



Updates in Hospital Medicine: 2022

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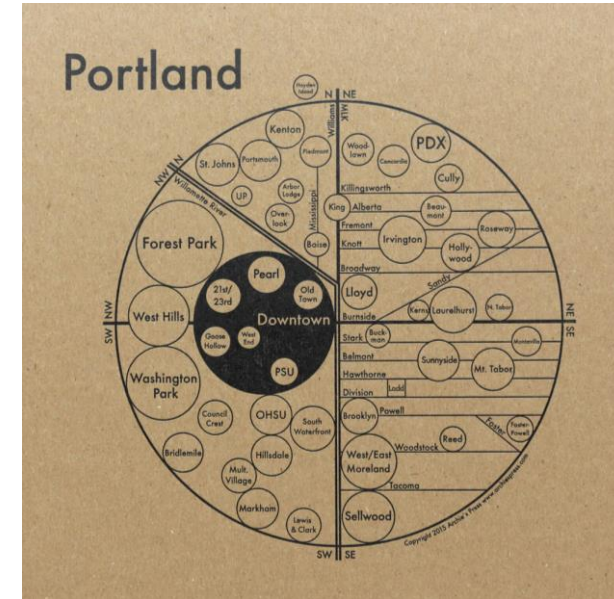
Objectives

- Review and evaluate recent impactful literature in the practice of Hospital Medicine
- Discuss how this data may: confirm, inform, or perhaps change your practice

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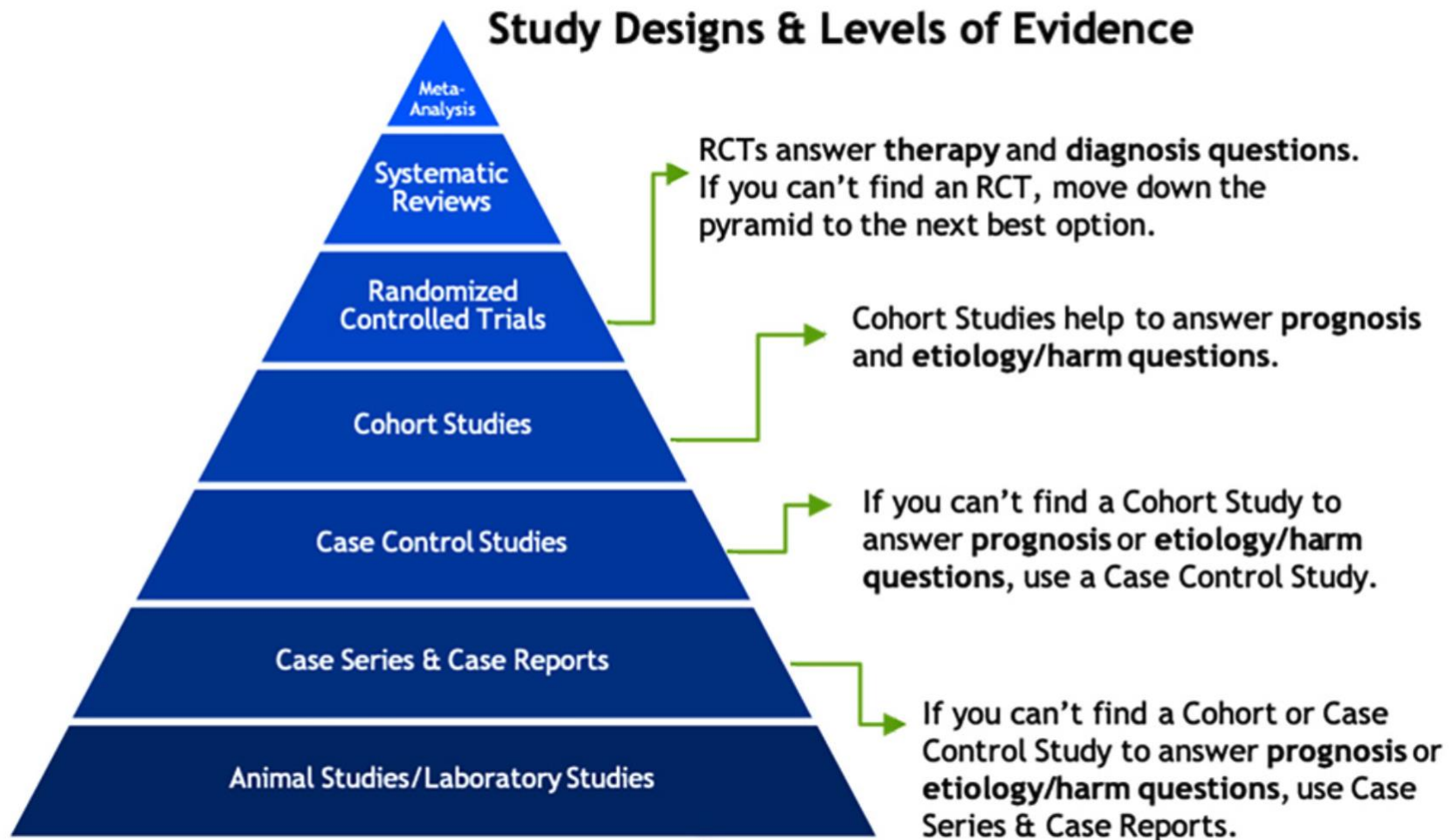
Road Map

- New literature from late 2021 through 2022
- No COVID-19 studies
- High level review (Not full EBM session)
 - Case based approach
 - Quick Take vs Modest Depth
- Articles selected based on likelihood to:
 - ✓ Change practice
 - ✓ Inform/Modify practice
 - ✓ Confirm practice



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A Brief Comment on Level of Evidence to Guide Decision Making



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Raise Your Hand if the Majority of
Your Clinical Decisions are
Supported by High Quality RCTs or
Better...

