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# Diuretic Resistance in Acute Heart Failure

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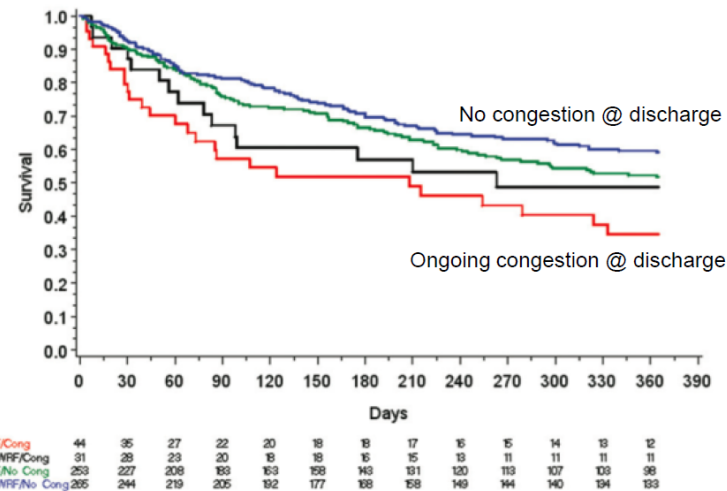
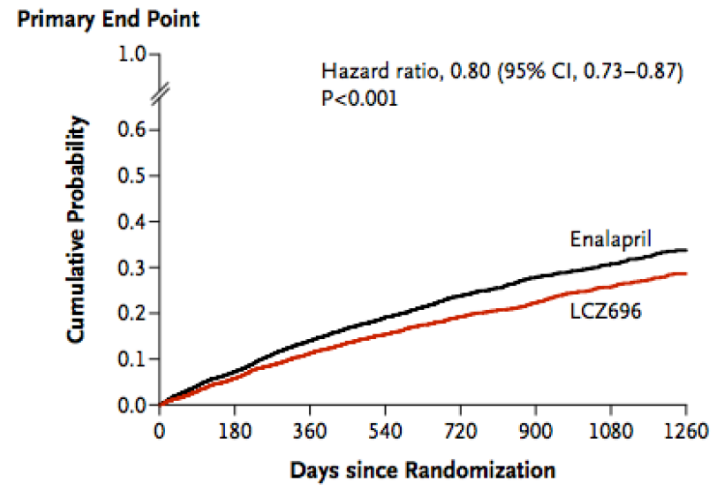
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# Underappreciated risk for hospitalization / death linked to residual congestion in HFpnts

Ambulatory: 20% risk at 2 years

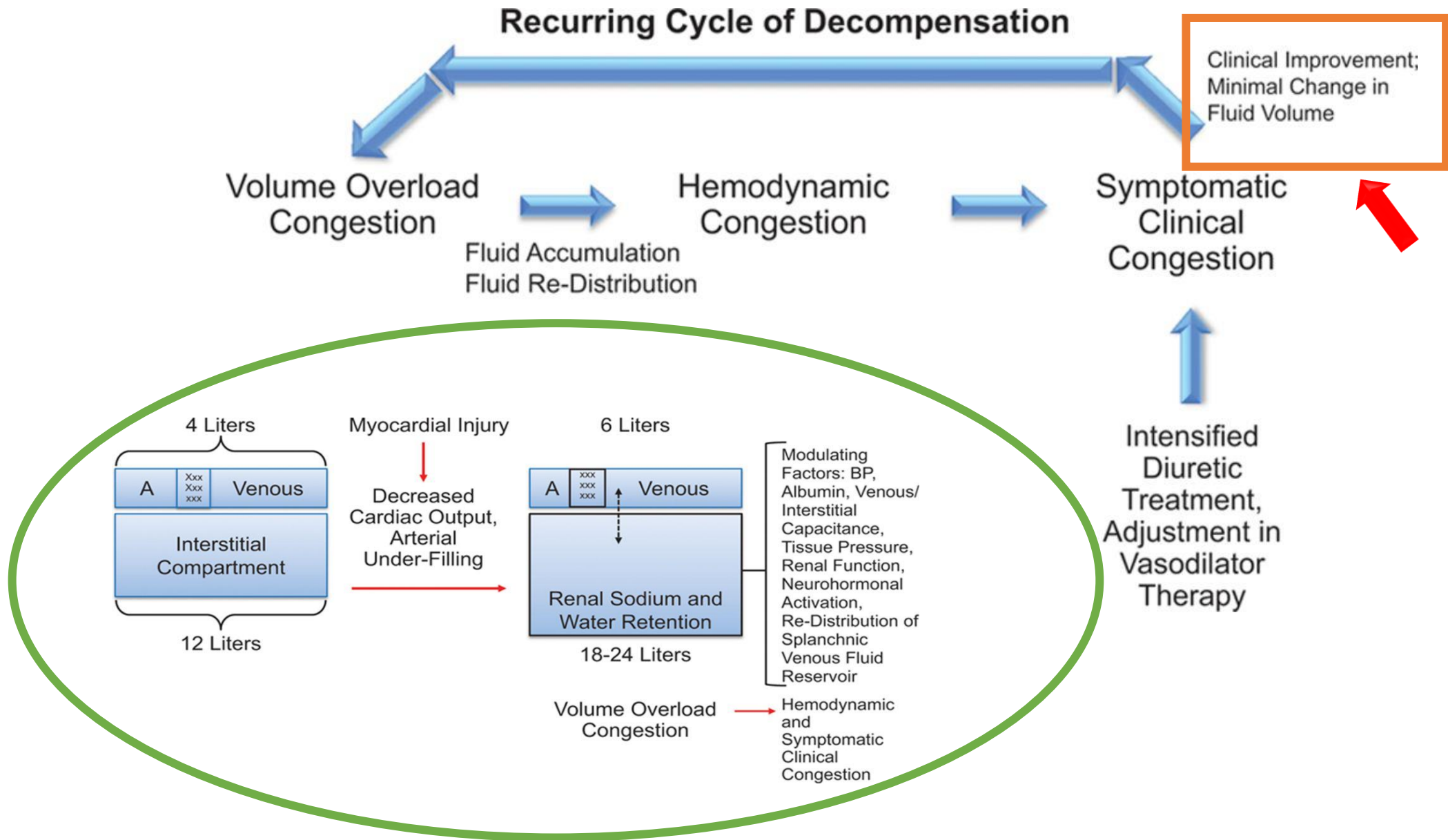
Recently Hospitalized: 60% risk at 1 year



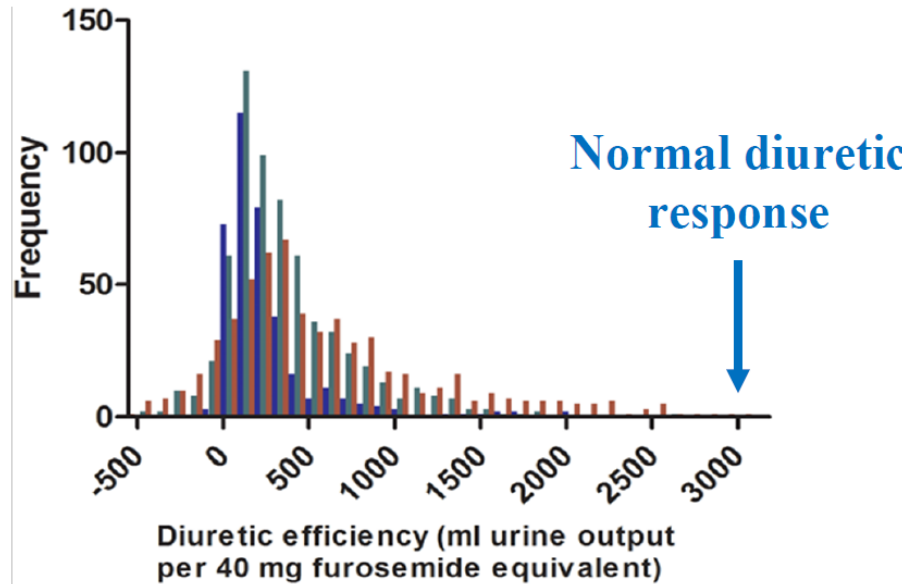
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31% of acute heart failure patients leave hospital with residual congestion, having a higher risk of 1-year mortality compared with those discharged with no congestion

