

Cardio Renal Syndrome

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Cardio-Renal Syndrome (CRS)

- General CRS definition:

'Pathophysiologic disorder of the heart and kidneys whereby acute or chronic dysfunction in one organ induces acute or chronic dysfunction in the other'¹

CRS Type I (Acute Cardiorenal Syndrome)

Abrupt worsening of cardiac function leading to acute kidney injury

CRS Type II (Chronic Cardiorenal Syndrome)

Chronic abnormalities in cardiac function (e.g. chronic congestive heart failure) causing progressive and permanent chronic kidney disease

CRS Type III (Acute Renocardiac Syndrome)

Abrupt worsening of renal function (e.g. acute kidney ischaemia or glomerulonephritis) causing acute cardiac disorders (e.g. heart failure, arrhythmia, ischemia)

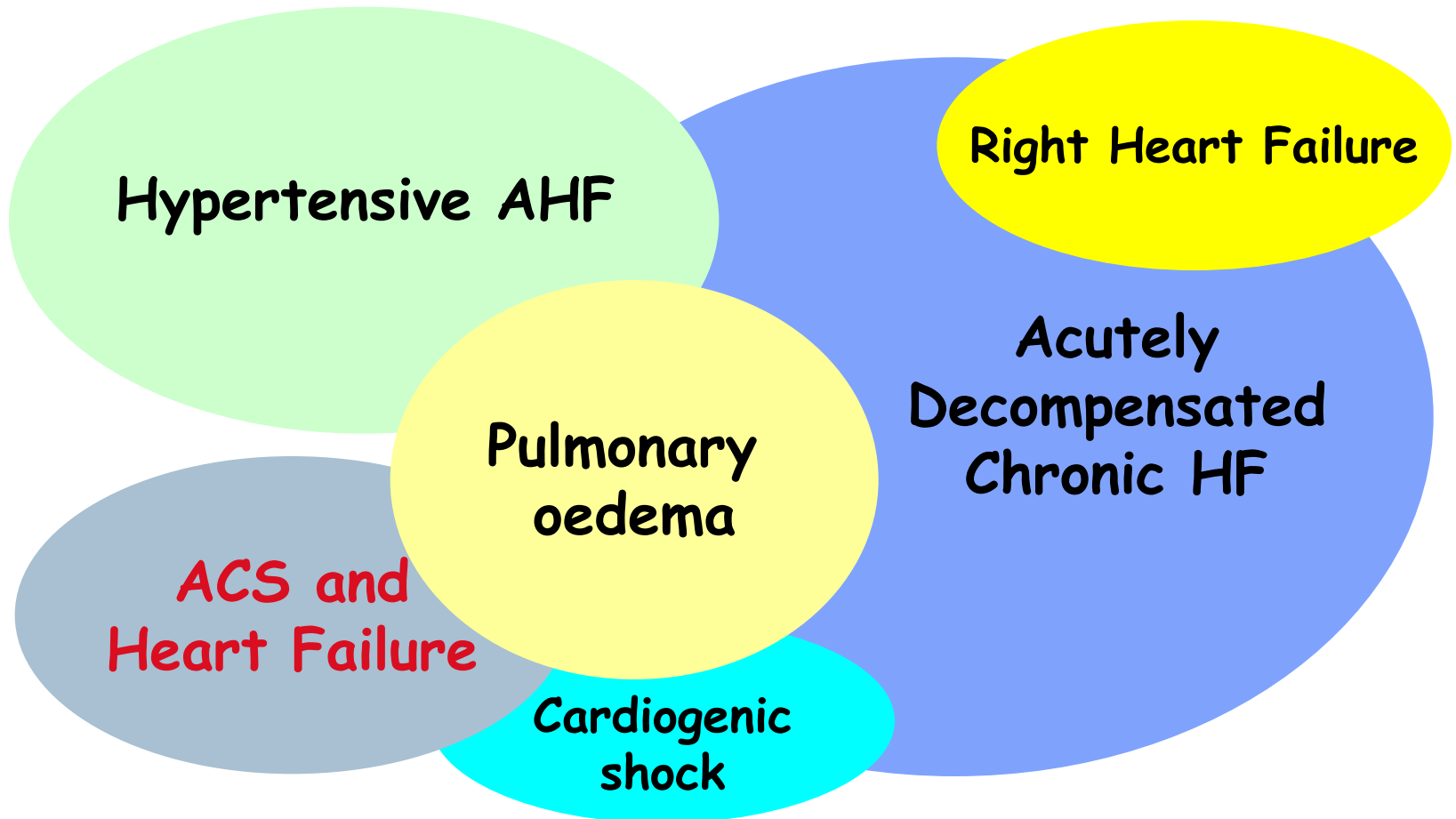
CRS Type IV (Chronic Renocardiac Syndrome)

Chronic kidney disease (e.g. chronic glomerular disease) contributing to decreased cardiac function, cardiac hypertrophy and/or increased risk of adverse cardiovascular events

CRS Type V (Secondary Cardiorenal Syndrome)

Systemic condition (e.g. DM, sepsis) causing both cardiac and renal dysfunction

Classification of Acute Heart Failure



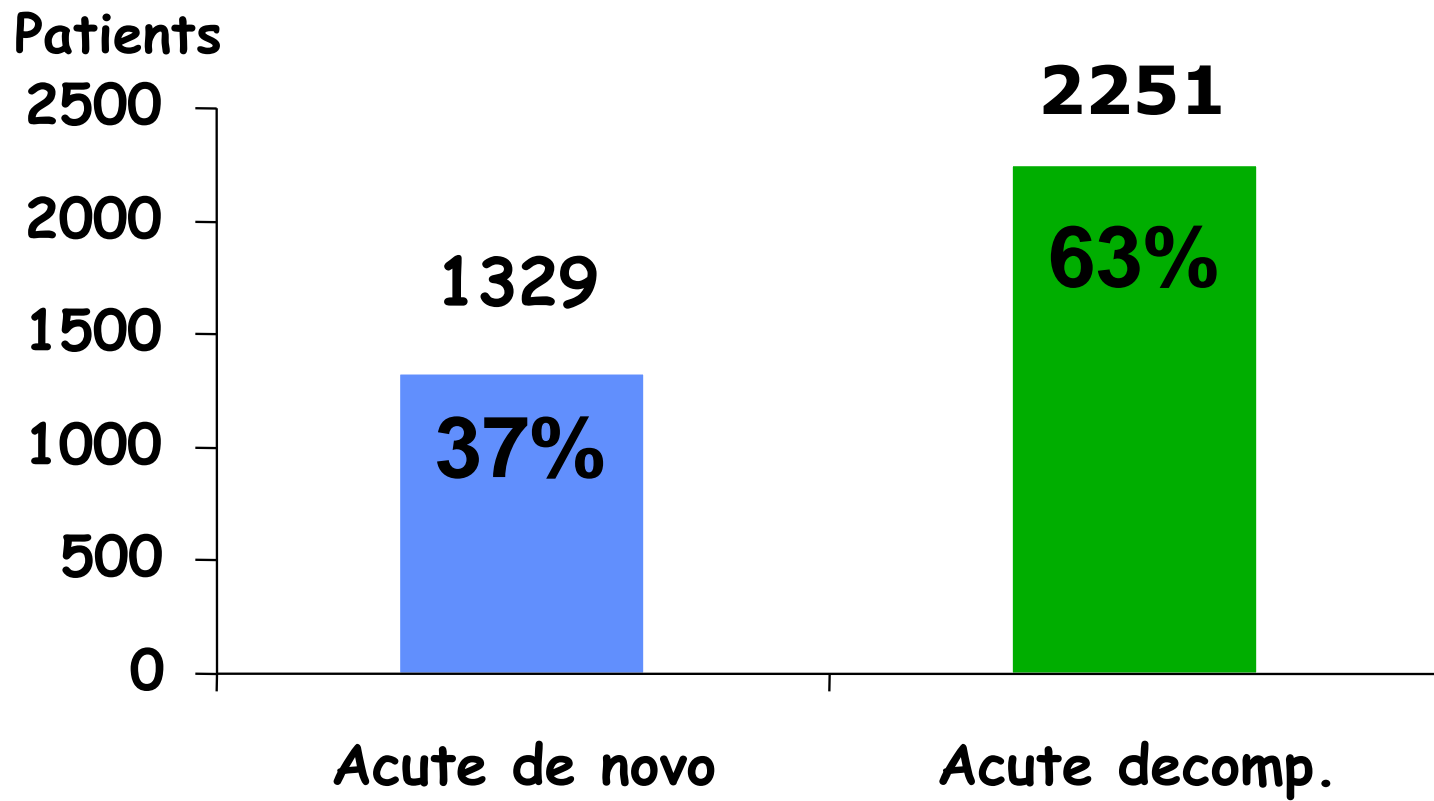
Euro Heart Survey Programme

ESC Quality Assurance Programme to Improve Cardiac Care in Europe

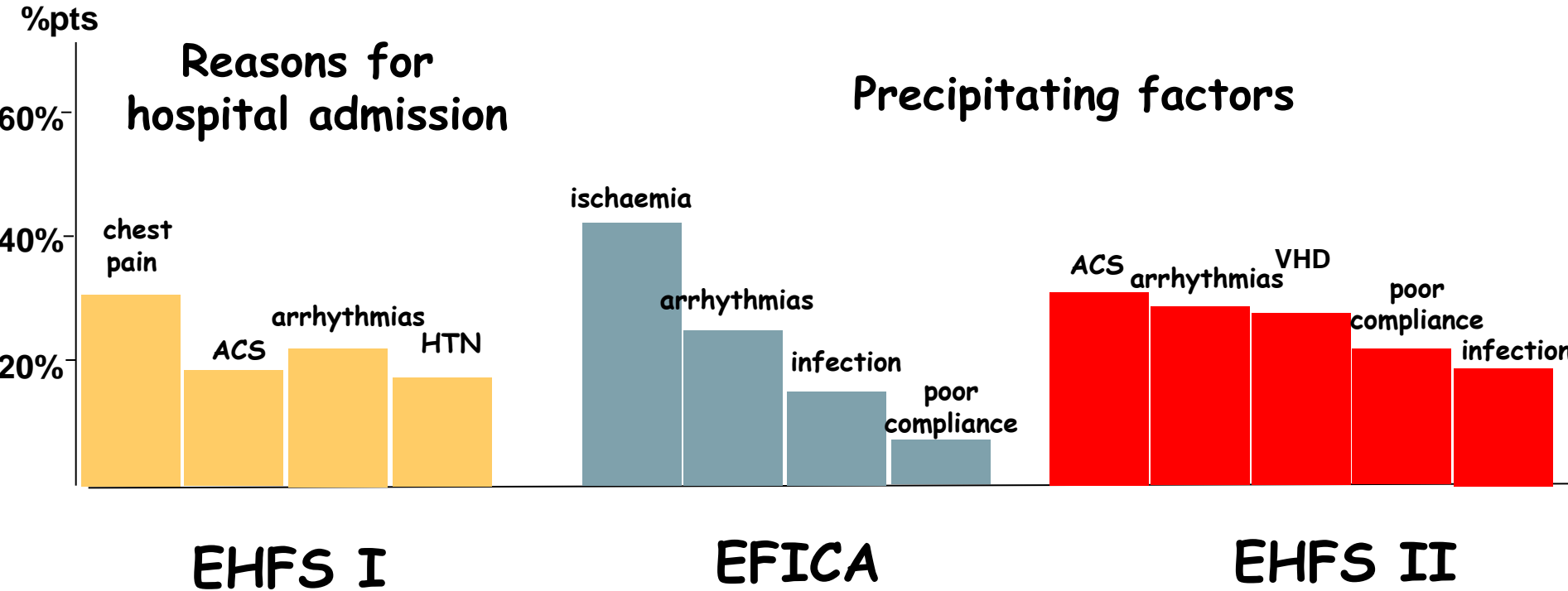
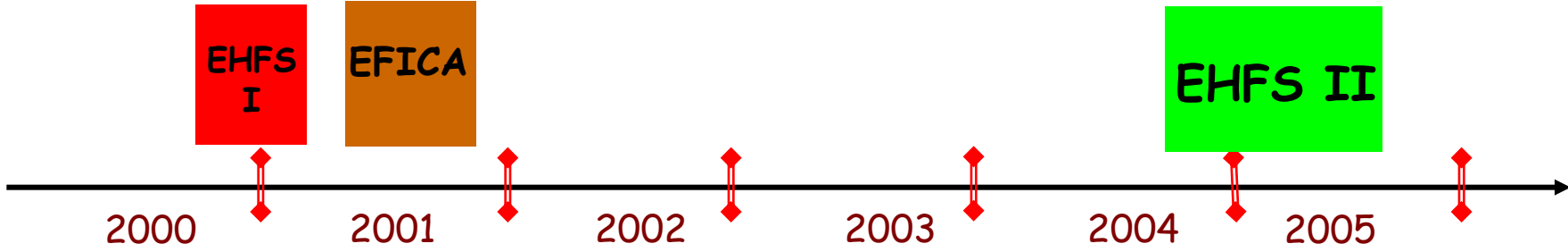


