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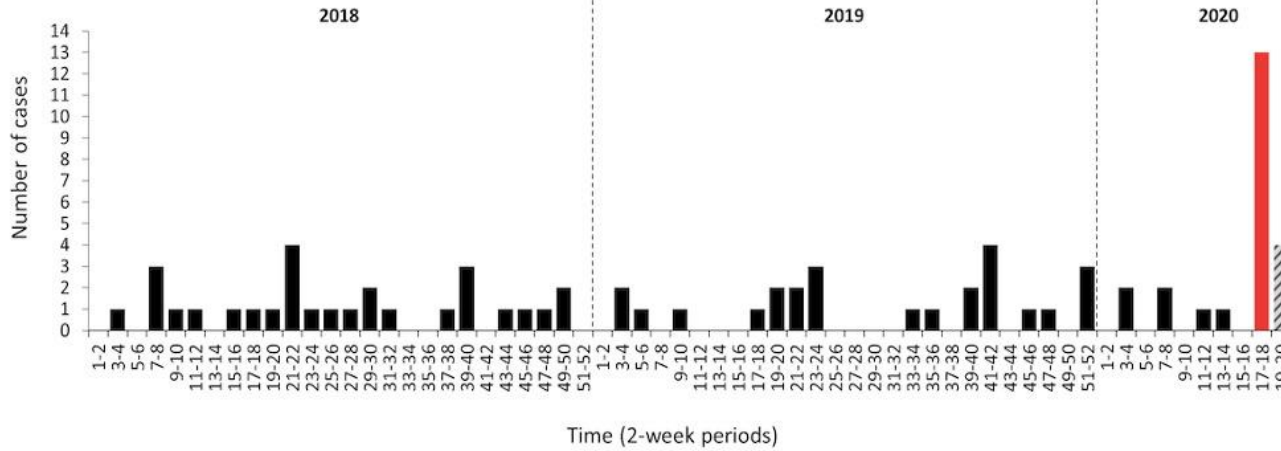
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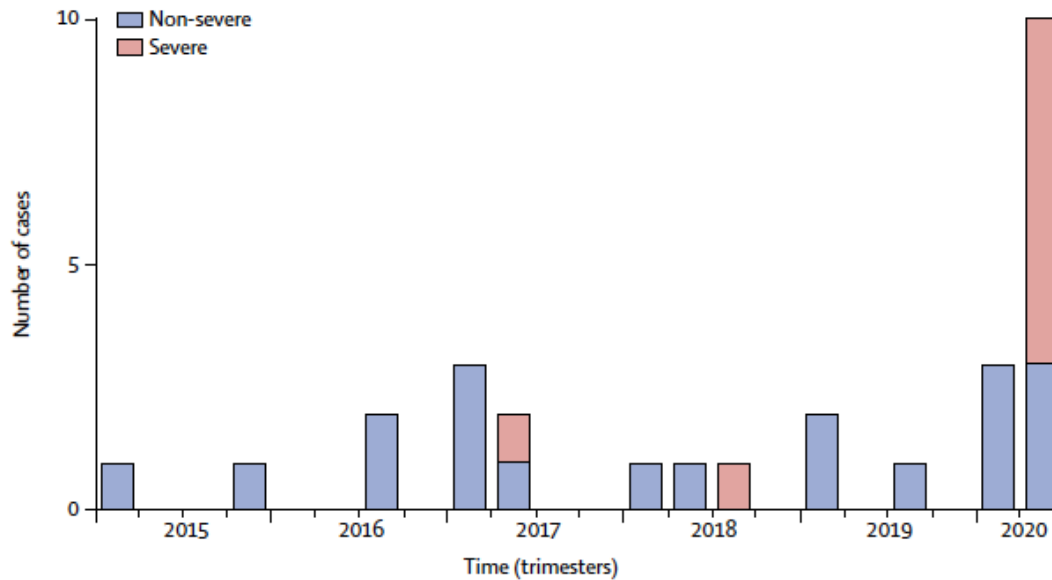
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# Incidence of Kawasaki disease at Necker Hospital since 2018



