

XI Reunión. Estado del Arte en  
**INSUFICIENCIA CARDIACA**

PRÁCTICA CLÍNICA Y MODELOS ORGANIZATIVOS

Sede: Hotel Meliá MaríaPita, A Coruña

**A CORUÑA** 27-28 SEPTIEMBRE 2024



XI Meeting. State of the Art in  
**HEART FAILURE**

CLINICAL PRACTICE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODELS

Venue: Hotel Meliá MaríaPita, A Coruña

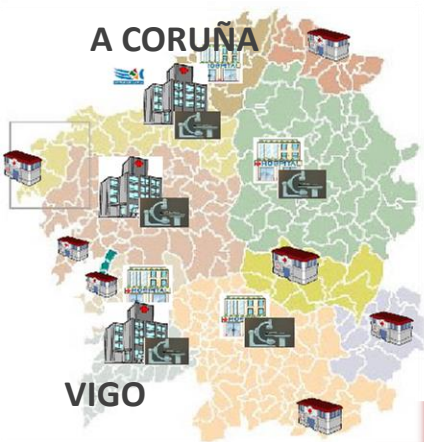
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# Clinical Case: Drugs, devices & surgery

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# PATIENT PRESENTATION. 1ST ADMISSION



19/Oct/21  
CHUVI



Former smoker, dyslipidaemia  
Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease  
Statin-induced myopathy  
Mild SARS-CoV2 disease (July 2021).

## CARDIOVASCULAR BACKGROUND

Syncope (2019, neuromediated).  
• EKG: negative T wave V6, I, aVL.

1<sup>st</sup> Admission,  
emergency dept

Reduced exercise tolerance.  
No chest pain, no palpitations  
**New onset atrial fibrillation (AF)**  
CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>VA score 0  
Bisoprolol 1.25 od.  
Preferent cardiac clinic.



# HEART FAILURE DEBUT

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26/Oct/21  
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emergency dept

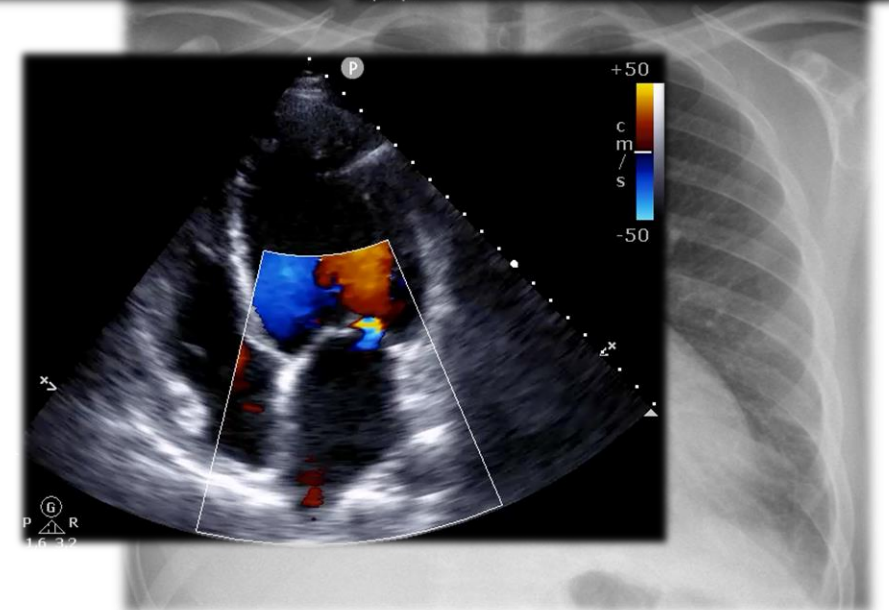
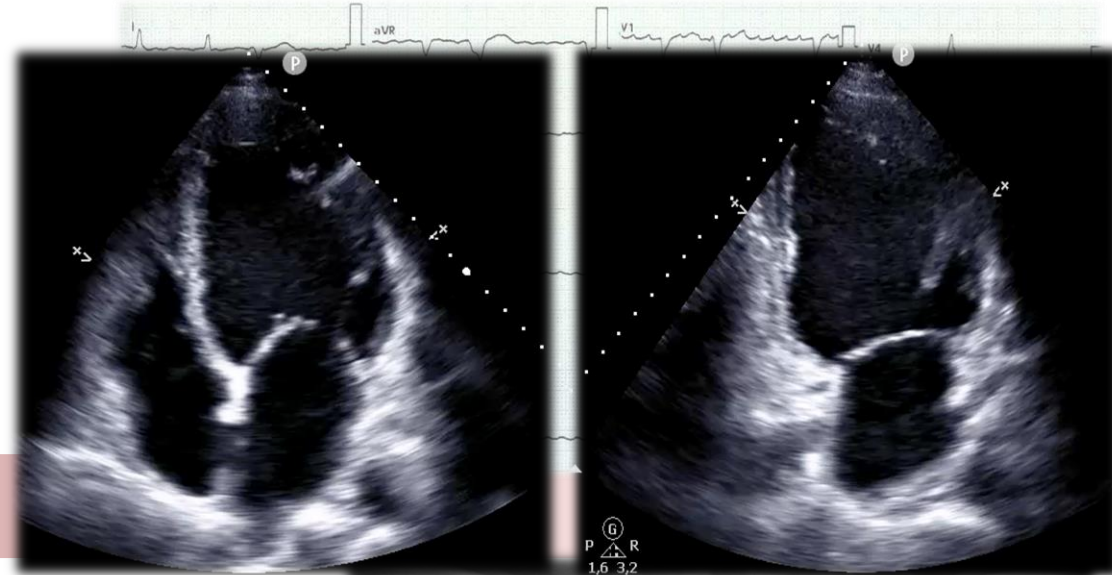
Early  
readmission

