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# Chest Pain Wave I

Biomarker Testing in Chest Pain – Past, Present, and Future

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As a clinician, what makes an ideal chest pain biomarker?

# Just your average Jane

- 19:00 Monday
- 42 yo ♀, began to vomit
- Ate some “bad sushi”
- Brought by daughter
  
- 8:00 pm, arrives in ER

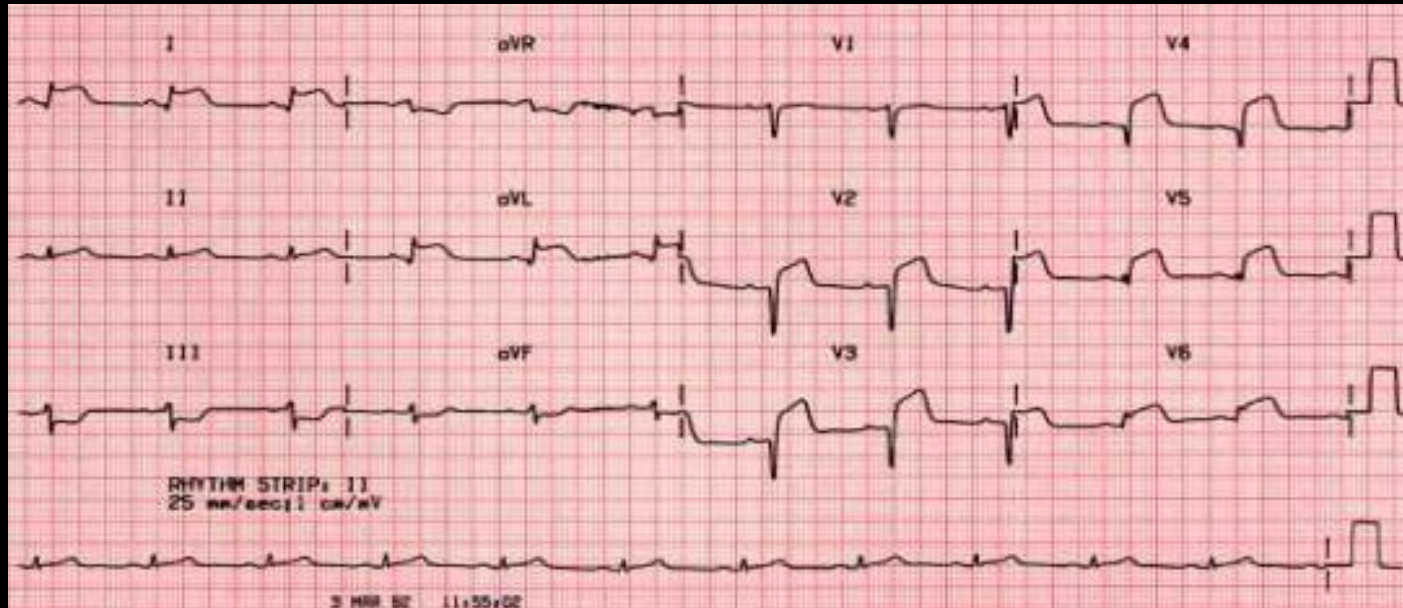


## Jane's Course

- 8:30 pm
  - EKG completely normal
  - Dr orders lytes, CBC, Tnl
  - Gets an IV
  - 4 mg odansetron
  - 1 liter normal saline
  - Tnl
- 3.5 hours later (1am)
  - Feels better, wants to leave
  - Is discharged home
- Diagnosis: food poisoning



- At 6am Jane collapses
- Paramedics arrive within 4 minutes of call
- Found in VT, defibrillated
- 17 mins after arrest, returns to NSR



Prehospital ECG transmitted  
Taken straight to cath lab  
DTB 27 minutes

Jane never wakes up

# Epidemiology of CHD in the US

- **Single most frequent cause of death**
  - 656,000 deaths in 2002, 1 of every 5 deaths
- Incidence each year
  - 1.2 million new or recurrent coronary event; >40% will die
  - 700,000 are 1<sup>st</sup> attacks; 500,000 are recurrences
- Prevalence
  - 13 million Americans have a history of CHD
- **Legal consequences for emergency docs**
  - #1 settlement cost
  - Most like to be sued in the 1<sup>st</sup> 5 years after residency

**If you think this is the way they look...**

**In 2018, it is estimated  
YOU will miss 423,600  
AMIs**

**8% of all ER  
visits are for  
chest pain**

**1/3 have no chest pain**



# What about Chest Pain in MI?

- In a study of 434,877 patients with confirmed MI from 1674 US hospitals
  - More than one third of all AMI patients present without chest pain
  - Of these, 63.7% were UA/NSTEMI patients
- Certain MI patients (women, elderly, HF) are more likely to present without chest pain

# Closing Time


- You don't have to go home, but you can't stay here....
  - Semisonic



# The ER docs challenge

Admit them all:  
*and let the insurance company sort them out...*

Discharge them all  
*and let God sort them out...*



Acute CHEST PAIN.  
ECG is NONDIAGNOSTIC.  
Low RISK for MI.  
Moderate-risk for UNSTABLE ANGINA.

## SHOULD YOU SEND HIM HOME?

Nuclear imaging can help you improve the management of patients with acute chest pain. With nuclear imaging in its chest pain protocol, an emergency department in Virginia reduced admissions by 20% and length of stay by 50%-63%.<sup>1</sup>

**NUCLEAR IMAGING.**  
THE CONFIDENCE OF KNOWING.

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1. Chest Pain: A Study of the Effect of Nuclear Imaging on Emergency Department Admissions and Length of Stay. [www.fujisawa.com](http://www.fujisawa.com)

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# Emergency Medicine Roulette



What % are discharged from the ED??

# Consequences.....

- What happens to an emergency doc who gets it wrong.....?



# The Ideal Biomarker for Suspect ACS (not CP)

- Veeeeeeery sensitive
  - Remember Tn in the “old days”

# Hs Tn (STATISTICAL) Definition

You can't have it both ways

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Sensitivity

$$TP / (TP + FN)$$

Specificity

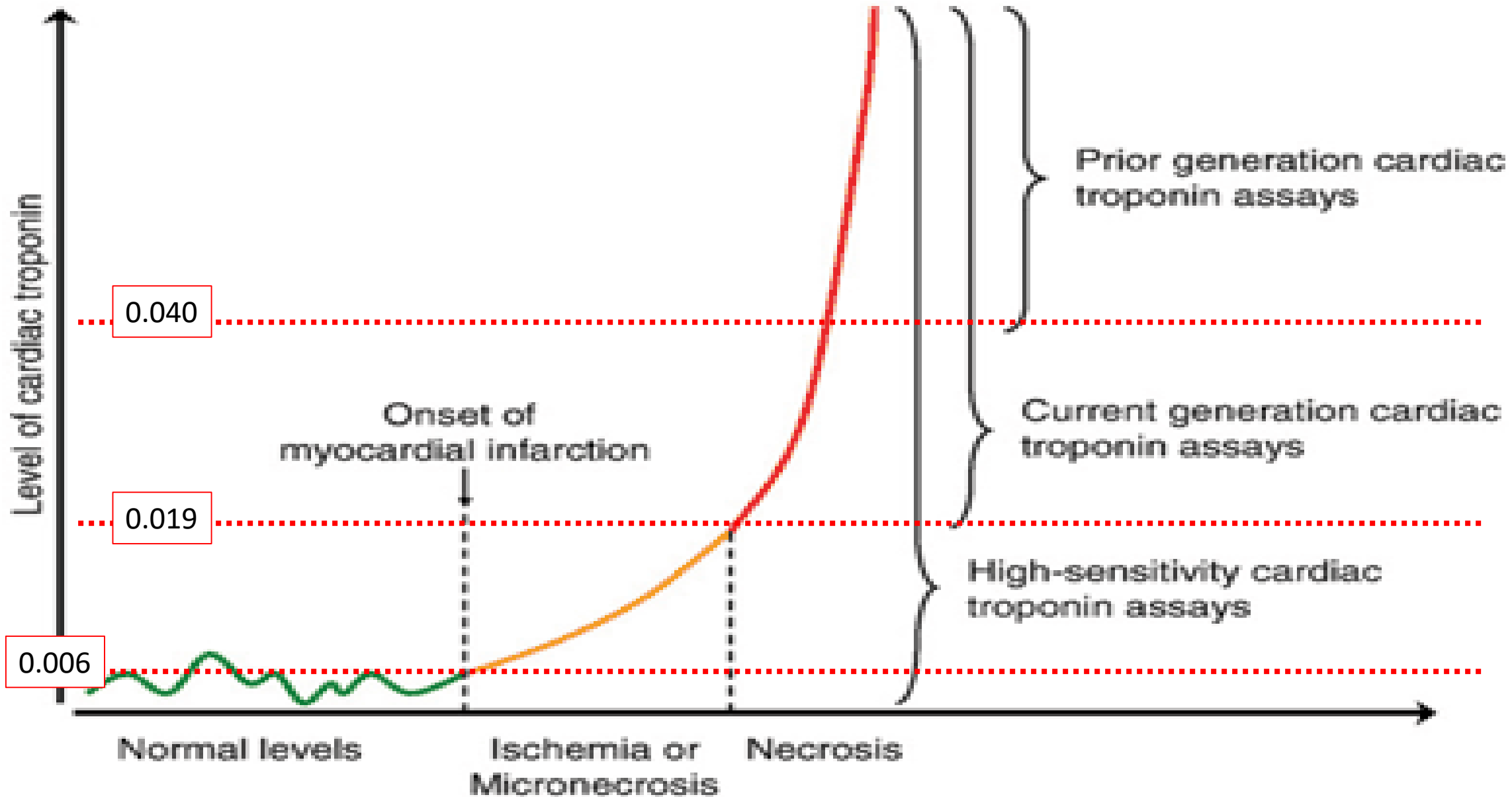
$$TN / (TN + FP)$$



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- Speed?

# Speed?



- Rapid but insensitive?
- One and done?
  - If long symptoms?
    - Guidelines say yes
  - If really low level?
    - Data says no

## Annals of Internal Medicine

### Rapid Rule-out of Acute Myocardial Infarction With a Single High-Sensitivity Cardiac Troponin T Measurement Below the Limit of Detection

A Collaborative Meta-analysis

- Meta-analysis
- N=9241 pts in 11 studies
  - 2825 (30.6%) low risk
  - 14 (0.5%) AMI, no deaths
- AMI Sn = 98.7% (95% CI, 96.6% to 99.5%)
  - 87.5% to 100% in individual studies
- 30 day MACE Sn = 98.0% (CI, 94.7% to 99.3%)
  - 87.9% to 100%

Pickering JW  
Ann Intern Med.  
2017;166(10):715-724

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- Speed
- Specificity?

