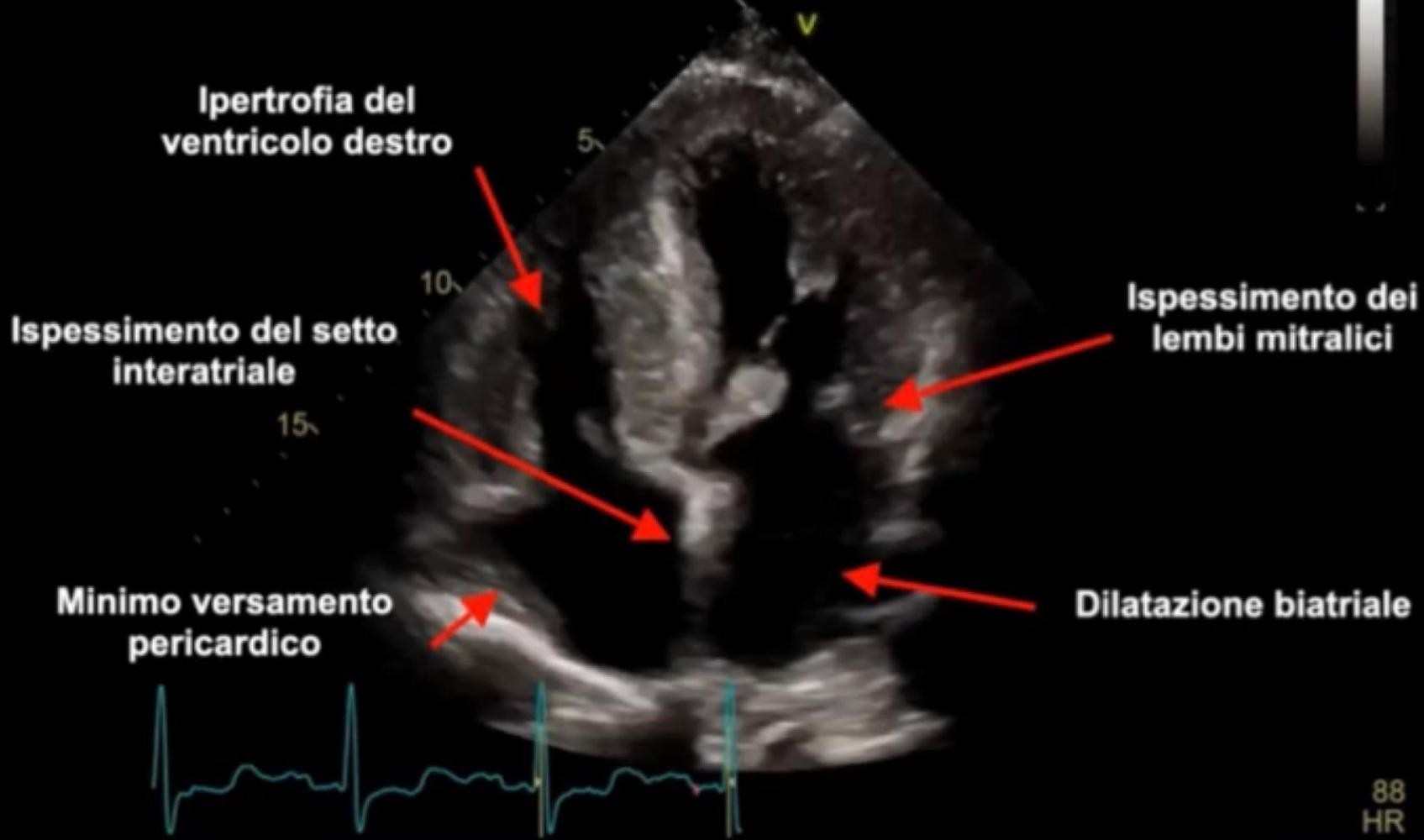




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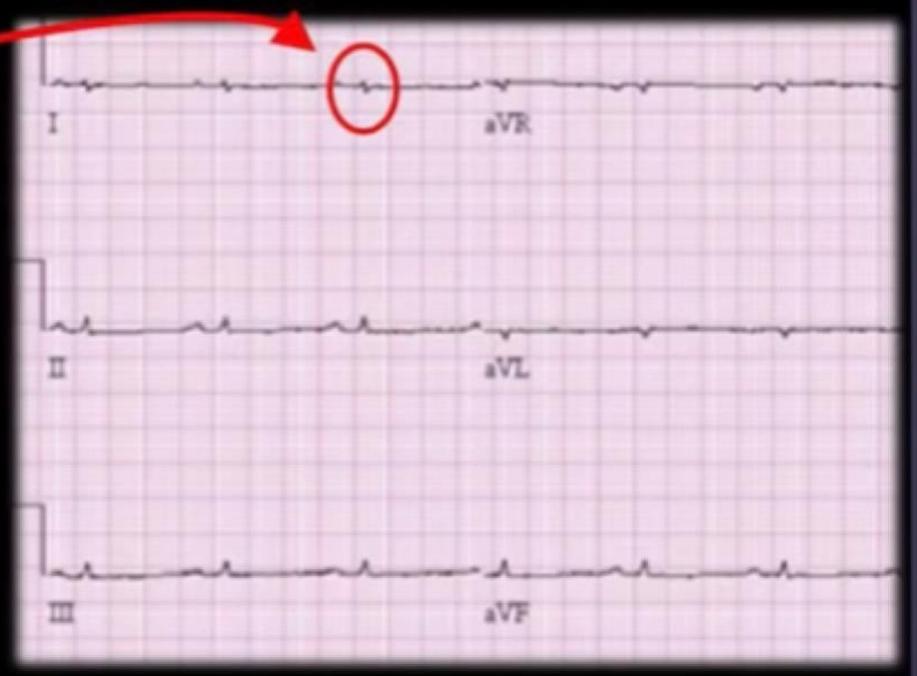
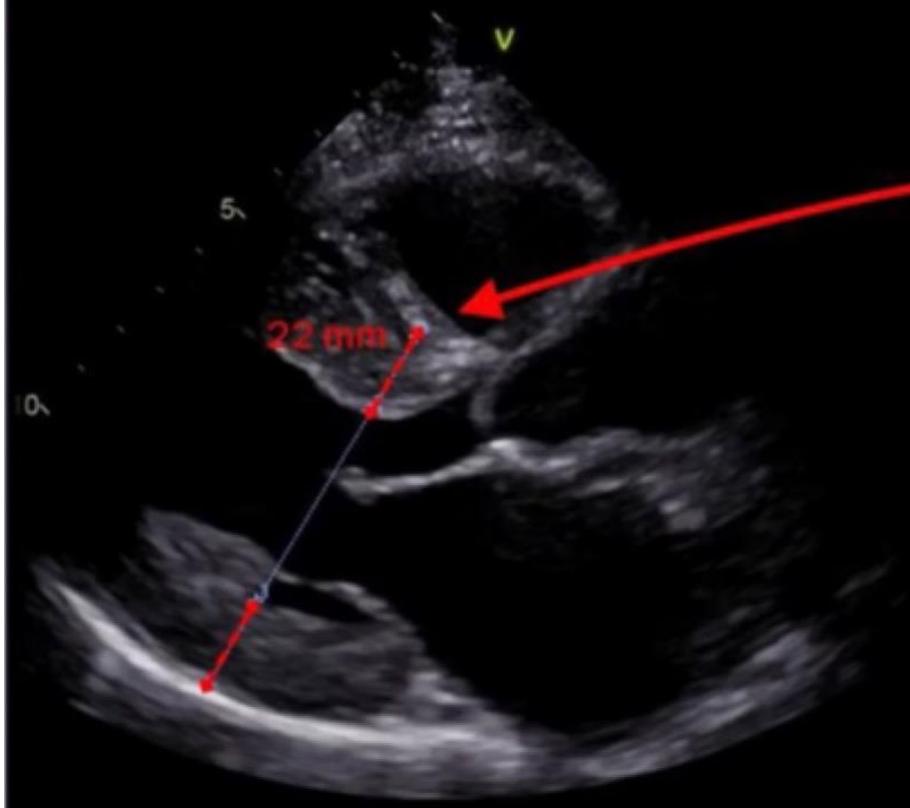
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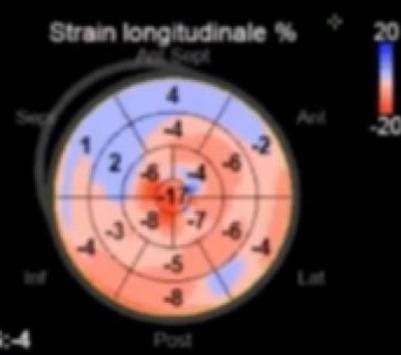
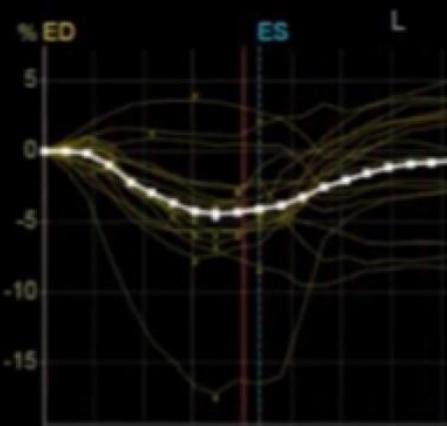
