

# Foundations of Cardiometabolic Health Certification Course

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# A Primer on Acute Coronary Syndromes

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# ACS: Definitions, Pathophysiology and Epidemiology

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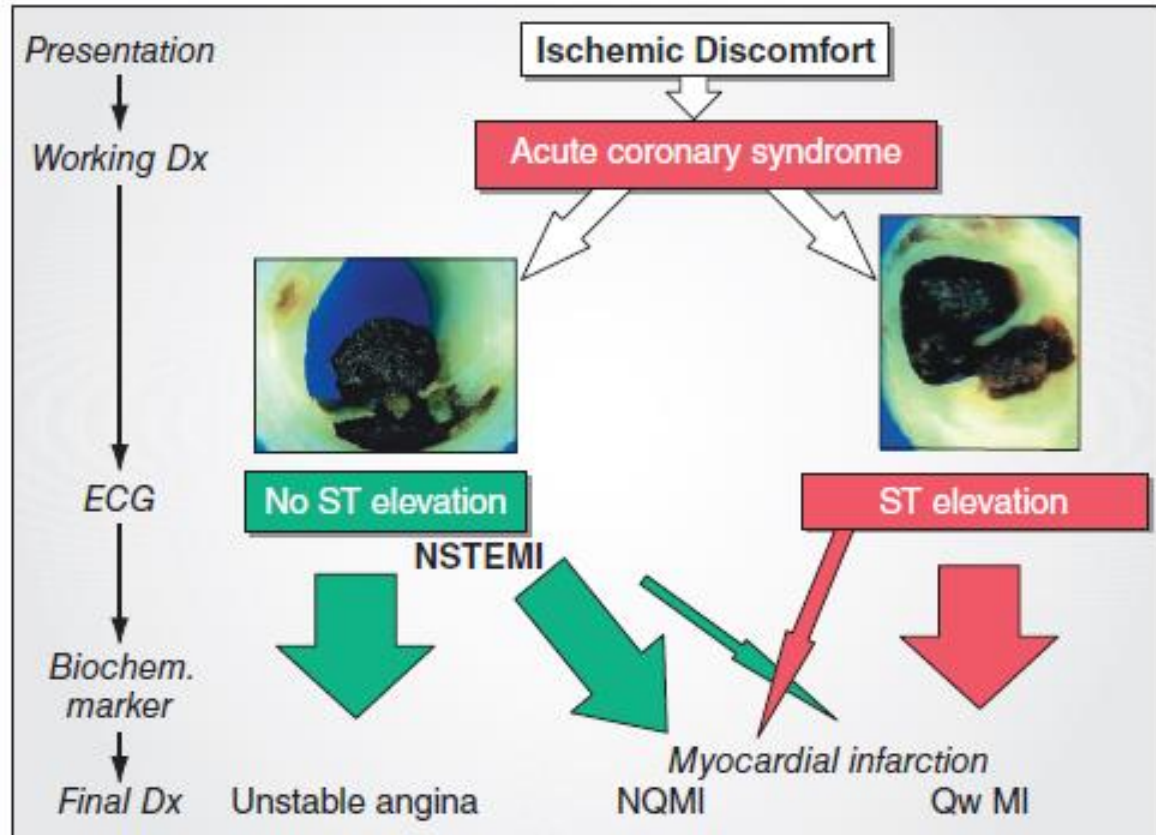


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# Acute Coronary Syndrome: STEMI, nSTEMI, UA



Davies MJ, Heart 2000;83:361  
 Hamm CW, Lancet 2001;358:1533

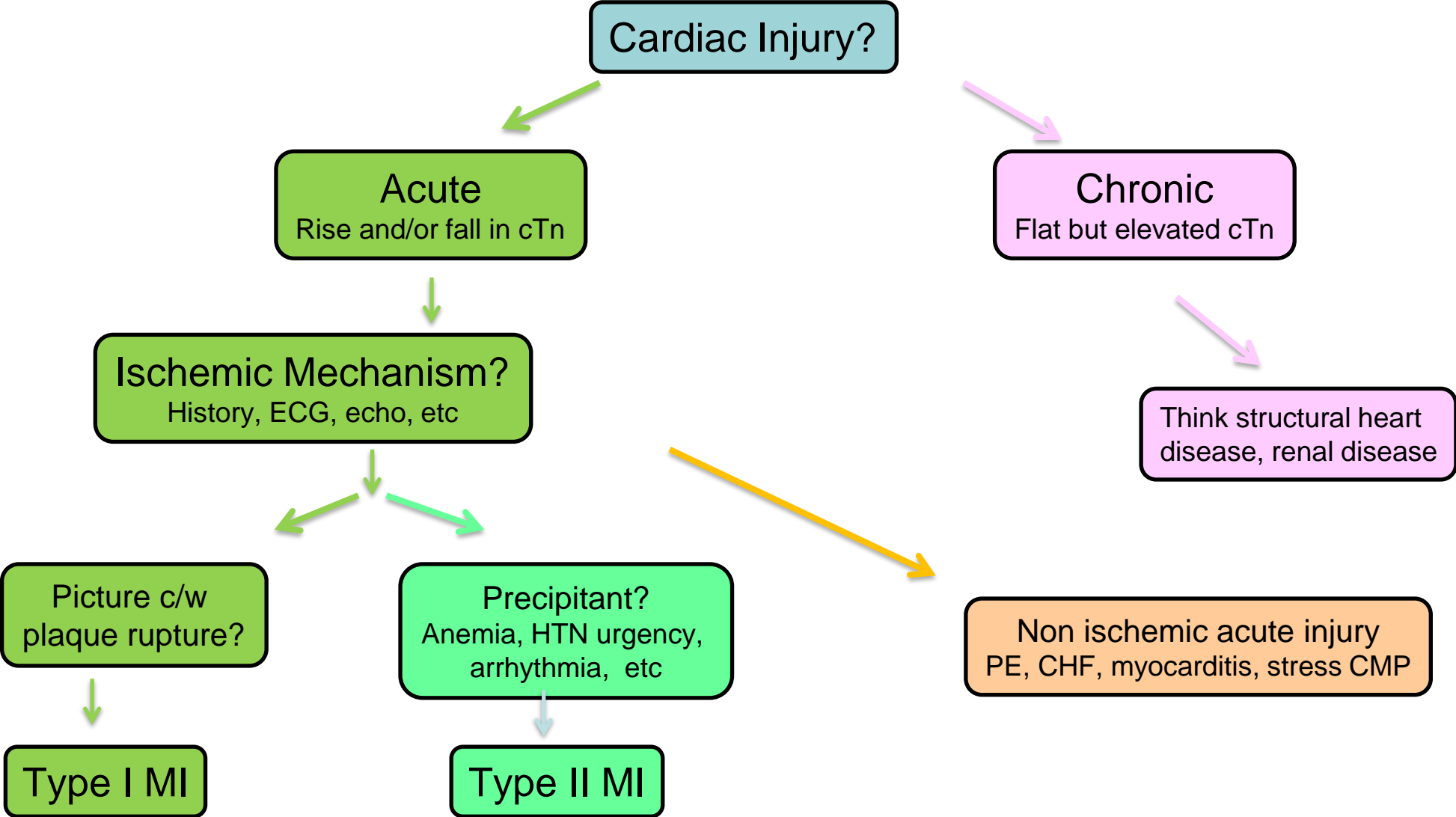
	LOW	MI			HIGH
I. Clinical setting symptoms and vital signs					
II. ECG	Normal ECG	ST depression (mild)	ST depression	ST elevation	
III. Troponin level at 0 h	-	-/+	+	++	+++
IV. Troponin change (within 1,2 or 3 h)	-	-/+	+	++	If any of the above, consider direct rule-in
Triage decision	Rule-out MI		Observe	Rule-in MI	
DIAGNOSIS	Noncardiac		Unstable angina	Other cardiac	NSTEMI STEMI

Collet JP et al. "2020 ESC guidelines for the management of acute coronary syndromes in patients presenting without persistent ST-segment elevation." European Heart Journal Heart 2021; 42.14: 1289-1367

# 4<sup>th</sup> Universal Definition of MI

Definition	Criteria
Myocardial <b><u>Injury</u></b>	Tn >99 <sup>th</sup> %ile (acute if rise and/or fall)
Acute Myocardial <b><u>Infarction</u></b>	Acute myocardial injury + clinical evidence of acute myocardial ischemia (eg, sx, ECG, imaging)
Type 1	<b><u>Atherothrombosis</u></b> (plaque rupture or erosion)
Type 2	Imbalance between myocardial O <sub>2</sub> supply & demand <b><u>unrelated</u></b> to acute atherothrombosis
Type 3	<b><u>Cardiac death</u></b> w/ sx + ECG Δs before Tn available
Type 4	<b><u>PCI-related</u></b> (clinical + Tn >5× 99 <sup>th</sup> %ile)
Type 5	<b><u>CABG-related</u></b> (clinical + Tn >10× 99 <sup>th</sup> %ile)

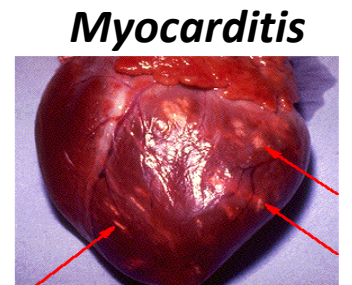
# What is an MI in 2022?





# Acute Myocardial Injury vs Type 2 MI

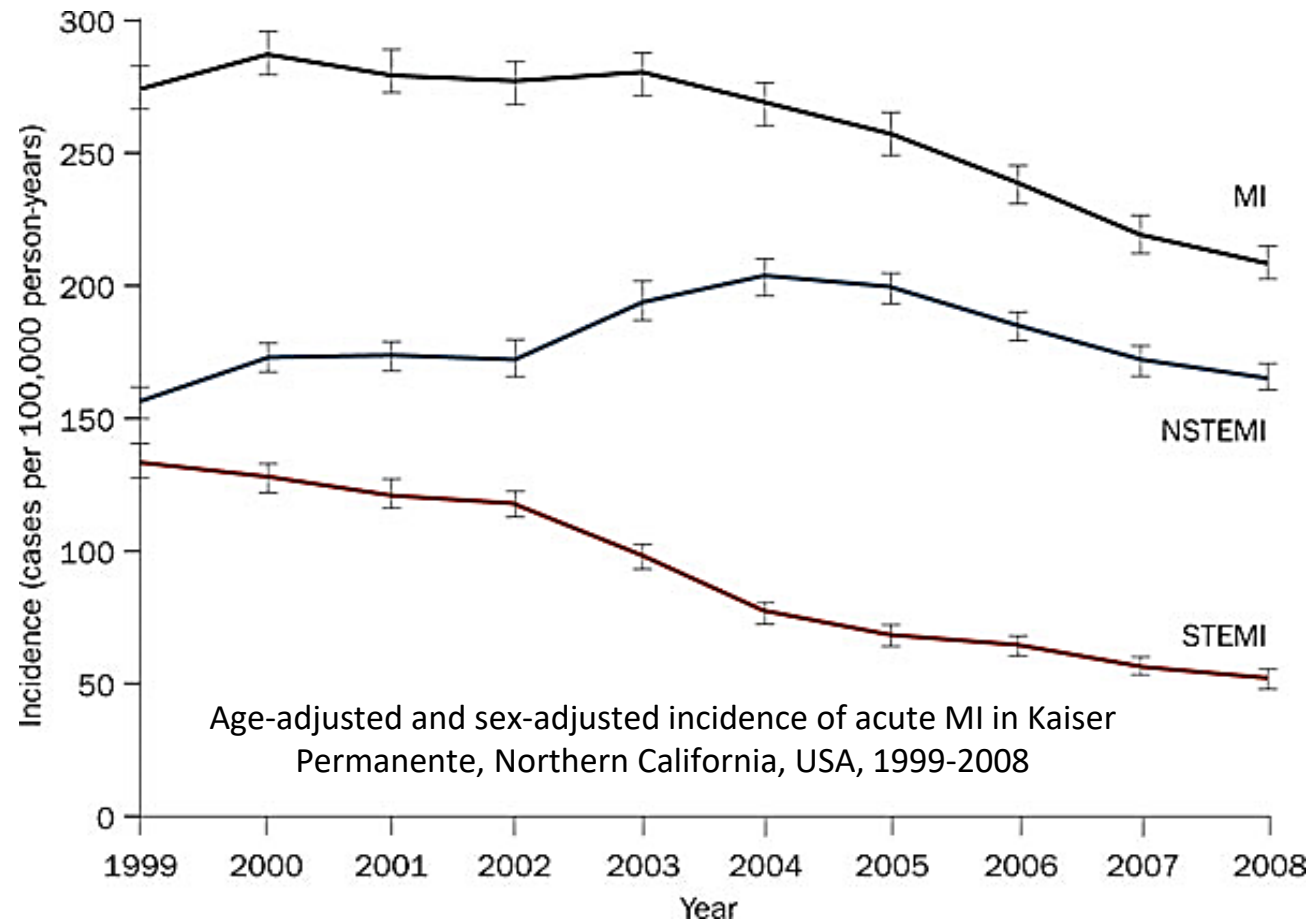
- Acute Myocardial Injury =  $\uparrow$  Tn w/o clinical signs/symptoms of ischemia
  - Heart failure, myocarditis, CMP, Takotsubo
  - Cardiac ablation, defibrillation, cardiac contusion
  - PE, PHT
  - Stroke, SAH, critical illness
- Type 2 MI = Ischemic but not due to ACS (plaque rupture)
  - $\downarrow$  myocardial perfusion
    - Coronary artery spasm, embolism, dissection/SCAD
    - HoTN, profound sustained bradycardia, severe anemia
  - $\uparrow$  myocardial demand
    - Profound sustained tachycardia; HTN



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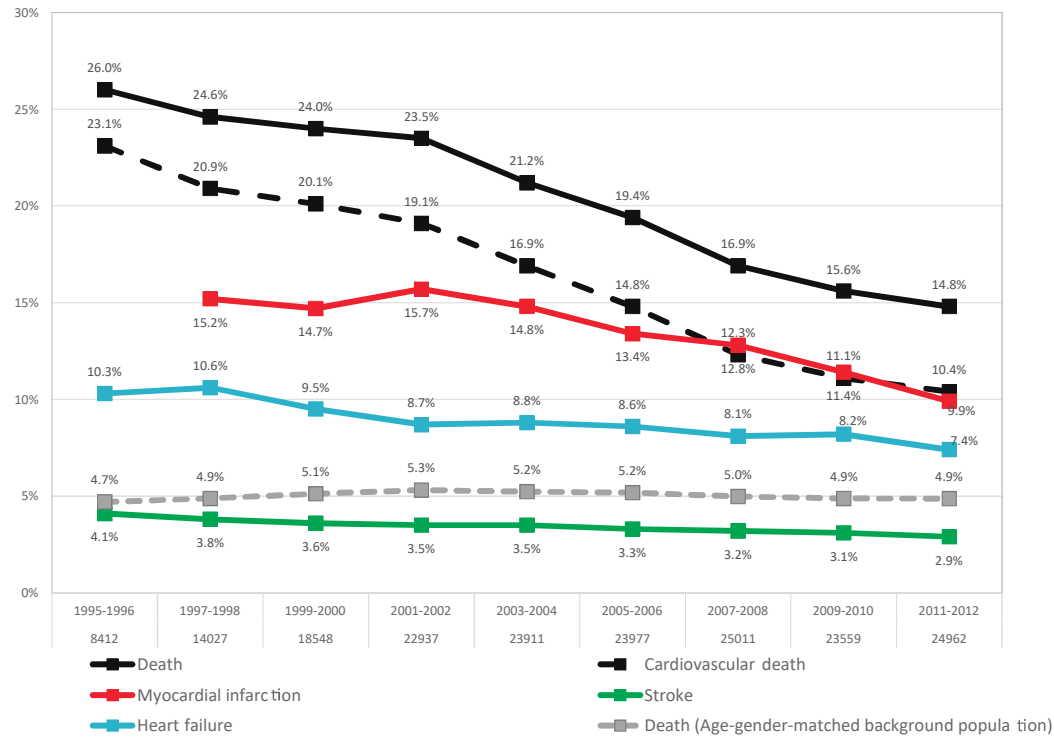
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# Changing Epidemiology of ACS

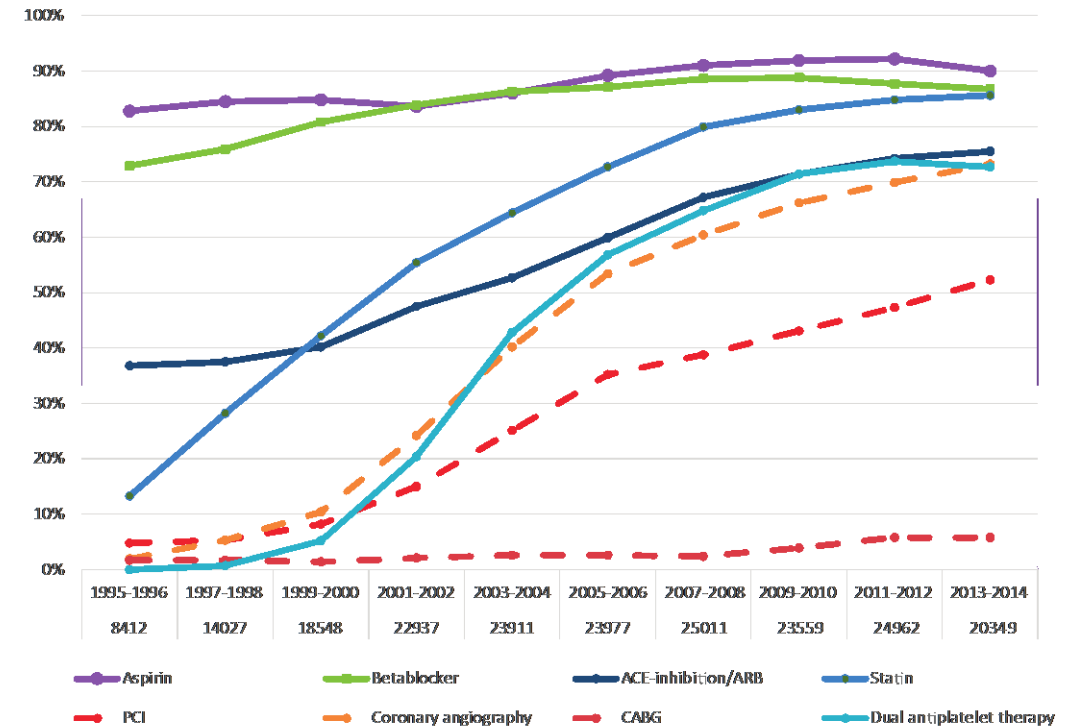


# Outcomes in NSTEMI

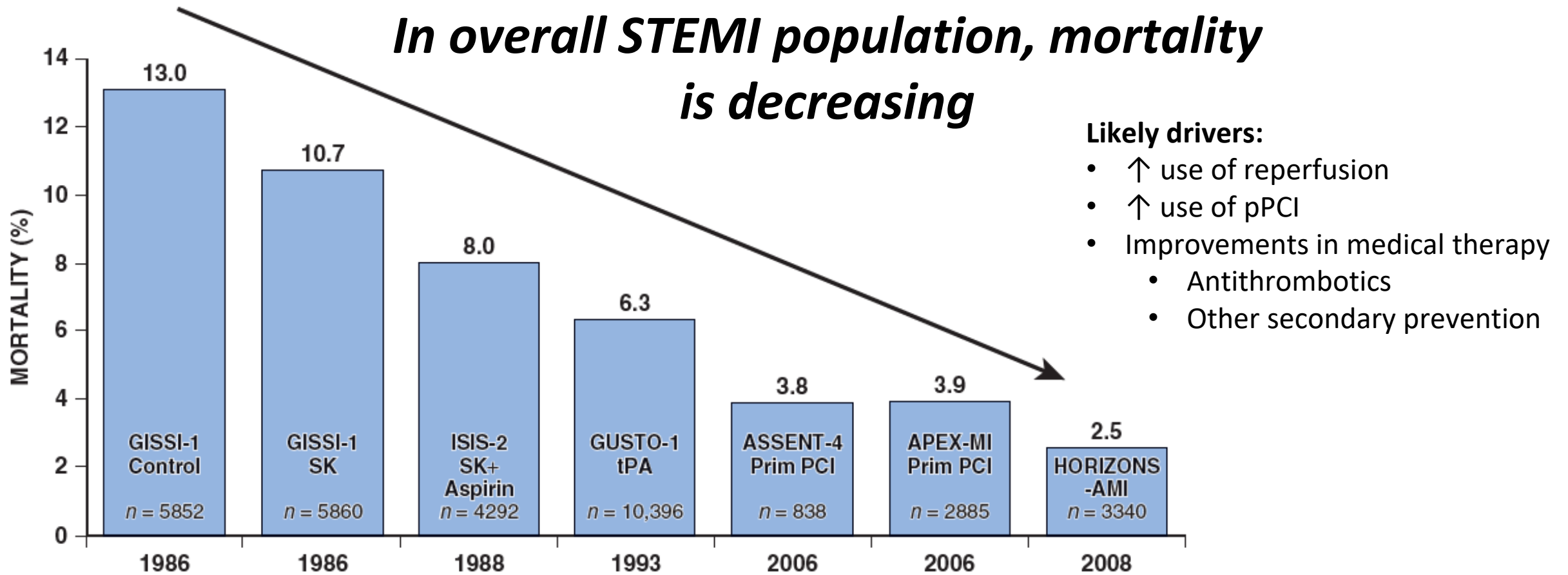
Frequency of events in the first year after admission for NSTEMI



Implementation of in-hospital interventions and discharge medications



# Case Fatality Rate in STEMI



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# STEMI: Diagnosis, Risk Stratification, and Revascularization

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# Case

## **65-year-old woman**

Type I diabetes

Kidney/pancreas transplant in 1999

Repeat kidney transplant 2010

Progressive renal insufficiency

Hypertension

HL

Presented to BWH ED with rest chest pain that started 2 hours ago



# Case

**PE: 110BPM 80/50mmHg 24RPM 96%4LNC**

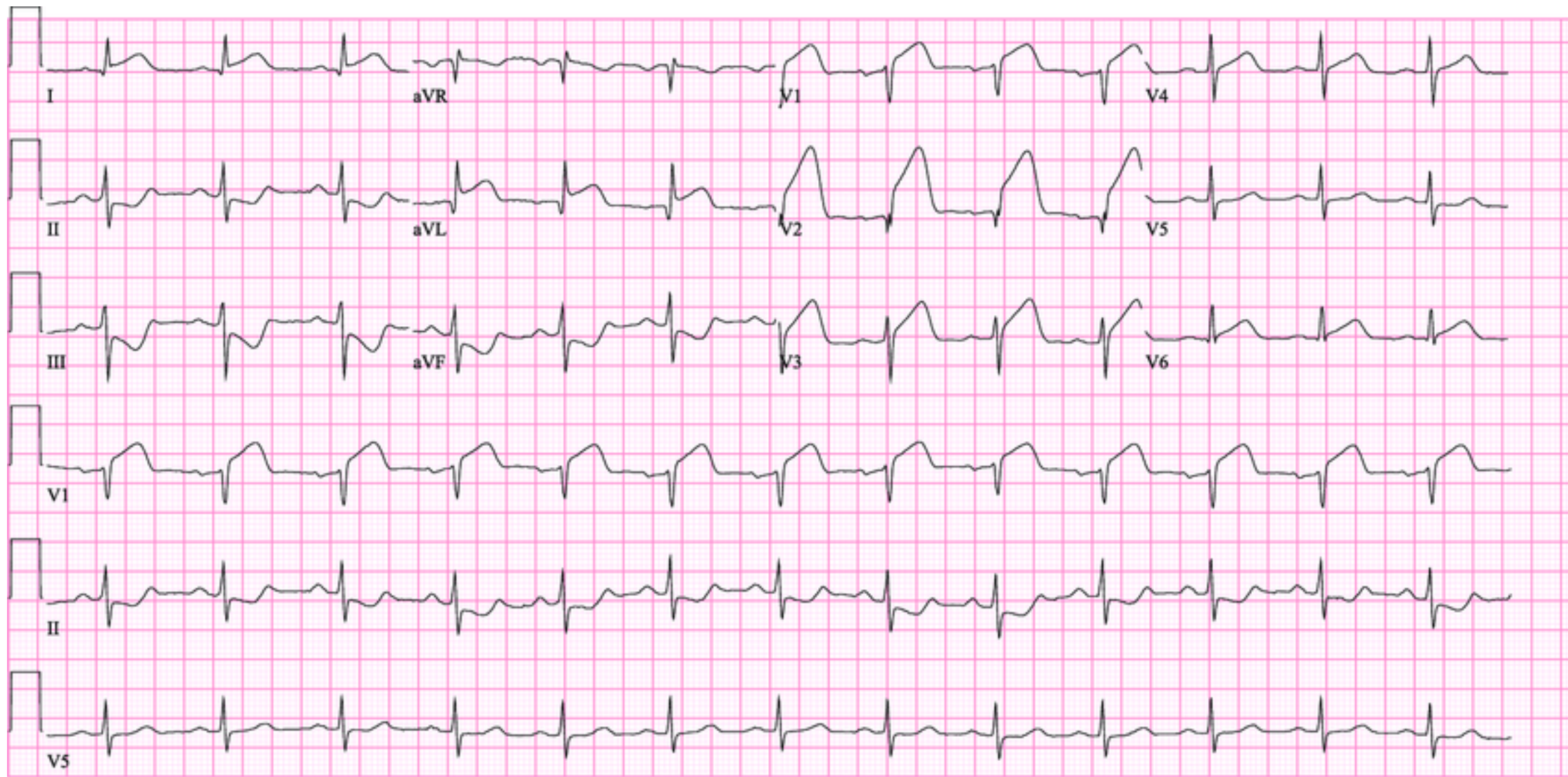
## **Labs:**

**Cr 2.47 mg/dL (baseline 1.3 mg/dL, eGFR 50)**

**Hs-TnT 631 ng/L**

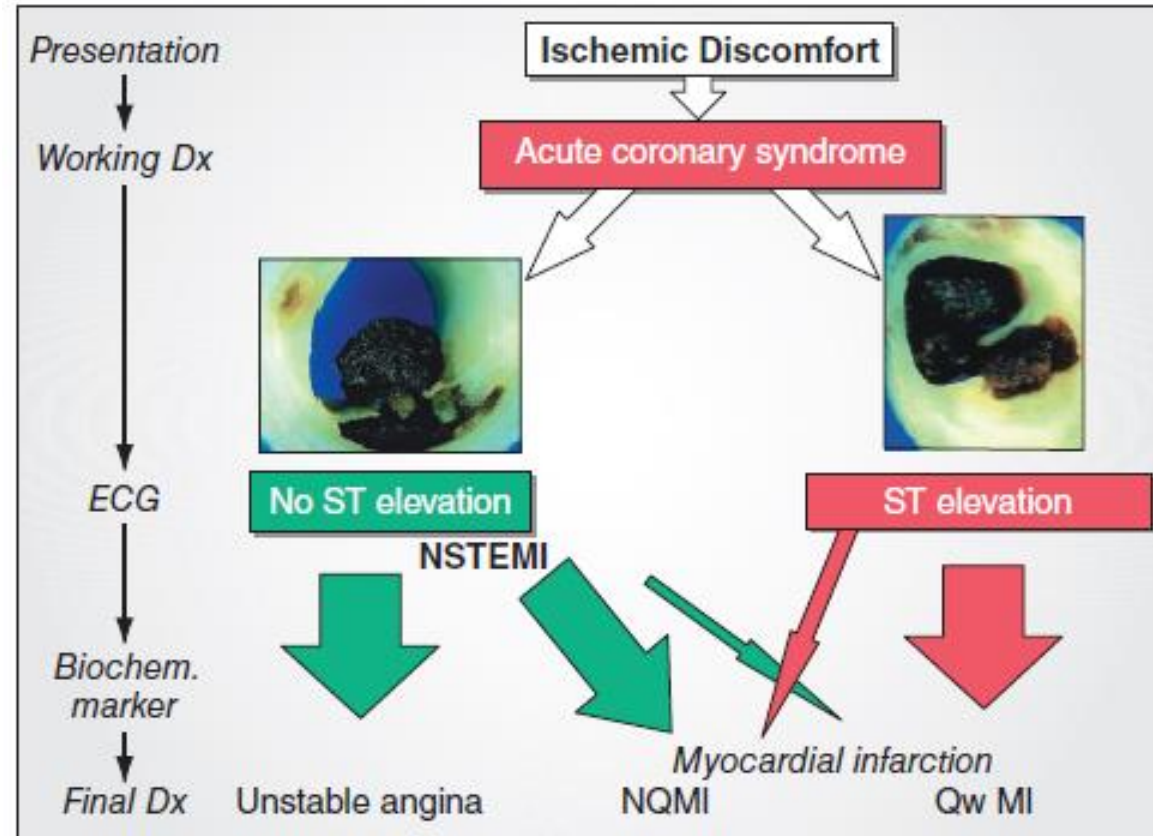
**LDL 150 mg/dL**

**HbA1c 8%**



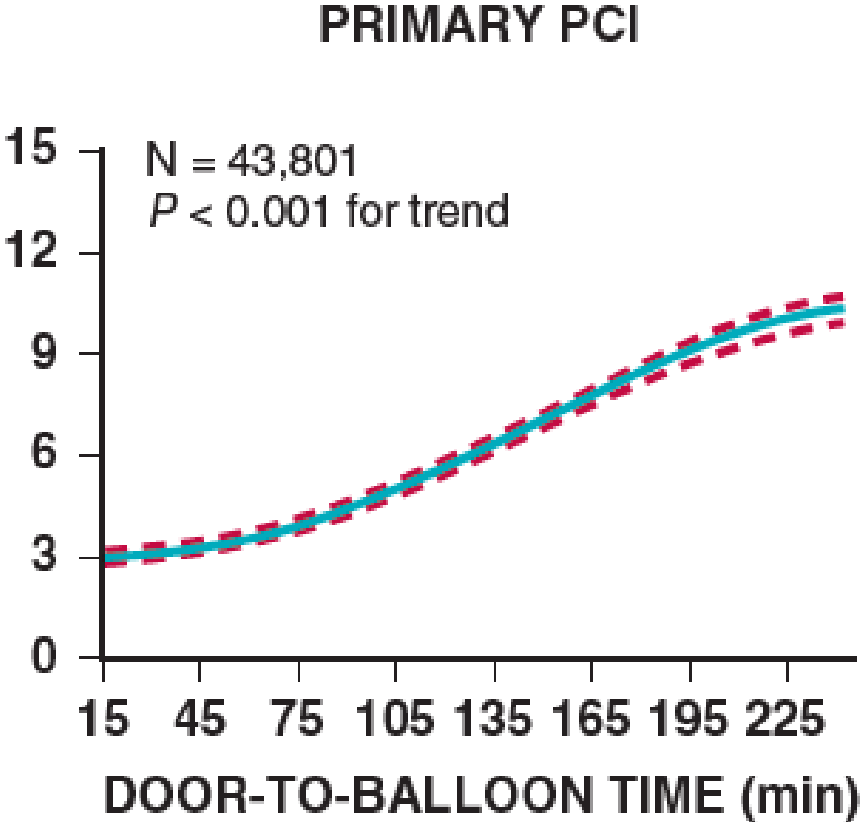
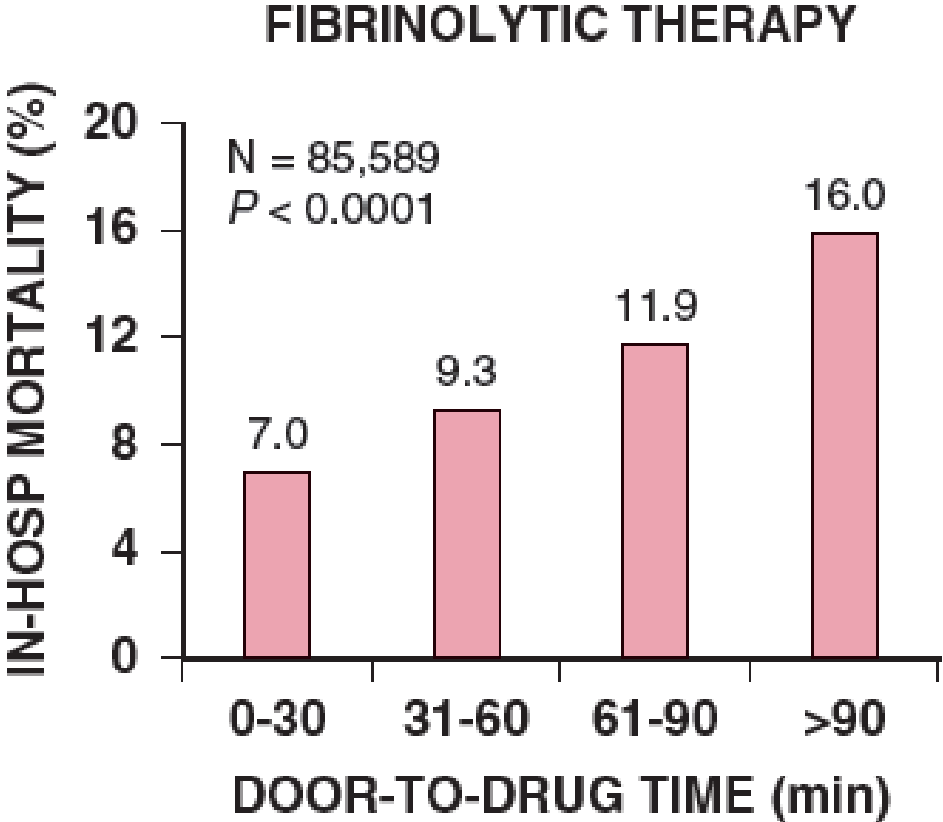
25mm/s 10mm/mV 40Hz

# STEMI Pathophysiology: Thrombotic Occlusion



**“Time is muscle” → Goal: Rapid diagnosis and Reperfusion**

# Importance of Time to Reperfusion In STEMI



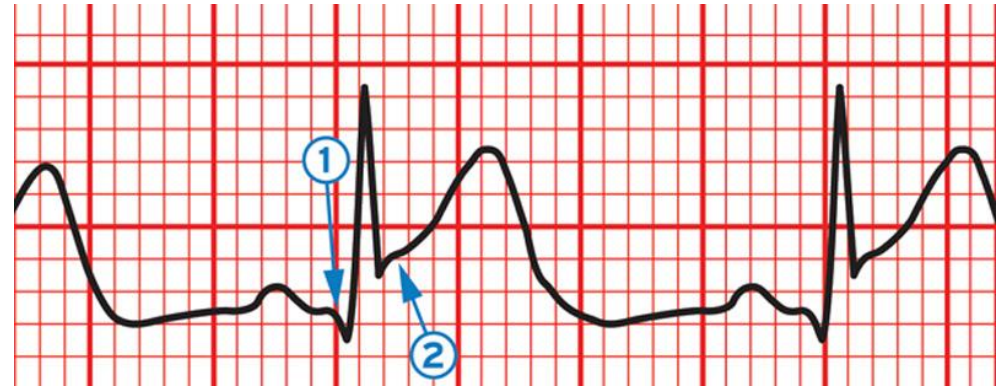
JAMA 2000;283:2941. BMJ 2009;338:1807.

# STEMI Diagnosis

- Clinical syndrome of myocardial ischemia
- EKG changes (usually ST elevations)
  - EKG should be done w/in 10 minutes of FMC (even pre-hospital, if possible)

# Diagnostic EKG Findings of STEMI




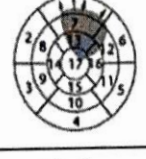

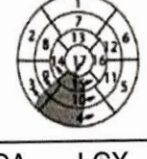






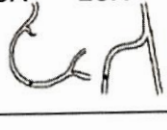

- New STE at J-point in 2 contiguous leads
  - $\geq 1$  mm in most leads
  - Except in V2-V3
    - $\geq 2$  mm in men  $\geq 40$  yrs
    - $\geq 2.5$  mm in  $< 40$  yrs
    - $\geq 1.5$  mm in women



# STEMI Diagnosis: Important Caveats

- If EKG non-diagnostic but clinical syndrome compelling, recheck EKG every 15-30 minutes
- Artery occlusion (and ST segment changes) may precede detection of myocardial necrosis by hours
  - Dx may be confirmed with evidence of myocardial necrosis, but reperfusion therapy should not be delayed to await biomarkers

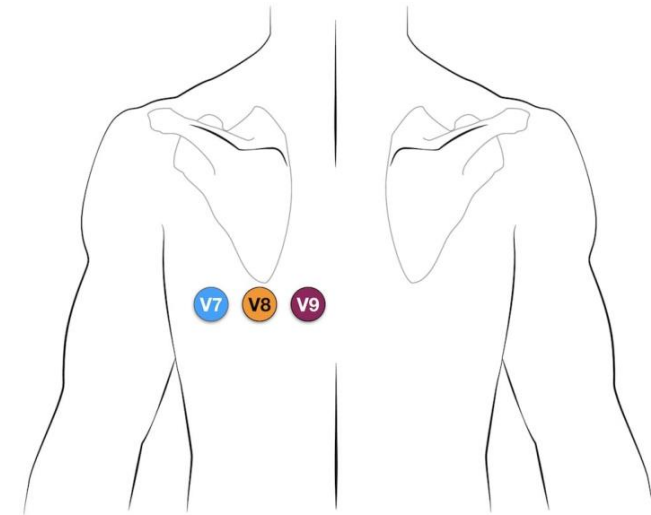
# EKG Findings & Localization of Territories

G	Septal	Apical anteroseptal	Extensive anterior	Limited anterior	Lateral	Inferior	Infero-lateral
							
Lesion location	LAD 	LAD 	LAD 	LAD 	LCX 	RCA, LCX 	
ECG patterns of ST elevation or Q-waves	V1-2	V1-2 to V4-6	V1-6 occasionally aVL and I	aVI and I, V2-3	I and aVL, V5-6 Reciprocal changes in V1-2	II, III*, aVF	II, III*, aVF, I and aVL, V5-6 Reciprocal changes in V1-2
						* STE in III>II suggests RCA vs. LCx	



# EKG Sensitivity for STEMI

- Standard 12-lead EKG not 100% sensitive
  - >95% for LAD
  - >90% for RCA
  - ~60% for LCx -> electrically silent total occlusion
    - Class IIa recommendation for posterior EKG to identify LCx occlusion



# Atypical EKG Patterns

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## Bundle Branch Block

Criteria (Sgarbossa) that can be used to improve the diagnostic accuracy of STEMI in LBBB

- Concordant ST-segment elevation  $\geq 1\text{mm}$  in leads with a positive QRS complex
- Concordant ST-segment elevation  $\geq 1\text{mm}$  in  $V_1$ - $V_3$
- Discordant ST-segment elevation  $\geq 5\text{mm}$  in leads with a negative QRS complex

The presence of RBBB may confound the diagnosis of STEMI

## Ventricular Paced Rhythm

During RV pacing, the ECG also shows LBBB and the above rules also apply for the diagnosis of myocardial infarction during pacing; however, they are less specific.

