

# **Revascularization Strategies (SYNTAX, BARI 2D, and STICH)**

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# STICH Trial Background

**Surgical ventricular reconstruction has been developed for management of heart failure related to ventricular remodeling caused by coronary artery disease.**

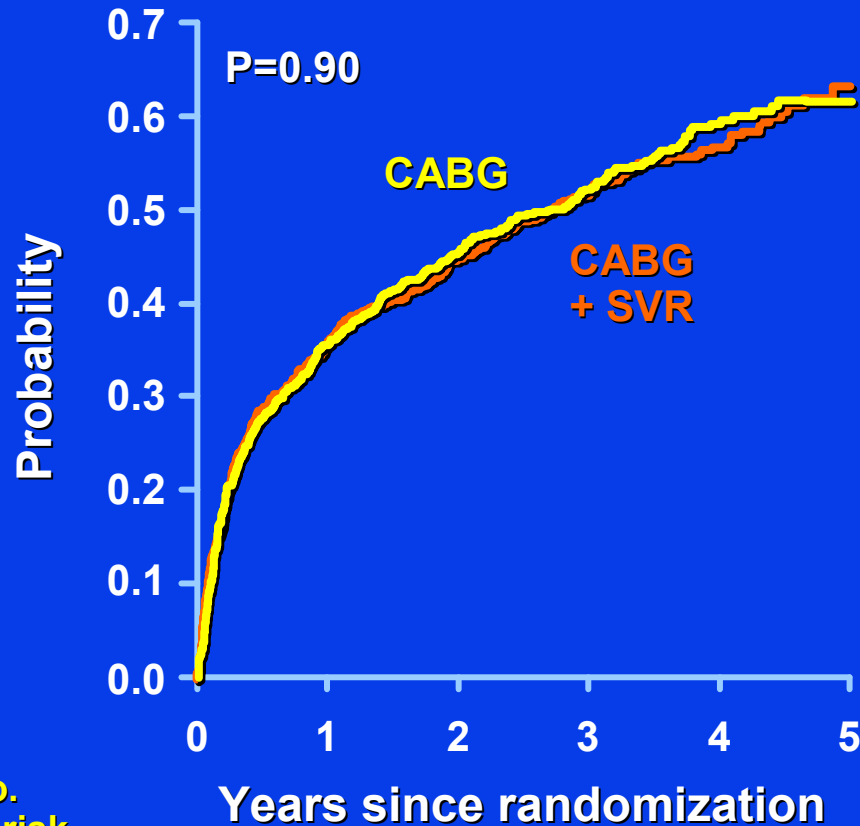
**It has been suggested that surgical ventricular reconstruction may reduce rate of hospitalization and improve ventricular function better than CABG alone.**

# STICH Trial

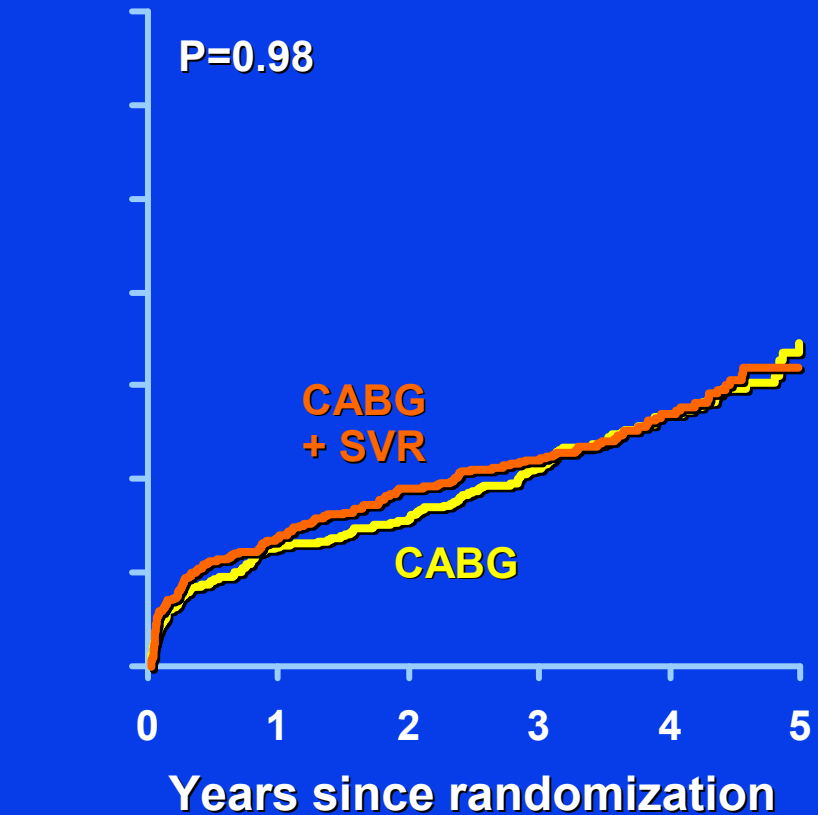
- 1000 patients with  $EF \leq 35\%$ , amenable to CABG randomly assigned to either CABG plus surgical ventricular reconstruction vs CABG alone
- Primary end point:
  - Composite of death from any cause and hospitalization for cardiac causes

# STICH Trial

**Death from Any Cause or Hospitalization for Cardiac Causes**



**Death from Any Cause**



No. at risk

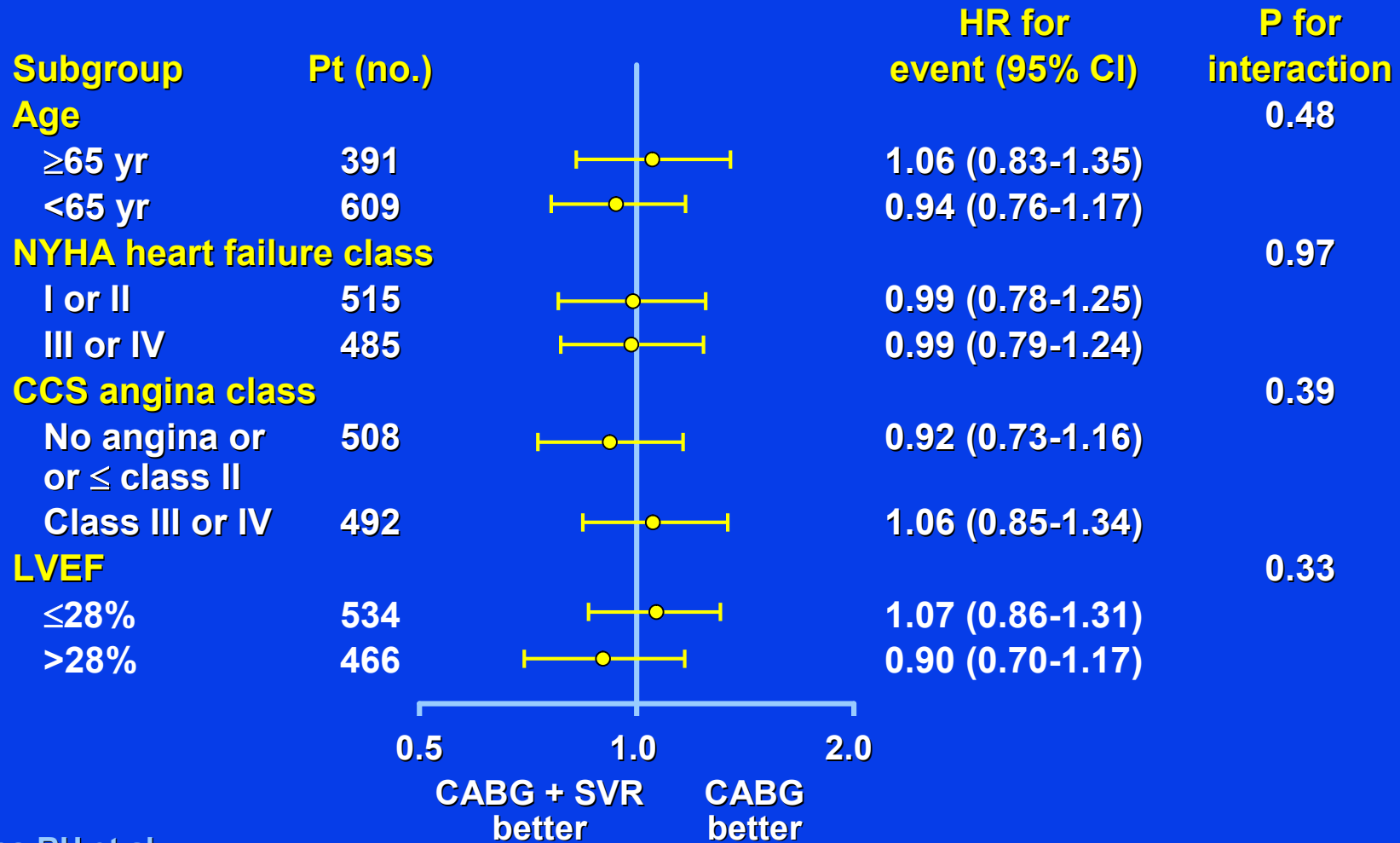
CABG	499	319	270	220	99	23
CABG + SVR	501	319	275	216	111	23

