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# Arrhythmias *in repaired CHD*

frequency and options...

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# Early post operative arrhythmias



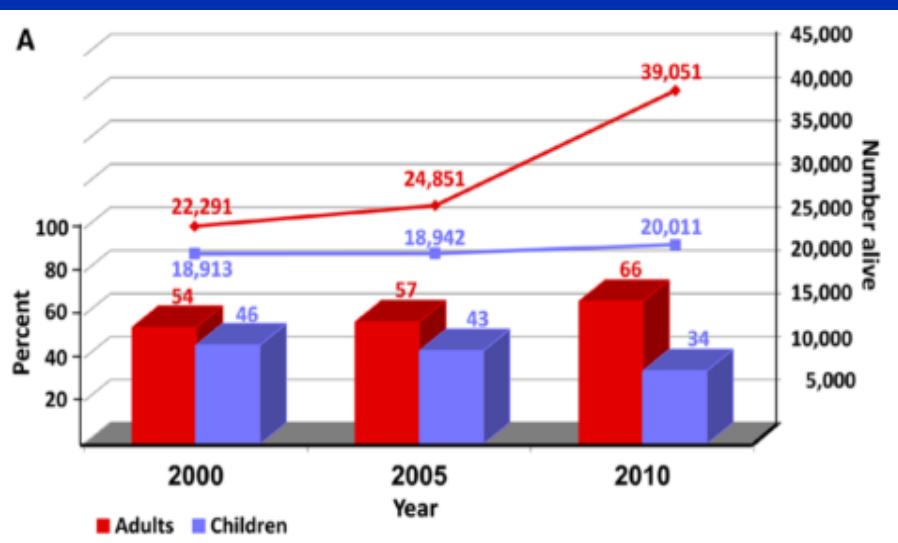
**Predict**  
*Late arrhythmias*  
*Vent dysfunction*  
*Late mortality*

- 14-18% early postoperative arrhythmias Batra 2006 Delaney 2006
- Predictor for late complications eg post Fontan/ Mustard

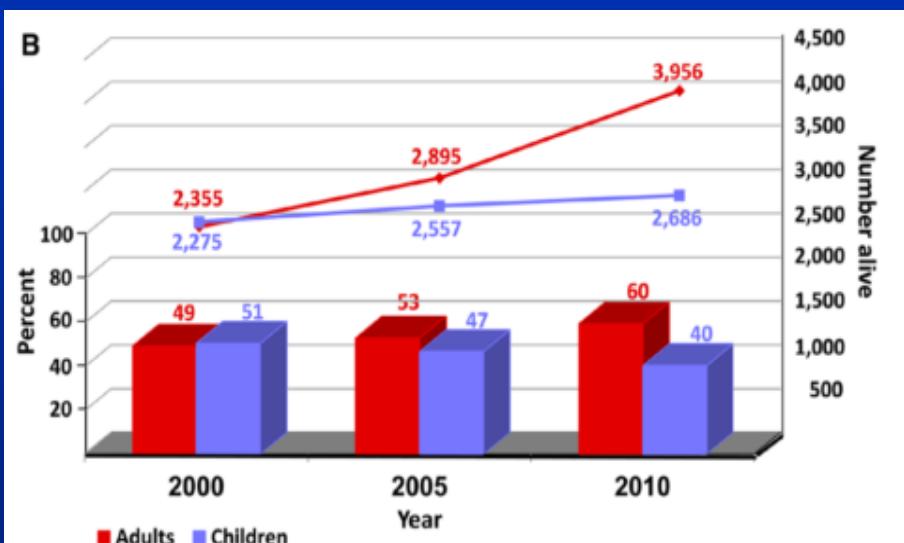
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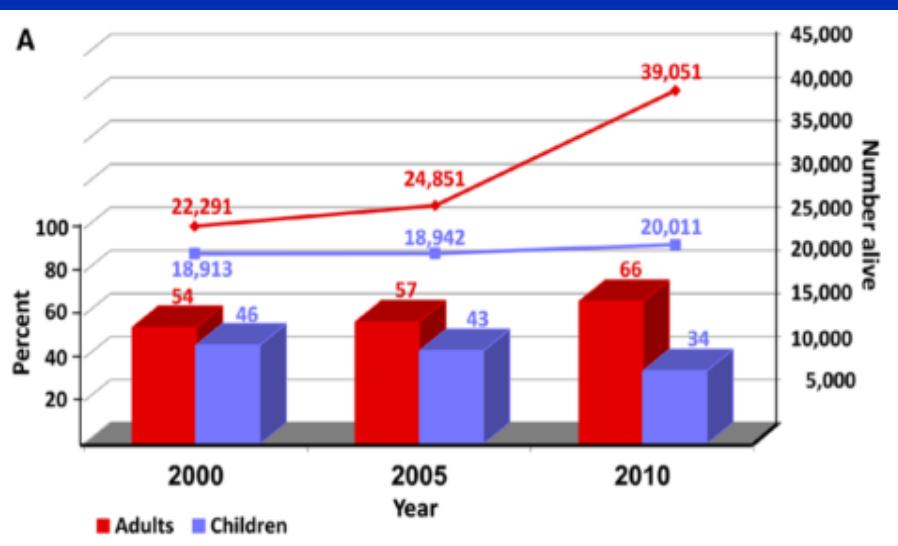
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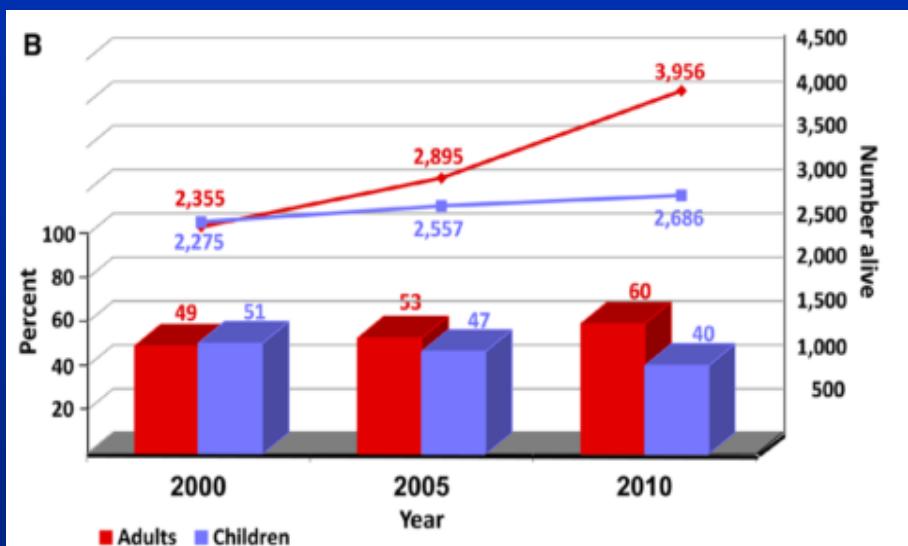
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- 50% increased prevalence of adults with CHD since 2000
- Adults > 2/3 patients with both simple & complex CHD

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## in repaired CHD

- What is the incidence ?
- Why are arrhythmias common?
- Medical treatment
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- What is the incidence in adults?

Early post operative arrhythmias

Late post operative arrhythmias

- Surgical options

# Postoperative arrhythmias in adults with congenital heart disease: Incidence and risk factors<sup>☆</sup>



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- Multicentre retrospective  
Berlin / Amsterdam
- Jan 2009 – Dec 2011
- 419 patients
  - 38 +/- 14 yrs 55% male

