

CMR Techniques to Detect Cardiac and Vascular Injury after Treatment for Cancer

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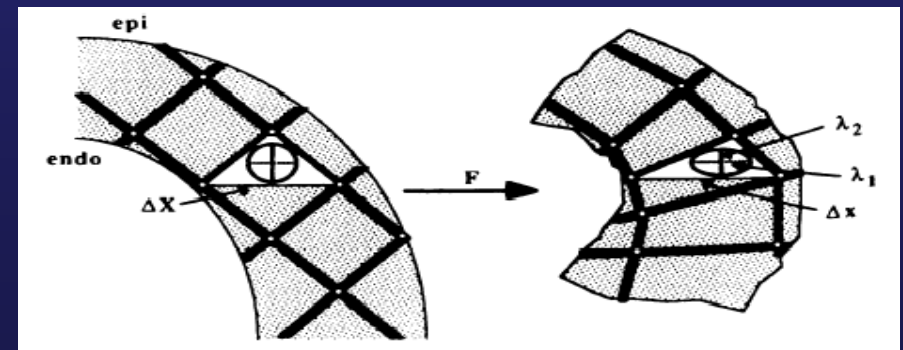
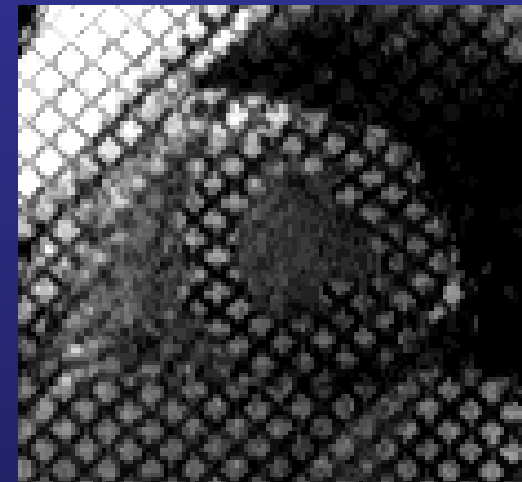
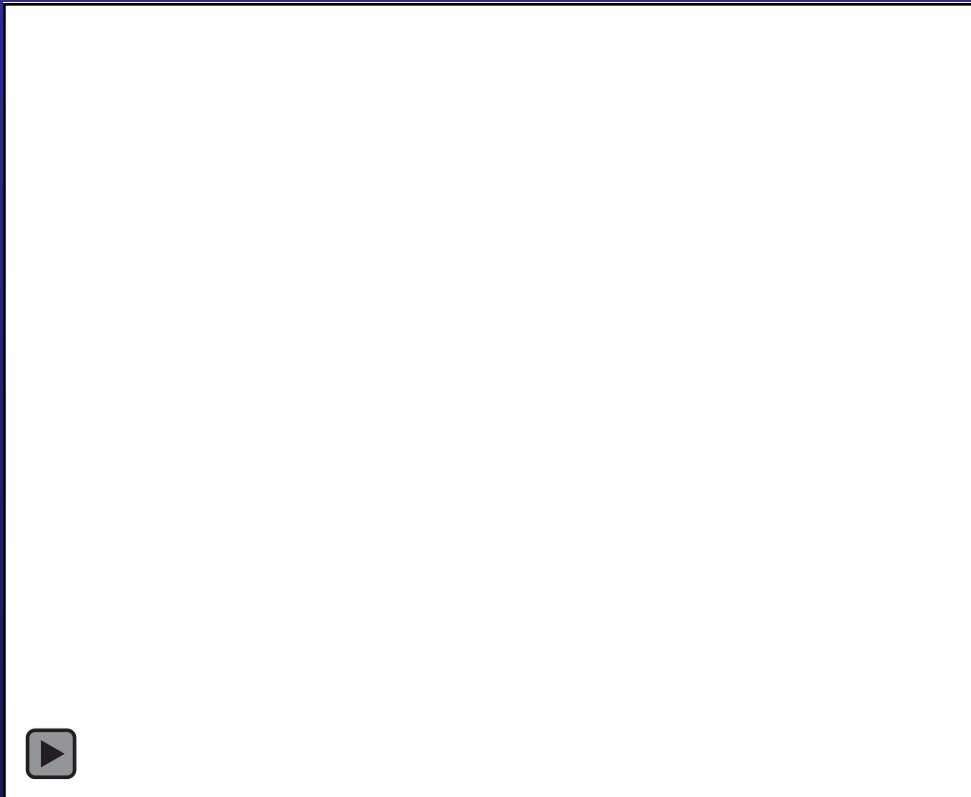
Outline

- | In patients with cancer, review cardiovascular magnetic resonance (CMR) assessments of:
 - LV volumes, mass, ejection fraction, strain
 - Myocardial injury
 - Myocardial interstitial fibrosis
 - Vascular stiffness
- | Feasibility of performing multi-center initiatives to develop predictive models of CV risk using CMR
- | Ongoing NIH studies to investigate cardiotoxicity

MRI methods (left ventricle)

A multi-phase, multi-slice cine white blood sequence was used to measure LV volumes and ejection fraction using a modified Simpson's Rule Method

