

# IN VIVO ASSESSMENT OF CENTRAL AND PERIPHERAL HEMODYNAMIC IMPACT OF THE C-PULSE® SYSTEM



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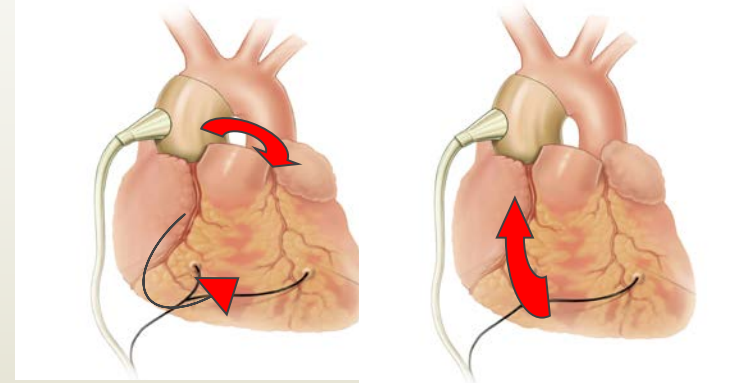
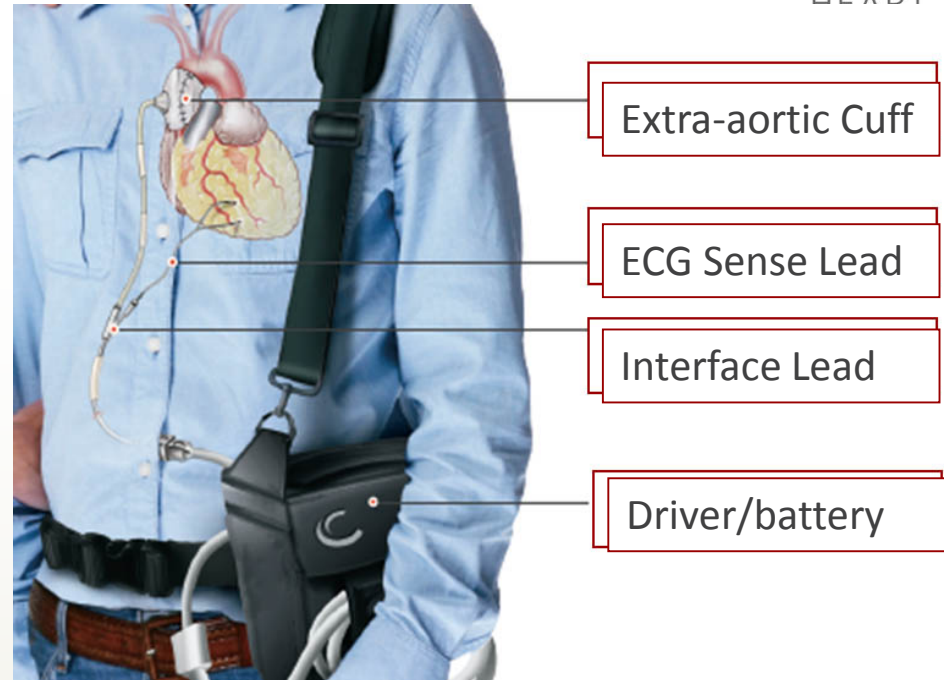


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# The C-Pulse System

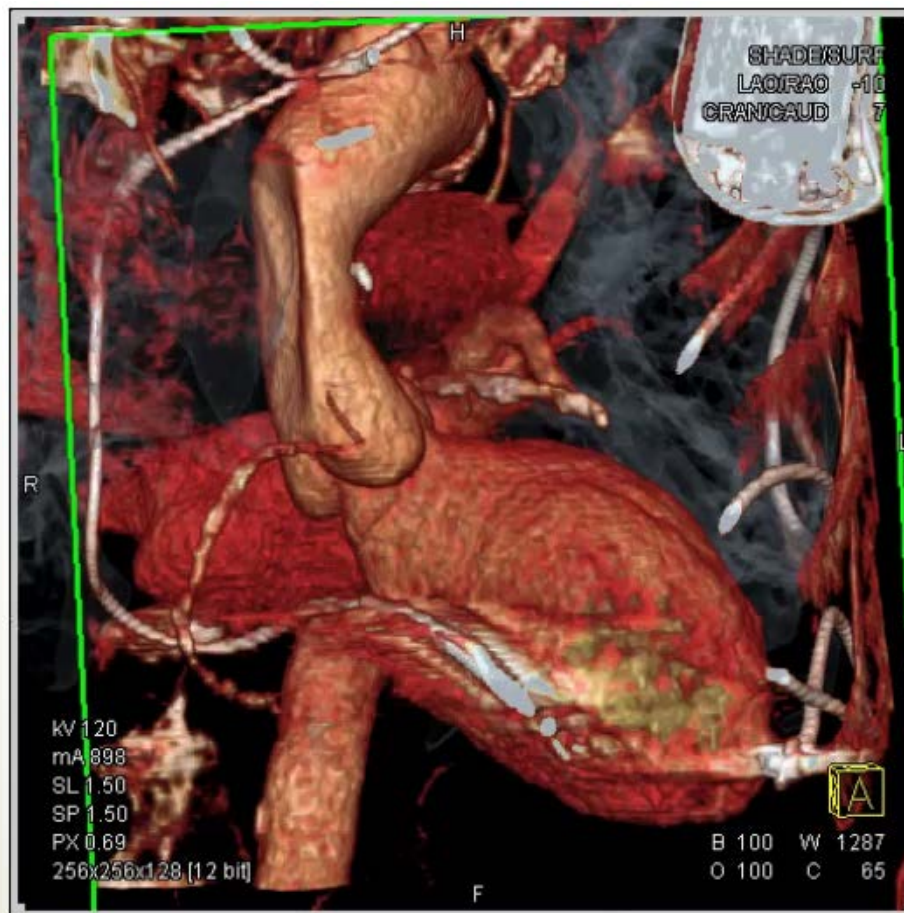
- Balloon inflates – increases diastolic pressure & coronary perfusion – ‘second pulse’
- Balloon deflates – unloads LV
- Procedure can be performed in 90 minutes (minimally invasive)
- Non blood contacting
- Ability to disconnect – patient comfort and convenience



# C-Pulse Counterpulsation: 3D CT Clinical Example



To view C-Pulse in 3D:  
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Courtesy Dr. Daniel Bujnoch; Department of Cardiac Surgery, University of Erlangen, Germany

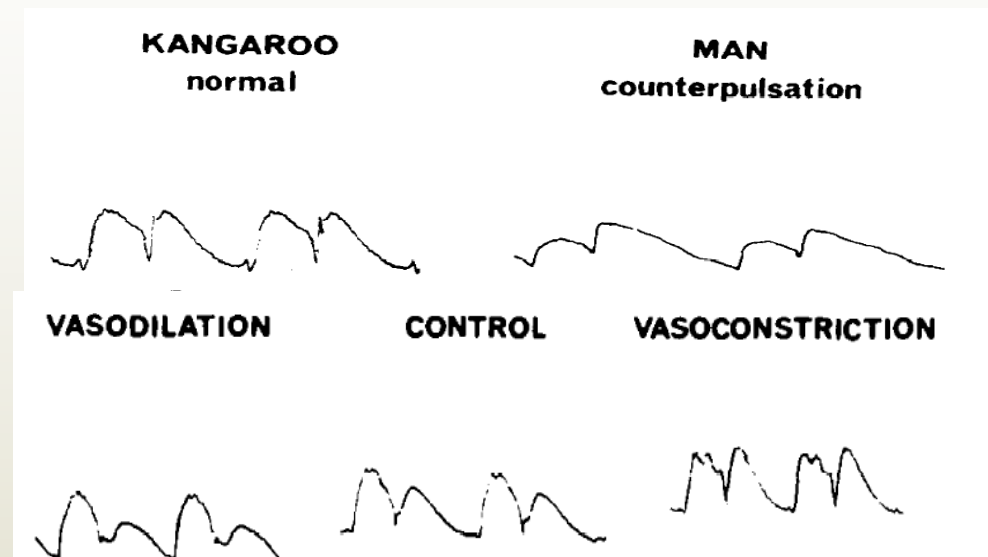
# Counterpulsation: Physiologic Phenomenon of Wave Reflection in Arterial System

## Exaggerated wave reflection in the kangaroo simulates arterial counterpulsation

A. P. AVOLIO, W. W. NICHOLS, AND M. F. O'ROURKE

*Saint Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst 2010; and The University of New South Wales, Kensington, New South Wales 2033, Australia*

- **Preserve Coronary Blood Flow**
- **Maintenance of mean aortic pressure**
- **Optimize left ventricular coupling with the arterial system**