New onset atrial  
fibrillation

Rest dyspnoea, orthopnoea.  
126/85, 70bpm, 98%. Congestion  
AF, pleural effusion, hsTnI 58 (53)  
SARS-CoV2 - / no inflammatory markers  
TTE: **severe LV dysfunction,**  
**LV remodelling,** mitral regurgitation  
**1st Heart Failure admission** (ward)

## Marcadores Cardíacos

Péptido natriurético NT-proBNP **3085** pg/mL [5.0 - 125.0] \*\*  
Insuficiencia cardíaca muy improbable si < 300 pg/mL



# 1ST HF ADMISSION, ¿AETIOLOGY?

## Cardiac Resonance

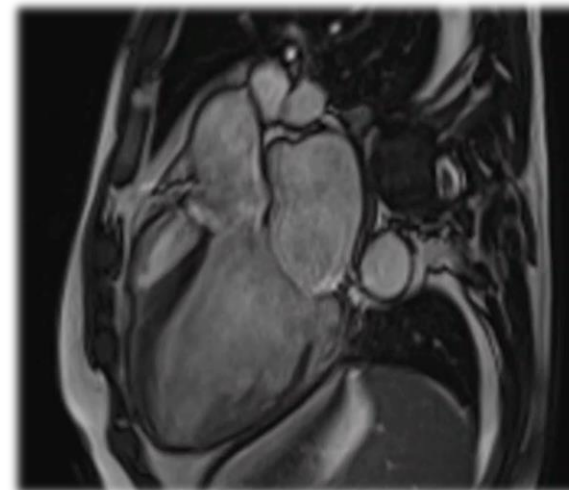
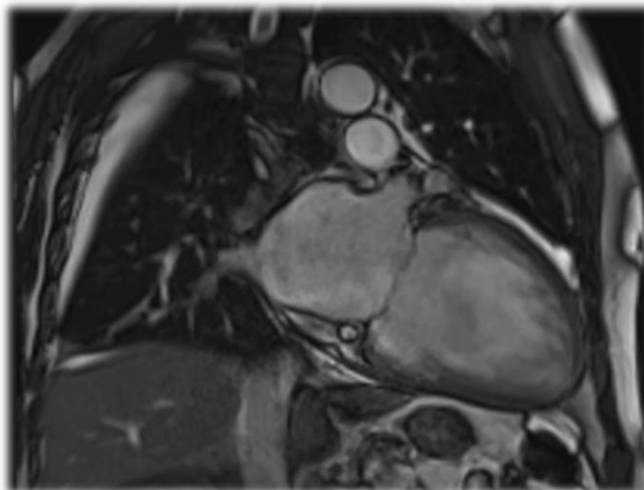
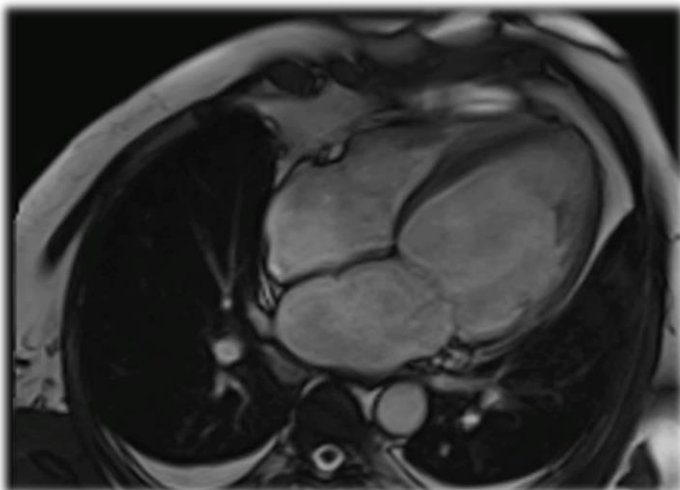
- Severely dilated LV. **LVEF 20%**
- Lateral transmural **late gadolinium enhancement**.
- **No oedema**. Normal T1/T2.
- Non dilated RV. Preserved RV function

## Coronary angiography

- Normal coronary arteries

## Differential diagnosis

- Tachycardiomyopathy?
- Chronic SARS-CoV2 myocarditis?
- Dilated cardiomyopathy?
- Arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy?
- Sarcoidosis?