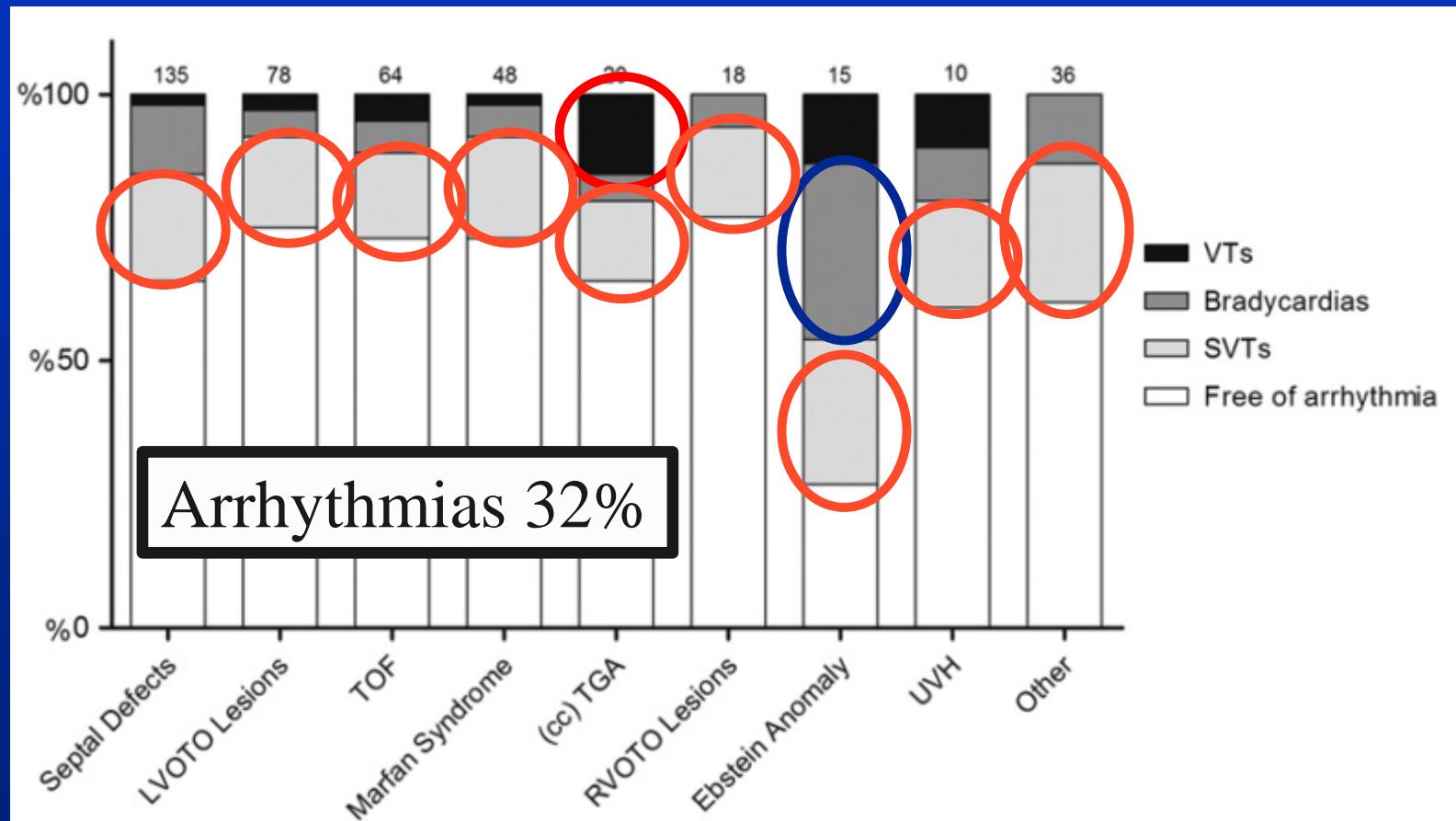
## Excluded

- Transplantation
- Age < 18yrs

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## Main Risk factors

- Age > 40yrs at surgery OR 2.5 1.4-4.6
- NYHA class>II OR 2.4 1.2-4.7
- subPulm AVVR OR 2.8 1.2-6.7
- Byass time OR 1.3 per 60 min increase

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## Serious Clinical Events in 13%

- Pacemaker implantation 5%
- Heart Failure 4%
- Death 2%
- In hospital arrhythmias associated with clinical events OR 7.8 2.4-25.5

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- Post operative arrhythmias relatively common
- Older, symptomatic patients with significant valve disease

# **ESC Guidelines for the management of grown-up congenital heart disease (new version 2010)**

Eur Heart J 2010;31:2195-2957



“Arrhythmias are the main reason for hospitalisation of ACHD patients and they are an increasingly frequent cause of morbidity and mortality.”



The Somerville Foundation

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Living with and **Managing Your Heart Condition** can bring up lots of questions around your **Physical Health**, and **Emotional and Mental Health**, which we hope we can help to address and answer.

[www.thesf.org.uk](http://www.thesf.org.uk)

# Arrhythmias

most common  
medical problem  
referred to Helpline !

**PACES/HRS Expert Consensus Statement on the  
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Heart Rhythm 2014;11:e102-165

**Approximate Risk Estimates for arrhythmia in ACHD**

Minimal



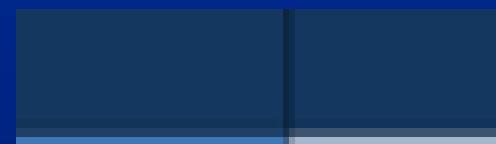
Mild



Moderate



High



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Complexity of CHD	Type of CHD	Prevalence (in CHD population)	Atrial Arrhythmia			Ventricular Arrhythmia	Other Pacing Needs		
			AT	AF	Other		SND	AV block	Dyssynchrony, heart failure
Simple	Patent ductus arteriosus	6-8%							
	Pulmonary stenosis	6-8%							
	Ventricular septal defect	30-32%				■		■	
	Secundum atrial septal defect	8-10%	■				■		
Moderate	Aortic coarctation	5-7%				■		■	■
	Anomalous pulmonary venous return	0.5-2.5%	■				■		
	Atrioventricular septal defect	3-5%	■					■	
	Aortic stenosis	3-5%				■		■	■
	Ebstein anomaly	0.5-1.5%	■			■			■
	Tetralogy of Fallot	8-10%	■			■			■
	Primum atrial septal defect	2-3%					■		
Severe	Truncus arteriosus	1.5-2%				■			■
	Pulmonary atresia	2-2.5%	■				■		■
	Double outlet right ventricle	1.5-2%	■			■			■
	D-transposition of the great arteries	6-7%	■	■		■	■		■
	L-transposition of the great arteries	1-2%		■		■		■	
	Hypoplastic left heart syndrome	3-4%	■	■		■	■		■
	Other (heterotaxy, other single ventricles)	7-10%		■		■	■	■	■