AJP 246: R267. 1984

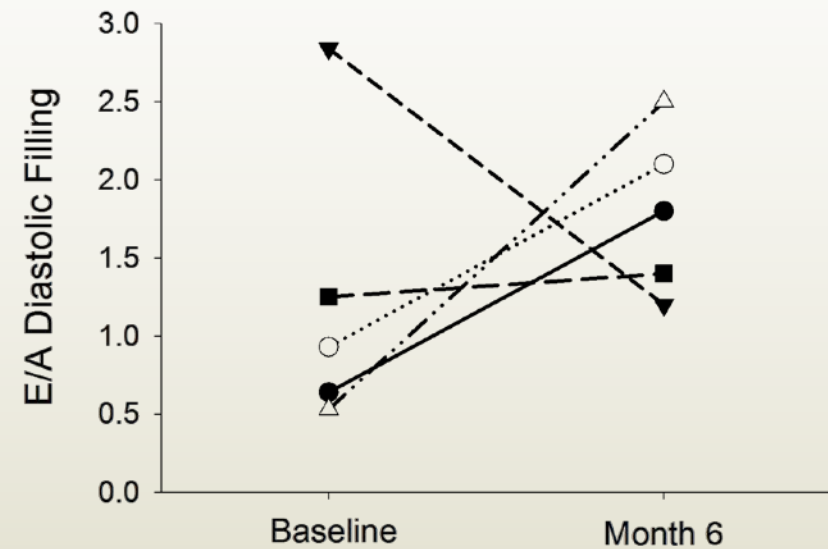
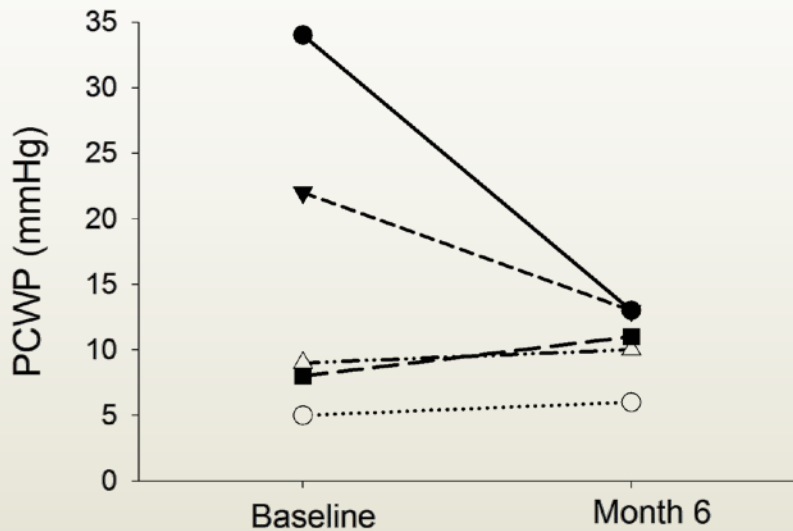
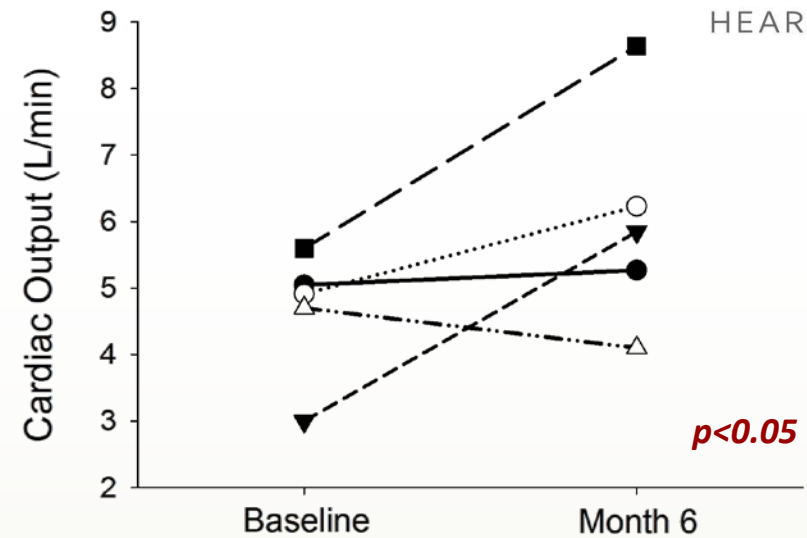
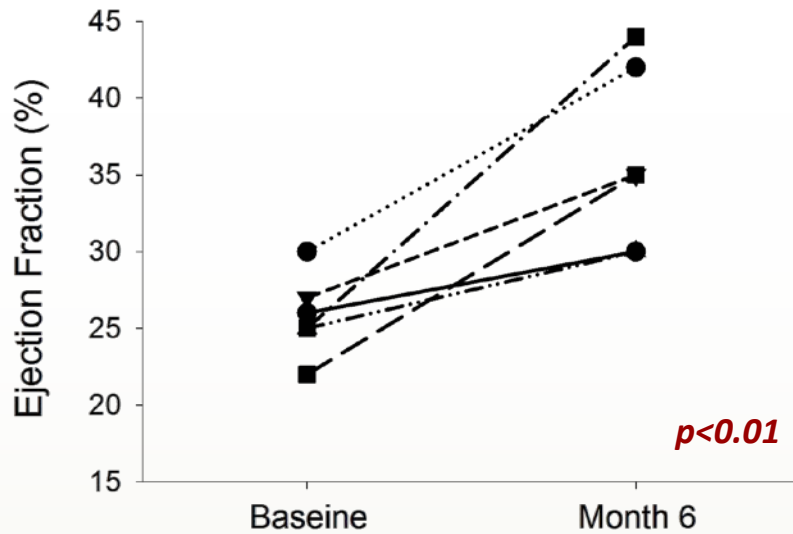
# **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE: FEASIBILITY AND OPTIONS HF**

# Weaned Medications



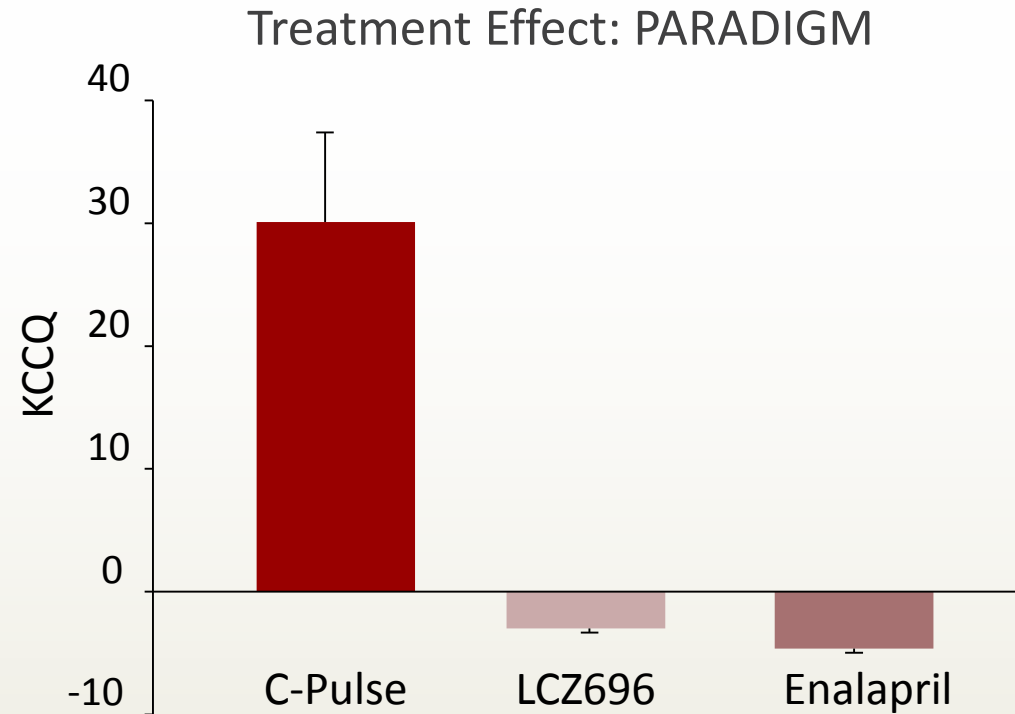
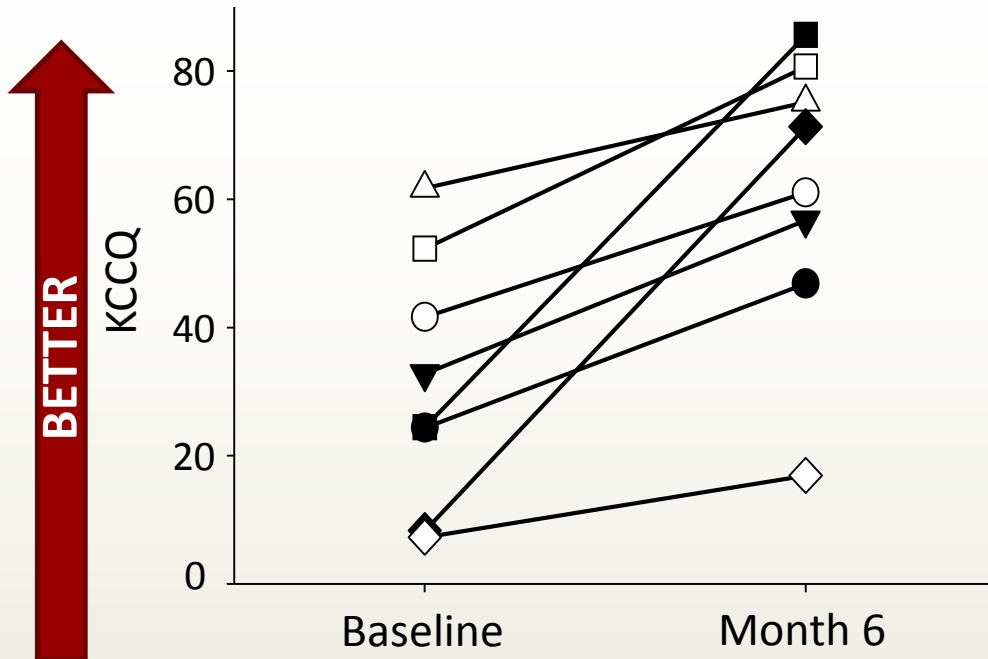
- 4 pts weaned from inotropes
- 9 patients reduced diuretic load
- 1 patient increased beta blocker (50mg→200mg Toprol)

