

***Interpretation of NT-proBNP
Results in Patients with Impaired
Renal Function
Are There Limitations?***

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Renal function and natriuretic peptides

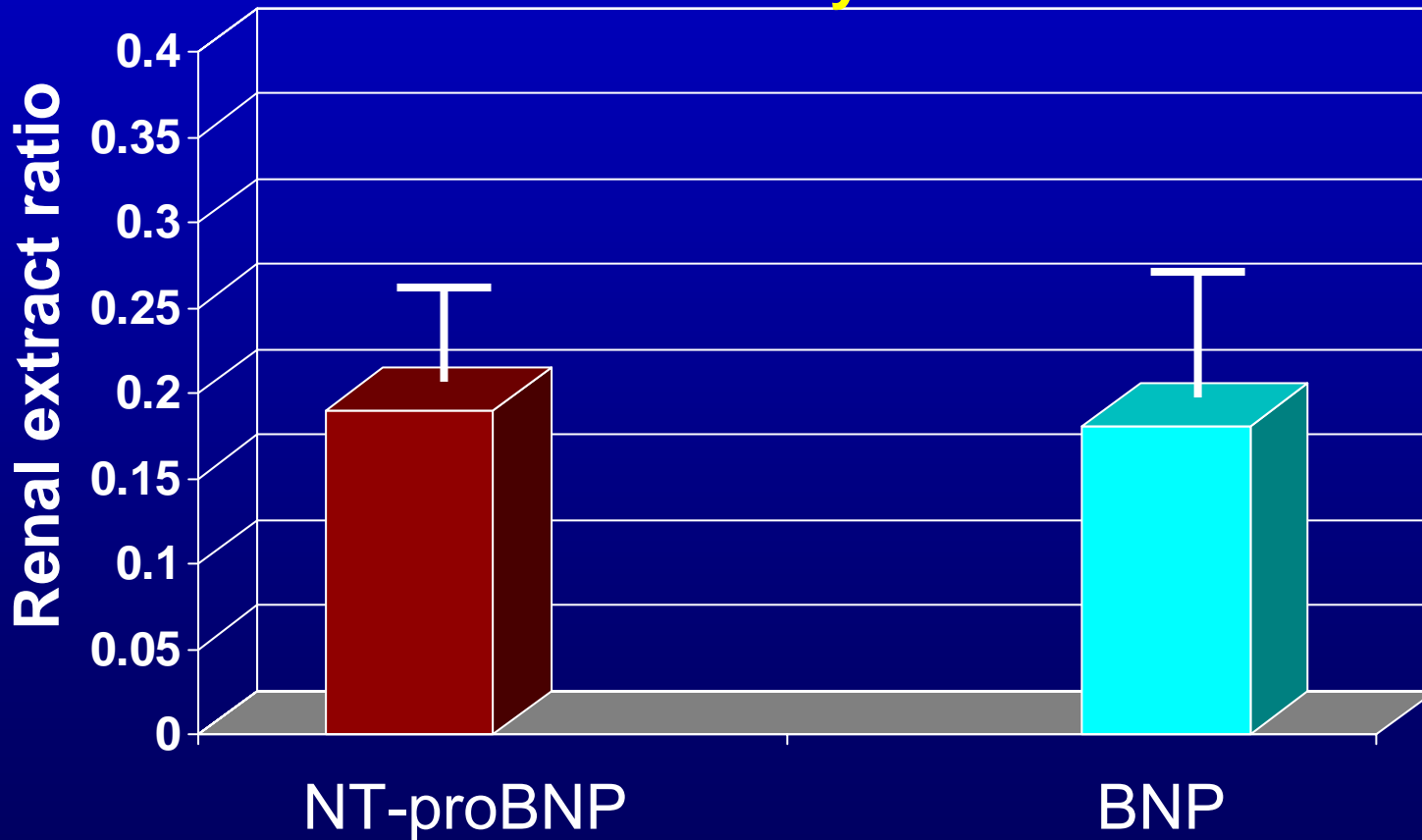
Was there ever really a controversy?

Distinguishing Features of the Ventricular Natriuretic Peptide Assays

Characteristic	BNP	NT-proBNP
	<i>“It appears that both NP’s offer considerable value to the clinician. The finding of this study suggest that the final decision as to which biomarker, BNP or NTproBNP, will be used will not necessarily be based on differences between the two peptides, but rather the presence of pre-existing laboratory equipment...”</i>	
Clearance mechanism	Neutral endopeptidase clearance receptors	Renal clearance
Increases with normal aging	+	120 min
Correlation with estimated glomerular filtration rate	Maisel. The coming of age of Natriuretic peptides The emperor does have clothes! JACC 2006;47:61	

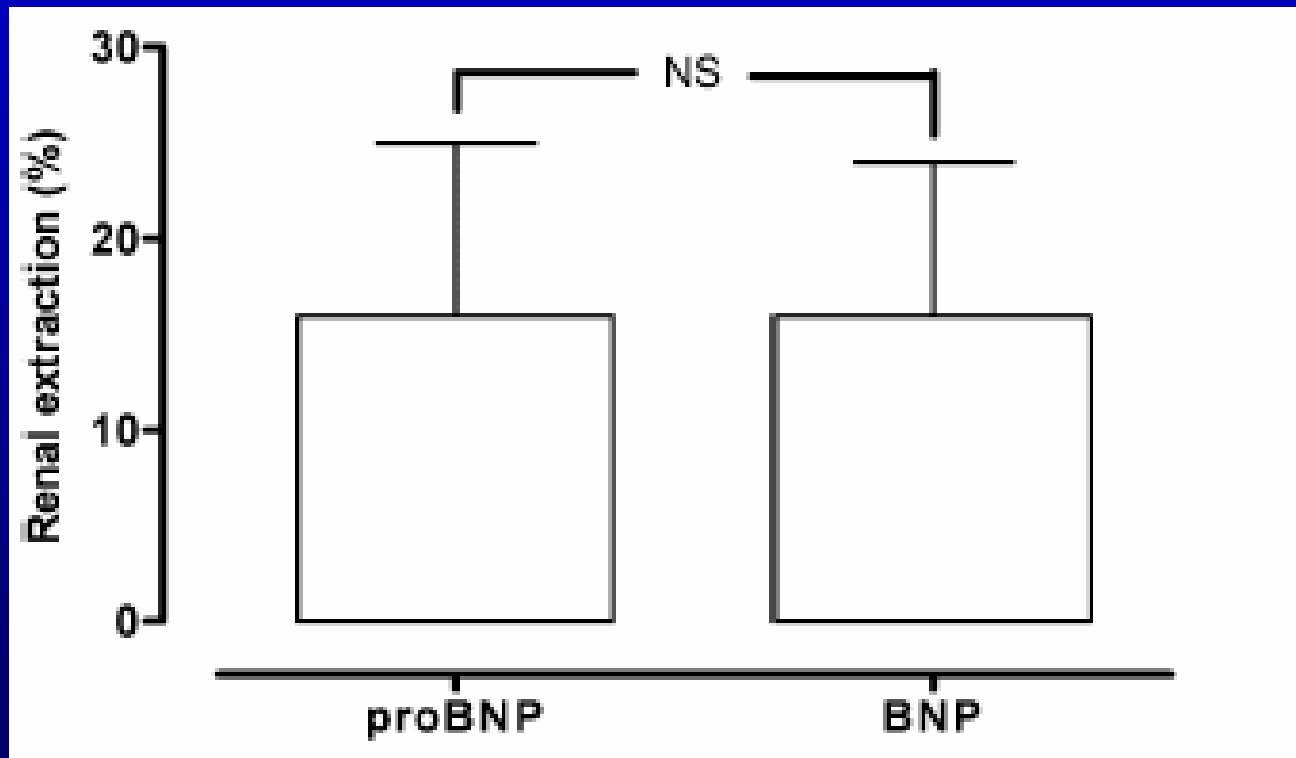
Kidneys extract BNP and NT-proBNP equally in healthy subjects

