



GIOVEDI' 28 FEBBRAIO

THE MRI AND THE HEART: USE IN DIFFERENT CLINICAL SCENARIOS

Chiara Bucciarelli-Ducci

*Bristol Heart Institute
University of Bristol, Bristol (UK)*



The MRI and the Heart: Use in Different Clinical Scenarios

Chiara Bucciarelli-Ducci MD, PhD, FESC, FRCP

Associate Professor of Cardiology

Bristol Heart Institute, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK

Secretary

European Association Cardiovascular Imaging (EACVI)

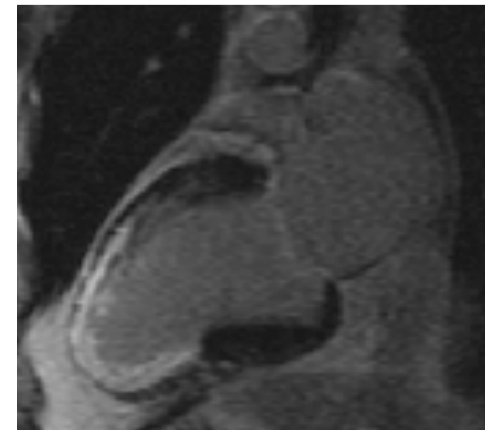
European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

CMR Tissue Characterisation

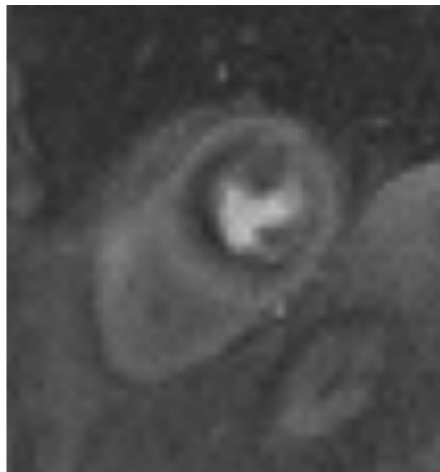
Function



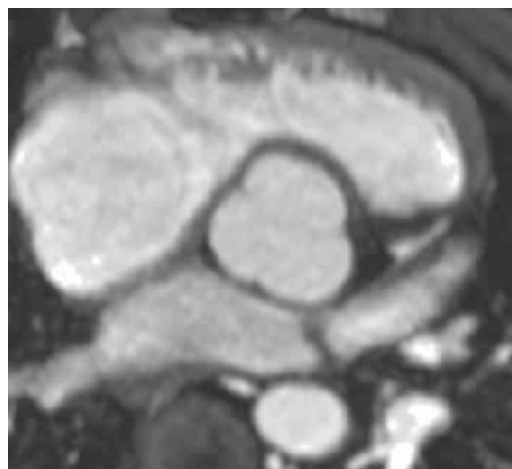
Replacement fibrosis



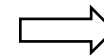
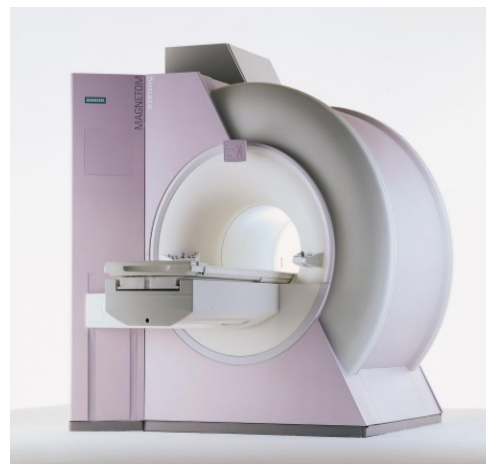
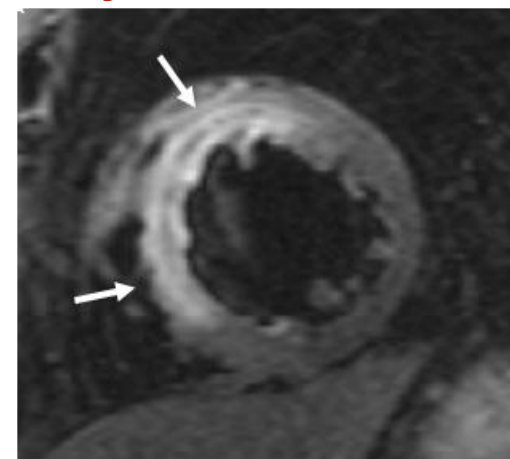
Inducible ischaemia



Origin coronaries

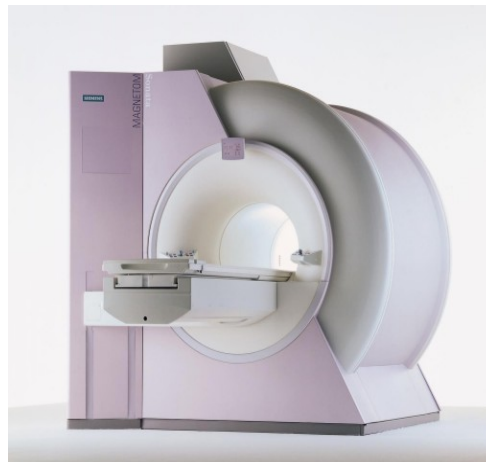


Myocardial oedema

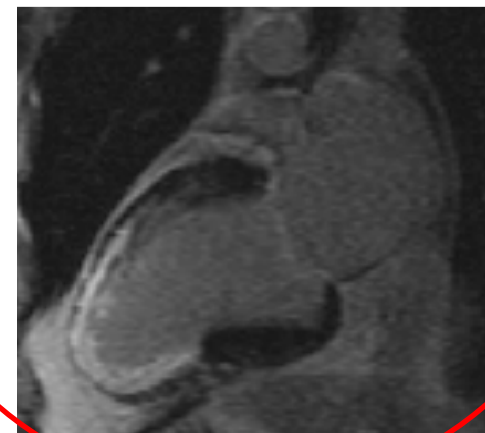


CMR Tissue Characterisation

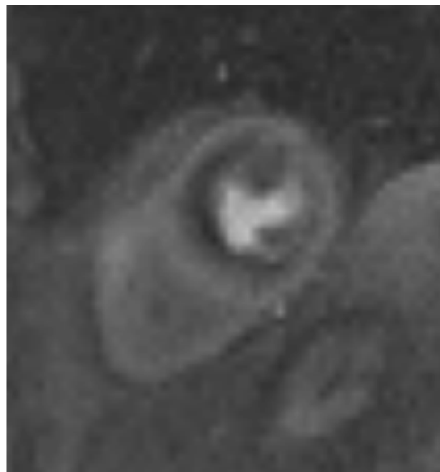
Function



Replacement fibrosis



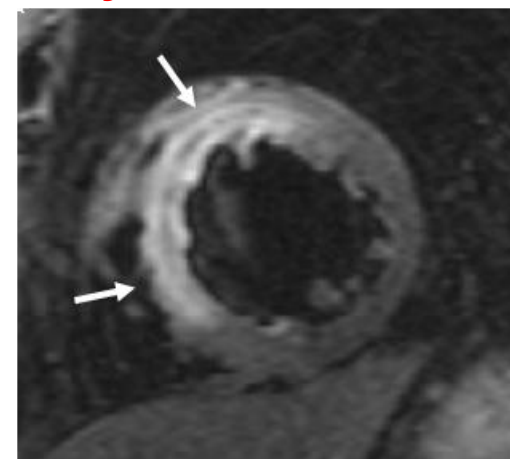
Inducible ischaemia



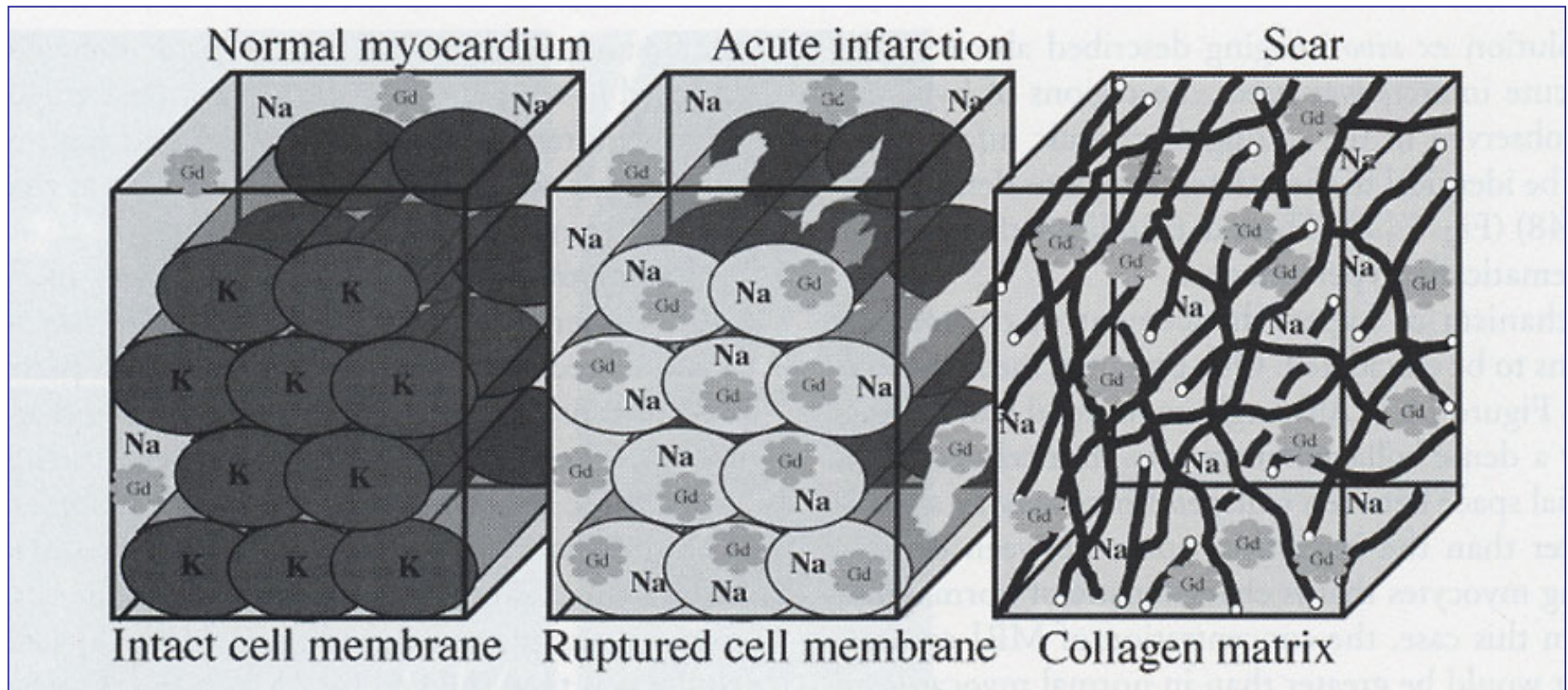
Origin coronaries



Myocardial oedema

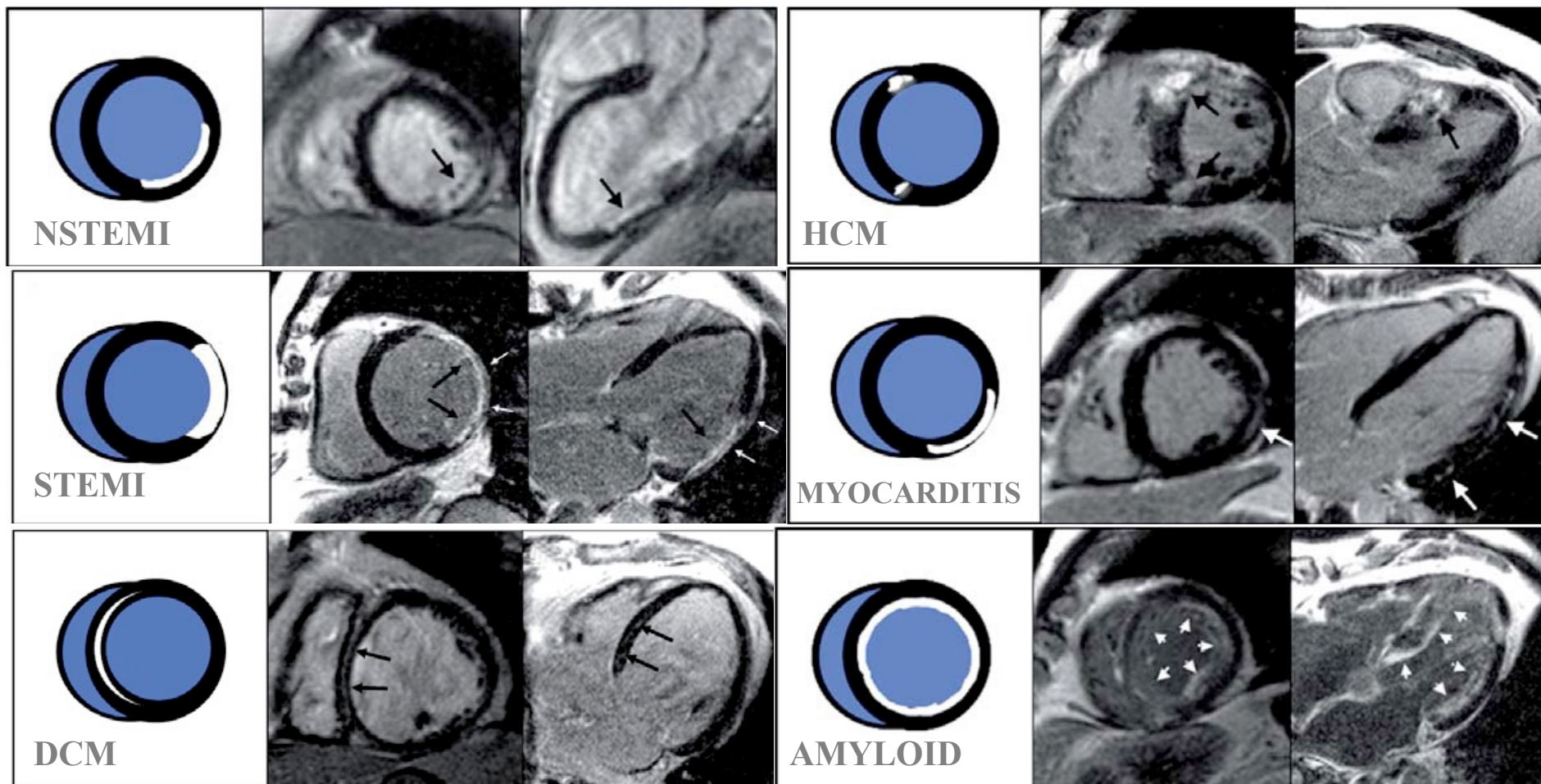


Gadolinium Contrast Agent

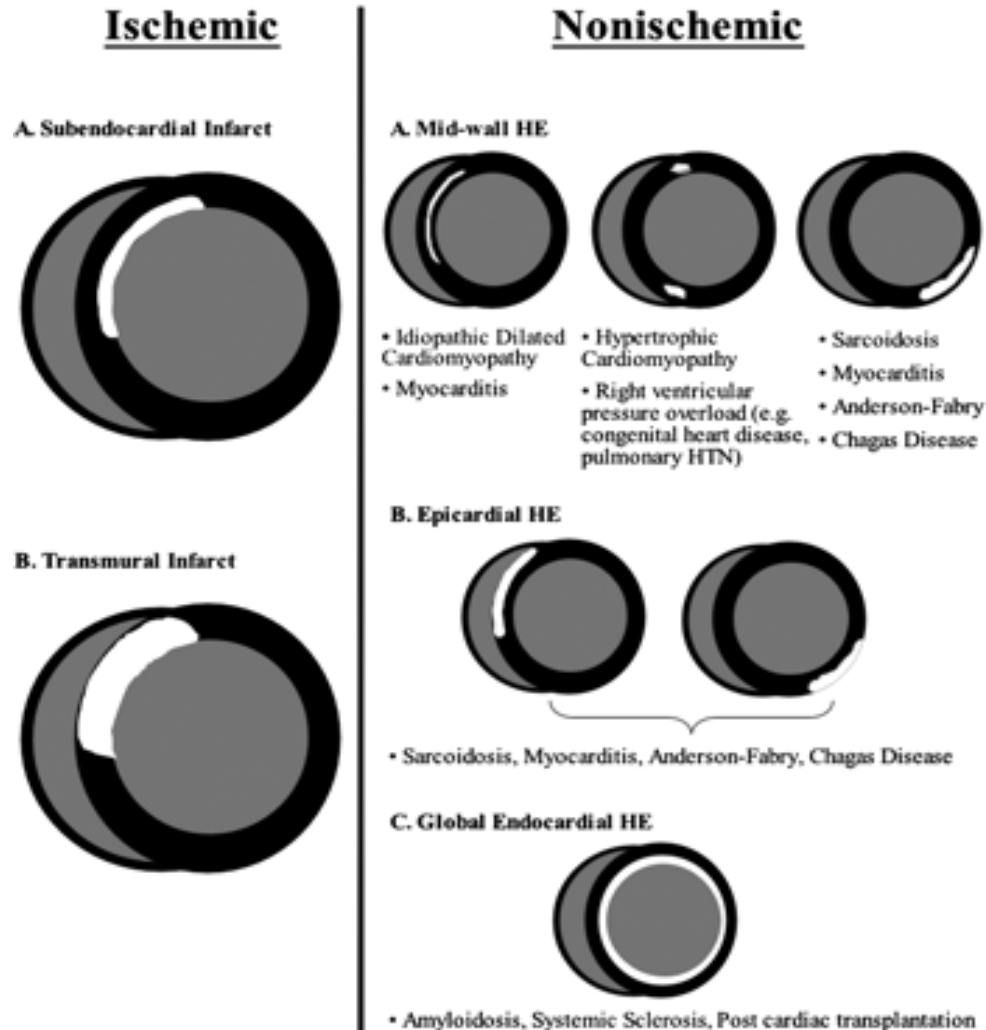


Kim RJ, Cardiovascular MRI and MRA, Higgins and de Roos ed. LWW 2003

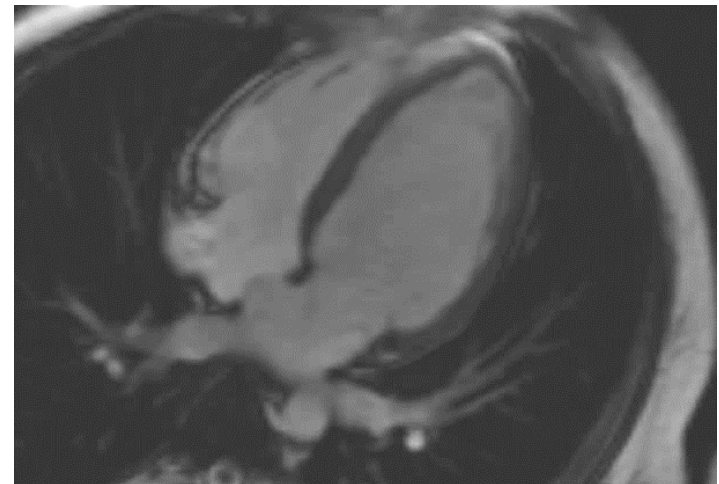
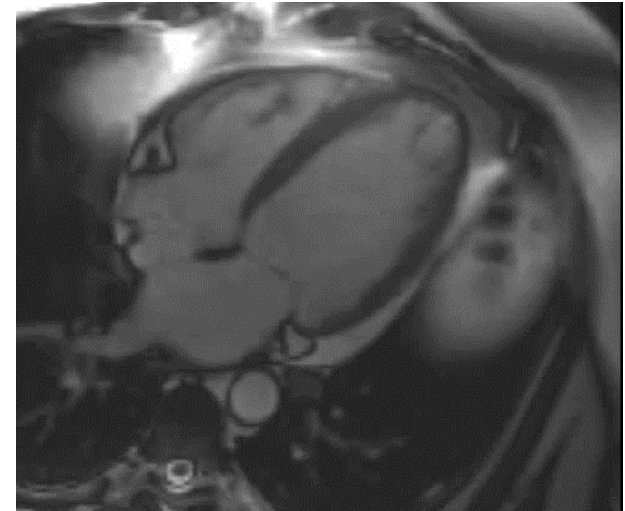
Contrast Enhancement



