EVIDENCE TABELLEN

UITGANGSVRAAG: Welke factoren bepalen de levensverwachting van patiënten met hartfalen NYHA klasse III-IV? Systematic reviews

Stud	Method	Patient	Results	Critical appraisal
y ID		characteristics		of review quality
Alba	• SR	Eligibility criteria:	5 externally validated models (independent cohort):	High-quality
2013	 Funding/C 	Eligible articles	- <u>Heart Failure Survival Score</u> :	review
	ol: Vanier	enrolled adults (>19	 7 variables: ischemic cardiomyopathy, presence of 	 Duplicate study
	Canada	years) who were	intraventricular conduction delay (QRS >120 ms), LVEF,	selection, but
	Graduate	ambulatory patients	resting heart rate, mean blood pressure, peak oxygen	unclear if
	Scholarshi	with heart failure;	consumption, and serum sodium	duplicate data
	p,	used multivariable	 Composite outcome of death, urgent heart 	extraction
	administer	analysis (≥2	transplantation and ventricular assist device	
	ed by the	independent	implantation	
	Canadian	variables) to predict	 3 risk scores: high, medium, low 	
	Institutes of	mortality or a	 Derived from single-centre cohort (N=268) 	
	Health	composite outcome	 Validated in 8 independent single-centre cohorts 	
	Research,	including mortality;	(N=2240)	
	Ottawa,	reported >30	c-statistic at 1y: range 0.56-0.79	
	ON,	deaths; reported	- <u>Seattle Heart Failure Model</u> :	
	Canada;	results as a score,	 10 continuous variables: age, LVEF, NYHA class, 	
	no Col	a prediction rule, or	systolic blood pressure, diuretic dose adjusted by	
	Search	as a set of	weight, lymphocyte count, hemoglobin, serum sodium,	
	date: May	regression	total cholesterol, and uric acid; 10 categorical variables:	
	2012	coefficients	sex, ischemic cardiomyopathy, QRS>120 ms, use of β-	
	Databases:	sufficient to make	blockers, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors,	
	Medline,	predictions for	angiotensin receptor blockers, potassium-sparing	
	Embase,	individual patients;	diuretic, statins and allopurinol, and ICD/CRT status	
	Cinahl,	and reported a	 Composite outcome of death, urgent heart 	
	references	measure of	transplantation, and ventricular assist device	
	 Study 	discrimination or	 Continuous risk score, expressed as predicted mean life 	
	designs: no	calibration. They	expectancy or event-free survival at 1, 2, and 5 years	
	restrictions	also included	 Derived from RCT (N=1125) 	

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y iib	N included studies: 32 (20 models, of which 5 were validated)	studies evaluating the performance of an existing score in a different population to the one from which it was developed, and reported model discrimination and calibration No restrictions on study design, left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF), language, or date of publication They excluded studies that enrolled patients during hospital admission or duplicate studies providing no new relevant data	 Validated in 14 independent cohorts (N=16057) c-statistic: range 0.63-0.81 Frankenstein et al's model: 2 variables: brain natriuretic peptide and 6-minute walk test with different cutoffs depending on sex and use of β-blockers Outcome: all-cause mortality 3 risk score: 0, 1 or 2 Derived from single cohort (N=636) Validated in independent cohort (N=676) c-statistic: range 0.66-0.68 PACE Risk Score: 4 variables: presence of peripheral vascular disease, age >70 years, creatinine >2 mg/dL, and LVEF <20% Outcome: all-cause mortality Continuous risk score from 0-5 Derived from single ICD cohort (N=905) Validated in independent ICD cohort (N=1812) c-statistic: 0.69 at 1y SHOCKED Predictors: 7 variables: age >75 years, NYHA class >II, atrial fibrillation, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic kidney disease, LVEF <20%, and diabetes mellitus Outcome: 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-year survival (nomogram) Continuous risk score from 0-400 Derived and validated from Medicare ICD cohort (N=27893) c-statistic: 0.74 at 1y 	Of review quanty

