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En présence des Maîtres de cette Faculté,
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je promets et je jure d'être fidèle aux lois de l'honneur
et de la probité dans l'exercice de la Médecine.

Je donnerai mes soins gratuits à l'indigent,
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les secrets qui me seront confiés et mon état ne servira pas
à corrompre les mœurs ni à favoriser le crime.

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je rendrai à leurs enfants
l'instruction que j'ai reçue de leurs pères.

Que les hommes m'accordent leur estime
si je suis fidèle à mes promesses.
Que je sois couvert d'opprobre
et méprisé de mes confrères
si j'y manque.

RESUME

L'insuffisance cardiaque aigue est un motif courant d'admission aux urgences; les patients ne sont pas systématiquement hospitalisés en cardiologie. L'objectif principal de notre étude est de comparer la prise en charge des patients diagnostiqués d'une insuffisance cardiaque aigue aux urgences, hospitalisés en cardiologie à ceux hospitalisés dans d'autres services d'aval. Nous avons réalisé une étude observationnelle rétrospective mono-centrique au CHU de Tours en incluant tous les patients de plus de 65 ans hospitalisés pour une insuffisance cardiaque aigue entre janvier 2015 et décembre 2017; soit 1079 patients; 26% ont été hospitalisés en cardiologie. Nous n'avons pas retrouvé de différence significative entre les deux groupes en termes de constantes vitales à l'admission, d'analyses biologiques, de comorbidités, hormis la présence en cardiologie de troubles cognitifs moins fréquents (1,5% vs 7%) et d'un âge plus jeune (82 ans vs 87). Concernant les patients hospitalisés en cardiologie, les syndromes coronariens sont significativement plus fréquents (11% vs 2%), alors qu'un facteur déclenchant infectieux est significativement moins fréquent (24% vs 61%); sans autre différence parmi les facteurs déclenchants étudiés. En cardiologie l'utilisation de VNI est plus fréquente (10% vs 3%) ainsi que la réalisation d'ETT (84% vs 20%) ; la quasi totalité des coronarographies y sont réalisées (17% vs < 1%), la durée d'hospitalisation y est plus courte (6 jours vs 9). Enfin la prescription à la sortie de bétabloquants (87% vs 65%) et d'IEC (45% vs 28%) y est plus fréquente. La mortalité est inférieure en cardiologie (4% vs 11%). Les patients hospitalisés en cardiologie sont plus jeunes et moins fragiles, ils bénéficient d'une prise en charge correspondant davantage aux recommandations et d'un taux de mortalité plus faible.

ABSTRACT

Acute Heart Failure (AHF) is a common reason for emergency admissions; patients are not systematically hospitalized in cardiology. The main objective of our study is to compare the management of patients diagnosed with AHF in Emergency Department (ED) hospitalized in cardiology with those hospitalized in other department. We realized a single-center retrospective observational study at the CHU Tours including all patients over 65 years old hospitalized for AHF between January 2015 and December 2017; 1079 patients; 26% were hospitalized in cardiology. We did not find any significant difference between the two groups in terms of vital constants on admission, biological parameters, comorbidities, except in cardiology of less frequent cognitive disorders (1.5% vs 7%) and a younger age (82 vs 87). Regarding patients hospitalized in cardiology, coronary syndromes are significantly more frequent (11% vs 2%), while an infectious trigger is significantly less frequent (24% vs 61%); without any other difference among decompensation factors studied. In cardiology, the use of NIV is more frequent (10% vs 3%) as well as the realization of echocardiography (84% vs 20%); almost coronary angiography are performed there (17% vs <1%), the length of stay is shorter (6 days vs 9). Mortality is lower in cardiology (4% vs 11%).

Patients hospitalized in cardiology are younger and less frail, they benefit from care more in line with recommendations and a lower mortality rate.

Elderly patients with Acute heart failure: hospital journey after initial care in the emergency department

Introduction:

Heart failure (HF) is a common pathology and its prevalence is increasing particularly in an elderly population. HF prevalence is 2% in the general population increasing to 9% in 80-89 years old patients. (1) Every year, 150 000 hospitalizations for HF are counted in France. (1) Acute heart failure (AHF) is a serious disease with a high in-hospital mortality (2.7 to 30%). (2-4) Emergency departments (ED) are the main first medical contact before hospitalization, ahead of general practitioners and cardiologists. (3) For this reason, ED have an important role for referring hospitalized patients to the appropriate unit.

