

# Quality of Life Considerations and Multidisciplinary Team-Based Care for Patients with hATTR Amyloidosis

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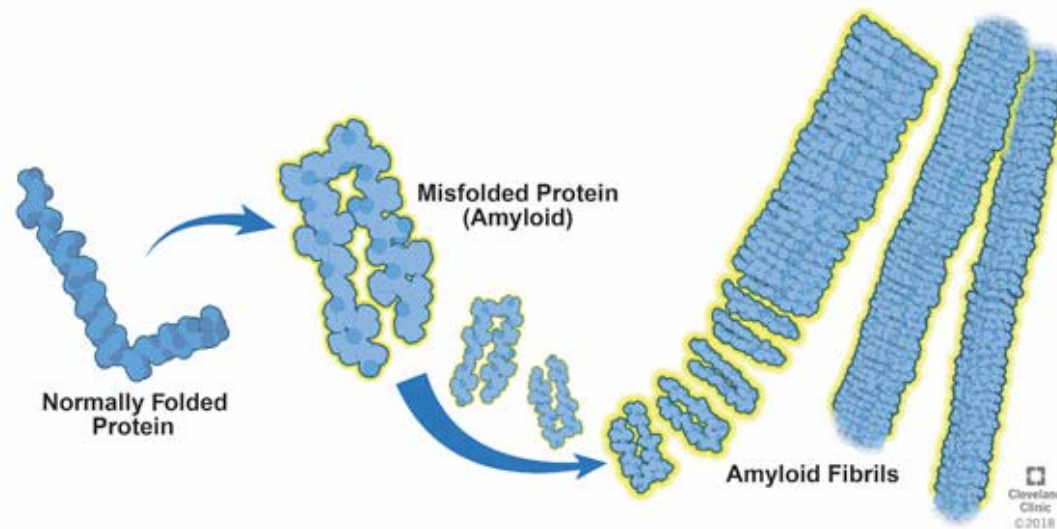
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# What is amyloidosis?



<https://my.clevelandclinic.org/departments/cancer/depts/amyloid>



# Over 30 amyloidogenic proteins

**Table 1** Main protein types causing amyloidosis with the emphasis on cardiovascular system involvement

Amyloid protein	Precursor	Distribution	Syndrome
<b>AL</b>	<b>Immunoglobulin light chain</b>	Systemic/localised	Primary/myeloma associated
<b>AH</b>	<b>Immunoglobulin heavy chain</b>	Systemic/localised	Primary/myeloma associated
<b>AA</b>	<b>Serum amyloid A</b>	Systemic	Secondary
<b>A<math>\beta_2</math> Microglobulin</b>	<b><math>\beta_2</math> Microglobulin</b>	Systemic	Secondary
<b>ATTR</b>	<b>Transthyretin</b>	Systemic	Senile systemic/familial
<b>AANF</b>	<b>Atrial natriuretic factor</b>	Localised	Atrial isolated
<b>AApoA-I</b>	<b>Apolipoprotein A-I</b>	Localised/systemic	Aortic/familial
<b>AApoA-II</b>	Apolipoprotein A-II	Systemic	Familial
<b>Amed</b>	<b>Lactadherin</b>	Localised	Aortic
<b>Agel</b>	Gelsolin	Systemic	Familial
<b>Alys</b>	Lysozyme	Systemic	Familial
<b>Afib</b>	Fibrinogen $\alpha$ chain	Systemic	Familial
<b>Acys</b>	Cystatin C	Systemic	Familial
<b>A<math>\beta</math></b>	A $\beta$ Protein precursor	Localised	Alzheimer's disease, aging
<b>AprP</b>	Prion protein	Localised	Spongiform encephalopathies
<b>Abri</b>	ABri protein precursor	Localised	Familial dementia
<b>Acal</b>	(Pro)calcitonin	Localised	Thyroid tumours derived from C cells
<b>AIAPP</b>	Islet amyloid polypeptide	Localised	Langerhans islets, insulinomas
<b>Apro</b>	Prolactin	Localised	Prolactinomas, pituitary in elderly
<b>Ains</b>	Insulin	Localised	Iatrogenic
<b>Aker</b>	Kerato-epithelin	Localised	Familial, cornea
<b>Alac</b>	Lactoferrin	Localised	Familial, cornea

