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## **Solutions for Optimal Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy**

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### Heart Failure

This is a pathophysiological syndrome in which, as a result of one or another disease of the cardiovascular system, there is a decrease in the pumping function of the heart, which leads to an imbalance between the hemodynamic demand of the body and the capabilities of the heart.



#### **Epidemiology Heart Failure**

26- million people in the world. By 2030 y.- 30 mln. p.

In Russia, *HF (I-IV) NYHA* (2016 г) - 14,9 mln.p.

Among them, in severe form - 6,0 mln.p. *ΦK III-IV NYHA* 

One – year mortality is 880-980 thousand people.

Risks of Cause-Specific Death after Hospitalization patients with Heart Failure





# The main goals of treatment of patients with HF

# 1. Elimination of clinical symptoms

2. Prevention of target organ damage

3.Risk reduction SCD

4.Improving the quality and duration of life



## Guideline-Directed Medical Therapy (GDMT)



DeFilippis et al; Waiting Period Before ICD Implantation Circ Heart Fail. 2017



# Surgical methods of treatment HF

Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (CRT) Cardiac Contractility Modulation (CCM) Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) Orthotopic heart transplantation



## Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy





Reduction in overall mortality by 29% Reduction in mortality due to progressive HF by 38%

MIRACLE, COMPANION, CARE-HF, REVERSE, MADIT-CRT, RAFT. able 1 2022 AHA/ACC/HFSA guidelines for the management of heart failure

COR	RECOMMENDATIONS
1	For patients who have LVEF < 35%, sinus rhythm, left bundle branch block (LBBB) with a
	QRS duration ≥150 ms, and NYHA class II, III, or ambulatory IV symptoms on GDMT, CRT is
	indicated to reduce total mortality, reduce hospitalizations, and improve symptoms and
	QOL
	For patients who have LVEF≤ 35%, sinus rhythm, LBBB with a QRS duration of ≥150 ms, an
	NYHA class II, III, or ambulatory IV symptoms on GDMT, CRT implantation provides high
	economic value.
2A	For patients who have LVEF ≤35%, sinus rhythm, a non-LBBB pattern with a QRS duration
	≥150 ms, and NYHA class II, III, or ambulatory class IV symptoms on GDMT, CRT can be
	useful to reduce total mortality, reduce hospitalizations, and improve symptoms and QOL.
2A	In patients with high-degree or complete heart block and LVEF of 36% to 50%, CRT is
	reasonable to reduce total mortality, reduce hospitalizations, and improve symptoms and
	QOL.
2A	For patients who have LVEF <35%, sinus rhythm, LBBB with a QRS duration of 120 to 149
	ms, and NYHA class II, III, or ambulatory IV symptoms on GDMT, CRT can be useful to
	reduce total mortality, reduce hospitalizations, and improve symptoms and QOL.
2A	In patients with AF and LVEF <35% on GDMT, CRT can be useful to reduce total mortality,
	improve symptoms and QOL, and increase LVEF, if: a) the patient requires ventricular
	pacing or otherwise meets CRT criteria and b) atrioventricular nodal ablation or
	pharmacological rate control will allow near 100% ventricular pacing with CRT.
2A	For patients on GDMT who have LVEF ≤35% and are undergoing placement of a new or
	replacement device implantation with anticipated requirement for significant (>40%)
	ventricular pacing, CRT can be useful to reduce total mortality, reduce hospitalizations, and
	improve symptoms and QOL.
2B	For patients who have LVEF <35%, sinus rhythm, a non-LBBB pattern with QRS duration of
	120 to 149 ms, and NYHA class III or ambulatory class IV on GDMT, CRT may be considered
	to reduce total mortality, reduce hospitalizations, and improve symptoms and QOL.
2B	For patients who have LVEF ≤30%, ischemic cause of HF, sinus rhythm, LBBB with a QRS
	duration ≥150 ms, and NYHA class I symptoms on GDMT, CRT may be considered to reduce
	hospitalizations and improve symptoms and QOL.
3	In patients with QRS duration <120 ms, CRT is not recommended.
3	For patients with NYHA class I or II symptoms and non-LBBB pattern with QRS duration <
	150 ms, CRT is not recommended.
3	For patients whose comorbidities or frailty limit survival with good functional capacity to <
	1 year, ICD and cardiac resynchronization therapy with defibrillation (CRT-D) are not
	indicated.