CABG	499	434	417	363	201	59
CABG + SVR	501	429	404	352	193	53

Jones RH et al: N Engl J Med 360:1705, 2009

# STICH Trial

## Primary Outcome



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Surgical ventricular reconstruction is a specific procedure designed to reduce left ventricular volume in patients with heart failure caused by coronary artery disease. We conducted a trial to address the question of whether surgical ventricular reconstruction added to coronary-artery bypass grafting (CABG) would decrease the rate of death or hospitalization for cardiac causes, as compared with CABG alone.

#### **METHODS**

Between September 2002 and January 2006, a total of 1000 patients with an ejection fraction of 35% or less, coronary artery disease that was amenable to CABG, and dominant anterior left ventricular dysfunction that was amenable to surgical ventricular reconstruction were randomly assigned to undergo either CABG alone (499 patients) or CABG with surgical ventricular reconstruction (501 patients). The primary outcome was a composite of death from any cause and hospitalization for cardiac causes. The median follow-up was 48 months.

#### **RESULTS**

Surgical ventricular reconstruction reduced the end-systolic volume index by 19%, as compared with a reduction of 6% with CABG alone. Cardiac symptoms and exercise tolerance improved from baseline to a similar degree in the two study groups. However, no significant difference was observed in the primary outcome, which occurred in 292 patients (59%) who were assigned to undergo CABG alone and in 289 patients (58%) who were assigned to undergo CABG with surgical ventricular reconstruction (hazard ratio for the combined approach, 0.99; 95% confidence interval, 0.84 to 1.17;  $P=0.90$ ).

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*N Engl J Med* 2009;360:1705-17.  
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# True, True and Unrelated:

**“The results of Hypothesis II of the STICH Trial will remain ‘true, true and unrelated’ and will go down as an expensive but clinically meaningless exercise in surgical research.”**

Conte J, Johns Hopkins University  
J Heart Lung Transplant, 29:491-495, 2010

# The STICH Trial: Misguided Conclusions

**“The STICH Trial conclusions show that statisticians can defy nature from a flawed database.”**

Buckberg GD, UCLA, J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg,  
138:1060-65, 2009

# To Reconstruct or Not

**“The real message of the STICH Trial is this: if one is pondering treatment of patients with poor ventricular function and mild aneurysmal dilatation, do NOT perform SVR surgery because if you do not send the patient to heaven (i.e. kill them) you will only prolong his or her and your own suffering with no clinical benefit.”**

Kieser TM, Univ. of Calgary,  
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# BARI 2D Clinical Trial

**Compare treatment strategies for patients with**

- **Type 2 diabetes mellitus**
- **Documented CAD suitable for elective revascularization (1 or more significant lesions)**
- **Documented ischemia**
- **No prior CABG or PCI within the last 12 months**



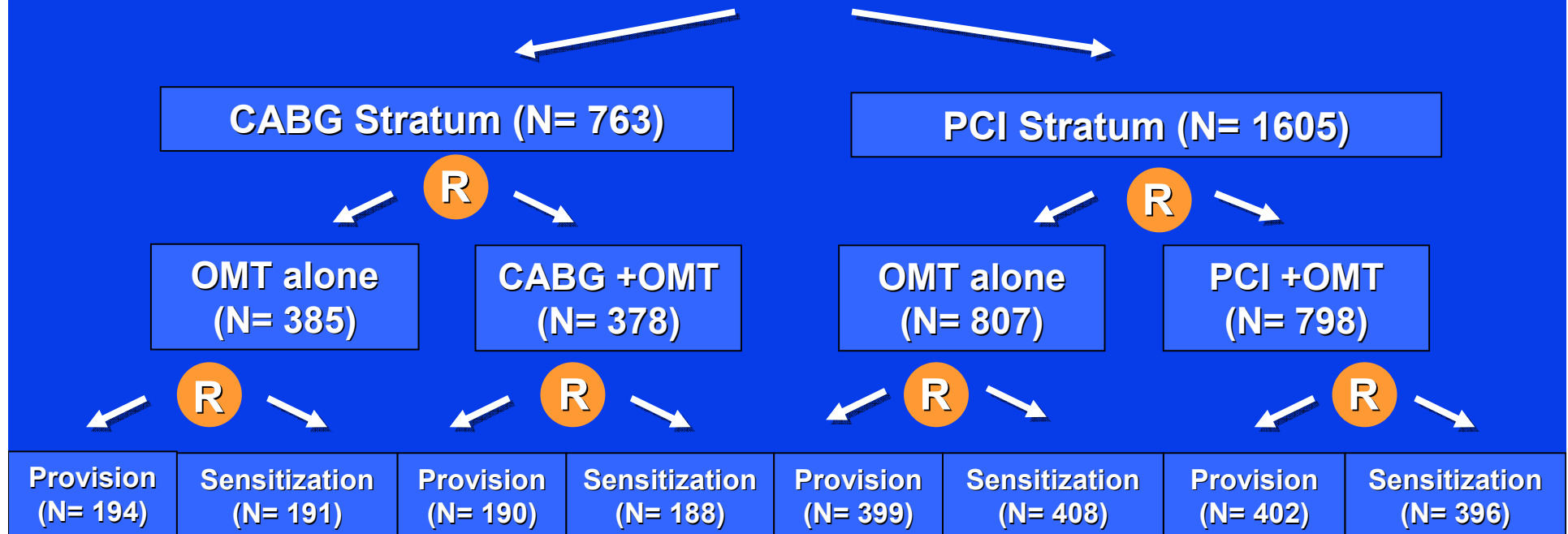
# Revascularization Decision BARI 2D

**Cardiologist a priori selected  
revascularization method based  
on clinical and angiographic factors**

**Percutaneous coronary intervention  
or  
Coronary artery bypass graft surgery**

# BARI 2D Trial: Study Design

2368 patients with mild to moderate CAD and Type 2 diabetes prior to randomization. Prospective. Randomized. Mean follow-up 5.3 years