HF II - Type of Heart Failure

n=3580



Acute Heart Failure: European perspective



Cleland et al., EHJ 2002

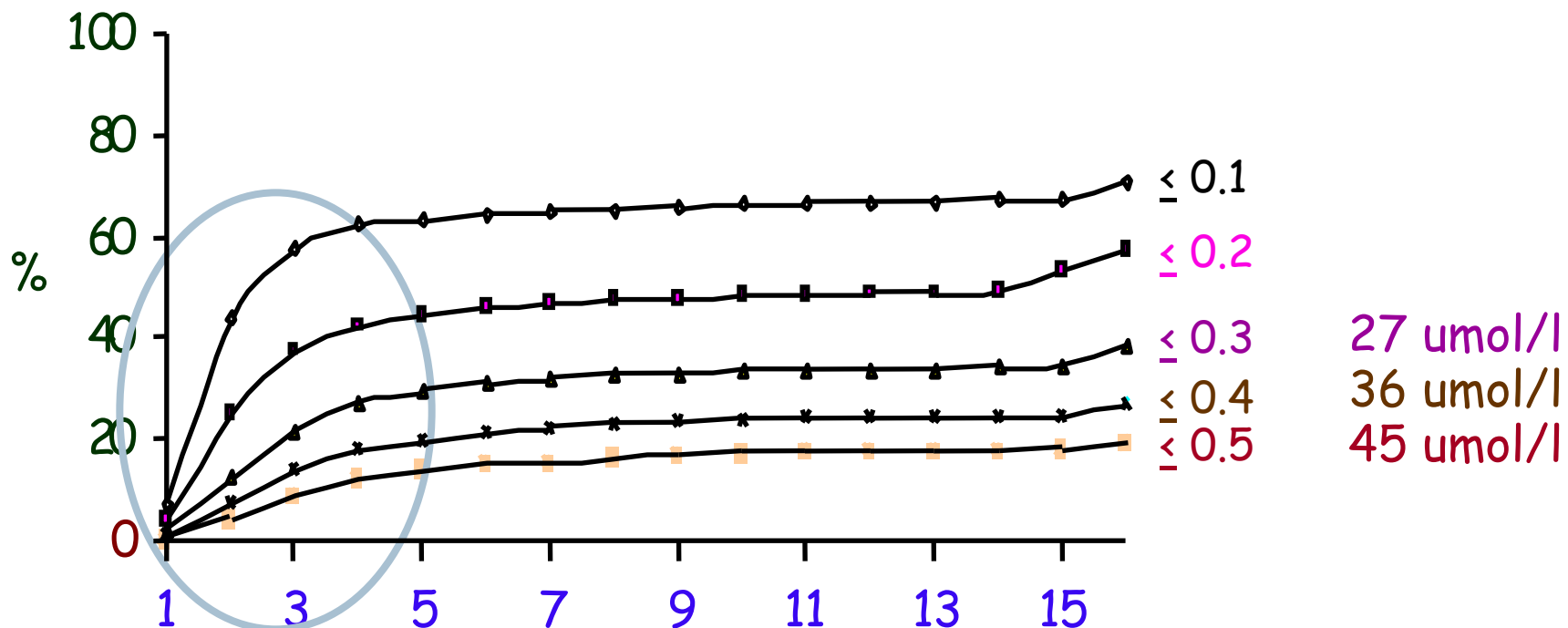
Zannad et al., EJHF 2006

Nieminen et al., 2006

Change in Se creatinine during Rx for acute decompensated HF



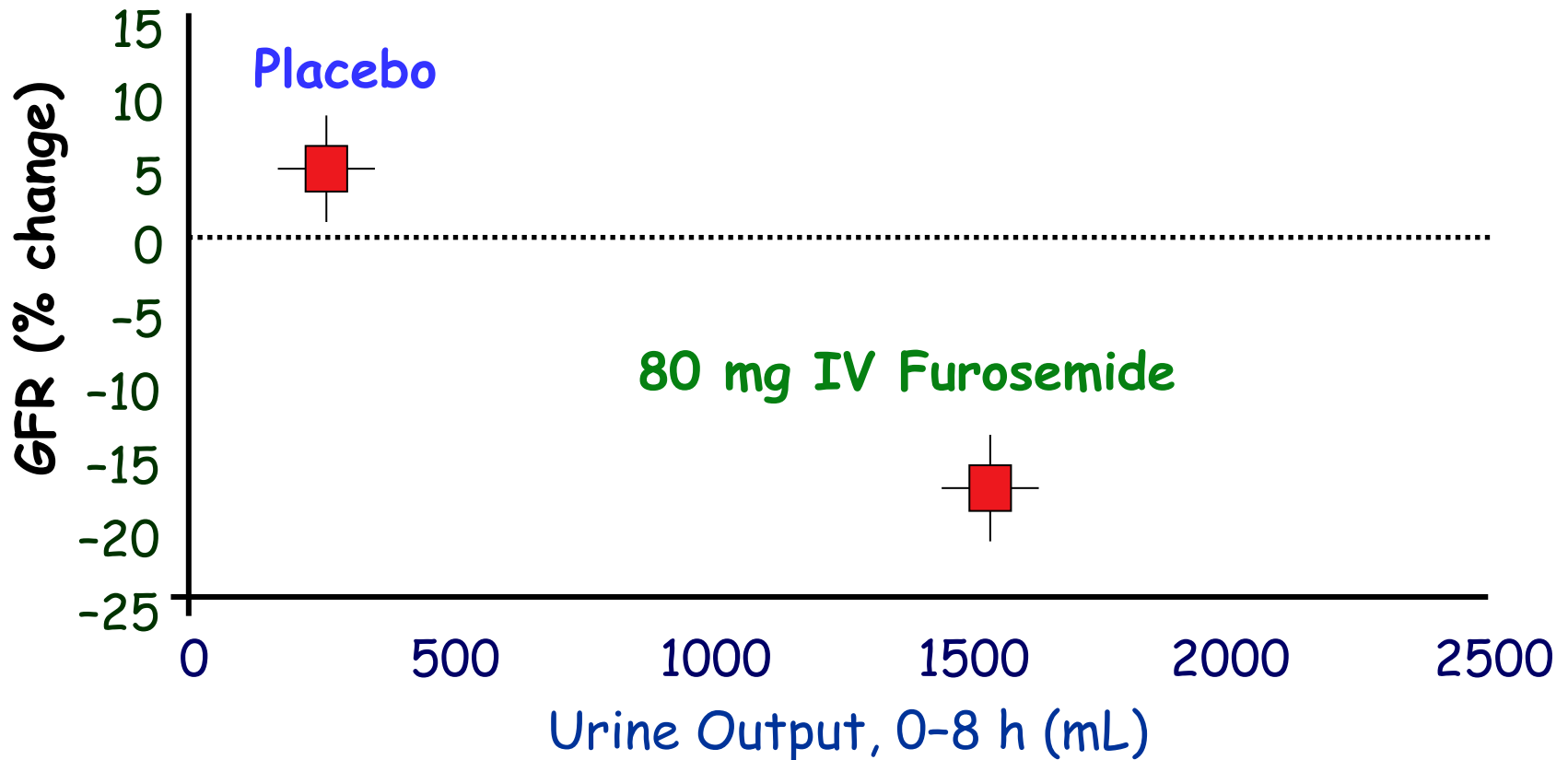
Hospital survival



Medical management heart failure

- ❖ diuretics
- ❖ vasodilators
- ❖ β -blockers
- ❖ ACEI/ARBs

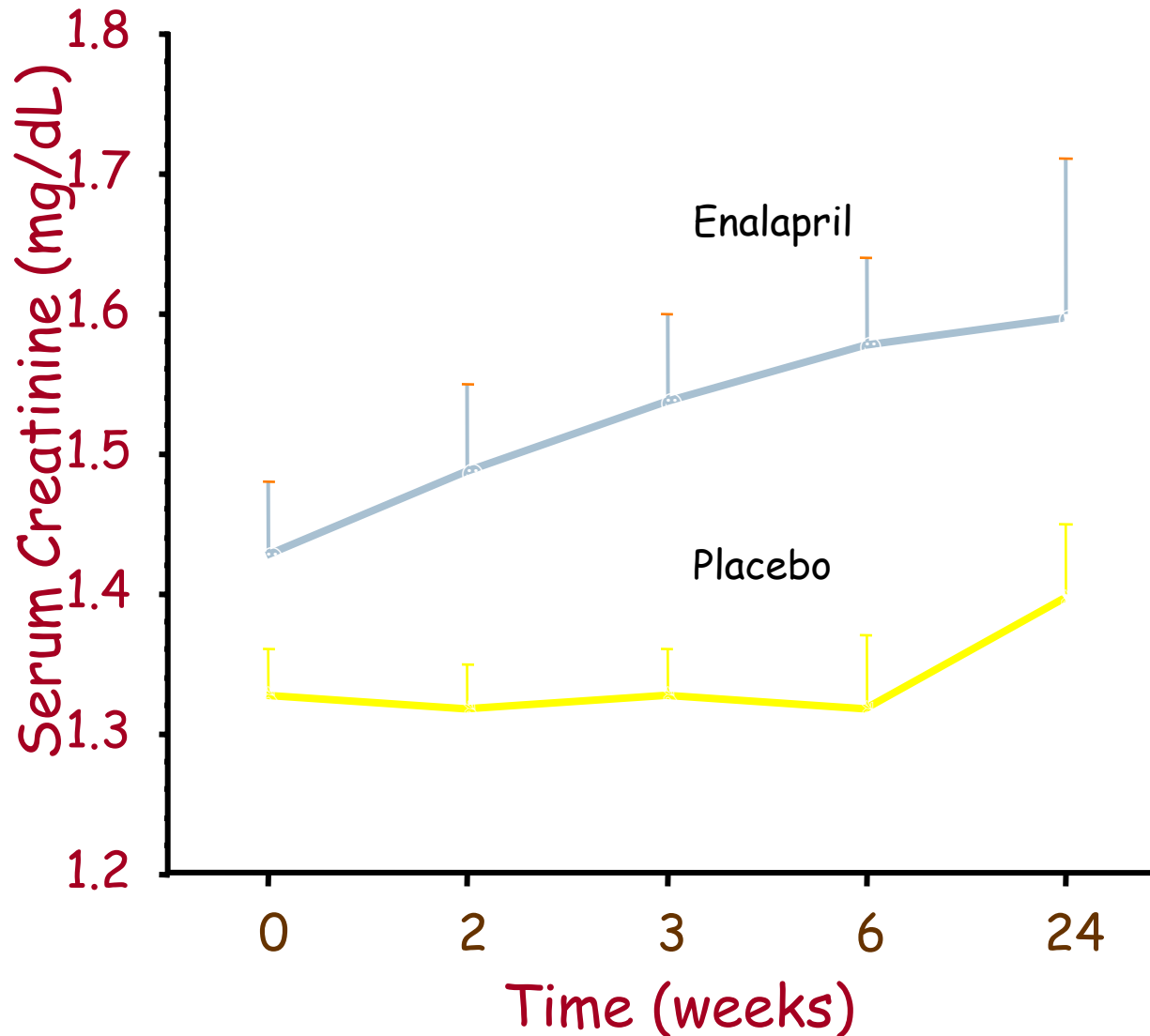
Diuretics decrease GFR



N = 16; NYHA II (19%) and III (81%);
mean baseline creatinine clearance, $108 \pm 51 \mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$.
*GFR was estimated using a 7-hour creatinine clearance.
Gottlieb SS et al. Circulation. 2002;105:1348-1353.

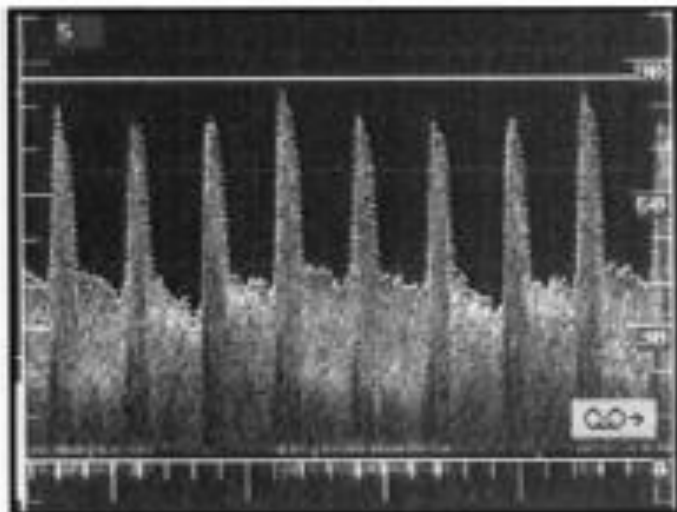
Consensus trial: effect of ACEI

Ljungman et al Am J Cardiol 1992;70:479-87.



