

EVIDENCE FOR INTERVENTION IN CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE

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Our duty is to believe that for which we have sufficient evidence, and to suspend our judgment when we have not.

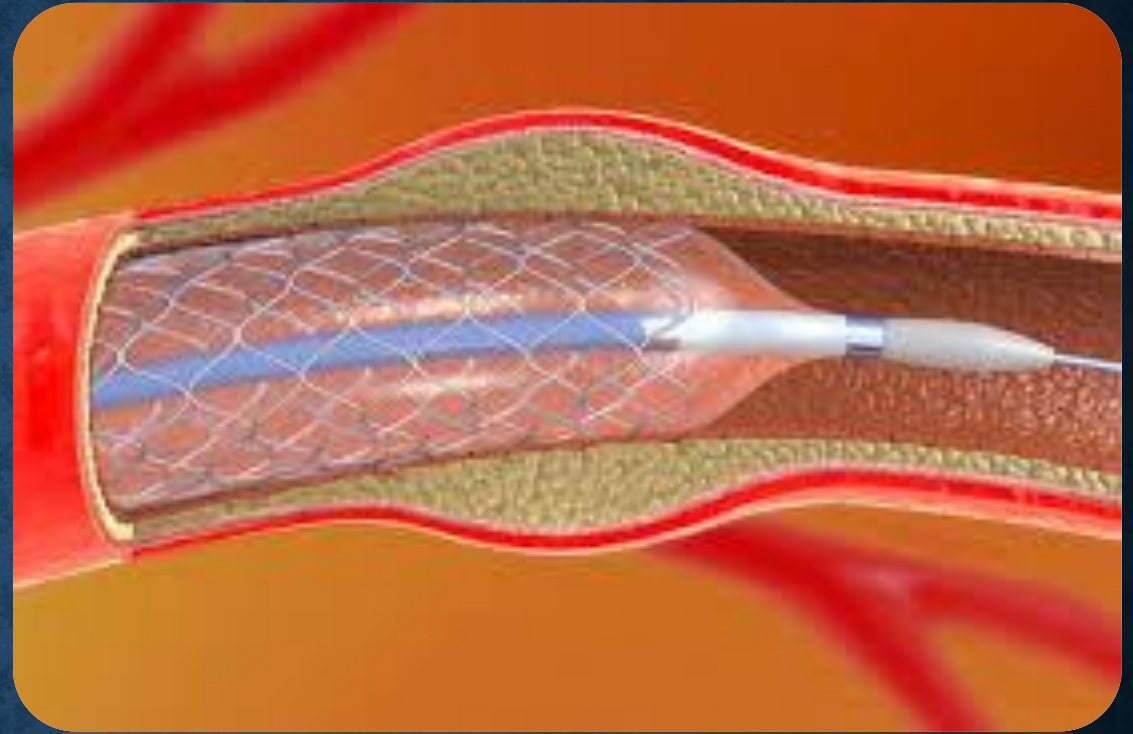
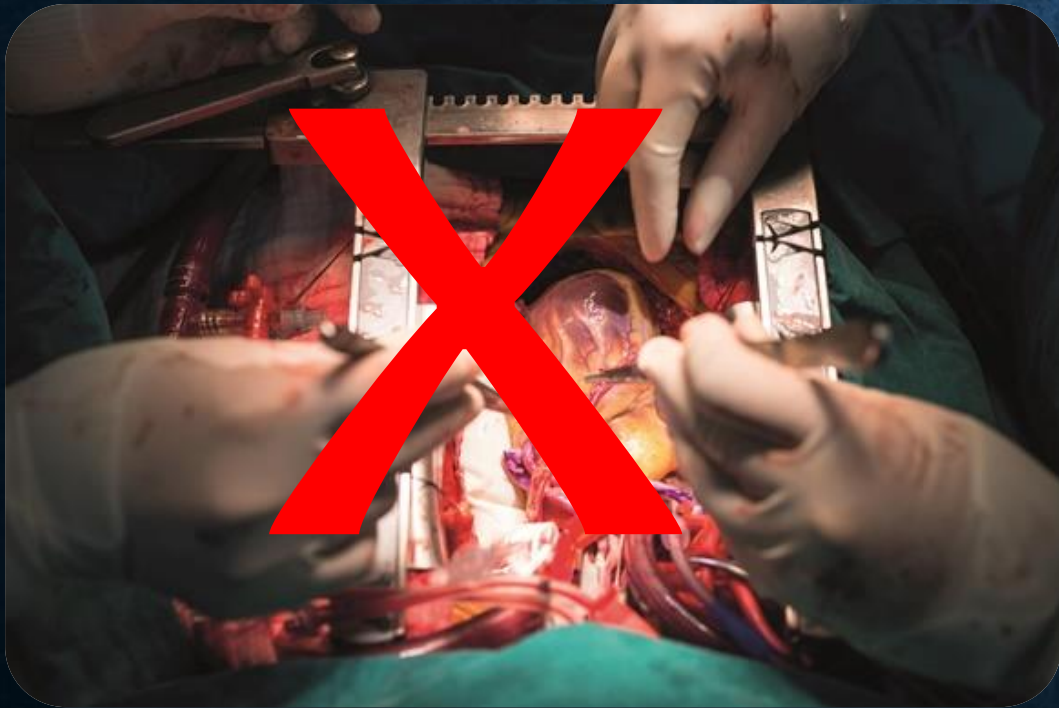
We assume that by doing ‘things’ to patients that we make them ‘better’, but what is the evidence???.

IS THERE GOOD EVIDENCE FOR INTERVENTION IN CORONARY DISEASE?

- With CABG?
- With PCI?
- Or should we focus on Optimal Medical Therapy (OMT)??

20 YEARS AGO.....

- “Stents will cure everything”
- “CABG is dead”



..... just not true
Its all about ‘best options’

WHAT DID THE GUIDELINES SAY?

Revascularisation in Stable CAD

Extent of CAD (anatomical and/or functional)		Class ^b	Level ^c
For prognosis	Left main disease with stenosis >50% ^a	I	A
	Any proximal LAD stenosis >50% ^a	I	A
	Two-vessel or three-vessel disease with stenosis > 50% ^a with impaired LV function (LVEF<40%) ^a	I	A
	Large area of ischaemia (>10% LV)	I	B
	Single remaining patent coronary artery with stenosis >50% ^a	I	C
For symptoms	Any coronary stenosis >50% ^a in the presence of limiting angina or angina equivalent, unresponsive to medical therapy	I	A

European Heart Journal (2014) 35, 2541–2619

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OUTLINE

- OMT vs coronary artery bypass grafting
- OMT vs percutaneous coronary intervention
- CABG vs PCI – are there options?
- Stable vs unstable coronary disease
- Diabetes and revascularisation
- Culprit or complete
- Should you trust your eyes?


WHY REVASCULARISE?



• 1. Prognostic benefit

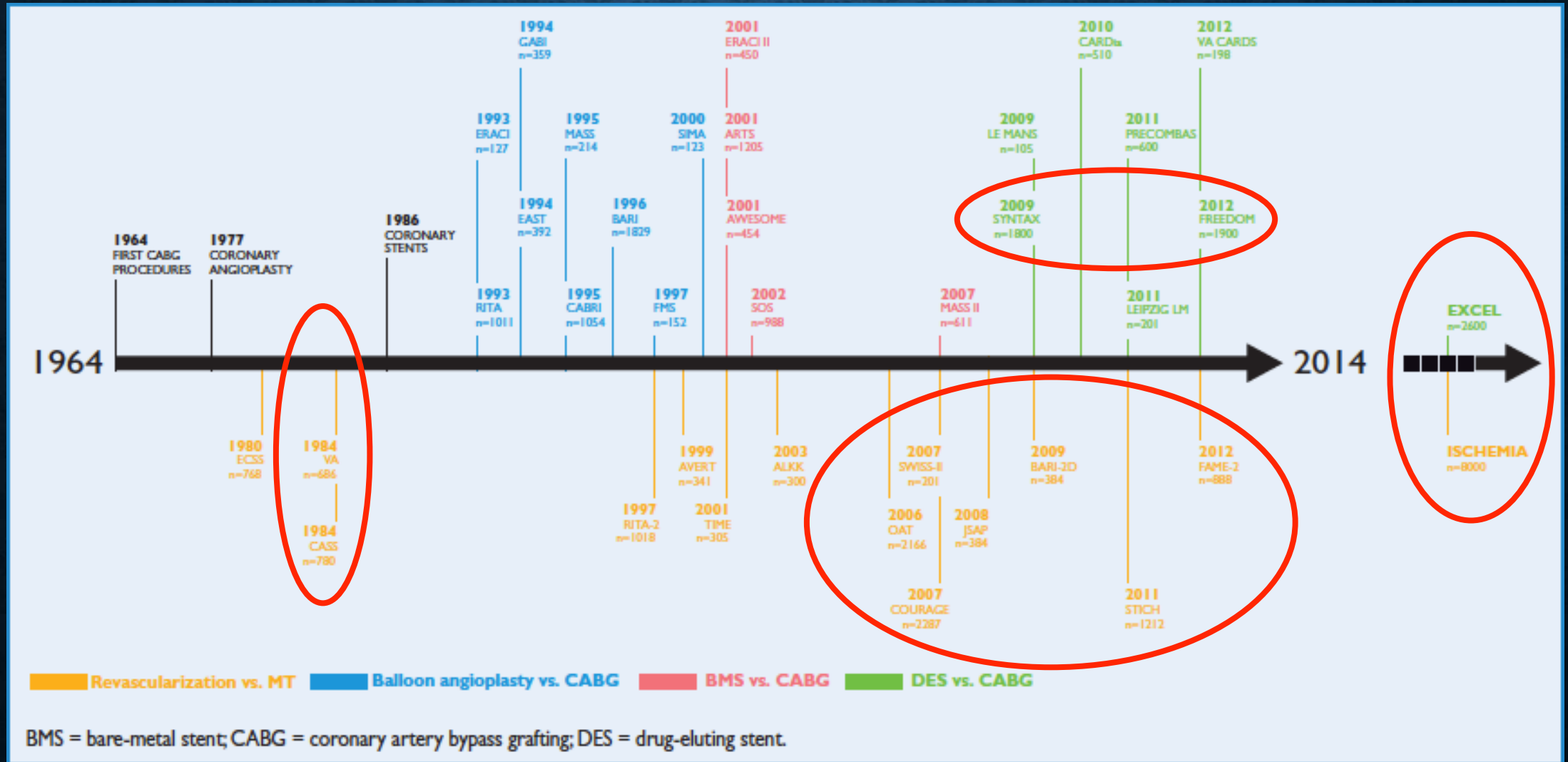
- Improve survival
- Prevent MI
- Prevent hospital admission
- (prevent need for future revascularisation)

• 2. Symptomatic benefit

- Reduce angina
 - Improve QOL
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Why are you treating this patient??

REVASCULARISATION TIMELINE



BMS = bare-metal stent; CABG = coronary artery bypass grafting; DES = drug-eluting stent.

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Are there 'Special' groups

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With CABG?

Where did the evidence come from?

- First human CABG performed in 1964
- In the 1970s and 1980s trial data (VA, ECSS, CASS) accumulated supporting CABG over medical therapy alone for the treatment of stable CAD

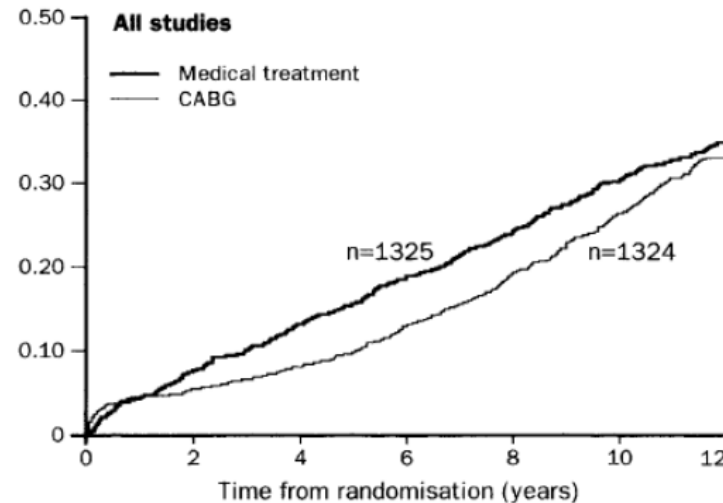


Figure 2: Survival curve for overall population

Lancet 1994; 344: 563-70

Wow, that looks good...early on...

CASS – RANDOMISED TRIAL OF CABG VS MRX

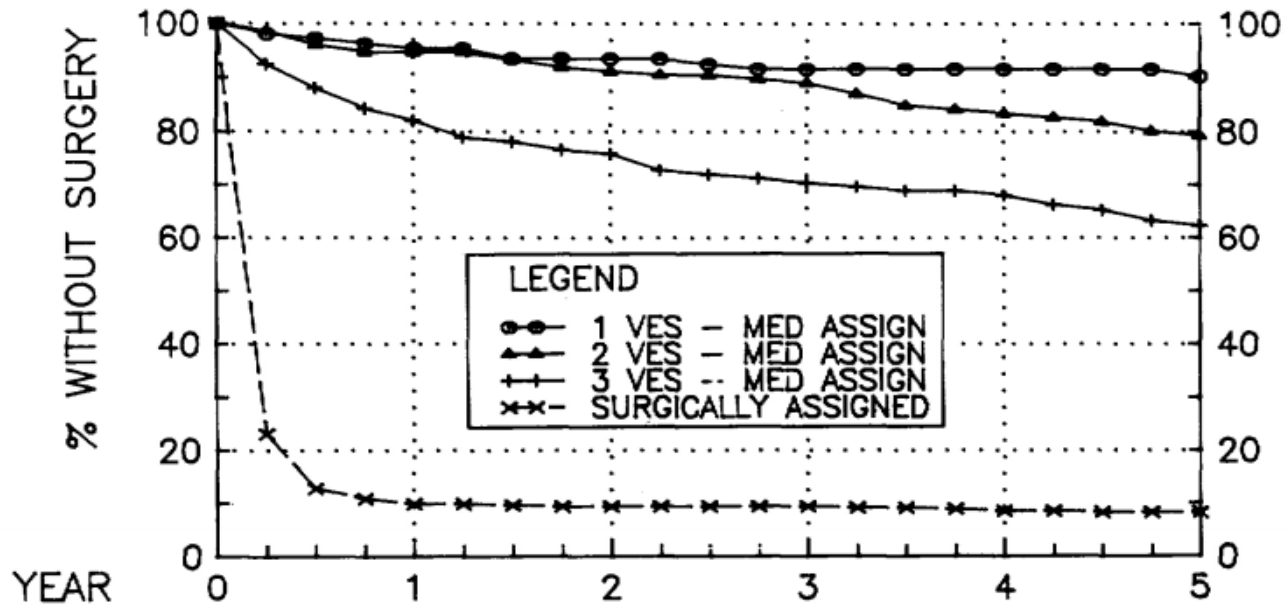
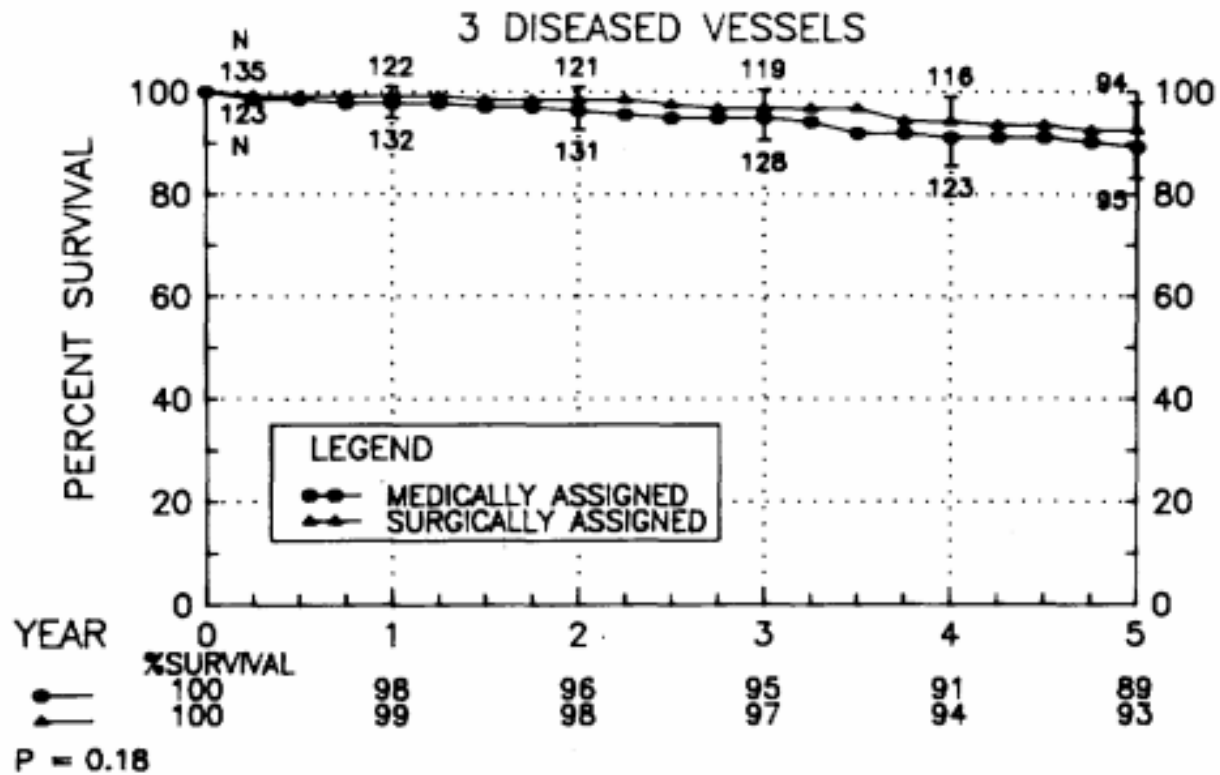


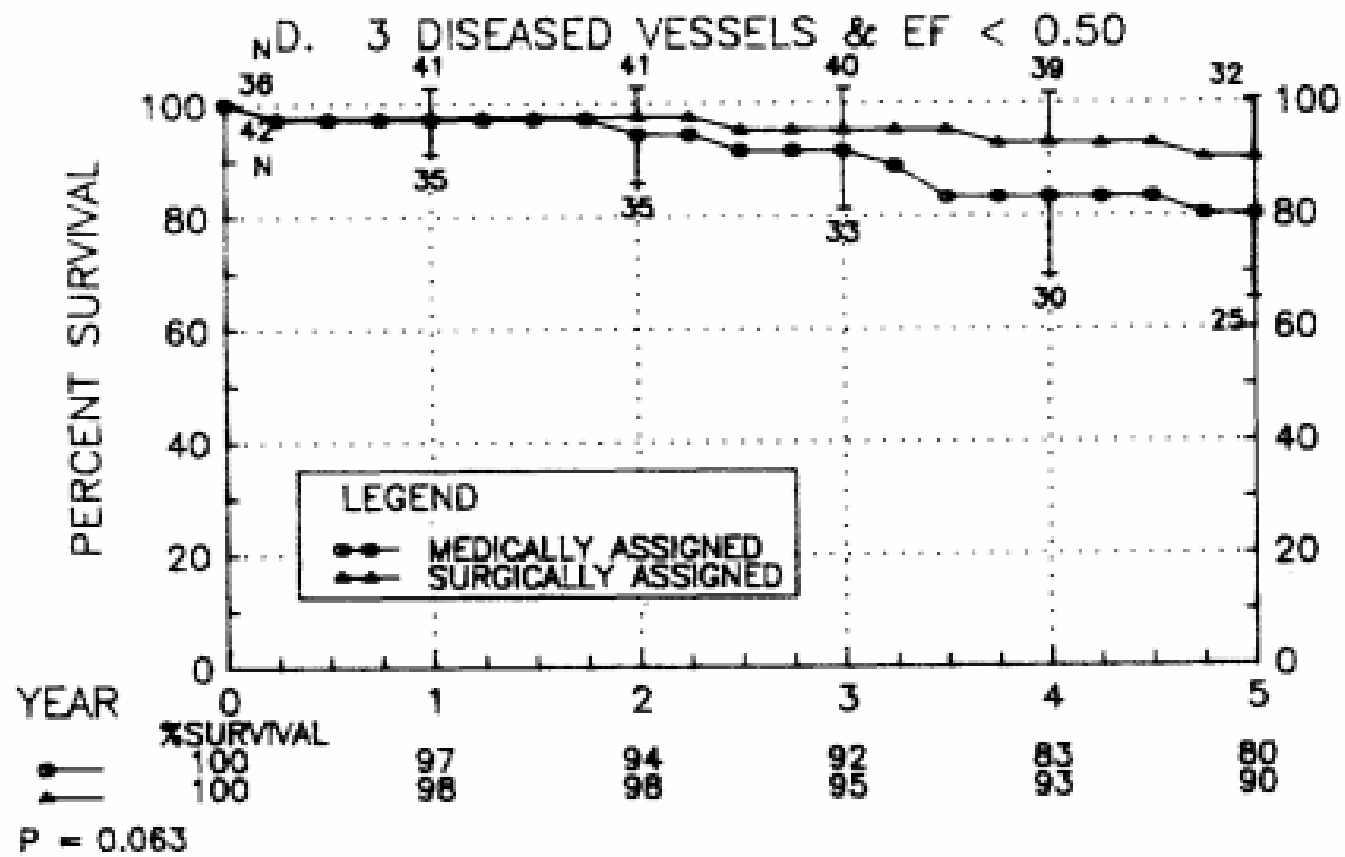
FIGURE 2. Percent of randomly assigned patients in the surgical and medical groups with single-, double-, and triple-vessel disease who had not yet undergone surgery at various time intervals.

Mild or no angina
Many post MI
No aspirin, statins
60% betablockers
90% males
40% smokers

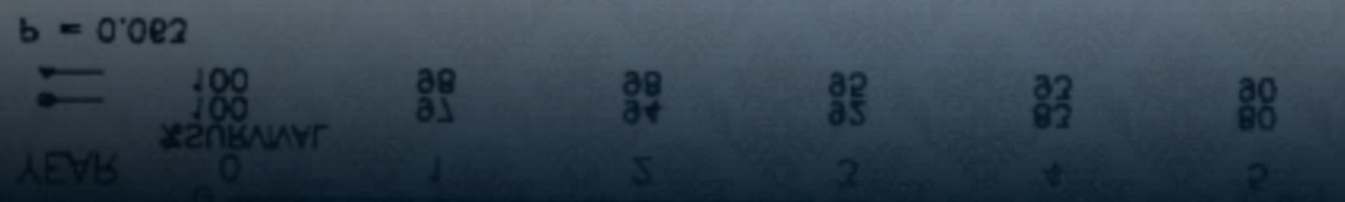
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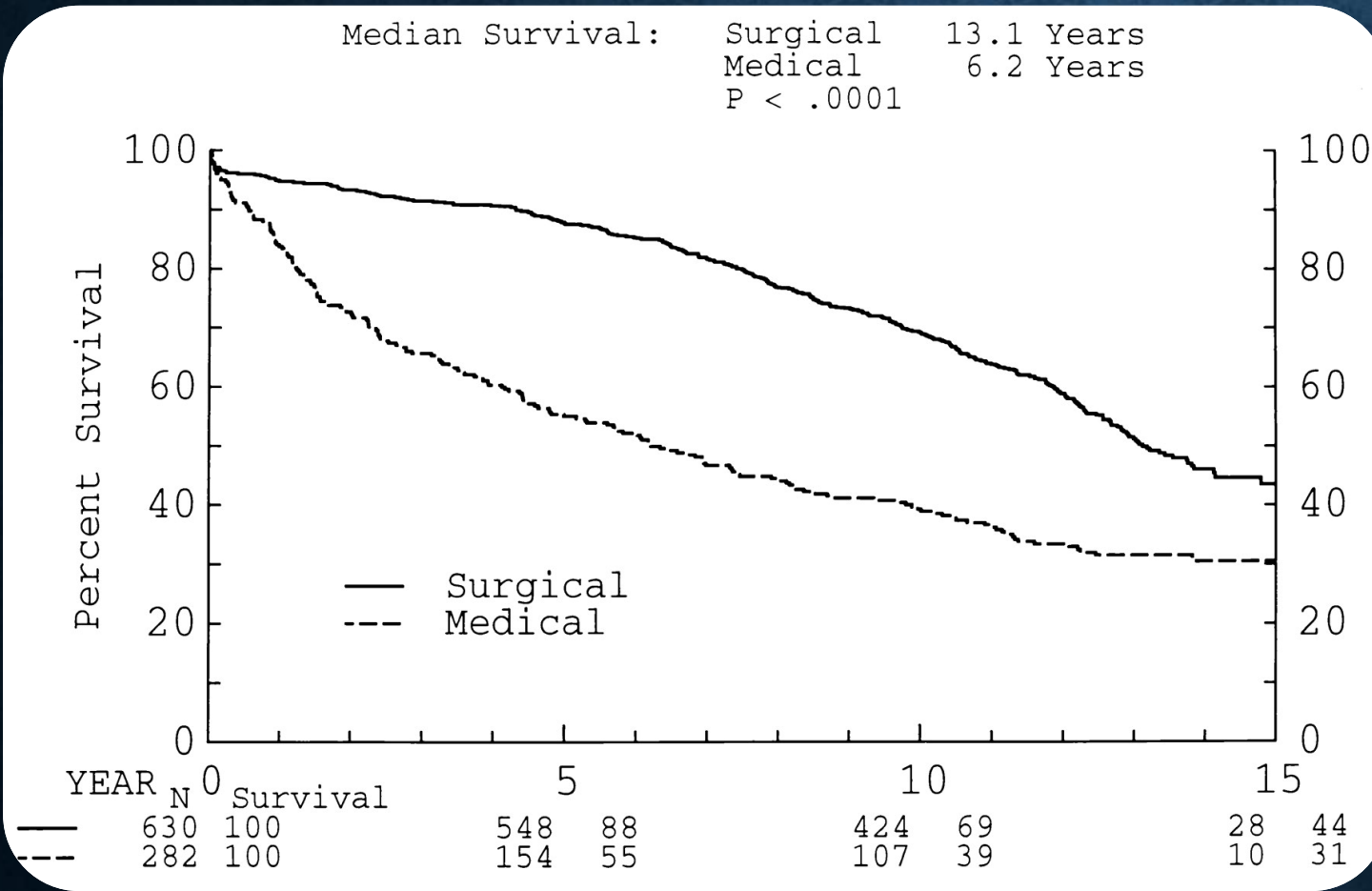
Not much
comfort here
– even if 3VCD