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FASTTRACK CLINICAL RESEARCH

Arrhythmias

AV junction ablation and cardiac resynchronization for patients with permanent atrial fibrillation and narrow QRS: the APAF-CRT mortality trial

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Updates in Hospital Medicine 2022: AF and HFrEF

Inclusion Criteria:

- Severely” Symptomatic Permanent AF>6 months
- Unsuitable for AF ablation or failed AF Ablation
- QRS <110msec
- At least 1 HF Hospitalization in last year

Endpoints:

- Primary
- All-cause mortality
- Secondary
- Composite all-cause mortality or HF hospitalization

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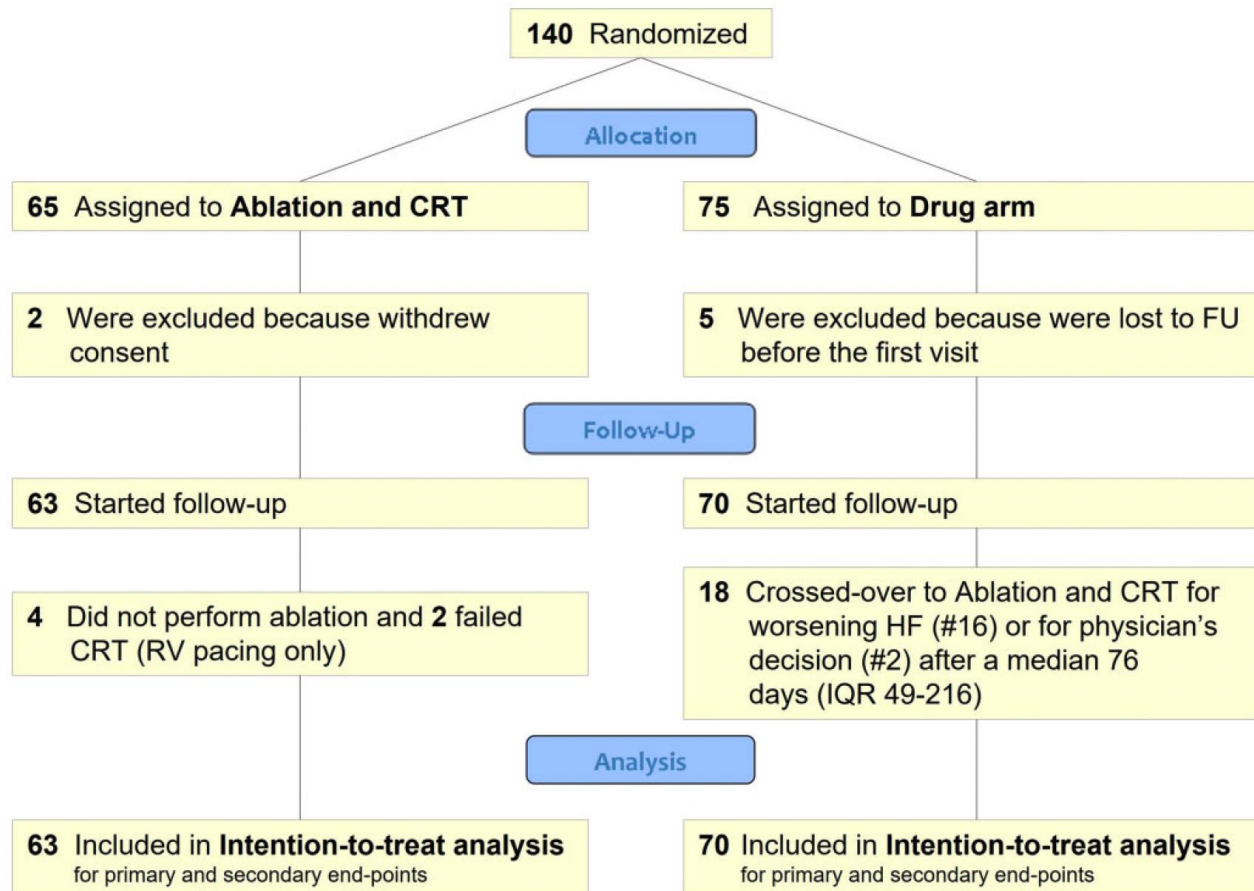
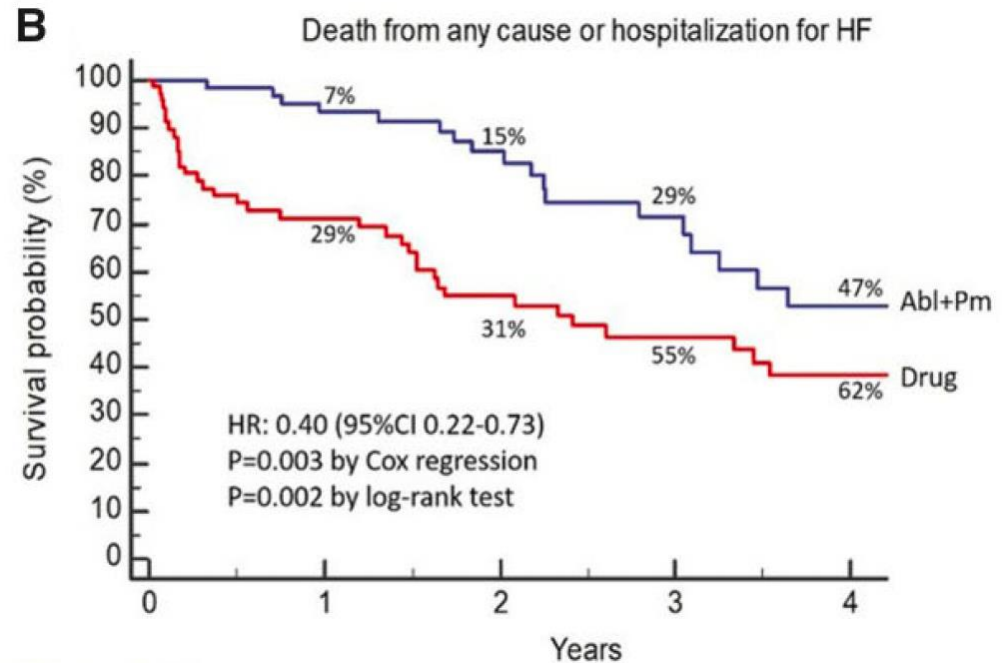
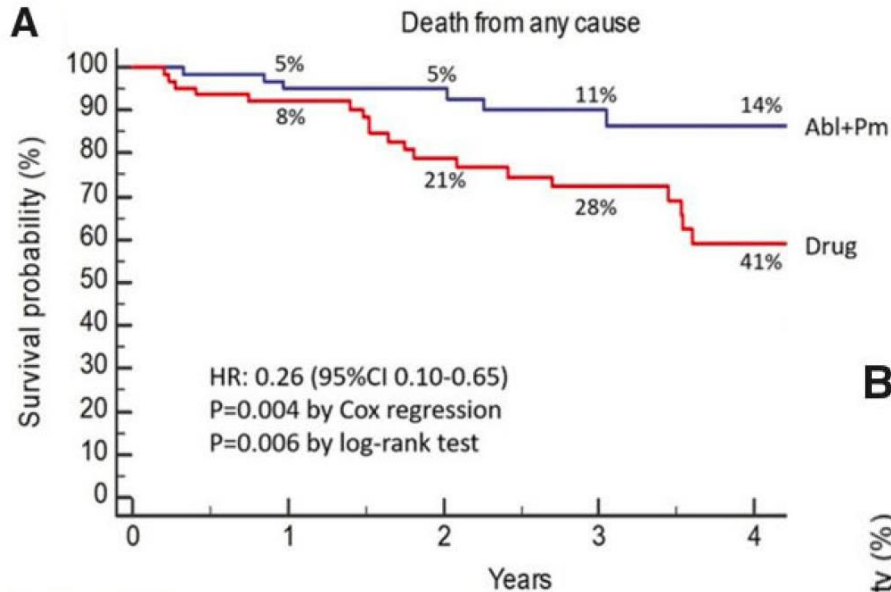


