



## **When to treat or refer for PMVR and survival after PMVR**

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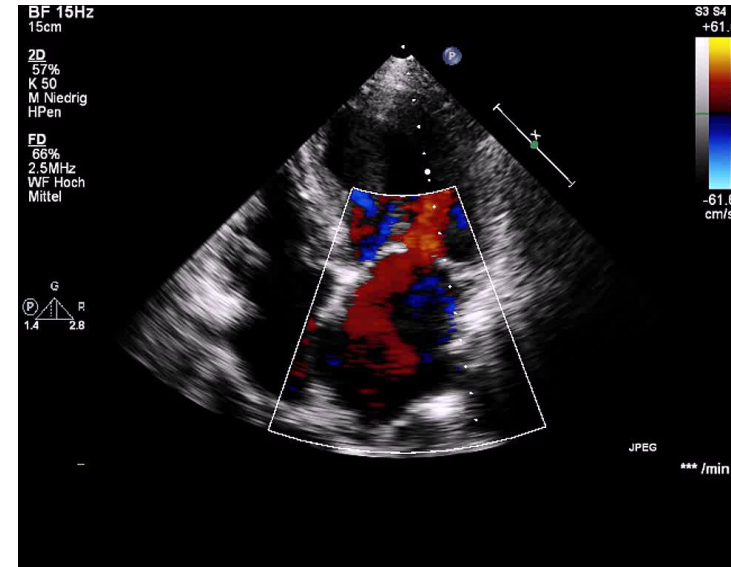
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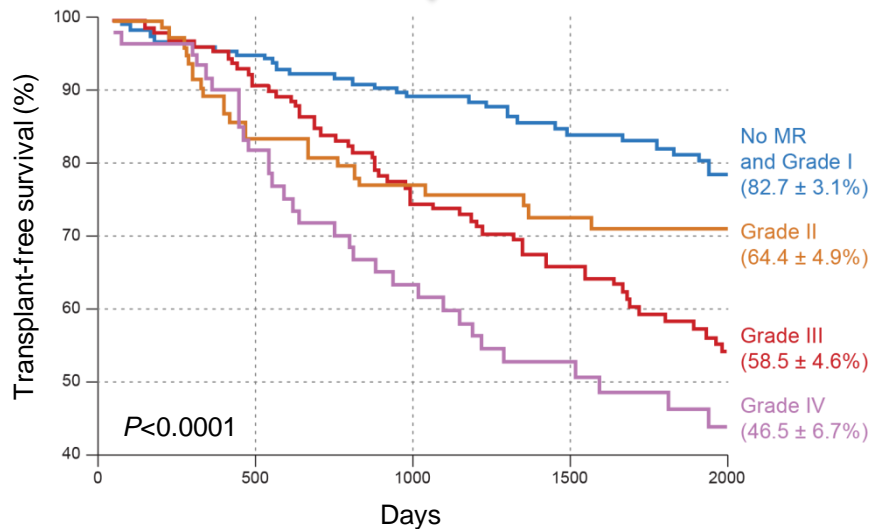
# Mitral Regurgitation



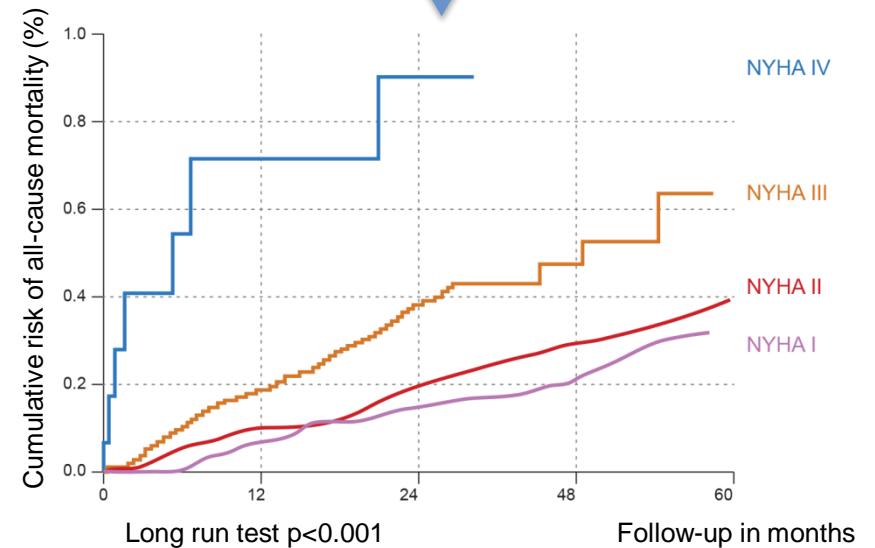
- Mitral regurgitation (MR) is the second most common type of heart valve disease needing surgery in Europe
- Controversy regarding optimal timing of intervention in asymptomatic patients with severe MR, consensus in symptomatic patients
- Poor prognosis in absence of surgery
- Even with optimal medical therapy (OMT)

