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Managing the Heart Failure Patient with Worsening Renal Function (WRF)



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Heart Failure

Common
Costly
Deadly

- Lifetime prevalence: 20% (will affect more than 8 million by 2030)
- Currently, over 6.5 million patients over 65
- ADHF : the leading cause of hospitalizations among all medical conditions
- ADHF: the highest rate of readmission
- ADHF: the 3-month re-hospitalization rate is 25%
- ADHF: the 1-year mortality rate of over 30%
- Total costs for HF: \$31 billion in 2012, estimated at \$70 billion in 2030
(80% due to hospitalization) – *Major Financial Burden on Healthcare*

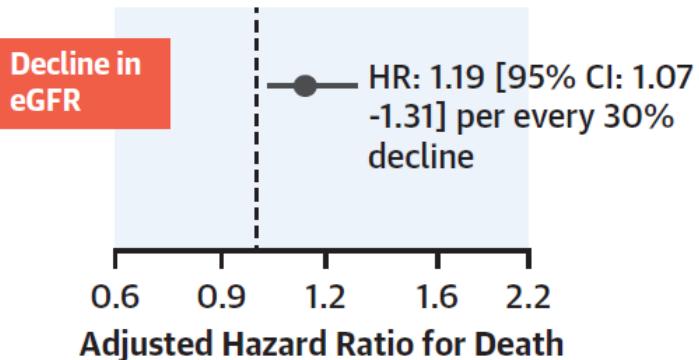
**Let's take a look at
“WRF” (worsening
renal function) first...**

Congestion Modulates the Impact of ↑Scr in ADHF

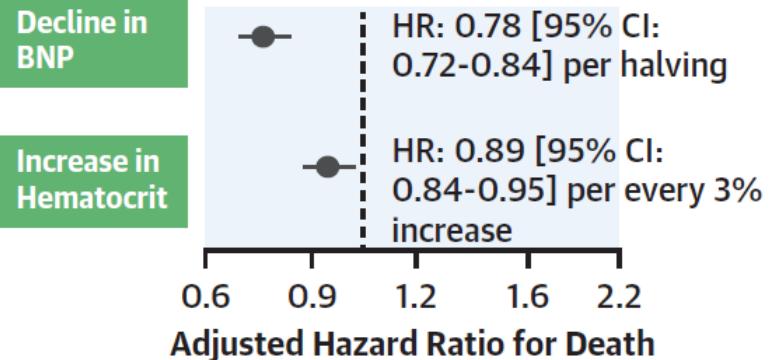
3715 patients

EVEREST
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Decline in eGFR is Associated With Higher Risk When Interpreted Alone



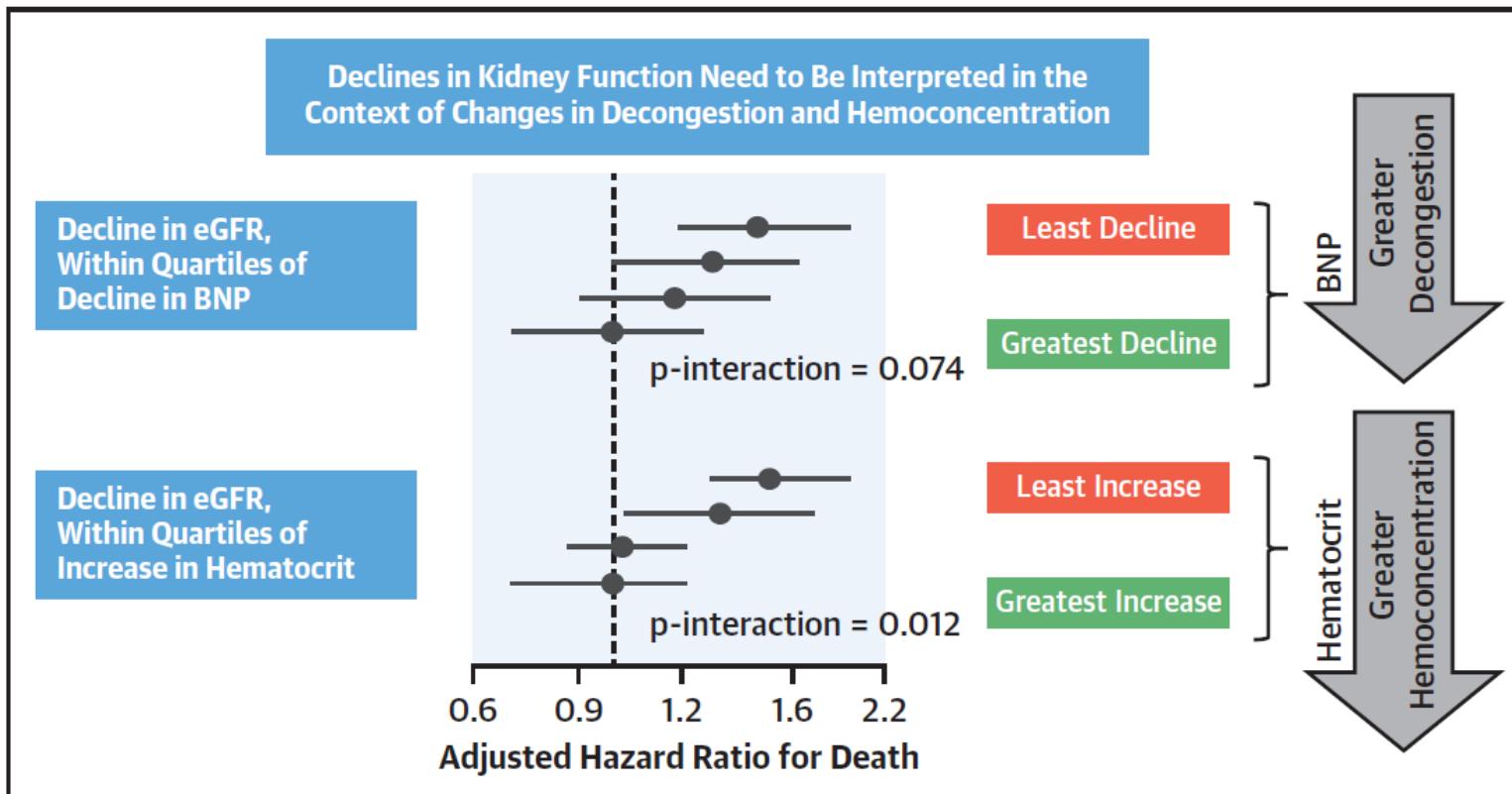
Decline in BNP (Decongestion) and Increase in Hematocrit (Hemoconcentration) are Associated With Lower Risk When Interpreted Alone



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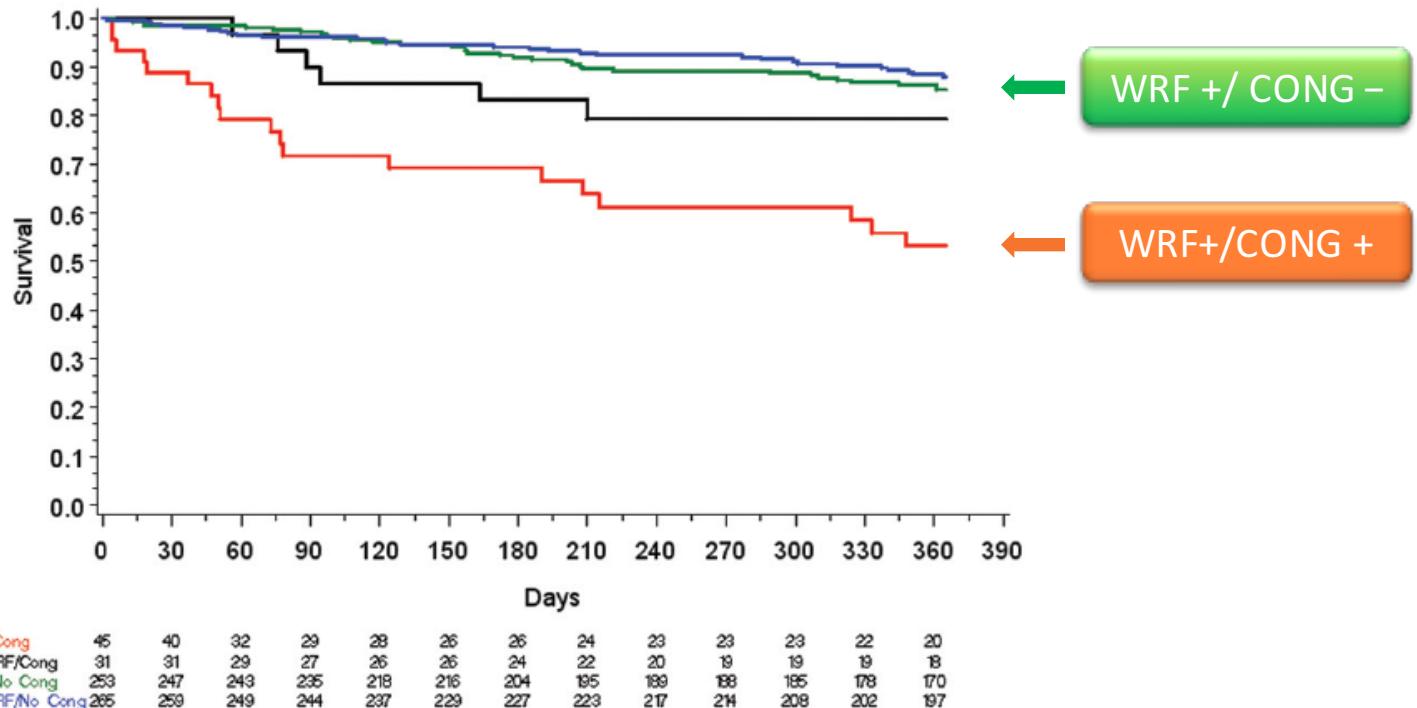
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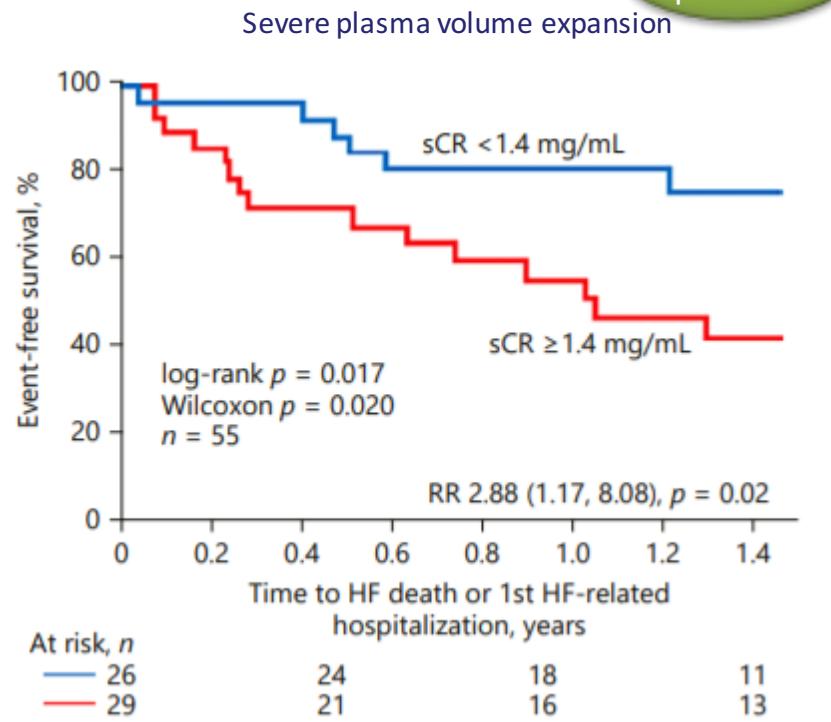
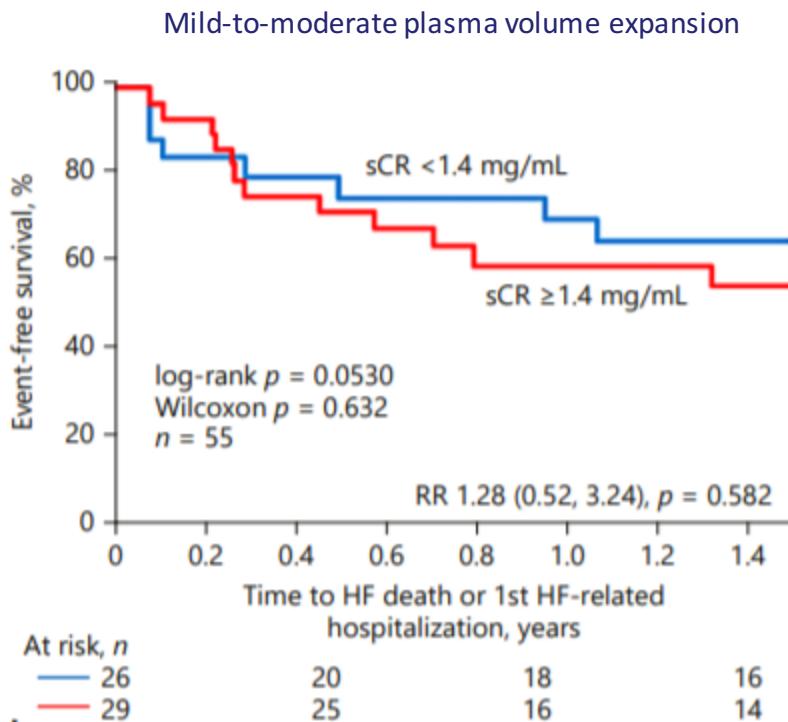
RSC (WRF) and De(-Congestion)