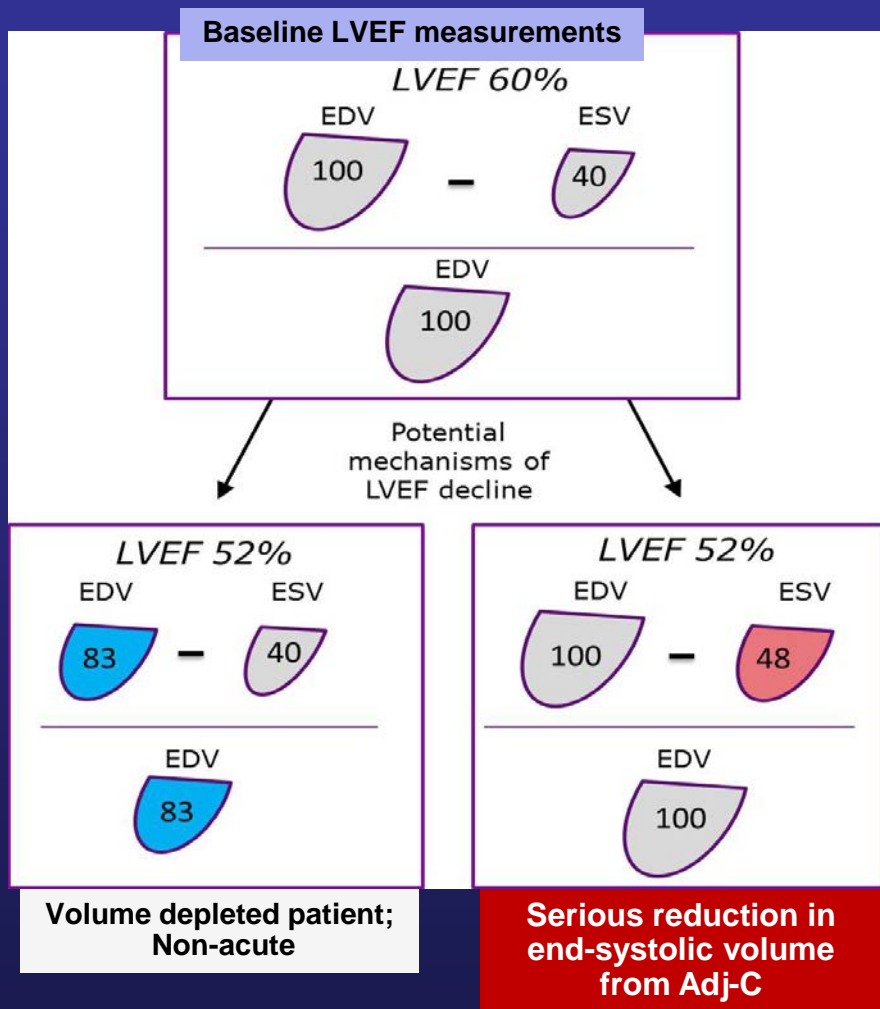
Mean, mid-wall circumferential strain using tissue tagging



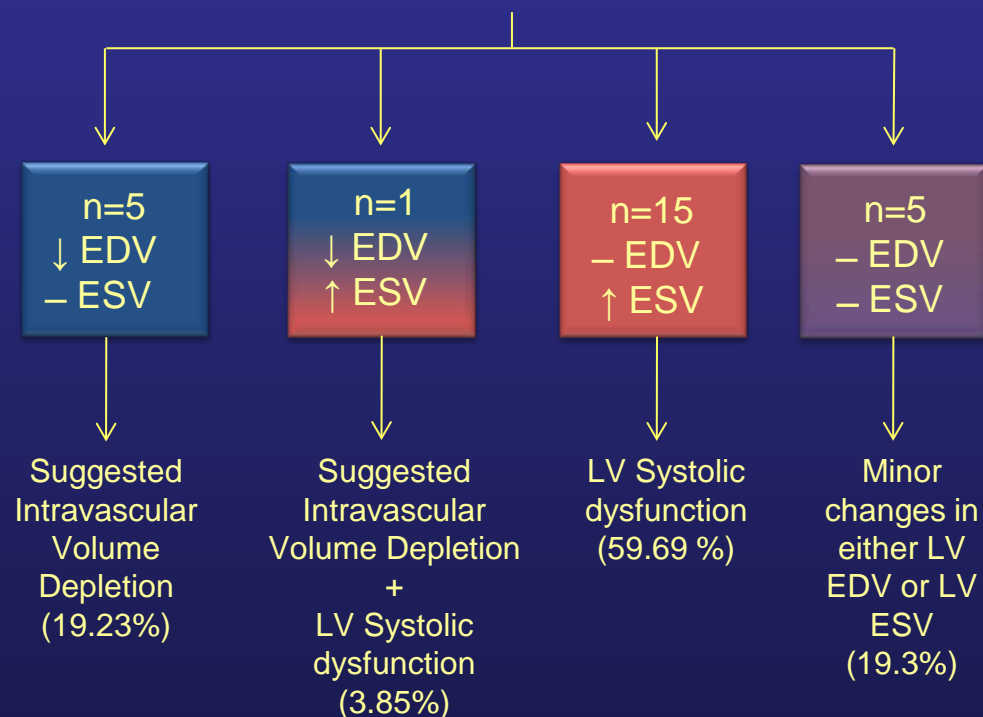
Comparison to 2D planar imaging incorporating area-length formulae

	<i>Echo</i>	<i>CMR</i>	<i>↓sample size</i>
EDV, 10 ml	121	12	90%
ESV, 10 ml	53	10	81%
EF, 3%	102	15	85%
Mass, 10 g	273	9	97%

Two potential manifestations of LVEF decline: EDV decrease vs. ESV increase

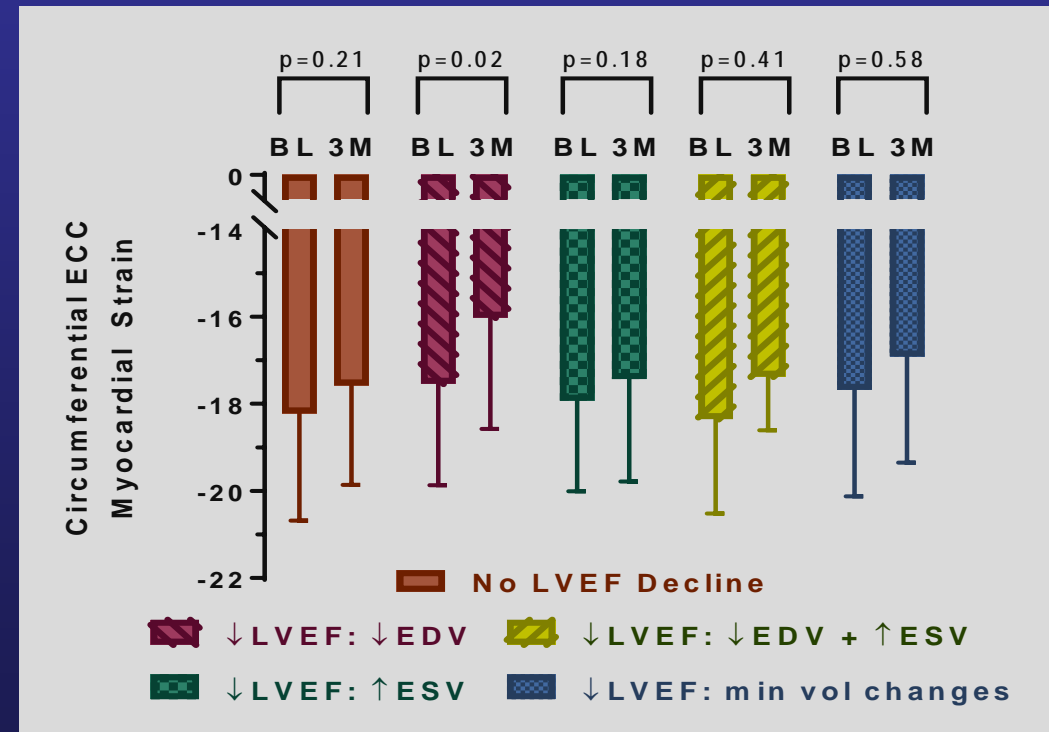
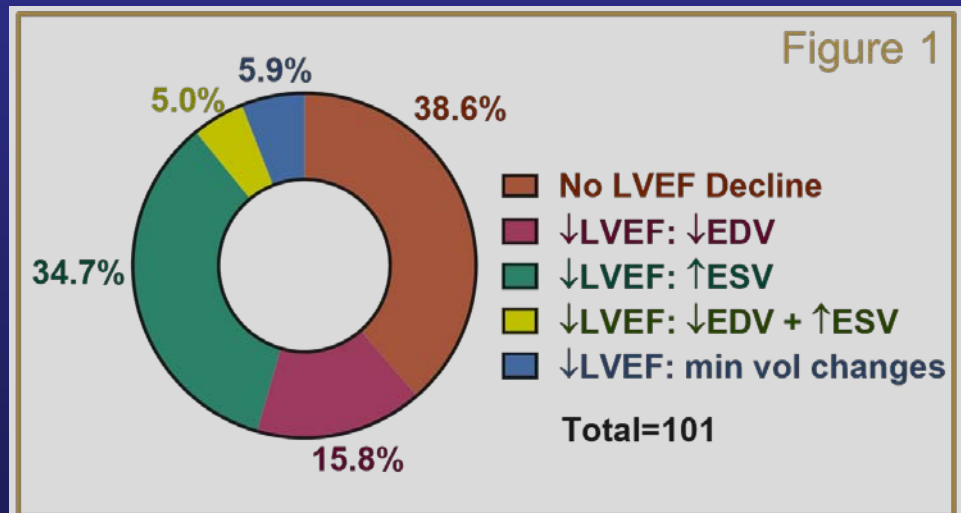