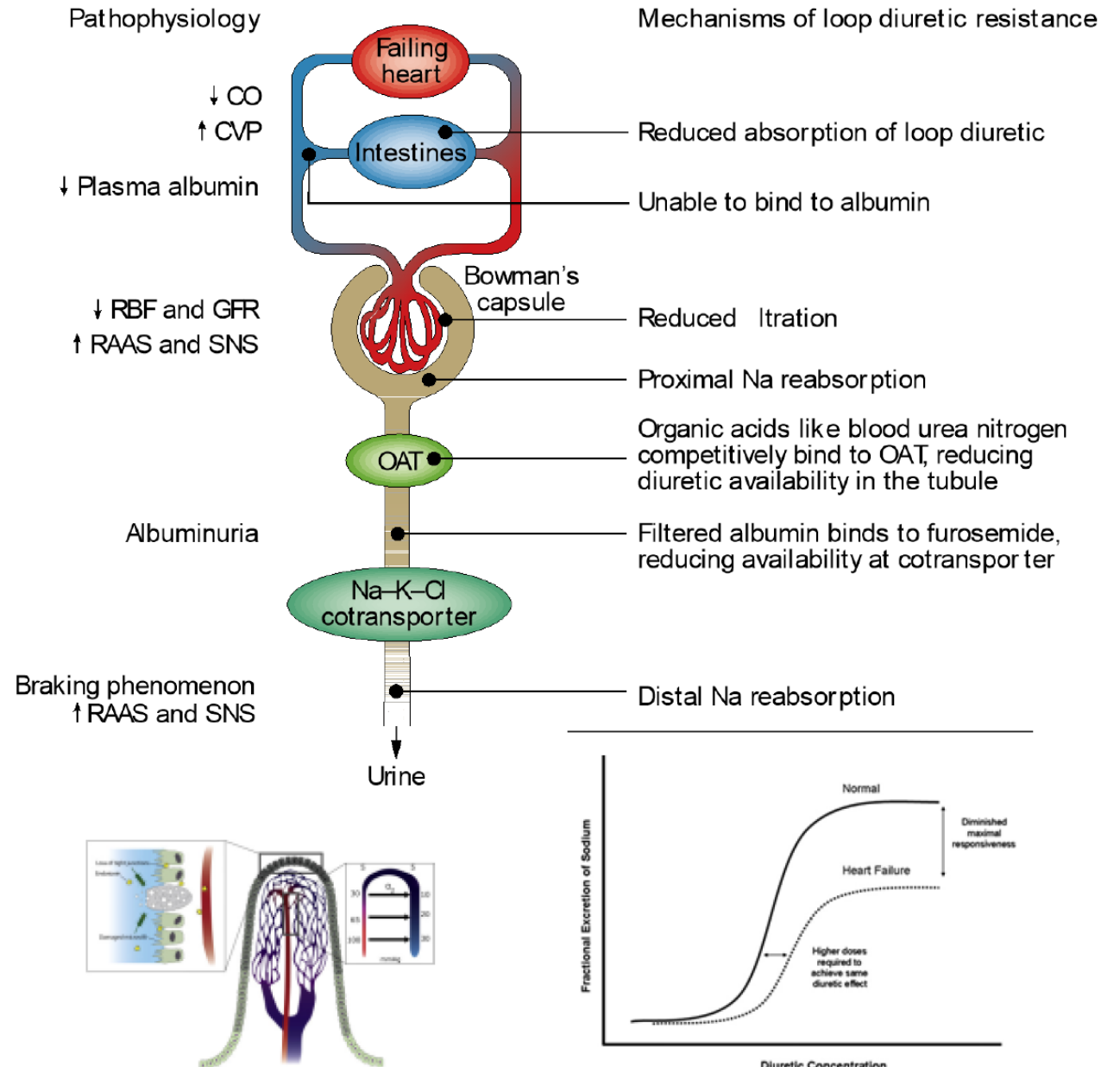


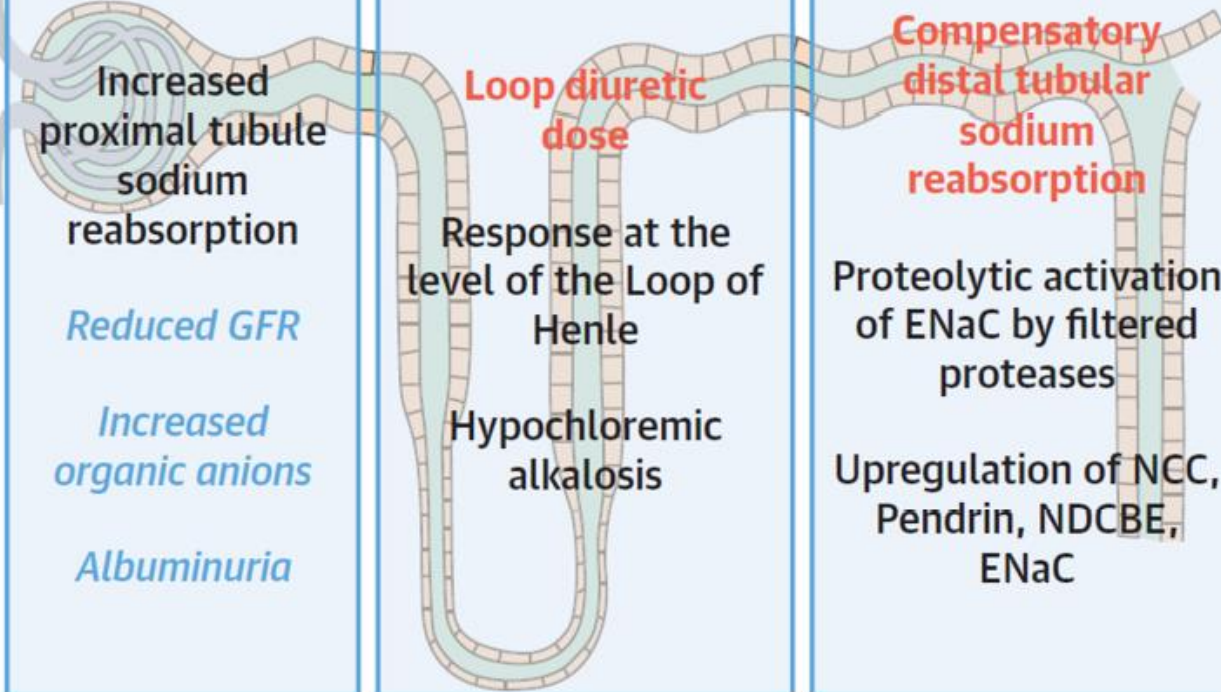


## "Diuretic resistance" is omnipresent in HF patients



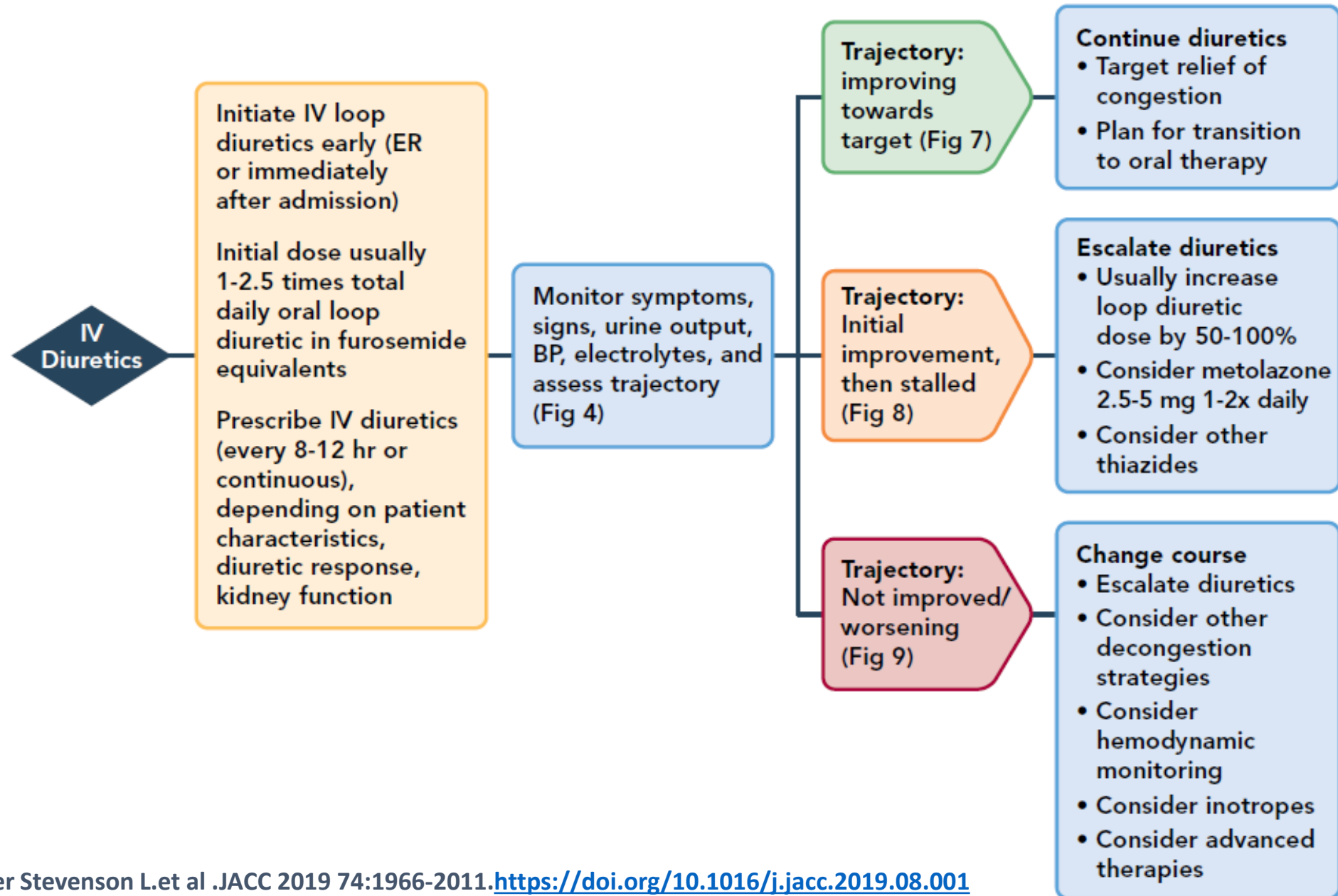
*Diuretic resistance is defined as an impaired sensitivity to diuretics resulting in reduced natriuresis and diuresis limiting the possibility to achieve euvolaemia*



Importance of specific cause/mechanism on diuretic resistance	Diuretic Resistance Categorization			
	Pre-Renal	Intra-Renal		
		Pre-Loop of Henle	Loop of Henle	Post-Loop of Henle
<p><b>Significant</b></p> <p>Unknown but hypothesized to be significant</p> <p><i>Not significant with the mild to moderate derangement found in the average HF patient</i></p>	<p>Venous congestion</p> <p>Increased intra-abdominal pressure</p> <p><i>Reduced cardiac output</i></p> <p><i>Hypoalbuminemia</i></p> <p><i>High sodium intake</i></p>	 <p>Increased proximal tubule sodium reabsorption</p> <p><i>Reduced GFR</i></p> <p><i>Increased organic anions</i></p> <p><i>Albuminuria</i></p>	<p><b>Loop diuretic dose</b></p> <p>Response at the level of the Loop of Henle</p> <p>Hypochloremic alkalosis</p>	<p><b>Compensatory distal tubular sodium reabsorption</b></p> <p>Proteolytic activation of ENaC by filtered proteases</p> <p>Upregulation of NCC, Pendrin, NDCBE, ENaC</p>



**FIGURE 6** Diuretic Therapy in Different Clinical Trajectories



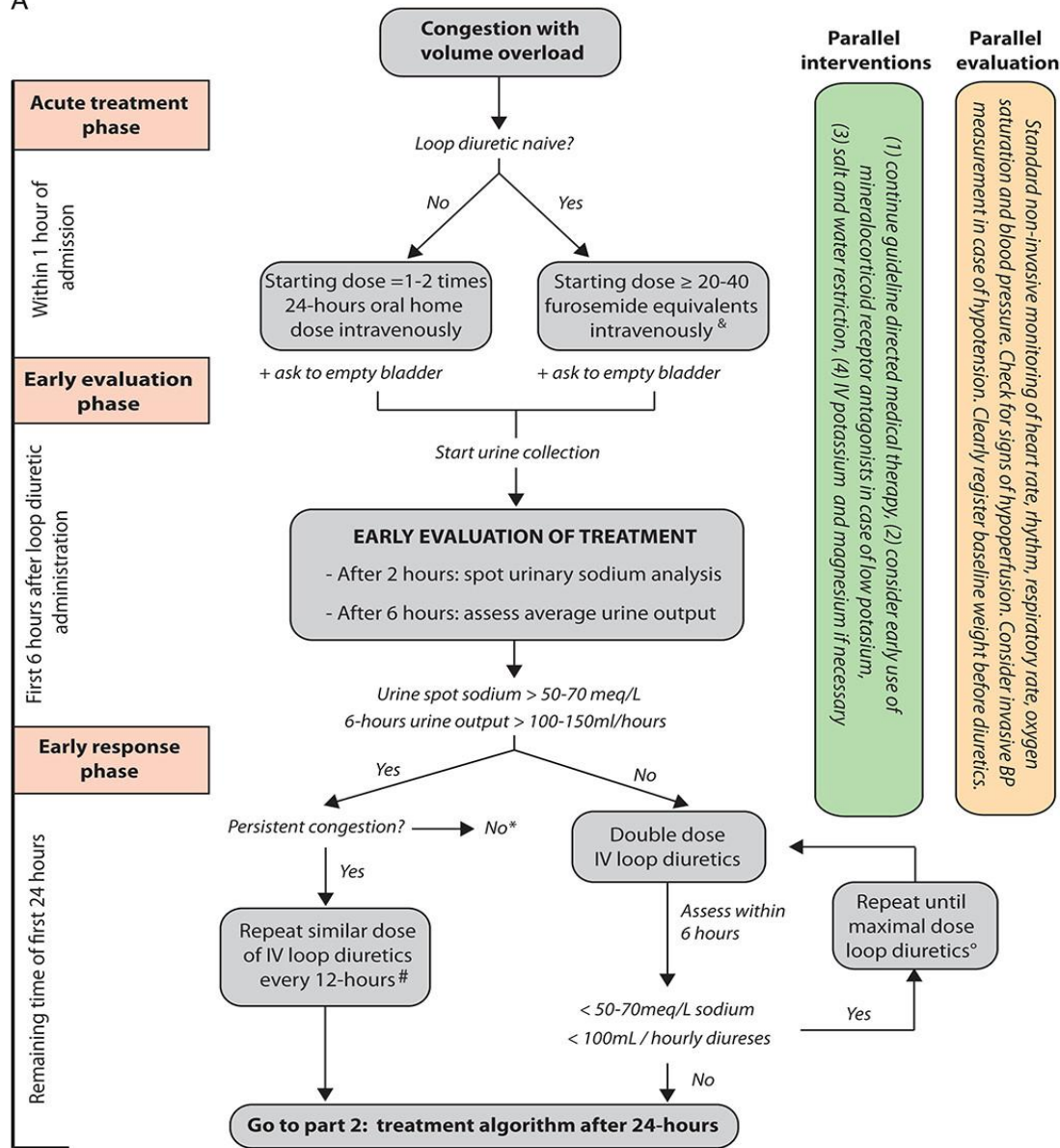
# The use of diuretics in heart failure with congestion — a position statement from the Heart Failure Association of the European Society of Cardiology

