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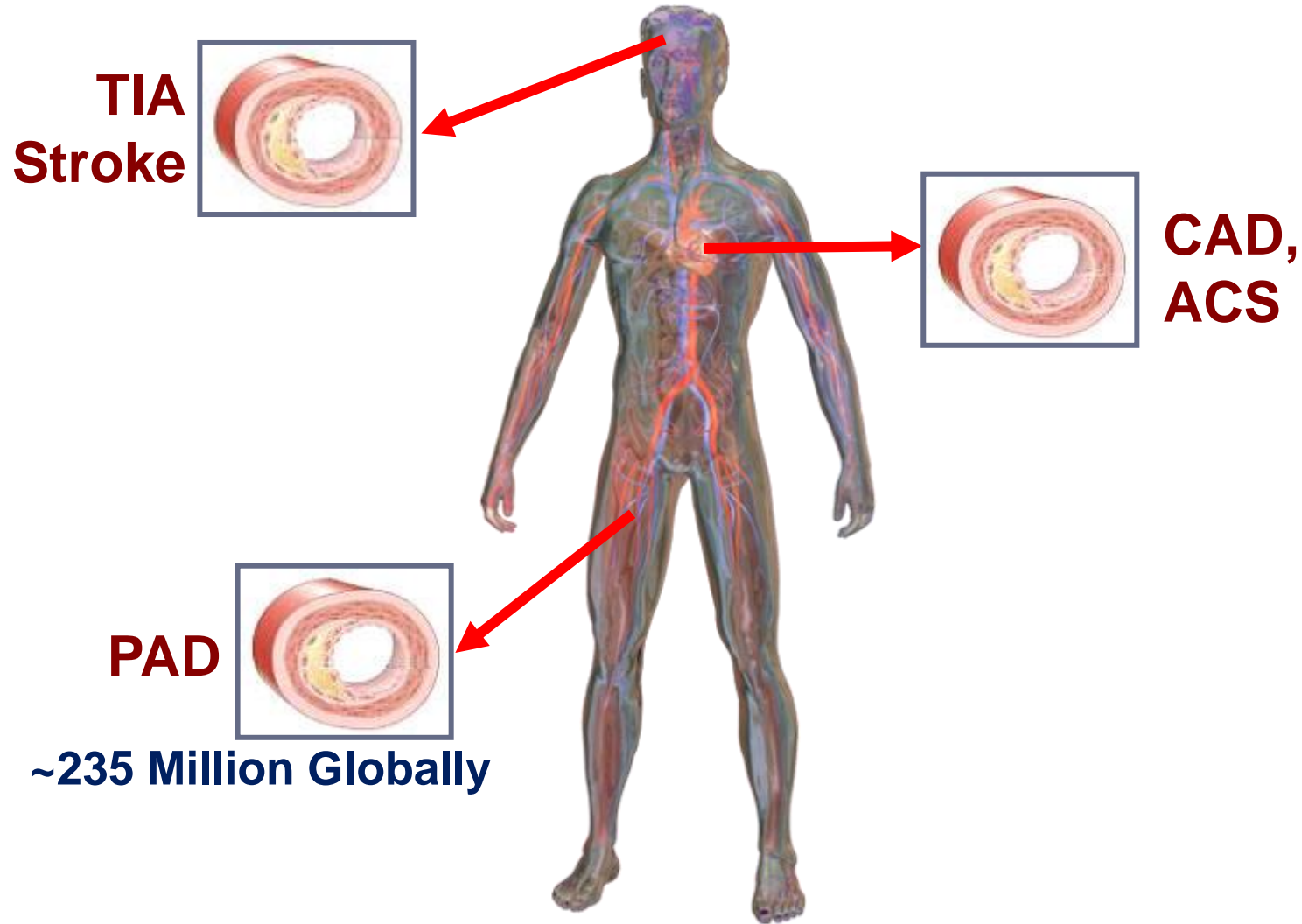


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Definitions

- **PAD – peripheral artery disease**
- **CAD – coronary artery disease**
- **Polyvascular disease – combination of CAD and PAD**
- **MACE – major adverse cardiovascular events**
 - MI – myocardial infarction – “Heart Attack”
 - IS – ischemic stroke – “Stroke”
 - CVD – cardiovascular death – “Death”
- **MALE – major adverse limb events**
 - ALI – acute limb ischemia – “Heart Attack of the Leg”
 - Amputation – “Limb loss”
 - CLTI – critical limb threatening ischemia

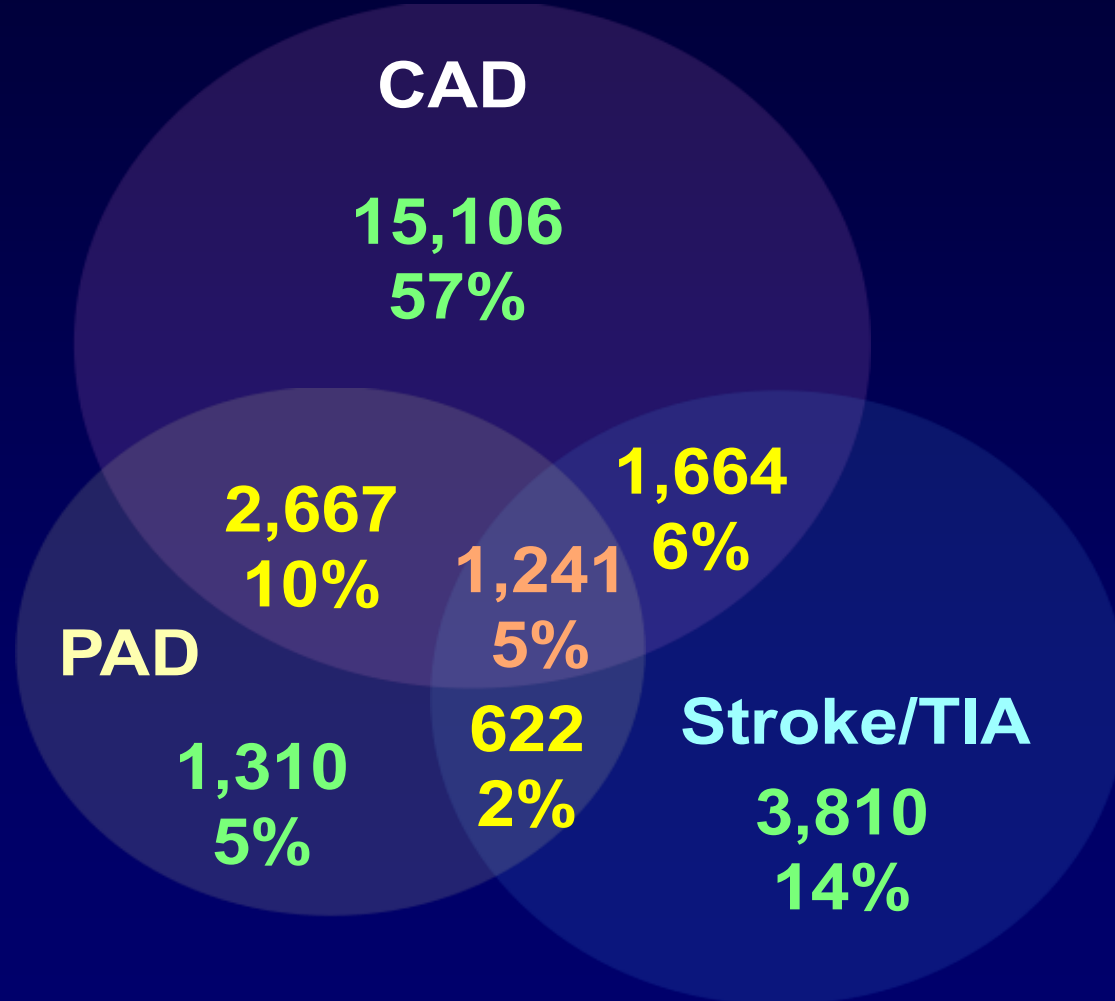
Atherosclerosis is a Systemic Disease



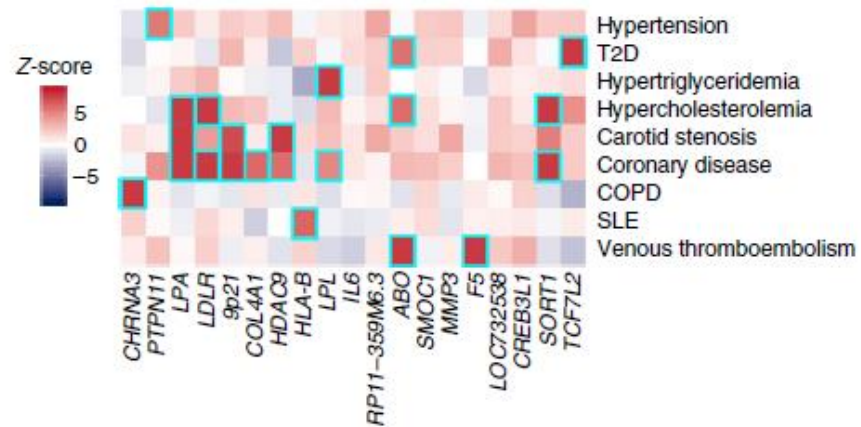
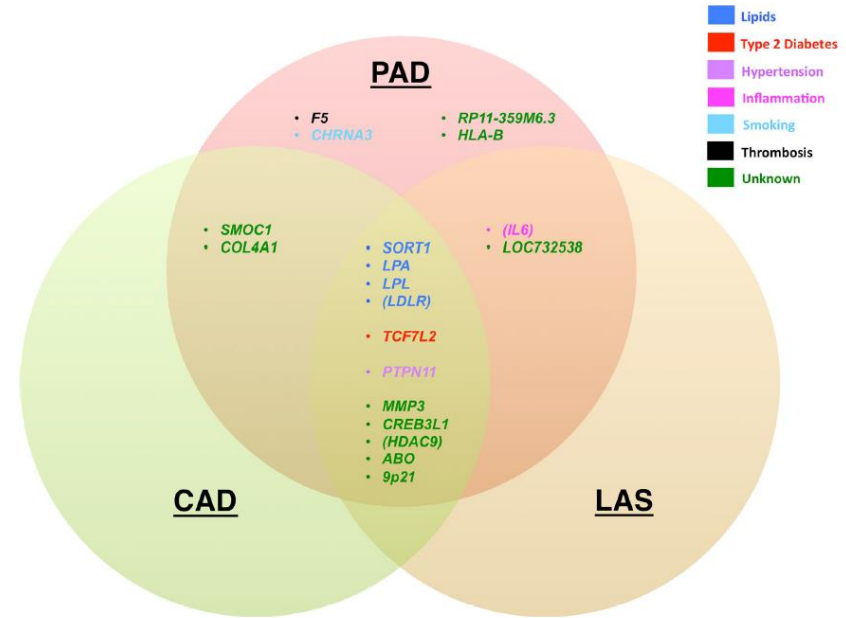
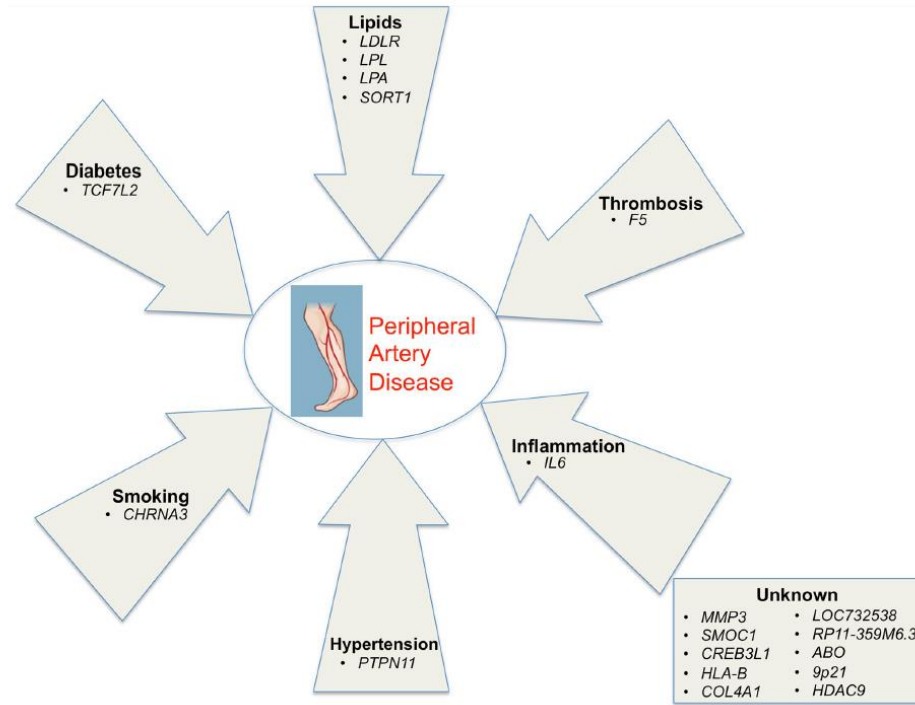
Polyvascular Disease Common in Patients with Symptomatic PAD

- **20,248 (76%)** – one symptomatic vascular territory
- **4,954 (19%)** – two symptomatic vascular territories
- **1,241 (5%)** – three symptomatic vascular territories

78% with Symptomatic LE PAD have concomitant CAD or prior Stroke



GWAS in Peripheral Artery Disease



Peripheral Artery Disease

- **First described by a French veterinarian Bouley in a horse affected by progressive limping and lameness consequent to a fibrous clot that occluded the femoral arteries of the posterior limbs.**

*Bouley JF. Claudication intermittente des membres posterieurs determinee par l'obliteration des arteres femorales. **Rec Med Vet.** 1831; 8:517*



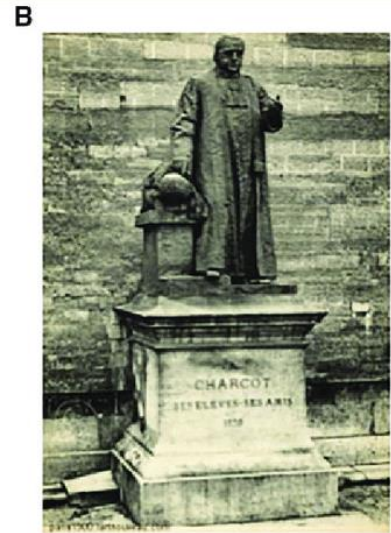
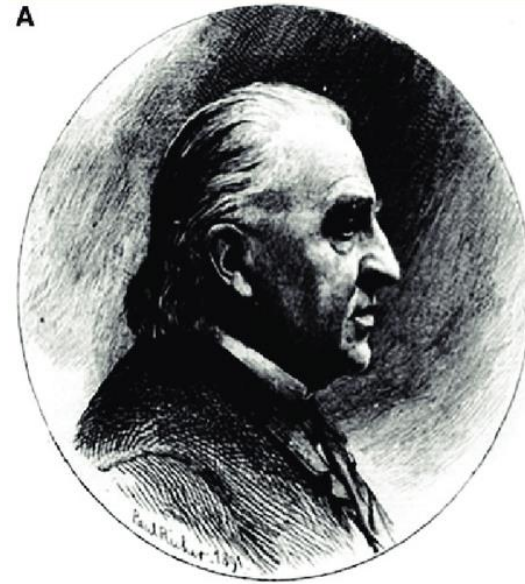
Peripheral Artery Disease

- **In humans, first noted by Brodie in 1846**

Brodie BC. Lectures illustrative of various subjects in pathology and surgery. London, A Spottiswoode. 1846.

- **Charcot who in 1858 clearly defined and described the syndrome of “intermittent claudication”**

Charcot JMC. Sur la claudication intermittente observee dans un cas d'obliteration complete de l' une des arteres iliaques primitives. CR Soc Biol (Paris). 1858;5:225.



Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD)

- The presence of a stenosis or occlusion in the aorta or arteries of the limbs
- Usually caused by atherosclerosis
- Associated with an increased risk of death, myocardial infarction, and stroke
- May impair walking or cause critical limb ischemia



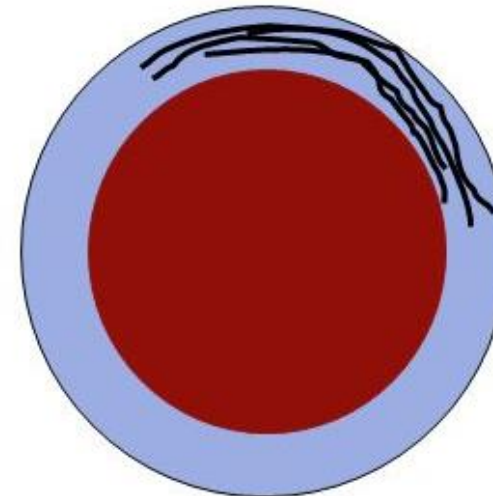
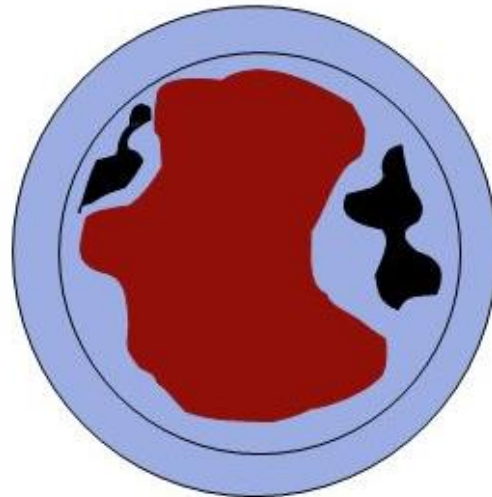
Heterogeneity in Biology

**Hyperlipidemia, Smoking,
Hypertension, Inflammation,
Stress, Diabetes**

**Renal Dysfunction, Diabetes
(Calcium & Phosphate Regulation,
Osteogenesis, Local Cellular
Dysfunction)**

Intimal/subintimal Disease

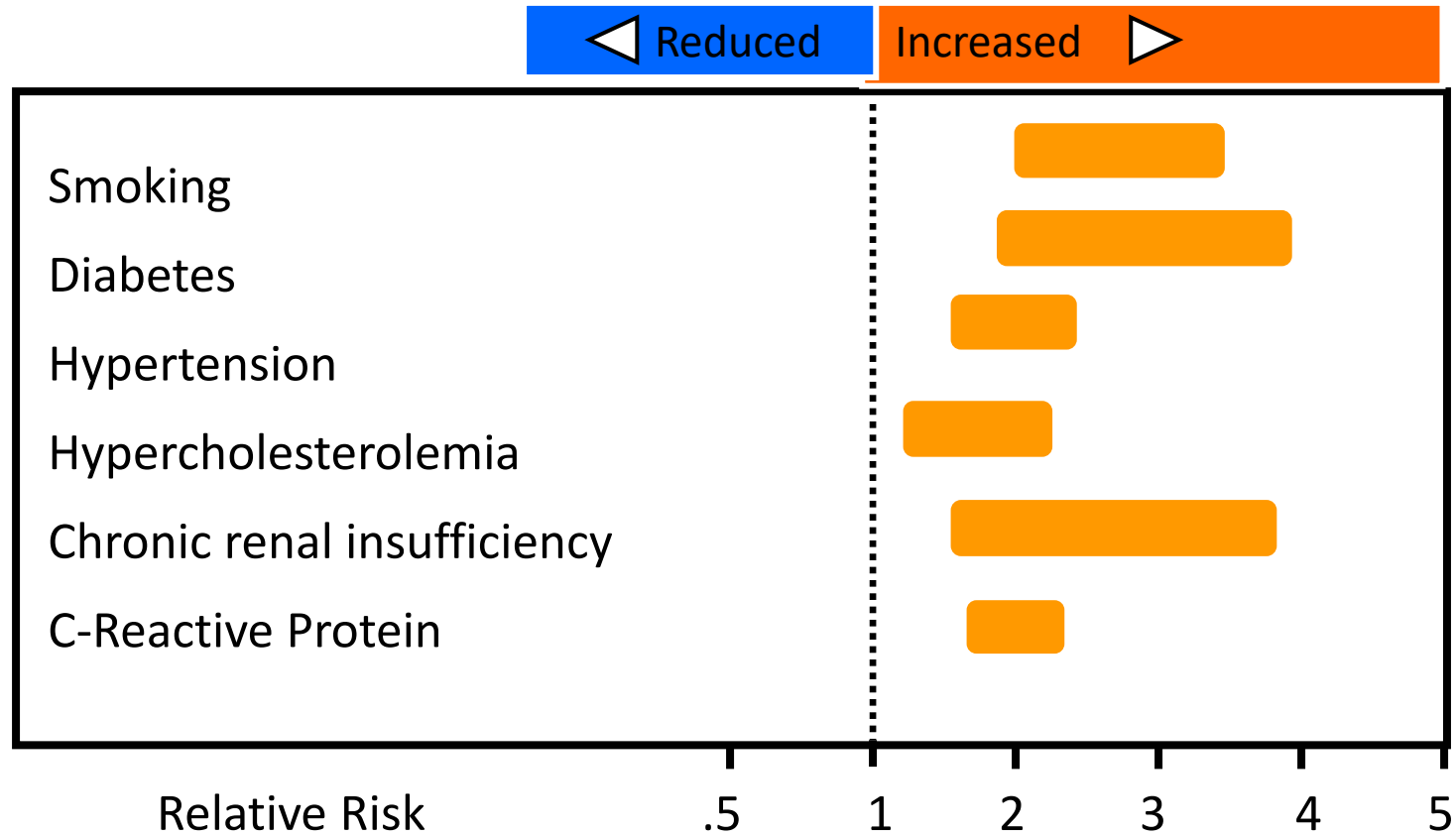
Medial Calcification



**Low ABI
 ≤ 0.9**

**High ABI
 ≥ 1.3**

Risk Factors for PAD



Disease Progression in PAD

Mild Functional Symptoms

Symptomatic
PAD Patients

PAD Patients
Requiring Revascularization

PAD
Patients post
Revascularization

Without need for
revascularization

CLTI or Severe Claudication

Post-
revascularization
(history of CLTI or ALI particularly
high risk)

Quality of Life & Function

Major Adverse Limb Events



ALI=Acute Limb Ischemia; CLTI=Chronic Limb-Threatening Ischemia

Claudication

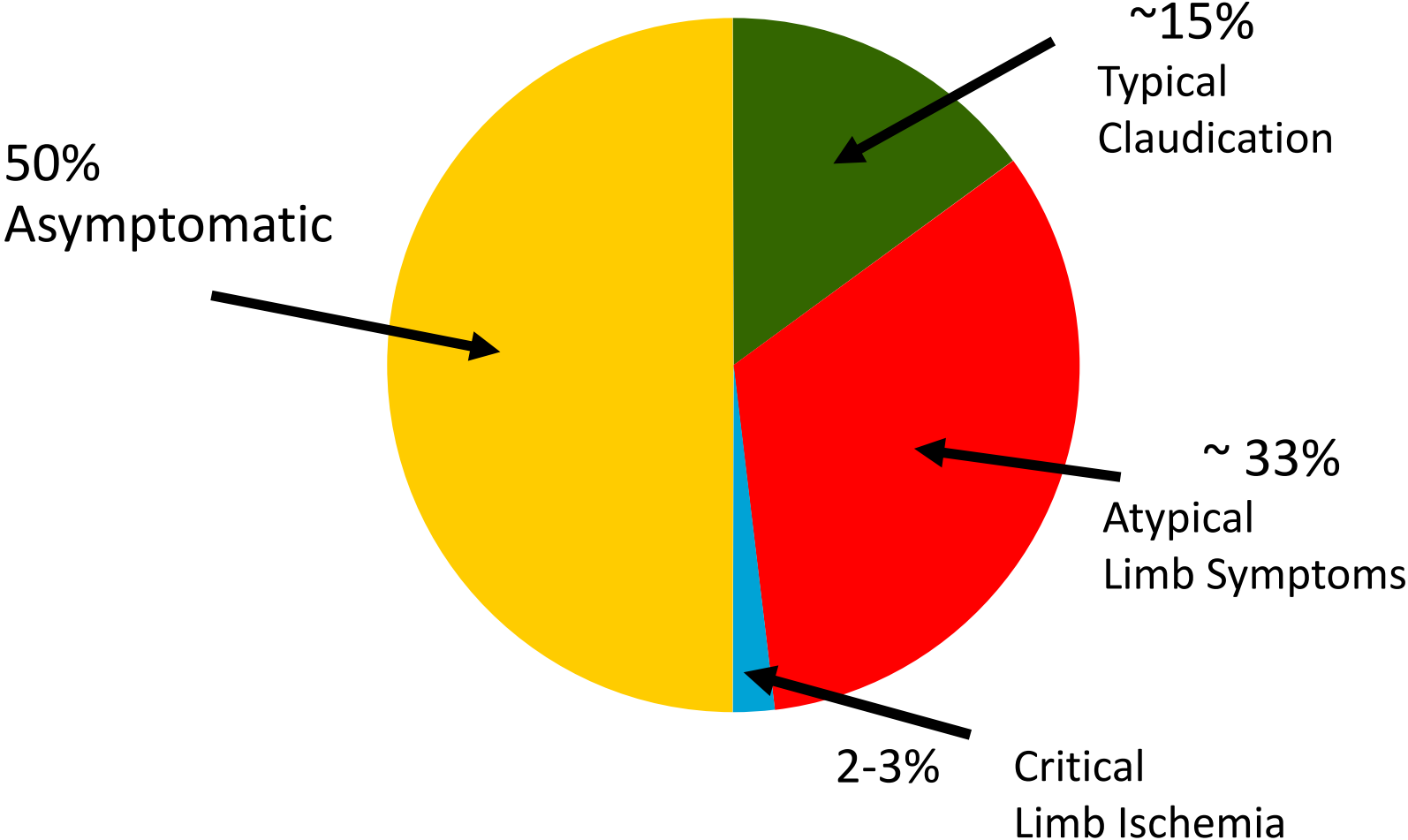
- ***Claudico* = to limp**
- **Reproducible discomfort of a defined group of muscles induced by exercise and relieved by rest**
- **Symptoms result from a supply-demand mismatch of blood flow**



Clinical Classification

Fontaine		Rutherford		
Stage	Clinical State	Grade	Category	Clinical State
I	Asymptomatic	0	0	Asymptomatic
II a	Mild IC	I	1	Mild IC
II b	Moderate-severe IC	I	2	Moderate IC
		I	3	Severe IC
III	Ischemic rest pain	II	4	Ischemic rest pain
		III	5	Minor tissue loss
IV	Ulcers, gangrene	III	6	Major tissue loss

Clinical Presentation of PAD



Diagnosis Begins with Suspicion

- **Rest pain (night pain)**
- **Non-healing ulcers in the extremity**
- **Intermittent Claudication**
- **Risk factors for CVD (80% asx)**

- **Absent or diminished peripheral pulses**
 - Absent posterior tibial pulse > 90% specific for diagnosis of PAD
- **Bruits**
- **Hair loss**
- **Dystrophic nail changes**
- **Rapid elevation pallor or dependent rubor of the limb**
- **Evidence of tissue loss (ulceration, gangrene)**

Imaging Tests for PAD

- **Duplex ultrasonography**
- **Magnetic resonance angiography**
- **Computed tomographic angiography**
- **Conventional contrast angiography**

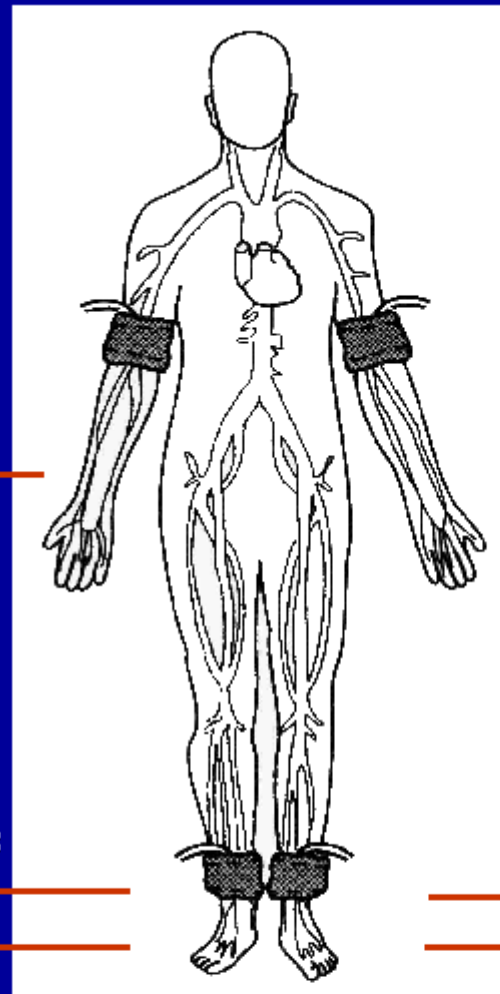
How to Perform and Calculate the ABI

PARTNERS Program ABI Interpretation

Above 0.90 — Normal
 0.71-0.90 — Mild Obstruction
 0.41-0.70 — Moderate Obstruction
 0.00-0.40 — Severe Obstruction

Right Arm Pressure:

Left Arm Pressure:



Pressure:

Pressure:

PT

PT

DP

DP

Right ABI

$$\frac{\text{Higher Right Ankle Pressure}}{\text{Higher Arm Pressure}} = \frac{\text{mm Hg}}{\text{mm Hg}} = \text{---}$$

Left ABI

$$\frac{\text{Higher Left Ankle Pressure}}{\text{Higher Arm Pressure}} = \frac{\text{mm Hg}}{\text{mm Hg}} = \text{---}$$

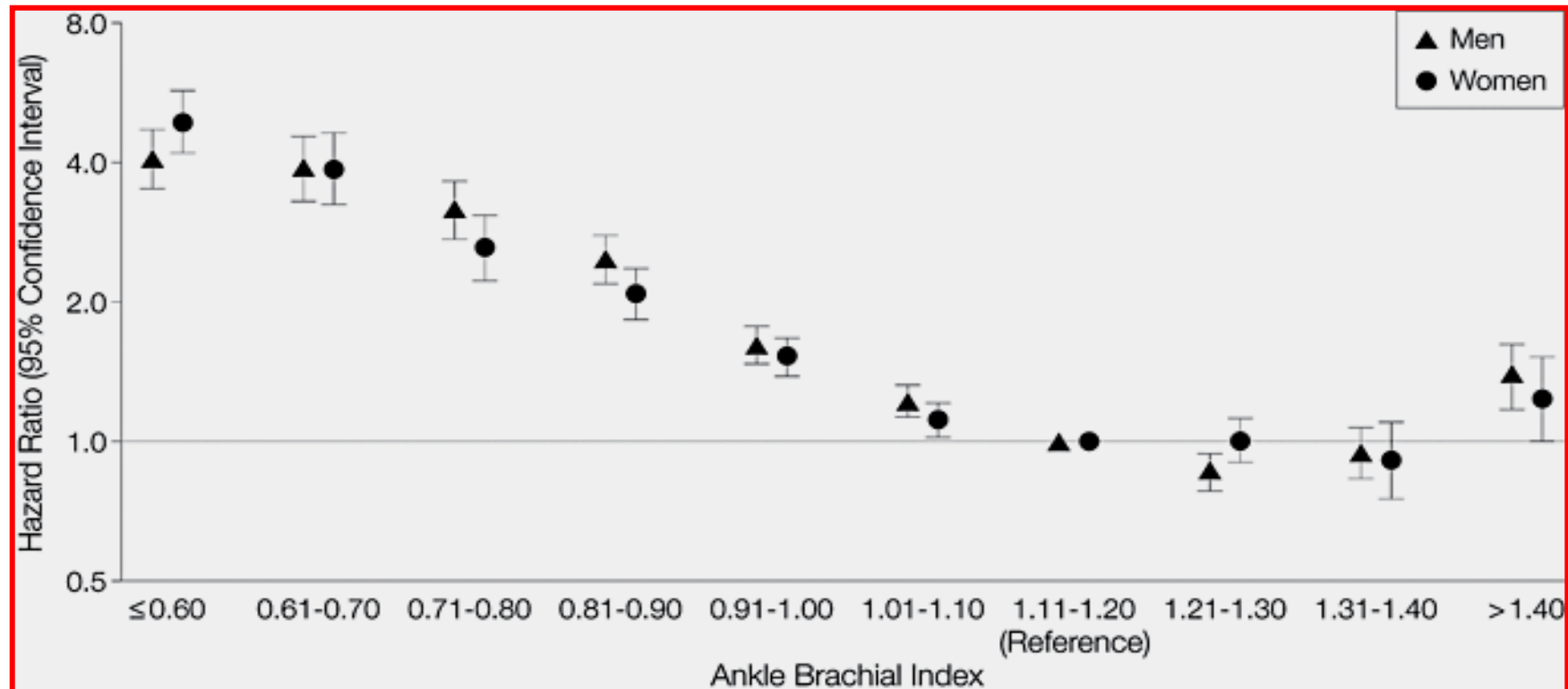
Example

$$\frac{\text{Higher Ankle Pressure}}{\text{Higher Brachial Pressure}} = \frac{92 \text{ mm Hg}}{164 \text{ mm Hg}} = 0.56$$

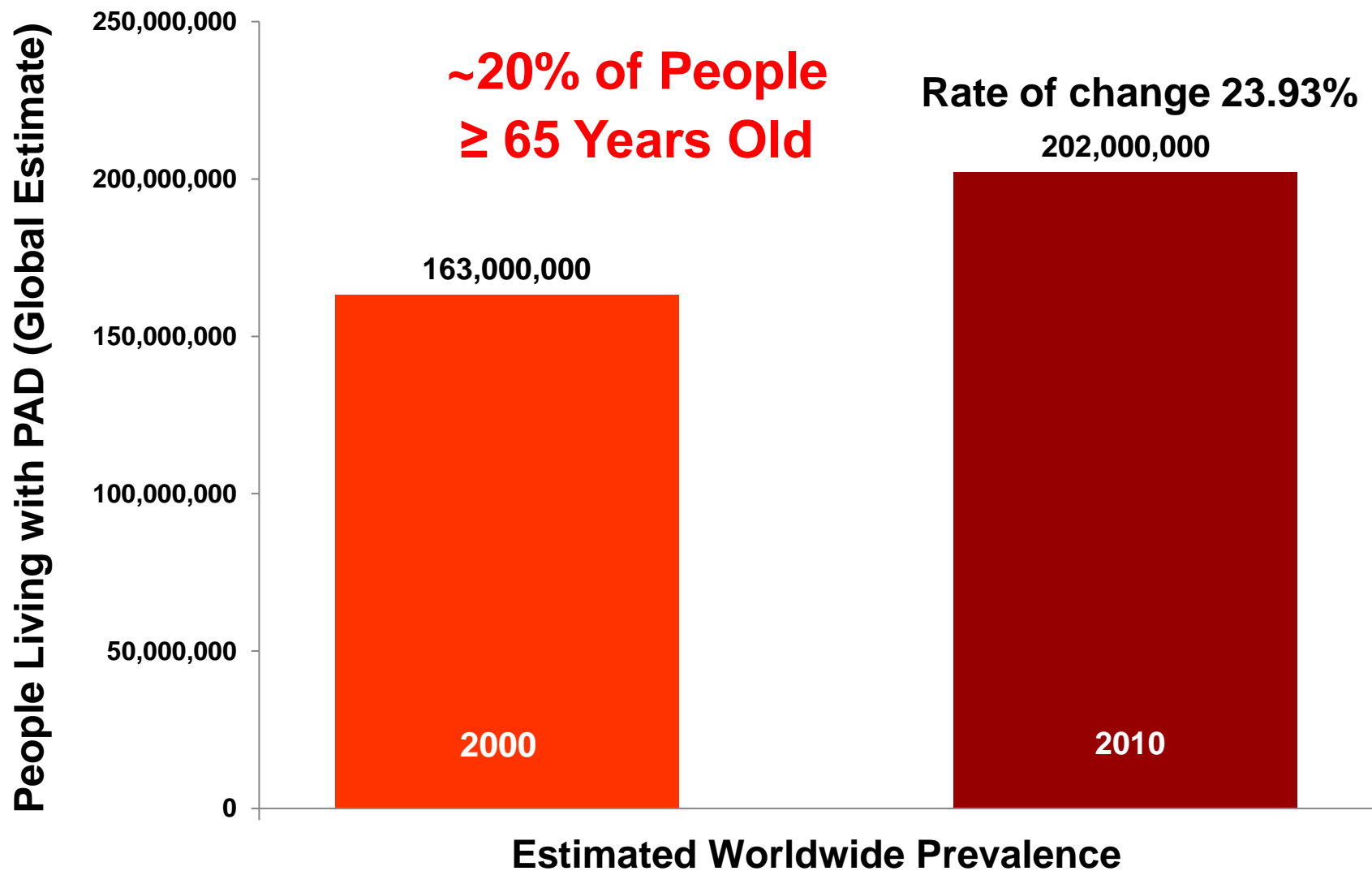
See ABI Chart

Low ABI and Mortality

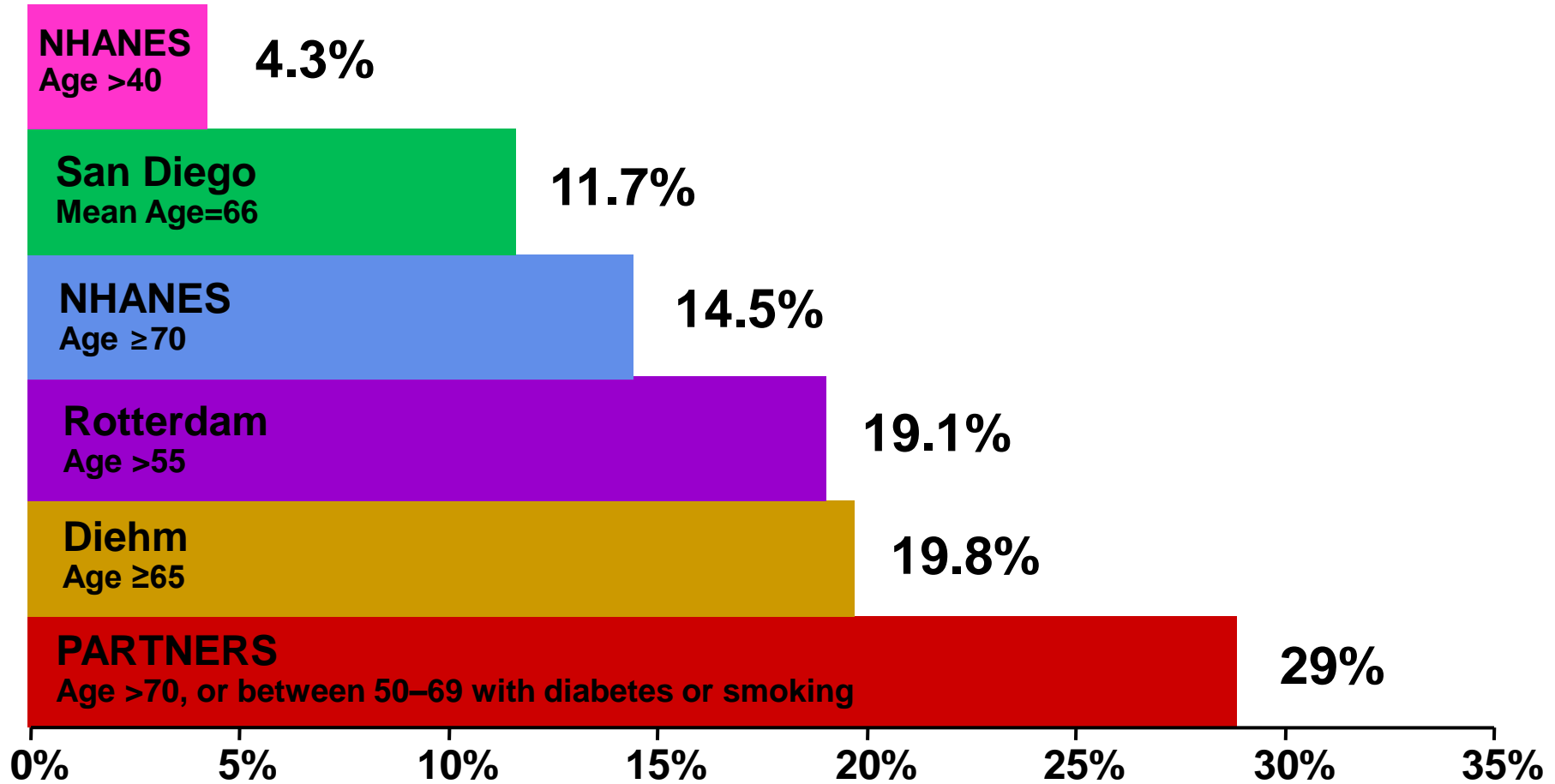
Association of ABI with all-cause mortality in a meta-analysis of 16 cohort studies including 48,294 subjects and 480,325 person-years of follow-up.