# As mitral regurgitation becomes more severe, morbidity and mortality risk increases

Event – free survival decreases with increasing MR severity

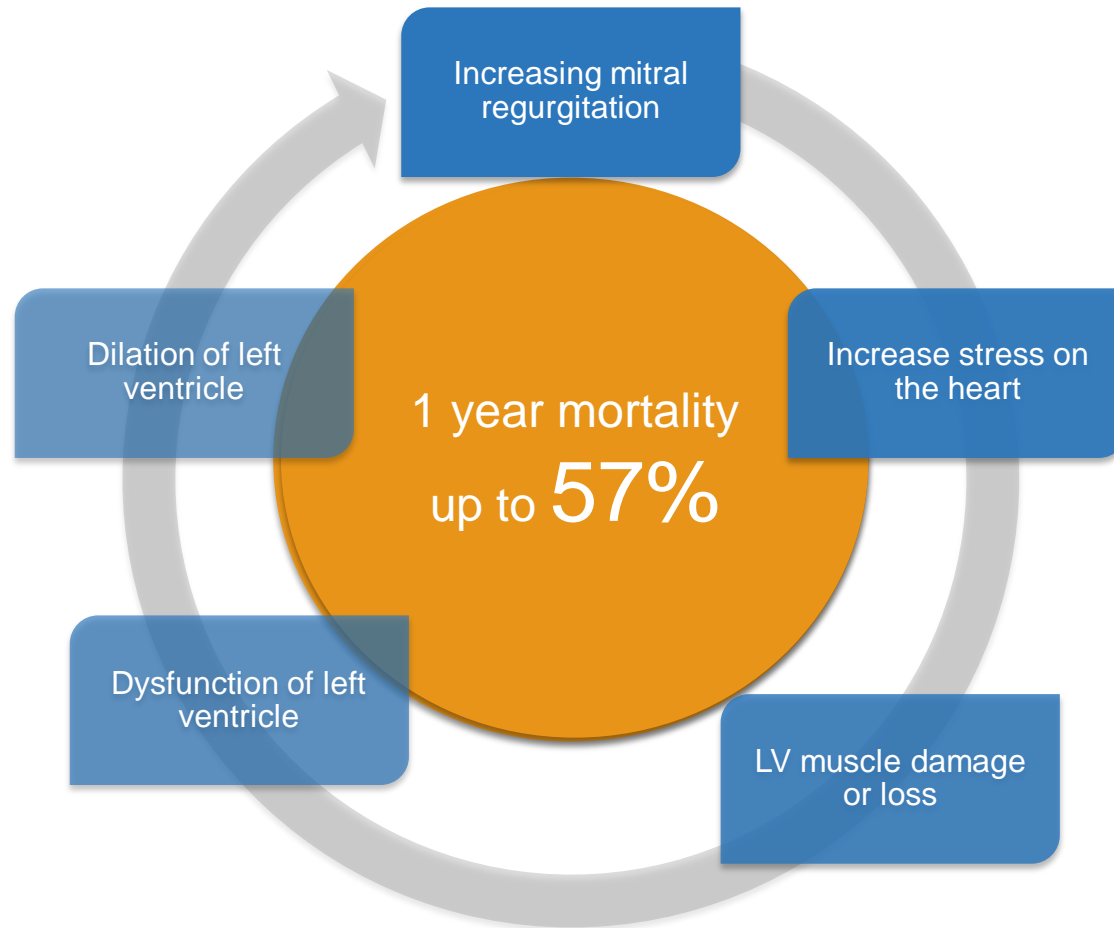


Risk of mortality increases with increasing NYHA class

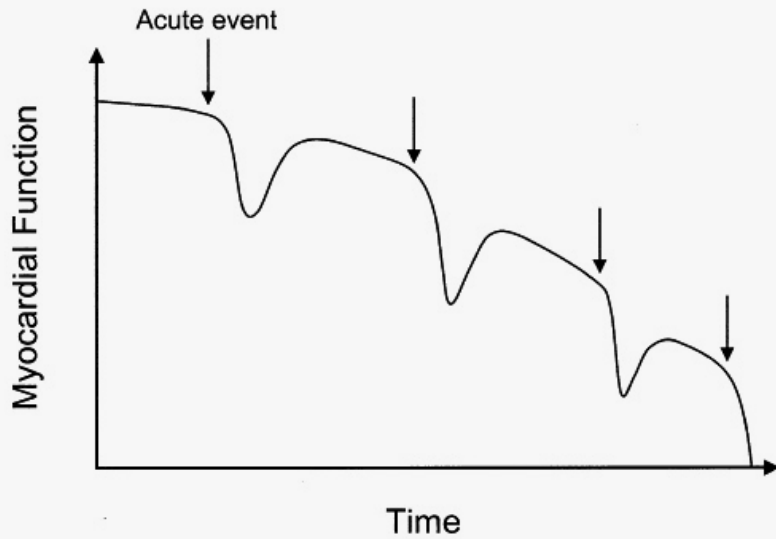


- Poor quality of life
- Repeat hospitalisations

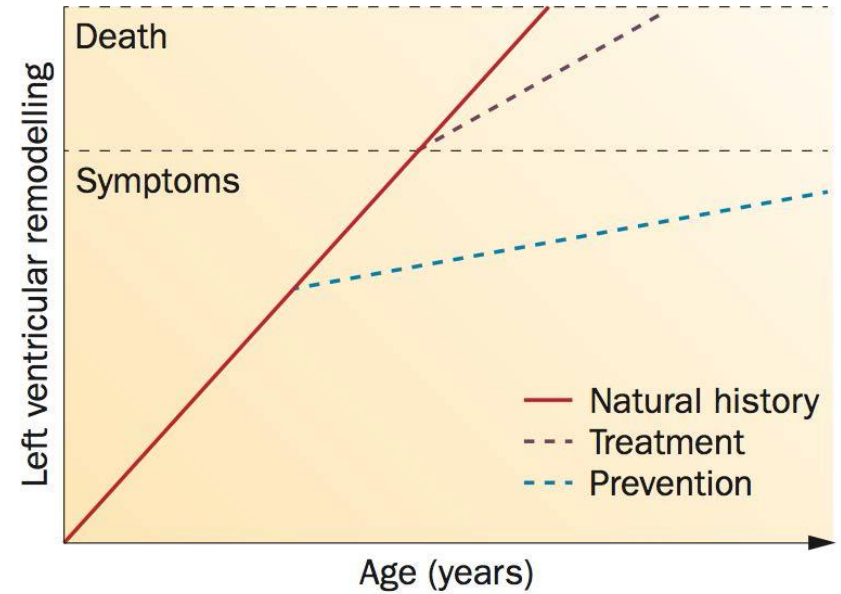
# Mitral regurgitation (MR) progresses to Heart Failure



# MR and heart failure



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# LV reverse remodeling after MVA

- Late reverse remodeling after MVA is influenced by pre-operative LV-size
- Smaller LV retains the ability to reverse remodel
- Cutoff:
  - LVEDD 65 mm
  - LVESD 51 mm

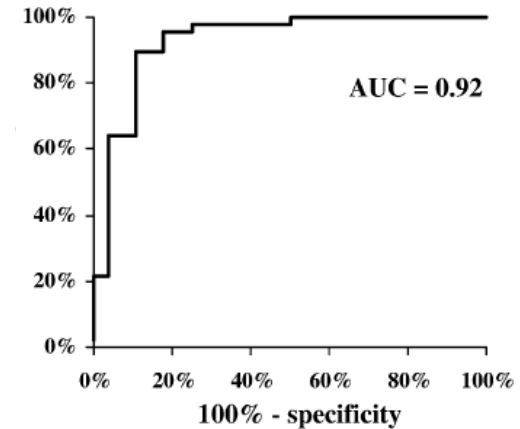
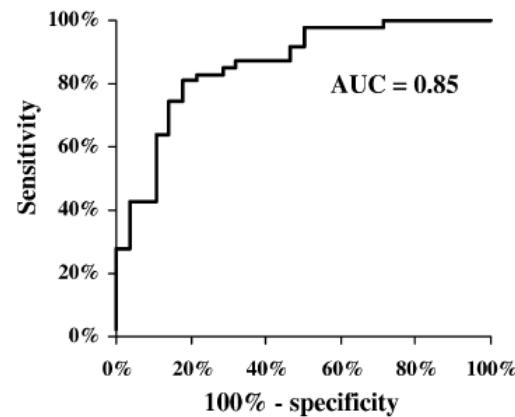
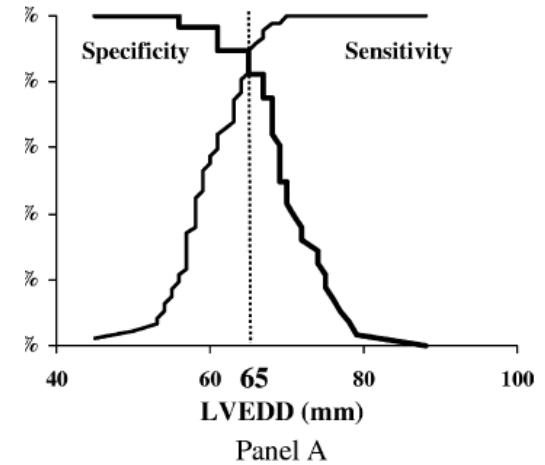
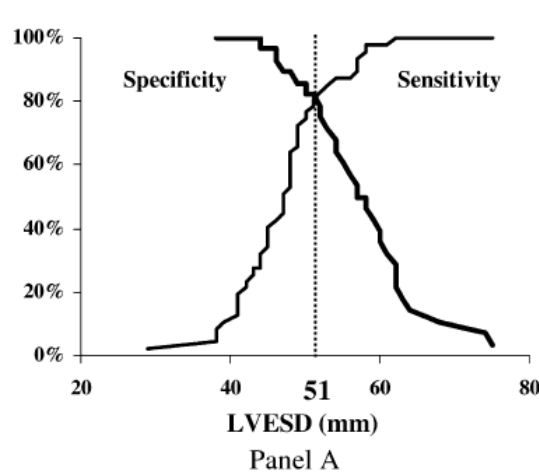


Table 4. Predictors of Reverse Left Ventricular Remodeling

Variable	Odds Ratio	<i>p</i> (univariate)	<i>p</i> (multivariable)
Age	0.9	0.7	
Duration of CHF	0.6	0.06	0.05
Ischemic etiology	1.5	0.04	0.9
Associated CABG	1.4	0.02	0.9
Successful ablation of AF	3.7	0.05	0.2
EF	0.9	0.3	
SPAP	0.9	0.4	
LVEDD	0.9	0.2	
LVEDVI	1	0.7	
LVESVI	1	0.3	
Tenting area	0.8	0.5	
Coaptation depth	1.8	0.2	
Use of edge-to-edge	2.1	0.08	0.09
Ring number	0.8	0.2	
Ring type	1.2	0.8	