10 healthy men



Identical renal extraction a consistent finding

Findings in a mixed cohort with advanced age

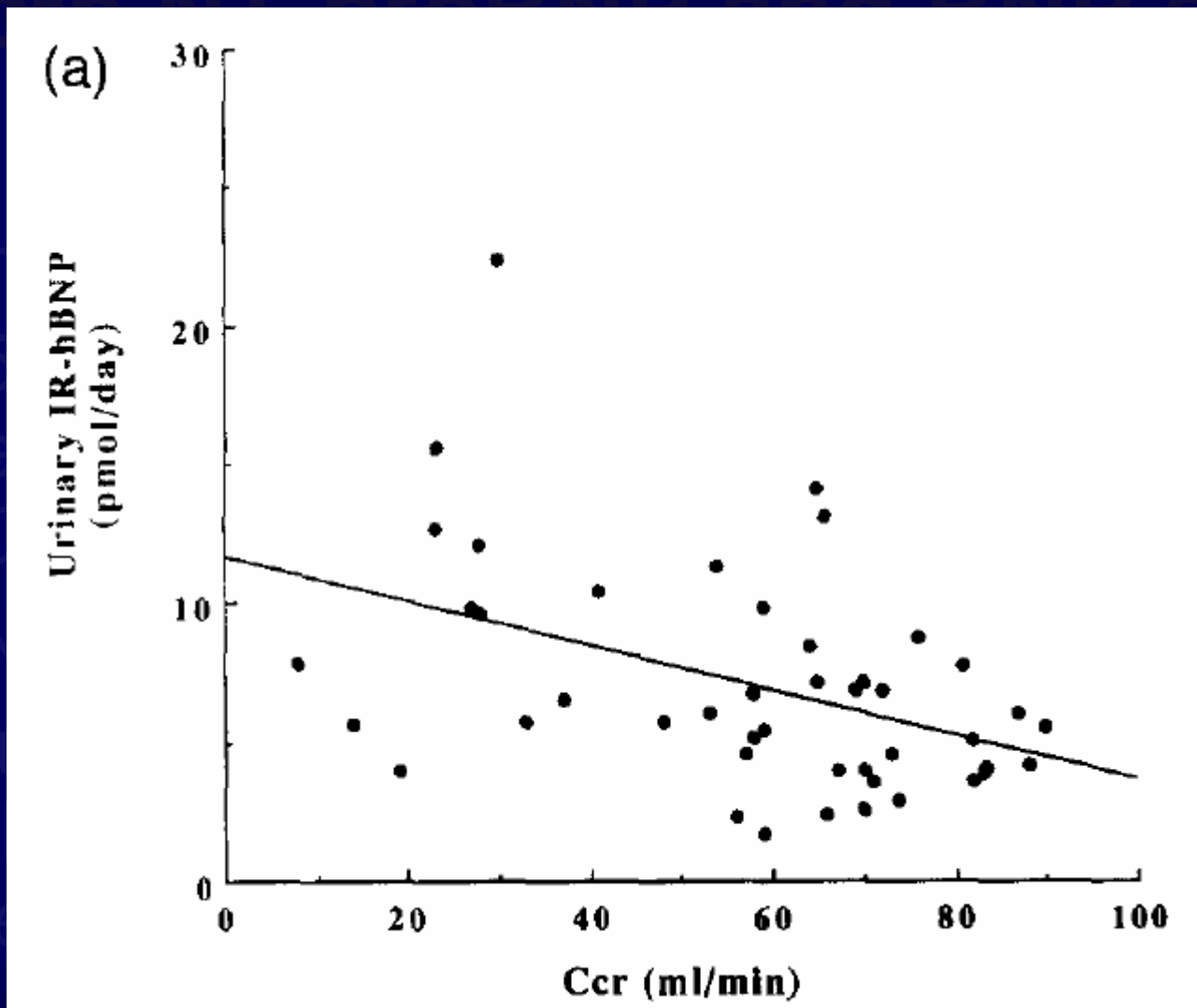


Patients with HTN, cirrhosis and controls, n=87

Both NT-proBNP and BNP are

- NT-proBNP is a 45 amino acid peptide
- BNP is a 32 amino acid peptide

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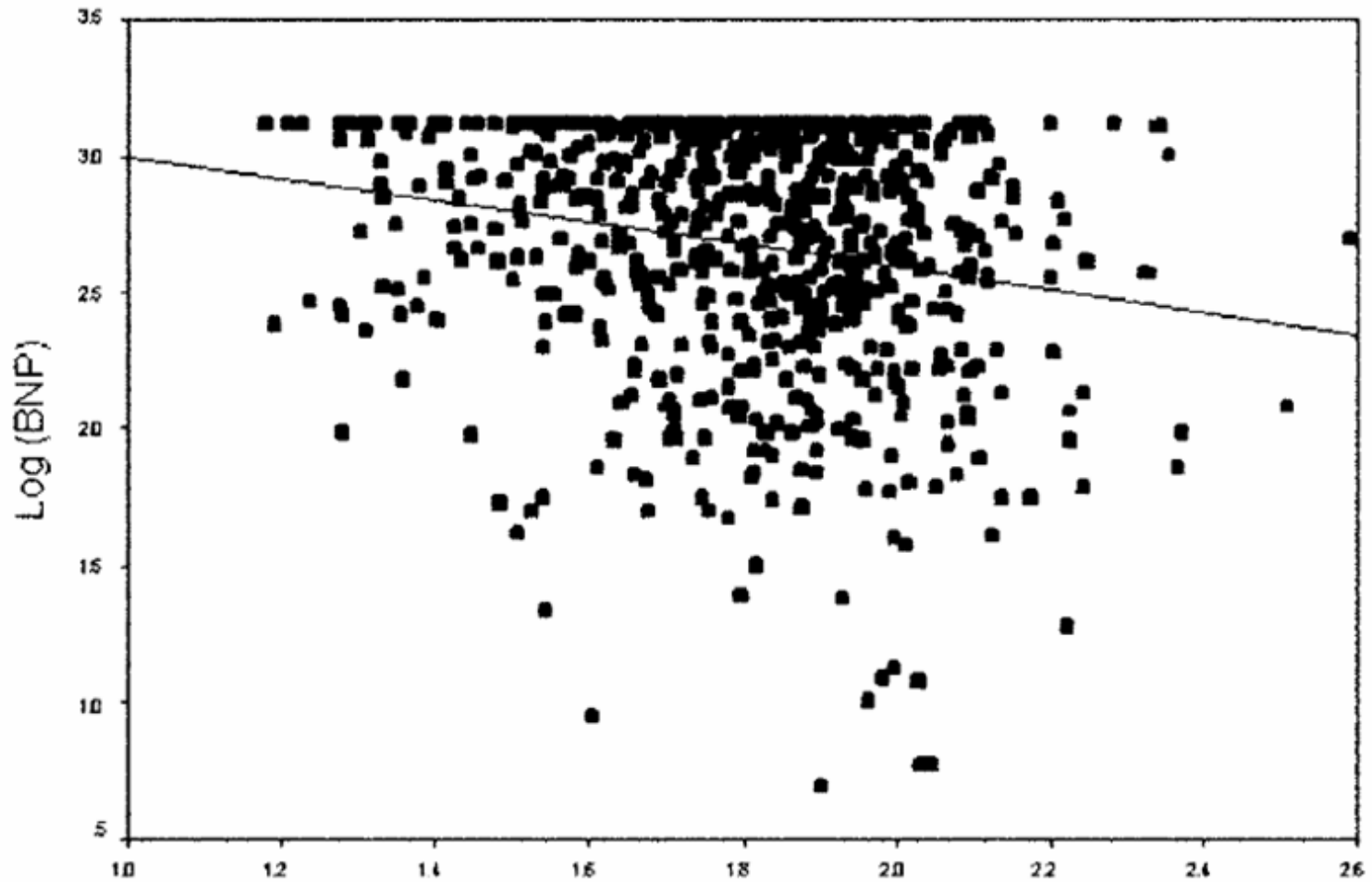
Correlations between natriuretic peptide levels and GFR