# PRE-DISCHARGE ASSESMENT

## Management of HFrEF

To reduce mortality - for all patients

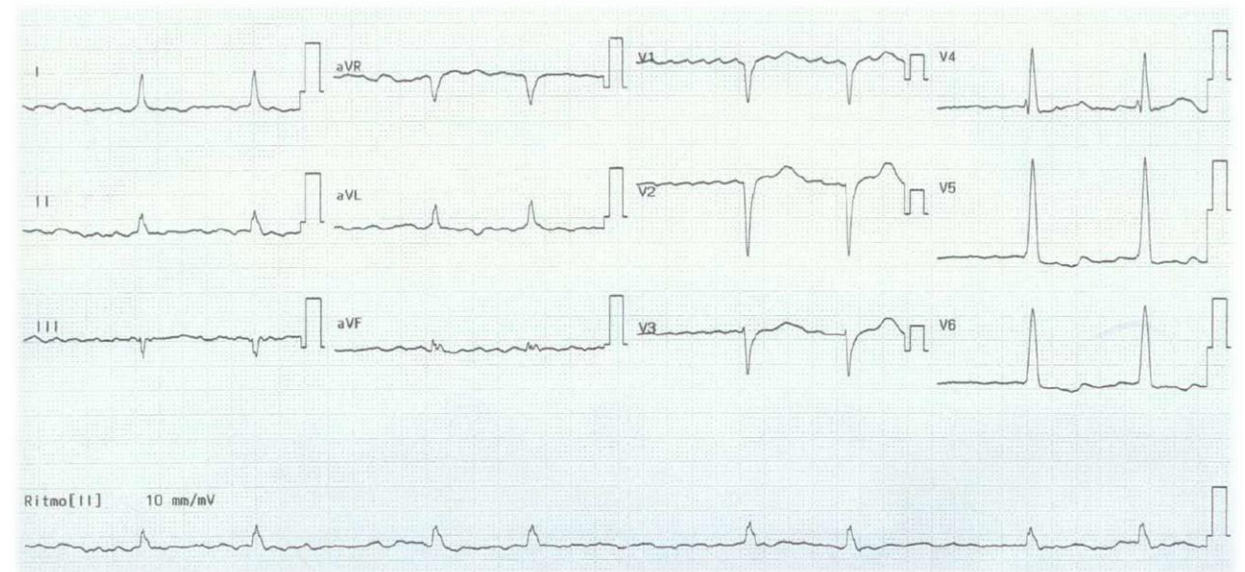
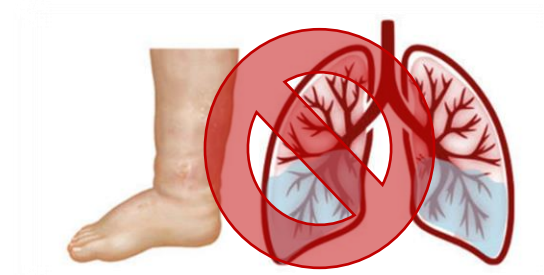
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BB