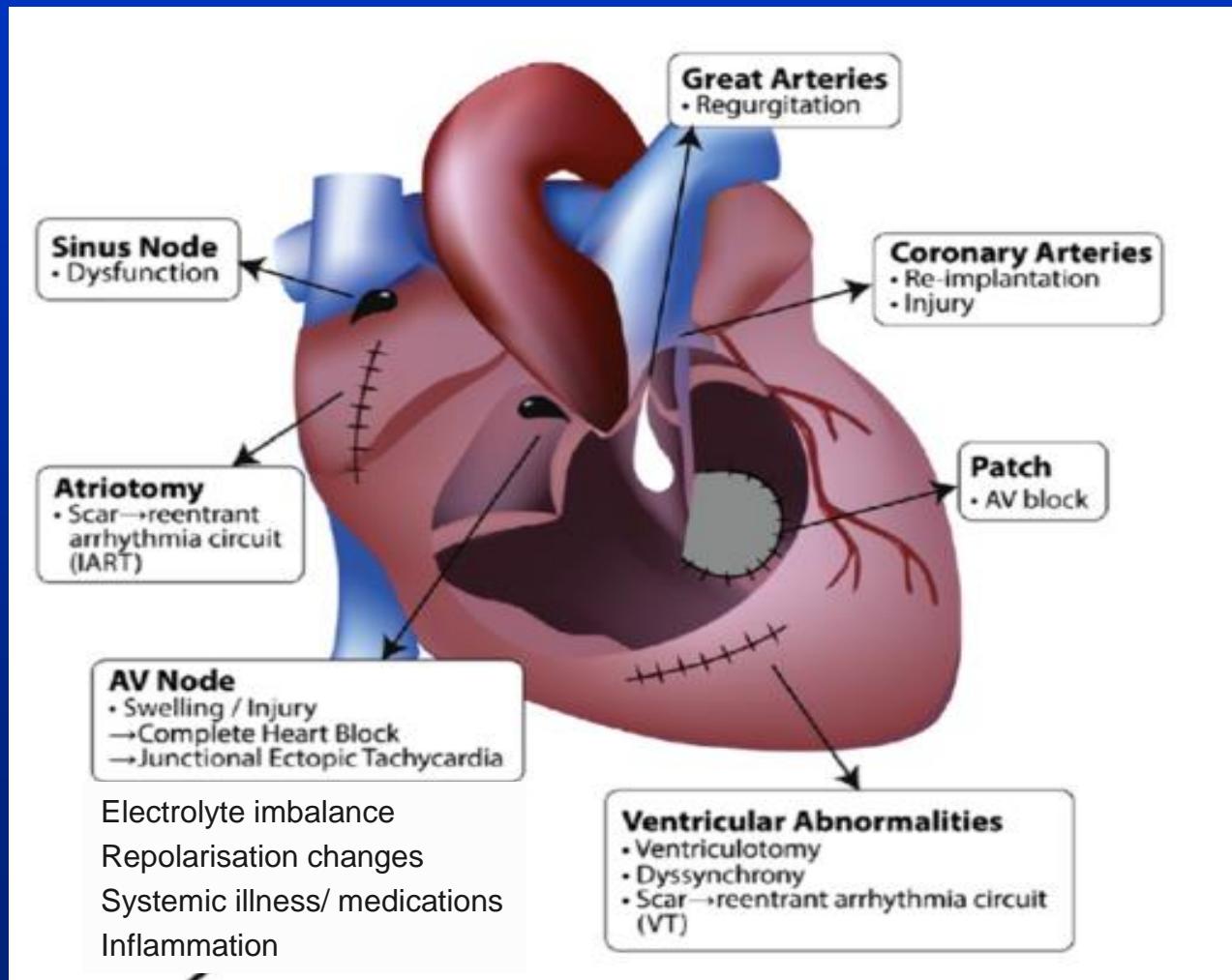
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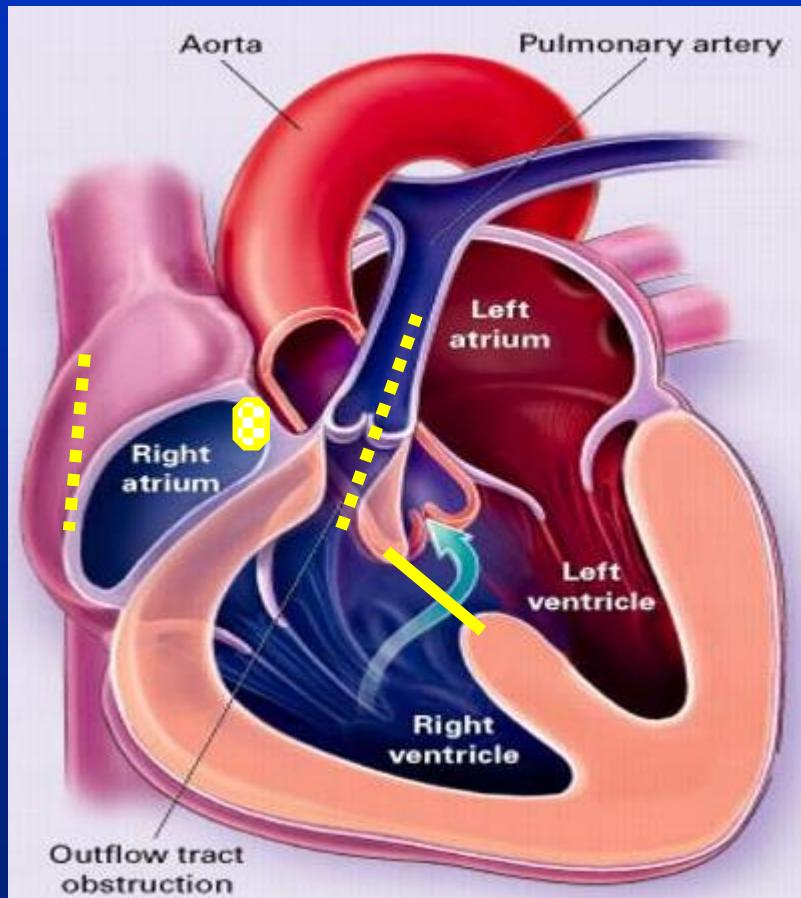
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# Why are arrhythmias common?

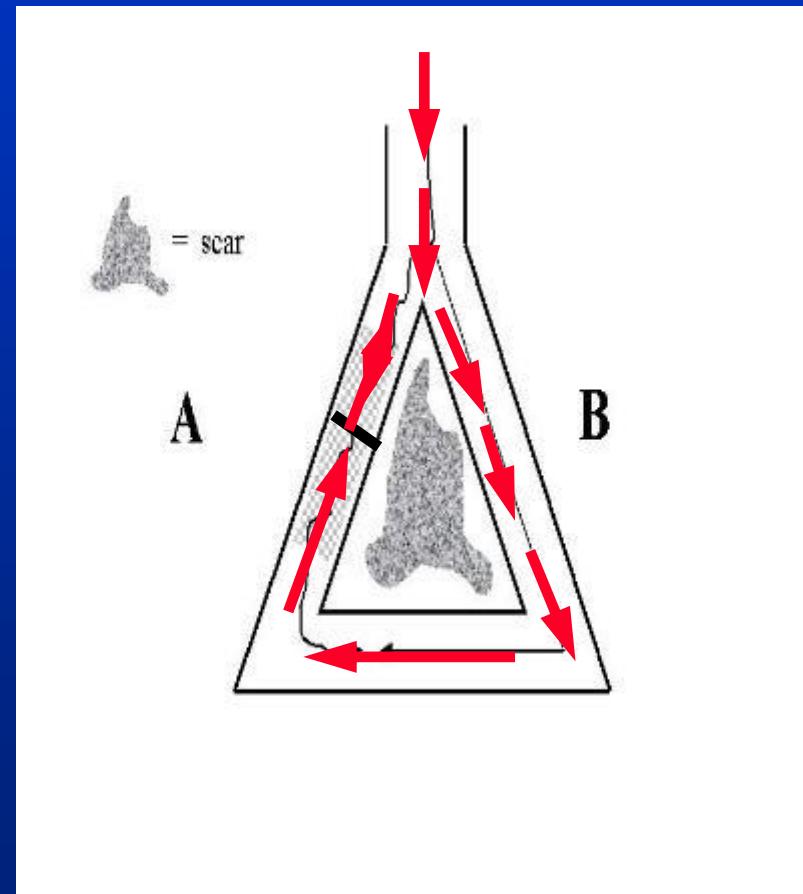
Escudero et al Can J Cardiol 2013;29(7):821-9



# Scar related arrhythmias



Surgical scars



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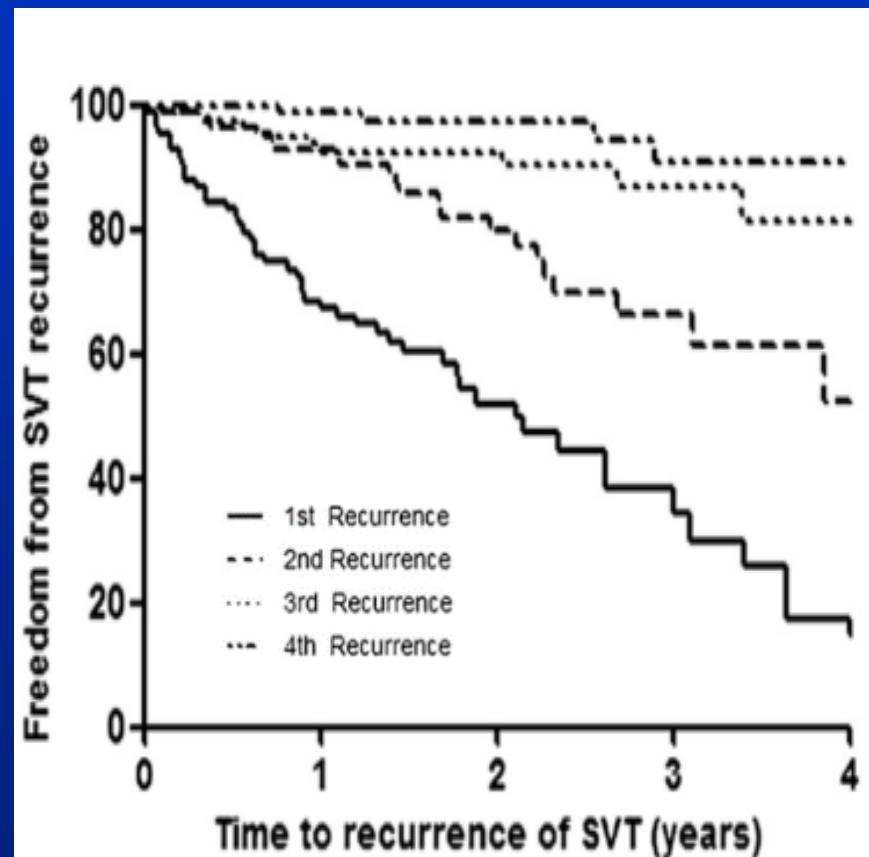
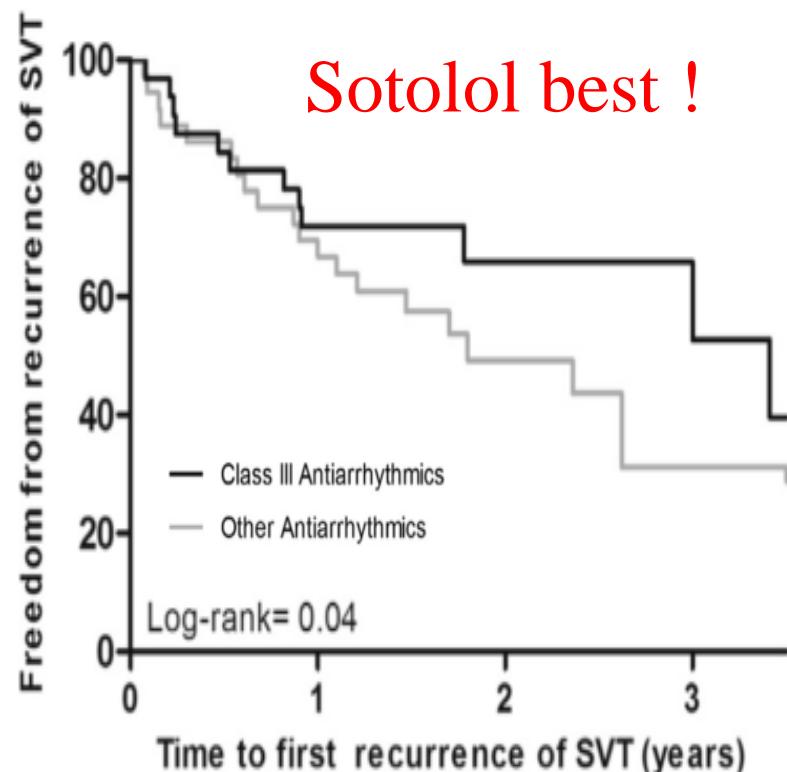
# Efficacy of Antiarrhythmic Drugs in Adults With Congenital Heart Disease and Supraventricular Tachycardias