Necker hospital series BMJ, 2020



Verdoni L et al. Lancet 2020

# Kawasaki disease Key points



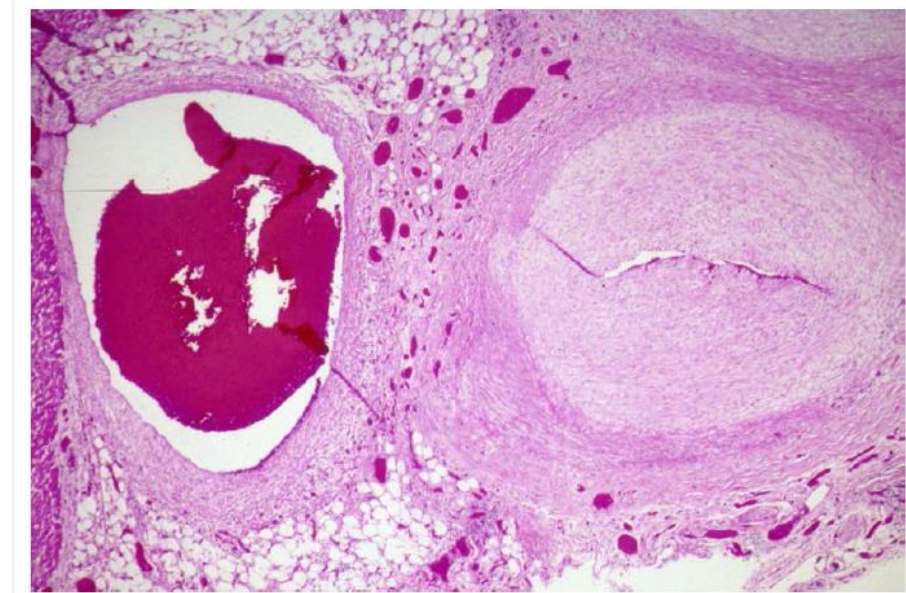
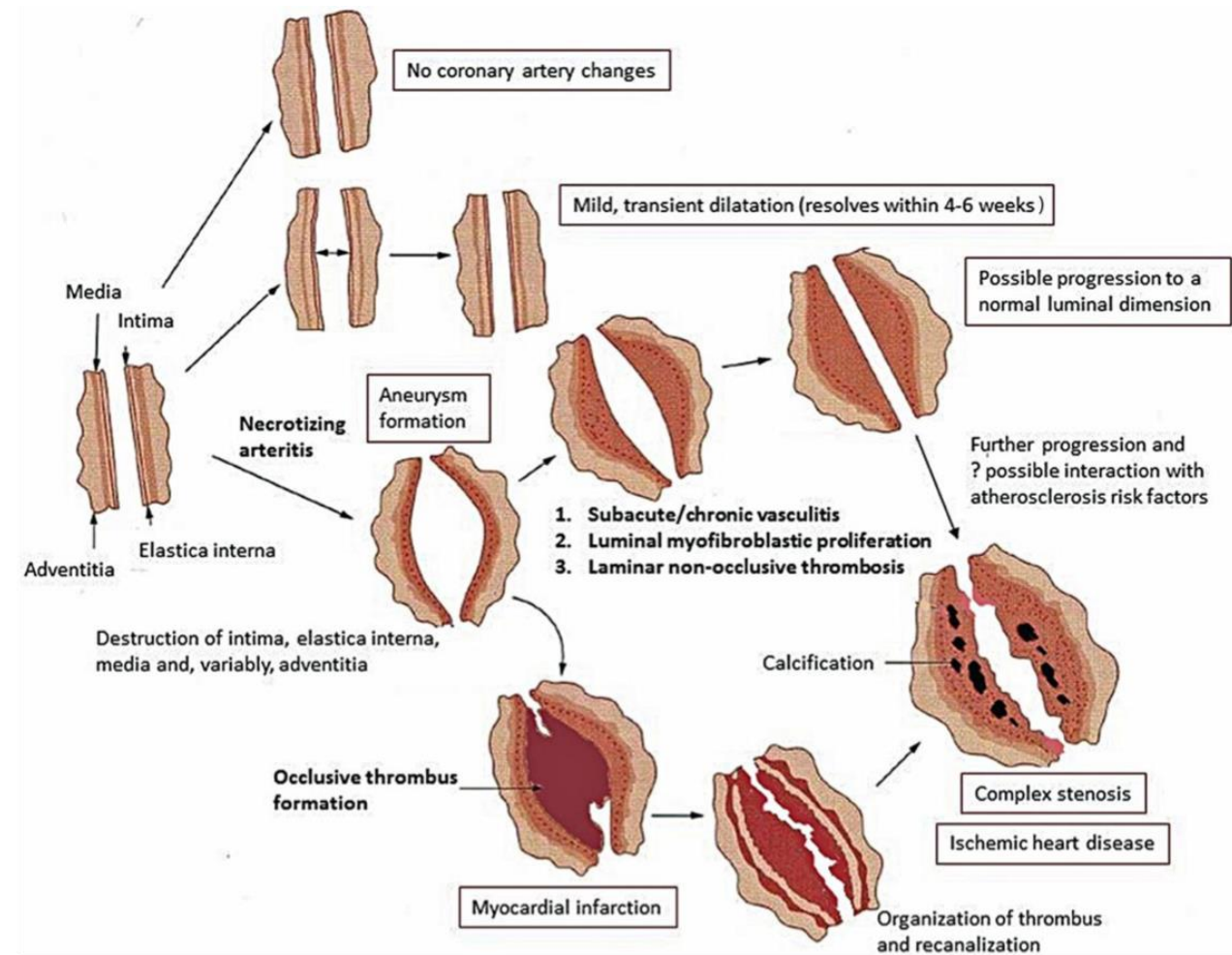
**In Europe, KD is reported on average  
in 5–15/100 000 children under 5 years of age annually**

