

le Duo Rythmologue / Neurologue = Optimisation du diagnostic des
AVC cryptogéniques

Détection de la fibrillation auriculaire lors d'un
AVC ischémique

Avec le soutien institutionnel des laboratoires

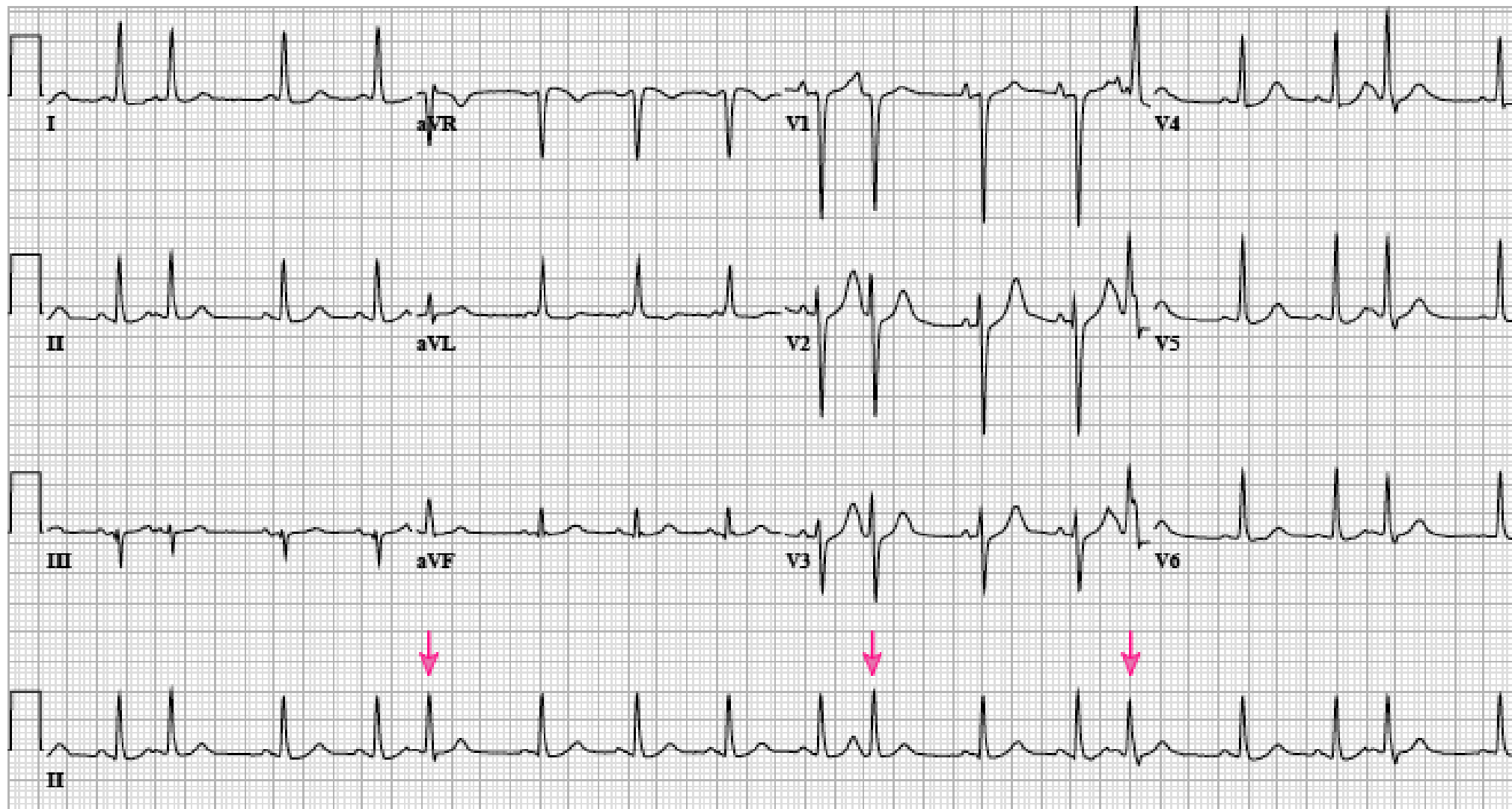
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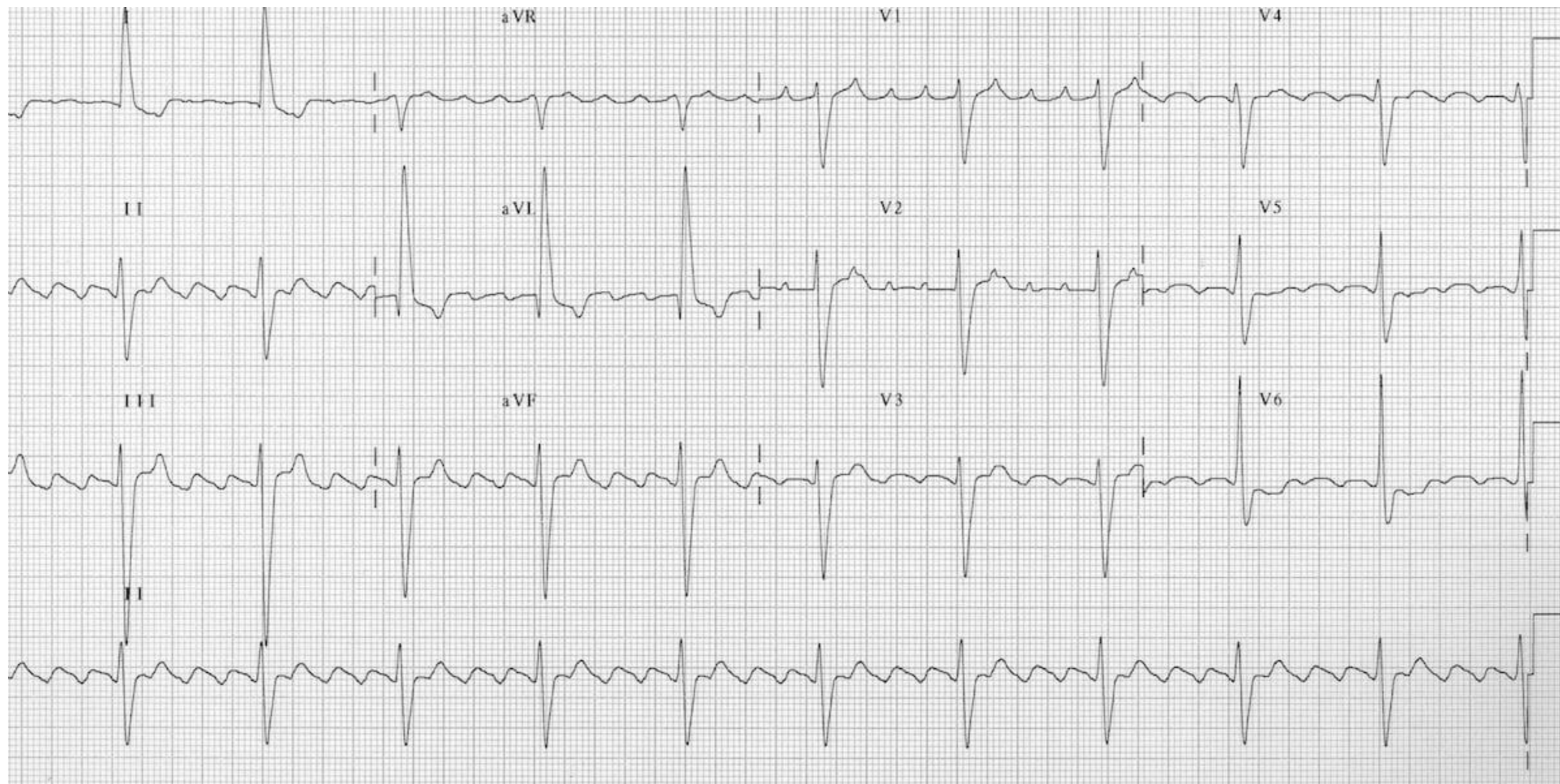


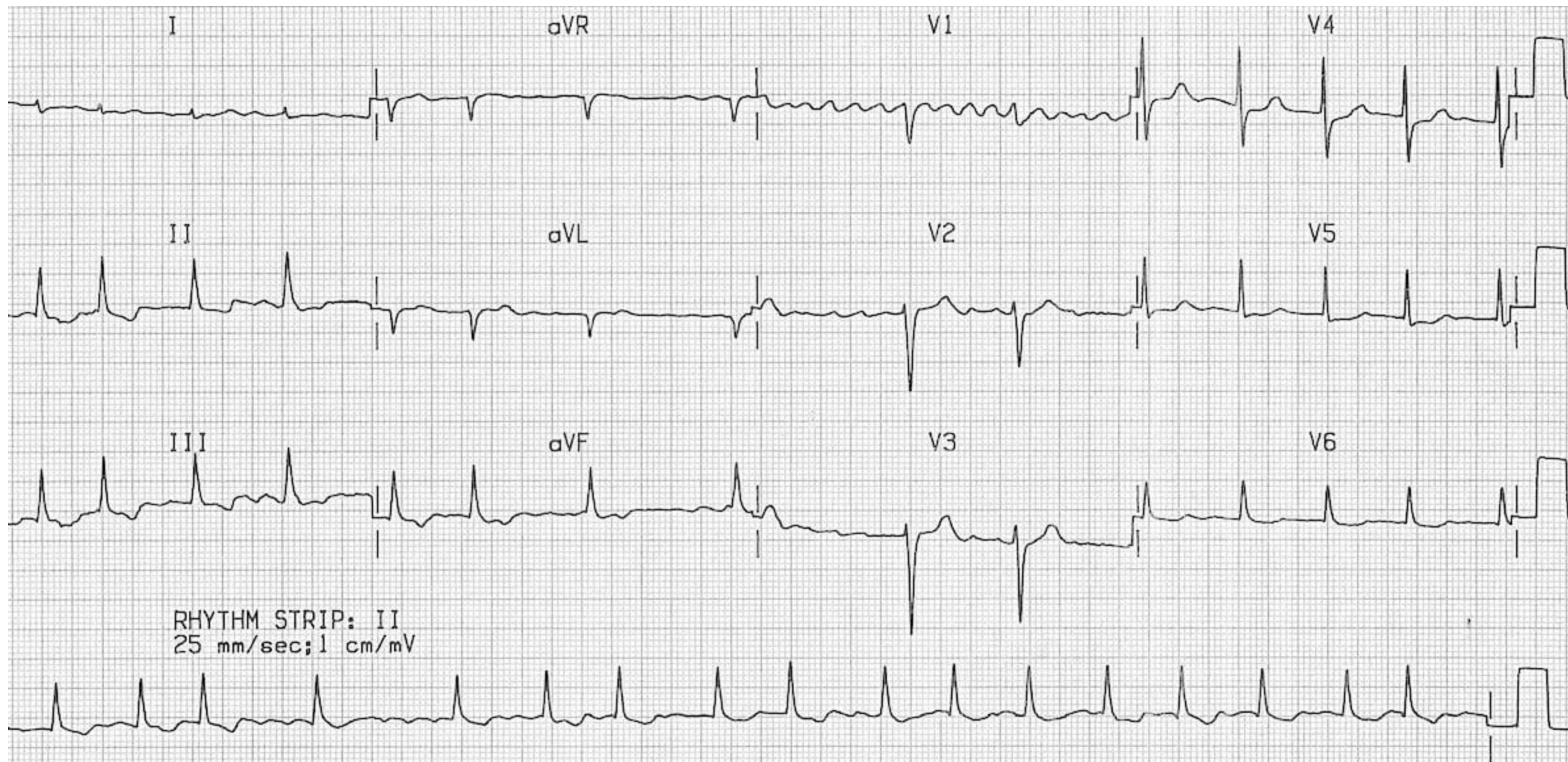
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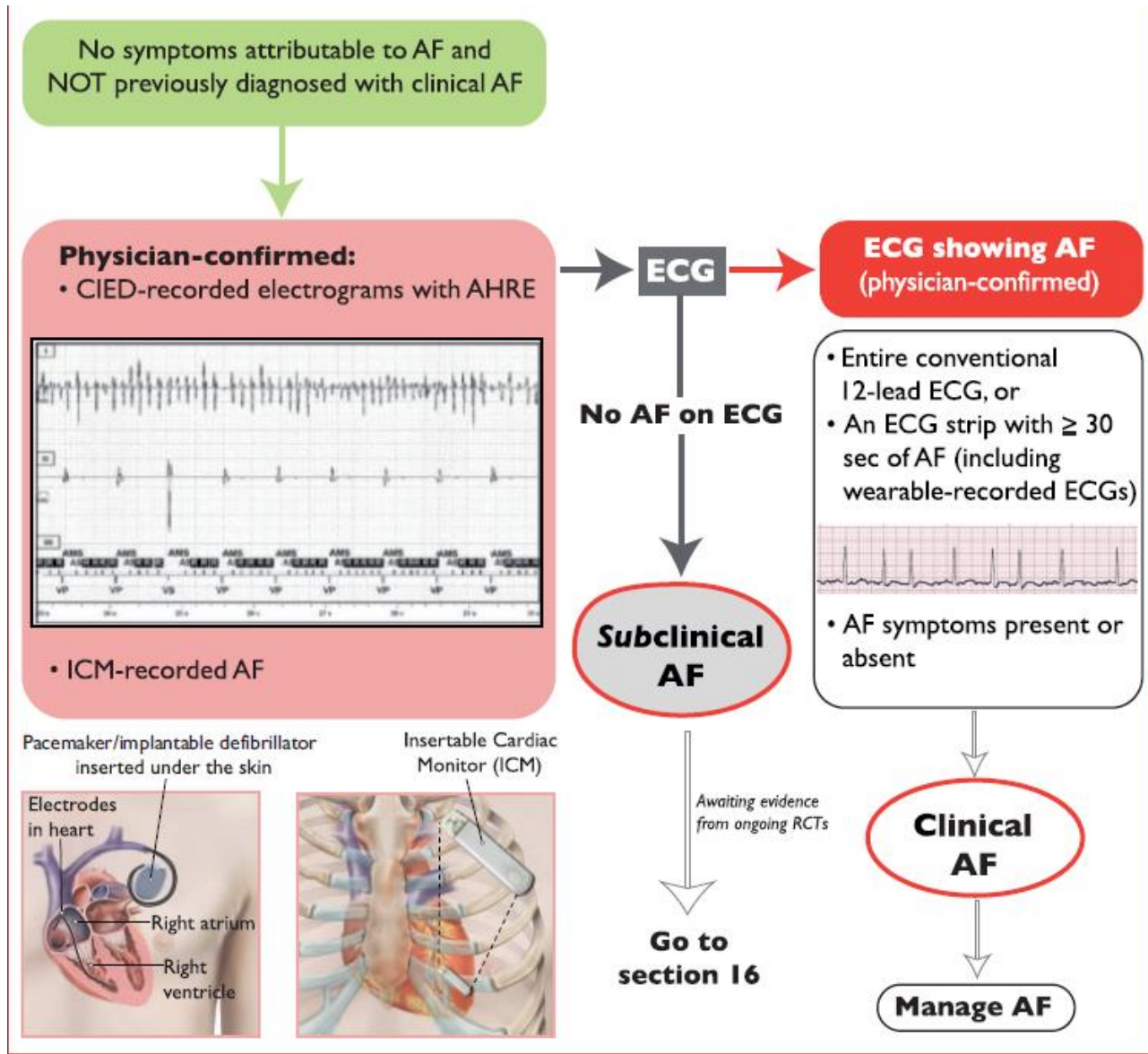
Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
ECG documentation is required to establish the diagnosis of AF. ● A standard 12-lead ECG recording or a single-lead ECG tracing of ≥ 30 s showing heart rhythm with no discernible repeating P waves and irregular RR intervals (when atrioventricular conduction is not impaired) is diagnostic of clinical AF.⁶	I	B