With the aging population, patients with AHF also have multiples comorbidities and need a global approach. (5) As a consequence, we see today different patient journeys with an important proportion of patients hospitalized outside cardiology units, in geriatrics, pneumology or internal medicine. (3,4)

Unlike chronic heart failure, AHF management has not seen any major improvement over the last years. To improve AHF patients care, ED physicians can just optimize current practice: diuretics, vasodilators... and follow international guidelines. (5,6)

We found few data in the literature comparing hospitalized HF patients in cardiology and those hospitalized in other specialties. Previous publications suggest that HF patients attended by cardiologists during hospitalization had a better outcome compared to patients that didn't saw a cardiologist. (3,7-10)

The main objective of this study was to compare hospitalized HF patients management depending on the first unit of hospitalization after initial care in the ED: cardiology versus other specialties (Gériatries, Internal Medicine, Pneumology...).

Secondary objectives were to carry out an epidemiological description of hospitalized HF patients and compare the patients diagnosis in the ED to the diagnosis at the end of the hospitalization.

Material and Method

This is a retrospective monocentric observational study, between January 1st 2015 and December 31st 2017, using the clinical data from the EHOp® data warehouse at the CHRU in Tours. EHOp® is a clinical data warehouse that brings together the data from the patient file, the medicalized information system program (PMSI) and laboratory results.

All consecutive patients aged 65 and older hospitalized for HF after ED management over the study period were included in this study. The diagnosis of HF has been retained according to the ED discharge diagnosis, by extracting the conclusion from the ED report via the CDC (Clinical Data Center) database. Patients discharged after ED management were excluded from this analysis. In case of multiple hospitalizations of the same patient during the study period, only the first stay with a HF diagnosis in the ED was included in the analysis, subsequent hospitalizations have been excluded.

The key criterion of assessment was hospital mortality following hospital stay. It was determined by the mode of exit from the PMSI summary included in the CDC.

We collected the first medical unit where patients were admitted after ED management. Secondly, a description of the population and patients management was made according to the following variables: age, comorbidities, autonomy at home, vital signs and laboratory parameters at admission, factors of decompensation, complementary examinations, care in the ED, care during hospital stay, hospital outcome, hospital length of stay and hospital discharge prescriptions. Data has been collected via the data warehouse within the limits of their availability. It was necessary to resort to the patient record when a data was not available in the data warehouse. Finally each hospital stay was associated with one of the three following groups - Cardiology, intensive care unit (ICU) and Other - depending on the first medical unit of admission after ED.

Our study have been approved by the Ethics Committee in Human Research on 23 July 2019 (Groupe éthique d'aide à la recherche clinique pour les protocoles de recherche non soumis au comité de protection des personnes n° 2019 062). This study is approved by CNIL (n°2019_027).

Statistics

Descriptive analysis

Patients were characterized according to their hospital pathway, distinguishing 3 modalities depending on whether the patients was admitted to cardiology department, ICU or any other specialty. The three routes were then described. Finally, the HF diagnosis in the ED was compared to the hospital discharge diagnosis.

Comparative analysis

We calculated p-values in a comparison two by two. We used T-test for quantitative variables, and Khi2 for qualitative variables; without correction with other co-variables. If a data was missing, we did not take the value in account. We calculated odd-ratios with their confidence intervals, and multivariate logistic regression p-values using a missing data management method (we used a multiple imputation to five interation, in case of absence of normal distribution we used a decision tree method: CART).

Results

From January 1st 2015 to December, 31st 2017, 1079 patients were included. Among them, 280 (26%) were hospitalized in cardiology, 768 (71%) in other specialties and 31 (3%) in ICU. Due to their small number and their specificity, patients admitted to intensive care after leaving the emergency department were not analyzed.

The main patients characteristics before hospitalisation are presented in table 1. Forty five percent of these patients were male without significant difference between the two groups. The median age is 81 years old (yo) in the cardiology group and 88 yo in group other specialties ($p < 0,001$). We observed that 61 (22%) of the patients are dependent at home in the cardiology group versus 385 (50%) in the other group ($p < 0,001$). Among the different co-morbidities studied, only one significant difference was found between the two groups for cognitive disorders, 19 (7%) in cardiology against 211 (27%) in the other group ($p < 0,001$).

