

# How to Maintain Long-Term Patency of SFA CTO: Pharmacologic or Technical Address

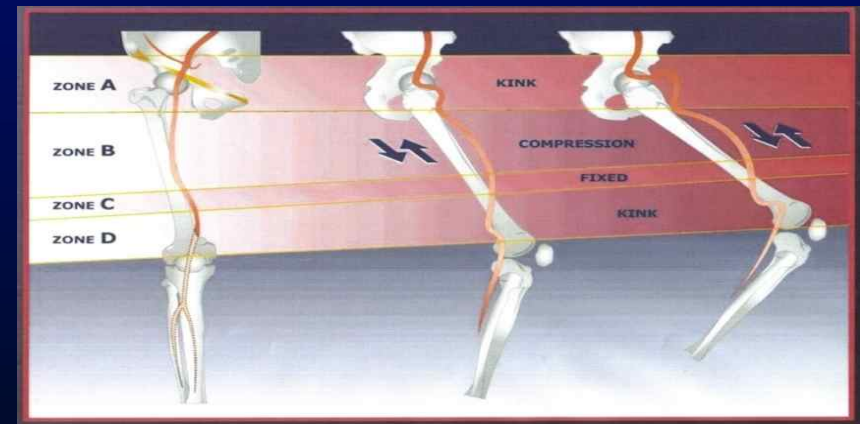
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# Femoro-popliteal Lesions

## -Specific Problems-

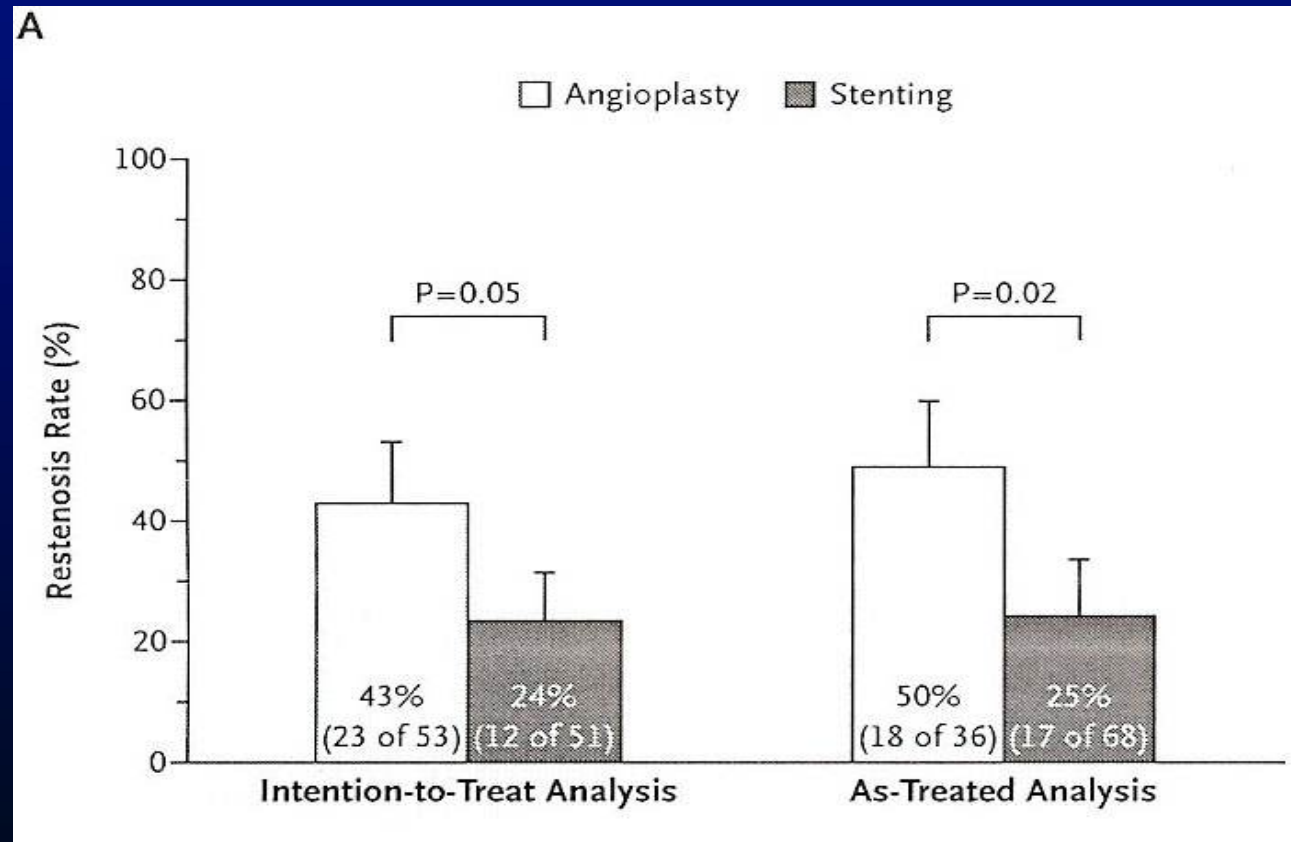
- Long occlusion > short stenosis(TASC: C/D)
- Diffuse and multifocal obstruction
- A long and calcified lesion
- Run-off Problem (0 - 3 Vessels)
- Mechanical Stress
  - Extension
  - Torsion
  - Compression
  - Flexsion



*SFA is the last bastion in trying to achieve favorable endovascular results!!*

# ABSOLUTE trial (Absolute/Dynalink stent, Abbott)

-Primary endpoint-

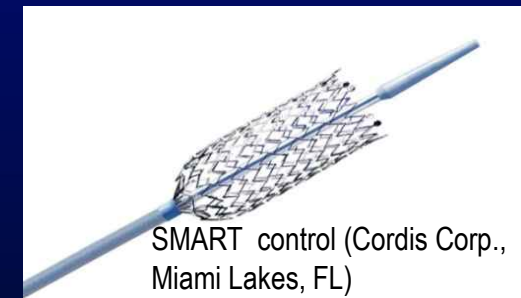


Absolute stent (Abbott)

# Nitinol Stent vs. Angioplasty alone

Multicenter, Prospective, Randomized trial (Evidence level A)

- FAST trial (Luminexx, BARD)
- RESILIENT trial (Life stent, BARD)
- ABSOLUTE trial (Absolute stent, Abbott)
- DURABILITY 1 trial (Protégé EverFlex stent, ev3)
- STROLL (Smart stent, JJ, Cordis)

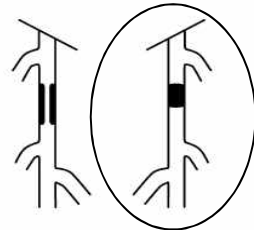


Evidence shows that the advantage of nitinol stenting over angioplasty improves as lesion length increases.

# TASC II classification of Femoro-Popliteal lesions (TASC 2006 documents)

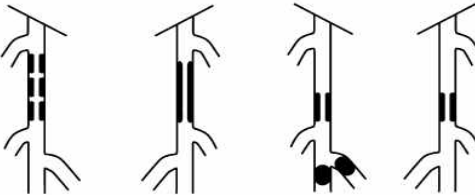
**Type A lesions**

- Single stenosis  $\leq 10$  cm in length
- Single occlusion  $\leq 5$  cm in length




**Type B lesions:**

- Multiple lesions (stenoses or occlusions), each  $\leq 5$  cm
- Single stenosis or occlusion  $\leq 15$  cm not involving the infrageniculate popliteal artery
- Single or multiple lesions in the absence of continuous tibial vessels to improve inflow for a distal bypass
- Heavily calcified occlusion  $\leq 5$  cm in length
- Single popliteal stenosis



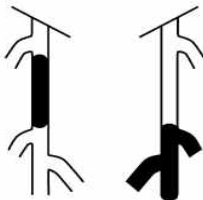
**Type C lesions**

- Multiple stenoses or occlusions totaling  $>15$  cm with or without heavy calcification
- Recurrent stenoses or occlusions that need treatment after two endovascular interventions

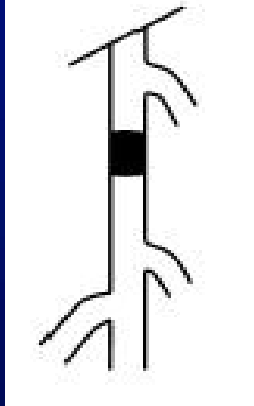


**Type D lesions**

- Chronic total occlusions of CFA or SFA ( $>20$  cm, involving the popliteal artery)
- Chronic total occlusion of popliteal artery and proximal trifurcation vessels

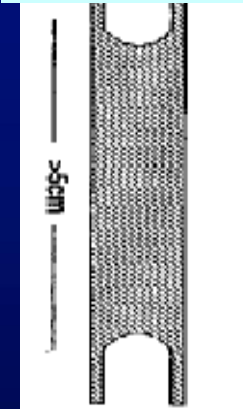


TASC 2006



TASC II A  
 $CTO \leq 5\text{cm}$

TASC 2000



TASC D  
 $5\text{cm} \leq CTO$

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TASC II S 58

There is **general agreement** that for acute failure of PTA of an SFA lesion, stent placement is indicated. A recent randomized trial has demonstrated significantly **higher primary patency rates of stenting vs. PTA of femoropopliteal artery lesions TASC A and B at 1-year follow up.**

# Mid-Term Clinical Outcome and Predictors of Vessel Patency after Femoropopliteal stenting with Self-Expanding Nitinol Stent

1) Table 1. Patient Characteristics

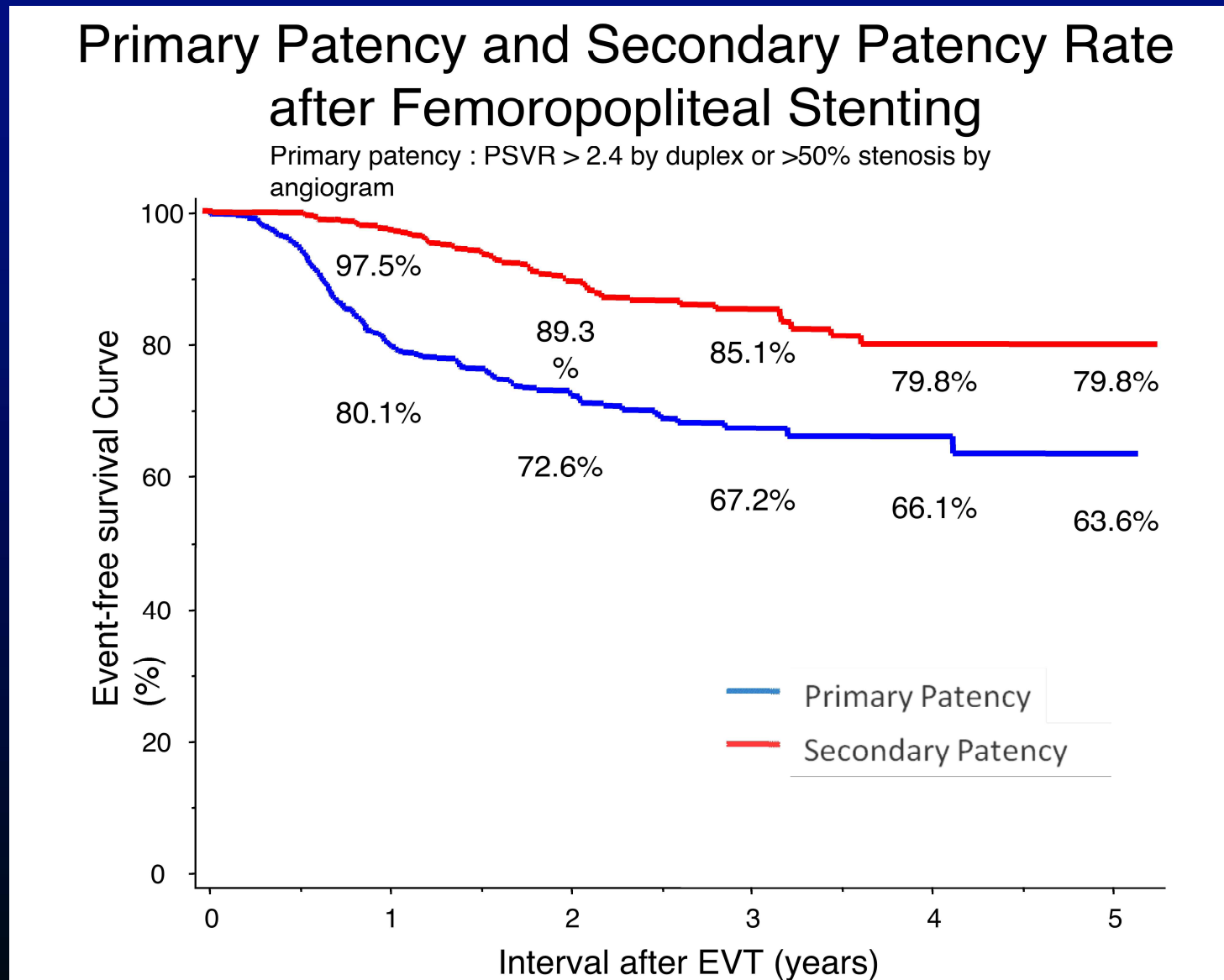
<b>Patient Characteristics</b>	
No. of Patients	511
Age (yrs)	72.0 ± 7.3
Male Gender (%)	361 (71)
Body Mass Index	22.3 ± 2.3
Hypertension (%)	451 (88)
Hyperlipidemia (%)	194 (38)
Diabetes (%)	313 (61)
Current Smoker (%)	126 (47)
Hemodialysis (%)	100 (20)
CVD (%)	145 (28)
CAD (%)	284 (56)
IC / CLI (%)	388 (76) / 123 (24)
Cilostazol (%)	319 (62)
Rutherford Classification	
II / III / IV / V / VI	133 / 255 / 42 / 68 / 13

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Table 2. Lesion Characteristics

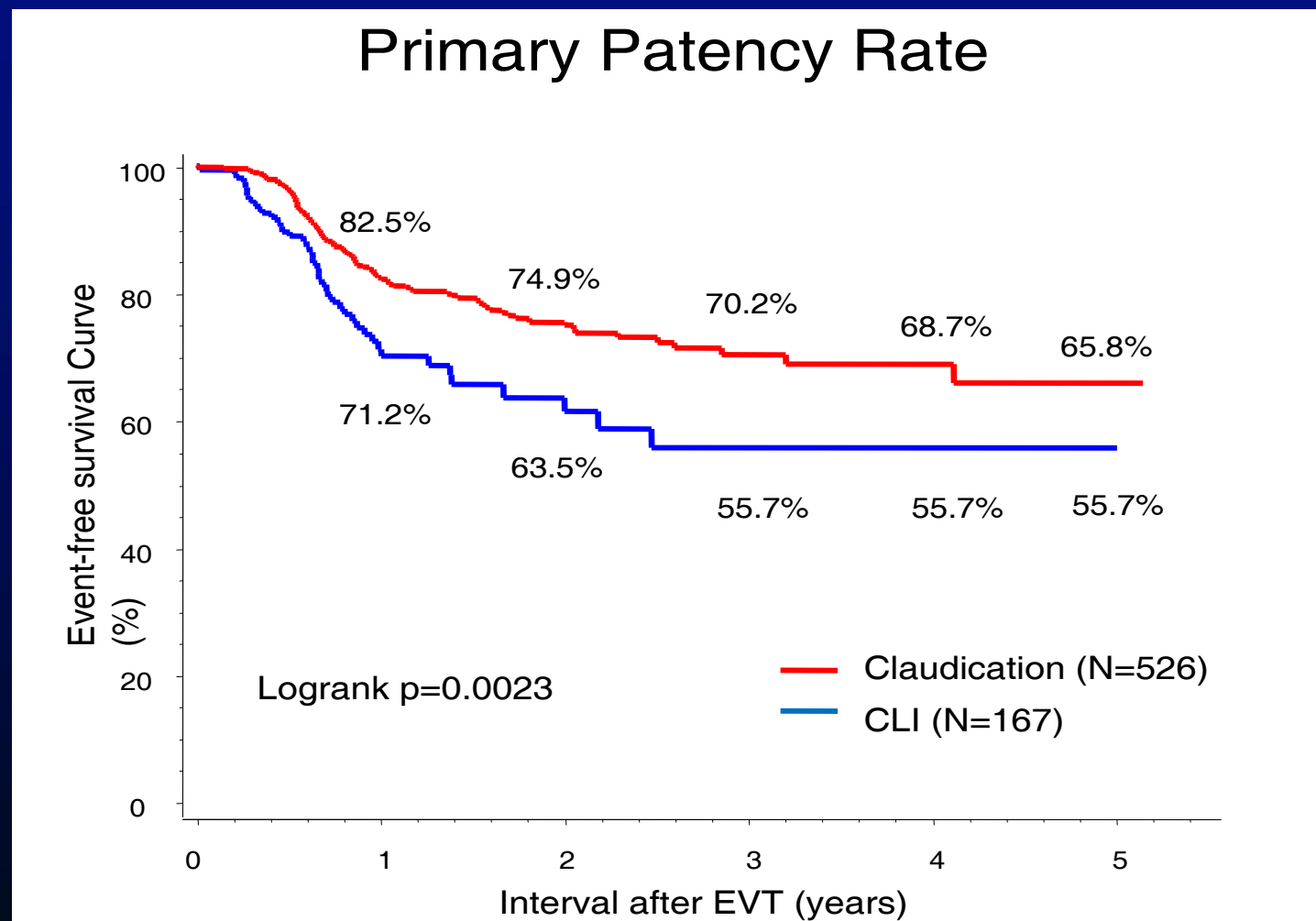
<b>Lesion Characteristics</b>	
Number of Limbs	639
Approach	
Antegrade (%) / Retrograde (%)	486 (76) / 153 (24)
Lesion Length (mm)	150.5 ± 75.1
Reference Vessel Diameter (mm)	5.2 ± 0.5
Chronic Total Occlusion (%)	317 (50)
Calcified Lesion (%)	217 (34)
Pre-procedure ABI	0.57 ± 0.15
Post-procedure ABI	0.84 ± 0.15
Below-the-knee runoff	
0 / 1 / 2 / 3	45 / 163 / 217 / 214
Runoff Scores	5.6 ± 2.3
IC / CLI	5.0 ± 2.1 / 7.6 ± 2.4
Type of Nitinol Stent	
Luminexx (%)	135 (21)
S.M.A.R.T. (%)	504 (79)
Number of Stent	
per lesion / per patients	1.8 ± 0.8 / 2.3 ± 1.1
Stent Fracture (%)	88 (13.8)