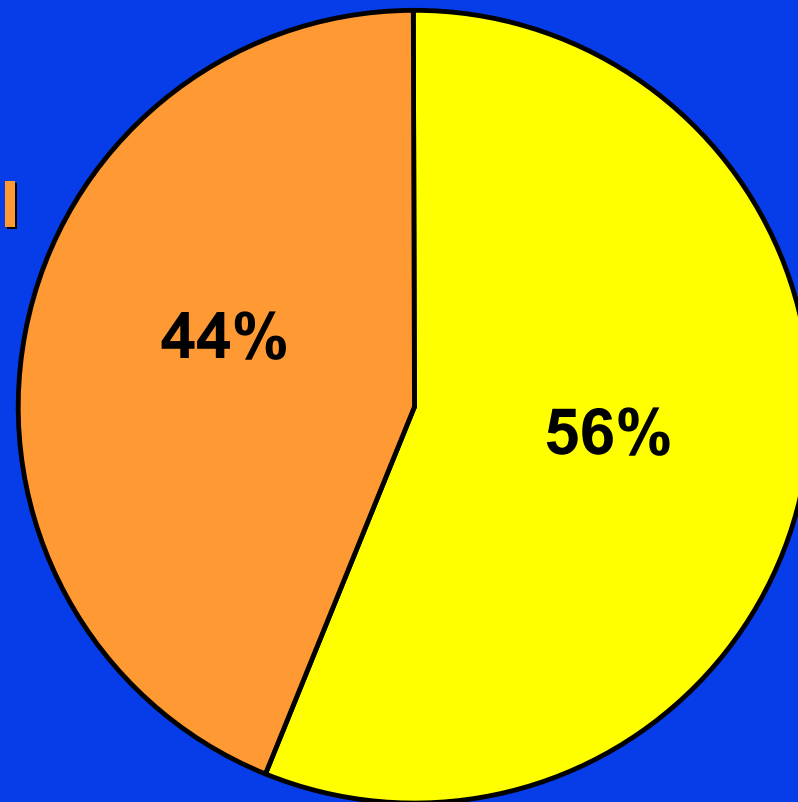


- Primary Endpoint: Death (from any cause)
- Secondary Endpoint: Composite of Death, MI, or Stroke

# BARI 2D

1593 patients with MVD

**CABG: 11%  
suitable for PCI**



**PCI: 49%  
suitable for  
CABG**

# BARI 2D

- **Selection of CABG rather than PCI**
  - **Based largely on greater extent, severity and complexity of CAD**
  - **More likely in patients >65 years**
  - **Less likely in patients with prior PCI**
  - **More likely in non U.S. centers**
  - **Less likely after introduction of DES**

CLINICAL RESEARCH

**Conclusions: The majority of diabetic patients with multivessel disease were selected for PCI rather than CABG. Preference for CABG over PCI was largely based on angiographic features related to the extent, location, and nature of CAD, as well as geographic, demographic, and clinical factors.  
(Bypass Angioplasty Revascularization Investigation in Type 2 Diabetes [BARI 2D]; NCT00006035)**

of coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery versus percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) in diabetic patients with multivessel coronary artery disease (CAD) in the BARI 2D (Bypass Angioplasty Revascularization Investigation in Type 2 Diabetes) trial.

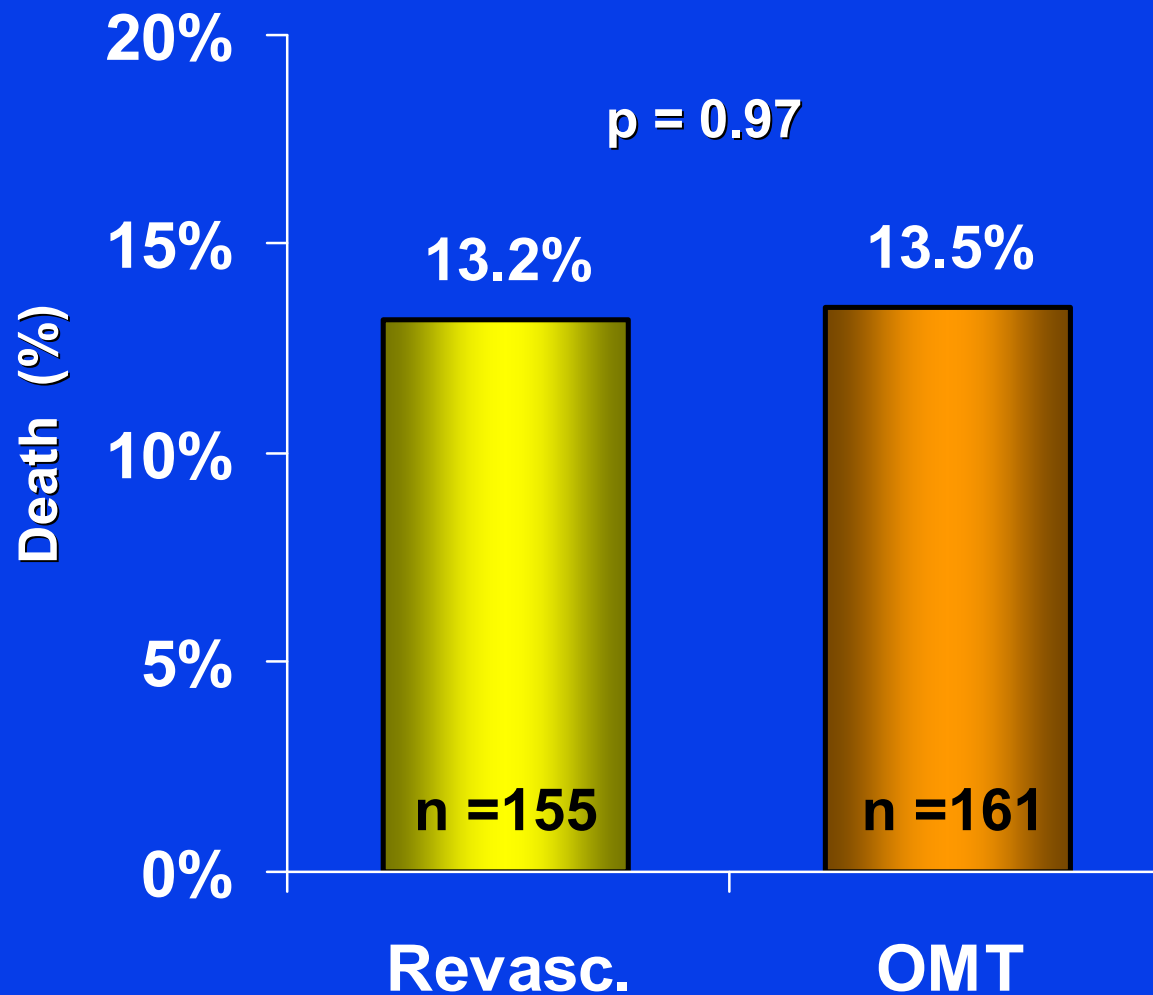
**Background** Factors guiding selection of mode of revascularization for patients with diabetes mellitus and multivessel CAD are not clearly defined.

**Methods** In the BARI 2D trial, the selected revascularization strategy, CABG or PCI, was based on physician discretion, declared independent of randomization to either immediate or deferred revascularization if clinically warranted. We analyzed factors favoring selection of CABG versus PCI in 1,593 diabetic patients with multivessel CAD enrolled between 2001 and 2005.

**Results** Selection of CABG over PCI was declared in 44% of patients and was driven by angiographic factors including triple vessel disease (odds ratio [OR]: 4.43), left anterior descending stenosis  $\geq 70\%$  (OR: 2.86), proximal left anterior descending stenosis  $\geq 50\%$  (OR: 1.78), total occlusion (OR: 2.35), and multiple class C lesions (OR: 2.06) (all  $p < 0.005$ ). Nonangiographic predictors of CABG included age  $\geq 65$  years (OR: 1.43,  $p = 0.011$ ) and non-U.S. region (OR: 2.89,  $p = 0.017$ ). Absence of prior PCI (OR: 0.45,  $p < 0.001$ ) and the availability of drug-eluting stents conferred a lower probability of choosing CABG (OR: 0.60,  $p = 0.003$ ).

