

# Advanced Heart Failure Management Pathway

*When is the right time for CRT and ICD?*

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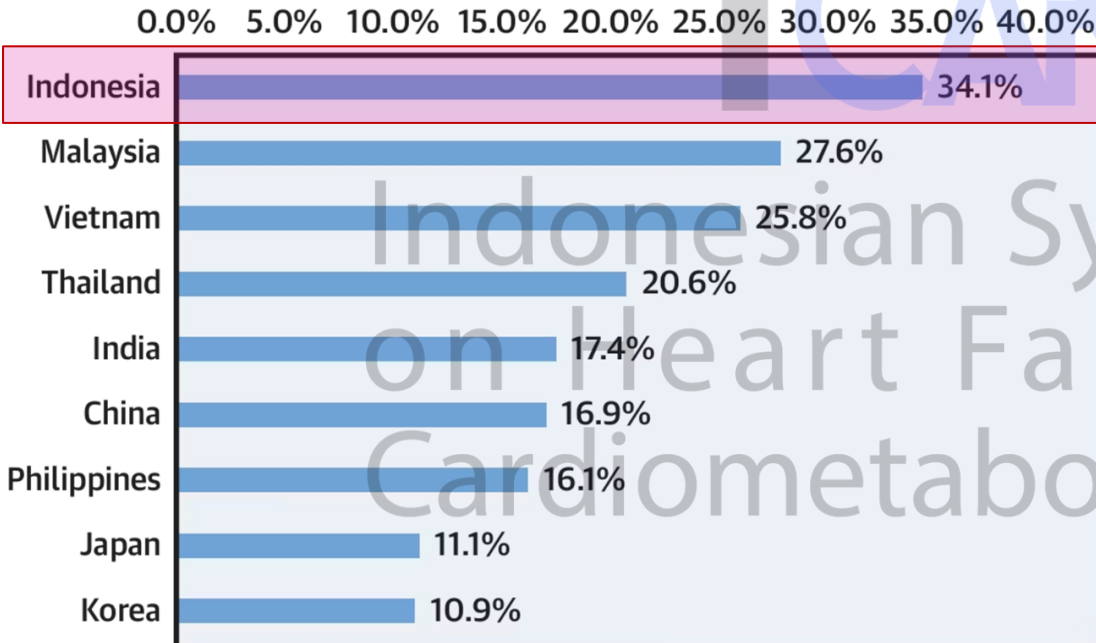
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# 1-Year Mortality in Asian HF Patients Remains Alarmingly High

**The 1-Year Mortality of Asian HF Patients Is Still High,  
Especially in Southeast and South Asia:  
CV Death is the Primary Cause of Death for HF**

**Crude Mortality of HF at 1 Year of Asian Countries in  
the Report-HF Study**



## Southeast Asia Bears the Highest Risk

Data from the Report-HF Study reveal that crude 1-year mortality for heart failure patients varies dramatically across Asia.

**Indonesia leads all nations at 34.1% – more than three times higher than Korea (10.9%) or Japan (11.1%).**

Cardiovascular (CV) death is the primary cause of mortality in HF patients across all countries studied. Southeast and South Asian nations consistently show the worst outcomes, underscoring urgent gaps in diagnosis, treatment access, and device therapy utilization.

ID Indonesia

**34.1%** 1-year mortality

JP Japan

**11.1%** 1-year mortality

Source: Feng J, et al. *JACC: Asia*. 2024;4(4):249–264.

## Four Pillars of HF Management



### ARNI / ACEi

Sacubitril-valsartan  
preferred



### $\beta$ -Blocker

Carvedilol, bisoprolol  
metoprolol, nebivolol



### MRA

Spirolactone  
or eplerenone



### SGLT2 inhibitor

Dapagliflozin  
or empagliflozin

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Pillar?

**Rx**

**ARNI / ACEi**

Sacubitril-valsartan  
preferred

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**$\beta$ -Blocker**

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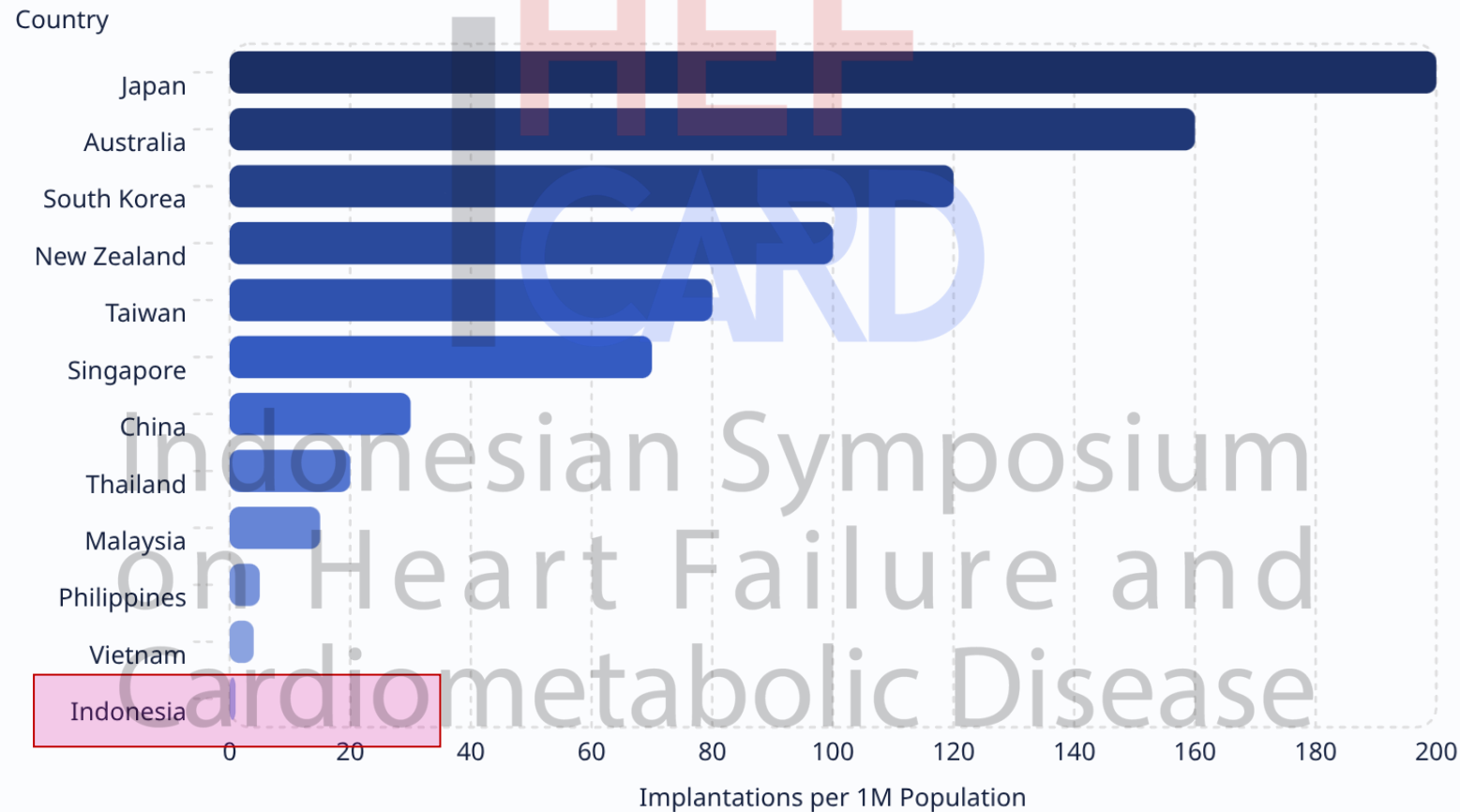
**5<sup>th</sup> pillar?**

