

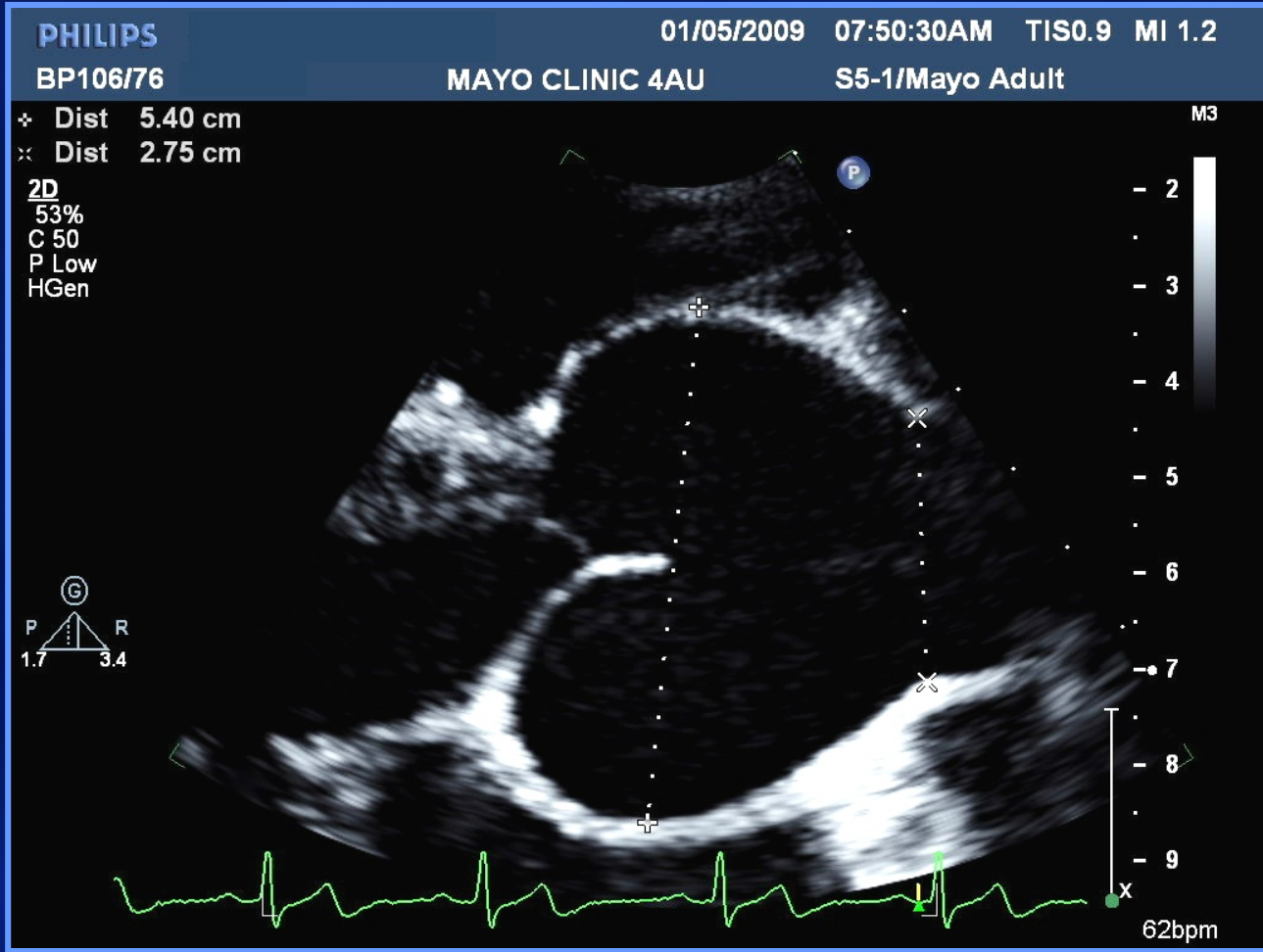
Management of Marfan Syndrome

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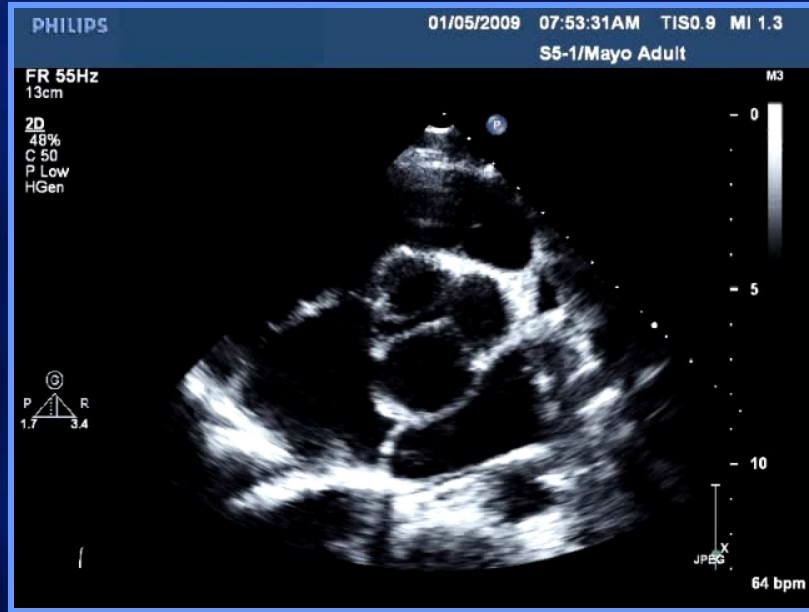
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17 YO with Heart Murmur

54 mm



17 YO with Aortic Root Aneurysm



Is it Marfan syndrome?

17 YO with Aortic Root Aneurysm

Imaging of whole aorta



In absence of family history, the diagnosis of MFS is made in presence:

1. TAA (Z-score ≥ 2) and Ectopia Lentis
2. TAA (Z-score ≥ 2) and FBN1
3. Ectopia Lentis and FBN1(known aortopathy)
4. TAA (Z-score ≥ 2) and Systemic score (≥ 7 pts)