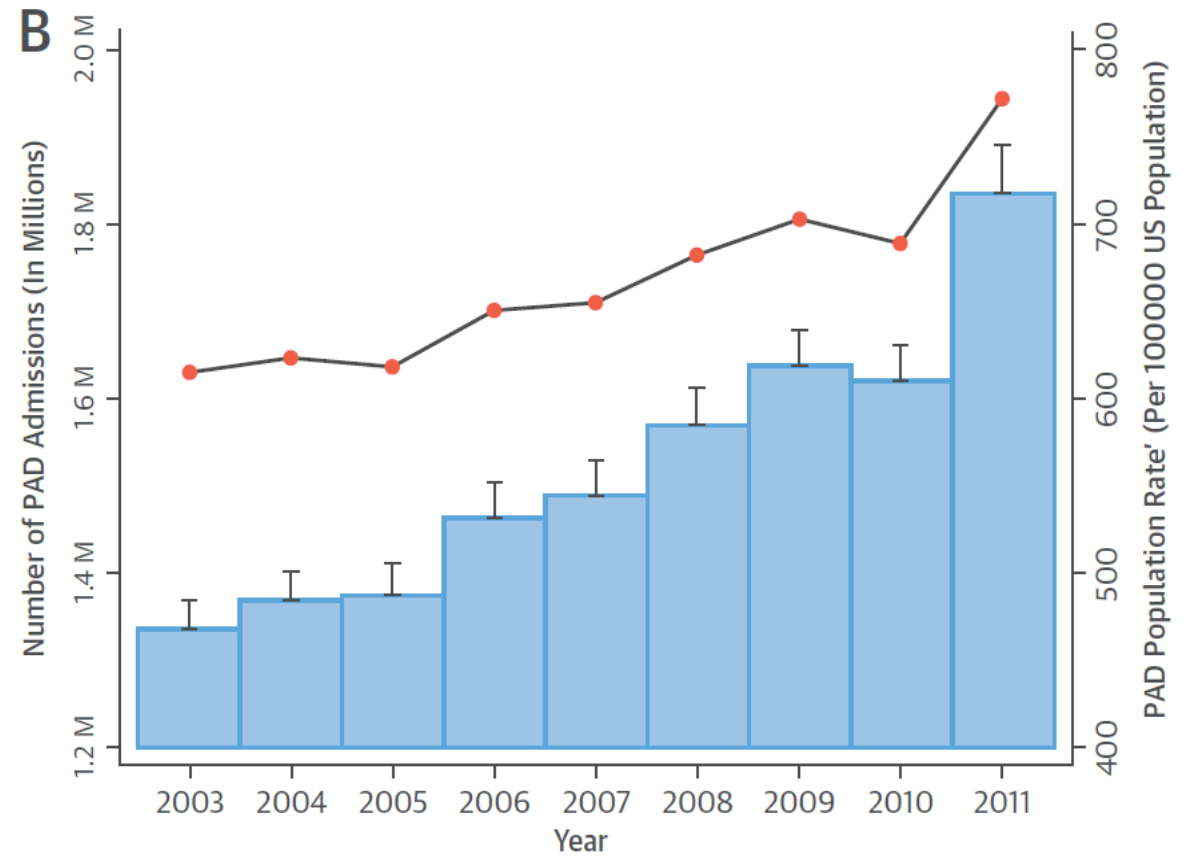
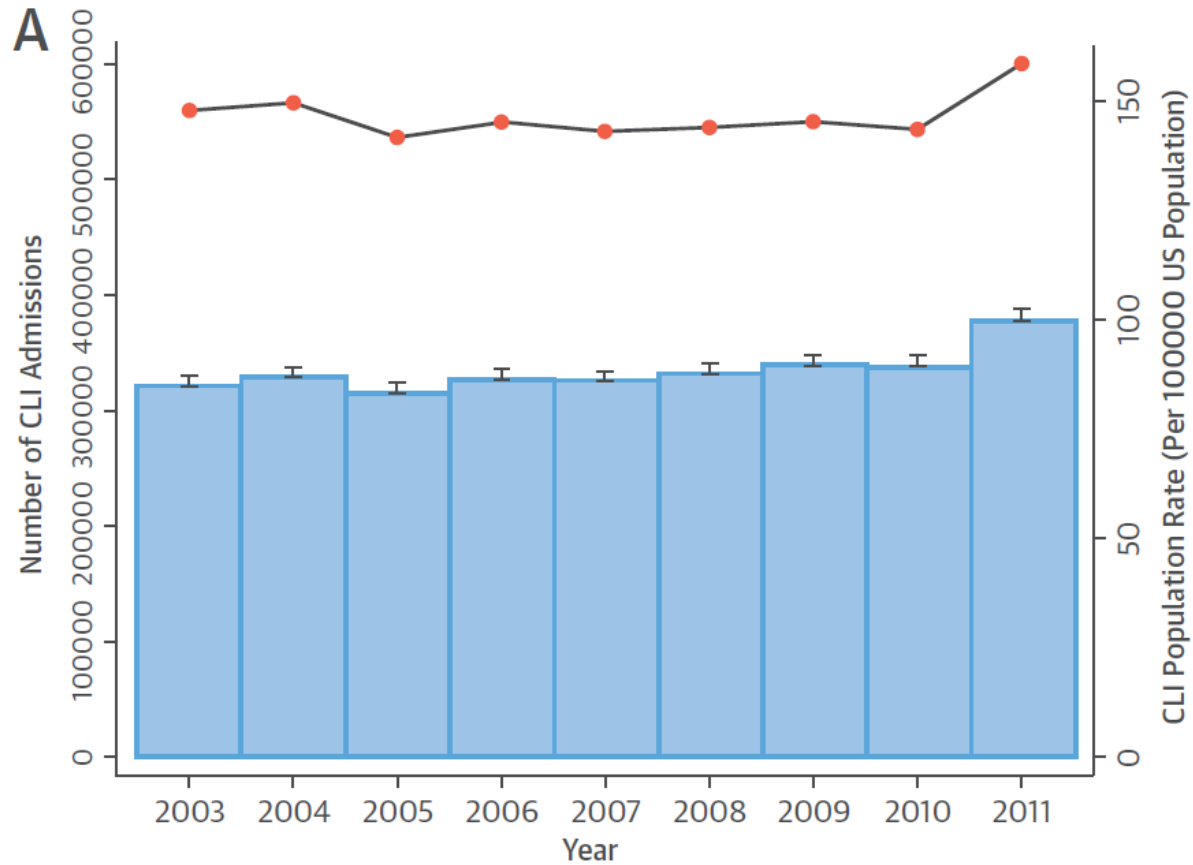
Increasing Prevalence of Peripheral Artery Disease



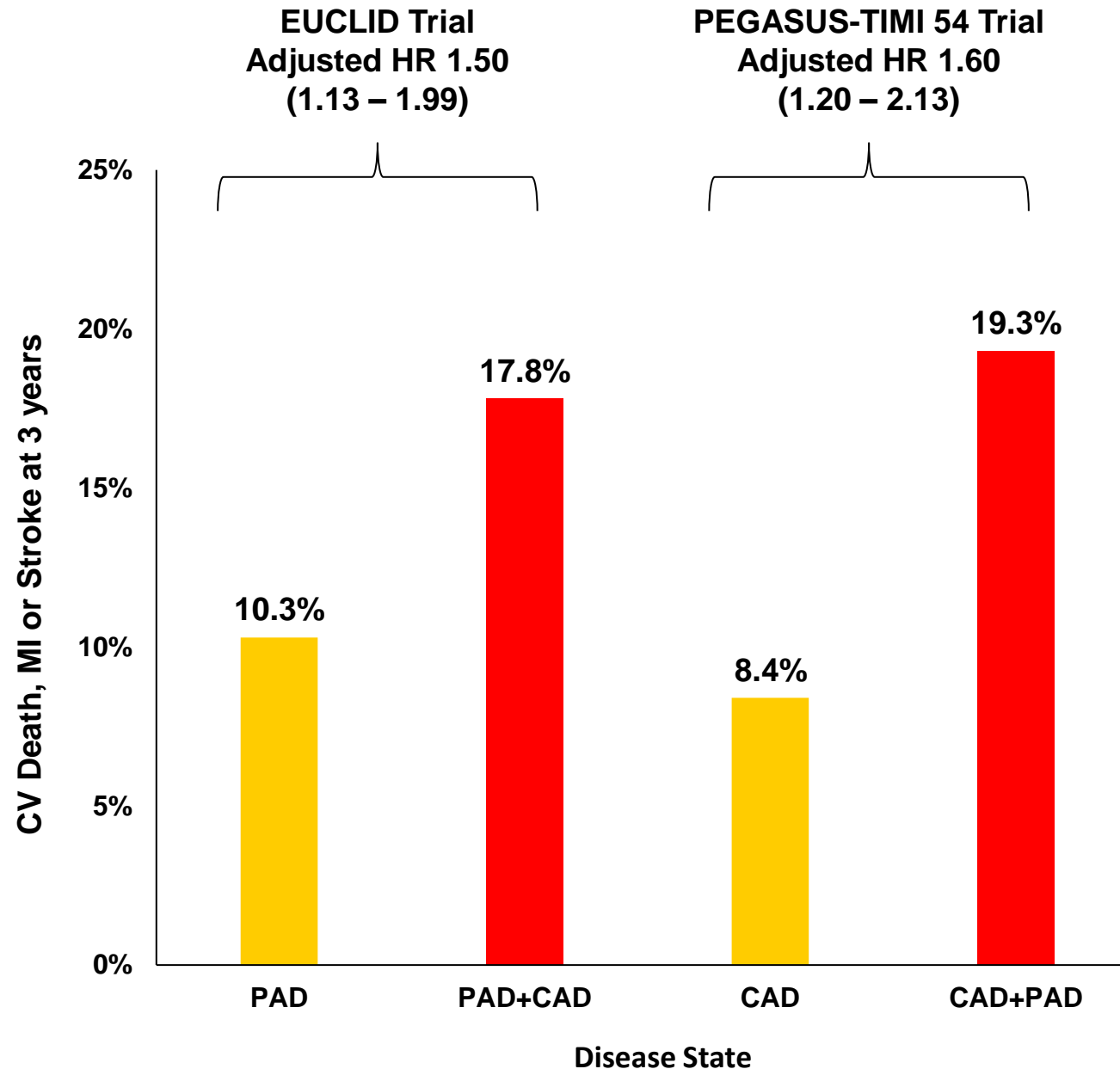
Documented Prevalence of PAD



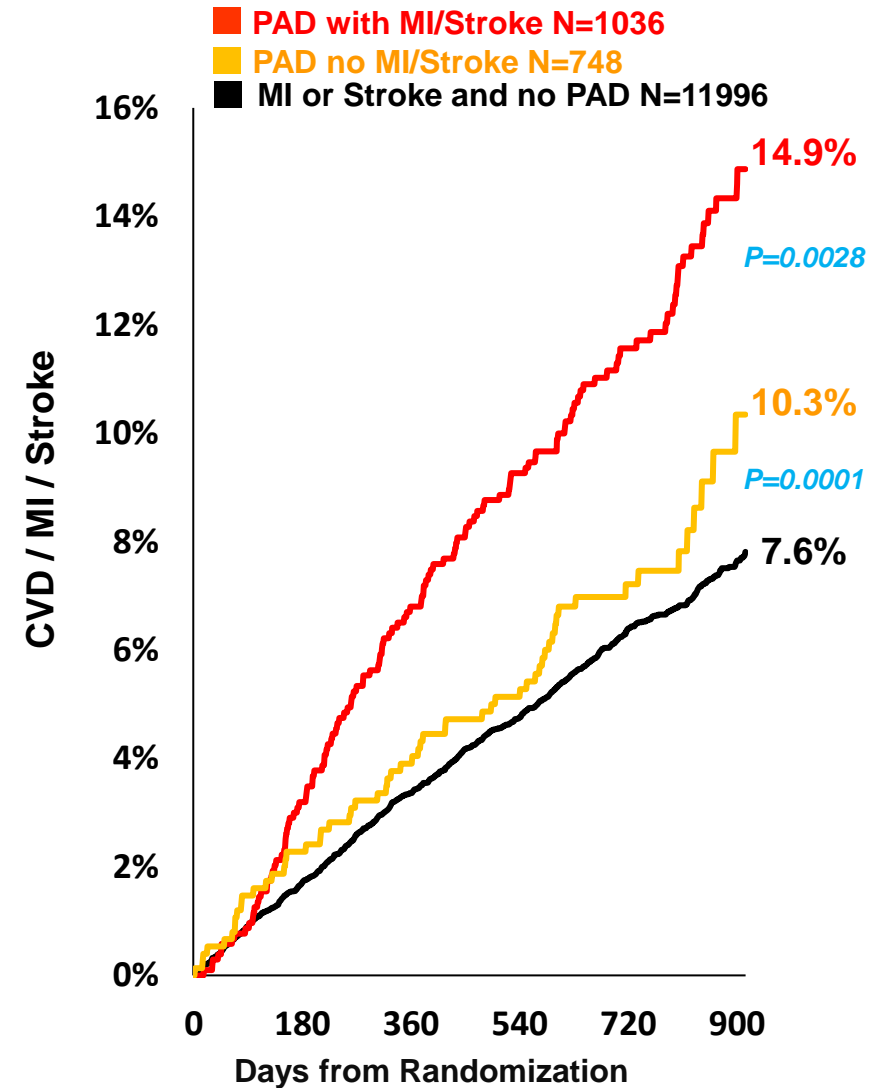
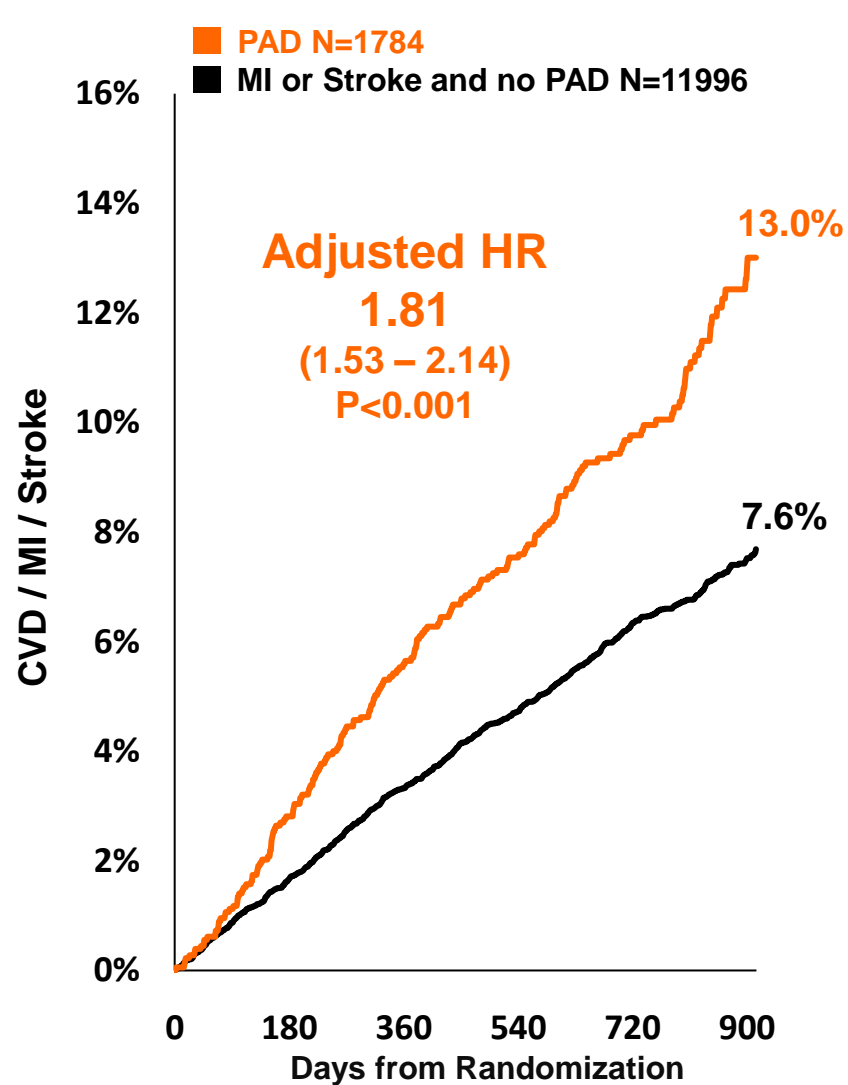
Increasing Rates of Critical Limb Ischemia and Hospitalizations



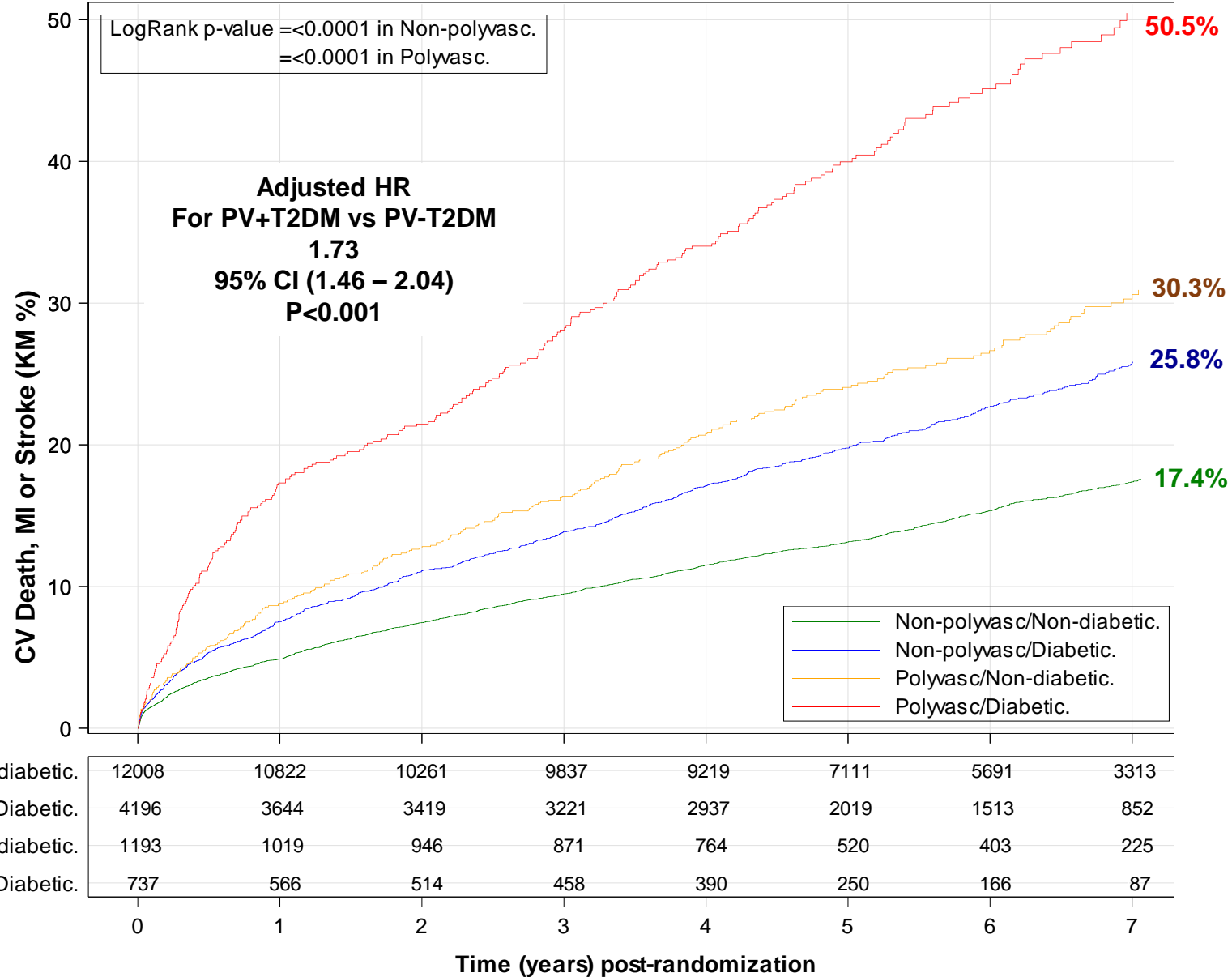
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PAD and Risk of Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events

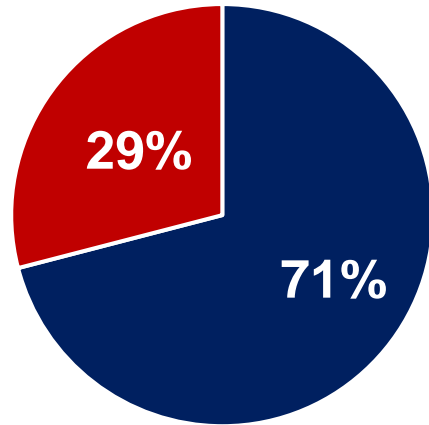


Risk after ACS with PAD and Diabetes



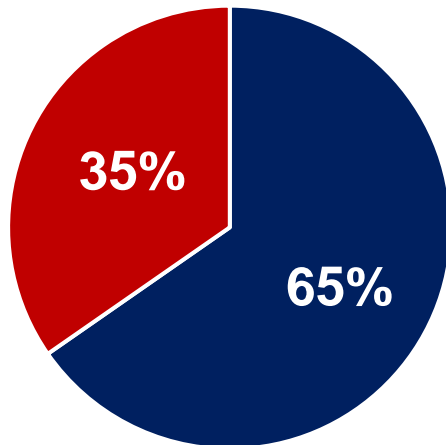
Many PAD Patients Do Not Have Known CAD and Mortality Is Largely Unrelated to Atherothrombosis

EUCLID Trial (N=13,885)¹



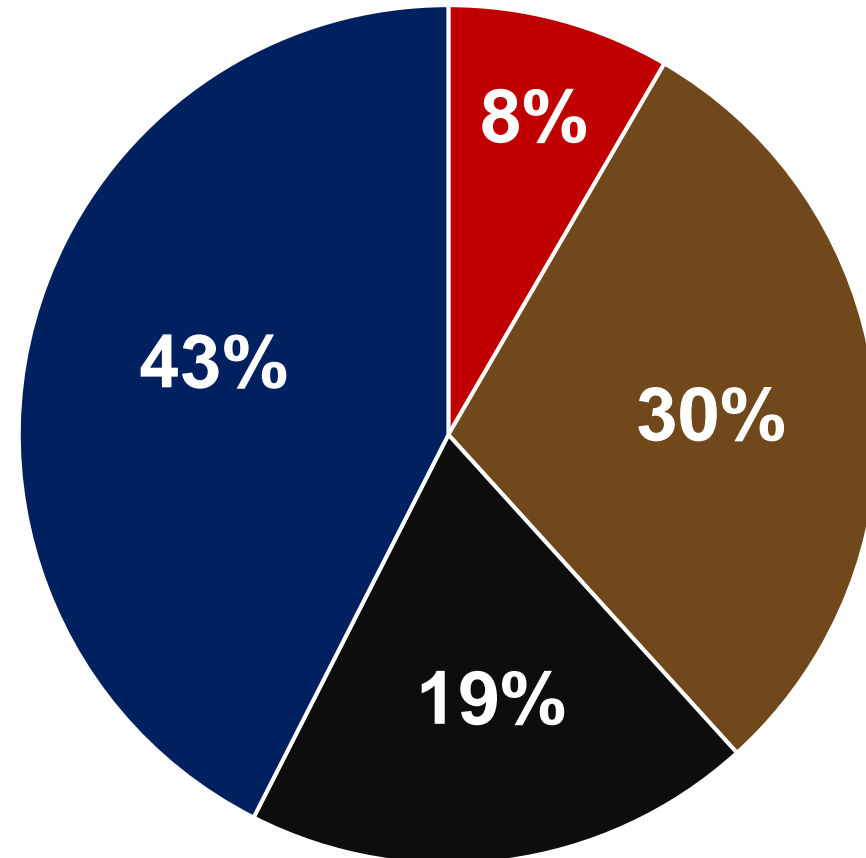
■ No CAD ■ CAD

CASPAR Trial (N=851)²



1,228 Deaths in EUCLID

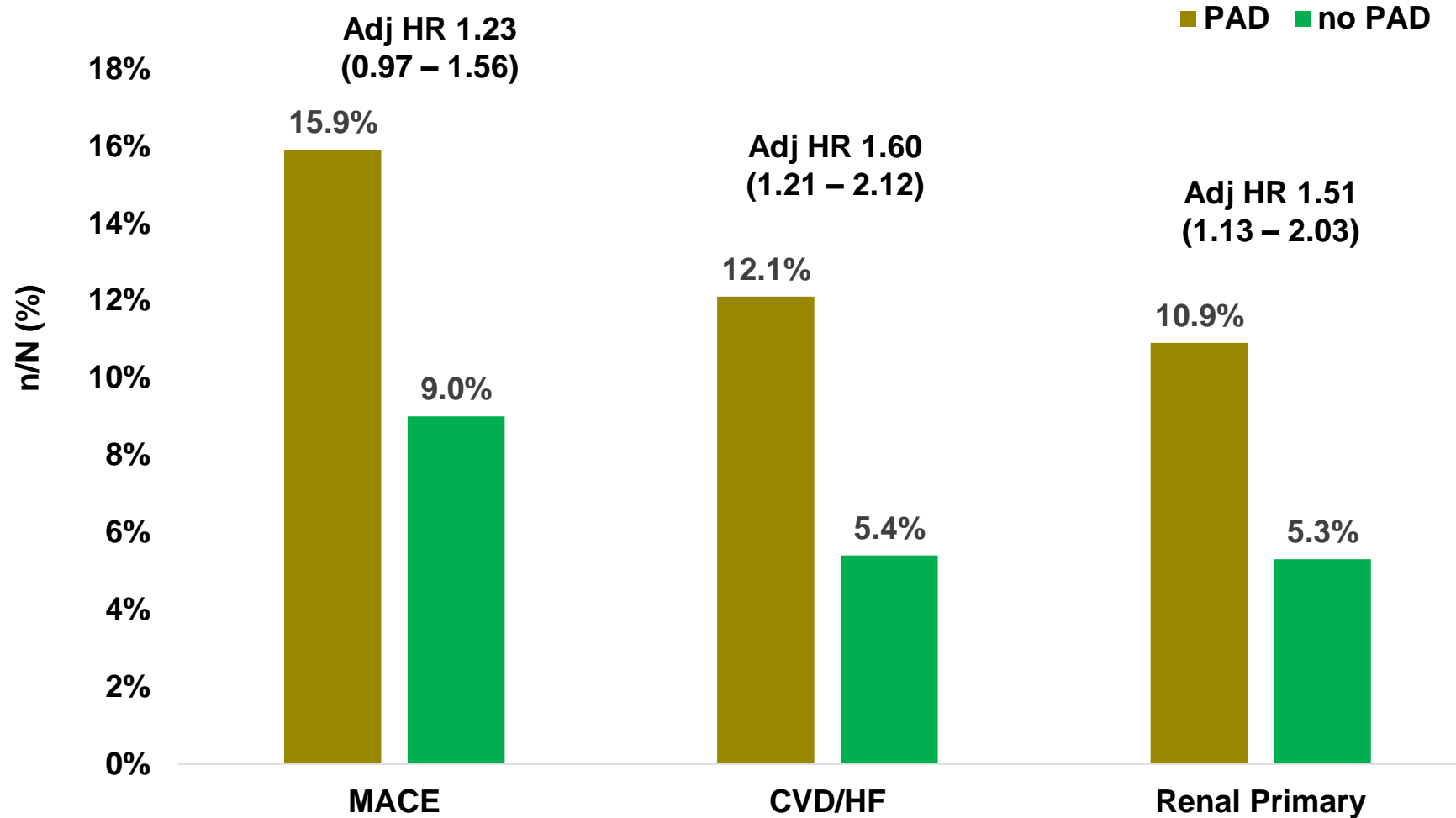
■ MI/Stroke ■ Other CV ■ Unknown ■ Non-CV



1. Hiatt W, et al. *NEJM* 2017; 2. Belch et al. *JVS* 2010

Kochar et al. Under Review

Cardiovascular & Renal Risk by PAD in Placebo Patients

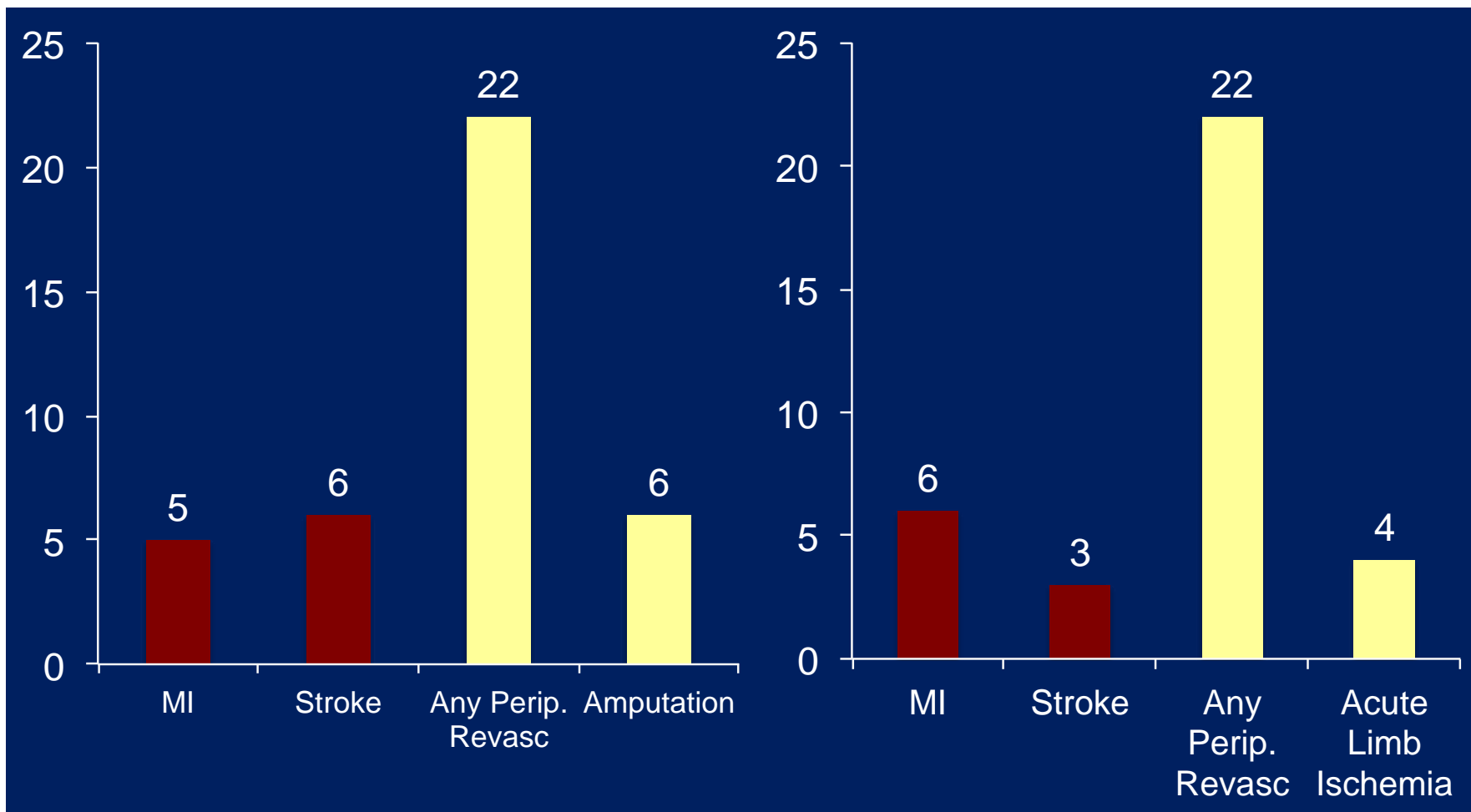


Adjusted for age, sex, race, BMI, hypertension, dyslipidemia, smoking, duration of DM, A1c, eGFR, hx CAD, and hx cerebrovascular disease

Burden of Risk in PAD is Driven by Limb Events

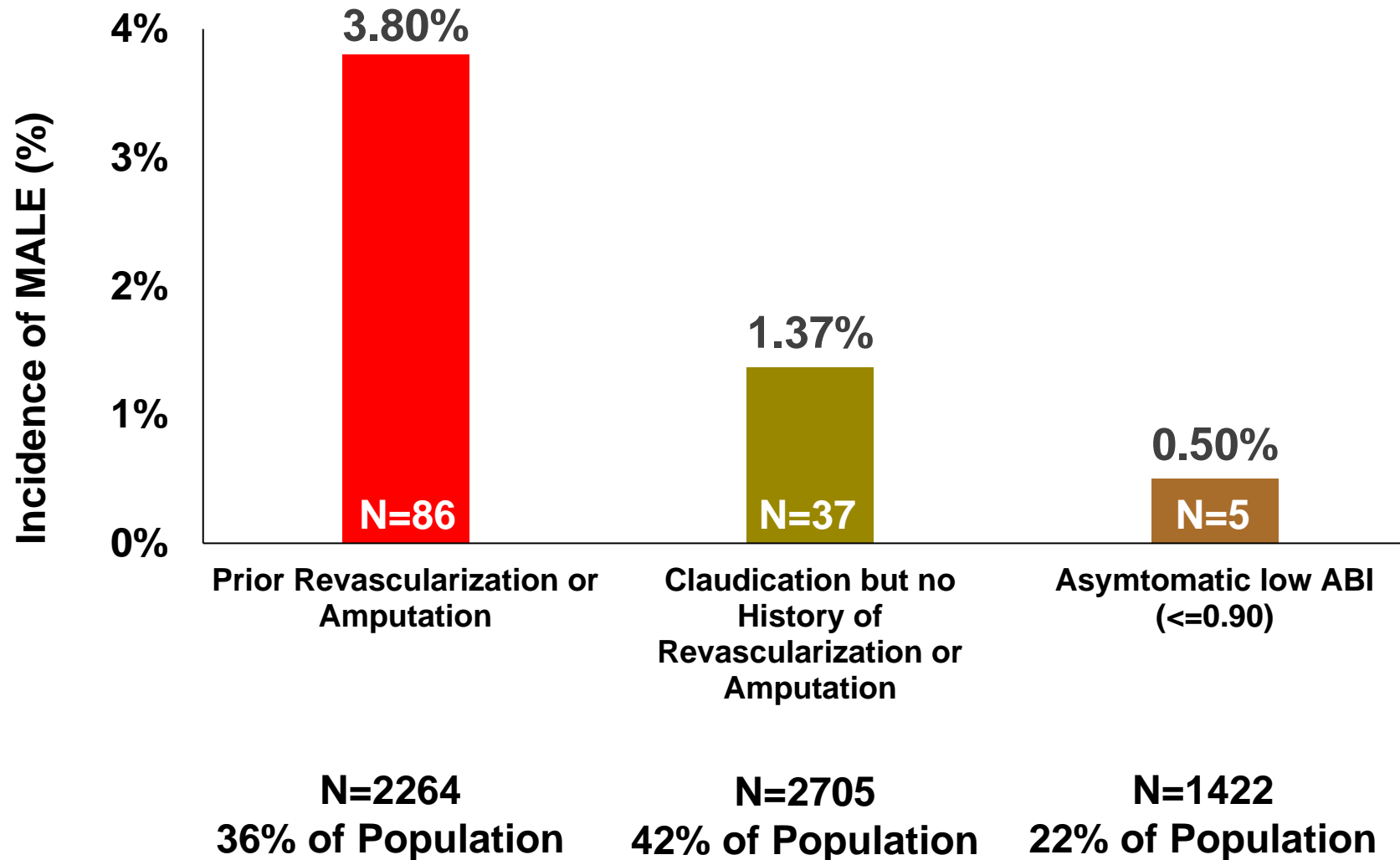
Events in PAD Patients at 4 Years
REACH Registry

Events in PAD Patients at 3 Years
TRA2P-TIMI 50



- >200 million with PAD globally
- Incidence is increasing with key risk factors of age, obesity and diabetes
- Key morbidity is limb symptoms (claudication → critical limb ischemia)
- Most common outcome is the need for a limb revascularization procedure
- Limb tissue loss events (e.g. amputation and ALI) are as common as MI and stroke

Prior Limb Revascularization Associated with Greater Limb Risk – COMPASS Trial



Spectrum of Limb Outcomes in PAD

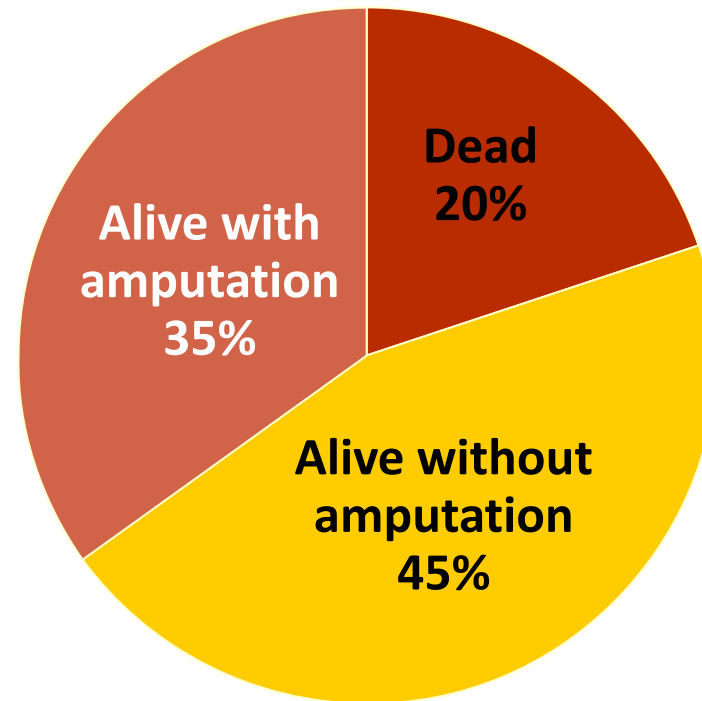
Limb Ischemic Events Occur in a Spectrum Similar to Cardiac Ischemic Events

CARDIAC	Stable Angina	Elective Coronary Revasc.	Severe Stable Angina	Unstable Angina (UA)	UA Leading to urgent Coronary Revasc.	Myocardial Infarction
LIMB	Claudication	Elective Peripheral Revasc.	Chronic Critical Limb Ischemia	Urgent Peripheral Revasc.		Acute Limb Ischemia
DEFINITION	Subjective			Objective		
REASON FOR INTERVENTION	Symptom Relief			Prevent Irreversible Tissue Loss		
ETIOLOGY	Multifactorial/Atherosclerotic			Thrombosis (artery, stent, graft)		

Critical Limb Ischemia (CLI)

Fate of Patients With CLI After Initial Treatment

Summary of 6-month outcomes from 19 studies



Critical limb ischemia is defined as ischemic rest pain, non-healing wounds, or gangrene.

CLINICAL PRACTICE

Acute Limb Ischemia

Mark A. Creager, M.D., John A. Kaufman, M.D., and Michael S. Conte, M.D.

This Journal feature begins with a case vignette highlighting a common clinical problem. Evidence supporting various strategies is then presented, followed by a review of formal guidelines, when they exist. The article ends with the authors' clinical recommendations.



“This is a potentially catastrophic condition that can progress rapidly to limb loss and disability...”

“...Rates of death and complications among patients who present with acute limb ischemia are high...”

10-15% require amputation with majority above the knee

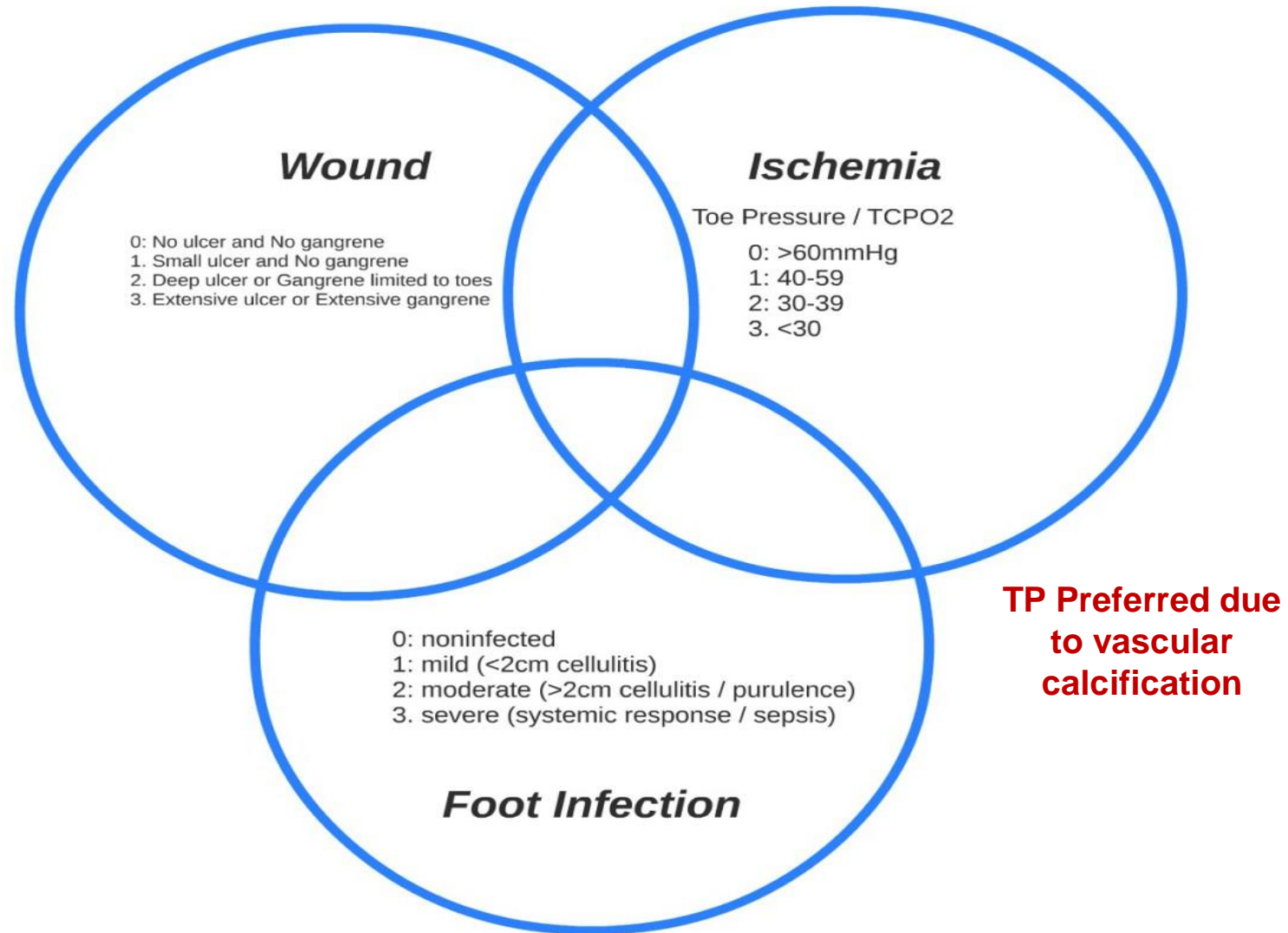
15-20% die within 1 year of presentation



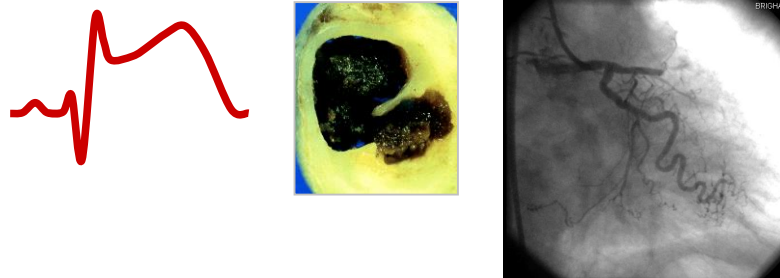
Chronic Critical Limb Ischemia

- **Tissue loss in the lower extremities**
- **Traditionally focused on ischemia as mediator**
- **Strongly associated with Diabetes**
- **Pathobiology poorly understood increasingly recognized as multifactorial**

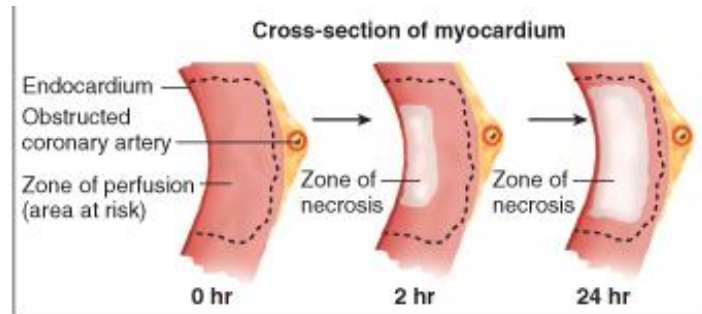
WiFi Concept for Diabetic Wound Assessment



STEMI



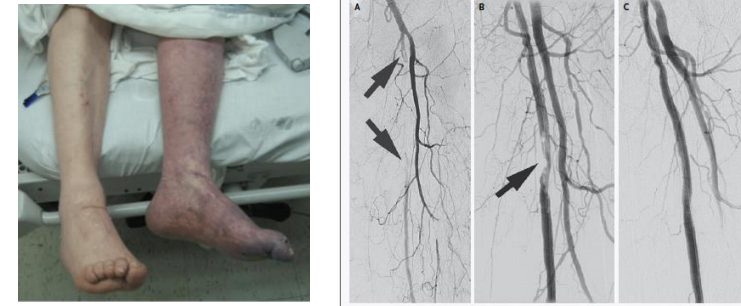
- Acute thrombotic occlusion of an artery threatening tissue loss
- **“Time Is Muscle”**
- Outcomes determined by time to acute reperfusion
- Reperfusion injury is a complication



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- **Mortality at 1 year 8.1%¹**
- **Recurrent MACE at 1 year 3.4%¹**
- **HF at 1 year 7.4%¹**

ALI



- Acute thrombotic occlusion of an artery threatening tissue loss
- **“Time Is Muscle”**
- Outcomes determined by time to acute reperfusion
- Reperfusion injury is a complication



0 Hour → 24 Hour

- **Mortality at 1 year 12.1%²**
- **MACE 11.7%, Recurrent ALI 24% (1 yr)²**
- **Amputation at 1-year 27%²**

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Medical Therapy for PAD: The Basics

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Medical Therapy for PAD 1990-2010

1990

2000

2010

Therapies for MACE (PAD subgroups)

ATT
ASA vs Placebo
↓ MACE 23%
↑ Major Bleed 60%

CAPRIE
Clopidogrel vs ASA
↓ MACE 24%
Bleeding similar
FDA Approved for PAD

HOPE
ACEi vs Placebo
↓ MACE 22%
FDA Approved for PAD

WAVE
VKA+ASA vs ASA
Neutral MACE
↑ Life threatening Bleeding >3X

HPS
Statin vs Placebo
↓ MACE 22%
FDA Approved for PAD

CHARISMA
DAPT vs ASA
Neutral MACE
↑ Mod Bleed 60%

No limb benefit described

No difference in Amputations

No limb benefit described

No difference in Limb ischemia

↓ Peripheral Revasc 20%

? Lower Hosp Risk

Therapies for MALE (Acute Limb Ischemia, Amputation)

