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Santé cardio-vasculaire de la femme

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- Epidémiologie
- Facteurs de risque cardiovasculaire de la femme
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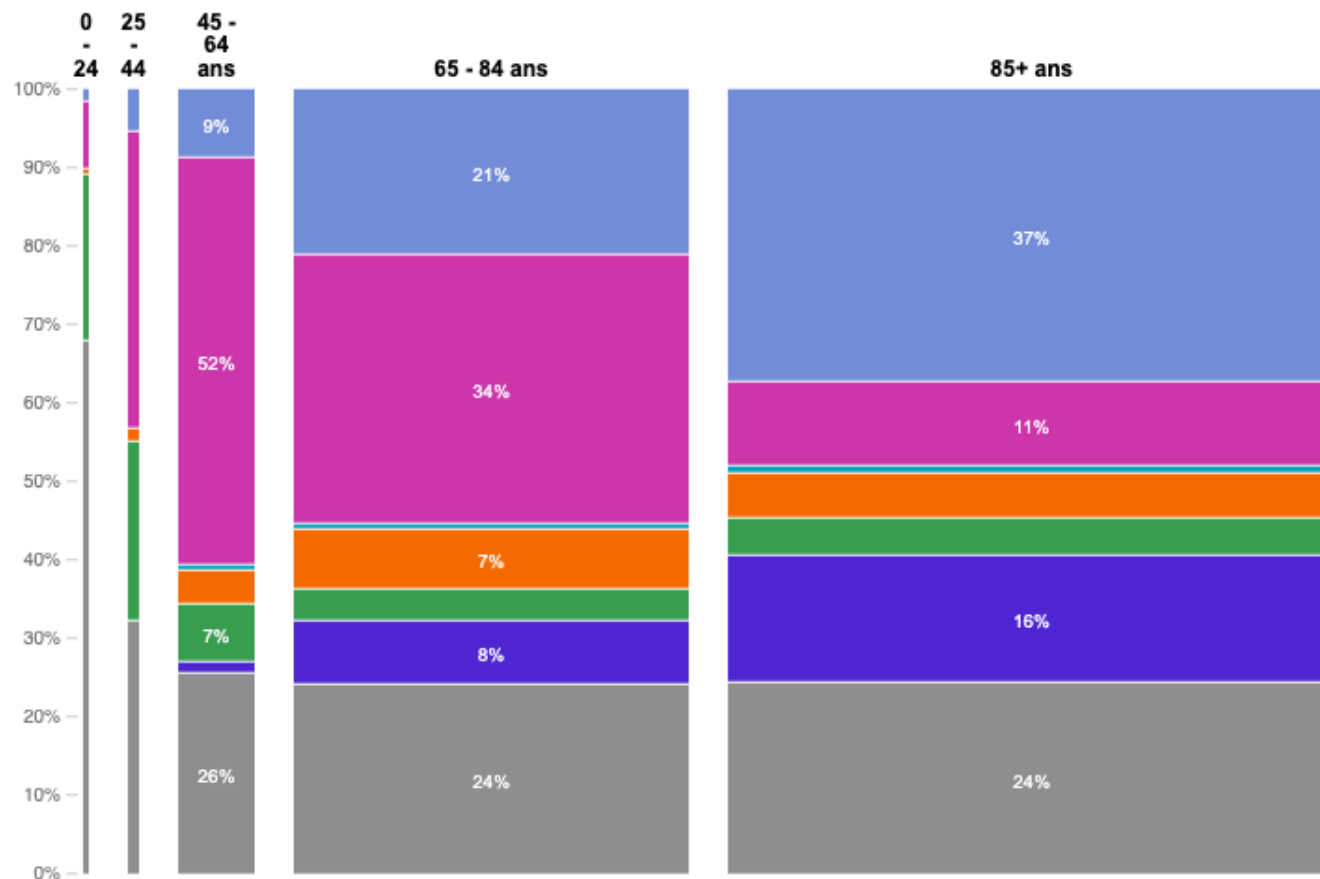
Pourquoi c'est important ?

- 1 femme sur 3 meurt d'une maladie cardio-vasculaire en Suisse
- Les maladies cv et les facteurs de risque sont sous-diagnostiqués et sous-traités (femme > homme)
- La connaissance des facteurs de risque spécifiques aux femmes est nécessaire pour le dépistage et l'évaluation du risque

Epidémiologie

Principales causes de décès selon le groupe d'âge, en 2024

- Maladies cardiovasculaires
- Tumeurs malignes
- COVID-19
- Maladies de l'appareil respiratoire
- Accidents et morts violentes
- Démence
- Autres



Nombre de femmes

Les surfaces sont proportionnelles au nombre absolu de décès.

État des données: 22.12.2025

Source: OFS – Statistique des causes de décès (CoD)

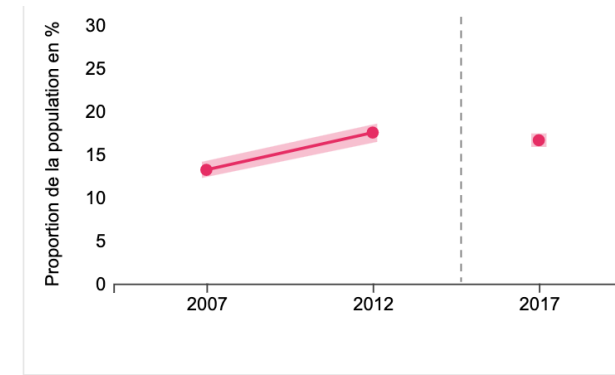
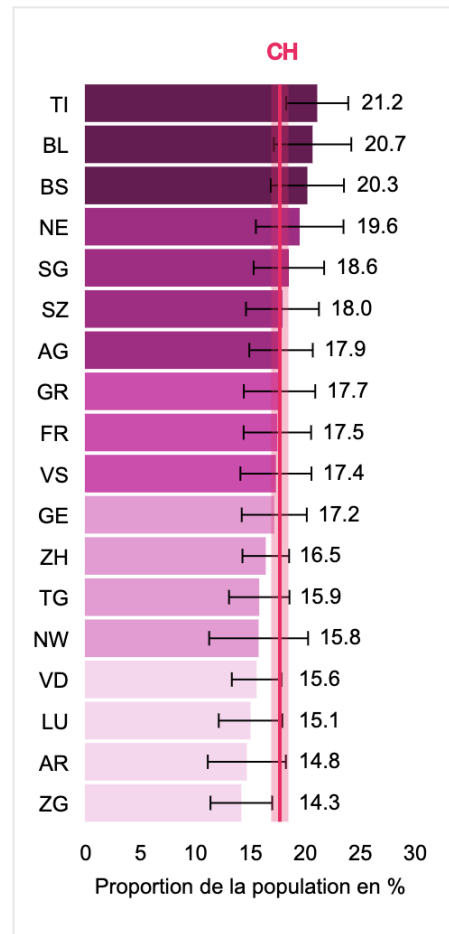
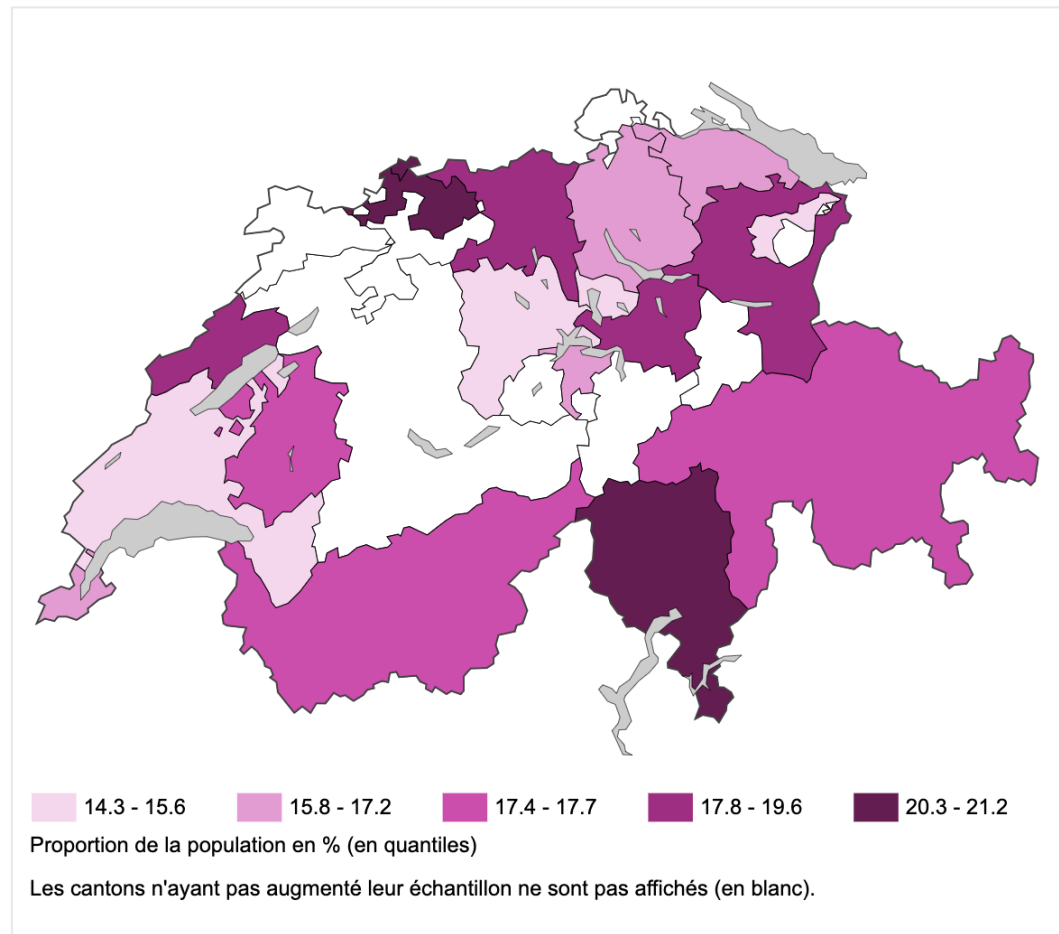
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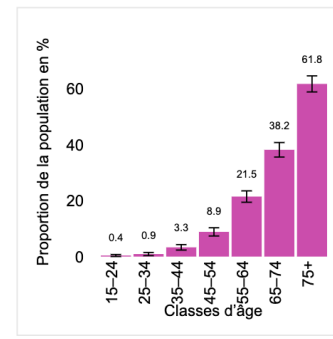
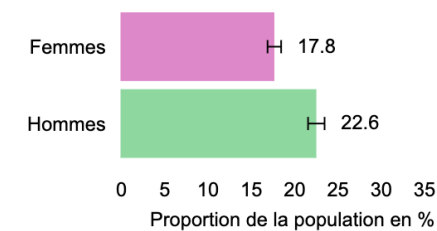
Maladies cardiovasculaires: prévalence (âge: 15+)