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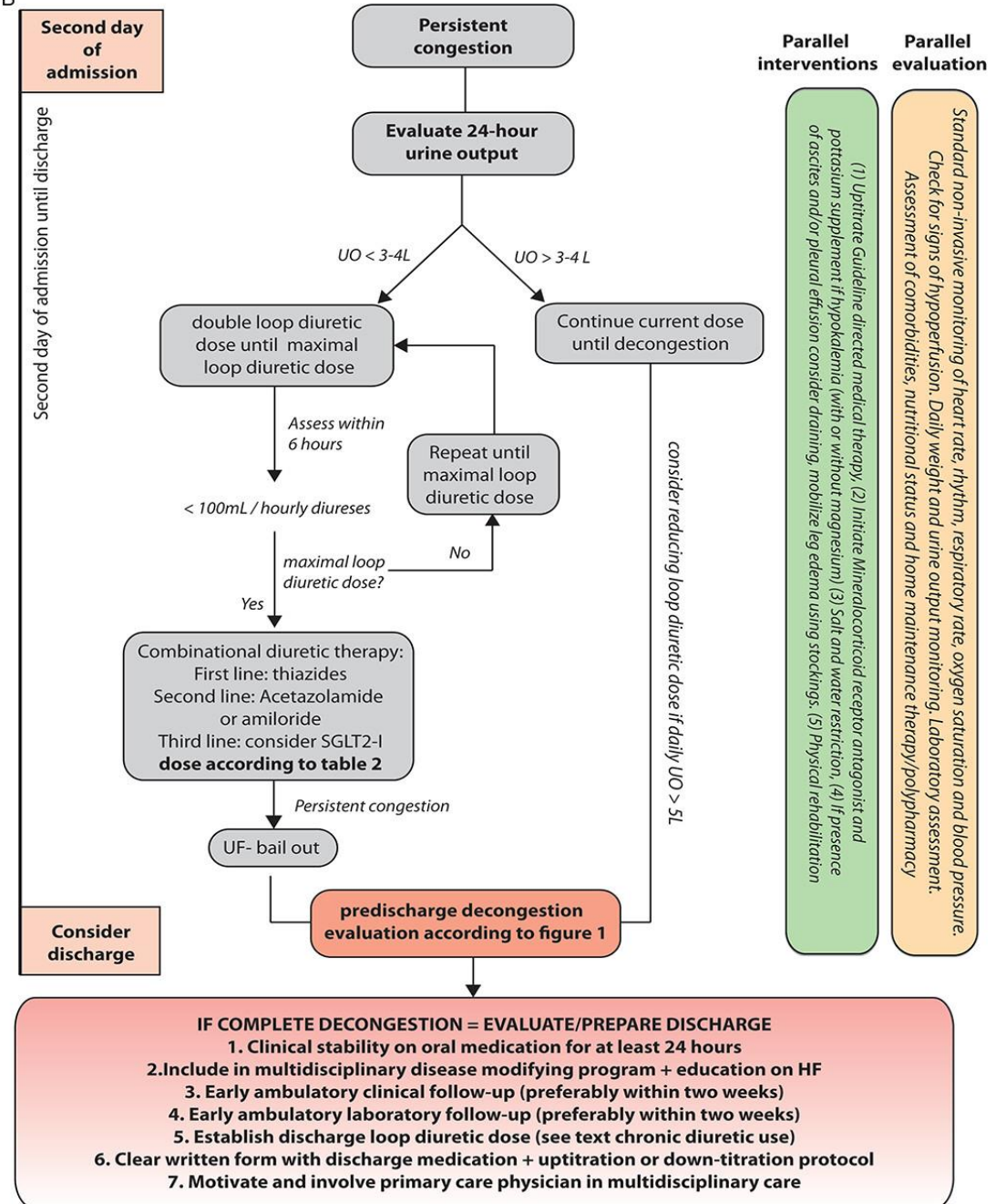
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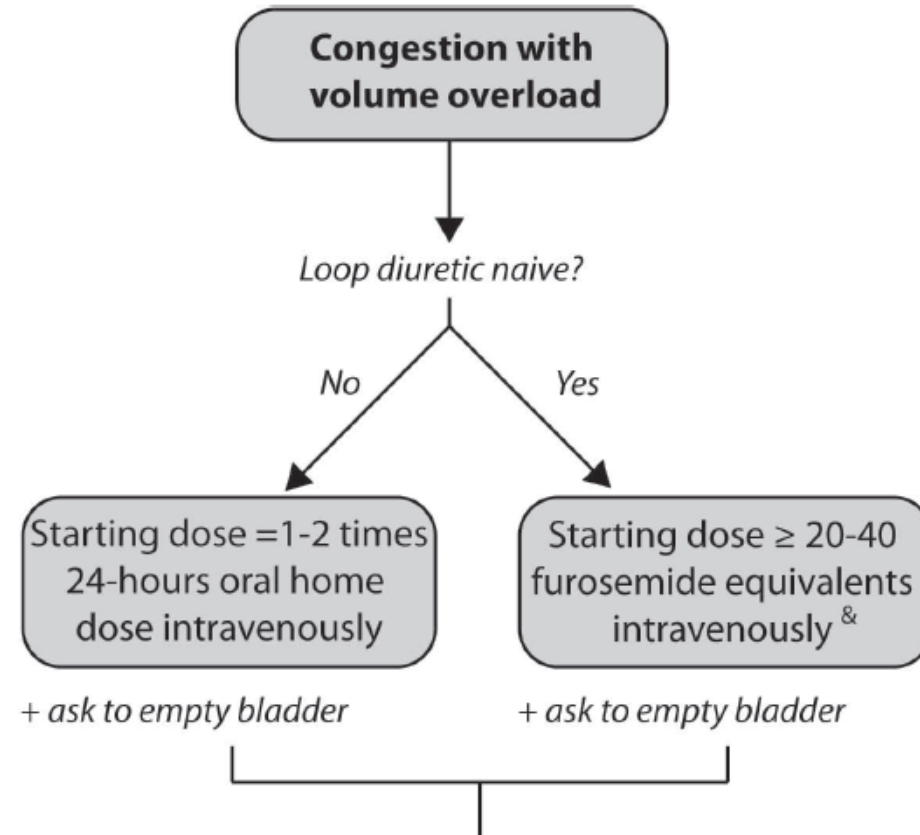


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**Acute treatment  
phase**

Within 1 hour of  
admission

**Early evaluation  
phase**



**Early evaluation phase**

First 6 hours after loop diuretic administration

**Early response phase**

Remaining time of first 24 hours

+ ask to empty bladder + ask to empty bladder

Start urine collection

**EARLY EVALUATION OF TREATMENT**

- After 2 hours: spot urinary sodium analysis
- After 6 hours: assess average urine output

Urine spot sodium > 50-70 meq/L

6-hours urine output > 100-150ml/hours

Yes

No

**Diuretic resistance**

Persistent congestion? → No\*

Yes

Repeat similar dose of IV loop diuretics every 12-hours#

Double dose IV loop diuretics

Assess within 6 hours

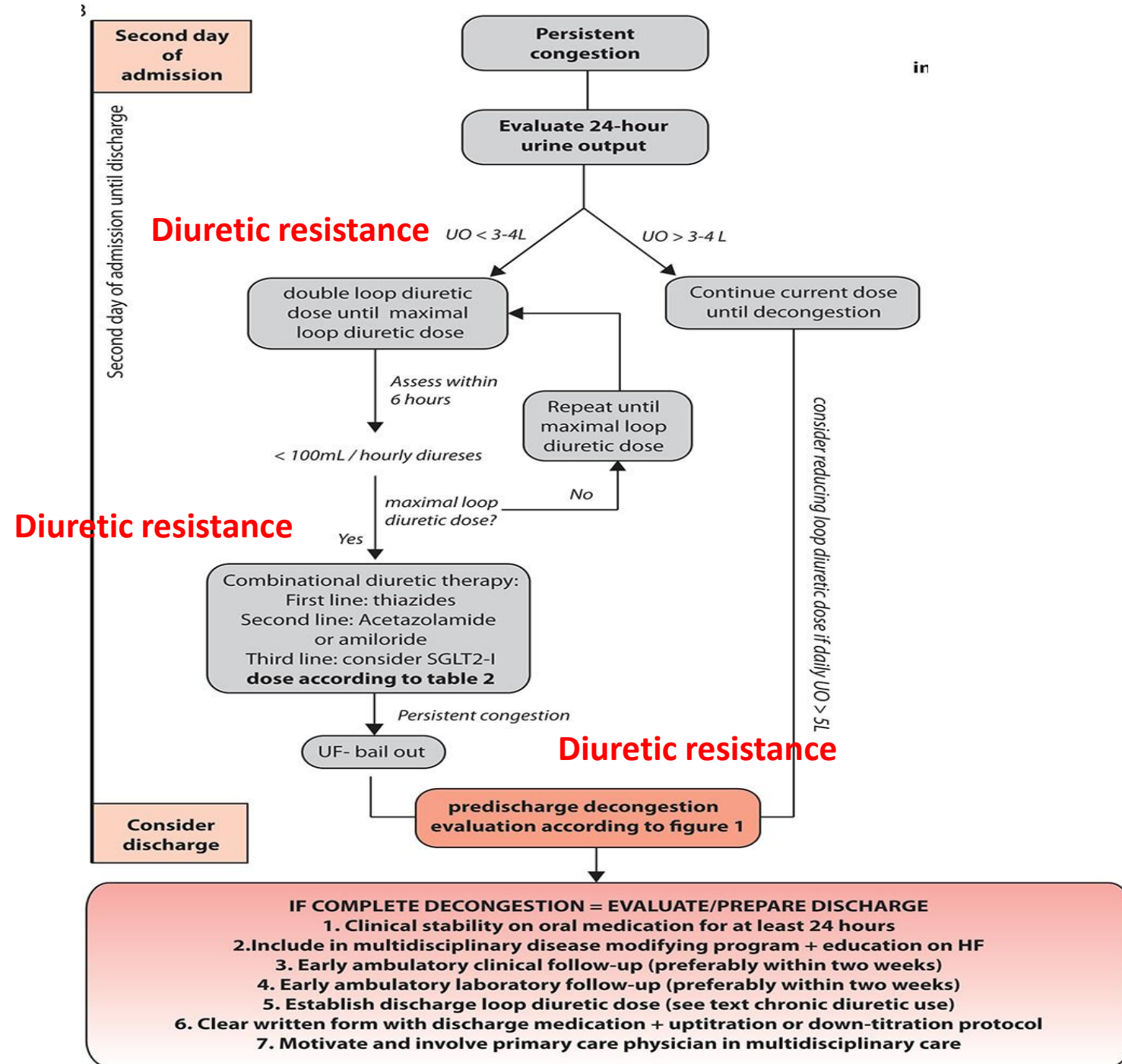
< 50-70meq/L sodium  
< 100mL / hourly diureses

No

Repeat until maximal dose loop diuretics°

Yes

**Go to part 2: treatment algorithm after 24-hours**



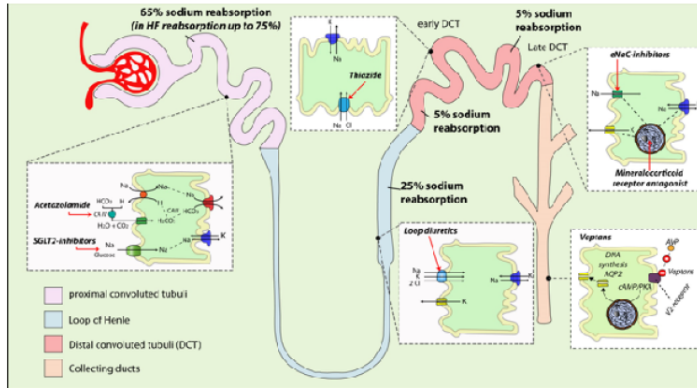
Combinational diuretic therapy:

First line: thiazides

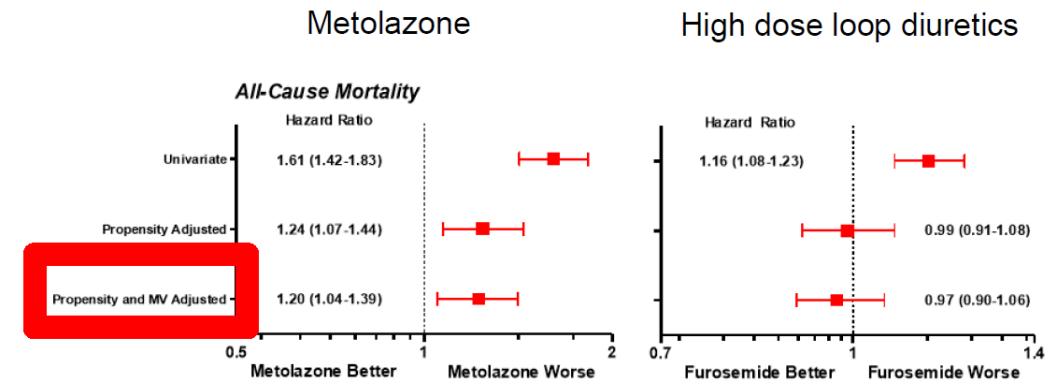
Second line: Acetazolamide  
or amiloride

Third line: consider SGLT2-I  
**dose according to table 2**

## Thiazides, know how to use them



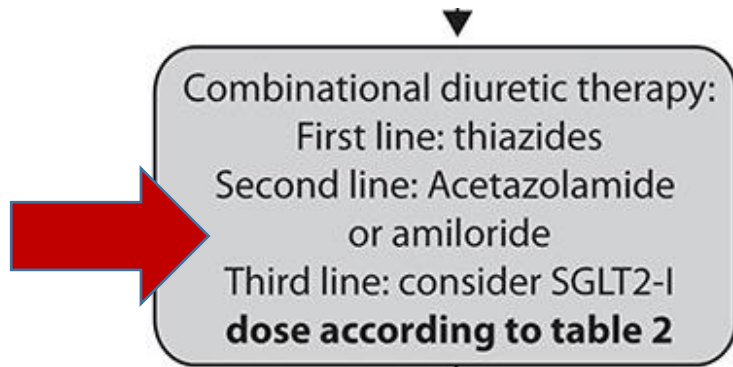
- Work distal in nephron (poor diuretic effect)
- Might counterbalance distal hypertrophy with chronic use of high dose LD
- Also work in low eGFR states
- Slow GI absorption (need to be given hours before LD)
- Protein bound like loop diuretics
- Long half life



Mullens W, Eur J Heart Fail 2019; 21:137-155.