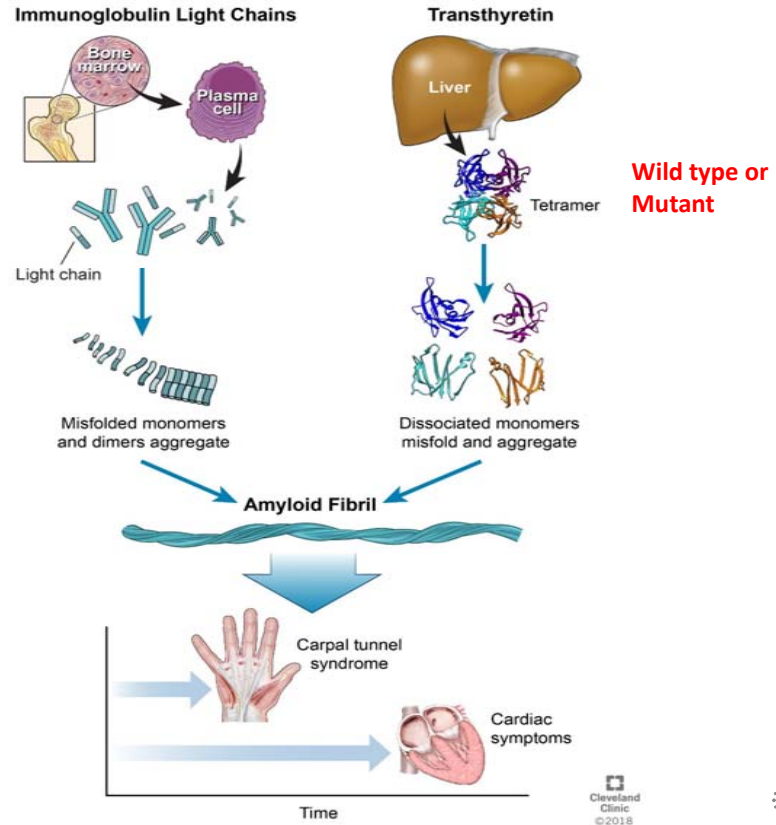
Proteins involved in the cardiovascular system are in bold.

Kholova et al, JCP, Feb 2005.

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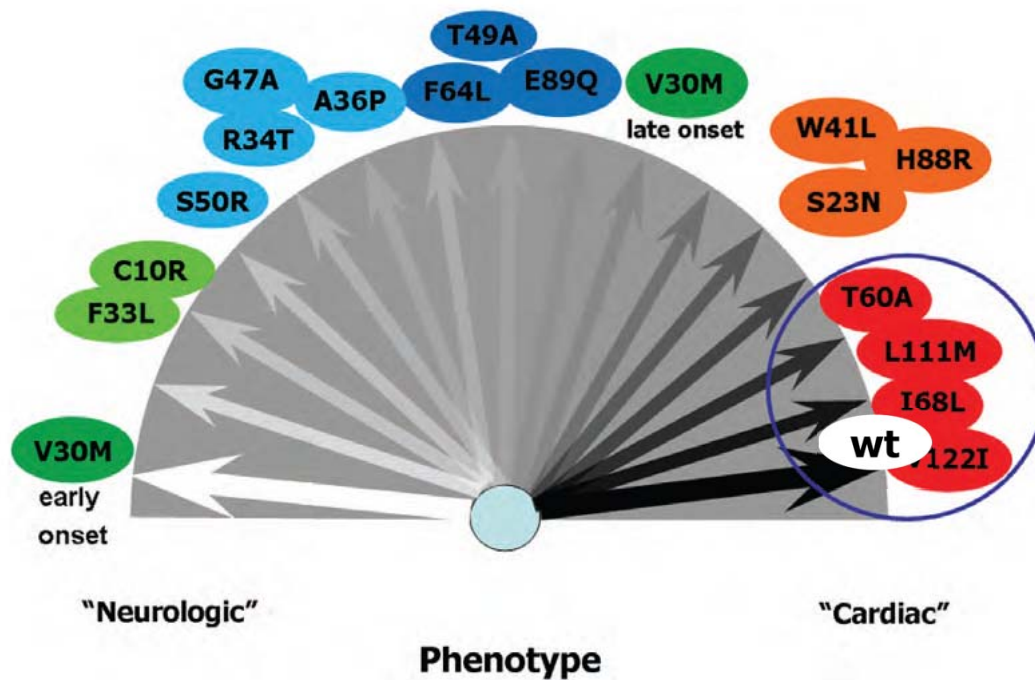
# 2 Main Types of Systemic Amyloidosis



