

# ***Cardiac sequel of COVID -19***

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*Fellowship of heart failure and  
transplant*

# *Clinical Cardiac Presentations during COVID-19*

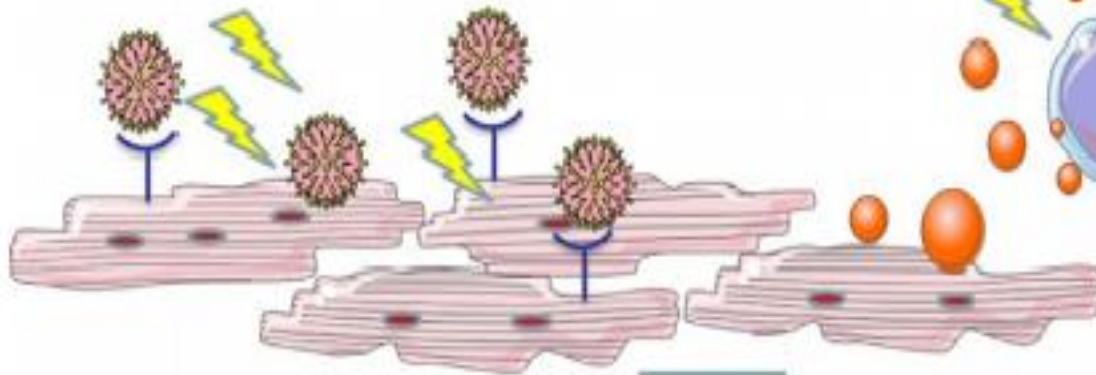


## ***No symptoms***

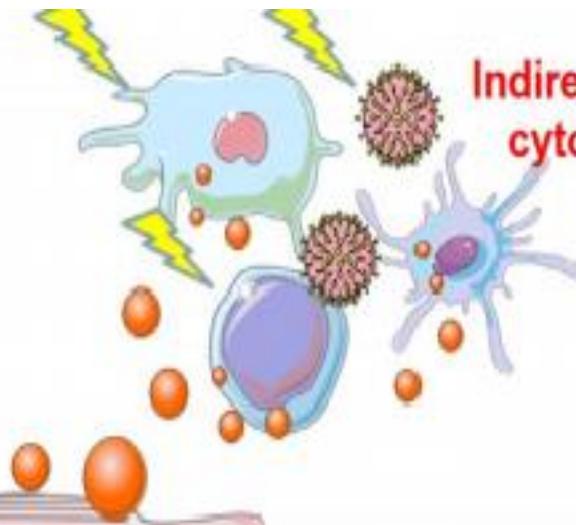
- troponin elevation (20% ICU patient)
- asymptomatic cardiac arrhythmia
- abnormalities on cardiac imaging

## ***Symptomatic heart disease***

**Direct damage of SARS-CoV2**



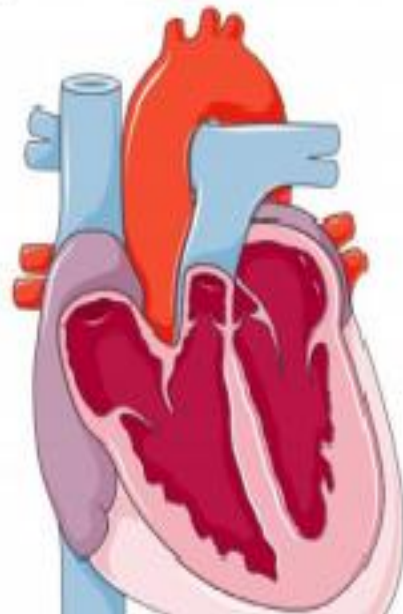
**Indirect damage of cytokine storm**



Downregulation of ACE2  
Microvascular dysfunction  
Pericyte injury  
Hypoxemia



Release of cytokines (IL6...)  
Hyperinflammation  
Insulin resistance  
Coagulopathy