Brisco-Bacik, J Card Fail 2017 abstract supplement S56.





## Recent positive trials on acute heart failure

- ADVOR (acetazolamide in decompensated heart failure with volume overload)
- EMPULSE (empagliflozin in patients hospitalized for acute heart failure)
- DELIVER (Dapagliflozin Evaluation to Improve the LIVEs of Patients with preserved ejection fraction heart failure)

**DAPAgliflozin versus metolazone in patients  
with heart failure and diuretic RESISTance:  
DAPA RESIST**



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**FASTTRACK CLINICAL RESEARCH**

*Heart failure and cardiomyopathies*

# Dapagliflozin vs. metolazone in heart failure resistant to loop diuretics

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n=61 hospitalized HF +  
diuretics resistance



1:1 randomization

Dapagliflozin  
10 mg

Metolazone  
5-10 mg



3 consecutive treatment days

### Baseline characteristics



79 years-old



44% HFrEF



54% women



26% eGFR <30



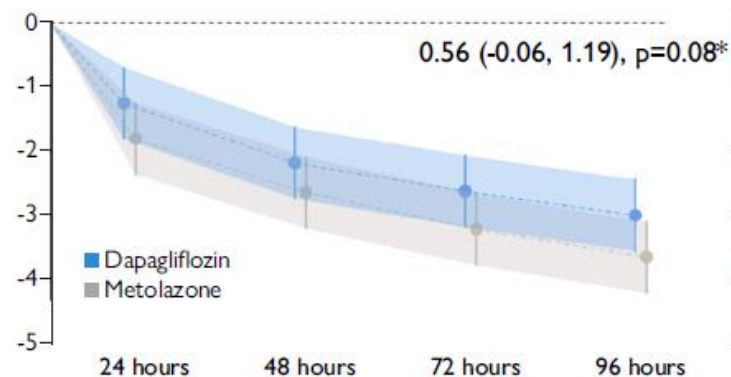
98% peripheral  
oedema



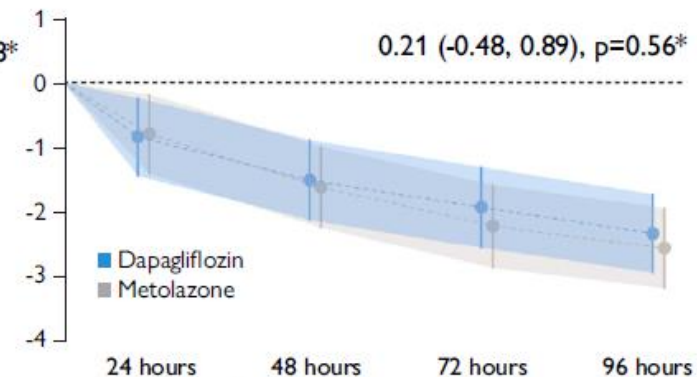
244 mg IV  
furosemide daily

### Efficacy

Change in weight (kg)  
from baseline to 96 hours



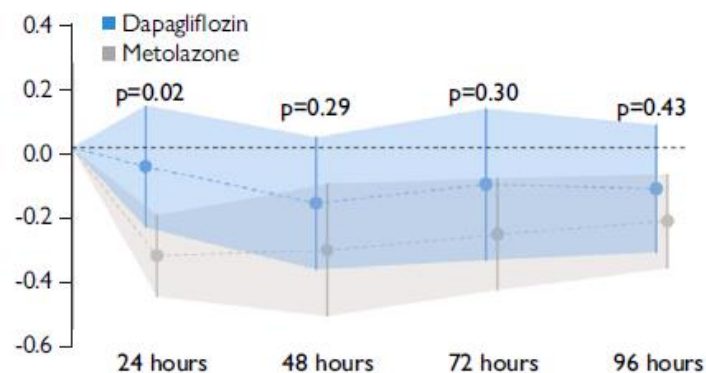
Change in modified ADVOR congestion  
score from baseline to 96 hours



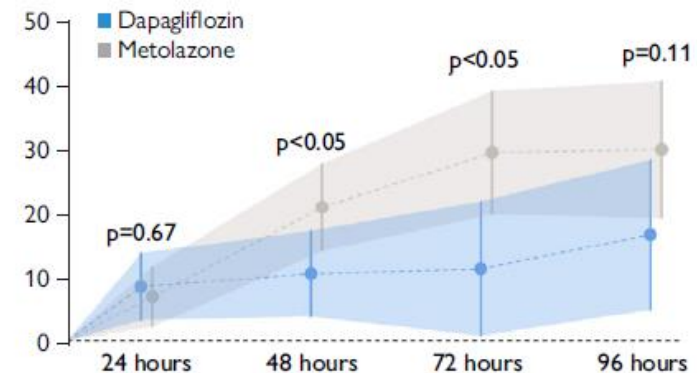
\*Combined estimate of effect from 48-96 hours

### Safety

Change in serum potassium (mmol/L)  
from baseline to 96 hours



Change in serum creatinine (mmol/L)  
from baseline to 96 hours

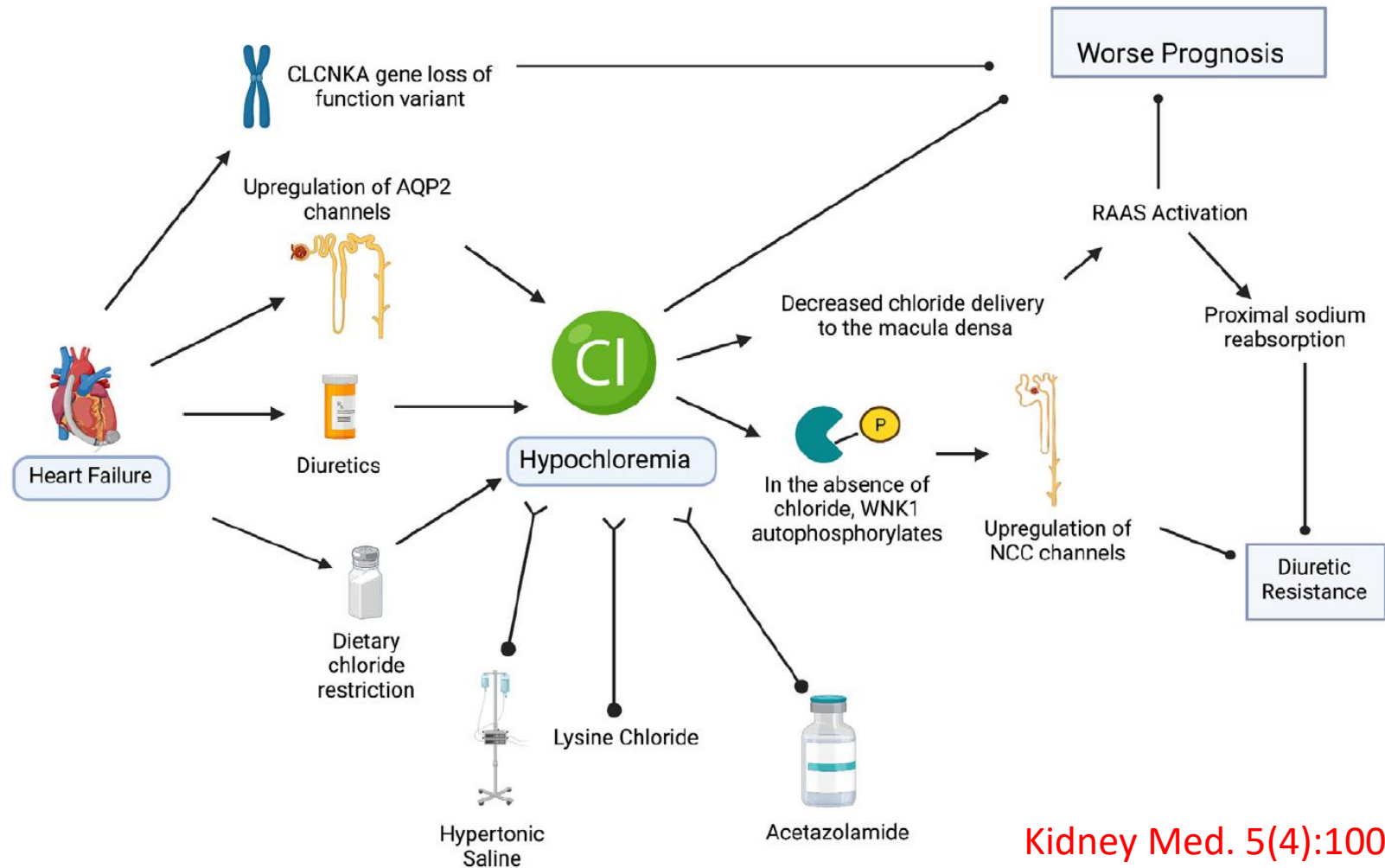


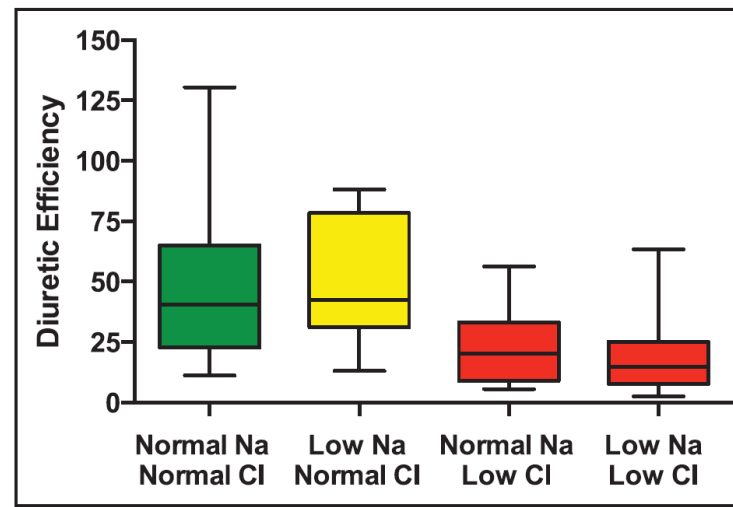
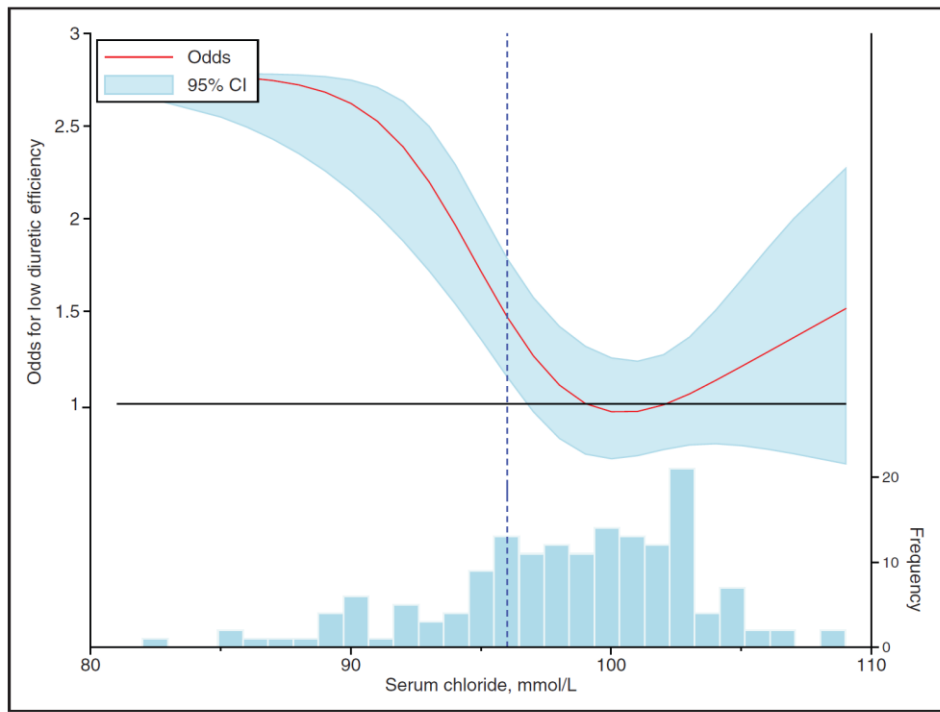
# Take home message

- Both dapagliflozin and metolazone are similarly effective at relieving congestion when added to intravenous furosemide in patients with diuretic resistance.
- Treatment with an SGLT2i is well tolerated and associated with a better biochemical profile.