More comfortable...
3VCD + LVDysf



15YR CASS REGISTRY FOR LMS EQUIVALENT



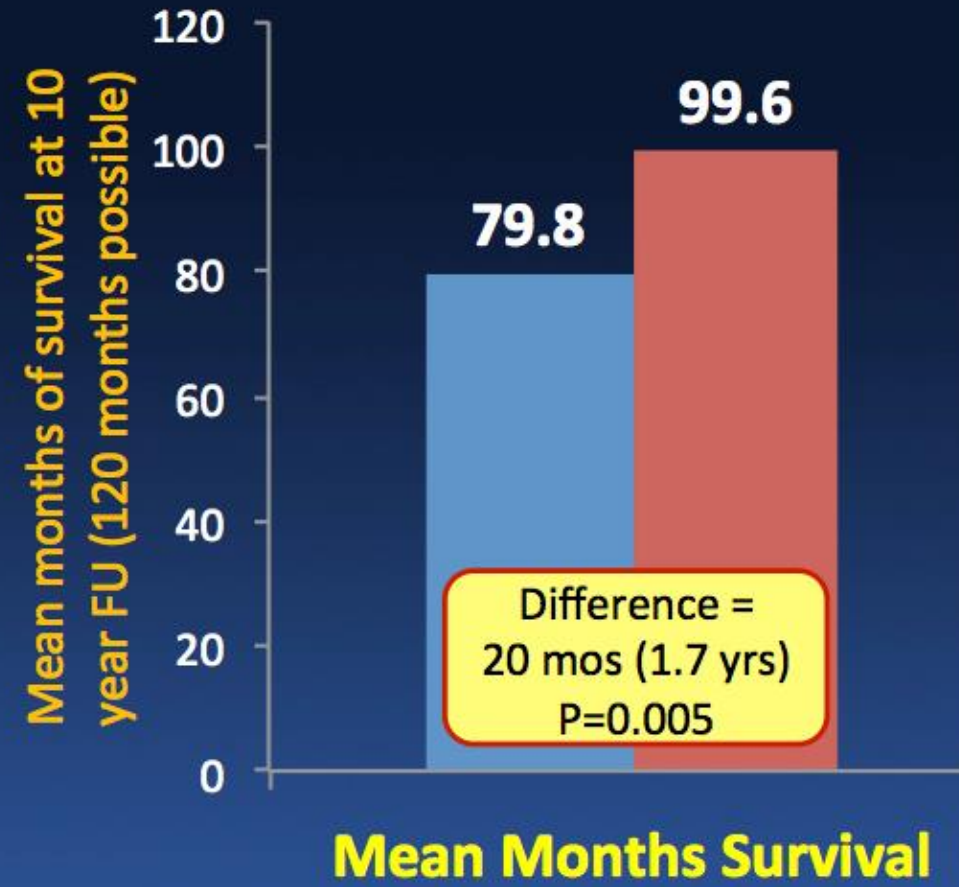
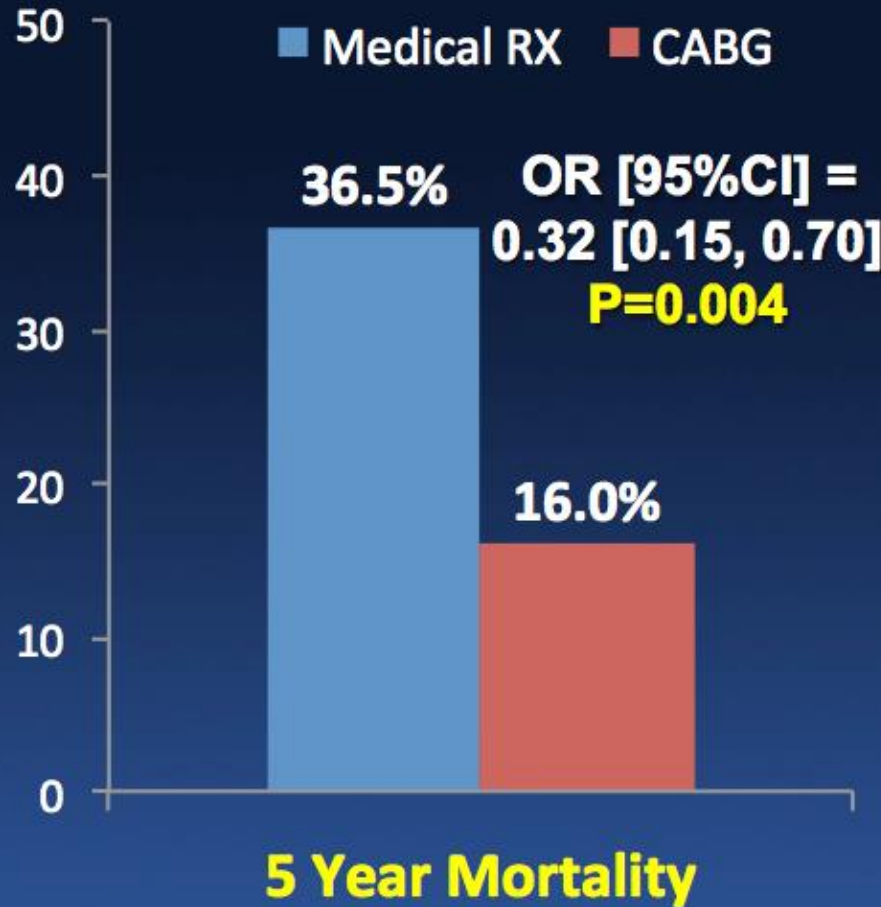
15-year cumulative survival estimates in 912 Coronary Artery Surgery Study Registry patients with **left main equivalent disease**, defined as combined stenoses of $\geq 70\%$ in the proximal left anterior descending coronary artery before the first septal perforator and proximal circumflex coronary artery before the first obtuse marginal branch, who were initially treated with coronary artery bypass graft surgery (630 patients) and nonsurgical therapy (282 patients).

CASS REGISTRY LEARNINGS

- CABG better than medical Rx with LMS > 50% or LMEQ AND LV dysfunction
- BUT – MRx was – nitrates and Calcium blockers! No statins and minimal aspirin (it wasn't OMT!)
- Would the results hold true if the trial was done today??

CABG vs. Medical Therapy in LM Ds.

150 pts with left main disease were randomized to CABG vs. medical therapy in 2 studies (VA and EU)

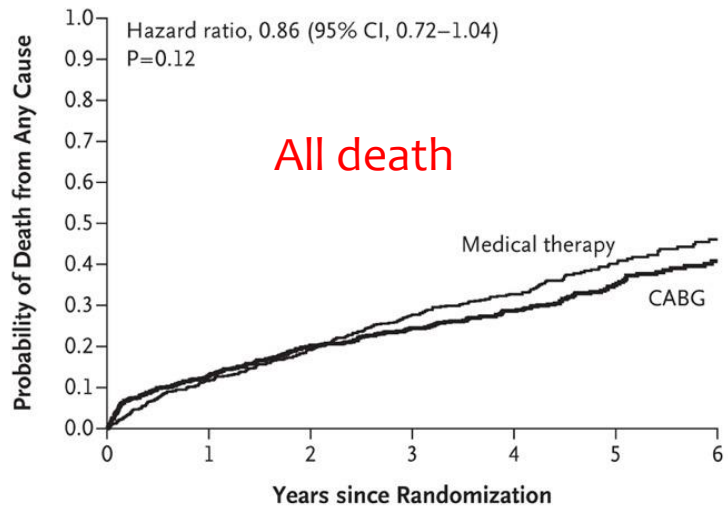


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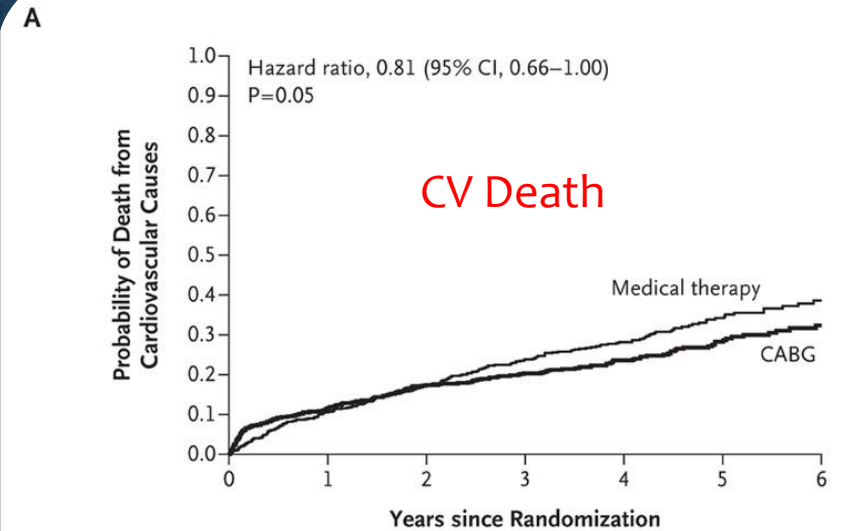
- 1212 patients with LVEF <35% and CAD amenable to CABG
 - 36% no angina
 - 68% proximal LAD disease / 2% LMCA disease
- OMT v. CABG v. CABG & LV reconstruction
 - No difference in mortality over 4.5 years
 - Less hospitalisations or future revascularisation with CABG
 - No clinical benefit to LV reconstruction

But... significant crossover: as-treated analysis demonstrated a reduction in death with CABG (HR 0.75)

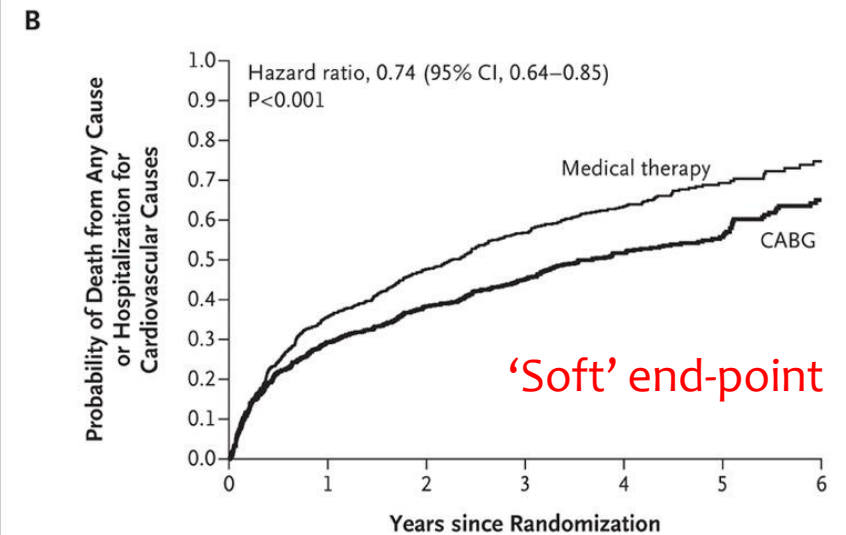
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No. at Risk							
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CABG	610	532	486	459	340	174	91

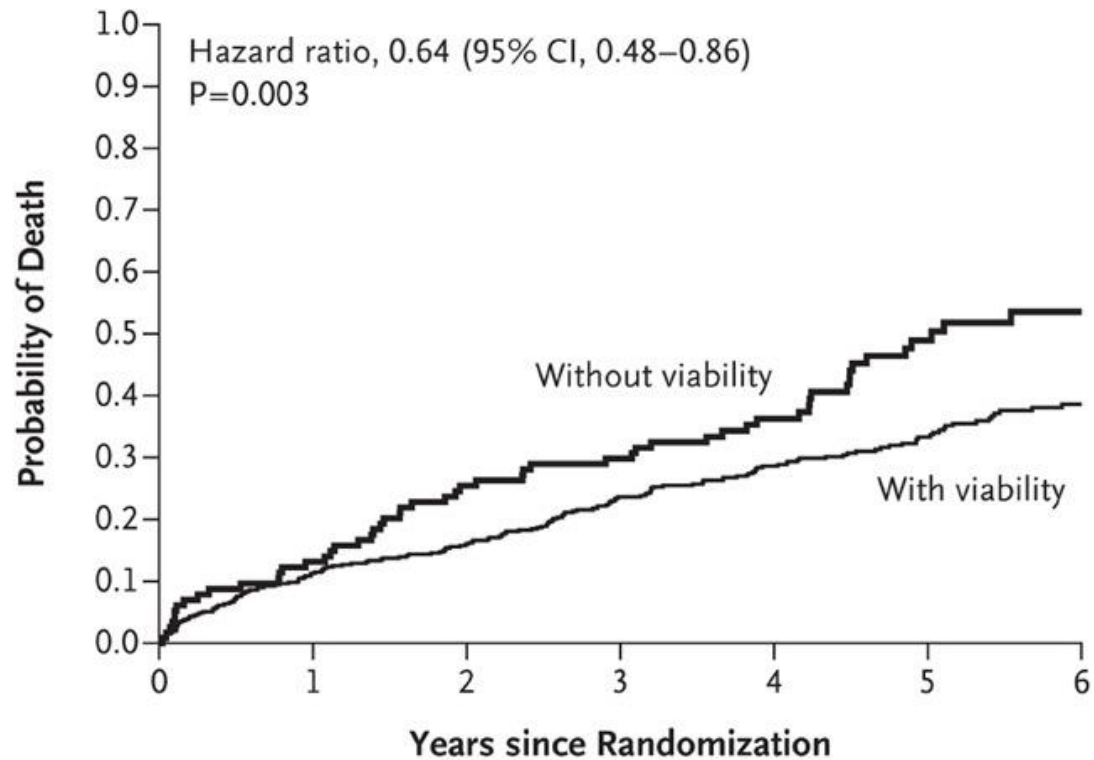


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Medical therapy	602	387	315	260	158	65	28
CABG	610	431	375	334	221	100	43

Not entirely a resounding success for CABG in reduced LV function



No. at Risk							
Without viability	114	99	85	80	63	36	16
With viability	487	432	409	371	294	188	102

Figure 1. Kaplan–Meier Analysis of the Probability of Death, According to Myocardial Viability Status.

The comparison that is shown has not been adjusted for other prognostic baseline variables. After adjustment for such variables on multivariable analysis, the between-group difference was not significant (P=0.21).

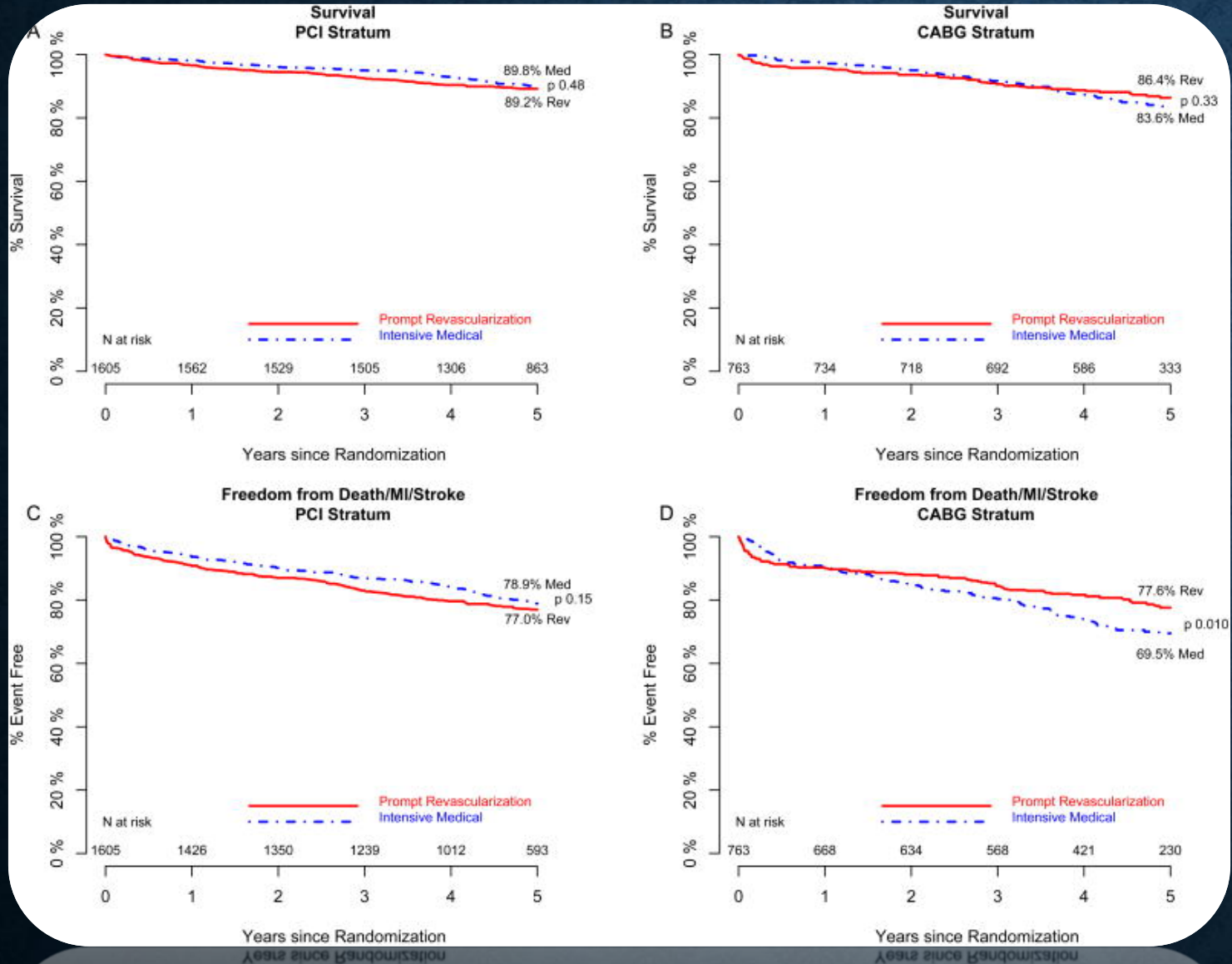
Where does that leave us in the search for viability??

BARI-2D (2009)

- 2368 type 2 diabetics with angina or evidence of ischaemia and CAD (single or multivessel)
- OMT v. OMT & revascularisation (PCI or CABG)
 - At 5.3 years no difference in death or MACCE (~13% mortality)
 - Greater freedom from angina with revascularisation (and less need for revascularisation)
- Caveats:
 - 35% of PCI with DES
 - 42% of medical therapy group underwent revascularisation

A Randomized Trial of Therapies for Type 2 Diabetes and Coronary Artery Disease

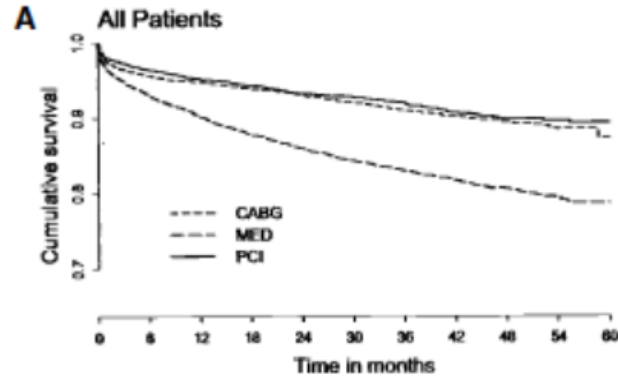
The BARI 2D Study Group*



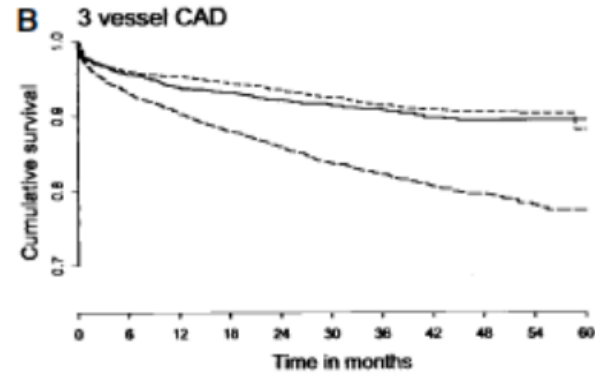
CABG favoured over PCI and OMT for ID diabetics - due to reduced MI (no LMS patients)

More contemporary data

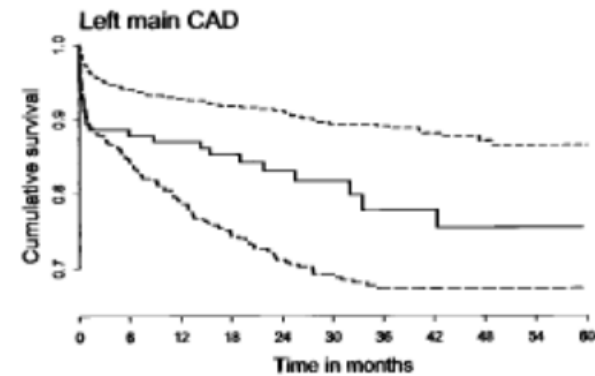
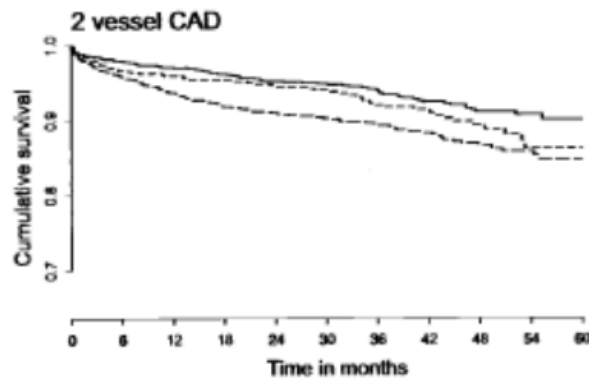
APPROACH Registry (Canada) Am Heart J 2001;142:119-26.



Medical	4339	3912	2955	2062	939
PCI	3540	3368	2369	1496	758
CABG	3782	3583	2489	1490	775



Medical	2542	2295	1733	1165	526
PCI	1673	1569	1081	698	375
CABG	2191	2066	1451	854	457



CABG for 3VCD
and LMS

CABG – CONCLUSIONS...??

- With the 'eye of faith' –
- 3VCD + LV dysfunction
- LM or LMEQ
- Multivessel disease in diabetics.

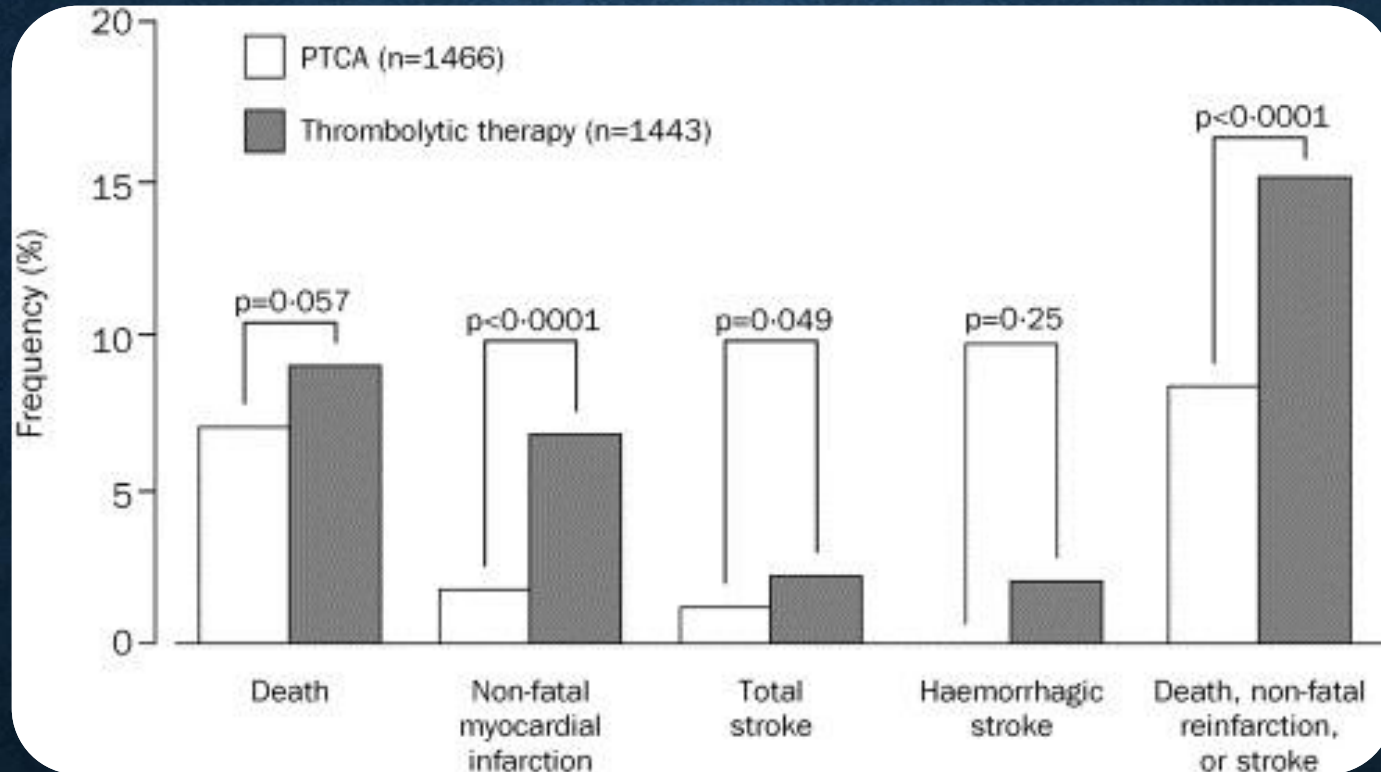


- But the evidence isn't robust considering OMT



With PCI?

PCI FOR STEMI – IT WORKS!



Keeley EC, Boura JA, Grines CL, . et al. Primary angioplasty versus intravenous thrombolytic therapy for acute myocardial infarction: a quantitative review of 23 randomised trials. *Lancet*. 2003. January 4; 361 9351: 13– 20.

REVASCULARISATION IN ACS – TARGET LESION

- Routine invasive v. conservative strategy leads to less death, MI or rehospitalisation for ACS at 1 year
 - Benefit carried mainly by Troponin positive patients
 - More pronounced in diabetics

N Engl J Med 2001;**344**(25):1879–1887.
J Am Coll Cardiol 2006;**48**(7):1319–1325.
JAMA 2008;**300**(1):71–80.
- Routine invasive v. selective invasive leads to less death or MI at 5 years

J Am Coll Cardiol 2010;**55**(22):2435–2445.
- Important to remember what patients were excluded from these trials: e.g. age >75 years, previous PCI or CABG, systemic disease, significant CKD, late presentation, CCF.

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DO WE NEED COMPLETE REVASCULARIZATION?

What if multi-vessel disease post MI??

Complete Revascularization with Multivessel PCI for Myocardial Infarction

Shamir R. Mehta, M.D., David A. Wood, M.D., Robert F. Storey, M.D., Roxana Mehran, M.D., Kevin R. Bainey, M.D., Helen Nguyen, B.Sc., Brandi Meeks, M.Sc., Giuseppe Di Pasquale, M.D., Jose López-Sendón, M.D., David P. Faxon, M.D., Laura Mauri, M.D., Sunil V. Rao, M.D., Laurent Feldman, M.D., P. Gabriel Steg, M.D., Álvaro Avezum, M.D., Tej Sheth, M.D., Natalia Pinilla-Echeverri, M.D., Raul Moreno, M.D., Gianluca Campo, M.D., Benjamin Wrigley, M.D., Sasko Kedev, M.D., Andrew Sutton, M.D., Richard Oliver, M.D., Josep Rodés-Cabau, M.D., Goran Stanković, M.D., Robert Welsh, M.D., Shahar Lavi, M.D., Warren J. Cantor, M.D., Jia Wang, M.Sc., Juliet Nakamya, Ph.D., Shrikant I. Bangdiwala, Ph.D., and John A. Cairns, M.D., for the COMPLETE Trial Steering Committee and Investigators*

- Patients undergoing primary PCI of the culprit lesion for STEMI are often found to have multivessel CAD, with 1 or more angiographically significant non-culprit lesions.
- There is uncertainty about how best to manage these non-culprit lesions:
 - Routinely revascularise them with PCI?
 - Manage them conservatively with guideline-directed medical therapy alone?