Maladies cardiovasculaires

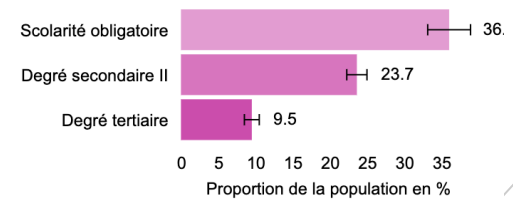
Proportion de la population vivant en ménage privé en %
2022 – Femmes



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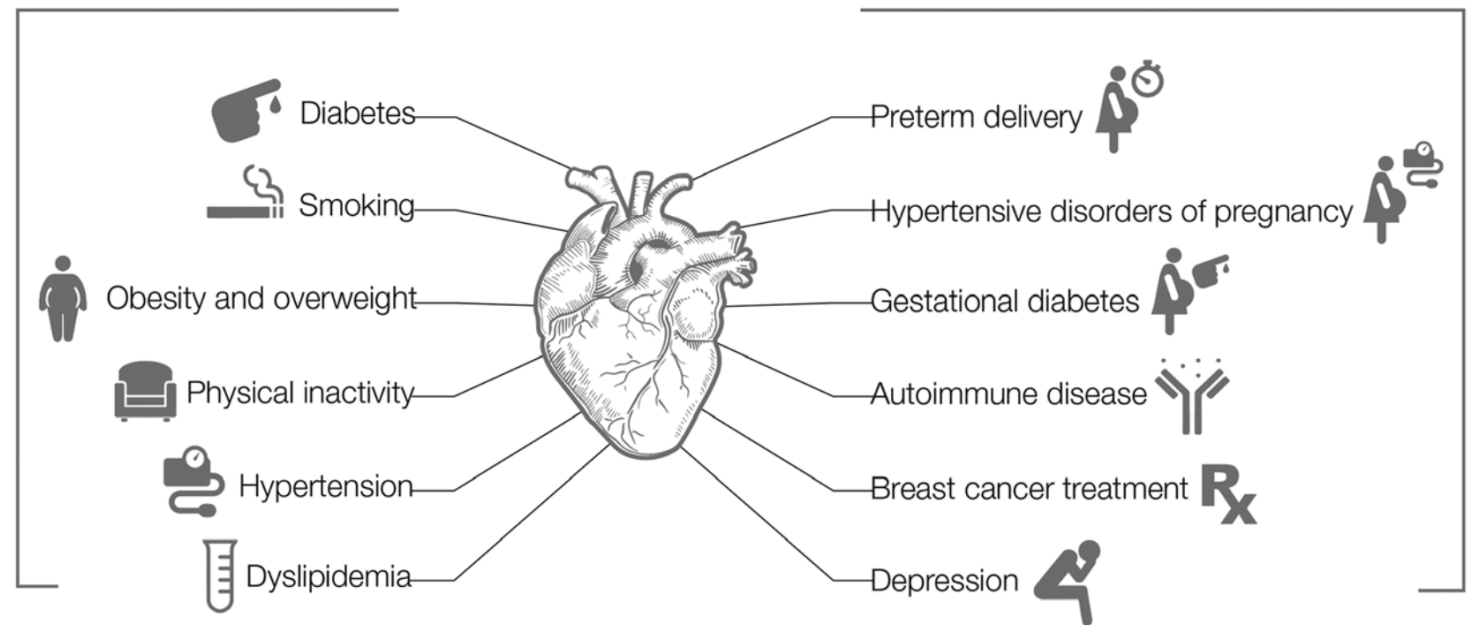


Niveau de formation (âge: 25+)









Facteurs de risque cardiovasculaire des femmes

Traditional ASCVD Risk Factors



Facteurs de risque cardiovasculaire des femmes

Arrêter de fumer avant 40 ans élimine 90% du risque avant 30 ans élimine ≈ 100% du risque de décès ultérieur par maladie cardiovasculaire

Risk Factor	Sex-Based Differences	Recommendation
Diabetes mellitus 	<p>DM: women with DM have a 3-fold excess risk of fatal CAD compared with nondiabetic women.</p> <p>MI: earlier occurrence and higher mortality in diabetic women compared with diabetic men. Lower revascularization rates in diabetic women compared with diabetic men.</p> <p>HF: diabetic women have a higher risk of developing HF compared with diabetic men.</p> <p>Stroke: DM is a stronger risk factor for stroke in women compared with men.</p> <p>PAD: DM is a stronger risk factor for the development of claudication in women compared with men. Decreased long-term survival in women undergoing revascularization and increased postsurgical mortality are seen in diabetic women with PAD compared with diabetic men with PAD.</p>	Both women and men with DM should have aggressive management of their CVD risk factors. Observational studies suggest that women may require greater frequency/intensity of physical activity than men to reduce CVD events.
Hypertension 	<p>Higher prevalence of HTN in women over age 60 than in men.</p> <p>Less well controlled in women than men.</p>	<p>Encourage optimal BP through diet, exercise, and avoidance of excess alcohol and sodium.</p> <p>Pharmacotherapy is indicated when blood pressure is >140/90 mm Hg.</p>
Dyslipidemia 	<p>Among women, dyslipidemia has the highest PAR at 47.1%, compared with all other known risk factors for CVD.</p> <p>Atheroma regression and LDL lowering may be even greater among women on statins than in men.</p>	Statin are equally effective for secondary CVD prevention in both men and women; however, statins may contribute to a greater likelihood of developing DM and myalgias in women. Statins are recommended for primary prevention in women; however, randomized trial evidence in women is limited.
Obesity 	<p>The impact of obesity on the development of CAD appears to be greater in women than in men. In the Framingham Heart Study, obesity increased the risk of CAD by 64% in women compared with 46% in men.</p>	Women should maintain or lose weight through an appropriate balance of physical activity and diet. Women who need to lose weight should be advised to accumulate a minimum of 60 to 90 min of at least moderate-intensity physical activity preferably all days of the week.
Physical inactivity 	<p>The prevalence of inactivity and sedentary behaviors is higher among women than men.</p>	<p>Overwhelming evidence indicates that regular physical activity is one of the most powerful health-promoting practices that clinicians can recommend for patients.</p> <p>Women should be advised to accumulate at least 150 min/wk of moderate exercise, 75 min/wk of vigorous exercise, or an equivalent combination.</p>
Smoking 	<p>In a recent meta-analysis by Huxley et al, it was reported that in all age groups with the exception of the youngest (30–44 y), women had a significant 25% increased risk for CAD conferred by cigarette smoking compared with men</p>	<p>Smoking is associated with a decade of lost life, and cessation reduces that loss by about 90%.</p> <p>Women should be advised not to smoke and to avoid environmental tobacco smoke. Provide counseling at each encounter, nicotine replacement, and other pharmacotherapy/behavioral therapy as indicated.</p>

Dépistage dyslipidémie

- 50 ans chez les femmes, ou ménopausées
- lors de l'instauration d'une contraception orale chez la femme en âge de procréer
- en cas d'autres FDR CV : le tabagisme, le diabète, la sédentarité, l'obésité et l'HTA
- en cas de situation à risque, indépendamment de l'âge et du sexe

Traitement dyslipidémie

Risque GSLA (10 ans)	Seuil pour statine	Objectif LDL-C cible
Faible (<2.5% <50a / <5% ≥50a)	Pas de statine	Aucun
Intermédiaire (2.5-7.5% <50a / 5-10% ≥50a)	LDL-C ≥ 3.4 mmol/L	< 3.0 mmol/L
Élevé (≥7.5% <50a / ≥10% ≥50a)	LDL-C ≥ 2.6 mmol/L	< 2.5 mmol/L

- **1. Calculer le risque CV global (GSLA/AGLA-score)**
- Utiliser le **Calculateur GSLA** :
- Âge 20-69 ans, sans diabète, sans antécédent CV
- Paramètres : âge, sexe, tabagisme, PA systolique, cholestérol total, HDL, antécédents familiaux

- **2. Identifier la catégorie de risque et le seuil LDL-C**

- **3. Chez les femmes : rehausser si facteurs spécifiques**
- **Reclasser vers le haut si :**
- Prééclampsie, diabète gestationnel, accouchement prématuré
- Ménopause précoce (<45 ans), SOPK
- Antécédents familiaux précoces