Myocarditis

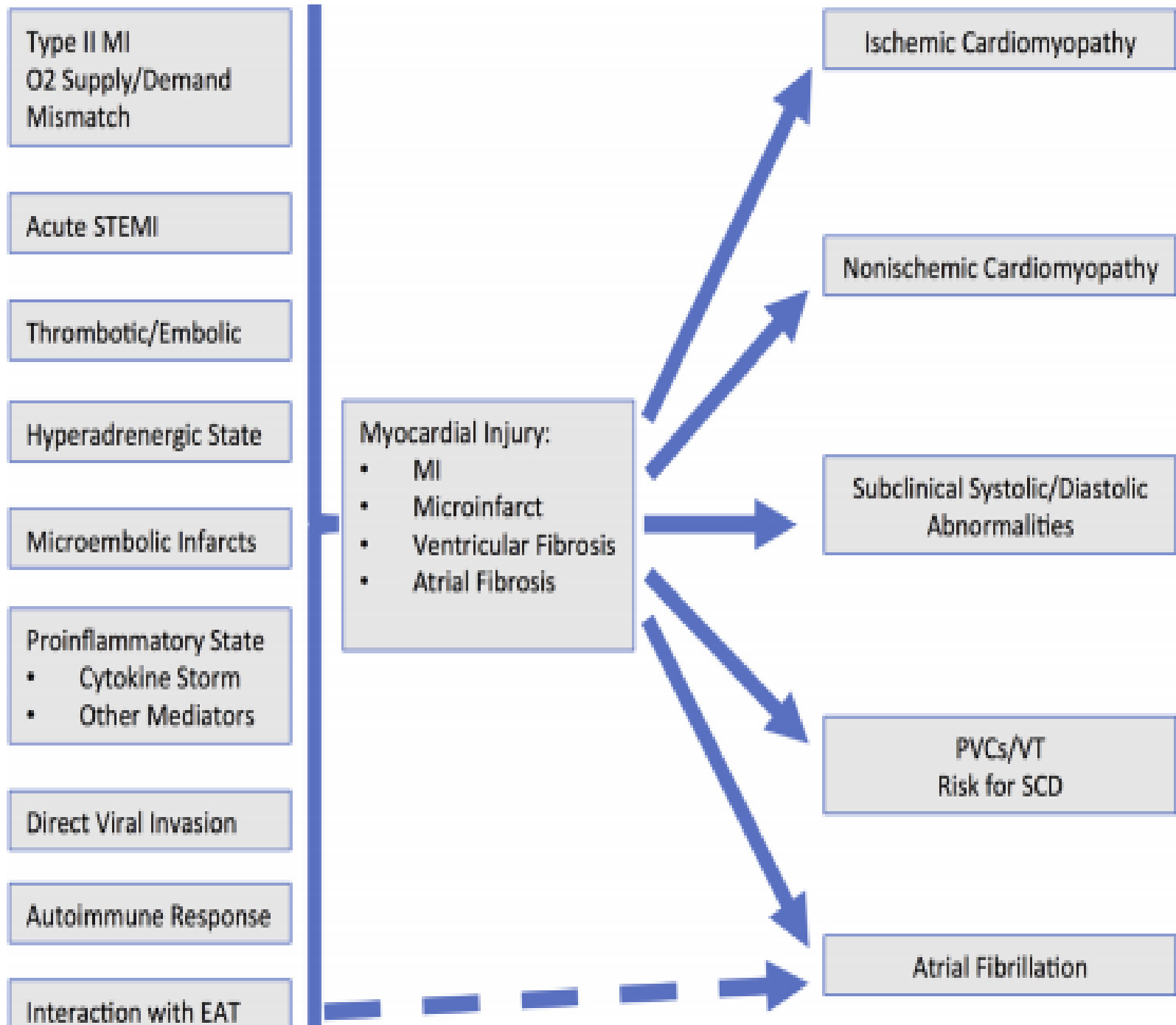
Heart failure

Arrhythmia

Myocarditis

Metabolic effect

Thromboembolism



# *Post COVID syndrome*

- *Returning ,new or ongoing symptom.....*

***acute:***

three weeks after first being infected

***chronic:***

extended beyond 12 weeks...

- Prevalence of **cardiac** post covid syndrome:

***dyspnea:26%***

***chest pain:19%***

***palpitation:20%***

# ***Outcomes of CMR in patients recently recovered from covid***

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abnl CMR (70%)

(32% LGE, 70% Elevated T1,60% T2)

Abnl LV voloume and LV EF

pos hs Trop (60%)

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# Case 1

- *62 Y/O man*
- *Presented lethargy ,fatigue ,dyspnea*
- *V/S: HR:90, BP:130/70, O2 sat:90%, Temp:38.5*
- *Lab: lymph:700,CRP:12, Trop: NL*
- *ECG: Sinus tachycardia*
- *CT: GGO, air bronchogram*
- *Treatment: Remdesivir, Anti biotic*

She was well .....

