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Advances in Therapeutics for PAD and CLTI

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We will be discussing off-label applications of FDA approved and investigational devices.

Advances in Interventional Therapies for PAD

Cardiologists and PAD

Endovascular Intervention for PAD

- Anatomic Considerations
- Angioplasty & Stenting compared to Surgery

Why do Endovascular Interventions Fail?

- Restenosis Biology
- Lessons from Coronary Restenosis

Novel therapies in Peripheral Intervention

- Stent Design
- Local Drug Delivery

A Typical Case....

CC/ID: 57 yo male with prior CABG with progressive bilateral claudication

HPI: Worsening symptoms for past year now unable to keep up with his grandkids

PMH/PSH:

- CAD s/p CABGx 4 with LIMA to LAD→D1, SVG to OM, SVG to PDA
- Prior Gastric Bypass
- DM2
- HTN
- Dyslipidemia

SH: Active tobacco

FH: Mother with premature CAD, PAD

Intolerant of ASA due to gastric bypass

Meds:

- Vitamin B12 500 mcg daily
- Plavix 75 mg daily
- omeprazole 20 mg daily
- fluoxetine 40 mg daily
- iron 150 daily
- ramipril 10 mg daily
- metoprolol XL 100 mg daily
- Vytorin 80/10 mg daily

A Typical Case.... (courtesy of Dr. Barry Effron)

Physical Exam:

BP 120/70 bilaterally, HR 60, RR 12

Neck: Carotids 2+, no bruits, JVP 6

Chest: CTA&P

CVS: Quiet precordium, RRR S1 S2 no M/R/G

Abd: Soft, no bruits

Ext: dependent rubor with elevation pallor.

Pulses: (R/L)

Femoral 1+/1+ no bruits

Popliteals Trace/1+

DP mono/biphasic dopplerable

PT mono/biphasic dopplerable

Critical Reference

Gerhard-H
2016 AHA/ACC



PAD Guideline Leadership and Structure



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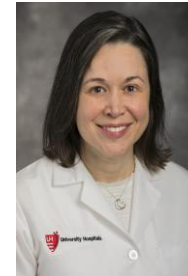
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- 2 early career representatives and 2 patient representatives

Scope of document – Atherosclerotic PAD of lower extremities

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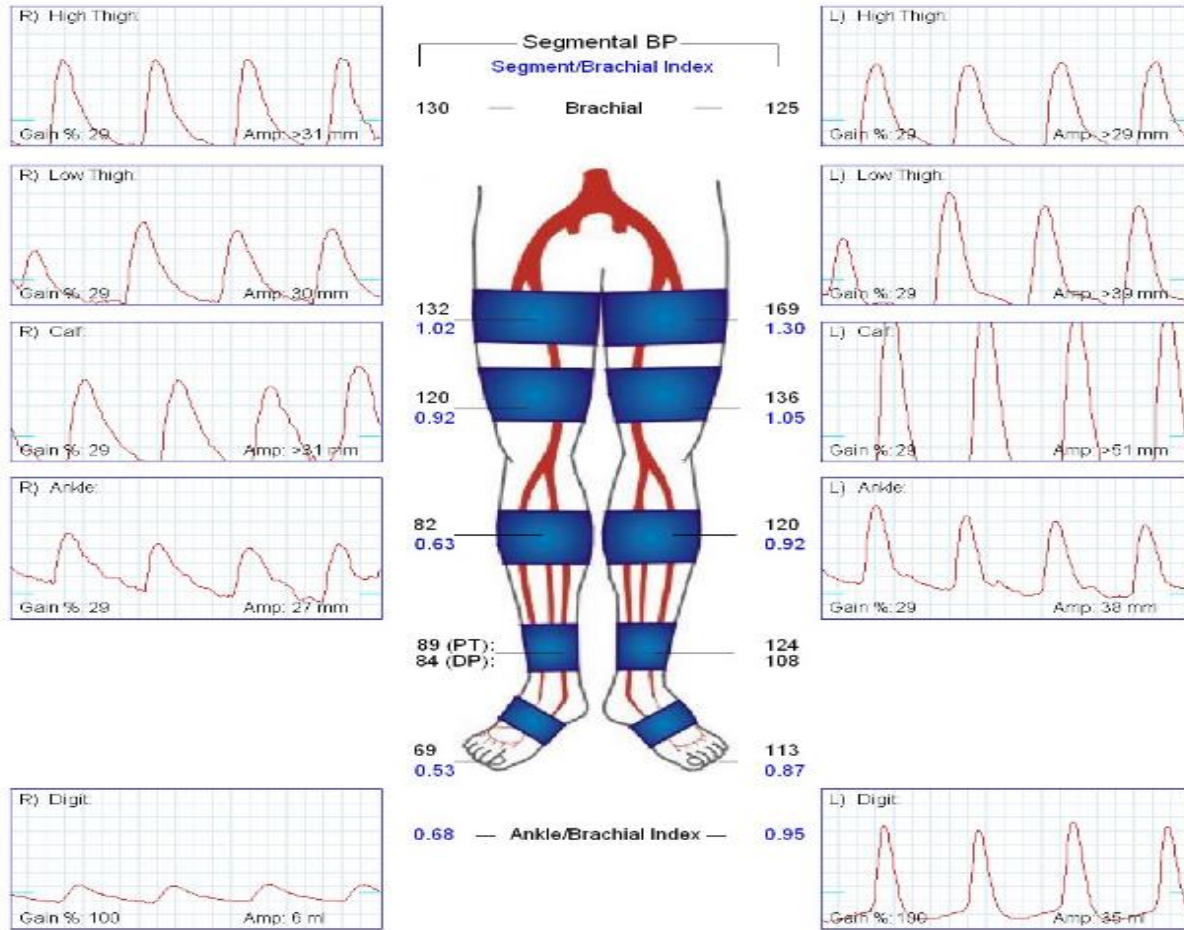
Evaluation and Treatment of Patients With Lower Extremity Peripheral Artery Disease



Consensus Definitions From Peripheral Academic Research Consortium (PARC)

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Noninvasive Evaluation: ABI, PVRs, Exercise

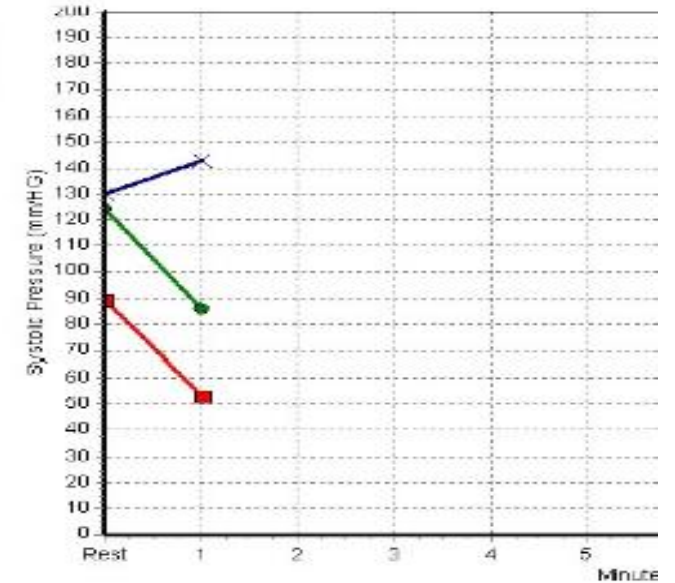
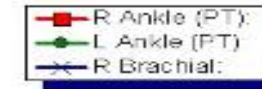


0.68 → 0.37

0.95 → 0.60

Exercise Pressure Measurement

	Rest	1	2	3	4	5
R Ankle (PT):	89	53				
L Ankle (PT):	124	86				
R Brachial:	130	143				
R ABI	0.68	0.37				
L ABI	0.95	0.60				



Therapies for PAD



Preventing Death, MI, Stroke

Antiplatelets

Cholesterol lowering – statins

ACE Inhibitors

Reducing Symptoms

Exercise

Cilostazol

Endovascular interventions

Surgery

Saving Limbs

Endovascular interventions

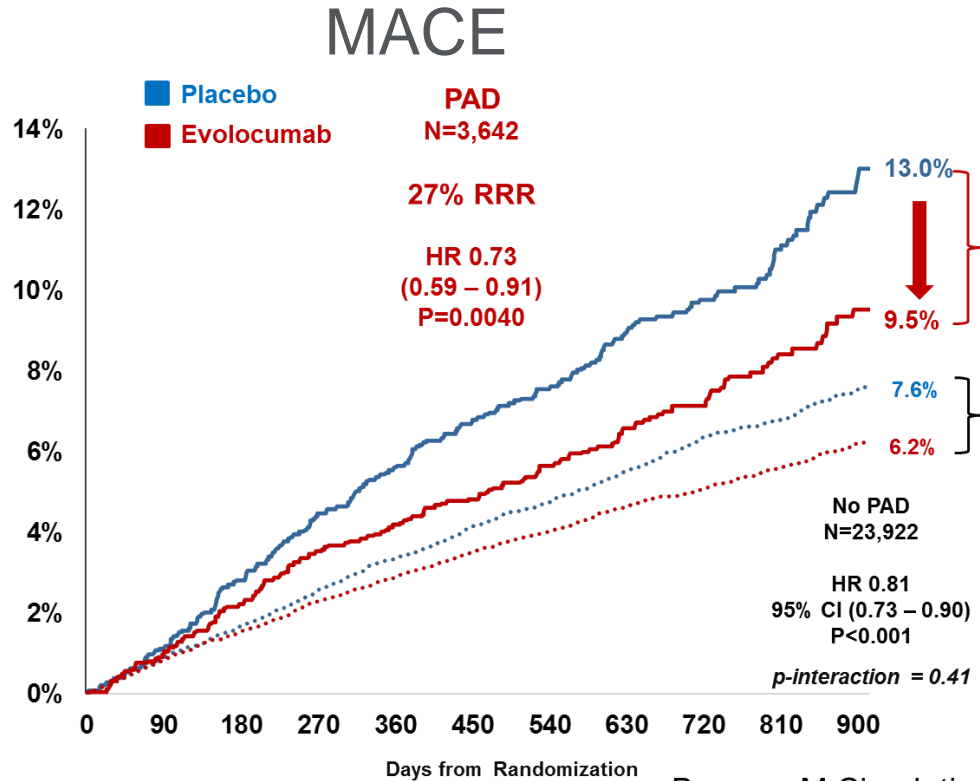
Surgery

Risk Factor Guideline	Level of Evidence
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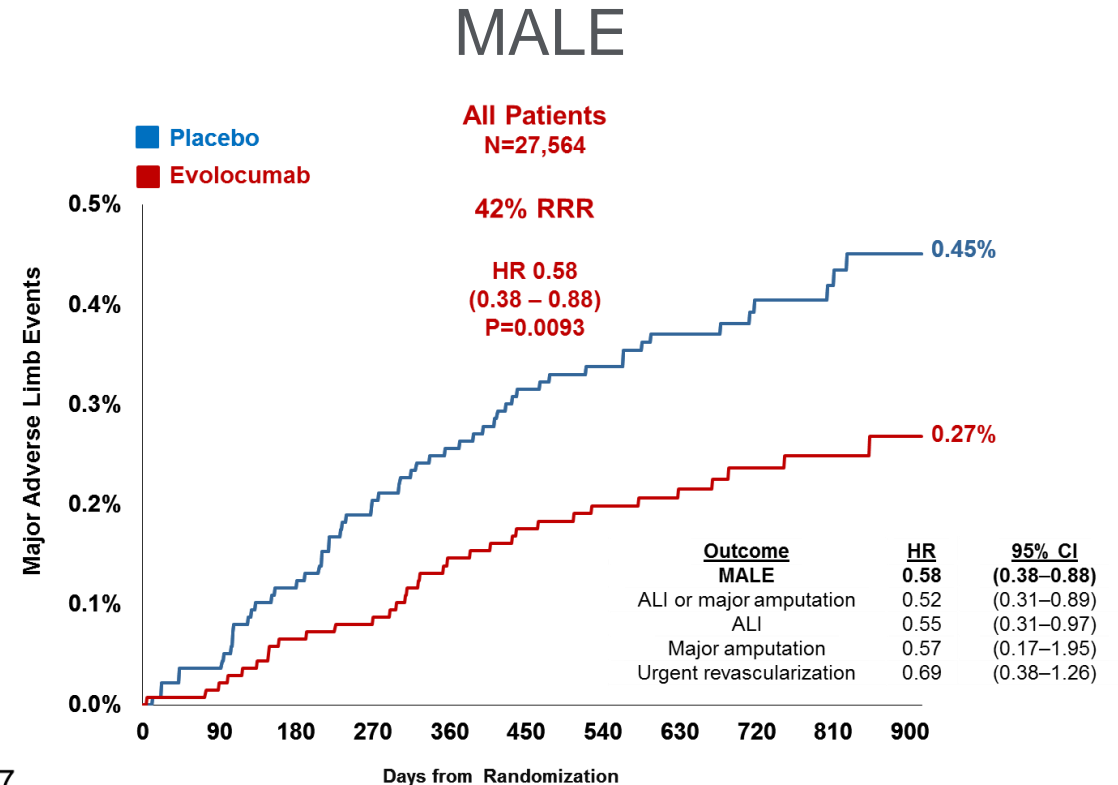
Individuals should be advised by each of their clinicians to stop smoking and offered comprehensive smoking cessation interventions, including behavior modification therapy, nicotine replacement therapy, or bupropion.	I (A)
Treatment with a statin medication is indicated for all patients with PAD.	I (A)
Antihypertensive therapy should be administered to patients with hypertension and PAD to reduce the risk of MI, stroke, heart failure, and cardiovascular death.	I (A)
Diabetes - reduce the hemoglobin A _{1c} to less than 7% may reduce microvascular complications and potentially improve cardiovascular outcomes.	II (A)
Antiplatelet therapy with aspirin alone (range 75–325 mg per day) or clopidogrel alone (75 mg per day) is recommended to reduce MI, stroke, and vascular death in patients with symptomatic/asymptomatic PAD.	I (A)/II (A)
Antiplatelet therapy with aspirin alone (range 75–325 mg per day) or clopidogrel alone (75 mg per day) is recommended to reduce MI, stroke, and vascular death in patients with symptomatic PAD.	II (B)
Cilostazol is an effective therapy to improve symptoms and increase walking distance in patients with claudication.	I (A)
Supervised exercise training - minimum of 30 to 45 minutes, 3 times per week, minimum of 12 weeks.	I (A)

Intensification of Lipid Therapy in PAD

Evolocumab for LDL lowering and CV Events in PAD: Fourier Trial Analysis

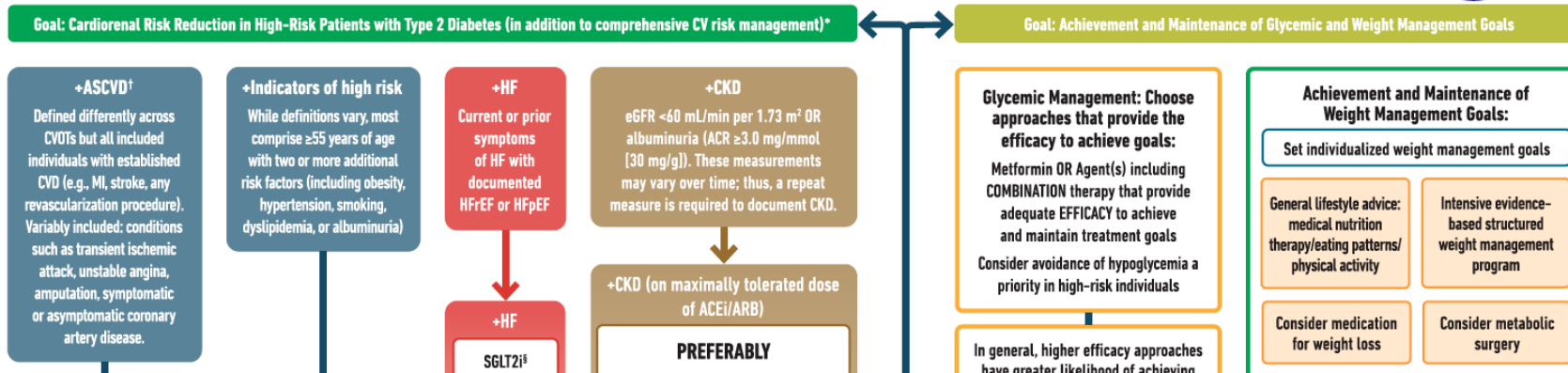


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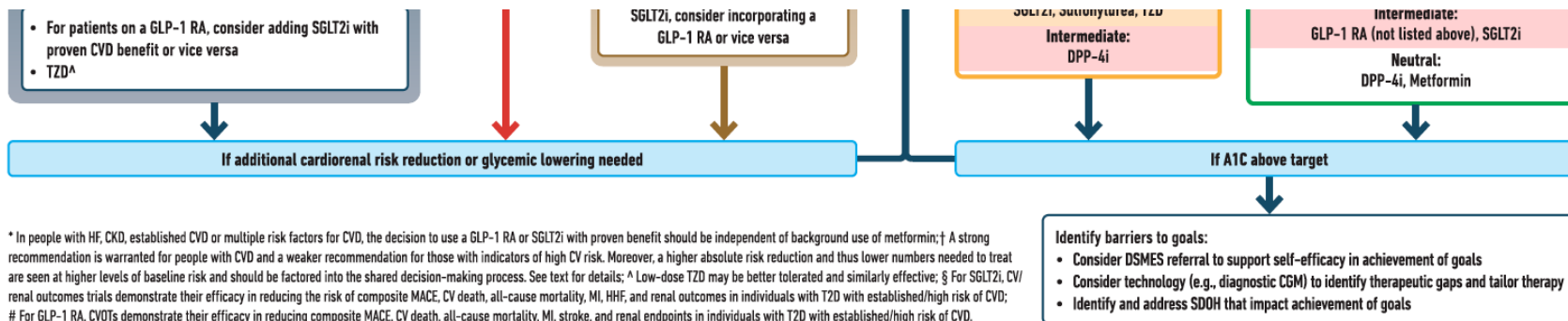
USE OF GLUCOSE-LOWERING MEDICATIONS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF TYPE 2 DIABETES

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE BEHAVIORS; DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT (DSMES); SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH (SDOH)



DM2 → Metformin + Lifestyle

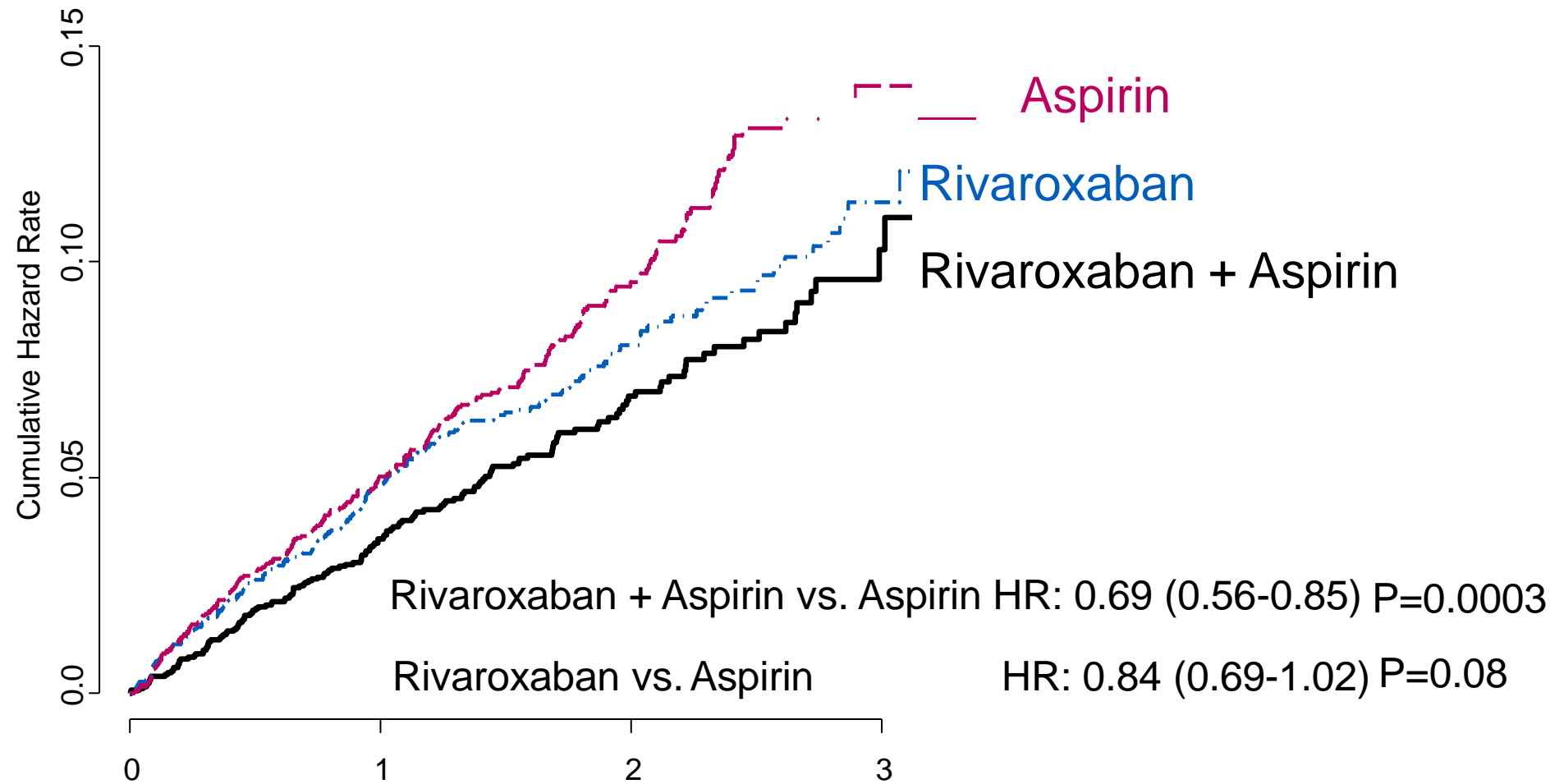
If HbA1c > Target AND ASCVD → GLP1-RA or SGLT2



* In people with HF, CKD, established CVD or multiple risk factors for CVD, the decision to use a GLP-1 RA or SGLT2i with proven benefit should be independent of background use of metformin; † A strong recommendation is warranted for people with CVD and a weaker recommendation for those with indicators of high CV risk. Moreover, a higher absolute risk reduction and thus lower numbers needed to treat are seen at higher levels of baseline risk and should be factored into the shared decision-making process. See text for details; ‡ Low-dose TZD may be better tolerated and similarly effective; § For SGLT2i, CV/renal outcomes trials demonstrate their efficacy in reducing the risk of composite MACE, CV death, all-cause mortality, MI, HFrEF, and renal outcomes in individuals with T2D with established/high risk of CVD; # For GLP-1 RA, CVOTs demonstrate their efficacy in reducing composite MACE, CV death, all-cause mortality, MI, stroke, and renal endpoints in individuals with T2D with established/high risk of CVD.

Figure 9.3—Use of glucose-lowering medications in the management of type 2 diabetes. ACEi, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ACR, albumin-to-creatinine ratio; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; CGM, continuous glucose monitoring; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; CVD, cardiovascular disease; CVOT, cardiovascular outcomes trial; DPP-4i, dipeptidyl peptidase 4 inhibitor; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonist; HF, heart failure; HFpEF, heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; HFrEF, heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; HFrEF, hospitalization for heart failure; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events; MI, myocardial infarction; SDOH, social determinants of health; SGLT2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor; T2D, type 2 diabetes; TZD, thiazolidinedione. Adapted from Davies et al. (45).

MACE or MALE or Major Amputation



No. at Risk	Year			
	0	1	2	3
Riva + ASA	2492	2069	893	124
Riva	2474	2023	864	147
ASA	2504	2034	911	113

VOYAGER PAD

Trial Design

6,564 Patients with Symptomatic Lower Extremity PAD* Undergoing Peripheral Revascularization

ASA 100 daily for all Patients
Clopidogrel at Investigator's Discretion

Randomized 1:1 Double Blind

Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg
twice daily

Stratified by
Revascularization Approach
(Surgical or Endovascular)
and Use of Clopidogrel

Placebo

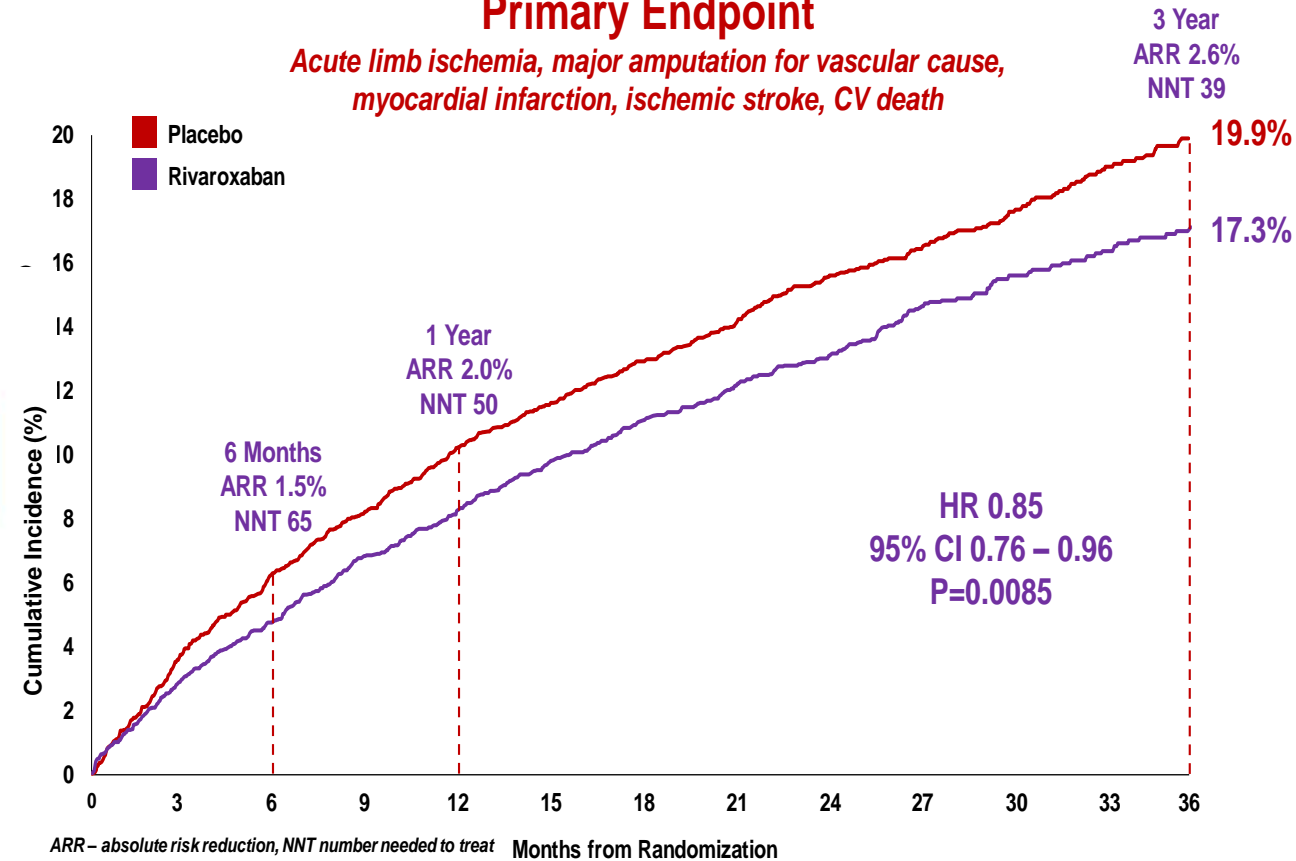
Follow up Q6 Months, Event Driven, Median f/u 28 Months

Primary Efficacy Endpoint: Acute limb ischemia, major amputation of vascular etiology, myocardial infarction, ischemic stroke or cardiovascular death

Principal Safety Endpoint: TIMI Major Bleeding

Primary Endpoint

Acute limb ischemia, major amputation for vascular cause, myocardial infarction, ischemic stroke, CV death



Bonaca MP, et al. NEJM 2020

VOYAGER PAD

Exercise Intervention is the Initial Therapy for PAD

May 2017: CMS Covers SET for PAD

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Insurers weigh a simpler treatment for artery disease: supervised workouts

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Insurers weigh a simpler, cheaper treatment for artery disease: supervised workouts

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When Char Zinda's doctors discovered that she had had a couple of small, undiagnosed heart attacks, their instructions were to start walking.

She was game. She tried going to the local university's indoor walking track near her house. But she couldn't even walk two tenths of a mile before her legs began to hurt — a lot. Sometimes the pain was in her ankles, sometimes in her calves, sometimes in her thighs. "It made me cry," said the 64-year-old, who lives in Morris, Minn.

That was a telltale sign of peripheral artery disease, which affects an estimated 8 million Americans. Zinda had a number of treatment possibilities, but the cheapest and least invasive has generally not been covered by insurance, despite years' worth of evidence that it can be as effective as other options.

That is on the cusp of changing, experts say, because of a long-awaited proposal from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to cover what's known as supervised exercise therapy — a program of graduated exercise with the help of an exercise physiologist, which is currently covered after certain kinds of cardiac events, but not for PAD.

Improves exercise performance, walking ability, physical functioning, and QOL

- Up to 180% ↑ PFW (180 meters) ^{2,3,4}
- 120-150% ↑ MWD (128 meters) in meta-analyses ^{2,3,4}
- Improved quality of life SF-36 physical component summary scores ^{1,5}

Highly cost-effective when compared to catheter-based revascularization ⁶

Alternate home-based approaches may overcome patient barriers

Augments effect of intervention

¹Stewart KJ, et al. N Engl J Med. 2002;347:1941.

²Gardner AW, et al. JAMA 1995;274:975.

³Leng GC, et al. Cochrane Review 2000. CD000990.

⁴Fakhry F, et al. J Vasc Surg 2012;56:1132.

⁵Parmenter BJ, et al. Vasc Med 2015.

⁶Treesak C, et al. Vasc Med. 2004 9:279.