Koyak Z et al Am J Cardiol 2013;112:1461-1467

- Multicentre study/ retrospective
- Efficacy of AAD in SVT
- 2008-2011 CONCOR Database
- All new onset SVT in ACHD
  - excluded non cardiac causes of arrhythmia eg hypoT4

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## Conclusion

Class III most effective for SR

Sotolol should be 1st choice for SVT

What is the optimal drug Rx of ventricular arrhythmias in ACHD?

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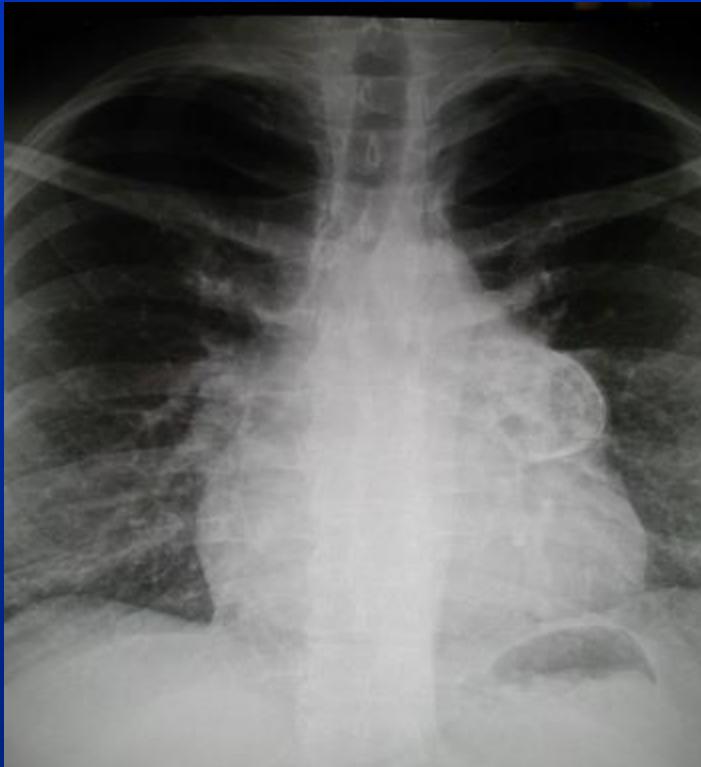
## Answer

We havent got a  
Scooby....

Cockney rhyming slang  
Scooby's = Scooby Doo = clue

[Wikipedia](#)

# Ventricular Arrhythmias in CHD

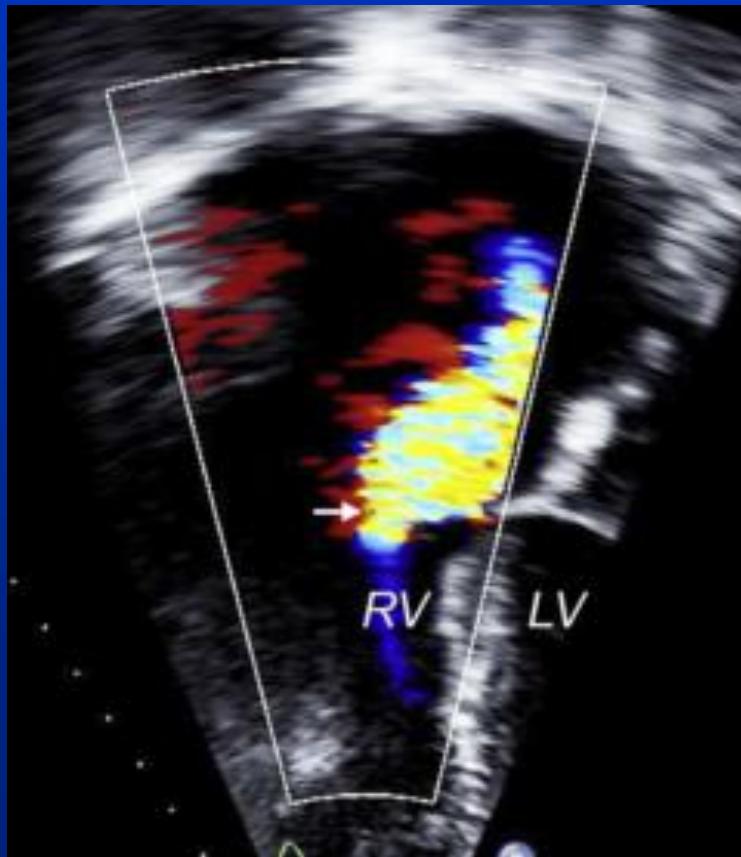


Treat haemodynamic  
Problem.....

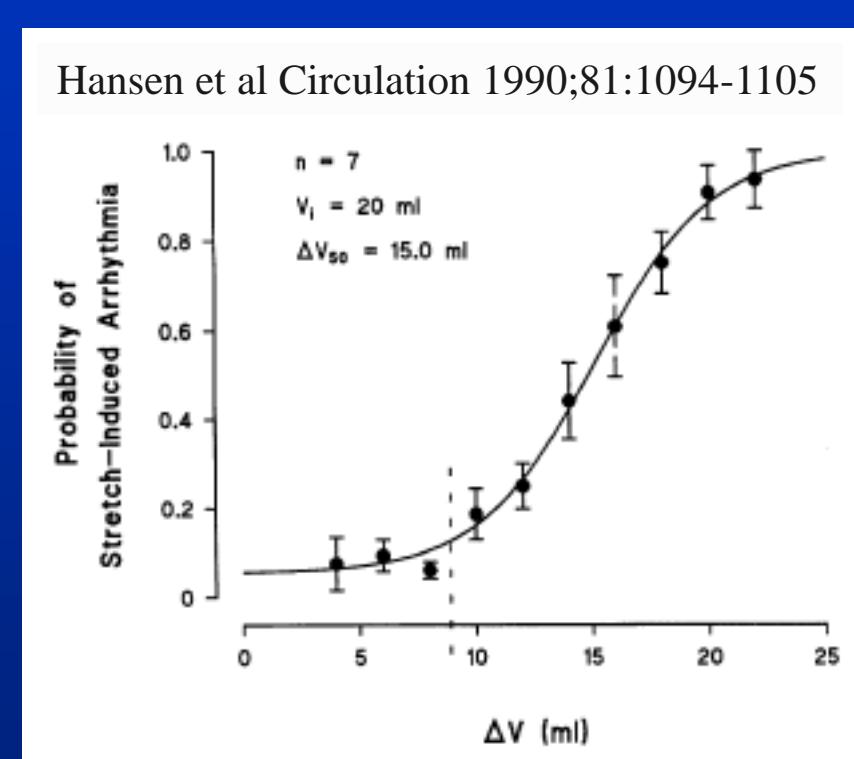
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# Tetralogy of Fallot

