



# What Clinicians Need to Know About Genetic Testing for Patients and Families with HCM

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Testing to my Patient with  
HCM ???**

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**PRACTICE GUIDELINE**

# **2011 ACCF/AHA Guideline for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy**

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American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines

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American Society of Echocardiography, American Society of Nuclear Cardiology,  
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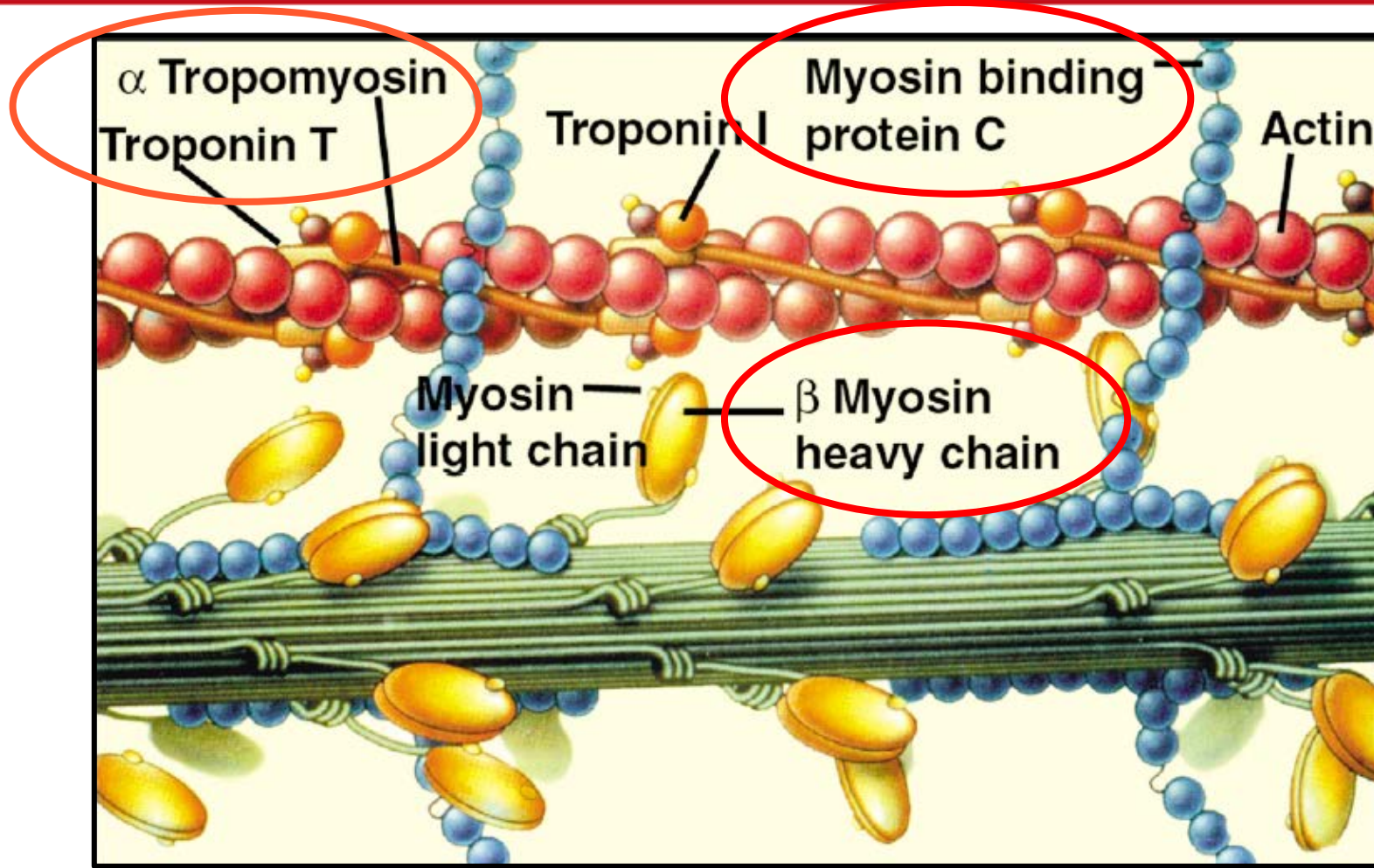
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# HCM is Caused by More than 1,400 Individual Mutations in More than 11 Genes