Study	Method	Patient characteristics	Model	Results	Critical appraisal
ID					of study quality
Scruti	Design:	Eligibility criteria: current	ADHF/NT-	c-statistic:	Level of
nio	cohort study	hospitalization for	proBNP score	Cumulative mortality:	evidence: high
2014	Funding/Col:	worsening of chronic	- 8 variables:	- 0.738 in overall cohort	risk of bias
	no Col	established HF, history of	chronic	- 0.771 in patients aged 70 or	 9 patients lost-
	Setting:	heart failure for at least 1	obstructive	less	to-follow-up
	unclear	year, receiving chronic	pulmonary		from 454
	 Sample size: 	treatment with standard	disease,	Post-discharge mortality:	eligible patients
	N=445	therapies, NYHA Class	systolic	- 0.741 in overall cohort	• 364 patients
	Duration:	III/IV symptoms and	blood	- 0.751 in patients aged 70 or	were included in
	unclear	evidence of severe left	pressure,	less	original study
		ventricular systolic	estimated		(179 in
		dysfunction (left	glomerular	Adding prior (<=6 months)	derivation
		ventricular ejection	filtration	hospitalizations for HF to the	cohort, 185 in
		fraction <= 0.30 as	rate, serum	score increased the c-statistic	validation
		measured by two-	sodium,	for post-discharge mortality to	cohort)
		dimensional	hemoglobi	0.759 in the overall cohort and	
		echocardiography) at	n	to 0.774 in patients aged 70 or	
		admission, and need for	concentrati	less	
		intravenous diuretic	on, NT-		
		and/or inotropic treatment	proBNP		
		 Exclusion criteria: acute 	concentrati		
		coronary syndromes or	on, LVEF,		
		angina pectoris, recent	moderate-		
		cardiac surgical or	to-severe		
		percutaneous	tricuspid		
		procedures, planned	regurgitatio		
		coronary	n		
		revascularization,	- Outcome:		
		congenital heart disease,	cumulative		
		and valvular heart	mortality,		
		disease regardless of	1y-		
		whether surgically	mortality		

Study ID	Method	Patient characteristics	Model	Results	Critical appraisal of study quality
		corrected • A priori patient characteristics: o Mean age: 62y o Male: 84.7% o NYHA IV: 44.7% o LVEF <= 20%: 38%			
Scruti nio 2015	Design: cohort study Funding/Col: no Col Setting: multicentre Sample size: N=701 Duration: Apr 2006 – Apr 2014	Eligibility criteria: patients admitted for acute decompensation of chronic, established HF with NYHA III/IV symptoms and evidence of severe LV systolic dysfunction (LVEF ≤0.30 on 2-D echocardiography) at admission A priori patient characteristics:	Updated ADHF/NT- proBNP score - 8 variables: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, systolic blood pressure, estimated glomerular filtration rate, serum sodium, hemoglobi n concentrati on, NT- proBNP concentrati on, LVEF, moderate-	c-statistic: 90-day mortality: 0.81 in-hospital mortality: 0.815	Level of evidence: high risk of bias • 33 patients incomplete follow-up

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			tricuspid regurgitatio n, - Adjusted for age and hospitalizat ion for HF within the 6 months preceding the index admission - Outcome: all-cause mortality within 90d of admission		Of Study quality
Uszko - Lence r 2017	Design: cohort study Funding/Col: clearly reported in article, many grants from pharmaceuti cal companies Setting: university centre, Germany	 Eligibility criteria: patients diagnosed with heart failure A priori patient characteristics: Mean age: 63.3y Male: 72% NYHA III/IV: 51.3% LVEF <= 45%: 88.1% 	BARDICHE index - 8 variables: BMI, age, resting systolic blood pressure, NYHA classificatio n, NT- proBNP, eGFR, resting	Significant differences between BARDICHE-risk groups for mortality (HR 3.63 per BARDICHE-group, 95%CI 3.10-4.25) Almost identical AUCs were shown between the BARDICHE and the MAGGIC- score regarding 2-year mortality (0.736 vs 0.738, p>0.9)	Level of evidence: high risk of bias • Model theoretically developed • Validated in dataset of 1811 patients: 602 from the TIME- CHF study and 1209 from a local cohort