Z score measurement



<http://www.marfan.org/>

Height (cm): **187**
Weight (kg): **62**
Gender: **male**

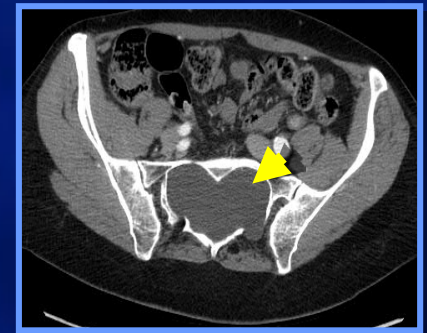
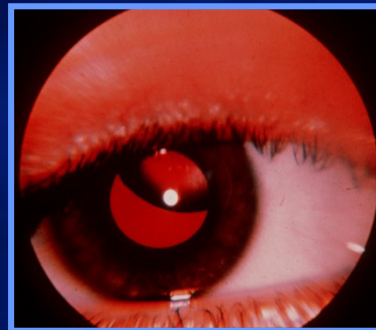
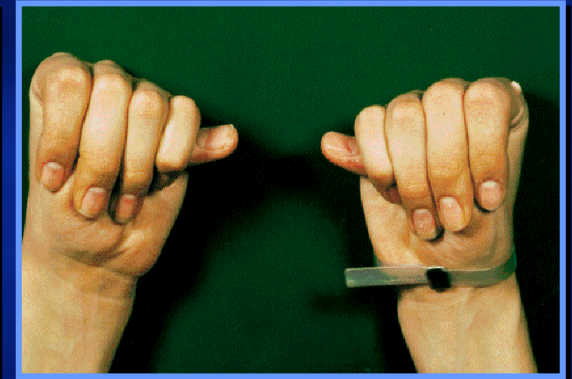
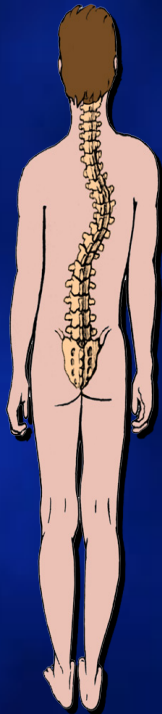
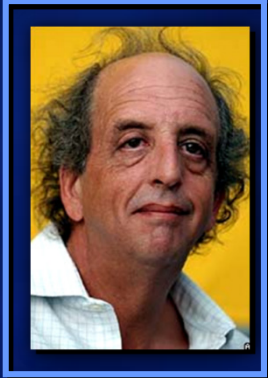
BSA formula: **1.84 M²**

Site	Measured (mm)	Mean	ULN	Z-Score
Aortic Annulus:		21.47	26.06	
Sinuses:	54	29.93	36.33	5.90
ST Junction:	26	24.21	29.69	0.72
Ascending Aorta:	26	24.06	30.10	0.71

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Ghent Criteria – Systemic Score



Systemic Features of MFS

	Points		Points
Wrist AND thumb sign	3	Reduced US/LS + increased	
Wrist OR thumb sign	1	arm/height	1
Pectus carinatum deformity	2	Scoliosis or thoracolumbar kyphosis	1
Excavatum or		Reduced elbow extension	1
chest asymmetry	1	Facial features (3/5)	1
Hindfoot deformity	2	dolichocephaly/ enophthalmos/	
plain pes planus	1	down slanting palpebral fissures	
Pneumothorax	2	malar hypoplasia/ retrognathia	
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Systemic Score = 10 Points

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Clinical Approach to Dilated Aorta