MRA

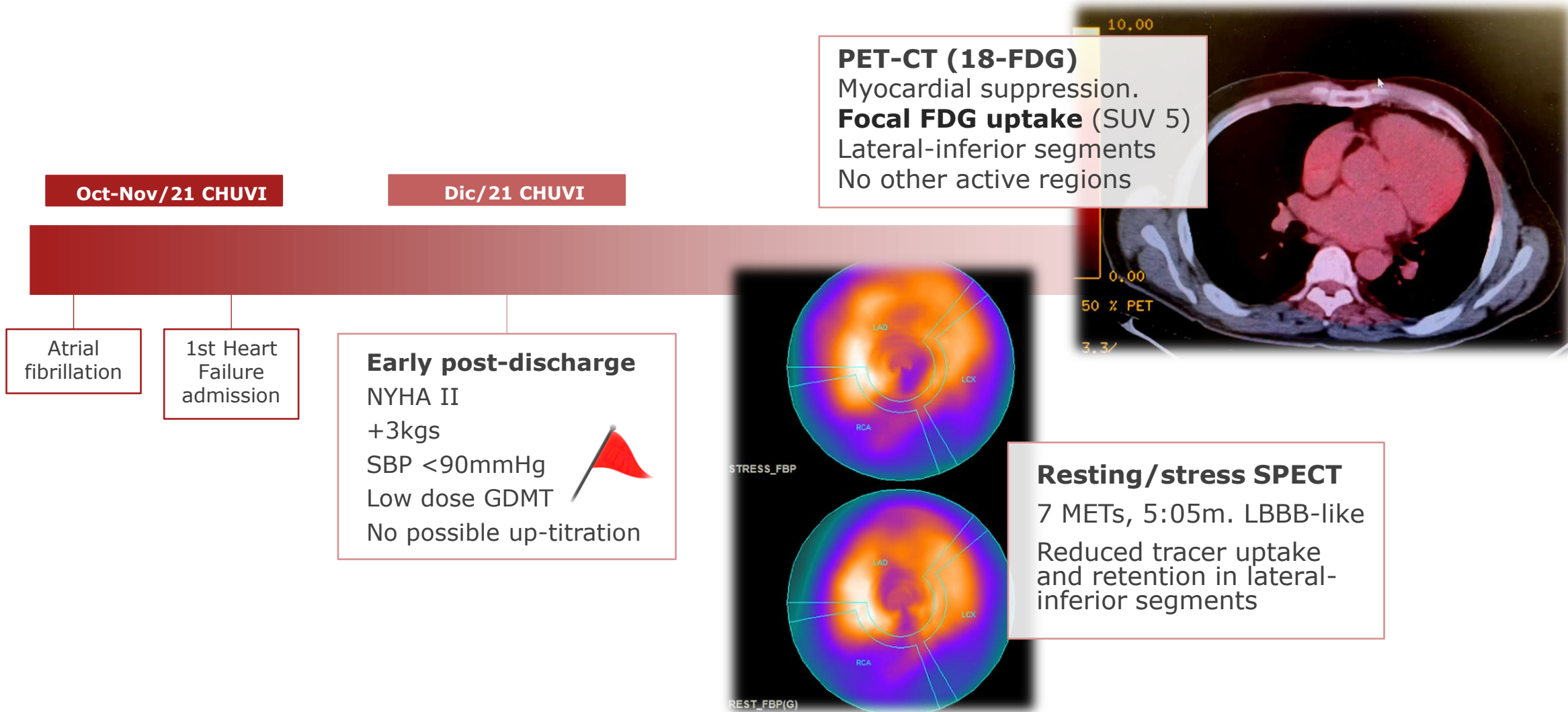
SGLT2i

- Sacubitril/Valsartan 24/26mg b.d.
- Dapagliflozin 10mg o.d.
- Bisoprolol 1.25mg b.d.
- Eplerenone 25mg b.d.
- Furosemide 20mg o.d.
- Atorvastatin 40mg o.d.
- Acenocoumarol



McDonagh TA, et al. *Eur Heart J.* 2021;42(36):3599-3726

# EARLY FOLLOW UP/AETIOLOGY WORK UP



# SECOND ADMISSION

## Bioquímica en Sangre

Glucosa	101	mg/dL	[73.0 - 100.0]	*
Urea	113	mg/dL	[10.0 - 50.0]	**
Creatinina	1.75	mg/dL	[0.7 - 1.3]	*
Filtrado Glomerular estimado	42	mL/min/1.73 m2		

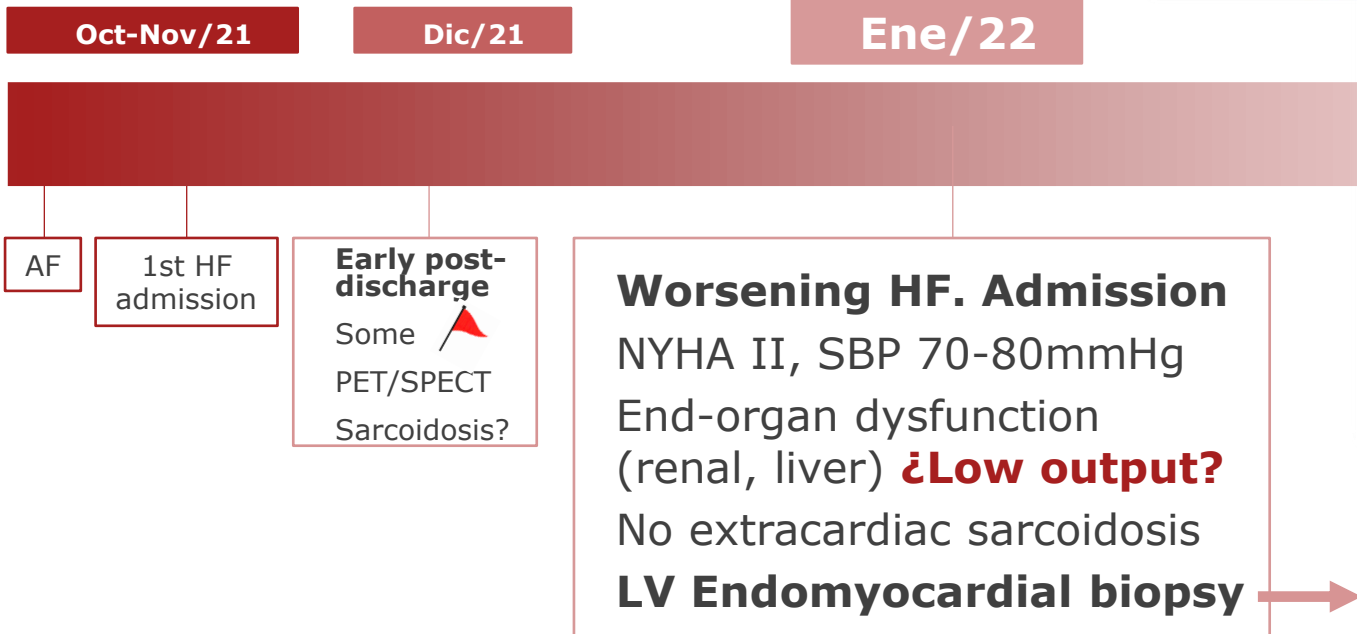
Descenso moderado-severo: Compatible con ERC Estadio IIIb si datos persisten más de 3 meses.

Fórmula CKD-EPI. Individuos de raza negra: multiplicar el resultado por 1.159

No válida en Diálisis. Con limitaciones en: IRA, ascitis, anasarca, enfermedad hepática grave, masa corporal y/o estado nutricional extremos, embarazo, menores de 18 años.



