# The Gene-sis of Heart Failure

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### Disclosures

• Nothing to disclose



### A 38-year-old male..

- Abrupt onset of severe lightheadedness
- In the ER, noted to have a HR 250 bpm
- Shock First, Talk Later



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Underwent cardiac MRI



Reduced LVEF of 49%; late Gadolinium enhancement involving the base of the heart

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- One year later, had sudden onset palpitations → 2 ICD shocks
- Underwent VT ablation
- One week later, presented to the ER with Ventricular Tachycardia





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- Atrial and ventricular arrhythmias
  Dilated Cardiomyopathy

  - AV Blocks



- Muscular dystrophy
  Presents after 2<sup>nd</sup> decade of life
- Hitchinson–Gilford progeria syndrome; rare



Identification of Proband and Cascade testing is key



#### > There are no targeted therapies



### What happened next?

Admitted with Sustained Ventricular tachycardia

Refractory VT despite 2+ antiarrhythmics

Listed for Heart Transplant

Post-op Cardiogenic shock

VA ECMO + Impella for 48 hours

Immunosuppression, Inpatient PT/OT





### **Native Heart- Gross specimen**





### Histology



Mild diffuse interstitial fibrosis in the left ventricle (trichrome stain)



Hasselberg NE et al. Lamin A/C cardiomyopathy: young onset, high penetrance, and frequent need for heart transplantation. Eur Heart J. 2018



