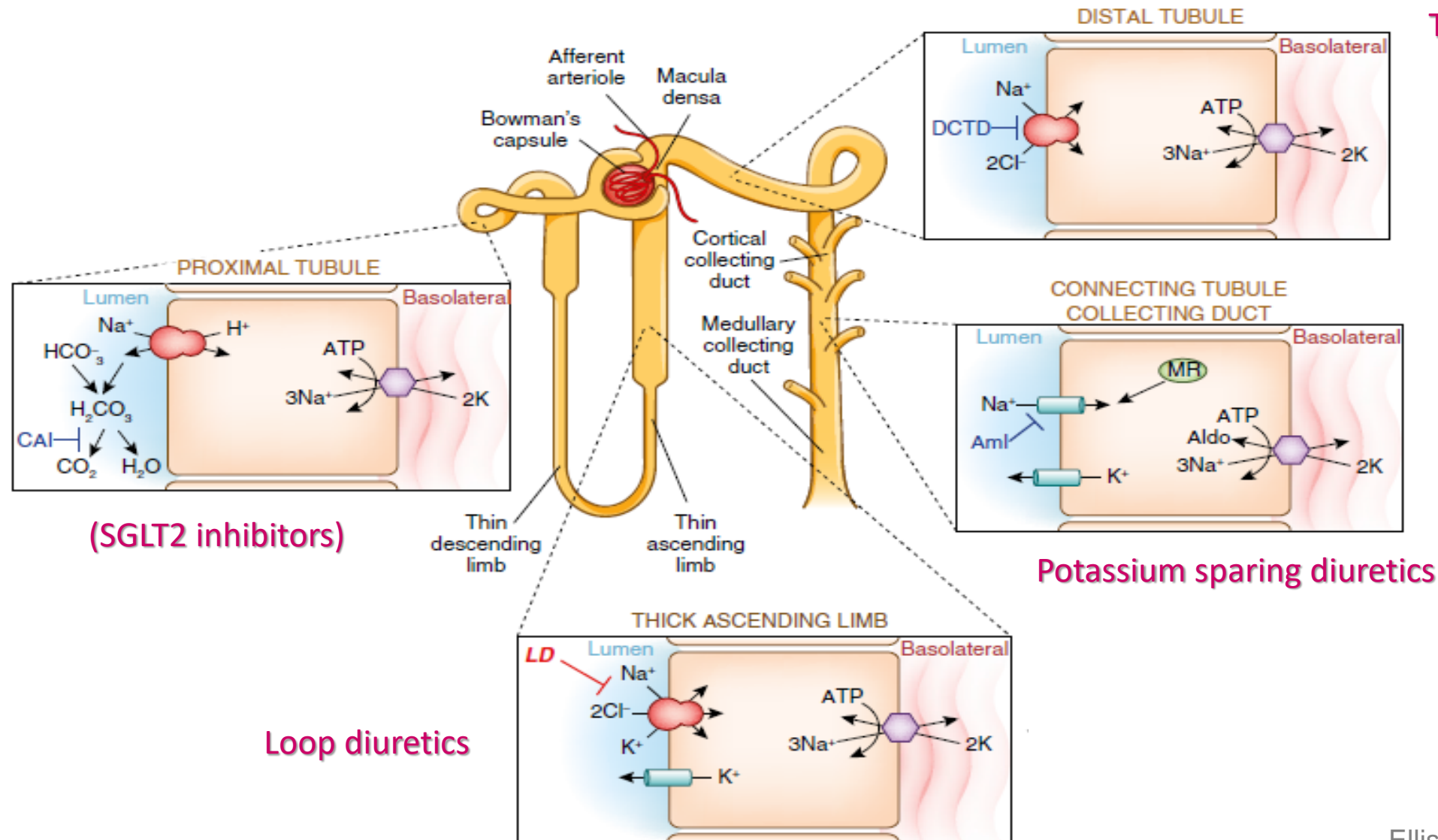


Damman K. Eur Heart J 2015  
ESC. Eur J Heart F 2020

## Algorithm for WRF in CHF

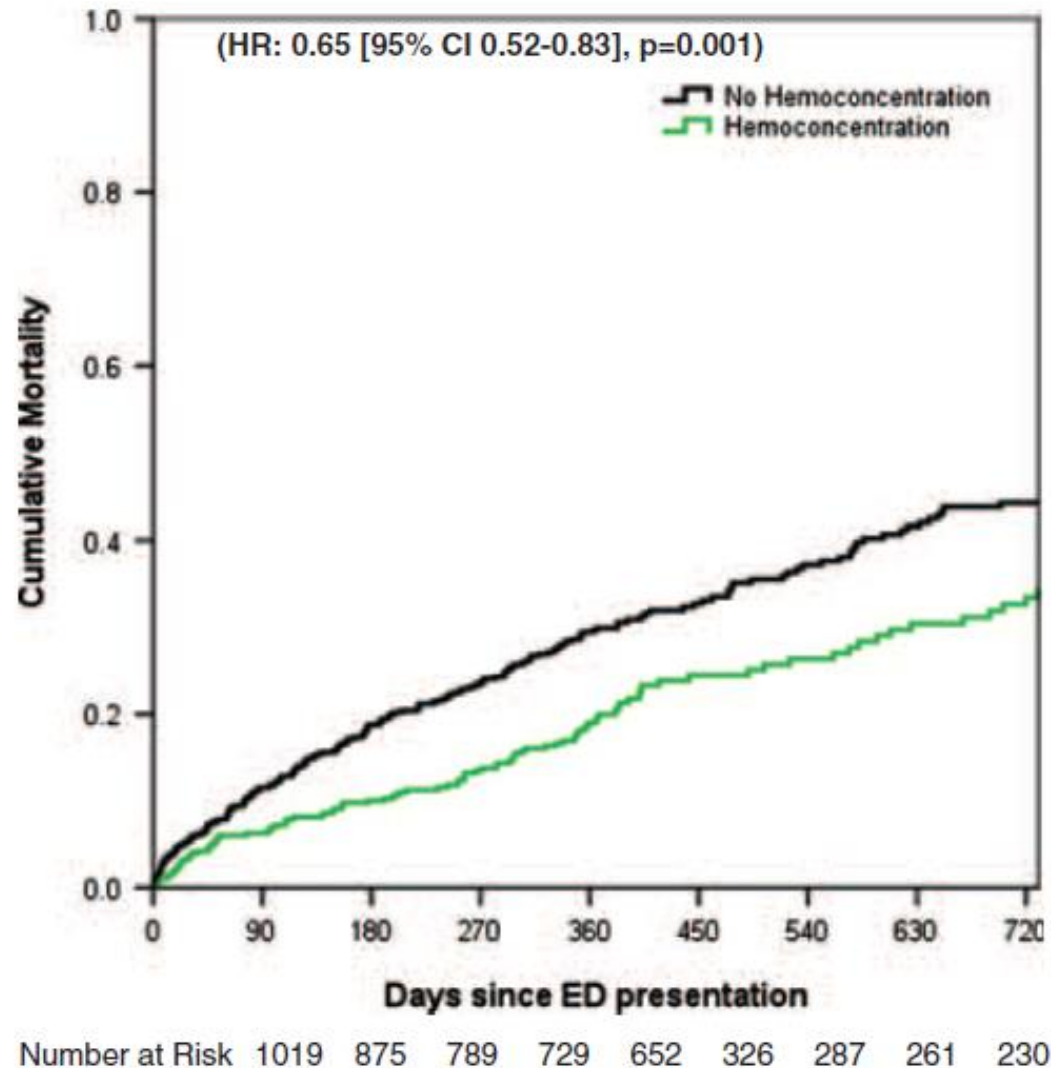


# TREATMENT: DIURETICS

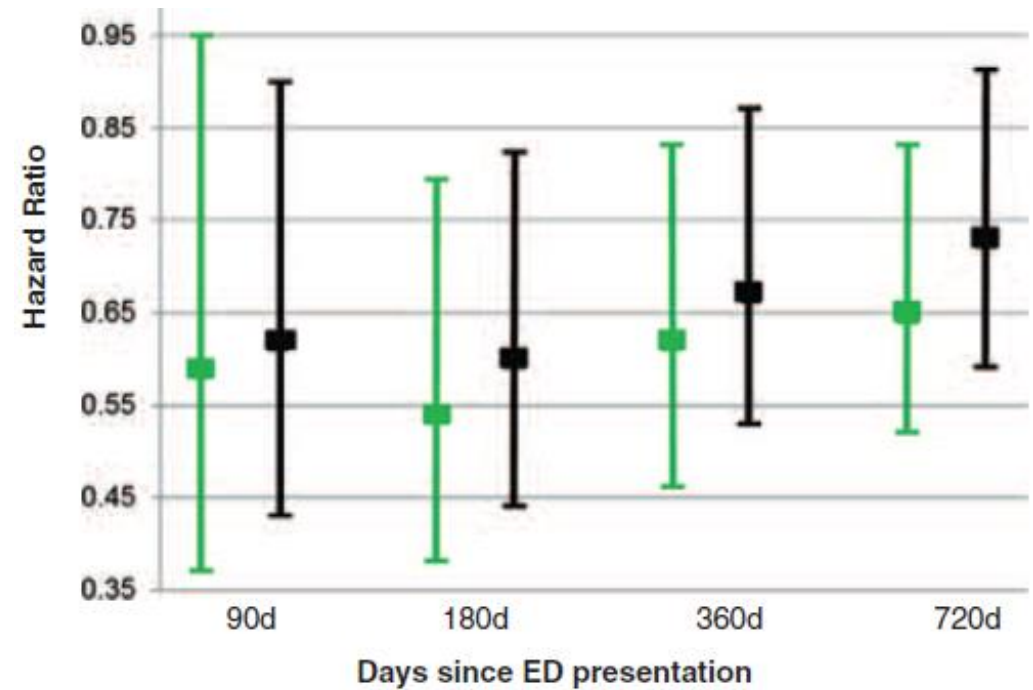