1. Kawasaki disease (KD) is an acute, self-limited febrile illness of unknown cause that predominantly affects **children <5 years of age**.
2. KD is now **the most common cause of acquired heart disease in children in developed countries**.
3. In the **absence of pathognomonic tests**, the diagnosis continues to rest on the **identification of principal clinical findings** and the **exclusion of other clinically similar entities with known causes**.





# Coronary arteries in Kawasaki disease



Brian W. McCrindle et al. *Circulation*. 2017;135:e927-e999



# Pathophysiology of Kawasaki disease



The main hypothesis includes **infection** with common pathogens, which causes an **immune-mediated response** resulting in KD in **genetically predisposed** children

- It is most common in winter and early spring in Europe and North America
- The highest relative risk is in Asian children, especially of Japanese ancestry
- In Japan, the relative risk in siblings is 10-fold higher

# COVID-19 in children



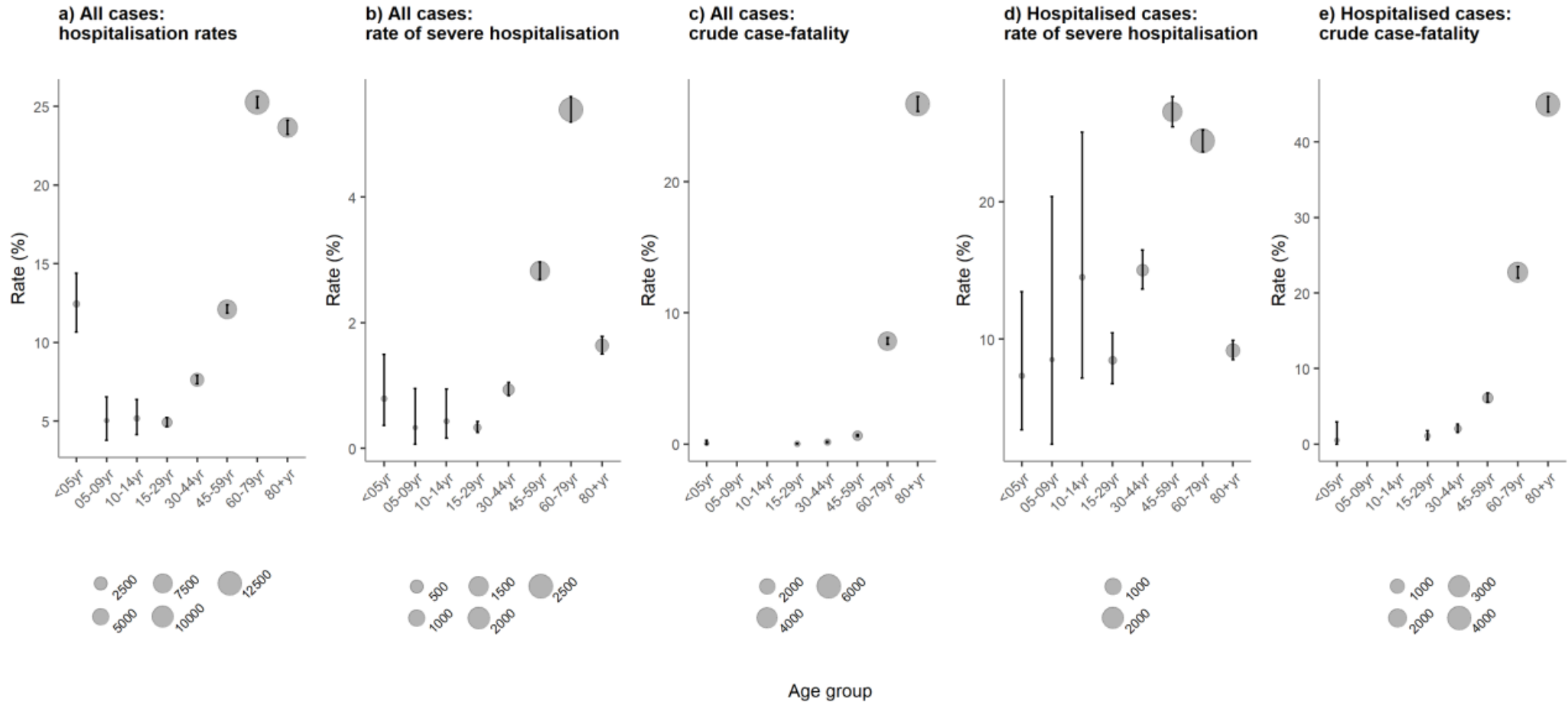
- **Less frequently** observed in children, and children tend to present with **milder symptoms** than adults.
- The most commonly reported symptoms include **fever and cough**.
- Due to the mild presentation of the disease in children, it appears that **children are also less likely to be tested**.
- Hospital admission are inversely related to age.
- Severe forms are observed in about 8-10% of hospitalised children.
- Fatalities do exist but are extremely rare.