# Weaned C-Pulse: Hemodynamics (N=6)

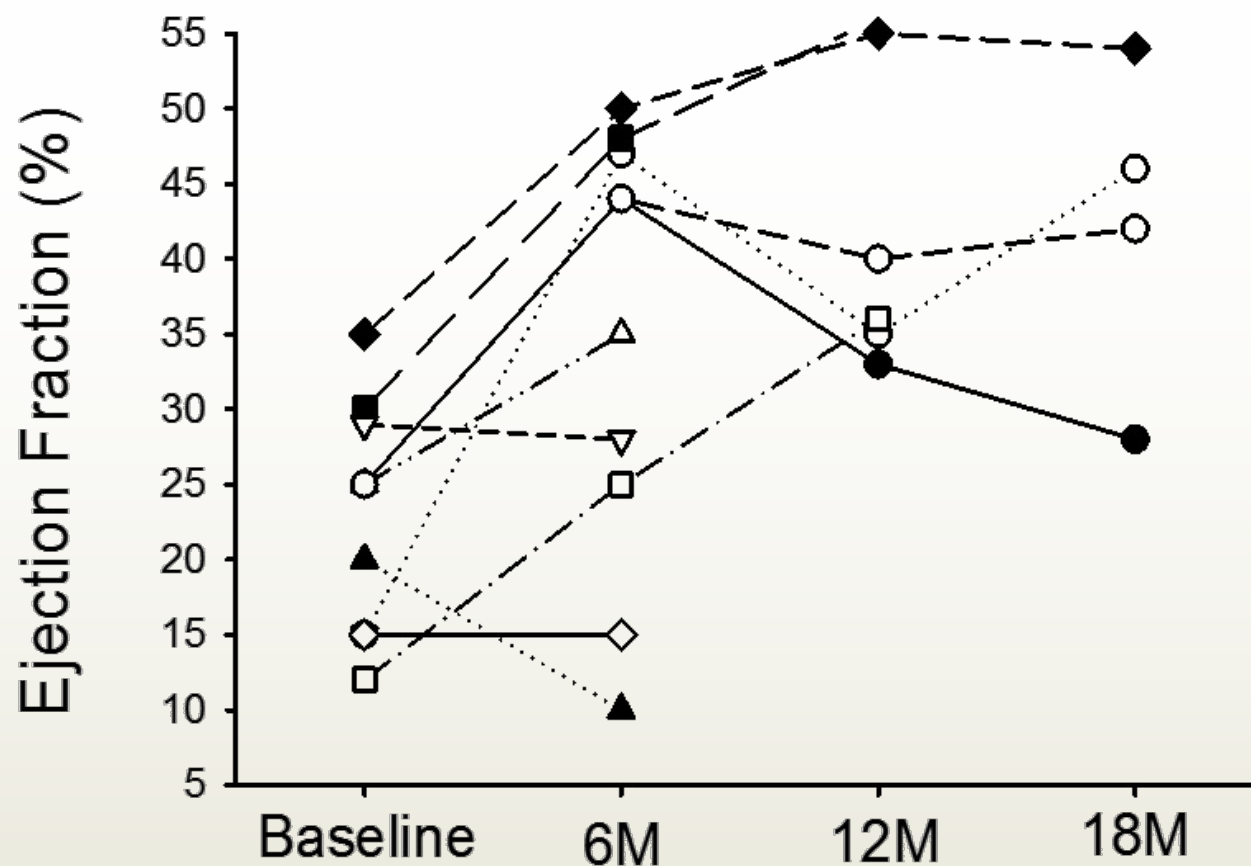




# OPTIONS HF Efficacy: Improved Overall Score In Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire (KCCQ)



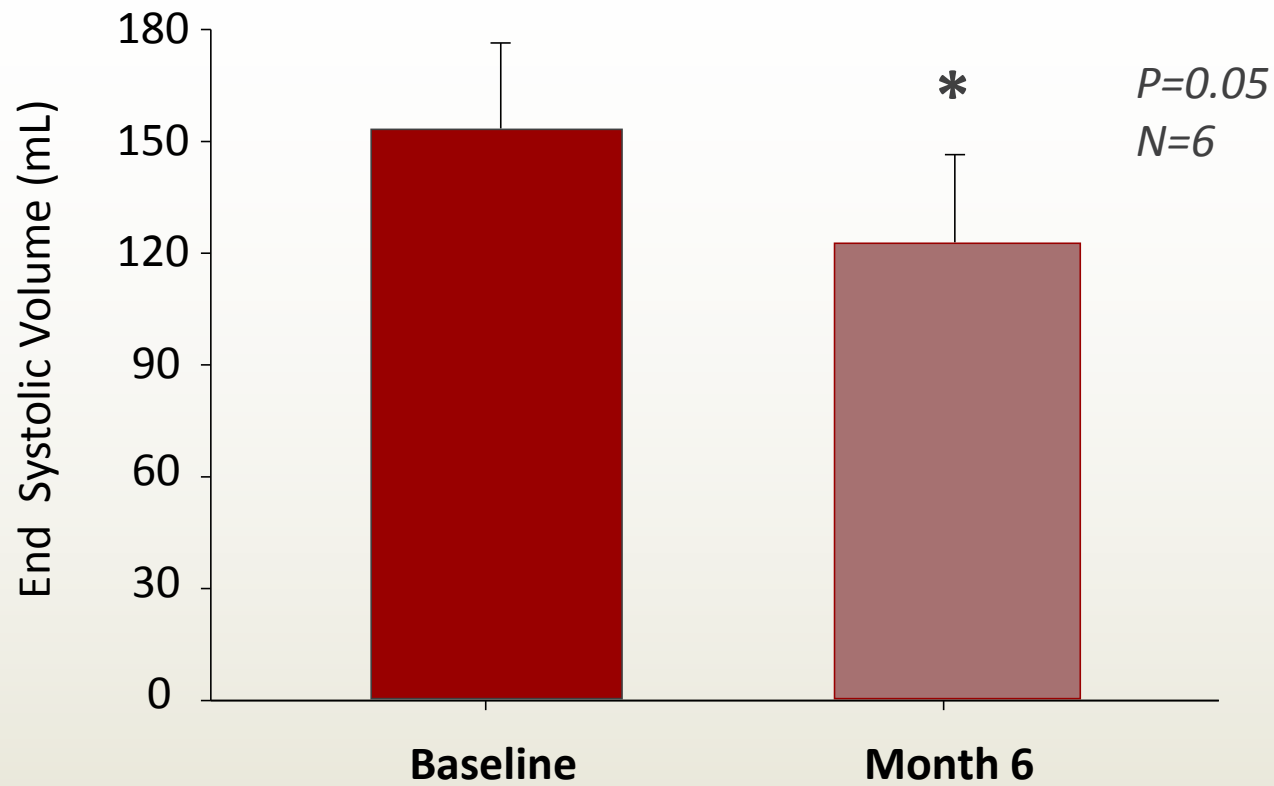
# OPTIONS HF Efficacy: Structural Remodeling