# Hemoconcentration is associated with lower mortality



Advantage persisted even if Worsening RF



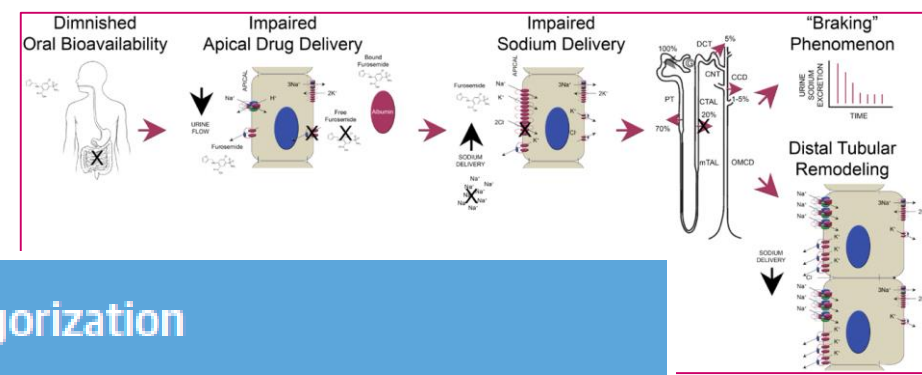
European Journal of Heart Failure (2017) 19, 226–236  
doi:10.1002/ehf.667