Study ID	Method	Patient characteristics	Model	Results	Critical appraisal of study quality
	 Sample size: N=1811 Duration: median follow-up 887d 		heart rate, and 6-min walk test - Outcome: 5y all- cause survival - 3 risk categories: low, medium, high		Or study quanty
Salah 2014	Design: 7 prospective cohort studies Funding/Col: competing interests reported Setting: 7 cohort studies Sample size: N=1301 (derivation cohort) Duration: unclear	Eligibility criteria: (1) admitted because of clinically validated ADHF, (2) discharged alive and (3) NT-proBNP measurements available at admission and at discharge A priori patient characteristics: Median age: 74y Male: 60% NYHA IV: 0.3% LVEF <25%: 28%	ELAN-HF score - 8 variables: NT- proBNP reduction, NT- proBNP discharge value, age, peripheral oedema at admission, systolic blood pressure, hyponatre mia at admission, serum urea	Derivation cohort: c-statistic 0.76 Validation cohort (N=325): 1y all-cause mortality, low risk 7%, intermediate risk 13%, high risk 24%, very high risk 52% (p<0.001)	Level of evidence: high risk of bias

Study ID	Method	Patient characteristics	Model	Results	Critical appraisal of study quality
Pococ	• Design: 30	• Eligibility criteria: patients	at discharge, NYHA class at discharge - Outcome: all-cause mortality within 180d of admission - 4 risk categories: low, intermediat e, high, very high MAGGIC	No c-statistic reported	Level of
k 2013	studies, individual patient data • Funding/Col: grants fromthe New Zealand National Heart Foundation, the University of Auckland, and the	with heart failure • A priori patient characteristics: alive vs. died • Mean age: 64.3 vs. 71.9y • Male: 69% vs. 65.1% • NYHA IV: 4.1% vs. 13.4% • Mean LVEF: 36.6% vs. 33.6%	- 13 variables: age, lower EF, NYHA class, serum creatinine, diabetes, not prescribed beta- blocker, lower systolic	Model goodness-of-fit: only reported in figure, no data reported 3y-mortality probability for score 10, 20, 30 and 40: 0.101, 0.256, 0.525, and 0.842, respectively	evidence: low risk of bias

Study	Method	Patient characteristics	Model	Results	Critical appraisal
ID					of study quality
	University of		BP, lower		
	Glasgow; no		body mass,		
	Col		time since		
	Setting:		diagnosis,		
	Sample size:		current		
	N=39372		smoker,		
	Duration:		chronic		
	median		obstructive		
	follow-up		pulmonary		
	2.5y		disease,		
			male		
			gender,		
			and not		
			prescribed		
			ACE-		
			inhibitor or		
			angiotensin		
			-receptor		
			blockers		
			- Outcome:		
			3y mortality		
			- Integer		
			score		
Sartip	• Design:	 Eligibility criteria: patients 	MAGGIC	Overall 3y mortality: 39.4%	Level of
y 2014	cohort study	with clinician-judged heart	- 13	Predicted mortality: 36.4%	evidence: low risk
	Funding/Col:	failure	variables:		of bias
	Swedish	 A priori patient 	age, lower	c-statistic: 0.741	
	 Heart Lung 	characteristics: alive vs.	LVEF,		
	Foundation	died	NYHA		
	(grant nos	o Mean age: 71.3 vs.	class,		
	20080409	80.0y	serum		
	and	o Male: 62% vs. 58%	creatinine,		