Peripheral Arterial Disease: Indications for Revascularization

Claudication

- Disabling
- Lifestyle limiting

Analogy
ANGINA

Outcome
PATENCY
(QOL/WIQ)

Urgency
Whenever

Chronic Limb Threatening Ischemia

- Tissue loss/ischemia
- Rest pain
- Refractory infection

ACS

LIMB SALVAGE
(AFS/Wound Healing)

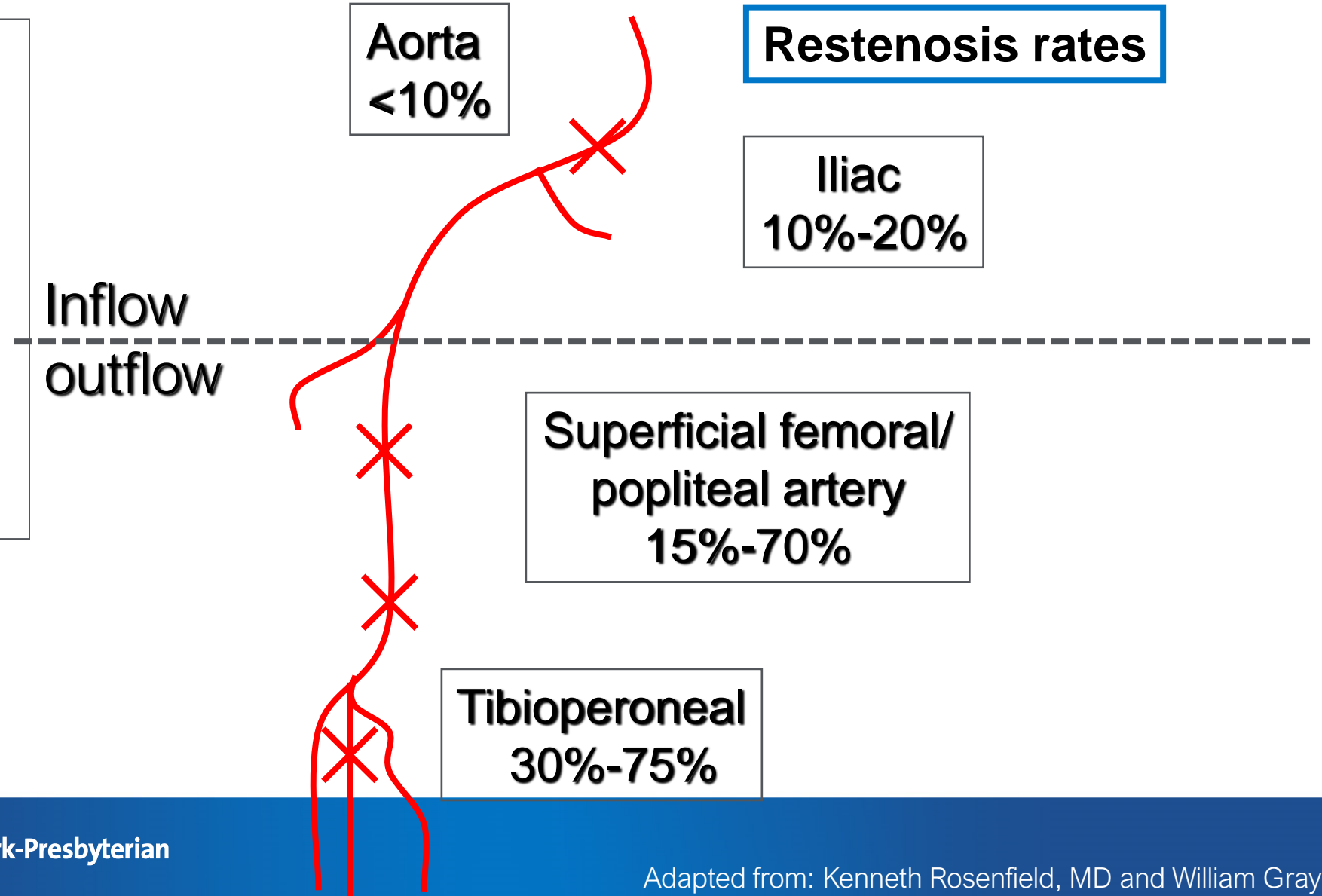
NOW!!

“Inflow” versus “Outflow”

Factors influencing threshold for intervention

Principles

- Fix inflow first
- Prox revasc=
 - ↑ Tech success
- Distal revasc=
 - ↑ Tech difficulty
 - ↑ Restenosis
- For healing ulcers, must restore straight-line flow to foot



8.1. Revascularization for Claudication: Recommendation

Recommendation for Revascularization for Claudication		
COR	LOE	Recommendation
IIa	A	Revascularization is a reasonable treatment option for the patient with lifestyle-limiting claudication with an inadequate response to GDMT (12, 37, 38, 232, 233).
See Online Data Supplements 35 and 36.		A minority of patients with claudication (estimated at <10% to 15% over 5 years or more) will progress to CLI (234-237). Therefore, the role of revascularization in claudication is improvement in claudication symptoms and functional status, and consequently in QoL, rather than limb salvage. Revascularization is reasonable when the patient who is being treated with GDMT (including structured exercise therapy) presents with persistent lifestyle-limiting claudication (12, 37, 38, 232, 233). Lifestyle-limiting claudication is defined by the patient rather than by any test. It includes impairment of activities of daily living and/or vocational and/or recreational activities due to claudication. There should be clear discussion with the patient about expected risks and benefits of revascularization, as well as discussion of the durability of proposed procedures.

Gerhard-Herman MD, et al 2016 AHA/ACC Guideline on the Management of Patients With Lower Extremity Peripheral Artery Disease, Journal of the American College of Cardiology (2016), doi: 10.1016/j.jacc.2016.11.007.

ABOVE-knee femoral popliteal bypass 5-year patency

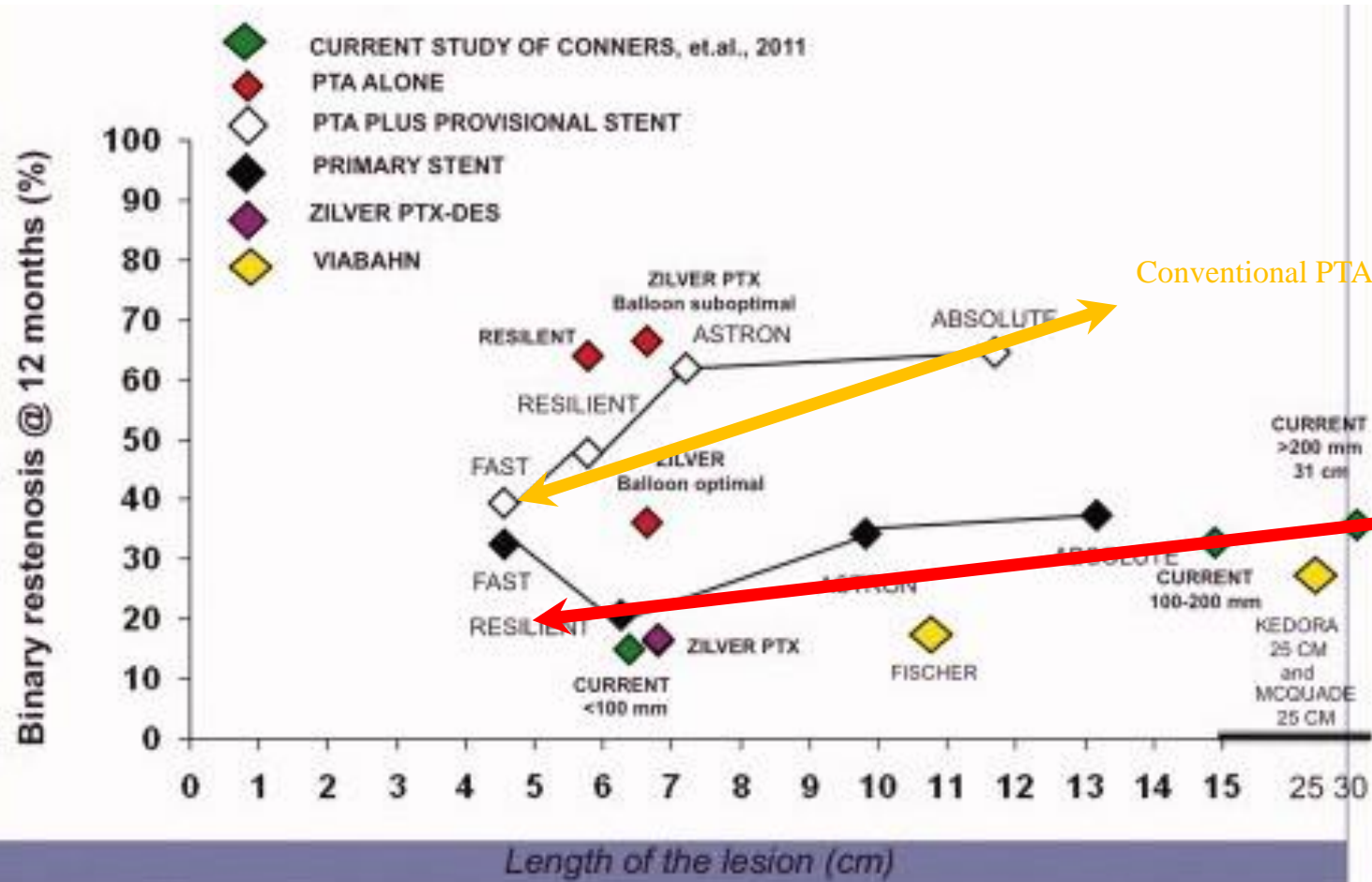


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Table 3. The 5-year patency of different types of conduits

Vein	74–76%
ePTFE Graft	39–52%

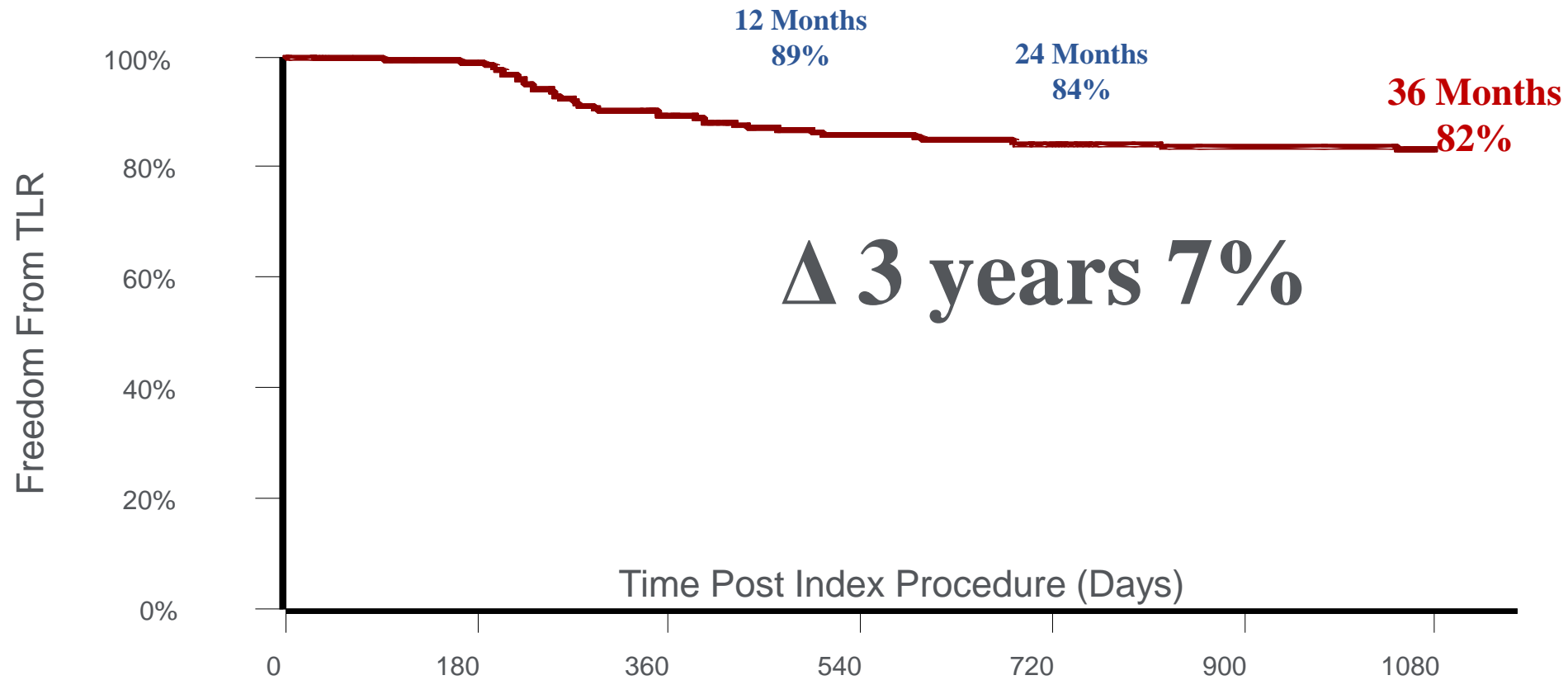
After Endovascular Intervention, SFA Patency Decreases with Lesion Length for PTA and “Conventional Stenting”



Nitinol Stents

Slope of relationship between length and restenosis is steeper for PTA compared to stenting

SUPERA: Freedom From Clinically Driven TLR Through 3 Years



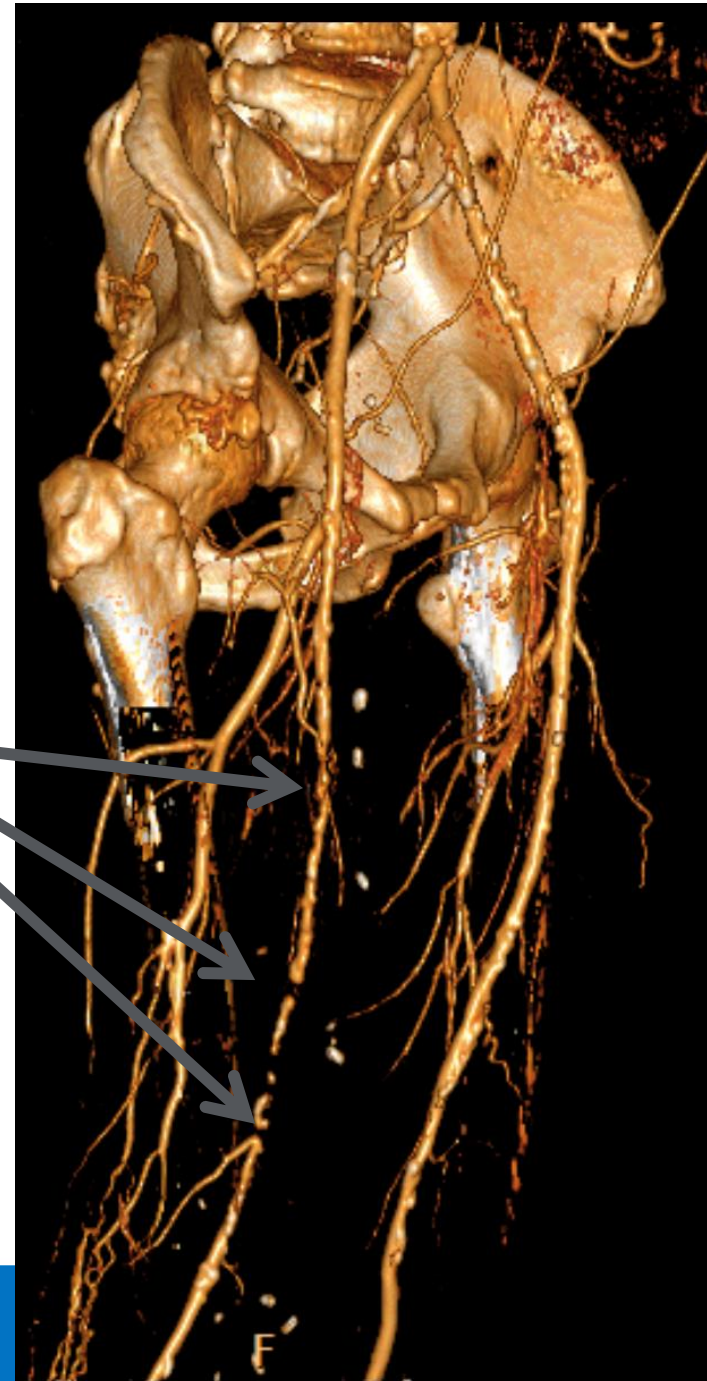
Courtesy: Lawrence Garcia, MD, VIVA 2014

Supera Stent: Bent Knee Lateral

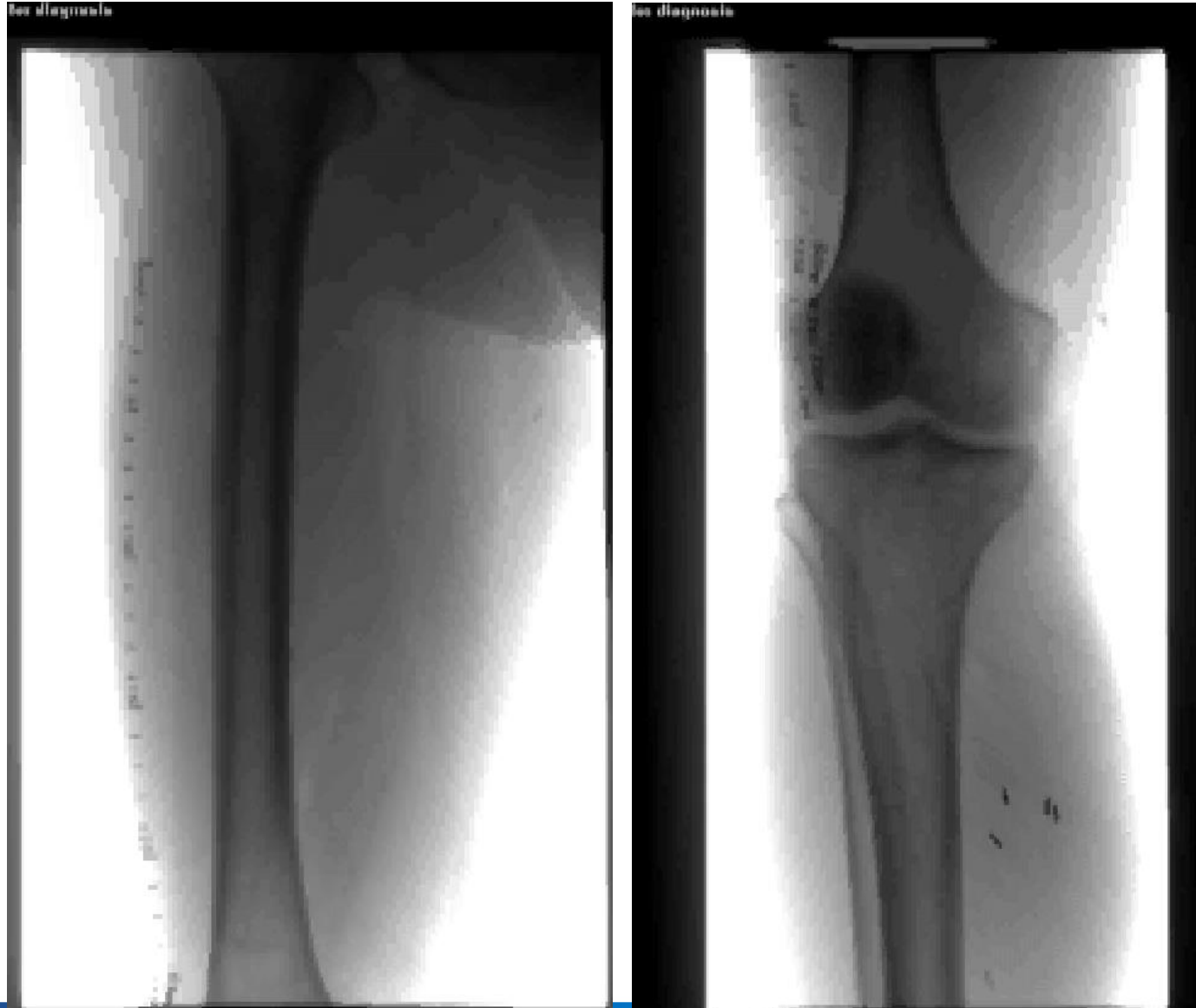


Back to our case: CT Angiogram

Segmental SFA Disease



Initial RLE Angiography and Runoff



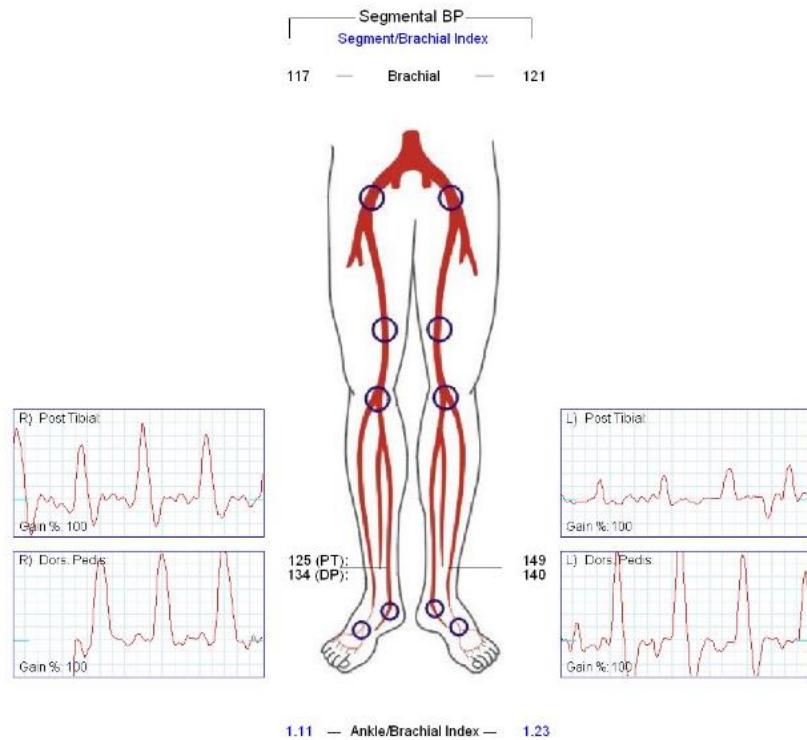


After Supera Stents



Followup ABI (2010)

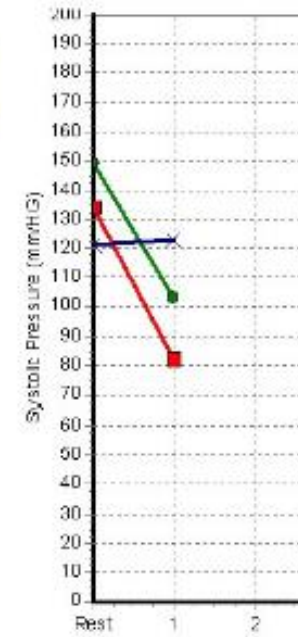
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Exercise Pressure Measurement

	Rest	1	2	3
R Ankle (DP):	134	82		
L Ankle (PT):	149	103		
L Brachial:	121	123		
R ABI	1.11	0.67		
L ABI	1.23	0.84		

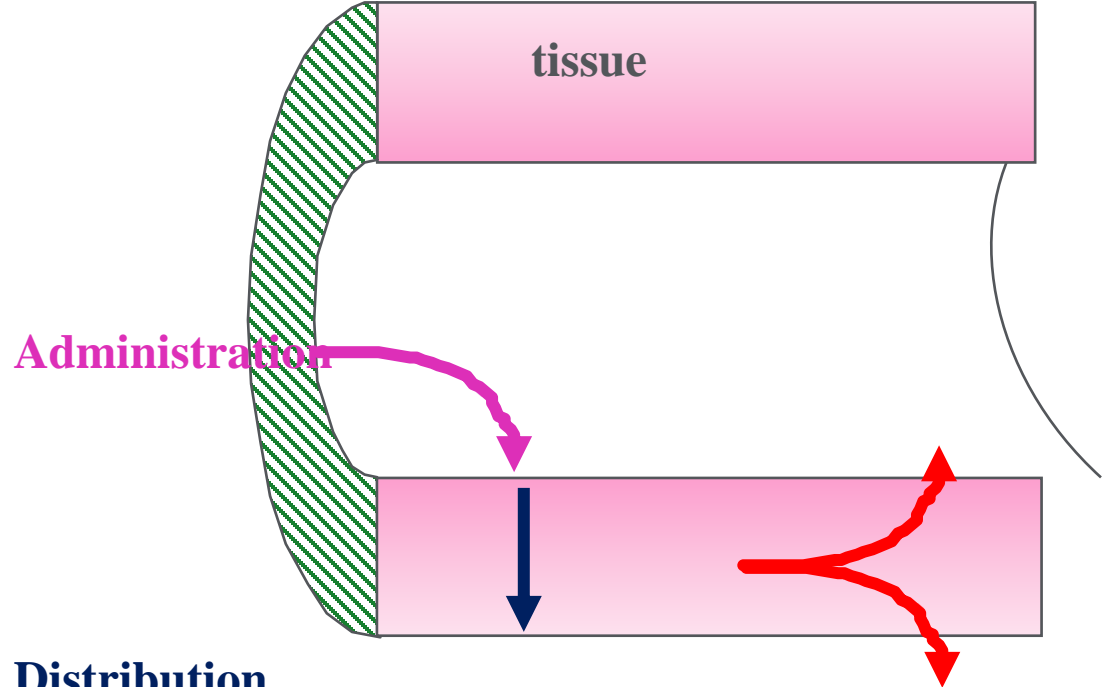
■ R Ankle (DP)
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Modes of Local Endovascular Drug Delivery

Target site



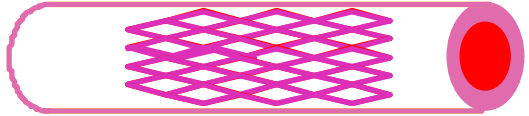
Distribution

$$\int_0^t [Drug] \approx \text{EFFECT}$$

Clearance

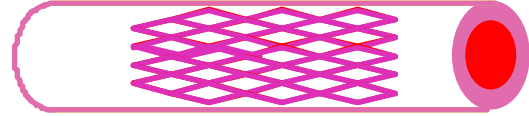
Endovascular modalities

Drug release



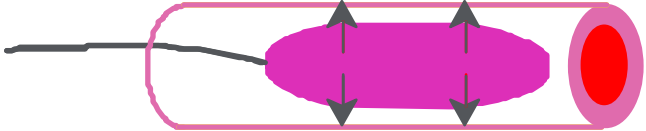
Drug Coated Stent

FAST



Drug Eluting Stent

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SUSTAINED



Drug Eluting Balloon

FAST

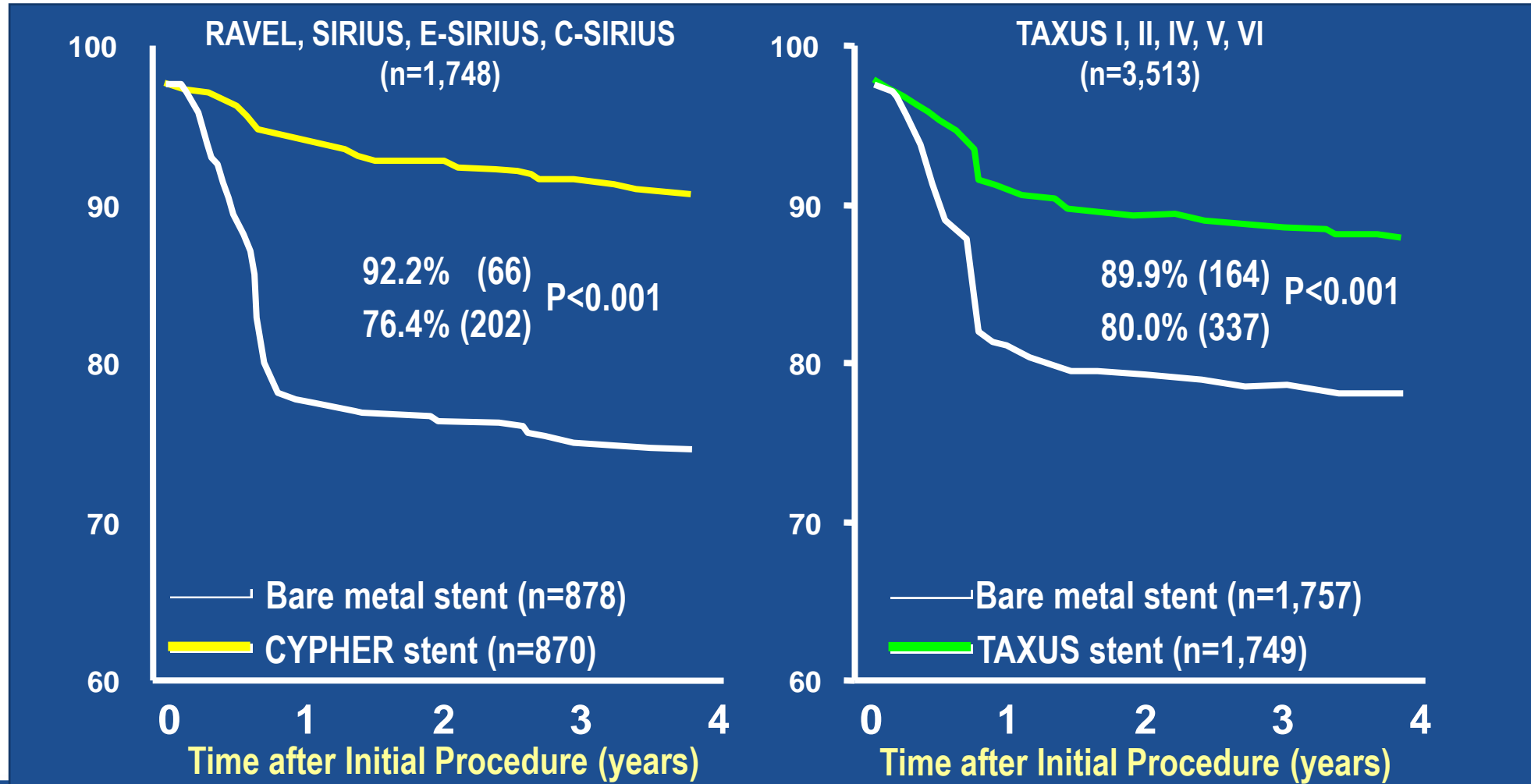


Drug "Coated" Balloon

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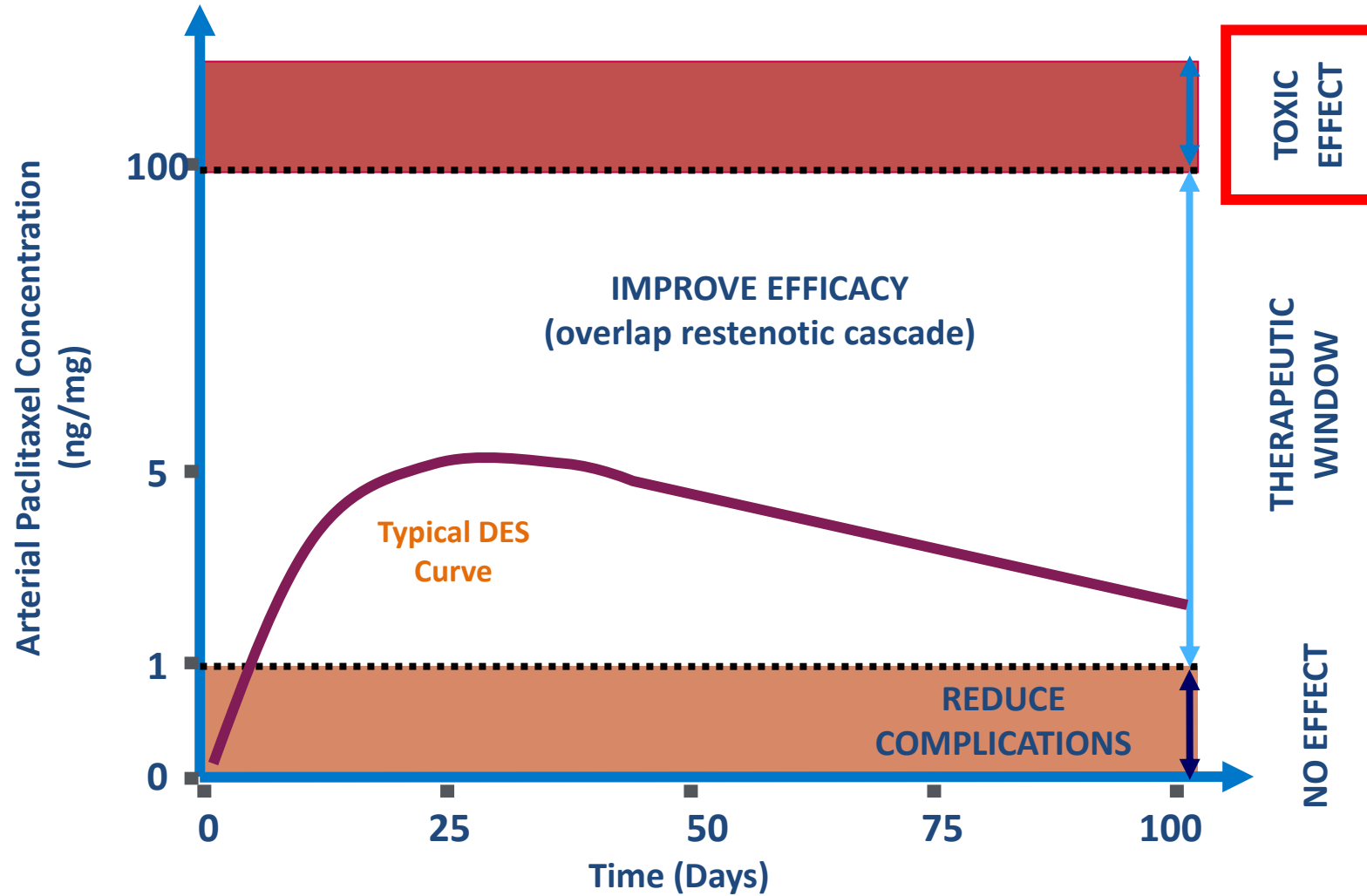
Durable Reduction in Coronary TLR with DES

9 Prospective, Double-Blind, Randomized Trials: Freedom From Ischemic TLR (*Meta-Analyses by CRF*)



Vascular Drug Dosing Considerations

Balancing Safety and Efficacy



Pivotal Peripheral Stent Studies: Zilver PTX

Paclitaxel-Eluting Stents Show Superiority to Balloon Angioplasty and Bare Metal Stents in Femoropopliteal Disease Twelve-Month Zilver PTX Randomized Study Results

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Background—Sustained benefits of drug-eluting stents in femoropopliteal arteries have not been demonstrated. This prospective, multinational, randomized study was designed to compare the 12-month safety and effectiveness of a polymer-free, paclitaxel-coated nitinol drug-eluting stent (DES) with percutaneous transluminal angioplasty (PTA) and provisional bare metal stent (BMS) placement in patients with femoropopliteal peripheral artery disease.