Patients characteristics during ED management are also described in table 1. We did not find any significant difference between the vital signs on ED arrival between the two groups. The only significant difference found concerns albumin, in the cardiology group the median was 38.66 g/L and in the other group: 35.37 g/L ($p < 0,001$).

Factors of decompensation are presented in table 2. The proportion of acute coronary syndrome hospitalized in cardiology 32 (11%) is significantly higher than in the other group 16 (2 %) ($p < 0,001$). Conversely, the percentage of infectious etiology is significantly lower in the cardiology group: 68 (24%) versus 469 (61%) in the other group ($p < 0,001$). There is no significant difference among the other decompensation factors.

The hospital management in terms of treatment and complementary tests are presented in table 3. The proportion of diuretic prescriptions in the ED is significantly higher in the other discharge destination group: 187 (76%) versus 586 (67%) ($p < 0,001$). Conversely; the rate of nitrates prescription in the ED is significantly higher in the cardiology group 51(18%) versus 75 (10%) in the other group ($p = 0,001$). About hospital treatments outside the ED, the use of non-invasive ventilation is significantly higher for patients hospitalized in cardiology 42 (10%) compared to the other group 55 (3%) ($p < 0,001$). Regarding complementary examinations, the proportion of echocardiography is significantly higher for patients hospitalized in cardiology 236 (84%) versus 152 (20%) in the other group; ($p < 0,001$). Almost all patients who have been treated with coronary angiography are hospitalized in cardiology 47 (17%) versus 2 (< 1%) ($p < 0,001$). There were no significant differences for the other complementary tests.

Hospital outcomes and discharge prescriptions are also presented in table 3. At hospital discharge, the proportion of beta-blocker prescriptions is significantly higher in patients hospitalized in cardiology 197 (70%) versus 432 (56%) ($p < 0,001$) ; as well as for the prescription of ACE inhibitors 125 (45%) versus 216 (28%) ($p < 0,001$). There are not other significant differences among the other prescriptions. The length of stay median's is significantly lower in the cardiology group (4,5 days) versus other group (6 days) ($p < 0,001$). Furthermore, 244 (87%) of people were discharged at home in the cardiology group compared to 503 (65%) in the other group. The mortality rate is significantly lower for patients hospitalized in cardiology 12 (4%) versus 83 (11%) in the other group; ($p < 0,001$).

Finally, the HF ED diagnosis was confirmed in 93% of patients admitted to cardiology (N= 259) and in 72% of cases in the other specialties (N=551).

Discussion

Our study compared hospitalized AHF patients management, after initial care in the ED, depending on the first unit of hospitalization: in cardiology or other specialties. Patients in the other specialties group seemed to be frailer and older but had a similar severity of AHF at admission. However, there were different management of AHF in the two groups.

Patients hospitalized in cardiology were younger and more autonomous at home compared to patient hospitalized in other services, but they had the same comorbidities, except less cognitive impairment (20% lower in the group of patients hospitalized in cardiology). Elderly patient, dependent, with cognitive disorder, need a more comprehensive care approach (11, 12). This special care can explain other discharge destination choice. Almost all ACS were hospitalized in cardiology, it is easy to explain that by the need for specialized management and coronary angiography treatment. For infectious decompensation factor, patients were significantly more hospitalized in other services, requiring cardiological management but also infectious treatment. There was no difference for rhythm disorder decompensation factor between the two group. Other studies found same significant differences between groups cardiology and other specialties with patient more older,

less autonomous and more frequently presenting cognitive disorders; and precipitating factors: infectious more frequently in patients not hospitalized in cardiology .(13)

There was no difference in vital signs or biological criteria at admission in ED between the two groups; however, some studies have shown a difference in survival depending on the mode of presentation at the admission of heart failure. That suggest initial severity of AHF was similar in cardiology and other specialties group. The only difference concerned albumin, with a median 3 g/L lower in the other specialties group. This difference can be related to a significantly higher median age in this group with a higher risk of undernutrition. Patients in the cardiology group received more often nitrates and use of NIV. These treatments needed continuous monitoring, difficult to use in conventional department. All except two patients requiring coronary angiography were hospitalized in cardiology. ECG and chest X-ray were also realized in both groups, usually performed in the ED before hospitalization. Echocardiography was sixty percent higher in the cardiology department, with a major impact on AHF diagnostic time, the etiological diagnosis, and more appropriate management. (14)