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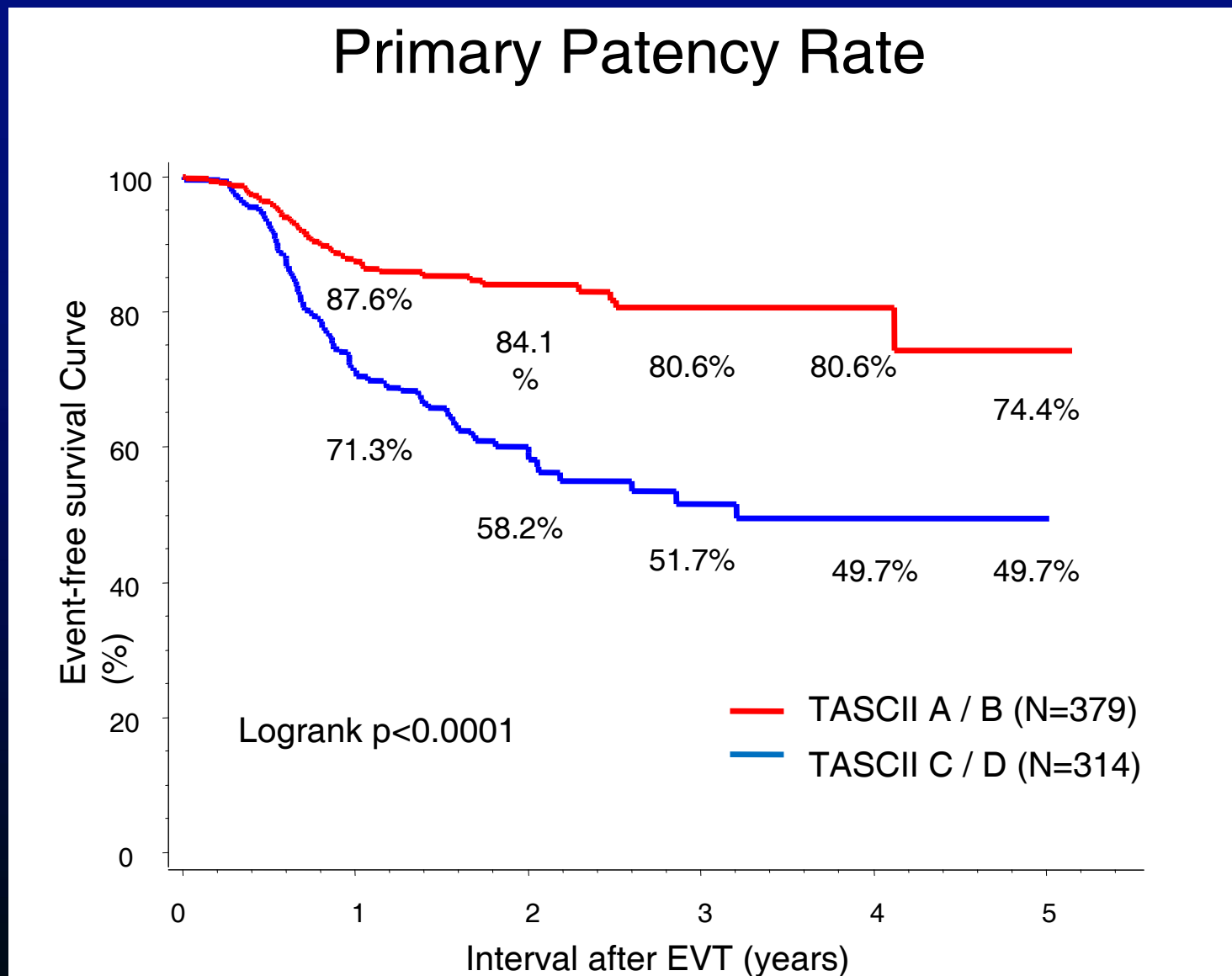




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# Multivariate Analysis of Primary Patency

Variables	HR	95% CI	P value
TASC II class C / D	2.39	1.68 – 3.40	< 0.0001
Hemodialysis	1.65	1.11 – 2.45	0.013
Stent Fracture	1.57	1.06 – 2.34	0.025
Cilostazol Administration	0.52	0.37 – 0.71	< 0.0001

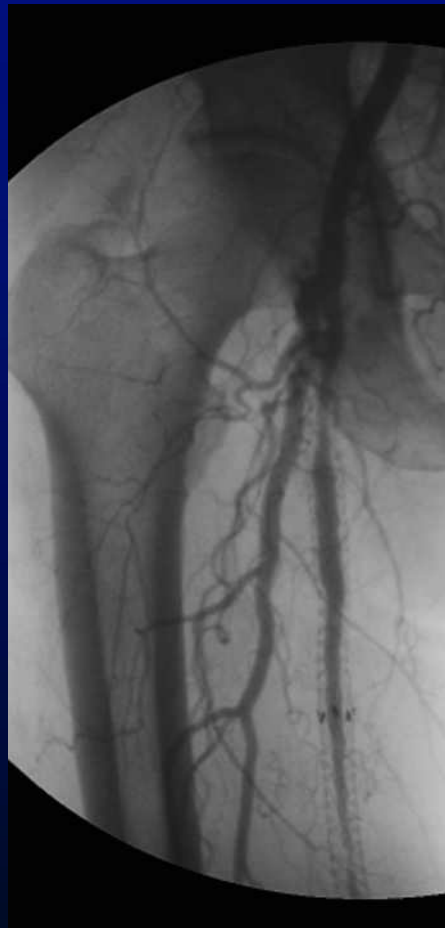
# SFA TASC D Lesions

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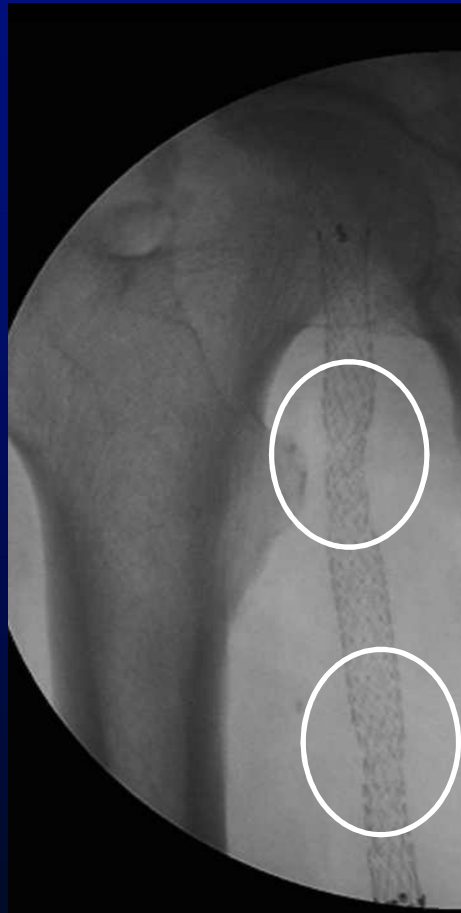
**1) Stent Fracture**

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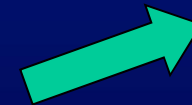
# Stent fracture



Stent restenosis



Stent fracture !!

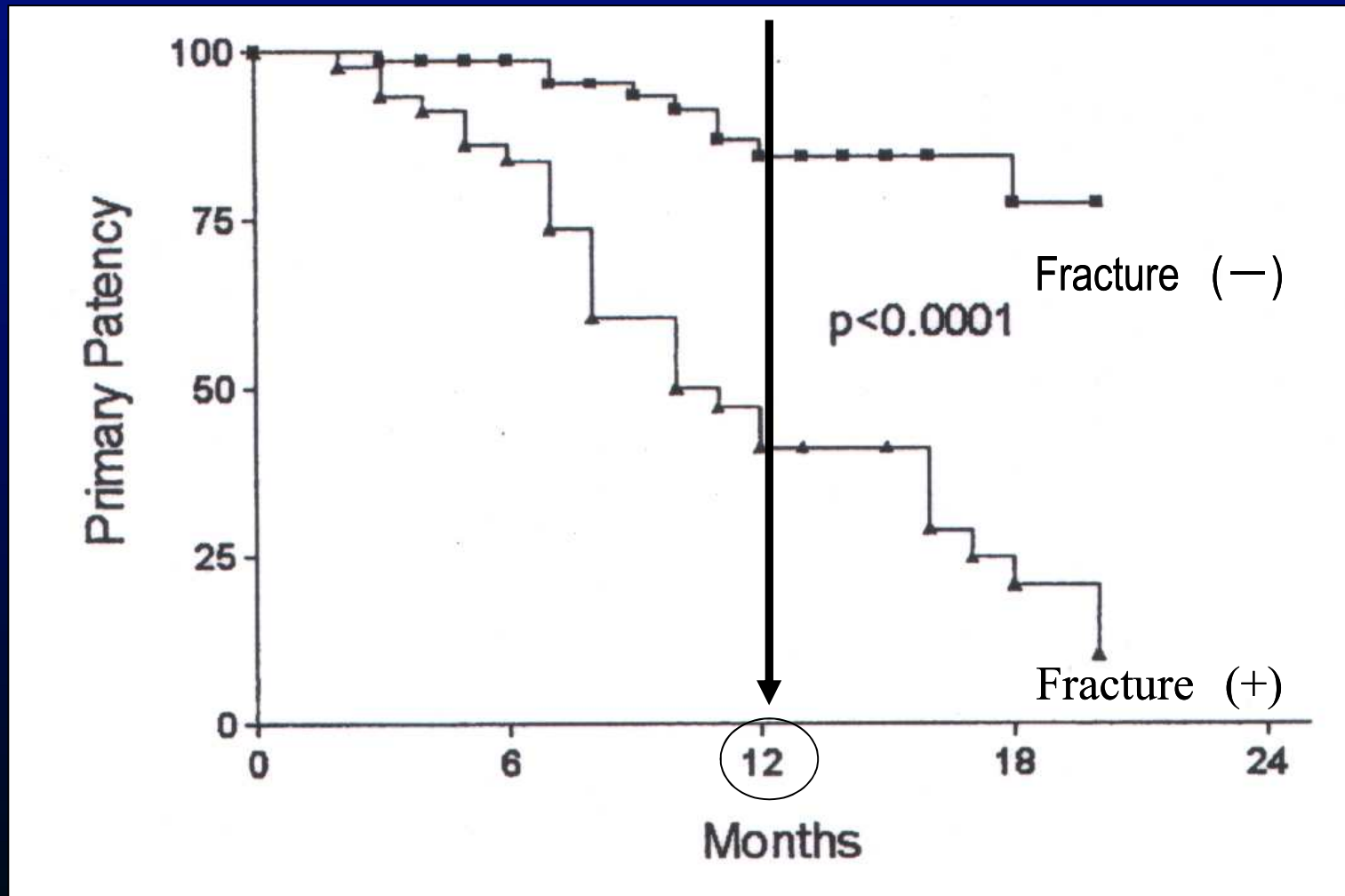


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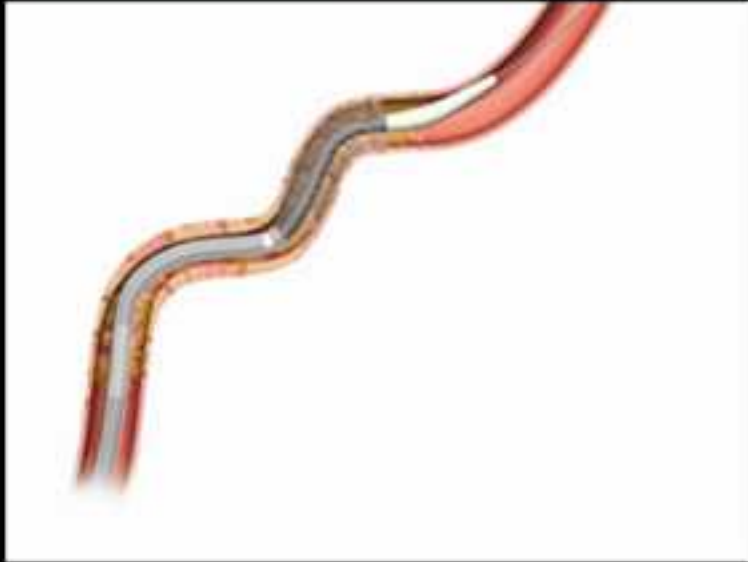


Type II stent fracture

The occurrence of stent fracture is associated with a reduction in overall patency rate.



# LifeStent NT



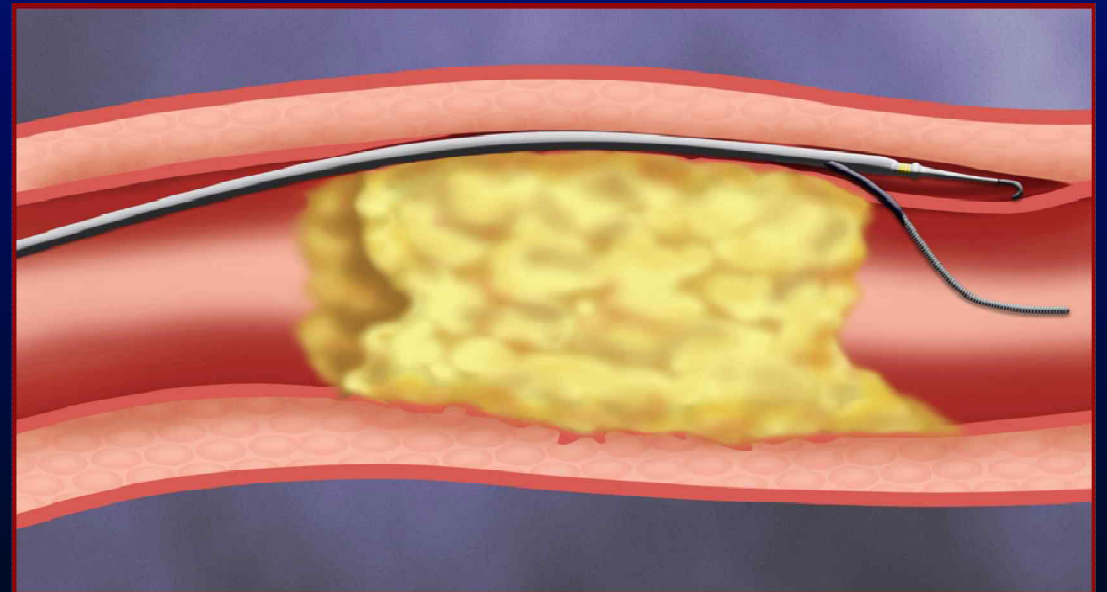
Single Hand Deployment

John Laird, Jr., MD



# True Lumen Return by Cross Point - Pass Guide Wire -

Pass 0.014" extra-support guide wire (300cm) through CrossPoint needle into vessel lumen.