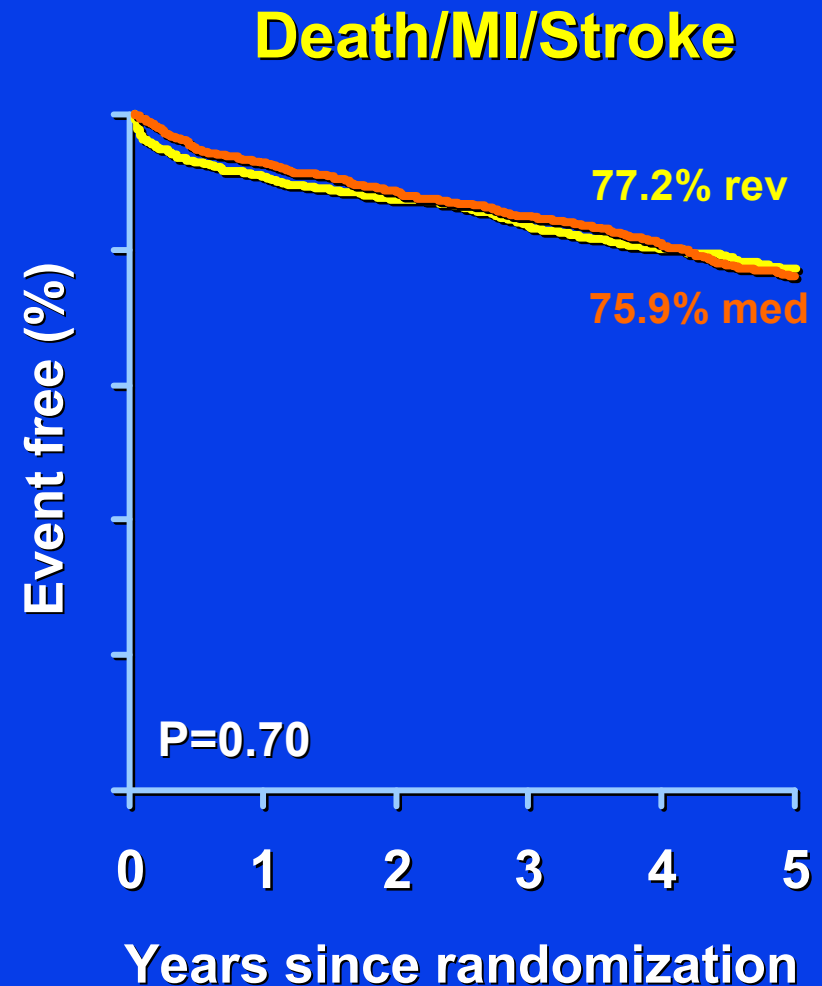
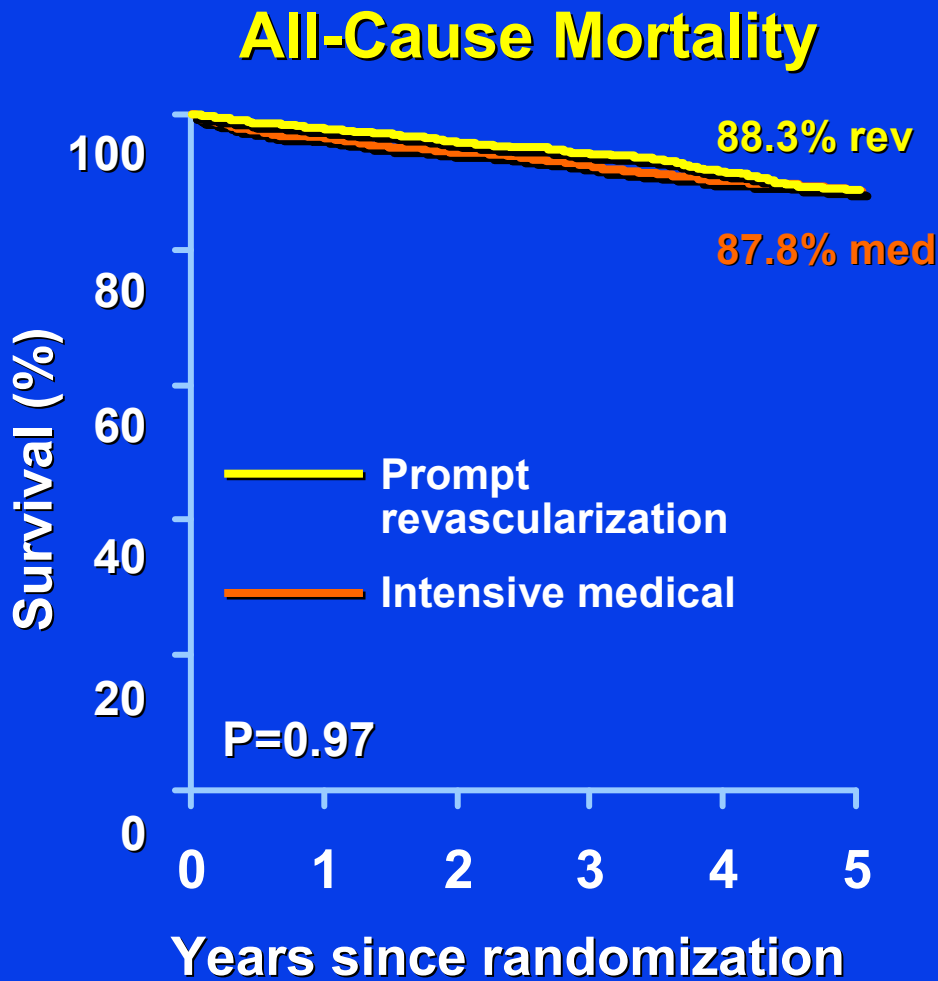
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# BARI 2D Trial: Primary Endpoint