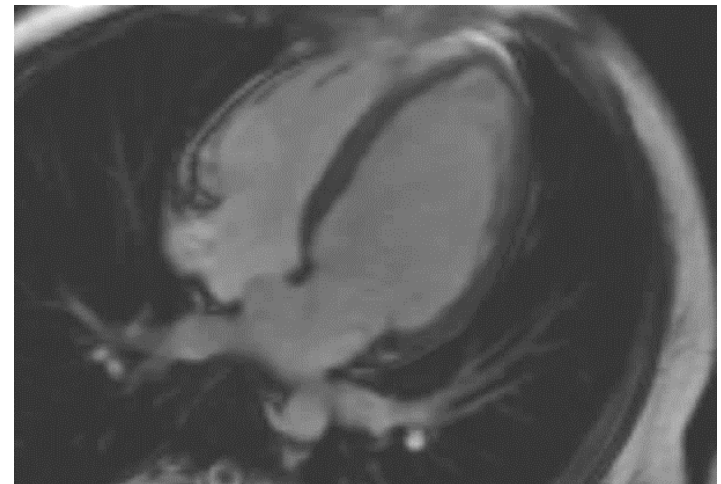
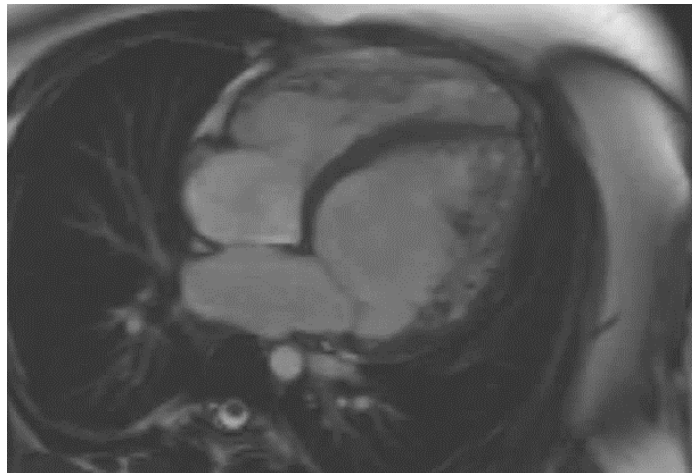
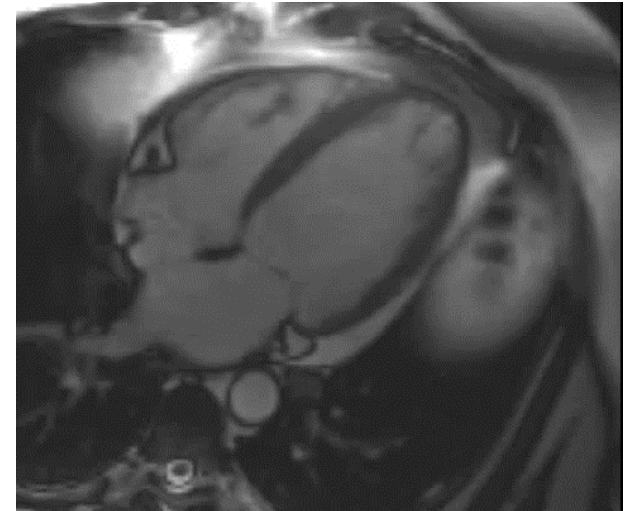
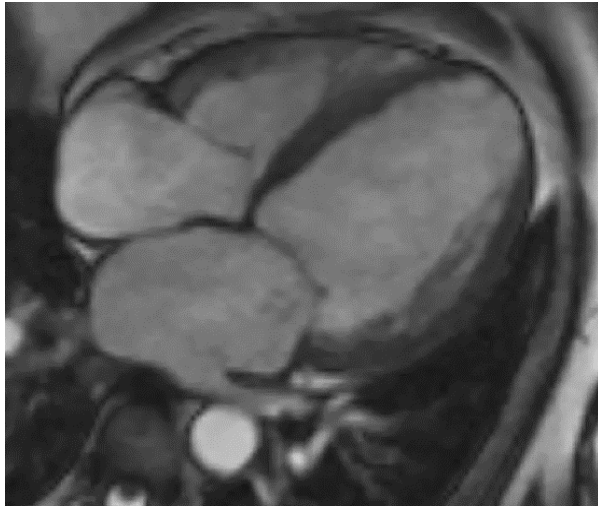
Gadolinium and differential diagnosis



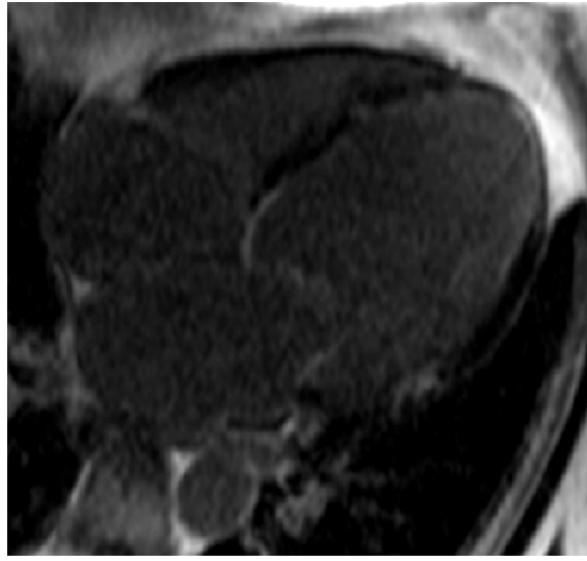
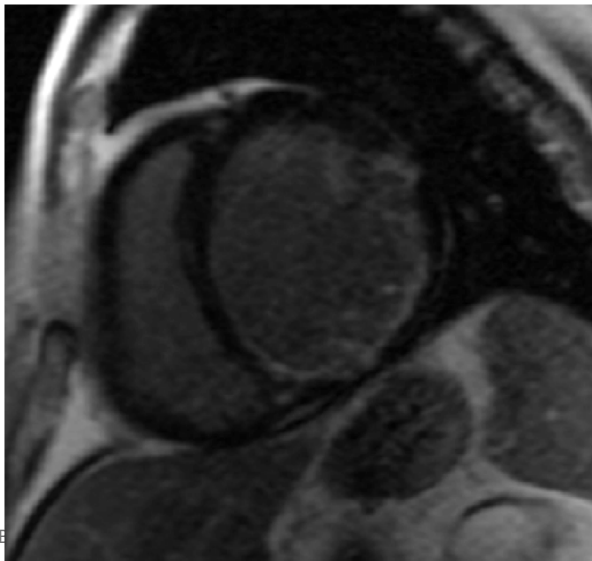
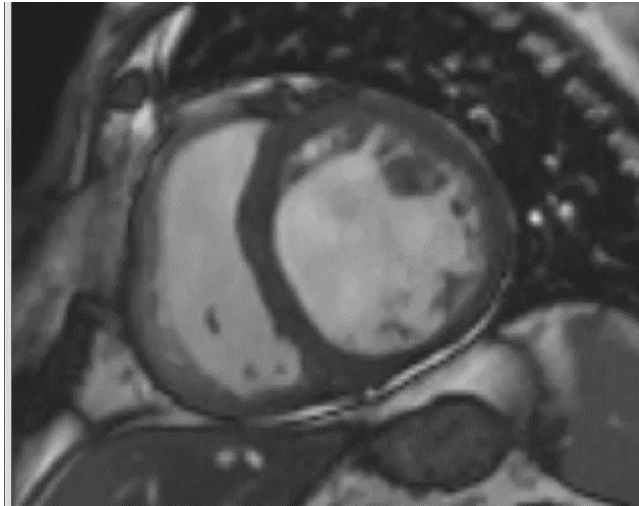
Dilated Hearts- Differentials



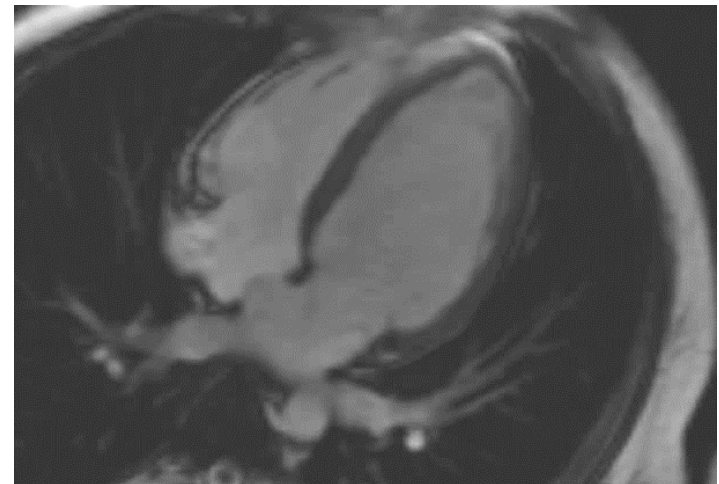
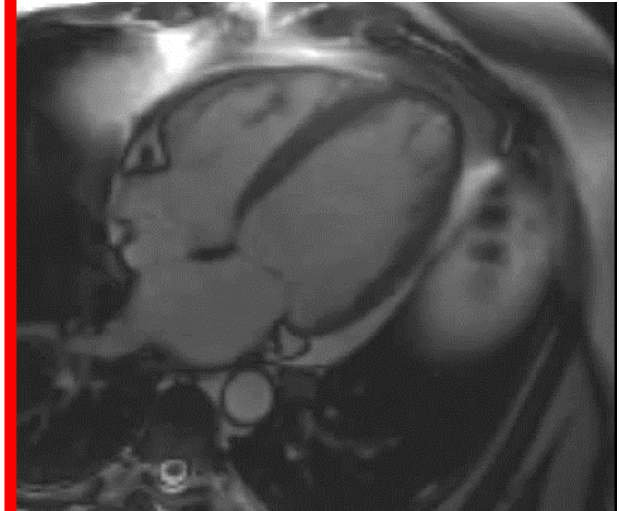
Dilated Hearts- Differentials



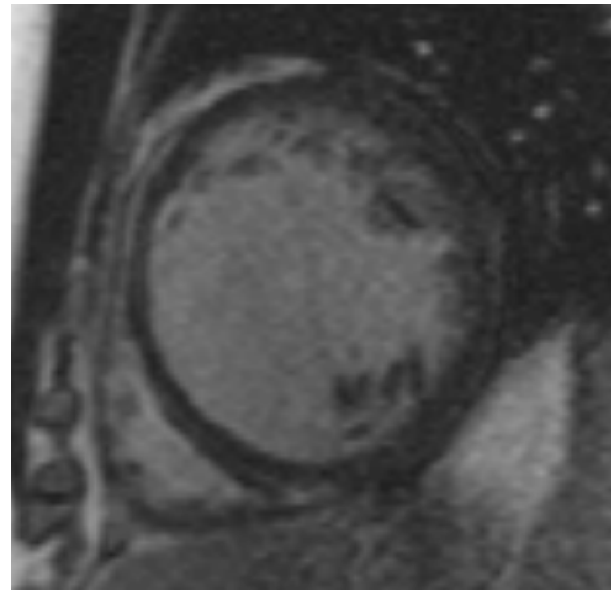
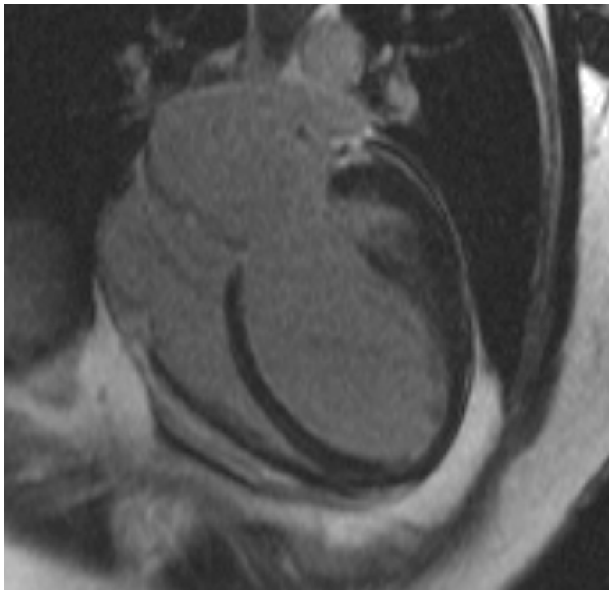
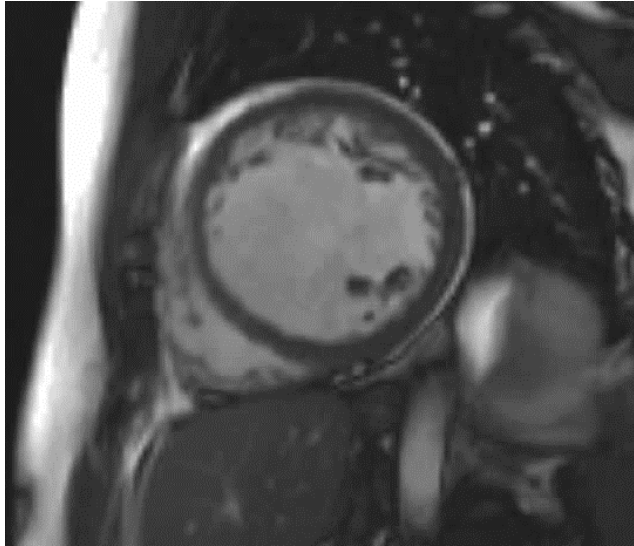
Case 1 Ischemic Cardiomyopathy



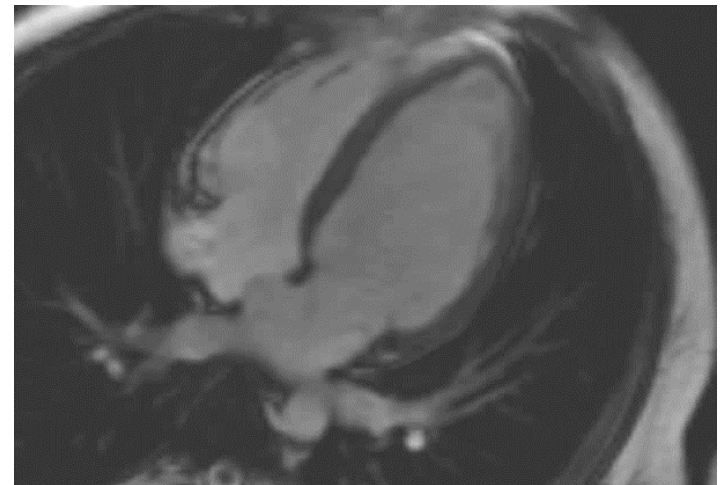
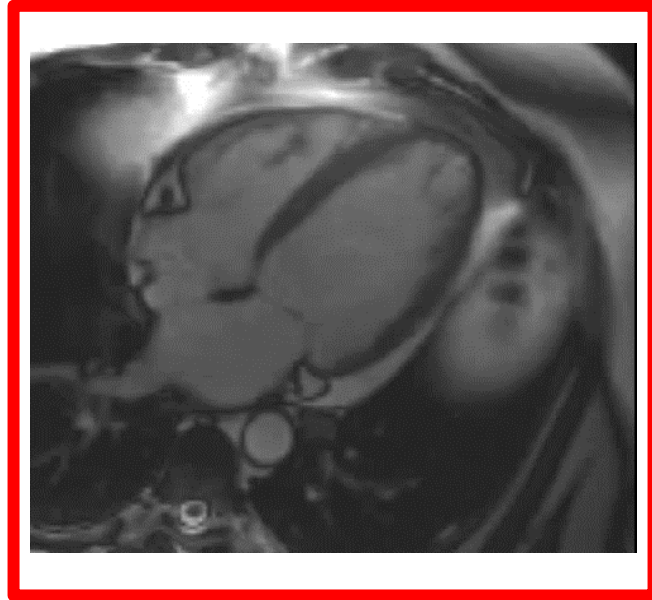
Dilated Hearts- Differentials