*risk factors for arrhythmias*

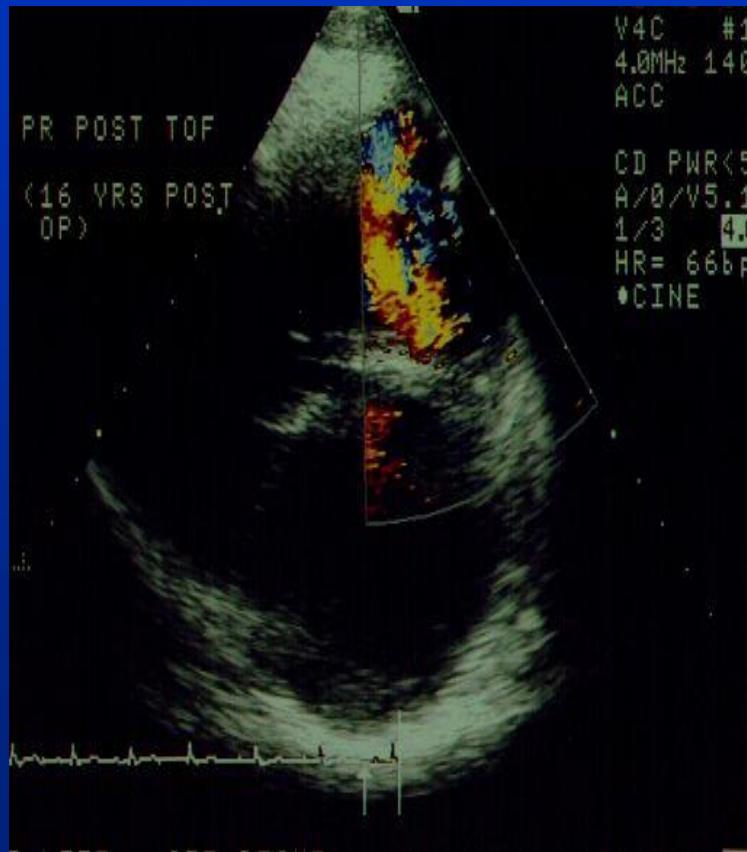


Severe TR in TOF



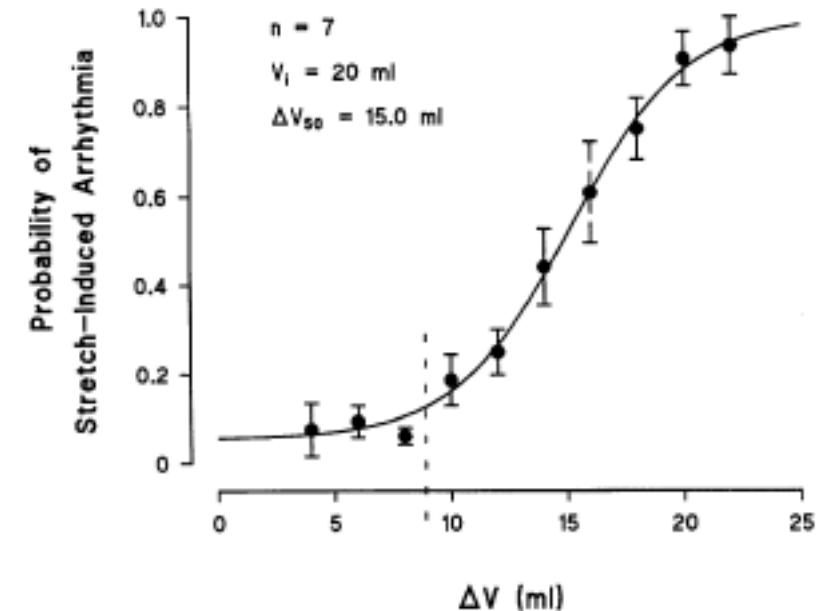
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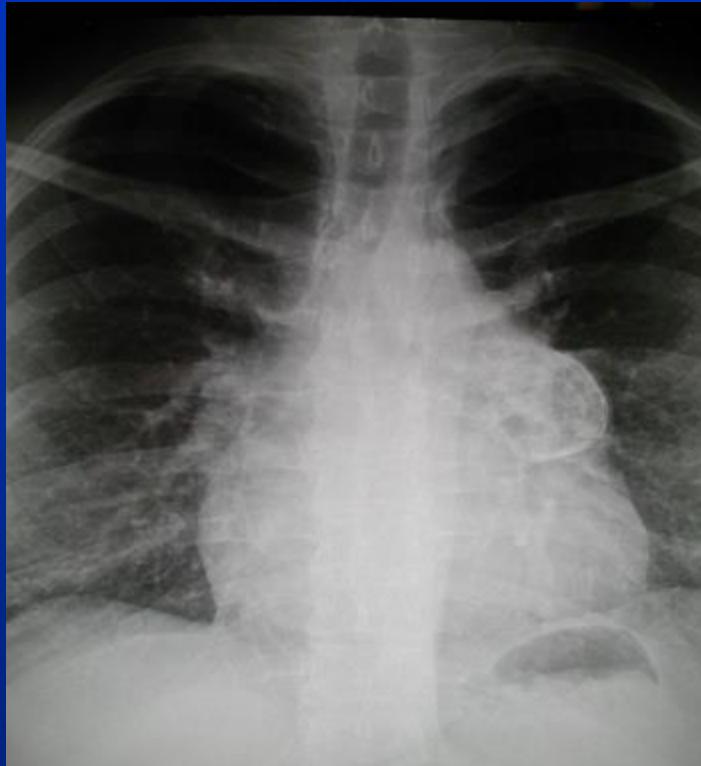


Severe PR in TOF

Hansen et al Circulation 1990;81:1094-1105



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AA Drugs have limited role

Consider ICD +/- bivent

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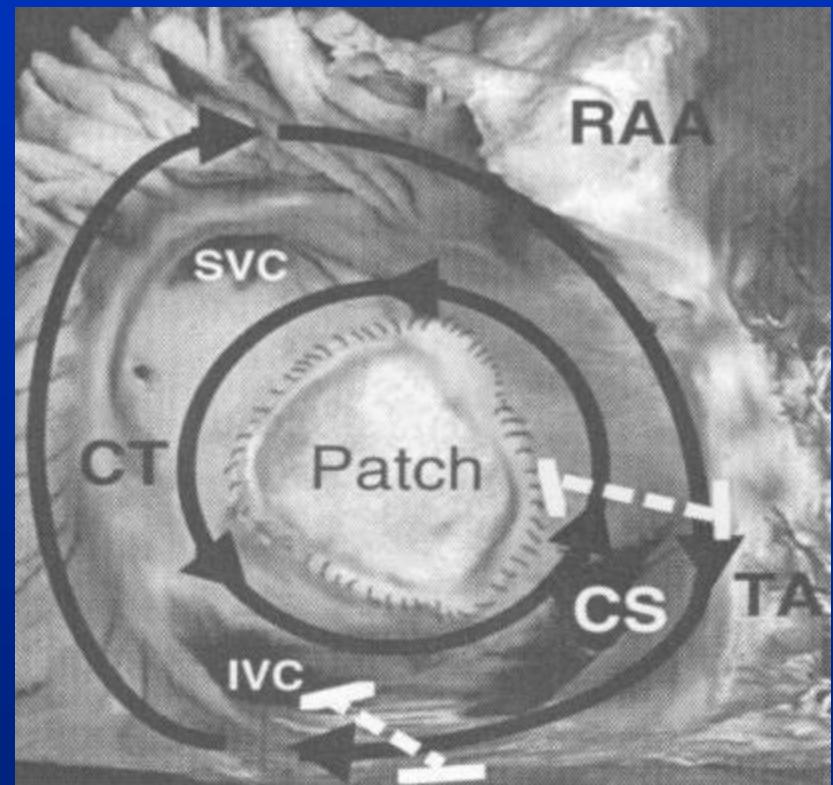
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*arrhythmias: atrial scar*