Author	Population	NT-proBNP	BNP
Mark	Amb CKD		-0.40
deFilippi	Amb CKD	-0.31	
Khan	Amb CKD	-0.45	-0.38
Vickory	Amb CKD	-0.53	-0.36
Richards	Amb ICM	-0.51	-0.51
Anwaruddin	ED all dysp	-0.55 (log)	
deFilippi	ED all dysp	-0.42	-0.34
Anwaruddin	ED Dx HF	-0.34 (log)	
McCullough	ED Dx HF		-0.19
Kimmenade	Dx HF	-0.34	

Acute dyspnea presentation

n = 715 with CHF

r = -0.20, p < 0.0001



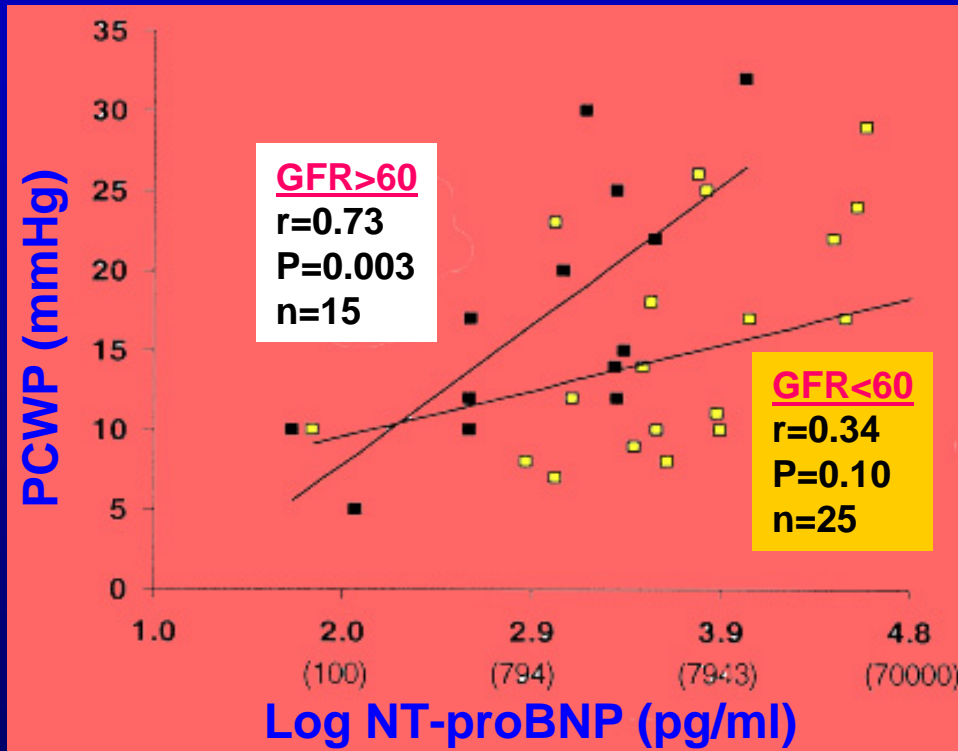
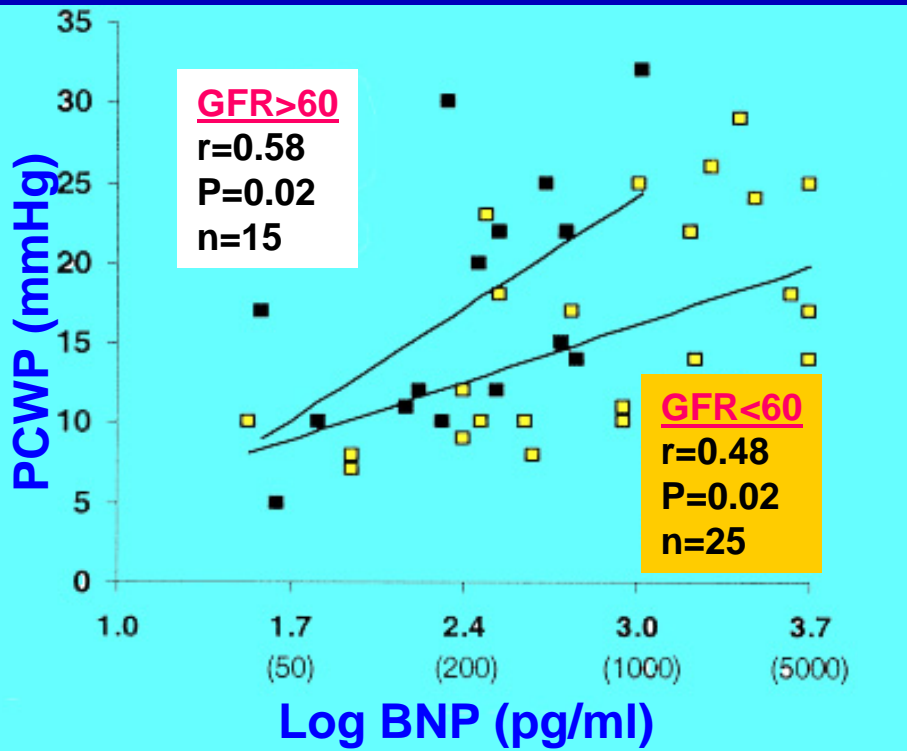
Log (eGFR)