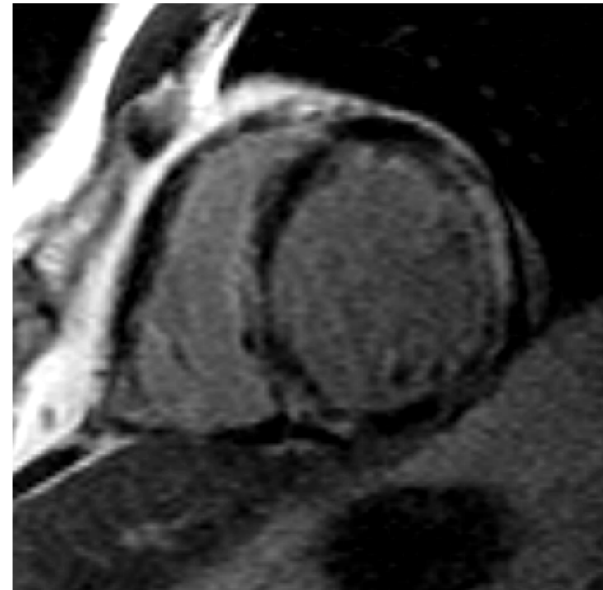
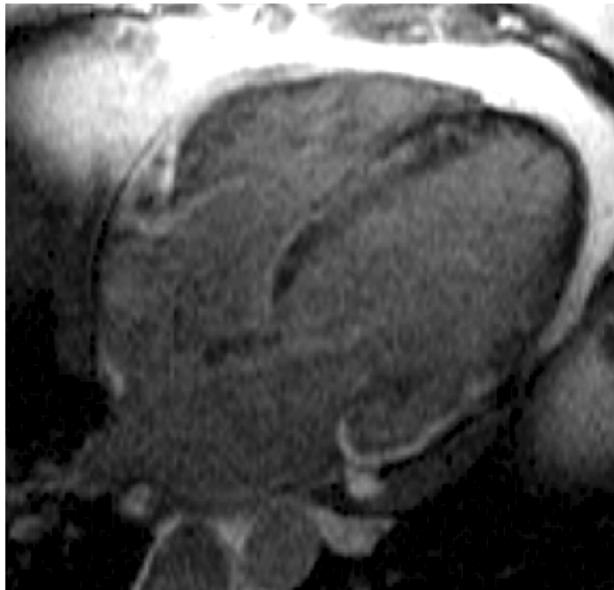
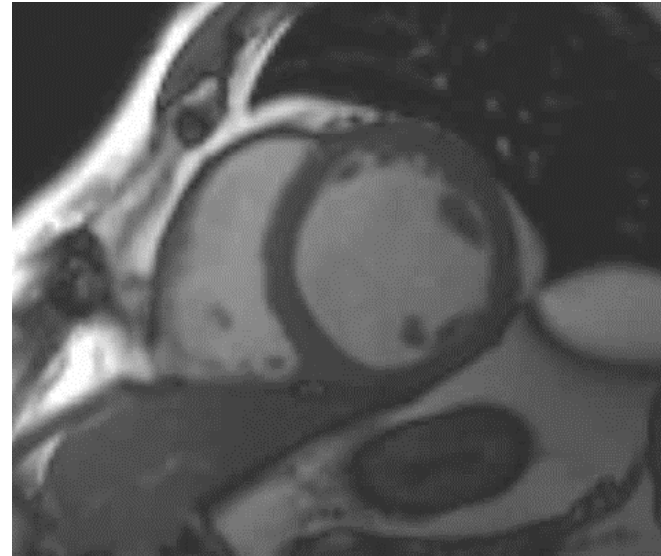
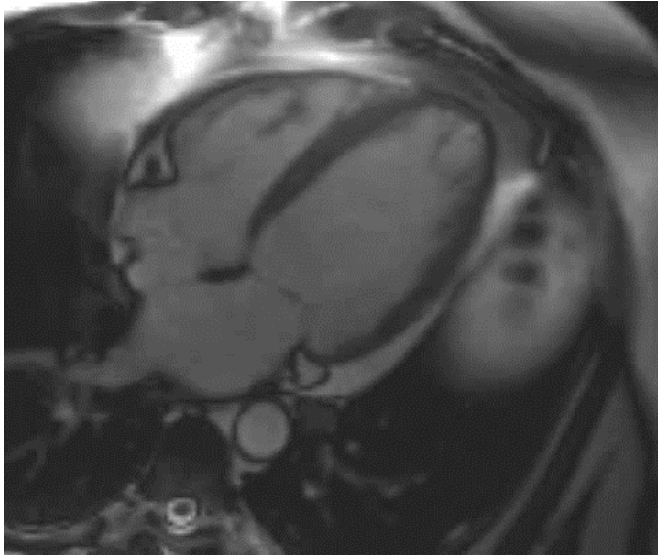
Case 2 Dilated Cardiomyopathy



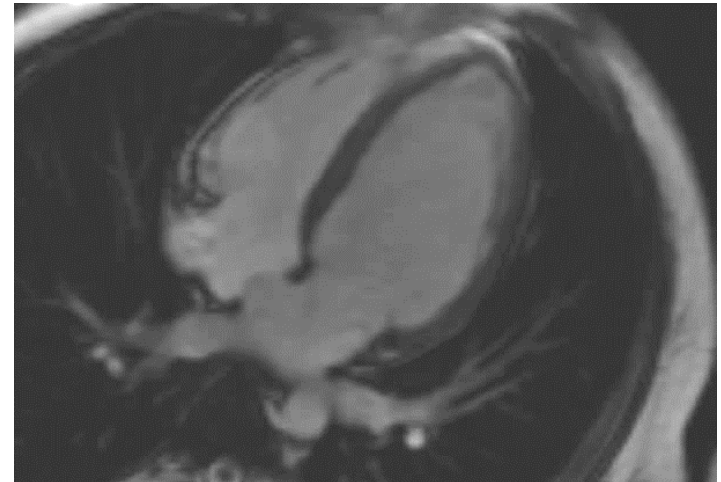
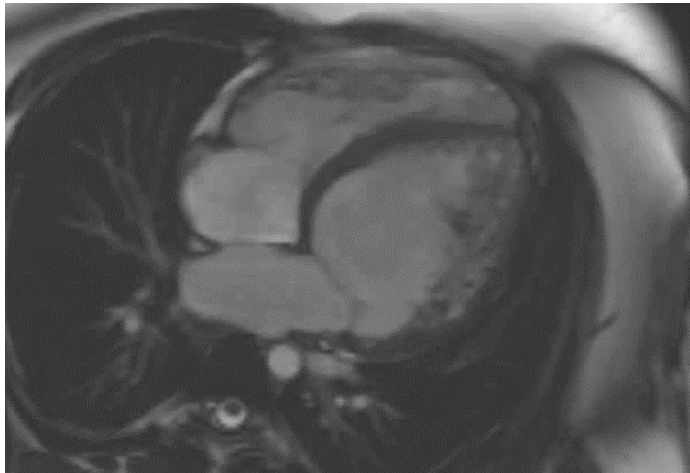
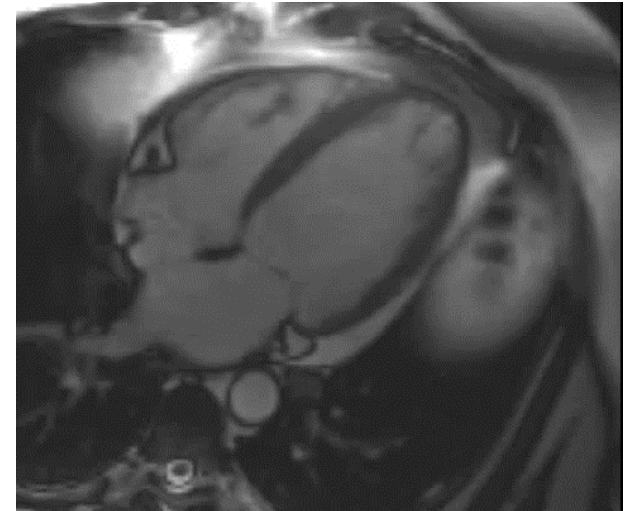
Dilated Hearts- Differentials



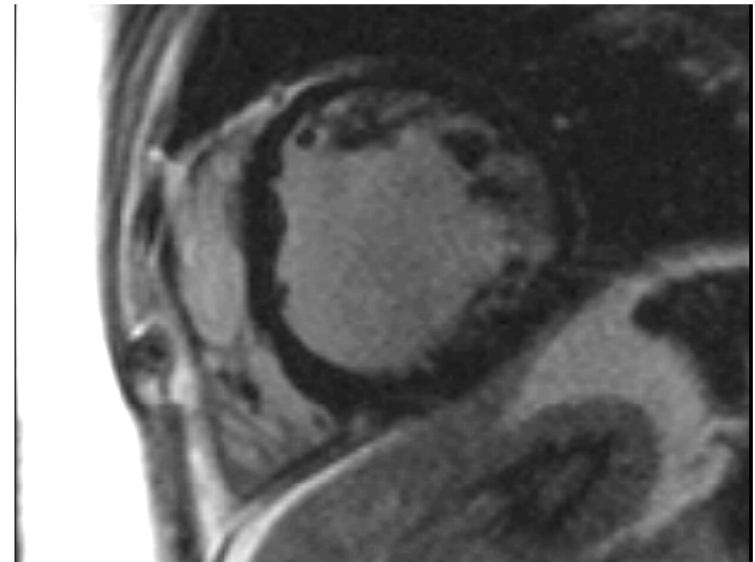
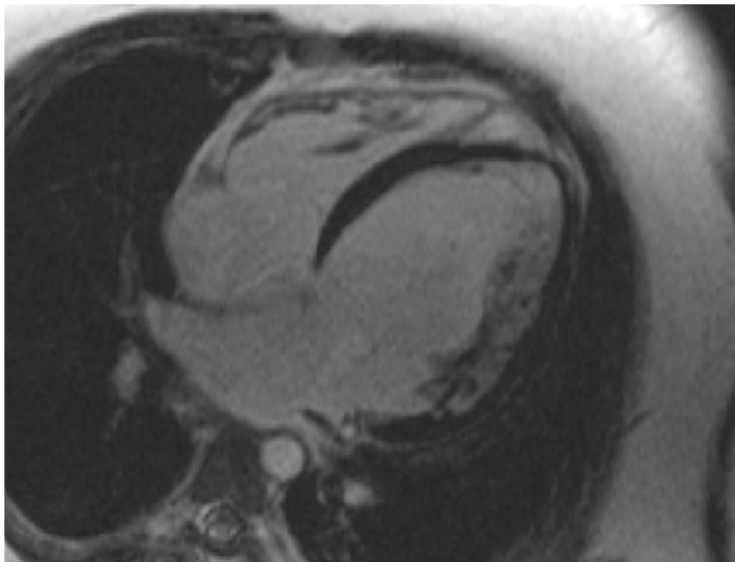
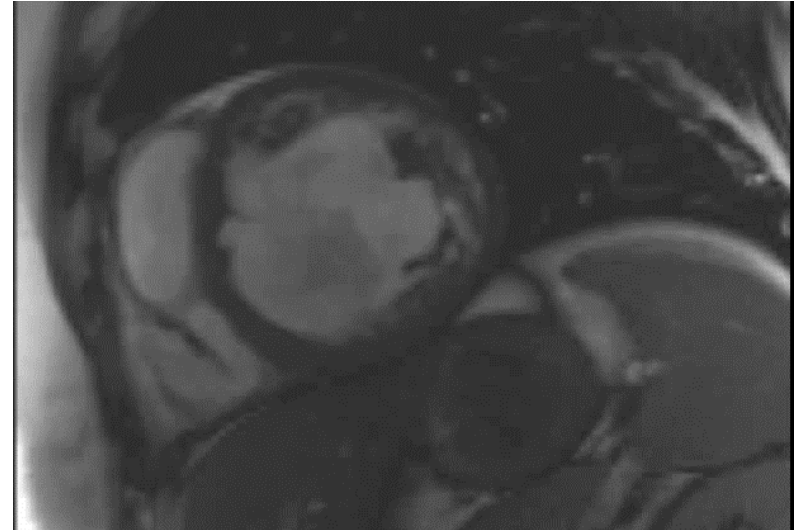
Case 3: Cardiac Sarcoidosis



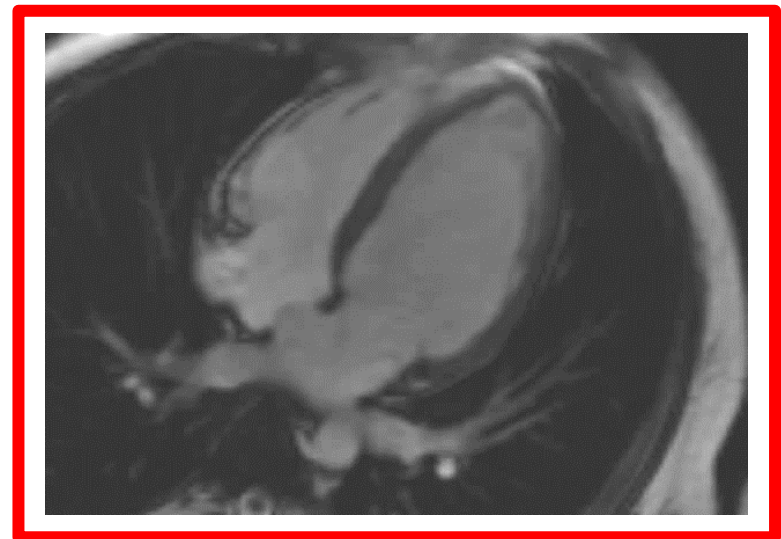
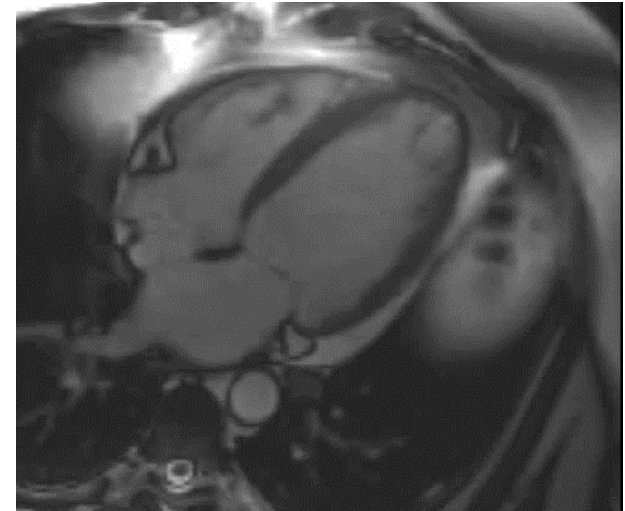
Dilated Hearts- Differentials



