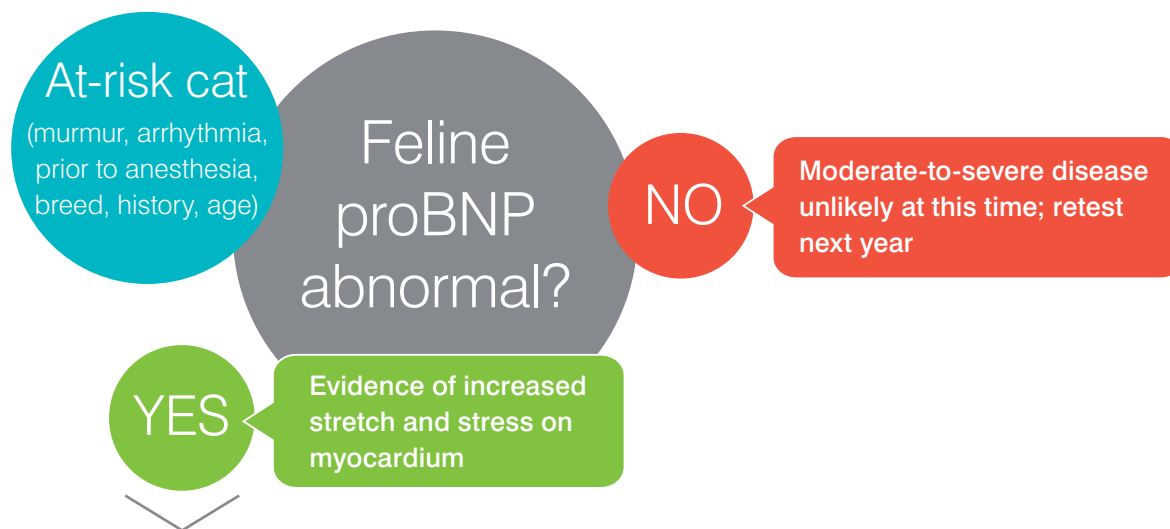


# Identifying heart disease in cats



## Investigate

- Additional diagnostics required
  - Evaluate for diseases affecting the heart (hyperthyroidism, hypertension) or reducing the excretion of NT-proBNP (severe renal disease)
  - Quantitative Cardiopet® proBNP Test (test code 2666)
  - Echocardiogram for diagnosis
  - Radiographs (optional)

## Manage

- Treatment based upon echocardiographic findings and diagnosis

## Monitor

- Educate client on home monitoring
  - Resting respiratory rate
- Recheck using Cardiopet proBNP Test every 6–12 months