<https://covid19-surveillance-report.ecdc.europa.eu/>





# Age-specific rates of severe outcome, TESSy, EU/EEA and UK, 13 May 2020



European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control. Paediatric inflammatory multisystem syndrome and SARS-CoV-2 infection in children – 15 May 2020. ECDC: Stockholm; 2020.

# French series of MIS-CA



**Table 1. Clinical signs and symptoms**

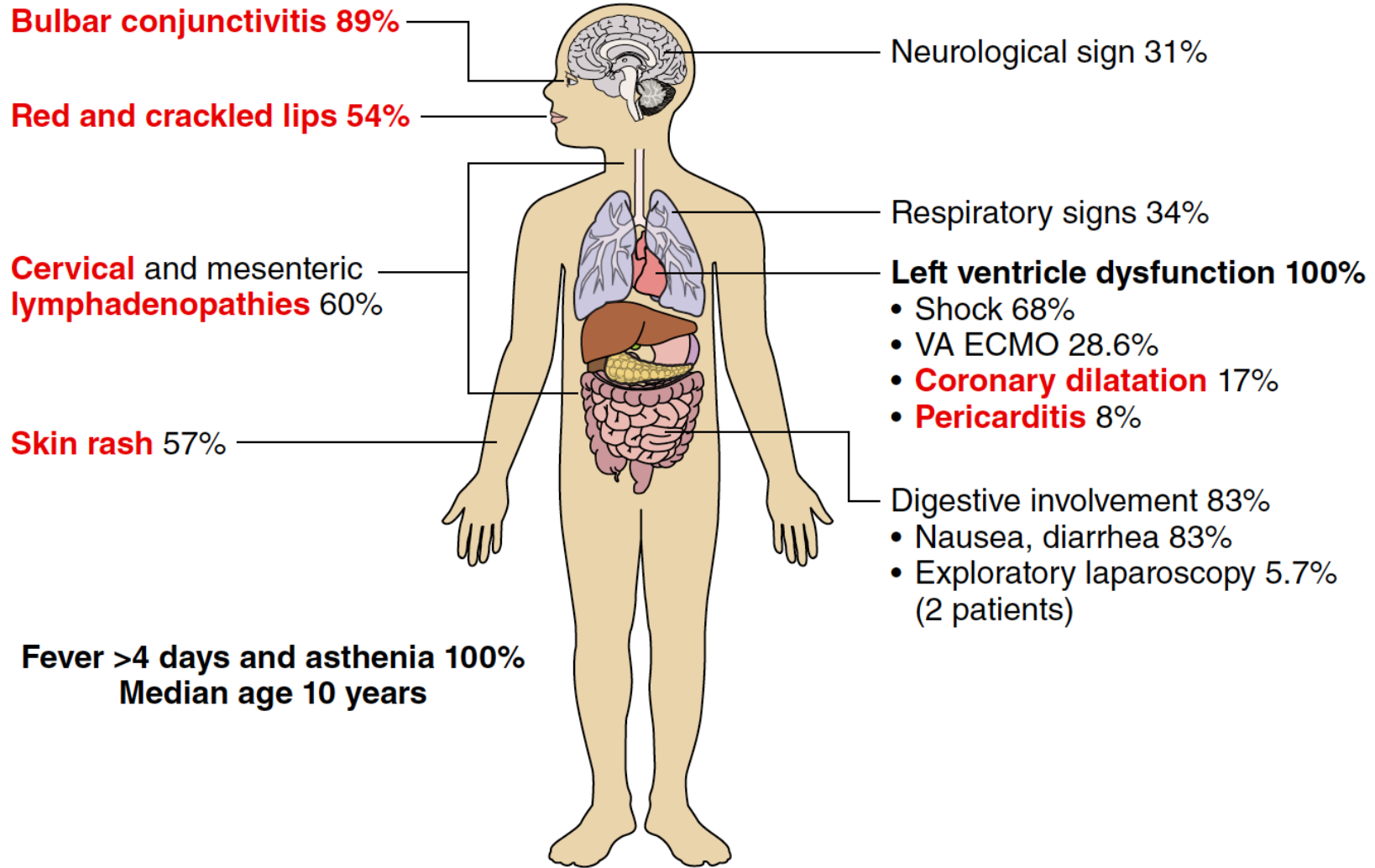
Median age yr	10
<1yr	0
1-5 years	1
6-16 years	34
Sex, n (%)	
Male/Female	18/17
Comorbidity, n (%)	10 (28)
Asthenia	35 (100)
Fever	35 (100)
Gastrointestinal symptoms	29 (83)
Respiratory distress	23 (65)
Rhinorrhea	15 (43)
Adenopathy	21 (60)
Skin rash	20 (57)
Meningism	11 (31)