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Impact of haemoconcentration during acute heart failure therapy on mortality and its relationship with worsening renal function

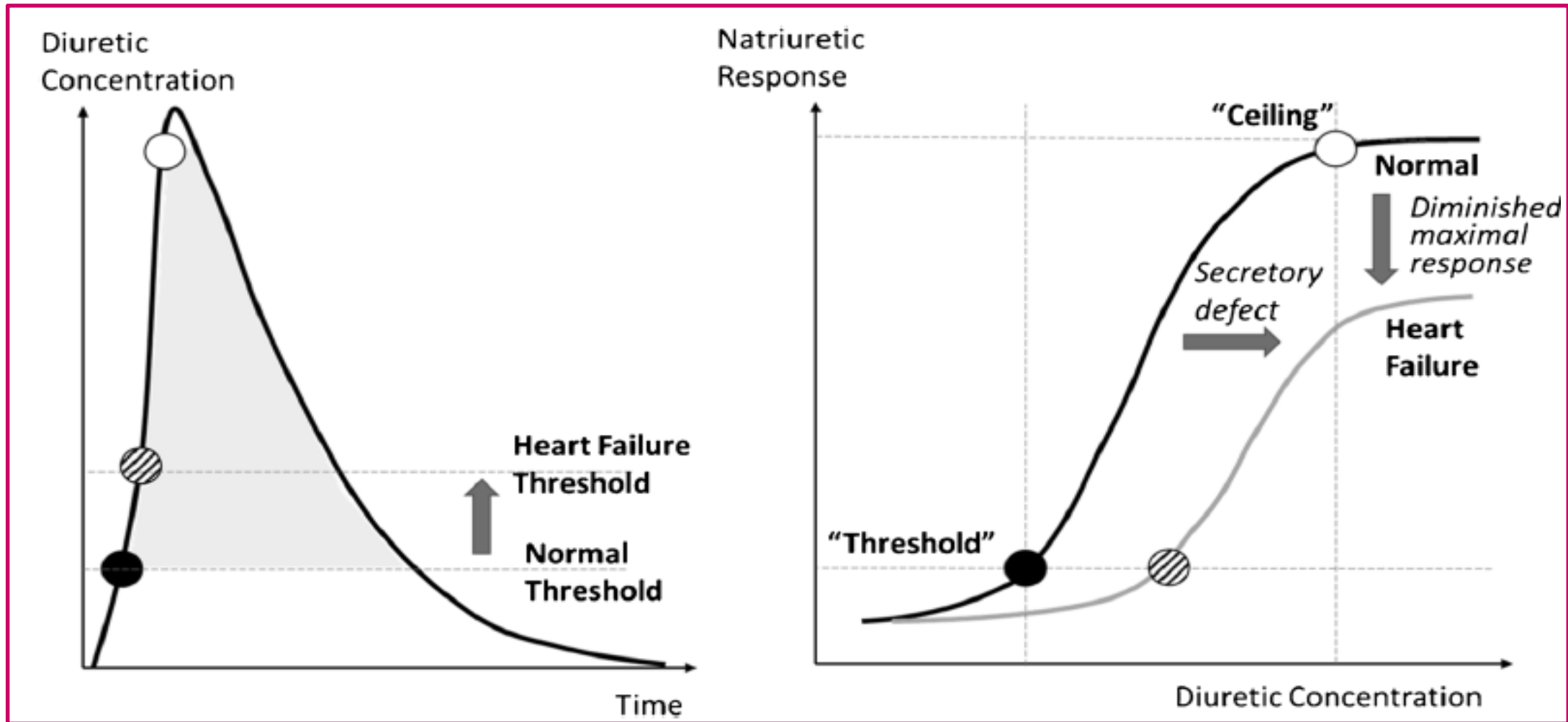
# Diuretic «resistance»

