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**HIPERTENSIÓN PULMONAR EN LA ESCLERODERMIA**

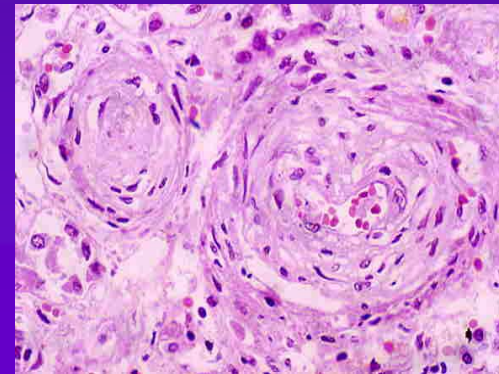
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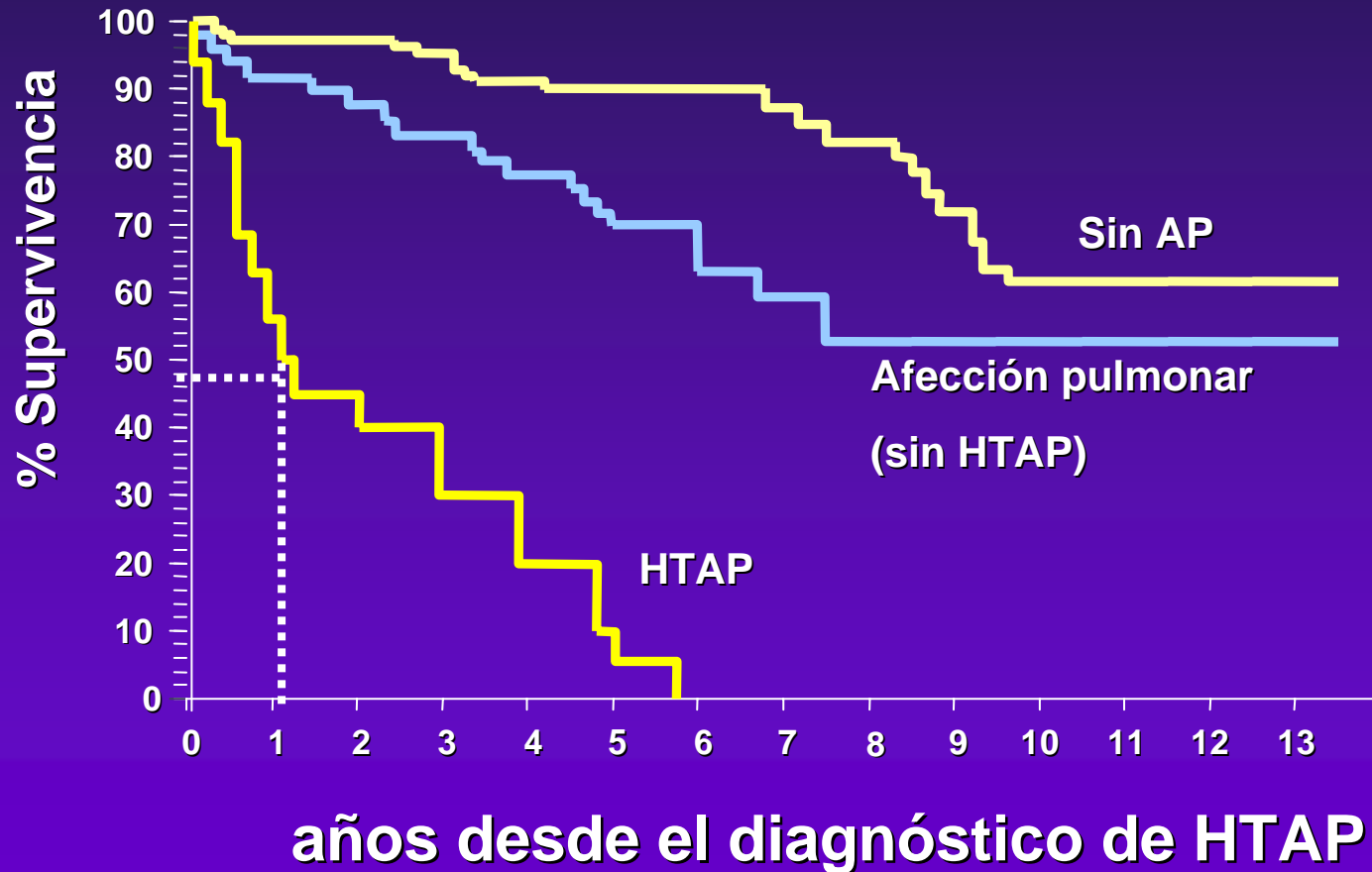
# Esclerodermia. Hipertensión arterial pulmonar

Pulmonary hypertension in the CREST syndrome variant of progresesive systemic sclerosis (Scleroderma). *Salerni et al, 1977*

*“El síndrome CREST no siempre es benigno ya que después de un curso clínico prolongado puede presentar una progresiva obliteración vascular pulmonar, hipertensión pulmonar y muerte, en ausencia de fibrosis pulmonar significativa”*



# HTAP y supervivencia en la ESC



# Clasificación de la hipertensión arterial pulmonar. Dana Point, 2008

## 1. Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH)

### 1.1. Idiopathic PAH

### 1.2. Heritable

#### 1.2.1. BMPR2

#### 1.2.2. ALK1, endoglin (hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia)

#### 1.2.3. Unknown

### 1.3. Drug- and toxin-induced

### 1.4. Associated with

#### 1.4.1. Connective tissue diseases

#### 1.4.2. HIV infection

#### 1.4.3. Portal hypertension

#### 1.4.4. Congenital heart disease

#### 1.4.5. Schistosomiasis

#### 1.4.6. Chronic hemolytic anemia

### 1.5. Persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn

### 1'. Pulmonary veno-occlusive disease (PVOD) and hemangiomatosis

## 2. Pulmonary hypertension owing to left heart disease

### 2.1. Systolic dysfunction

### 2.2. Diastolic dysfunction

### 2.3. Valvular disease

## 1.4. Associated with

### 1.4.1. Connective tissue diseases

### 1.4.2. HIV infection

### 1.4.3. Portal hypertension

### 1.4.4. Congenital heart diseases

### 1.4.5. Schistosomiasis

### 1.4.6. Chronic hemolytic anemia

and/or hypoxia

obstructive and obstructive pattern

on (CTEPH)

portal mechanisms

sorders, splenectomy

Langerhans cell

neurofibromatosis, vasculitis

se, Gaucher disease, thyroid

colitis, chronic renal failure

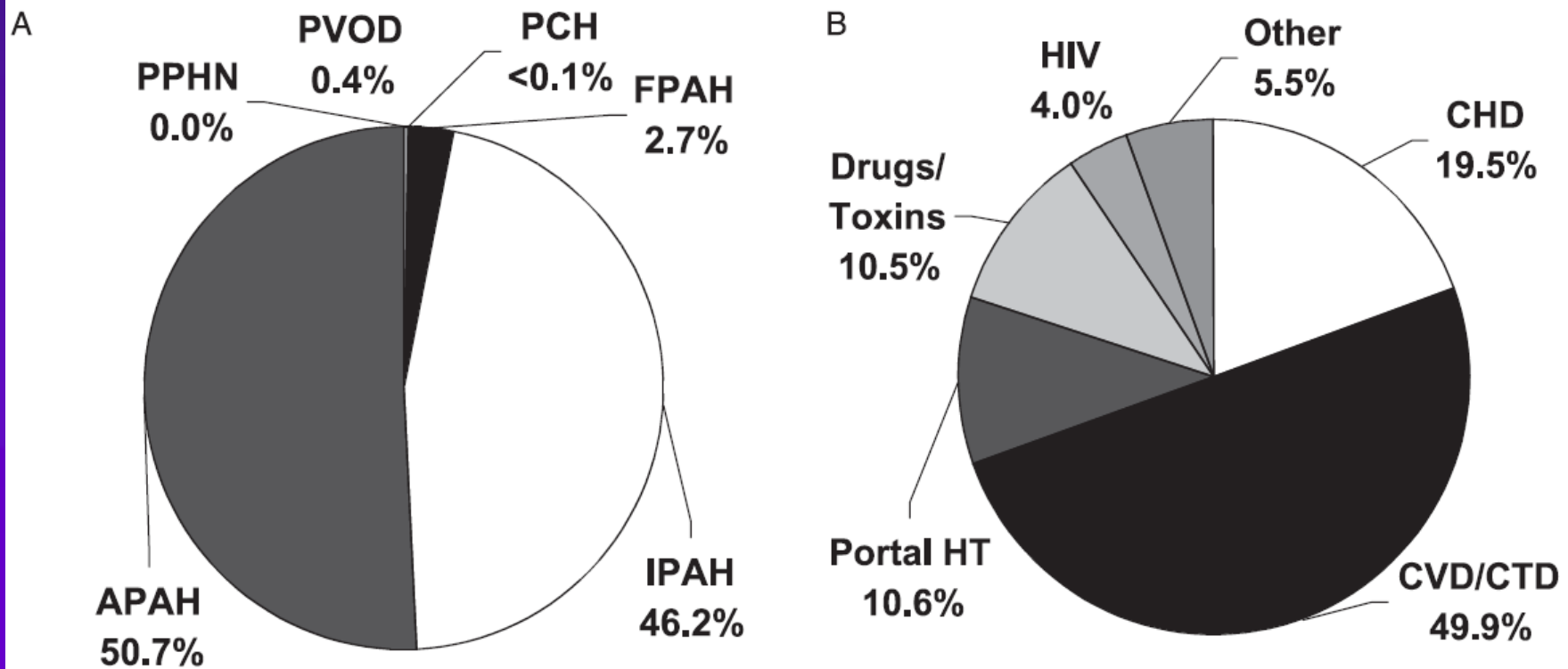
Main modifications to the previous Venice classification are in bold.