# Specificity:

Exactly how many ICU beds do you got?



# Hospitalization MARKEDLY Increases HAC

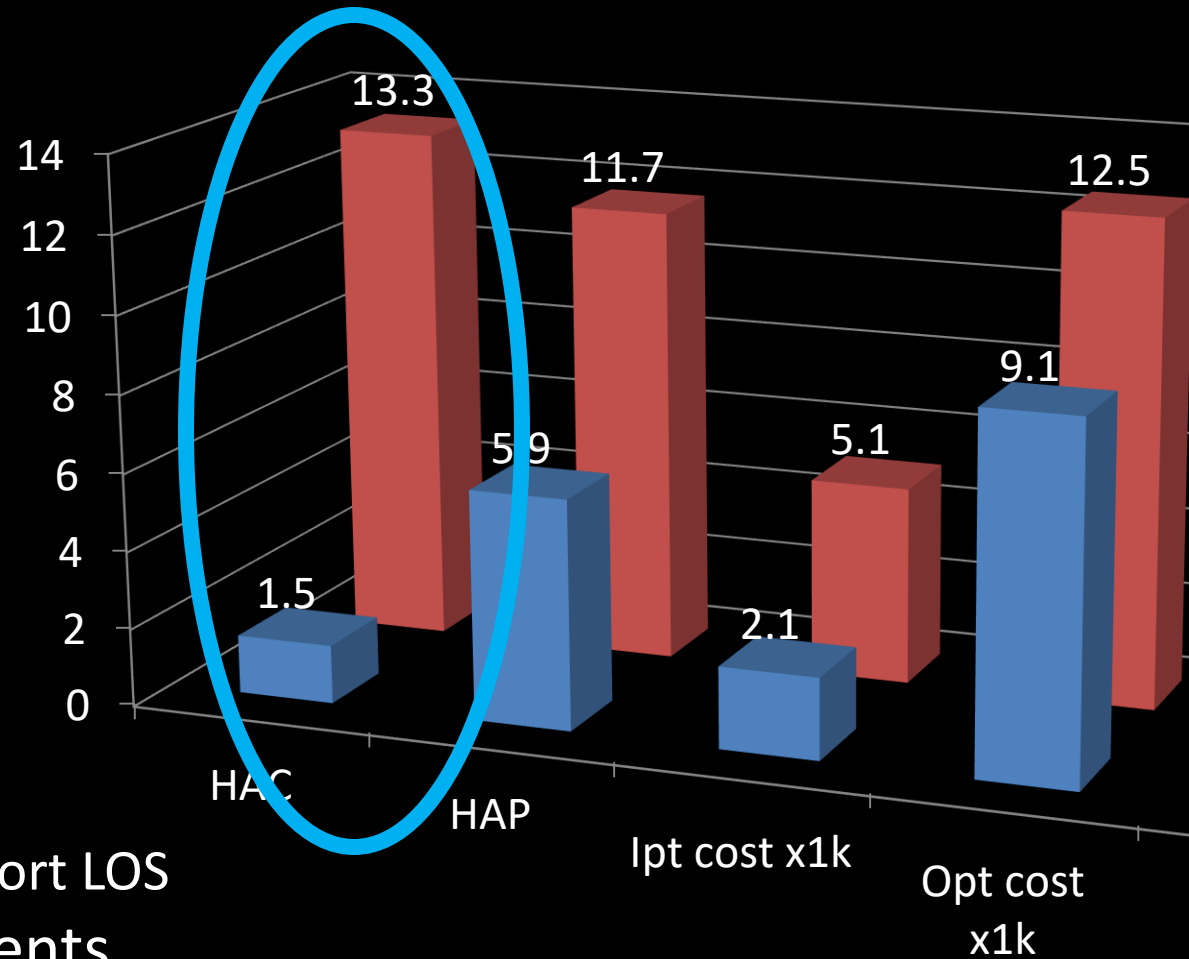
## Premier Database

- Definitions

- Short LOS < 2 days
- Adverse PE events (aPE)  
2<sup>nd</sup> DVT, MB, or death
- Hospital Acquired Conditions (HAC)

- 6,746 PE

- 1,918 Low risk by sPESI
  - 688 (35.9%) LRPE had a short LOS
- After PSM: 784 LRPE patients



No Difference in aPE btwn Short vs Long LOS (p>0.05)

887% increase in HAC



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- Speed
- Specificity
- Costs?

# Cost of hsTn vs conventional Tn

- Cost/LYG: €4945
- Cost/QALY: € 7370

Vaidya A. BMC Cardiovascular Disorders 2014, 14:77

- Cost/QALY: £7,340 to £12,340

Thokala P. Heart 2012;98:1498e1503

# The Ideal Biomarker for Suspect ACS (not CP)

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- Speed
- Specificity
- Costs
- Prognosis?

As a laboratorian, what makes an ideal chest pain biomarker?

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biomarker>

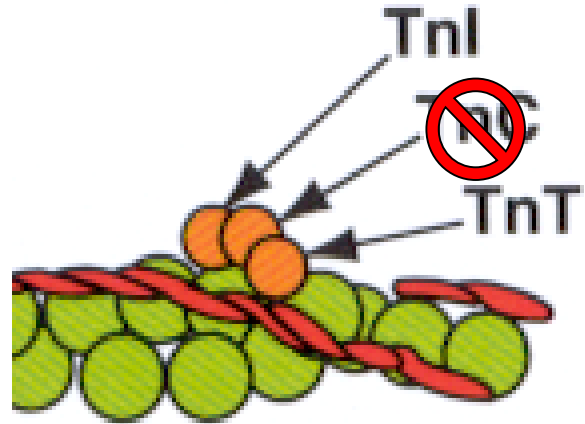
- In medicine, a **biomarker** is a measurable characteristic that reflects the severity or presence of some disease state. More generally a biomarker is anything that can be used as an indicator of a particular disease state or some other physiological state of an organism.

**Biochemical Marker**

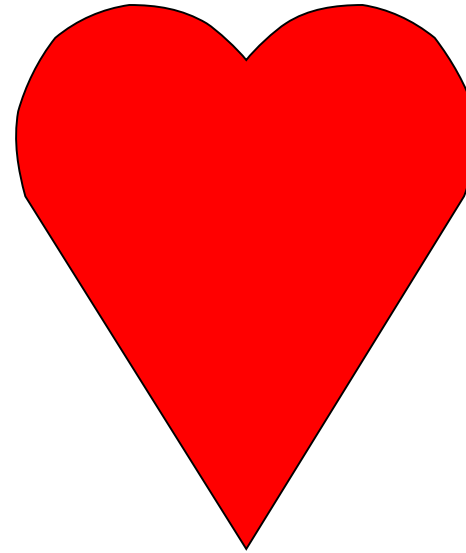
# When troponin is increased think heart

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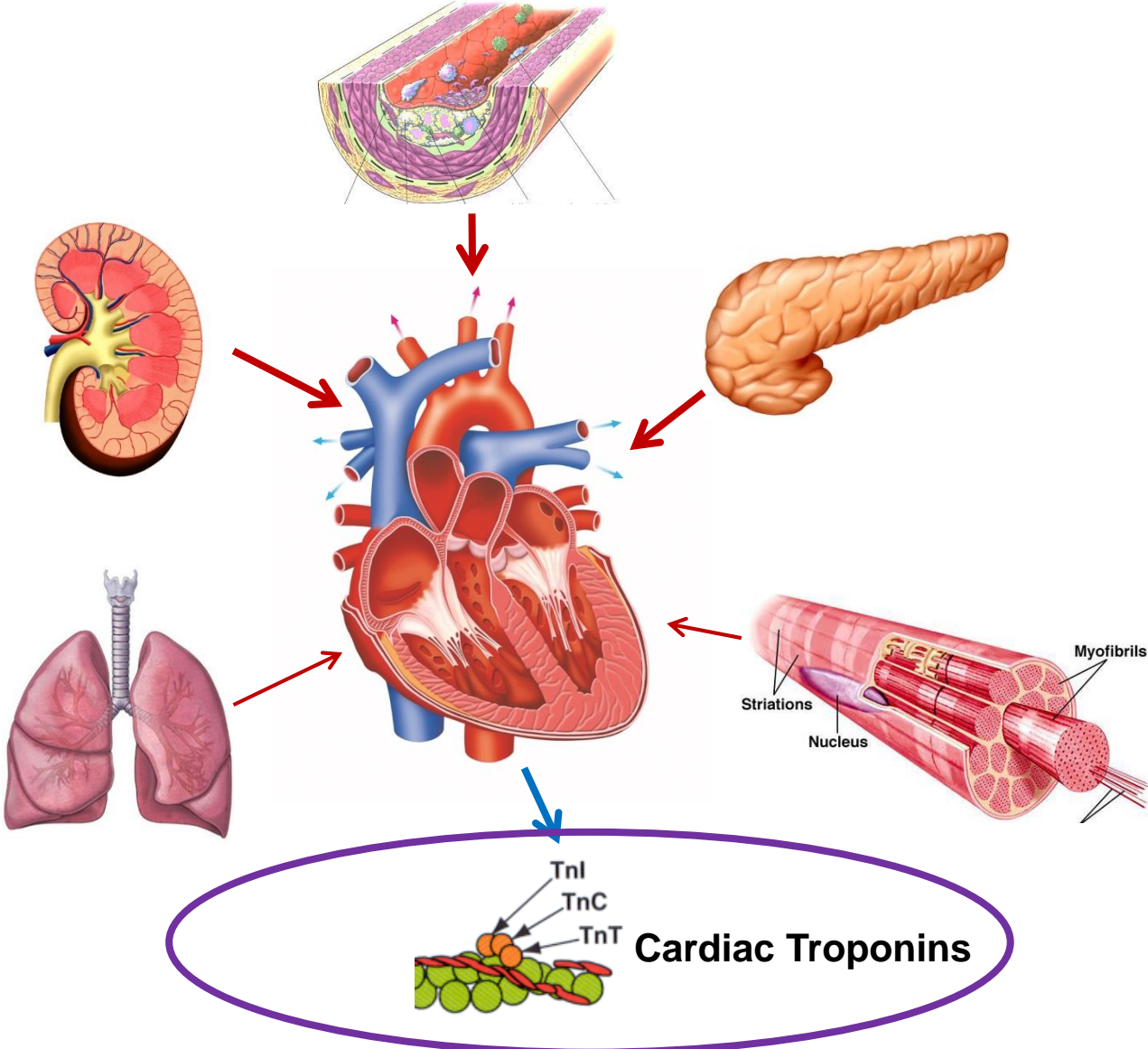
Cardiac isoforms in blood



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# Biomarker levels represent a summation of the influence of acute and chronic comorbidities