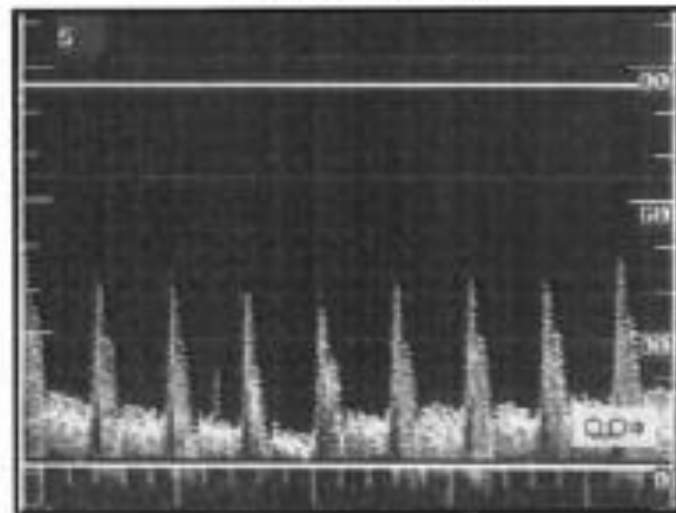
Adenosine decreases renal blood flow in patients with HF

Baseline



VTI = 26 cm
CSA = 0.238 cm²

Adenosine



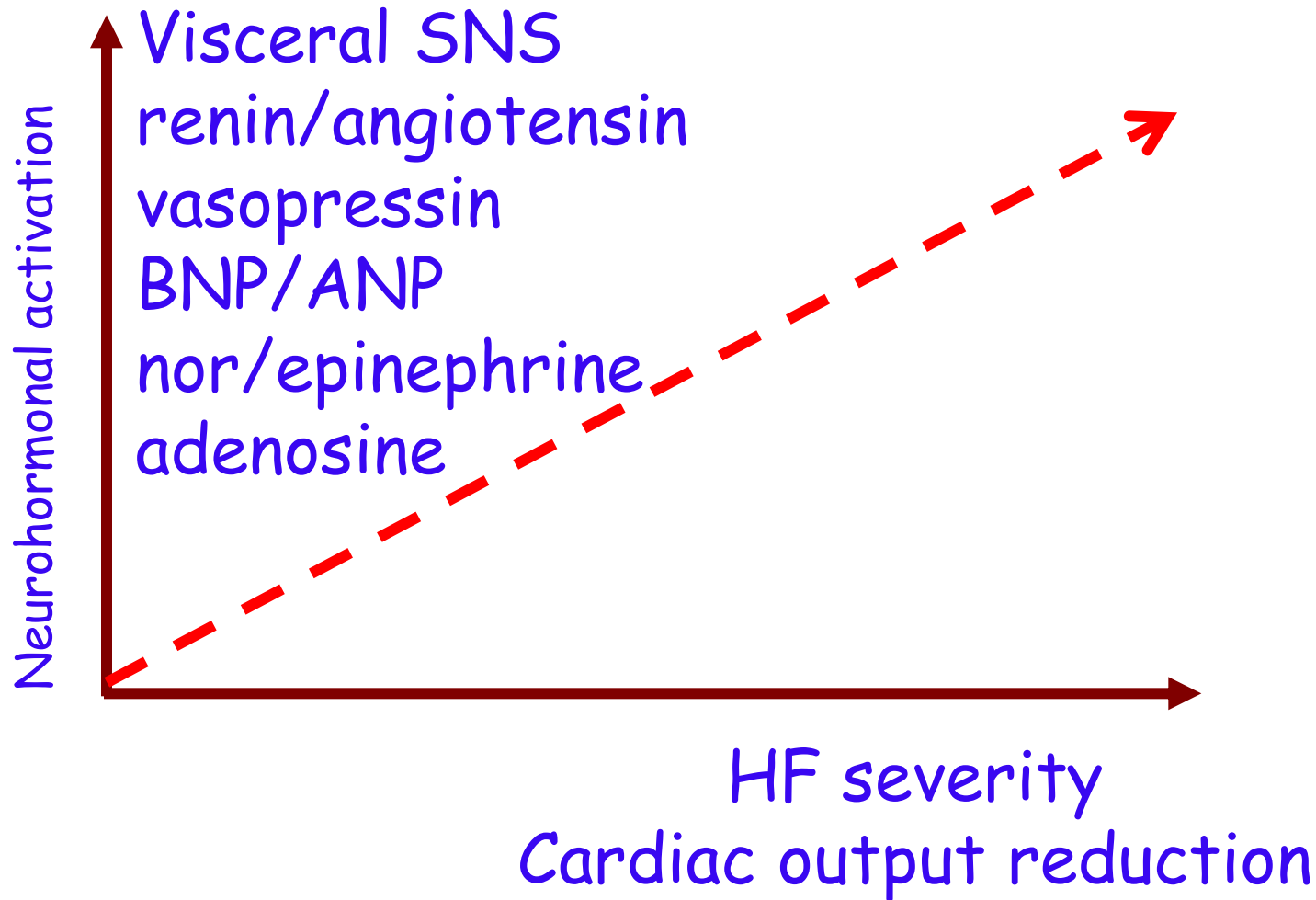
VTI = 5 cm
CSA = 0.287 cm²

Why does heart failure affect renal function ?

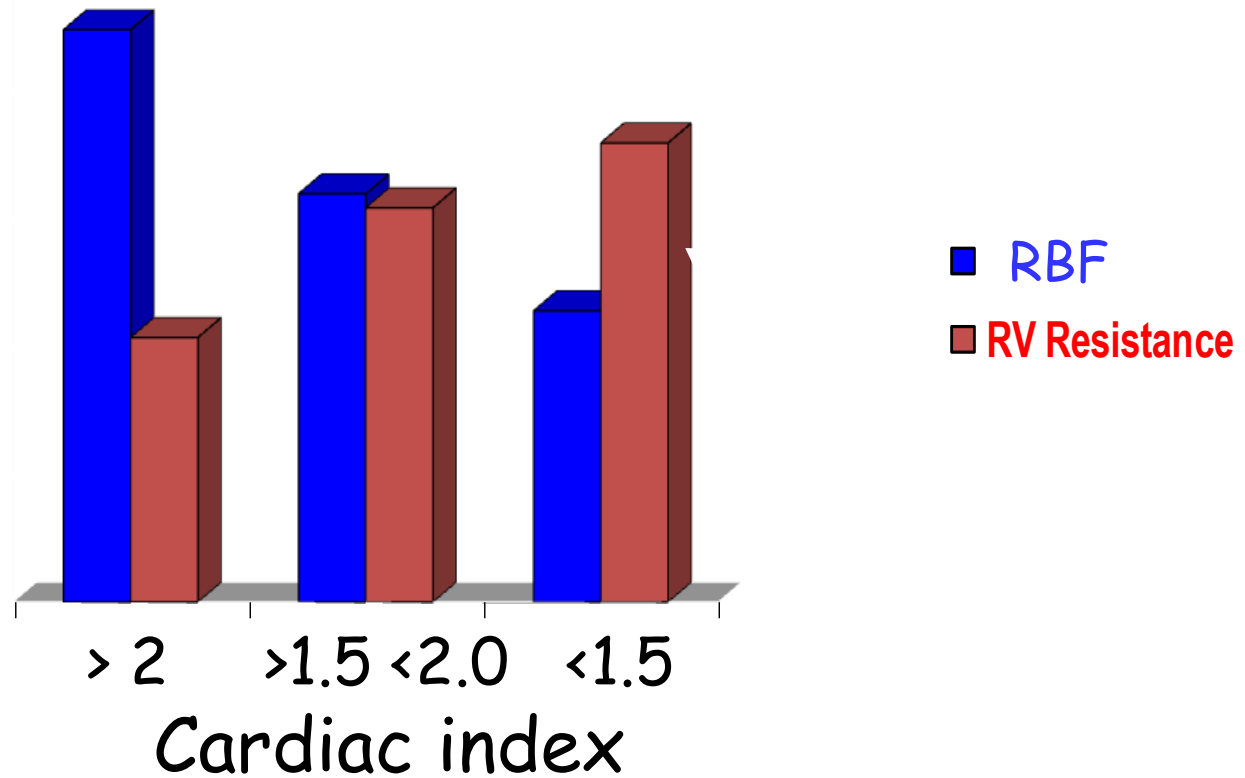


❖ renal blood flow

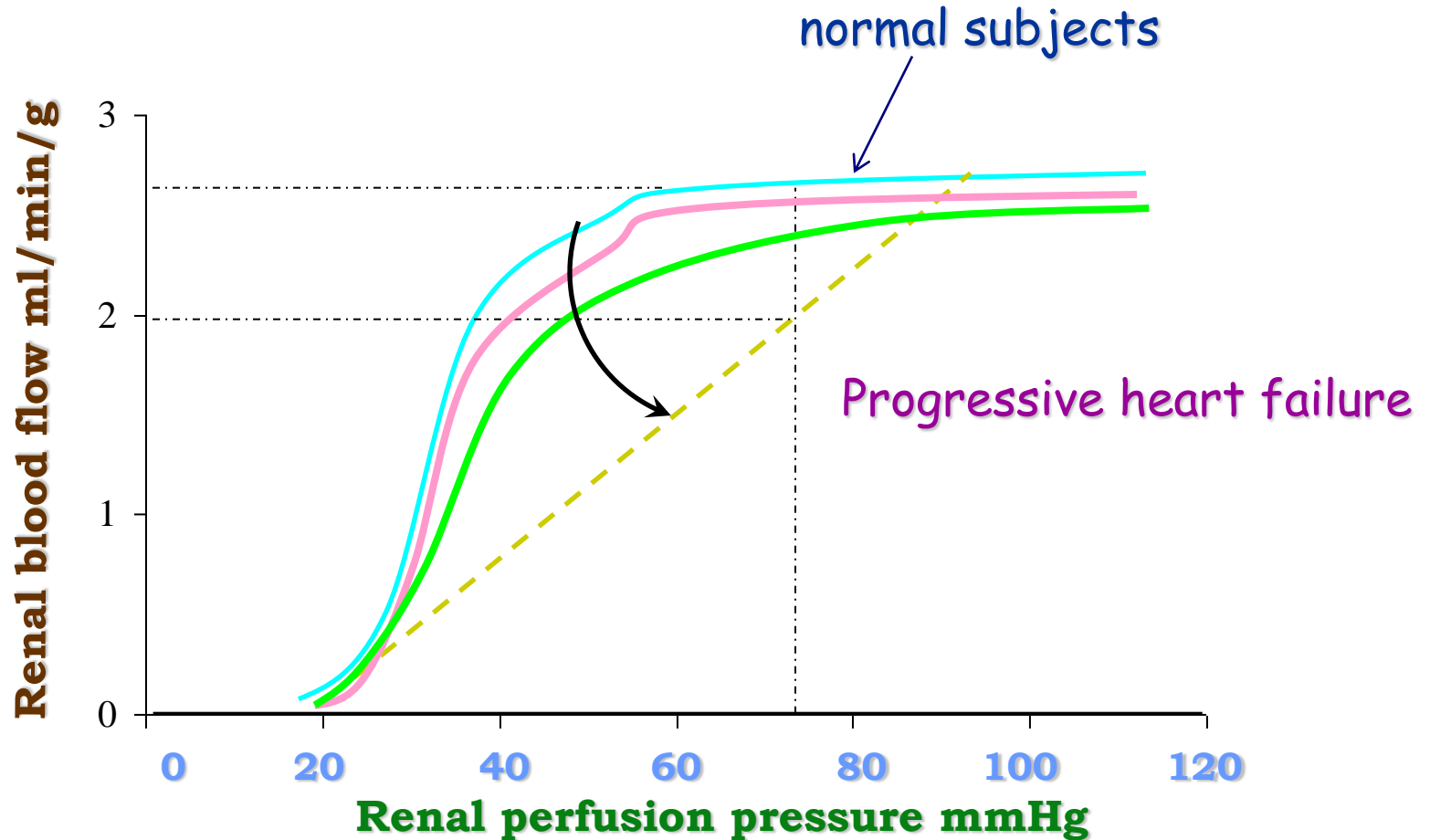
Neurohormonal activation in CHF



Change in Renal blood flow & vascular resistance

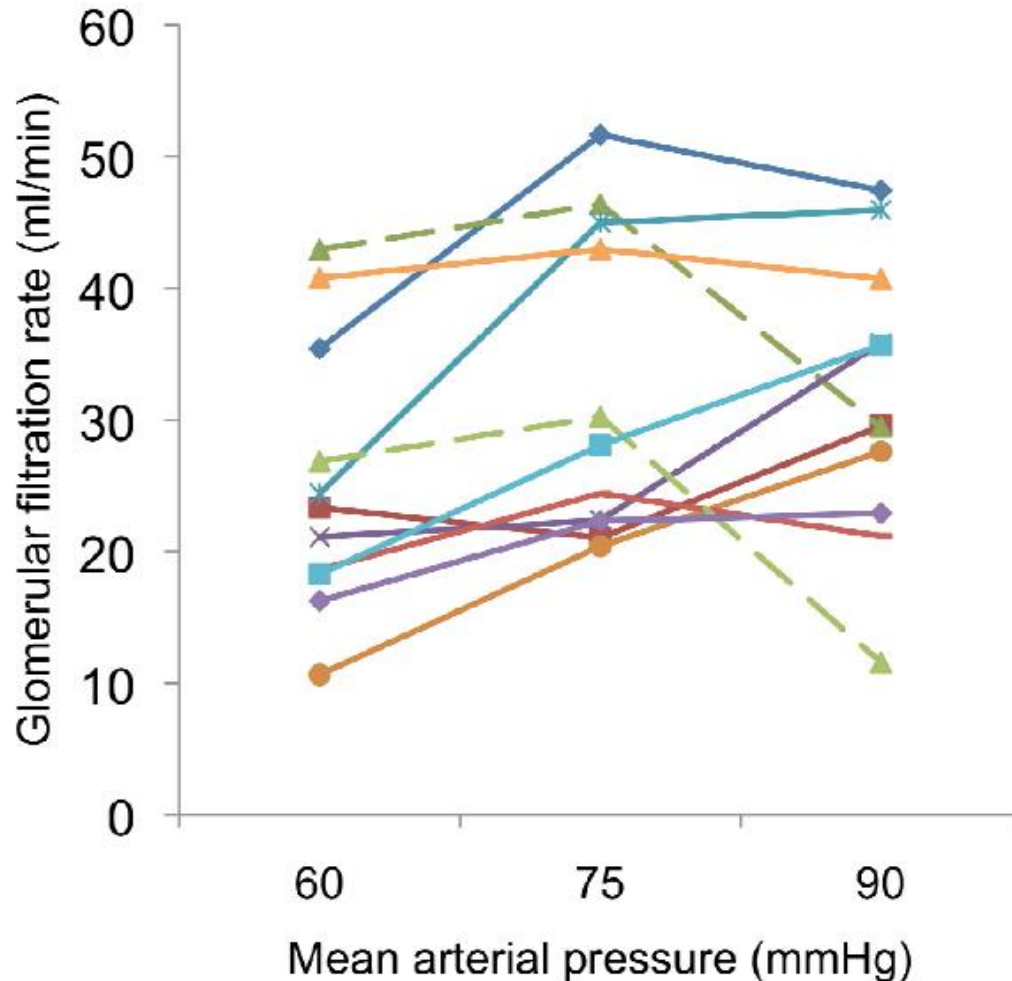


Cardio-renal syndrome



Critical renal perfusion pressure ?