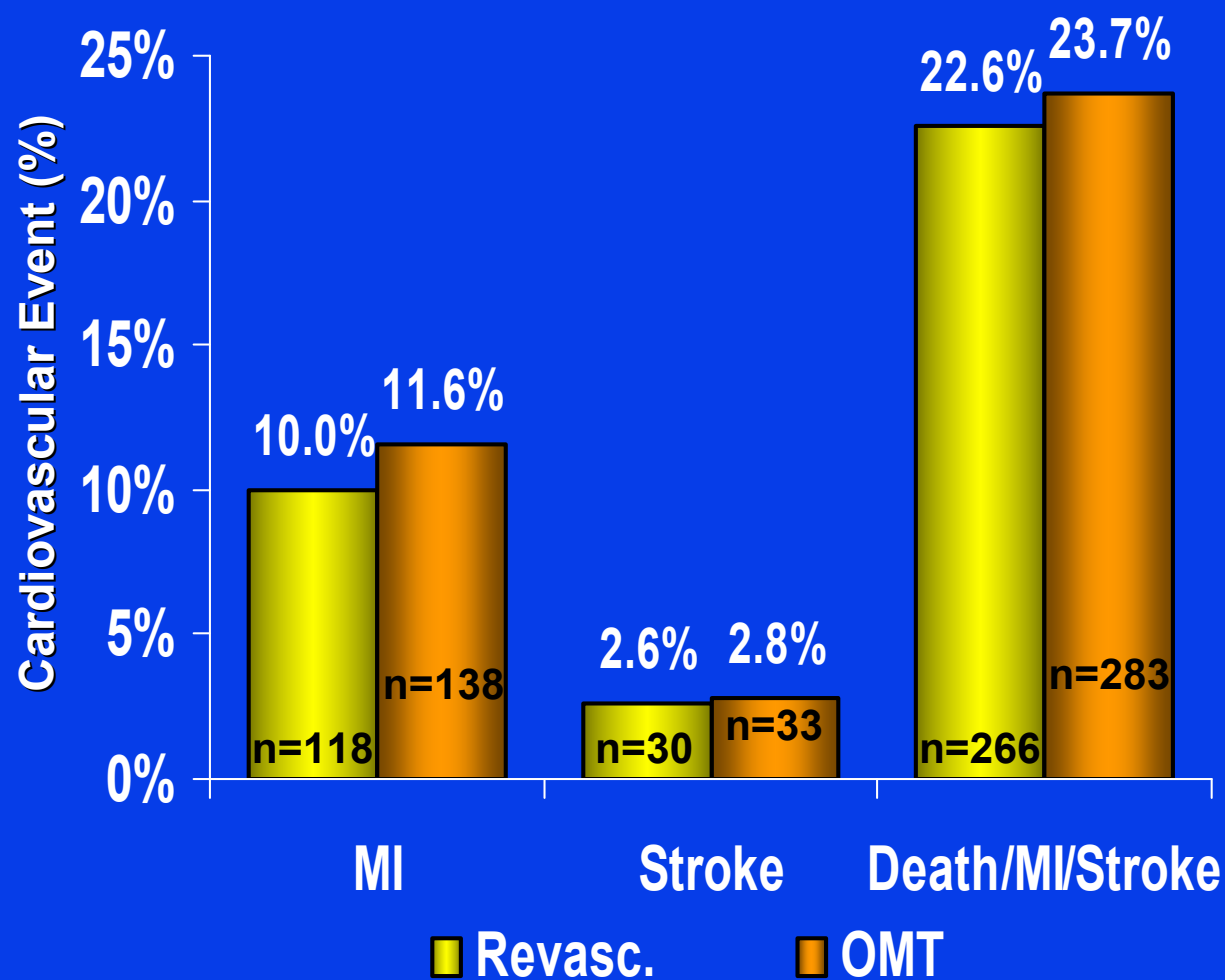


- The 5-year death rate for the group receiving revascularization plus optimal medical therapy was 13.2% vs. 13.5% in the group receiving optimal medical therapy alone
- The difference between the two treatment groups did not reach statistical significance

# Prompt Revascularization vs Medical Therapy



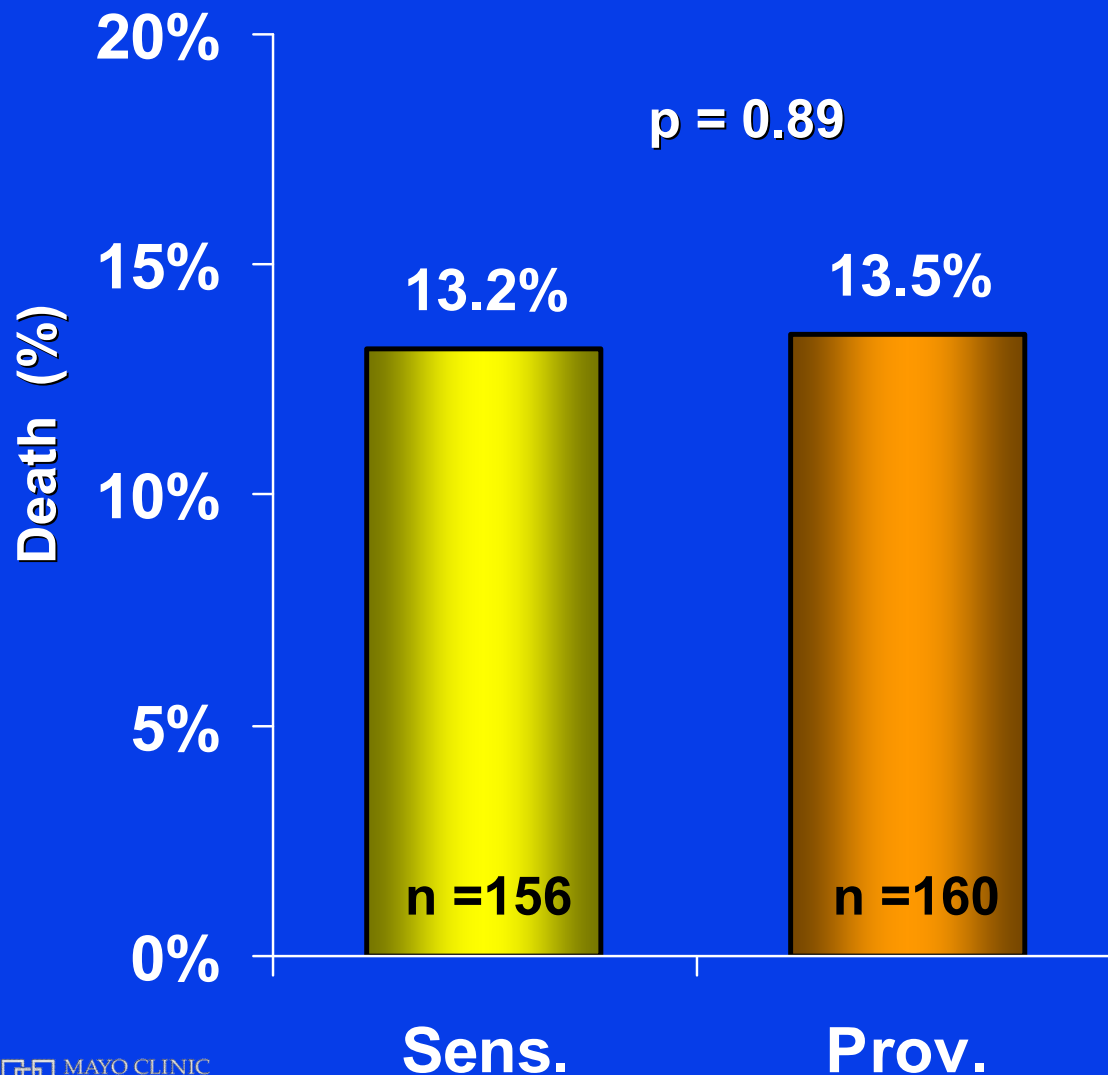
# BARI 2D Trial: Secondary Endpoint



- The rates of MI, stroke and the combined secondary endpoint of death, MI, and stroke were similar between the group receiving revascularization plus optimal medical therapy vs. the group receiving optimal medical therapy alone.
- The difference between the two treatment groups for the combined secondary endpoint of death, MI, and stroke did not reach statistical significance ( $p=0.70$ )