Traitement de la dyslipidémie

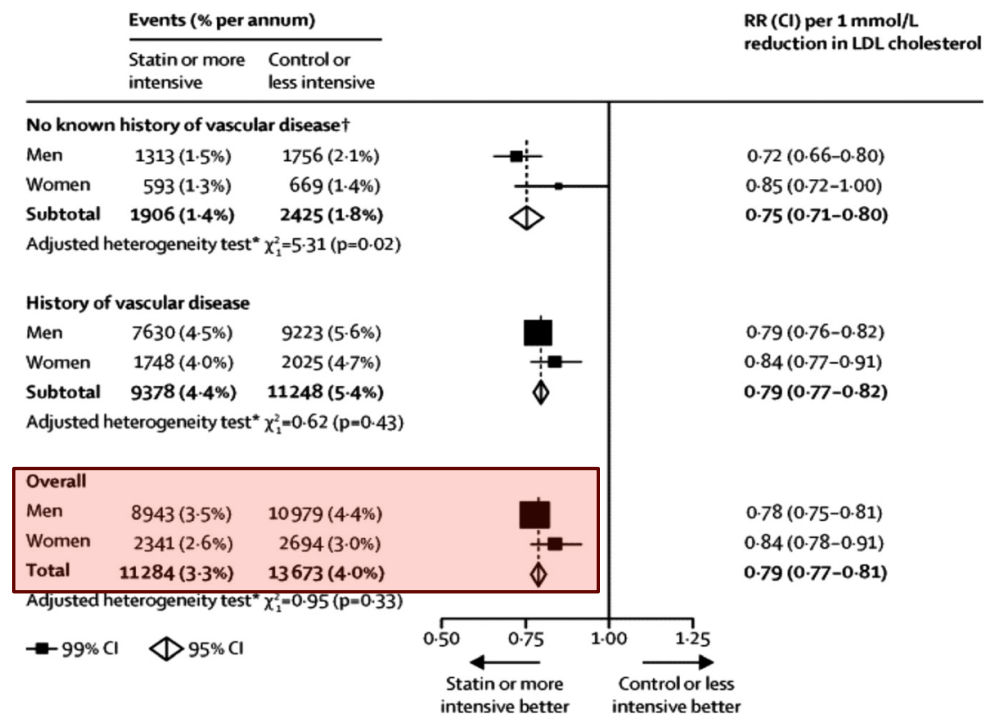


Figure 4. Effects on major vascular events per 1.0 mmol/L reduction in low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, subdivided by history of vascular disease and sex. Proportional reduction in major vascular events per 1.0 mmol/L reduction in LDL cholesterol was similar for men and women irrespective of the baseline level of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) risk or subtype of ASCVD outcome assessed. The results were slightly more favorable for men than for women (*P*, heterogeneity by sex <0.05). Reused with permission from the Cholesterol Treatment Trialists (CTT) Collaboration.¹³⁷

Facteurs de risque cardiovasculaire des femmes

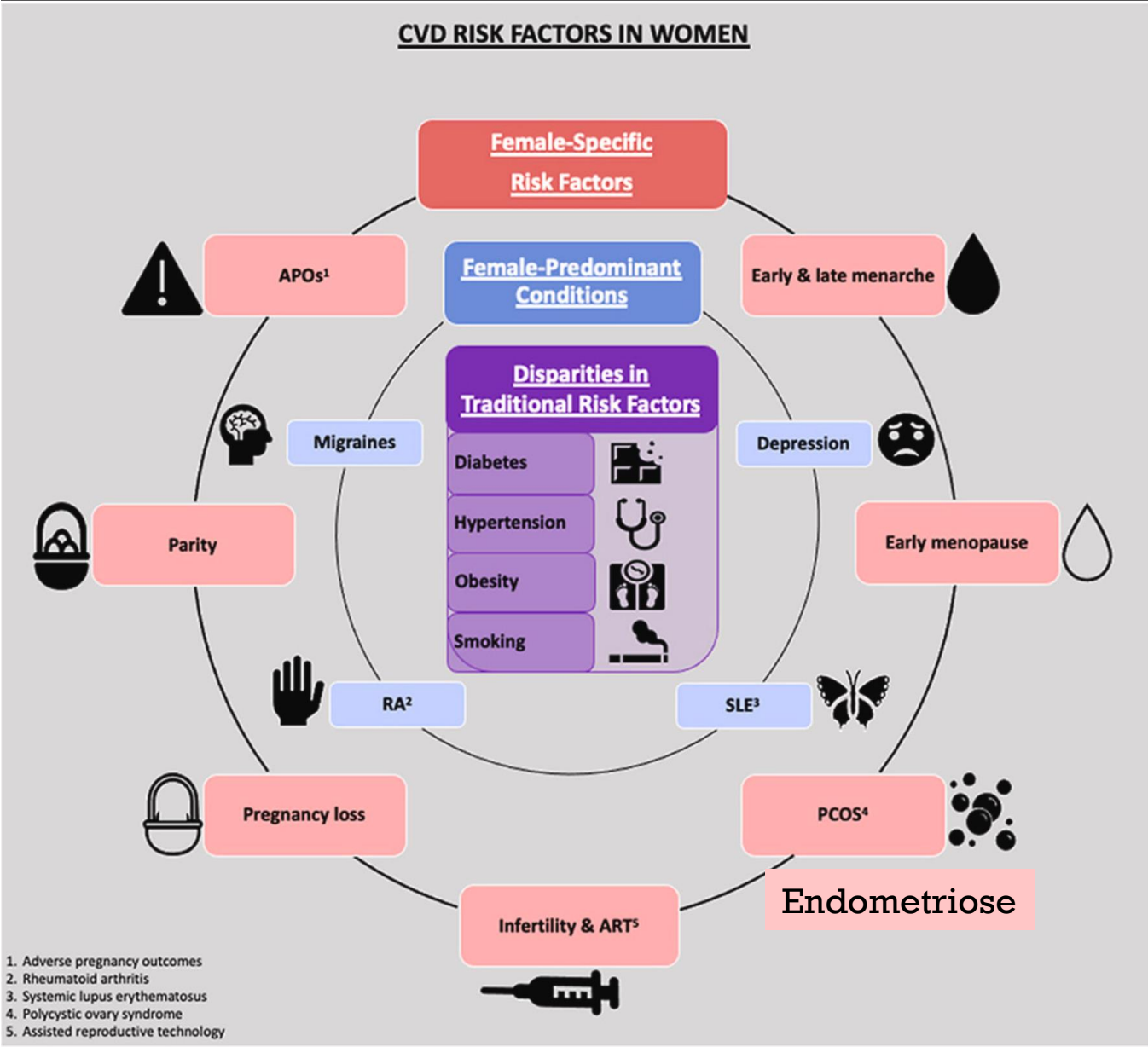
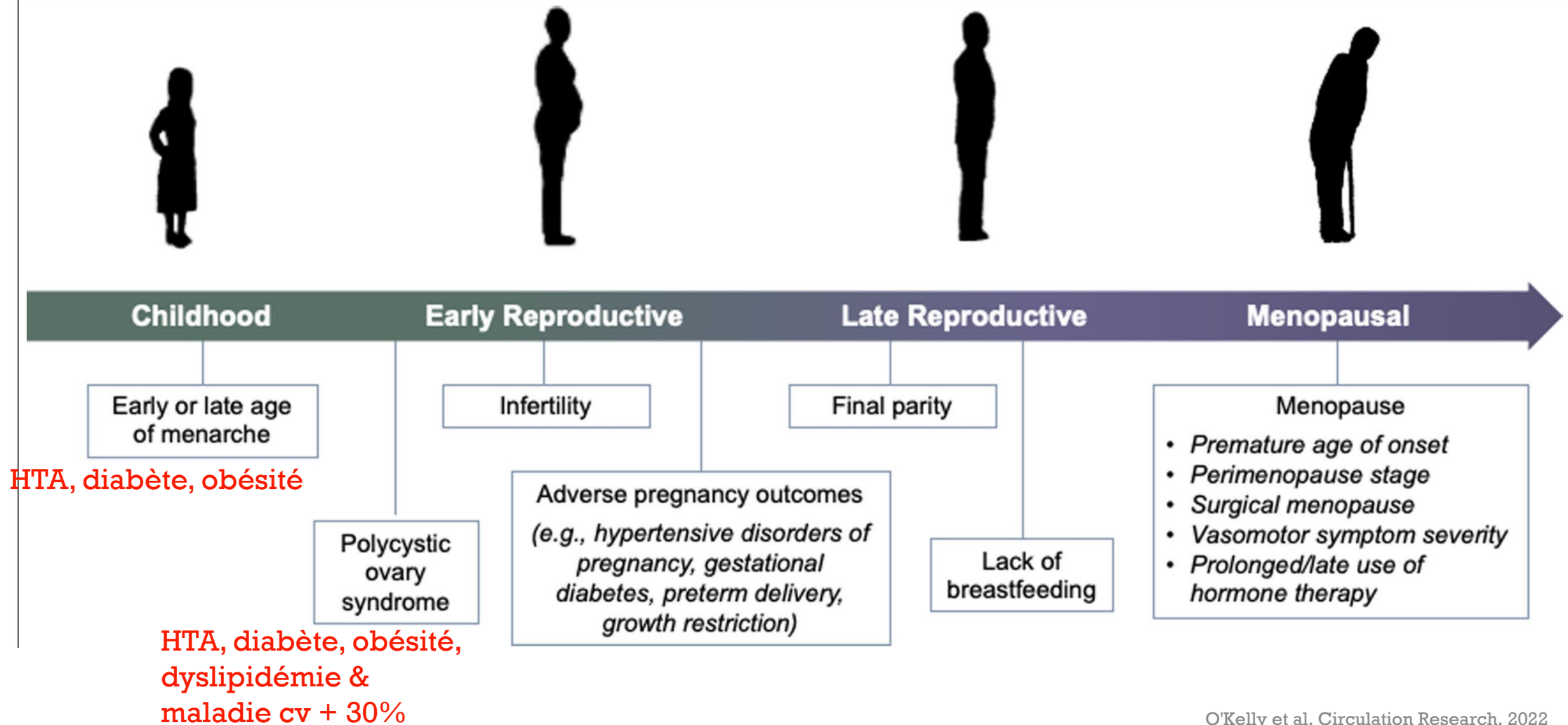
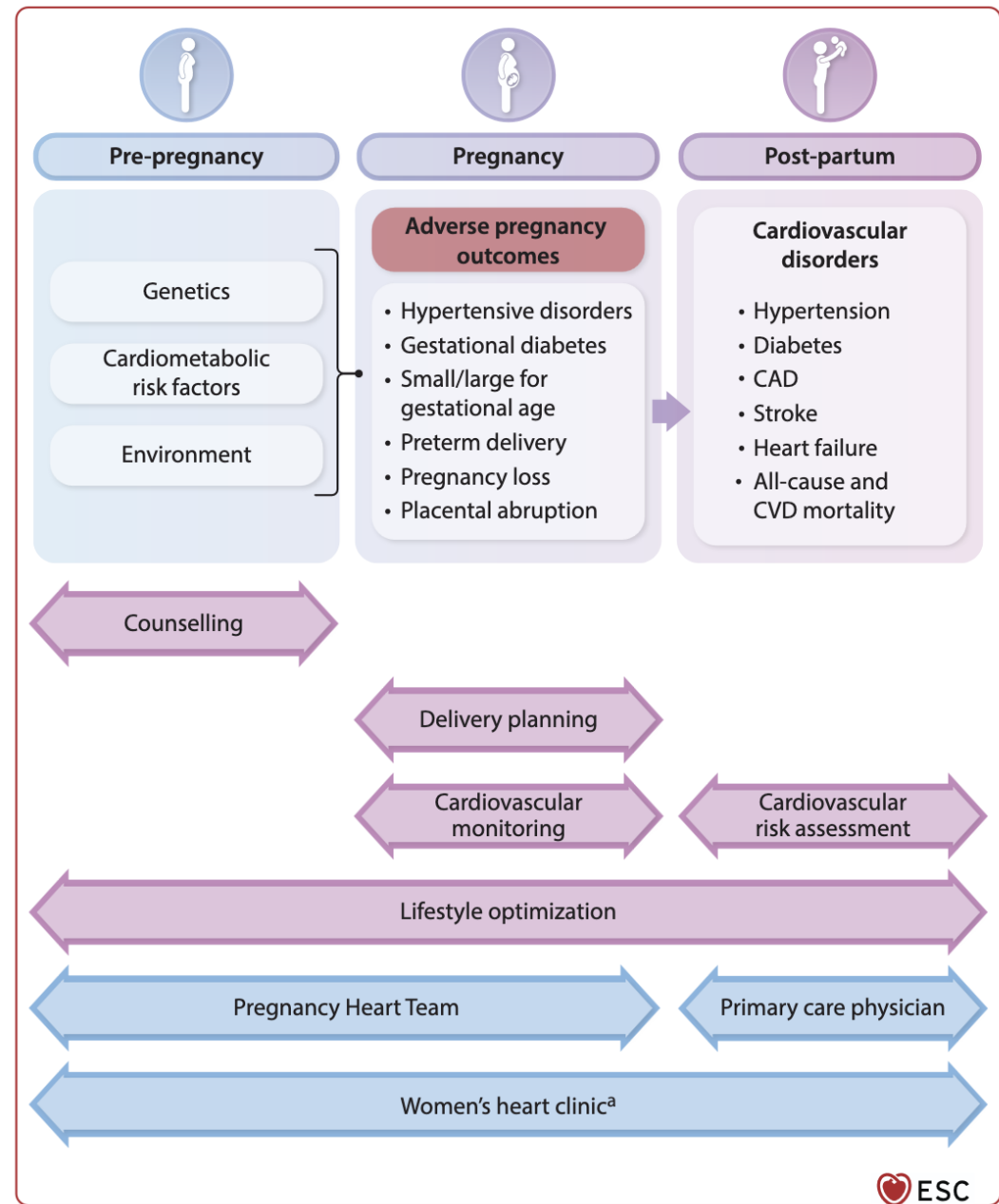


