

Kunstherzen: Was der Praktiker darüber wissen muss

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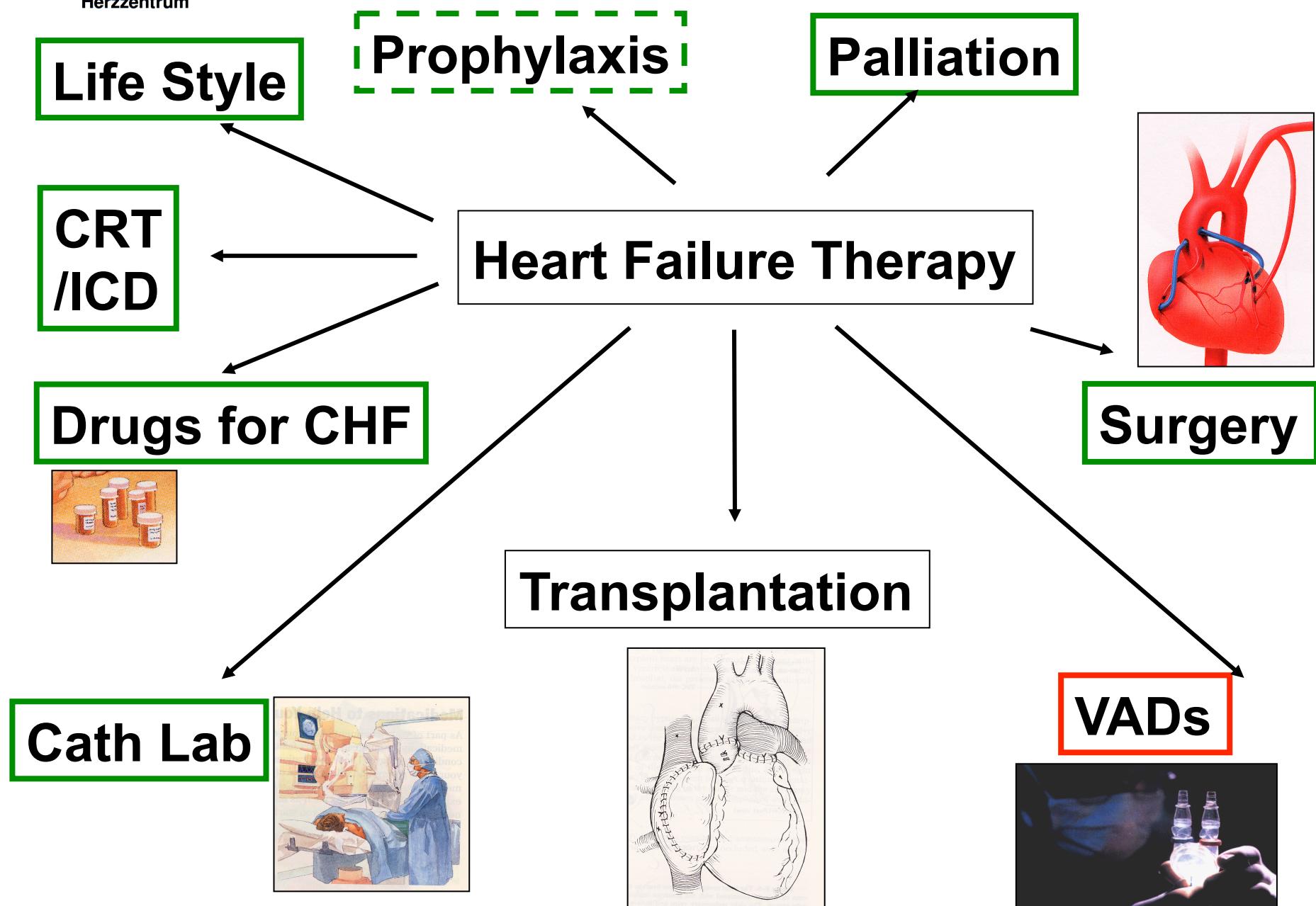
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Sind Sie der Meinung, dass PatientInnen mit einer „schweren“ Herzinsuffizienz, (ähnlich wie PatientInnen mit einer schweren Aortenstenose für eine TAVI), für die Implantation einer Herzunterstützungspumpe zumindest erwogen werden sollten ?

- a) Ja
- b) Nein
- c) Ja, jedoch nur im Alter von < 80 Jahren
- d) Ja, jedoch nur im Alter von < 70 Jahren

Themen

- **Zahlen & Definition**
- Was ist ein Kunstherz ?
- Herzunterstützungspumpen
Realität vs Experim. Medizin
- Patienten Selektion
- Outcome Data

Zahlen (CH)

- Ca 200'000 herzinsuffiziente Patienten
- Ca 10'000 „NYHA IV“ Pat
- Was ist eine „schwere“ Herzinsuffizienz ?

Advanced Heart Failure (Definition of the HFA-SGAHF)

History of pre-existing HF with unstable clinical course shown by hospitalization for worsening HF

Severe symptoms of HF at rest or with minimal exertion (NYHA Functional class III or IV)

Episodes of fluid retention (congestion) and/or of reduced cardiac output at rest (peripheral hypoperfusion);

Objective evidence of severe cardiac dysfunction:

- a) a low LVEF (< 30%) and/or a LV end-systolic volume >60 mL/m²,
- b) a severe abnormality of cardiac function in Doppler-Echo with a pseudonormal or restrictive mitral inflow pattern
- c) high LV filling pressures (mean PCWP >16 mmHg, and/or mean RAP >12 mmHg at Swan-Ganz cath.)
- d) high BNP or NT-ProBNP plasma levels, in the absence of non-cardiac causes

Severe impairment of functional capacity shown by one of the following:

- a) inability to exercise,
- b) 6MWT distance <300 meters
- c) peak VO₂ < 14 ml/kg/min^{9,10}

Optimal medical therapy including diuretics, inhibitors of the RAAS, and beta-blockers, unless these are poorly tolerated or contraindicated and CRT, when indicated.

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Kunstherzen 1: The SynCardia Total Artificial Heart (TAH)

- ? Highest bridge to human heart transplant rate of any heart device, 79% (FDA PMA Study); Nantes is 75%
- About 1'500 implants account for more than 350 patient years on the Total Artificial Heart
- >100 centers ready or almost ready to implant
- Pneumatically powered through drivelines that connect to a driver



Kunstherzen 2: The Carmat TAH

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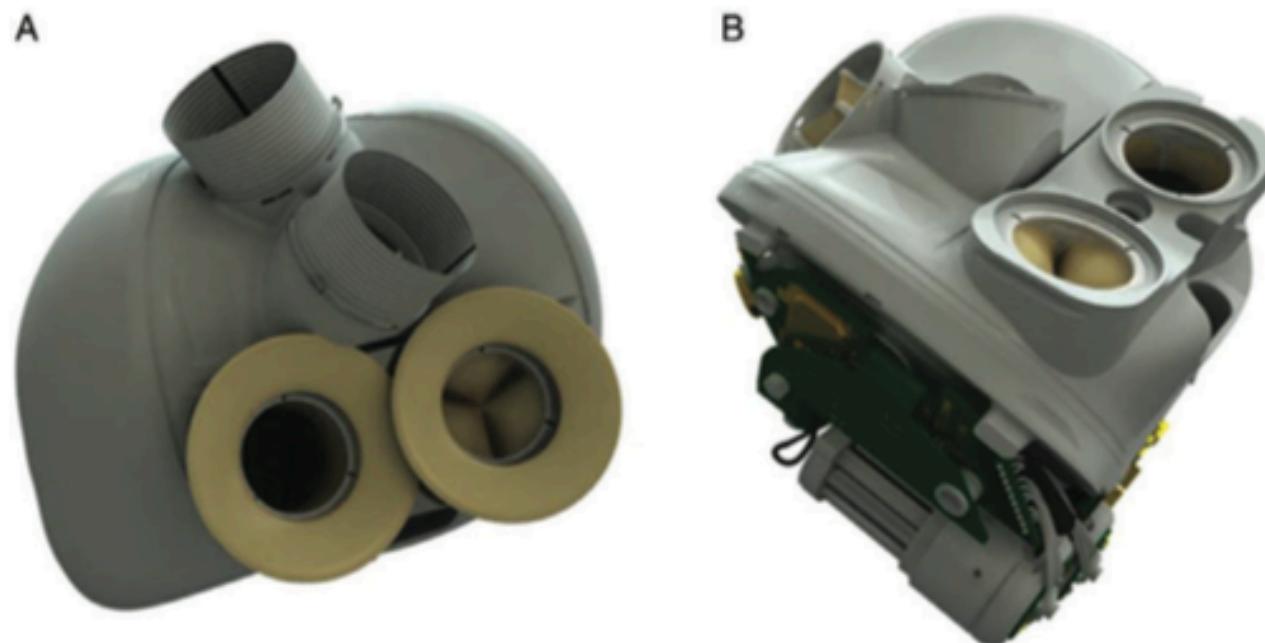


Figure 1: CARMAT TAH. (A) Compliance bag surrounding the prosthesis; atrial suture flanges and ejection conduits. (B) Partially open view of embedded electronics and motor-pump units.