599 patients



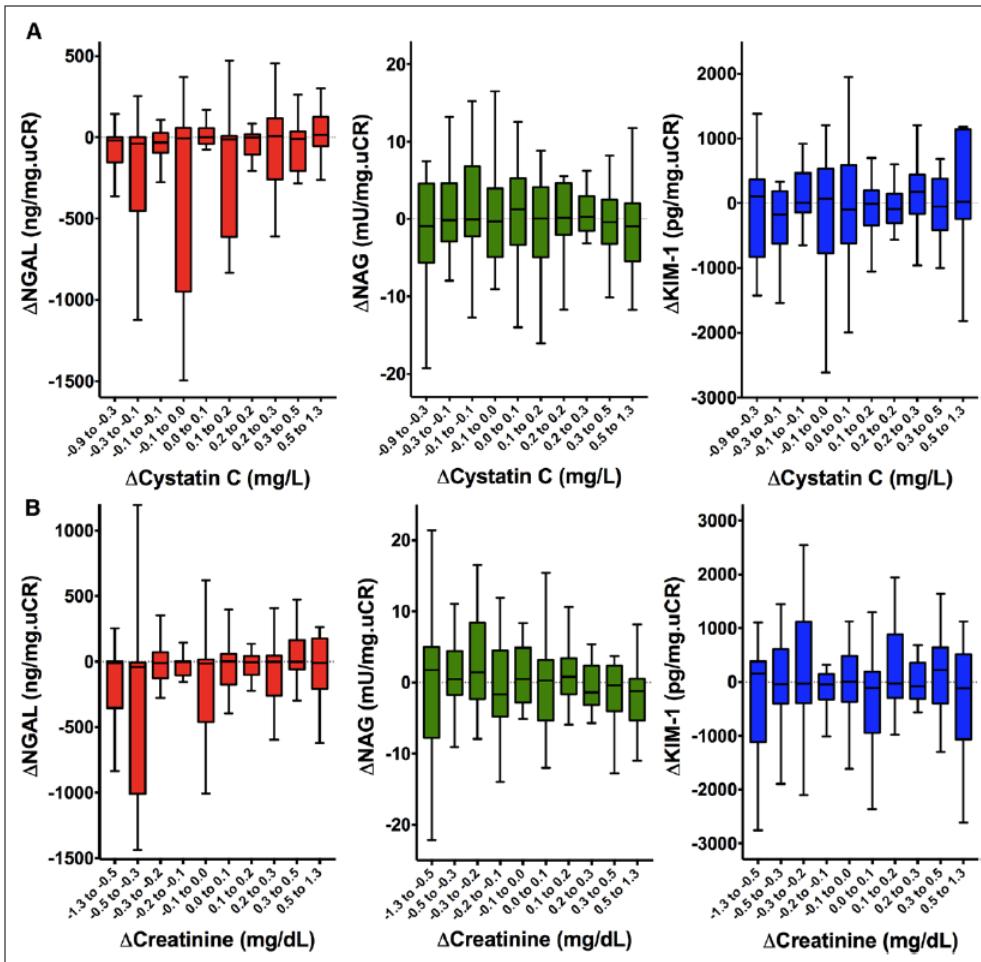
Endpoints: 1 year death or urgent transplantation

Congestion Modulates the Impact of ↑Scr in Chronic HF



Impact of hypervolemia as objectively assessed through Blood Volume Analysis (BVA)

RSC in ADHF Undergoing Aggressive Diuresis; Not Tubular Injury



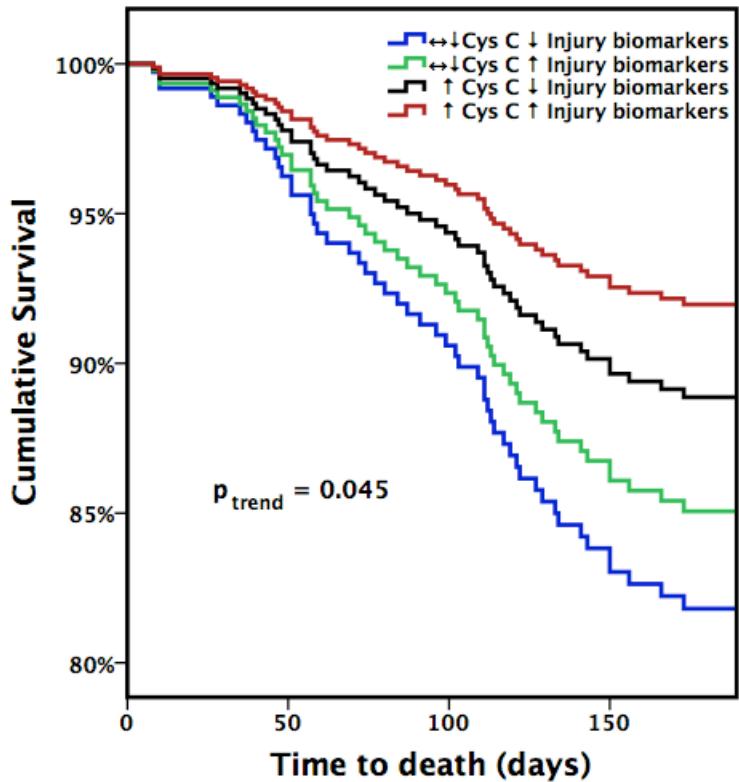
283 patients
in ROSE-AHF

Kidney Injury Molecule-1 (KIM-1), neutrophil gelatinase-associated lipocalin (NGAL) and *N*-acetyl- β -d-glucosaminidase (NAG).

No clear threshold or non-linear relationship between changes in Cystatin C and SCr with biomarkers of tubular injury

[Ahmad T, et al. Circulation 2018;137:2016]

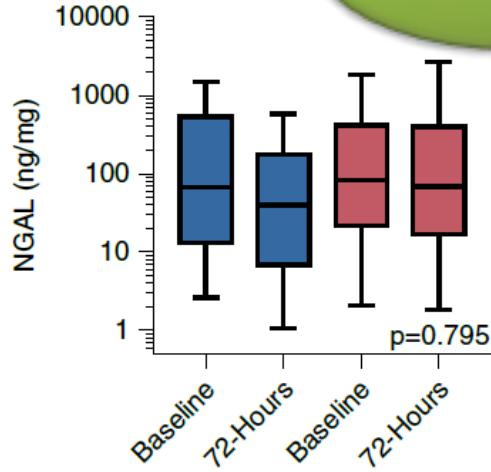
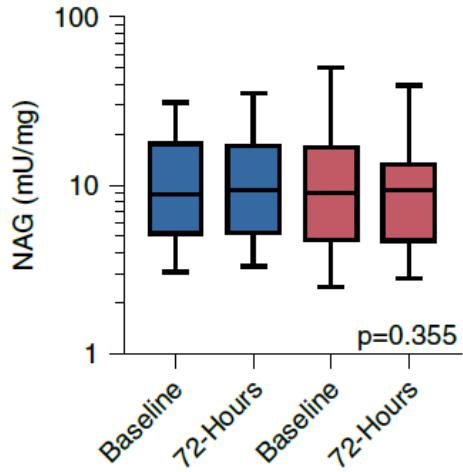
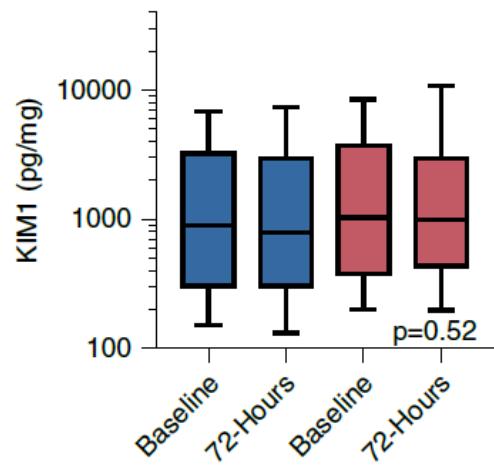
RSC in ADHF Undergoing Aggressive Diuresis; Impact on Outcome



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Decline in kidney function and increase in tubular injury markers; the best outcomes
No change or improvement in kidney function/tubular injury biomarkers had the worst outcomes.

Serum Creatinine and Renal Tubular Injury Biomarkers

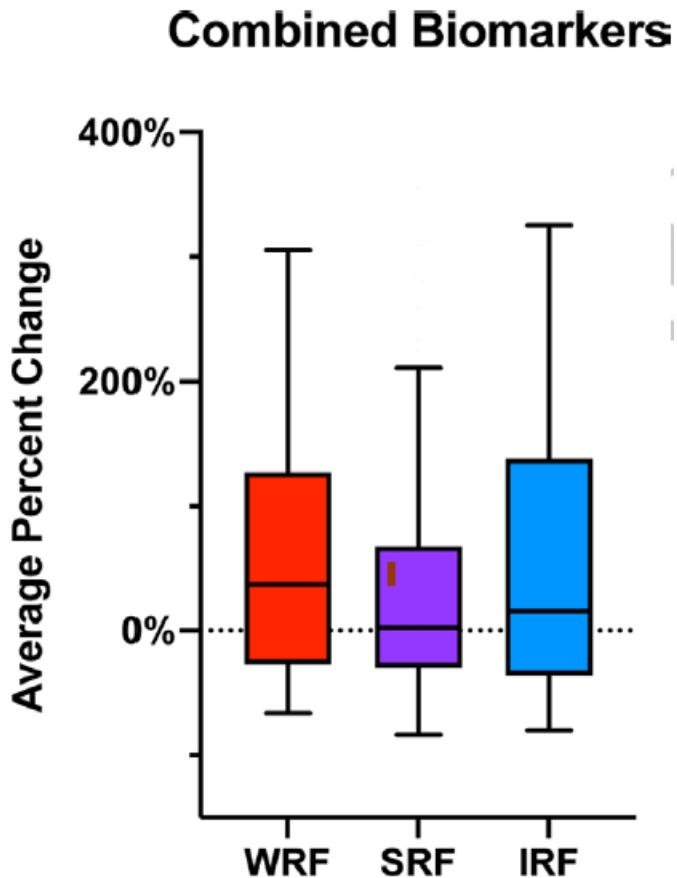


270 patients
in ROSE-AHF

No correlation between biomarkers of tubular injury
and changes in serum creatinine during ADHF therapy

Decrease in Serum Creatinine (DSC) in ADHF Undergoing Aggressive Diuresis

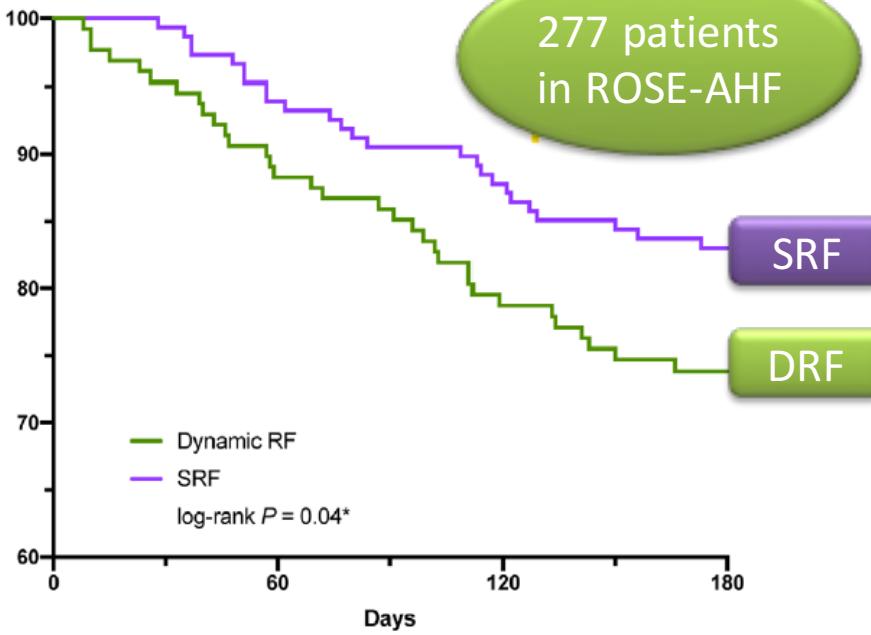
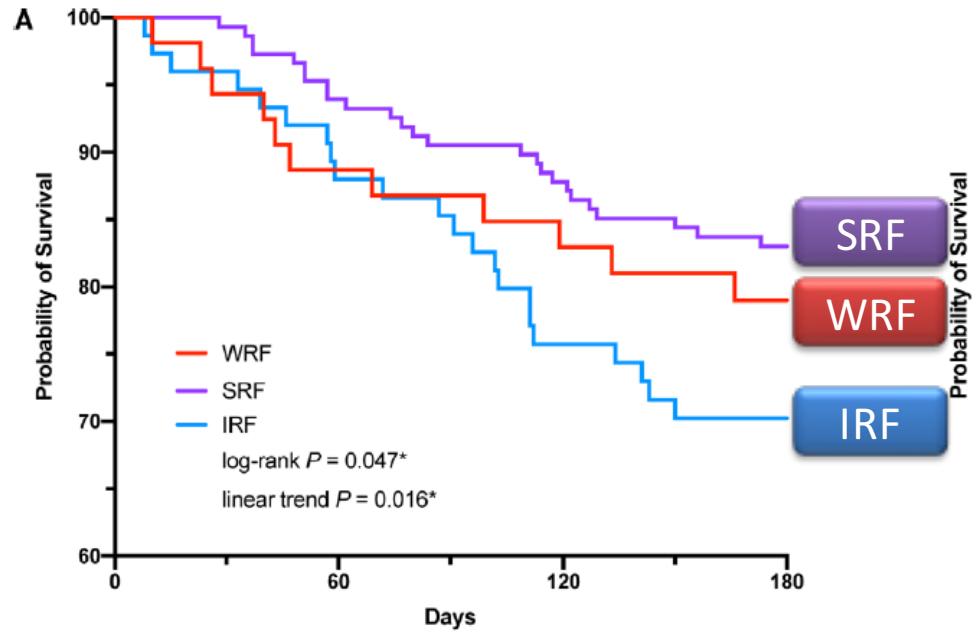
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277 patients in ROSE-AHF

$$P = 0.24$$
$$P_{\text{trend}} = 0.70$$

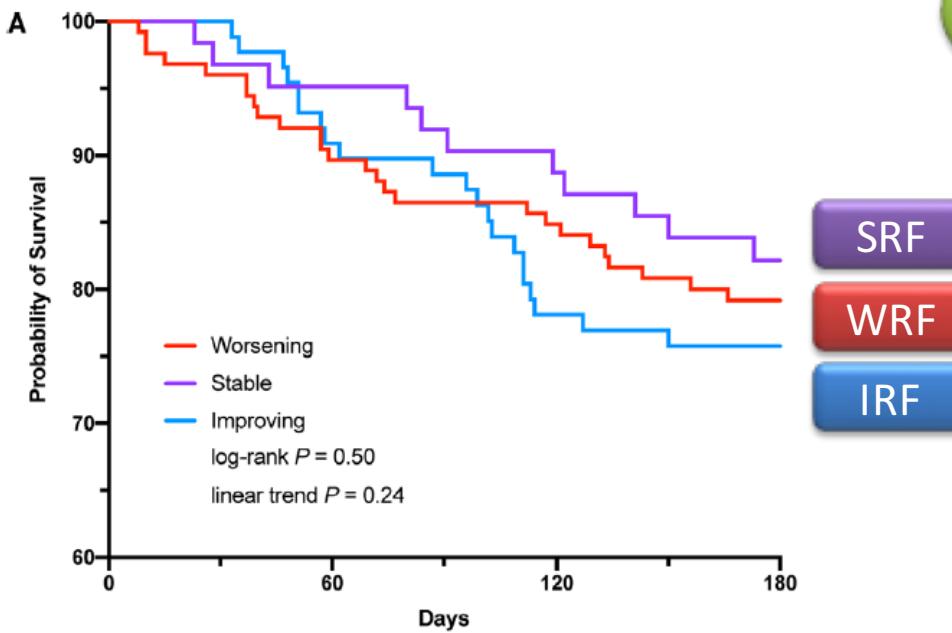
Decrease in Serum Creatinine (DSC) in ADHF Undergoing Aggressive Diuresis