Ácido Úrico	11.7	mg/dL	[2.4 - 7.2]	**
Sodio	138	mEq/L	[135.0 - 145.0]	
Potasio	5.06	mEq/L	[3.5 - 5.1]	
Cloro	101	mEq/L	[96.0 - 110.0]	
Colesterol	151	mg/dL	[100.0 - 200.0]	
Triglicéridos	256	mg/dL	[50.0 - 150.0]	*
Proteínas Totales	6.66	g/dL	[6.2 - 8.2]	
Albúmina	4.50	g/dL	[3.4 - 5.0]	
Calcio	9.5	mg/dL	[8.5 - 10.4]	
Fósforo	4.33	mg/dL	[2.4 - 4.9]	
Bilirrubina Total	1.14	mg/dL	[0.2 - 1.2]	
AST(GOT)	50	U/L	[4.0 - 40.0]	*
ALT(GPT)	100	U/L	[4.0 - 40.0]	*
GGT	289	U/L	[1.0 - 75.0]	**
Fosfatasa alcalina	187	U/L	[40.0 - 126.0]	*
LDH - Lactato Deshidrogenasa	214	U/L	[85.0 - 240.0]	
PCR - Proteína C Reactiva	12.03	mg/L	[0.0 - 8.0]	*
Enzima convertidora de angiotensina	33.0	U/L	[20.0 - 70.0]	



No inflammatory infiltrate.  
**No granulomas**  
 No amyloid

Lymphocyte subpopulation  
 ANA, Anticardiolipin,  
 AntiB2glicoprotein,  
 MPO/ANCA, PR3/ANCA  
 Proteinogram  
**ESR ↑**

# SECOND ADMISSION

- Mild improvement
- TOE + Cardioversion
- New attempt **GDMT**



- **Worsening** end-organ function
- **Incessant NSVT**

## Bioquímica en Sangre

Glucosa	129	mg/dL	[73.0 - 100.0]	*
Urea	157	mg/dL	[10.0 - 50.0]	**
Creatinina	2.90	mg/dL	[0.7 - 1.3]	**
Sodio	135	mEq/L	[135.0 - 145.0]	
Potasio	4.00	mEq/L	[3.5 - 5.1]	
Cloro	98	mEq/L	[96.0 - 110.0]	
Albúmina	3.90	g/dL	[3.4 - 5.0]	
Calcio	9.1	mg/dL	[8.5 - 10.4]	
Magnesio	2.07	mg/dL	[1.6 - 2.5]	
Bilirrubina Total	1.53	mg/dL	[0.2 - 1.2]	*
ALT(GPT)	57	UI/L	[4.0 - 40.0]	*
Osmolalidad	303	mOsm/kg	[275.0 - 295.0]	**





# 1<sup>ST</sup> REFERRAL TO TRANSPLANT HF UNIT



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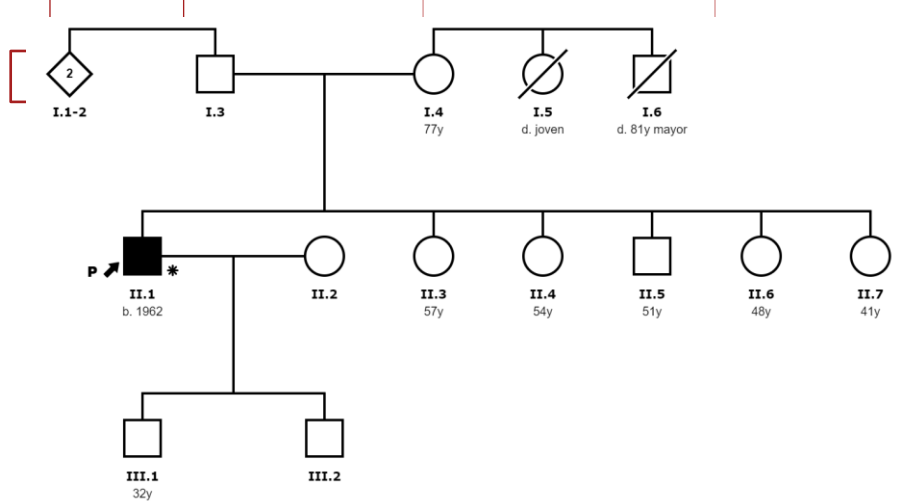
Feb/22

CHUVI (Vigo)

Oct-Nov/21

Dic/21

Ene/22



■ Dilated cardiomyopathy  
 Clinically affected

E1 NGS (121 GENES) NEGATIVO  
 "+" = Positive, "-" = Negative, "u" = Uninformative

\* Reviewed/verified by our clinical team

**PRETRANSPLANT ASSESSMENT**

**FAMILIAL/INHERITED CARDIOMYOPATHIES SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT**

**MEDICAL OPTIMIZATION**

**DEVICES, ICD**

**TRANSPLANT INDICATED NO CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Low probability of sarcoidosis  
 No family history  
 Genetics (DCM/ARCM) ¿?