Figure 1. Key reproductive exposures associated with future risk of cardiovascular disease in women. Key stages of a woman's reproductive history may influence or reveal short- and long-term... CLOSE

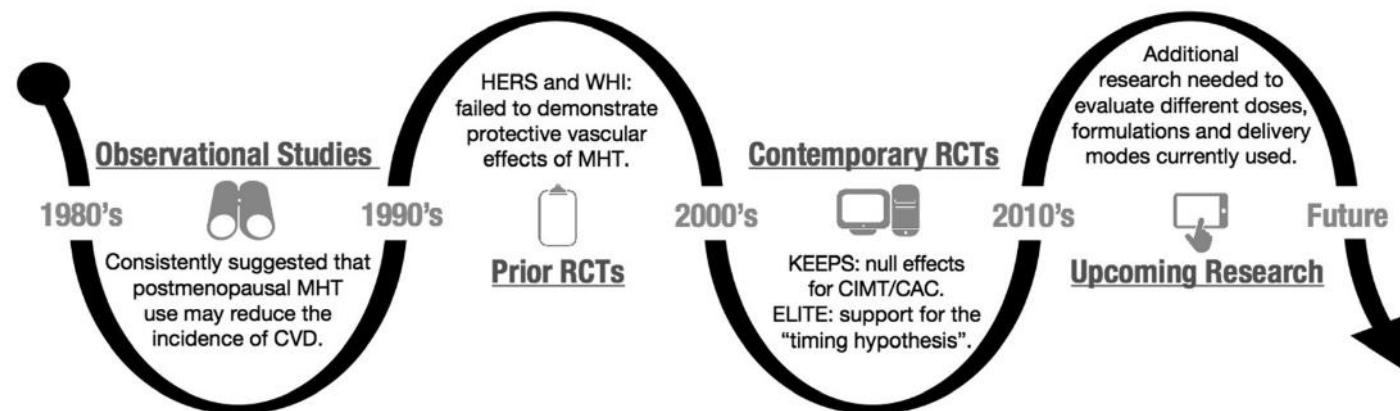


O'Kelly et al. Circulation Research, 2022

Evènements durant la grossesse



Substitution hormonale



Substitution hormonale

1. Evaluate age, time since menopause, and symptoms

<10 year from final menstrual cycle, <60 years old, and bothersome vasomotor symptoms

2. Perform ASCVD risk assessment and exclude HT contraindications

ASCVD risk factors

- Hyperlipidemia
- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Family history of premature CVD in first-degree relative (men <55 or women <65 years of age)
- Obesity (BMI >30 kg/m²)
- Physical inactivity
- Cigarette smoking
- Coronary calcification (moderate risk: CAC 1-99; high risk: CAC >100)
- History of preeclampsia
- History of systemic autoimmune collagen-vascular disease (e.g., lupus, rheumatoid arthritis)

Contraindications to systemic HT:

Coronary heart disease, stroke, TIA
Breast or endometrial cancer
History of pulmonary embolus, venous thrombosis or clotting disorder
Active liver disease
Undiagnosed abnormal vaginal bleeding

3. Evaluate risk category

May consider HT
ASCVD risk <5% (low risk)
and ≤ 1 CVD risk factor

May consider HT, transdermal formulation
ASCVD risk 5-10% or ASCVD risk <5% but ≥ 2 CVD risk factors

Not recommended to use HT:
Age ≥ 60 or >10 years since menopause onset or ASCVD risk >10%

4. Ensure routine follow-up with re-evaluation of risks and benefits

Maladie coronarienne



Apparition plus tardive chez la femme
(CAVE : radiothérapie sein G)



Symptomatologie plus souvent atypique



Atteinte des petits vaisseaux (INOCA =
ischemia no obstructive coronary artery
disease), dissection / spasmes



Prise en charge tardive et sous-traitement
– moins bon pronostic après STEMI

Syndrome coronarien aigu – décès d'IMA

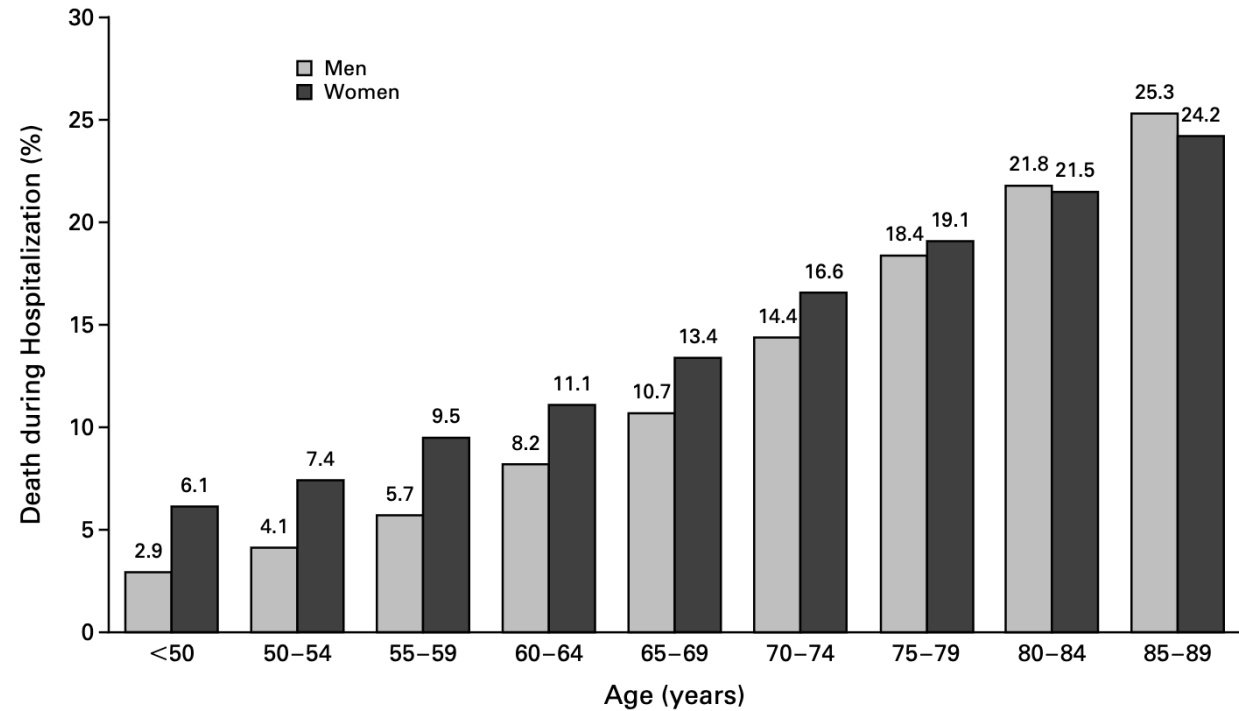
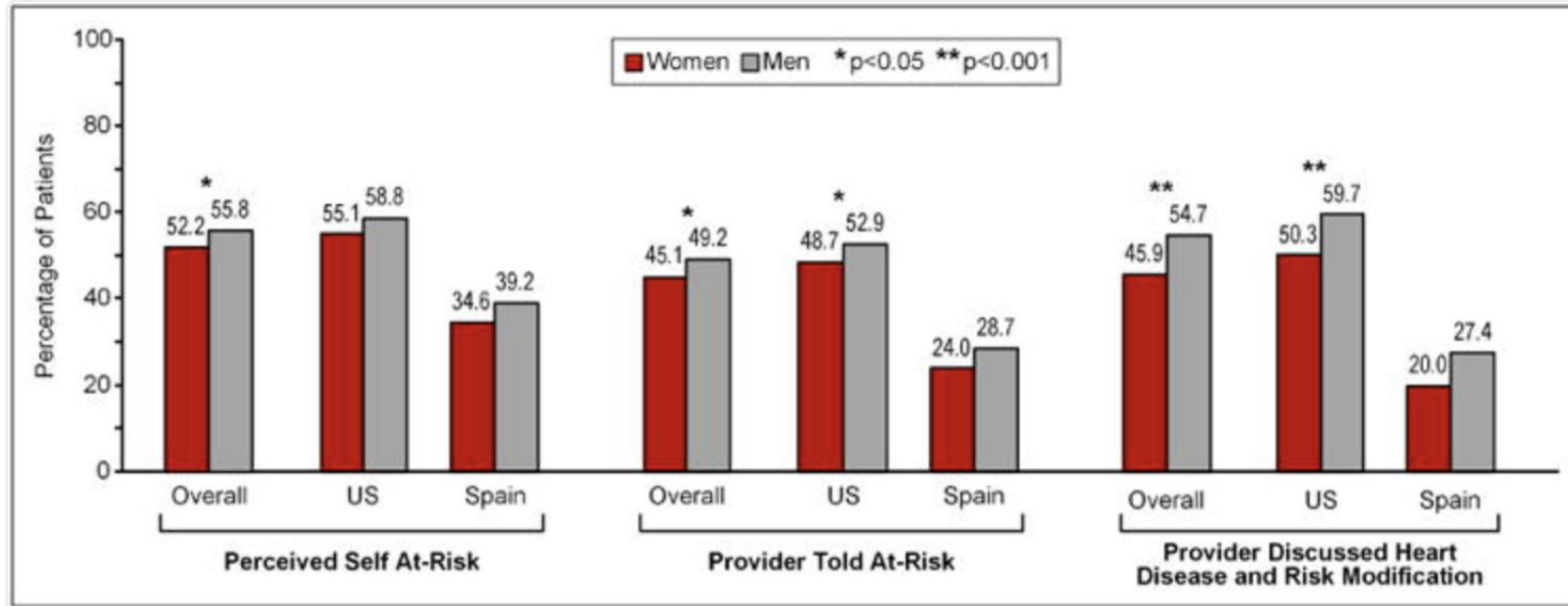


