



# DOLORE TORACICO

La position paper SIMEU-ANMCO “in progress”

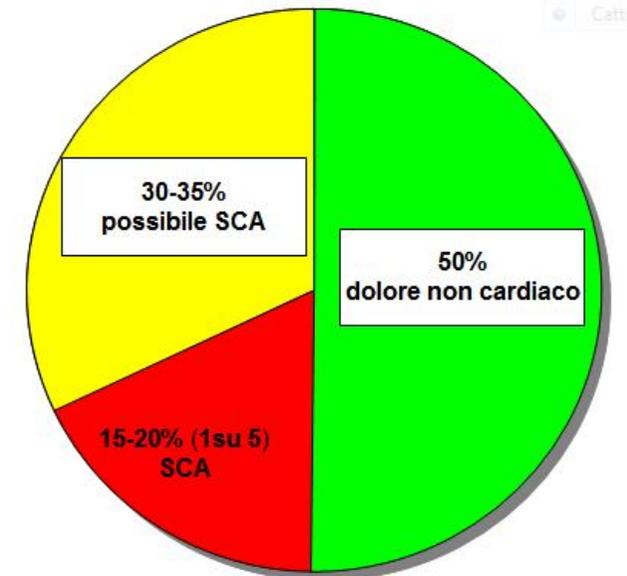
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## EPIDEMIOLOGIA

- circa il 5 (9\*)% delle prestazioni di P  
*American College of Emergency Physicians*

\*Conti A, *AHJ* 2002



# Esigenza di:

- >Avere un percorso comune.
- >Centralità del paziente



# Documento di Consenso

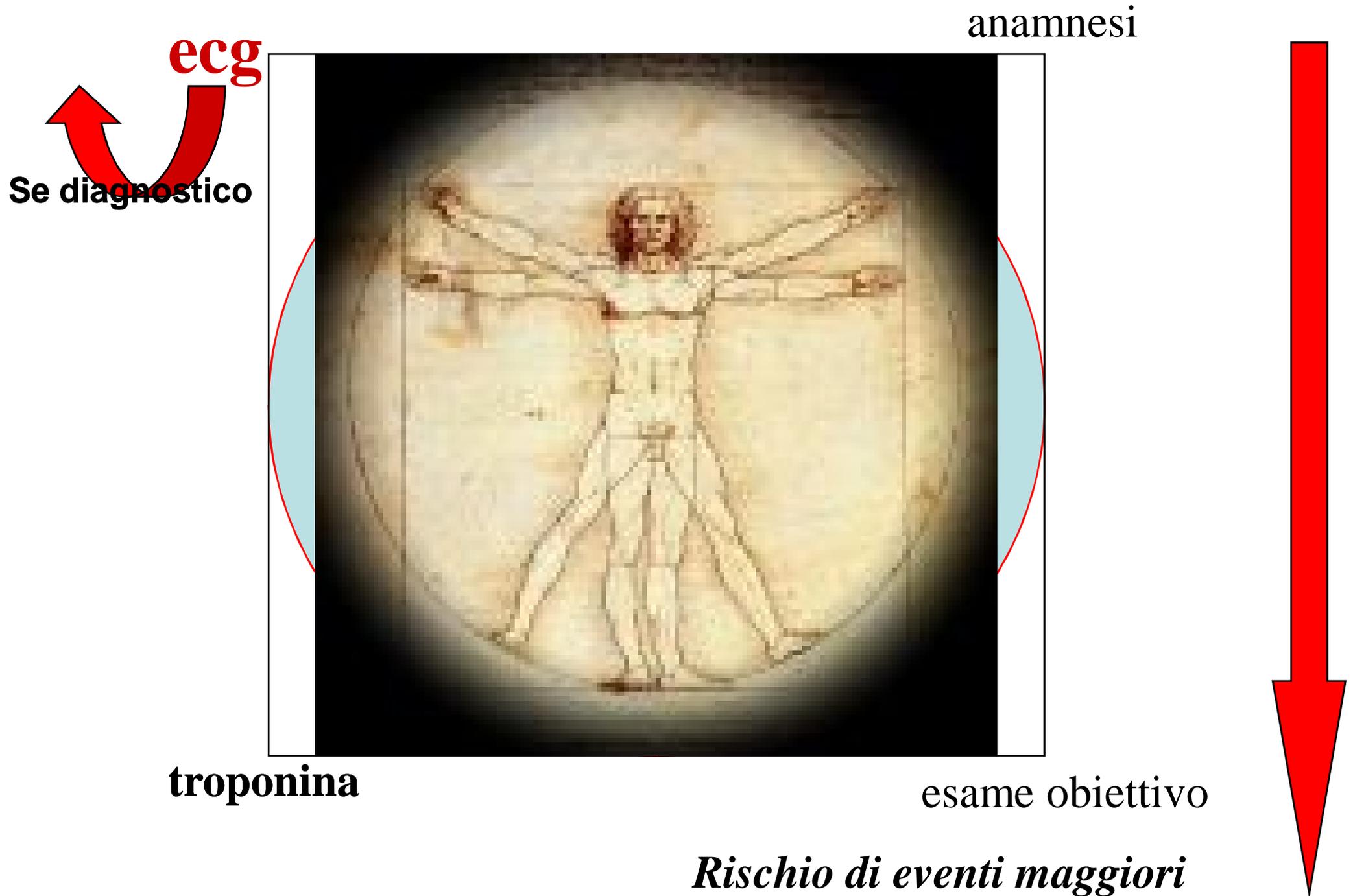
## Percorso di valutazione del dolore toracico. Valutazione dei requisiti di base per l'implementazione negli ospedali italiani



**G Ital Cardiol 2009; 10 : 46-63**

*Ottani F, Binetti N, et al*

*DT: Probabilità che il sintomo sia di origine coronarica*



The diagnostic and therapeutic challenges arise especially when the ECG is normal or nearly normal,

**ESC Guidelines for  
the management of ACS in patients presenting without persistent ST-segment elevation**  
[escardio.org](http://escardio.org) 2011

# Documento di Consenso

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## DT ANMCO SIMEU UPDATE

### **PUNTI in DISCUSSIONE:**

- Uso della Tn di ultima generazione e timing dell'osservazione
- Rule in: come non sovrastimare
- Quali test in dimissione e rule out sicuro

**EDITORIAL COMMENT**

# Highly Sensitive Troponins

## The Answer or Just More Questions?\*

Judd E. Hollander, MD

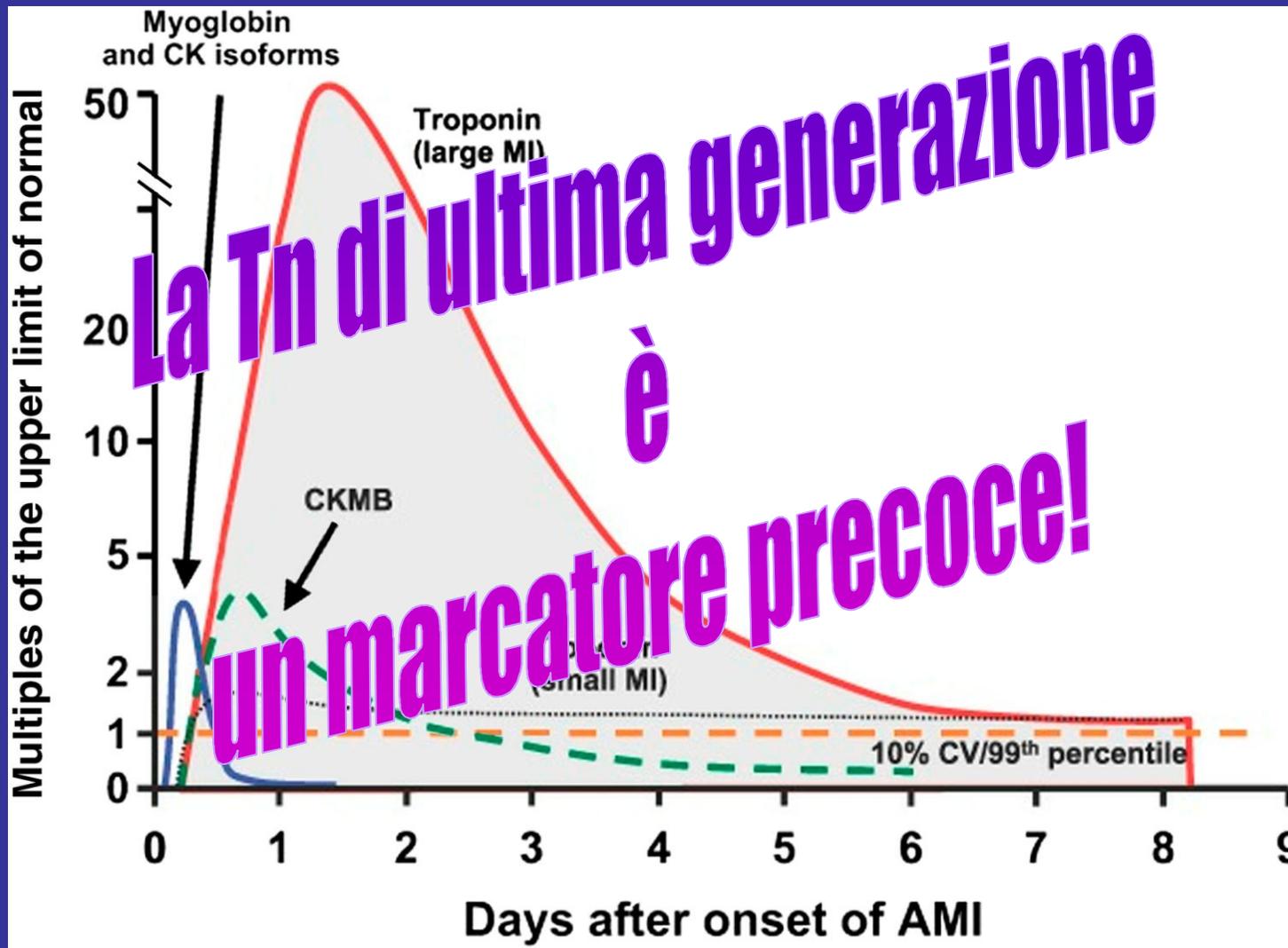
*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

