

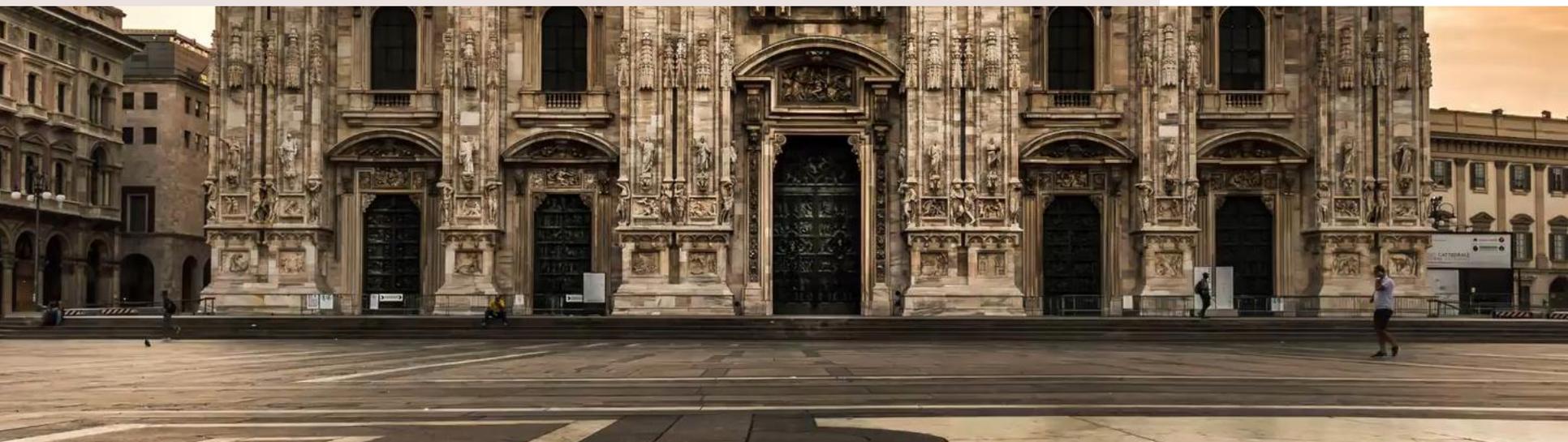


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## PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO ACUTE MYOCARDITIS

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# ACUTE vs. CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY MYOCARDIAL DISEASE

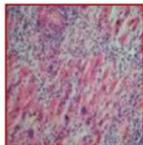
## SUSPECTED INFLAMMATORY MYOCARDIAL DISEASE

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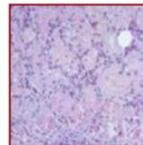
PERSISTENT STIMULI

### ACUTE MYOCARDITIS

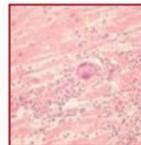
- Onset of symptoms < 30d
- LV size: normal or mildly dilated
- Inflammatory infiltrate: +++
- Release of cardiac biomarkers: +++
- Signs of edema at MRI sequences: +++
- Potential fulminant presentation, need for hemodynamic support



Lymphocytic



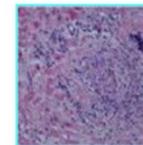
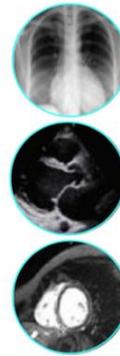
Eosinophilic



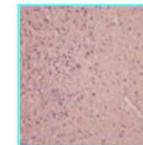
Giant Cell

### CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY CARDIOMYOPATHY

- Onset of symptoms > 30d
- LV size: dilated
- Inflammatory infiltrate: +/-
- Release of cardiac biomarkers: +/-
- Signs of edema at MRI sequences: +/-