# Genetic Testing Strategies/Patient Screening—HCM Phenocopies


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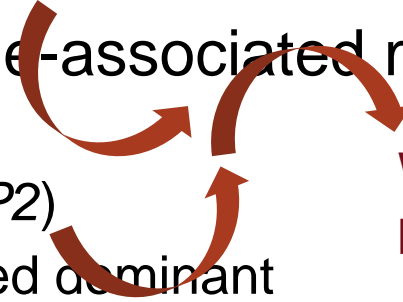
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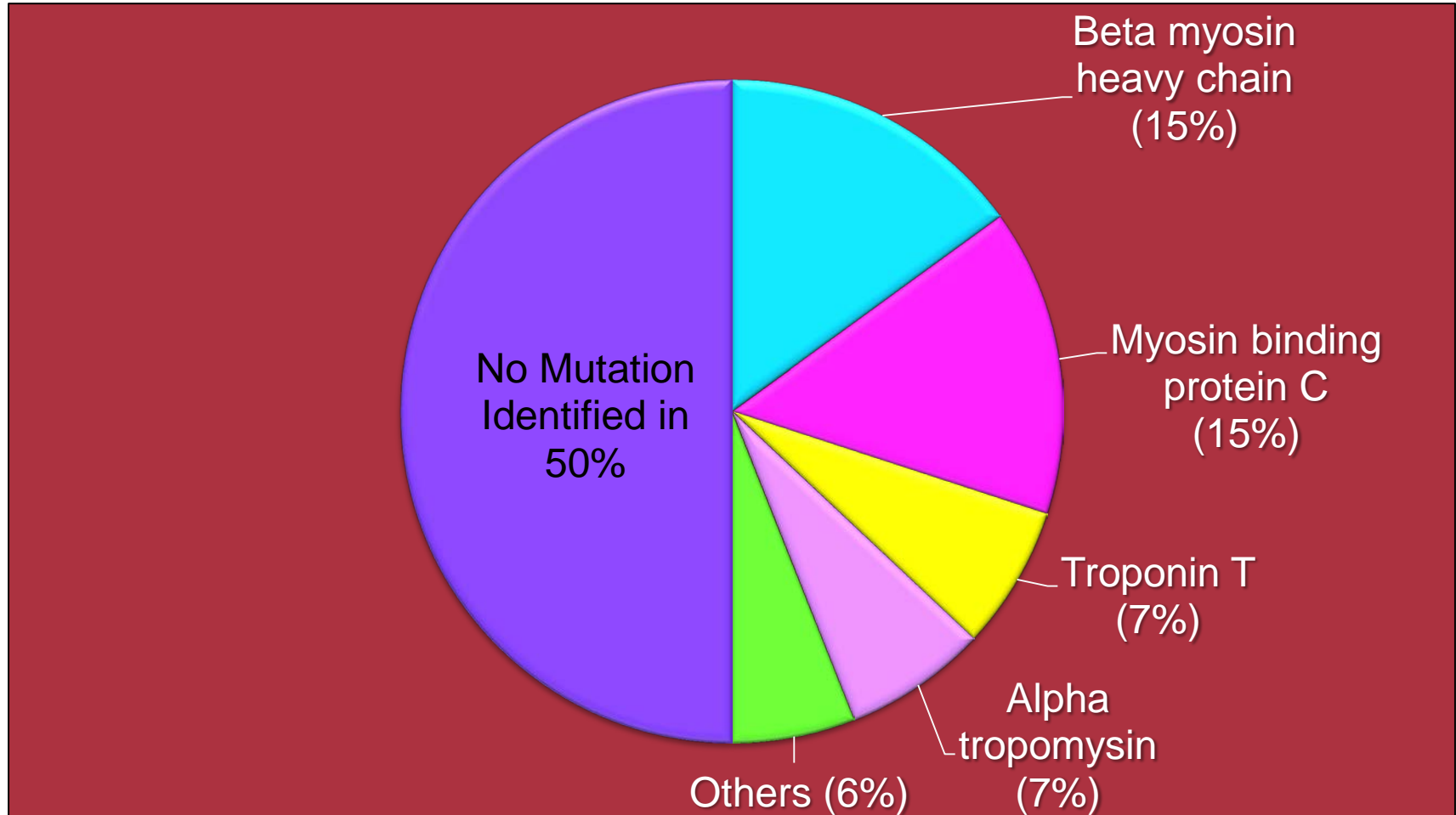
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# Proposed Classification System for Sequence Variants Identified by Genetic Testing:

Class	Description	Probability of being Pathogenic
5	Definitely Pathogenic	> 0.99
4	Likely Pathogenic	0.95-0.99
3	Uncertain (Variant of Unknown Significance; VUS)	0.05-0.949
2	Likely Not Pathogenic or of Little Clinical Significance	0.001-0.049
1	Not Pathogenic or of No Clinical Significance	<0.001

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  - No pathogenic mutation or VUS found → can NOT conclude that the patient does not have HCM—still left with clinical impression and uncertain about recommendations for family members

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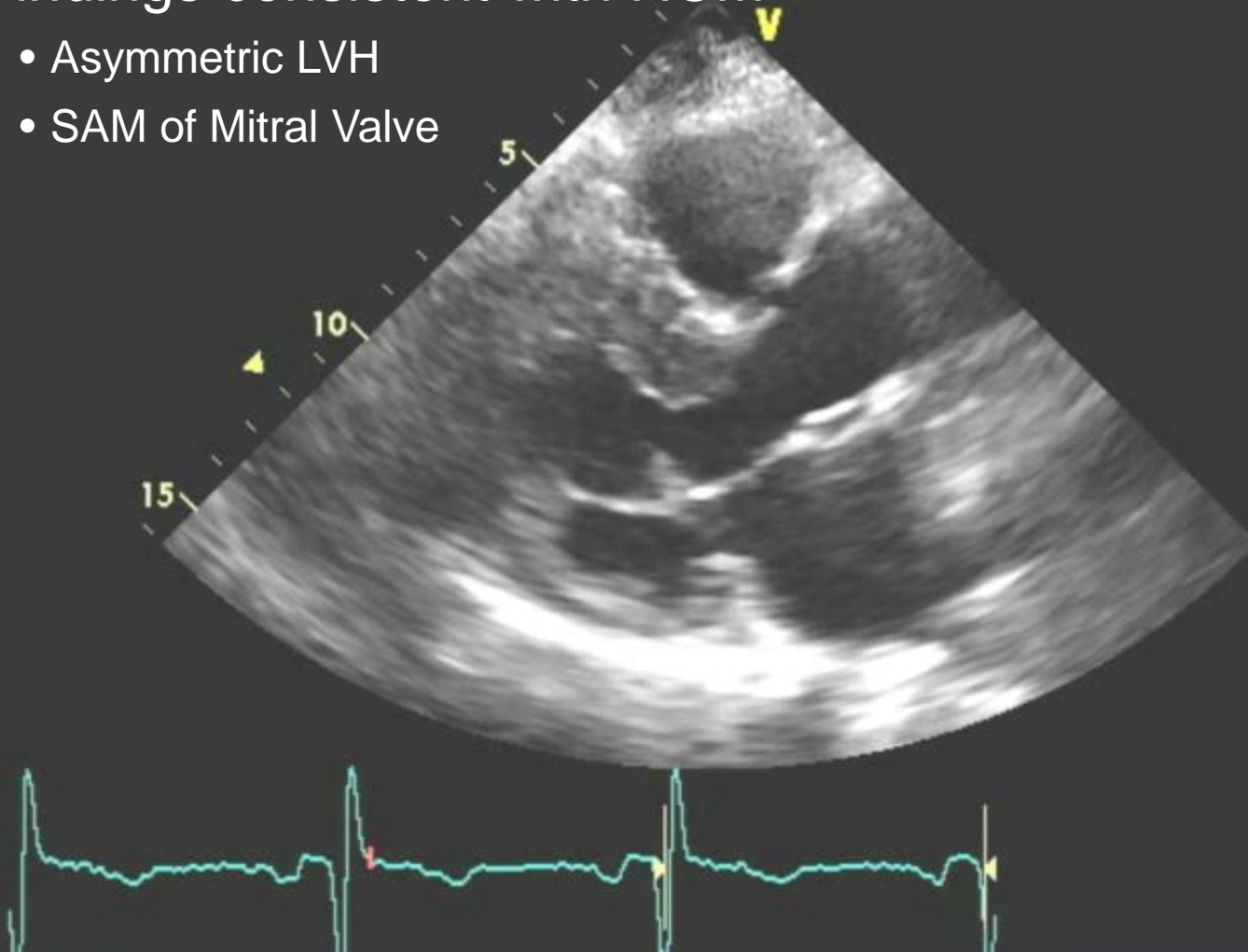
# Clinical Screening with Echocardiography (& 12-Lead ECG) for Detection of HCM

