

# Heart Failure Management in People With Diabetes

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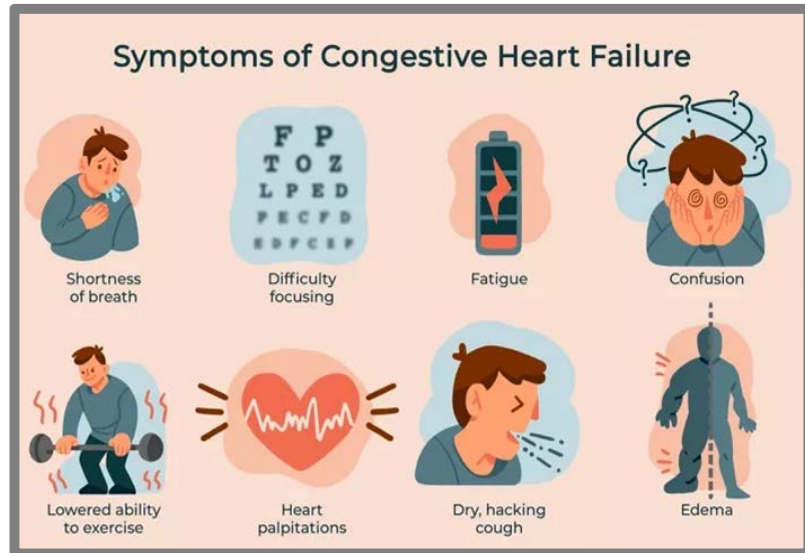


# Case Vignette

- 65 y/o Lady, with DOE FC2
- **PMH:**
  - Hypothyroidism / DM for 30 years
  - HTN for 10 years
  - S/P PCI on LAD/RCA/LCX 1396
  - S/P CABG 1398
- **Ph. Exam:** unremarkable
  - BP=105/73 mmHg
  - PR=78 bpm
- **Lab test:**
  - FBS=136, HbA1c=6.4%, LDL=96, TC=165, HDL=35, TSH=3.2
- **ECG:** NSR, TWI in V1-6
- **Echo:** EF=35%, Mild MR, G1DD

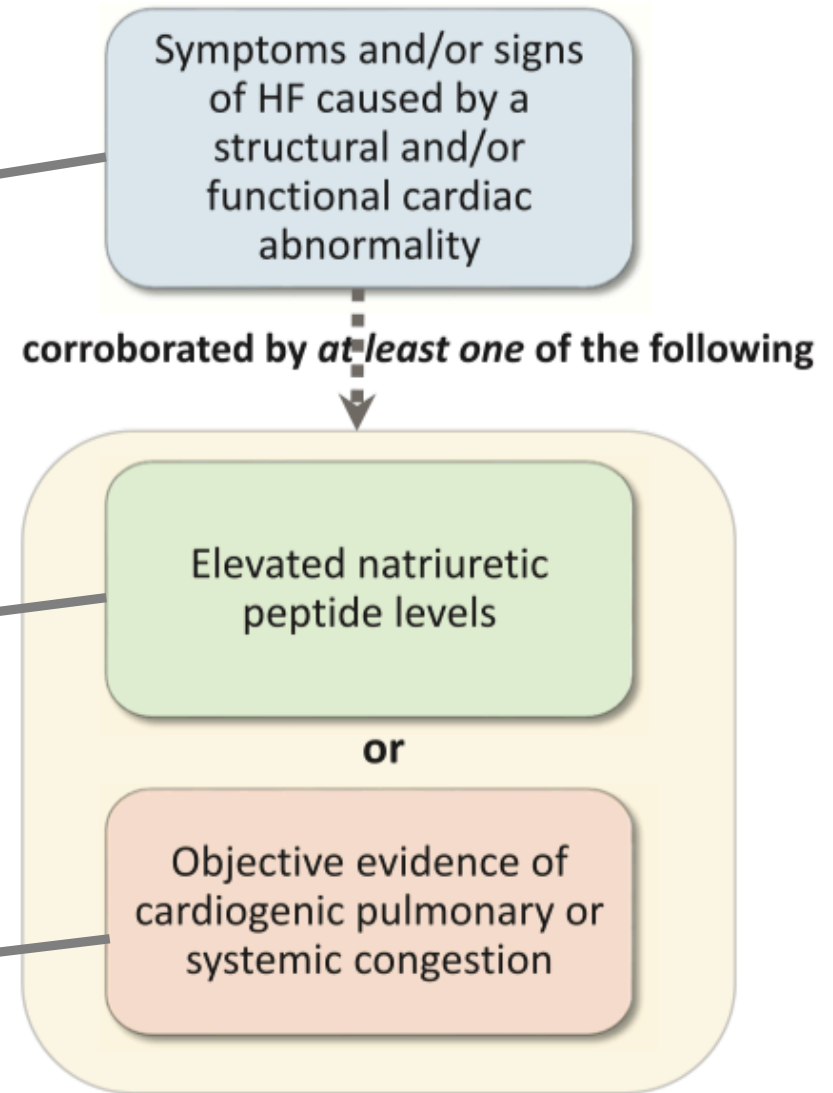
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# Universal Definition of Heart Failure



	Ambulatory	Hospitalized/ decompensated
BNP, pg/ml	≥35	≥ 100
NT-proBNP, pg/ml	≥ 125	≥ 300

- Objective evidence of cardiogenic pulmonary or systemic congestion by **diagnostic modalities such as imaging** (e.g. by chest X-ray or elevated filling pressures by echocardiography) or **haemodynamic measurement** (e.g. right heart catheterization, pulmonary artery catheter) at rest or with provocation (e.g. exercise).