Methods and Results—Patients were randomly assigned to primary DES implantation (n=236) or PTA (n=238). Demographics and lesion characteristics were similar between groups (eg, average lesion length, approximately 65±40 mm). One hundred twenty patients had acute PTA failure and underwent secondary random assignment to provisional DES (n=61) or BMS (n=59). Primary end points were the 12-month rates of event-free survival and patency in the primary DES and PTA groups. Compared with the PTA group, the primary DES group exhibited superior 12-month event-free survival (90.4% versus 82.6%; $P=0.004$) and primary patency (83.1% versus 32.8%; $P<0.001$), satisfying the primary hypotheses. In the secondary evaluations, (1) the primary DES group exhibited superior clinical benefit compared with the PTA group (88.3% versus 75.8%; $P<0.001$), (2) the provisional DES group exhibited superior primary patency (89.9% versus 73.0%; $P=0.01$) and superior clinical benefit (90.5% and 72.3%, $P=0.009$) compared with the provisional BMS group, and (3) the stent fracture rate (both DES and BMS) was 0.9% (4/457).

Conclusions—Femoropopliteal peripheral artery disease treatment with the paclitaxel-eluting stent was associated with superior 12-month outcomes compared with PTA and provisional BMS placement.

Clinical Trial Registration—URL: <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov>. Unique identifier: NCT00120406. (*Circ Cardiovasc Interv*. 2011;4:495-504.)

Key Words: peripheral vascular disease ■ angioplasty ■ paclitaxel-eluting stent ■ drug-eluting stent

Endovascular therapy is one option commonly used to treat patients with lifestyle-limiting intermittent claudication or critical limb ischemia caused by femoropopliteal peripheral artery disease (PAD). However, data supporting

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specific therapies are limited. Percutaneous transluminal balloon angioplasty (PTA) is associated with unacceptable 1-year restenosis rates (often >60%)¹⁻³ that worsen with lesion complexity. Some first-generation stents were asso-

ciated with outcomes similar to PTA.^{4,5} More recently, self-expanding nitinol stents have demonstrated improved patency results, yet restenosis remains a limitation, with 12-month rates between 20% and 37% reported.⁶⁻⁸

Success in coronary artery intervention⁹⁻¹² led to investigation of drug-eluting stents (DES) in the superficial femoral artery (SFA). Six-month results with polymer-based sirolimus-eluting¹³ and everolimus-eluting¹⁴ stents were favorable, but benefits were not sustained.

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Durable Clinical Effectiveness With Paclitaxel-Eluting Stents in the Femoropopliteal Artery 5-Year Results of the Zilver PTX Randomized Trial

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Background—This randomized controlled trial evaluated clinical durability of Zilver PTX, a paclitaxel-coated drug-eluting stent (DES), for femoropopliteal artery lesions. Outcomes compare primary DES versus percutaneous transluminal angioplasty (PTA), overall DES (primary and provisional) versus standard care (PTA and provisional Zilver bare metal stent [BMS]), and provisional DES versus provisional BMS.

Methods and Results—Patients with symptomatic femoropopliteal artery disease were randomly assigned to DES (n=236) or PTA (n=238). Approximately 91% had claudication; 9% had critical limb ischemia. Patients experiencing acute PTA failure underwent secondary randomization to provisional BMS (n=59) or DES (n=61). The 1-year primary end points of event-free survival and patency showed superiority of primary DES in comparison with PTA; these results were sustained through 5 years. Clinical benefit (freedom from persistent or worsening symptoms of ischemia; 79.8% versus 59.3%, $P<0.01$), patency (66.4% versus 43.4%, $P<0.01$), and freedom from reintervention (target lesion revascularization, 83.1% versus 67.6%, $P<0.01$) for the overall DES group were superior to standard care in nonrandomized comparisons. Similarly, clinical benefit (81.8% versus 63.8%, $P=0.02$), patency (72.4% versus 53.0%, $P=0.03$), and freedom from target lesion revascularization (84.9% versus 71.6%, $P=0.06$) with provisional DES were improved over provisional BMS. These results represent >40% relative risk reduction for restenosis and target lesion revascularization through 5 years for the overall DES in comparison with standard care and for provisional DES in comparison with provisional BMS.

Conclusions—The 5-year results from this large study provide long-term information previously unavailable regarding endovascular treatment of femoropopliteal artery disease. The Zilver PTX DES provided sustained safety and clinical durability in comparison with standard endovascular treatments.

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Endovascular management of symptomatic peripheral artery disease (PAD) remains challenging despite its adoption by many as the initial preferred revascularization strategy when anatomically feasible. A wide range of percutaneous therapies using a variety of endovascular devices, including percutaneous transluminal angioplasty (PTA), atherectomy, and stent placement, have been used; however, 5-year results are confined to isolated reports.¹⁻⁵

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In an effort to reduce restenosis rates, the most frequent cause of failure following any endovascular intervention, drug-eluting stents (DES) were developed. Their success in coronary artery intervention led to the investigation of DES in the superficial femoral artery (SFA) in hopes of providing patients

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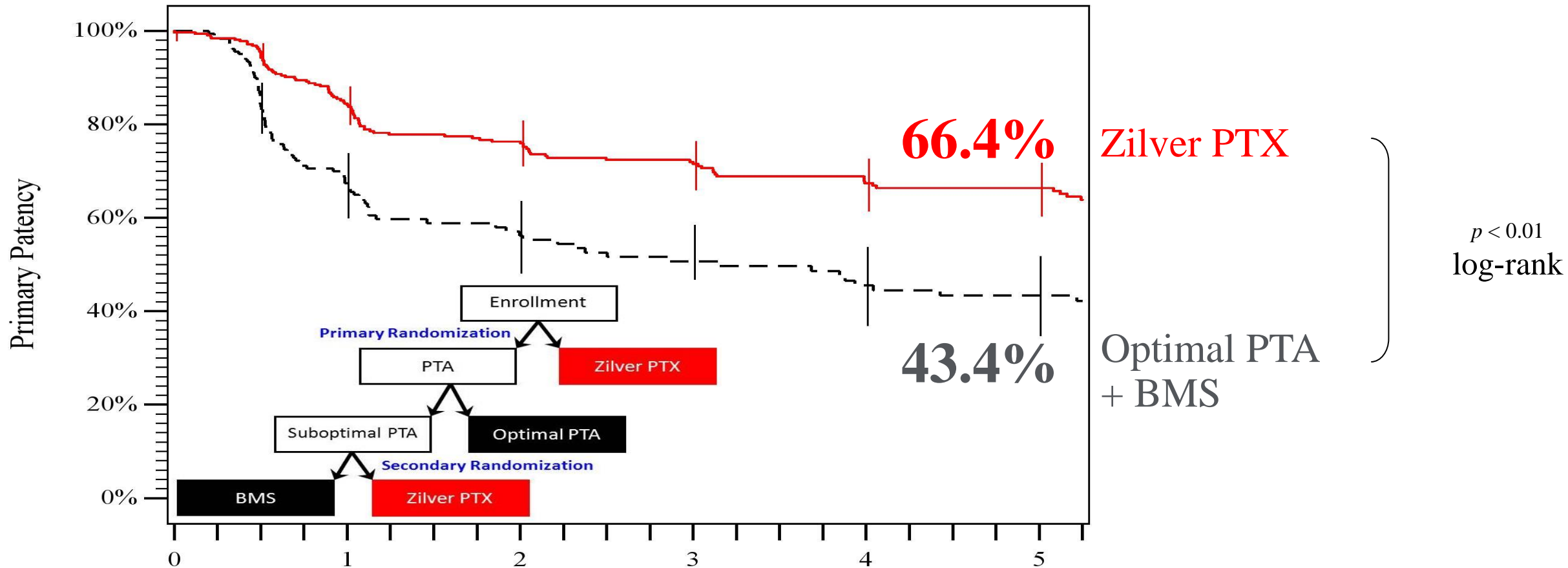
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5-year Primary Patency (PSVR < 2.0) Zilver PTX vs. Standard Care

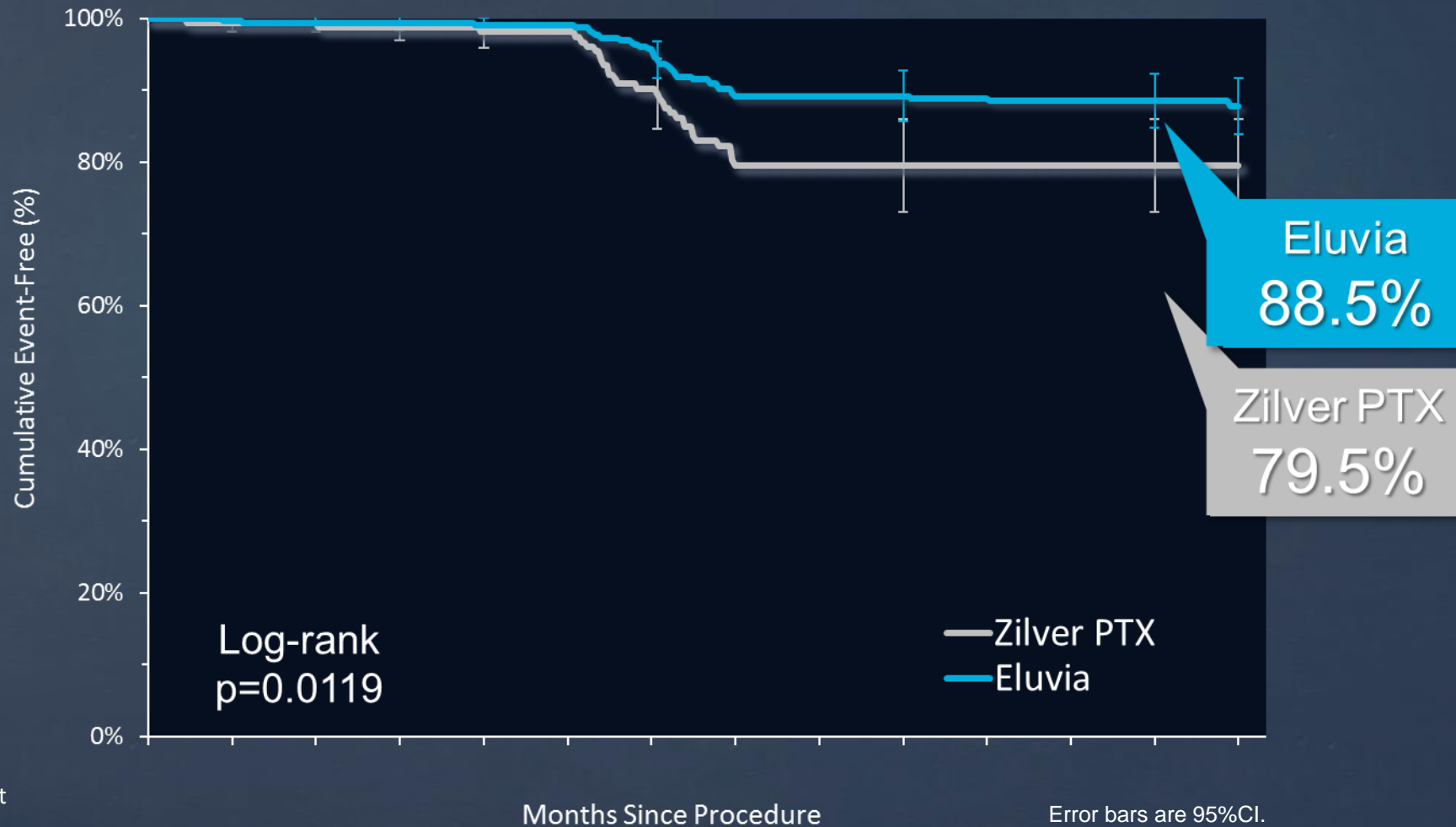


At 5 years, Zilver PTX demonstrates a 41% reduction in restenosis compared to standard care

Effectiveness | Primary Patency at 12 Months



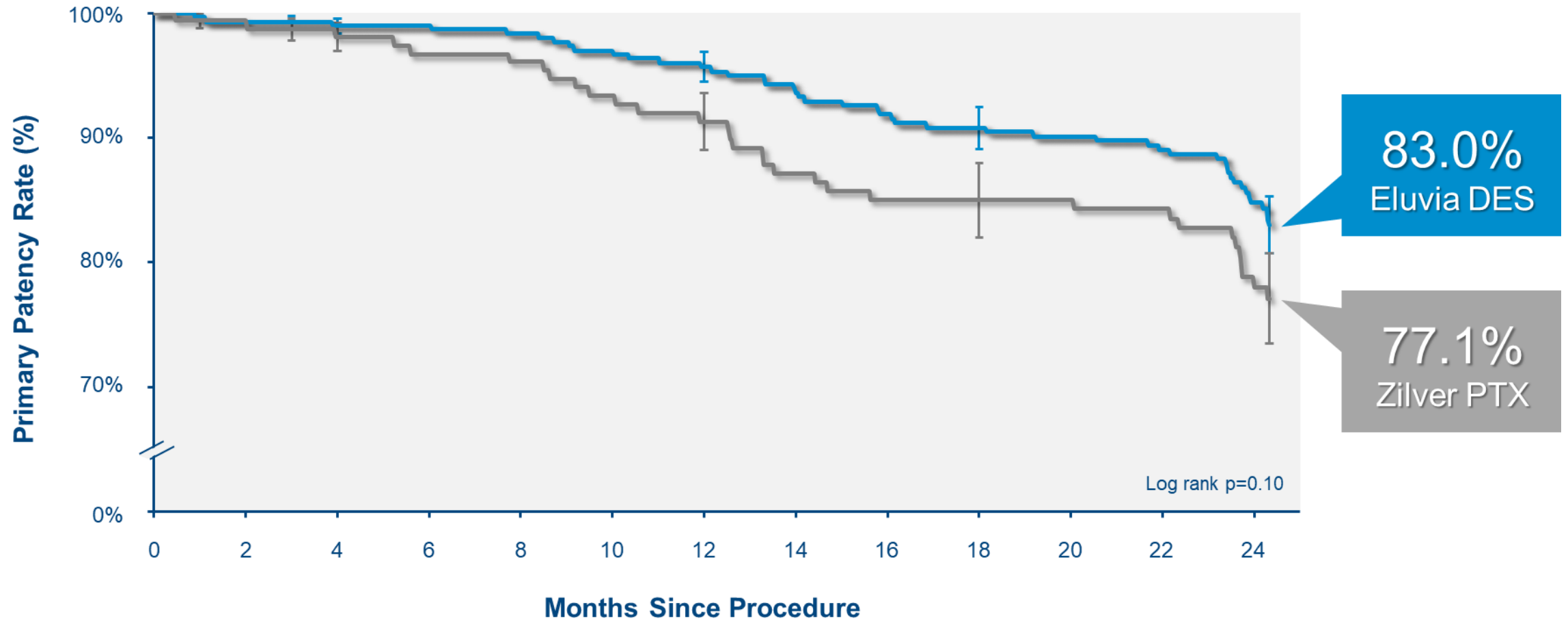
Kaplan-Meier Analysis of Primary Patency



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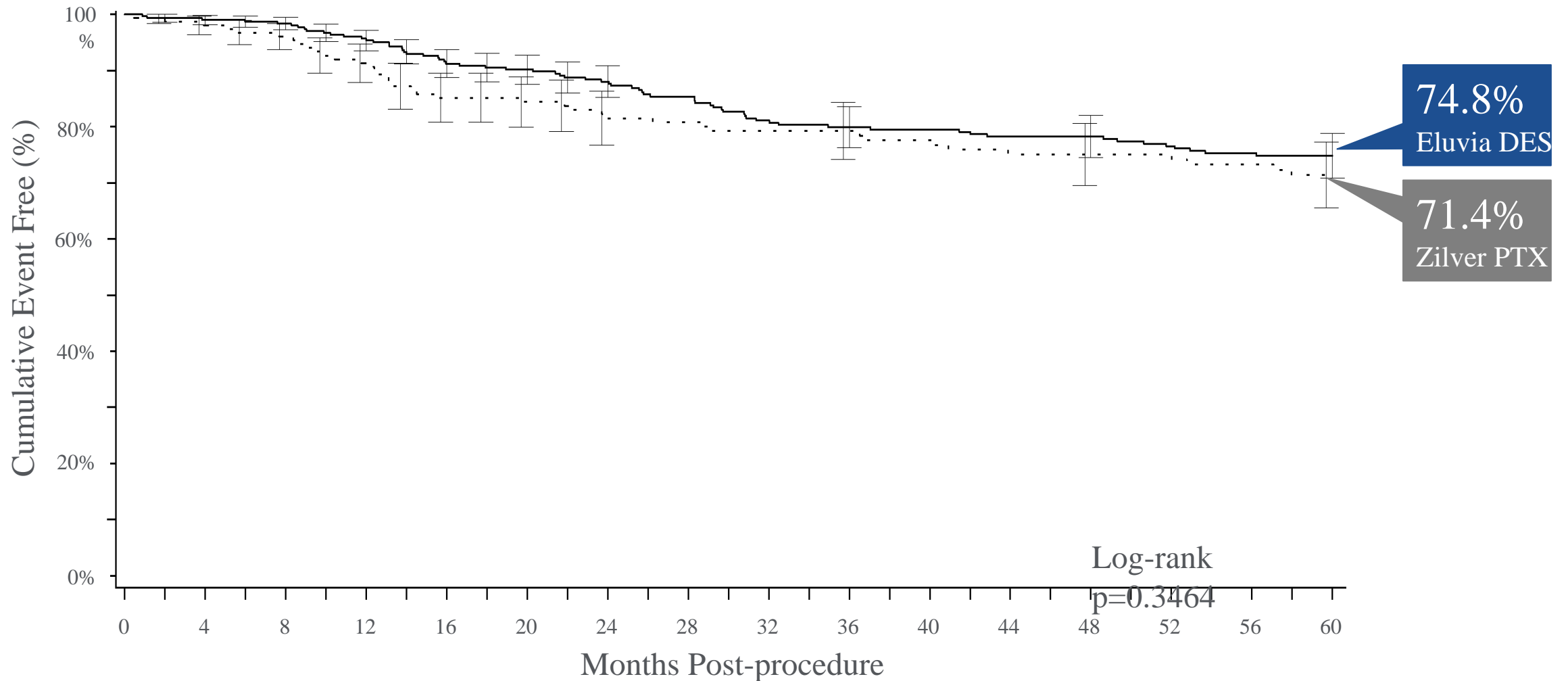
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Effectiveness | Primary Patency at 24 Months



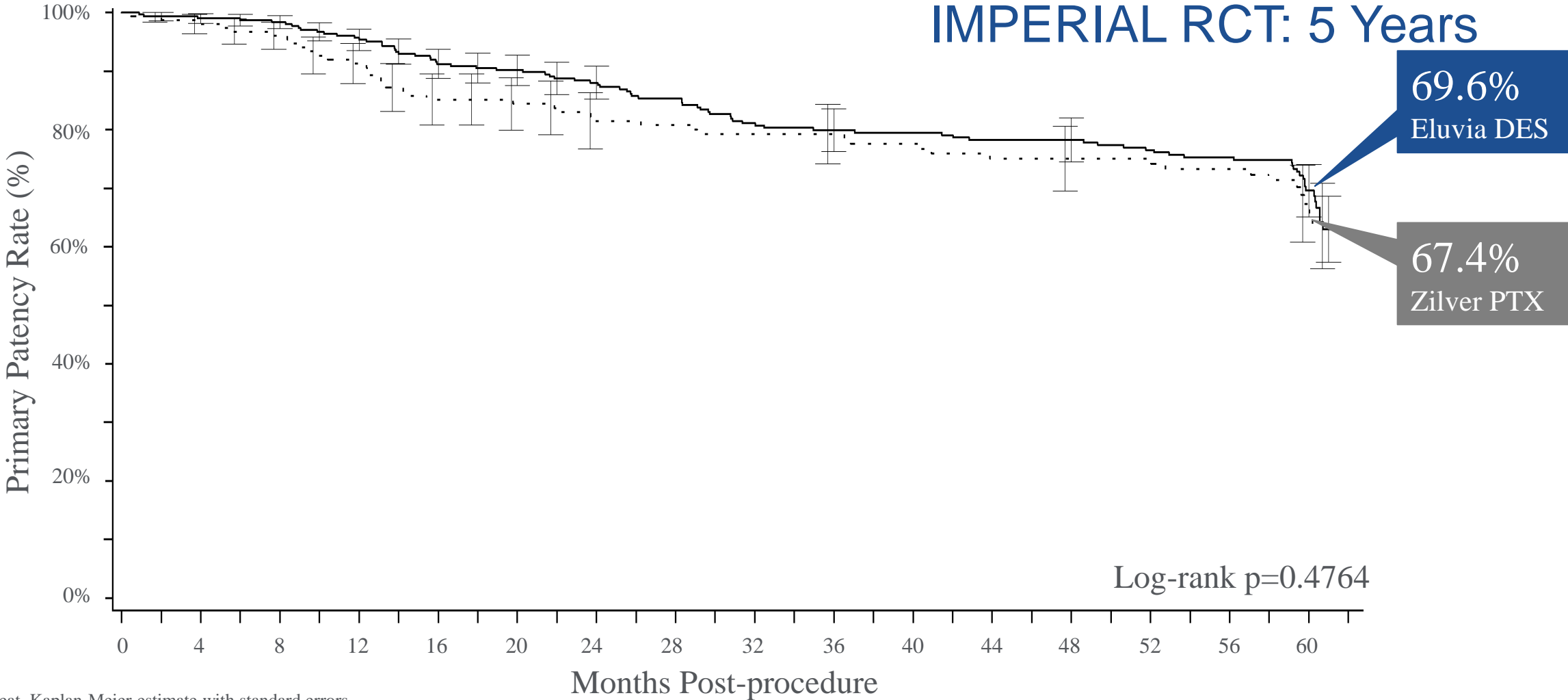
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Freedom from CD-TLR IMPERIAL RCT: 5 Years



Intention to treat. Kaplan-Meier estimate with standard errors.

Primary Patency IMPERIAL RCT: 5 Years



Log-rank p=0.4764

Intention to treat. Kaplan-Meier estimate with standard errors.

Primary patency defined as duplex ultrasound PSVR ≤ 2.4 , in the absence of clinically-driven target lesion revascularization or bypass of the target lesion, as assessed by the DUS core lab. Kaplan-Meier estimate utilizing time to TLR up to 1855 days and duplex ultrasound data at the 60-month visit.

EMINENT Study Overview

ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: NCT02921230

Largest industry-sponsored randomized trial of drug-eluting stents for SFA/PPA to date

Study Design	RCT (2:1) N=775 Superiority (effectiveness) Single-blind	
Intervention	Study arm: Eluvia DES Control arm: Bare nitinol stent	N=508 N=267
Primary Endpoint	12-month Primary Patency	
Investigational Centers	58 centers in 10 European countries	
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Primary vessel patency is defined as a binary endpoint and will be determined to be a success when the duplex ultrasound (DUS) Peak Systolic Velocity Ratio (PSVR) is ≤ 2.4 at the 12-month follow-up visit in the absence of clinically-driven TLR or bypass of the target lesion. All DUS readings assessed by an independent core laboratory.

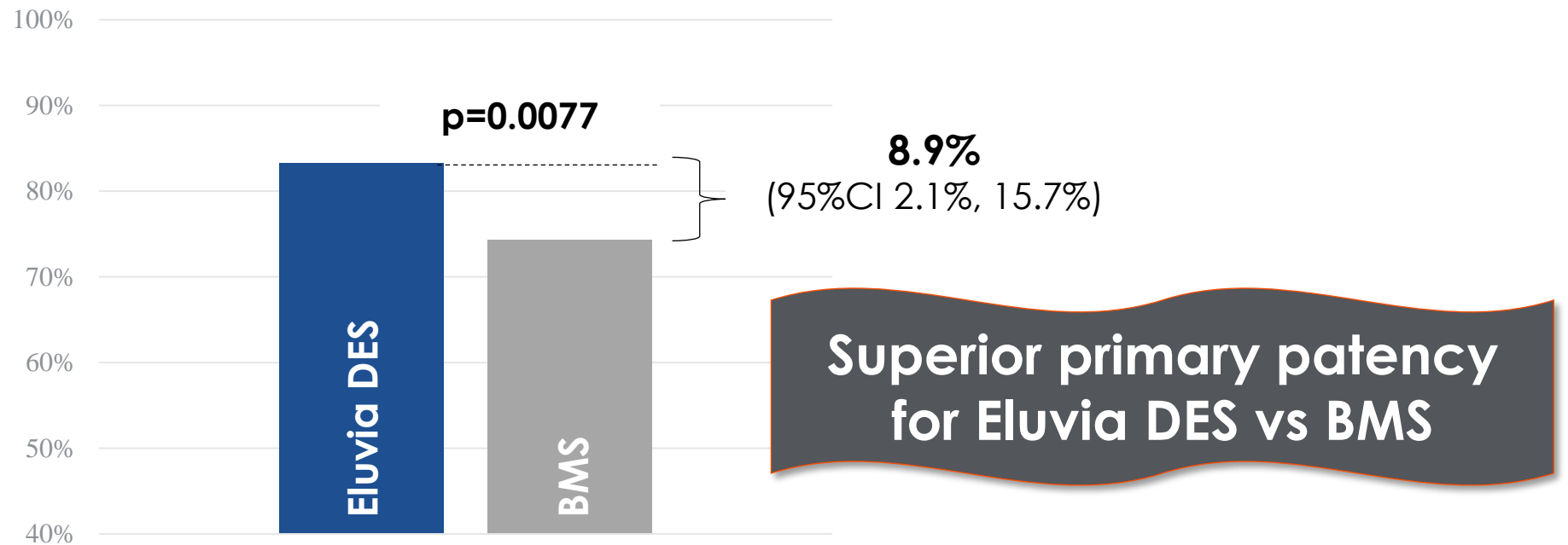
DES, drug-eluting stent; PPA, proximal popliteal artery; RCT, randomized controlled trial; SFA, superficial femoral artery.

Effectiveness: Primary Patency

Primary Endpoint

Statistically significantly greater primary patency in patients treated with Eluvia DES vs BMS

83.2% [337/405] vs 74.3% [165/222]; $p=0.0077$



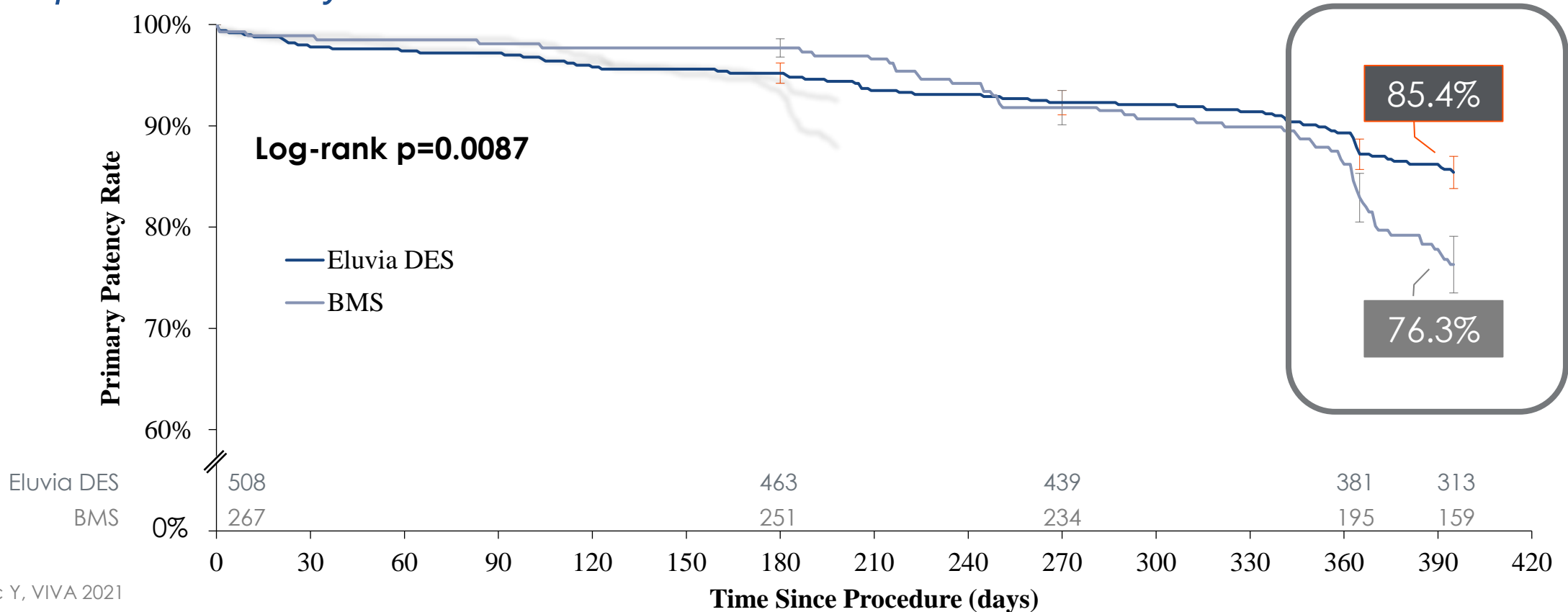
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Intention to treat. Primary patency defined as core-lab assessed duplex ultrasound peak systolic velocity ratio (PSVR) ≤ 2.4 at 12 months in the absence of clinically-driven TLR or bypass of the target lesion.