Age:	Screening Guideline:
<12 yrs	Optional unless any of the following are present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Family history of early HCM-related death, early development of LVH, or other adverse complications</li><li>➤ Competitive athlete in intense training program</li><li>➤ Symptoms</li><li>➤ Other clinical findings that suggest early LVH</li></ul>
12-18 yrs	Every 12-18 months
>18-21 yrs	Every $\leq 5$ years or w/onset of symptoms or w/change in symptoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ More frequently if there is a family history of late-onset LVH or HCM-related complications</li></ul>

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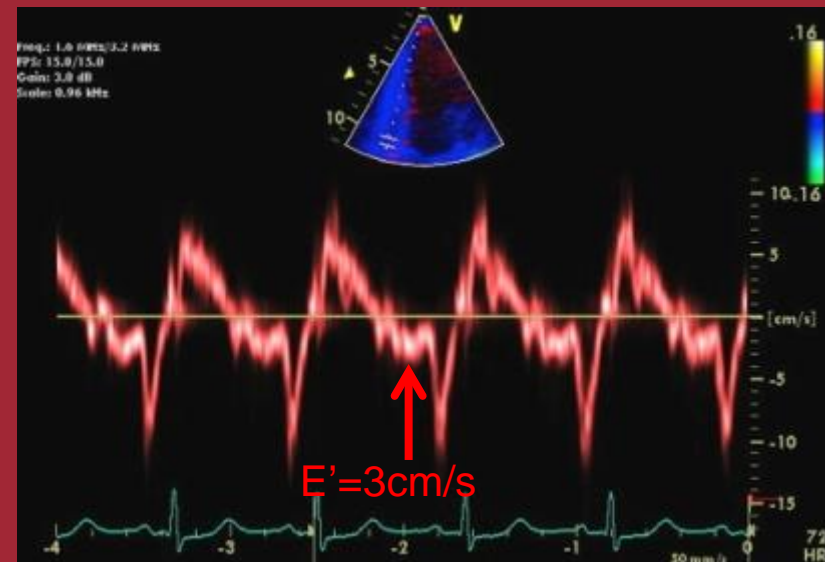
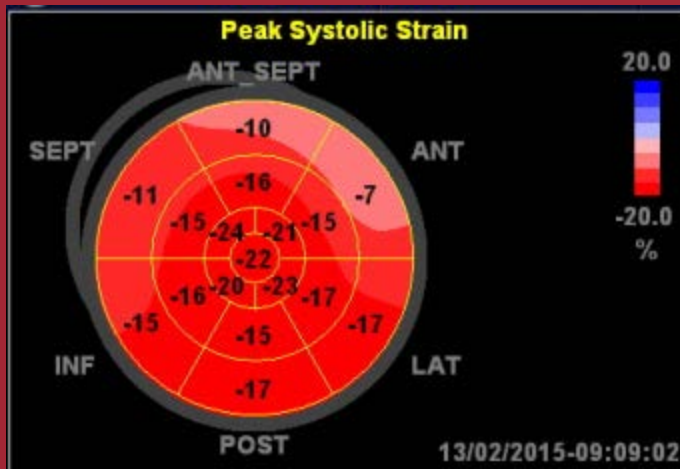
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- Subtle findings
  - Abnormal tissue Doppler pattern for age
  - Abnormal peak systolic strain
  - Crescent shape of LV