Sinoatrial node

Bundle of His

Right bundle branch

Dyssynchrony is a pathological dissociation of contraction or relaxation of individual chambers of the heart and segments of the myocardium as a result of disturbances in impulse conduction, which leads to a violation of the contractility of the heart and an increase in energy consumption by the myocardium.











# ECG – parameters LBBB. (QRS duration and morphology)

ECG parameter for complete LBBB	ESC	AHA	Strauss	MADIT	REVERSE
QRS duration (ms) $\geq$	120	120	9130 ∂140	130	120
QS or rS in V <sub>1</sub>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Positive T in V <sub>1</sub>	Yes	No	No	No	No
Normal ID R in V <sub>1</sub> –V <sub>3</sub>	No	Yes	No	No	No
ID R in $V_5 \ge 60$ ms	No	Yes	No	No	No
ID R in $V_6 \ge 60$ ms	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
ID R in I $\geq$ 60 ms	Yes	No	No	No	No
Notch-/slurred R in I, aVL and V <sub>5</sub> -V <sub>6</sub>	No	Yes	No	No	No
Mid-QRS notch/slurring in $\geq 2$ leads of $V_1 - V_2$ , $V_5 - V_6$ , I, aVL	No	No	Yes	No	No
RS pattern allowed in V <sub>5</sub> -V <sub>6</sub>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Absent q in $V_5 - V_6$	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Absent q in I	No	Yes	No	No	No
QS with positive T in aVR	Yes	No	No	No	No
Usually discordant T	Yes	Yes	No	No	No

C.J.M. van Deursen et al. / Journal of Electrocardiology 47 (2014) 202-211



## Who Responds to CRT?

Overall response rate 70%



Significant dyssynchrony

LBBB, QRSD > 150 msec. 3D ECHO IVD >40 msec.

• Minimal lateral LV scar

 $MPI/SPECT/MRI \le 13-15\%$ 

• Adequate CS anatomy

Lead placement Pace site of latest activation



The Magnitude of the Problem and the issues. Circ J 2011;75:521-7.

### Understanding non -response to cardiac resynchronization therapy



Wilfried Mullens, Petra Nijst Journal of the American College of Cardiology. 2017 69(17):2130–2133



## Decision Tree for CRT Non-responders





## **Coronary venous anatomy**

The coronary venous tree as seen on a rotational angiogram.



LAO







Posterior

LV



## Pressure-volume (PV) loops from a patient with LBBB



O. A. Breithardt et al. Multisite pacing as a new treatment option in heart failure

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# Non-invasive Activation Mapping of the Heart

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### CRT – Optimization Adaptiv CRT (Adaptiv BiV + LV)

LV compared to BiV pacing: Do you really need RV pacing?

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## Adaptive LV Pacing

#### Normal AV Conduction

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Adaptive LV pacing leverages intrinsic RV conduction by pre-pacing the LV to synchronize with intrinsic RV activation.

- AdaptivCRT<sup>®</sup> promotes physiologic pacing by reducing RV pacing by 44%<sup>1</sup>
- In addition to the potential for an increase in CRT response, reducing RV pacing increases device longevity<sup>1,2</sup>

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#### TOTAL SURVIVAL ADAPTIVCRT VERSUS STANDARD CRT

![](_page_15_Figure_11.jpeg)

\*Patients who received AdaptivCRT were associated with a 29% relative reduction in all-cause mortality versus conventional CRT (after adjusting for other potential risk factors including age, gender, LVEF, NYHA class, QRS duration, AF, CAD, hypertension, AV block, and LBBB).