McCullough AJKD 2003;41:571

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Renal function influences correlation of natriuretic peptide level with PCWP



Yellow boxes indicate patients with a GFR < 60 ml/min
Closed boxes indicate patients with a GFR >60 ml/min

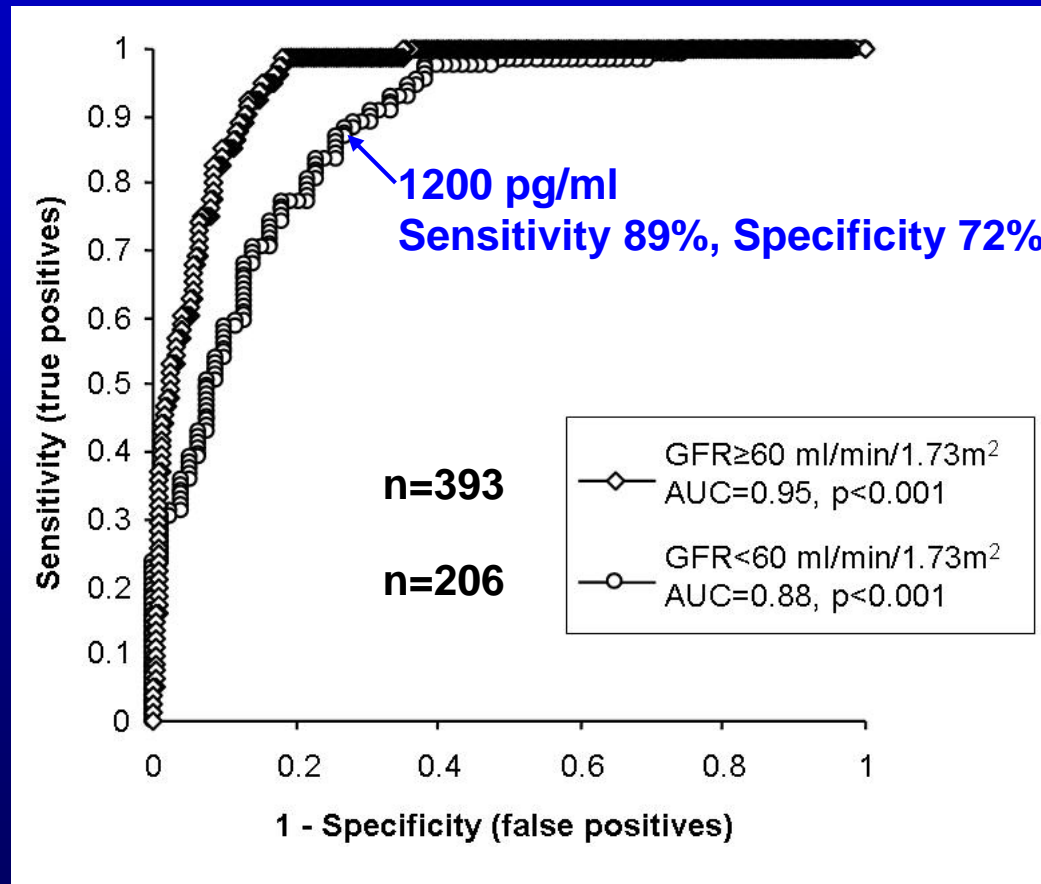
Diagnosing acute decompensated heart failure in the dyspnea patient

Impact of renal disease

BNP	eGFR (mL/min/1.73m ²)			
	>90	60-90	30-59	<30
AUC	0.91	0.90	0.81	0.86
Cut-off (pg/mL)	70.7	104.3	201.2	225
NT-proBNP	eGFR (mL/min/1.73m ²)			
	≥ 60		< 60	
AUC	0.95		0.88	
Cut-off (pg/mL)	900/450		1200	

PRIDE revisited

Accuracy of NT-proBNP for HF Dx in dyspnea patient with renal disease





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Optimal NT-proBNP Cut-points

“Rule in”

Age strata	Optimal cut-point	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV	Accuracy
All <50 years (n=184)	450 pg/ml	97%	93%	76%	99%	94%
All 50-75 years (n=537)	900 pg/ml	90%	82%	83%	88%	85%
All >75 years (n=535)	1800 pg/ml	85%	73%	92%	55%	83%
Overall average		90%	84%	88%	66%	85%

“Rule out”

	Optimal cut-point	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV	Accuracy
Rule out	300 pg/ml	99%	60%	77%	98%	83%