## Isolated Posterior Myocardial Infarction

Isolated ST depression  $\geq 0.5\text{mm}$  in leads  $V_1$ - $V_3$  and ST-segment elevation ( $\geq 0.5\text{mm}$ ) in posterior chest wall leads  $V_7$ - $V_9$

## Ischemia Due to Left Main Coronary Artery Occlusion or Multivessel Disease

ST depression  $\geq 1\text{mm}$  in eight or more surface leads, coupled with ST-segment elevation in aVR and/or  $V_1$ , suggests left main-, or left main equivalent-coronary obstruction, or severe three vessel ischemia

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# Sgarbossa's Criteria

## Findings

STE  $\geq$  1mm in positive QRS (V4-6, aVL, I)

## Points

**5**

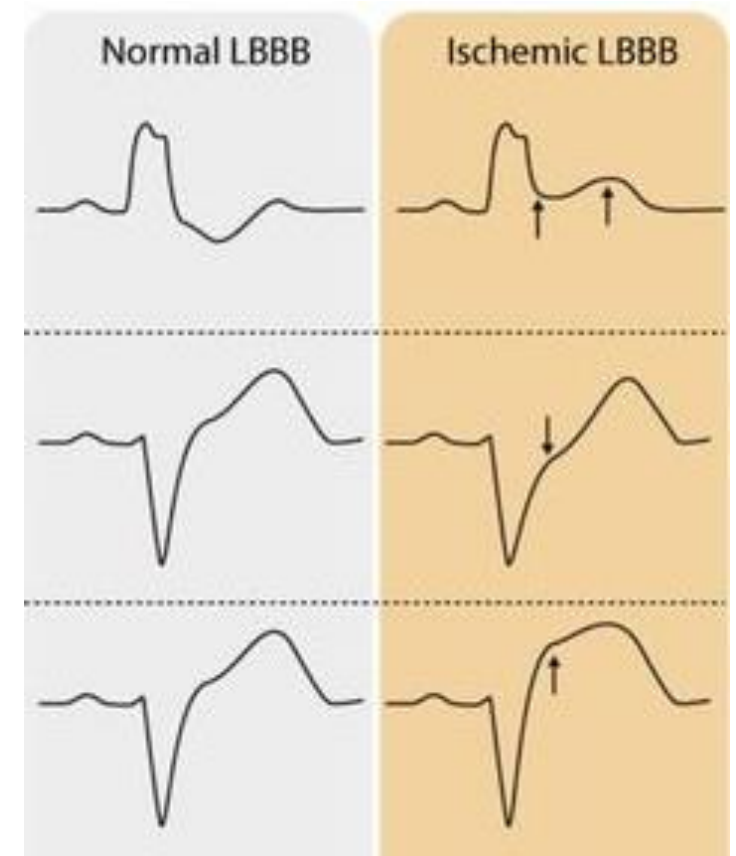
STD  $\geq$  1mm w/ negative QRS (V1-3)

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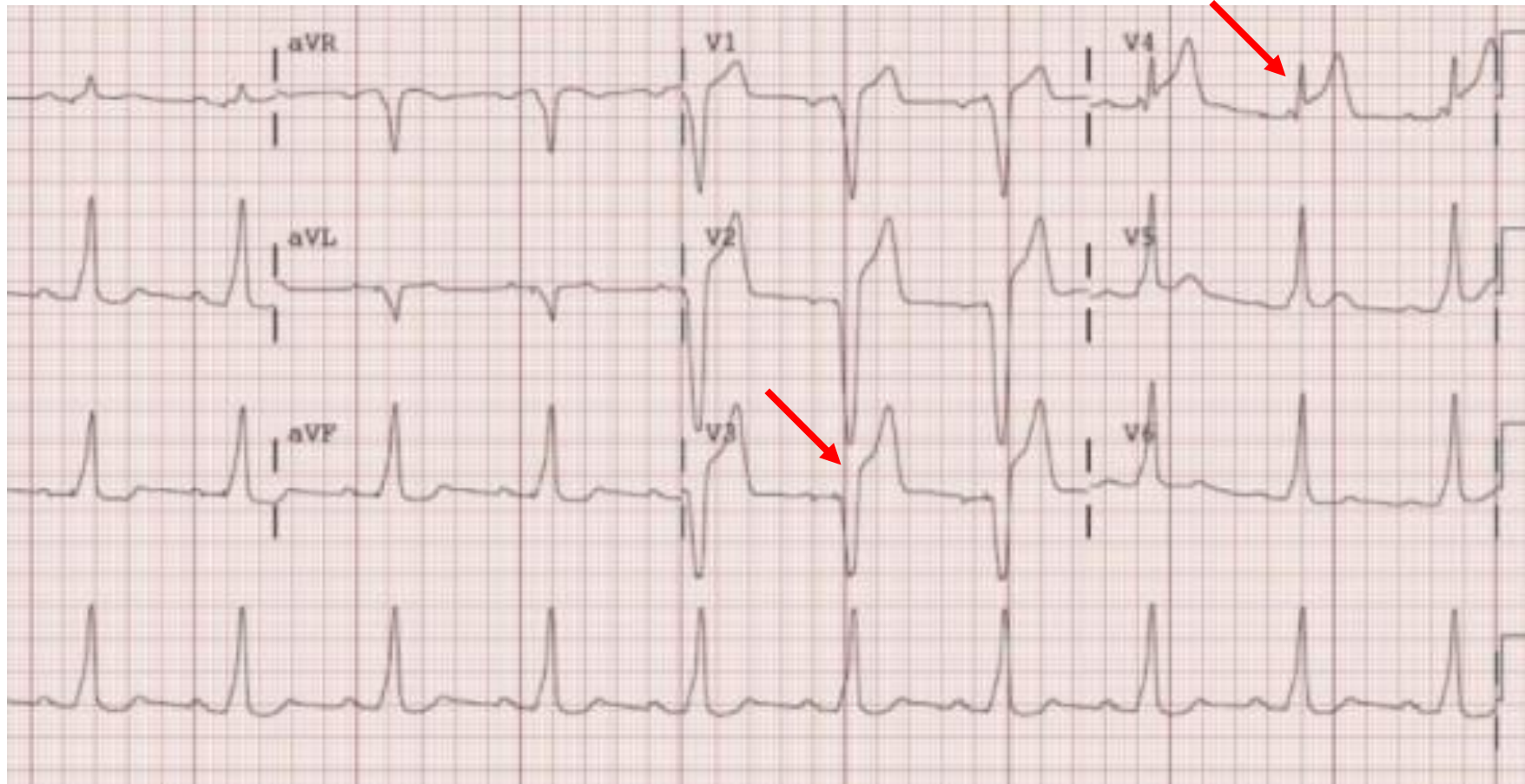
STE  $\geq$  5mm w/ negative QRS (V1-3)

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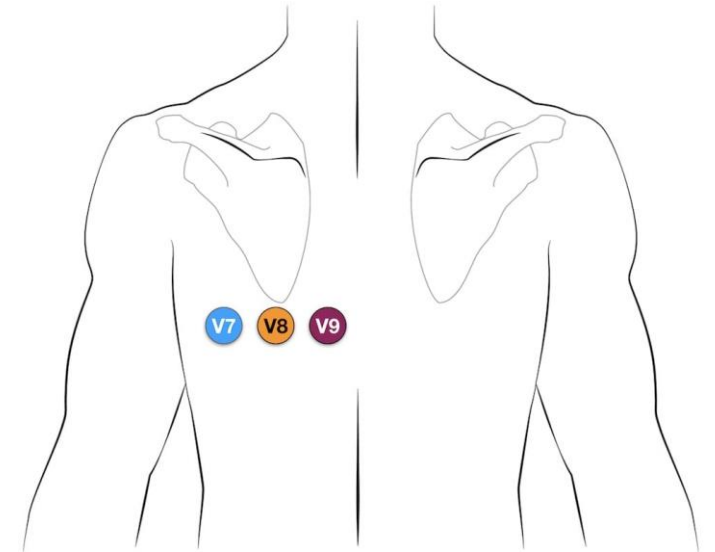
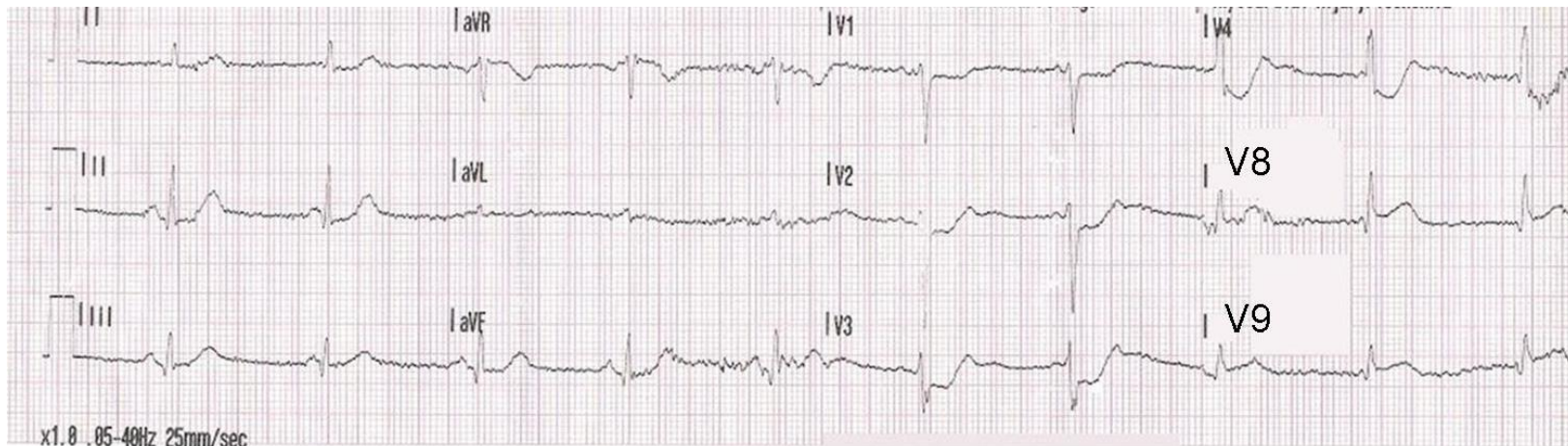
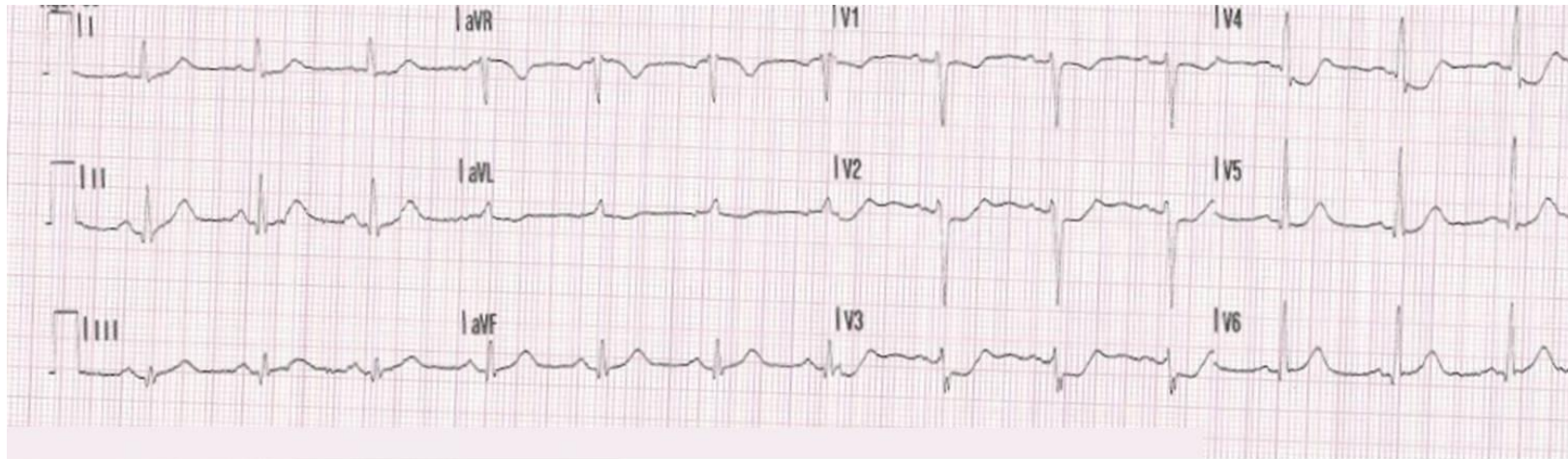
$\geq$  3 points = 98% probability of [STEMI](#)



# STEMI with LBBB



# Isolated Posterior MI



# **CONSIDERATIONS BY MI LOCATIONS**

# Anterior MI

- Cardiogenic shock –
  - In general, complicates ~5-10% of STEMI
  - Most commonly seen with large anterior MI
- Mechanical complications
  - Free wall rupture
  - LV aneurysm
  - Papillary muscle rupture (anterolateral pap muscle)
  - Apical VSD
- LV thrombus

# Inferior Infarct

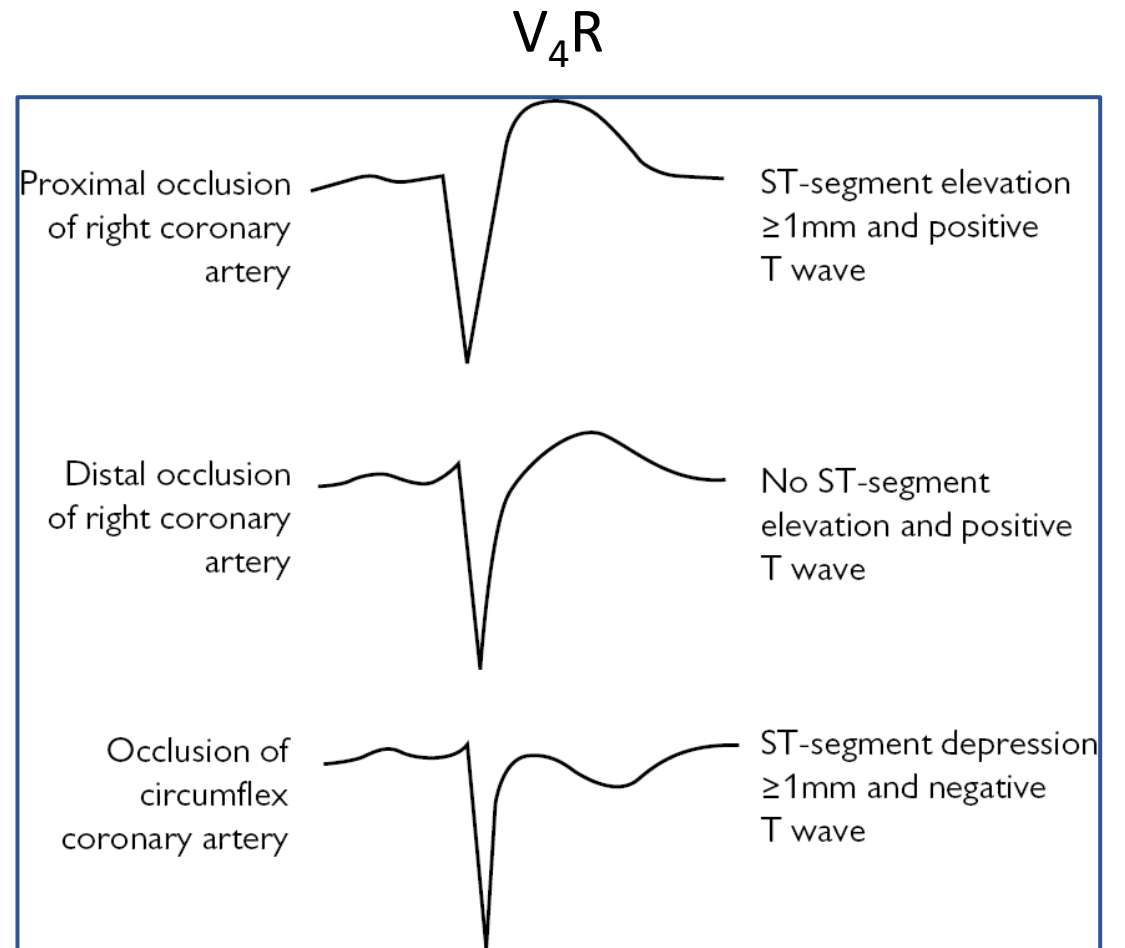
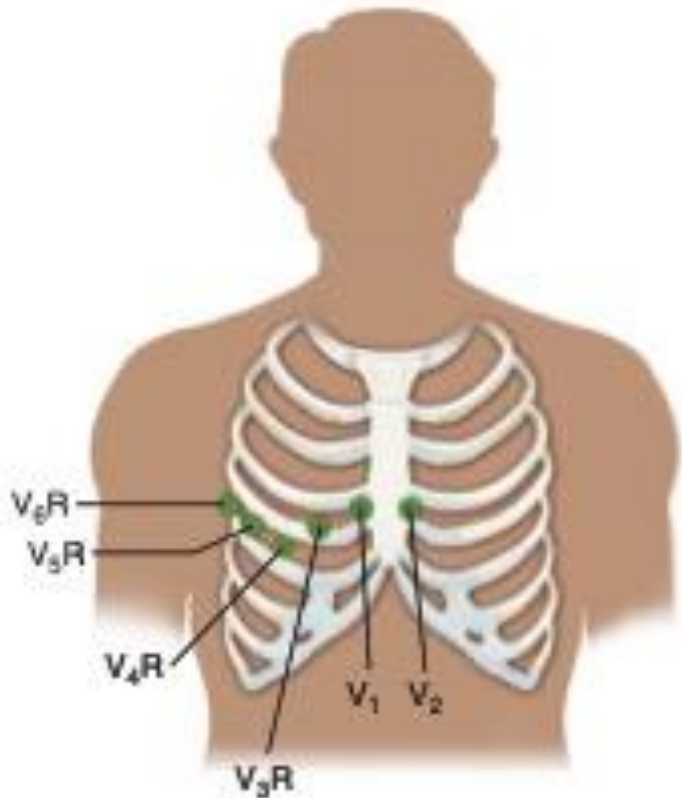
- Rhythm disturbances
  - Sinus bradycardia common (incr vagal tone)
    - Usually self-limited
    - If drives HD instability-> atropine +/- pacing
  - High-degree AVB/CHB (~4%)
- Mechanical complications
  - Inferior-basal VSD (worse prognosis than apical VSD)
  - Papillary muscle rupture (single vascular supply to posteromedial papillary muscle)
- Posterior or RV infarction



# RV Infarction

- Occurs in ~1/3 of inferior LV infarctions
- Classic clinical triad of hypotension, clear lungs, elevated JVP
- Various possible findings:
  - Elevations of right-sided pressures (CVP, RV end diastolic pressures)
  - Kussmaul sign – Increased CVP/JVP w/ inspiration (non-compliant RV)
  - +/- signs of low output on right
    - Low RVSP
    - Low RV pulse pressure
    - Low pulmonary artery pulsatility index (PASP-PADP/RA) (eg < 1)
    - Low cardiac output with nl/low PCWP

# Right-Sided EKG



# Management of RV Infarction

- Maintain RV preload
  - Avoid nitrates & diuretics
- Lower RV afterload
- Inotropic +/- mechanical support
- Reperfusion
- Restore AV synchrony

# Focused History & Exam

- Presence, nature and duration of ischemic symptoms
- Screen for important contributors (eg, cocaine use) or mimics (eg aortic dissection, PE, pericarditis)
- Evidence of complications (eg, heart failure, mechanical complications)
- Targeted history for possible contraindications to pPCI or fibrinolysis
  - Severe contrast allergy
  - Active or recent bleeding

# Initial Laboratory Testing

- Cardiac biomarkers (preferably troponin)
- Serum electrolytes, creatinine, hematocrit, platelet count, coagulation parameters, glucose
- Eventually labs for secondary prevention:
  - Lipid panel, lipoprotein(a)
  - Hemoglobin A1c

# Early Markers of Risk

- Anterior (vs inferior)
- High sum total of ST elevation
- Anterior ST depressions in inferior STEMI
  - Posterior extension or LAD ischemia
- ST elevation in V4R in inferior STEMI
  - RV MI
- Advanced heart block (Mobitz type 2 or 3<sup>rd</sup> degree)
- RBBB in anterior MI
  - Large MI

# STEMI Risk Score: TIMI Risk Index

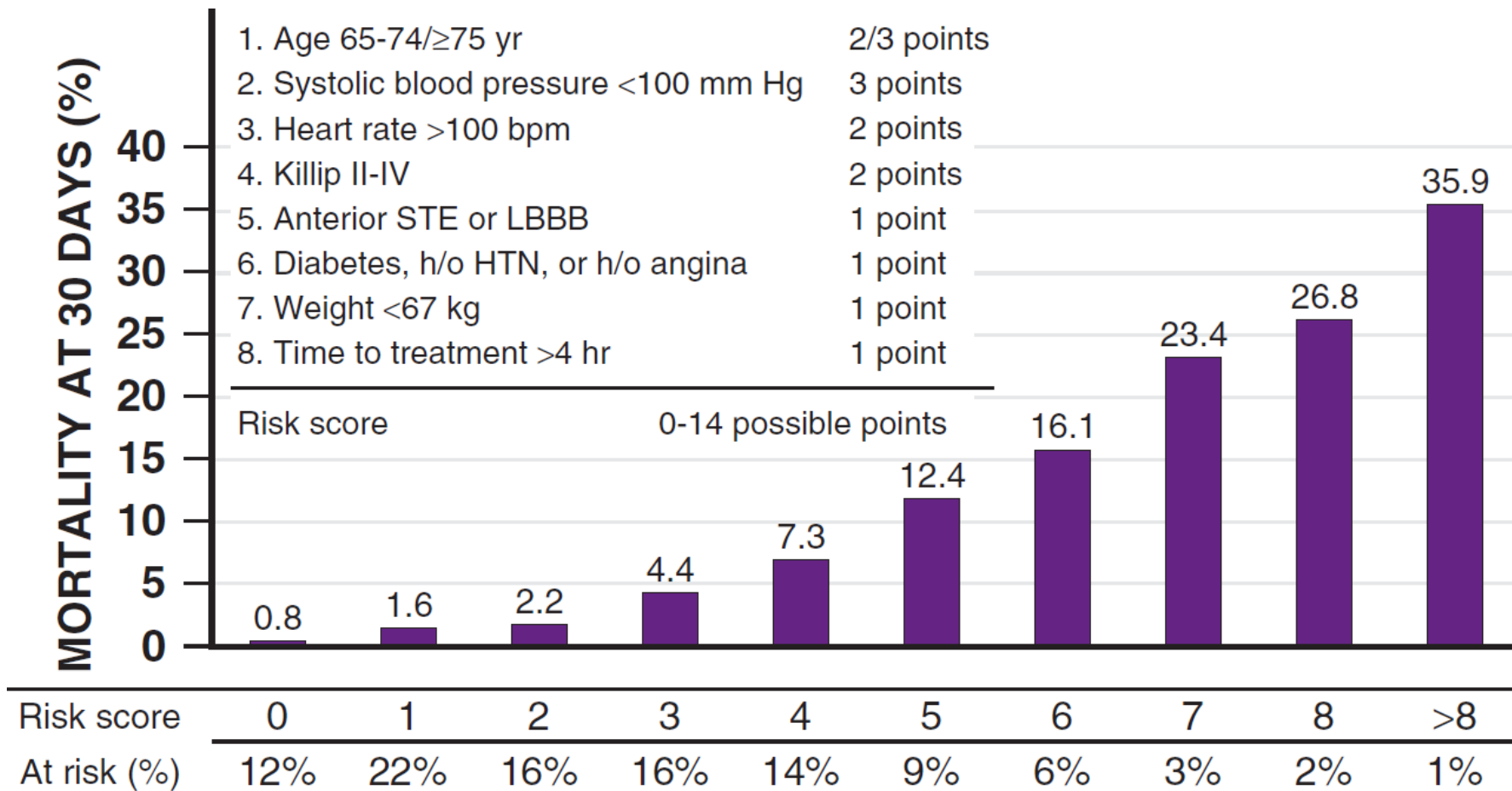
- Age, HR, SBP
- 20-fold gradient of risk for mortality

Risk Index	Risk Group	Risk of Death		
		24 H	In-hosp	30 D
≤12.5	1	0.2	0.6	0.8
>12.5-17.5	2	0.4	1.5	1.9
>17.5-22.5	3	1.0	3.1	3.3
>22.5-30	4	2.4	6.5	7.3
>30	5	6.9	15.8	17.4

1) Calculate Risk Index	2) Assign Risk Group	3) Mortality Estimate (Data from InTIME II)
$\frac{\text{HR} \times (\text{Age}/10)^2}{\text{SBP}}$	HR in bpm; Age in years; SBP in mm Hg	

# STEMI Risk Score: TIMI Risk Score





# ACS Risk Score: GRACE Risk Score

## Medical History

① Age in Years	Points
≤29.....	0
30-39.....	0
40-49.....	18
50-59.....	36
60-69.....	55
70-79.....	73
80-89.....	91
≥90.....	100

② History of Congestive Heart Failure.....	24
③ History of Myocardial Infarction.....	12

## Findings at Initial Hospital Presentation

④ Resting Heart Rate, beats/min	Points
≤49.9.....	0
50-69.9.....	3
70-89.9.....	9
90-109.9.....	14
110-149.9.....	23
150-199.9.....	35
≥200.....	43

⑤ Systolic Blood Pressure, mm Hg	Points
≤79.9.....	24
80-99.9.....	22
100-119.9.....	18
120-139.9.....	14
140-159.9.....	10
160-199.9.....	4
≥200.....	0
	1

⑥ ST-Segment Depression.....	11
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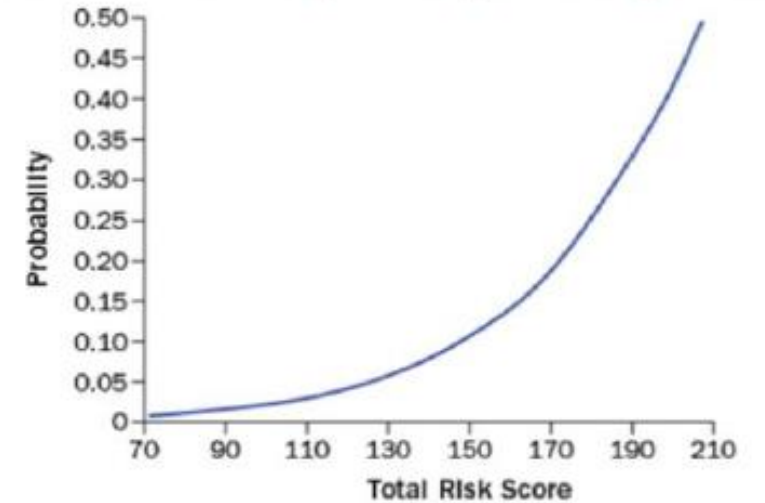
## Findings During Hospitalization

⑦ Initial Serum Creatinine, mg/dL	Points
0-0.39.....	1
0.4-0.79.....	3
0.8-1.19.....	5
1.2-1.59.....	7
1.6-1.99.....	9
2-3.99.....	15
≥4.....	20

⑧ Elevated Cardiac Enzymes.....	15
⑨ No In-Hospital Percutaneous Coronary Intervention.....	14

## Predicted All-Cause Mortality From Hospital Discharge to 6 Months

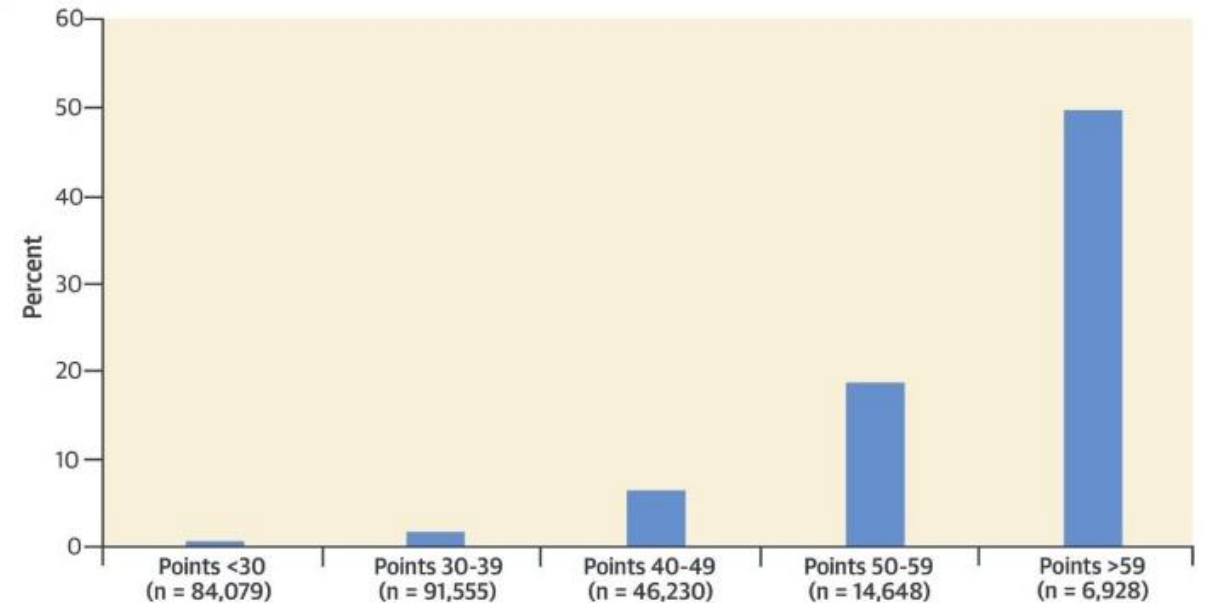


# ACS Risk Score: ACTION GWTG

A. Risk Score Calculator

Age	Pts	SBP	Pts	CrCl	Pts	Cardiac Arrest	Pts	Shock	Pts	Heart Rate	Pts	Heart Failure	Pts	STEMI	Pts	Troponin	Pts
<40	0	>200	0	≥90	0	No	0	No	0	≤40	0	No	0	No	0	<10	0
40-49	3	181-200	3	60-<90	4	Yes	14	Yes	13	41-60	1	Yes	5	Yes	5	10-<20	1
50-59	7	171-180	5							61-70	2					20-<30	2
		161-170	7							45-<60	8					71-80	3
		151-160	9	81-100	4												
		131-150	11	101-110	5												
60-69	10	121-130	13	30-<45	11					111-130	7						
70-79	13	111-120	15	<30 or Dialysis	15					131-150	8						
		91-110	16							>150	9						
		80-89	17							≤90	19						
≥90	20																

In-hospital Mortality



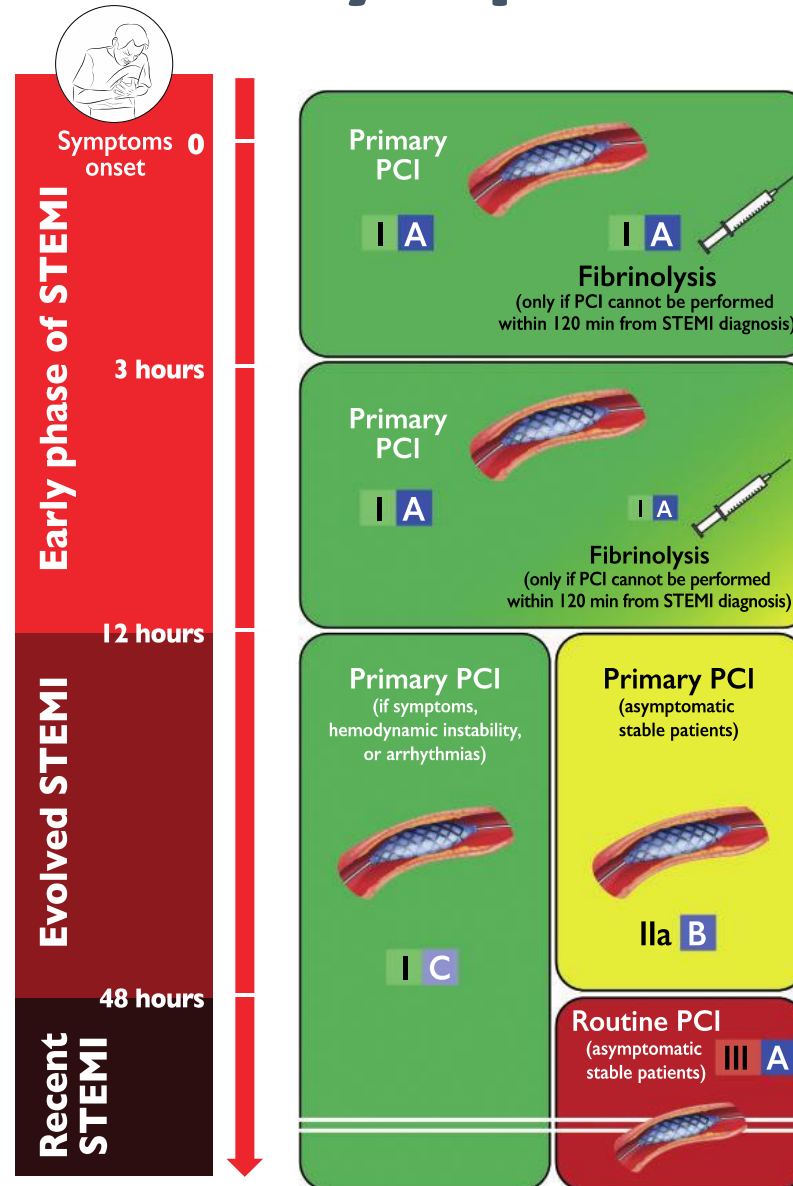
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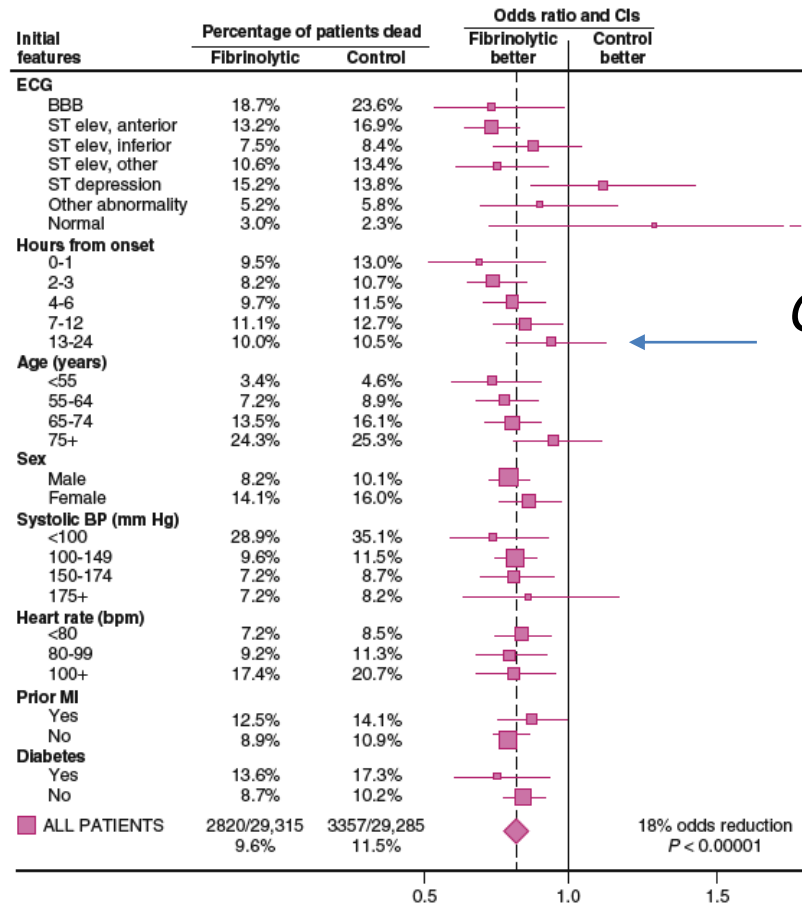


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# Benefit of Fibrinolysis in STEMI

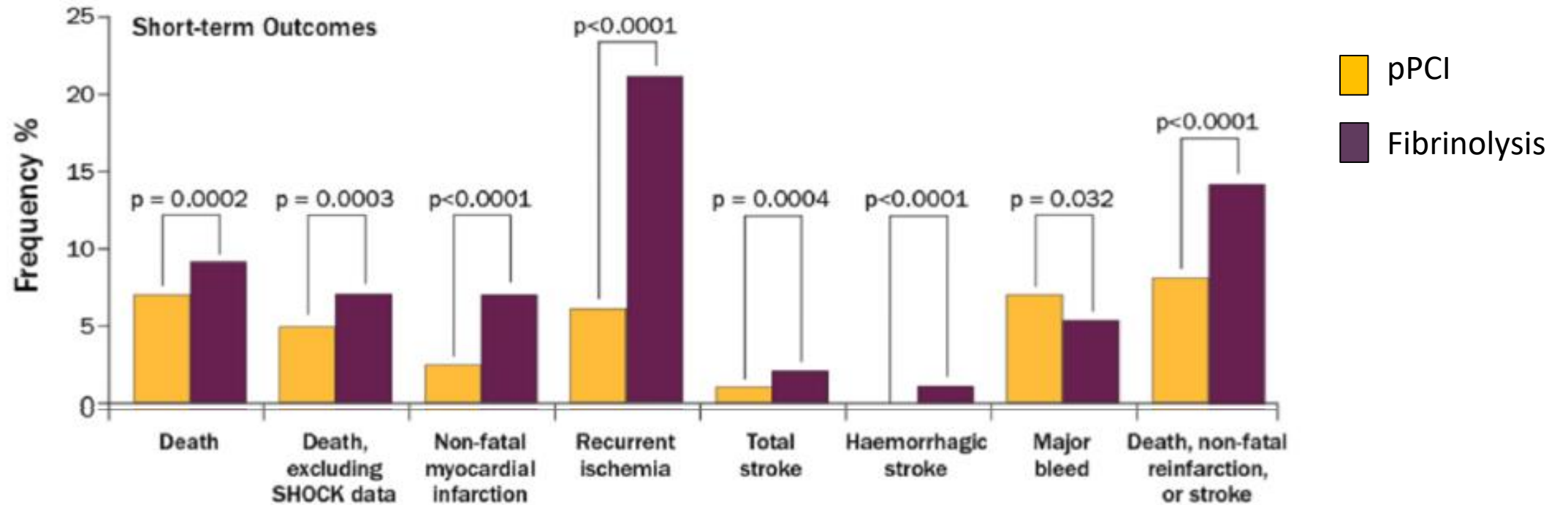
*18% reduction in odds of death at 35 days*



*Greater benefit in early period*

# Primary PCI vs Fibrinolysis in STEMI

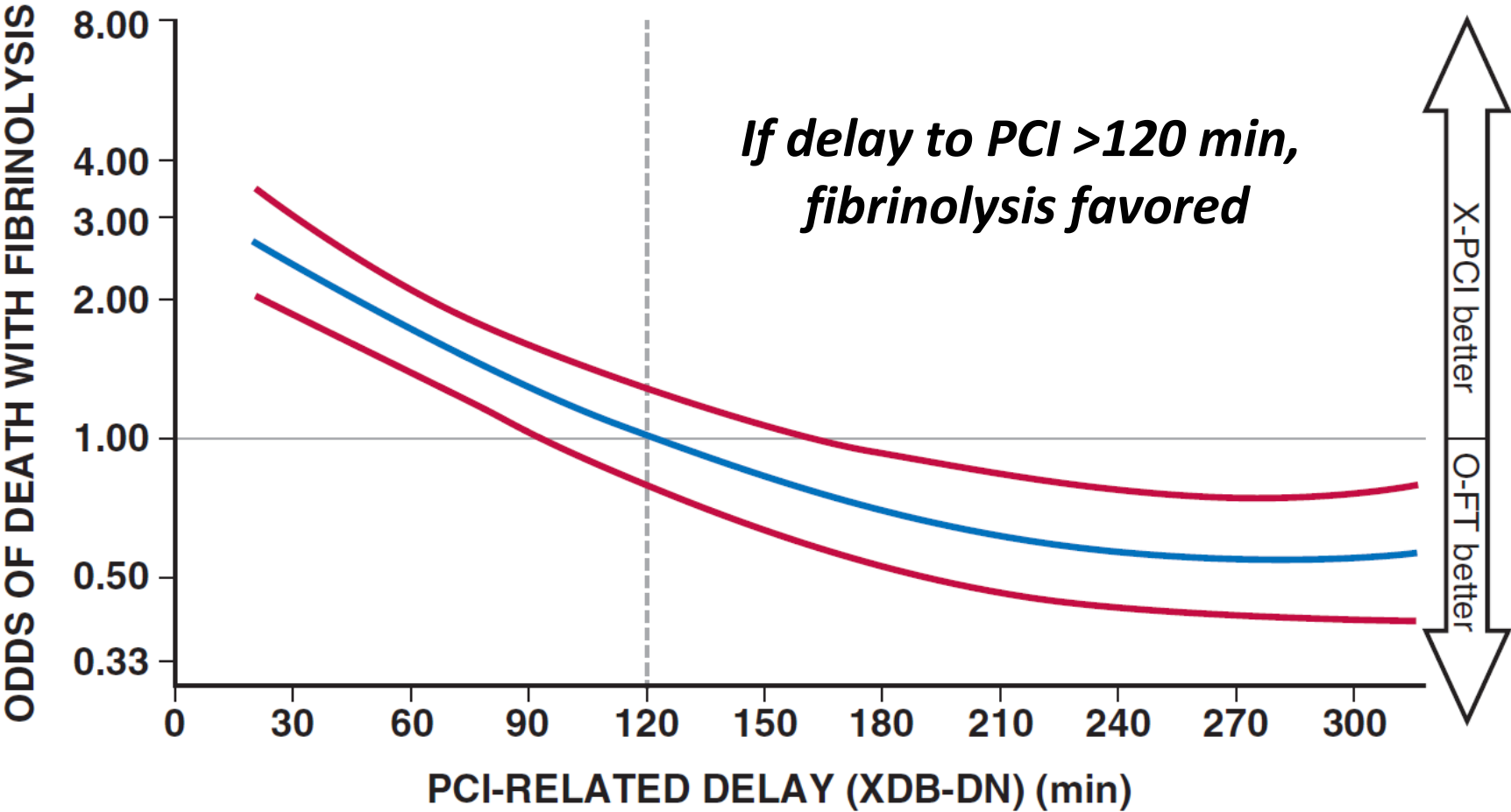
## Review of 23 Randomized Trials



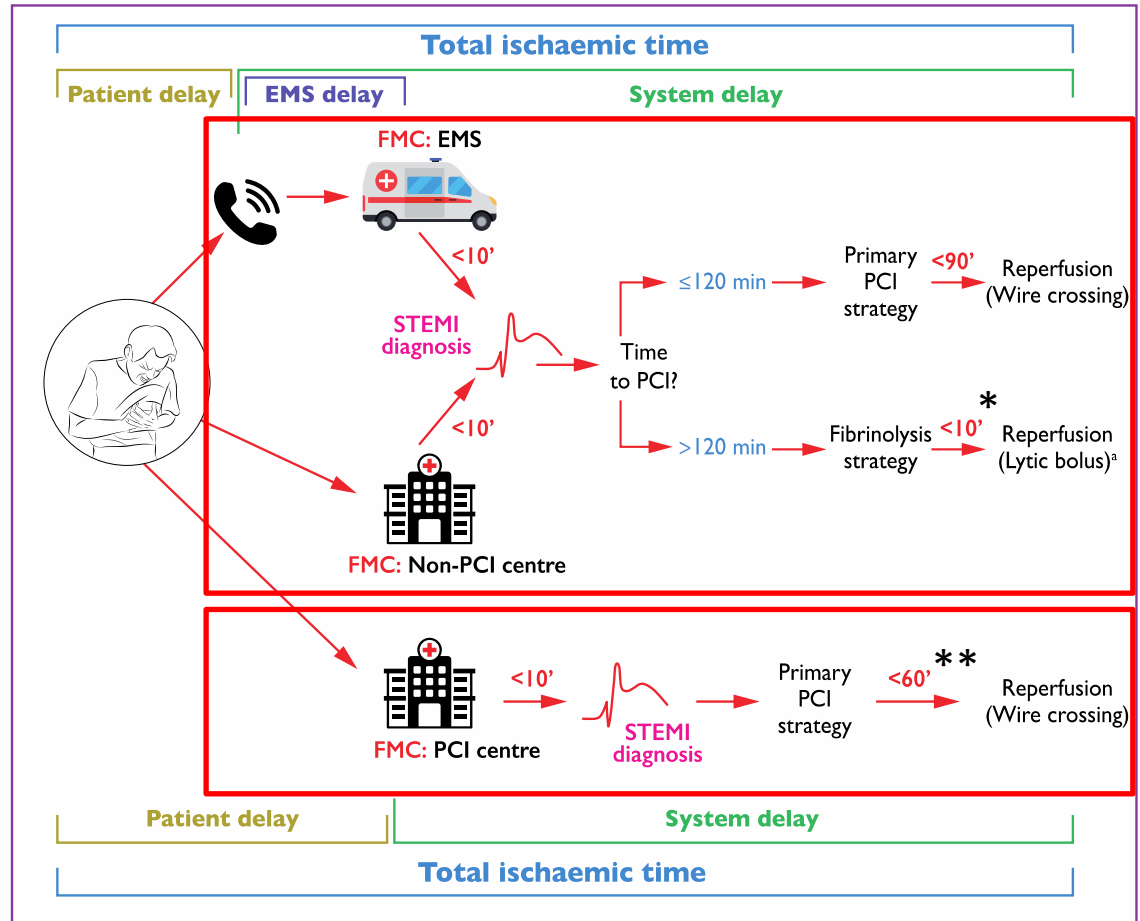
***Outcomes are generally better with primary PCI***