**We will need to define the approach to management of this new class of troponin-positive patients.**

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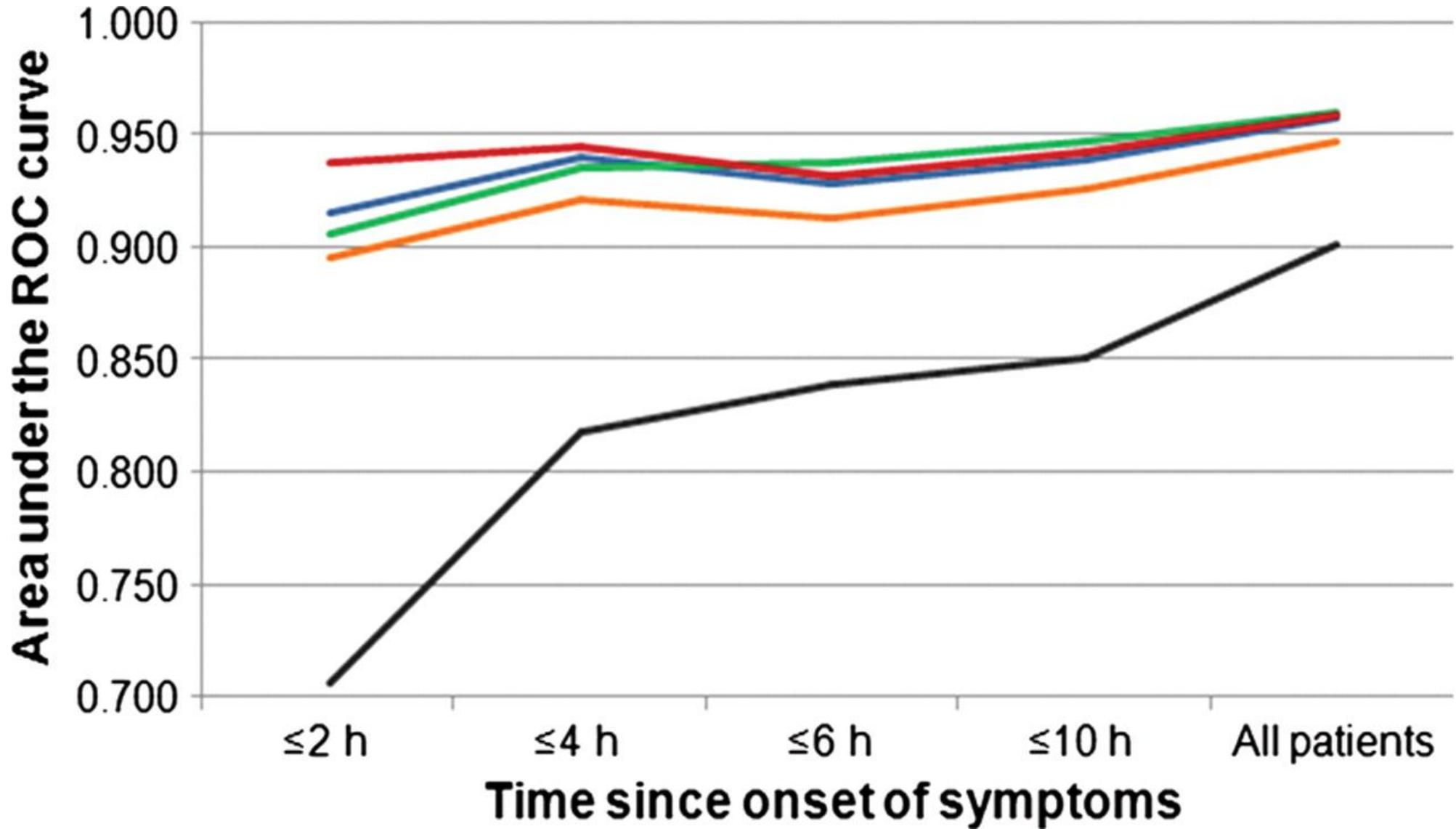
In 2006, the Institute of Medicine released a report detailing the crisis in emergency care (1). Our current approach to the care of patients with potential acute coronary syndromes (ACS) has contributed to this crisis. Physicians admit the majority of the 6 million patients that present to the emergency department (ED) with signs and symptoms of a possible ACS (2), yet a relatively small percentage actually turn out to have a cardiac etiology for their chest pain. The consequences of this practice have resulted in expenses exceeding \$8 to \$10 billion annually to rule out acute myocardial infarction (AMI) and ACS (3,4).

# Timing of Release of Various Biomarkers After Acute Myocardial Infarction



Shapiro BP, Jaffe AS. Cardiac biomarkers. In: Murphy JG, Lloyd MA, editors. Mayo Clinic Cardiology: Concise Textbook. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Rochester, MN: Mayo Clinic Scientific Press and New York: Informa Healthcare USA, 2007:773–80. Anderson JL, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2007;50:e1–e157, Figure 5.

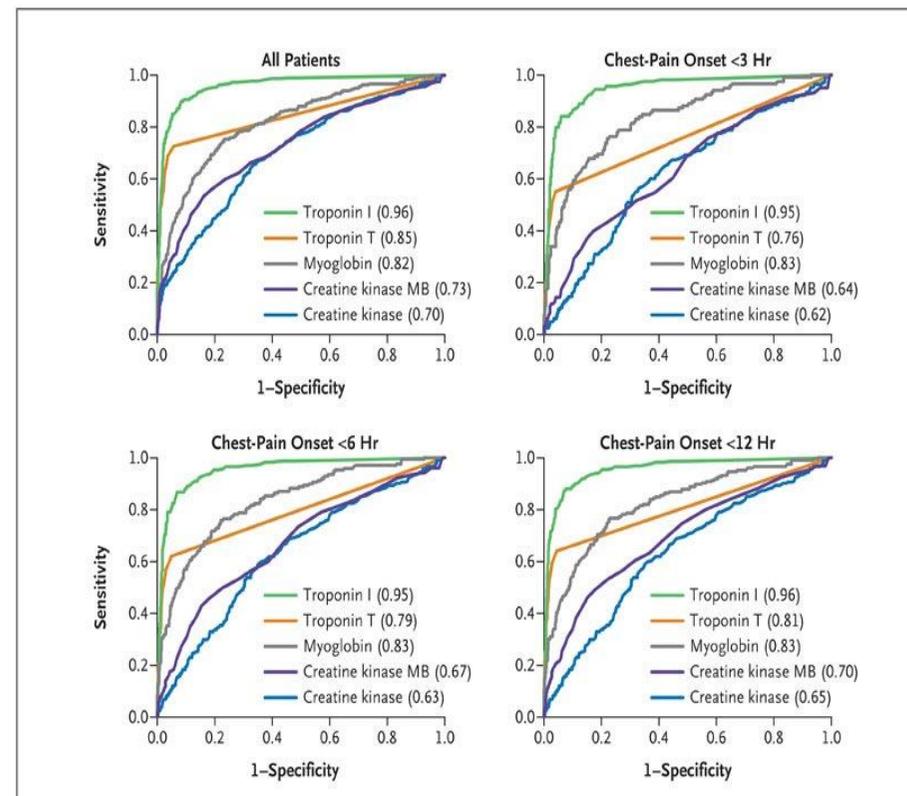
Diagnostic accuracy at presentation as quantified by the area under the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves for a contemporary cardiac troponin assay (black, fourth-generation cardiac troponin T) and four sensitive or high-sensitive cardiac troponin assays (red, Siemens cTnI Ultra; blue, Abbott cTnI Architect; green, Roche high-sensitivity cTnT; orange, Roche cTnI) in the diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction according to chest pain onset.