Figure 1. Rates of Death during Hospitalization for Myocardial Infarction among Women and Men, According to Age. The interaction between sex and age was significant ($P < 0.001$).



Perception – information sur le risque d'infarctus

Leifheit-Limson EC et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2015

Maladie coronarienne – syndrome coronarien chronique

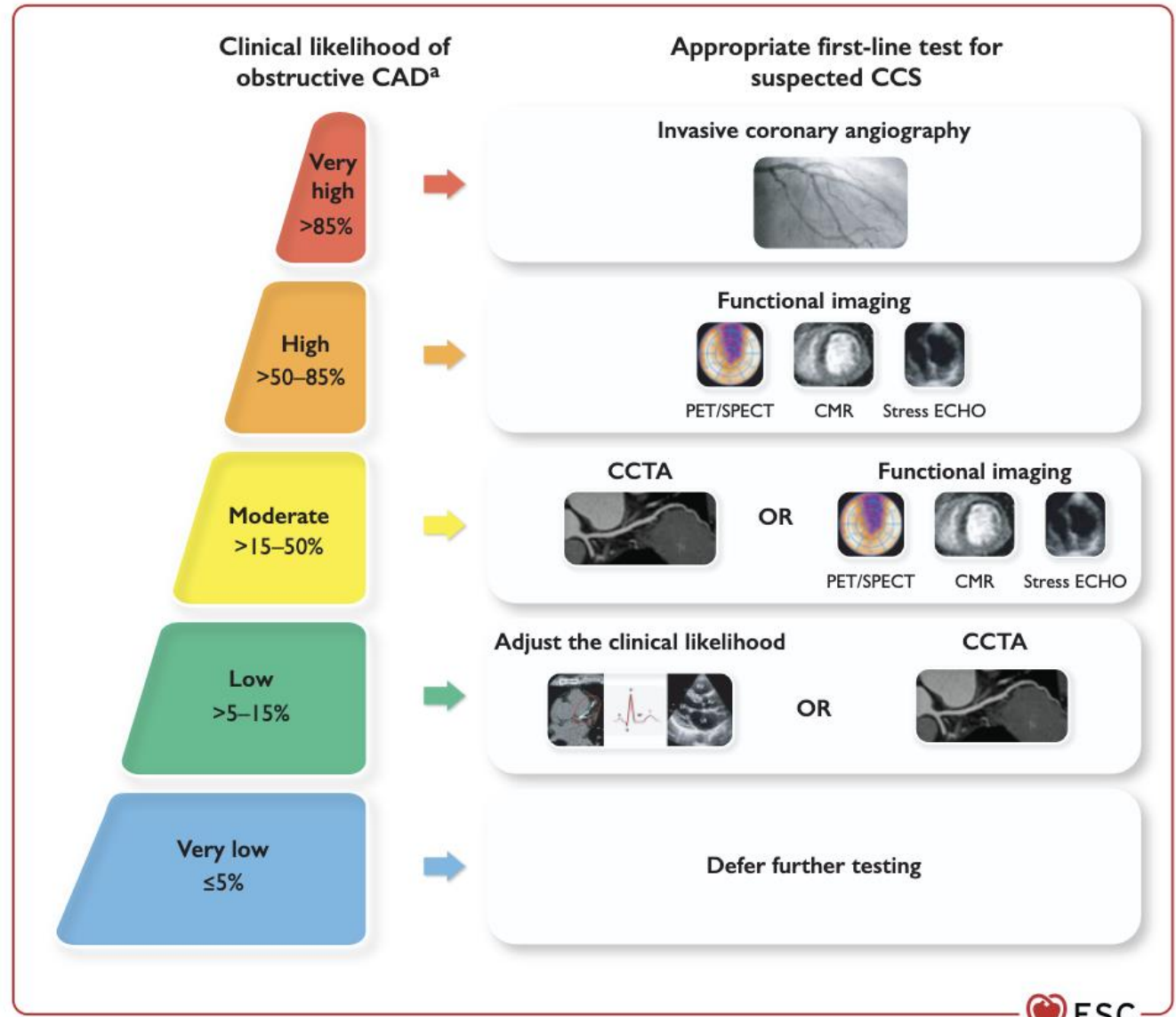
Table 2. Pretest Probability for Coronary Artery Disease by Age, Sex, and Symptoms*

Age, y	Sex	Typical/Definite Angina Pectoris	Atypical/Probable Angina Pectoris	Nonanginal Chest Pain	Asymptomatic
30–39	Men	Intermediate	Intermediate	Low	Very low
	Women	Intermediate	Very low	Very low	Very low
40–49	Men	High	Intermediate	Intermediate	Low
	Women	Intermediate	Low	Very low	Very low
50–59	Men	High	Intermediate	Intermediate	Low
	Women	Intermediate	Intermediate	Low	Very low
60–69	Men	High	Intermediate	Intermediate	Low
	Women	High	Intermediate	Intermediate	Low

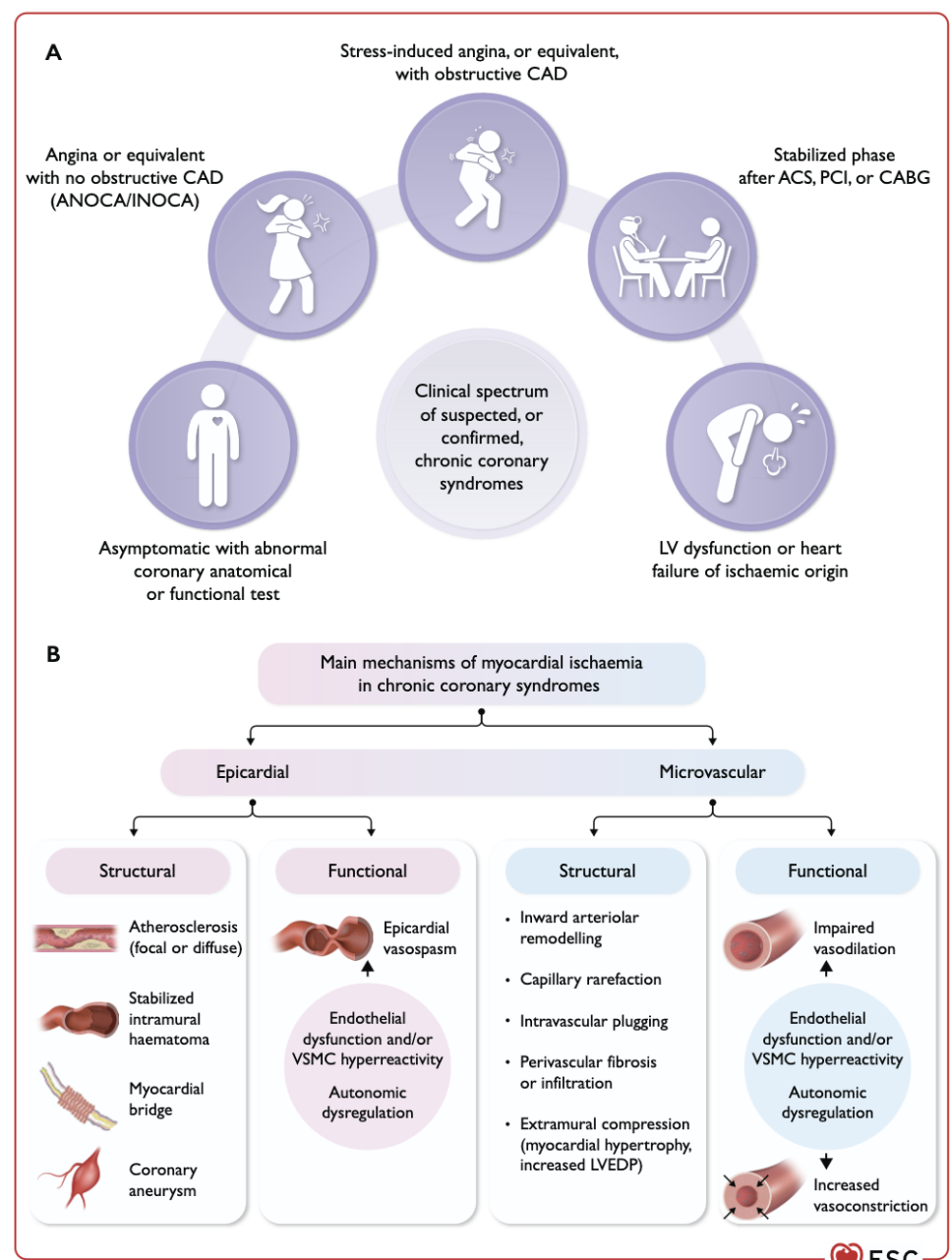
High indicates >90%; intermediate 10% to 90%; low <10%; very low <5%. Reused with permission from Gibbons et al.¹⁸²

*No data exists for patients <30 or >69 y but it can be assumed that prevalence of coronary artery disease increases with age. In a few cases, patients with ages at the extremes of the decades listed may have probabilities slightly outside the high or low range.