Dutch BOA
Warfarin after Bypass
No benefit
↑ Hemorrhagic Stroke > 3X

CASPAR
DAPT vs ASA after Bypass
No benefit

CAMPAR
DAPT vs ASA after ENDO
Not completed

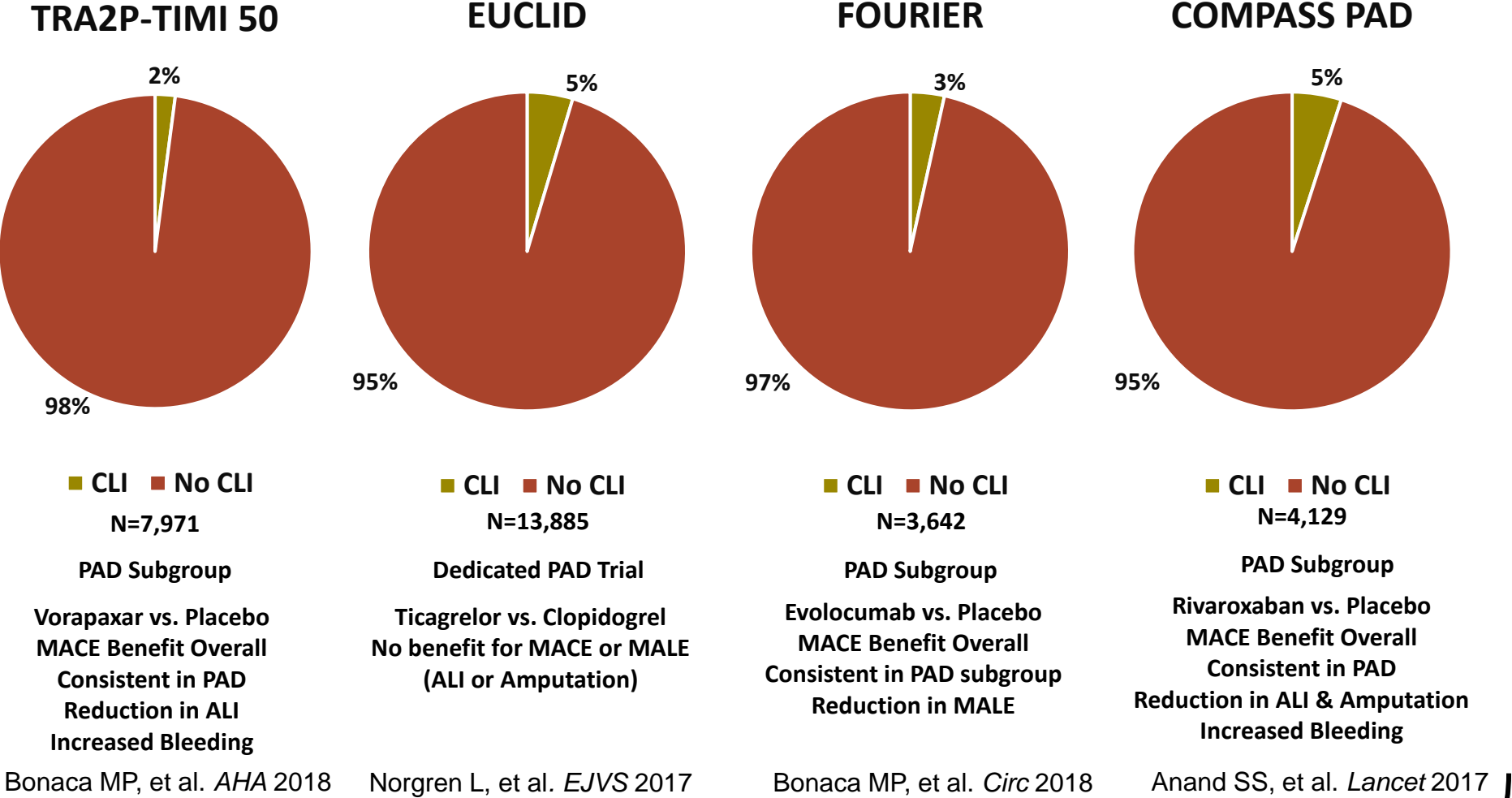
Therapies for Symptoms (Claudication)

Pentoxifylline
Approved 1984
Unclear if it works

Cilostazol Improves Symptoms
Approved in 1999

FDA Approved for PAD

Evolution Since 2010



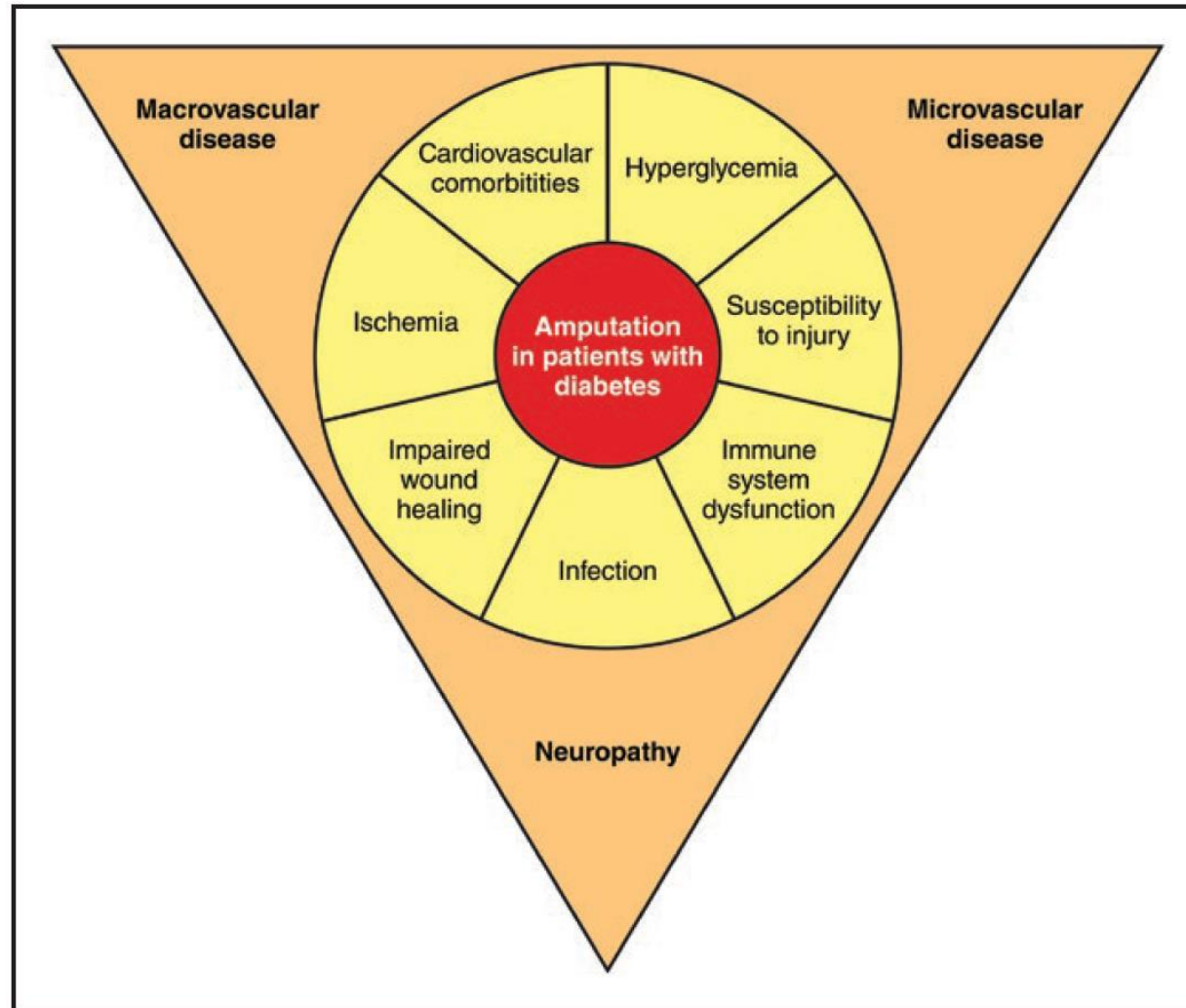
Only dedicated PAD trial was neutral

Positive studies

- Subgroups of chronic ASCVD populations
- MACE Primary outcomes
- Excluded “acute” patients
- Minimal exposure in CLI (<5%)

Total CLI=1,140

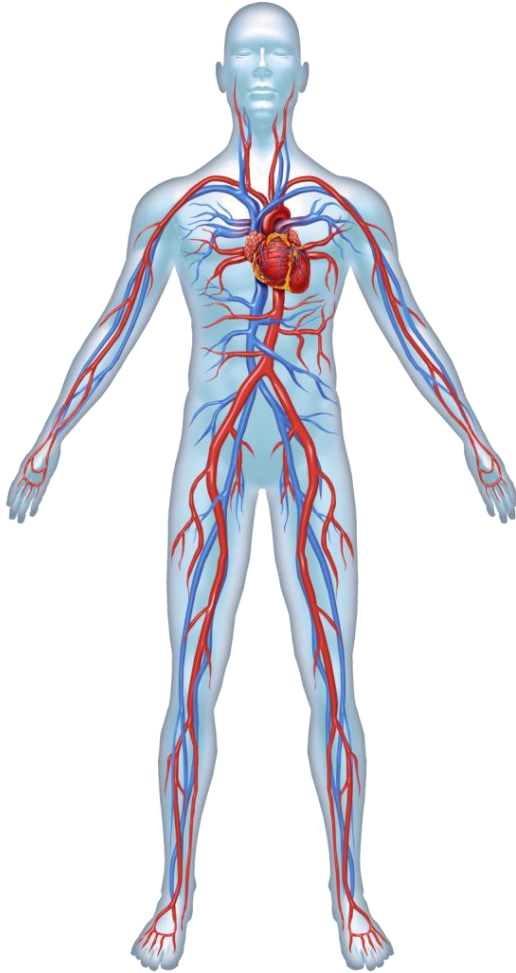
CLI in Diabetes



Predictors of Amputation in Diabetes

22 year prospective observation study of 1,461 patient with diabetes and w/o foot ulcer

136 amputations (65% above ankle) – 5.3/1000 pt-years
79% were preceded by foot ulcer



Patient Factors

Renal dysfunction (1-SD decr in GFR) HR 1.18 (1.00 – 1.38)

Poor vision HR 1.70 (1.05 – 2.73)

Lower body weight

Younger age

Limb Factors

Macrovascular Atherosclerosis

- ABI ≤ 0.5 (obstructive arterial disease)

HR 3.98 (2.31 – 6.85)

- ABI ≥ 1.3 (medial arterial disease) +

TcPO₂ < 26 mmHg

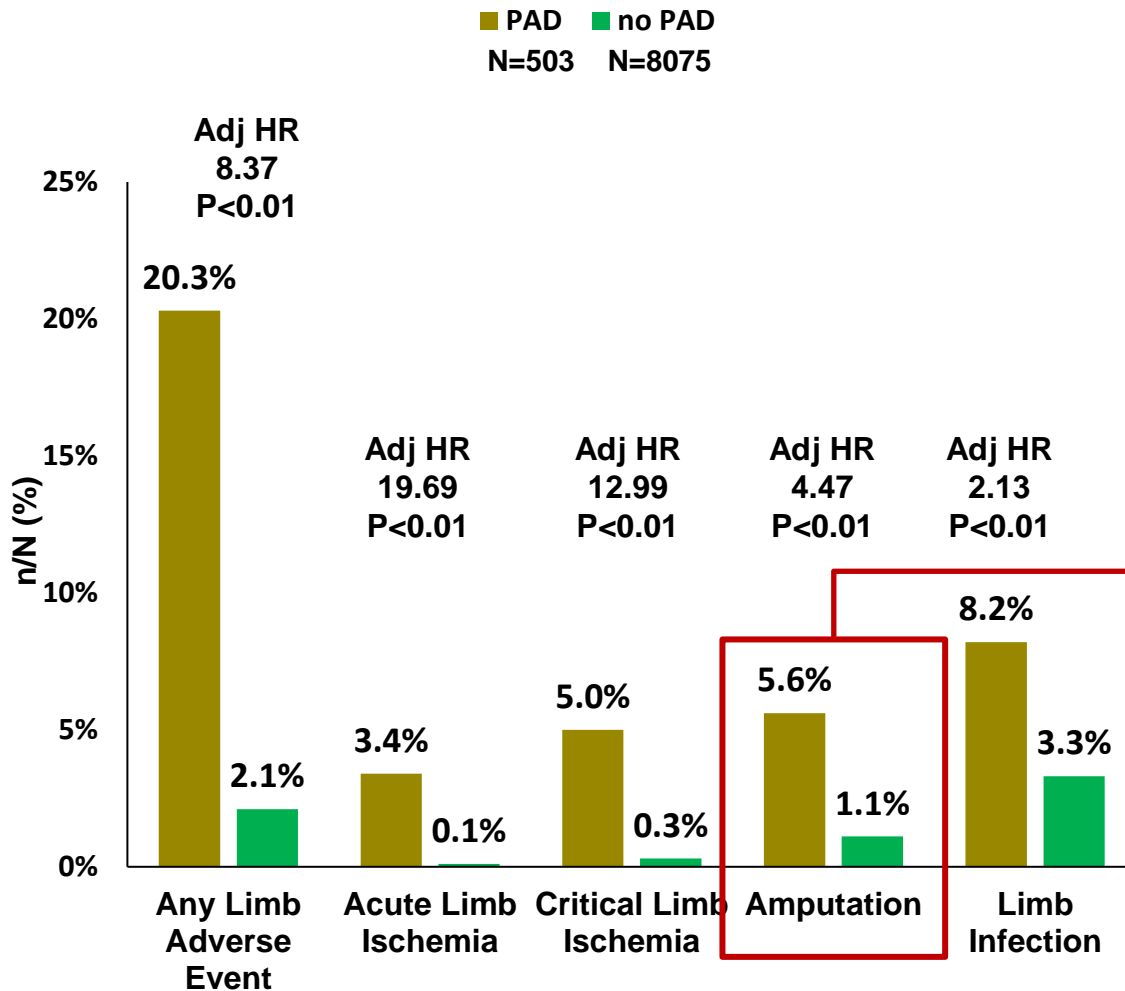
HR 2.20 (1.18 – 4.09)

Microvascular Disease – Neuropathy

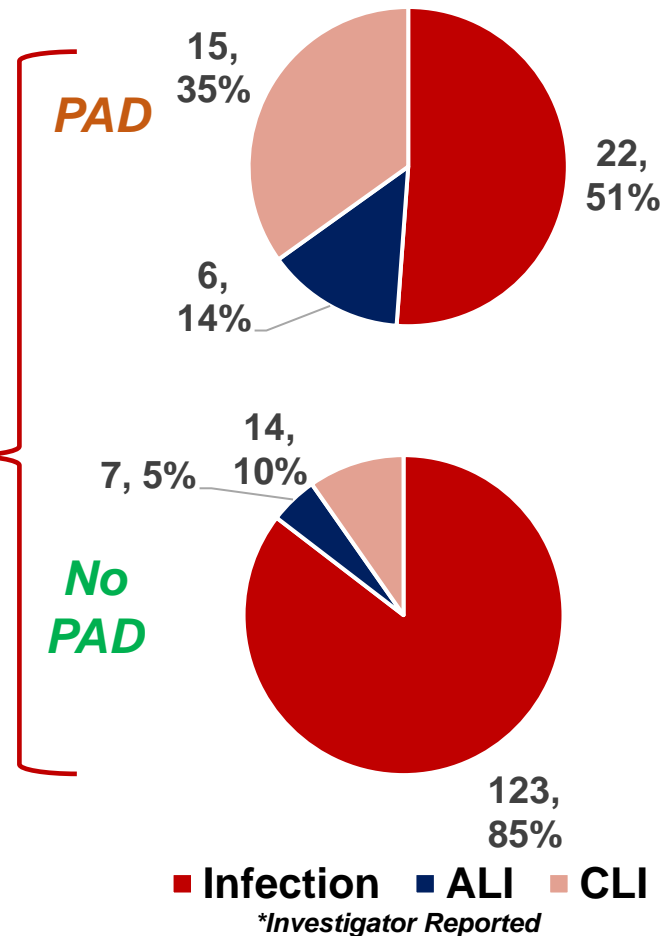
- 10-g monofilament testing

HR 3.09 (2.02 – 4.74)

Limb Outcomes by PAD Status in Placebo Patients



*Distribution of Amputation by Primary Etiology**



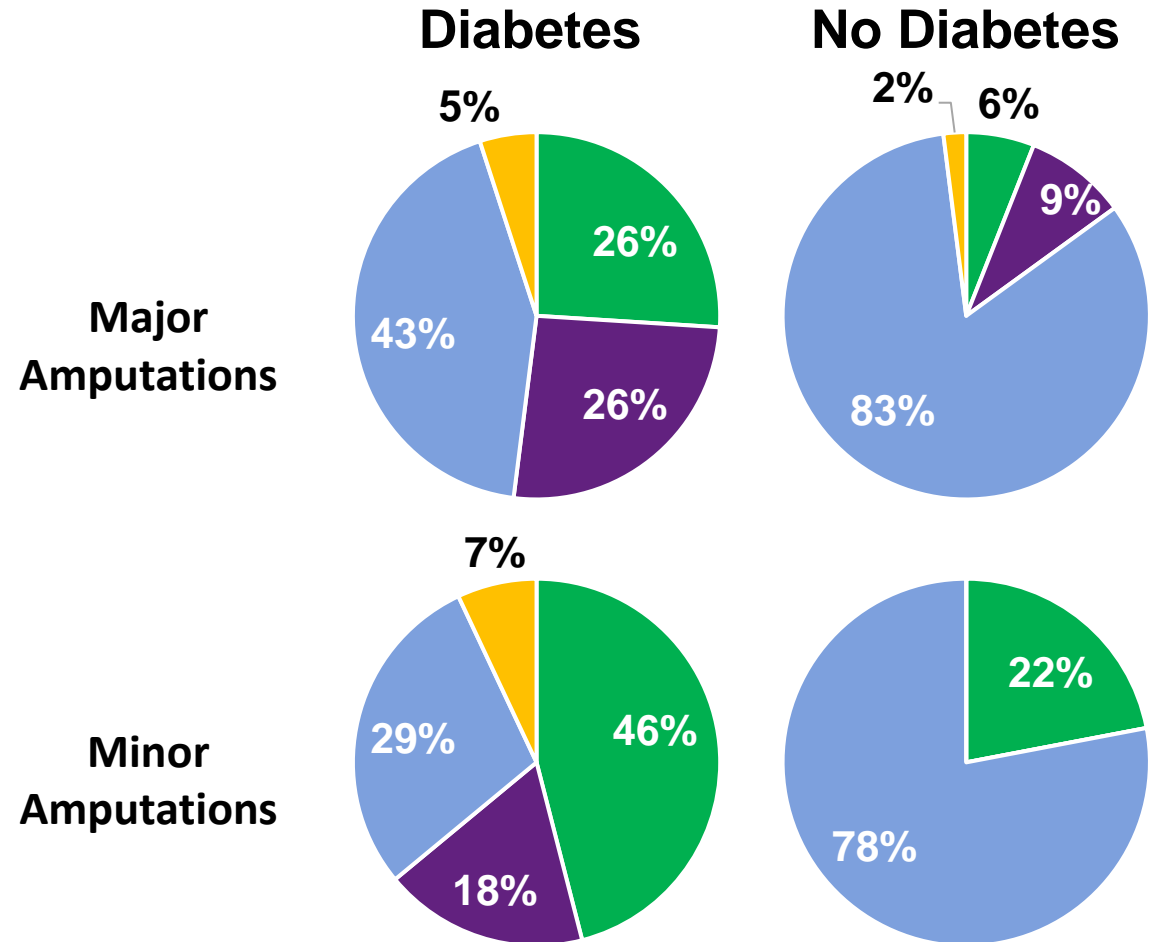
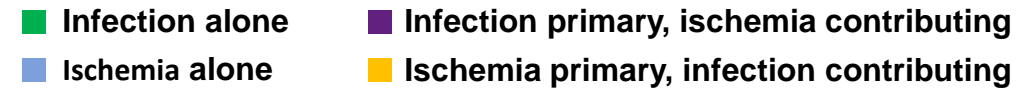
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Amputation May Be Necessary to Control Infection in CLI

EUCLID Trial

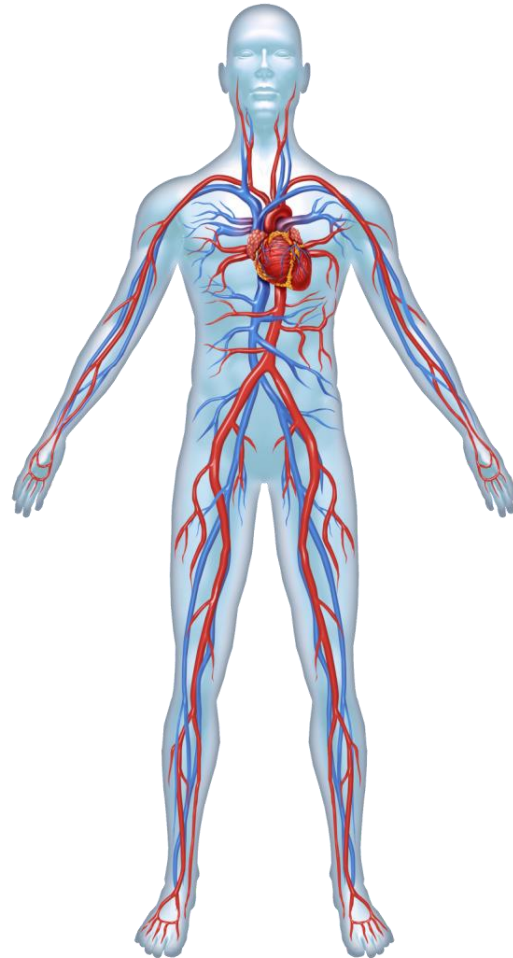
Complex Outcome in PAD

- **Not a biological event but a response which maybe indicated**
 - Local practice pattern
 - Viability of limb at presentation (e.g. delays in care)
 - Patient viability (amputation safer than revascularization)
- **Multifactorial in etiology with an important role of infection in patients with PAD, particularly those with concomitant diabetes**



Goals of Medical Therapy in PAD

**Reduce Risk of
Systemic
Atherothrombosis (e.g.
MI, Stroke)**

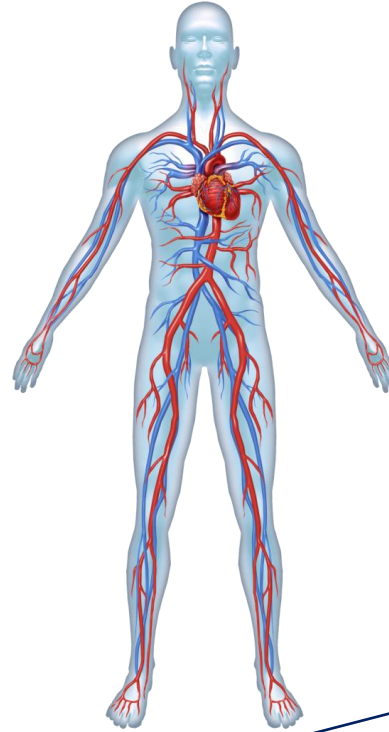


Improve Function

**Reduce Risk of Major
Adverse Limb Events
(e.g. CLTI, ALI,
Amputation)**

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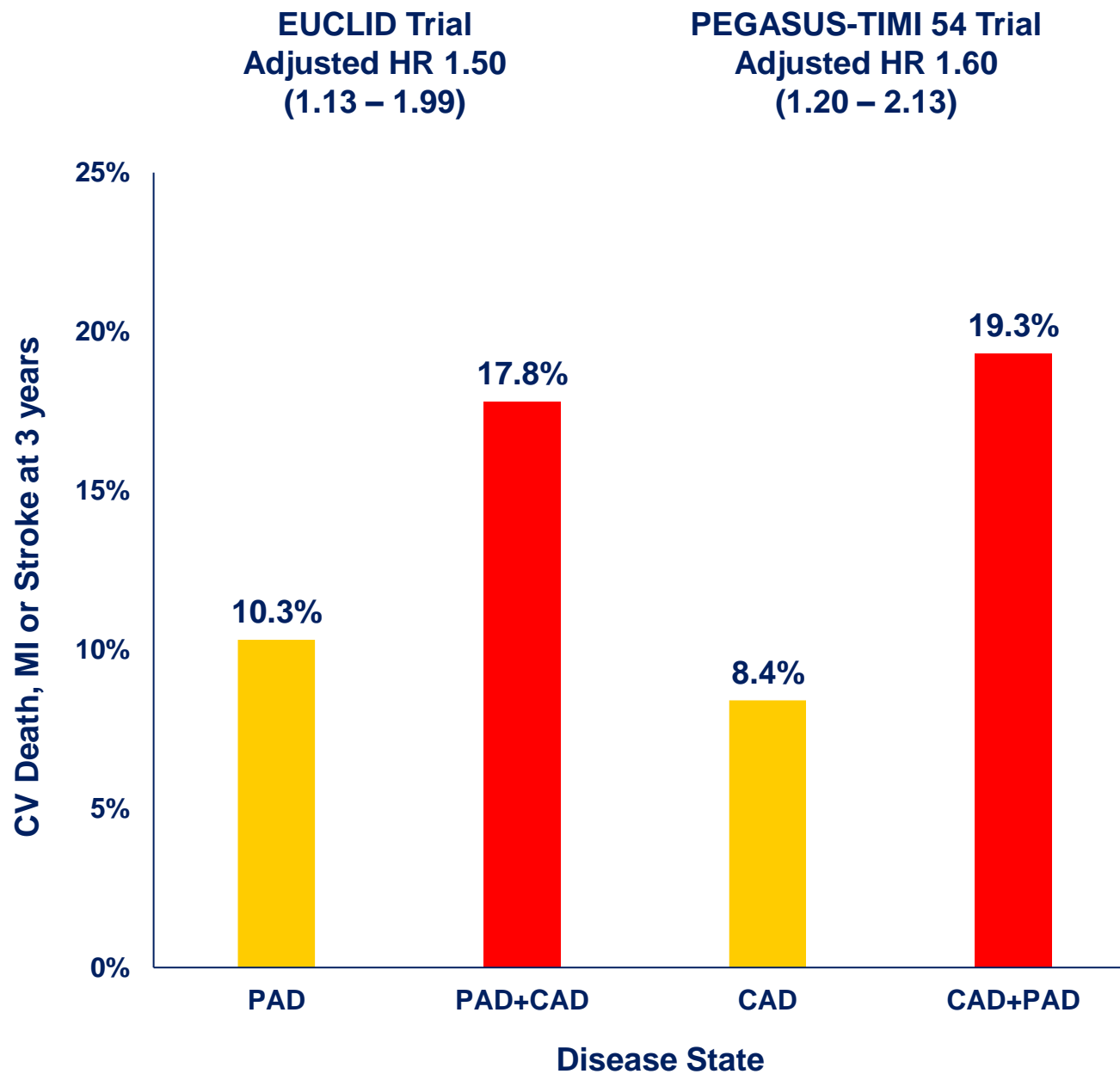
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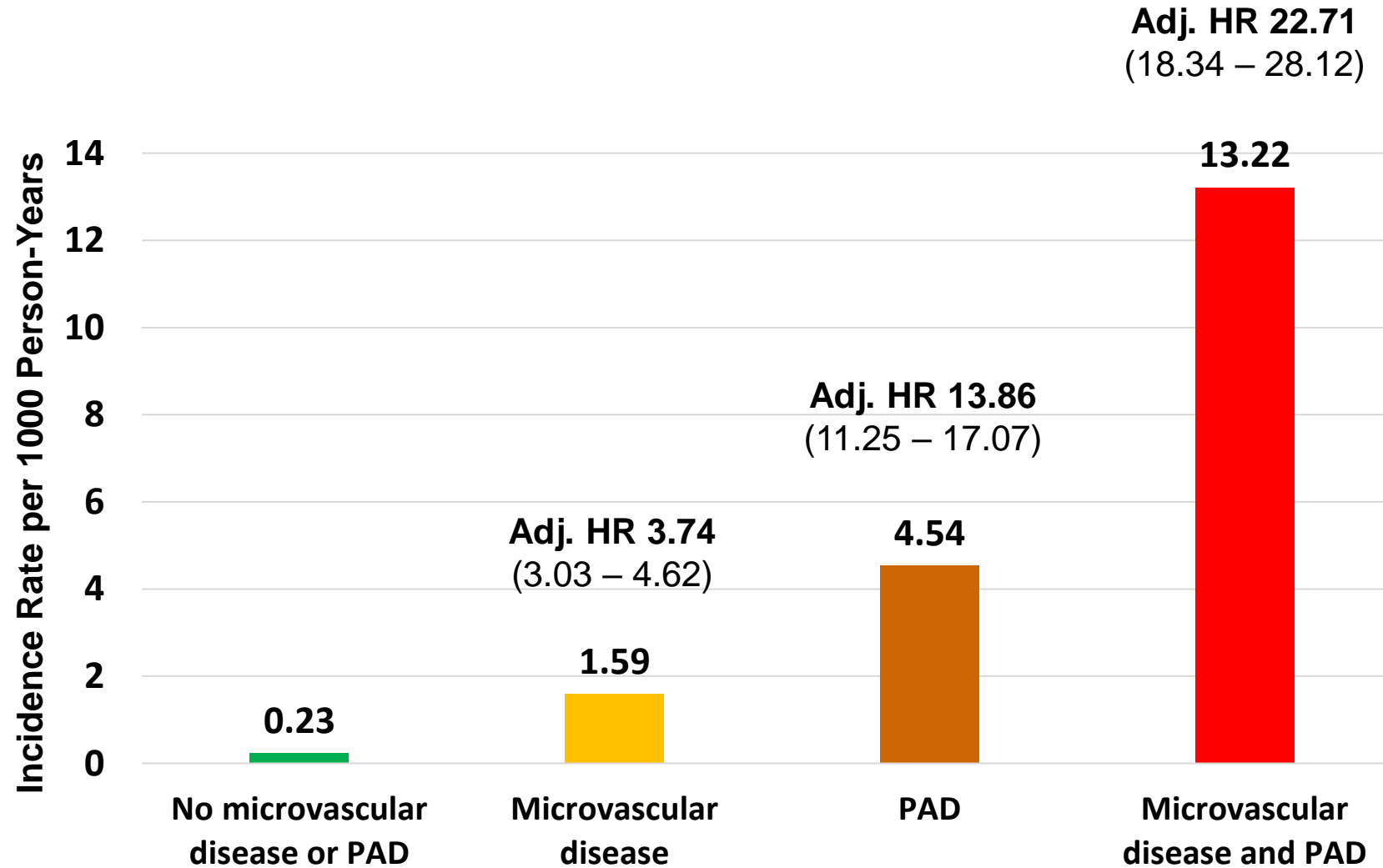
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Risk Stratification may help personalization of therapy...especially for therapies with risk/benefit considerations

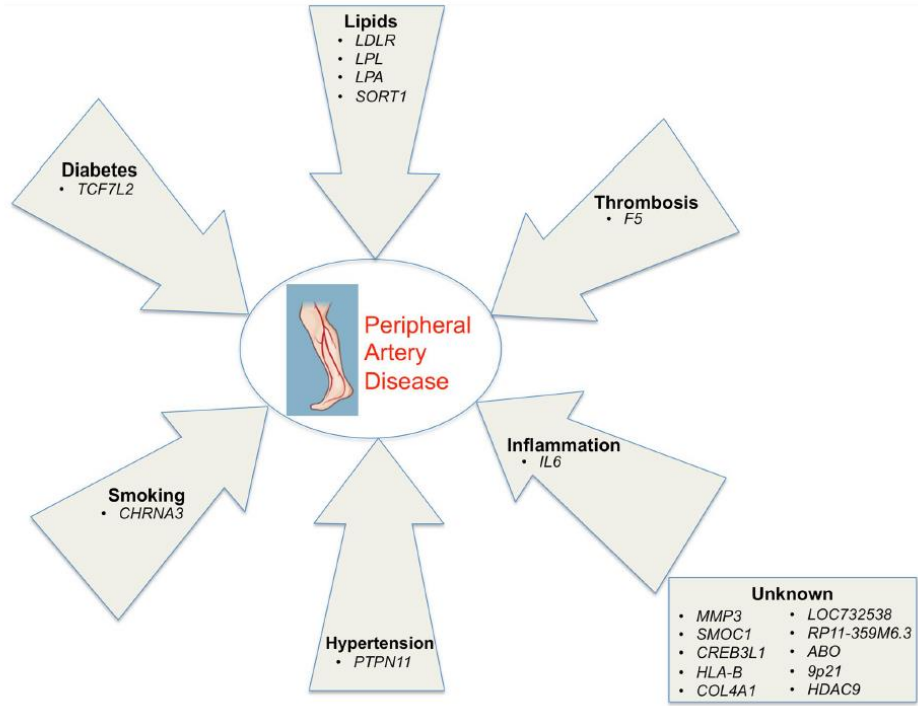
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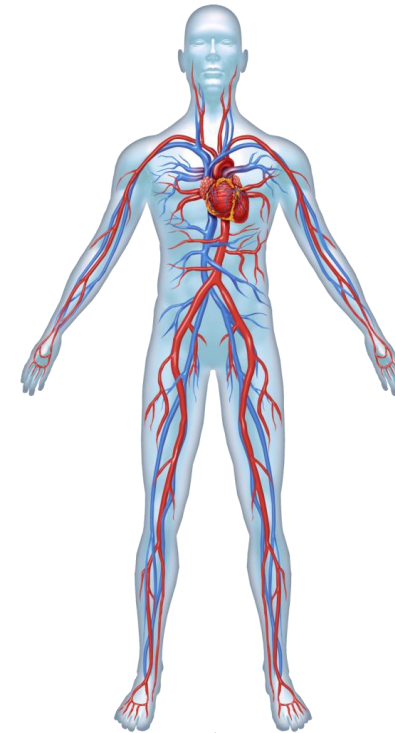
Amputation Risk in Peripheral Artery Disease



Pathways of Risk in PAD



**Lifestyle
(exercise, diet)**



**Lipid Risk
(LDL & Lpa)**

**Thrombosis
Risk**

**Diabetes Risk
(micro and
macrovascular)**

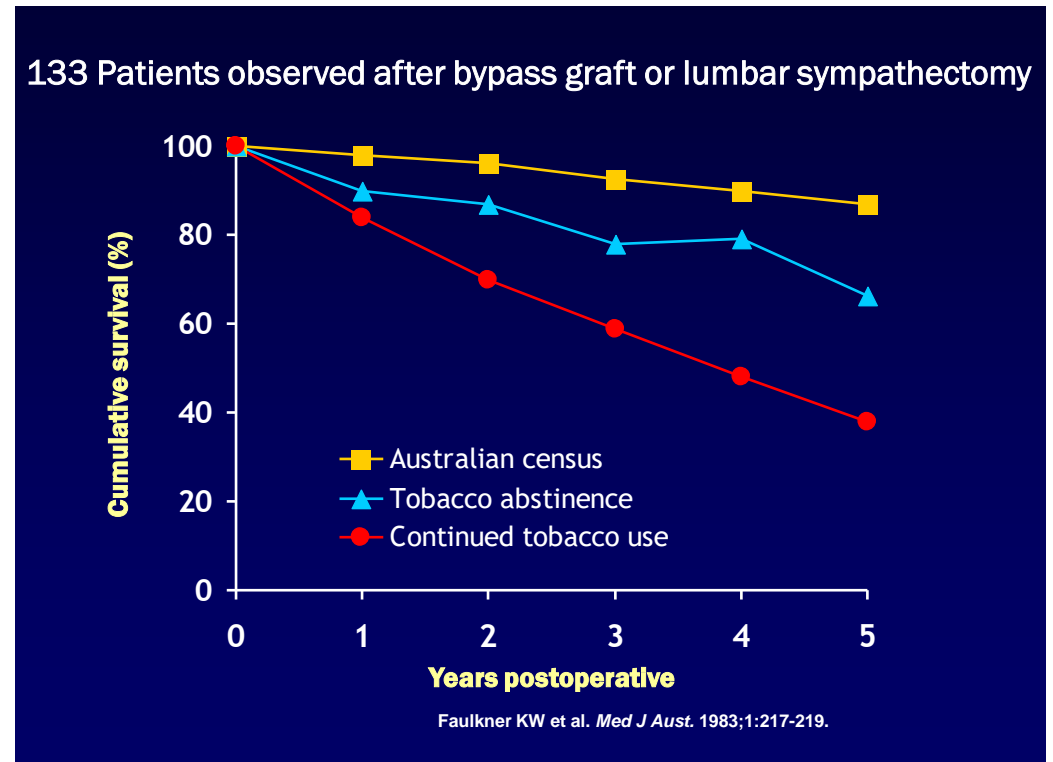
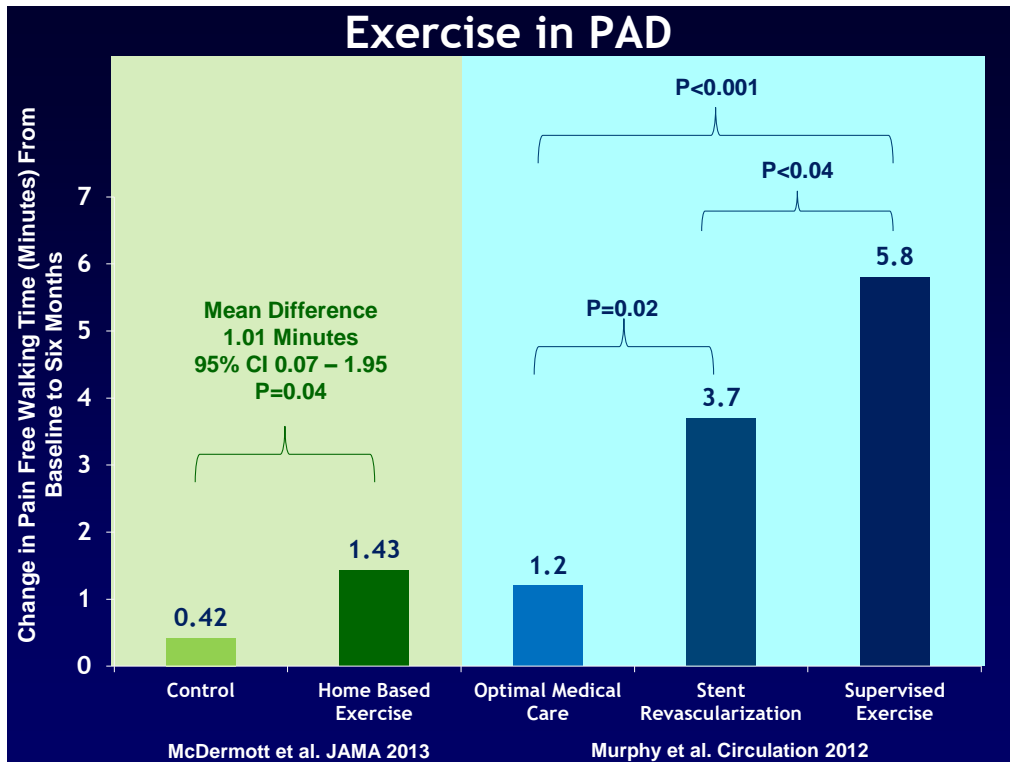
**Smoking
Risk**

**Inflammatory
Risk**

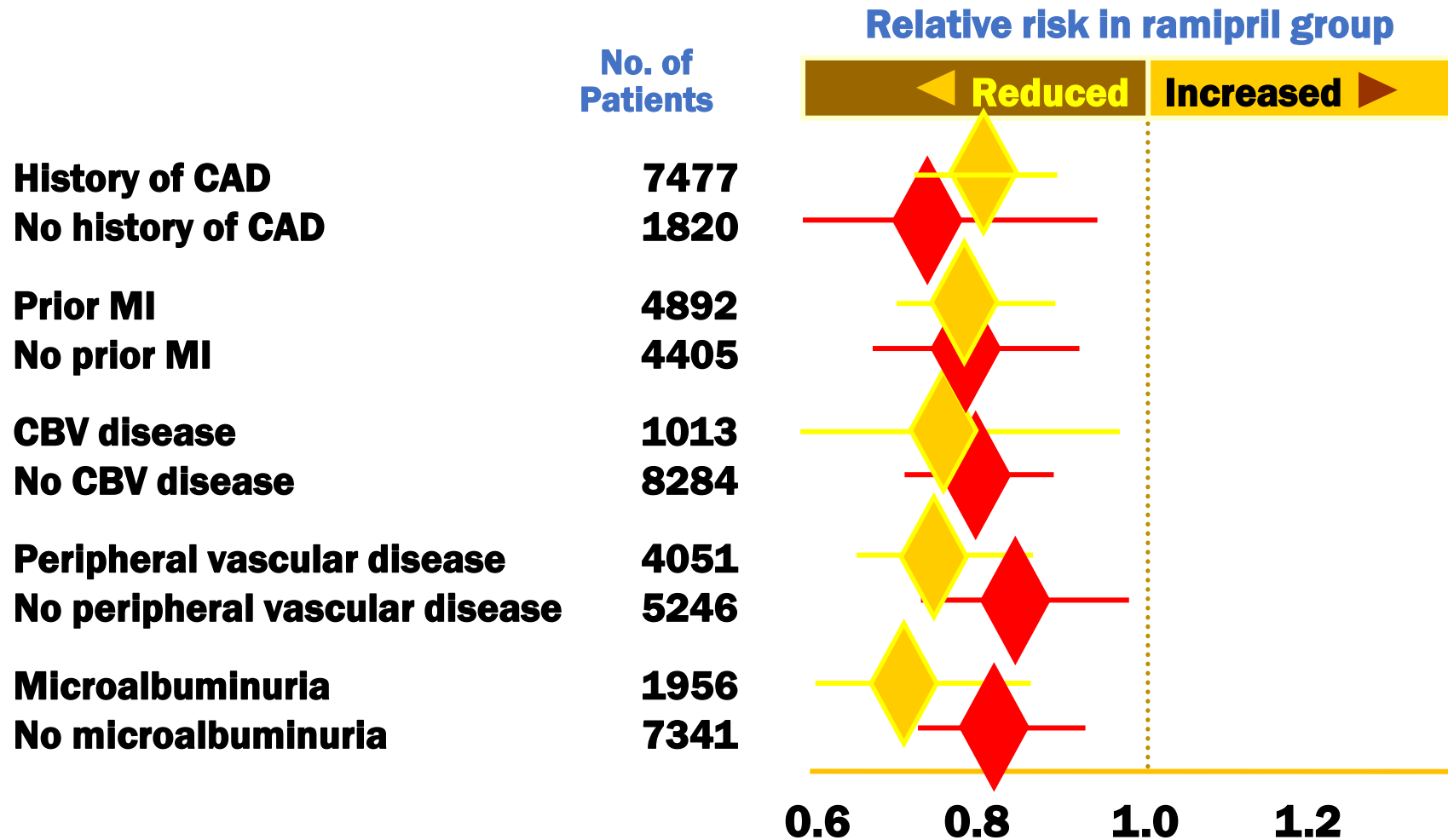
Therapies for All Patients

Lifestyle Interventions – they work!