Directed History and Exam



Multimodality Imaging



Targeted Genetic Testing



Diagnosis



Personalized Management Plan

Medical Management For MFS

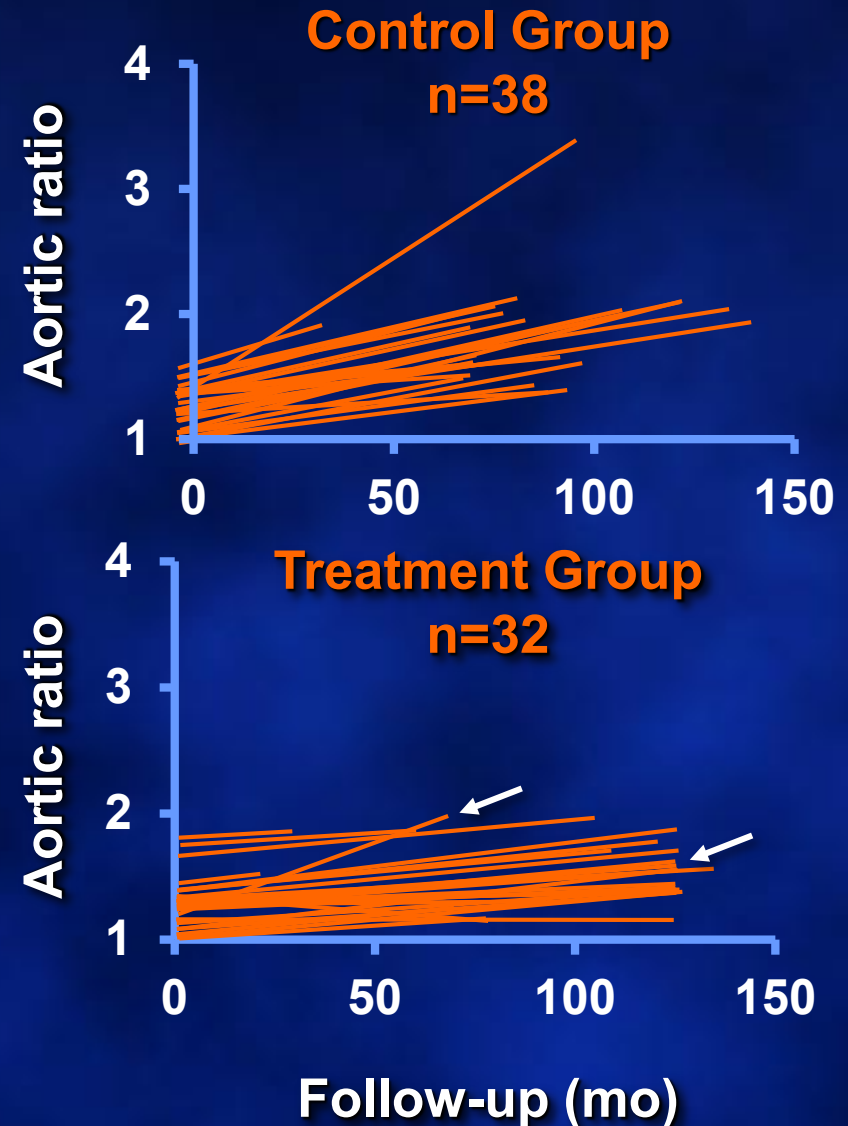
Shores: NEJM, 1994

- Propranolol in MFS
- β blockers

↓ HR and LV ejection

↓ aortic root dilation

↓ CV complications



Medical Management For MFS

Brooke B, Dietz H et al: NEJM 2008

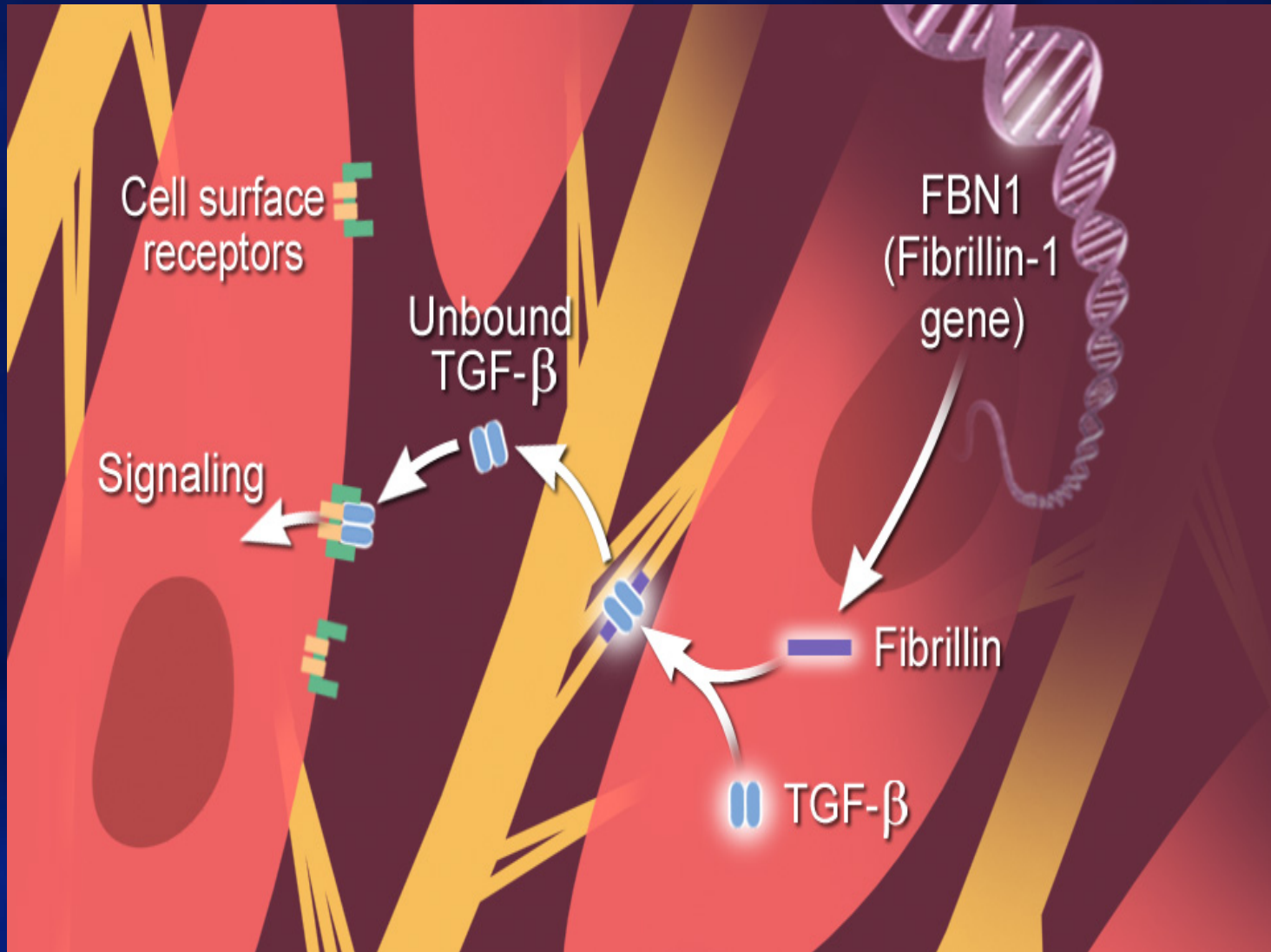
- **18 pediatric MFS pt - age 14 mo to 16 yr**

Treated with ARB 12 to 47 mo

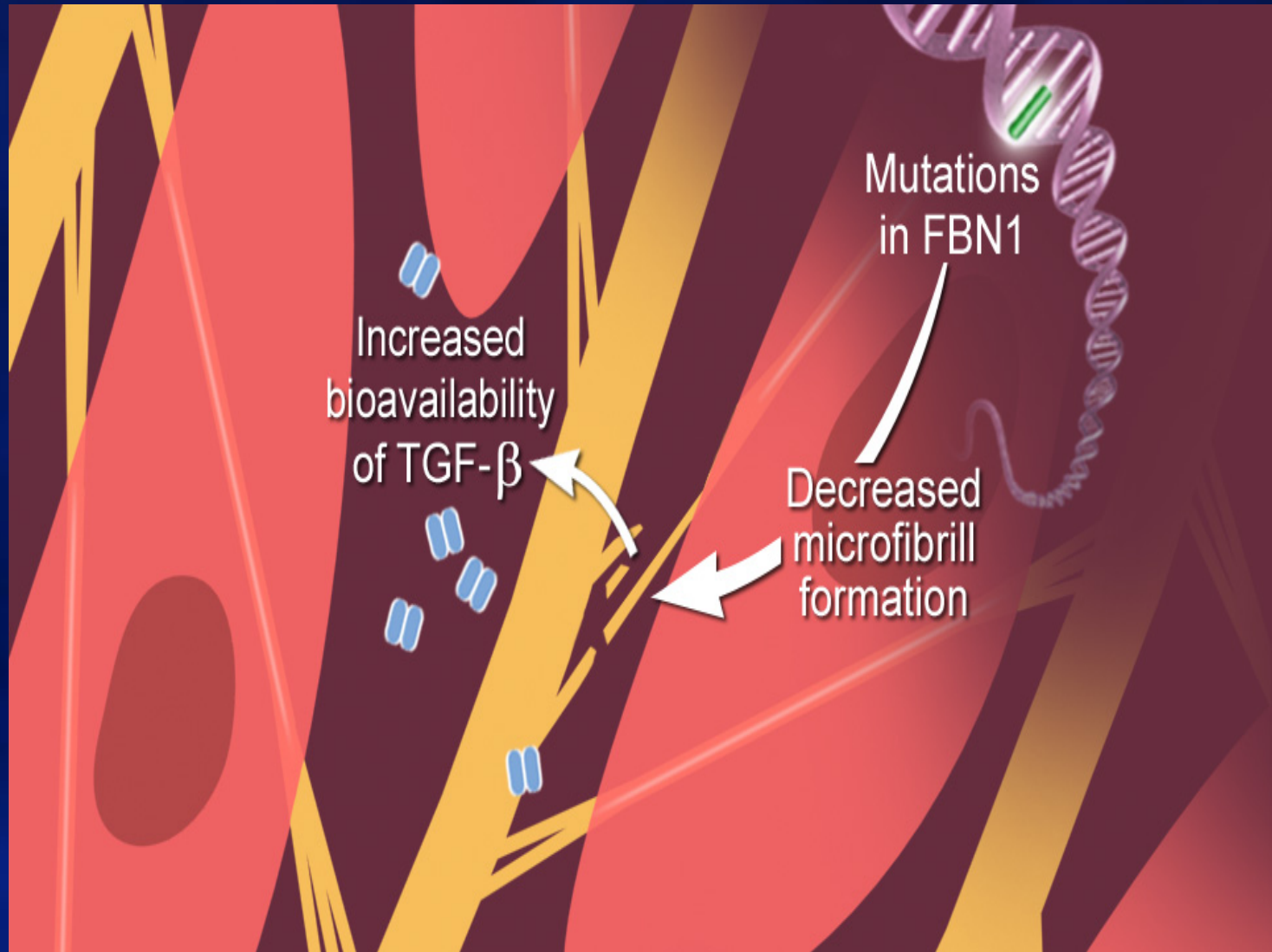
- **Significant ↓ in rate of aortic root dilatation**