# Universal Definition and Classification of Heart Failure (HF)



## Definition

HF is a *clinical syndrome* with current or prior

- *Symptoms and or signs caused by a structural and/or functional cardiac*

And corroborated by at least one of the following:

- *Elevated natriuretic peptide levels*
- *Objective evidence of cardiogenic pulmonary or systemic congestion*

## Stages

### AT RISK (STAGE A)

Patients at risk for HF, but without current or prior symptoms or signs of HF and without structural cardiac changes or elevated biomarkers of heart disease

### PRE-HF (STAGE B)

Patients without current or prior symptoms or signs of HF with evidence of one of the following:

- *Structural Heart Disease*
- *Abnormal cardiac function*
- *Elevated natriuretic peptide or cardiac troponin levels*

### HF (STAGE C)

Patients with current or prior symptoms and/or signs of HF caused by a structural and/or functional cardiac abnormality

### ADVANCED HF (STAGE D)

Severe symptoms and/or signs of HF at rest, recurrent hospitalizations despite GDMT, refractory or intolerant to GDMT, requiring advanced therapies transplantation, mechanical circulatory support, or palliative care

## Classification By EF

### HF with reduced EF (HFrEF)

- *HF with LVEF < 40%*

### HF with mildly reduced EF (HFmrEF)

- *HF with LVEF 41-49%*

### HF with preserved EF (HFpEF)

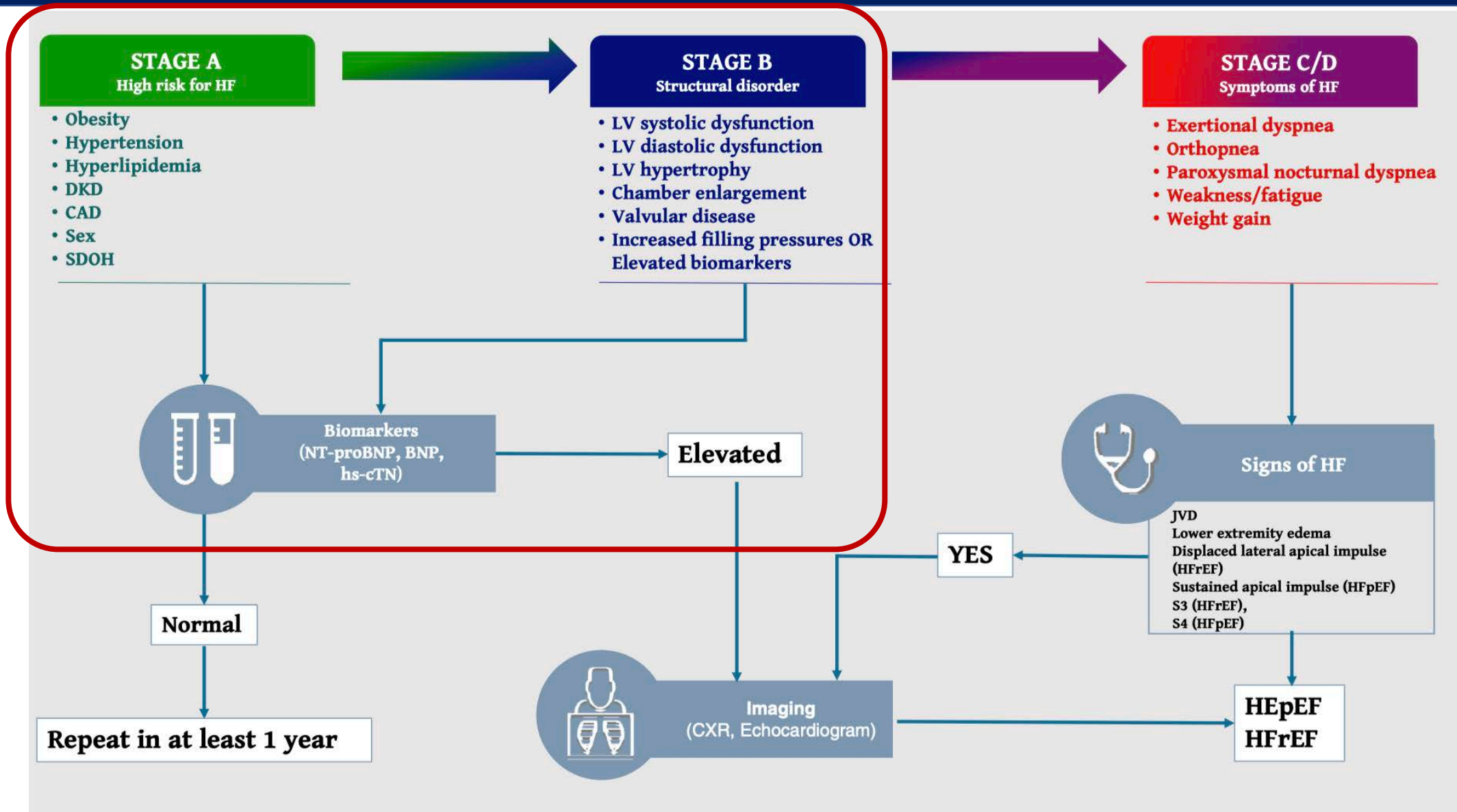
- *HF with LVEF > 50%*

### HF with improved EF (HFimpEF)

- *HF with a baseline LVEF of < 40%, a 10-point increase from baseline LVEF, and a second measurement of LVEF of > 40%*

**Language matters!** The new universal definition offers opportunities for *more precise communication* and description with terms including ***persistent HF*** instead of “stable HF,” and ***HF in remission*** rather than “recovered HF.”