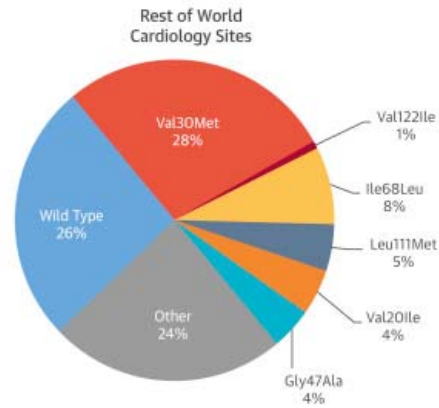
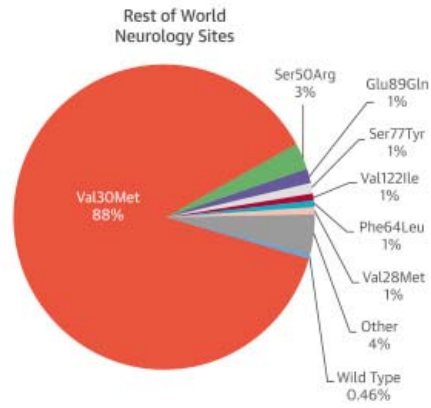
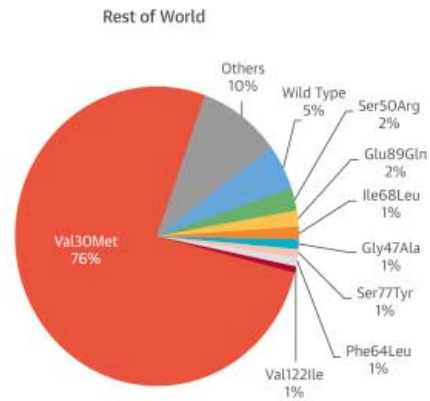
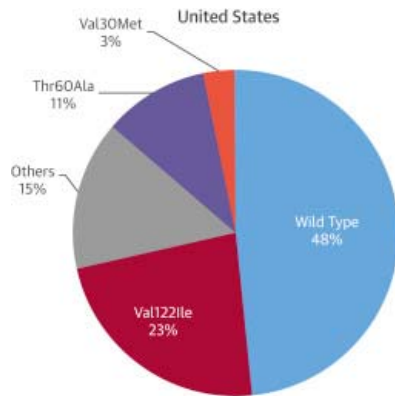
Donnelly, Hanna, Sperry, Seitz. JHS 2019: 44(10) 868-876.



# Mutations of hATTR amyloidosis



Rapezzi et al. EHJ (2013) 34,520-528.



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## Symptoms of ATTR amyloidosis

### CARDIAC FINDINGS

- Increased LV (and RV) wall thickness
- Low voltage ECG relative to LV thickness
- Heart failure with preserved or mildly decreased EF
- De-escalation of BP meds
- Atrial arrhythmias
- Persistently elevated NTproBNP & troponin
- Aortic stenosis (particularly low-flow low-gradient)

### NON-CARDIAC FINDINGS

- Age (>60 years for ATTR-CM)
- Men more common than women
- Bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome
- Spinal stenosis
- Biceps tendon rupture
- Peripheral neuropathy
- Autonomic neuropathy
- Chronic kidney disease / proteinuria
- Periorbital purpura, glossomegaly





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- Quality of life in ATTR amyloidosis
- Multidisciplinary care
- How to create an amyloidosis center