3.5 mm/yr → 0.5 mm/yr

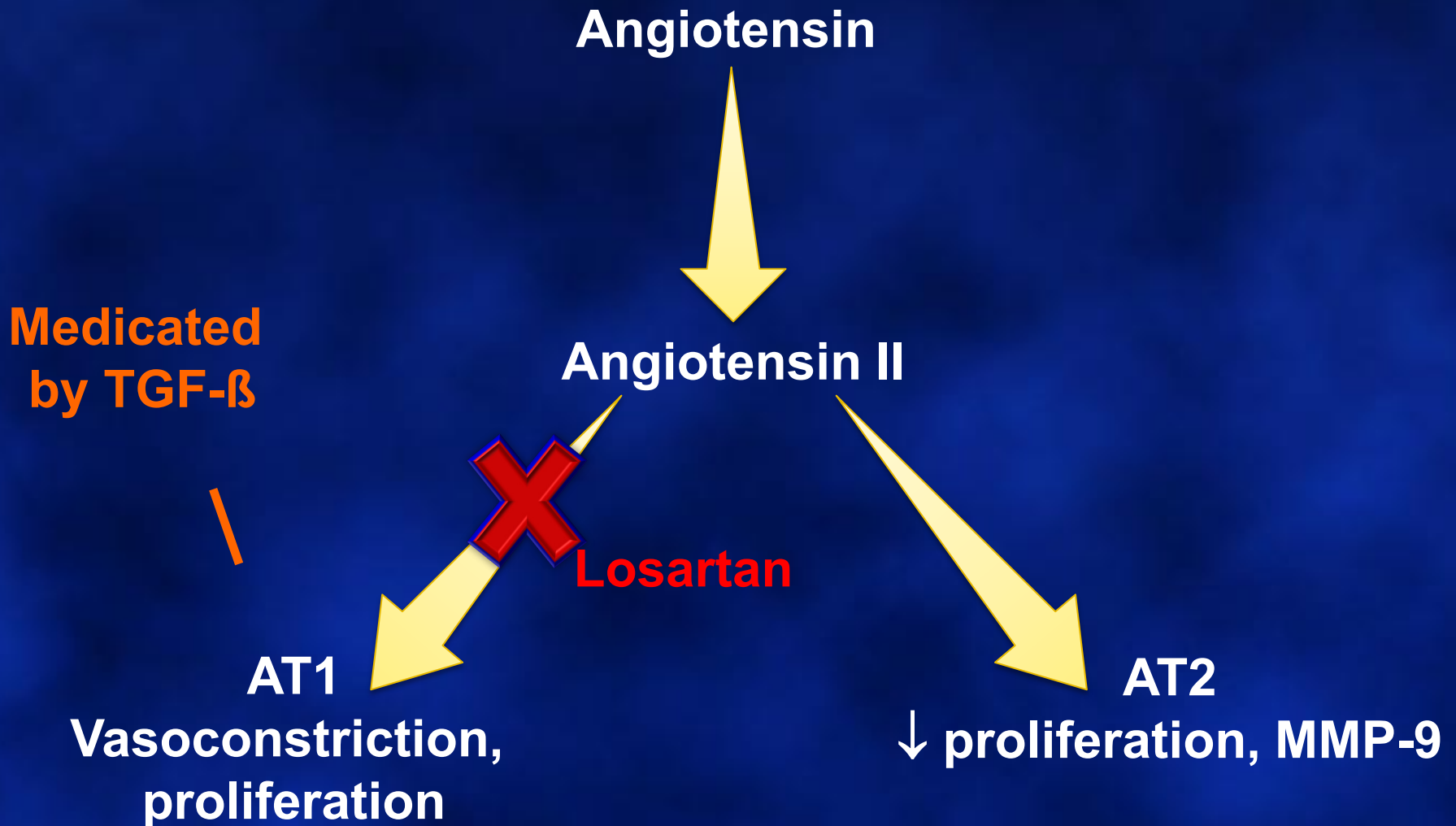
Molecular Biology of Thoracic Aorta



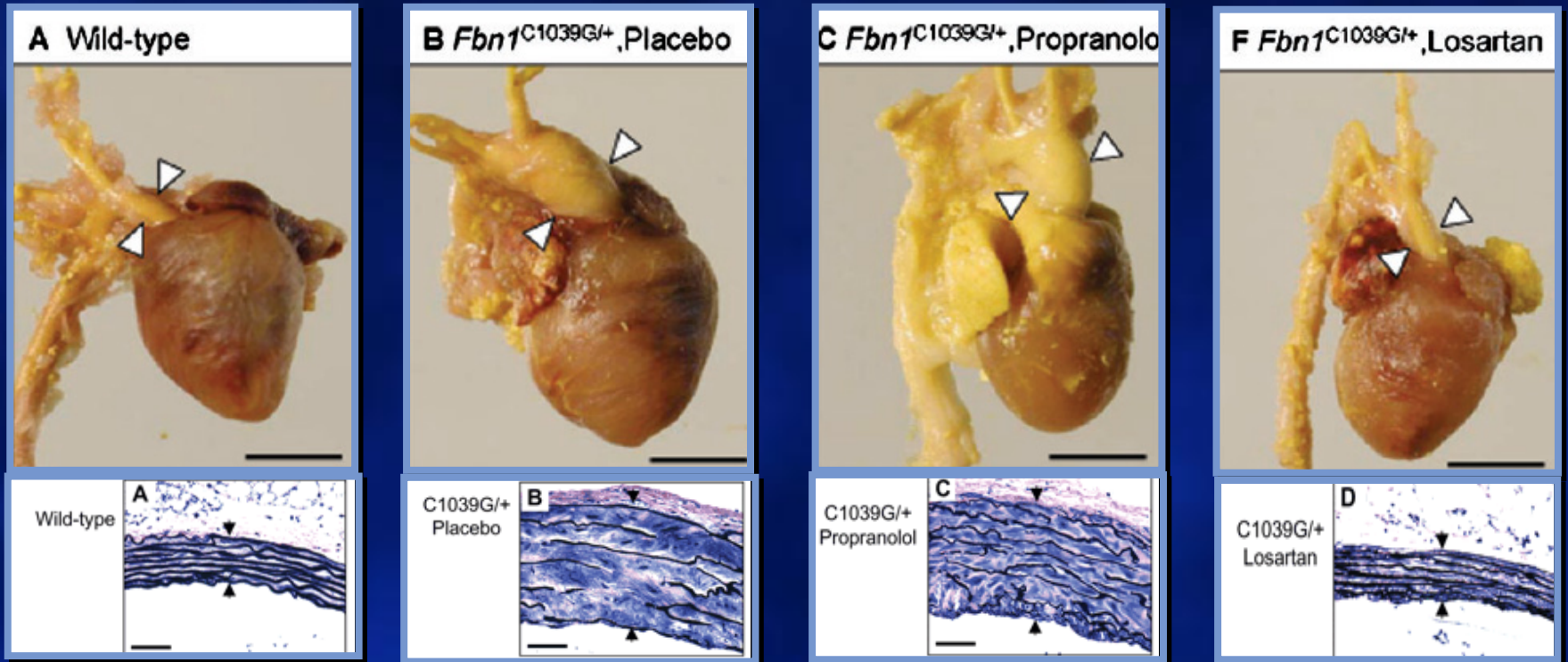
Molecular Biology in Marfan Syndrome



Role for ARB in treatment of MFS



Losartan in Marfan syndrome



Losartan lowers TGFB signaling is increased in MFS

MFS mice - no progression of aneurysm, some reversal aortic pathology, normal aortic growth, size, thickness and architecture

Losartan reduces aortic dilatation rate in adults with Marfan syndrome: a randomized controlled trial