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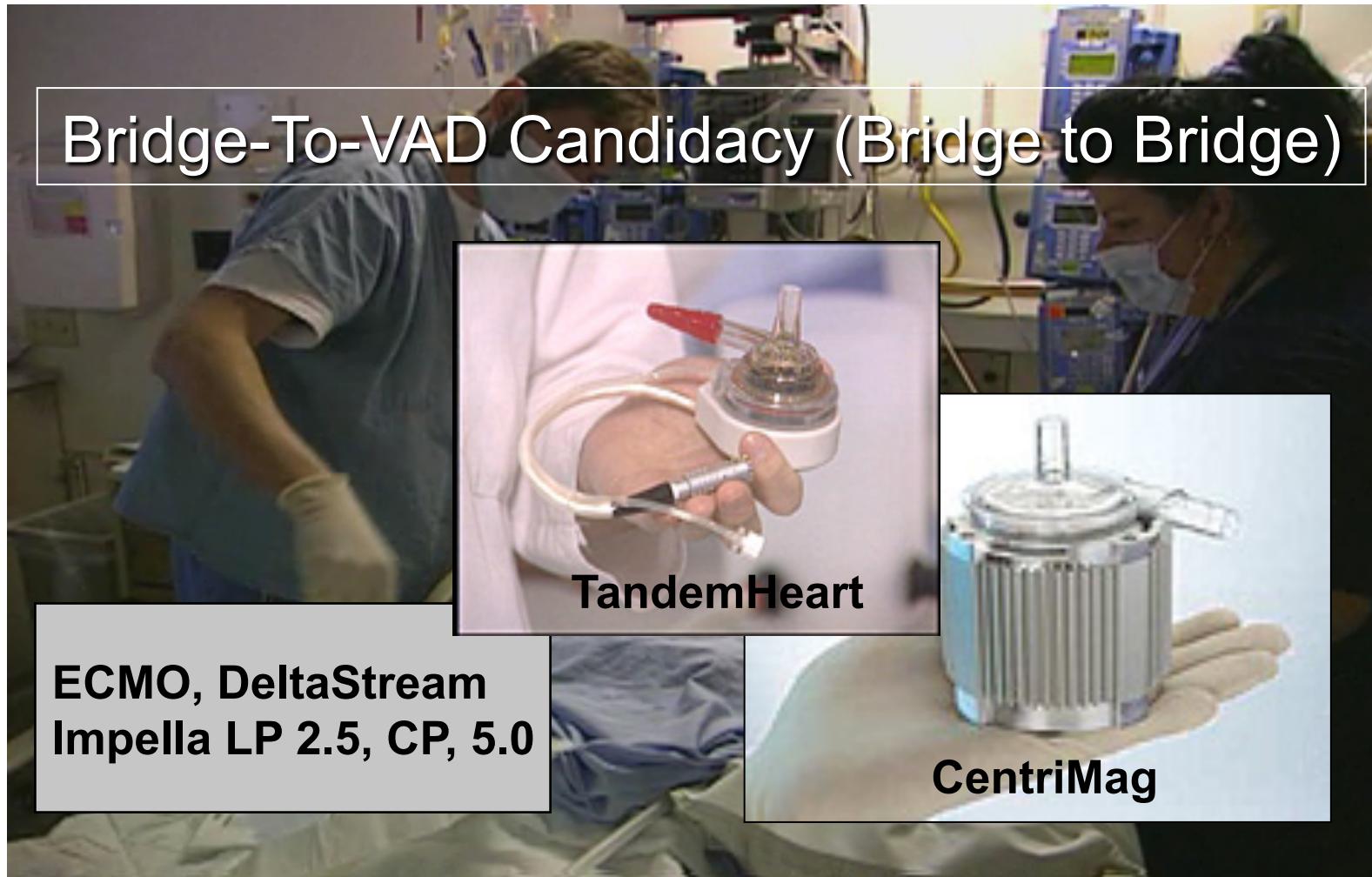
Herzunterstützungspumpen gehören heute in der Medizin zum Alltag

- als „Rescue“ oder „Backup“
- als Ueberbrückung bis zur HTx
- als „Destination“-Therapie

Herzunterstützungspumpen (VADs) :

- Short term
- Long term (vor 20, vor 10, vor 7.5 und vor 3 Jahren)
- Zukünftige Long Term VADs

Bridge-to-Decision (short term mechanical support)



ECMO CardioHelp



Impella



Impella 2.5[®]

Impella[®] makes a Protected PCI procedure possible



Impella CP[®]

Percutaneous insertion and increased flow



Impella 5.0[®]/LD[®]

Delivers up to 5.0 L/min of forward blood flow from the left ventricle



Impella 5.0[®]/LD[®]

Delivers up to 5.0 L/min of forward blood flow from the left ventricle



Impella RP[®]

The first percutaneous, single vascular access pump designed for right heart support



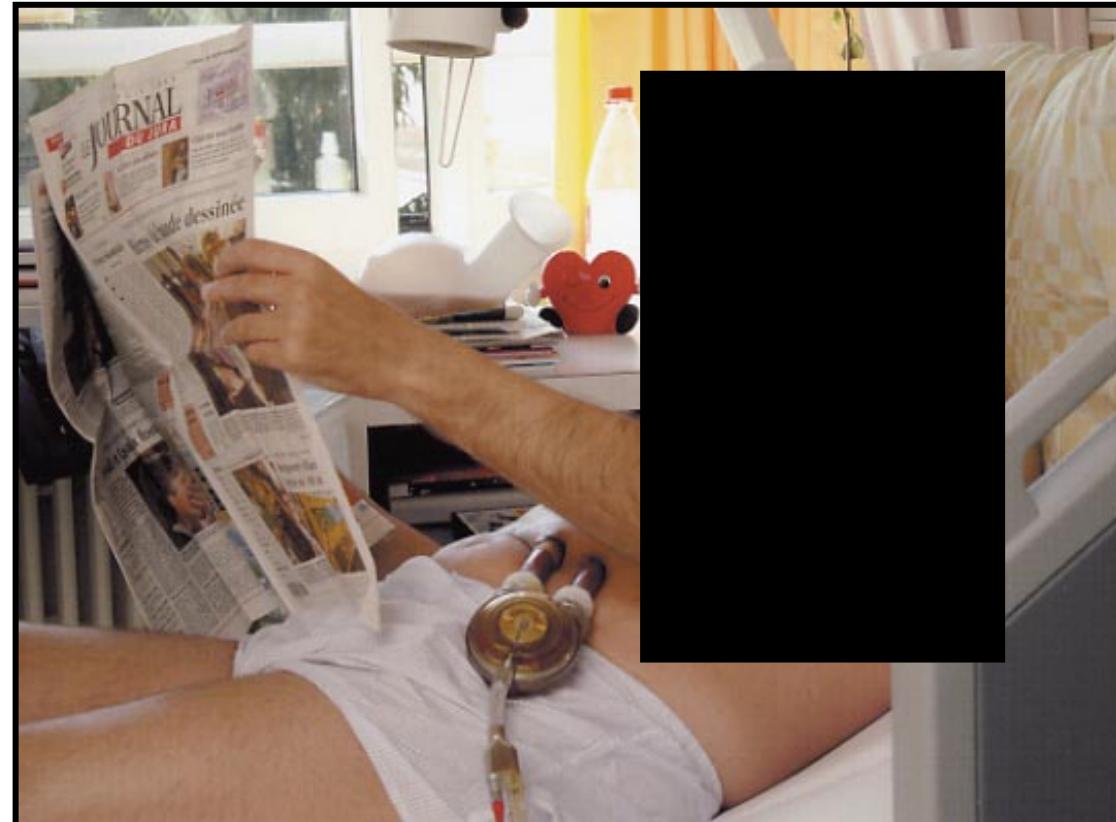
Automated Impella[®] Controller

The primary user control interface for the Impella platform

20 years ago: (Long term pVAD Thoratec)