Effectiveness: Primary Patency

Kaplan-Meier Analysis

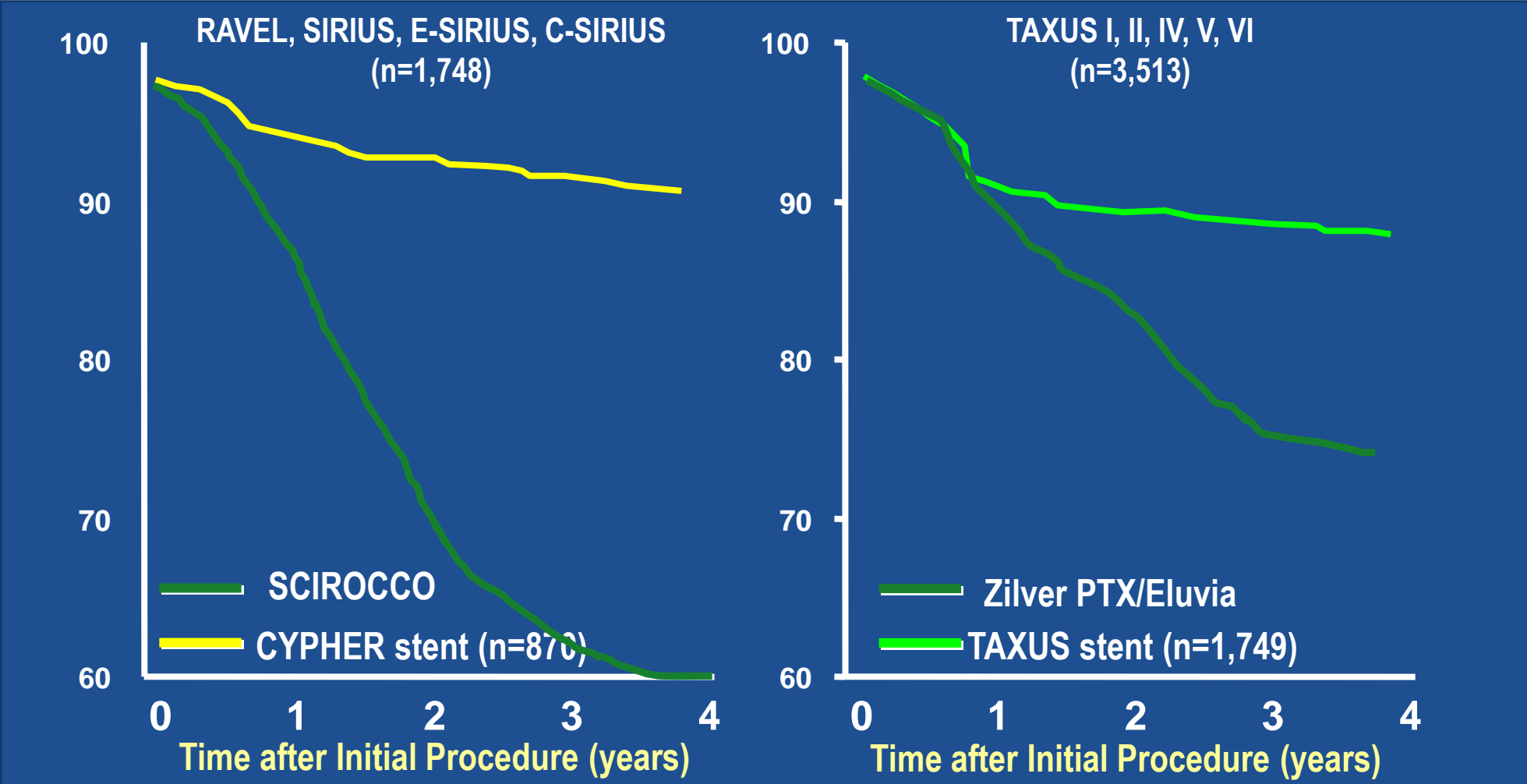


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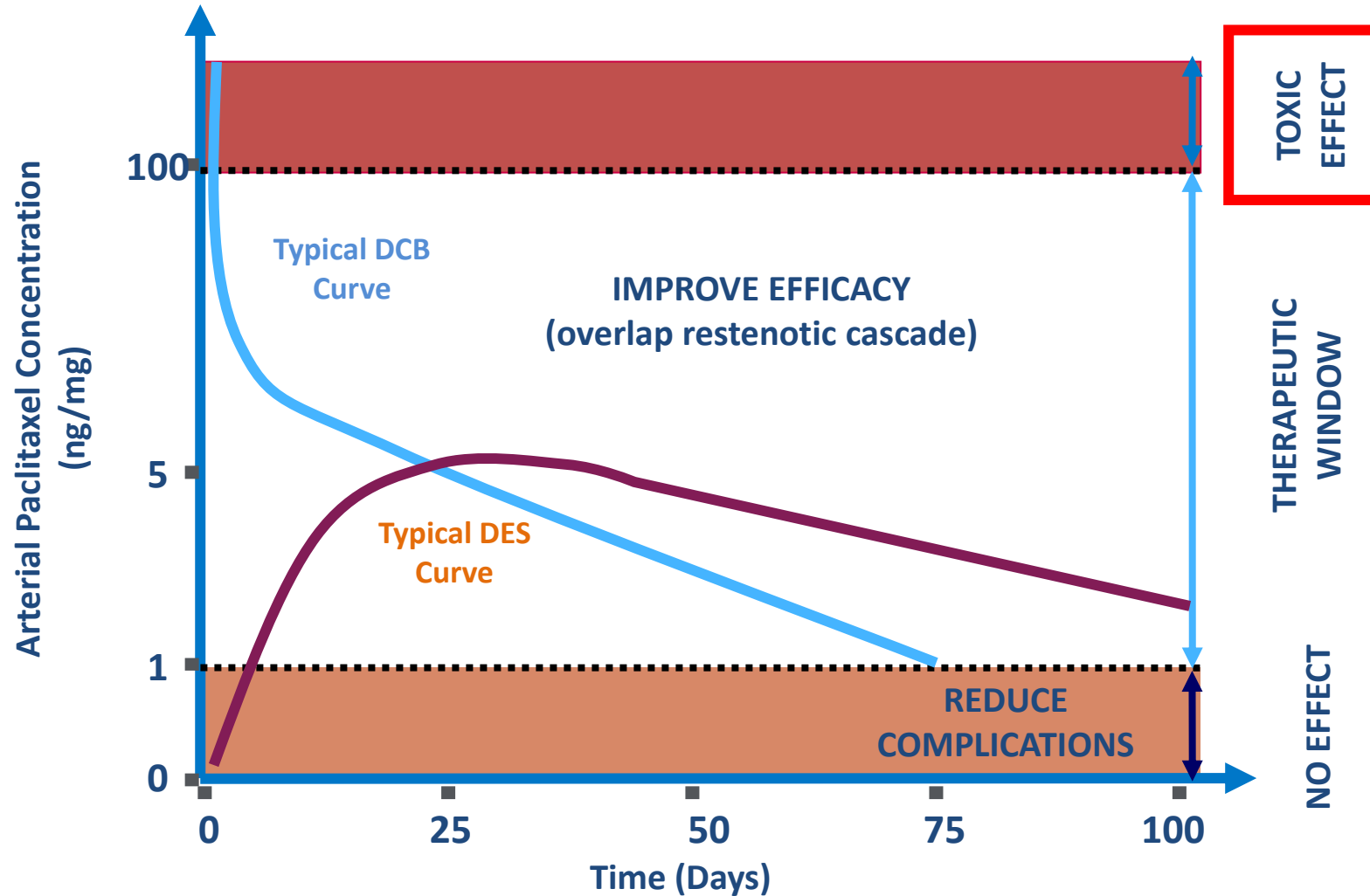
Kaplan-Meier error bars are standard error.

TLR Rates of DES in the SFA are NOT the same as the Coronary Bed



Vascular Drug Dosing Considerations

Balancing Safety and Efficacy



Drug Coated Balloons

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Paclitaxel Balloon Coating, a Novel Method for Prevention and Therapy of Restenosis

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Background—Drug-eluting stents have shown promising antirestenotic effects in clinical trials. Non-stent-based local delivery of antiproliferative drugs may offer additional flexibility and also reach vessel areas beyond the immediate stent coverage. The aim of the present study was to evaluate a novel method of local drug delivery based on angioplasty balloons.

Methods and Results—Stainless steel stents ($n=40$; diameter, 3.0 to 3.5 mm; length, 18 mm) were implanted in the left anterior descending and circumflex coronary arteries of domestic pigs. Both conventional uncoated and 3 different types of paclitaxel-coated, percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty balloons (contact with vessel wall for 1 minute) were used. No difference in short-term tolerance between coated and uncoated balloons and no signs of thrombotic events were observed. Quantitative angiography and histomorphometry of the stented arteries asserted the statistical equality of the baseline parameters between the control and the 3 treatment groups. Paclitaxel balloon coating led to a marked, dose-dependent reduction of parameters characterizing in-stent restenosis (reduction of neointimal area up to 63%). Despite the marked reduction in neointimal proliferation, endothelialization of stent struts was present in all samples. There was no evidence of a significant inflammatory response in the neighborhood of the stent struts.

Conclusions—Paclitaxel balloon coating is safe, and it effectively inhibits restenosis after coronary angioplasty with stent implantation in the porcine model. The degree of reduction in neointimal formation was comparable to that achieved with drug-eluting stents. (*Circulation*. 2004;110:810-814.)

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Coronary stent implantation has been proven to be an effective technique for the prevention of restenosis in native coronary vessels compared with angioplasty alone. However, the restenosis rates after bare-metal stent implantation are still as high as 20% to 40% at 6 months. Numerous initially promising approaches that included systemic antiproliferative agents have failed to prevent restenosis.¹ Coronary revascularization has been considered a breakthrough treatment against in-stent restenosis but depends on the availability of the radiotherapeutic armamentarium.²

Drug-eluting stents (DES) were shown to be safe and feasible in reducing restenosis.³⁻⁷ However, their efficacy and safety have not been confirmed in all clinical settings, especially with regard to treating in-stent restenosis. Concerns have been raised that the polymeric matrix on the stent in which the antiproliferative drug is embedded might induce inflammation and thrombosis.⁸ Another important limitation of DES is the fact that the drug concentration is highest at the stent struts, where healing is most important. On the other hand, incomplete suppression of neointimal hyperplasia at the stent margins or between the struts may limit the efficacy of DES.⁴

Non-stent-based local delivery of antiproliferative drugs may offer additional flexibility and efficacy in the entire range of applications. It may also deliver drugs to vessel areas not directly covered by the stent, which could be of special interest for small and tortuous vessels. Furthermore, healing and reendothelialization of stent struts that do not carry antiproliferative agents may be facilitated.

Paclitaxel has already been investigated in previous studies that included a variety of catheter-based, local drug-delivery approaches. The "double-balloon" catheter,⁹ the "porous balloon,"¹⁰ and even intrapericardial administration¹¹ have been used. Although all of these approaches showed efficacy in preclinical trials, they require special and sometimes cumbersome devices, involve blockage of coronary blood flow, or induce additional vascular injury.

The aim of the present study was to test a novel method of intracoronary local drug delivery in the porcine coronary overstretch model: paclitaxel coating of conventional percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) balloon catheters with a new coating technique that allows for immediate drug release on inflation.

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Clinical Trials Demonstrate Sustained Patency with Drug Coated Balloons

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Trial of a Paclitaxel-Coated Balloon for Femoropopliteal Artery Disease

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

The treatment of peripheral artery disease with percutaneous transluminal angioplasty is limited by the occurrence of vessel recoil and restenosis. Drug-coated angioplasty balloons deliver antiproliferative agents directly to the artery, potentially improving vessel patency by reducing restenosis.

METHODS

In this single-blind, randomized trial conducted at 54 sites, we assigned, in a 2:1 ratio, 476 patients with symptomatic intermittent claudication or ischemic pain while at rest and angiographically significant atherosclerotic lesions to angioplasty with a paclitaxel-coated balloon or to standard angioplasty. The primary efficacy end point was primary patency of the target lesion at 12 months (defined as freedom from binary restenosis or from the need for target-lesion revascularization). The primary safety end point was a composite of freedom from perioperative death from any cause and freedom at 12 months from limb-related death (i.e., death from a medical complication related to a limb), amputation, and reintervention.

RESULTS

The two groups were well matched at baseline; 42.9% of the patients had diabetes, and 34.7% were current smokers. At 12 months, the rate of primary patency among patients who had undergone angioplasty with the drug-coated balloon was superior to that among patients who had undergone conventional angioplasty (65.2% vs. 52.6%, $P=0.02$). The proportion of patients free from primary safety events was 83.9% with the drug-coated balloon and 79.0% with standard angioplasty ($P=0.005$ for noninferiority). There were no significant between-group differences in functional outcomes or in the rates of death, amputation, thrombosis, or reintervention.

CONCLUSIONS

Among patients with symptomatic femoropopliteal peripheral artery disease, percutaneous transluminal angioplasty with a paclitaxel-coated balloon resulted in a rate of primary patency at 12 months that was higher than the rate with angioplasty with a standard balloon. The drug-coated balloon was noninferior to the standard balloon with respect to safety. (Funded by Lutonix-Bard; LEVANT 2 ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT01412541.)

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Drug-Coated Balloon Versus Standard Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty for the Treatment of Superficial Femoral and Popliteal Peripheral Artery Disease 12-Month Results From the IN.PACT SFA Randomized Trial

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Background—Drug-coated balloons (DCBs) have shown promise in improving the outcomes for patients with peripheral artery disease. We compared a paclitaxel-coated balloon with percutaneous transluminal angioplasty (PTA) for the treatment of symptomatic superficial femoral and popliteal artery disease.

Methods and Results—The IN.PACT SFA Trial is a prospective, multicenter, single-blinded, randomized trial in which 331 patients with intermittent claudication or ischemic rest pain attributable to superficial femoral and popliteal peripheral artery disease were randomly assigned in a 2:1 ratio to treatment with DCB or PTA. The primary efficacy end point was primary patency, defined as freedom from restenosis or clinically driven target lesion revascularization at 12 months. Baseline characteristics were similar between the 2 groups. Mean lesion length and the percentage of total occlusions for the DCB and PTA arms were 8.94±4.89 and 8.81±5.12 cm ($P=0.82$) and 25.8% and 19.5% ($P=0.22$), respectively. DCB resulted in higher primary patency versus PTA (82.2% versus 52.4%; $P<0.001$). The rate of clinically driven target lesion revascularization was 2.4% in the DCB arm in comparison with 20.6% in the PTA arm ($P<0.001$). There was a low rate of vessel thrombosis in both arms (1.4% after DCB and 3.7% after PTA [$P=0.10$]). There were no device- or procedure-related deaths and no major amputations.

Conclusions—In this prospective, multicenter, randomized trial, DCB was superior to PTA and had a favorable safety profile for the treatment of patients with symptomatic femoropopliteal peripheral artery disease.

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Endovascular treatment of symptomatic atherosclerotic peripheral artery disease (PAD) has gained widespread acceptance and is now recommended as the primary revascularization strategy in many clinical and anatomic scenarios.¹⁻³ Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty (PTA) of the superficial femoral and popliteal artery has a high initial success

rate, but restenosis occurs in up to 60% of cases.⁴ Although randomized trials have demonstrated patency rates with bare metal stents and drug-eluting stents superior to those observed with PTA,⁵⁻⁷ the optimal treatment for superficial femoral and popliteal artery disease remains controversial. Some practice guidelines advise against primary stenting in patients with intermittent claudication,⁸ whereas others recommend primary stenting in short- or intermediate-length lesions⁹ or

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Low-Dose Paclitaxel-Coated Versus Uncoated Percutaneous Transluminal Balloon Angioplasty for Femoropopliteal Peripheral Artery Disease

One-Year Results of the ILLUMINATE European Randomized Clinical Trial (Randomized Trial of a Novel Paclitaxel-Coated Percutaneous Angioplasty Balloon)

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BACKGROUND: Numerous studies have reported favorable outcomes using drug-coated balloons (DCBs) for treatment of symptomatic peripheral artery disease of the superficial femoral and popliteal arteries. However, the treatment effect compared with an uncoated balloon has differed greatly among the randomized trials, with better outcomes observed with higher-dose DCBs. This European trial was designed to assess the safety and effectiveness of a next-generation low-dose (2- $\mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^2$ surface dose of paclitaxel) DCB.

METHODS: This was a prospective, randomized, multicenter, single-blinded trial. Patients were randomized (3:1) to treatment with a low-dose DCB or an uncoated percutaneous transluminal angioplasty (PTA) balloon. The primary safety end point was a composite of freedom from device- and procedure-related death through 30 days after the procedure and freedom from target limb major amputation and clinically driven target lesion revascularization through 12 months after the procedure. The primary effectiveness end point was primary patency at 12 months.

RESULTS: Patients were randomized to treatment with a DCB (222 patients, 254 lesions) or uncoated PTA balloon (72 patients, 79 lesions) after successful predilatation. Mean lesion length was 7.2 and 7.1 cm, and 19.2% and 19.0% of lesions represented total occlusions, respectively. The primary safety end point was met, and superiority was demonstrated; freedom from a primary safety event was 94.1% (193 of 205) with DCB and 83.3% (50 of 60) with PTA, for a difference of 10.8% (95% confidence interval, 0.9%–23.0%). The primary effectiveness end point was met, and superiority of DCB over PTA was achieved (83.9% [188 of 224] versus 60.6% [40 of 66]; $P<0.001$). Outcomes with DCB were also superior to PTA per the Kaplan-Meier estimate for primary patency (89.0% versus 65.0% at 365 days; log-rank $P<0.001$) and for rates of clinically driven target lesion revascularization (5.9% versus 16.7%; $P=0.014$).

CONCLUSIONS: Superiority with a low-dose DCB for femoropopliteal interventions was demonstrated over PTA for both the safety and effectiveness end points.

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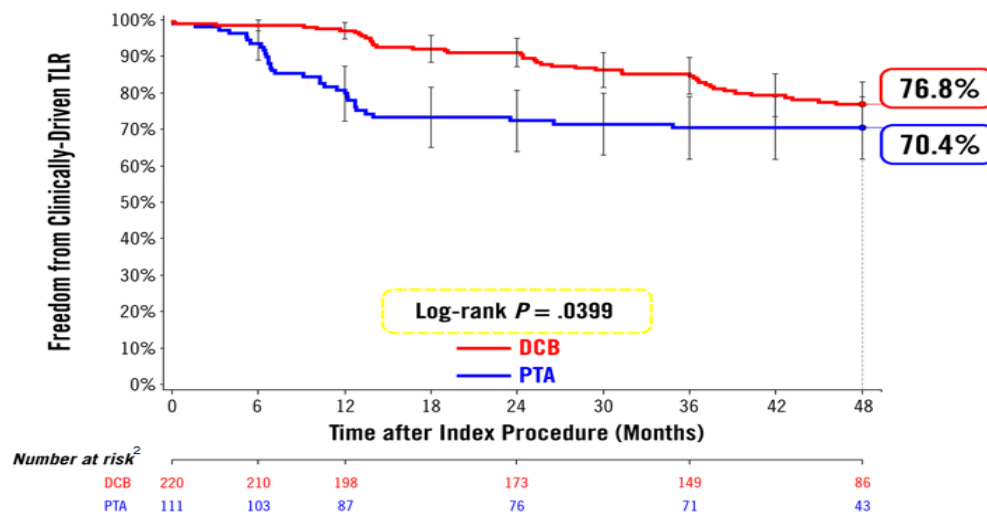
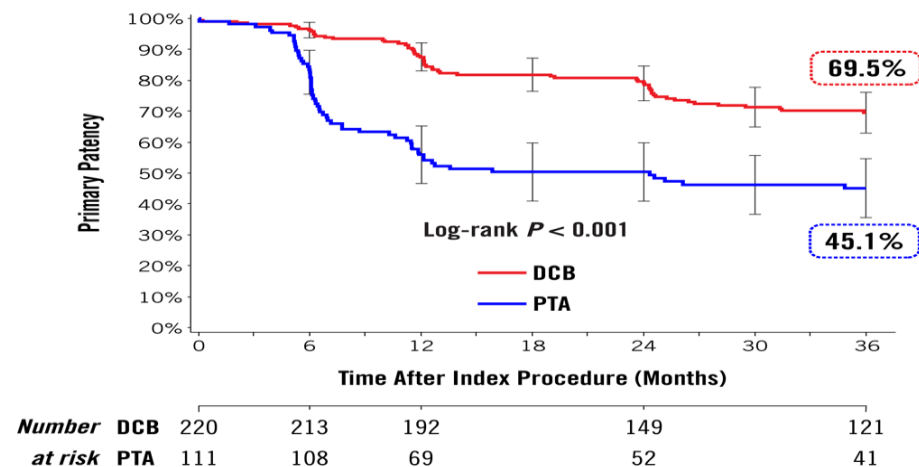
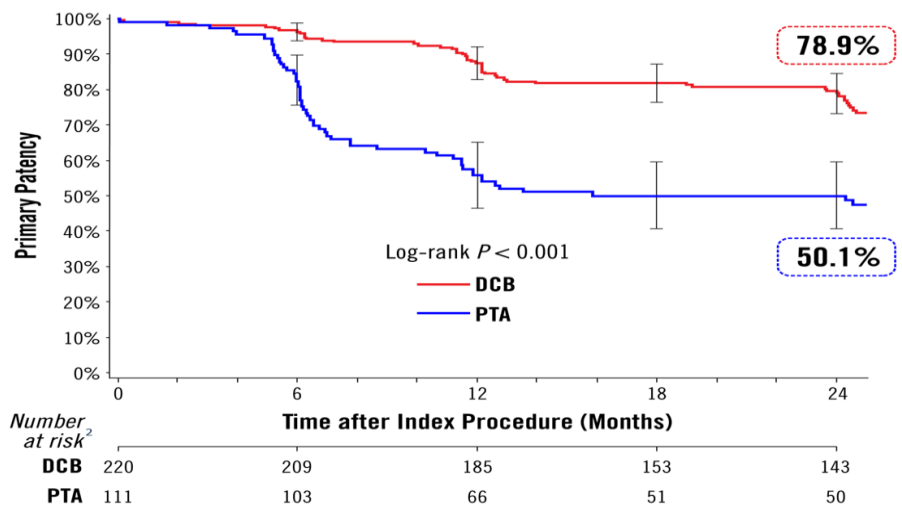
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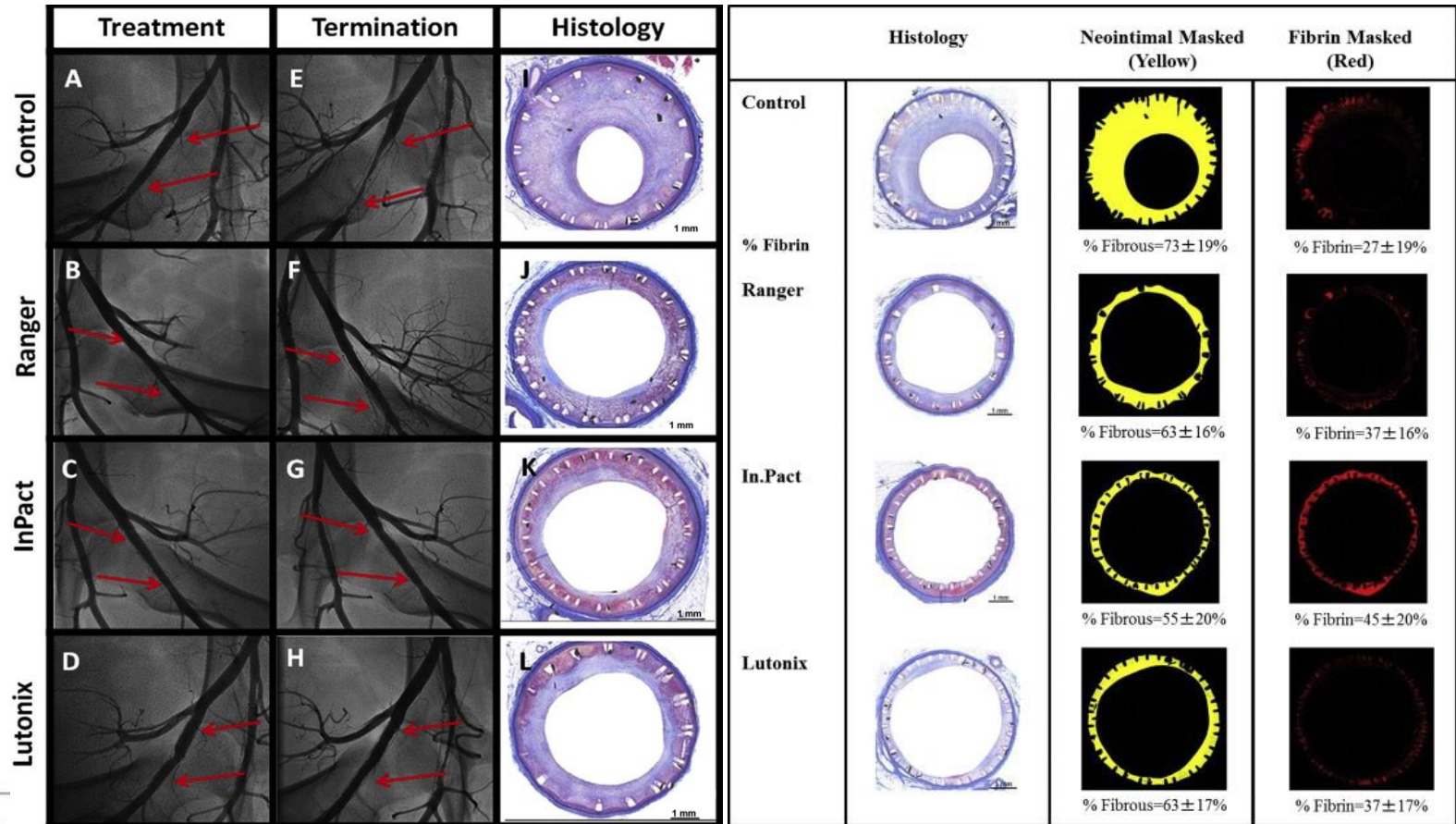
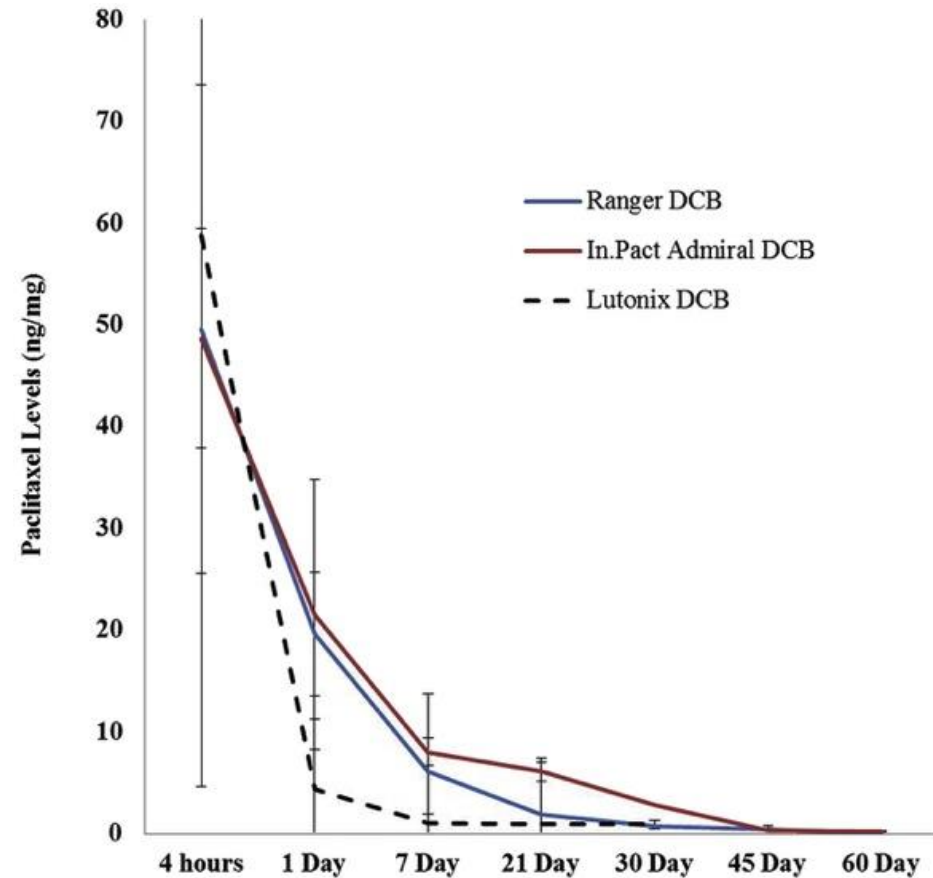
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IN.PACT DCB Has Shown Superior Results Compared to PTA in Pivotal IDE Trials