Internationale guidelines for prescription on leaving hospital were significantly more followed for patients hospitalized in cardiology department, the beta-blocker prescription is 14% higher in the cardiology group and it is the same for IEC (17% more for the cardiology group). These differences between the two groups have been found in other studies. (15, 16) IEC and SARTANS prescriptions is lower in older patients, the group of patients hospitalized in cardiology had a median age of 7 years lower, this may partly interfere with this result. (17)

More patients were return at home in the cardiology group and their length of stay were shorter, which can be explained by frailer patients in the non-cardiac group. Median length of stay is almost three days less for patients in cardiology, these results are consistent with those of the literature. (18, 19)

Mortality is lower in the cardiologic's group. It is possible to add the value of specialized cardiologic management because there are significant differences in therapeutic management and complementary examination between the two groups with a better follow-up of recommendations in cardiology, access to higher echography that can lead to more appropriate etiological treatment. (20)

Diagnostic of AHF in the ED was confirmed in 75 percent of cases on the conclusion of the discharge service; 93% of patients in cardiology group and 72% of patients in the other group. These results are probably underestimated by our method of data collection, the diagnosis and the output coding of the downstream services having mainly focused on the triggering factor without considering the part of the associated cardiac decompensation.

All of these elements suggest the interest of a systematic cardiological evaluation of AHF and echocardiography associated with a multidisciplinary care-management, regardless of the department in which they are hospitalized, and with a decompensation factor not covered by cardiology treatment. It is therefore necessary for patients with multiple comorbidities to propose multidisciplinary management including cardiologic evaluation. The creation of cardiogeriatric services could partly address this need. A survival study could be conducted to determine the rate of return at home hospitalization of each of the two groups, as well as the length of time between hospitalizations. This may in part reflect a difference in plan of care, despite the known population differences between these two groups.

Conclusion

Hospitalized patients with AHF, in other department than cardiology, were older and frailer but had a similar severity of AHF at admission. They didn't have the same diagnosis and therapeutic management and had a highest mortality compare to AHF hospitalized in cardiology. Systematic cardiological and multidisciplinary evaluation could be considered and evaluated to manage these complex patients.