STEMI WITH MULTIVESSEL CAD AND SUCCESSFUL PCI TO THE CULPRIT LESION

≥70% stenosis or 50-69% with FFR ≤0.80

RANDOMISATION
Stratified to in-hospital or after discharge

COMPLETE REVASCULARISATION

N=2,000

CULPRIT LESION ONLY REVASCULARISATION

N=2,000

MEDIAN FOLLOW-UP: 3 YEARS

CO-PRIMARY OUTCOMES: 1. Composite of CV death or new MI

2. Composite of CV death, new MI or ischaemia-driven revascularisation

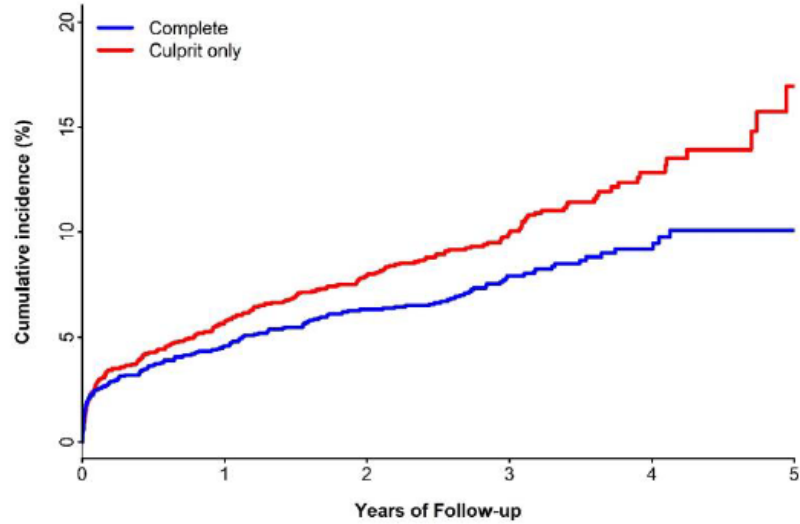
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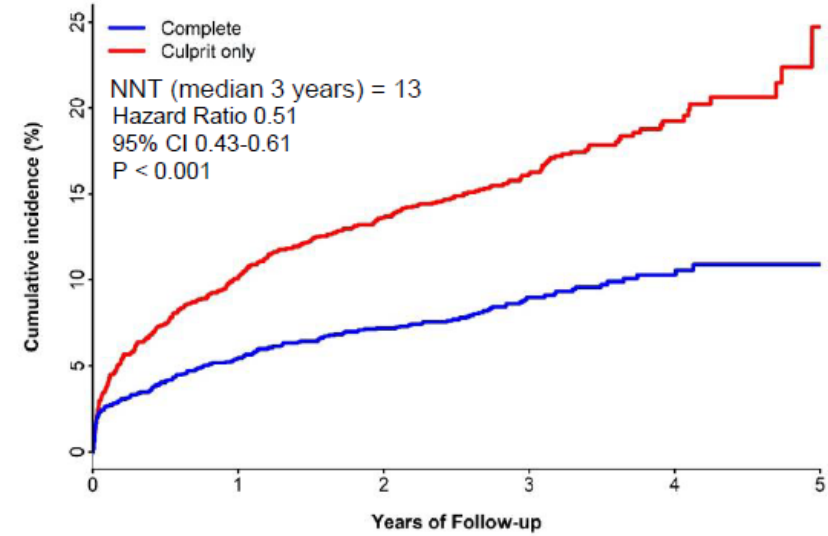
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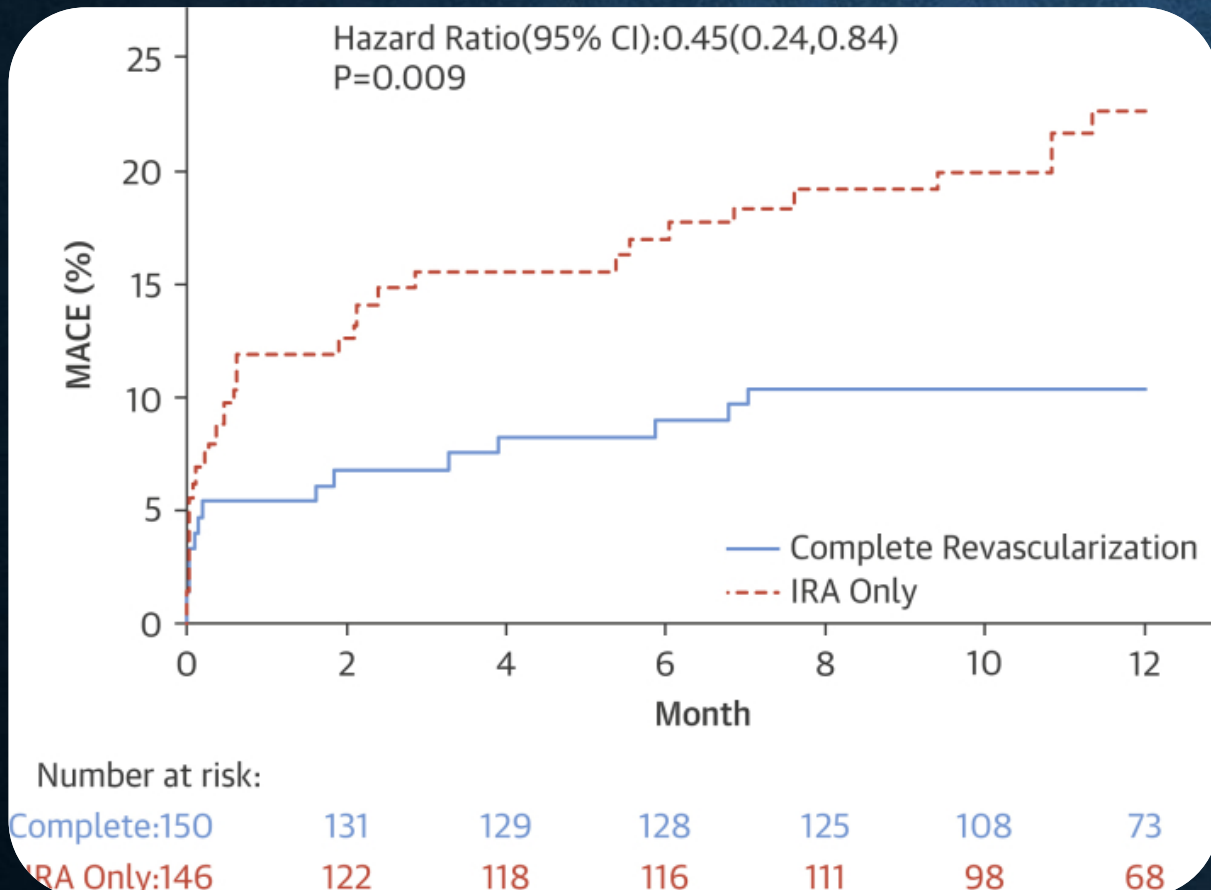
● 2nd Co-Primary Outcome: CV Death, MI, or IDR



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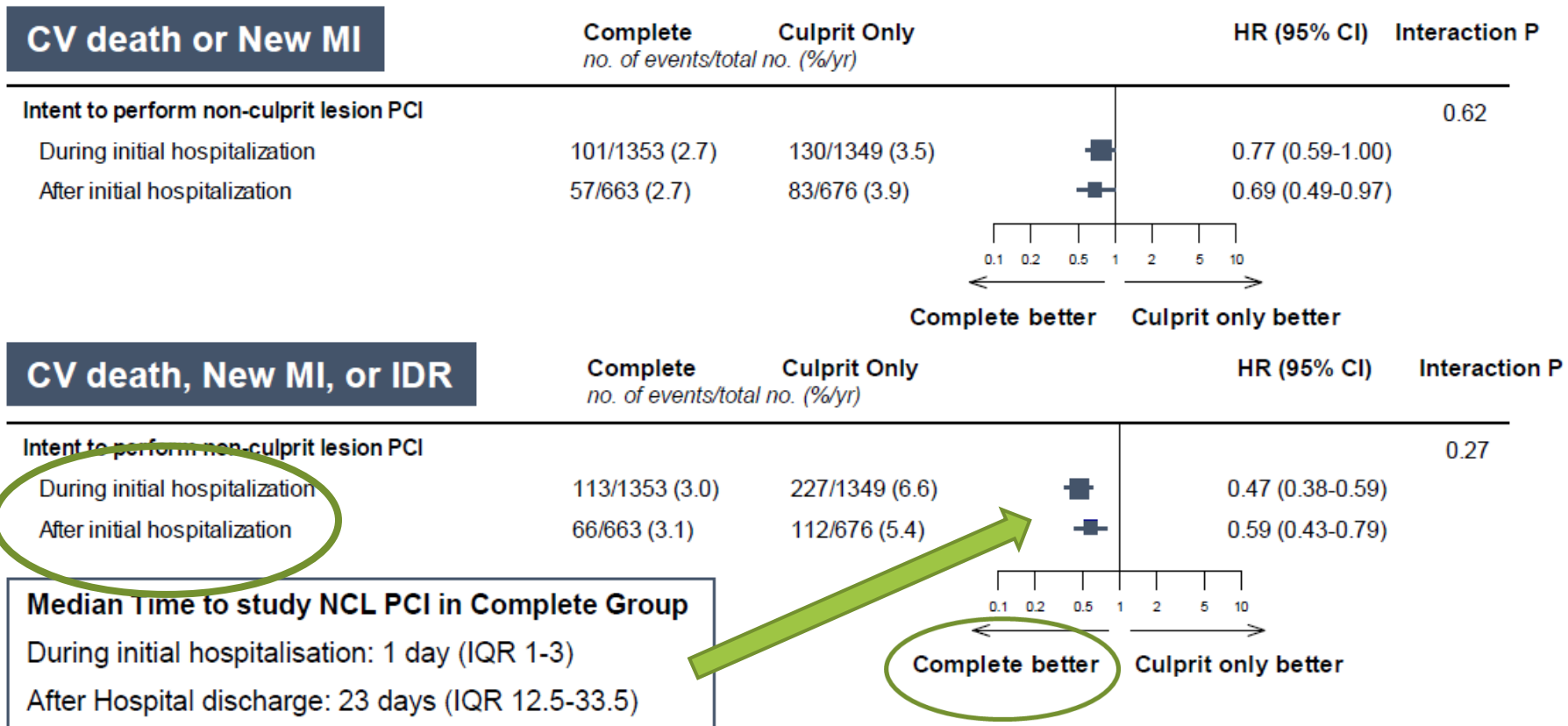
Complete revascularisation is better

RANDOMIZED TRIAL OF COMPLETE VERSUS LESION-ONLY REVASCULARIZATION IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING PRIMARY PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY INTERVENTION FOR STEMI AND MULTIVESSEL DISEASE THE CVLPRIT TRIAL



5yr follow-up shows sustained benefit

Timing of non-culprit lesion PCI: During or after initial hospitalisation

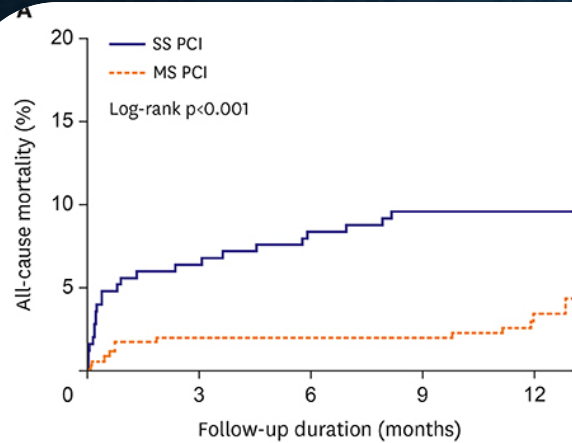


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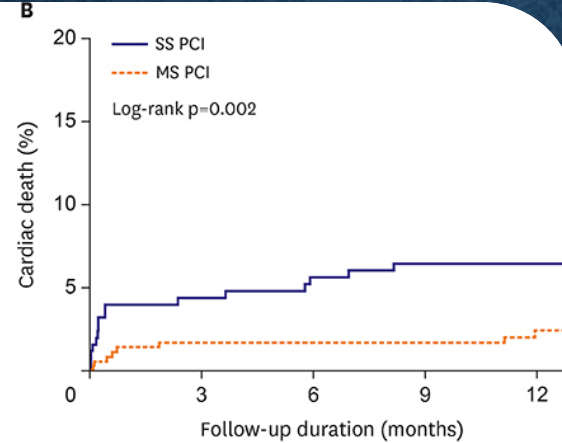
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After Hospital discharge: 23 days (IQR 12.5-33.5)

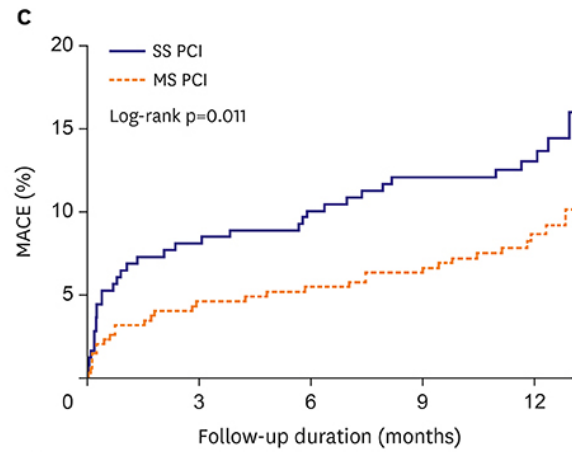
TIMING OF REVASC FOLLOWING STEMI



No. at risk					
SS PCI	254	235	230	227	133
MS PCI	352	345	345	344	201



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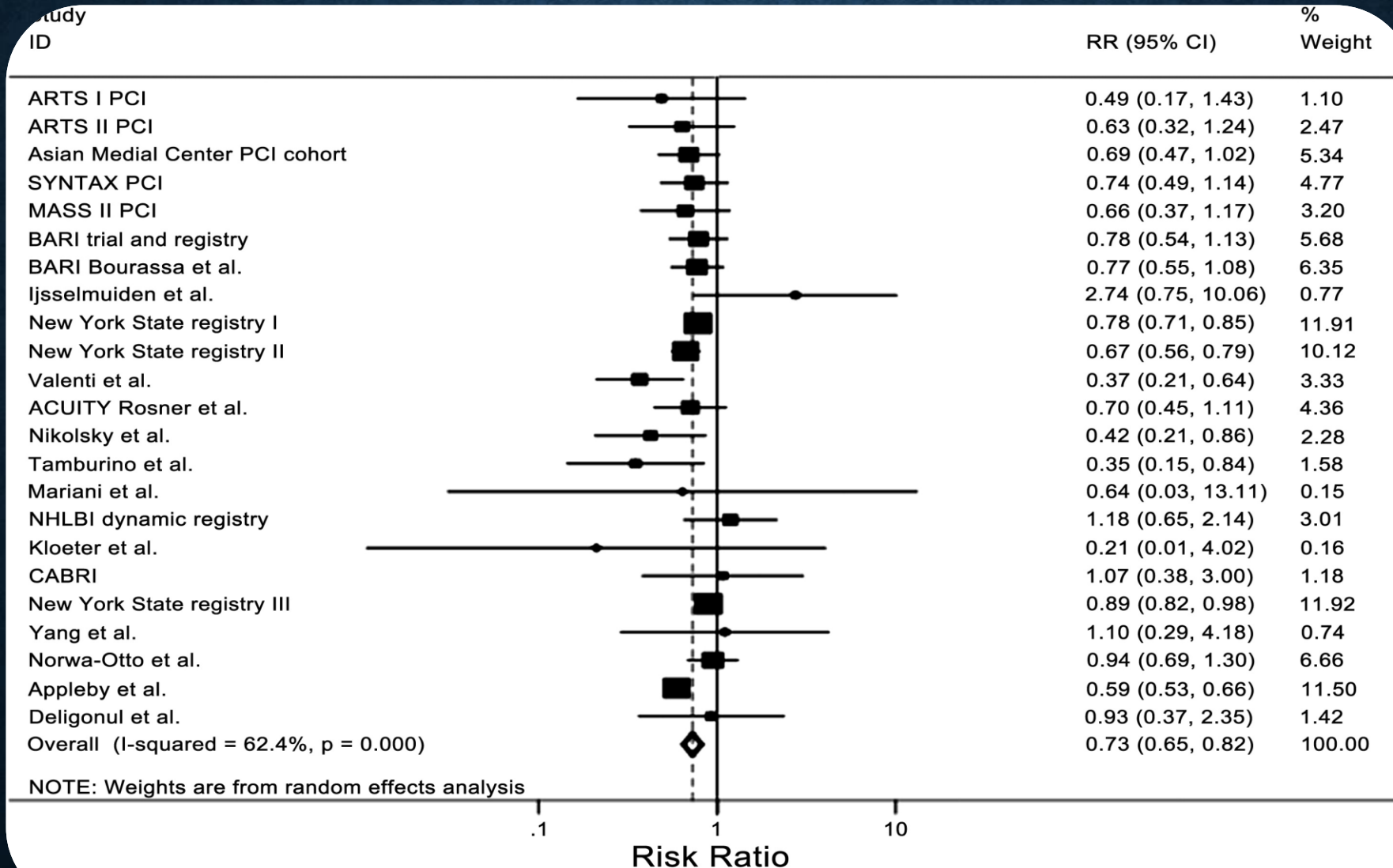
SS=single stage. MS=multistage

Korean data suggests staged procedures may be better

Korean Circ J. 2020 Mar; 50(3): 234-235.

Optimal Timing of Coronary Intervention in Non-Culprit Lesion in ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction with Multi-Vessel Disease
Jongkwon Seo, MD1

? COMPLETE REVASC IN STEMI? – FOR PCI



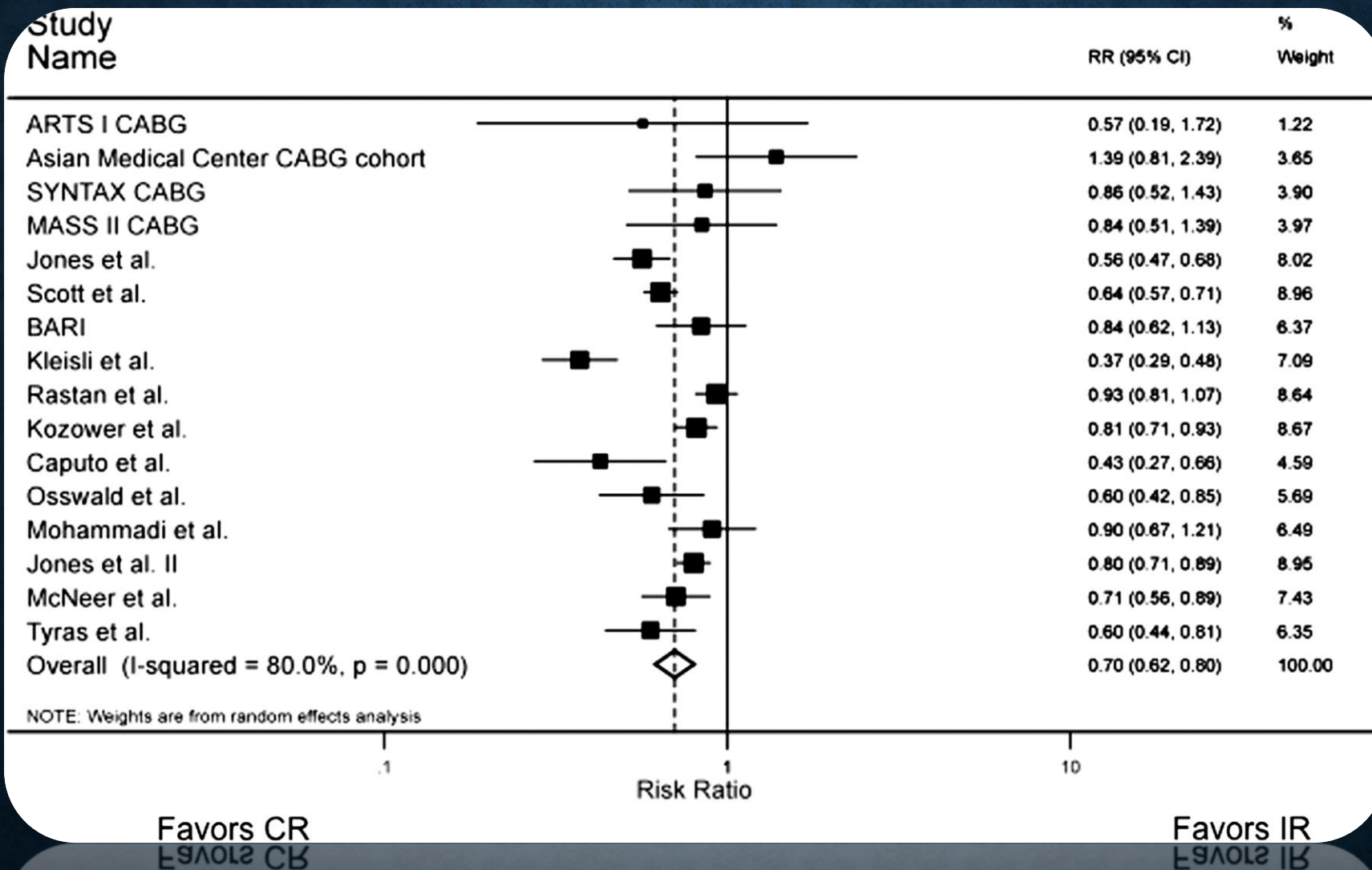
NOTE: Weights are from random effects analysis

Favors CR

Favors IR

Risk Ratio

? COMPLETE REVASC IN STEMI? – FOR CABG



STENTS LOOKING PRETTY GOOD, HEY!



As long as we don't compare it to OMT.....

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With PCI?

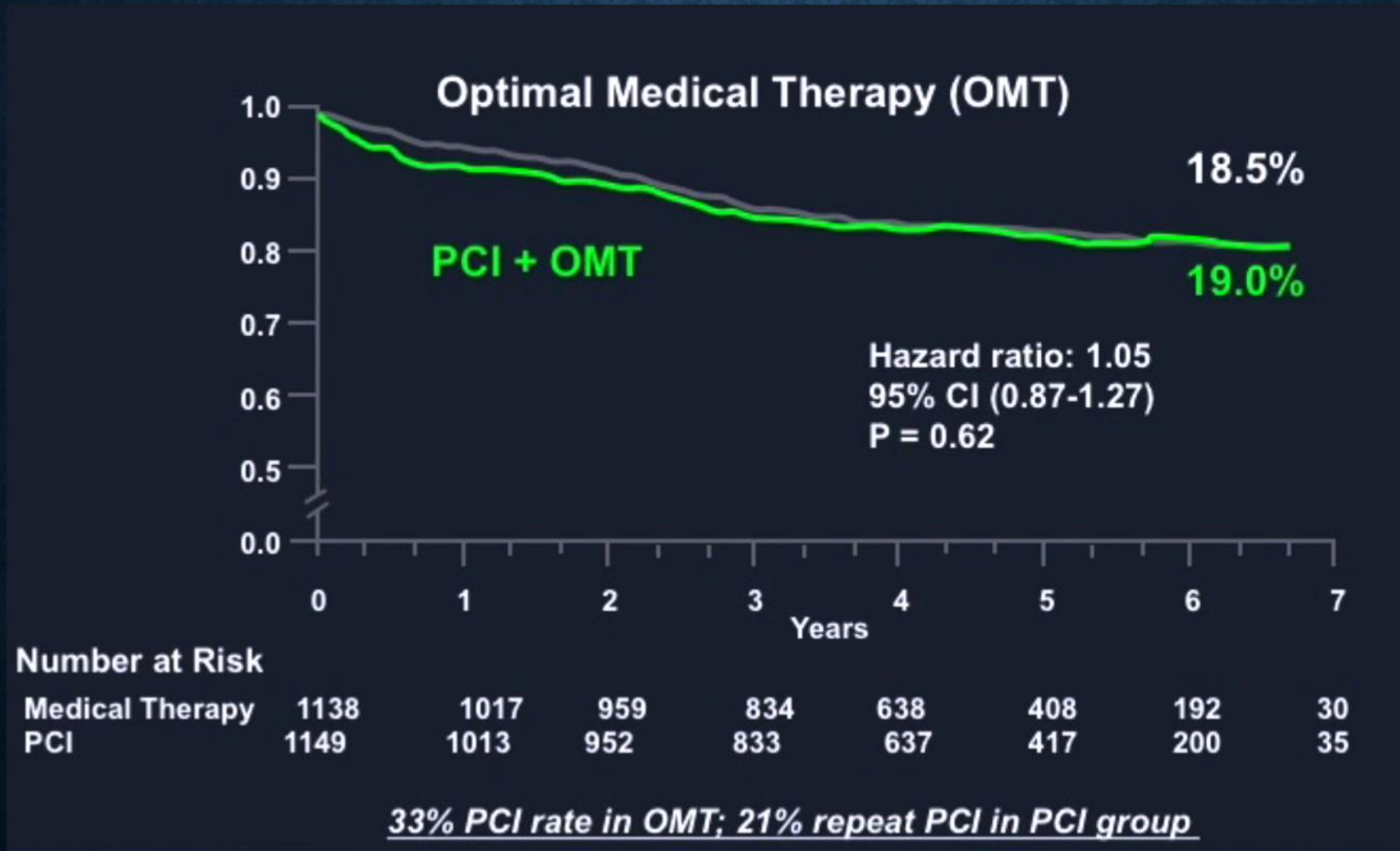
With CABG?

Or should we focus on Optimal Medical Therapy (OMT)??

COURAGE (2007 & 2015)

- Objective ischaemia & significant CAD in 2287 patients
- Optimal medical therapy + selective PCI or routine PCI
 - No difference in death or ACS at 4.6 years (~19% event rate)
- Greater freedom from angina at 1 and 3 years
 - No difference at 5 years (however 33% of OMT group had undergone PCI by this time)
- Survival similar at 12 years

COURAGE



COURAGE: Effect of Medical Therapy

SAQ Freedom From Angina

	PCI + OMT	OMT	p
Baseline	21%	23%	NS
3 Months	53%	42%	<0.001
1 Year	57%	50%	0.005
2 Years	59%	53%	0.010
3 Years	59%	56%	NS

Minimal DES Use and 32% of Medically Treated Patients in the Trial Crossed Over to PCI

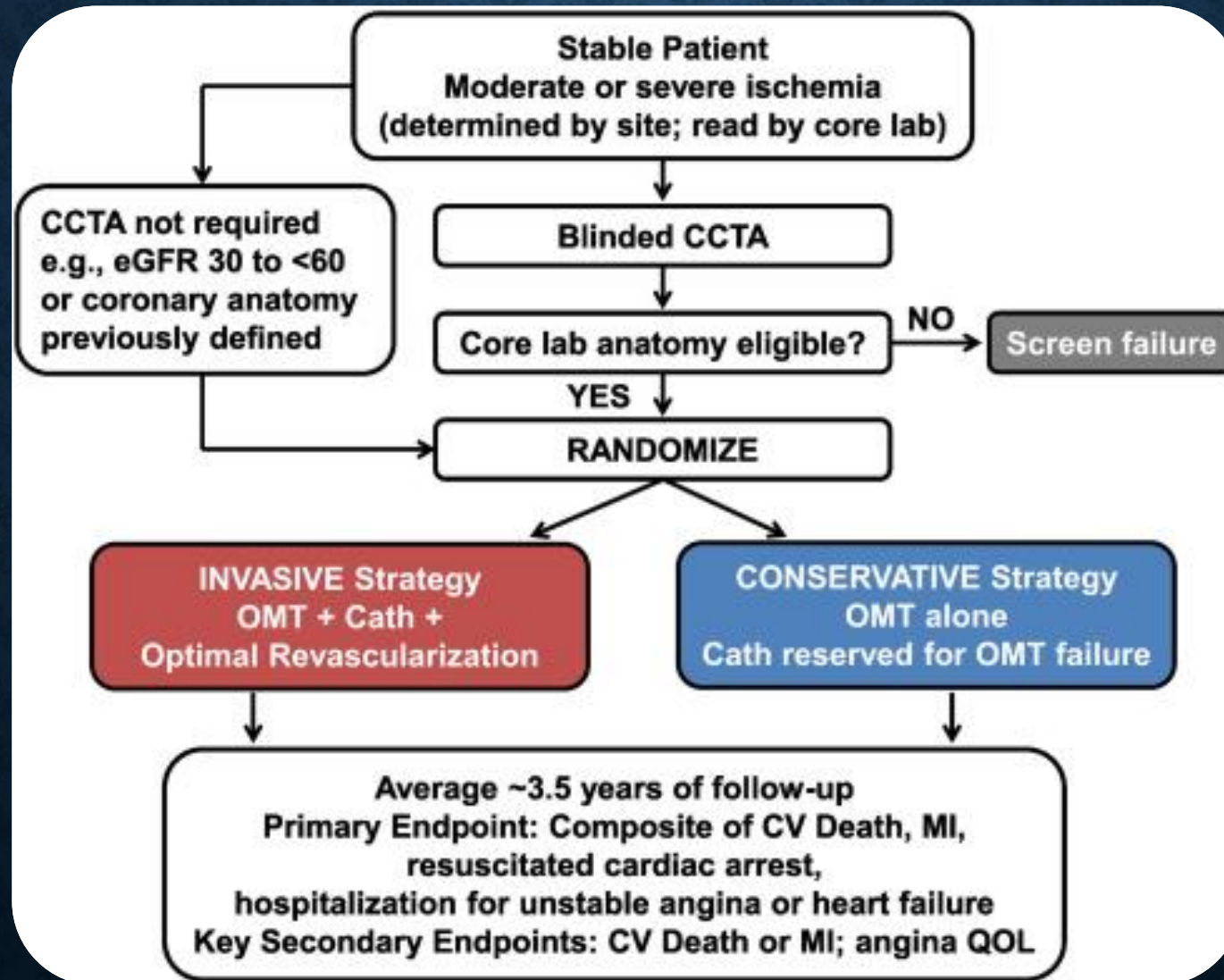
IF THAT WASN'T BAD ENOUGH!



INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY UPDATE

- The ISCHEMIA trial was designed to evaluate the clinical impact of systematic invasive management in patients with stable ischemic heart disease and significant inducible ischemia.
- AUTHORS Maron DJ, Hochman JS et al; ISCHEMIA Research Group.
- REFERENCE - N Engl J Med 2020; 382:1395-1407. PUBLISHED April 9, 2020

ISCHAEMIA TRIAL



ISCHEMIA

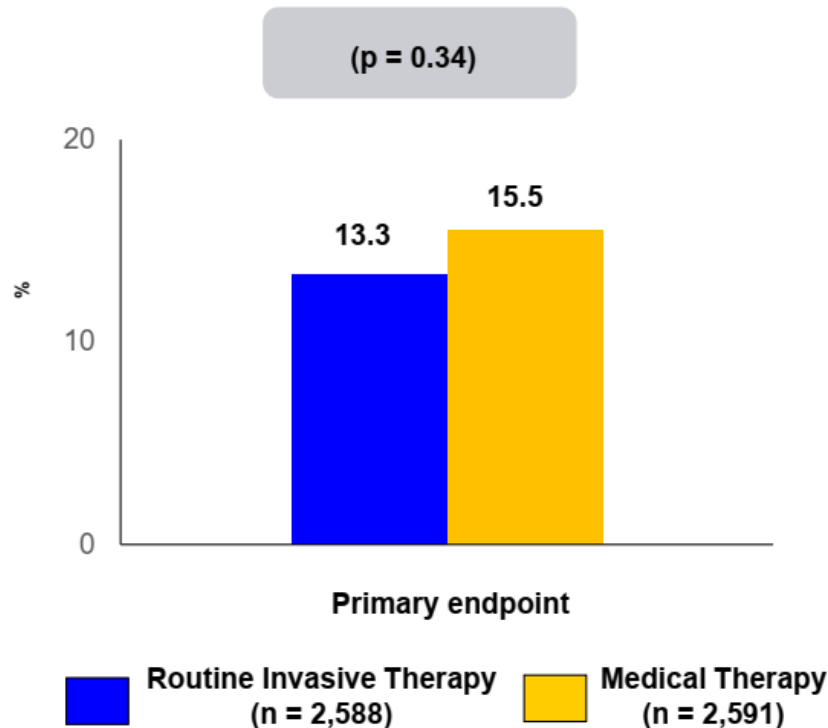
#AHA19

Exclusions - >50% LMS on CT, EF<35%, unstable



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Trial Description: Patients with stable ischemic heart disease and moderate to severe ischemia were randomized to routine invasive therapy vs. medical therapy.



RESULTS

- Primary efficacy endpoint: CV death, MI, resuscitated cardiac arrest, or hospitalization for unstable angina or HF at 3.3 years occurred in 13.3% of the routine invasive group vs. 15.5% of the medical therapy group (p = 0.34)
- Invasive therapy was associated with harm (~2% absolute increase) within the first 6 months and benefit within 4 years (~2% absolute decrease)
- Improvement in symptoms was observed among those with daily/weekly/monthly angina, but not in those without angina

CONCLUSIONS

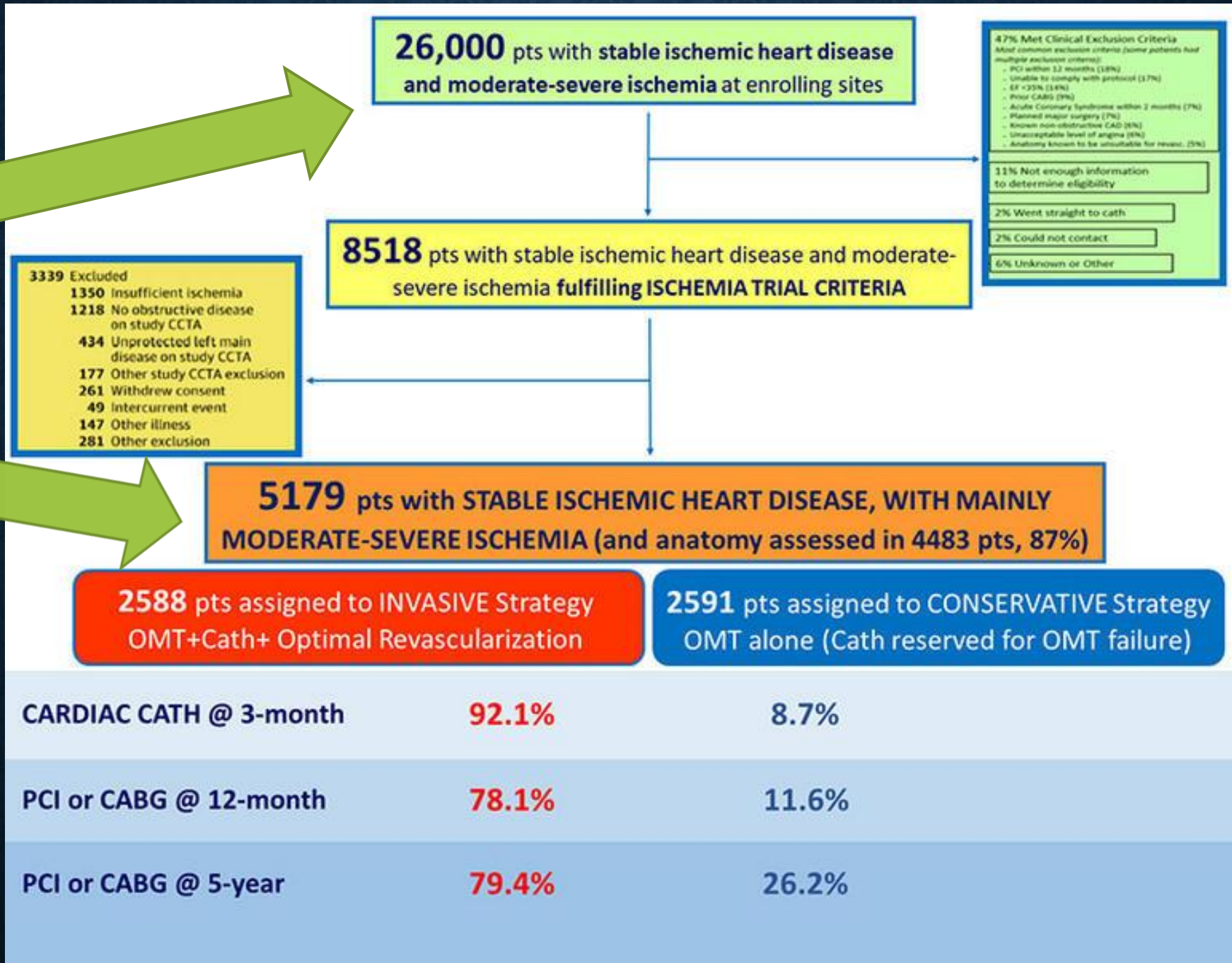
- Among patients with stable ischemic heart disease and moderate to severe ischemia on stress testing, invasive therapy failed to reduce major adverse cardiac events vs. medical therapy. Invasive therapy was associated with increase in periprocedural MI at 6 months and a reduction in spontaneous MI at 4 years.

Presented by Drs. Judith Hochman and John Spertus at AHA 2019

CONCLUSIONS

- Among patients with stable coronary disease and moderate or severe ischemia, we did not find evidence that an initial invasive strategy, as compared with an initial conservative strategy, reduced the risk of ischemic cardiovascular events or death from any cause over a median of 3.2 years.

Still a subset of patients



PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY INTERVENTION IN STABLE ANGINA (ORBITA): A DOUBLE-BLIND, RANDOMISED CONTROLLED TRIAL

- ORBITA enrolled 230 patients with ischaemic symptoms. After the medication optimisation phase and between Jan 6, 2014, and Aug 11, 2017, 200 patients underwent randomisation, with 105 patients assigned PCI and 95 assigned the placebo procedure. Lesions had mean area stenosis of 84.4% (SD 10.2), fractional flow reserve of 0.69 (0.16), and instantaneous wave-free ratio of 0.76 (0.22). There was no significant difference in the primary endpoint of exercise time increment between groups (PCI minus placebo 16.6 s, 95% CI -8.9 to 42.0, $p=0.200$). There were no deaths. Serious adverse events included four pressure-wire related complications in the placebo group, which required PCI, and five major bleeding events, including two in the PCI group and three in the placebo group.

In patients with medically treated angina and severe coronary stenosis, PCI did not increase exercise time by more than the effect of a placebo procedure. The efficacy of invasive procedures can be assessed with a placebo control, as is standard for pharmacotherapy.

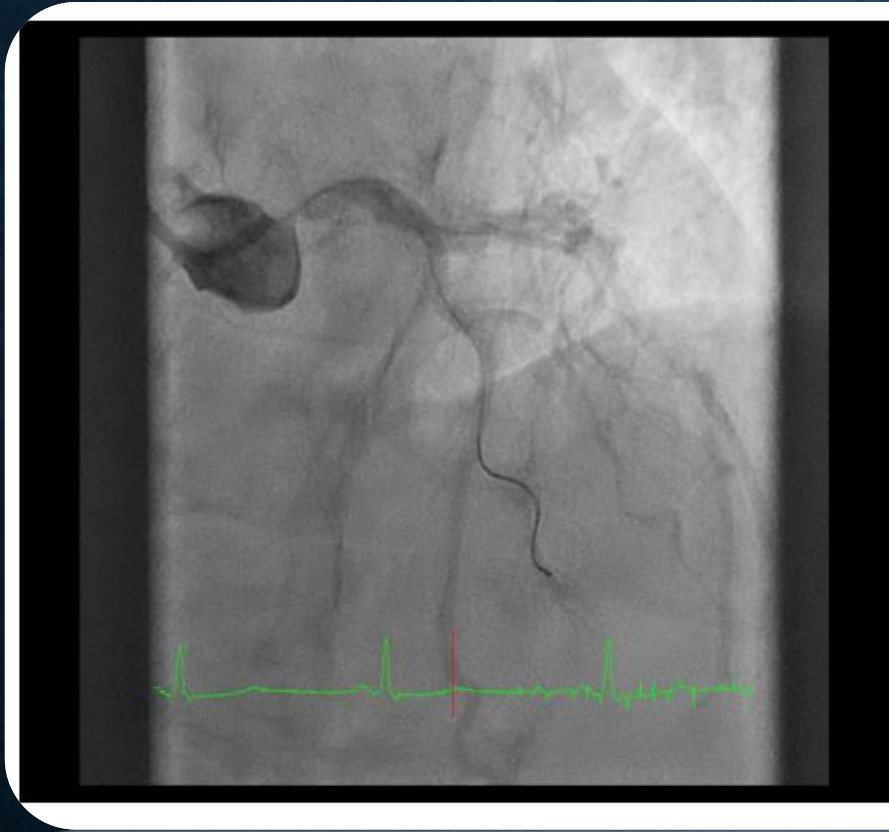


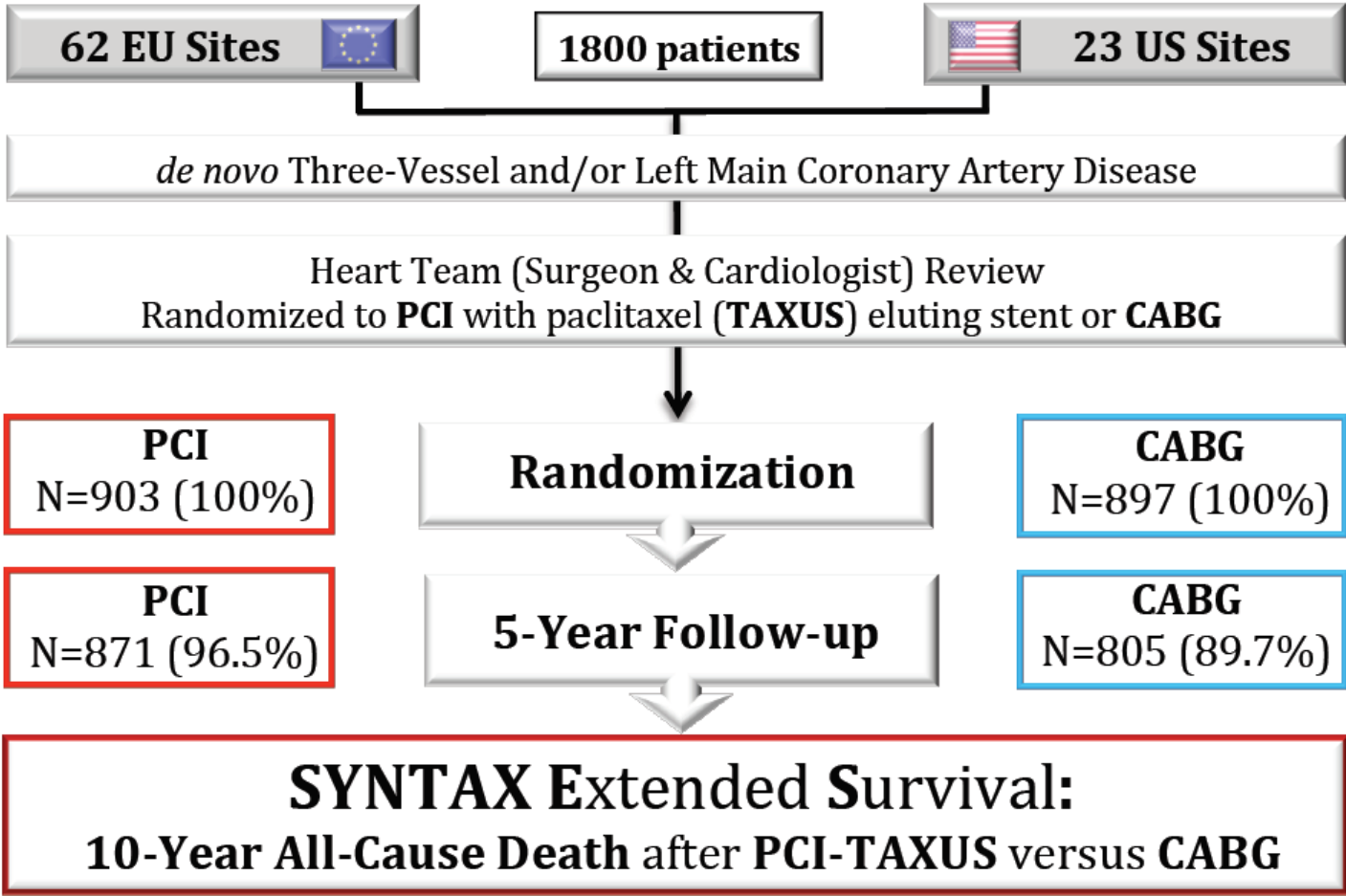
IS THERE TREATMENT PREFERENCE OVERLAP?

- Should all LM disease have CABG or is PCI an alternative?



CABG VS PCI IN LMS – “THERE’S LMS DISEASE AND THEN THERE’S LMS DISEASE!!!”

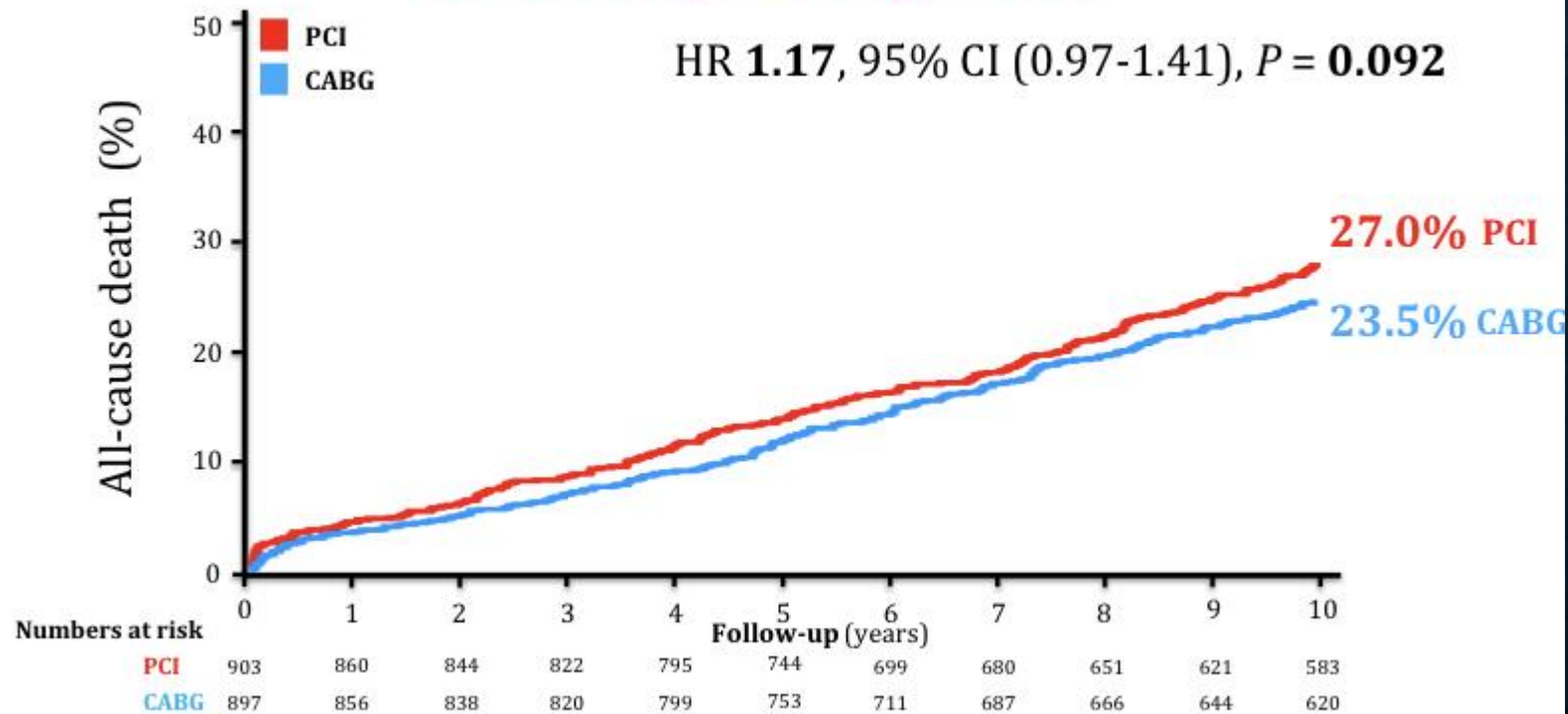




SYNTAX ES - TEN-YEAR SURVIVAL AFTER CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING VS PCI: THE SYNTAX EXTENDED SURVIVAL STUDY

REPORTED FROM THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY ESC CONGRESS 2019 IN PARIS

Primary Endpoint

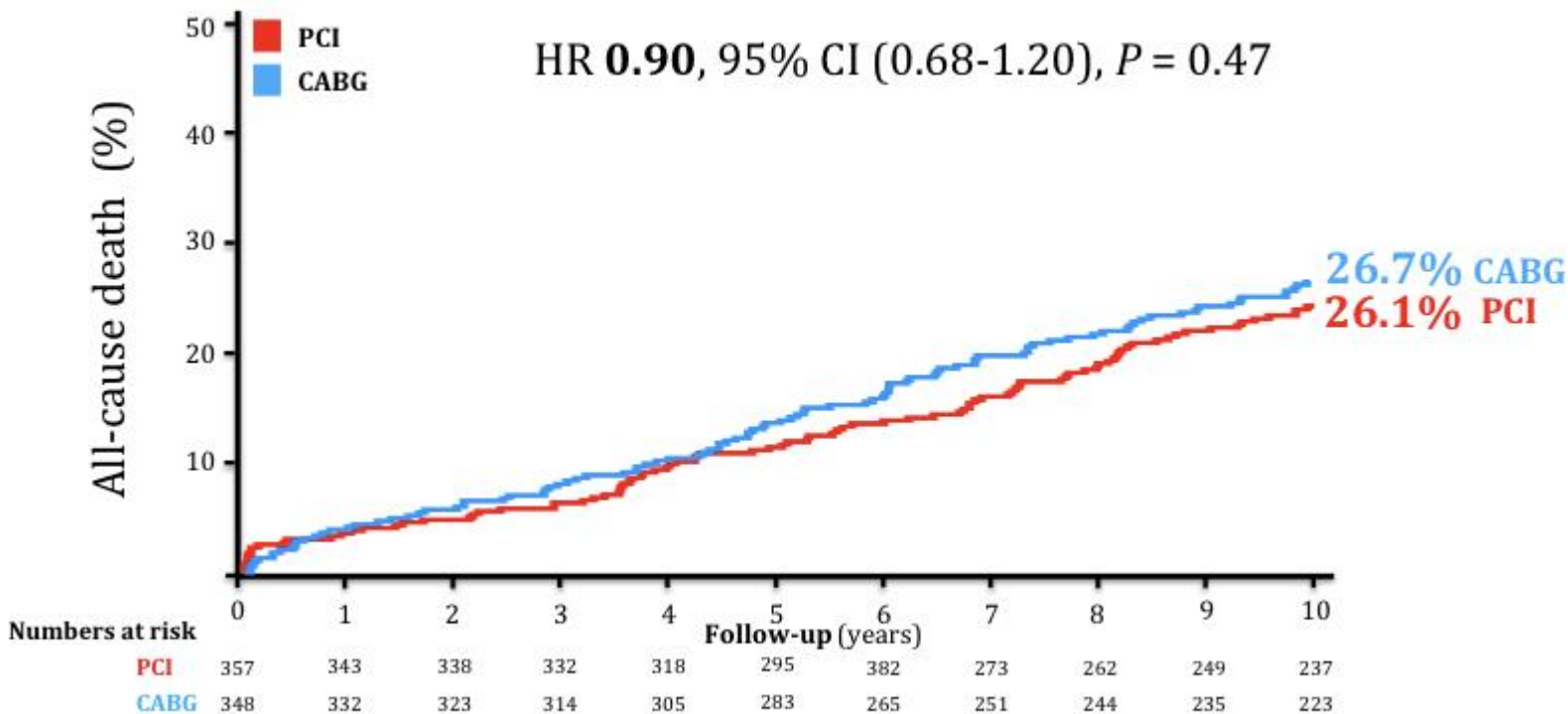


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Left Main

HR 0.90, 95% CI (0.68-1.20), P = 0.47

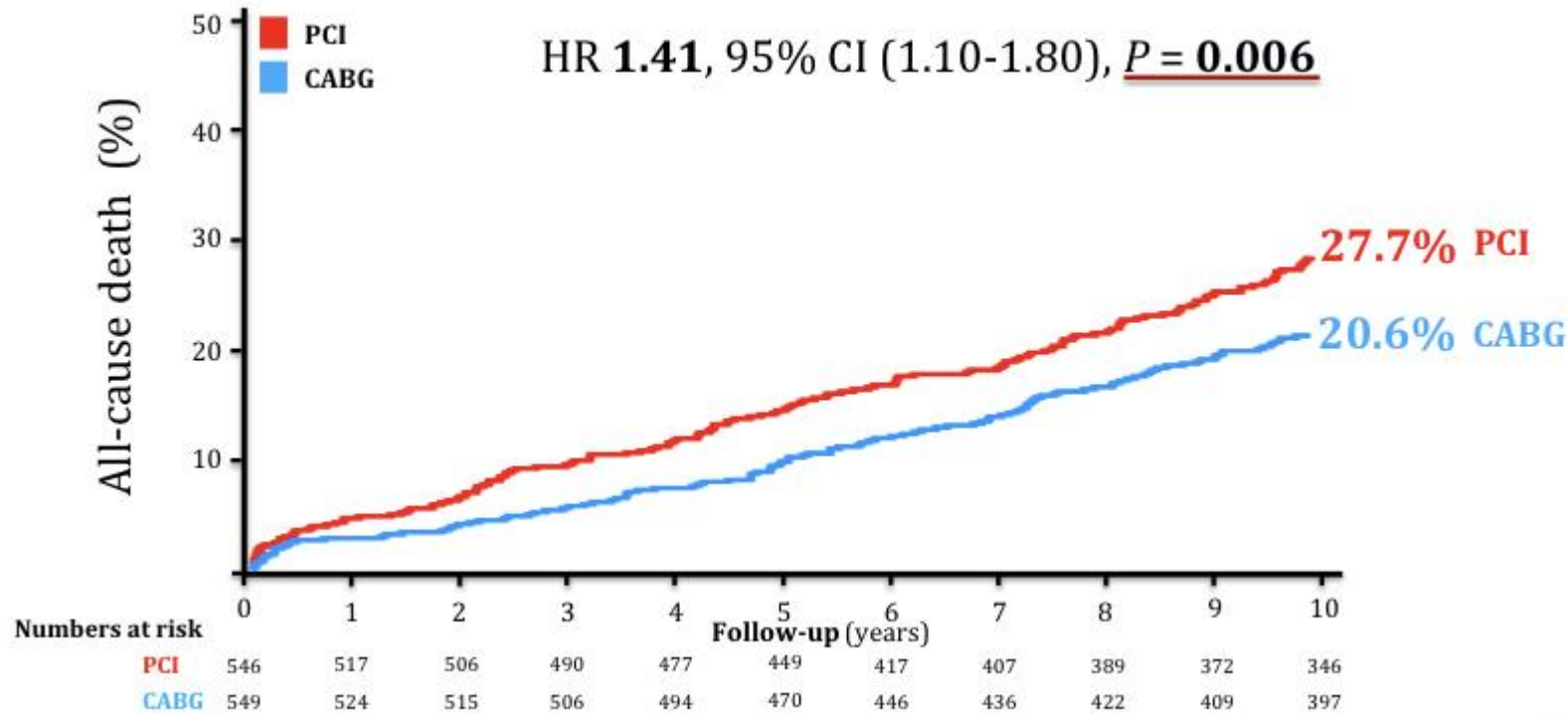


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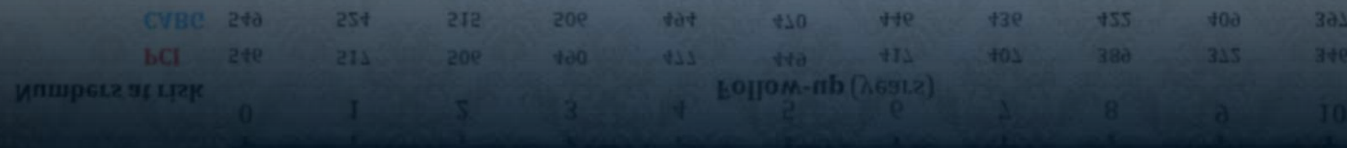
Follow-up (years)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CABG	348	332	323	314	305	283	265	251	244	235	223
PCI	357	343	338	332	318	295	382	273	262	249	237