- **6 month later:**

- fatigue, mild dyspnea, no cp

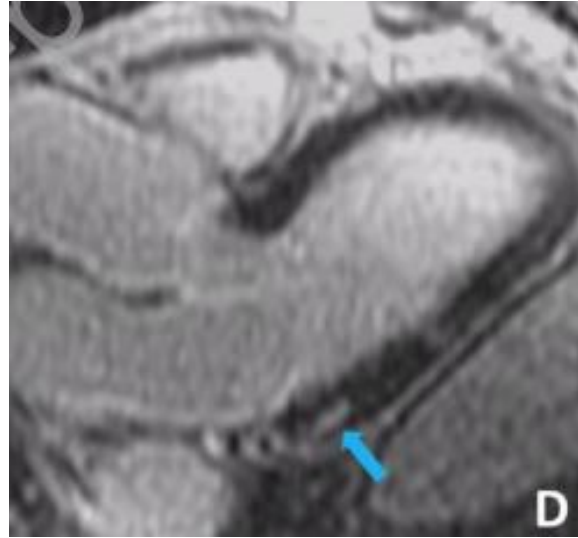
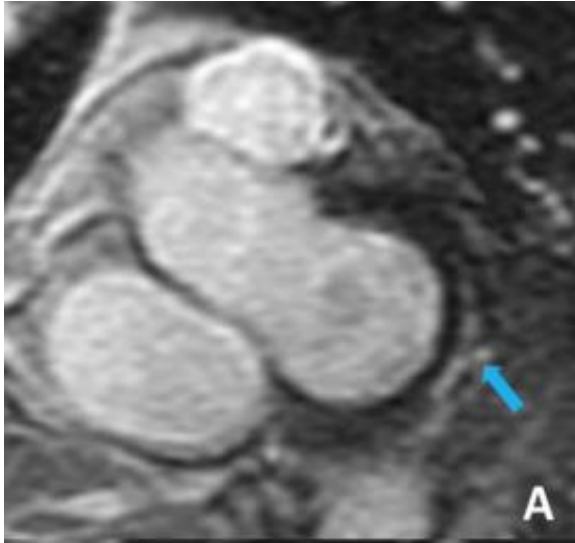
Complete work up:

- lab data(CRP, Troponin...)

- CT

- CT angiography

- **CMR(inferolat , mid wall LGE, T2 hypersensitivity)**



# ***Dx :Myocarditis***

Interesting finding in this case:

- in admission:
  - nl finding (lv size and EF)
  - NL injury biomarkers (trop)
- **6 mo later:**
  - Abnl inflammatory CMR findings

# Case 2

- 42 Y/O women
- Malaise , cough , fever (no severe)
- Treated at home....
  
- **3 weeks later:**
  - Exhausted
  - HR:60-170
  - Standing more than 5 minutes...dizziness ,palpitation

- ***DDX:***

*Anxiety*

*Anemia*

*Hyperventilation*

*Infection*

*Hyper thyroidism*

*myocarditis*

*CAD*

*PTE*

- *Lab data : NL inflammatory markers*
- *PFT:NL*
- *Holter BP:NL*
- *Holter rhythm :NL*
- *CMR:NL*
  