ALK1 = activin receptor-like kinase type 1; BMPR2 = bone morphogenetic protein receptor type 2; HIV = human immunodeficiency virus.

# Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

## Baseline Characteristics From the REVEAL Registry

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*CHEST* 2010; 137(2):376–387



# Esclerodermia: prevalencia de la HTAP

Carr RD et al.: *CREST syndrome. A benign variant of scleroderma.* Arch Dermatol. 1965

Salerni RM. 10 casos, 1977

Ungerer RG. **33%**, 1983

Koh ET. **4.9%**, 1996

Battle RW. **35%**, 1996

Candell J. **14%**, 1996

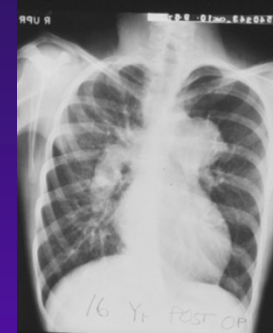
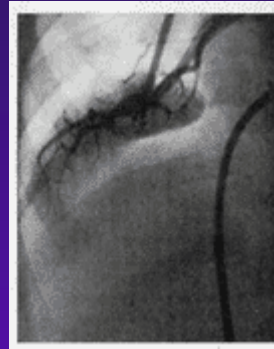
MacGregor AJ. **13%**, 2001

Pope JE. **21-26%**, 2005

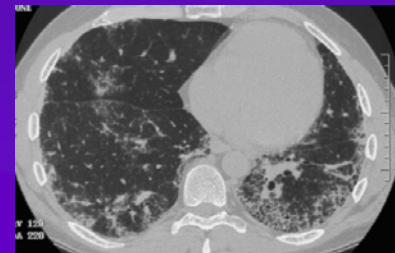
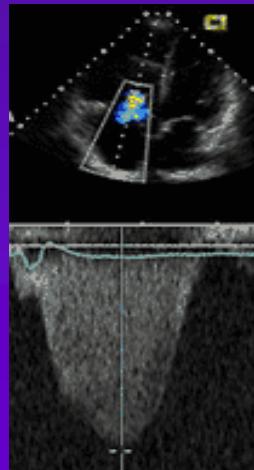
Chang B. **13,6%**, 2006