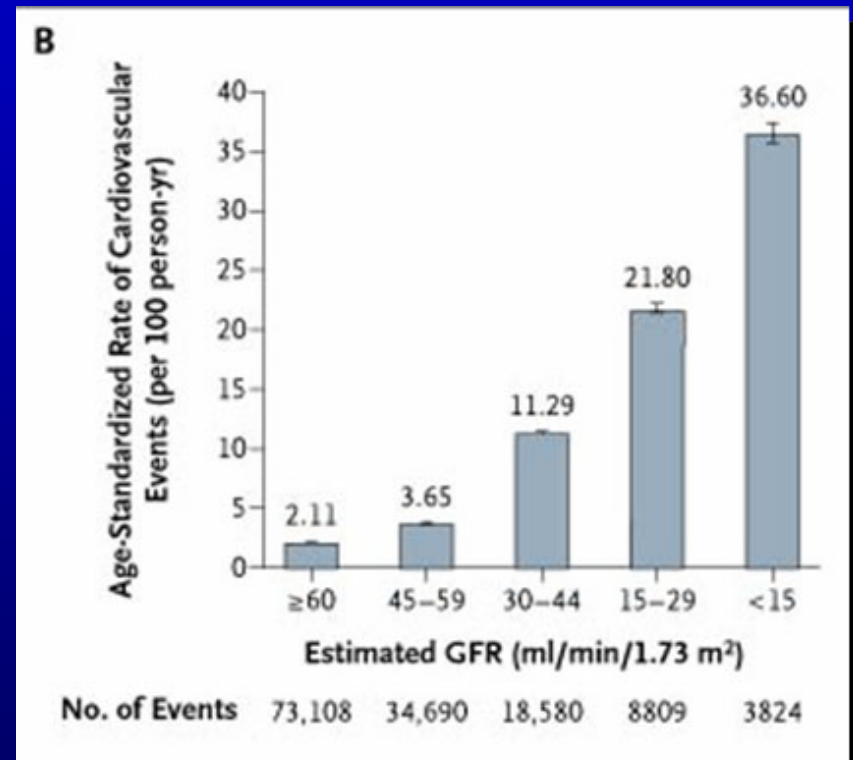
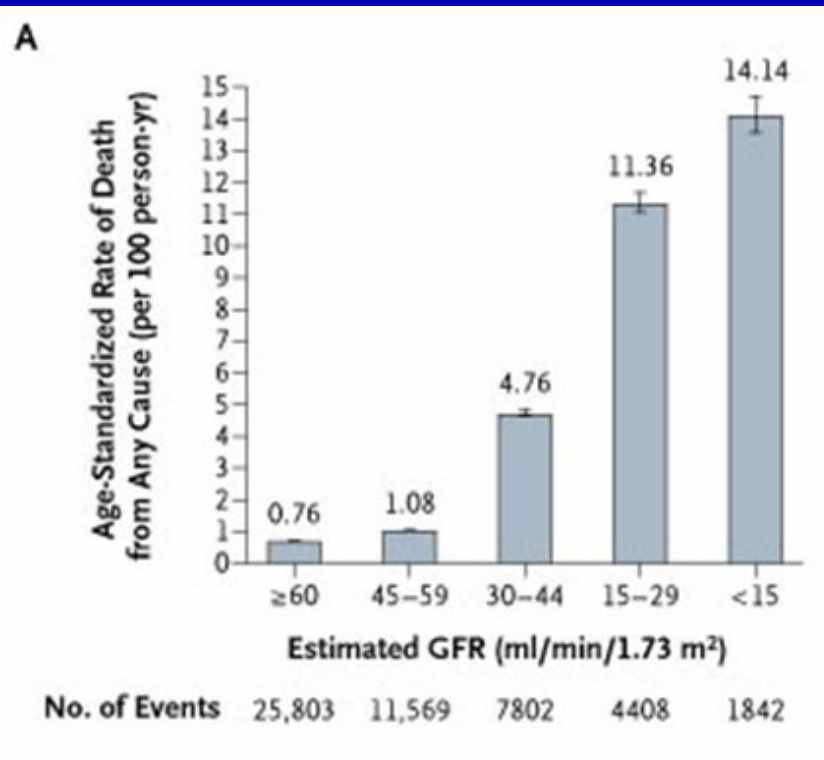
Note: these cut-points are for ACUTE CHF DIAGNOSIS ONLY

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Chronic Renal Disease and Risk

The ambulatory outpatient



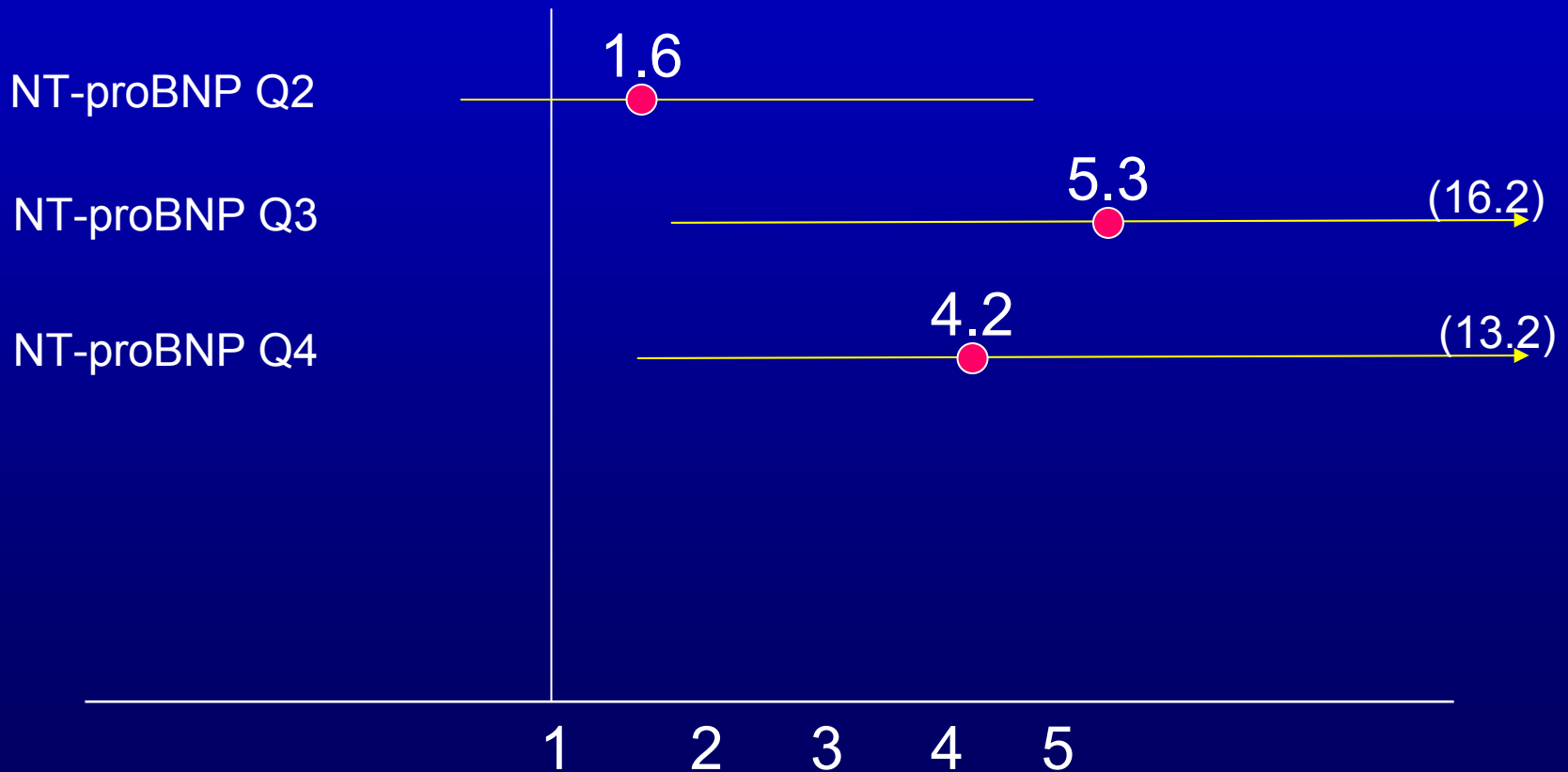
ProBNP level predicts CAD in chronic kidney disease patients