- ***Abnl 10 min. standing test:***  
***exaggerated HR increase***

# ***DX: POTS Syndrome***

*initial hypotension results in hyperadrenergic response*

*HR < 30 or > 120 (after 10 min standing)*

*Without: Orthostatic hypotension*

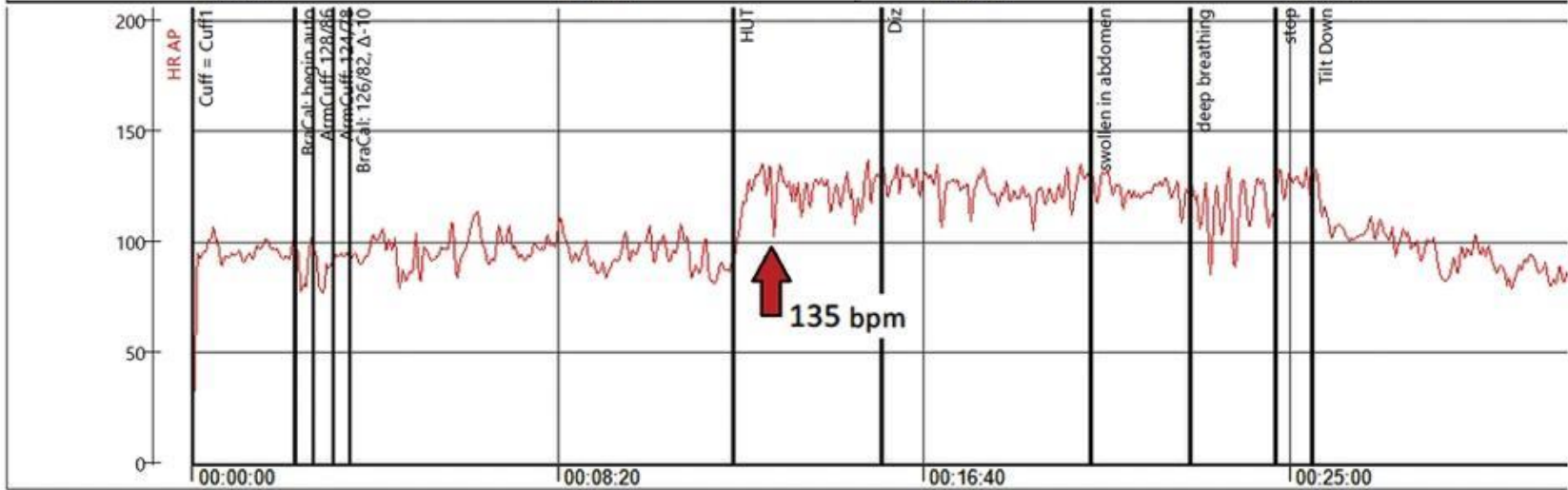
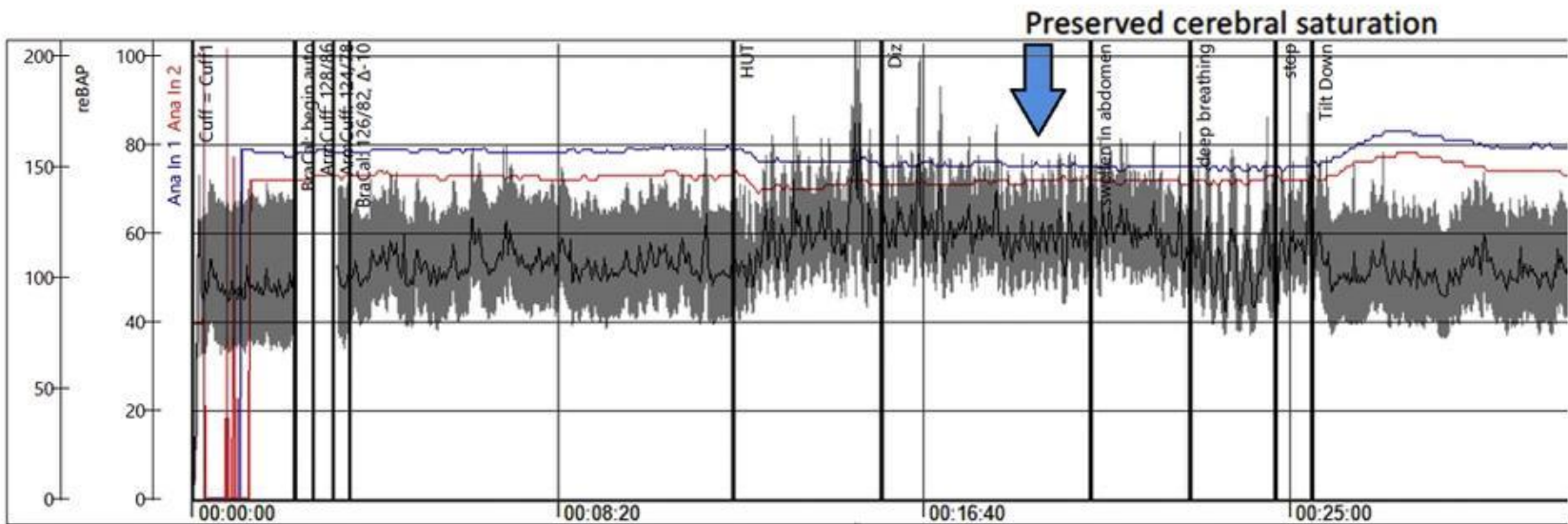
*With :*     *vertigoes*