Sarcoidosis



Scarce inflammatory infiltrate



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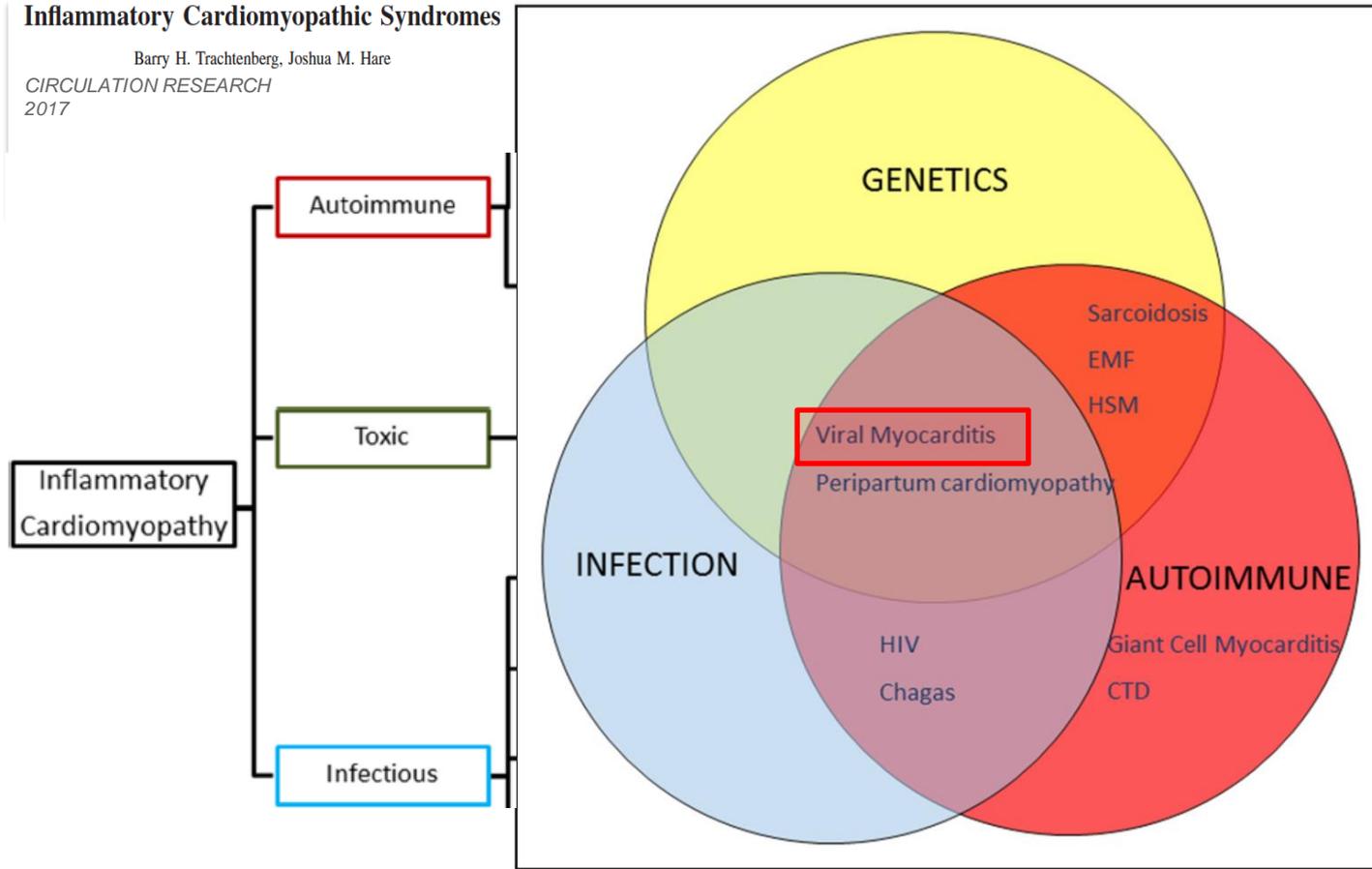
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# OVERLAPPING THEORIES OF COMMON CAUSES OF AM and infl-CMP

## Inflammatory Cardiomyopathic Syndromes

Barry H. Trachtenberg, Joshua M. Hare

*CIRCULATION RESEARCH*  
2017



**Figure 3.** Venn diagram showing current evidence for overlapping theories of common causes of inflammatory cardiomyopathy. CTD indicates connective tissue disorders; EMF, endomyocardial fibrosis; and HSM, hypersensitivity myocarditis.

## SPECIFIC ETIOLOGIES OF AM AND infl-CMP

### SPECIFIC INFECTIVE MYOCARDITIS

- \*Lyme disease
- \*Bacterial myocarditis (Diphtheric myocarditis)
- \*HIV myocarditis
- \*Associated with viral infections (i.e. **H1N1 influenza** –unknown if direct damage of the virus of related to the immune response)