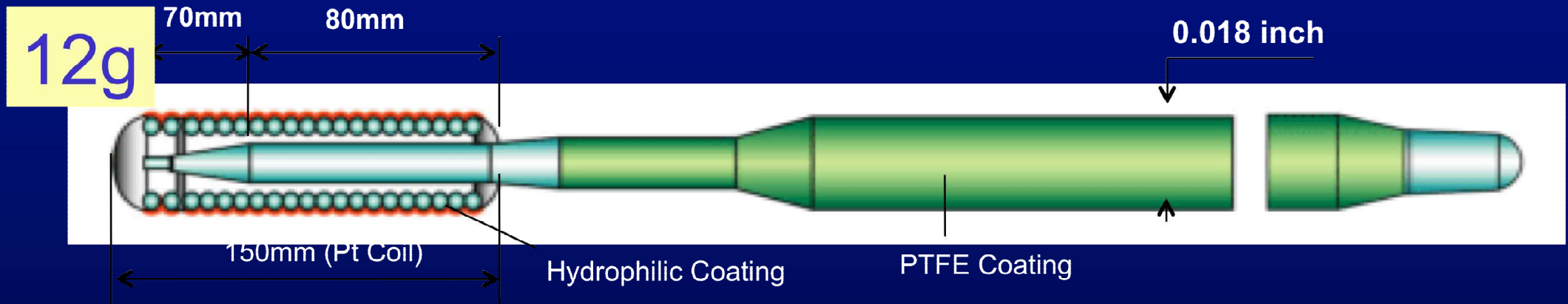
# Progress of CTO-EVT in Japan

## Factors contributing to progress in CTO-EVT

- Digital angiography
- Development of Japanese stiff-wire technology  
(Treasure wire, Aatato wire family)
- Retrograde Approach
- Ultrasound Guided ( Surface Echo, IVUS)
- CTO wiring techniques from CTO-PCI

# Treasure

From June 2004



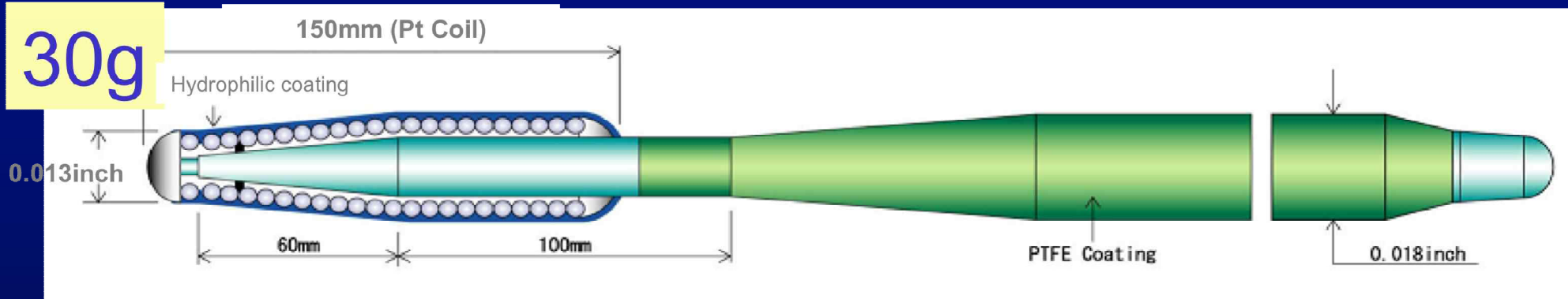
Treasure is a hydrophilic coated 0.018" PTA guidewire, which possesses superior torqueability due to its structure using thick stainless steel wires for the spring coil.

High torque performance

Good for **controlled drilling**

# Astato

From August 2006



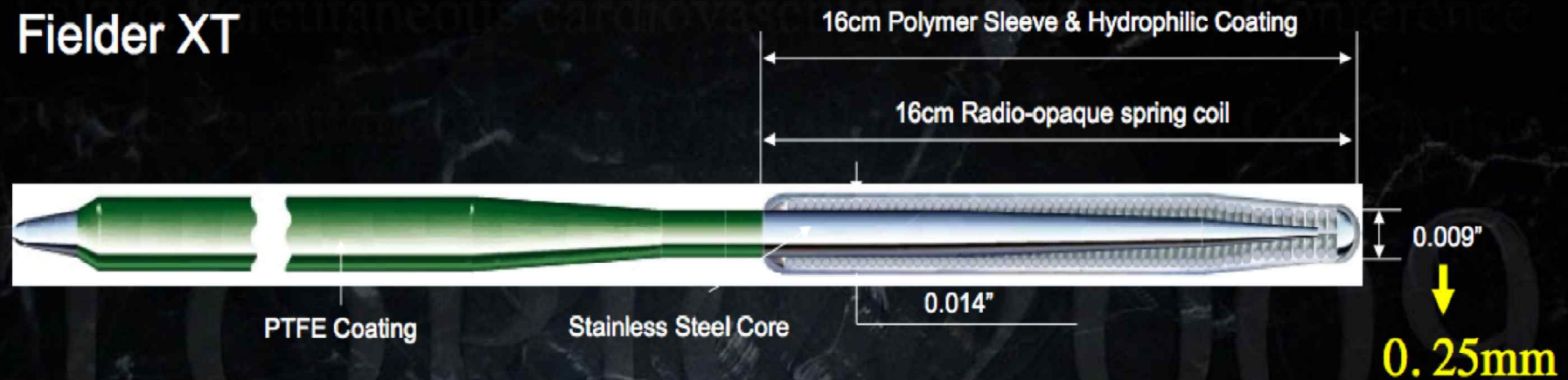
Astato is a 0.018" hydrophilic coated PTA guidewire, which possesses high penetration power with its 30g tip load and tapered design down to 0.013".

High penetration force  
Good for **penetration**

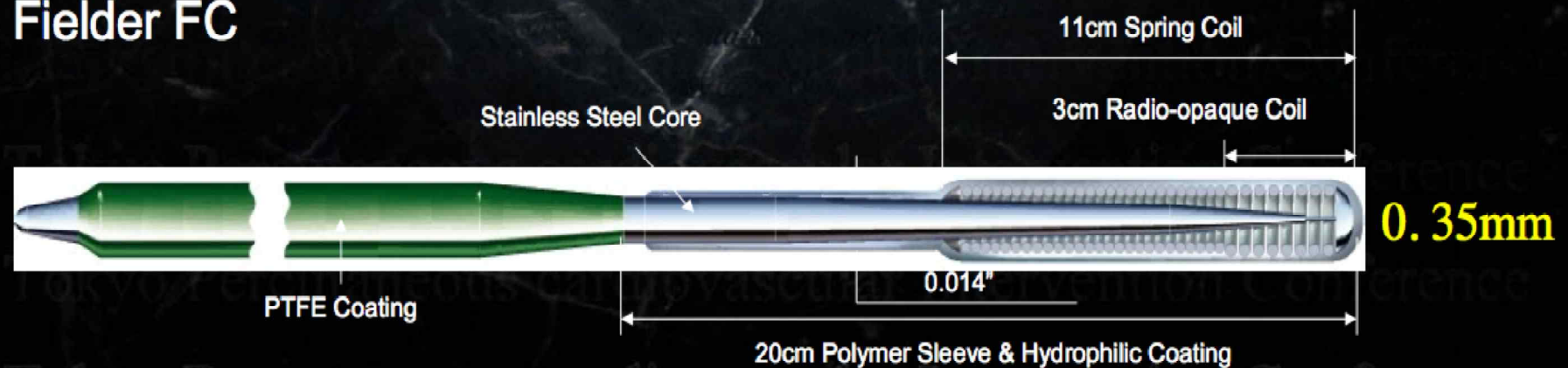
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## Fielder XT and Fielder FC

Fielder XT



Fielder FC



# 60 y.o. Male



ABI : right 0.38, left 0.78

SPP : (right)plantar 59 mmHg, dorsal 20 mmHg



Total Occlusion

# Bidirectional approach



# Echo guided intervention

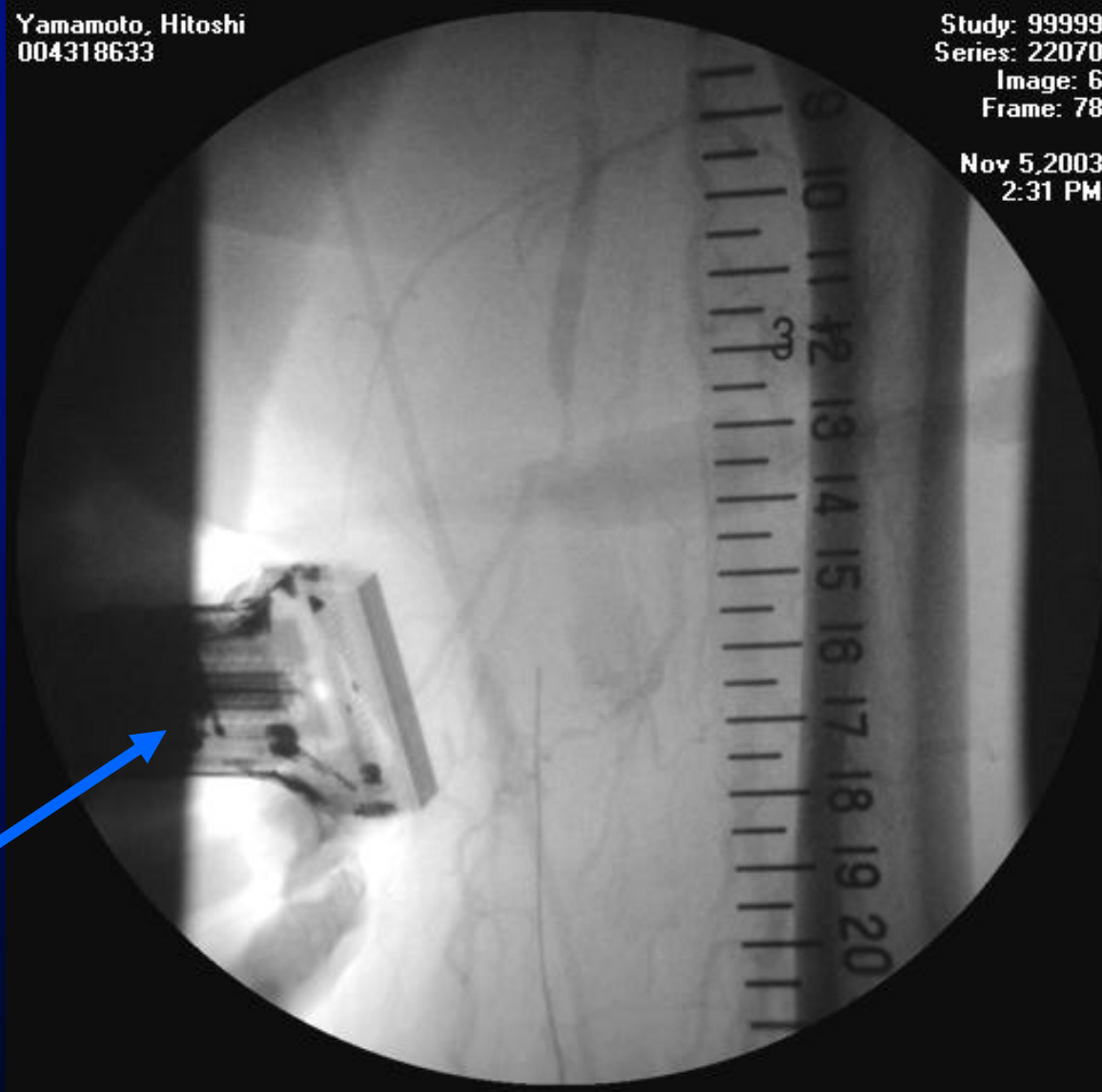




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Probe

Echo-Guided GW Manipulation

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PV Arterial1



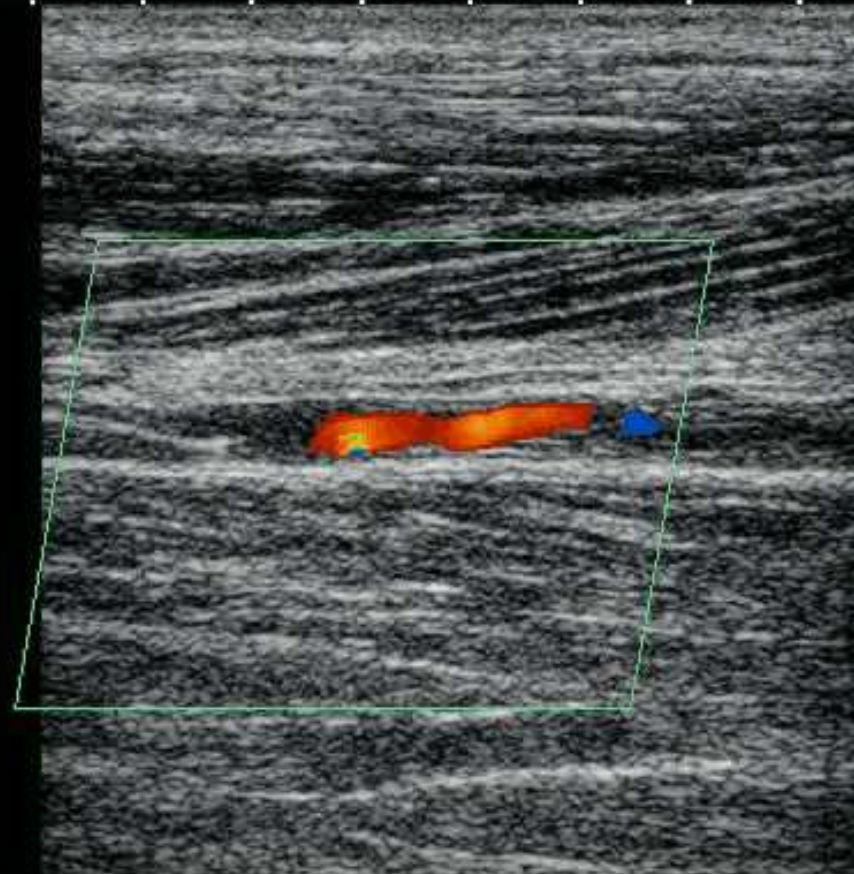
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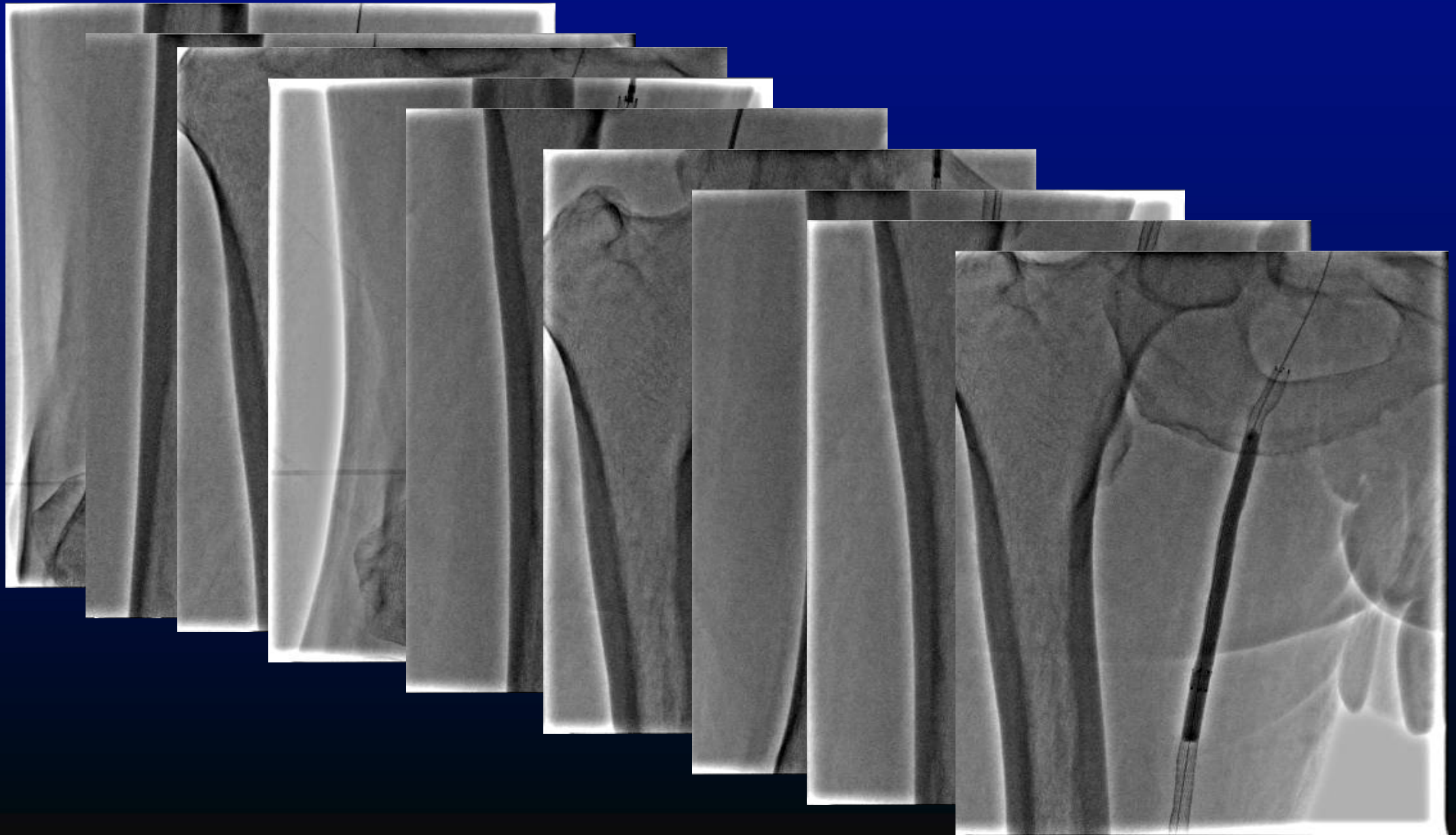
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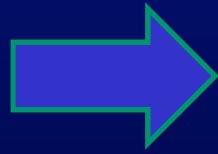
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# Balloon → Stent → Post-balloon