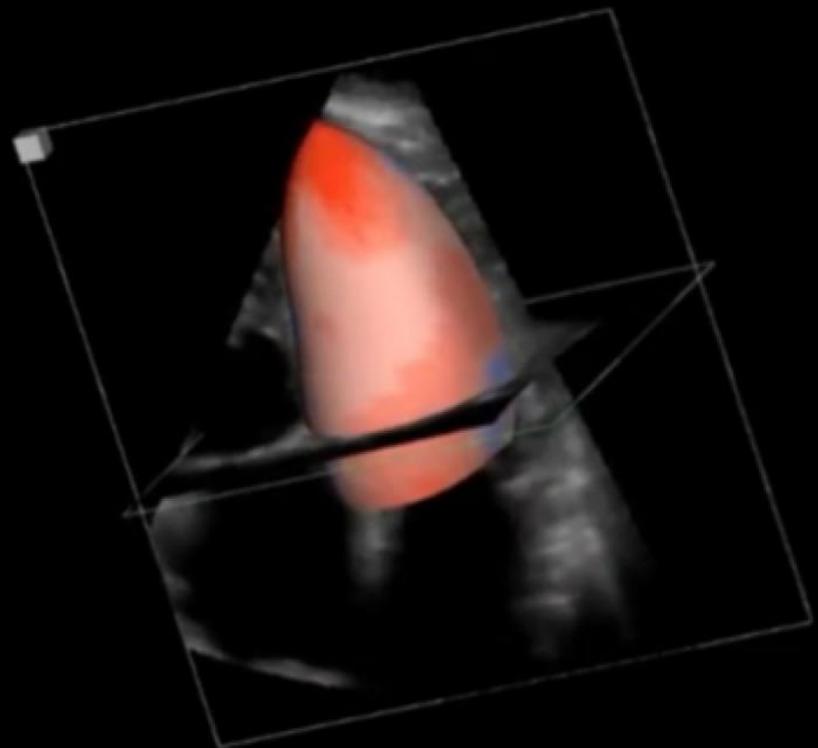
- ispessimento della parete libera  
del ventricolo destro, del setto  
interatriale e delle strutture valvolari
- presenza di versamento pericardico  
(modica entità)
- incongruenza tra incremento  
della massa ventricolare sinistra  
e voltaggi del QRS.



