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Risk stratification after myocardial infarction: is left ventricular ejection fraction enough to prevent sudden cardiac death?

In this paper, authors reviewed the risk factors of sudden cardiac death in patients with prior heart attack. Moreover, they assessed the available indications for proper patient selection for implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (ICDs) implantation. They also discussed the role of reduced heart pump function (ejection fraction) as a risk factor for sudden cardiac death. They concluded that considering the multiple mechanisms involved in sudden cardiac death, “ejection fraction” alone is not sufficient for identification of patients with high risk for sudden cardiac death.