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Atrial high-rate episode AHRE

- Device-programmed rate criterion for AHRE is > 175 bpm, whereas there is no specific rate limit for subclinical AF.
- The criterion for AHRE duration is usually set at > 5 min (mainly to reduce the inclusion of artefacts), whereas a wide range of subclinical AF duration cutoffs (from 10 - 20 seconds to >24 hours) is reported in studies of the association of subclinical AF with thromboembolism.

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Six-month incidence of transition to higher AHRE burden^a

(n = 6580, pooled from three prospective studies)⁴⁶⁹

	Baseline burden			
6-month progression	5 min to <1 h	1 h to <6 h	6 h to <12 h	12 h to <23 h
Transition to ≥1 h	33.5%			
Transition to ≥6 h	15.3%	42.2%		
Transition to ≥12 h	8.9%	27.5%	55.8%	
Transition to ≥23 h	5.1%	16.0%	40.6%	63.1%

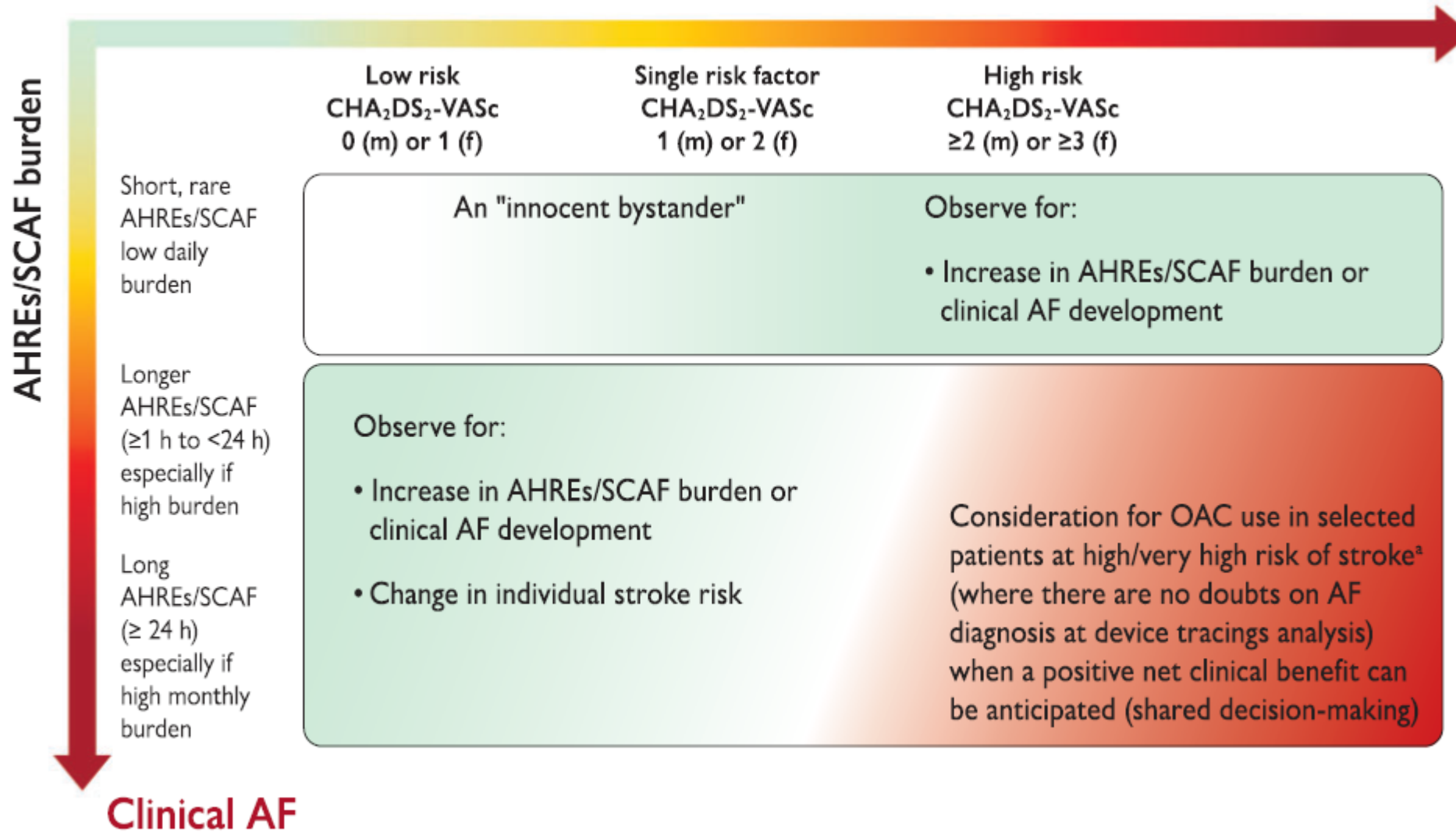
Stroke rates^b per AHRE burden and CHA₂DS₂VASc category

(n = 21 768 device patients not taking OAC)¹⁴⁶⁶

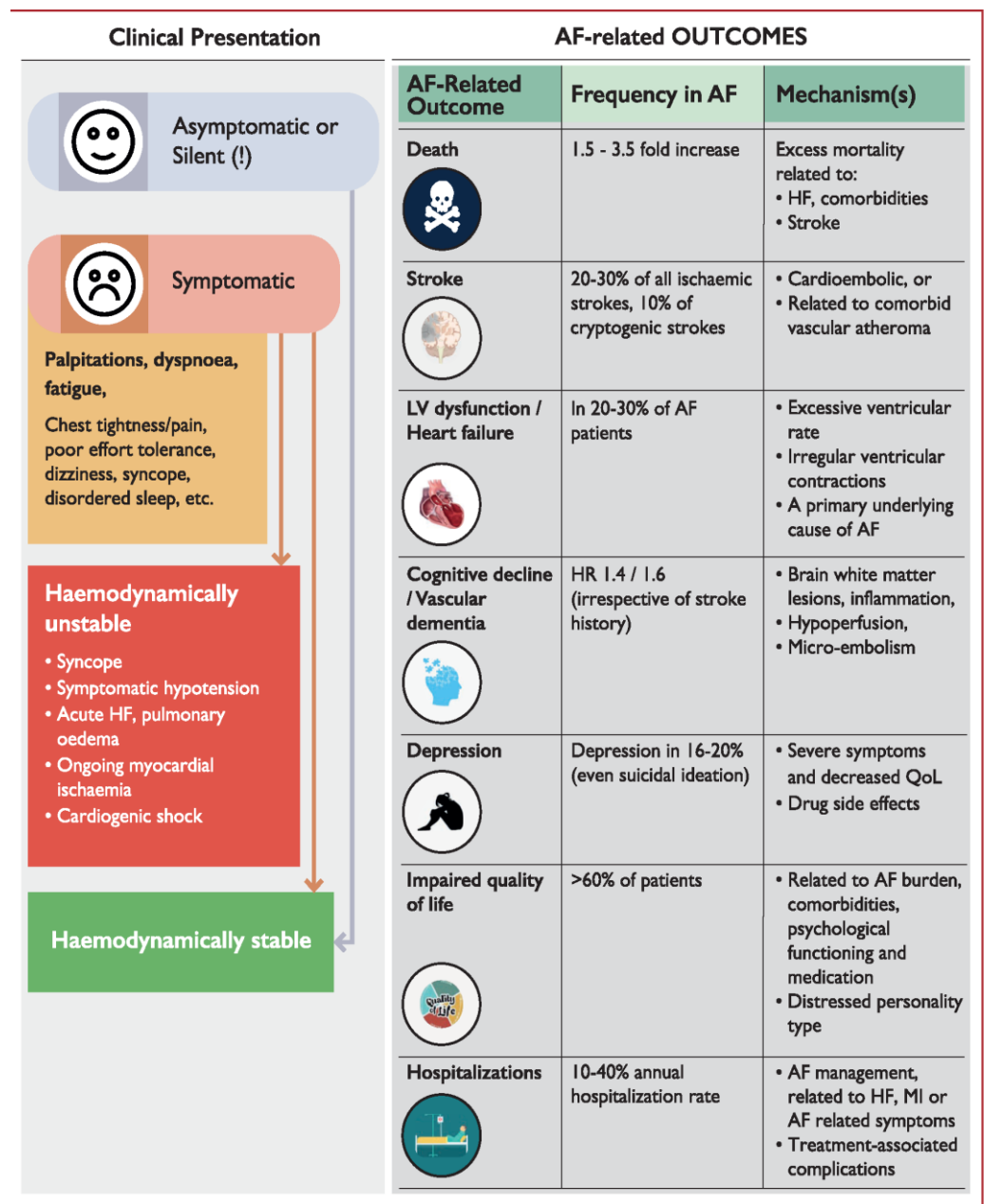
	Baseline maximum daily burden		
CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score	No AF	AF 6 min–23.5 h	AF >23.5 h
0	0.33%	0.52%	0.86%
1	0.62%	0.32%	0.50%
2	0.70%	0.62%	1.52%
3-4	0.83%	1.28%	1.77%
≥5	1.79%	2.21%	1.68%