- \*HELMINTH PARASSITE - Toxacara canis associated EM

### AUTOIMMUNE MYOCARDITIS:

- \*Myocarditis associated with autoimmune disorders (i.e. Systemic Lupus Erythematosus; scl-70+ systemic sclerosis)
- \*Myocarditis associated with other inflammatory disorders (i.e. Inflammatory Bowel disorders)
- \*Myocarditis associated with vasculitides (i.e. GPA granulomatosis with polyangiitis disease- Wegener, EGPA eosinophilic GPA – Churg Strauss syndrome)

### MYOCARDITIS ASSOCIATED WITH TOXIC AGENTS:

- \***IMMUNE CHECKPOINTS INHIBITORS** (ICI - i.e novalimub)
- \*Chemotherapy
- \*Cocaine

### MYOCARDITIS ASSOCIATED WITH PHEOCHROMOCYTOMA<sub>c</sub>



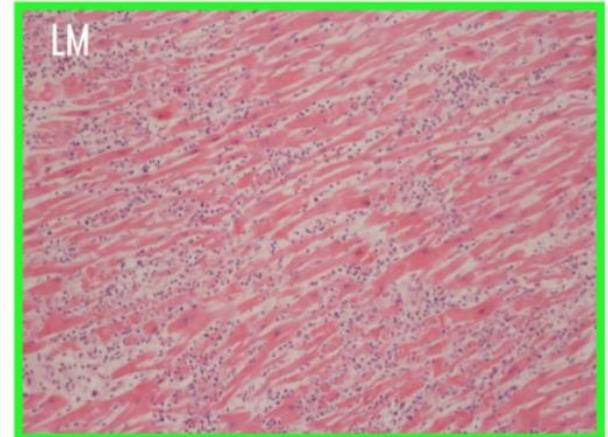
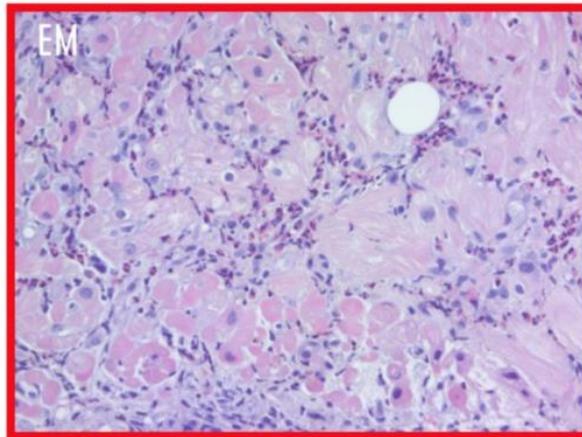
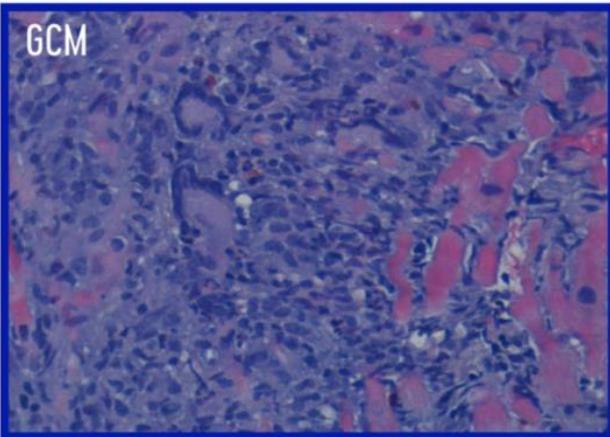
# HISTOLOGY IN FM