# Elevated Troponin in Patients without ACS or Heart Failure

Kelley et al. Clin. Chem. 2009 Dec;55(12):2098-112

- **Acute Disease**

- Cardiac and Vascular
- Acute Aortic dissection
- Cerebrovascular accident
- Ischemic Stroke
- Intracerebral Hemorrhage
- Subarachnoid Hemorrhage
- Medical ICU Patients

- **Chronic Disease**

- ESRD
- Cardiac infiltrative disorders
- Amyloidosis
- Sarcoidosis
- Hemochromatosis
- Scleroderma

**Heart Specific**



**Disease Specific**



- Birth Complications in Infants
- Extreme Low Birth Weight
- Preterm Delivery
- Acute Complications of Inherited Disorders
- Neurofibromatosis
- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
- Klippel-Feil syndrome
- Environmental Exposure
- Carbon Monoxide
- Hydrogen Sulfide
- Colchicine exposure

- Other Medications
- **Myocardial Injury**

- Blunt Chest Injury
- Endurance athletes
- Envenomation
- Snake
- Jellyfish
- Spider
- Centipede
- Scorpion



**2014 AHA/ACC Guideline for the Management of Patients With Non-ST-Elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes: Executive Summary**  
**A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines**

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EXPERT CONSENSUS DOCUMENT



**2015 ESC Guidelines for the management of acute coronary syndromes in patients presenting without persistent ST-segment elevation**

**Task Force for the Management of Acute Coronary Syndromes in Patients Presenting without Persistent ST-Segment Elevation of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)**

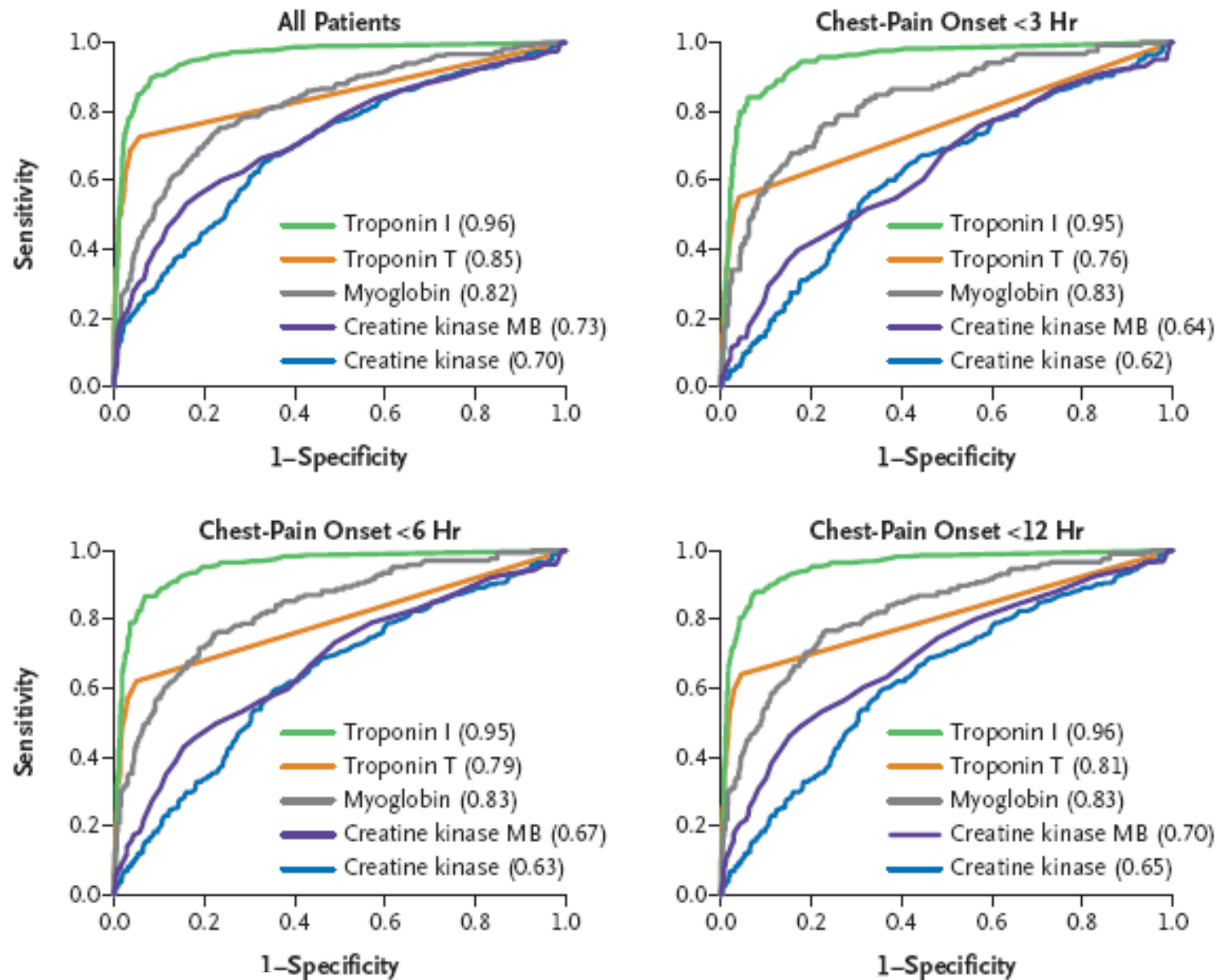
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**Third universal definition of myocardial infarction**

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# Single Biomarker Test for MI



# 2014 AHA/ACC Guideline for the Management of Patients With Non–ST-Elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes

Recommendations	COR	LOE
<b>Diagnosis</b>		
Measure cardiac-specific troponin (troponin I or T) at presentation and 3–6 h after symptom onset in all patients with suspected ACS to identify pattern of values	I	A
Obtain additional troponin levels beyond 6 h in patients with initial normal serial troponins with electrocardiographic changes and/or intermediate/high risk clinical features	I	A
Consider time of presentation the time of onset with ambiguous symptom onset for assessing troponin values	I	A
With contemporary troponin assays, CK-MB and myoglobin are not useful for diagnosis of ACS	III: No Benefit	A
<b>Prognosis</b>		
Troponin elevations are useful for short- and long-term prognosis	I	B
Remeasurement of troponin value once on d 3 or 4 in patients with MI may be reasonable as an index of infarct size and dynamics of necrosis	IIb	B
BNP may be reasonable for additional prognostic information	IIb	B

Circulation. 2014 Dec 23;130(25):e344-426.

**38% of SCPC accredited Medical Centers use Cardiac Troponin assay as the sole marker for diagnosis of ACS!**

## Definition of Myocardial Infarction

**“Small heart attacks are so common; they are almost within normal range.”**

**Paul Dudley White, 1957  
The Father of American Cardiology**

**Prophetic**

# Third Universal Definition of Myocardial Infarction

published online August 24, 2012; Circulation.

**Definition of myocardial infarction**

**Criteria for acute myocardial infarction**

The term acute myocardial infarction (MI) is defined as the presence of at least one of the following criteria:

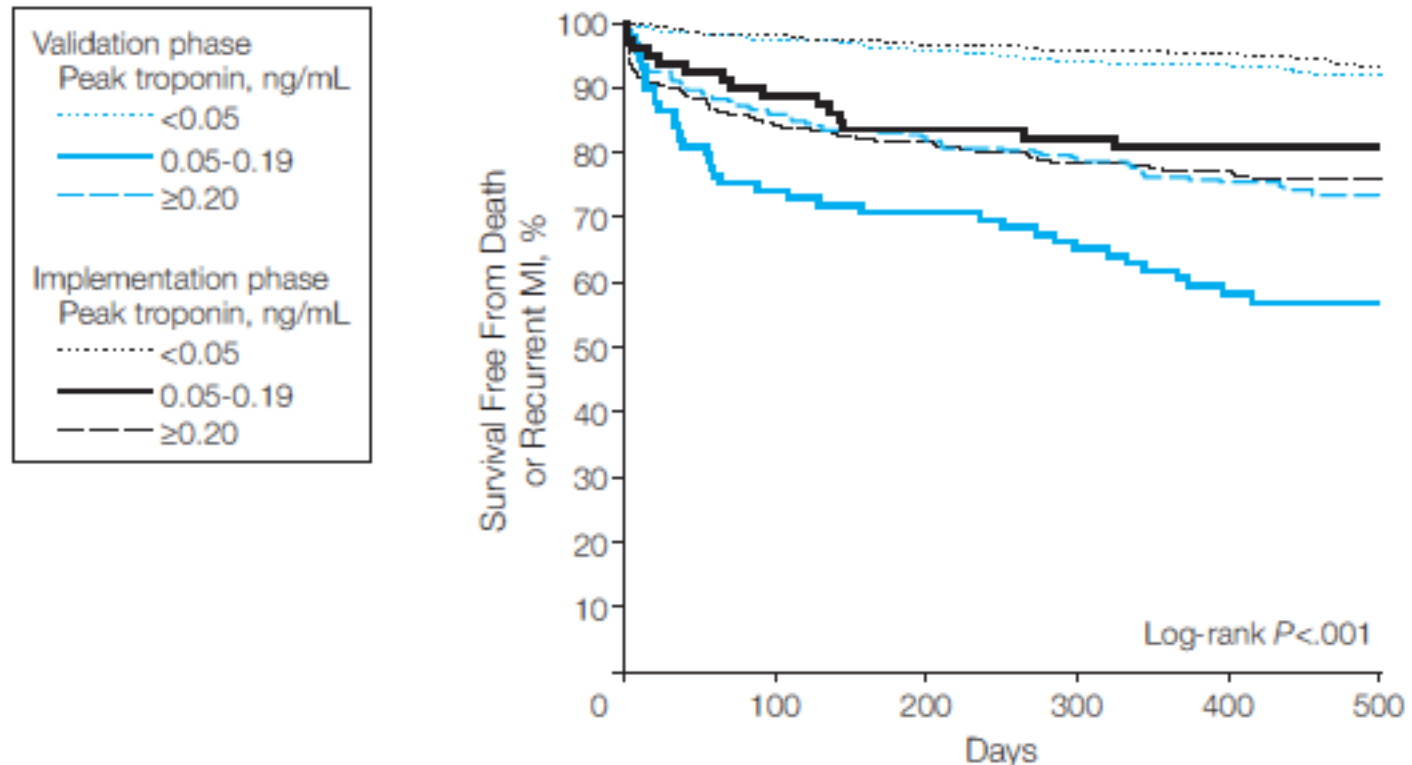
- Detection of a rise and/or fall of cardiac biomarker values [preferably cardiac troponin] with at least one value above the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile upper reference limit
- Cardiac death
- Percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) with new ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) or non-STEMI (NSTEMI) suggestive of myocardial ischaemia or (ii) new ischaemic ECG changes or (iii) angiographic findings consistent with a procedural complication or (iv) imaging demonstration of new loss of viable myocardium or new regional wall motion abnormality
- Stent thrombosis associated with new ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) or non-STEMI (NSTEMI) and/or fall of cardiac biomarker values
- Coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) with new ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) or non-STEMI (NSTEMI) in patients with normal baseline cardiac troponin values (<99<sup>th</sup> percentile URL). In addition, either (i) new pathological Q waves or new LBBB, or (ii) angiographic documented new graft or new native coronary artery occlusion, or (iii) imaging evidence of new loss of viable myocardium or new regional wall motion abnormality.