*palpitation*

*weakness*

*palpitation*





- ***POTS Treatment:***

*volume expanding*

*compressive stock*

*Beta blockers*

*Ivabradine*

## ***Case 3***

- 42 y/o women
- Mild COVID symptom (Fever , anosmia )
  
- ***One month later:***
  - chest pain in activity*
  - Trop :neg.*
  - ECG:T inverted in precordial leads*

- **DDX:**

*Obstructive CAD*

*Pleura pericarditis*

*Active Myocarditis*

*Emboli*

*RV strain (PHTN)*

- Lab data : NL inflammatory markers
- CT angiography : NL

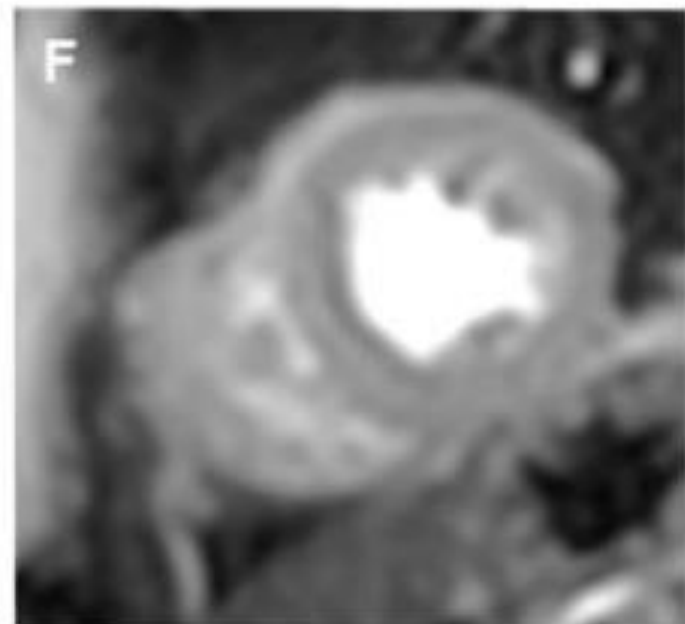
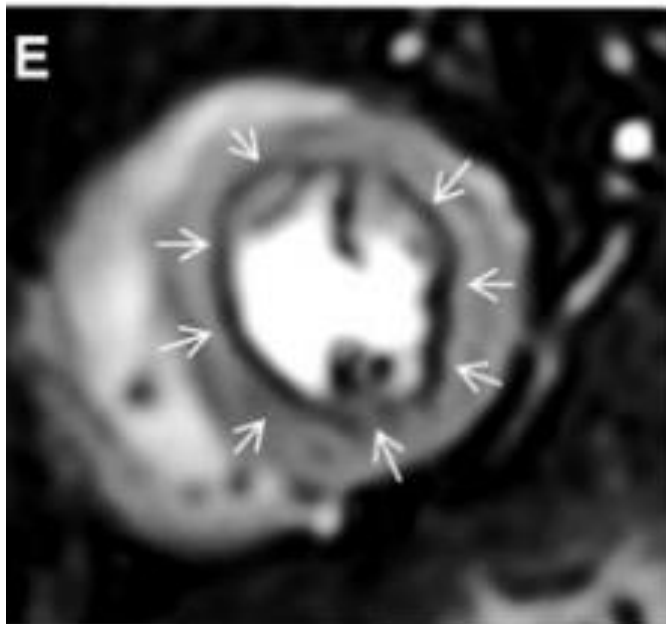
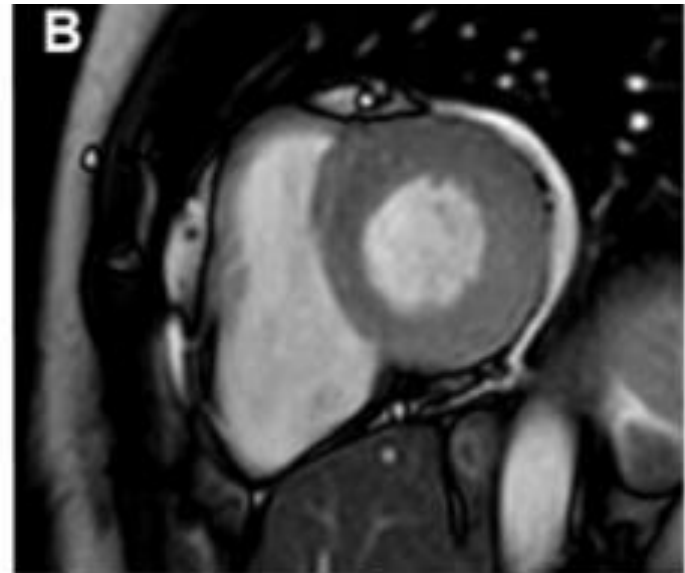
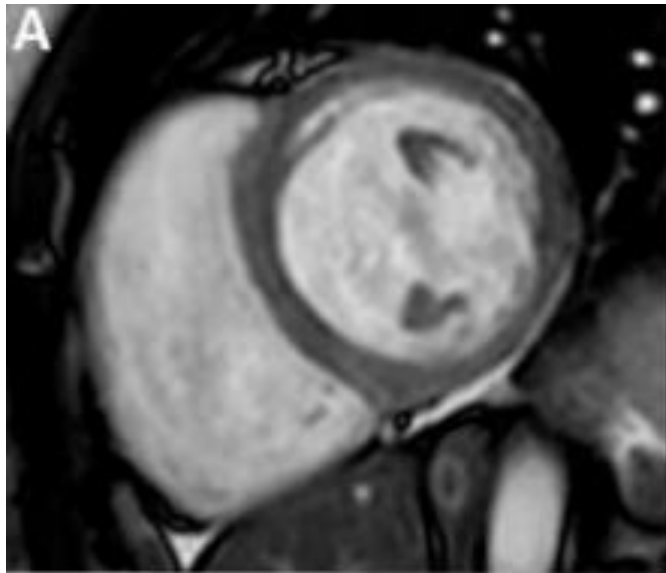
- **CMR :**