Improvement in Renal Function (IRF) associated with worse outcomes than WRF
Stable Renal Function (SRF) better than Dynamic Renal Function (DRF)

Renal Injury Biomarkers in ADHF Undergoing Aggressive Diuresis

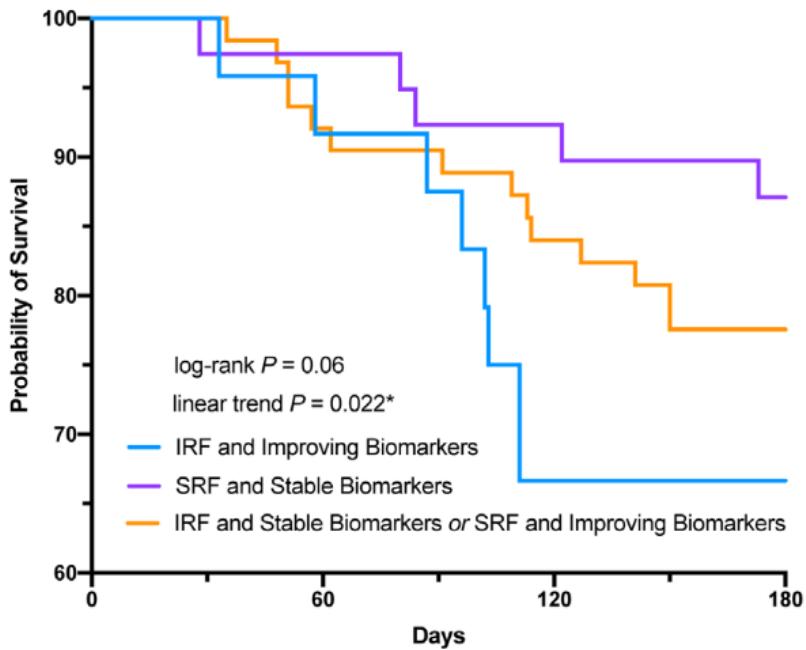
Survival



No correlation between markers of tubular injury and survival

Renal Injury Biomarkers in ADHF Undergoing Aggressive Diuresis

Survival



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SRF + stable biomarkers

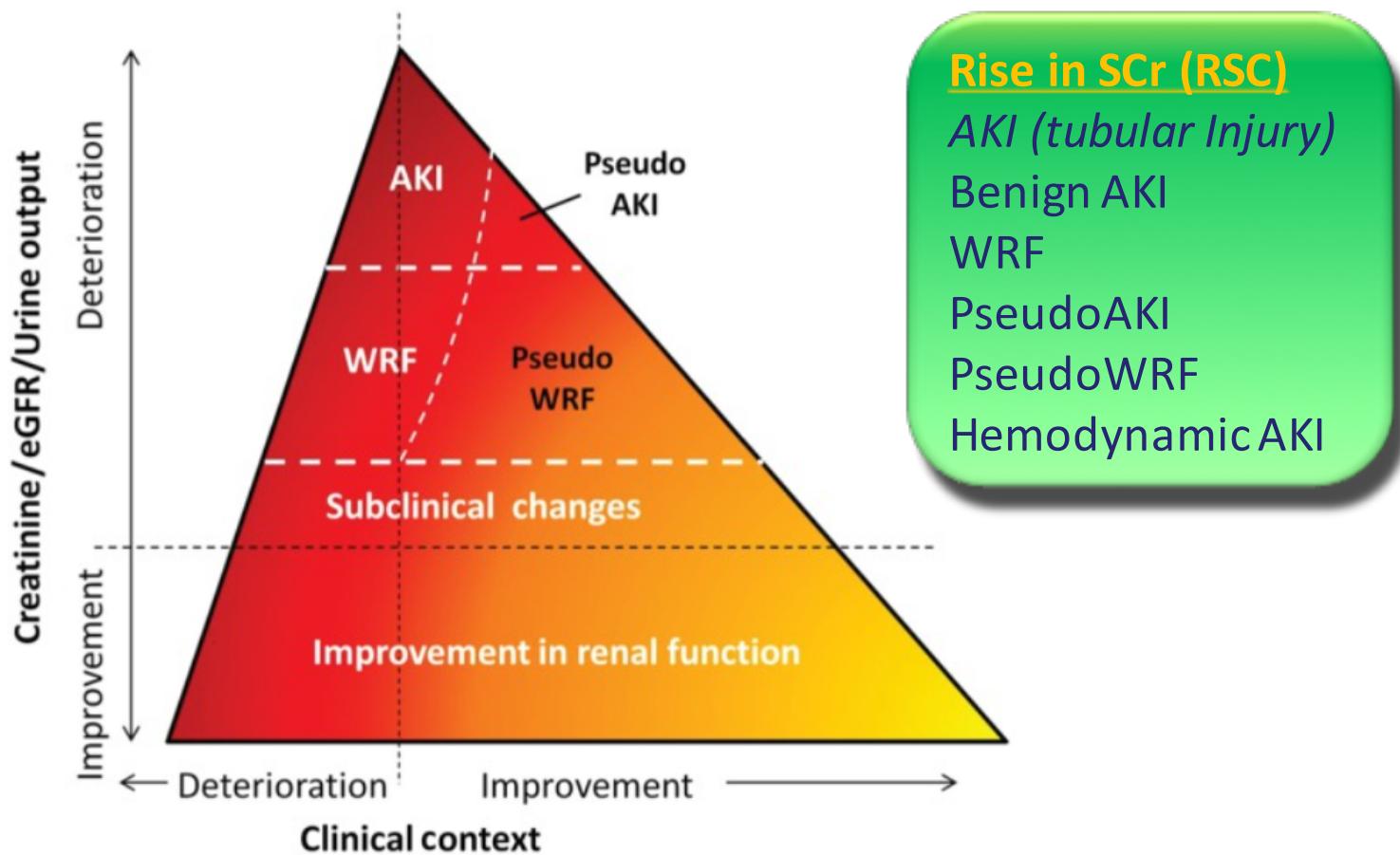
IRF + stable biomarkers
SRF + ↓biomarkers

IRF + ↓biomarkers

Best outcome: **Stable Renal Function and Stable Biomarkers**

Rise in Serum Creatinine (RSC)

What should we call it?



Darker colors indicate higher mortality risk. Suggested cut-off values for WRF (chronic HF): $\geq 26.5 \text{ mmol/L}$ and $\geq 25\%$ increase in creatinine OR $\geq 20\%$ decrease in eGFR over 1–26 weeks, and AKI (acute HF): increase of 1.5–1.9 times baseline creatinine within 1–7 days before or during hospitalization OR $\geq 26.5 \text{ mmol/L}$ increase in creatinine within 48 h OR urine output $> 0.5 \text{ mL/kg/h}$ for 6–12 h

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Are We Barking Up the Wrong Tree? Rise in Serum Creatinine and Heart Failure

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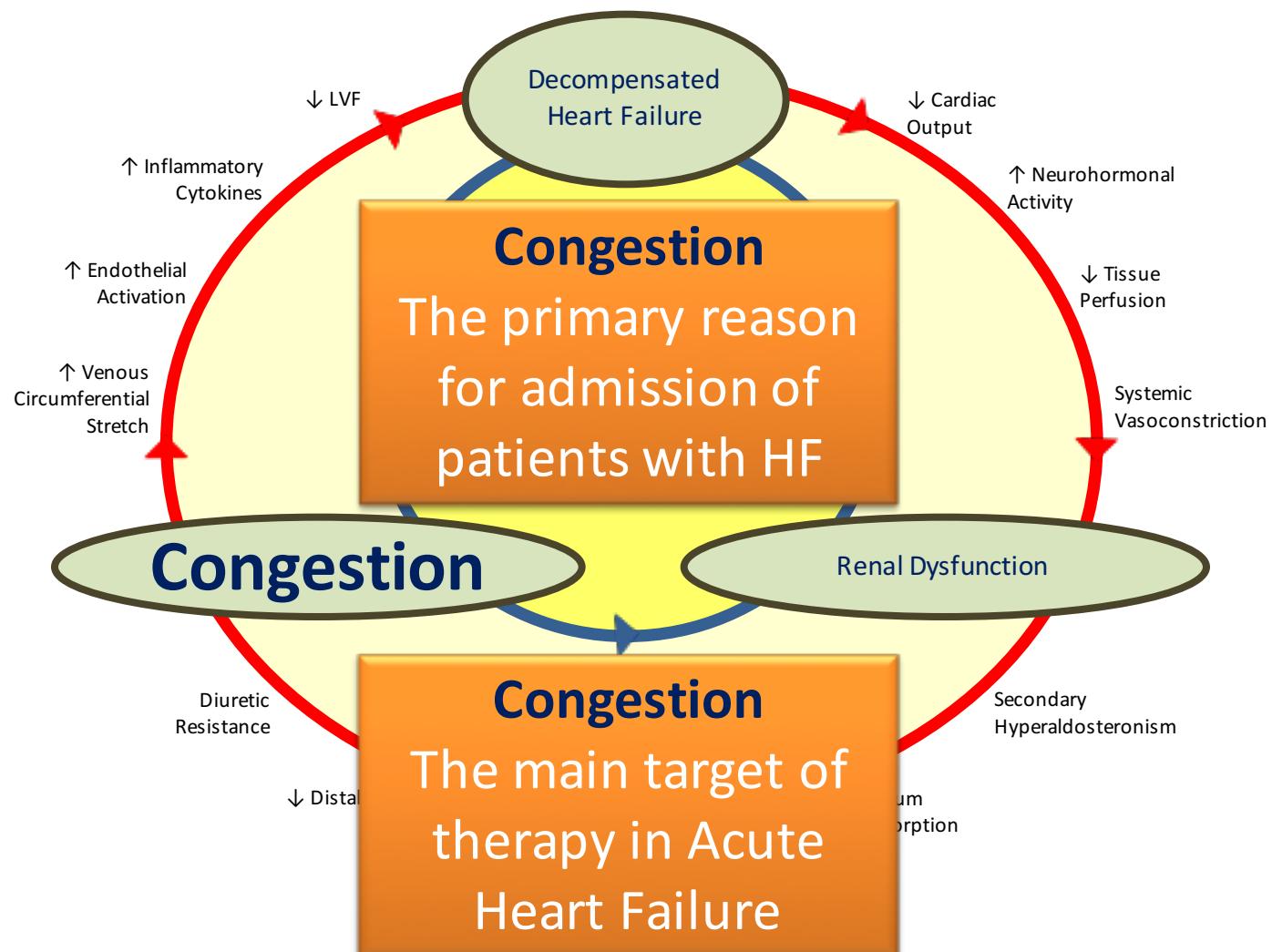
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**Now, let's take a look
at de- “congestion” in
Acute HF**

Cardiorenal Syndrome

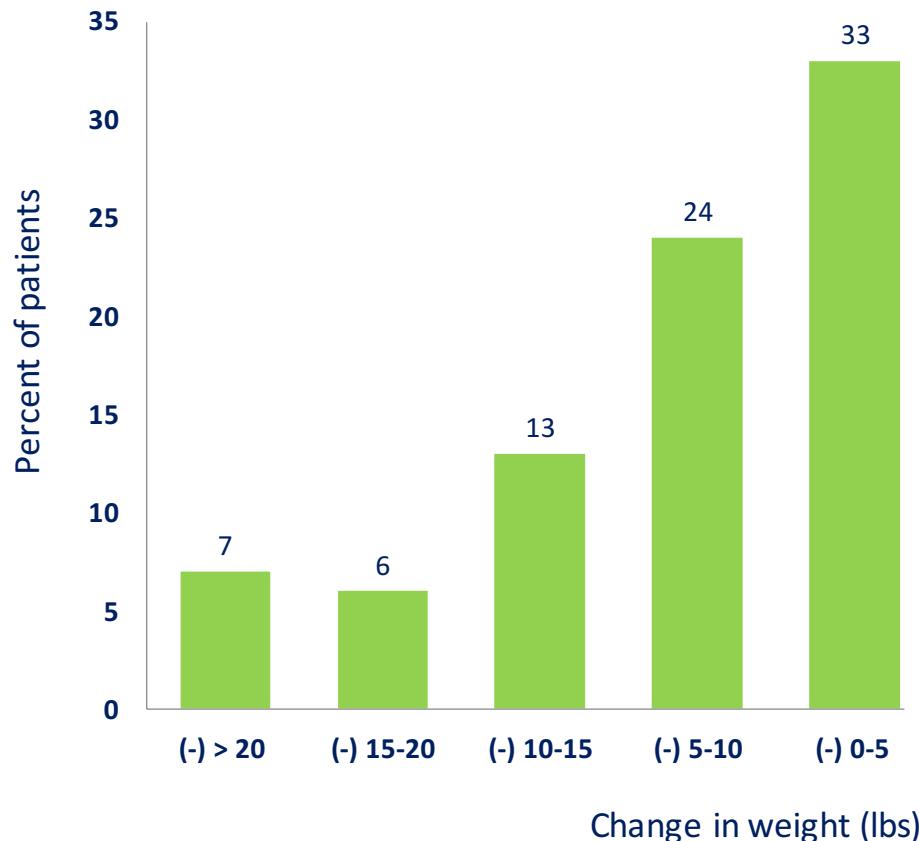
Low Forward Flow
High Backward Pressure



How Well Are We Treating Acute HF?