Table 1: Patients characteristics before ED arrival

	TOTAL N (%)	Missing data / unrealize d	Cardiology N (%)	Other specialties (%)	P- value 2 by 2	Odds ratio IC 95 %	P- value
N (%)	1079 (100)		280 (26)	768 (71)			
Age, (years, median, IQR)	87 (81-91)	0 (0)	81.81 (8.13)	87.20 (7.16)	<0.001	0.92 (0.91,0.94)	<0.001
Male, N (%)	483 (45)		142 (51)	320 (42)	0.011	1 (0.73,1.37)	0.975
Autonomy at home		28 (2,6)			<0.001		
Autonomous	579 (54)		195 (70)	356 (46)	-	-	-
Dependent	449 (42)		61 (22)	385 (50)	0.48 (0.34,0.69)	<0.001	
Bedridden	23 (2)		1 (0)	22 (3)	0.24 (0.03,1.9)	0.142	
Co-morbidities, N (%)							
Any cardiopathies	894 (83)	4 (0,4)	236 (84)	633 (82)	0.442	1.34 (0.88,2.05)	0.164
Diabetes	306 (28)	2 (0,2)	93 (33)	199 (26)	0.020	0.95 (0.68,1.34)	0.842
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	159 (15)	3 (0,3)	38 (14)	112 (15)	0.779	0.68 (0.43,1.06)	0.077
Asthma	36 (3)	3 (0,3)	7 (3)	28 (4)	0.489	0.57 (0.23,1.38)	0.214
Chronic renal failure	245 (23)	3 (0,3)	65 (23)	167 (22)	0.632	1 (0.7,1.43)	0.975
Cognitive impairment	233 (22)	16 (1,5)	19 (7)	211 (27)	<0.001	0.33 (0.2,0.56)	<0.001
Néoplasias	440 (41)	8 (0,7)	108 (39)	320 (42)	0.433	0.88 (0.65,1.21)	0.490
Vital signs at admission							
Systolic blood pressure Average (mmHg)	138 (120-158)	19 (1,8)	145.18 (30.17)	138.96 (28.21)	0.002	1 (0.99,1.01)	0.644
Diastolic blood pressure Average (mmHg)	73 (62-85)	18 (1,7)	78.72 (18.50)	73.41 (17.21)	<0.001	1.01 (1,1.02)	0.033
Cardiac frequency Average (bpm)	82 (70-100)	19 (1,8)	88.98 (44.40)	85.02 (21.54)	0.057	1 (1,1.01)	0.237
oxygen saturation Average (%)	95 (92-97)	46 (4,3)	93.50 (5.27)	93.60 (6.40)	0.823	1 (0.97,1.02)	0.860
Respiratory rate Average (per min)	24 (20-31)	265 (24,5)	25.93 (7.32)	26.08 (7.53)	0.804	1 (0.98,1.02)	0.673
Glasgow score Average	15 (15-15)	407 (37,7)	14.88 (0.70)	15.09 (6.53)	0.665	1 (0.95,1.06)	0.861
Laboratory parameters at admission							
NT-proBNP (ng/L)	5123 (2344-10145)	500 (46,3)	8441.77 (9598.98)	8540.97 (11163.39)	0.928	1 (1,1)	0.960
creatinine (µmol/L)	102 (75-140)	1 (0)	120.28 (58.17)	121.67 (83.79)	0.798	1 (1,1)	0.311
troponine (ng/L)	43 (27-78)	576 (53,4)	104.43 (252.10)	106.98(504.01)	0.958	1 (1,1)	0.977
ASAT (UI/L)	27 (20-39)	170 (15,7)	57.39 (165.47)	43.28 (95.49)	0.122	1 (1,1)	0.654
ALAT (UI/L)	19 (13-31)	151 (14,0)	43.42 (139.66)	32.54 (68.73)	0.124	1 (1,1)	0.871
GGT (UI/L)	54 (30-111)	160 (14,8)	111.16 (134.01)	91.78 (123.55)	0.050	1 (1,1)	0.541
Alkaline phosphatase (UI/L)	97 (73-135)	160 (14,8)	116.45 (63.66)	114.55 (77.18)	0.743	1 (1,1)	0.612
Albuminemia (g/L)	36 (33-39)	241 (22,3)	38.66 (4.22)	35.37 (4.65)	<0.001	1.12 (1.07,1.18)	<0.001
Total bilirubinemia (µmol/L)	12 (8-18)	177 (16,4)	16.84 (13.21)	14.35 (9.99)	0.004	1.03 (1,1.06)	0.086

Table 2: factors of decompensation

	TOTAL N (%)	Missing data	Cardiologie N (%)	Other discharge destination N (%)	P-value 2 by 2	Odds ratio IC 95 %	Regression p value
N (%)	1079 (100)		280 (26)	768 (71)			
Acute coronary syndrome	48 (4)	1 (0)	32 (11)	16 (2)	<0.001	4.86 (2.48,9.52)	<0.001
Rhythm disorders	308 (29)	1 (0)	90 (32)	214 (28)	0.191	1.18 (0.83,1.69)	0.351
Infection	555 (51)	2 (0,2)	68 (24)	469 (61)	<0.001	0.31 (0.22,0.45)	<0.001
Hypertension	153 (14)	1 (0)	60 (21)	89 (12)	<0.001	1.9 (1.26,2.87)	0.002
non compliance with treatment	65 (6)	678 (63)	32 (11)	31 (4)	<0.001	2.32 (1.38,3.88)	0.003
Others causes	184 (17)		61 (22)	115 (15)	0.012	1.47 (0.97,2.23)	0.071

