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Telemonitoring and its value in the management of heart failure patients

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I: What is the real added value of remote control in HF patients?

The real role of remote monitoring in common clinical practice : 2019

1. In no case does it replace acute patient management
2. It is important to realize that this is not really an online data
3. Remote control significantly helps to resolve changes in health status (AF, VT), incipient decompensation of heart failure and also major changes in the technical condition of CRT systems
4. Rationalizes outpatient patient controls
5. It is always necessary to keep in mind that the basis of patient management with CRT and HF is clinical medicine

Objectives of Remote Monitoring

1 Improving Monitoring Efficiency

By safely replacing in-office follow-ups
by remote follow-ups



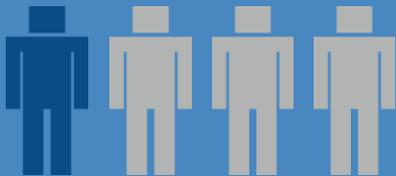
2 Improving Patient Outcome

By detecting events as early as possible
using continuous monitoring



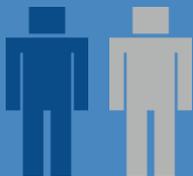
Reduce healthcare utilization

Up to **1 in 4** CRT-D/ICD device patients may visit the Emergency Room¹



BASELINE

Up to **1 in 2** CRT-D/ICD device patients may require a hospitalization¹



35%²
potential reduction
in ER visits

REMOTE MONITORING

20%³
potential reduction
in all-cause 3-year
rehospitalization

18%¹
potential reduction in
hospital length of stay



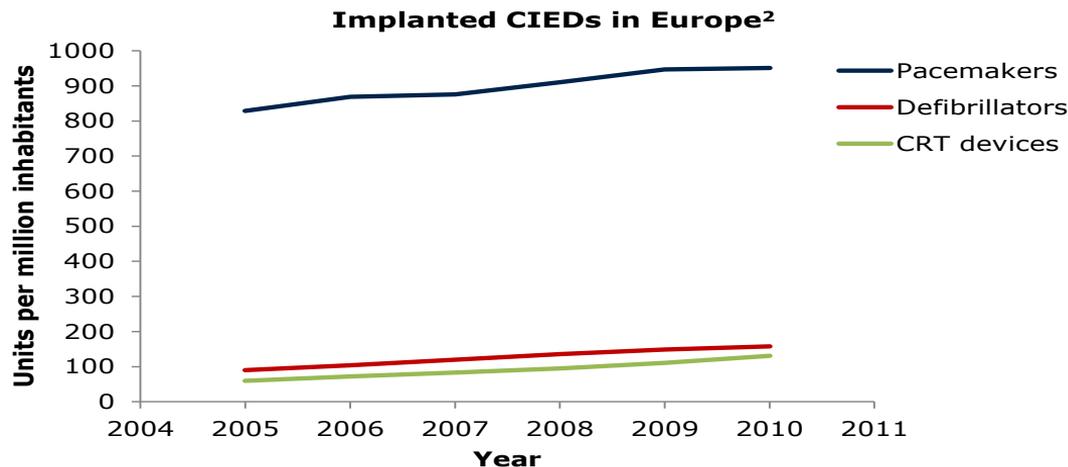
¹ Crossley GH, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2011;57:1181-1189.

² Landolina M, et al. *Circulation.* 2012;125:2985-2992.

³ Akar J, et al. Presented at HRS 2014 (LB03-03).

Demand for CIED follow-up services is growing due to the age-related increase in the prevalence of cardiac conditions

- The prevalence of cardiac conditions is increasing; e.g., HF prevalence is projected to increase 25% between 2010 and 2030 in the US¹
- The number of implanted CIEDs is increasing²
- CIED follow-up is mandatory³
- The logistics of CIED follow-up place a substantial and increasing burden on the cardiovascular community³





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II: Do we have enough persistent scientific data on the real effectiveness of remote control?

Remote Follow-Up: Clinical Evidence – I.

| Study Name/ Author | Year | Study Type | Study Size (No. of Patients) | Inclusion Criteria | End Points | Results | Findings |
|--|------|--|---------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| <i>Randomized trials—PMs</i> PREFER ⁹ | 2009 | Randomized, prospective, multicenter | 897 | VVI/DDD PMs Medtronic CareLink RM | Mean time to first diagnosis of CAE, comparing the RM arm and the control arm | FU: 375 ± 140 d Mean time to first diagnosis of CAE was 5.7 mo in the RM arm vs 7.7 mo in the control arm $P < 0.001$ | Mean time to first diagnosis of CAE was shorter in the RM arm |
| COMPAS ²⁵ | 2011 | Randomized, multicenter | 538 | DDD PMs indications, no PM dependents Biotronik HM | MAE: hospitalization for PM-related complications, CV events, and death Incidence of each MAE RM reduction of in-office visits | FU: 18 mo MAE: 17.3% in the RM arm vs 19.1% in the control arm ($P < 0.01$ for non- inferiority) Hospitalization due to PM complications in the RM arm (0.4%) vs the control arm (2.8%) $P < 0.05$ Mean number of unscheduled FUs per patient per year: 56% lower in the RM arm $p < 0.001$ | RM was safe and reduced the number of in-office visits RM enabled earlier detection of clinical and device-related adverse events |
| <i>Randomized trials—ICDs</i> TRUST ^{6,15,16,26} | 2010 | Randomized, prospective, multicenter | 1,339 | VVI/DDD ICDs, no PM dependent Biotronik HM | Total in-hospital device evaluations Overall adverse event rate Time from event onset to physician evaluation | In-hospital device evaluation was 2.1 per patient per year in the RM arm vs 3.8 per patient per year in the control arm $p < 0.001$ Overall adverse event rate was 10.4% in both groups at 12 mo $p = 0.005$ for non-inferiority RM reduced event detection delay by > 30 d $p < 0.001$ | RM was safe in supplanting “routine” in-office visits, enabling early event detection in ICD recipients |

Remote Follow-Up: Clinical Evidence – II.

| Study Name/ Author | Year | Study Type | Study Size (No. of Patients) | Inclusion Criteria | End Points | Results | Findings |
|---|------|---|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| CONNECT ²¹ | 2011 | Randomized, prospective, multicenter. | 1,997 | ICDs and CRT-Ds Medtronic Carelink RM | Time from a clinical event to a clinical decision Evaluated hospitalization LOS | 22 d (in-office arm) vs 4.6 d (RM arm) $p < .001$ Health care use for CV reasons: 4 d (in- office arm) vs 3.3 d (RM arm) $p < .001$ LOS per hospitalization was 3.2 d in the RM arm vs 4.3 d in the in- office arm $p = .002$ | RM reduced the time to a clinical decision RM reduced the mean LOS |
| ECOST ²³ Clinical aspects | 2012 | Randomized, prospective, multicenter | 433 | ICDs Biotronik HM | Incidence of MAE (all- cause and CV death) Procedure-related complications and device-related adverse events | FU: 24.2 mo MAE: 40.3% vs 43.3% in the RM arm vs in the control arm $p < 0.05$ (non inferiority) Appropriate and inappropriate shocks delivered were 71% lower in the RM arm $p < 0.05$ Battery longevity increased in the RM arm $p < 0.02$ 76% reduction of capacitor charges | RM was as safe as standard FU RM reduces appropriate and inappropriate shocks |
| Economic aspects | 2014 | | 310 | | Economic impact of RM on patients with ICD | Nonhospital costs: RM: €1695 ± 1131 $p < 0.04$ Conventional: €1952 ± 1023 Hospital costs: RM: €2829 ± 6382 Conventional: €3549 ± 9714 $p = .46$ Savings were increased to €494 by adding the ICD to nonhospital costs or to €315 per patient per year by adding the monitoring system | RM reduced mean nonhospital costs per patient per year RM did not significantly reduce the hospital costs per patient per year |

Remote Follow-Up: Clinical Evidence – III.

| Study Name/ Author | Year | Study Type | Study Size (No. of Patients) | Inclusion Criteria | End Points | Results | Findings |
|--|------|--|---------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| EVOLVO ²⁷ Clinical aspects | 2012 | Randomized, prospective, multicenter | 200 | LVEF \leq 35% Medtronic ICDs or CRT- Ds with thoracic impedance measurement capabilities (OptiVol) | Rate of the emergency department or urgent in-office visits for heart failure, arrhythmias, or ICD-related events Economic impact of RM on patients with ICD and heart failure | FU: 16 mo Total events: 0.59 vs 0.93 events per patient per year in the RM arm vs in the control arm $p = 0.005$ Number of urgent visits per patient per year for heart failure, arrhythmias, or ICD- related: 4.4 in the RM arm vs 5.7 in the control arm $p < 0.001$ Time from ICD alert to review: 1.4 d in the RM arm vs 24.8 d in the control arm $p < 0.001$ Costs: €1962 vs €2130 $p = 0.8$ Costs for patients: €291 vs €381 $p < 0.01$ Cost utility: patients in the RM arm had a cost saving of €888 per patient and gained 0.065 QALYs more over 16 months | RM reduced the number of emergency department or urgent in-office visits and health care use RM increased the efficiency of health care No significant annual cost savings for the health care system |
| Economic aspects | 2013 | | | | | | Significant reduction in the annual cost for patients and gained QALYs in the RM arm |