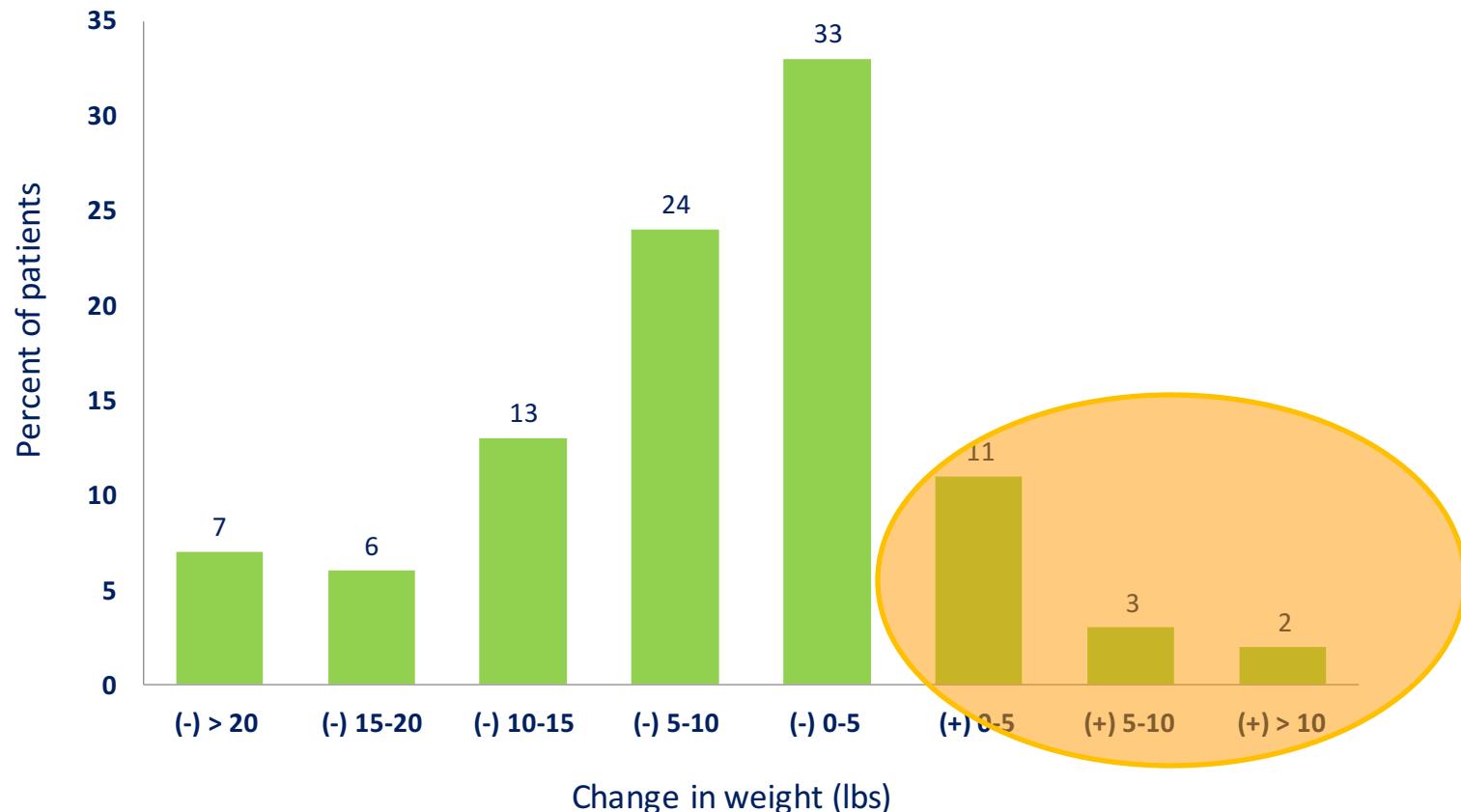
Change in Body Weight at Discharge

ADHERE Database (n= 51,013)



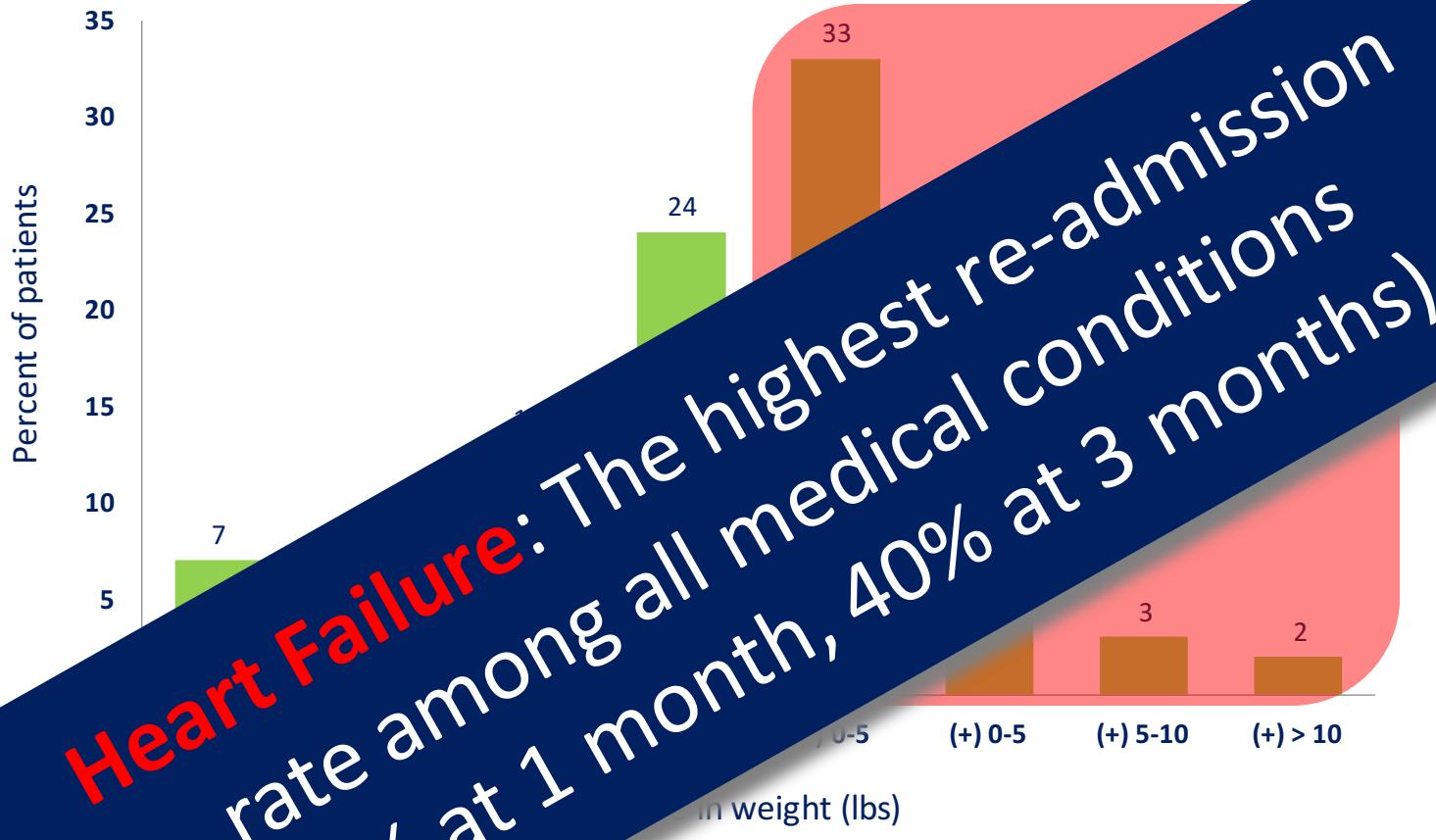
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Heart Failure: The highest re-admission rate among all medical conditions (23% at 1 month, 40% at 3 months)

Strategies to Counter Diuretic Resistance

Nesiritide



Dopamine



Hypertonic Saline



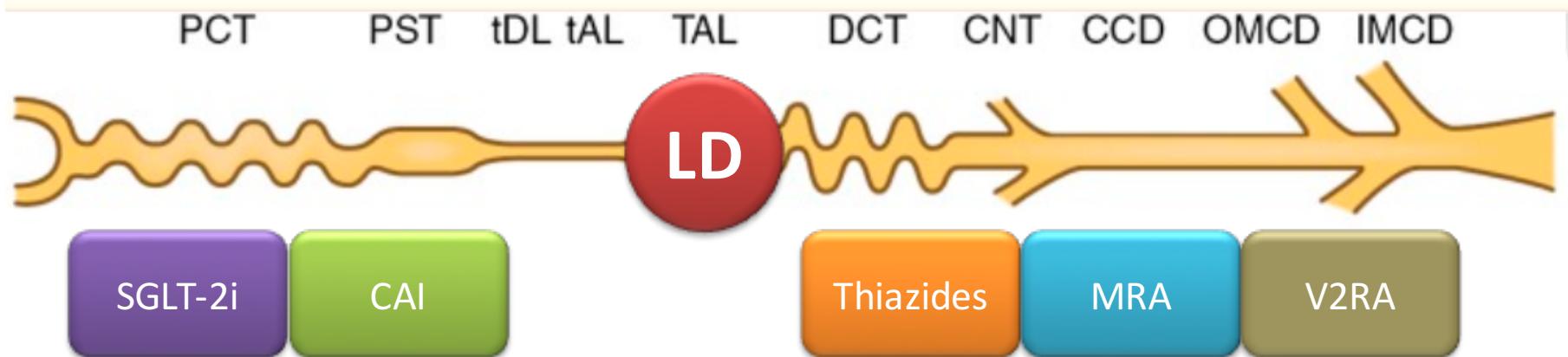
Extracorporeal Ultrafiltration



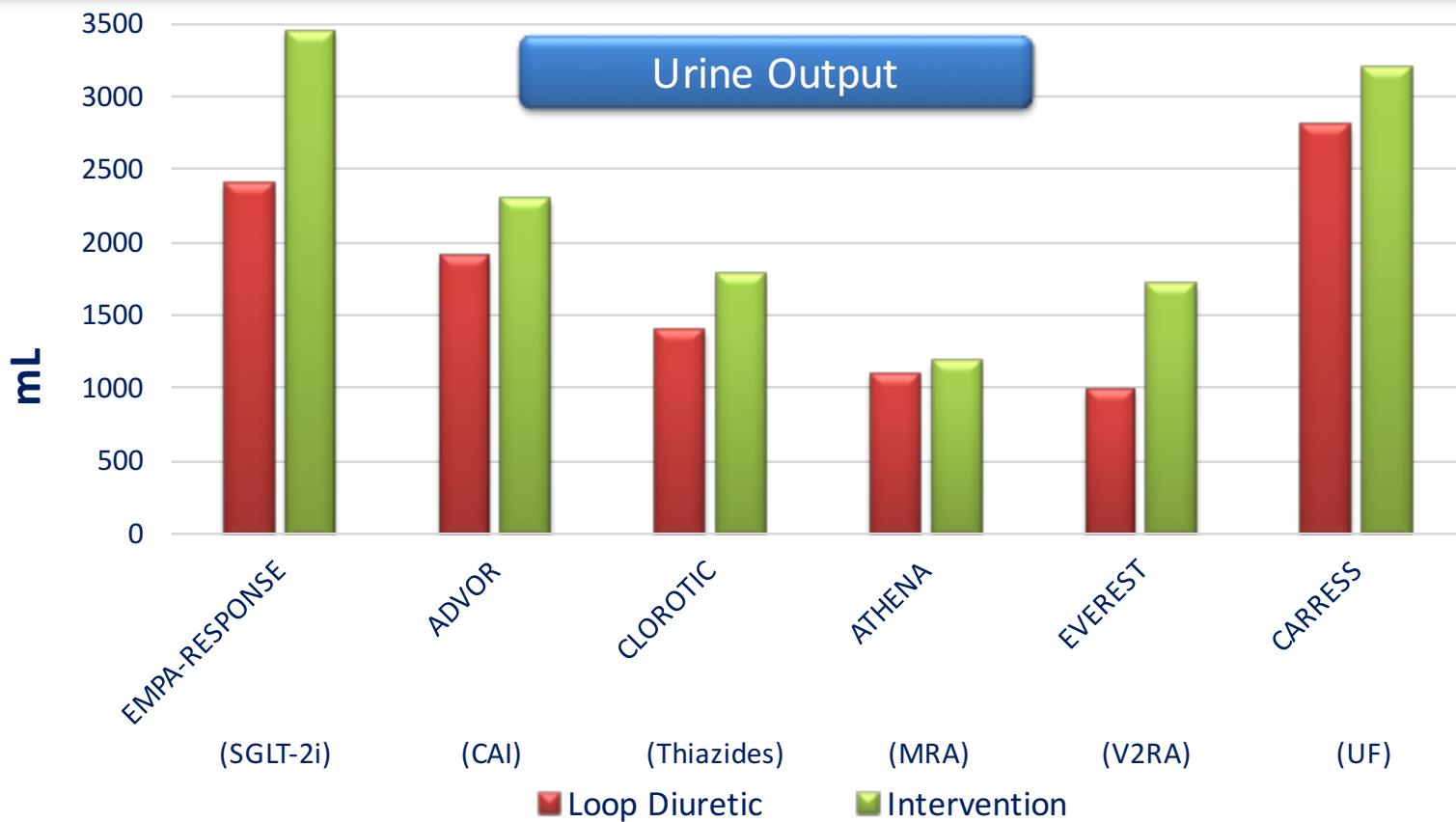
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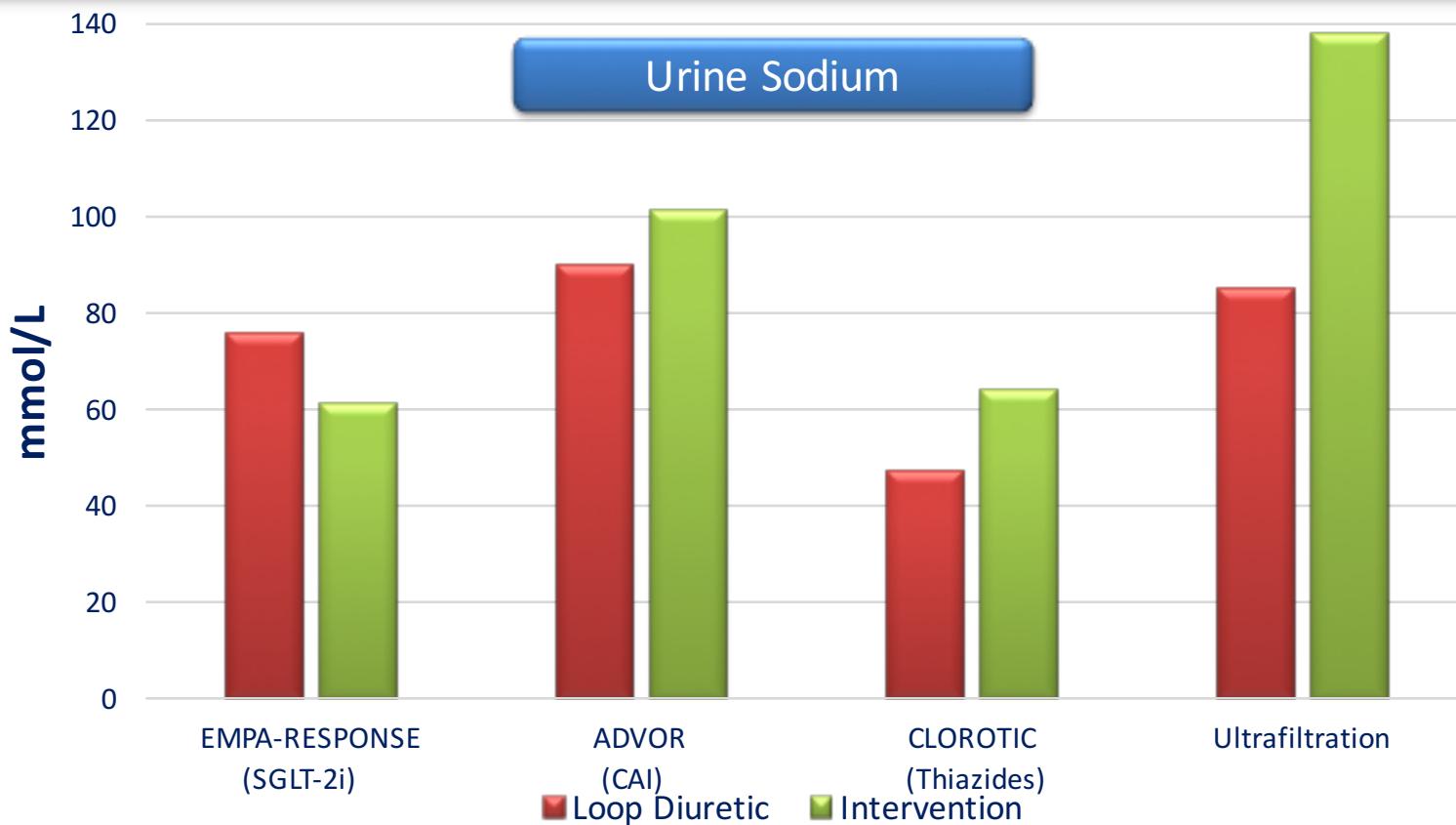