Figure 1 Trial flow chart. CRT, cardiac resynchronization therapy; HF, heart failure; IQR, interquartile range; RV, right ventricular.

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Updates 2022 Quick Take

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Updates 2022 Quick Take: Estimating GDMT Benefit

Circulation

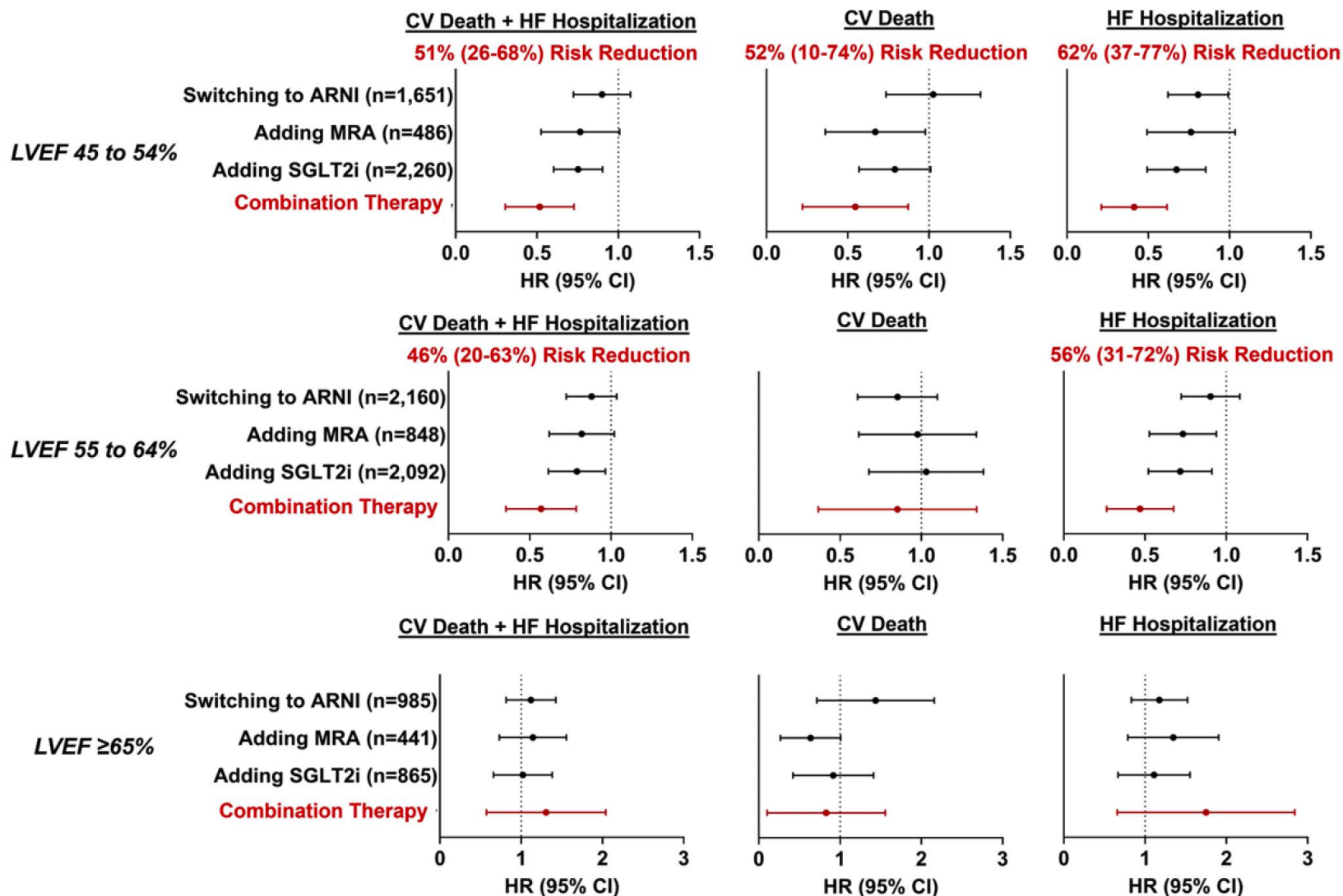
RESEARCH LETTER

Estimating the Benefits of Combination Medical Therapy in Heart Failure With Mildly Reduced and Preserved Ejection Fraction