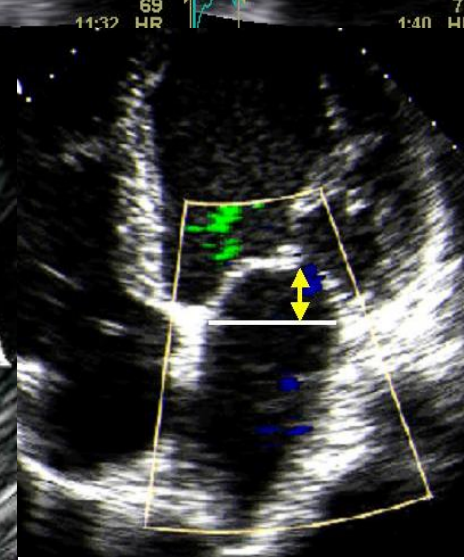
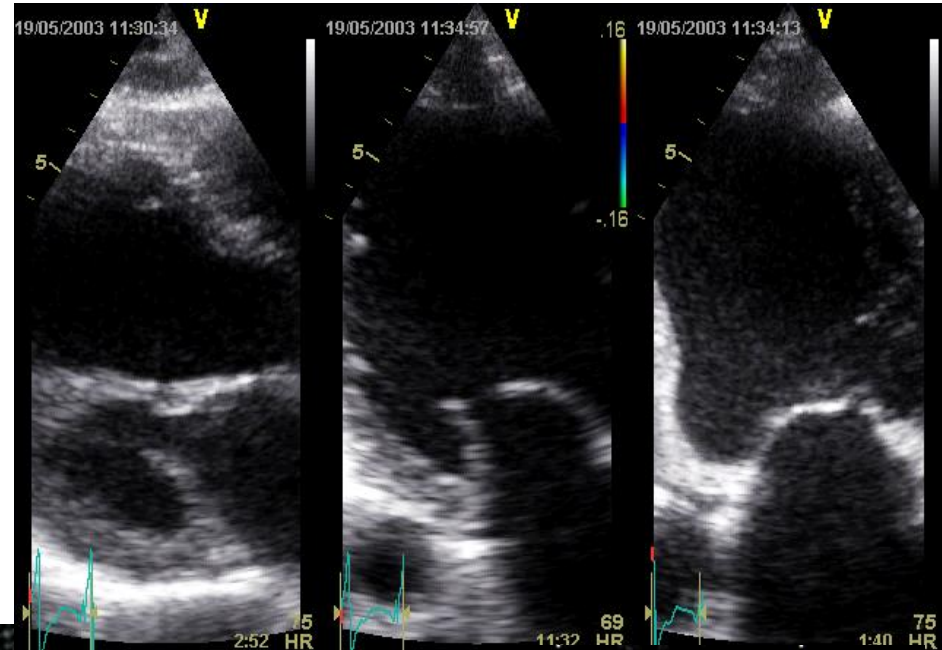
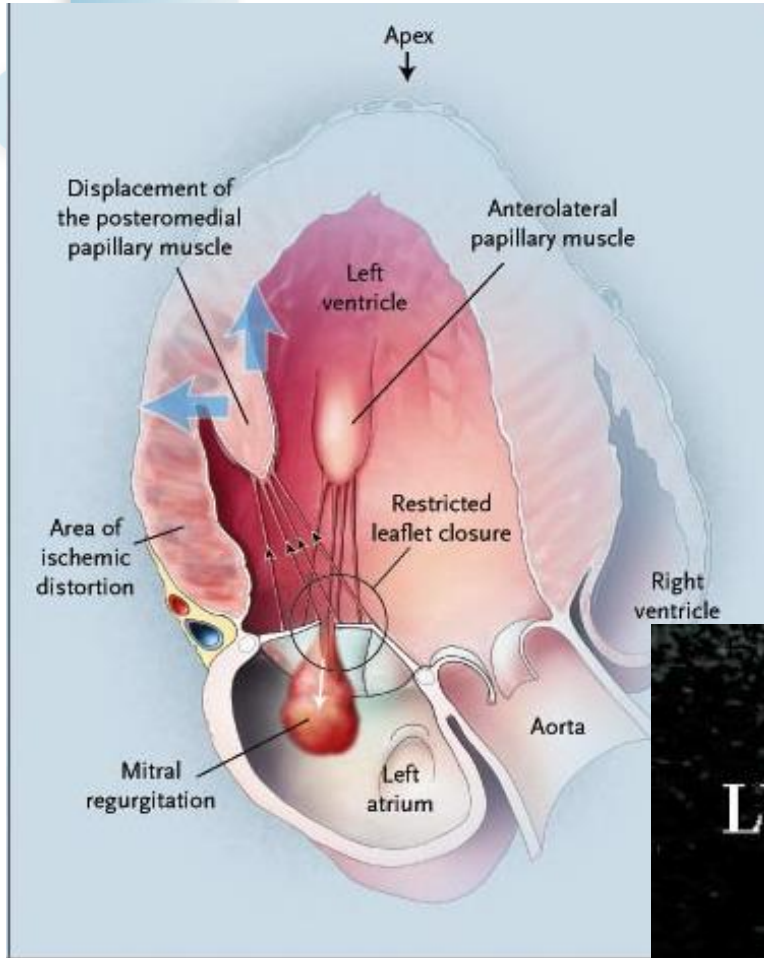


## Diagnosis of MR

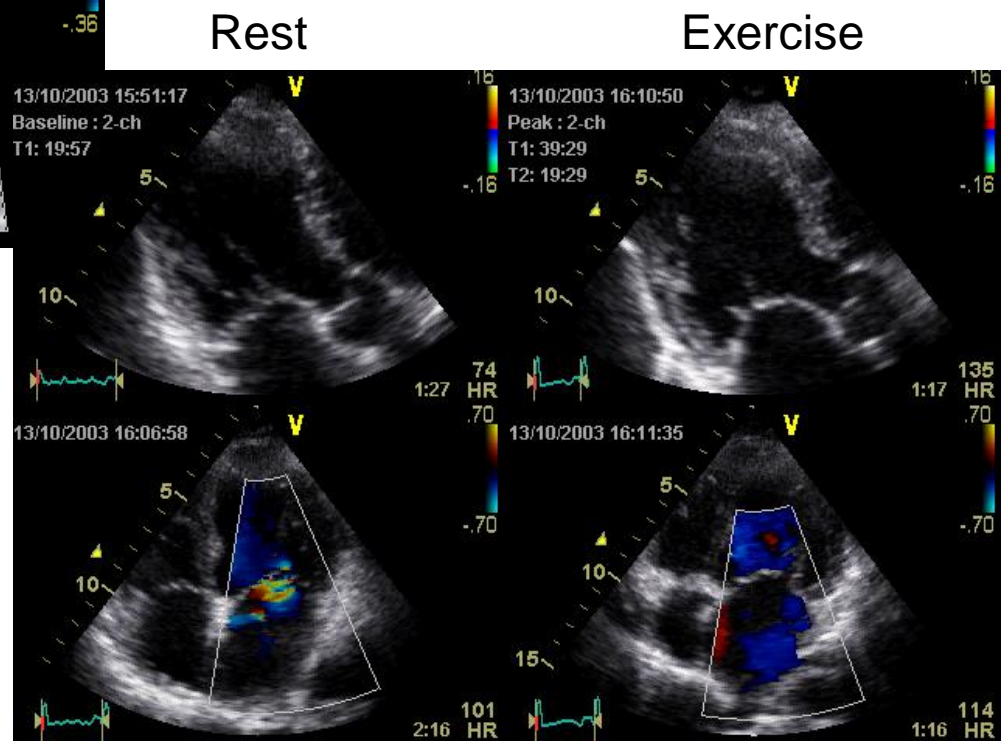
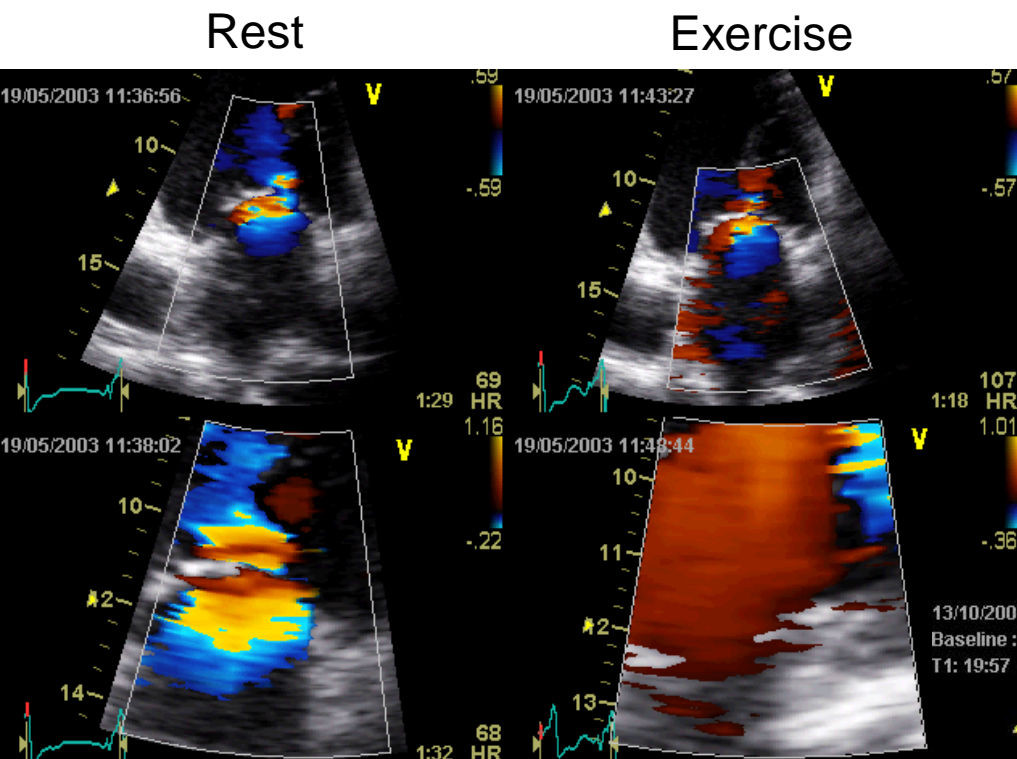
- Earlier diagnosis and treatment of SMR is crucial!
  - Poor prognosis on OMT
  - Break the vicious circle
  - Avoiding extensive LV-remodeling / LV-dysfunction
  - Higher chance of LV reverse remodeling
- Low-threshold for TTE
- SMR can be dynamic!
- Consider stress echo
  - to identify/provoke dyspnea
  - increase in severity of MR and SPAP
  - High risk patients