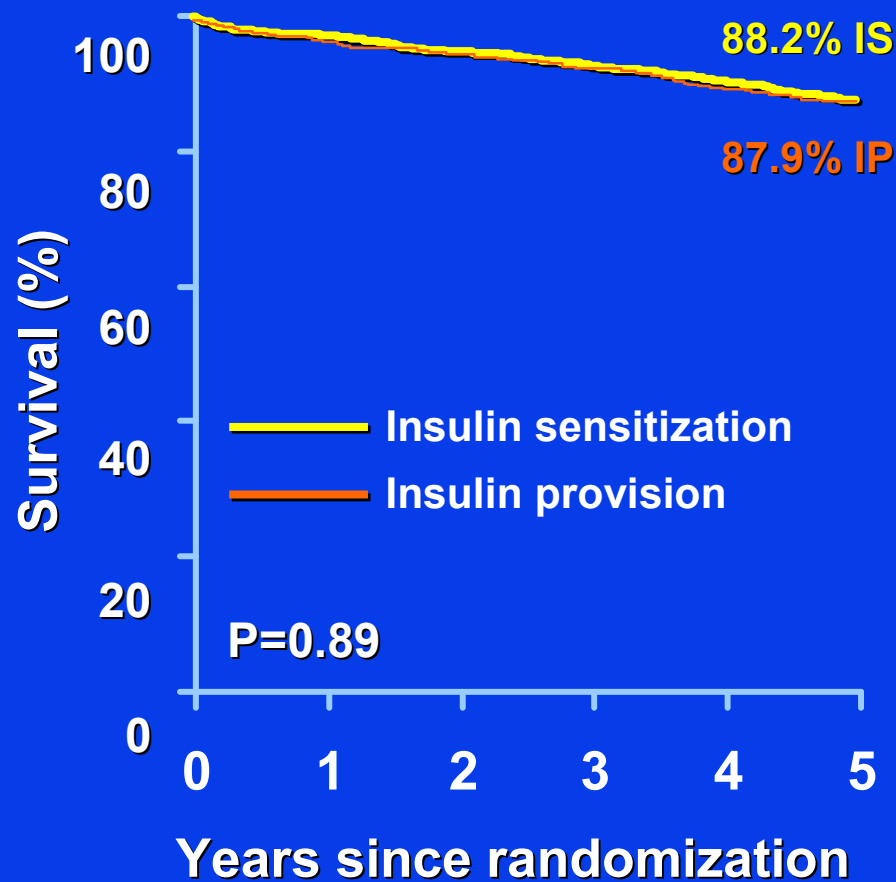
# BARI 2D Trial: Primary Endpoint



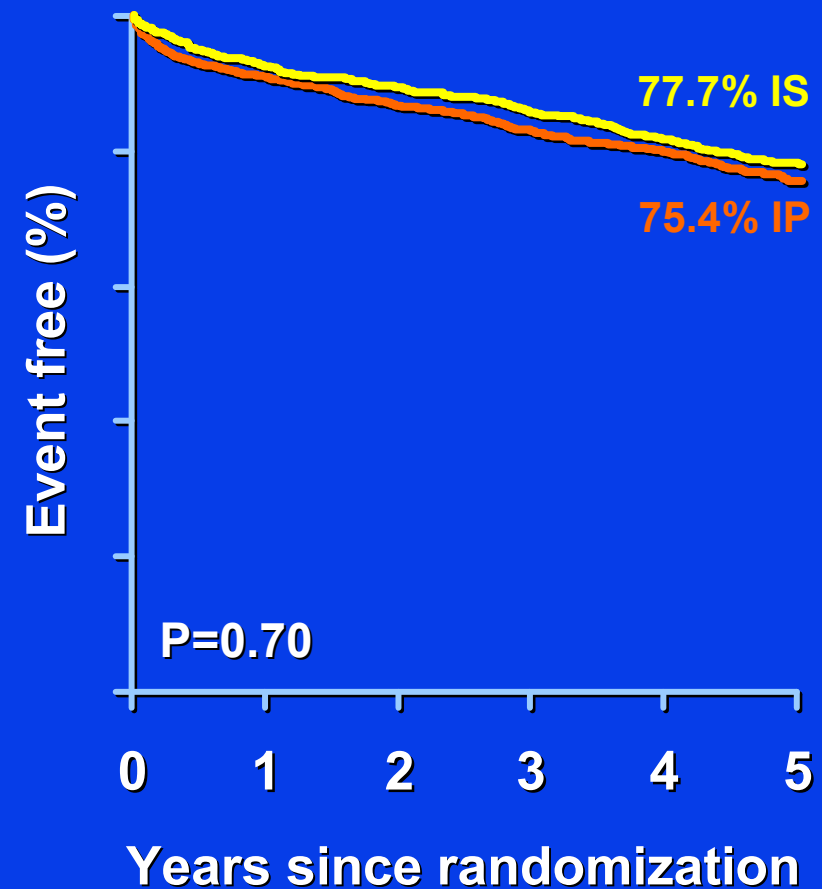
- The 5-year death rate for the group receiving insulin sensitization therapy was 13.2% vs. 13.5% in the group receiving insulin provision therapy.
- The difference between the two treatment groups did not reach statistical significance.

# Insulin Sensitization vs Insulin Provision

## All-Cause Mortality



## Death/MI/Stroke



# BARI 2D Primary Conclusion

## Overall **similar** mortality and CV events

- Prompt revascularization vs delayed or no revascularization
- Insulin sensitization vs insulin provision

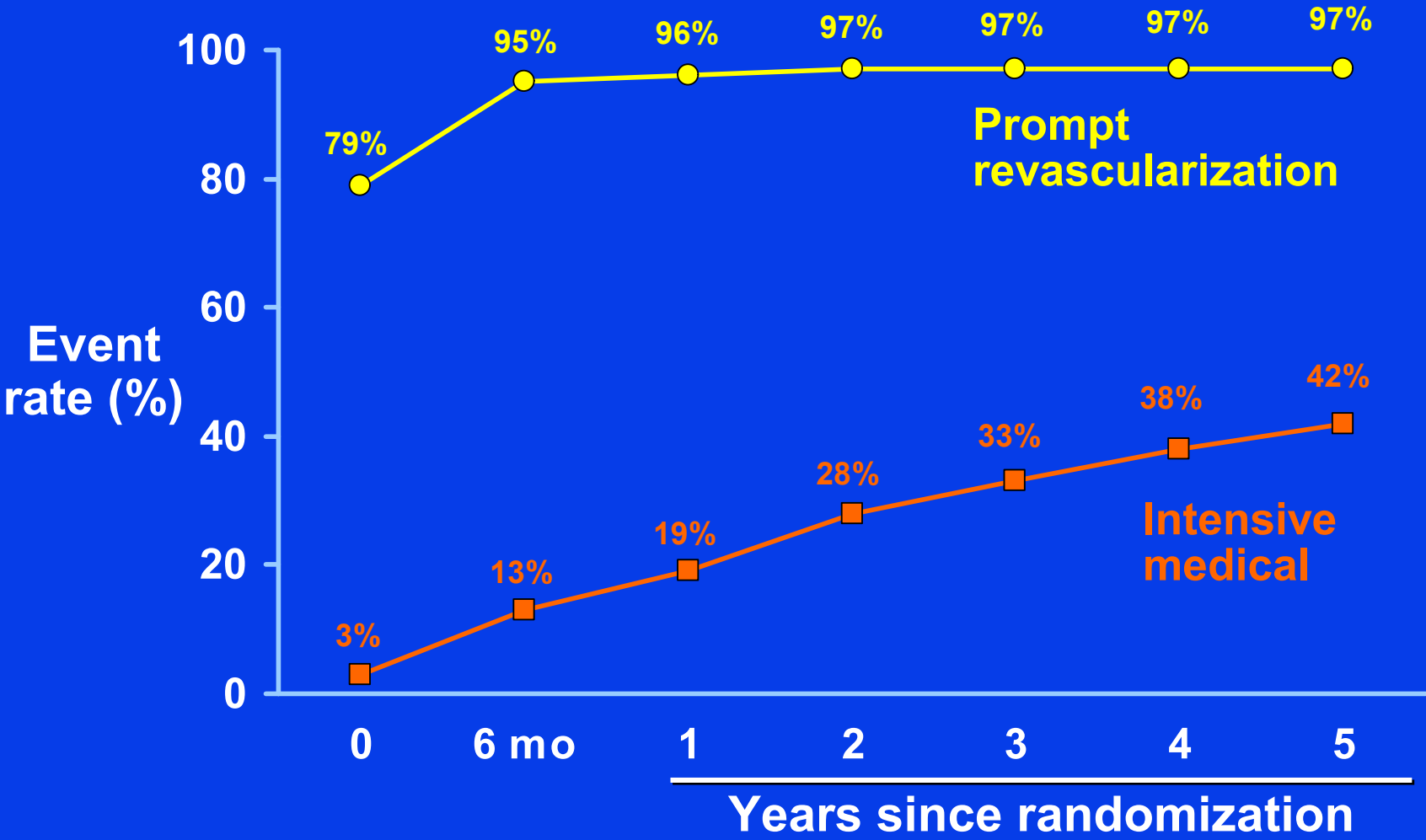
## Among high-risk patients selected for CABG

- Prompt revascularization **reduces** major CV events compared with delayed or no revascularization (P=0.01)

## Among lower-risk patients selected for PCI

- Prompt revascularization and delayed or no revascularization had **similar** rates for major CV events

# Cumulative Rate of First Revascularization



# Conclusions

- **Optimal medical therapy is required for diabetic patients with CAD**
- **Despite optimal medical therapy, 42% of diabetic patients will still undergo revascularization during 5 years FU**
- **Revascularization strategies chosen depend in large part on severity and extent of disease**
- **Clinical decision making still works**