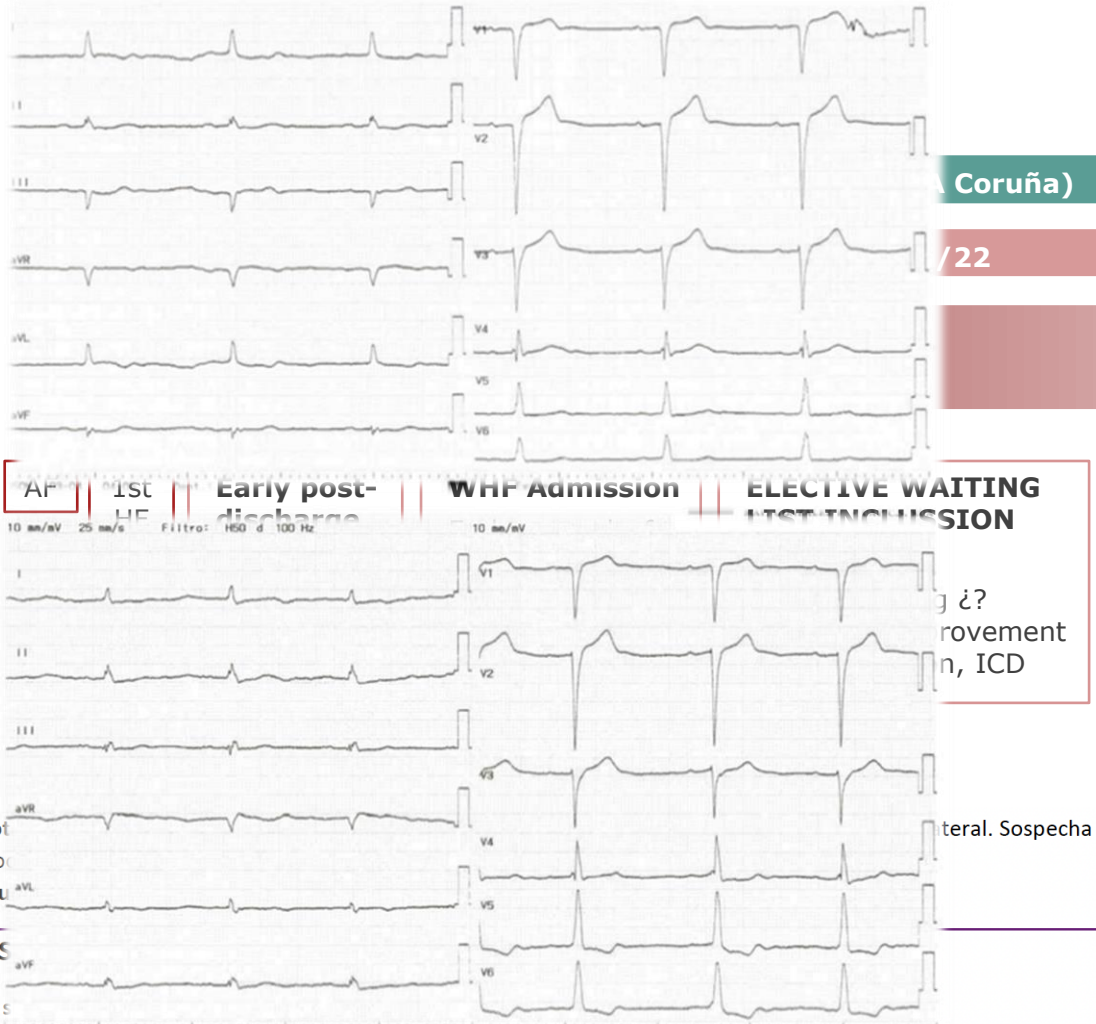
Low BB, ARM, iSGLT2, Amiod

Sudden death prevention



Crespo-Leiro MG et al. Eur J Heart Fail. 2018 Nov;20(11):1505-1535.

# CLOSE FOLLOW UP (CHUAC+CHUVI CLINIC)



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CHUAC + CHUVI clinic

Feb/22-Feb/24

HF MEETING



Waiting list EXCLUSION  
21-4-22

"Fantastic four" Low doses. Tolerated low BP

Genetic testing: no pathogenic variant found

Clinical "**stability**". NT 1900 → 600. Cr 1.3  
CPET: VO<sub>2</sub> 23 (RER 1.17). No arrhythmias

SVT (Sep/22). ATP x 3. Shock (x1)

↑QRS, 140ms (<150ms). ↑PR. VS 96%. Lateral scar. **No CRT-D upgrade**. Close VP follow-up

Severe functional MR: **TEER** (I/IV). Nov22

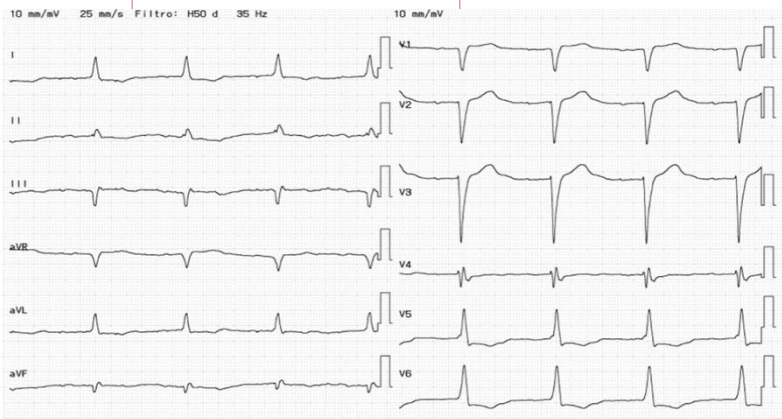
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**CHUAC** Feb/22

**CHUAC + CHUVI** Feb/22-Feb/24

**CHUVI** Mar/24



Chest pain, lightheadedness  
 BP 85/55. HR 150 bpm. No congestion  
 MSVT (150lpm).  
 ATP x 3. Shock (35J). SR  
**Intensive care unit admission**