# Secondary MR

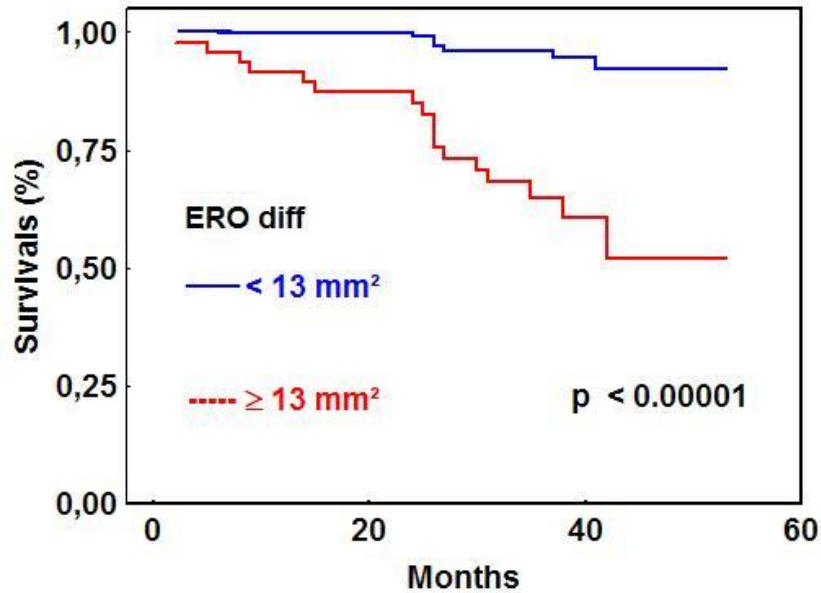


# Exercise-induced changes in tethering force

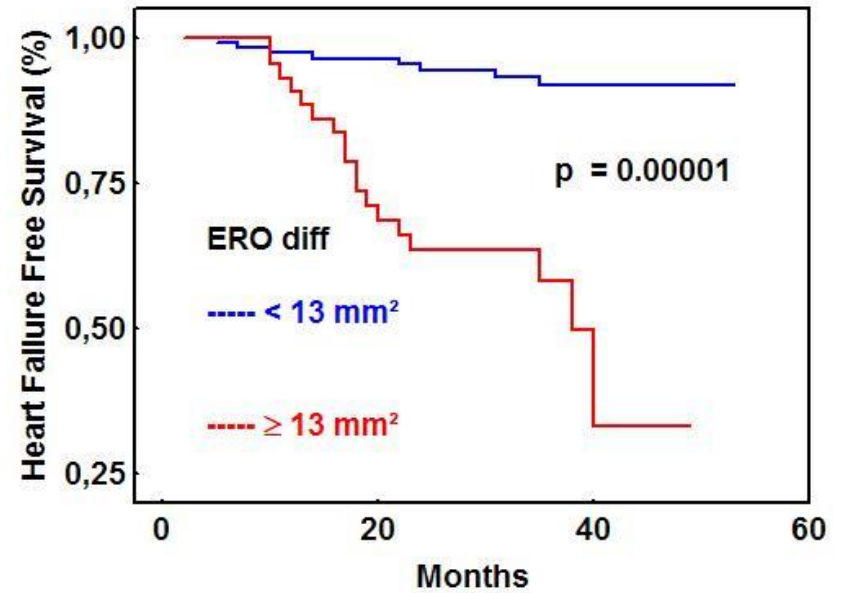


# Prognosis of dynamic SMR

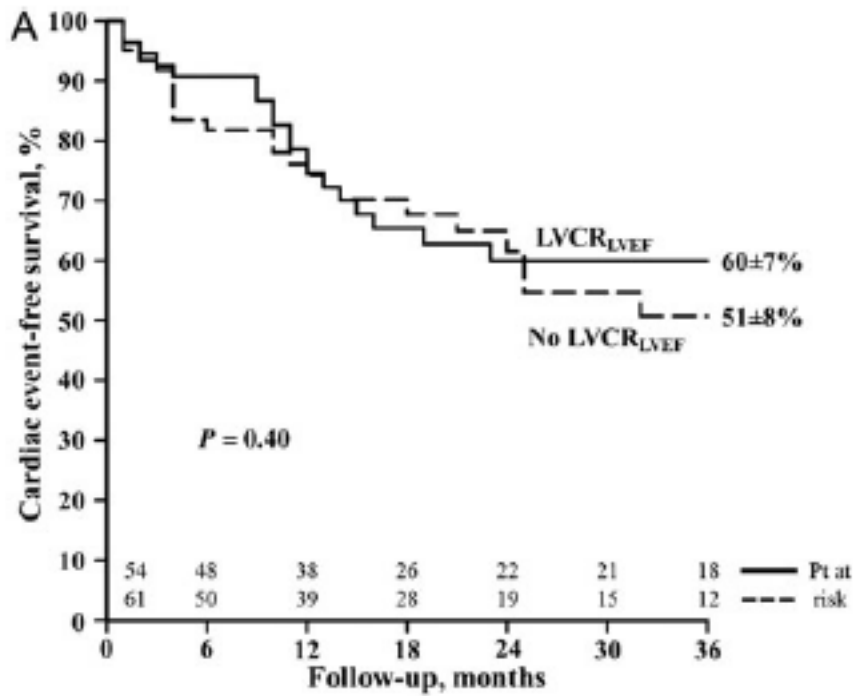
## Survival



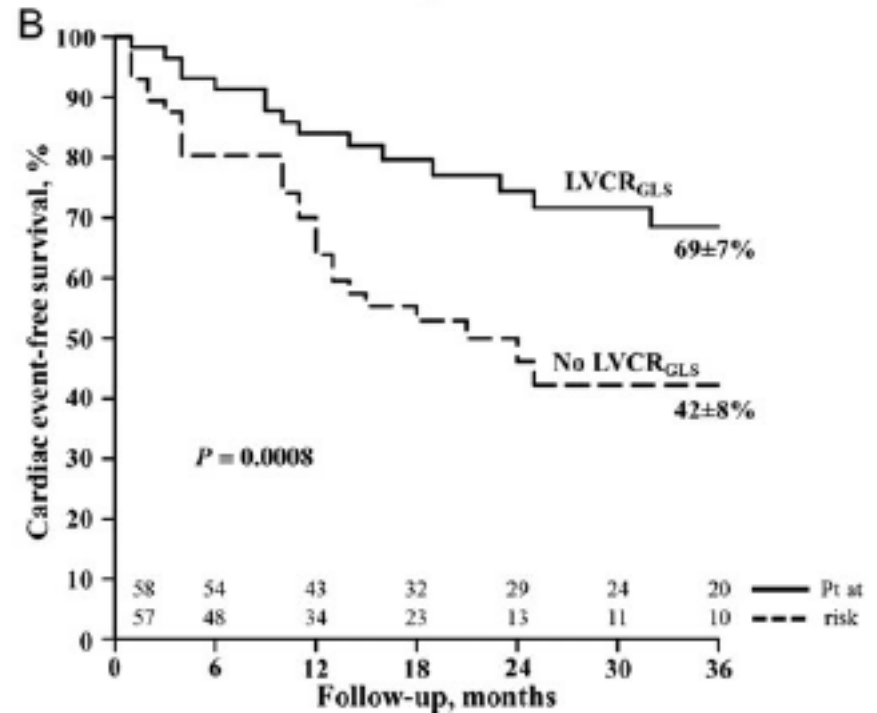
## Heart failure



# Contractile reserve



LVEF



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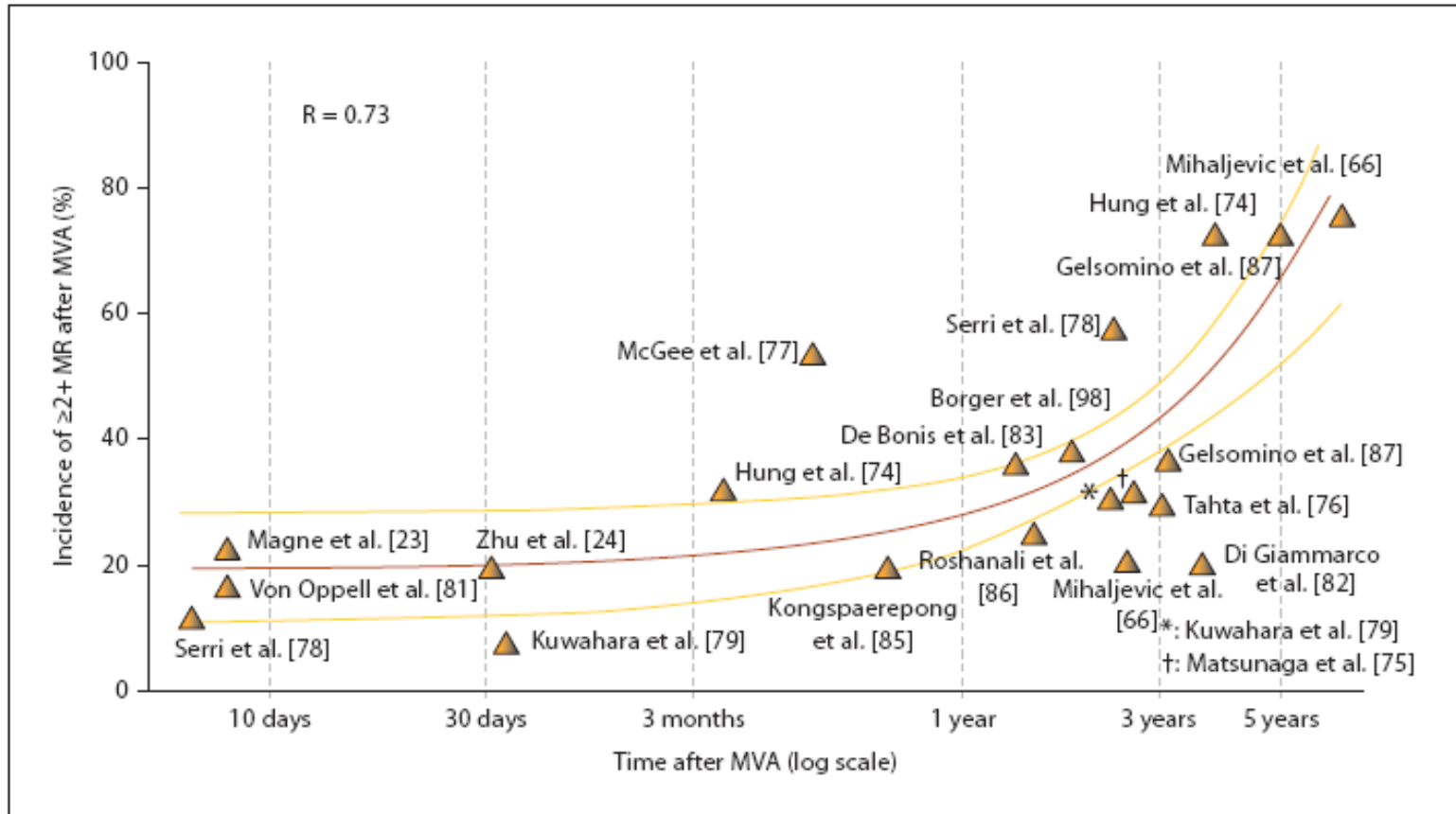
# MV-surgery in MR



## High-risk MV-surgery

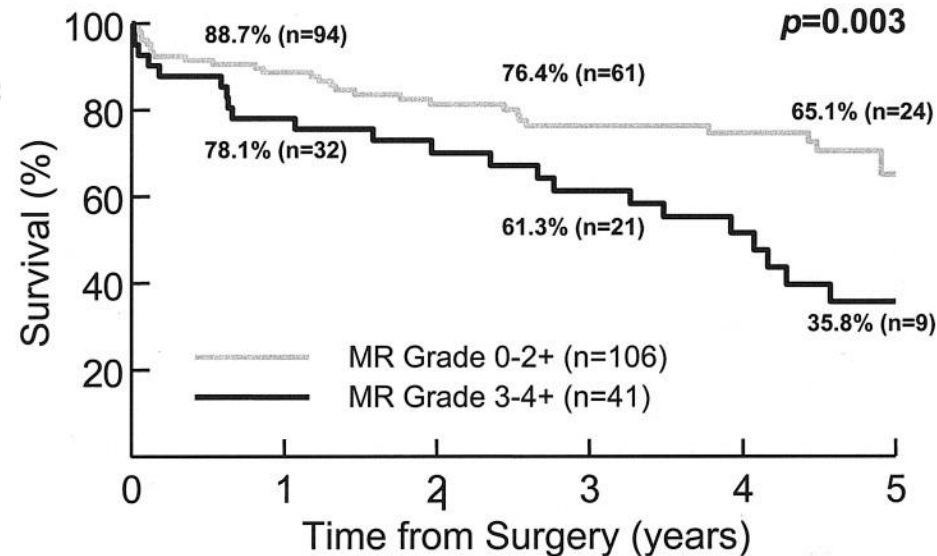
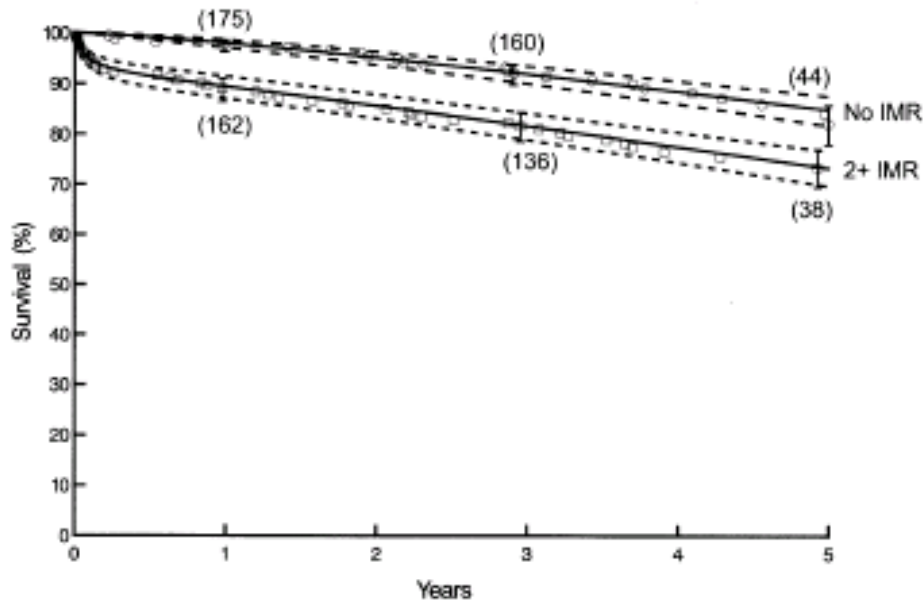