# Stepwise approach for screening and diagnosis across HF stages



# Timeline of Currently Approved Comprehensive Disease-Modifying Medical Therapy (CDMMT) for Heart Failure

**CONSENSUS<sup>2</sup>**  
1987  
Enalapril

**RALE<sup>4</sup>**  
1999  
Spironolactone

**COPERNICUS<sup>6</sup>**  
2002  
Carvedilol

**CHARM-  
Alternative<sup>8</sup>**  
2003  
Candesartan

**EMPHASIS  
-HF<sup>10</sup>**  
2011  
Eplerenone

**DAPA-HF<sup>12</sup>**  
2019  
Dapagliflozin

**VICTORIA<sup>14</sup>**  
2020  
Vericiguat

**DELIVER<sup>16</sup>**  
2022  
Dapagliflozin

**V-HeFT<sup>1</sup>**  
1986  
ISDN/HLZ

**SOLVD<sup>3</sup>**  
1991  
Enalapril

**MERIT-HF<sup>5</sup>**  
1999  
metoprolol  
CR/XL

**EPHESUS<sup>7</sup>**  
2003  
Eplerenone

**SHIFT<sup>9</sup>**  
2010  
Ivabradine

**PARADIGM  
-HF<sup>11</sup>**  
2014  
ARNI

**EMPEROR-  
Reduced<sup>13</sup>**  
2020  
Empagliflozin

**EMPEROR-  
Preserved<sup>15</sup>**  
2021  
Empagliflozin

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# Principles and Pathophysiologic Targets of HFrEF



## 5 PATHWAYS

Modulation of five pathways shown to improve outcomes in the general HFrEF population

**Angiotensin 2**

**Norepinephrine**

**Aldosterone**

**Neprilysin**

**SGLT**



## 4 DRUGS

### **ARNI**

*May start with ACEi/ARB or ARNI in de novo. May use ACEi/ARB if cost or availability concerns.*

### **Beta-blockers**

*Carvedilol, bisoprolol, metoprolol succinate*

### **MRAs**

### **SGLT2i**

*Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin*



## 3 OTHERS

Three additional pathways shown to improve outcomes in specific populations:

### **Ivabradine**

*NSR HR $\geq$ 70 bpm*

### **Hydralazine/nitrate**

*Self identified blacks*

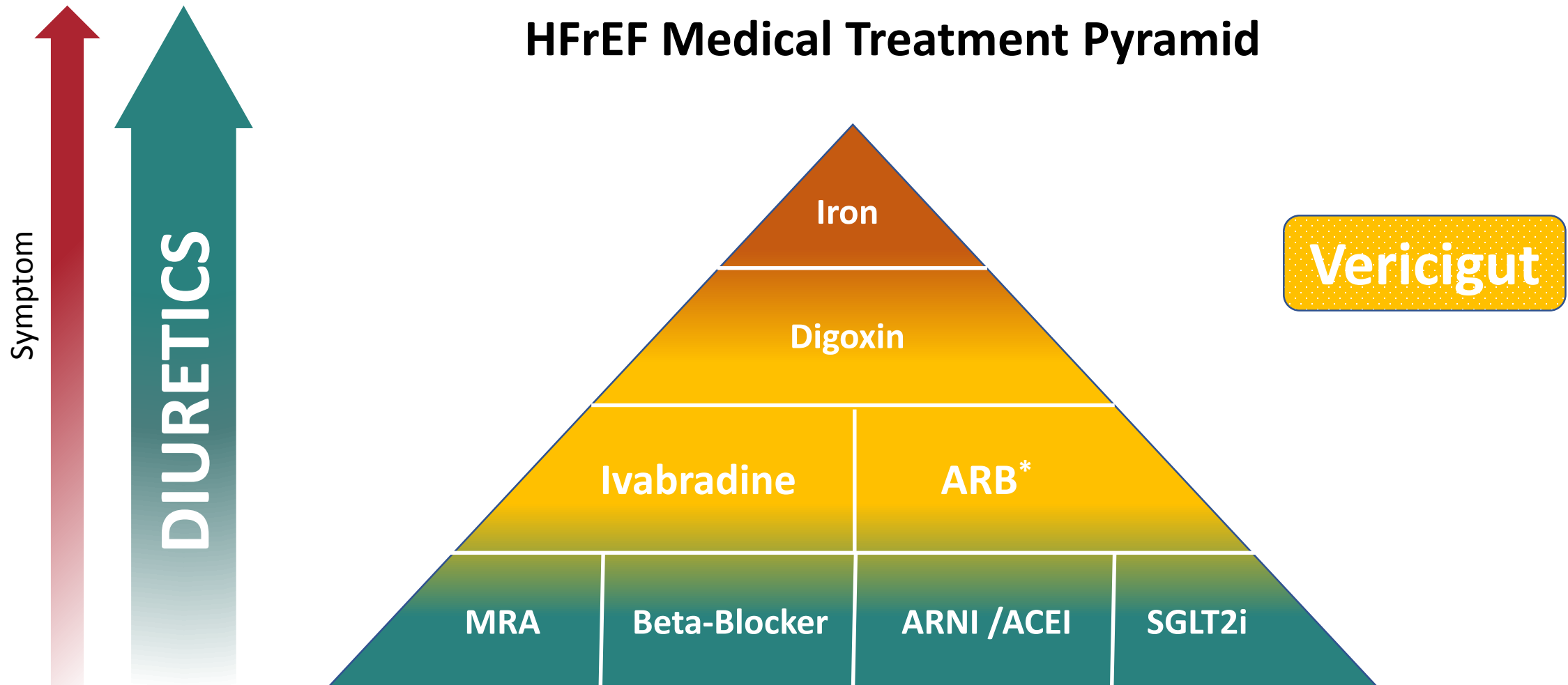
### **Vericiguat**

*Worsening HF*

Tolerability, availability, costs, patient preference, and other consideration may impact choices, doses, and sequences of therapies – but pharmaco-pathophysiologic rationale suggests that **all attempts should be made to modulate all five pathways.**

# Initial Guideline-Directed Medical Therapy

## HFrEF Medical Treatment Pyramid



MRA: Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonist, SGLT2i: Empagliflozin/Dapagliflozin, ARB: Angiotensin receptor Blocker  
\* ACEI/ARNI intolerance