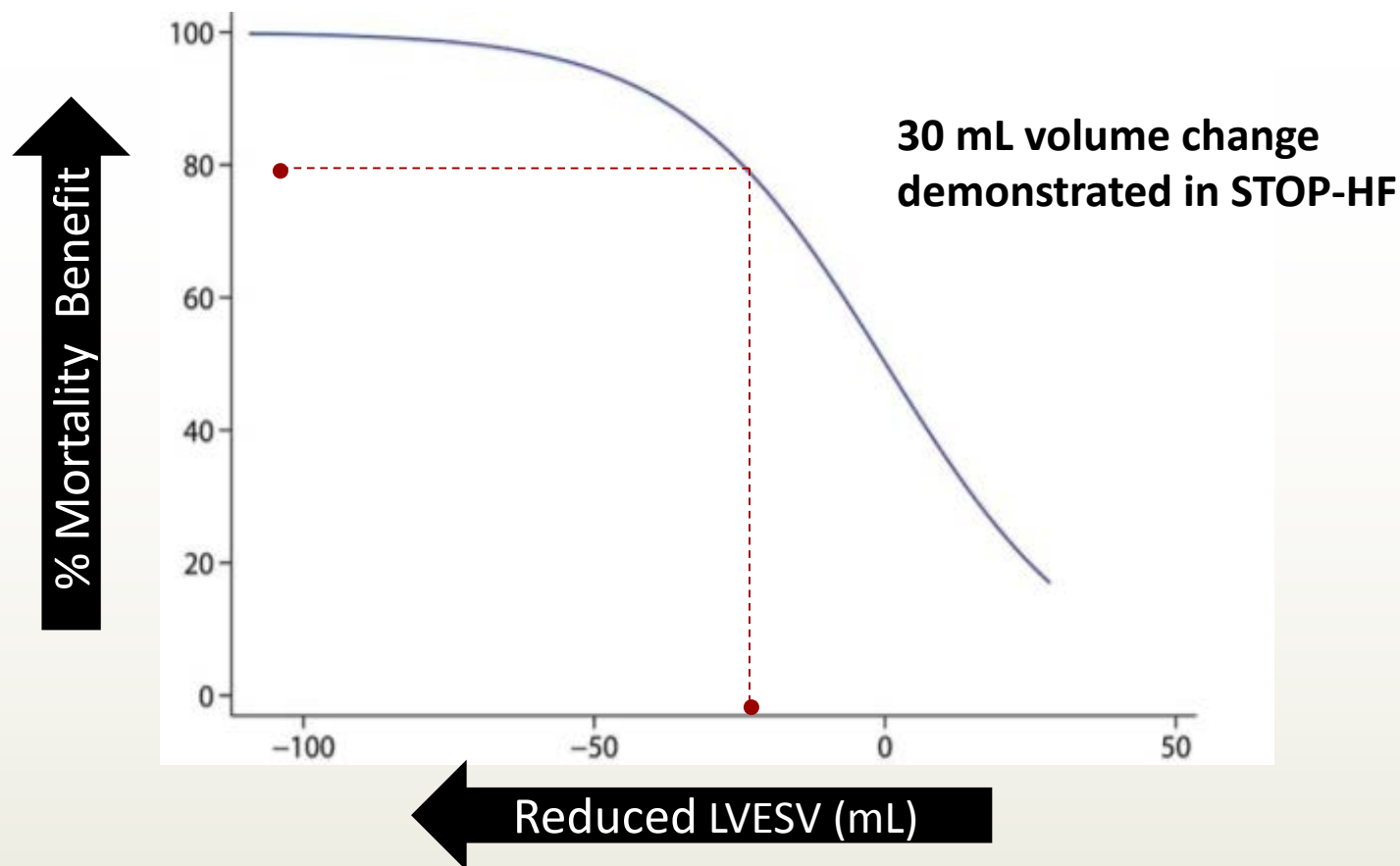
# OPTIONS HF Efficacy: Cardiac Function and Structural Remodeling