Hachulla E. **7,85%**, 2009

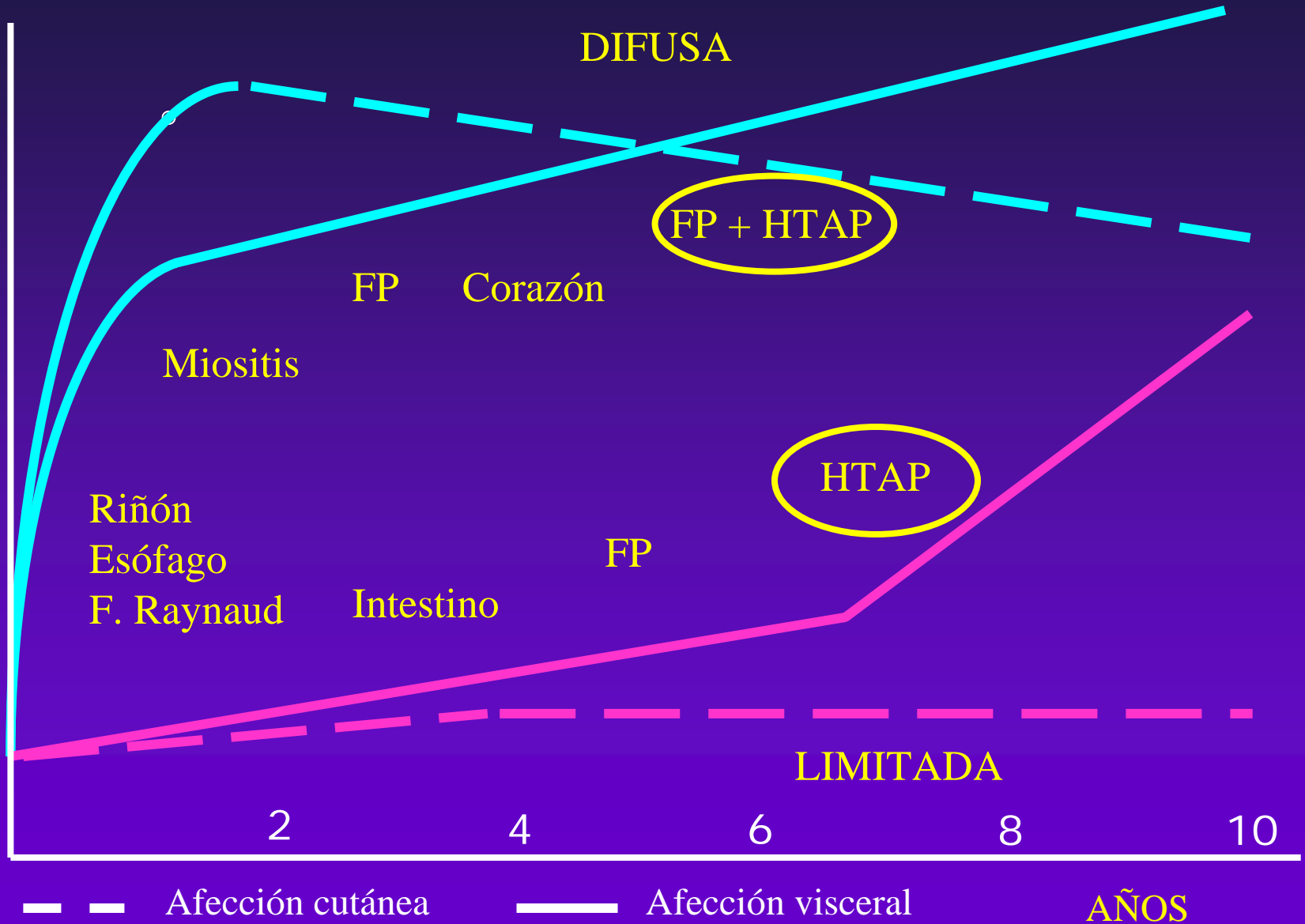
Avouac J. **5-9 %**, 2010



**7 – 12 %**  
**Autopsia: 60%**



# Esclerodermia. Evolución



# ESCLERODERMIA. Hipertensión pulmonar

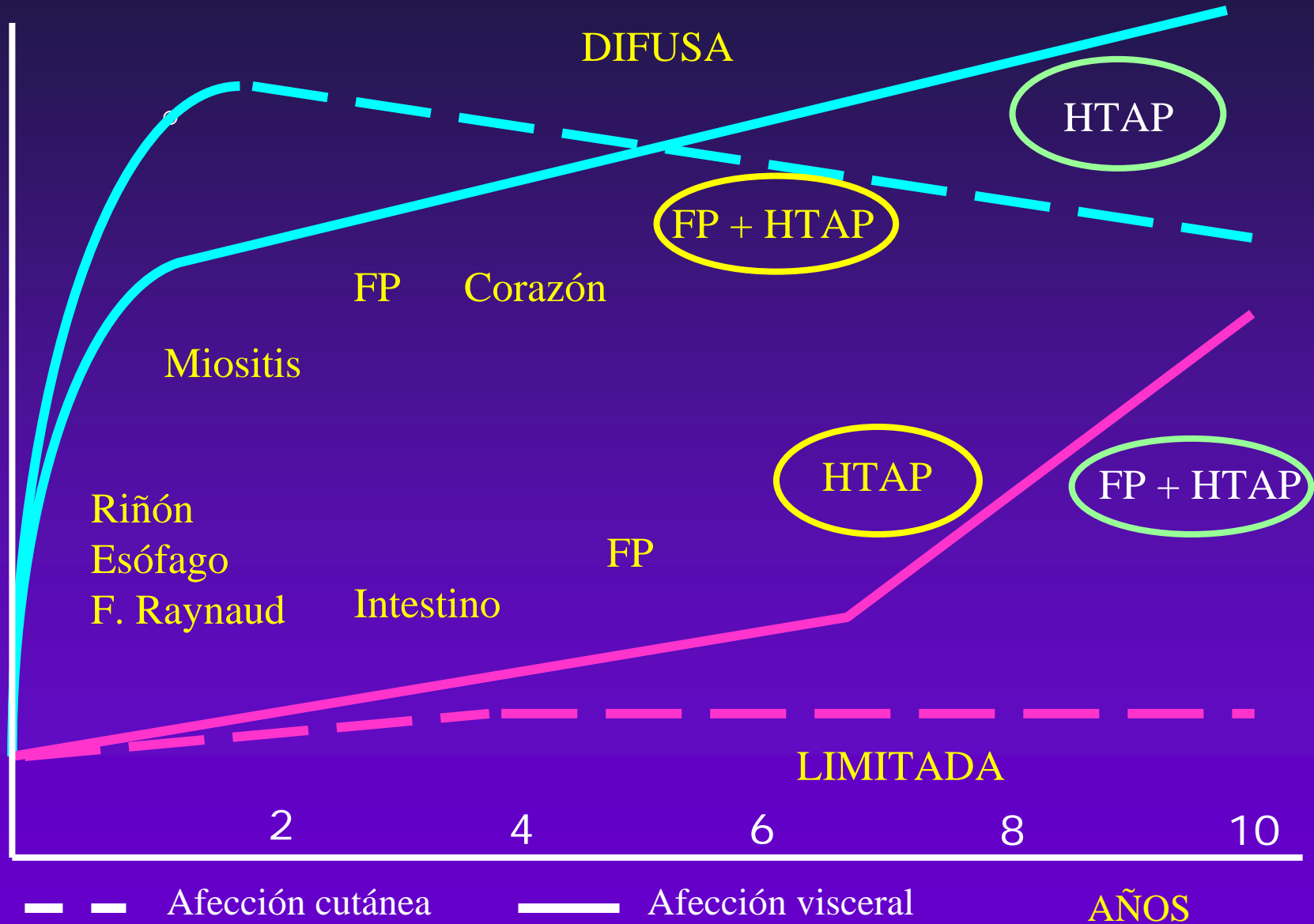
## Is Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Really a Late Complication of Systemic Sclerosis?

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**Conclusions:** In contrast to the expected scenario, early-onset PAH occurred in approximately half of SSc patients. Early-onset PAH was as frequent among patients with diffuse SSc as those with limited SSc. Annual screening for PAH should be implemented immediately after SSc diagnosis for all patients. (CHEST 2009; 136:1211-1219)



# Esclerodermia. Evolución



# HTAP en la esclerodermia: factores de riesgo

Forma clínica limitada

Diagnóstico de la enfermedad en edad tardía (>60 a.)

Descenso de la DLCO con CVF normal

Fenómeno de Raynaud grave y de curso prolongado

Pérdida capilar en la capilaroscopia

Anticuerpos anticentrómero

anti-U3-RNP

anti-B23

anti-U1- RNP

Valores elevados de NT-proBNP

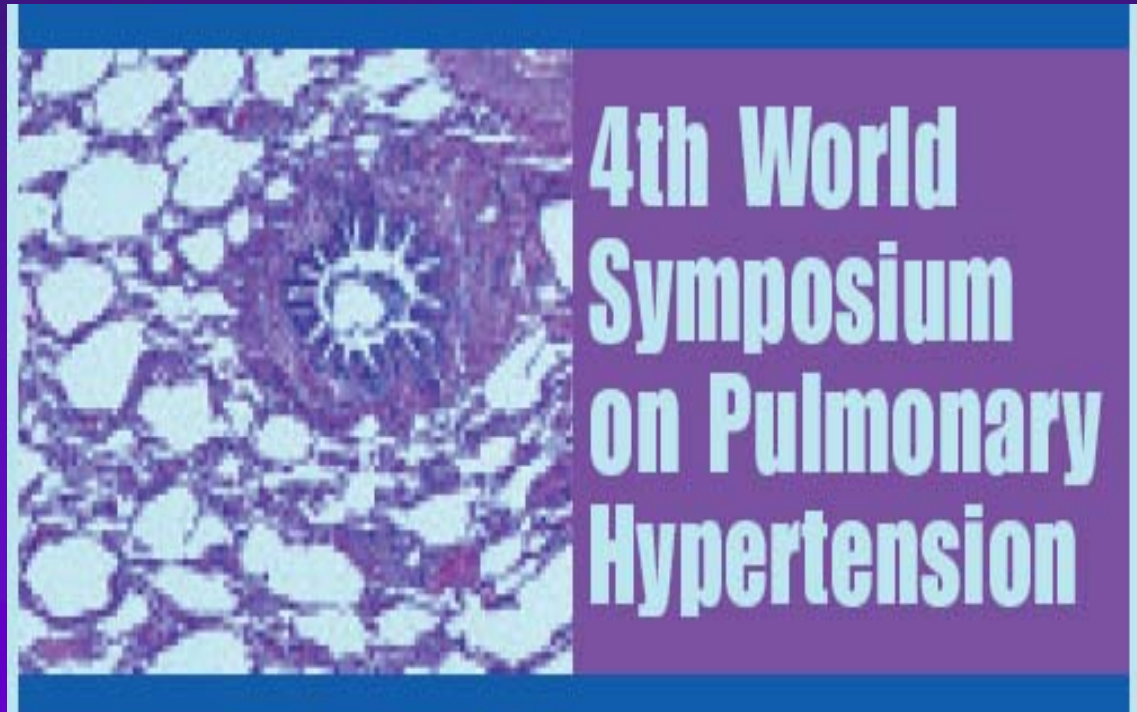


## Diagnosis and Assessment of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

**Recommendations.** Based on this literature review, we recommend simplifying the definition of PH, as follows:

- The exercise and PVR criteria should be eliminated.
- A resting mPAP of 8 to 20 mm Hg should be considered normal, based on available evidence.
- The proposed new definition of PH is a resting mPAP  $\geq 25$  mm Hg.

Further studies are needed to better determine the natural history of patients with mPAP 21 to 24 mm Hg.



*Dana Point (California), febrero 2008*

# HTAP en la esclerodermia: sospecha diagnóstica

Disnea de causa no manifiesta

Descenso de la DLCO: CVF normal/mínima fibrosis

FVC/DLCO:  $> 1,6 - 1,8$

Por Ecocardiografía Doppler:

Velocidad de regurgitación tricuspídea  $> 3$  m/sec

PAPs  $> 40$  mm Hg

Dilatación de cavidades derechas

Aumento de NT-proBNP

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Controles: 6 m – 1 año: Ecocardiograma; PFRs; NT-proBNP

RNM

## Screening for PAH in patients with systemic sclerosis: focus on Doppler echocardiography

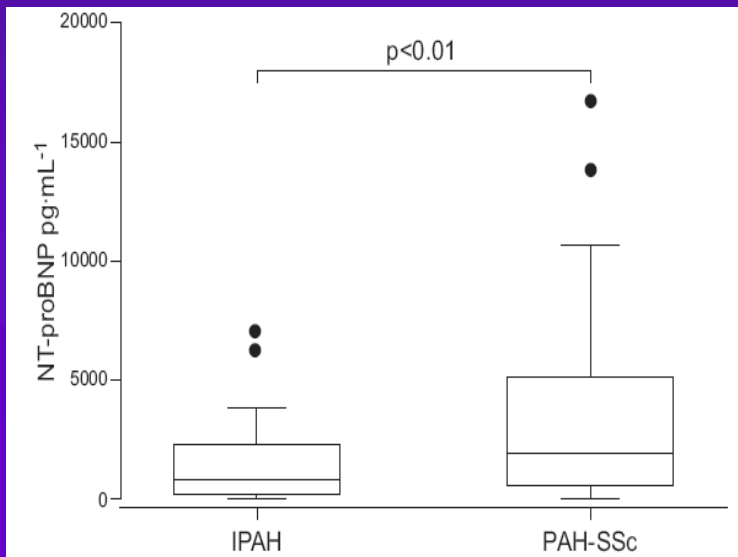
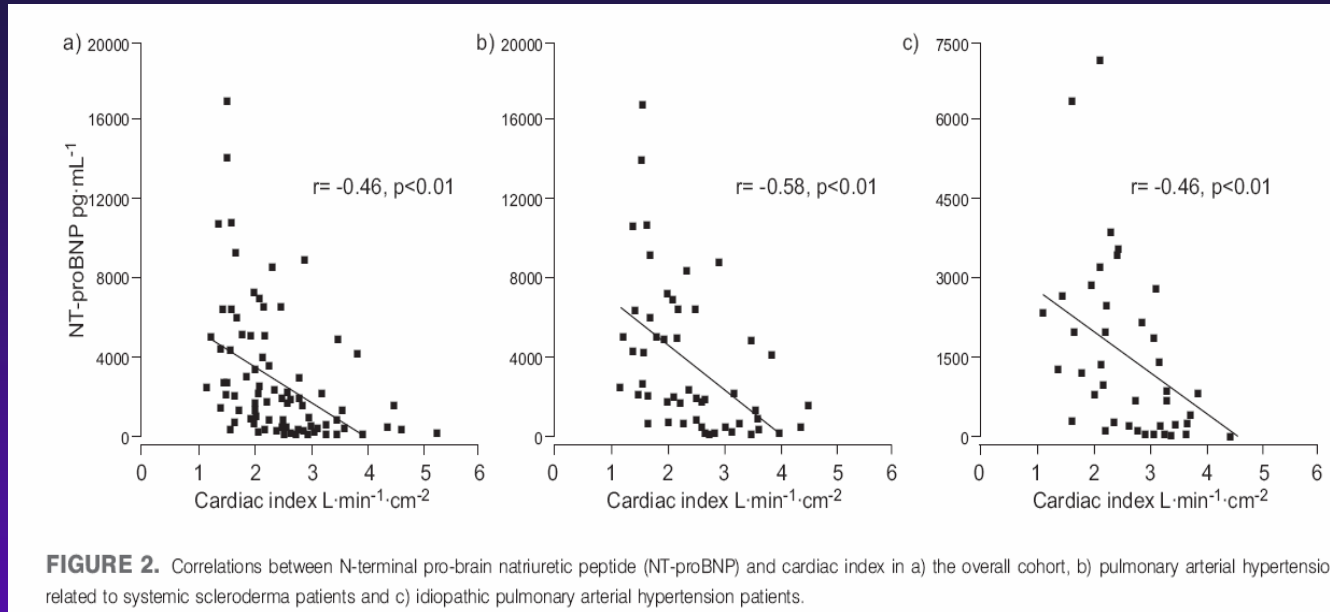
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TABLE 1. Overview on echo Doppler parameters used for PAH screening in SSc patients