# Starting Dose and Titration Dose

Table 3: Potential Starting Doses and Titration of Comprehensive Disease-modifying Medical Therapy

CDMMT	Starting Dose	Typical Titration Dose(s)	Final Dose	Monitoring Parameters
<b>ACEI or ARB</b>				
Captopril	6.25 mg three-times daily	12.5 mg three-times daily; 25 mg three-times daily	50 mg three-times daily	Monitor blood pressure, electrolytes and renal function Can titrate every 1–2 weeks in outpatients and every 1–2 days in hospitalised patients
Enalapril	2.5 mg twice daily	5 mg twice daily; 10 mg twice daily	10–20 mg twice daily	
Lisinopril	2.5–5 mg daily	10 mg daily; 20 mg daily	20–40 mg daily	
Ramipril	1.25 mg daily	2.5 mg daily; 5 mg daily	10 mg daily	
Candesartan	4–8 mg daily	16 mg daily	32 mg daily	
Losartan	25–50 mg daily	100 mg daily	150 mg daily	
Valsartan	40 mg twice daily	80 mg twice daily	160 mg twice daily	
<b>ARNI</b>				
Sacubitril/valsartan	24/26 mg twice daily	49/51 mg twice daily	97/103 mg twice daily	Monitoring same as ACEI or ARB Starting dose based on daily equivalent of ACEI

# Starting Dose and Titration Dose

β-blocker				
Bisoprolol	1.25 mg daily	2.5 mg daily; 5 mg daily	10 mg daily	Initiate only in stable patients Monitor blood pressure, heart rate and for signs of congestion Can titrate every 2 weeks
Carvedilol	3.125 mg twice daily	6.25 mg twice daily; 12.5 mg twice daily	25 mg twice daily*	
Metoprolol succinate	12.5–25 mg daily	50 mg daily; 100 mg daily	200 mg daily	
MRA				
Eplerenone	25 mg daily	NA	50 mg daily	Monitor electrolytes and renal function. Avoid in eGFR $\geq$ 30 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> or K <sup>+</sup> >5 mEq/l
Spirolactone	12.5–25 mg daily	NA	25–50 mg daily	
SGLT2i				
Dapagliflozin	10 mg daily	NA	10 mg daily	Dapagliflozin: Only if eGFR $\geq$ 30 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>
Empagliflozin	10 mg daily	NA	10 mg daily	Empagliflozin: Only if eGFR $\geq$ 20 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>

\*Maximum dose of carvedilol is 50 mg twice daily for weight  $\geq$ 85 kg. ACEI = angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ARNI: angiotensin receptor-neprilysin inhibitor; MRA = mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; K<sup>+</sup> = potassium; SGLT2i = sodium glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor. Source: Fonarow et al. 2021<sup>37,39</sup>

# RRR and ARR in mortality and HFH

Table 2: Relative Risk Reduction in Mortality and Heart Failure Hospitalisation

CDMMT	Relative Risk Reduction in Mortality	Absolute 2-year Mortality Rate	Relative Risk Reduction in HF Hospitalisations	Absolute 2-year HF Hospitalisation Rate
None	NA	35%	NA	39%
ACEI or ARB	17%	29%	31%	27%
ARNI*	16%	24%	21%	21%
$\beta$ -blocker	35%	16%	41%	13%
MRA	30%	11%	35%	8%
SGLT2i	17%	9%	30%	6%
<b>Cumulative</b>	<b>74% RRR</b>	<b>26% ARR</b>	<b>85% RRR</b>	<b>33% ARR</b>

\*Replacing ACEI/ARB. ACEI = angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ARR = absolute risk reduction; ARNI = angiotensin receptor-neprilysin inhibitor; CDMMT = comprehensive disease-modifying medical therapy; HF = heart failure; MRA = mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; RRR = relative risk reduction; SGLT2 = sodium glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor. Source: Fonarow et al. 2021.<sup>37,39</sup>



# The Gap

Between Evidence and Practice  
in Heart Failure Treatment



# Real World Data

## CHAMP-HF Registry

Prospective, observational study in US outpatients with chronic HFrEF (N=2588) to evaluate the degree of titration of HFrEF GDMT (2015-2017)<sup>1</sup>

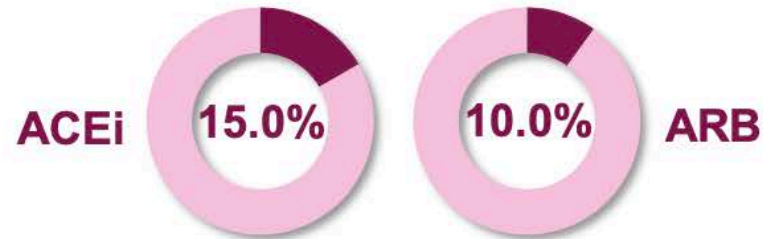
### Patients Achieving Target Doses at 1 Year



## Savarese et al

Observational cohort study using data from healthcare databases in Sweden, UK, and US to identify patients (N=68,172) with new initiation of GDMT following recent hHF<sup>a</sup> (2016-2019)<sup>2</sup>

### Patients Achieving Target Doses at 1 Year



## BIOSTAT-CHF

Multicenter, prospective, observational study in patients with HFrEF (N=2100) who were not previously on ACEi/ARB or receiving  $\leq 50\%$  of the target dose from 11 European countries (2010-2014)<sup>3,4</sup>