- Healthy diet
- Exercise (supervised exercise preferred)
- Smoking Cessation

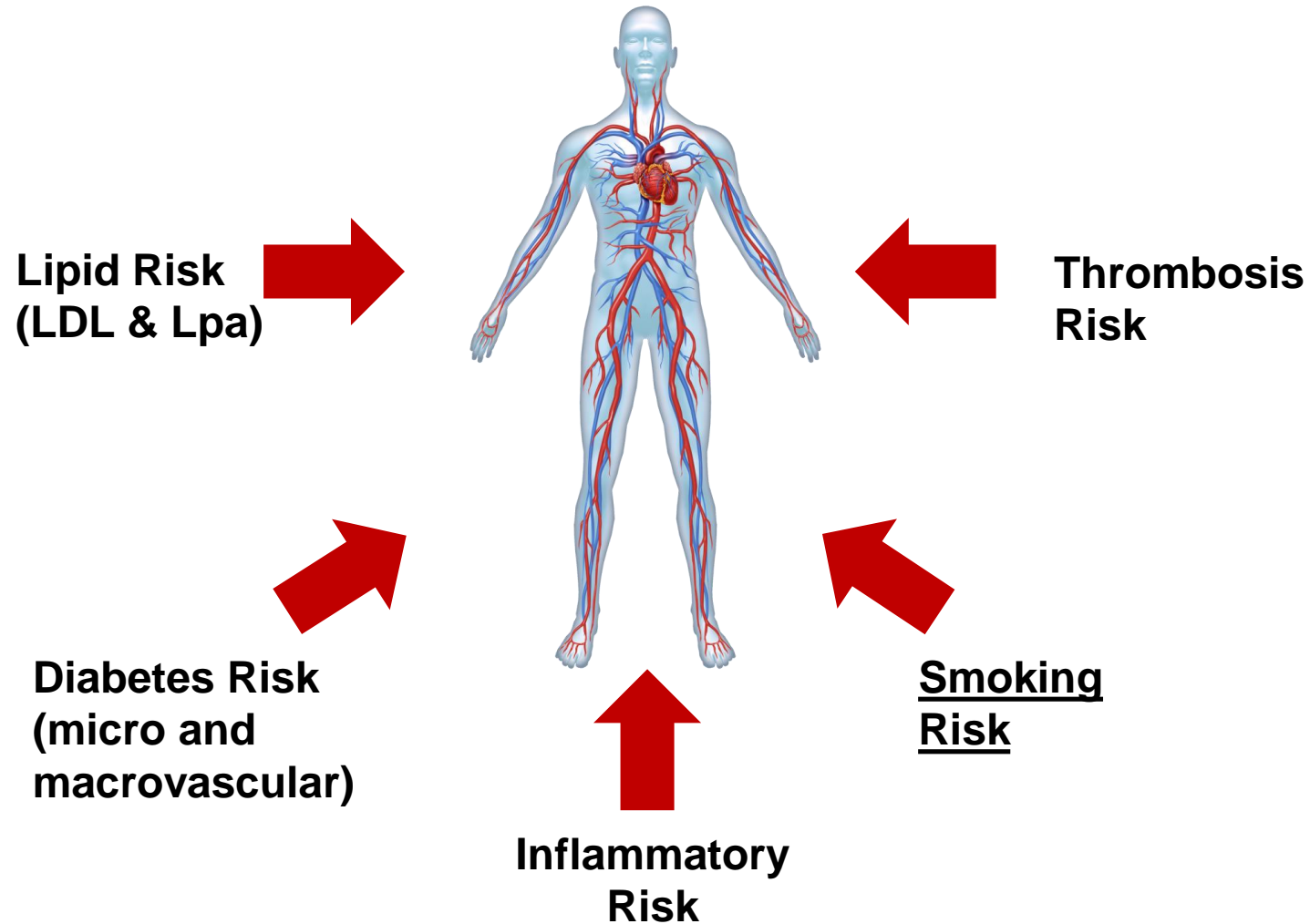


HOPE: Benefits of Ramipril in CV Risk Subgroups

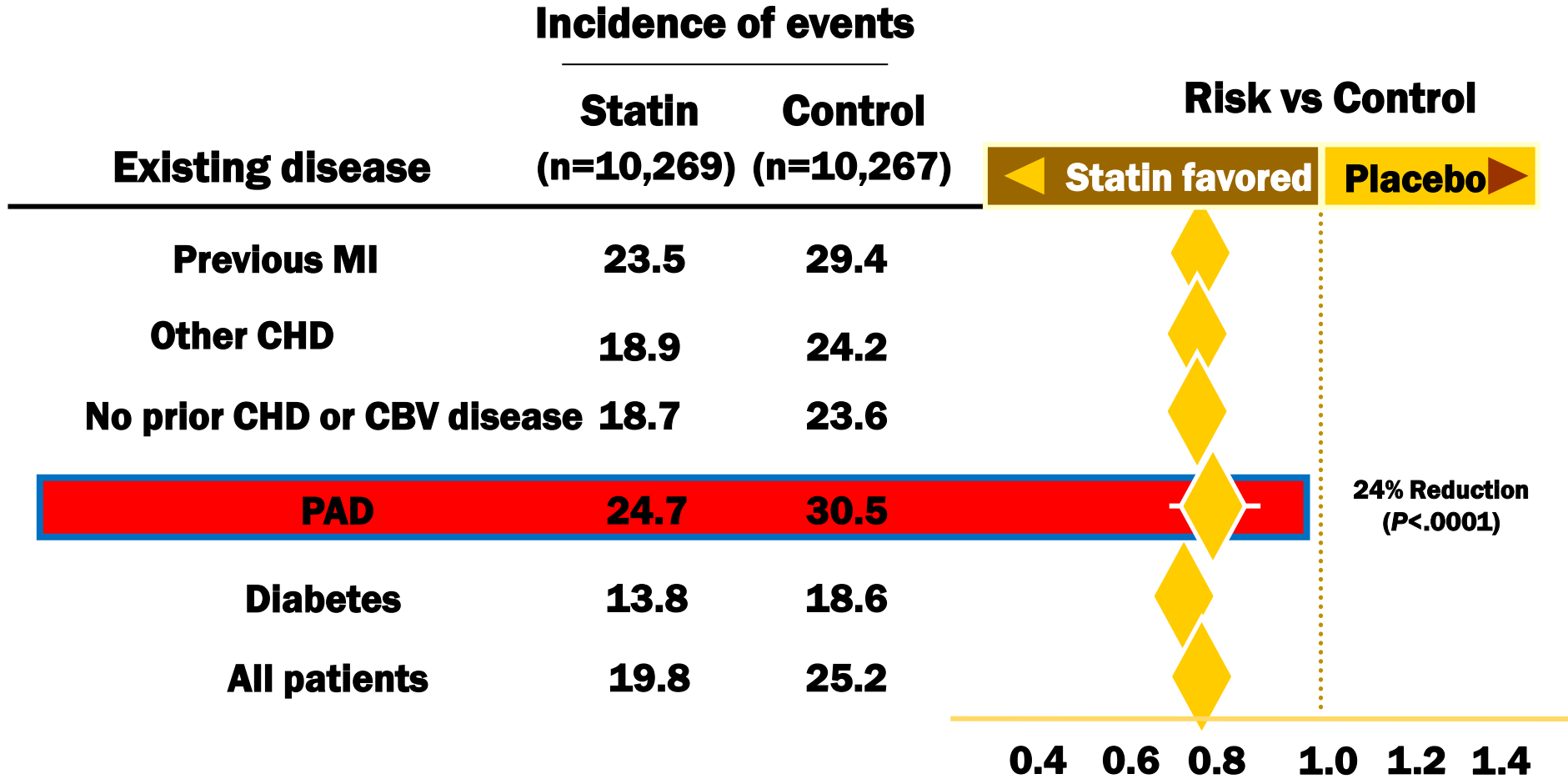


Axes of Risk and Treatment Targets in PAD

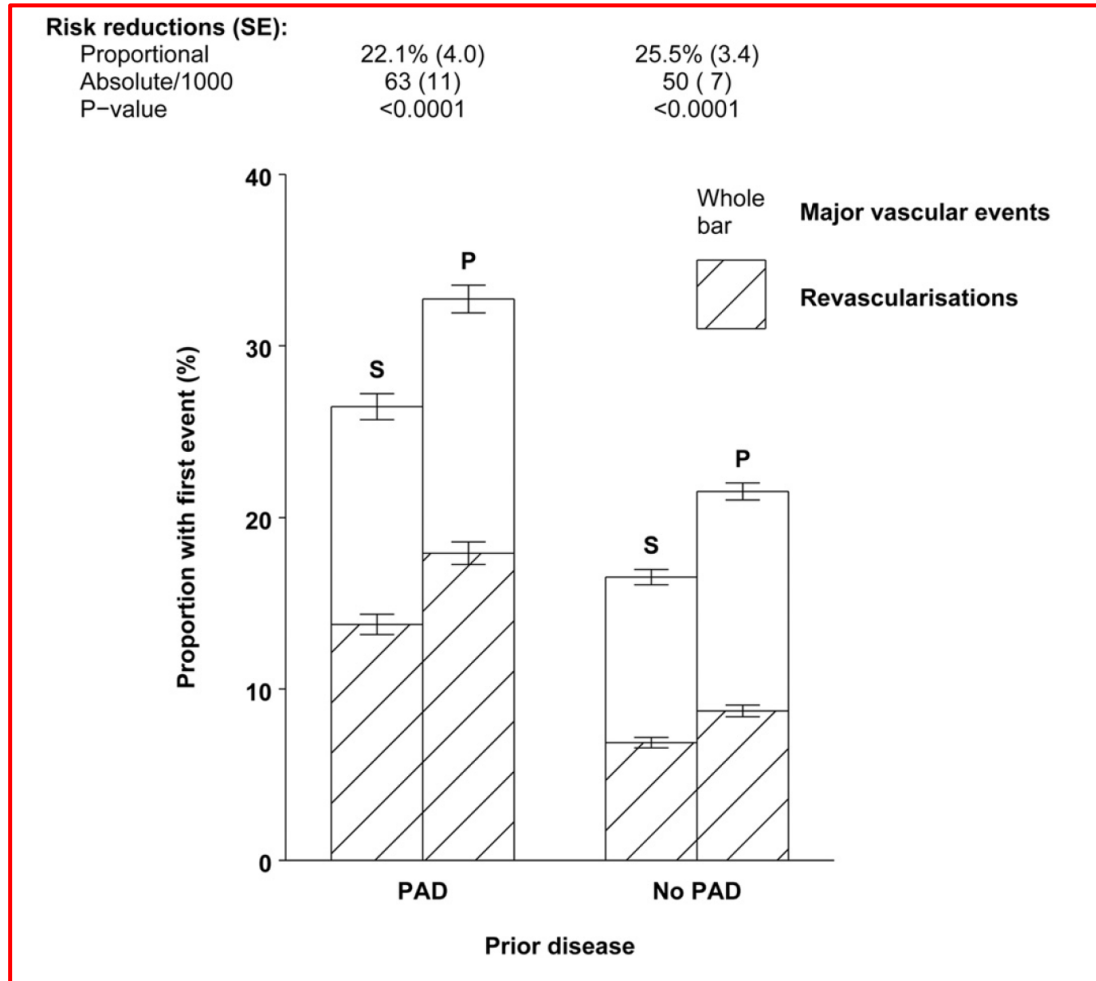
Lifestyle & Function (exercise, diet, BP control, cilostazol where not contraindicated)



Heart Protection Study: Vascular Event by Prior Disease



Statin Therapy and Vascular Events



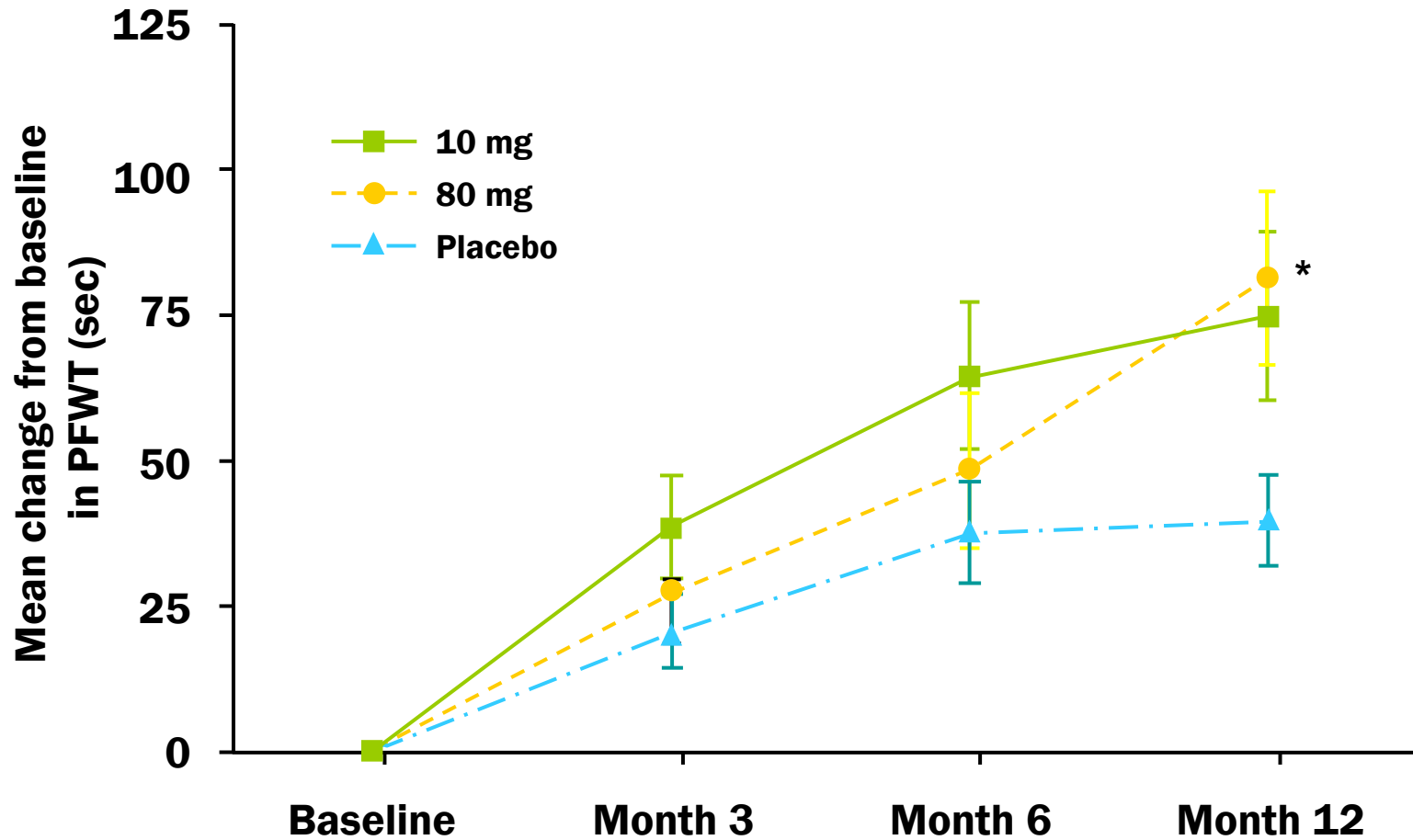
HPS Simvastatin vs. Placebo

16% reduction in peripheral vascular events

20% reduction in non-coronary revascularization

Unclear effect on amputation

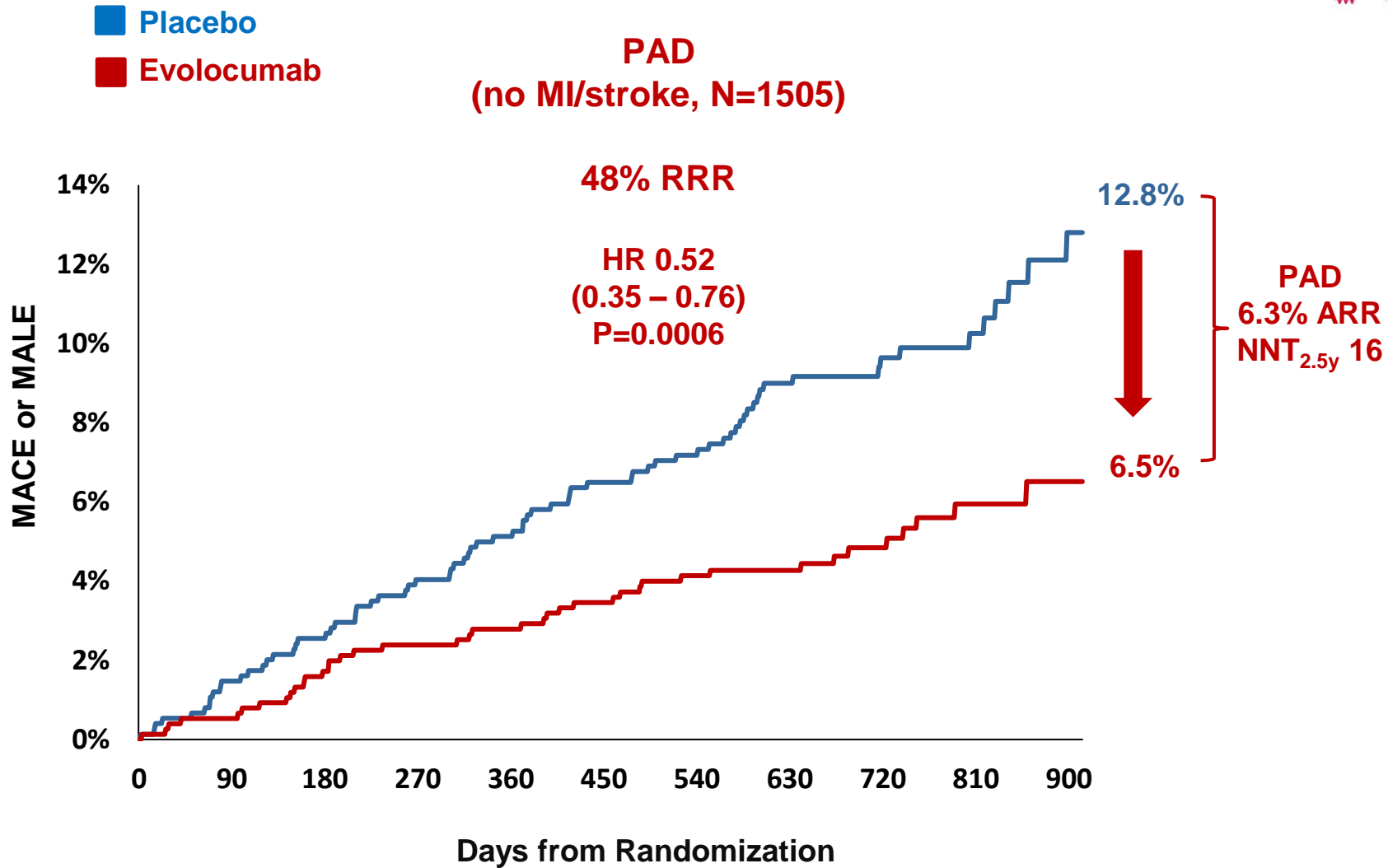
Atorvastatin in Patients With Claudication and PAD



PFWT=pain-free walking time.
* $P=.03$. No change in ABI over 12 months.

MACE or MALE

In Patients with PAD and no MI or Stroke

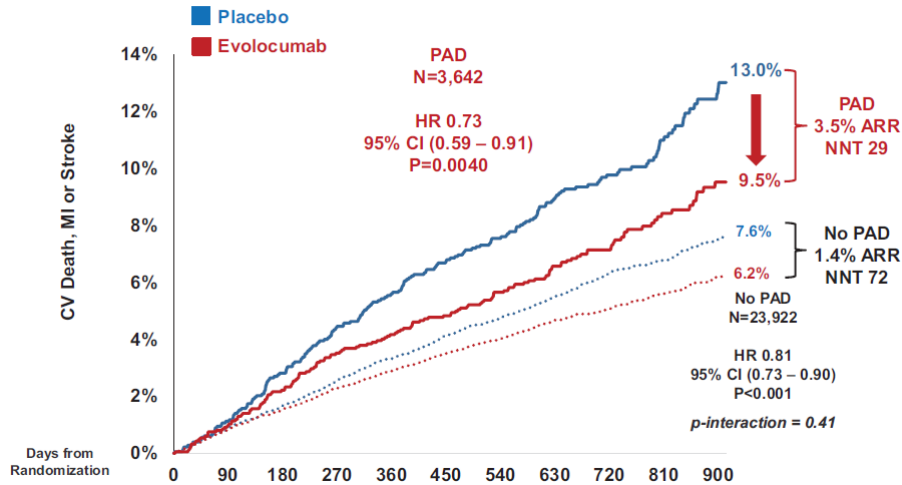


PCSK9i Reduce both MACE and Major Adverse Limb Events (MALE)

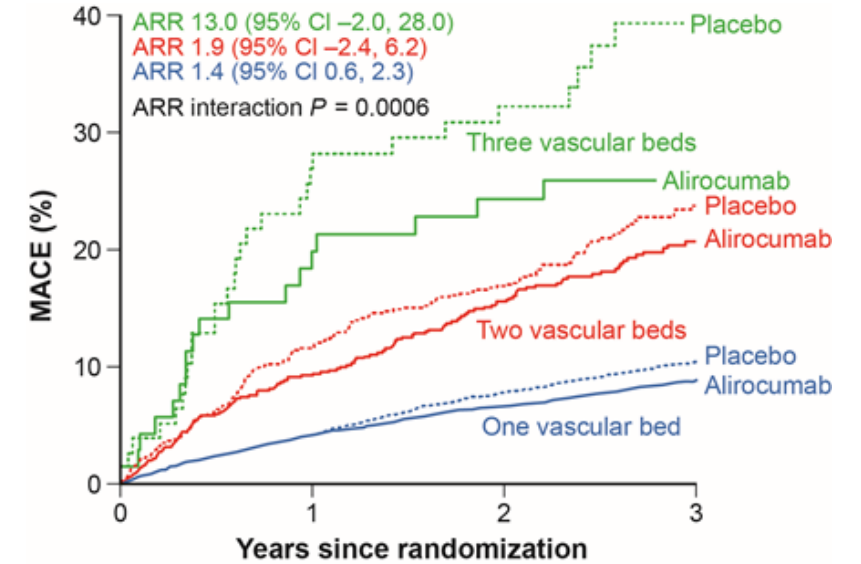
FOURIER, Bonaca et al. Circ 2018

ODYSSEY, Jukema et al. Circ 2019; Schwartz et al. Circ 2020

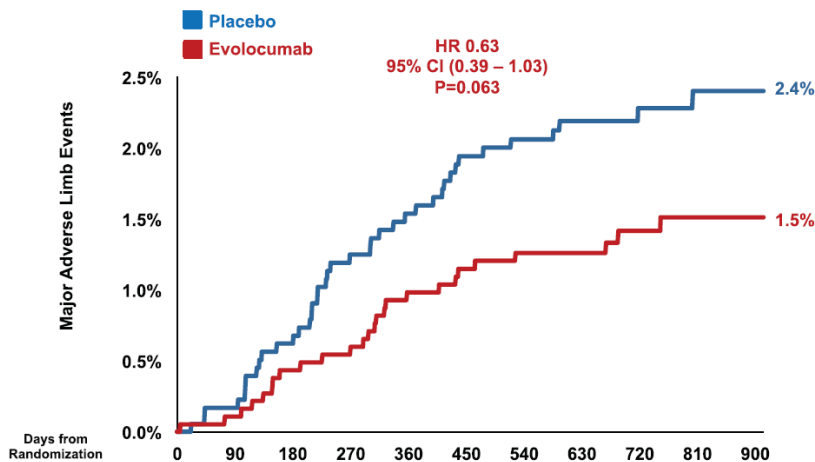
B CV Death, MI or Stroke in Patients with and without PAD



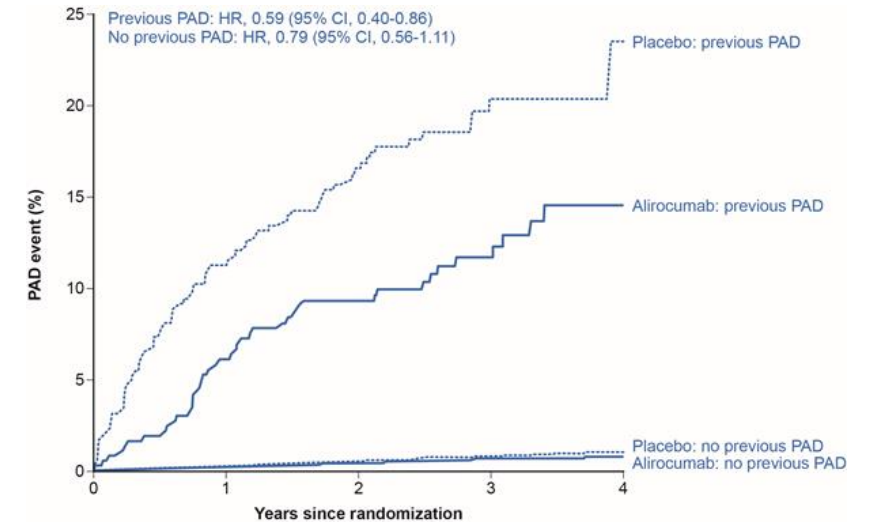
MACE



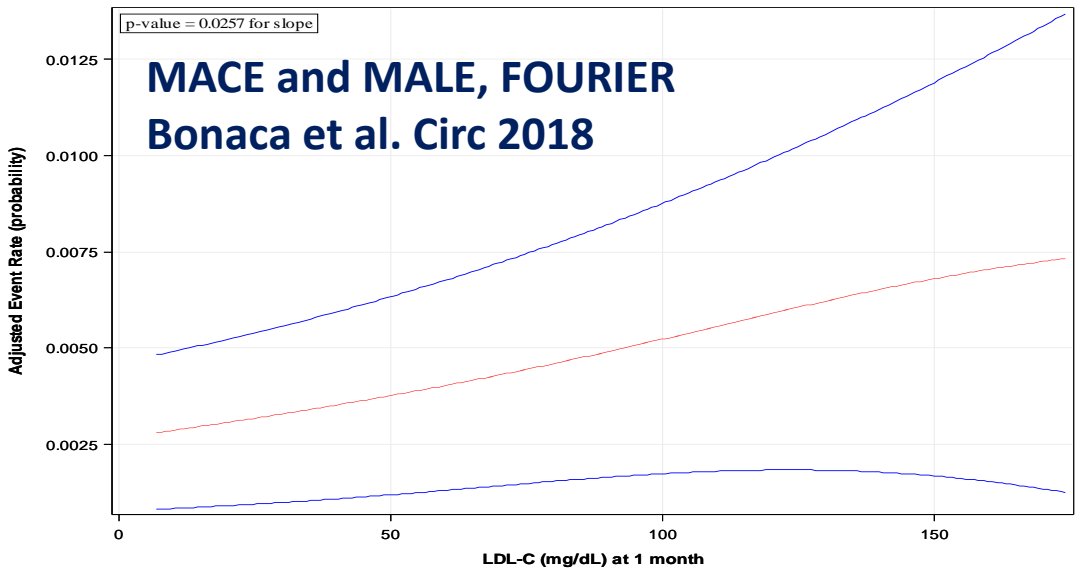
B Major Adverse Limb Events – Patients with PAD



MALE

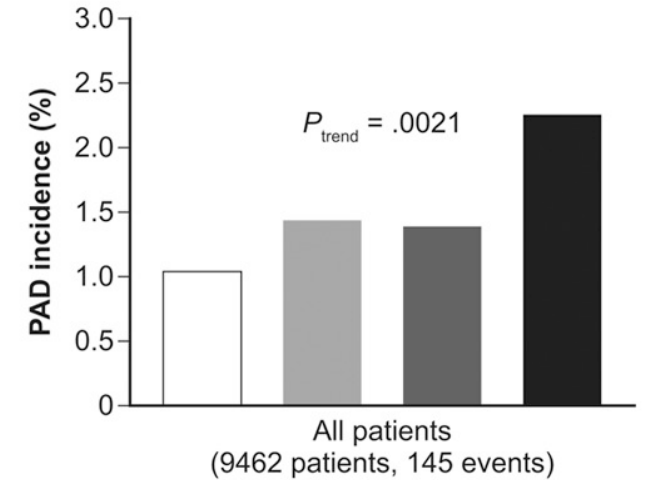


Reduction of MACE and MALE with PCSK9i is associated with levels of LDL-C and Lp(a)

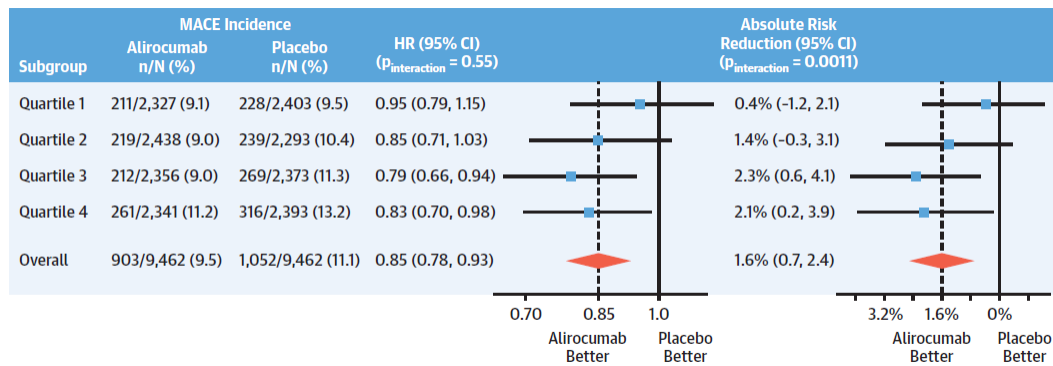


Incidence of MALE in PBO group of ODYSSEY OUTCOMES by quartile baseline Lp(a)

PAD events: lipoprotein(a)

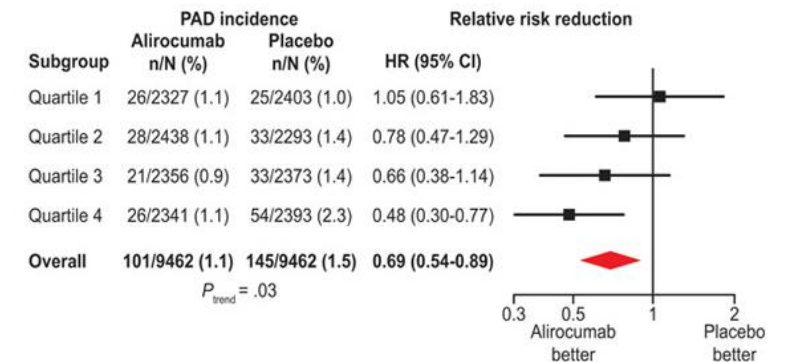


MACE



MALE

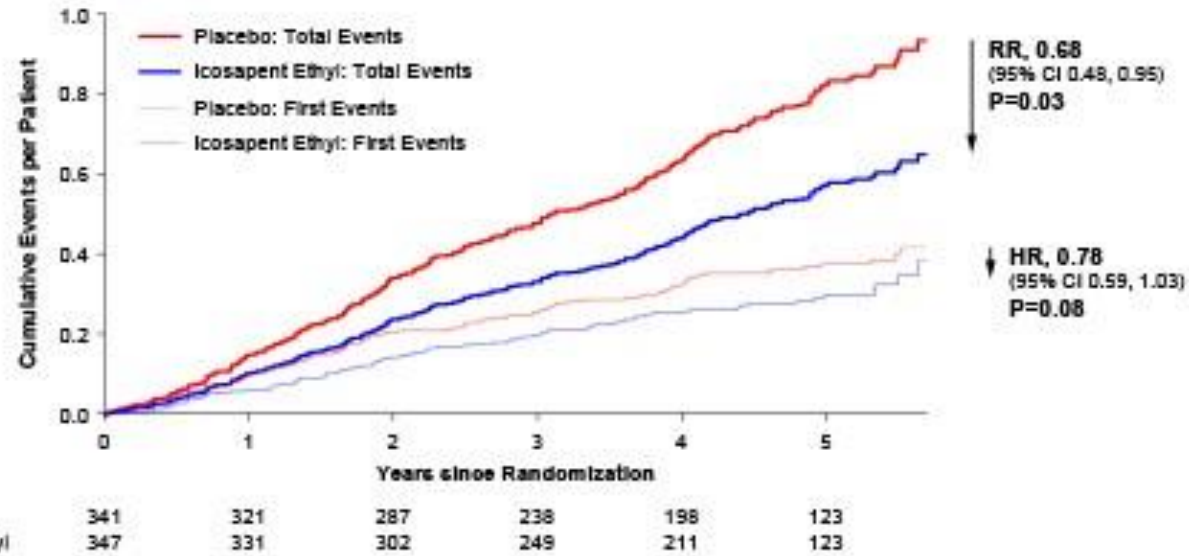
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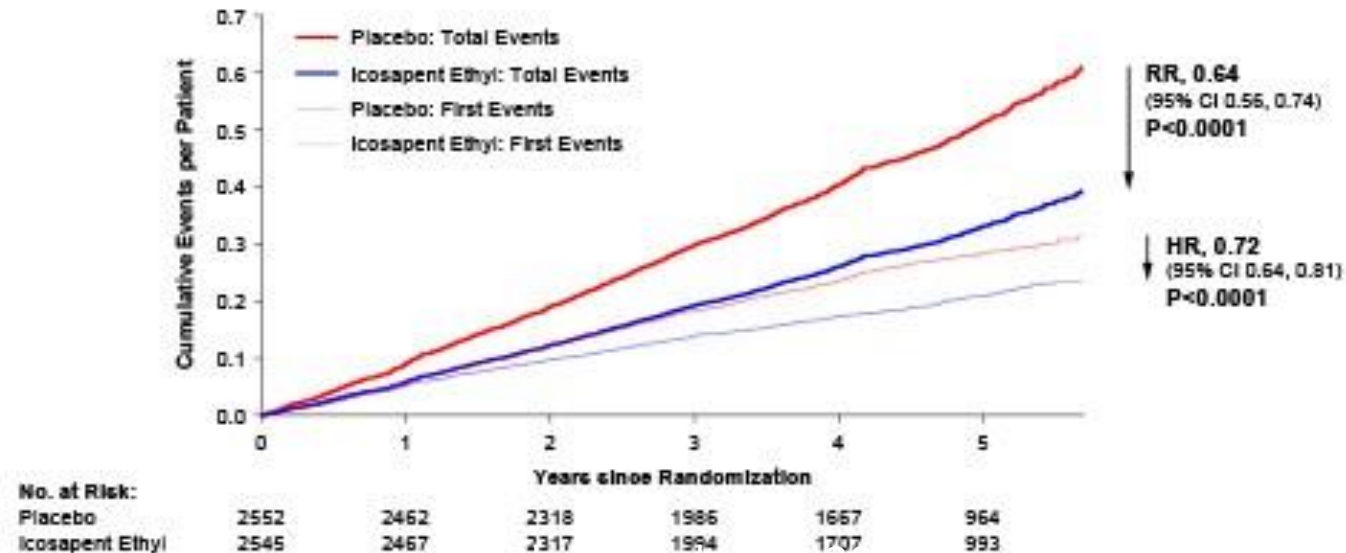
Treatment HR for according to quartile baseline Lp(a) in ODYSSEY OUTCOMES

Icosapent Ethyl in PAD

A First and Total (First and Recurrent) Primary Composite Endpoints in Patients with PAD

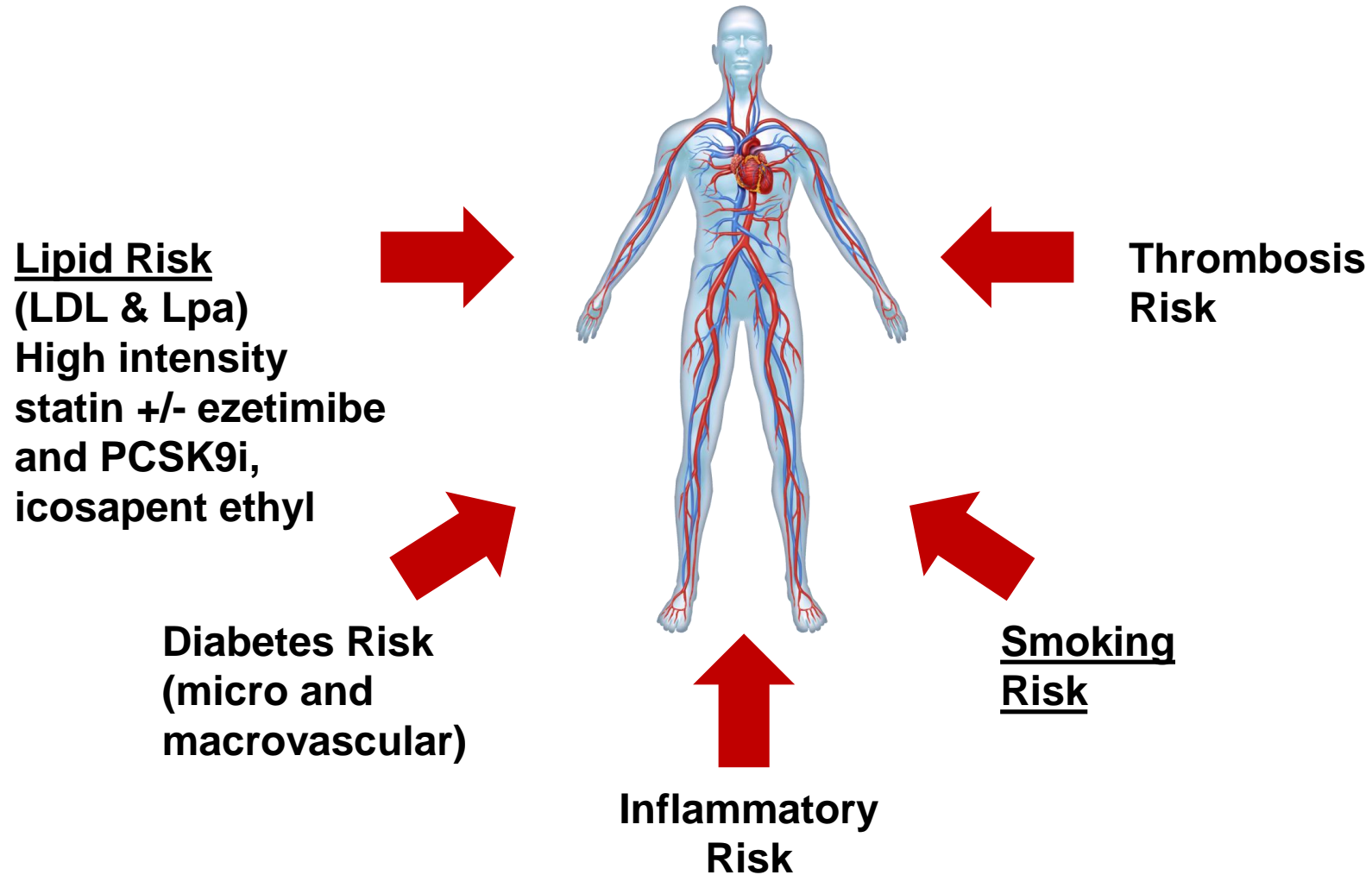


B First and Total (First and Recurrent) Primary Composite Endpoints in Patients without PAD



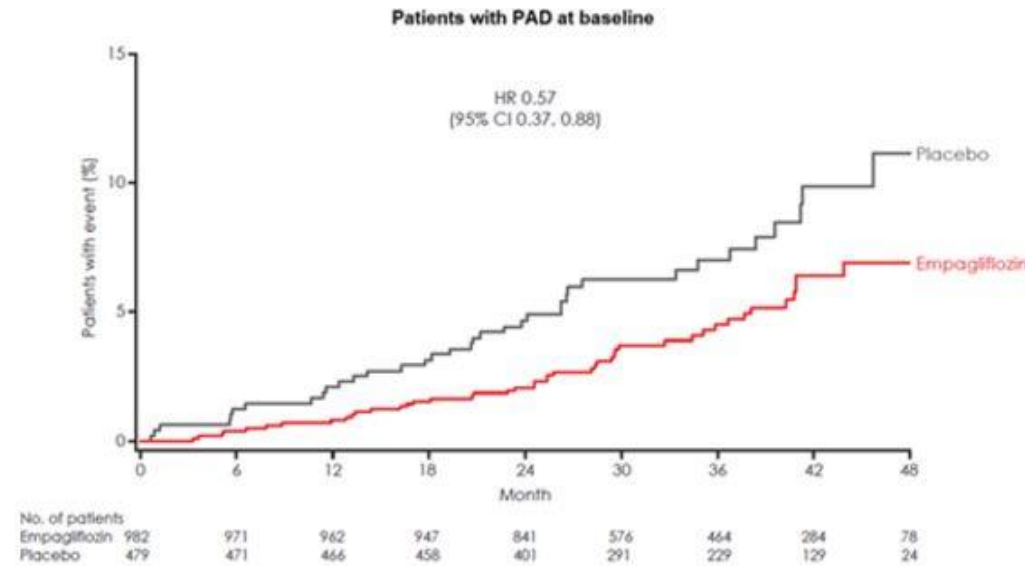
Axes of Risk and Treatment Targets in PAD

Lifestyle & Function (exercise, diet, cilostazol where not contraindicated)



Specific Glucose Lowering Targets in PAD

SGLT2 Inhibition



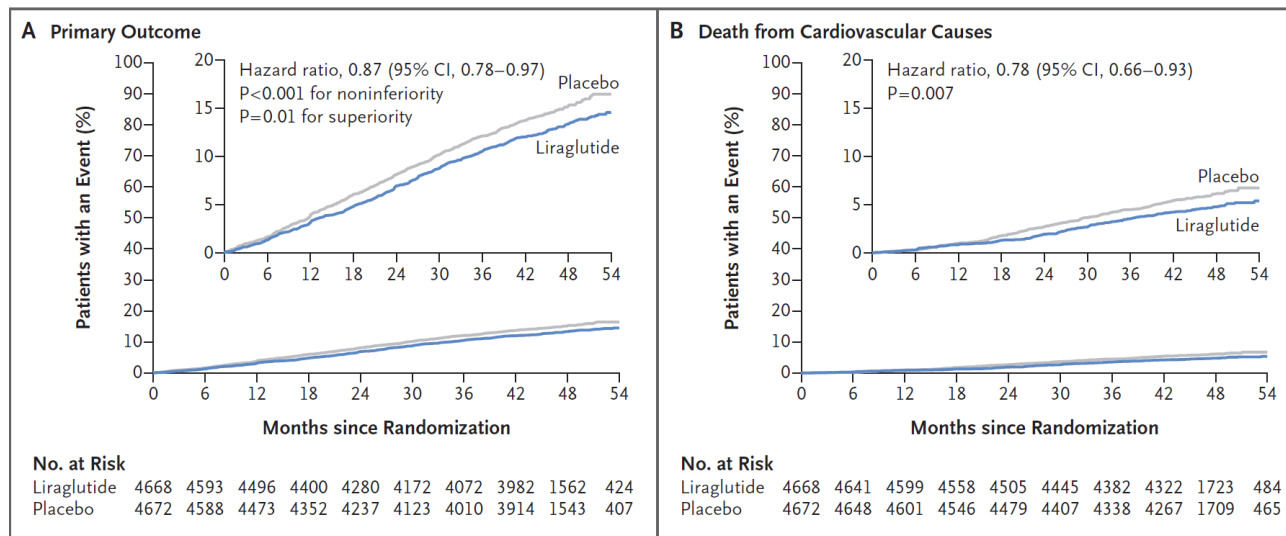
MACE
HR 0.84 (0.62 – 1.14)

CV Death or HF
HR 0.65 (0.45 – 0.93)

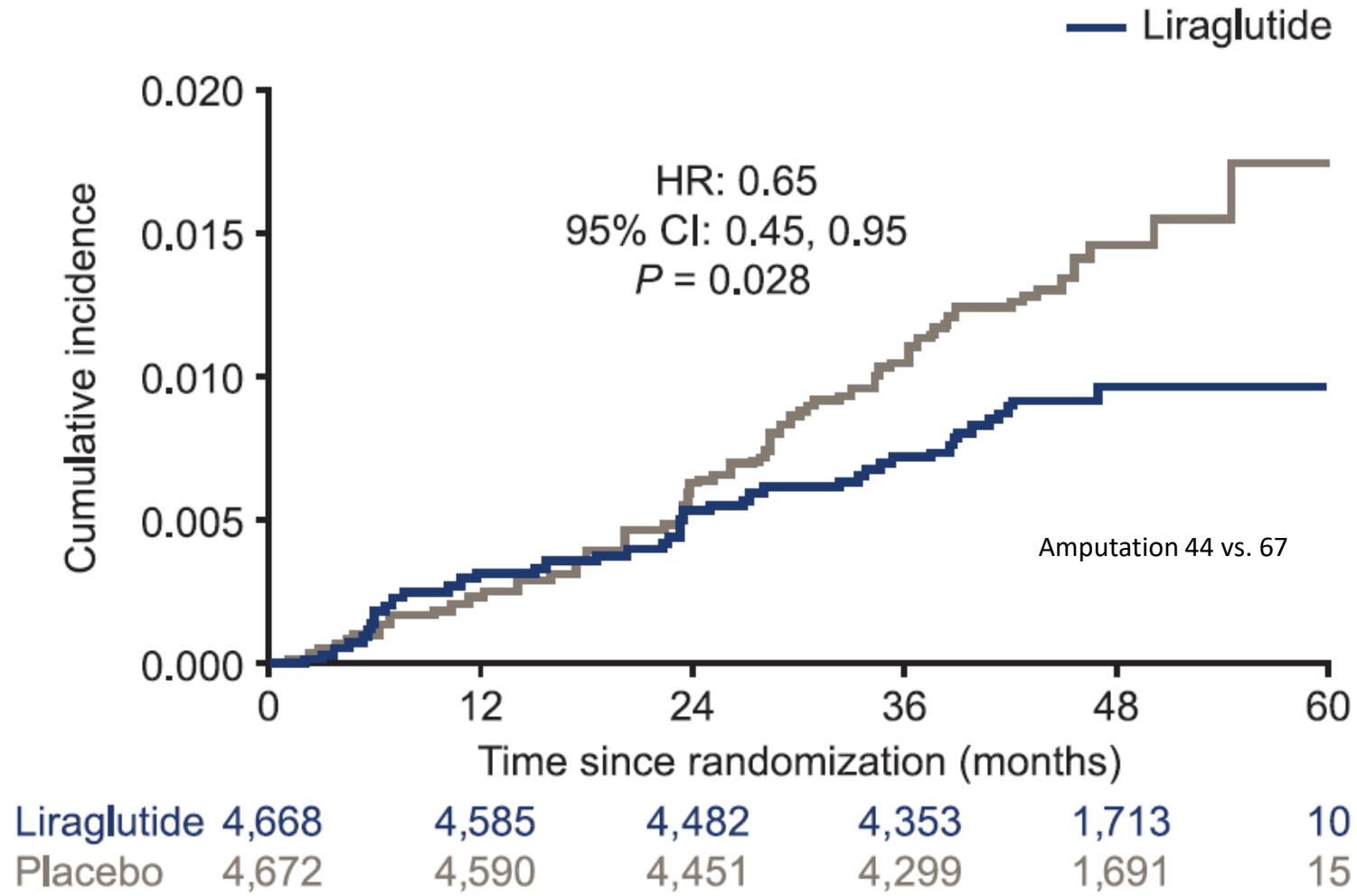
CV Death
HR 0.57 (0.37 – 0.88)