CDT and Urine Volume



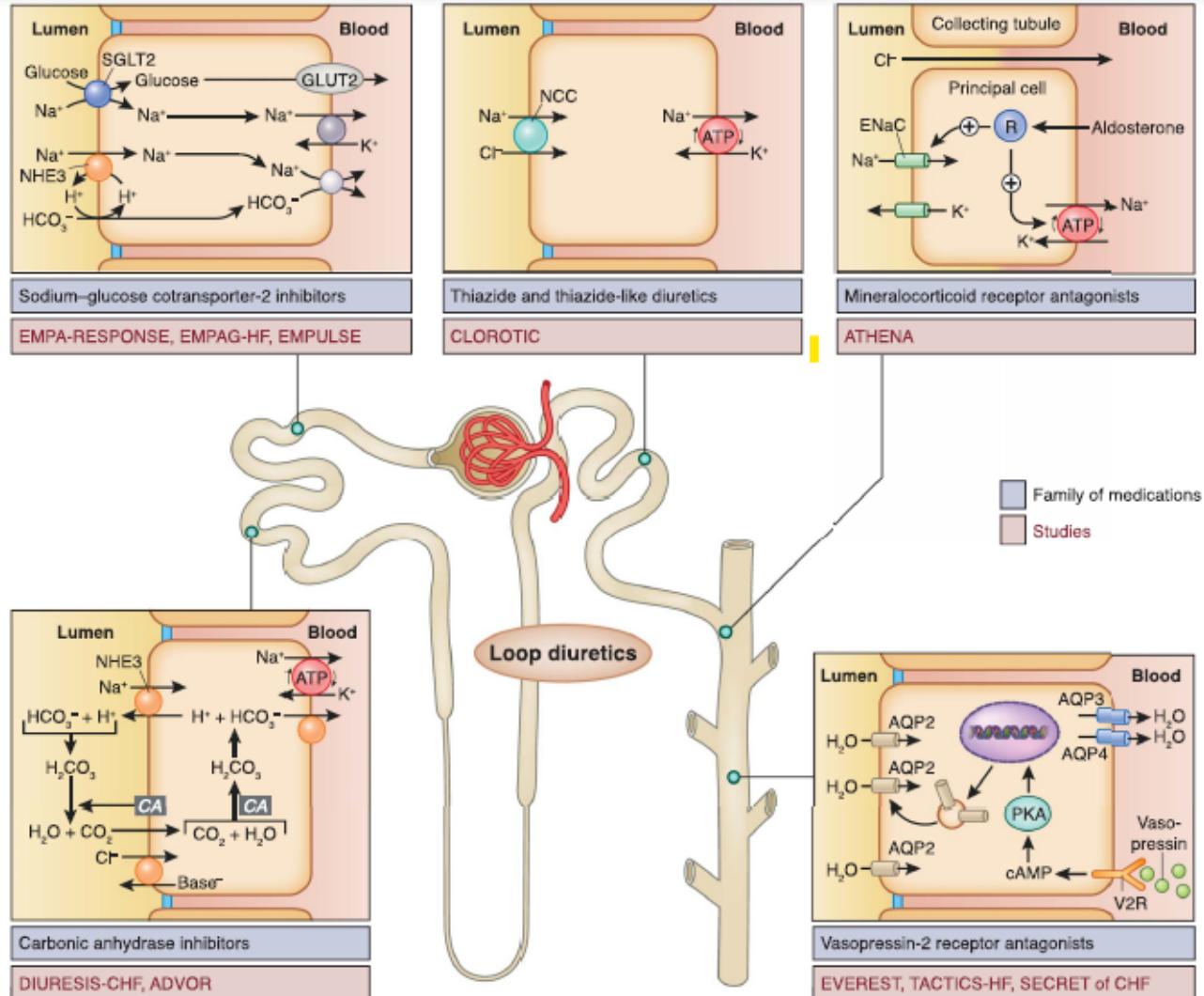
The difference in UOP is more pronounced for SGLT-2i and V2RA

CDT and Urine Sodium



The difference in sodium concentration is more pronounced for Thiazides and ultrafiltration

Sequential Sodium Blockade



So, What's the Verdict?

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Tackling Congestion in Acute Heart Failure: Is It the Primetime for “Combo Diuretic Therapy?”

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Congestion

The main reason for hospitalization patients
HF

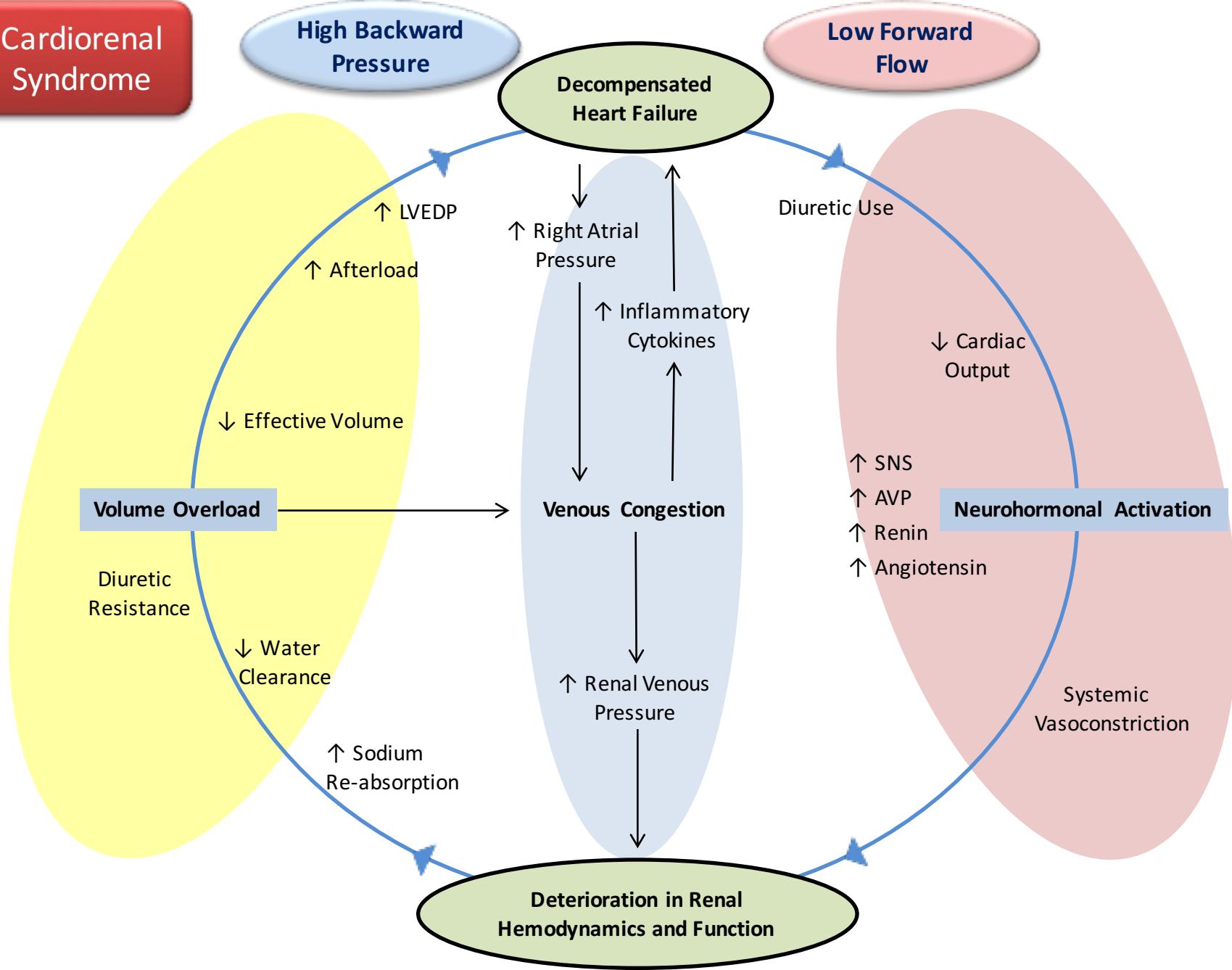
Heart Failure: a Perfect Model for Studying the Role of Ultrafiltration in Fluid Overload