**Table 2. Cardiac signs**

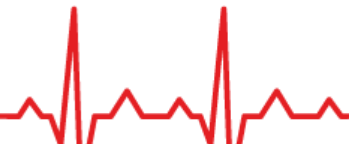
	n (%)
<b>Clinical signs</b>	
Chest pain	6 (17)
Cardiogenic shock with collapse	28 (80)
Ventricular arrhythmia	1 (3)
Systolic blood pressure at admission (percentile (IQR))	1 (1-10)
Coronary artery dilatation Z-score > +2	6 (17)
Aneurysms at day 10 (echography only)	0 (0)
<b>Left ventricular ejection fraction at baseline, n (%)</b>	
<30%	10 (28)
30-50%	25 (72)
<b>Evolution of LVEF (median±SD)</b>	
Baseline (35 patients)	32±9
Day 3 (23 patients)	52±10
Day 7 (34 patients)	60±6
Recovery left ventricular ejection fraction	
LVEF > 60% at day 7 n (%)	25 (71)
Time to full recovery, days (median and range)	2 (2-5)



# MIS-CA presenting symptoms



# Cutaneous signs of MIS-CA





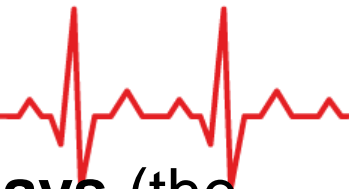
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Table 3. Laboratory findings	Baseline	Normal values
High sensitive troponin I (ng/L) (n=35)	347 (186-1267)	<26 ng/ml
Creatinine kinase (U/L) (n=19)	174 (110-510)	<180 U/L
NT-proBNP (n=5)	41484 (35811 - 52475)	< 300 pg/mL
BNP (pg/mL) (n=28)	5743 (2648 - 11909)	< 100 pg/mL
D-Dimer (ng/ml) (n=20)	5284 (4069-9095)	< 500 ng/mL
C-reactive protein, (mg/mL) (n=35)	241 (150-311)	< 6 mg/mL
Procalcitonin (ng/ml) (n=26)	36 (8-99)	< 2 ng/mL
White blood cell count, x10 <sup>3</sup> /L (n=35)	16 (12-23)	< 12x10 <sup>3</sup> /L
Neutrophil count, x 10 <sup>3</sup> /L (n=34)	13 (8-19)	< 8.5x10 <sup>3</sup> /L
Interleukin 6 (pg/mL) (n=13)	135 (87-175)	< 8.5 pg/mL

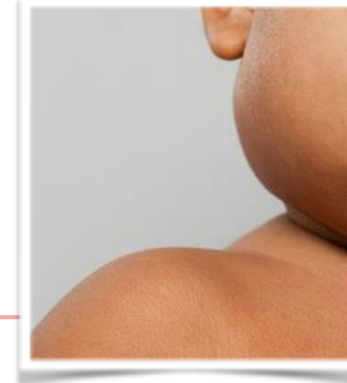
Table 4. Treatment and responses	
Treatment, n (%)	
Inotropic support	28 (80)
Immunoglobulin infusion	25 (71)
Intravenous corticosteroids	12 (34)
Interleukin 1 receptor antagonist	3 (8)
Anticoagulation with heparin	23 (65)
Respiratory support, n (%)	33 (94)
Invasive	22 (62)
Non invasive	11 (32)
VA-ECMO, n (%)	10 (28)
ECMO duration in days (range)	4.5 (3-6)
Recovery left ventricular ejection fraction	
LVEF > 60% at day 7 n (%)	25 (71)
Death, n (%)	0 (0)

# Criteria for Kawasaki disease



Classic KD is diagnosed in the presence of **fever for at least 5 days** (the day of fever onset is taken to be the first day of fever) together **with at least 4 of the 5** following principal clinical features:

1. Erythema and cracking of lips, strawberry tongue, and/or erythema of oral and pharyngeal mucosa
2. Bilateral bulbar conjunctival injection without exudate
3. Rash: maculo-papular, diffuse erythroderma, or erythema multiforme-like
4. Erythema and oedema of the hands and feet in acute phase and/or periungual desquamation in subacute phase
5. Cervical lymphadenopathy ( $\geq 1.5$  cm diameter), usually unilateral







# Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children and adolescents MIS-CA



Paediatric inflammatory multisystem syndrome temporally associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection in children

## European definition

1. A child presenting with **persistent fever, inflammation** (neutrophilia, elevated CRP and lymphopaenia) and **evidence of single or multi-organ dysfunction** (shock, cardiac, respiratory, renal, gastrointestinal or neurological disorder) with other additional clinical, laboratory or imaging and ECG features. Children fulfilling full or partial criteria for Kawasaki disease may be included.
2. Exclusion of any other microbial cause, including bacterial sepsis, staphylococcal or streptococcal shock syndromes, infections associated with myocarditis such as enterovirus.
3. SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing positive or negative.



# Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children and adolescents MIS-CA



**Paediatric inflammatory multisystem syndrome temporally associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection in children**

## **WHO preliminary definition**

**Children and adolescents 0–19 years of age with fever > 3 days AND two of the following:**

1. Rash or bilateral non-purulent conjunctivitis or muco-cutaneous inflammation signs (oral, hands or feet).
2. Hypotension or shock.
3. Features of myocardial dysfunction, pericarditis, valvulitis, or coronary abnormalities (including ECHO findings or elevated Troponin/NT-proBNP),
4. Evidence of coagulopathy (by PT, PTT, elevated d-Dimers).
5. Acute gastrointestinal problems (diarrhoea, vomiting, or abdominal pain).

**AND**

6. Elevated markers of inflammation such as ESR, C-reactive protein, or procalcitonin.

**AND**

7. No other obvious microbial cause of inflammation, including bacterial sepsis, staphylococcal or streptococcal shock syndromes.

**AND**

8. Evidence of COVID-19 (RT-PCR, antigen test or serology positive), or likely contact with patients with COVID-19.



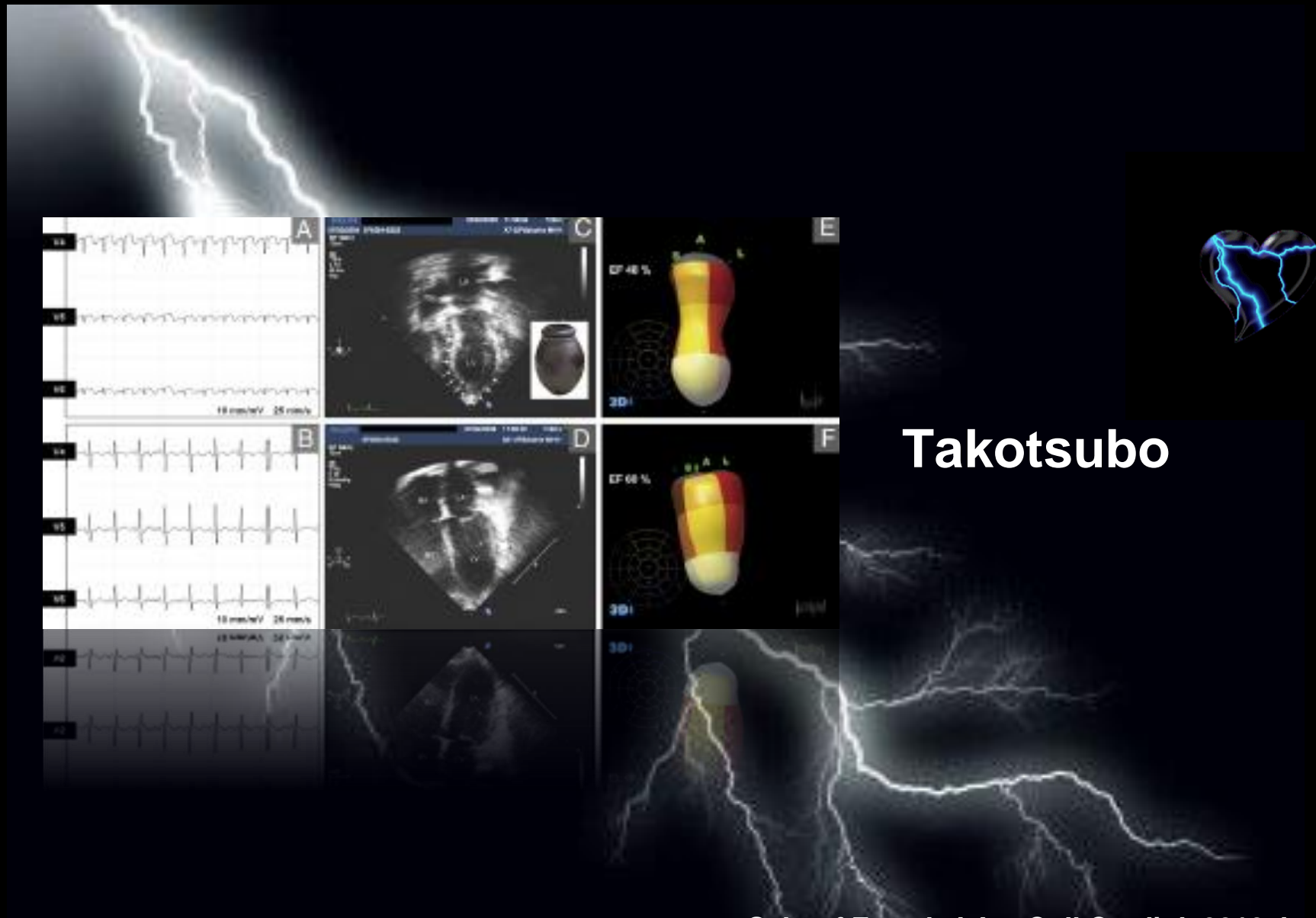
## Association between SARS-CoV-2 infection and MIS-CA (Bradford Hill criteria)