**DEVICE THERAPY**

ICD · CRT · CSP  
(the emerging 5th pillar)

# CRT Implantation Rate per 1 Million Population – Asia Pacific, 2022

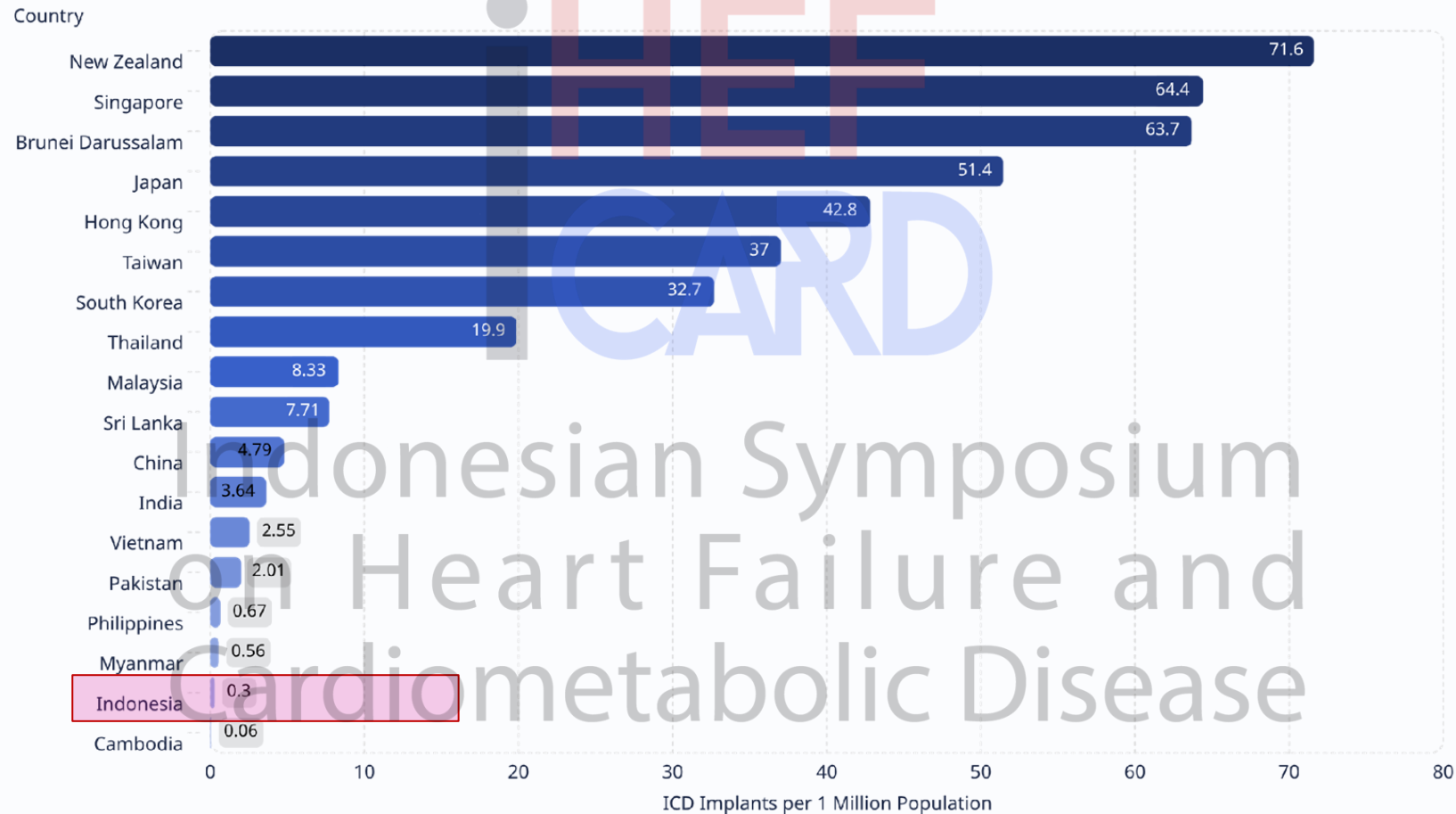
Indonesia's CRT implantation rate is **200× lower** than Japan — a stark gap in cardiac device therapy access across the region.



⊗ This 200-fold gap underscores an urgent unmet clinical need among Indonesia's heart failure patients. **Source: APHRS White Book, 2023**

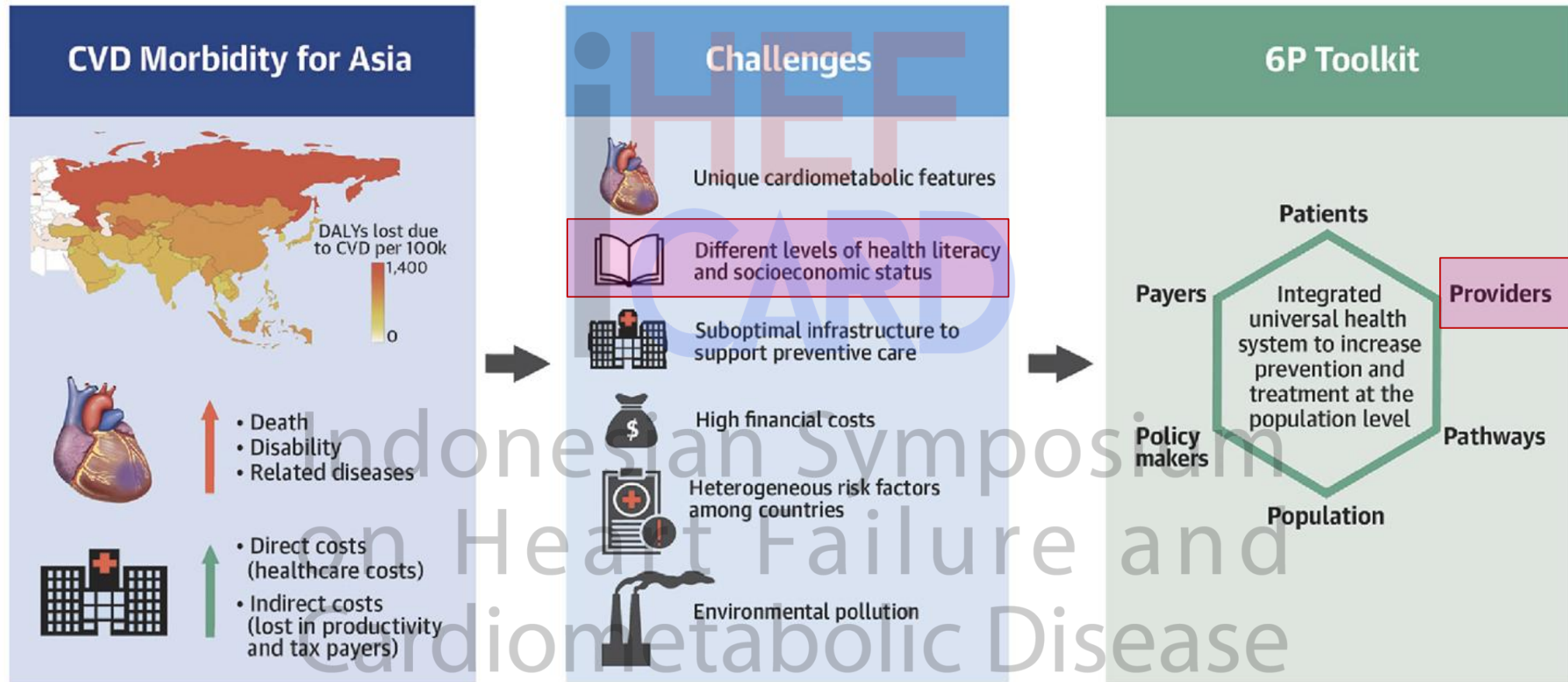
# ICD Implantation Rate per 1 Million Population – Asia-Pacific 2022

Indonesia's implantation rate is **239× lower** than New Zealand



⚠️ Indonesia ranks among the lowest in the Asia-Pacific region for ICD implantation access. **Source: APHRS White Book, 2023**

## CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Challenges in Cardiovascular Disease in Asia



Dalakoti M, et al. JACC Adv. 2025;4(4):101676.