## *PPI for long SFA lesions (>10cm)*

### 1 Y Primary Patency Rate

Jan 2001~Apr. 2004                      56% ( 5/9 )

May 2004~Aug. 2004                      80% ( 12/15 )  
(Echo guided and  
lesion and zone specific stenting)

60y.o Male

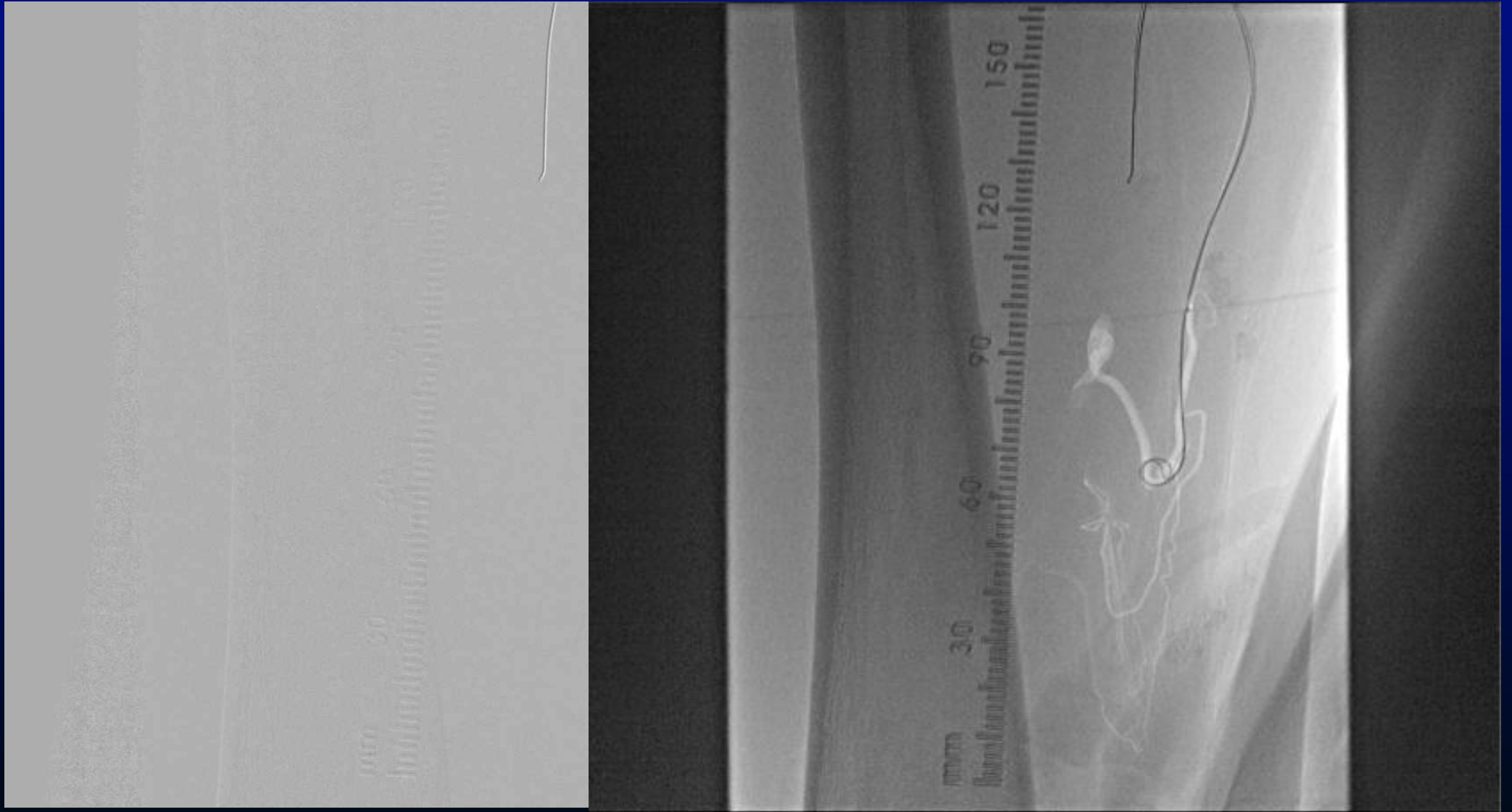
# EVT to rt SFA CTO



Lt femoral A approach  
G.C destination 45cm 6F

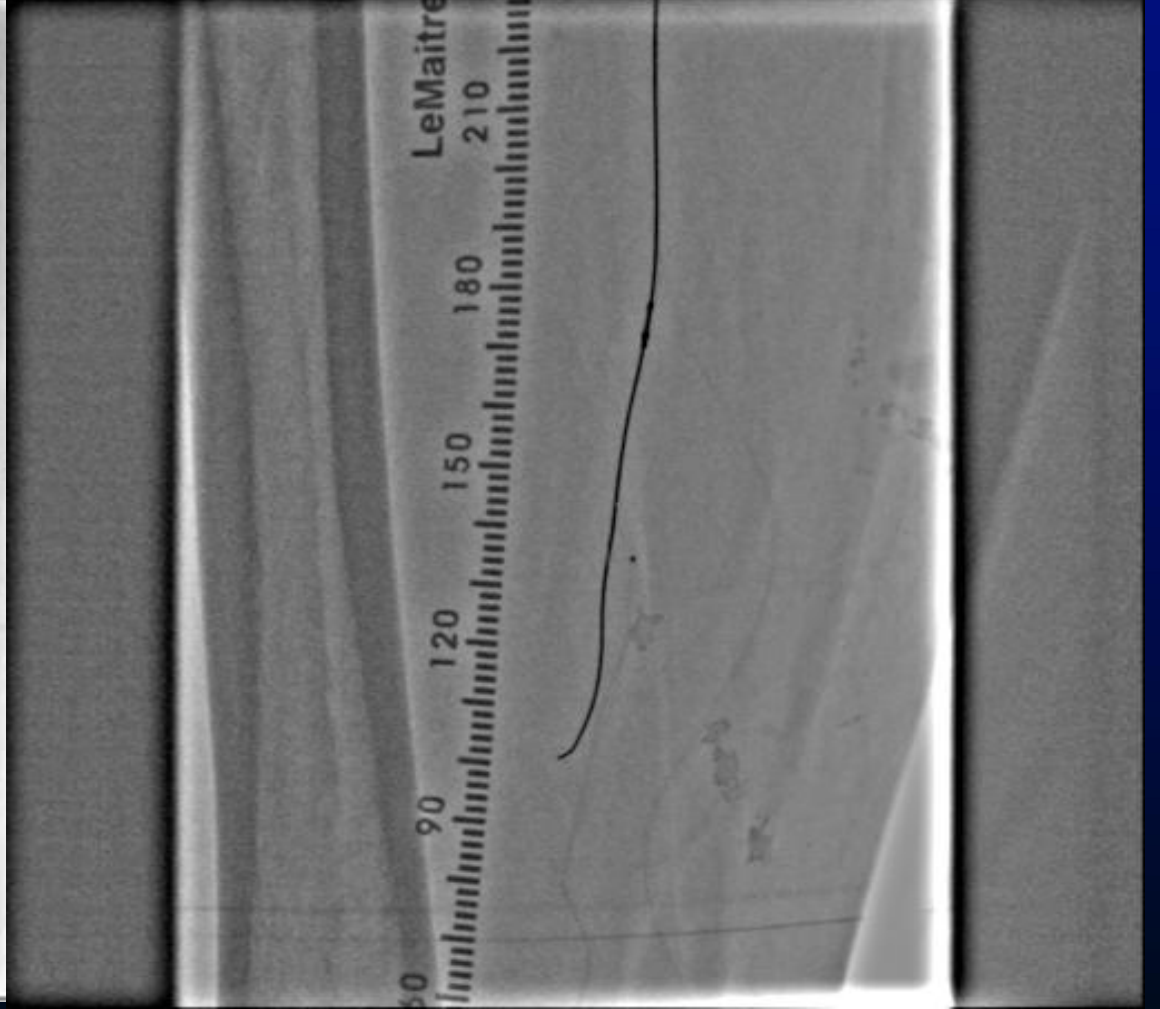
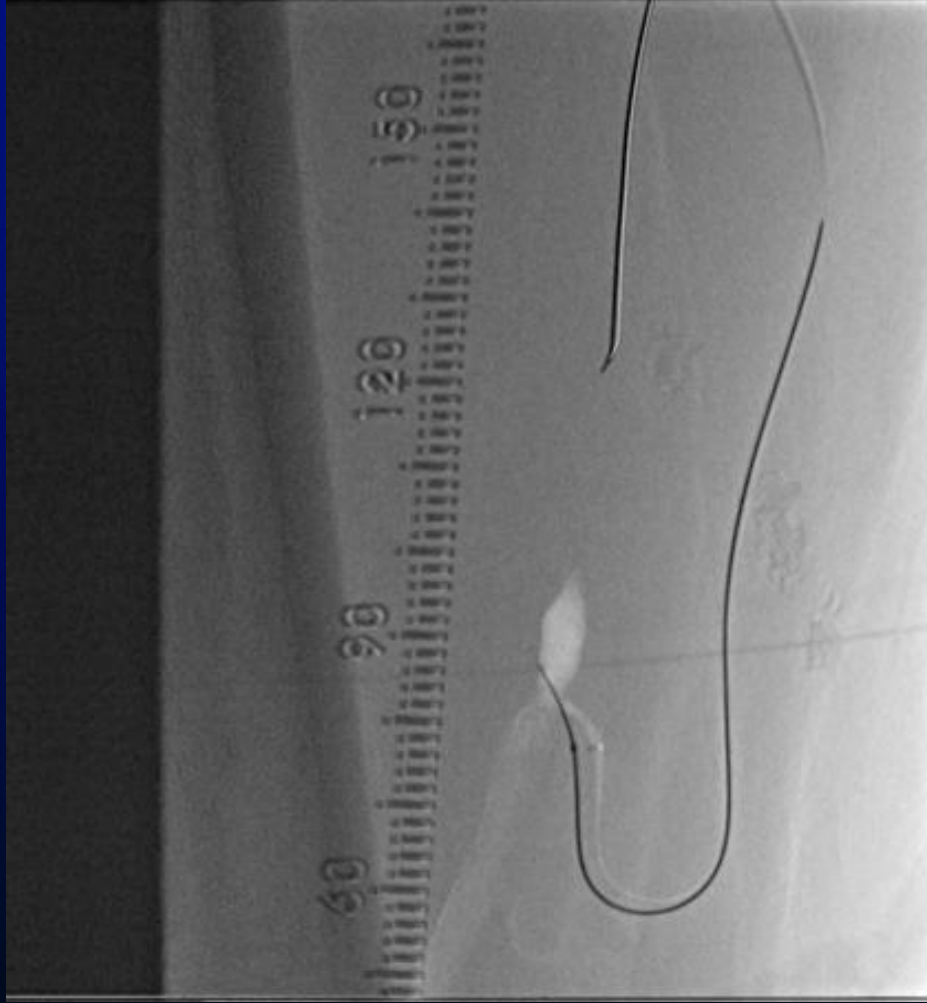
**Good collateral from proximal to distal SFA, no BK lesion**

60y.o Male



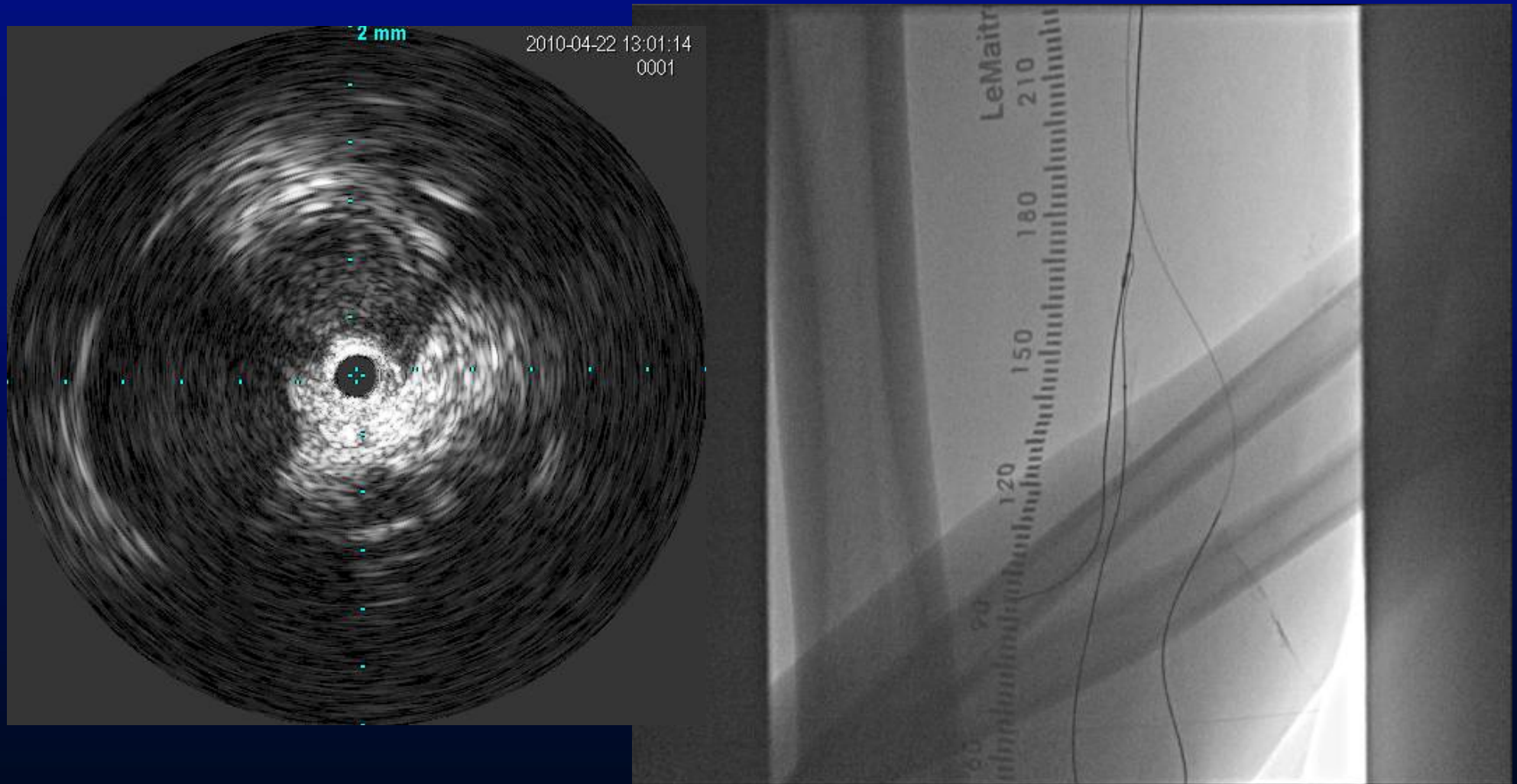
**X-treme PV with Fine cross crossing collateral artery**