- Cardiomiopatia ipertrofica (HCM)
- **Malattia di Anderson-Fabry**
- **Glicogenosi** (Malattia di Pompe, Malattia di Danon, Sindrome PRKAG2)
- **Sindrome di Noonan**
- **Sindrome di Leopard**
- Sindrome di Beckwith-Wiedemann
- Sindrome di Swyer
- **Malattie mitocondriali**
- Amiloidosi cardiaca
- Fibrosi endomiocardica
- Sindrome di Loeffler

## Sproporzione tra spessore di parete del VS e voltaggio dei QRS





**"Apical sparing"**

## Amiloidosi cardiaca

AL

ATTR wild type

ATTR familiare

## Caratteristiche cliniche peculiari

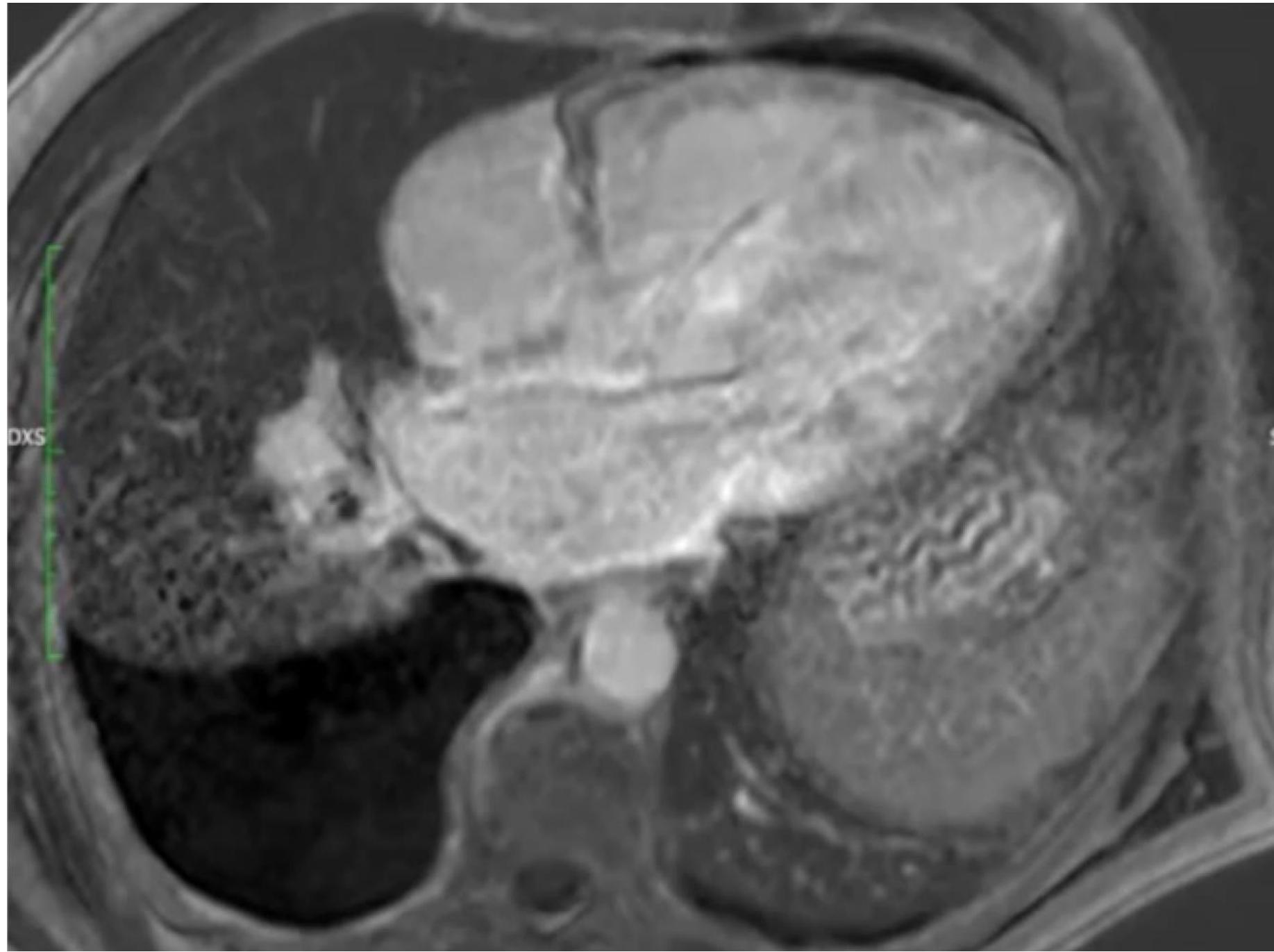
- Soggetti meno anziani rispetto ad ATTRwt
- Storia di discrasia plasmacellulare
- Età avanzata
- Storia di tunnel carpale bilaterale, di stenosi del canale midollare o di rottura del capo lungo del bicipite brachiale
- Anamnesi di cardiopatia ipertensiva
- Esordio più precoce rispetto all'equivalente wild type
- Linea di trasmissione autosomica dominante
- Interessamento neurologico frequente