## Diagnostic Accuracy of Single Biomarker Testing for Acute Myocardial Infarction

### Troponine di ultima generazione: ricadute cliniche

- Aumentata sensibilità.
- **Dopo 3 ore dall'inizio del dolore, ha già raggiunto la massima potenzialità diagnostica**
- (dopo 6 ore il suo valore AUC aumenta solo marginalmente).



- **Marcatore precoce**
- **Alta sensibilità**
- **Specifico per danno miocardico, ma minor specificità per danno ischemico**

Keller T et al. N Engl J Med 2009;361:868-877

# High-sensitive troponin T measurements: what do we gain and what are the challenges?

Raphael Twerenbold<sup>1</sup>, Allan Jaffe<sup>2</sup>, Tobias Reichlin<sup>1</sup>, Miriam Reiter<sup>1</sup>,  
and Christian Mueller<sup>1\*</sup>

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## **Gain:**

**sensitive and high-sensitive cardiac troponin assays**

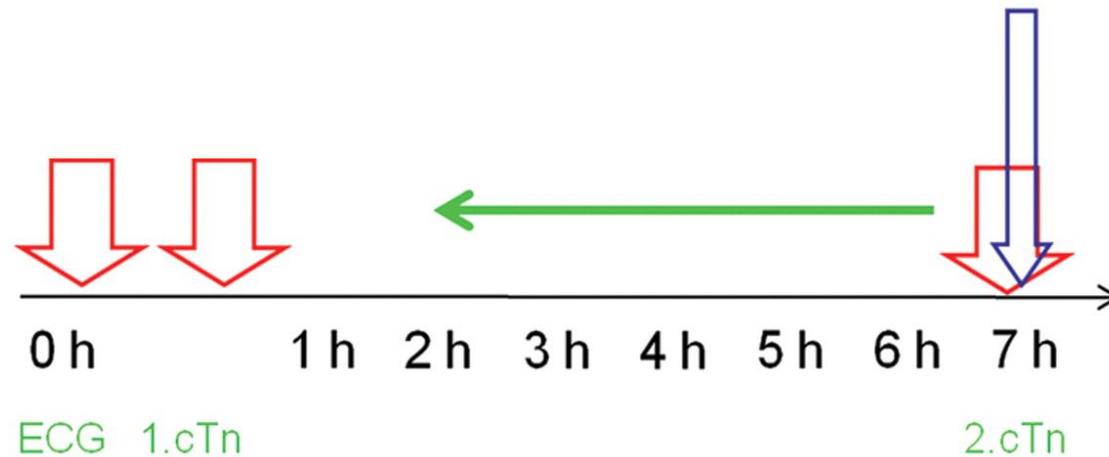
**improve** the early diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction

Rule-in of acute myocardial infarction can be at presentation (0 h) in patients with unequivocal ST-elevations, at 1 h in patients with elevations in cardiac troponin (cTn) in the measurement performed at presentation (turnaround time is around 1 h in most hospitals), and at 7 h if the first cardiac troponin is normal and the elevation in cardiac troponin becomes apparent only at the second measurement performed after 6 h.

## Acute Chest Pain → AMI

### 2 Problems:

- Rule-in
- Rule-out



- Delay in adequate therapy
- Morbidity ↑ ('time is muscle')
- Cost ↑
- Patient: Anxiety...

Twerenbold R et al. Eur Heart J 2012;eurheartj.ehr492

## La sfida:

- Rule out: alto valore predittivo negativo!!!! Ok
- (come dirimere la positività non SCA?)

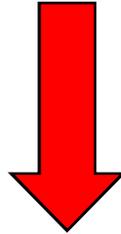
## •RULE\_IN

### *Critical clinical concepts:*

- L'IMA dovrebbe essere diagnosticato solo basandosi su **valori in aumento / diminuzione** \* della Tn, partendo da un livello basale elevato e in un appropriato contesto clinico.

\*\_processi acuti normalmente manifestano valori di Tn in aumento molto di più che quelli cronici (es IRC, CAD stabili, scompenso cardiaco, IVS severa, generalmente non mostrano un grande cambiamento dei valori di Tn, nei prelievi seriati)

## Cause analitiche di incremento delle troponine cardiache



- Presenza di anticorpi eterofili nel campione
- Fattore reumatoide
- Presenza di coaguli di fibrina nel campione
- Campioni **francamente emolitici**, itterici o lipemici
- Presenza di mezzo di contrasto iodato
- Malfunzionamento strumentale

# Cause di aumento della concentrazione plasmatica della troponina non dovuto a SCA

## **Danno correlato ad ischemia miocardica secondaria (IM tipo 2)**

- Tachi o bradiaritmia
- Dissezione aortica e severa valvulopatia aortica
- Ipo o ipertensione, cioè shock emorragico, emergenza ipertensiva
- Scompenso cardiaco acuto e cronico, senza una significativa concomitante malattia delle coronarie
- Cardiomiopatia ipertrofica
- Vasculite, ad es., lupus eritematoso sistemico, sdr di Kawasaki
- Disfunzione coronaria endoteliale senza significativa cardiopatia ischemica

## **Danno non correlato ad ischemia miocardica**

- Contusione cardiaca
- Incisioni cardiache prodotte da chirurgia
- Terapia con radio frequenza o crioablazione
- Rbdomiolisi con interessamento cardiaco
- Miocardite
- Agenti cardiotossici, ad es. antracicline, erceptina, avvelenamenti da CO
- Ustioni severe coinvolgenti > 30% della superficie cutanea

## **Gruppo indeterminato o multifattoriale**

- Sindrome di Tako-Tsubo
- Embolia polmonare severa o ipertensione polmonare di grado severo
- Cardiomiopatia del periparto
- Insufficienza Renale
- Malattie neurologiche acute e gravi (ad es: stroke, trauma)
- Malattie infiltrative (amiloidosi, sarcoidosi)
- Sforzi fisici intensi
- Sepsi
- Insufficienza Respiratoria Acuta
- Frequenti shock di defibrillazione

EDITORIAL COMMENT

# Pathobiology of Troponin Elevations\*

Do Elevations Occur With Myocardial Ischemia as Well as Necrosis?

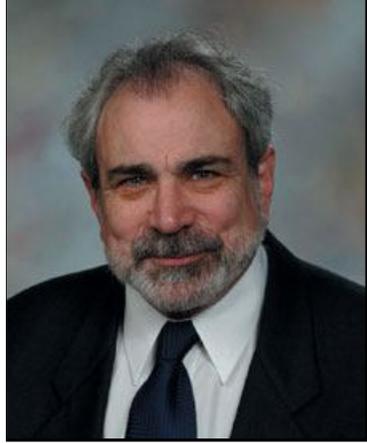
Harvey D. White, DSc  
*Auckland, New Zealand*

JACC Vol. 57, No. 24, 2011  
June 14, 2011:2406–8

**Table 1**

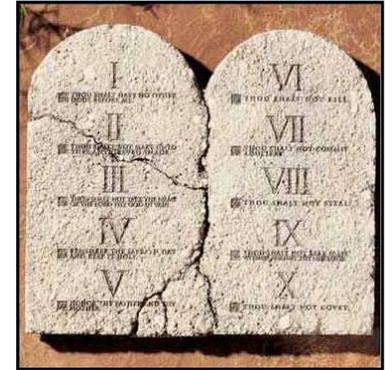
**Pathobiological Classification of Types of Potential Mechanisms Causing Troponin Elevations**

Type 1	Myocyte necrosis
Type 2	Apoptosis
Type 3	<u>Normal myocyte turnover</u>
Type 4	Cellular release of proteolytic troponin degradation products
Type 5	Increased cellular wall permeability
Type 6	Formation and release of membranous blebs



# The 10 commandments of troponin, with special reference to high sensitivity assays

Allan S Jaffe



- Collaborazione PS e Laboratorio
- Capire alcuni problemi analitici
- **Fare diagnosi di IMA con la troponina e la clinica**
- **Escludere l'IMA (rule out) è diverso dal diagnosticarlo (rule in)**
- *Usare il buon senso nell'interpretare aumenti della Tn nei pazienti critici*
- Troponina elevata e IRC: non farsi intimidire
  
- Troponina e PTCA: importanza del valore base
- IMA post BPAC: servono molti parametri per far diagnosi
- Non dimenticare la Cardiotossicità da farmaci come possibile causa di aumento della Tn
- **Troponina elevata post sforzo estremo: cautela**