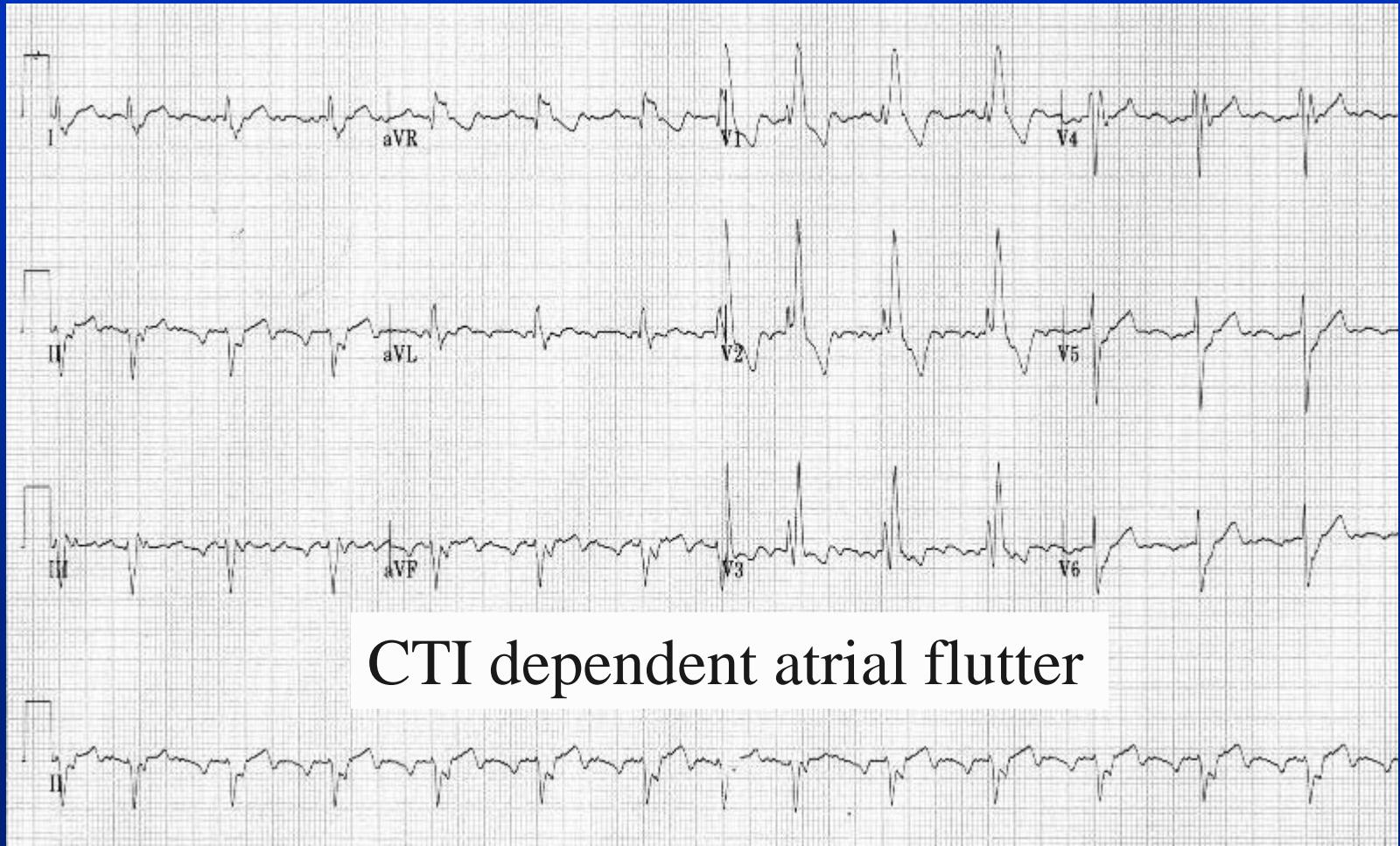
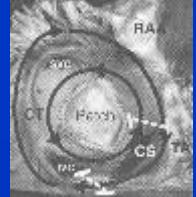
Scar-related  
tachycardia

IART



# Tetralogy of Fallot

*atrial arrhythmias: scar*



CTI dependent atrial flutter

# Importance of Tachycardia Cycle Length for Differentiating Typical Atrial Flutter from Scar-Related in Adult Congenital Heart Disease

*Uhm et al PACE 2012;35:1338-47*

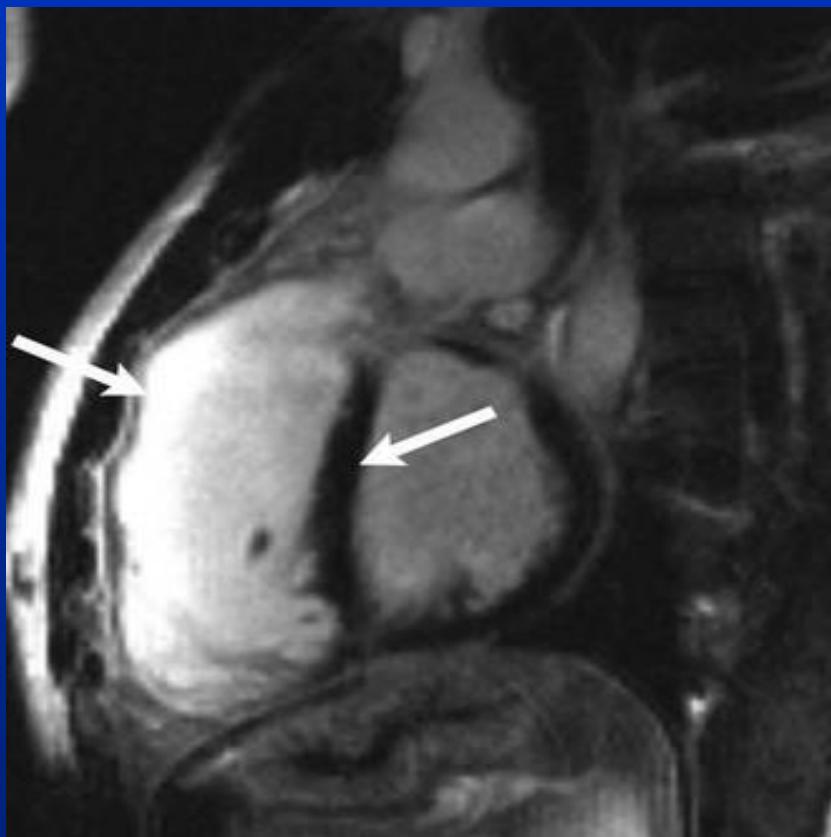
- 34 ACHD patients with IART TOF 11
- 38 tachycardias
  - 58% CTI dependent 34% scar related
- Not predictable on ECG morphology
  - Saw tooth inferior leads +F wave V1 only 57%