From 112 participants receiving potentially cardiotoxic chemotherapy, 26 participants experienced baseline to 3 months LVEF drops of >10% or a decline to an absolute value of <50%

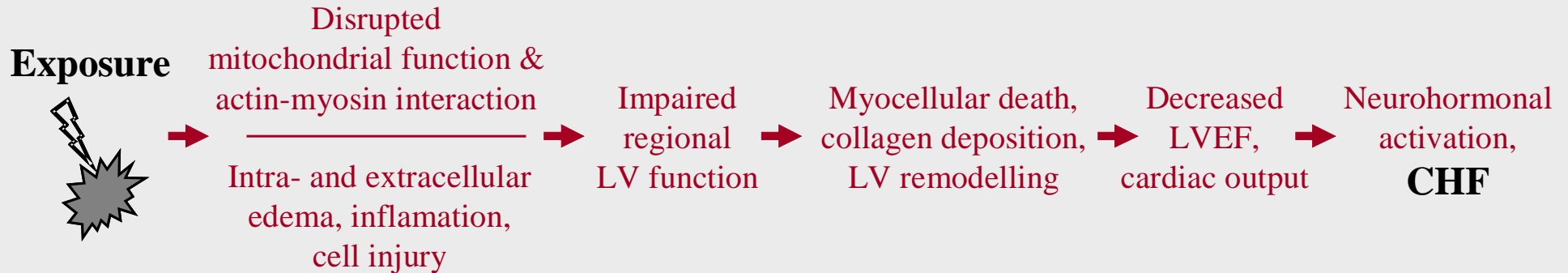


Reductions in LVEDV can impair LV strain 3 months after initiating cardiotoxic chemotherapy

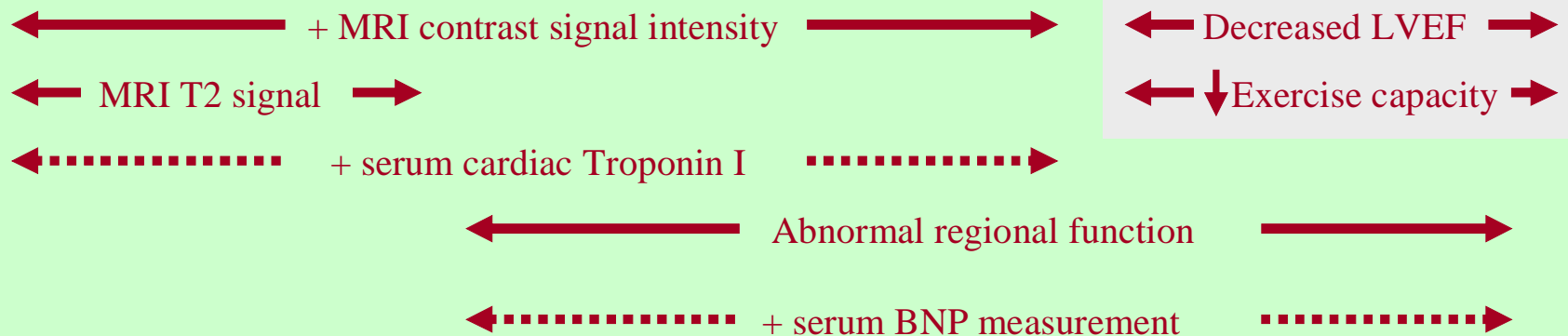
101 participants aged 50 yrs, 70% women,
50% breast cancer 32% lymphoma, 12% leukemia:
74% with anthracycline chemotherapy.