Redfors et al IntensivCareMed i2011



Post cardiac surgery
renal blood flow
 $^{51}\text{Cr-EDTA}$
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EFFECTS OF DECREASE CARDIAC OUTPUT ON RENAL VEIN PRESSURE AND GFR



DECREASED
CARDIAC OUTPUT

INCREASED RIGHT
ATRIAL PRESSURE

INCREASED
CENTRAL VENOUS
PRESSURE

INCREASED
INFERIOR VENA
CAVA PRESSURE
INCREASED RENAL
VEIN PRESSURE

INCREASED
GLOMERULAR
CONGESTION

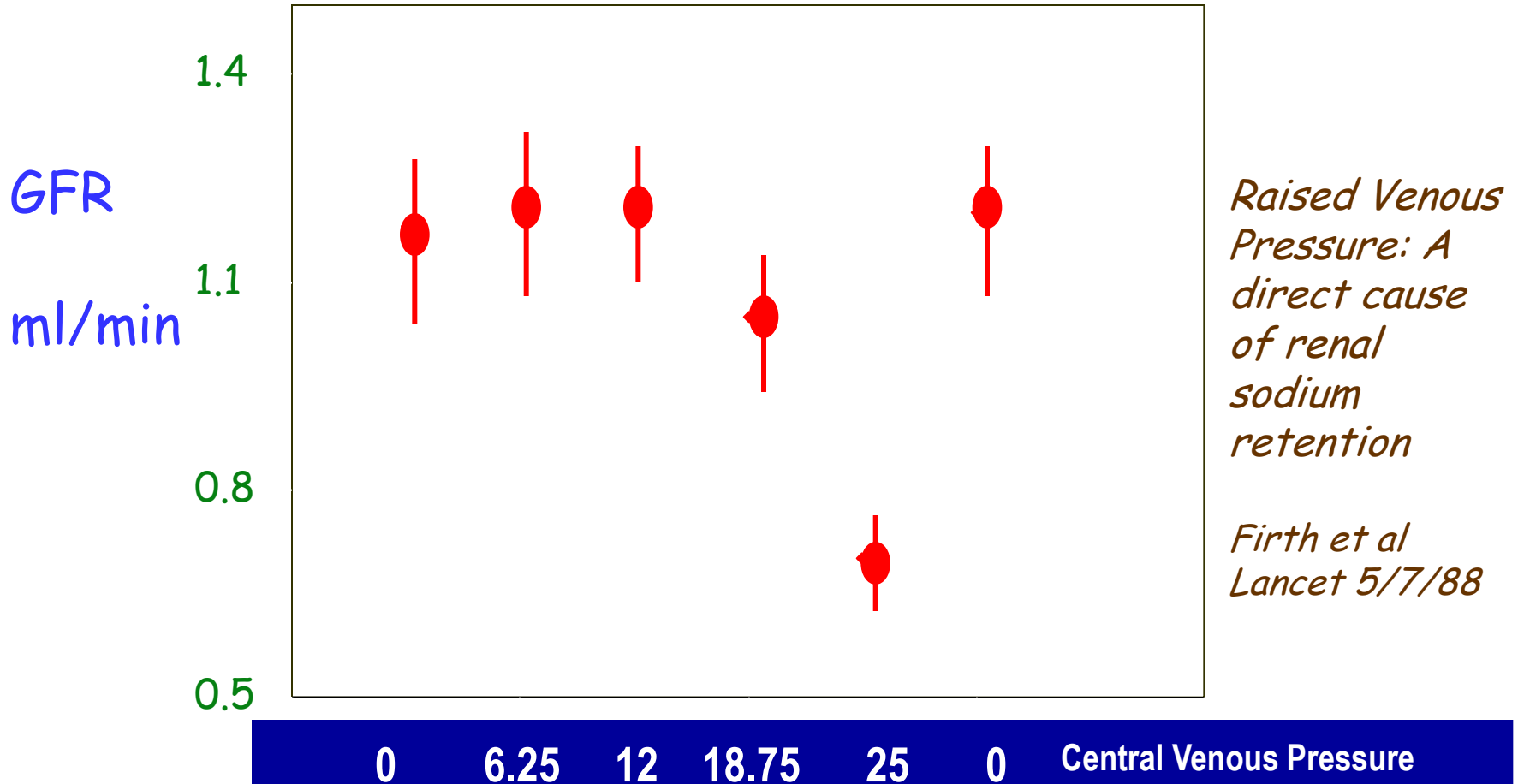


DECREASED RENAL
BLOOD FLOW



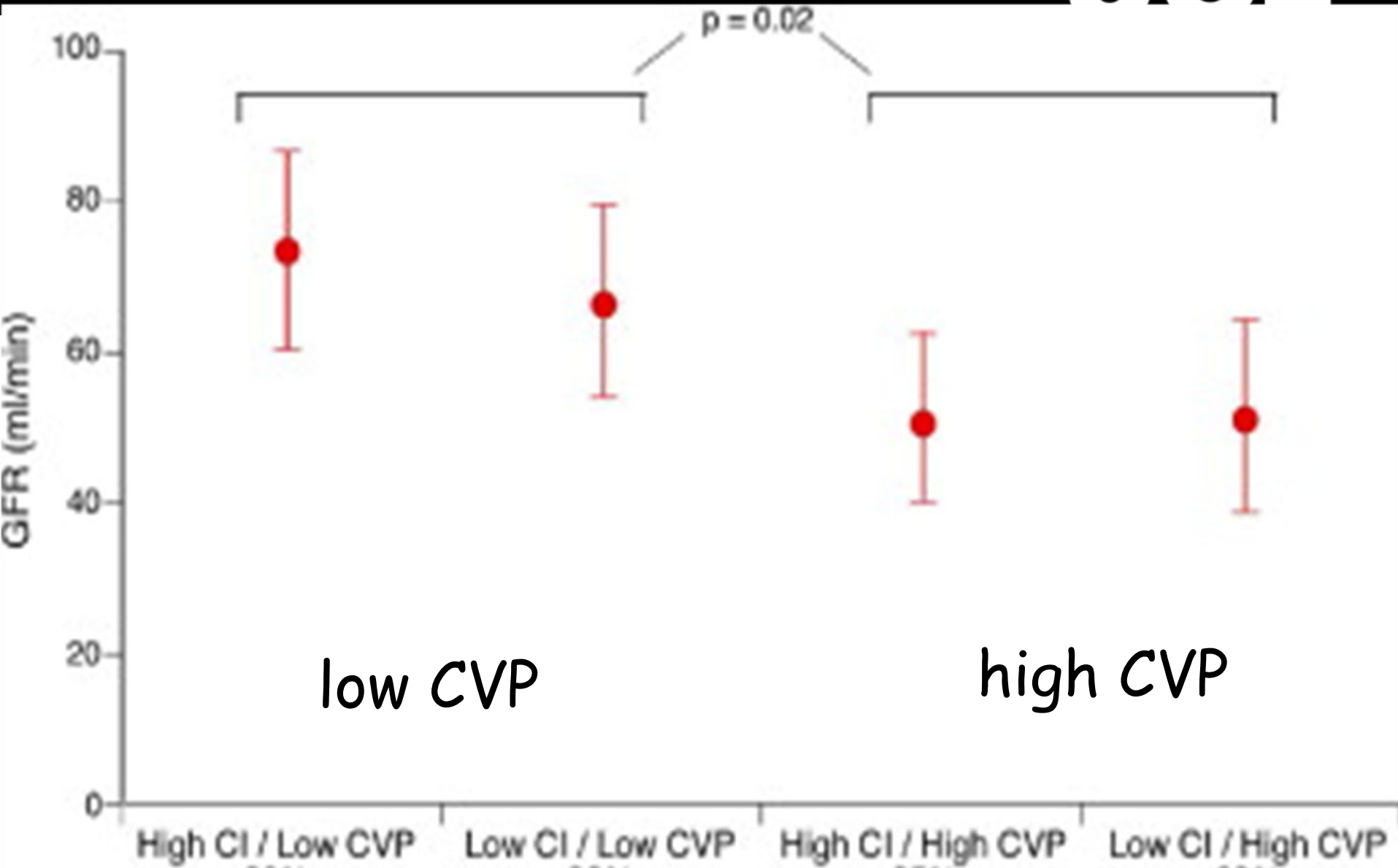
DECREASED GFR

Effect of increasing central venous pressure on GFR in dogs, constant BP



Relative Contributions of CVP and CI to GFR

Mullens et al. JACC. 53(7) 2009



Intra-abdominal hypertension



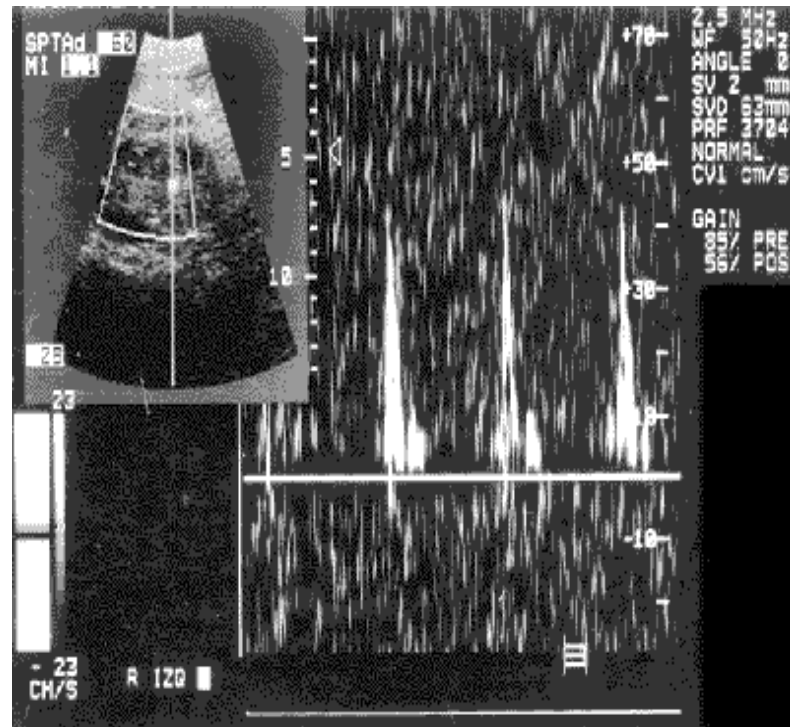
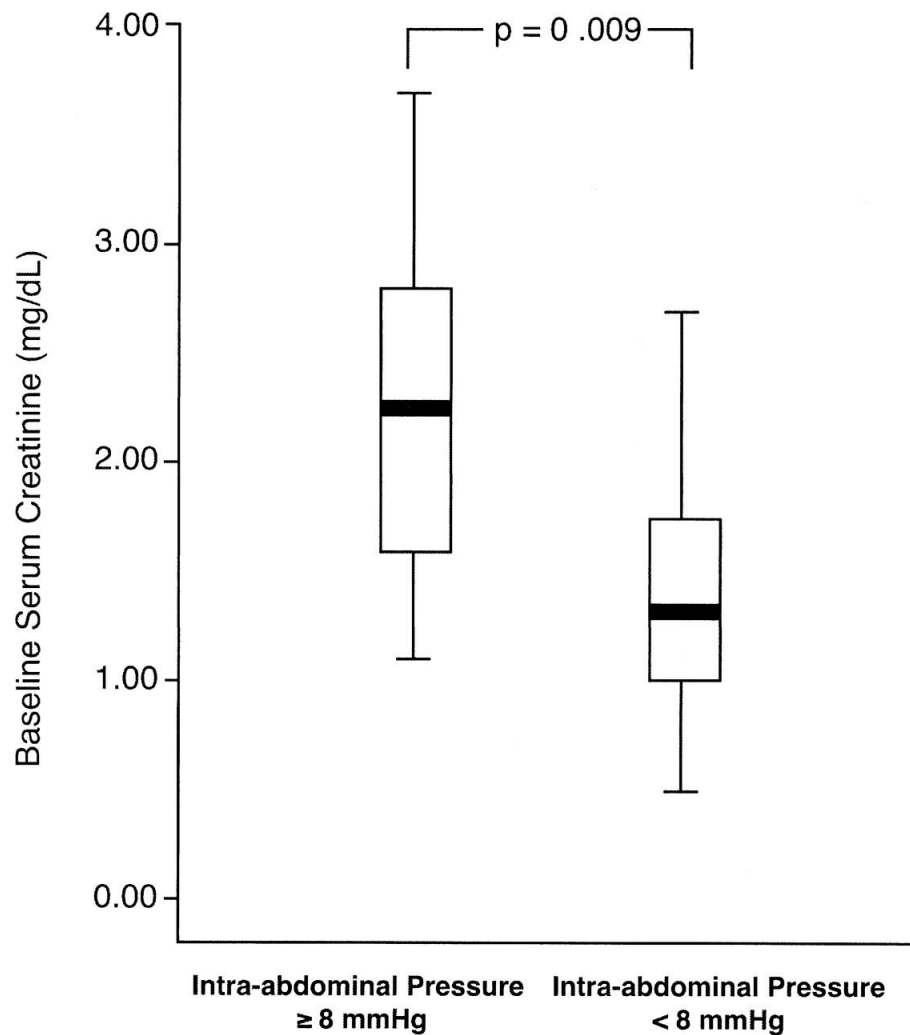
Intra-abdominal compartment syndrome