Quartiles of proBNP in asymptomatic patients with renal disease

	Q1 (4-116)	Q2 (122-490)	Q3 (490-1819)	Q4 (≥1976)	P for trend
	n=51	n=52	n=52	n=52	
Age (mean±SD)	5±15	64±13	67±12	67±13	<.001
Male n(%)	33(65)	26(50)	30(58)	32(62)	.94
Caucasian n(%)	11(22)	9(17)	13(25)	14(27)	.36
Diabetes n(%)	19(37)	25(48)	34(65)	30(58)	.03
Known CAD n(%)	6(12)	12(23)	27(52)	22(42)	<.001
GFR (mean±SD)	50±29	46±21	32±21	23±14	<.001
cTnT (>0.03ng/mL) n(%)	4(8)	6(12)	15(29)	24(46)	<.001

NT-proBNP level independently predicts CAD Dx in renal patients

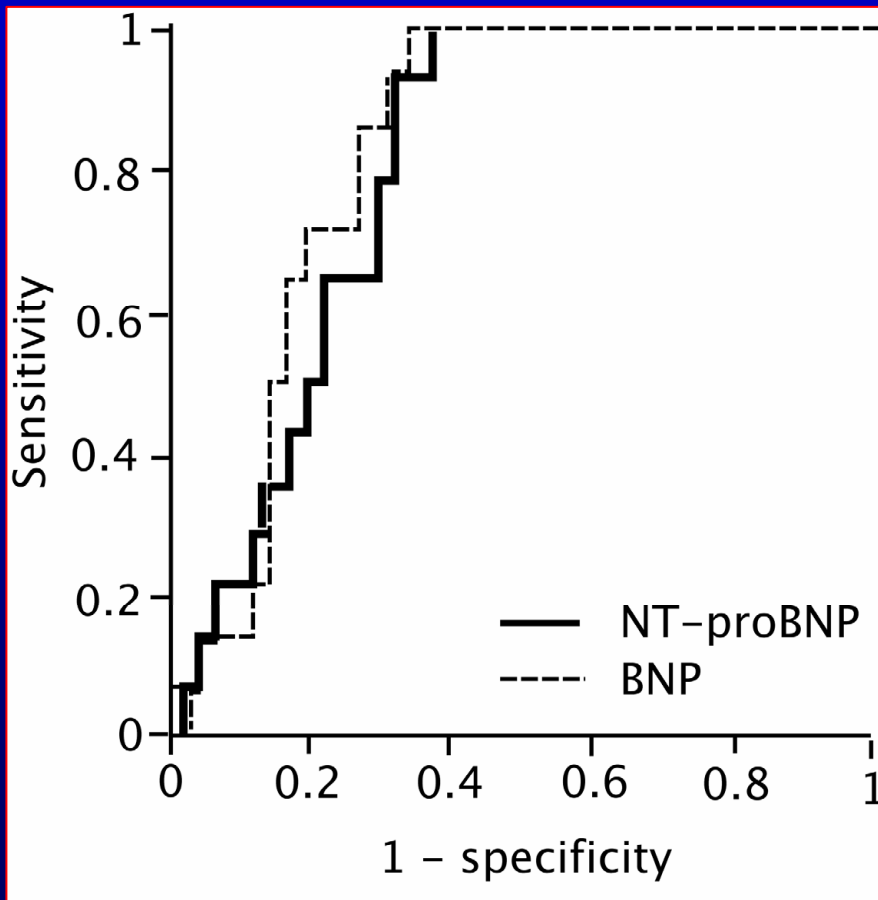
Compared to Quartile 1, adjusted for age, GFR, diabetes and cTnT (n=207)



NT-proBNP versus BNP

Ambulatory patients with CKD

Indicator of History of CAD



AUC for NT-proBNP=0.80, p=0.001
AUC for BNP=0.82, p=0.0004
P value for comparison of AUC=0.45
Prevalence of CAD Hx is 26%