GLP1 Agonism

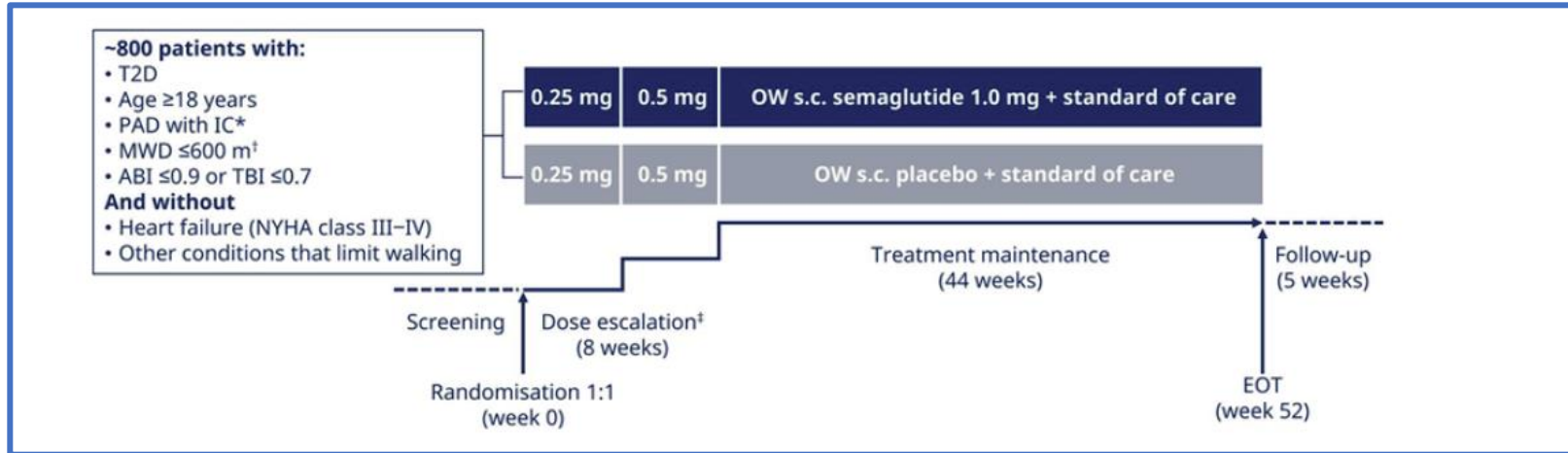
Verma et al. Circulation 2017



Liraglutide and Limb Events



STRIDE Trial: Functional Outcomes Trial in PAD



Primary objective:

To compare the effect of semaglutide s.c. 1.0mg OW vs. placebo on a functional capacity in terms of maximum walking distance in patients with T2D and PAD

Secondary objective:

To compare the effect of semaglutide s.c. 1.0 mg OW vs. placebo on clinical, biochemical, and patient reported outcomes in patients with T2D and PAD

Primary endpoint:

Ratio to baseline at week 52 in MWD on a graded treadmill test at constant speed and incline (3.2 km/h, 12%)

Secondary confirmatory endpoints

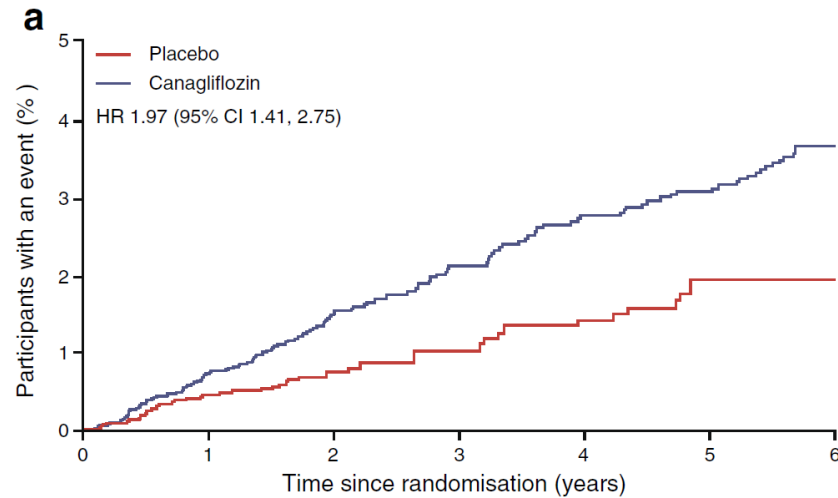
- Ratio to baseline at week 52 in PFWD on a graded treadmill test at constant speed and incline (3.2 km/h, 12%)
- Change from baseline in global score of WIQ

Supportive secondary endpoints

Change from baseline in:

- Body weight
- HbA1c
- Systolic and diastolic blood pressure
- ABI and TBI
- Individual WIQ scores (distance, speed, stair climbing)

Canagliflozin and Amputation in CANVAS



Number at risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Placebo	4344	4212	3011	1289	1247	1194	818
Canagliflozin	5790	5634	4381	2618	2536	2457	1714

	Canagliflozin Per 1000 patient-years	Placebo Per 1000 patient-years	Hazard ratio (95% confidence interval)
History of amputation			
Yes	96.30	59.16	2.15 (1.11–4.19)
No	4.68	2.48	1.88 (1.27–2.78)
History of peripheral vascular disease			
Yes	12.09	8.16	1.39 (0.80–2.40)
No	5.20	2.41	2.34 (1.53–3.58)

**Significant Benefit for
MACE**

CVD/MI/Stroke

0.86 (0.75 – 0.97)

Amputation

1.97 (1.41 – 2.75)

ARI 3.93% in PAD

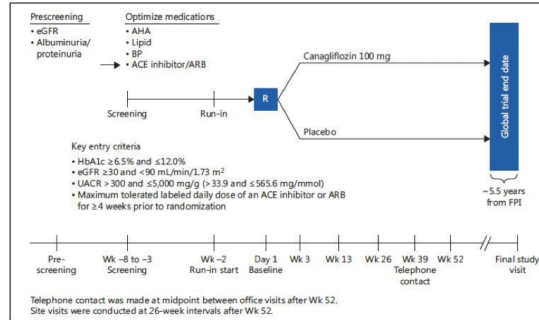
Canagliflozin and Amputation in CANVAS

CREDESCENCE: Patients With T2DM and CKD

Objective: Designed to formally test whether canagliflozin reduces the risk of kidney failure and cardiovascular events in patients with T2DM and markers of established kidney disease compared to placebo when used in addition to standard of care

Design:

- Randomized, double-blind, multicenter, event-driven Phase III study
- 4,401 patients randomized 1:1 100 mg canagliflozin vs placebo



Jardine et al. Am J Nephrol 2017;46:462-472

Exclusion

History of atraumatic amputation within past 12 months of screening, or an active skin ulcer, osteomyelitis, gangrene, or critical ischemia of the lower extremity within 6 months of screening.

Care During Trial

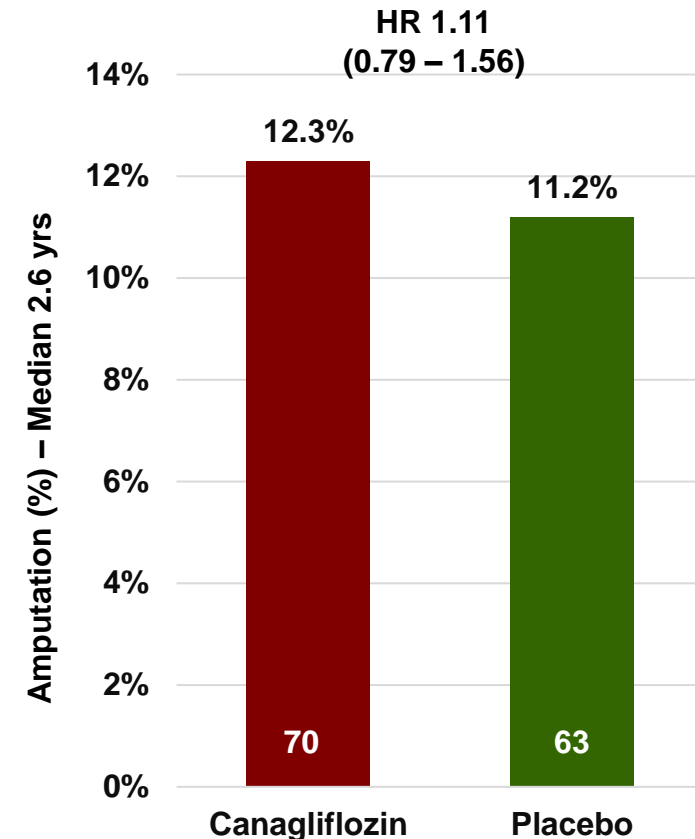
Provide or ensure that all subjects have had general foot self-care education.

Perform a comprehensive foot evaluation at each visit to identify risk factors for ulcers and amputations. The examination should include inspection of the skin, assessment of foot deformities, neurological assessment including pinprick or vibration testing or assessment of ankle reflexes, and vascular assessment including pulses in the legs and feet.

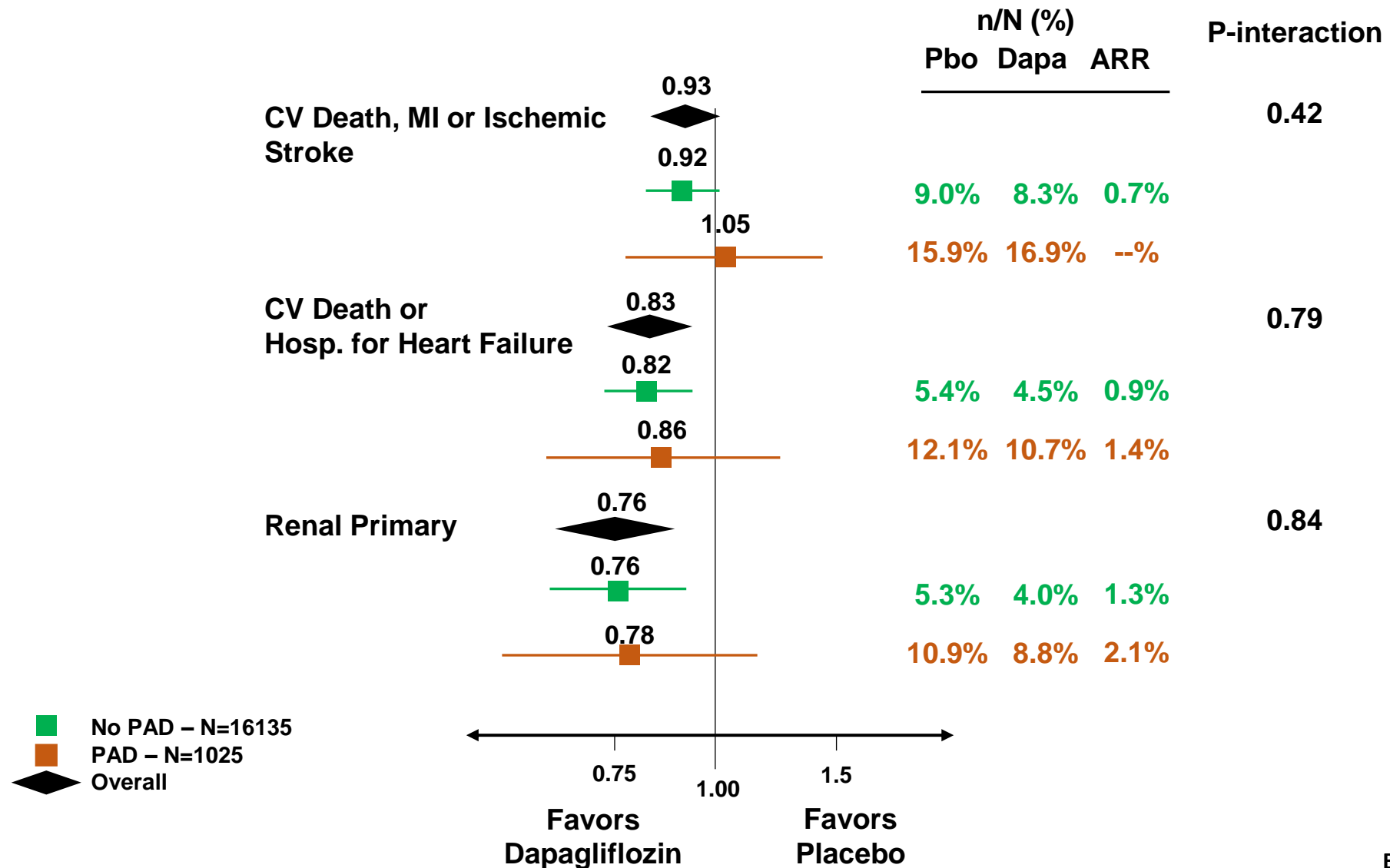
Subjects who have history of prior lower extremity complications, loss of protective sensation, structural abnormalities, or peripheral arterial disease should be referred to foot care specialists for ongoing preventive care.

Management of Study Drug

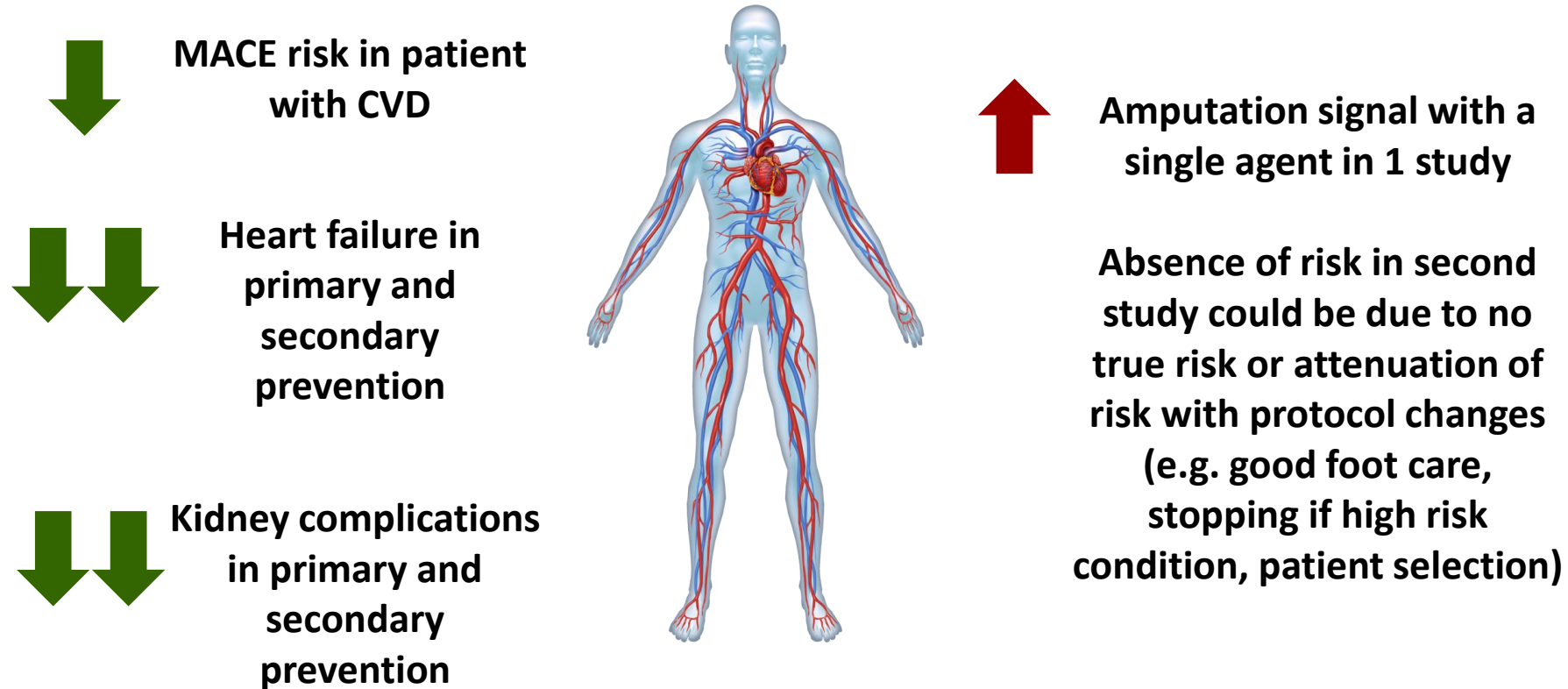
Added statement that study drug should be interrupted for subjects who develop conditions that are associated with amputation.



DECLARE-TIMI 58: Consistent Benefit of Dapagliflozin in Patients with and without PAD

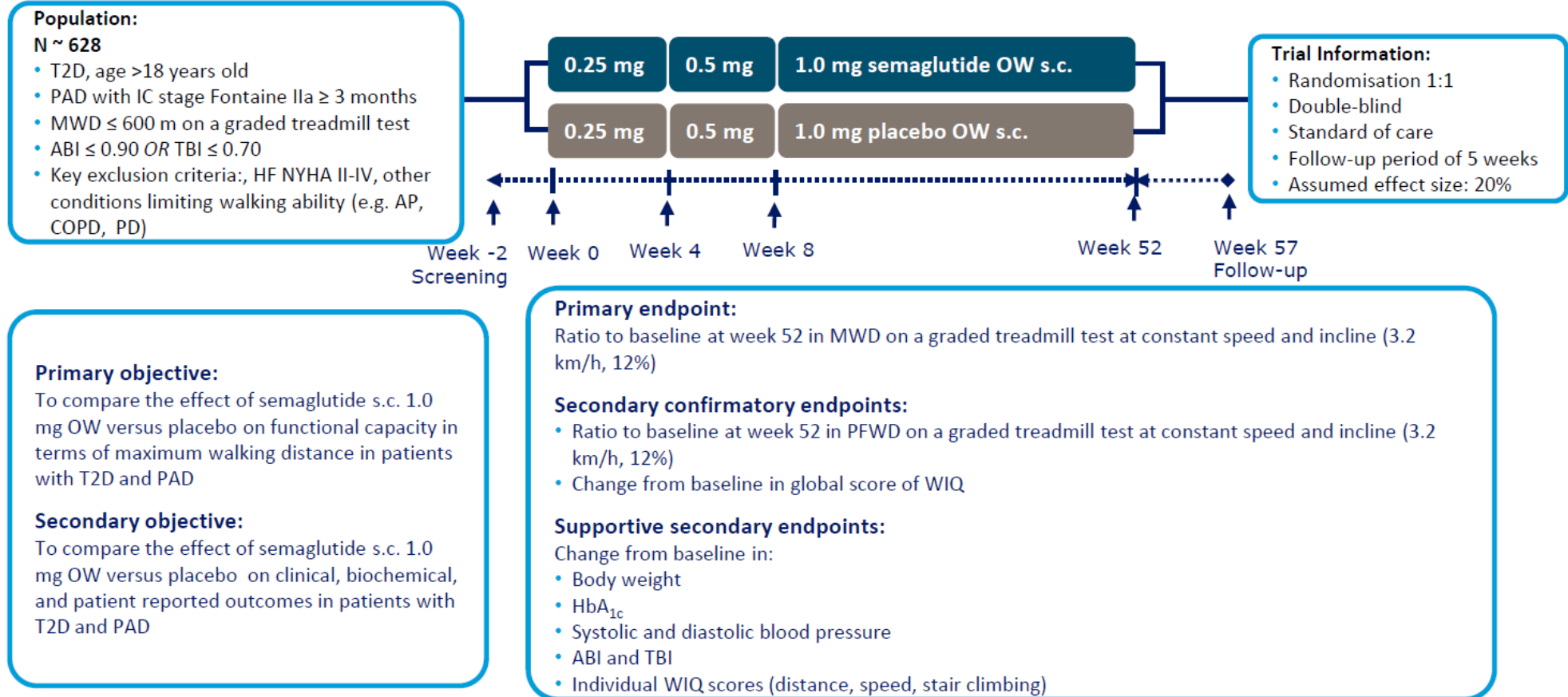


SGLT2 Inhibitors in Peripheral Artery Disease



Important benefits for PAD patients, especially those with CAD, HF, and kidney disease. Risk (if true) may be reasonably managed by foot hygiene, patient selection, agent selection, and drug management during high risk periods.

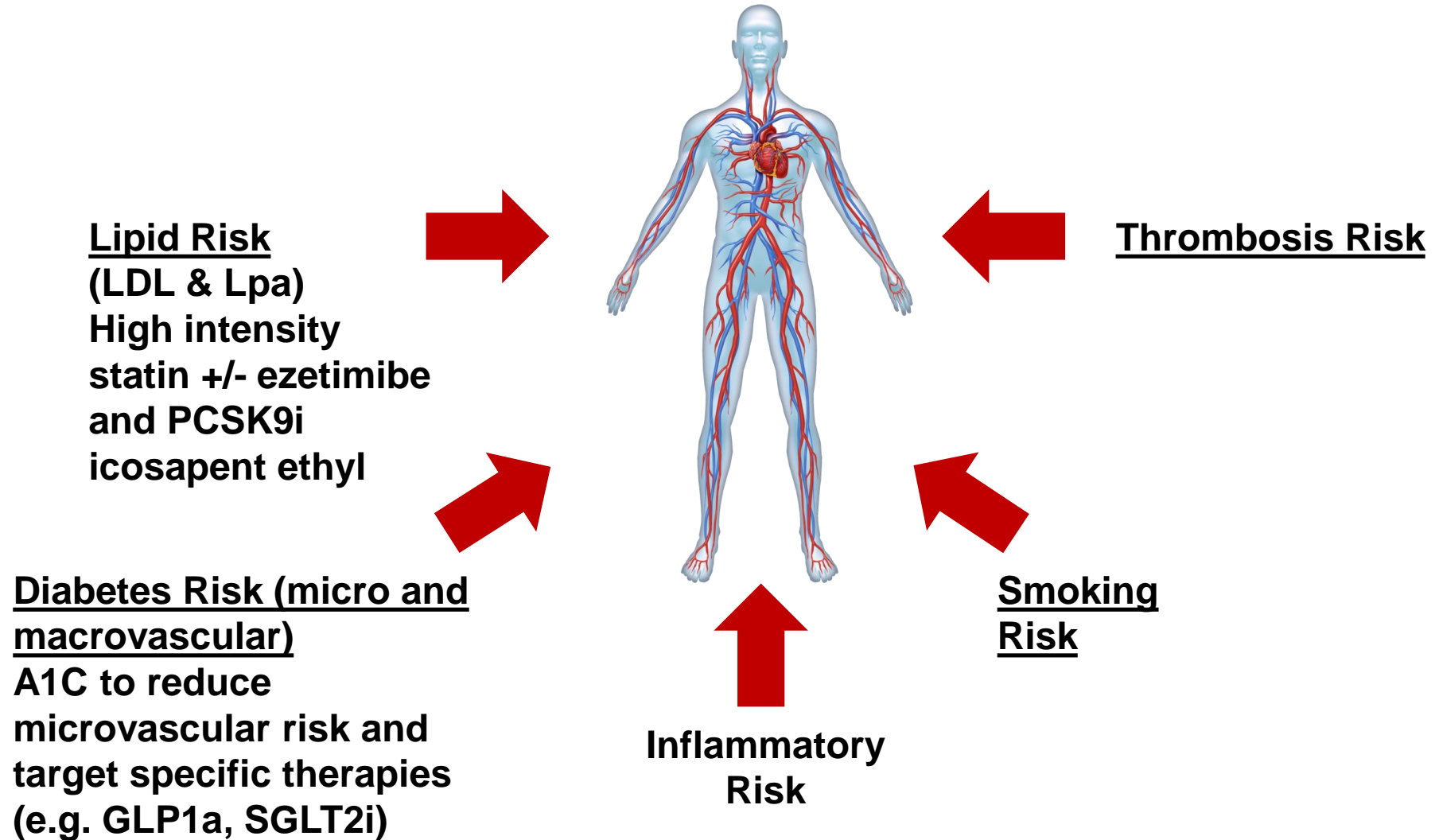
Functional Outcome Trial in Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD)



ABI, ankle-brachial index; TBI, toe-brachial index; MWD, maximal walking distance; OW, once weekly; PFWD, pain-free walking distance; WIQ, walking impairment questionnaire; AP, angina pectoris; HF, heart failure; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; CCS, Canadian Cardiovascular Scale; NYHA, New York Heart Association; MRC, Medical Research Council Scale; PD, Parkinson's disease

Axes of Risk and Treatment Targets in PAD

Lifestyle & Function (exercise, diet, cilostazol
where not contraindicated)



Foundations of Cardiometabolic Health Certification Course

Certified Cardiometabolic Health Professional (CCHP)



Antiplatelet Therapy for PAD

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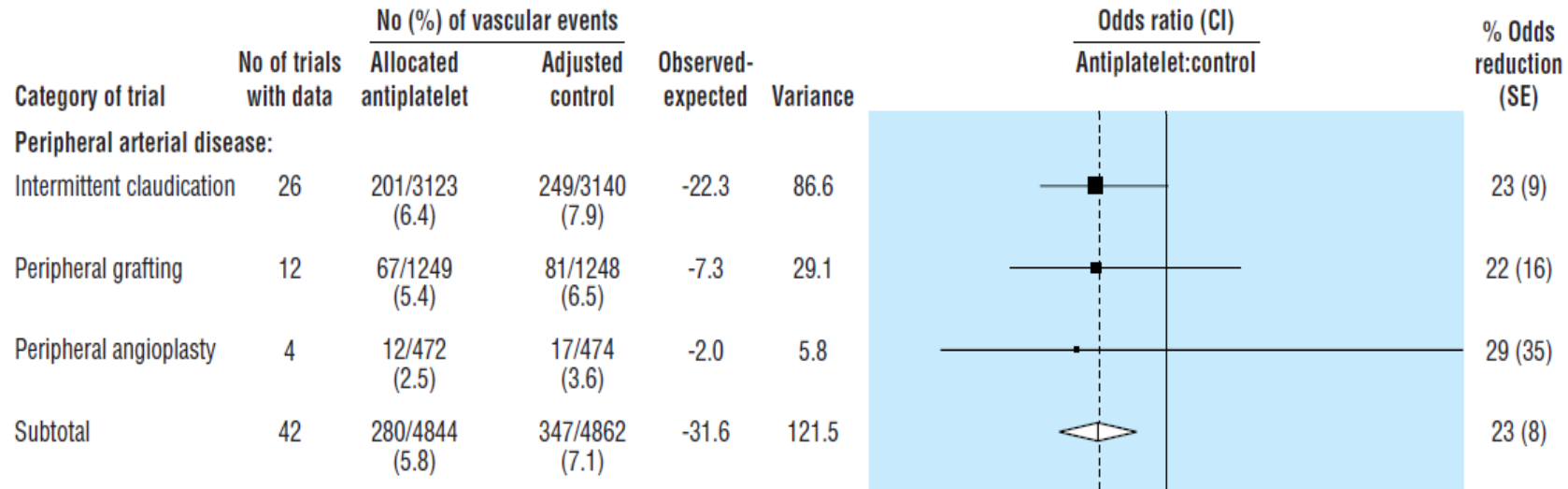


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Antiplatelet Therapy for PAD



22% Reduction of CVD/MI/Stroke in high risk patients

23% Reduction of CVD/MI/Stroke in PAD patients

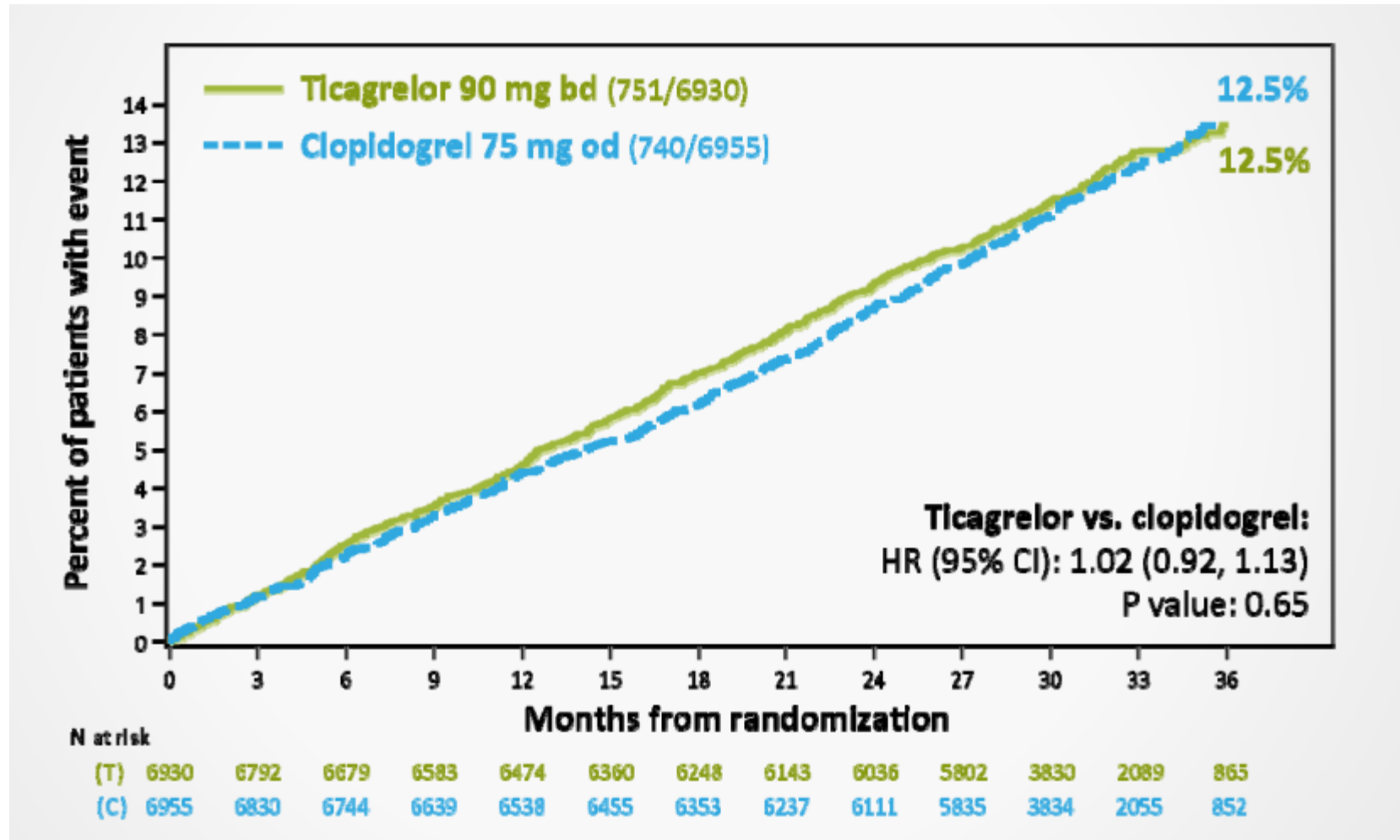
OR for major extracranial bleeding 1.6 (1.4 – 1.8)

No difference between the high risk groups

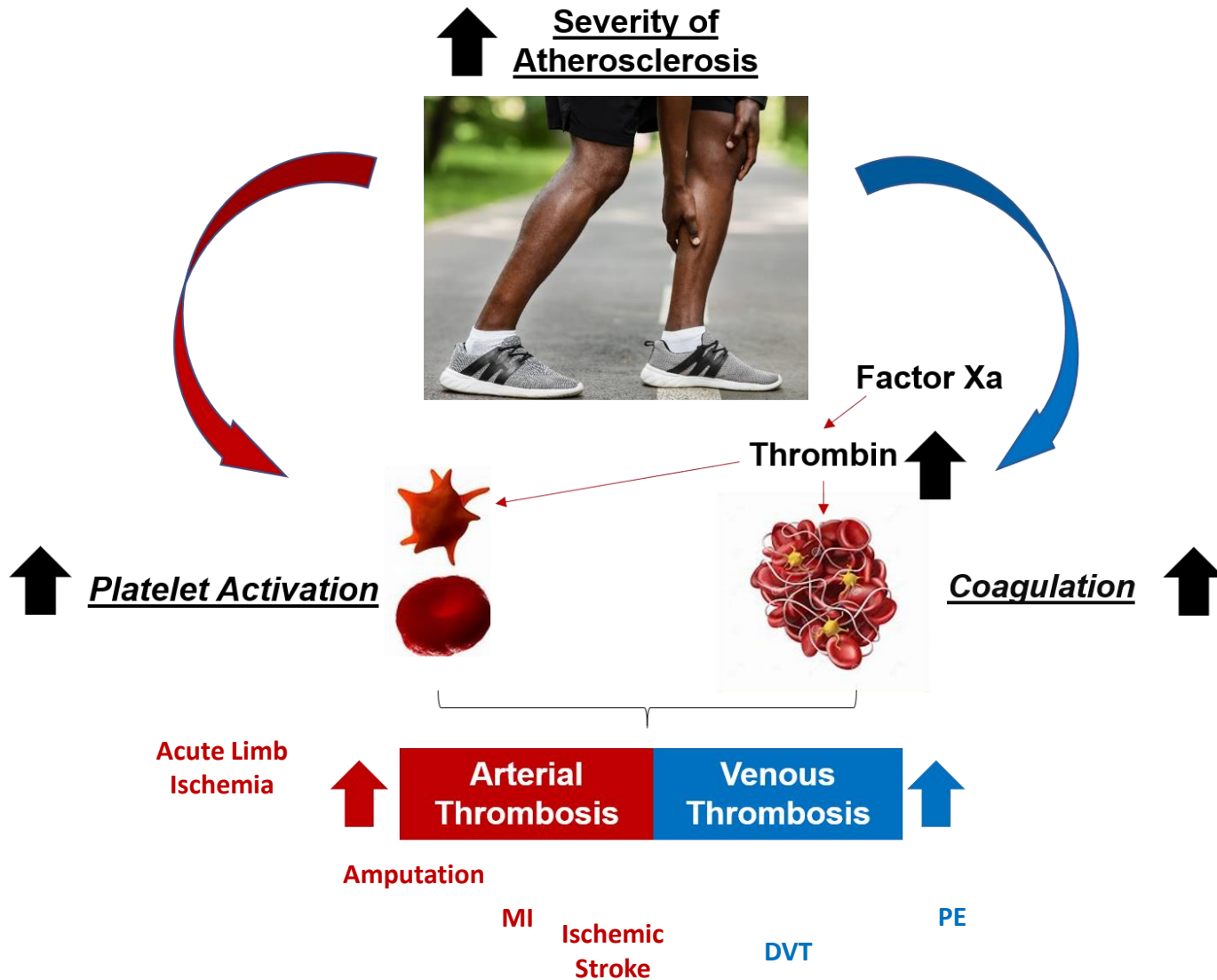
Ticagrelor vs. Clopidogrel for “Symptomatic PAD”

Only ~30% with CAD

Statistical Interaction with benefit w/CAD & PCI (HR 0.82, p-interaction 0.03)



Atherosclerosis (PAD) Associated with Arterial & Venous Thrombosis



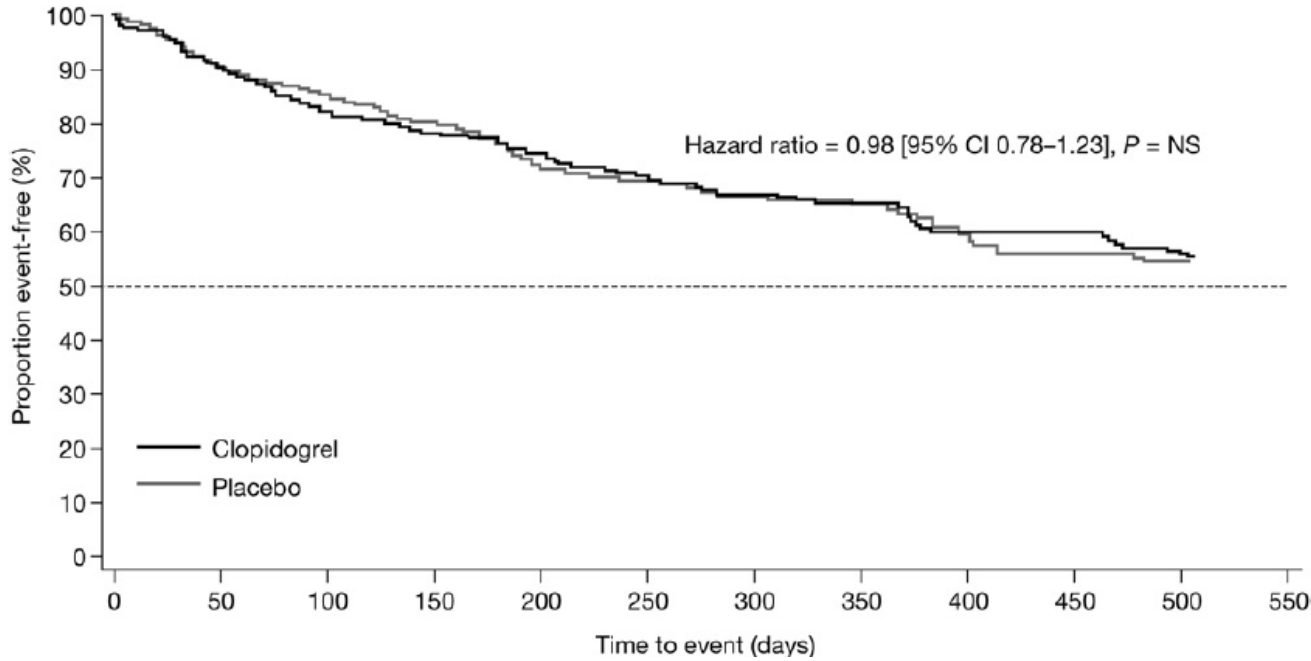
- Clinically manifested atherosclerosis: heightened risk of venous thromboembolism (VTE)^{1,2}
- Patients with VTE: increased risk of atherothrombosis³⁻⁶
- Shared pathobiologies: endothelial dysfunction, inflammation, and thrombin and platelet activation⁷
- Strategies targeting >1 pathway may provide broad benefit across vascular territories in atherosclerosis⁸

From Berkowitz S et al. ISTH 2021 Late Breaking Science

Refs: ¹Prandoni P et al. NEJM 2003; ²Cavallari I et al. Circulation 2018. ³Prandoni P et al. J Thromb Haemost 2006; ⁴Sorensen HT et al. Lancet 2007; ⁵Spencer FA et al. J Thromb Haemost 2008; ⁶Klok FA et al. Blood 2009. ⁷Prandoni P. Internal and Emergency Medicine. 2020; ⁸Weitz JI et al. Thromb Haemost 2020.

Dual Antiplatelet Therapy after Bypass

- 851 patients undergoing unilateral below-knee bypass grafting for atherosclerotic PAD
- ASA (75 mg – 100 mg) + clopidogrel vs. ASA alone



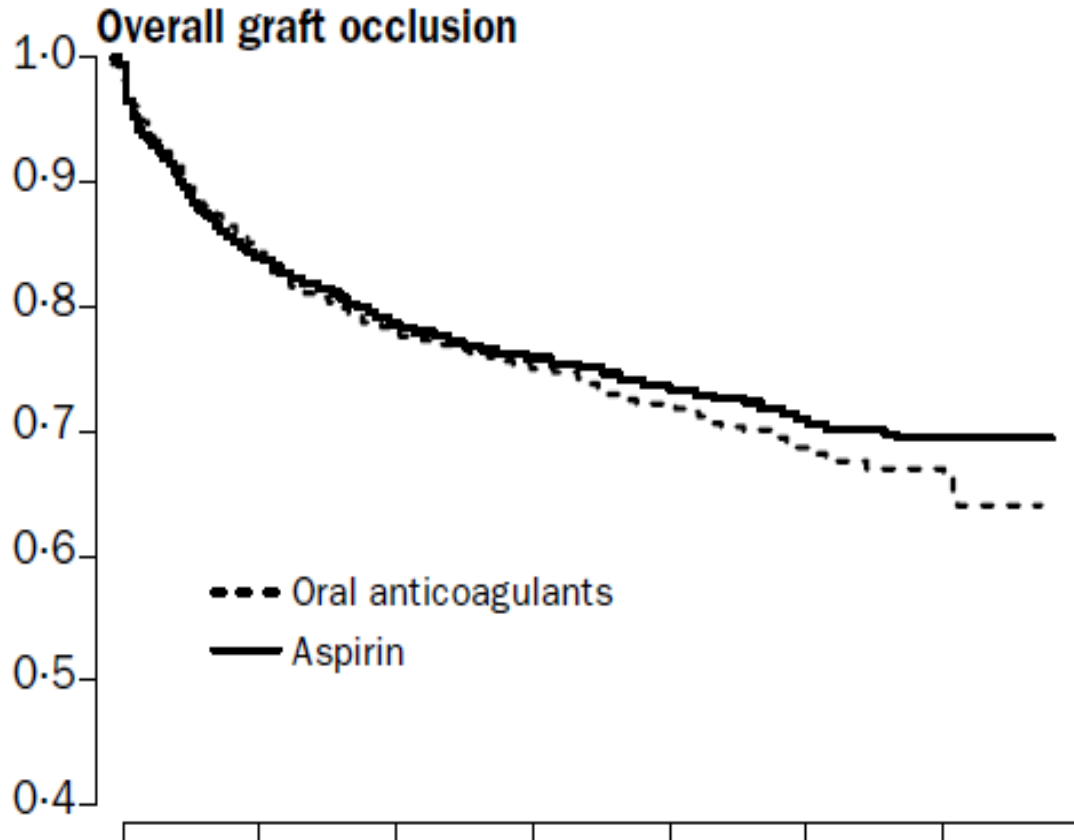
Benefit in subgroup with prosthetic grafts?

DAPT with Aspirin and Clopidogrel
GUSTO Moderate or Severe Bleeding
HR 2.84 (1.32 – 6.08)

Outcome	Clopidogrel N=425	Placebo N=426	HR (95% CI)	P-value
Primary Composite*	149	151	0.98 (0.78 – 1.23)	P=NS
Graft Occlusions	93	97	0.94 (0.71 – 1.25)	P=NS
Amputation	31	45	0.68 (0.43 – 1.08)	P=NS
Index Revascularization			0.89 (0.65 – 1.23)	P=NS
Myocardial Infarction			0.81 (0.32 – 2.06)	P=0.66
Stroke			1.02 (0.41 – 2.57)	P=0.96
CV Death			1.49 (0.73 – 3.01)	P=0.27
CV Death, MI, Stroke			1.09 (0.65 – 1.82)	P=0.75
All Cause Mortality	24	17	1.44 (0.77 – 2.68)	
GUSTO Moderate or Severe Bleeding	19	5	2.84 (1.32 – 6.08)	0.007

Warfarin after Bypass

2,690 patients with infrainguinal bypass grafting
 Randomized to warfarin (INR 3-4.5) vs aspirin



	Oral anticoagulants (n=1326)	Aspirin (n=1324)	Hazard ratio (95% CI)
Patient-years of observation*	2287	2273	..
First outcome event			
Occlusion	308	322	0.95 (0.82–1.11)
Vascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, non-fatal stroke, or amputation	248	275	0.89 (0.75–1.06)
Death from all causes	211	205	1.02 (0.85–1.24)
Death from vascular causes	137	146	0.94 (0.74–1.18)
Myocardial infarction	29	42	0.69 (0.42–1.10)
All stroke	35	47	0.74 (0.48–1.14)
Ischaemic stroke	17	34	0.50 (0.28–0.89)
Haemorrhagic stroke	14	4	3.48 (1.14–10.6)
Undefined stroke (no CT scan available)	4	11	0.36 (0.12–1.14)
All amputation	100	110	0.90 (0.69–1.19)
Ipsilateral amputation	89	91	0.98 (0.73–1.31)
Vascular intervention	429	446	0.95 (0.84–1.09)
Haemorrhage (including intracranial)	108	56	1.96 (1.42–2.71)

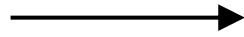
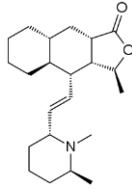
CT=computed tomography. *Patient-years are given for secondary-outcome event. Number of patient-years for other outcome events differ slightly.