**Consensus 'Guidance' Document**

**Detection of a rise and/or fall of cardiac biomarker values [preferably cardiac troponin] with at least one value above the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile upper reference limit ...**

- **Less than 50%** of institutions in the USA use the recommended **99<sup>th</sup> percentile cutpoint** for diagnosis of myocardial infarction.
- **Less than 50%** of the institutions in the **developed world use the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile** cutpoint for diagnosis of myocardial infarction.

# Implementation of a Sensitive Troponin I Assay and Risk of Recurrent Myocardial Infarction and Death in Patients With Suspected Acute Coronary Syndrome



Mills et al. JAMA. 2011;305(12):1210-1216

OK – so troponin is THE cardiac biomarker for now, and the foreseeable future...but, are all troponin tests the same and what does *high-sensitivity* mean?



# Are All Cardiac Troponin Assays Created Equal?

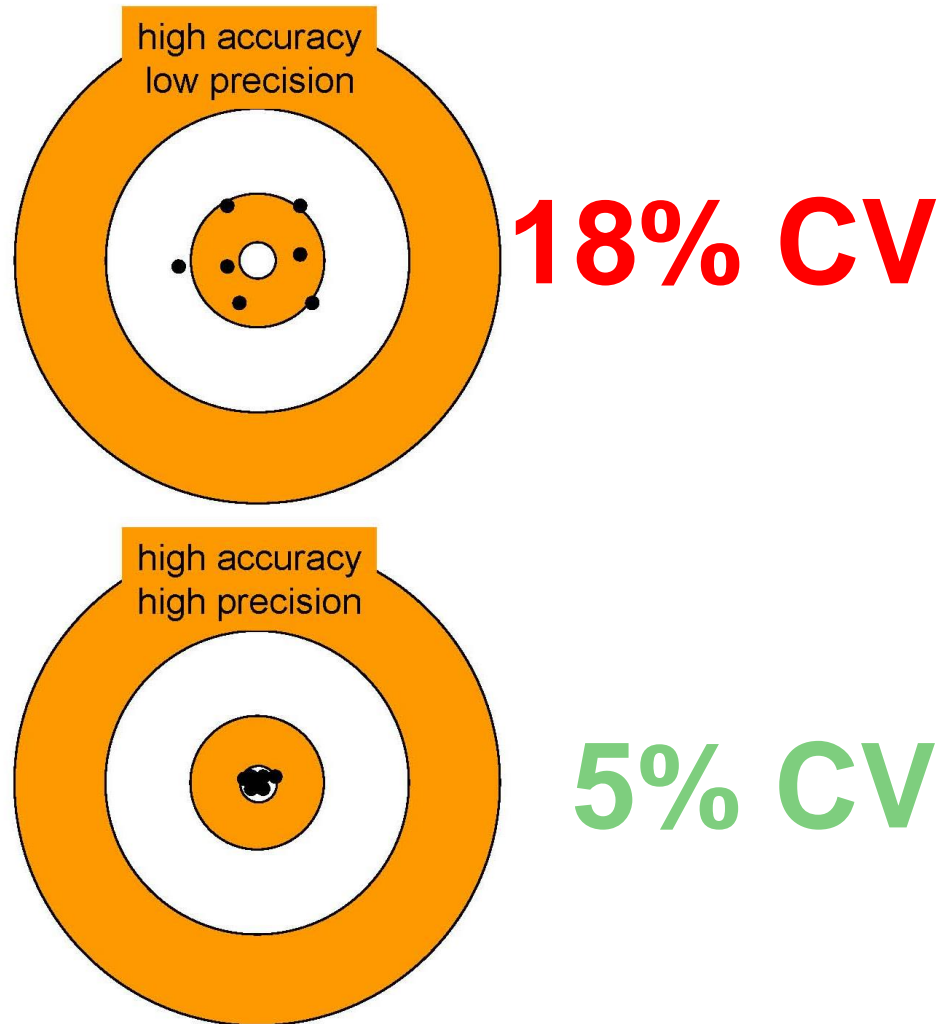
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Are All Cardiac  
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Created Equal?

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**NO**<sup>1000</sup>

# High Accuracy, Different Precision



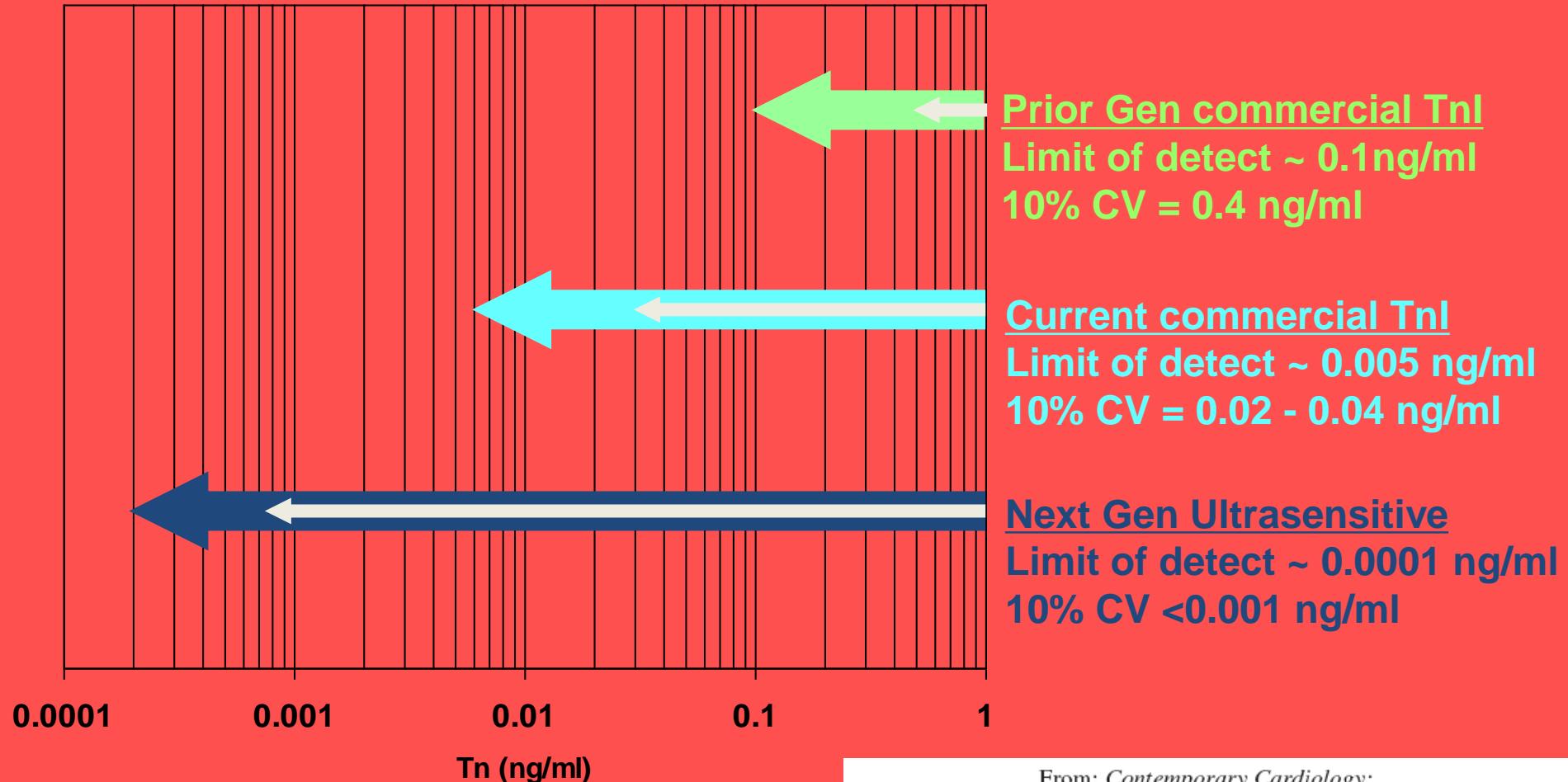
**High Sensitivity Cardiac Tn Assays are more precise**

# What is High-Sensitivity Cardiac Troponin?

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- IFCC defines high-sensitivity cTn test as one that can **measure  $\geq 50\%$  of healthy subjects above the Limit of Detection.**
- Also, high-sensitivity cTn assays perform at the highest level of day-to-day precision, i.e.  **$CV \leq 10\%$ .**