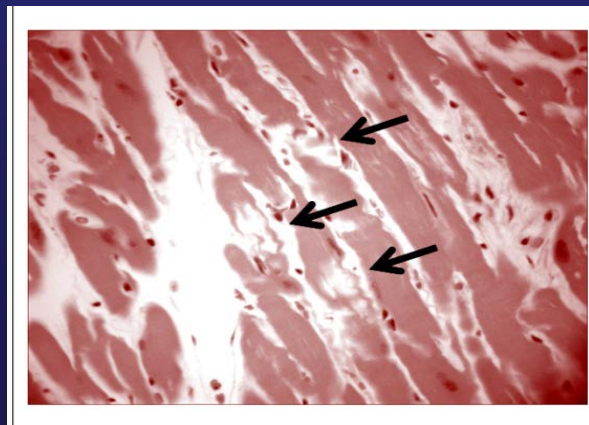
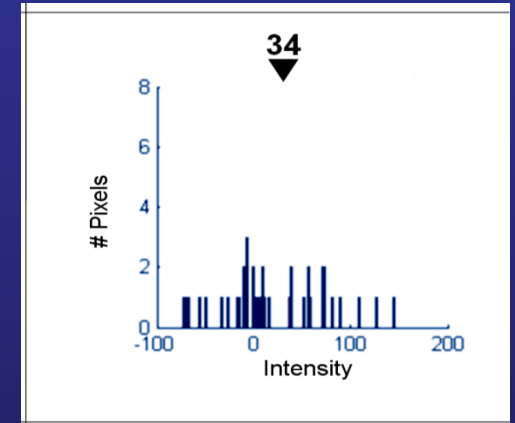
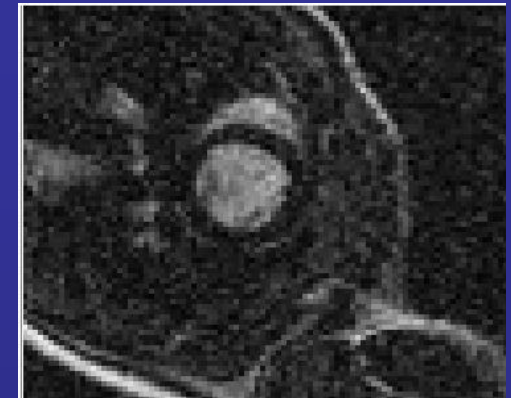
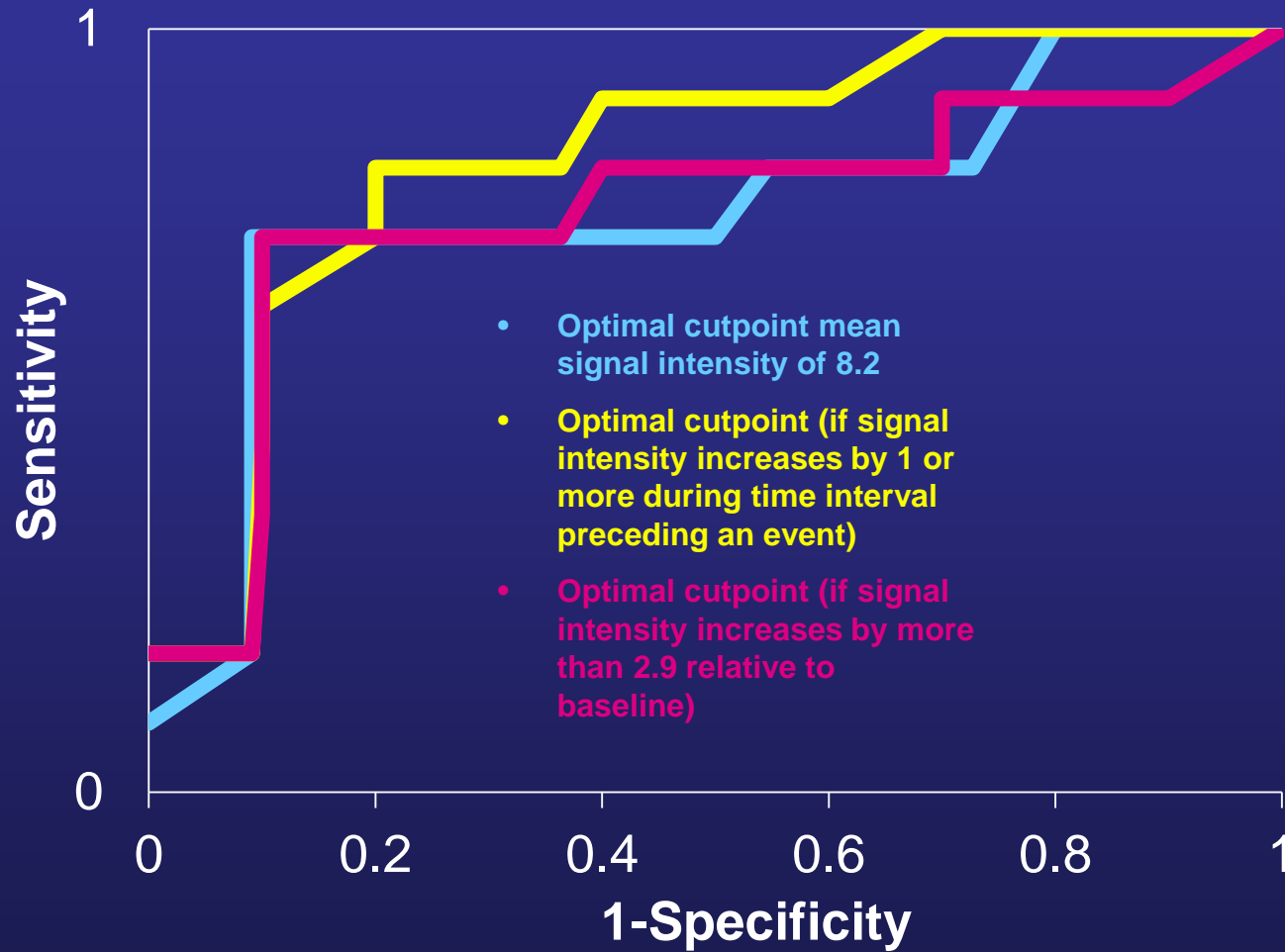
Patho-physiology



Surveillance



ROC Curves Comparing Characteristics of Signal Intensity Change the Forecast Future Events