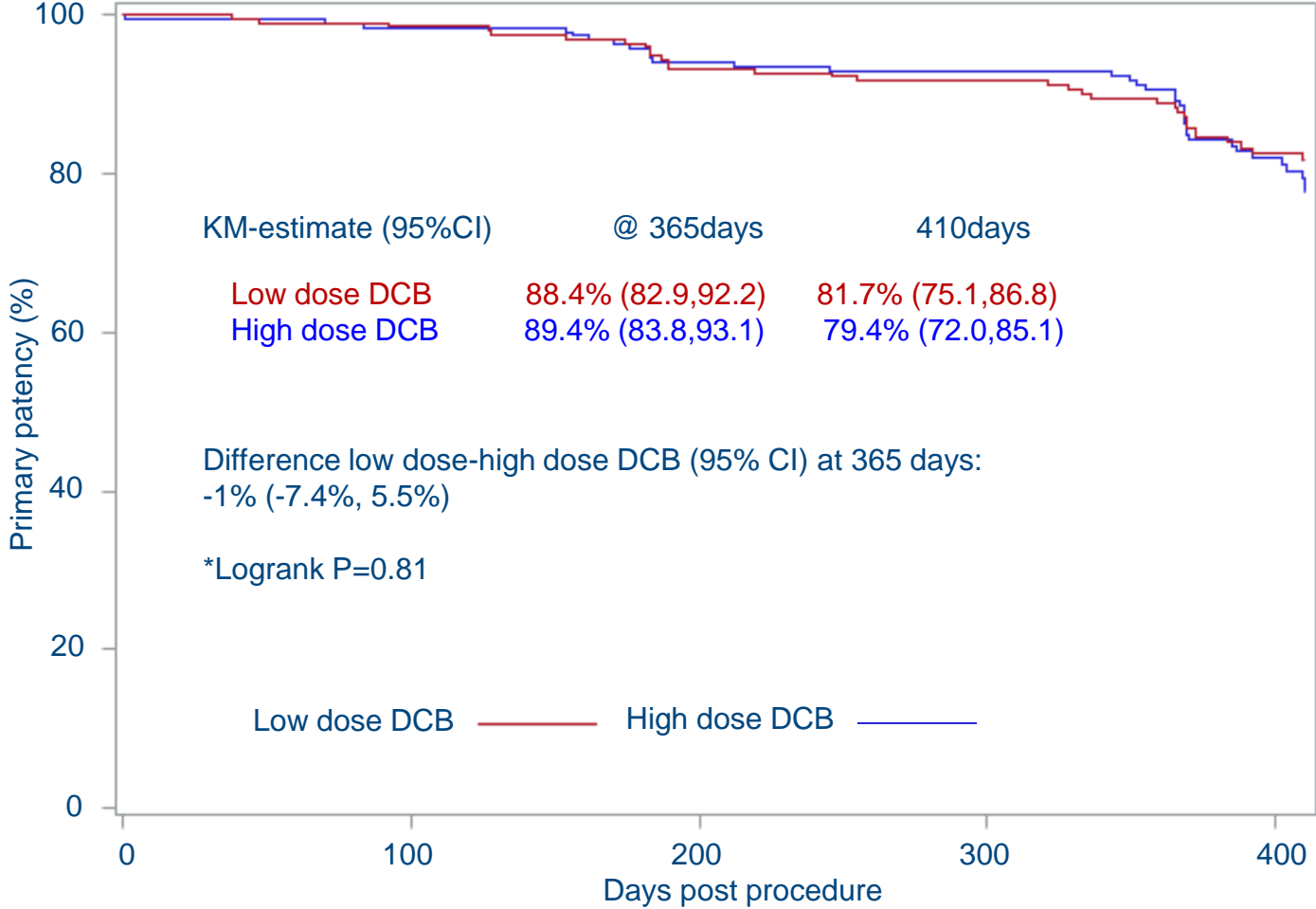
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Not all DCB Are Created Equal: Differential PK



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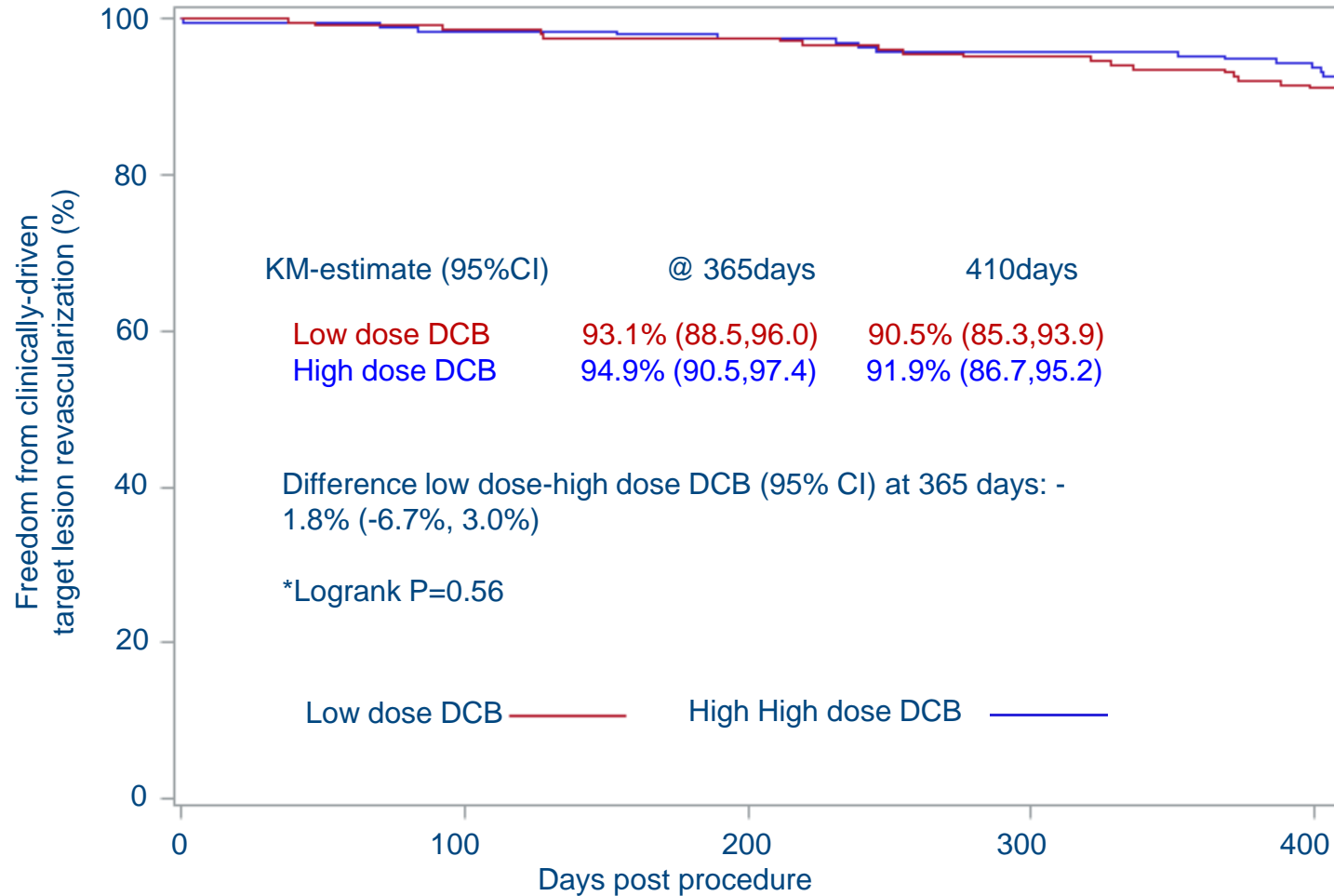
Survival analysis: Primary Patency



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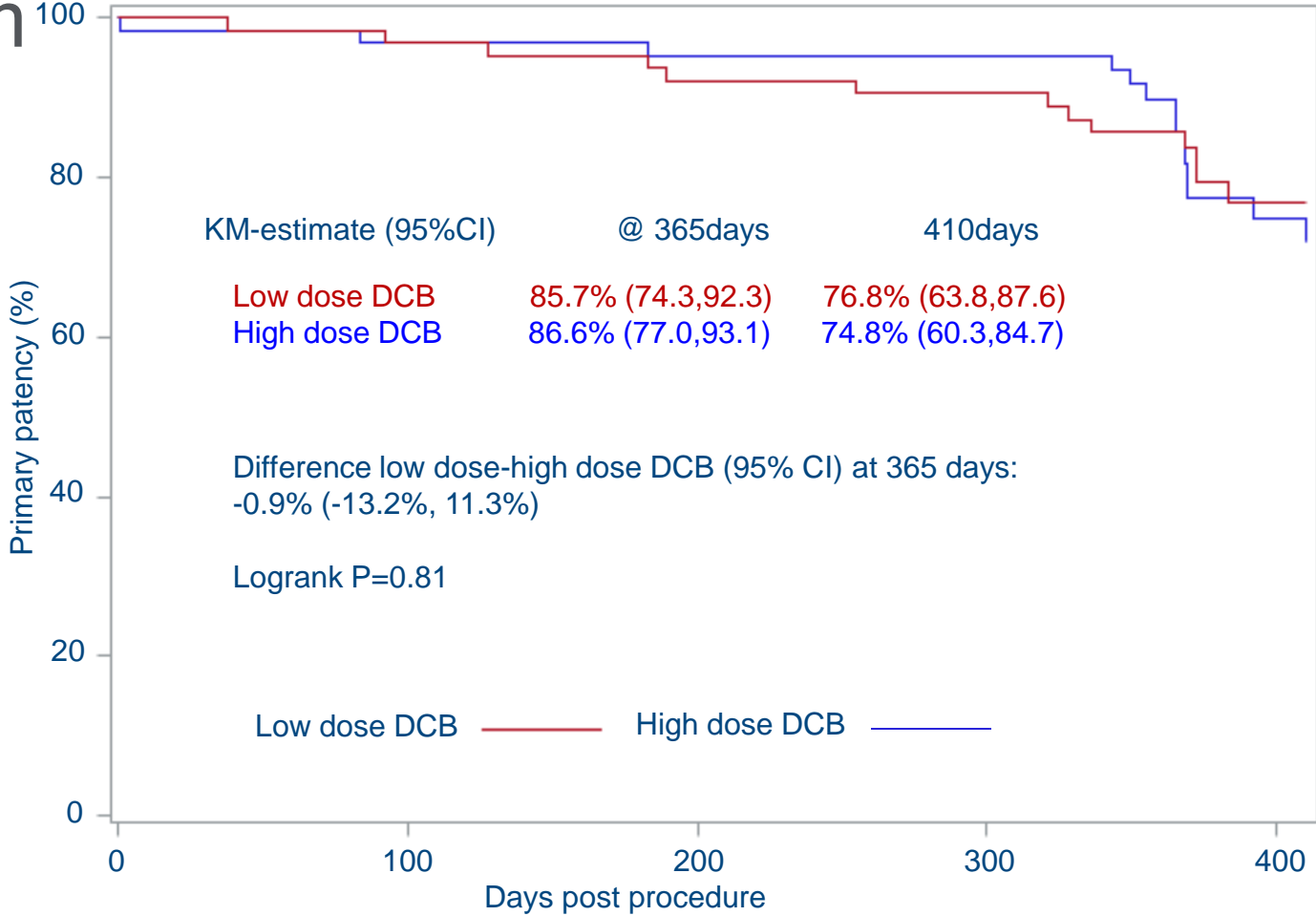
COMPARE RCT

Survival analysis: Freedom from CD-TLR



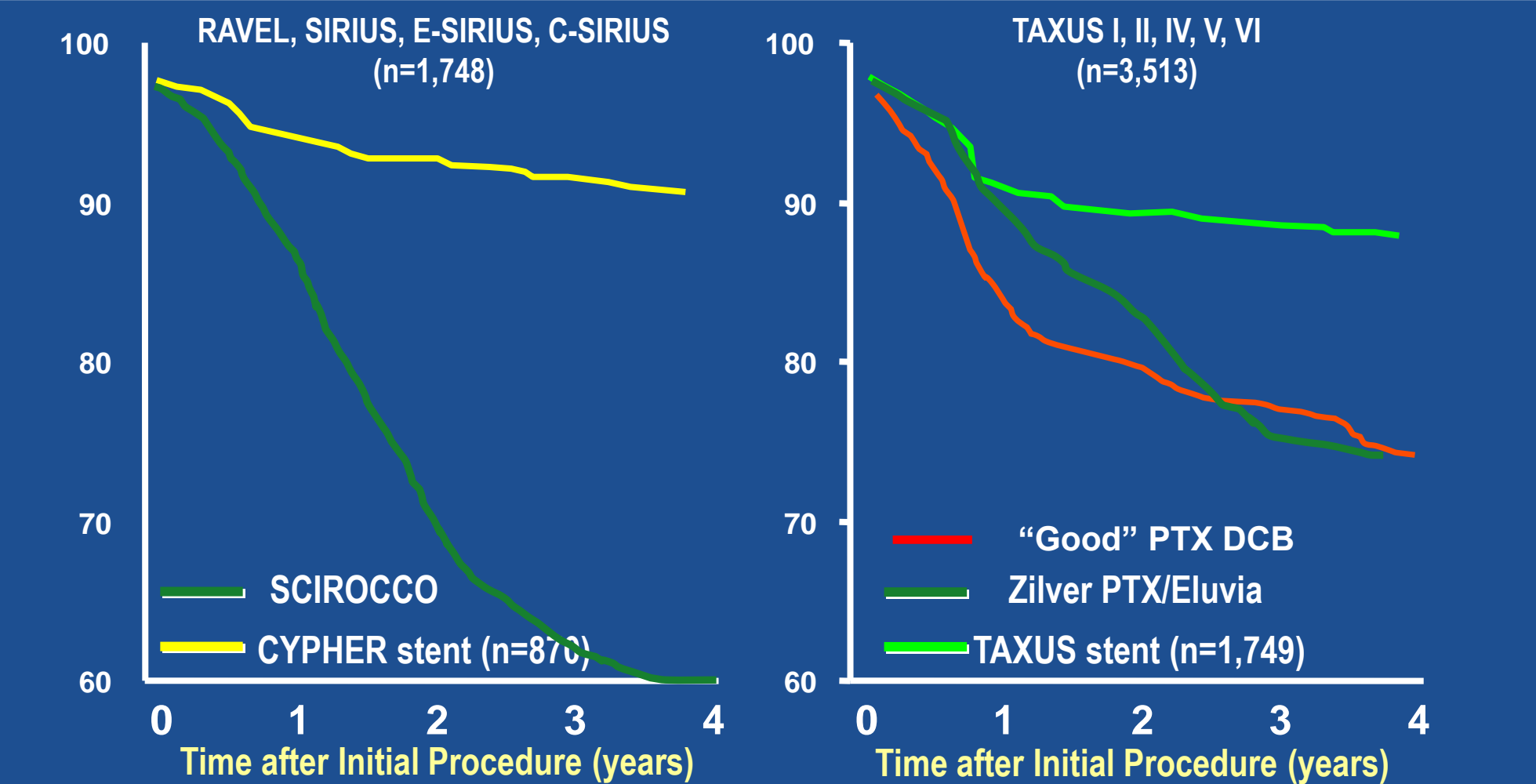
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COMPARE RCT: Primary patency in long lesions >20cm and ≤30cm



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TLR Rates of DES and DCB in the SFA are NOT the same as the Coronary Bed



Question: SFA Treatment Choices

PTA alone

Nitinol Stent – Conventional

Nitinol Stent – Vascular Mimetic Implant

Drug Eluting Stent

Drug Coated Balloon

Stent Graft

Atherectomy/Plaque Modification Alone

- Orbital vs Directional vs Rotational/Aspiration vs Laser vs IVL

Atherectomy + Stent + Drug Coated Balloon

SCAI AUC and FP PVI: 2017 Update

	PTI	BM	DEI	DCI	LASEI	Directional Atherec	Rotational atherect	Cutting ball	
RC 0-1, severe (≥70%) FP disease, focal lesion.	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	Appropriate
RC 0-1, severe (≥70%) FP disease, moderate lesion.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	May Be Appropriate
RC 0-1, severe (≥70%) FP diffuse lesion.	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	Rarely Appropriate
RC 0-1, severe (≥70%) FP, ISR.	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	
RC 0-1, FP, CTO.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
RC 0-1, severe (≥70%), FP, focal undilatable lesion.	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	
RC 2-3, severe (≥70%) FP disease, focal lesion.	7	7	7	8	3	4	3	1	
RC 2-3, severe (≥70%) FP, moderate lesion.	6	7	8	8	4	3	2	1	
RC 2-3, severe (≥70%) FP diffuse lesion.	4	6	7	8	4	3	3	1	
RC 2-3, severe (≥70%), FP, ISR.	4	5	7	8	7	3	3	3	
RC 2-3, FP, CTO.	3	6	8	8	5	3	3	3	
RC 2-3, severe (≥70%), FP, focal undilatable lesion.	2	2	2	2	6	3	8	7	
RC 4-6, severe (≥70%) FP disease, focal lesion.	7	7	7	8	3	4	3	1	
RC 4-6, severe (≥70%) FP moderate lesion.	5	7	8	8	4	3	3	1	
RC 4-6, severe (≥70%) FP diffuse lesion.	4	7	8	8	4	3	3	1	
RC 4-6, severe (≥70%), FP, ISR.	4	6	7	8	7	3	3	3	
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SCAI Consensus Guidelines for Device Selection in FP PVI Device Selection as DEFINITIVE Therapy

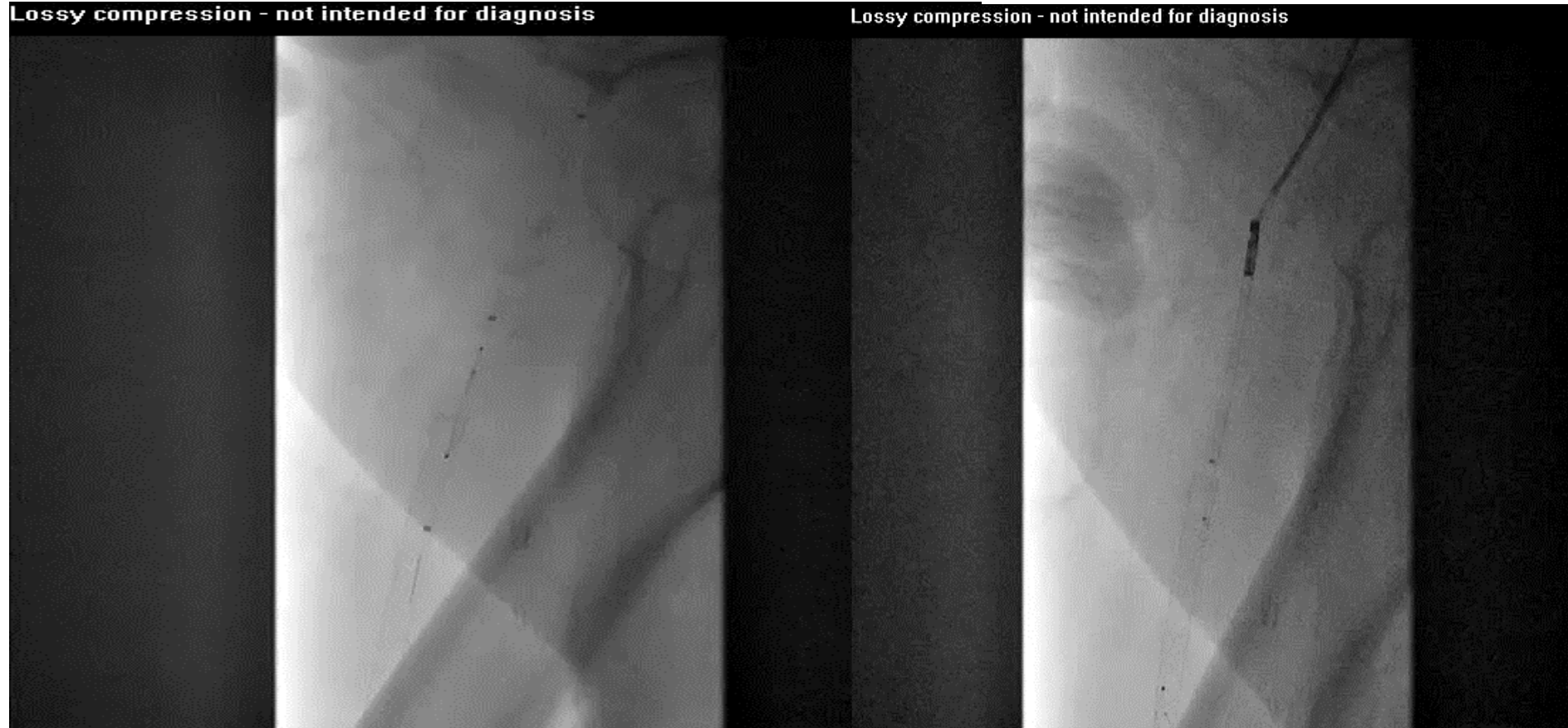
	PTA	Specialty balloons	BMS (Self-expanding)	DES	DCB	Covered stents	Laser atherectomy	Directional atherectomy	Orbital/Rotational atherectomy	Excisional/aspiration atherectomy
1. CFA bifurcation lesion	IIB C-LD	IIB C-EO	IIA B-R	IIA C-EO	IIA C-EO	III H C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO
2. Above knee popliteal lesion	III NB B-R	III NB C-EO	IIA A	I B-R	I A	IIB B-R	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO
3. Ostial SFA lesion	IIB B-R	IIB C-EO	IIA A	I B-R	I A	IIB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO
4. Focal SFA lesion	IIB A	III NB C-LD	IIA A	I B-R	I A	IIB B-R	III NB C-LD	III NB C-LD	III NB C-LD	III NB C-LD
5. Intermediate SFA lesion	III NB B-R	III NB C-LD	IIA A	I B-R	I A	IIB B-R	III NB C-LD	III NB C-LD	III NB C-LD	III NB C-LD
6. Diffuse SFA lesion	III NB B-NR	III NB C-EO	IIA B-NR	I B-NR	I B-R	IIA B-R	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO
7. Moderate to severe calcified, focal lesion	IIB B-NR	IIB C-LD	IIA C-LD	I C-LD	I C-LD	IIB C-EO	III NB C-LD	III NB C-LD	III NB C-LD	III NB C-LD
8. Moderate to severe calcified, intermediate lesion	III NB B-NR	III NB C-LD	IIA C-LD	I C-LD	I C-LD	IIB C-EO	III NB C-LD	III NB C-LD	III NB C-LD	III NB C-LD
9. Moderate to severe calcified, diffuse lesion	III NB B-NR	III NB C-LD	IIA C-EO	I C-EO	I C-LD	IIA C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB/ C-EO
10. Chronic total occlusion, focal lesion	IIB B-R	III NB C-EO	IIA B-R	I B-R	I B-R	IIB C-LD	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO
11. Chronic total occlusion, intermediate lesion	III NB B-R	III NB C-EO	IIA B-R	I B-R	I B-R	IIB B-R	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO
12. Chronic total occlusion, diffuse lesion	III NB B-NR	III NB C-EO	IIA C-LD	I B-NR	I B-NR	IIA B-R	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO	III NB C-EO
13. ISR, focal lesion	IIB B-R	III NB C-LD	III NB C-EO	IIB C-LD	I B-R	IIB C-LD	IIA B-R	III NB C-EO	III H C-EO	III NB C-EO
14. ISR, intermediate lesion	III NB B-R	III NB C-LD	III NB C-EO	IIA C-LD	I B-R	IIB B-R	IIA B-R	III NB C-EO	III H C-EO	III NB C-EO

Back to our case... Two Years Later.... (2012)

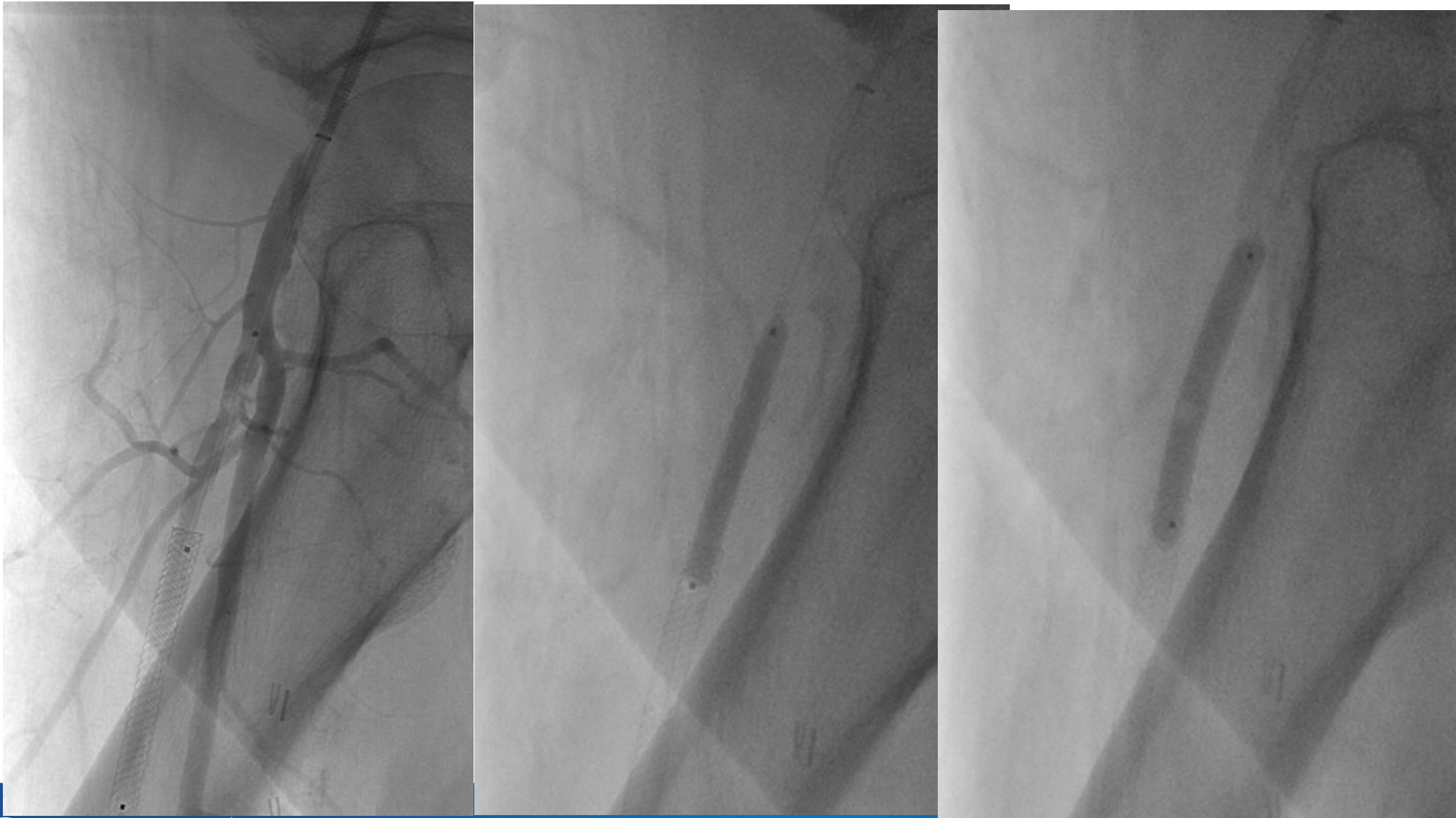
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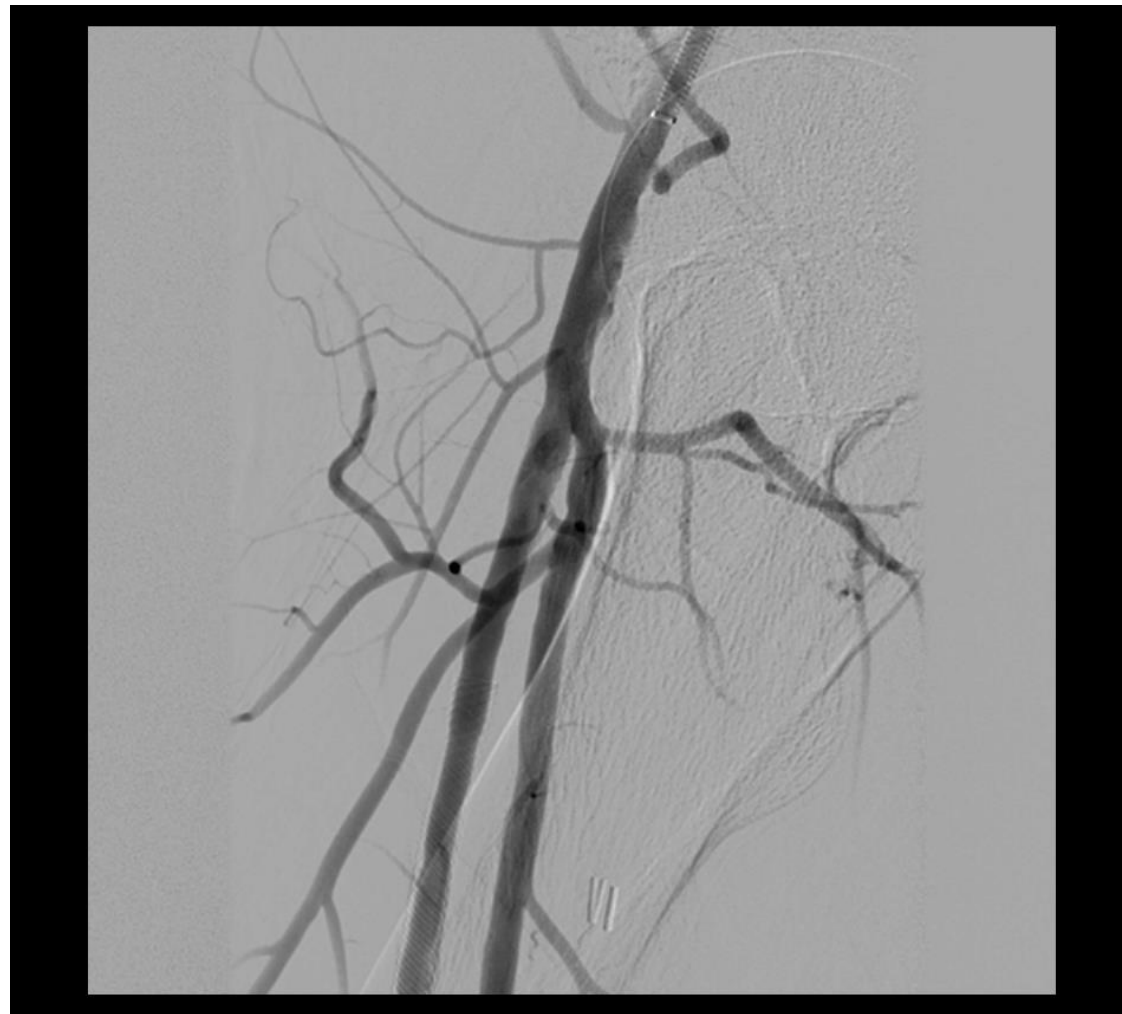
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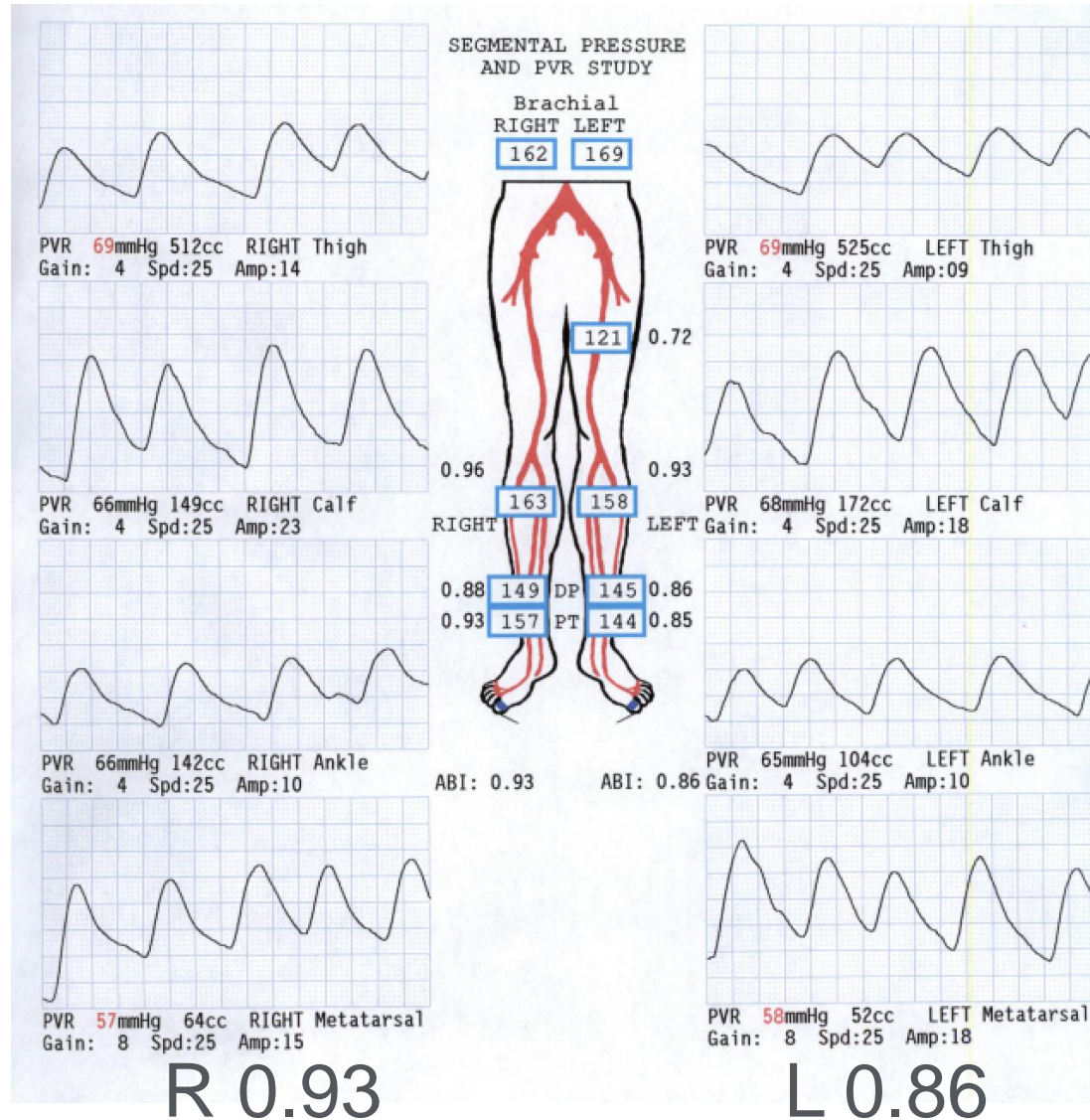
After Atherectomy



