



The evidence supporting: **EARLY Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation**

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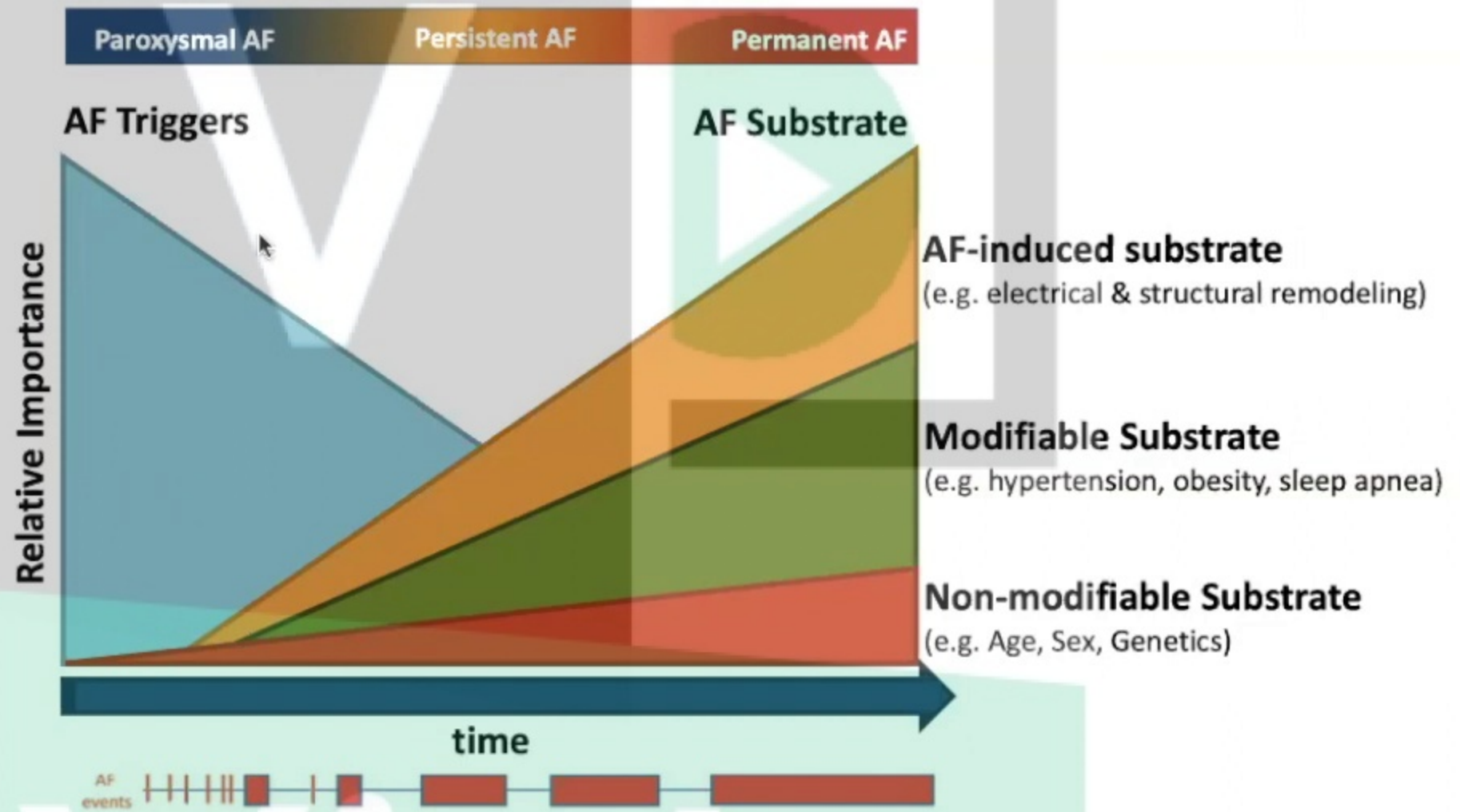
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Atrial Fibrillation: management options

- Antiarrhythmic Drugs
 - Limited Efficacy
 - Poorly Tolerated
 - Potential Toxicity
- **Ablation is more effective:**
 - At preventing recurrence
 - At improving QOL
 - **When performed early**



- **EARLY**
 - isolated electrical problem due to rapid firing from focal source (PVs)
- **LATER**
 - structural problem due to oxidative stress, inflammation, and atrial fibrosis



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