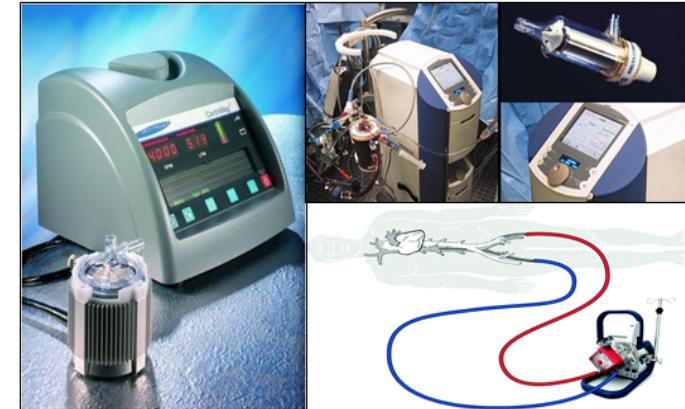
Patient, 1959, BG 0, BW 88 kg

- 2002: Anterior Myocardial Infarction
- Cardiogenic Shock
- 5.7.02: Implantation of a Tandem-Heart (BtB)
- 23.7.02: Implantation of a pVAD Thoratec CI < 2 (BtT)
- 8 months on the HTx waiting list
- Successful HTx

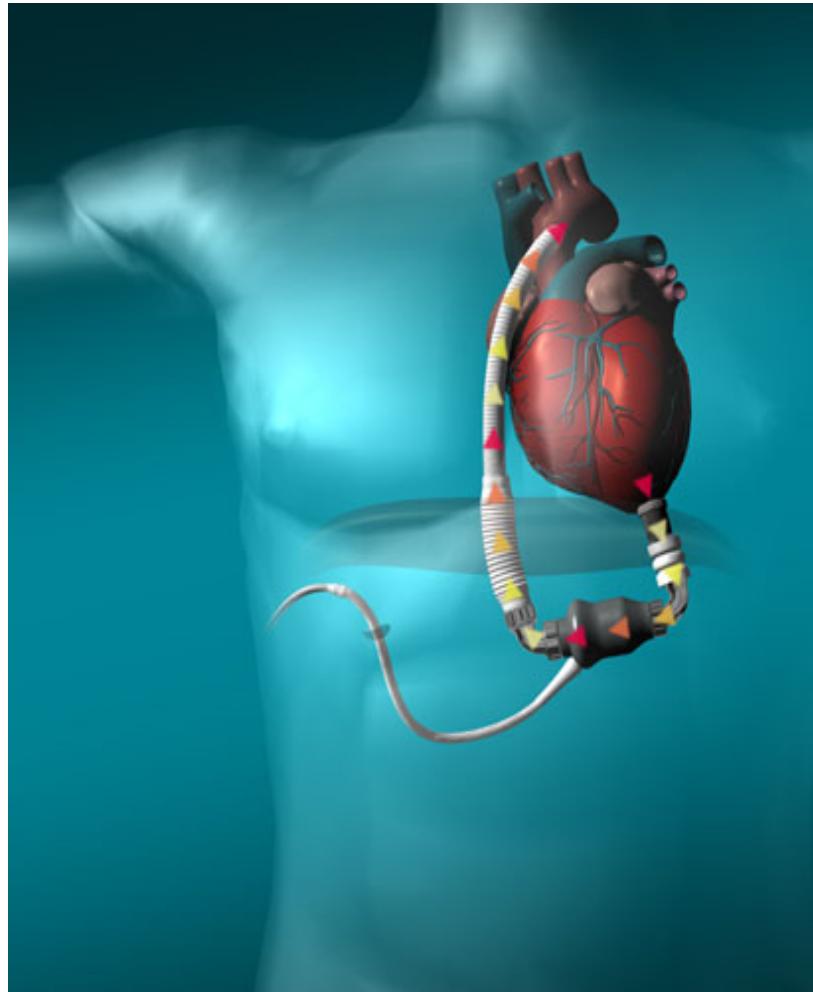


Was ist die Intention ? Bridge to what ... ?

1. Bridge to decision
2. Bridge to recovery
3. Bridge to bridge
4. Bridge to candidacy
5. Bridge to transplantation
6. Bridge to destination



10 years ago: (Long term VAD, HeartMate II)



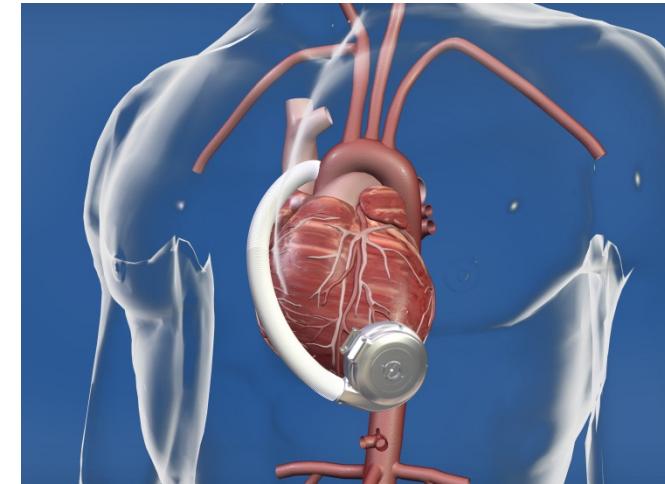
HeartMate® II

8 years ago: (Long term hVAD, HeartWare) (HeartWare → Medtronic)

The HeartWare® Ventricular Assist System



- Miniaturized implantable HVAD® pump
 - 50cc displacement volume
 - 50mm outside diameter
- Up to 10 liters of flow/min
- Hybrid magnetic and hydrodynamic impeller suspension.
 - Wearless blood contacting surface

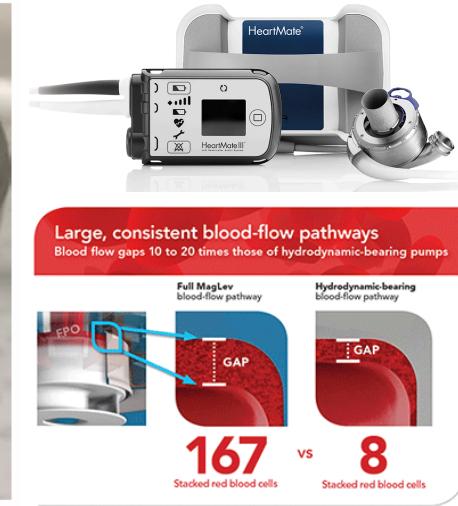
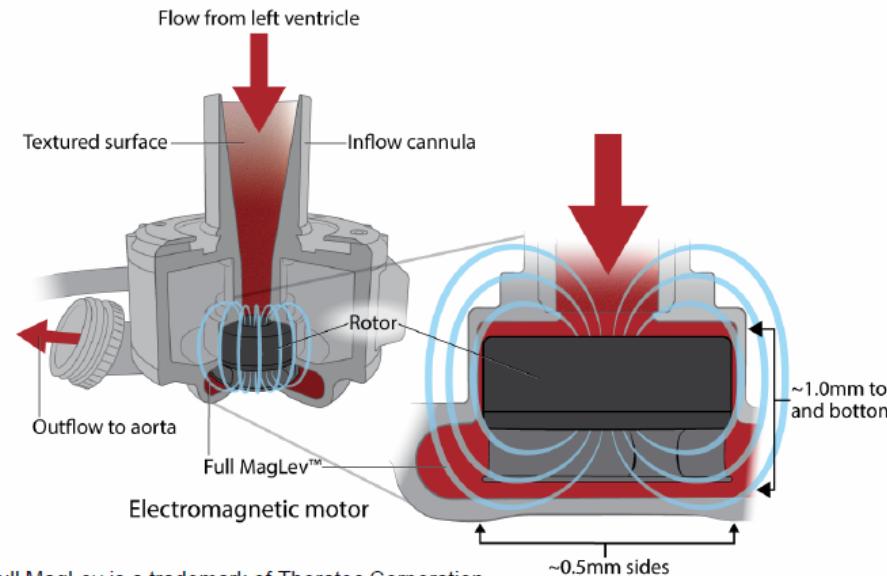


3 years ago: (Long term HM 3, Thoratec)

(Thoratec → SJM → Abbott)

HeartMate 3: Innovative Device Design

- Full MagLev™ Flow Technology
 - Wide range of flow (2-10 L/min)
 - Artificial pulse
 - Larger, consistent pump gaps designed to reduce shear stress