## Symposium

08:30 - 09:45

### **Building the Advanced Heart Failure Care Continuum: From Device Therapy to Transplant Program Development**

#### EVENT RUNDOWN

*Moderator: Anggia Chairuddin Lubis, MD*

*PIC: Vebiona Kartini Prima, MD*

08.30 - 08.50

TOPIC 1: Advanced Heart Failure  
Management Pathway: When is the  
Right Time for CRT and ICD?

*Speaker: Sunu Budhi Raharjo, MD, PhD*

08.50 - 09.10

TOPIC 2: Developing Heart Transplant  
Programs: Scaling Capacity Through  
Training, Technology, and Cross-  
Border Collaboration

*Speaker: Supanee Sinphurmsukskul, MD*

# Learning Objectives

- Recognize when GDMT alone is no longer sufficient.
- Apply ESC 2021, HRS 2023, and EHRA 2025 criteria for ICD and CRT.
- Identify candidates by LVEF, QRS morphology, NYHA, etiology, rhythm.
- Understand the role of Conduction System Pacing (HBP / LBBAP).
- Choose between CRT-P, CRT-D, and ICD-only.

## THE CENTRAL QUESTION

*When does device therapy change the natural history — and which device is right for this patient?*

# Burden of Advanced Heart Failure

## 1 – 2%

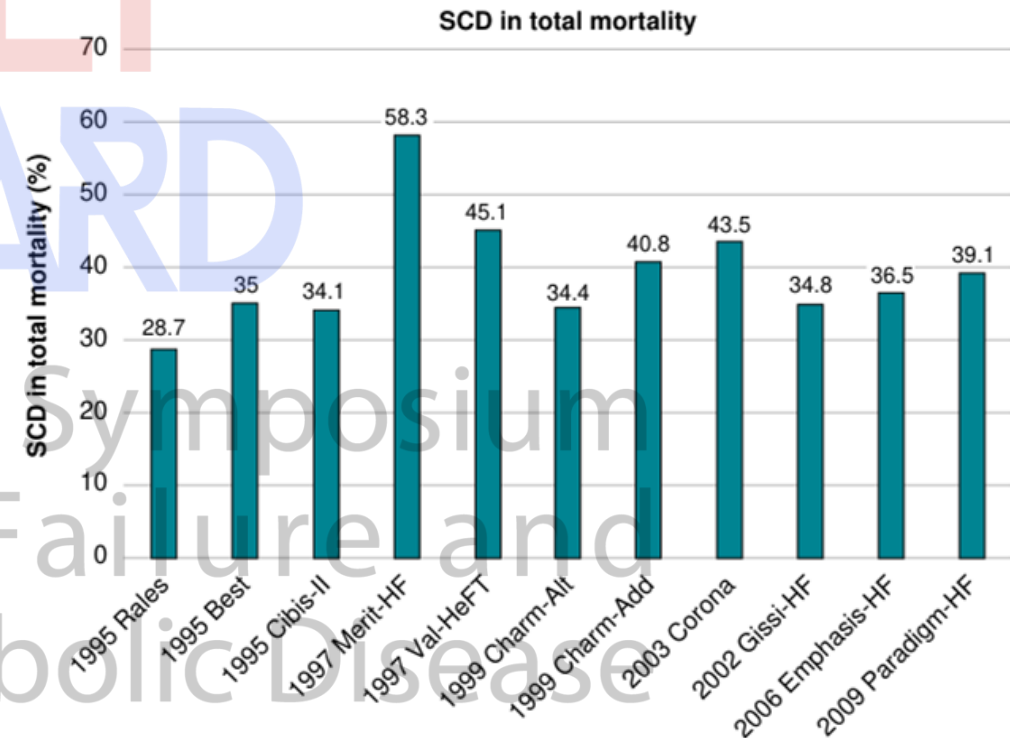
of adults have HF in developed countries

## ~ 50%

of deaths in HFrEF are sudden cardiac death

## ~ 1/3

of HFrEF have wide QRS / LBBB



Annualized SCD risk across HF trials. Ellenbogen et al., *Europace* 2023;25:euad168.

# Optimize Medical Therapy First

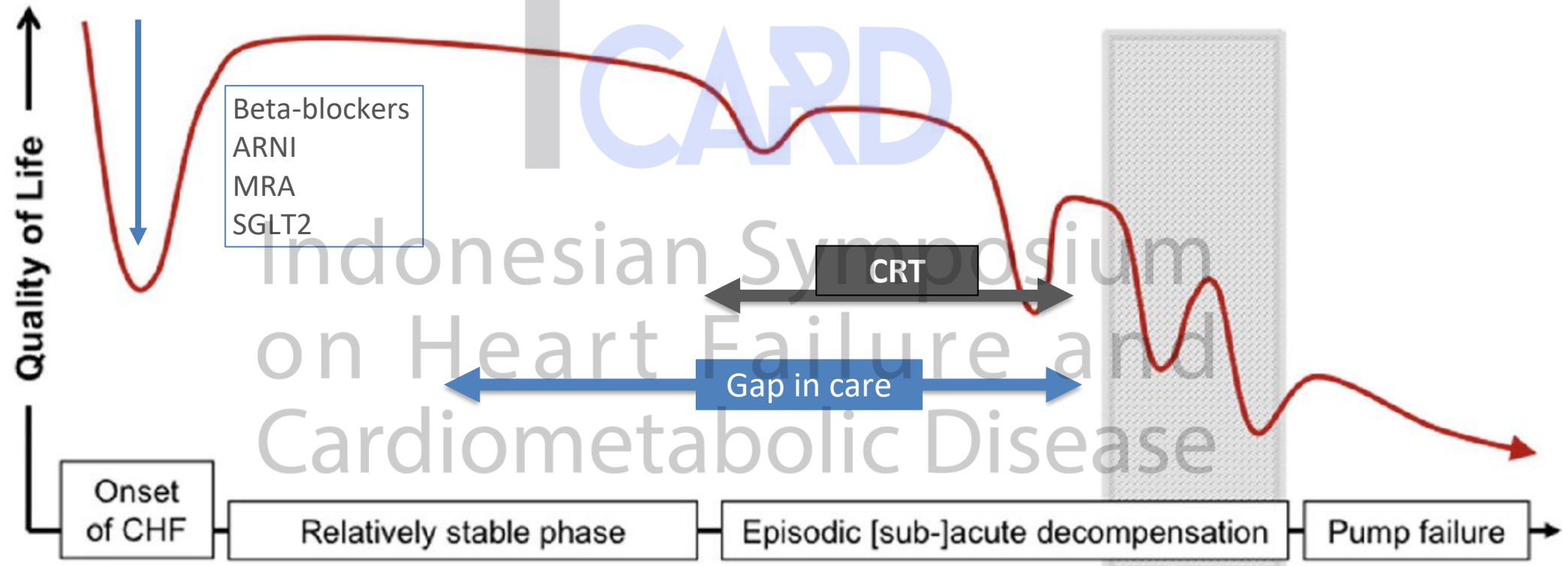
*≥ 3 months of titrated 4-pillar HFrEF therapy + device therapy as the 5th pillar*