NL Volume and function

NL inflammatory findings, LGE negative

**but**

***sub endocardial diffuse significant perfusion defect***



# DX : *Subendocardial Ischemia*

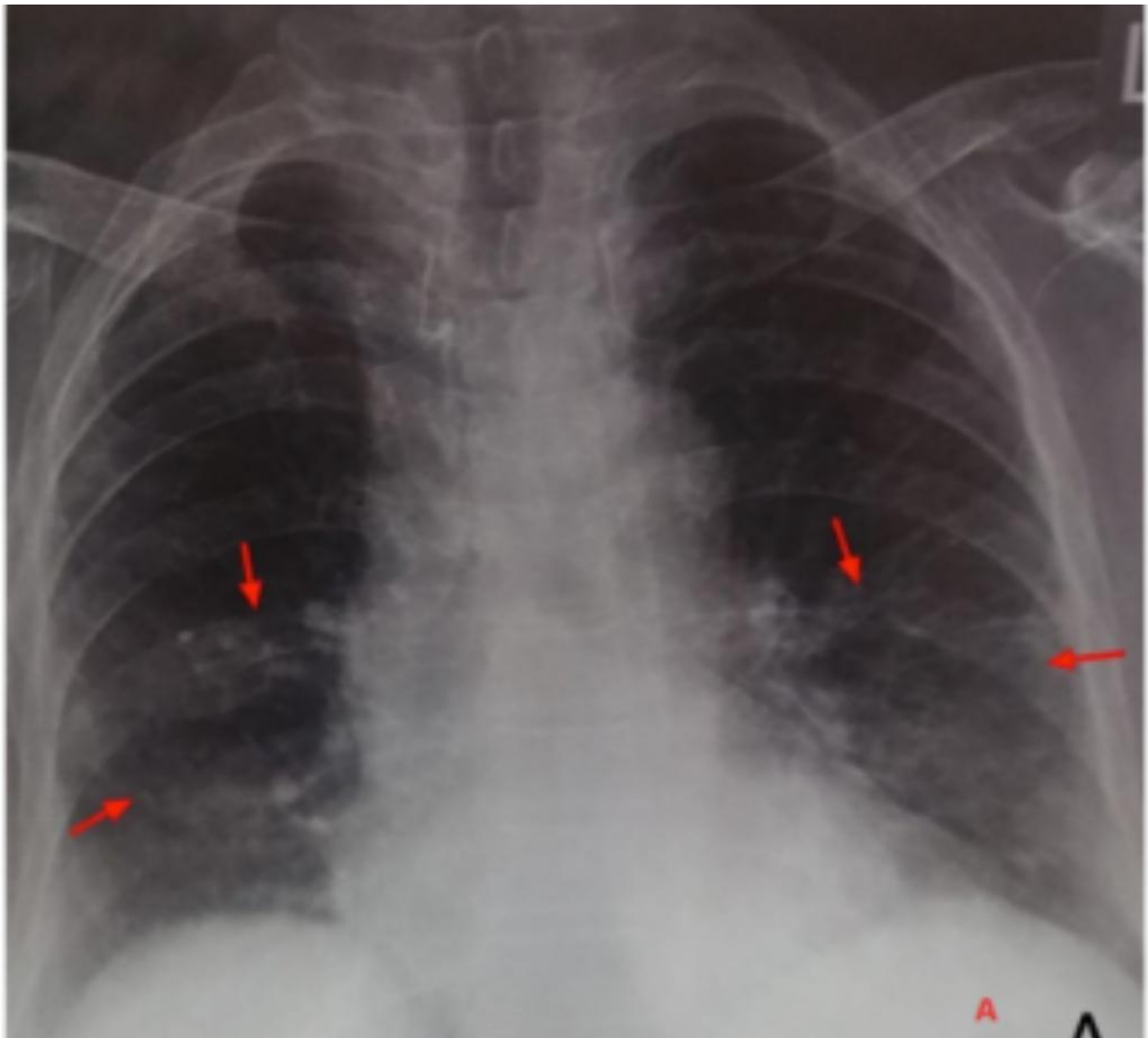
- Microvascular Ischemia:  
( endothelial dysfunction, injury, micro thrombosis)
- Treatment:
  - ASA
  - Atorvastatin
  - nitrate
  - ranolazine

# Case 4

- A 55 y/o lady was healthy
- Symptoms: Fever, dyspnea, chest pain
- V.S: BP: 100/70; HR: 105; RR: 22; O2 sat: 77%
- Lab. Data: CRP:30 Lymph: 700 IL-6: 18 Trop: neg.  
ProBNP: **5000** D-dimer: 210
- CT: GGO
- Echo: **NI**
- Rx: ABT; Remdesivir; Dexamethasone; **BiPAP**



- After 18 days on discharge....patient clinically improved with **sat 92% at rest**
- After Two months:
  - **Symptoms:** dry cough, fatigue, dyspnea
  - **O2 sat:** 89% (at rest)
  - **Ph.Ex:** elev. JVP, RV heave, lung: diffuse fine crackle, lower extremities: symmetric and NI size





- Echo Finding:
  - NI LV size and function
  - Grade I DD
  - RV: mod. dilation and dysfunction
  - TRG: 50
  - SPAP: 60
  - IVC: dilated, <50% collapse

- Dx:

# **Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension**

**(2 mo. After COVID)**

# ***Post COVID Cardiac Involvement***

***Ischemia***

***Myocarditis***

***Emboli***

***Takotsubo cardiomyopathy***

***PHTN***

***Micro vascular dysfunction***

***New and Late presentation of myocarditis***

***POTS***

***Deconditioning***

# ***Recommendation***

- *Cardiac visit 2 week after severe acute phase*
- *Cardiac rehabilitation for starting activity*
- *Do not relate all post covid symptom to deconditioning*
- *Physician should be aware of Returning ,new or ongoing symptom.....*

# ***Recommendation***

- *Physical activity post acute phase:*  
*at least >2 months after active myocarditis*  
*and*  
*after NL finding in echo*  
*holter*  
*CMR*  
*( NO competitive activity if LGE in CMR )*