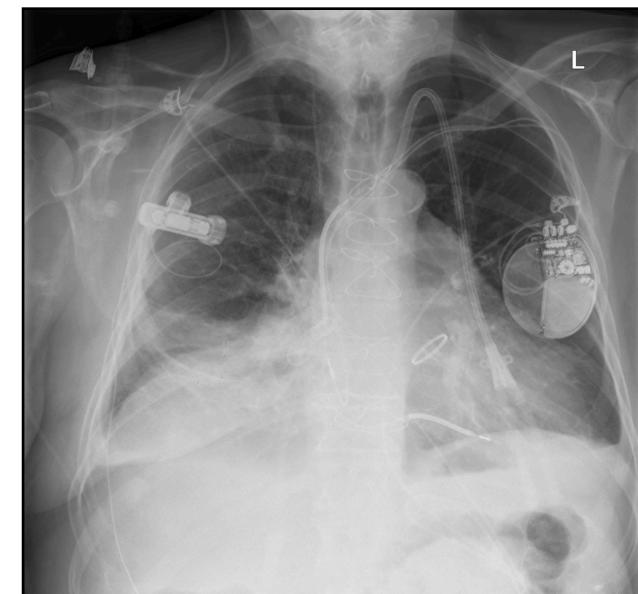


The Future: (MVAD, “CircuLite”)

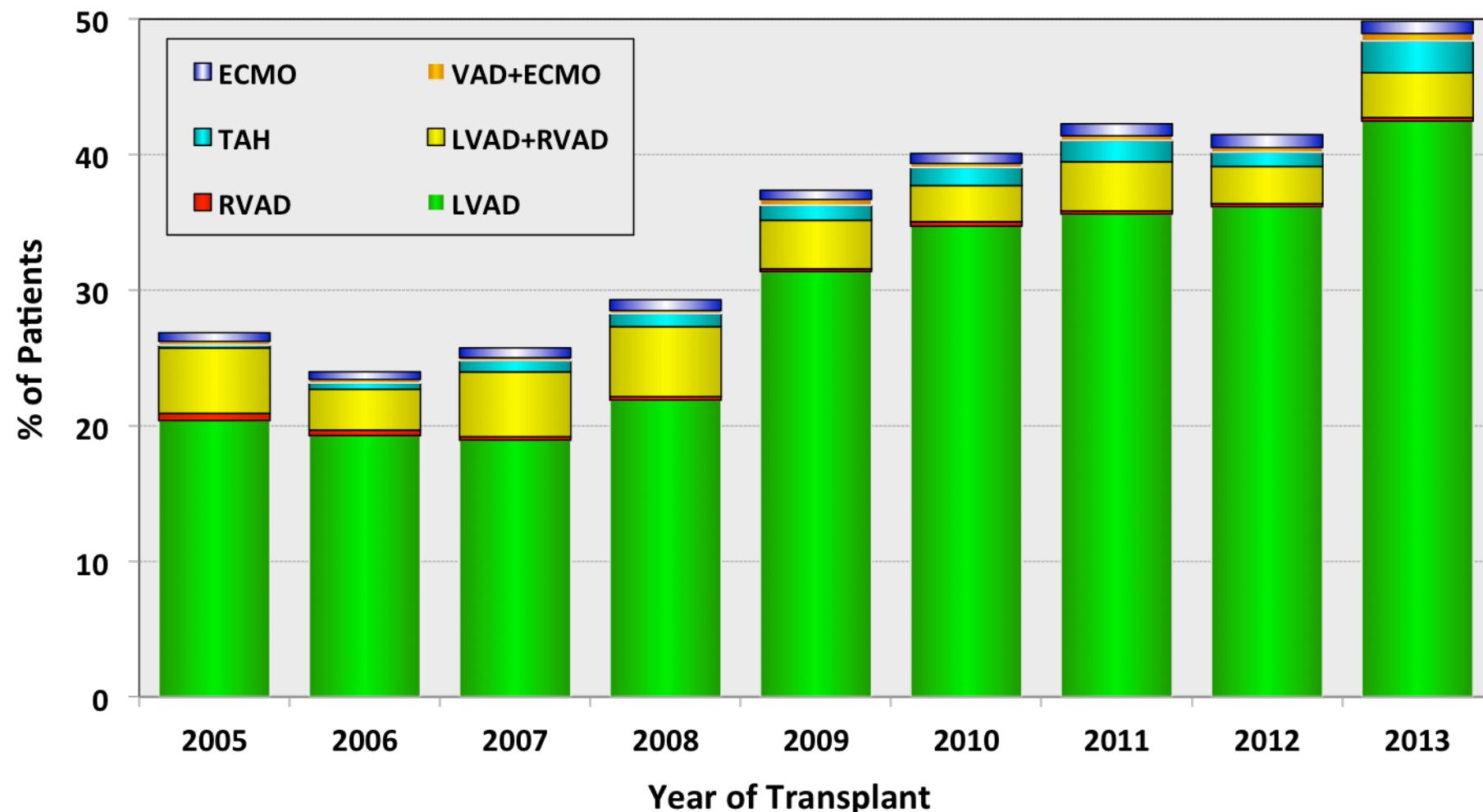
MVAD (Medtronic)



CircuLite (Medtronic)



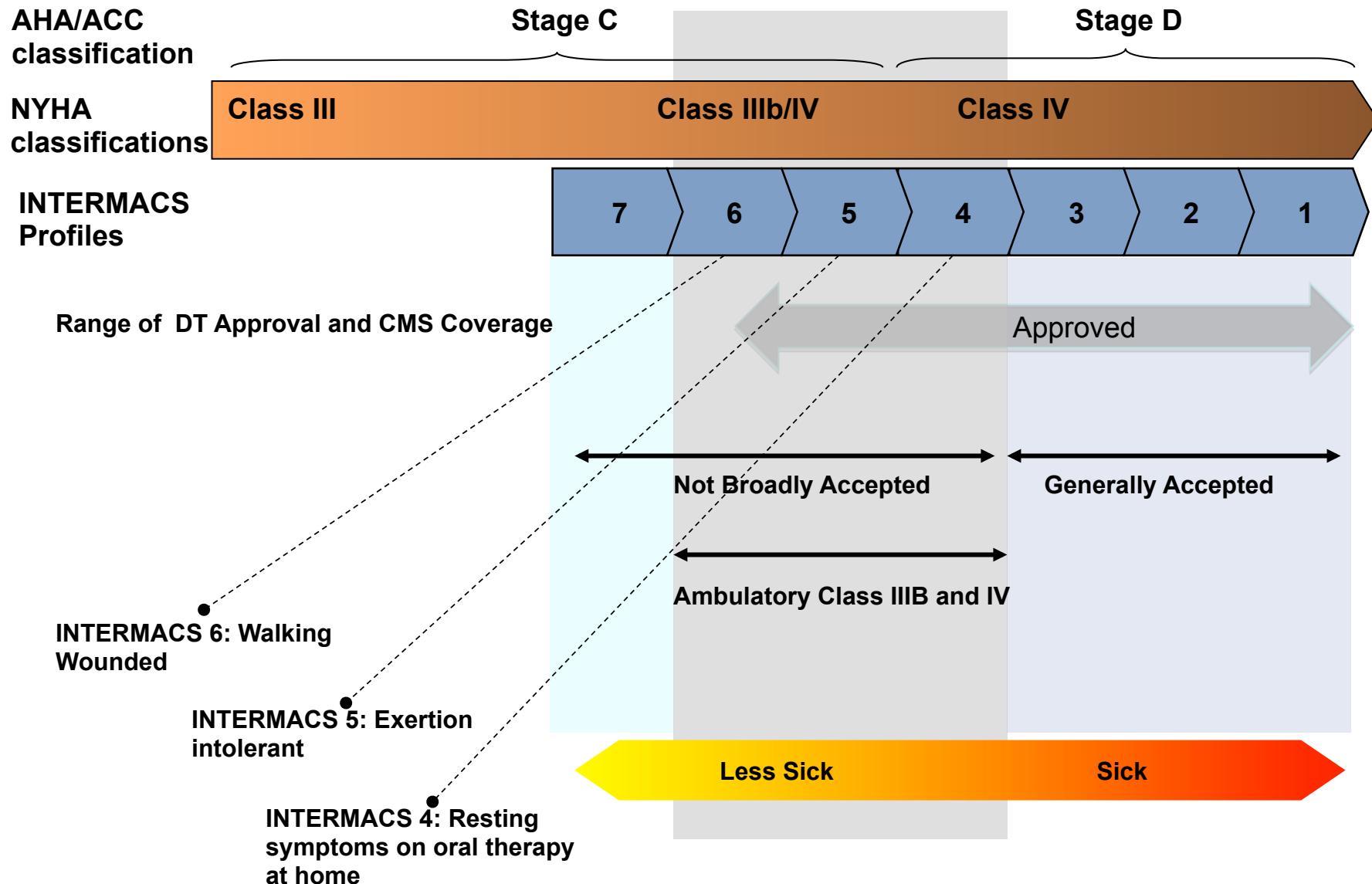
% of Patients Bridged with Mechanical Circulatory Support* by Year and Device Type