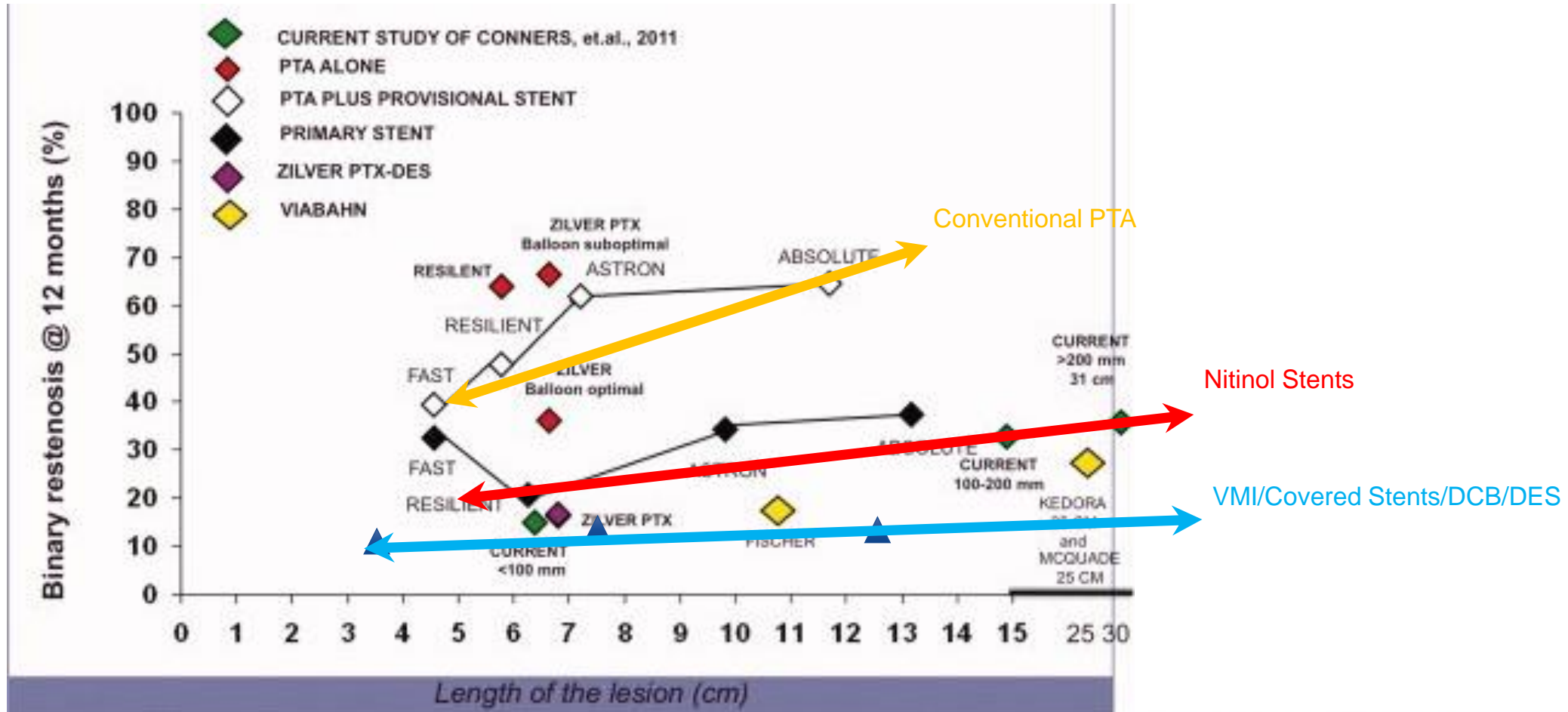
Final Angiography



ABI 13 Years After Stent



SFA Patency Decreases with Lesion Length for PTA and “Conventional Stenting” but less so for Newer Technologies Including Novel Stent Designs and Drug Delivery Devices



Risk of Death Following Application of Paclitaxel-Coated Balloons and Stents in the Femoropopliteal Artery of the Leg: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials

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Background—Several randomized controlled trials (RCTs) have already shown that paclitaxel-coated balloons and stents significantly reduce the rates of vessel restenosis and target lesion revascularization after lower extremity interventions.

Methods and Results—A systematic review and meta-analysis of RCTs investigating paclitaxel-coated devices in the femoral and/or popliteal arteries was performed. The primary safety measure was all-cause patient death. Risk ratios and risk differences were pooled with a random effects model. In all, 28 RCTs with 4663 patients (89% intermittent claudication) were analyzed. All-cause patient death at 1 year (28 RCTs with 4432 cases) was similar between paclitaxel-coated devices and control arms (2.3% versus 2.3% crude risk of death; risk ratio, 1.08; 95% CI, 0.72–1.61). All-cause death at 2 years (12 RCTs with 2316 cases) was significantly increased in the case of paclitaxel versus control (7.2% versus 3.8% crude risk of death; risk ratio, 1.68; 95% CI, 1.15–2.47; —number-needed-to-harm, 29 patients [95% CI, 19–59]). All-cause death up to 5 years (3 RCTs with 863 cases) increased further in the case of paclitaxel (14.7% versus 8.1% crude risk of death; risk ratio, 1.93; 95% CI, 1.27–2.93; —number-needed-to-harm, 14 patients [95% CI, 9–32]). Meta-regression showed a significant relationship between exposure to paclitaxel (dose-time product) and absolute risk of death ($0.4 \pm 0.1\%$ excess risk of death per paclitaxel mg-year; $P < 0.001$). Trial sequential analysis excluded false-positive findings with 99% certainty (2-sided α , 1.0%).

Conclusions—There is increased risk of death following application of paclitaxel-coated balloons and stents in the femoropopliteal artery of the lower limbs. Further investigations are urgently warranted.

Clinical Trial Registration—URL: www.crd.york.ac.uk/PROSPERO. Unique identifier: CRD42018099447. (*J Am Heart Assoc.* 2018;7:e011245. DOI: 10.1161/JAHA.118.011245.)

Key Words: balloon angioplasty • paclitaxel • paclitaxel-coated balloon • paclitaxel-eluting stent

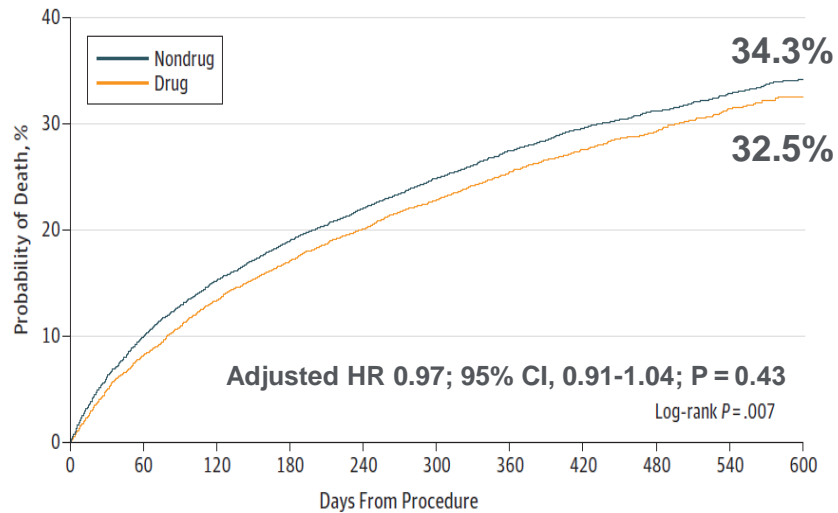
Initial Analyses of Medicare Beneficiary Data

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Association of Survival With Femoropopliteal Artery Revascularization With Drug-Coated Devices

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No. at risk	0	60	120	180	240	300	360	420	480	540	600
Drug	5989	5500	5189	4966	4785	4229	3363	2552	1817	1046	298
Nondrug	10571	9517	8955	8560	8237	7321	5935	4610	3337	2016	670

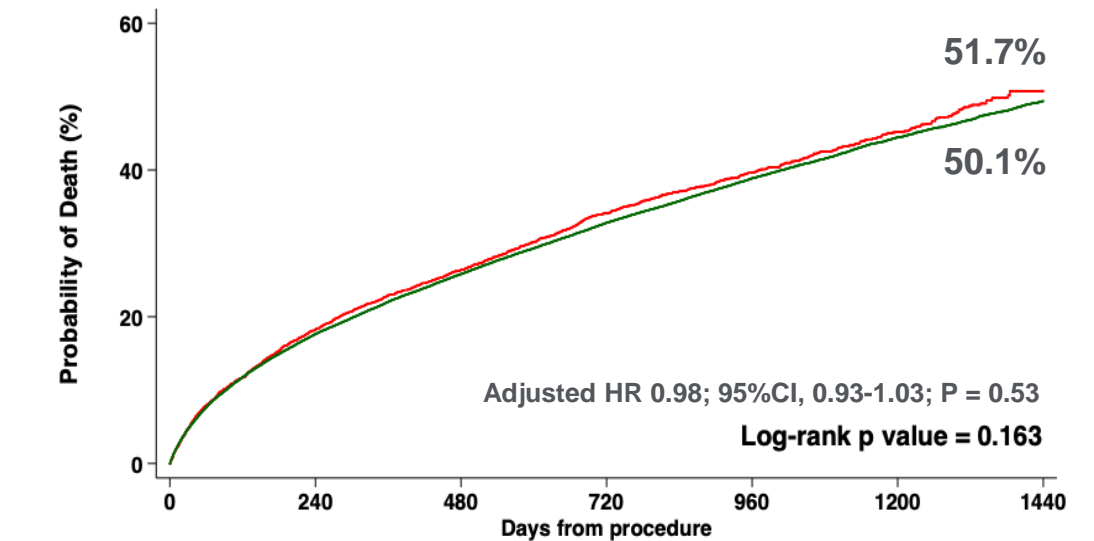


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Drug-Eluting Stent Implantation and Long-Term Survival Following Peripheral Artery Revascularization

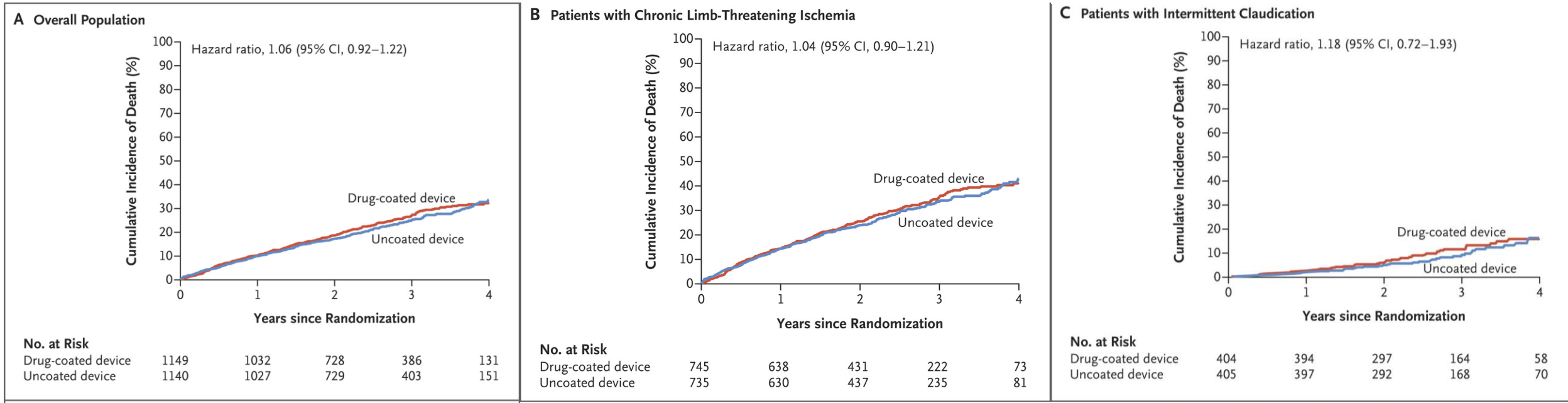
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No. at risk	0	240	480	720	960	1200	1440
DES	4105	3356	2947	1820	1133	550	68
BMS	47351	38955	34556	24203	16067	8547	1200

SWEDEPAD:

No increased mortality in interim analysis

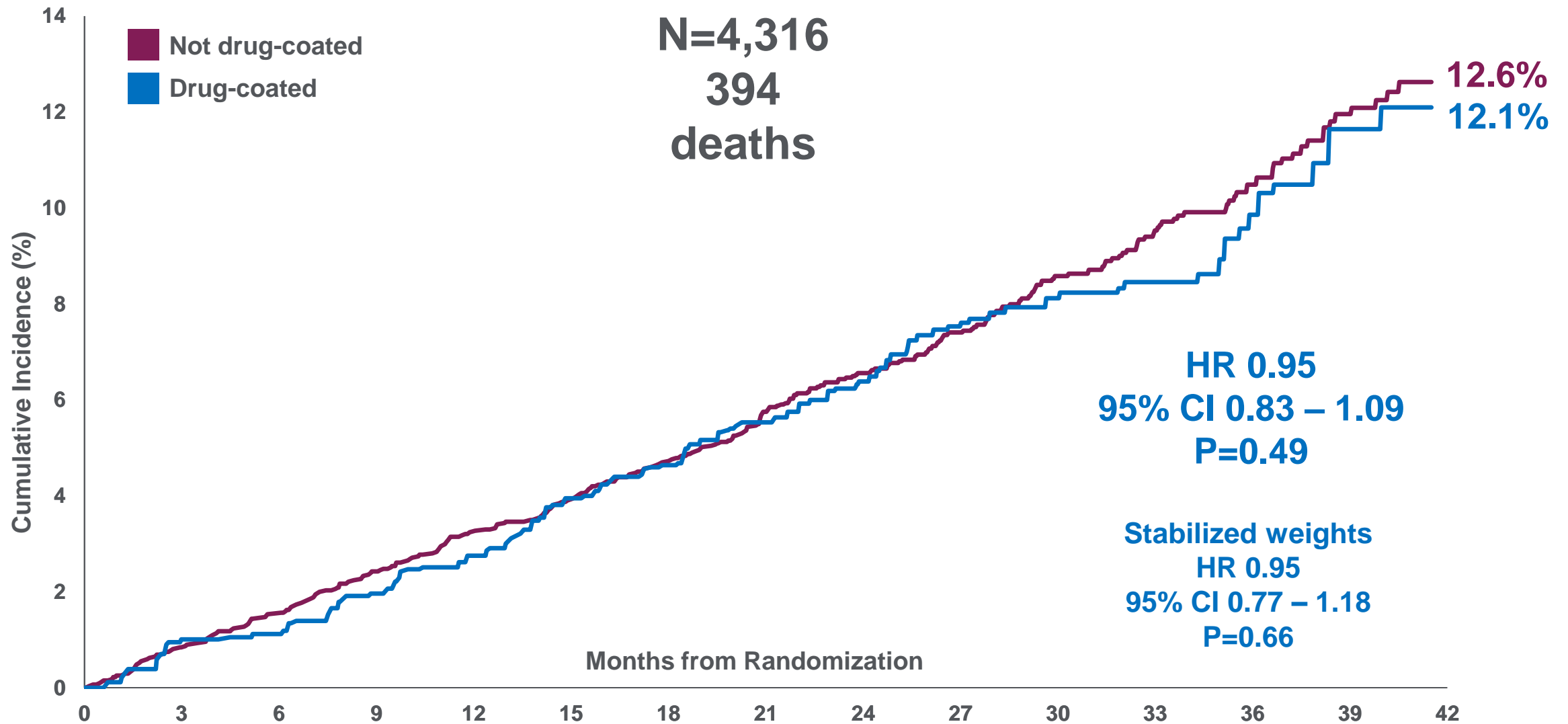


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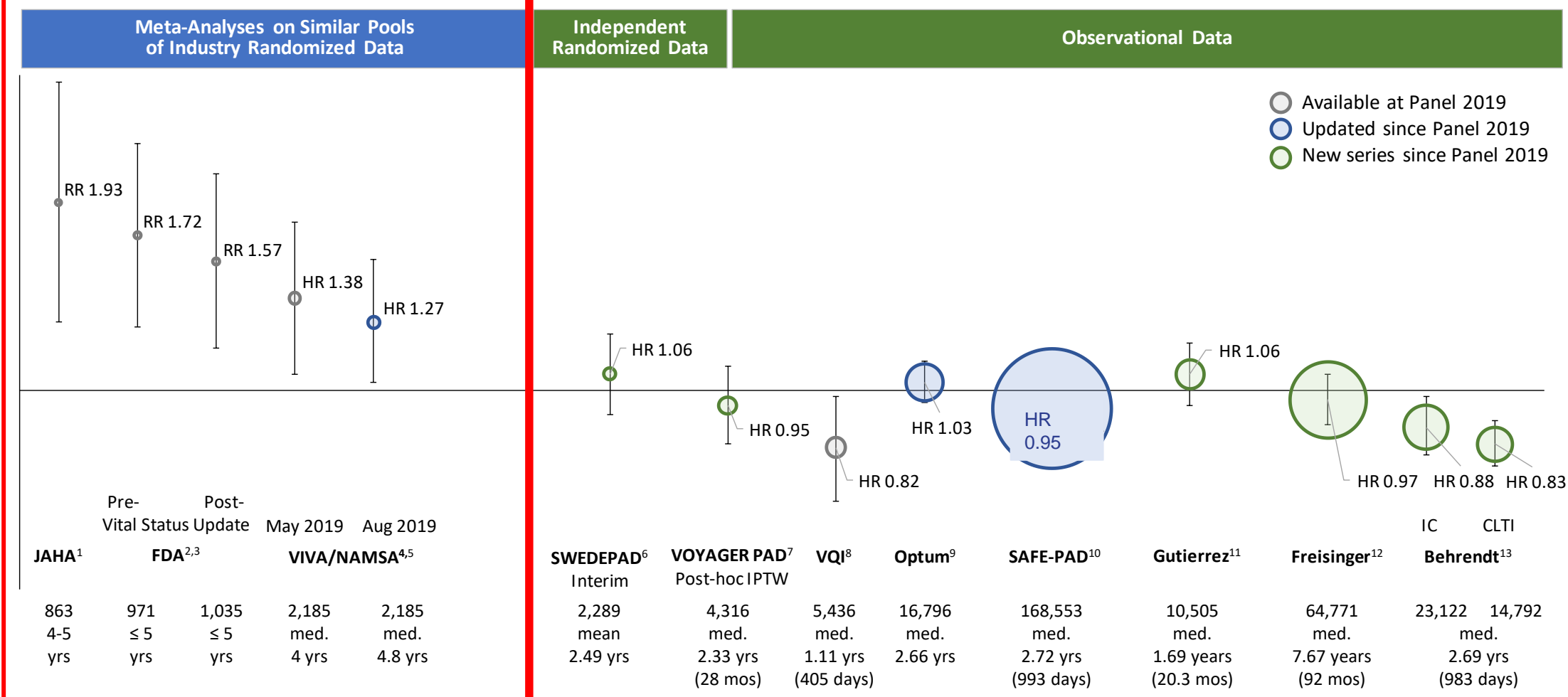
All-cause Mortality

Weighted

N=4,316
394
deaths



Mortality Risk Ratio (RR) or Hazard Ratio (HR)
[pacilitaxel devices to non-pacilitaxel devices]



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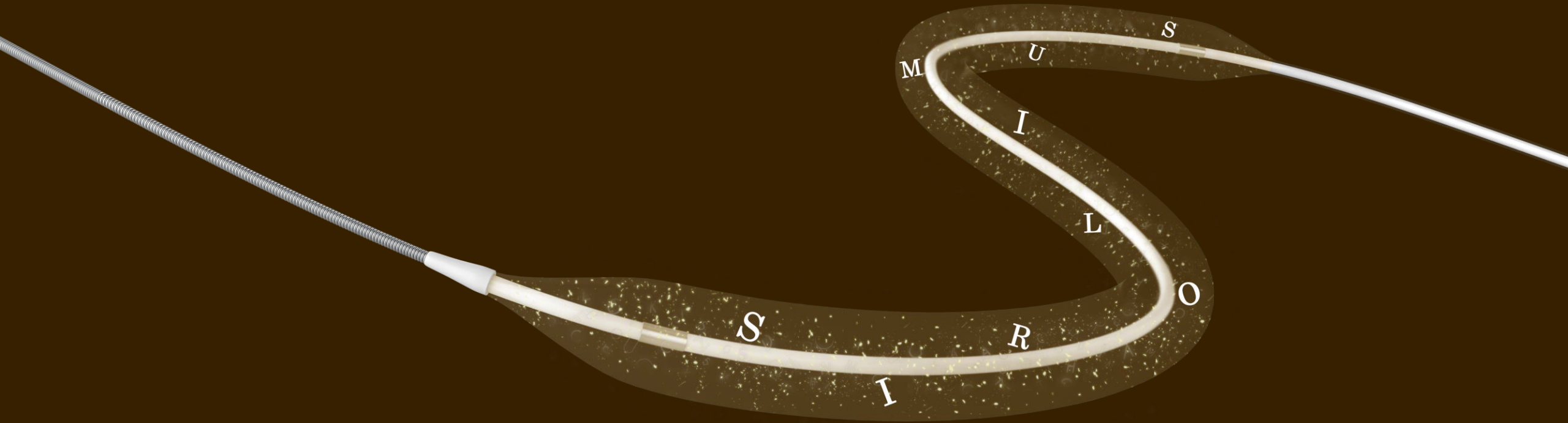
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**How do we do better
for our patients?**

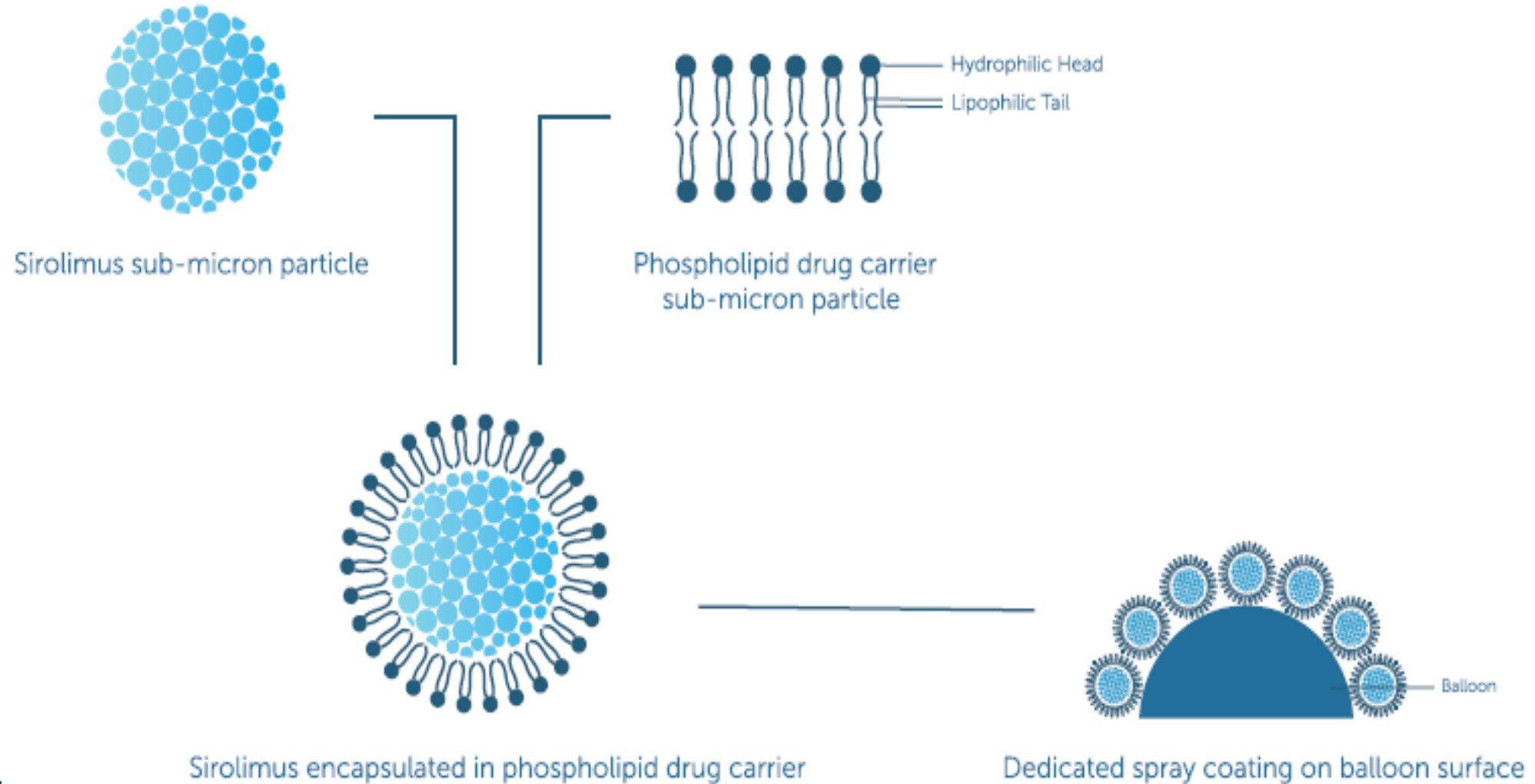
MagicTouch PTA

Sirolimus Coated Balloon



Designed by NANOLUTE TECHNOLOGY

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Clinical efficacy and safety of the Magic Touch PTA Sirolimus coated balloon
for SFA and BTK lesions

Primary endpoint: 6 month Primary Patency

6 month outcomes	All N=50	Femoropopliteal N=20 (% or range)	Below the knee N=30 (% or range)
Primary patency	80.0%	88.2%	74.0%

FUTURE-SFA

- Subject target: 279
 - Rutherford class 3-6
 - SFA, P1, P2
 - Single or sequential lesion, 2-20cm
 - De novo or re-stenosis lesion
 - No significant inflow dis
 - At least 1 patent crural artery run-off to foot
- Determine effectiveness (primary patency)
 - Quadruple blinded (Participants, care provider, investigator, outcome assessor)
 - 2:1 enrollment
 - CRO controlled
 - Core Lab adjudicated
 - Follow-up 6, 12, 24 months

FUTURE-BTK

- Subject target: 219
- Rutherford class 4-6
- Proximal 20cm of BTK arteries
- Single or sequential lesion, 2-20cm
- De novo or re-stenosis lesion
- No significant inflow dis
- Target vessel has run-off to foot after Rx

SELUTION SLR™

Sirolimus-Eluting Balloon with Sustained Release (CE-Marked)



Proprietary MicroReservoir Technology

- Creation of MicroReservoirs combining sirolimus & biodegradable polymer
- **Sirolimus - a proven safe & effective cytostatic drug**
- Offering a wider therapeutic range

MicroReservoirs: Miniature Drug-Delivery

- Optimal size MicroReservoirs to achieve pharmaco-kinetic release profile comparable to best in class DES
- Consistent and predictable drug release
- **Sustained therapeutic effect for up to 90 days¹**

Cell Adherent Technology (CAT™)

Proprietary amphipathic lipid technology which binds MicroReservoirs to the balloon surface

- Contains and protects micro-reservoirs during insertion and inflation
- **Enhances drug retention and bioavailability**, allowing for a lower drug dose concentration on the balloon surface (1 µg/mm²)
- **Optimizes transfer of MicroReservoirs to the tissue** and **maximizes the cellular uptake of sirolimus**



SELUTION SLR - Clinical Trial Program

- ▶ Peripheral program Enrolling Over 1900 Patients



MEDALLIANCE Sponsored Trials	Indication	Patient Numbers	Region	Design	Status
SELUTION FIM	SFA	50	Germany	Single Arm	Completed 2 Year Data
SUCCESS	SFA/BTK/Foot	772	Asia/Europe/L AM	Single Arm	Enrolling
SELUTION 4SFA	SFA/Popliteal	300	Europe/US	RCT	In review with FDA
SELUTION 4BTK	BTK	377	Europe/US	RCT	Enrollment expected to start in Q2 2022
JAPAN SFA	SFA	134	Japan	Single Arm	Post-enrollment
CHINA SFA	SFA	139	China	RCT	Enrolling

Physician-Initiated Trials	Indication	Patient Numbers	Region	Design	Status
PRESTIGE	BTK	25	Asia	Single Arm	18 Month Data
PRISTINE	BTK	75	Asia	Single Arm	Enrollment completed
STEP	Foot	20	Austria	Single Arm	Enrolling
FLOW	SFA	70	Germany	RCT	Enrolling