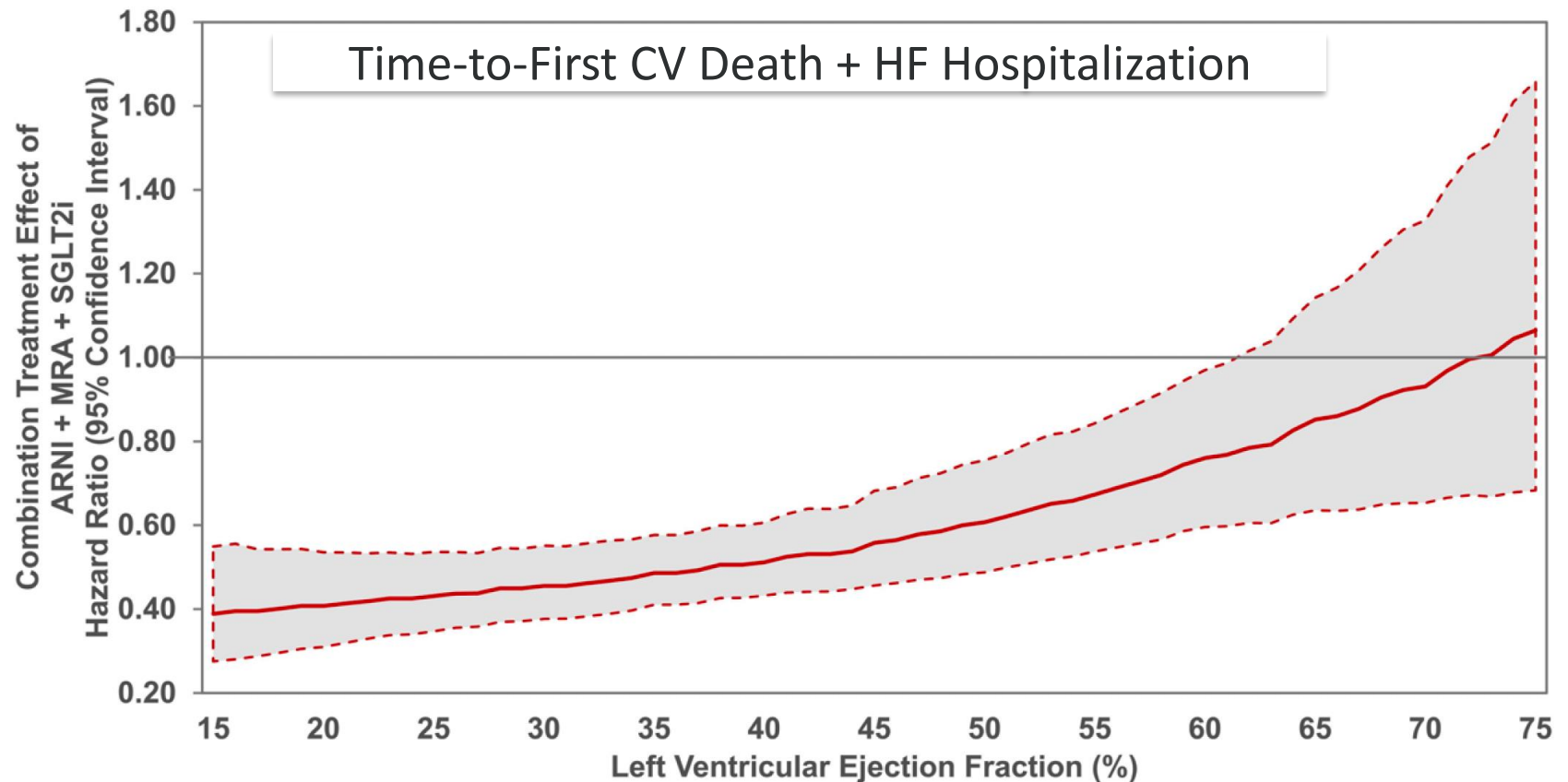
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- C. Start Lisinopril 10mg daily
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Hypertension

ANTIHYPERTENSIVE TREATMENT

Comparative First-Line Effectiveness and Safety of ACE (Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme) Inhibitors and Angiotensin Receptor Blockers

A Multinational Cohort Study

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Updates in Hospital Medicine 2022: ACE-I vs ARB

- LEGEND-HTN (Large-scale Evidence Generation and Evaluation across a Network of Databases for Hypertension) study, large-scale propensity-matched network study representing the largest head-to-head comparison of ACE (angiotensin-converting enzyme) inhibitors with angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs) for the first-line treatment of hypertension across a global network of 8 large observational databases.