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THE RISK OF STROKE *(re-assess regularly)*

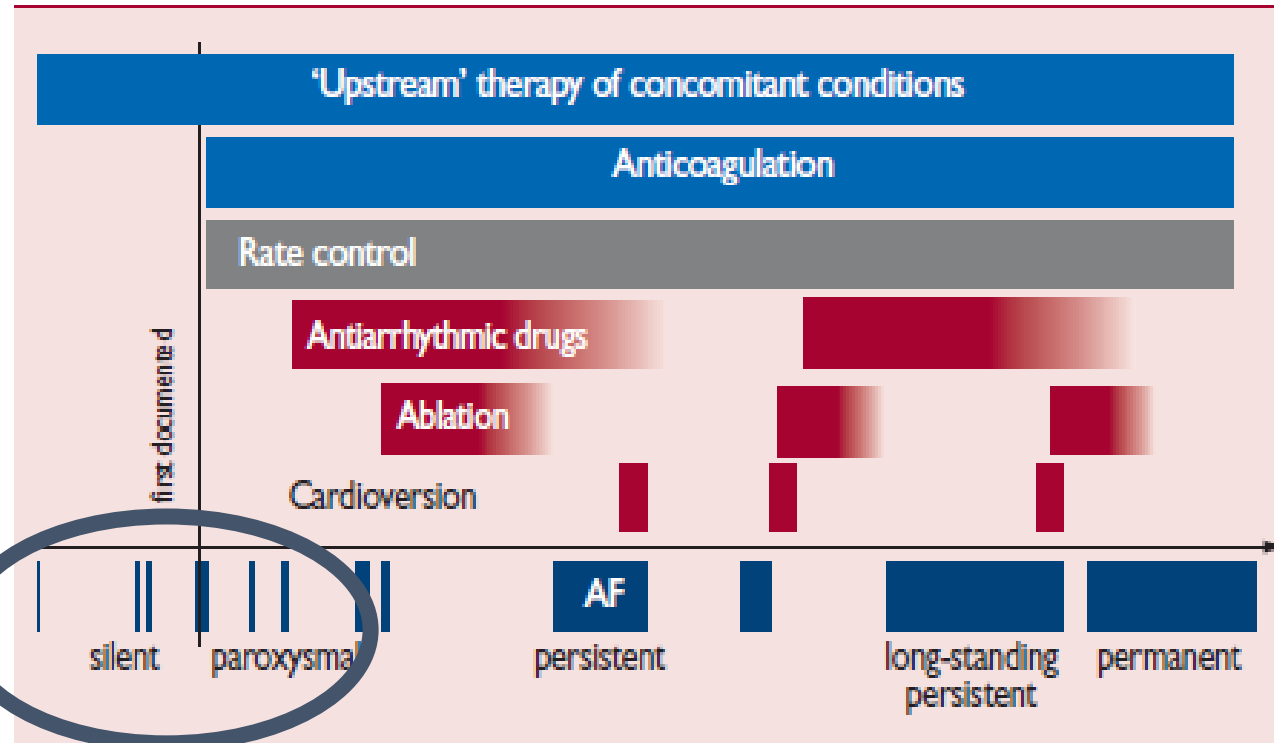


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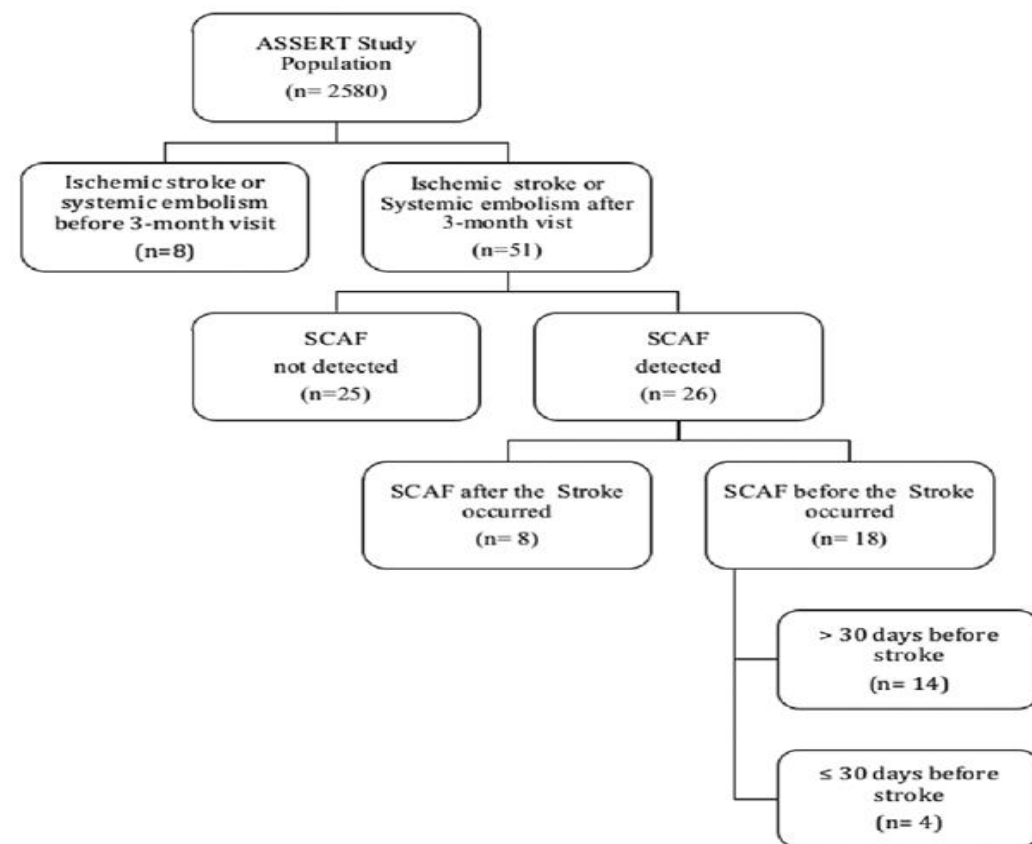
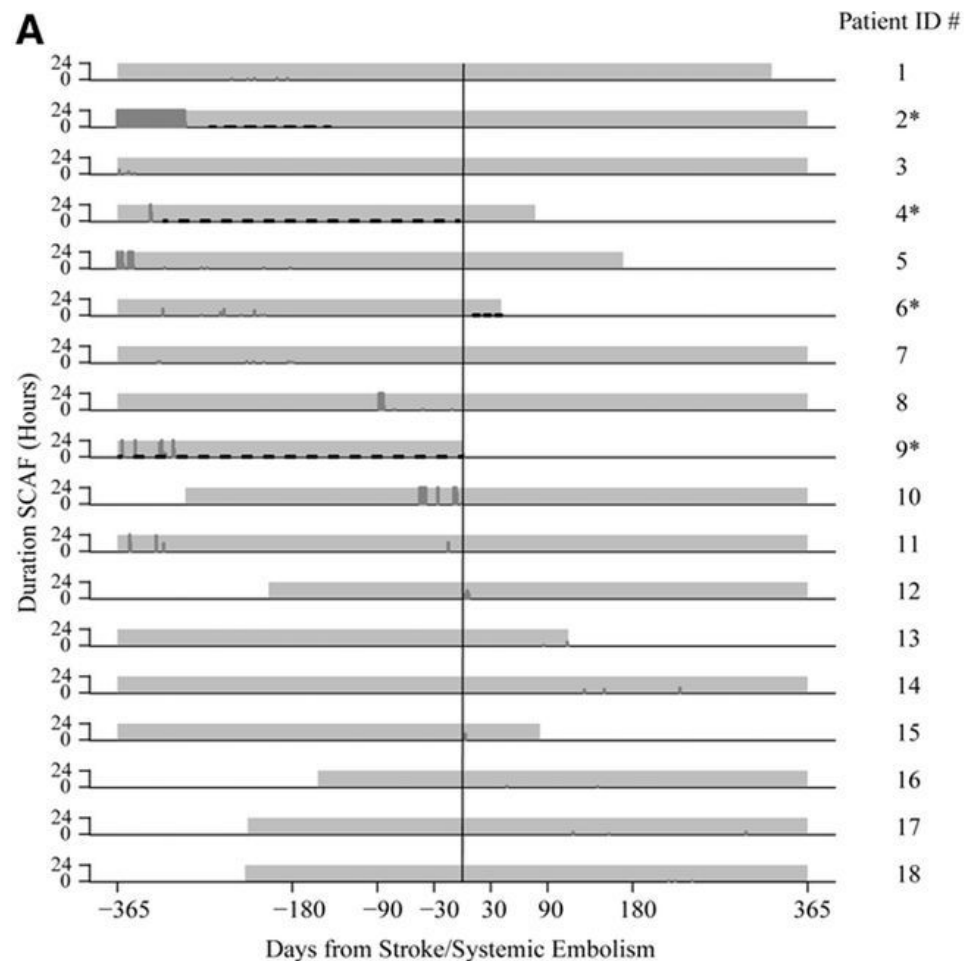
CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score	Patients (n=7329)	Adjusted stroke rate (%/year) ^b
0	1	0%
1	422	1.3%
2	1230	2.2%
3	1730	3.2%
4	1718	4.0%
5	1159	6.7%
6	679	9.8%
7	294	9.6%
8	82	6.7%
9	14	15.2%