Only up to 35% of patients with Acute Heart Failure

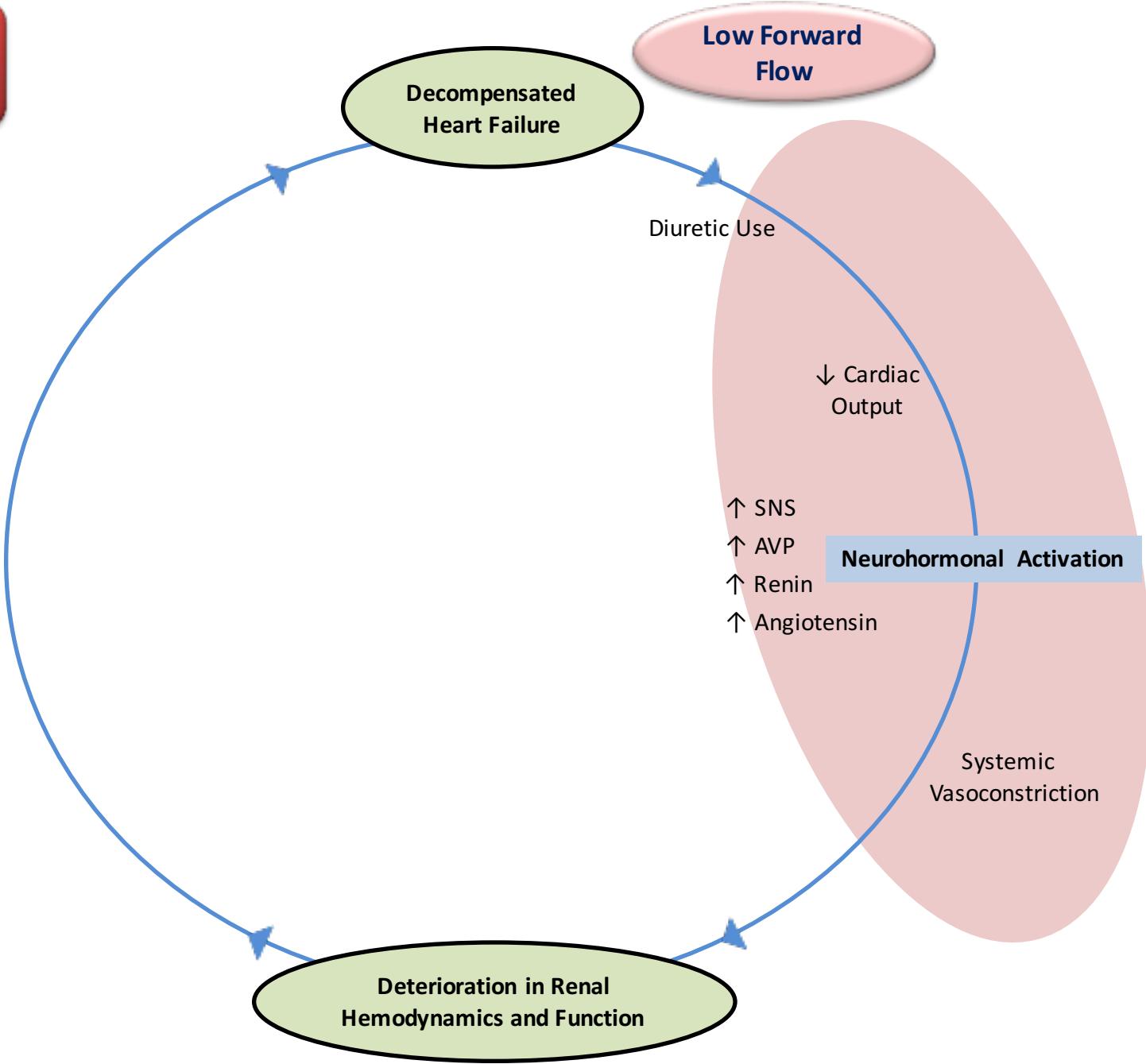
Ultrafiltration

Several RCT's on the role of UF in Acute Heart Failure

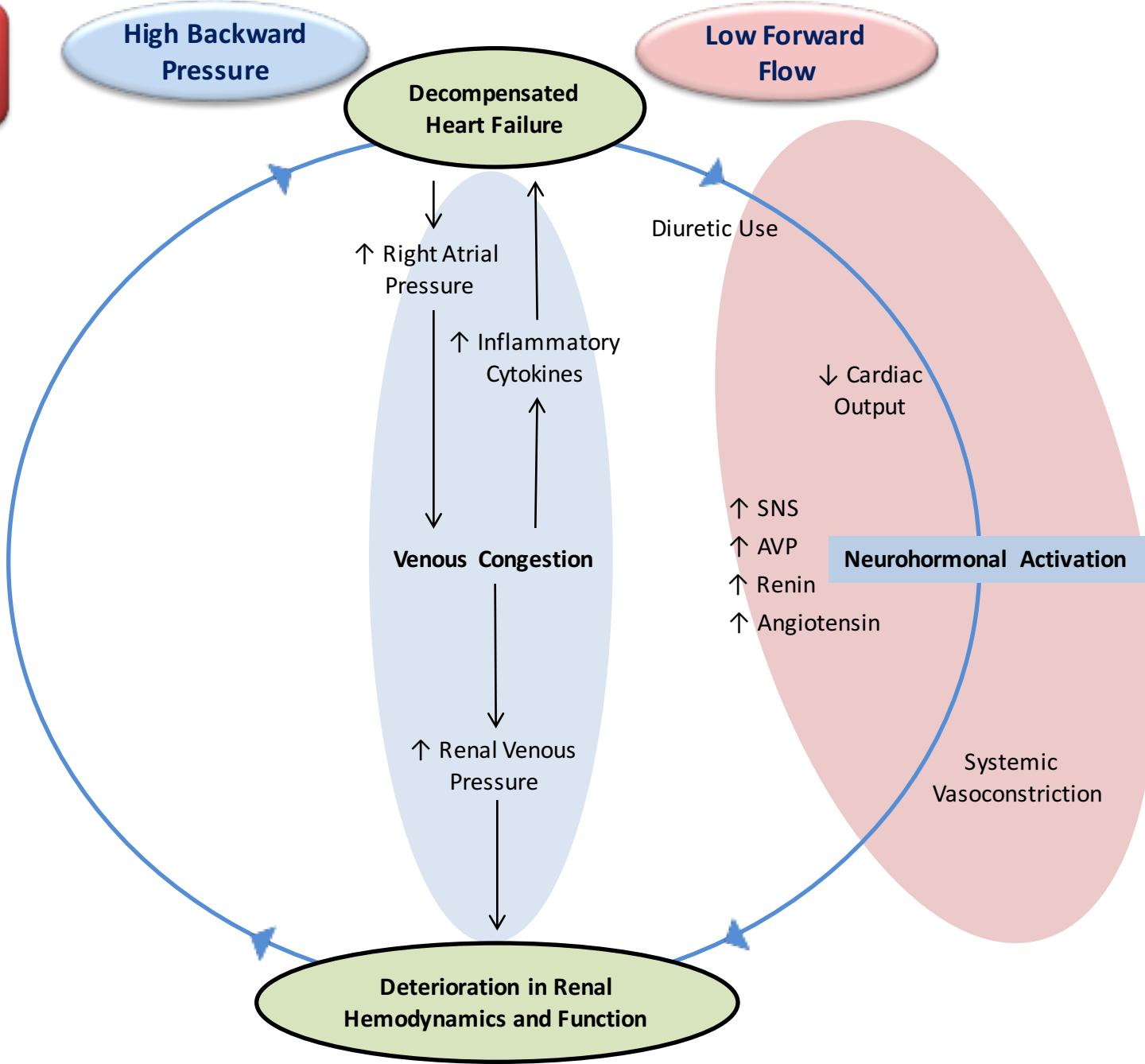
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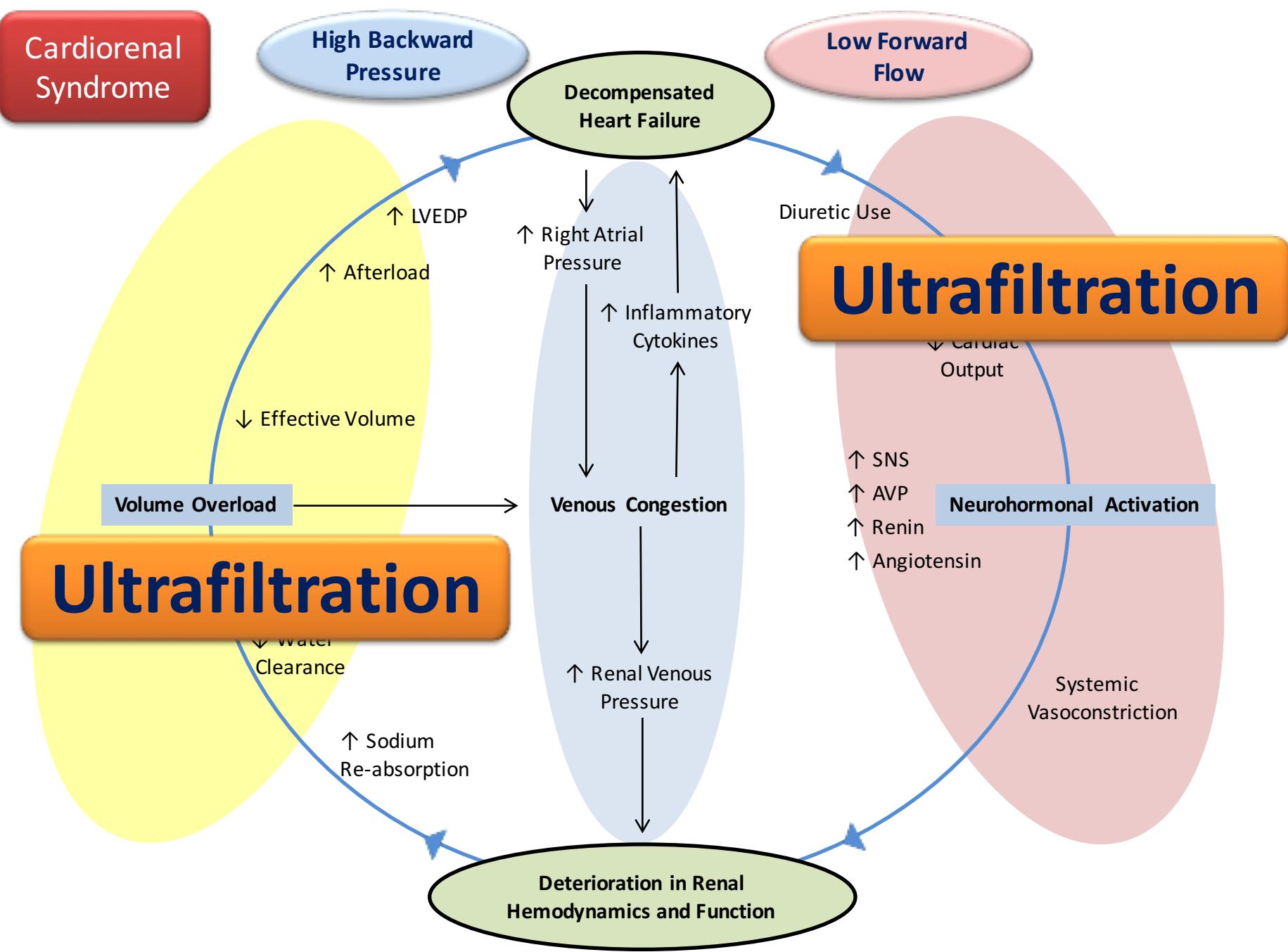
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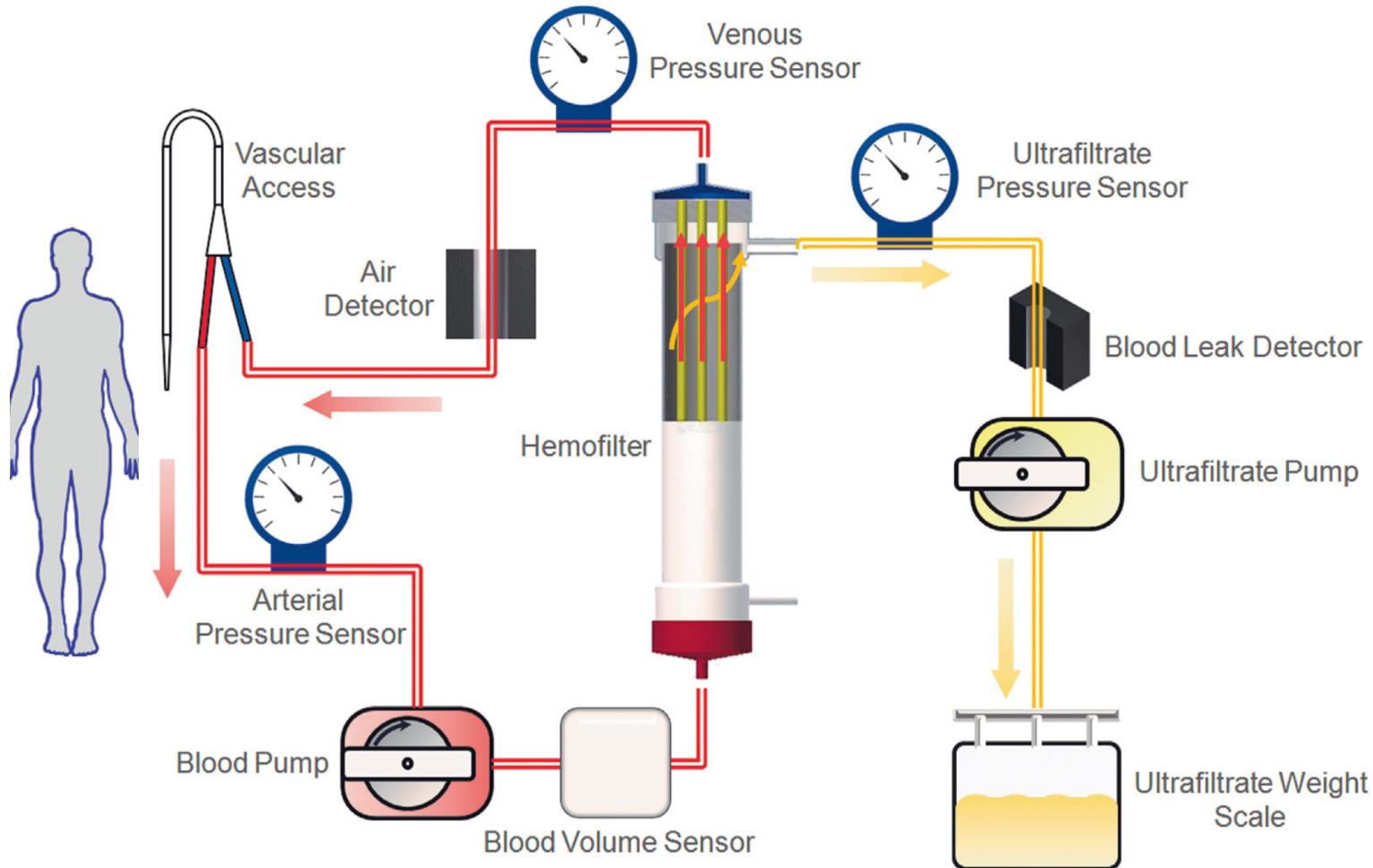
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Ultrafiltration Therapy



Contemporary Trials of Ultrafiltration

	RAPID-CHF	UNLOAD	ULTRADISCO	Hanna et al.	CARRESS-HF	CUORE	AVOID-HF
Year of Publication	2005	2007	2011	2012	2012	2014	2016
Country	US	US	Italy	US	US - Canada	Italy	US
Number of Centers	6	28	1	1	22	2	30
Number of Patients	40 (20 UF, 20 PT)	200 (100 UF, 100 PT)	30 (15 UF, 15 PT)	36 (17 UF, 19 PT)	188 (94 UF, 94 PT)	56 (27 UF, 29 PT)	224 (110 UF, 114 PT)
Age (years)	67.5 UF, 69.5 PT	62 UF, 63 PT	72 UF, 66 PT	60 UF, 59 PT	69 UF, 66 PT	75 UF, 73 PT	67 UF, 67 PT
Male	70 UF,	70 UF,	87 UF,	84 UF,	78 UF,	81 UF,	69 UF,
Gender (%)	70 PT	68 PT	87 PT	76 PT	72 PT	83 PT	73 PT
Weight (kg)	NR	101 UF, 96 PT	74 UF, 83 PT	93 UF, 98 PT	94 UF, 106 PT	83 UF, 89 PT	110 UF, 111 PT
LVEF (%)	69 UF, 78 PT†	71 UF, 70 PT †	34 UF, 30 PT	19 UF, 18 PT	30 UF, 35 PT	32 UF, 32 PT	36 UF, 37 PT

	RAPID-CHF	UNLOAD	ULTRADISC-O	Hanna et al.	CARRESS-HF	CUORE	AVOID-HF
Baseline SCr (mg/dL)	1.6 UF, 1.8 PT	1.5 UF, 1.5 PT (Scr > 3 mg/dL excluded)	2.2 UF, 1.9 PT (Scr > 3.0 mg/dL excluded)	55 UF, 51 PT φ (eGFR < 15 excluded)	1.9 UF, 2.09 PT (Scr > 3.5 mg/dL excluded)	1.7 UF, 1.9 PT (Scr > 3 mg/dL excluded)	1.5 UF, 1.6 PT (Scr ≥ 3 mg/dL excluded)
Diabetes (%)		35 UF, 53 PT	50 UF, 49 PT	40 UF, 60 PT	37 UF, 30 PT	61 UF, 63 PT	59 UF, 45 PT
CAD (%)		45 UF, 40 PT ¶	56 UF, 48 PT	60 UF, 60 PT	21 UF, 30 PT *	70 UF, 51 PT *	59 UF, 55 PT *
HTN (%)		60 UF, 65 PT	74 UF, 74 PT	20 UF, 60 PT	42 UF, 53 PT	NR	48 UF, 66 PT
Primary Endpoint	Weight loss	Change in clinical, weight loss and dyspnea § and biohumoral, hemodynamic parameters	Time for PCWP to be kept at ≤ 18 mmHg	Change in Scr and weight	Incidenc e of HF rehospitalization	Time to first HF event	
Follow Up (months)	1	3	[36 hours]	3	2	12	3