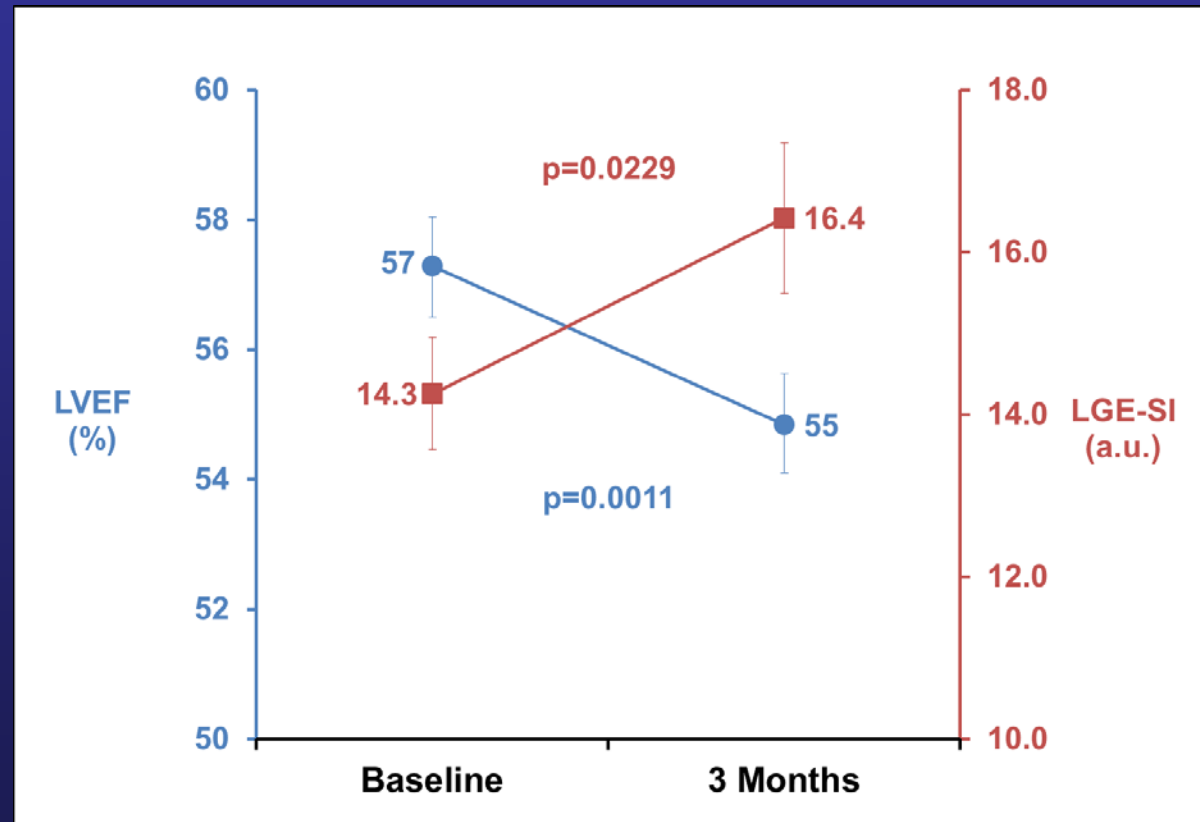


Early changes in CMR tissue characterization with late gadolinium enhancement occur concurrently with subclinical declines in LVEF

Study population:

n=67 participants
receiving
cardiotoxic
chemotherapy

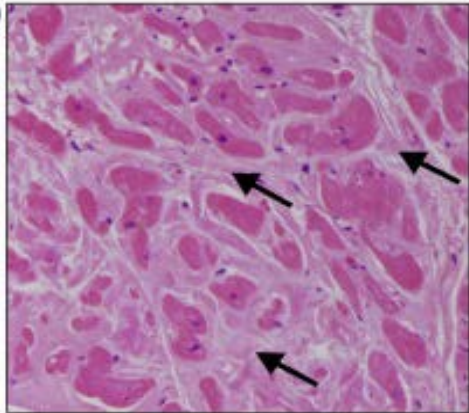
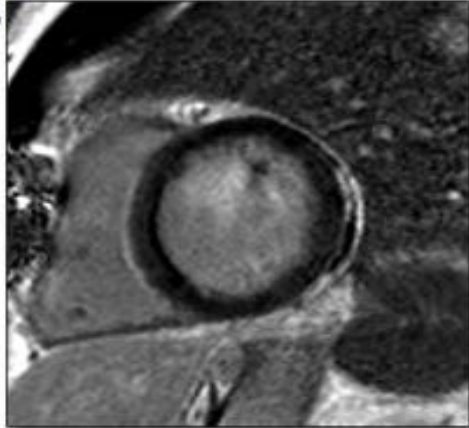
Aged 51 ± 12 years
87% women
76% breast cancer
55%
anthracyclines



Cardio-Oncology

Anthracycline-Associated T1 Mapping Characteristics Are Elevated Independent of the Presence of Cardiovascular Comorbidities in Cancer Survivors

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n=310
Total study participants enrolled from rural communities
of northwest NC, southwest VA, and east TN

n=236
Control
Subjects

n=37
Cancer Patients
Pre-Treatment

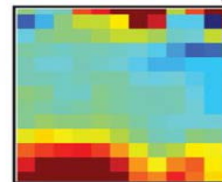
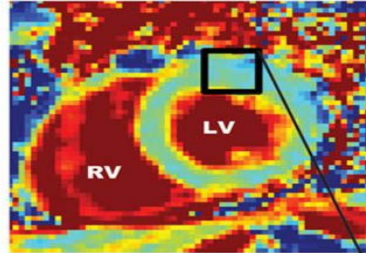
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Cancer Survivors
Post-Anthracycline
Treatment

Myocardial fibrosis is elevated in adult survivors 3 years after anthracycline treatment relative to comparators