Remote Follow-Up: Clinical Evidence – IV.

| Study Name/ Author | Year | Study Type | Study Size (No. of Patients) | Inclusion Criteria | End Points | Results | Findings |
|--|------|---|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| REFORM ¹⁹ (second analysis) | 2013 | Randomized, parallel Quarterly clinic visits (Q arm) vs yearly clinic visits (Y arm) | 155 | ICD implanted according to MADIT II criteria | Scheduled and unscheduled ICD visits Difference in quality of life scores at baseline and after 27 mo Total and CV mortality Rate and length of all-cause and CV hospitalizations | FU: 24 mo FU visits reduced by 58% (3.8 vs 1.6 visits per patient per year in the Q arm vs in the Y arm) $p < 0.001$ Unscheduled FU per patient year was 0.27 in the Q arm vs 0.64 in the Y arm $p = 0.03$ All-cause mortality was not different between groups Y group did not exceed 1 additional visit per patient per year | RM safely reduces the ICD FU burden for 27 mo after implantation Favorable impact of RM on the quality of life No impact on mortality and hospitalization rate |
| Calò et al ²⁸ | 2013 | Prospective, randomized | 233 | Biotronik, Boston Scientific, Medtronic, St Jude Medical | Assess current direct costs of 1-y ICD FU based on RM compared with conventional quarterly in-hospital FU from the hospital and patient perspective | FU required 47 min per patient per year in the RM arm vs 86 min per patient per year in the control arm $p < 0.03$ The costs associated with RM FU vs standard FU was \$103 ± 27 per patient per year vs \$154 ± 21 per patient per year $p < 0.01$ Overall cost savings for RM vs standard FU: \$97 ± 121 per patient per year vs \$287 ± 160 per patient per year $p < 0.001$ | RM significantly reduced: The time spent by hospital staff The costs of the hospital and pt |

Remote Follow-Up: Clinical Evidence – V.

| Study Name/ Author | Year | Study Type | Study Size (No. of Patients) | Inclusion Criteria | End Points | Results | Findings |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| IN-TIME ²⁹ | 2014 | Randomized, parallel | 716 | ICDs/CRT-Ds Biotronik HM, NYHA class II/III, LVEF ≤35% | Primary outcome measure was a composite clinical score combining all- cause mortality, overnight hospital admission for heart failure, change in NYHA class, and change in patient global self- assessment Secondary outcome measures were all- cause mortality, hospital admission, and heart failure admissions | At 1-y FU, 18.9% of patients in the HM group vs 27.2% in the control group had worsened symptoms $p = 0.01$ 1-y all-cause mortality in the telemonitoring group was 3.4% vs 8.7% in the control group $p = .004$ RM did not affect heart failure admissions $p = .38$ | Patients on HM less likely to reach the composite end point Patients on HM had lower mortality HM did not reduce heart failure admissions |
| <i>Registries, Mega-cohort observational studies</i> | | | | | | | |
| AWARE ²⁴ | 2007 | Retrospective analysis | 11,624 | PMs, ICDs, CRT-Ds Biotronik HM | Time to detection of events and impact on physician workload, comparing the RM arm vs the standard care arm Patient survival | Mean time from the last FU to detection of an event was 26 d in the RM group compared with the usual FU period | RM improved safety and optimized the allocation of health resources. |
| ALTITUDE ³⁰ | 2010 | Nonrandomized networked patients | 185,778 | ICDs/CRT-Ds with LATITUDE (Boston Scientific) | Patient survival | 1- and 5-y survival rates were 50% reduced in non-RM patients $p < 0.001$ | RM improves survival |
| MERLIN ³¹ | 2015 | Nonrandomized networked patients | 269,471 (consecutive) | PPMs, ICDs/CRT-Ds with MERLIN | Survival according to the level of adherence to RM and device type | >75% adherence to RM promoted best survival $p < .001$ Pts with PM gained similar survival advantage with >75% adherence to RM $p < 0.001$ | RM-mediated survival is dose dependent on the degree of adherence but not on CIED complexity |

Remote Follow-Up: Clinical Evidence – VI.

| Study Name/ Author | Year | Study Type | Study Size (No. of Patients) | Inclusion Criteria | End Points | Results | Findings |
|---------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <i>Observational studies</i> | | | | | | | |
| Fauchier et al ³² | 2005 | Nonrandomized database analysis | 502 | ICDs Biotronik HM | Calculation of costs related to ICD FU, including medical services and transportation compared with the expected costs of RM | RM was associated with a \$2149 saving per patient in 5 y. Even considering an extra cost of \$1200 for acquiring the technology, a breakeven point could be reached after 33.5 mo | RM reduces medical and transportation costs compared with standard ICD FU |
| Raatikainen et al ³³ | 2008 | Observational | 41 | ICDs Medtronic Carelink RM | Assess whether RM offers a safe, practical, and cost- effective alternative to the in-office FU of patients with ICD | To complete FU, RM required: Less time from patients: 6.9 ± 5.0 min vs 182 ± 148 min $p < 0.001$ Less time from physicians: 8.4 ± 4.5 min vs 25.8 ± 17.0 min $p < 0.001$ | RM reduces costs compared with standard ICD FU (saving of €524 per patient per year, 41% of the cost of standard FU) |

Remote Follow-Up: Clinical Evidence – VII.

| Study Name/ Author | Year | Study Type | Study Size (No. of Patients) | Inclusion Criteria | End Points | Results | Findings |
|---|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| HomeGuide Registry ^{17,18} | 2013 2014 | Multicenter, prospective registry | 1650 | PMS, ICDs, CRT-Ds Biotronik HM | To estimate clinical effectiveness in event detection and management of devices with RM To analyze outpatient clinic workload and the impact on resource consumption To test a specific nurse-based workflow model | Clinical events: RM sensitivity: 84.3% PPV: 97.4% RM incremental utility: 0.56 RM detected 95% of asymptomatic events and 73% of AEs Manpower of 55.5 min per health personnel per month for every 100 patients 15.4 min per patient to detect 0.43 AEs (RM arm) vs 60.5 min per patient to detect 0.16 AEs (in-person arm) Nurses reviewed 70% of transmissions (15% submitted to the physician) | RM effectively detected and managed clinical events $p < 0.001$ The nurse-based workflow model was safe, effective, and efficient |
| <i>Patient satisfaction</i> Marzegalli et al ³⁴ | 2008 | Observational study | 67 | ICDs | Assess the ease of use of the system and patient and clinician acceptance and satisfaction | 78% of the patients preferred remote FU to in-clinic visits; 100% found it easy to use | RM reduces FU time as compared with standard in-hospital visits |

Remote Follow-Up: Clinical Evidence – VIII.

| Study Name/ Author | Year | Study Type | Study Size (No. of Patients) | Inclusion Criteria | End Points | Results | Findings |
|--------------------------------|------|---------------|---------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Ricci et al ³⁵ | 2010 | Observational | 119 | PMs, ICDs, and CRTs in RM after 1 y of FU | To evaluate patient acceptance and satisfaction through a self-administered questionnaire (HoMASQ) | The mean scores were (range 0–4) 3.0 ± 0.9 for relationship, 3.4 ± 0.6 for ease of use, 3.4 ± 0.9 for psychological aspects, 3.4 ± 0.8 for clinical implication, and 3.4 ± 0.8 for overall satisfaction | Patients showed a high level of acceptance and satisfaction for all investigated areas |
| Petersen ³⁶ | 2012 | Observational | 474 | Medtronic ICD or CRT-D and successful Carelink transmissions | To evaluate patient satisfaction with remote FU | 385 of 474 (81.2%) patients responded to the questionnaire 25% of patients made unscheduled transmissions (for shock, alarm, palpitation, or other reasons) | 95% were very content or content with remote FU 84% expressed desire for clear and prompt communication from the monitoring center |
| Morichelli et al ³⁷ | 2014 | Observational | 163 | Recipients of ICDs in RM after 20 mo | To evaluate patient acceptance and satisfaction through a self-made questionnaire (HoMASQ) with another proprietary system | The mean scores were (range 0–4) 3.3 ± 0.7 for relationship, 3.5 ± 0.5 for ease of use, 3.5 ± 0.4 for psychological aspects, 3.4 ± 0.6 for clinical implication, and 3.8 ± 0.3 for overall satisfaction | Patients showed a high level of acceptance and satisfaction for all investigated areas |

AE = actionable event; CAE = clinically actionable event; CRT-D = cardiac resynchronization therapy with defibrillator; CV = cardiovascular; DDD = dual-chamber; FU = follow-up; HM = home monitoring; HoMASQ = Home Monitoring Acceptance and Satisfaction Questionnaire; HR = hazard ratio; ICD = implantable cardioverter-defibrillator; LOS = length of stay; LVEF = left ventricle ejection fraction; MADIT II = Multicenter Automatic Defibrillator Implantation Trial II; MAE = major adverse event; NYHA = New York Heart Association; OR = odds ratio; PM = pacemaker; PPM = permanent pacemaker; PPV = positive predictive value; QALY = quality-adjusted life year; RM = remote monitoring; VVI = ventricle paced, ventricle sensed, pacing inhibited if beat sensed.