# Inflection Point for Delay to pPCI vs Fibrinolysis



# Triage for Reperfusion



## If delay to to pPCI of >120 min, fibrinolysis unless

- Shock or acute severe HF (AHA/ACC Class 1, LOE: B)
- Contraindication to fibrinolytics
- Late presentation (eg., >12 hrs, can consider fibrinolysis for 12-24 hrs if no PCI option)

\*ACC/AHA: FMC to bolus <math>< 30 min

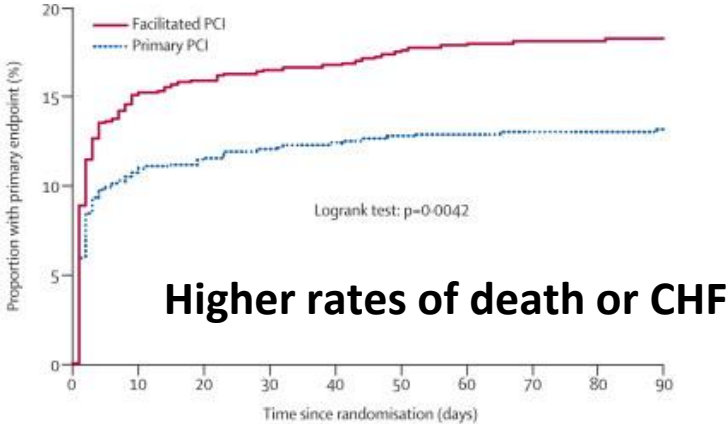
\*\*ACC/AHA: FMC to device <math>< 90 min

# Contraindications to Fibrinolysis

Absolute	Relative Contraindications
Any prior ICH	History of chronic, severe, poorly controlled HTN
Known structural cerebral vascular lesion	Uncontrolled HTN on presentation (SBP > 180, DBP > 110)
Known intracranial malignant neoplasm	Traumatic or prolonged CPR (>10 min)
Ischemic stroke < 3 months	Major surgery < 3 weeks
Active bleeding	Recent internal bleeding (2-4 weeks)
Significant closed-head or facial trauma < 3 months	Noncompressible vascular access
	Pregnancy
	Active peptic ulcer
	Anticoagulated patients

# Facilitated PCI

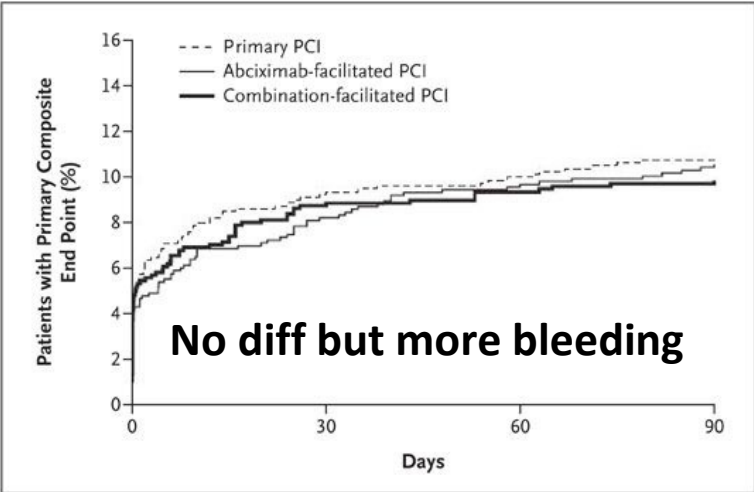
**ASSENT-4 (N=1667)**  
**TNK then PCI w/in 1-3 hrs vs PPCI**  
**Death or CHF**



**Higher rates of death or CHF**

Number at risk		0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Facilitated PCI	829	703	696	691	685	678	675	673	673	672	
Primary PCI	838	747	741	736	730	726	725	724	724	722	

**FINESSE (N=2452)**  
**Death, VF, CS, CHF**

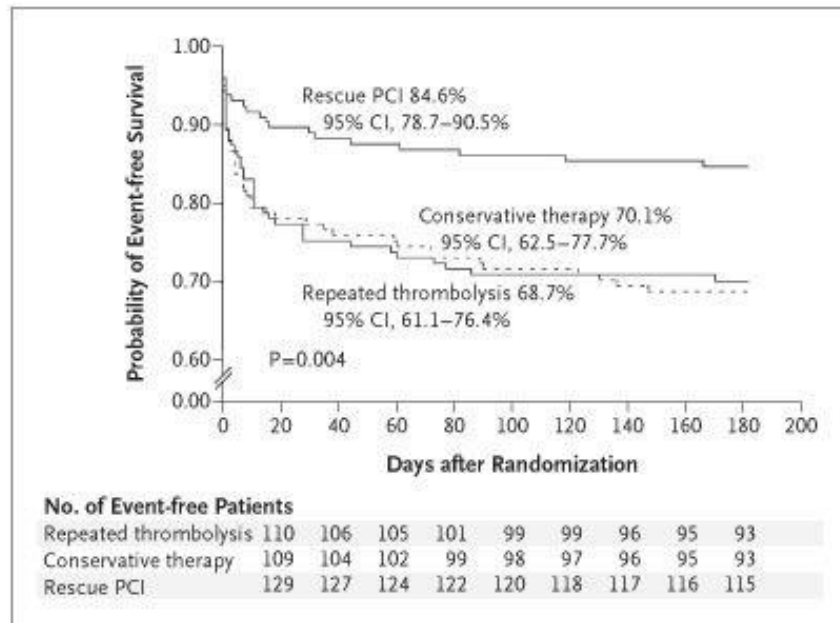


***Worse outcomes with facilitated PCI***

# Rescue PCI

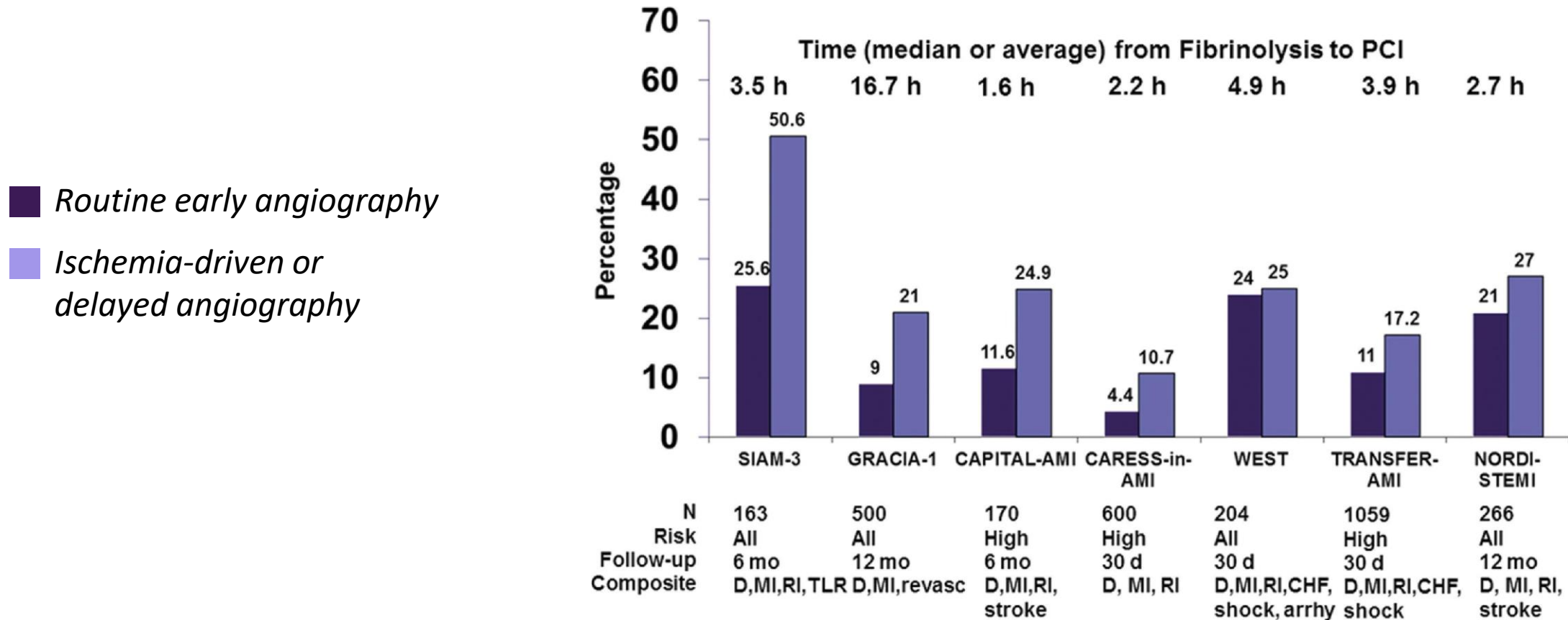
## REACT (N=427)

Pts with <50% STE resolution w/in 90 min lysis  
*Death, MI, HF, stroke*



***Rescue PCI improves mortality  
over non-invasive strategies***

# Pharmaco-invasive: Timing of Angiography After Fibrinolysis



***Routine early angiography preferred over delayed approach***

# Indications for Transfer for Angiography After Fibrinolytic Therapy

	COR	LOE
Immediate transfer for cardiogenic shock or severe acute HF irrespective of time delay from MI onset	I	B
Urgent transfer for failed reperfusion or reocclusion	IIa	B
As part of an invasive strategy in stable* patients with PCI between 3 and 24 h after successful fibrinolysis	IIa	B

## Rescue PCI

## Pharmaco-Invasive

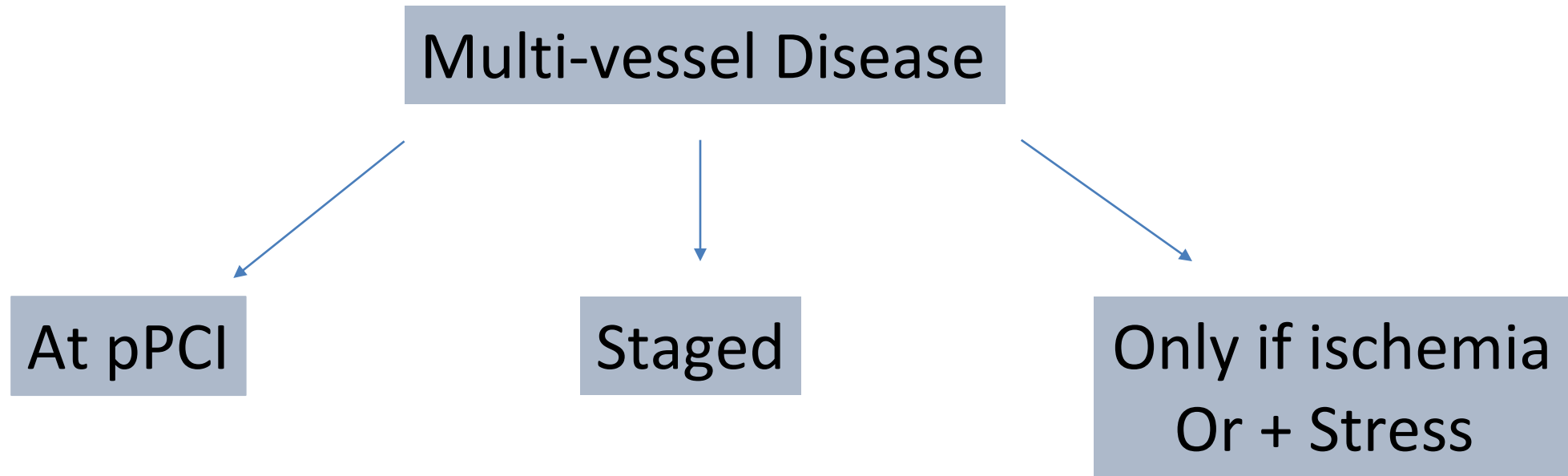
## Rescue PCI

- <50% resolution in 90 min
- Persistent symptoms
- HD or electrical instability

## Pharmaco-Invasive for Clinically Stable

- Absence of low output, hypotension, tachycardia, shock, high grade ventricular block or symptomatic SVT, spontaneous recurrent ischemia

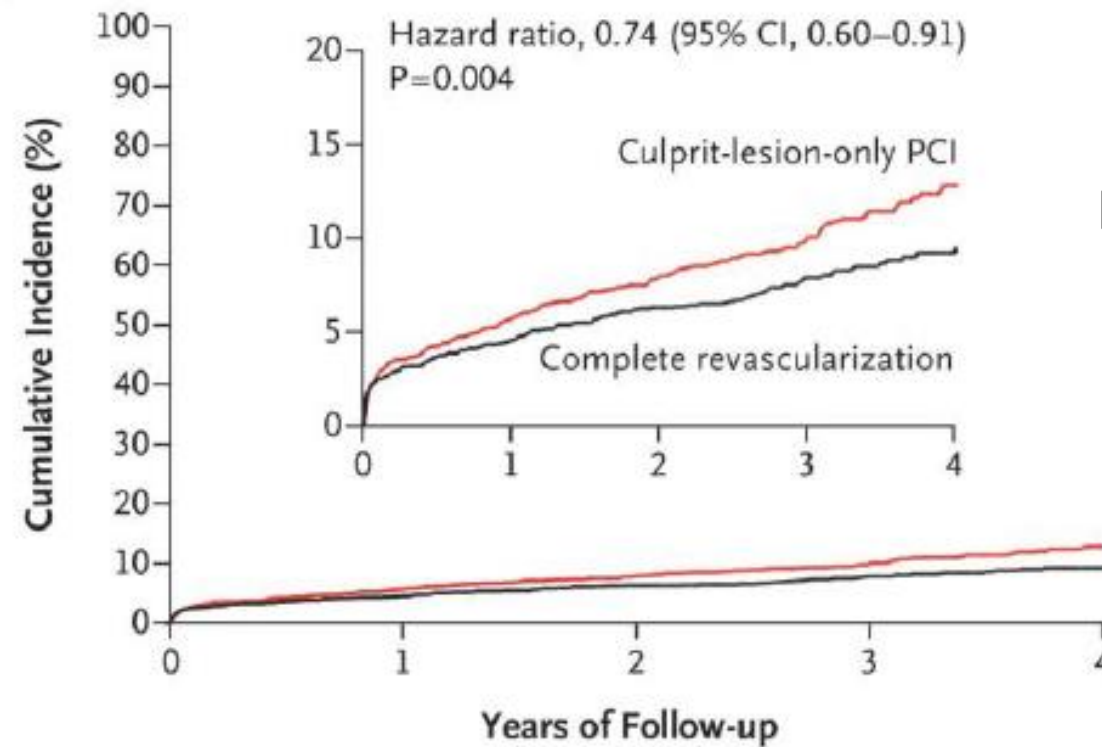
# Evaluation of Non-Infarct Related Artery Disease





# Non-Culprit PCI in STEMI

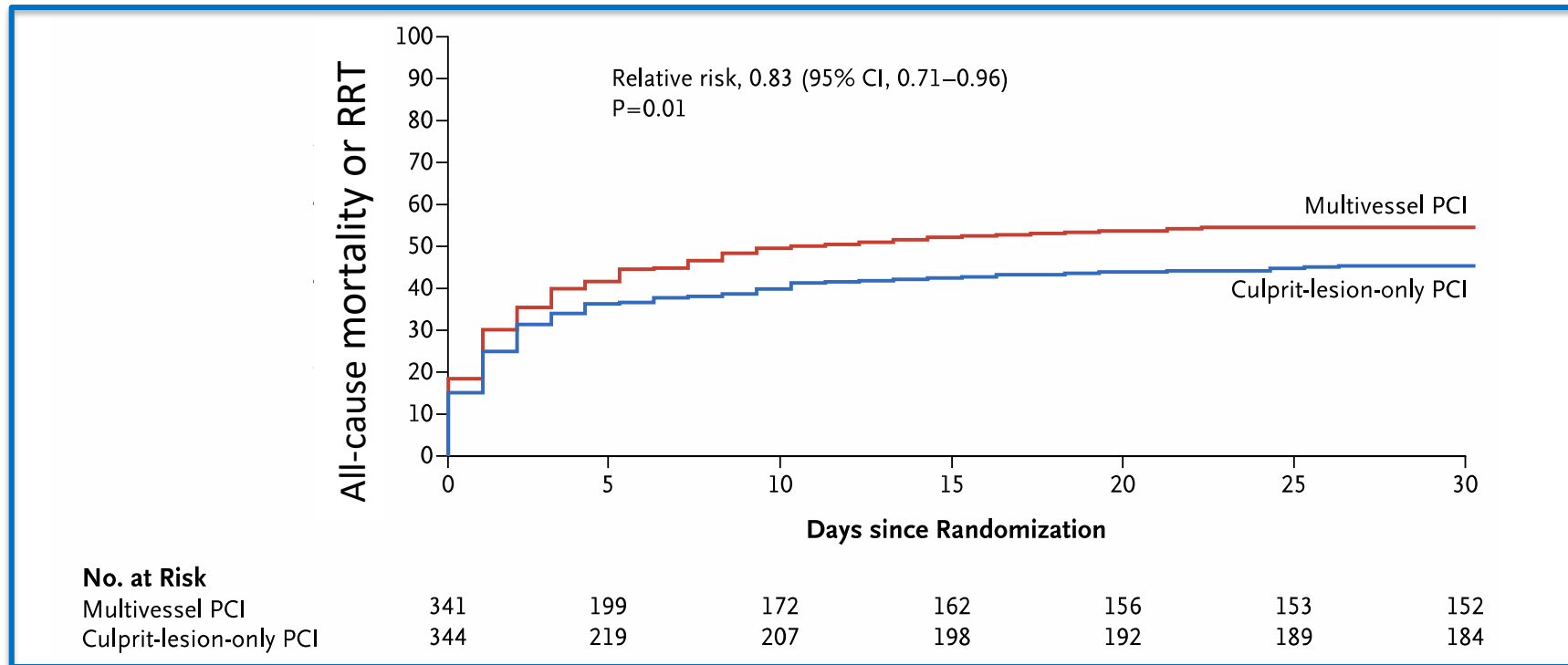
**COMPLETE (Non-Shock)**  
(CV death or MI)



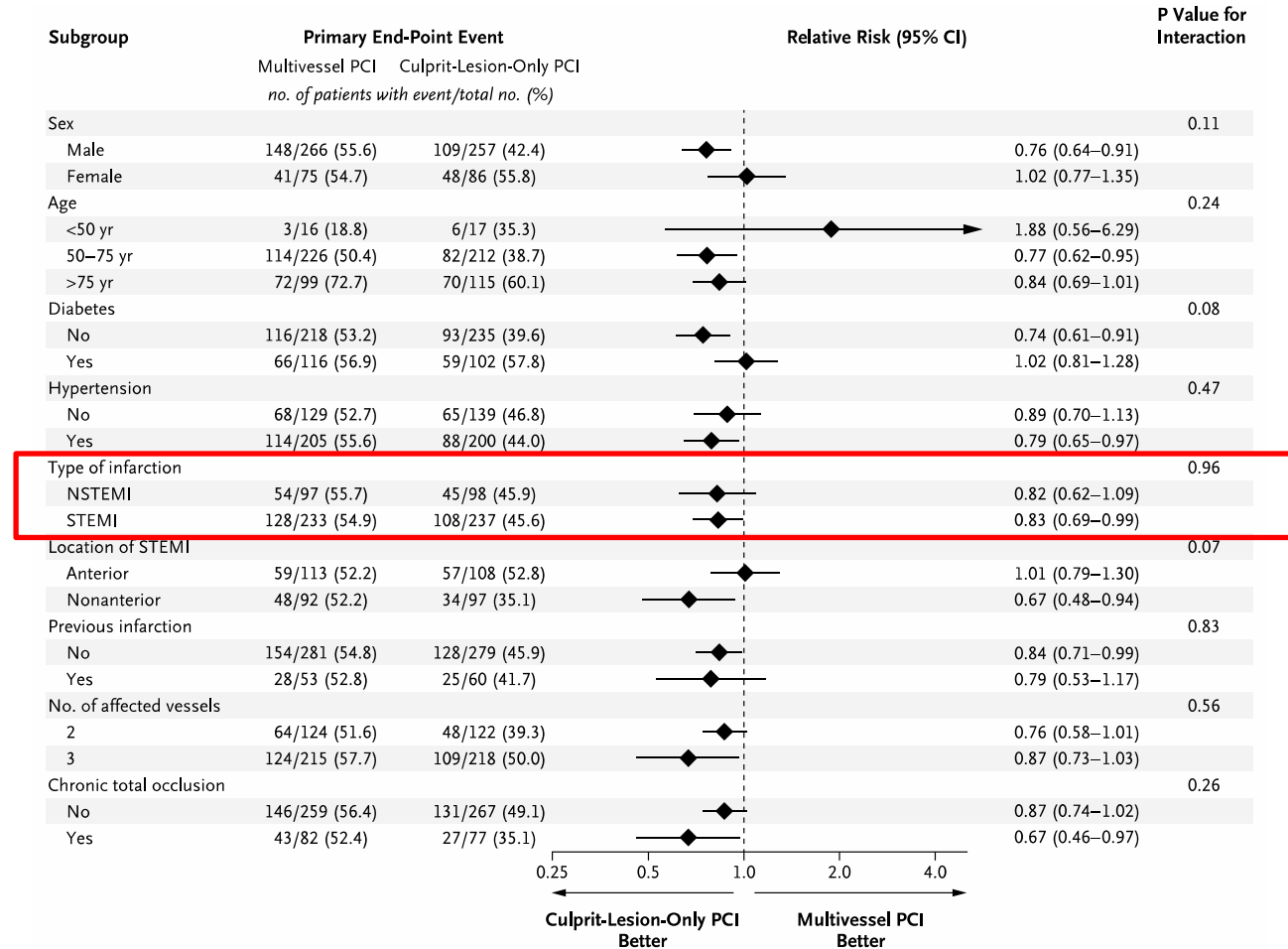
ESC: Class III → IIa (2017)

# CULPRIT-SHOCK

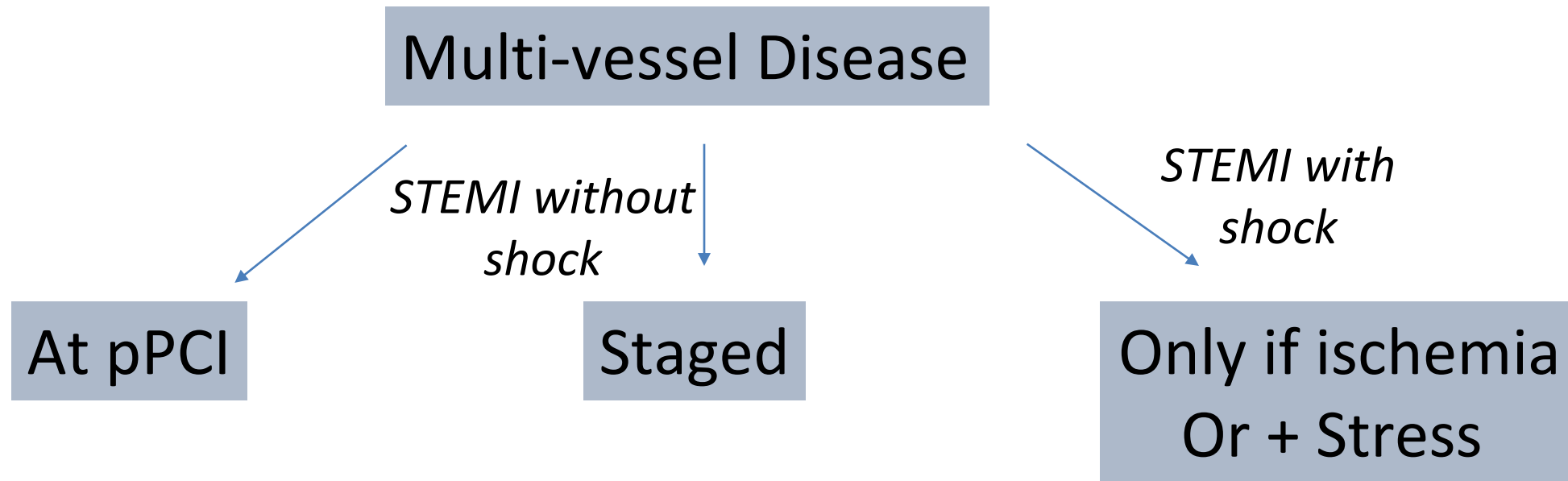
706 pts with CS due to AMI (61% STEMI/39% NSTEMI) and MVD  
Rx: Immediate MV PCI vs Culprit-Only +/- Staged PCI



# CULPRIT-SHOCK

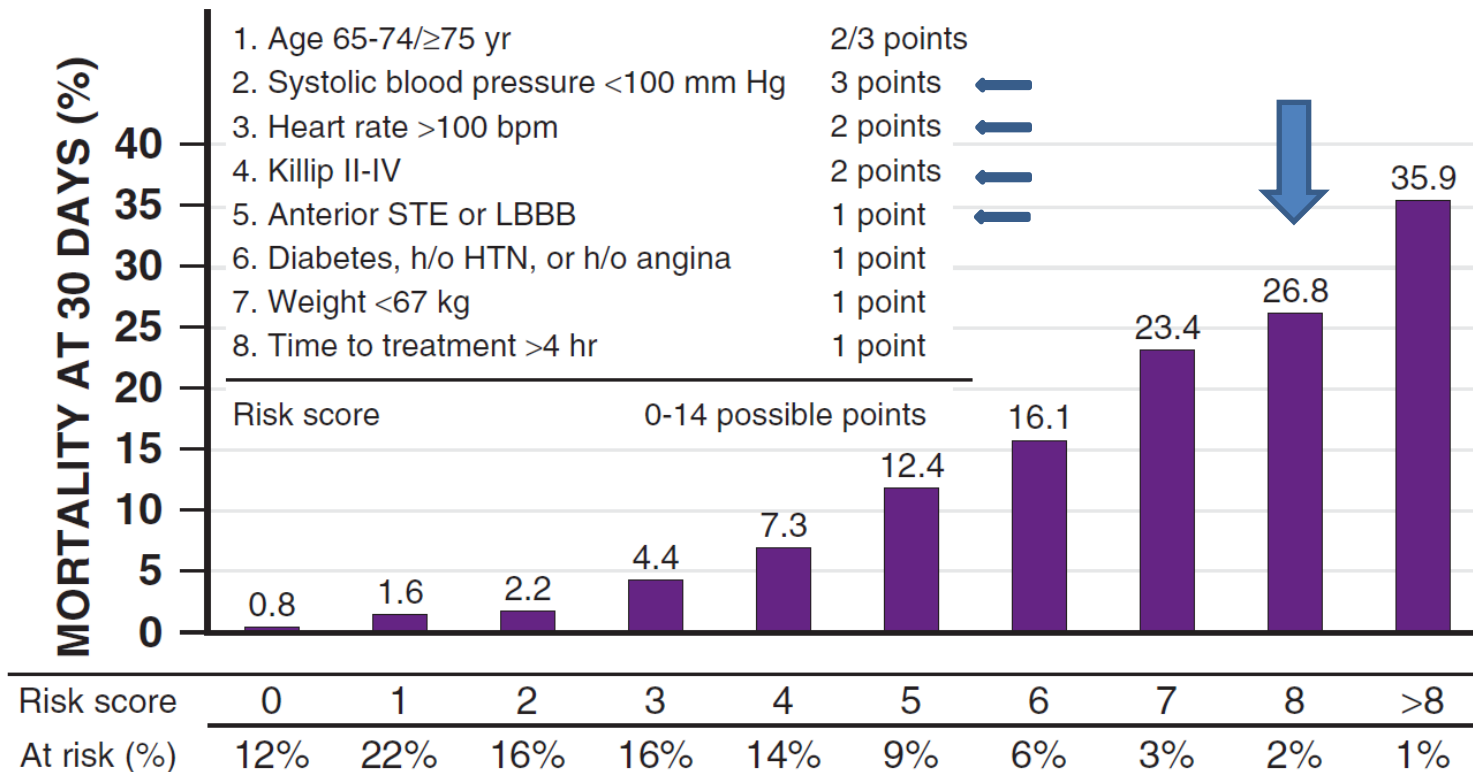


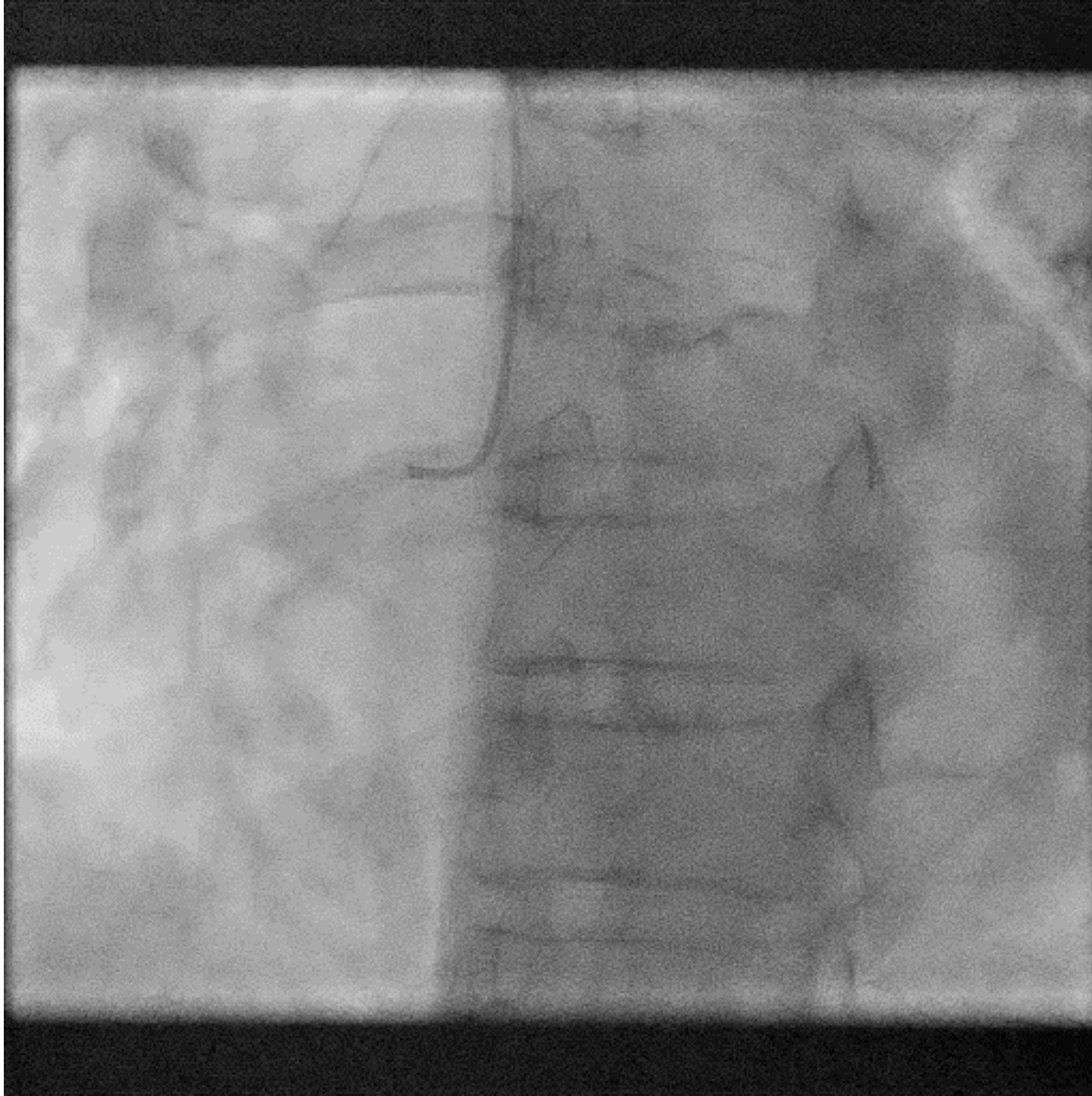
# Evaluation of Non-Infarct Related Artery Disease



# Case

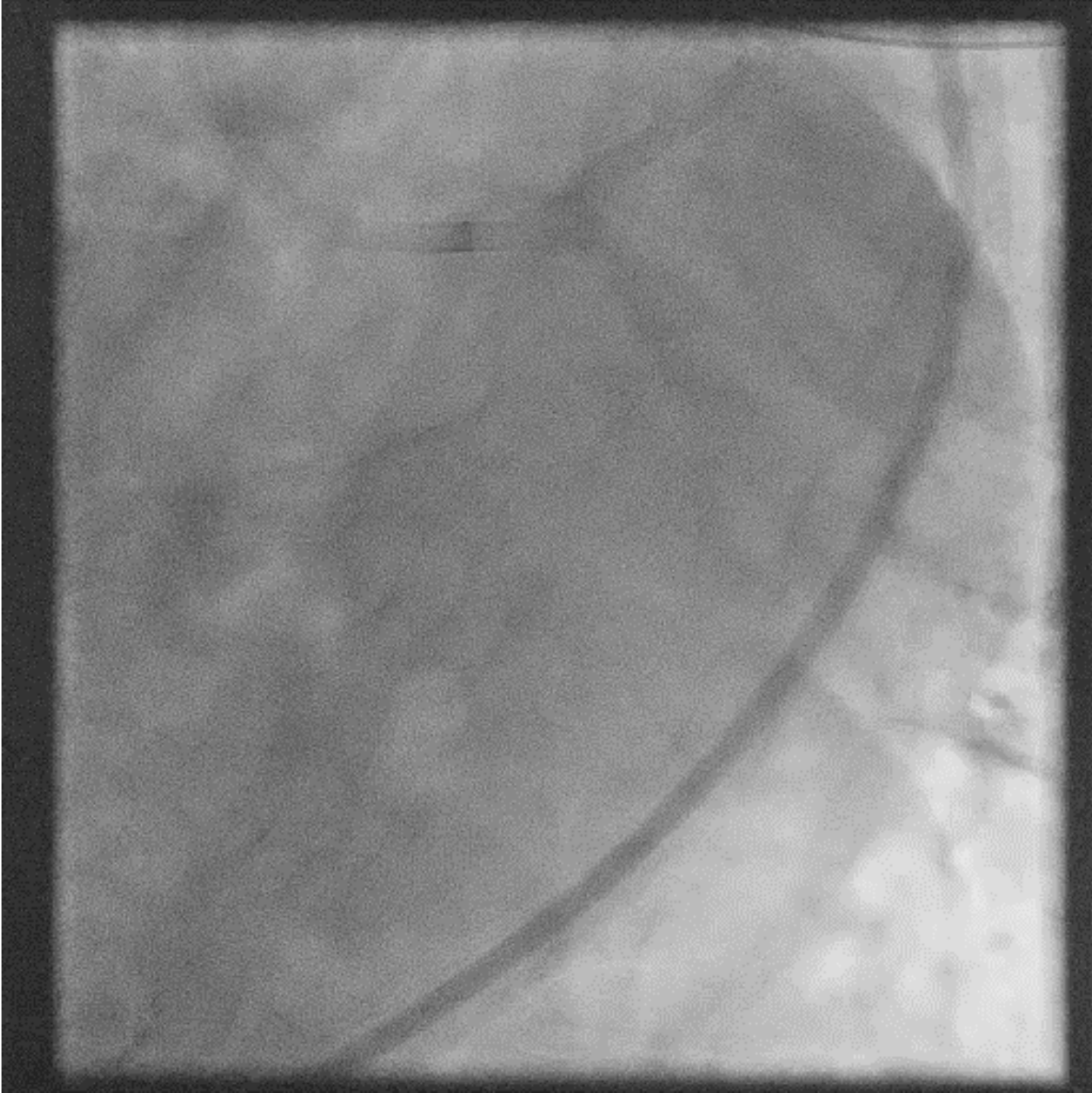
65yo F with DM, renal failure, HTN with CP x 2 hours, STE on EKG & shock







*Courtesy of B. Bergmark*



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BWH ECHO

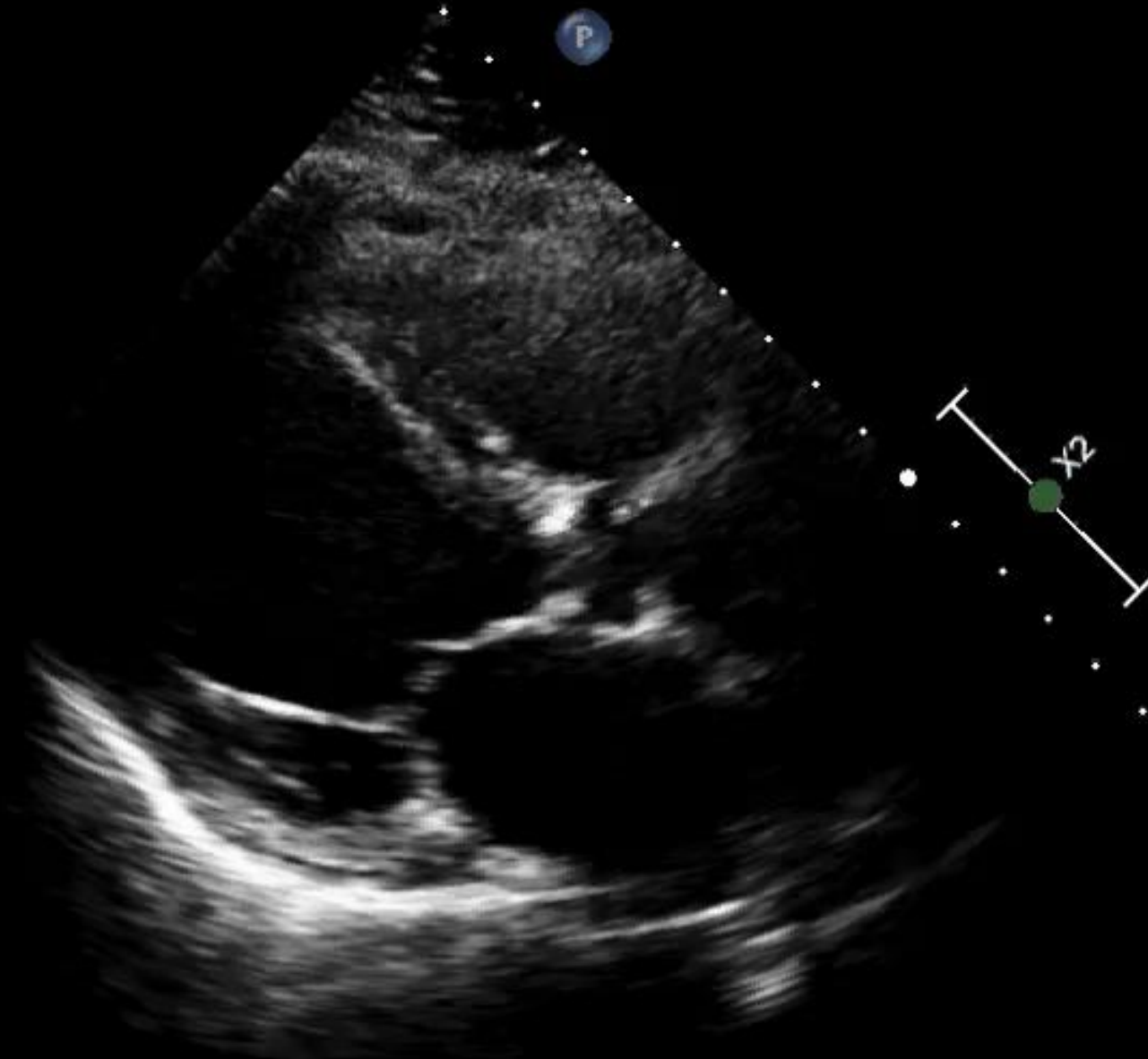
S5-1  
49Hz  
16cm

2D  
67%  
C 50  
P Low  
HPen

96 (Derived)

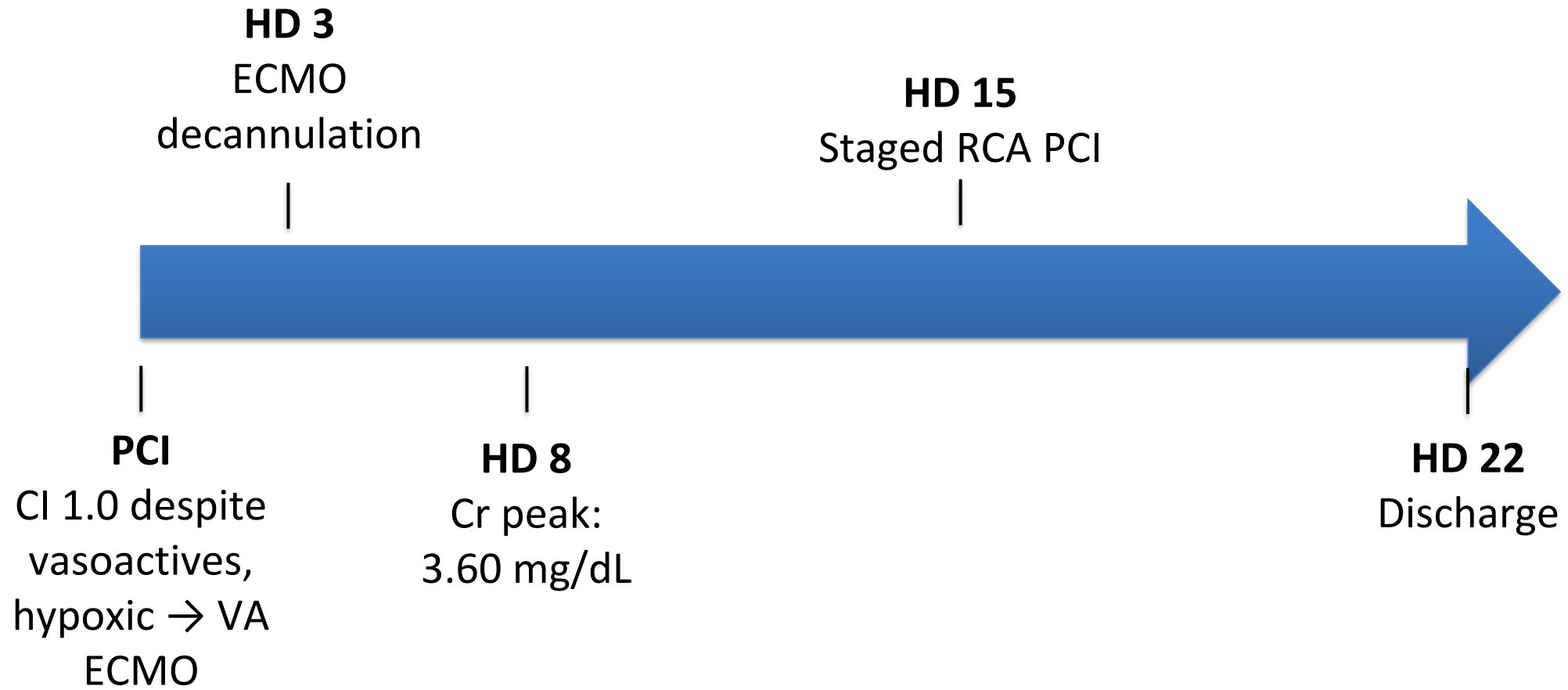
TISO.6 MI 1.3

M3



93 bpm

# Case



# Take Homes

- Rapid diagnosis
- Emergent revascularization
  - Primary PCI preferred (PCI-capable center)
  - Goal < 90 min FMC to device (<60 for ESC guidelines)
  - Focus on culprit lesion on index cath, but can stage revascularization (CULPRIT-SHOCK)
- Acute medical therapy: ASA, heparin, cangrelor/ticagrelor, statin, ezetimibe. No BB/ACEi due to shock.
- Aggressive medical therapy on discharge/follow up (to be discussed later)