*AL: legata alle catene leggere delle immunoglobuline*

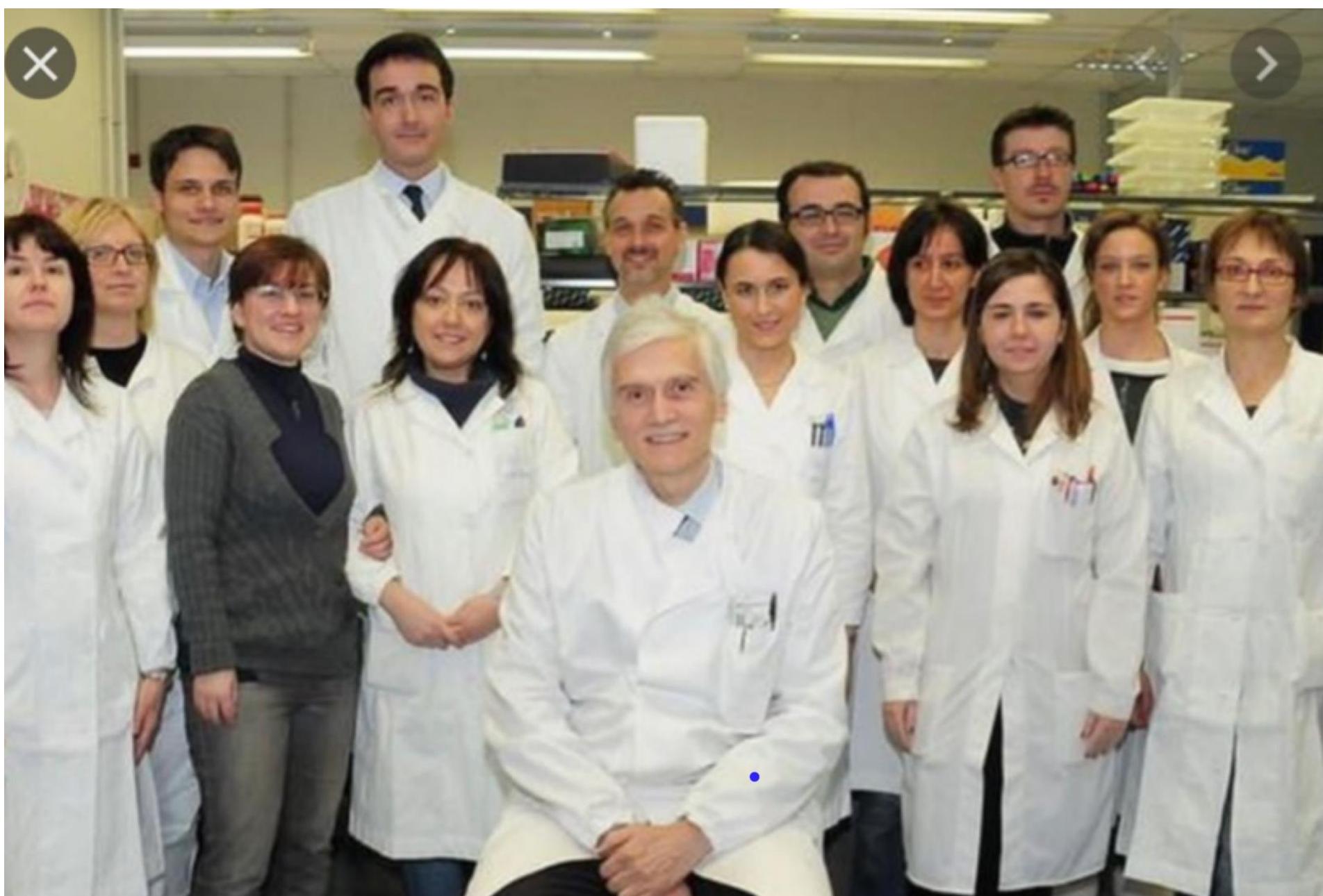
*ATTR: da transtiretina*

## Risonanza magnetica cardiaca nella ATTR-CM:

- evidenzia le modificazioni morfologiche
- caratterizza i tessuti (late gadolinium enhancement; T1 mapping)



**nell'amiloidosi se l'LGE non è visibile la sopravvivenza a due anni è del 92% se è solo subendocardica è dell'80% se è transmurale è del 40%**