- Retrospective new-user comparative cohort design and included all patients initiating antihypertensive treatment with a single agent

- 1 year of prior observation in the database before treatment initiation and a recorded diagnosis of hypertension at the time of initiation or during the 1 year prior

- Antihypertensive medication and patients who initiated another antihypertensive in the 7 days after index exposure to an ACE inhibitor or ARB to prevent the potential inclusion of patients starting combination therapy

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Primary Outcomes:

- Acute Myocardial Infarction
- Hospitalization for Heart Failure
- Ischemic or Hemorrhagic Stroke
- Composite Cardiovascular Outcome

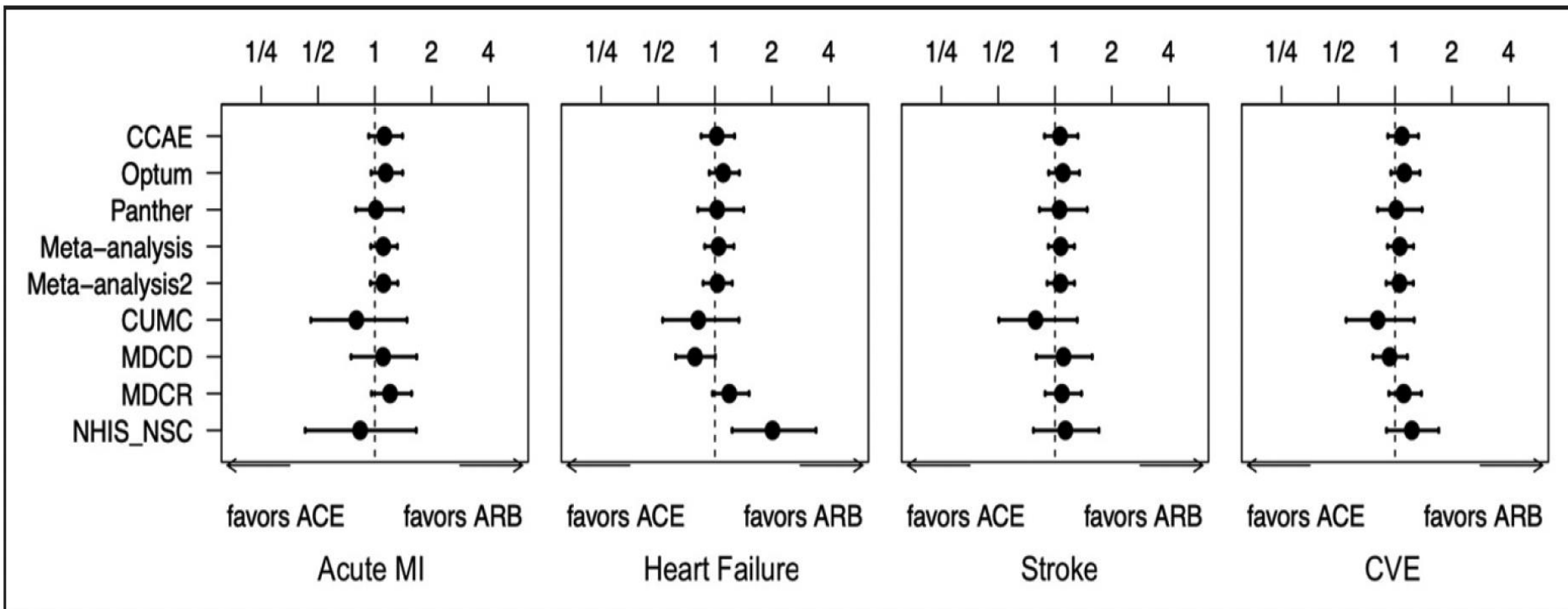
Secondary Outcomes

- 51 safety/adverse event related

Evaluated both Intention to Treat and Time on Treatment

Utilized Propensity Scoring to try to minimize confounding

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Secondary Outcomes on ACE-I:

- Higher risk of Angioedema and Cough
- Higher risk of Pancreatitis
- Higher risk of GI Bleed

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Research

JAMA Internal Medicine | [Original Investigation](#)

Association of Statin Therapy Initiation With Diabetes Progression A Retrospective Matched-Cohort Study

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Updates in Hospital Medicine 2022: Statin Effect on Diabetes

Retrospective matched-cohort study to assess associations between statin initiation and diabetes progression among a national cohort of patients covered by the VA from fiscal year (FY) 2003-FY 2015

Inclusion Criteria

- 30 years or older at the index date and were regular VA health system users.

Exclusion Criteria

- Fewer than 60 days of follow up
- Active comparator being initiation of H2 Blocker or PPI
- Baseline Propensity Score Matching (93 variables)

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Primary Outcomes

- Therapy intensification, including new insulin initiation during the follow-up period or an increased number of glucose-lowering medication classes that were ever used during follow-up in comparison with the baseline

- New persistent hyperglycemia or acute glycemic complications, including:

- *the presence of 5 or more measurements with blood glucose levels of 200mg/dL or greater during the follow up period*

- *Receiving a new diagnosis of diabetes with ketoacidosis or uncontrolled diabetes during the follow-up period*

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Table 2. Odds of Outcomes During Follow-up Period Between Statin Users and Active Comparators in Propensity Score–Matched Cohorts