Cancer Pre-Treatment

66 year old woman with hypercholesterolemia and hypertension

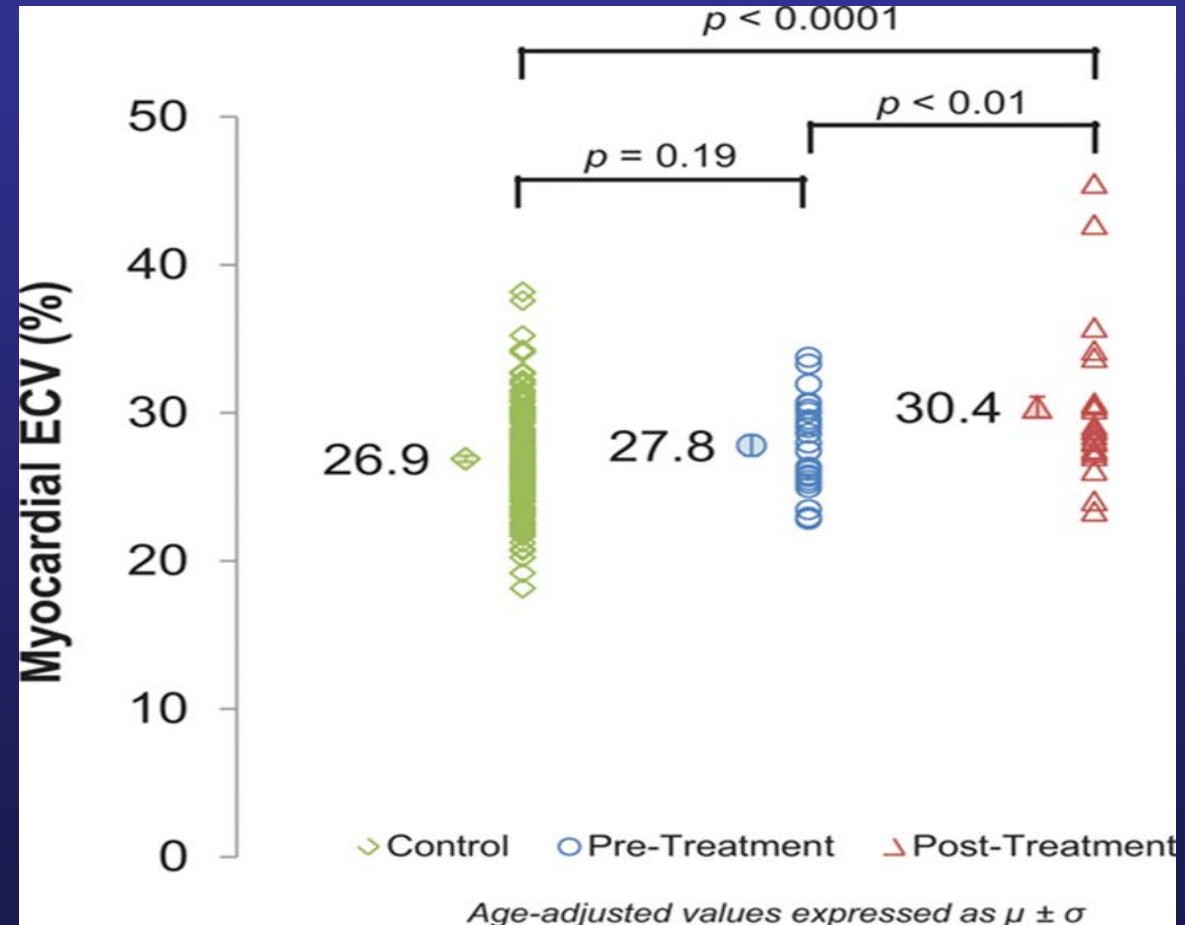
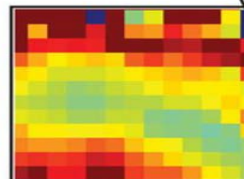
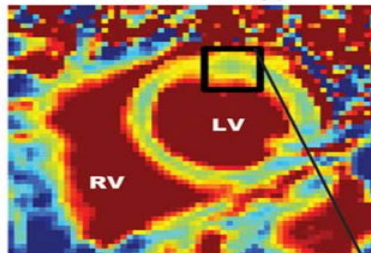
ECV = 25%



Cancer Post-Treatment

63 year old woman with hypertension

ECV = 32%

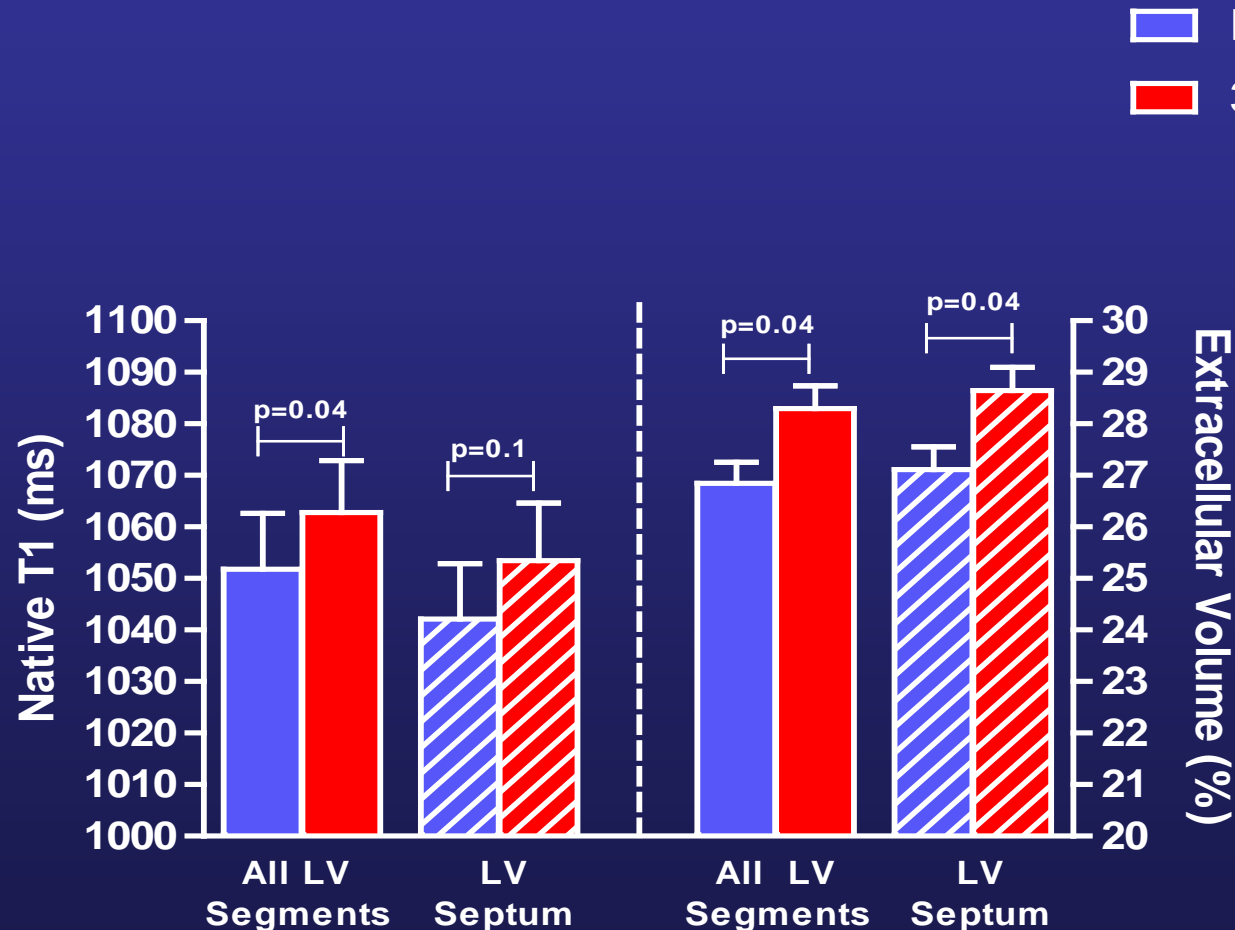


CMR findings of elevated fibrosis persist even after accounting for other risk factors such as age, the presence of cancer, or coexistent cardiovascular comorbidities