# What do we know about quality of life in hATTR amyloidosis?

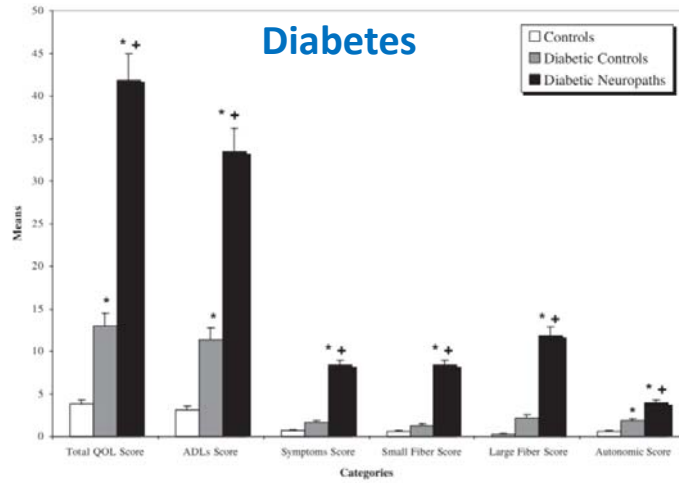
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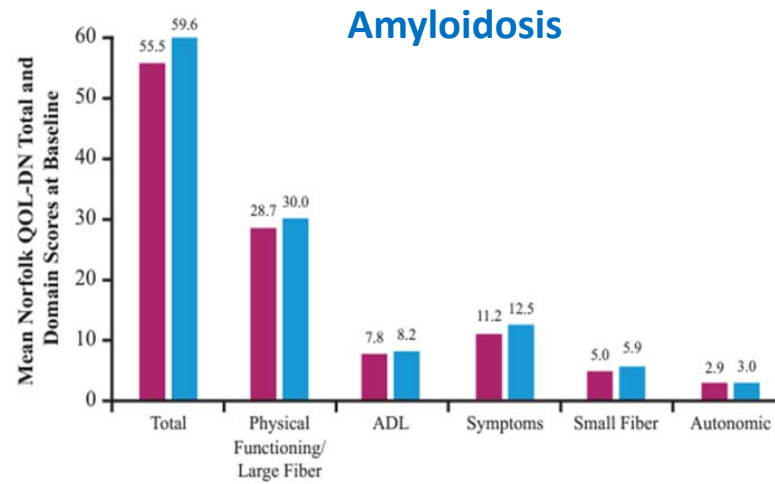


# Polyneuropathy QOL – Norfolk QOL-DN

Baseline Data



Vinik et al., Diabetes Technology & Therapeutics 2005;7(3), 497–508.



Obici et al., Amyloid 2020;27(3):153-162.



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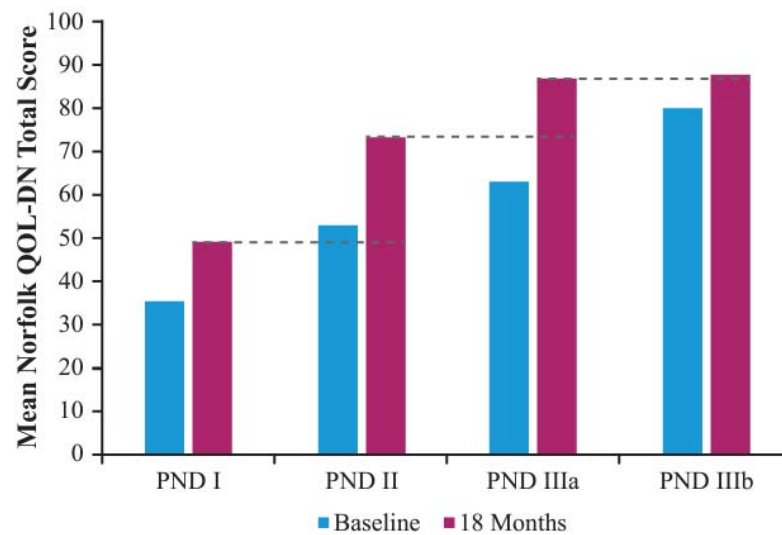
### Total QOL

- ADL score = mix of small fiber, large fiber, and autonomic questions
- Symptoms = duration of symptoms and # medications used
- Large fiber neuropathy = electric shocks and weakness
- Small fiber neuropathy = numbness, tingling, pins/needles
- Autonomic neuropathy



## PND Score

1. Only sensory disturbances
2. Motor impairment but ambulates without aid
- 3A. Walking with the help of 1 stick
- 3B. Walking with the help of 2 sticks
4. Wheelchair bound