## Histology

- Eosinophilic
- Giant cell
- Granulomatous (Cardiac sarcoidosis)
- Lymphocytic

All histologies can  
clinically present as  
**FULMINANT MYOCARDITIS**

Sagar, Cooper





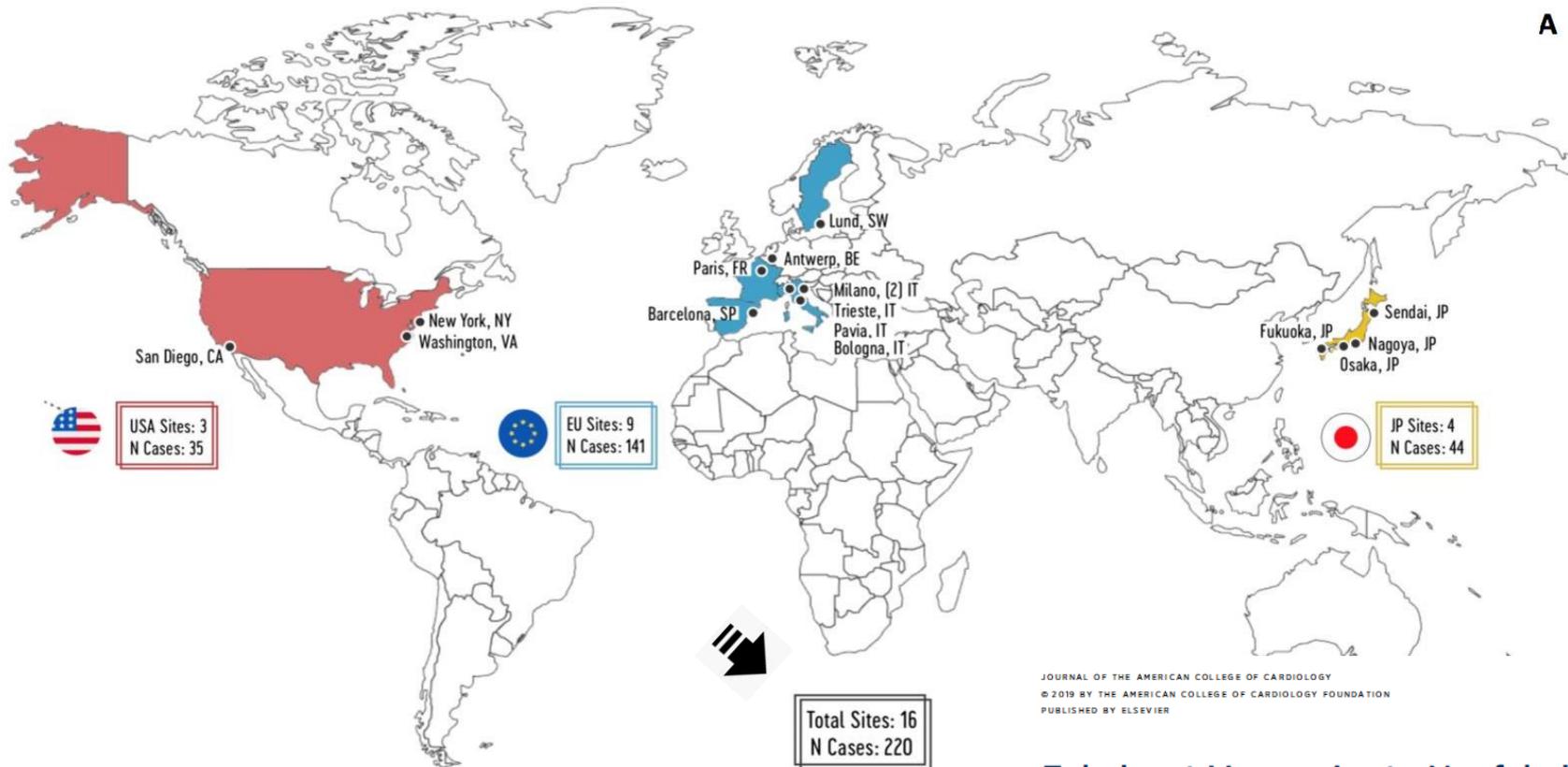
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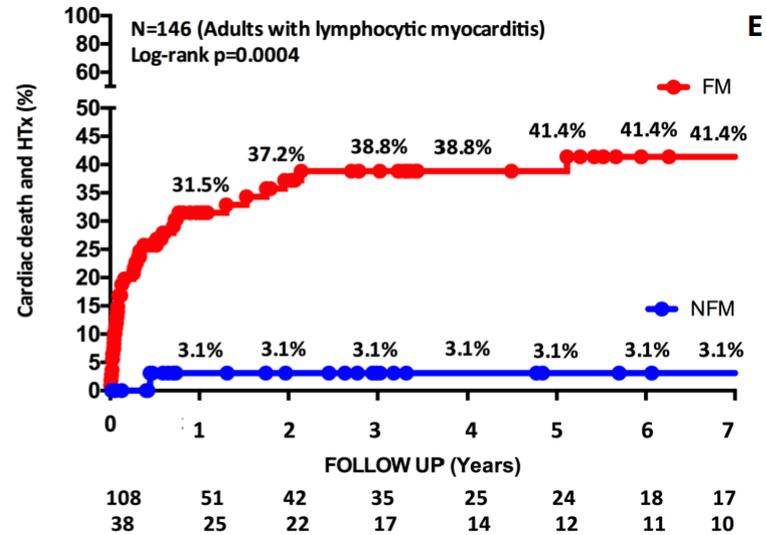
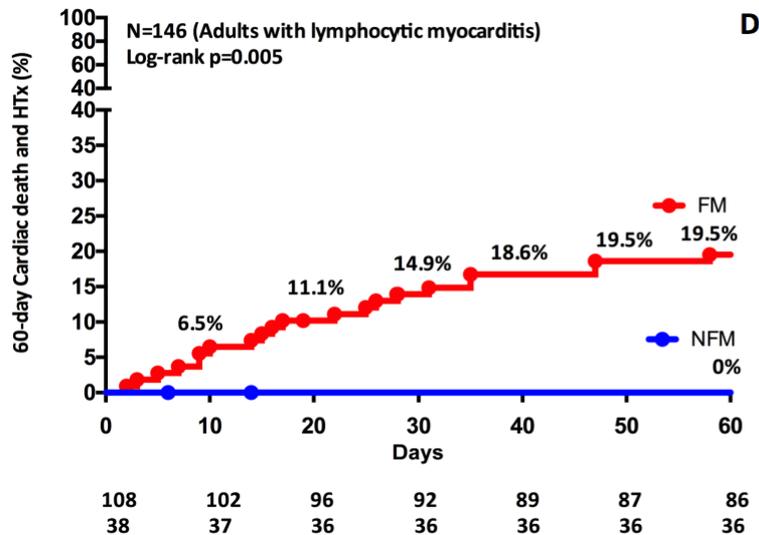
## Fulminant Versus Acute Nonfulminant Myocarditis in Patients With Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction

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**RETROSPECTIVE REGISTRY**  
**ALL** admitted to hospital  
**ALL HISTOLOGY PROVEN M.**  
**ALL with LVEF<50%**  
**SYMPTOMS' ONSET within 30 days**

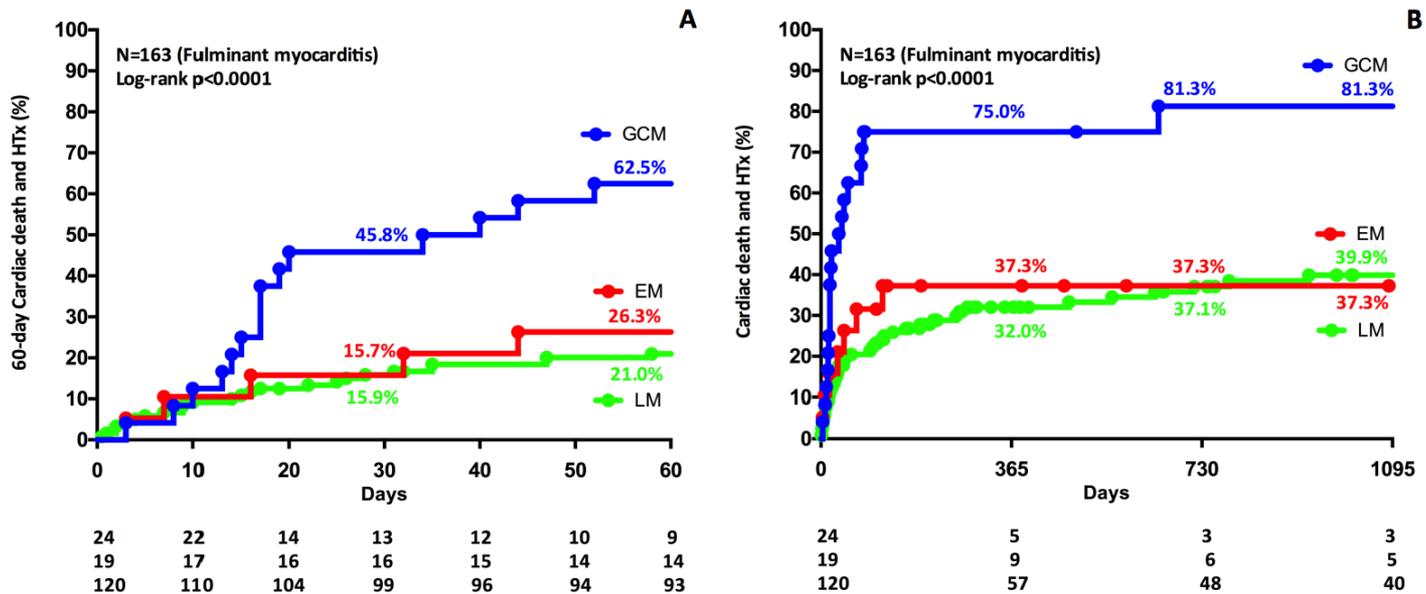


# SHORT AND LONG-TERM OUTCOME IN ADULTS with LYMPHOCYTIC MYOCARDITIS



**FM have worse prognosis compared with  
NFM ALSO considering ONLY ADULT  
lymphocytic myocarditis**

# SHORT AND LONG-TERM OUTCOME BASED ON HISTOLOGY IN FM



**GIANT CELL MYOCARDITIS IS ASSOCIATED WITH POOR OUTCOME IN THE SHORT and LONG TERM among FM**

**TABLE 4 Univariate and Multivariate Analysis of Factors Associated With the Occurrence of Cardiac Death and HTx in the Overall Population**

Overall (N = 220)	Patients With Available Data	HR (95% CI) for Cardiac Mortality or HTx			
		60-Day Follow-Up		Long-Term Follow-Up	
		Univariate	Multivariate	Univariate	Multivariate
Fulminant presentation	220	17.14 (2.36-124.3)	14.52 (1.67-126.2)*	5.95 (2.40-14.77)	5.08 (1.65-15.68)*
Female	220	0.92 (0.52-1.64)	—	0.80 (0.51-1.26)	—
Age	220	1.01 (0.99-1.03)	—	1.01 (0.99-1.02)	—
Histologic subtypes	220				
Lymphocytic		1 (reference)	1 (reference)	1 (reference)	1 (reference)
Eosinophilic		1.34 (0.55-3.28)	1.91 (0.70-5.17)	1.33 (0.67-2.65)	1.76 (0.84-3.66)
GCM		4.48 (2.35-8.53)	3.24 (1.41-7.44)*	3.75 (2.18-6.45)	3.48 (1.81-6.70)*
Sarcoidosis		1.07 (0.14-7.94)	—	0.61 (0.08-4.43)	—
Admission LVEF ≤30%	220	1.80 (0.89-3.63)	—	2.05 (1.17-3.62)	1.62 (0.87-3.04)
Immunosuppression	216	0.94 (0.52-1.74)	—	0.78 (0.48-1.24)	—
ECG findings					
QRS interval >120 ms	198	2.62 (1.35-5.05)	2.25 (1.09-4.62)*	2.26 (1.37-3.72)	2.49 (1.44-4.28)*
ST-segment elevation	208	0.79 (0.29-1.30)	—	0.82 (0.49-1.38)	—
Cardiac arrest†	213	3.41 (1.86-6.24)	1.13 (0.49-2.61)	2.68 (1.64-4.37)	1.32 (0.73-2.40)
Advanced AV block†	220	2.49 (1.05-5.89)	1.49 (0.47-4.75)	1.73 (0.75-4.00)	—
Prodromal symptoms	219	0.90 (0.49-1.64)	—	0.72 (0.45-1.15)	—
Year of admission	220				
2001-2010	70	1 (reference)	—	1 (reference)	—
2011-2018	150	1.34 (0.69-2.59)	—	1.40 (0.85-2.33)	—



**FULMINANT PRESENTATION**



**GIANT CELL HISTOLOGY**



**QRS duration >120 ms**



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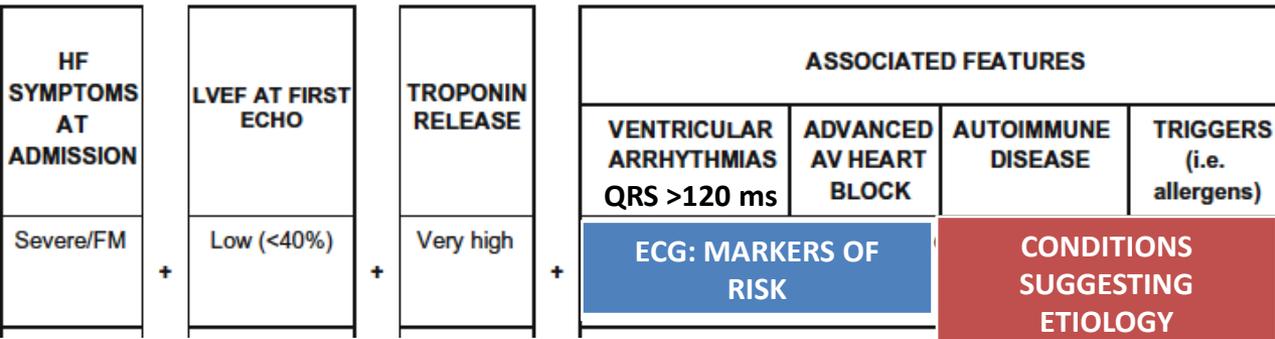
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# PROPOSED MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE MYOCARDITIS