Adaptive LV pacing

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## **Effective CRT During AF Algorithm**

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### Conducted AF Response

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The EffectivCRT<sup>™</sup> During AF Algorithm automatically changes the pacing rate to increase effective CRT delivery during AF by up to 15%<sup>1</sup>

EffectivCRT During AF increased effective pacing, from 81% to 88% (p < 0.001).</li>

Heart rate increased by 3 beats per minute, from 77 to 80 BPM (p < 0.001).</li>

Patients with baseline (< 80%) paced received the greatest benefit.</li>

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AdaptivCRT	Adaptive Bi-V and LV
V. Pacing	LV->RV Ø
V-V Pace Delay	0 ms 🕼
Paced AV	130 ms 🗊
Sensed AV	100 ms 🕼
EffectivCRT During AF	On
Maximum Rate	110 bpm
Rate Histograms	$\searrow$
CardioSync	$\left \right\rangle$

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Case №3. Patient X, 63 y.o. DCM. Paroxysmal AF/AT. VT. LBBB. HF – II-III (NYHA). CRT-D – 2015, Ablation-VT- 2021г, Ablation AF/AT – 10.03. 2021г, re CRT-D + LV lead optimization 23.03.2021г.

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### New approaches to LV stimulation to improve resynchronization therapy

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Benefits of using a quadripolar LV lead

## Better CRT

- Implant at most stable location
- Pace at anatomically superior sites for CRT
- Lateral LV, Basal to Mid LV
- Lead stability
- Implant at most stable site
- Least chance of dislodgement
- Pace from available poles

## - Phrenic Nerve Capture

- Change pacing poles to eliminate phrenic capture without moving lead
- Lowest Threshold
- Multiple Pacing Vectors
- Superior vectors for CRT
- Best pacing threshold

# 16 Programmable Pacing Vectors Provide Flexibility in Customizing CRT Delivery for Each Patient

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# The Family of quadripolar leads

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Case №2. Patient R. women 72 y.o. Ds: DCM. OA – angioplastic (08.12.2018г). LBBB ( I type). HF - III (NYHA).

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### Case № 4 Patient: X., man 57 y.o.

Ds: ICM 2006 г. LIMA - LAD, CABG-DA, DOR – procedure (2007 г.). LBBB. VT. HF - III (NYHA).

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#### Левый желудочек

КДР- 8,1 см (N до 5,5см), КСР- 7,6 см, тМЖП- 1,0 см, тЗСЛЖ- 1,3 см, КДО- 263 мл, КСО- 193 мл, УО- 70 мл, КДОинд- 108,0 мл/м<sup>2</sup>, КСОинд- 79,3 мл/м<sup>2</sup>, ФИ- 27 % (по Симпсону). VSфкмк-бок 5 см/с (N 7-11 см/с), VSфкмк-перет 3 см/с (N 6-8 см/с) Локальная сократимость верхушка закруглена, перегородочно-верхушечные сегменты представлены рубцовой тканью, акинетичны, визуализируется тень от заплаты (пластика левого желудочка), нельзя исключить наличие тромба в области верхушки, размерами 1,4х2,6, неоднородной эхогенности, с включениями кальция, парадоксальное движение МЖП

СЕГМЕНТЫ:					
	Базальный	Средний	Верхушечный		
Передний	нормокинез	гипокинез	акинез (рубец)		
Передне-перегородочный	акинез (рубец)	акинез (рубец)	заплата		
Перегородочный	акинез (рубец)	акинез (рубец)	заплата		
Нижний	гипо-акинез	гипо-акинез	акинез (рубец)		
Задний	нормокинез	гипокинез	акинез (рубец)		
Боковой	нормокинез	гипокинез	акинез (рубец)		

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## Case №5. Patient T. man, 45 y.o. Ds: AV Block - III. IPG (2015г). DCM. HF –II (NYHA). Muscular Dystrophy.

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### ECHO before CRTD:

#### Левый желудочек

КДР- 7,5 см (N до 5,5см), КСР- 6,7 см, тМЖП- 1,0 см, тЗСЛЖ- 0,9 см, КДО- 270 мл, КСО- 210 мл, УО- 60 мл, КДОинд- 179,9 мл/м<sup>2</sup>, КСОинд- 139,9 мл/м<sup>2</sup>, <u>ФИ- 22 %</u> (по Симпсону).