## End Systolic Volume

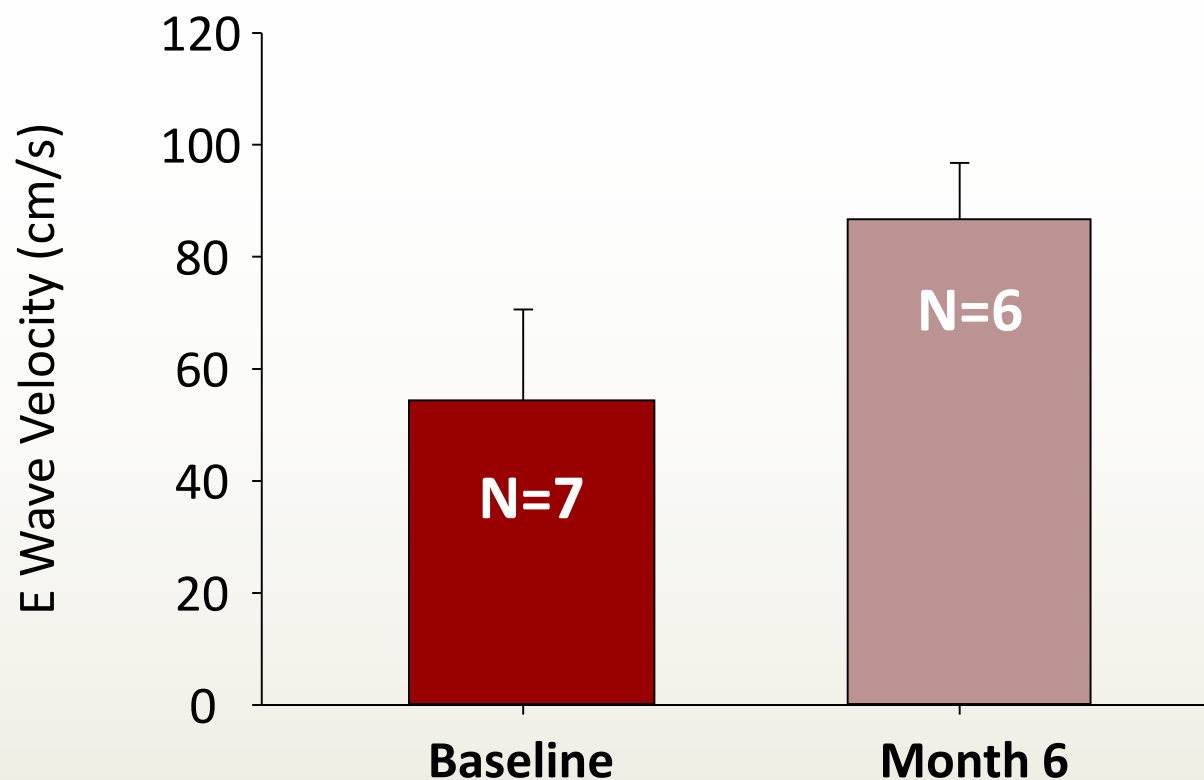


# LVESV is Correlated with Mortality Meta Analysis of 30 trials\*

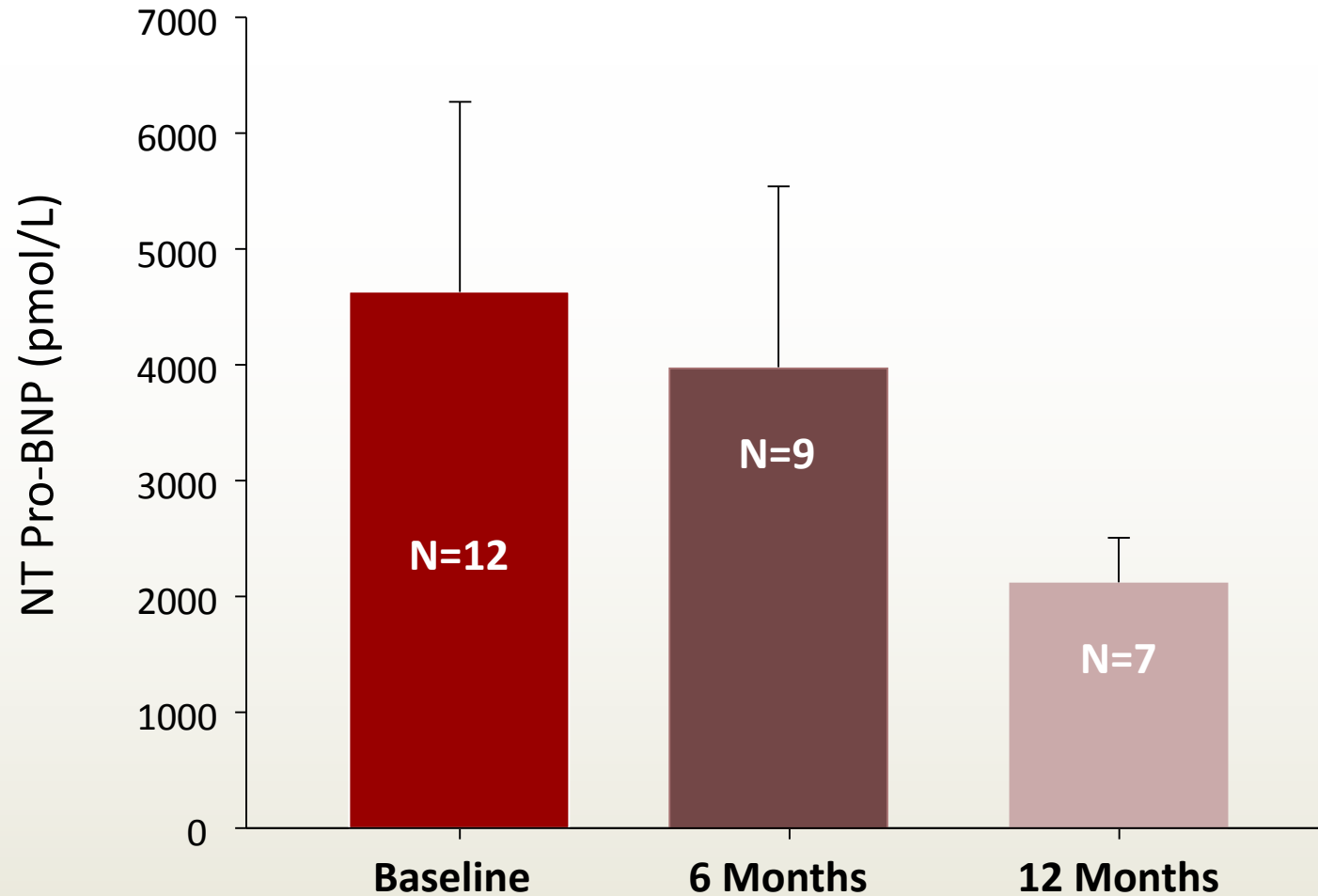


**Studies indicate that a 30 mL LVESV change correlates with ~80% improvement in mortality.**

# OPTIONS HF Efficacy: Diastolic Function



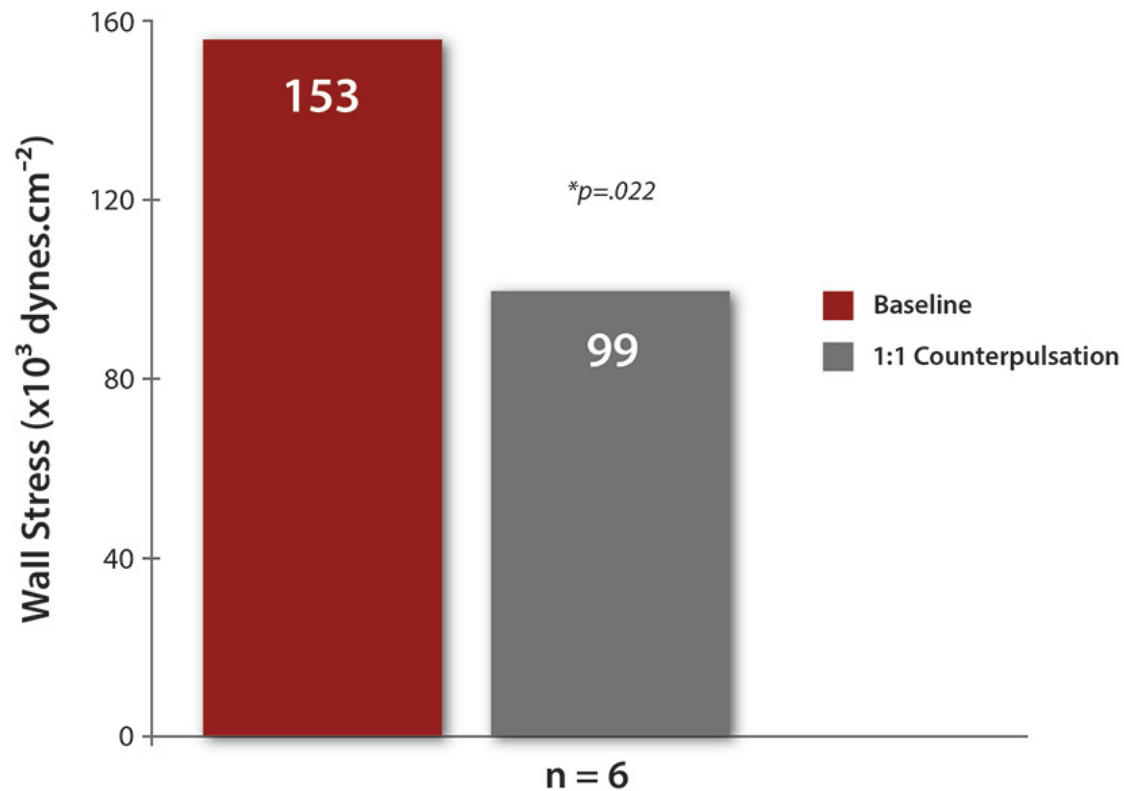
# OPTIONS HF Efficacy: Neuro-hormones NTproBNP



# C-PULSE: QUANTIFYING LV UNLOADING

# C-Pulse Acute Afterload Reduction: Wall Stress

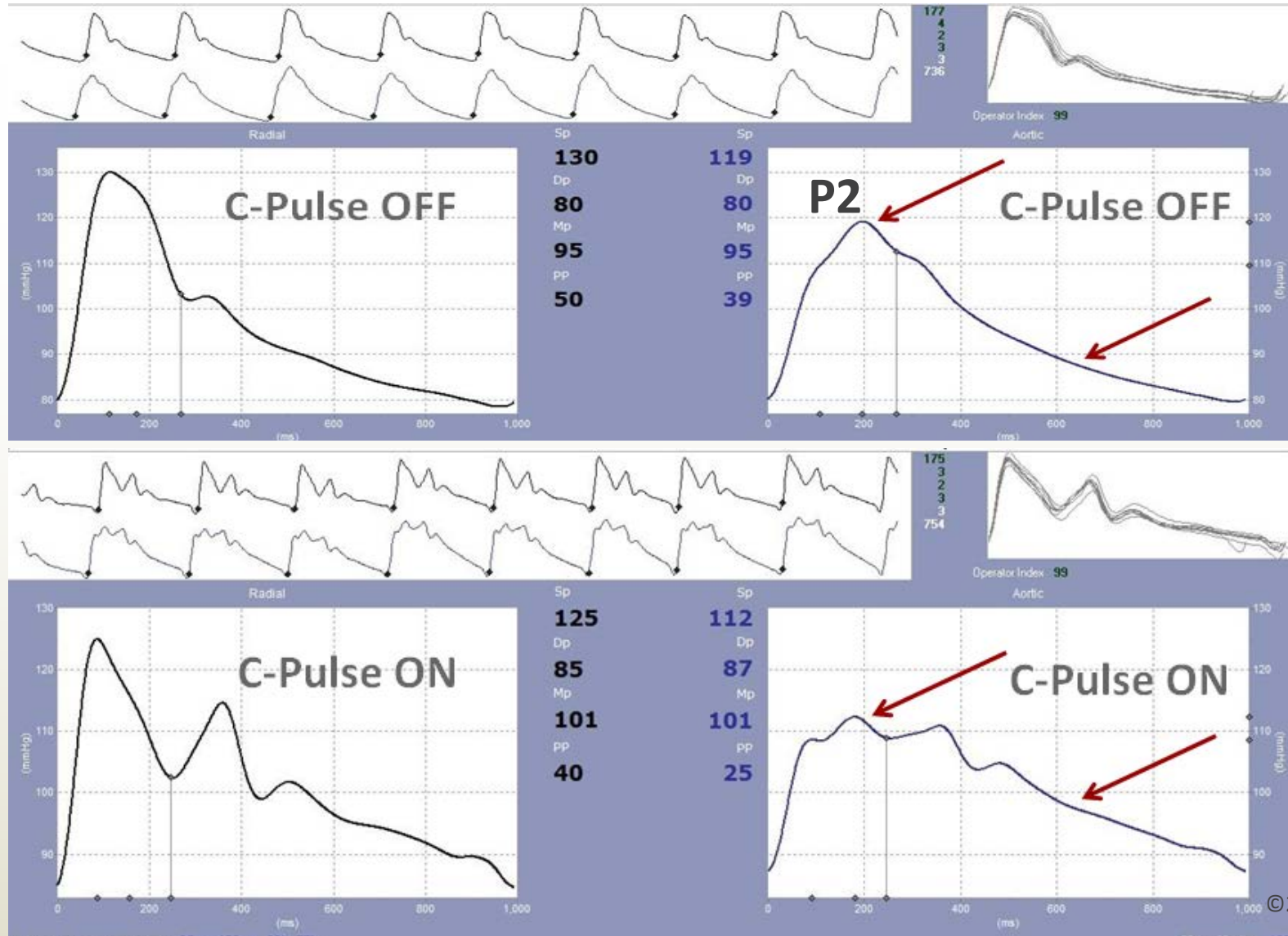
## Mean Wall Stress Reduction



Source: *Circulation*.2005;112(suppl 1):I-26-I-31)



# Augmentation Index (P2): Index of Wave Reflections



# Hemodynamic Effects of Unloading with C-Pulse:

## Reduction in Peripheral Wave Reflections Similar to Vasodilators



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Arterial and Cardiac Hemodynamics in Advanced HF Patients Implanted with the C-Pulse Counterpulsation Device: Implications for Myocardial Recovery