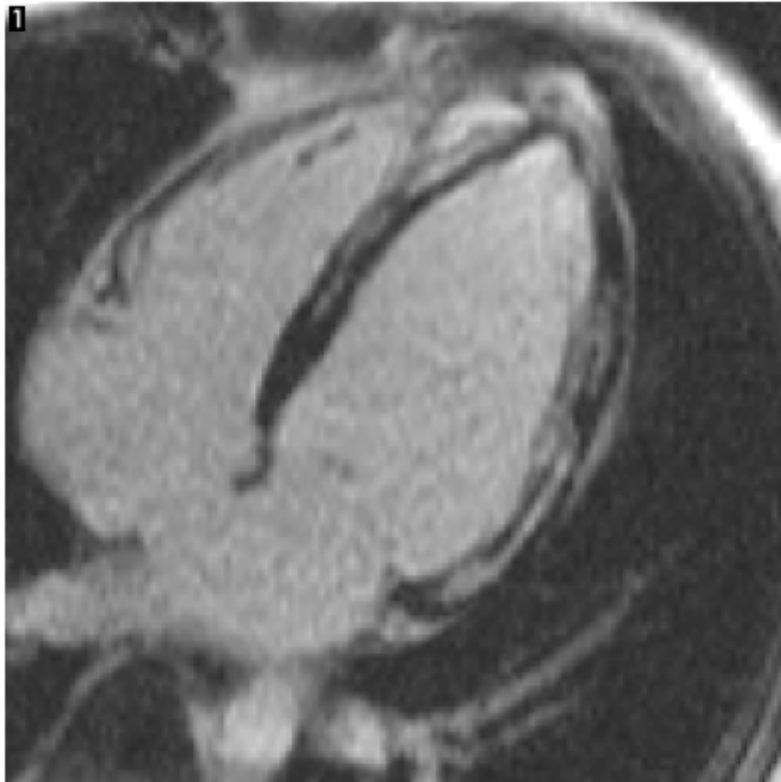
Left Ventricular Non Compaction



Dilated Hearts- Differentials

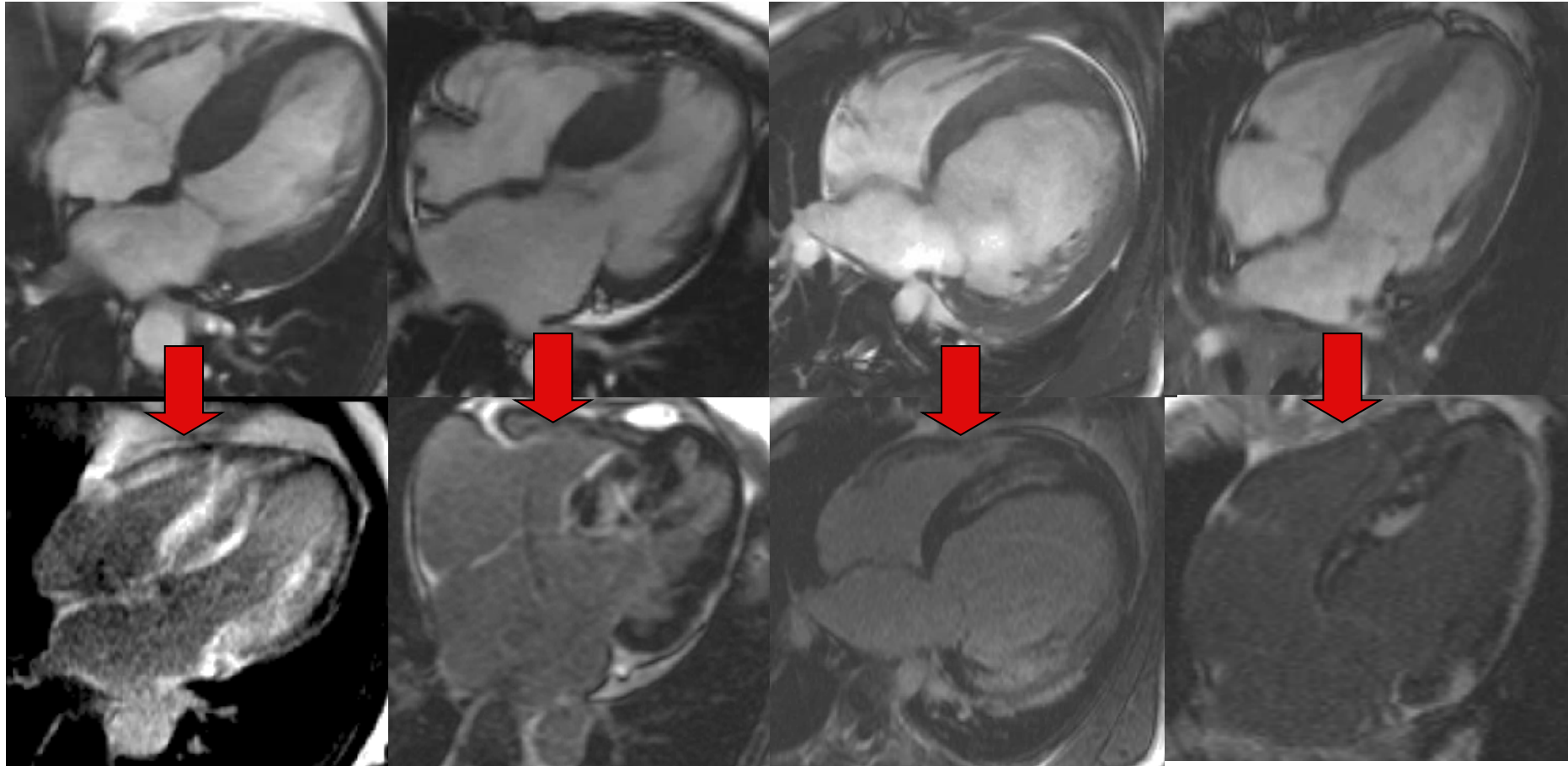


Images Post Gadolinium



DCM Post Myocarditis

LVH Differential Diagnosis



Amyloidosis

HCM

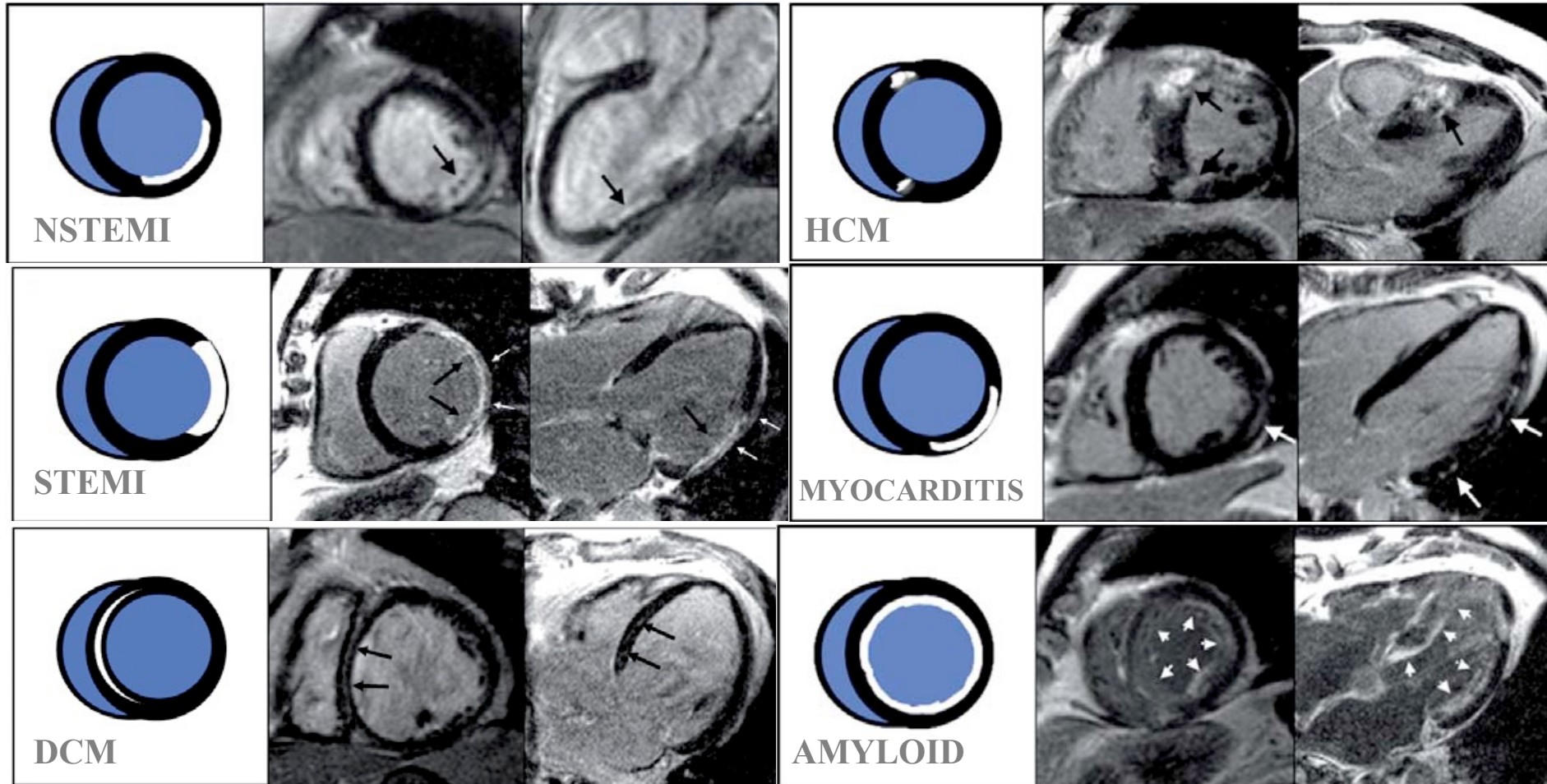
Fabry's

Sarcoidosis

2016 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure

TTE is recommended to assess LVEF in order to identify patients with HF who would be suitable for evidence-based pharmacological and device (ICD, CRT) treatment recommended for HFrEF.	I	C	
TTE is recommended for the assessment of valve disease, right ventricular function and pulmonary arterial pressure in patients with an already established diagnosis of either HFrEF, HFmrEF or HFpEF in order to identify those suitable for correction of valve disease.	I	C	
TTE is recommended for the assessment of myocardial structure and function in subjects to be exposed to treatment which potentially can damage myocardium (e.g. chemotherapy).	I	C	
Other techniques (including systolic tissue Doppler velocities and deformation indices, i.e. strain and strain rate), should be considered in a TTE protocol in subjects at risk of developing HF in order to identify myocardial dysfunction at the preclinical stage.	IIa	C	
CMR is recommended for the assessment of myocardial structure and function (including right heart) in subjects with poor acoustic window and patients with complex congenital heart diseases (taking account of cautions/contraindications to CMR).	I	C	
CMR with LGE should be considered in patients with dilated cardiomyopathy in order to distinguish between ischaemic and non-ischaemic myocardial damage in case of equivocal clinical and other imaging data (taking account of cautions/contraindications to CMR).	IIa	C	
CMR is recommended for the characterization of myocardial tissue in case of suspected myocarditis, amyloidosis, sarcoidosis, Chagas disease, Fabry disease non-compaction cardiomyopathy, and haemochromatosis (taking account of cautions/contraindications to CMR).	I	C	
Non-invasive stress imaging (CMR, stress echocardiography, SPECT, PET) may be considered for the assessment of myocardial ischaemia and viability in patients with HF and CAD (considered suitable for coronary revascularization) before the decision on revascularization.	IIb	B	116–118
Invasive coronary angiography is recommended in patients with HF and angina pectoris recalcitrant to pharmacological therapy or symptomatic ventricular arrhythmias or aborted cardiac arrest (who are considered suitable for potential coronary revascularization) in order to establish the diagnosis of CAD and its severity.	I	C	
Invasive coronary angiography should be considered in patients with HF and intermediate to high pre-test probability of CAD and the presence of ischaemia in non-invasive stress tests (who are considered suitable for potential coronary revascularization) in order to establish the diagnosis of CAD and its severity.	IIa	C	

Contrast Enhancement



From Bright is Dead to..... Bright is BAD

Bucciarelli-Ducci C, JACC 2012

Case 4

51 yo caucasian female

Hypertension, hypercholesterolemia

Episode of chest discomfort

2014 ESC/EACTS Guidelines on myocardial revascularization

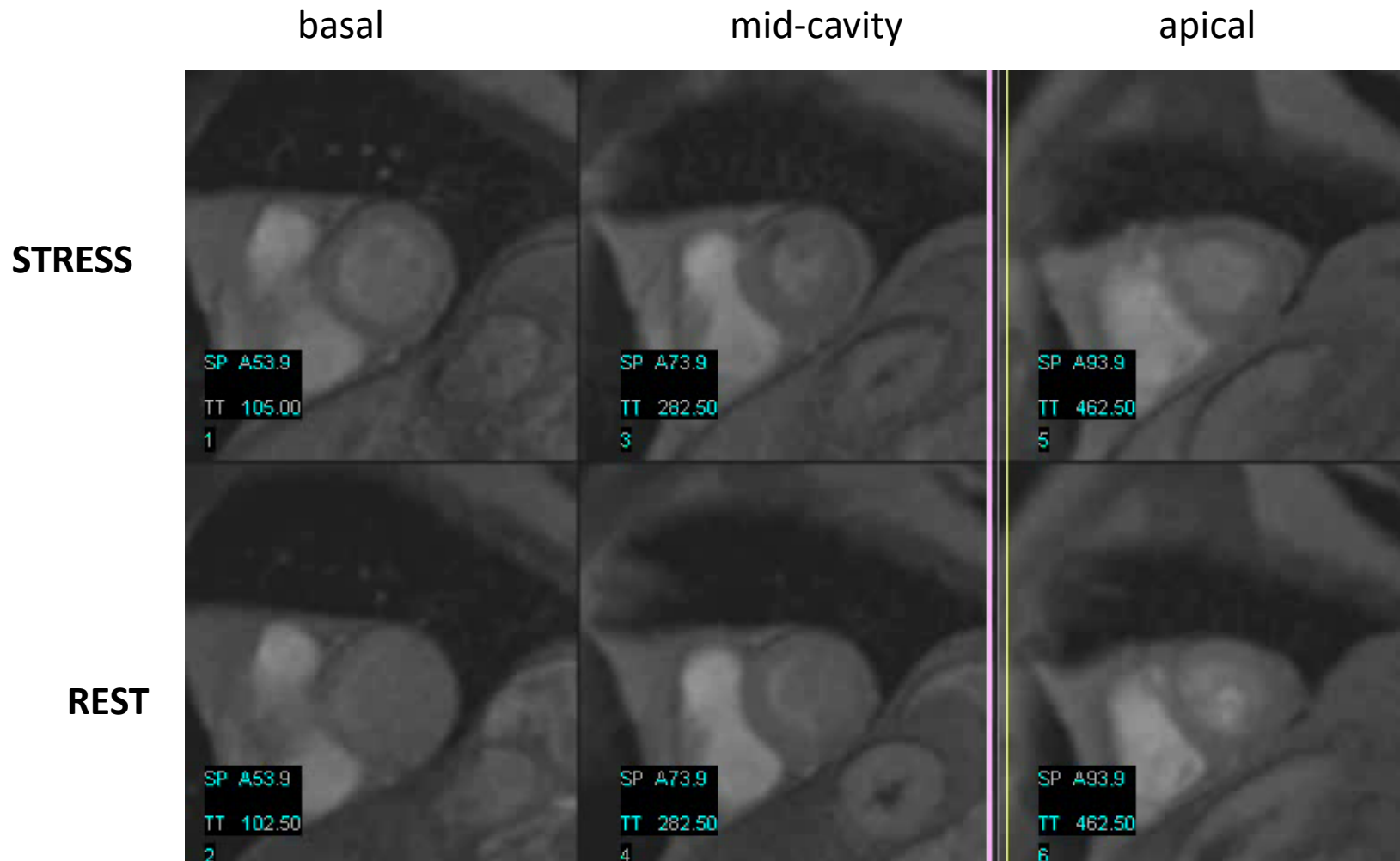
The Task Force on Myocardial Revascularization of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)

Developed with the special contribution of the European Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions (EAPCI)

Indications for diagnostic testing in patients with suspected CAD and stable symptoms

	Asymptomatic ^a		Symptomatic						
			Probability of significant disease ^b						
			Low ($<15\%$)		Intermediate ($15\text{--}85\%$)		High ($>85\%$)		
	Class ^c	Level ^d	Class ^c	Level ^d	Class ^c	Level ^d	Class ^c	Level ^d	Ref ^a
Anatomical detection of CAD									
Invasive angiography	III	A	III	A	IIb	A	I	A	50–52,54
CT angiography ^{1,2}	III	B	III	C	IIa	A	III	B	57–62
Functional test									
Stress echo	III	A	III	A	I	A	III	A	63–65
Nuclear Imaging	III	A	III	A	I	A	III	A	60,66–70
Stress MRI	III	B	III	C	I	A	III	B	71–75
PET perfusion	III	B	III	C	I	A	III	B	67,69,70,76,77
Combined or hybrid Imaging test									
	III	C	III	C	IIa	B	III	B	78–83