Relation FA/ AVC complexe

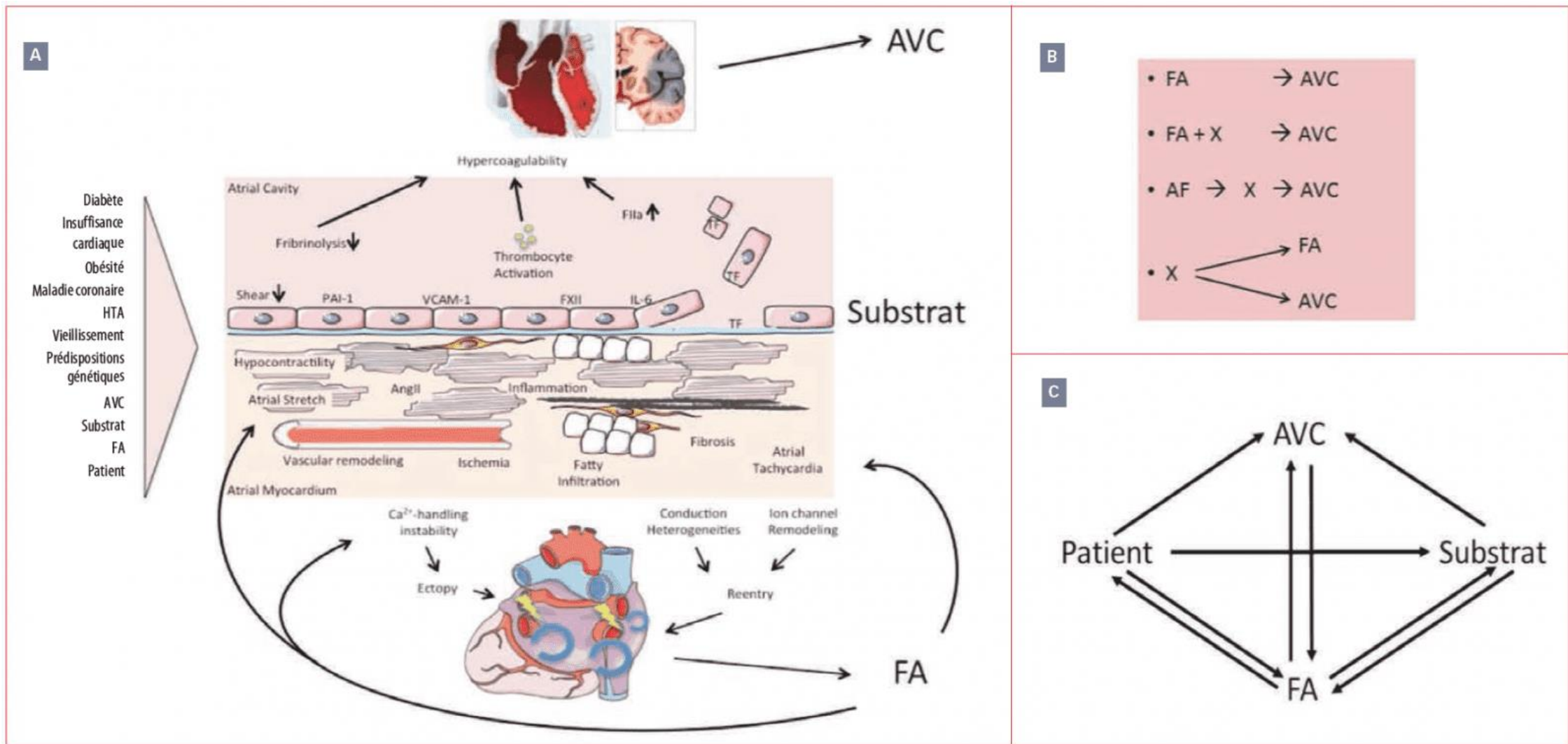
Arrhythmia/Electrophysiology

Temporal Relationship Between Subclinical Atrial Fibrillation and Embolic Events

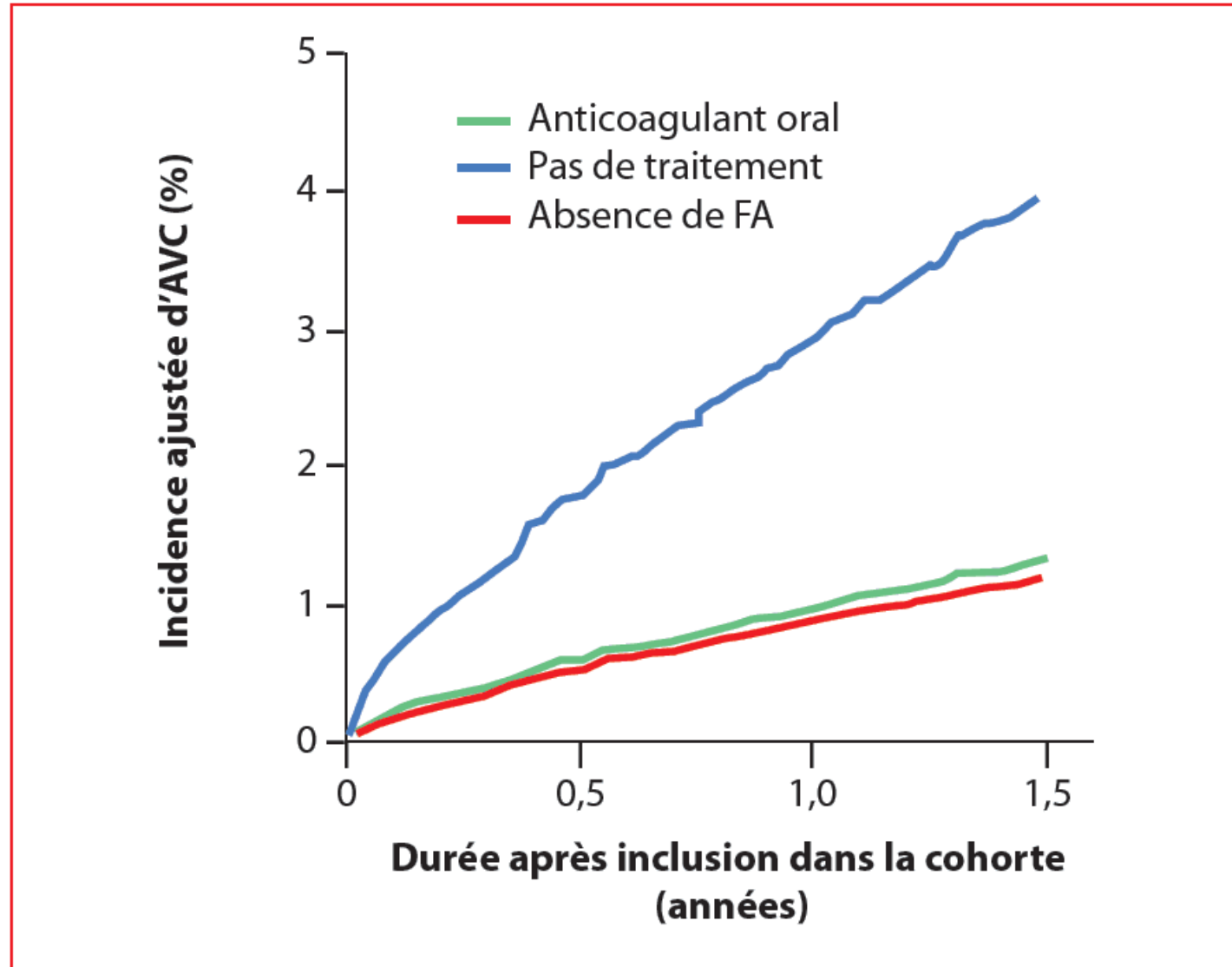
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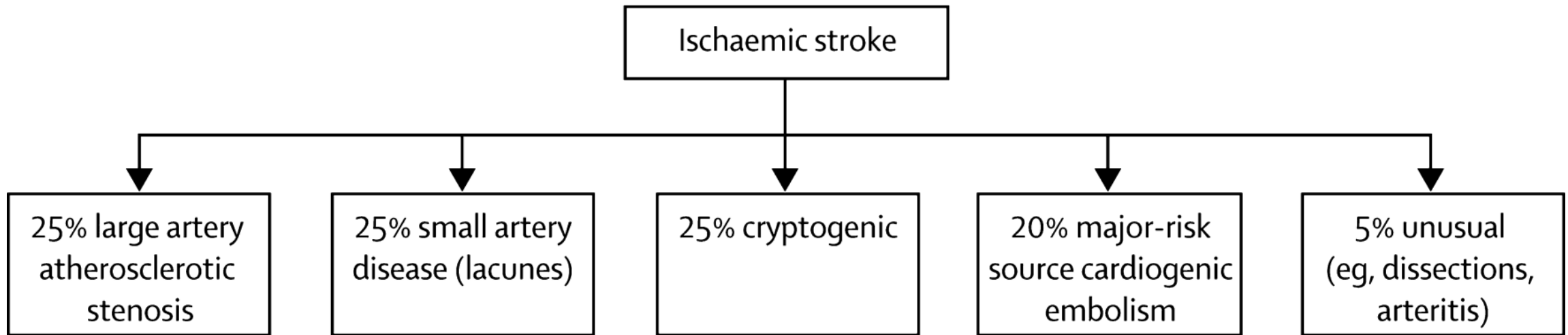


Relation FA/ AVC complexe



Mais bon... les anticoagulants marchent bien !





Cryptogenic stroke patients have 3–6% risk of recurrent ischemic stroke

- [The Lancet, neurology, Volume 13, Issue 4](#), April 2014, Pages 429-438
- Hart RG, Diener H, Coutts SB, Easton JD, Granger CB, O'Donnell MJ, et al. Embolic strokes of undetermined source: the case for a new clinical construct. Lancet Neurol.

Fréquence des ESUS

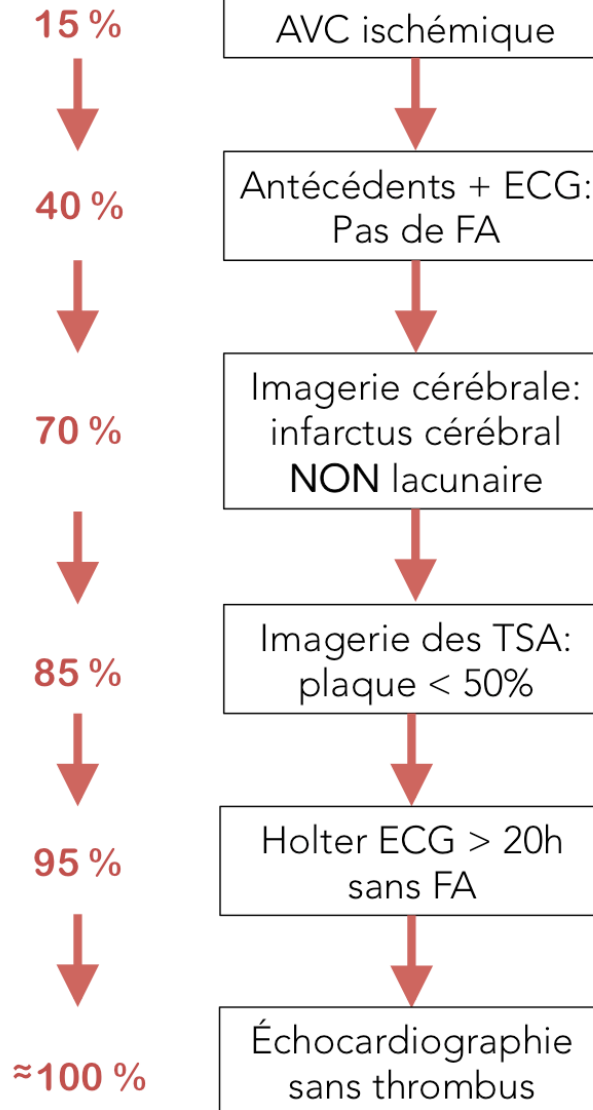


Figure d'après Hart RG et al. Eur Stroke J 2016

Il y a des AF a trouver

a first episode of AF is detected in 4–23,7% of unselected acute stroke patients without known AF at the time of stroke

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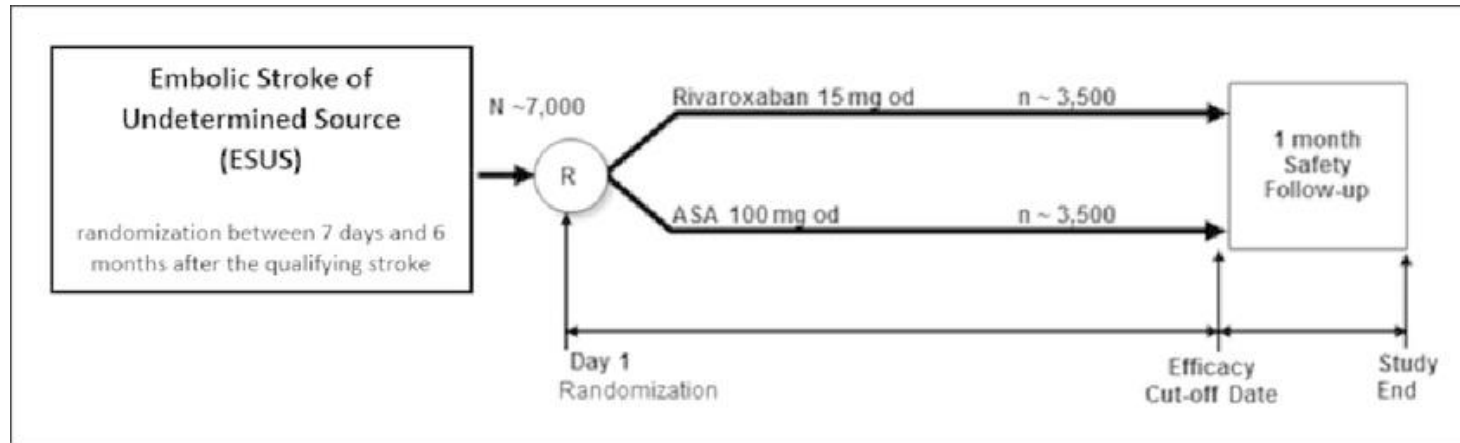
Et si on anti coagulait tout le monde ?