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(N=6)	OFF	ON
Max Aortic BP (mmHg)	114.4±4.4	114.3±4.9
Diastolic BP (mmHg)	68±13.4	65.7±14.7
P1 (mmHg)	106.5±6.0	109.3±4.9 <sup>†</sup>
Time to P2 (ms)	182±20.8	161±29.5 <sup>*</sup>
SEVR	1.70±0.45	1.99±0.53 <sup>†</sup>
Aix (P2/P1)	1.23±0.13	1.04±0.06 <sup>†</sup>

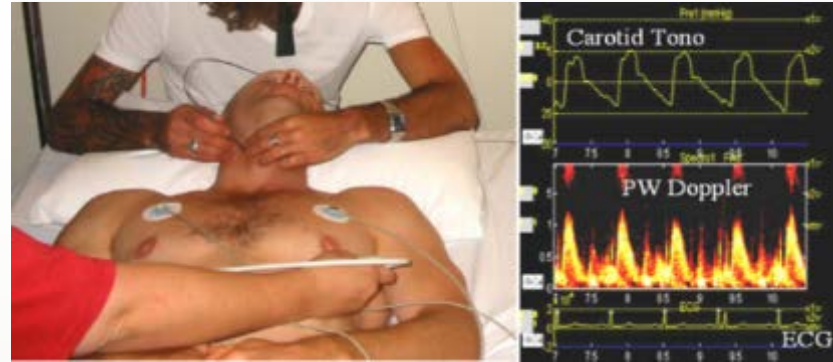
Mean±SD. Paired t-test. <sup>†</sup> p<0.01; <sup>\*</sup> p=0.01; <sup>‡</sup> p<0.05

Data presented at AHA 2015

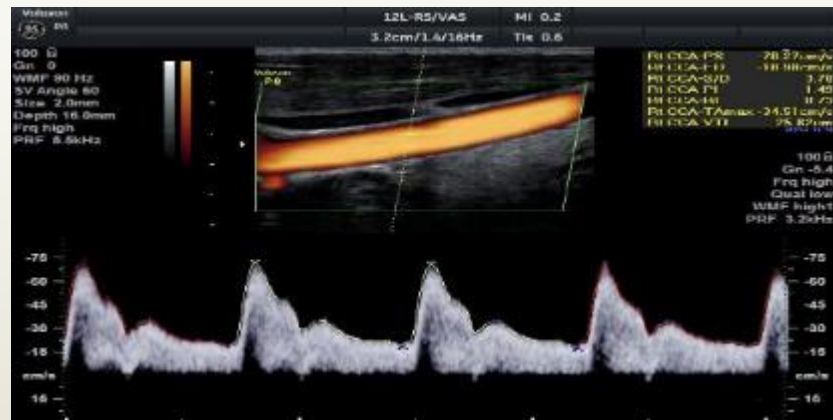
# Non-Invasive Measures Pressure and Flow to Study Peripheral Vascular Effects of C-Pulse in Patients



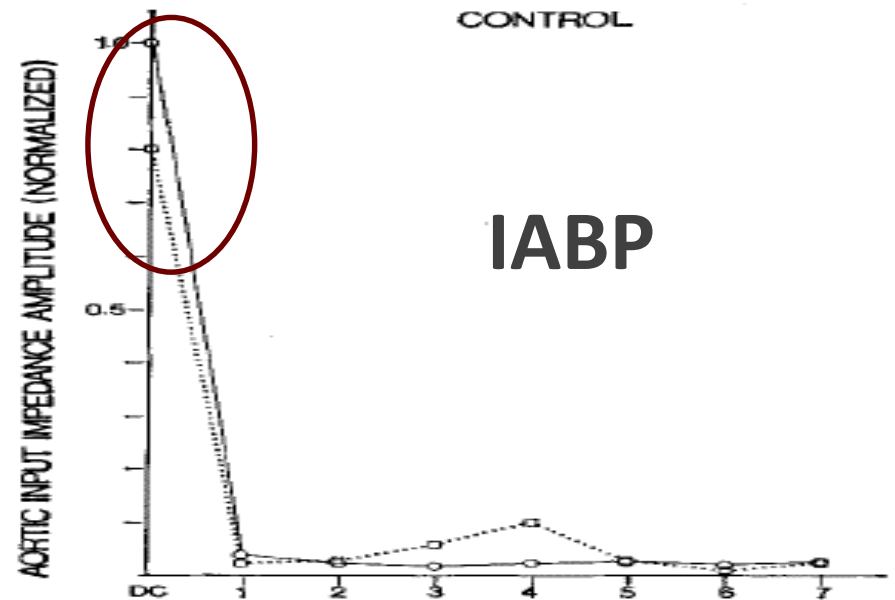
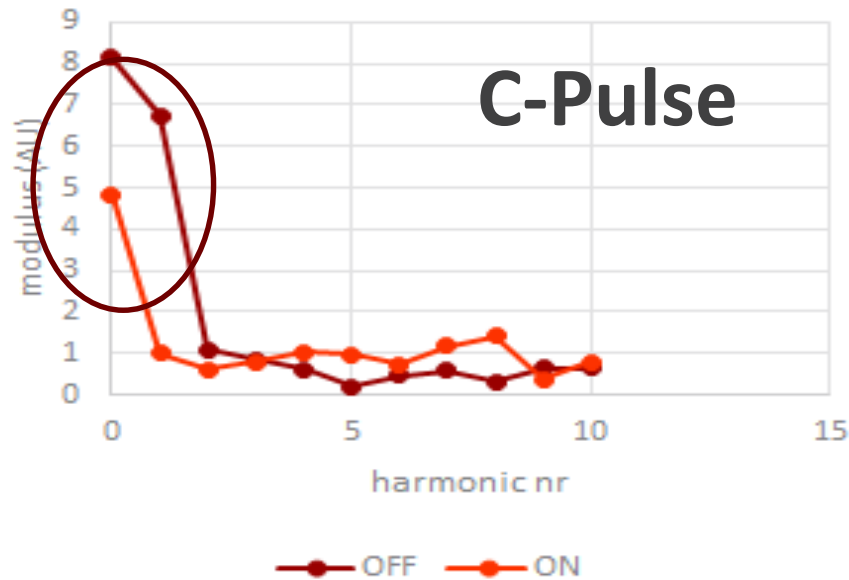
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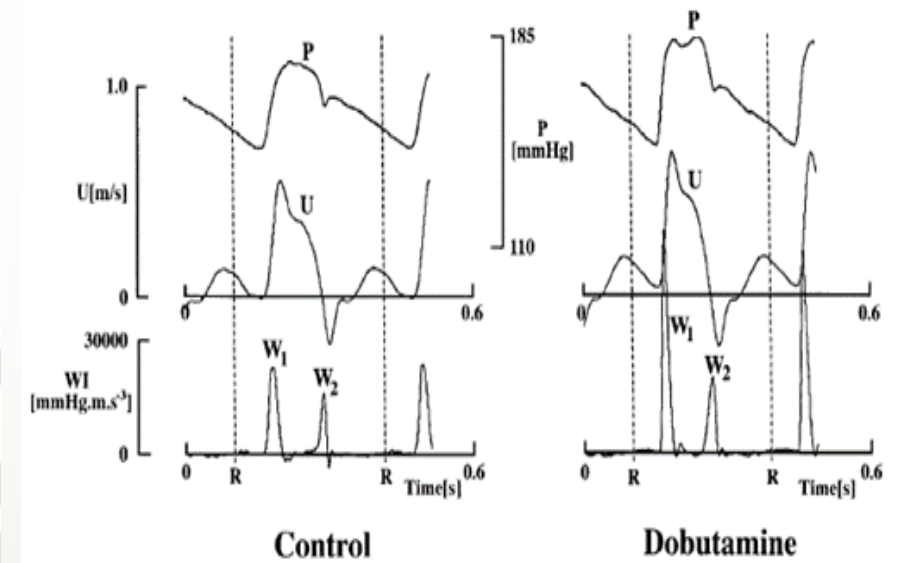
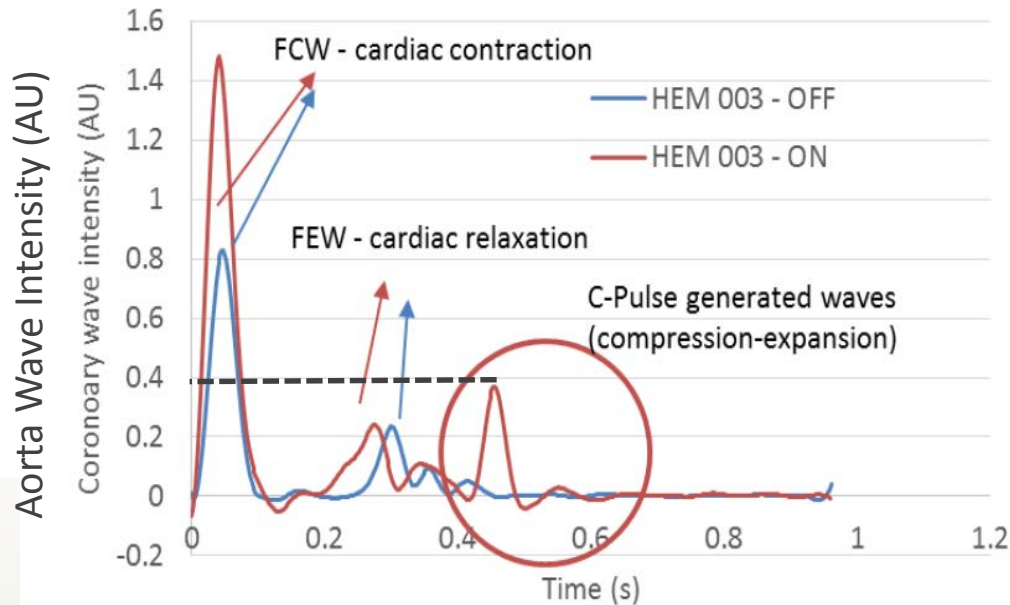
# C-Pulse and Impedance Analysis: Marked Reduction in Peripheral Resistance (n=3)