Stress Perfusion MRI

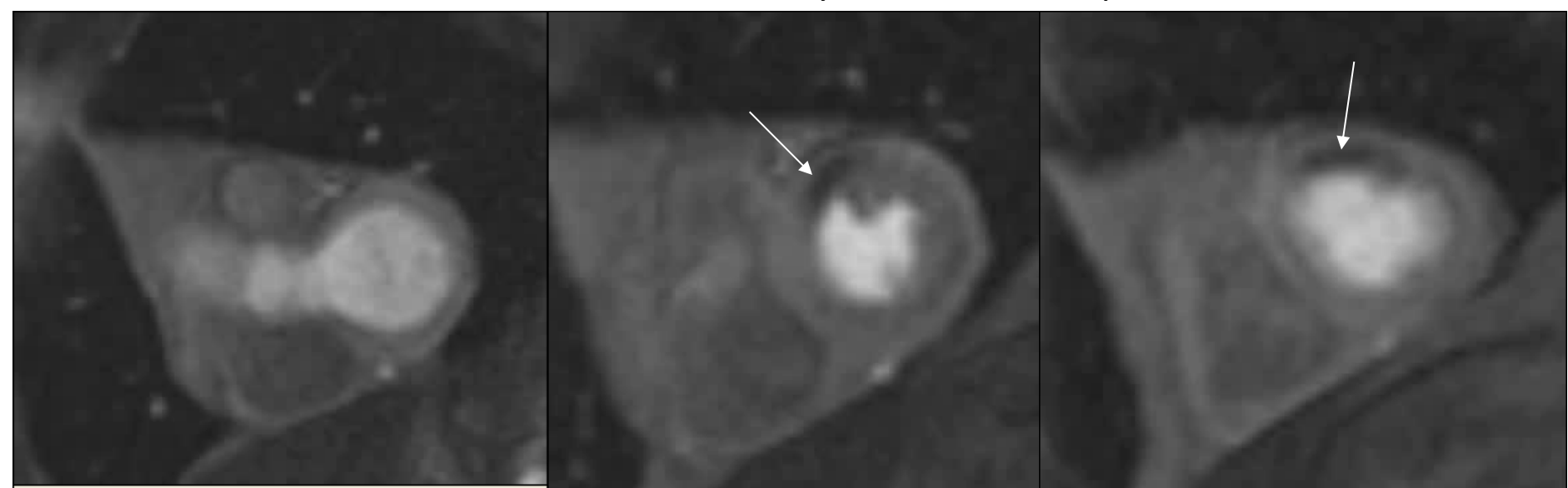


Stress Perfusion MRI

basal

mid-cavity

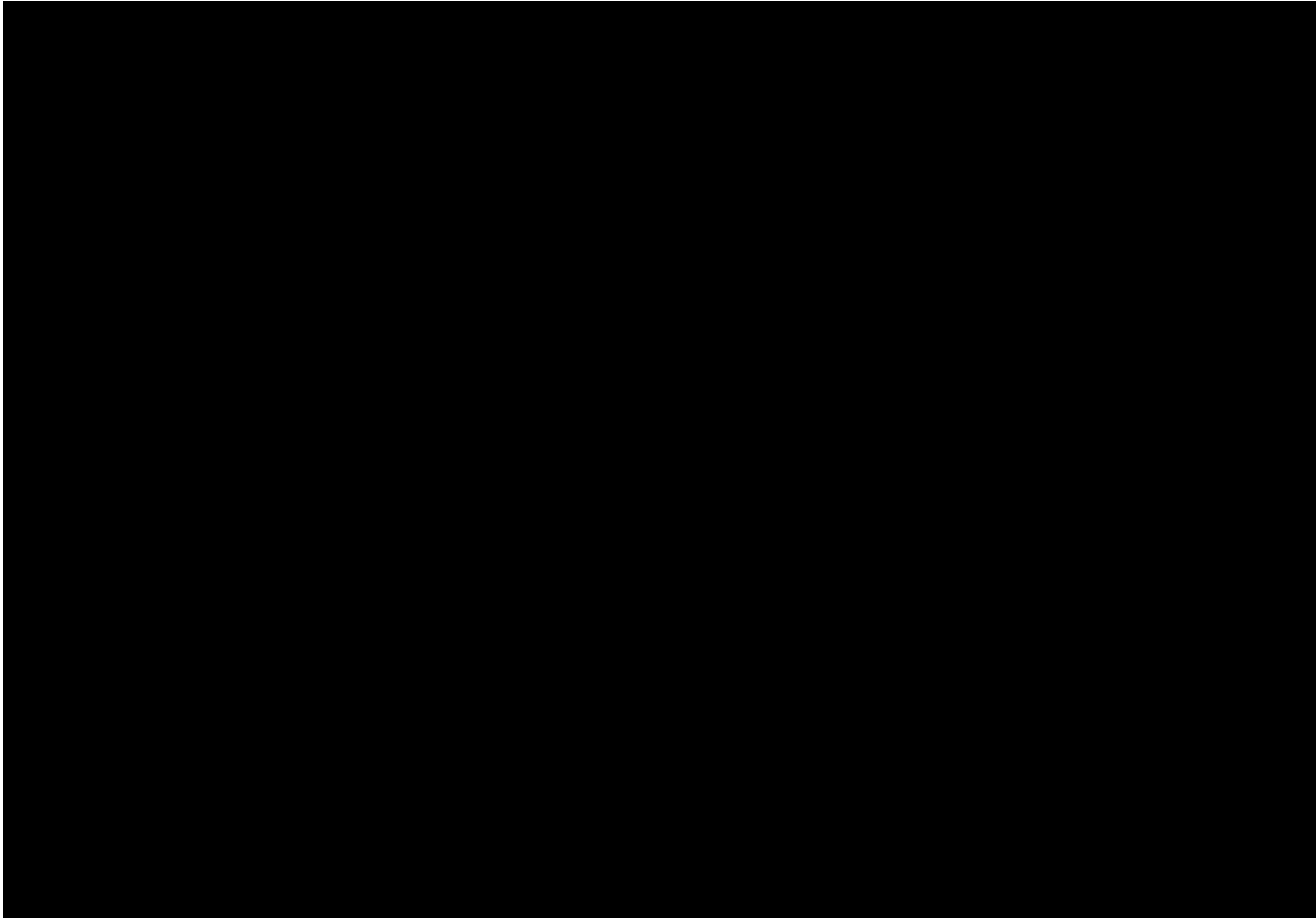
apical



STRESS

discrete inducible perfusion defect in the mid-cavity and apical anterior wall (white arrows) (corresponding to a large D1 territory)

Angio



- Severe stenosis ostional diagonal branch
- Moderate LAD disease but pressure wire was within normal limits

ACS with unobstructed coronaries

- 7-15% ACS patients have unobstructed coronaries^{1,2}
- Overall all-cause mortality - 4.7% at 12 months ³
- CMR is an emerging investigation that may identify an underlying diagnosis and help in risk stratification⁴
- Discrepancies in literature

¹ Hochman JS, N Engl J Med 1999

² Glaser R, JAMA 2002

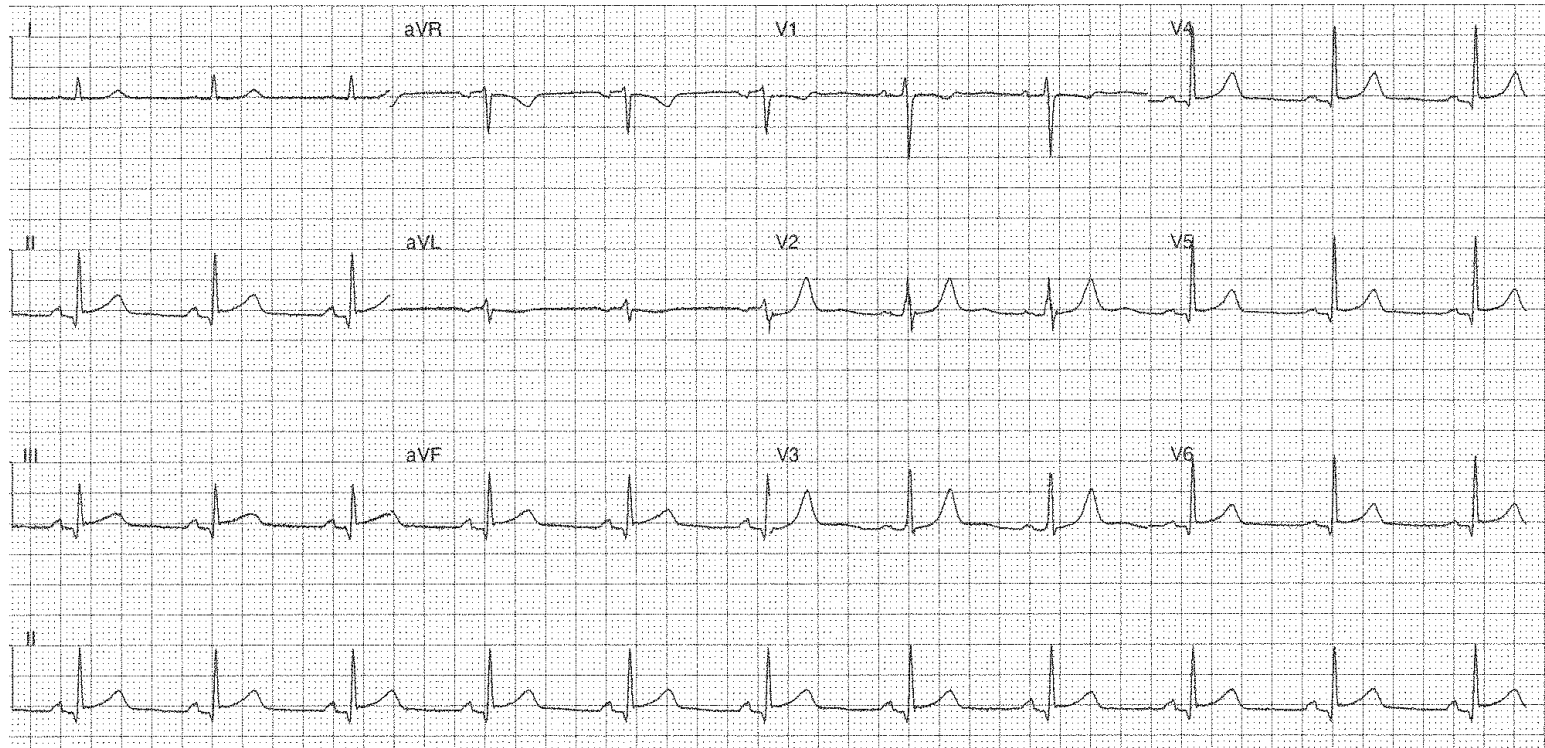
³ Pasupathy, Circulation 2015

⁴ Dastidar Current CV Imag reports 2015

Case 5

- 48 year old lady
- Chest pain
- No cardiac risk factors
- Troponin T 536 ng/L (normal <14 ng/L),
CRP 10 mg/L (normal <10 mg/L)