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# NSTE-ACS: Diagnosis, Risk Stratification, and Revascularization

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# Outline

- Definitions/Pathophysiology
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  - Diagnosis
  - Risk stratification
  - Revascularization
- **NSTE-ACS**
  - Diagnosis
  - Risk stratification
  - Revascularization
- Other management (medical therapy)

# Case

## **65-year-old woman**

Type I diabetes

Kidney/pancreas transplant in 1999

Repeat kidney transplant 2010

Progressive renal insufficiency

Hypertension

HL

Presented to BWH ED with intermittent rest chest pain that starting 2 hours ago

# Case

**PE: 92BPM 110/80mmHg 18RPM 98% RA**

**Labs:**

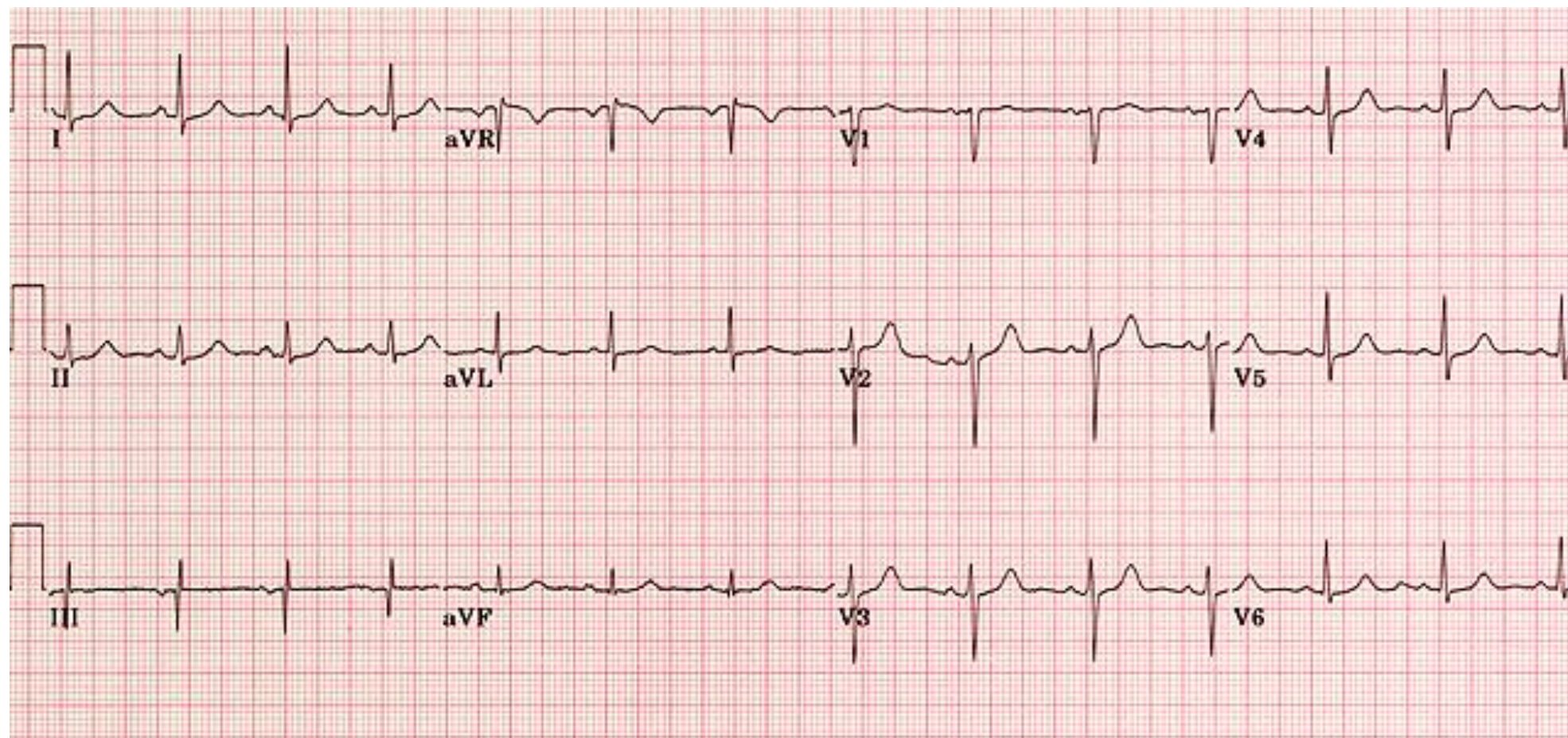
**Cr 1.6 mg/dL (baseline 1.3 mg/dL, eGFR 50)**

**Hs-TnT 15 ng/L**

**LDL 150 mg/dL**

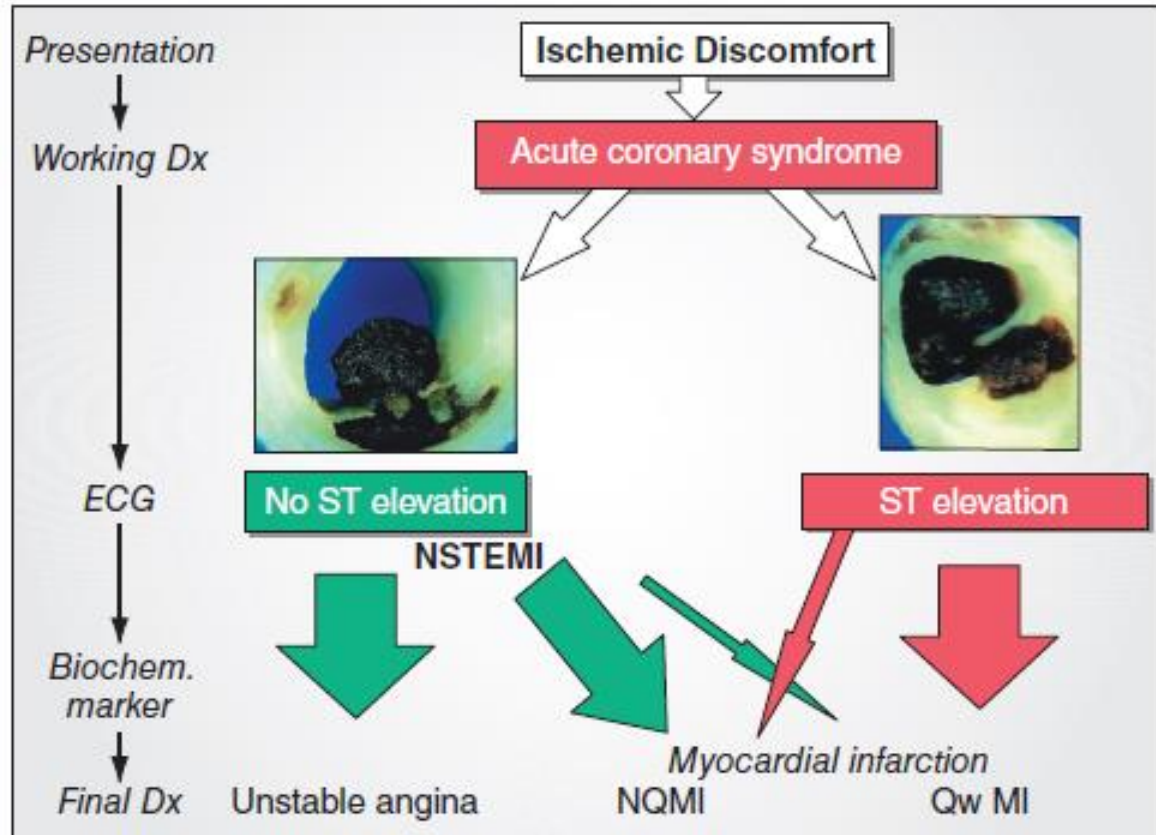
**HbA1c 8%**

# EKG





# Acute Coronary Syndrome: STEMI, nSTEMI, UA



Davies MJ, Heart 2000;83:361  
 Hamm CW, Lancet 2001;358:1533

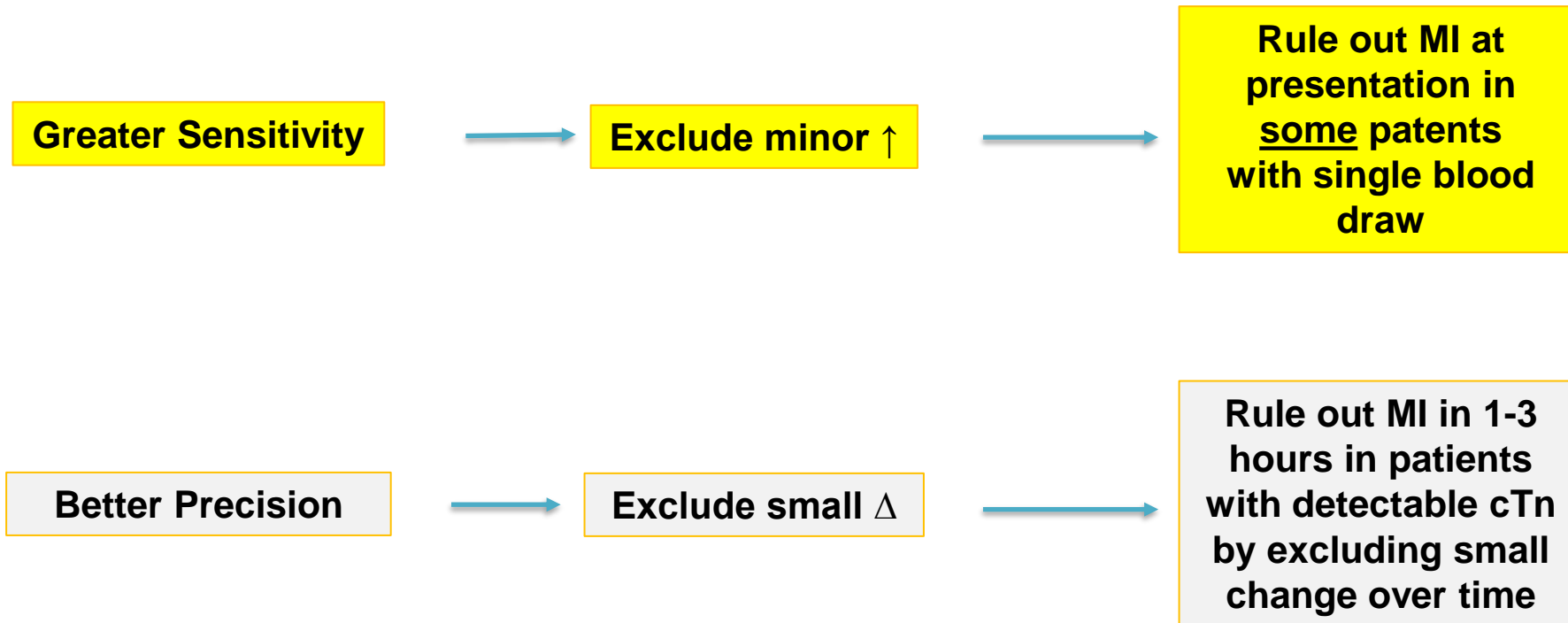
	LOW	MI			HIGH
I. Clinical setting symptoms and vital signs					
II. ECG	Normal ECG	ST depression (mild)	ST depression	ST elevation	ST elevation
III. Troponin level at 0 h	-	-/+	+	++	+++
IV. Troponin change (within 1,2 or 3 h)	-	-/+	+	++	If any of the above, consider direct rule-in
Triage decision	Rule-out MI	Observe	Observe	Rule-in MI	Rule-in MI
DIAGNOSIS	Noncardiac	Unstable angina	Other cardiac	NSTEMI	STEMI

Collet JP et al. "2020 ESC guidelines for the management of acute coronary syndromes in patients presenting without persistent ST-segment elevation." European Heart Journal Heart 2021; 42.14: 1289-1367

# 4<sup>th</sup> Universal Definition of MI

Definition	Criteria
Myocardial <u>Injury</u>	Tn >99 <sup>th</sup> %ile (acute if rise and/or fall)
Acute Myocardial <u>Infarction</u>	Acute myocardial injury + clinical evidence of acute myocardial ischemia (eg, sx, ECG, imaging)
Type 1	<u>Atherothrombosis</u> (plaque rupture or erosion)
Type 2	Imbalance between myocardial O <sub>2</sub> supply & demand <u>unrelated</u> to acute atherothrombosis
Type 3	<u>Cardiac death</u> w/ sx + ECG Δs before Tn available
Type 4	<u>PCI-related</u> (clinical + Tn >5× 99 <sup>th</sup> %ile)
Type 5	<u>CABG-related</u> (clinical + Tn >10× 99 <sup>th</sup> %ile)

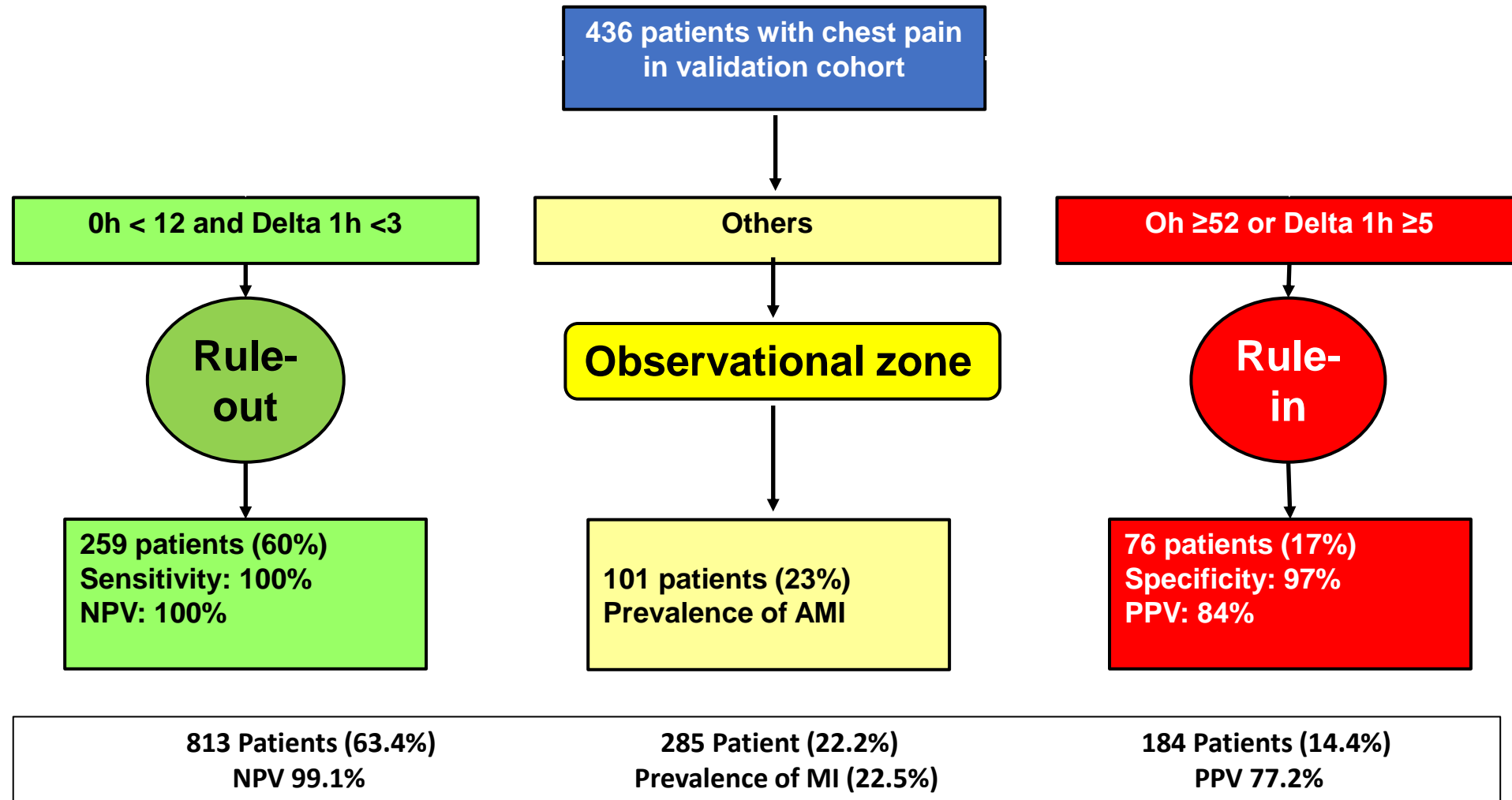
# Capitalizing on the Advantages of hs-cTn Assays



# Rule out with Single hs-cTnT Measurement

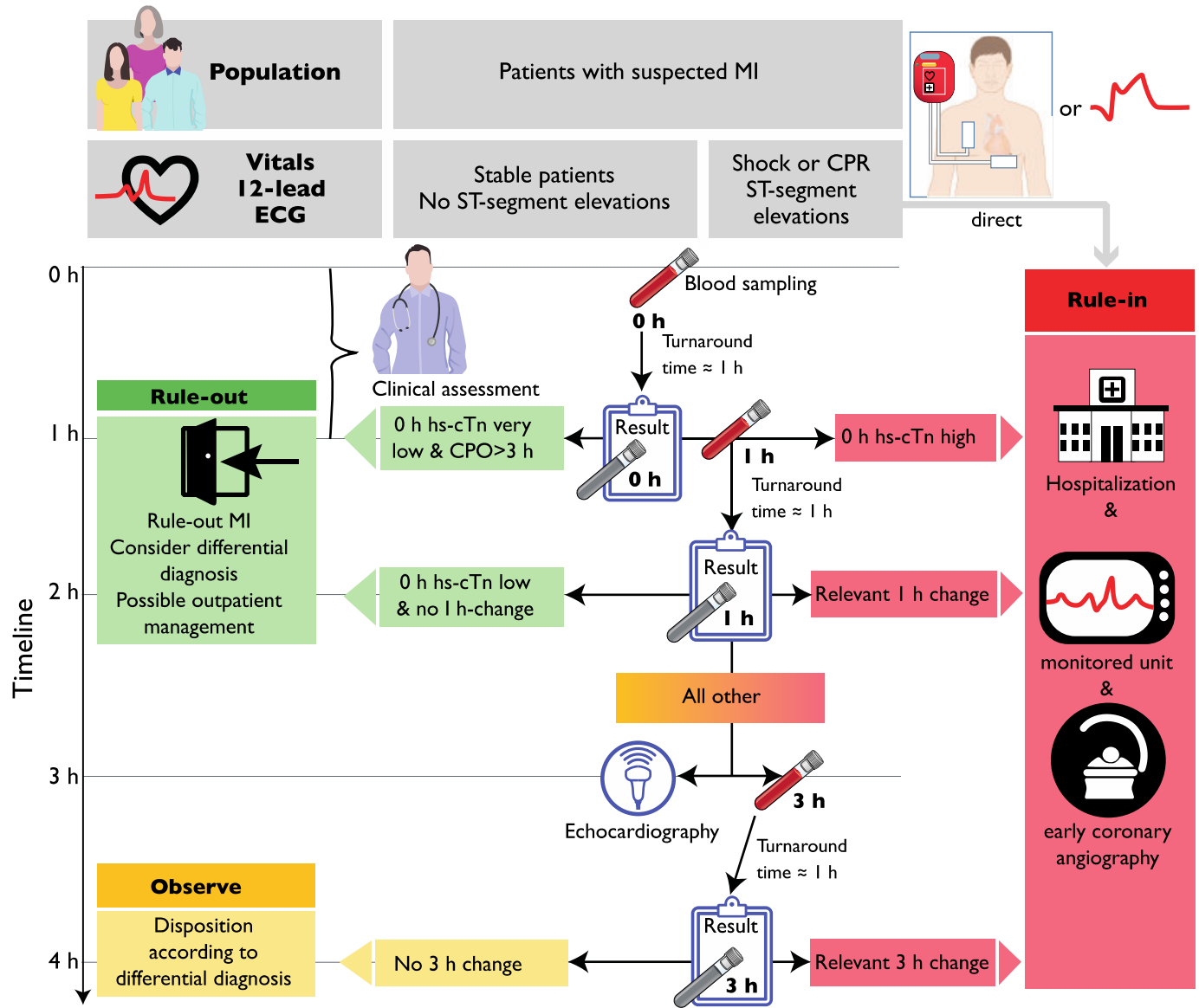
Author, year	hs-cTnT threshold	N	% < LLD	Sensitivity (%)	NPV (%)
Body R. JACC 2011	<3 ng/L	710	28%	100	100

# 1-hour rule out MI with hs-TnT



# 2020 NSTEMI-ACS GL

European Society of Cardiology



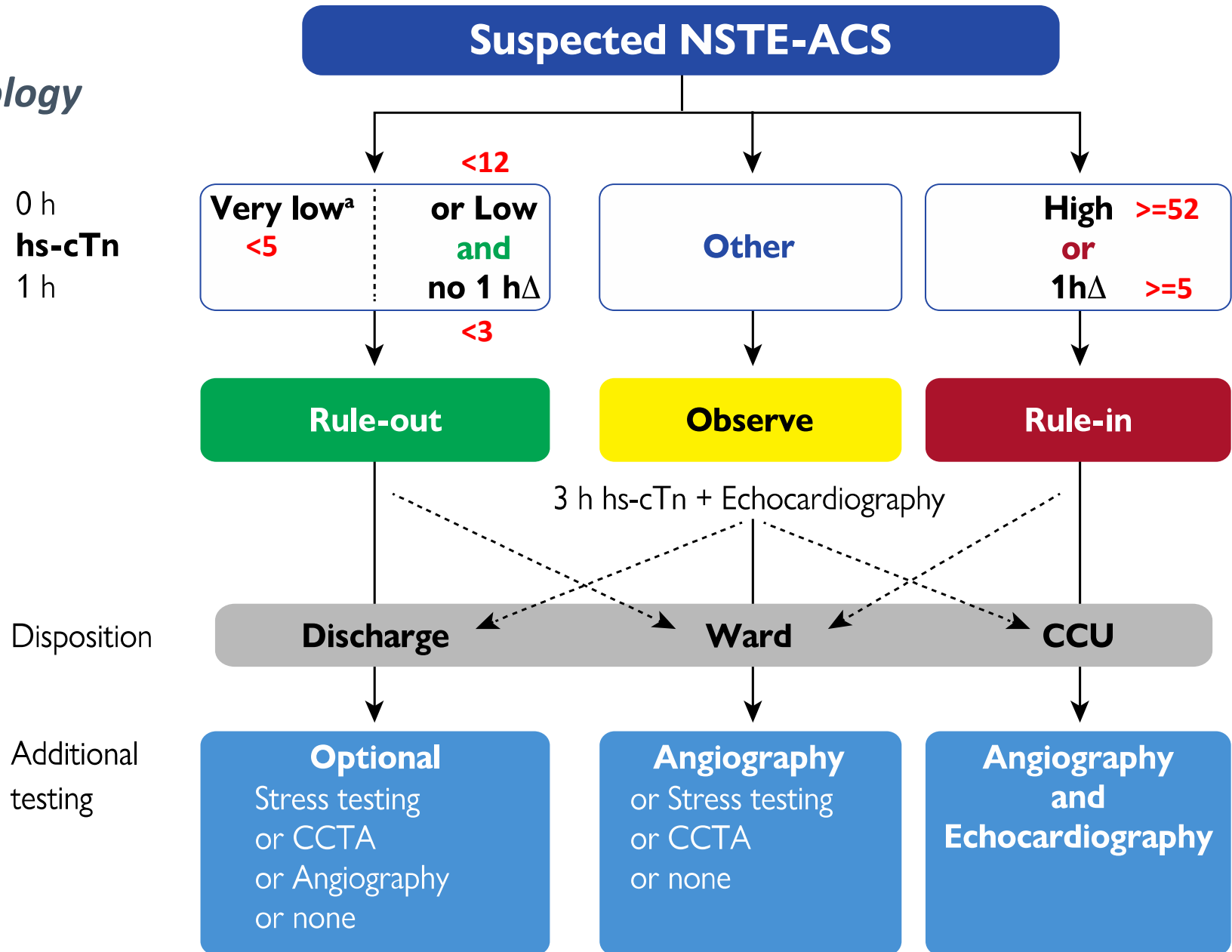
Risk of	Low risk	Intermediate risk	High risk
MI at index visit	<0.3%	≈10%	>65%
30-day MACE	<0.5%	15–20%	>70%

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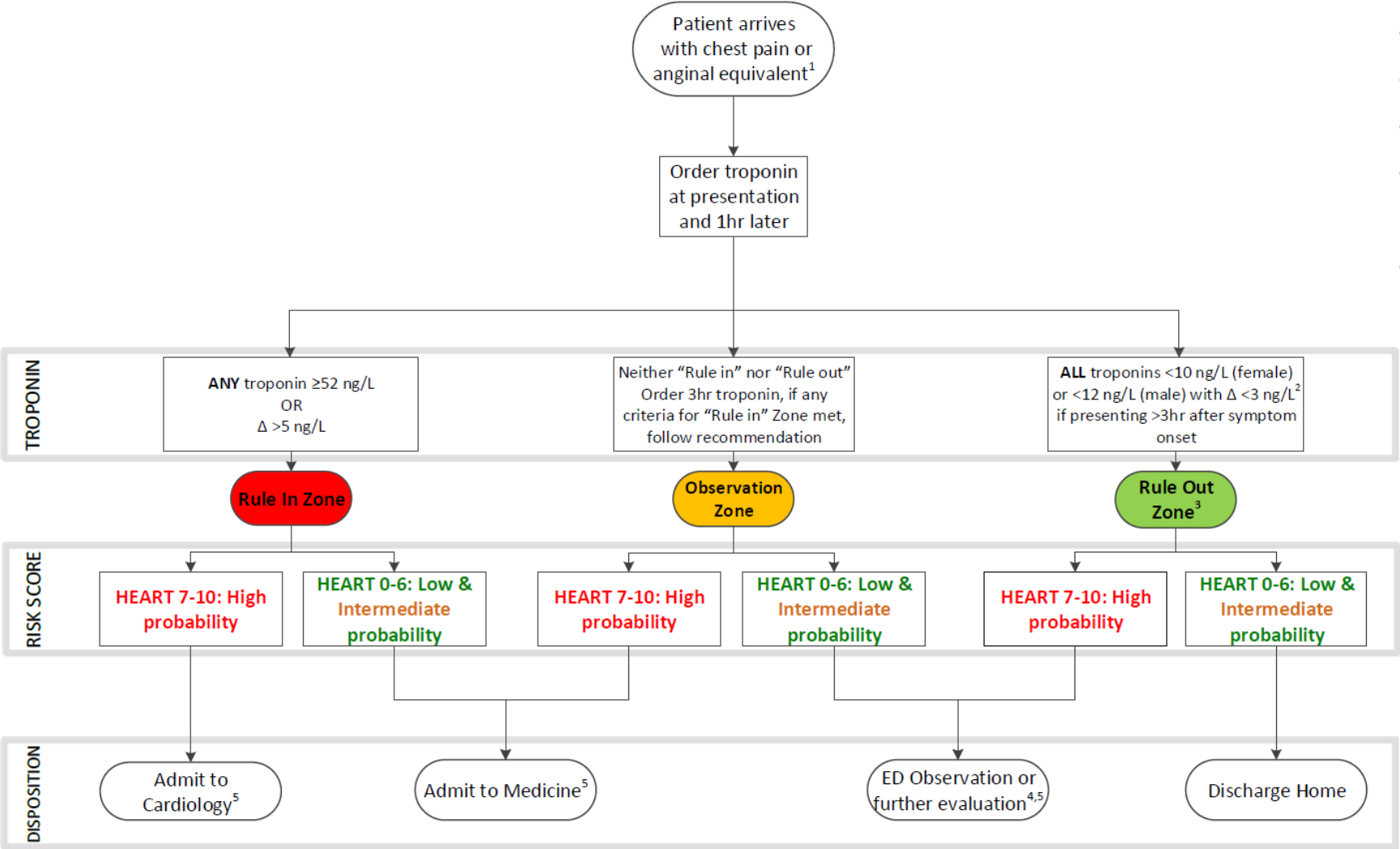
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NB: Thresholds vary by hsTn Assay

For hs-cTnT



# BWH Pathway

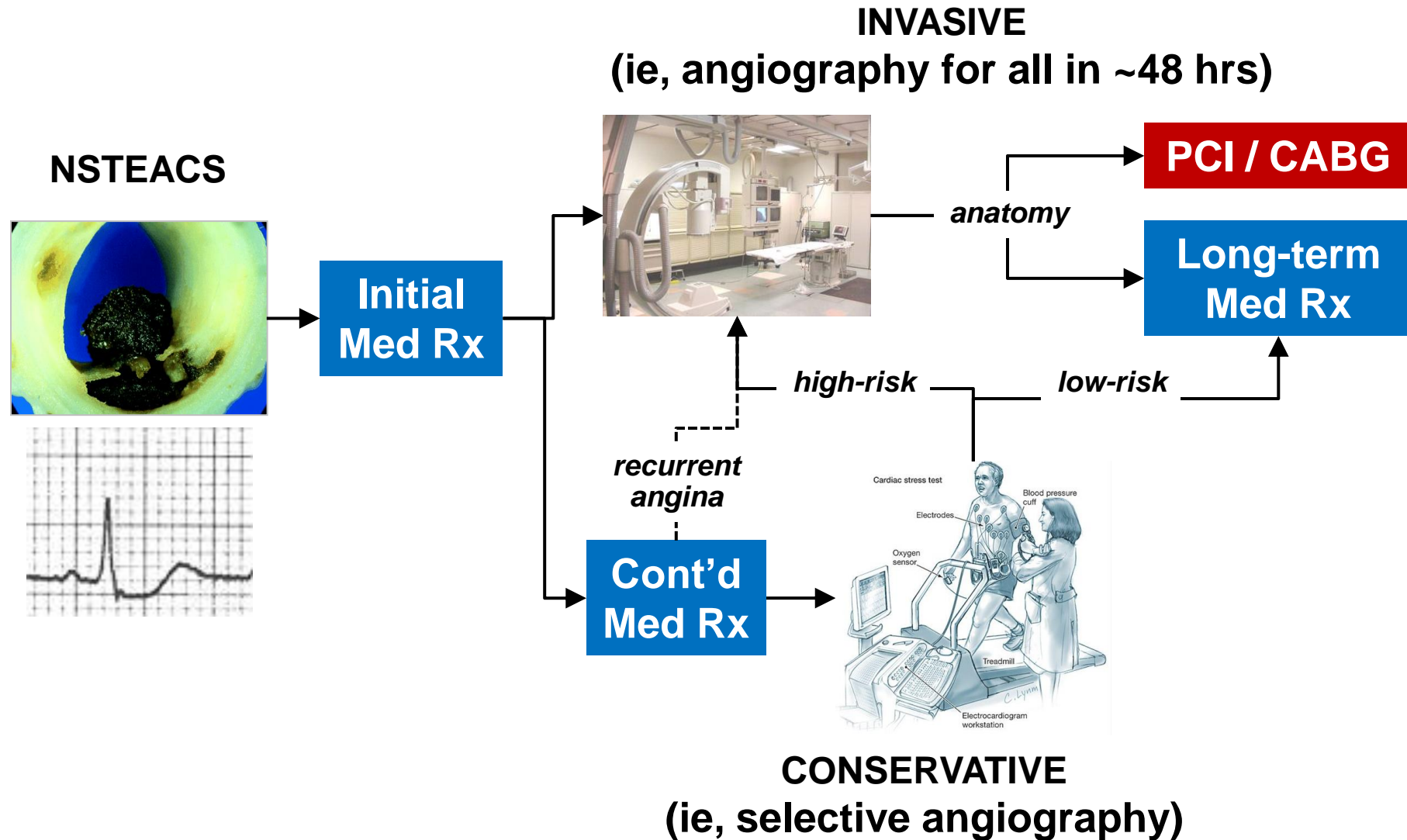


## HEART Score

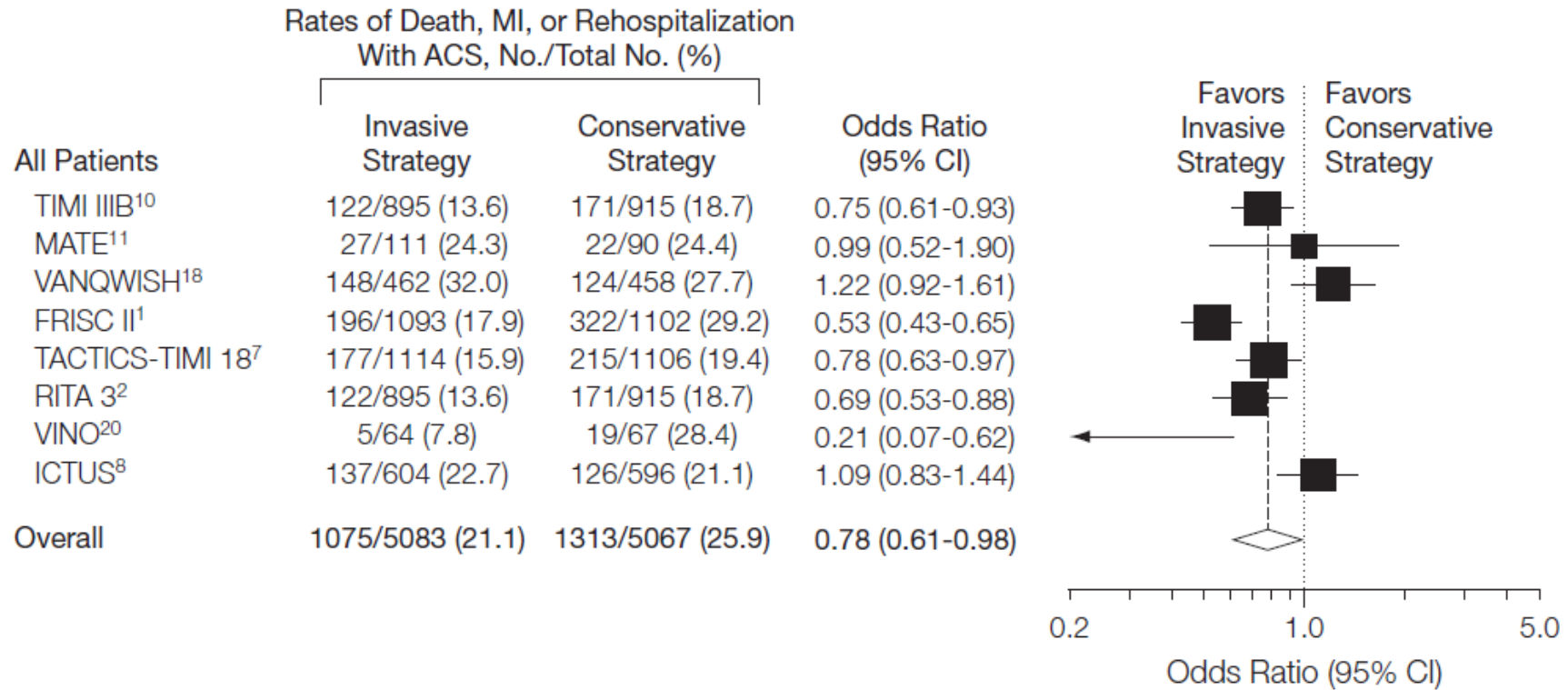
- Clinical history (0-2)
- ECG (0-2)
- Age (0-2)
- Risk factors (HL, HTN, DM smoking, obesity) (0-2)
- Troponin



# Management Strategy in NSTEMI/ACS

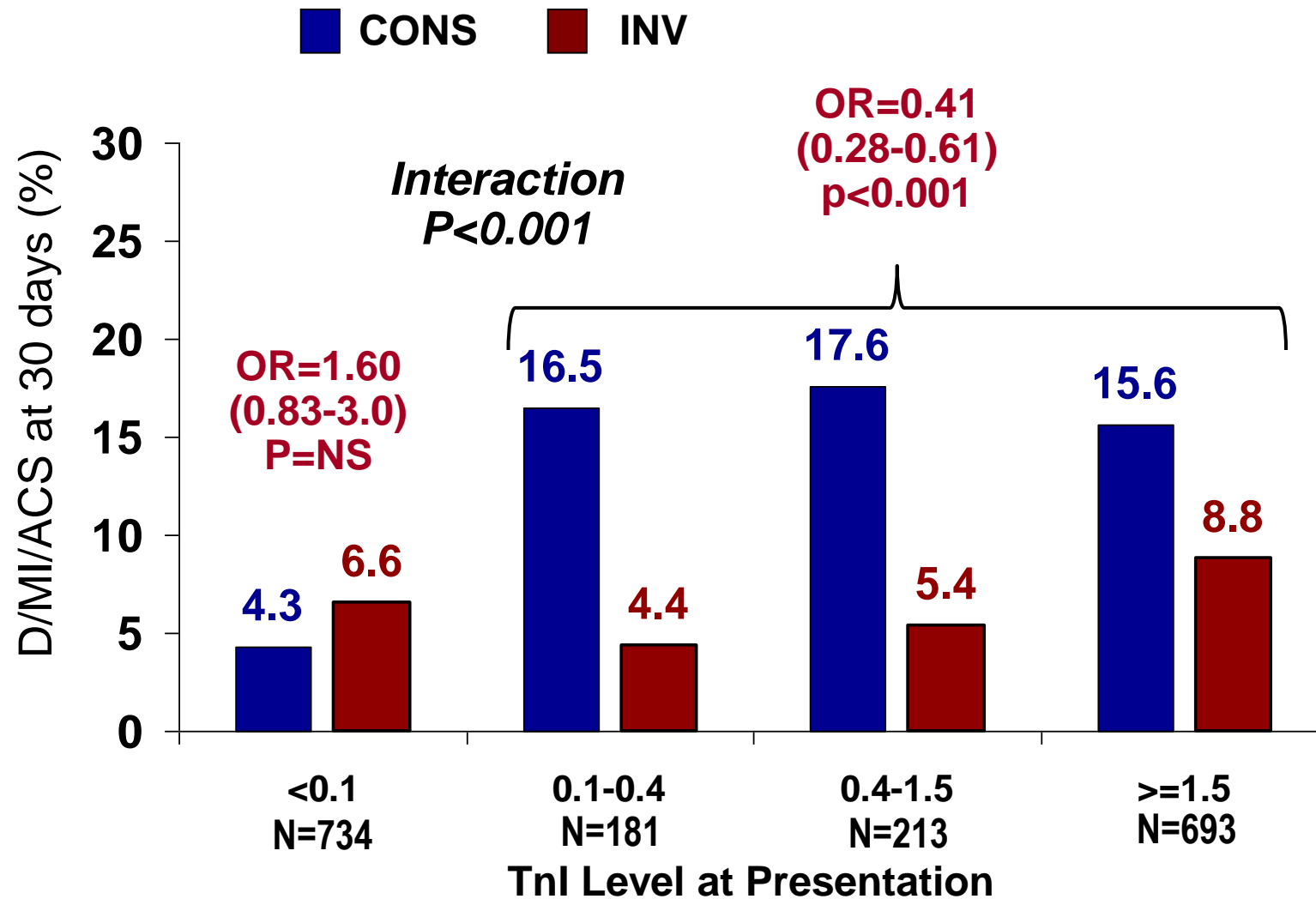


# Benefit of INV vs CONS Strategy



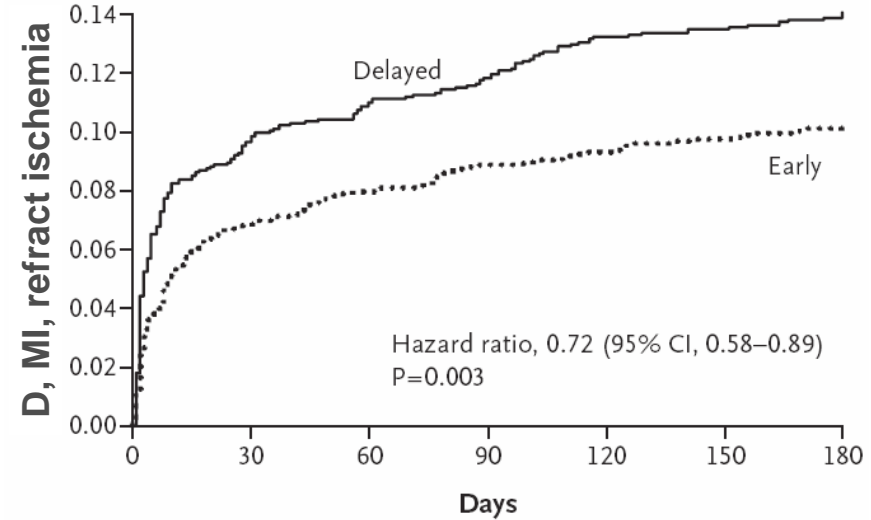
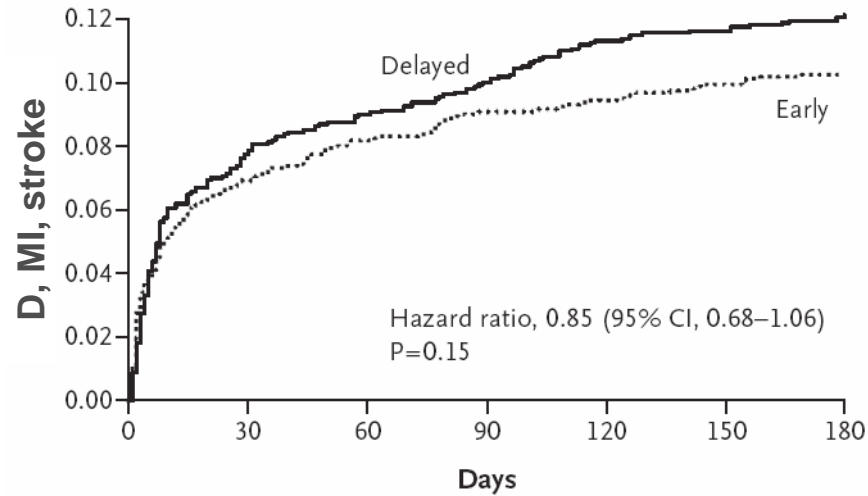
***INV Strategy reduces cardiac complications by ~20%, particularly recurrent ACS***

# Troponin Treatment Interaction



# TIMACS

3031 Patients with NSTEMACS  
Cath w/in 24 h (median 14 h) or >36 h (median 50 h)

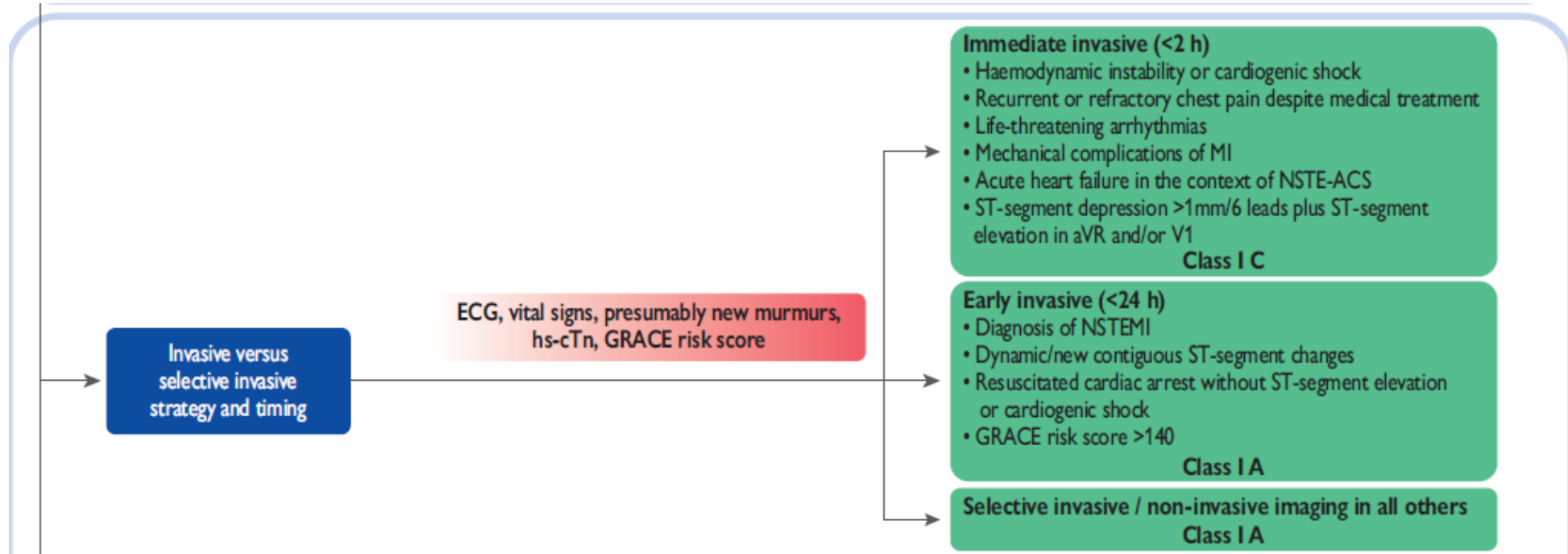


Elevated cardiac marker				
No	666	11.8	12.9	0.92 (0.59-1.41)
Yes	2365	8.8	13.0	0.67 (0.52-0.85)
GRACE score				
0-140	2049	7.5	8.8	0.83 (0.61-1.12)
≥141	982	13.7	21.6	0.62 (0.45-0.83)

# 2014 ACC/AHA NSTEMI Guidelines: Early Invasive

Immediate (w/in 2 h)	Early Invasive (w/in 24 h)	Delayed Invasive (w/in 25-72 h)	Ischemia-Guided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refractory angina</li> <li>• Signs or symptoms of HF or new or worsening MR</li> <li>• Recurrent angina or ischemia at rest or with low-level activity despite intensive med Rx</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRACE score &gt;140</li> <li>• Temporal <math>\Delta</math> in Tn</li> <li>• New or presumably new ST depression</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TIMI Risk Score <math>\geq 2</math></li> <li>• GRACE score &gt;109-140</li> <li>• Diabetes</li> <li>• GFR &lt;60 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• EF &lt;0.40</li> <li>• Early postinfarction angina</li> <li>• PCI w/in 6 mo</li> <li>• Prior CABG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TIMI Risk Score 0-1</li> <li>• GRACE score &lt;109</li> <li>• Low-risk Tn-neg female patient</li> <li>• Patient or clinician preference in absence of high-risk features</li> </ul>

# 2020 ESC NSTEMI Guidelines



# Case

**65yo F with DM, renal failure, HTN with intermittent rest CP x 2 hours, ischemic changes on EKG.**

On history, reports several weeks of typical exertional chest pain.