60y.o Male



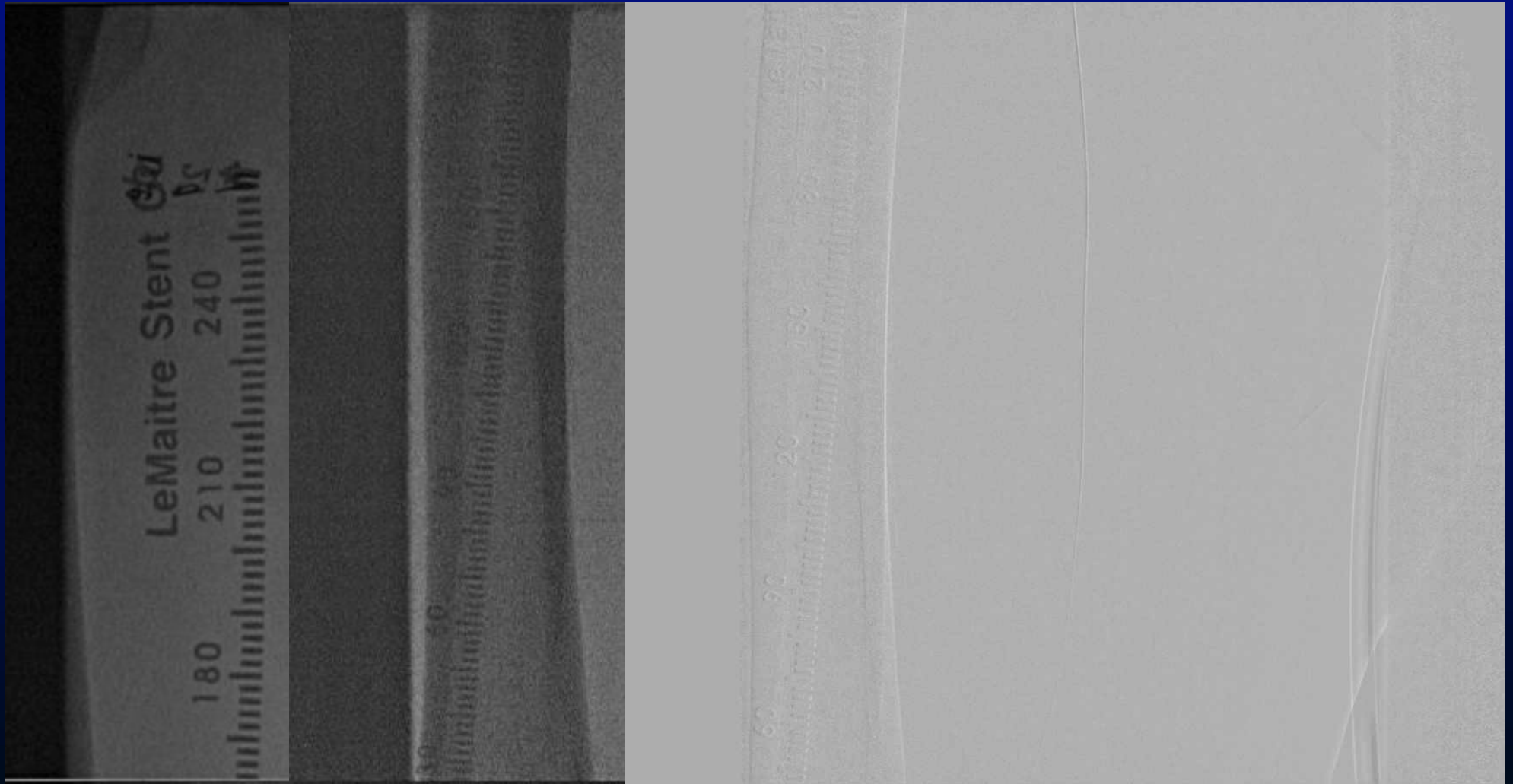


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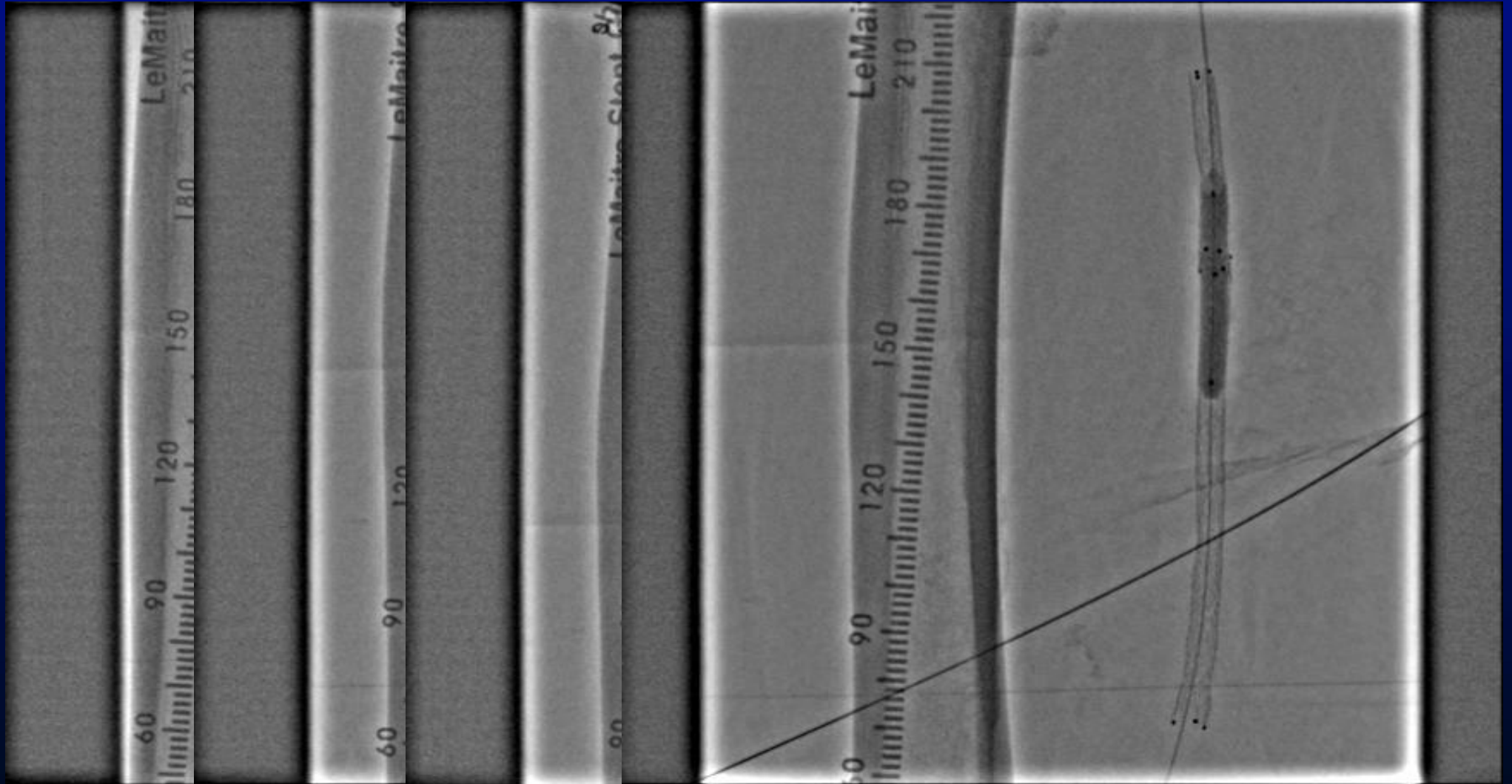
**Retrograde wire crossing true lumen using IVUS**

60y.o Male



**Catching retrograde wire using sna**

60y.o Male



**Amphirion Deep**

**4/120**

**Misago**

**6/100**

**Misago**

**4/40**

**Shiden**

**5/40**

60y.o Male

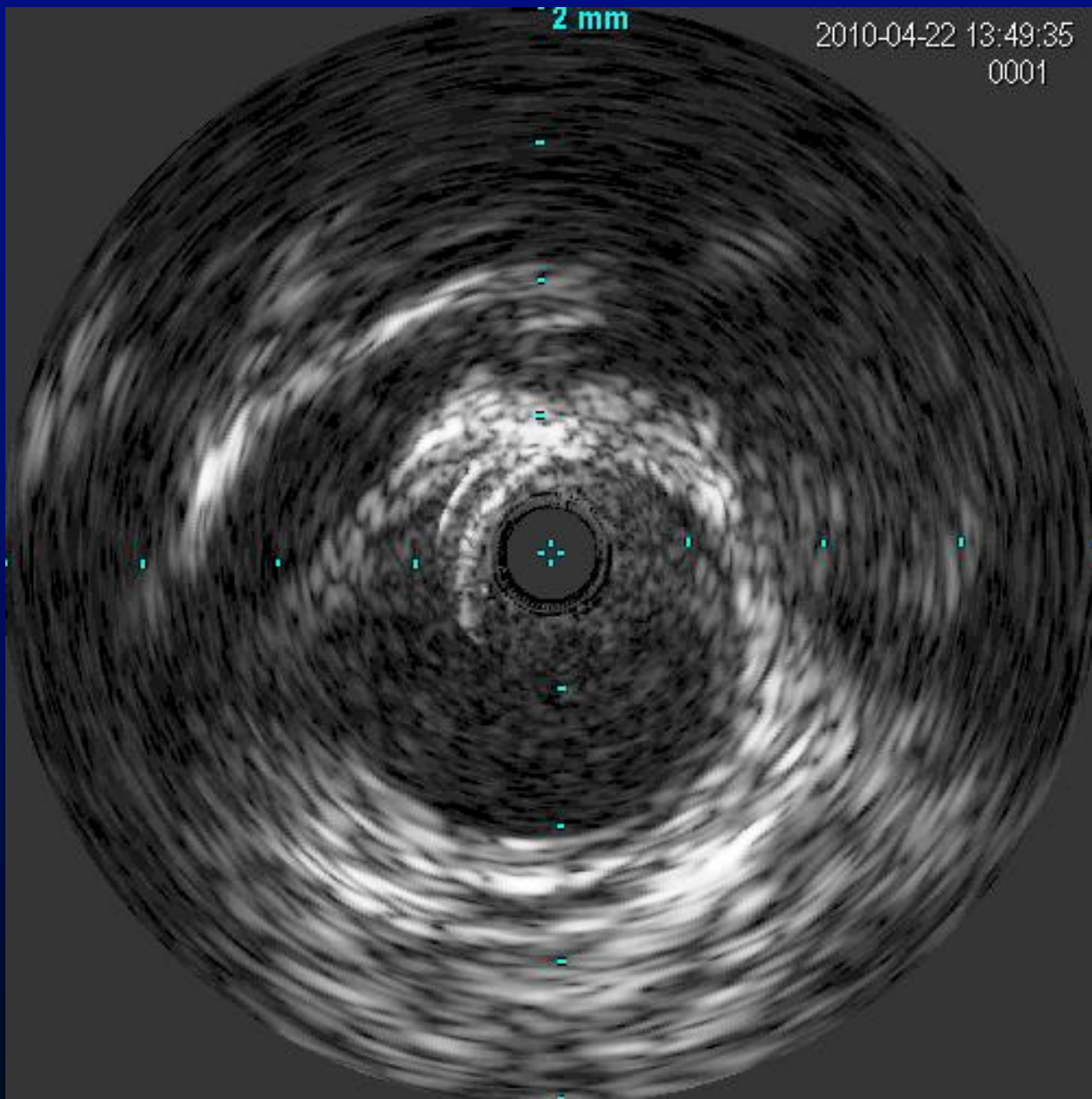
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# **SFA TASC D Lesions**

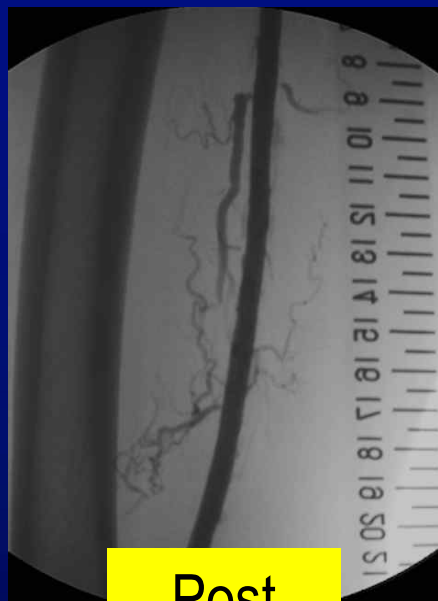
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Pre

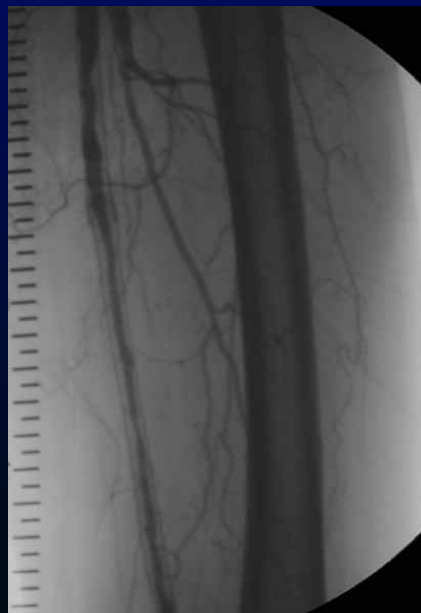
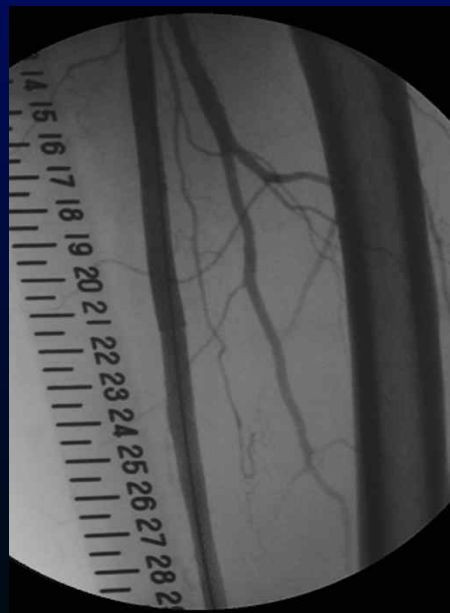
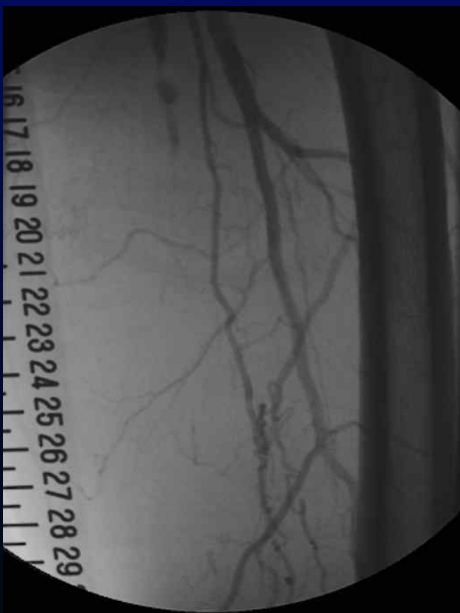