Based on the assumption that ESUS might be caused by so far undetected AF or other embolic sources, two large randomized secondary stroke prevention studies compared a non-vitamin K oral anticoagulant (NOAC) to acetylsalicylic acid, the present standard of care in patients with cryptogenic stroke or ESUS

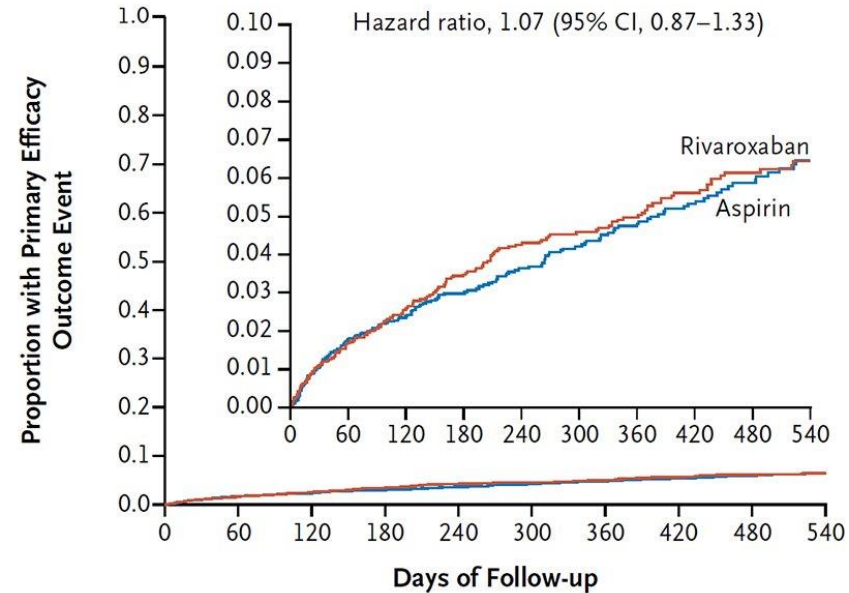
NAVIGATE ESUS

Rivaroxaban for Stroke Prevention after Embolic Stroke of Undetermined Source

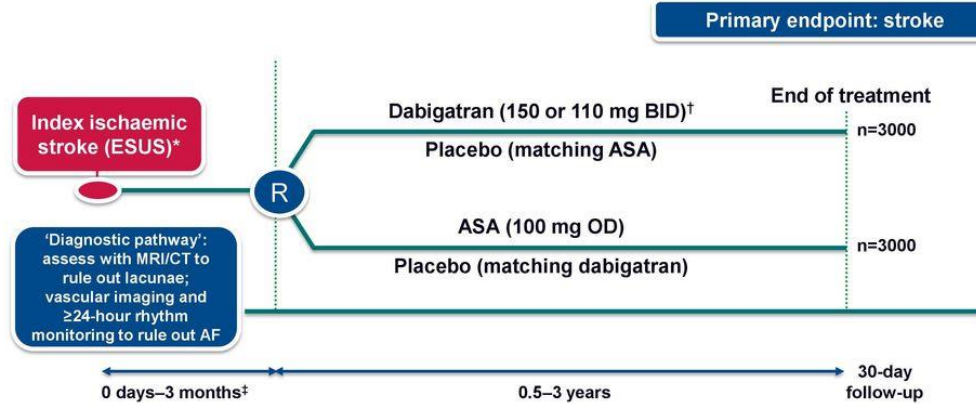
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Kaplan–Meier Curves for Time to Event in the Primary Efficacy Outcome



RE-SPECT ESUS™: design



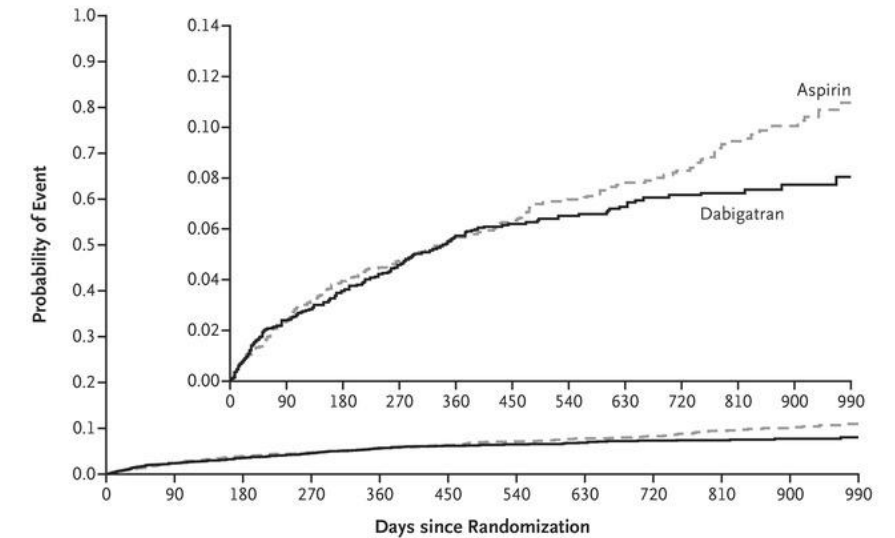
Inclusion criteria

- ESUS within 3 months before randomization (6 months in patients ≥60 years + additional risk factors)
- No extra- or intra-cranial atherosclerosis with >50% luminal stenosis in artery supplying area of ischaemia
- No AF of >6 minutes' duration/24 hour period
- No major risk of cardioembolic source of embolism
- Age ≥60 years or 50–59 years with ≥1 risk factor for recurrent stroke
- Eligible for treatment with antithrombotic therapy (i.e. dabigatran etexilate or ASA)

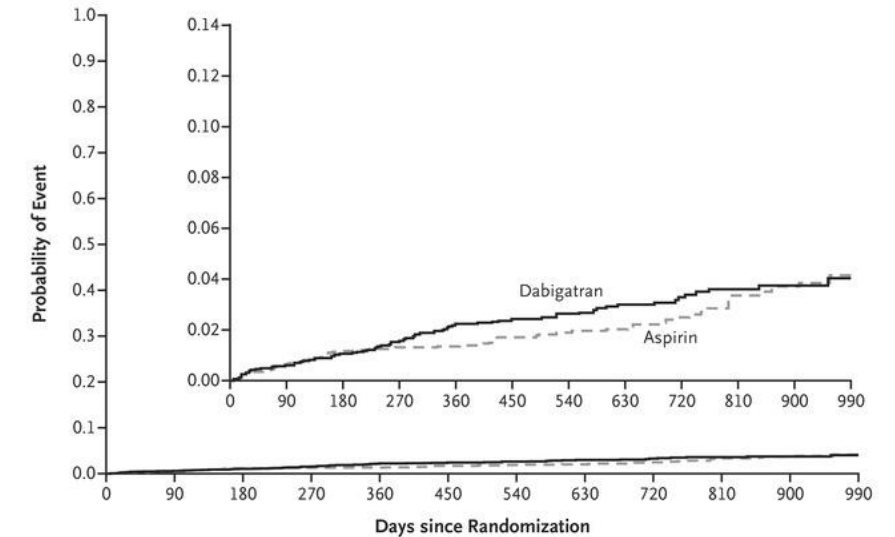
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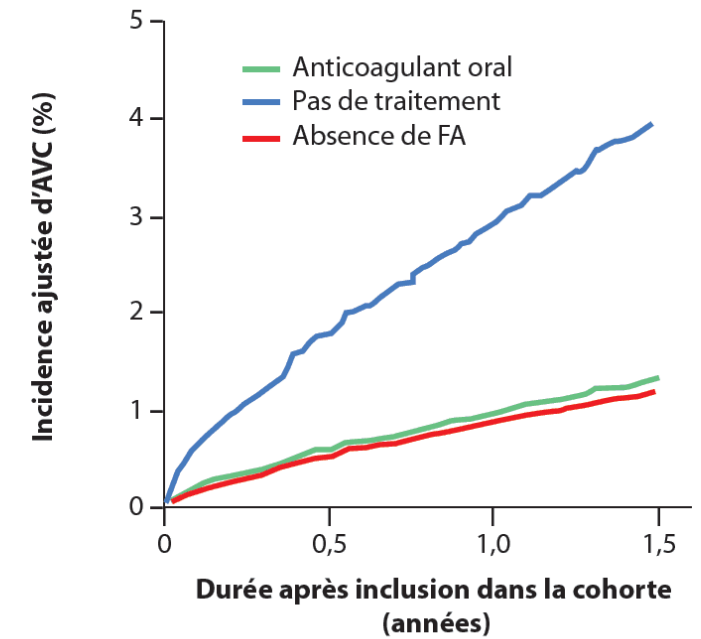
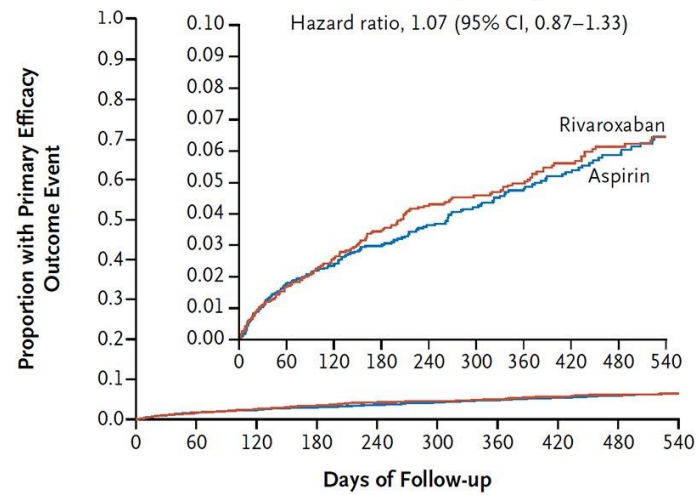
A First Adjudicated Recurrent Stroke



B First Major Bleeding Episode

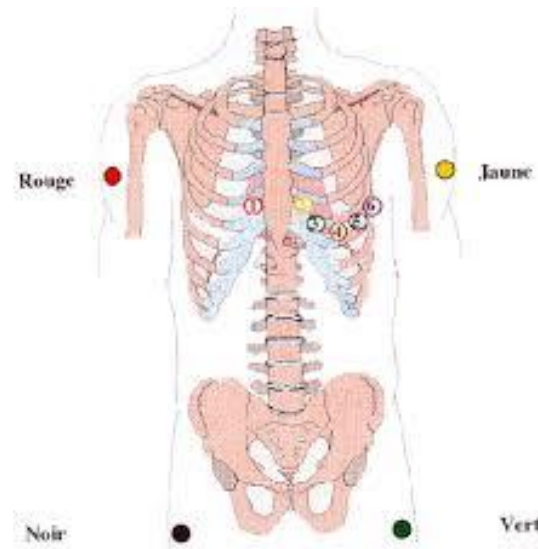


Kaplan–Meier Curves for Time to Event in the Primary Efficacy Outcome



1) Faire un ECG d'entrée

In patients with acute ischemic stroke or TIA, 12-lead resting ECG on hospital admission detects a first episode of AF in about **1.7–16%** of all patients