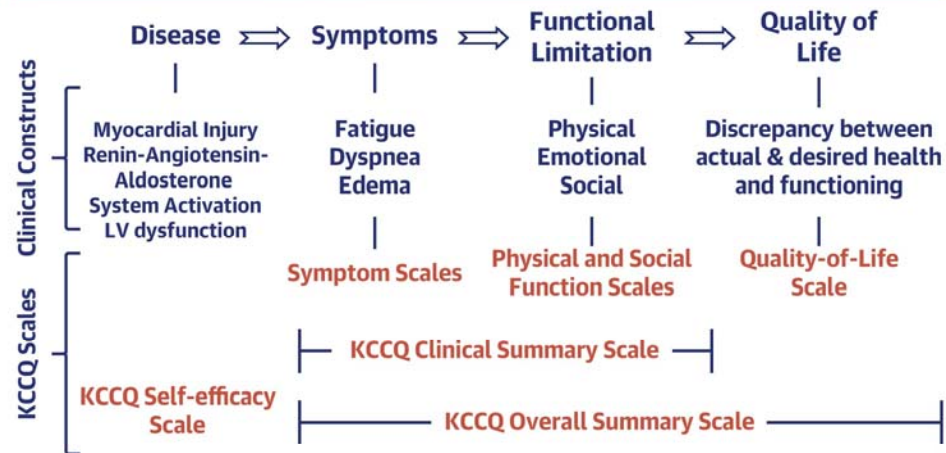
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# Cardiomyopathy QOL

## CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Conceptual Mapping of the Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire to Different Manifestations of Heart Failure

### Mapping the Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire (KCCQ) Scales



Spertus, J.A. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2020;76(20):2379-90.



# Cardiomyopathy QOL

## Baseline Data from ATTR-ACT

Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire, EQ-5D, and patient global assessment scores at baseline

Variable	Stabilizer	Placebo
<b>KCCQ domains, mean (SD)</b>		
Quality of Life	62.63 (24.73)	59.98 (24.65)
Social Limitation	63.36 (28.96)	63.10 (28.97)
Physical Limitation	69.07 (22.77)	68.24 (24.18)
Total Symptoms*	73.45 (20.27)	72.11 (20.64)
Symptom Burden	73.58 (20.72)	73.31 (20.82)
Symptom Frequency	73.41 (21.85)	70.90 (22.49)
Self-efficacy	83.10 (20.86)	80.16 (21.42)
Symptom Stability	52.10 (16.18)	49.30 (15.64)
<b>KCCQ summary scores, Mean (SD)</b>		
Clinical Summary <sup>†</sup>	71.34 (20.04)	70.15 (20.51)
Overall Summary <sup>†</sup>	67.28 (21.36)	65.90 (21.74)
<b>EQ-5D, mean (SD)</b>		
EQ-5D-3L Index Score	0.80 (0.16)	0.80 (0.15)
EQ VAS	68.30 (18.57)	66.50 (17.76)
<b>PGA<sup>§</sup></b>		
Normal, not at all ill	43 (16.3%)	21 (11.9%)
Borderline ill	52 (19.7%)	28 (15.8%)
Mildly ill	49 (18.6%)	39 (22.0%)
Moderately ill	72 (27.3%)	55 (31.1%)
Markedly ill	35 (13.3%)	26 (14.7%)
Severely ill	9 (3.4%)	3 (1.7%)
Among the most extremely ill	1 (0.4%)	0

EQ VAS = EQ visual analog scale; KCCQ = Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire; PGA = patient global assessment; SD = standard deviation.

Adapted from Hanna M, et al. Am J Cardiol. 2021 Feb 15;141:98-105.





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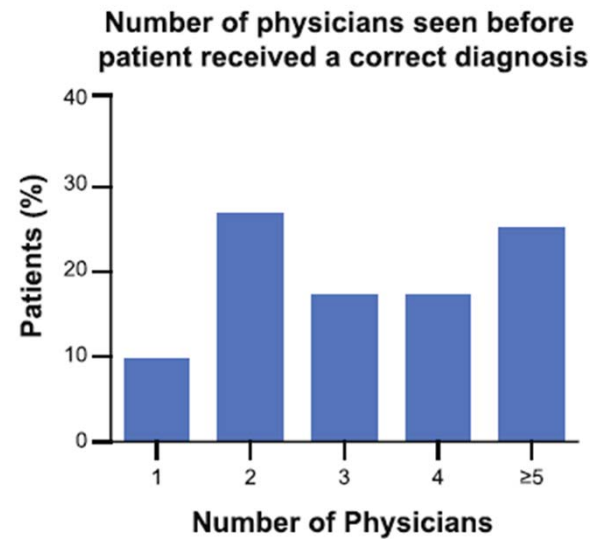
# Multidisciplinary care is needed for diagnosis