Factors that impact natriuretic peptide levels in patients with CKD

Multiple linear regression analysis

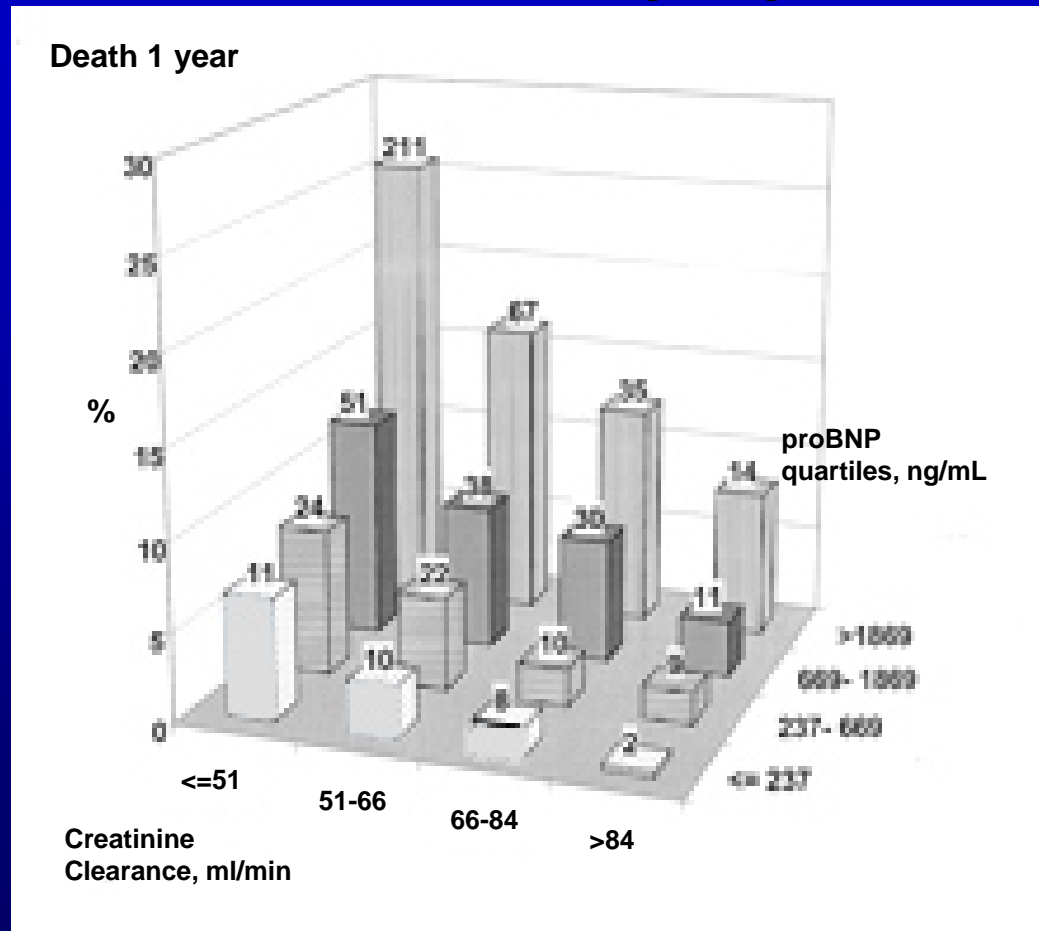
Variable	BNP		NT-proBNP	
	β Coefficient	<i>P</i>	β Coefficient	<i>P</i>
GFR	-0.0141	<0.0001	-0.0193	<0.0001
MABP	0.0102	0.0006	0.00746	0.0251
Age	0.00951	<0.0001	0.0088	0.001
Arteriopathic disease	0.312	<0.0001	0.386	<0.0001
PTH	0.000594	0.0292		
BMI			-0.0132	0.0187
Hemoglobin			-0.0471	0.0499
Calcium \times phosphate product			0.123	0.0146
Addition of LV mass index to the model				
LV mass index	0.001408	0.0223	0.002131	0.0017

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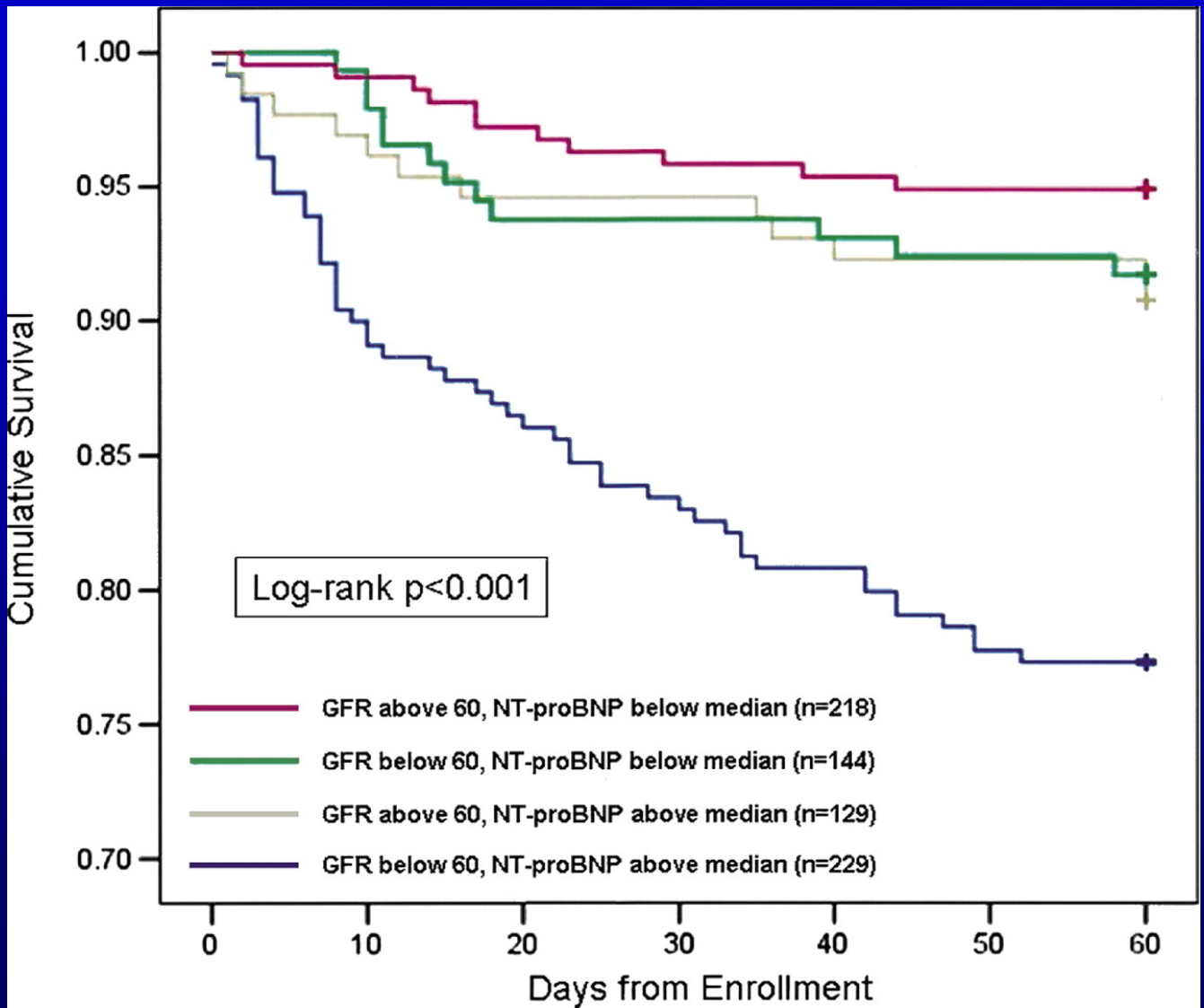
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Complementary indices of risk in patients with acute coronary syndromes