Study	Method	Patient characteristics	Model	Results	Critical appraisal
ID					of study quality
	20100419 to	o NYHA IV: 2% vs. 9%	diabetes,		
	L.H.L.) and	o LVEF <30%: 28% vs.	not		
	the	29%	prescribed		
	Stockholm		beta-		
	County		blocker,		
	Council		lower		
	(grant no.		systolic		
	00556-2009		BP, lower		
	to L.H.L.); no		body mass,		
	Col		time since		
	Setting:		diagnosis,		
	nationwide,		current		
	Sweden		smoker,		
	 Sample size: 		chronic		
	N=51043		obstructive		
	• Duration:		pulmonary		
	May 2000 -		disease,		
	Nov 2012		male		
			gender,		
			and not		
			prescribed		
			ACE-		
			inhibitor or		
			angiotensin		
			-receptor		
			blockers		
			- Outcome:		
			3y mortality		
			- Integer		
			score		
Bjurm	Design:	Eligibility criteria: patients	Multimarker	High risk scores were	Level of
an	prospective	with heart failure and	score	associated with both all-cause	evidence: high

Study ID	Method	Patient characteristics	Model	Results	Critical appraisal of study quality
2015	cohort study Funding/Col: supported by the Heart and Lung Foundation; no Col Setting: single university centre, Sweden Sample size: N=124 Duration: 2010; 3y follow-up	reduced LVEF <50% • A priori patient characteristics: survived vs. died o Mean age: 72 vs. 78y o Male: 72% vs. 73% o Mean LVEF: 35% vs. 33%	- 3 variables: age, serum troponin T, and serum cystatin C - Outcome: all-cause mortality, cardiovasc ular mortality - 3 risk groups: low, medium, high	mortality (HR 4.2, 95%CI 2.2-8.1, p<0.001) and CV mortality (HR 3.6, 95%CI 1.7-8.0, p = 0.0015)	risk of bias • Validation cohort
Hussa in 2014	 Design: cohort study Funding/Col: not reported Setting: single centre, Pakistan Sample size: N=118 Duration: 1y follow-up 	 Eligibility criteria: patients with systolic heart failure, LVEF <40% A priori patient characteristics: intervention vs. control Mean age: 41.6y Male: 73.7% NYHA III/IV: 97.5% Mean LVEF: 23% 	Seattle Heart Failure Model - 10 continuous variables: age, LVEF, NYHA class, systolic blood pressure, diuretic dose adjusted by weight,	AUC for 1y mortality: 0.802	Level of evidence: high risk of bias

Study	Method	Patient characteristics	Model	Results	Critical appraisal
ID					of study quality
			lymphocyte		
			count,		
			hemoglobi		
			n, serum		
			sodium,		
			total		
			cholesterol,		
			and uric		
			acid; 10		
			categorical		
			variables:		
			sex,		
			ischemic		
			cardiomyo		
			pathy,		
			QRS>120		
			ms, use of		
			β-blockers,		
			angiotensin		
			-converting		
			enzyme		
			inhibitors,		
			angiotensin		
			receptor		
			blockers,		
			potassium-		
			sparing		
			diuretic,		
			statins and		
			allopurinol,		
			and		
			ICD/CRT		

Study	Method	Patient characteristics	Model	Results	Critical appraisal
ID					of study quality
			status		
			- Outcome:		
			1y, 2y and		
			3y mortality		
Shirai	Design:	Eligibility criteria: patients	Seattle Heart	c-statistic:	Level of
shi	cohort study	hospitalised because of	Failure Model	- 1y post-discharge survival:	evidence: high
2016	Funding/Col:	acute heart failure	- 10	0.666	risk of bias
I	supported by	 A priori patient 	continuous	- 2y post-discharge survival:	12 patients died
	JPSS	characteristics:	variables:	0.721	during
	KAKENHI	o Mean age: 68y	age, LVEF,		hospitalisation
	Grant	∘ Male: 68%	NYHA		(excluded)
	Number	o Mean NYHA class: 2.2	class,		
	23591062;	o Median LVEF: 35%	systolic		
	one author		blood		
	with links		pressure,		
	with Pfizer		diuretic		
	and Bayer		dose		
	Pharmaceuti		adjusted by		
	cal Co.		weight,		
	Setting:		lymphocyte		
	single		count,		
	university		hemoglobi		
	centre,		n, serum		
	Japan		sodium,		
	Sample size:		total		
	N=504		cholesterol,		
	Duration:		and uric		
	Apr 2006 –		acid; 10		
	Aug 2014;		categorical		
	mean follow-		variables:		
	up 763d		sex,		
			ischemic		