ECG

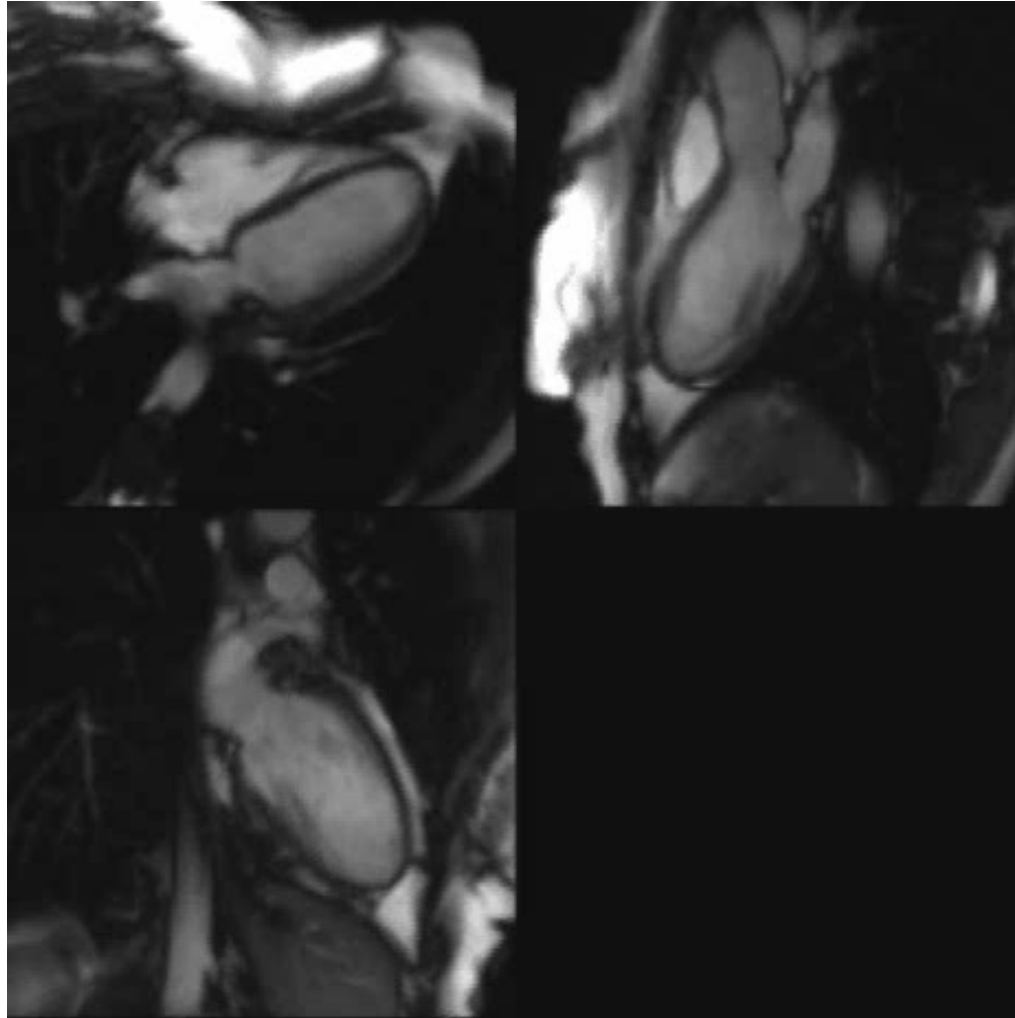


Transthoracic echocardiogram normal

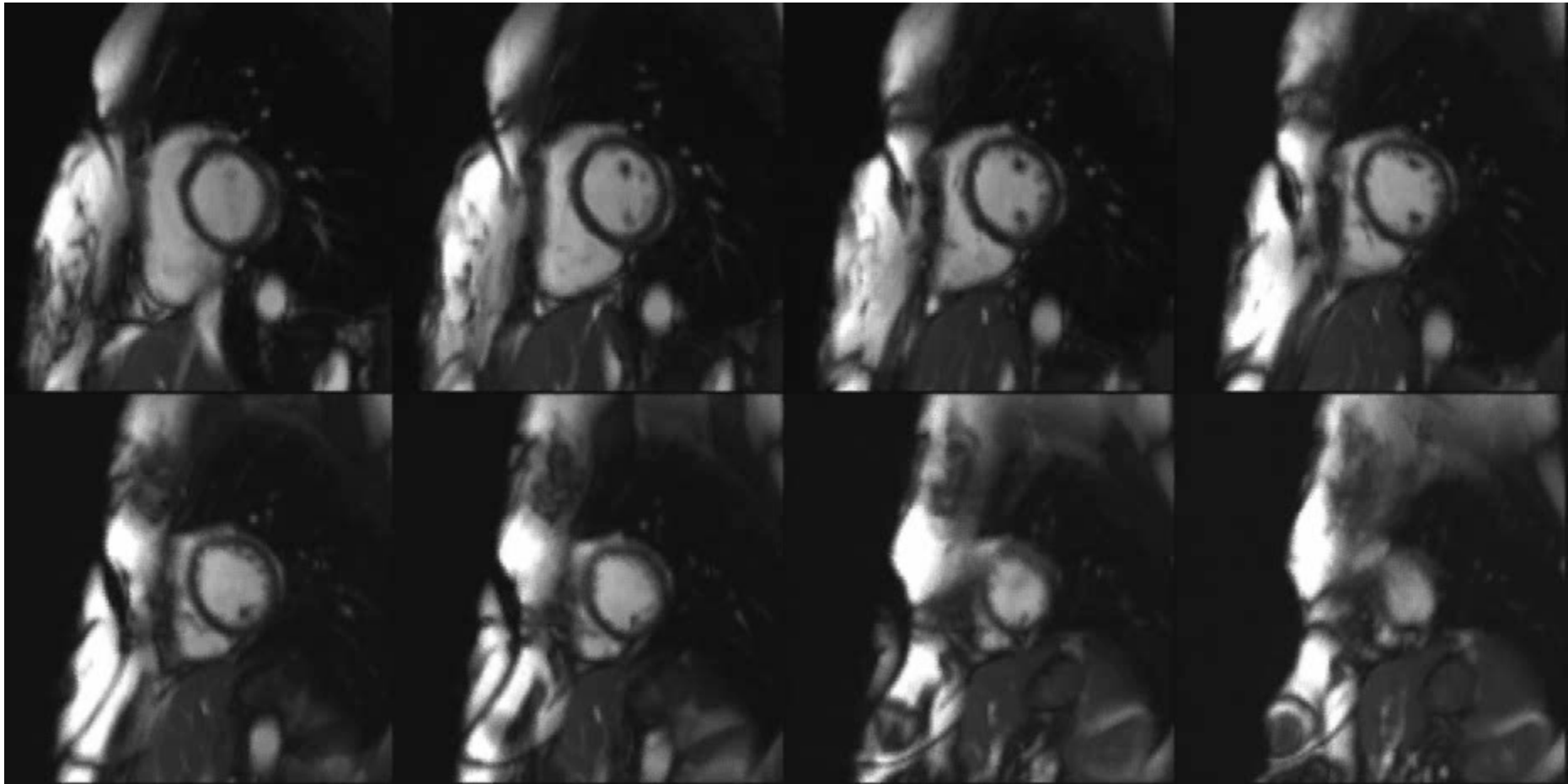
Angiogram



Long Axis Cines



Short Axis Cines

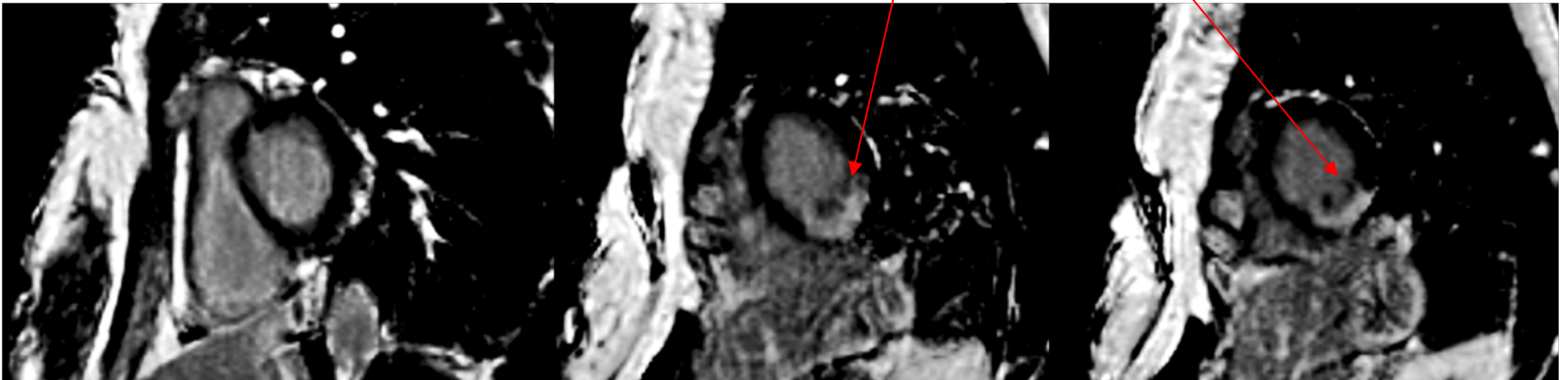


LGE Images



LGE in mid-cavity & apical inferior wall

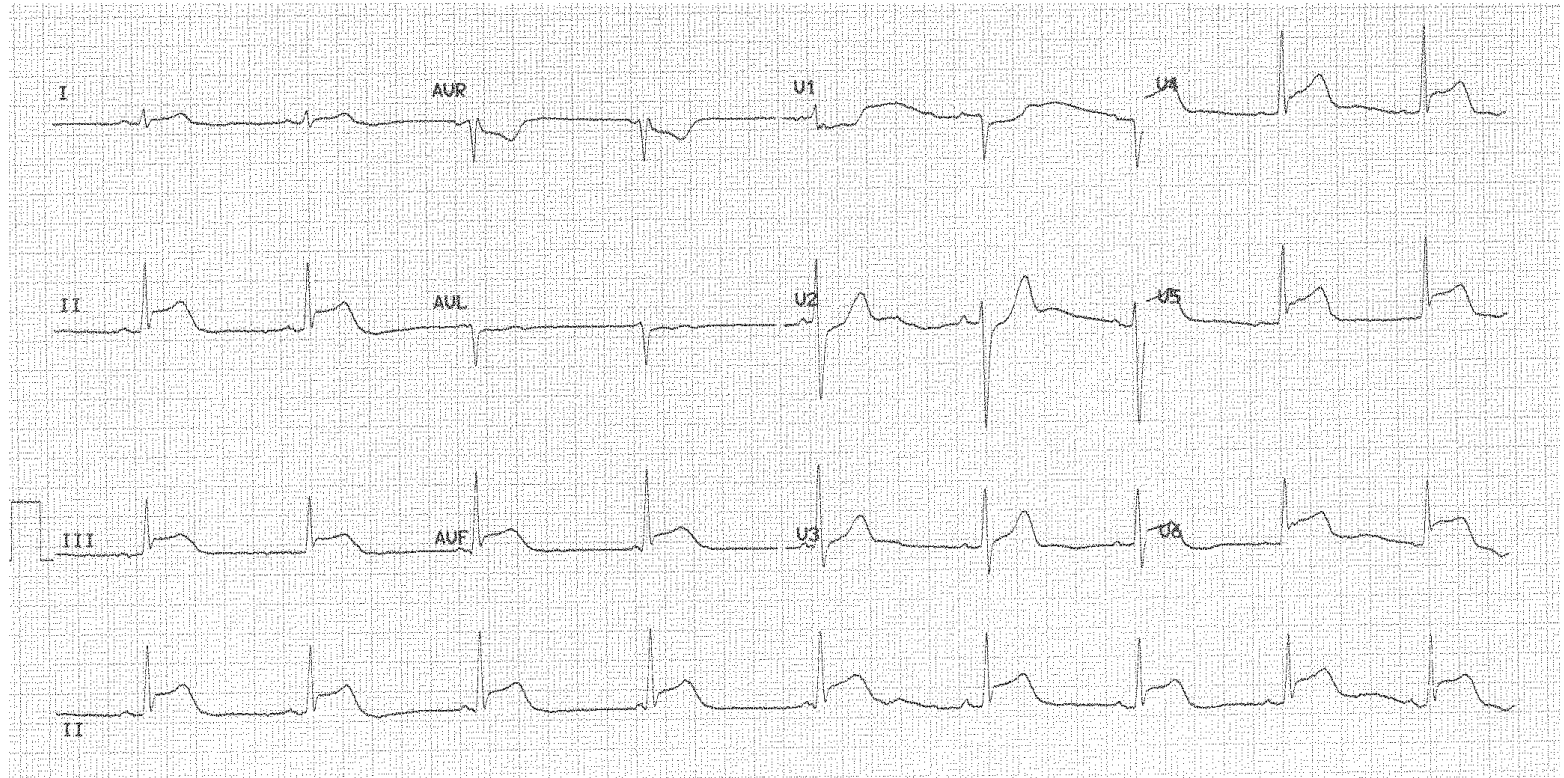
MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION



Case 6

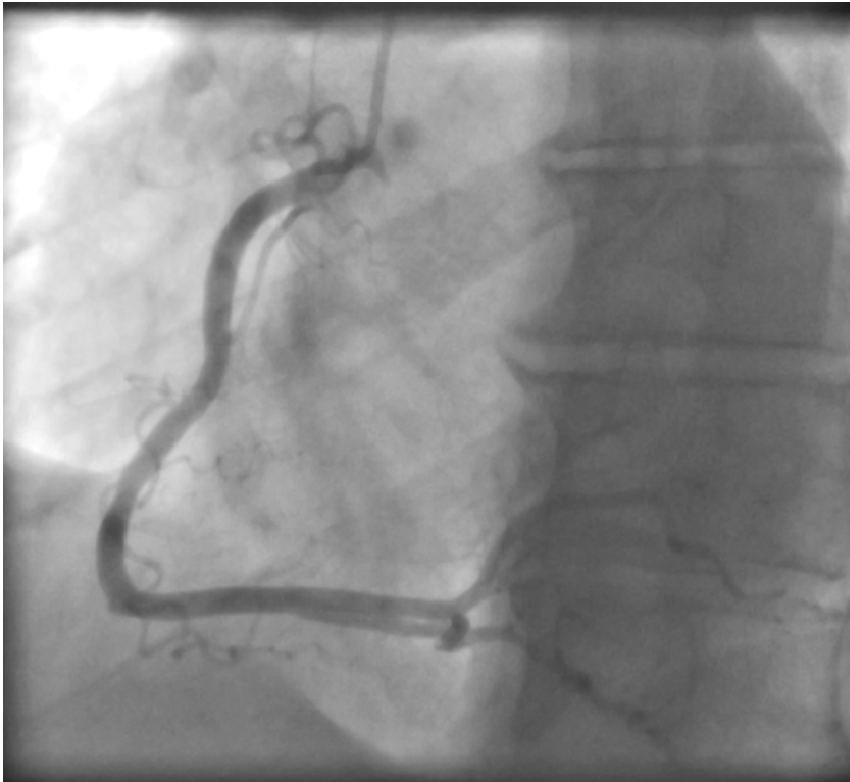
- 52 year old male
- 2 hours of chest pain
- No cardiac risk factors
- Troponin T 1,438 ng/L (normal <14 ng/L), CRP 36 mg/L (normal <10 mg/L)

ECG

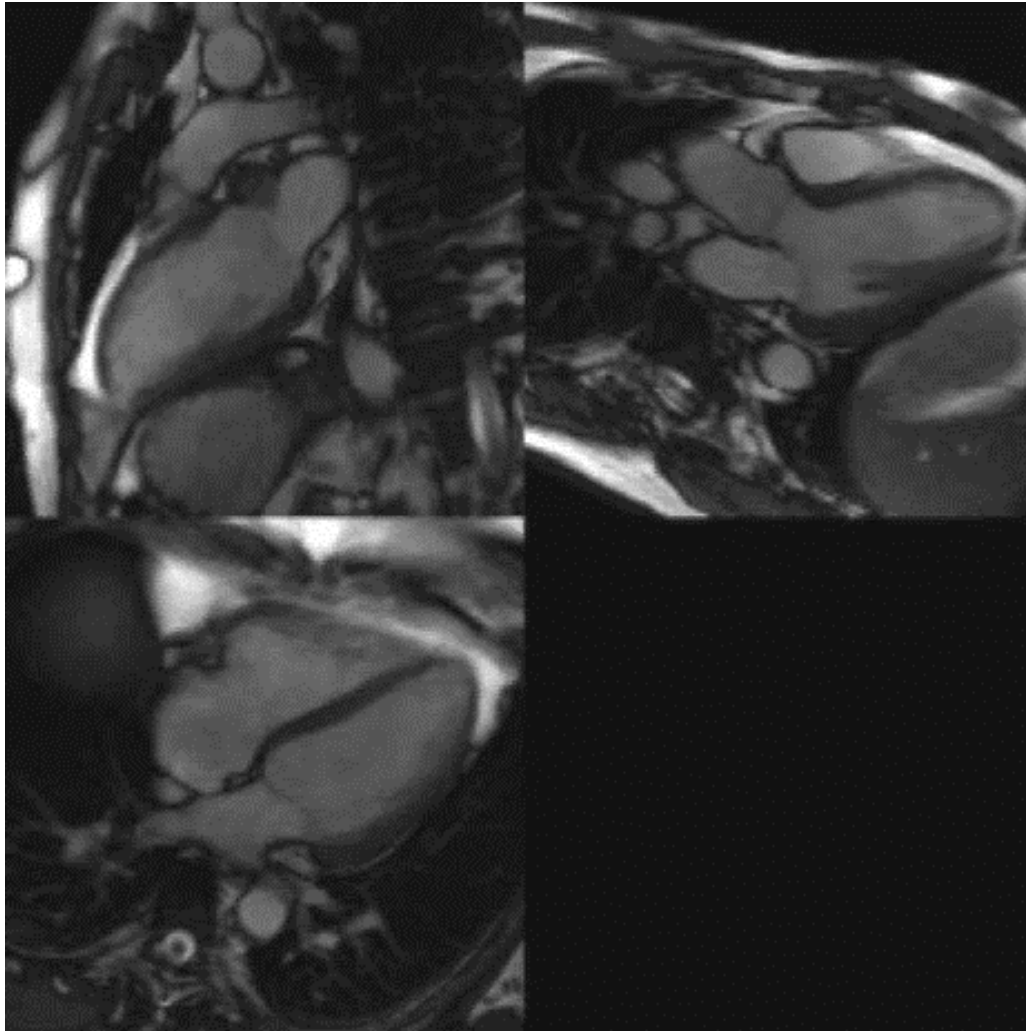


Transthoracic echocardiogram: normal

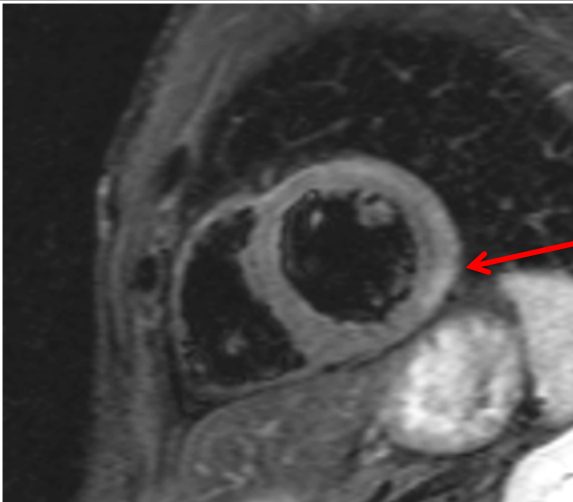
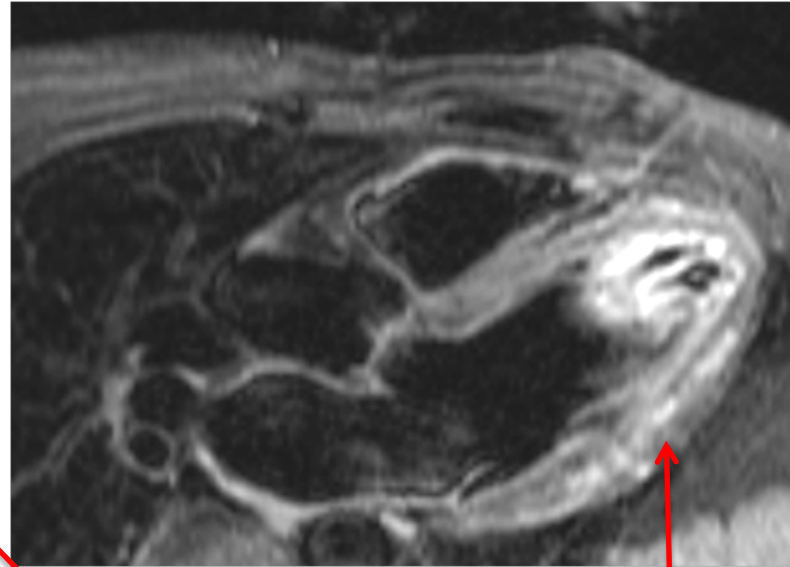
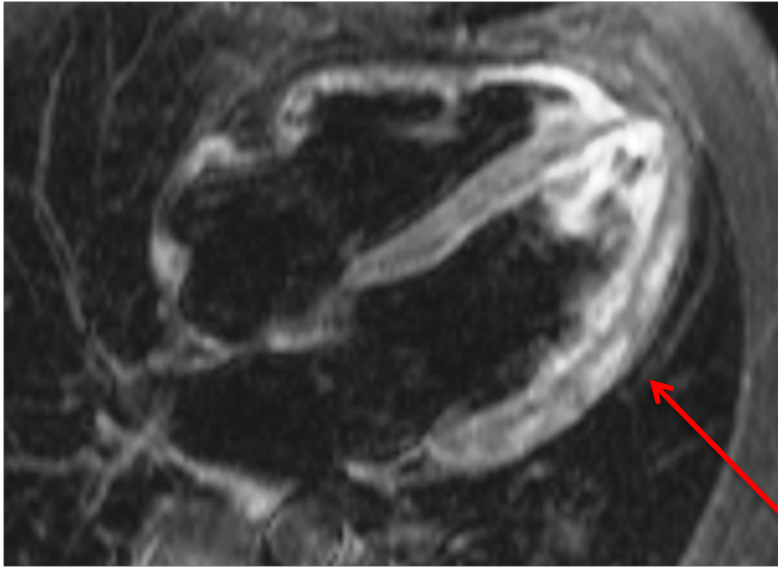
Angiogram



Long Axis Cines

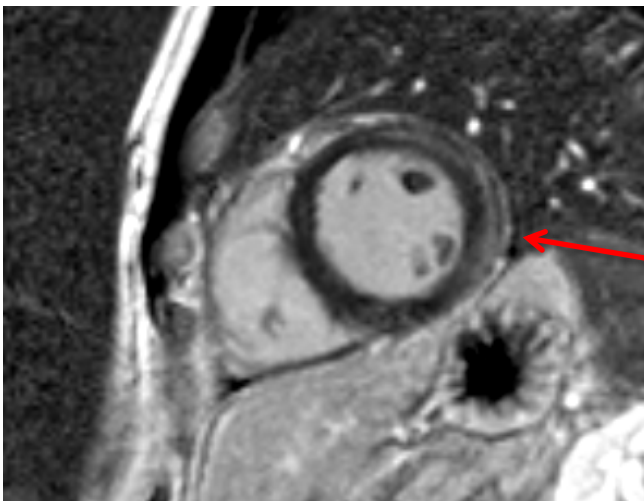
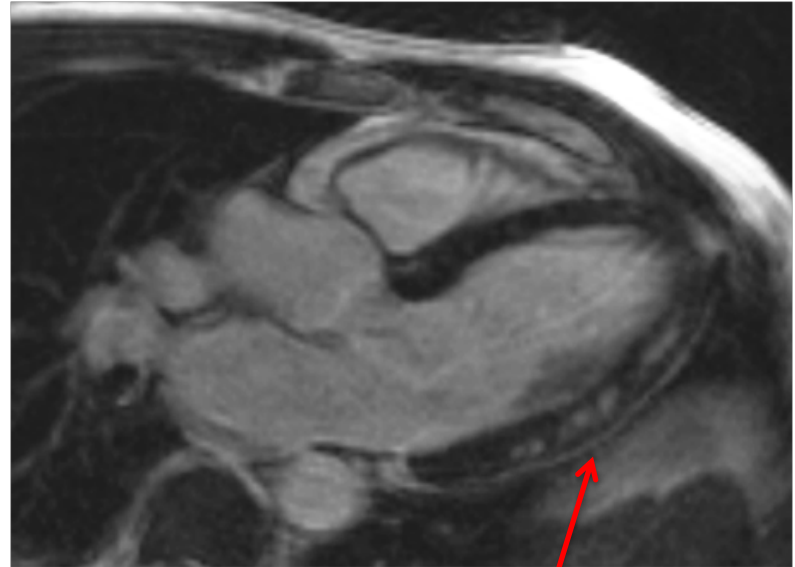
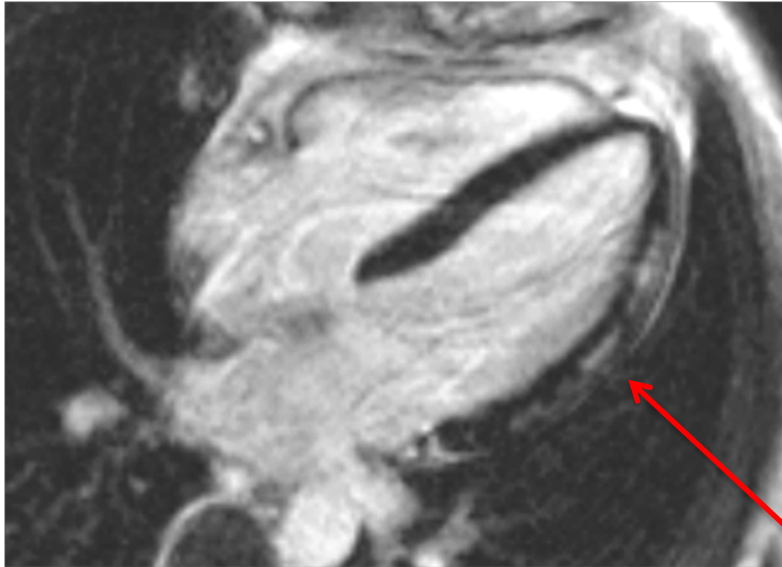


Myocardial Oedema



Mid-wall and epicardial
myocardial oedema
on T2-STIR imaging

LGE



Mid wall and epicardial LGE
(following gadolinium administration)

ACUTE MYOCARDITIS

Myocardial Infarction with Non-Obstructed Coronary Arteries (MINOCA): Impact of CMR Early after Presentation

- 204 consecutive patients (mean age 55yrs & 51% males)
- **“Early” (<2wks) CMR** in 96 patients “Late” (>2weeks) in 108
- Overall diagnosis in 70% of patients with CMR
- Diagnostic value improved significantly when carried out early (within 2wks) – 82% vs 54% ($p<0.001$)

Pre-CMR diagnosis	Post-CMR diagnosis					
	Total sample n=204	Myocarditis	MI	TakoTsubo	Other CM	Normal CMR
	Myocarditis	34	23	5	4	7
	MI	10	6	8	6	1
	TakoTsubo	1	5	3	0	2
	Other CM	1	0	1	0	0
	Uncertain	8	19	2	8	50

Diagnosis ↑

Clinical impact Overall (n=204)	New diagnosis	25%	29%
	No change	34%	12%
	Change in management	→	→

Management

Fig 1a: Chart showing a comparison of pre-CMR with post-CMR diagnosis. Black denotes change in diagnosis, white an agreement between pre- and post -CMR and gray if the CMR showed structurally normal heart. Uncertain defined as when the referring clinician had ≥ 2 differential “pre-CMR diagnosis”. MI – myocardial infarction, CM – cardiomyopathy.