*The table summarizes clinical trials discussed in the text.

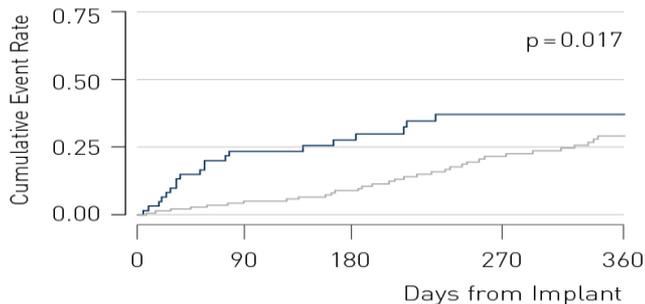
Daily Transmission Ensures Early Detection

Superior Monitoring by Design

- Automatic data transmission from day one
- > 90% transmission reliability
- Daily automatic alert notification on monitoring incompliance

Daily Data Transmission Offers Superior Detection of Actionable Events

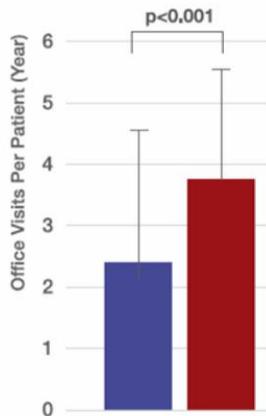
Actionable Events



Varma N. et al., *The TRUST trial*, *Circulation* 2010, 122: 325-332.

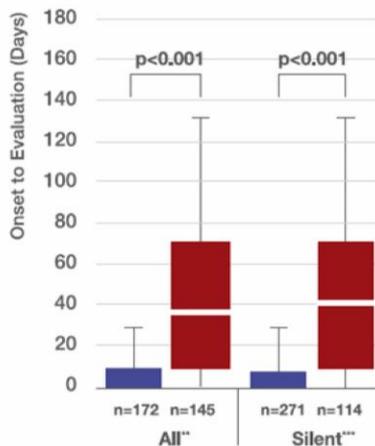
Benefits of remote monitoring

Reduction in In-Clinic Evaluations*



*Data from TRUST are presented and show that remote monitoring reduced in-clinic evaluations by 45% per year. A similar effect was seen in the CONNECT trial in which remote management was associated with a reduction of office visits from 6.3 in conventional care to 3.9 per person year.

Early Detection*

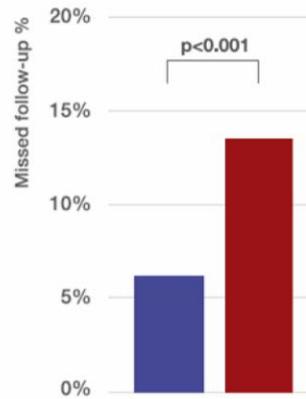


*Data from TRUST are presented. The CONNECT Trial shows similar results for early detection

**in CONNECT, median time from event to clinical decision was 4.6 days in the Remote arm vs. 22 days in conventional care.

***Time to detect clinically asymptomatic (silent) conditions was not reported in CONNECT.

Rates of failed scheduled evaluations in remote only vs. conventional care over 1 year*



*Data from TRUST are presented. Rates of failed calendar-based evaluations in remote only vs. conventional care over 1 year data information was not available from the CONNECT trial

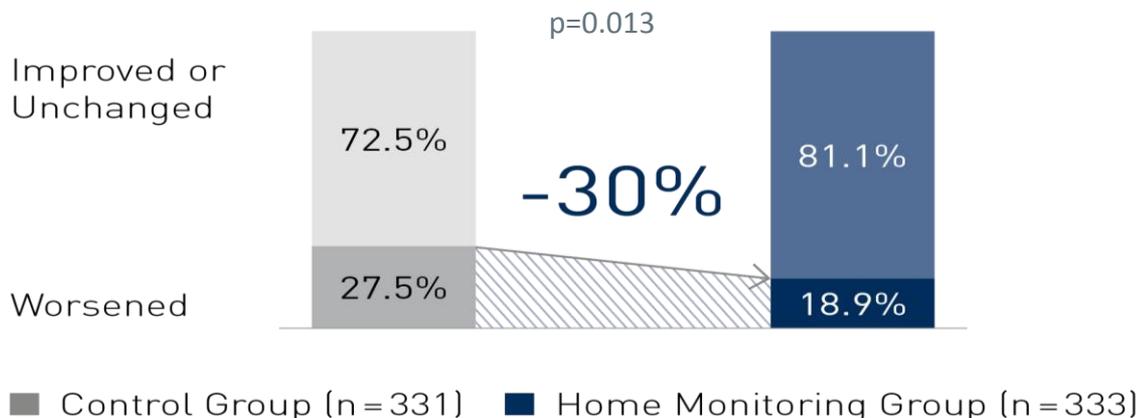
■ — REMOTE MONITORING

■ — CONVENTIONAL

IN-TIME Study Results

Home Monitoring Enables a Significant Reduction of Worsening of Clinical Status

Result of Primary Endpoint: **Modified Packer Score**



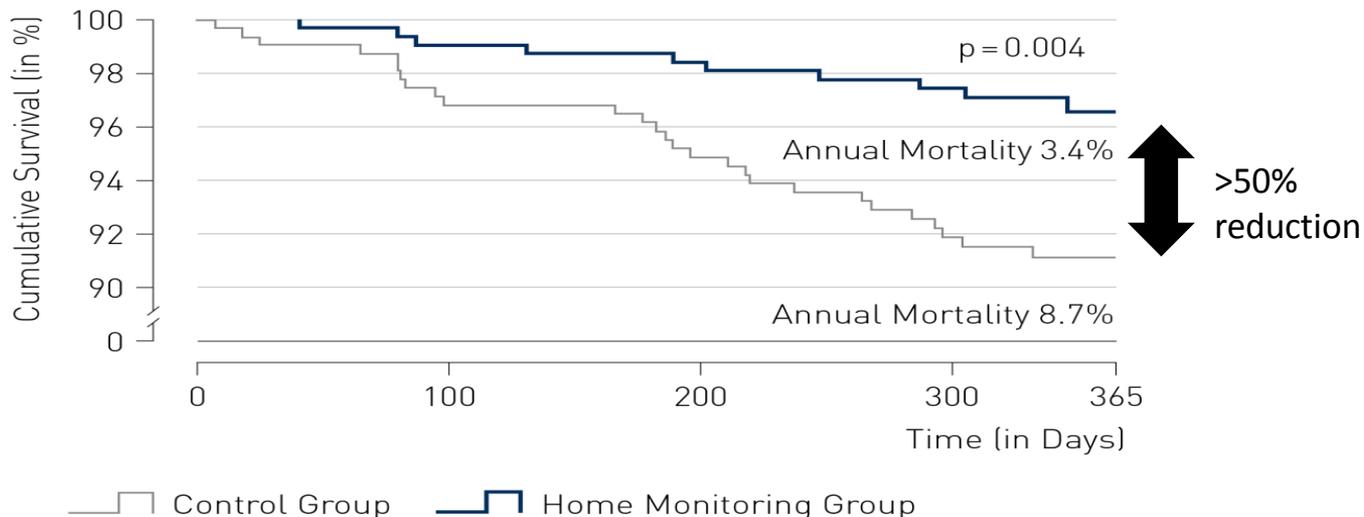
Modified Packer Score

Patients are classified as "worsened" in case of:

- Death
- Overnight hospitalization for worsening heart failure
- Worsening in NYHA Class
- Deterioration in patient's global self assessment

IN-TIME Results

All-Cause Mortality reduction enabled by Home Monitoring



Truecoin (TRUST, ECOST, IN-TIME)

New meta-analysis confirms and explains significant survival benefit for ICD/CRT-D patients with heart failure