Three-Vessel



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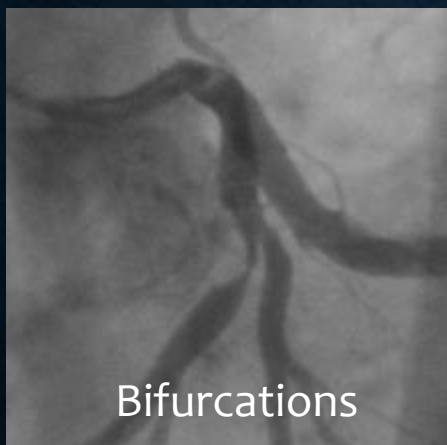
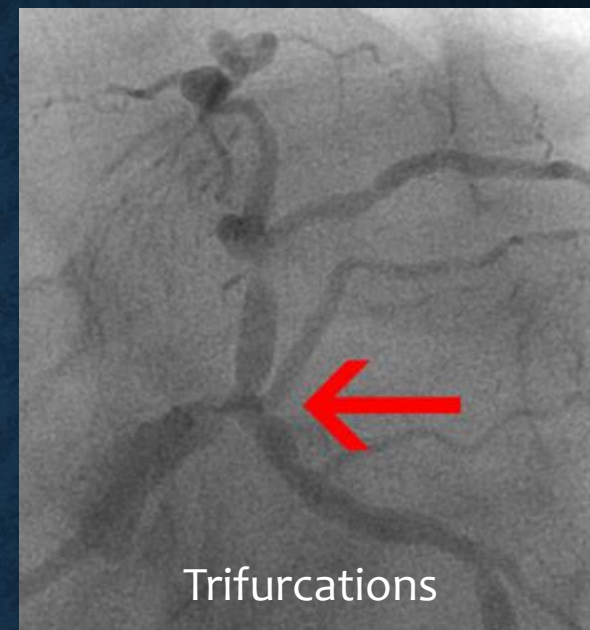
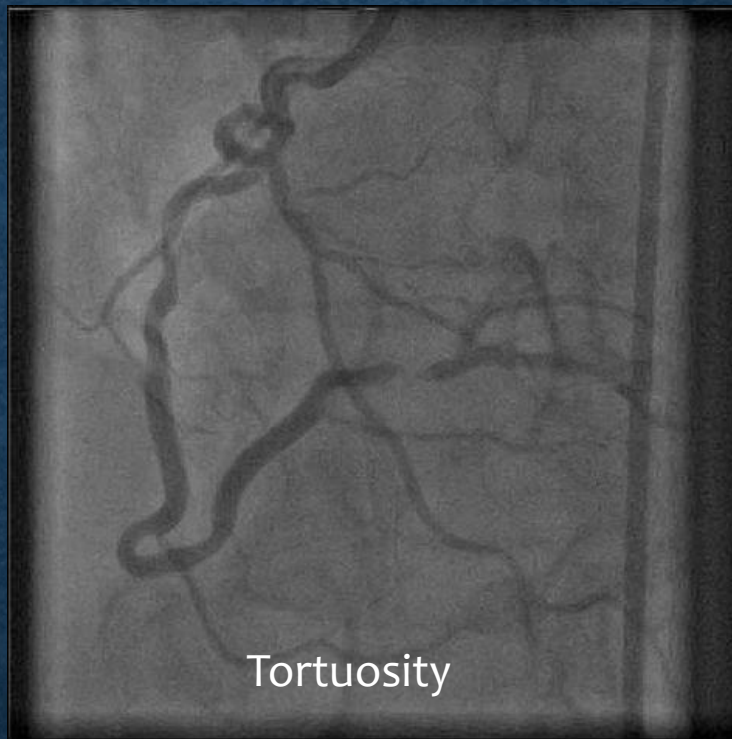
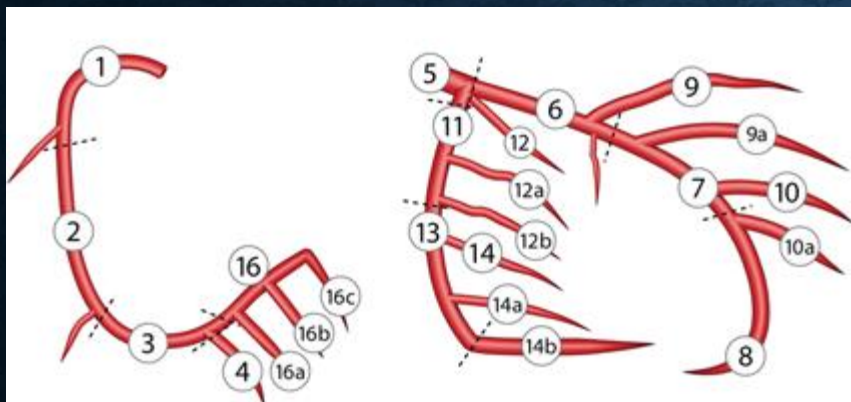
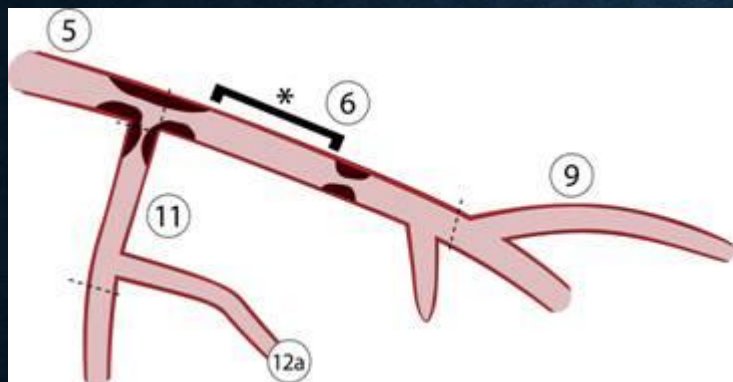
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“In patients with left main coronary artery disease of low or intermediate anatomical complexity, there was no significant difference between PCI and CABG with respect to the rate of the composite outcome of death, stroke, or myocardial infarction at 5 years.”

But how do we judge ‘complexity’ – SYNTAX Score
Better dig a little deeper.....

SYNTAX SCORE



- Lesion length
- Calcification
- Thrombus
- Diffuseness of disease

SYNTAX = anatomical complexity scoring system



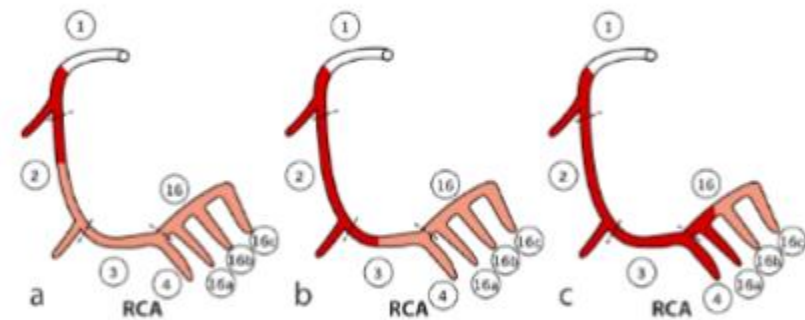
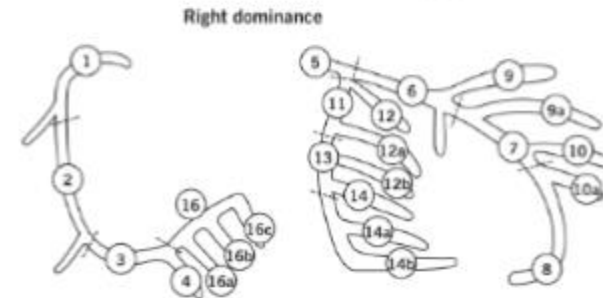
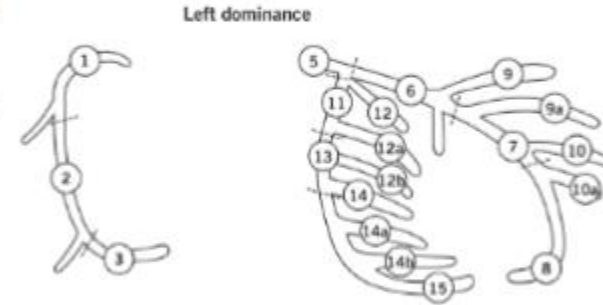
The SYNTAX score

Table 1. The SYNTAX score algorithm

1. Dominance
2. Number of lesions
3. Segments involved per lesion, with lesion characteristics
4. Total occlusions with subtotal occlusions:
 - a. Number of segments
 - b. Age of total occlusions
 - c. Blunt stumps
 - d. Bridging collaterals
 - e. First segment beyond occlusion visible by antegrade or retrograde filling
 - f. Side branch involvement
5. Trifurcation, number of segments diseased
6. Bifurcation type and angulation
7. Aorto-ostial lesion
8. Severe tortuosity
9. Lesion length
10. Heavy calcification
11. Thrombus
12. Diffuse disease, with number of segments

Coronary anatomy
Left dominance
Right dominance

Left dominance
 The SYNTAX score: an algorithm for grading the complexity of coronary artery disease. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2002; 40: 210-227. With permission from the American College of Cardiology.



SYNTAX SCORE VS 1YR OUTCOMES FOR MULTI-VESSEL PCI +/- LMS VS CABG

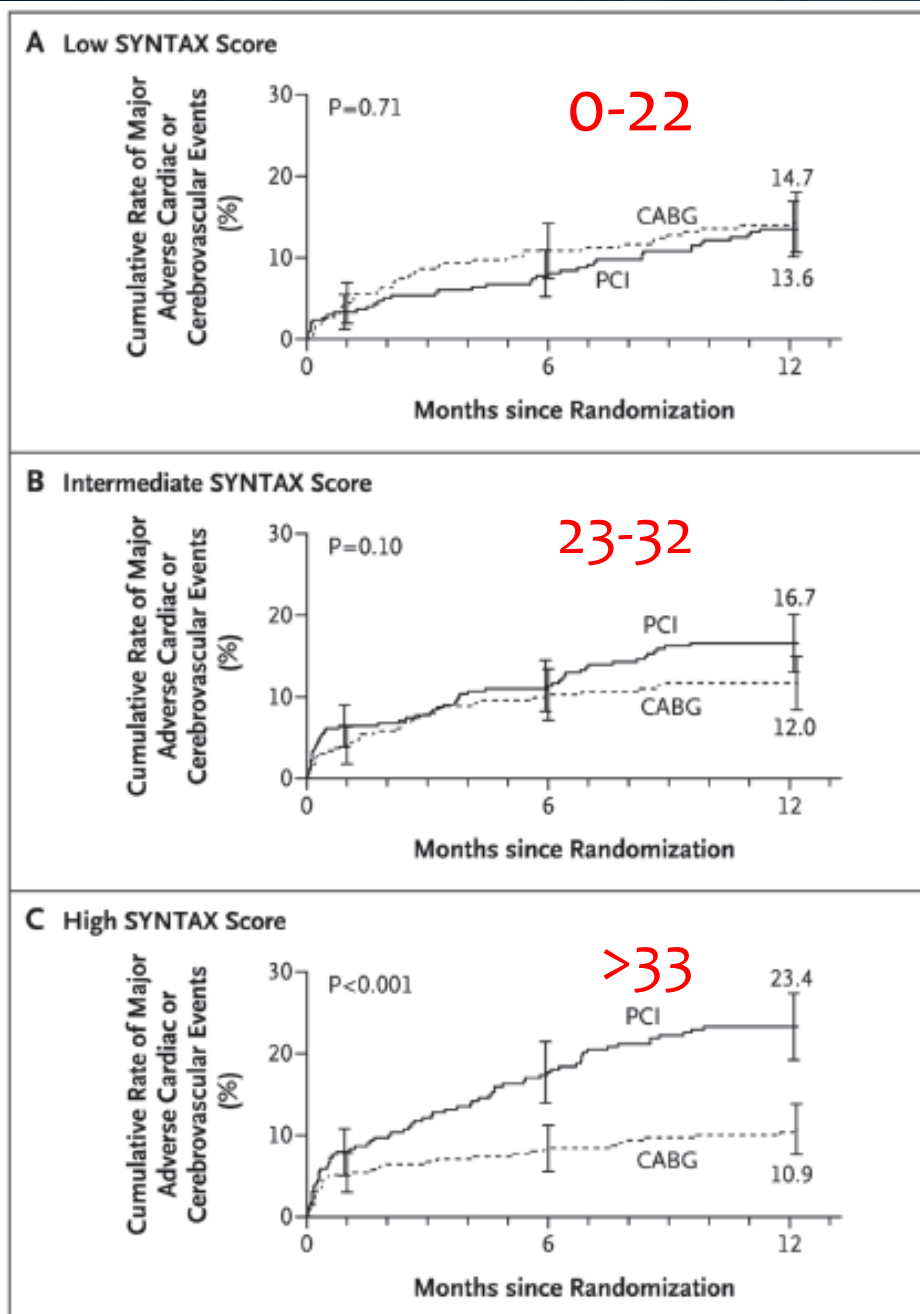


Figure 4. Outcomes of SYNTAX study by SYNTAX scores. Rates of Major Adverse Cardiac or Cerebrovascular Events among the Study Patients, According to Treatment Group and SYNTAX Score Category. Kaplan-Meier curves are shown for the percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) group and the coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) group for major adverse cardiac or cerebrovascular events at 12 months. The 12-month event rates were similar between the two treatment groups for patients with low SYNTAX scores (0 to 22) (Panel A) or intermediate SYNTAX scores (23 to 32) (Panel B). Among patients with high SYNTAX scores (≥ 33 , indicating the most complex disease), those in the PCI group had a significantly higher event rate at 12 months than those in the CABG group. SYNTAX scores were calculated at the core laboratory. The I bars indicate 1.5 SE. P values were calculated with the use of the chi-square test.

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The 5 year results of the EXCEL Trial

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Study Design

2900 pts with unprotected left main disease



SYNTAX score ≤ 32

Consensus agreement of eligibility and equipoise by heart team



Yes
(N=1900)

No

(N=1000)



Enrollment
registry

Stratified by diabetes, SYNTAX score and center



PCI (Xience EES)
(N=950)

CABG
(N=950)

Follow-up: 1 month, 6 months, 1 year, annually through 5 years
Primary endpoint: Measured at a median 3-yr FU, minimum 2-yr FU

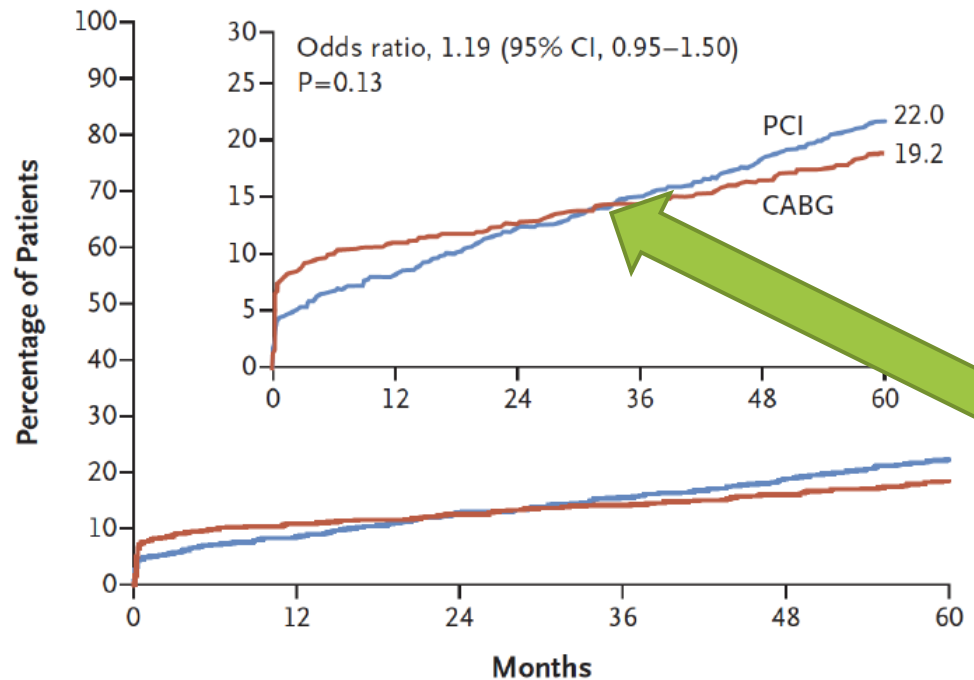
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CABG

Primary Endpoint All-cause Death, Stroke or MI at 5 Years

A Death, Stroke, or Myocardial Infarction



Cross over at 3yrs

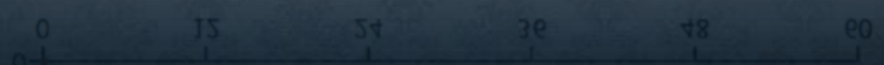
No. at Risk

PCI	948	854	809	778	738	486
CABG	957	818	789	763	734	532

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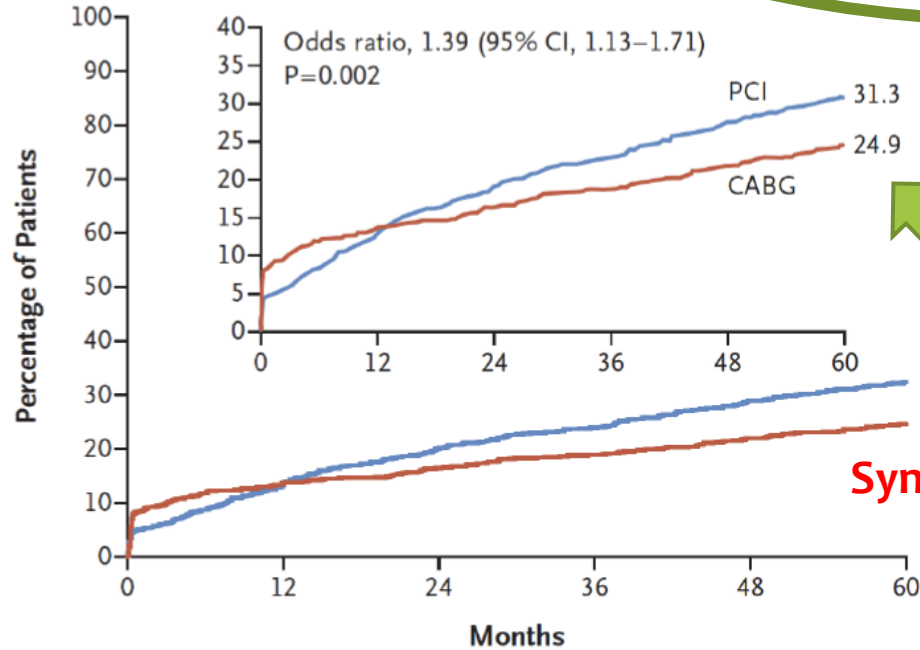
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Months



Death Stroke MI or Ischemia Driven Revasc

B Death, Stroke, Myocardial Infarction, or Ischemia-Driven Revascularization



No. at Risk

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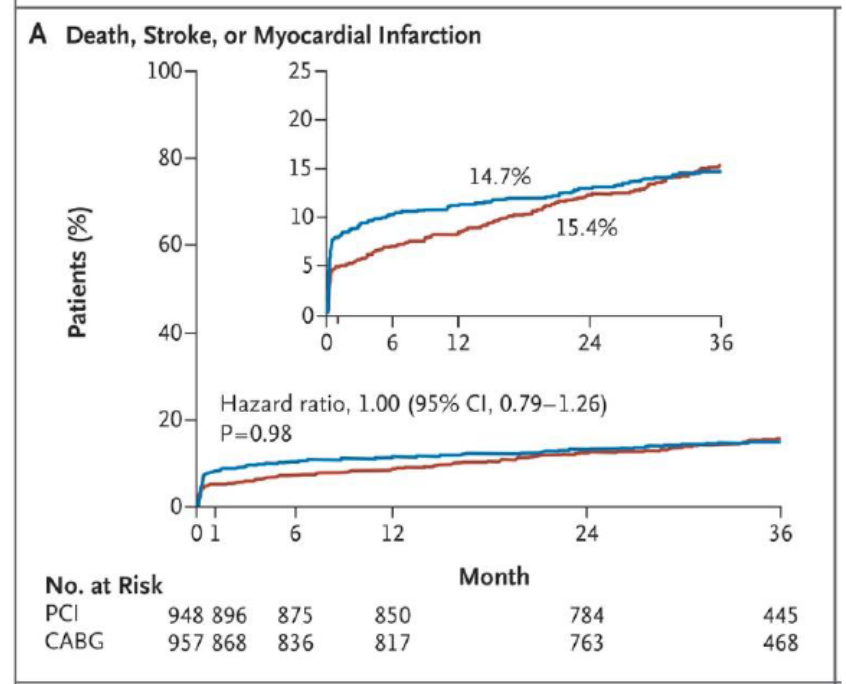
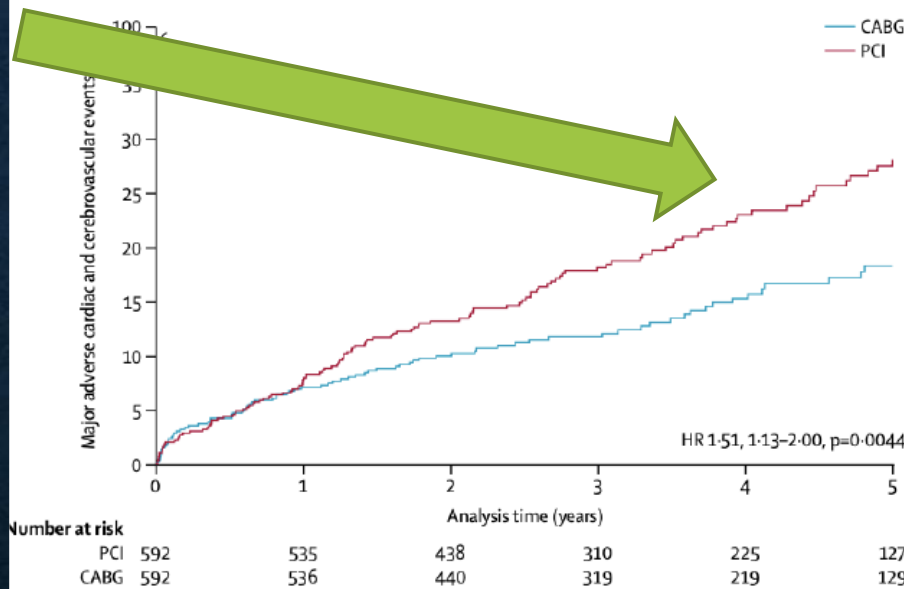
Months



NOBLE

EXCEL

Driven by - repeat revasc, late MI and higher stroke risk in PCI...

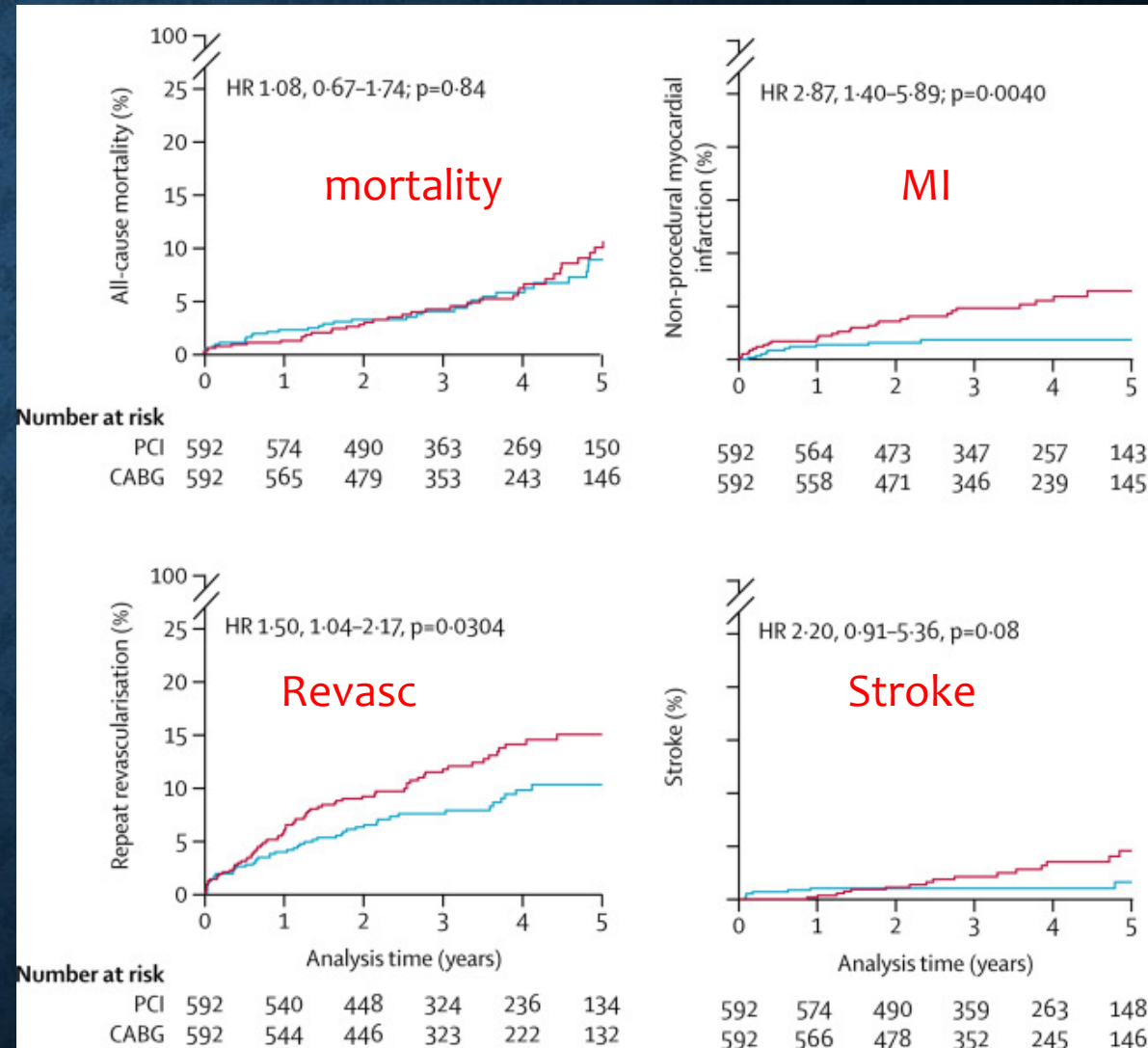
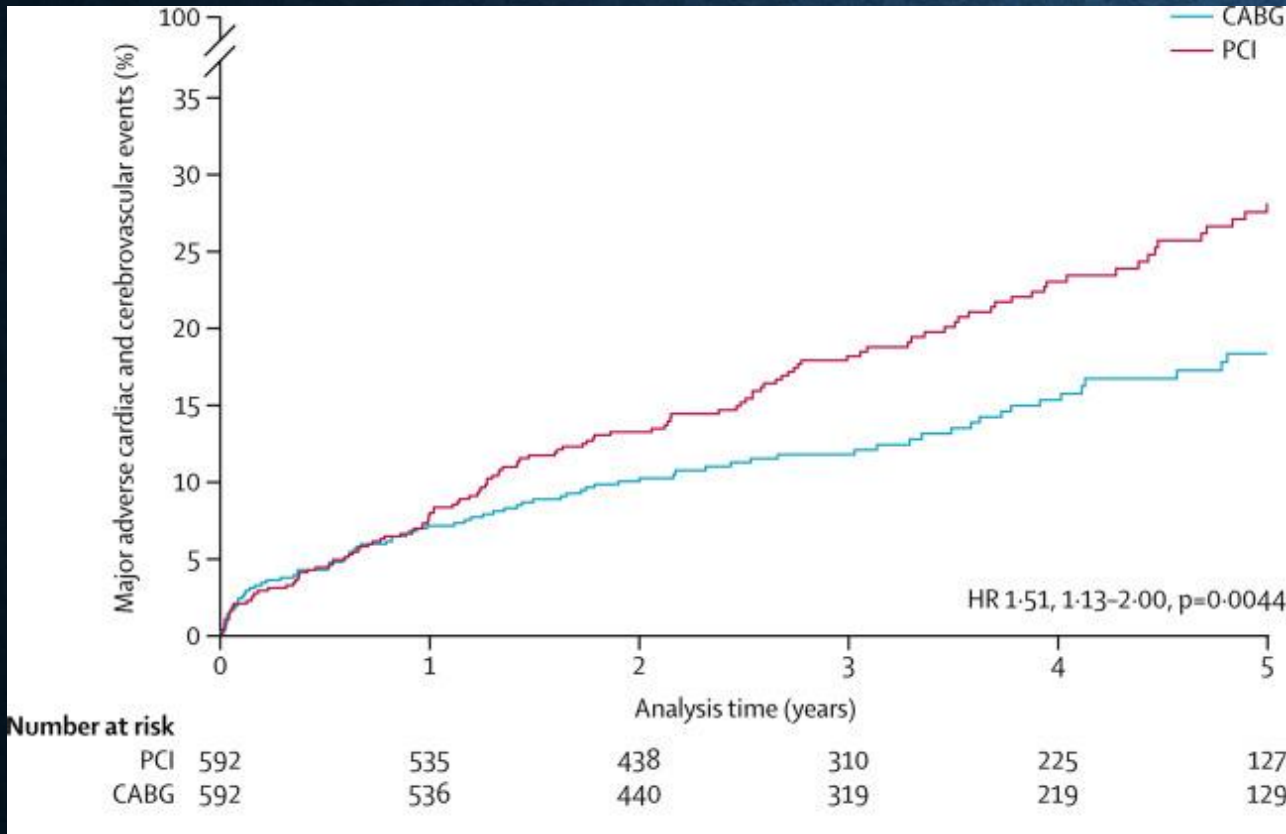


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? Apples vs Pears....