Outcomes	Overall cohort				Diabetes-prevalent cohort			
	No. (%)		OR (95% CI)	P value	No. (%)		OR (95% CI)	P value
	Statin users (n = 83 022)	Active comparators (n = 83 022)			Statin users (n = 51 467)	Active comparators (n = 51 467)		
Primary								
Diabetes progression	46 434 (55.9)	39 868 (48.0)	1.37 (1.35 to 1.40)	<.001	30 494 (59.3)	27 189 (52.8)	1.30 (1.27 to 1.33)	<.001
Secondary								
Components of diabetes progression outcome								
New insulin starts during follow-up	11 947 (14.4)	10 540 (12.7)	1.16 (1.12 to 1.19)	<.001	9081 (17.6)	8215 (16.0)	1.13 (1.09 to 1.17)	<.001
Increased No. of glucose-lowering classes	42 579 (51.3)	35 533 (42.8)	1.41 (1.38 to 1.43)	<.001	27 299 (53.0)	23 443 (45.6)	1.35 (1.32 to 1.38)	<.001
Incident ≥5 measurements with blood glucose ≥200 mg/dL ^a	13 963 (16.8)	12 601 (15.2)	1.13 (1.10 to 1.16)	<.001	9858 (19.2)	9167 (17.8)	1.09 (1.06 to 1.13)	<.001
Incident diabetes with ketoacidosis/uncontrolled diabetes	4468 (5.4)	3635 (4.4)	1.24 (1.19 to 1.30)	<.001	2837 (5.5)	2427 (4.7)	1.18 (1.12 to 1.25)	<.001
Difference in No. of glucose-lowering classes during follow-up vs baseline								
Mean (SD)	0.77 (0.99)	0.59 (0.89)	−0.19 to −0.17 ^b	<.001	0.78 (1.0)	0.62 (0.94)	−0.18 to −0.15 ^b	<.001
Median (IQR)	1 (0 to 1)	0 (0 to 1)	NA	<.001 ^c	1 (0 to 1)	0 (0 to 1)	NA	<.001
Decreased No. of glucose-lowering medication classes	2132 (2.6)	2276 (2.7)	0.94 (0.88 to 0.99)	.03	2116 (4.1)	2272 (4.4)	0.93 (0.87 to 0.99)	.02
Change in mean blood glucose during follow-up vs baseline, mg/dL ^a								
Mean (SD)	6.3 (45.4)	5.5 (46.1)	−1.24 to −0.36 ^b	<.001	0.32 (52.8)	−0.60 (52.8)	−1.6 to −0.28 ^b	.005
Median (IQR)	6.1 (−8.5 to 24.2)	5.7 (−8.8 to 23.0)	NA	<.001 ^c	2.8 (−17.7 to 23.8)	2.1 (−18.5 to 22.6)	NA	<.001

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- “There was a dose response association between intensity of lowering LDL cholesterol and risk of the study outcomes, with higher intensity of LDL cholesterol-lowering associated with higher odds of diabetes progression. For example, the odds of diabetes progression among statin users vs nonusers were 1.83, 1.55, and 1.45 for high-, moderate-, and low-intensity cholesterol lowering, respectively”
- “the number needed to be exposed to statins for 1 additional person to experience diabetes progression outcome was 13”
- “the mean difference between blood glucose during follow-up and baseline among statin users in contrast with nonusers was modest, there was significant escalation in diabetes therapy that was not associated with better clinical outcomes... From 2009 to 2015, annual emergency department visits for hyperglycemic crisis almost doubled, hospitalization increased by 73%, and related deaths increased by 55%.”

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Case: 66 y/o with PMH of HTN, HLD and COPD admitted for COPD exacerbation. Symptomatically nearing discharge, but description of baseline sx's suggests they may benefit from chronic O₂. However, during a "road test" done by RT has the patient hovers at 92% while on room air. The patient still reports significant dyspnea, consistent with what they experience at baseline. Their chronic bronchodilator regimen appears maximized. The patient self identifies as black and has notably dark skin. You decide to:

- A. Proceed with discharge without supplemental oxygen
- B. Add scheduled daily azithromycin 250mg
- C. Extend Prednisone 40mg daily from 5 to 10 days
- D. Obtain ABG
- E. Obtain TTE, wondering if the patient may have undiagnosed pulmonary hypertension

Updates Quick Take 2022: Pulse Ox Bias

RESEARCH



OPEN ACCESS



Check for updates

Racial bias and reproducibility in pulse oximetry among medical and surgical inpatients in general care in the Veterans Health Administration 2013-19: multicenter, retrospective cohort study

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- Multicenter Retrospective Cohort, Study Period 2013-19
- Extraction of SpO₂ and SaO₂ data from the Veterans Affairs Patient Database(VAPD)
- Defined occult hypoxemia as a low saturation of arterial oxygen (SaO₂ <88%) with a pulse oximetry reading of SpO₂ ≥92% recorded within 10 minutes
- Excluded ICU measurements or days when patients were transferred in or out of ICU
- Six categories by race and ethnic origin were used: non-Hispanic black, non-Hispanic white, Hispanic or Latino, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian, and other
- Cohort included 30,039 SpO₂-SaO₂ pairs