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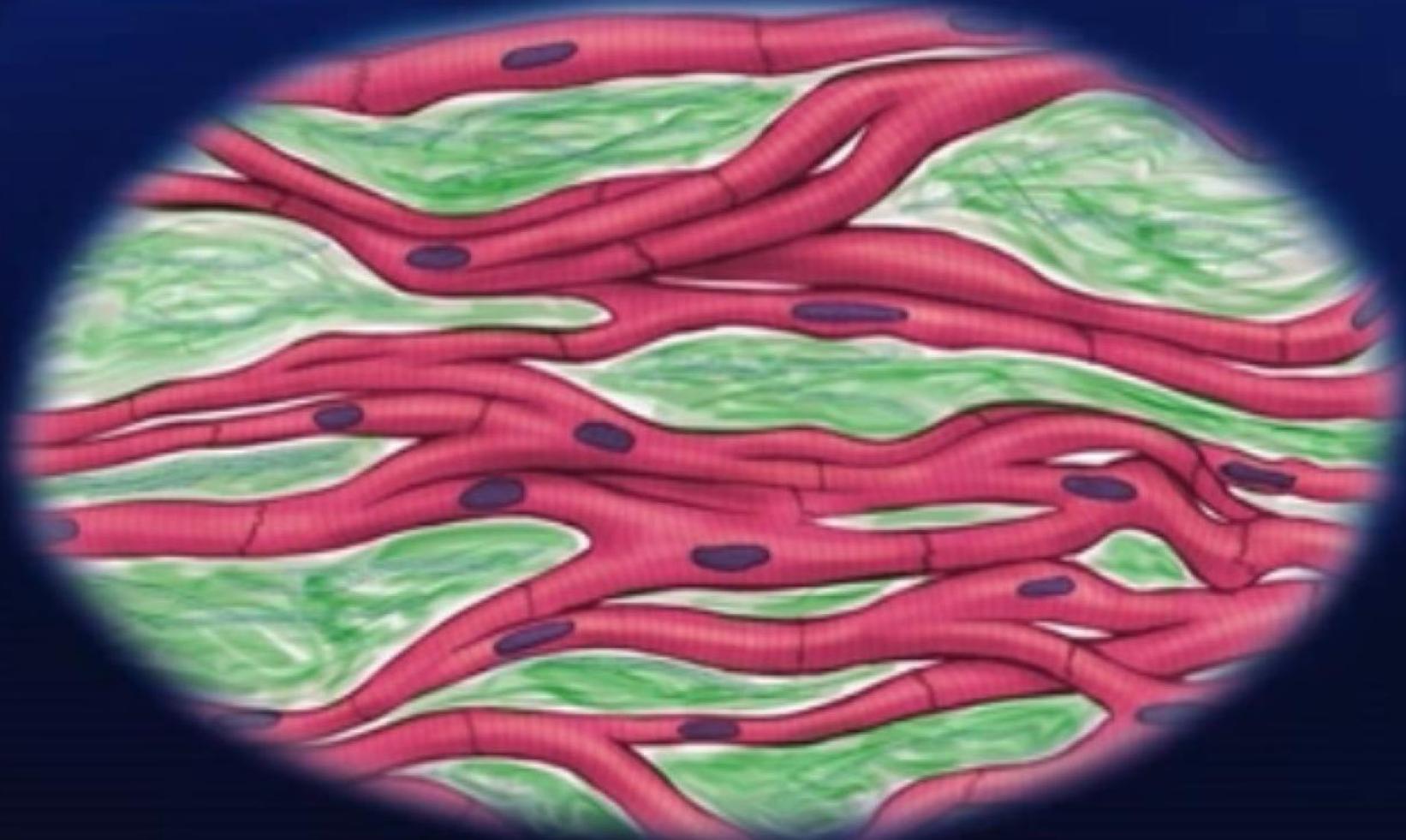
## Why the new interest

- Recognized as an important etiology for heart failure
- Underdiagnosed (its been there - we rarely looked)
- Can have poor prognosis
- Diagnostic modalities improved
- New FDA approved treatment with Tafamidis (transthyretin stabilizer)
- Two TTR silencing drugs “knock down” Patisiran and Inotersen (neuropathic)