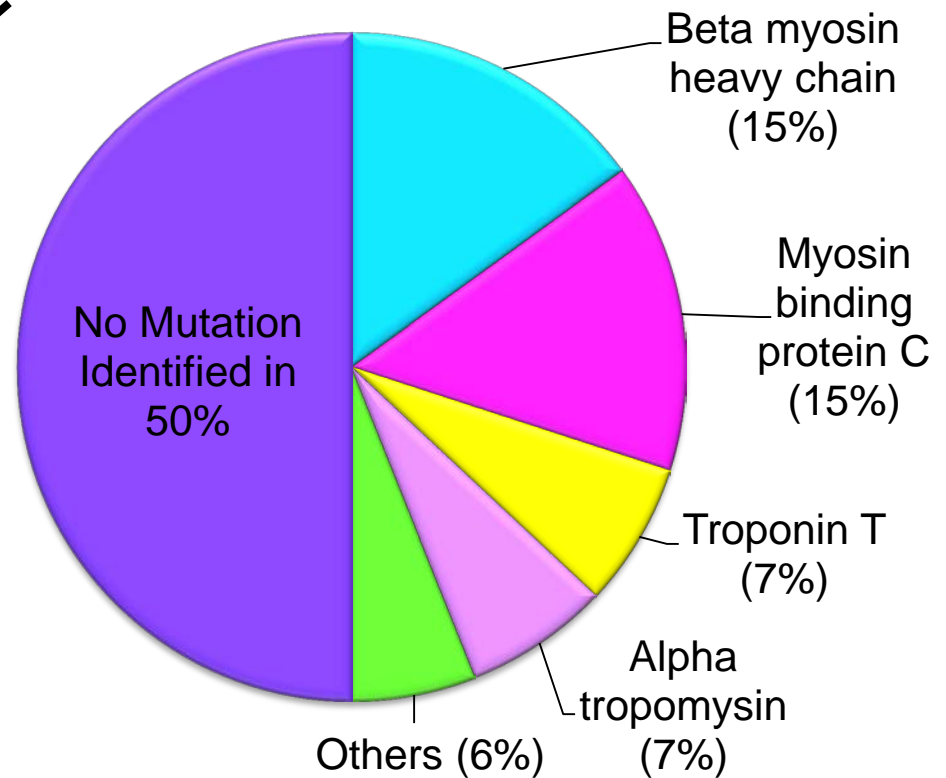




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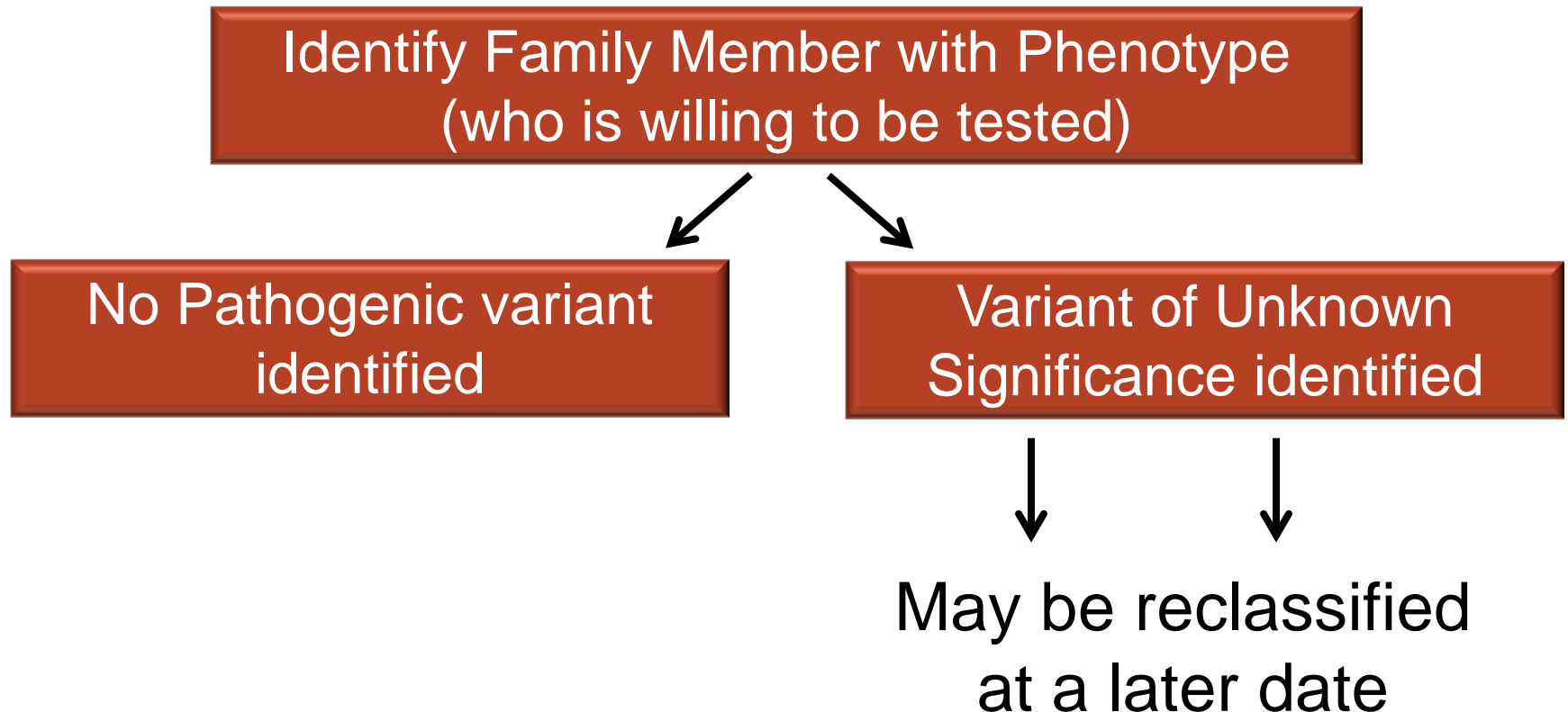
Identify Family Member with Phenotype  
(who is willing to be tested)