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In adult Marfan pt, losartan treatment reduces aortic root dilatation rate. After aortic root replacement, losartan treatment reduces dilatation rate of the aortic arch. EHJ 2013

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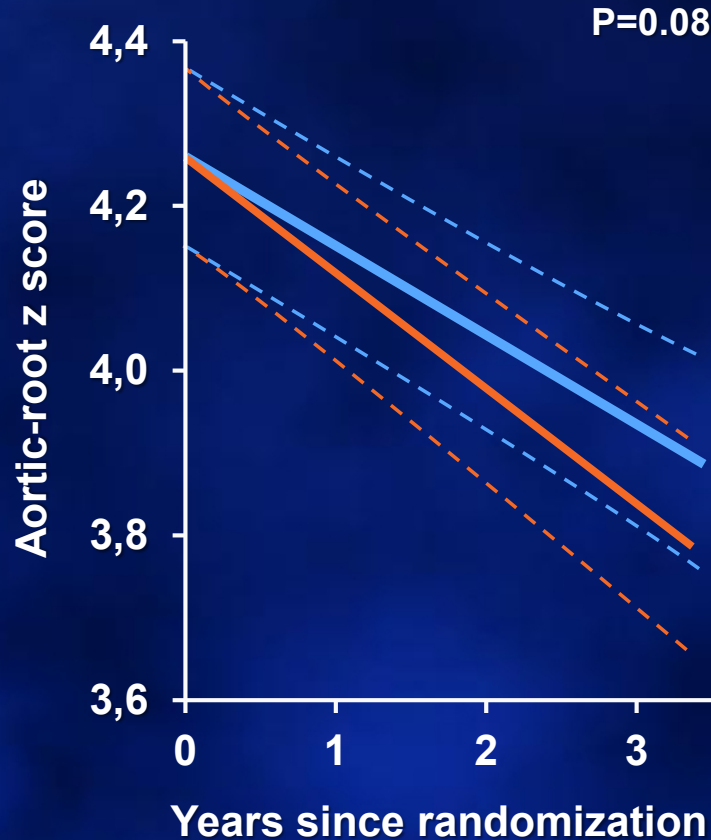
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Atenolol versus Losartan in Children and Young Adults
with Marfan's Syndrome

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for the Pediatric Heart Network Investigators*

- **608 participants: Age-6 months to 25 years**
- **Aortic root z score greater than 3.0**
- **Primary outcome: rate of aortic root enlargement**
Z score over a 3-year period

Atenolol vs. Losartan in Children and Young adults with MFS



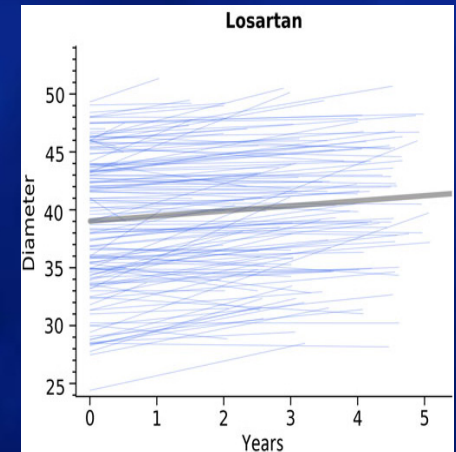
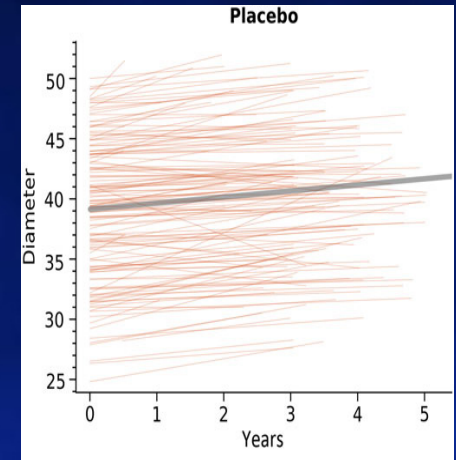
No. at risk

Atenolol	303	286	282	268
Losartan	303	293	279	267

- Z score too high at baseline?
- Aorta resistant as we get older?
- Med dose: Atenolol (151 ± 75)
Losartan (100)
- Was Losartan dose optimal?
- 1:1 compare sturdy, ? Synergism

Marfan Sartan: Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial

- 303 MFS older than 10 years (mean 29.9)
 - 86% on β blockers
 - median FU 3.5 years
- Mean/individual slopes dilatation at SOV
 - mean \uparrow in diameter at SOV
 - 0.44 mm/year with Losartan
 - 0.51 mm/year with placebo



Eligibility and Disqualification Recommendations for Competitive Athletes

Marfan syndrome

- Avoid contact sports, isometric exercise, smoking
- Avoid strenuous exercise
- Low to moderate static/ low dynamic exercise in absence of *(Class IIa; LOEC)*
 - a. Aortic root dilatation (ie, z score > 2)
 - b. Moderate to severe mitral regurgitation
 - c. Left ventricular dysfunction (EF <40%)
 - d. Family history of aortic dissection at aorta <50 mm

Braverman, *Circulation*. 2015

Management Strategies in Pregnant Women With Marfan syndrome

Pregnancy not advised

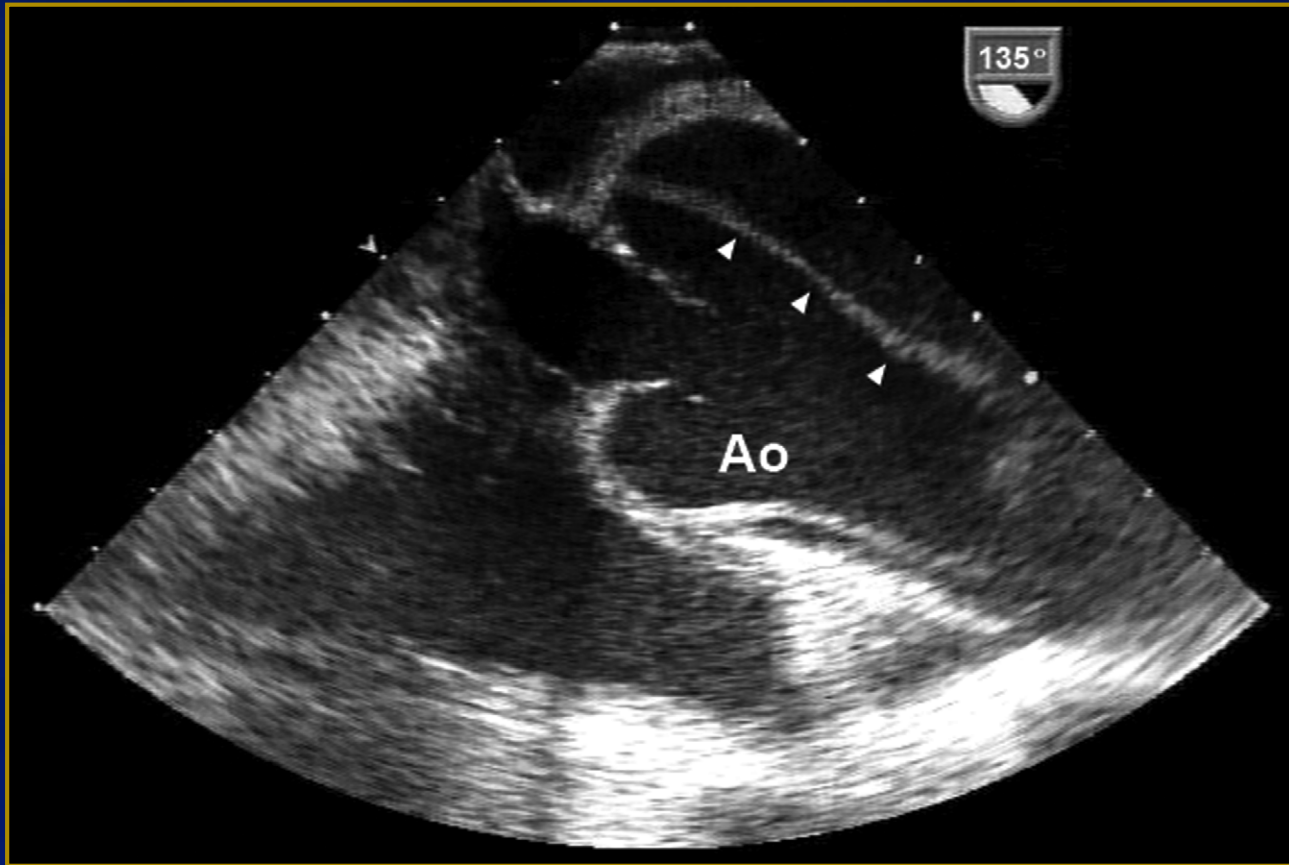
- Marfan syndrome >45 mm
- Rapid growth of aortic diameter
- Personal or family history of premature aortic dissection