? Benefit for vein grafts HR 0.69 (0.54 – 0.88)
 vs. non-vein grafts HR 1.26 (1.03 – 1.55)

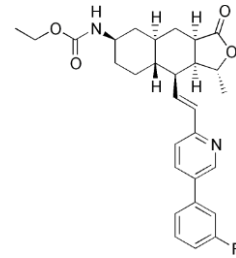
Vorapaxar – First in Class PAR-1 Antagonist

Restenosis after vascular injury in rats

Himbacine



Vorapaxar

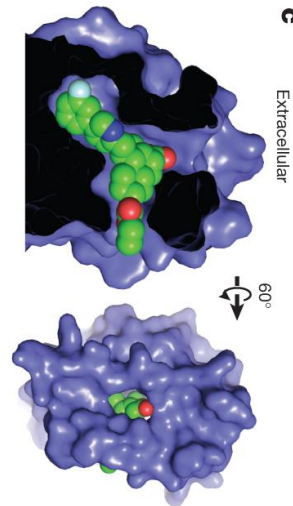


Bark of the Australian Magnolia
(*Galbulimima baccata*)

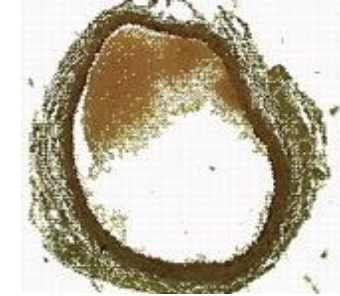
Found in the tropical zones of
eastern Malaysia, New Guinea,
northern Australia and the
Solomon Islands.

Zhang C et al. *Nature* 2012;492:387-92

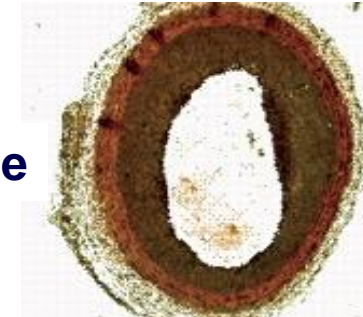
[Vorapaxar Label](#)



Sham



Vehicle

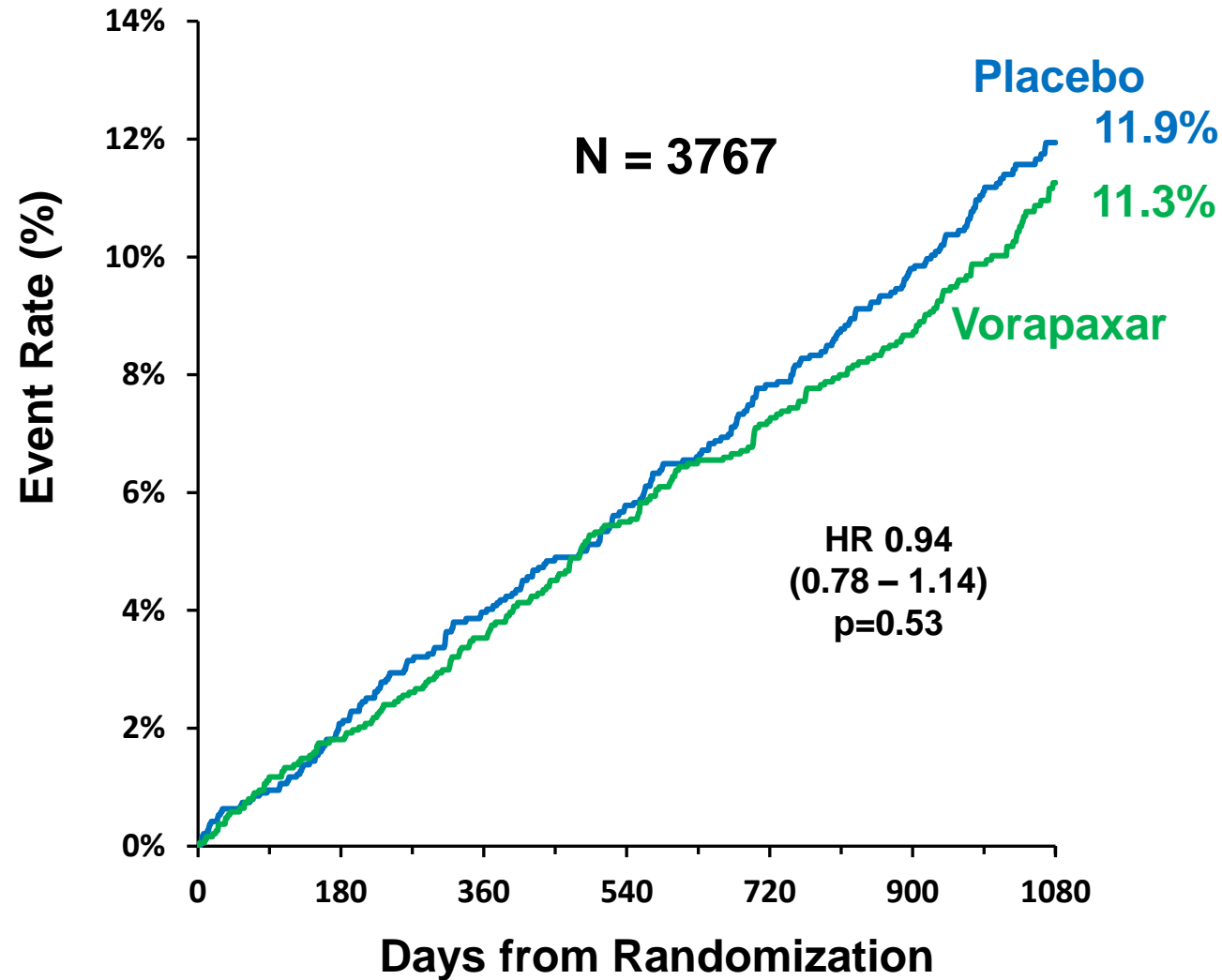


**PAR-1
Antagonist**



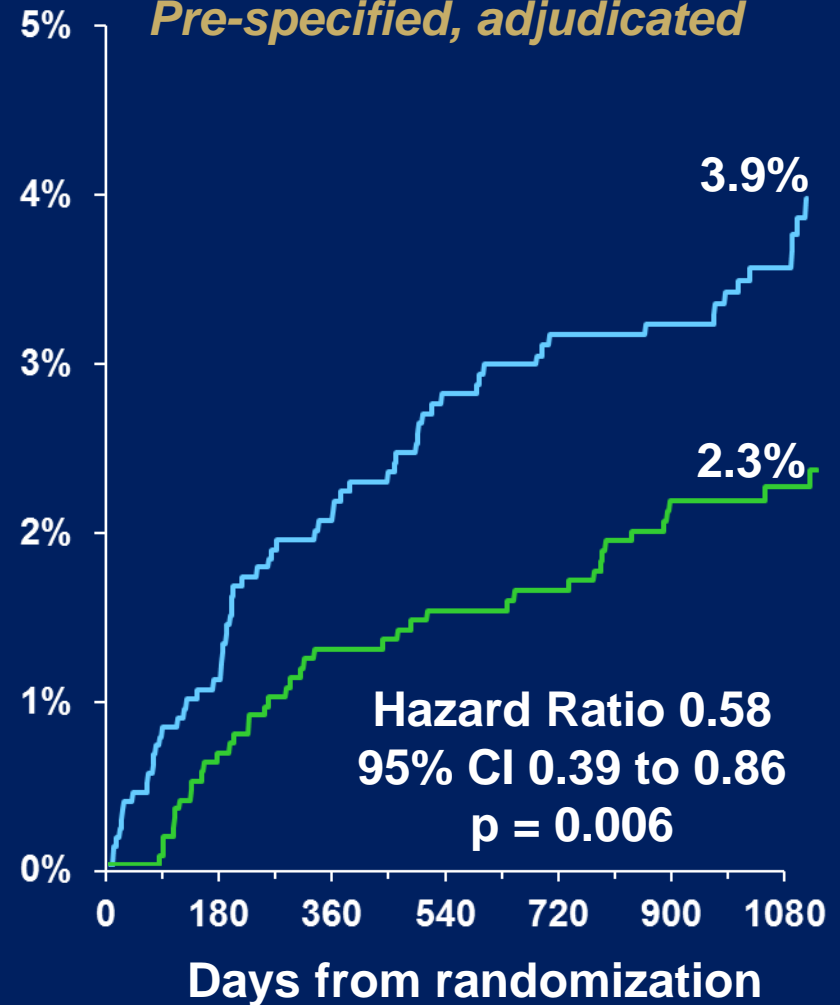
Vorapaxar in Lower Extremity PAD

CV Death, MI, or Stroke

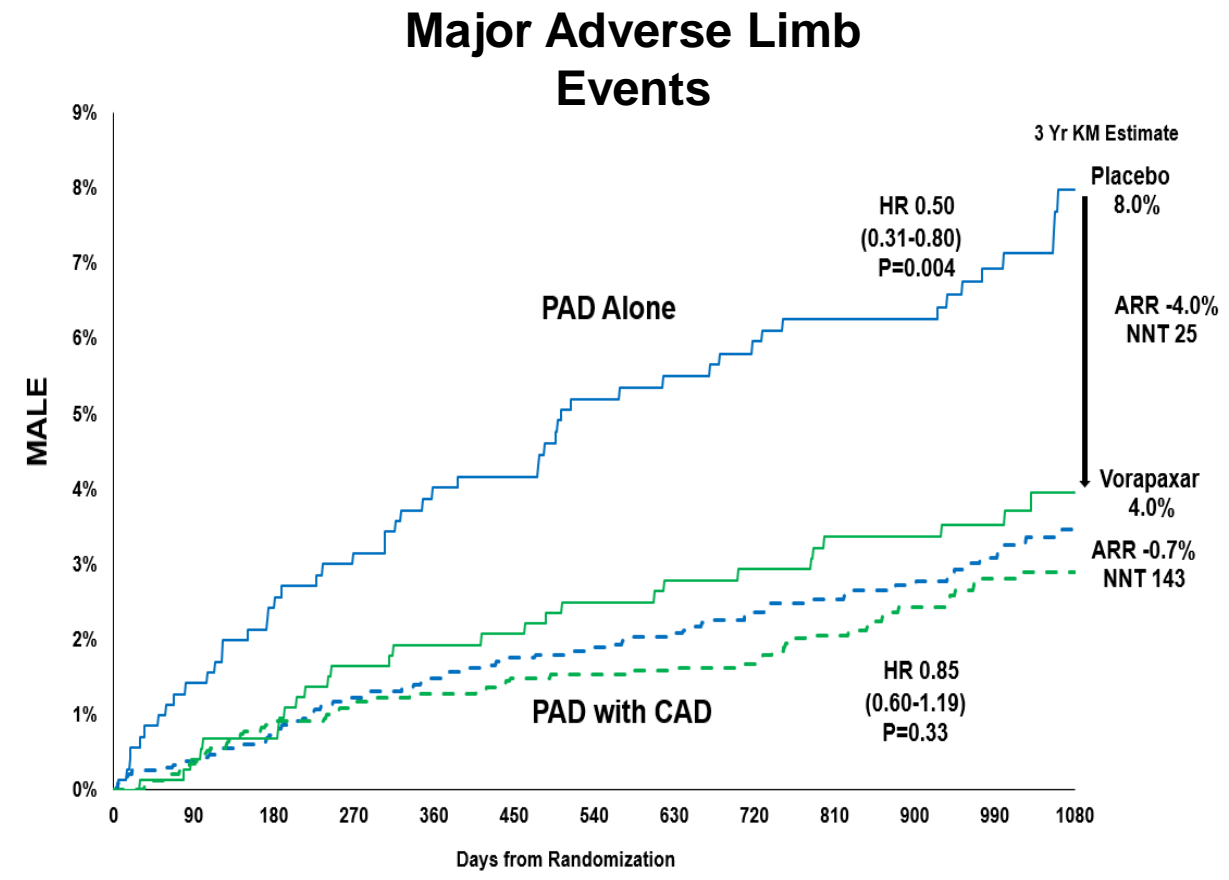
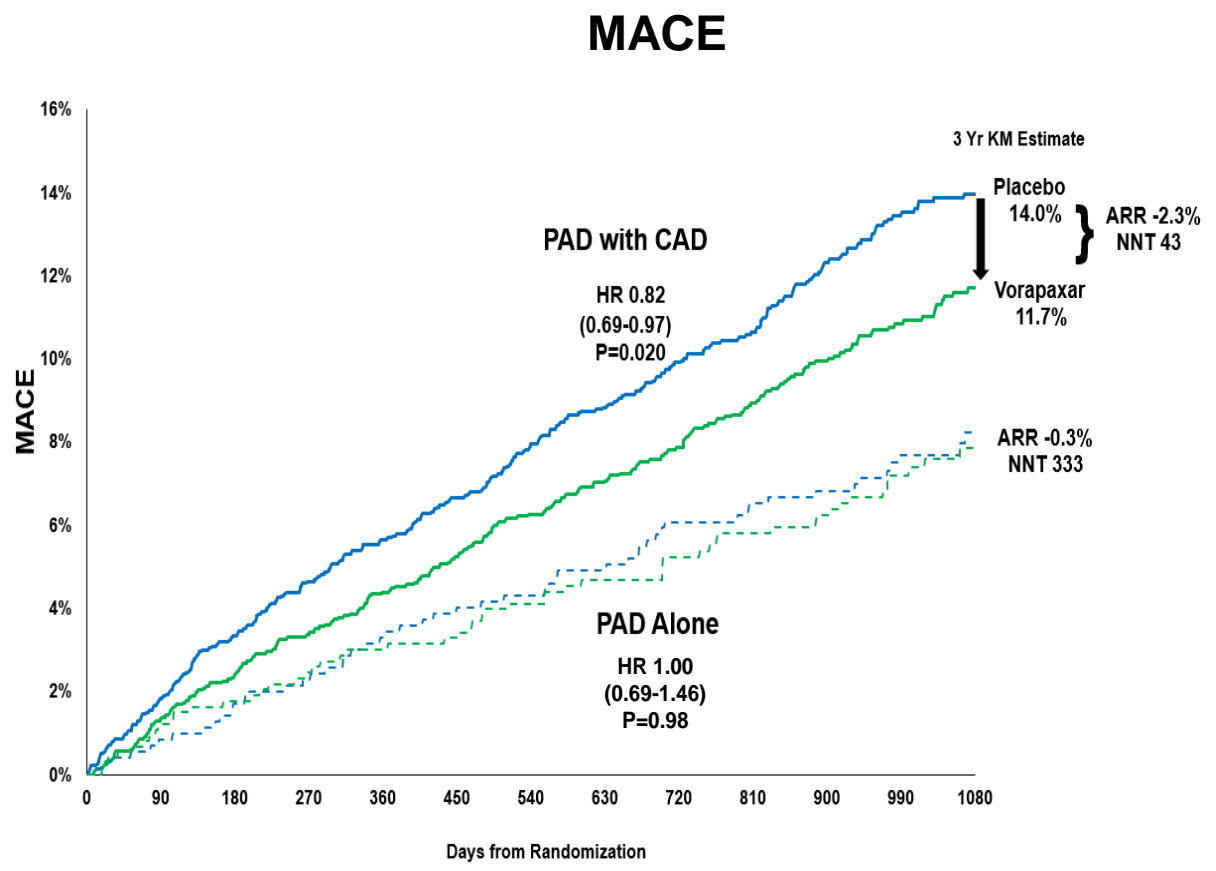


Hospitalization for Acute Limb Ischemia

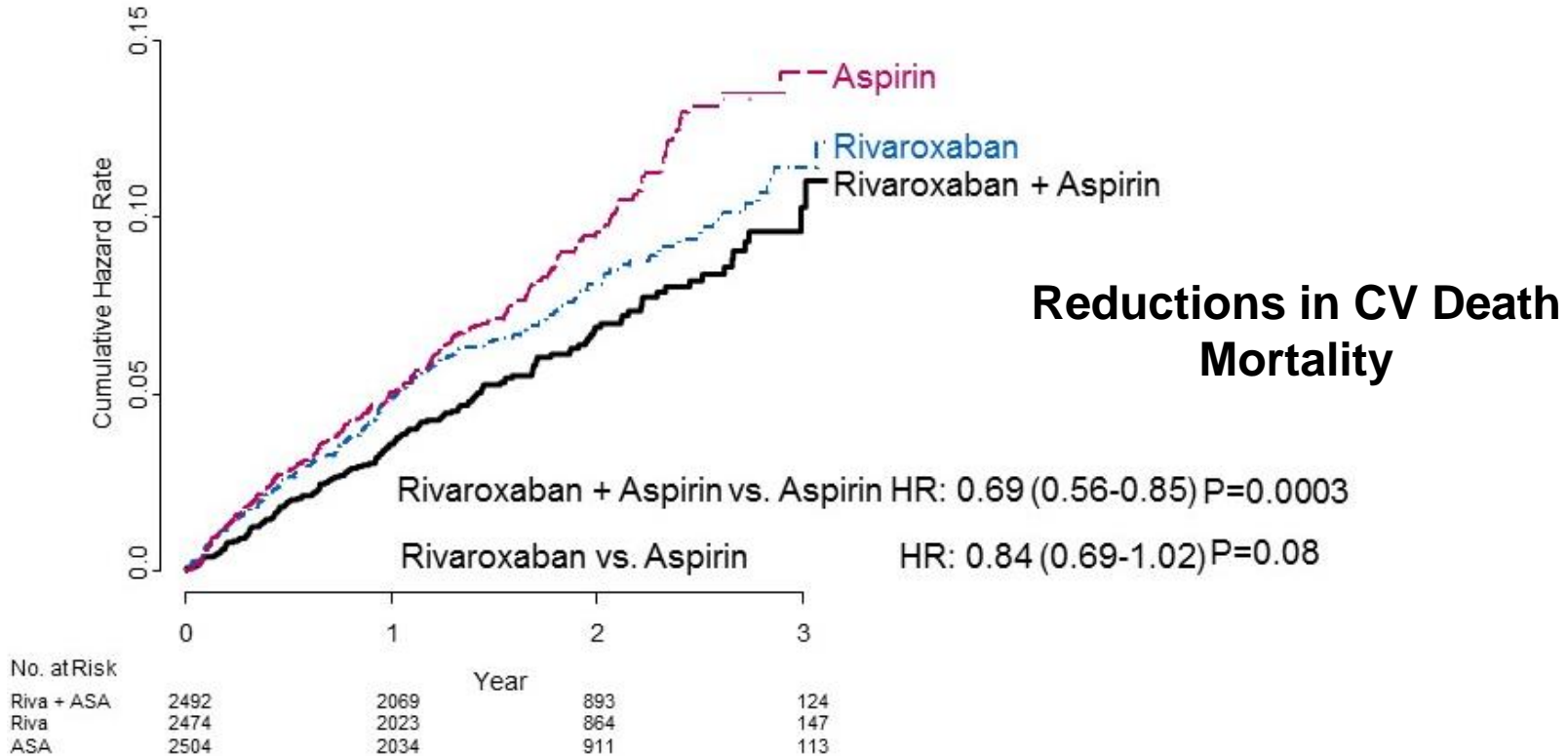
Pre-specified, adjudicated



Effect of Vorapaxar in Patients in PAD for MACE and Major Adverse Limb Events by CAD Status



COMPASS Trial



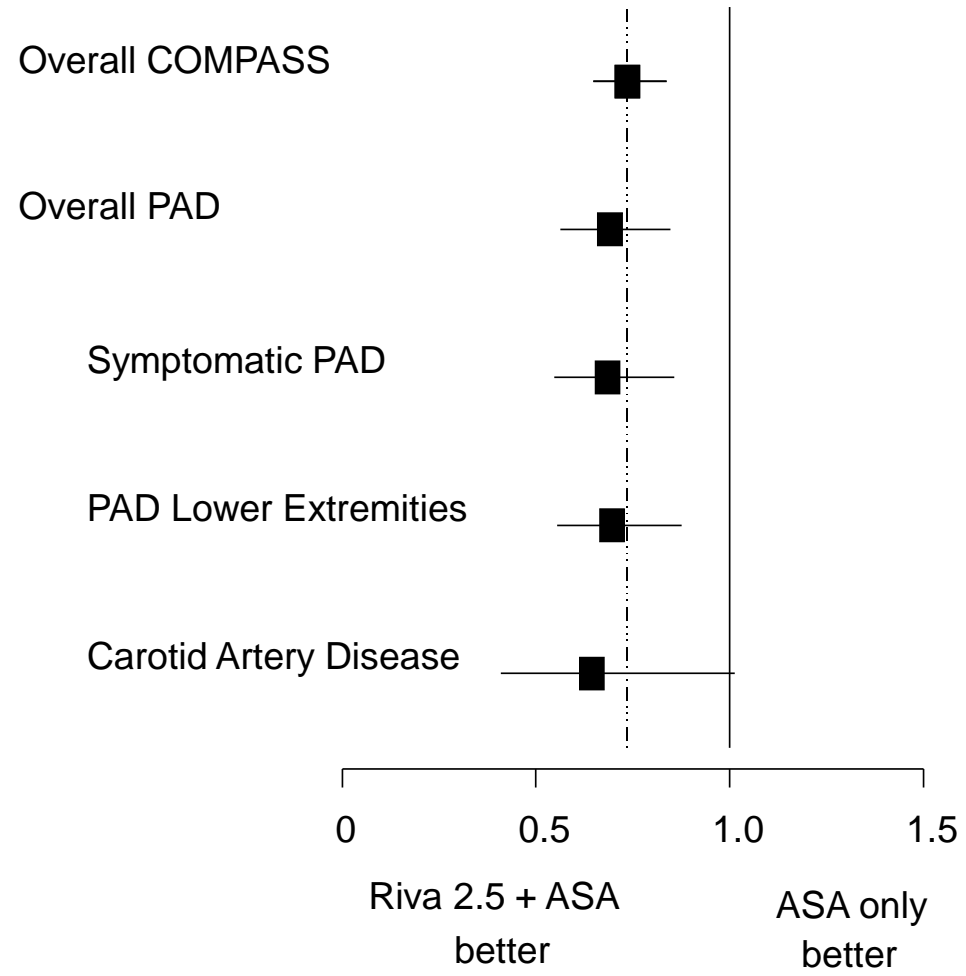
**HR for Major Bleeding 1.70
(1.40 – 2.05), p<0.001**

**>90% with CAD, large subgroup with
Concomitant PAD, consistent benefits for both**

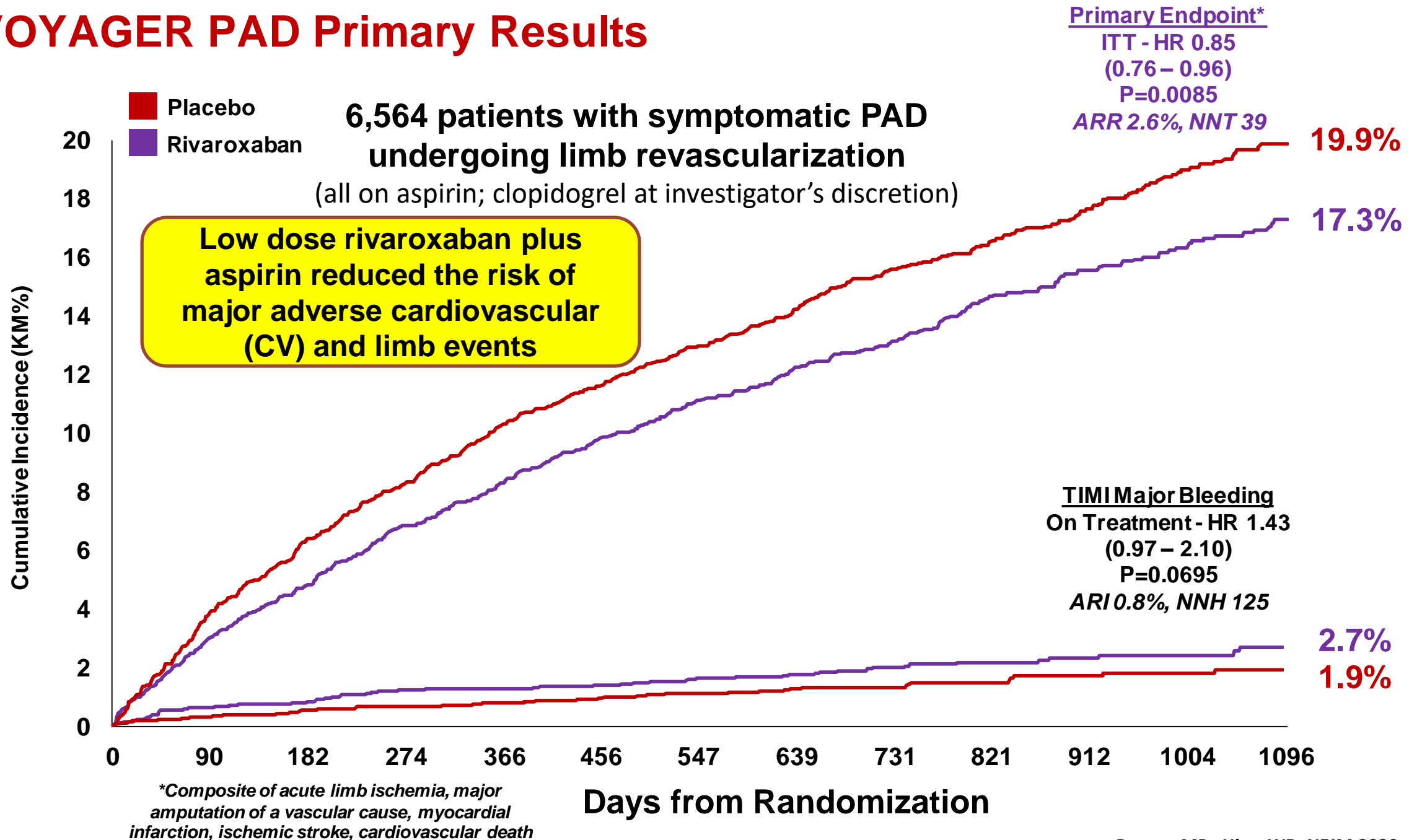
Efficacy Outcomes in PAD

Outcome	R + A	R	A	Riva + aspirin vs. Aspirin		Riva vs. aspirin	
	N=2,492	N=2,474	N=2,504	HR	P	HR	P
	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	(95% CI)		(95% CI)	
MACE	126 (5.1)	149 (6.0)	174 (6.9)	0.72 (0.57-0.90)	0.005	0.86 (0.69-1.08)	0.19
MI	51 (2.0)	56 (2.3)	67 (2.7)	0.76 (0.53-1.09)	-	0.84 (0.59-1.20)	-
Stroke	25 (1.0)	43 (1.7)	47 (1.9)	0.54 (0.33-0.87)	-	0.93 (0.61-1.40)	-
CV Death	64 (2.6)	66 (2.7)	78 (3.1)	0.82 (0.59-1.14)	-	0.86 (0.62-1.19)	-
MALE	30 (1.2)	35 (1.4)	56 (2.2)	0.54 (0.35-0.84)	0.005	0.63 (0.41-0.96)	0.03
Major amputation	5 (0.2)	8 (0.3)	17 (0.7)	0.30 (0.11-0.80)	0.01	0.46 (0.20-1.08)	0.07

MACE, MALE, or Major Amputation



VOYAGER PAD Primary Results

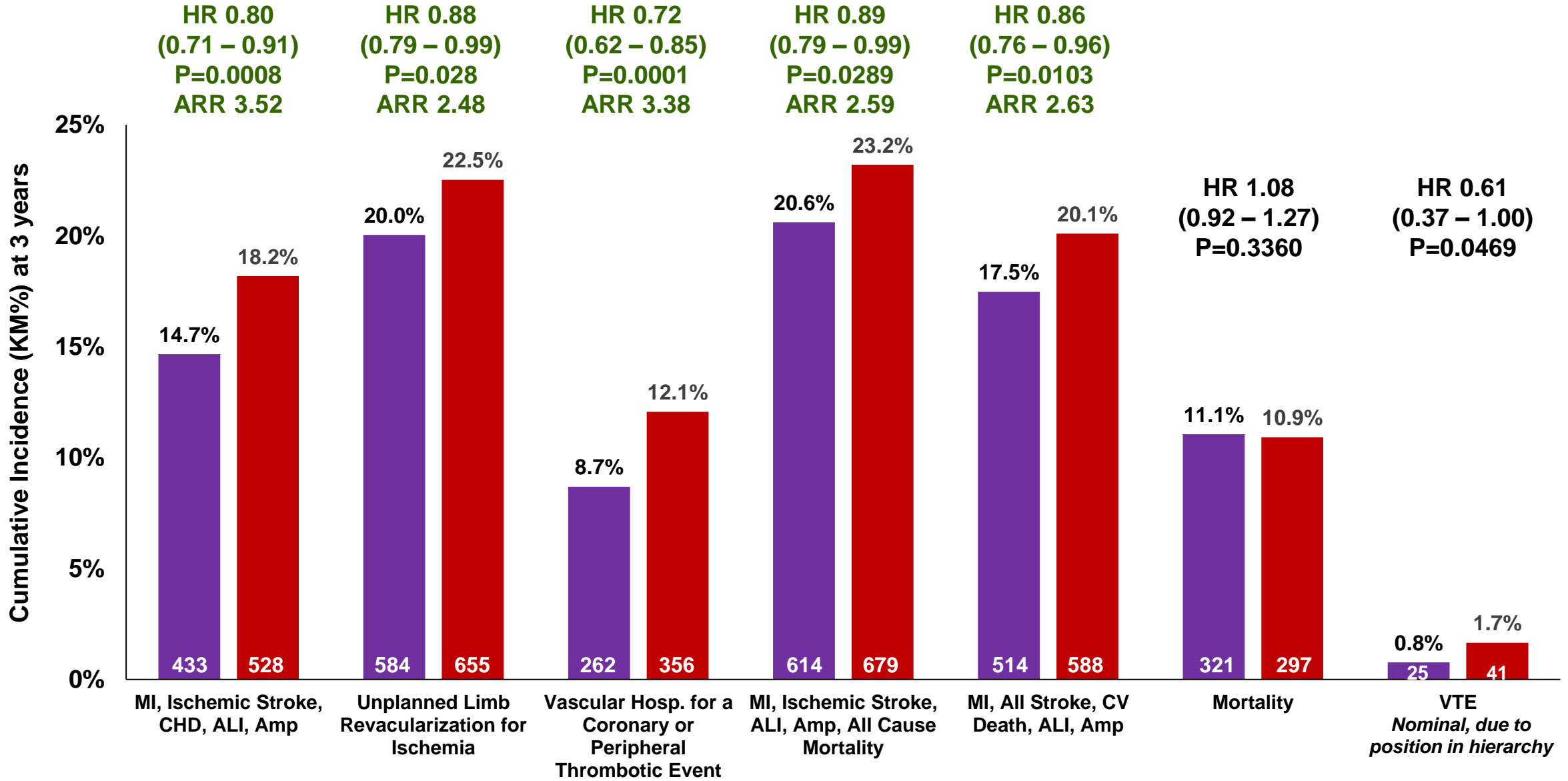


Primary Endpoint & Components

	KM% 3 Years (n) Rivaroxaban N=3286	KM% 3 Years (n) Placebo N=3278	HR (95% CI)
Primary efficacy outcome	17.3	19.9	0.85 (0.76–0.96)
Acute limb ischemia	5.2	7.8	0.67 (0.55–0.82)
Major vascular amputation	3.4	3.9	0.89 (0.68–1.16)
Ischemic stroke	2.7	3.0	0.87 (0.63–1.19)
Myocardial infarction	4.6	5.2	0.88 (0.70–1.12)
CV death	7.1	6.4	1.14 (0.93–1.40)

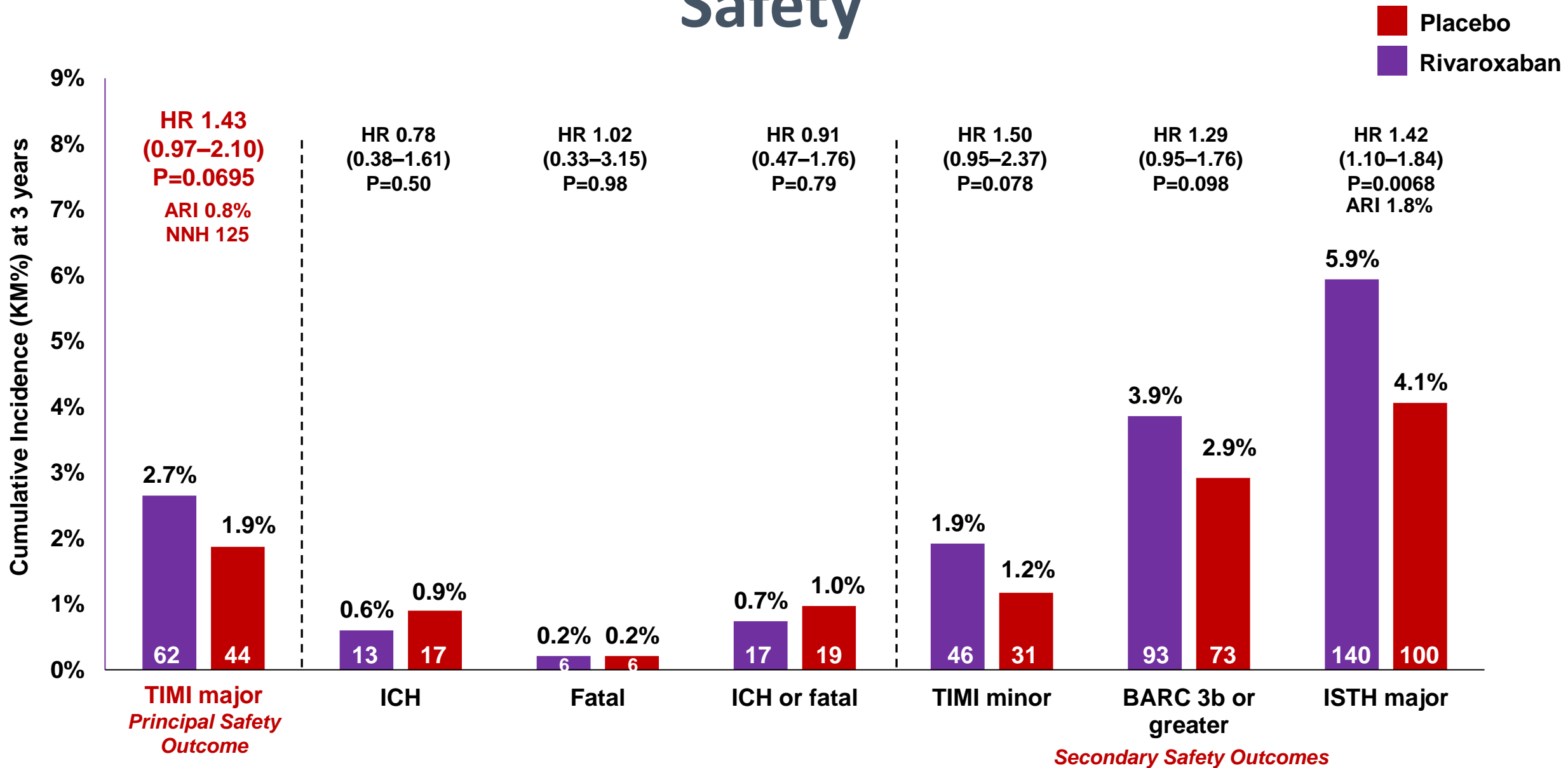
Secondary Outcomes*

Placebo
Rivaroxaban



*Presented in order of hierarchy from left to right

Safety

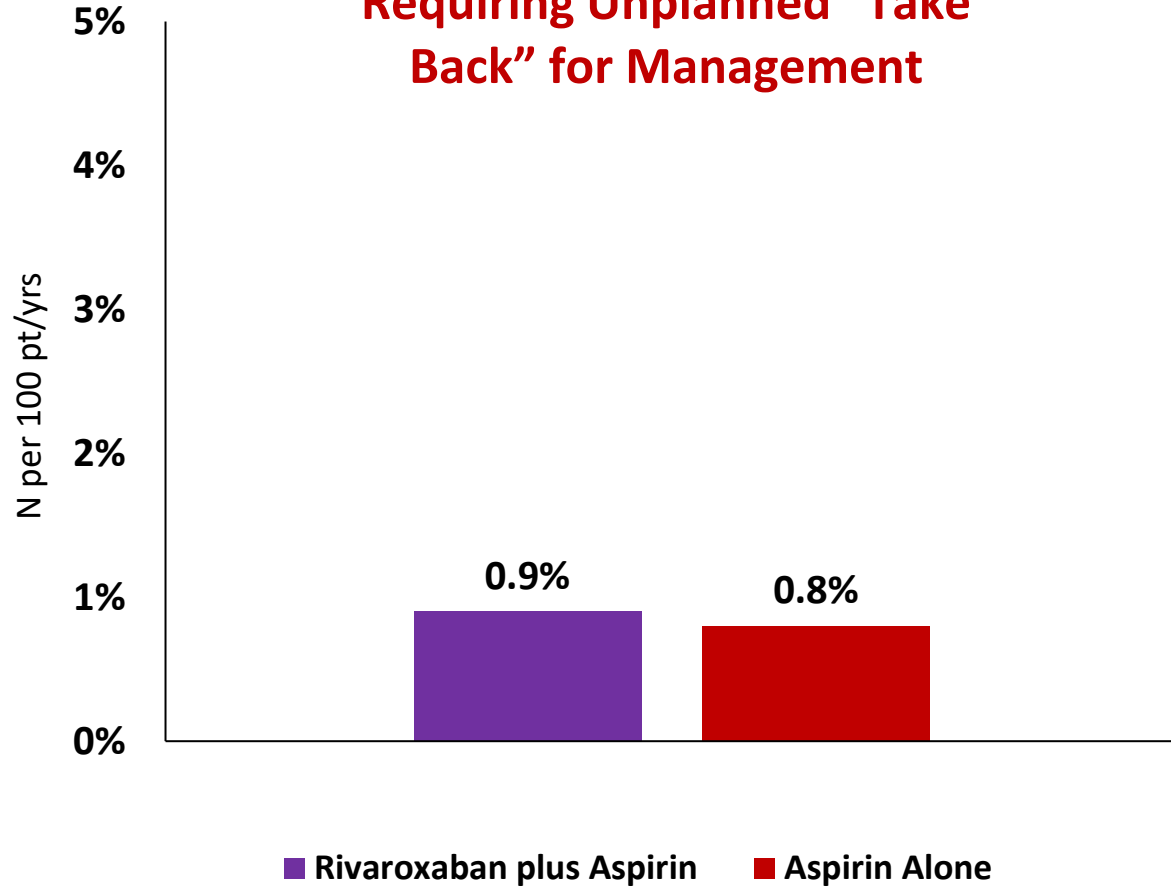


ARI, absolute risk increase;
 NNH, number needed to harm

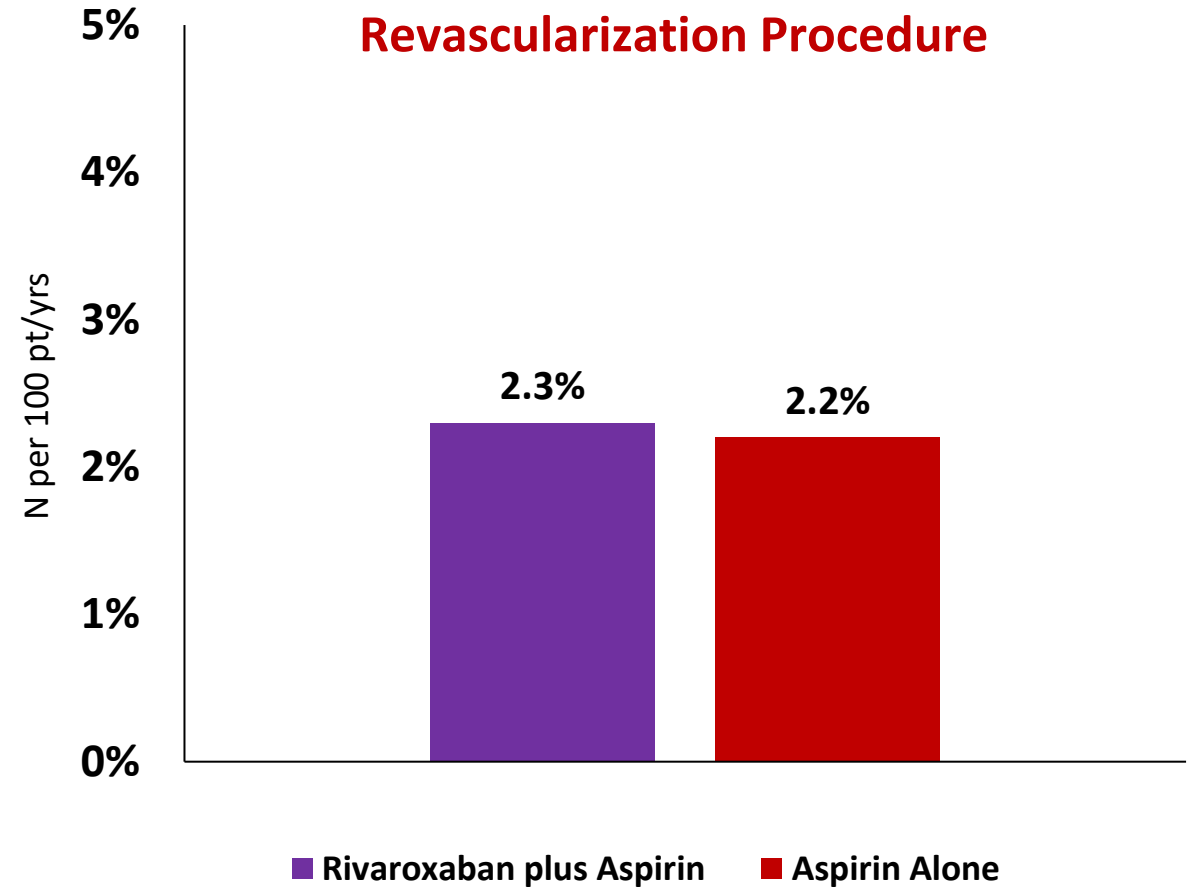
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Procedural Bleeding