* LVAD, RVAD, TAH, ECMO

Themen

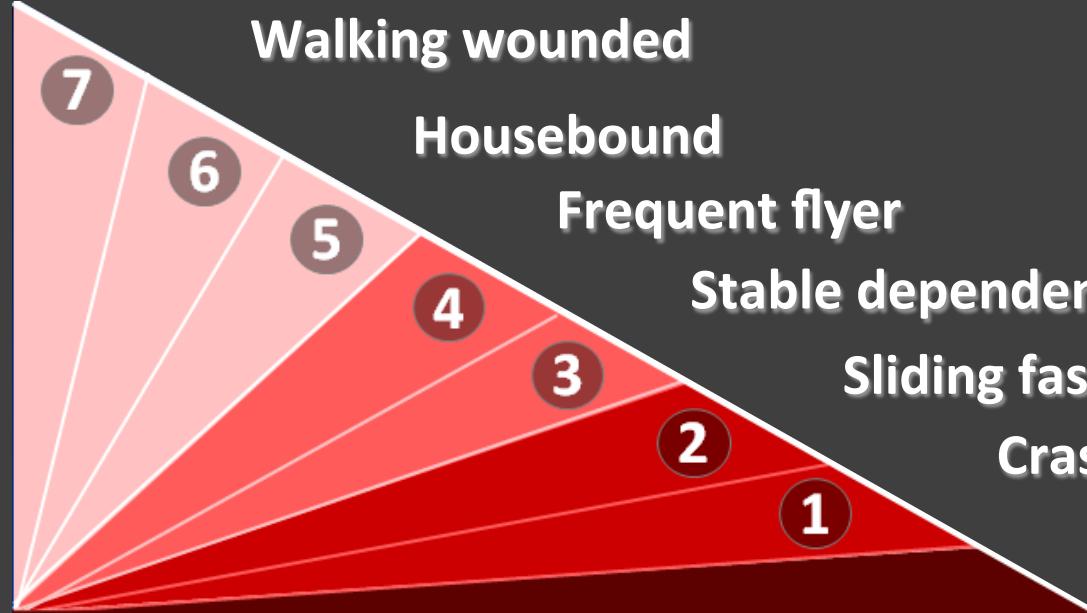
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% 1-Year
Survival

Class IIIB

100%
50%
25%
10%
0%



*Does not account for arrhythmia.

Courtesy: K. Lietz

ESC / HFA Herzinsuffizienz Guidelines 2012

Recommendations for surgical implantation of LVADs in patients with systolic heart failure

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
An LVAD or BiVAD is recommended in selected patients ^d with end-stage HF despite optimal pharmacological and device treatment and who are otherwise suitable for heart transplantation, to improve symptoms and reduce the risk of HF hospitalization for worsening HF and to reduce the risk of premature death while awaiting transplantation.	I	B	254, 255, 258
An LVAD should be considered in highly selected patients ^d who have end-stage HF despite optimal pharmacological and device therapy and who are not suitable for heart transplantation, but are expected to survive >1 year with good functional status, to improve symptoms, and reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and of premature death.	IIa	B	254

BiVAD = bi-ventricular assist device; HF = heart failure; LVAD = left ventricular assist device.

^aClass of recommendation.

^bLevel of evidence.

^cReferences.

^dSee text and Table 25.

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Table 25 Patients potentially eligible for implantation of a ventricular assist device

Patients with >2 months of severe symptoms despite optimal medical and device therapy and more than one of the following:
• LVEF <25% and, if measured, peak VO ₂ < 12 mL/kg/min
• ≥3 HF hospitalizations in previous 12 months without an obvious precipitating cause
• Dependence on i.v. inotropic therapy
Progressive end-organ dysfunction (worsening renal and/or hepatic function) due to reduced perfusion and not to inadequate ventricular filling pressure (PCWP ≥20 mm Hg and SBP ≤80–90 mmHg or CI ≤2 L/min/m ²)
Deteriorating right ventricular function

CI = cardiac index; HF = heart failure; i.v. = intravenous; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction; PCWP = pulmonary capillary wedge pressure; SBP = systolic blood pressure.

Indication for LVAD-Implantation

Guidelines 2012

Table 25 Patients potentially eligible for implantation of a ventricular assist device

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Guidelines 2016

Table 13.3 Patients potentially eligible for implantation of a left ventricular assist device

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LVEF <25% and, if measured, peak VO ₂ <12 mL/kg/min.
≥3 HF hospitalizations in previous 12 months without an obvious precipitating cause.
Dependence on i.v. inotropic therapy.
Progressive end-organ dysfunction (worsening renal and/or hepatic function) due to reduced perfusion and not to inadequate ventricular filling pressure (PCWP ≥20 mmHg and SBP ≤80–90 mmHg or CI ≤2 L/min/m ²).
Absence of severe right ventricular dysfunction together with severe tricuspid regurgitation.

CI = cardiac index; HF = heart failure; i.v. = intravenous; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction; PCWP = pulmonary capillary wedge pressure; SBP = systolic blood pressure; VO₂ = oxygen consumption.

Timing (der richtige Zeitpunkt ?)

1. Reduzierte Nierenfunktion
(Cardiorenales Syndrom)
2. Pulmonale Hypertonie (meist sekundär)
3. Reduzierter klinischer Status, siehe
INTERMACS „Levels“
4. Kardiale Kachexie (→ protrahierte Reha)
5. Reduzierte RV Funktion (→ zu spät für
LVAD)

Recommendations- and Evidence Levels

Guidelines 2012

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^cReferences.

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Guidelines 2016

Recommendations for implantation of mechanical circulatory support in patients with refractory heart failure

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
An LVAD should be considered in patients who have end-stage HFrEF despite optimal medical and device therapy and who are eligible for heart transplantation in order to improve symptoms, reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and the risk of premature death (Bridge to transplant indication).	IIa	C	
An LVAD should be considered in patients who have end-stage HFrEF despite optimal medical and device therapy and who are not eligible for heart transplantation to, reduce the risk of premature death.	IIa	B	605, 612, 613

HF = heart failure; HFrEF = heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; LVAD = left ventricular assist device.

^aClass of recommendation.

^bLevel of evidence.

^cReference(s) supporting levels of evidence.

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Articles

Development and Prospective Validation of a Clinical Index to Predict Survival in Ambulatory Patients Referred for Cardiac Transplant Evaluation

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Aaronson KD, Mancini DM. Circulation 1997; 95: 2660

Heart Failure Survival Score

CAD (y=1,n=0) x -0.6931

HR at rest x -0.0216

LVEF (%) x 0.0464

MAP x 0.0255

QRS > 0.12sec (y=1,n=0) x -0.6083

pO₂max (ml/kg/min) x 0.0546

Na (mmol/l) x 0.047.

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Na (mmol/l) $x 0.047.$

Apps: -> MediQuations -> HFSS

HFSS = CAD (y=1,n=0) x -0.6931 + HR at rest x -0.0216
+ LVEF (%) x 0.0464 + MAP x 0.0255 + QRS > 0.12sec
 $(y=1,n=0) x -0.6083 + \text{pO}_2\text{max (ml/kg/min)} x 0.0546 +$
Na (mmol/l) x 0.047. (R. Gamma et al, 2003)

	Low risk	medium risk	high risk
patients (n)	67	31	18
observation time (years)	2.45	1.27	0.66
alive n (%)	45 (67%)	11 (35.5%)	1 (6%)
HTX	13 (20%)	15 (48%)	11 (61%)
dead	9 (13%)	5 (16.5%)	6 (33%)
mean HFSS	9.23	7.72	6.75

HFSS = 8.1-10.5 (low risk), 7.2-8.1 (med.risk), 5.8-7.2 high risk

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Apps: -> Mediquations -> HFSS

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Aminoterminal pro Type B Natriuretic Peptide as a Predictive and Prognostic Marker in Patients With Chronic Heart Failure