European Heart Journal (2017) 00, 1–7
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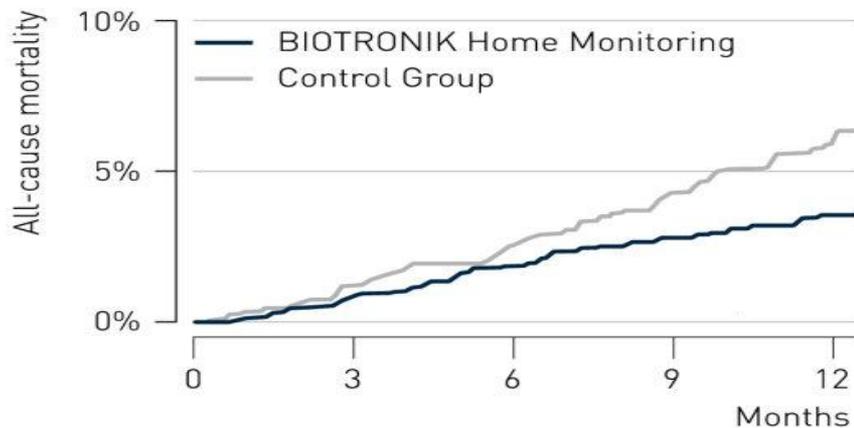
Arrhythmia/electrophysiology

Daily remote monitoring of implantable cardioverter-defibrillators: insights from the pooled patient-level data from three randomized controlled trials (IN-TIME, ECOST, TRUST)

Gerhard Hindricks^{1*}, Niraj Varma², Salem Kacet³, Thorsten Lewalter⁴, Peter Søgaard⁵, Laurence Guédon-Moreau³, Jochen Proff⁶, Thomas A. Gerds⁷, Stefan D. Anker⁸, and Christian Torp-Pedersen⁹

Significant Reduction of All-cause Mortality with BIOTRONIK Home Monitoring

Time to Occurrence



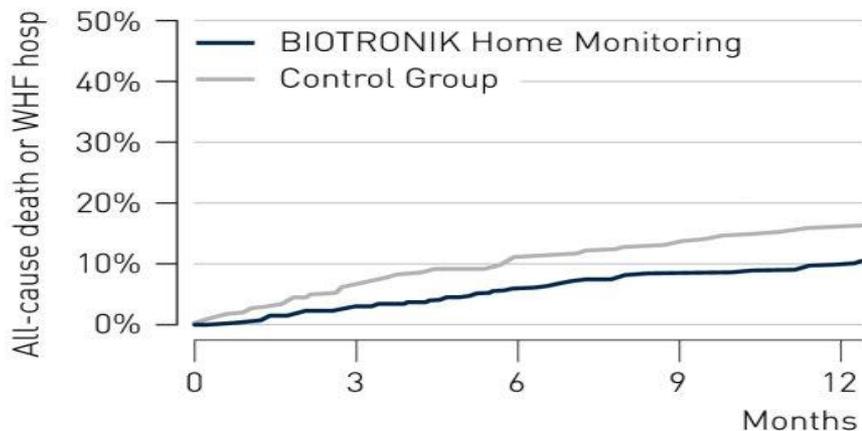
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|----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Control: | 960 | 925 | 881 | 826 | 612 |
| HM: | 1445 | 1402 | 1345 | 1293 | 1054 |

38%
relative reduction of
all-cause mortality
at 1 year

Relative risk = 0.62
95% CI: 0.40 to 0.95

Significant Reduction of All-cause Death or WHF Hospitalization with BIOTRONIK Home Monitoring

Time to Occurrence



| | | | | | |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Control: | 534 | 486 | 457 | 436 | 257 |
| HM: | 544 | 516 | 495 | 476 | 279 |

36%

relative reduction of
all-cause death or
WHF hospitalization
at 1 year

Relative risk = 0.64

95% CI: 0.45 to 0.89

“Prevention of Heart Failure Exacerbation” as the Main Driver for the Observed Benefits

All-cause Mortality or

...WHF hospitalization

is a subset of

... CV hospitalization

is a subset of

... any hospitalization

All-cause mortality or **WHF** hospitalization

Risk reduction

Absolute: -5.6% (p=0.007)

Relative: -36%

All-cause mortality or **CV** hospitalization

Risk reduction

Absolute: -4.1% (p=n.s.)

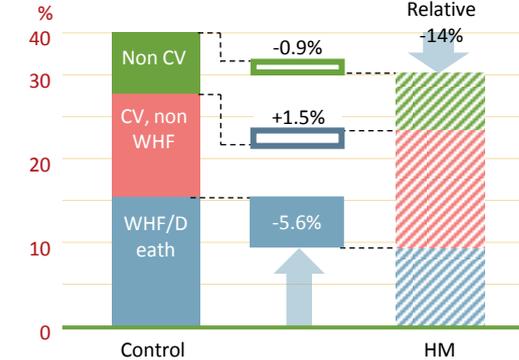
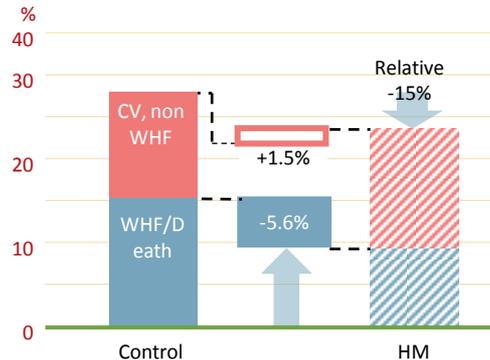
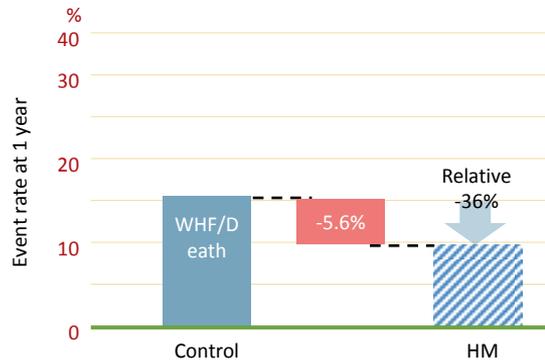
Relative: -15%

All-cause mortality or **any** hospitalization

Risk reduction

Absolute: -5.0% (p=n.s.)

Relative: -14%



ESC Statement 2013: Remote Monitoring Should be Considered in Order to Provide Earlier Detection of Clinical Problems

| Recommendations | Class ^a | Level ^b | Ref. ^c |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Device-based remote monitoring should be considered in order to provide earlier detection of clinical problems (e.g. ventricular tachyarrhythmias, atrial fibrillation) and technical issues (e.g. lead fracture, insulation defect). | IIa | A | 174–176 |

HRS Statement 2015: Remote Monitoring Shall Become Standard of Care (Class 1A)

- New Class 1A recommendation for remote interrogation and monitoring of all device patients (including IPGs)
- The consensus paper highlighted also the recent findings (Varma et al. 2015) regarding the "dose dependency" of remote monitoring, i.e. the higher the transmission success the greater the survival advantage

HRS Remote Monitoring Consensus Statement Recommendations

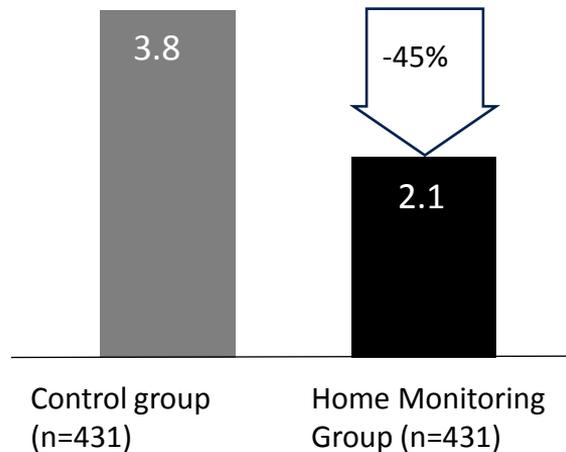
| Device Follow-up Paradigm | Class of Recommendation | Level of Evidence |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| A strategy of remote CIED monitoring and interrogation, combined with at least annual IPE, is recommended over a calendar-based schedule of in-person CIED evaluation alone (when technically feasible). | I | A |
| All patients with CIEDs should be offered RM as part of the standard follow-up management strategy. | I | A |

Objectives Remote Monitoring: 1: Improving Monitoring Efficiency

Replacing In-Office Follow-Ups While Maintaining Safety

- Several studies have shown non inferiority of Home Monitoring versus standard care
- Significant reduction of in-office follow-ups

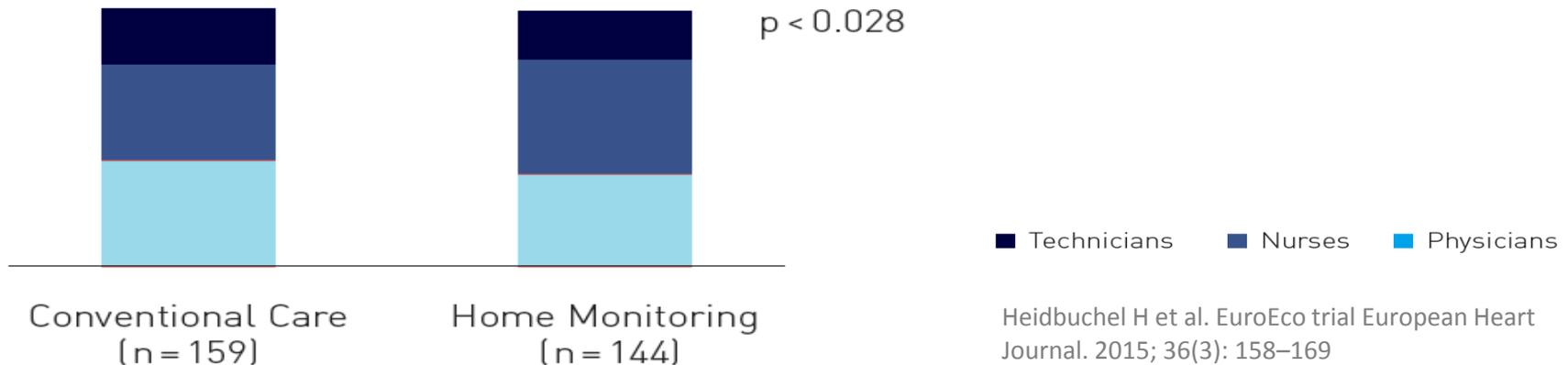
BIOTRONIK Home Monitoring significantly reduces the number of in-office follow-ups.