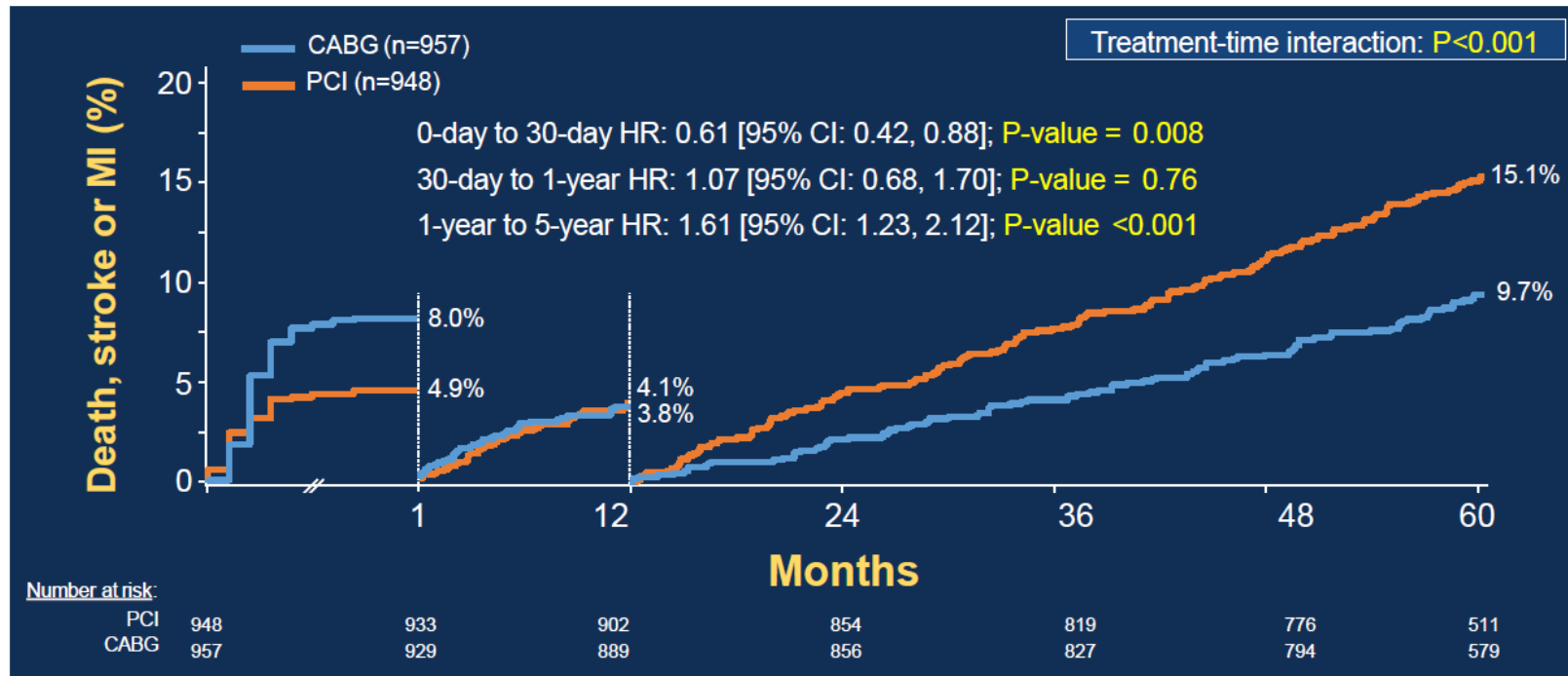
PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY ANGIOPLASTY VERSUS CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING IN TREATMENT OF UNPROTECTED LEFT MAIN STENOSIS (NOBLE): A PROSPECTIVE, RANDOMISED, OPEN-LABEL, NON-INFERIORITY TRIAL



Principle driver is repeat revasc + late MI

Piecewise Hazards All-cause Death, Stroke or MI

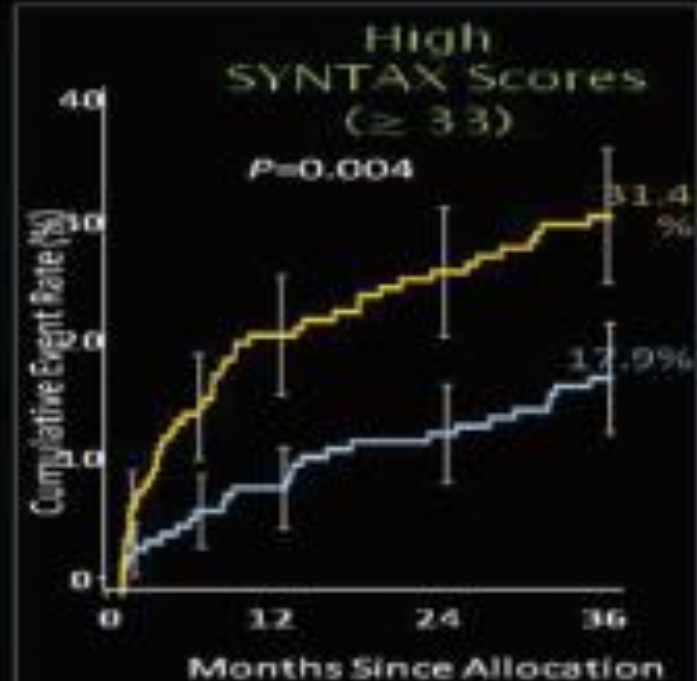
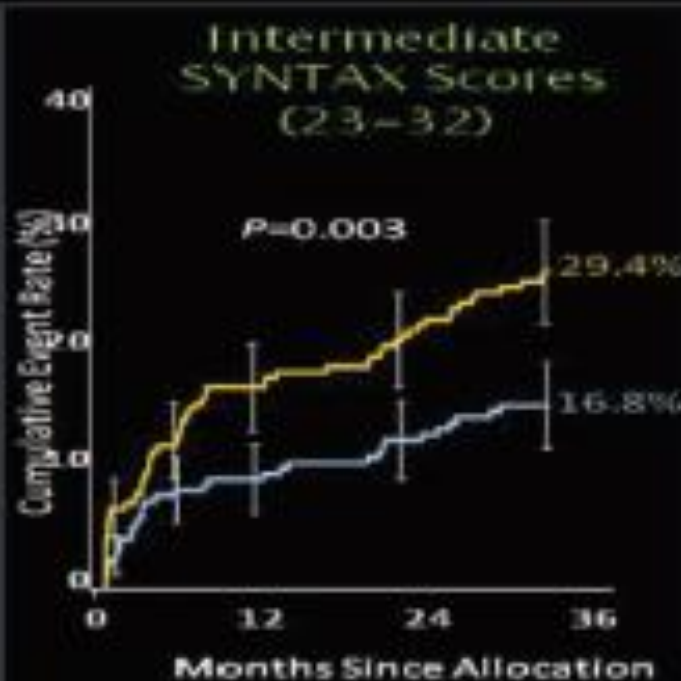
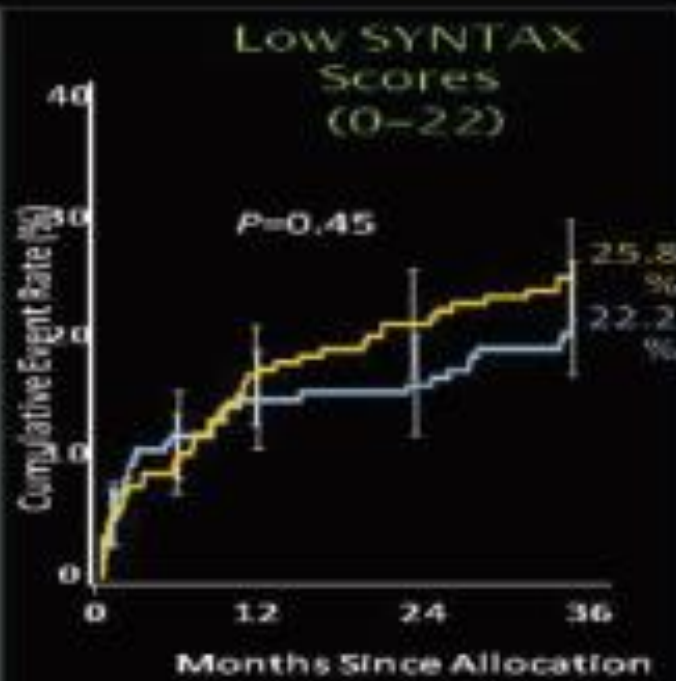
Three distinct periods of varying relative risk



As expected – CABG risk up front, then better.
 Is the decision about surgical risk and life expectancy?

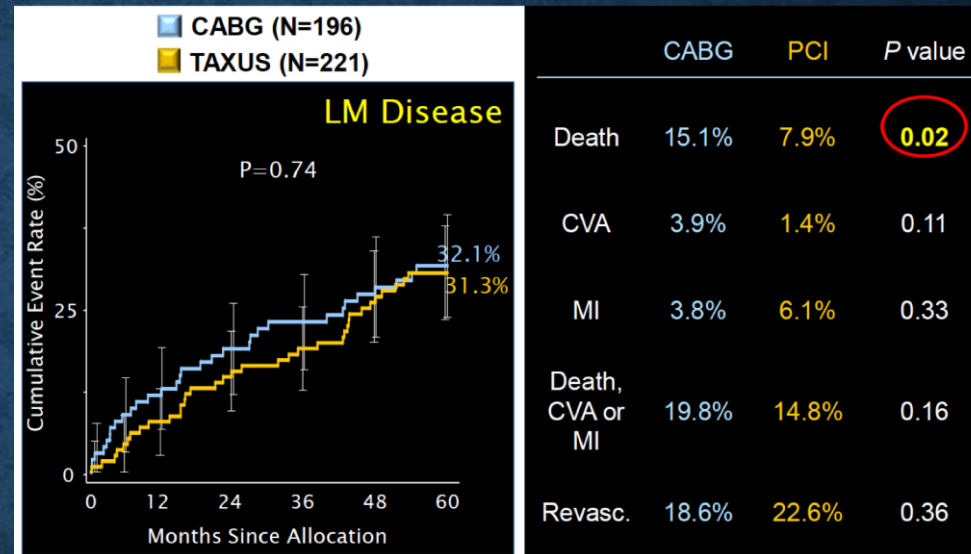
NOT ALL 3V CAD IS THE SAME

CABG PCI

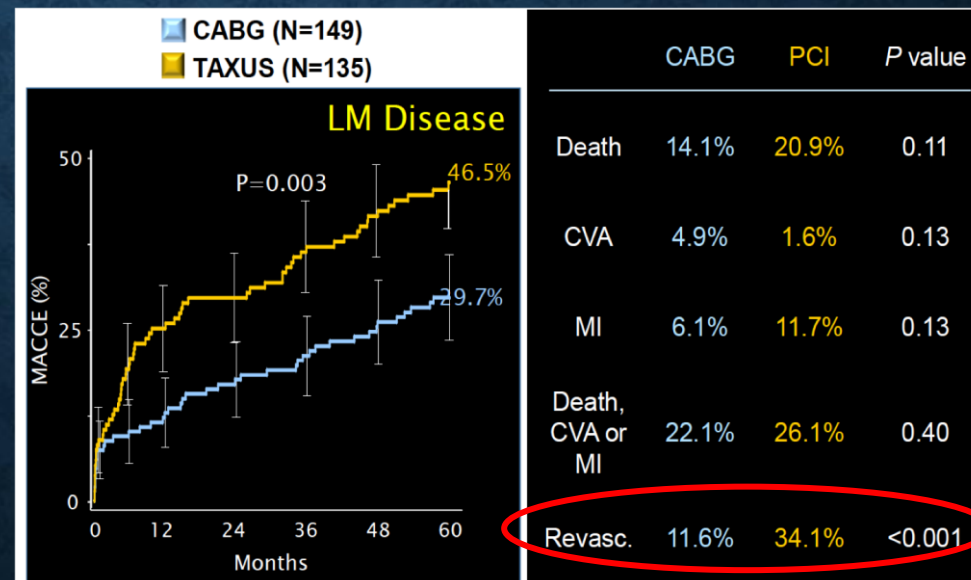


MACCE AT 5 YEARS - LMCA

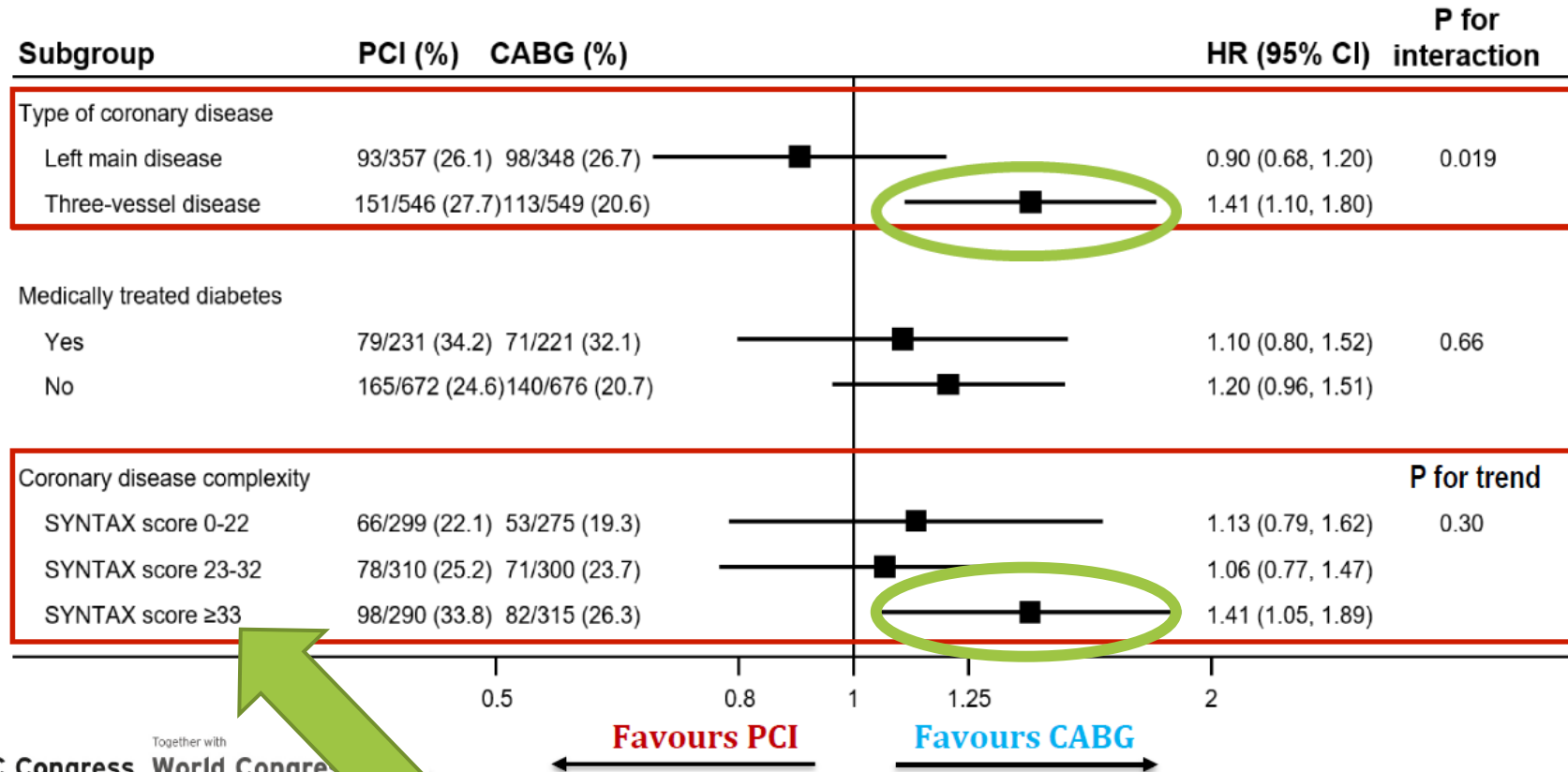
Low to intermediate score (0-32)



High score (>32)



Treatment-by-Subgroup Interaction



LMS – PCI VS CABG

- Meta-analysis of the 4 RCTs (Capodanno et al. (2011)):
 - LEMANS / PRECOMBAT / SYNTAX / Boudriot et al.
- Important points:
 - 96% DES (1st generation)
 - 95% LIMA-LAD
 - Mean syntax score 24-30
 - Mean logistic Euroscore <4%
 - Complete revascularisation 71% in PCI group; 76% CABG

LMS – PCI VS CABG

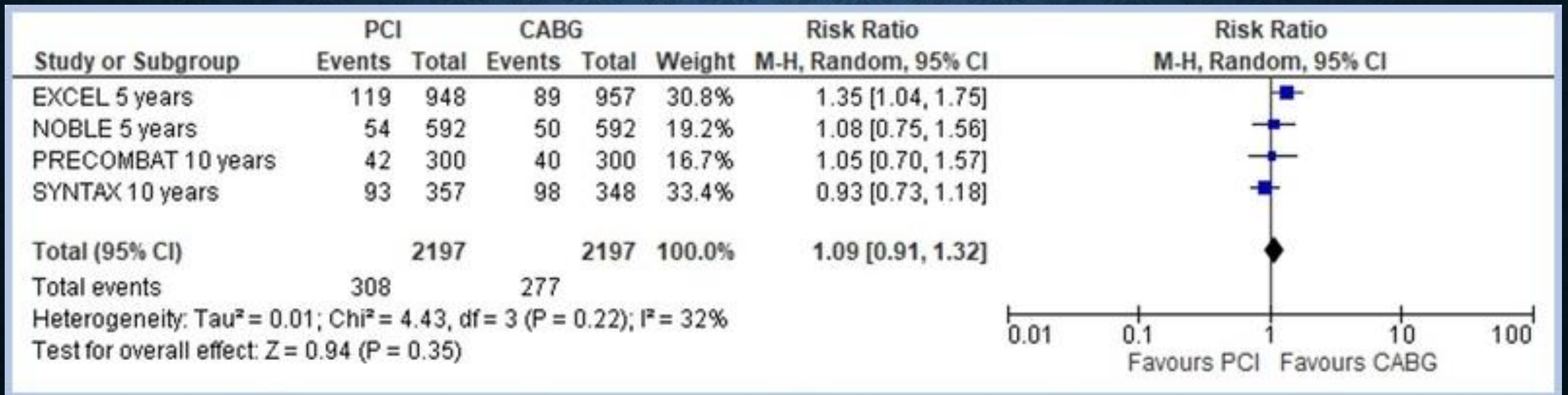
Table 3 1-Year Outcomes in Left Main Patients Revascularized by PCI or CABG

Endpoint	PCI (n = 809)	CABG (n = 802)	Absolute Difference (95% CI)	Number Needed to Treat	Number Needed to Harm	p Value
MACCE	14.5 (117/807)	11.8 (93/790)	2.7 (-0.6 to 6.0)	—	37	0.11
Death/MI/CVA	5.3 (35/655)	6.8 (43/636)	-1.5 (-4.1 to 1.2)	67	—	0.26
Death	3.0 (24/807)	4.1 (32/790)	-1.1 (-3.0 to 0.8)	91	—	0.29
MI	2.8 (23/807)	2.9 (23/790)	-0.1 (-1.8 to 1.6)	1,000	—	0.95
CVA	0.1 (1/707)	1.7 (12/689)	-1.6 (-2.9 to -0.6)	63	—	0.013
TVR	11.4 (92/807)	5.4 (43/790)	6.0 (3.3 to 8.7)	—	17	<0.001

- Pooled analysis of PRECOMBAT & SYNTAX data on patients with LMCA + 3vCAD
→ Less MACE with CABG
- Results consistent out to 5 years

TEN-YEAR OUTCOMES AFTER DES VERSUS CABG FOR LM CORONARY DISEASE: EXTENDED FOLLOW-UP OF THE PRECOMBAT TRIAL

600 patients with LM disease (65% distal bifurcation) and mean SYNTAX score of 25 were randomised to PCI vs. CABG in 1:1 fashion.



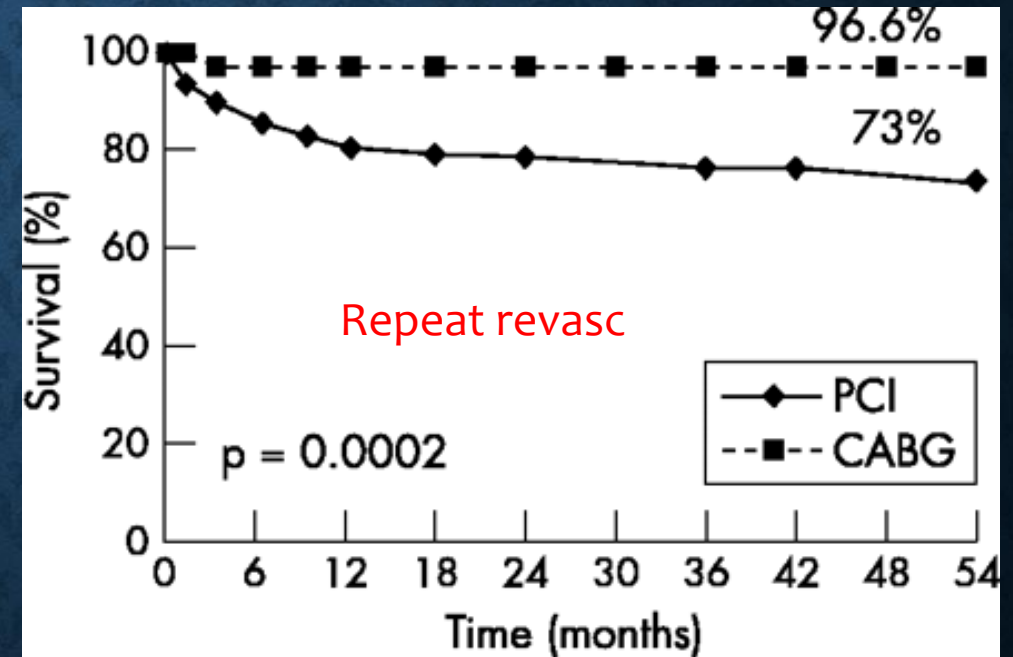
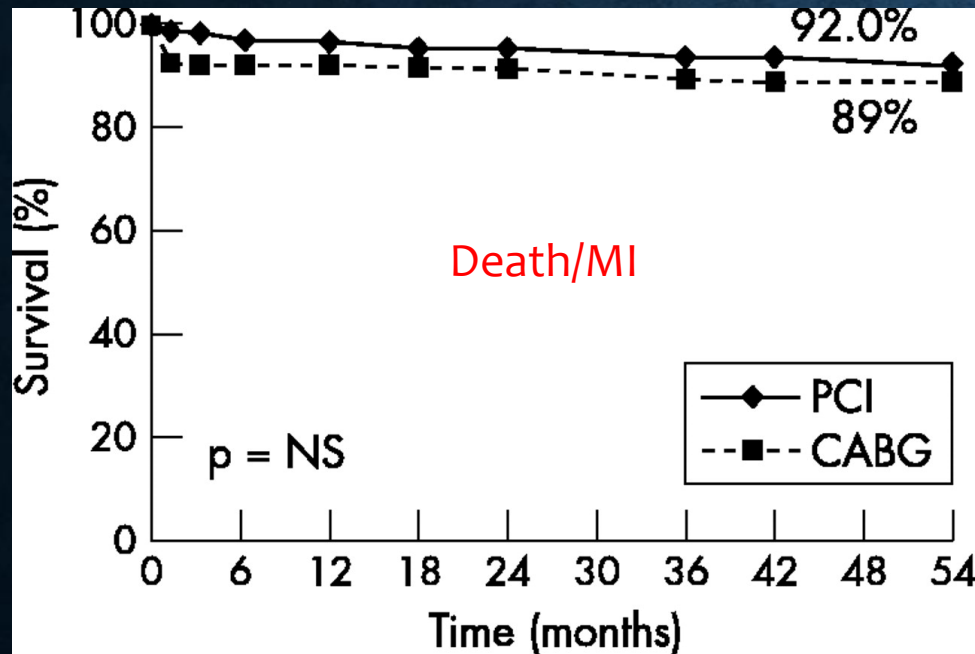
Summary

- CABG favoured over PCI in diabetic multivessel disease

Caveats:

- Low to intermediate syntax scores
- Second generation DES have not been compared to CABG
- All trials are of a select population:
 - Euroscore $\leq 4\%$
 - Only 5-10% of patients screened made it into the trials!

CORONARY STENTING VERSUS CORONARY BYPASS SURGERY IN PATIENTS WITH MULTIPLE VESSEL DISEASE AND SIGNIFICANT PROXIMAL LAD STENOSIS: RESULTS FROM THE ERACI II STUDY



Prox LAD +/- other
 N=230
 93% LIMA
 GR2 stents!