Author	Source	Setting	SSc patients <i>n</i>	Doppler parameter primarily used for screening
Murata	Jpn Circ J 1992;56:983	Univ. centre Japan	71	VTR
Battle	Chest 1996;110:1515	Univ. centre USA	34	sPAP $\geq 30$ mmHg
Murata	Chest 1997;111:36	Univ. centre Japan	135	sPAP $\geq 40$ mmHg
Denton	Br J Rheumatol 1997;36:239	Univ. centre UK	33	sPAP $\geq 30$ mmHg
Mukerjee	Ann Rheum Dis 2003;62:1088	Univ. centre UK (mostly)	794	sPAP $> 35$ mmHg (or DL <sub>CO</sub> $< 50\%$ predicted, or precipitous fall in DL <sub>CO</sub> $> 20\%$ over 1 yr)
Mukerjee	Rheumatology 2004;43:461	Univ. centre UK	137	Tricuspid gradient (range 30–40 mmHg); elevated sPAP
Hachulla	Arthritis Rheum 2005;52:3792	21 Univ. centres France (‘ItinérAIR Sclérodemie’)	599	VTR $\geq 3$ m/s or VTR 2.5–3 m/s (plus unexplained dyspnoea)
Wigley	Arthritis Rheum 2005; 52:2125	50 Rheumatol. practices USA	669 <i>de novo</i>	(Estimated) RVSP $\geq 40$ mmHg
Kiatchoosakun	J Med Assoc Thai 2007;90:2024	Univ. centre Thailand	129	RVSP $> 36$ mmHg
Hsu	J Rheumatol 2008; online first	Univ. centre USA	49	RVSP $> 47$ mmHg (optimal cutpoint compared with RHC)

- SSc patients have a high incidence and prevalence of PAH.
- Despite important limitations, Doppler echocardiography currently represents the screening method of choice according to recent PAH guidelines.
- A RHC is mandatory to confirm the diagnosis.
- A number of predisposing factors may help to identify SSc patients at particularly high risk of developing PAH.

# HTAP y esclerodermia: NT- proBNP



In conclusion, in this cohort of patients with PAH, NT-proBNP levels were significantly higher in PAH-SSc subjects compared to IPAH subjects despite similar haemodynamics, suggesting differences in response to cardiac load. Furthermore, NT-proBNP was a strong predictor of survival only in the PAH-SSc group, further emphasising the role of this noninvasive marker in the evaluation of patients with PAH-SSc. Although the

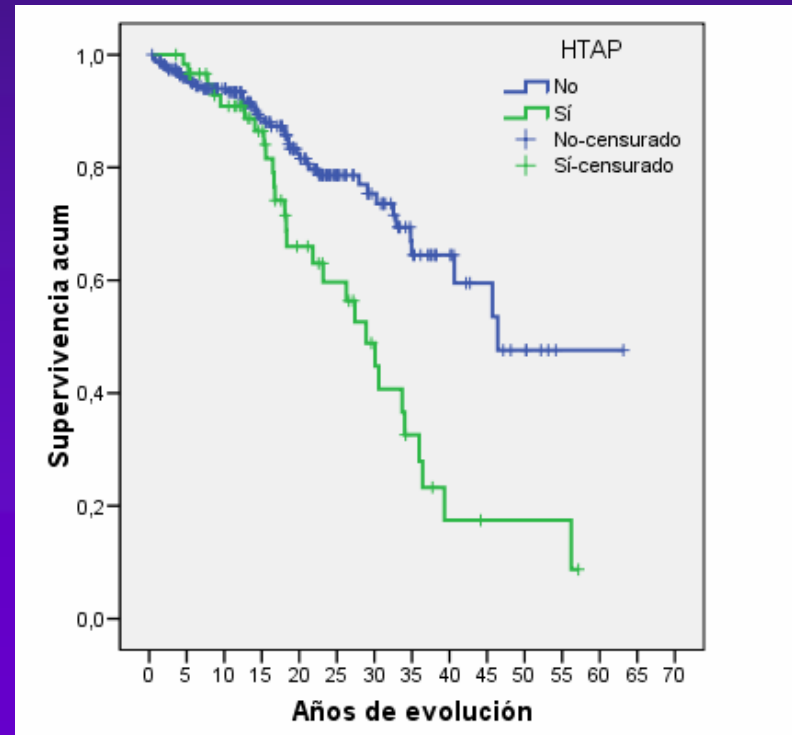
*Mathai SC et al. Eur Respr J. 2010;35:95-104*



Factores pronósticos	RR	p
Esclerodermia difusa	2,730	0,001
Edad de comienzo	1,079	0,0001
Fibrosis pulmonar	2,463	0,003
HTAP	2,802	0,0001
Crisis renal	30,062	0,0001