Mean number of in-office follow-up visits per patient year

Home Monitoring is Cost Neutral for Follow-Up Clinics

The total time needed to follow-up one ICD patient is comparable for patients monitored conventionally or with Home Monitoring (three hours over two years), but Home Monitoring reduces the necessary presence of physicians, allowing them to focus on other care activities (EuroEco RCT, n = 303)

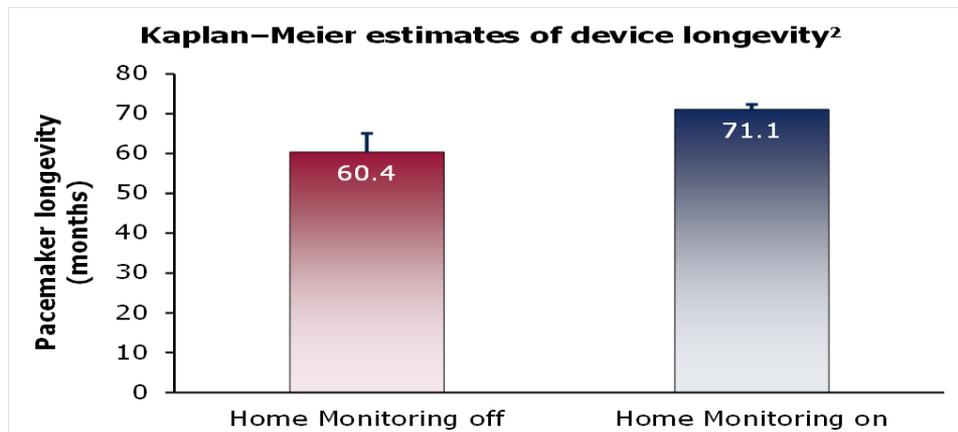


Heidbuechel H et al. EuroEco trial European Heart Journal. 2015; 36(3): 158–169

Home Monitoring extends device longevity

Extending CIED longevity is important because surgical replacement carries a risk of complications (e.g., infection, haematoma, lead dislodgement or malfunction requiring reoperation)¹

In a retrospective analysis of 201 patients, pacemaker longevity was extended 11 months using Home Monitoring ($P < 0.0001$)²

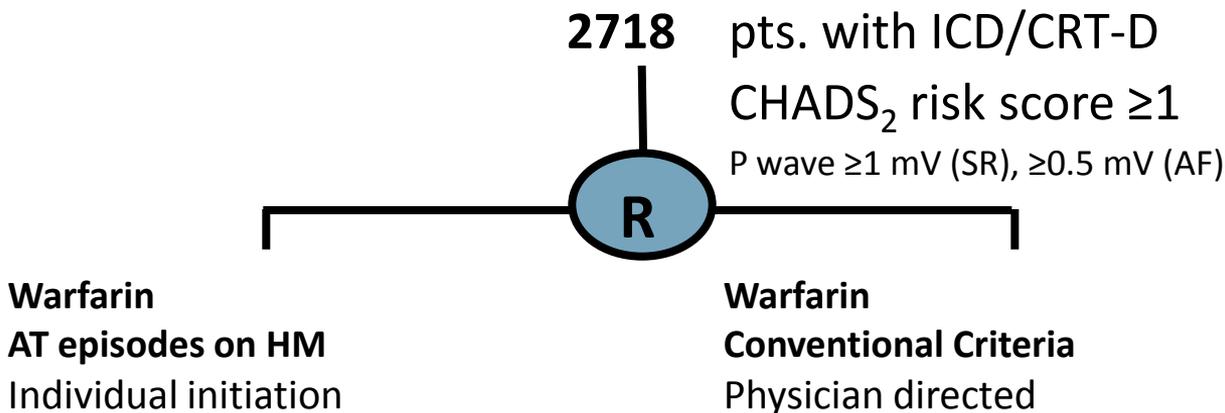


CIED: cardiovascular implantable electronic device

¹Poole JE *et al.* *Circulation* 2010;122(16):1553-61. ²Ricci RP *et al.* *Heart Rhythm* 2015;12(2):330-7

Reduction in Severe Adverse Events

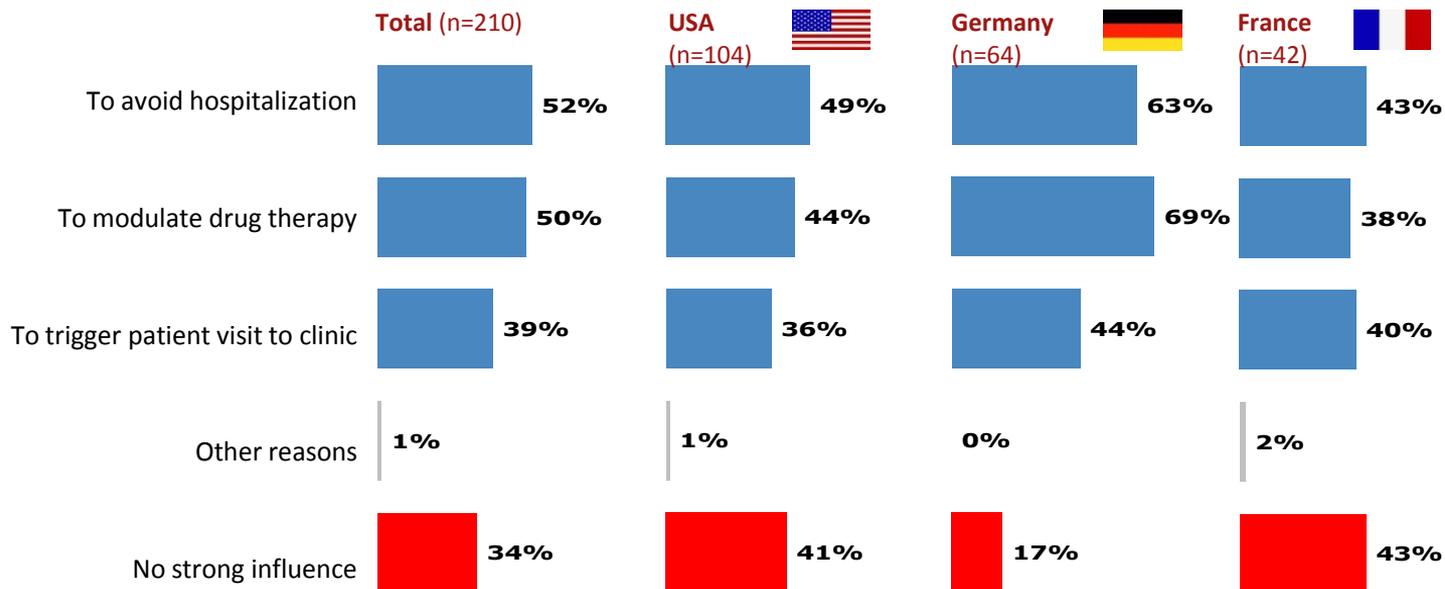
IMPACT Recruiting The Impact of Home Monitoring Guided Anticoagulation on Stroke Risk in Patients with ICD and CRT-D Devices



Composite endpoint: stroke, systemic embolism, major bleeding
Secondary endpoint: total mortality, stroke, bleeding, AF burden, quality of life, mean heart rate reduction

How "Heart Failure Alerts" influence a physician's decision to adopt remote TM

➔ HF monitoring helps physician better track patient's disease



Base: All respondents

E4: You mentioned that "atrial fibrillation alerts" would have a strong influence on your decision for remote telemonitoring. Which of the following explanations apply to you?