The Guidelines

2018 ESC/EACTS Guidelines on myocardial revascularization

The Task Force on myocardial revascularization of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)

Developed with the special contribution of the European Association for Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions (EAPCI)

Recommendations according to extent of CAD	CABG		PCI	
	Class ^a	Level ^b	Class ^a	Level ^b
Left main CAD				
Left main disease with low SYNTAX score (0 - 22). ^{69,121,122,124,145–148}	I	A	I	A
Left main disease with intermediate SYNTAX score (23 - 32). ^{69,121,122,124,145–148}	I	A	IIa	A
Left main disease with high SYNTAX score (≥33). ^{c 69,121,122,124,146–148}	I	A	III	B

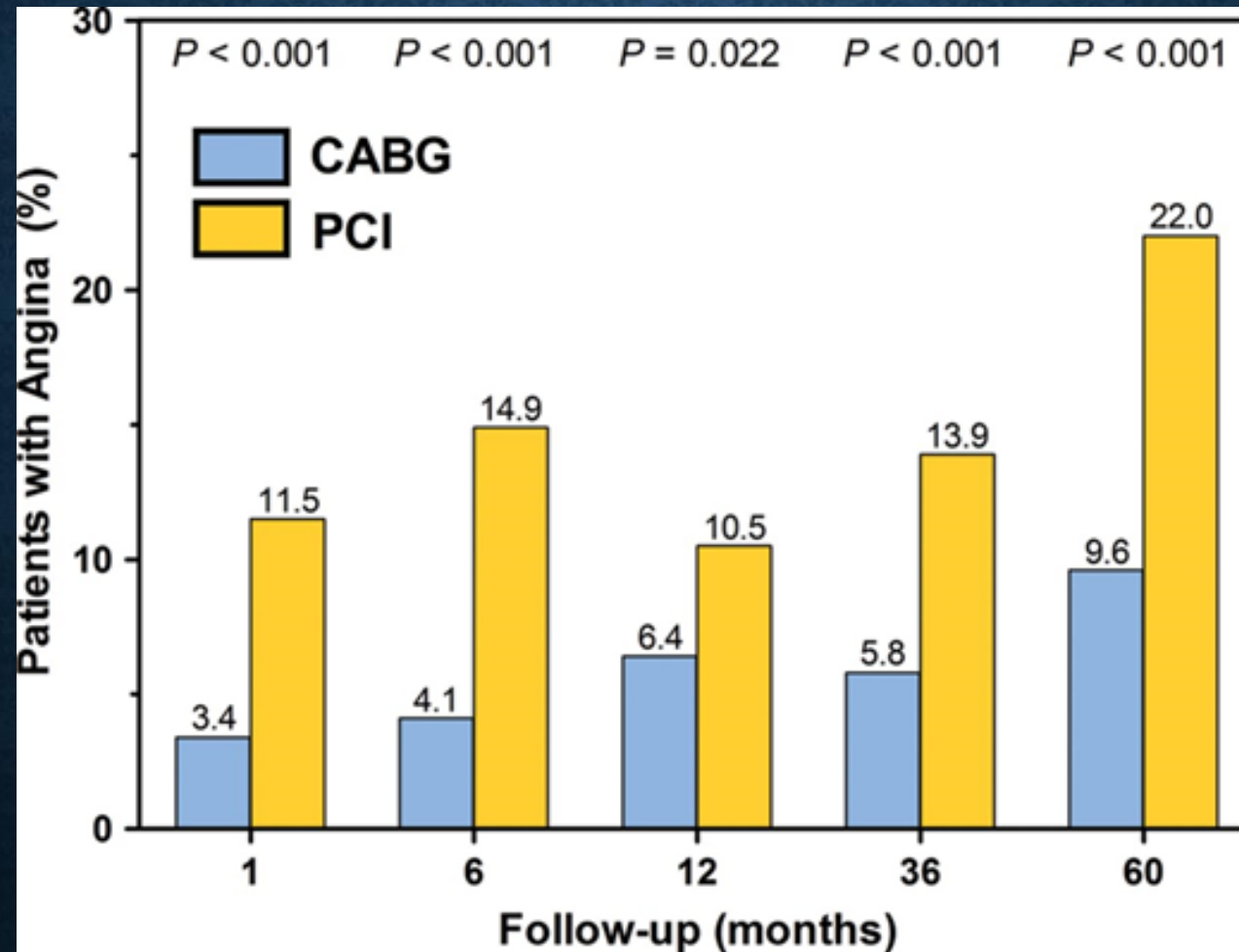
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ANGINA AT FOLLOW-UP – CABG BETTER!



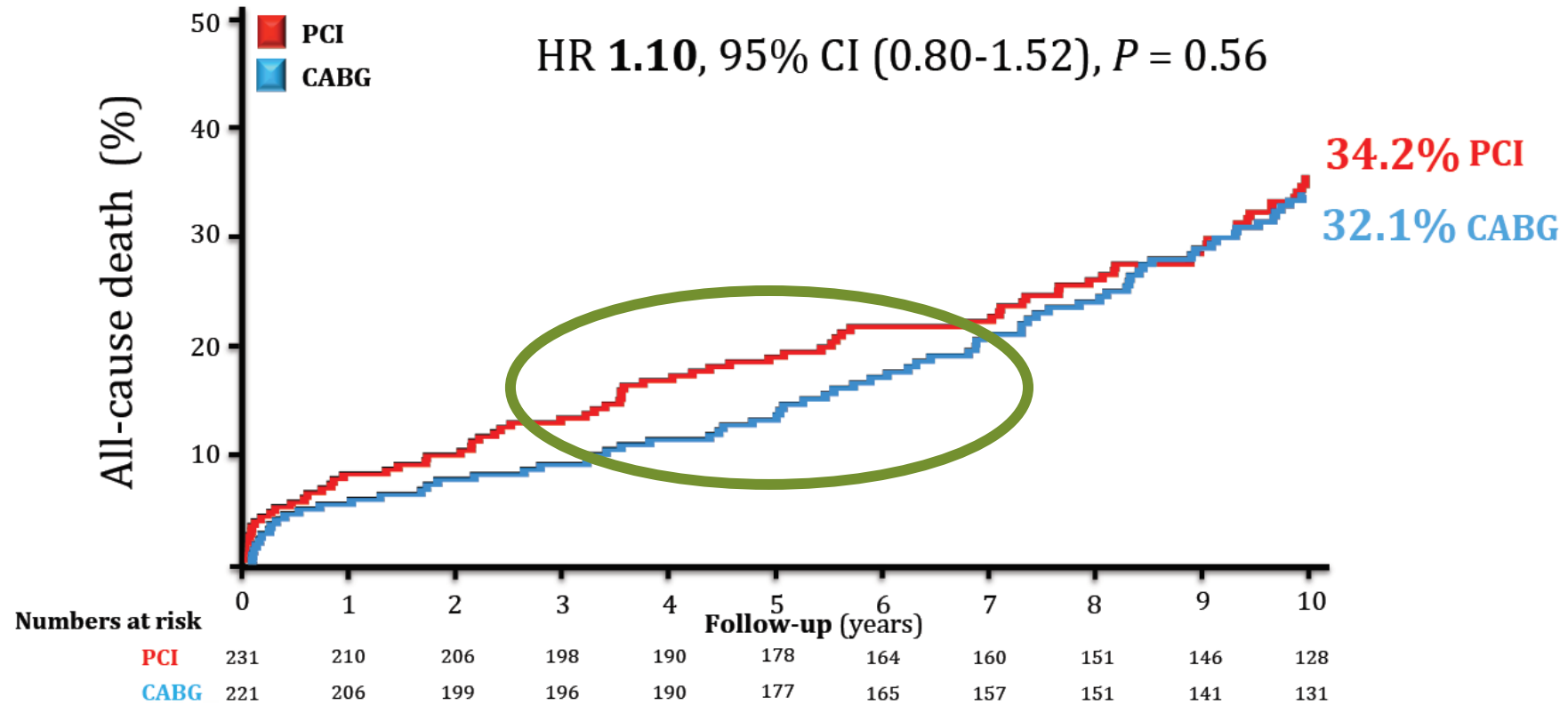
WHAT ABOUT DIABETES?

Clinical outcome	Non-diabetic (n = 1348)			Diabetic (n = 452)			Non-diabetic vs diabetic		Interaction P-value ^a
	CABG (n = 676)	PCI (n = 672)	P-value	CABG (n = 221)	PCI (n = 231)	P-value	P-value (CABG)	P-value (PCI)	
MACCE ^b	26.3% (167)	34.1% (226)	0.002	29.0% (59)	46.5% (105)	<0.001	0.37	<0.001	0.17
All-cause death/stroke/myocardial infarction	15.9% (101)	19.8% (131)	0.069	19.1% (39)	23.9% (54)	0.26	0.25	0.18	0.76
All-cause death	10.9% (68)	12.0% (79)	0.48	12.9% (26)	19.5% (44)	0.065	0.34	0.003	0.43
Cardiac death	4.9% (30)	7.7% (50)	0.035	6.5% (13)	12.7% (28)	0.034	0.31	0.018	
Stroke	3.5% (22)	2.2% (14)	0.15	4.7% (9)	3.0% (6)	0.34	0.49	0.55	0.97
Myocardial infarction	3.4% (22)	9.9% (64)	<0.001	5.4% (11)	9.0% (19)	0.20	0.22	0.66	0.18
Repeat revascularization	13.4% (82)	22.8% (145)	<0.001	14.6% (28)	35.3% (75)	<0.001	0.60	<0.001	0.081
PCI	12.9% (78)	19.3% (123)	0.001	12.9% (24)	28.5% (60)	<0.001	0.95	0.004	
CABG	1.1% (7)	5.8% (36)	<0.001	1.9% (4)	8.7% (18)	0.004	0.35	0.12	
Graft occlusion/stent thrombosis	3.9% (24)	5.6% (36)	0.14	4.3% (8)	5.3% (11)	0.61	0.84	0.84	0.73

SYNTAX. 5yr data. 3VCD only

10 year SYNTAX data – maybe all strategies revert to the norm?

Diabetes



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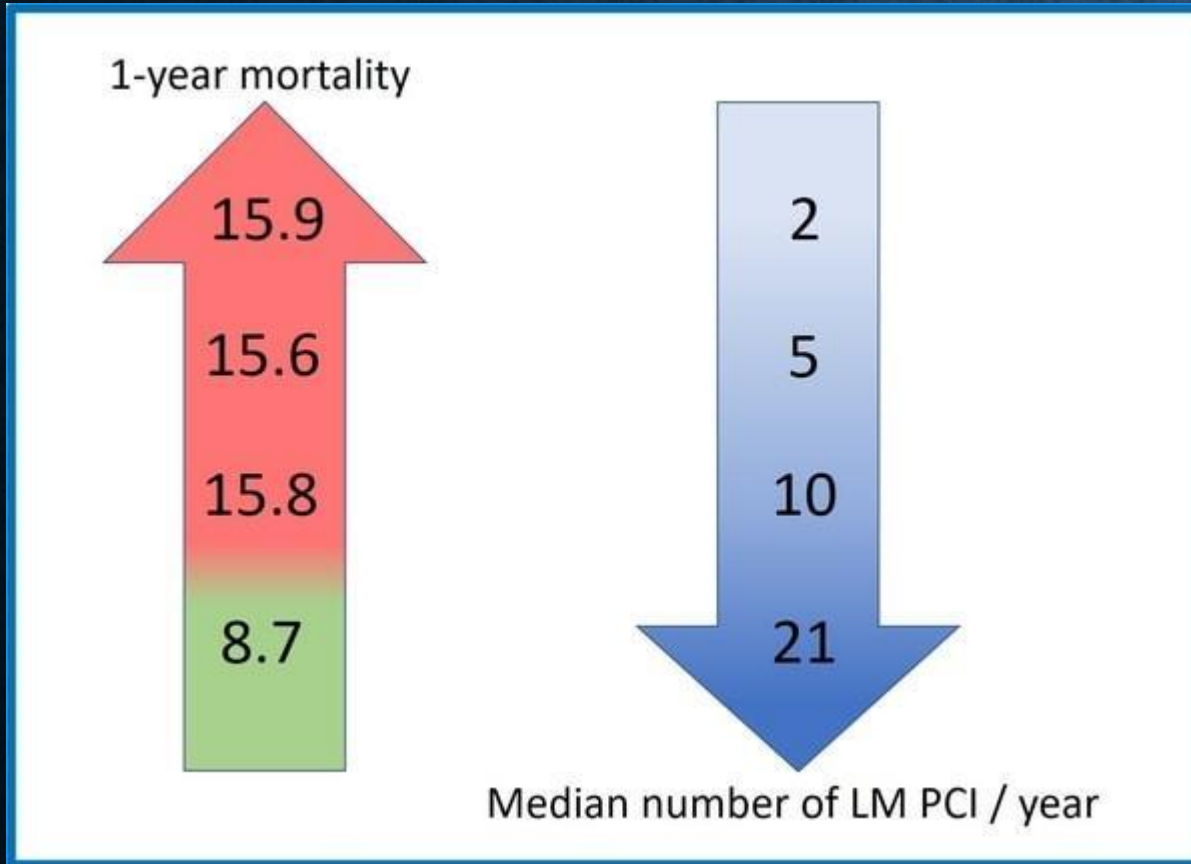
CABG 221 206 199 196 190 177 165 157 151 141 131
PCI 231 210 206 198 190 178 164 160 151 146 128

Follow-up (years)

CABG VS 'MODERN' PCI

- Early CABG up-front 'cost' vs PCI
- Late CABG benefit in - 3VCD and 'complex' LMS
- CABG advantage for diabetics, probably
- CABG and PCI equipoise for 'less complex' LMS disease
- Considerations – life expectancy, life style, targets, conduit, co-morbidities, patient preference.
- At 10yrs – 'all bets are off'!

OPERATOR EXPERIENCE IN LM STENTING

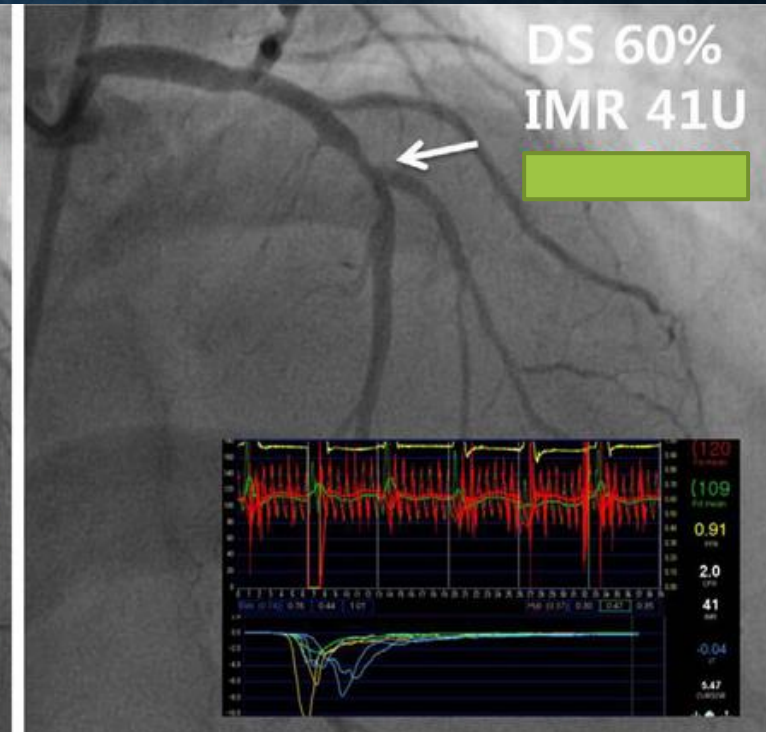
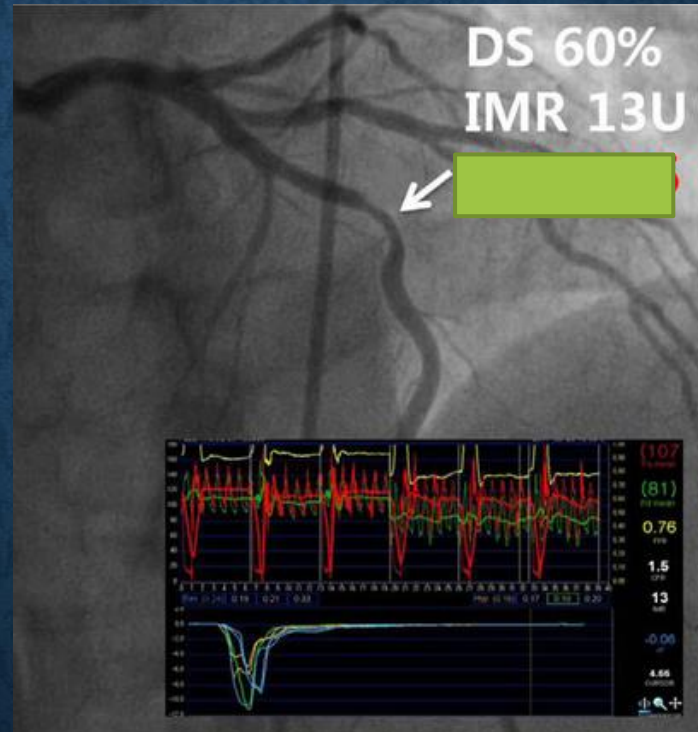


6724 unprotected LM PCI were analyzed from the British Cardiovascular Intervention Society (BCIS) National Database from the period 2012-2014 for which the number of procedures per operator was available.

Not a 'game' for the enthusiastic amateur!

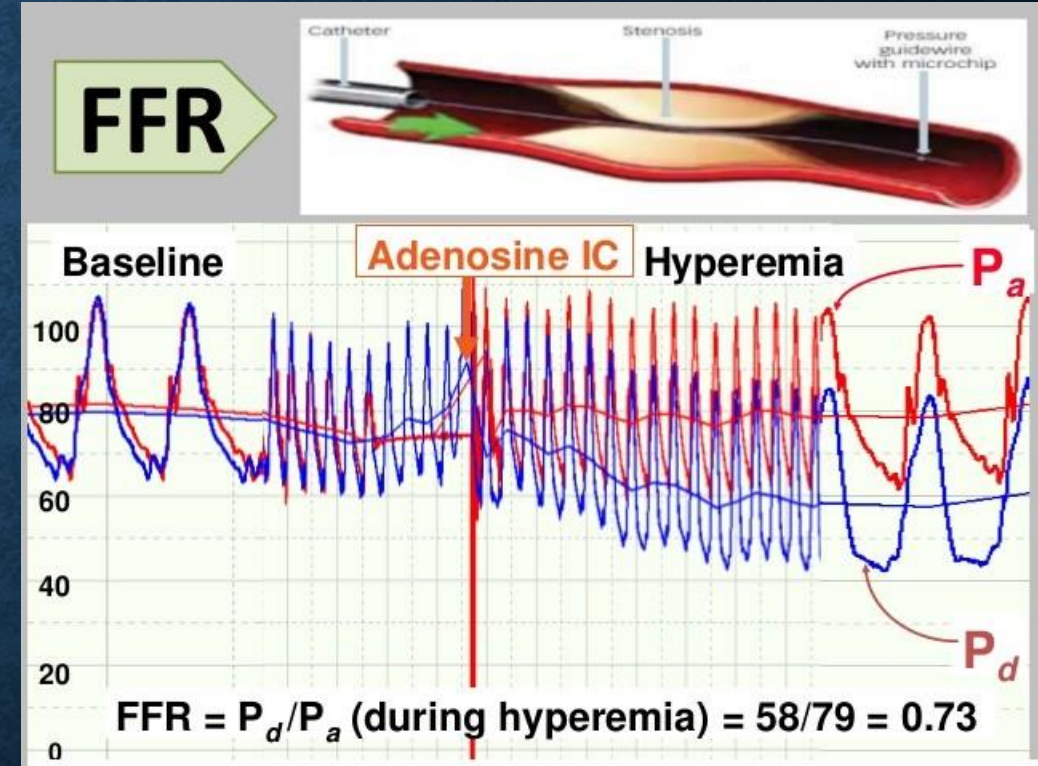
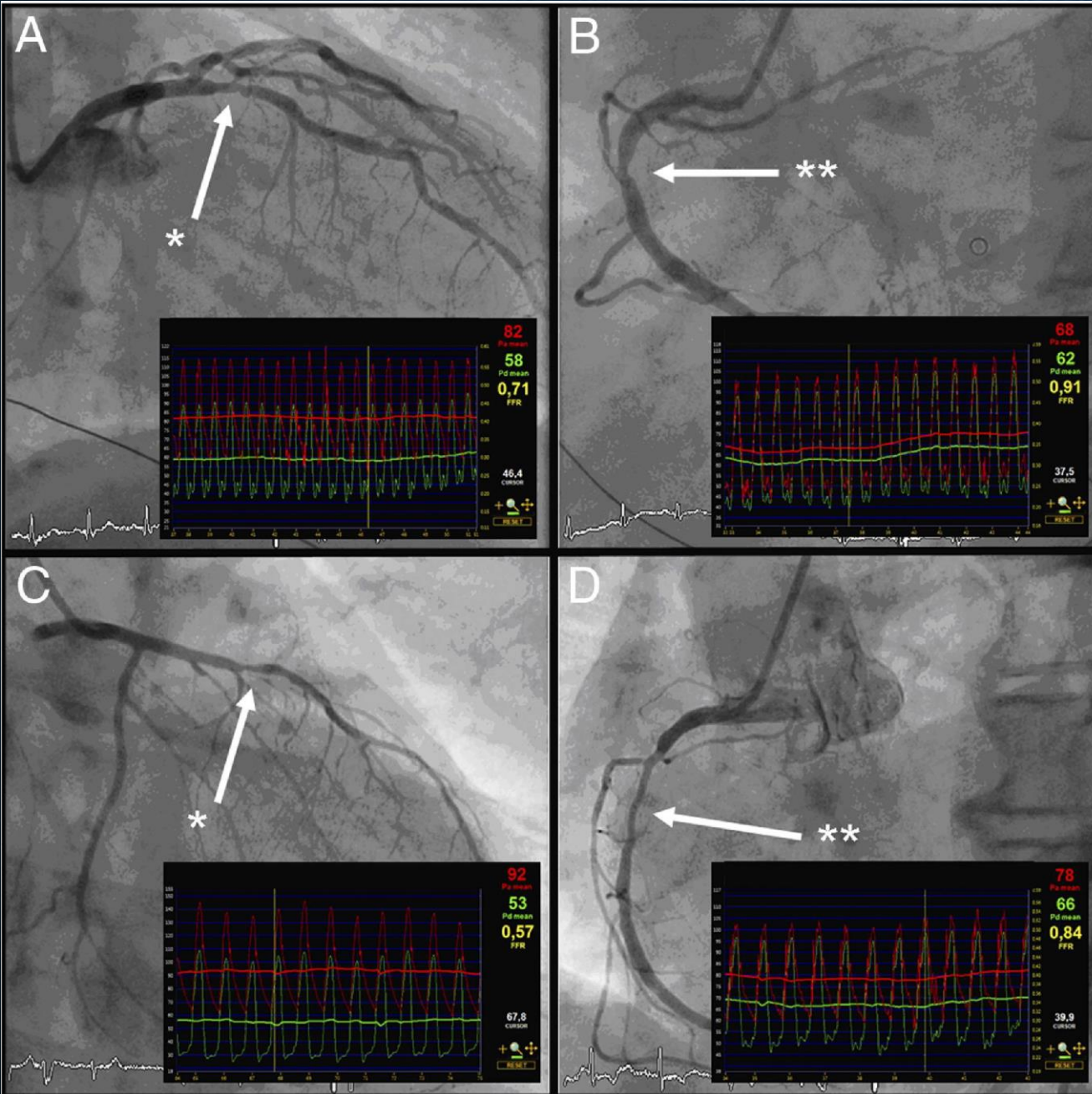
HOW DO WE PICK WHICH VESSELS TO 'FIX'?

- 'Occulo stenotic' reflex
- Stress imaging
- Cath lab techniques



Which lesion is ischaemic???

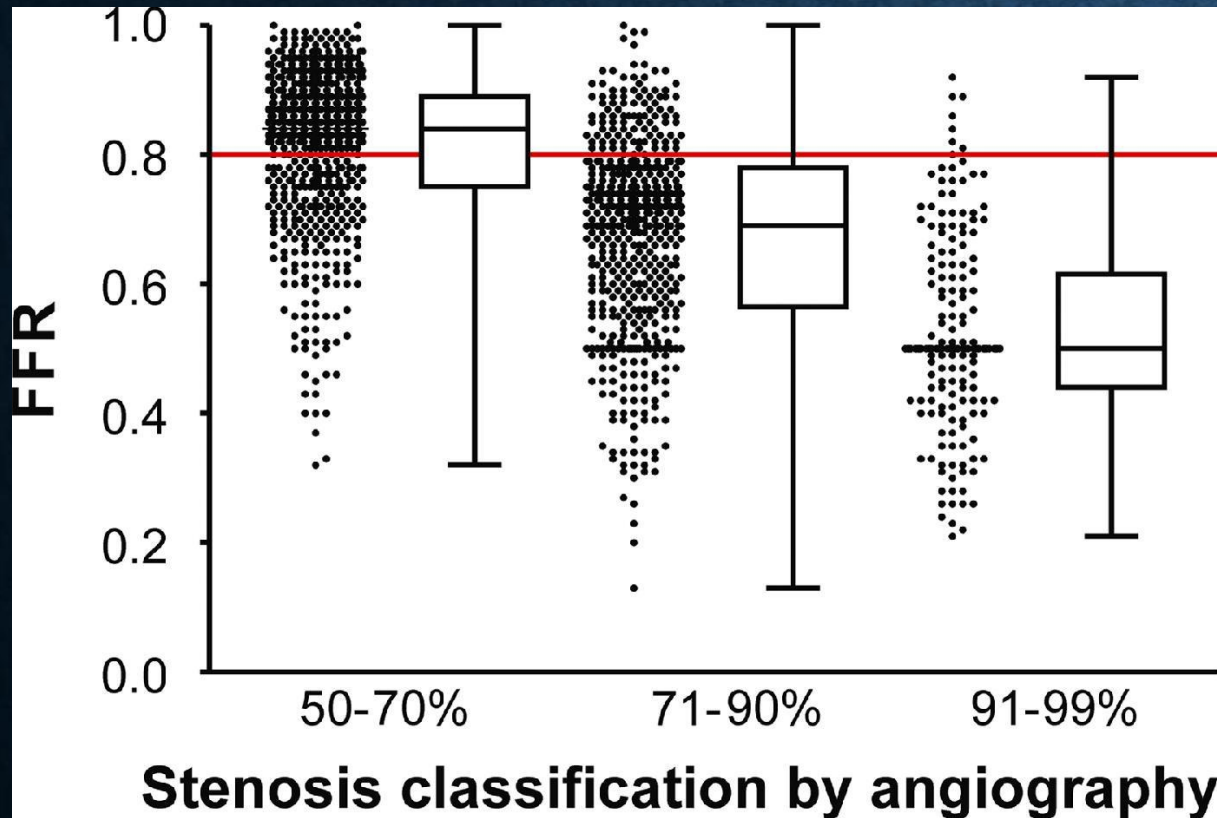
THE ROLE OF FFR



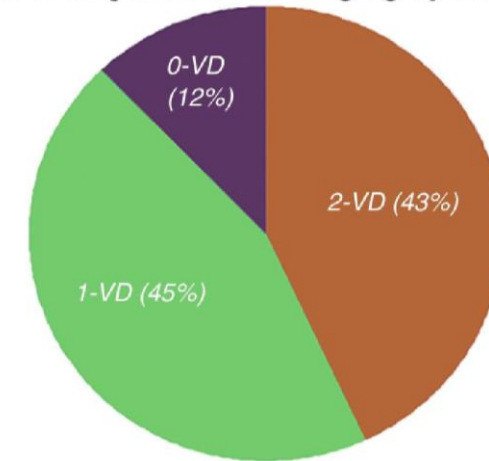
ANGIOGRAPHIC VERSUS FUNCTIONAL SEVERITY OF CORONARY ARTERY STENOSES IN THE FAME STUDY:
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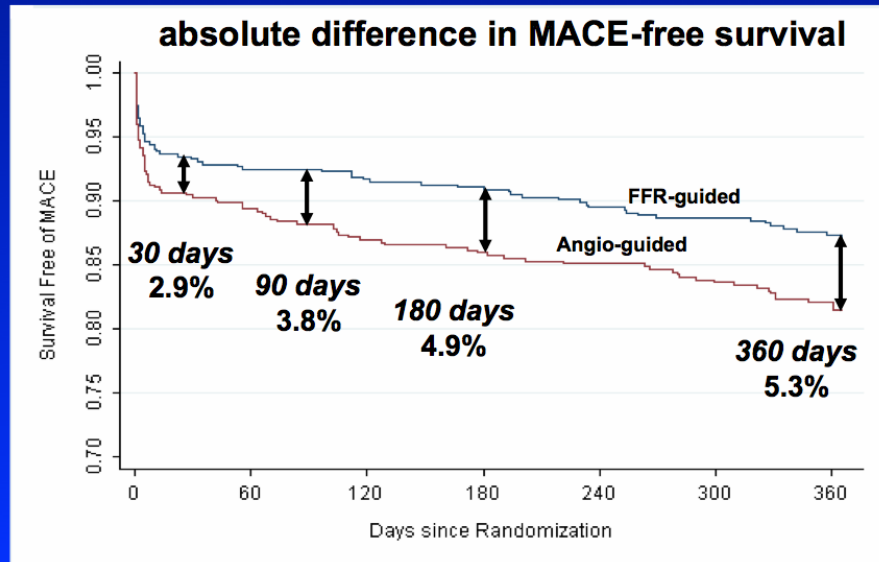
B Number of functionally diseased vessels (0-, 1-, 2-, or 2-VD) as proportions of all patients with angiographic 3-VD (N=394)*