CTI dependent IART slower than non CTI

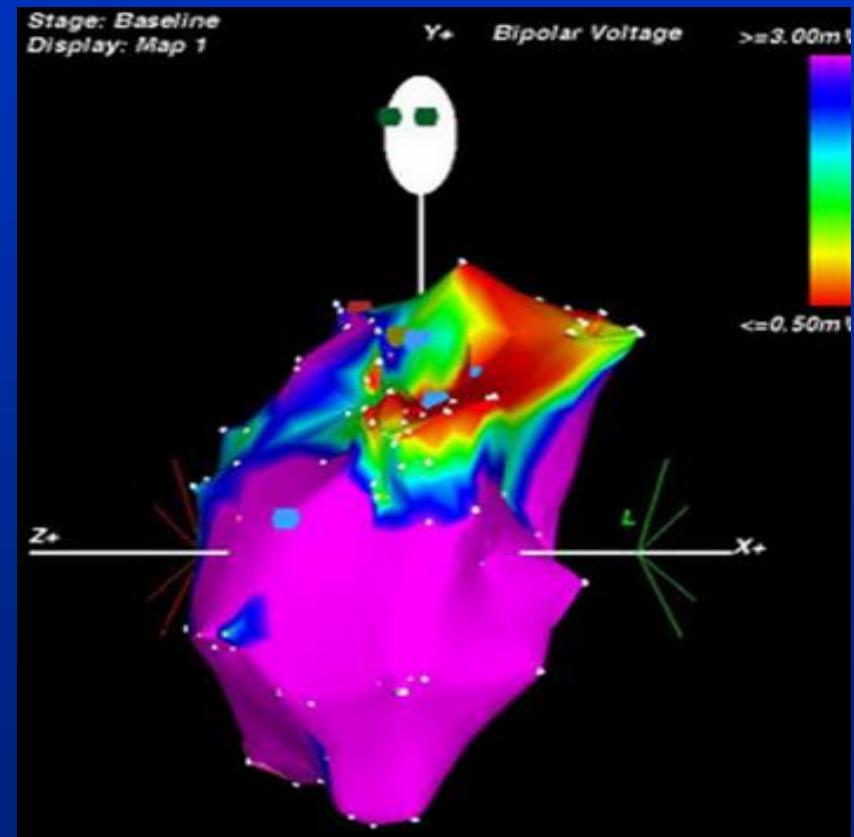
- CL>250ms = 79% sensitivity for CTI

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*arrhythmias: scar*



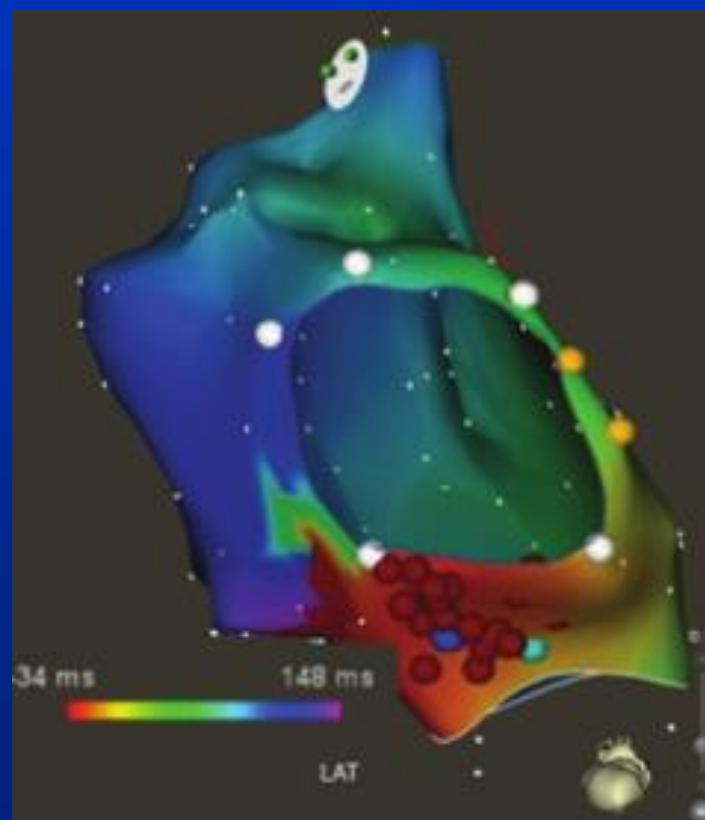
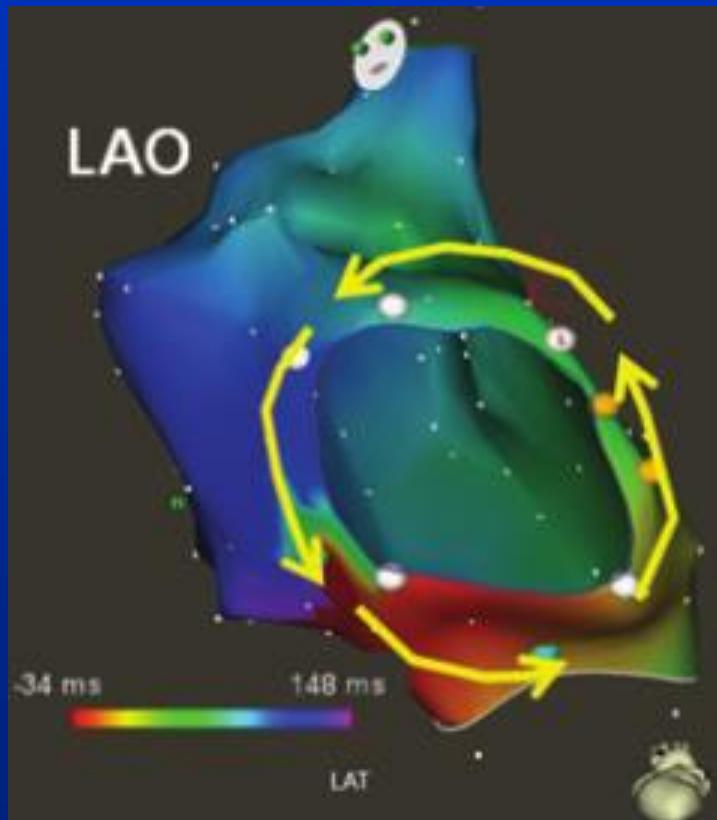
MRI : late gad + RVOT



CARTO: RVOT reentry

# Tetralogy of Fallot

*atrial arrhythmias: CTI dependent*



# Use all the Toys !



3D mapping  
Smarttouch  
Irrigated tip  
Confidence  
Software....



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# Learning point !

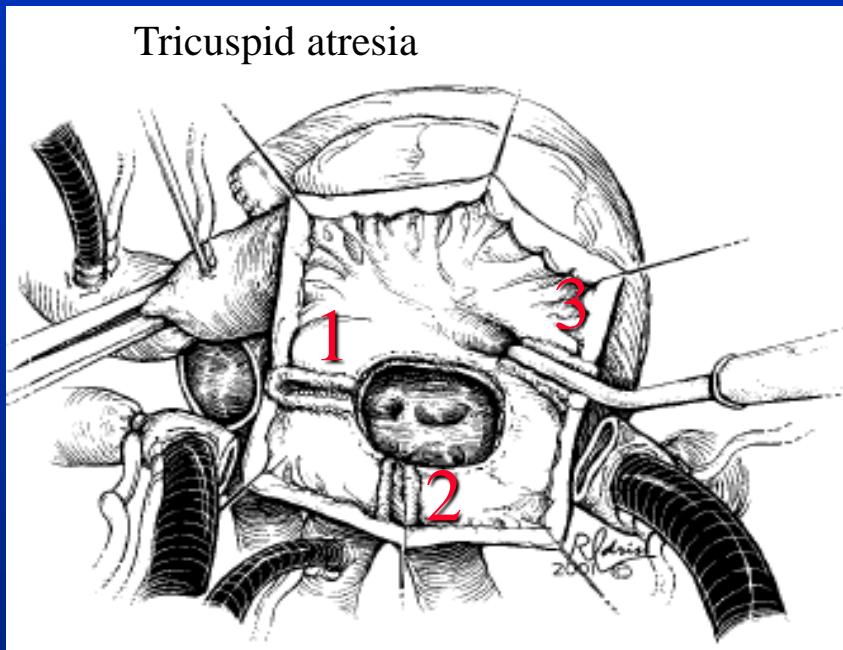


Surgeons need to think  
electrically .....

Initial surgery  
complete lines of block

Redo surgery  
Cox maze if known arrhythmia

# Modified Right sided Maze



IVC/ SVC transected  
Atrial wall excised  
ASD patch removed  
Cryoablation lesions

-60 degrees for 90 secs

1. Superior Atrial septal ridge to RA appendage incised area
2. Posterior Atrial septal ridge to RA appendage incised area
3. Isthmus ablation ( varies with anatomy)

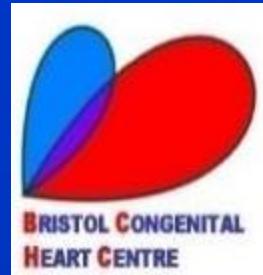
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History

12 lead ECG

Ambulatory ECG

“Loop recorders”

if symptoms sporadic

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Indications for haemodynamic study.....