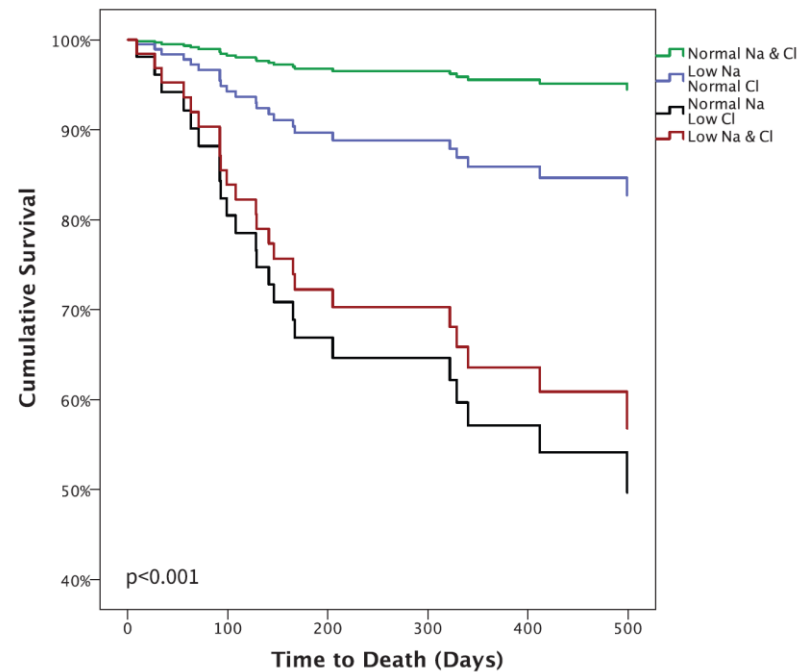


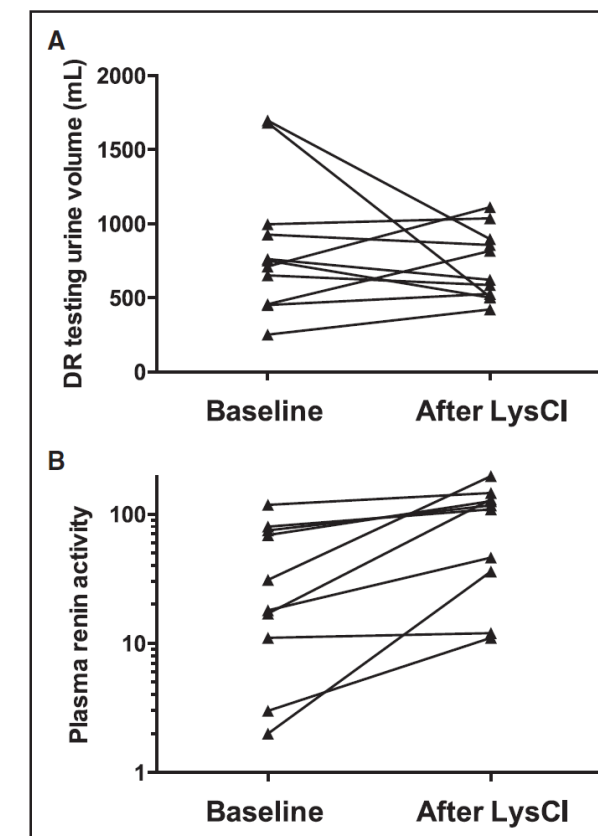
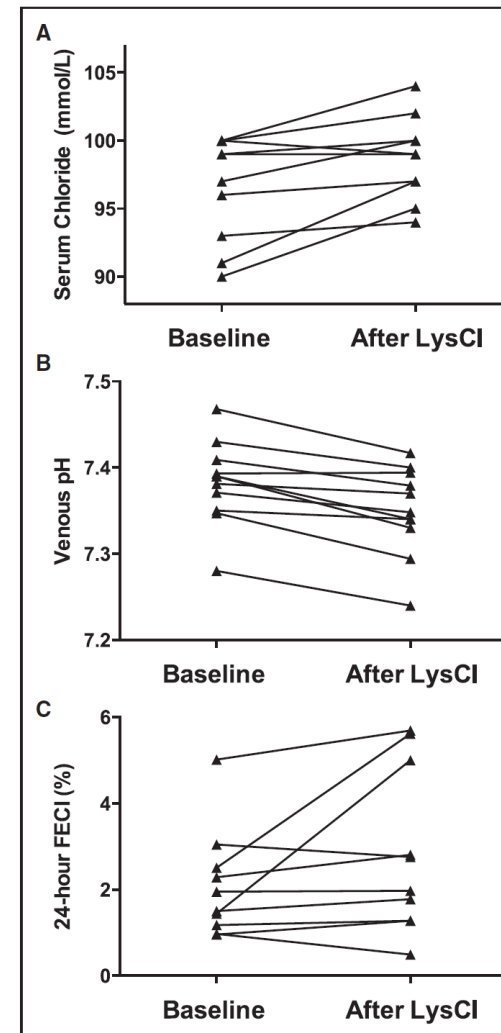
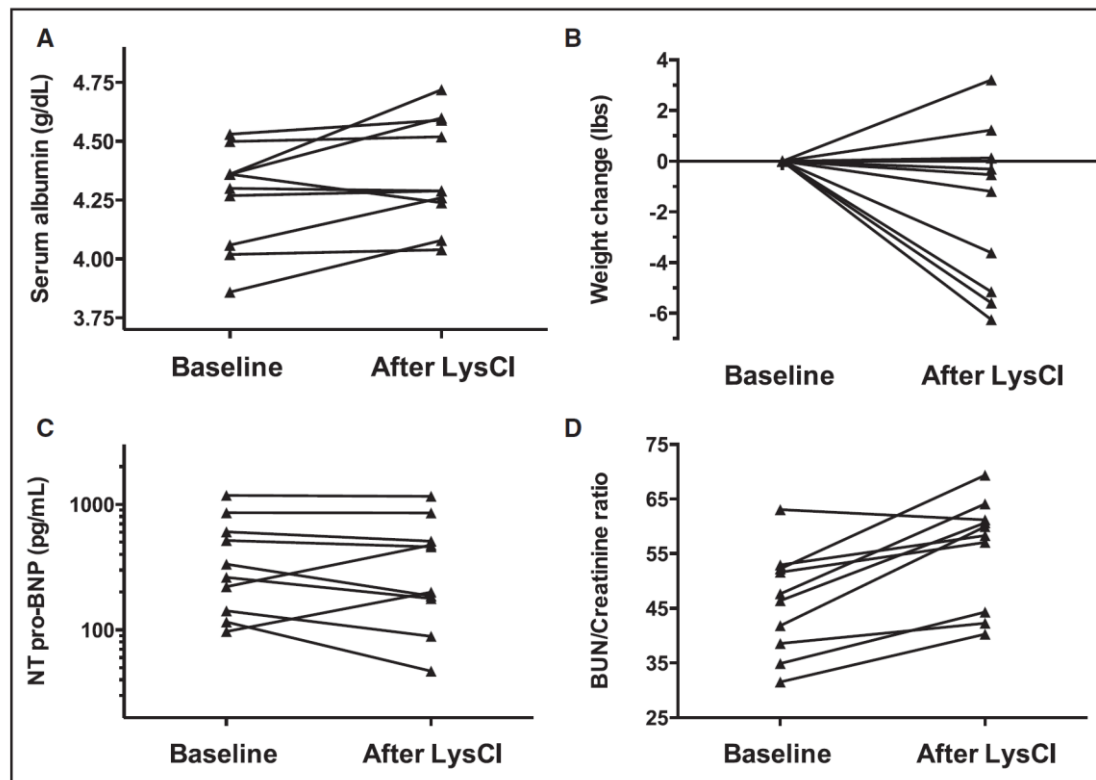
# Hypochloremia and Diuretic Resistance





**Figure 2.** Diuretic efficiency in groups defined by presence or absence of hyponatremia and hypochloremia. Diuretic efficiency is expressed in mmol of sodium excreted per doubling of loop diuretic dose. Whiskers extend from 10th to 90th percentile.



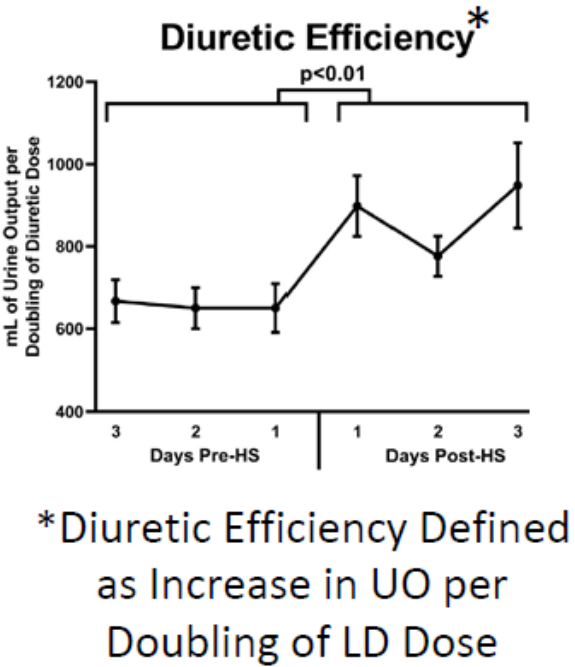
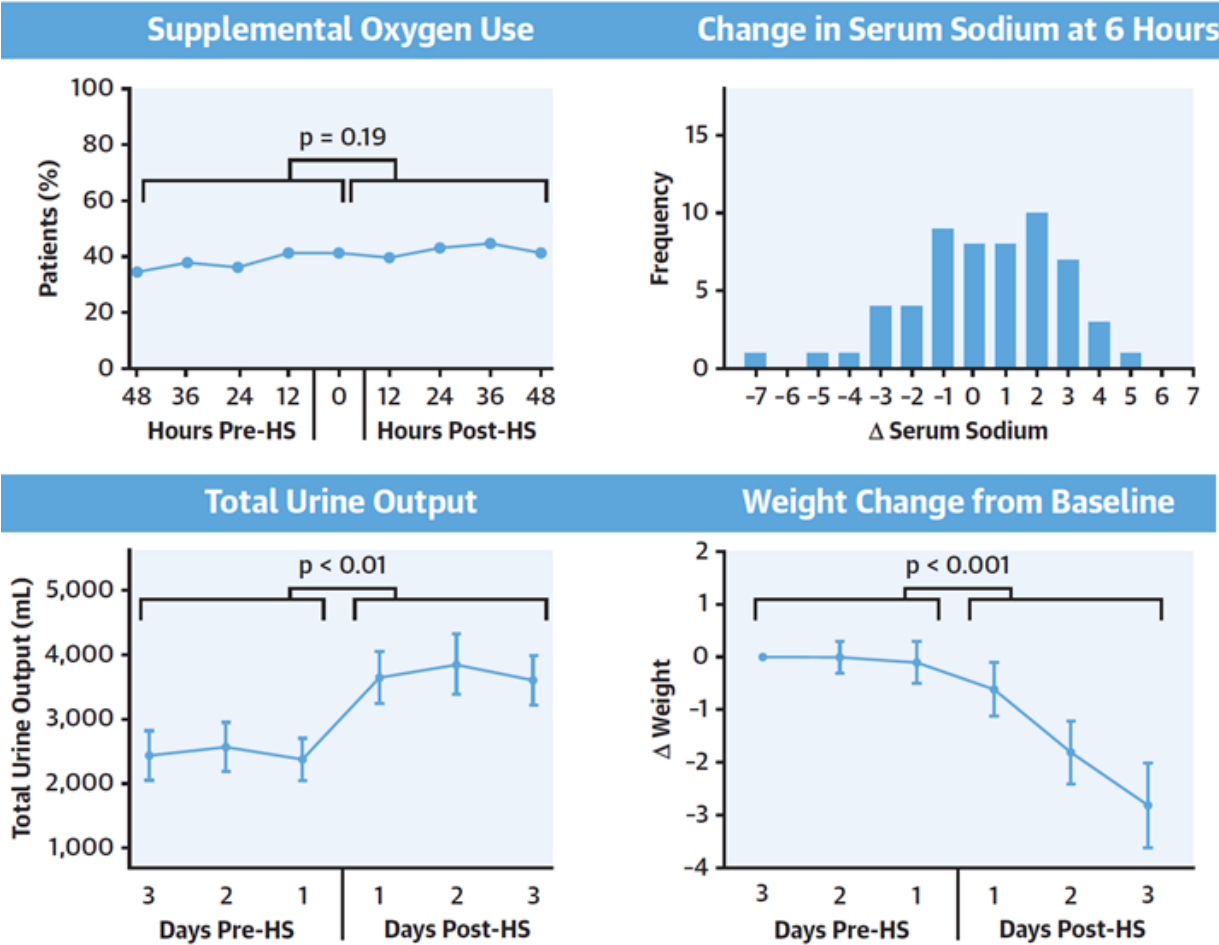