Felker. JACC 2020



Diuretic Resistance Categorization				
Importance of specific cause/mechanism on diuretic resistance	Pre-Renal	Intra-Renal		
		Pre-Loop of Henle	Loop of Henle	Post-Loop of Henle
<p><b>Significant</b></p> <p>Unknown but hypothesized to be significant</p> <p><i>Not significant with the mild to moderate derangement found in the average HF patient</i></p>	<p>Venous congestion</p> <p>Increased intra-abdominal pressure</p> <p><i>Reduced cardiac output</i></p> <p><i>Hypoalbuminemia</i></p> <p><i>High sodium intake</i></p>	<p>Increased proximal tubule sodium reabsorption</p> <p><i>Reduced GFR</i></p> <p><i>Increased organic anions</i></p> <p><i>Albuminuria</i></p>	<p><b>Loop diuretic dose</b></p> <p>Response at the level of the Loop of Henle</p> <p>Hypochloremic alkalosis</p>	<p><b>Compensatory distal tubular sodium reabsorption</b></p> <p>Proteolytic activation of ENaC by filtered proteases</p> <p>Upregulation of NCC, Pendrin, NDCBE, ENaC</p>

# Diuretic «resistance» in HF (and also in CKD!)



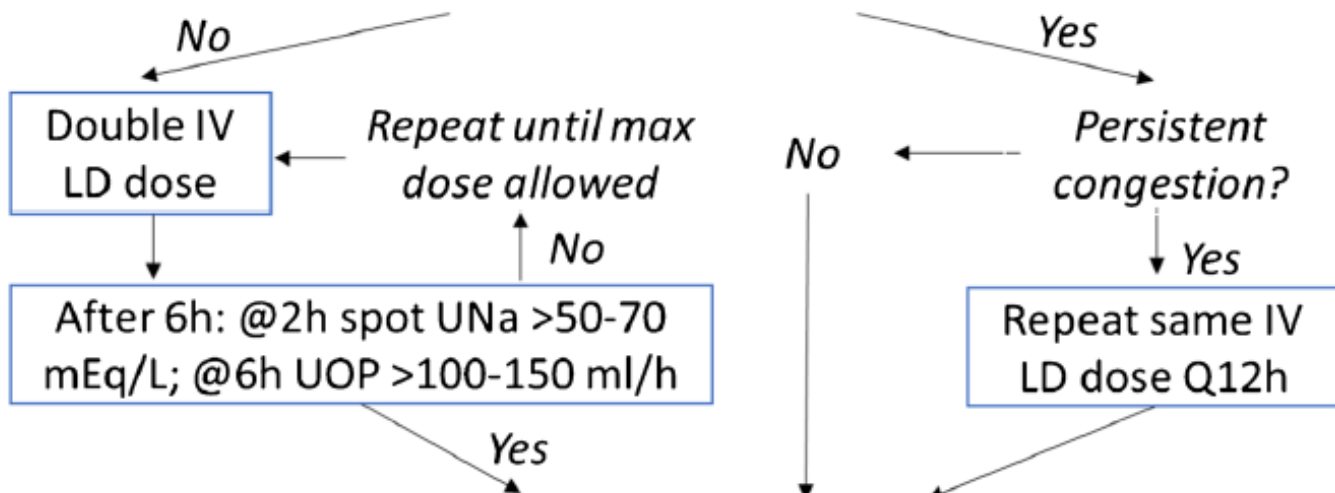
In HF diuretic threshold is shifted → reduced effective range of therapy  
→ decreased response

Higher dose in HF are needed

# Diuretic goal directed therapy?

**Step 1 (Day 1): Assess congestion and start loop diuretics (LD)**  
(1-2x home dose IV, or 20-40mg IV if none)

**Step 2: Assess diuretic response**  
(@2h spot UNa >50-70 mEq/L; @6h UOP >100-150 ml/h)



**Step 3 (Day 2): Evaluate 24h urine output**  
Double IV LD dose if <3-4L; Reassess in 6h & repeat if UOP <100/h

**Step 4: Stepwise Pharmacologic Therapy** = Sequential nephron blockage  
If max IV LD, add thiazide (2<sup>nd</sup>line: acetazolamide, amiloride, UF)

## DIURETICS vs ULTRAFILTRATION

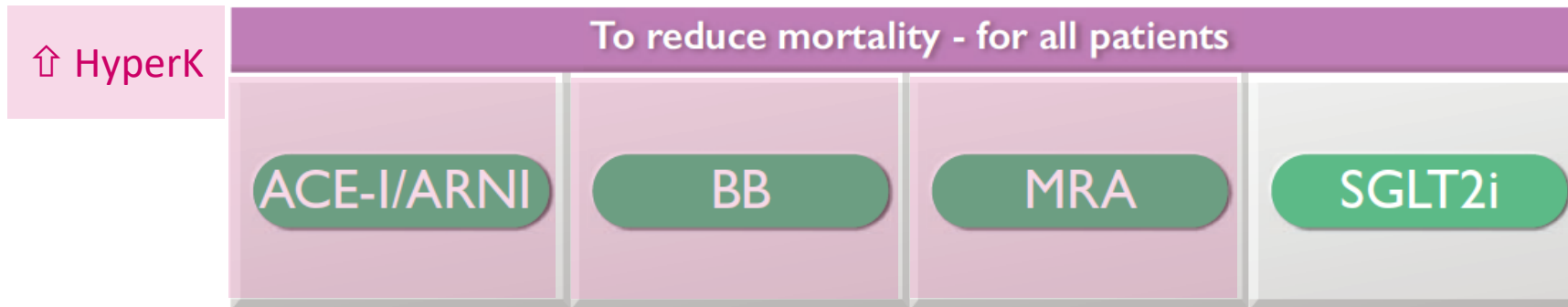
AHA Scientific Statement. Circulation 2019