- assumptions
 - IAH > 25 mmHg
 - but AKI reported with IAP 12



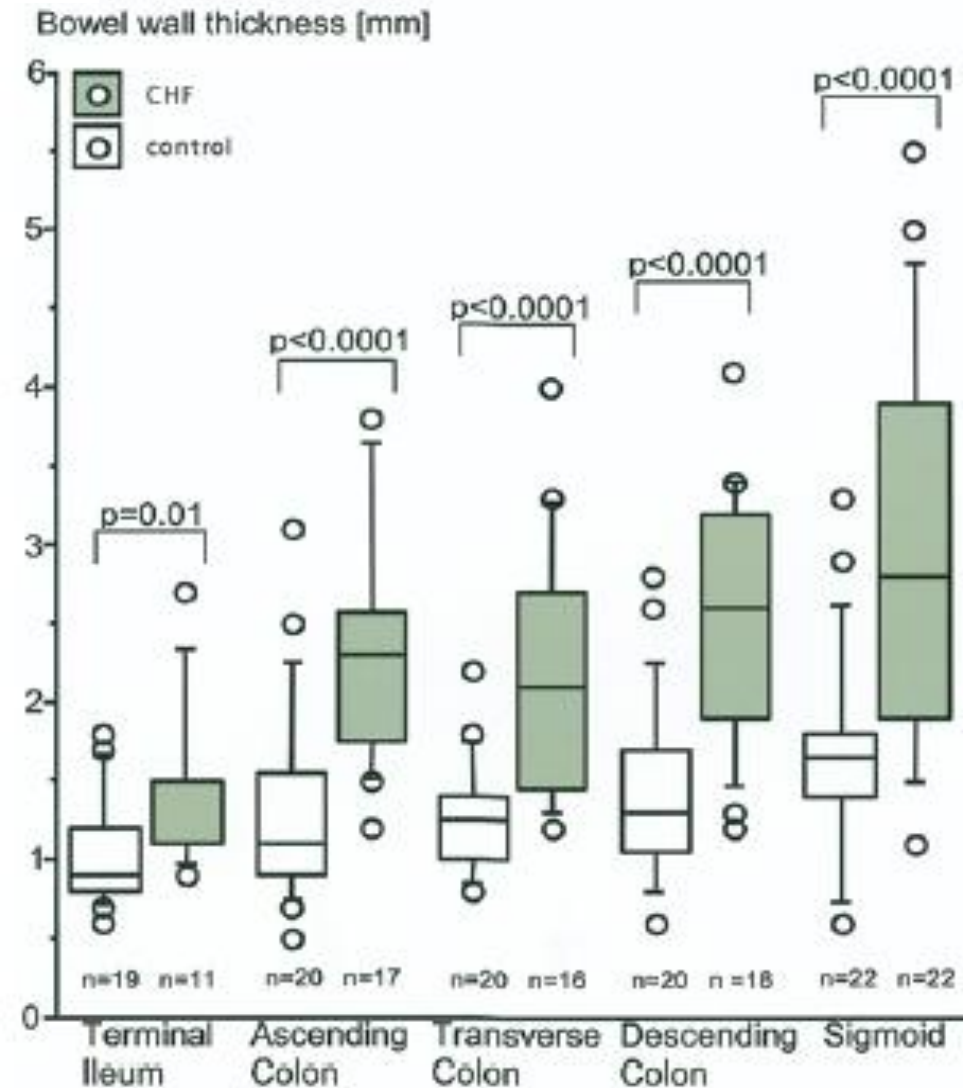
Baseline Serum Creatinine Level and IAP

Mullens et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2008



Bowel Wall Thickness in CHF Patients Compared With Control Subjects

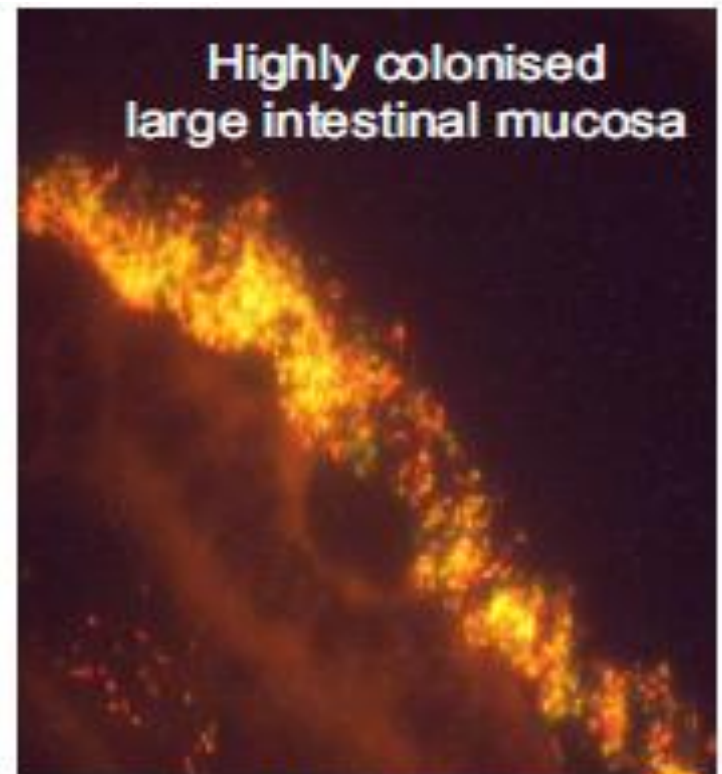
Sandek et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2007



Digital fluorescence pictures showing a higher concentration of bacteria in the mucosal biofilm of the sigmoid as assessed by FISH



Control subject

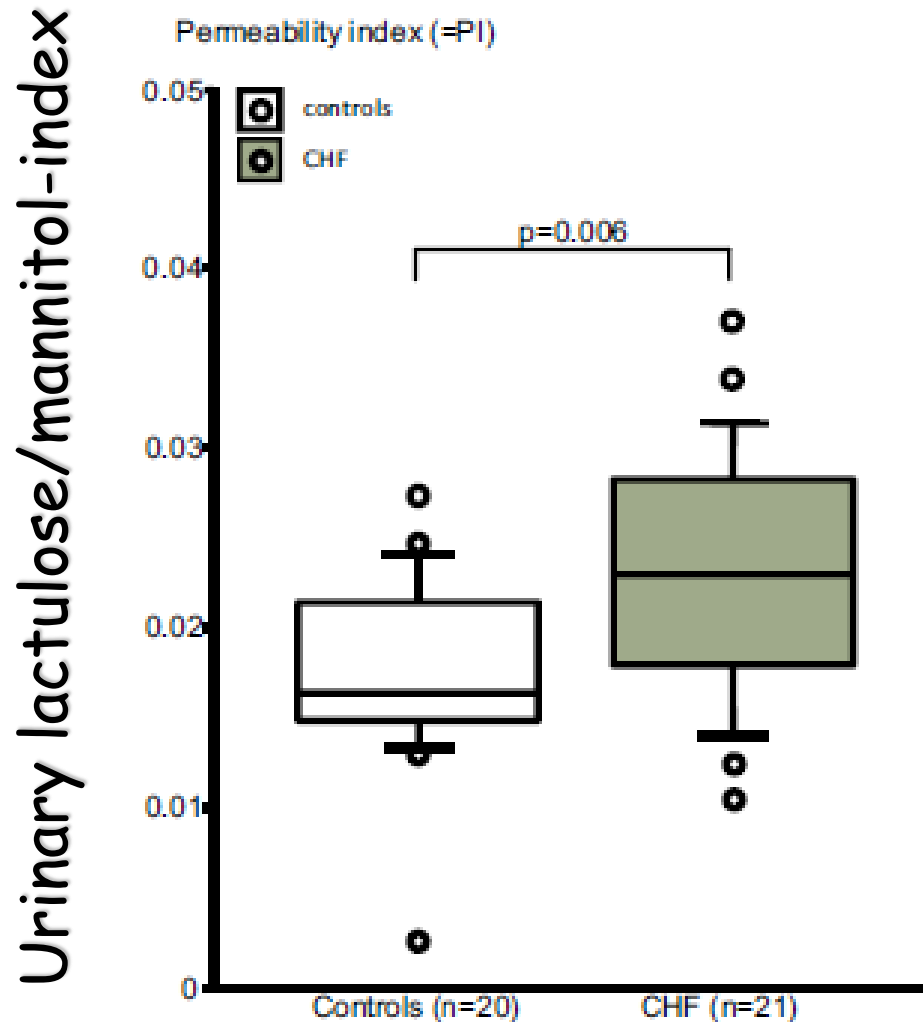


CHF patient

INCREASED PERMEABILITY OF THE GUT MUCOSA

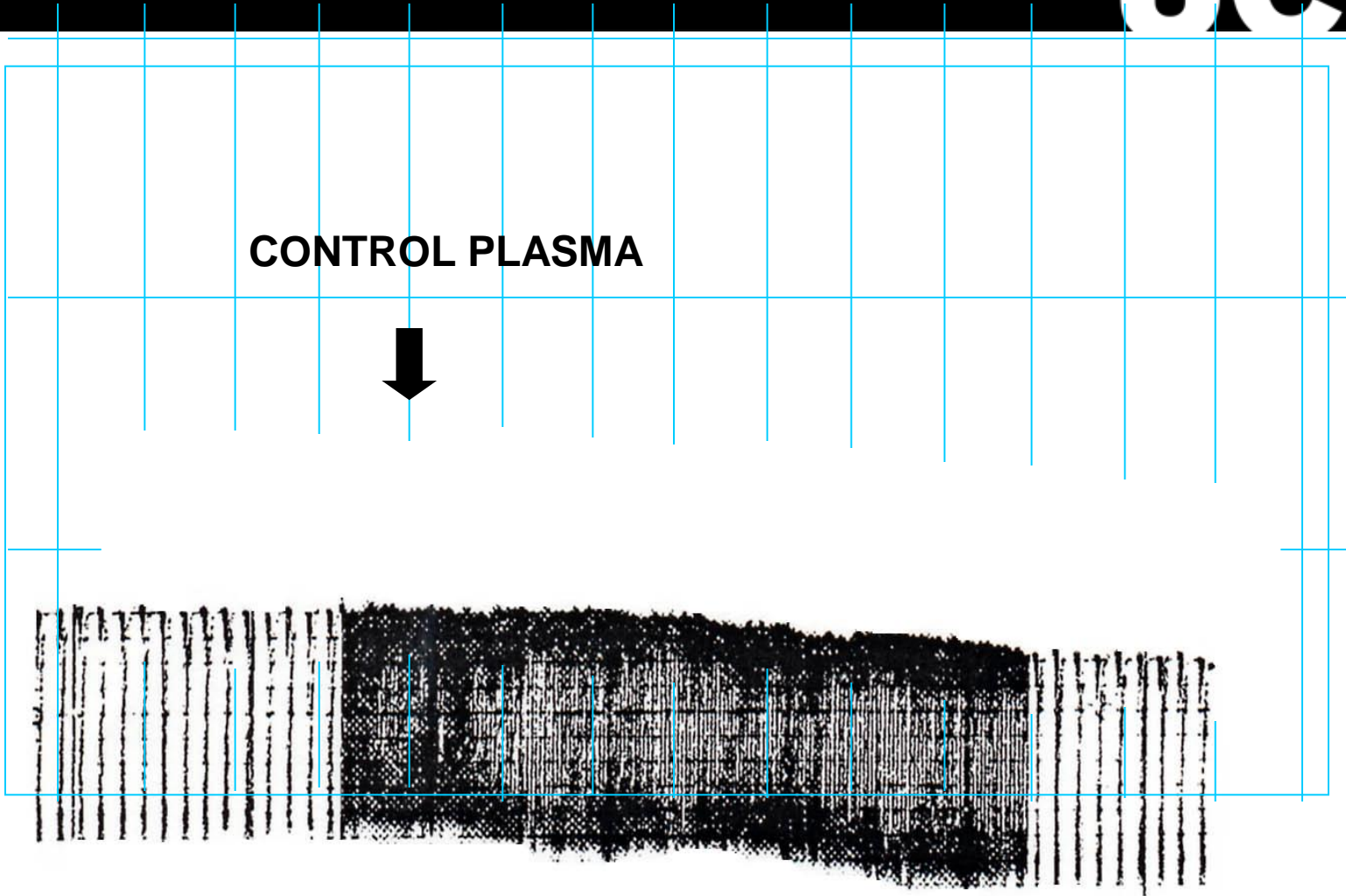


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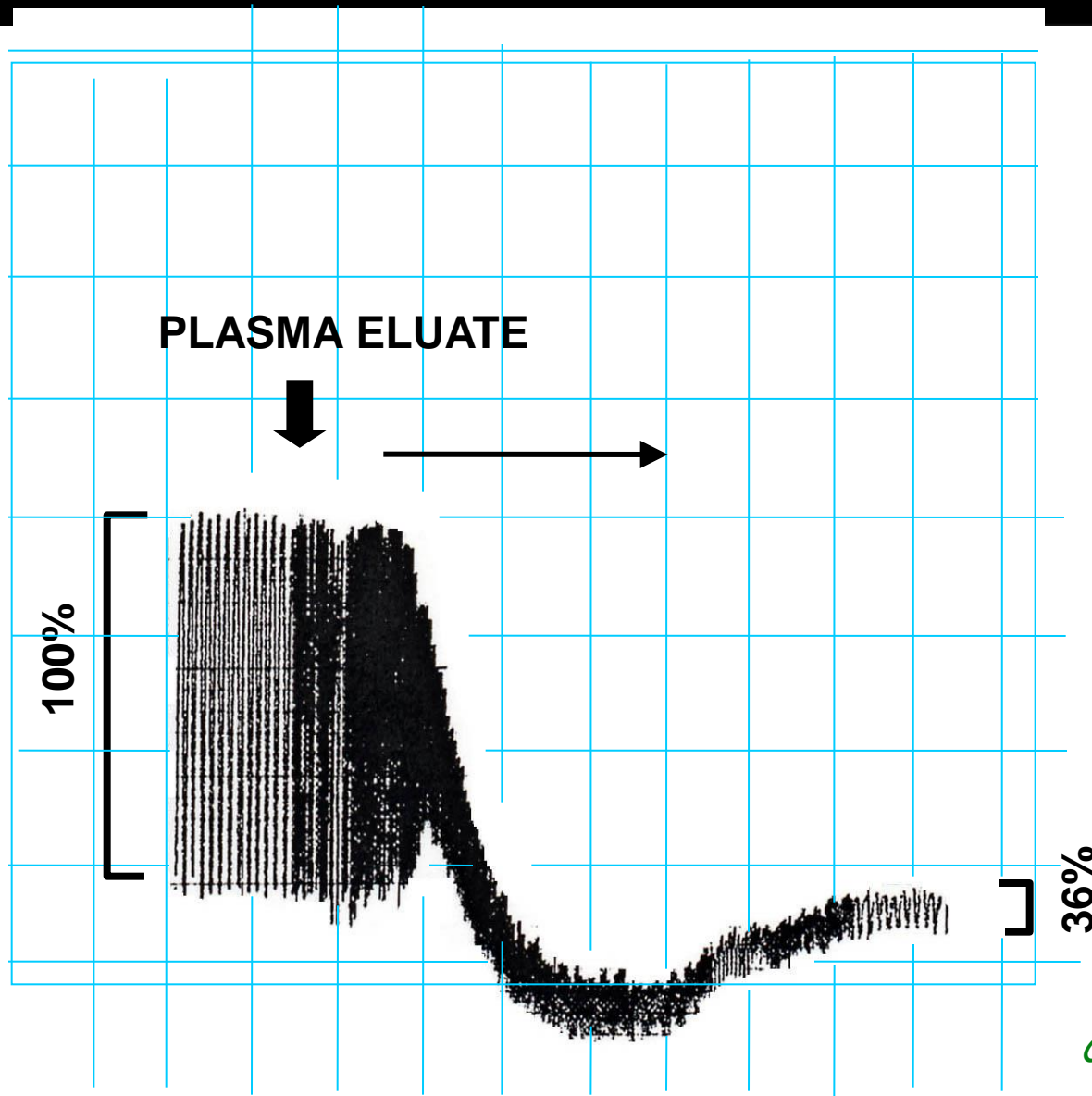