**Reassess LVEF & symptoms at 3 months — many patients improve and no longer meet device thresholds.**

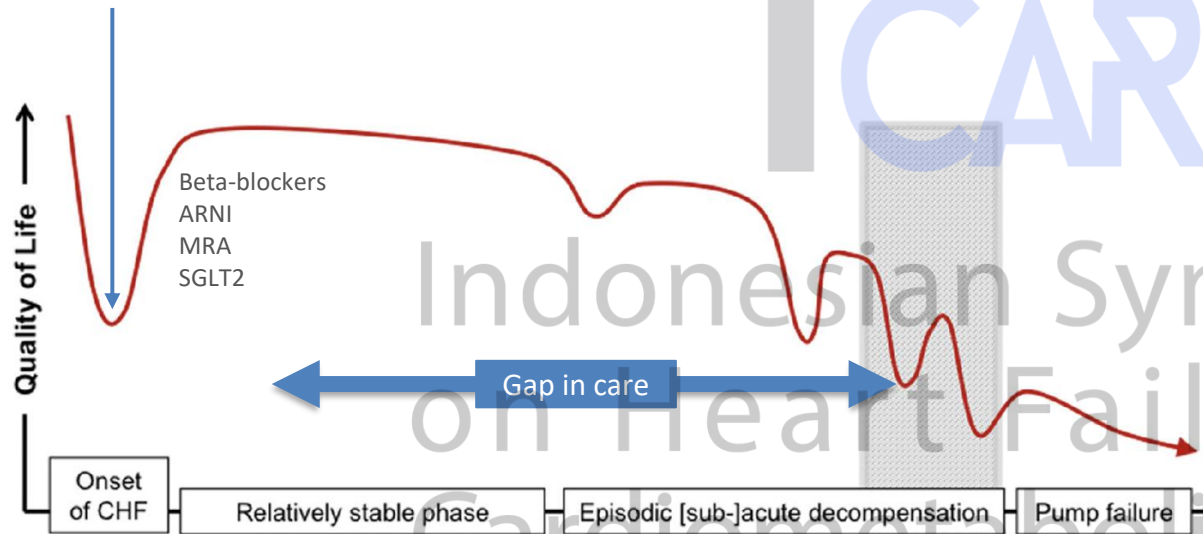
# Heart Failure: Typical Patient Journey

Initiation of neurohormonal therapy



# Interplay between drugs and devices

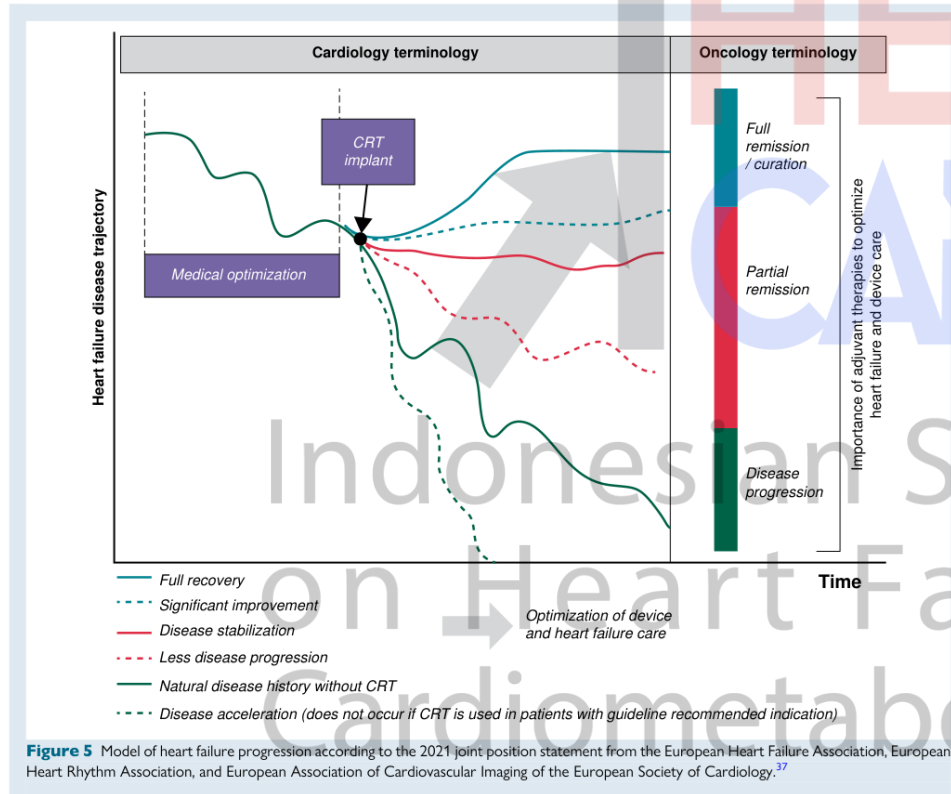
Initiation of neurohormonal therapy



Greenhalgh et al. BMC Cardiovascular Disorders (2017) 17:156 DOI 10.1186/s12872-017-0594-2

- Devices may allow up-titration of medical therapy
- Durability of benefit of drugs and devices
- Should devices only be used after optimal medical therapy?

# Why Timing Matters



HF disease trajectory schematic. Ellenbogen et al., *Europace* 2023.

## Too early

- Misses patients who'd recover on GDMT alone.

## Too late

- Remodeling and scar burden render therapy futile.

## The sweet spot

- Persistent LVEF  $\leq 35\%$  + NYHA II–III after  $\geq 3$  mo GDMT, expected survival  $> 1$  yr.

## Primary Prevention — Class I

*All require survival > 1 year with good functional capacity.*

### Ischemic CMP

**LVEF  $\leq$  35%**

NYHA II–III

$\geq$  40 d post-MI  
 $\geq$  3 mo GDMT

**Class I**

### Ischemic CMP

**LVEF  $\leq$  30%**

NYHA I

$\geq$  40 d post-MI

**Class I**

### Non-ischemic CMP

**LVEF  $\leq$  35%**

NYHA II–III

$\geq$  3 mo GDMT

**Class I**

## Secondary Prevention — Class I

- Survivors of VF or hemodynamically unstable sustained VT, no reversible cause.
- Structural heart disease + spontaneous sustained VT.
- Unexplained syncope + inducible sustained VT/VF at EP study.