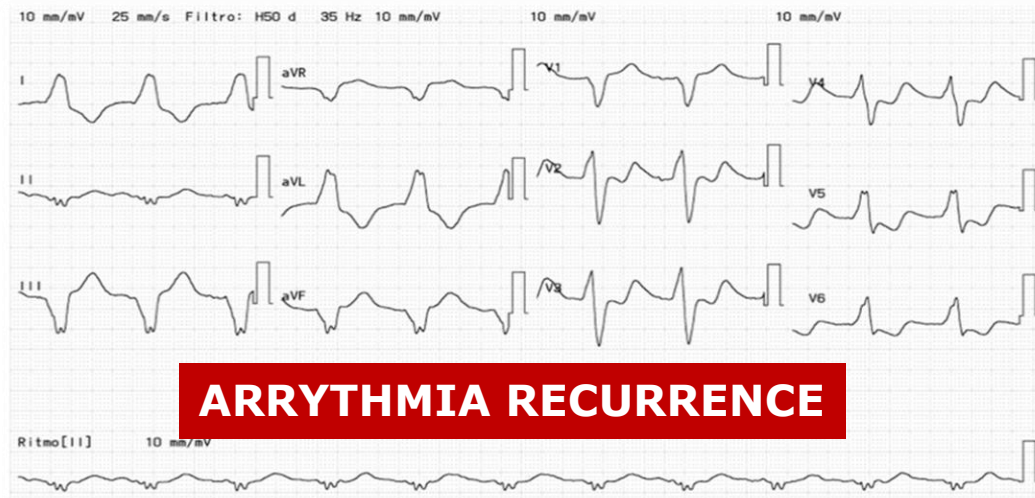
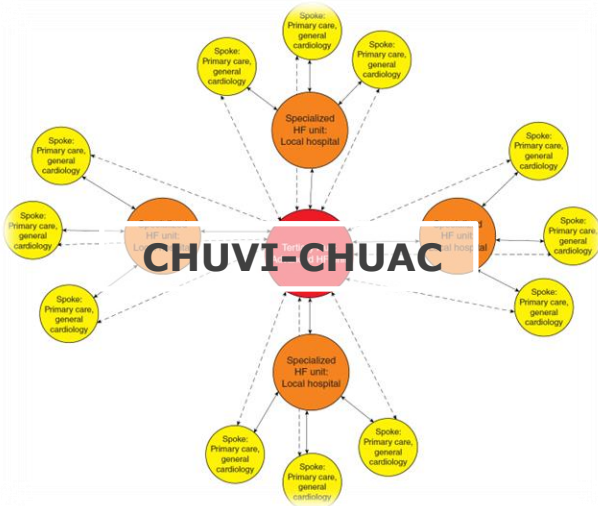
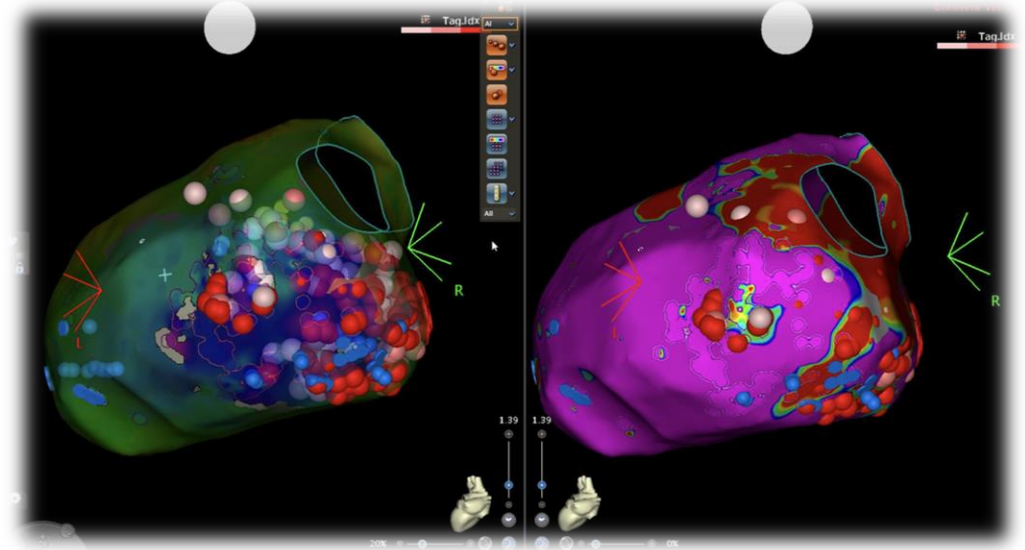
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## ELECTROPHYSIOLOGICAL STUDY

- LV mapping.
- Focus location: basal Inferior/Inferolateral.
- VT ablation (clinical).