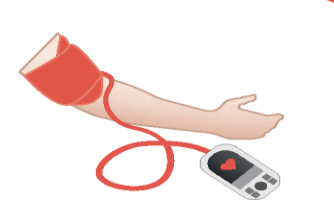
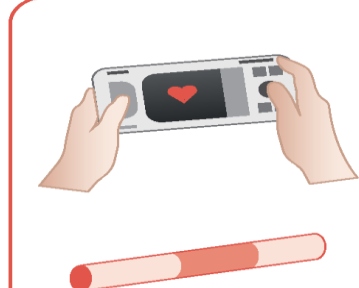
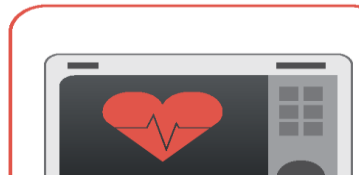
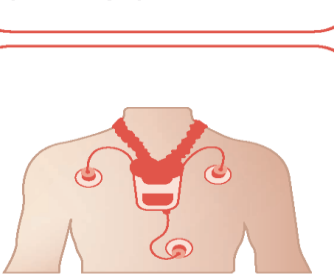
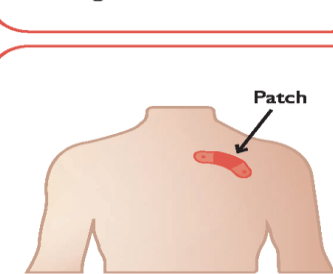
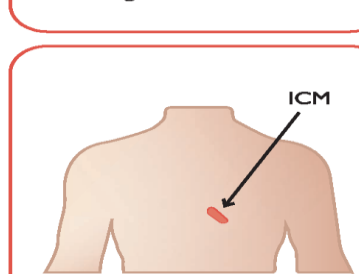
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2) Faire un Holter au moins de 24 h

Additional (monitor-based) ECG monitoring for 24 h detects a first episode of AF in about **0.2–13%** of all patients, while ECG monitoring for 72 h detects a first episode of AF in about **2.3–11%** of all patients with acute ischemic stroke. Within a week after stroke, **1.7–14%** of all patients were diagnosed to have AF

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Et après ?

 Patient initiated (or medical professional) oscillometric blood pressure cuff	 Pulse palpitation, auscultation	 Patient initiated (or medical professional) intermittent ECG rhythm strip using smartphone or dedicated connectable device
 Patient initiated photoplethysmogram on smartphone	 Semi-continuous photoplethysmogram on a smartwatch or wearable	
 Intermittent smartwatch ECG initiated by semi-continuous photoplethysmogram with prompt notification of irregular rhythm or symptoms	 Wearable belts for continuous recordings	 Stroke unit/in hospital telemetry monitoring
 Long-term Holter	 1-2 week continuous ECG patches	 Implantable cardiac monitors

Guideline ?

US guideline recommends ECG monitoring for 30 days (Class IIa, Level C) in patients with a cryptogenic stroke within the last 6 months

The guidelines of the European Stroke Organization (ESO) recommend a long-term ECG registration in stroke patients with high suspicion of asymptomatic, paroxysmal AF. Specific information on the duration of ECG monitoring in the acute phase is not given

Recommendations for the search for AF in patients with cryptogenic stroke

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
In patients with acute ischaemic stroke or TIA and without previously known AF, monitoring for AF is recommended using a short-term ECG recording for at least the first 24 h, followed by continuous ECG monitoring for at least 72 h whenever possible. ^{1113–1116}	I	B
In selected ^c stroke patients without previously known AF, additional ECG monitoring using long-term non-invasive ECG monitors or insertable cardiac monitors should be considered, to detect AF. ¹¹¹²	IIa	B

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Cryptogenic Stroke and Underlying Atrial Fibrillation

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CRYSTAL - AF

- **Inclusion:**

- •≥40 ans
- •AVC cryptogénique (ou AIT clinique) avec zone infarctique visible à l'IRM ou au CT dans les 90 jours précédents l'inclusion, et aucun diagnostic posé (incluant la FA) après:
- •ECG 12 dérivations
- •Surveillance ECG de 24h (ex : Holter)
- •Echocardiographie trans-œsophagienne
- •Imagerie cérébrale et cervicale pour exclure une cause vasculaire
- •Recherche de thrombophilie (hypercoagulabilité) chez les patients <55 ans

- **Exclusion:**

- •Antécédents de FA ou de flutter atrial
- •Indication ou contre indication d'anticoagulation

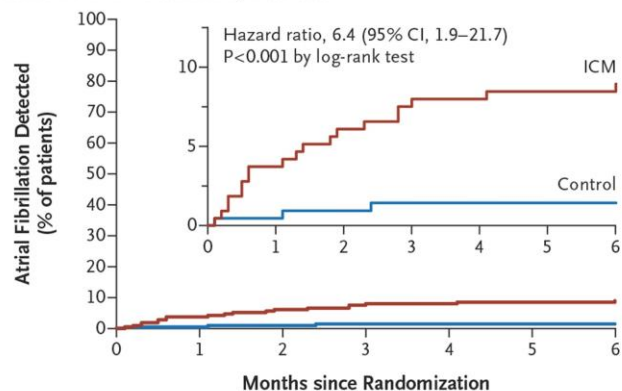
- **SUIVI DES PATIENTS**

- Les patients ont effectué des visites de contrôle à t0 + :
 - –1 mois
 - –6 mois
 - –12 mois
 - –Tous les 6 mois après la fin de l'étude
- La visite comprenait notamment:
 - –Relevé des symptômes cardiaques
 - –Modifications de traitement
 - –Récurrence d'AVC ou d'AIT

Characteristic	Insertable Cardiac Monitor (N = 221)	Control (N = 220)	P Value
Age — yr	61.6±11.4	61.4±11.3	0.84
Sex — no. (%)			0.77
Male	142 (64.3)	138 (62.7)	
Female	79 (35.7)	82 (37.3)	
Race or ethnic group — no. (%)†			0.60
Asian	3 (1.4)	2 (0.9)	
Black	7 (3.2)	10 (4.5)	
Hispanic or Latino	2 (0.9)	2 (0.9)	
White	194 (87.8)	191 (86.8)	
Other	0	3 (1.4)	
Not available	15 (6.8)	12 (5.5)	
Geographic region — no. (%)			0.32
North America	83 (37.6)	72 (32.7)	
Europe	138 (62.4)	148 (67.3)	
Patent foramen ovale — no. (%)	52 (23.5)	46 (20.9)	0.57
Index event — no. (%)			0.87
Stroke	200 (90.5)	201 (91.4)	
TIA	21 (9.5)	19 (8.6)	
Prior stroke or TIA — no. (%)			
Stroke	37 (16.7)	28 (12.7)	0.28
TIA	22 (10.0)	27 (12.3)	0.45

Prior stroke or TIA — no. (%)			
Stroke	37 (16.7)	28 (12.7)	0.28
TIA	22 (10.0)	27 (12.3)	0.45
Score on modified Rankin scale — no. (%)‡			0.85
0–2	184 (83.3)	186 (84.5)	
>2	36 (16.3)	34 (15.5)	
Score on NIH Stroke Scale§	1.6±2.7	1.9±3.8	0.37
Hypertension — no. (%)	144 (65.2)	127 (57.7)	0.12
Diabetes — no. (%)	34 (15.4)	38 (17.3)	0.61
CHADS ₂ score — no. (%)¶			0.17
2	69 (31.2)	81 (36.8)	
3	92 (41.6)	91 (41.4)	
4	50 (22.6)	34 (15.5)	
5	9 (4.1)	14 (6.4)	
6	1 (0.5)	0	
Hypercholesterolemia — no. (%)	125 (56.6)	128 (58.2)	0.77
Current smoker — no. (%)	43 (19.5)	44 (20.0)	0.91
Coronary artery disease — no. (%)	16 (7.2)	9 (4.1)	0.22
Use of antiplatelet agent — no. (%)	212 (95.9)	212 (96.4)	1.00

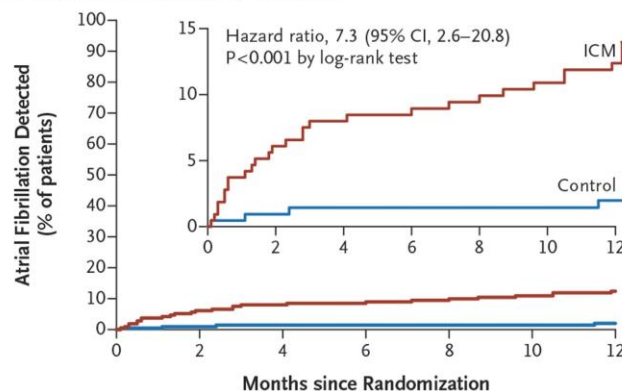
A Detection of Atrial Fibrillation by 6 Months



No. at Risk

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ICM	221	205	198	195	194	193	191

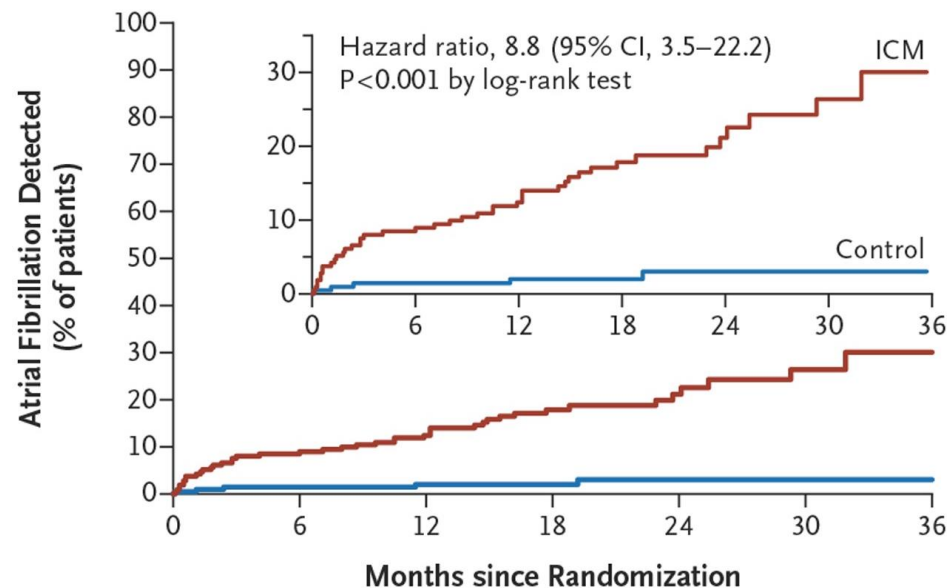
B Detection of Atrial Fibrillation by 12 Months



No. at Risk

Control	220	200	197	194	184	184	167
ICM	221	198	194	191	186	182	173

C Detection of Atrial Fibrillation by 36 Months



No. at Risk

Control	220	194	167	114	72	36	7
ICM	221	191	173	102	57	29	8



Comprehensive Evaluation of Rhythm Monitoring Strategies in Screening for Atrial Fibrillation