### Patients Achieving Target Doses at 9 Months





# Real World Data

Look-back period

Index:  
2016–2019

Analysis period: 1-year results

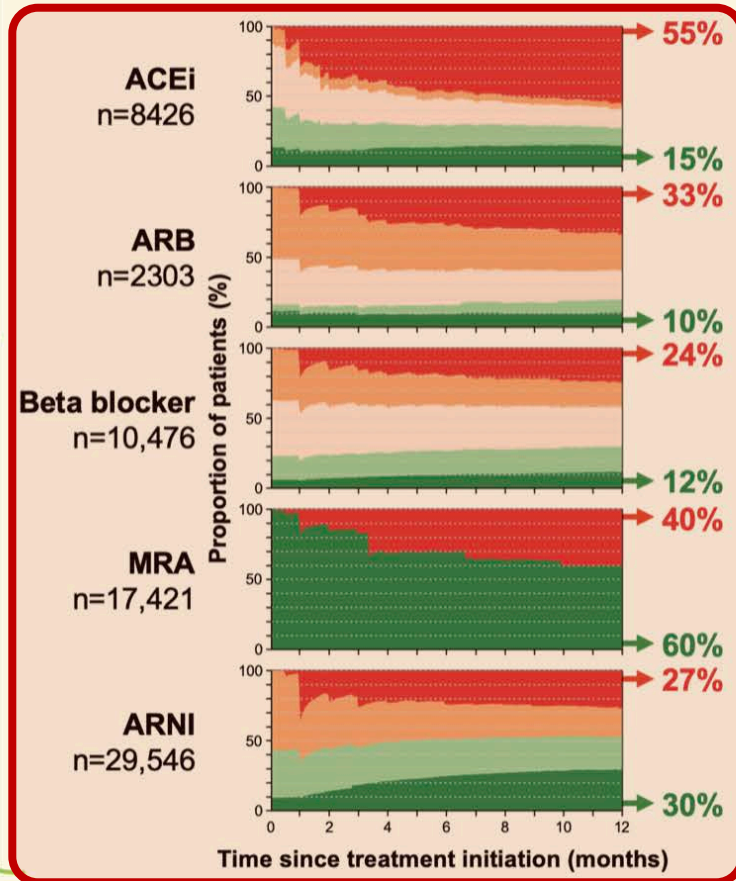
Patients  
68,172 new users




## Aim

How are GDMTs initiated and used?  
What are the risks of HHF and death after GDMT initiation?

● Discontinued treatment    ● Start dose    ● Low dose (<50% of TD)    ● Intermediate dose (50–99% of TD)    ● Target dose (≥100% of TD)



## Risks of HHF or death (events/100 patient-years)

	HHF or ACD*	HHF	ACD*
ACEi	40.0	18.9	24.0
ARB	43.3	24.4	21.1
Beta blocker	45.9	22.4	28.8
MRA	53.6	27.9	31.0
ARNI	86.9	46.8	21.3

Treatment initiation immediately after HHF. \*Sweden and UK only.

The high risks do not relate to the effectiveness of the drugs, but the point in the HF disease journey at which the drug has been initiated.

## Conclusion

New initiation of GDMT was followed by consistent patterns of low up-titration and early discontinuation in the three countries involved.

During GDMT utilisation, patients are at high risk, demonstrating the urgent need to move away from a prolonged, sequential approach.