Endpoints of Interest

Efficacy – Decongestion

- Weight Change
- Fluid Removal

Safety – Renal Function

- Change in Serum Creatinine

Clinical Outcomes

- HF Re-hospitalization
- Mortality

Adverse Events

- Infection
- Bleeding

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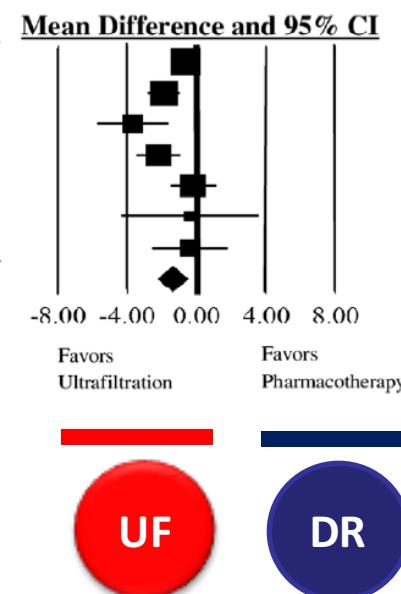
771 patients

Study	Ultrafiltration			Pharmacotherapy			WMD [95% CI]	p-Value	Weight
	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total			
RAPID-CHF	2.5	1.2	20	1.86	1.2	20	0.64 [-0.10, 1.38]	0.09	21.89
UNLOAD	5.0	3.1	100	3.1	3.5	100	1.9 [0.98, 2.82]	0.00	20.19
Hanna et al.	4.7	3.5	19	1.0	2.5	17	3.7 [1.69, 5.71]	0.00	10.82
ULTRADISCO	9.1	1.7	15	6.9	1.8	15	2.2 [0.95, 3.45]	0.00	16.85
CARRESS-HF	5.7	3.9	94	5.5	5.1	94	0.2 [-1.10, 1.50]	0.76	16.43
CUORE	7.5	5.6	27	7.9	9.0	29	-0.4 [-4.36, 3.56]	0.84	4.02
AVOID-HF	10.7	7.2	110	10.3	9.2	111	0.4 [-1.78, 2.58]	0.72	9.8
Random			385			386	1.35 [0.49, 2.21]	0.00	

Heterogeneity: $Q = 16.20$; d.f. = 6 ($p = 0.013$); $Tau^2 = 0.74$; $I^2 = 62.97\%$

Egger's Test: p (2-tailed) = 0.80

Overall Z = 3.07



UF > DR

Fluid Removal

771 patients

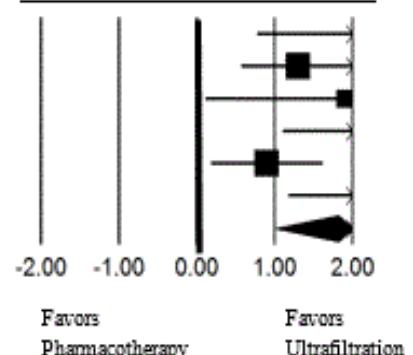
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	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total			
RAPID-CHF	8.42	3.65	20	5.38	3.65	20	3.04 [0.78, 5.30]	0.01	9.49
UNLOAD	4.60	2.61	100	3.30	2.61	100	1.3 [0.58, 2.02]	0.00	29.27
ULTRADISCO	9.70	2.90	15	7.80	2.00	15	1.9 [0.12, 3.68]	0.04	13.28
Hanna et al.	5.22	3.41	19	2.17	2.38	17	3.05 [1.11, 4.99]	0.00	11.83
CARRESS-HF	4.70	2.60	94	3.80	2.40	94	0.9 [0.18, 1.62]	0.01	29.43
AVOID-HF	12.91	10.70	110	8.91	10.70	111	4.0 [1.18, 6.82]	0.01	6.69
Random							1.81 [1.01, 2.62]	0.00	

Heterogeneity: $Q = 10.30$; $df = 5$ ($p = 0.07$); $Tau^2 = 0.44$; $I^2 = 51.44\%$

Egger's Test: p (2-tailed) = 0.01

Overall $Z = 4.43$

Mean Difference and 95% CI



DR

UF

UF > DR

Rise in Serum Creatinine (RSC)

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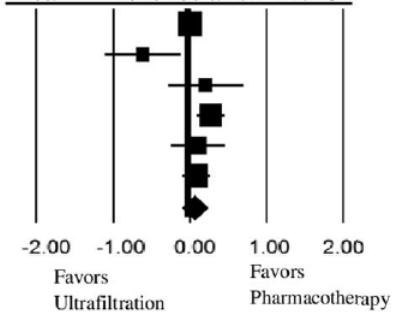
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	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total			
UNLOAD	0.1	0.4	69	0.1	0.4	75	0.00 [-0.13, 0.13]	1.00	25.63
ULTRADISCO	-0.55	0.75	15	0.07	0.63	15	-0.62 [-1.12, -0.12]	0.01	8.05
Hana et al.	0.2	0.7	19	0	0.8	17	0.20 [-0.29, 0.69]	0.42	8.19
CARRESS-HF	0.23	0.7	94	-0.04	0.53	94	0.27 [0.09, 0.45]	0.00	22.53
CUORE	0.1	0.63	27	0	0.7	29	0.10 [-0.25, 0.45]	0.58	12.78
AVOID-HF	0.13	0.88	110	0.05	0.3	111	0.08 [-0.09, 0.25]	0.36	22.83
Random			334			341	0.06 [-0.11, 0.22]	0.48	

Heterogeneity: Q = 13.73; d.f. = 5 (p = 0.017); Tau² = 0.023; I² = 63.57%

Egger's Test: p (2-tailed) = 0.65

Overall Z = 0.70

Mean Difference and 95% CI



UF = DR

HF Rehospitalization

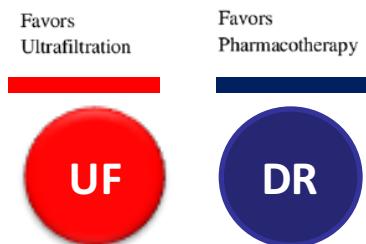
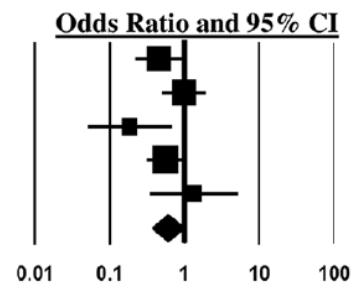
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Study	Ultrafiltration		Pharmacotherapy		M-H OR [95% CI]	p-Value	Weight
	Rehospitalization	Total	Rehospitalization	Total			
UNLOAD	16	89	28	87	0.46 [0.23,0.93]	0.03	23.88
CARRESS-HF	23	90	24	93	0.99[0.51,1.92]	0.97	25.26
CUORE	4	27	14	29	0.19[0.05,0.68]	0.01	11.09
AVOID-HF	36	105	52	108	0.56[0.32,0.98]	0.04	29.44
Hanna et al.	8	19	6	17	1.33[0.35,5.14]	0.68	10.32
Random	87	330	124	334	0.60[0.37,0.98]	0.04	

Heterogeneity: Q = 7.26; d.f. = 4 ($p = 0.12$); $Tau^2 = 0.13$; $I^2 = 44.90\%$

Egger's Test: p (2-tailed) = 0.82

Overall Z = -2.05



UF > DR

Mortality

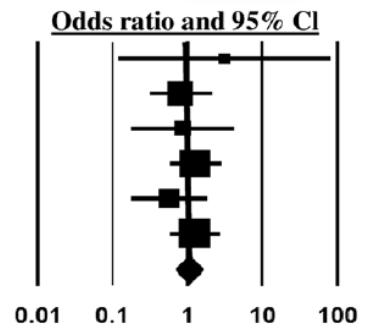
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	Events	Total	Events	Total			
RAPID-CHF	1	20	0	20	3.15 [0.12, 82.16]	0.49	1.64
UNLOAD	9	94	11	95	0.81 [0.32, 2.05]	0.65	20.16
Hanna et al.	4	19	4	17	0.87 [0.18, 4.18]	0.86	7.07
CARRESS-HF	16	94	13	94	1.28 [0.58, 2.83]	0.55	27.65
CUORE	7	27	11	29	0.57 [0.18, 1.79]	0.34	13.41
AVOID-HF	17	110	14	111	1.27 [0.59, 2.71]	0.54	30.07
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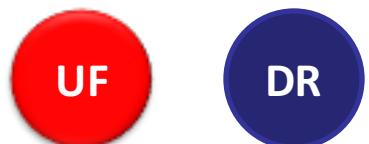
Heterogeneity: $Q = 2.34$; d.f. = 5 ($p = 0.80$); $Tau^2 = 0.00$; $I^2 = 0.00\%$

Egger's Test: p (2-tailed) = 0.99

Overall Z = 0.14



Favors Ultrafiltration Favors Pharmacotherapy



UF = DR

Ultrafiltration vs. Medical Therapy

“Practice of UF Therapy”: What did Landmark Clinical Trials Do?

UNLOAD

ADHF – 200 patients

Randomized within 24 hours
of admission

Baseline Creatinine
1.5 mg/dl

Primary Endpoint:
changes in weight

Flexible UF (up to 500 ml/hr)

CARRESS-HF

CRS – 186 patients

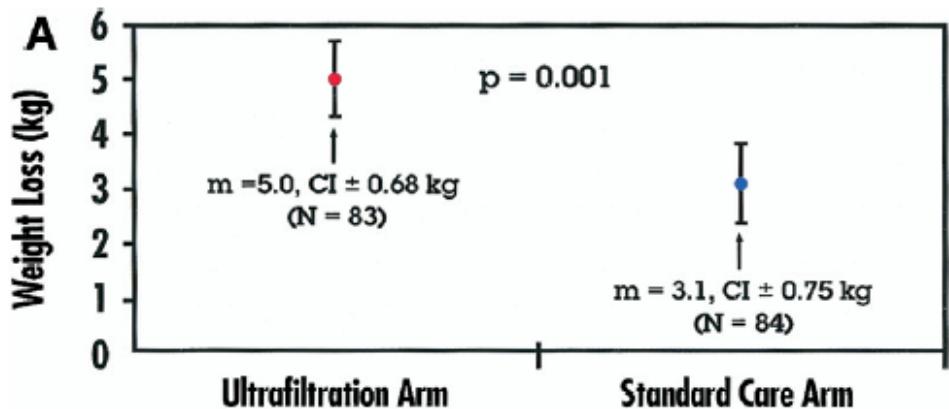
RSC 90 days before to 10
days after admission

Baseline Creatinine
2.0 mg/dl

Primary Endpoint: changes in
weight and serum creatinine

Fixed UFR (200 ml/hr)

UNLOAD



CARRESS-HF

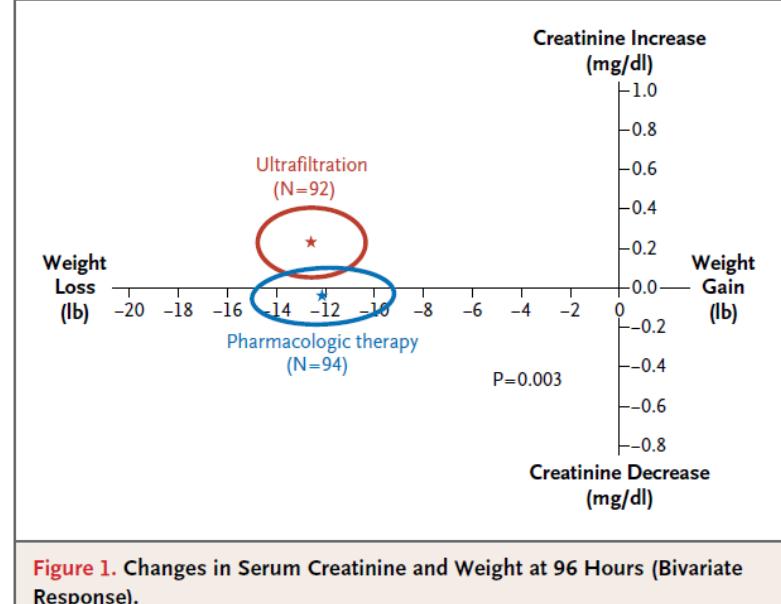


Figure 1. Changes in Serum Creatinine and Weight at 96 Hours (Bivariate Response).