Isolated heart

CONTROL PLASMA

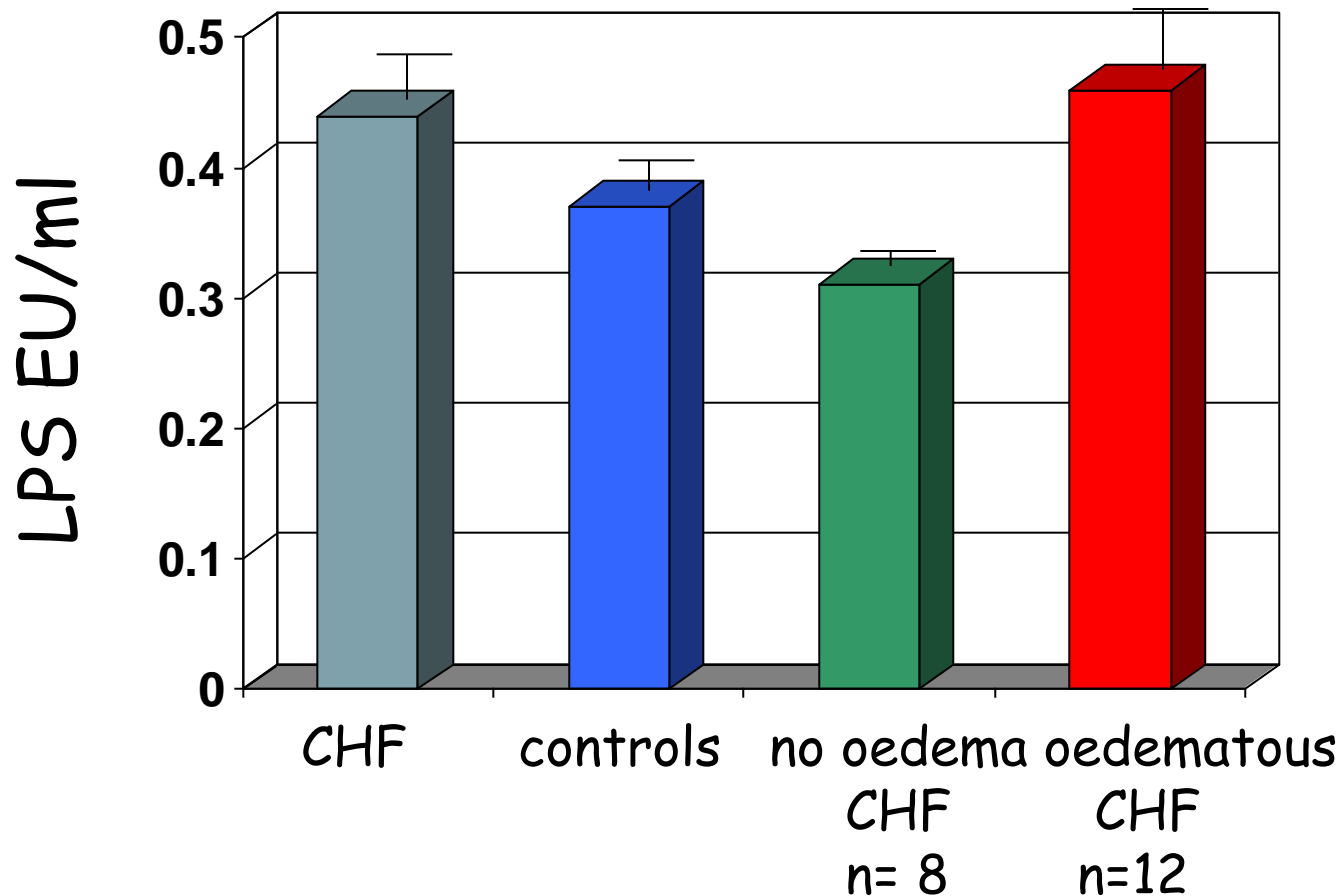


Isolated heart



circulating
cardiac
depressant factor

Endotoxin in heart failure



What can the kidney doctor offer ?

Limitations of Diuretic Therapy in CHF



- ✓ **Diuretic therapy has been associated with worsening renal function**
 - ✓ Increase in morbidity and mortality risk
- ✓ **Electrolyte depletion**
 - ✓ predisposes to ventricular arrhythmias
- ✓ **Diuretic resistance**
 - ✓ 33% of patients with advanced CHF (*Ravnan et al. Congest Heart Fail 2002*)
- ✓ **Additional activation of the neurohormonal axis (RAAS)**
 - ✓ Systemic vasoconstriction
 - ✓ Fluid retention
 - ✓ progression of CHF?

- ✓ **Advanced CHF:**
 - ~ 50 mmol of Na⁺ for 1 liter of urine.
- ✓ **Advanced CHF treated with Furosemide:**
 - ~ 100 mmol of Na⁺ for 1 liter of urine
- ✓ **Advanced CHF treated with Ultrafiltration**
 - ~140 mmol of Na⁺ for 1 liter of ultrafiltrate.

Haemodialysis ?



- ❖ **Haemodialysis**

- ❖ Increased risk of intra-dialytic hypotension

- ❖ **Residual renal function**

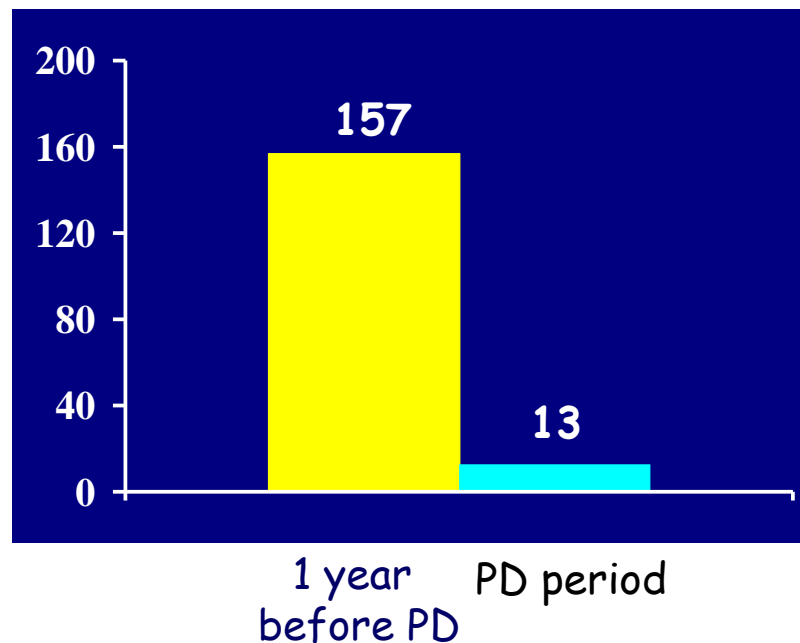
- ❖ Increased risk of loss of residual renal function

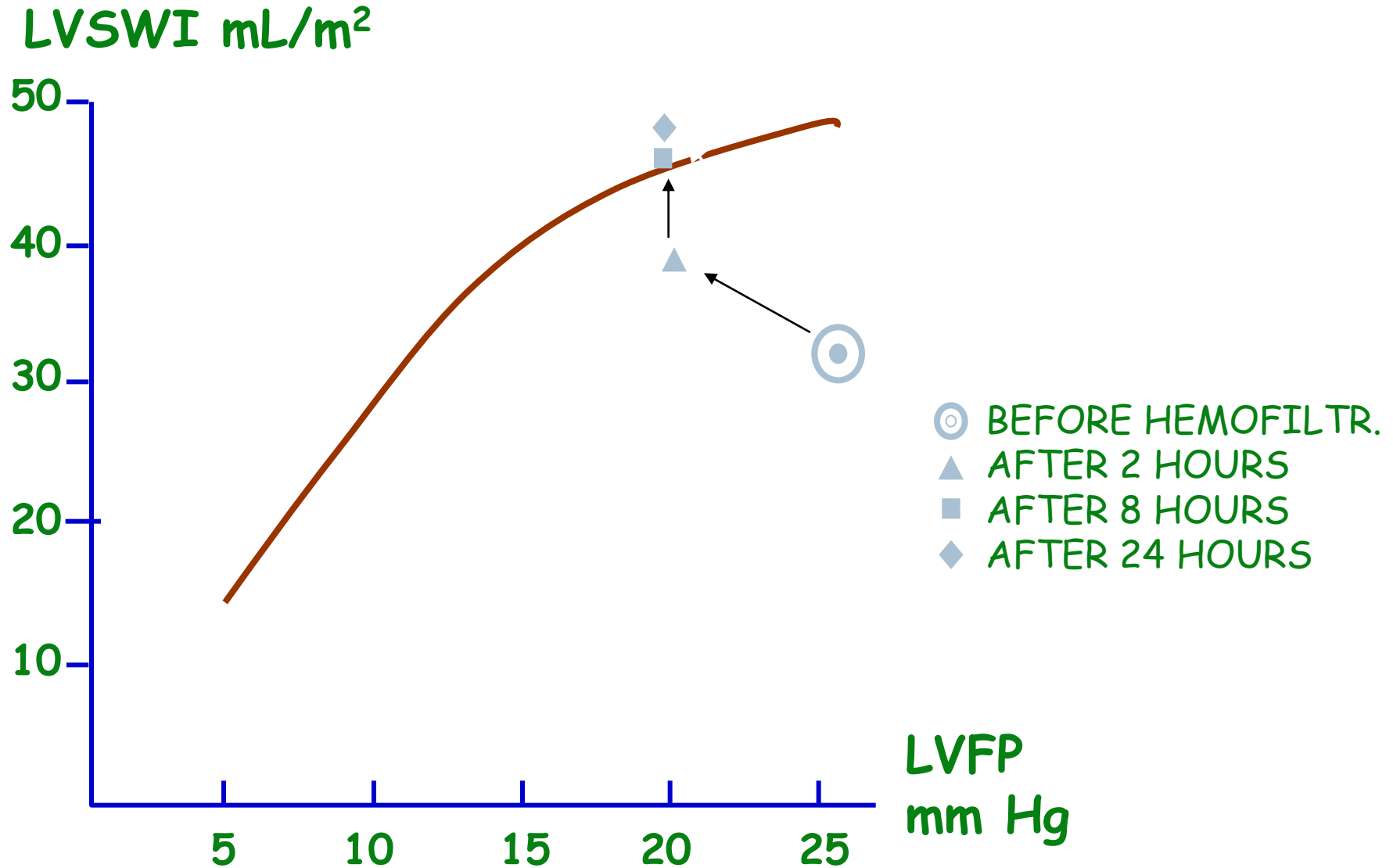
Peritoneal dialysis in refractory end-stage congestive heart failure: a challenge facing a no-win situation

Lazaro Gotloib¹, Roberto Fudin¹, Michaela Yakubovich² and Joerg Vienken²

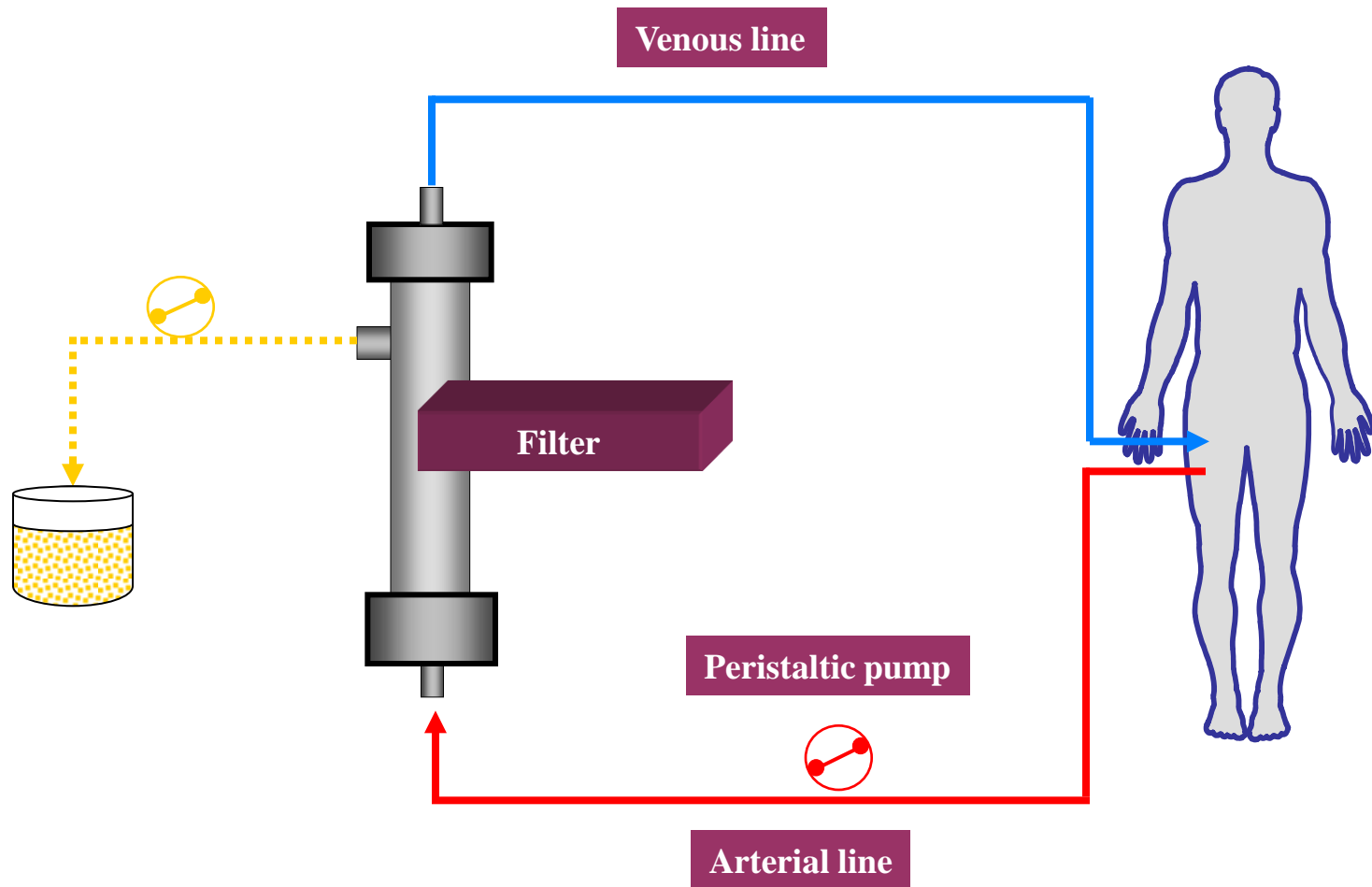
- 20 CHF patients (IV NYHA)
- 15 diabetics
- Cr.cl. 15 ± 4 ml/min
- 8 hour-PD, 3 sessions/week
- mean follow-up 20 months
- 20/20 regression from NYHA class IV to I
- Patients were treated initially with CVVH