Pregnancy management

- STOP ACE Inh and ARB
- Beta-blockers to keep normal BP and heart rate, possible hydralazine
- Frequent echo assessment

Normal-sized aorta	Follow-up each trimester	Vaginal delivery
Dilated aorta <40 mm	Follow-up 4-6 weeks	Vaginal delivery
Dilated aorta 40-45 mm	Follow-up monthly	Cesarean section
Aorta >45 mm	Prophylactic surgery pre-pregnancy or during pregnancy in women with rapid growth of the aorta	

Aortic Dissection Prevention in MFS



MFS accounts for 50% of AD if <40 yr

Indications for Operation MFS

Asc Ao size
45-50 mm

Rapid ↑
>3 mm/yr



Predictors of
dissection

Family history of aortic complications

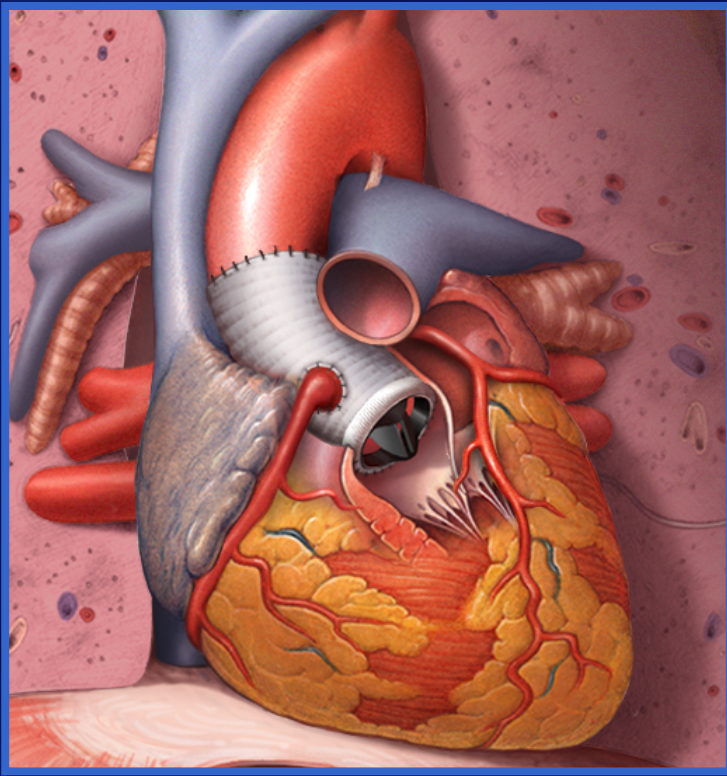
Small pt - indexed diameter adjusted for BSA of 2.5 cm/m² ***

Early Operation in MFS

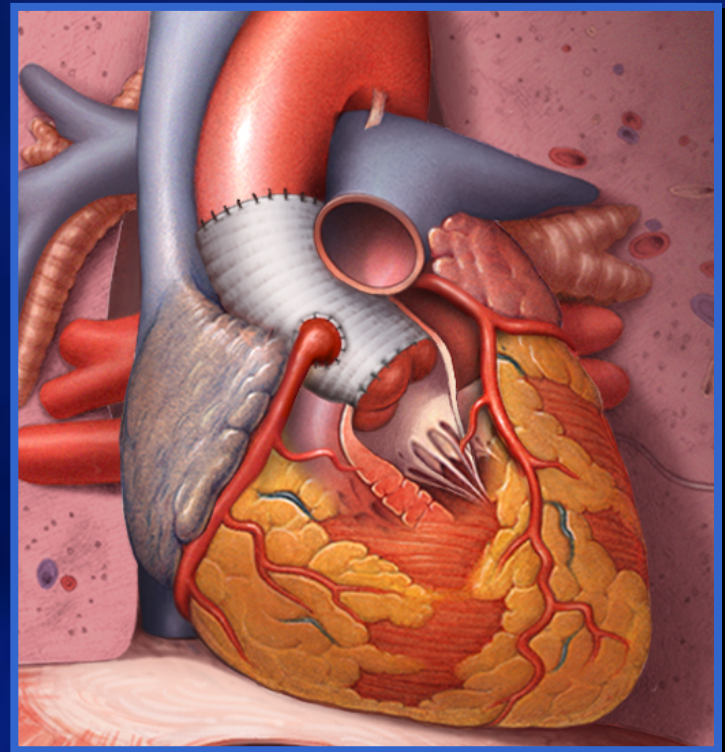
- 1. Aortic aneurysm beyond the Sinus of Valsalva**
- 2. Personal history of aortic dissection**
- 3. Progressive aortic regurgitation**
- 4. Labile hypertension**
- 5. Associated MV disease or LV dysfunction**
- 6. Desire for VS root replacement**
- 7. Pregnancy consideration**

Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm

Bentall operation

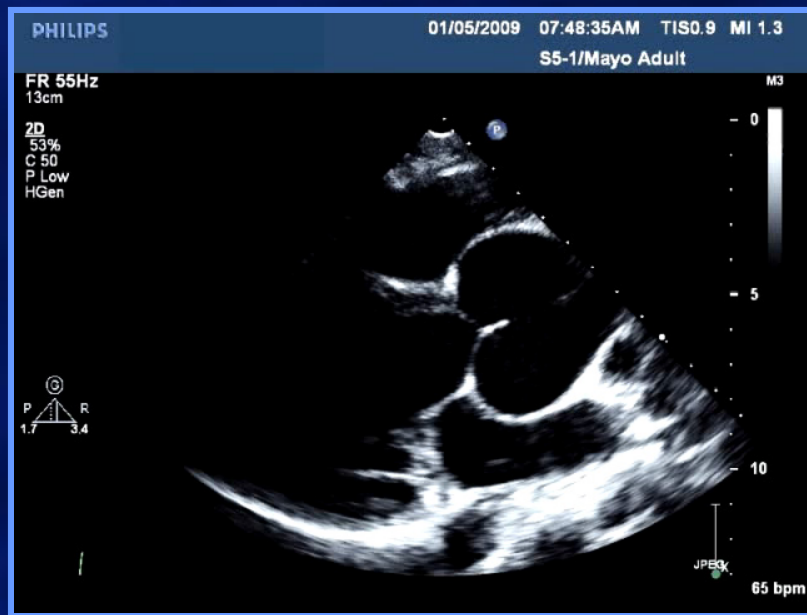


Valve-sparing operation

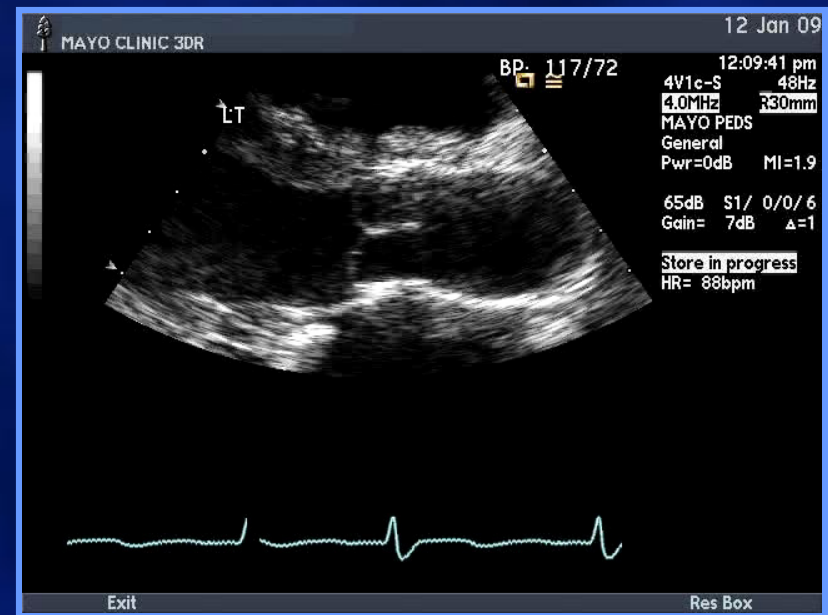


Continue medical treatment indefinitely

17 YO with Marfan syndrome



Pre-op



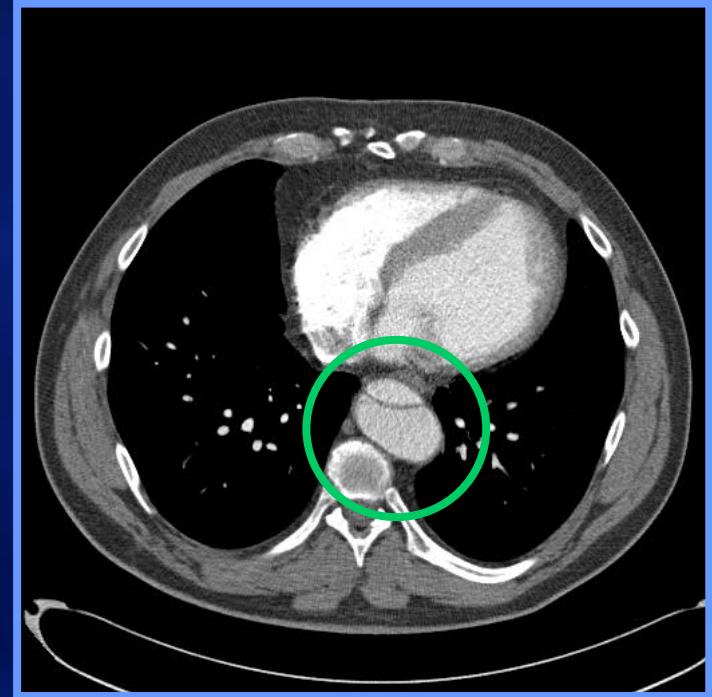
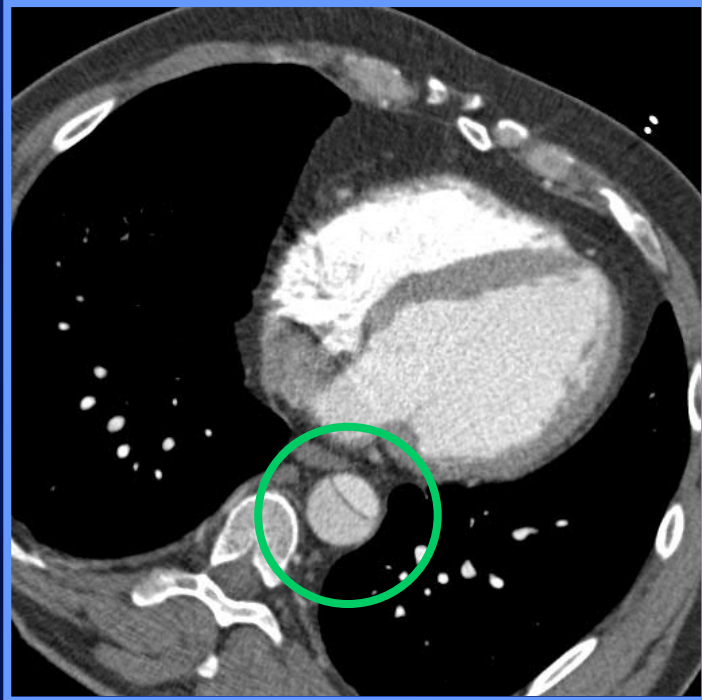
Post-op