Table 3: Care-management in hospital

	TOTAL N (%)	Missing data	Cardiologie N (%)	Other discharge destination N (%)	P-value 2 by 2	Odds ratio IC 95 %	P-value
Treatment in the Emergency department							
Diuretics	791 (73)	3 (0,3)	187 (67)	586 (76)	0.003	0.44 (0.31,0.61)	<0.001
Nitrates	129 (12)	3 (0,3)	51 (18)	75 (10)	<0.001	2.12 (1.36,3.32)	0.001
Non-invasive ventilation	112 (10)	3 (0,3)	42 (15)	55 (7)	<0.001	1.49 (0.9,2.46)	0.119
Treatment in the discharge destination							
Diuretics	865 (80)	25 (2,3)	229 (82)	620 (81)	0.001	2.48 (1.58,3.91)	<0.001
Nitrates	160 (15)	25 (2,3)	40 (14)	116 (15)	0.902	0.68 (0.44,1.07)	0.095
Non-invasive ventilation	61 (6)	25 (2,3)	28 (10)	20 (3)	<0.001	3.37 (1.76,6.48)	<0.001
Dobutamine	9 (1)	25 (2,3)	9 (3)	0 (0)	<0.001		
Complementary examinations							
Echography	400 (37)	0 (0)	236 (84)	152 (20)	<0.001		
Coronary angiography	52 (5)	0 (0)	47 (17)	2 (0)	<0.001		
ECG	1068 (99)	0 (0)	280 (100)	757 (99)	0.095		
Chest X-Ray	1060 (98)	0 (0)	279 (100)	751 (98)	0.075		
Length of stay (days) Average	6 (4-10)		6.13(5.55)	9.09 (8.44)	<0.001		
Prescription on leaving hospital							
Beta-blocker	649 (60)	31 (2,9)	197 (70)	432 (56)	<0.001		<0.001
ACE inhibitor	352 (33)	31 (2,9)	125 (45)	216 (28)	<0.001		<0.001
Angiotensin II receptor antagonists	145 (13)	32 (3,0)	37 (13)	102 (13)	0.891		0.270
Diuretics	730 (68)	34 (3,1)	191 (68)	520 (68)	0.172		0.907
Hospital outcome							
Home	772 (72)		244 (87)	503 (65)	-		-
Service of following-care and rehabilitation	40 (4)		4 (1)	35 (5)	0.24 (0.08,0.7)		0.009
Retirement home	161 (15)		20 (7)	141 (18)	0.31 (0.19,0.52)		<0.001
Palliative care-unit	5 (0)		0 (0)	4 (1)	0 (0,Inf)		0.976
Death	99 (9)		12 (4)	83 (11)	0.28 (0.14,0.55)		<0.001
True diagnosis	810 (75)		259 (93)	551 (72)			

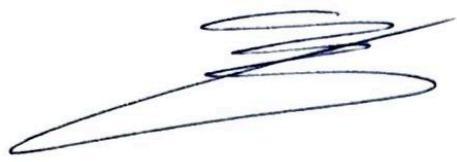
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Résumé :

L'insuffisance cardiaque aigue est un motif courant d'admission aux urgences; les patients ne sont pas systématiquement hospitalisés en cardiologie. L'objectif principal de notre étude est de comparer la prise en charge des patients diagnostiqués d'une insuffisance cardiaque aigue aux urgences, hospitalisés en cardiologie à ceux hospitalisés dans d'autres services d'aval. Nous avons réalisé une étude observationnelle rétrospective mono-centrique au CHU de Tours en incluant tous les patients de plus de 65 ans hospitalisés pour une insuffisance cardiaque aigue entre janvier 2015 et décembre 2017; soit 1079 patients; 26% ont été hospitalisés en cardiologie. Nous n'avons pas retrouvé de différence significative entre les deux groupes en termes de constantes vitales à l'admission, d'analyses biologiques, de comorbidités, hormis la présence en cardiologie de troubles cognitifs moins fréquents (1,5% vs 7%) et d'un âge plus jeune (82 ans vs 87). Concernant les patients hospitalisés en cardiologie, les syndromes coronariens sont significativement plus fréquents (11% vs 2%), alors qu'un facteur déclenchant infectieux est significativement moins fréquent (24% vs 61%); sans autre différence parmi les facteurs déclenchants étudiés. En cardiologie l'utilisation de VNI est plus fréquente (10% vs 3%) ainsi que la réalisation d'ETT (84% vs 20%); la quasi totalité des coronarographies y sont réalisées (17% vs < 1%), la durée d'hospitalisation y est plus courte (6 jours vs 9). Enfin la prescription à la sortie de bétabloquants (87% vs 65%) et d'IEC (45% vs 28%) y est plus fréquente. La mortalité est inférieure en cardiologie (4% vs 11%).

Les patients hospitalisés en cardiologie sont plus jeunes et moins fragiles, ils bénéficient d'une prise en charge correspondant davantage aux recommandations et d'un taux de mortalité plus faible.

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