### Exclude reversible causes

- Acute ischemia / MI < 48 h
- Electrolyte disturbance
- QT-prolonging drugs

### Why ICD here?

- Recurrence of VF/VT 15–25% within 2 years
- Largest absolute benefit in this group

# Landmark Evidence

| MADIT-II                  | SCD-HeFT                      | DEFINITE                       | DANISH                                                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2002                      | 2005                          | 2004                           | 2016                                                           |
| Post-MI · LVEF $\leq$ 30% | LVEF $\leq$ 35% · NYHA II–III | Non-ischemic · LVEF $\leq$ 35% | Non-ischemic · LVEF $\leq$ 35%                                 |
| ↓ 31% mortality           | ↓ 23% mortality<br>↓ 60% SCD  | ↓ arrhythmic death             | No overall mortality benefit<br>Benefit attenuates $\geq$ 68 y |

**Bottom line: benefit greatest in ischemic CMP and younger patients.**

## When NOT to Implant

### Contraindications

- Life expectancy < 1 year
- NYHA IV refractory, not a CRT/LVAD/transplant candidate
- Incessant VT/VF
- Reversible / treatable arrhythmic cause

### Wait first

- < 40 days post-MI (primary prevention)
- < 90 days post-revascularization
- < 3 months of new HFrEF diagnosis
- HFpEF — no proven benefit

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# ICD — Who, Why, Expected Benefit

*ICD prevents SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH — it does NOT improve symptoms or LV function.*

## WHO — Patient criteria

- LVEF  $\leq$  35% + NYHA II–III
- OR LVEF  $\leq$  30% + NYHA I (ischemic)
- $\geq$  40 days post-MI
- $\geq$  90 days post-revascularization
- $\geq$  3 months optimized GDMT
- Life expectancy  $>$  1 year

## WHY — Mechanism / goal

- Terminates VT / VF
- Anti-tachycardia pacing + shock
- Targets ARRHYTHMIC death only
- NO effect on pump function
- NO symptomatic / NYHA benefit

## EXPECTED BENEFIT

- $\downarrow$  all-cause mortality  $\sim$  23–31%
- $\downarrow$  SCD  $\sim$  60% (SCD-HeFT)
- Strongest in ischemic CMP
- NNT  $\approx$  14 over 5 yrs (SCD-HeFT)
- Benefit attenuates in elderly, non-ischemic CMP (DANISH)

## 2021 ESC Recommendations · Sinus Rhythm

*LVEF ≤ 35% · NYHA II–IV · ≥ 3 months optimized therapy · expected survival > 1 yr*

| QRS duration | Morphology | Recommendation       | Class |
|--------------|------------|----------------------|-------|
| ≥ 150 ms     | LBBB       | Recommended          | I     |
| 130 – 149 ms | LBBB       | Should be considered | IIa   |
| ≥ 150 ms     | Non-LBBB   | Should be considered | IIa   |
| 130 – 149 ms | Non-LBBB   | May be considered    | IIb   |
| < 130 ms     | Any        | NOT indicated        | III   |

**EchoCRT (2013): QRS < 130 ms → no benefit, possible harm.**

## Special Populations

### Atrial Fibrillation

HFrEF + AF + QRS  $\geq$  130 ms  
 → CRT (Class IIa)  
 Need > 90% BiV capture  
 ± AVN ablation

### Pacemaker / ICD Upgrade

LVEF  $\leq$  35% + high RV pacing %  
 + NYHA III–IV  
 → upgrade to CRT (IIa)

### AV Block + HFrEF

LVEF  $\leq$  40% + AV block  
 + pacing indication  
 → CRT preferred over RV pacing (I)

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### Pacing-Induced Cardiomyopathy (PICM)

LVEF falls < 40–50% (or  $\geq$ 10% drop) from chronic RV pacing → upgrade to CRT or CSP.

## CRT-D or CRT-P?

*Decision is driven by SCD risk vs competing non-SCD mortality risk.*

### Favors CRT-D

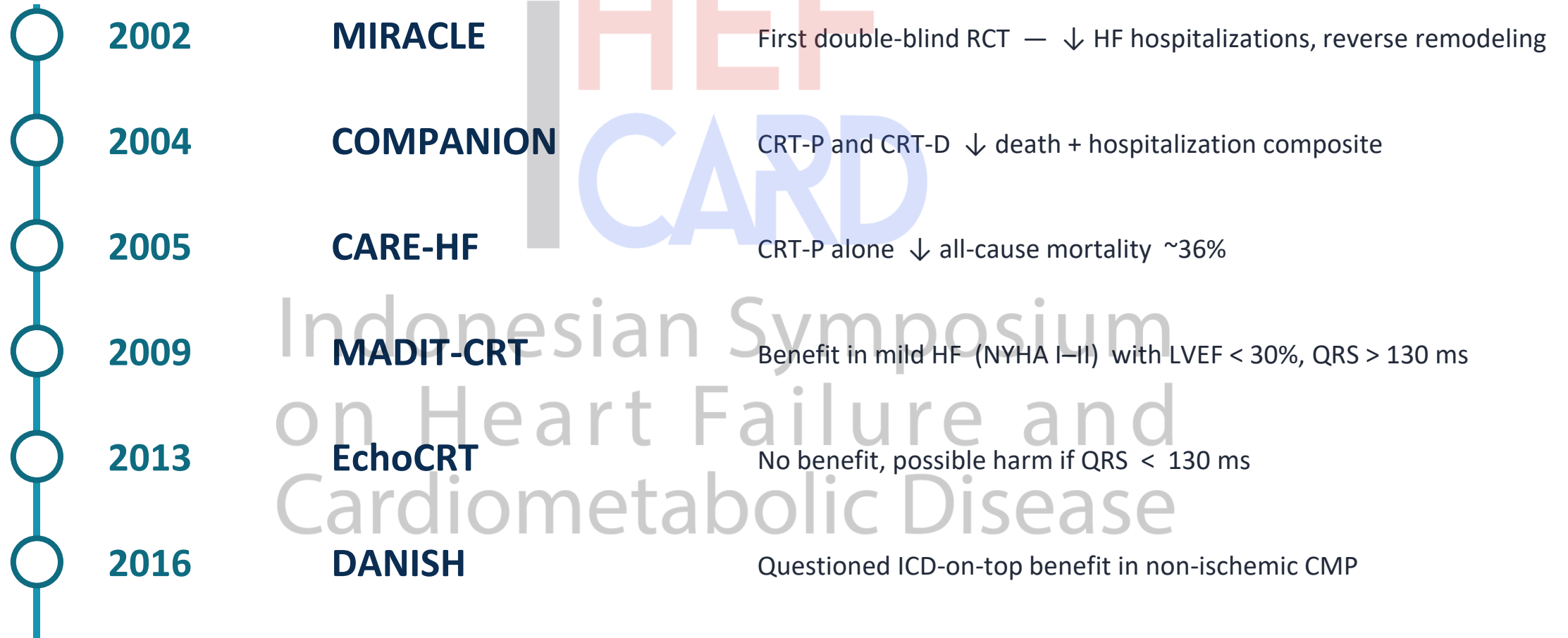
- Younger age, longer life expectancy
- Ischemic cardiomyopathy
- LGE / fibrosis on CMR
- Favorable comorbidity profile
- Shared decision: patient accepts shocks

### Favors CRT-P

- Older age, limited life expectancy
- Non-ischemic cardiomyopathy (DANISH)
- Significant comorbidities, frailty
- Competing non-cardiac mortality
- Patient preference to avoid shocks

**DANISH (2016): no all-cause mortality benefit of adding ICD to CRT in non-ischemic CMP.**

## 25 Years of Landmark Evidence



*Adapted from Ellenbogen et al., Europace 2023.*

# CRT — Who, Why, Expected Benefit

*CRT IMPROVES symptoms, LV function, and survival in dyssynchronous HFrEF.*

## WHO — Patient criteria

- LVEF  $\leq$  35%
- NYHA II–IV on  $\geq$  3 mo GDMT
- Sinus rhythm (or controlled AF)
- QRS  $\geq$  130 ms
- LBBB morphology preferred
- Best benefit if QRS  $\geq$  150 ms + LBBB

