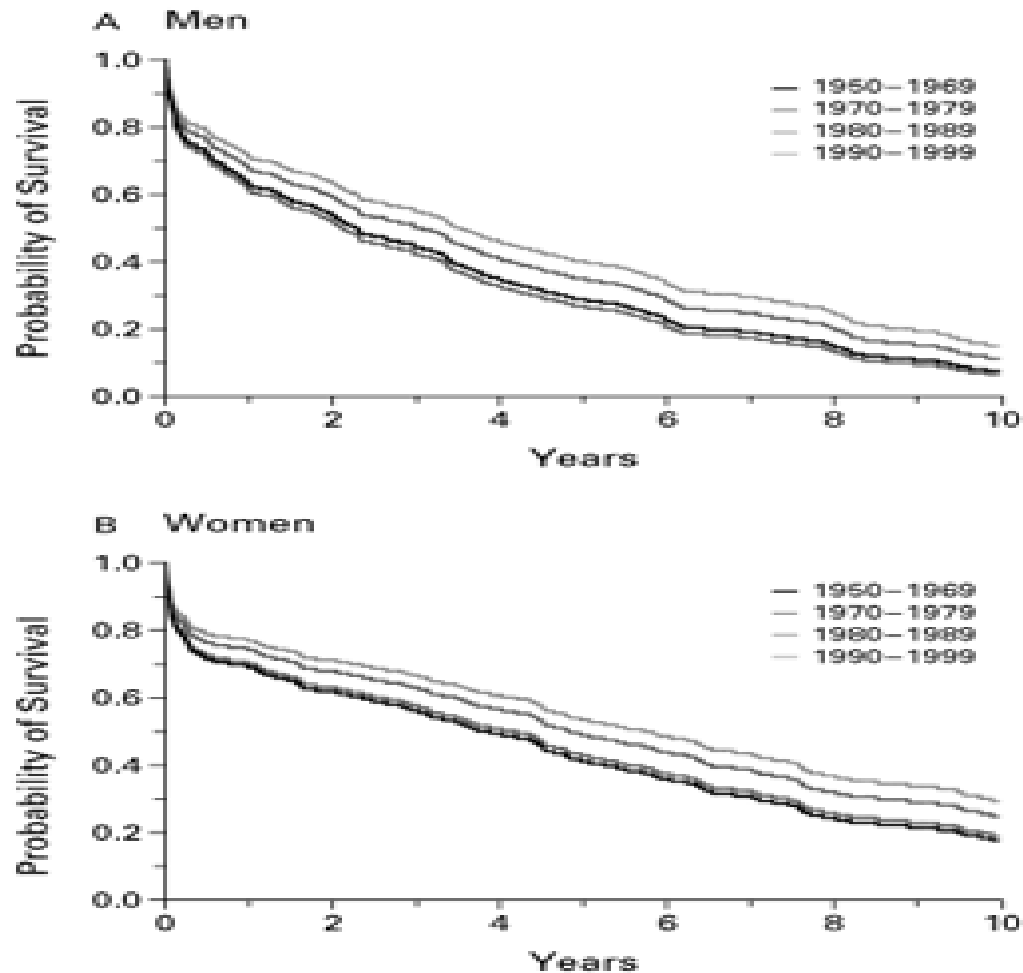


# Défibrillateurs dans les Cardiopathies Ischémiques et Dilatées

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# Survival Trends in Heart Failure

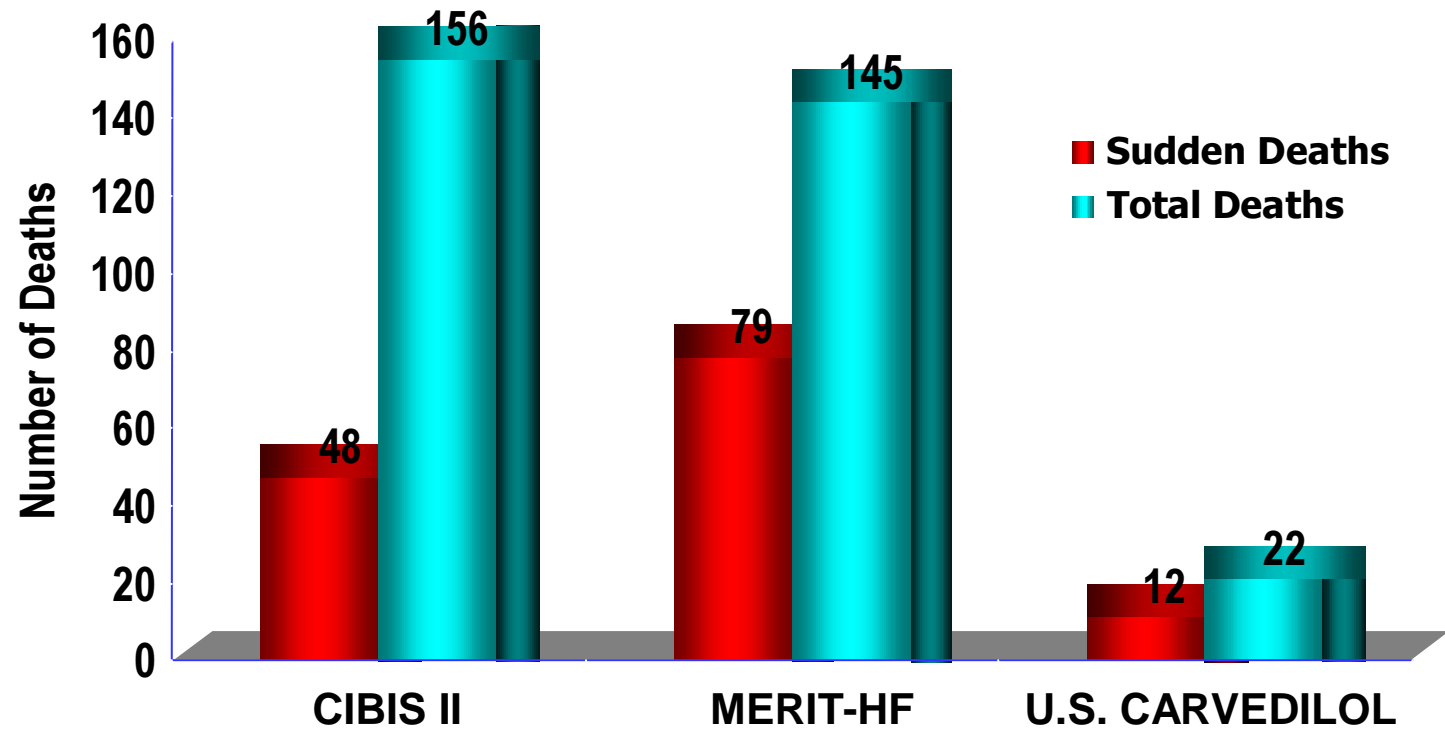


**5 years  
survival :  
< 50%.**

Levy D.

N Engl J Med 2002;  
347: 1397-402.

# Risk of SCD in Treatment Arms of CHF-Beta Blocker Trials



**Sudden  
Death % of  
Total Death**

**31%**

**54%**

**54%**



Many studies have shown that in selected cardiomyopathy patients, ICD therapy can reduce mortality by **reducing the risk of sudden death**



The main difficulty is to  
**identify the patient at risk**  
who will benefit from ICD  
implantation



Survivors of SCD, VF or  
poorly tolerated VT

Recurrence rate

= 25-30 % at one year

# SECONDARY PREVENTION

**AVID** (Antiarrhythmic Drug Versus Defibrillator)

Resuscitated SCD, Syncopal VT

ICD

v  
s

Amiodarone  
or Sotalol

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pts

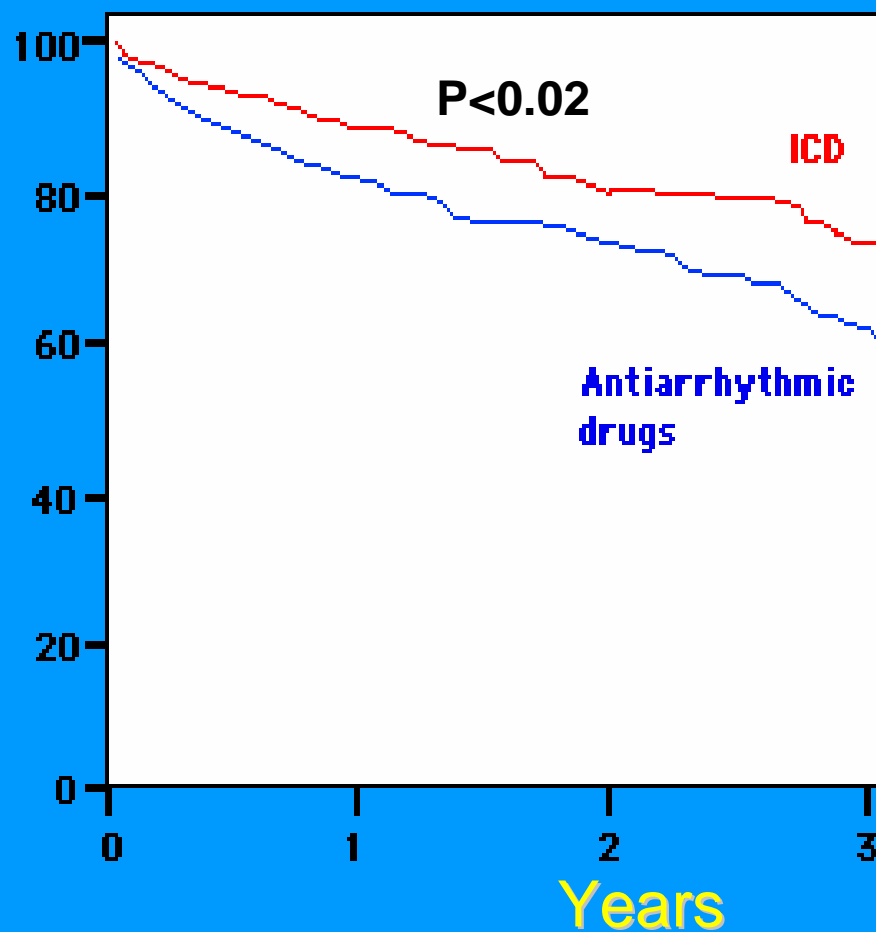
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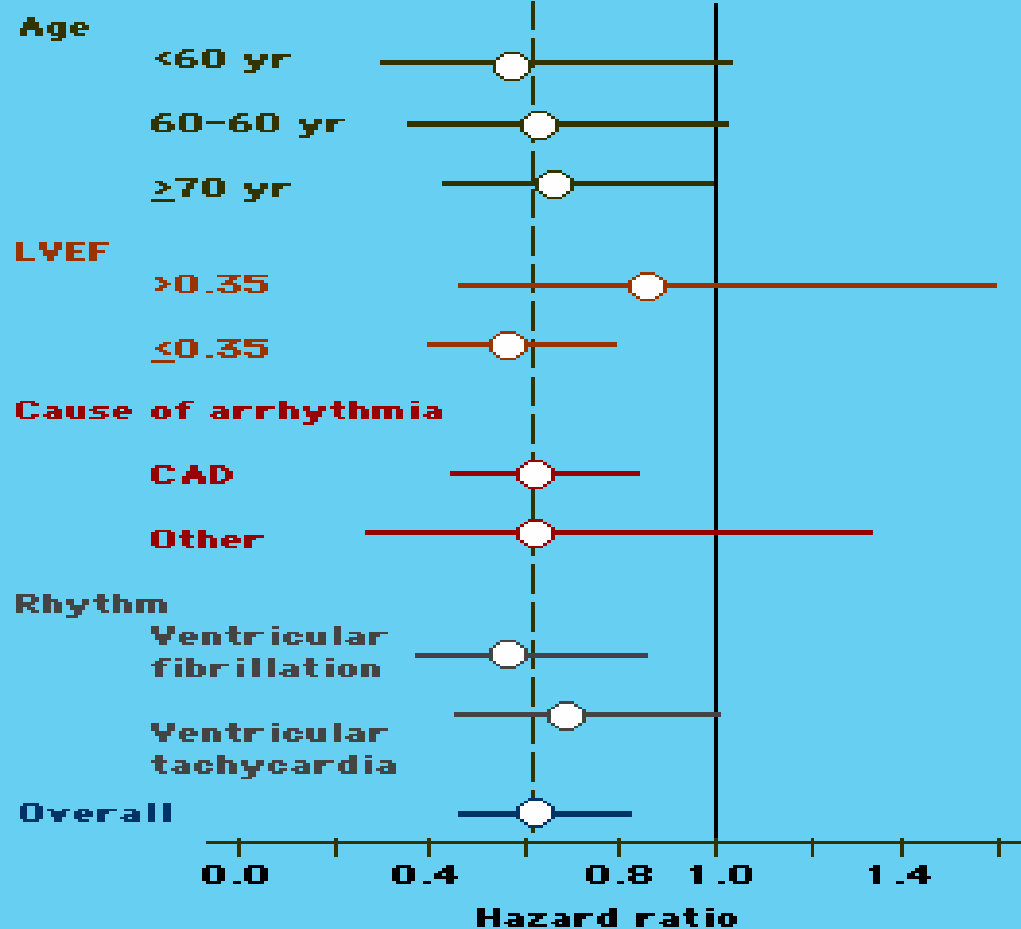
Survival