Additional Work up:

- 1 hr troponin: 25 mg/dl (delta of 10) -> ruled in for NSTEMI

Plan:

- Started on ASA, heparin, BB, high-dose statin
- Invasive strategy in next 24-48 hours (+NSTEMI, GRACE 111)

# Case

**65yo F with DM, renal failure, HTN with intermittent rest CP x 2 hours, no ischemic changes on EKG.**

Taken urgently to LHC. Single thrombotic RCA lesion -> DES x 1.

Given heparin/cangrelor during LHC -> ticagrelor. Continued on ASA, statin, ezetimibe. Continued on home ACEi, started on MRA.

Echocardiogram with low normal EF (50%)

Additional secondary preventative therapy added on follow up.



# Take Homes

- NSTEMI-ACS diagnosis can be challenging
  - Requires integration of clinical history (? Ischemic symptoms) and documentation of dynamic cardiac injury
  - Rule-in/rule-out algorithms using hs-Tn can assist with diagnosis and triage
- Decision on invasive vs conservative strategy based on risk stratification

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## Other Management (Medical Therapy)

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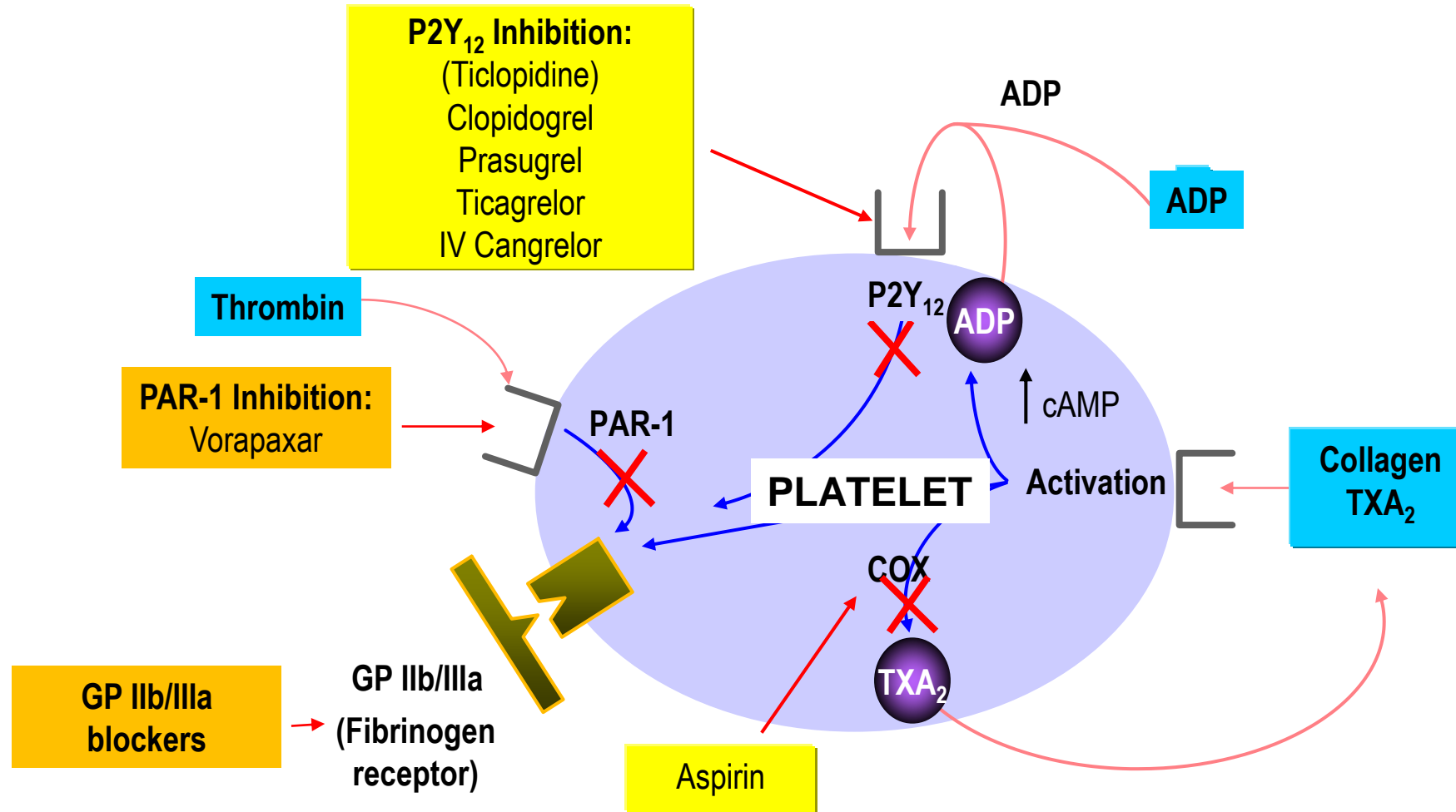
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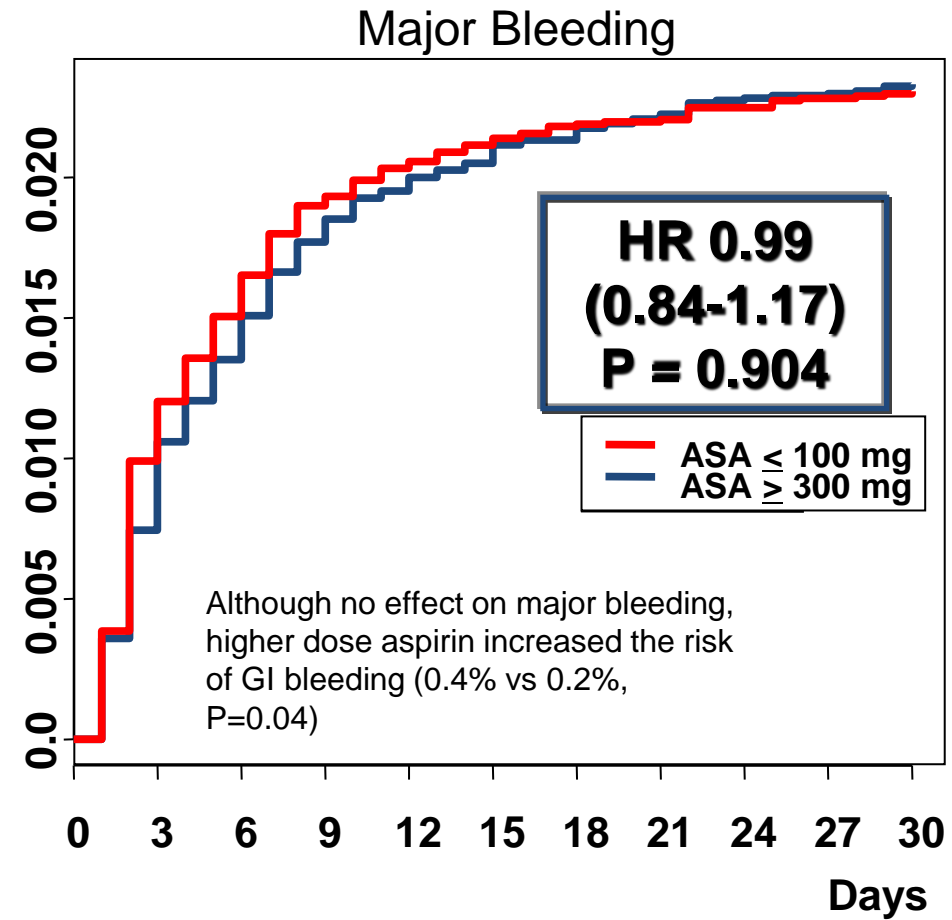
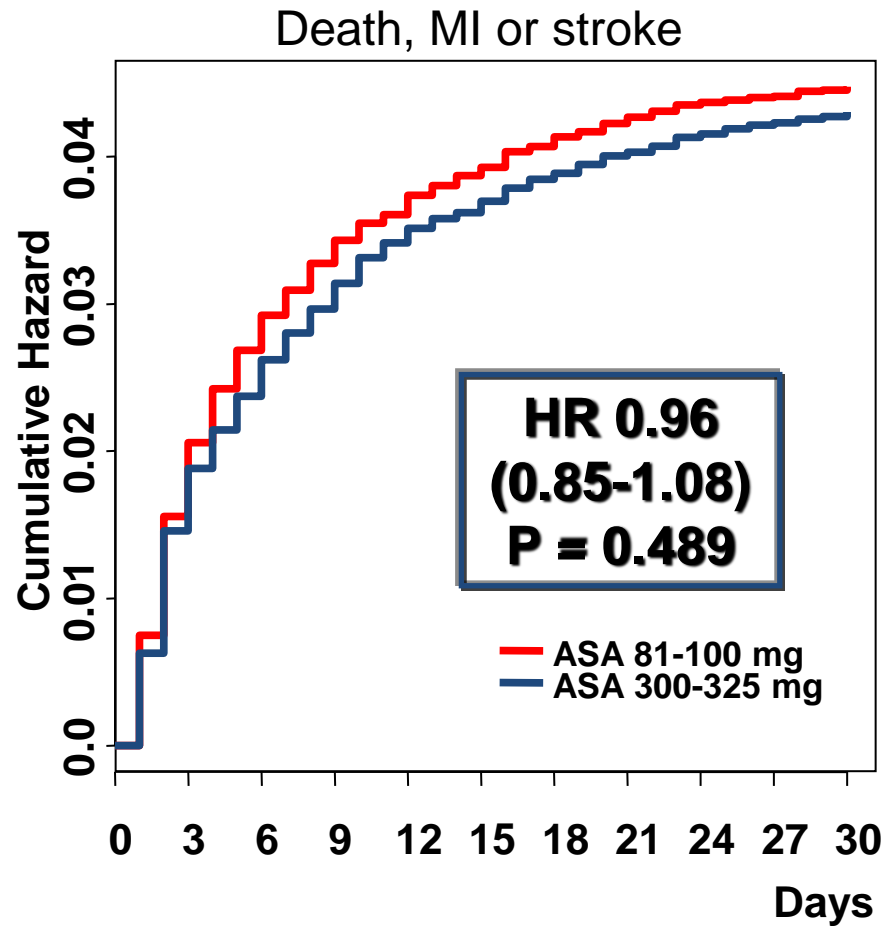
# Anticoagulants Acutely

- **Unfractionated heparin (UFH)**
  - Most commonly used; fast on & fast off; reversible
  - Wt-based dosing; unpredictable PD, requiring ✓ PTT
  - Compared with no anticoagulation: ↓ D/MI by ~33%
- **Low-molecular weight heparin (LMWH)**
  - More predictable PD; not as reliably reversed
  - Compared with UFH: 9% ↓ D/MI, may ↑ bleeding
  - Consider in *conservatively* managed patients
- **Bivalirudin**
  - Fast on & fast off
  - Compared with heparin: 9% ↑ MACE, 38% ↑ stent thrombosis, ↓ bleeding (especially if compared with UFH+GP lib/IIIa inhibitor)
  - Consider in *invasively* managed Pts, espec if at high risk for *bleeding*

# Anti-Platelet Therapies

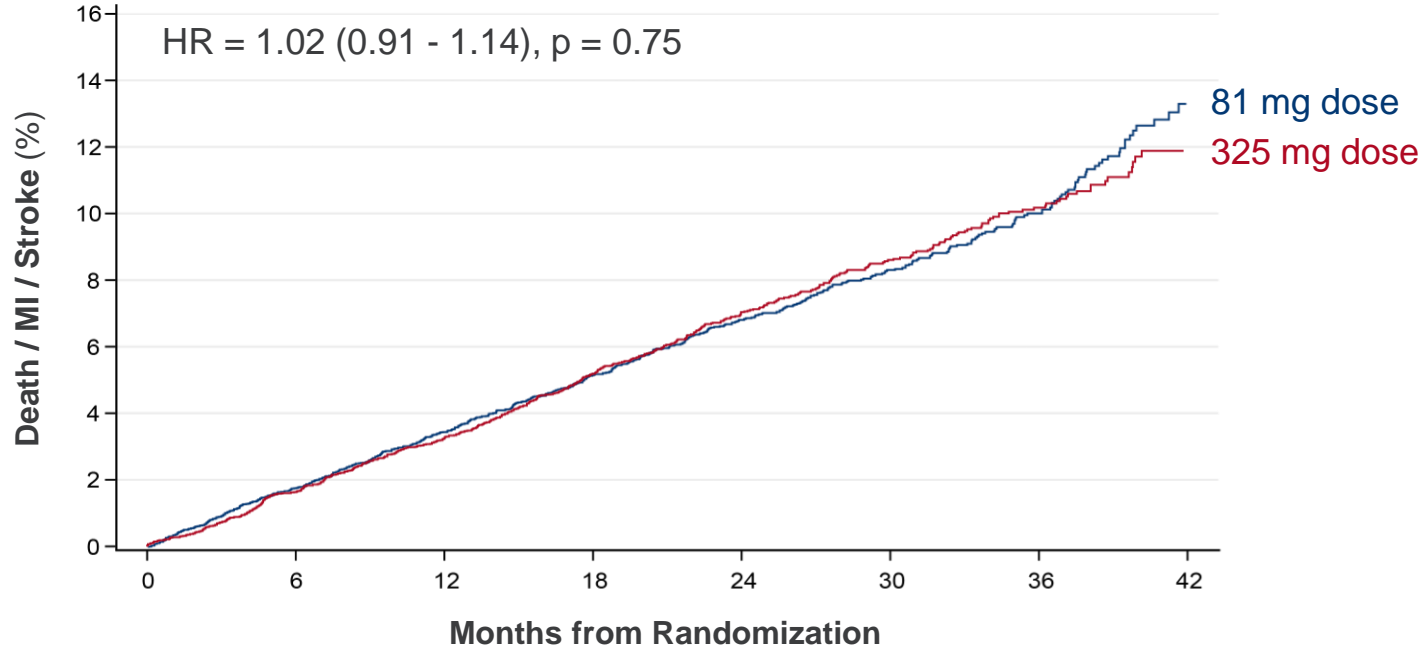


# ASA: Is Dosing Still Controversial?



# ADAPTABLE Trial

15,076 pts with ASCVD



	Overall	81 mg	325 mg
Dose switching, % *	24.2%	7.1%	41.6%
Aspirin discontinuation, % **	9.1%	7.0%	11.1%

# ACC / AHA Guideline Recommendations

Recommendations	COR	LOE
<b>Non-enteric-coated, chewable aspirin (162 mg to 325 mg)</b> should be given to <i>all</i> patients with NSTEMI-ACS without contraindications as soon as possible after presentation, and a <b>maintenance dose of aspirin (81 mg/d to 162 mg/d)</b> should be continued indefinitely.	I	A
In patients with NSTEMI-ACS who are unable to take aspirin because of hypersensitivity or major gastrointestinal intolerance, a loading dose of clopidogrel followed by a daily maintenance dose should be administered.	I	B



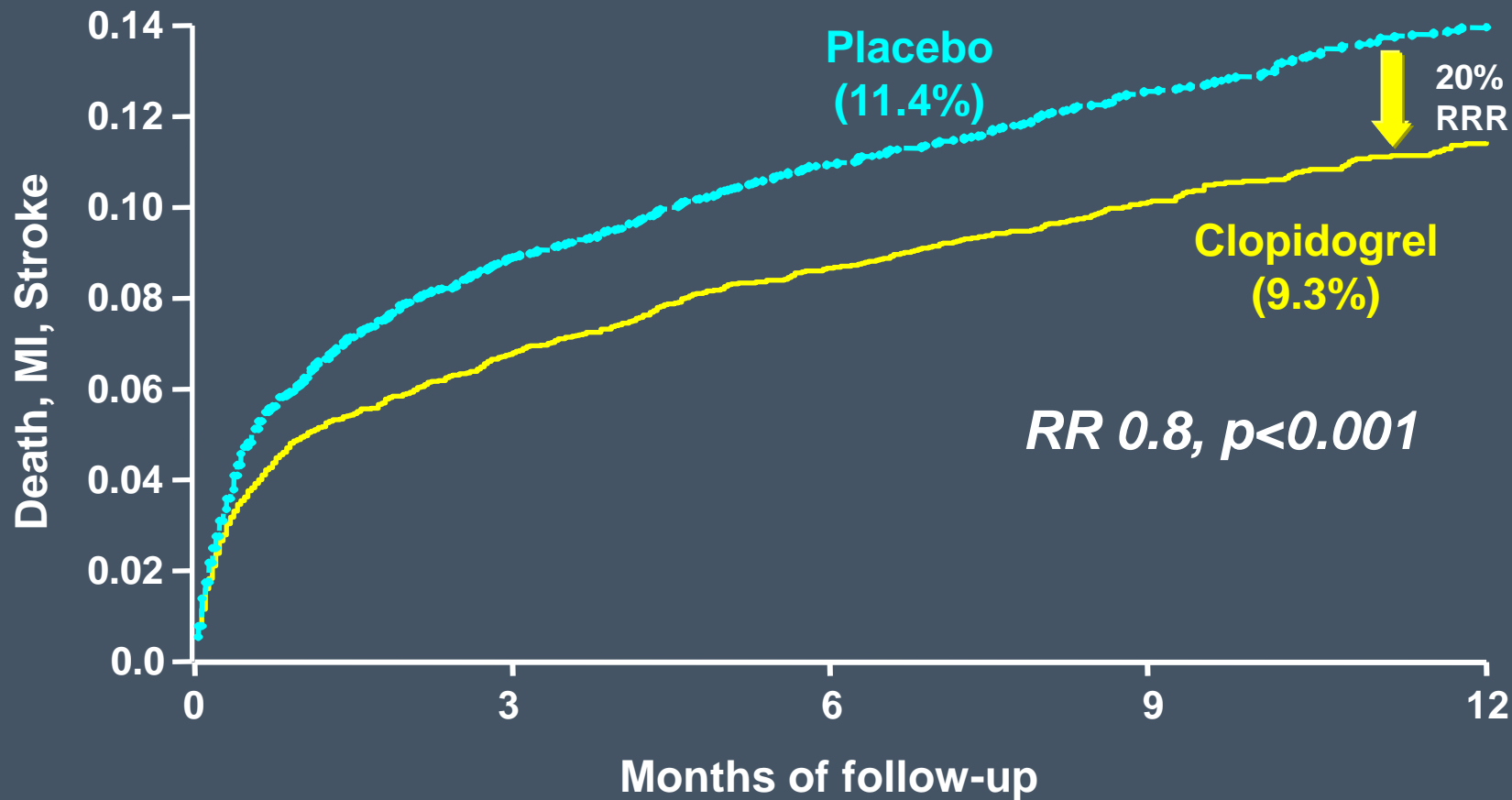
# P2Y<sub>12</sub> Inhibitor Basic Pharmacology

	<b>Clopidogrel</b>	<b>Prasugrel</b>	<b>Ticagrelor</b>
Class	Thienopyridine	Thienopyridine	Triazolopyrimidine
Reversibility	Irreversible	Irreversible	Reversible
Activation	Prodrug, limited by metabolism	Prodrug, not limited by metabolism	Active drug
Onset of Effect*	2-4 hours	30 minutes	30 minutes
Duration of Effect	3-10 days	5-10 days	3-4 days
Withdrawal before major surgery	5 days	7 days	5 days

\*50% inhibition of platelet aggregation

# Clopidogrel in UA/NSTEMI: The CURE Trial

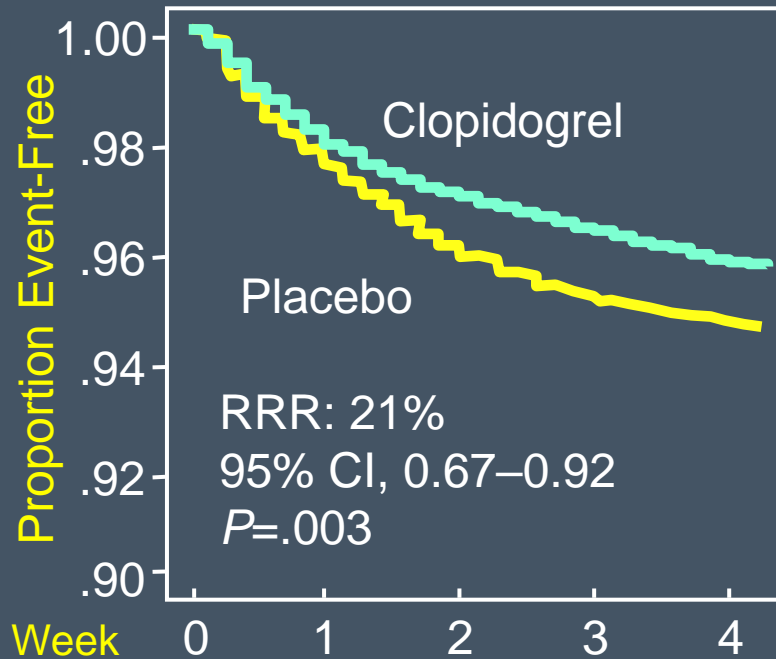
12,563 Pts, early invasive approach *discouraged*



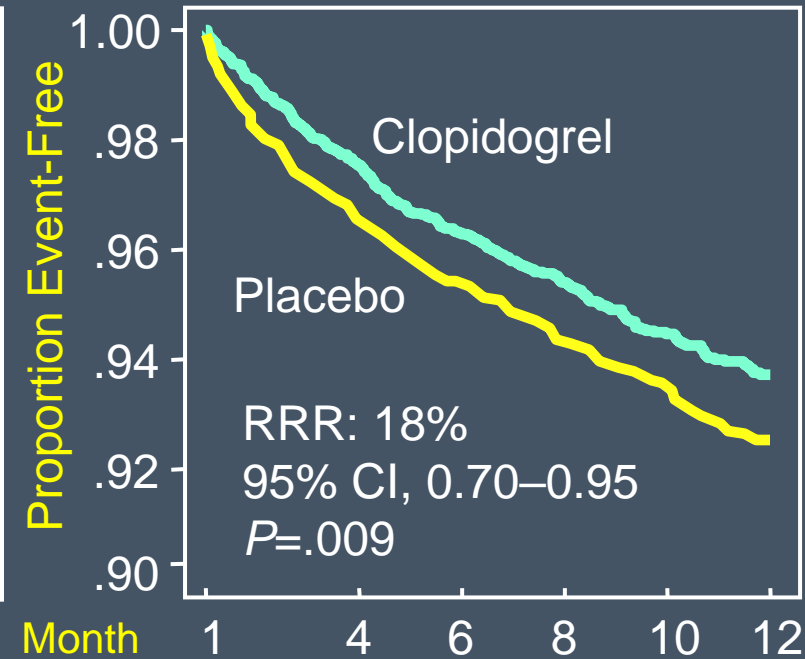
# CURE: Timing of Benefit

12,562 Patients with NSTEMACS (mostly conservatively managed)

### CV Death, MI, or Stroke First 30 Days



### CV Death, MI, or Stroke >30 Days–1 Year



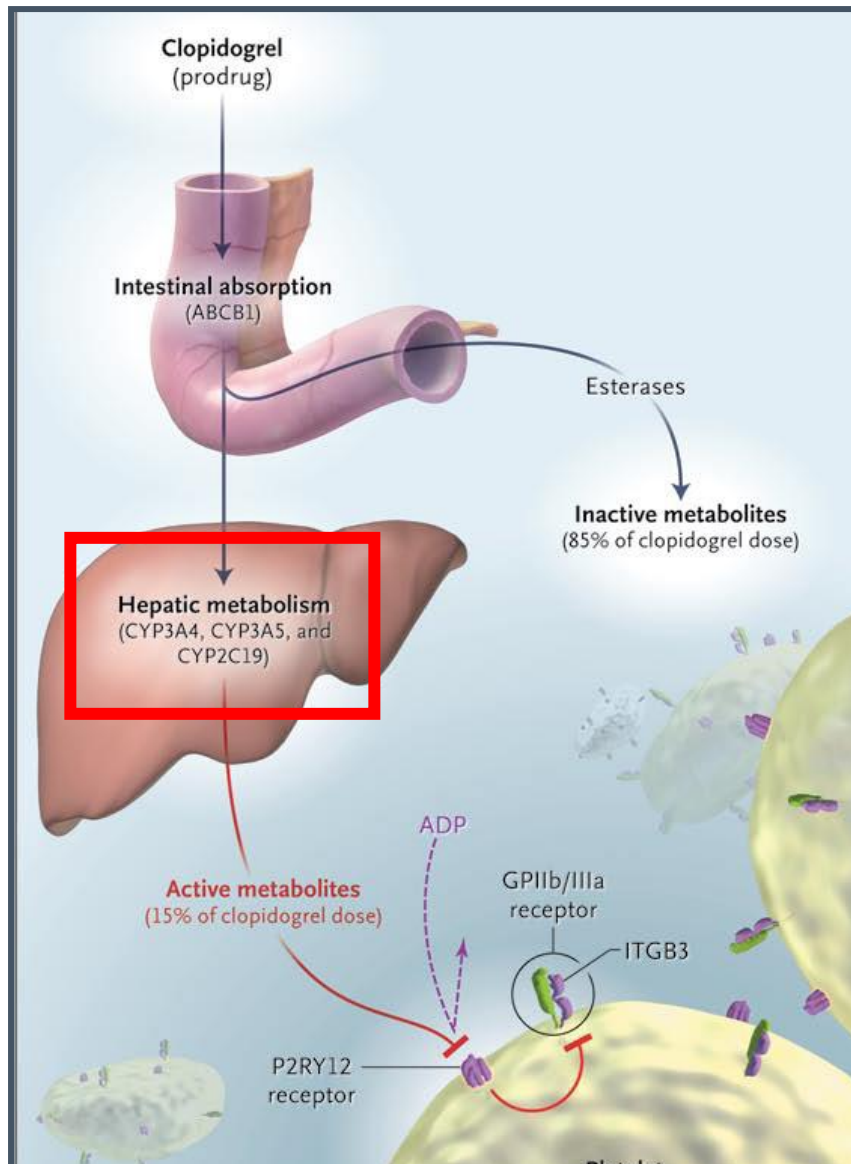
# CURE Bleeding Results

End Point	Placebo + ASA* N = 6303	Clopidogrel + ASA* N = 6259
Major bleeding	2.7%	3.7%**
Life-threatening bleeding	1.8%	2.2% †
Non-life-threatening bleeding	0.9%	1.5% ‡
Minor bleeding	2.4%	5.1% §

\* In combination with standard therapy

\*\*  $P = 0.001$ ; †  $P = \text{NS}$ ; ‡  $P = 0.002$ ; §  $P < 0.001$ .

# Clopidogrel pro-drug → Active metabolite

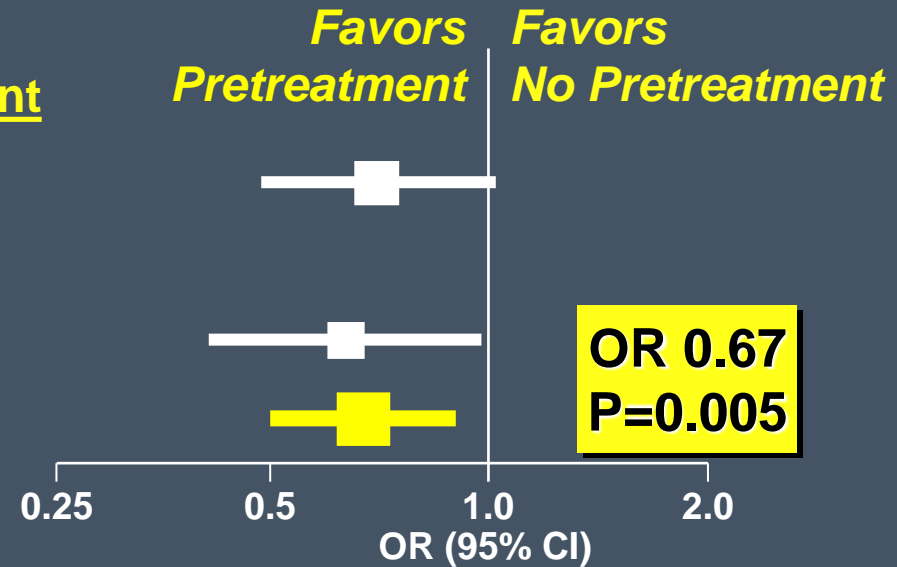


300mg loading dose of clopidogrel requires ~6 hours to reach steady state

# Meta-Analysis of Clopidogrel Pretreatment

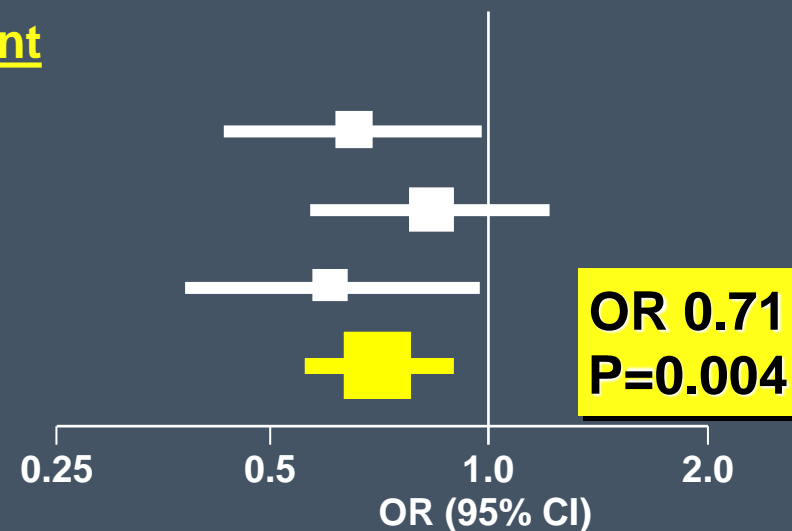
## MI before PCI (%)

<u>Trial</u>	<u>Clopidogrel Pretreatment</u>	<u>No Pretreatment</u>
PCI-CURE	3.6	5.1
CREDO	n/a	n/a
PCI-CLARITY	4.0	6.1
Overall	3.7	5.5

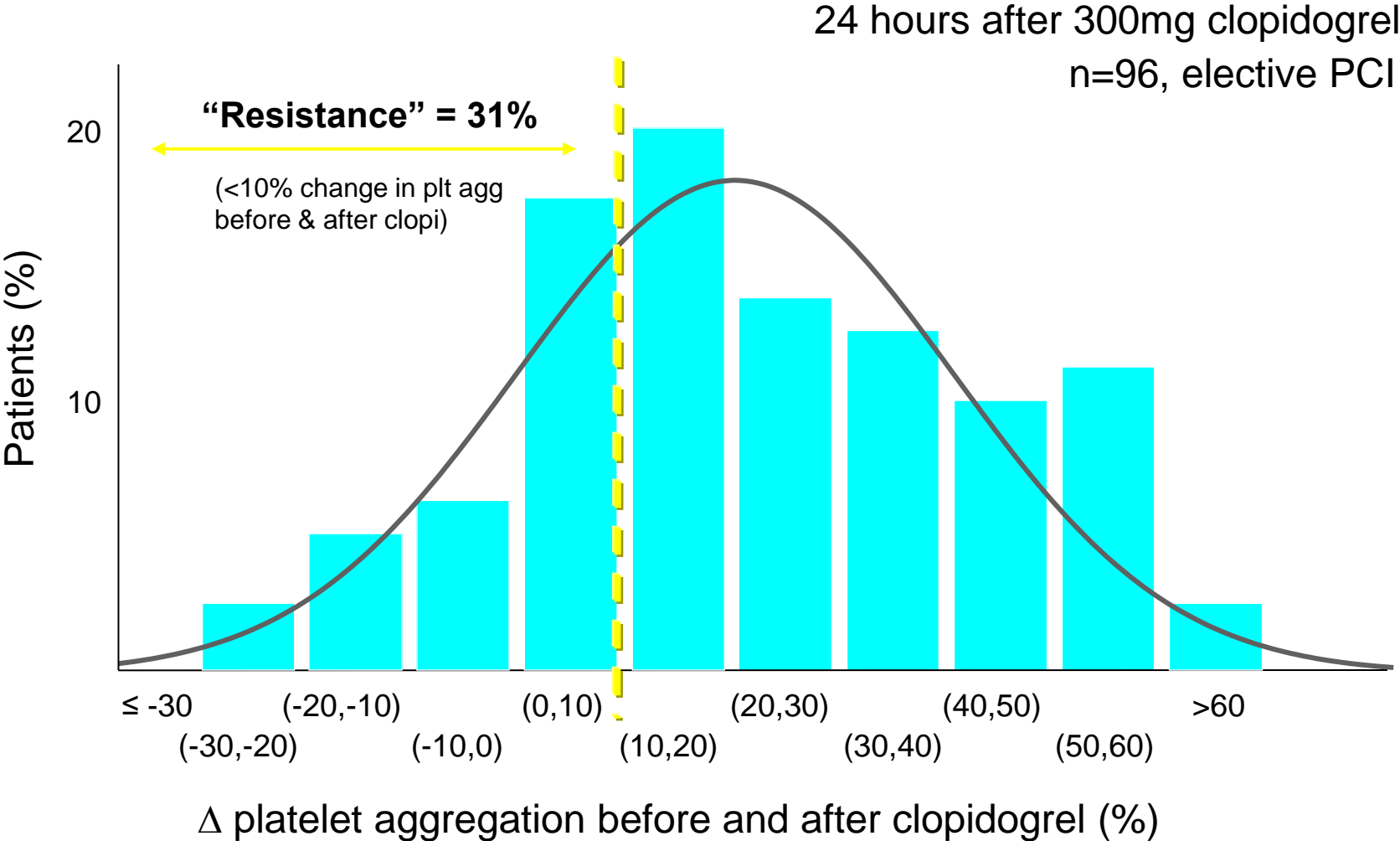


## CV Death or MI after PCI (%)

<u>Trial</u>	<u>Clopidogrel Pretreatment</u>	<u>No Pretreatment</u>
PCI-CURE	2.9	4.4
CREDO	6.0	7.1
PCI-CLARITY	3.3	5.4
Overall	3.9	5.5

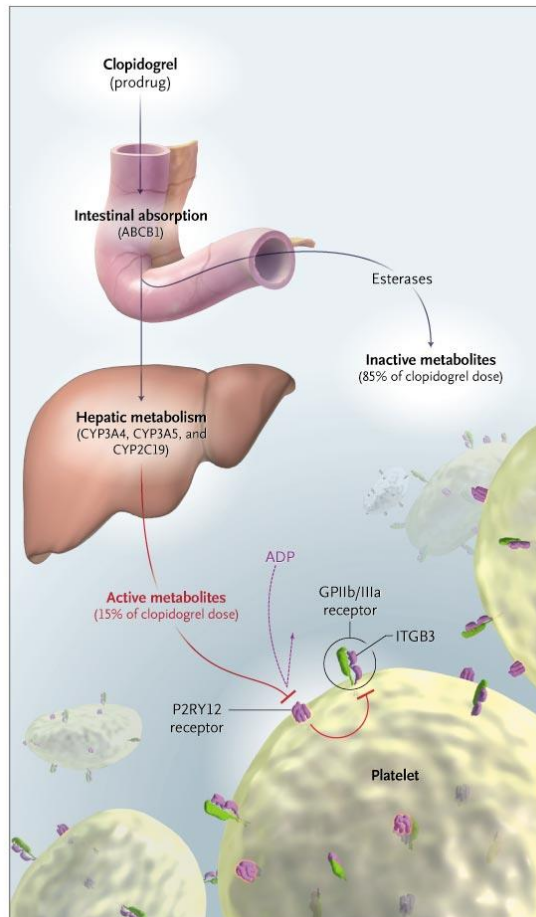


# Interpatient Variability to Clopidogrel



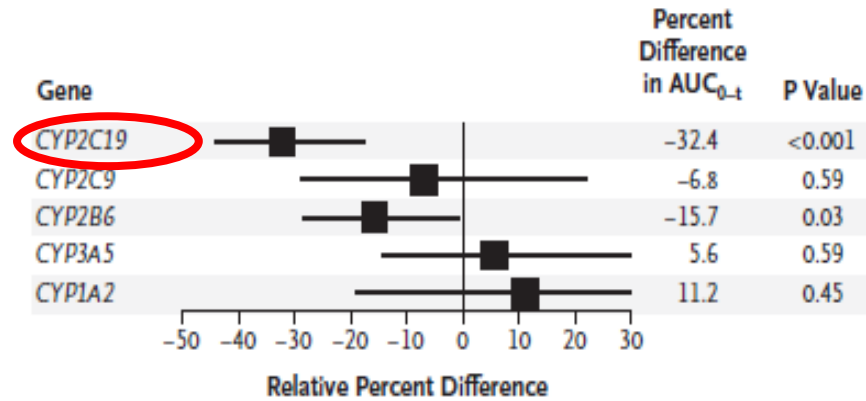
“Resistance” =  $\leq 10\%$   $\Delta$  platelet aggregation

# CYP2C19 and Metabolism of Clopidogrel

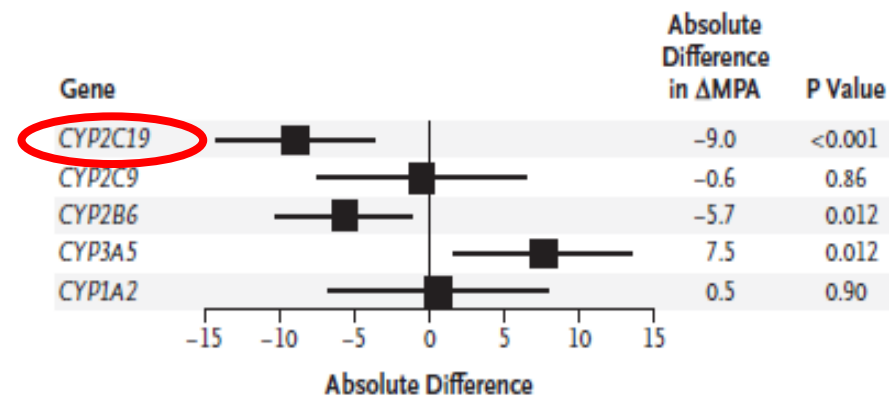


Simon T. et al. *NEJM* 2008.