AV Sparing Root Replacement in MFS

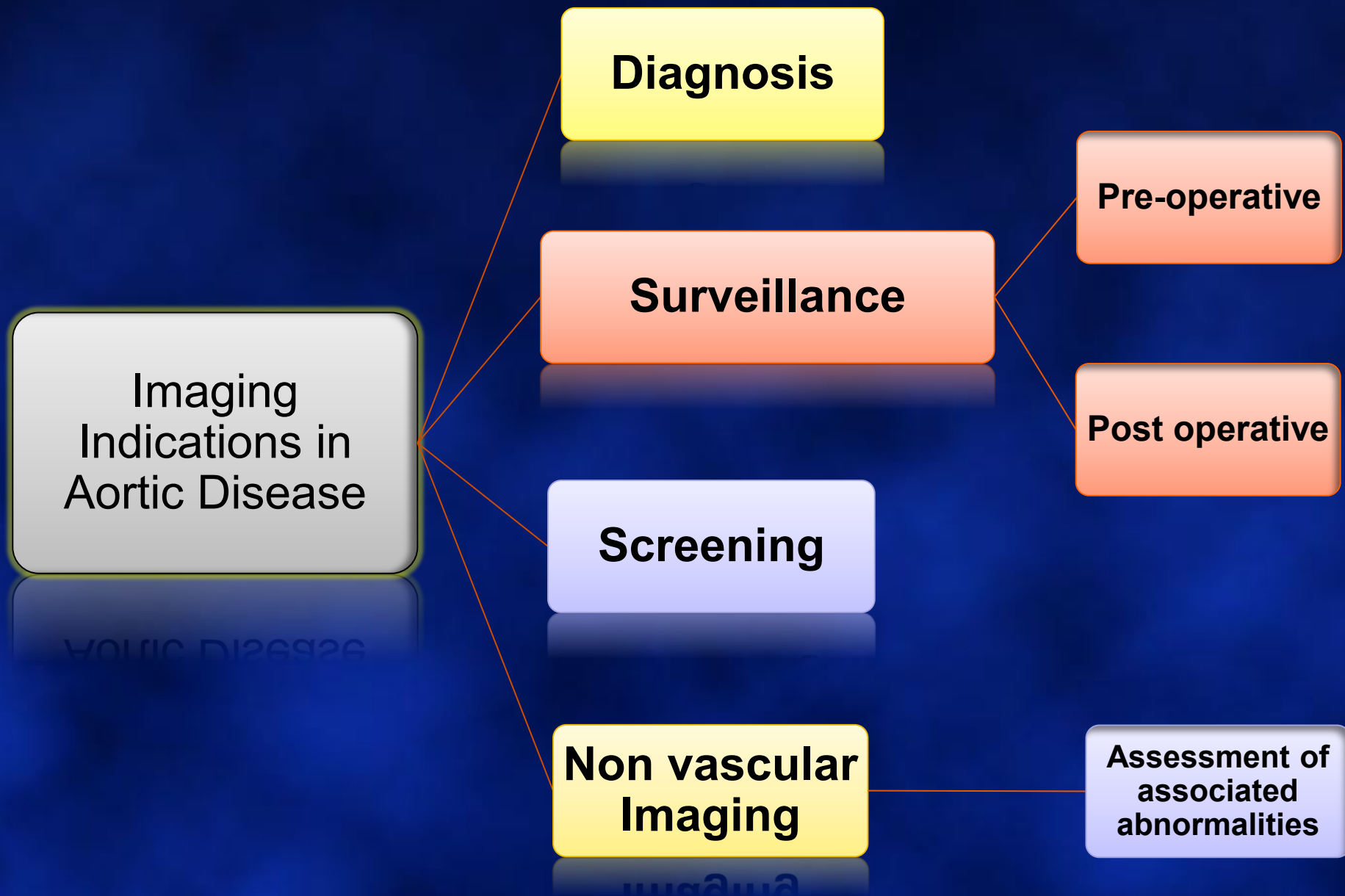
- Long term outcome in all 146 VSRR (median FU10 yrs)
 - Dissection in 14: 9 acute, 5 chronic (2 A, 3 B)
- Mortality: 1 early and 6 late deaths
 - Mortality rate at 15 years was $6.8 \pm 2.9\%$
- AV reoperation in 5 (2/endocarditis and 3/AR)
 - Rate of AR at 15 years was $7.9 \pm 3.3\%$
- New distal dissection in 9
 - Rate of dissection at 15 years was $16.5 \pm 3.4\%$

**Surveillance imaging continues
postoperatively**

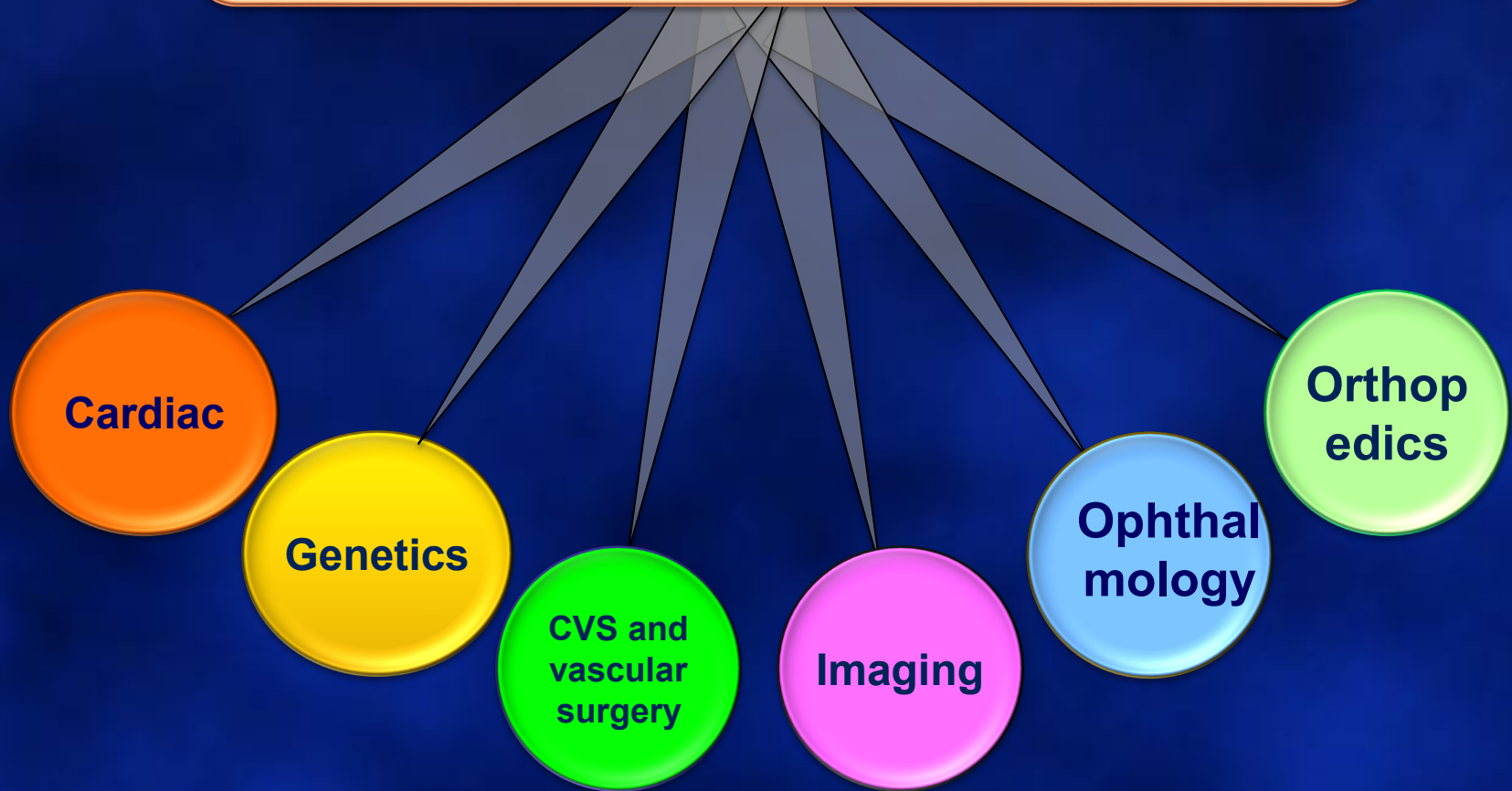
37 YO with Marfan syndrome S/P VSRR



Surgery when descending aorta reaches 55 mm



Management of Marfan syndrome: Personalized and Multidisciplinary





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