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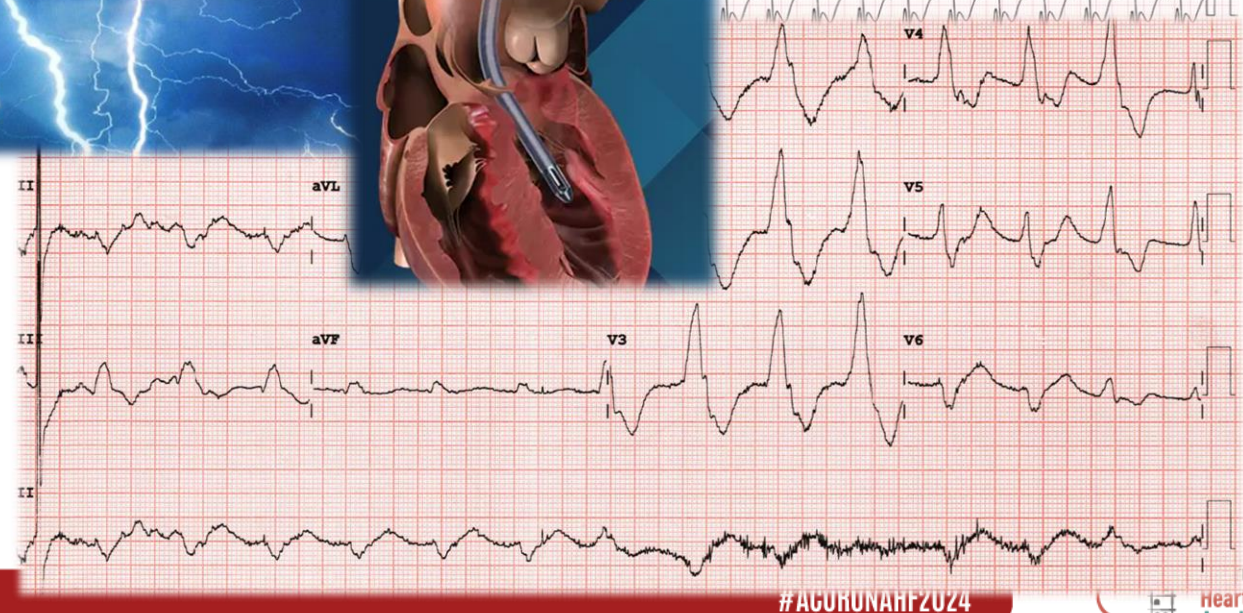
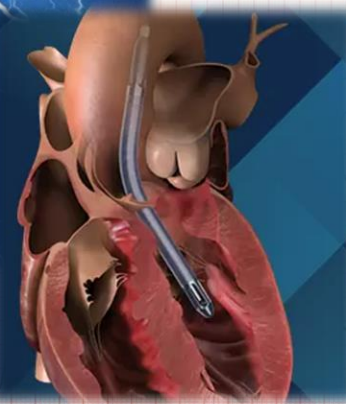
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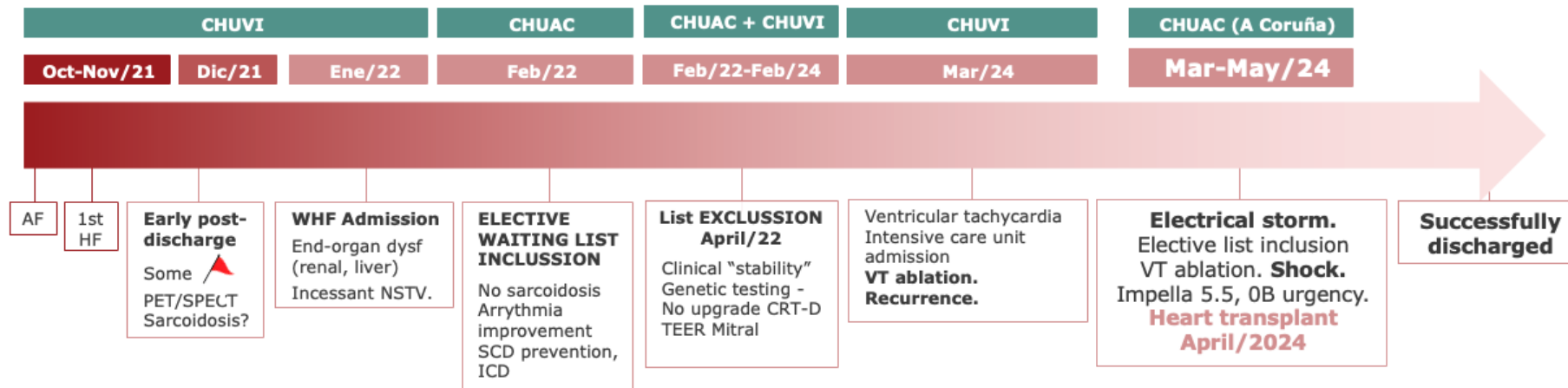
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• Arrhythmia worsening. E





# HISTOPATHOLOGIC EXAMINATION

## Inflammatory cardiomyopathy

- Myocardiosclerosis/fibrosis
- Histiocytic infiltrates.
- No lymphocytic/eosinophilic infiltrates.
- No granulomas

# TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Heart failure is a **syndrome**, the end phase of lots of heart diseases, and **deep phenotyping** is essential.
- **Multidisciplinary** management in aetiology determination (cardiac image, inherited heart disease team...)
- Management of Heart Failure is an art, based on the synergy of **drugs, devices and interventions**.
- Pre-discharge and early post-discharge evaluation. Achieve full **congestion relief/GDMT optimization**.
- Be aware of **red flags of advanced heart failure** progression.
- **Arrhythmia as a challenging scenery**. ¿Possible ablation **efficacy**? ¿Mechanical circulatory **support**?
- Don't miss the **golden window**. Appropriate timing of referral. **Hub and Spoke** (CHUVI-CHUAC).



*MUCHAS GRACIAS*