No Pathogenic variant  
identified



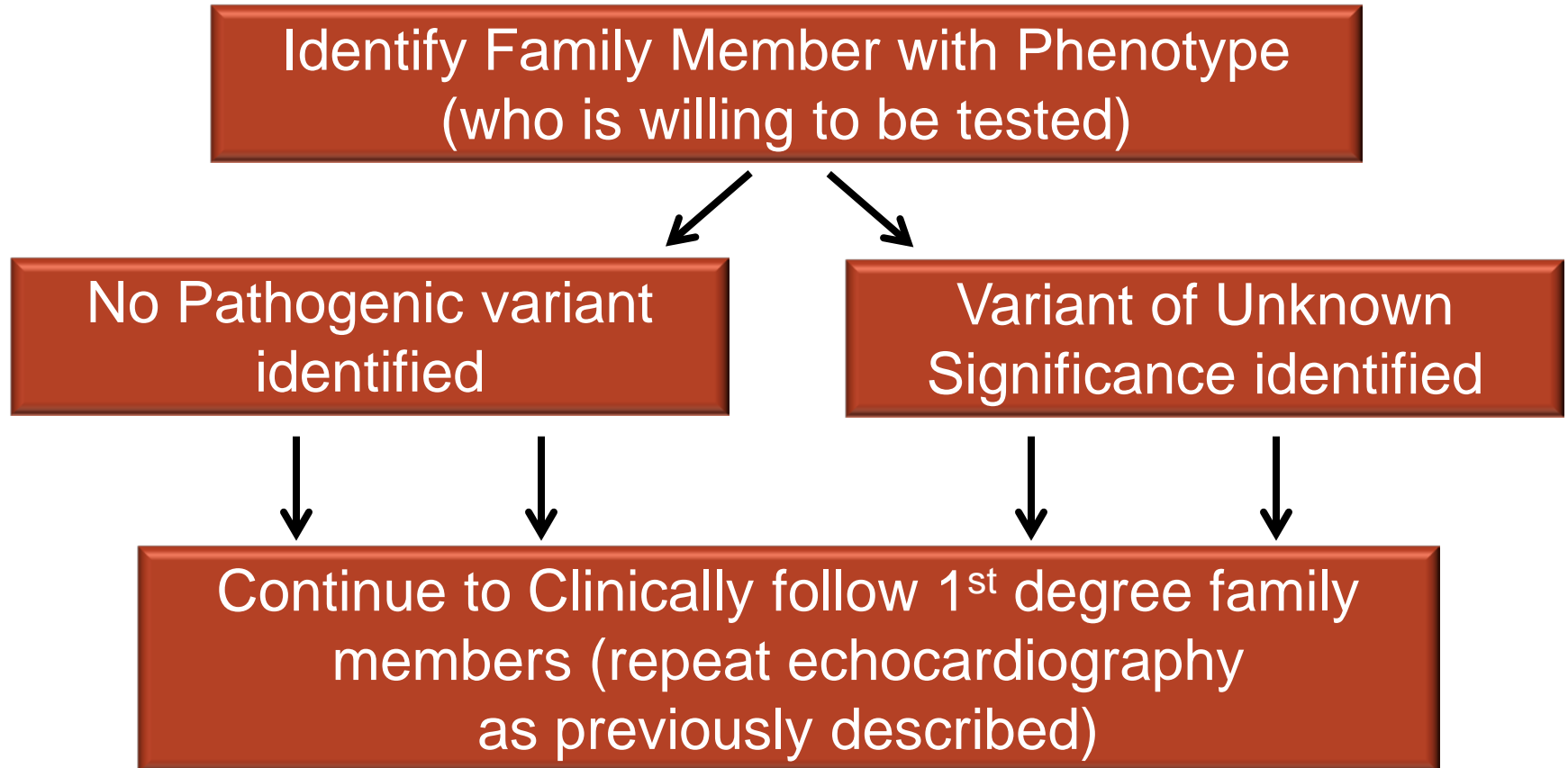
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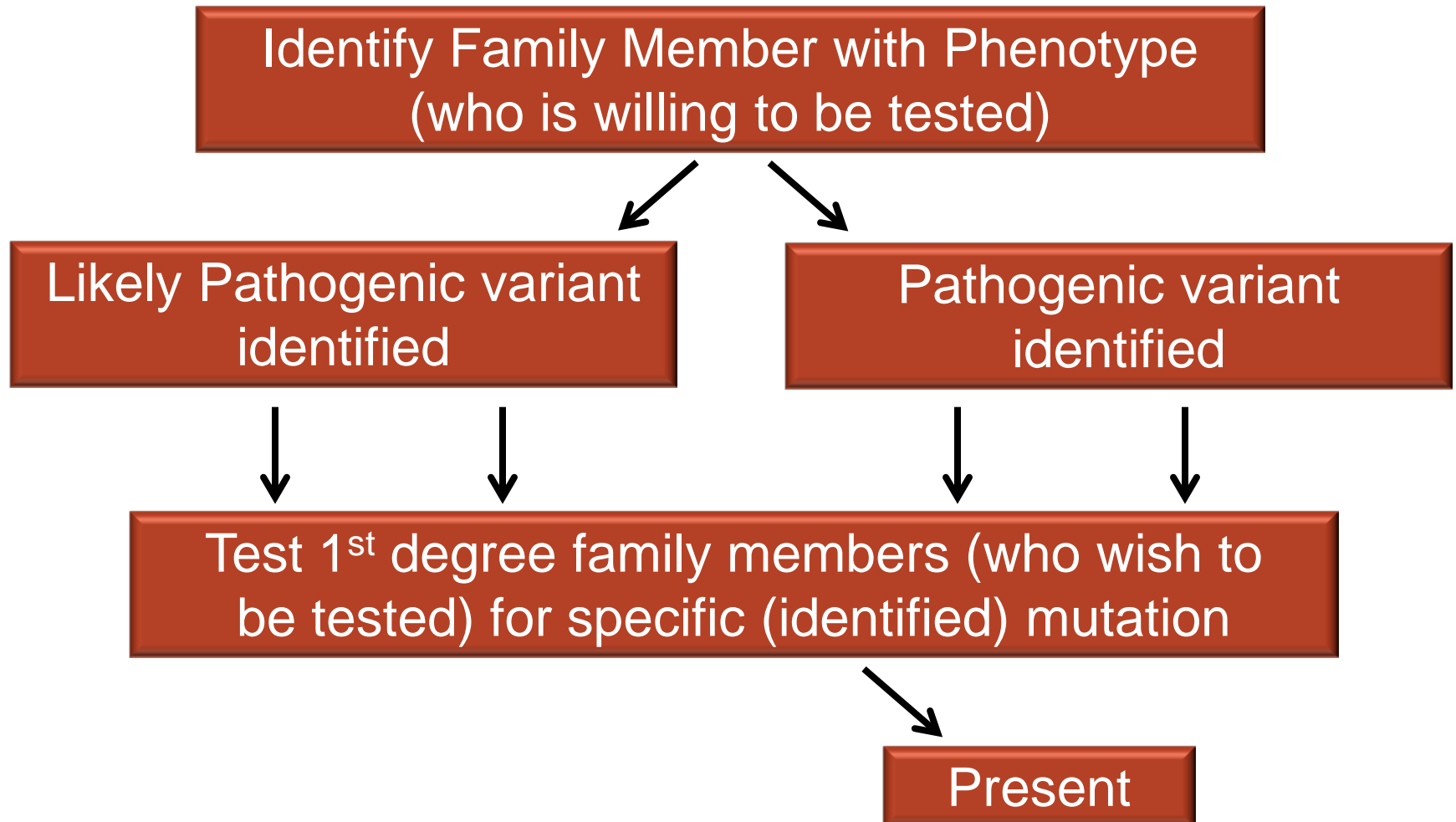