1. Countries with large outbreaks of SARS-CoV-2 (France, Italy, Spain, UK, US) have seen the occurrence of cases of MIS-CA in the late stages of the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Repetition of findings, different populations
3. Cases have been observed in children negative by PCR but positive by serology, suggesting prior exposure to SARS-CoV-2 between one to up to 14 days. In addition, some children had confirmed and plausible COVID-19 exposure in their household or through contact with infected family members
4. Conceivable mechanism for the disease (KD pathophysiology)
5. The current hypothesis holds that SARS-CoV-2 triggers hyperinflammation in the MIS-CA cases, which is consistent with previous knowledge
6. Analogy with KD is an argument.

**88% of positive serology in the first series and now 100% positive**

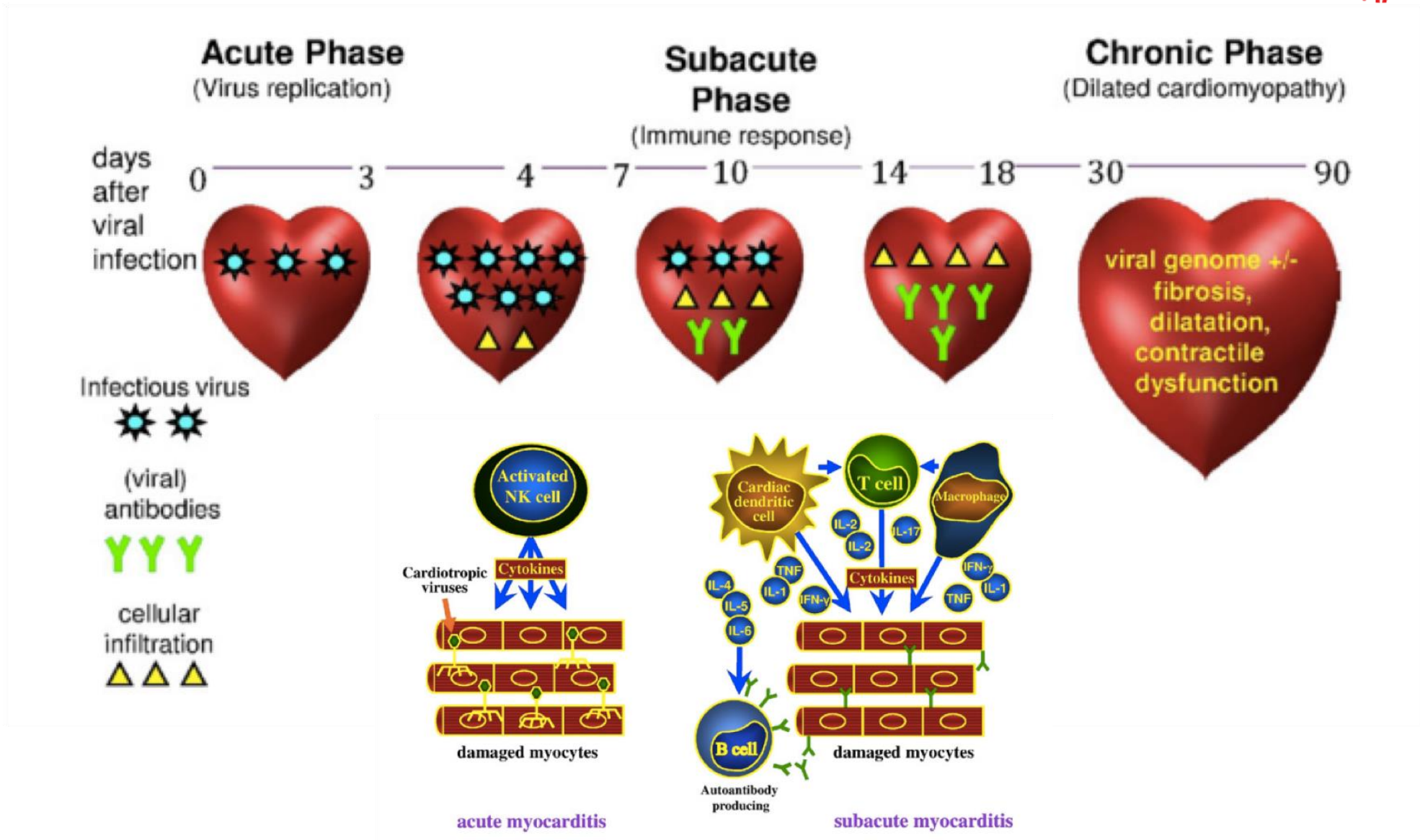
# Stunning mechanism rather than necrotizing myocarditis