## A Pharmacokinetic Response



## B Pharmacodynamic Response

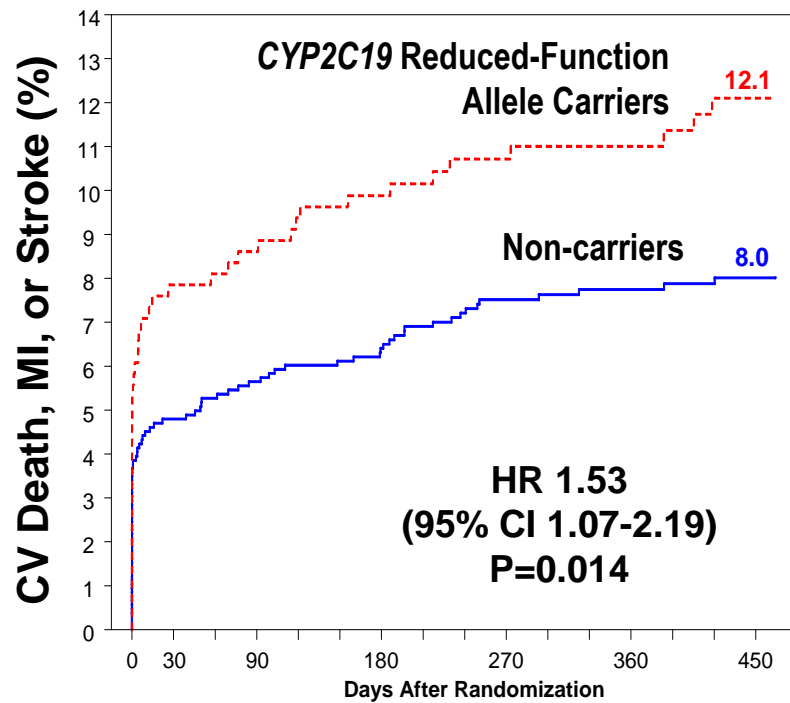


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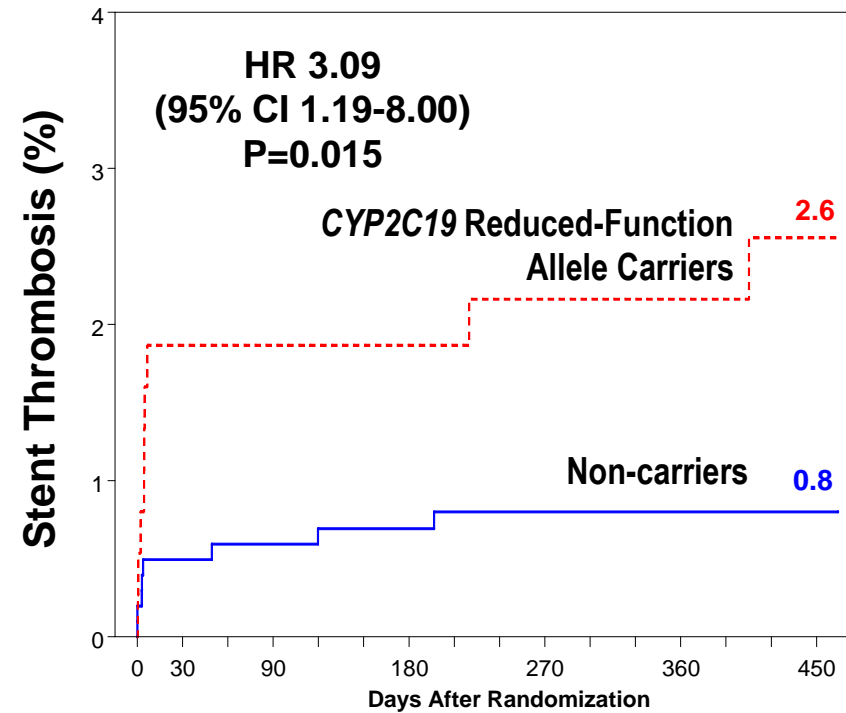
# CYP2C19 & Clinical Outcomes

1477 Patients w/ ACS and planned PCI Rx'd w/ clopidogrel



Number at Risk:

Non-Carrier	1064	1009	999	980	870	755	542
Carrier	395	364	360	348	306	270	181



Number at Risk:

Non-Carrier	1014	1004	1001	989	885	765	547
Carrier	375	368	366	359	316	279	186

Carriers ~30% of the population

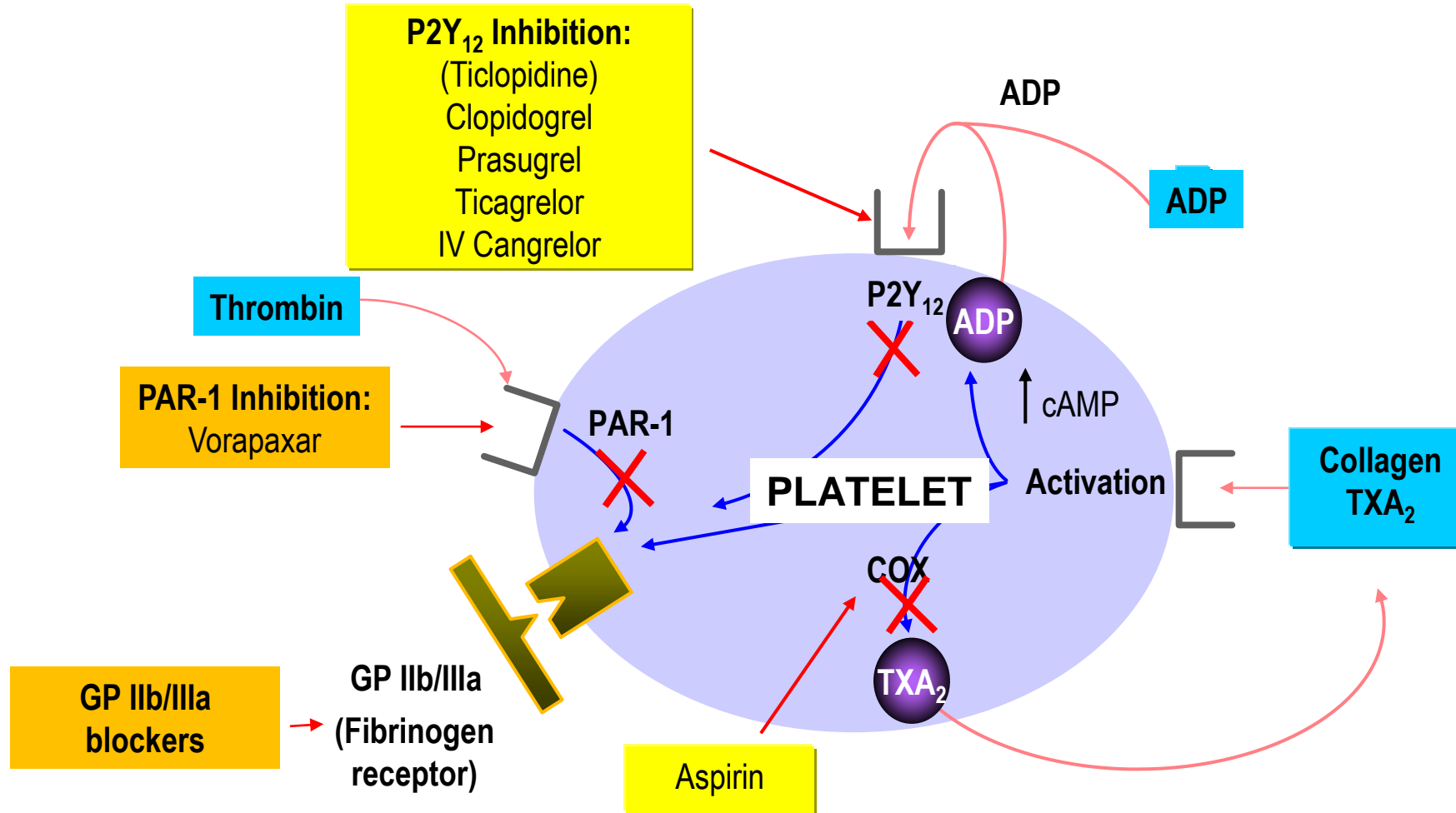
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# Clopidogrel Boxed Warning

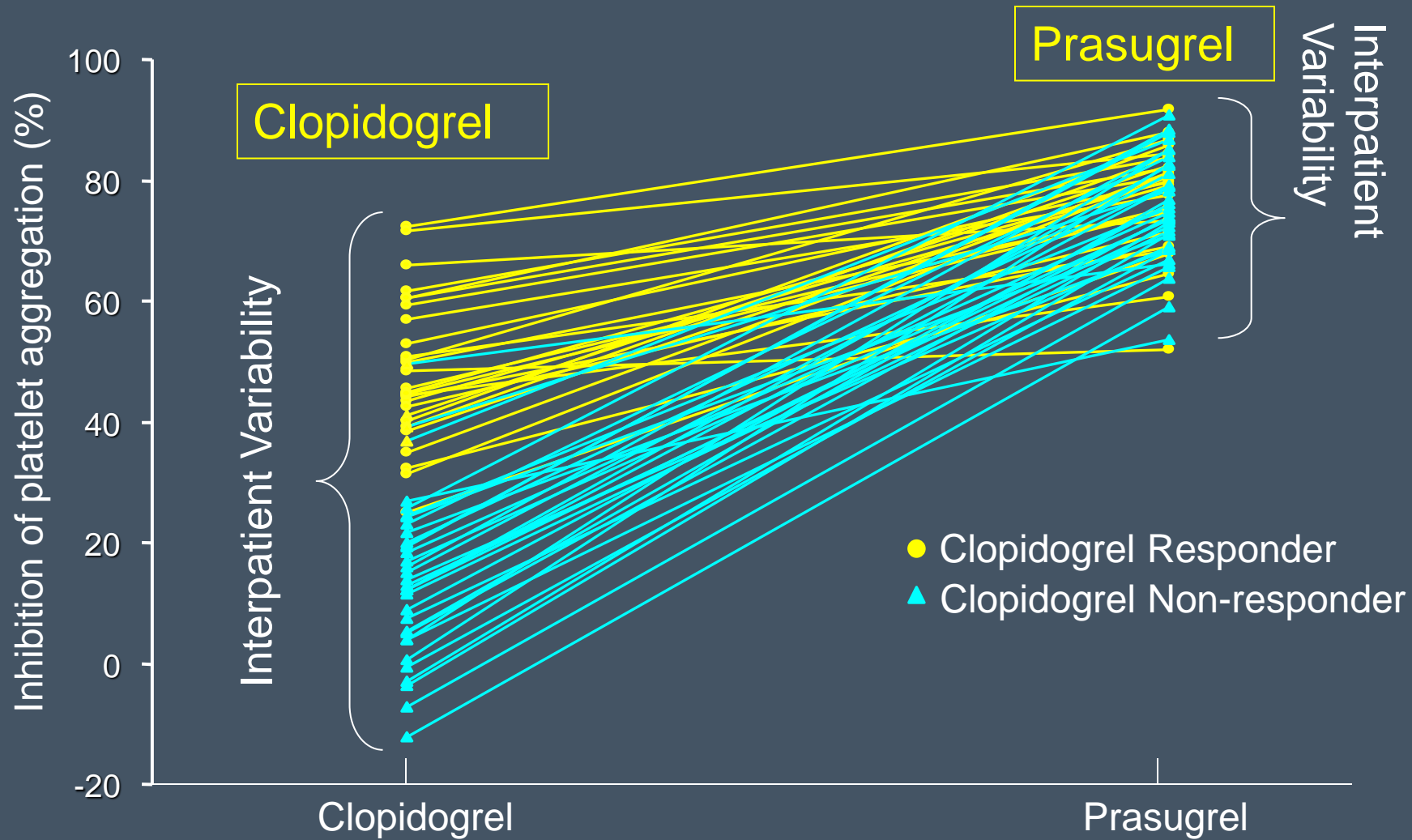
## **WARNING: DIMINISHED EFFECTIVENESS IN POOR METABOLIZERS**

The effectiveness of Plavix is dependent on its activation to an active metabolite by the cytochrome P450 (CYP) system, principally CYP2C19. Plavix at recommended doses forms **less of that metabolite** and has a **smaller effect on platelet function** in patients who are CYP2C19 poor metabolizers. Poor metabolizers with acute coronary syndrome or undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention treated with Plavix at recommended doses exhibit **higher cardiovascular event rates** than do patients with normal CYP2C19 function. Tests are available to identify a patient's CYP2C19 genotype; these tests can be used as an aid in determining therapeutic strategy. **Consider alternative treatment or treatment strategies in patients identified as CYP2C19 poor metabolizers.**

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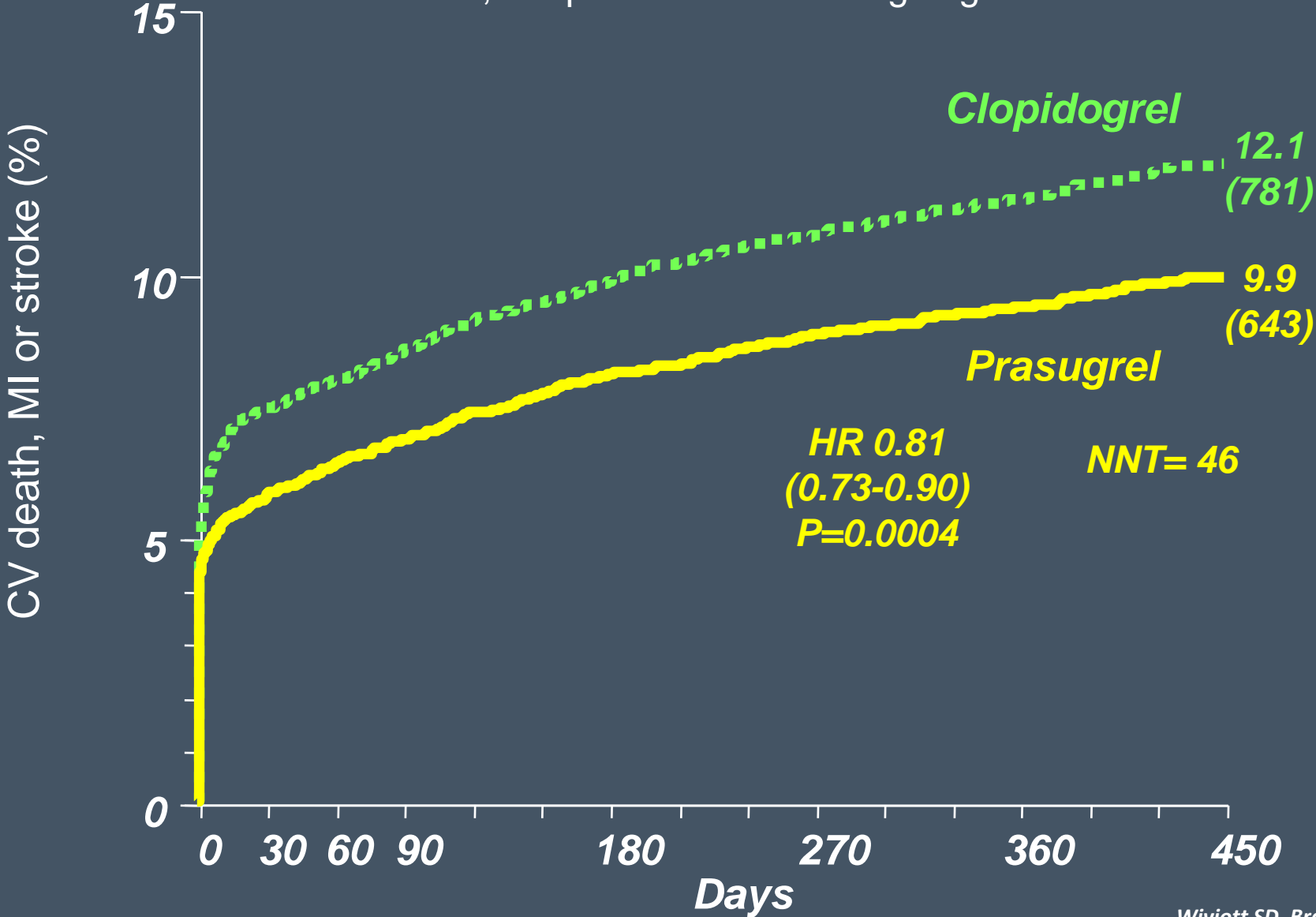
# Clopidogrel vs Prasugrel



Responder =  $\geq 25\%$  plt inhibition at 4 & 24 h

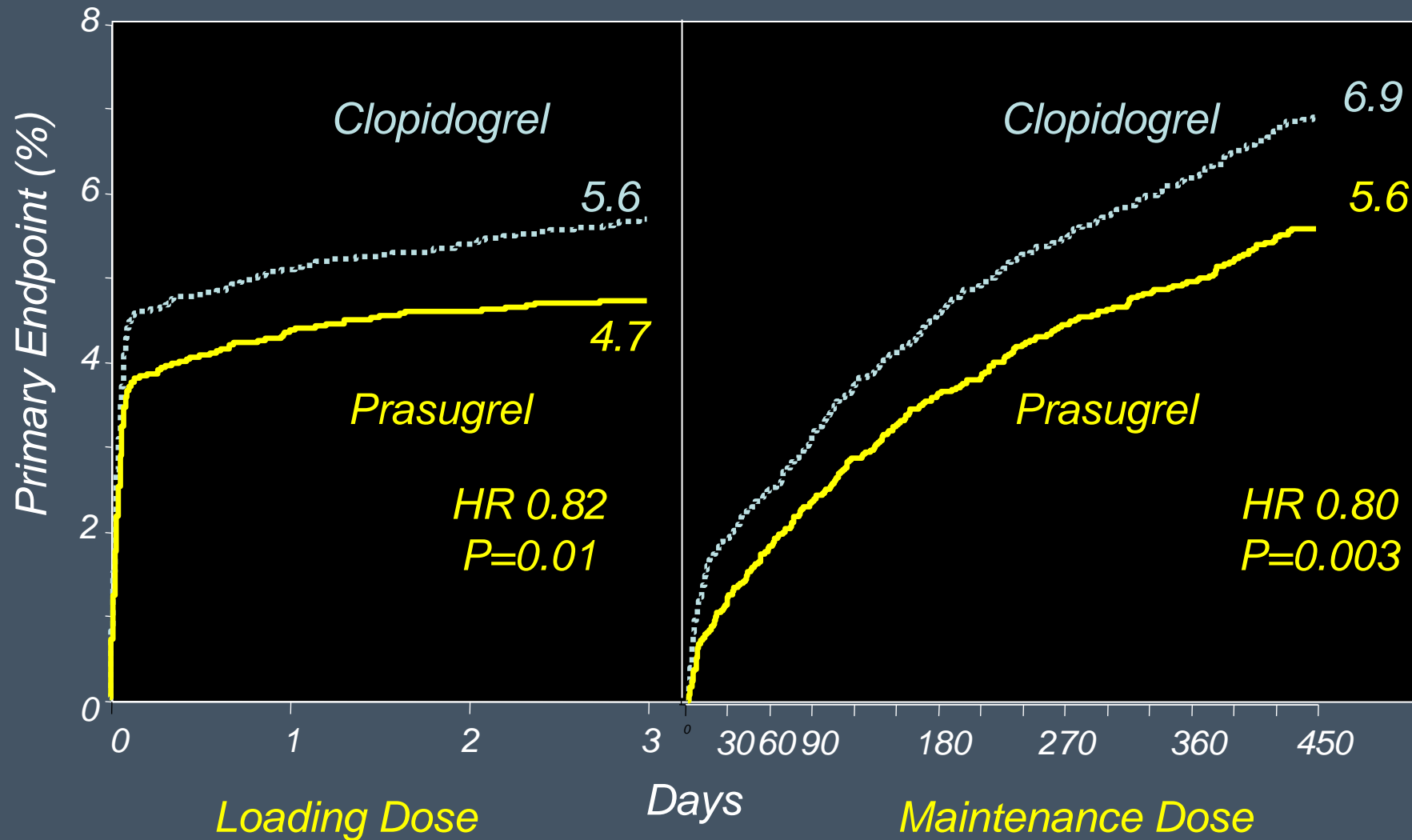
# TRITON-TIMI 38 Trial

13,608 pts with ACS undergoing PCI

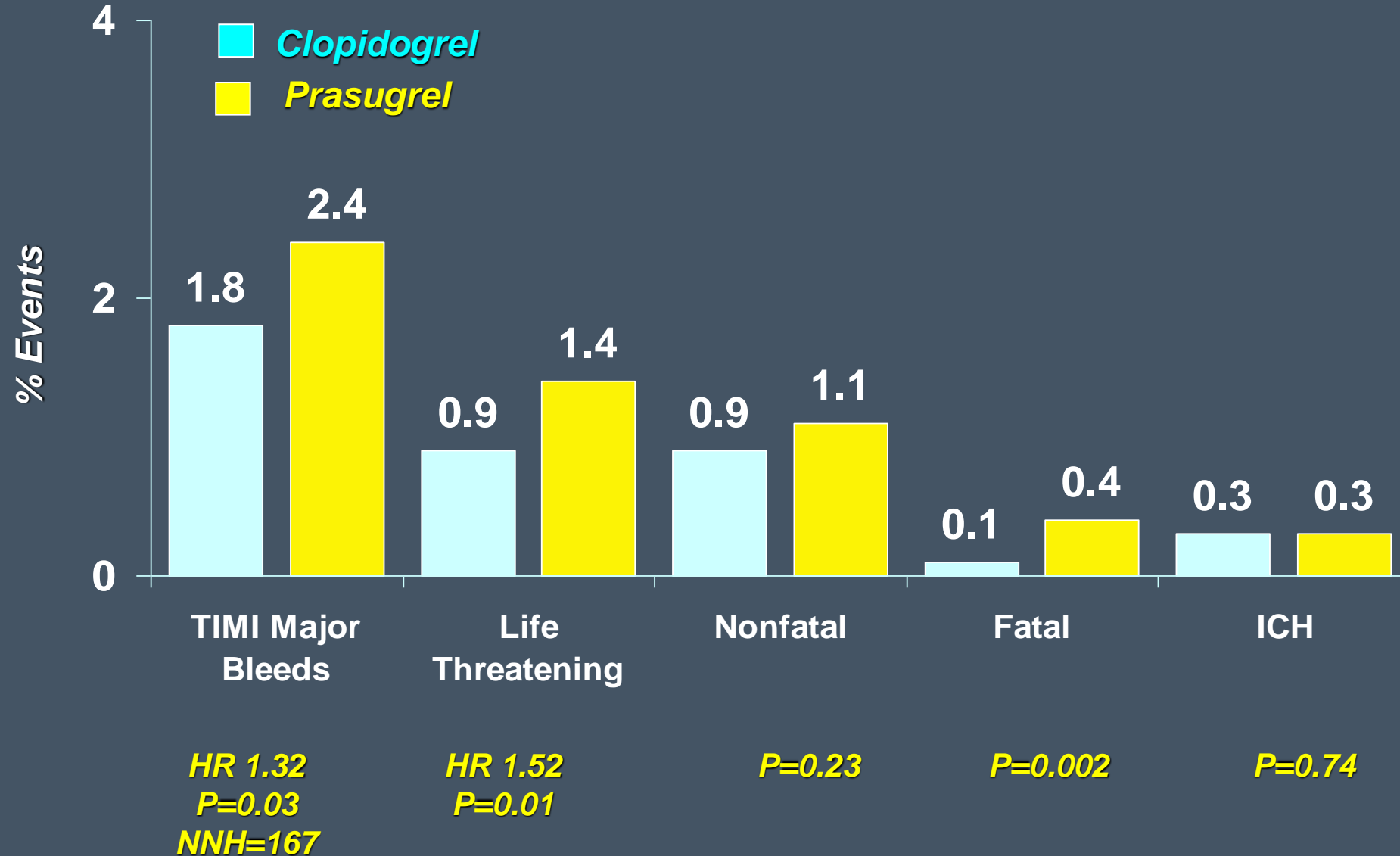


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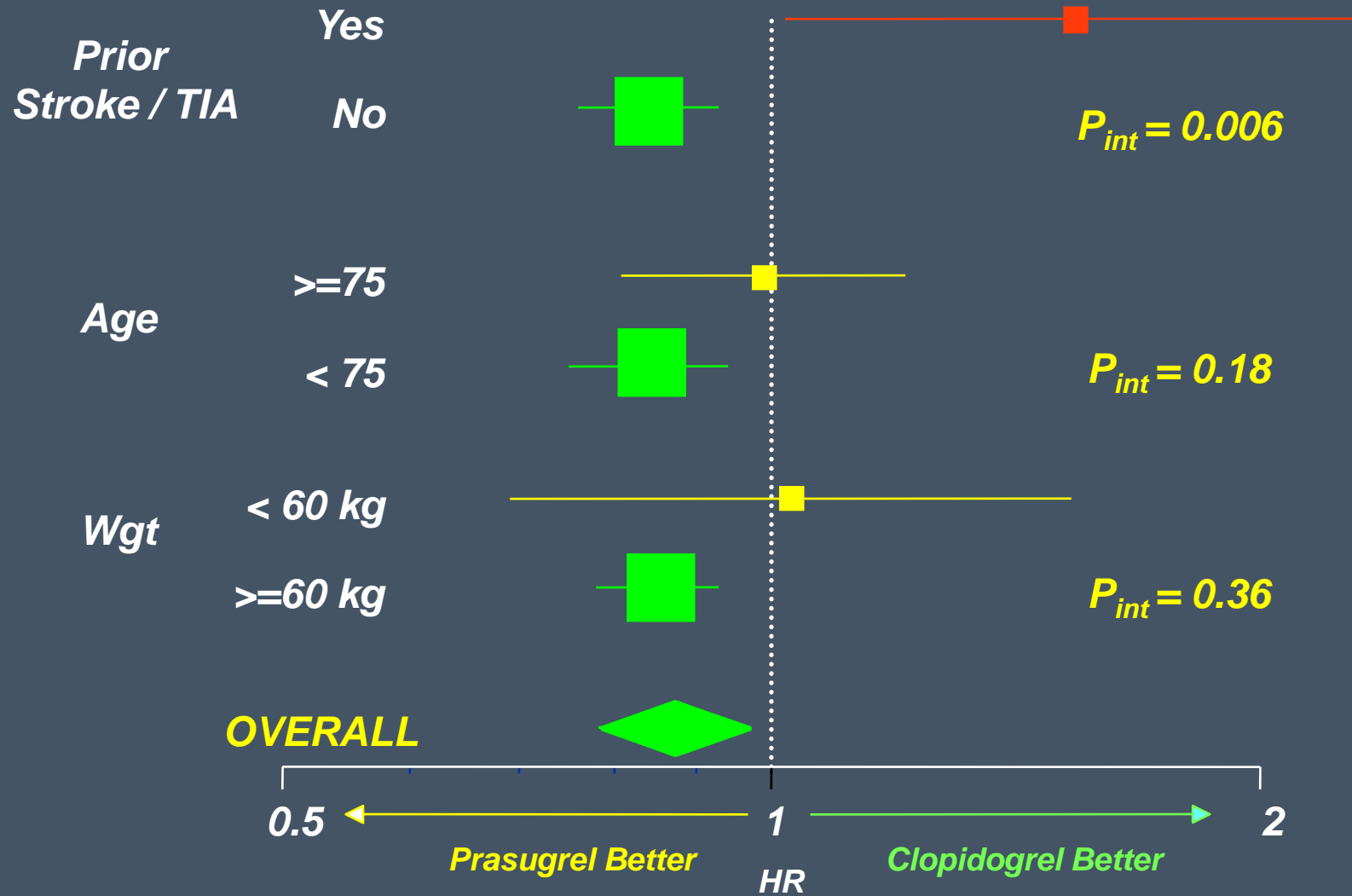
# Timing of Benefit (Landmark Analysis)



# Bleeding with Prasugrel

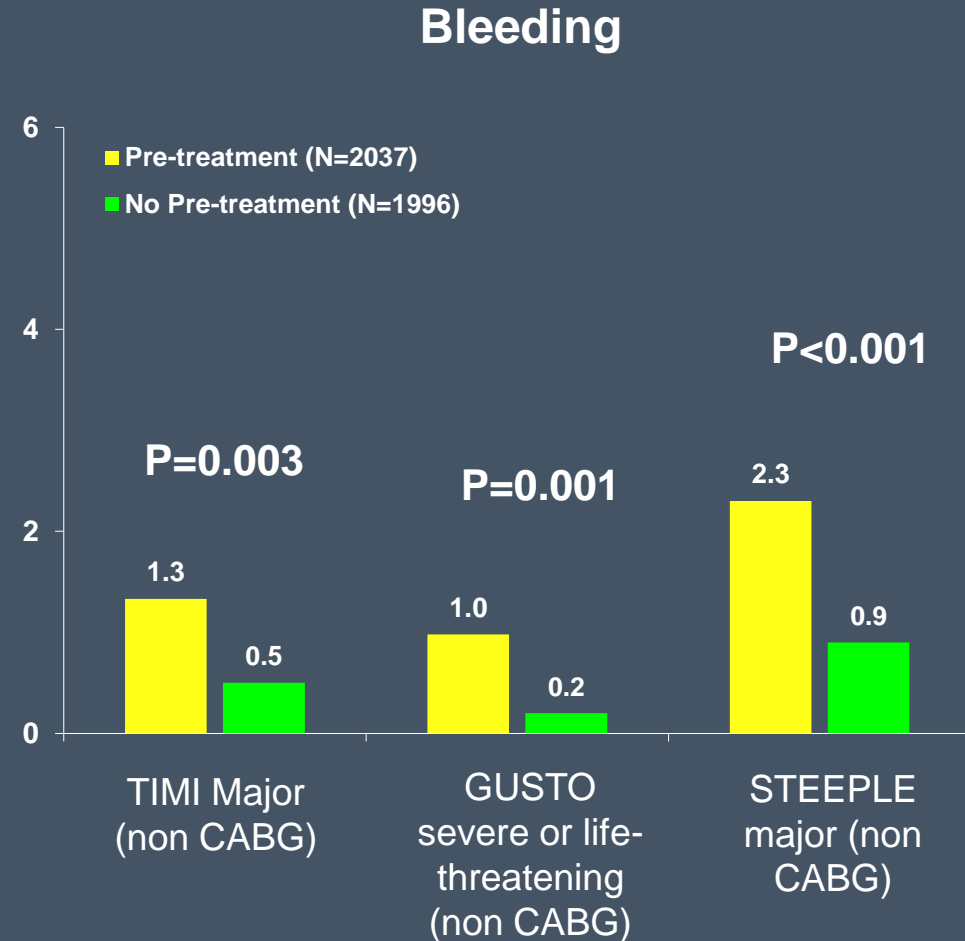
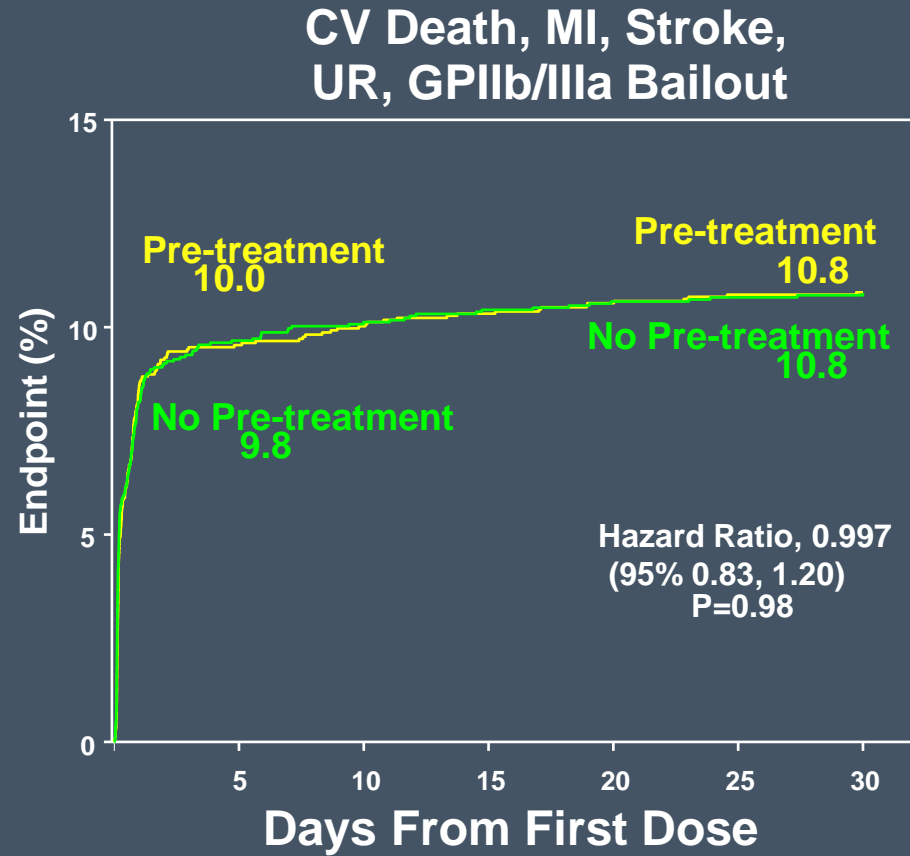


# Who shouldn't get prasugrel?

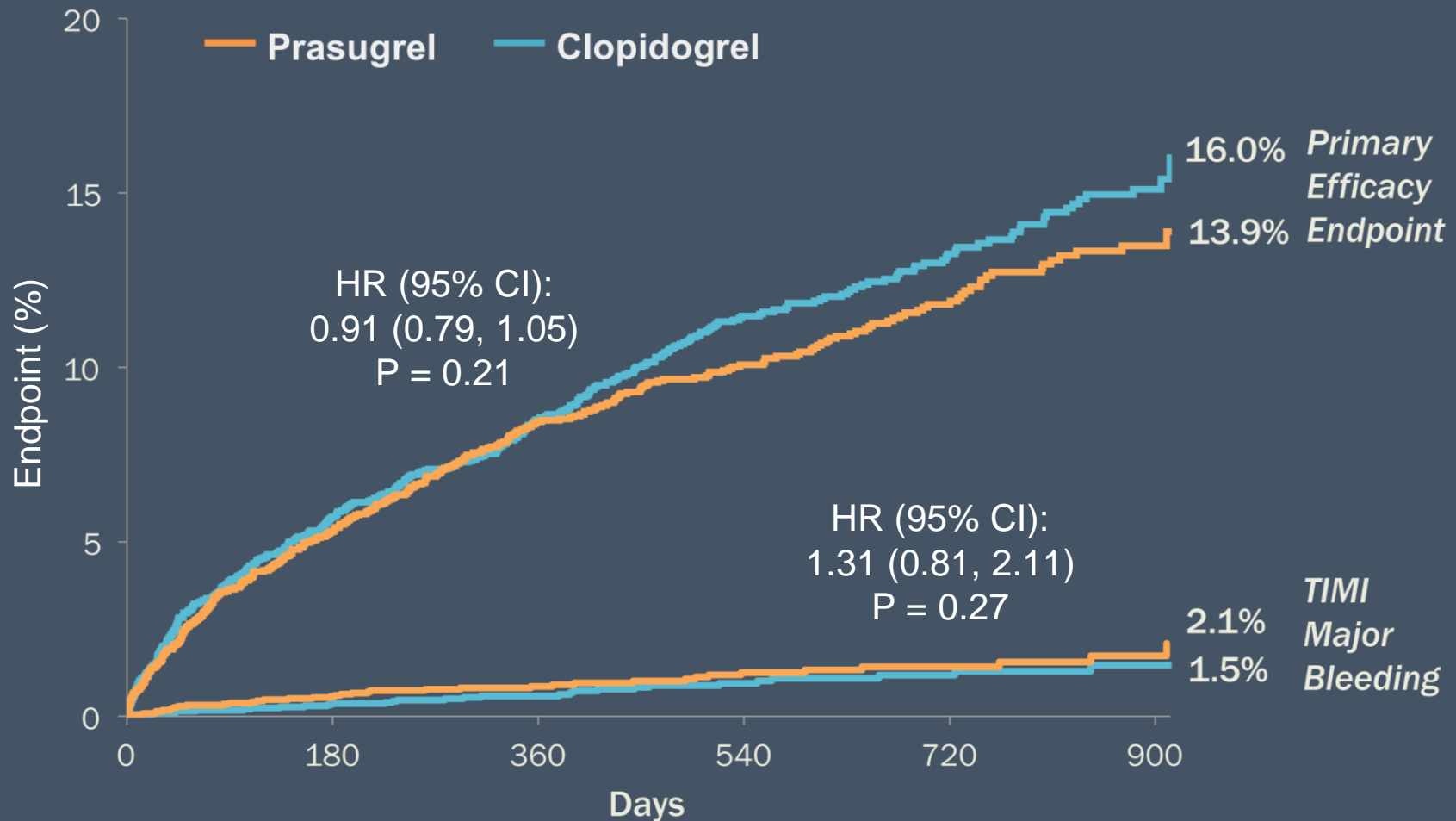




# No Benefit to Pre-Treat with Prasugrel Prior to PCI in NSTEMI-ACS

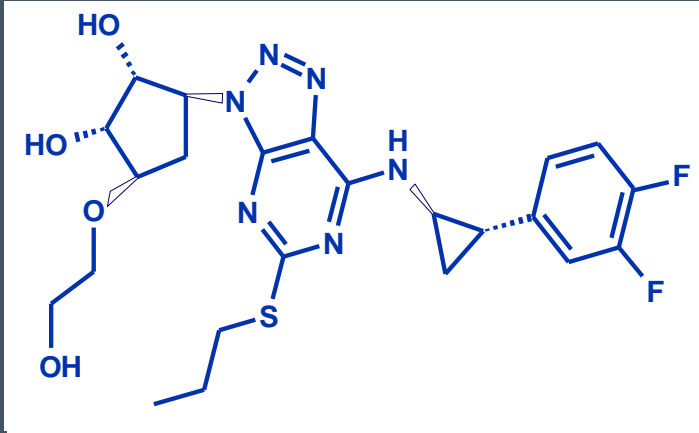


# TRILOGY-ACS: No Benefit for Prasugrel in Medically Managed Patients Without PCI



# Ticagrelor:

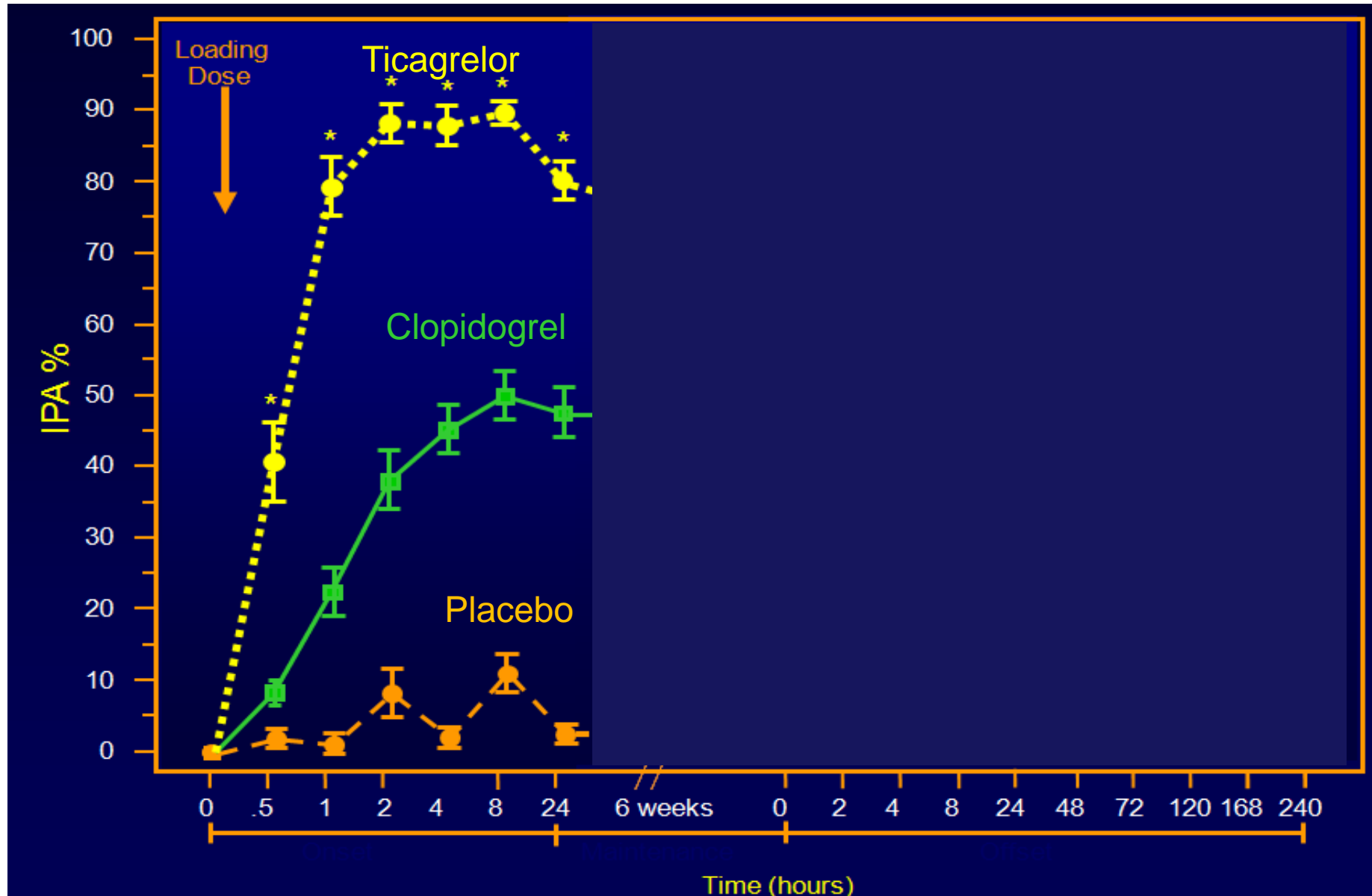
## an Oral Reversible P2Y<sub>12</sub> Antagonist