## Esclerodermia Factores pronósticos

Simeón CP, *Ann Rheum Dis*, 1997  
Simeón CP, *Rheumatology*, 2003



# ESCLERODERMIA. Hipertensión pulmonar

**N= 335** (Hospital Vall d'Hebron)

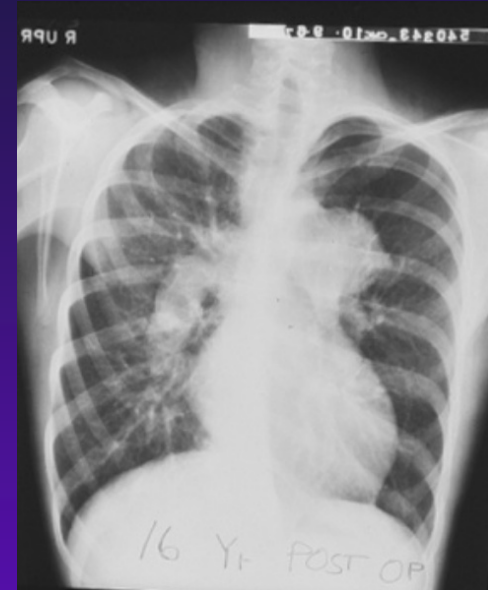
## Causas de muerte

**Afección pulmonar : 29 (40%)**

**HTA pulmonar aislada: 15**

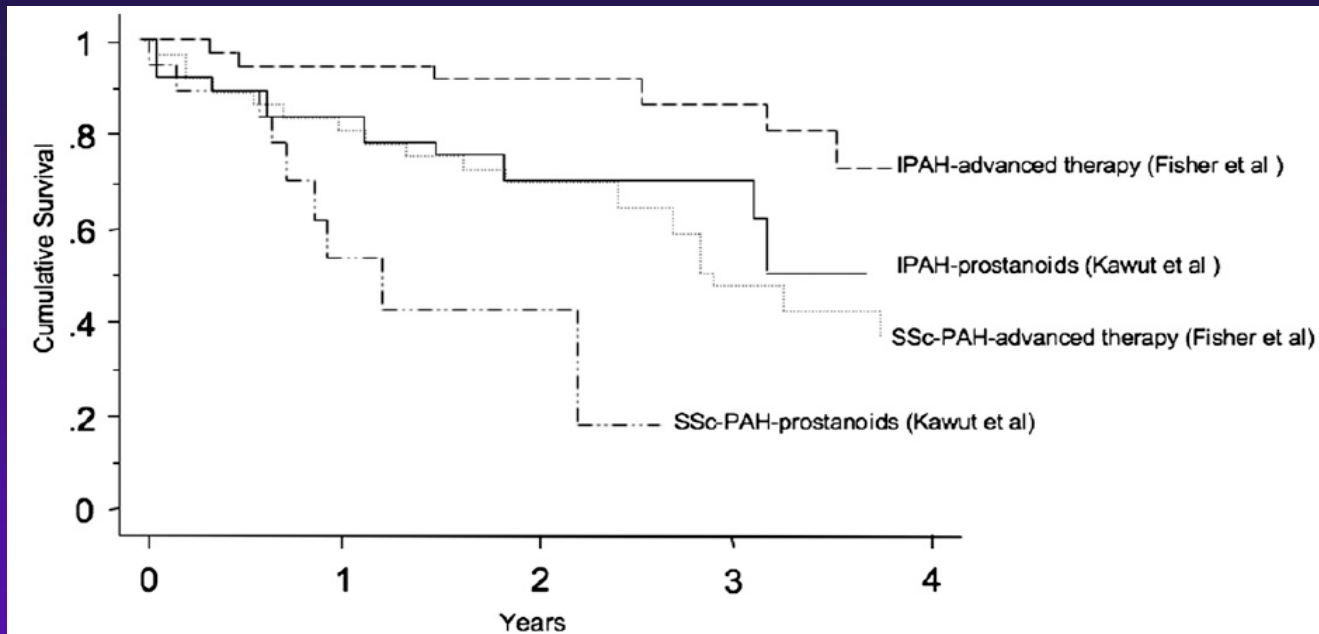
**Fibrosis pulmonar + HTAP: 8**

**Fibrosis pulmonar: 6**





# HTAP en la esclerodermia: pronóstico

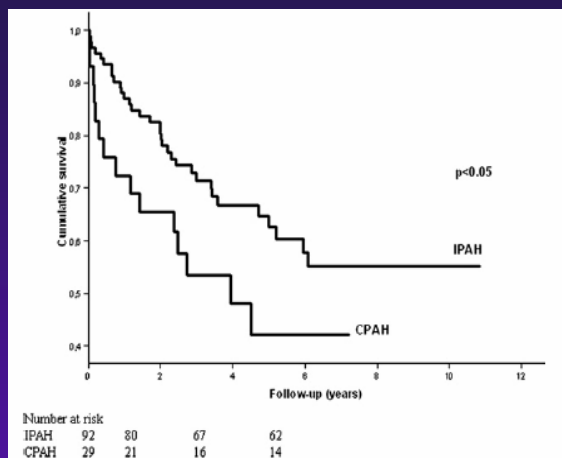


Studies	Kawut et al <sup>6</sup>		Fisher et al <sup>4</sup>	
Period of time	1997-2001		2000-2005	
Patients	IPAH n = 33	SSc-PAH n = 22	IPAH n = 41	SSc-PAH n = 50
First line PAH therapy	Prostanoids		ERA, PDE5 inhibitors, or prostanoids according to guidelines	
NYHA FC III-IV, %	-		77.5	64
mPAP, mmHg	52 ± 12	48 ± 10	54 ± 1.9	47 ± 1.5
CI, L.min <sup>-1</sup> .m <sup>-2</sup>	2.1 ± 0.62	2.2 ± 0.54	2.1 ± 0.1	2.2 ± 0.1
PVR, dyn.s.cm <sup>-5</sup>	918 ± 433	755 ± 238	941 ± 88	855 ± 83

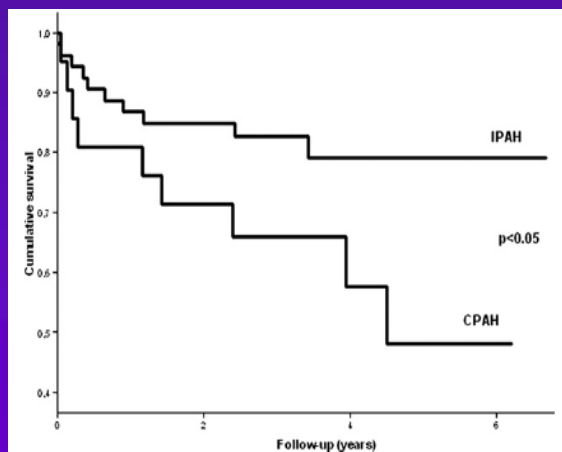
# Comparison of Baseline Characteristics and Survival Between Patients With Idiopathic and Connective Tissue Disease–related Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

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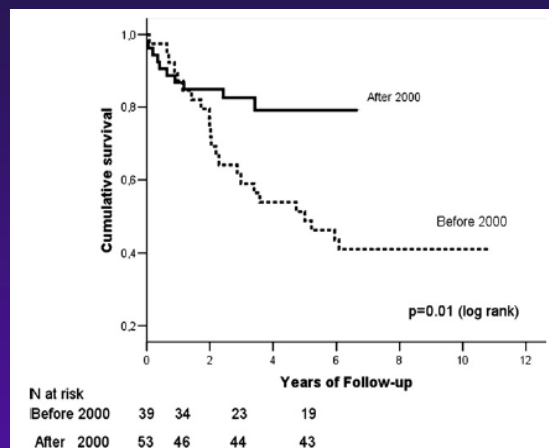
J Heart Lung Transplant 2009;28:621-7



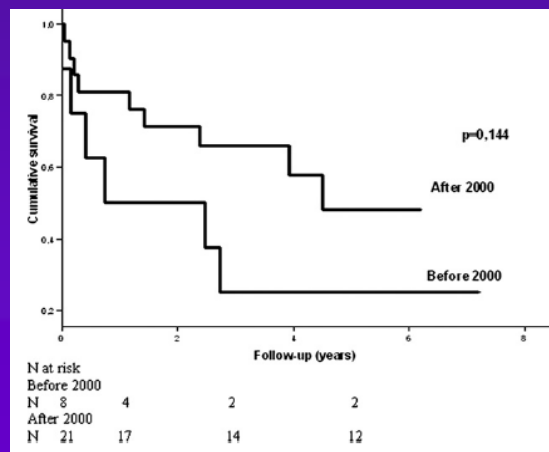
**Figure 1.** Overall survival in each etiologic group. IPAH: 1-year survival 87%; 3-year survival 71%; 5-year survival 63%. CPAH: 1-year survival 70%; 3-year survival 53%; 5-year survival 42%.



**Figure 5.** Survival in the current era for each etiologic group. IPAH: 1-year survival 87%; 3-year survival 82%; 5-year survival 79%. CPAH: 1-year survival 81%; 3-year survival 66%; 5-year survival 48%.

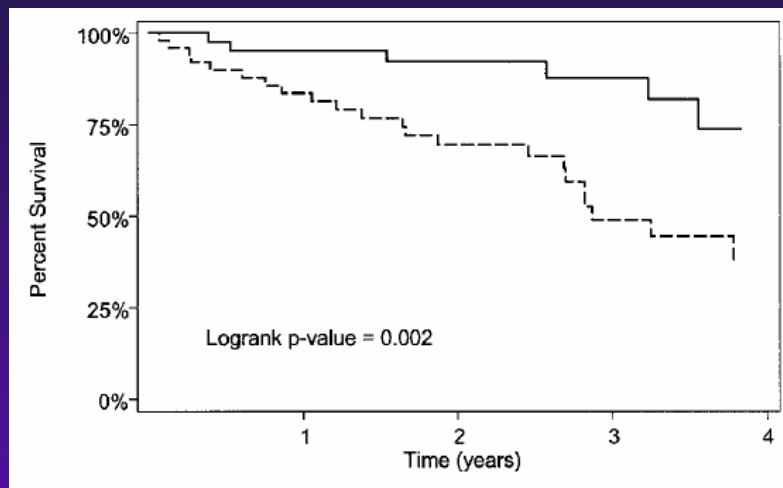


**Figure 3.** IPAH survival related to treatment era. Historic treatment era: 1-year survival 87%; 3-year survival 59%; 5-year survival 48%. Current treatment era: 1-year survival 87%; 3-year survival 82%; 5-year survival 79%.

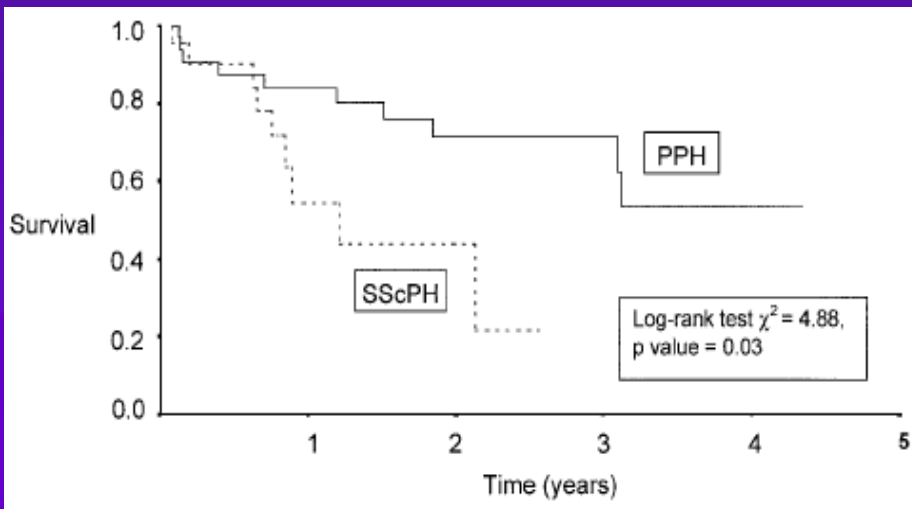


**Figure 4.** CPAH survival related to treatment era. Historic treatment era: 1-year survival 50%; 3-year survival 25%; 5-year survival 25%. Current treatment era: 1-year survival 81%; 3-year survival 66%; 5-year survival 48%.