# The Next Generation

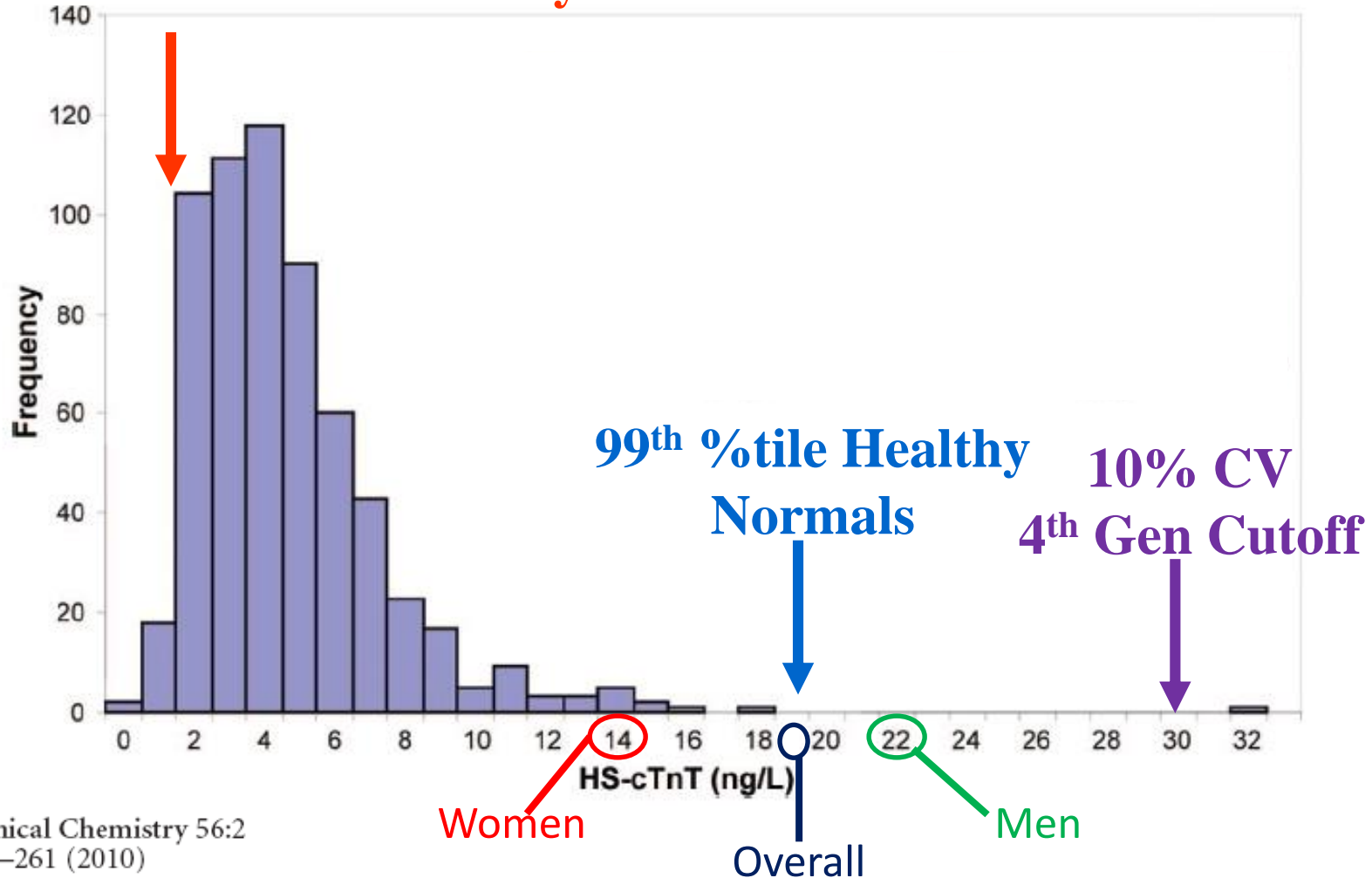


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# Troponin Normal Reference Interval

N=616; 20-70 years; 309 men (50.2%); 307 women 49.8%

## LoD for 5<sup>th</sup> Gen TnT assay



Clinical Chemistry 56:2  
254-261 (2010)

# Cardiac Troponin Units of Measure

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ng/mL, Contemporary versus ng/L, 5<sup>th</sup> Generation  
and High-sensitivity

High-sensitivity • 19 ng/L

Contemporary • 0.03 ng/mL

High-sensitivity • 22 ng/L

Contemporary • 0.003ng/mL

Contemporary • 0.006ng/mL

High-sensitivity • 14 ng/L

High-sensitivity • 6 ng/L

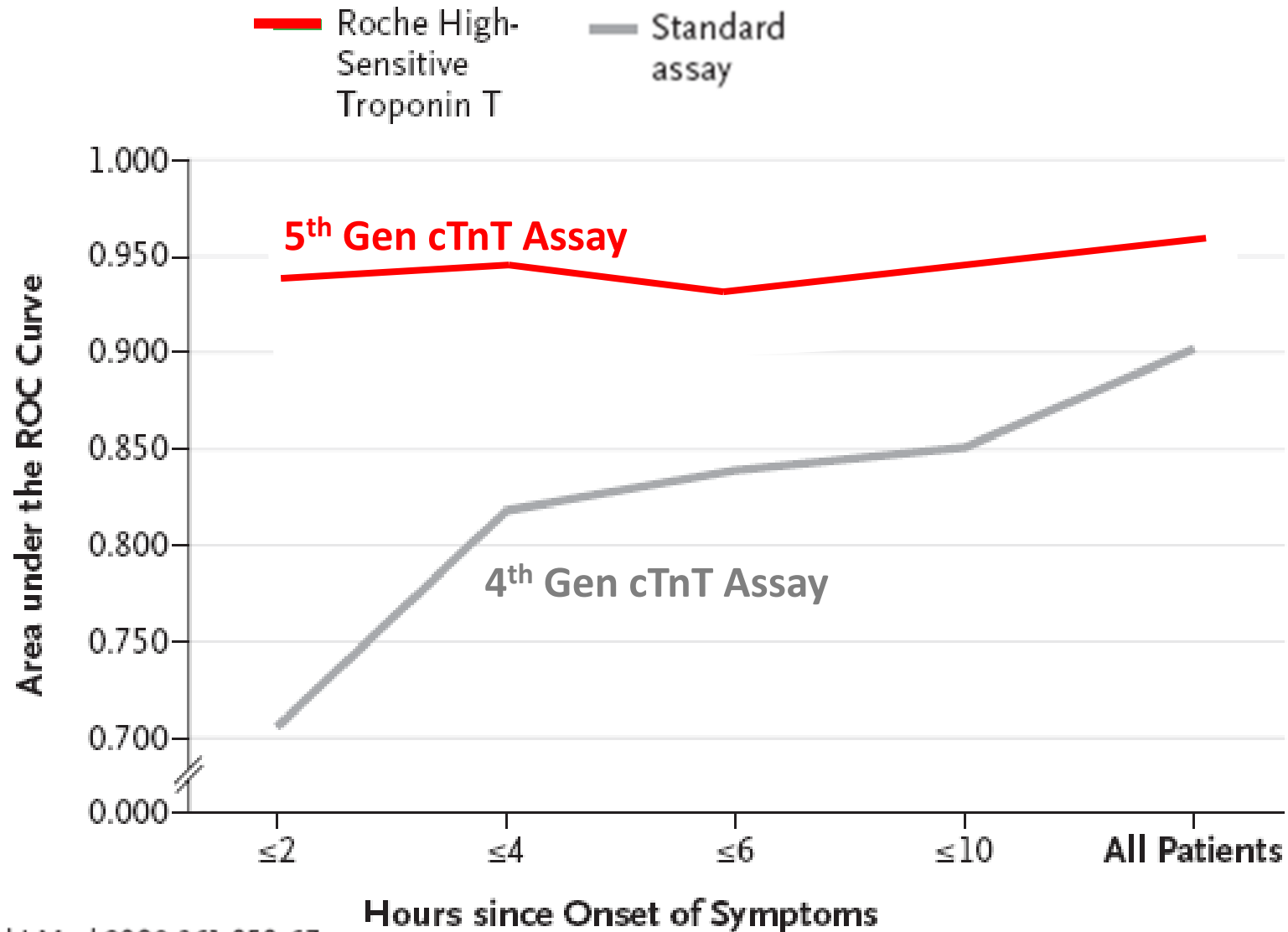
# 5th Gen USA Package Insert

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- Sex specific 99<sup>th</sup> percentile values
  - **Women 14 ng/L**
  - **Men 22 ng/L**
  - **Overall 19 ng/mL**