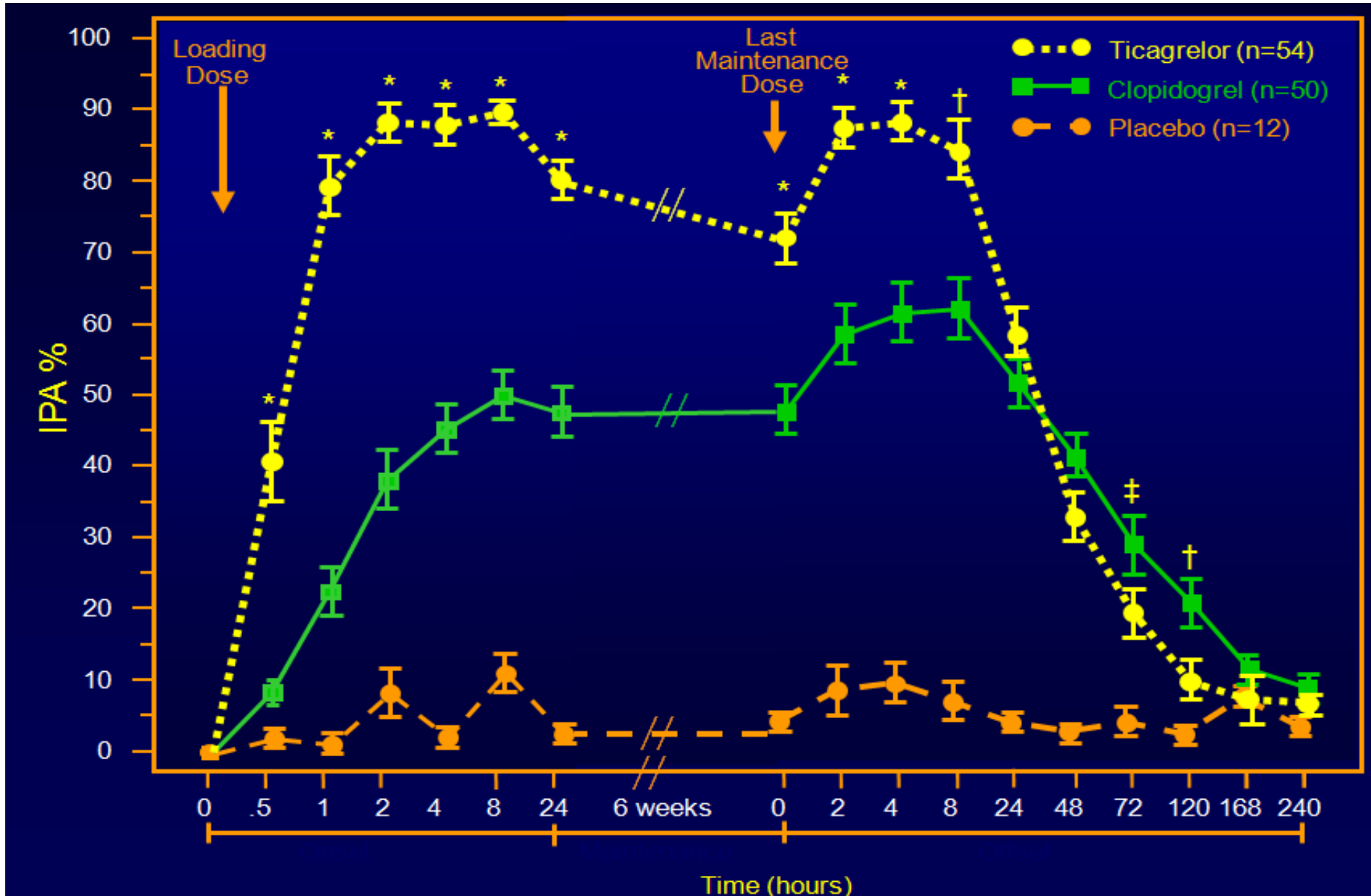
Ticagrelor is a cyclo-pentyl-triazolo-pyrimidine (CPTP) and not a thienopyridine

- Direct acting
  - Not a prodrug; does not require metabolic activation
  - Rapid onset of inhibitory effect on the P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor
  - Greater inhibition of platelet aggregation than clopidogrel
- Reversibly bound
  - Degree of inhibition reflects plasma concentration
  - Faster offset of effect than clopidogrel
  - Functional recovery of all circulating platelets

# Ticagrelor Pharmacodynamics

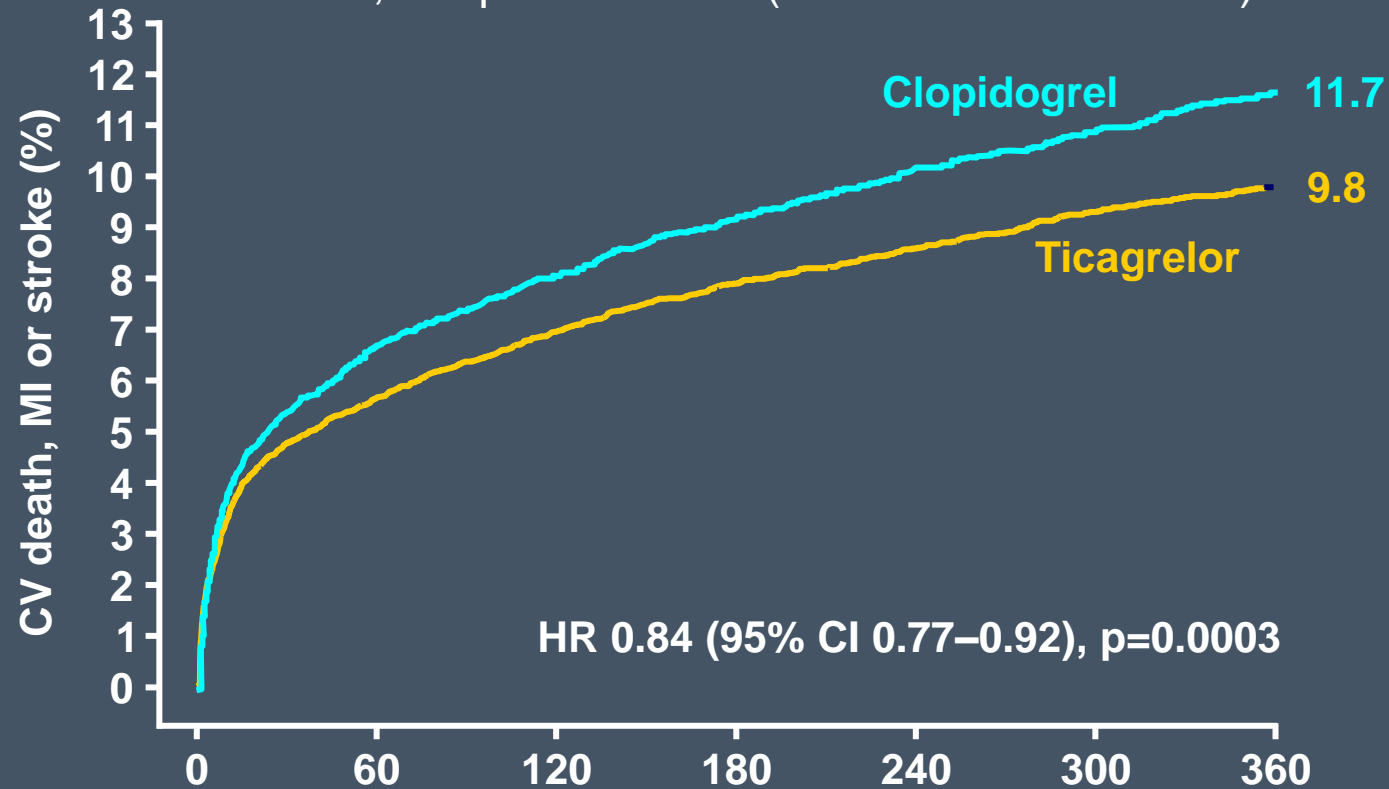


# Ticagrelor Pharmacodynamics



# PLATO Trial Results

18,624 pts with ACS (STEMI or NSTEMI-ACS)

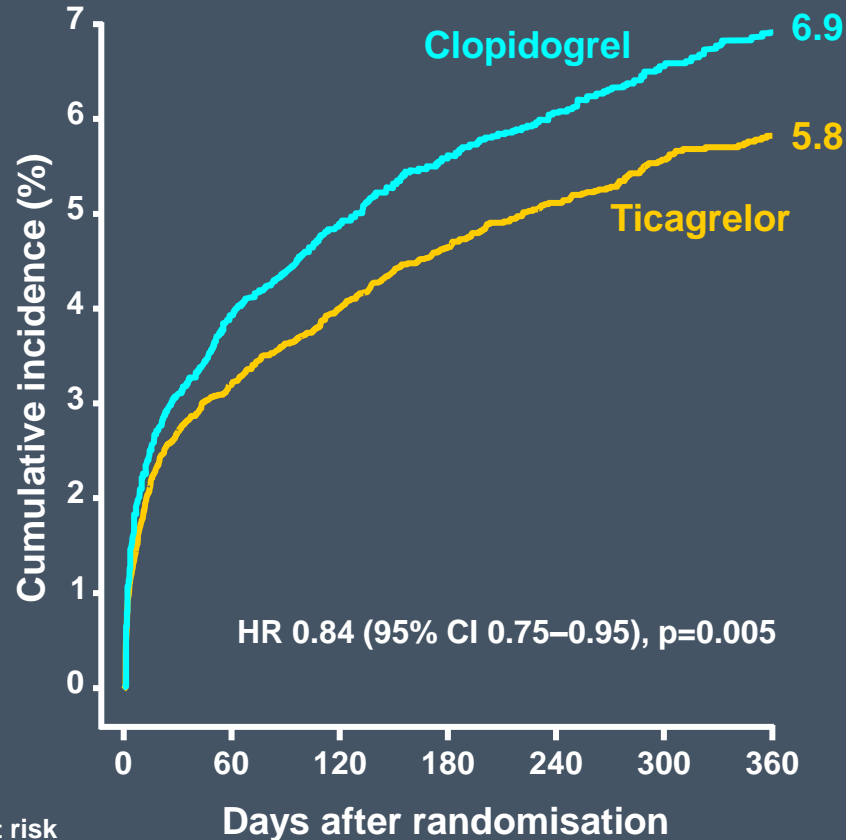


HR 0.84 (95% CI 0.77–0.92), p=0.0003

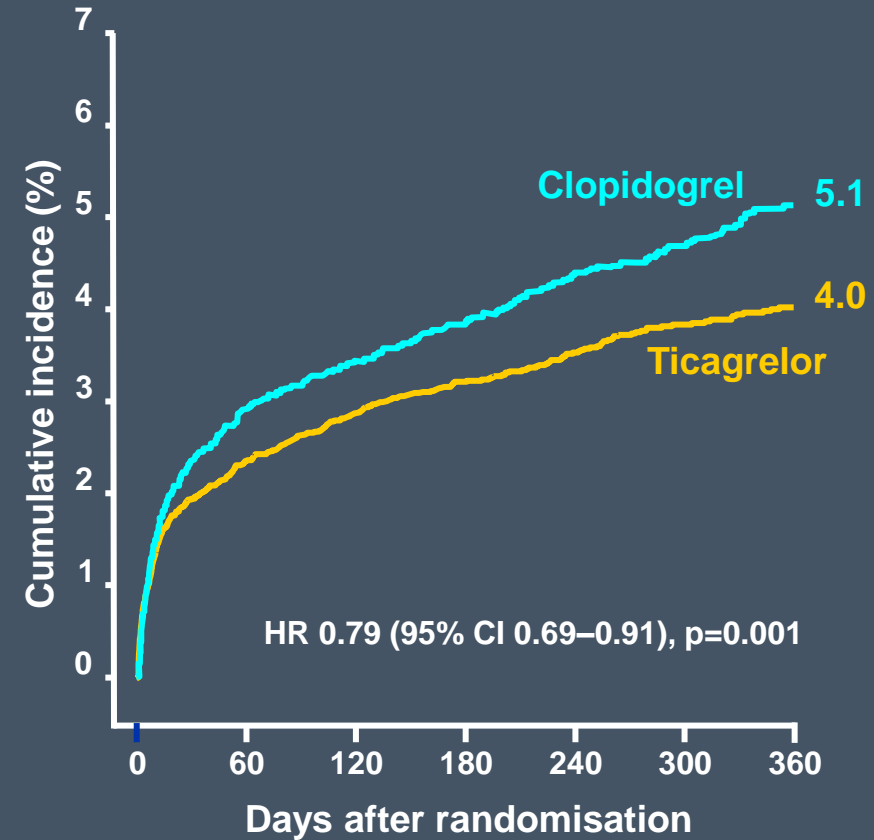
No. at risk	Days after randomisation						
	0	60	120	180	240	300	360
Ticagrelor	9,333	8,628	8,460	8,219	6,743	5,161	4,147
Clopidogrel	9,291	8,521	8,362	8,124	6,743	5,096	4,047

# Mortality Benefit with Ticagrelor

## Myocardial infarction



## Cardiovascular death

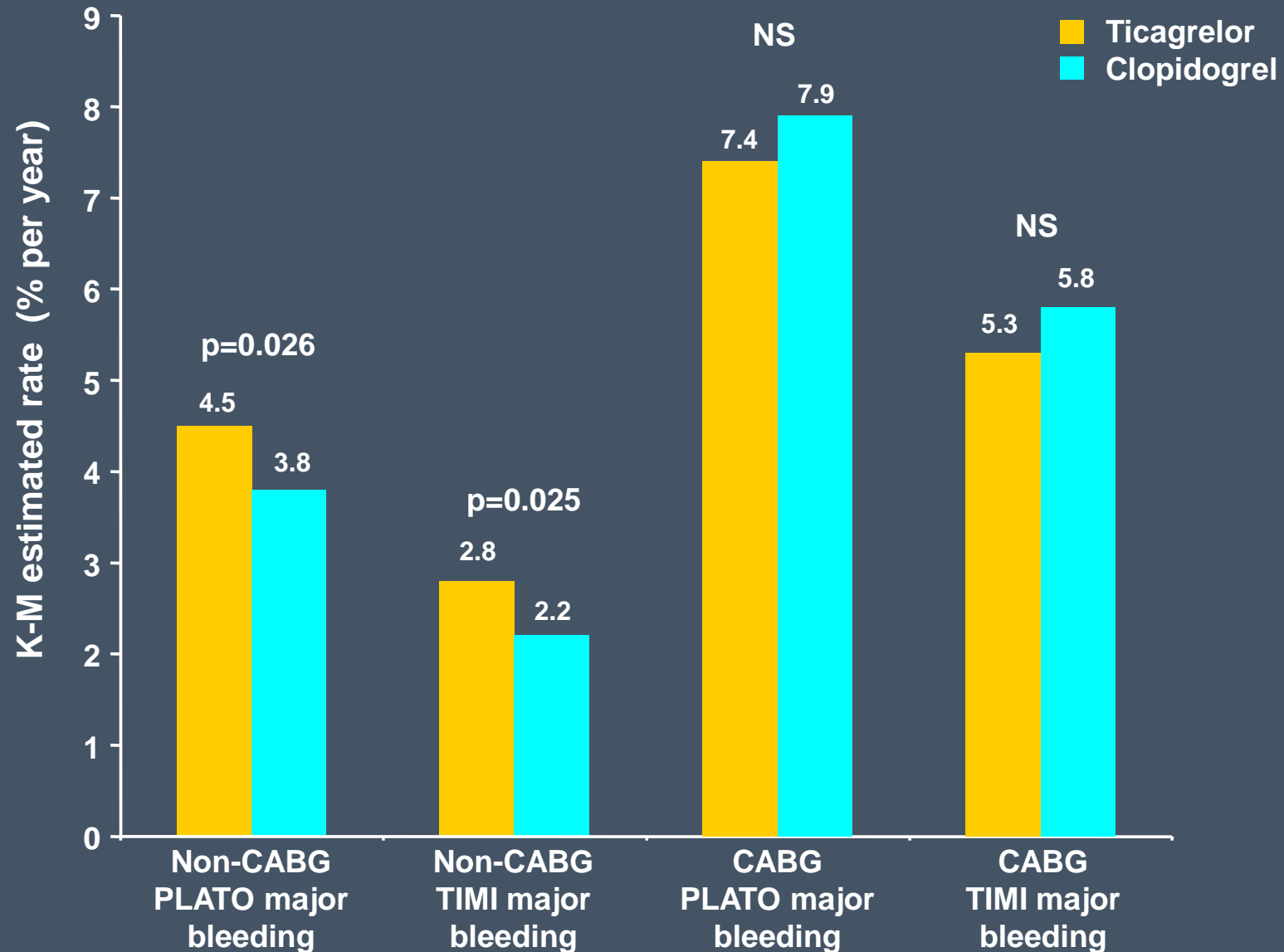


No. at risk

	0	60	120	180	240	300	360
Ticagrelor	9,333	8,678	8,520	8,279	6,796	5,210	4,191
Clopidogrel	9,291	8,560	8,405	8,177	6,703	5,136	4,109

	0	60	120	180	240	300	360
Ticagrelor	9,333	8,294	8,822	8,626	7,119	5,482	4,419
Clopidogrel	9,291	8,865	8,780	8,589	7,079	5,441	4,364

# Non-CABG and CABG-related major bleeding





# Ticagrelor Side Effects

Holter Monitoring at First Week	Ticagrelor (n=1451)	Clopidogrel (n=1415)	P-value
Ventricular pauses $\geq 3$ seconds, %	5.8	3.6	0.01
Ventricular pauses $\geq 5$ seconds, %	2.0	1.2	0.10

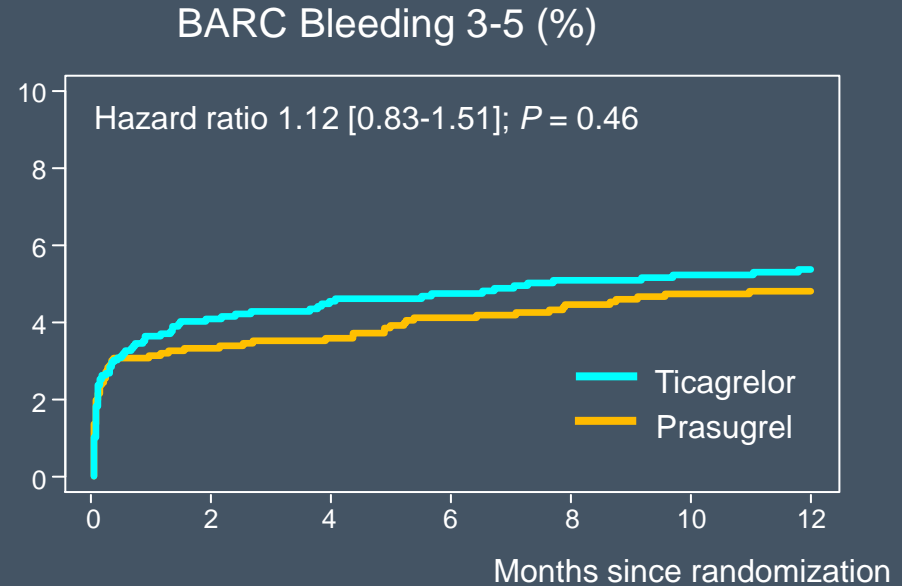
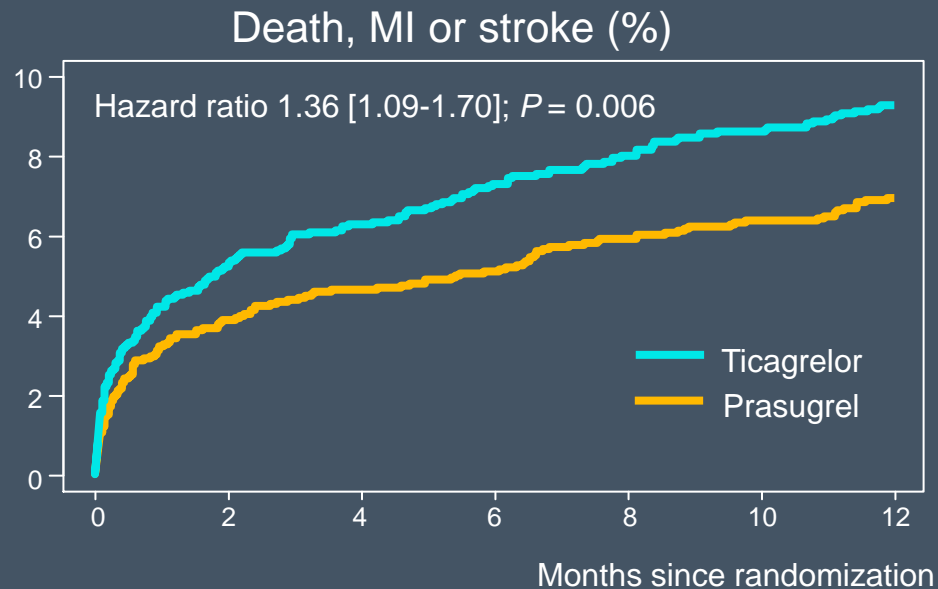
  

All Patients	Ticagrelor (n=9235)	Clopidogrel (n=9186)	P-value
Dyspnea, %	13.8	7.8	<0.001

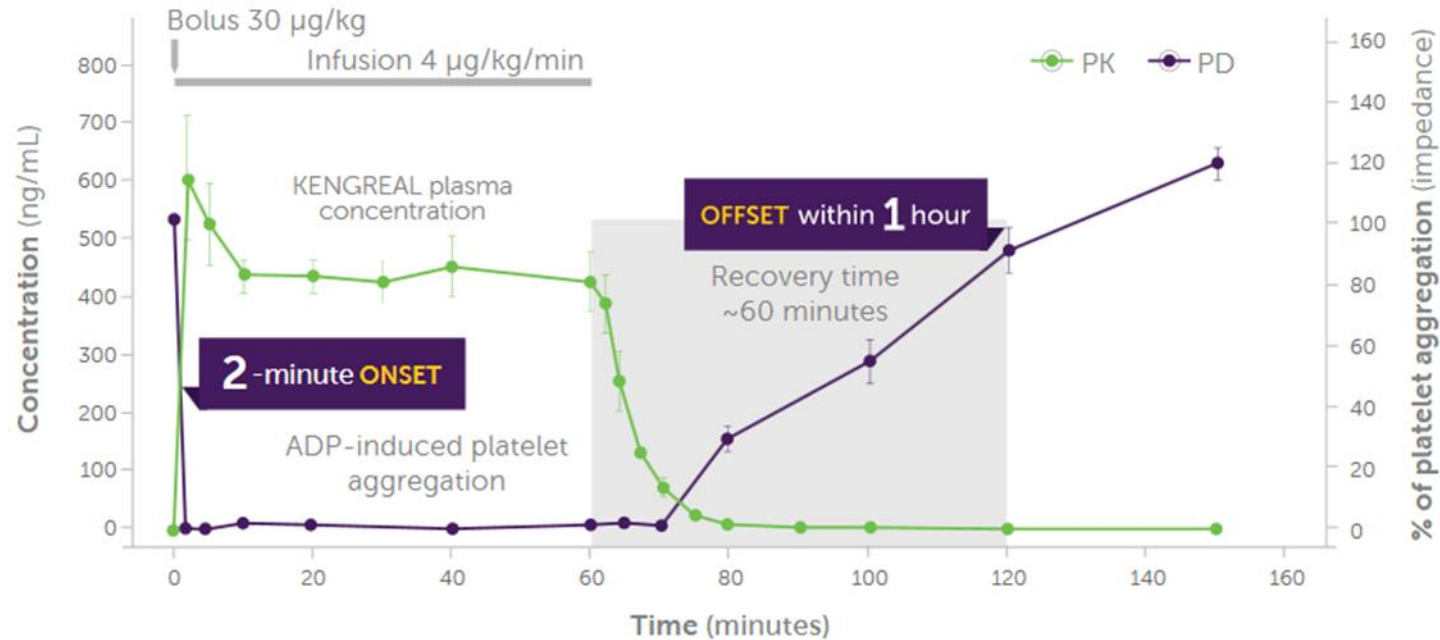
# Prasugrel vs Ticagrelor: Do We Believe the Head-to-Head data?

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4018 patients with ACS undergoing planned angiography (open-label)



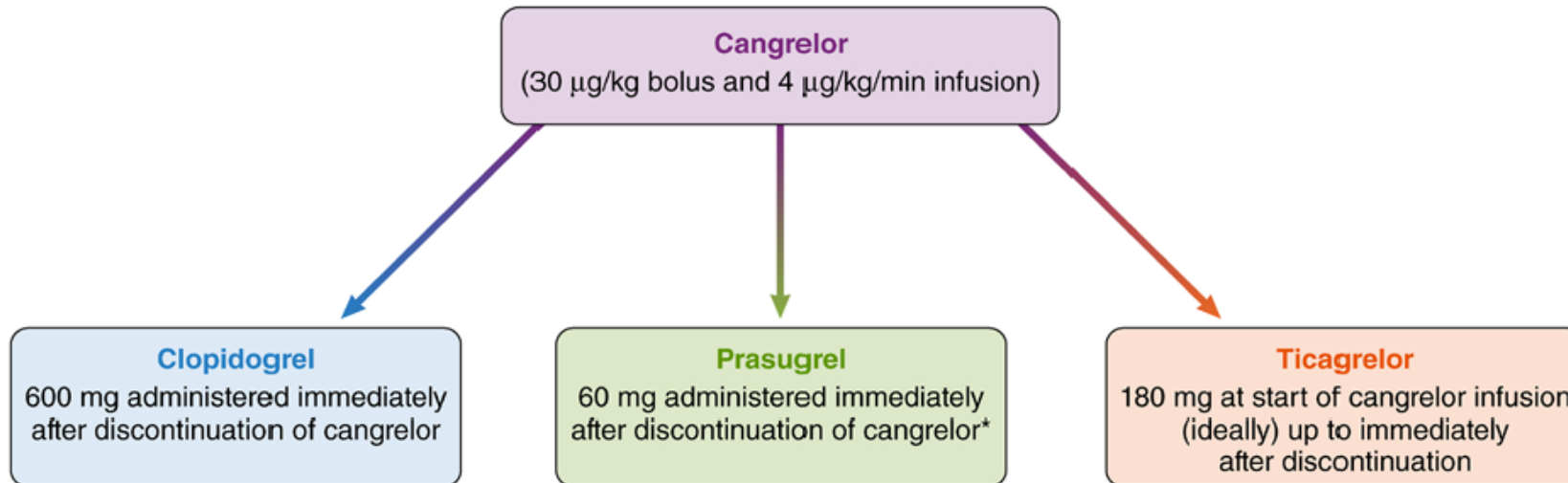
# Cangrelor: Intravenous P2Y12 Inhibitor



**CHAMPION PHOENIX:** N = 10,900 patients with stable angina or ACS  
 Cangrelor (2-4 hrs, then clopidogrel) vs. clopidogrel. Start at time of PCI

	Cangrelor	Clopidogrel	OR (95% CI)	P-value
Death, MI, Ischemic-Driven Revasc, Stent Thrombosis	4.7%	5.9%	0.78 (0.66,0.93)	0.005
Any Blood Transfusion	0.5%	0.3%	1.56 (0.83,2.93)	0.16

# Switching from Cangrelor to Oral P2Y12 inhibitor



# 2014 ACC/AHA NSTEMI/ACS Guidelines: P2Y12 Inhibitors

Recommendation	COR	LOE
Clopidogrel 300-600 mg load (latter preferred before PCI) → 75 mg/d	I	B
Prasugrel 60 mg loading dose → 10 mg/d (PCI only)	I	B
Ticagrelor 180 mg loading dose → 90 mg/bid (initial Rx or PCI)	I	B
Reasonable to use ticagrelor in preference to clopidogrel (initial Rx or PCI)	IIa	B
Reasonable to use prasugrel in preference to clopidogrel (PCI only)	IIa	B
Prasugrel should not be given if prior stroke or TIA	III: Harm	B

# ESC 2020 NSTEMI-ACS Guidelines Update

Prasugrel should be considered in preference to ticagrelor for NSTEMI-ACS patients who proceed to PCI.

It is not recommended to administer routine pre-treatment with a P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor inhibitor to patients in whom the coronary anatomy is not known and early invasive management is planned.

In patients with NSTEMI-ACS who cannot undergo an early invasive strategy, pre-treatment with a P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor inhibitor may be considered depending on bleeding risk.

# Antiplatelet Drugs in NSTEMI-ACS

	NSTEMI-ACS	
	INVASIVE	CONS
Aspirin	✓	✓
P2Y <sub>12</sub> Inhibitor	Ticagrelor (before or at PCI) Prasugrel (at time of PCI) Clopidogrel (before or 600mg at PCI) IV Cangrelor ? (typically then give oral P2Y <sub>12</sub> i at end of case)	Ticagrelor (or Clopidogrel)
GP IIb/IIIa Inhib.	? (at time of PCI)	✗ (unless recurrent ischemia)

# Foundations of Cardiometabolic Health Certification Course

# Certified Cardiometabolic Health Professional (CCHP)



## Post-Discharge Antiplatelet Therapy: How Long and How Strong?

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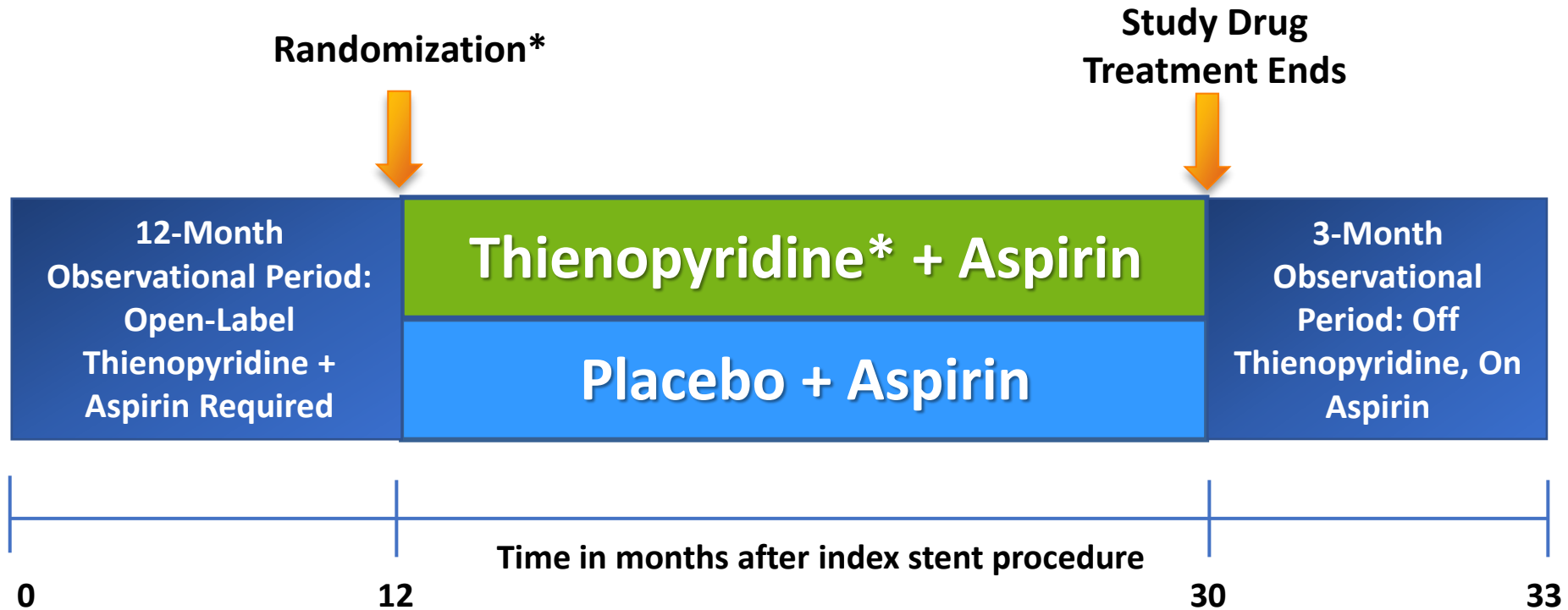
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# Dual Antiplatelet Therapy (DAPT) Study: Design

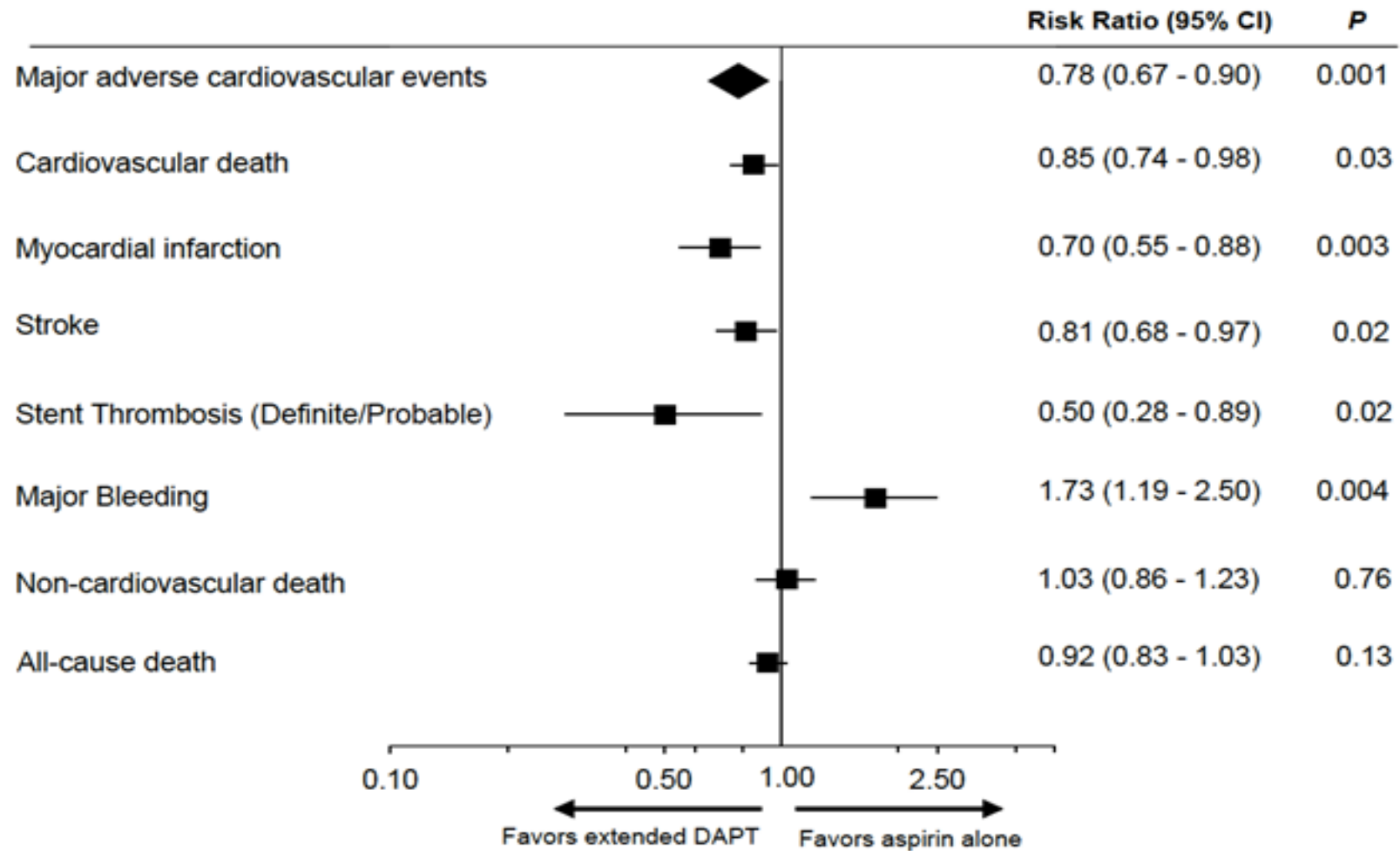


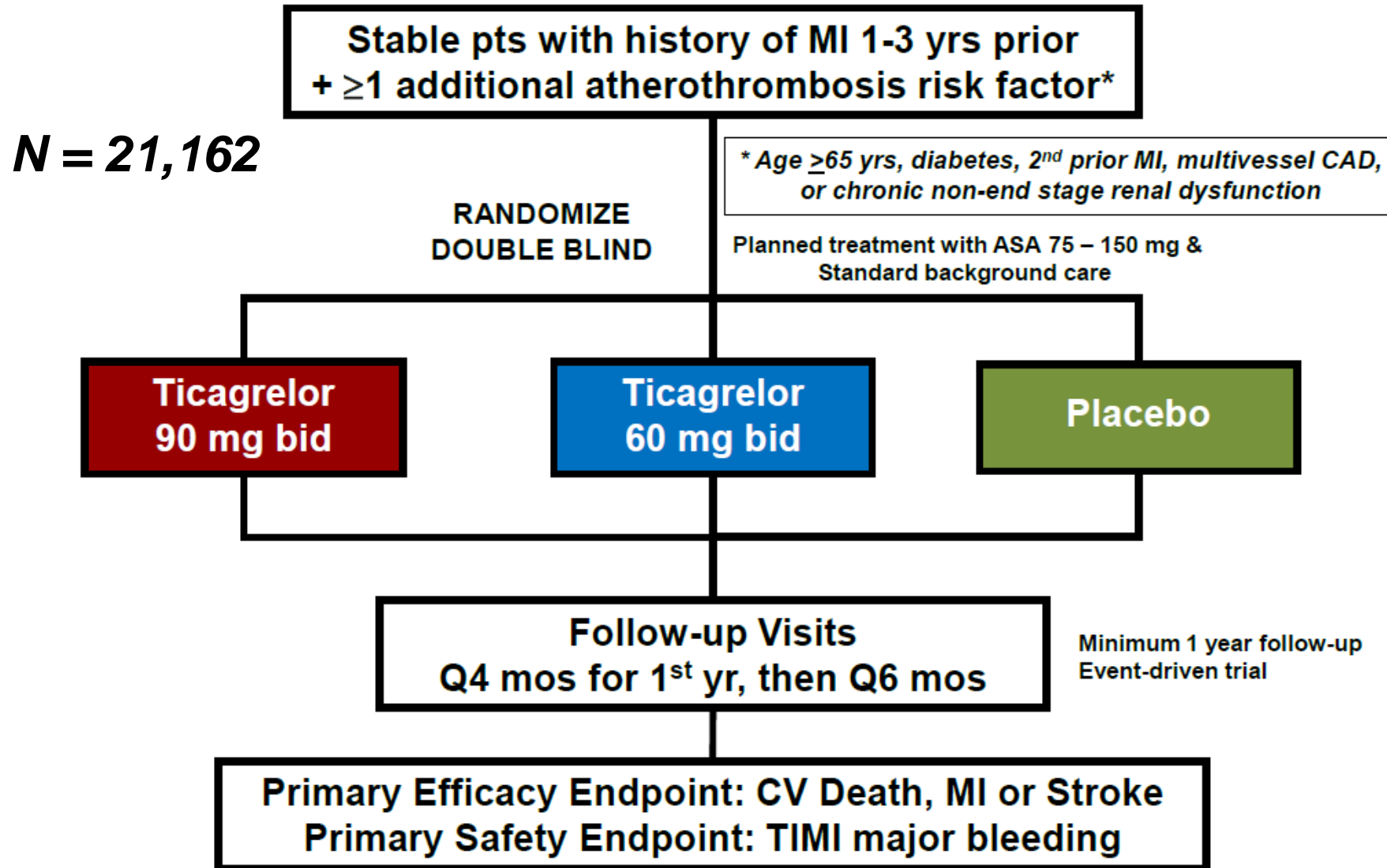
Enrolled: Subjects treated with FDA-approved DES or BMS. Subjects on oral anticoagulant therapy or with life expectancy < 3 years excluded.

Randomized: Free from MI, stroke, repeat revascularization, and moderate or severe bleeding, and adherent with thienopyridine (80% to 120% of doses taken and no interruption > 14 days).