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III: Consensus opinions of professional societies (EHRA / HRS) on RC

EHRA and HRS HM Consensus Statement

ISHNE/EHRA expert consensus on remote monitoring of cardiovascular implantable electronic devices (CIEDs)

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We are in the midst of a rapidly evolving era of technology-assisted medicine. The field of telemedicine provides the opportunity for highly individualized medical management in a way that has never been possible before. Evolving medical technologies using cardiac implantable devices (CIEDs) with capabilities for remote monitoring permit evaluation of multiple parameters of cardiovascular physiology and risk, including cardiac rhythm, device function, blood pressure values, the presence of myocardial ischaemia, and the degree of compensation of congestive heart failure. Cardiac risk, device status, and response to therapies can now be assessed with these electronic systems of detection and reporting. This document reflects the extensive experience from investigators and innovators around the world who are shaping the evolution of this rapidly expanding field, focusing in particular on implantable pacemakers (IPGs), implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (ICDs), devices for cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT) (both, with and without defibrillation properties), loop recorders, and haemodynamic monitoring devices. This document covers the basic methodologies, guidelines for their use, experience with existing applications, and the legal and reimbursement aspects associated with their use. To adequately cover this important emerging topic, the International Society for Holter and Noninvasive Electrocardiology (ISHNE) and the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA) combined their expertise in this field. We hope that the development of this field can contribute to improve care of our cardiovascular patients.

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HRS Expert Consensus Statement on remote interrogation and monitoring for cardiovascular implantable electronic devices

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2016 ESC Heart Failure Guideline recommends multiparameter monitoring for ICD patients in order to improve clinical outcomes



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ESC GUIDELINES



2016 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure

The Task Force for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

Developed with the special contribution of the Heart Failure Association (HFA) of the ESC

Recommendations for exercise, multidisciplinary management and monitoring of patients with heart failure

| Recommendations | Class ^a | Level ^b | Ref ^c |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| It is recommended that regular aerobic exercise is encouraged in patients with HF to improve functional capacity and symptoms. | I | A | 321, 618-621 |
| It is recommended that regular aerobic exercise is encouraged in stable patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization. | I | A | 618, 619 |
| It is recommended that patients with HF are enrolled in a multidisciplinary care management programme to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and mortality. | I | A | 622-625 |
| Referral to primary care for long-term follow-up may be considered for stable HF patients who are on optimal therapy to monitor for effectiveness of treatment, disease progression and patient adherence. | IIb | B | 626, 627 |
| Monitoring of pulmonary artery pressures using a wireless implantable haemodynamic monitoring system (CardioMEMS) may be considered in symptomatic patients with HF with previous HF hospitalization in order to reduce the risk of recurrent HF. | IIb | B | 628, 629 |
| Multiparameter monitoring based on ICD (IN-TIME approach) may be considered in symptomatic patients with HFrEF (LVEF \leq 35%) in order to improve clinical outcomes. | IIb | B | 630 |

HF = heart failure; HFrEF = heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; ICD = implantable cardioverter-defibrillator; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction; IN-TIME = implant-based multiparameter telemonitoring of patients with heart failure.
^aClass of recommendation.
^bLevel of evidence.
^cReference(s) supporting levels of evidence.

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Initial patient education

Overview of RM

- Explain the benefits and limitations.
- Explain the frequency and types of monitoring.

What to expect

- Frequency of remote RI and RM.
- RI and RM are not meant to be an emergency response system.
- Indicate the hours of operation and the expected delay in responding to alerts (eg, next business day), as well as the operation (if any) during evenings, weekends, and holidays.
- Expectations for in-person follow-up.
- Expectations for the responsibilities of and the communication with CIED clinic staff.

Patient responsibilities

- Keep all contact information up to date.
- Keep the clinic informed of other health care providers to whom reports should be communicated.
- Inform the CIED clinic about extended travel.
- Keep the clinic up to date on the medical condition and drug changes.
- Maintain the function of the transceiver and appropriate landline/cellular communications.
- Understand how to interface with RM equipment.
- Show up for an IPE when an alert is triggered and when advised by the clinic staff.

Privacy

- All patient health data are kept private in accordance with local/national laws.
- De-identified, aggregate data may be used for quality assurance and/or research purposes.

Consent

- Patient agrees to RM.

Device parameters in patient with HF

'Vital signs'

- Weight and blood pressure (daily)

Symptoms

- Quality-of-life questions (weekly)
- Assessment of patient activity

Lead related

- Significant increase in pacing thresholds, especially the left ventricular lead
- Significant increase in the percentage of right ventricular pacing
- Significant decrease in the percentage of left ventricular pacing

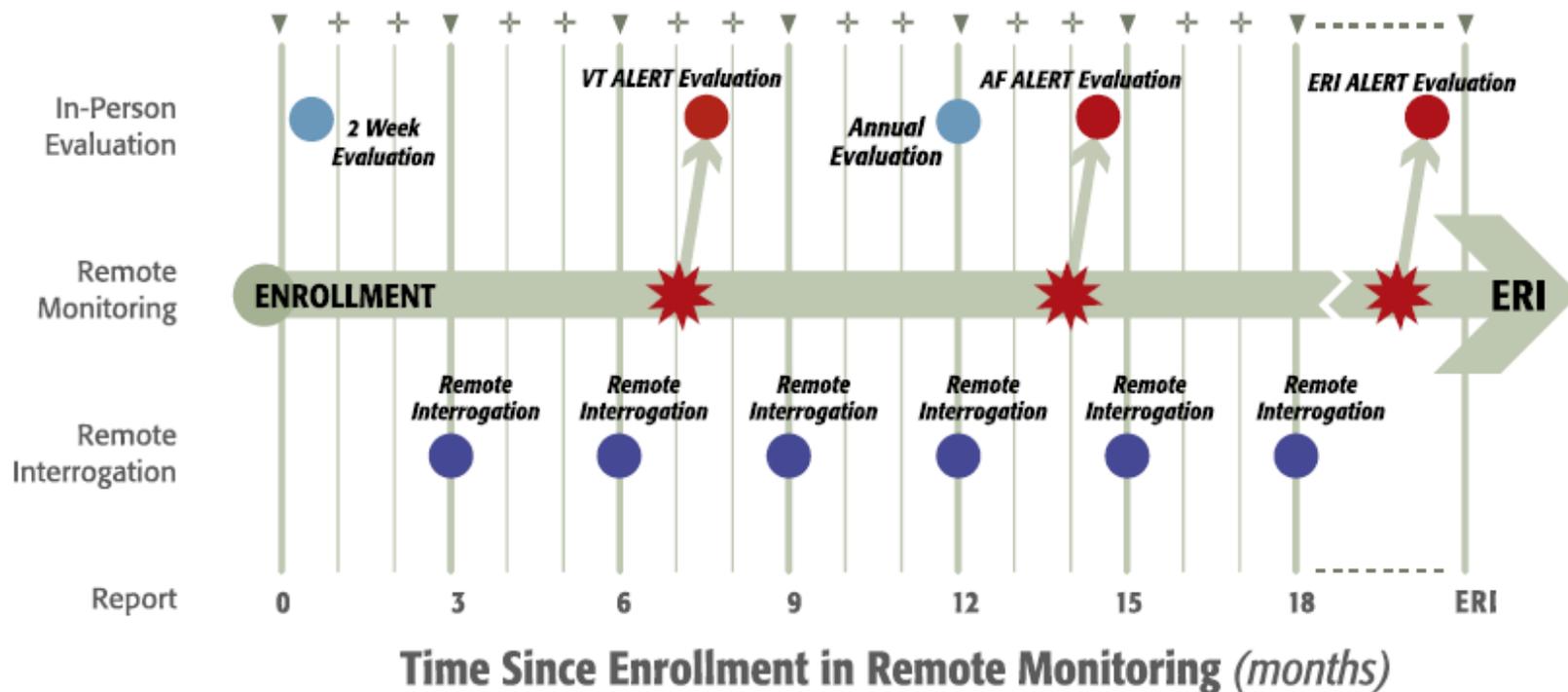
Arrhythmia related

- Atrial tachyarrhythmias
- Ventricular tachyarrhythmias

Miscellaneous

- Intrathoracic impedance
- Heart rate variability
- Respiratory rate

Event-based CIEDS FU



Remote Monitoring Consensus I

| Device Follow-Up Paradigm | Class of Recommendation | Level of Evidence |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|
| A strategy of remote CIED monitoring and interrogation, combined with at least annual IPE, is recommended over a calendar-based schedule of in-person CIED evaluation alone (when technically feasible). | I | A |
| All patients with CIEDs should be offered RM as part of the standard follow-up management strategy. | I | A |
| Before implementing RM, it is recommended that each patient be educated about the nature of RM, their responsibilities and expectations, potential benefits, and limitations. The occurrence of this discussion should be documented in the medical record. | I | E |
| It is recommended that all CIEDs be checked through direct patient contact 2–12 weeks postimplantation. | I | E |
| It may be beneficial to initiate RM within the 2 weeks of CIED implantation. | IIa | C |
| All patients with an implantable loop recorder with wireless data transfer capability should be enrolled in an RM program, given the daily availability of diagnostic data. | I | E |
| It is recommended that allied health care professionals responsible for interpreting RM transmissions and who are involved in subsequent patient management decisions have the same qualifications as those performing in-clinic assessments and should ideally possess IBHRE certification for device follow-up or equivalent experience. | I | E |
| It is recommended that RM programs develop and document appropriate policies and procedures to govern program operations, the roles and responsibilities of those involved in the program, and the expected timelines for providing service. | I | E |

CIED = cardiac implantable electronic device; HRS = Heart Rhythm Society; IBHRE = International Board of Heart Rhythm Examiners; IPE = in-person evaluation; RM = remote monitoring.