Study	Subjects, n	Primary End Point	UF Protocol	Diuretics Protocol	Effect on Renal Function	Effect on Weight Loss	Adverse Events
RAPID-HF <sup>133</sup>	40	Weight loss at 24 h	Single 8-h UF session to maximum rate of 500 mL/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Clinician based	NS	Similar in both groups; trend toward higher weight loss in UF arm	...
UNLOAD <sup>134</sup>	200	Weight loss and dyspnea at 48 h	Time and rate of UF flexible; maximum rate of 500 mL/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Clinician based	NS	UF>DT	...
CARRESS-HF <sup>135</sup>	188	Change in SCr and weight at 96 h	Fixed UF rate of 200 mL/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Prespecified stepped-up algorithm	Significant increase in SCr with UF	Similar in both groups	Higher SAEs in UF arm
CUORE <sup>136</sup>	56	Hospitalization for HF at 1 y	Time and rate of UF flexible; maximum rate of 500 mL/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Clinician based	Significant increase in SCr with DT at 6 mo	Similar in both groups	...
AVOID-HF <sup>137</sup>	224	Time to HF <90 d after discharge	Time and rate of UF flexible; maximum rate of 500 mL/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Prespecified algorithm	NS	Similar in both groups	Higher SAEs in UF arm





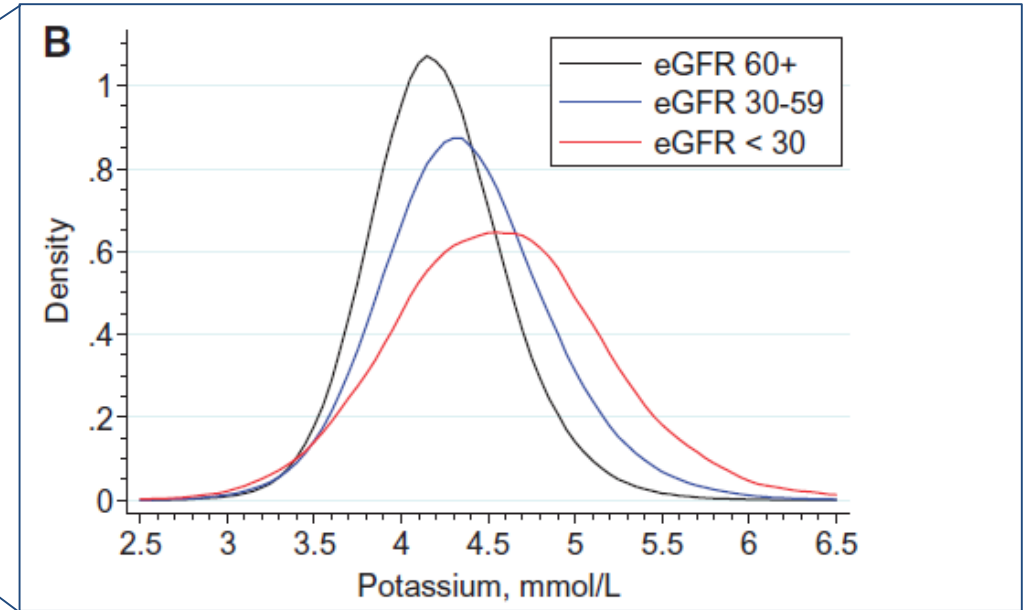
# 2021 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure



