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Sudden Death in Patients With Coronary Heart Disease Without Severe Systolic Dysfunction

Different studies have shown that the majority of sudden cardiac deaths (SCD) in patients with prior coronary heart disease occur in those without reduced heart pump function (ejection fraction). In this study, different causes of death were assessed in in patients with prior coronary heart disease without severe heart failure. They assessed a total of 5761 participants with coronary heart disease who did not receive implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD) for sudden cardiac death prevention. Their results showed that SCD accounts for a significant proportion of overall death.