Remote Monitoring Consensus I

| Device and Disease Management | Class of Recommendation | Level of Evidence |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|
| RM should be performed for surveillance of lead function and battery conservation. | I | A |
| Patients with a CIED component that has been recalled or is on advisory should be enrolled in RM to enable early detection of actionable events. | I | E |
| RM is useful to reduce the incidence of inappropriate ICD shocks. | I | B-R |
| RM is useful for the early detection and quantification of atrial fibrillation. | I | A |
| The effectiveness of RM for thoracic impedance alone or combined with other diagnostics to manage congestive heart failure is currently uncertain. | IIb | C |

B-R = level of evidence B indicates a moderate level from randomized trials; CIED = cardiac implantable electronic device; ICD = implantable cardioverter-defibrillator; RM = remote monitoring.



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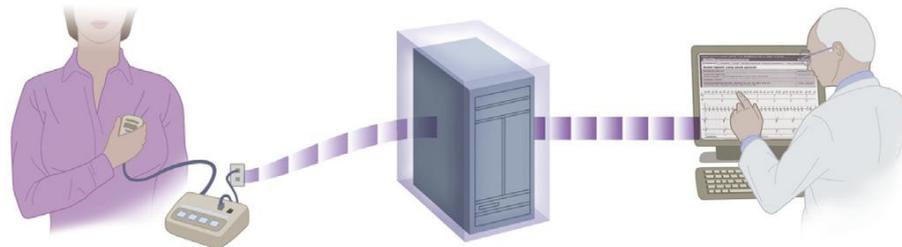
IV: Overview of RC Available Technologies 2019

RM Technologies

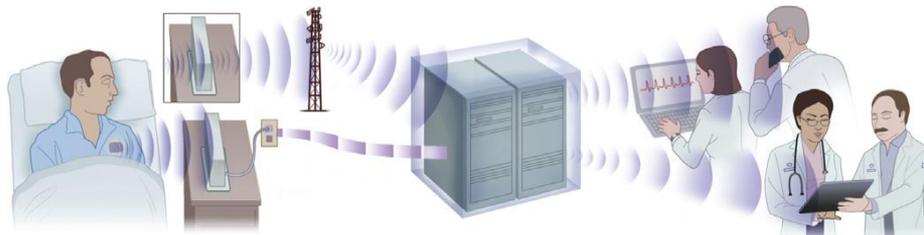
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Inductive

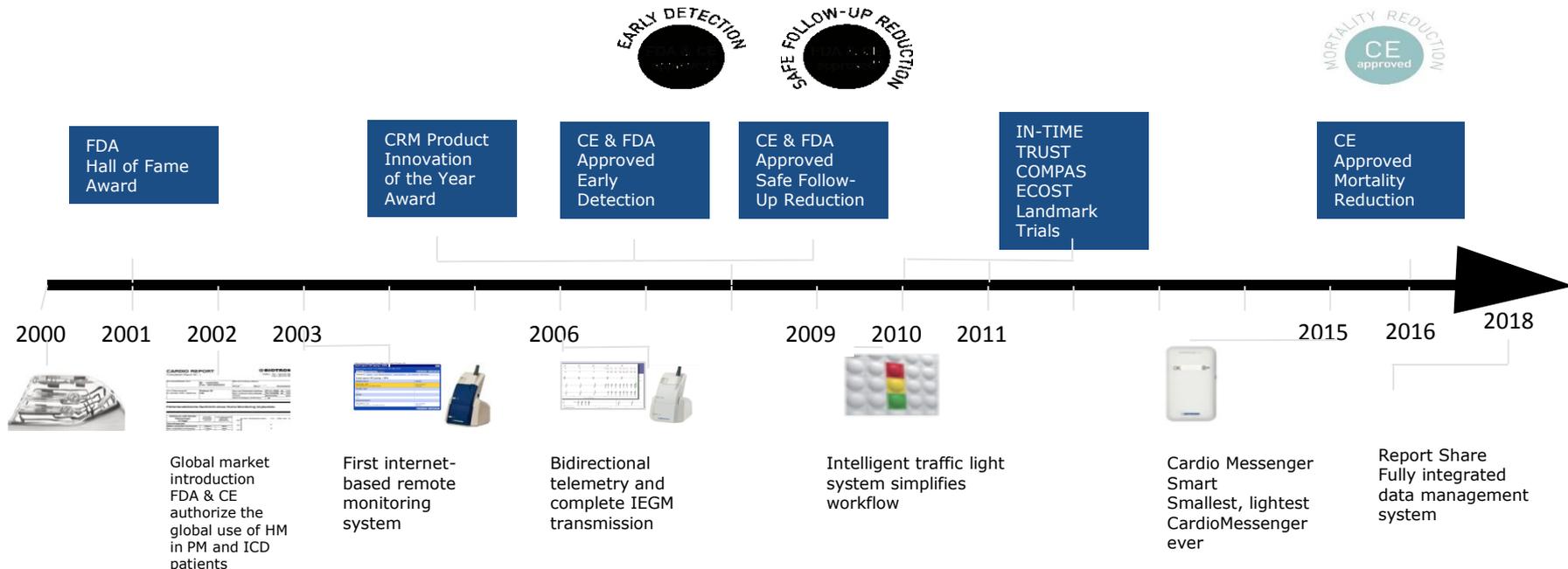


Automatic

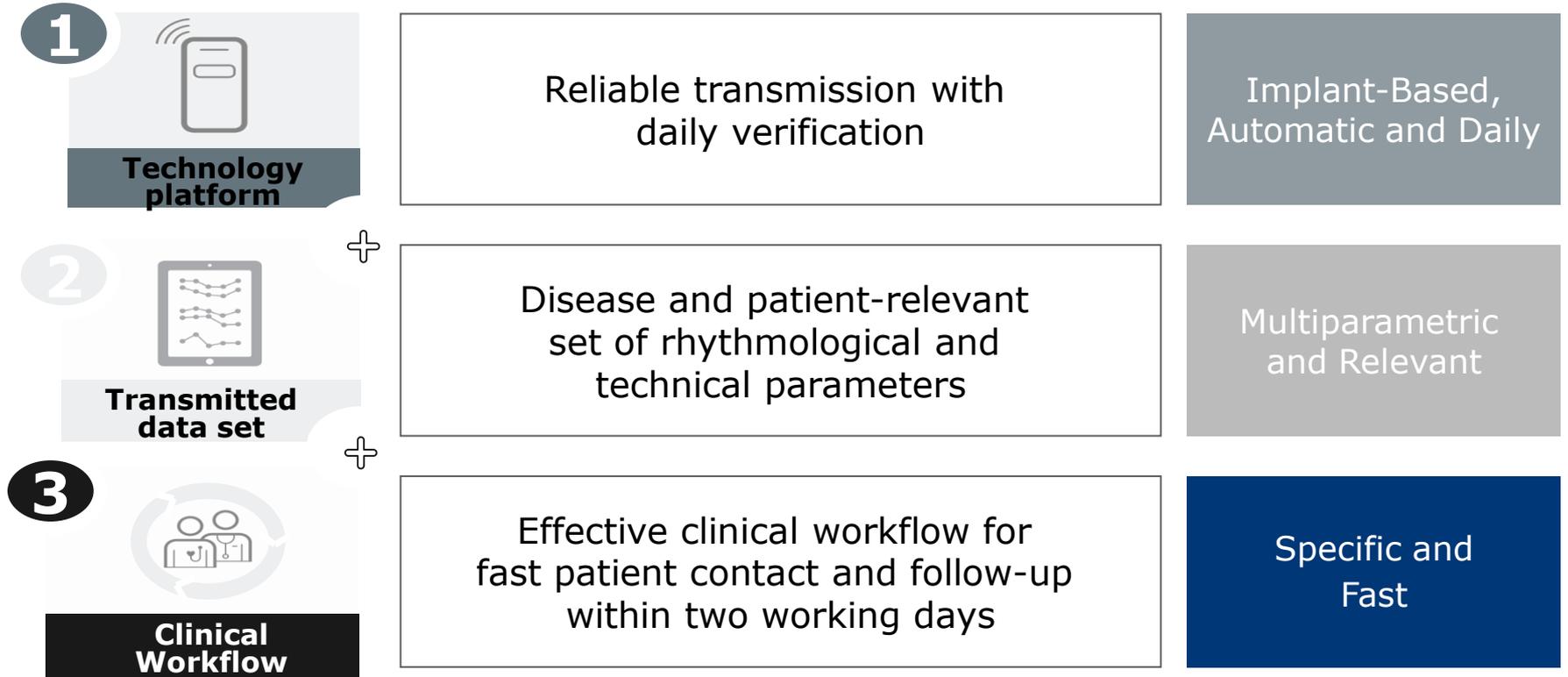


Biotronik: History of Pioneering Innovation

Undisputed Leader in Remote Monitoring



Three key elements are needed to improve clinical outcome of HF Patients with remote monitoring