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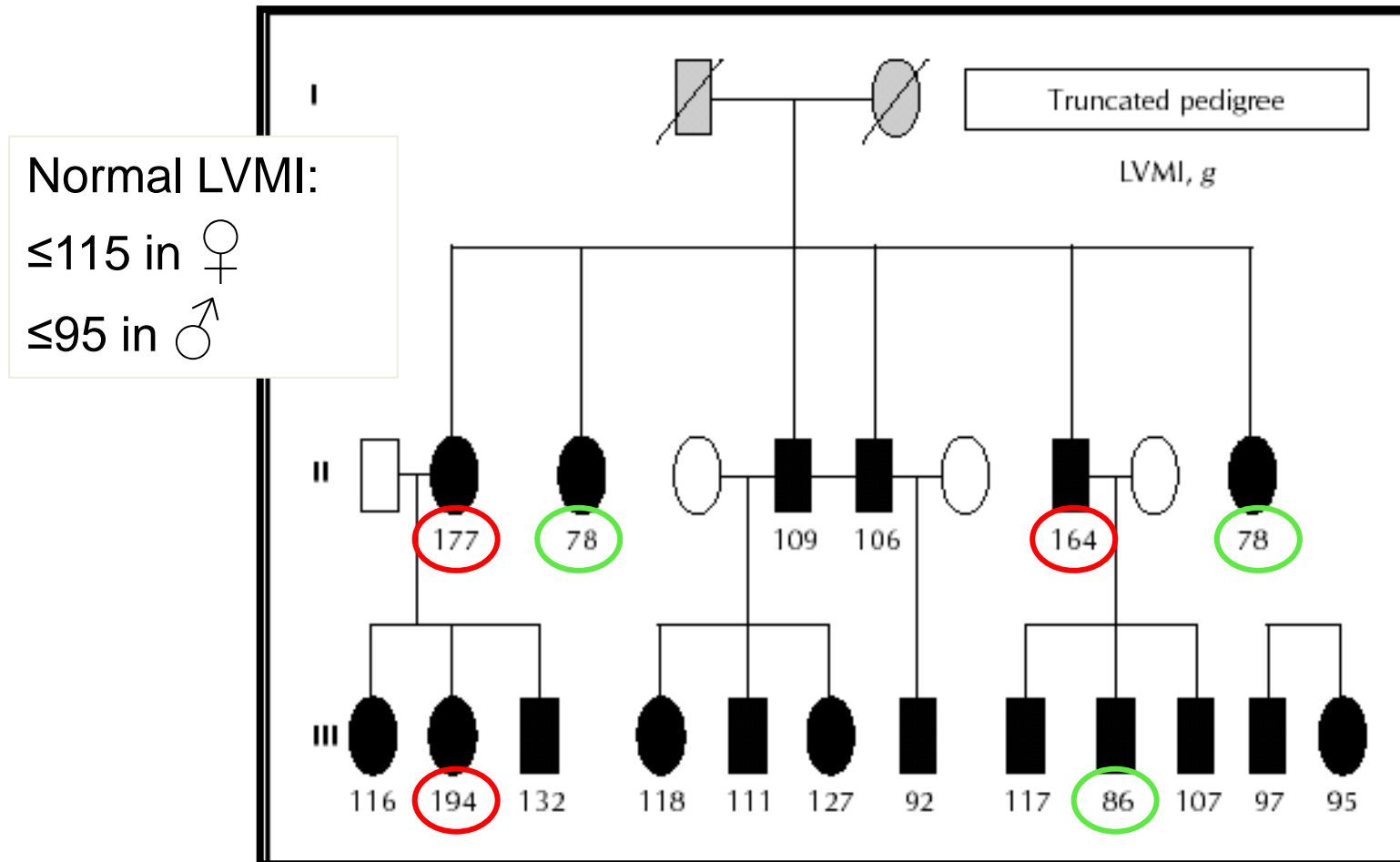
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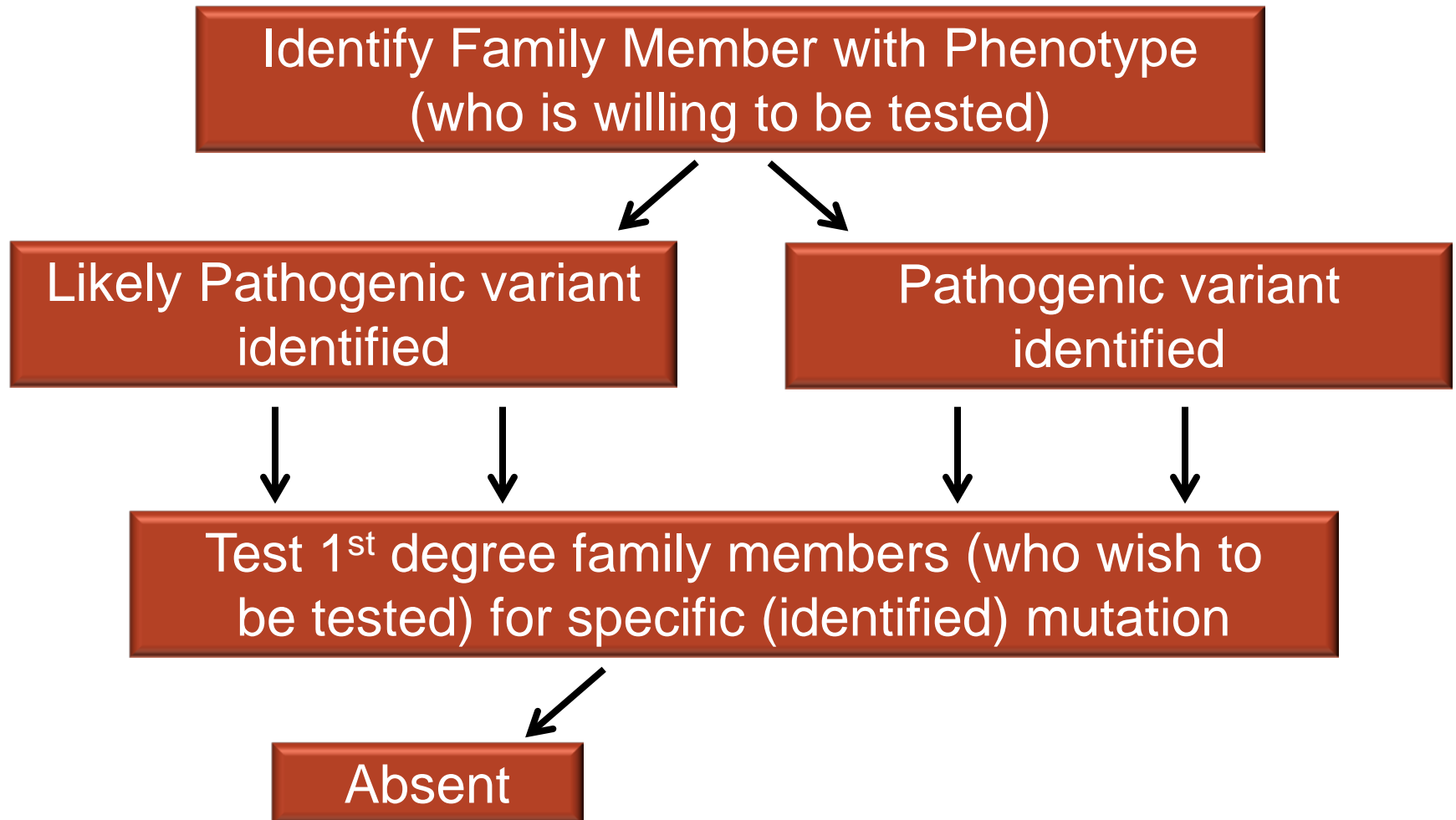