# Clinical Differences Between Idiopathic and Scleroderma-Related Pulmonary Hypertension



Fisher MR et al. *Arthritis Rheum*, 2006



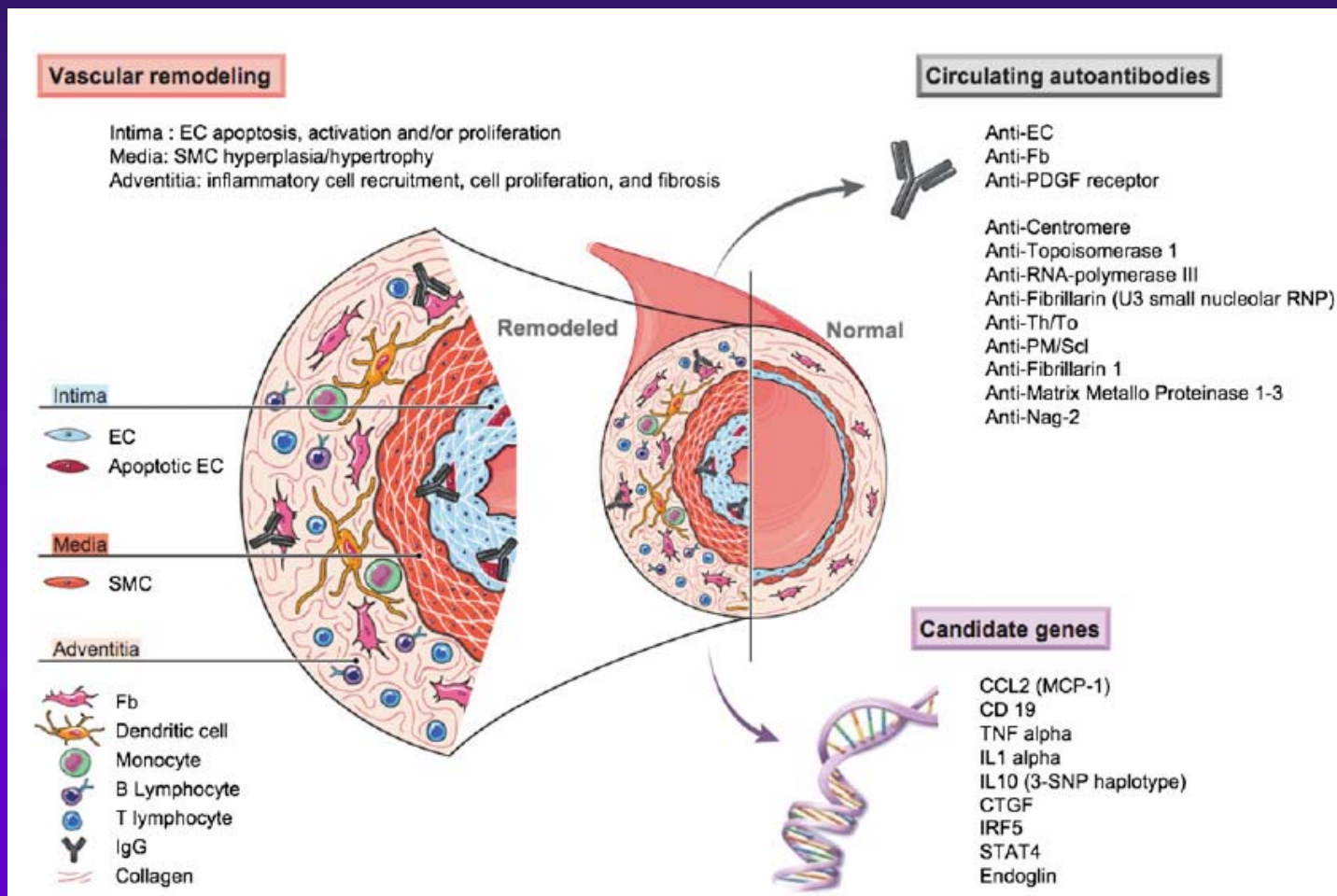
Kawut SM. et al. *Chest*, 2003

Table 2. Baseline right heart catheterization findings\*

	IPAH (n = 41)	PAH-ScI (n = 50)	P
Right atrial pressure, mm Hg	10.1 ± 0.9	11.2 ± 0.7	0.36
Pulmonary artery systolic pressure, mm Hg	86.4 ± 2.9	75.6 ± 2.4	0.004
Pulmonary artery pressure, mm Hg	54.4 ± 1.9	46.6 ± 1.5	0.002
Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure, mm Hg	12.0 ± 0.8	11.4 ± 0.7	0.59
Cardiac index, liters/minute/m <sup>2</sup>	2.1 ± 0.1	2.2 ± 0.1	0.19
Pulmonary vascular resistance index, Wood units	22.8 ± 1.8	17.5 ± 1.5	0.026

Table 2 Differences in Pulmonary Microvascular Histopathology Between IPAH and Pulmonary Hypertension in Limited SSc (37)

Pathological Findings	IPAH (N = 11)	SSc-PH (N = 8)	P Value
Plexogenic arteriopathy	10	0	0.001
Intimal fibrosis of the small vessels (arterioles/venules) adjacent to the alveoli	3	8	0.003
Pathological changes resembling pulmonary veno-occlusive disease	0	4	0.02
Intimal fibrosis involving pulmonary venules and interlobular veins	3	7	0.02
Concentric laminar intimal fibrosis in the bronchiolar axial arteries	0	3	—
Loose concentric arterial intimal fibrosis	3	7	0.02