**Post-Procedural Bleeding
Requiring Unplanned “Take
Back” for Management**

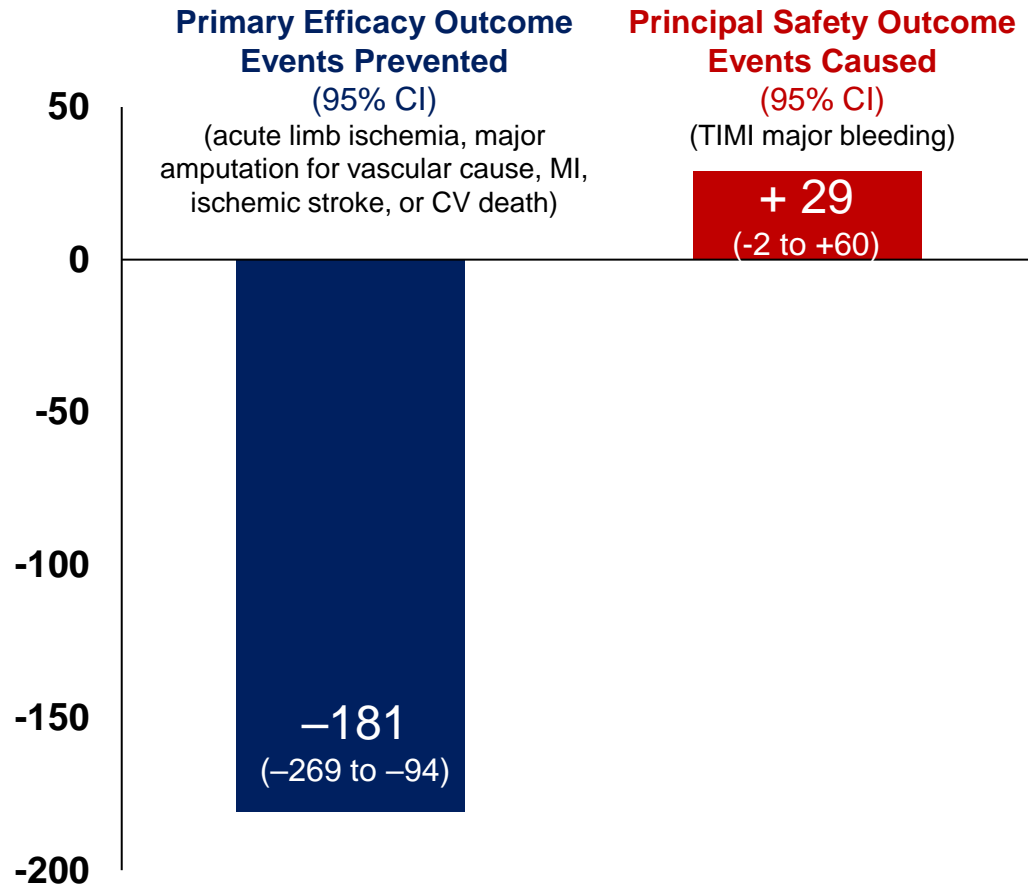


**Any Bleeding Associated with a
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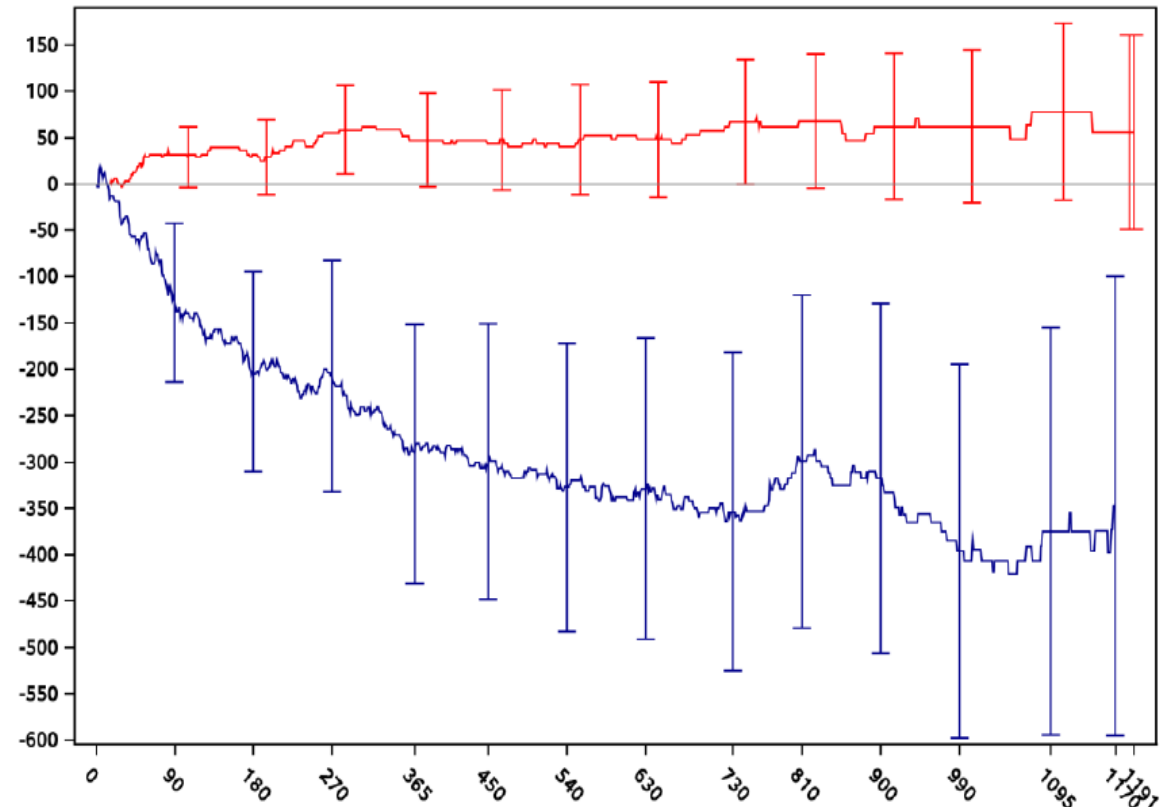


Risk–Benefit

**First Events Prevented / Caused for
10,000 Patients Treated* for 1 Year**



**First Events Prevented / Caused from Time
from Randomization**



**Efficacy and safety
on treatment*

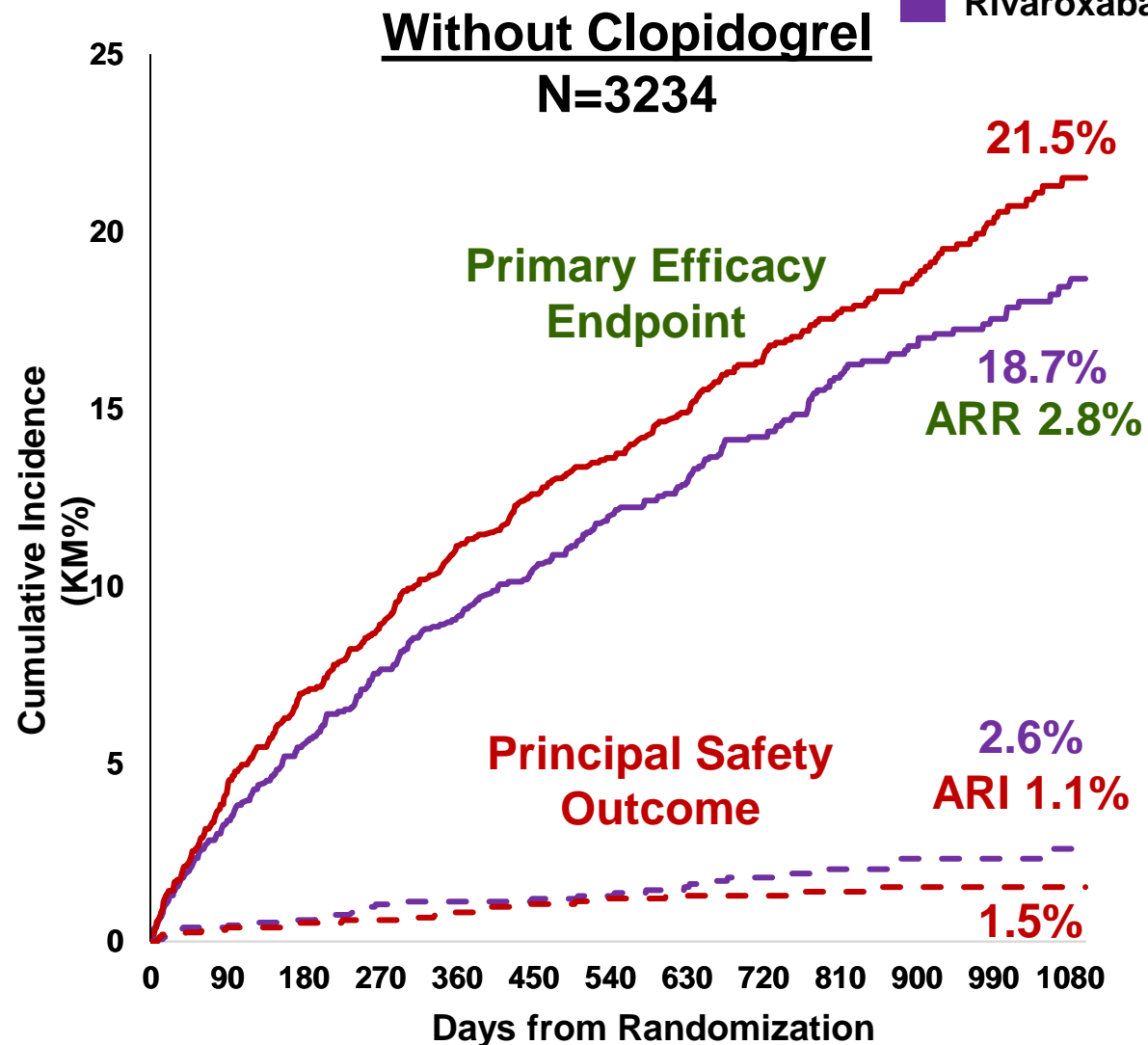
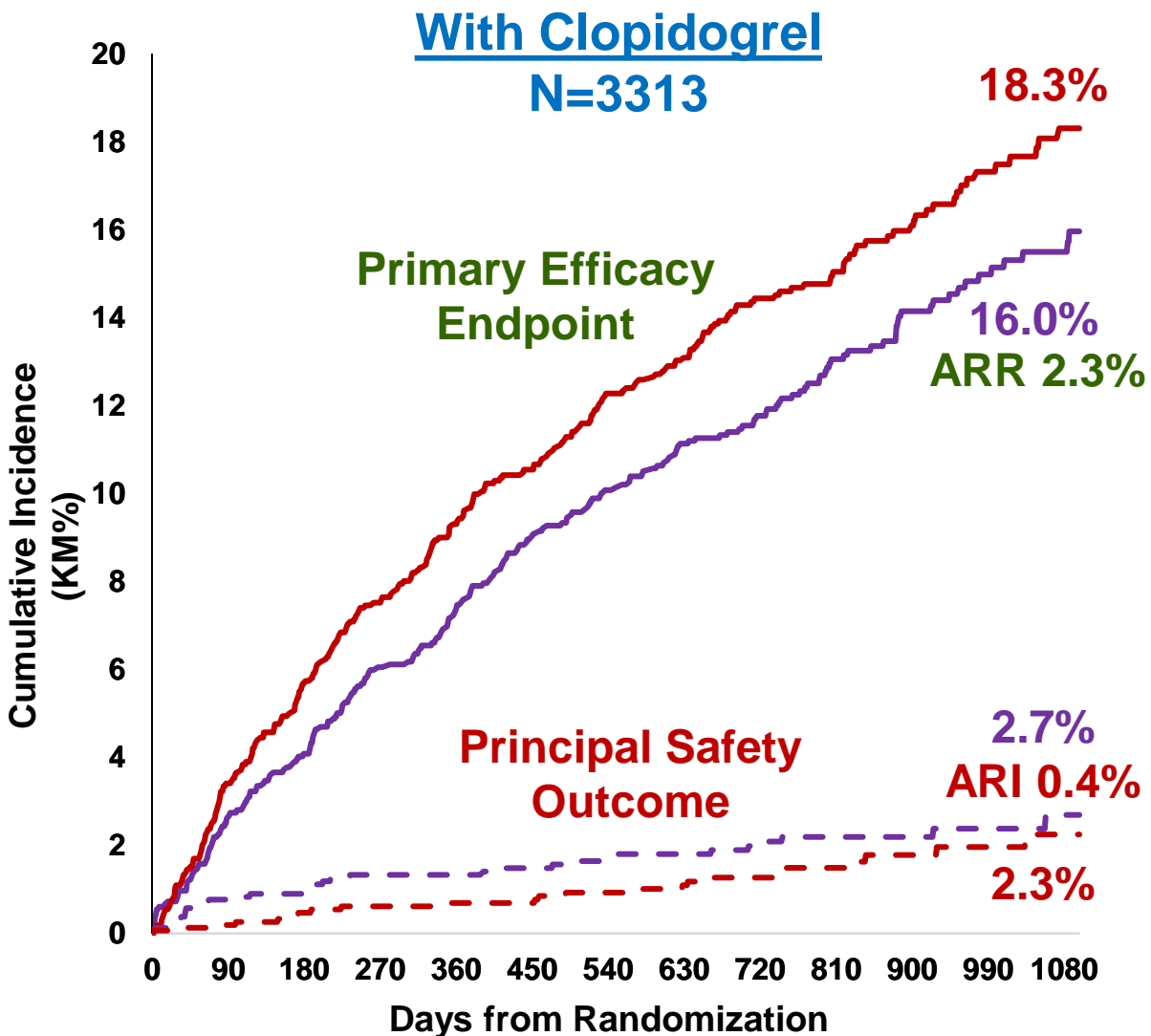
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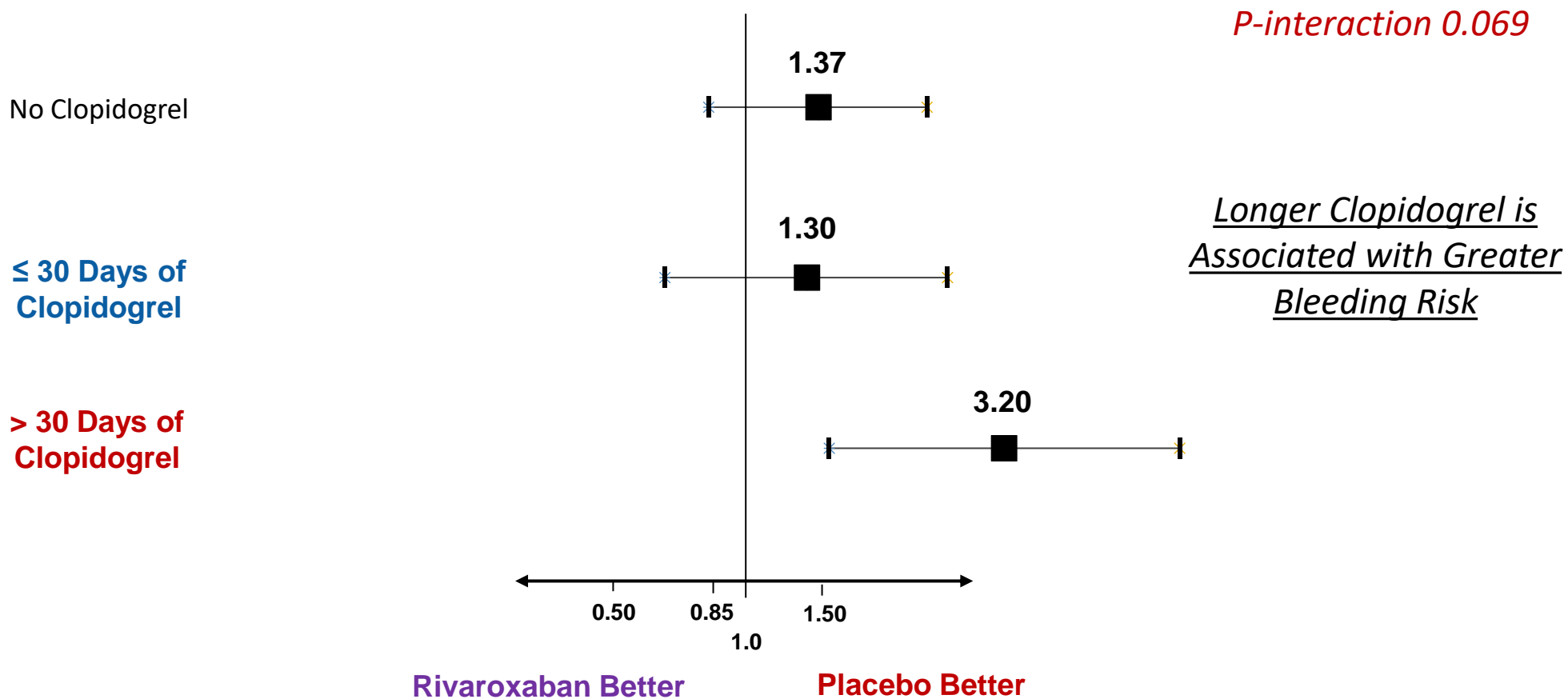
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Background Clopidogrel

- Placebo
- Rivaroxaban



Risk of ISTH Bleeding with Rivaroxaban by Use and Duration of Concomitant Clopidogrel



Pathology of Peripheral Artery Disease in Patients With Critical Limb Ischemia



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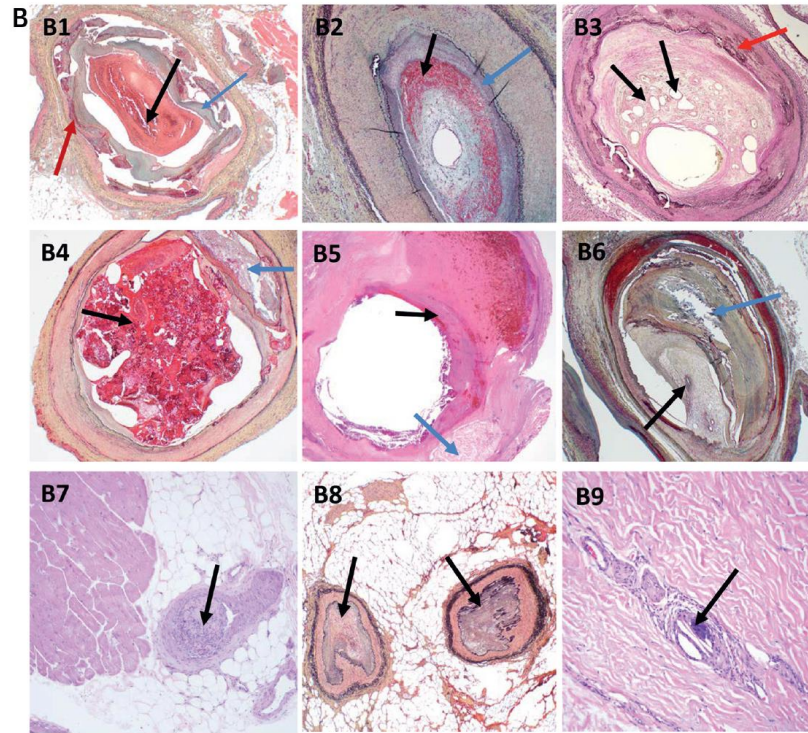
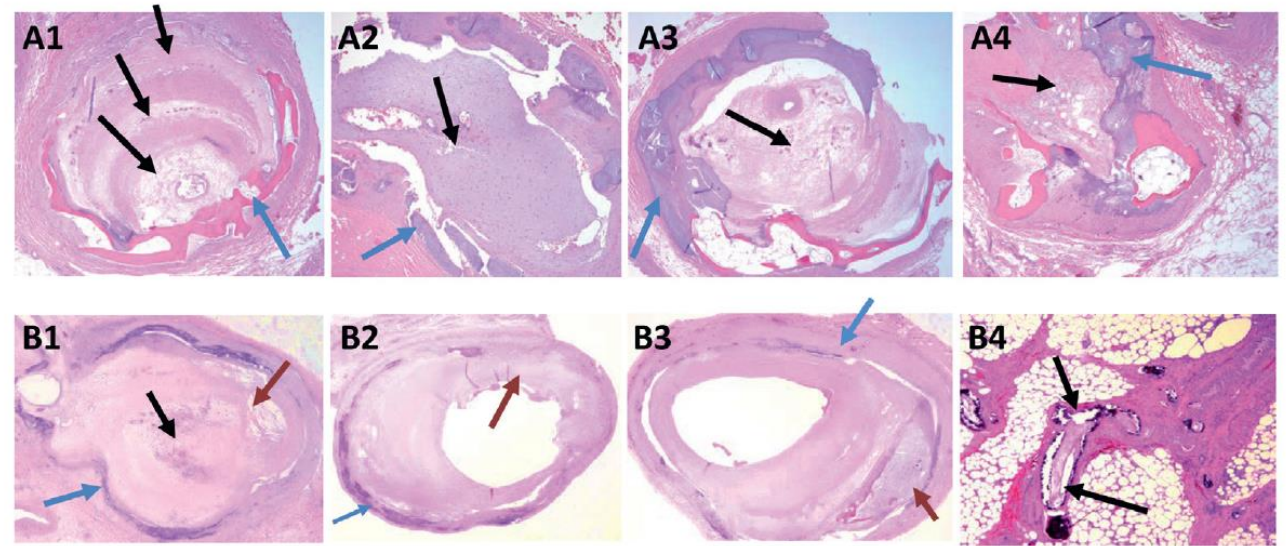
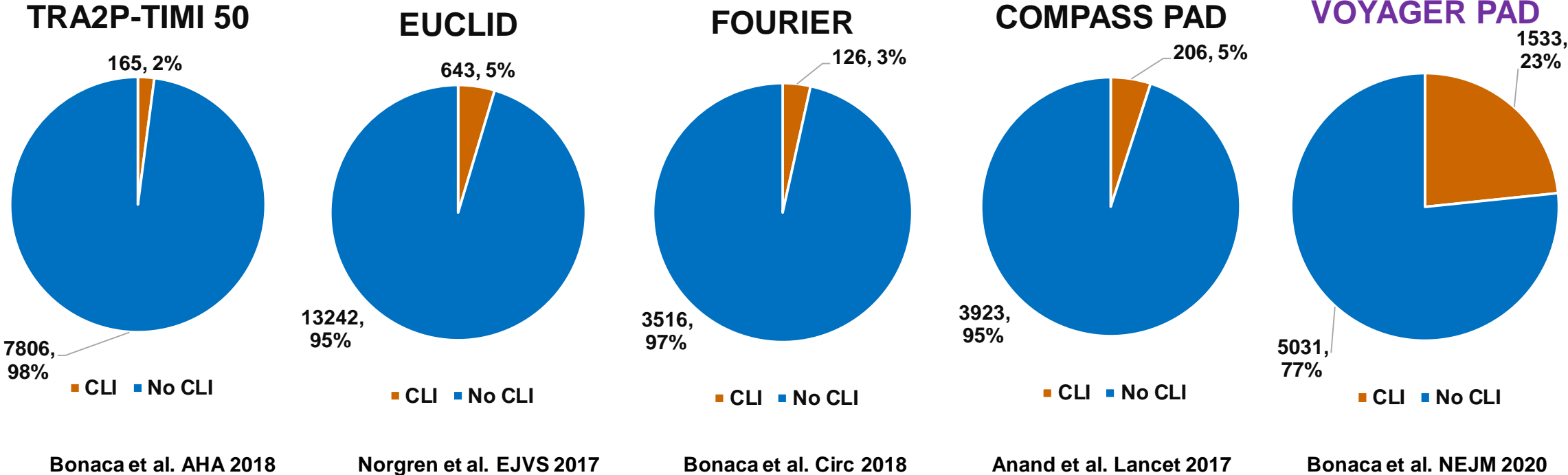


FIGURE 2 Clinical Examples of CLI With Minimal Atherosclerotic Disease in BKA Arteries, and Plaque Rupture in AKA Specimen



Trials with PAD Subgroups



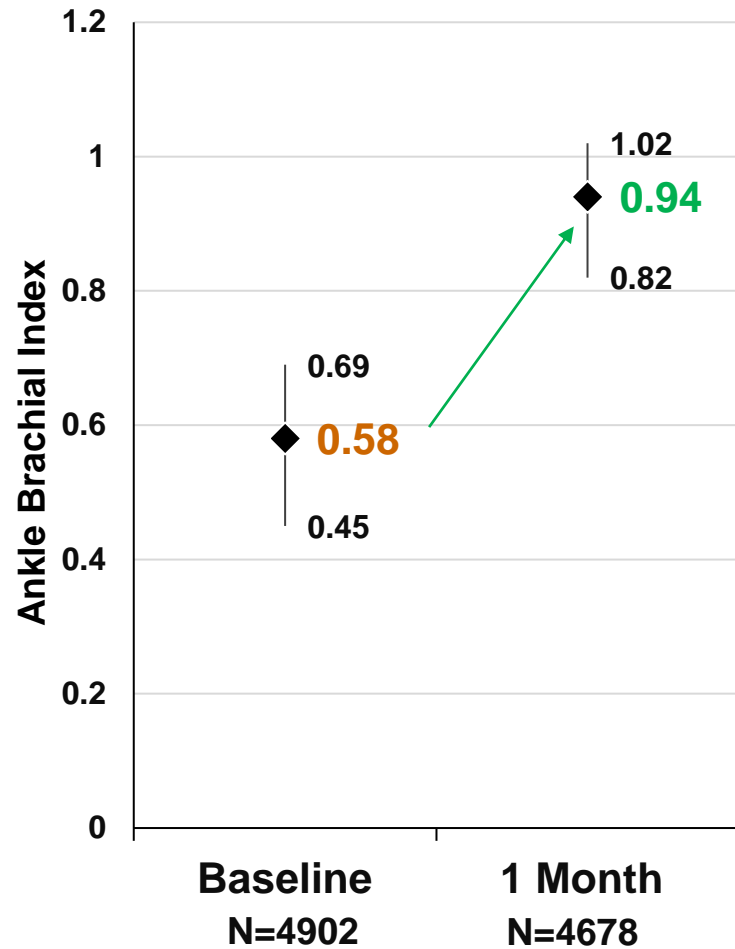
Total = 1,140

VOYAGER PAD Patients with CLI at Baseline = 1,533

Changes at From Baseline to 1 Month after LER

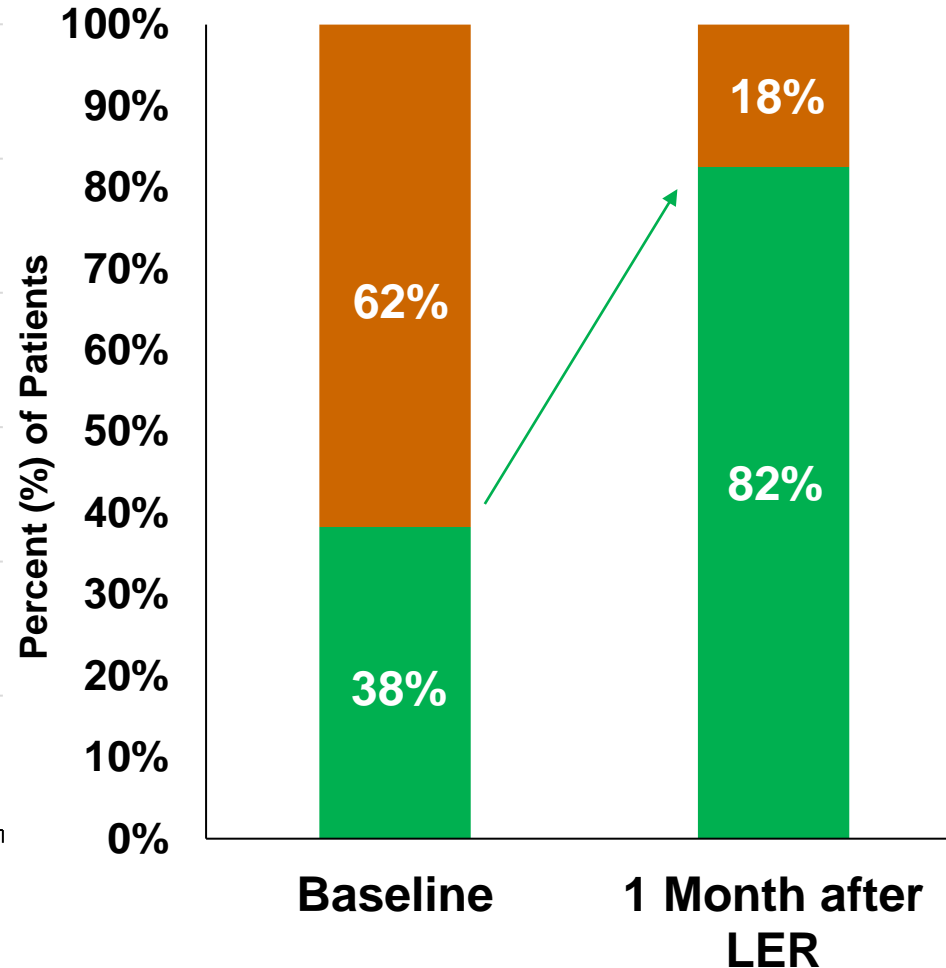
Index Limb ABI at Baseline and 1 Month

Median (IQR)



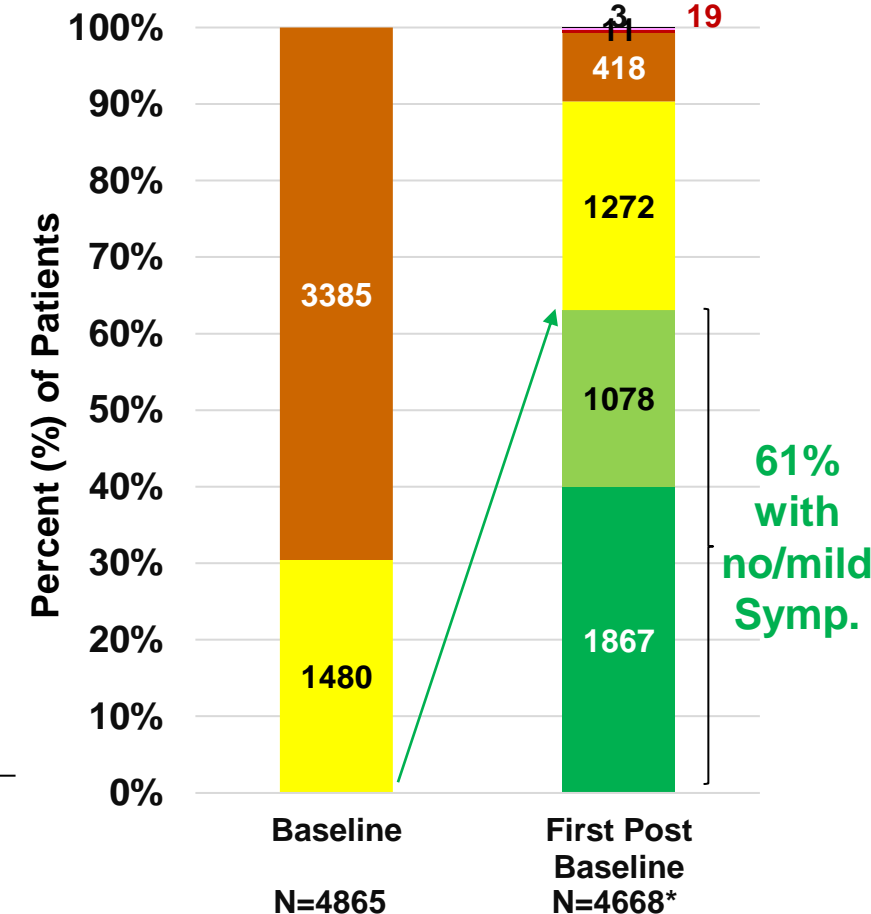
WIQ – Walking 2 Blocks

- Unable or Much Difficulty
- Able with Less than "Much Difficulty"



Rutherford at Baseline and First Post LER Assessment

- Rutherford 0 – no symptoms
- Rutherford 1 – mild symptoms
- Rutherford 2 – moderate symptoms
- Rutherford 3 – severe symptoms



5031 Patients with Claudication at Baseline

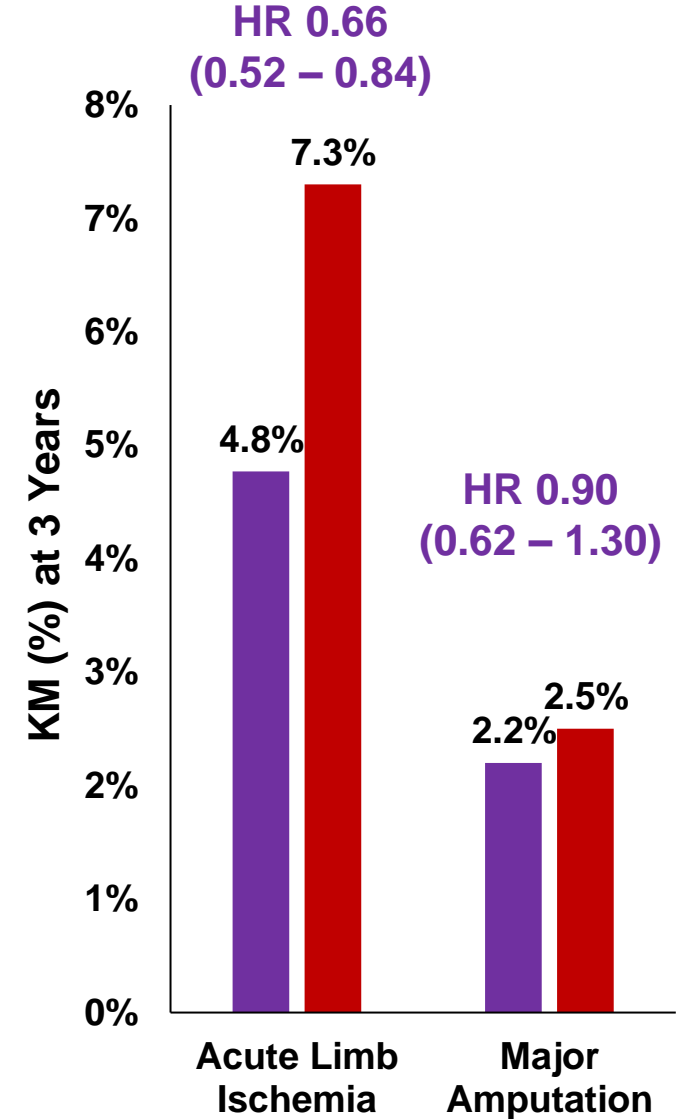
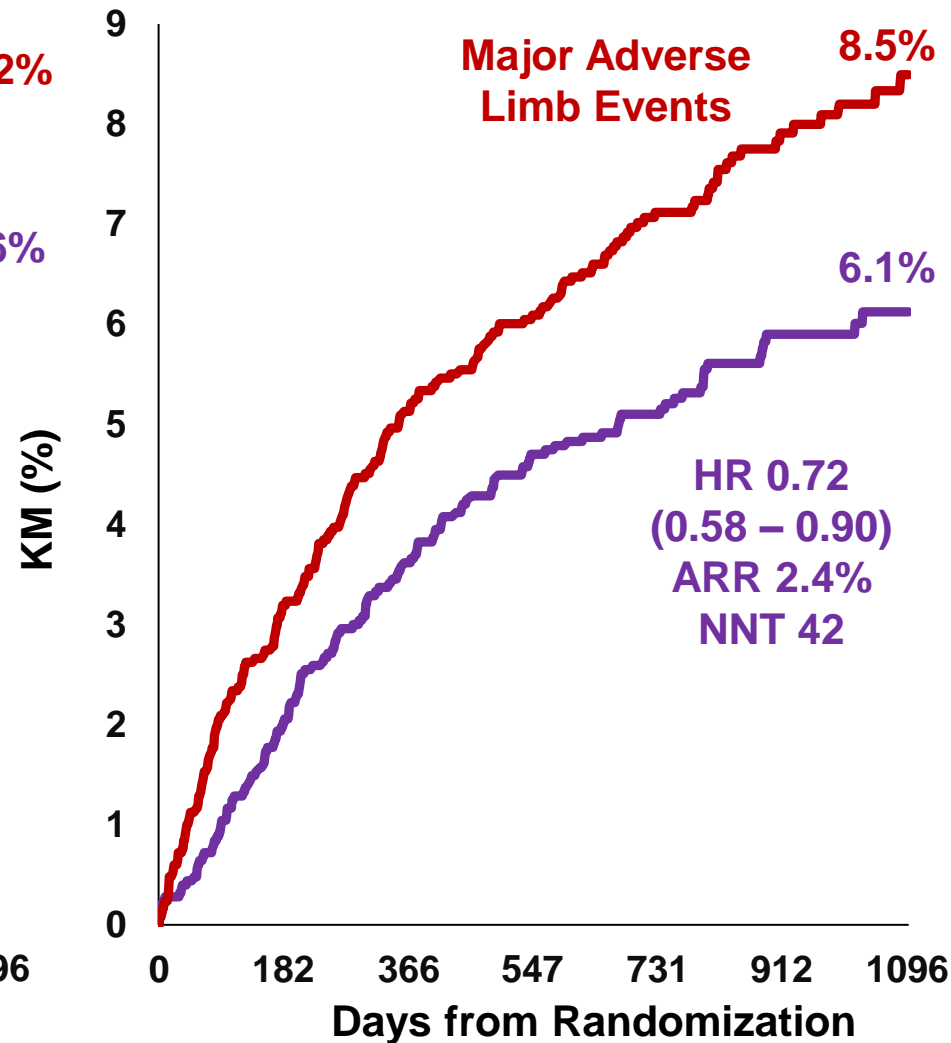
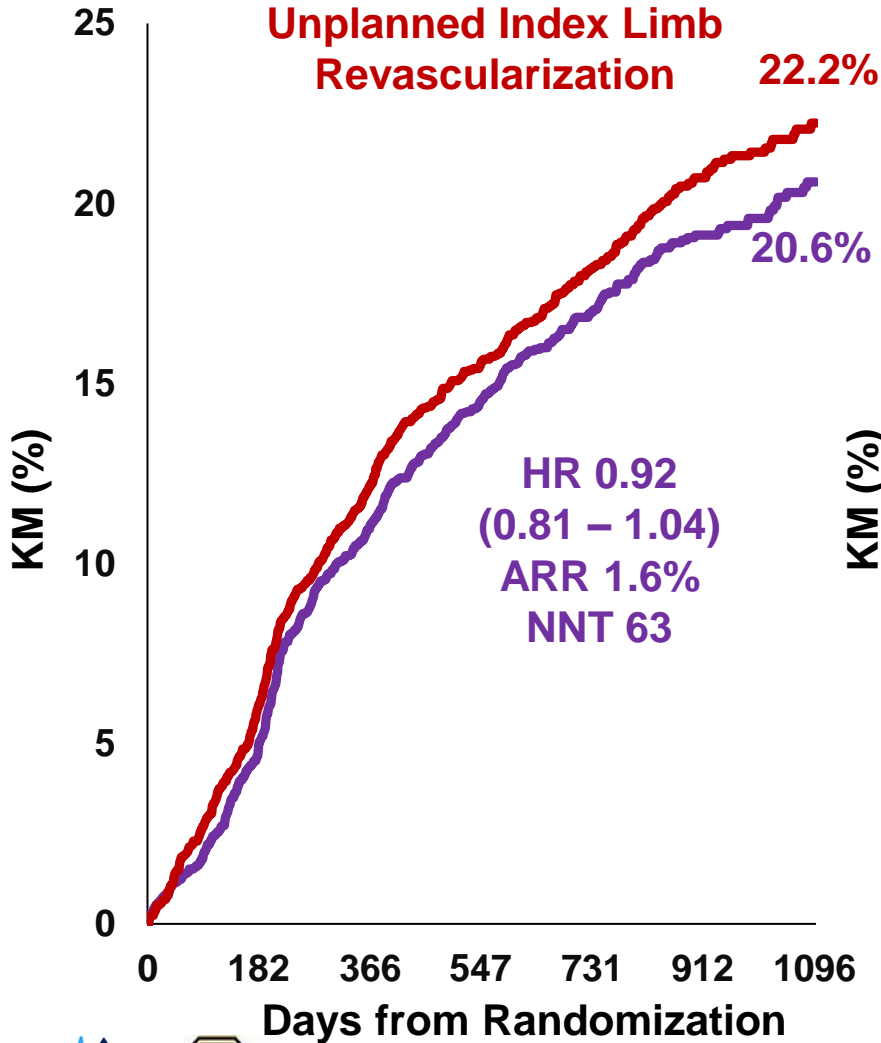
*197 died/missing



Limb Outcomes after LER for Claudication

5031 Patients with Claudication at Baseline, all to be on aspirin, 80% on statin, 54% on DAPT with clopidogrel

Placebo
Rivaroxaban



All p-interaction for claudication vs. CLI > 0.05

Net Clinical Benefit

Acute limb ischemia, major amputation of a vascular etiology, myocardial infarction, ischemic stroke, all cause mortality, ICH or fatal bleeding

■ Placebo
■ Rivaroxaban

P-interaction 0.77

With CLI

N=1,521*

HR 0.78

95% CI 0.61 – 1.00

p=0.0457

3 Year
ARR 5.7%

24.9%

19.2%

NNT 18

Without CLI

N=4,983*

HR 0.74

95% CI 0.63 – 0.88

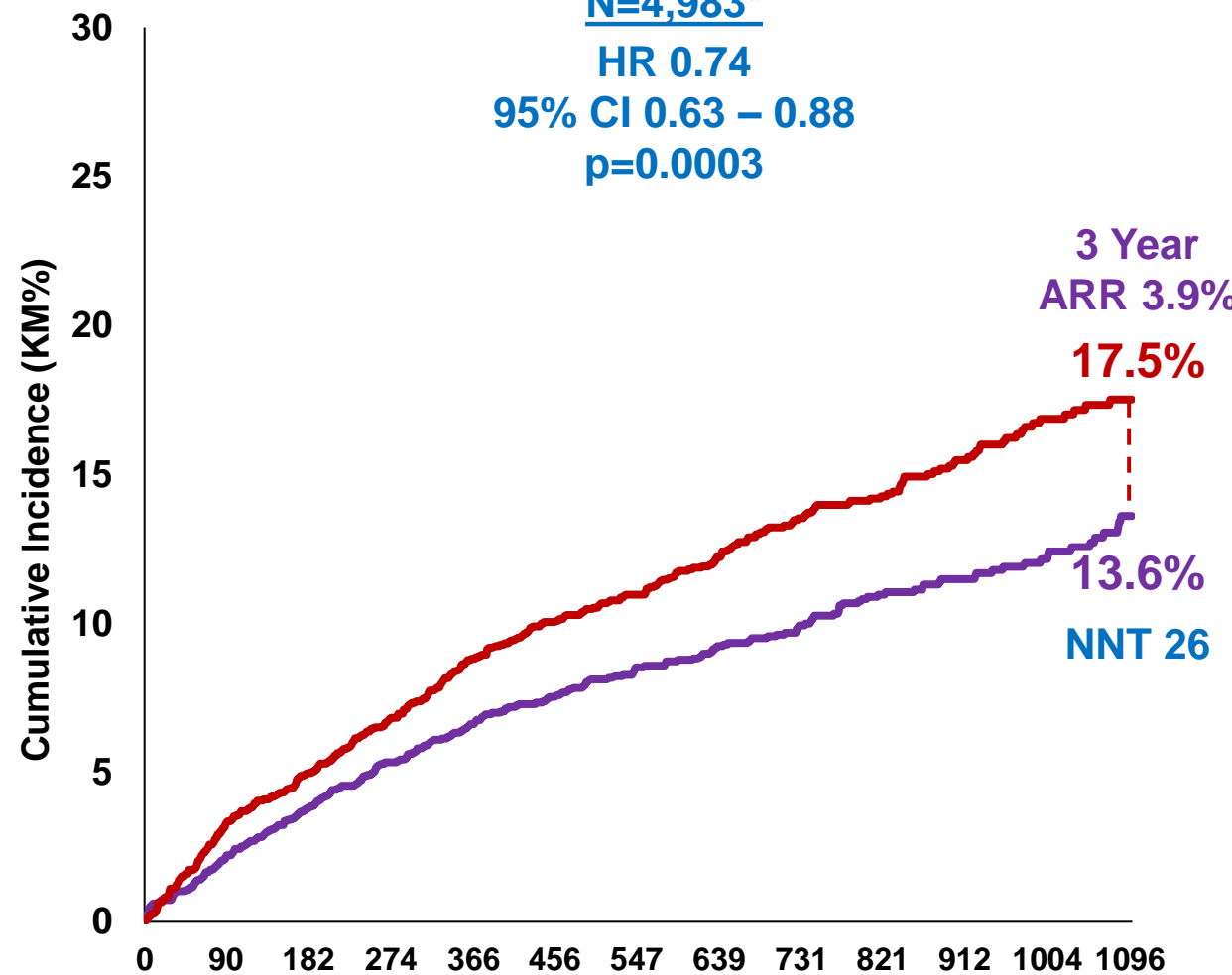
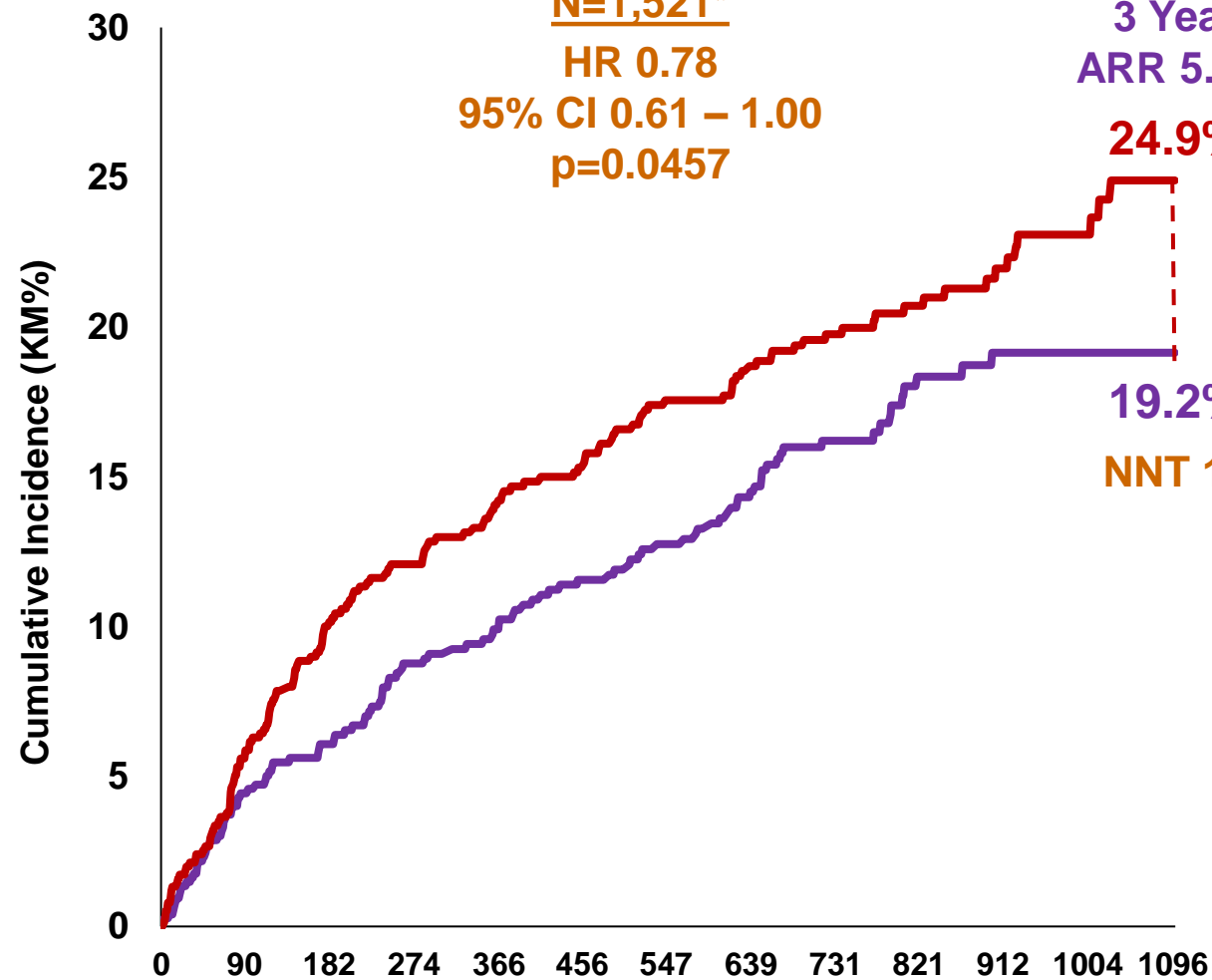
p=0.0003