Total hospitalization days due to CHF





Ultrafiltration

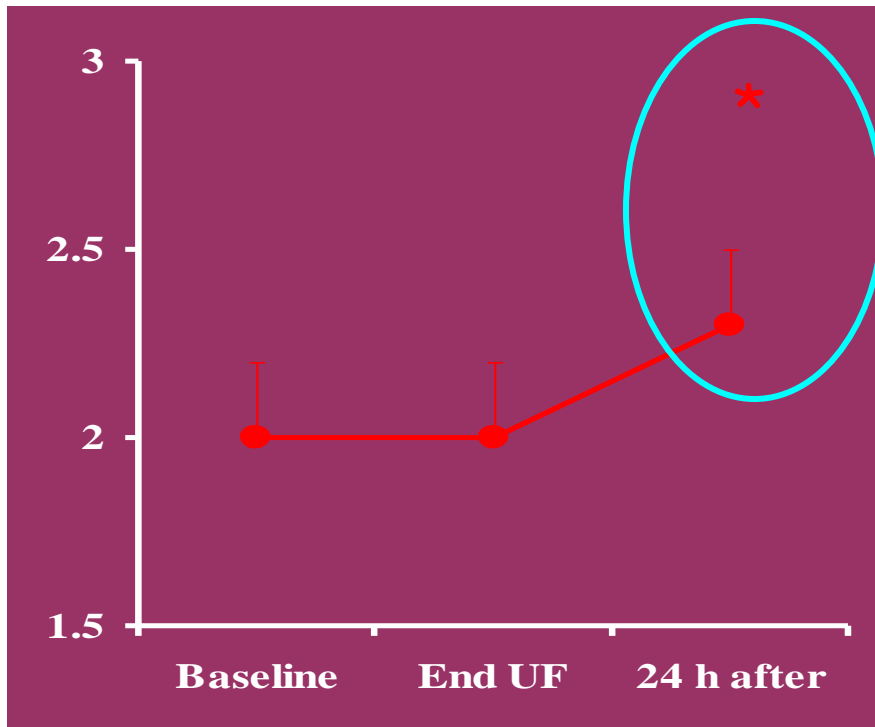


Ultrafiltration in CHF

Hemodynamic Effects

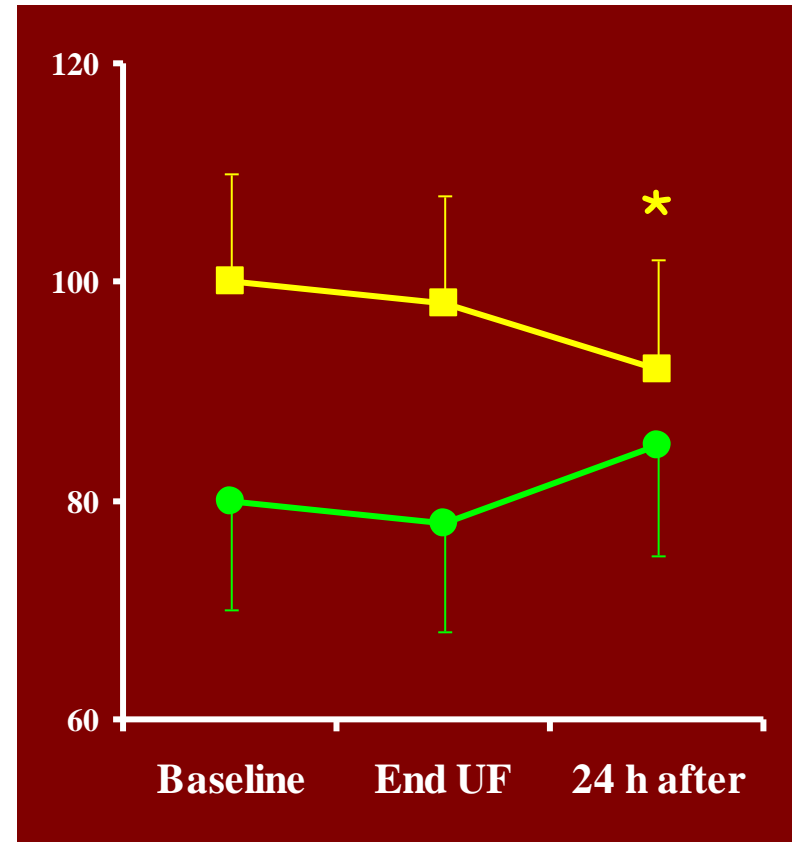


L/min/m²



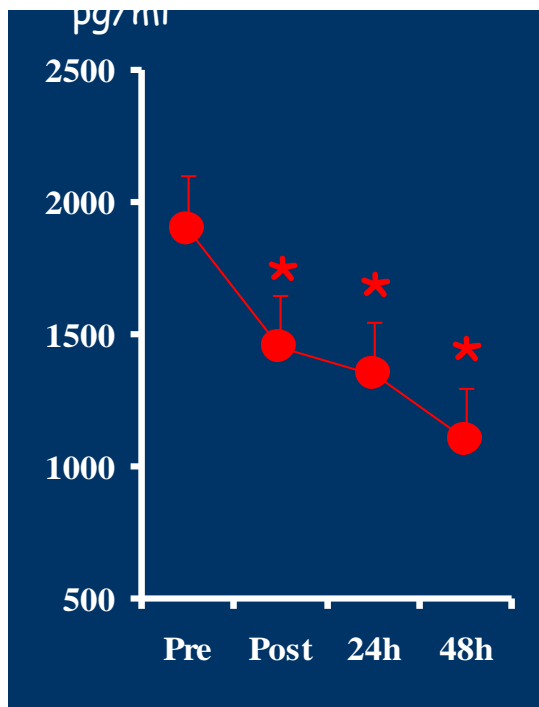
Cardiac Index

mmHg b/min

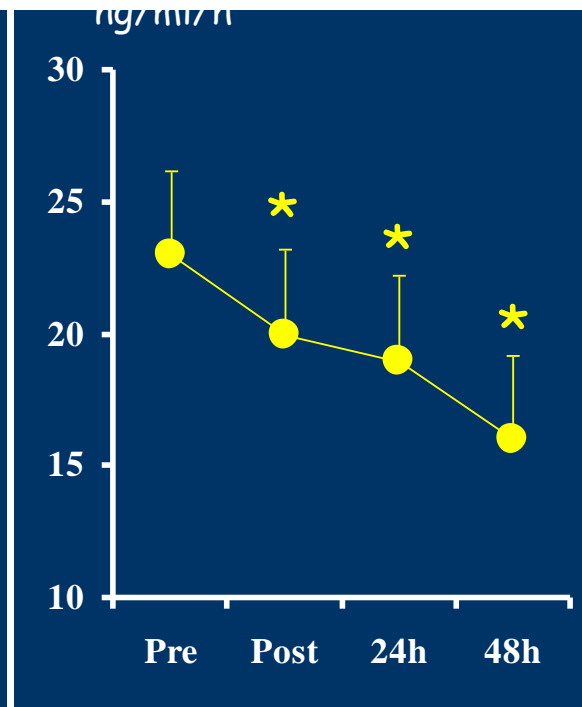


Mean arterial pressure
Heart rate

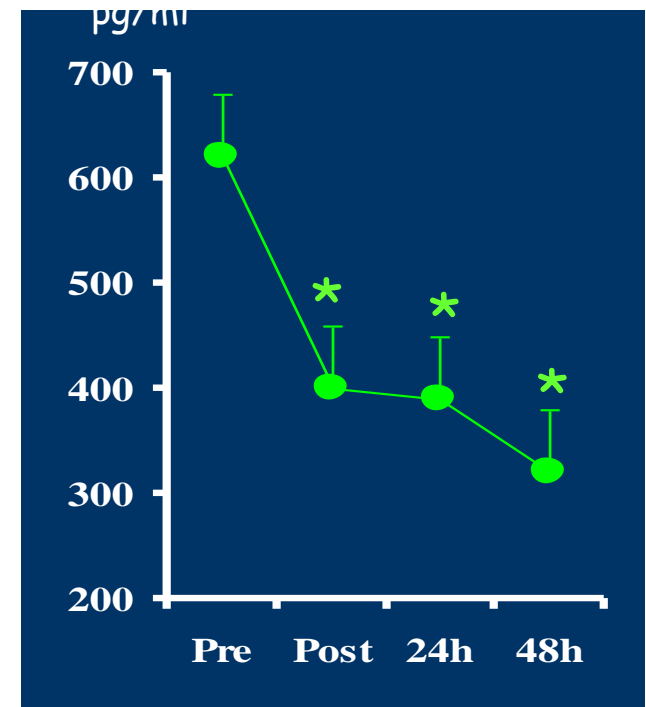
Effects of Ultrafiltration on Neurohumoral Activation in CHF



Noradrenaline



Plasma Renin Activity



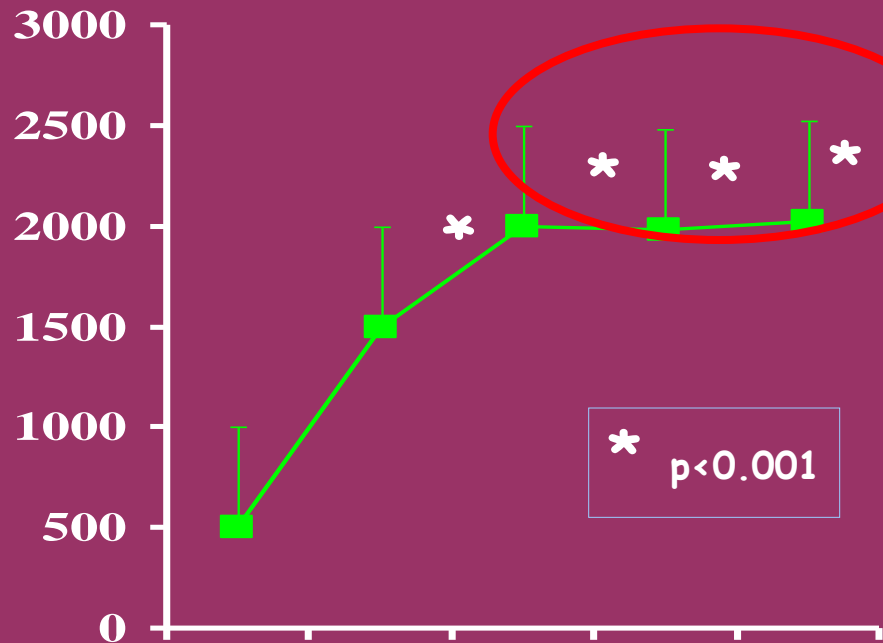
Aldosterone

Clinical Effects of Ultrafiltration in CHF

Cipolla et al. Am J Cardiol 1990

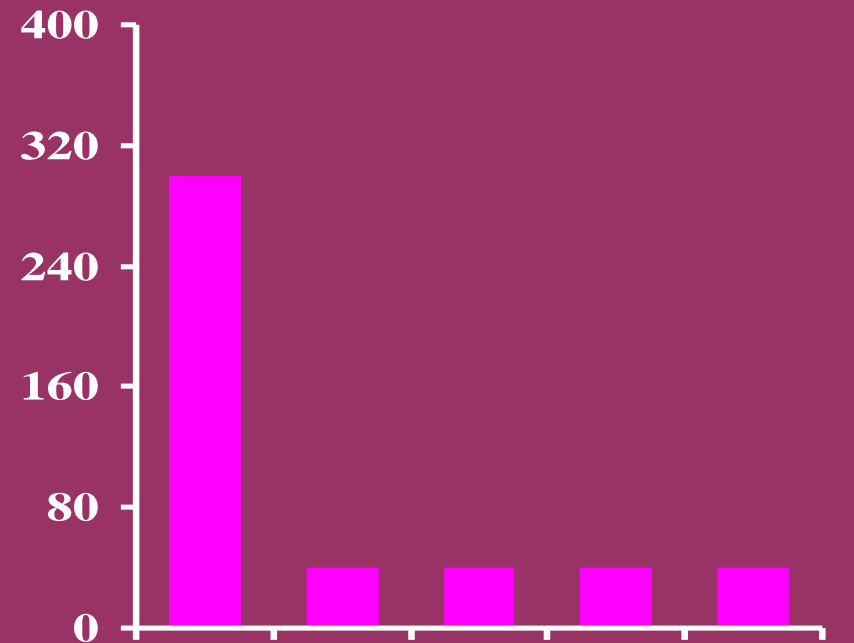


Urine output



Before UF End UF 24h 48h 72h

Furosemide



Before UF End UF 24h 48h 72h

Ultrafiltration vs. Loop Diuretics



Ultrafiltration

- ✓ Lowers RAS activity
- ✓ Does not induce hypok⁺
- ✓ Corrects hyponatraemia

Diuretics

- ✓ Increase RAS activity
- ✓ Induce hypok⁺
- ✓ Induce hyponatraemia

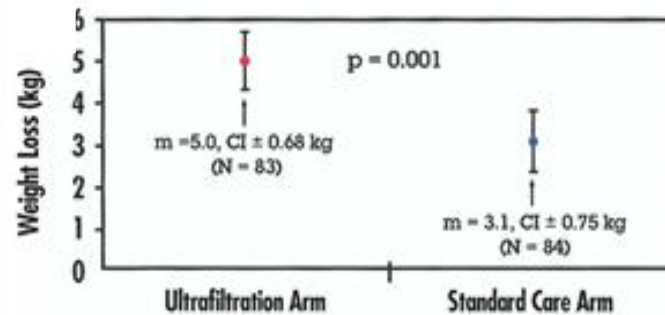
Increased RAS activity, hypokalemia, and hyponatraemia are independent predictors of mortality in CHF.