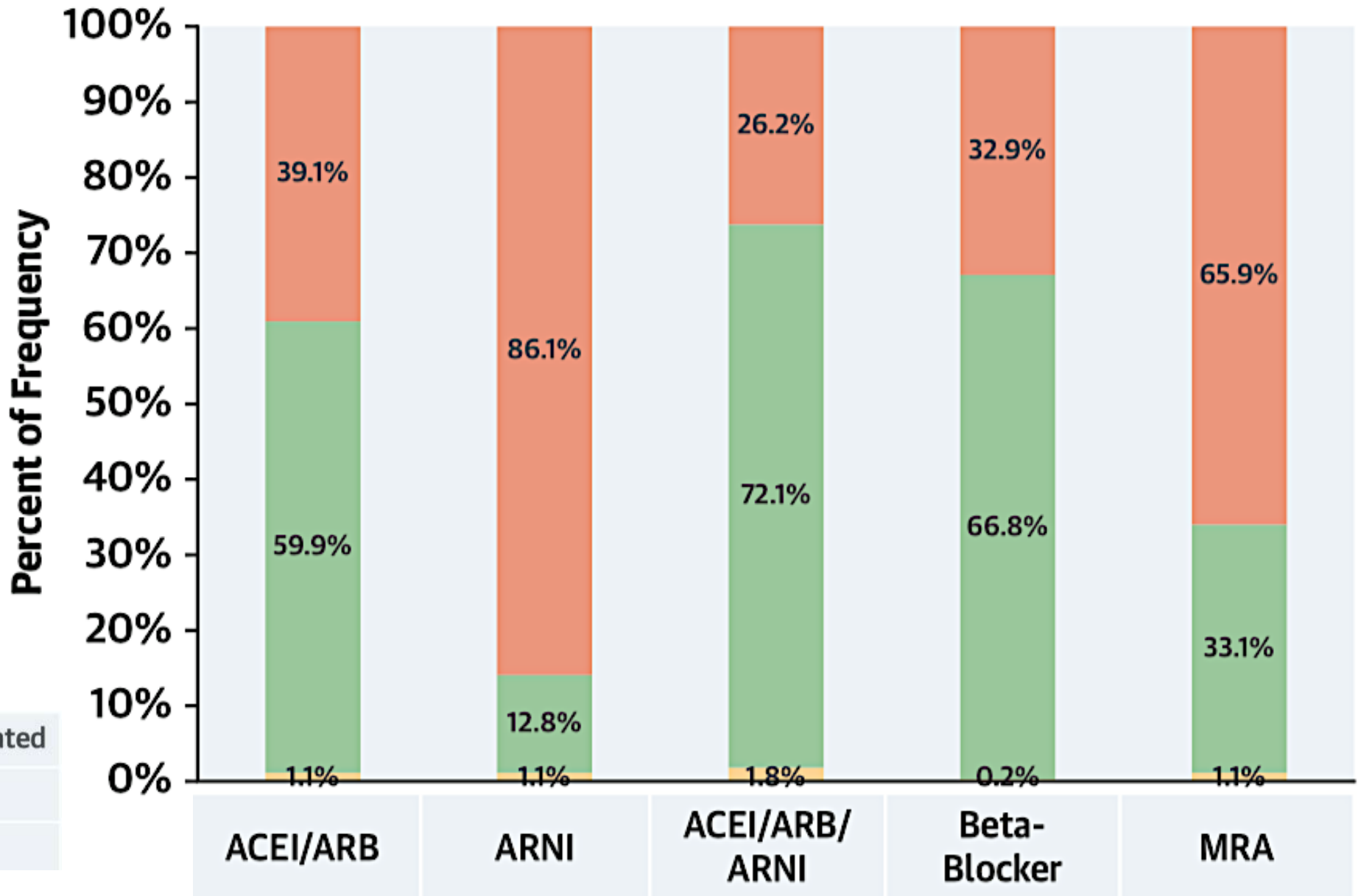


# Use of Guideline-Directed Medical Therapy Among Patients With HFrEF in Contemporary U.S. Outpatient Practice

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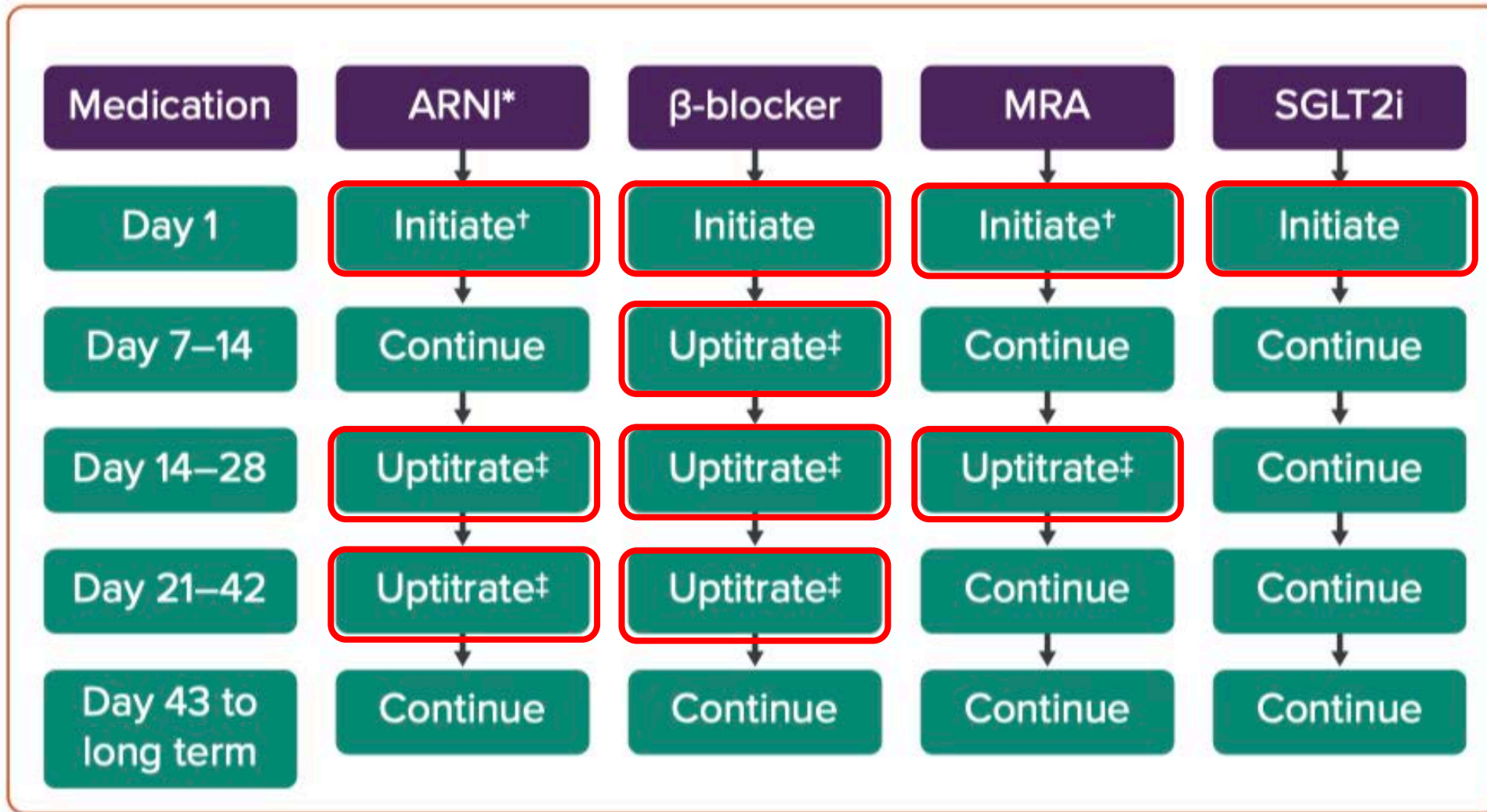
Overall, 3,518 patients from 150 primary care and cardiology practices

- Without Contraindication and Not Treated
- Treated
- With Contraindication



Greene, S.J. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2018;72(4):351-66.