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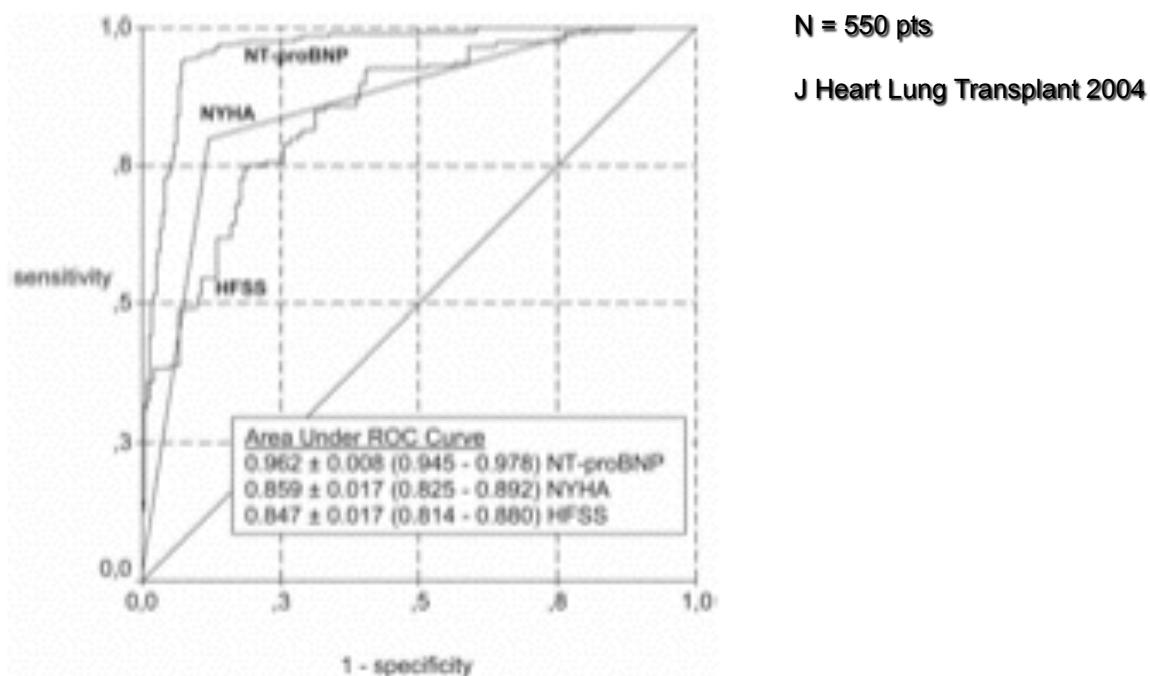


Figure 4. Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves for the sensitivity and specificity of NT-proBNP, Heart Failure Survival Score (HFSS), and New York Heart Association (NYHA) class and assignment to heart transplantation; ($p < 0.001$ for all pairwise comparisons of area under ROC curve). BNP, B-type natriuretic peptide.

The Seattle Heart Failure Model Prediction of Survival in Heart Failure

Wayne C. Levy, MD; Dariush Mozaffarian, MD, MPH; David T. Linker, MD;
Santosh C. Sutradhar, PhD; Stefan D. Anker, MD; Anne B. Cropp, PharmD; Inder Anand, MD;
Aldo Maggioni, MD; Paul Burton, MBBS, PhD; Mark D. Sullivan, MD, PhD; Bertram Pitt, MD;
Philip A. Poole-Wilson, MD; Douglas L. Mann, MD; Milton Packer, MD

Circulation 2006

Derived in a cohort N = 1125 CHF pts

Prospectively validated in 5 additional cohorts of total 9942 pts

Purpose: Multivariate risk model to predict 1, 2, and 3 yr mortality

PRAISE (amlodipine, 1153 pts, EF<30%, NYHA IIIB-IV)

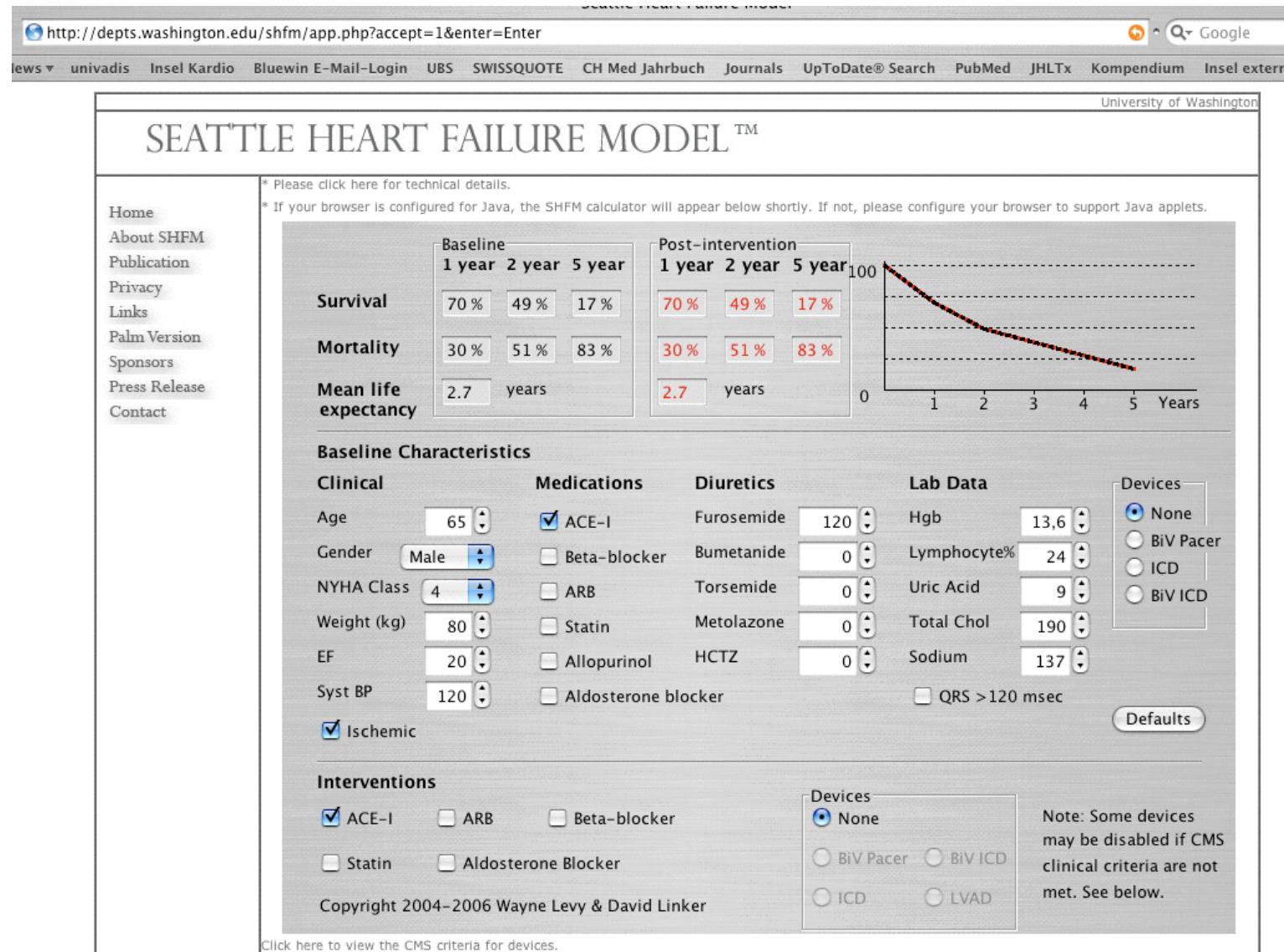
ELITE 2 (captopril vs losartan, 3152 pts, EF≤40%, age > 60yrs, NYHA II-IV)

ValHeFT (valsartan vs PBO, 5010 pts, EF≤40%, NYHA II-IV)

UW (prospective cohort study of 148 consecutive outpts)

RENAISSANCE (enbrel, 925 pts, EF≤30%, NYHA II-IV)

IN-CHF (Registry, 872 pts, EF 35±11%, NYHA I-II)

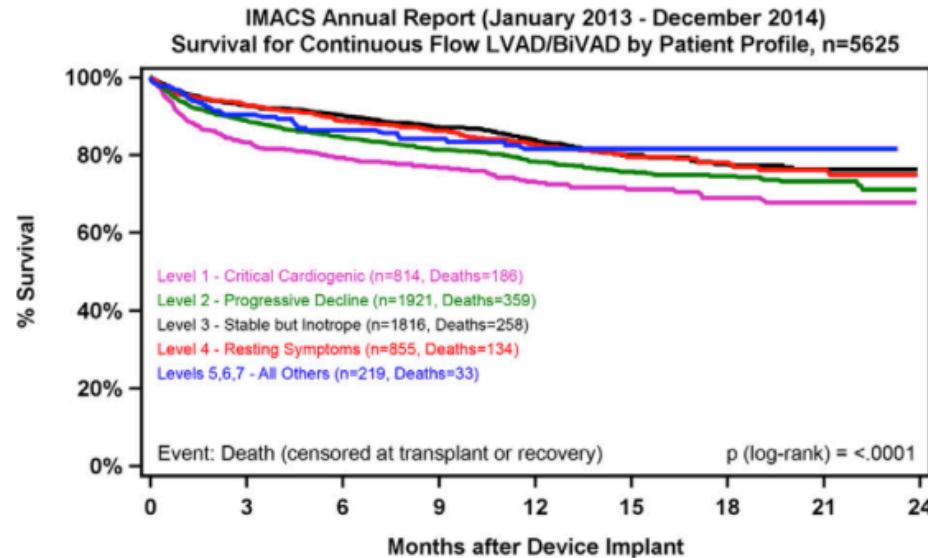


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Outcome und Zeitpunkt der VAD - Implantation