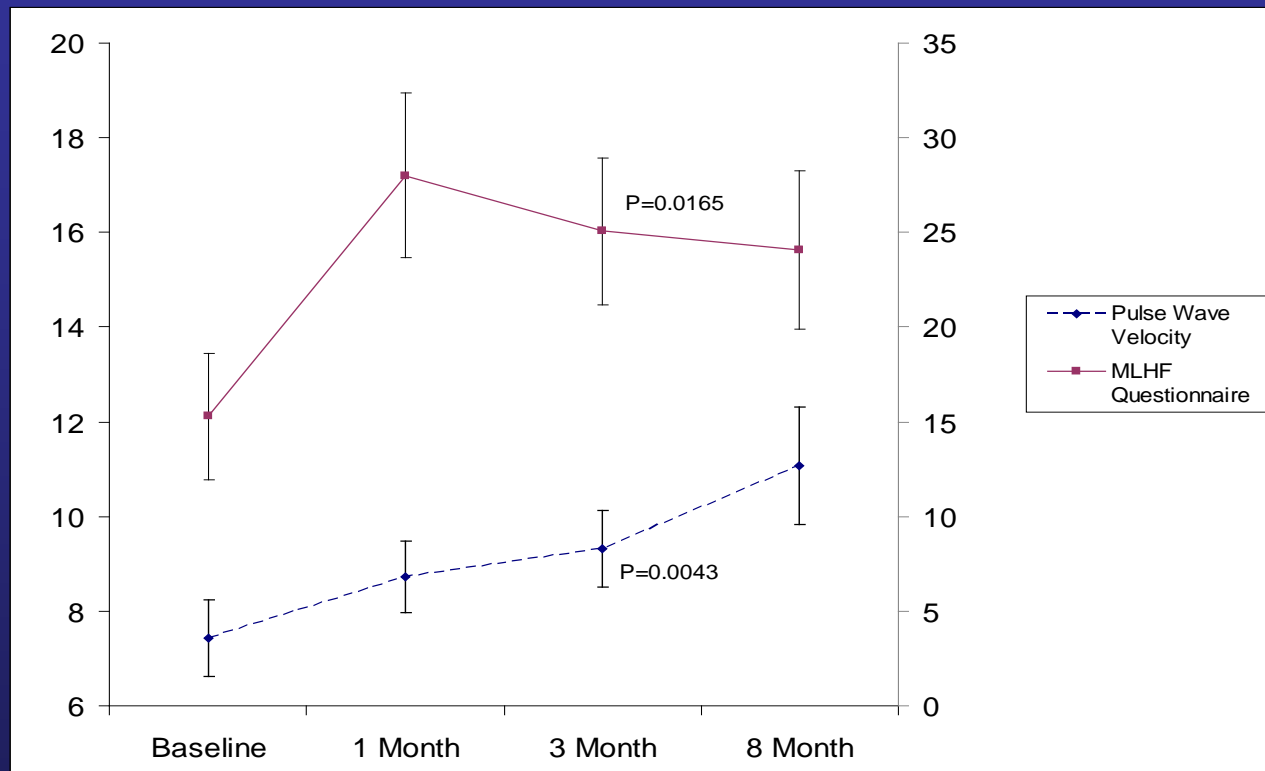
Model	Covariates	ECV
Model 1	Group	$p < 0.0001$
Model 2	Group + Age, Race, Gender, Age*Gender	$p < 0.0001$
Model 3	Model 2 + Weight, Heart Rate, Systolic BP, CAD, DM, DysL, HTN	$p < 0.0001$
Model 4	Model 3 + LVEF, LV Mass Index	$p < 0.0001$

Progressive 3-Month Increase in Left Ventricular Myocardial Extracellular Volume Fraction After Receipt of Anthracycline-Based Chemotherapy

(n= 56; 66% women; 71% white and 29% black; aged 52 ± 13 years).

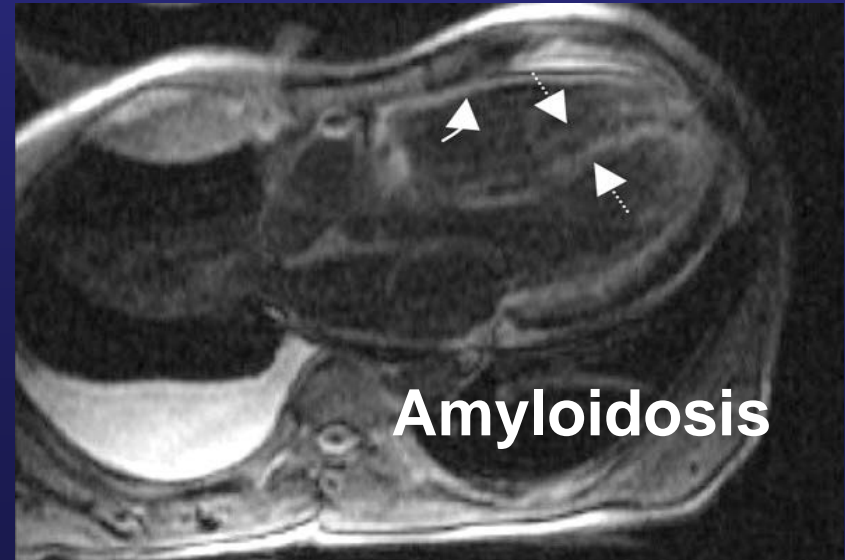
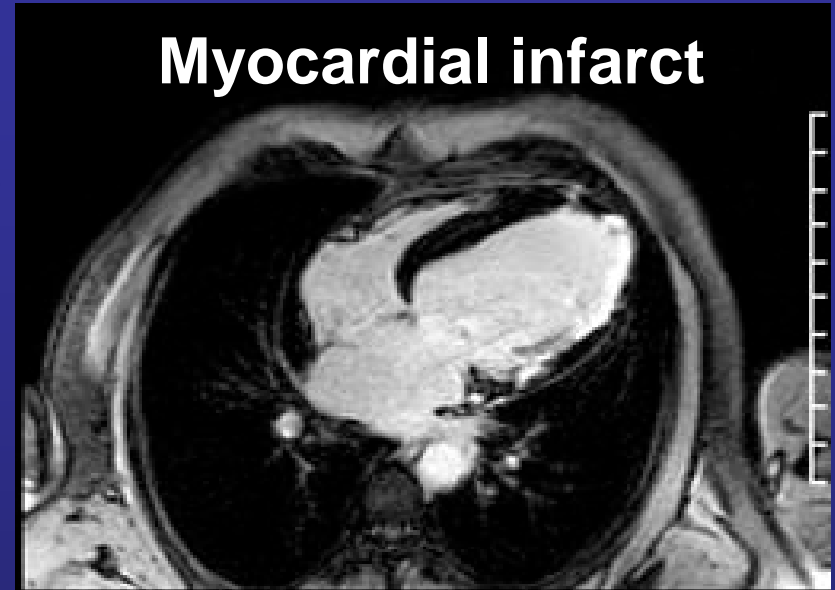