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Figure 5. Diuretic induced urine volume and plasma renin activity

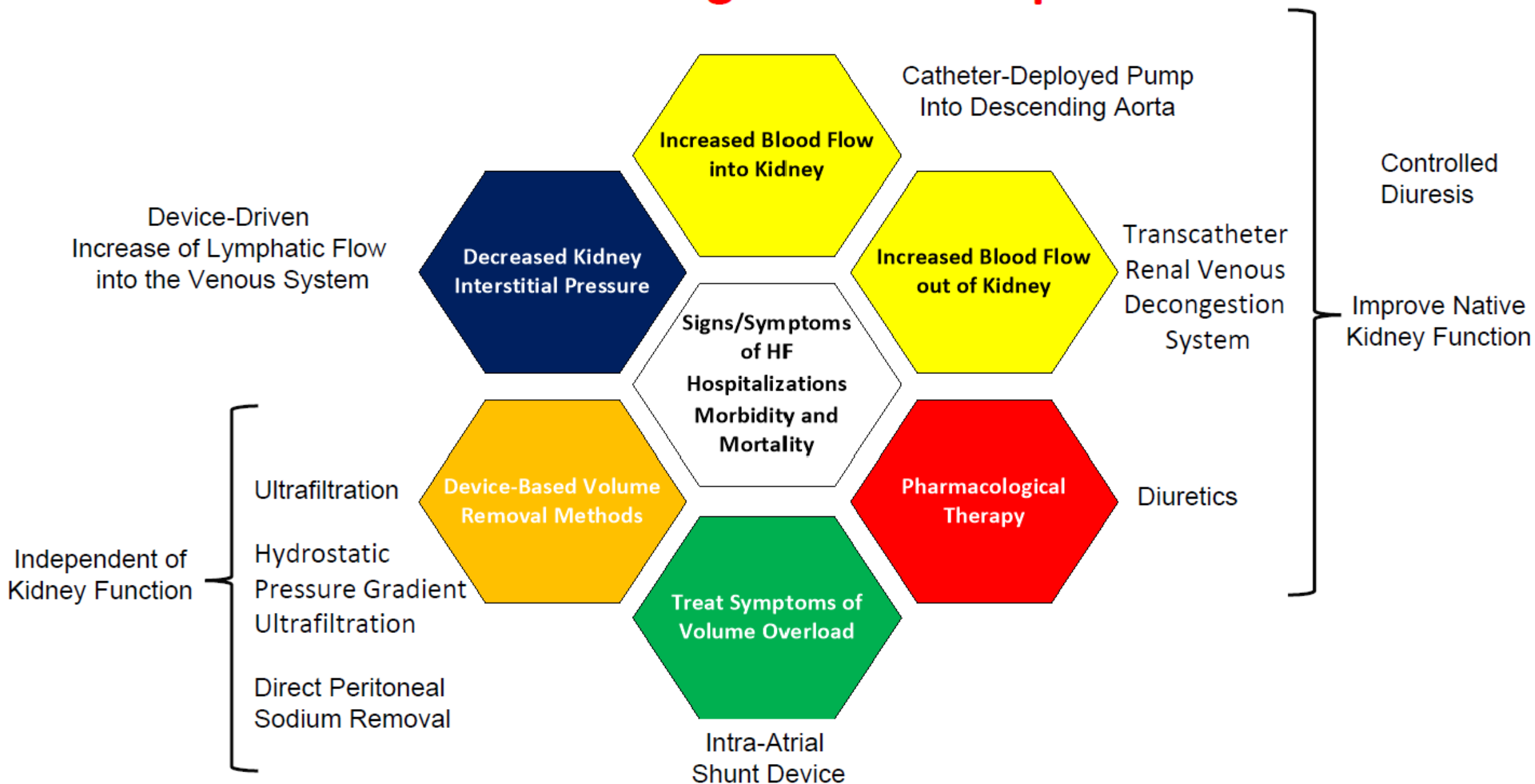
# What About Hypertonic Saline?

TABLE 1 Baseline Characteristics of the Cohort (N = 58)	
Age, yrs	60 ± 11
Females	45
Medical history, %	
Hypertension	55
Diabetes mellitus	36
Coronary artery disease	45
Implantable cardioverter-defibrillator	60
Moderate to severe valvular disease	62
Left ventricular assist device	25
Ejection fraction	35 ± 22
Ejection fraction ≤40%	65
Vital signs	
Heart rate, beats/min	85 ± 17
Systolic blood pressure, mm Hg	103 ± 14
Diastolic blood pressure, mm Hg	60 ± 13
Mean Arterial Pressure, mm Hg	72 ± 11
Estimated FiO <sub>2</sub> , %	28 (21–33)
Laboratory values	
Sodium, mmol/l	131 (125–134)
Chloride, mmol/l	88 (83–93)
BUN, mg/dl	64 (40–83)
Creatinine, mg/dl	1.8 (1.5–2.8)
eGFR, ml/min/m <sup>2</sup>	36 ± 20
Hemoglobin, g/dl	9.9 ± 1.9
Inotropes/vasopressors, %	64
Milrinone	36
Dopamine	33
Dobutamine	10
Norepinephrine	2
Multiple	17
Length of stay and outcomes	
Length of stay, days	29 (17–76)
Rehospitalized within 30 days of discharge, %	17 (10/58)
Deaths within 30 days of discharge, %	33 (13/40)
Discharged to hospice, %	21 (12/58)
Deaths, discharge to hospice, or readmissions within 30 days, %	47 (27/58)
Baseline diuretics	
Loop diuretic dose, mg of furosemide equivalents	400 (200–875)
Thiazide diuretic	35 (59)*
Thiazide diuretic dose, mg of metolazone equivalents	10 (10–20)
Acetazolamide, %	3 (5)
Acetazolamide dose, mg	500 (500–2,000)
Tolvaptan	5 (8)





# Novel Decongestive Therapies



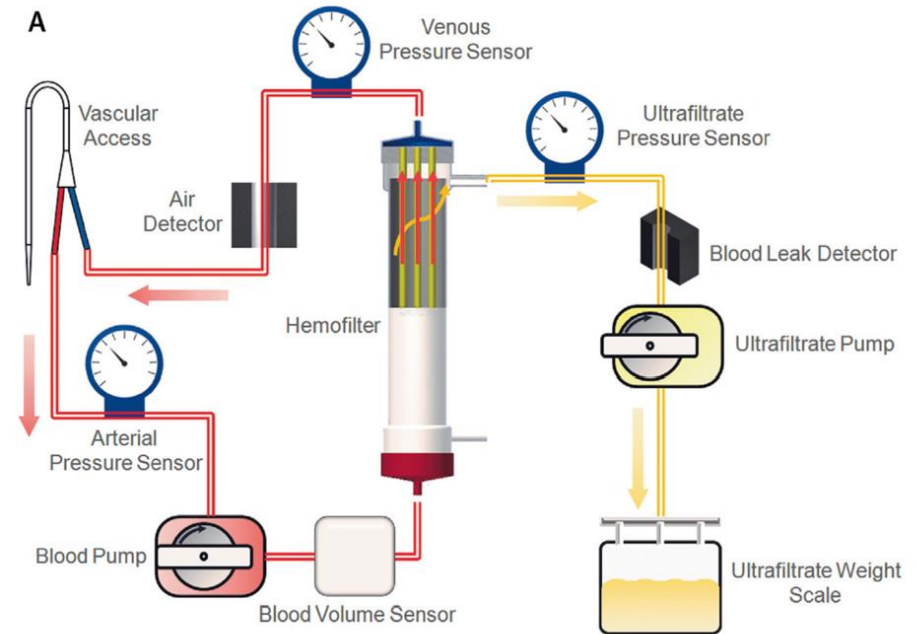
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or amiloride  
Third line: consider SGLT2-I  
**dose according to table 2**

*Persistent congestion*

UF- bail out

I

**Peripheral  
Isolated Veno-  
Venous  
Ultrafiltration**

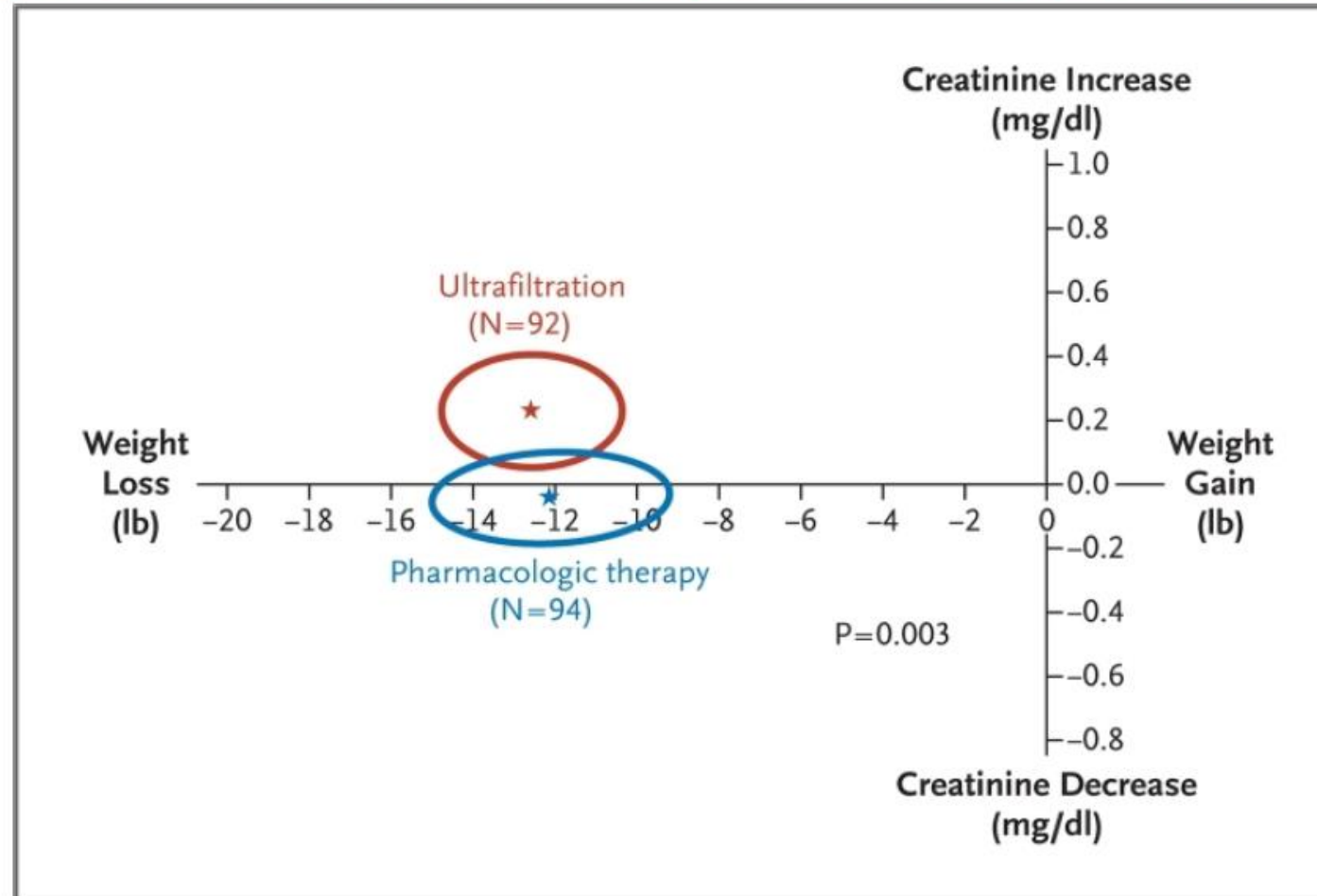


# Differences between diuretics and ultrafiltration

- The most important attributes of ultrafiltration are
  - The predictable removal of sodium,
  - Restoration of diuretic responsiveness,
  - An unaltered electrolyte,
  - More effective decongestion,
  - Improve in glomerular filtration