Jaron, D. Ann. Biomed Eng. 5: 1977

**Avg. Reduction in DC (peripheral)  
resistance with C-Pulse: 30%**

# C- Pulse: Wave Intensity Analysis In the Aorta (N=3)



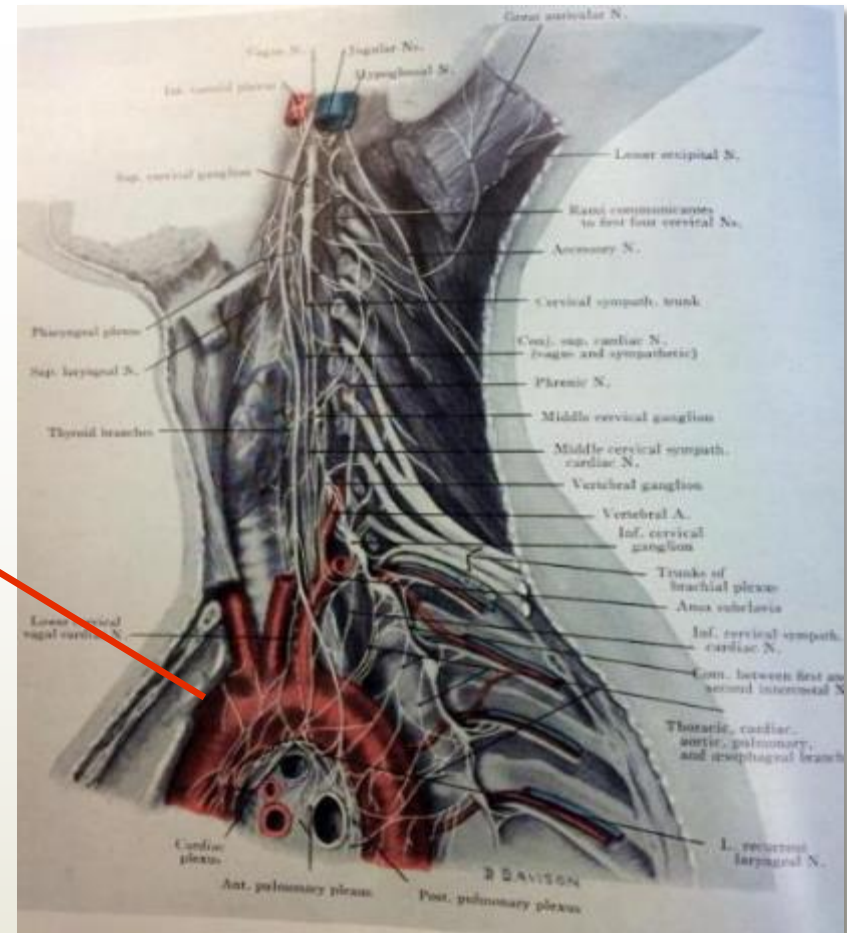
- Average Increase in Forward Compression Wave (Energy generated by LV): 71% due to decreased peripheral resistance
- C-Pulse augmentation during diastole 50% total energy generated by un-assisted LV
- Quantitatively similar to positive inotrope with better energetics profile