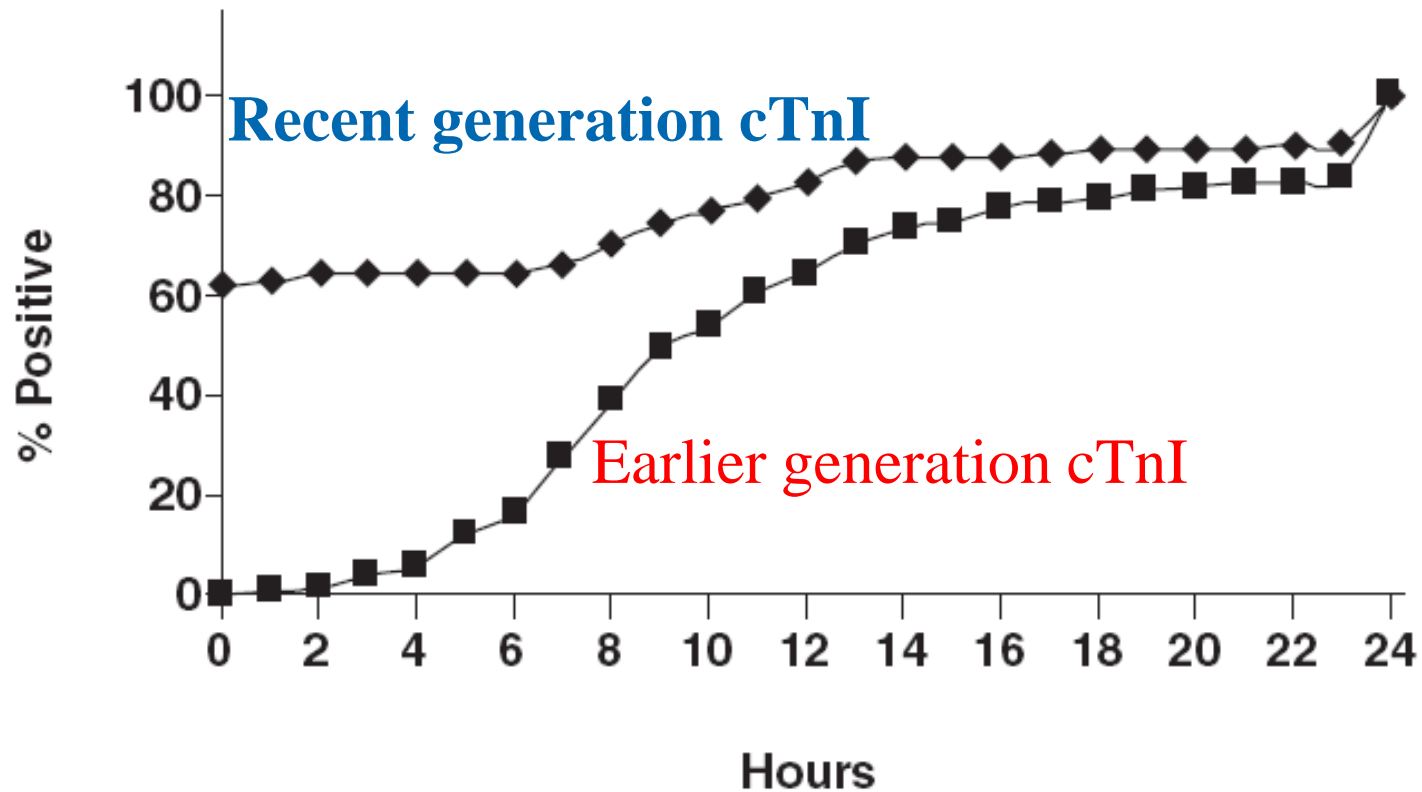


# ROC Area and Time of Symptoms Onset

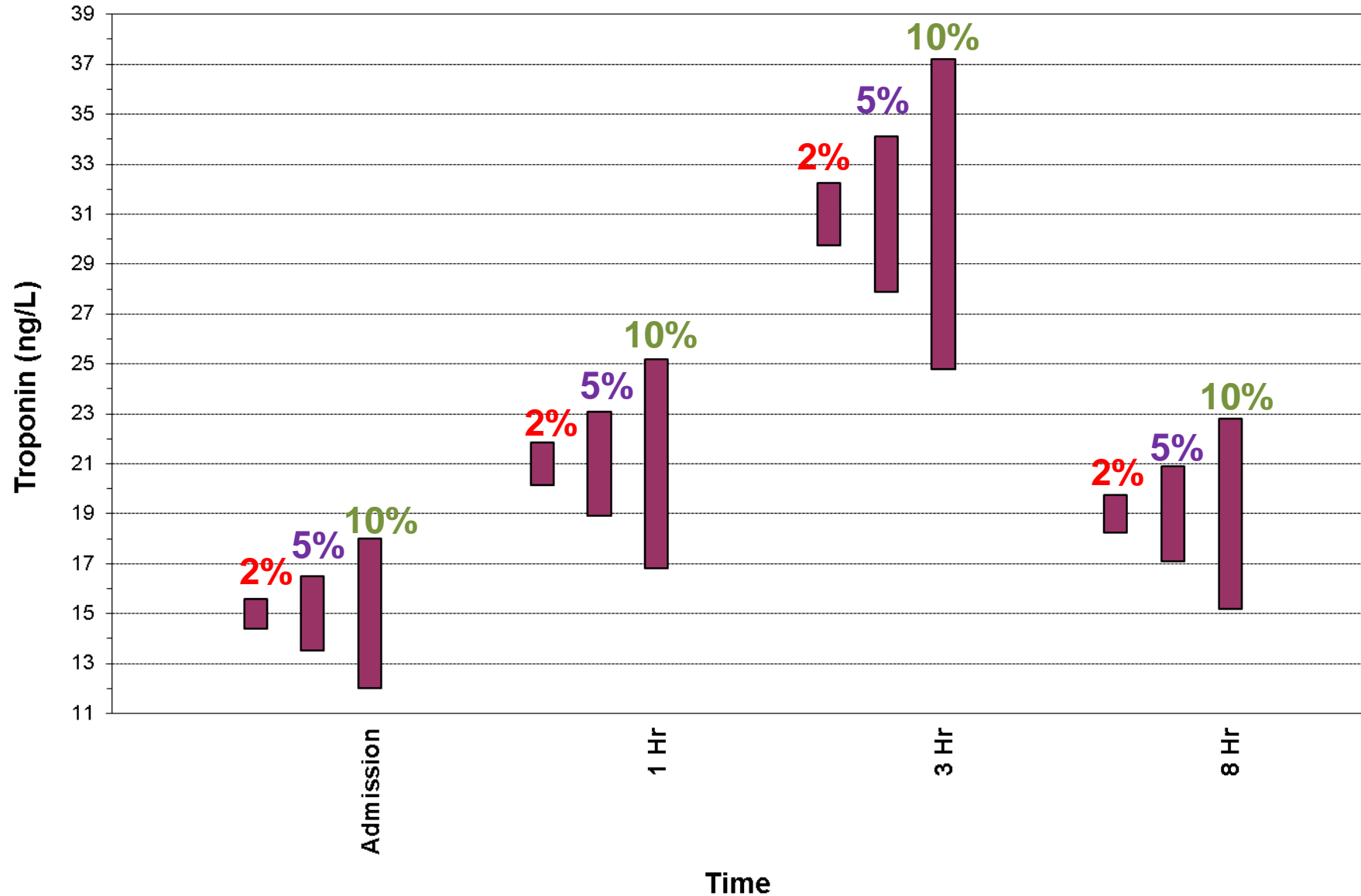


# Early vs. Later Generation cTnI

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# Total Error in Temporal Samples



What does all this mean for patient  
care?

# What is an ADP

▪ A series of activities to identify a patient as:

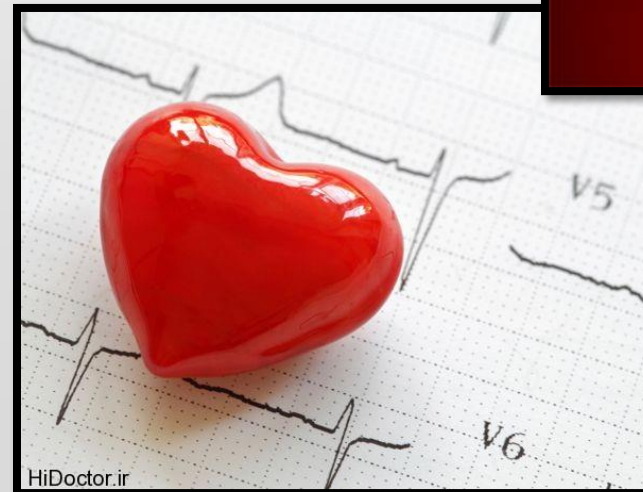
1) Having an event

2) Being at risk for having an event

Do you admit crackheads?

For being old?

3) Having nothing



# A 2-h diagnostic protocol to assess patients with chest pain symptoms in the Asia-Pacific region (ASPECT): a prospective observational validation study



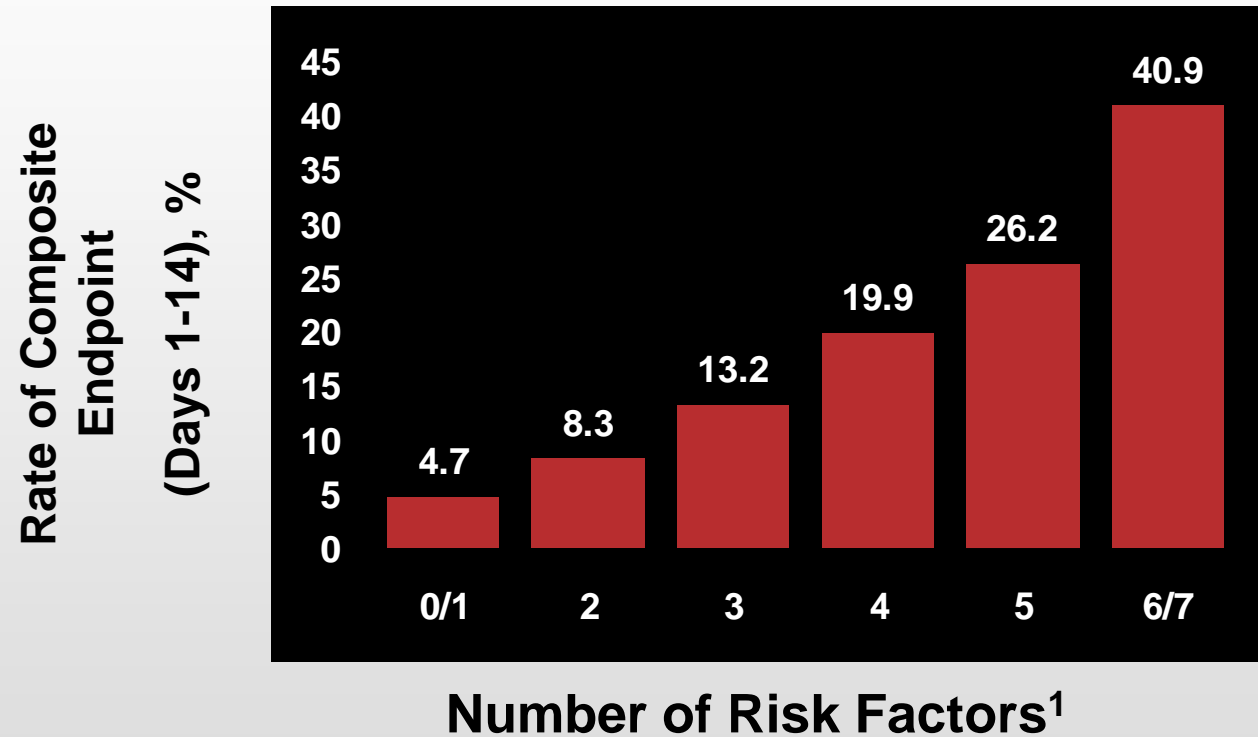
*Martin Than, Louise Cullen, Christopher M Reid, Swee Han Lim, Sally Aldous, Michael W Ardagh, W Frank Peacock, William A Parsonage, Hiu Fai Ho,*

- 14 Asia-Pacific region EDs
- >18yo with >5 mins CP
- Risk stratification (blinded to care team)
  - TIMI < 1, ECG non-dx,
  - Negative 0 & 2hr POC Tn, CKMB, myo
- Endpoint: 30 day MACE

**LOW RISK**

# TIMI Risk Score: 2 week MACE

- Risk factors:
  - Age  $\geq 65$  years
  - $\geq 3$  risk factors for CAD
  - Prior coronary stenosis  $\geq 50\%$
  - ST-segment deviation on ECG
  - $\geq 2$  anginal events in last 24 hours
  - Use of ASA in last 7 days
  - Elevated serum cardiac markers CK-MB or troponin



*Each risk factor is = 1 point, and total represents TIMI Risk Score*

*Event rates (all-cause mortality, MI, or UTVR) increase with each 1-point increase in score*

# ASPECT

- **N=3582**
  - 30 day MACE in 421 (11.8%)
  - Most often NSTEMI
- ADP identified **9.8%** (352/3582) as low risk
  - 3 (0.9%) had 30 day MACE