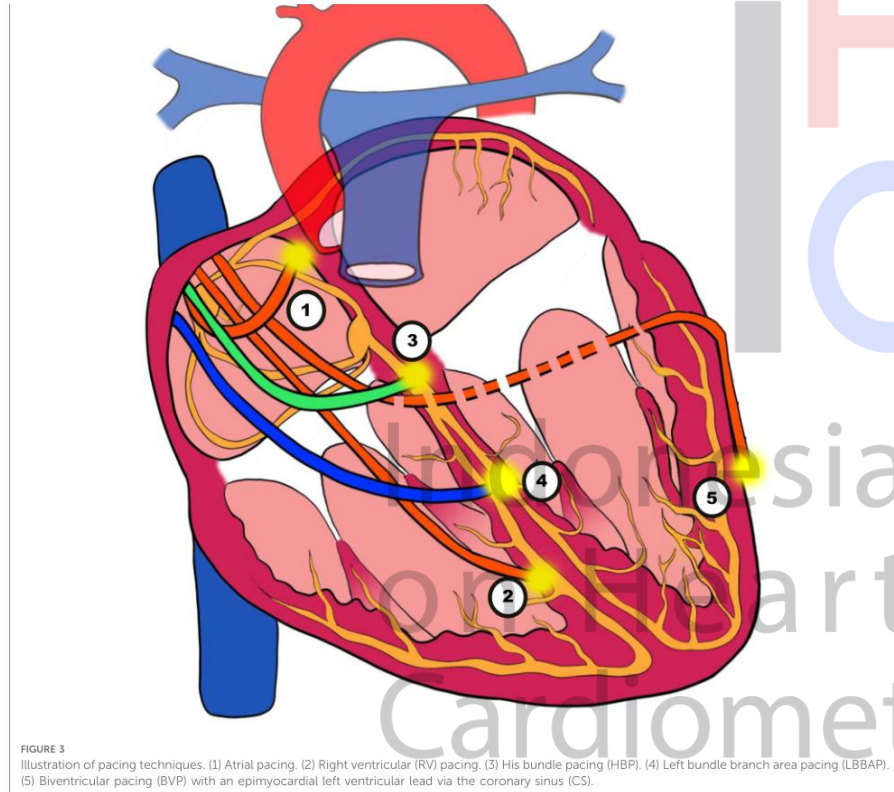
## WHY — Mechanism / goal

- Restores ventricular synchrony
- Biventricular pacing (or CSP)
- Reverse LV remodeling
- Targets PUMP failure (not SCD)
- Add ICD ( $\rightarrow$  CRT-D) for SCD risk

## EXPECTED BENEFIT

- $\downarrow$  all-cause mortality  $\sim$  24–36%
- $\downarrow$  HF hospitalization  $\sim$  35%
- $\uparrow$  LVEF  $\sim$  6–10 points (1 yr)
- $\uparrow$  NYHA class in  $\sim$  60–70%
- $\uparrow$  6-min walk + QoL

# Conduction System Pacing



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## HBP — His Bundle Pacing

- Most physiological
- Implant success 50–70%
- Higher / rising thresholds

## LBBAP — Left Bundle Branch Area

- Pacing deep in septum
- Implant success 80–95%
- Lower stable thresholds

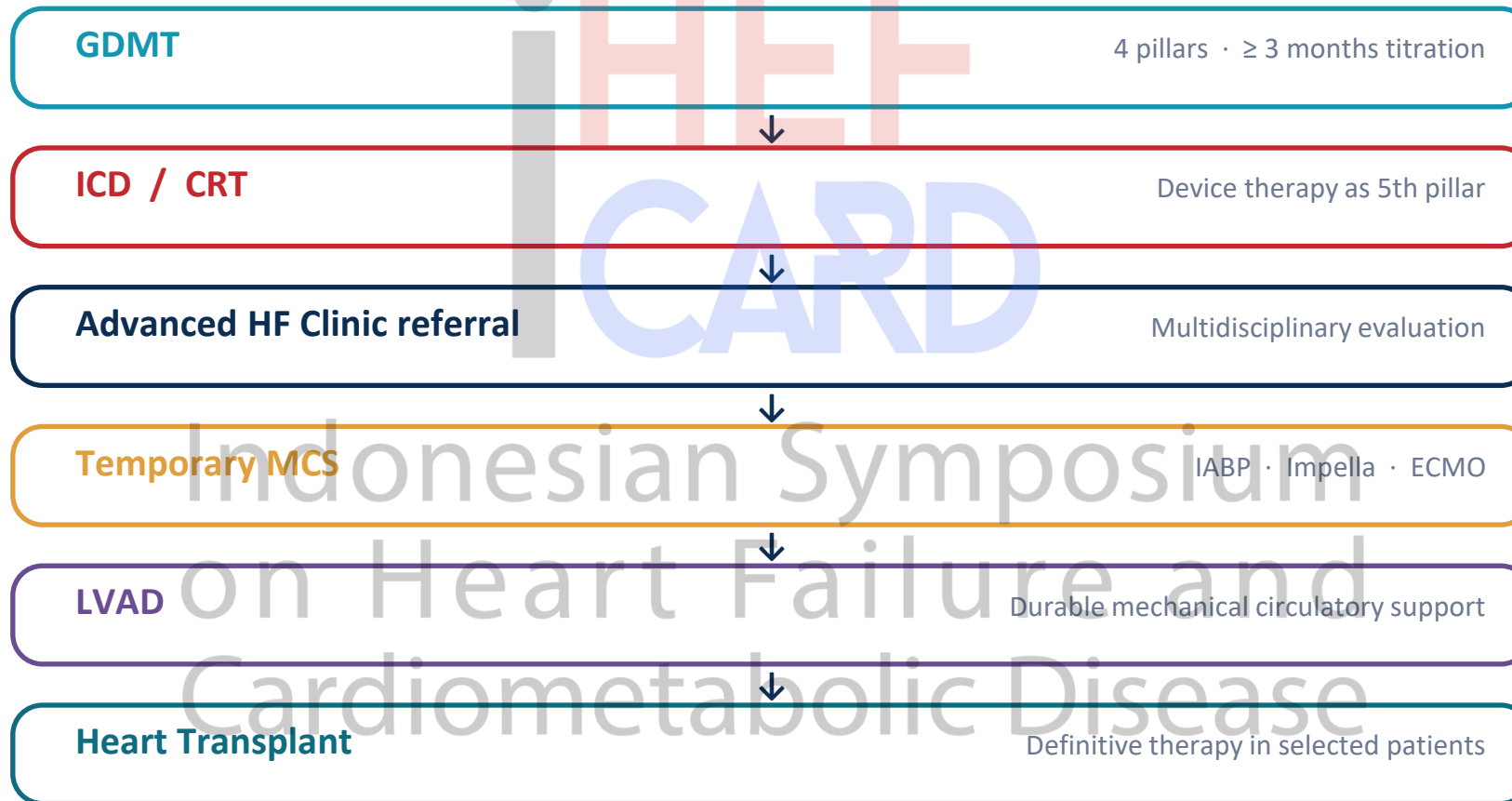
Pacing lead sites. Moustafa et al., Front Cardiovasc Med 2023.