# SECONDARY PREVENTION

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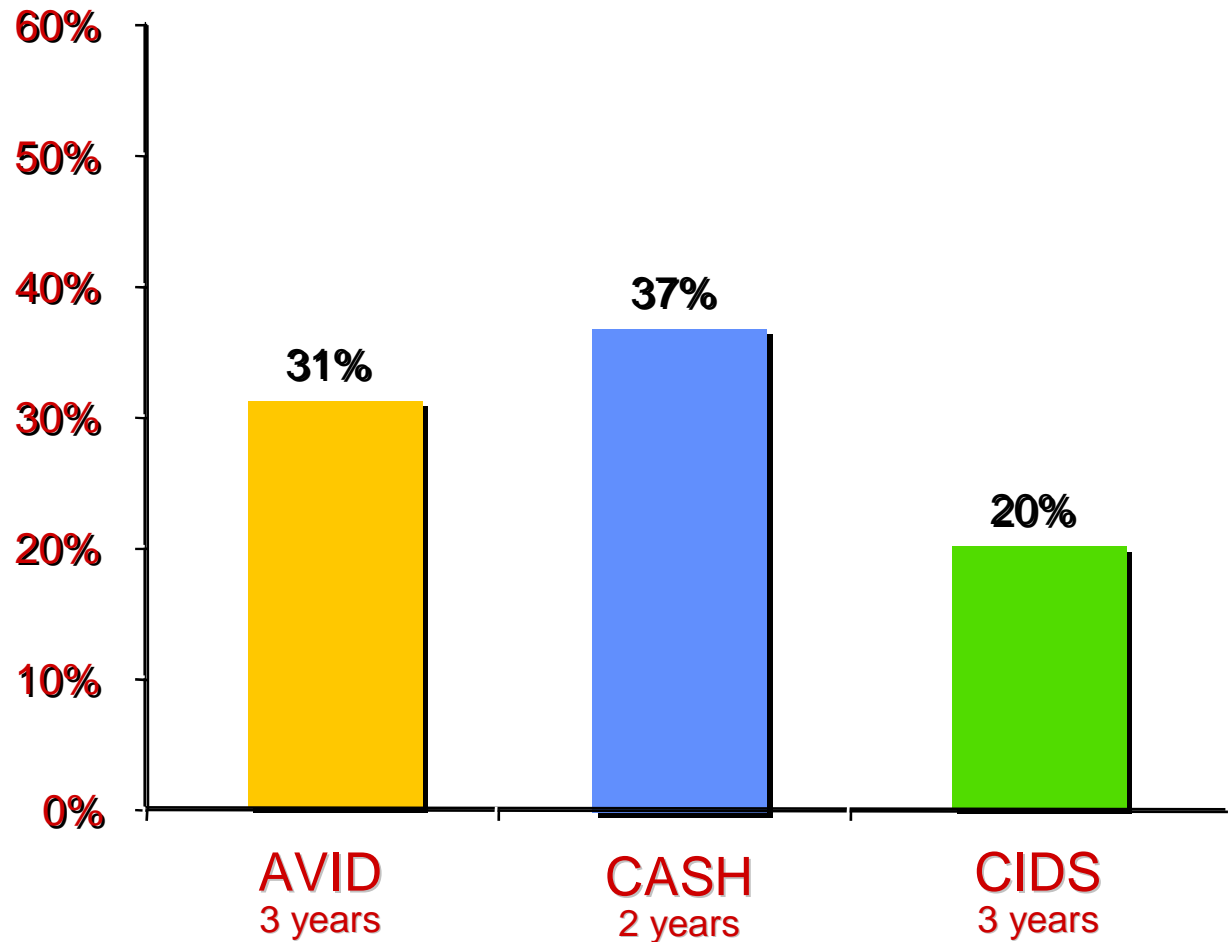