# Rapid Sequence Initiation of Quadruple Medical Therapy



**Starting doses for medications:**  
**ARNI** (sacubitril/valsartan 24/26 mg twice daily).

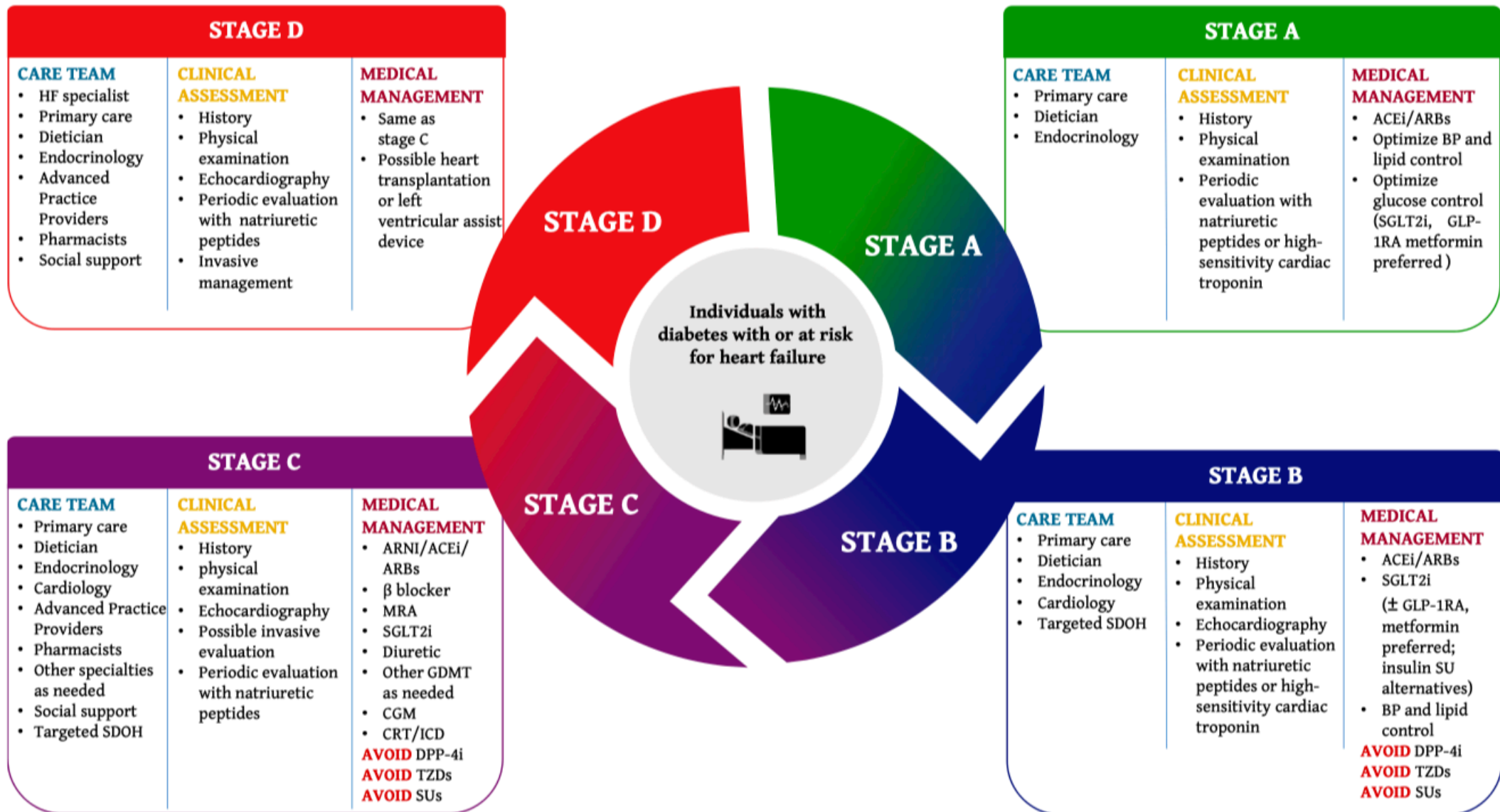
**$\beta$ -blocker** bisoprolol 1.25 mg daily; carvedilol 3.125 mg twice daily; metoprolol succinate 12.5–25 mg daily.

**MRA** (eplerenone 25 mg daily; spironolactone 12.5–25 mg daily).

**SGLT2i** (dapagliflozin 10 mg daily; empagliflozin 10 mg daily).

Data were obtained from the COPERNICUS, EMPHASIS-HF, PIONEER-HF, and EMPEROR-Reduced trials. **Low starting doses should be used, with  $\beta$ -blocker up-titration prioritized. Clinical benefits of all medications are apparent within 30 days of initiation.** This strategy could be tested in randomized clinical trials, but available evidence suggests the benefits of this strategy outweigh the risks.