# What is Amyloid

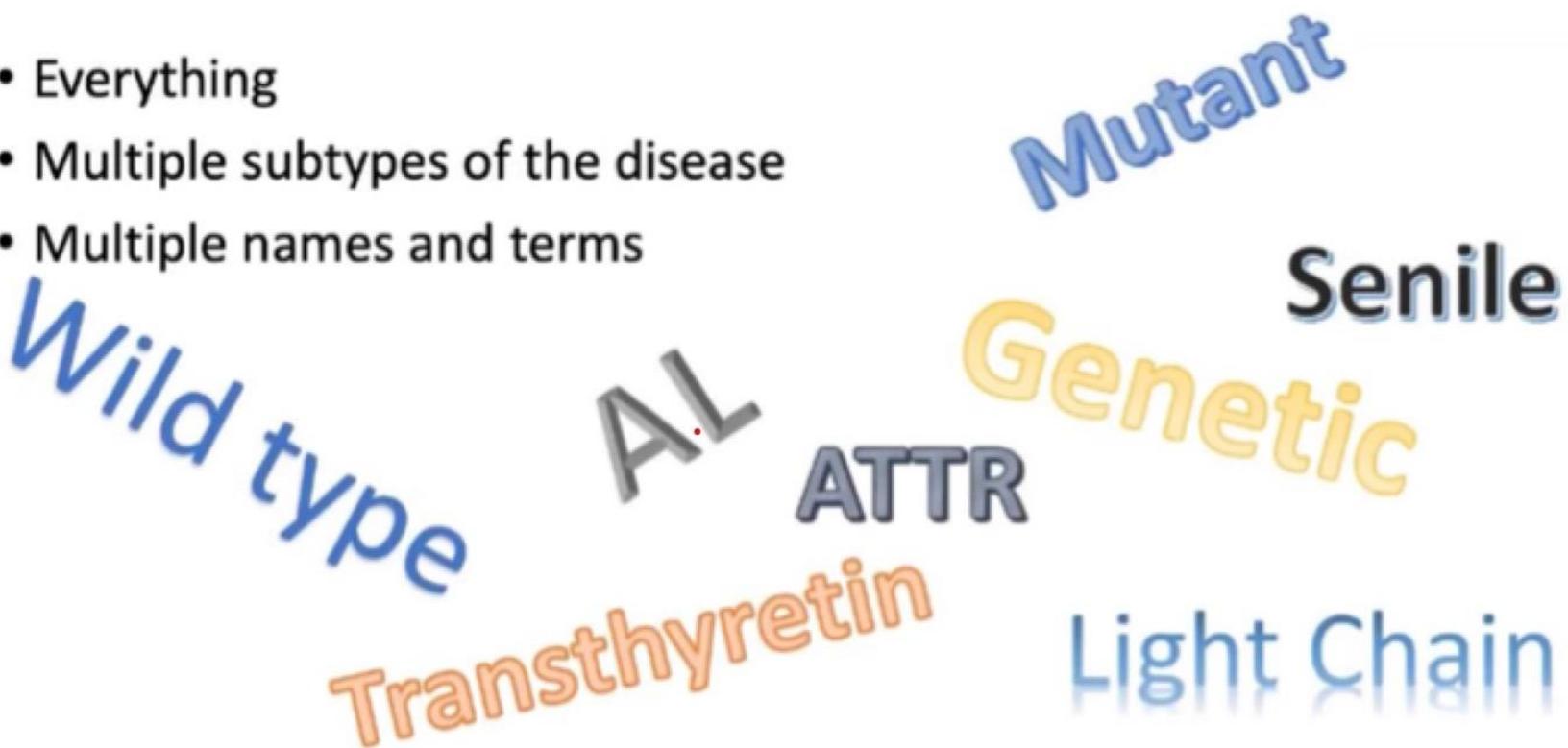
- A disorder of misfolded protein
- Misfolded protein deposit in organs and tissues