VSфкмк-бок 8 см/с (N 7-11 см/с), VSфкмк-перег 8 см/с (N 6-8 см/с)

повышенная трабекулярность стенок, в области верхушки лоцируется несколько поперечных и диагональных хорд

**Локальная сократимость** асинхронное сокращение перегородочно-верхушечных сегментов на фоне работы ЭКС, гипокинез базальных сегментов боковой, нижней, передней, задней стенок, остальные сегменты - диффузный гипо-акинез

Правый желудочек 2,1 см (N до 3,0 см) На уровне ВТПЖ 2,7 см (N 2,1-3,5 см), приточный отдел 3,4 см (N 2,5-4,2 см), средний отдел 1,4 см (N 1,9-3,5 см), длинник 8,0 см (N 5,9-8,6см). VSфктк 11 см/с (N 9-14 см/с)

## ECHO 1 day after CRTD:

#### Левый желудочек

КДО- 245 мл, КСО- 180 мл, УО- 65 мл, КДОинд- мл/м<sup>2</sup>, КСОинд- мл/м<sup>2</sup>, ФИ- 27 % (по Симпсону).

Локальная сократимость асинхронное сокращение перегородочно-верхушечных сегментов на фоне работы ЭКС, остальные сегменты - диффузный гипокинез

#### Оценка асинхронии:

Межжелудочковая (лево-правая) задержка: РЕР (период предизгнания) Ао - ЛА = 170 - 140 = 30 мс (N<40 мс).

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Case Nº6. Patient T. Sergey, man 45 y.o. Ds: DCM. HF –III (NYHA). Muscular Dystrophy. CRT-D Viva Quad XT 02.05.2023r.

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Attain Performa 4298 5.3 Fr; double-

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Левый желудочек

КДР- 7,8 см (N до 5,5см), КСР- 6,5 см, тМЖП- 0,7 см, тЗСЛЖ- 0,8 см, КДО- 353 мл, КСО- 259 мл, УО- 94 мл, КДОинд- 232,0 мл/м<sup>2</sup>, КСОинд- 170,2 мл/м<sup>2</sup>, <u>ФИ- 27 %</u> (по Симпсону). VSфкмк-бок 5 см/с (N 7-11 см/с), VSфкмк-перег 4 см/с (N 6-8 см/с)

повышенная трабекулярность стенок ЛЖ

Локальная сократимость выраженное асинхронное сокращение перегородочно-верхушечных сегментов на фоне БЛНПГ, остальные сегменты - диффузный гипокинез

#### Оценка асинхронии:

Межжелудочковая (лево-правая) задержка: РЕР (период предизгнания) Ао - ЛА = 177 - 81 = 96 мс (N <40 мс).

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5 – year survival rate was – 162 (87%) 10 – year survival rate was – 153 (82,3%)

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## RESULTS

The experience of surgical treatment of 188 patients with (HF) II-III (NYHA) and typical LBBB (during the observation period 67,4  $\pm$  2,7 m (QRS 167.9  $\pm$  1.5 ms), EF – before CRT-D 27.2%  $\pm$  0.5; after treatment 44,5%  $\pm$  0.9

Implantation of CRT-D/CRT-P with: quadripolar - 28, multipoint pace – 2, bipolar - 153,

epicardial leads – 5.

The 152 patients are currently being monitored; 33(17,7%) -died; heart transplantation -1; explantation CRTD - 2 (pocket infection).

- LV lead repositioning 32 (5 quadripolar LV lead);
- AV node ablation 22;
- -AF/AT/VT ablation-14;
- 5 year survival rate was 162 (87%).
- 10 year survival rate was 153 (82,3%).

Initially the number of non-responders was 29.7%.

After the treatment, the number of non-responders and non – progression decreased to 9%.

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# CONCLUSIONS

- CRT is an affordable and clinically effective treatment for patients with HF and typical left bundle branch block.
- The position of the LV lead is one of the main factors determining the response to CRT.
- Systematic optimization of CRT parameters, the use of a remote monitoring system, optimization of the position of the LV lead using multipoint pacing, AV node/ AF/AT/VT ablation against the background of optimal drug therapy, can improve the quality and life expectancy of patients, as well as significantly reduce the number of non-responders.

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