## Universal Definition of Myocardial Infarction

Kristian Thygesen,\* Joseph S. Alpert, and Harvey D. White,

on behalf of the Joint ESC/ACCF/AHA/WHF Task Force for the Redefinition of Myocardial Infarction



European Heart Journal  
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehs184

EXPERT CONSENSUS DOCUMENT

## Third universal definition of myocardial infarction

**Kristian Thygesen, Joseph S. Alpert, Allan S. Jaffe, Maarten L. Simoons, Bernard R. Chaitman and Harvey D. White: the Writing Group on behalf of the Joint ESC/ACCF/AHA/WHF Task Force for the Universal Definition of Myocardial Infarction**

### Definition of myocardial infarction

#### Criteria for acute myocardial infarction

The term acute myocardial infarction (MI) should be used when there is evidence of myocardial necrosis in a clinical setting consistent with acute myocardial ischaemia. Under these conditions any one of the following criteria meets the diagnosis for MI:

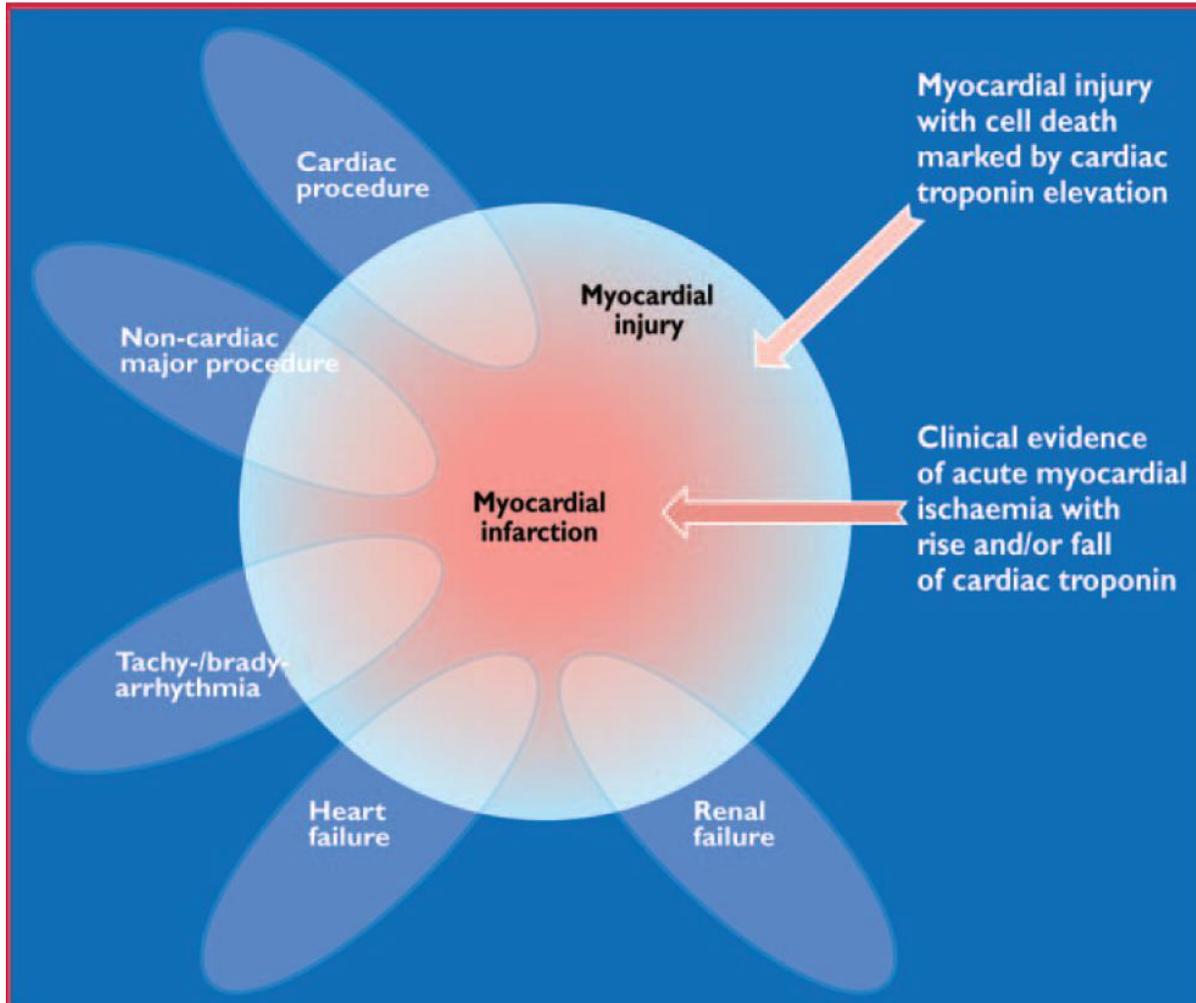
- Detection of a rise and/or fall of cardiac biomarker values [preferably cardiac troponin (cTn)] with at least one value above the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile upper reference limit (URL) and with at least one of the following:
  - † Symptoms of ischaemia.
  - † New or presumed new significant ST-segment–T wave (ST–T) changes or new left bundle branch block (LBBB).
  - † Development of pathological Q waves in the ECG.
  - † Imaging evidence of new loss of viable myocardium or new regional wall motion abnormality.
  - † Identification of an intracoronary thrombus by angiography or autopsy.

# Non confondere

- Danno miocardico
- Danno ischemico

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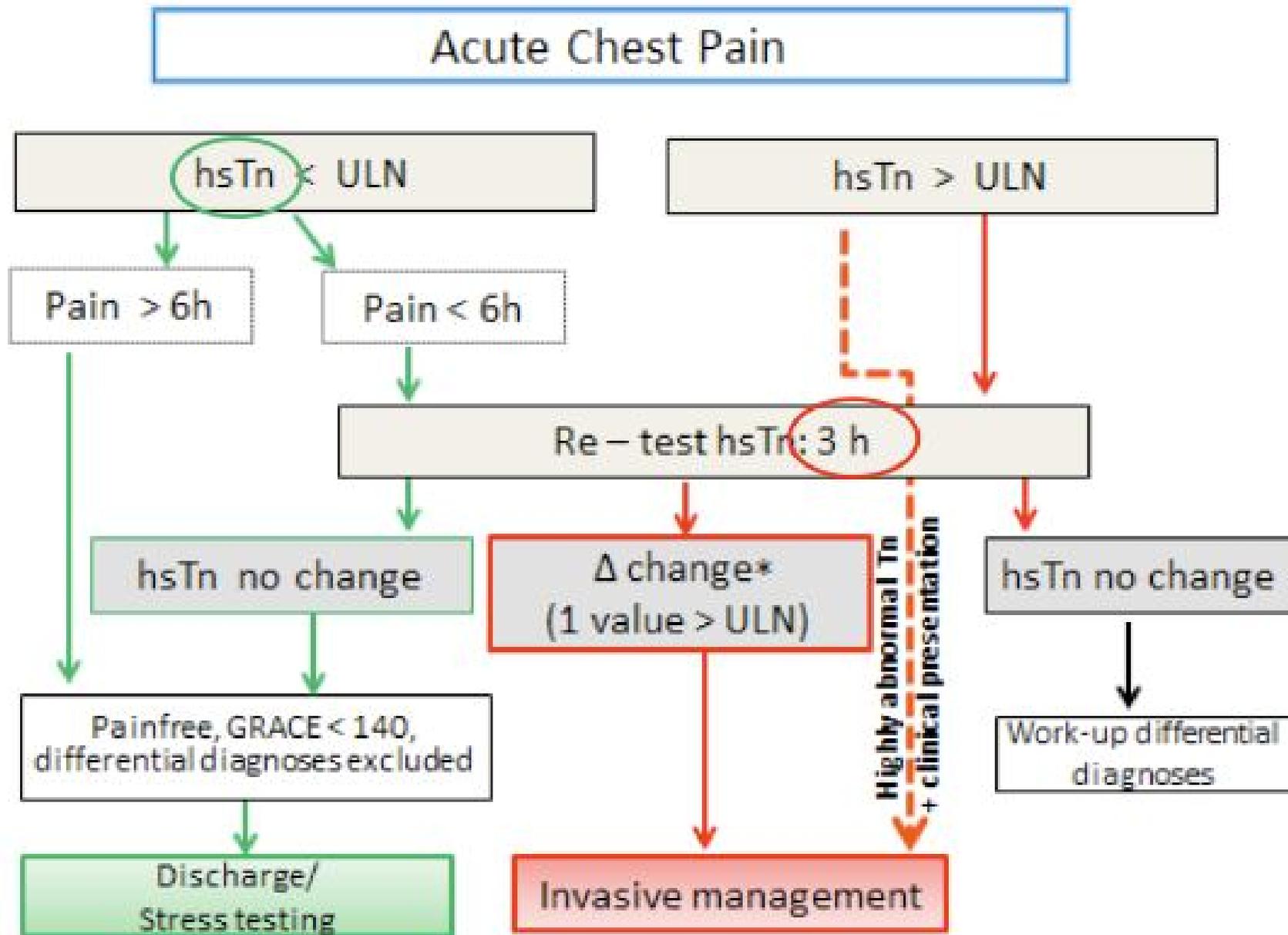