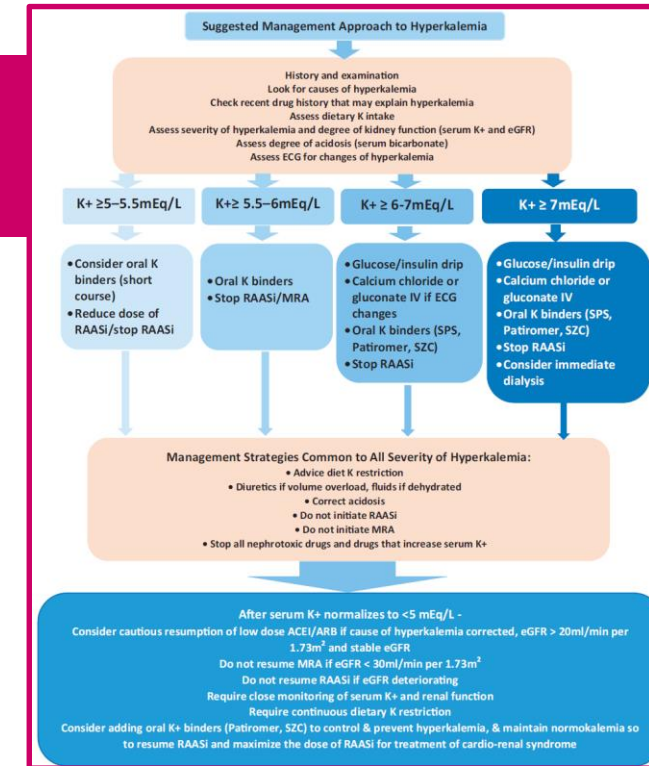
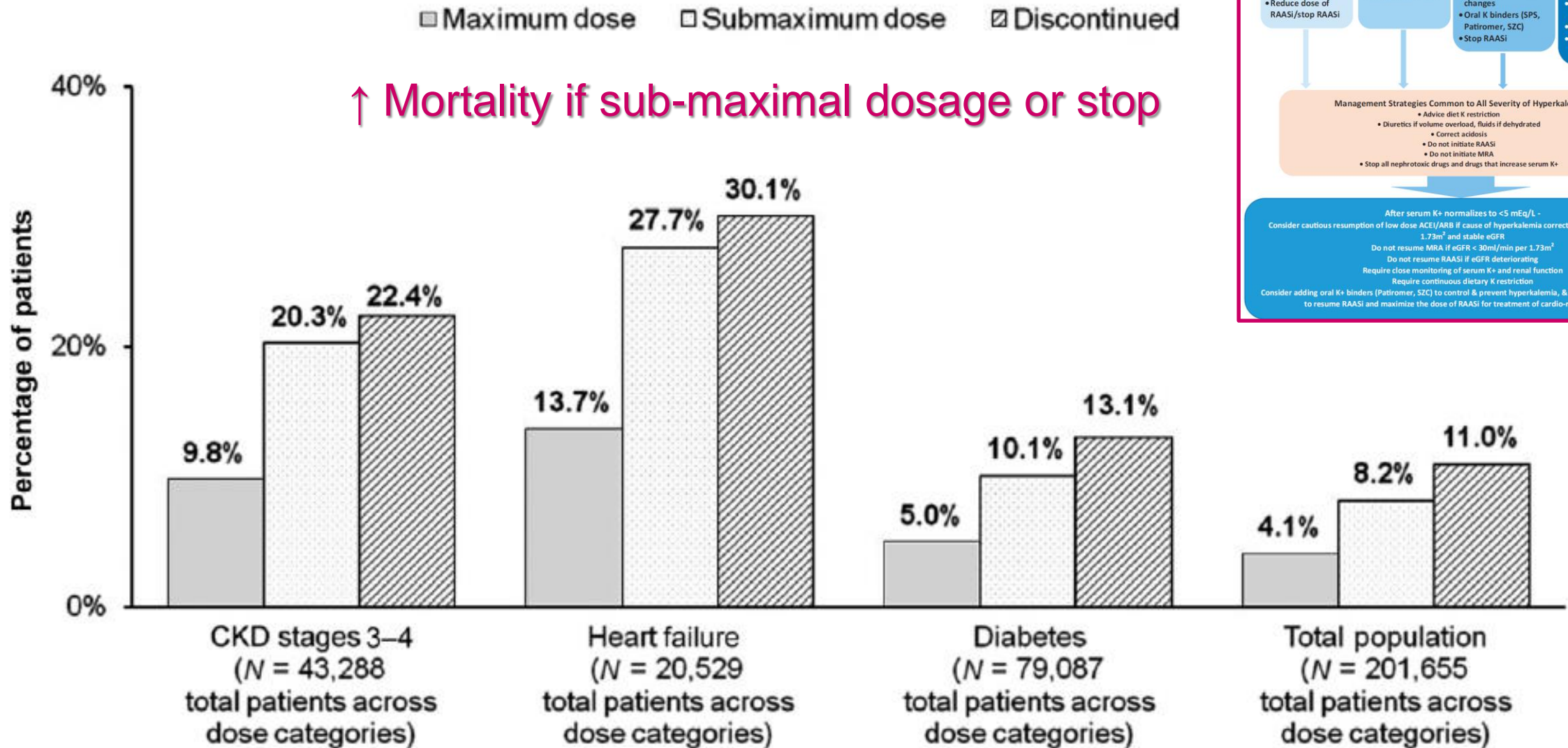
Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
An ACE-I is recommended for patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death. <sup>110–113</sup>	I	A
A beta-blocker is recommended for patients with stable HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death. <sup>114–120</sup>	I	A
An MRA is recommended for patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death. <sup>121,122</sup>	I	A
Dapagliflozin or empagliflozin are recommended for patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death. <sup>108,109</sup>	I	A
Sacubitril/valsartan is recommended as a replacement for an ACE-I in patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death. <sup>105</sup>	I	B