Summarizing the Data for Arterial IVUS

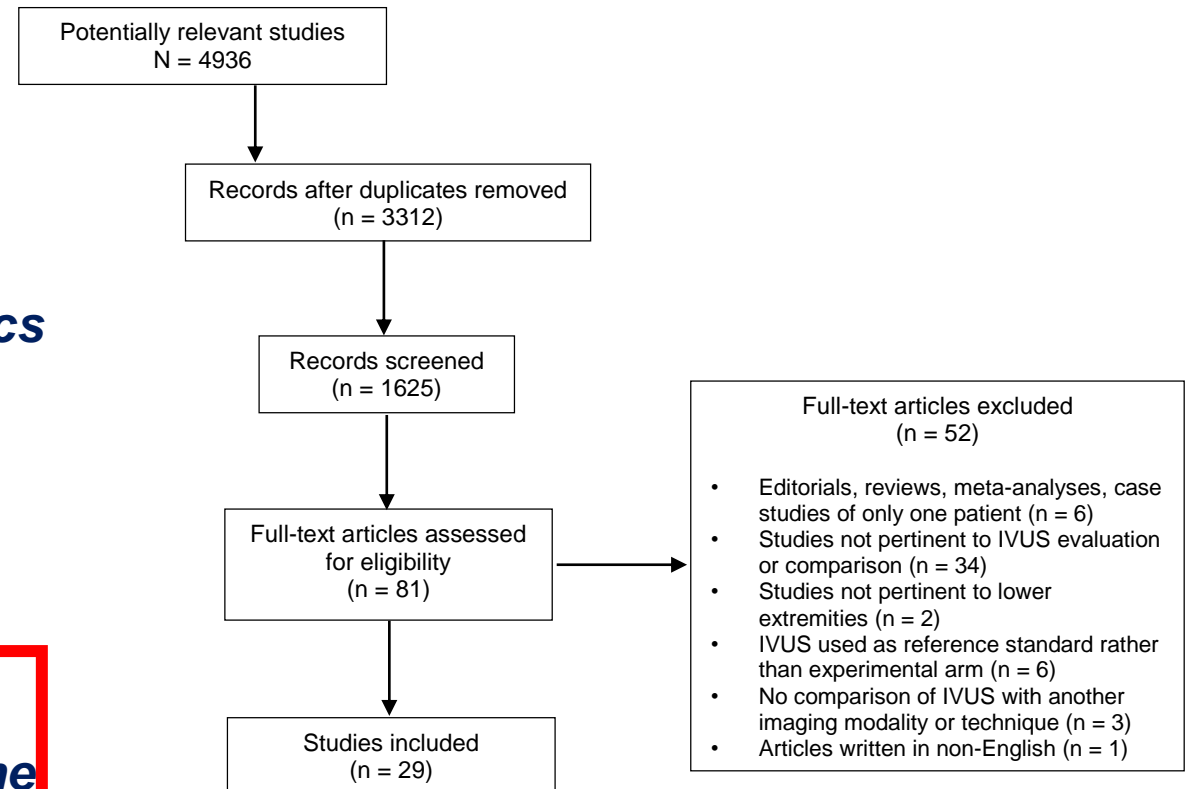
Arterial Studies (N=29):

- **25 cohort studies, 4 case-series, N=95,192 patients**
- **Studies Examined:**
 - **18/29: Device sizing, placement, and optimization**
 - **6/29: Evaluation of lesion characteristics and severity**
 - **3/29: Management of arterial dissections**
 - **2/29: Reentry of chronic total occlusions**

Grading Level of Evidence

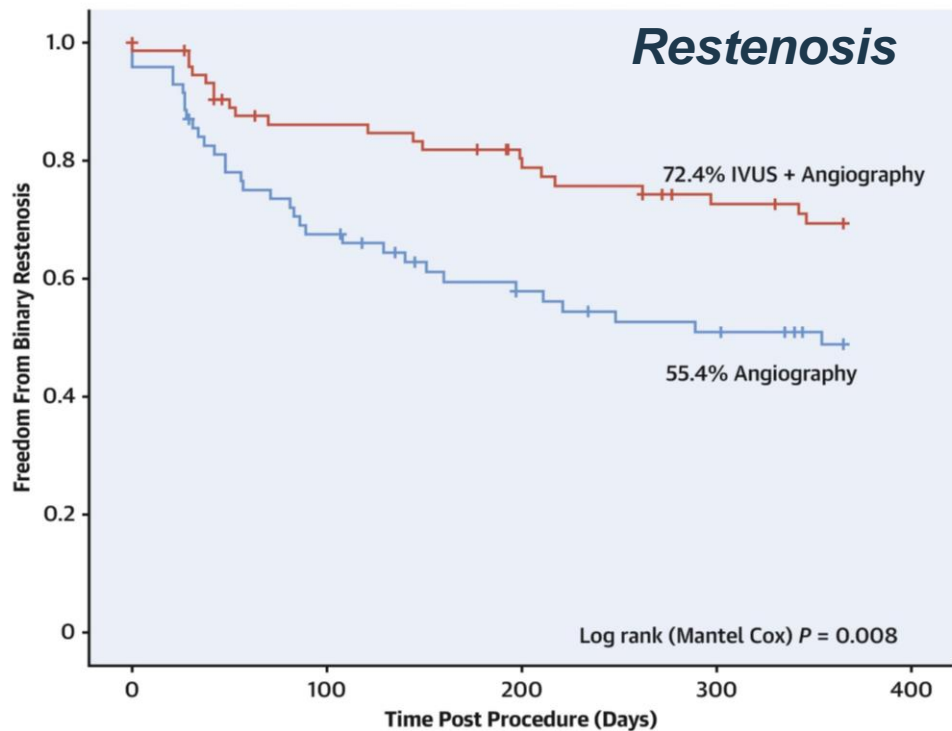
- **23/29 (79.3%) received a Level 2b rating, the second highest level of evidence rating**

Arterial Studies



Restenosis Following Randomization to Angiographic Guidance Vs. IVUS + Angiography for Femoropopliteal Interventions

- 150 patients randomized to angiography alone vs IVUS + angiography for femoropopliteal artery intervention



No. at risk:

	0	100	200	300	400
Angiography	74	45	37	31	26
IVUS + Angiography	76	60	57	49	45

Findings driven in part by appropriate sizing of DCBs

	Control group	IVUS group	Total
No binary restenosis	25 (62.5%)	40 (90.9%)	P=0.004
Binary restenosis	15 (37.5%)	4 (9.1%)	

Allan RB, et al. JINT 2022.

Restenosis Following Randomization to Angiographic Guidance Vs. IVUS + Angiography for Femoropopliteal Interventions

Changes in the treatment plan due to IVUS findings

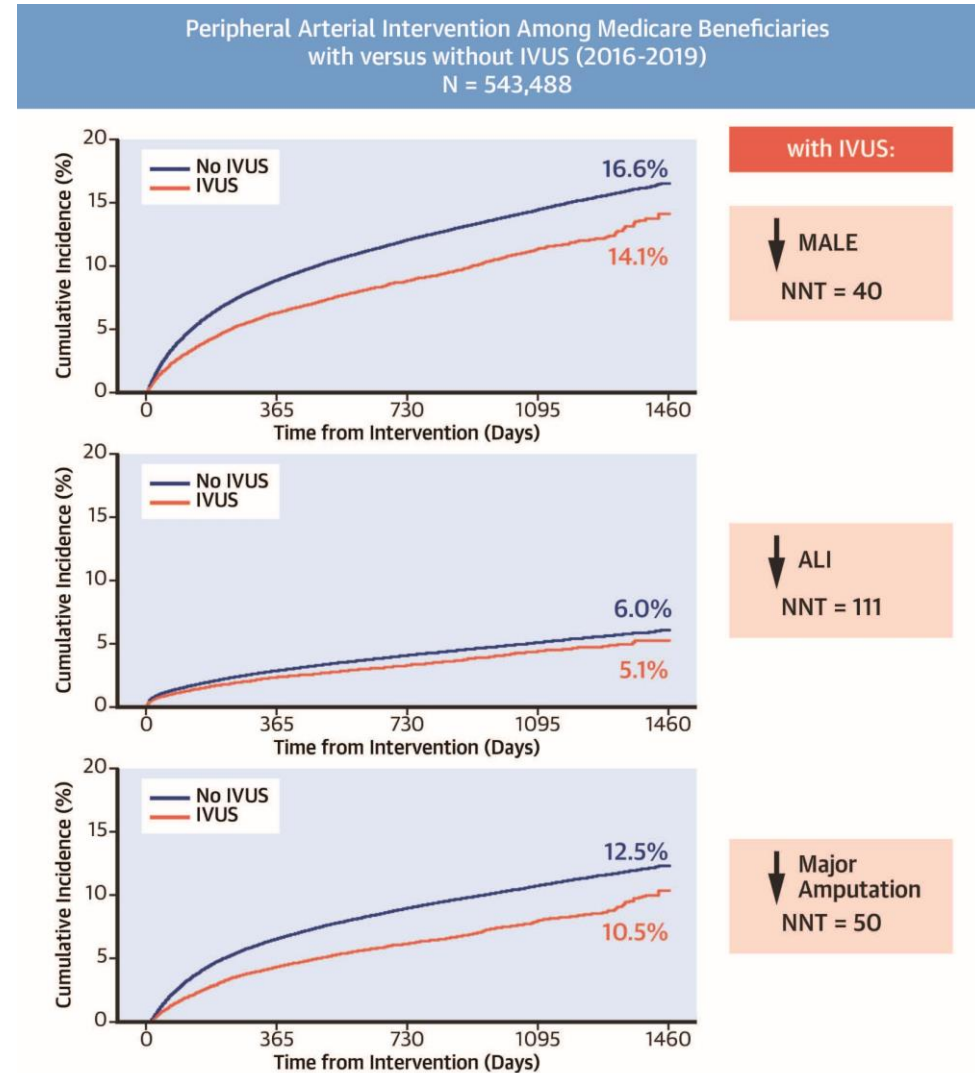
Treatment change	Number of occasions	% of total treatment changes
Changes to initial plan - total	65	78.3%
Increase in treatment length	32	38.6%
Increase in treatment device size	21	25.3%
Change in initial treatment modality	7	8.4%
Decrease in treatment length	3	3.6%
Decrease in treatment device size	2	2.4%
Changes after initial treatment	18	21.7%
Additional angioplasty due to IVUS	10	12.1%
Adjunctive stenting due to IVUS	7	8.4%
Repeat atherectomy due to IVUS	1	1.2%

Types of disagreement in imaging findings between

Pre initial treatment	n=151
Disagreement in RVD	68 (45.0%)
Disagreement in lesion length	71 (47.0%)
Disagreement in plaque eccentricity	6 (4.0%)
Disagreement in cause of stenosis	4 (2.6%)
Disagreement in pre-treatment stent appearances	2 (1.3%)
Post initial treatment	n=34
Disagreement in the severity of dissection	16 (47.1%)
Disagreement in the severity of residual stenosis	14 (9.3%)
Disagreement in adequacy of stent expansion	4 (2.6%)

CMS Data: Opportunities to Improve Outcomes With IVUS

- **543,488 Medicare patients who underwent lower extremity PVI from 2016-2019**
 - **63,372 (11.7%) treated with IVUS**
- **Includes procedures performed in hospitals, hospital outpatient centers and ASC/OBLs**
- **Findings stratified by:**
 - **CLI vs Claudication**
 - **Arterial segment (iliac, fempop, tibial)**
 - **Procedural location**

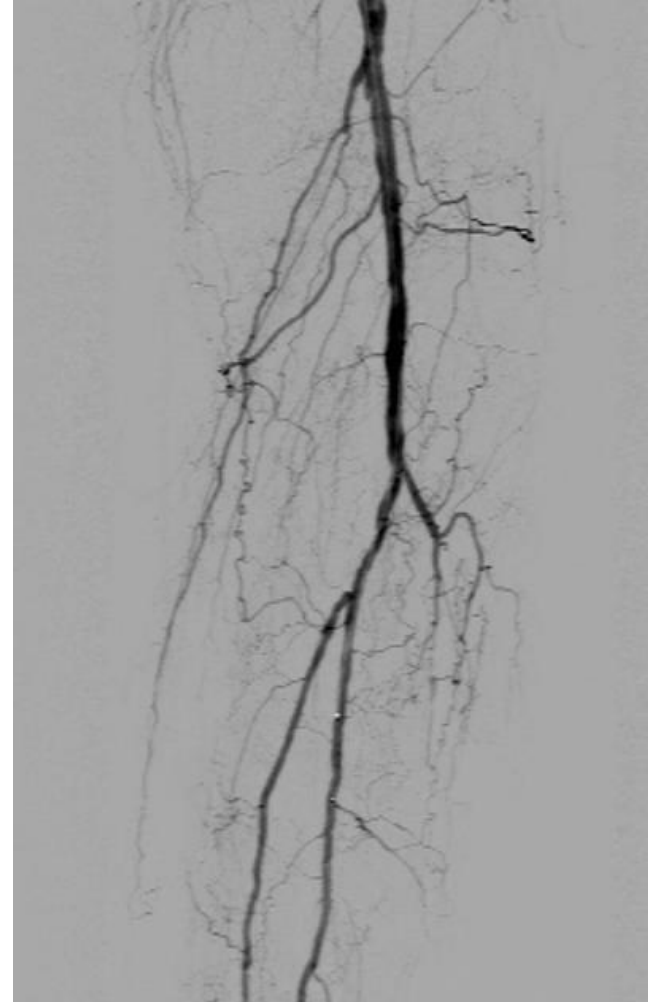
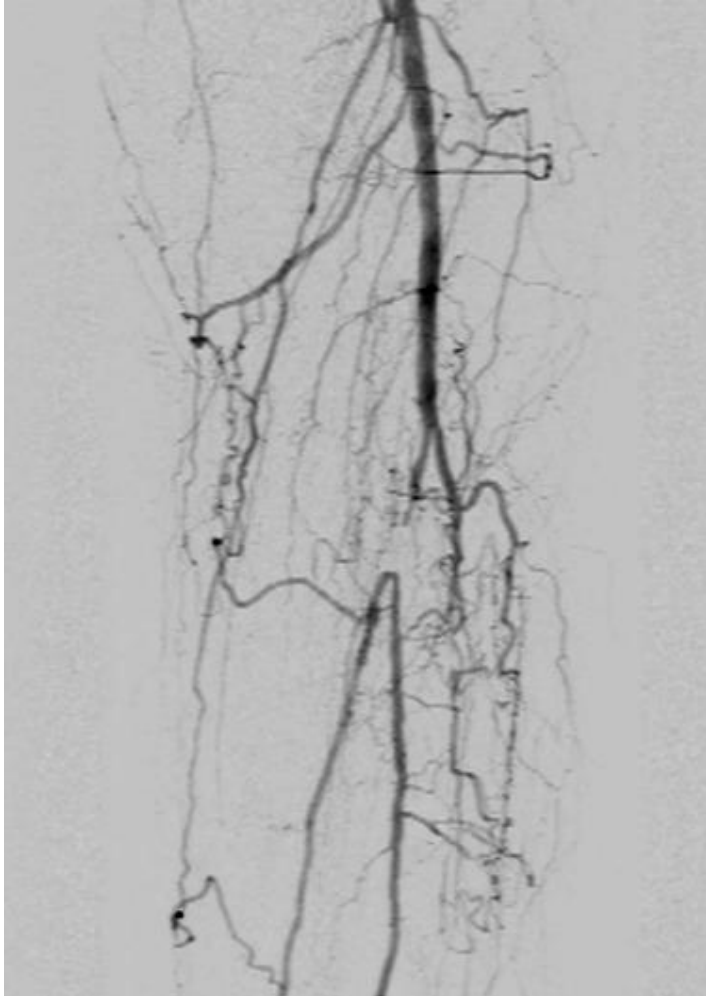


How About Below Knee Lesions?

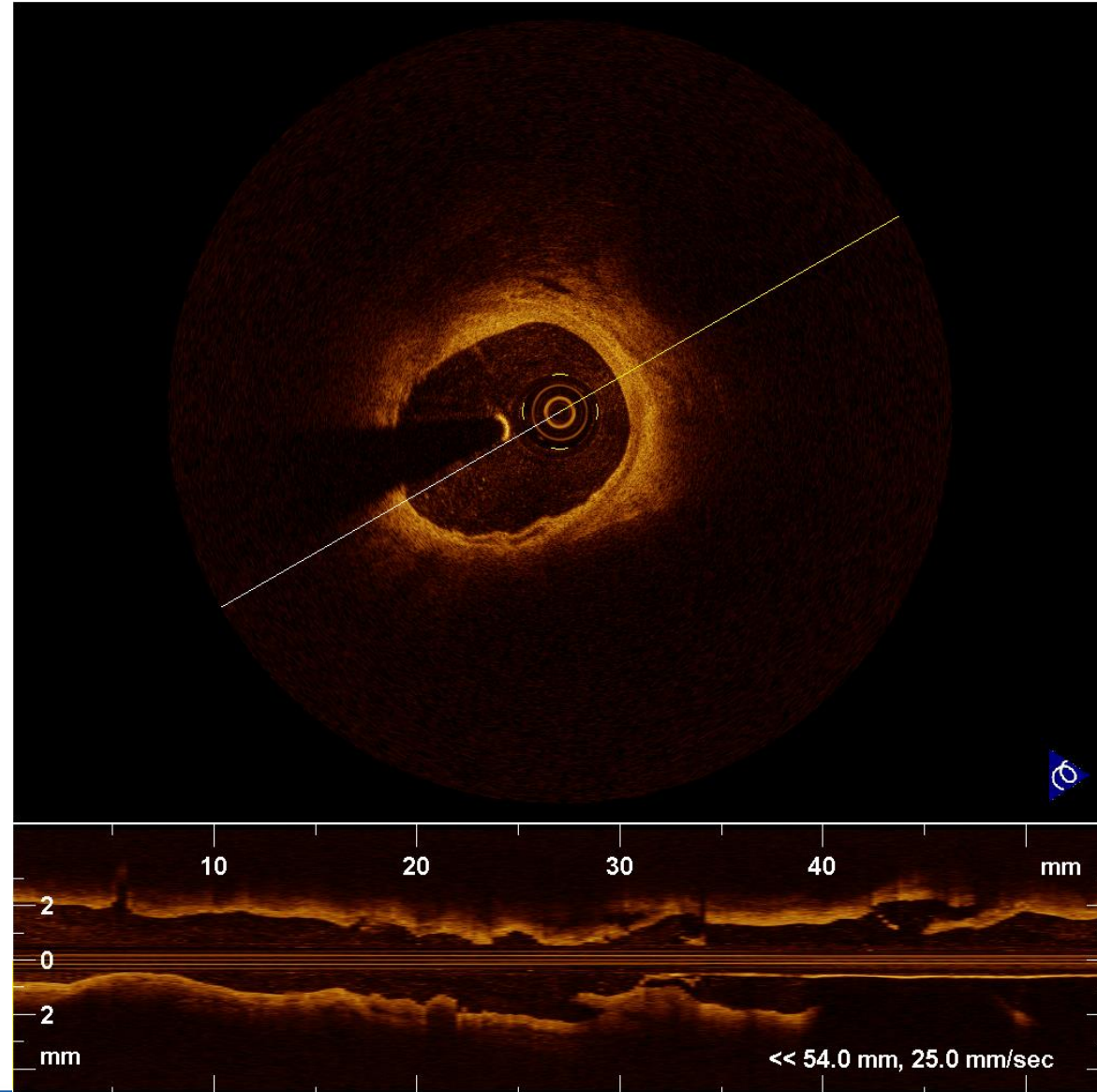
Revascularization

- Scaffolds → New Data – Not all good
- Drug Elution → New Trials with Sirolimus Take Flight

Short Segment Occlusion PTA: Satisfactory Angiographic Result?

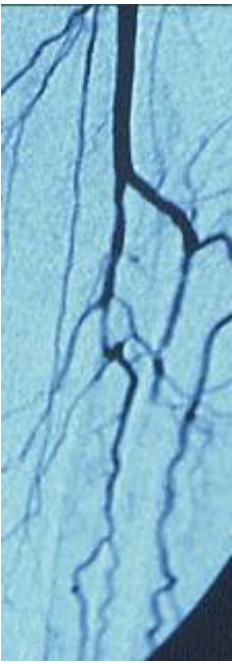


OCT of TP Trunk Post PTA



CLTI Anatomically is a Heterogenous Disease

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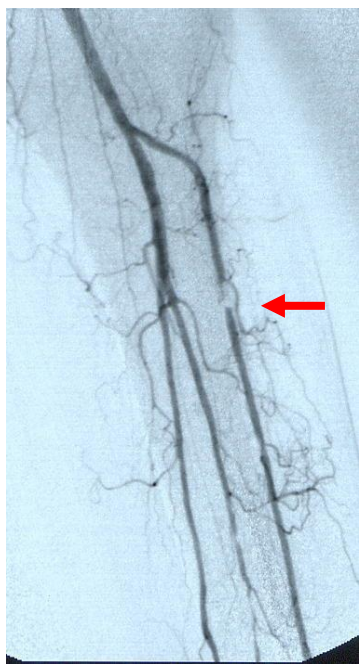
long occlusion
3 tibial arteries

B



ant. + post. tibial a.
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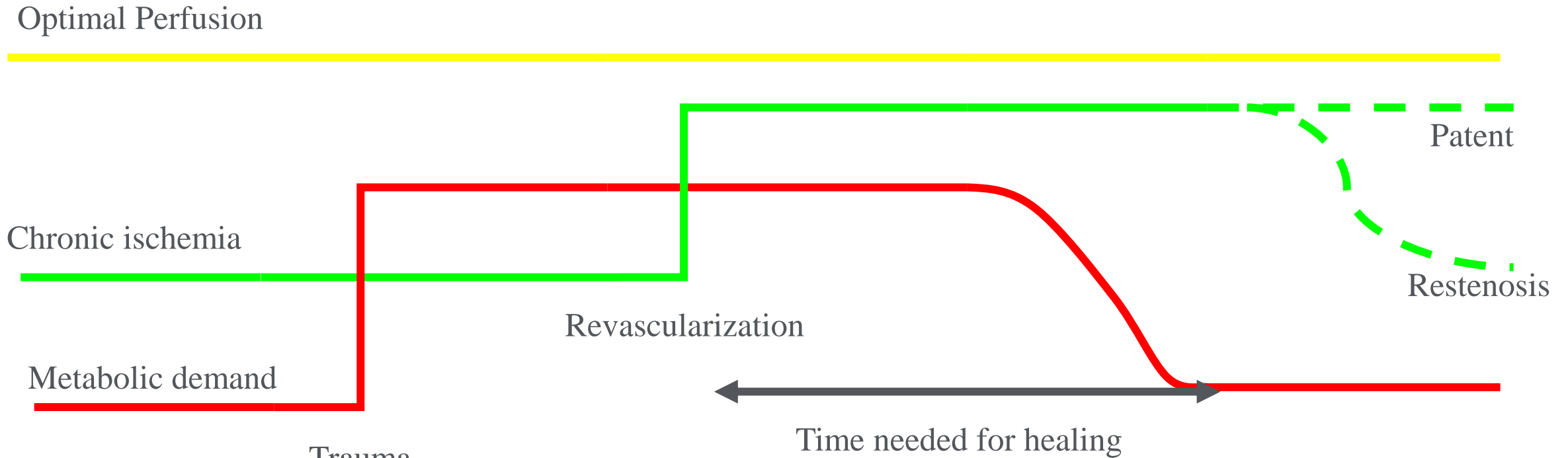
Short occlusion

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Stenosis

Is long term patency really needed for healing?



Adapted from: Vermassen F 2010 and S. McDonald 2011

Is long term patency needed for healing ?

Optimal Perfusion



Chronic Ischemia

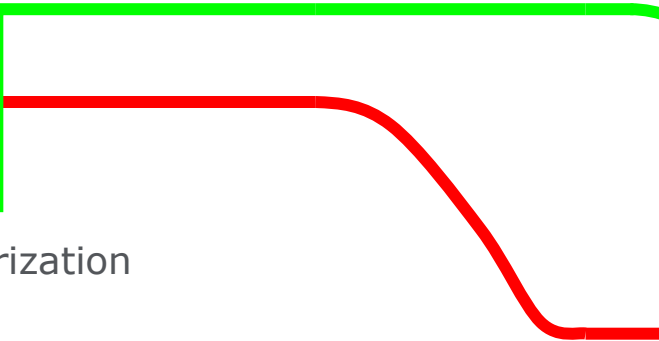


Metabolic need



Trauma

Revascularization



Patent

Restenosis

New trauma



Time needed for healing

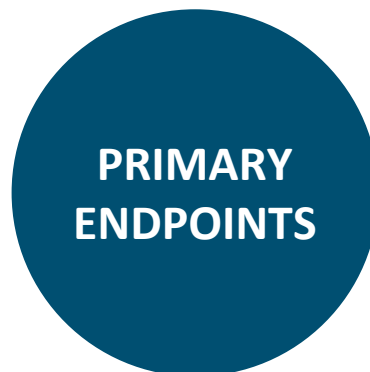
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LIFE-BTK Randomized Multicenter Trial

PIVOTAL INVESTIGATION OF SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF DRS FOR BTK TREATMENT



Prospective, randomized, multicenter,
US and OUS single-blind trial
261 patients randomized
2:1 Esprit™ BTK vs. PTA



Safety Endpoint @ 6 months:
MALE+POD

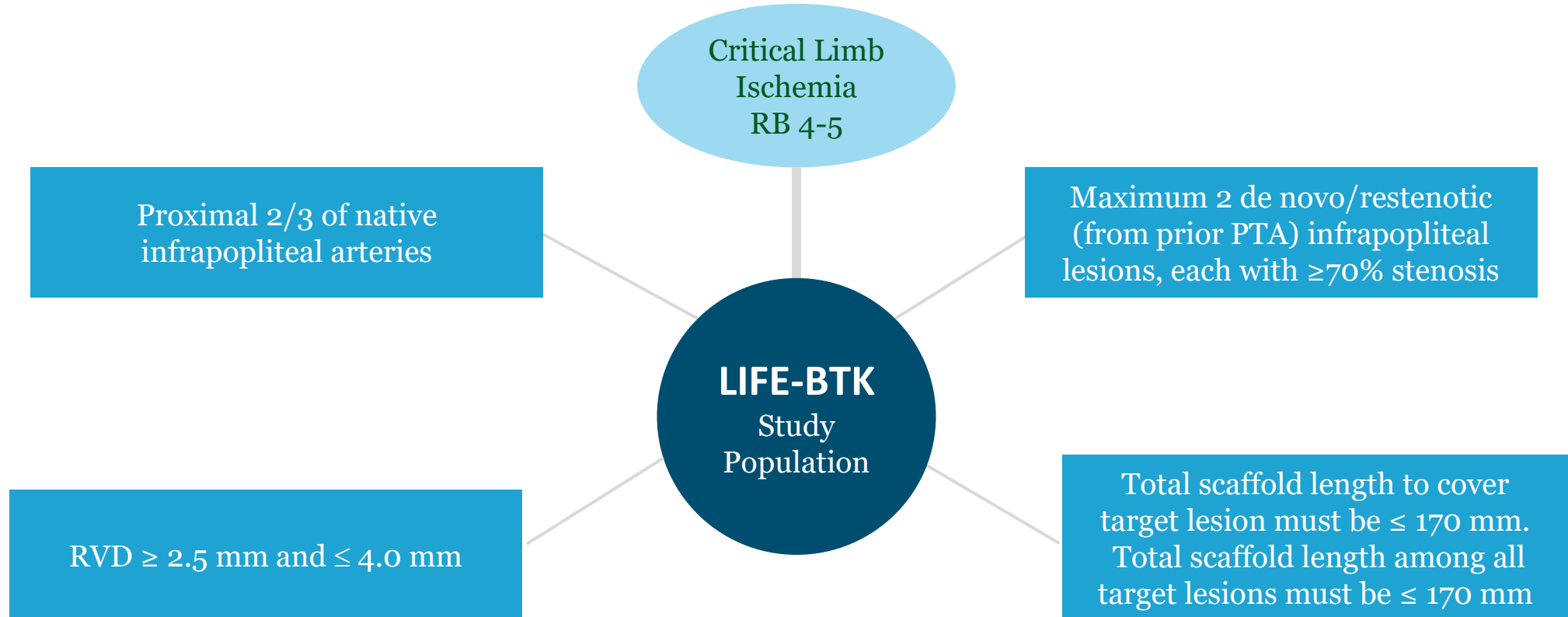
Efficacy Endpoint @ 12 months:
Primary Patency + Limb Salvage

5-YEAR FOLLOW-UP

TRIAL LEADERSHIP

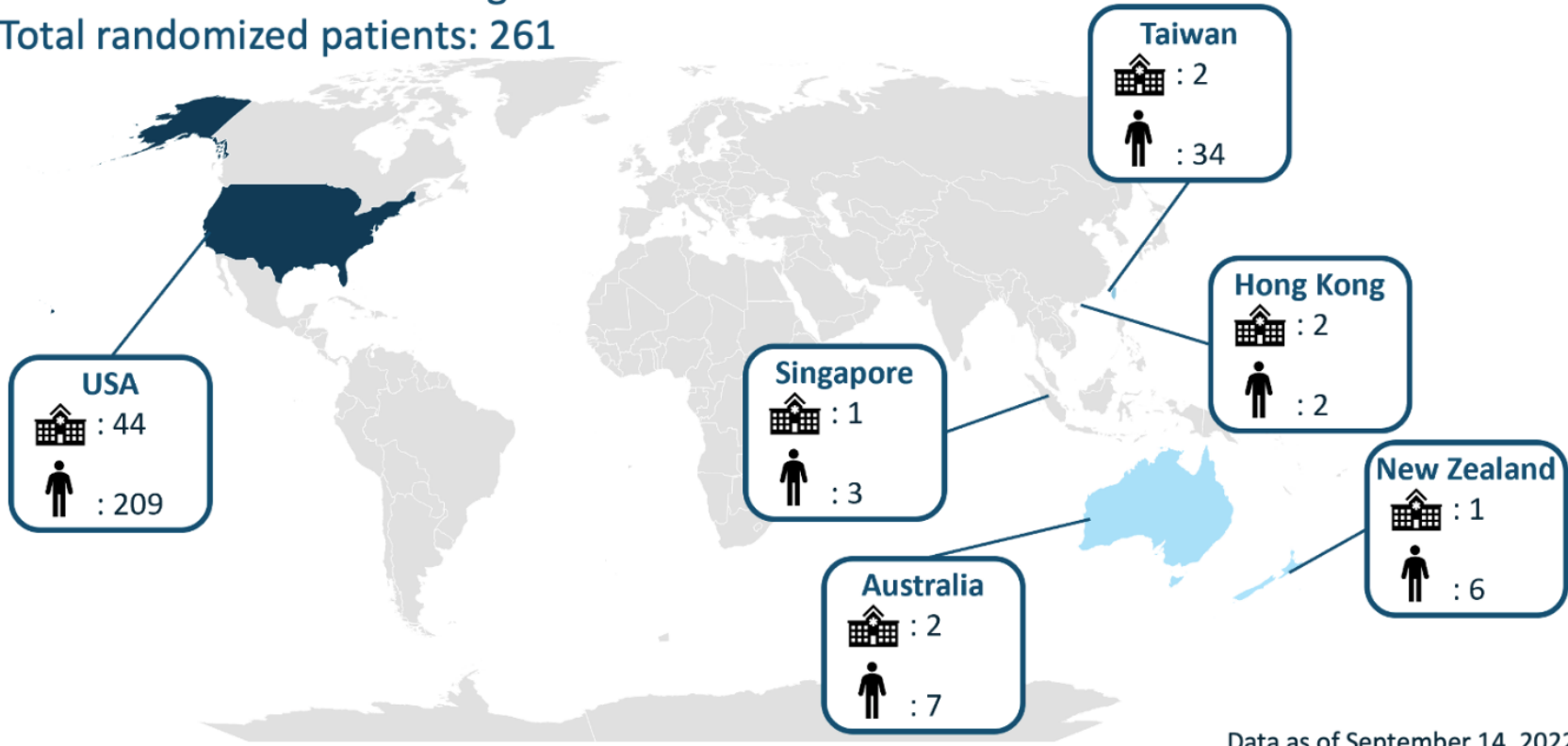
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LIFE-BTK Randomized Multicenter Trial



Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffolds: LIFE-BTK Trial

- Total activated and enrolling sites: 52
- Total randomized patients: 261

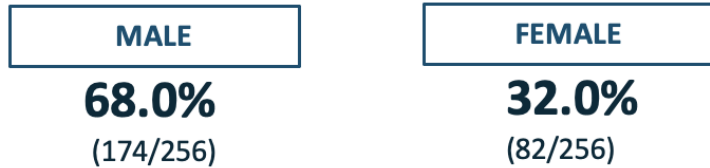


Data as of September 14, 2022



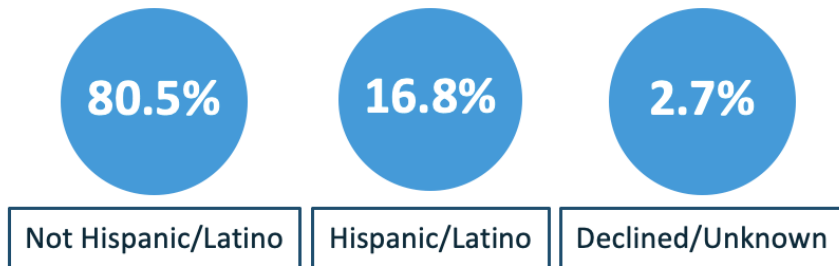
LIFE-BTK Trial: Demographics

GENDER AND AGE

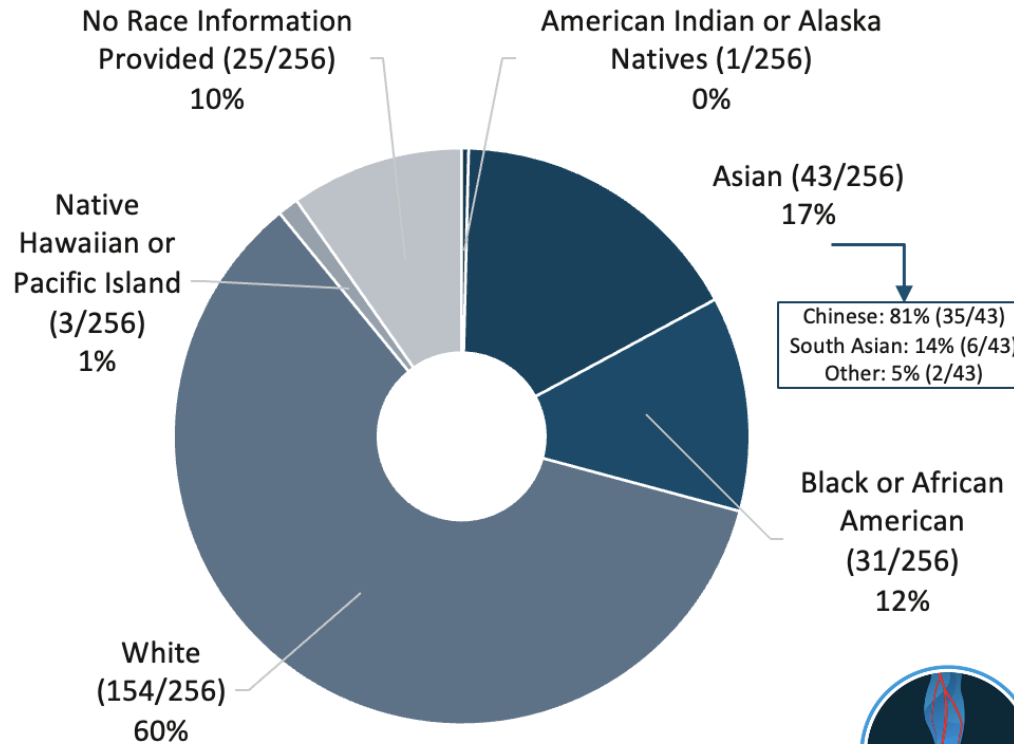


72.4 ± 10.1 years old
BMI: 28.3 ± 5.6

ETHNICITY



RACE*



*One subject had 2 races entered.