# SECONDARY PREVENTION TRIALS

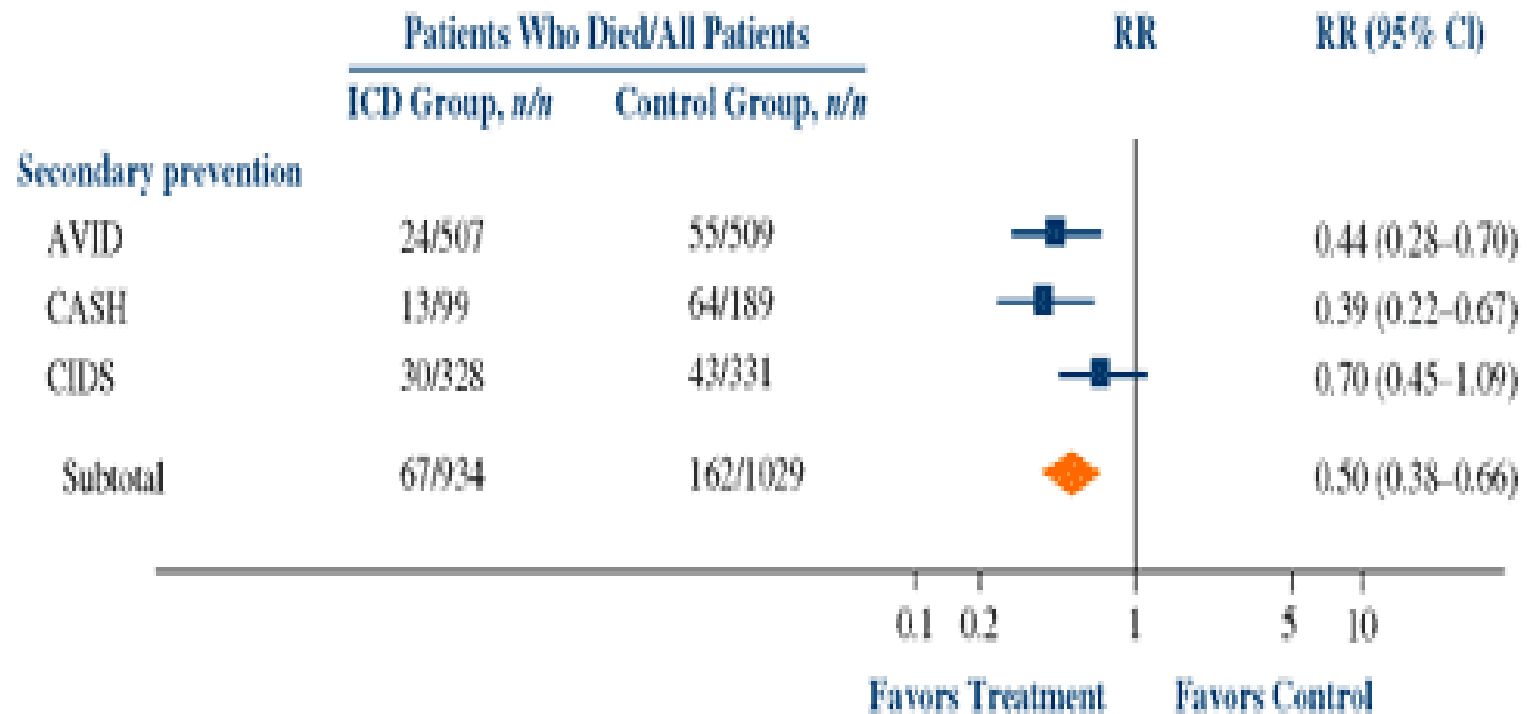


**%  
Mortality  
Reduction**

**ICD  
vs  
AA drugs**

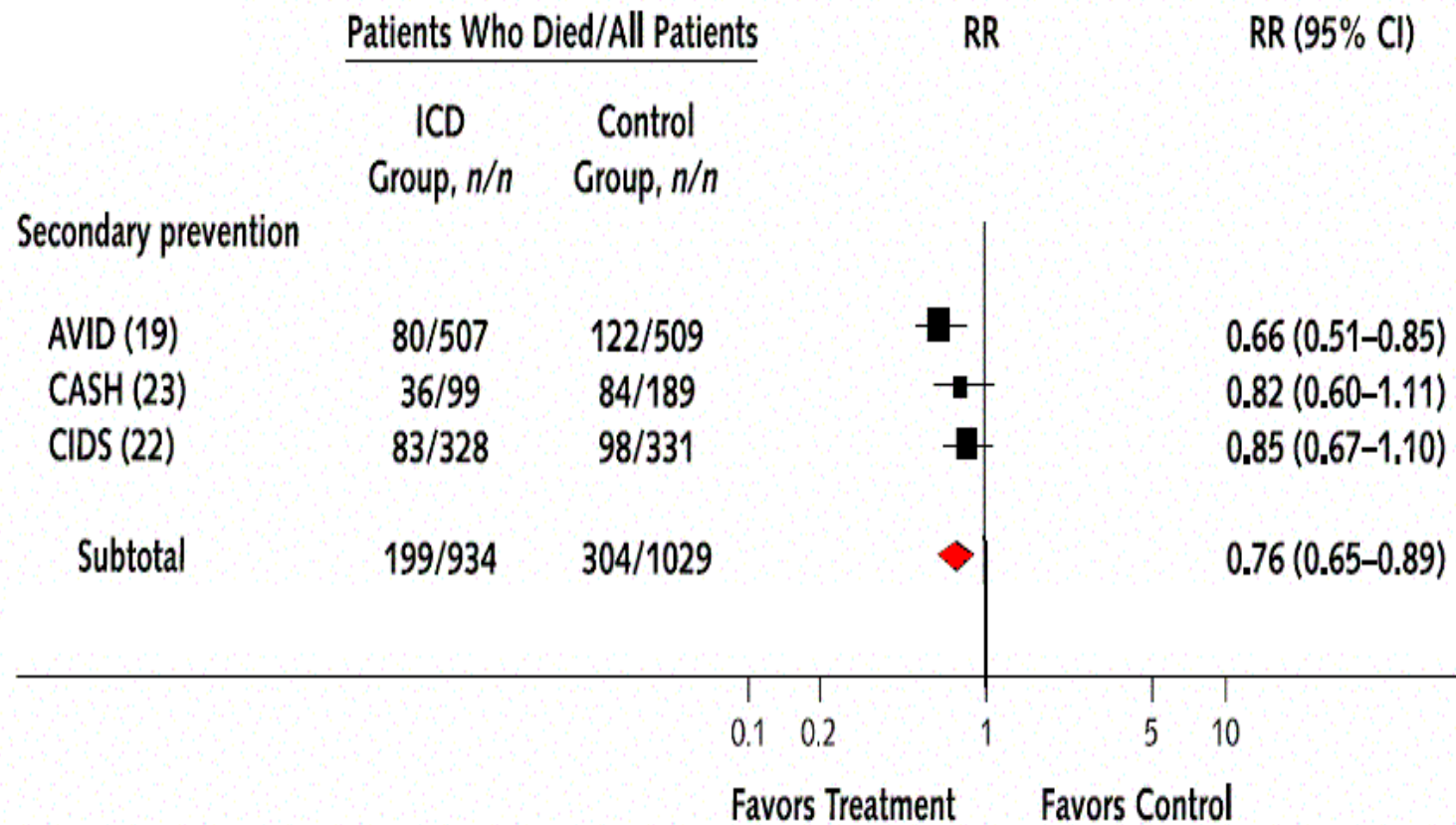


# Meta-analysis of secondary prevention trials



**Sudden cardiac death**

# Meta-analysis of secondary prevention trials



**All-cause mortality**

# SECONDARY PREVENTION

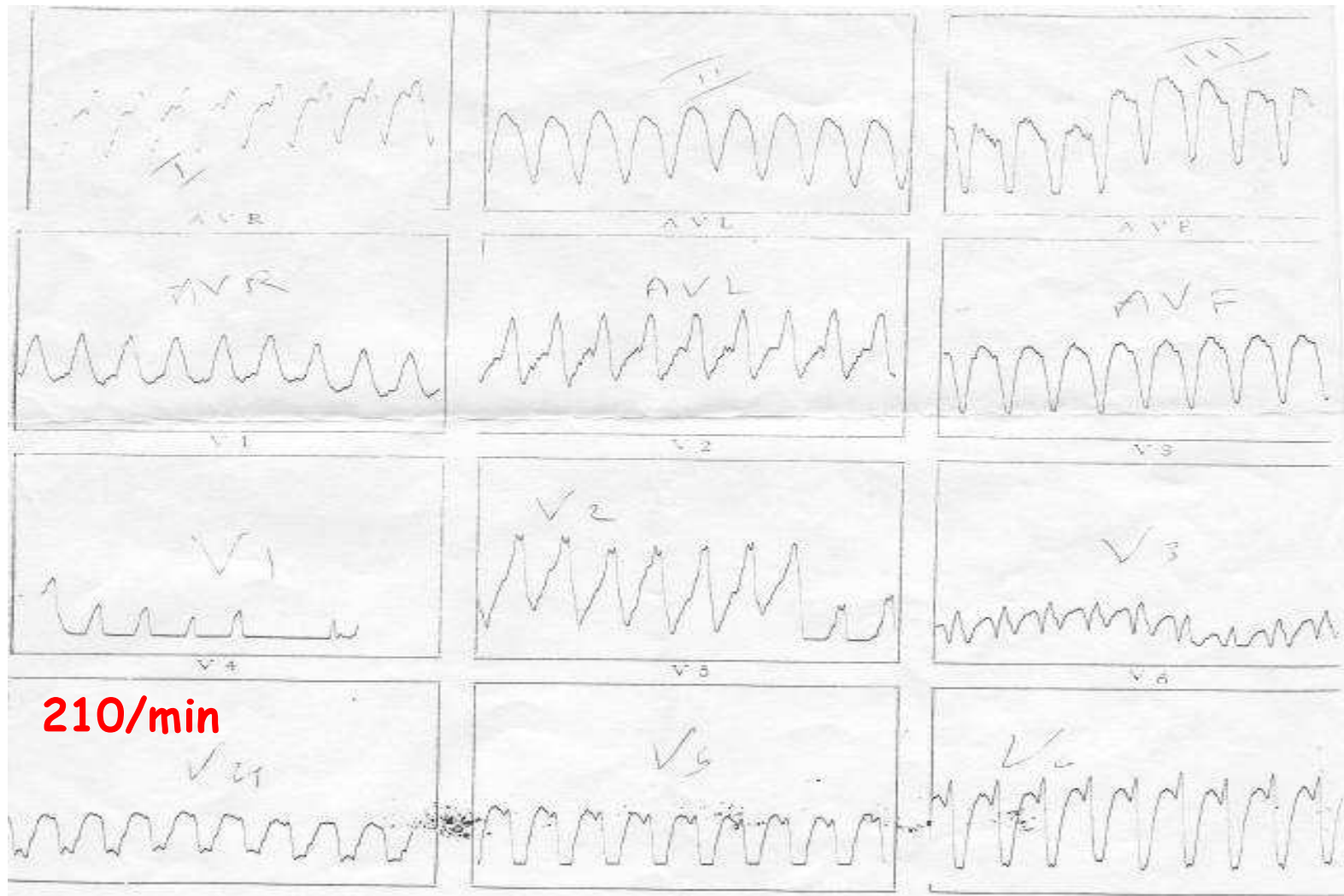
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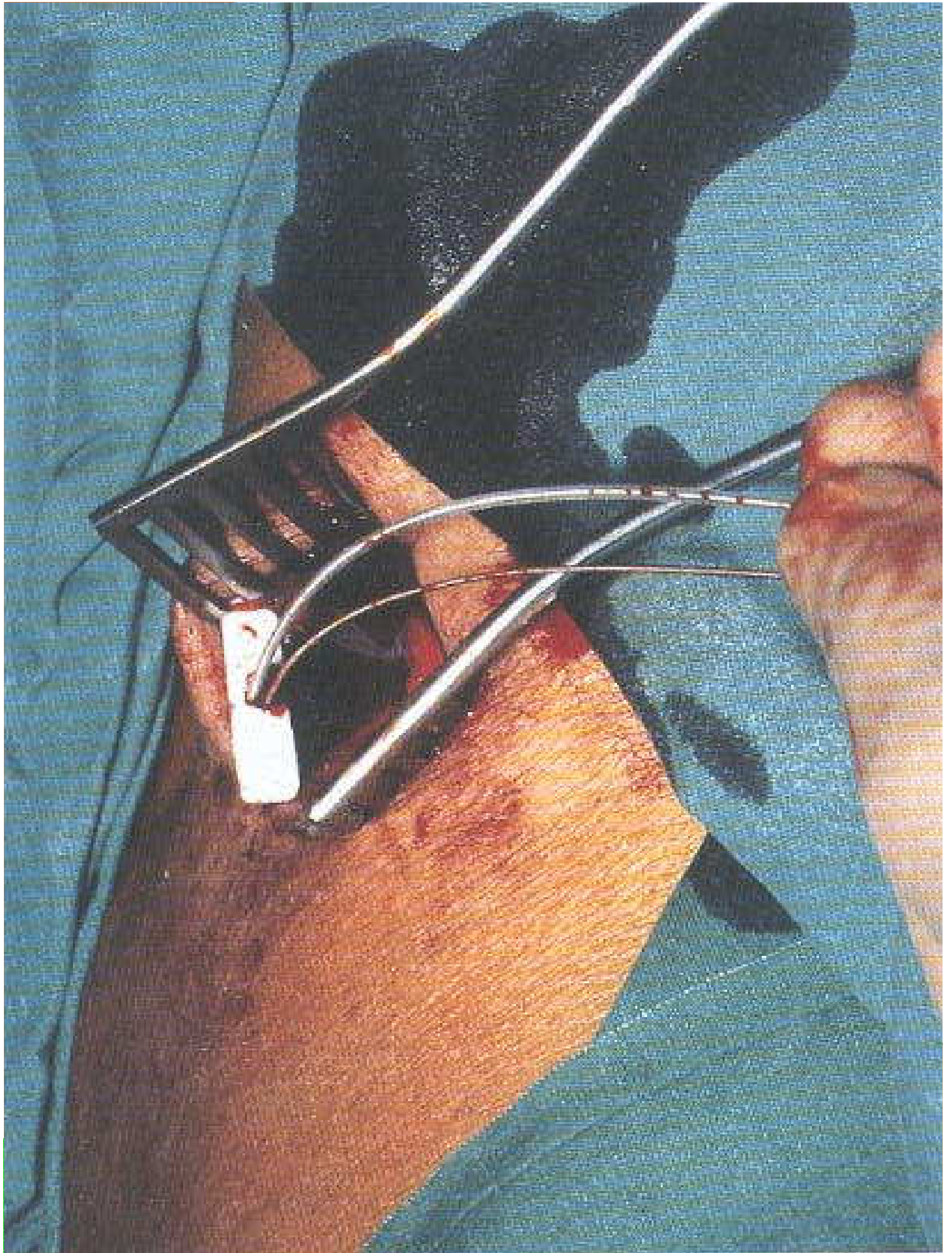


## ICD indications in CAD and DCM pts

- **Cardiac arrest due to VF or VT not due to a transient or reversible cause.**
- **Spontaneous sustained VT.**