- Symptomatic patients with a severe MR have a class I recommendation for surgery
- Up to 50% of patients are not referred to surgery
- Even higher when accompanied by heart failure
  
- Operative risk not negligible in SMR!
- In-hospital mortality ranges between 5-10%, up to 25% in high risk patients
  
- High rates of residual or recurrent MR

# Residual / recurrent MR > 2+ after undersized annuloplasty



# Residual or recurrent MR worsens prognosis

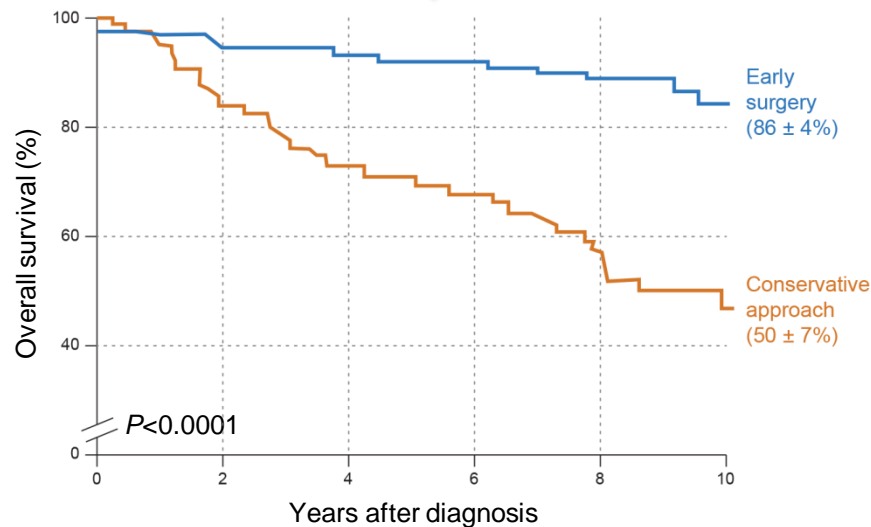
- Recurrence of MR also parallels the absence of LV-remodeling