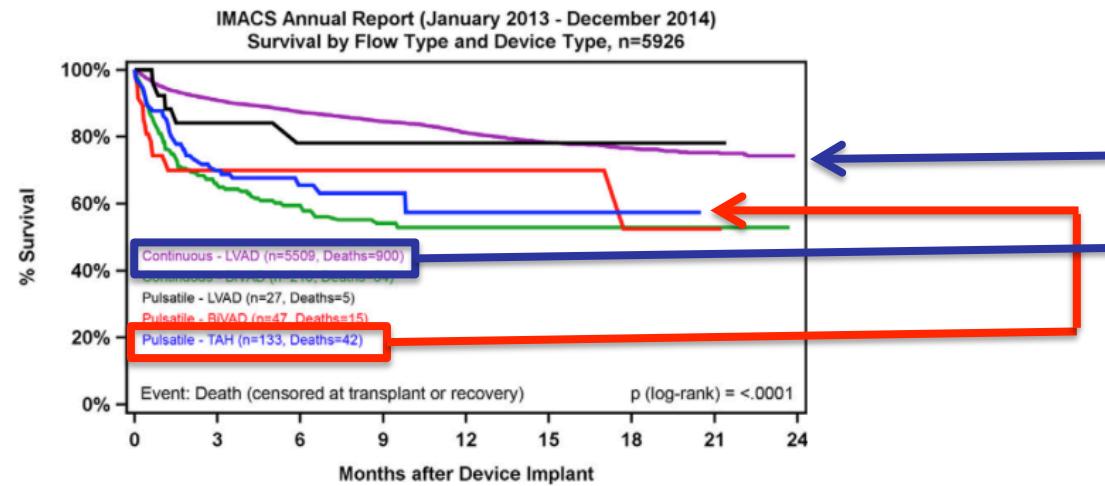
Months after Device Implant	1 - Critical Cardiogenic	2 - Progress Decline	3 - Stable but Inotrope	4 - Resting Symptoms	5,6,7 - All Others
1	90%	94%	96%	96%	96%
3	83%	89%	93%	93%	90%
6	79%	85%	90%	89%	86%
12	73%	78%	84%	83%	82%
18	69%	75%	78%	78%	82%

Imacs

Figure 4 Actuarial survival for patients in the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Mechanically Assisted Circulatory Support (IMACS) registry receiving continuous-flow pumps, stratified by patient profile at implant. BiVAD, biventricular assist device; LVAD, left ventricular assist device.

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Survival after MCS



Months after Device Implant	Continuous LVAD	Continuous BiVAD	Pulsatile LVAD	Pulsatile BiVAD	Pulsatile TAH
1	95%	80%	92%	74%	88%
3	91%	65%	84%	70%	70%
6	87%	59%	78%	70%	65%
12	81%	53%	78%	70%	57%
18	77%	53%	78%	52%	57%

Imacs

Figure 2 Actuarial survival for patients in the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Mechanically Assisted Circulatory Support (IMACS) registry stratified by type of device. BiVAD, biventricular assist device; LVAD, left ventricular assist device; TAH, total artificial heart.

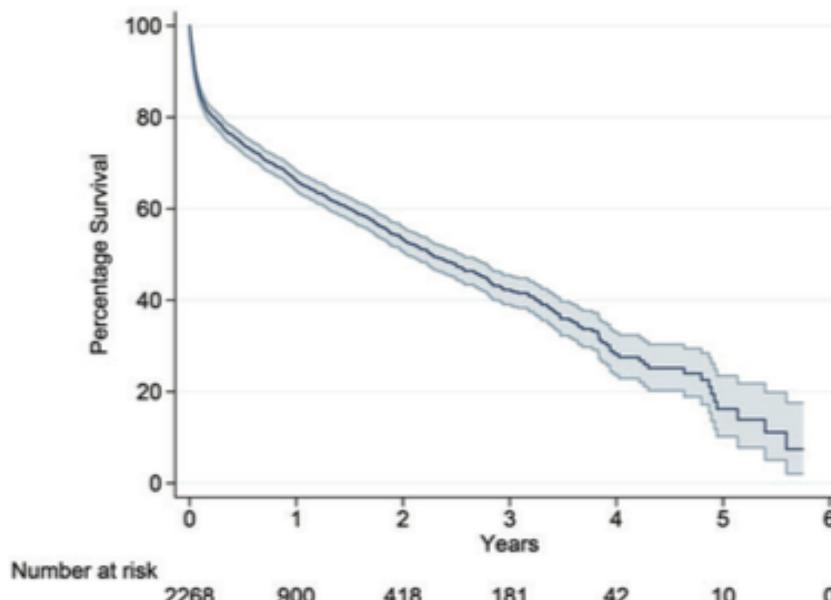
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Survival after MCS

The European Registry for Patients with Mechanical Circulatory Support (EUROMACS) of the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS): second report

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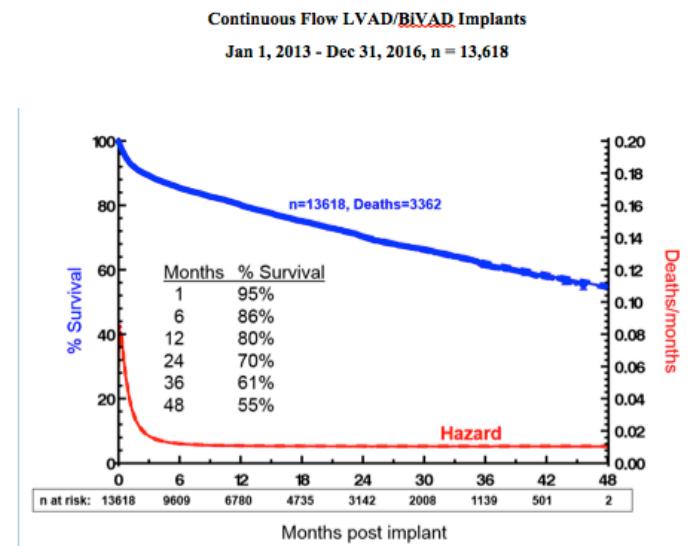
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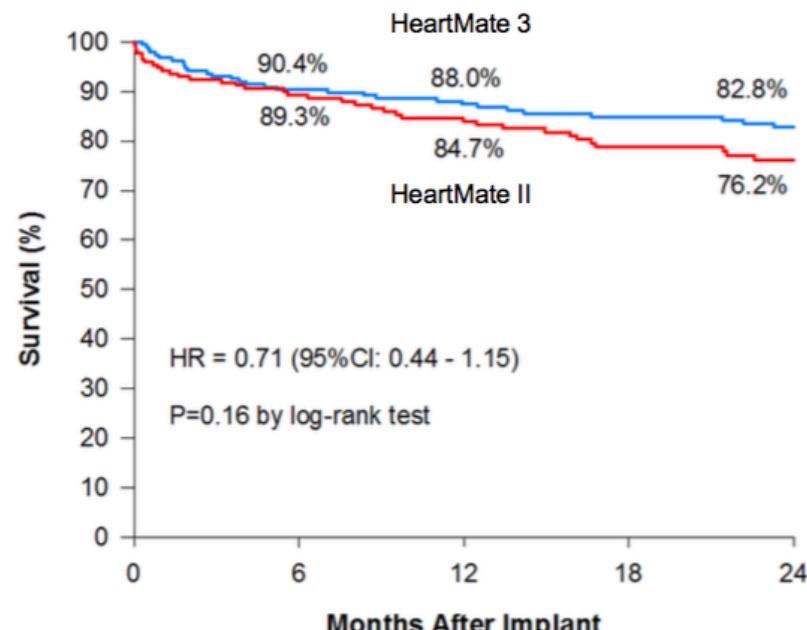
Second annual report from the ISHLT Mechanically Assisted Circulatory Support Registry.