M 68y, DCM since 1996, EF = 20%  
1999 : Syncope => Fast VT

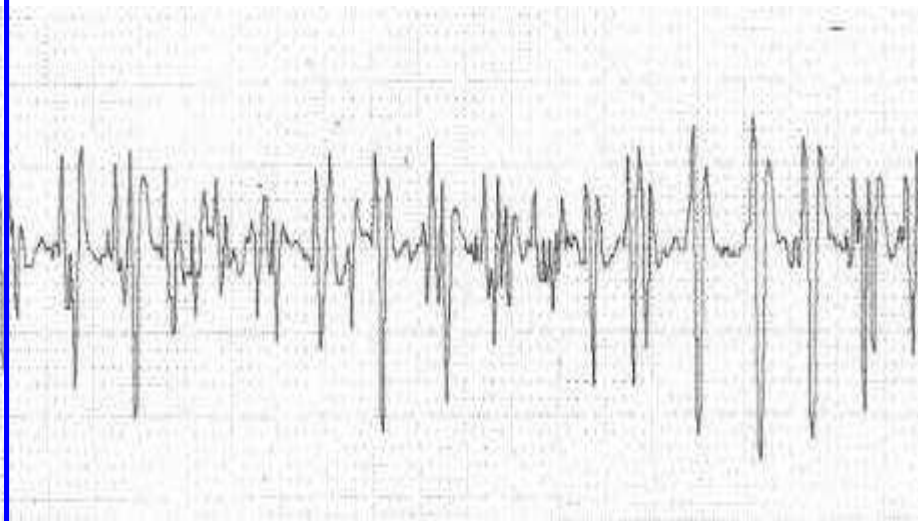




# 2000 : Syncope and choc



## Endocavitary tracing





# ICD interrogation



## Endocavitary tracing

Ventricular CHARGING  
SINUS BRADYCARDIA



# **PLACE OF ICDs IN PRIMARY PREVENTION**

# Primary Prevention Trials



## ischemic CM

CABG PATCH

MADIT

MUSTT

**MADIT II**

**SCD-HeFT**

## dilated CM

CAT

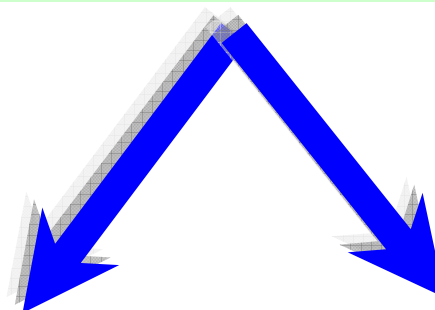
AMIOVERT

**DEFINITE**

# MADIT II

Post-MI patients  
 $EF \leq 30\%$

1232 pts

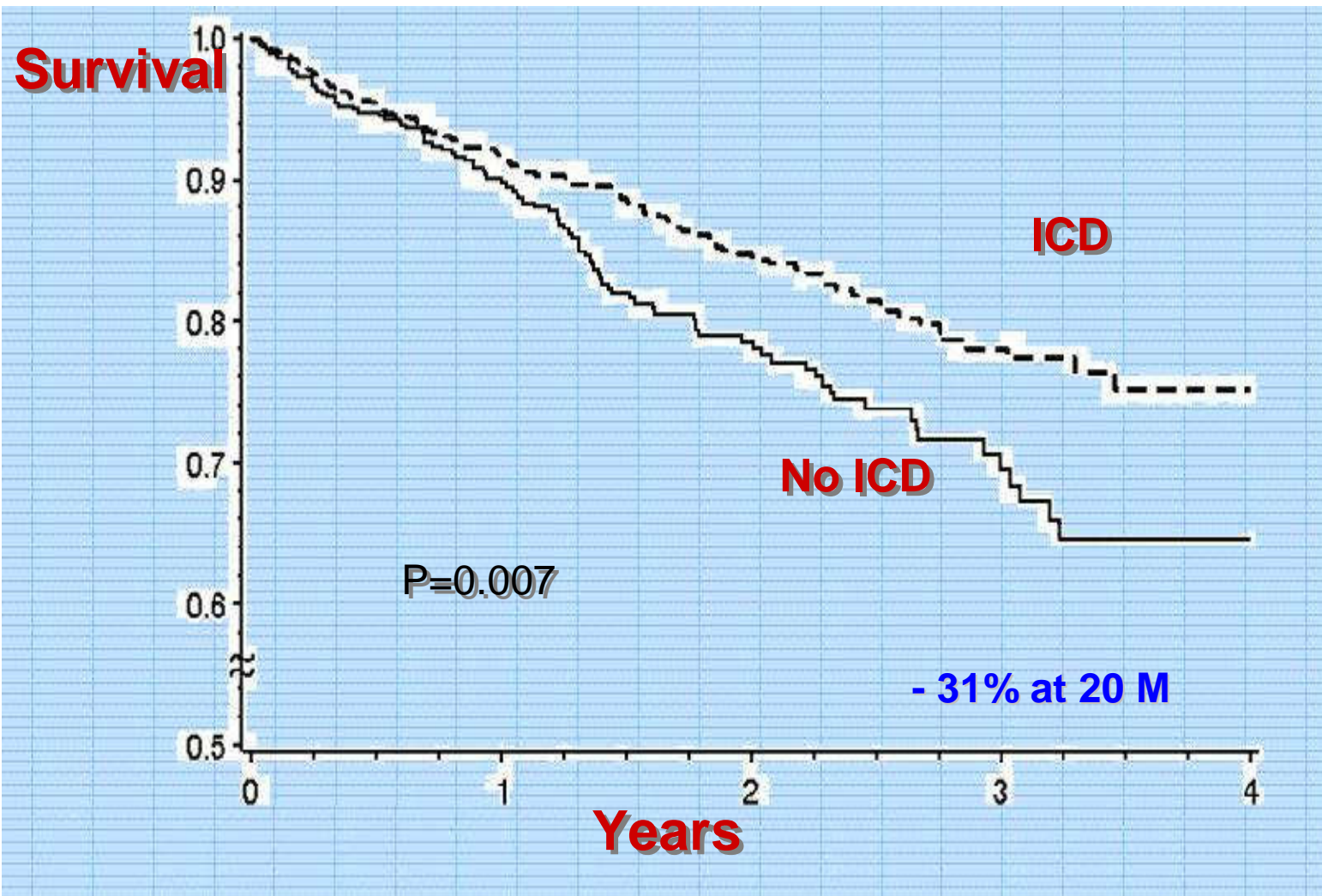


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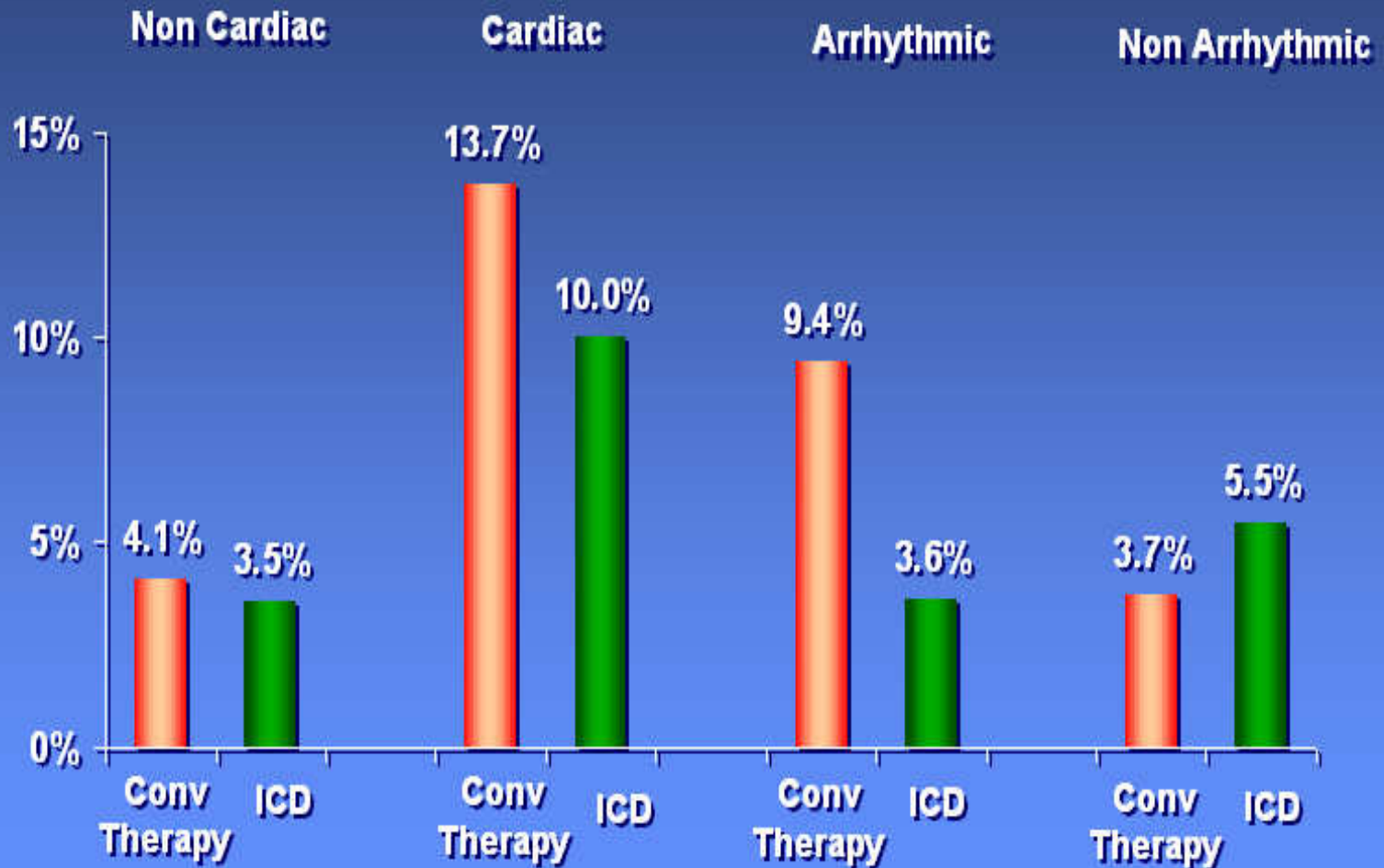
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# MADIT II