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## Multiple Clinicians

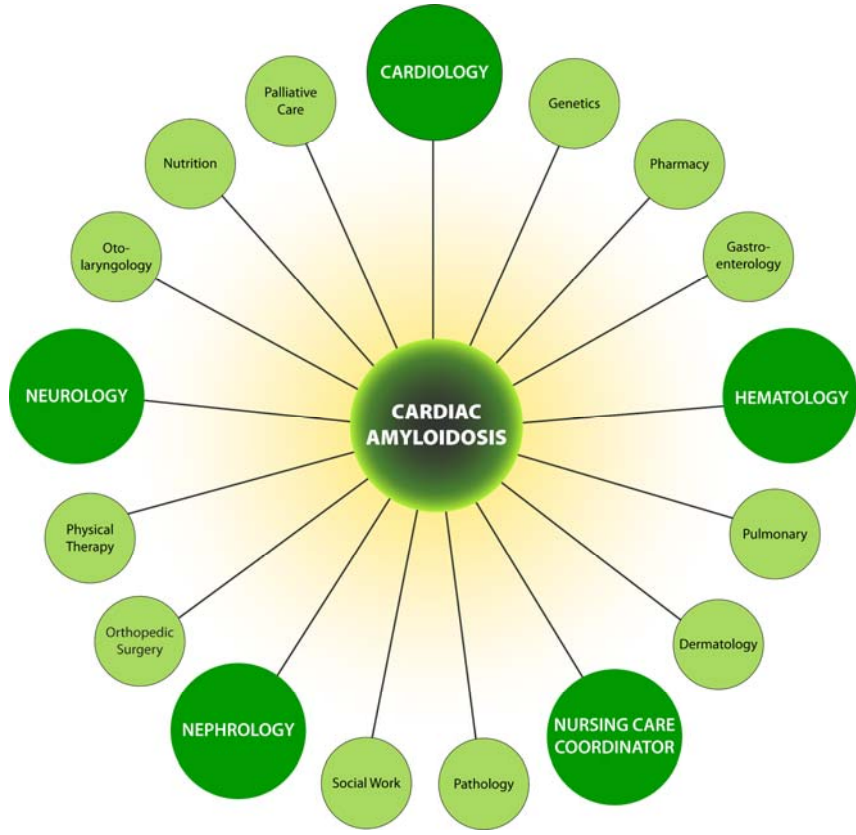
- In ATTR, only 1/3 to 1/2 of patients have a correct diagnosis made within 6 months.
- Only 10% of patients are diagnosed by the first clinician they see.



Lousada I, Comenzo RL, Landau H, Guthrie S, Merlini G. Patient experience with hereditary and senile systemic amyloidoses: a survey from the Amyloidosis Research Consortium. *Orphanet J Rare Dis.* 2015;10(Suppl 1):P22 P1



# Diagnosis can be made from multiple specialties



Sperry BW, et al. Comprehensive approach to cardiac amyloidosis care: considerations in starting an amyloidosis program. Heart Fail Rev. 2021 Aug 30.