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## Changes in Serum Creatinine and Weight at 96 Hours (Bivariate Response)

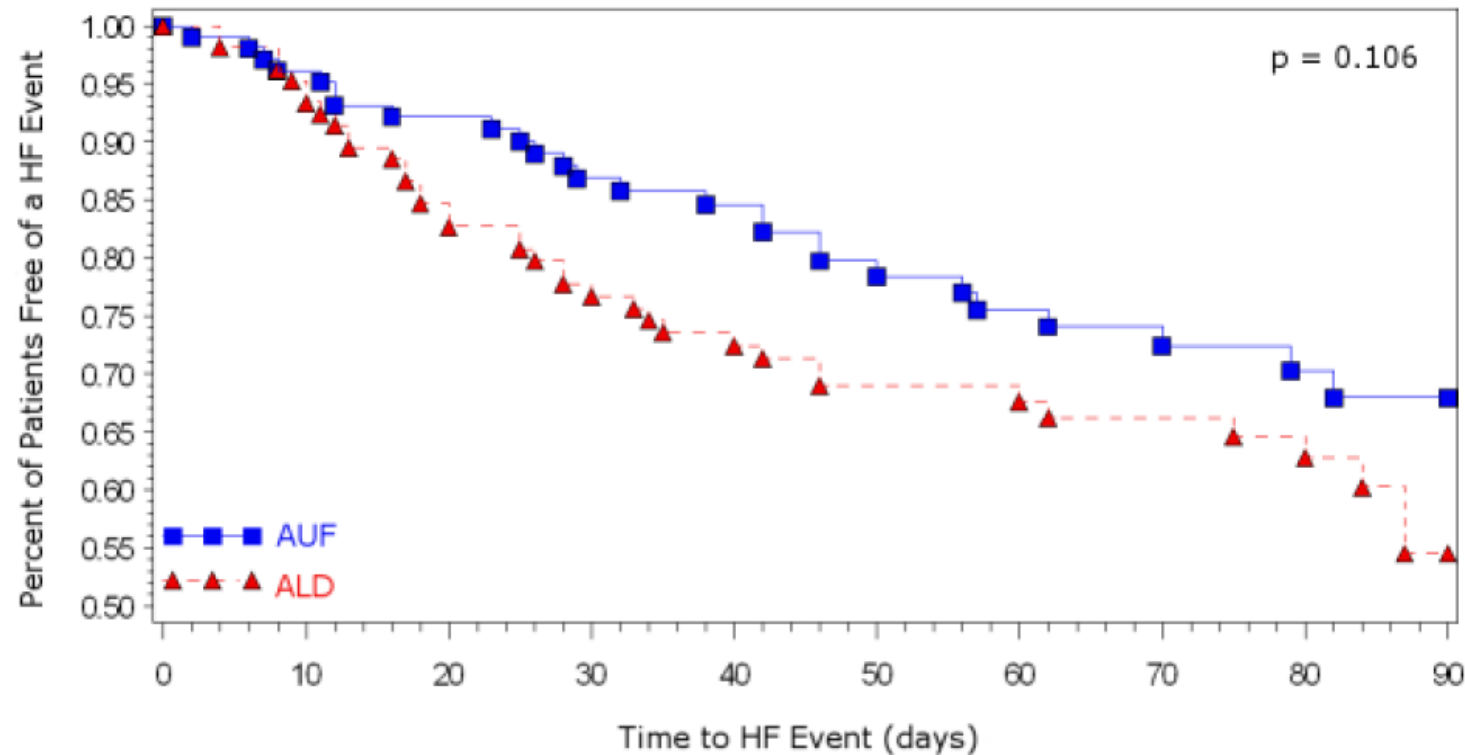


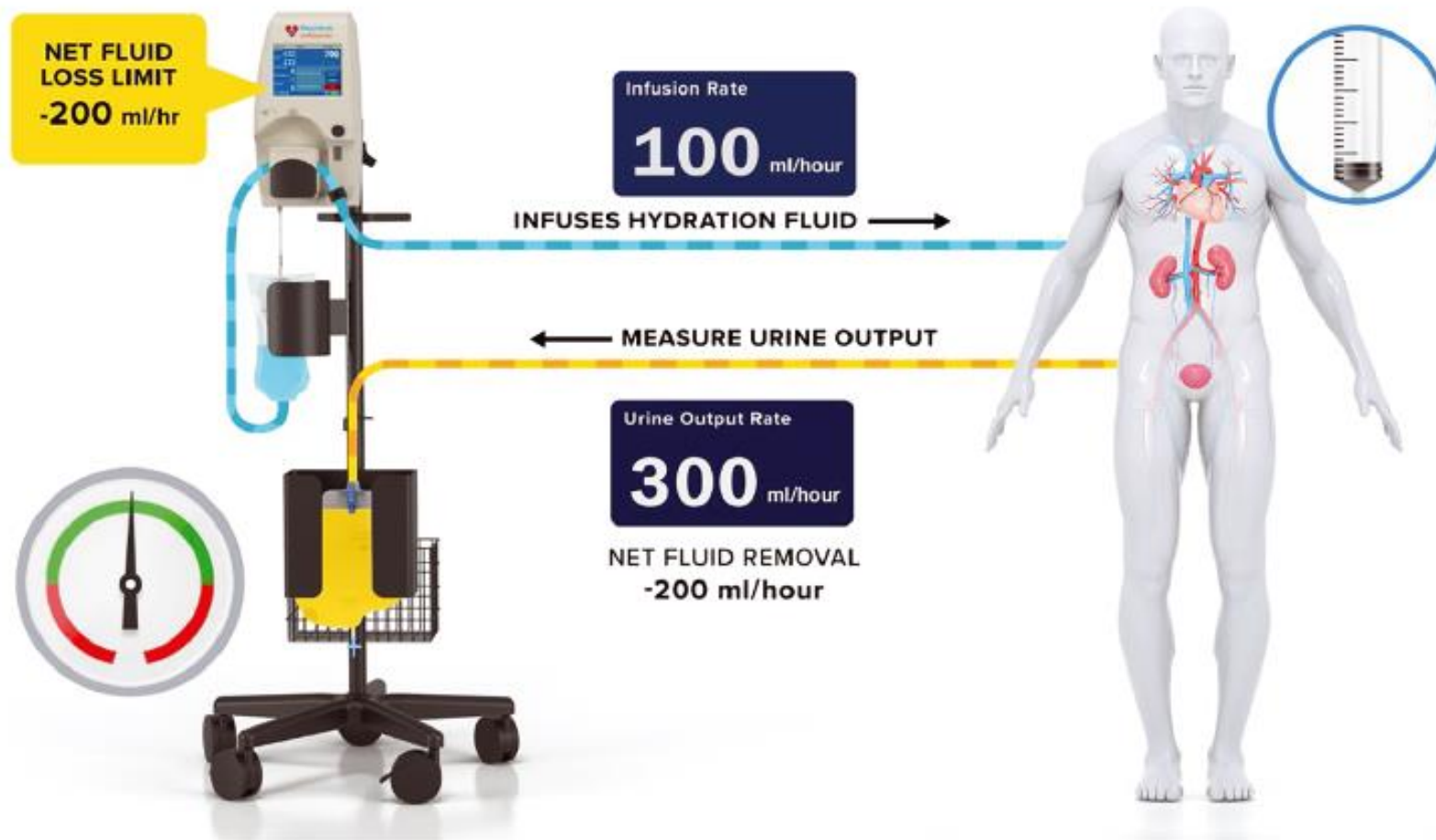
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## Aquapheresis Versus Intravenous Diuretics and Hospitalizations for Heart Failure (AVOID-HF)

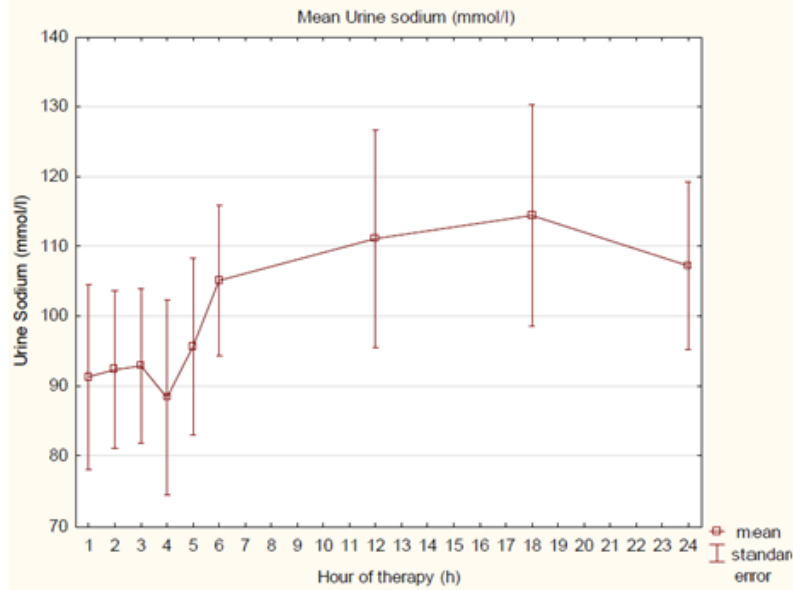
### Primary End-Point: Time to HF Event After Discharge