Study ID	Method	Patient characteristics	Model	Results	Critical appraisal
עו			a a relia por ca		of study quality
			cardiomyo		
			pathy,		
			QRS>120		
			ms, use of		
			β-blockers,		
			angiotensin		
			-converting		
			enzyme		
			inhibitors,		
			angiotensin		
			receptor		
			blockers,		
			potassium-		
			sparing		
			diuretic,		
			statins and		
			allopurinol,		
			and		
			ICD/CRT		
			status		
			- Outcome:		
			1y, 2y and		
			3y mortality		

Abbreviations: 95%CI: 95% confidence interval; AUC: area under the curve; CoI: conflicts of interest; CRT: cardiac resynchronization therapy; ICD: implantable cardioverter-defibrillator; LVEF: left ventricular ejection fraction; MA: meta-analysis; MD: mean difference; NS: not significant; NYHA: New York Heart Association; QOL: quality of life; RCT: randomized controlled trial; SR: systematic review.

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UITGANGSVRAAG: Leidt advance care planning bij patiënten met hartfalen (NYHA-klasse III-IV) tot een betere kwaliteit van leven en/of hogere tevredenheid van de patiënt en de familieleden?

Systematic reviews

Stud y ID	Method	Patient characteristics	Interve ntion(s)	Results	Critical appraisal of review quality
Kirol os 2014	 SR Funding/C ol: no Col Search date: Apr 2013 Databases: Medline; bibliographi es Study designs: controlled studies, beforeafter studies N included studies: N=6 	Eligibility criteria: studies with a well-defined intervention, that identified as outcome either hospice referral or hospice enrollment, and quantitatively compared the outcome variable between the intervention group and a control group, or between time periods before and after the intervention was implemented; patients at the end of their lives	Interven tions to increase hospice referral/ enrollme nt	One study evaluated ACP in heart failure patients: Schellinger 2011: • The intervention included the process of referral and enrollment into disease specific advanced care planning (DS ACP), and encompassed 5 steps: (1) referral to DS ACP (through discharge orders, direct referral from medical provider, or referral request sent by facilitators to primary care physicians; (2) referral coordinators explained to patients the ACP process and scheduled a visit with program facilitators (registered nurses, and social workers); (3) Facilitators and patients discuss end-of-life wishes; (4) facilitators include needs and wishes in the EMR; and (5) the facilitators follow-up with the patients' providers • DS-ACP participants were more likely to have used hospice compared to nonparticipants (56% versus 37%, p=0.002) • 94.3% of those completing the DS-ACP process, had a health directive compared to 24.8% of noncompleters (p<0.001)	Low-quality review English literature only

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Sing	• SR	Eligibility criteria:	Palliativ	No RCT on ACP in heart failure patients	High-quality
er	Funding/C	○ Adults at least	e care		review
2016	ol:	18 years old	intervent		
	supported	with advanced	ions		
	by grant	illness, and/or			
	R01	their caregivers			
	NR013372	Health service			
	from the	interventions			
	National	addressing			
	Institute of	patient and/or			
	Nursing	caregiver			
	Research,	quality-of-life-			
	a Cambia	related			
	Health	elements in			
	Foundation	intervention			
	Sojourns	design and/or			
	Award, and	as outcomes			
	the	⊙Cancer, heart			
	California	failure and other			
	HealthCare	cardiac			
	Foundation	conditions,			
	; no Col	chronic			
	 Search 	pulmonary			
	date: Jan	disease,			
	2015	dementia and			
	Databases:	other			
	Medline,	neurological			
	Embase,	conditions, end-			
	PsycInfo,	stage liver			
	CDSR,	disease, or end-			
	Web of	stage renal			