Moving beyond the heart: Relevance of abnormal pulse wave velocity for predicting CV events in population-based studies



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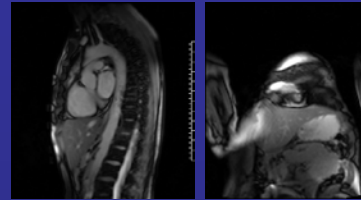
Utility of CMR to define etiology of LV dysfunction: 63 yo woman with multiple myeloma with past history of CAD, HTN presents 5 weeks after treatment with new proteasome inhibitor with dyspnea and LVEF of 40%. What is her diagnosis?



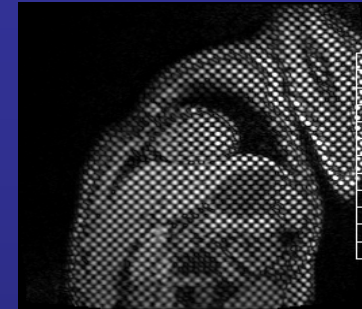
Comprehensive study in < 15 mins in community hospitals

Rapid Imaging Protocol

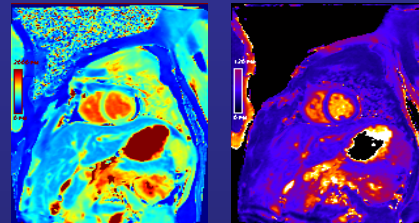
Localizers (x2) 0:30



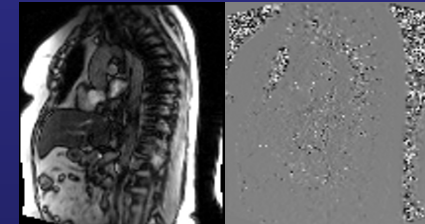
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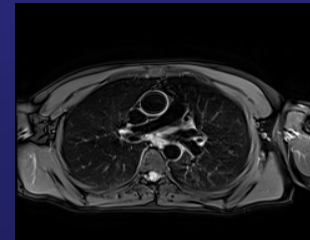
T1 and T2 Maps 1:00



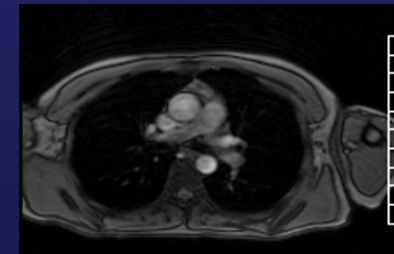
Aorta Phase Contrast 2:00



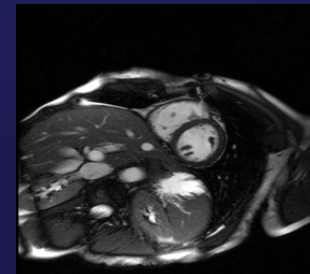
Aorta Wall Thickness 0:30



Aorta Distensibility 0:30



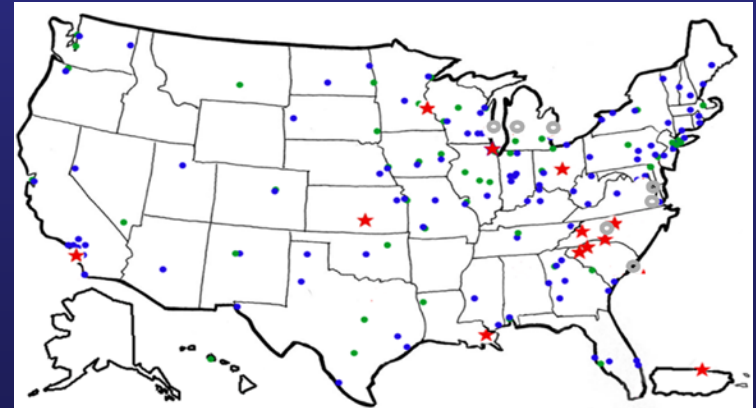
LV Cine Stack 3:00



Total Time 8-12 min

Wake Forest NCORP Research Base

- | One of two Cancer Center Prevention and control Research Bases in U.S.
- | Initially funded in 1999, now operating on 4th competing renewal
- | 41 individuals at Wake Forest funded by Research Base grant
 - Executive Steering Committee
 - Protocol Office
 - Data Management Center
 - Research Nursing
 - Cores: Biostatistics, Biospecimen
- | Large Network of Community Hospital systems that perform clinical research. Cardiovascular MRI operative across 25 of these community hospitals.



Implementation of clinical CMR studies involving community hospitals

- Our effort is focused on translational science approaches to diagnose, prevent and manage CV disease in patients treated for cancer.

#	Title	Status
R21 CA 109224	MRI Detection of Doxorubicin Induced Cardiotoxicity	Completed
R33 CA121296-02	Optimized CMR Imaging of Chemotherapy Cardiotoxicity	Completed
Komen BCTR0707769	Early Detection of Chemotherapy Associated Cardiotoxicity in Women with Breast Cancer	Completed
R01 CA167821-01	Early Imaging Detection of CV Injury after Cancer (n=110)	Awarded through 2017
R43 CA174261	Advanced imaging detection of cardiac injury in high risk cancer patients	Awarded through 2016
R01 HL119980-01	CV injury, exercise intolerance, fatigue and risk prediction after chemotherapy for breast cancer (n=1000)	Awarded through 2020
R01 HL118740-01	Preventing anthracycline CV toxicity with statins (n=240)	Awarded through 2018
R43 HL120486-01	Community hospital ID of CV risk patients during cancer	Awarded through 2017

Summary

- | In individuals treated for cancer, cardiovascular magnetic resonance measures of left ventricular structure and function are useful for identifying subclinical cardiovascular disease associated with adverse CV events.
- | New initiatives are extending this technology into clinical healthcare delivery systems that facilitate patient care in community hospitals where a large proportion of the individuals with cancer are treated in the US.
- | These new CMR techniques are commensurate with those used in other large NIH population based studies thus allowing for comparisons between individuals with cancer and others at risk for CV disease. Initiatives are underway to utilize risk prediction modeling to determine the utility of several of the new CMR metrics for forecasting CV events after treatment for cancer.