CLINICAL PRESENTATION

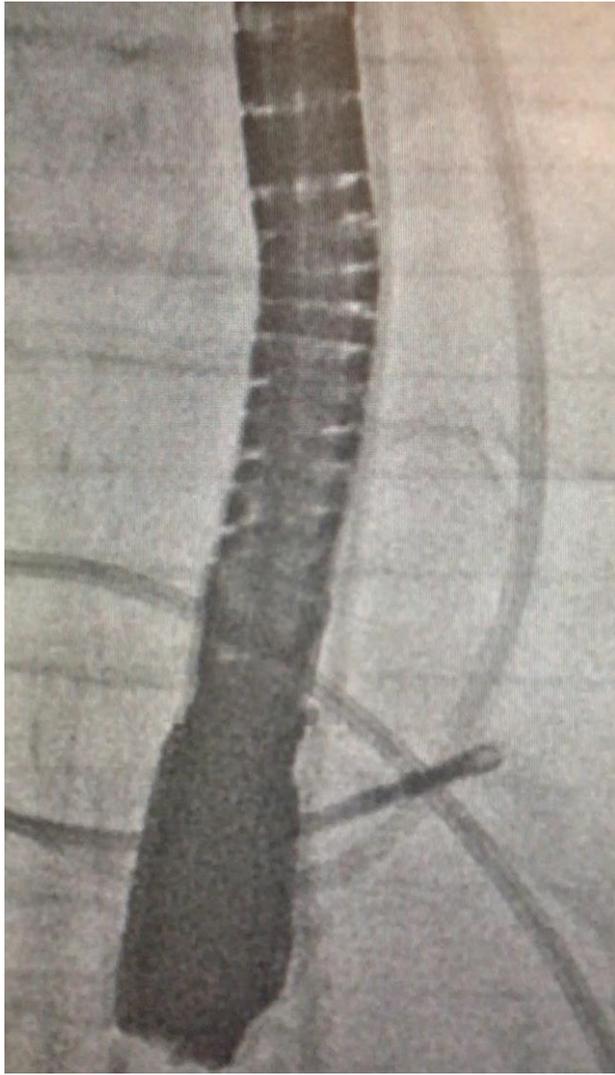
ASSOCIATED FEATURES



- STABILIZE the patient with inotropes/MCS
- CONSIDER REFERRING the patient to a HTX center 
- PERFORM EMB ASAP when you have stabilized the patient 
- NO ROOM for cardiac MRI in this setting 
- IV STEROIDS as first line immunosuppression 

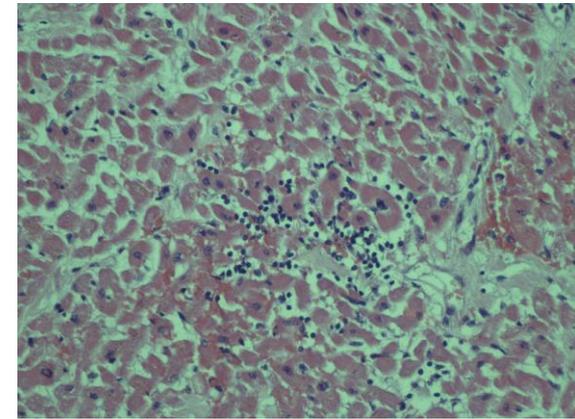
## TREATMENT

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**REMINDE: EMB is FEASIBLE  
and relatively SAFE also in  
patients on ECMO**