Snapshot Data as of August 8, 2022.



LIFE-BTK Trial: Patient Risk Factors



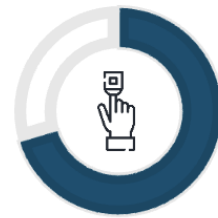
Tobacco Use
53.1%
(136/256)



Hypertension
92.6%
(237/256)



Hyperlipidemia
80.9%
(207/256)



Diabetes
70.7%
(178/253)



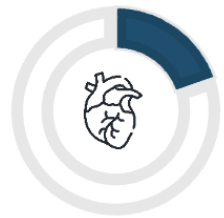
Renal Disease
15.9%
(40/256)*



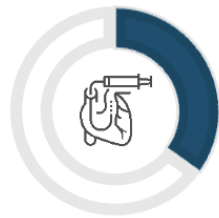
PAD Hx
80.1%
(205/256)



Prior MI
16.0%
(39/244)



CHF
19.8%
(50/253)



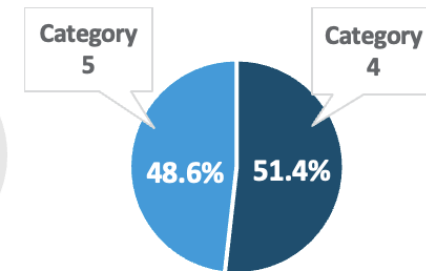
Previous PCI or CABG
34.9%
(88/252)



Prior CVA or Stroke
13.8%
(35/254)



DVT
4.3%
(11/256)



Rutherford Becker Clinical Category

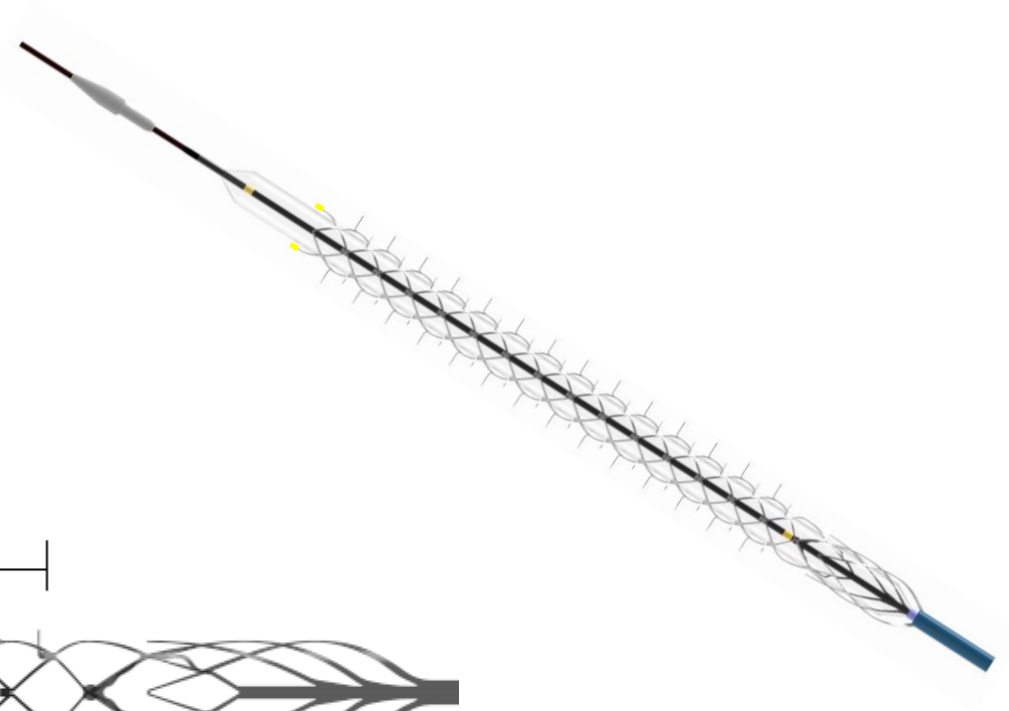
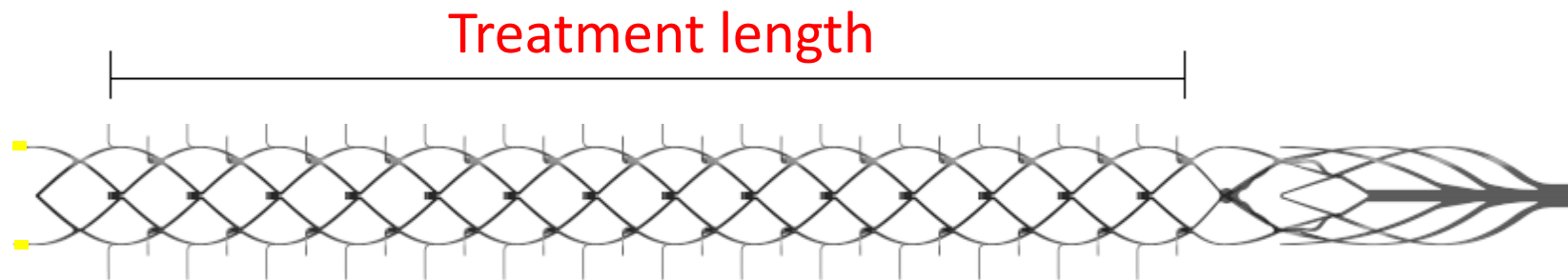
*Renal Insufficiency (Estimated GFR<30 ml/min per 1.173 m²): 7.5% (3/40).
Snapshot Data as of August 8, 2022.



Temporary Spur Stent System

SPUR Stent:

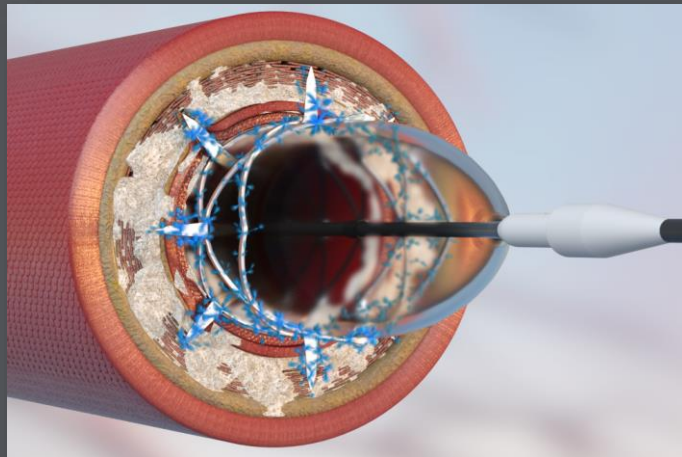
- Self Expanding Nitinol Frame w/integrated balloon
- Re-Capturable
- Available in 2 diameters (OD): 3mm, 4mm*
- Treatment Length \approx 60mm
- Gold Radiopaque Markers



Reflow Medical's Temporary Spur Stent System*



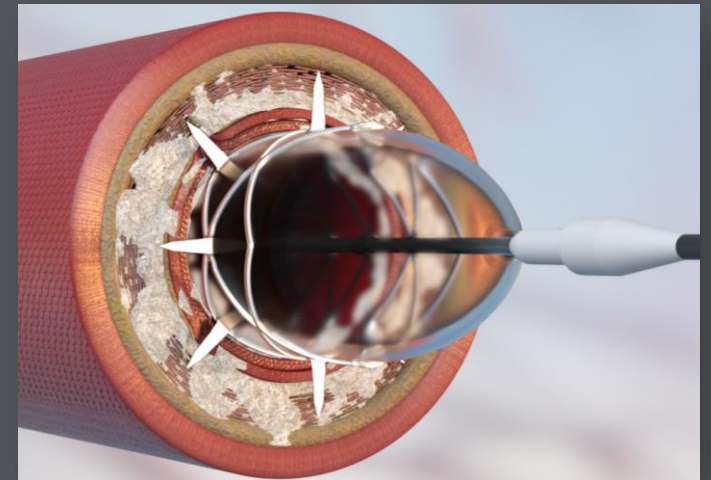
Limus Drug Coated Spur Stent



Received FDA Breakthrough Designation: an2022

- 6F compatible sheath system
- Self-expanding temporary uncoated/drug coated nitinol stent on a balloon system
- Spikes enable controlled penetration of vessel calcification
 - Deeper drug delivery
 - Uncoated, artery channel creation
 - Coated, drug deposited in artery channels
 - Minimize recoil & dissections
- Minimal drug loss during transit (covered)
- Intended to deliver stent-like results while leaving nothing behind

Bare Spur Stent



Currently being conducted OUS: DEEPER OUS and DEEPER LIMUS studies



Best **E**ndovascular vs. Best **S**urgical **T**herapy in Patients with **C**ritical **L**imb **I**schemia

Surgery or Endovascular Therapy for Chronic Limb-Threatening Ischemia

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CONCLUSIONS

Among patients with CLTI who had an adequate great saphenous vein for surgical revascularization (cohort 1), the incidence of a major adverse limb event or death was significantly lower in the surgical group than in the endovascular group. Among the patients who lacked an adequate saphenous vein conduit (cohort 2), the outcomes in the two groups were similar.

Critical appraisal

Case selection

- Mean age – 66 (much younger than what we typically see)
- Selection bias + operator preference; local variation
- Operators chose their preferred technique
- Operator experience - 12 cases for BTK

Enrollment

- Not required to consecutively enroll patients
- Average number of patients enrolled by the 150 sites over the 5 year study period was <10
- Only 2525 patients were assessed for eligibility, not representative of the total CLTI community.

Critical appraisal

Procedural characteristics

- Contemporary modalities not used- < 35% DCB's
- Revascularization segments
 - Tibial revascularization 1-3% for bypass and 43-51% with endo
- No Angiographic core lab to review burden of disease

Critical appraisal

Study Design

- Definitions of the outcomes → major reintervention DID NOT include endovascular interventions for secondary patency.

Data lacking

- Surgical/ endovascular complications
- Hospital readmission
- Seroma/dehiscence

RESEARCH SUMMARY

Transcatheter Arterialization of Deep Veins in Chronic Limb-Threatening Ischemia

Shishehbor MH et al. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2212754

HOT off the PRESS: DVA

CLINICAL PROBLEM

Arterial revascularization is standard care for patients with chronic limb-threatening ischemia. However, up to 20% of patients are not candidates for revascularization — primarily owing to the absence of a distal runoff arterial target or lack of an appropriate conduit for surgical bypass — putting them at high risk for above-ankle amputation. Transcatheter arterialization of the deep veins is an alternative endovascular approach in which an arteriovenous fistula is created proximal to the diseased tibial arteries by means of a covered stent, allowing oxygenated blood to be diverted from the tibial arteries to the tibial veins and ultimately reaching the foot through the pedal veins. The effectiveness of this approach in patients with chronic limb-threatening ischemia without revascularization options is unclear.

CLINICAL TRIAL

Design: A prospective, single-group, multicenter study assessed the effectiveness and safety of transcatheter arterialization of the deep veins in patients with chronic limb-threatening ischemia and nonhealing ulcers with no option for revascularization.

Intervention: 105 patients were enrolled to undergo transcatheter arterialization of the deep veins. The primary end point was amputation-free survival (defined as freedom from above-ankle amputation or death from any cause) at 6 months.

RESULTS

Effectiveness: The procedure was technically successful in all but one patient. The percentage of patients with amputation-free survival at 6 months was 66.1%. The probability that this outcome exceeded the performance goal of 54% exceeded the predefined success criterion.

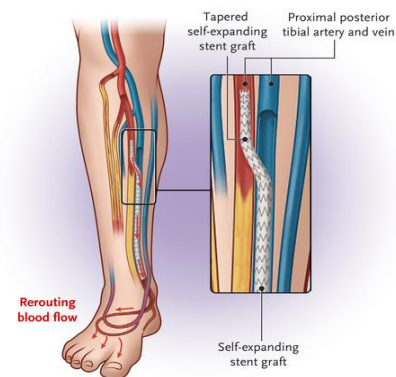
Safety: No unanticipated device-related adverse events were reported.

LIMITATIONS AND REMAINING QUESTIONS

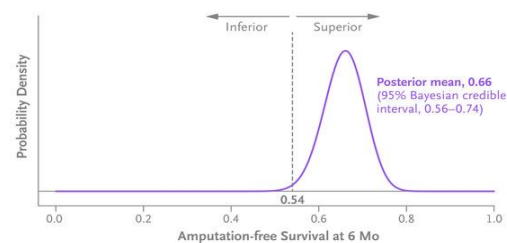
- The study lacked a control group, although randomization of patients at high risk for amputation was not ethically feasible.
- The procedure may not be available outside specialist centers.
- Follow-up was relatively short-term.

Links: [Full Article](#) | [NEJM Quick Take](#) | [Editorial](#)

Transcatheter Arterialization of Deep Veins



Amputation-free Survival



Major amputation	23/102 patients
Death	12/102 patients

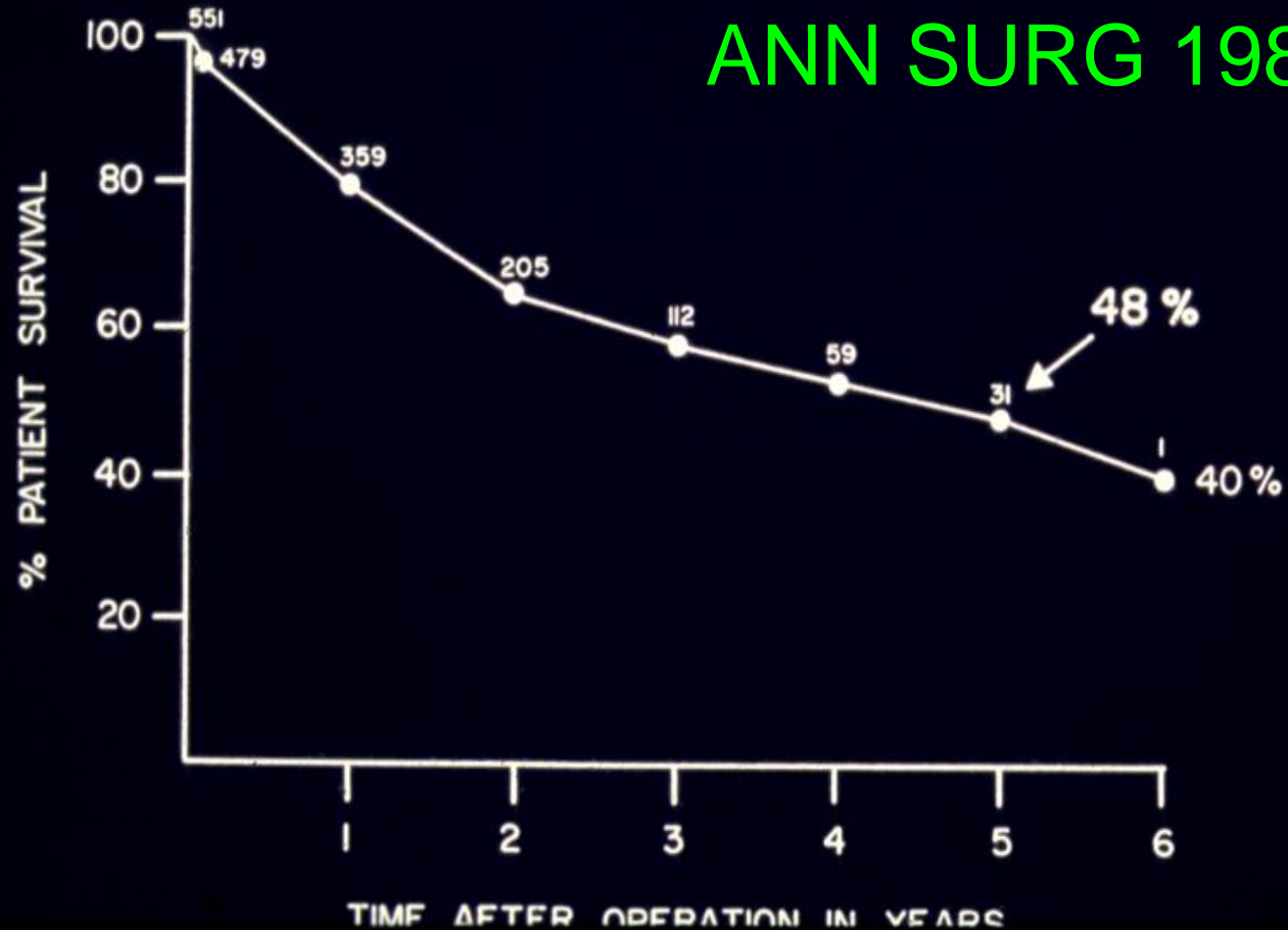
CONCLUSIONS

Among patients with chronic limb-threatening ischemia and no option for revascularization who underwent transcatheter arterialization of the deep veins, nearly two thirds were alive and free of above-ankle amputation at the 6-month follow-up, with no unanticipated safety concerns.

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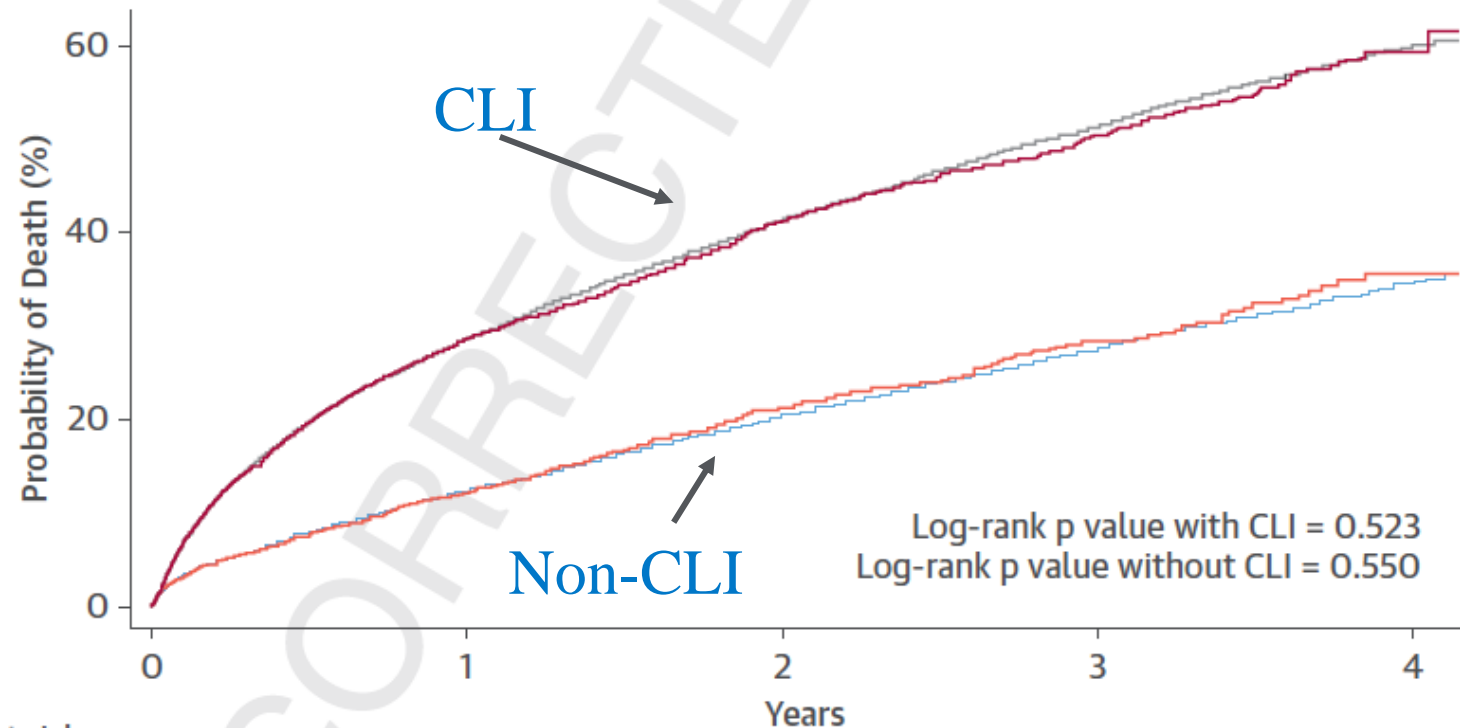
CUMULATIVE LIFE TABLE PATIENT SURVIVAL RATES
FOR ALL 551 PRIMARY ARTERIAL OPERATIONS

ANN SURG 1981



Courtesy: Frank Veith, MD

Long-Term Survival after Peripheral DES



*No difference in survival in adjusted analyses

- CLI: Adjusted HR 0.97; 95%CI, 0.92-1.03; P = .32
- Non-CLI: Adjusted HR 1.01; 95%CI, 0.91-1.13; P = .80

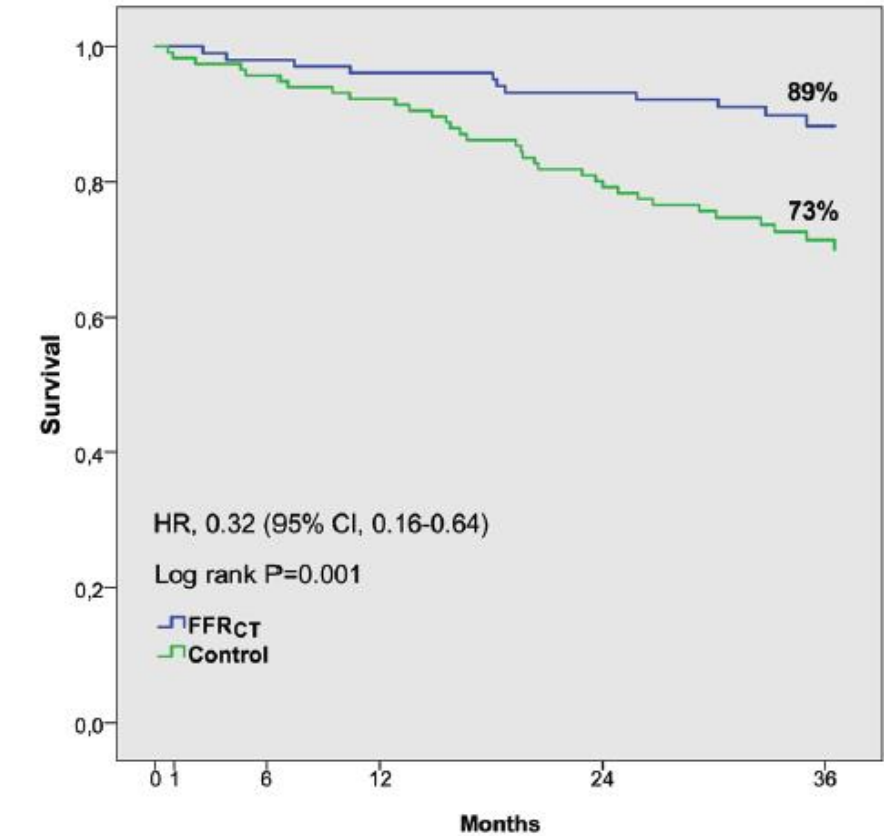
	Years				
No. at risk	0	1	2	3	4
BMS without CLI	19,305	16,878	11,923	6,443	666
DES without CLI	1,443	1,267	800	378	35
BMS with CLI	28,046	19,996	12,280	5,570	534
DES with CLI	2,662	1,896	1,020	418	33

What if we just treated their coronary disease?

Original Contribution

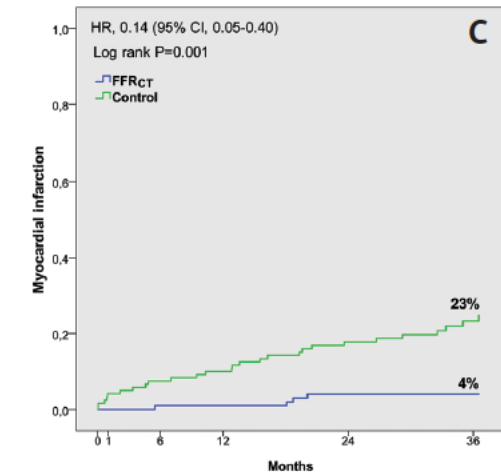
Three-Year Survival of Critical Limb-Threatening Ischemia Patients With FFRCT-Guided Coronary Revascularization Following Lower-Extremity Revascularization

Edgars Zellans^{1,2}; Gustavs Latkovskis^{1,2}; Christopher K. Zarins³; Indulis Kumsars^{1,2}; Sanda Jegere^{1,2}; Konstance K. Krievina²; Roberts Rumba^{1,4}; Dainis Krievins^{1,2}



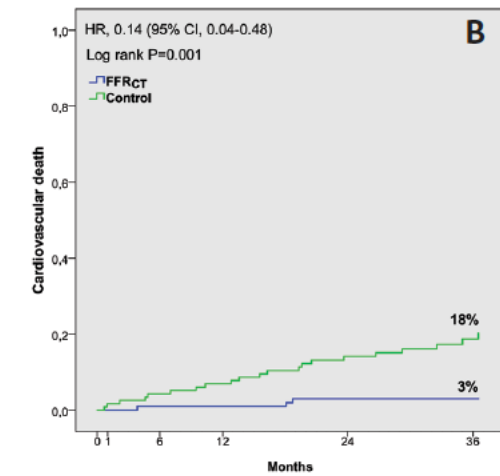
Number at risk

FFRCT	103	103	101	99	95	79
Control	120	118	115	111	91	55



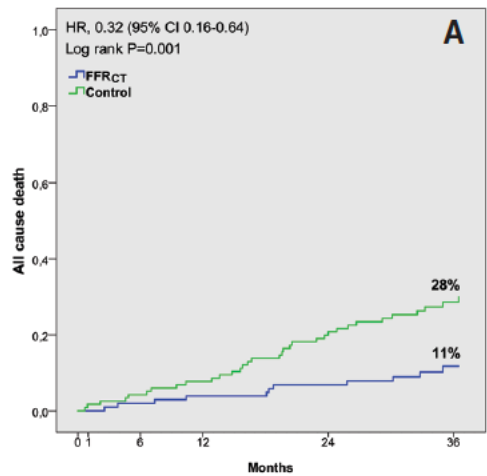
Number at risk

FFRCT	103	103	102	102	97	86
Control	120	115	111	107	91	59



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Summary:

The last decade has heralded major shifts in the therapeutic options for PAD

Long term patency challenges have been addressed with:

- Novel Stent Designs

- Local Drug Delivery Approaches with DES and DCB

- New Drug Formulations

Next Generation Platforms hold promise:

- Bioresorbable Scaffolds for SFA and BTK regions

- New Scaffold Designs to Facilitate Drug Delivery

- Doing procedures “better” (e.g. using imaging)

- Better Drug:Device Combinations

CICC Endovascular Center Clinical Program Areas

Multidisciplinary Areas

- PAD/CLI – VS
- PERT – ThS
- AAA – VS, CTS
- Vascular Med – IM
- Venous – VS