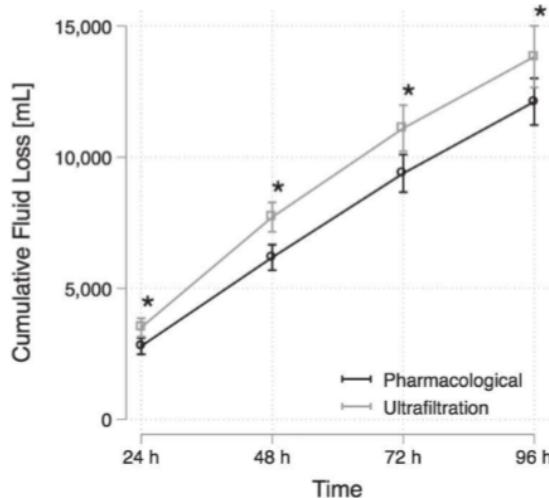
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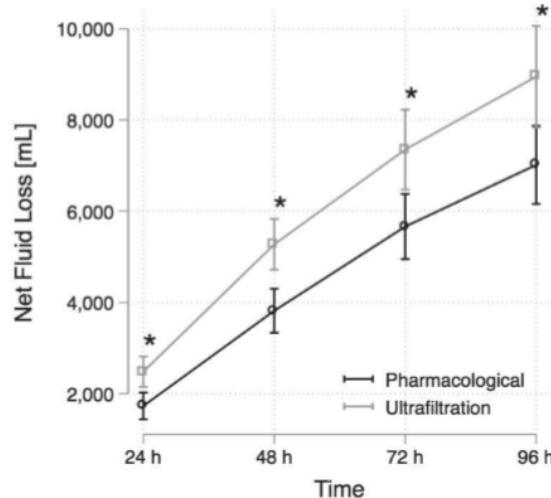
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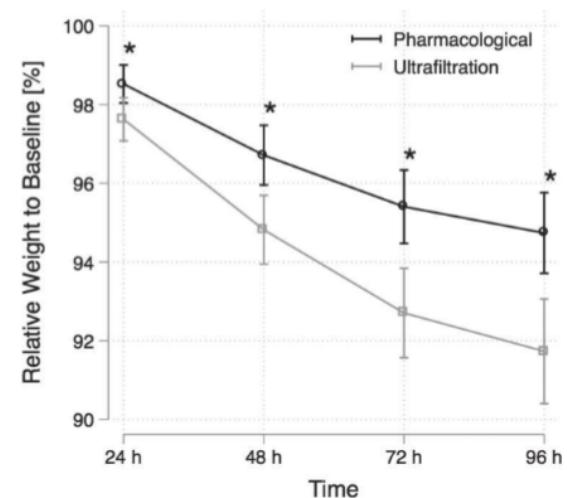
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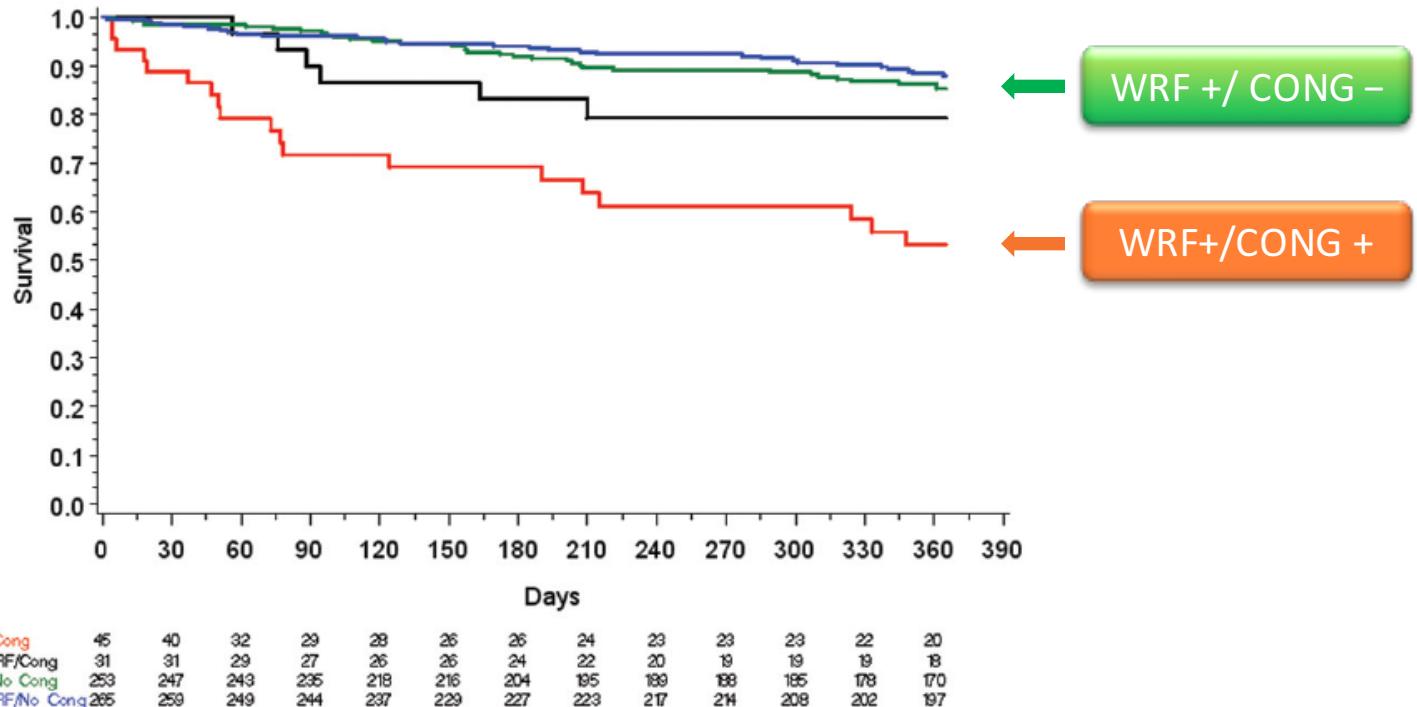


In contrast to the original trial (intention-to-treat), UF was associated with significantly more fluid loss and weight reduction

Decongestion: UF > DR

Interplay of RSC (WRF)-De(Congestion)

599 patients



Endpoints: 1 year death or urgent transplantation

AVOID-HF

ADHF – 224 patients

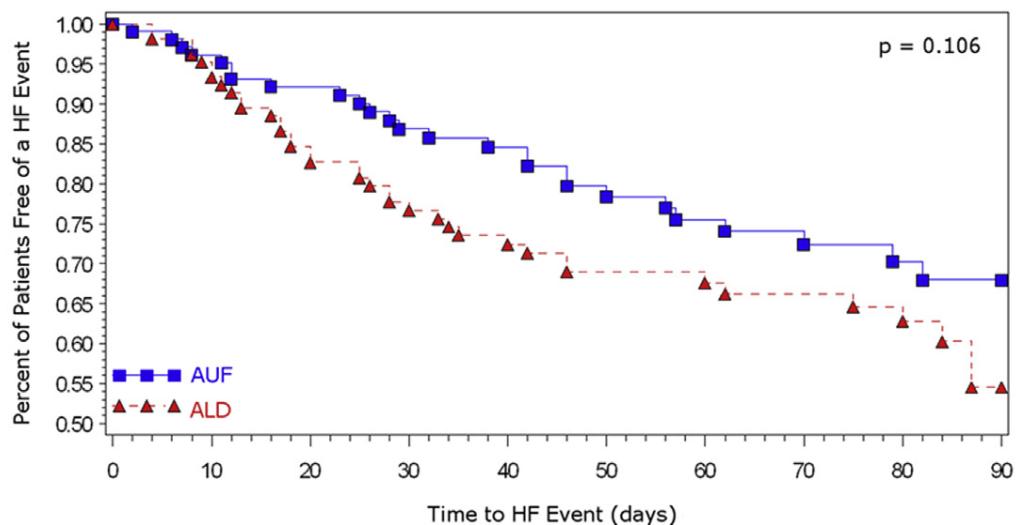
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of admission

Baseline Creatinine
1.5 mg/dl

Time to first HF event within
90 days: Primary Endpoint

Adjustable UF

FIGURE 2 Primary Endpoint: Time to Heart Failure Event after Discharge



Fluid Removal: UF > DR
HF Event: UF < DR
RSC (WRF): UF = DR

Table IV. Treatment guidelines for the aquapheresis arm

General comments:

1. Once an initial UF rate is chosen, avoid increasing the UF rate unless there are clear indications to do so.
2. Because patients' plasma refill rate usually declines as fluid is removed, it should be expected that UF rate will need to be decreased during the course of therapy.

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- b. sCr increase 0.3 mg/dL above recent baseline
- c. Baseline sCr > 2.0 mg/dL
- d. History of instability with diuresis or UF in the past

C. Reevaluate UF rate every 6 h:

1. Evaluate recent BP, HR, UO, net intake/output, sCr
2. Consider decreasing Aq. by 50 cc/h and checking STAT sCr (unless sent in past 2 h) if:

D. Consider completion of UF therapy if one of the following occurs:

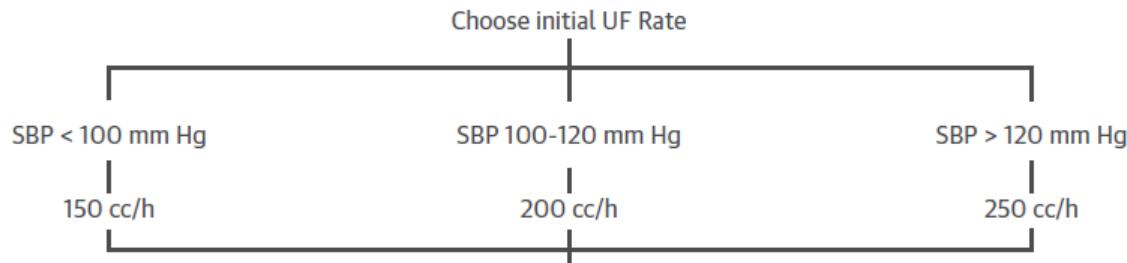
1. Resolution of congestion (all of following):
 - a. Jugular venous pressure <8 cm H₂O
 - b. No orthopnea
 - c. Trace or no peripheral edema
 2. Best achievable dry weight has been reached
 - a. Evidence of poor tolerance of fluid removal
- AND
- b. UF rate <100 cc/h or net negative <1 L/24 h
 3. Persistent elevation in sCr >1.0 mg/dL above baseline at start of UF treatment
 4. Persistent hemodynamic instability

E. After completion of UF Therapy:

1. If satisfactory dry weight has been reached AND sCr is stable:
 - a. Initiate oral loop diuretics with goal to keep net even (new dose of loop diuretics may be less than baseline dose in some patients)
 - b. GDMT
2. If sCr, hemodynamics, or UO are NOT stable:
 - a. Hold diuretics until sCr is stable for minimum of 12 h, then:
 - i. If dry weight/adequate decongestion has been reached then initiate oral diuretics as above
 - ii. If dry weight/adequate decongestion has NOT been reached then initiate IV diuretics
 - b. If elevated sCr or hemodynamic instability persist, then consider bolus of IV fluids

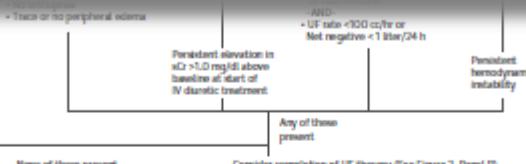
FIGURE 2 Adjustable UF Guidelines Used by the AVOID-HF Investigators

A



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Consider completion of UF therapy (See Figure 2, Panel B)

B After completion of UF therapy

- If satisfactory "dry weight" has been reached AND sCr is stable
- Initiate oral loop diuretic therapy with goal to keep net even
- GDMT

- If sCr, hemodynamics or UO are NOT stable
- Hold diuretics until sCr is stable for a minimum of 12 h and then:
 - If "dry weight" /adequate decompression has been reached then initiate oral diuretics with goal to keep net even
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 - If elevated sCr or hemodynamic instability present, then consider a bolus of IV fluid

Average
UFR: 138 ml/h
For 80 hours

(A) Guidelines for the adjustment of UF therapy. (B) Guidelines for the completion of ultrafiltration therapy: 40 mg of furosemide = 1 mg bumetanide or 10 mg of torsemide (52,53). b.i.d. = twice daily; GDMT = guideline-directed medical therapy; I.V. = intravenous; JVP = jugular venous pressure; LV = left ventricular; QD = once daily; RV = right ventricular; SBP = systolic blood pressure; sCr = serum creatinine; UO = urine output; other abbreviations as in Figure 1.

Optimal Ultrafiltration Protocol for ADHF and Fluid Overload

- 1) Patients selection (recurrent admissions)
- 2) Early initiation of UF
- 3) Withhold Diuretics during UF therapy
- 4) Use low UFR
- 5) Customize UF therapy on initiation
- 6) Revisit UFR frequently during therapy
- 7) Objectively monitor decongestion

In the Pipeline: 2024

Ultrafiltration versus IV Diuretics in Worsening Heart Failure (REVERSE-HF)

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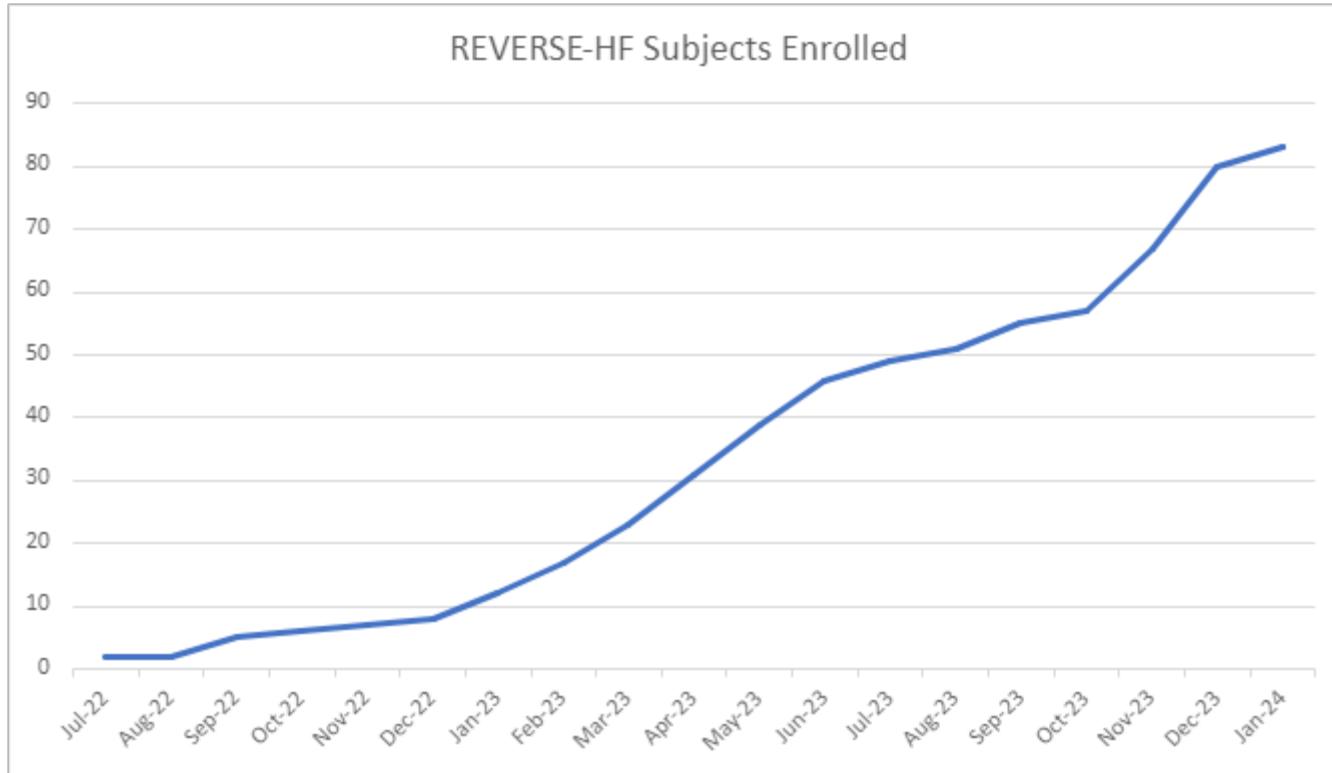
Adjustable UF vs.
Adjustable Diuretics

ADHF – 372 patients

6 months follow up

Endpoints: Time to
first HF event (90 d),
Mortality (90 d),
HF event (30 d)

In the Pipeline: 2024



Objective: 372 subjects to be enrolled, randomized, and treated

Jan 2024: 83 subjects enrolled



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