



# PCI Strategy in Heart Failure

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**Other: Devices(IVUS, OCT, FFR...), Drugs,**

**Hemodynamic (arrhythmia, IABP, PCPS...)**

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# CAD

1. Highly prevalent in pts with HF (nearly 2/3)
2. Remains the most common cause of HF in the US (60-70% of cases)





**ACS**

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- No RCT has studied  
FFR-guided PCI vs angiographically guided PCI  
FFR-guided PCI vs medical therapy  
in patients with HFrEF or HFpEF

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Angiographic Presentation	No Symptoms	Symptoms (0 AA Drugs)	Symptoms (1 AA Drug)	Symptoms (≥2 AA Drugs)
1-vessel disease	M	M	M	A
2-vessel disease (no proximal LAD)	M	M	A	A
2-vessel disease with proximal LAD (regardless of diabetes)	M	A	A	A
3-vessel disease of low complexity (i.e., SYNTAX ≤22) and no diabetes	M	A	A	A
3-vessel disease of low complexity (i.e., SYNTAX ≤22) and diabetes	M	M	A	A
3-vessel disease of high complexity (i.e., SYNTAX >22) (regardless of diabetes)	M	M	M	M

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Acute HF (ACS + cardiogenic shock) (MCS-assisted PCI vs. PCI)	Thele et al (Tandem Heart PCI vs. IABP PCI) (33) IABP SHOCK II (IABP-PCI vs. PCI) (29) ISAR-SHOCK (Impella 2.5 PCI vs. IABP PCI) (24) IMPRESS in Severe Shock (Impella CP PCI vs. IABP PCI) (32)	DanGer Shock (Impella CP PCI vs. PCI) (39) ECLS-SHOCK (ECMO PCI vs. PCI) (40) EURO-SHOCK (PCI ECMO vs. PCI) (41)
Acute HF (ACS without cardiogenic shock) (MCS-assisted PCI vs. PCI)	CRISP-AMI (IABP PCI vs. PCI) (30)	STEMI-DTU (Impella CP PCI vs. PCI) (NCT03947619) PROTECT IV (PCI Impella CP vs. PCI ± IABP) (NCT04763200)
Acute HFrEF (non-ACS) (PCI vs. medical therapy)	—	—
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Chronic HFrEF (PCI vs. medical therapy) (PCI vs. CABG)	— —	REVIVED-BCIS2 (PCI vs. medical therapy) (66) —
Chronic HFrEF (CTO PCI vs. medical therapy)	—	—
Chronic HFrEF (MCS-assisted PCI vs. PCI)	BCIS-1 (IABP-PCI vs. PCI) (69) PROTECT II (Impella 2.5 PCI vs. IABP PCI) (23)	PROTECT IV (PCI Impella CP vs. PCI ± IABP) (NCT04763200)
Chronic HFrEF (FFR PCI vs. angio-guided PCI) (FFR PCI vs. medical therapy)	—	—
Chronic HFrEF (Viability-guided PCI vs. medical therapy) (Viability-guided PCI vs. angio-guided PCI)	—	—
Chronic HFpEF (PCI vs. medical therapy)	—	—