

Moving the Needle on HF Prevention: The Use of a Non-invasive Sensor for the

Early Detection of Volume Overload in Stage A HF Patients

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BACKGROUND

Heart failure carries a significant morbidity and mortality burden. Recent guidelines have emphasized early detection and treatment for patients with Stage A (risk factors but no symptoms) and Stage B (asymptomatic cardiac structural changes) HF to slow or prevent the development of clinical HF (Stages C & D).

The Ventric Health Vivio device is an FDA-approved device that has been shown to accurately and quickly estimate LVEDP noninvasively using an ECG patch and an arm cuff in an office setting.

GOAL OF STUDY

To noninvasively assess the prevalence of hemodynamic congestion in an ambulatory population of Stage A HF patients for earlier detection of Stage B/C HF.

METHODS

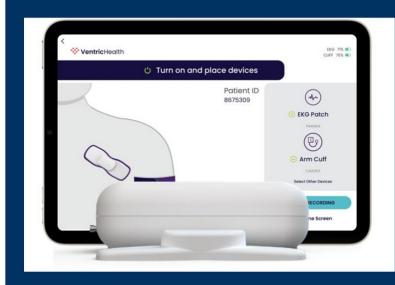
During a pilot period between September 17, 2024 – March 1, 2025. Over 10,000 patients age 65+ presenting to affiliated practices in Akron, OH for routine PCP appointments were pre-screened for Stage A HF.

For the purpose of this study, patients qualified for Stage A HF if they were free of HF symptoms/diagnosis and had DM2 or CKD \geq 3.

1,179 patients were identified and underwent testing with the Ventric Vivio device as part of the check-in process for their routine PCP visit. Patients with a positive Ventric congestion measurement (LVEDP >= 18) were referred for further testing with BNP and echocardiography.

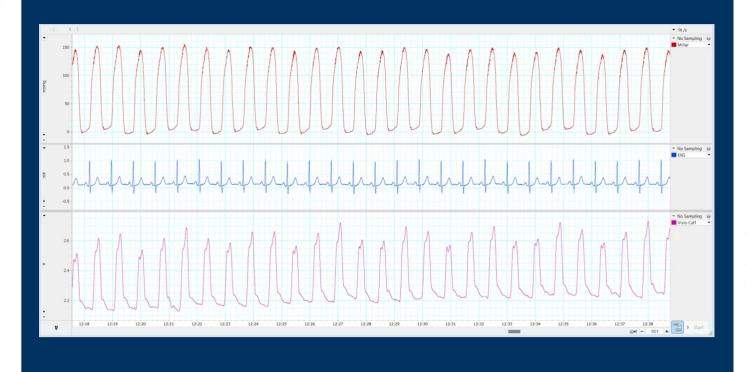
For patients with an elevated Ventric congestion measurement, we also conducted follow-up KCCQ-12 testing to re-assess for potential HF symptoms.

Follow-up chart reviews were performed on 100 randomly-selected patients with positive Ventric testing to correlate readings with findings on follow-up echocardiography.





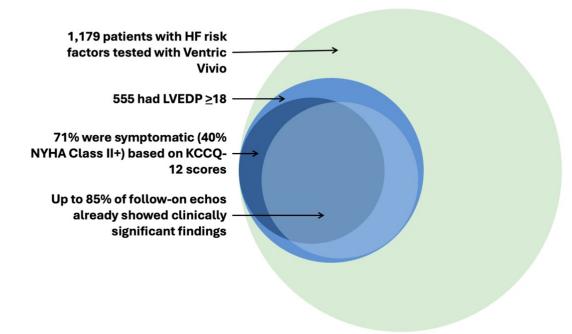
Ventric Health Vivio System
Non-invasively estimates LVEDP in < 5 minutes



RESULTS

1,179 patients age 65+ with DM₂ and CKD \geq 3 underwent screening for an elevated LVEDP with the Vivio Device as part of a routine PCP visit

- 47% (n=555; 53% F, 47% M)) tested positive with estimated LVEDP
 ≥ 18 & were referred for further testing with BNP, echo & KCCQ
- 71% of previously "asymptomatic" Stage A patients who tested positive for elevated LVEDP reported symptoms concerning for HF on KCCQ-12 & were reclassified as Stage C HF patients
- In a follow-up chart review of 100 randomly-selected patients with positive testing, 85% were found to have clinically significant findings on echo (LVH, LAE, LV dysfunction, aortic stenosis)



SUMMARY / CONCLUSION

Asymptomatic (and/or underrecognized) hemodynamic congestion was highly prevalent in an elderly population with Stage A HF presenting for routine PCP visits. Screening programs using non-invasive technology to detect subclinical congestion can lead to earlier diagnosis and treatment of patients with clinical HF.