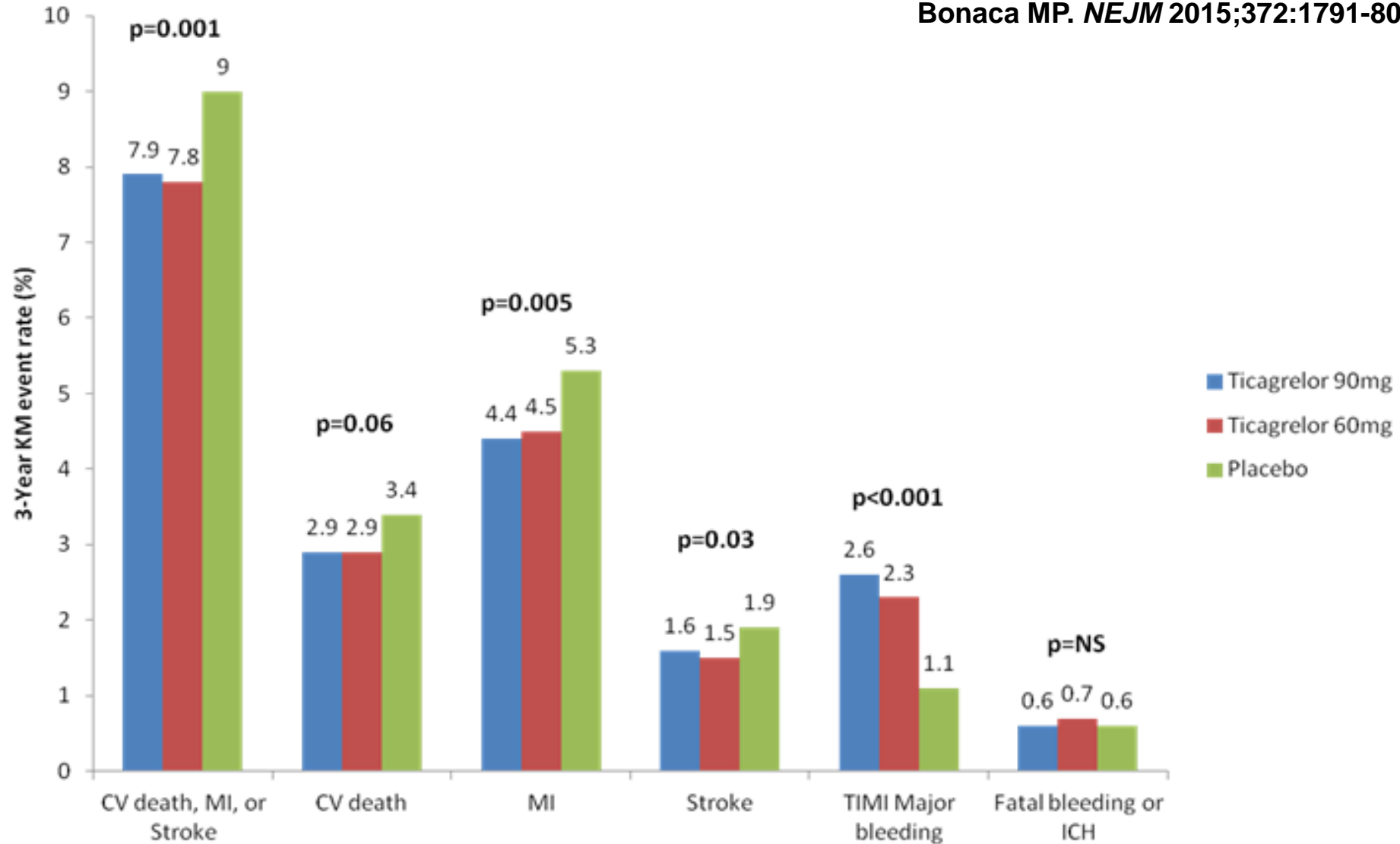
\*Clopidogrel or prasugrel

## Treatment Effect in ACS Patients





Bonaca MP. *NEJM* 2015;372:1791-800



**CV death, MI, or stroke:** Ticagrelor 90mg, HR 0.85 (0.75-0.96); Ticagrelor 60mg, HR 0.84 (0.74-0.95)

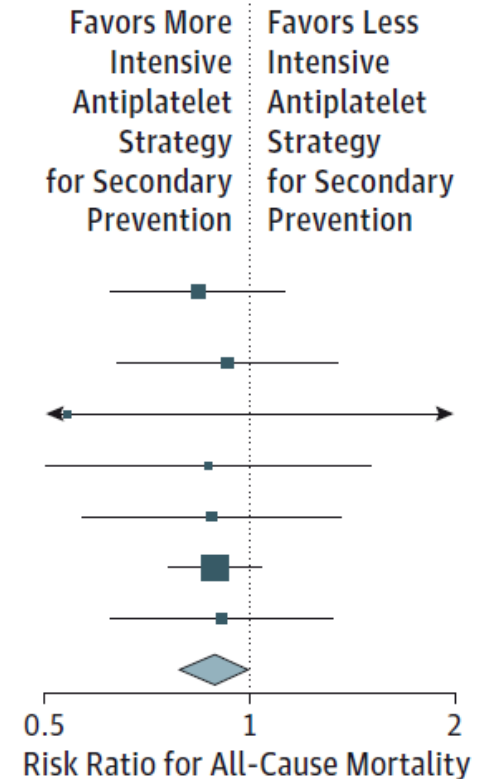
**TIMI major bleeding:** Ticagrelor 90mg, HR 2.69 (1.96-3.70); Ticagrelor 60mg, HR 2.32 (1.68-3.21)

- **Adding ticagrelor to low-dose aspirin in stable patients with a history of MI reduced the risk of CV death, MI or stroke**
- **The benefit of ticagrelor was consistent**
  - For both fatal & non-fatal components of primary endpoint
  - Over the duration of treatment
  - Among major clinical subgroups
- **Ticagrelor increased the risk of TIMI major bleeding, but not fatal bleeding or ICH**
- **The two doses of ticagrelor had similar overall efficacy, but bleeding and other side effects tended to be less frequent with 60 mg bid dose**

# Prolonged Intensive Antiplatelet Therapy & Mortality in 2° Prevention

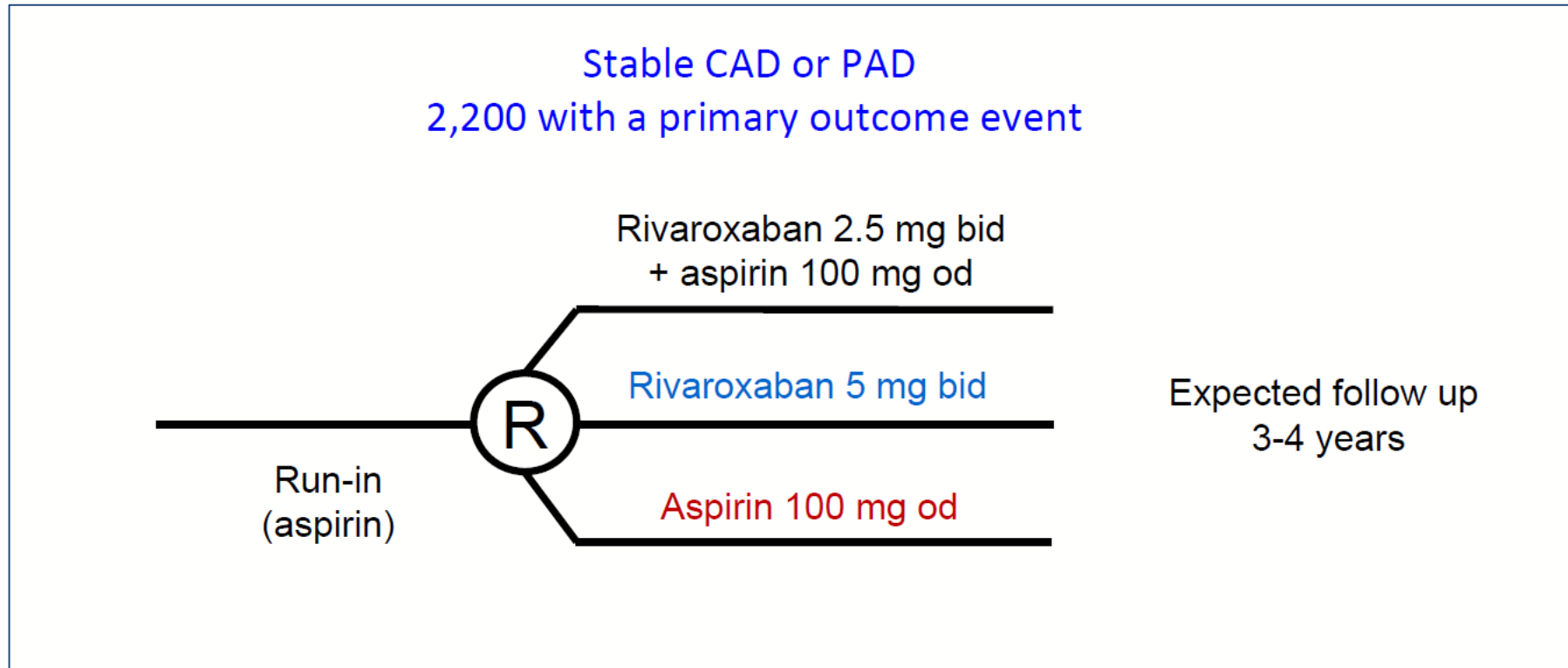
Trial	More Intensive No./Total No.	Less Intensive No./Total No.	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
CHARISMA (prior myocardial infarction cohort)	82/1903	99/1943	0.84 (0.63-1.13)
PRODIGY	52/732	56/733	0.93 (0.64-1.35)
ARCTIC	1/156	2/167	0.54 (0.05-5.87)
DAPT MI	24/1805	27/1771	0.87 (0.50-1.50)
DES-LATE	37/1512	43/1551	0.88 (0.57-1.37)
PEGASUS-TIMI 54 (60 mg twice daily)	289/7045	326/7067	0.89 (0.76-1.04)
TRA2P-TIMI 50 MI (no stroke/TIA)	238/8458	259/8439	0.91 (0.62-1.33)
Total	723/21611	812/21671	0.89 (0.79-0.99)

P = .04

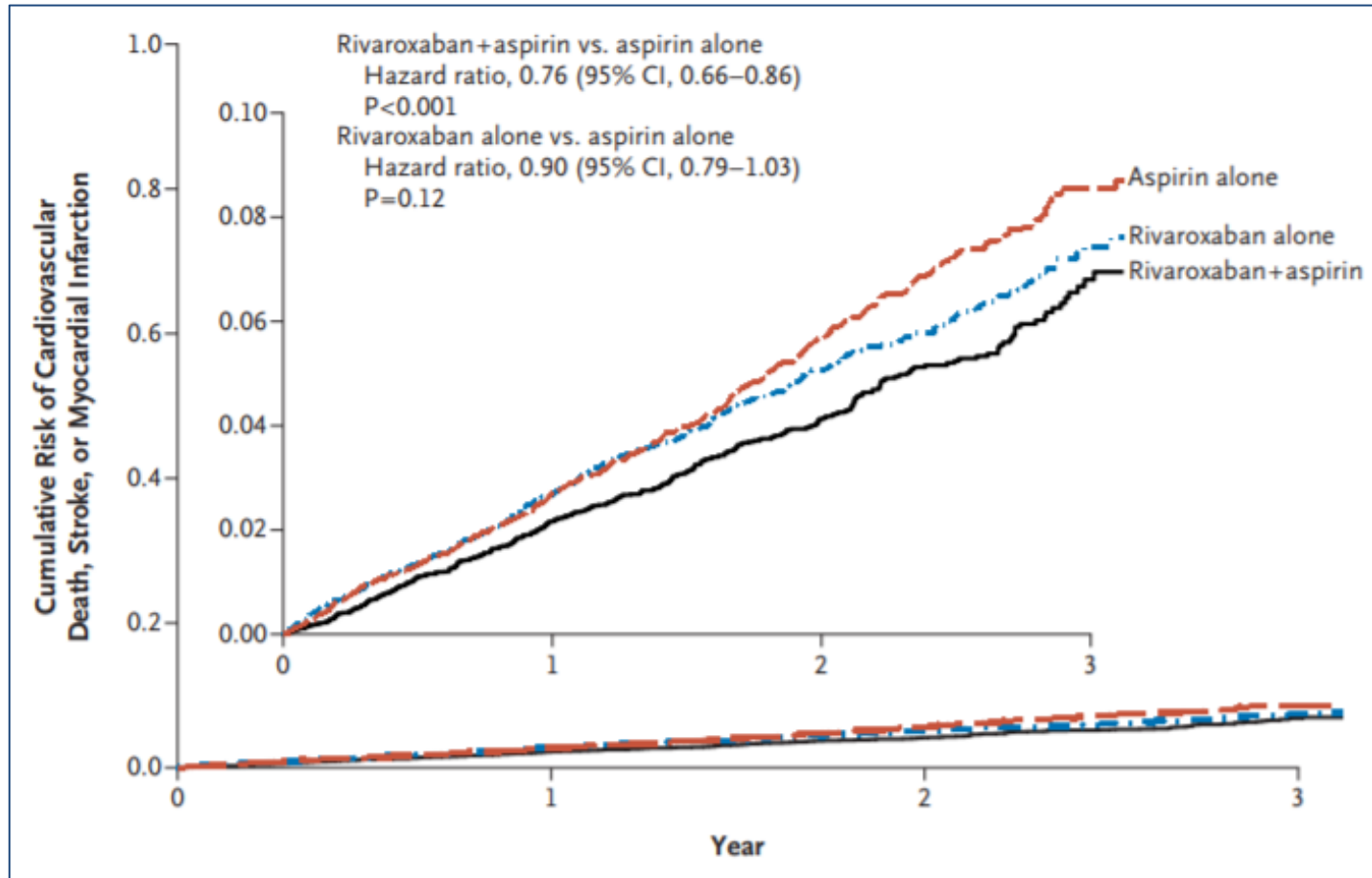


**11% reduction in all-cause mortality**  
**16.5% reduction in CV mortality**  
**No difference in non-CV mortality**

# COMPASS design



# COMPASS Trial: Primary Efficacy Outcome





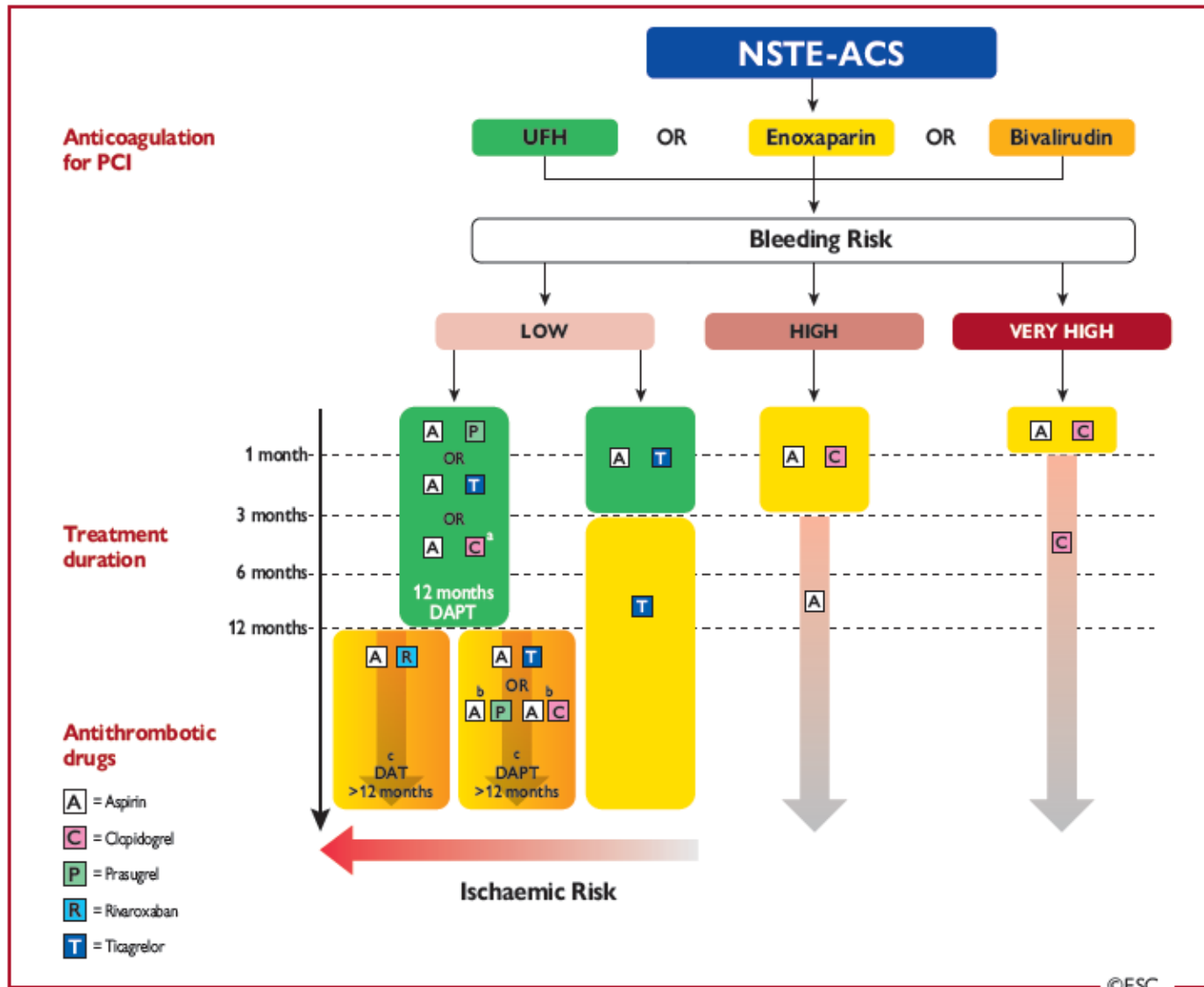
# COMPASS: Conclusions

Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg bid plus aspirin 100 mg od:

- Reduces CV death, stroke, MI
- Increases major bleeding without a significant increase in fatal, intracranial or critical organ bleeding
- Provides a net clinical benefit

No significant benefit of rivaroxaban alone

# Long-term Antithrombotics – No Afib



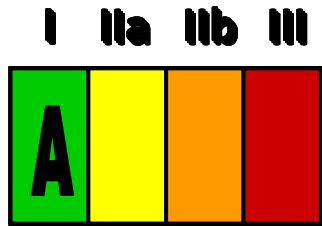
**Figure 7 (1)**

**Algorithm for antithrombotic therapy in non-ST-segment elevation acute coronary syndrome patients without atrial fibrillation undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention.**

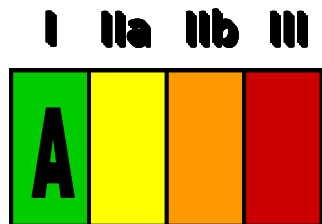
Green = Class I      Yellow = Class IIa      Orange = Class IIb

Very High HBR is defined as recent bleeding in the past month and/or not deferrable planned surgery.

# ACE-I/ARB



An ACE inhibitor should be administered orally within the first 24 h to ACS patients with pulmonary congestion or LV ejection fraction (LVEF)  $\leq 40\%$ . Also for pts with STEMI and DM or anterior infarct.



An angiotensin receptor blocker should be administered to ACS patients who are intolerant of ACE inhibitors and have either clinical or radiological signs of HF or LVEF  $\leq 40\%$ .

# Aldosterone Antagonists



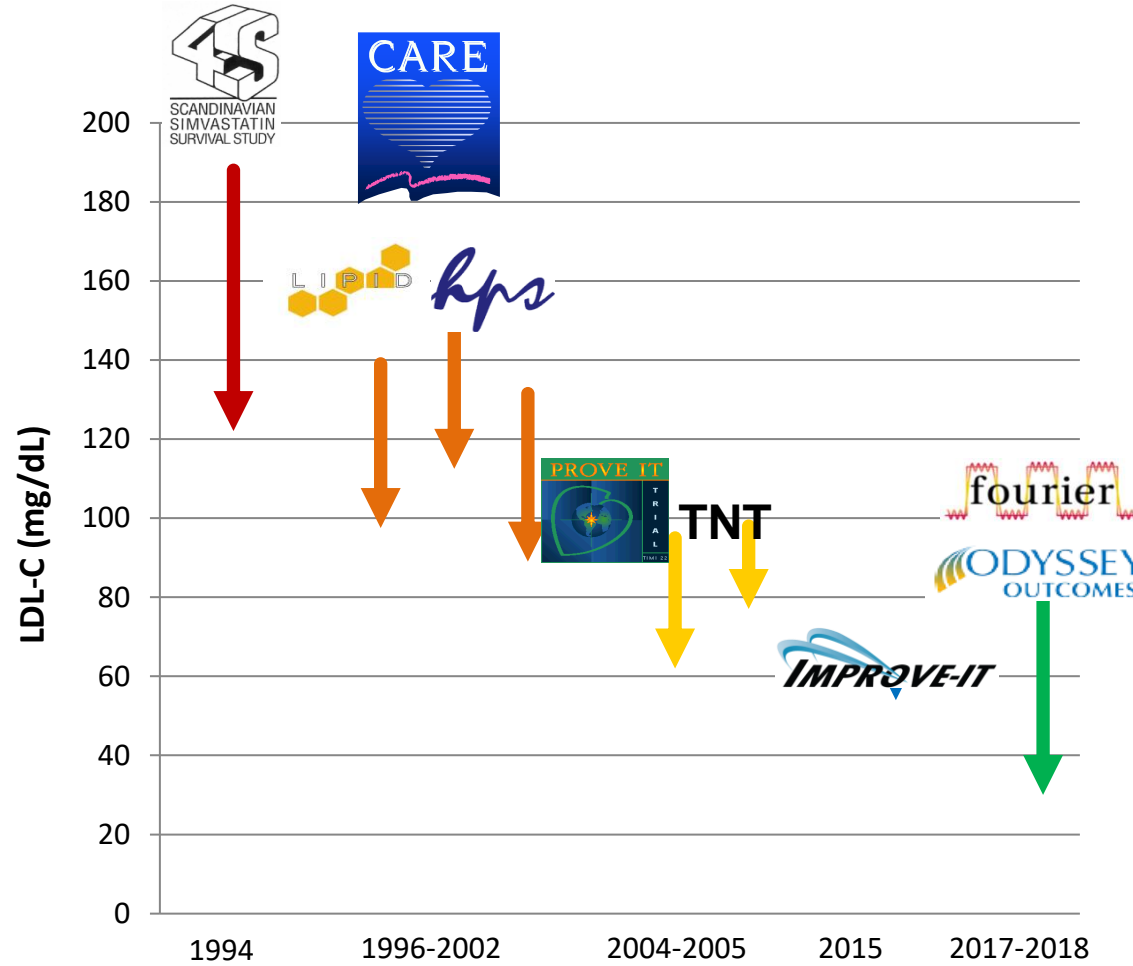
## Long-term aldosterone antagonist if:

- No significant renal dysfunction (eGFR > 30 ml/min) or hyperkalemia ( $K \leq 5$  mEq/L)
- Therapeutic doses of an ACE inhibitor
- LVEF  $\leq 40\%$
- Either symptomatic HF or diabetes mellitus

# Beta Blockers

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
<b>Beta-blockers</b>		
Oral treatment with beta-blockers is indicated in patients with heart failure and/or LVEF $\leq 40\%$ unless contraindicated. <sup>357-361</sup>	<b>I</b>	<b>A</b>
Intravenous beta-blockers should be considered at the time of presentation in patients undergoing primary PCI without contraindications, with no signs of acute heart failure, and with an SBP $> 120$ mmHg. <sup>346-348,350,403</sup>	<b>IIa</b>	<b>A</b>
Routine oral treatment with beta-blockers should be considered during hospital stay and continued thereafter in all patients without contraindications. <sup>344,354-356,404,405</sup>	<b>IIa</b>	<b>B</b>
Intravenous beta-blockers must be avoided in patients with hypotension, acute heart failure or AV block, or severe bradycardia. <sup>344</sup>	<b>III</b>	<b>B</b>

# A Quarter of a Century of Treating LDL-C



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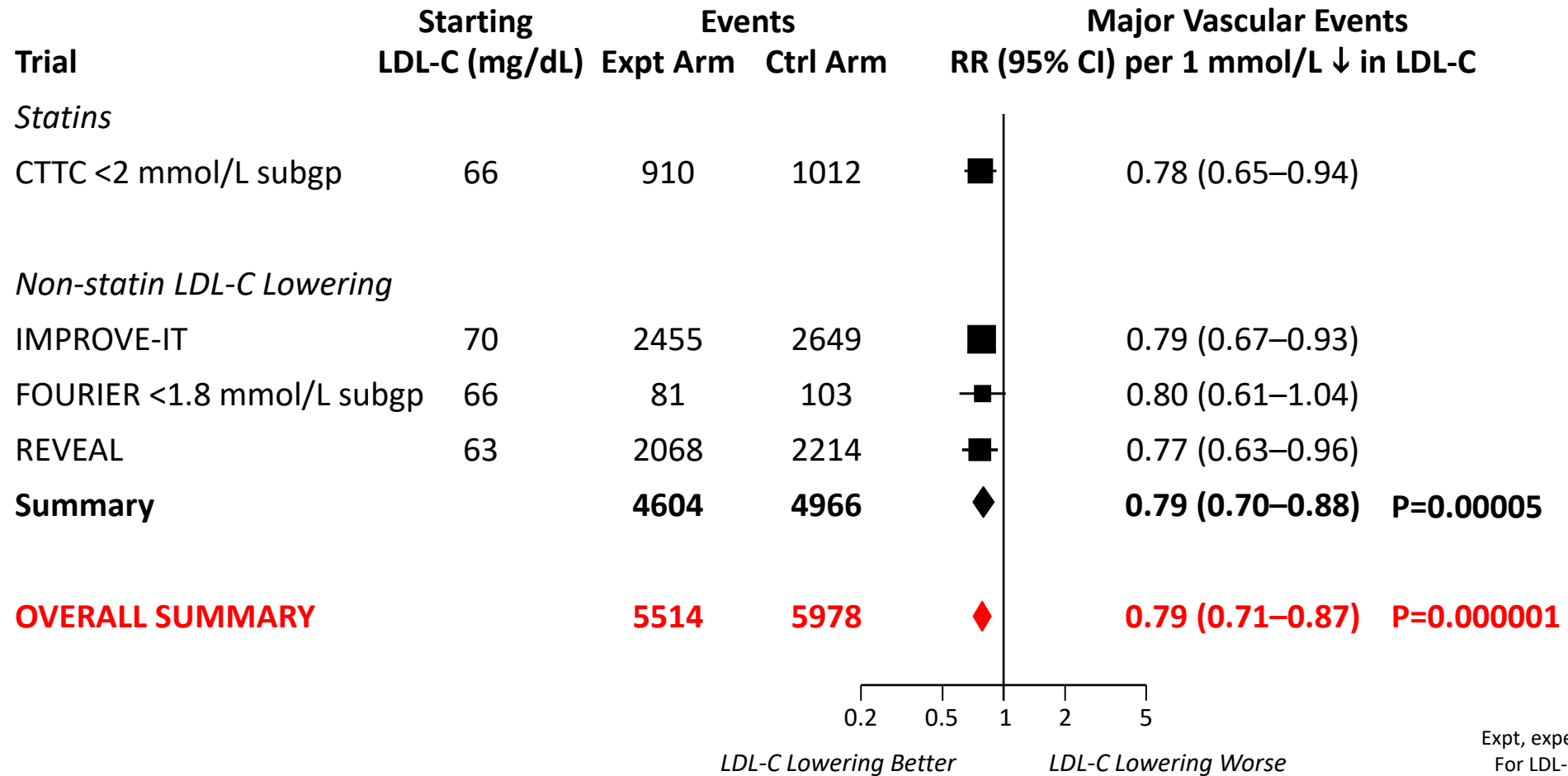
Average is not good

Lower is better

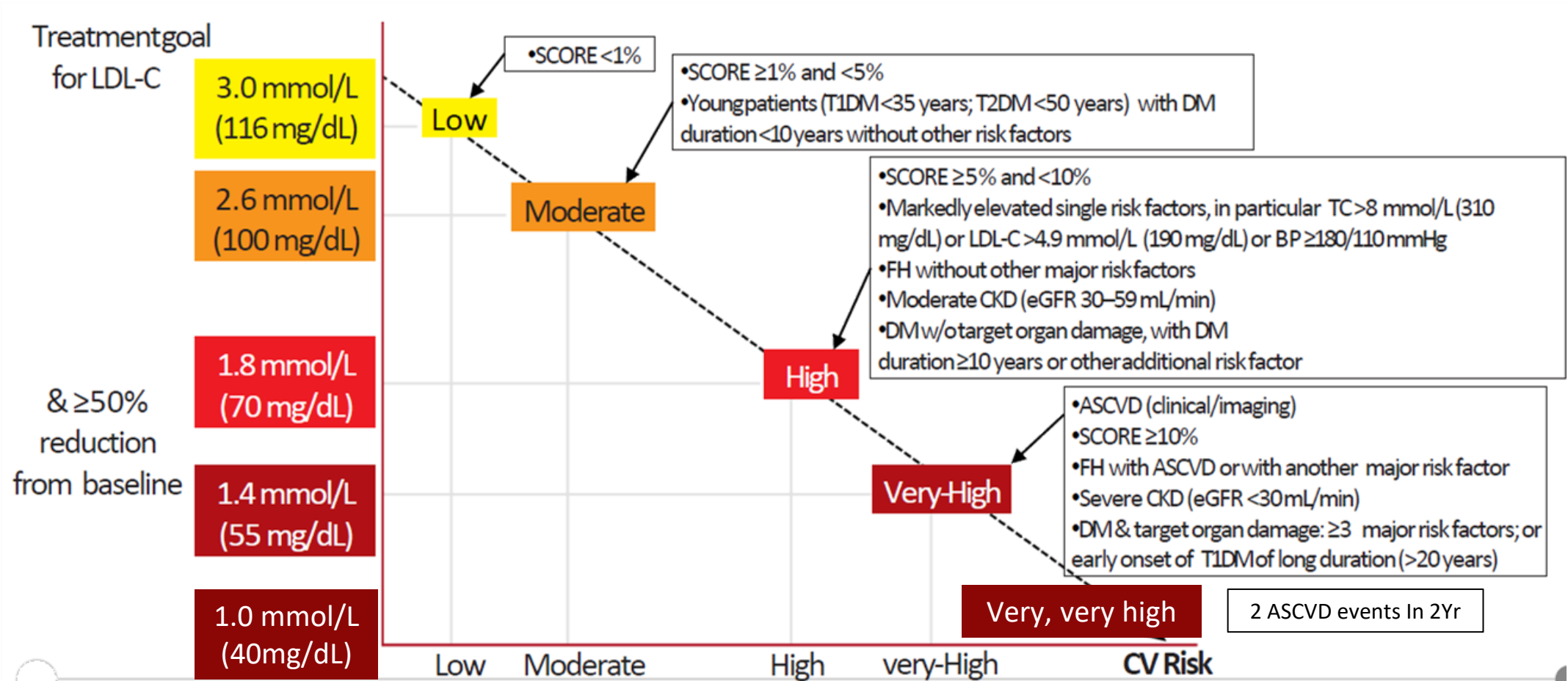
Even lower is even better

Lowest is best

# Efficacy of LDL-C Lowering Even When Starting LDL-C $\leq 70$ mg/dL (1.8 mmol/L)

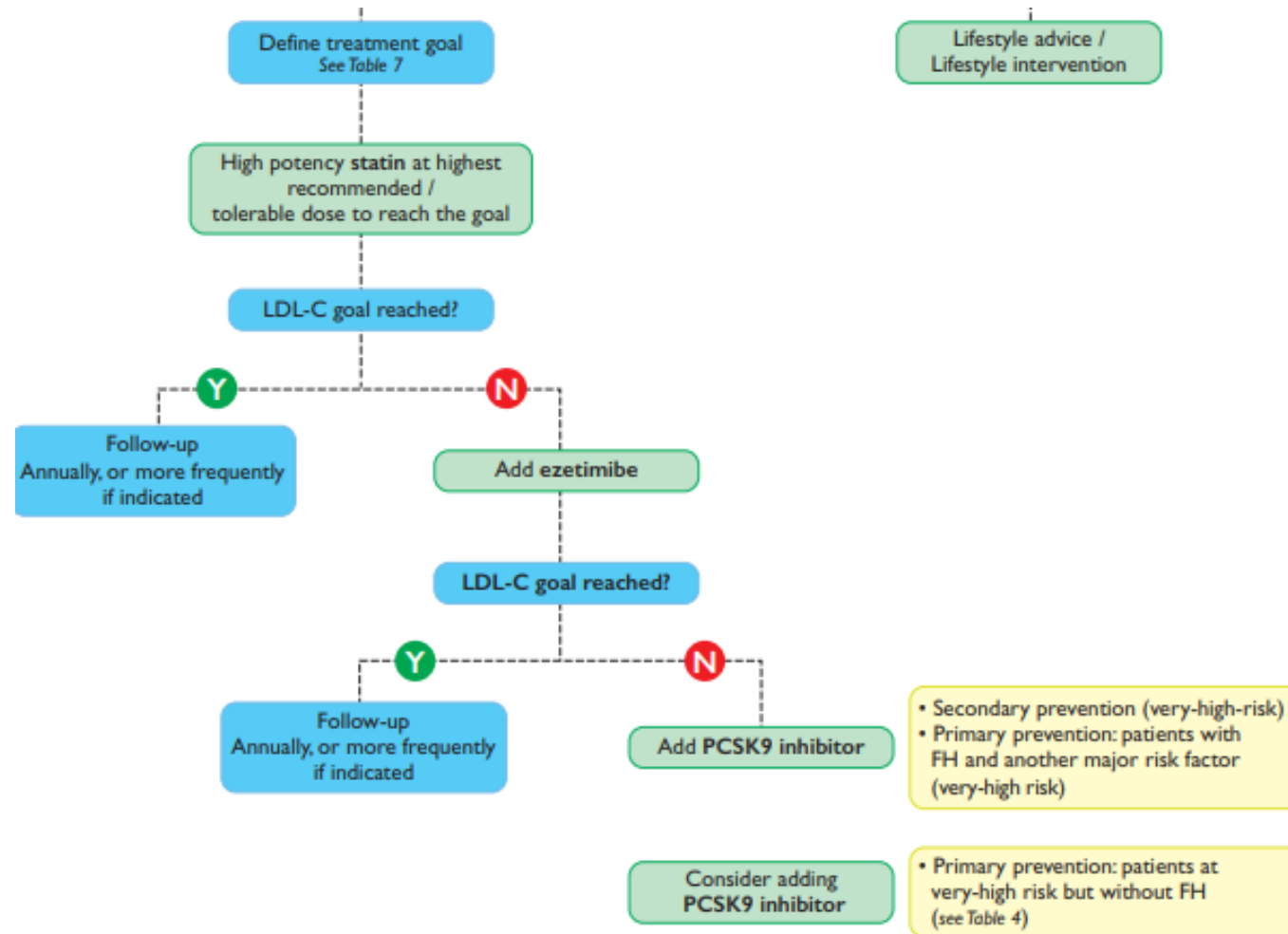


# Cholesterol Guidelines (2019 ESC)

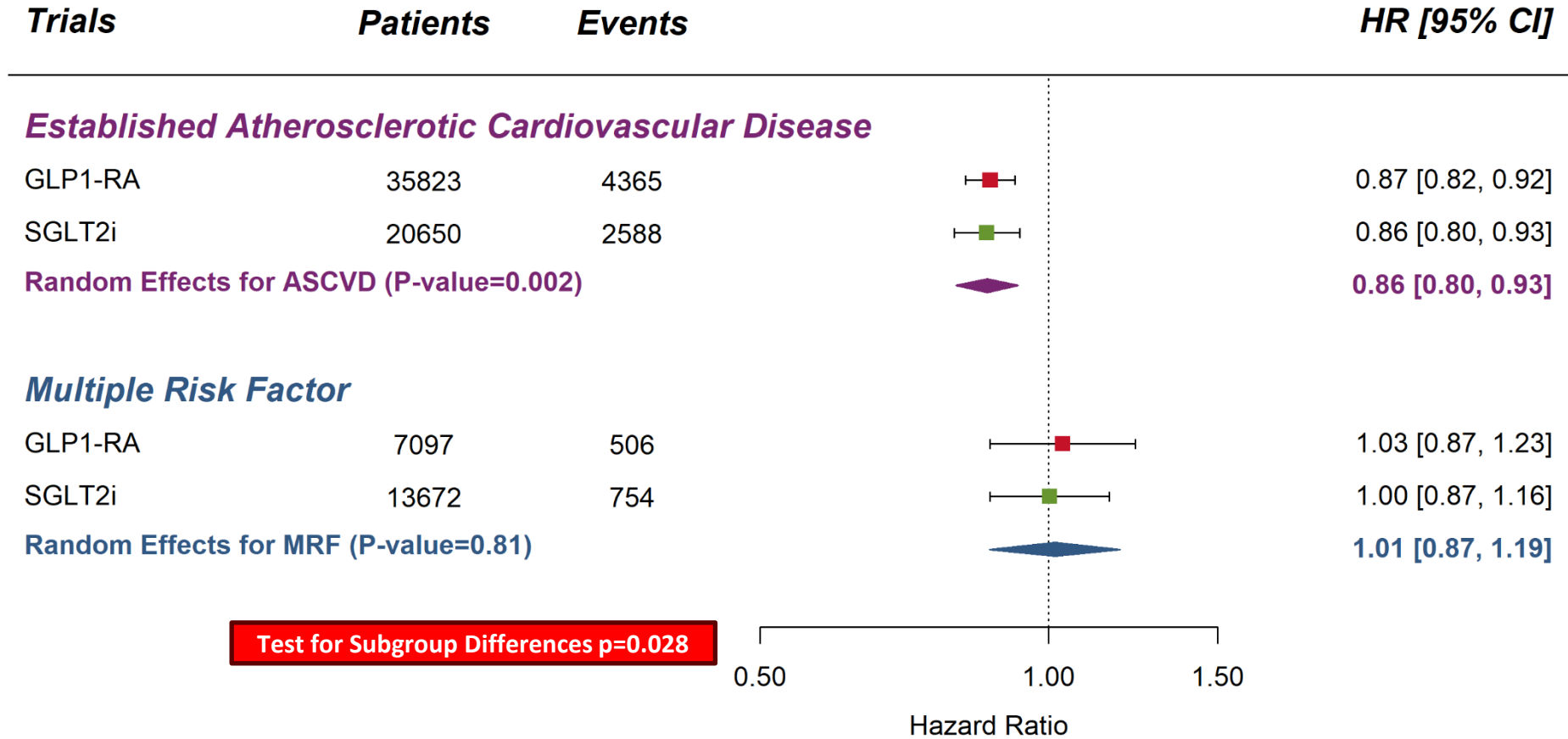




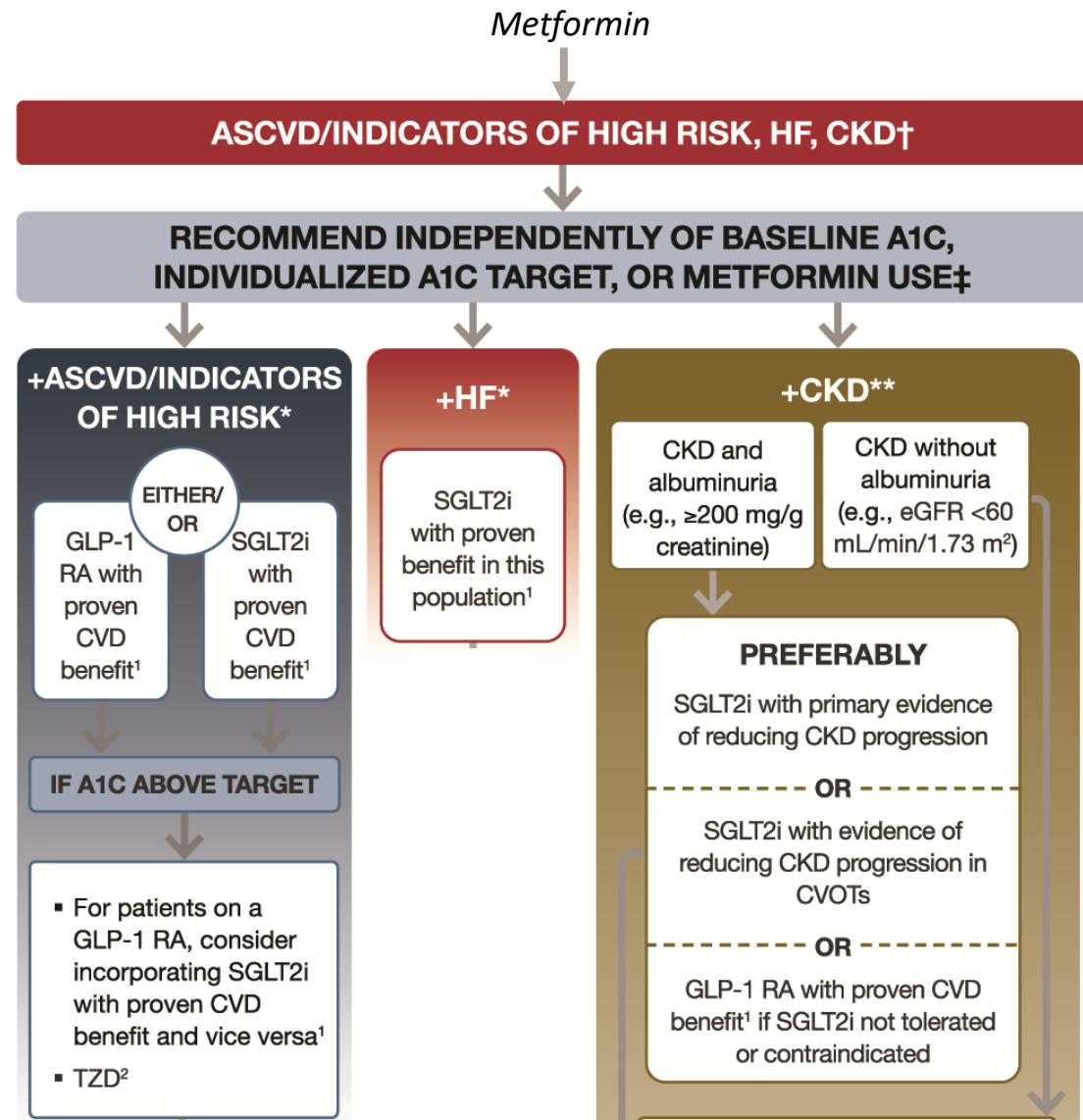
# Cholesterol Treatment Algorithm (ESC 2019)



# SGLT2i & GLP1-RA - MACE



# Management of Diabetes in Pts with ASCVD



# Case Conclusion

- 65yo F s/p ACS with PCI, DM, CKD (eGFR 50), HL, HTN, EF 50% without clinical HF
- Goal: Aggressive secondary prevention

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- ASA, ticagrelor for at least 12 months
- BB, ACEi, MRA

- Atorva 80, ezetimibe 10 (LDL 65mg/dL)
- Added SGLT2i and GLP-1RA (HbA1c 6.5%)

# Summary

- Diagnosis of ACS can be complex
  - ACS does not = + troponin
  - For STEMI, rely on clinical picture + EKG
  - For NSTEMI-ACS, rely on clinical picture + rule-in/out algorithms
- Once diagnosis is made
  - Risk stratify patients to determine revascularization approach
- Optimize acute and chronic/post-discharge medical therapy to reduce risk for recurrent events