# Adverse Effects HF medication

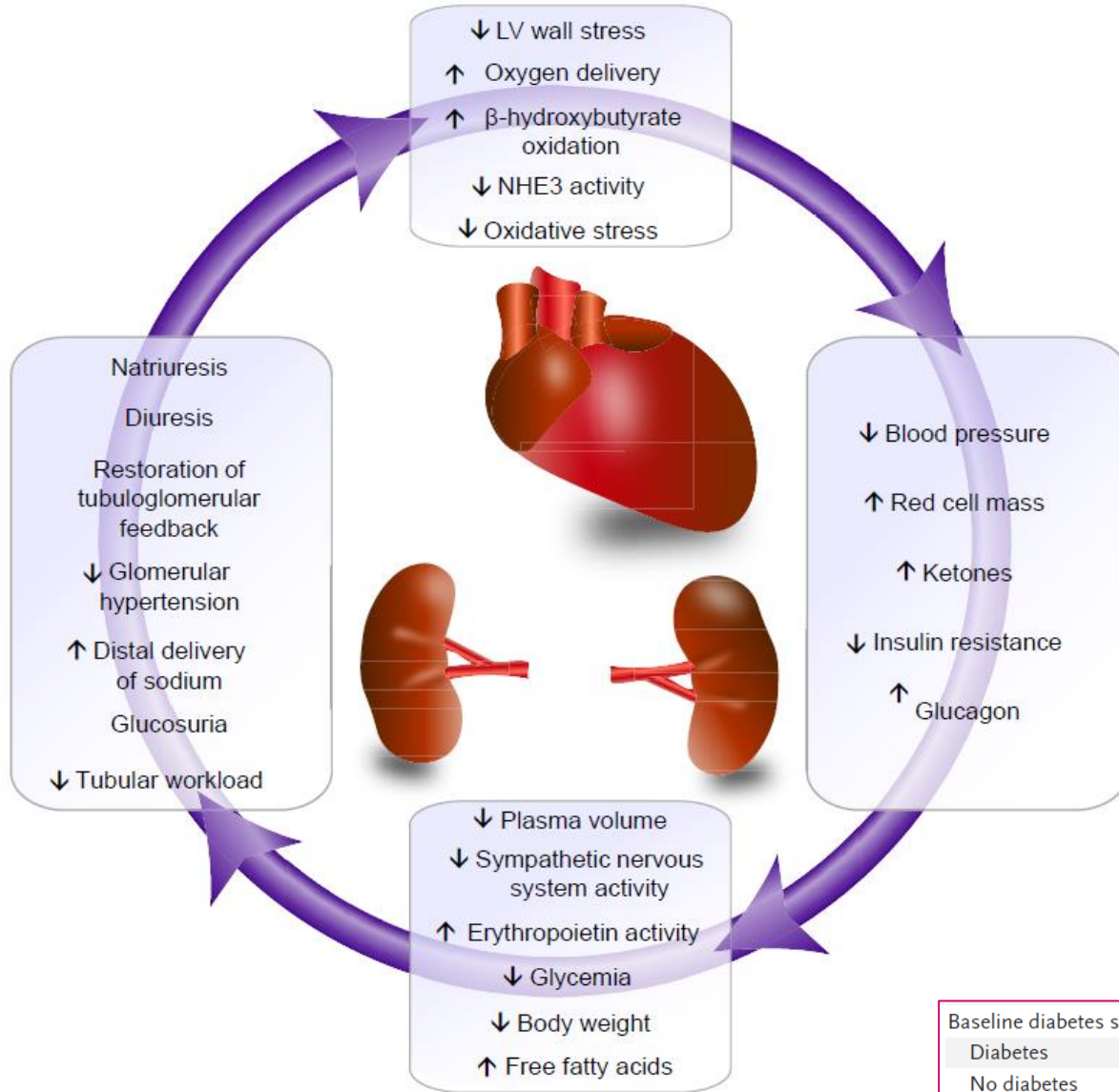
- Improve total body sodium balance
  - *Hyponatremia (SIADH)*
- RAAS inhibitors +/- MRA (aldosterone)
  - *Hyperkalemia (++ in diabetes, eGFR<30ml/min)*
- Sacubitril/valsartan (ARNI) > ACE alone
  - *Studies needed for eGFR<30ml/min*
- B blockers: metoprolol, bisoprolol, carvedilol
  - *Bradycardia, hypotension (++ eGFR<45ml/min)*
- Device-based algorithm with iv saline/diuretic
- Other devices (CRT...)
- **SGLT2 inhibitors**



# Mortality and ACE/ARB dose in CKD



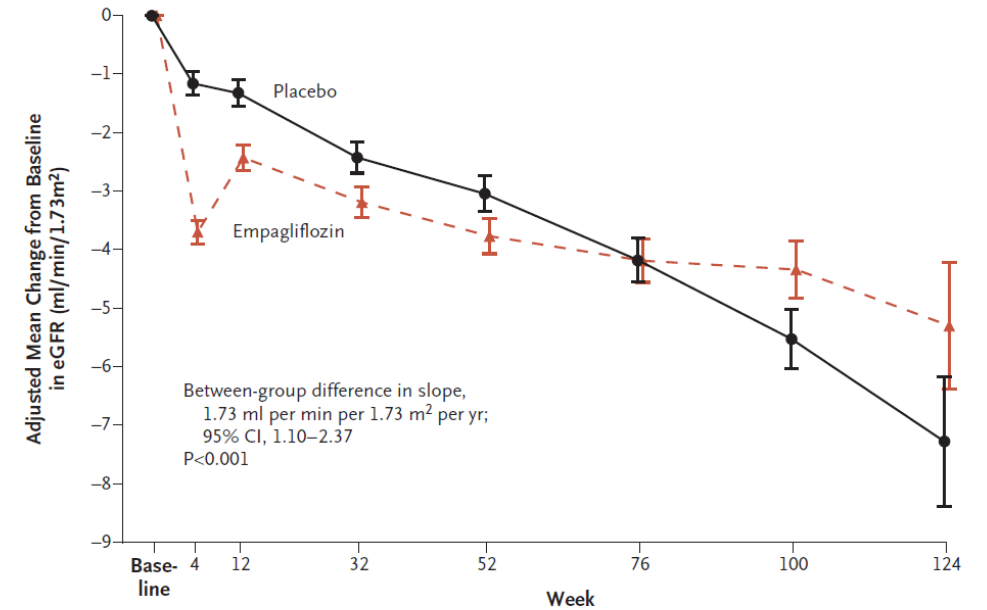
# iSGLT 2: renal and cardiological protection