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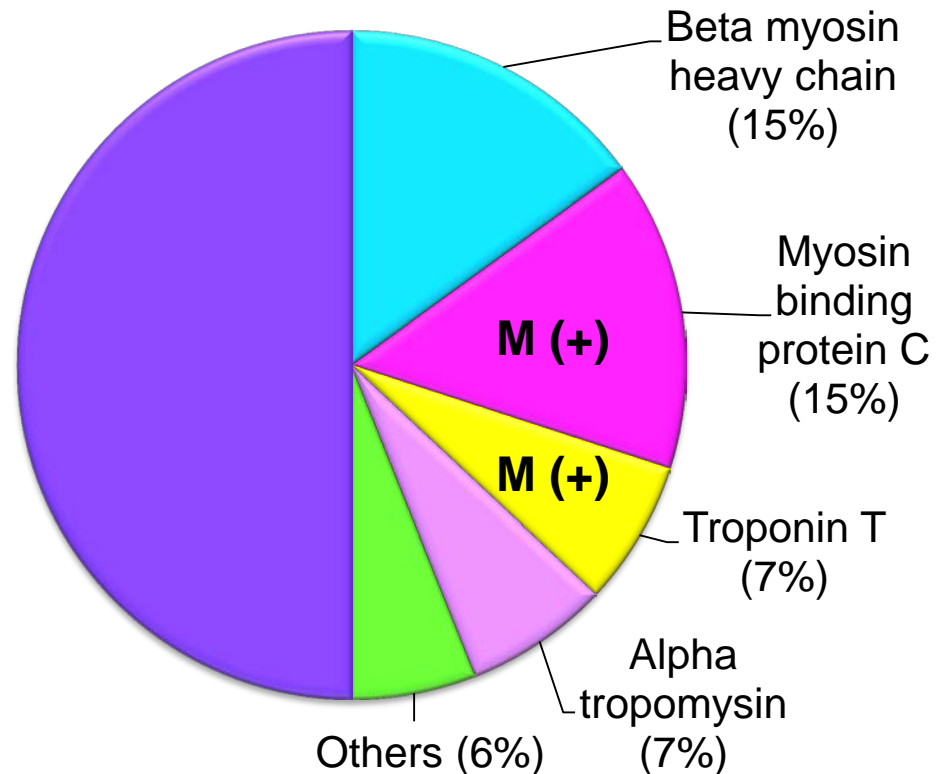
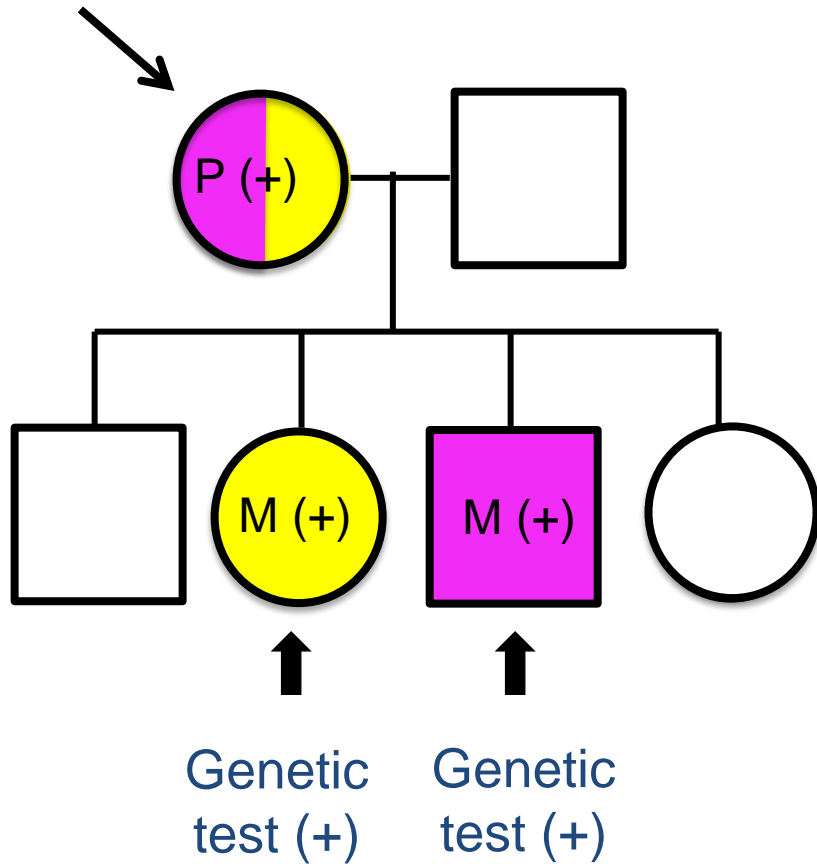
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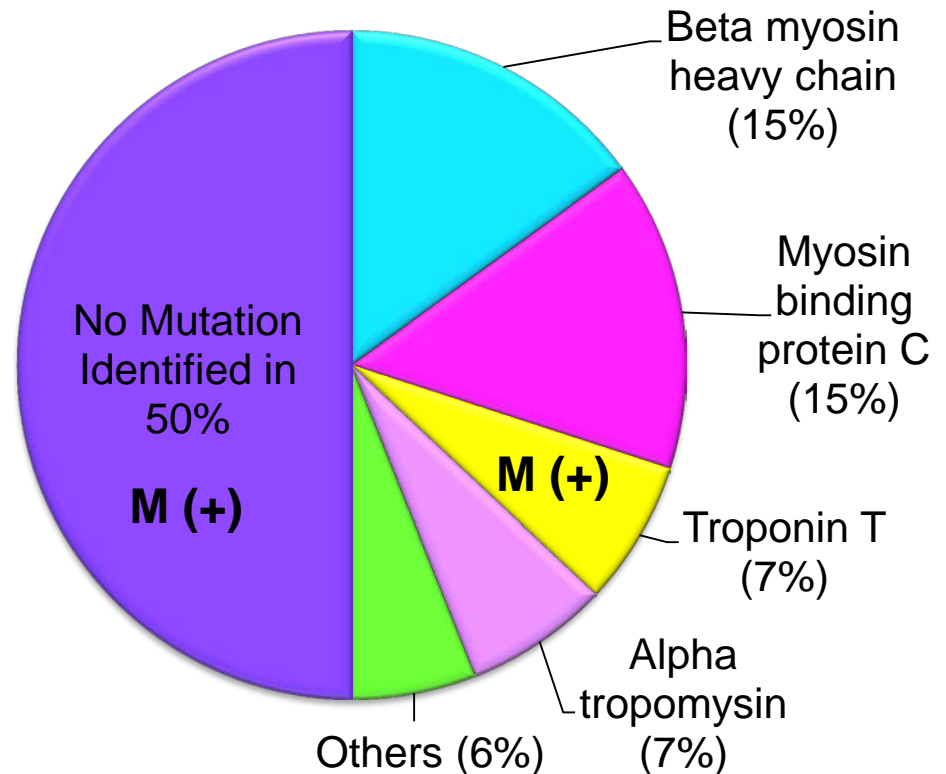