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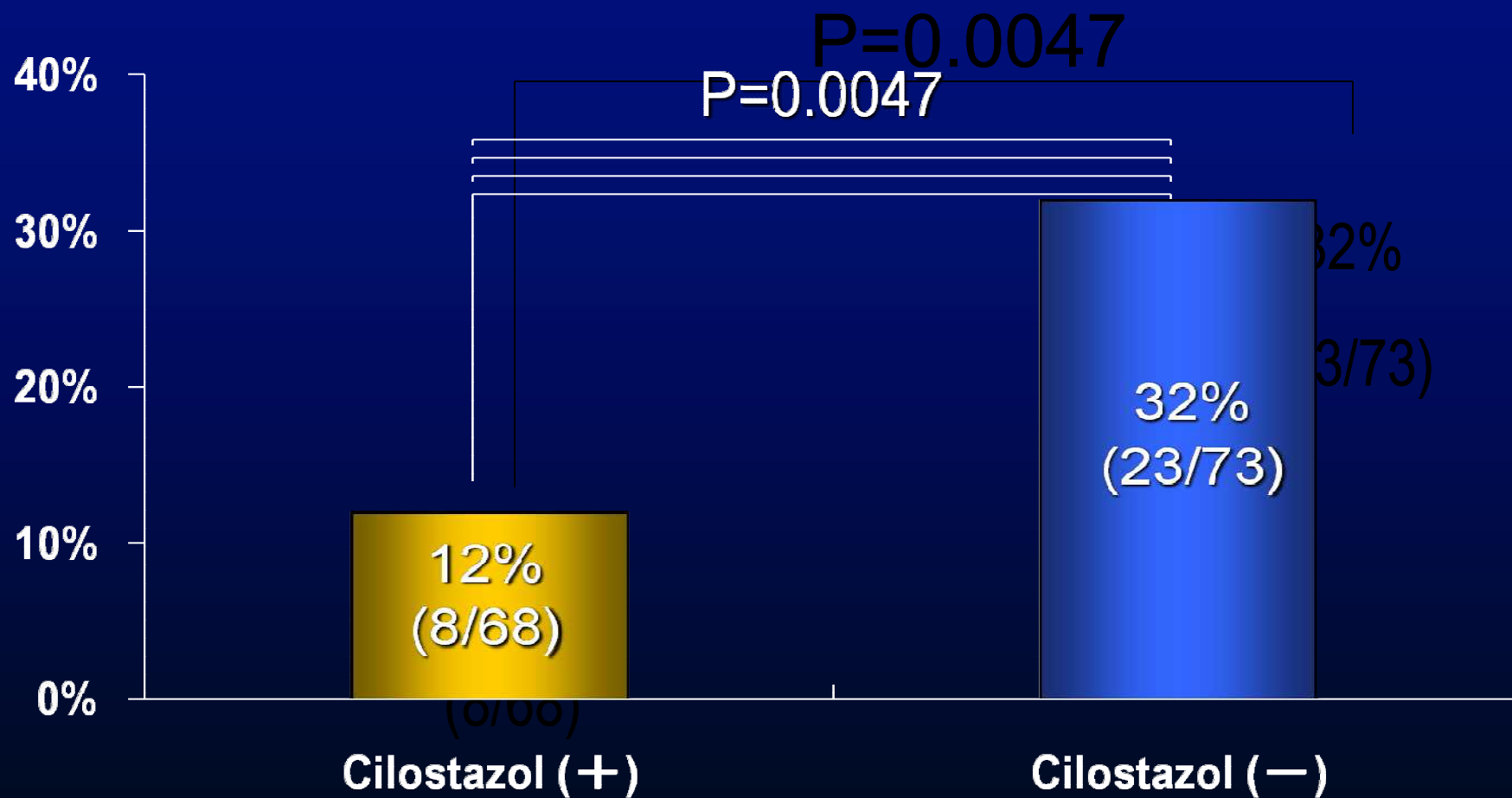
1 year

With cilostazol



Without cilostazol

Target lesion revascularization was significantly reduced in the cilostazol-treated cilostazol (+) group.





# Multifaceted Effects of Cilostazol

**Cilostazol**

Antiplatelet  
activity

Antithrombotic  
activity

Mildly increases  
heart rate

Produces  
vasodilation

Ina vitro inhibition of  
vascular smooth muscle  
cells

Decreases  
triglycerides

Increases  
HDL-C

Increases  
blood flow

## ACC/AHA GUIDELINES

# ACC/AHA Guidelines for the Management of Patients With Peripheral Arterial Disease (Lower Extremity, Renal, Mesenteric, and Abdominal Aortic)

### RECOMMENDATIONS

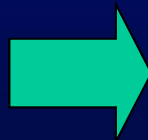
#### Class I

1. Cilostazol (100 mg orally 2 times per day) is indicated as an effective therapy to improve symptoms and increase walking distance in patients with lower extremity PAD and intermittent claudication (in the absence of heart failure). (*Level of Evidence: A*)
2. A therapeutic trial of cilostazol should be considered in all patients with lifestyle-limiting claudication (in the absence of heart failure). (*Level of Evidence: A*)

Cilostazol improves maximal walking distance by 40% to 60% after 12 to 24 weeks of therapy (56–60). Cilostazol increases ABI modestly, but the hemodynamic effect cannot account for the improvement in claudication (56,57,59,61). A meta-analysis indicates that cilostazol also improves walking ability and health-related quality of life (62). Cilostazol administered at 100 mg twice daily is more effective than 50 mg twice daily (58,60). Although no trials have found a significant increase in major cardiovascular events in patients treated with cilostazol, this medication should not be used in individuals with heart failure because of its potential adverse effect in this population as a phosphodiesterase type 3 inhibitor.

PENTOXIFYLLINE.

Produces  
vasodilation



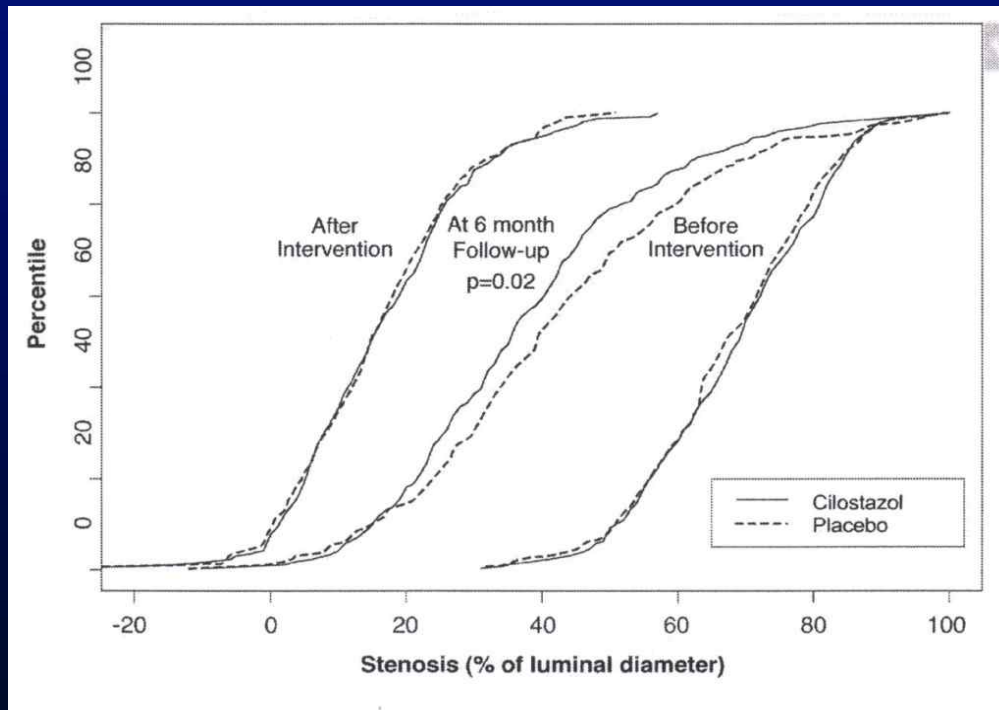
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Hirsch et al. JACC Vol. xx, 2006  
ACC/AHA Guidelines Management of PAD

## Coronary Stent Restenosis in Patients Treated With Cilostazol

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inhibition of vascular  
smooth muscle cells

Circulation, Nov 2005; 112: 2826 - 2832.

# Multifaceted Effects of Cilostazol

Reduced Restenosis after implantation of coronary artery stents  
(Circulation, Nov 2005; 112: 2826 - 2832. )

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(Circulation.1998;98:678-68)

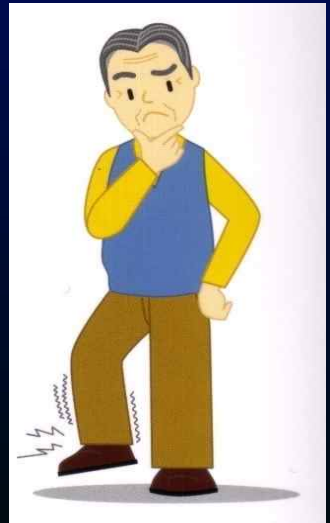
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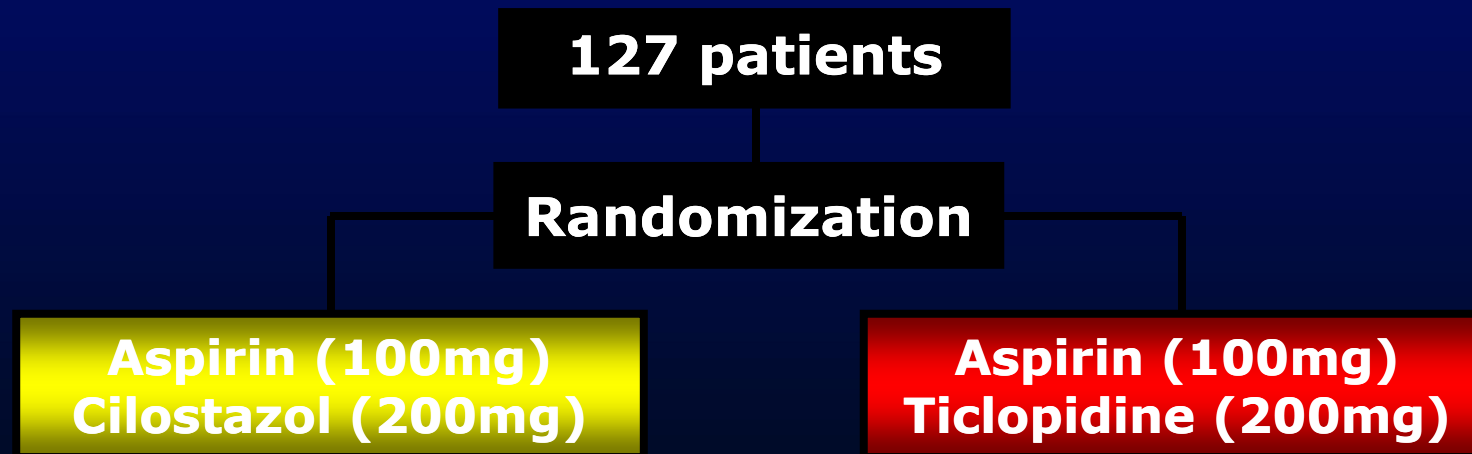
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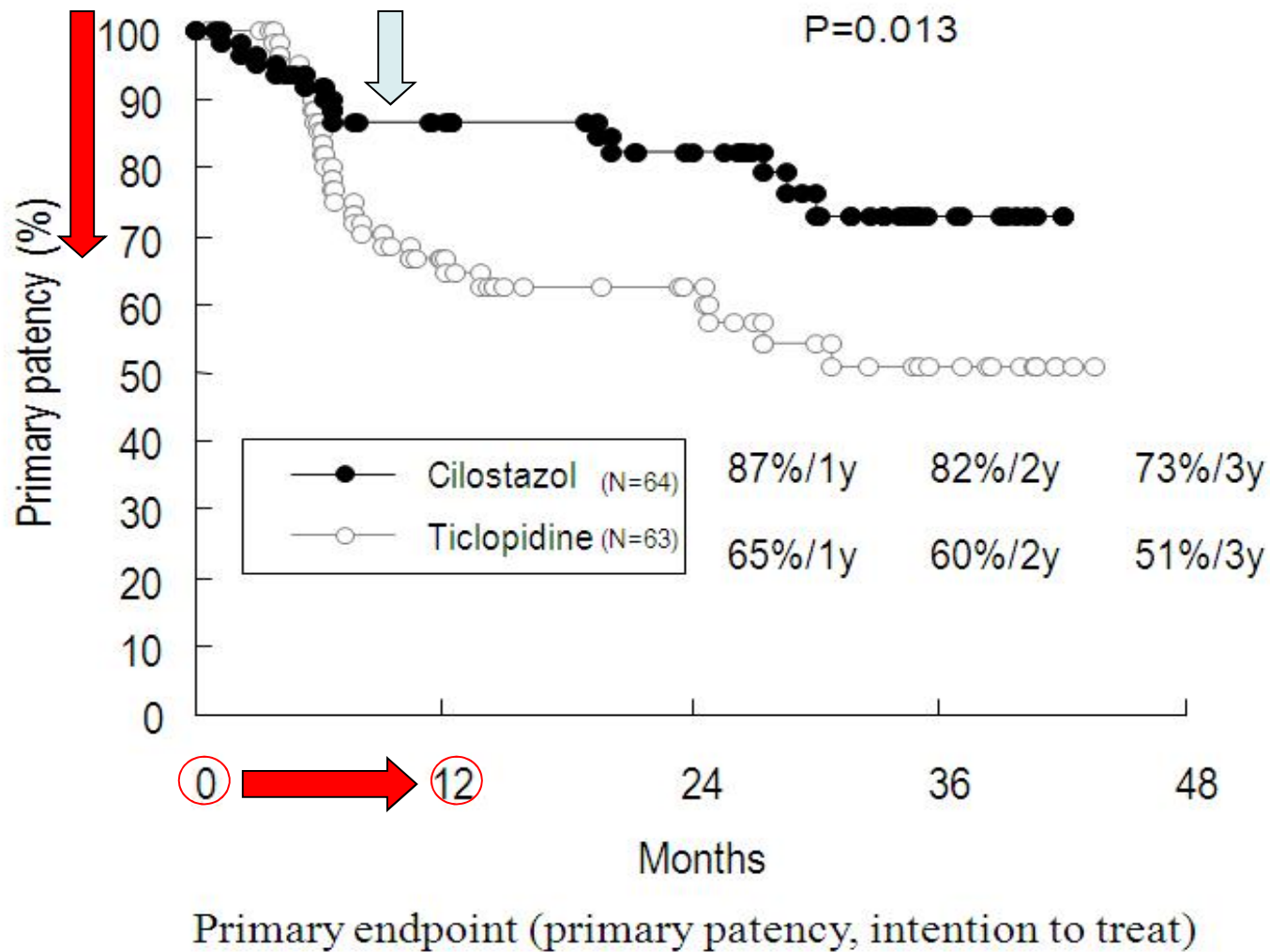


# Methods

## ■ Study design; study populations

- Prospective, randomized, Single center trial
- Between March, 2004, and June, 2005, 127 patients who had symptoms of leg ischemia in the FP lesion were enrolled.





As similar to the coronary intervention, the most essential issue is to prevent restenosis occurring during the first year following EVT. It should be noted that cilostazol reduced the restenosis during the first year and maintained the patency by continuing the medication.

Iida O et al. J Vasc Surg. 2008;48:144-9.

## Efficacy of Cilostazol After Endovascular Therapy for Femoropopliteal Artery Disease in Patients With Intermittent Claudication

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### Objectives

The purpose of this study was to investigate whether cilostazol reduces restenosis and revascularization after endovascular therapy (EVT) for femoropopliteal lesions.