Syndrom coronarien chronique

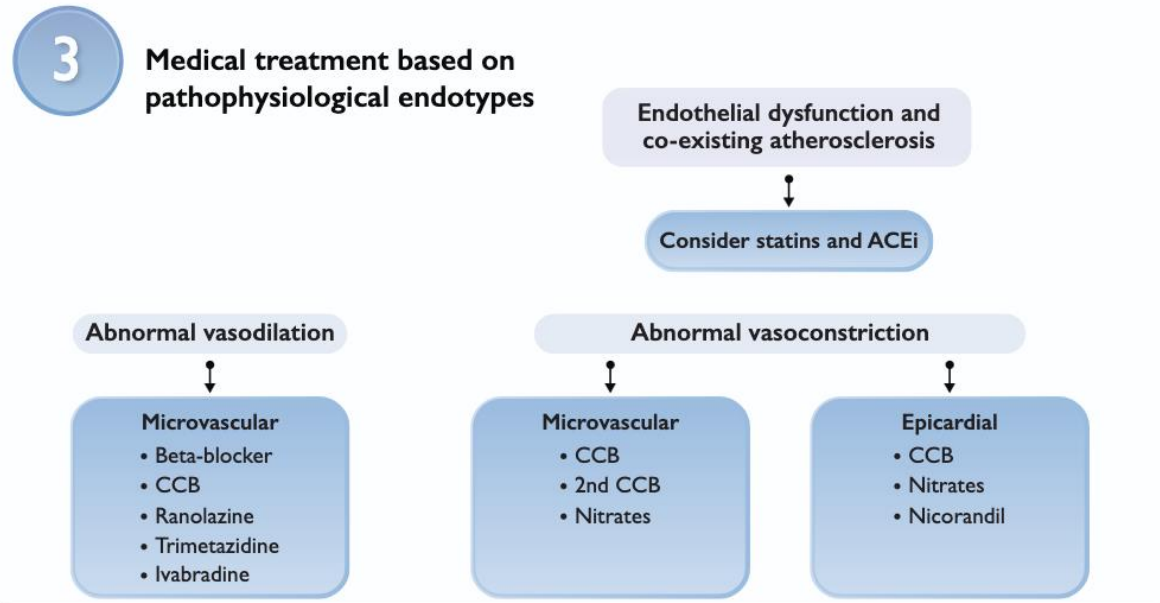


Syndromes coronariens chroniques

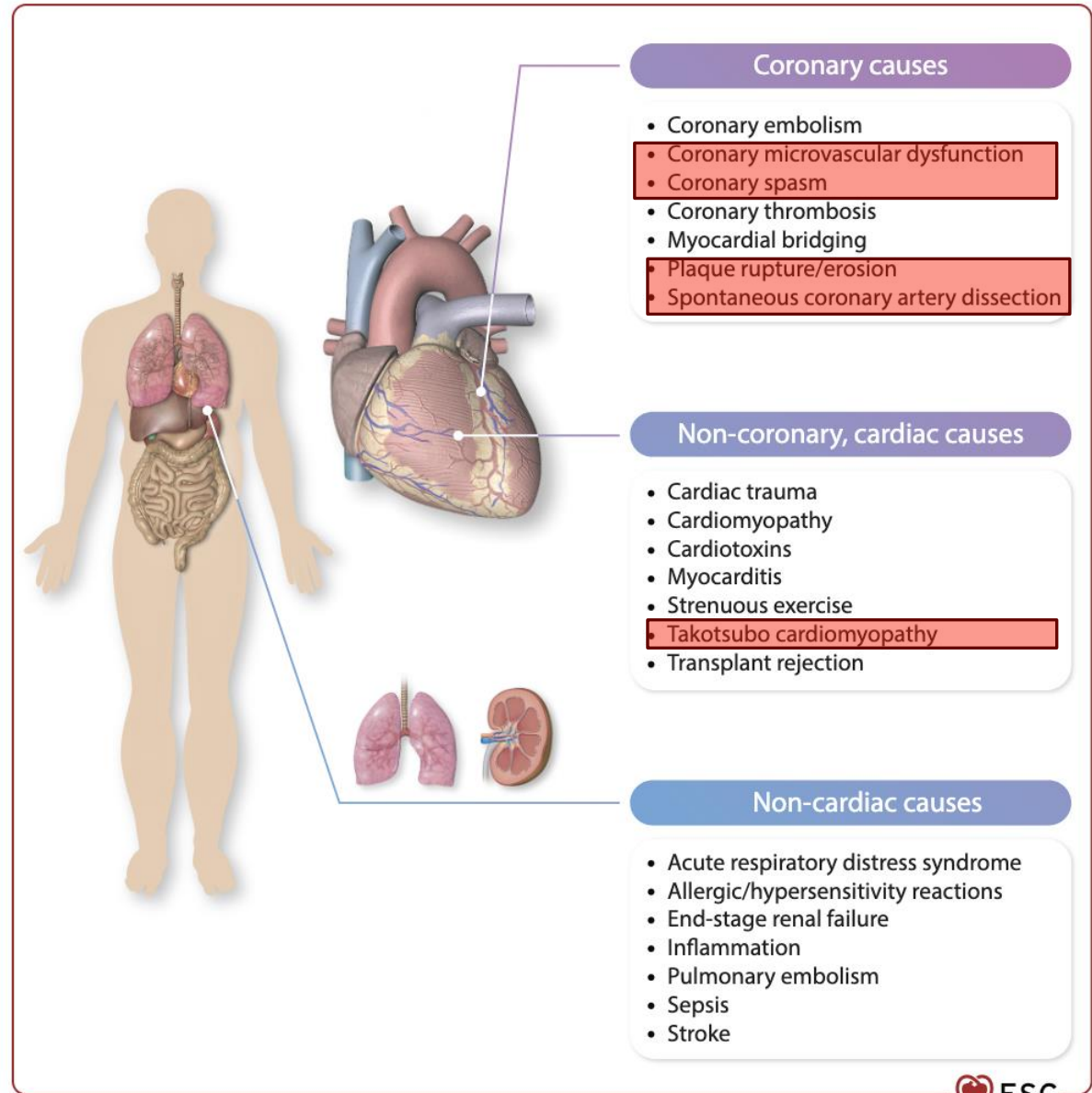


Syndromes coronariens chroniques

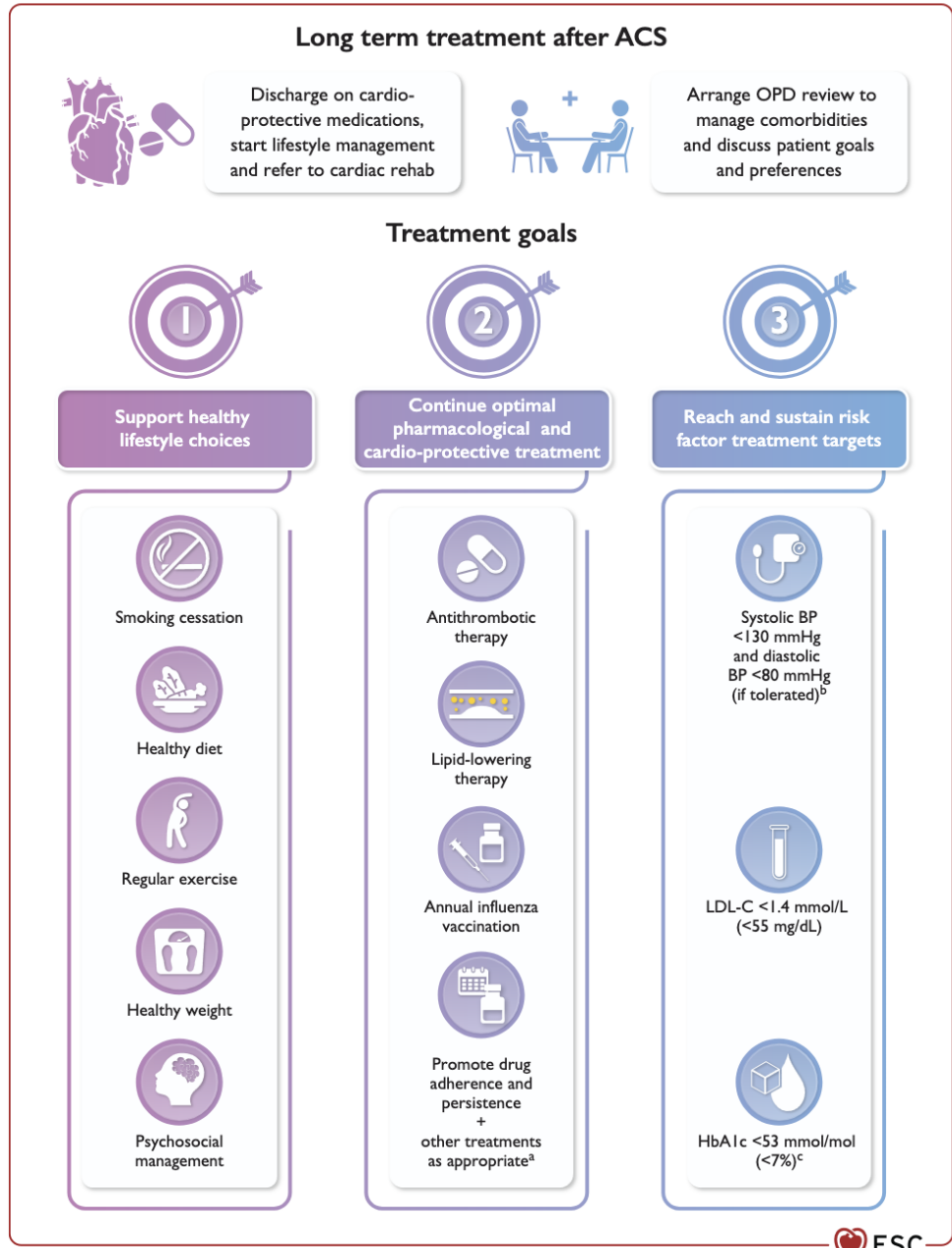
Treatment of ANOCA/INOCA



Syndrome coronarien aigu



Syndrome coronarien aigu



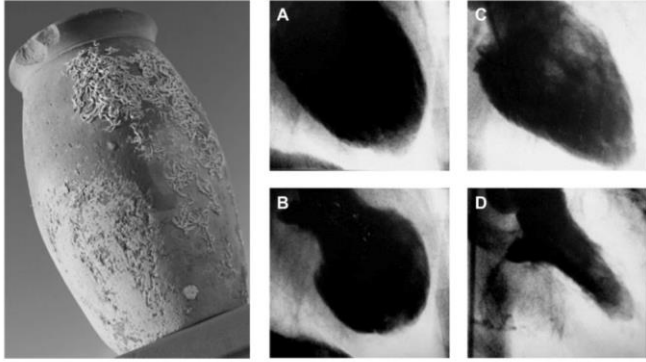


Figure 1 Historical Japanese octopus trap (left). Courtesy of Dr Templin, University Hospital Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland. Left ventriculogram of the first reported case of takotsubo syndrome. Diastole (A) and systole (B) during the acute phase of takotsubo syndrome. Recovery of left ventricular wall motion abnormality two weeks after the event (C and D). Courtesy of Dr Dote, Hiroshima City Asa Hospital, Hiroshima, Japan.

Syndrome de takotsubo

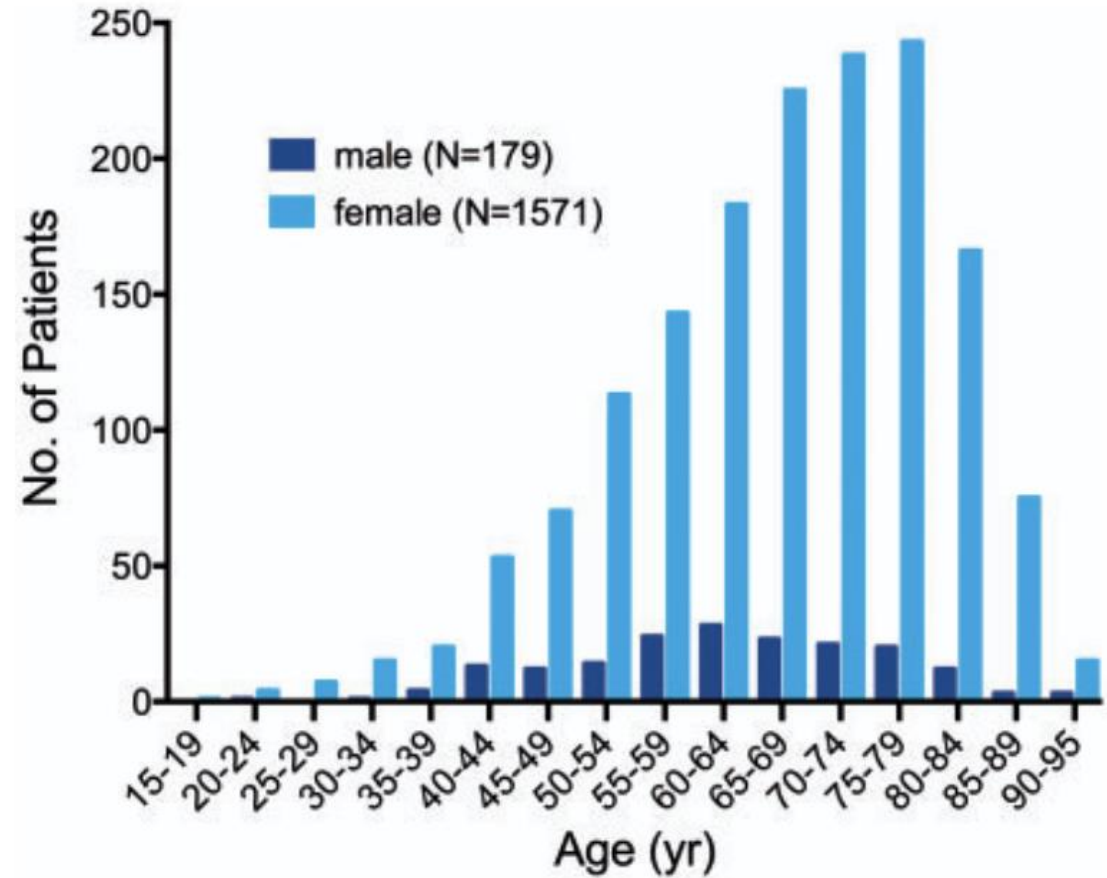


Figure 2 Age and sex distribution of patients with takotsubo syndrome. Reprinted with permission from Templin *et al.*¹⁶

Emotional triggers

- depression
- illness of a close person
- suicide attempt
- divorce
- posttraumatic stress disorder

- fear of speech
- robbery / burglary
- fear of surgery / hospitalization
- move to another city

- new job
- job loss
- retirement
- bulging at work

- debt
- huge loss of money
- bankruptcy

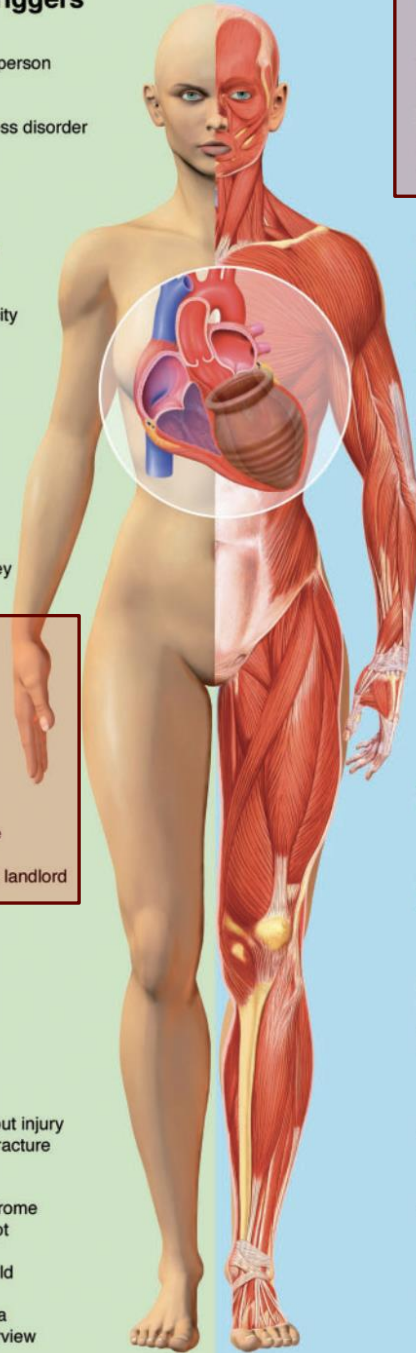
- death of a family member
- death of partner