**HISTOLOGY HAS CLINICAL  
RELEVANCE IN FM**

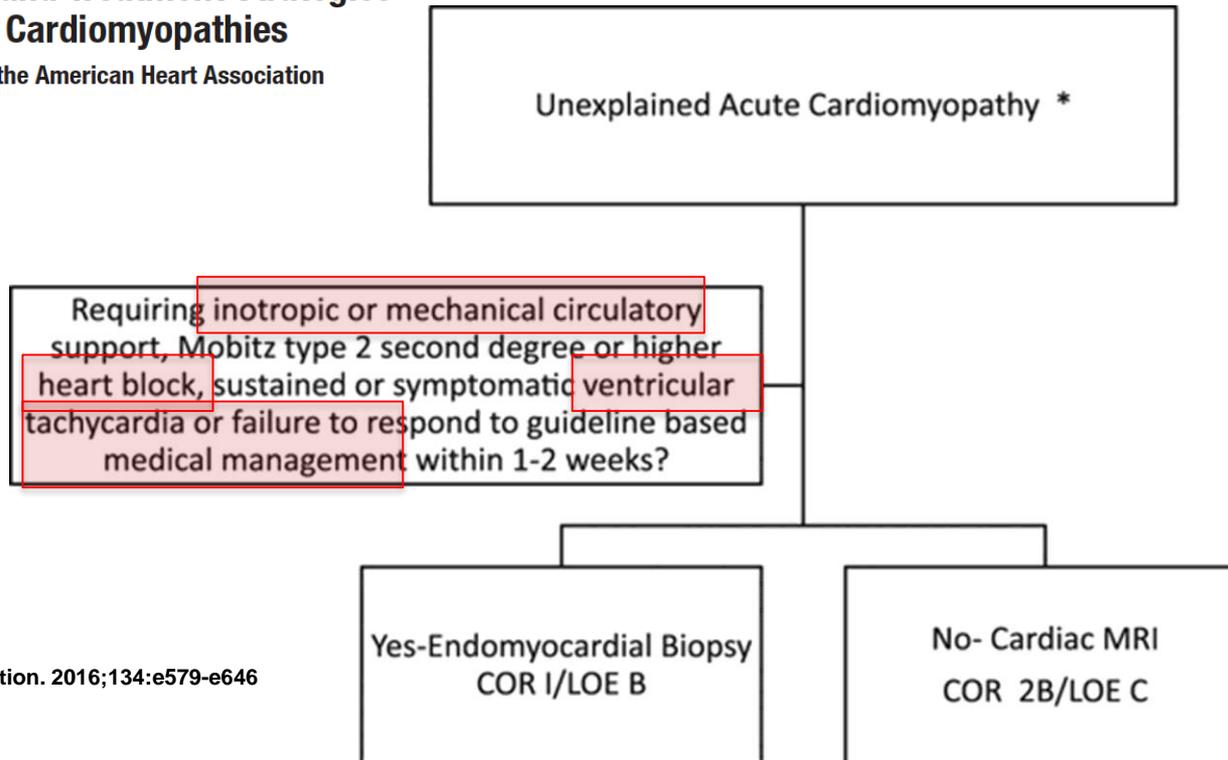


# ALGORITHM FOR THE EVALUATION OF SUSPECTED MYOCARDITIS IN THE SETTING OF UNEXPLAINED ACUTE CARDIOMYOPATHY

AHA SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT

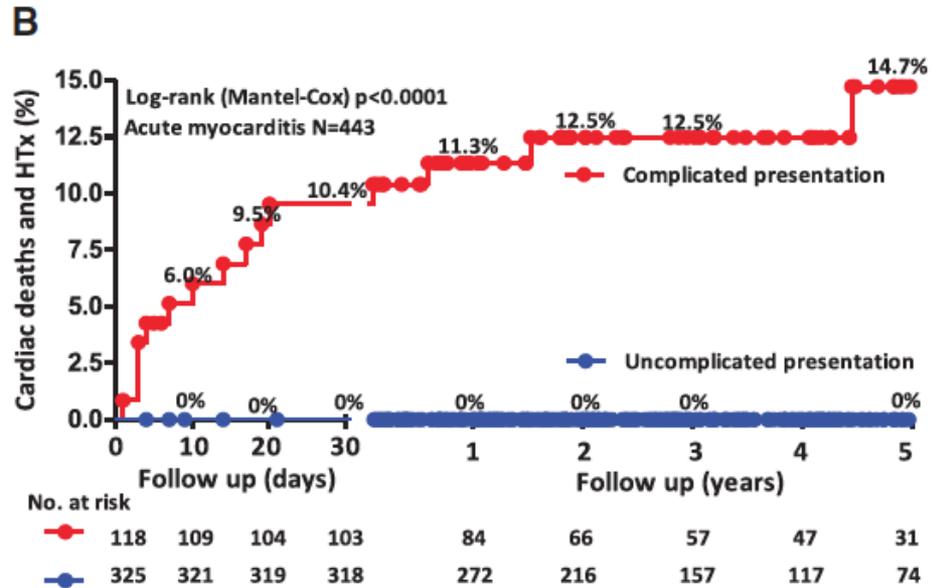
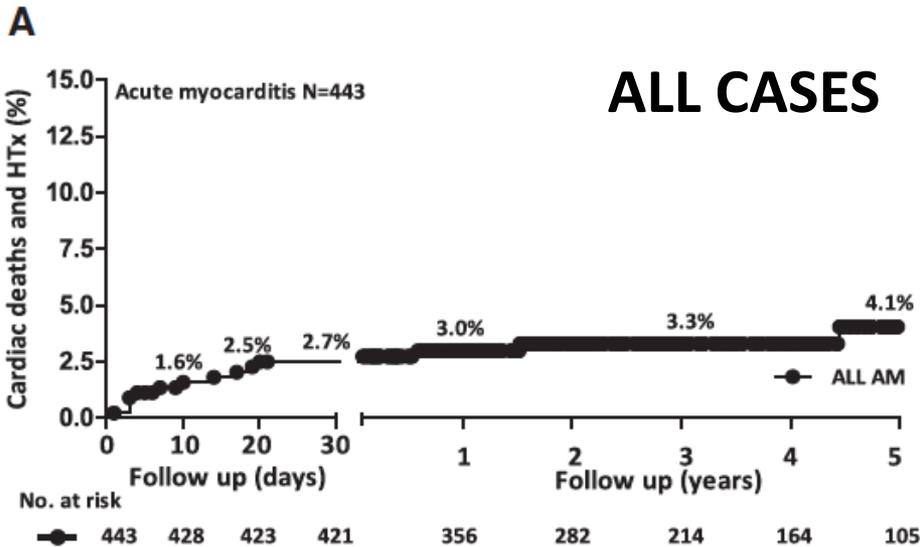
## Current Diagnostic and Treatment Strategies for Specific Dilated Cardiomyopathies

A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association



Biykem Bozkurt et al. Circulation. 2016;134:e579-e646

# LONG-TERM OUTCOME (cardiac death+HTx) IN AM BASED ON CLINICAL PRESENTATION



[Circulation](#)

ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

Clinical Presentation and Outcome  
in a Contemporary Cohort of Patients  
With Acute Myocarditis

Multicenter Lombardy Registry

**BACKGROUND:** There is controversy about the outcome of patients with acute myocarditis (AM), and data are lacking on how patients admitted

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**COMPLICATED**

- \*LVEF<50% on first ECHO
- \*Sustained Ventricular Arrhythmias
- \*Hemodynamic instability at presentation (FM)