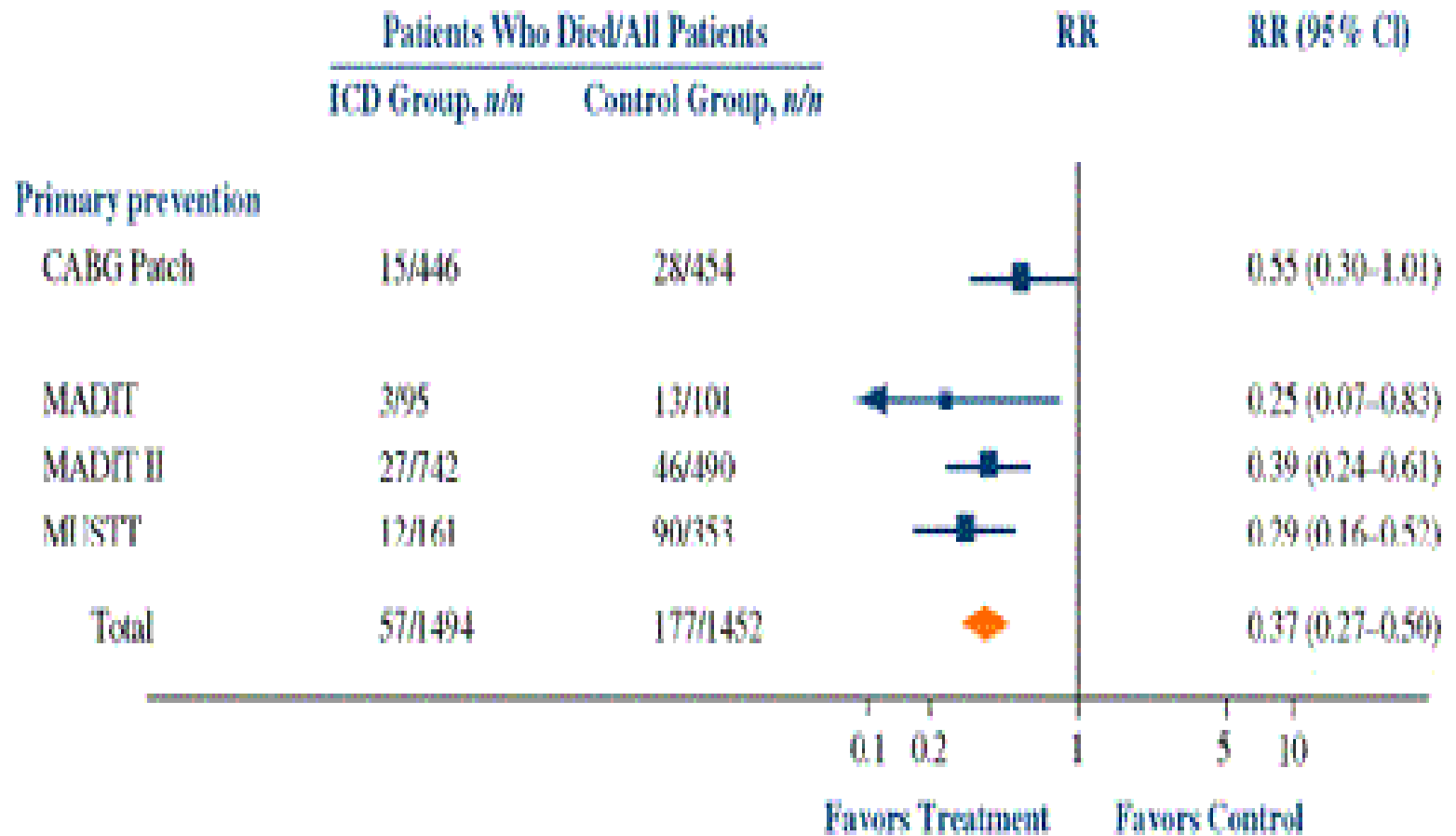


# MADIT II

## Mortality Events

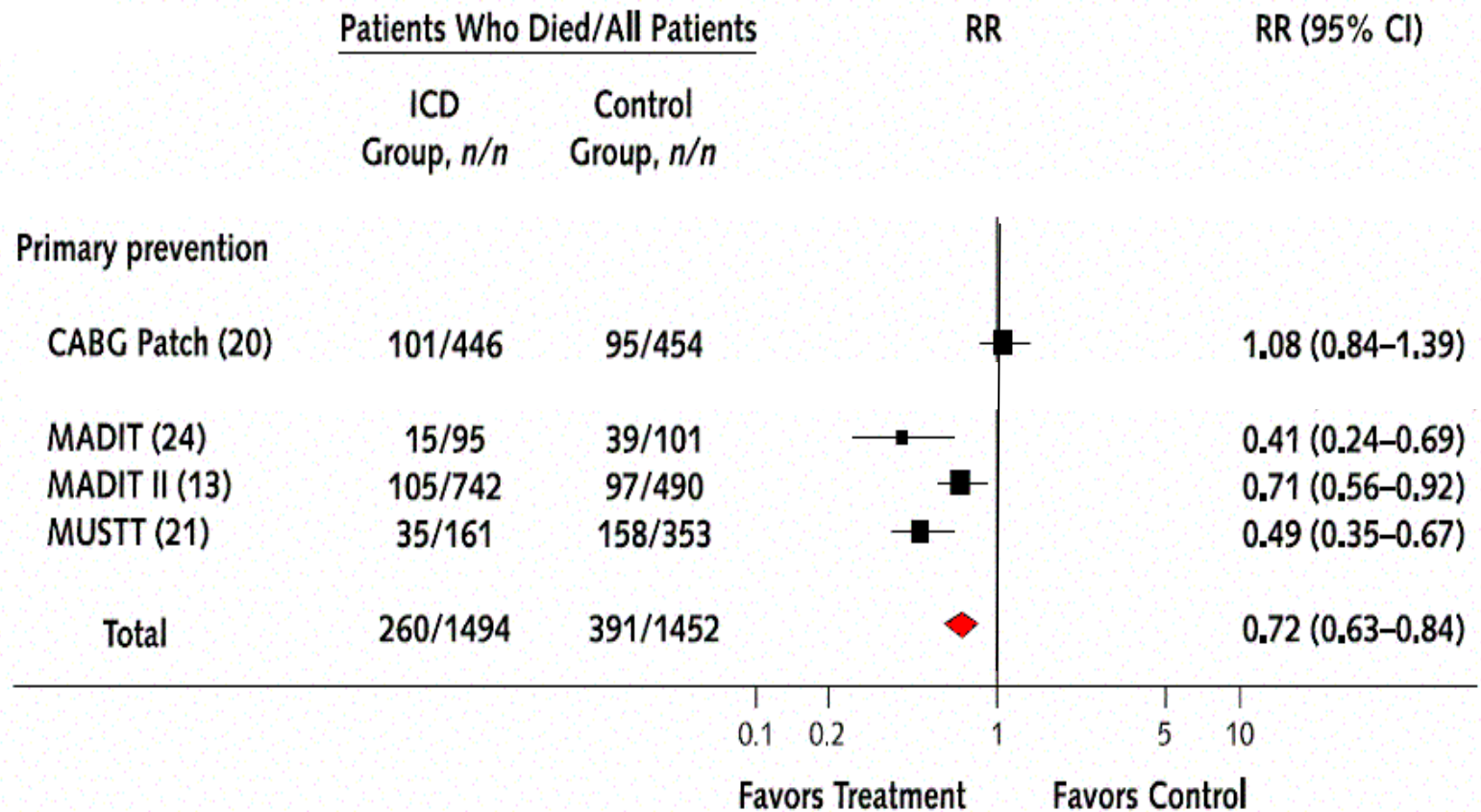


# Meta-analysis of primary prevention trials in CAD pts



**Sudden cardiac death**

# Meta-analysis of primary prevention trials in CAD pts



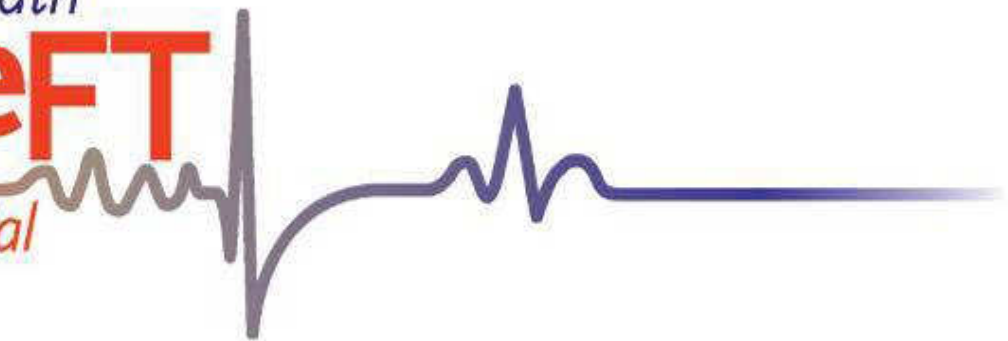
**All-cause mortality**

Ezekowitz.  
Ann Intern  
Med.  
2003;138:445





*Sudden Cardiac Death*  
**SCDHeFT**  
*in Heart Failure Trial*



**NEJM**  
**Janv 2005**

# SCD-HeFT

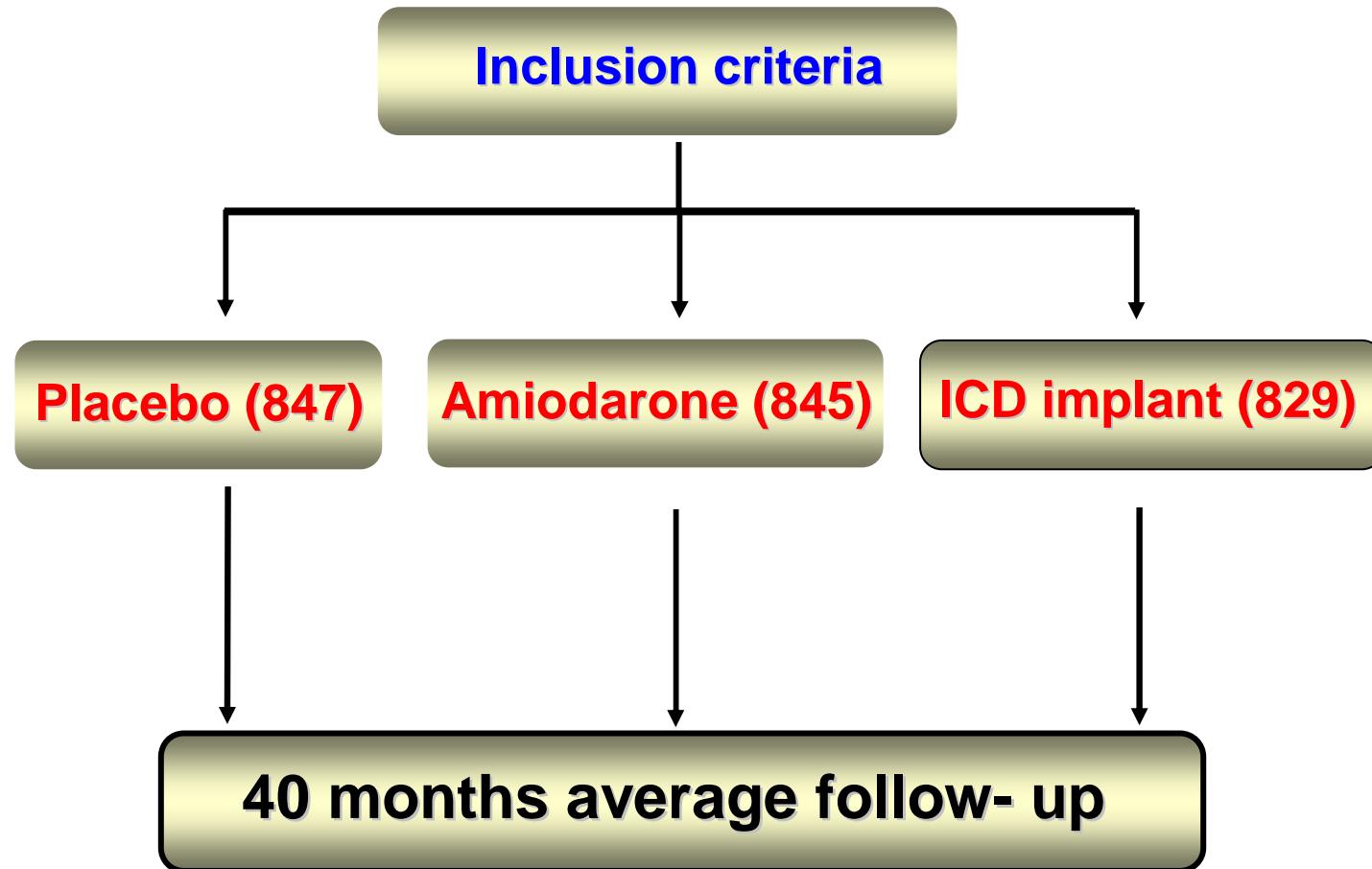
Will **Amiodarone** and/or an **ICD** improve survival compared to **placebo** in patients with:

**CHF** (NYHA Class II and III) due to ischemic or nonischemic dilated cardiomyopathy

and

**EF ≤ 35%**

# SCD-HeFT protocol



- Optimize:  $\beta$ B, ACE-I, Diuretics

# SCD-HeFT Endpoints

- **Primary**

- To compare **all cause mortality** after 2.5 years of follow-up (Power: 90% to detect 25% benefit)

- **Secondary**

- Mortality – Ischemic, Non-Ischemic
- ...