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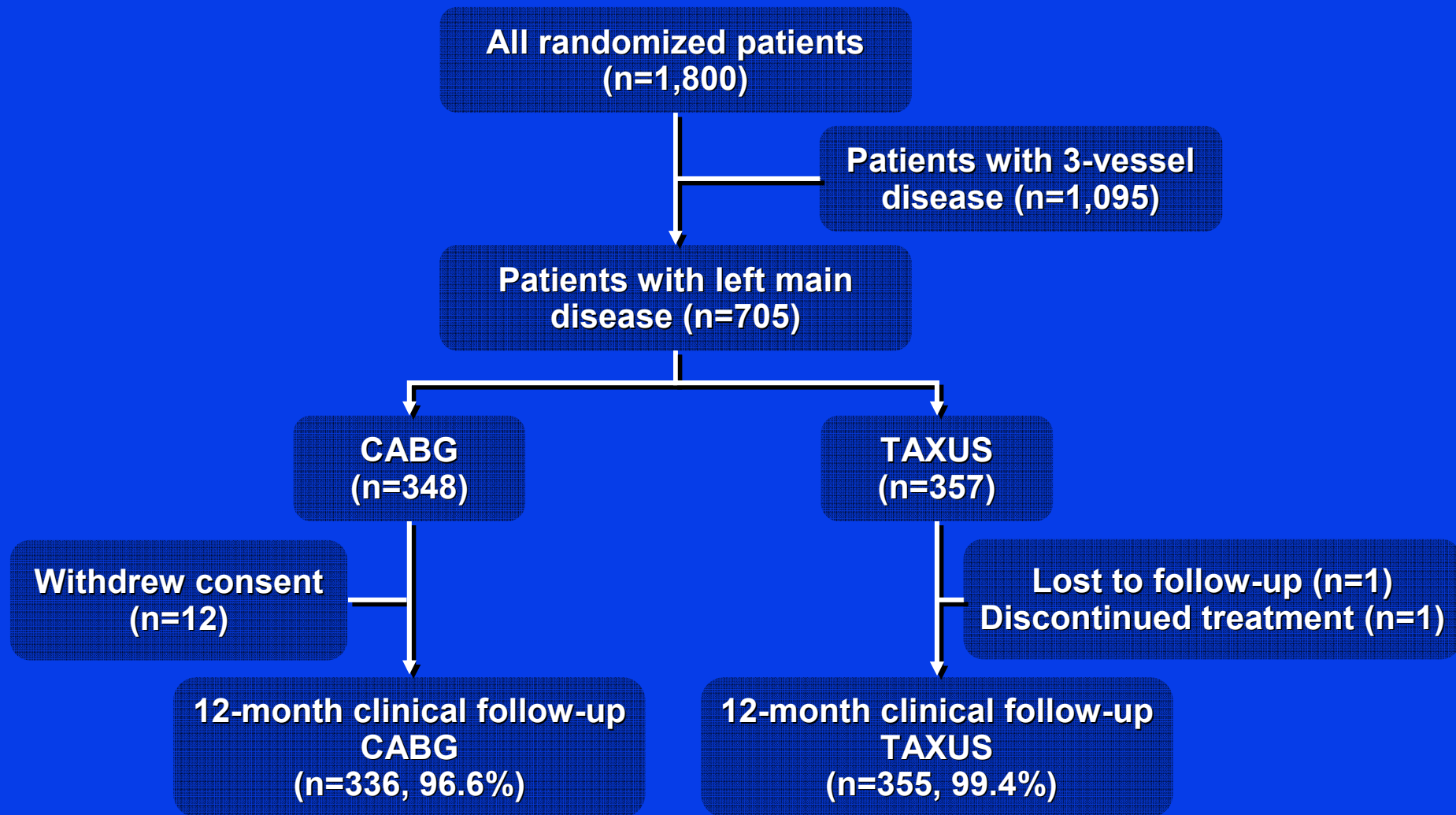
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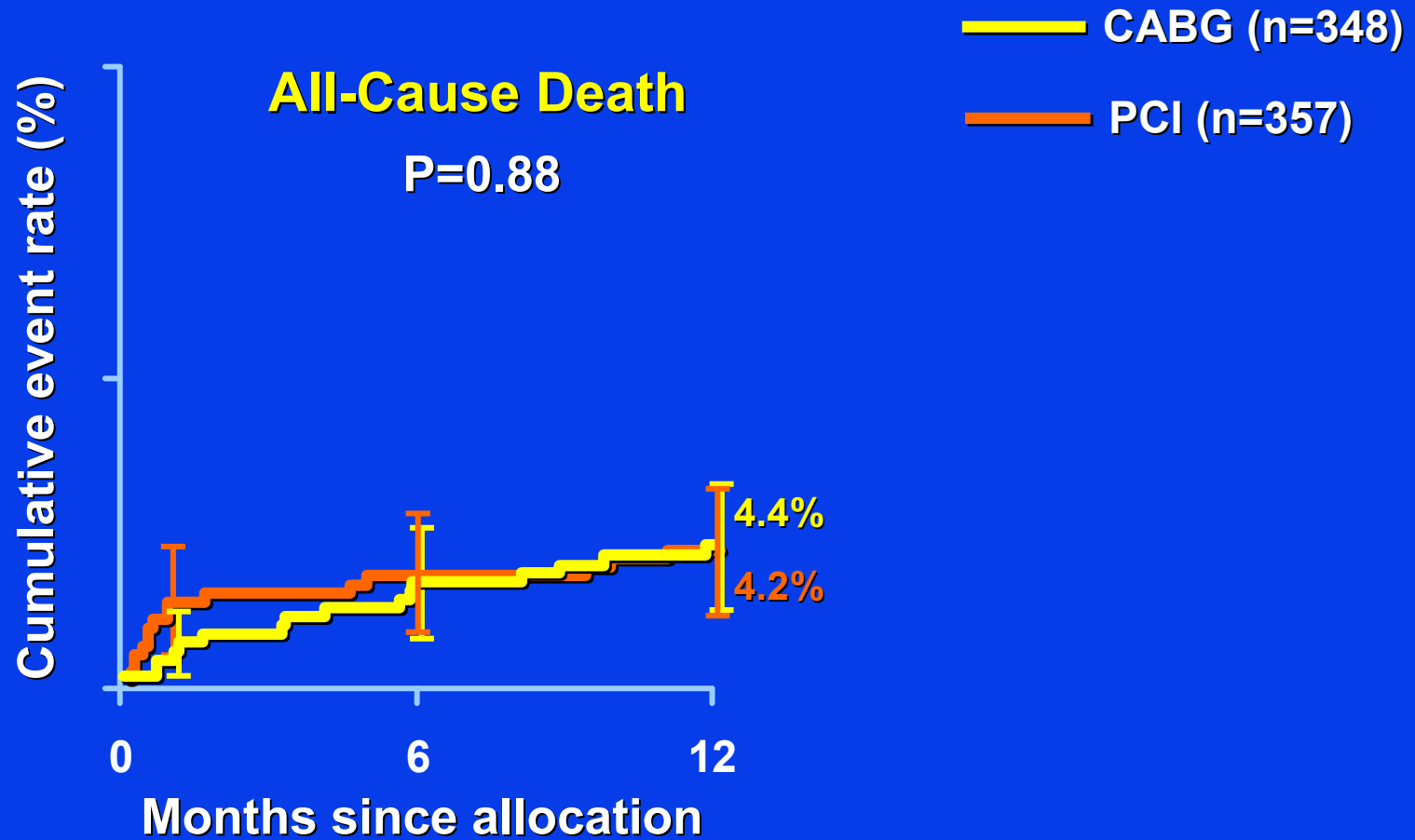


# SYNTAX Left Main Trial Patient Disposition



Morice MC et al: Circ, 2010 (in press)