### Background

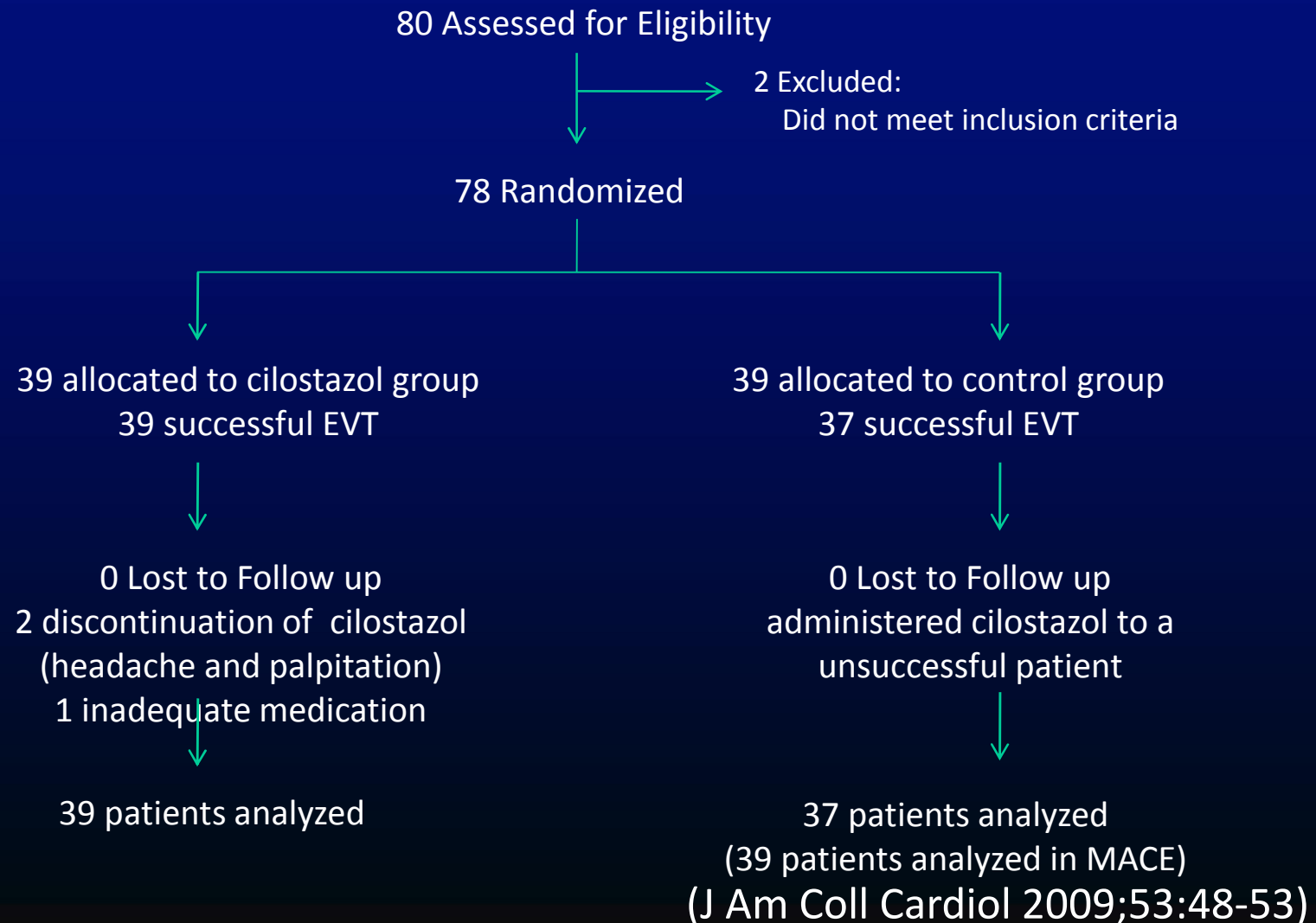
Cilostazol improves walking distance in patients with intermittent claudication and reduces restenosis after coronary intervention, but its efficacy remains unclear after EVT for femoropopliteal disease.

### Methods

This study was performed as a multicenter, randomized, open-label clinical trial. Eighty patients (mean age 70.7 ± 6.5 years, 84% men) with femoropopliteal artery disease were randomly assigned to receive either

(J Am Coll Cardiol 2009;53:48-53)

# Participant Flow





# Patient Characteristics

## Cilostazol

Variables	Yes (n = 39)	No (n = 39)	p Value
Age (yrs)	69.8 ± 7.0	71.6 ± 8.1	0.30
> 75 years old (%)	12 (31)	17 (43)	0.24
Male Gender (%)	31 (79)	34 (87)	0.36
Diabetes Mellitus (%)	12 (31)	16 (41)	0.34
Hypertension (%)	19 (49)	19 (49)	0.99
Hypercholesterolemia (%)	15 (38)	11 (28)	0.34
Current Smoker (%)	13 (33)	17 (44)	0.35
Renal Failure (%)	8 (21)	7 (18)	0.77
Ischemic Heart Disease (%)	21 (54)	21 (54)	1.00
Previous Stroke (%)	9 (23)	8 (21)	0.78
Stent / CBA / BA	16 / 15 / 8	20 / 12 / 5	0.32
Use of Stent (%)	16 (41)	20 (51)	0.36
Luminexx / SMART / Wall	5 / 8 / 3	6 / 13 / 1	0.39
Use of Statins (%)	10 (26)	9 (23)	0.79
Use of β-Blockers (%)	7 (18)	4 (10)	0.33
Use of ACEI / ARB (%)	14 (36)	12 (31)	0.63
Pre-procedure ABI **	0.59 ± 0.12	0.64 ± 0.15	0.13
Post-procedure ABI	0.81 ± 0.18	0.84 ± 0.16	0.49

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# Lesion Characteristics

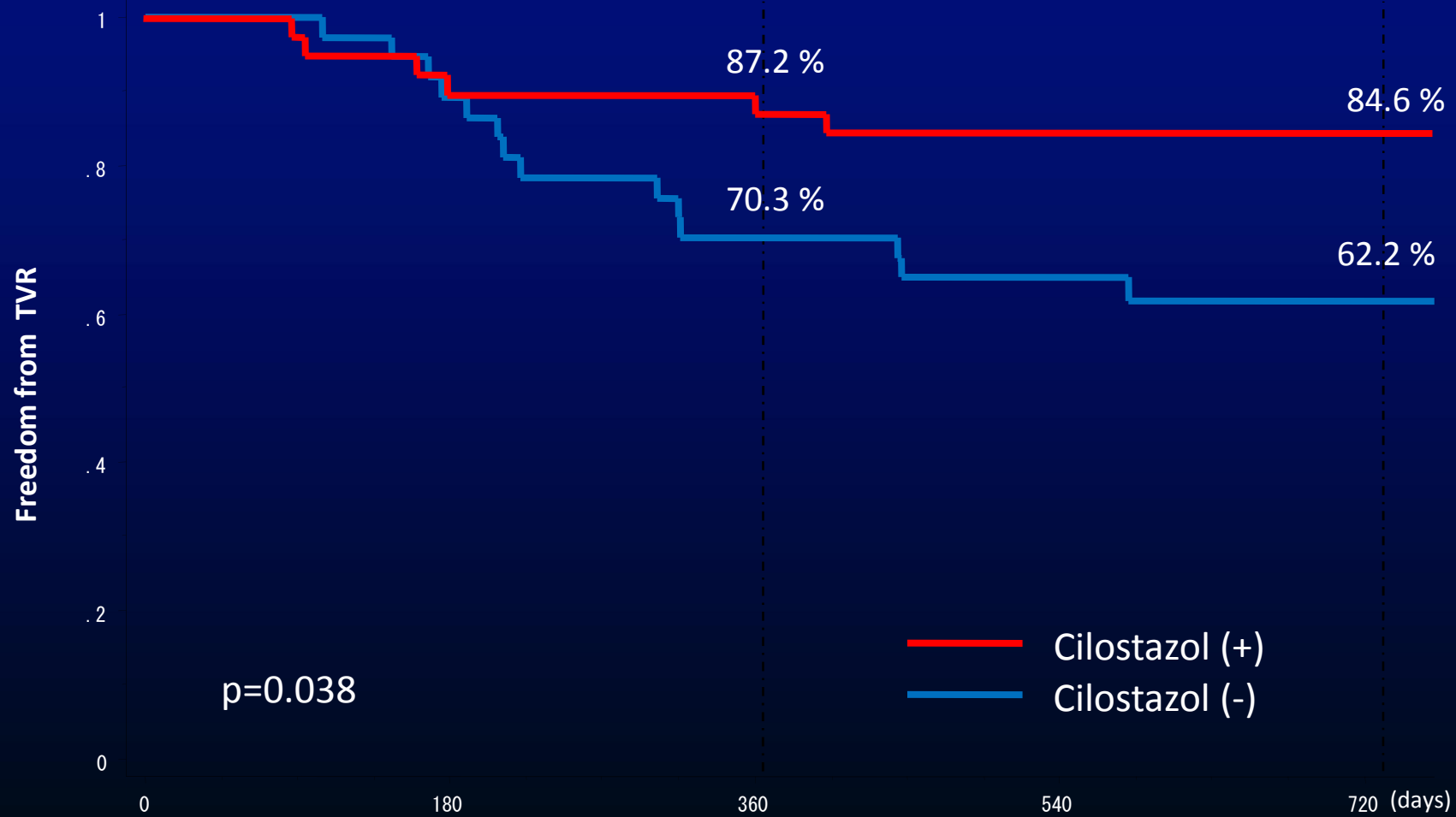
## Cilostazol

Variables	Yes (n = 39)	No (n = 39)	p Value
Lesion Length (mm)	121.1 ± 67.3	131.5 ± 84.0	0.56
Pre Minimum Lumen Diameter (mm)	0.92 ± 0.74	0.94 ± 0.81	0.31
Pre Diameter Stenosis (%)	78.7 ± 18.1	78.8 ± 18.2	0.99
Pre Reference Diameter (mm)	4.77 ± 0.72	4.85 ± 0.81	0.65
Post Minimum Lumen Diameter (mm)	3.20 ± 0.98	3.27 ± 0.86	0.77
Post Diameter Stenosis (%)	28.0 ± 12.5	25.8 ± 12.1	0.46
Post Reference Diameter (mm)	4.78 ± 0.74	4.74 ± 0.91	0.85
TASC II A / B / C / D	4 / 5 / 10 / 20	5 / 3 / 14 / 17	0.68
Chronic Total Occlusion (%)	10 (26)	14 (36)	0.33
Calcified Lesion (%)	8 (21)	6 (15)	0.56
Stent Fracture at Follow-up (%)	1 / 16 (6)	2 / 20 (10)	0.69

*\*Calcified lesion defined as obvious densities noted within the apparent vascular wall in the angiogram.*

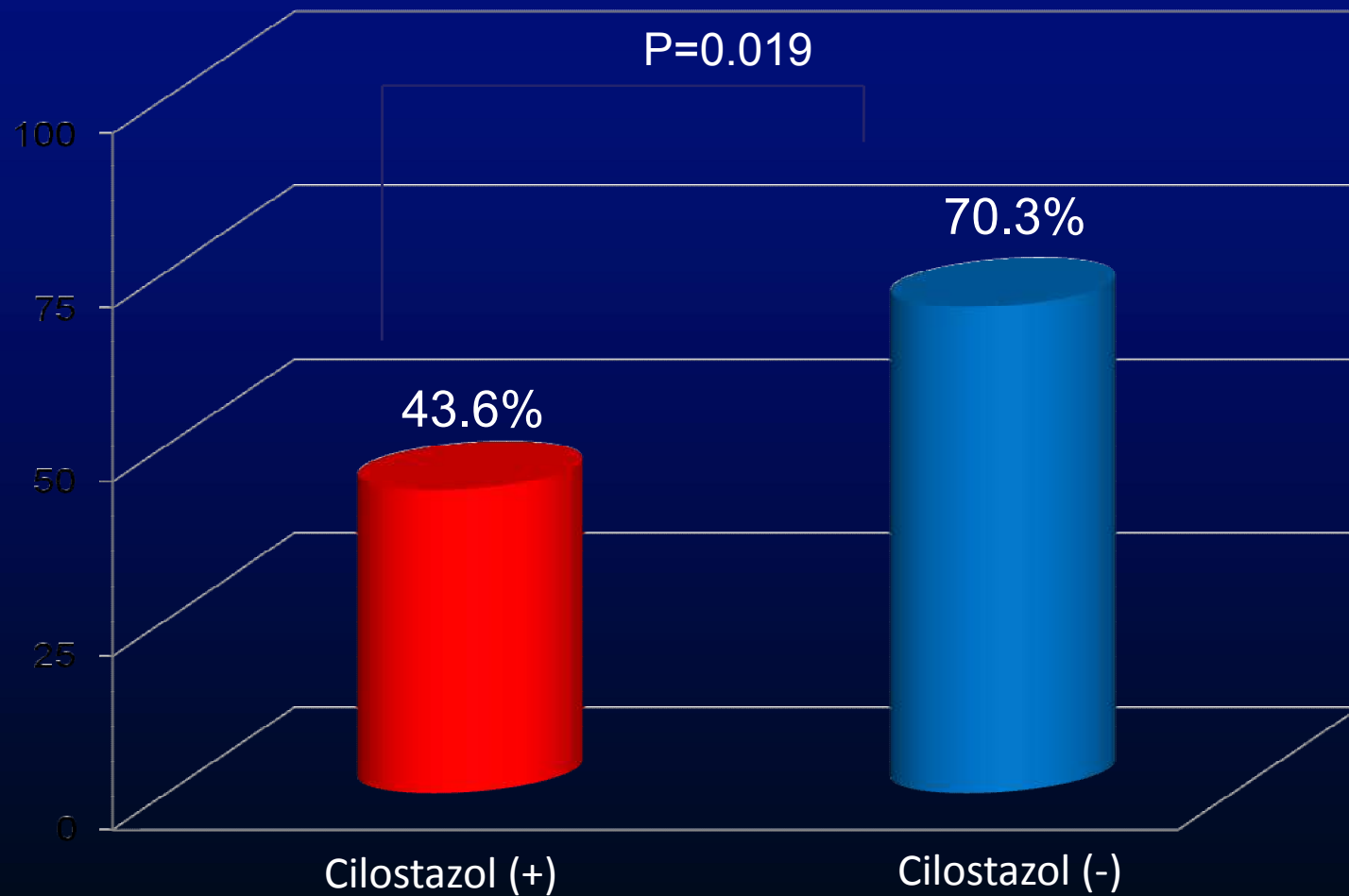
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# Freedom from TVR