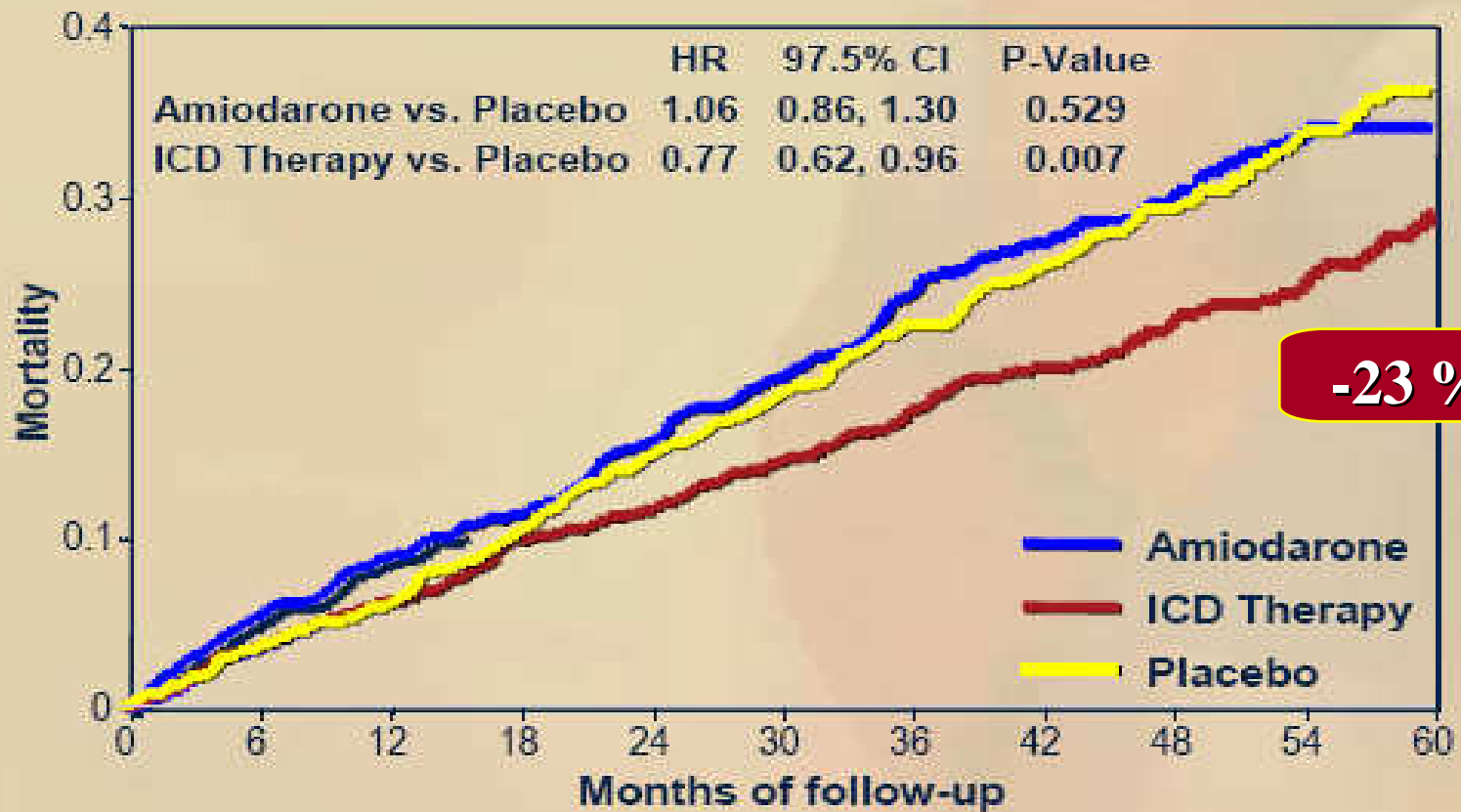
# SCD-HeFT

## Patients characteristics

- **NYHA II 70%, NYHA III 30%**
- **Ischemic 52%, non-ischemic 48%**
- **ACE Inhibitor or ARB 87%**
- **Beta-blocker 78%**

# SCD-HeFT Results

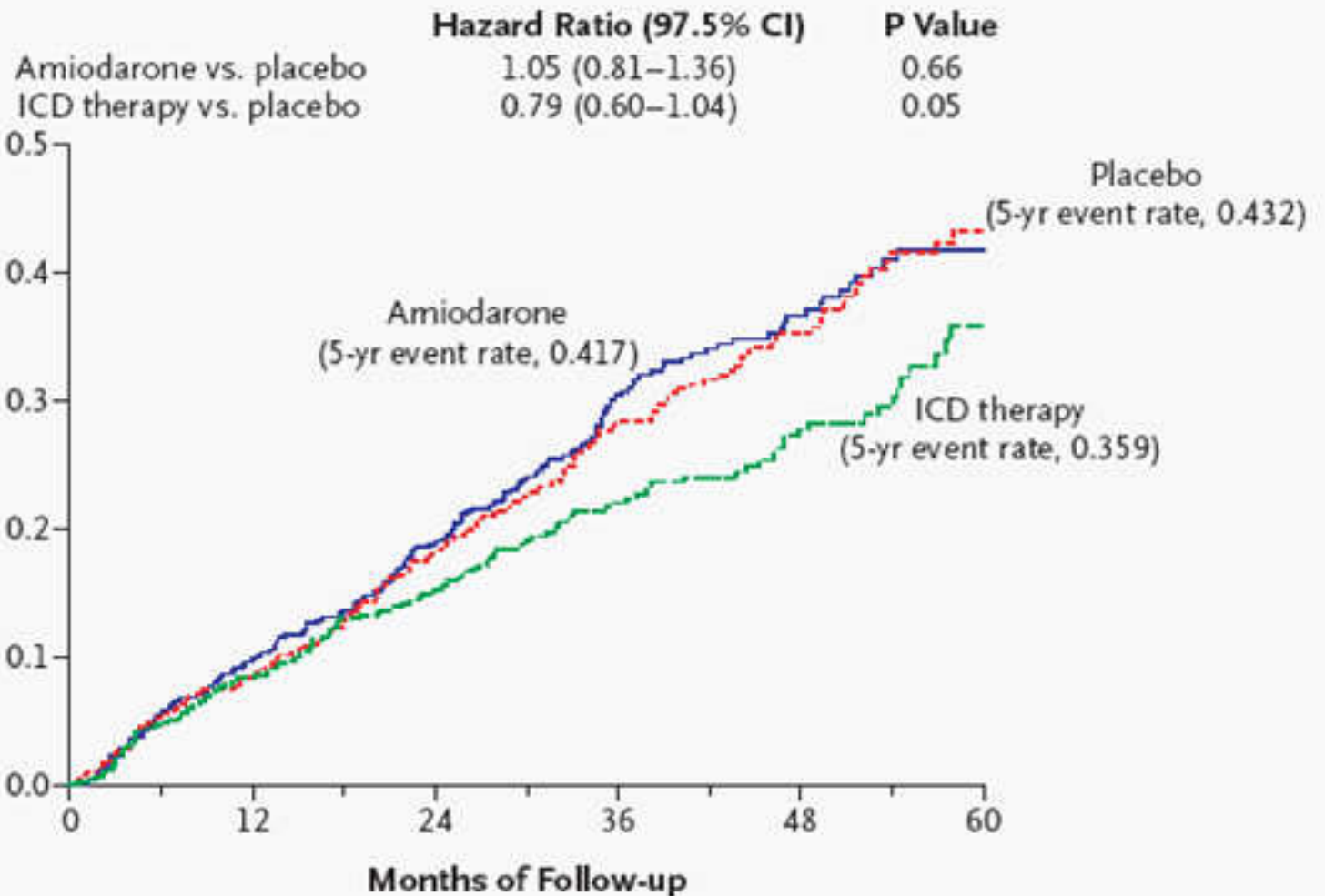
## Mortality by Intention-to-treat



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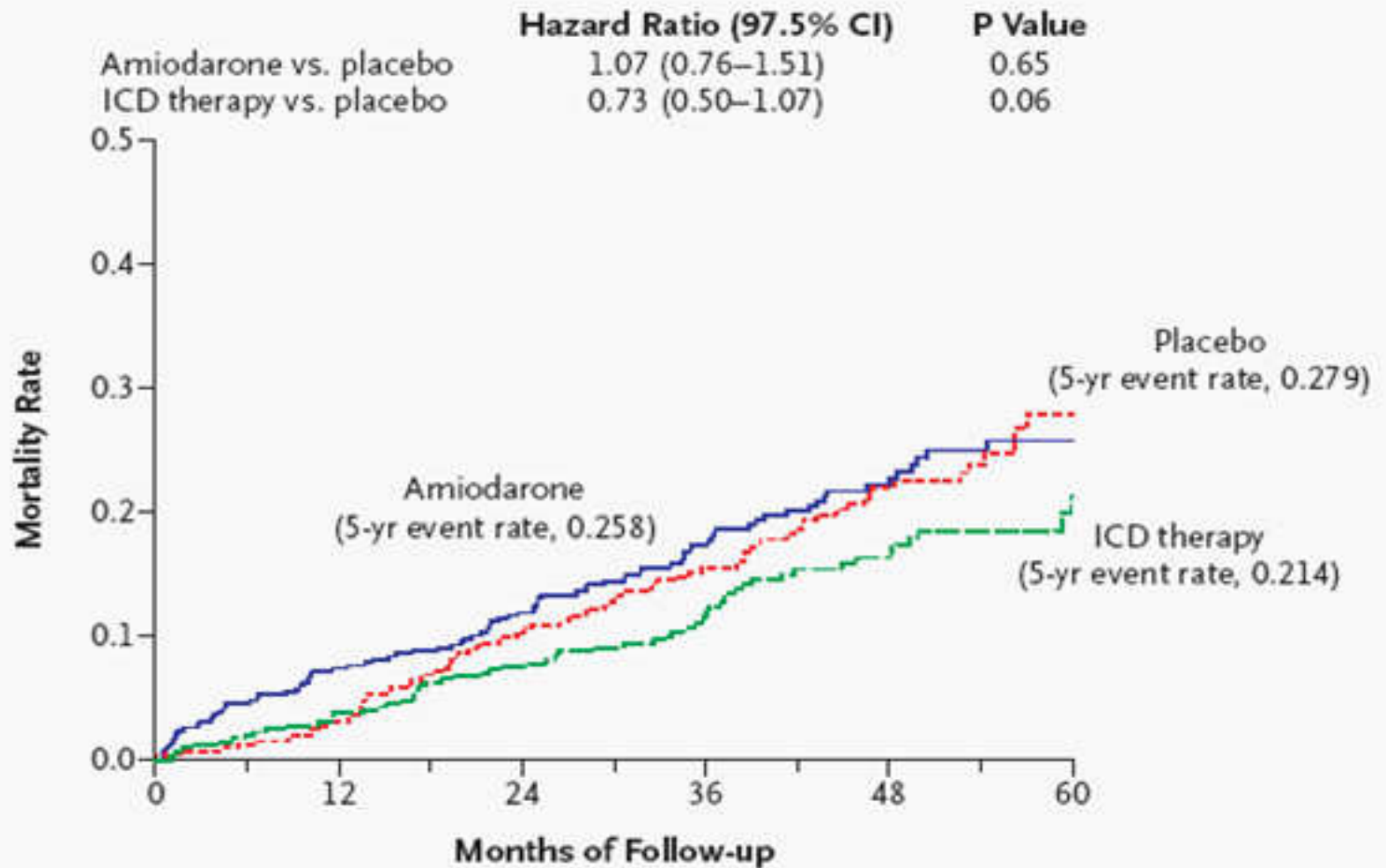
# SCD-HeFT – Results

## CAD patients



# SCD-HeFT – Results

## DCM patients





# Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials:

## ICD for the Prevention of Mortality in Nonischemic Cardiomyopathy



### All-Cause Mortality

Study	Years of Enrollment	No. of Patients	Risk Ratio (95% CI)
CAT <sup>16</sup>	1991-1997	104	0.83 (0.45-1.82)
AMIOVIRT <sup>17</sup>	1996-2000	103	0.87 (0.31-2.42)
DEFINITE <sup>15</sup>	1998-2002	458	0.65 (0.40-1.06)
SCD-HeFT <sup>14</sup>	1997-2001	792	0.73 (0.50-1.04)
COMPANION <sup>21</sup>	2000-2002	397	0.50 (0.29-0.88)
Combined		1854	0.69 (0.55-0.87)

Akshay  
JAMA  
Dec 2004

**Without COMPANION : RR 0.74; 95% CI, 0.58-0.96; P=0.02**

# ESC Guidelines (update 2005)



**ICD implantation is reasonable for primary prevention in patients**

- with LVEF < 30–35%
- on optimal background therapy including ACEi, beta-blocker, and an aldosterone antagonist.