**Table 1** Clinical classification of different types of myocardial infarction

### Type 1

Spontaneous myocardial infarction related to ischaemia due to a primary coronary event such as plaque erosion and/or rupture, fissuring, or dissection

# NSTEMI Guidelines 2011



\* Needs to be defined for each assay

# Migliorare la specificità: cinetica di incremento ?

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La Definizione Universale di IMA prevedeva già una valutazione congiunta dei valori basali e dell'entità dell'incremento a 6 h, usando dei  $\delta$  di incremento  $> 20\%$

EIJ 2007

## Studi di riferimento con $\delta$ di incremento

- **20%**
  - Macrae AR, et al. Assessing the requirement for the 6-hour interval between specimens in the American Heart Association Classification of Myocardial Infarction in Epidemiology and Clinical Research Studies. *Clin Chem.* 2006;52:812– 818.
- **30%**
  - Apple FS, et al. Role of monitoring changes in sensitive cardiac troponin I assay results for early diagnosis of myocardial infarction and prediction of risk of adverse events. *Clin Chem.* 2009;55:930–937
- **117 % - 243%**
  - Giannitsis E, et al. High sensitivity cardiac troponin T for early prediction of evolving non-STsegment elevation myocardial infarction in patients with suspected acute coronary syndrome and negative troponin results on admission. *Clin Chem.* 2010;56:642– 650.
- **235%.**
  - Kavsak PA, Ko DT, Wang X, Macrae AR, Jaffe AS. 2007 Universal myocardial infarction definition change criteria for risk stratification by use of a high-sensitivity cardiac troponin I assay. *Clin Chem.* 2010;56: 487–489.

## Utility of Absolute and Relative Changes in Cardiac Troponin Concentrations in the Early Diagnosis of Acute Myocardial Infarction

Tobias Reichlin, MD\*; Affan Irfan, MD\*; Raphael Twerenbold, MD; Miriam Reiter, MD; Willibald Hochholzer, MD; Hanna Burkhalter, MD; Stefano Bassetti, MD; Stephan Steuer, MD; Katrin Winkler, MD; Federico Peter, MD; Julia Meissner, MD; Philip Haaf, MD; Mihael Potocki, MD; Beatrice Drexler, MD; Stefan Osswald, MD; Christian Mueller, MD, FESC

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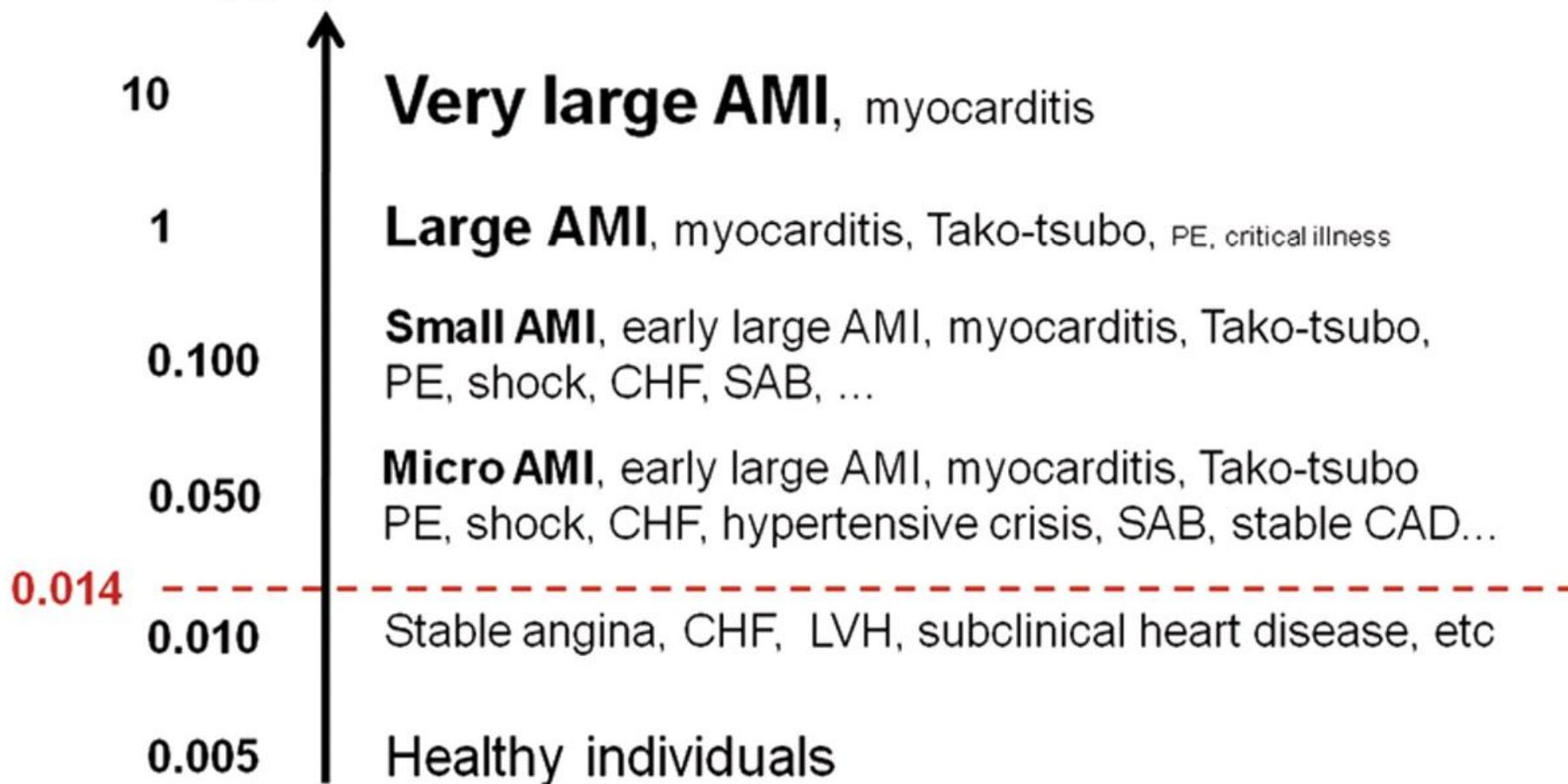
1. **Early absolute cTn changes were superior to relative cTn changes in diagnosing AMI** among unselected patients with symptoms suggestive of AMI.
2. The ability of absolute cTn changes to diagnose AMI was similar for both assays.
3. The diagnostic superiority of absolute over relative cTn changes was **independent of the underlying cTn baseline** value and consistent in important subgroups of patients such as the elderly and patients with impaired renal function.
4. The **combination of baseline levels with absolute**, but not relative changes significantly improved the diagnostic accuracy provided by baseline cTn levels.
5. The optimal cut off values as derived by ROC curve analysis for the 2 hour absolute cTn changes were about **half the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile value** of their respective assay.

The differential diagnosis of high-sensitive cardiac troponin T (hs-cTnT) levels is highly dependent on the absolute level.

## Differential Diagnosis

Absolute levels  
of hs-cTnT ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )

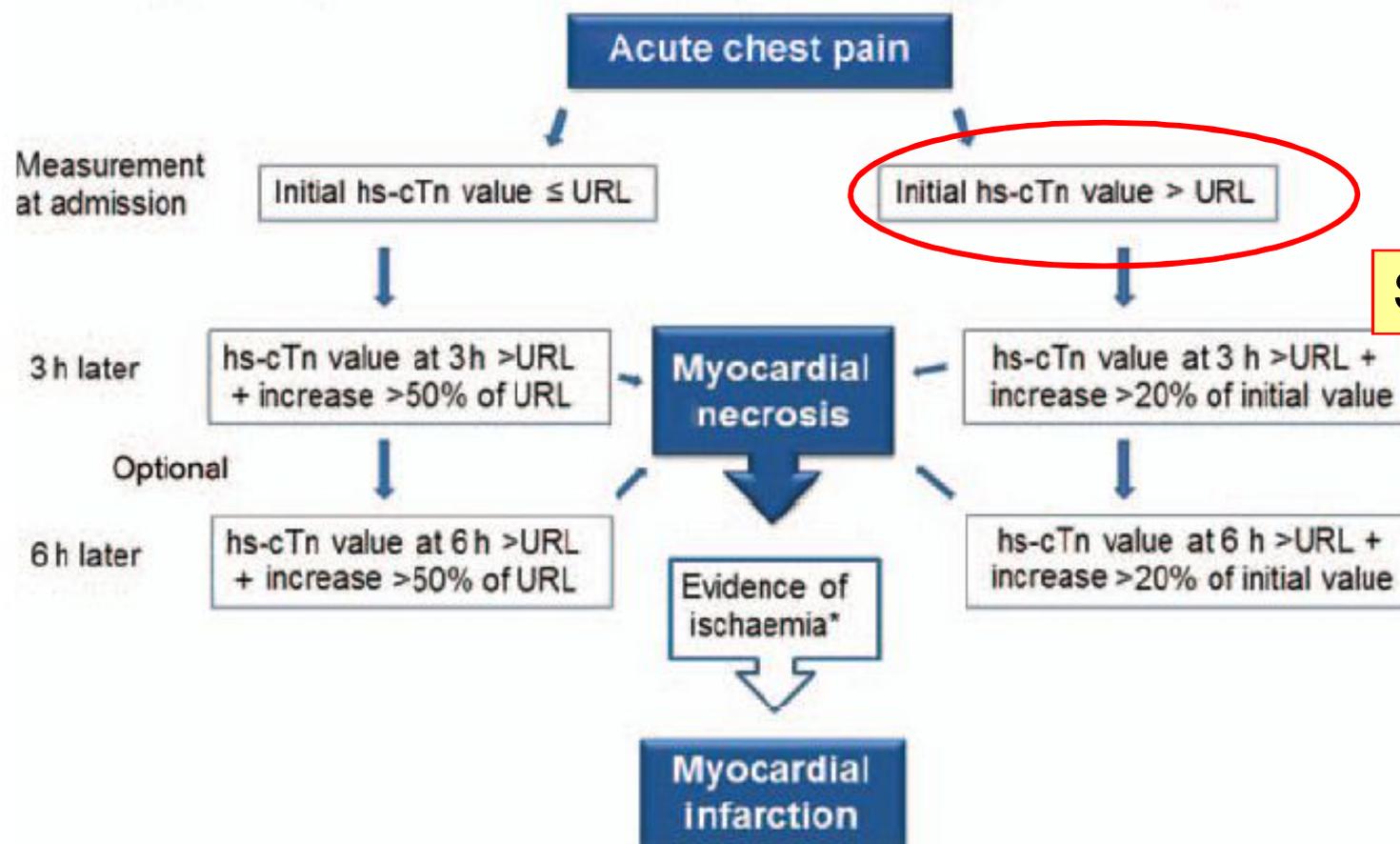
**Hs-cTnT = Quantitative Marker**



## How to use high-sensitivity cardiac troponins in acute cardiac care<sup>†</sup>

Kristian Thygesen\*, Johannes Mair, Evangelos Giannitsis, Christian Mueller, Bertil Lindahl, Stefan Blankenberg, Kurt Huber, Mario Plebani, Luigi M. Biasucci, Marco Tubaro, Paul Collinson, Per Venge, Yonathan Hasin, Marcello Galvani, Wolfgang Koenig, Christian Hamm, Joseph S. Alpert, Hugo Katus, and Allan S. Jaffe, the Study Group on Biomarkers in Cardiology of the ESC Working Group on Acute Cardiac Care

### Rapid early rule-in of AMI with high-sensitivity cardiac troponin

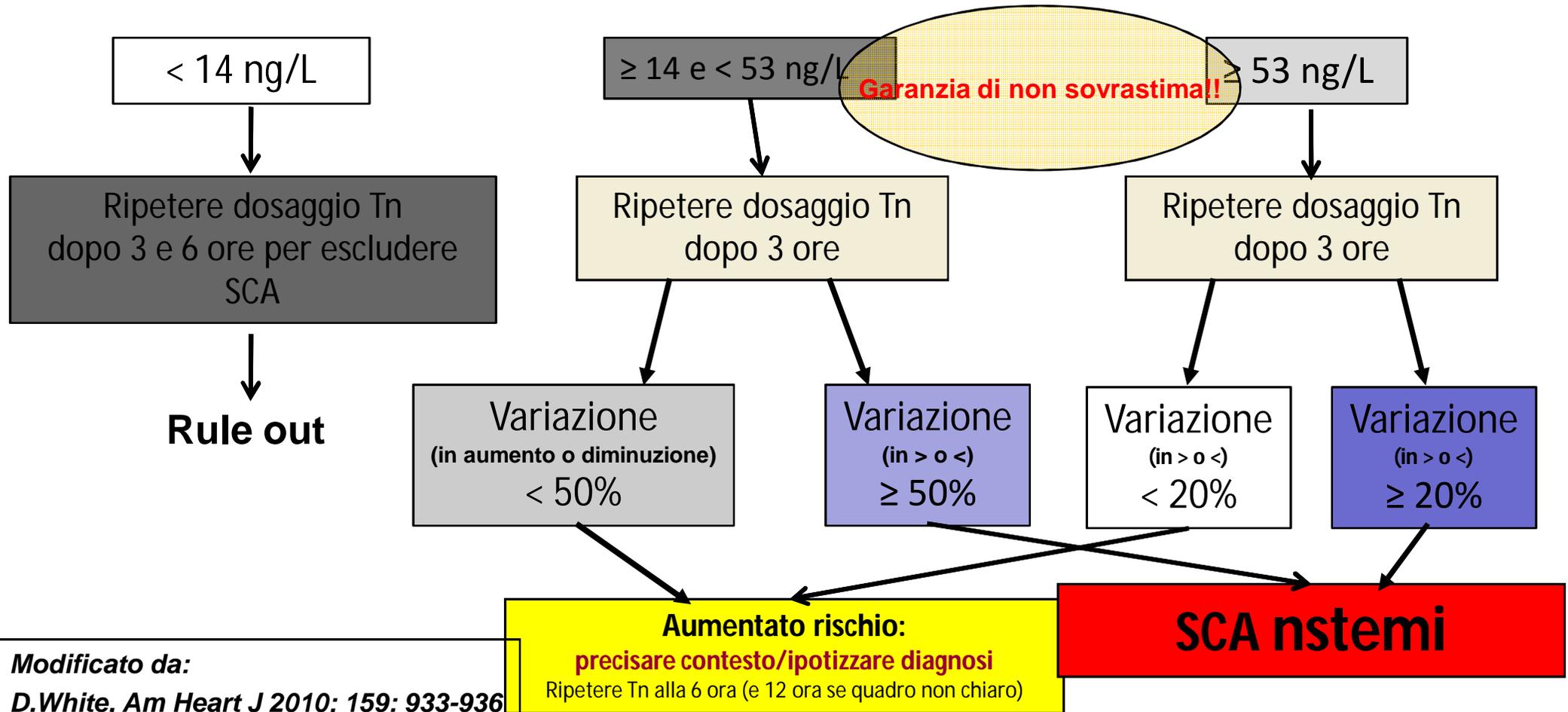


Sovrastima!!

# Uso della troponina T ad alta sensibilità nella diagnosi di SCA in presenza di Dolore Toracico ed ecg non diagnostico

**Quadro clinico compatibile con ischemia miocardica**

**1° Prelievo TnT\_tempo 0 (arrivo in PS)**



Modificato da:  
D.White, Am Heart J 2010; 159: 933-936

# La sfida

- Tn “positiva” fuori da un contesto clinico SCA: considera rischio globale del paziente (aritmia, scompenso ecc)
- Tn “positiva” ma di origine non chiara:
  - a) possibile SCA (consulenza cardio/test diagnostico)
  - b) esplora possibili fattori confondenti (laboratorio, età ecc)
  - c) non SCA valuta rischio globale del pz, per dimissione:  
Tn, rientra nel rischio globale: GRACE score