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J Heart Lung Transplant. 2018 Jan 31; pii: S1053-2498(18)31295-6. doi: 10.1016/j.healun.2018.01.1294. [Epub ahead of print]

Figure 1. Parametric survival curve and associated hazard function with the 70% confidence limit for survival after implantation of a continuous-flow left ventricular assist device (LVAD) or biventricular assist device (BiVAD), Jan 1, 2013-Dec 31, 2016, n=13,618. The number of patients at risk during each time interval is indicated below the diagram.



Primary Endpoint Component 1 *Overall Survival*



No. at Risk	Months After Implant				
HeartMate 3	189	165	146	127	117
HeartMate II	172	141	121	98	86

HR denotes hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval

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Adverse Events of MCS

Table 10: Major adverse event rates

	Within 3 months after implant		More than 3 months after implant	
	Event counts	Events per 100 patient-months (CI)	Event counts	Events per 100 patient-months (CI)
Device malfunction	120	3.56 (2.96–4.26)	334	2.88 (2.58–3.21)
Major bleeding	217	6.45 (5.62–7.36)	216	1.86 (1.62–2.13)
Major infection	208	6.18 (5.37–7.08)	637	5.49 (5.08–5.94)
Neurological event	102	3.03 (2.47–3.68)	217	1.87 (1.63–2.14)

CI: confidence interval.

Table 6 Major Adverse Events, Continuous-flow LVAD/BiVAD, IMACS, January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016 ($n = 13,618$)

Adverse event type	Patient experiencing event	Percentage of all patients
Infection	5,439	40%
Bleeding	4,745	35%
Neurologic dysfunction	2,638	19%
Respiratory failure	2,205	16%
Device malfunction	233	2%
Arterial non-CNS thromboembolism	159	1%

BiVAD, biventricular assist device; CNS, central nervous system; IMACS, International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Mechanically Assisted Circulatory Support; LVAD, left ventricular assist device.

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Bridge-to-Transplant (BtT): the European Perspective

Table 7: Device strategy at the time of implantation, stratified by age categories, n (%)

Strategy	<50 years	50–64 years	65–70 years	>70 years	Total
Bridge to recovery	24 (2)	28 (2)	3 (1)	2 (1)	57 (2)
Bridge to candidacy	402 (42)	568 (39)	60 (18)	22 (12)	1052 (36)
Bridge to transplant	332 (34)	414 (28)	48 (14)	19 (10)	813 (28)
Destination therapy	22 (2)	170 (12)	157 (47)	109 (60)	458 (16)
Rescue therapy	68 (7)	105 (7)	19 (6)	18 (10)	210 (7)
Other	4 (0)	5 (0)	2 (1)	0 (0)	11 (0)
Unknown	112 (12)	176 (12)	45 (13)	13 (7)	346 (12)
Total	964	1466	334	183	2947

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Table 4 Device Strategy, IMACS, January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016 (n = 14,062)

Device strategy	N	%
Listed for transplant	3,984	28%
Bridge to candidacy	4,072	29%
Destination therapy	5,724	41%
Other	282	2%
Total	14,062	100%

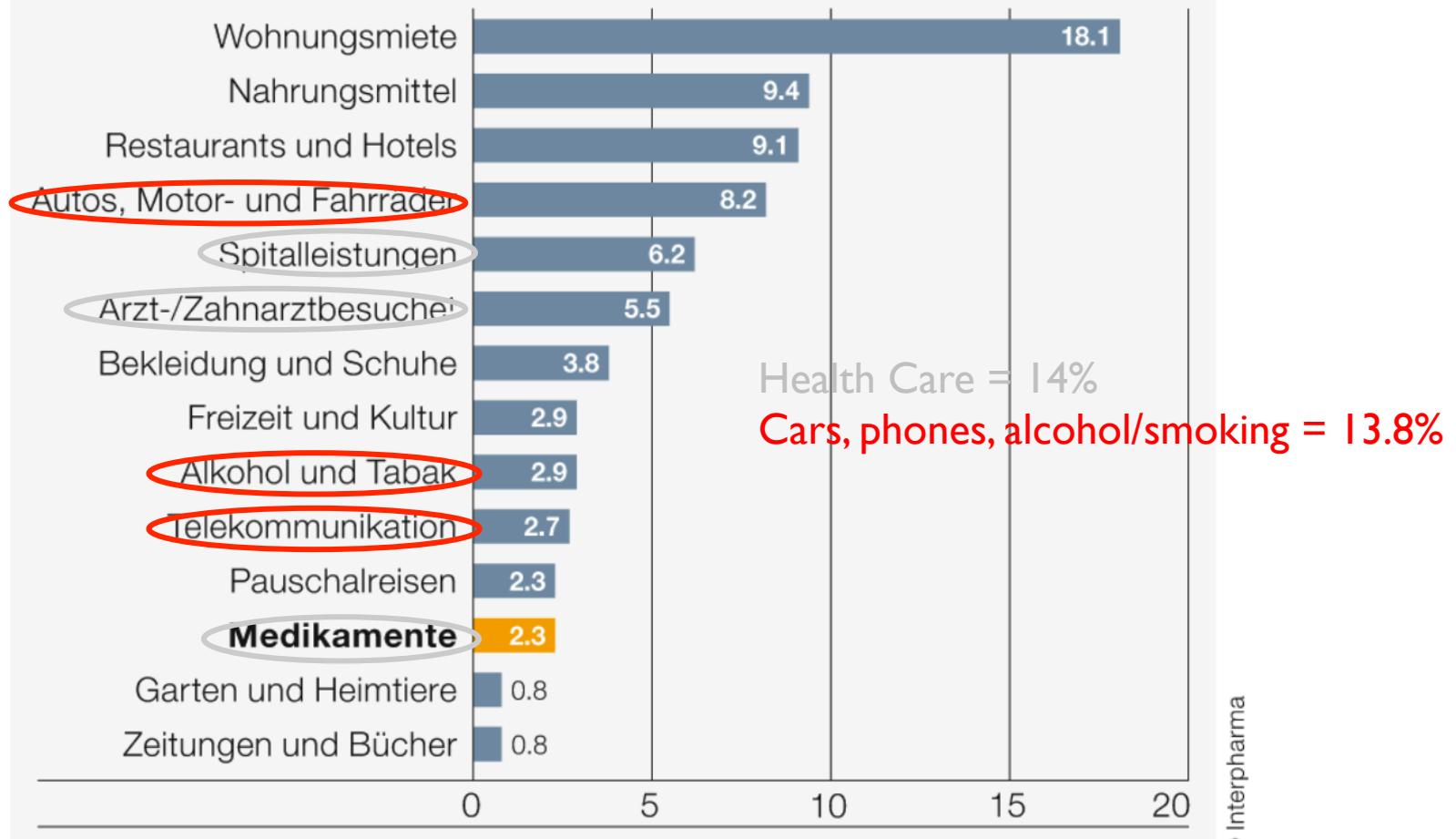
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Tailored Algorithm (HTx or VAD)

- 1) Patient data (e.g. blood group, BW)
- 2) EuroScore
- 3) Strategy „BtC“
- 4) Donor availability
- 5) MCS outcome data
- 6) Local Issues
- 7) Financial issues
- 8) Legal aspects

Ausgabenstruktur der Schweizer Haushalte

Warenkorb des Landesindex der Konsumentenpreise (in %), 2016



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Quelle: Landesindex der Konsumentenpreise, Gewichtung 2016, Bundesamt für Statistik, 2016.

¹ Ambulante Leistungen (ohne Spital ambulant), ohne Medikamente.

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The World's Priorities (Annual Expenditure in Billions (US\$))

Basic Education for all	6
Cosmetics in the US	8
Safe water and sanitation for all	9
Ice cream in Europe	11
Reproductive health for all women	12
Perfume in Europe and US	12
Basic health and nutrition	13
Pet food in Europe and US	17
Business entertainment in Japan	35
Cigarettes in Europe	50
Alcoholic drinks in Europe	105
Narcotic drugs in the world	400
Military spending in the world	780

Source: Human Development Report, 1998

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Mechanische Kreislaufunterstützung ist heute klinischer Alltag

Die Erfolge der Forschung & Entwicklung der VAD Technologie ist eindrücklich.

Die Zuweisungspraxis lässt zu wünschen übrig. Die Herzinsuffizienz wird in der CH auch heute noch oft nicht adäquat behandelt.

Potentielle KandidatInnen für ein VAD-Therapie werden oft zuerst anderweitig voll „durchtherapiert“, (zu späte Zuweisung: cave RV!)

Es besteht die falsche Wahrnehmung, die VAD-Therapie sei immer noch „ultima ratio“ (Experimentalmedizin) und zu teuer (siehe z.B. Vergleich mit der Onkologie).