# Early surgical intervention improves outcomes

10-year overall survival of asymptomatic MR patients was significantly greater with early surgery vs. medical management



***“early intervention to prevent left ventricular systolic dysfunction or pulmonary hypertension provides optimal clinical outcomes”.***

Otto, C. Heart 2003

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**MitraClip a solution?**

# Introduction

Multiple studies shown feasibility and efficacy of MitraClip

Percutaneous Mitral Valve Repair (PMVR) Study  
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**CLINICAL RESEARCH** **Interventional Cardiology**

**Percutaneous Mitral Valve Interventions**

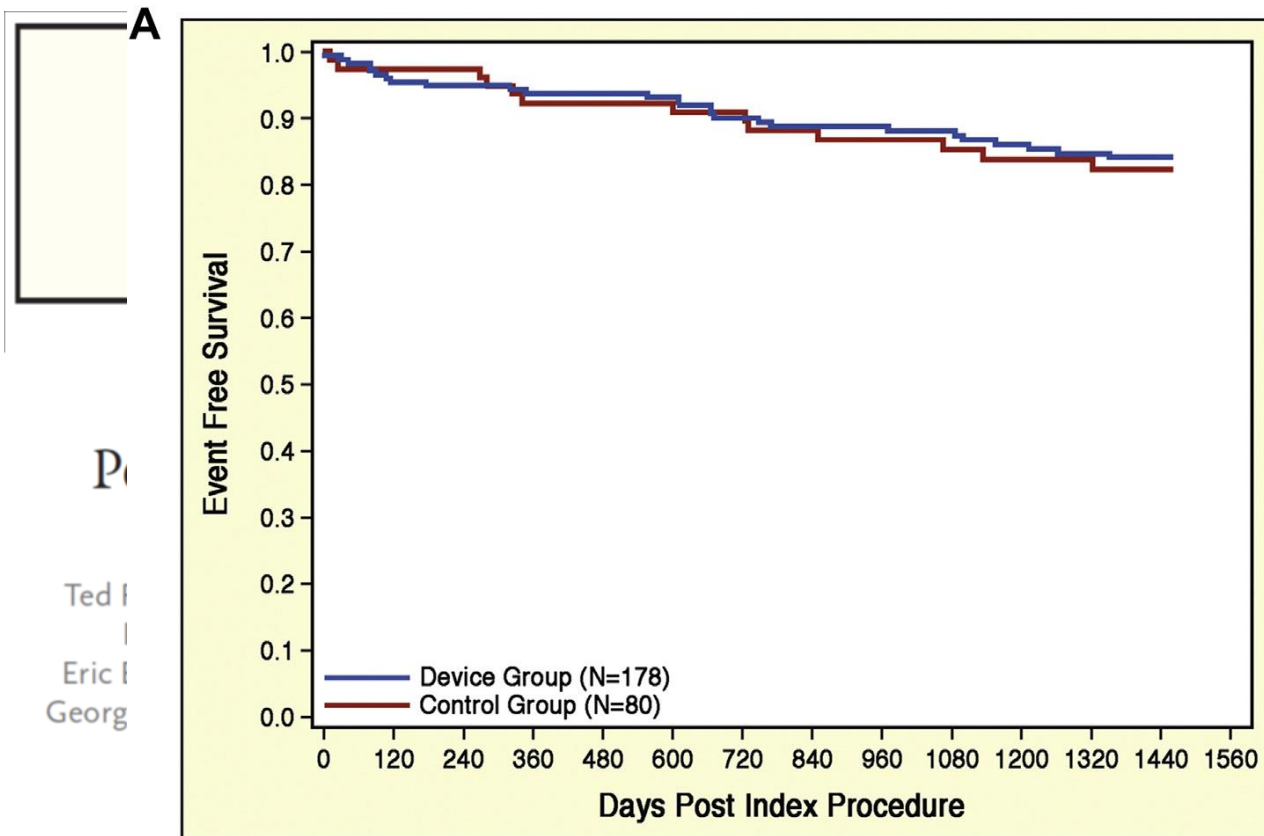
Predictors for efficacy of percutaneous mitral valve

# No Control Group!

percutaneous edge-to-edge mitral valve repair with the MitraClip system for high surgical risk candidates

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# EVEREST II



- Not high risk patients! All surgical candidates!
- Only 27% with FMR
- No data comparing MitraClip vs surgery vs conservative treatment in high surgical risk patients

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## **Survival of transcatheter mitral valve repair compared to surgical and conservative treatment in high risk patients**

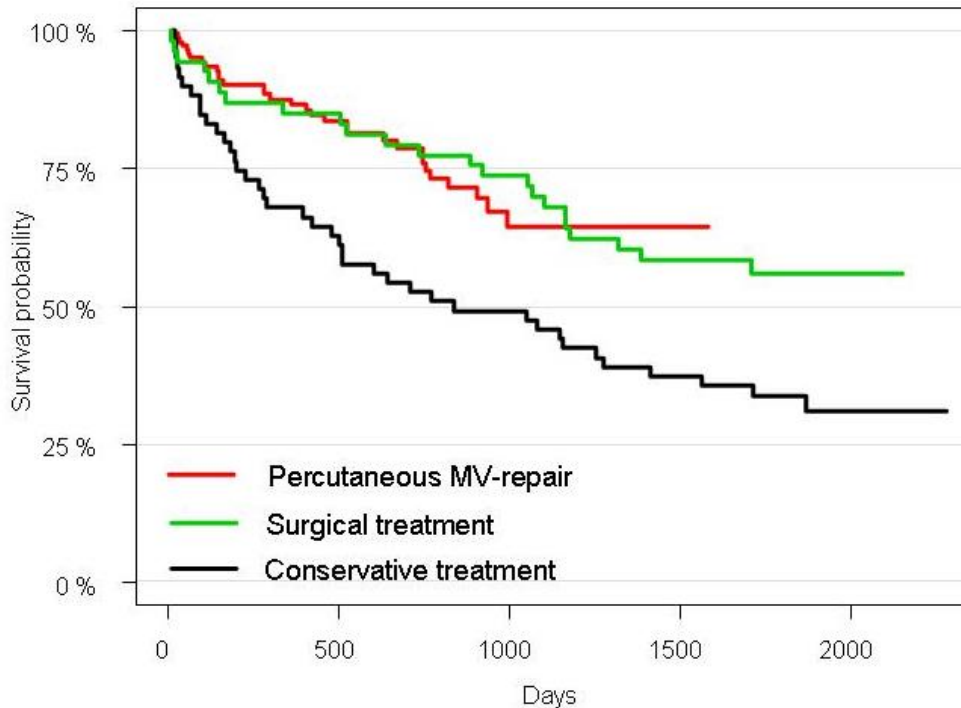
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# MitraClip intervention improves survival

## Kaplan-Meier Survival Curves



n at risk:	139	78	20	2	0
	53	44	39	30	7
	59	36	29	22	7

**MitraClip therapy is superior to conservative treatment and survival rates are comparable to surgery in high-surgical-risk patients with symptomatic MR (DMR and FMR)**

# Results

- After weighting for propensity score MitraClip as well as MV-surgery showed superior survival rates compared to the conservative group
- MitraClip vs. conservative treatment  
HR=0.41 95%CI [0.22 - 0.78], p=0.006
- Surgical treatment vs. conservative treatment  
HR=0.52 95%CI [0.30 - 0.88], p=0.014
- Both treatment groups did not differ statistically significantly: surgical treatment vs. MitraClip  
HR=1.25 95%CI [0.72 – 2.16], p=0.43

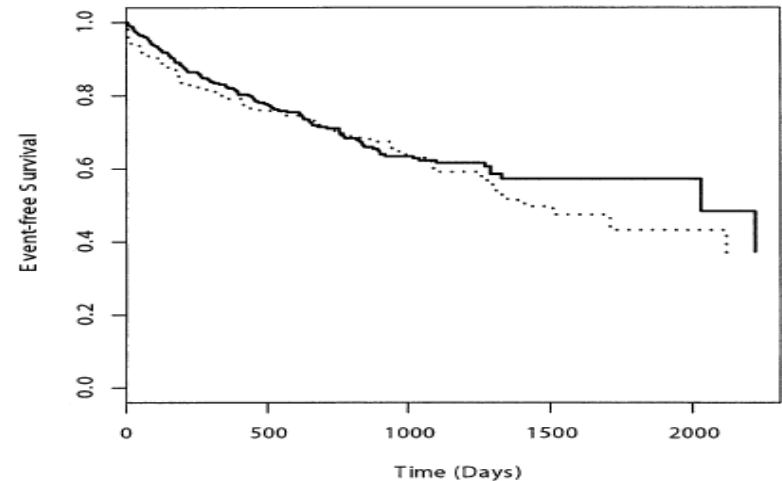
# Is MitraClip the first choice for FMR?