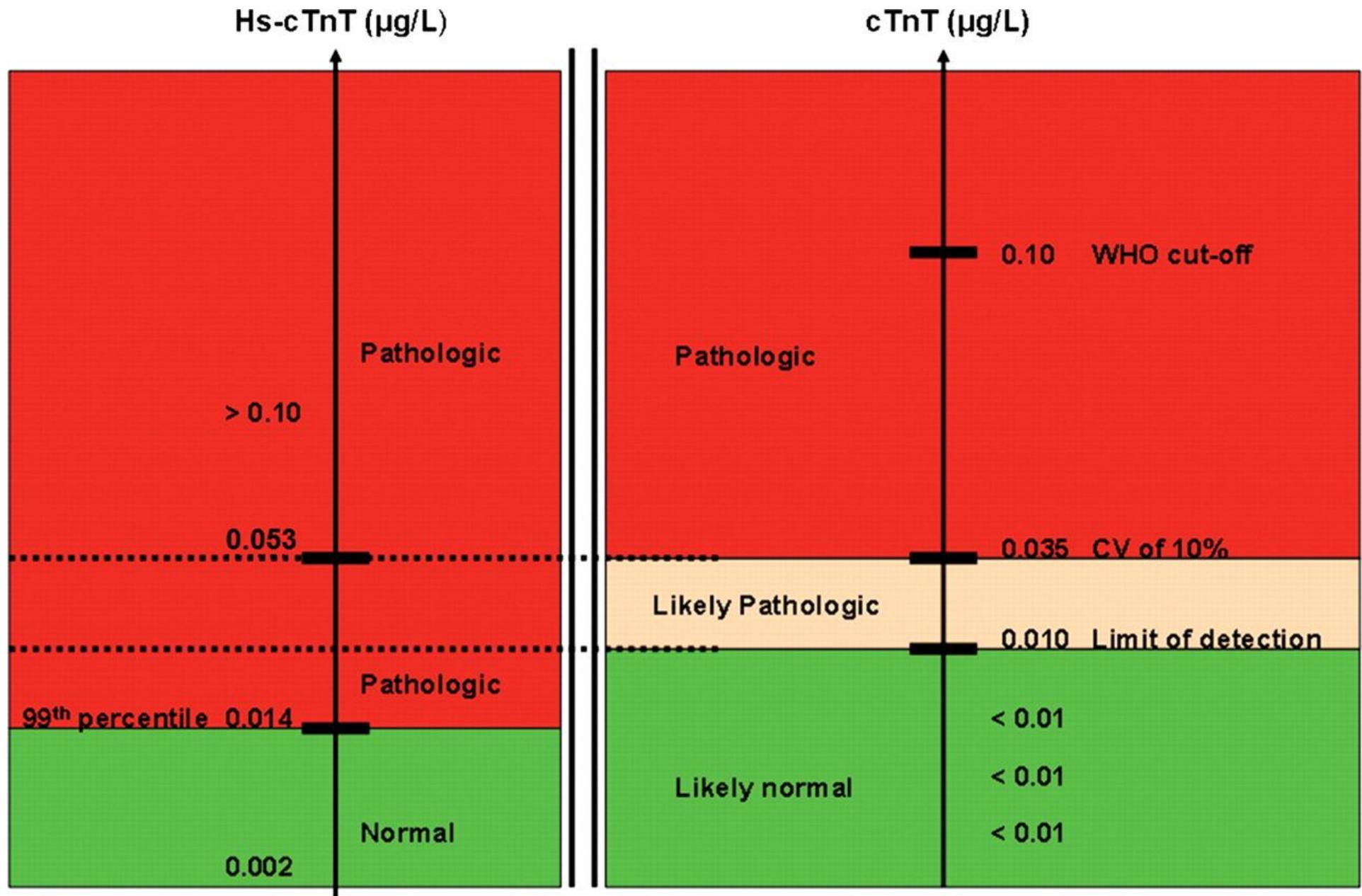
Quali test in dimissione? **CONDIVIDERE:**

- Il paziente a Tn neg va studiato? E se sì con quale test?
- Il paziente a Tn pos “non chiaro”, condividere come va studiato (?)



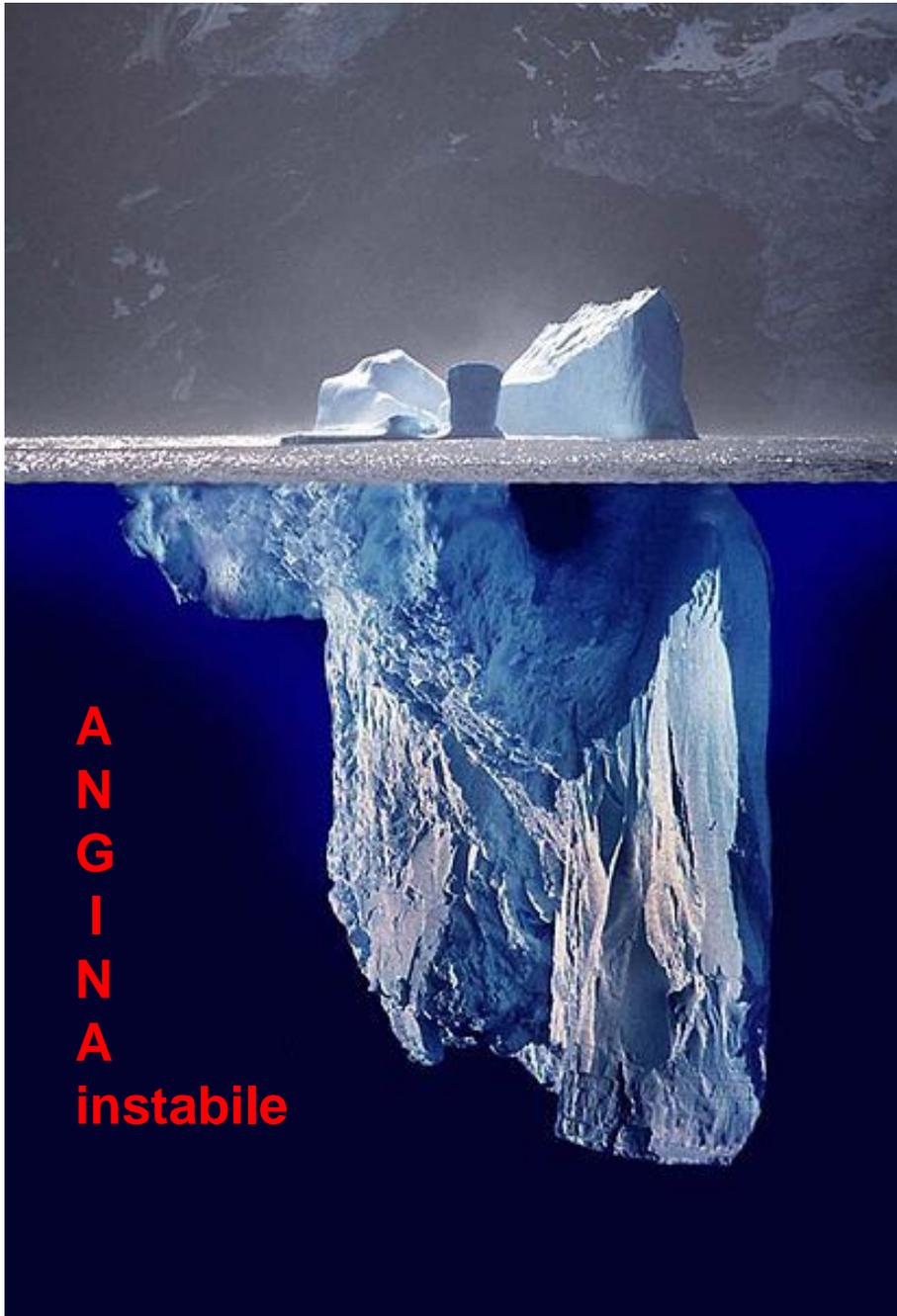
**Decidere per l'alto rischio  
Dimettere il “basso rischio”!**

Interpretation of cardiac troponin concentrations in clinical practice, and changes offered by the consideration high-sensitive cardiac troponin.



Twerenbold R et al. Eur Heart J 2012;eurheartj.ehr492

Tn di ultima generazione



# Valutazione probabilità/rischio: intimamente legati **“è un processo dinamico”**



# TIMI score

ANAMNESI	PUNTI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Età &gt; 65 anni</li><li>• &gt; 3 fattori di rischio coronarico<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Familiarità,</li><li>Iperensione</li><li>Ipercolesterolemia</li><li>Diabete mellito</li><li>Fumo attivo</li></ul></li><li>• Coronaropatia nota (stenosi &gt; 50%)</li><li>• Uso di ASA negli ultimi 7 gg</li></ul>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>
PRESENTAZIONE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Angina recente severa (&lt; 24 h)</li><li>• Troponine positive</li><li>• ST sottolivell &gt; 0,5 mm</li></ul>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>

**GRACE**  
GLOBAL REGISTRY OF ACUTE CORONARY EVENTS

GRACE HOSPITALS - 89 hospitals

- Click on an icon to get information about a GRACE Hospital
- Use the controls in the upper left-hand corner of map to pan and zoom

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**GRACE ACS Risk Model**  
Global Registry of Acute Coronary Events

At Admission (in-hospital/to 6 months) | At Discharge (to 6 months)

Age: Years  
HR: bpm  
SBP: mmHg  
Creat.: mg/dL  
CHF: Killip Class

Cardiac arrest at admission  
 ST-segment deviation  
 Elevated cardiac enzymes/markers

	Probability of Death	Death or MI
In-hospital	--	--
To 6 months	--	--

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**Non STE-ACS: In-hospital Mortality**

Risk Category (tertiles)	GRACE Risk Score	Probability of Death In-hospital (%)
Low	1-108	<1
Intermediate	109-140	1-3
High	141-372	>3