## Extracellular deposition of amyloid fibrils



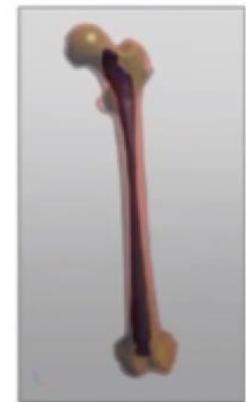
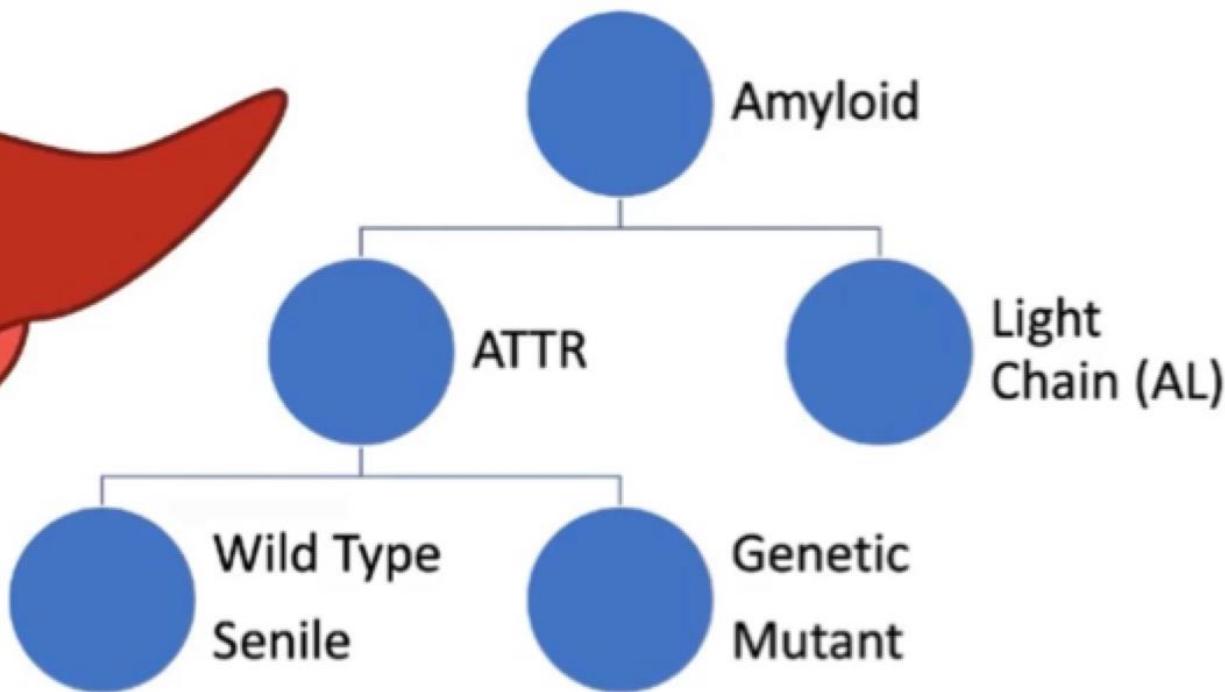
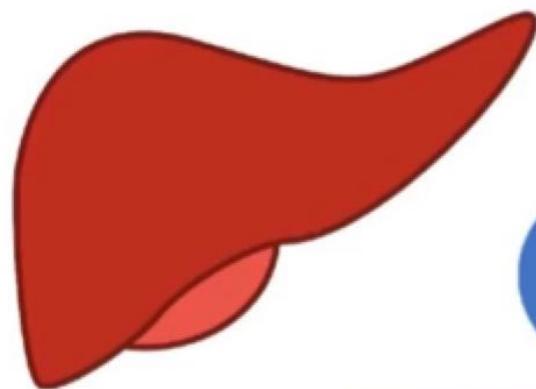
# What is confusing about this disease

- Everything
- Multiple subtypes of the disease
- Multiple names and terms



Wild type AL ATTR Genetic Light Chain Senile Mutant Transthyretin

# Amyloid



# Cardiac Amyloid Types

AL (primary)

Monoclonal light  
chains

Plasma cell  
disorder  
(bone marrow)

Familial (ATTR)

Transthyretin (TTR)  
Unstable, mutant

DNA mutation  
(liver)

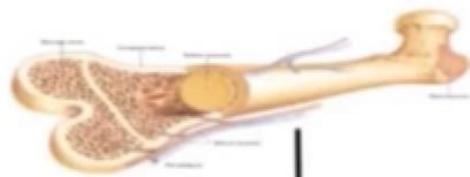
Senile (SSA)

Wild type TTR

Liver

## Amyloid Type Cardiac Involvement

- AL – cardiac biopsy + in all
  - Variable clinical significance
- ATTR (familial)
  - Varies with mutation
  - Spectrum: neuropathy to cardiomyopathy
- SSA (senile)
  - Isolated cardiac + carpal tunnel