- Surgical treatment of FMR is associated with

- High hospital mortality (up to 25%)
- High recurrence rate
- Long hospital stay
- Unproven survival benefit

- Mitraclip for FMR

- Procedure more simple than for DMR
- Improvement of symptoms at low risk
- Failure does not modify the surgical option



**Figure 1.** Event-free survival for non-mitral-valve annuloplasty (MVA) group (solid line) and MVA group (dotted line).





## Results - FMR

- Same trend was observed if only FMR patients were considered
- MitraClip vs. conservative treatment  
HR=0.46 95%CI [0.23 - 0.93], p=0.03
- Surgical treatment vs. conservative treatment  
HR=0.54 95%CI [0.29 – 1.02], p=0.057
- Both treatment groups did not differ statistically significant: surgical treatment vs. MitraClip  
HR=0.84 95%CI [0.45 – 1.59], p=0.60.

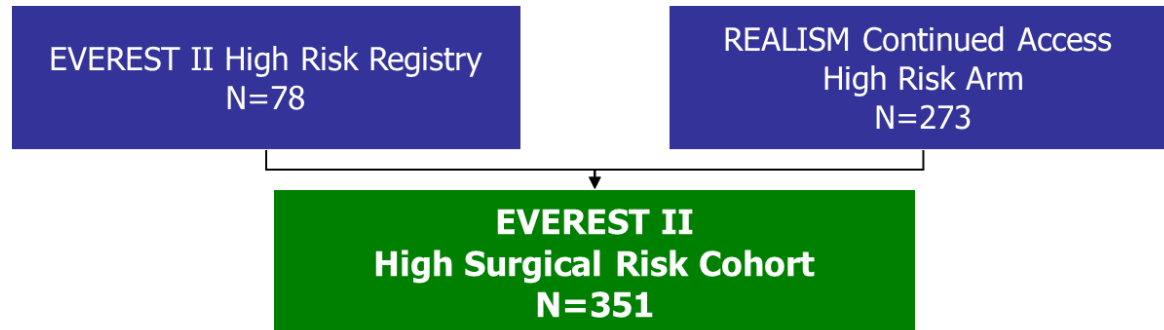


# The MitraClip and Survival in Patients with Mitral Regurgitation at High Risk for Surgery: A Propensity-Matched Comparison

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# Selection of patients



STS calculated mortality risk  $\geq 12\%$   
and confirmation by CT surgeon

OR

Mortality risk ( $\geq 12\%$ ) assigned by CT surgeon based on presence of protocol specified surgical risk factors:

High Risk Score  
Criteria

- Porcelain aorta or mobile ascending aortic atheroma
- Post-radiation mediastinum
- Previous mediastinitis
- Hepatic cirrhosis
- Two or more prior chest surgeries
- Prior re-operation with patent grafts
- Functional MR with EF  $< 40\%$
- Over 75 years old with EF  $< 40\%$
- Three or more of the following STS high risk factors:
  - Creatinine  $> 2.5$  mg/dL
  - Prior chest surgery
  - Age over 75
  - EF  $< 35\%$

# Duke database served as a foundation for this analysis

## Duke Echocardiography Laboratory Database (DELD)

Comprehensive digital archive of all clinically performed echocardiograms linked to a searchable reporting database.

## Duke Databank for Cardiovascular Diseases (DDCD)

Ongoing clinical follow up on patients referred for cardiac catheterization since 1969 at 6 months, 1 year and then annually thereafter to obtain vital status, hospitalizations and medication usage.

## Duke High-Risk Cohort

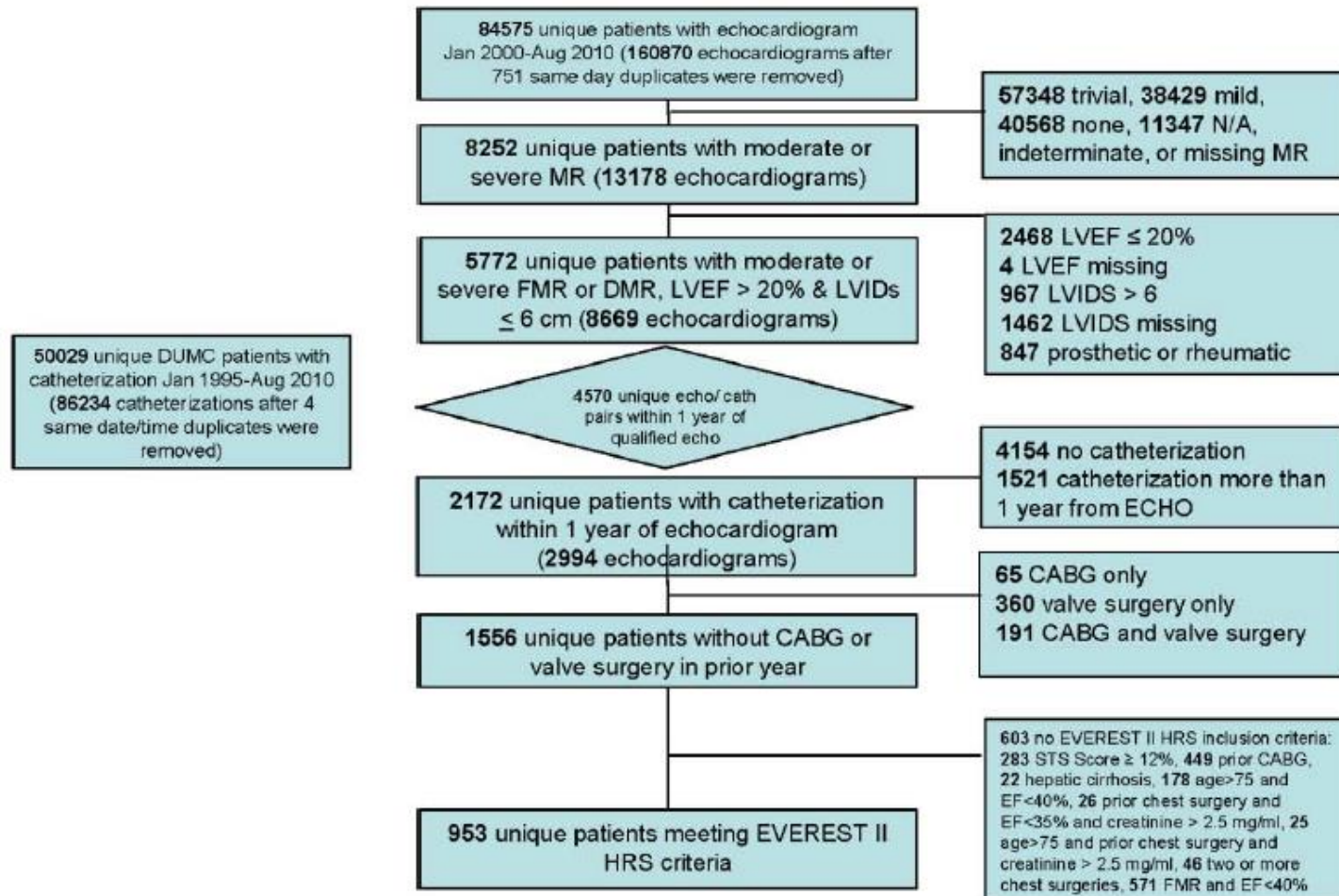
DELD and DDCCD databases merged for patients treated between **January 2000 and August 2010**. MR severity was obtained from DELD clinical report and visually estimated. Baseline data for event reporting was the date of the first transthoracic echo that reported moderate-to-severe MR. Key inclusion criteria includes:

- Moderate-to-severe MR
- 3+/4+ DMR or FMR on angiography
- LVEF > 20%
- LVID ≤ 6 cm
- No mitral valve surgery within first year of echo
- High risk status as defined for MitraClip patients

953  
Patients

# Duke researchers identified high risk patients by using several screening criteria.

Figure 1: Flow chart for extracting Duke MT cohort (N=953 Patients) from Duke database (DELD)



# Difference in demographics, creating the need for propensity matching

**Table I.** Demographic and baseline characteristics of Duke and MitraClip high-risk cohorts

Characteristic	MitraClip high-risk patients (N = 351)	Duke high-risk patients (N = 953)	P
Age, mean±SD, y	75.7±10.5	68.5±13.2	<.0001
Age >75 y	58.1 (204)	36.1 (344)	<.0001
Male sex	61.0 (214)	48.9 (466)	.0001
BMI, mean±SD, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	26.9±11.6	27.1±6.18	.0082
Previous cardiac surgery	59.8 (210)	49.9 (476)	.0018
MI	50.7 (177)	42.8 (408)	.0119
NYHA class III/IV	84.9 (298)	46.6 (440)	<.0001
COPD*	11.1 (39)	7.1 (68)	.0230
Stroke	12.8 (45)	14.7 (140)	.4214
Diabetes	39.4 (138)	35.5 (338)	.1946
Hypertension	89.5 (314)	71.5 (681)	<.0001
Renal disease	30.5 (107)	18.5 (176)	<.0001
Atrial fibrillation	68.5 (217)	51.7 (493)	<.0001
MR etiology			<.0001
Functional	70.1 (246)	93.2 (888)	
Degenerative	29.9 (105)	6.8 (65)	
LVEF, mean±SD, %	47.5±14.2	36.7±10.9	<.0001
LVID, mean±SD, systole (cm)	4.36±1.11	4.18±0.95	.0249
STS valve replacement score, mean±SD	11.3±7.70	9.66±8.83	<.0001

Values are presented as percent (number), unless otherwise indicated.