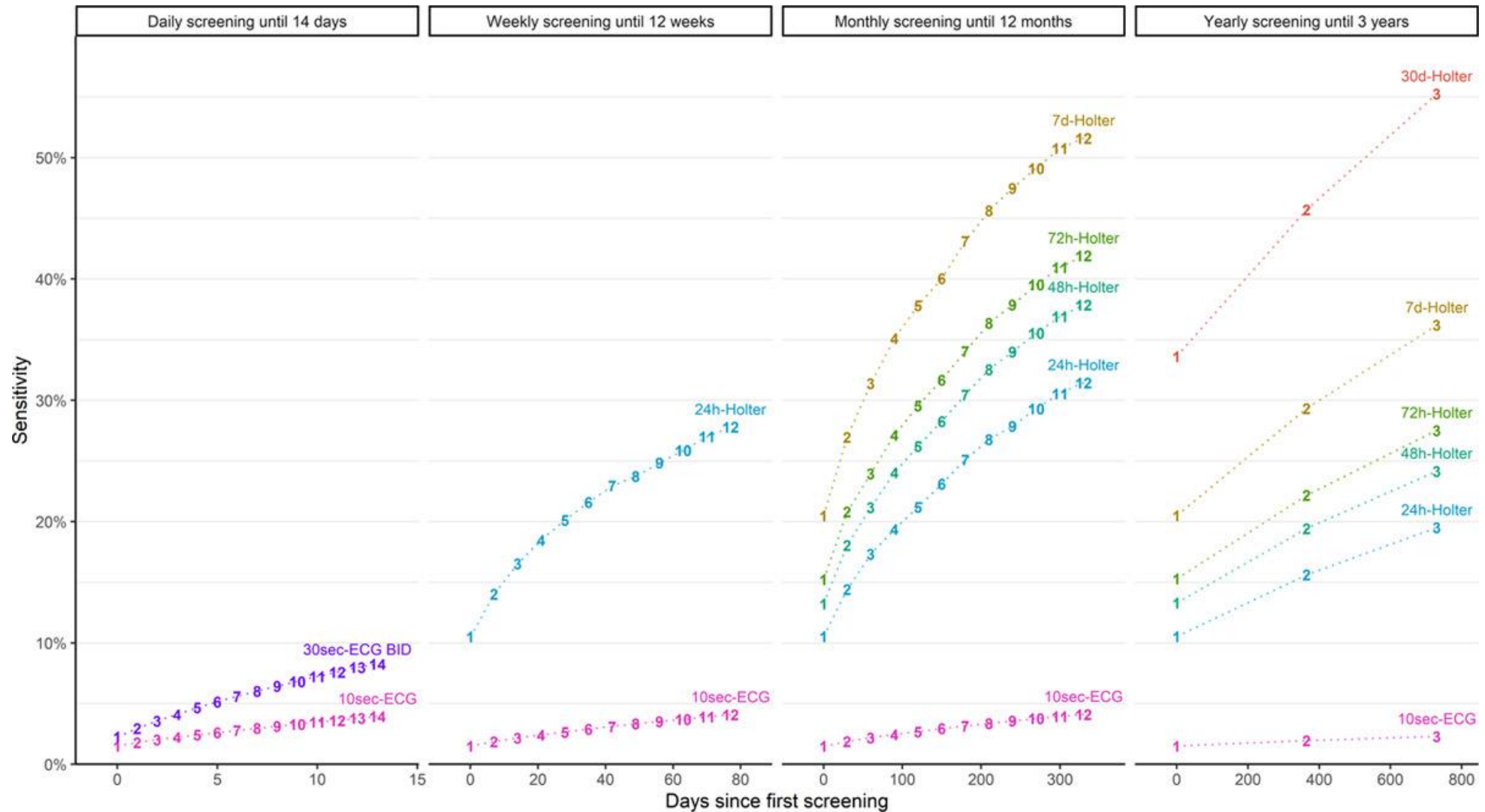
Insights From Patients at Risk Monitored Long Term With an Implantable Loop Recorder

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Table 1. Characteristics of the Study Participants According to Presence of AF in the Rhythm History

	AF Present (n=205)	AF Absent (n=385)	P Value
Male sex	121 (59.0)	216 (56.1)	0.6
Age, y	77.1±4.5	76.0±4.0	0.002
Age ≥75 y	124 (60.5)	183 (47.5)	0.004
CHADS ₂ score	2.4 (1.1)	2.2 (1.1)	0.07
CHA ₂ DS ₂ VASc score	4.0 (1.2)	3.9 (1.2)	0.09
Heart failure	6 (2.9)	18 (4.7)	0.4
Hypertension	187 (91.2)	346 (89.9)	0.7
Diabetes mellitus	60 (29.3)	112 (29.1)	1.0
Previous stroke or TIA	47 (22.9)	83 (21.6)	0.5
Previous stroke	41 (20.0)	66 (17.1)	0.5
Previous TIA	21 (10.2)	46 (11.9)	0.6
Previous systemic embolism	17 (8.3)	25 (6.5)	0.5
Previous AMI	20 (9.8)	35 (9.1)	0.9
Previous CABG	14 (6.8)	25 (6.5)	1.0
Valvular heart disease	12 (5.9)	14 (3.6)	0.3

β-Blockers	48 (23.4)	93 (24.2)	0.9
Calcium channel blockers	82 (40.0)	125 (32.5)	0.08
Renin-angiotensin inhibitors	119 (58.0)	233 (60.5)	0.6
Lipid-lowering drugs	120 (58.5)	196 (50.9)	0.09
Diuretics	63 (30.7)	113 (29.4)	0.8
Platelet inhibitors	105 (51.2)	186 (48.3)	0.6
Glucose-lowering drugs	51 (24.9)	96 (24.9)	1.0
Body mass index, kg/m ²	27.8±4.8	27.4±4.4	0.3
NT-proBNP, pmol/L	21 (12–33)	14 (8–26)	<0.0001
NT-proBNP ≥40 pmol/L	33 (17.6)	49 (14.5)	0.4



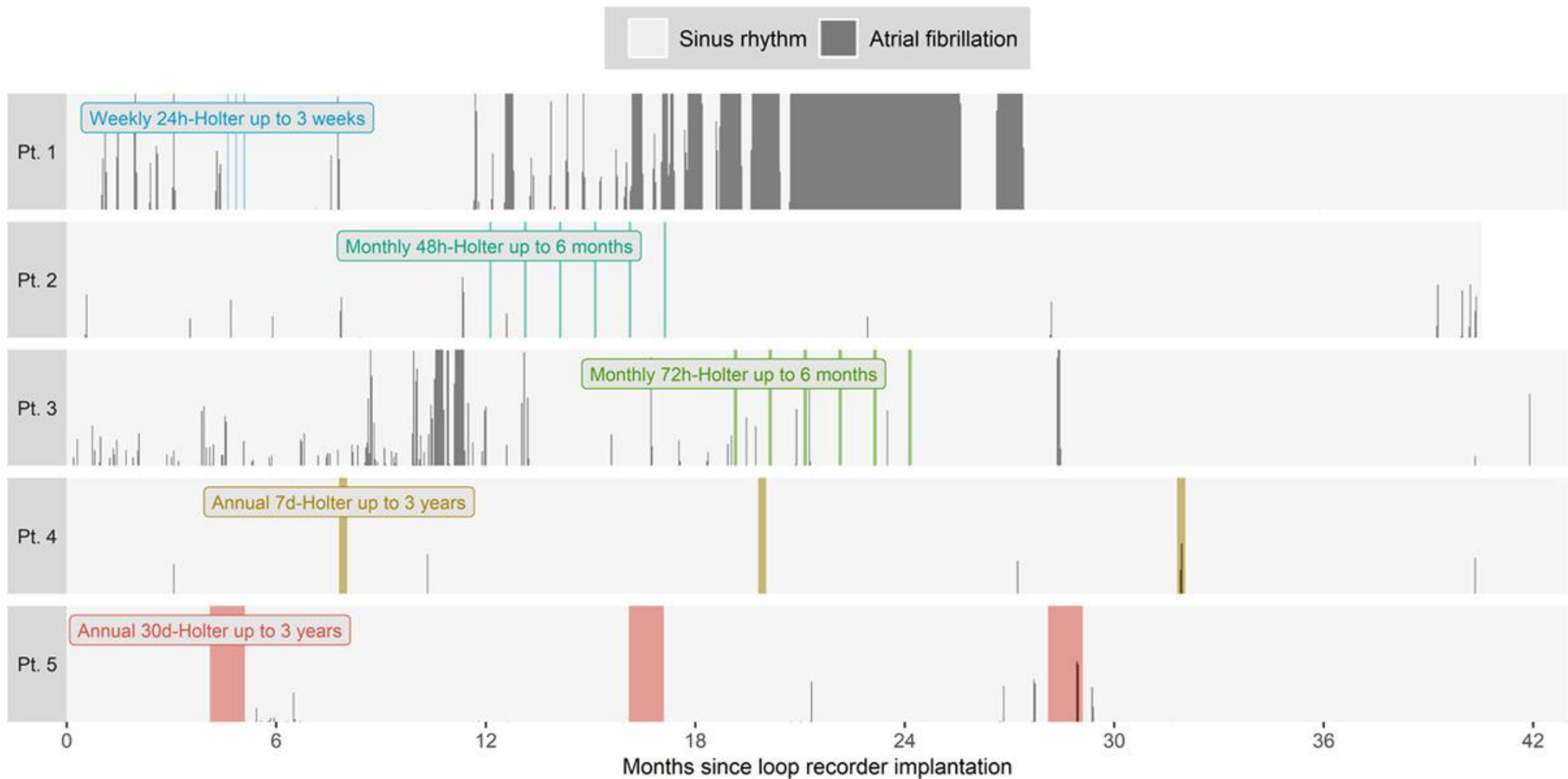
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CONCLUSIONS: In screening for AF among participants with stroke risk factors, the diagnostic yield increased with duration, dispersion, and number of screenings, although all strategies had low yield compared with the implantable loop recorder. The sensitivity was higher among participants who were older, were male, or had higher NT-proBNP.

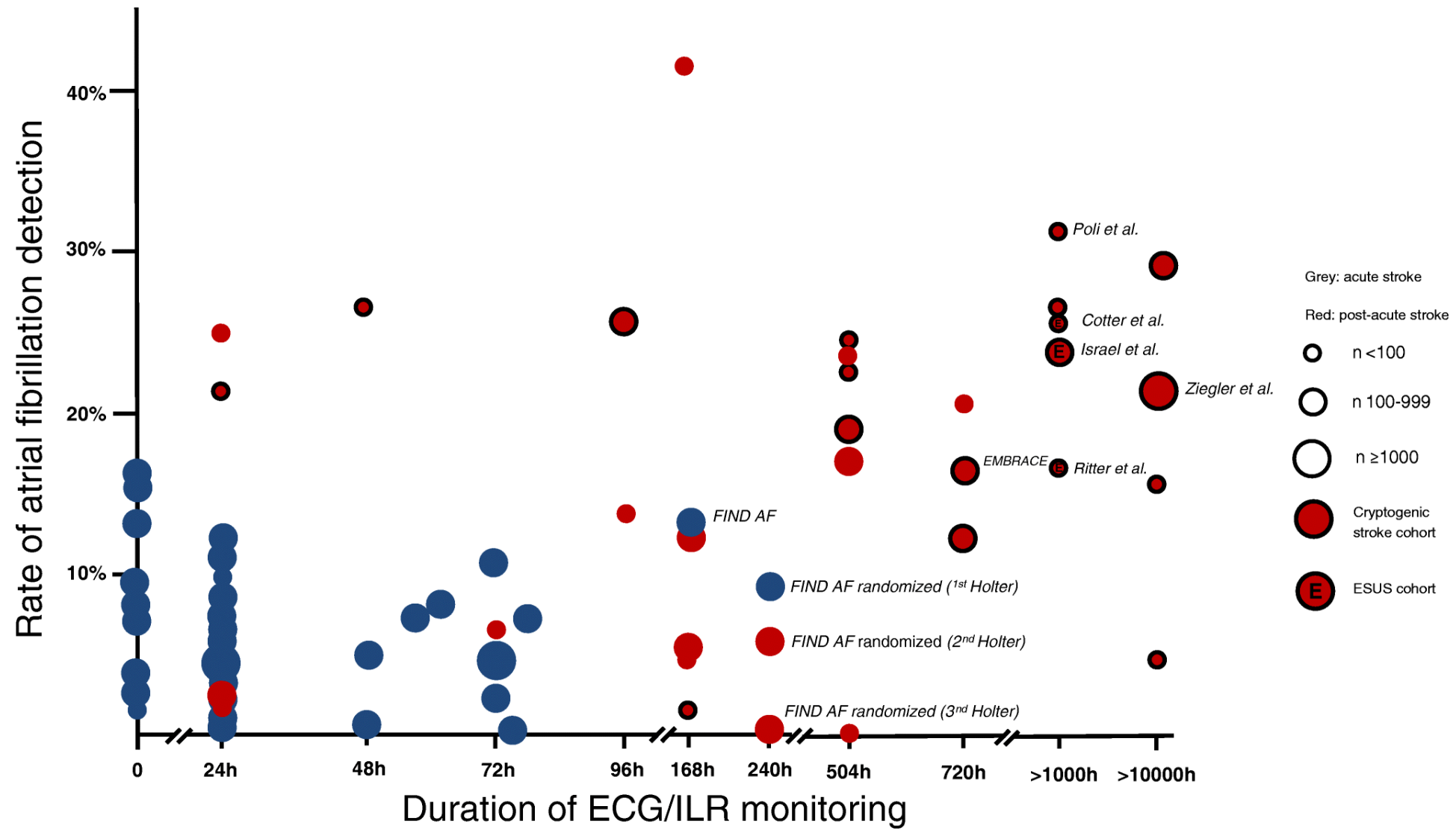
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Patient à risque de retrouver de la AF ?