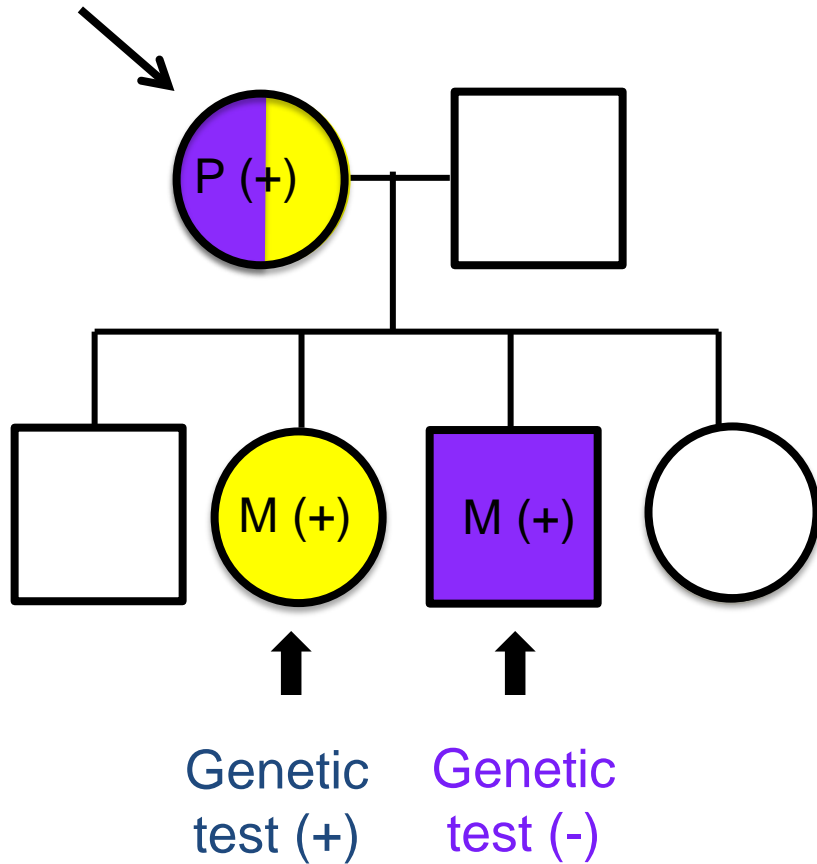
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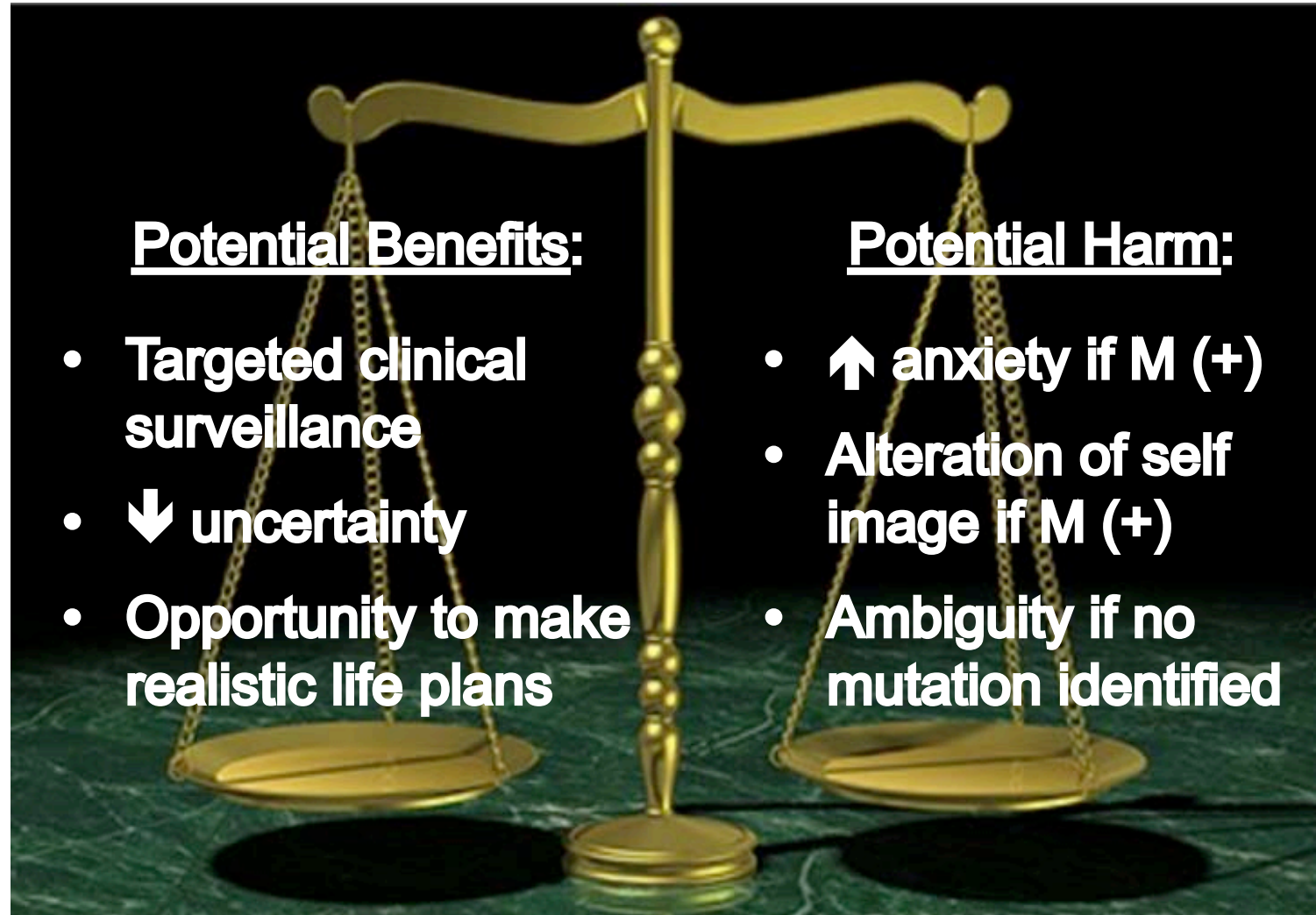
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