1-year outcomes from the GUSTO-IV study

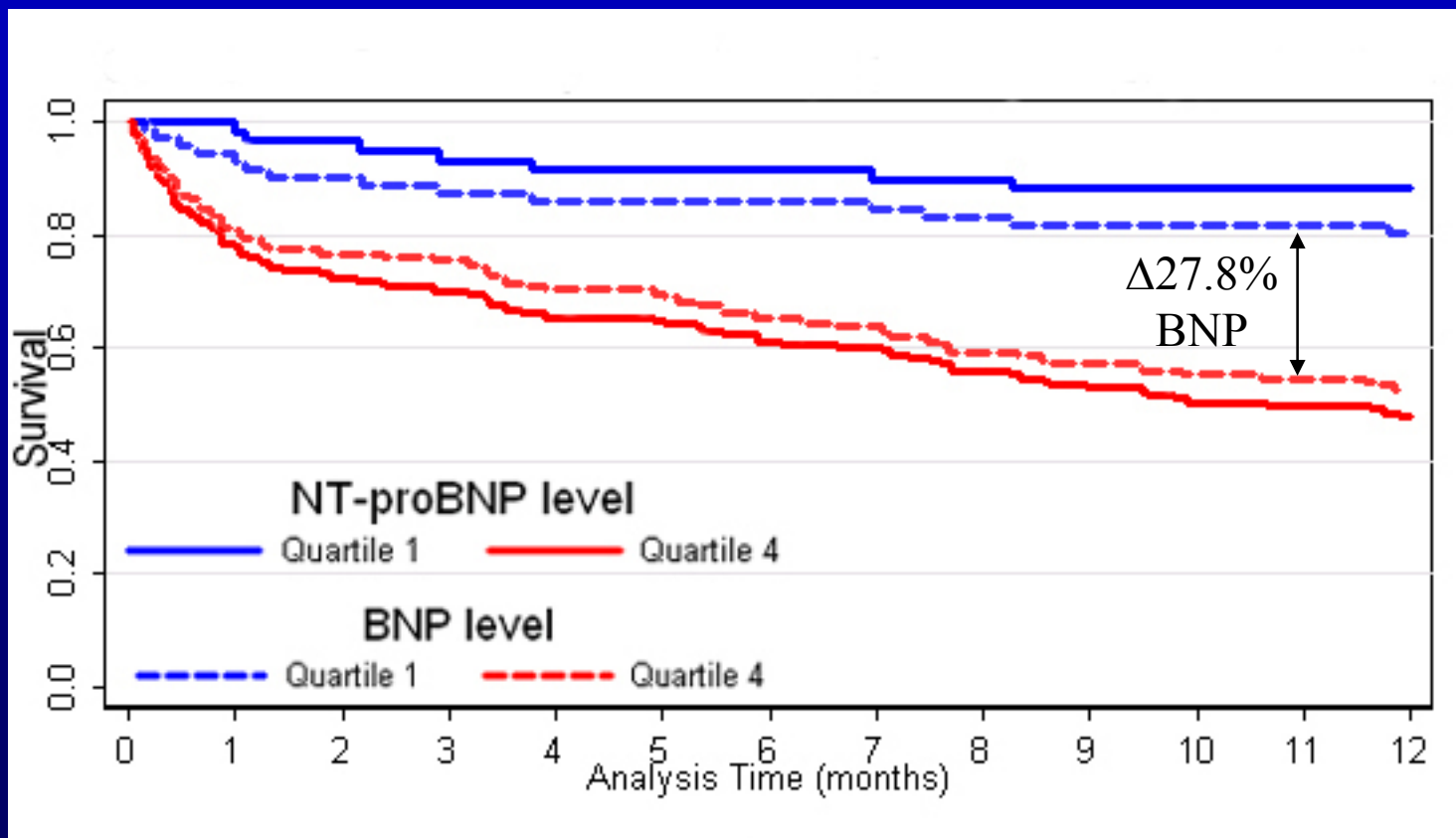
Survival curves of heart failure subjects in ICON as a function of GFR and NT-proBNP concentration on admission



Survival in dyspnea patients with renal disease

Stratification by BNP vs. NT-proBNP

Carolinas outcome study



$\Delta 40.4\%$
NT-proBNP

$\Delta 27.8\%$
BNP

Renal disease and dyspnea: NP association with one-year all-cause mortality (n=383)

	Adjusted* Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	Test of significance of biomarker
BNP		
Q1 (<88 ng/L)	Ref	$\chi^2(3)=13.5$; p=0.004
Q2 (83-333 ng/L)	1.3 (0.7, 2.7)	
Q3 (334-800 ng/L)	1.5 (0.7, 2.9)	
Q4 \geq 800 ng/L)	2.6 (1.4, 4.8)	
NT-proBNP		
Q1 (<472 ng/L)	Ref	$\chi^2(3)=21.4$; p<0.001
Q2 (472-1728 ng/L)	2.0 (0.8, 4.9)	
Q3 (1729-6000 ng/L)	2.9 (1.0, 6.7)	
Q4 >6000 ng/L	4.5 (2.0, 10.2)	
* Adjusted for age, gender, race/ethnicity, eGFR, dialysis treatment, hypertension, diabetes, atrial fibrillation, coronary disease, prior heart failure, patient disposition, and diagnosis of acute decompensated heart failure.		

Conclusions

In the Chronic Kidney Disease Patient

- ✓ **NT-ProBNP and BNP are valuable adjuncts for the diagnosis and prognosis of decompensated HF in the renal patient with dyspnea**
- ✓ **Elevated natriuretic levels in the absence of HF may often represent other acute or chronic heart disease including ischemia heart disease.**
- ✓ **Additional future applications may include risk stratification in asymptomatic subjects and patients with concomitant renal disease**