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Cardiovascular and Renal Outcomes with Empagliflozin in Heart Failure



No. at Risk  
Placebo  
Empagliflozin

Baseline	1792	1799
4	1765	1782
12	1683	1720
32	1500	1554
52	1146	1166
76	745	753
100	343	356
124	76	80

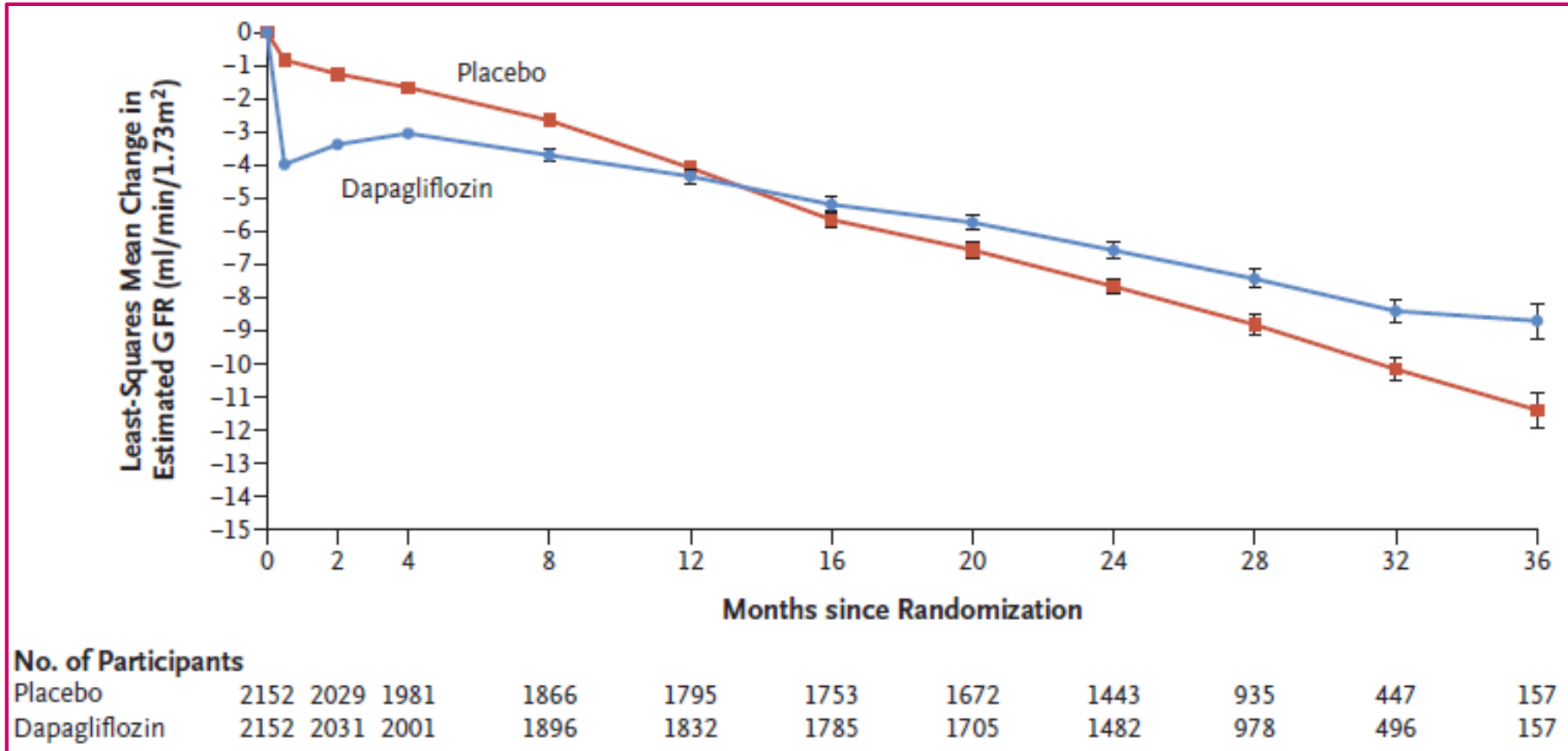
Baseline diabetes status

Diabetes	200/927	265/929		0.72 (0.60–0.87)
No diabetes	161/936	197/938		0.78 (0.64–0.97)

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Dapagliflozin in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease

Heerspink HJL. NEJM 2020





# CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ Heart and kidney have multiple bi-directional interaction
- ✓ CKD is associated with increased CV mortality, Heart Failure and Coronary Heart Disease
- ✓ CRS classified according to acute or chronic renal/cardiac pathologies
- ✓ Different mechanisms involved → importance of hemodynamic and venous congestion

# CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ Transient WRF does not impact prognosis of AHF
- ✓ Diuretic effectiveness and hemoconcentration are predictors of good prognosis in AHF
- ✓ Elevation of creatinine in the presence of HF has to be interpreted with caution: not always true AKI
- ✓ Diuretics are essential: but resistance → to be titred
- ✓ Aim for new treatments : **The gold age for SGLT2?**

Protect your *kidneys*, Save your *heart*.