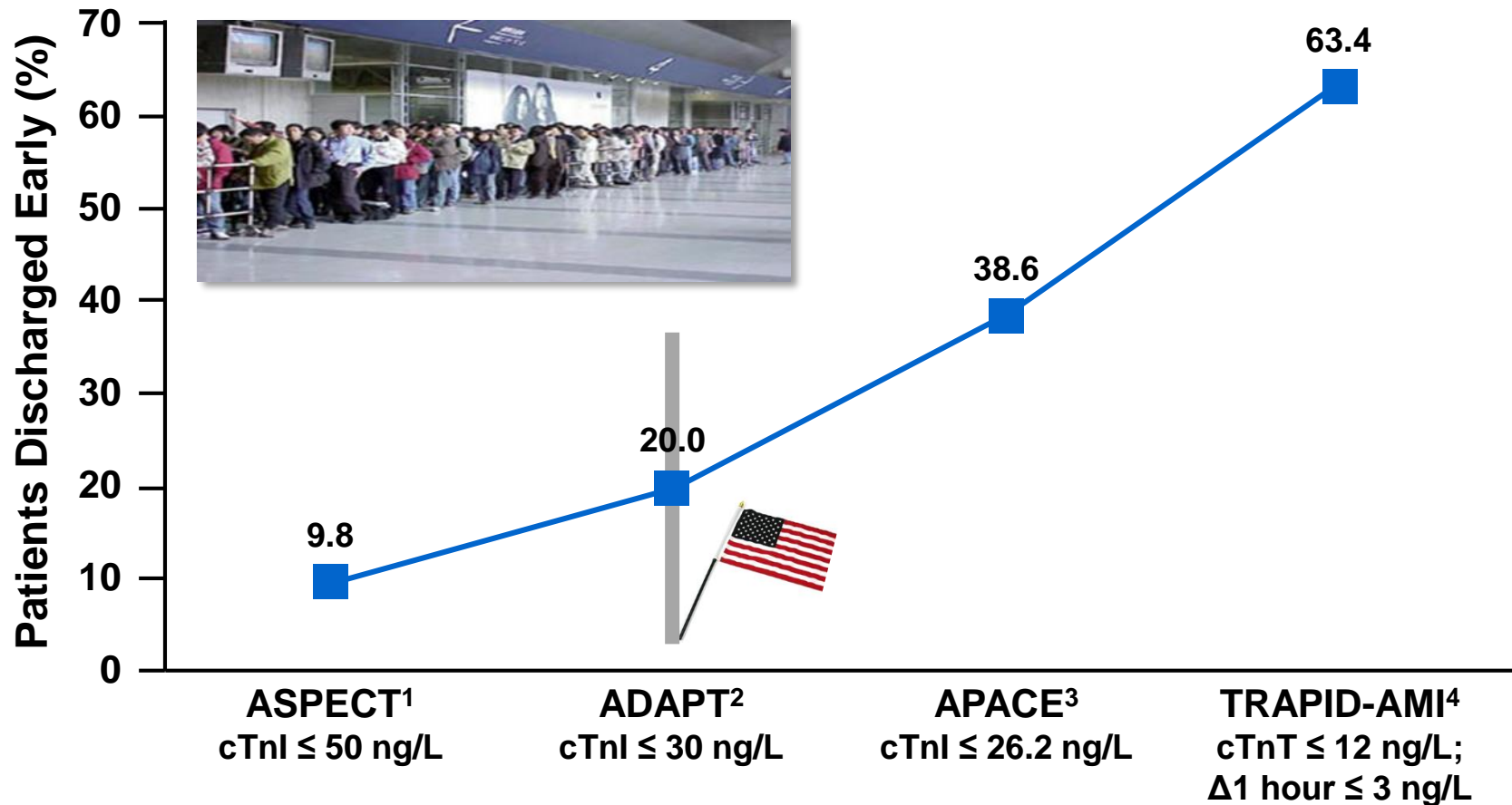


# Impact of a Tn with higher low level sensitivity

ASPECT (N=3582)		
TIMI	Low risk	30 d MACE
0	9.8% (352)	0.9% (3)

ADAPT (N=1975)		
TIMI	Low risk	30 d MACE
0	25.3% (392)	0.25% (1)

# Increased Troponin Sensitivity Leads to More Emergency Department Early Discharges



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# ADAPT & APACE

Low Risk:

Non-ischemic ECG, hs-TnI  $\leq 26.2$ ng/L,  
and TIMI=0 or TIMI  $\leq 1$

	ADAPT (N=1635)		APACE (N= 909)	
TIMI	Low risk	30 d MACE	Low risk	30 d MACE
0	19.6% (320)	0% (0)	25.3% (230)	0% (0)
$\leq 1$	41.5% (678)	0.8% (2)	38.6% (351)	0.8% (1)

# ADAPT & APACE

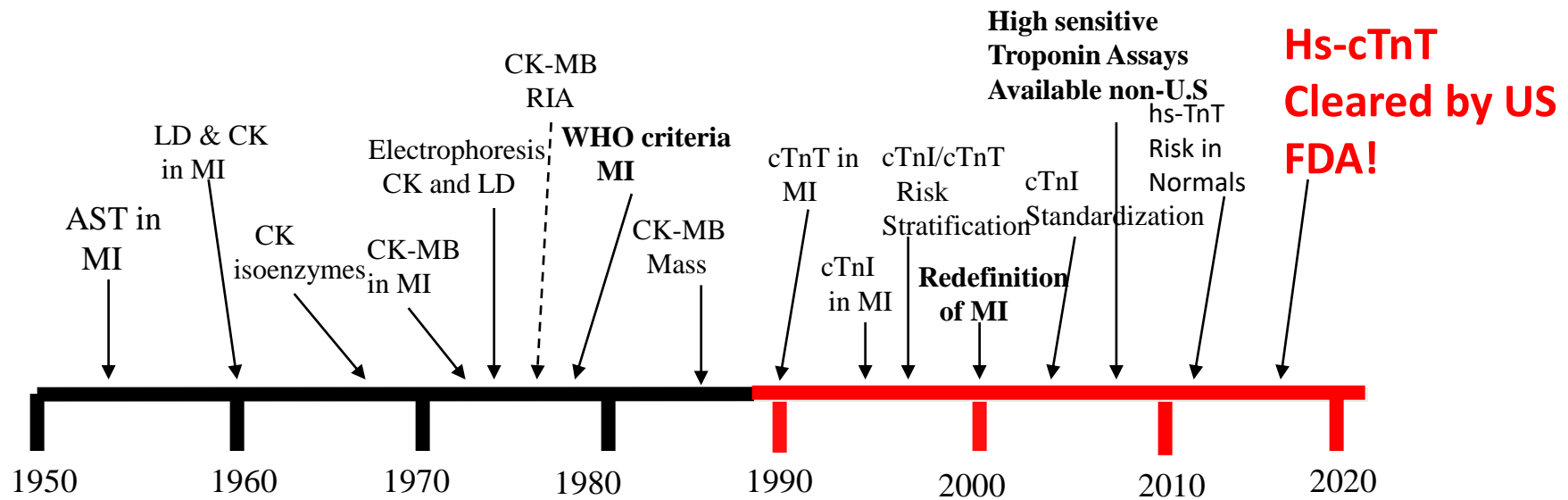
## 30 day MACE

	ADAPT (N=1635)		APACE (N= 909)	
TIMI	Sn	NPV	Sn	NPV
0	100% (98.5-100)	100% (98.8-100)		
≤1	99.2% (97.1-99.8)	99.7% (98.9-99.9)	99.4% (96.5-100)	99.7% (98.4-100)

What does the future of biomarker based chest pain care look like?

# Necrosis Biomarkers Timeline

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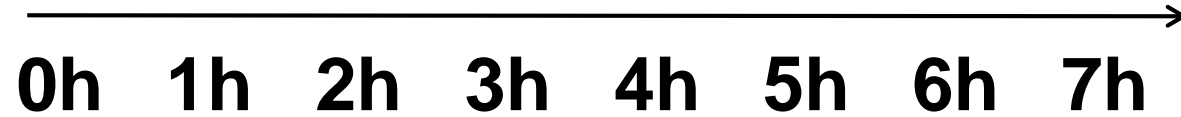
# Why are updates needed?

## Evolution of Temporal Serial Sampling

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### 1. Rule-out

### 2. Rule-in



ECG

NACB 2007

cTn



cTn

2nd Universal 2007

cTn



cTn

ESC 2011

hs-cTn

hs-cTn

3rd Universal 2012

cTn



cTn



ACC/AHA 2014

cTn



cTn



5th Gen Roche label

hs-cTnT

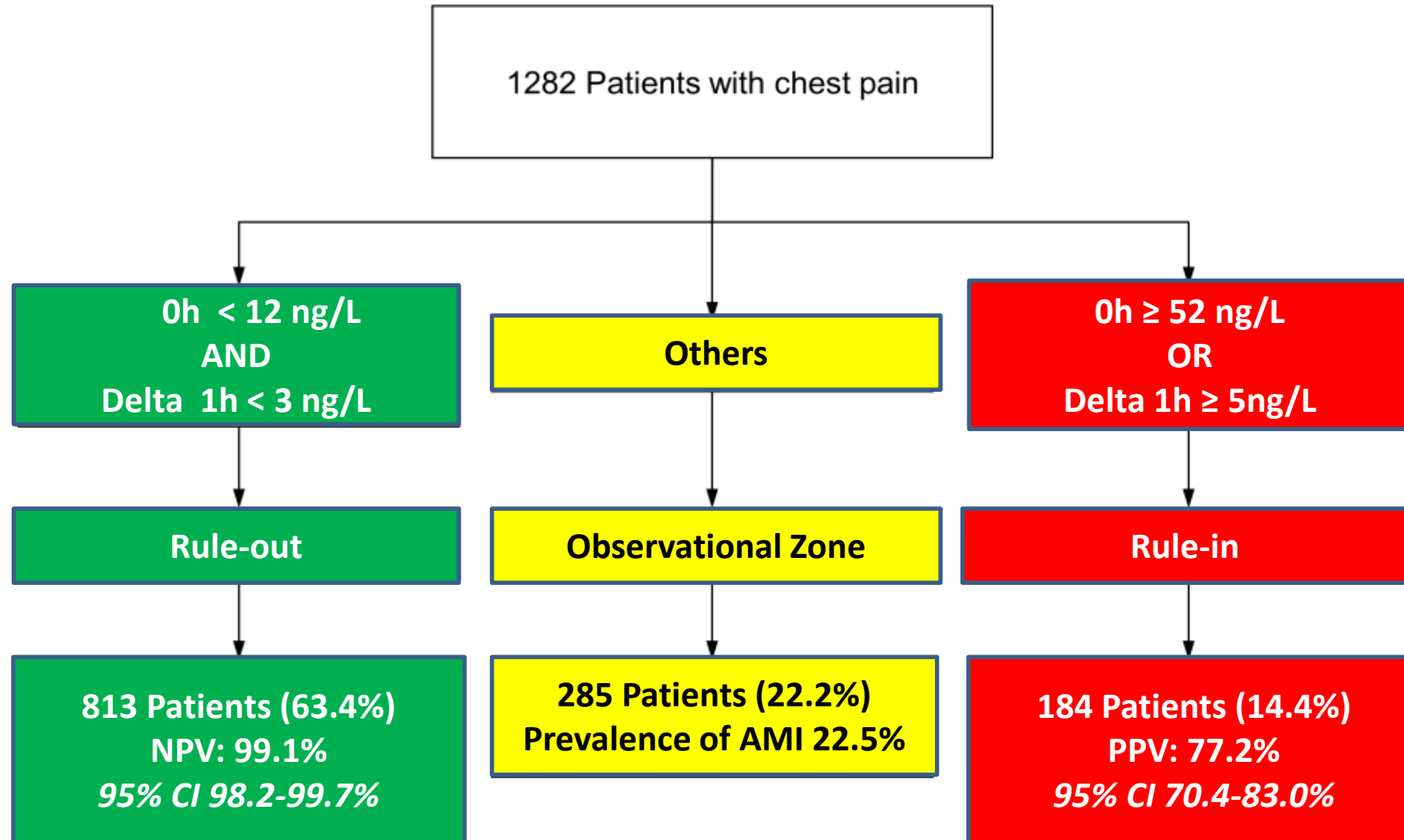
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TRAPID-AMI

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# TRAPID-AMI

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# NEED FOR SPEED!