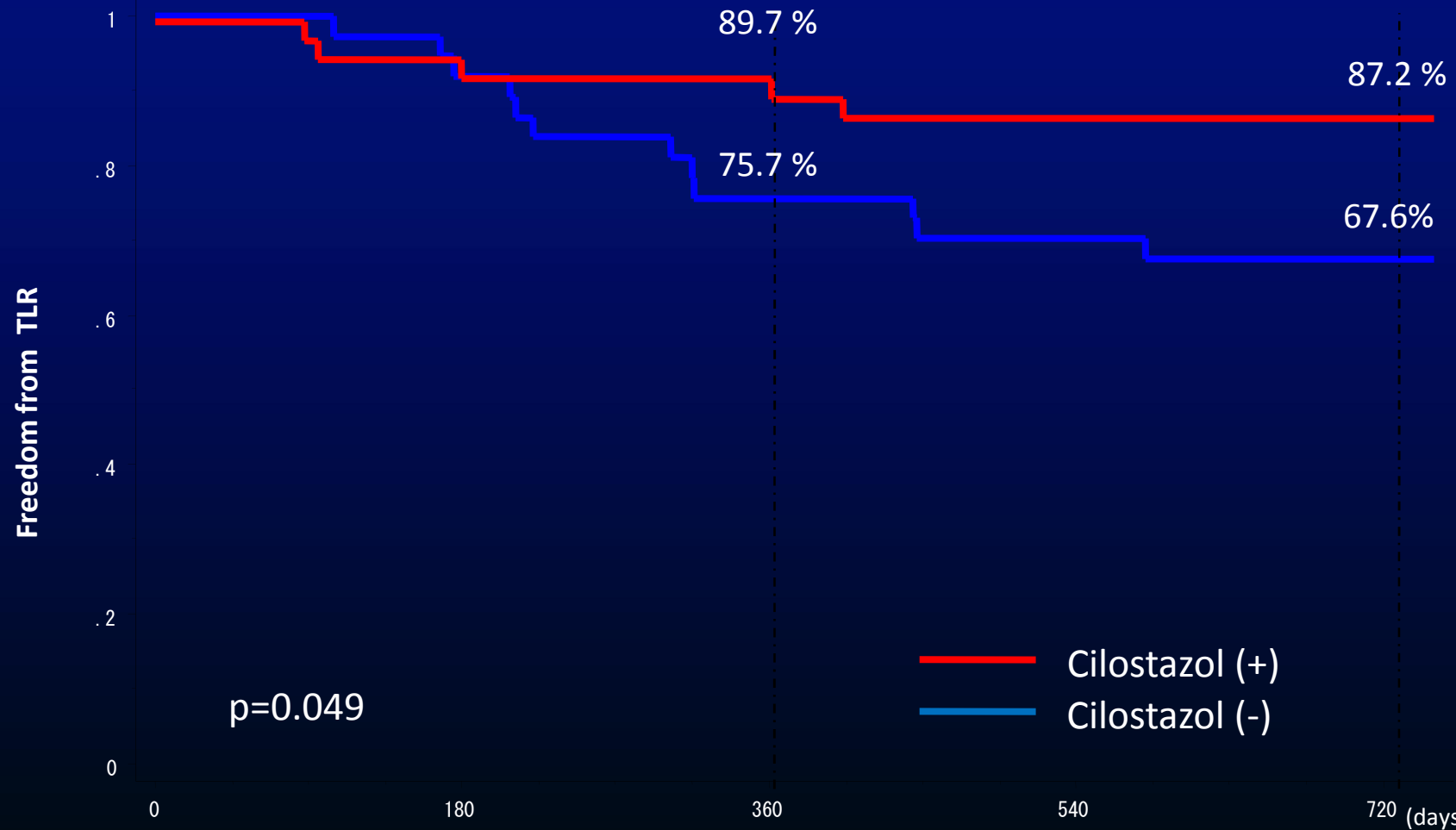
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# Binary Restenosis Rate @ 24 mons



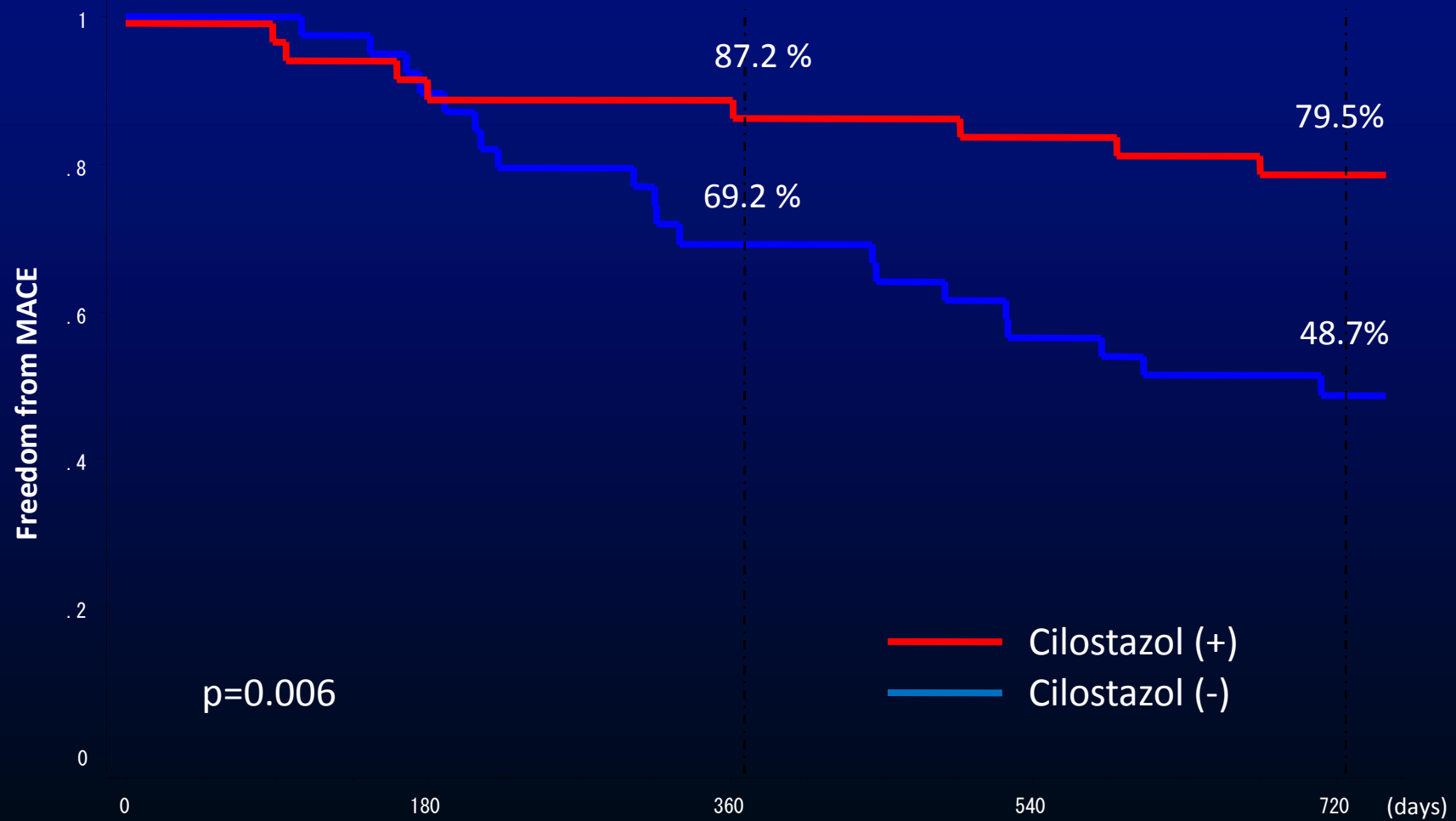
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# Freedom from TLR



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# Freedom from MACE



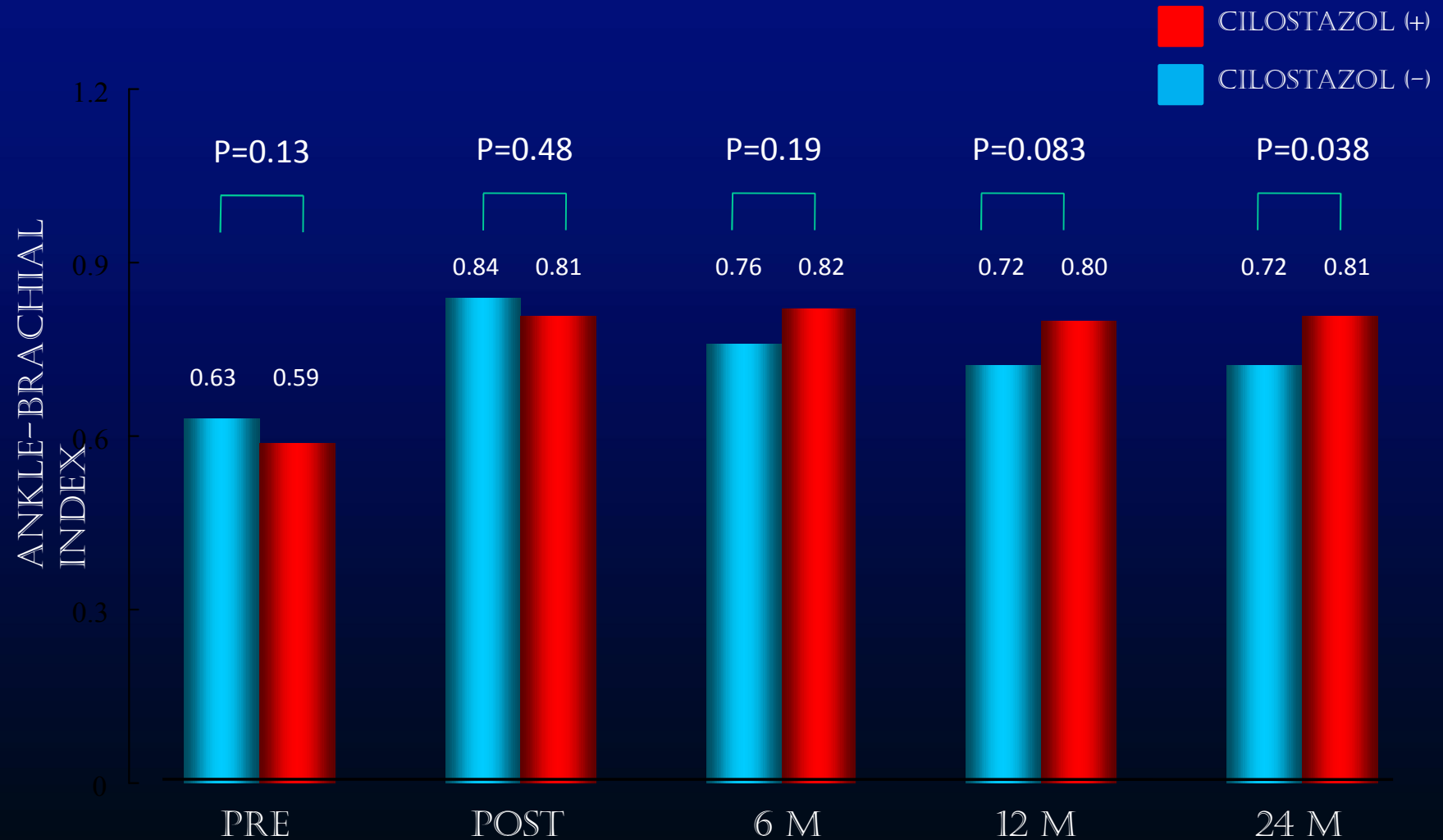
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# Causes of MACE

MACE	Cilostazol			p Value
	Total	(+) N=39	(-) N=39	
All-cause Death (cardiac death)	3	1 (0)	2 (1)	0.60
Non-fatal MI*	0	0	0	0.99
Stroke	1	0	1	0.31
<b>Repeat Revascularization</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0.014</b>
TLR**	17	5	12	
TVR***	20	6	14	
Surgical Revascularization	1	1	0	
Leg Amputation	0	0	0	0.99
Major Bleeding	0	0	0	0.99

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# Resting Ankle-Brachial Index



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# Cox Proportional Hazard Ratio Analysis of TVR Predictors

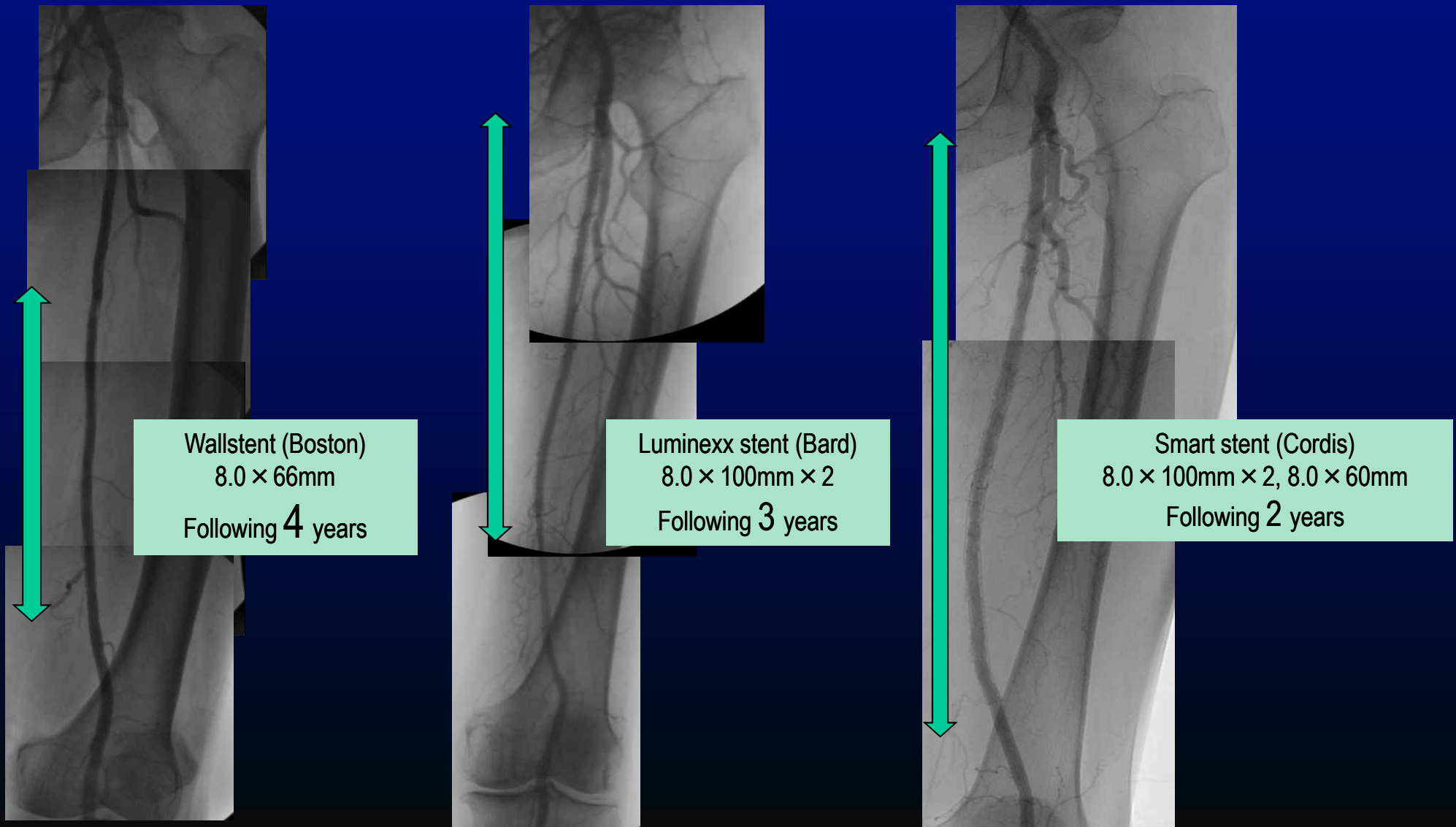
Variables	Univariate			Multivariate		
	OR	95% CI	p Value	OR	95% CI	p Value
Diabetes Mellitus	3.75	1.29 – 11.0	0.015	3.22	1.02 – 10.1	0.046
Chronic Total Occlusion	3.00	1.34 – 8.70	0.043	2.47	0.77 – 7.95	0.13
Hyperlipidemia	2.50	0.87 – 7.15	0.088	2.46	0.74 – 8.22	0.13
Use of Statins	1.97	0.65 - 6.04	0.23			
Calcified Lesion	1.74	0.51 – 6.01	0.38			
Current Smoker	1.36	0.49 - 3.84	0.49			
Hypertension	1.31	0.47 – 3.66	0.60			
Lesion Length	1.00	0.99 – 1.01	0.71			
Male Gender	1.23	0.30 – 5.02	0.77			
Age	0.99	0.92 – 1.06	0.69			
Reference Diameter	0.58	0.25 – 1.32	0.19			
Use of Stent	0.67	0.24 – 1.88	0.44			
Renal failure *	0.37	0.08 – 1.88	0.22			
Use of Cilostazol	0.23	0.07 - 0.73	0.012	0.29	0.09 - 0.97	0.045

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# Conclusion

- Cilostazol reduces restenosis and repeat revascularization after endovascular therapy in patients with intermittent claudication for femoropopliteal disease.

# Cilostazol Reduces Restenosis Following Endovascular Therapy in Patients with Femoro-popliteal lesions



# Take Home Messages

## - EVT for Patients with SFA-CTO -

- Endovascular treatment using a new generation nitinol stent by ultrasound guided tapered wire manipulation with bidirectional approach is feasible for SFA-CTO.
- Cilostazol plays an important role in preventing long-term restenosis after EVT for SFA.
- Endovascular therapy with new generation nitinol stent and cilostazol may be an attractive alternative therapy to bypass surgery for patients with SFA-CTO