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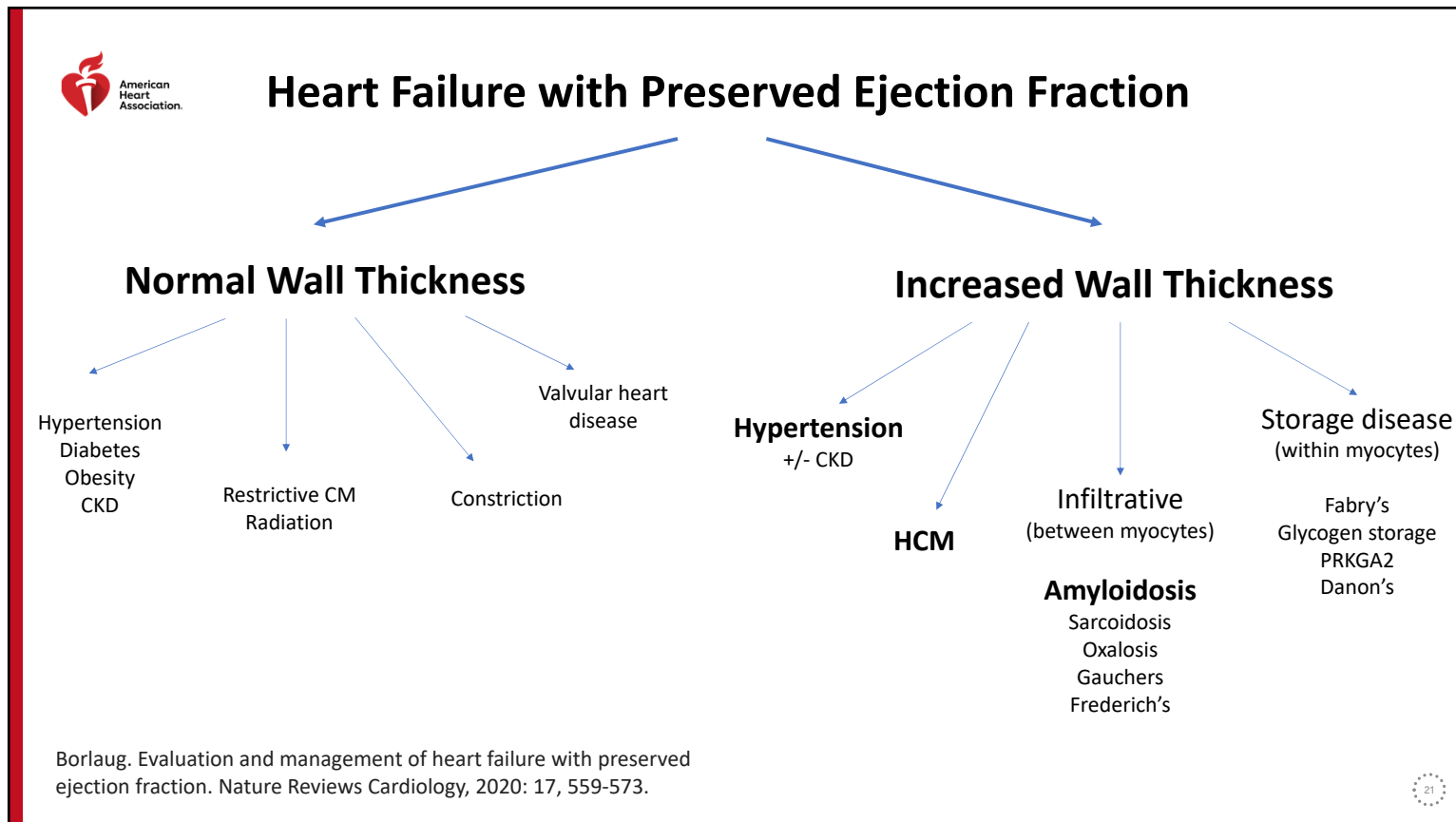
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Raza, Shahzad  
To Sperry, Brett W

Hi Brett, can you look at this echo and tell me if it looks like amyloidosis?