Stud y ID	Method	Patient characteristics	Interve ntion(s)	Results	Critical appraisal of review quality
	Science,	disease, or any			
	CareSearc	advanced			
	h Palliative	illness			
	Care	populations			
	Knowledge	receiving			
	Network	palliative care,			
	Review	hospice, or end-			
	Collection	of-life care			
	 Study 	∘ Randomized			
	designs:	controlled trials			
	RCTs	∘ Published			
	 N included 	between			
	studies:	January 1,			
	N=124	2001, and			
		January 8, 2015			

Primaire studies

Study ID	Method	Patient characteristics	Interventions	Results	Critical appraisal of study quality
Denvir	Design: RCT	Eligibility criteria:	Future care	Quality of life: CRITICAL	Level of
2016	Funding/Col:	patients during an	planning	OUTCOME	evidence: high
	funded by	unscheduled	(N=25): 3	EQ-5D: no significant	risk of bias
	Marie Curie	hospital admission	main	adjusted mean difference at	
	Research	with heart failure	components,	the 12 (-0.01; 95%CI -0.16	Risk of
	(Project	and/or acute	i.e. (1) initial	to 0.13) or 24 week time	selection bias:
	Grant	coronary	one hour	points (-0.07; 95%CI -0.25	out of 137
	A15867); no	syndrome based	semi-	to 0.11)	eligible patients,
	Col	on European	structured		87 were not
	Setting:	Society of	meeting with	Quality of death: CRITICAL	randomised, of
	Sample size:	Cardiology	the trial	OUTCOME	which 54 for

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ID ,		characteristics			of study quality
	N=50	guidelines;	cardiologist	Deaths: 4 vs. 3	unclear reasons
	Duration:	predicted 12-	(MD) and the	 Place of death: home 1 vs. 	 Very probably
	enrolment	month mortality	trial nurse	0	unblended
	Oct 2013 -	risk of 20% or	specialists		 No intention-to-
	Sept 2014;	greater estimated	involving the	Satisfaction of patient:	treat analysis
	24w follow-	using the Global	patient and	CRITICAL OUTCOME	for some
	up	Registry of Acute	their carer;	 Patients appreciated the 	outcomes
		Coronary	followed by	ongoing contact and	
		Syndrome	two 1 hour	communication	
		(GRACE) score	meetings with		
		for ACS and the	the trial nurse	Satisfaction of family:	
		Enhanced	in the	CRITICAL OUTCOME	
		Feedback for	patient's	 No difference in mean QoL 	
		Effective Cardiac	home at 6	score, anxiety/distress	
		Treatment	and 12	score and caregiver burden	
		(EFFECT) score	weeks; (2)	between the intervention	
		for heart failure	Discussion	groups	
		and patients with	and		
		aortic stenosis	documentatio	Readmission: CRITICAL	
		who presented	n of an	OUTCOME	
		with heart failure;	agreed	 No difference in the number 	
		no dementia,	personal	of unscheduled	
		prognosis < 30d	Future Care	readmissions to hospital: 12	
		or on palliative	Plan which	weeks RR 1.25 (95%Cl	
		care register	was sent to	0.54-2.89), 6 months RR	
		 A priori patient 	each patient	1.23 (95%CI 0.64-2.34)	
		characteristics:	and uploaded	 No difference in the number 	
		intervention vs.	by the general	of unscheduled	
		control	practitioner	cardiovascular	
		o Mean age: 81.9	using the	readmissions: 12 weeks RR	
		vs. 80.2y	electronic	1.22 (95%CI 0.41-3.62), 6	
		o Male : 68% vs.	KIS; (3)	months RR 0.83 (0.33-2.11)	