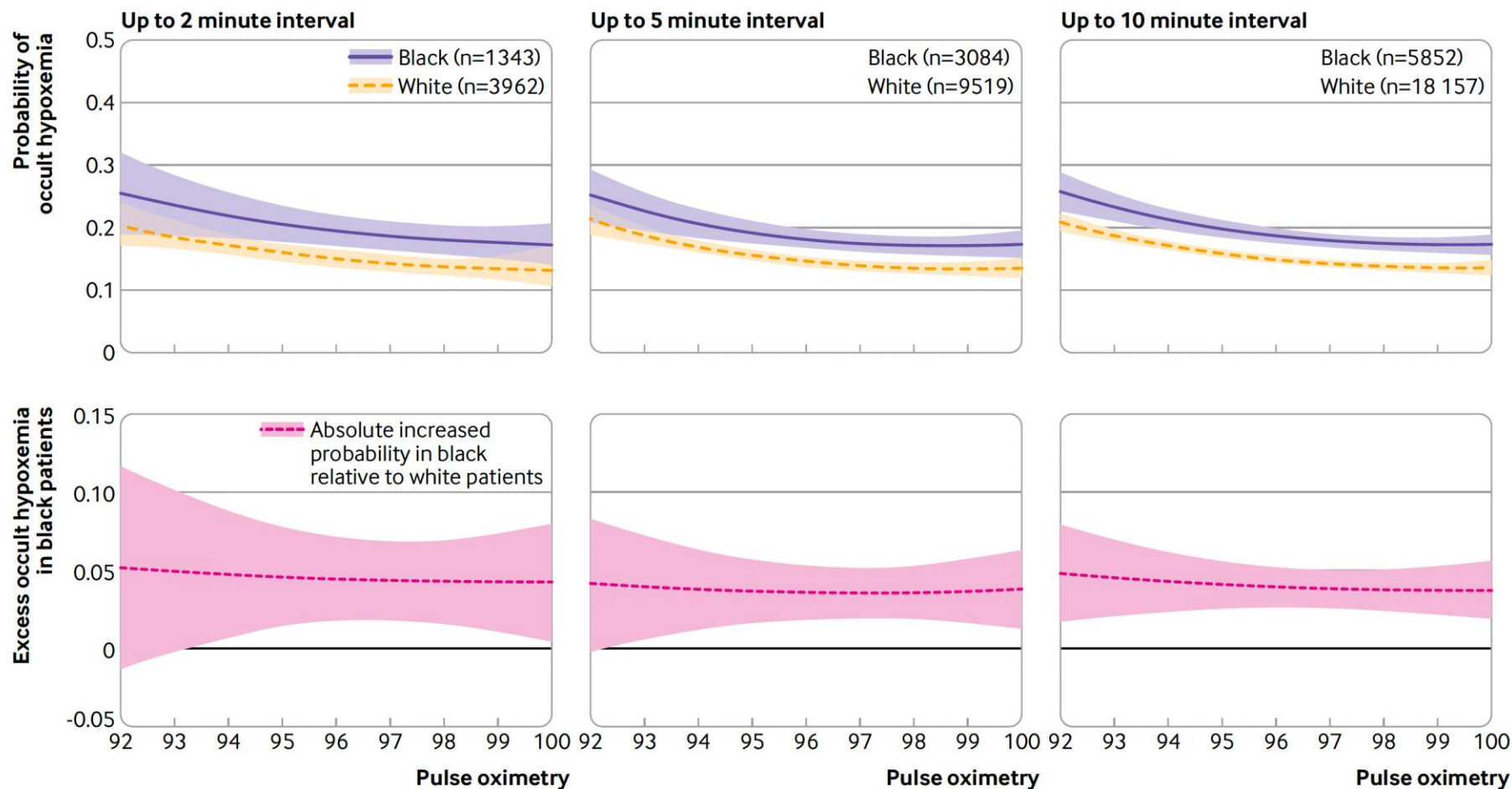
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Table 1 | Characteristics of SpO₂-SaO₂ pairs recorded in study population, by race and ethnic origin

Characteristics	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	Hispanic/ Latino	P value of difference	
				White v black	White v Hispanic
Paired SpO ₂ -SaO ₂ readings					
Total No	21 918	6498	1623	—	—
Median (IQR) pulse oximetry (SpO ₂ , %)	95 (93-97)	97 (94-99)	97 (94-99)	<0.001	<0.001
Median (IQR) arterial oxygen saturation (SaO ₂ , %)	94 (89.9-96.6)	94.3 (89-97.1)	95 (90.2-98)	0.31	<0.001
Supplemental oxygen (L/min)					
Median (IQR)	0	0	0	<0.001	0.14
Mean (SD)	0.9 (2.5)	0.6 (2.0)	0.8 (2.7)	<0.001	0.14
Potential occult hypoxemia					
All SpO ₂ (92-100%)	18 157 (82.8)	5852 (90.1)	1466 (90.3)	<0.001	<0.001
SaO ₂ <88% if SpO ₂ is 92-100%	2823 (15.6)	1144 (19.6)	237 (16.2)	<0.001	0.53
Patient day characteristics					
Total No	20 822	6190	1519		
Median (IQR) age (years)	69 (64-77)	66 (60-72)	68 (62-76)	<0.001	<0.001
Male sex (No (%))	20 099 (96.5)	5852 (94.5)	1479 (97.4)	<0.001	0.082
Primary diagnoses (No (%))					
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	2984 (14.3)	681 (11.0)	97 (6.4)	<0.001	<0.001
Respiratory failure	2766 (13.3)	633 (10.2)	162 (10.7)	<0.001	0.003
Septicemia	1622 (7.8)	466 (7.5)	118 (7.8)	0.50	0.98
Pneumonia	1608 (7.72)	291 (4.7)	59 (3.9)	<0.001	<0.001
Congestive heart failure	1336 (6.4)	464 (7.5)	84 (5.5)	0.003	0.17
Coronary atherosclerosis	391 (1.9)	108 (1.7)	184 (12.1)	0.50	<0.001
Diabetes with complication	309 (1.5)	204 (3.3)	30 (2.0)	<0.001	0.13
Cardiac dysrhythmia	361 (1.7)	94 (1.5)	18 (1.2)	0.25	0.11
Renal failure	316 (1.5)	115 (1.9)	23 (1.5)	0.06	0.99
Acute myocardial infarction	223 (1.1)	58 (0.9)	71 (4.7)	0.36	<0.001
Other	8906 (42.8)	3076 (49.7)	673 (44.3)	<0.001	0.24
Comorbidities* (No (%))					
Congestive heart failure	7304 (35.1)	2202 (35.6)	486 (32.0)	0.47	0.02
Neurological disease	2436 (11.7)	896 (14.5)	175 (11.5)	<0.001	0.834
Chronic pulmonary disease	11 911 (57.2)	2642 (42.7)	495 (32.6)	<0.001	<0.001
Liver disease	1746 (8.4)	694 (11.2)	213 (14.0)	<0.001	<0.001
Diabetes without complication	5099 (24.5)	1732 (28.0)	448 (29.5)	<0.001	<0.001
Diabetes with complication	3480 (16.7)	1171 (18.9)	359 (23.6)	<0.001	<0.001
Non-metastatic cancer	2176 (10.5)	711 (11.5)	146 (9.6)	0.02	0.30
Metastatic cancer	782 (3.8)	266 (4.3)	38 (2.5)	0.05	0.01
Renal disease	4935 (23.7)	2004 (32.4)	447 (29.4)	<0.001	<0.001
Median (IQR) length of hospital stay (days)	6 (4-10)	6 (3-11)	9 (4-17)	<0.001	<0.001
Mortality (No (%))					
In hospital	1118 (5.4)	350 (5.7)	91 (6.0)	0.39	0.30
At 30 days	2240 (10.8)	553 (8.9)	142 (9.4)	<0.001	0.086
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- "Pulse oximetry readings had greater bias and worse precision among black inpatients in general care than among white inpatients in general care. This greater bias and worse precision meant that on receiving a recent and well correlated pair of SpO₂-SaO₂ readings, white patients could have some reassurance that a later normal SpO₂ reading was unlikely to be associated with a SaO₂ reading of <88%; however, less reassurance was available for black patients."
- "The overall prevalence of occult hypoxemia could be considerable and racially biased"