**All** new onset or worsening arrhythmias  
or near miss – SCD    + **coronaries...**

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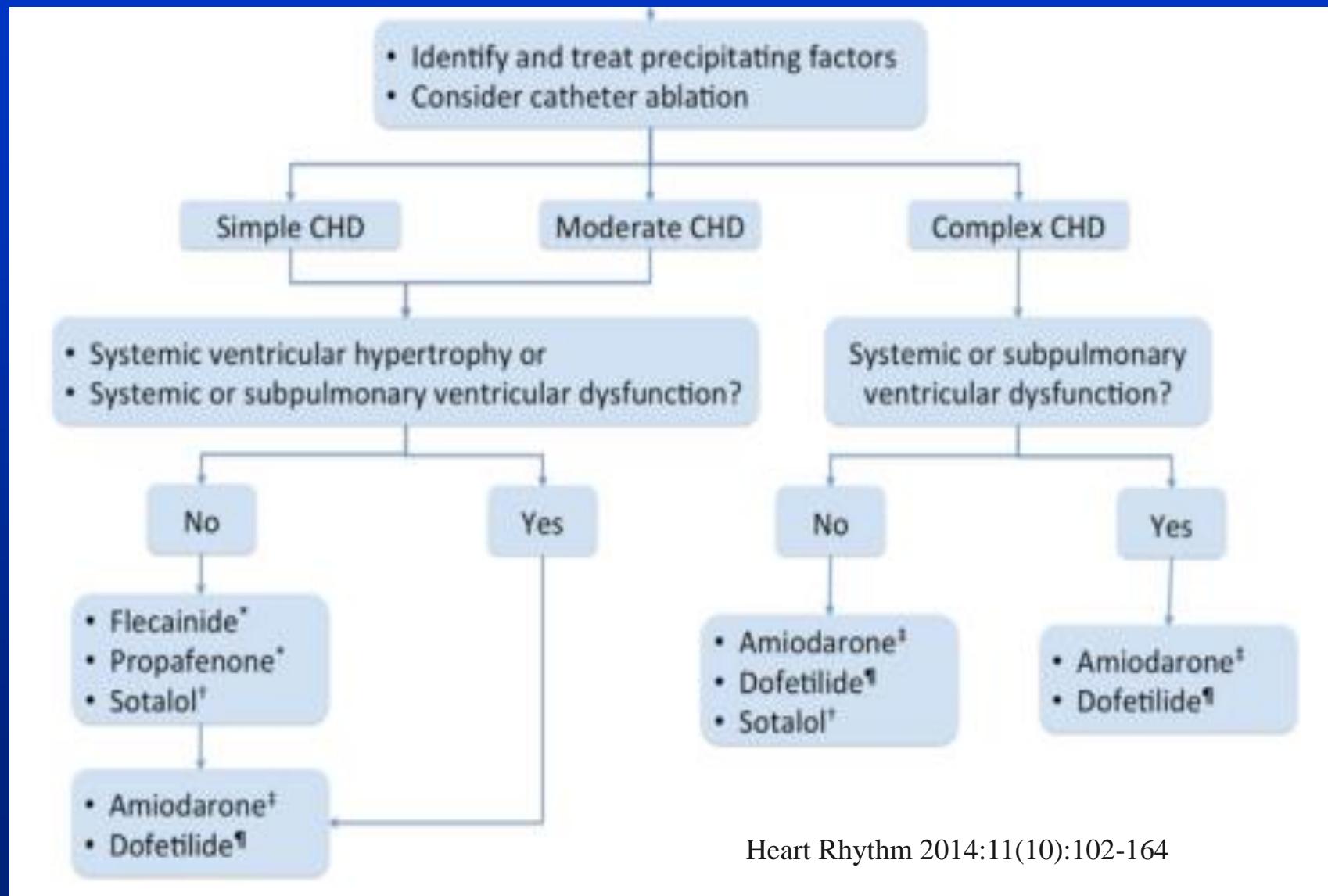
**All** unexplained syncope +  
High risk CHD substrate eg TGA/TOF/Single vent

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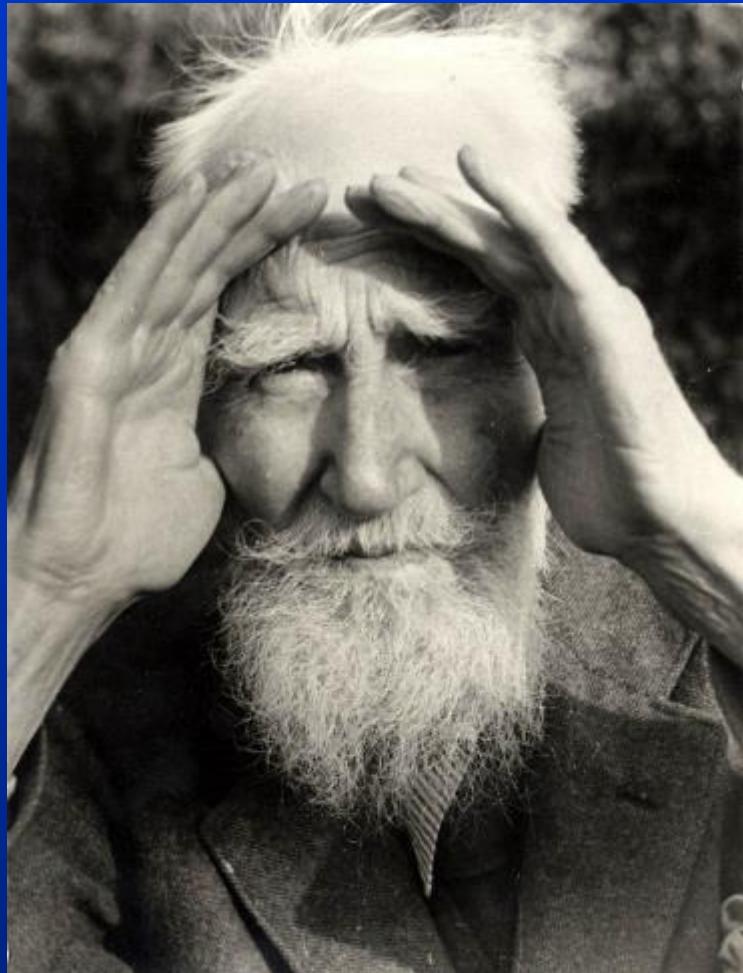
# Rhythm Control in adults with CHD and IART or AFib



# Interventions in CHD

## *success story!*





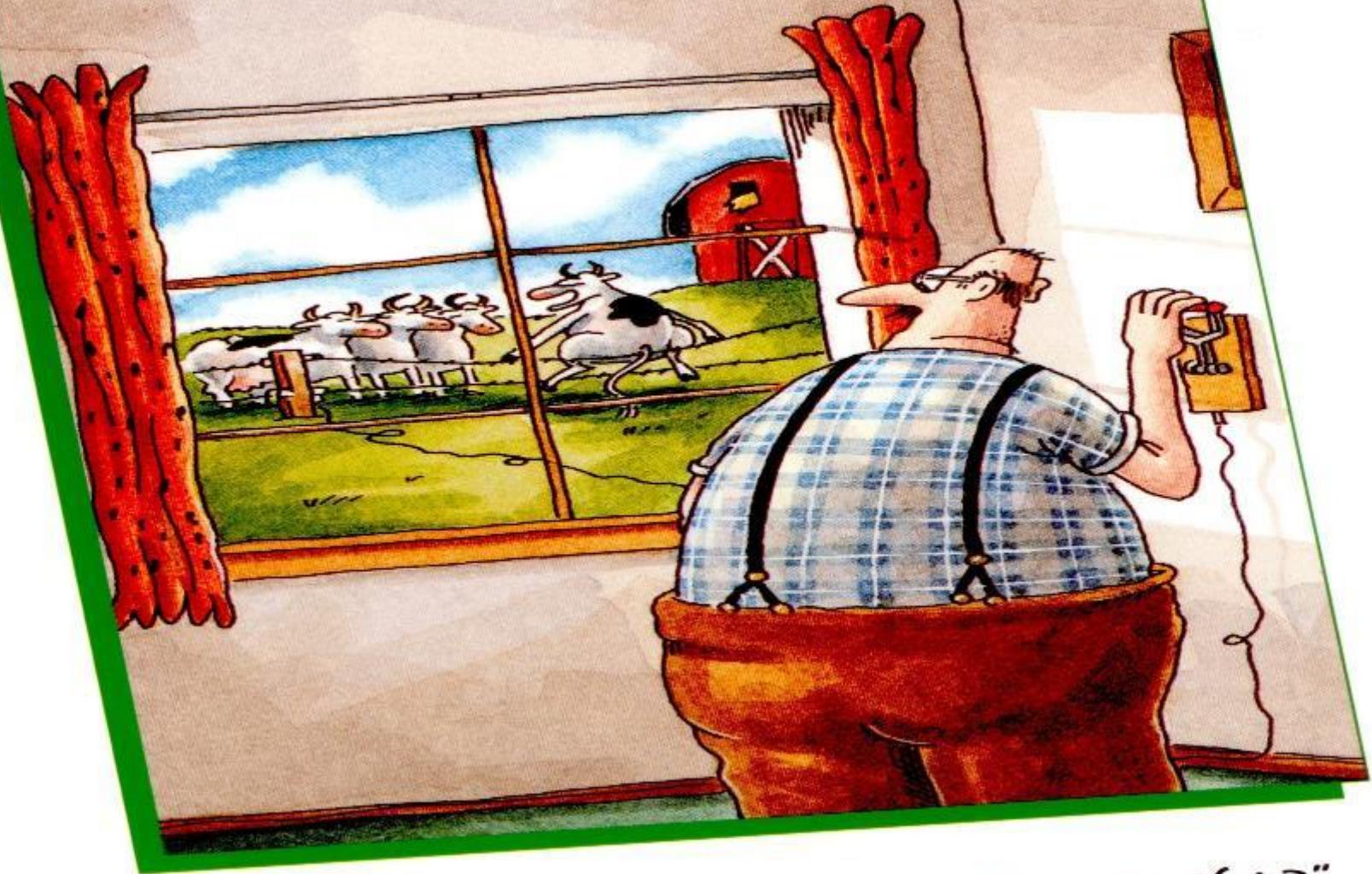
George Bernard Shaw  
1856 -1950

*“Science is always wrong. It never solves a problem without creating ten more.....”*

# Any Questions?



Janson



"Look, if it was electric, could I do this?"