Age >65 years

CHA2DS2VASC score ≥ 2

Ecg : multiple ESA (idem Holter 24h)? Pr long?

ETT : left atrial volume index in combination with atrial function, mitral valve stenosis, or left atrial enlargement

Biologie : Augmentation du BNP

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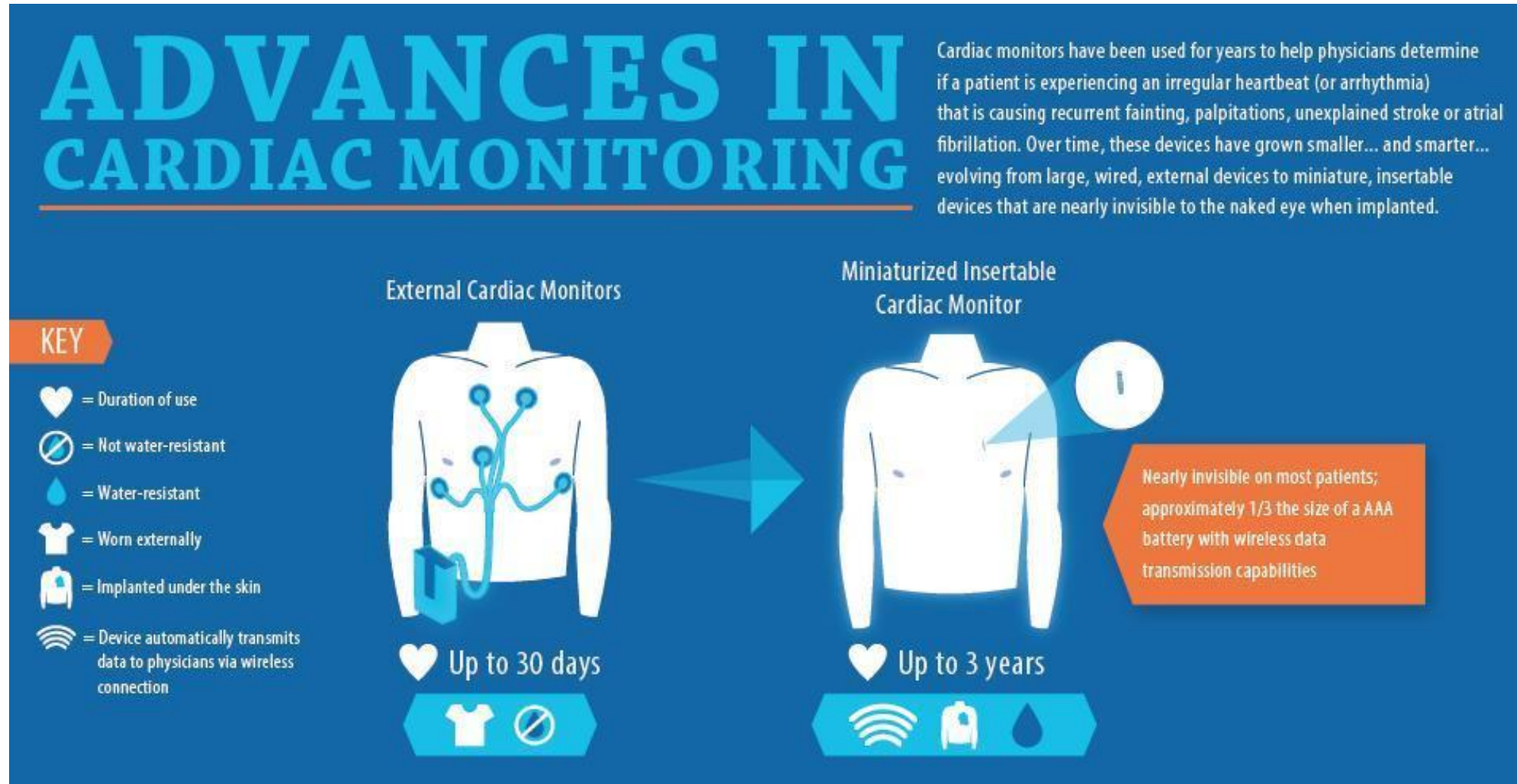
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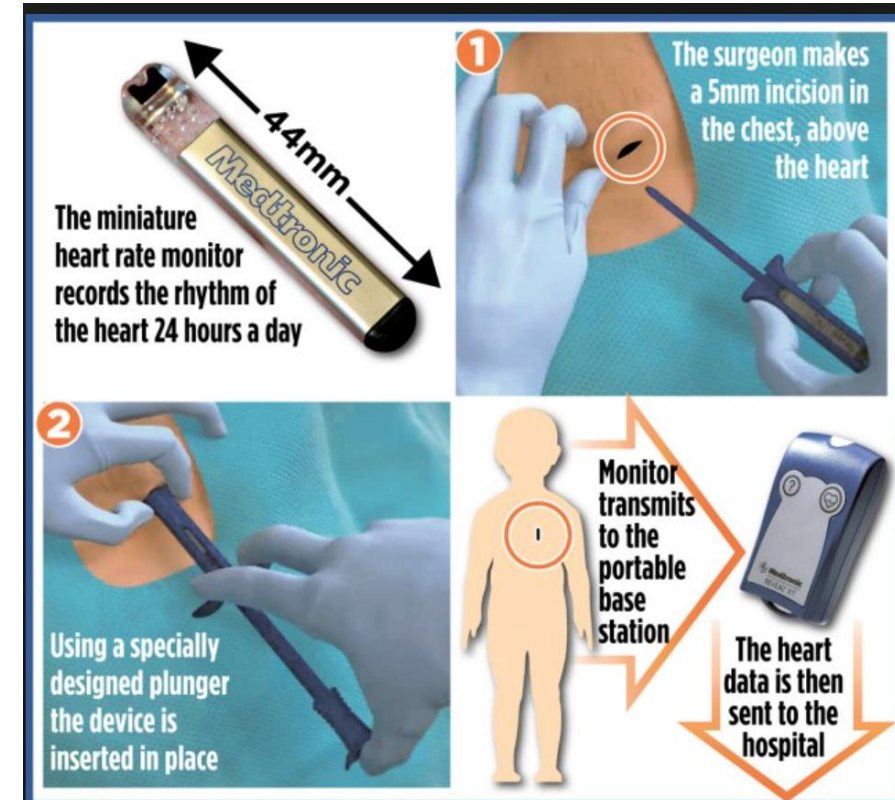
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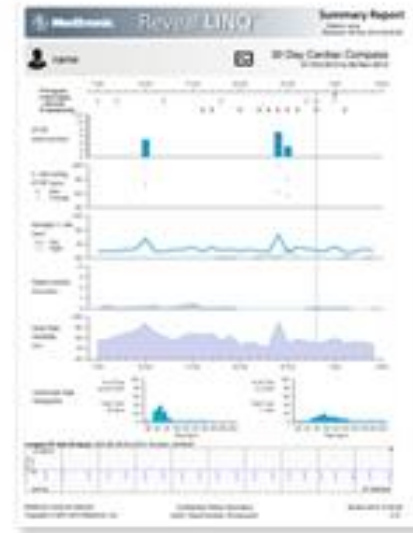
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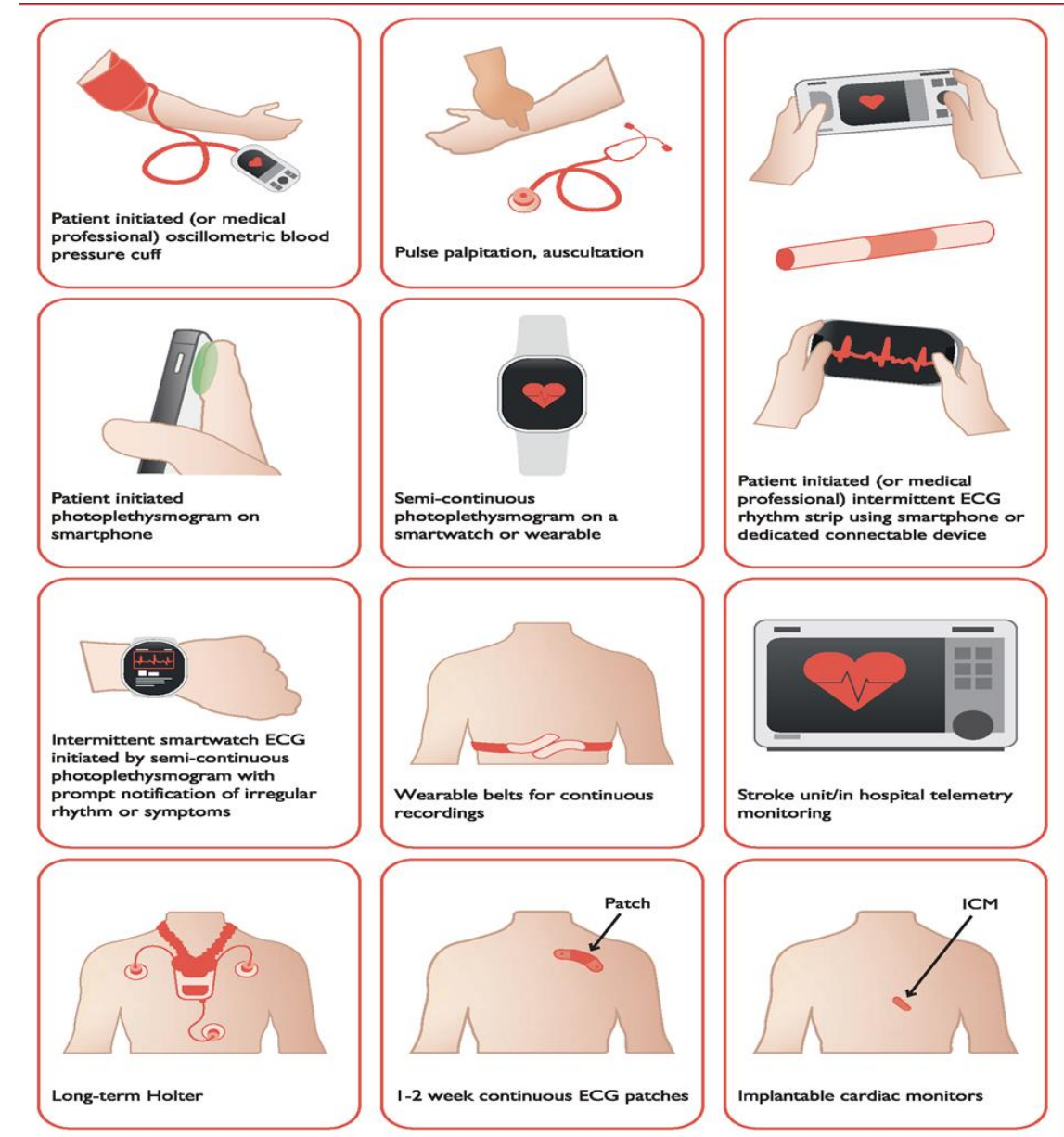
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Conclusion

- 1) Relation complexe FA/AVC
- 2) Bilan initial RIGOUREUX ++++++
- 3) Discussion neuro/cardio+++++
- 4) La FA dans l' ESUS :
 - Durée
 - Dispersion
 - Répétition





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