# Multidisciplinary personalized care in individuals with HF and diabetes





# Case Vignette

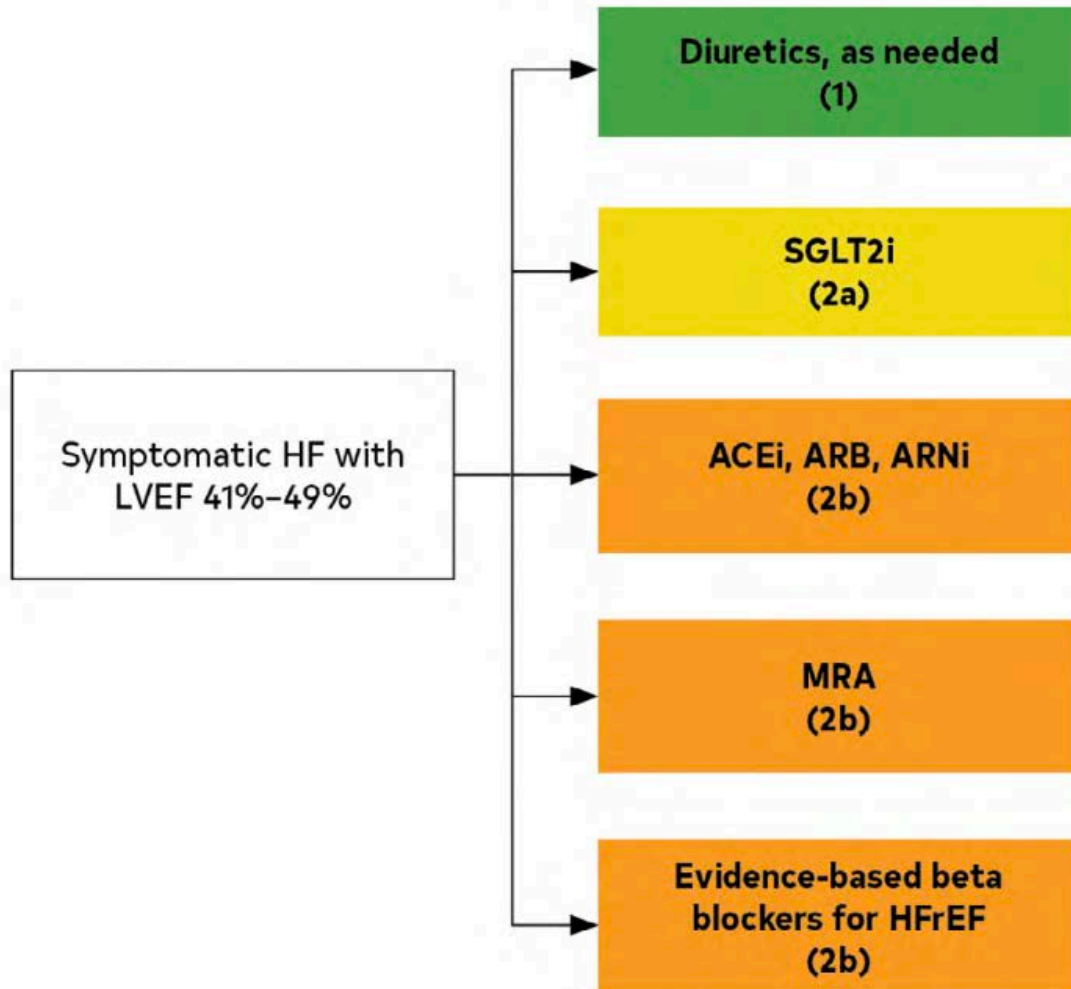
- ASA 80 Daily
- Atorvastatin 40mg Daily
- Bisoprolol 10mg Daily
- Sacubitril/Valsartan 50(24/26) mg BID
- Eplerenone 25mg Daily
- Empagliflozin 10mg Daily

## Endocrinologist consult

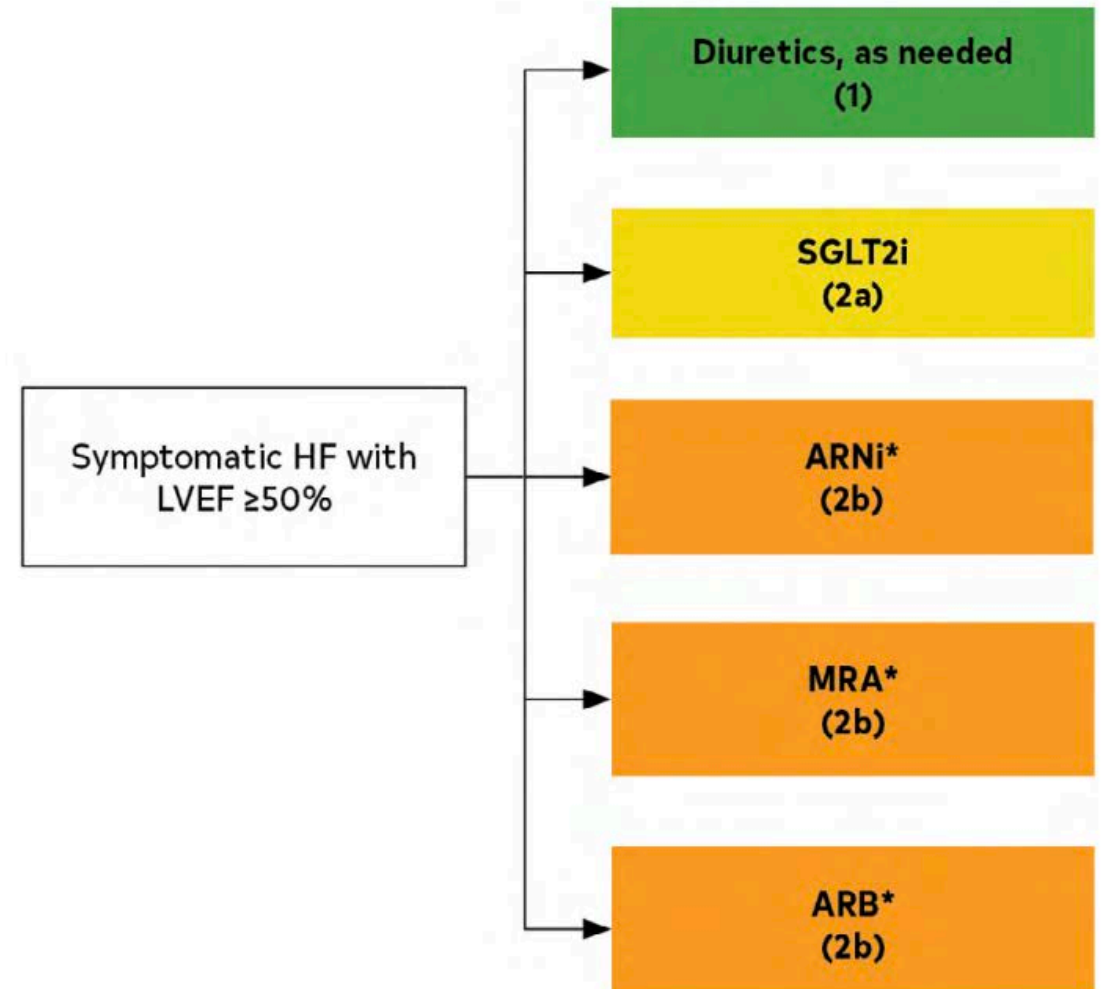
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شب ۱ عدد	آسپرین ۲۰

# HFmrEF & HFpEF

## Treatment of HFmrEF



## Treatment of HFpEF







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