**Takotsubo**

Schoof F et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2010 Jan 19;55(3):e5.  
Mattsson et al. BMC Med Genet. 2018 Mar 7;19(1):39

# Myocarditis pathophysiology



# Messages for the population



Serious COVID-19-related illness and associated mortality among children is **rare**, and this newly reported condition appears to comprise only **a very small proportion of these already rare, serious paediatric cases**.

On the other hand, it is well known that children may develop inflammatory conditions in response to various infections.

**Early diagnosis of the inflammatory illness is important** in order to ensure early treatment and reduce the risk of long-term complications. Therefore:

- **Clear information** should be given about signs and symptoms that parents/caregivers should ‘watchout for’ in order to seek immediate treatment.
- Information should indicate **who to contact for further advice and referral**, as per the national/local advice (e.g. hotline, pediatric services).
- **Reassurance should be given about the availability of treatment** for this inflammatory illness, but it should also be clarified that this condition can be severe, and some patients may require intensive care for cardiac and respiratory support.
- Reminders of the importance of all households maintaining high standards of hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette; physical distancing and other preventive measures in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic should be observed, as per the public health advice in the patient’s country.

Interest in this topic may be substantial due to its novelty and because it is being reported in a population group that has been referred to as having a low risk of severe coronavirus disease. Health authorities should therefore consider providing information about the current knowledge regarding this illness on their online information platforms. The information should be updated as more evidence becomes available.



## Maladie de Kawasaki : peut-on mettre ses enfants à l'école ?

Alors que le gouvernement a rouvert le 11 mai les écoles contre l'avis du Conseil scientifique, l'apparition d'une forme nouvelle de maladie inflammatoire chez les enfants ne présenterait pas de risque.

Par **Margaux d'Adhémar**

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Dans une école parisienne. *BENOIT TESSIER / REUTERS*

Le retour en classe de centaines de milliers d'élèves depuis le 11 mai, bientôt rejoints par les collégiens, pourrait-il être remis en question ? En effet, l'émergence d'un nouveau phénomène viral

## Coronavirus : 135 enfants français atteints d'une forme proche de la maladie de Kawasaki, un mort

**INFO LE FIGARO** - La direction générale de la Santé annonce avoir recensé 135 cas de maladie de Kawasaki en France depuis plusieurs semaines. Une pathologie qui serait liée au coronavirus.

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Fatigue intense, plusieurs jours de fièvre supérieure à 38°C, des ganglions, une forte inflammation et une éruption de boutons sont les caractéristiques typiques d'un Kawasaki (en photo, le personnel médical de l'hôpital Necker). *FRANCK FIFE / AFP*



# Research and perspectives



- **Pragmatical issues:** informing our colleagues in areas that have not been affected yet by the SARS-CoV-2
  - predict those who will need intensive care and may have harder outcomes
  - understand the cardiac/hemodynamic presenting symptoms
  - organize follow-up: check for coronary aneurysms, myocardial sequelae, others...
- **Improve treatment:** IVIg, Steroids, Anti-IL1, Anti-IL6
- **Pathophysiological issues:** immune mechanisms, genetic susceptibility



Questions ?