Disease and patient-relevant set of rhythmological and technical parameters

Home Monitoring Event Triggers (as used in IN-TIME)



- Mean PVC/h above limit (> 100 PVC/h)
- CRT pacing below limit ($< 80\%$)
- Atrial monitoring episode detected
- Atrial burden above limit ($> 50\%$)
- VT1/ VT2 and VF events
- All Technical HMSC-Findings (impedances etc.)
- No messages received for at least 3 days



MEDTRONIC: BLUESYNC™ TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS



Tablet-based
SmartSync™
device manager



Azure™ Pacemaker
with BlueSyncTechnology



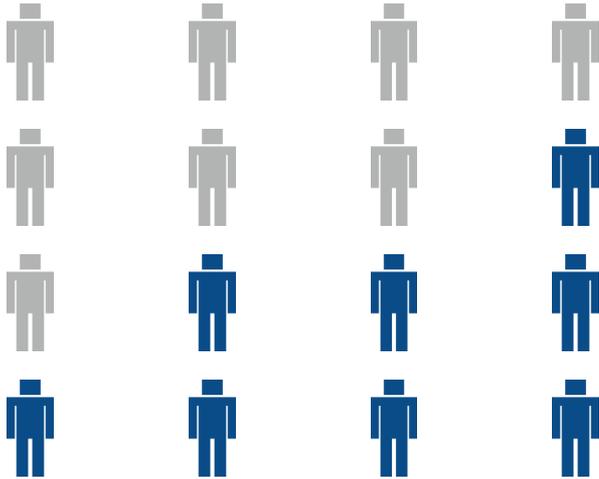
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Mobile App on patient's
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CareLink™ Network

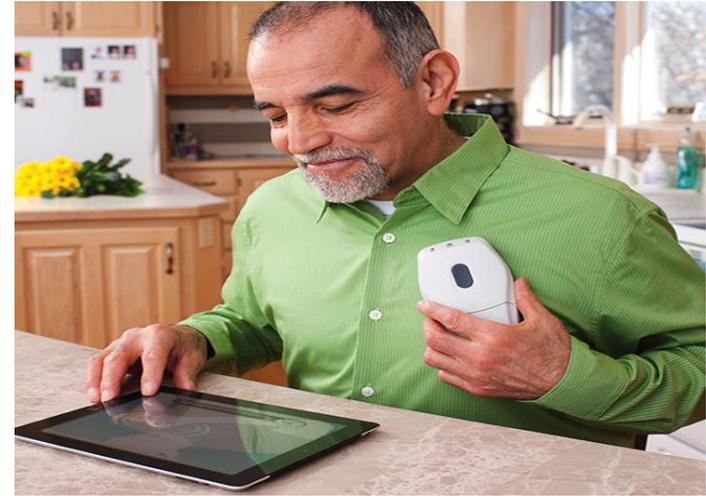
BlueSync Technology enables a connected platform that supports and engages patients throughout their healthcare journey.

Simplifies routine follow-up



Routine in-office visits may be replaced by remote visits resulting in **45% fewer¹** in-office visits

58% less time² for remote vs. in-office follow-up



Remote monitoring **improves patient compliance¹** to follow-up

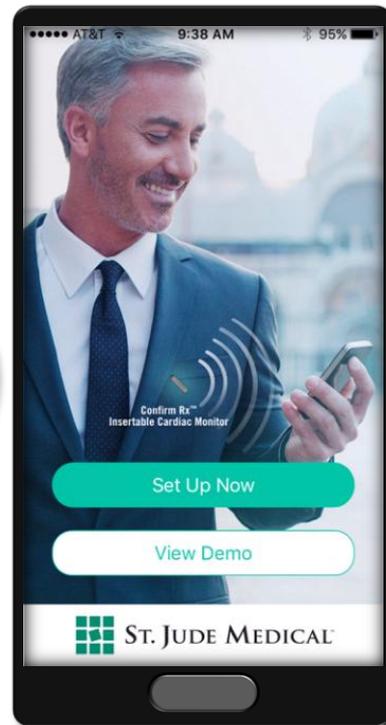
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Abbot/SJM: Smart Heart Monitoring via Smartphone

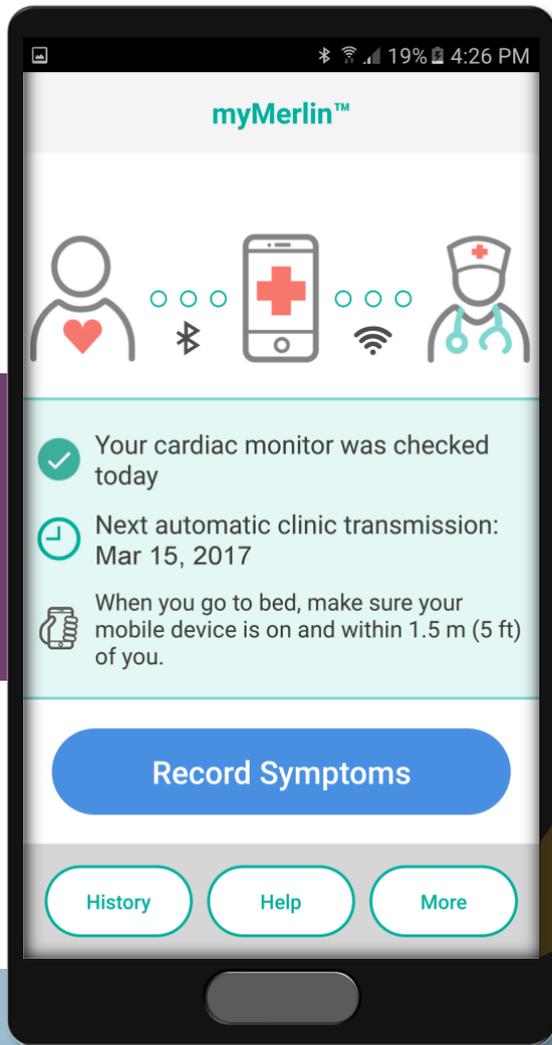
EMPOWER & ENGAGE PATIENTS with convenient smartphone-enabled technology and **continuous monitoring**

- Smartphone-enabled technology
- The myMerlin™ app serves as an integrated transmitter and symptom recorder
- Eliminates the need for a bulky bedside transmitter and separate activator for recording symptomatic events



ENHANCE PATIENT COMPLIANCE TO REMOTE MONITORING

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- Allows you to remotely collect objective vital signs information through the **Bluetooth** enabled weight scale and blood pressure cuff.
- Patients become a part of their **own long-term care** when utilizing the external sensors.
- Patients equipped with weight scale have their device data transmitted on a weekly basis so that you always have **“fresh” data in case of weight alert.**

ELA Medical

- Bude doplněno

Výkony v souvislosti s remote control

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| 17701 (VZP) dálková kontrola pacienta s KS/kardioverterem - první výkon | 321 b |
| 17702 (VZP) dálková kontrola pacienta s KS/kardioverterem - pravidelná kontrola | 321 b |

Cave: VZP x Svaz pojišťoven – pouze centra, ale ne ambulantní složka !

Přehled sledovaných pacientů v jednotlivých centrech k 8.11.2018

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|----------------------|-------------|
| Homolka Praha | 4 |
| IKEM Praha | 226 |
| FNUSA Brno | 103 |
| FN Olomouc | 567 |
| FN HK | 59 |
| Pardubice | 0 |
| VFN Praha | 57 |
| Ostrava | 0 |
| FN Bohunice Brno | 234 |
| FNK. Vinohrady Praha | 88 |
| UVN Praha | 11 |
| Liberec | 13 |
| Ústí n.L. | 125 |
| Tábor | 5 |
| Bulovka | 0 |
| FN Plzeň | 116 |
| FN Motol | 14 |
| Kladno | 1 |
| Č.Budějovice | 836 |
| Kolín | 0 |
| CELKEM | 2459 |

Take home message

1. RC does not replace the management of patient acute conditions
2. RC undoubtedly assists in the early detection of major arrhythmic changes in health
3. Properly used RC reduces rehospitalization for HF
4. The daily RC used leads to a reduction in mortality in patients with HF and CRT or ICD
5. Technologically trend to use smartphones and tablets for RC
6. Need for more complex systems for patients with HF (Bio, BSCI)
7. Real reimbursement of health insurance companies in this segment is inadequate and further intensive negotiations are needed for development into the future

Apple Heart Study



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