Shahzad





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General cardiology

Electrophysiology

Interventional cardiology

Structural cardiology

Heart failure

Imaging cardiologist

# Multidisciplinary team is needed for longitudinal care

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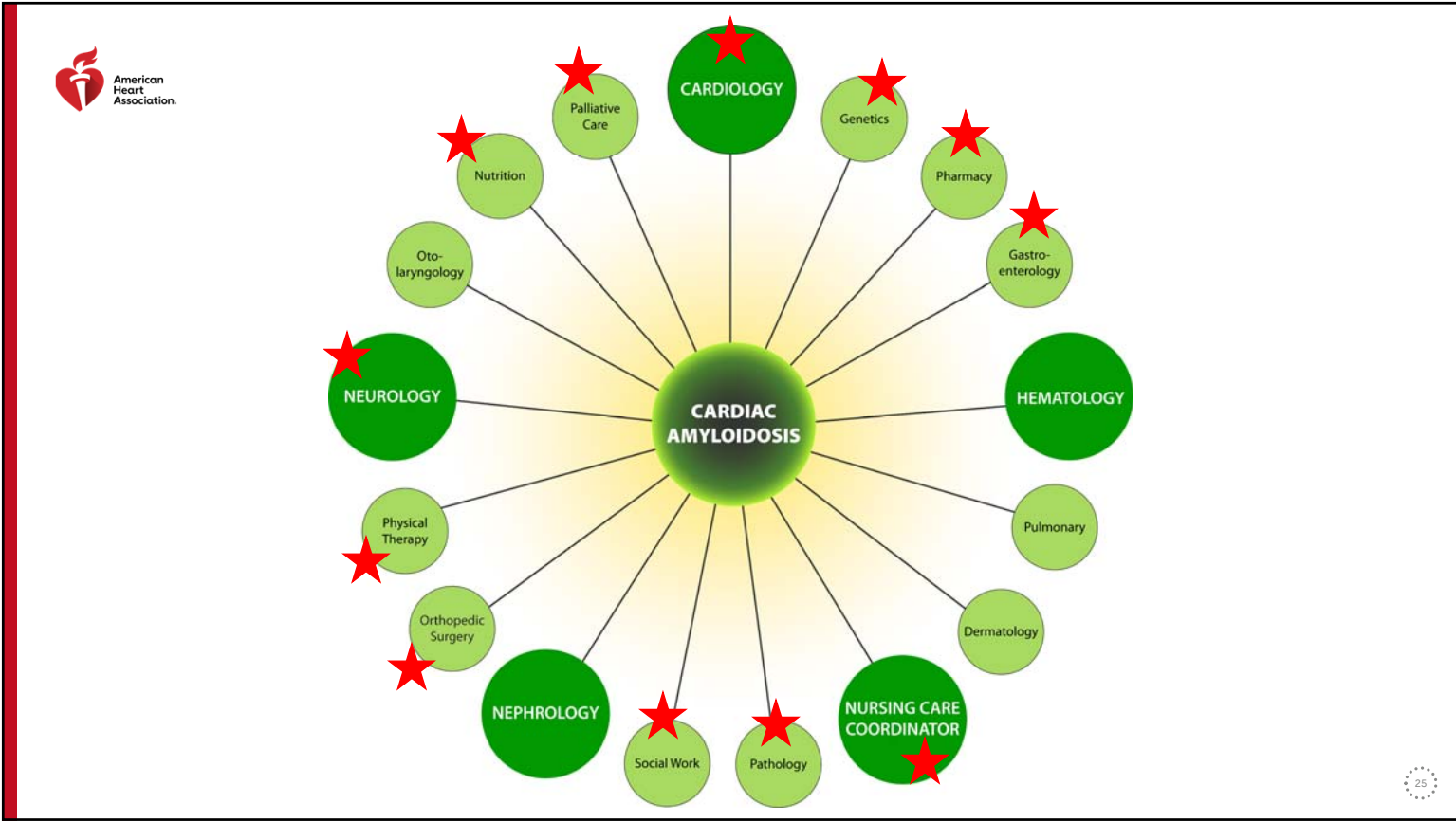




65-year-old male with hATTR amyloidosis from V30M mutation

- Aortic stenosis s/p TAVR
- Cardiomyopathy with diastolic heart failure
- Severe polyneuropathy with weakness and inability to ambulate without assistance
- Constipation and diarrhea
- Weight loss







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Heart Failure Reviews  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10741-021-10163-0>



## Comprehensive approach to cardiac amyloidosis care: considerations in starting an amyloidosis program

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### **Establishing a Cardiac Amyloidosis Clinic: A Practical Primer for Cardiologists**

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Katherine Connolly, MD,<sup>d</sup> Debra Bosley, BScN,<sup>b</sup> Shelley Zieroth, MD,<sup>e</sup> and  
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## STEPS TO STARTING AN AMYLOIDOSIS PROGRAM

**STEP 1** • Identify multidisciplinary stakeholders

**STEP 2** • Develop overarching program goals

**STEP 3** • Create institutional buy-in

**STEP 4** • Emphasize program growth and development



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# 1. Identify stakeholders

- Cardiologist
- Hematologist
- Neurologist
- Nephrologist
- Nursing care coordinator

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## 2. Develop overarching program goals

- Mission statement
- Multidisciplinary meetings
- Amyloid clinic



### **3. Create institutional buy-in**

- Amyloid consults generate significant downstream testing and referrals
- More resources are needed than standard cardiac patients
  - Care coordination
  - Patient assistance paperwork
  - 2x as many patient contacts/messages as other HF patients
  - Clinical trials



## 4. Program growth and development

- Education
  - Fellows/residents and colleagues within the cardiology practice
  - Local cardiologists and potential referring physicians
  - Patients
- Early identification
  - Increased physician education
  - Screening patients with carpal tunnel syndrome
  - Screening patients with HFpEF or aortic stenosis
  - EMR AI screening
  - Amyloidosis order set
- Multidisciplinary clinic and availability for Inpatient consultation
- Partnering with national organizations
- Clinical trials

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## Summary

- Neuropathic QOL is poor in patients with hATTR-PN and significantly worse than diabetic PN
- Cardiac QOL is poor in patients with ATTR-CM and generally worse at baseline than patients enrolled in contemporary heart failure trials
- A multidisciplinary team is needed for diagnosis and longitudinal care of patients with amyloidosis
- Tips to start and maintain an amyloidosis program



*Thank You.*

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