# Large Unloading Effects Due to Neural Reflexes?

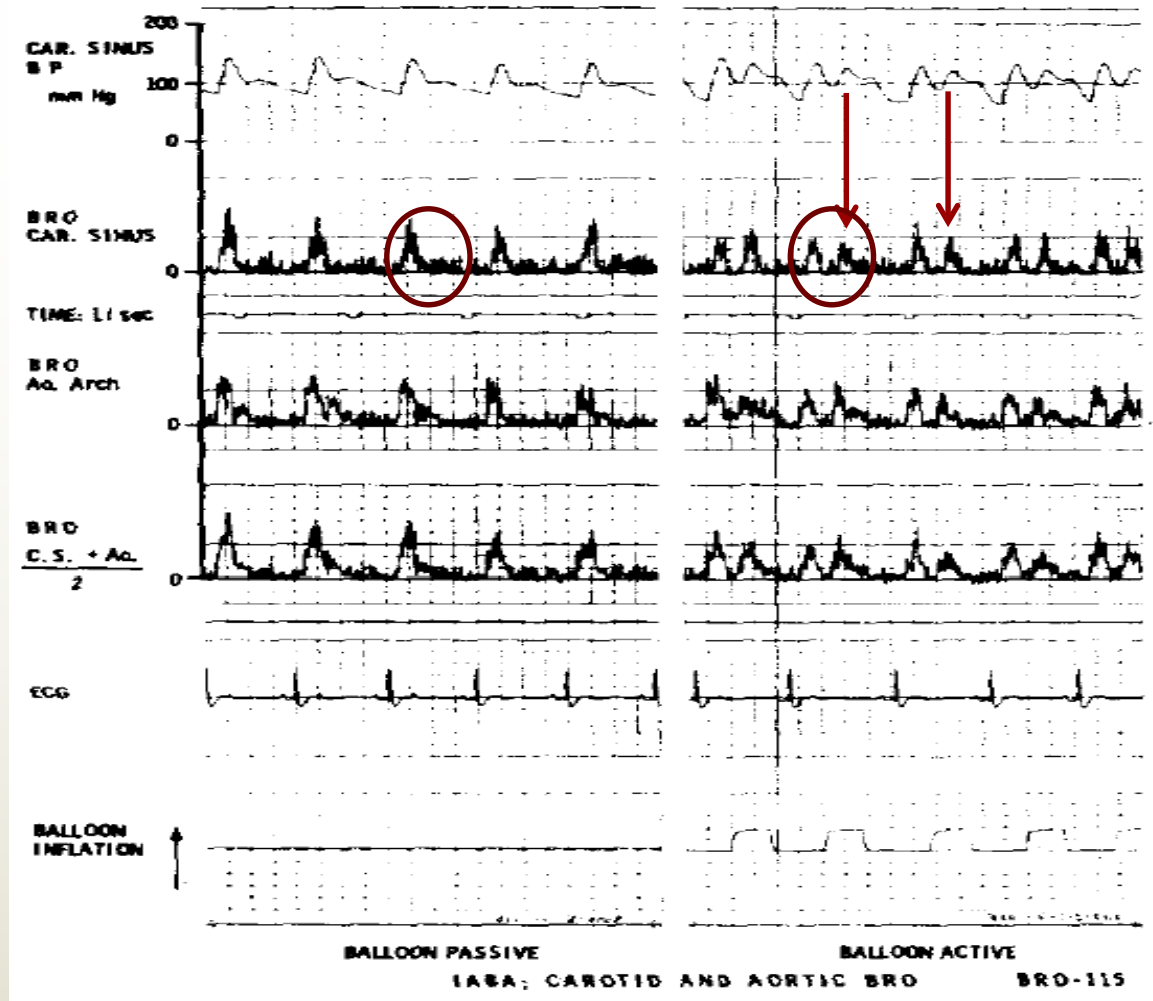
## Location, Location, Location

C-Pulse cuff placement even more optimal location to activate reflexes than IABP



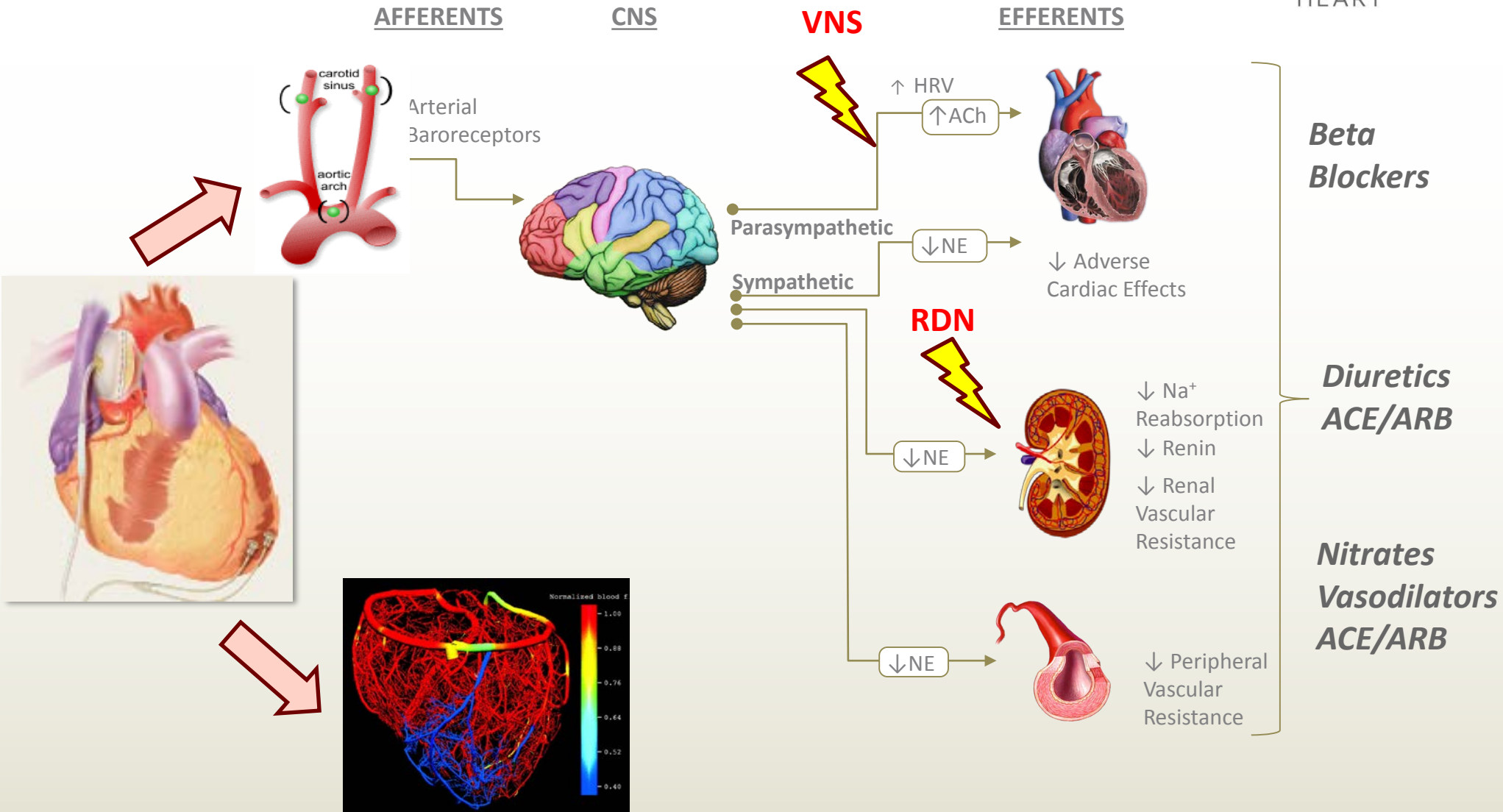
Mitchell GAG. Anatomy Autonomic Nervous System. 1953

# Arterial Baroreceptor Response to Intra-aortic Balloon Assistance: Baroreceptor Afferent Signaling Doubled



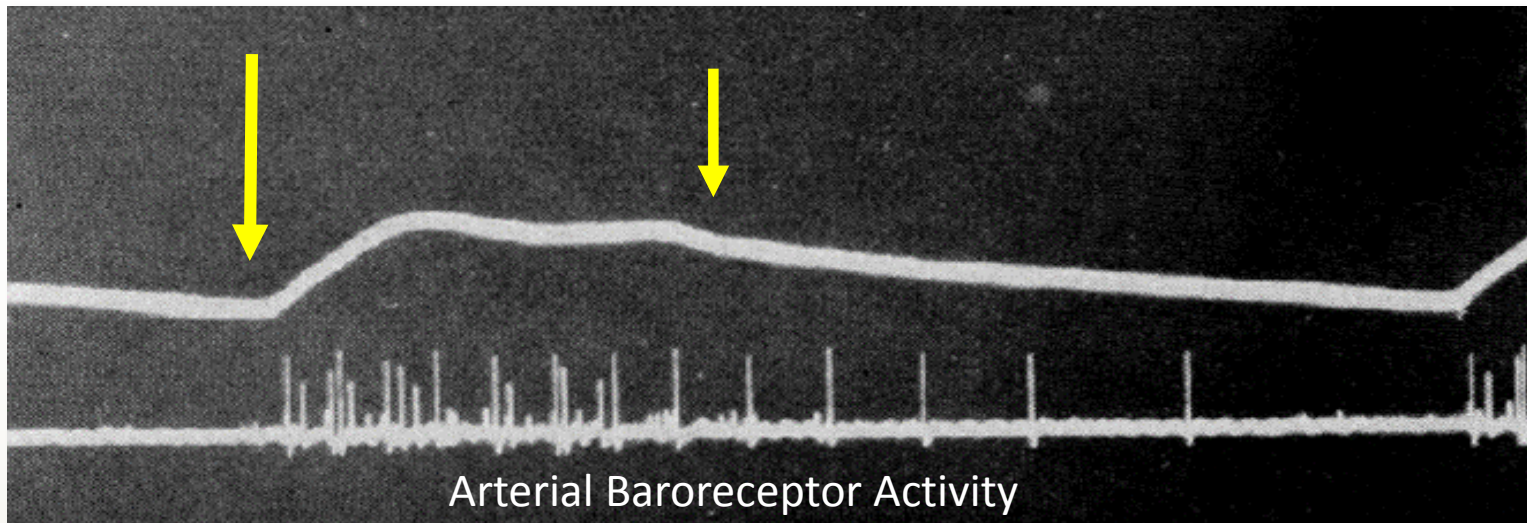
Diastolic Augmentation ↑  
Baroreceptor Activity

# Potential Mechanism Of Action – Counterpulsation and Neuromodulation Targets Key Pathologies in HF: Coronary Perfusion and Neurohormonal





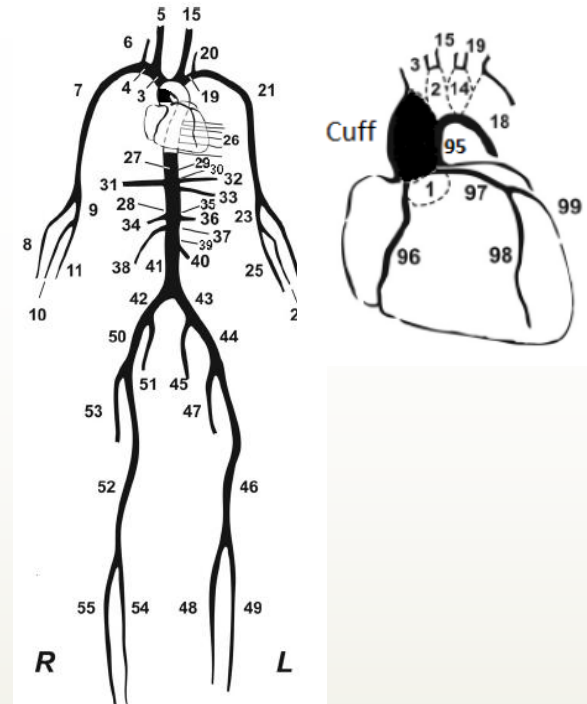
# C-Pulse and Counterpulsation



Peterson, LH. Circ. 21:1960

**Counterpulsation Times to Most Sensitive  
Phases of Cardiac Cycle for Baroreceptor Stimulation**

# C-Pulse Studies to Assess Neuromodulation Effects: Multi-Disciplinary Approach



## HEMODYNAMIC IMPACT OF THE C-PULSE CARDIAC SUPPORT DEVICE: A 1D ARTERIAL MODEL STUDY

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$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{C} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial P_{ext}}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \int_A u^2 dA \right) + \frac{A}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = \frac{A}{\rho} \frac{\partial P_{ext}}{\partial x} - 2\pi R \frac{u}{\rho} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=R} \quad (18)$$

values of the external pressure at the time of diastole for these situation is assumed.

$$P_{ext}(x, t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{during systole} \\ a \cdot \exp\left(-\left(\frac{t-b}{c}\right)^2\right) & \text{during diastole} \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

# Summary



- Hemodynamic analysis from patients indicates afterload reduction due to peripheral effects.
- Late systolic reduction associated with marked vasodilation hypothesized mediated by aortic and carotid baroreceptors.
- Chronic therapy with enhanced coronary perfusion, peripheral vascular unloading, and neurohormonal modulation may provide substrate for chronic remodeling and/or myocardial stabilization.
- Ideal system to implement weaning protocol due to modular nature, non-obligatory therapy, extravascular implant.