## When to Choose CSP over BiV-CRT

- Rescue when coronary-sinus lead implant fails
- Pacing-induced cardiomyopathy (PICM)
- AV-node ablation + LVEF  $\leq 40\%$
- CRT non-responders with intact His-Purkinje
- LBBB + QRS  $\geq 130$  ms + LVEF  $\leq 35\%$  (alternative to BiVP)
- Anticipated RV pacing  $> 20\%$  + LVEF  $\leq 40\%$

*Open question: CSP in non-LBBB CRT candidates — awaiting dedicated RCTs.*

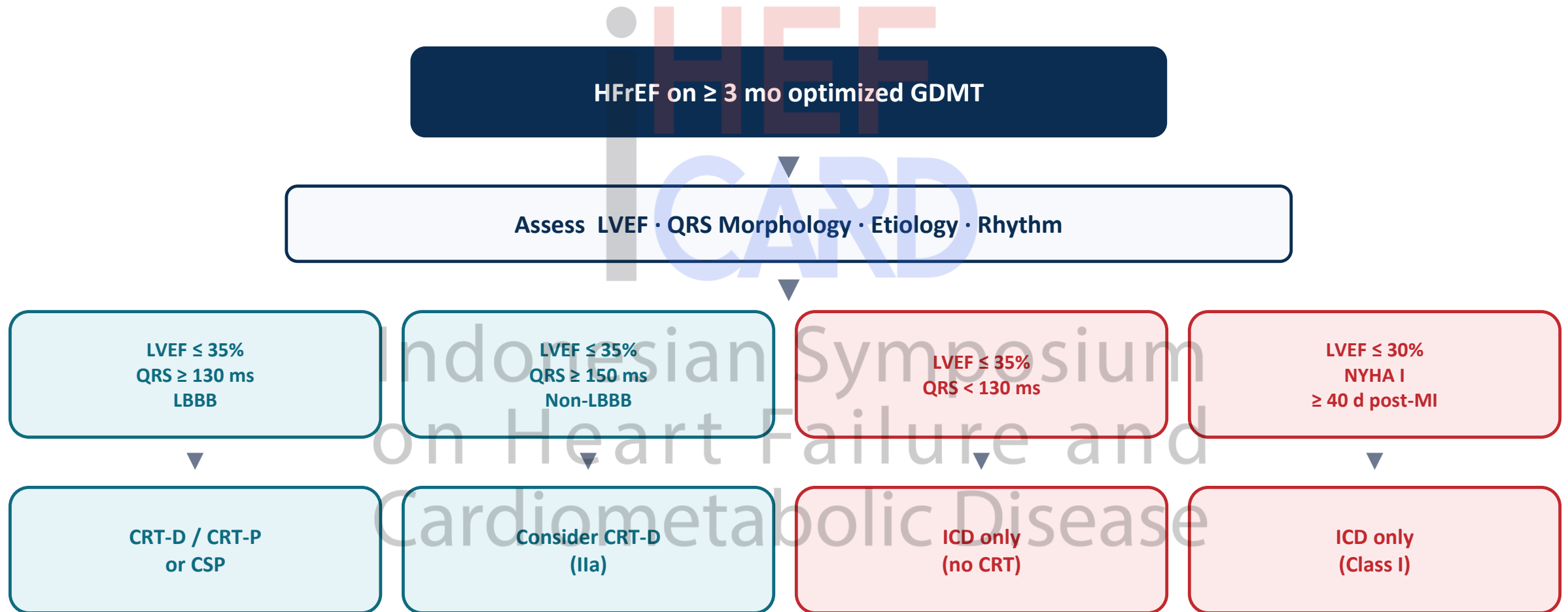
# Advanced Heart Failure Continuum



**Advanced therapies should be considered BEFORE irreversible organ dysfunction develops.**

*Adapted from ESC Advanced HF Review.*

# Putting It Together



*Secondary prevention (cardiac arrest / sustained VT) → ICD, Class I.*

## Right Patient · Right Device · Right Time

1

### Optimize

≥ 3 mo titrated  
4-pillar GDMT

2

### Characterize

LVEF · QRS morphology  
etiology · CMR scar

3

### Stratify

Ischemic > non-ischemic  
LGE adds info

4

### Personalize

Shared decision  
comorbidities · choice

#### TIMING > DEVICE

*Identify the moment medical therapy is no longer enough.*

## Take-Home Messages

1

CRT for HFrEF + wide QRS — especially LBBB  $\geq 150$  ms — after optimal GDMT.

2

ICD prevents sudden death in HFrEF with LVEF  $\leq 35\%$ .

3

CRT-D vs CRT-P depends on age, etiology, scar burden.

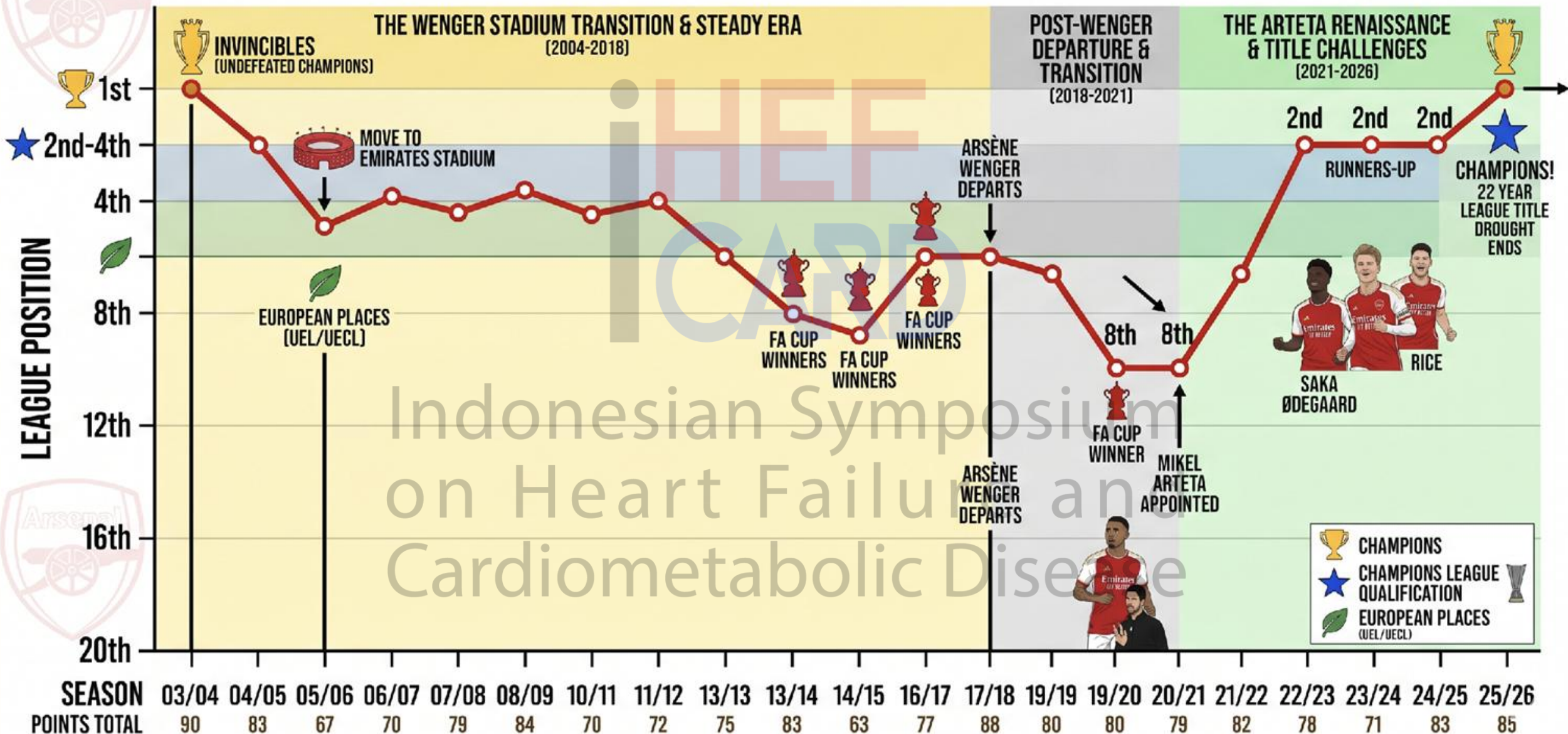
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CSP (HBP / LBBAP) is reshaping the field.