Have ultrafiltration and diuretic therapy different influence on:

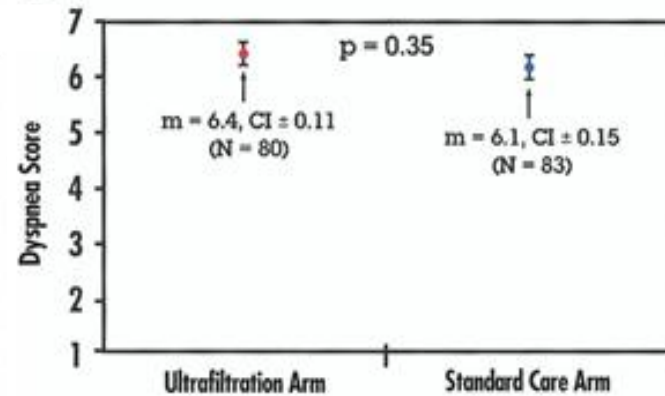
- progression of CHF?
- development of edema?
- mortality ?

UNLOAD TRIAL

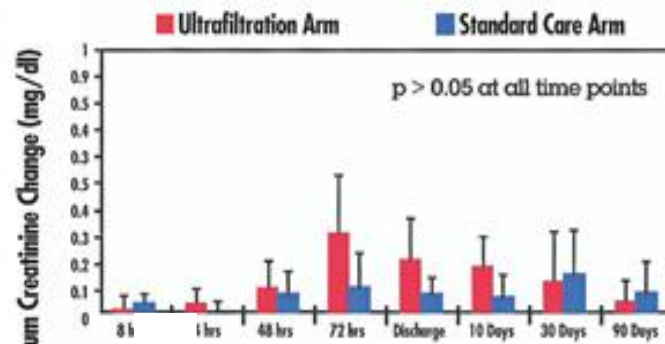
Costanzo et al JAC 2007



UF yes



symptoms
no

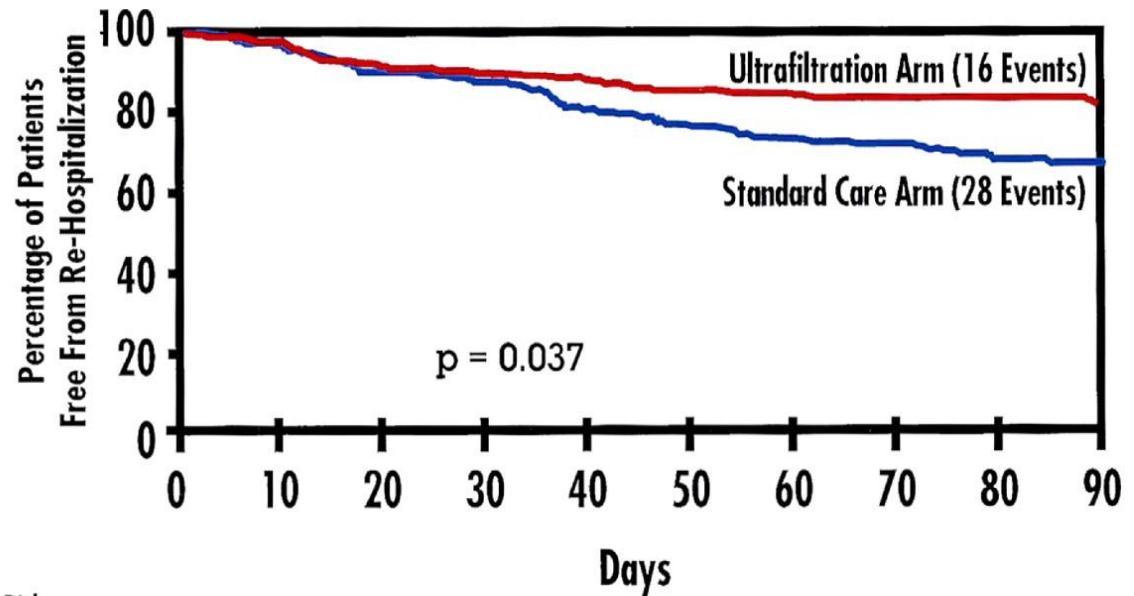


creatinine
no

UNLOAD Trial

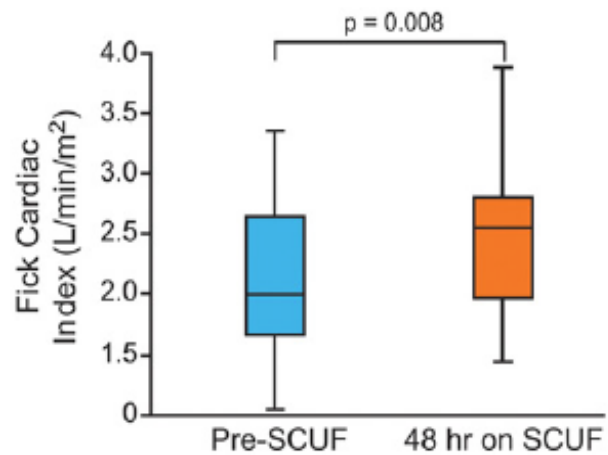
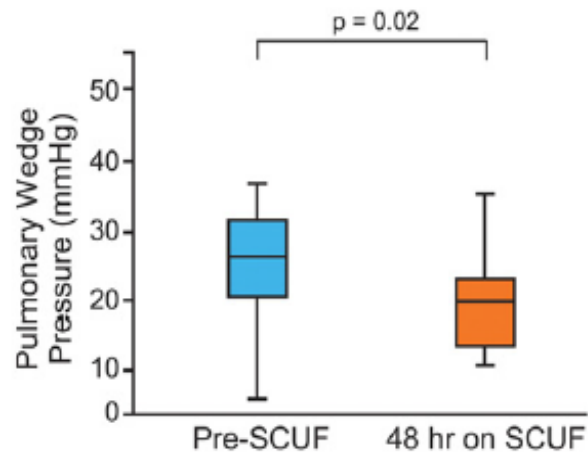
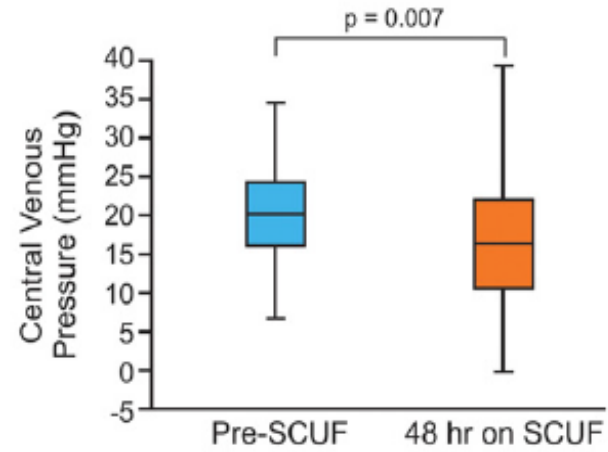
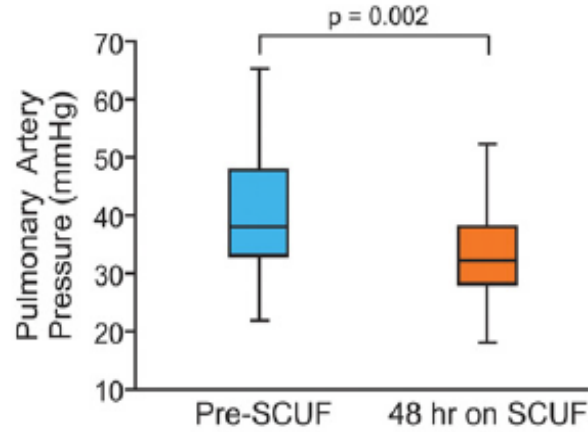


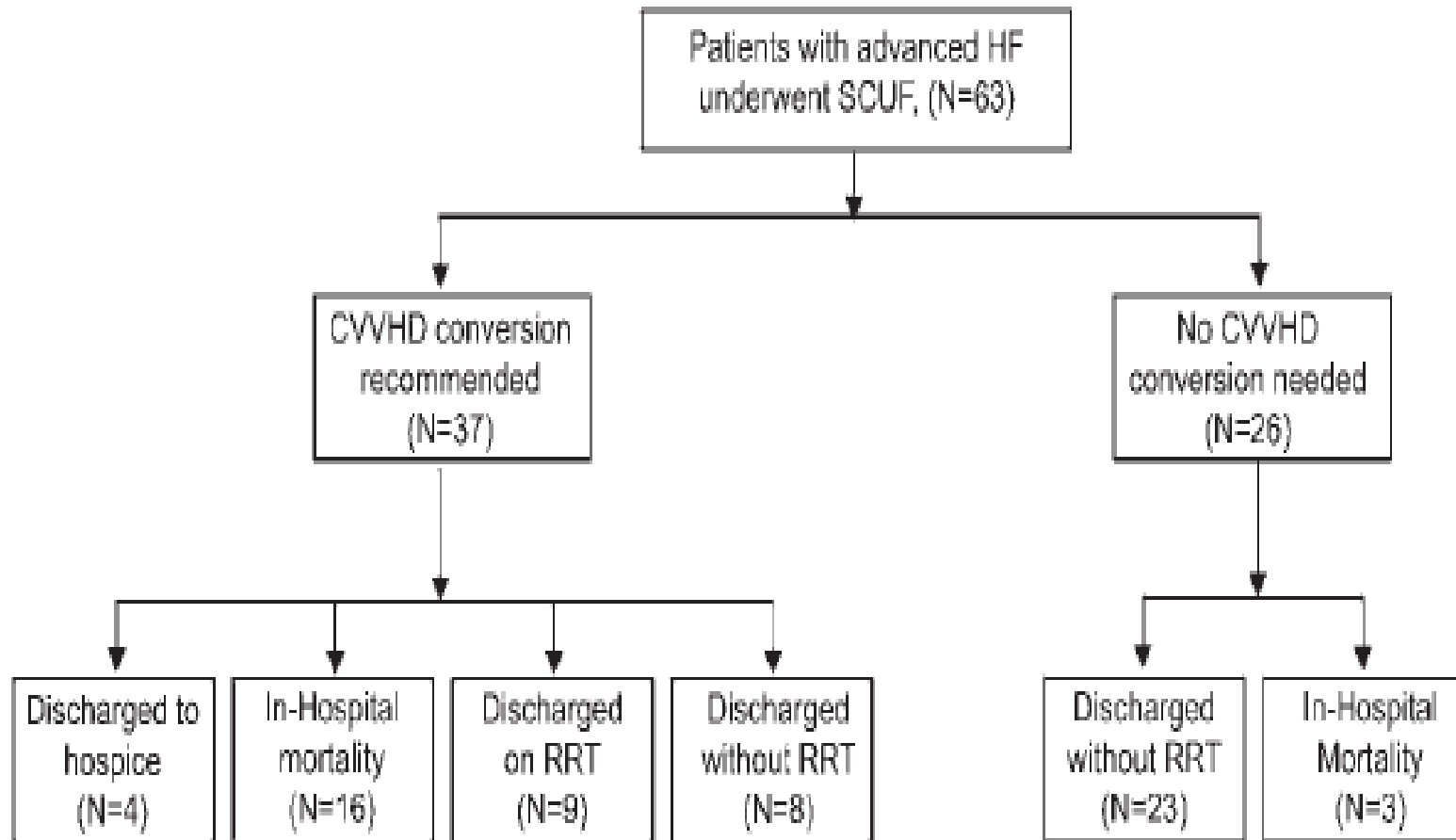
- 200 Patients with ADHF
- Randomized:
 - Conventional IV Diuresis
 - UF up to 500cc/hr



No. Patients at Risk

Ultrafiltration Arm	88	85	80	77	75	72	70	66	64	45
Standard Care Arm	86	83	77	74	66	63	59	58	52	41





What can we say about trials ultrafiltration ?



❖ Results

- ❖ increased fluid loss
- ❖ no real clinical benefit

❖ Why ?

- ❖ too fast ?

What should we do ?

- ❖ stop diuretics
- ❖ give Na⁺ containing fluids
- ❖ reduce (stop) ACEIs
- ❖ ? reduce intra-abdominal pressure
- ❖ slow ultrafiltration