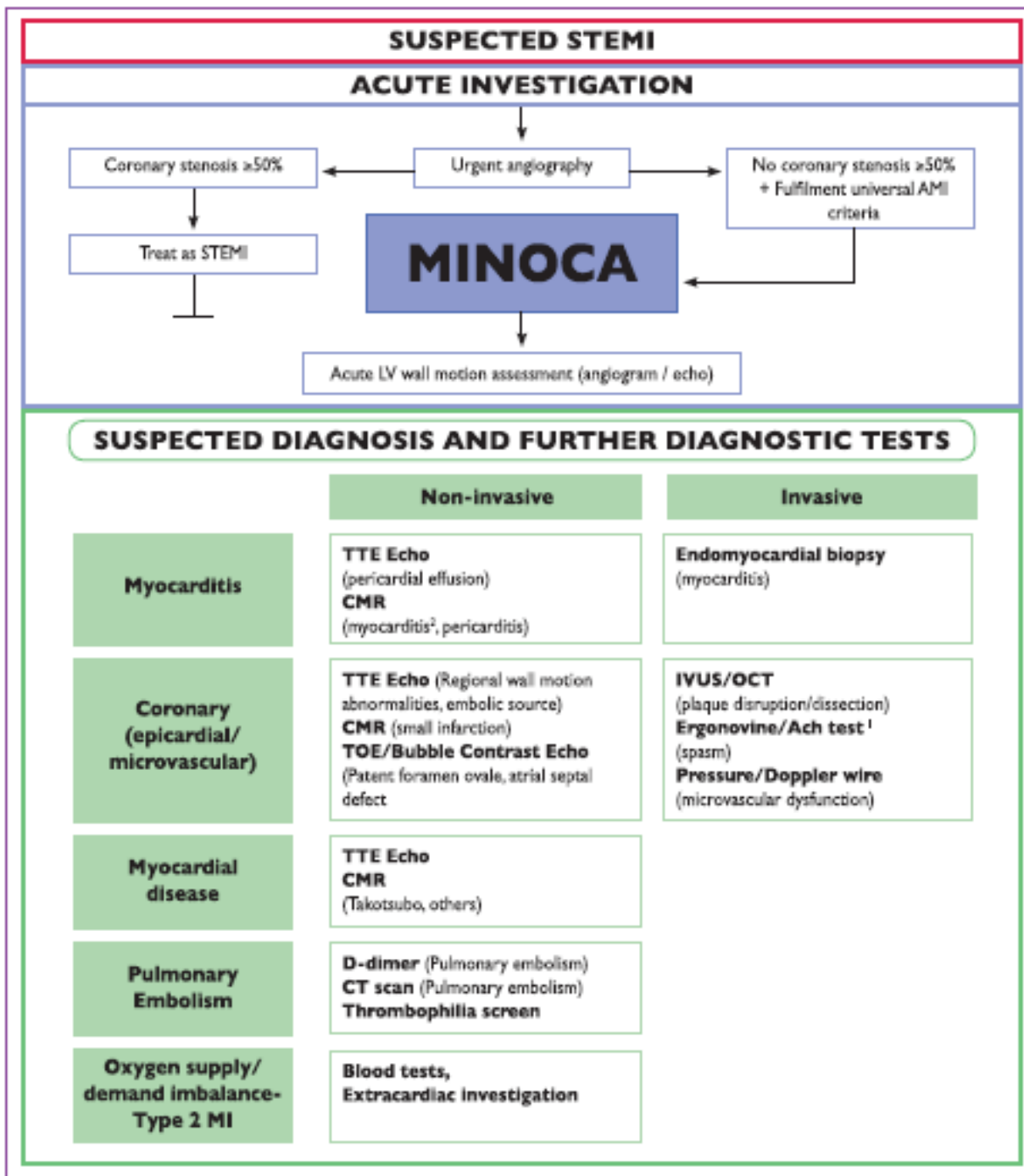
Fig 1b: Chart showing overall clinical impact (n=204). White denotes no change, gray if there is a new diagnosis or a change in management, black if both.



ESC

European Society
of CardiologyEuropean Heart Journal (2017) 00, 1–66
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehx393

2017 ESC Guidelines for the acute myocardial infarction presenting with ST-segment



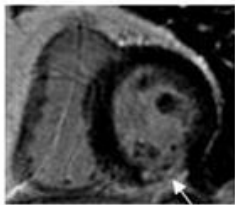
Fourth universal definition of myocardial infarction (2018)

Kristian Thygesen* (Denmark), Joseph S. Alpert* (USA), Allan S. Jaffe (USA), Bernard R. Chaitman (USA), Jeroen J. Bax (The Netherlands), David A. Morrow (USA), Harvey D. White* (New Zealand): the Executive Group on behalf of the Joint European Society of Cardiology (ESC)/American College of Cardiology (ACC)/American Heart Association (AHA)/World Heart Federation (WHF) Task Force for the Universal Definition of Myocardial Infarction

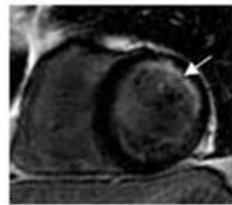
Authors/Task Force Members/Chairpersons: Kristian Thygesen* (Denmark), Joseph S. Alpert* (USA), Allan S. Jaffe (USA), Bernard R. Chaitman (USA), Jeroen J. Bax (The Netherlands), David A. Morrow (USA), Harvey D. White* (New Zealand), Hans Mickley (Denmark), Filippo Crea (Italy), Frans Van de Werf (Belgium), Chiara Bucciarelli-Ducci (UK), Hugo A. Katus (Germany), Fausto J. Pinto (Portugal), Elliott M. Antman (USA), Christian W. Hamm (Germany), Raffaele De Caterina (Italy), James L. Januzzi Jr (USA), Fred S. Apple (USA), Maria Angeles Alonso Garcia (Spain), S. Richard Underwood (UK), John M. Canty Jr (USA), Alexander R. Lyon (UK), P. J. Devereaux (Canada), Jose Luis Zamorano (Spain), Bertil Lindahl (Sweden), William S. Weintraub (USA), L. Kristin Newby (USA), Renu Virmani (USA), Pascal Vranckx (Belgium), Don Cutlip (USA), Raymond J. Gibbons (USA), Sidney C. Smith (USA), Dan Atar (Norway), Russell V. Luepker (USA), Rose Marie Robertson (USA), Robert O. Bonow (USA), P. Gabriel Steg (France), Patrick T. O’Gara (USA), Keith A. A. Fox (UK)

ISCHAEMIC

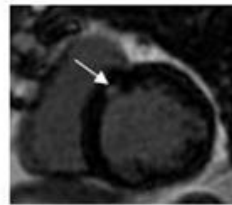
Transmural



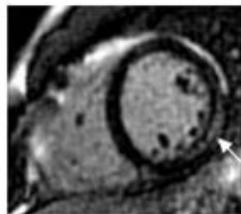
Subendocardial



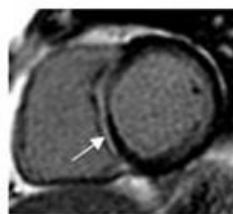
Focal Subendocardial



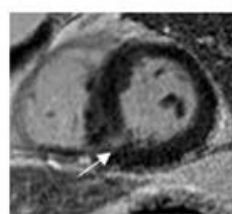
NON-ISCHAEMIC



Subepicardial



Mid-wall



Insertion points

In Cardiac MRI
The pattern of Late
Enhancement
(i.e. contrast accumulation)

Follows the pathophysiology of
underlying disease

Criteria for PCI related Myocardial Infarction ≤ 48 h after the Index Procedure (Type 4a MI)

Coronary intervention related MI is arbitrarily defined by elevation of cTn values >5 times 99th percentile URL in patients with normal baseline values. In patients with elevated pre-procedure cTn in whom the cTn level are stable ($\leq 20\%$ variation) or falling, the post-procedure cTn must rise by $>20\%$. However, the absolute post-procedural value still must be at least 5 times 99th percentile URL. In addition, one of the following elements is required:

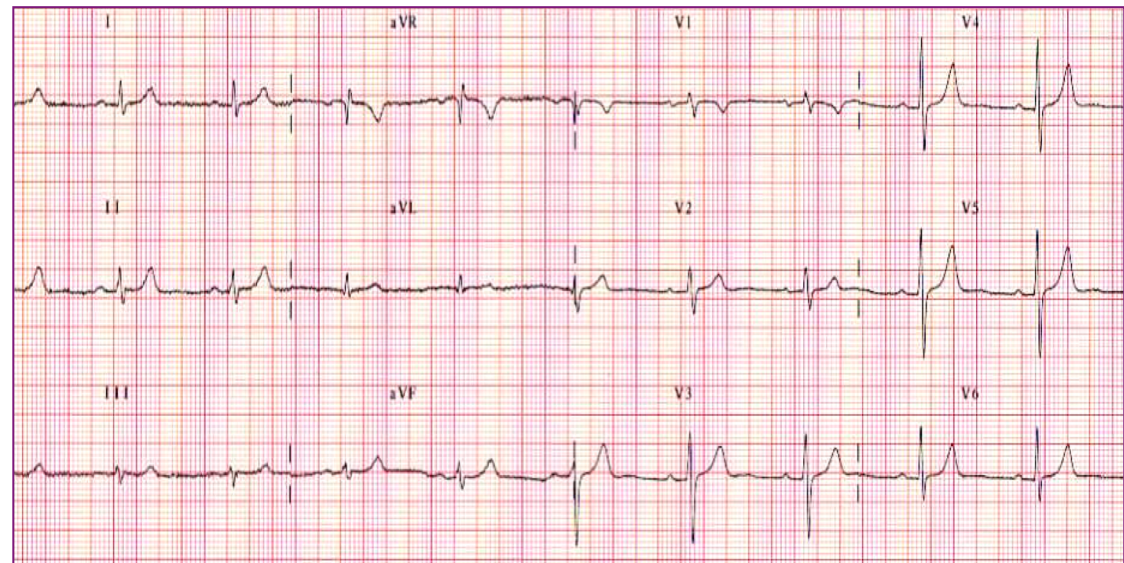
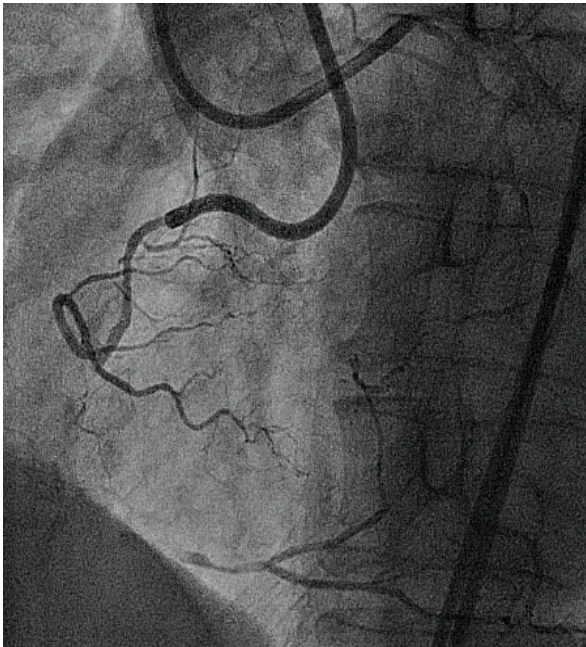
- New ischaemic ECG changes;
- Development of new pathological Q waves;
- **Imaging evidence of new loss of viable myocardium or new regional wall motion abnormality in a pattern consistent with an ischaemic aetiology;**
- Angiographic findings consistent with a procedural flow-limiting complication such as coronary dissection, occlusion of a major epicardial artery or a side-branch occlusion/ thrombus, disruption of collateral flow or distal embolization.

Case 7

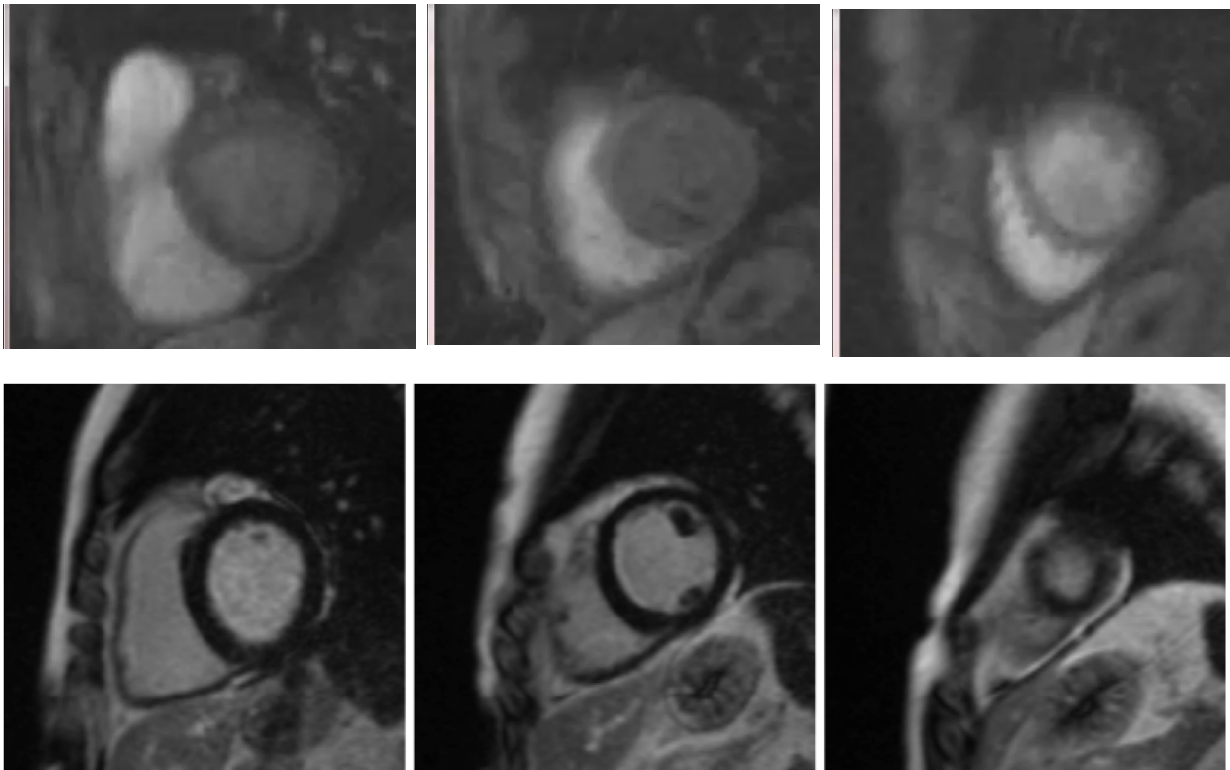
56yo male, hypertension, ex-smoker

NSTEMI, 2 DES in LCx, CTO RCA

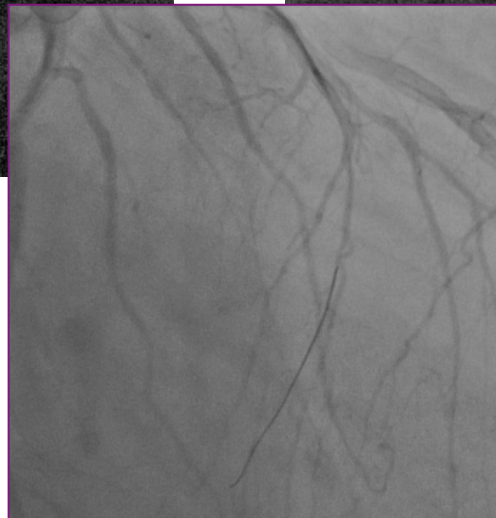
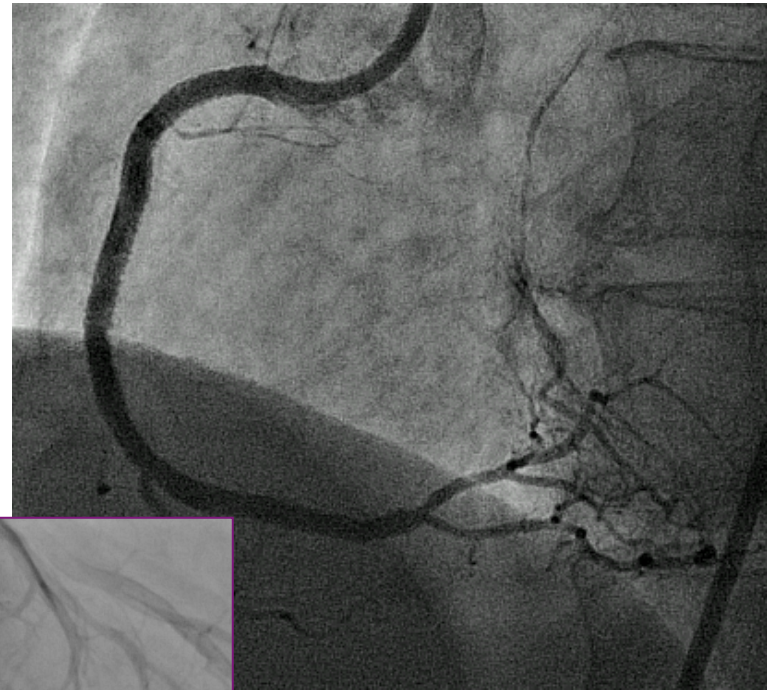
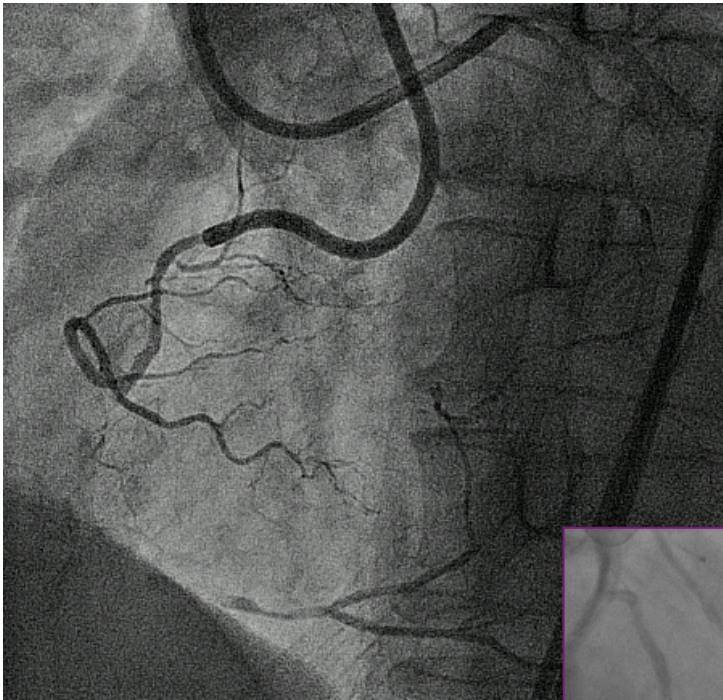
Residual angina, CCS2. Failed attempt to CTO RCA