(Class of recommendation I, level of evidence A)

# ACC/AHA 2005 Guideline Update



**ICD therapy is recommended for primary prevention in patients with:**

- **ischemic and non ischemic heart disease**
- **who have an LVEF less than or equal to 30%,**
- **with NYHA functional class II or III symptoms**
- **while undergoing chronic optimal medical therapy,**
- **and have reasonable expectation of survival with a good functional status for more than 1 year.**

**(Class I recommendation)**



# Limitations of ICD Therapy

# Complications of ICD Therapy

## Device-related

- Infection or erosion
- Hematoma
- Pneumothorax
- Lead dislodgment
- Inadequate defibrillation threshold
- Connection problems
- Lead malfunctions or fractures
- Electromagnetic interference

## Therapy-related

- Frequent shocks, appropriate or inappropriate
- Acceleration of ventricular tachycardia
- Psychological reactions
- Longer or additional hospitalization (possibly for right ventricular pacing)

# Subcutaneous ICD System



# Limitations of ICD Therapy



**ICD therapy is associated with an increased risk of HF hospitalization**  
*(new or worsened heart failure)*

**= Deleterious effect of ventricular pacing (ventricular desynchronization)**

# Limitations of ICD Therapy

## Patient Selection

EF < 30% is the single most powerful independent predictor for SCD



Present indications of prophylactic ICD therapy in CAD and DCM patients is based mainly on ejection fraction

EF is not the ideal risk-stratification method

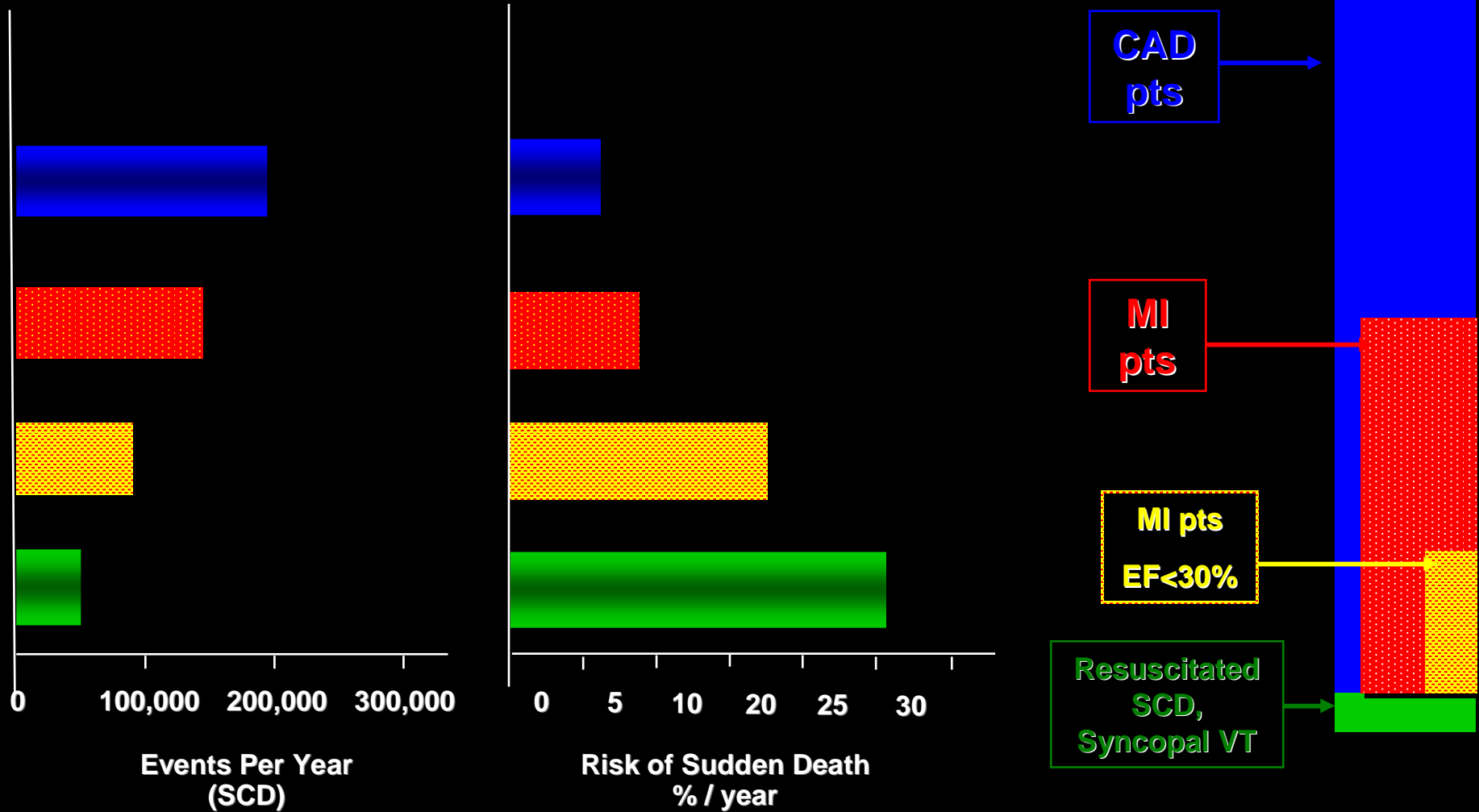


# Limitations of ICD Therapy



ICD indications based only on EF will prevent **a limited number** of all sudden deaths in CAD pts and DCM pts

**> 50%** of the deaths in CAD patients occurred in patients whose **EF was > 30%** and 20% occurred in patients with an EF >50%.



# Many ICD pts will never use their devices:

in primary prevention:

- Appropriate ICD therapy at 1 year: **21%**
- Appropriate ICD therapy at 3 year: **32%**
- Annual rate: **10%**



# CONCLUSIONS

**>> Multiple studies completed within the past decade have demonstrated that ICDs can improve survival in selected patients with CAD and DCM.**

**>> Ejection fraction < 30 – 35% is the main selection filter for implanting ICDs in CAD pts and DCM pts...**

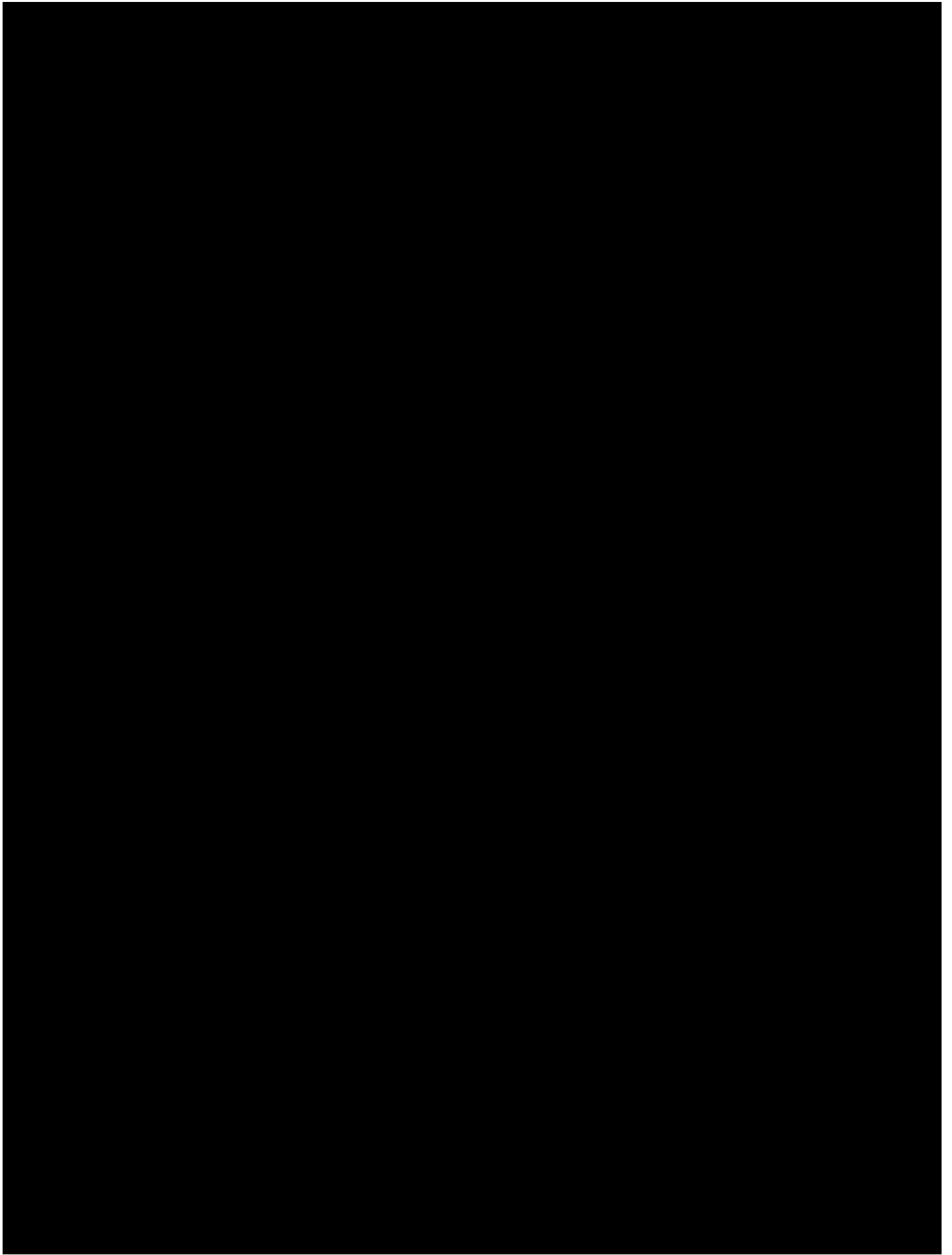
**but is far from an ideal risk-stratification test on which to base prophylactic ICD therapy.**