Study	Method	Patient	Interventions	Results	Critical appraisal
ID		characteristics			of study quality
		52%	Ongoing		
		o Heart failure:	telephone	% CPR in end stage:	
		56% vs. 80%	support	CRITICAL OUTCOME	
			(available	Not reported	
			Monday to		
			Friday, 9am-		
			5pm) from the		
			trial nurse for		
			the 12 weeks		
			offering		
			advice,		
			support and		
			information		
			about their		
			healthcare		
			and social		
			needs		
			Usual care		
			(N=25)		
Dev	Design:	Eligibility criteria:	DNR order	Quality of life: CRITICAL	Level of
2012	comparative	patients	(N=26): do	OUTCOME	evidence: high
	observationa	hospitalised with	not	Time-trade-off utility:	risk of bias
	I study	advanced heart	resuscitate	median willingness to trade	
	Funding/Col:	failure		12 versus 1of 24 months of	 Patients were
	National	 A priori patient 	Full code	theoretical survival time	included in the
	Heart, Lung,	characteristics:	<u>order</u>	 Seven of 13 (54%) DNR 	ESCAPE
	and Blood	intervention vs.	(N=349):	patients expressed a desire	randomised trial
	Institute	control	'attempt CPR'	for 'half time-trade-off'	Lost-to-follow-
	(N01-HV-	o Median age: 64	or 'attempt	(willingness to trade ≥12	up for time-
	98177);	vs. 56y	CPR but do	months of 24 month	trade-off: 13 vs.
	Duke Clinical	o Male : 65% vs.	not intubate'	survival) compared with 60	70

Study	Method	Patient	Interventions	Results	Critical appraisal
ID		characteristics			of study quality
	Research Institute, Durham, NC,	74%		of 279 (22%) Full Code patients (p=0.007, X²)	
	USA; no Col • Setting: multicentre,			Quality of death: CRITICAL OUTCOME • Not reported	
	USSample size:N=375Duration:			Satisfaction of patient: CRITICAL OUTCOME Not reported	
	inclusion Jan 2000 – Nov 2003; 1 month follow-up			Satisfaction of family: CRITICAL OUTCOME Not reported	
	Tollow-up			Readmission: CRITICAL OUTCOME • DNR patients did not differ in 6-month rehospitalization rate (p=0.79, log-rank test)	
				% CPR in end stage: CRITICAL OUTCOME Not reported	
Dunla y 2012	Design: comparative observationa I study	Eligibility criteria: patients presenting with heart failure	Advance directive (N=249)	Quality of life: CRITICAL OUTCOME • Not reported	Level of evidence: high risk of bias
	 Funding/Col: supported by grants from the National 	 A priori patient characteristics: intervention vs. control 	No advance directive (N=359)	Quality of death: CRITICALOUTCOMEPatients with AD specifying limits were less likely to	No blinding

Study	Method	Patient	Interventions	Results	Critical appraisal
ID		characteristics			of study quality
	Institutes of	o Mean age: 79.8		receive mechanical	
	Health	vs 70y		ventilation compared with	
	(HL72435)	o Male : 49% vs.		others who died without an	
	and the	59%		AD or with an AD without	
	Rochester	○ NYHA 3 or 4:		limits (adjusted OR 0.26;	
	Epidemiolog	63% vs. 67%		95%Cl 0.06-0.88; p=0.03)	
	y Project			 No difference in risk of ICU 	
	from the			care (adjusted OR 0.45;	
	National			95%CI 0.16 -1.29; p=0.14)	
	Institute of				
	Aging (R01			Satisfaction of patient:	
	AG034676);			CRITICAL OUTCOME	
	some			Not reported	
	authors have				
	links with			Satisfaction of family:	
	Boston			CRITICAL OUTCOME	
	Scientific			Not reported	
	Setting:				
	population-			Readmission: CRITICAL	
	based study,			OUTCOME	
	US			 No difference in the risk of 	
	 Sample size: 			hospitalization in the last	
	N=608			month of life in those with an	
	Duration:			AD with limits compared with	
	inclusion Oct			those without (adjusted OR	
	2007 – Oct			1.26; 95%CI 0.64 –2.48;	
	2011; mean			p=0.51)	
	follow-up				
	1.8y			% CPR in end stage:	
				CRITICAL OUTCOME	
				Not reported	

Abbreviations: 95%CI: 95% confidence interval; ACP: advanced care plan; CoI: conflicts of interest; CPR: cardiopulmonary resuscitation; MA: meta-analysis; MD: mean difference; NS: not significant; OR: odds ratio; QOL: quality of life; RCT: randomized controlled trial; RR: relative risk; SR: systematic review.

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