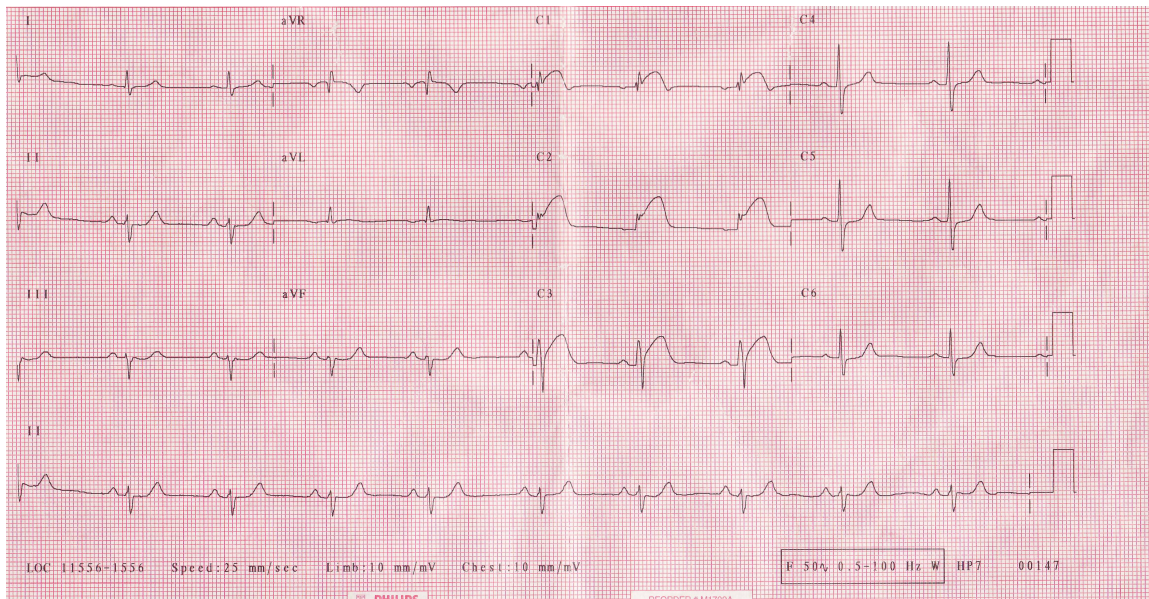
Ischemia and Viability



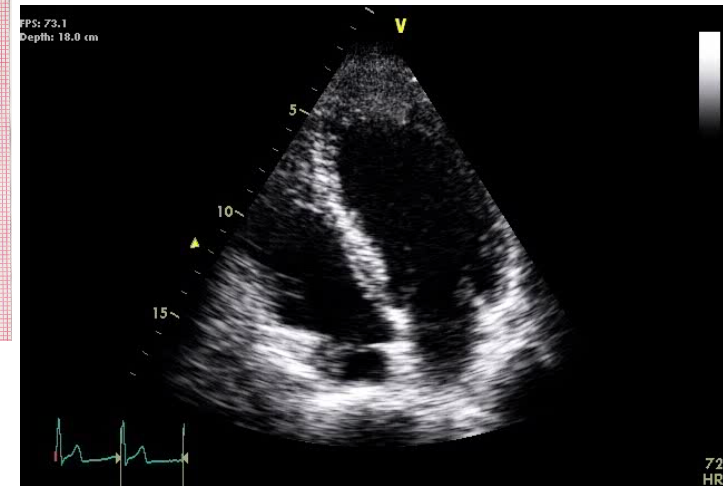
Recanalization of CTO RCA



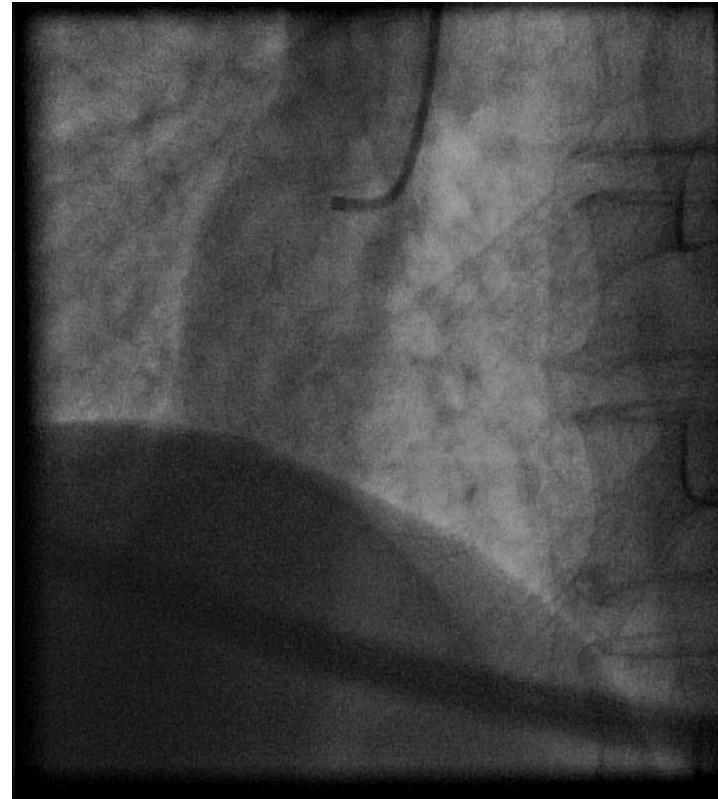
Acute Symptom after PCI



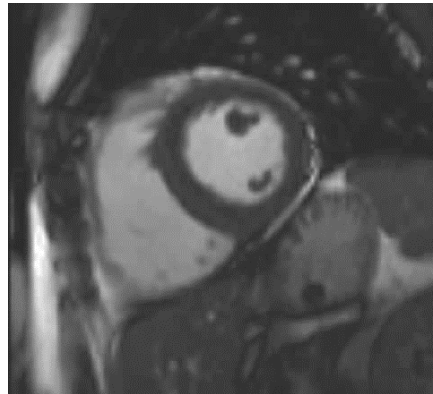
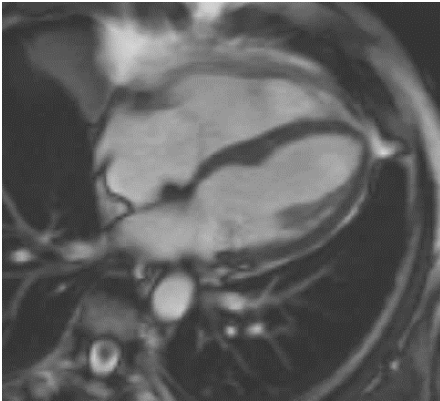
ECG 1 hour after the procedure



Repeat Angiography



CMR the following day

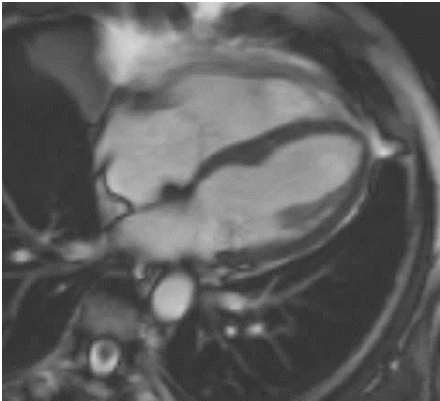


No regional wall motion abnormalities
No pericardial effusion



Septal Oedema

CMR the following day

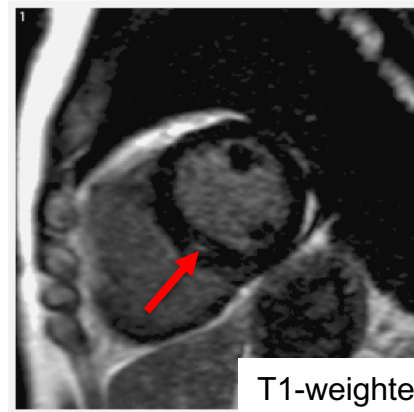
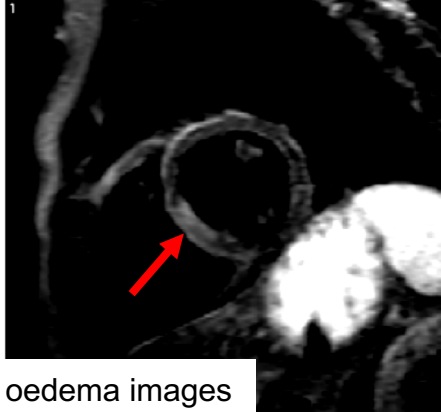


No regional wall motion abnormalities
No pericardial effusion

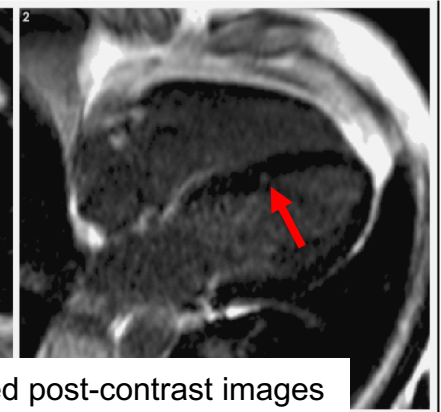
Micro septal infarction



T2-weighted oedema images

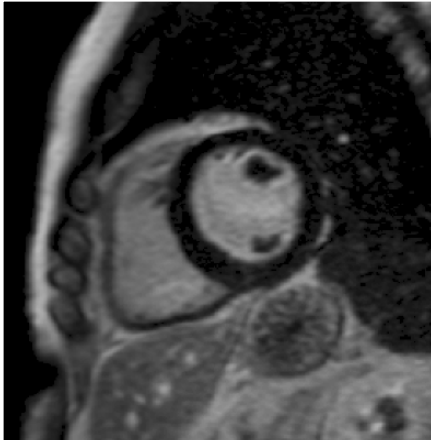


T1-weighted post-contrast images



New Myocardial Damage(s)

BEFORE PCI



AFTER PCI



CK: 550 U/L (normal range 25-171 U/L)

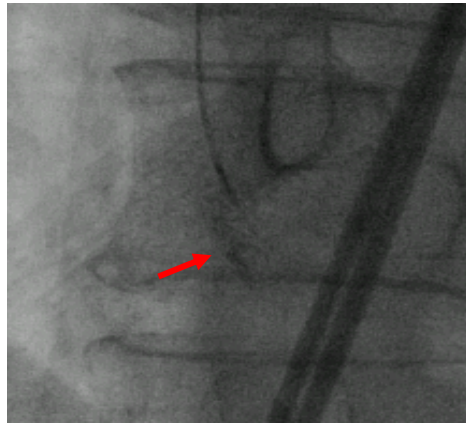
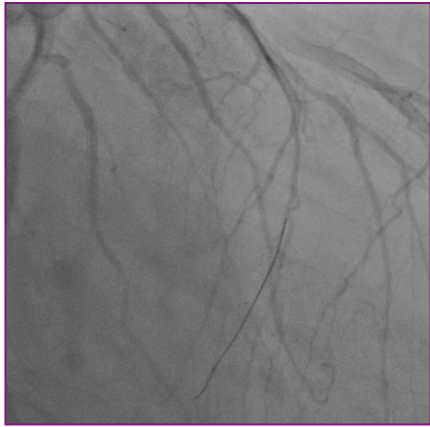
CK-MB: 52.2 ug/L (normal range 0-6 ug/L)

Tnl: 4.15 ug/L (normal range 0-0.04 ug/L)

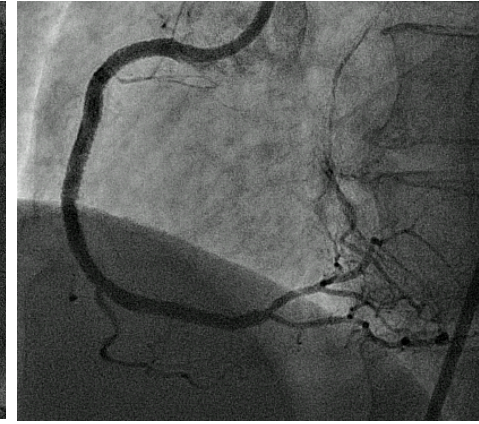
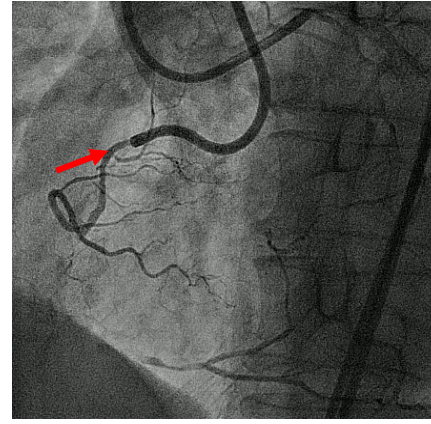


Microinfarction: 0.34 gr

New Myocardial Damages



Septal infarction due to LAD Septal Branch



RCA branch occlusion

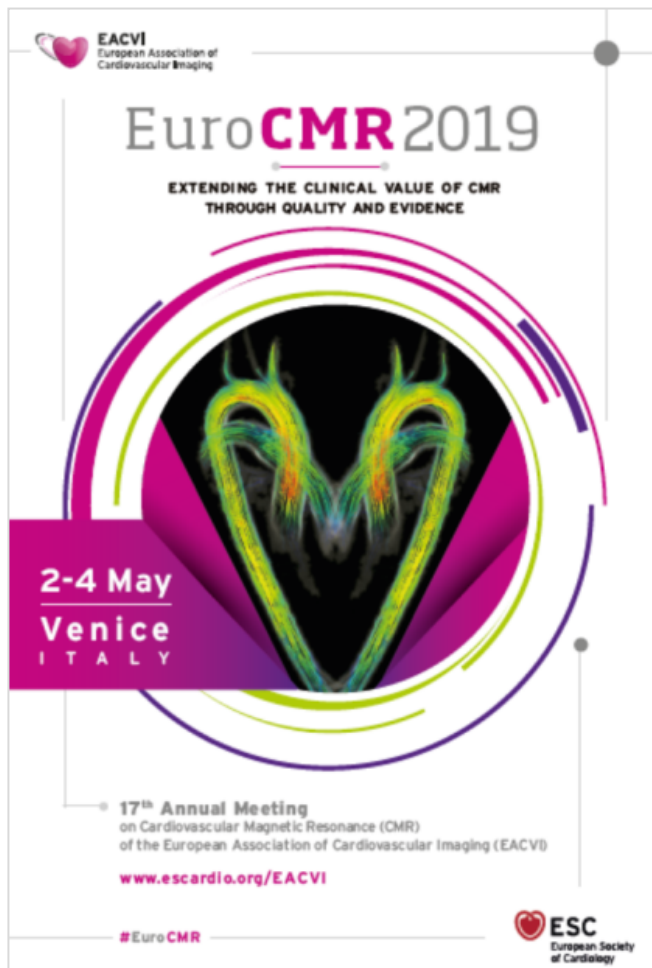
EuroCMR 2019

Venice, Italy
2-4 May 2019

CMR Level 1 Track

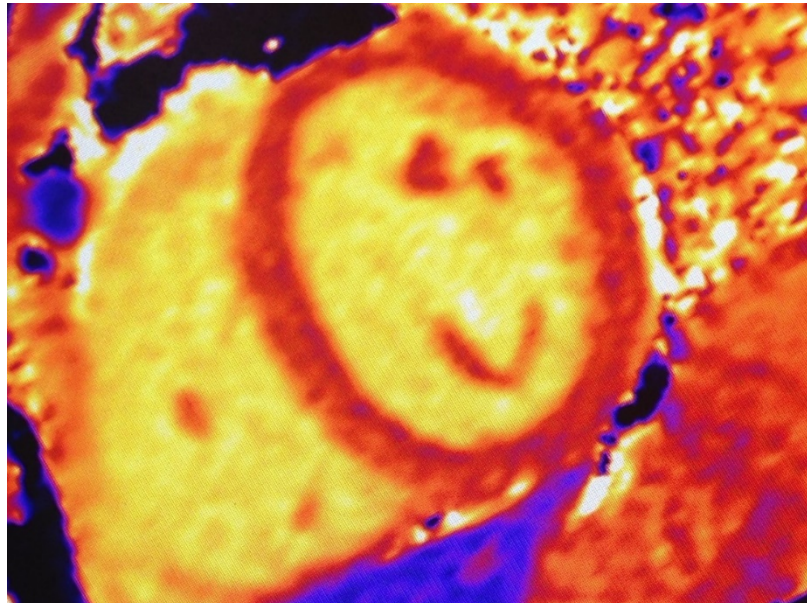
(Level 1= basic level of knowledge of CMR for every European Cardiologist, according to the ESC)

- For the young community
- For the grown up!



No previous experience !

The Future is Bright (and Smiling)



(CMR T2 mapping, short-axis slice)

The papillary muscles are in a “pleasing” distribution
mimicking A SMILING HEART :-)



Twitter



@chiarabd

c.bucciarelli-ducci@bristol.ac.uk