Angiographic 'severity' is NOT
Functional severity

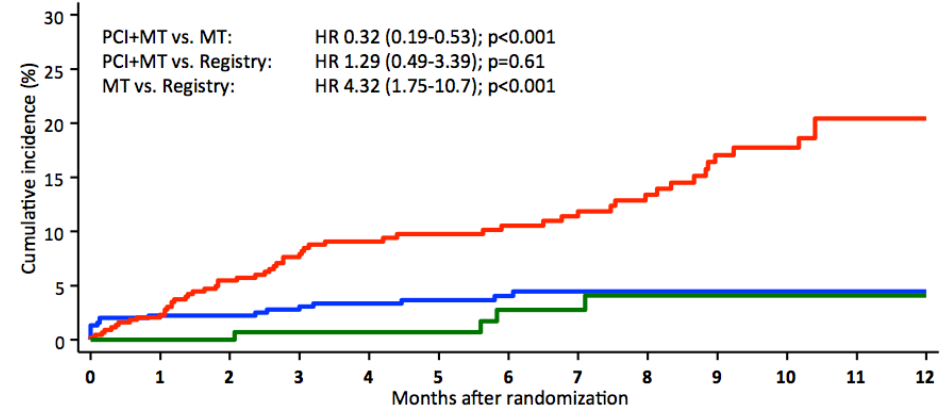
FAME TRIALS

FAME study: *Event-free Survival*



FAME 2: Primary Outcomes

Death, MI, Urgent Revascularization



No. at risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
MT	441	414	370	322	283	253	220	192	162	127	100	70	37
PCI+MT	447	414	388	351	308	277	243	212	175	155	117	92	53
Registry	166	156	145	133	117	106	93	74	64	52	41	25	13

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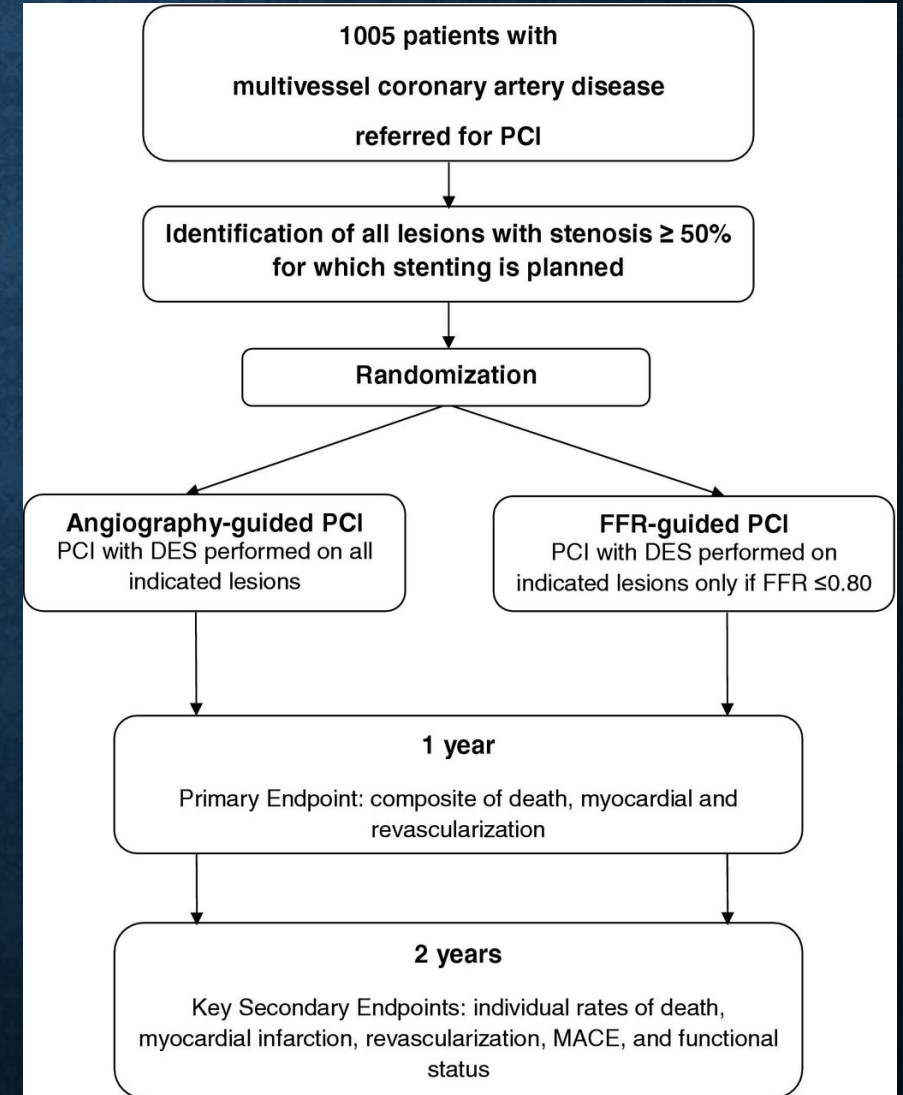
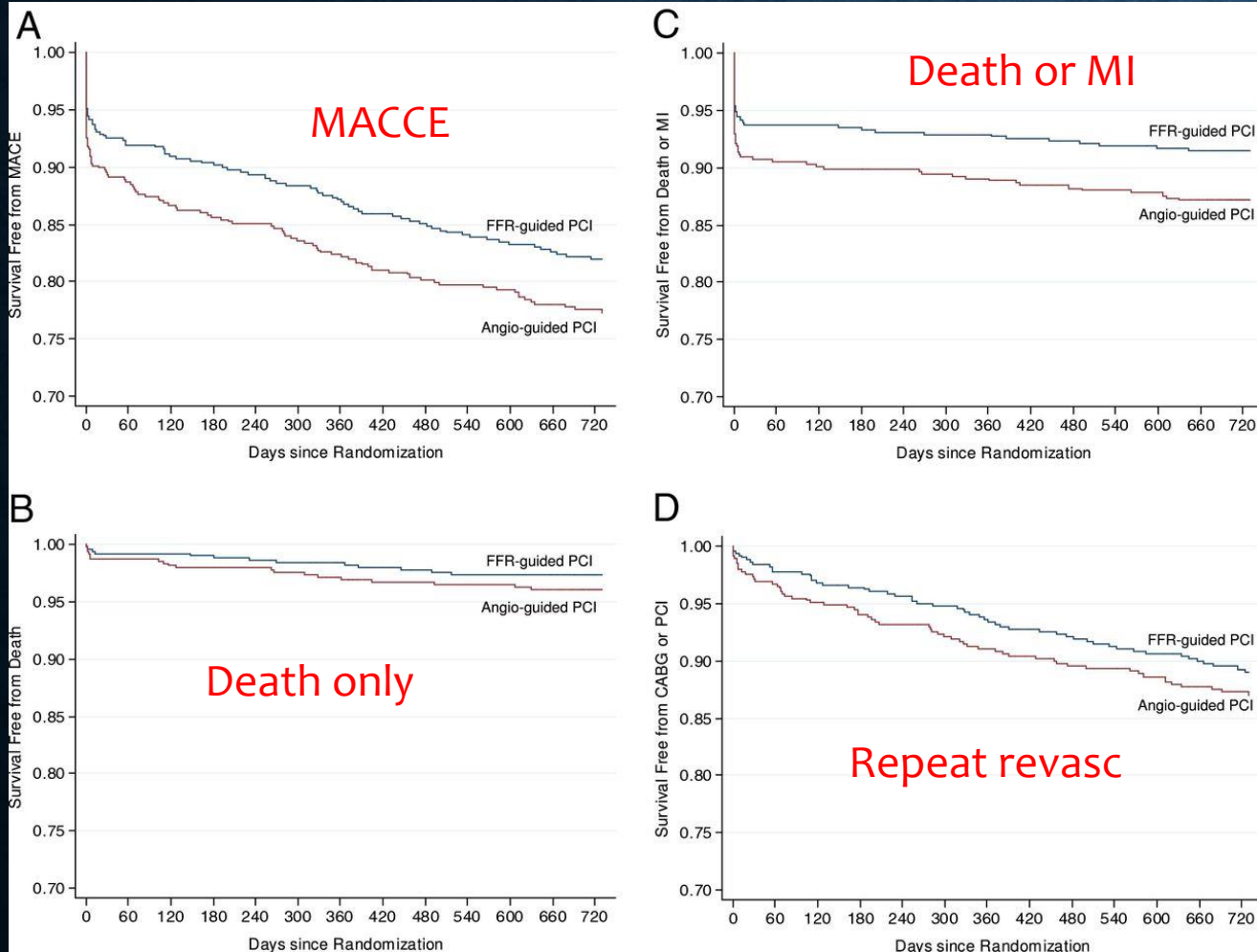


- If FFR < 0.80, OMT plus PCI is superior to OMT alone
- If FFR > 0.80, safe to defer PCI and continue OMT

Tonino et al. NEJM. 2009
De Bruyne et al. NEJM. 2012

FRACTIONAL FLOW RESERVE VERSUS ANGIOGRAPHY FOR GUIDING PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY INTERVENTION IN PATIENTS WITH MULTIVESSEL CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE

2-YEAR FOLLOW-UP OF THE **FAME** (FRACTIONAL FLOW RESERVE VERSUS ANGIOGRAPHY FOR MULTIVESSEL EVALUATION) STUDY
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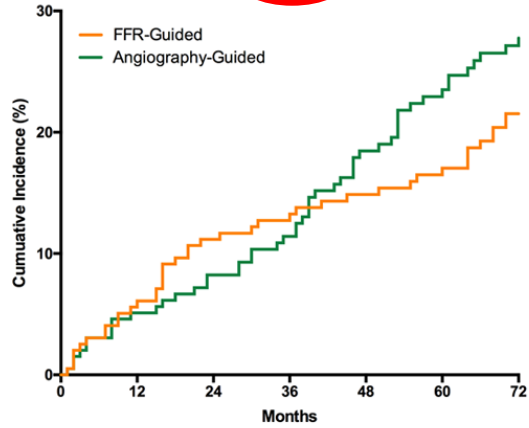
FAME II (2012)

- 888 patients with at least one functionally significant lesion (FFR \leq 0.8)
- OMT v. OMT + FFR-guided PCI (DES)
 - No difference in death or MI
 - Less urgent revascularisation for UA with PCI
- Caveats:
 - 50% of UA episodes in the OMT group were “subjective”

• **Stents help angina but probably not prognosis in SVCD**

FFR GUIDED CABG

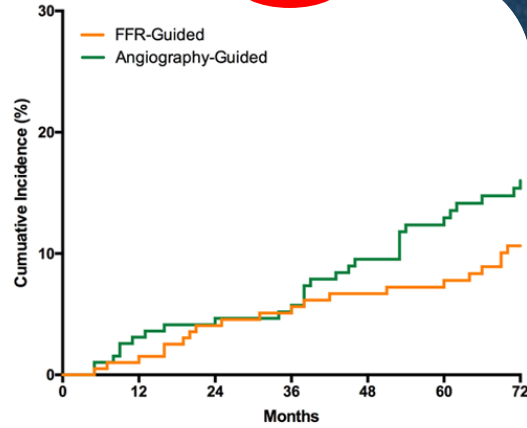
MACE



At risk :

FFR-guided	198	186	175	164	160	153	139
Angiography-guided	198	185	177	166	149	133	116

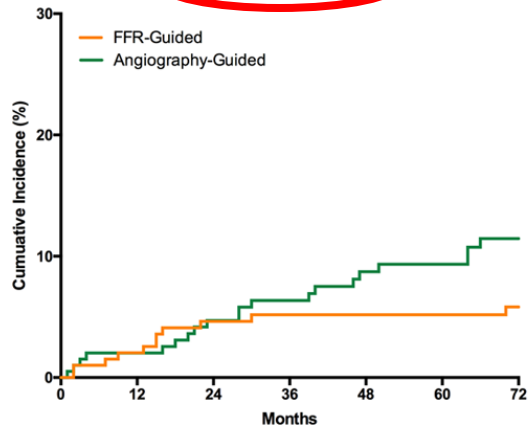
Death



At risk :

FFR-guided	198	195	189	179	175	169	152
Angiography-guided	198	188	182	176	163	150	135

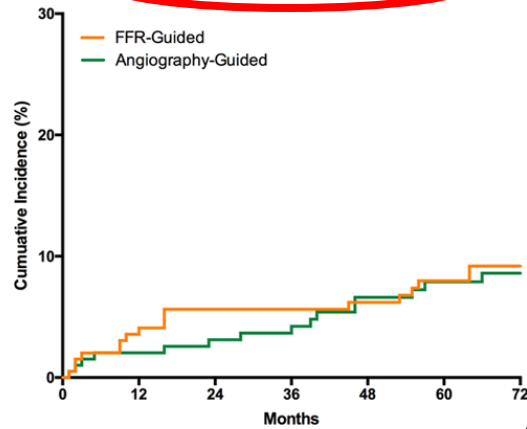
Myocardial infarction



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Target Vessel Revascularization

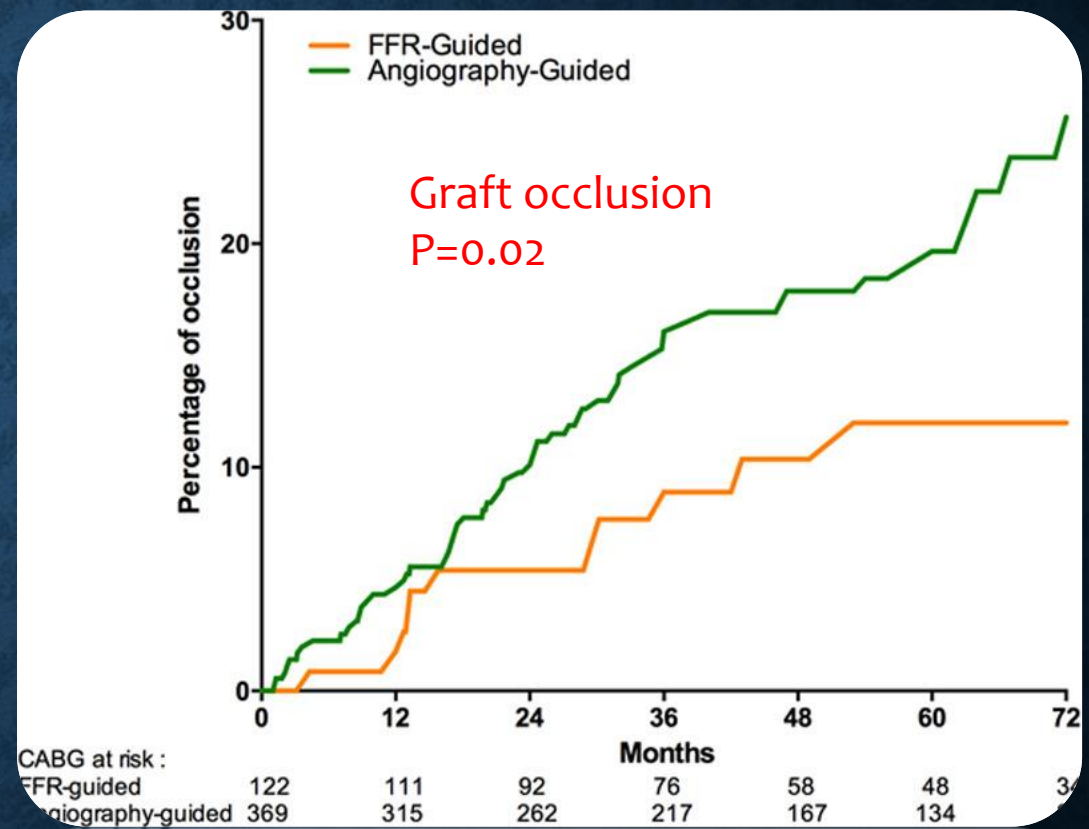
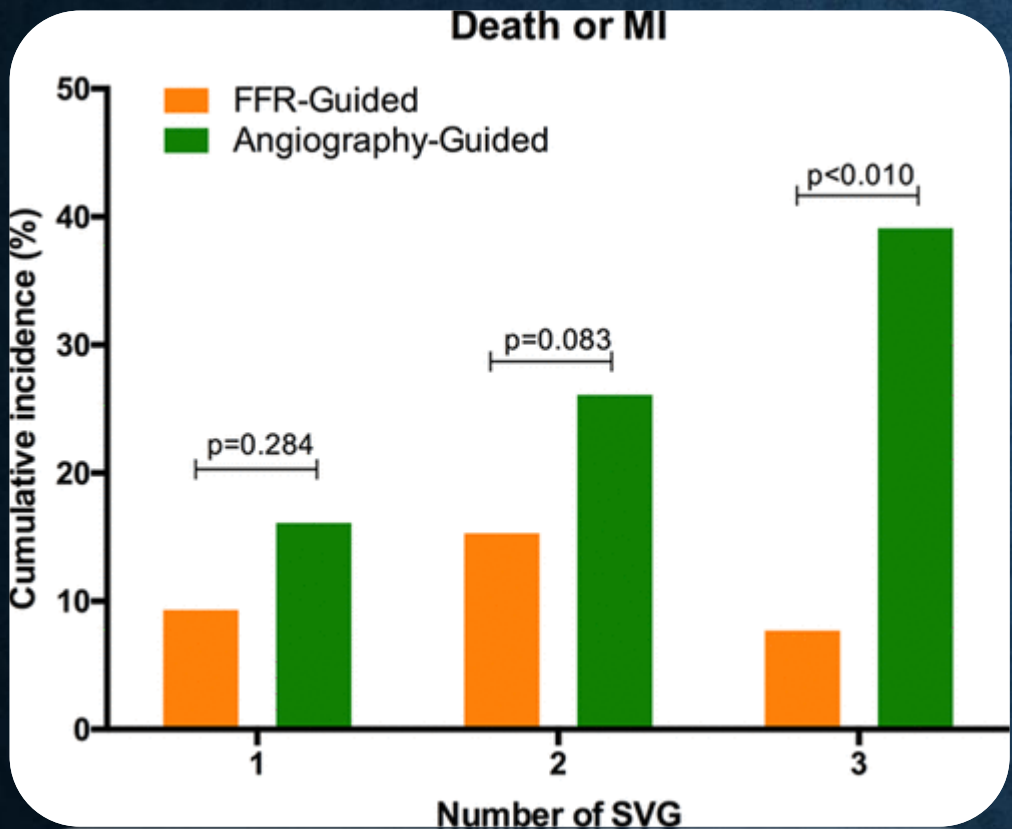


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N=627
FFR graft guidance, n=198

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Stephane Fournier,

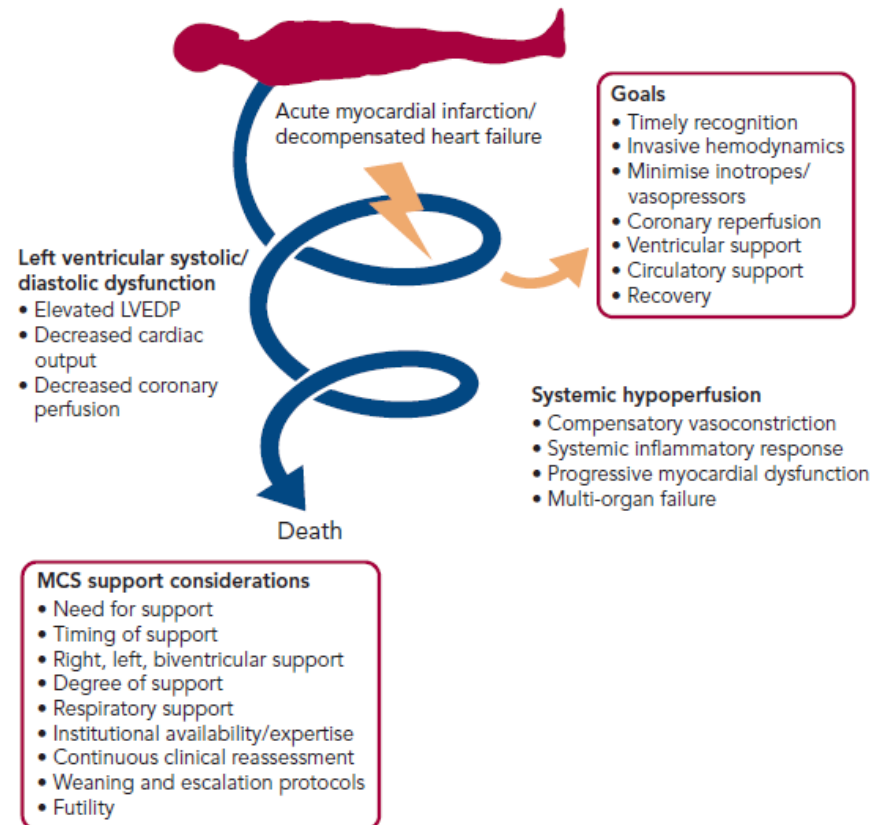


Interesting data but not practice changing

ACS WITH SHOCK

Figure 1: Cardiogenic Shock Pathophysiology and Management Considerations

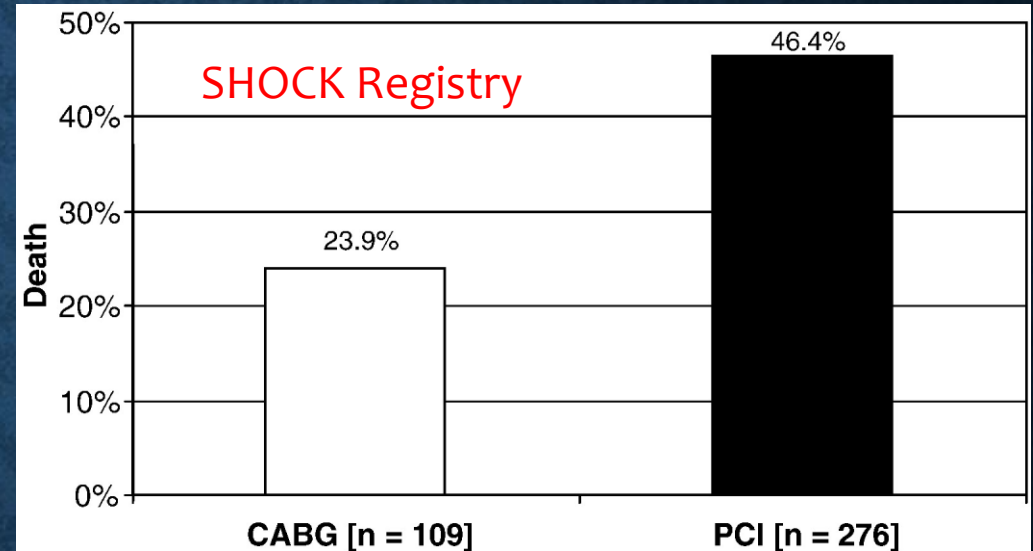
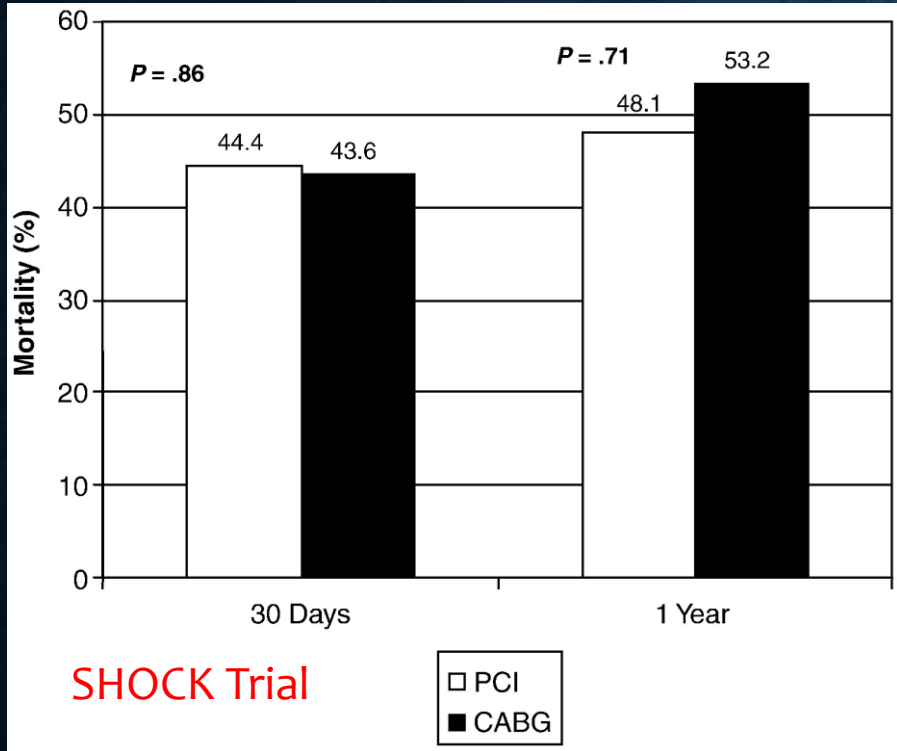
Cardiogenic shock pathophysiology and management



LVEDP = left ventricular end-diastolic pressure; MCS = mechanical circulatory support.
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PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY INTERVENTION OR CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY FOR CARDIOGENIC SHOCK AND MULTIVESSEL CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE?

RAJENDRA H. MEHTA ET AL American Heart Journal Volume 159, Issue 1, January 2010, Pages 141-147



Limited data from observational studies in patients with CS and multivessel disease suggest that CABG (better for 2/3 VCD) should be considered a complementary reperfusion strategy to PCI (only 37% had stents, most IRA only!) and may be preferred, especially when complete revascularization with PCI is not possible.

Answer – Poor data. Fix what you can, the best way you can. Attempt full revasc.



“The hardest thing of all is to find a black cat
in a dark room, especially if there is no cat.”
— **Confucius**

CONCLUSIONS

- Step one = optimal medical therapy and risk factor control
- Defining anatomy important (? CT emerging role)
- Left main, 3 vessel disease incl proximal LAD disease all **PROGNOSTICALLY** important
- If diabetic LAD + another vessel = probably CABG
- If LMCA and high syntax score = CABG
- If 3V CAD and high syntax score = CABG
- If low syntax score (and non-diabetic) = PCI
- FFR guided PCI is superior. Cut-off 0.8. Uncertain role in CABG
 - BUT, watch this space.....

THERES A LOT WE DON'T KNOW!

- Think about patient factors
- Think about disease complexity
- Think about the objectives of care
- Remember that modern medical therapy works if the revasc options are not ideal.

THANK-YOU



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