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Case: 66 y/o with PMH of HTN, HLD and COPD admitted for COPD exacerbation. Symptomatically nearing discharge, but description of baseline sx's suggests they may benefit from chronic O₂. However, during a "road test" done by RT has the patient hovers at 92% while on room air. The patient still reports significant dyspnea, consistent with what they experience at baseline. Their chronic bronchodilator regimen appears maximized. The patient self identifies as black and has notably dark skin. You decide to:

- A. Proceed with discharge without supplemental oxygen – current study suggests your odds may be ~80% of this being appropriate
- B. Add scheduled daily azithromycin 250mg –only admit for COPD in last 3 years
- C. Extend Prednisone 40mg daily from 5 to 10 days
- D. Obtain ABG
- E. Obtain TTE, wondering if the patient may have undiagnosed pulmonary hypertension—you later find a TTE in CareEverywhere from 6 months ago with normal LVEF, normal RVSP, no significant valvular abnormalities

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Case: 71 y/o with PMH notable for HTN, HFpEF, and CKD III presents with AKI, tachycardia, 2L O2 requirement, leukocytosis and faint retrocardiac opacity. They are started on CTX and Azithromycin and admitted for CAP. HD#2 their O2 requirement remains unchanged. They note having twisted their Right knee hiking 10 days ago and spent several days in a recliner while recovering. They also mention their chest is feeling “tight”. Their creatinine is stable, but remains above baseline. You decide to:

A: Obtain a D-Dimer

B: Obtain a RLE Venous Duplex

C: Determine they are intermediate risk on Wells Score and Geneva Score and check a D-Dimer



D: Do the same Wells or Geneva Score and Order CTA PE Protocol

E: Double down and just keep treating CAP

F: Wells Score, CTA PE Protocol and Fluid for CIN prophylaxis

Use of Intravenous Iodinated Contrast Media in Patients with Kidney Disease: Consensus Statements from the American College of Radiology and the National Kidney Foundation

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- Document Containing joint statements made by a multidisciplinary group of radiologists, and nephrologists. These statements were endorsed by the American College of Radiology, or ACR, and the National Kidney Foundation, or NKF, to improve and standardize the care of patients with impaired kidney function who have indication(s) to receive intravenous iodinated contrast media.
- “Recognize that in clinical practice, a multitude of factors are used to determine whether intravenous contrast media should be administered... Decisions are rarely based on a single consideration. Consequently, these statements should be considered in the context of the entire clinical scenario.”

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Useful Definitions/Risk Factors:

- Contrast-associated acute kidney injury (CA-AKI): Any AKI occurring within 48 hours after the administration of contrast media.
 - *Multiple patient-related risk factors have been associated with CA-AKI. The primary risk factor is eGFR, with some studies finding an additive risk of CA-AKI from diabetes mellitus. Additional risk factors include nephrotoxic agents and exposures, hypotension, hypovolemia, albuminuria, and impaired kidney perfusion*
- Contrast-induced acute kidney injury (CI-AKI): CI-AKI is the subset of CA-AKI that can be causally linked to contrast media administration.
 - *Few studies have linked patient-related risk factors with CI-AKI. In studies that found evidence of CI-AKI, the primary risk factor was eGFR*

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- The risk of CI-AKI has been estimated to be near 0% at eGFR greater than or equal to 45, 0%–2% at eGFR of 30–44, and 0%–17% at eGFR less than 30 mL/min/1.73 m²
- There are no randomized trials differentiating CA-AKI from CI-AKI in patients with eGFR less than 30 mL/min/1.73 m².

At the Same Time...

- “Prophylaxis is indicated for patients who have AKI or an eGFR less than 30 mL/min/1.73 m² and are not undergoing maintenance Dialysis” a
- “When prophylaxis is indicated, isotonic volume expansion with normal saline is the preferred method”
- “Typical volume expansion regimens begin 1 hour before and continue 3–12 hours after contrast media administration, with typical doses ranging from fixed (eg, 500 mL before and after) to weight-based volumes (1–3 mL/kg per hour). Longer regimens (approximately 12 hours) have been shown to lower the risk of CA-AKI compared with shorter regimens.”

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But what about patients on HD with residual kidney function...

- “Because of the inherent demonstrated lack of benefit, risks, and cost, neither acute dialysis nor continuous renal replacement therapy should be initiated or have the schedule changed solely based on iodinated contrast media administration, regardless of residual kidney function

What if they only have 1 kidney...

- “The presence of a solitary functioning kidney should not influence decision making regarding the risk of CA-AKI or CI-AKI”

Should we alter the amount of contrast used...

- “If lower doses of contrast media have been shown to be sufficiently diagnostic with specific protocols, then practices should consider lowering doses in all patients imaged with those protocols, not only patients with reduced kidney function”

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I Look Forward to Questions/Comments Later!

Thank You!