**UNCOMPLICATED  
CASES**

- **CONCLUSIONS**



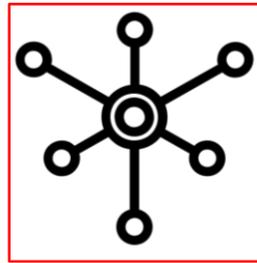
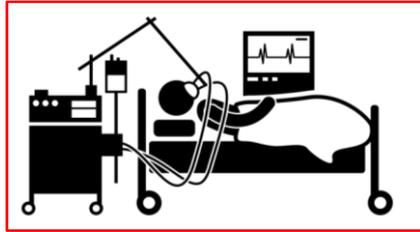
## TAKE HOME MESSAGE ON FM

1. EARLY RECOGNITION
2. FROM THE SPOKE HOSPITAL TO THE HUB
3. AGGRESSIVE SUPPORTIVE TREATMENT -> MCS/INOTROPIC SUPPORT
4. ASAP EMB in FM & COMPLICATED AM
5. PREVENTION OF IRREVERSIBLE MYOCARDIAL INJURY -> ACUTE PHASE  
IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS (? – Still not fully proven the efficacy)



FROM THE SPOKE TO THE **HUB**  
AGGRESSIVE **SUPPORTIVE TREATMENT**

**Day 0**



RECOVERY

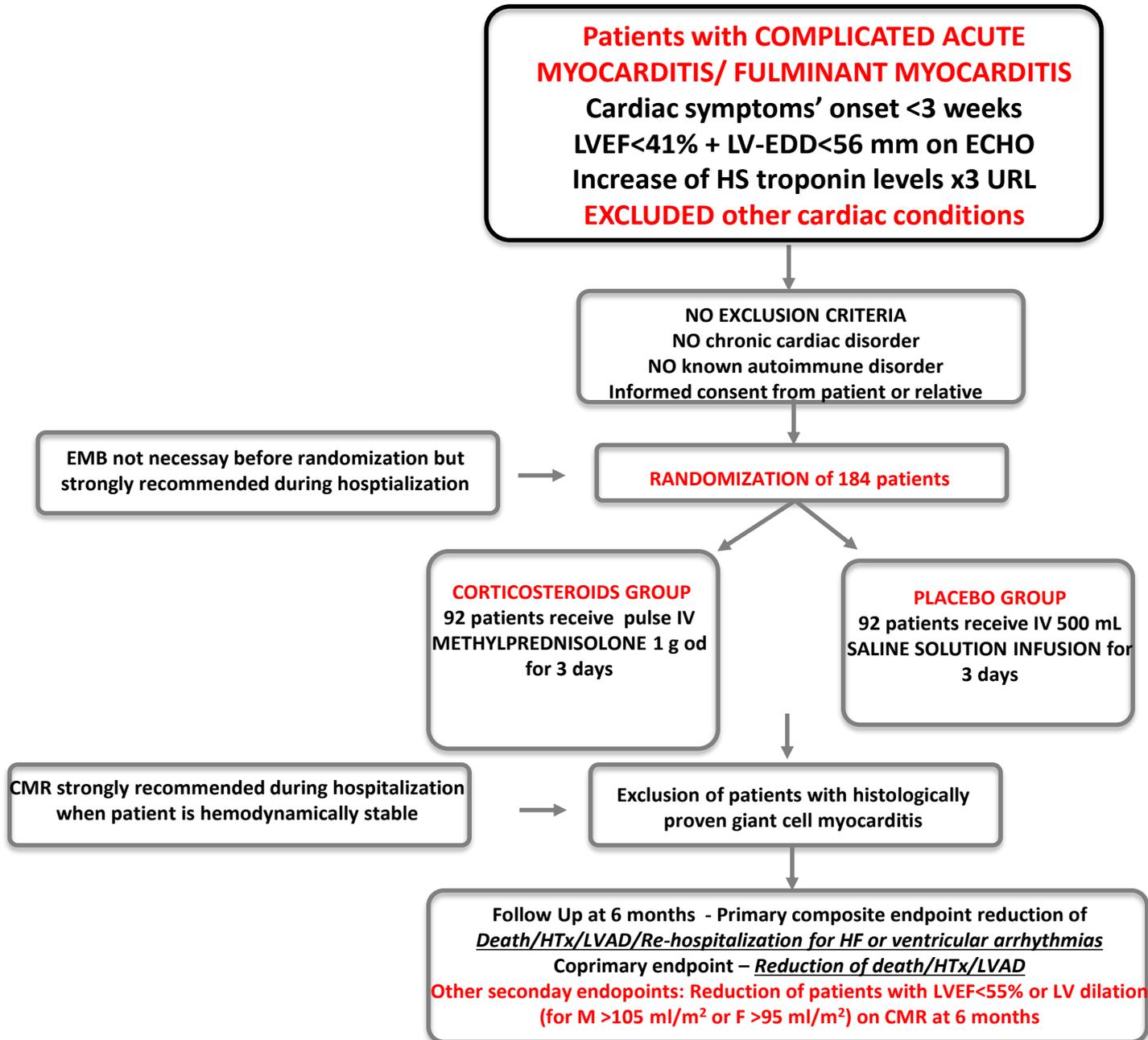


EARLY RECOGNITION!



**ASAP EMB** in FM & **COMPLICATED AM**  
**PREVENTION OF MYOCARDIAL INJURY**  
**ACUTE PHASE IMMUNOSUPPRESSION**  
**(?)**

# FLOW CHART OF TRIAL TO ASSESS THE EFFICACY OF IV CORTICOSTEROIDS IN COMPLICATED ACUTE MYOCARDITIS/FULMINANT MYOCARDITIS





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