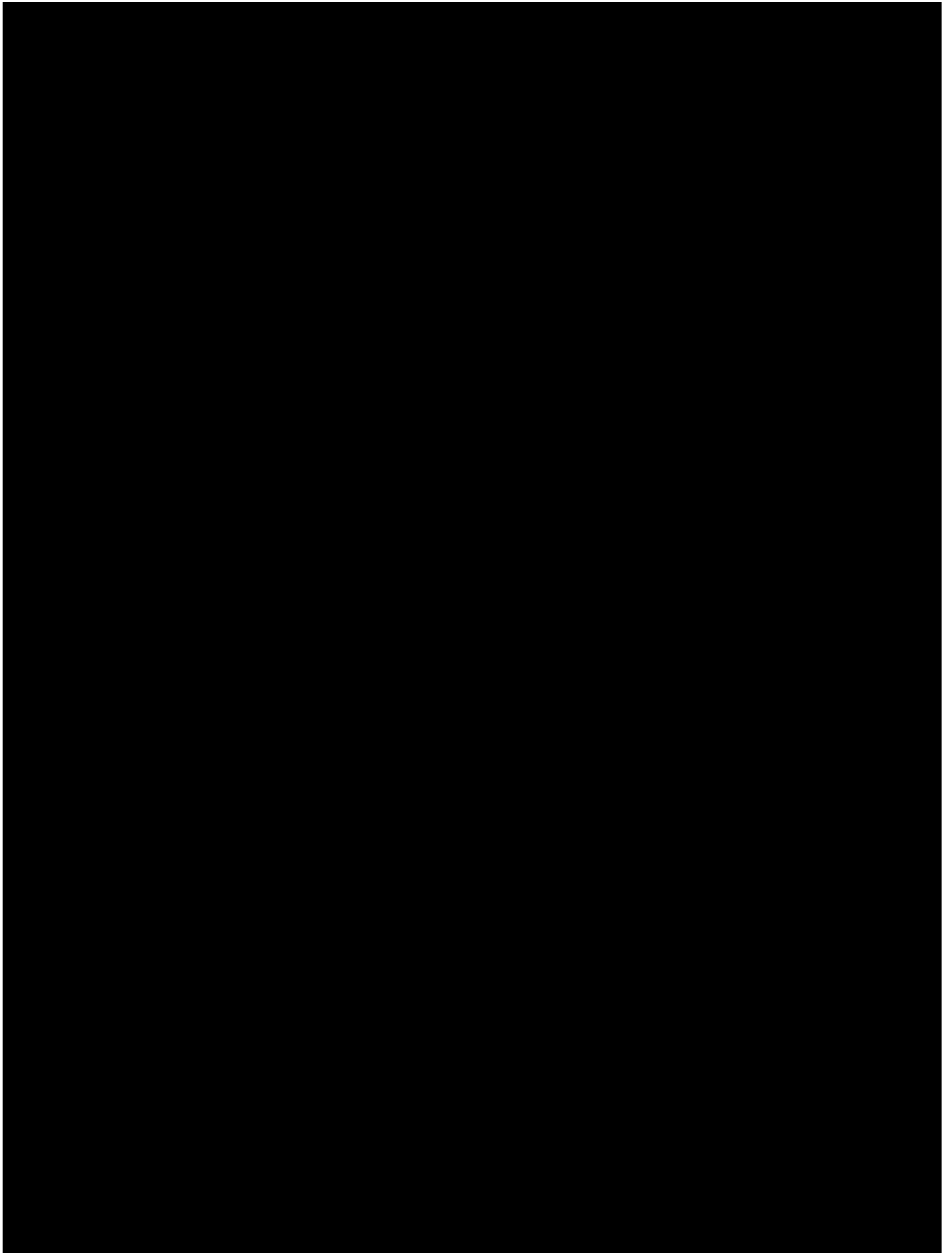
# CONCLUSIONS



## Future Challenge

**Develop a better screening method based on multiple parameters to identify the true indications of prophylactic ICD therapy**





	<b>CIDS</b>	<b>AVID</b>	<b>CASH</b>
<b>Study Treatment Period</b>	1990-1997	1995-1997	1987-1998
<b>Randomization</b>	ICD vs. amiodarone	ICD vs. empirical therapy with amiodarone or sotalol	ICD vs. amiodarone, metoprolol, propafenone
<b>Primary Endpoint</b>	All-cause mortality	All-cause mortality	All-cause mortality
<b>Size and Scope</b>	659 patients; 1:1 randomization	1,016 patients; 1:1 randomization	518 patients; 1:1:1:1 randomization
<b>Inclusion Criteria</b>	Documented VF " Cardiac arrest " VT with hemodynamic compromise"	Primary VF " VT with syncope " VT with symptoms and LVEF<40% " VT with syncope with symptoms and LVEF<40% " VT with BP <80 and LVEF<40%"	Cardiac arrest survivor with documented VT "
<b>Mean Follow-Up</b>	36 months	31 months	57 months
<b>Study End</b>	Jan-97	Apr-97	Mar-98
<b>Results</b>	20% risk reduction in mortality with ICD (non-significant) " p=0.14 "	Mortality reduction Year 1: 39% " Year 2: 27% " Year 3: 31% " p<0.02 "	23% risk reduction in mortality with ICD (non-significant) compared to amiodarone/ metoprolol " p=0.08 "



## Secondary prevention

	CIDS	AVID	CASH
<b>Study Treatment Period</b>	1990-1997	1995-1997	1987-1998
<b>Randomization</b>	ICD vs. amiodarone	ICD vs. empirical therapy with amiodarone or sotalol	ICD vs. amiodarone, metoprolol, propafenone
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primary prevention  
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	CABG PATCH	MADIT	MUSTT	MADIT II
<b>Study Treatment Period</b>	1988-1995	1991-1996	1993-1999	1997-2001
<b>Principle Investigator</b>	J. Thomas Bigger, Jr., MD	Arthur J. Moss, M.D.	Alfred E. Buxton, M.D.	Arthur J. Moss, M.D.
<b>Randomization</b>	ICD + CABG vs. CABG	ICD vs. OPT	EP guided therapy for prevention of SCD and spontaneous VT vs. no antiarrhythmic therapy	ICD + OPT vs. OPT
<b>Primary Endpoint</b>	All-cause mortality	All-cause mortality	Arrhythmic death or cardiac arrest	All cause mortality
<b>Size and Scope</b>	900 patients; 37 centers; 1:1 randomization	196 patients; 32 centers (30 in the U.S.; 2 in Europe); 1:1 randomization	767 patients; 85 centers in US and Canada	1232 patients; 76 centers in US and Europe; 3:2 randomization
<b>Risk Identifier</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abnormal SAECG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inducible/non suppressible VT</li> <li>Asymptomatic VT (3-30 beats)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asymptomatic VT (3-30 beats) less than 6 months before</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

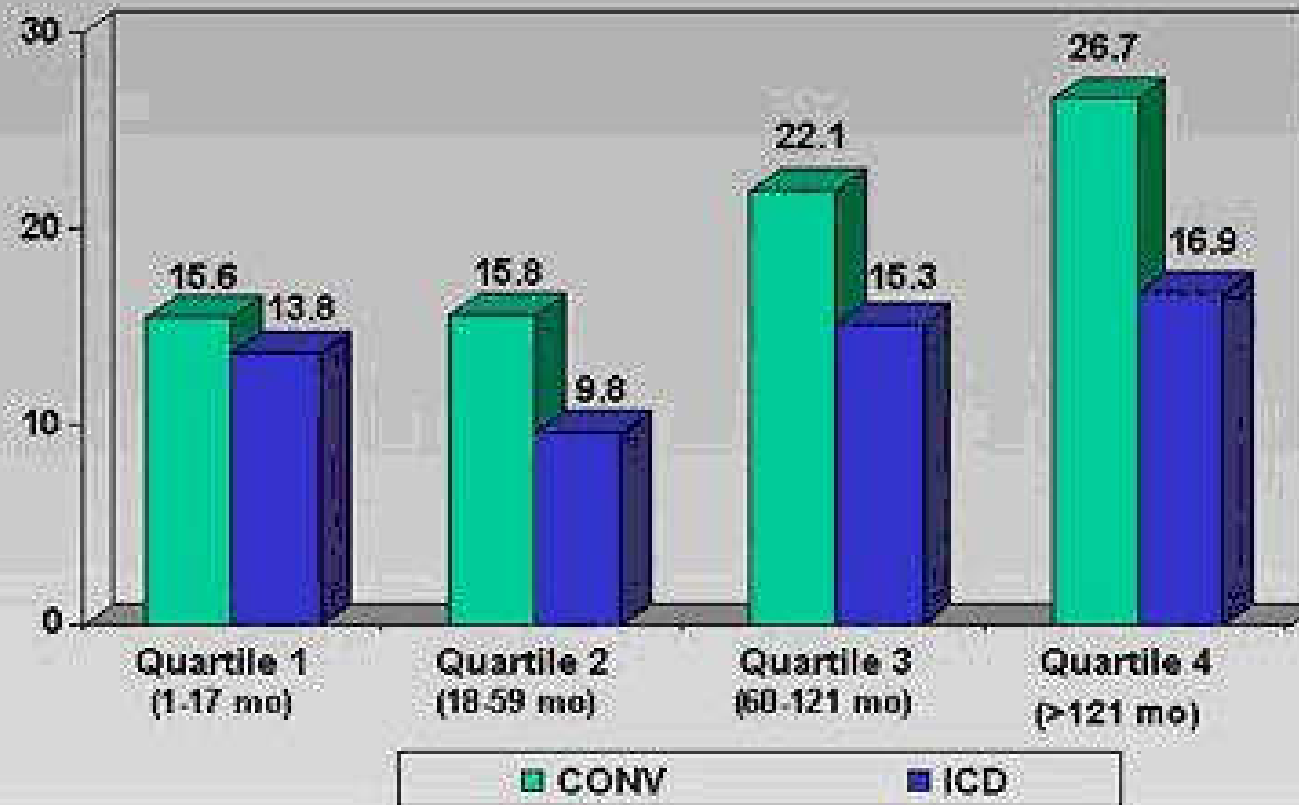
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	CABG PATCH	MADIT	MUSTT	MADIT II
<b>Coronary Disease</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent CABG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prior MI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MI, CABG or PTCA <math>\geq</math> 96 hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prior MI</li> </ul>
<b>EP Study</b>	N/A	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Ejection Fraction</b>	LVEF < 36%	LVEF $\leq$ 35%	LVEF $\leq$ 40%	LVEF $\leq$ 30%
<b>Mean follow-up</b>	32 months	27 months	39 months (median)	20 months
<b>Termination Date</b>	1995	March 1996	1999	November 2001
<b>Results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No reduction in all-cause mortality with ICD</li> <li>p=0.63</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>54% reduction in all-cause mortality at 4 years</li> <li>p=0.009</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substudy: at 5 yrs, 55% mortality risk reduction (ICD subarm vs. non antiarrhythmic treatment arm)</li> <li>p=0.04</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>31% risk reduction in mortality at 20 months</li> <li>p=0.016</li> </ul>

time-dependence of mortality risk and ICD benefit in MADIT II patient population



MADIT II substudy: mortality by time from last MI in both arms.





## **T Wave Alternans Identifies Low-Risk Patients Who May Not Benefit From ICD Therapy**

### TWA exercise testing

An automatic (ie, computer-generated) system that computes beat-to-beat fluctuations was used to interpret TWA tests. A positive TWA was defined as the presence of sustained TWA  $\geq 1.9$  microvolts for at least 1 minute with an onset heart rate  $\leq 110$  bpm. TWA was negative if it did not meet criteria for positive and if the maximum negative heart rate was  $\geq 105$ /min.