## Major Focus on Troponin

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- Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care (SCPC): Requiring POCT 60 minutes or less TAT (90%) for accreditation
- CAP: Established Q-Monitor that measures TAT
- National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry and International Federation of Clinical Chemistry: Recommend 60 minute less TAT
- American College of Cardiology & American Heart Assoc.. Recommends 60 minute TAT with preference at 30 minutes
- **Time is Critical (but Not Everything)**



So is it more about the marker or the  
pathway?

# HEART Score for 6 week MACE

MACE = AMI, PCI, CABG, (+) cath, death

**HX:** Hi =2, Mod =1, Slight =0

**ECG:** Sig ST dep =2, NS repol =1, NI =0

**Age:**  $\geq 65 = 2$ , 45-65 =1,  $\leq 45 = 0$

**Risks:**  $\geq 3 = 2$ , 1-2 =1, 0=0

**Tn:**  $\geq 3x$  ULN =2  
1-3 ULN =1  
 $\leq$  ULN =0

## RISKS

Hyperchole,  
HTN, DM  
Tobacco  
(+) FH,  
Obesity

**Low risk = 0-3;  
<2% MACE risk**

# EDACS-ADP

## Emergency Department Assessment Chest Pain Score - Accelerated Diagnostic Procedure

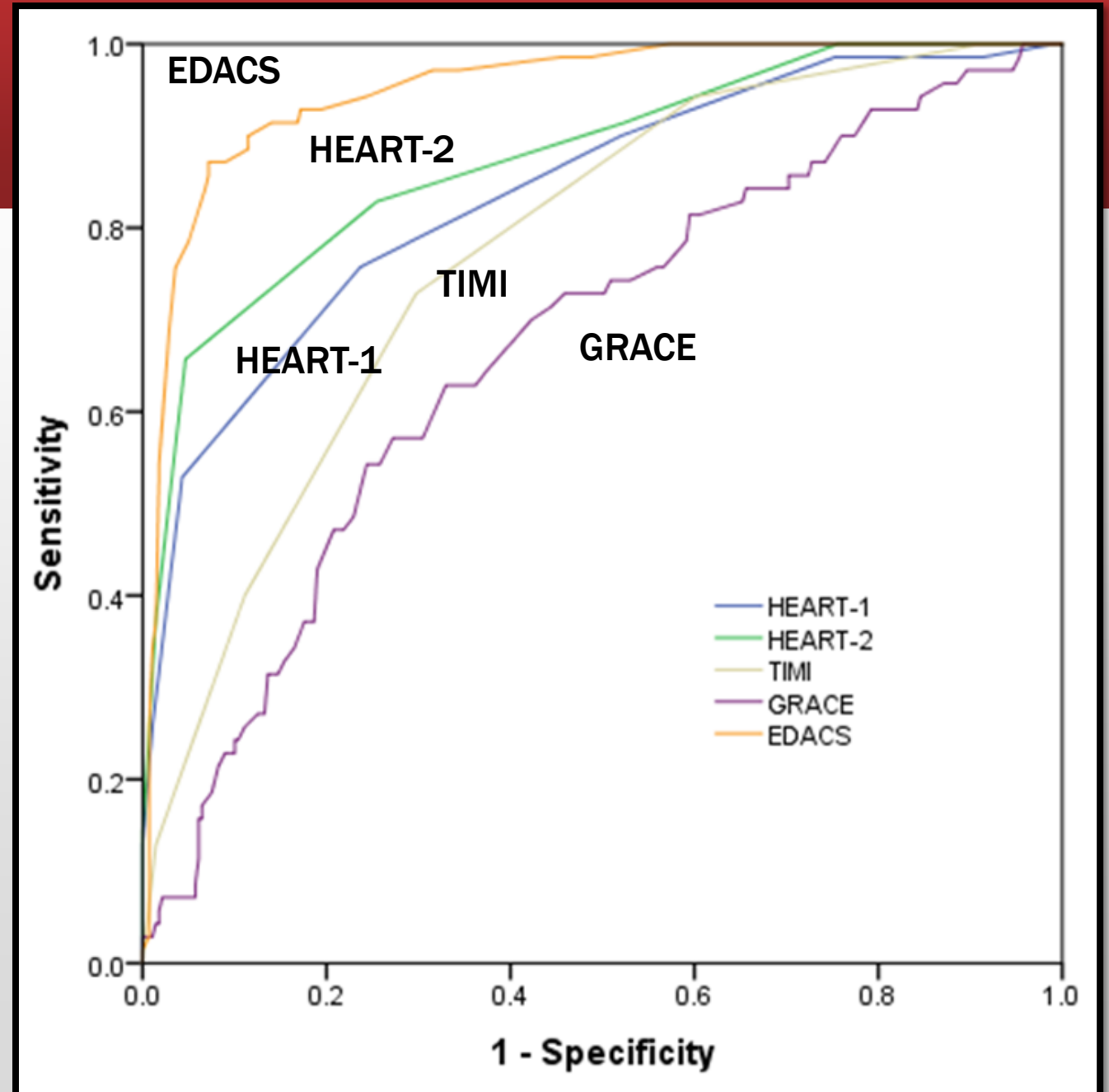
Characteristic	Parameter	Points
History	18-50 yo with CAD, or >2 risk factors	+4
Age	18-45	+2
	46-50	+4
	51-55	+6
	56-60	+8
	61-65	+10
	66-70	+12
	71-75	+14
	76-80	+16
	81-85	+18
>85	+20	

Characteristic	Parameter	Points
Sex	Male	+6
Signs and Symptoms	Diaphoresis	+3
	Arm or shoulder radiation	+5
	Pain occurred or worsened with inspiration	-4
	Pain is reproduced with palpation	-6

- Low Risk Criteria**
- EDACS Score <16
  - No new ECG ischemia
  - Negative 0 and 2h Tn

# Comparing Scores

- PEARL data set  
7 EDs
- Patient with suspected ACS
- Dr had to document  
risk of MI before Tn as:  
Low  
Moderate  
High Risk
- N=458



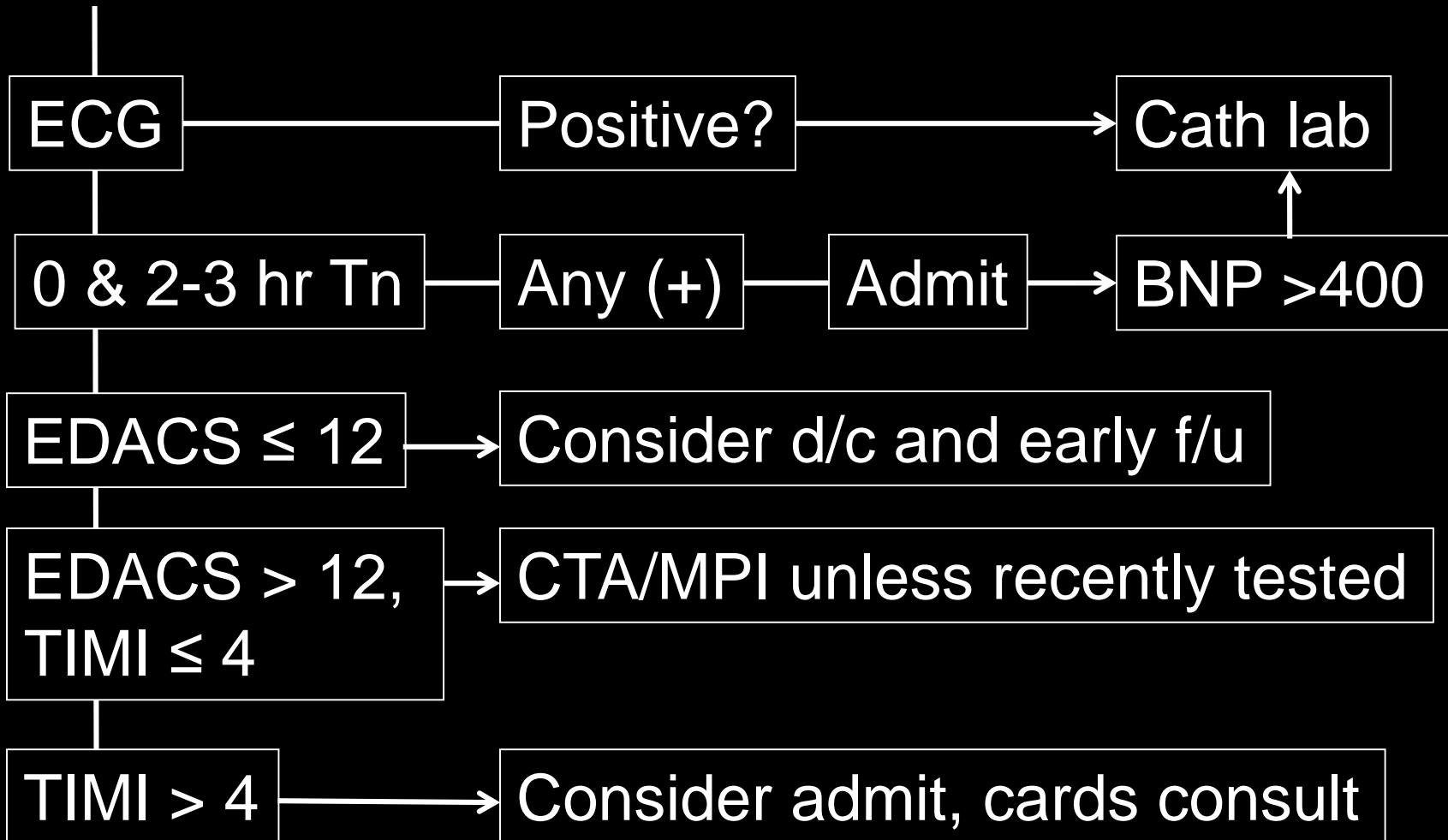
# Comparing Score Performance

	Standard cutpoint		Sensitivity set at 99%	
	Low risk (n) Definition	Missed AMI, %	Cutoff	% Low Risk
<b>Clinical</b>	–	5.9 (3.0-11.2)	–	–
<b>HEART-1</b>	<4	4.7 (2.1-9.9)	0	1
<b>HEART-2</b>	<4	4.1 (1.9-8.7)	0-2	18.9
<b>TIMI</b>	0	0 (0-12.9)	0	7
<b>EDACS</b>	<16	1.0 (0.2-4.1)	12	34.3



**Peacock Algorithm**  
Pretty much un-validated

Suspected ACS?



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