- euthanasia of the pet

- argument with the partner / family
- argument with the landlord

- flooding
- earthquake
- storm
- aircraft noise

- car accident without injury
- downfall without fracture

- Happy heart syndrome
- winning a jackpot
- birthday party
- birth of grandchild
- wedding
- visiting the opera
- positive job interview



Physical triggers

- cerebral bleeding
- stroke, TIA
- epilepsy, seizure
- migraine
- PRES
- concussion
- aneurysm rupture

- exacerbation COPD
- asthma attack
- pneumonia
- bronchitis
- pulmonary embolism
- larynx spasm

- gastrointestinal bleeding
- Crohn's disease exacerbation
- hernia incarceration

- pheochromocytoma
- urosepsis
- urolithiasis

- giving birth
- vaginal bleeding

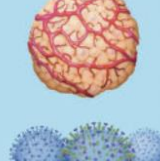
- cancer
- chemotherapy

- influenza
- sepsis
- peritonitis
- wound infection

- fracture

- operation

- anesthesia
- administration of catecholamines



InterTAK Diagnostic Score

Female sex	25 points
Emotional stress	24 points
Physical stress	13 points
No ST-segment depression	12 points
Psychiatric disorders	11 points
Neurologic disorders	9 points
QTc prolongation	6 points
≤70 points Low/intermediate probability of TTS	>70 points High probability of TTS

Syndrome de takotsubo

In-hospital Complications

Frequent

Acute heart failure (12-45%)
LVOTO (10-25%)
Mitral regurgitation (14-25%)
Cardiogenic shock (6-20%)