**Non STE-ACS: Month Post-discharge Mortality**

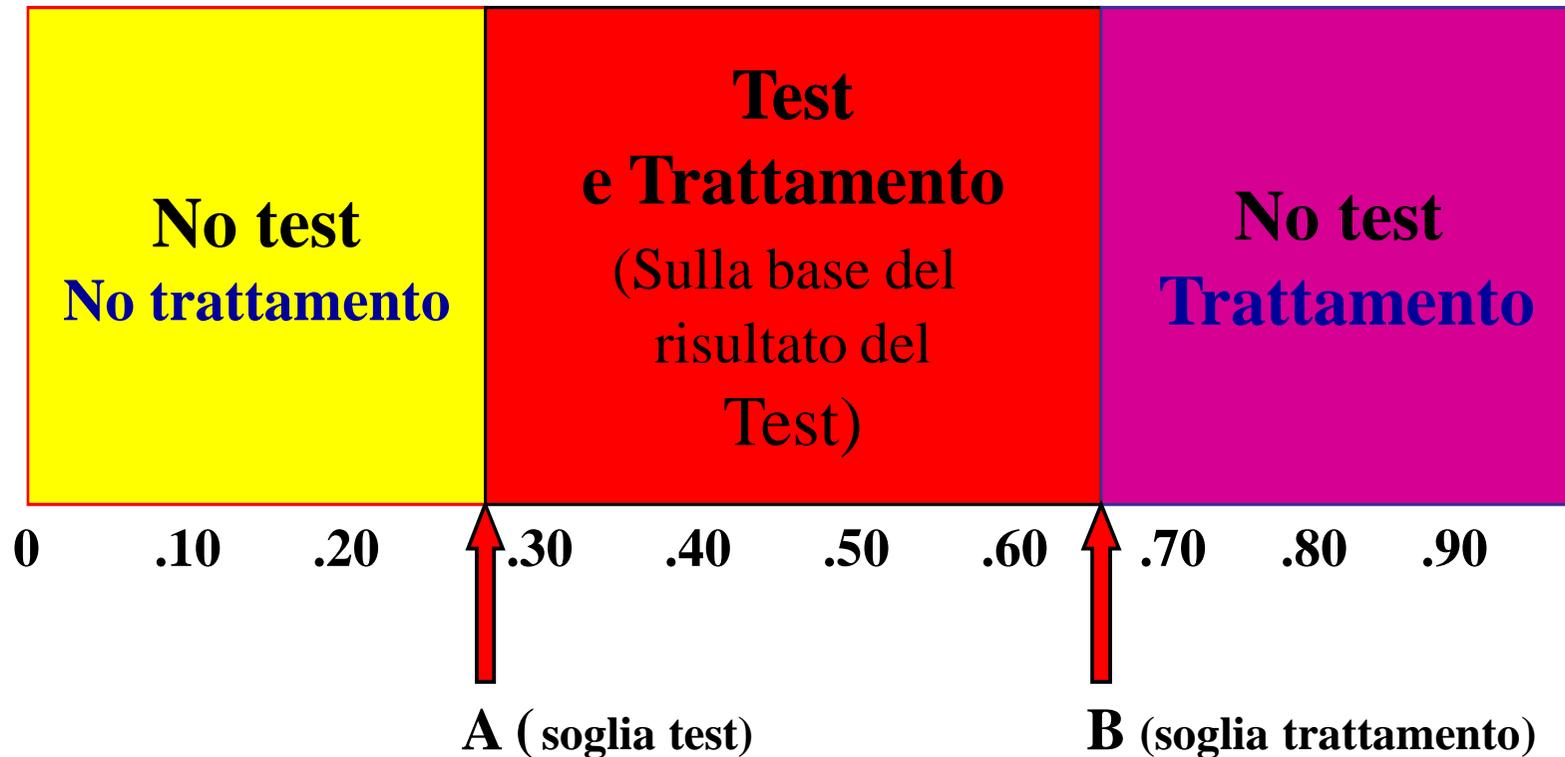
Risk Category (tertiles)	GRACE Risk Score	Probability of Death Discharge to 6 Months (%)
Low	1-88	<3
Intermediate	89-118	3-8
High	119-263	>8

Eagle KA. JAMA 2004;291:2727-33.

**(GRACE). BMJ 2006;333:1091.**

## Limiti test – treatment:

sono in funzione della probabilità di malattia





Quale test provocativo?

# quale test?

Gold Standard:  
angiografia

Invasiva	Alto costo	Alte dosi radiazioni	Angiografia (6)
Non invasiva	Costo molto alto	Molto alte dosi radiazioni	<b>MS-Angio-TC</b> (5)
Non invasiva	Alto costo	Medio-basse dosi radiazioni	<b>Stress-SPECT</b> (4)
<b>Non invasiva</b>	<b>Basso costo</b>	<b>Nessuna radiazione</b>	<b>Stress-Eco</b> (2,3)
Non invasiva	Costo molto basso	Nessuna radiazione	<b>ETT</b> (1)

**Costi**  
**Invasività**  
**Radiazioni**

- (1) Circulation. 2000 Sep 19;102(12):1463-7
- (2) Am J Med. 2001;111:18 –23.
- (3) Eur Heart J. 2006 Oct;27(20):2448-58.
- (4) NEJM vol 344,n°24 June 14, 2001
- (5) Circulation 2007;115(13):1762-8
- (6) J Am Coll Cardiol 2001;37:2042-9.

MSTC multi slice computer tomography  
SPECT scintigrafia miocardica  
ETT exercise tolerance test

## Affidabilità diagnostica degli stress test: Test Ergometrico massimale

- Sensibilità 68-76%
  - Alta per coronaropatia della discendente anteriore, e malattia dei tre vasi
- Specificità 73-77%
  - Probabilmente più bassa nelle donne

In generale: sensibilità 68%, specificità 77%, 132 studi, 24.027 pazienti (1)



(1) NEJM vol 344,n°24 June 14, 2001.  
Cardiol Clin 2005; 23:503-516  
Am Heart J. 2005 May;149(5):894-901  
Ann Emerg Med. 2006;47:427-435.



## Affidabilità diagnostica degli stress test: Ecocardiografia

- Test ergometrico + Ecocardiografia <sup>(2)</sup>
  - Sensibilità 71-97%, Specificità 64-100%
- Dobutamina + Ecocardiografia
  - Sensibilità 76-89%, Specificità 70-95%
- Dipyridamolo (alte dosi) + Ecocardiografia
  - Sensibilità 74-83%, Specificity 80%

In generale: Sensibilità 76%, Specificità 88%, studi 10, 1.174 pazienti <sup>(1)</sup>

(1) NEJM vol 344,n°24 June 14, 2001, cumulativo

(2) Eur Heart J. 2006 Oct;27(20):2448-58. test ergometrico + eco

## Affidabilità diagnostica degli stress test: Scintigrafia miocardica (SPECT)

- Test ergometrico + SPECT
  - Sensibilità 83-90%, Specificità 62-88%
- Dipiridamolo + SPECT
  - Sensibilità 82-89%, Specificità 75-78%
- Dobutamina + SPECT
  - Sensibilità 80-97%, Specificità 74-89%

In generale: Sensibilità 88%, Specificità 77%, 8 studi, 628 pazienti (1)

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG95>

**Chest pain of recent onset:**

**Assessment and diagnosis of recent onset chest pain or discomfort of suspected cardiac origin**

**Full Guideline**

**Final Draft - March 2010**

**National Clinical Guideline Centre for Acute and Chronic Conditions**

### **ANGIO\_TAC:**

Difficile discernere nell'uso in DE.

NON VI SONO INFORMAZIONI PRECISE SU COME PROCEDERE.

**Qual è il grado di stenosi su cui procedere?**

Coles DR,.

**Int J Cardiovasc Imaging. 2007;23 (5) :603-614.**

Hoffmann U,

**Circulation. 2006; 114 (21) :2251-2260.**

Johnson TR,

**AJR Am J Roentgenol. 2007; 188 (1) :76-82.**

Rubinshtein R,

**Circulation. 2007; 115 (13) :1762-1768.**

# TAC multislice (16-64).

1. In popolazioni ad **alta prevalenza di malattia coronarica**  
**BASSO VALORE PREDITTIVO NEG**

2. In popolazioni a **bassa prevalenza, come nel caso del dolore toracico,**  
**BUON VALORE PREDITTIVO NEG ma anche FALSI POSITIVI**



**Per vincere la sfida:**

- Mirare la richiesta della Tn (“al cuore Ramon”!!!!)
- Osservazione (OBI) e timing a t0, a 3 e a 6 ore
- Rule in: in base al risultato e al rischio del paziente
- Rule out basso rischio
- Mirare/concordare il test in base al paziente