3 Year
ARR 3.9%

17.5%

13.6%

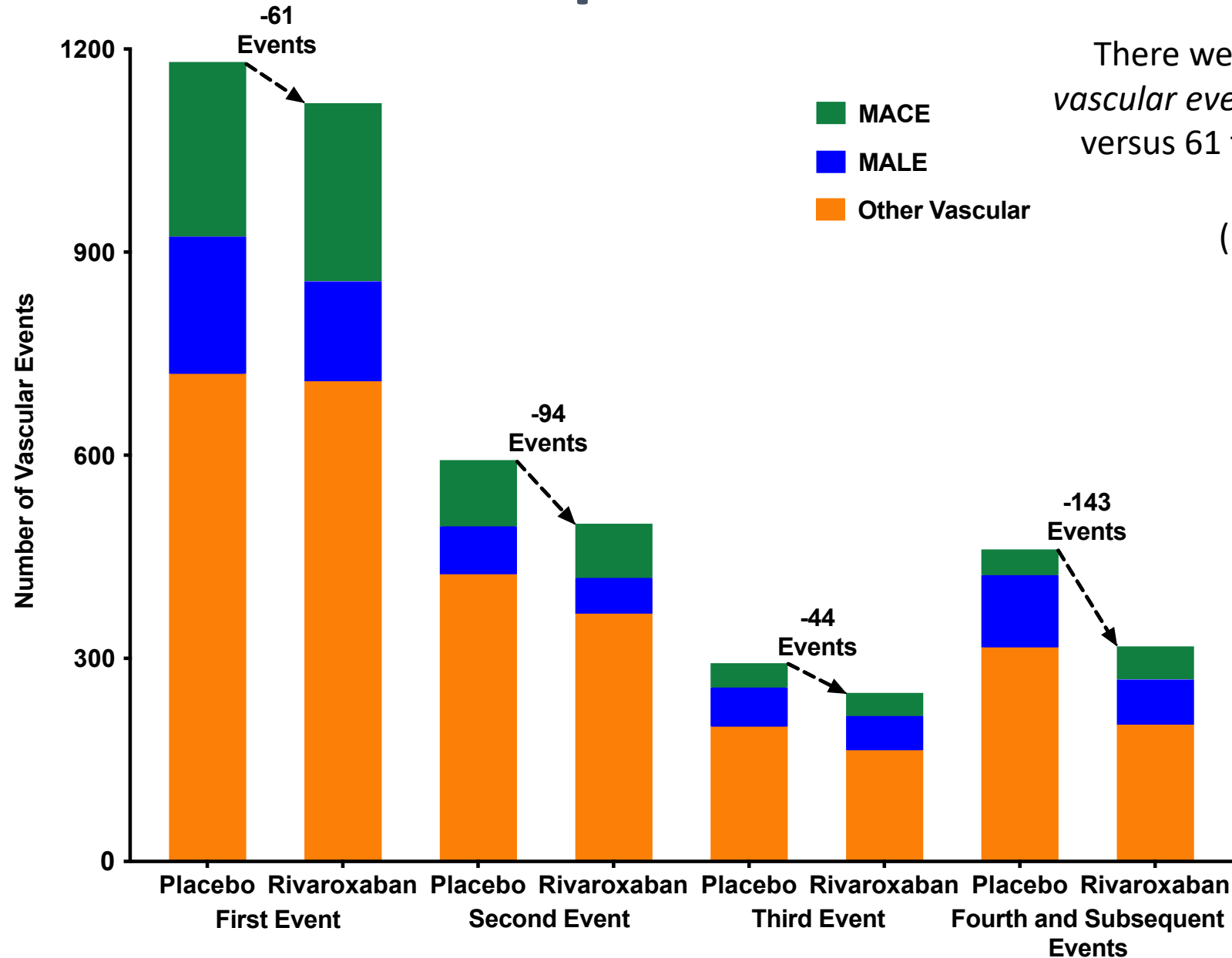
NNT 26



Days from Randomization

*Safety Population, On-Treatment Scope

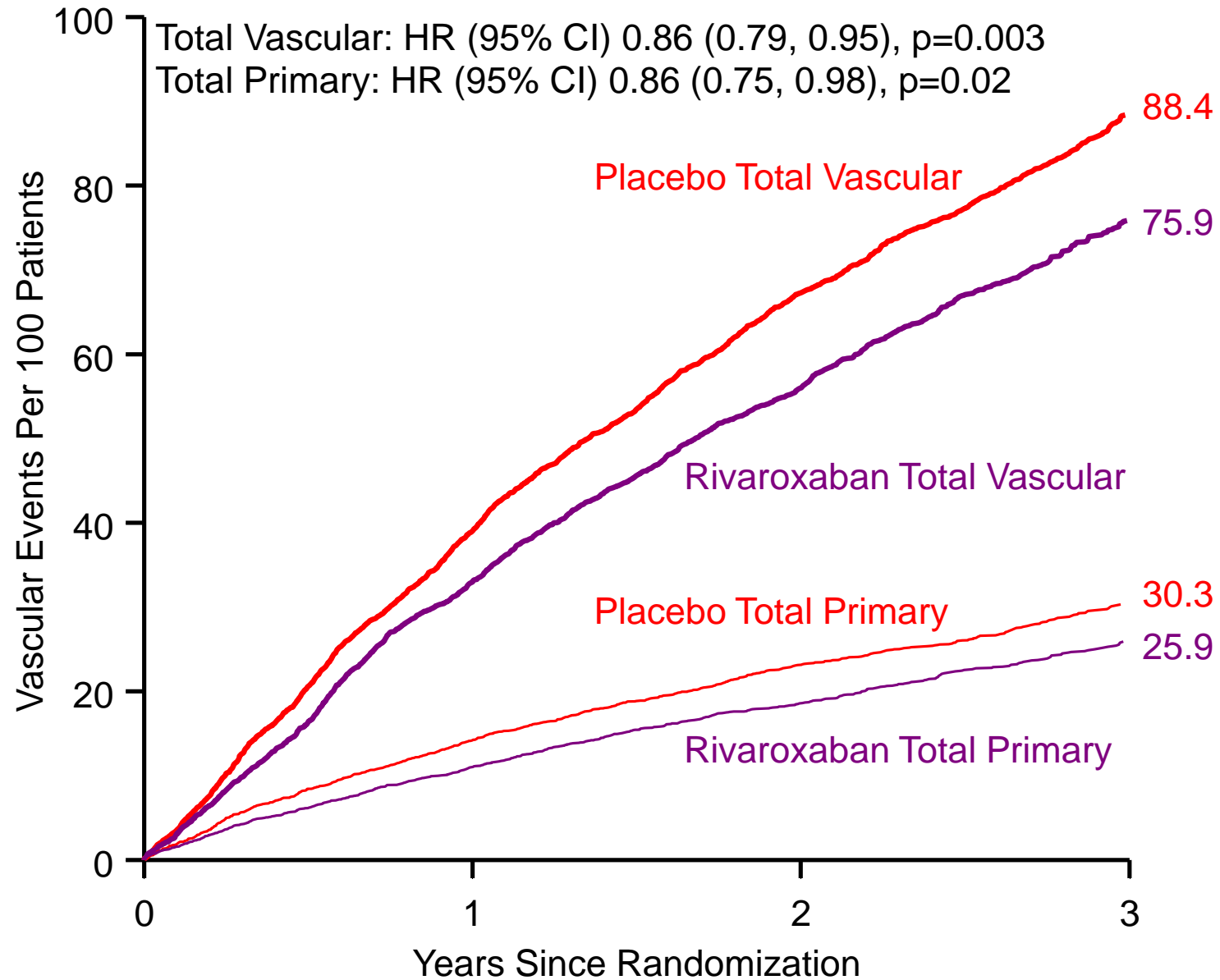
First and Subsequent Vascular Events



There were 342 fewer *total* vascular events with rivaroxaban versus 61 fewer *first* vascular events (\triangleq 18 %).

MACE = major adverse cardiovascular event; MALE = major adverse limb event.

Accrual of Events per 100 Patients



Foundations of Cardiometabolic Health Certification Course

Certified Cardiometabolic Health Professional (CCHP)



PAD: Other Therapeutic Approaches and Individualization of Treatment

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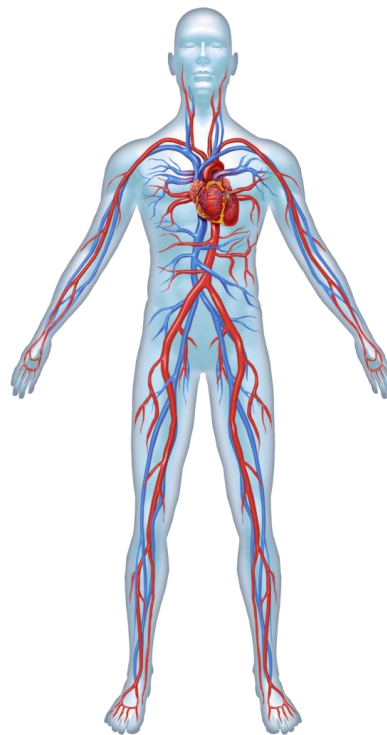
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Axes of Risk and Treatment Targets in PAD

Lifestyle & Function (exercise, diet, cilostazol where not contraindicated)



Lipid Risk
(LDL & Lpa)
High intensity
statin +/- ezetimibe
and PCSK9i
icosapent ethyl

Thrombosis Risk
(AP monotherapy if high
bleeding risk,
ASA+rivaroxaban if
acceptable bleeding risk)

Diabetes Risk (micro and
macrovascular)
A1C to reduce
microvascular risk and
target specific therapies
(e.g. GLP1a, SGLT2i)

Smoking
Risk

Inflammatory
Risk
? IL-6 inhibition

Pharmacotherapy for Claudication

FDA Approved Drugs

Pentoxifylline

- Methylxanthine
- Approved August 1984
- Decreases plasma viscosity, improves RBC deformability, some vasodilation

Cilostazol

- Phosphodiesterase III inhibitor derivative
- Approved January 1999
- Platelet inhibitor, vasodilation, ↑HDL-cholesterol, ↓triglycerides
- Contraindicated if history of CHF of any severity

The Role of Vascular Intervention in PAD



Chronic PAD



ALI / CLI

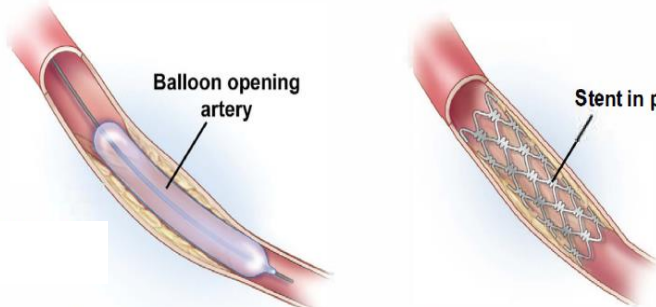


CLI / CLTI

Revascularization is reasonable if limiting in spite of inadequate response to guideline directed therapy (Class IIa)

Revascularization Recommended (Class I)

Revascularization Options



- Less invasive & faster recovery
- No incision
- Minimal anesthesia
- Can be done inpatient and outpatient
- Patency (durability) variable

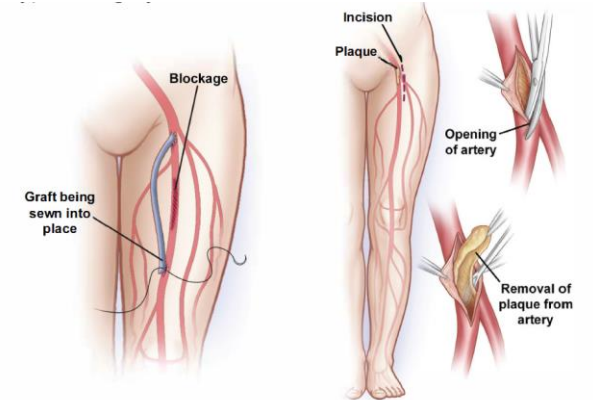
Endovascular

Surgical

Decision of which depends on:

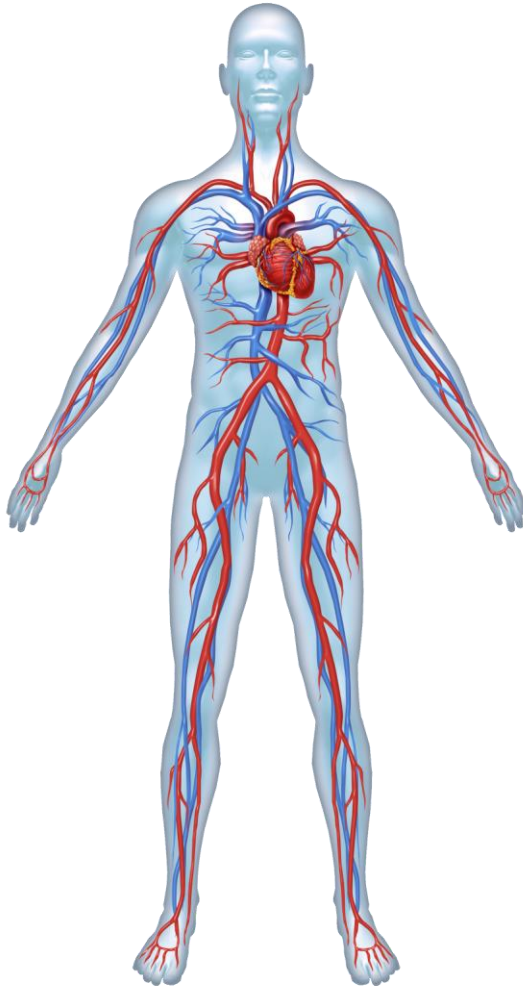
- Anatomy (lesion length)
- Patient comorbidity / surgical risk
- Patient choice
- Geography / practice pattern
- Local options and skill sets
- Clinical setting (inpatient vs. outpatient)
- Costs in some regions

What is the best initial approach in CLI?
Equipose exists → BEST-CLI Trial



- Requires surgery & OR (hospitalization)
- Longer recovery
- Requires anesthesia
- Options for patients with anatomy not amenable for endovascular

PAD Risk-reduction Therapies



Therapies for all Patients

- Lifestyle Modification & Exercise
- Tobacco Cessation Therapies
- Targeting blood pressure goals with preference for ACEi
- LDL-C lowering with statin ± ezetimibe and/or PCSK9i
- Antiplatelet monotherapy (symptomatic), preference for P2Y₁₂ inhibition

Therapies for MACE Reduction in Selected Patients

Diabetes

- Glucose lowering to reduce microvascular risk
- GLP-1 , SGLT2 inhibitors

Prior MI or CAD (Polyvascular Disease) and low bleeding risk

- ASA + rivaroxaban 2.5 BID (broad polyvascular definition)
- ASA + ticagrelor 60 mg BID (prior MI or other need for DAPT)
- ASA and/or clopidogrel with vorapaxar

Therapies for MALE Reduction in all Patients

- LDL-C lowering with statin ± ezetimibe and/or PCSK9i

Therapies for MALE Reduction in Selected Patients

Prior peripheral revascularization & low bleeding risk

- ASA + rivaroxaban 2.5 BID
- ASA + ticagrelor 60 mg BID (prior MI or other need for DAPT)
- ASA and/or clopidogrel with vorapaxar

Therapies for Claudication

Symptomatic Patients

- Cilostazol 100 mg BID (only if no history of heart failure)

Novel Therapeutic Approaches in PAD

Antithrombotic
Therapy

Targeted
Low-Dose
Statins Glucocorticoid
Therapies

Lipid Modifying
Therapy

Anti-Inflammatory
Therapies

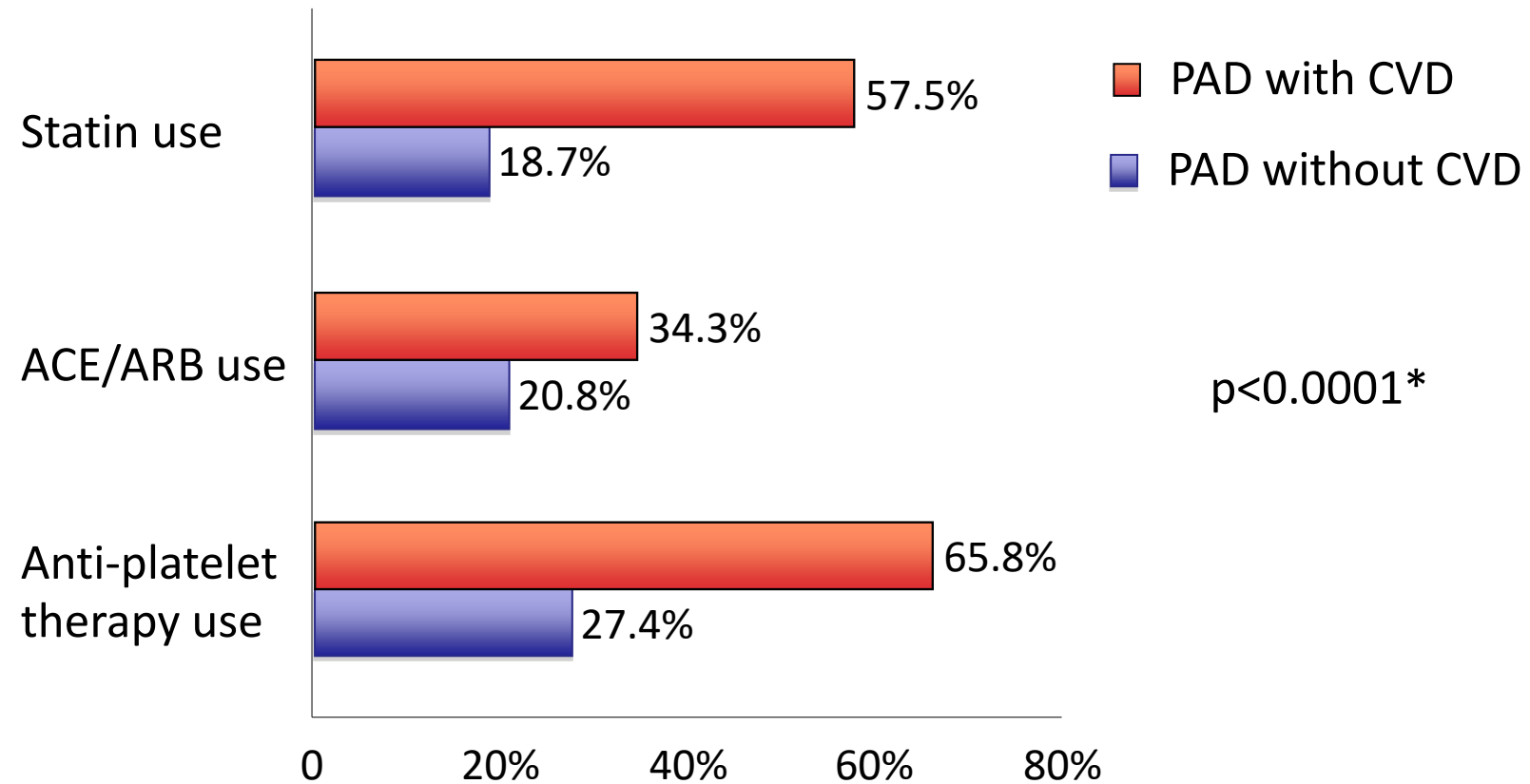
Which One(s) for Which Patient?



An Approach to Risk Factor Modification in PAD

Axis of Therapy	Symptomatic PAD No prior Revasc No CAD No CVD	Symptomatic PAD with Prior Revasc Or Polyvascular Disease
<i>Lifestyle</i>	Smoking Cessation, Diet, Exercise	Smoking Cessation, Diet, Exercise
<i>Antithrombotic</i>	Antiplatelet Monotherapy	Aspirin and either Rivaroxaban or Vorapaxar (both approved in PAD) <i>If low bleeding risk</i>
<i>Lipid Lowering</i>	High Intensity Statin + eze and/or PCSK9i (target LDL-C < 55 mg/dL) Icosapent ethyl?	High Intensity Statin + eze and/or PCSK99 (target LDL-C < 55 mg/dL) Icosapent ethyl?
<i>Angiotensin Inhibition</i>	If HTN then ACEi	If HTN then ACEi
<i>Glucose Lowering</i>	If DM then GLP1 agonist and/or SGLT2i	If DM then GLP1 agonist and/or SGLT2i
<i>For Symptoms</i>	Cilostazol	Cilostazol

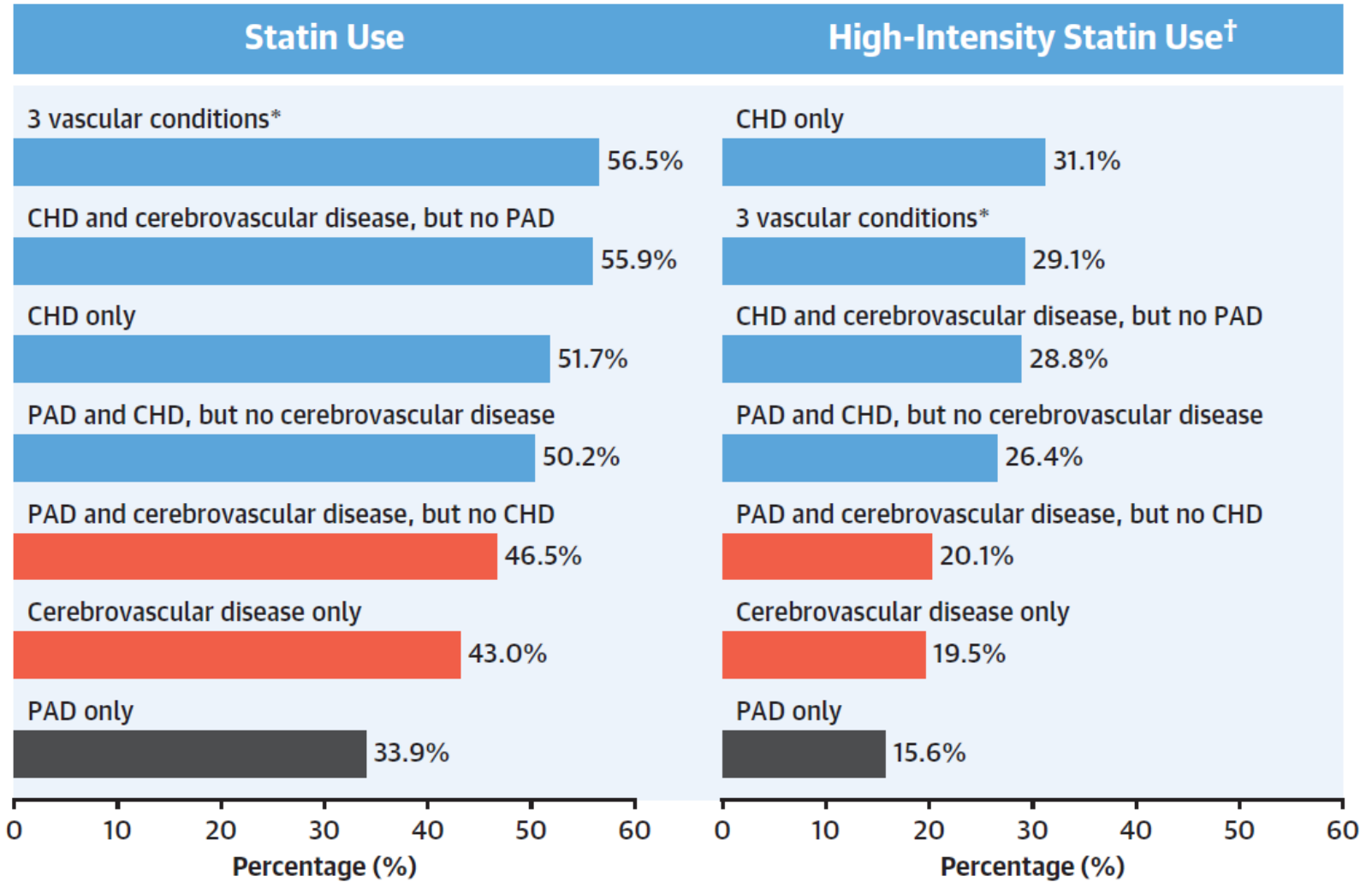
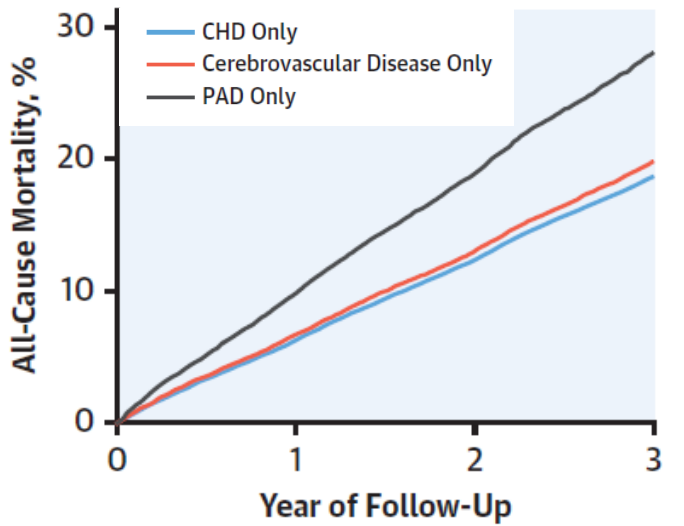
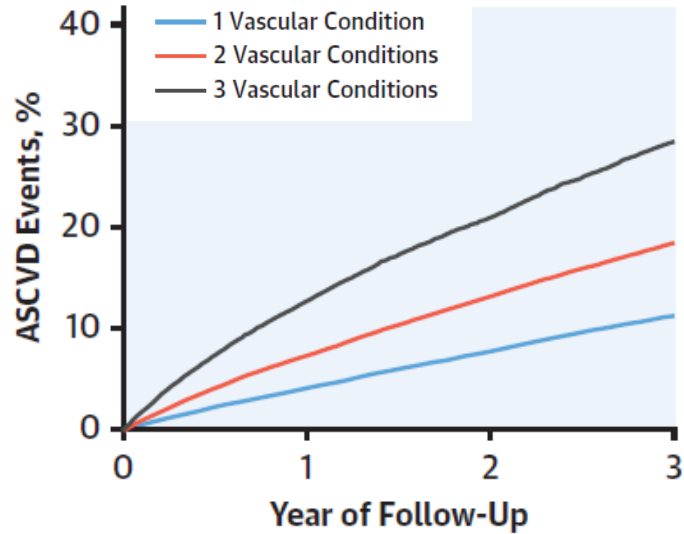
Use of Secondary Prevention Medications in NHANES – How were we doing in the early 2000s?



* Statistical comparison by Chi-square test

Statin Use in ASCVD and PAD – How are we doing now?

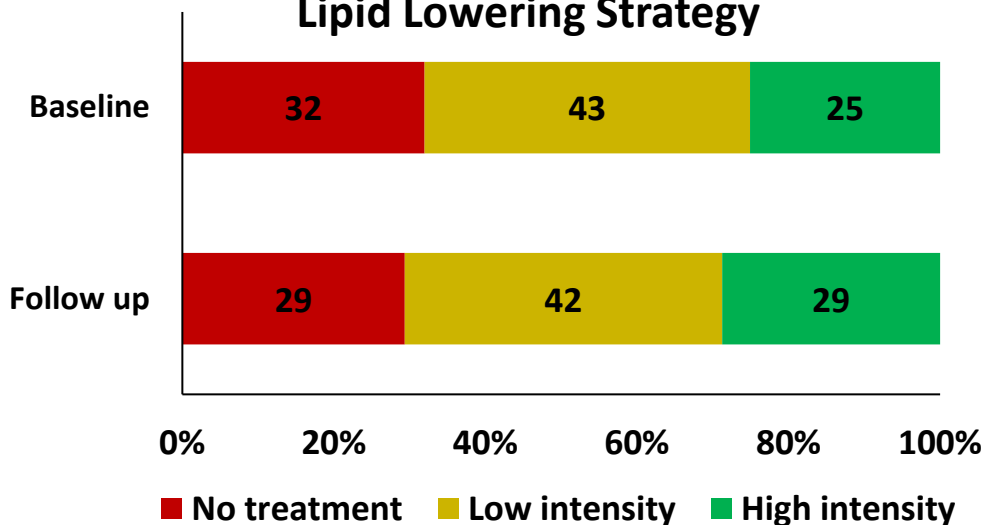
943,232 Medicare patients – December 2014 through December 2017



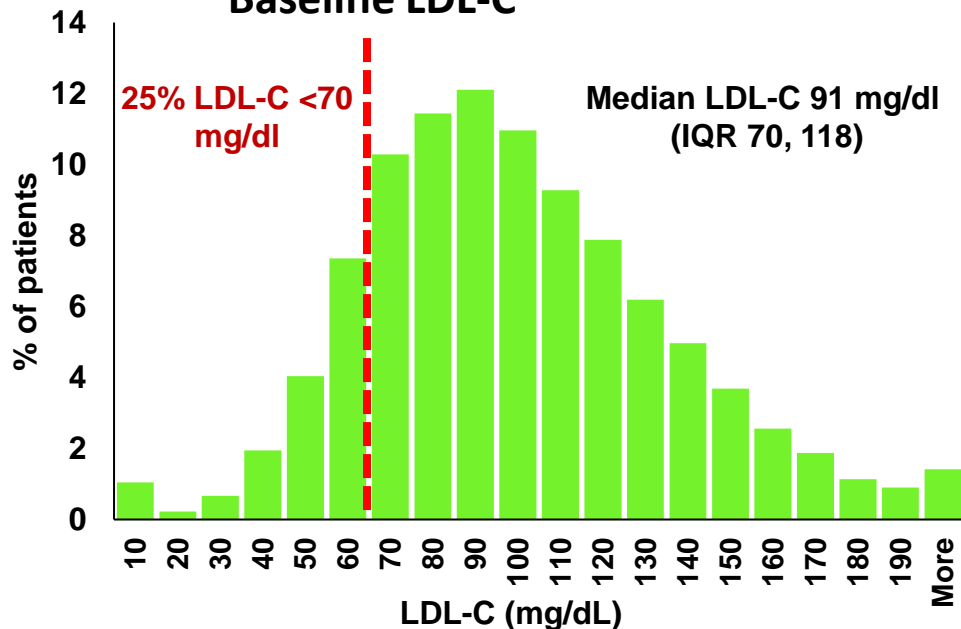
Current Lipid Lowering Therapy in PAD After Intervention

18,747 patients with PAD
Median follow up 18 months

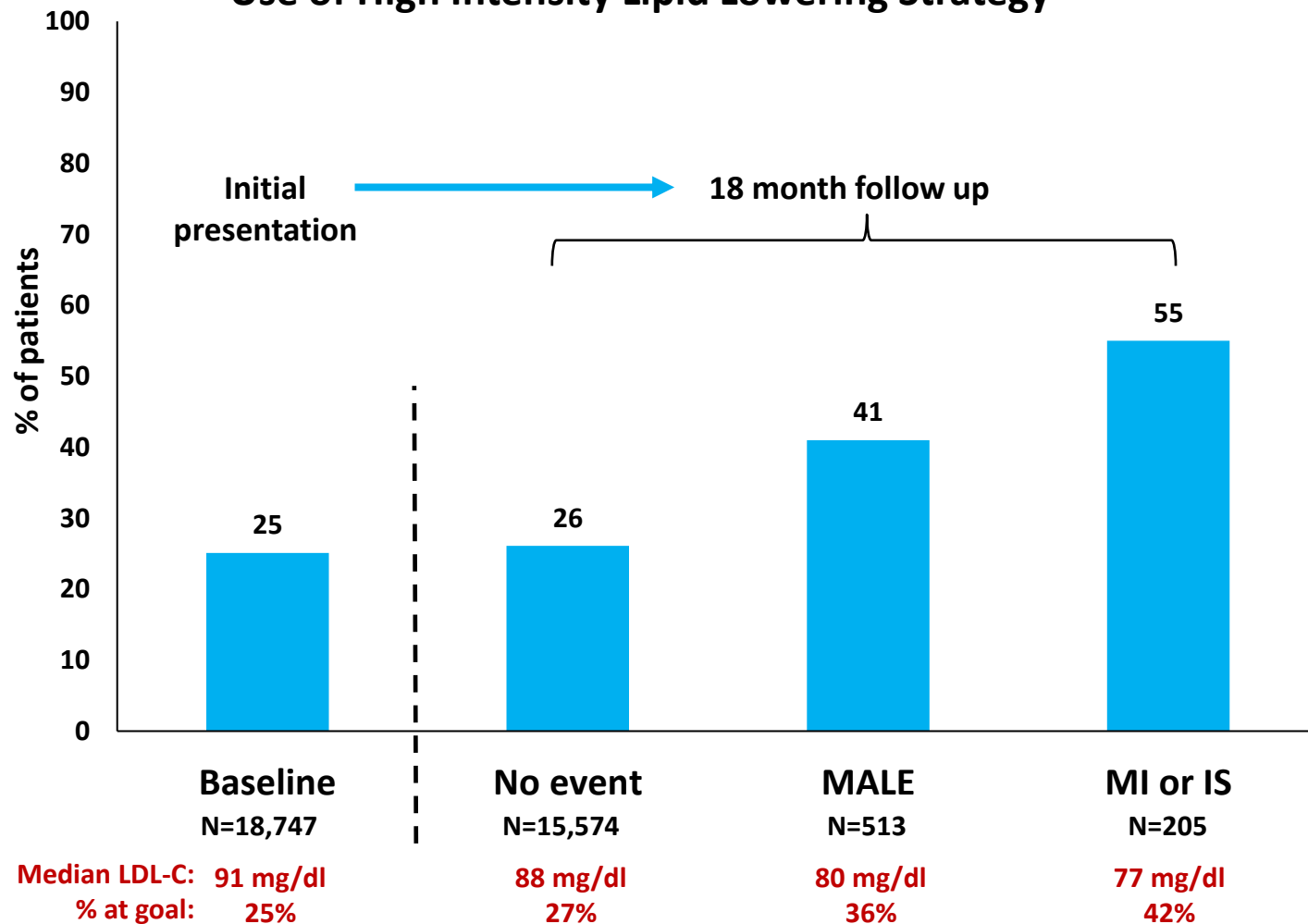
Lipid Lowering Strategy



Baseline LDL-C



Use of High Intensity Lipid Lowering Strategy



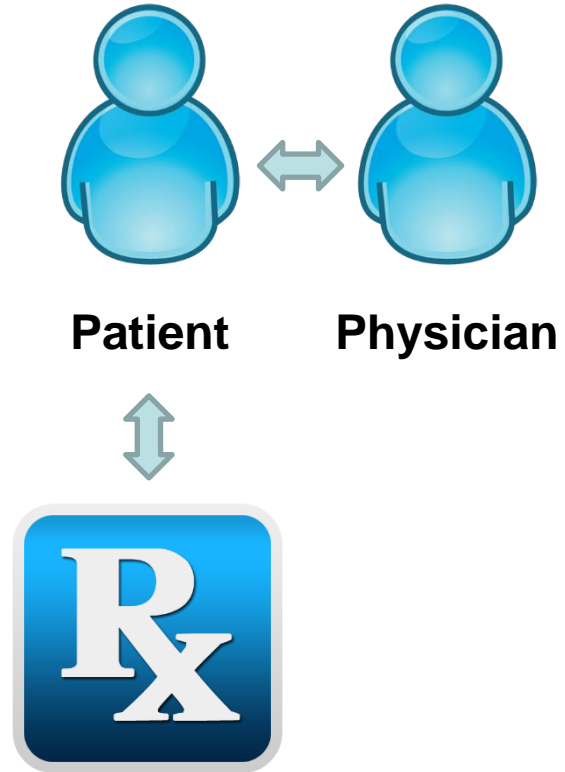
IS = ischemic stroke; MALE = major adverse limb event; MI = myocardial infarction

How do we Translate to Practice?

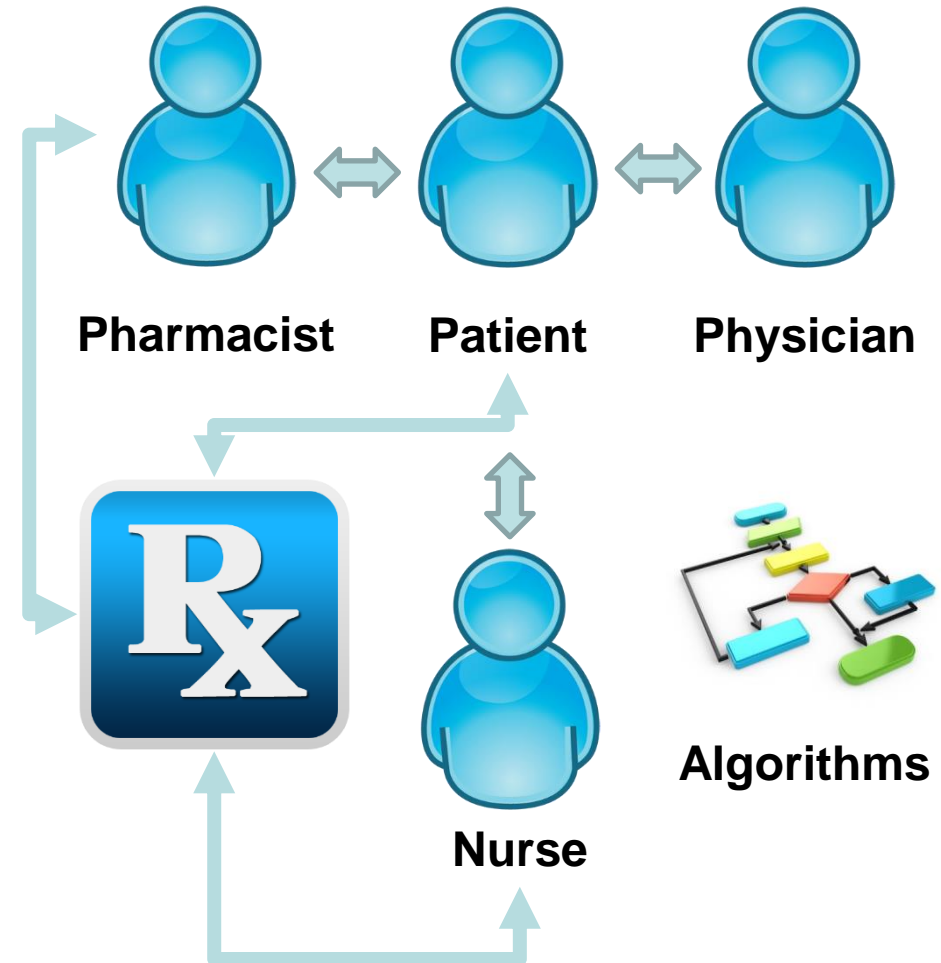
Intervention Model

Current Model

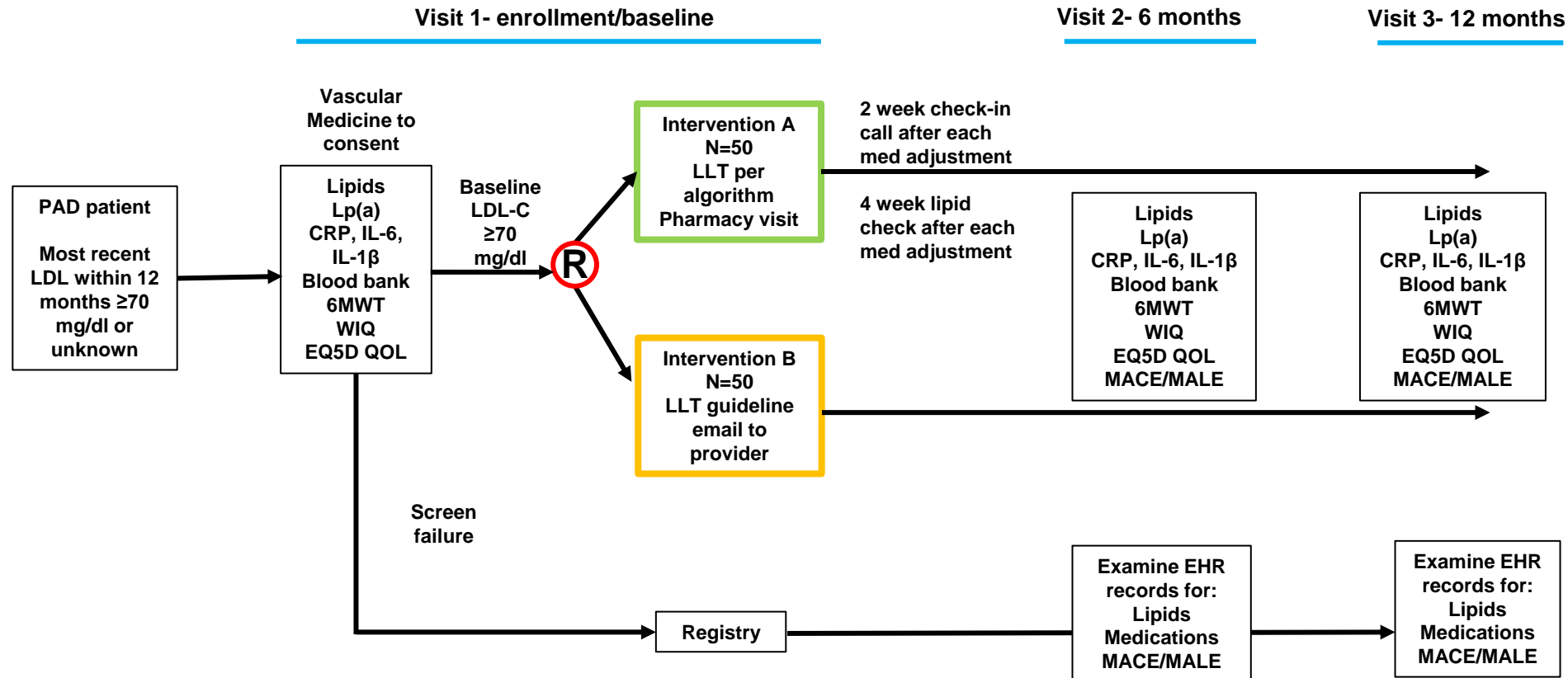
*15-minute visit every
6 months*



*Comprehensive Initial Visit to Assess Risk
and Determine Goals followed by Frequent
Contact (phone and visits) as well as
Pharmacy Support*



OPTIMIZE PAD-1: Study Design



PEP: % change in LDL-C from BL to 12 months (secondary at 6 months)
Others: QoL, Adherence, biomarkers, MACE & Limb Outcomes

Summary & Conclusion

- **Peripheral artery disease is an increasingly prevalent and severe form of atherosclerosis affecting more than 200 million globally**
- **Patients suffer from both cardiovascular (heart attack, stroke) and limb (acute limb ischemia, amputation) outcomes**
- **Subgroups of this population are at particularly high risk (prior revascularization, concomitant coronary disease) and the combination of PAD and DM represents a group at particularly high risk MACE and amputation**
- **Few therapies studies in dedicated PAD trials and with focus on limb outcomes with large unmet needs**
- **Gaps in applying existing therapies must be addressed including implementation science and addressing disparities in care**