\*COPD was defined as dyspneic with the use of home oxygen.

BMI, body mass index; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; LVID, left ventricular internal dimension; MI, myocardial infarction.

Propensity matching addressed certain variables such as age, gender, history of MI, stroke, NYHA status and LVEF at baseline

# Optimally matched patients

**Table II.** Demographic and baseline characteristics of propensity-matched patients

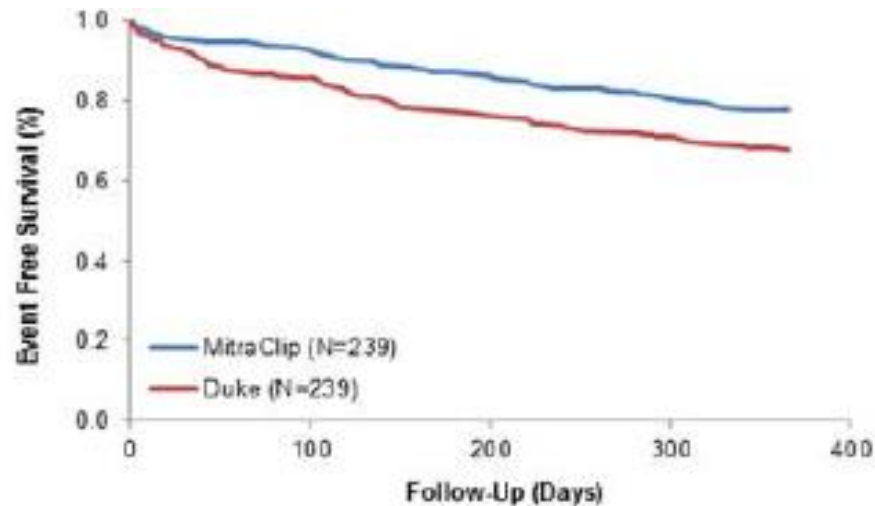
Characteristic	MitraClip high-risk patients (N=239)	Duke high-risk patients (N=239)	P
Age, mean±SD, y	73.7±10.5	73.7±11.0	.8734
Age >75 y	51.0 (122)	53.6 (128)	.6471
Male sex	59.8 (143)	54.4 (130)	.2674
BMI, mean±SD, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	27.3±13.3	27.0±5.48	.1438
Previous cardiac surgery	60.3 (144)	55.2 (132)	.3084
MI	52.1 (124)	45.6 (109)	.1699
NYHA class III/IV	78.2 (187)	79.8 (190)	.7360
COPD*	9.2 (22)	9.6 (23)	1.0000
Stroke	14.2 (34)	15.1 (36)	.8972
Diabetes	39.5 (94)	43.9 (105)	.3535
Hypertension	87.9 (210)	81.6 (195)	.0745
Renal disease	26.8 (64)	25.9 (62)	.9173
Atrial fibrillation	64.9 (137)	58.2 (139)	.1469
MR etiology			.0144
Functional	82.8 (198)	90.8 (217)	
Degenerative	17.2 (41)	9.2 (22)	
LVEF, mean±SD, %	41.5±12.0	42.0±10.7	.3073
LVID, mean±SD, systole (cm)	4.71±1.00	3.91±0.97	<.0001
STS valve replacement score, mean±SD	9.93±7.00	13.8±10.9	.0001

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# MitraClip intervention improves survival



No. at risk	Day 0	Day 30	Day 180	Day 365
MitraClip	239	226	202	175
Duke	239	216	179	147

- 351 MitraClip patients vs propensity matched patients on OMT
- OMT patients from the DUKE Echo Laboratory Database (85,000)
- 239 optimally matched patients with identical baseline characteristics
- 1 year mortality rates were 22.4% for MitraClip vs 32.0% for OMT

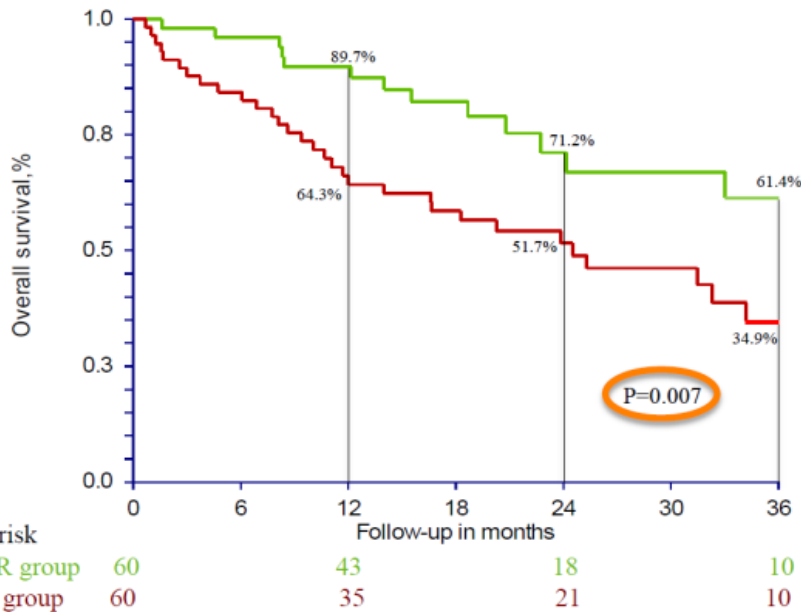




## Comparison of Percutaneous Mitral Valve Repair Versus Conservative Treatment in Severe Functional Mitral Regurgitation

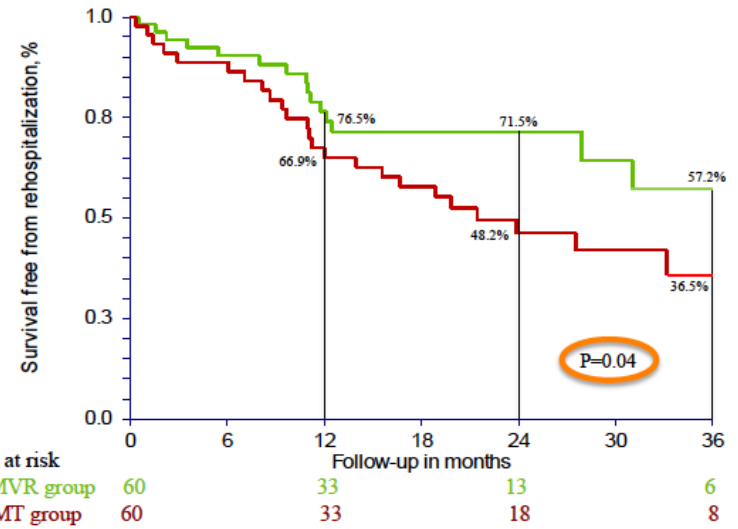
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# MitraClip intervention improves survival



PCR 2015  
London valves

Survival free from rehospitalization



- 70 Mitraclip patients compared to 90 OMT patients, only FMR
- 60 optimally matched patients
- Overall survival rates after 1 year: 89.7% vs 64.3%
- 3 year survival was 61.4% vs 34.9%
- Significantly lower rehospitalization rates



## Conclusions

- ***Poor prognosis*** in absence of surgery
- Even with optimal medical therapy
- Break the vicious circle of MR
- ***Early*** diagnosis and treatment is crucial
- Up to 50% of patients are not referred to surgery
- Already 3 studies have shown that MitraClip therapy is superior to conservative treatment and survival rates are comparable to surgery in high-surgical-risk patients with symptomatic MR (DMR and FMR)



**Thank you for  
your attention!**

*‘move the timing of intervention earlier in the disease course with the goal of preventing irreversible LV dysfunction, arrhythmias and pulmonary hypertension due to longstanding LV volume overload.’*

Nishimura RA, et al. Heart 2014