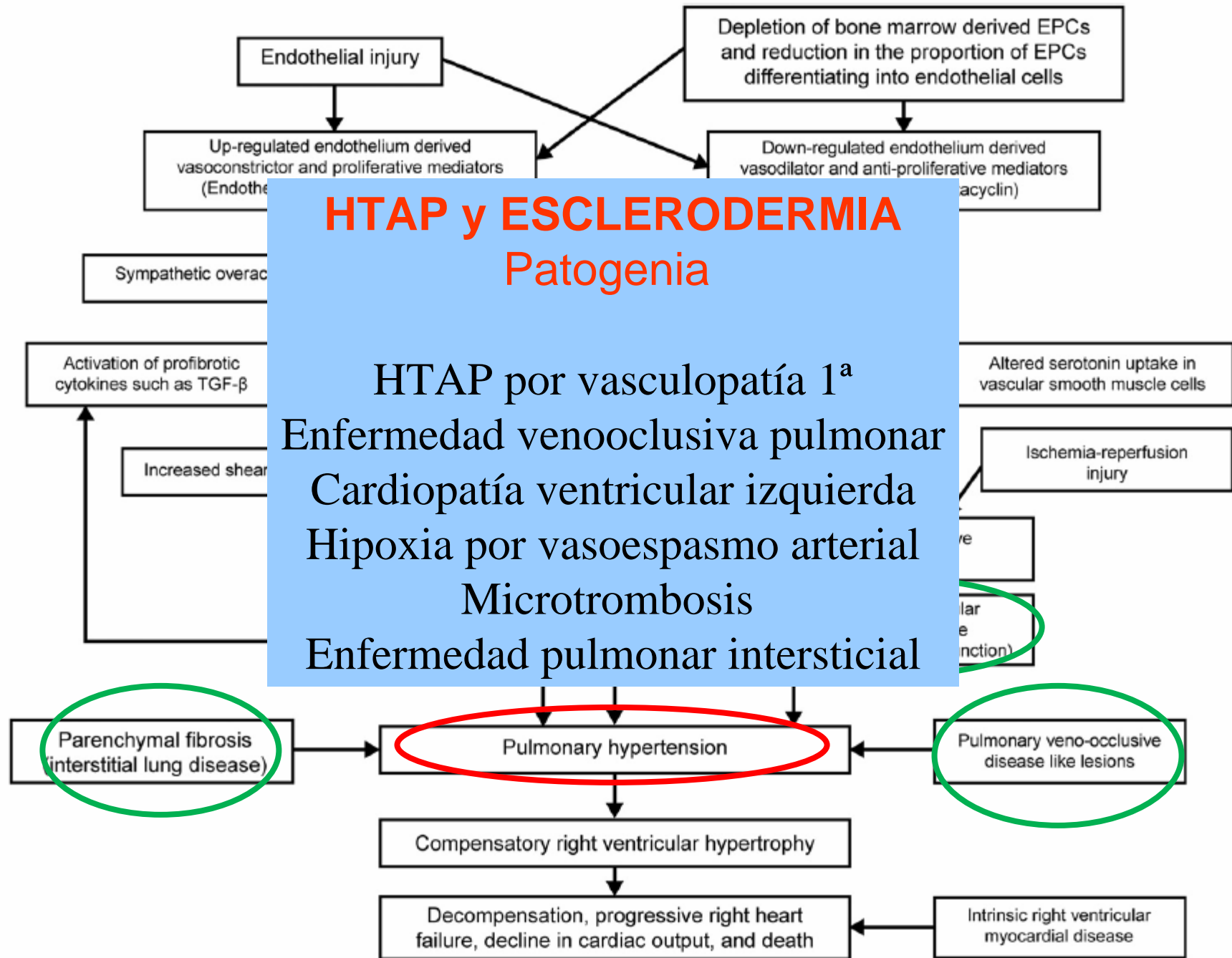
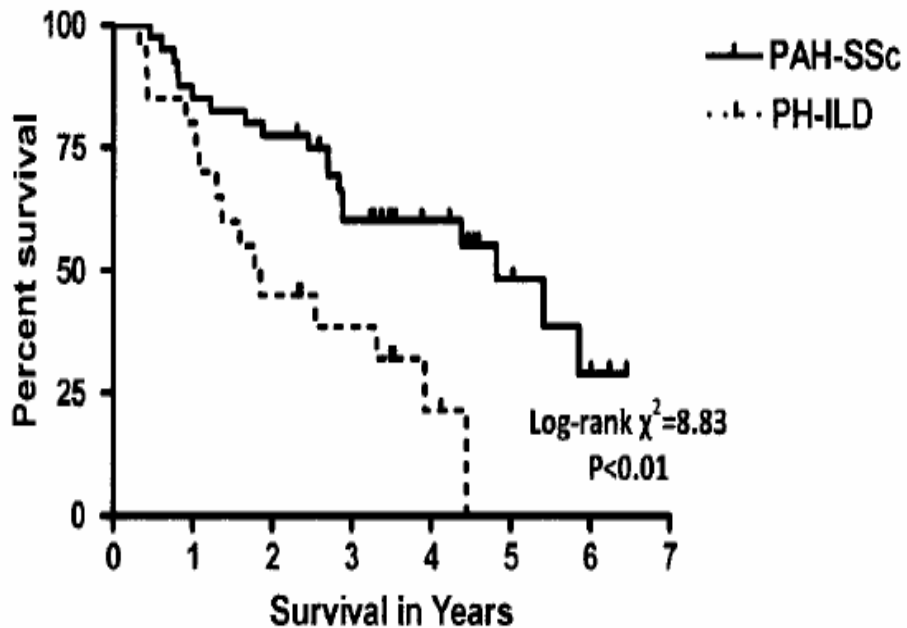


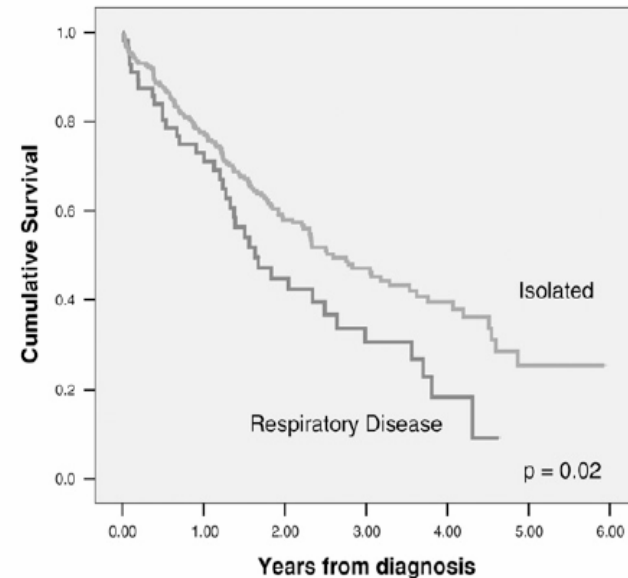
Figure 1 Pathogenesis of pulmonary hypertension in scleroderma. EPC = endothelial precursor cells.

## Survival in Pulmonary Hypertension Associated With the Scleroderma Spectrum of Diseases

Impact of Interstitial Lung Disease



## Connective Tissue Disease-associated Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension in the Modern Treatment Era



Patients at risk

259	179	94	53	27	6	Isolated
56	38	18	10	3		Respiratory disease

Mathai SC. *Arthritis Rheum.* 2009;60:569

Condliffe R, *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 2009;179:151

**Table 2.** Estimated incidence of pulmonary hypertension during the 3-year followup period\*

	Estimated incidence (no. of cases per 100 patient-years)	95% CI
All forms of pulmonary hypertension	1.37	0.74–2.00
Pulmonary arterial hypertension	0.61	0.26–1.20
Among patients with lcSSc	0.40	0.11–1.03
Among patients with dcSSc	1.25	0.34–3.20
Postcapillary pulmonary hypertension	0.61	0.26–1.20
Pulmonary hypertension secondary to pulmonary fibrosis	0.15	0.02–0.55

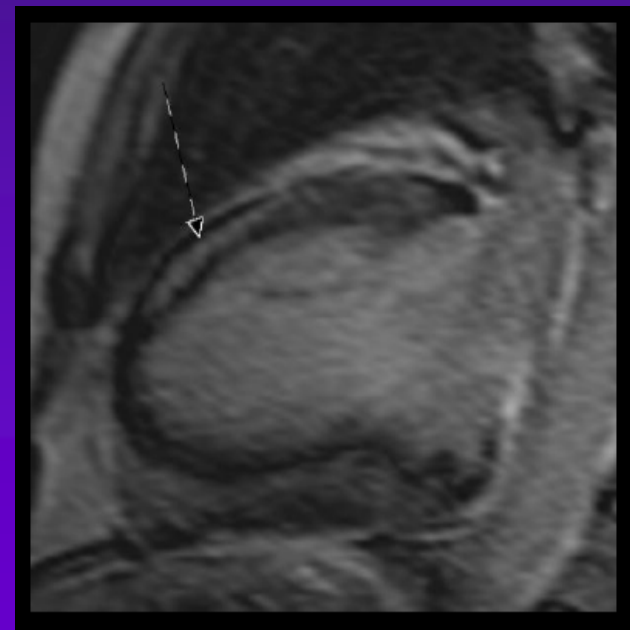
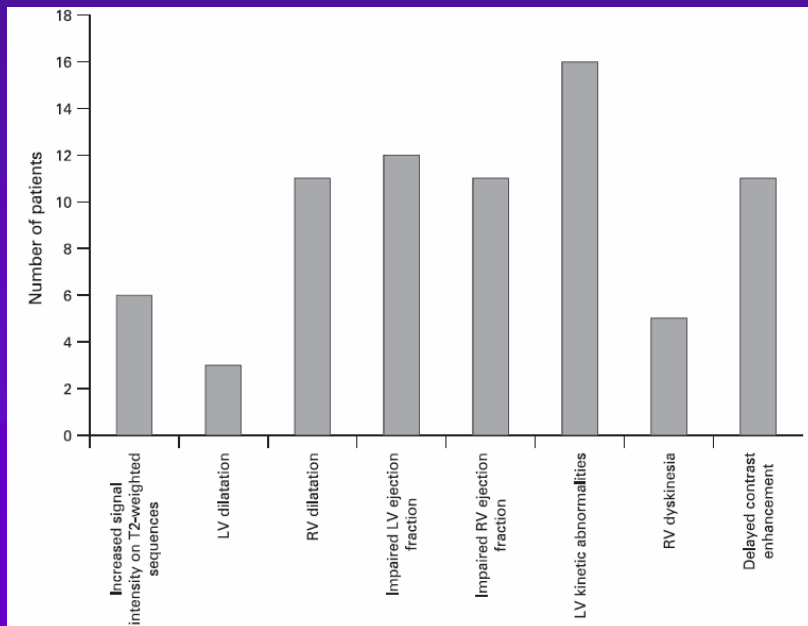
\* 95% CI = 95% confidence interval; lcSSc = limited cutaneous systemic sclerosis; dcSSc = diffuse cutaneous systemic sclerosis.