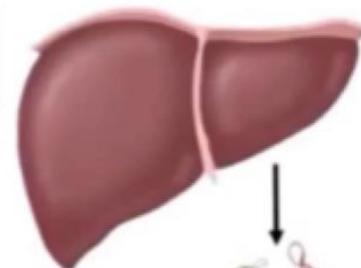


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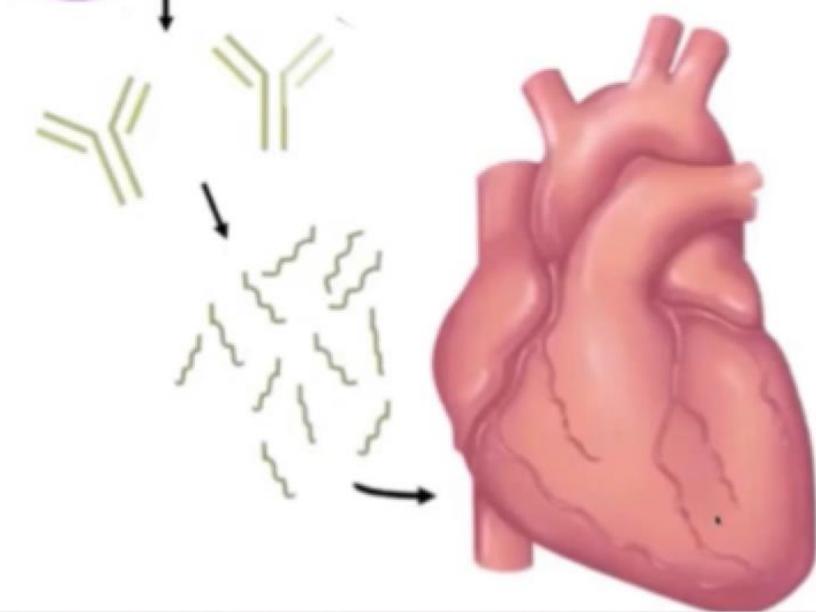
Light chain  
amyloidosis

**ATTR**

Transthyretin  
amyloidosis



Wild type  
or  
Mutant



Cardiac Amyloid, 2 major types

Liver Origin: ATTR Transthyretin

Many other types of amyloid

**Senile/Wild Type Transthyretin**

- Age related
- Transthyretin (Transport Thyroid Retinol)

**Mutant/genetic**

- Autosomal dominant
- Val 122 ile most common (African American)
- 120 mutations
- Synthesized in the liver
- Age > 50

# Red Flags for all types of amyloid systemic disease



## Sensory-motor neuropathy<sup>3,5</sup>

- Pain, tingling
- Altered sensation
- Bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome
- Weakness
- Difficulty walking



## Autonomic neuropathy<sup>3,5</sup>

- Orthostatic hypotension
- Diarrhea, constipation, nausea and vomiting
- Unintentional weight loss



## Cardiac manifestations<sup>6</sup>

- Conduction abnormalities
- Arrhythmias
- Heart failure

Bilateral carpal tunnel surgery past 10 yrs  
Spinal stenosis

## Macroglossia



## Other symptoms of the disease



## Ocular manifestations<sup>5</sup>

- Vitreous opacification
- Glaucoma
- Abnormal conjunctival vessels
- Papillary abnormalities



## Nephropathy<sup>5</sup>

- Proteinuria
- Renal failure



## CNS manifestations<sup>5</sup>

- Progressive dementia
- Headache
- Ataxia
- Seizures
- Spastic paresis
- Stroke-like episodes



## Additional signs<sup>5</sup>

- Rapid symptom progression
- Family history of the disease or hATTR amyloidosis symptoms
- Failure to respond to immunomodulatory treatment
- Intolerance of commonly used cardiovascular medications

## Red Flags - Cardiac



- Heart failure (preserved EF) HFpEF
- Unexplained increased wall thickness on echo >12 mm
- Low voltage on EKG (56%)
- Aortic Stenosis, 16% of TAVR evaluations, thickened of valves
- New normalization of BP
- Atrial fibrillation
- Intolerance to HF meds

-  Reduction in longitudinal strain with apical sparing
-  Discrepancy between left ventricular thickness and QRS voltage (with a lack of left ventricular hypertrophy on EKG)
-  Atrioventricular block, in the presence of increased left ventricular wall thickness
-  Echocardiographic hypertrophic phenotype with associated infiltrative features, including increased thickness of the atrioventricular valves, interatrial septum and right ventricular free wall
-  Marked extracellular volume expansion, abnormal nulling time for the myocardium or diffuse late gadolinium enhancement on CMR
-  Symptoms of polyneuropathy and / or dysautonomia
-  History of bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome
-  Mild increase in troponin levels on repeated occasions

## Need to be looking at LVH need to relook >1.2 cm

- Hypertension
- Amyloid
- Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- Aortic stenosis
- Athletic
- Fabry
  
- Pts are complicated they can have more then one of the above

## ECG in Cardiac Amyloid

ECG	AL (n=127)	TTR-Senile (177)	TTR-Fam (82)
Low voltage	45%	10%	4%
Pseudo-infarct	47	24	14
AF	10	34	10
LVH	16	3	10

## Need to differentiate types of amyloid Clinical differences

### AL

- Sensorimotor – Peripheral Neuropathy
- Autonomic Neuropathy - Orthostatic Hypotension
- Renal involvement – Nephrotic Syndrome

### ATTR

- White Male > 60 HFpEF
- African American > 60 HFpEF with out HTN
- New DX of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
- New Dx low flow AS

## Cardiac Amyloidosis Presentation

Vague, common symptoms

- Dyspnea, fatigue, chest pain
- AF, syncope, stroke, conduction disease
- Overt heart failure

Delayed Diagnosis

A major factor in poor prognosis

## Cardiac Amyloidosis

### Diagnosis

- Tissue diagnosis – mandatory
- Fat aspirate
- Bone marrow

Prove: Amyloid organ involvement  
Determine type: AL or transthyretin

## Diagnosis made by multimodalities

- Clinical suspicion (please follow the guideline)
  - LVH
  - HFpEF
- Nuclear PYP
- ECHO
- MRI
- Blood/Urine
- BX