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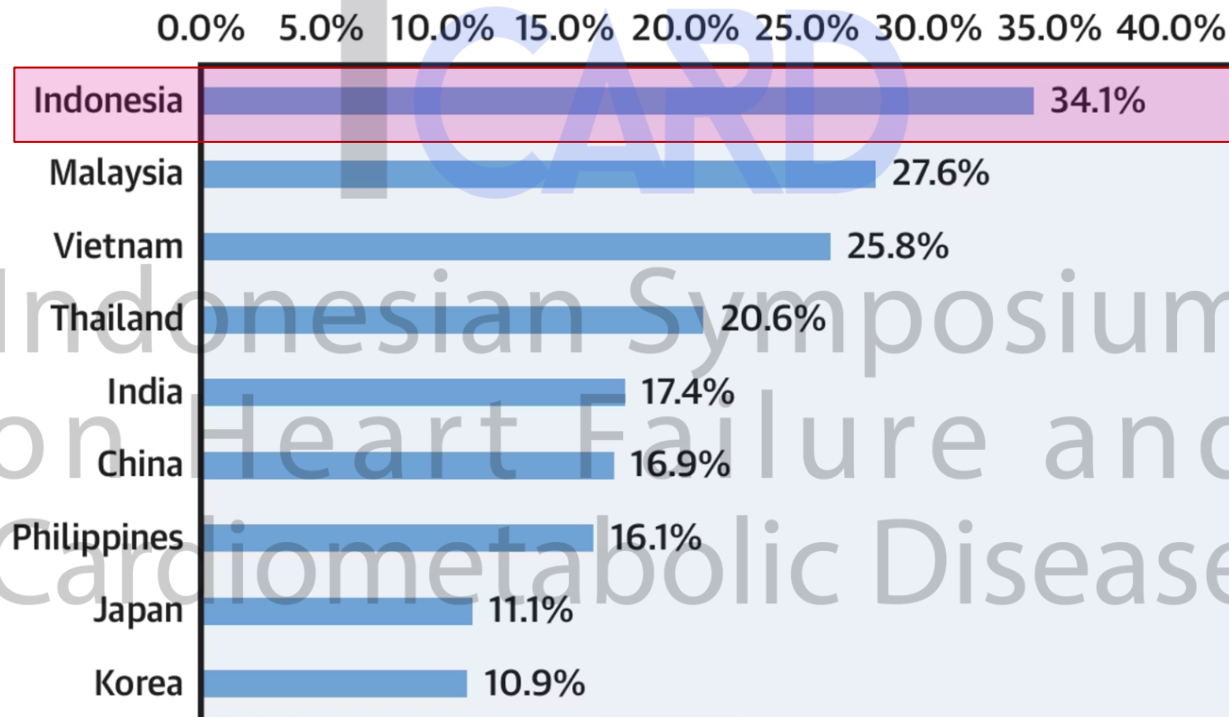
Timing > Device. Neither too early, nor too late.

# THE JOURNEY: ARSENAL FC PREMIER LEAGUE FINISHES (2003/04 - 2025/26)



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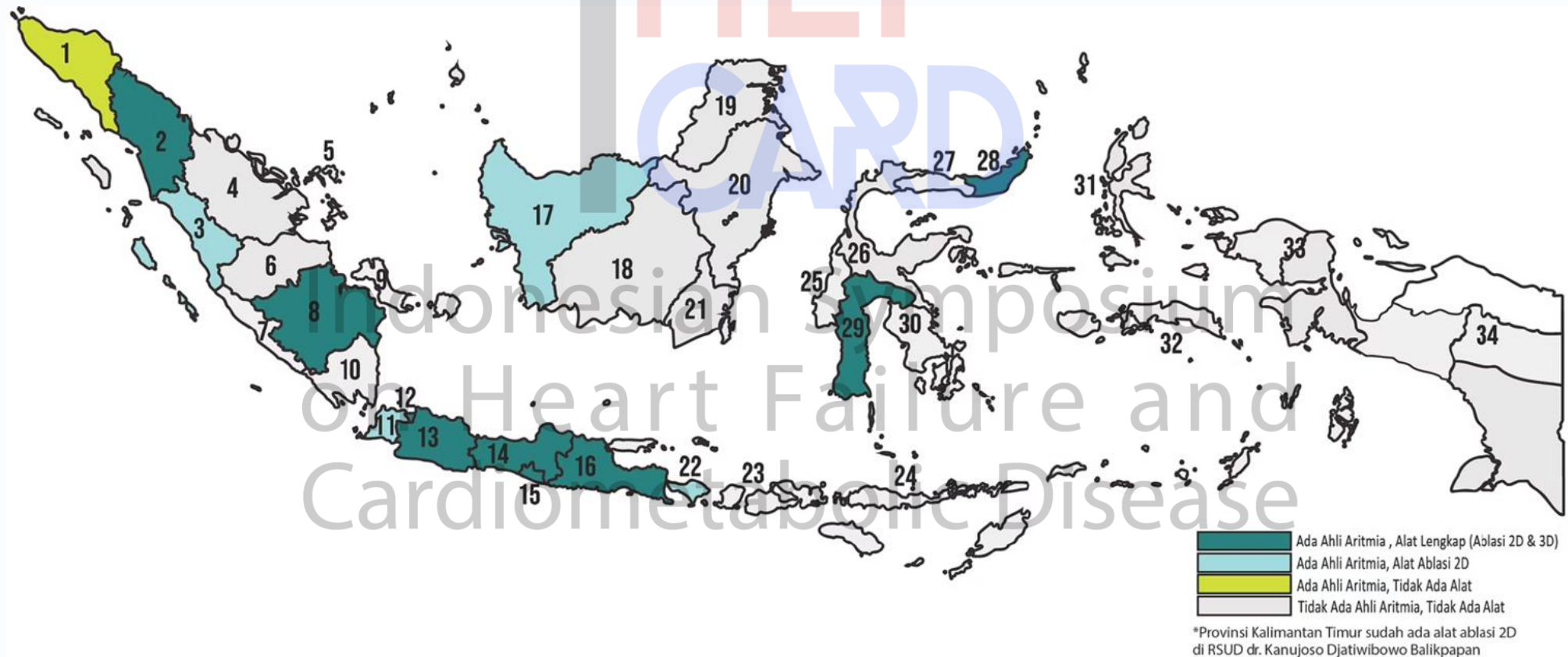
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