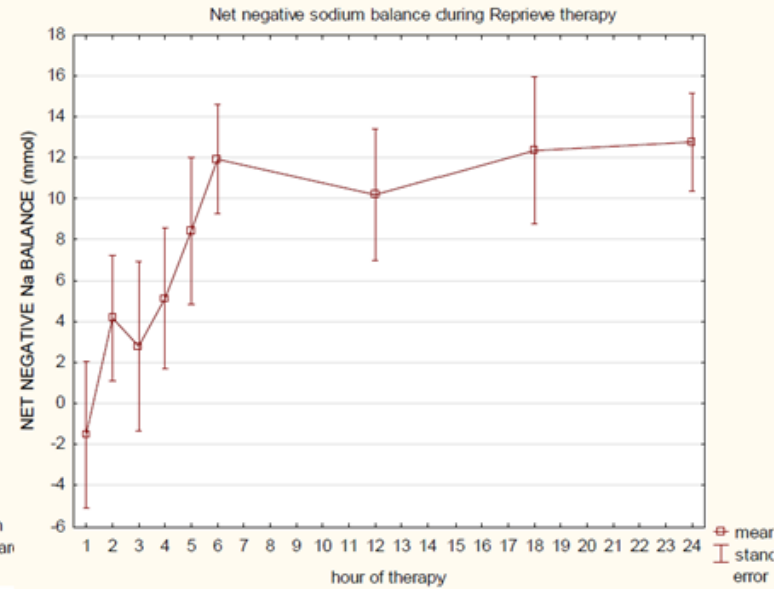


**Figure 1** Scheme of the Reprive-based therapy.

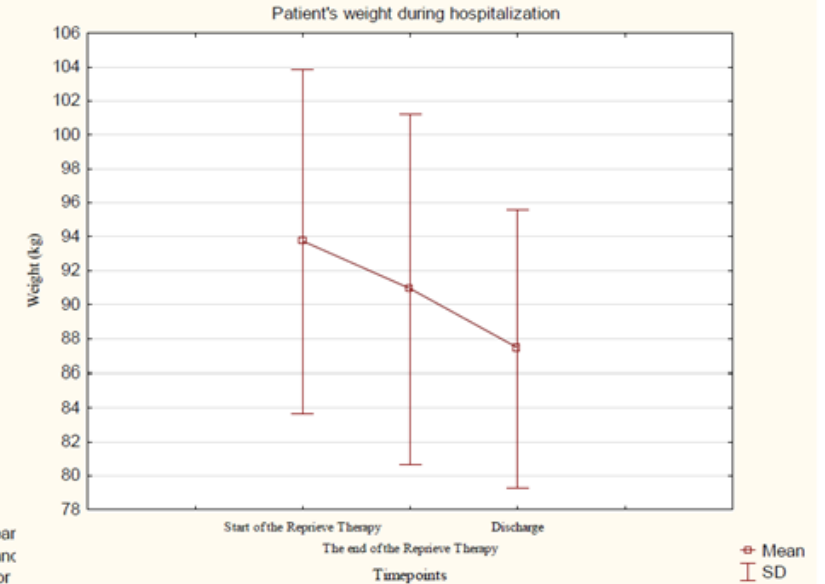
## Urinary Sodium



## Net Negative Sodium Balance



## Weight



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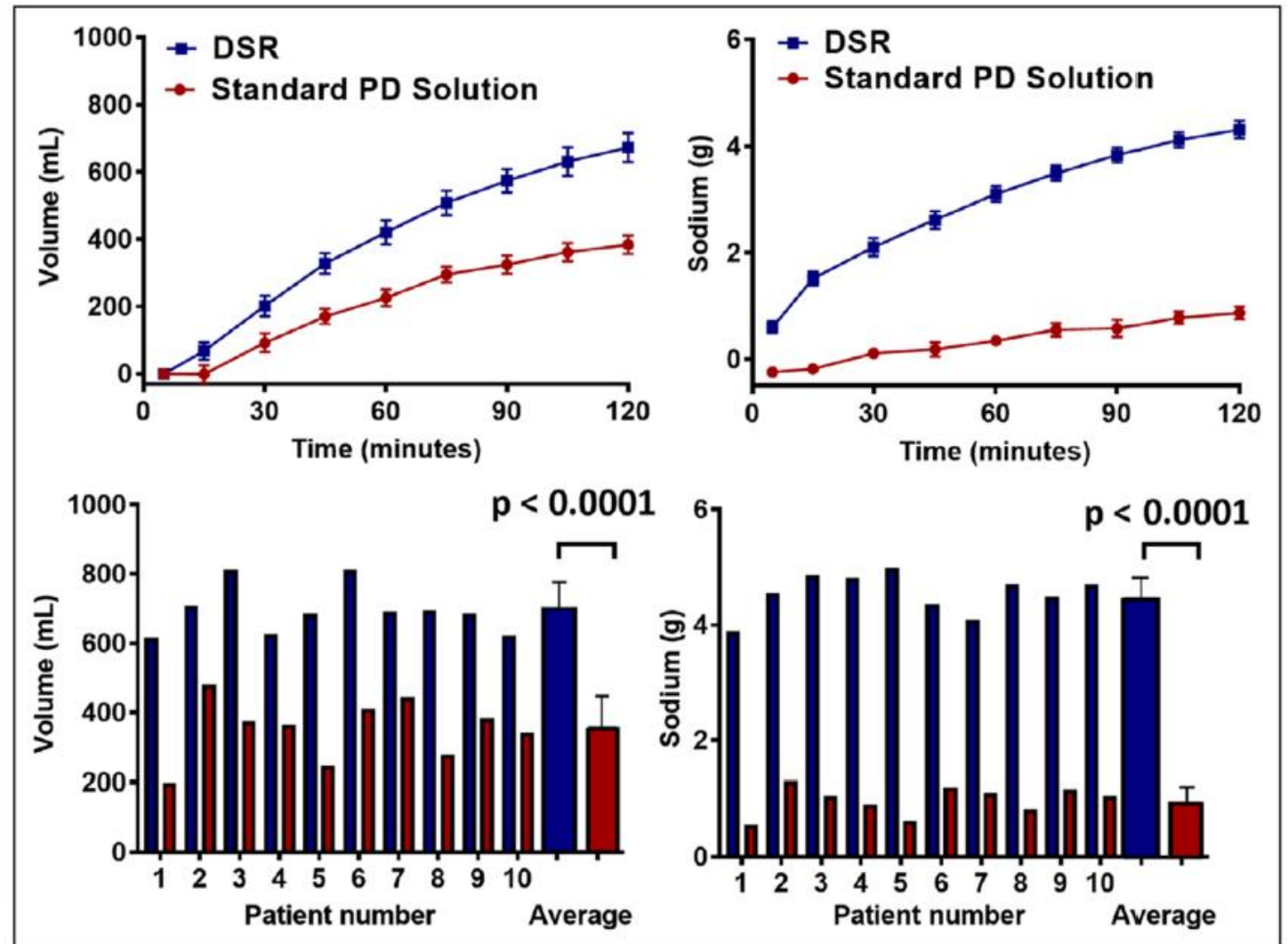
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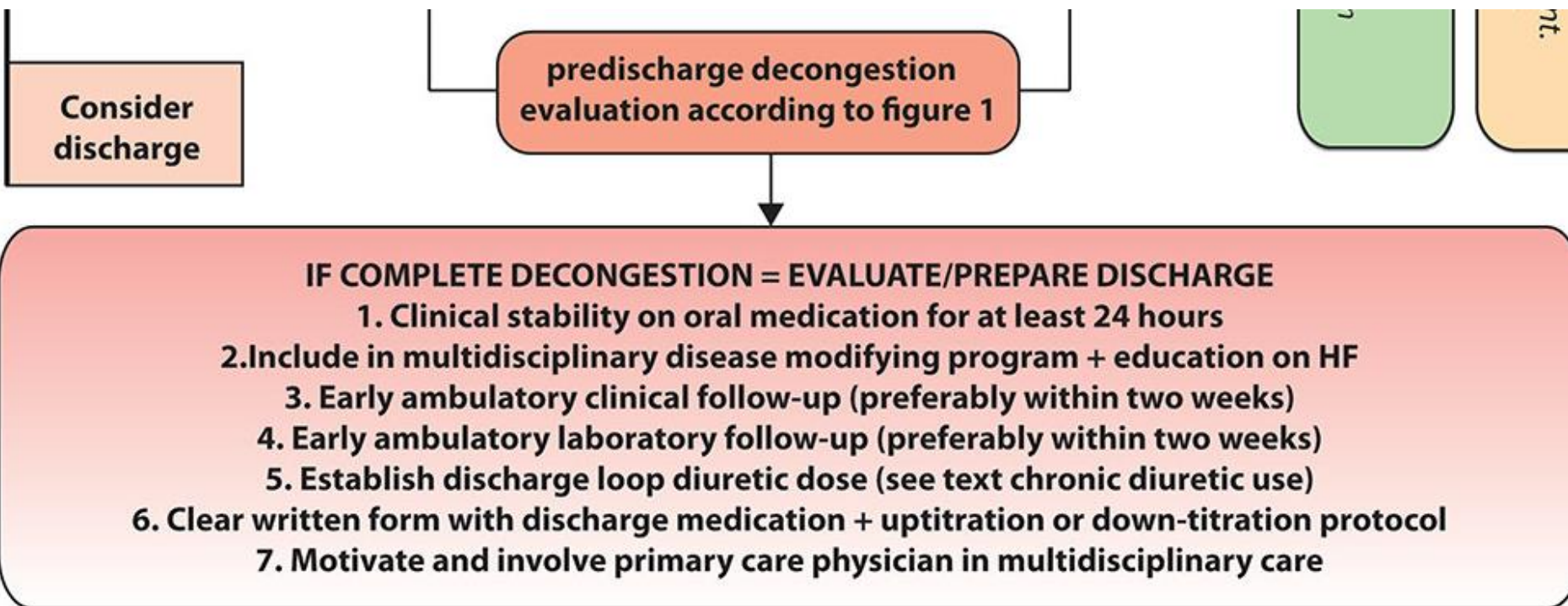
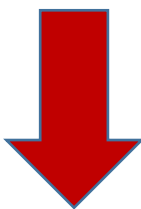
**A New Candidate Therapy for Volume Overload**

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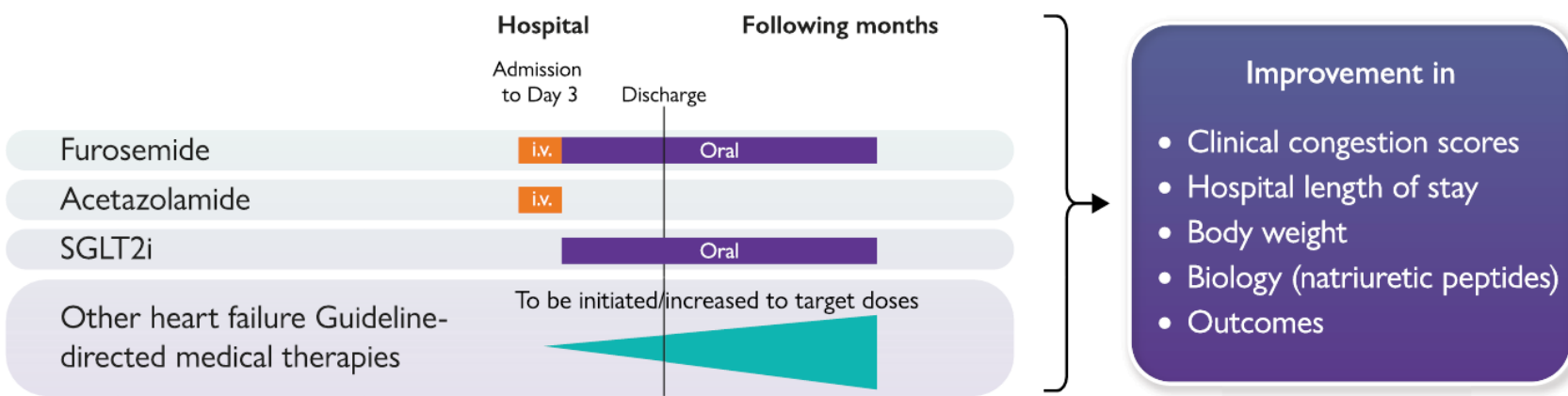
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### Universal assessment of congestion



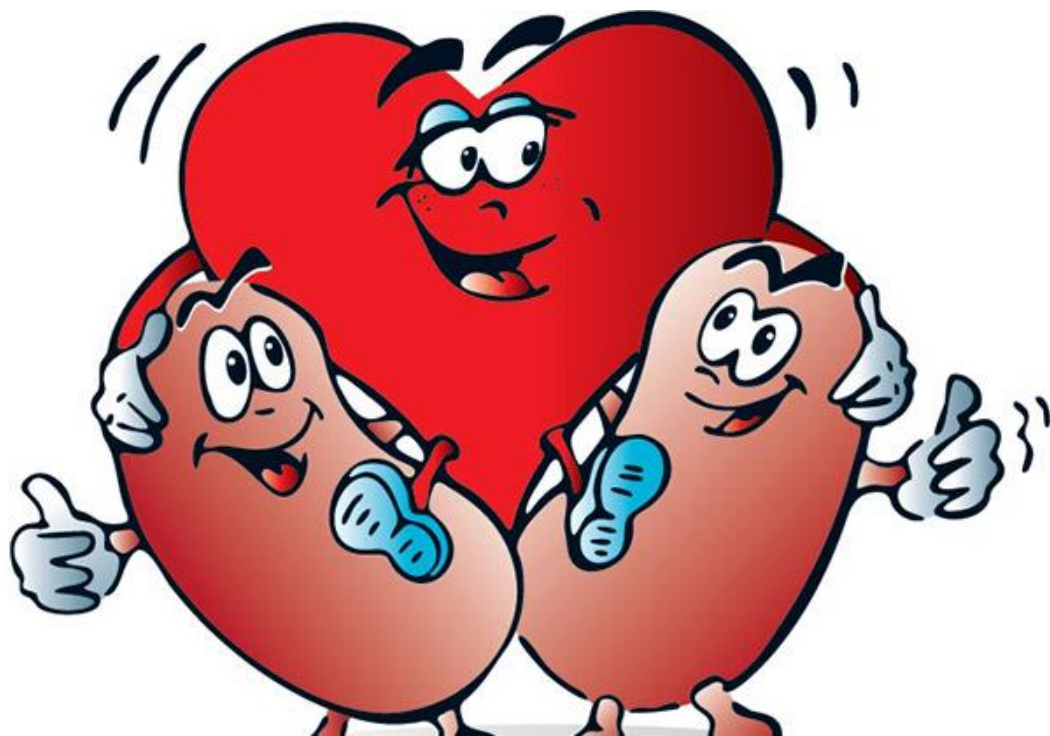
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### Proposed contemporary drug management of congestion



# Conclusions

- Incomplete decongestion is major determinant of HF rehospitalization and adverse outcome
- A timely stepped diuretic approach (Door to Diuretics + Correct dose of diuretic+Combination diuretic therapy) have potential for improve decongestion efficiency
- There is increased attention toward avoidance of intravascular volume depletion and consequent renal hypoperfusion
- Novel decongestive methods range from the requirement of a peripheral venous access and urinary catheter to that for intraperitoneal implant procedures



**GOOD LUCK**