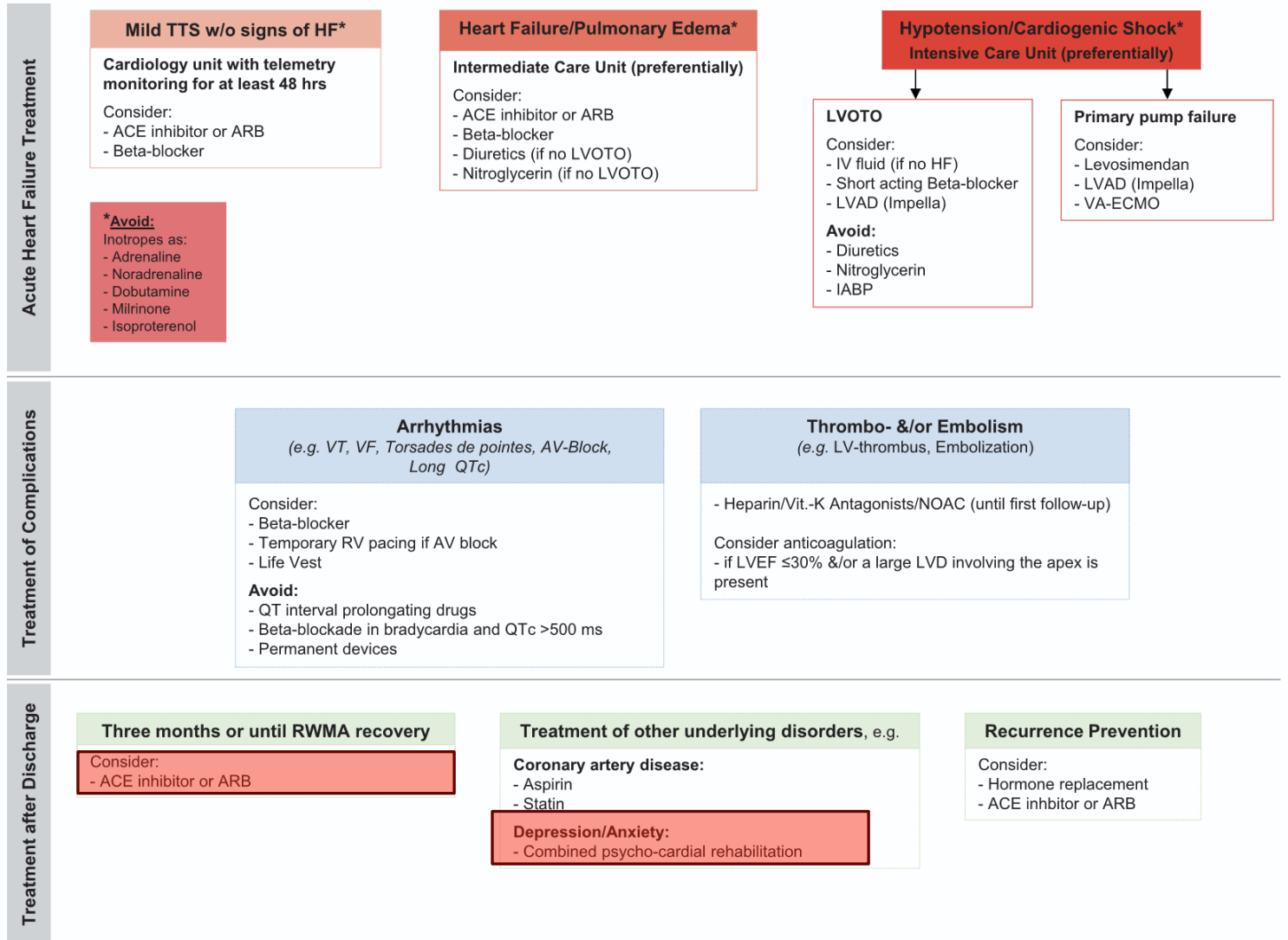
Moderate

Atrial fibrillation (5-15%)
LV-thrombus (2-8%)
Cardiac arrest (4-6%)
AV-block ~5%

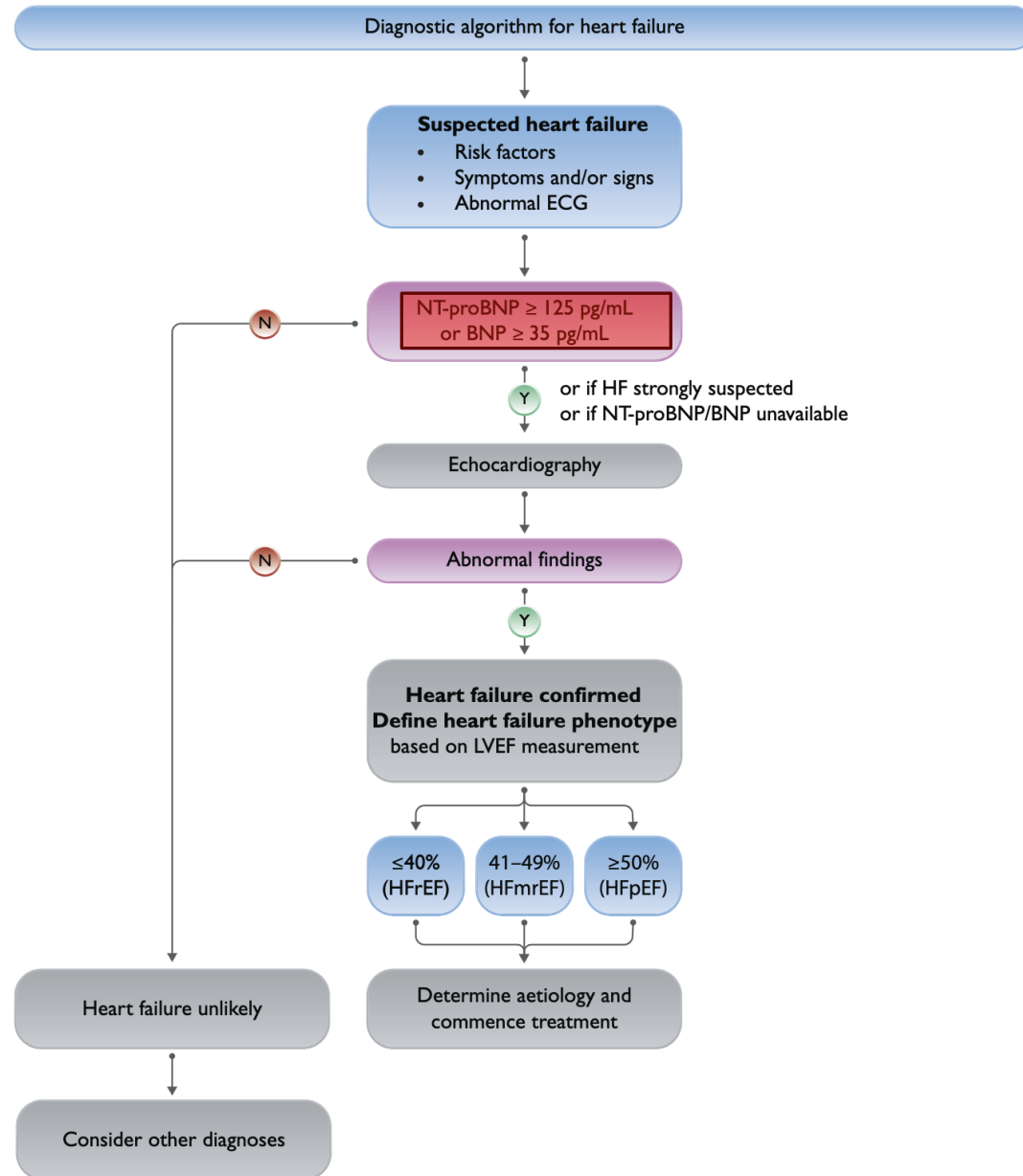
Rare




Tachyarrhythmia (2-5%)
Bradyarrhythmia (2-5%)
Torsades-de-pointes (2-5%)
Death (1-4.5%)
Ventricular tachycardia/fibrillation ~3%
Acute ventricular septal defect <1%

Syndrom de takotsubo



Insuffisance cardiaque



	HFpEF Incidence	HFpEF Prevalence	HFpEF Clinical Outcomes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 cases per 10,000 person-years • Lifetime risk: 1 in 10 at age 45 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.0%-1.5% of population • Highly age dependent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-year mortality: 75.3% (GWTG registry) • 30-day all-cause readmission rate: 21%
Secular trends	↑ incidence over time	↑ prevalence over time	?
Sex differences			
HFpEF vs HFrEF	HFpEF incidence rising relative to HFrEF	HFpEF prevalence rising relative to HFrEF	Similarly poor survival ↓ CV death in HFpEF vs HFrEF

Insuffisance cardiaque
Hf-pEF

Insuffisance cardiaque Hf-pEF

Recommendations for the primary prevention of heart failure in patients with risk factors for its development

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
Treatment of hypertension is recommended to prevent or delay the onset of HF, and to prevent HF hospitalizations. ^{287–290}	I	A
Treatment with statins is recommended in patients at high risk of CV disease or with CV disease in order to prevent or delay the onset of HF, and to prevent HF hospitalizations. ^{291,292}	I	A
SGLT2 inhibitors (canagliflozin, dapagliflozin, empagliflozin, ertugliflozin, sotagliflozin) are recommended in patients with diabetes at high risk of CV disease or with CV disease in order to prevent HF hospitalizations. ^{293–297}	I	A
Counselling against sedentary habit, obesity, cigarette smoking, and alcohol abuse is recommended to prevent or delay the onset of HF. ^{298–302}	I	C

Insuffisance cardiaque Hf-rEF

Management of HFrEF

To reduce mortality - for all patients

ACE-I/ARNI

BB

MRA

SGLT2i

To reduce HF hospitalization/mortality - for selected patients

Volume overload

Diuretics

SR with LBBB ≥ 150 ms

CRT-P/D

SR with LBBB 130–149 ms or non LBBB ≥ 150 ms

CRT-P/D

Ischaemic aetiology

ICD

Non-ischaemic aetiology

ICD

Atrial fibrillation

Anticoagulation

Atrial fibrillation

Digoxin

PVI

Coronary artery disease

CABG

Iron deficiency

Ferric carboxymaltose

Aortic stenosis

SAVR/TAVI

Mitral regurgitation

TEE MV Repair

Heart rate SR >70 bpm

Ivabradine

Black Race

Hydralazine/ISDN

ACE-I/ARNI intolerance

ARB

For selected advanced HF patients

Heart transplantation

MCS as BTT/BTC

Long-term MCS as DT

To reduce HF hospitalization and improve QOL - for all patients

Exercise rehabilitation

Multi-professional disease management

ESC

ESC Guidelines, EHJ 2021

Messages clés
femmes et santé cardio-
vasculaire

- Facteurs de risque cv classiques :
 - Impact ↗
 - Sous-traitement (HTA !)
- Facteurs de risque spécifiques : 'risk modifiers'
- Pathologies plus fréquentes : (M)INOCA, Hf-pEF, takotsubo
- Sous-représentation dans études (médicaments, dose, effets secondaires)
- Sensibilisation médecins ET patientes

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