Hachulla E et al. *Arthritis Rheum*, 2009

**Table 3.** Baseline echocardiographic findings\*

	IPAH (n = 38)	PAH-Scl (n = 49)	P
Right atrial dilation	31 (81.6)	36 (73.5)	0.37
Right ventricular dilation	34 (89.5)	39 (79.6)	0.21
Right ventricular hypertrophy	7 (18.4)	5 (10.2)	0.27
Left atrial diameter, mean ± SEM cm	3.3 ± 0.2	3.8 ± 0.1	0.004
Left atrial dilation	4 (10.5)	14 (28.6)	0.039
Left ventricular hypertrophy	5 (13.2)	17 (34.7)	0.022
Left ventricular ejection fraction, mean ± SEM	57.3 ± 1.6	55.7 ± 1.4	0.44
Diastolic dysfunction	5 (13.2)	16 (32.7)	0.035
Pericardial effusion	5 (13.2)	17 (34.7)	0.022

Fisher MR et al. *Arthritis Rheum*, 2006



Hachulla AL et al. *Ann Rheum Dis*, 2009

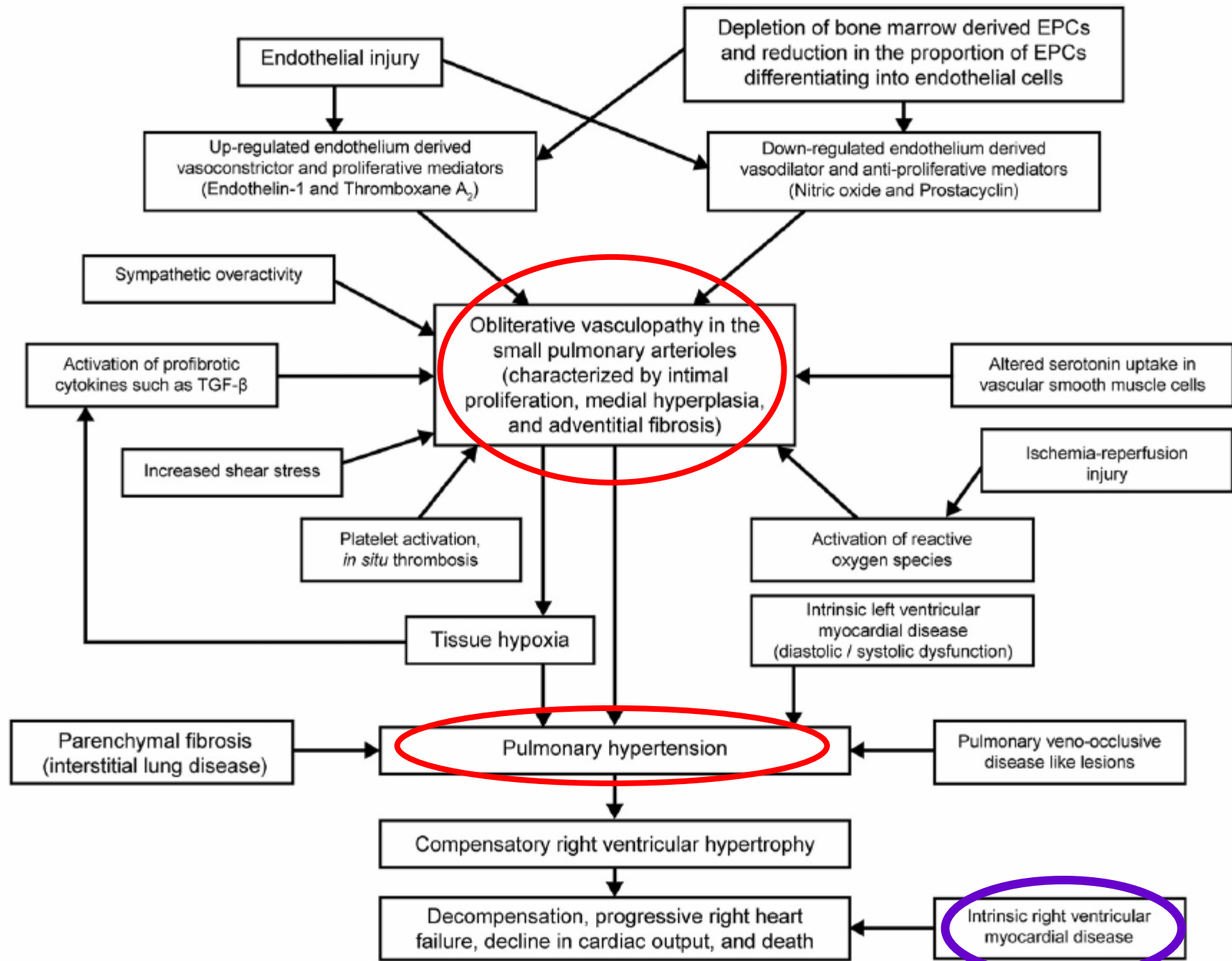


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Mean ventricular pressure

## Enfermedad miocárdica del ventrículo derecho

Inflamación –Fibrosis

Mala función ventricular

Contractilidad disminuida

Mala adaptación a la presión pulmonar



A Vonk Noordegraaf et al. *Rheumatology*, 2008

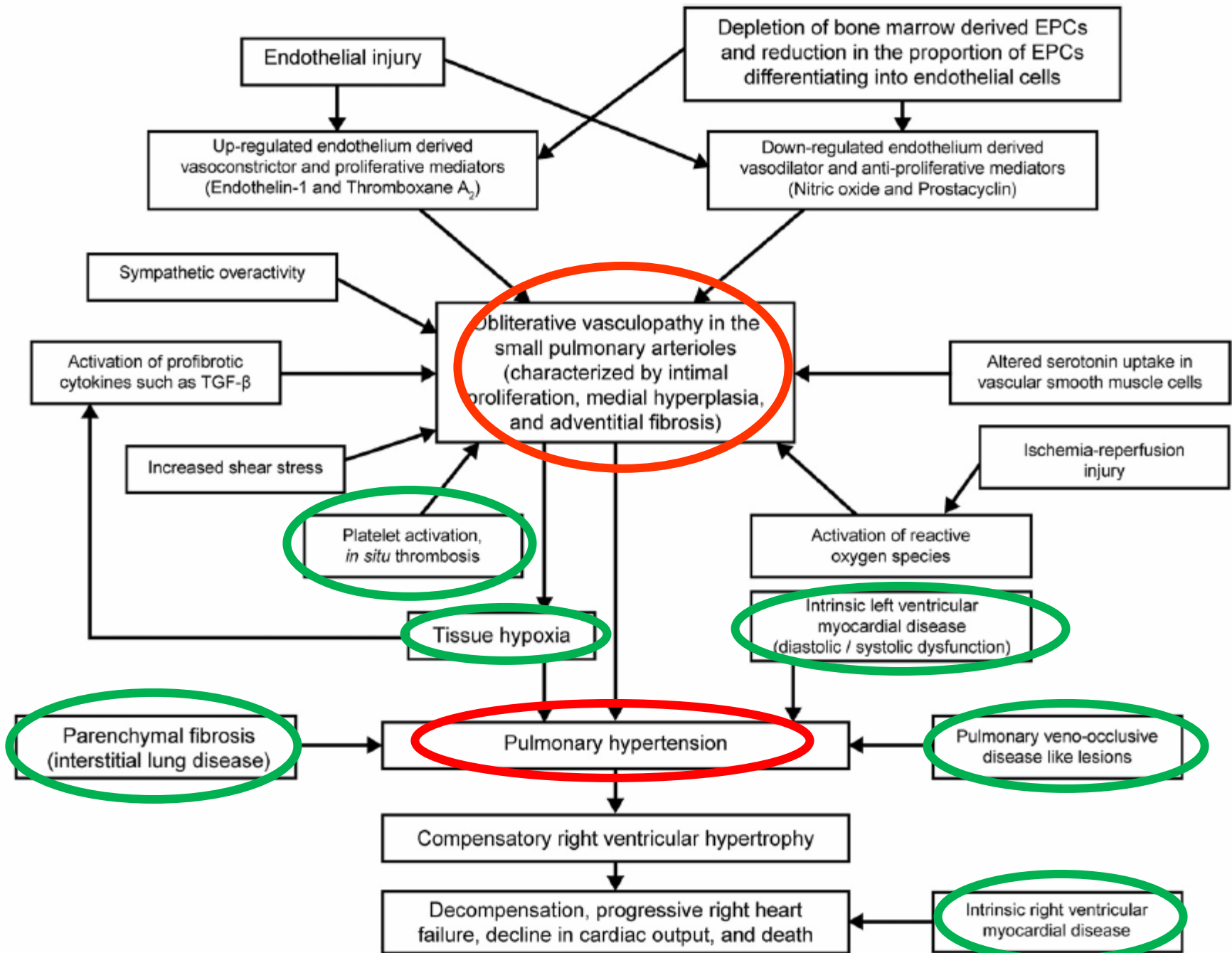


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# **CONCLUSIONES**

**Factores de riesgo**

**Seguimiento: controles periódicos**

**Diagnóstico precoz**

**Indicadores de gravedad**

**Valoración cardiológica**

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Pulmonary hypertension:  
*The Bête Noire* of the  
Diffuse Connective  
Tissue Diseases.

*E. Carwile LeRoy, 1991*

Pulmonary hypertension  
in systemic sclerosis:  
*bête noire no more ?*  
*J. Varga, 2002*