# SYNTAX Left Main Trial

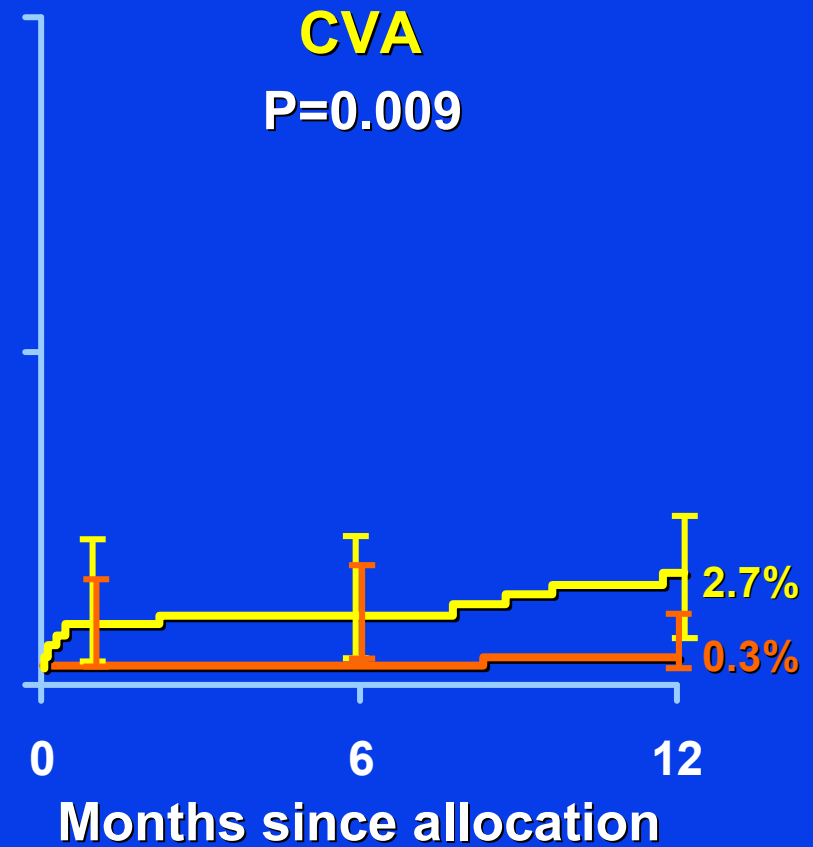
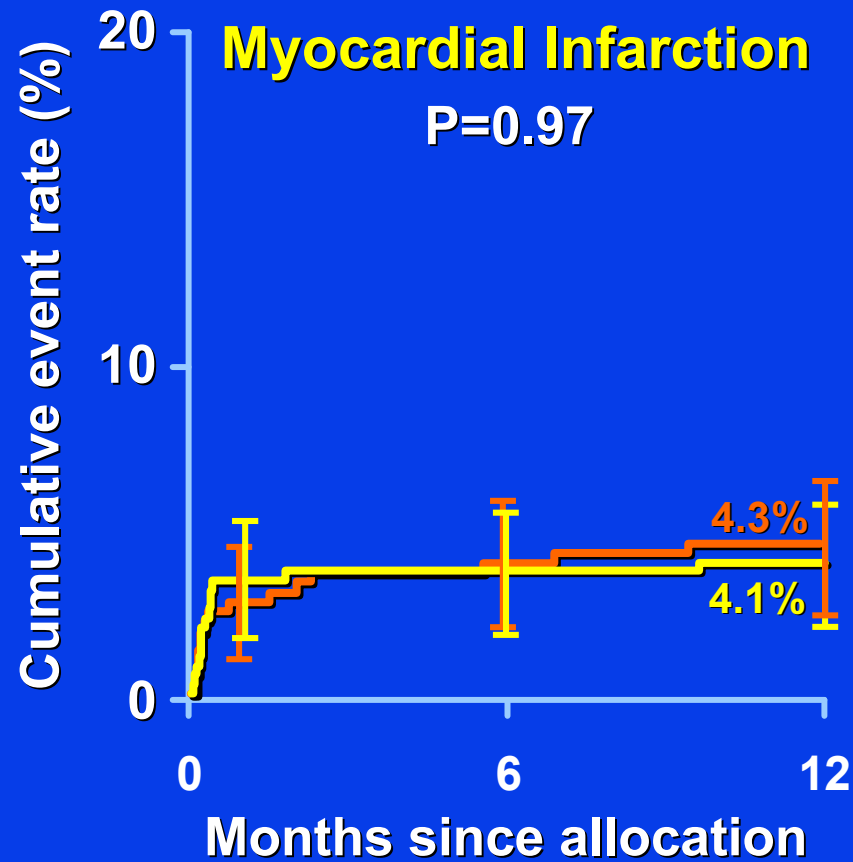




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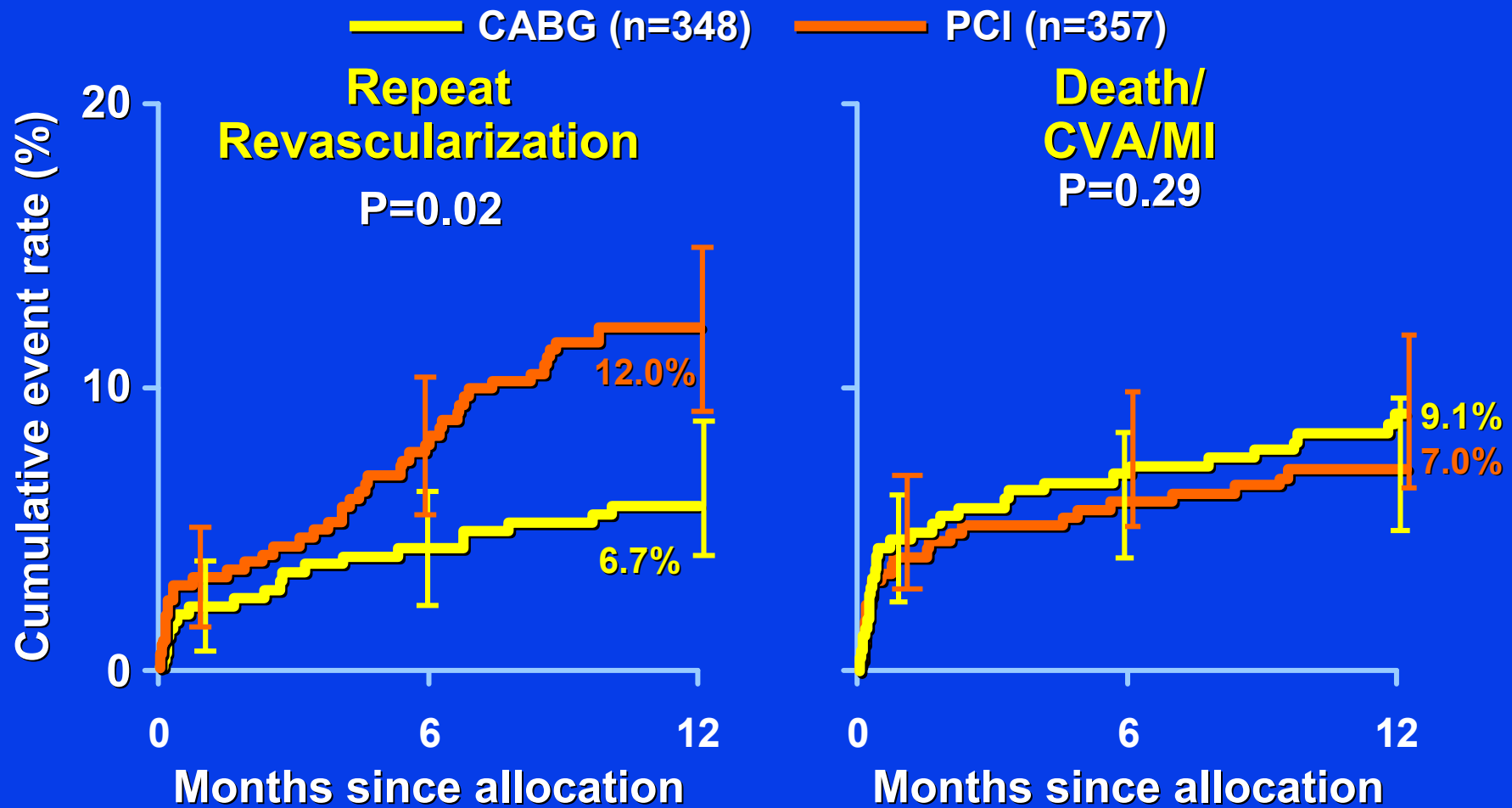
— CABG (n=348)

— PCI (n=357)



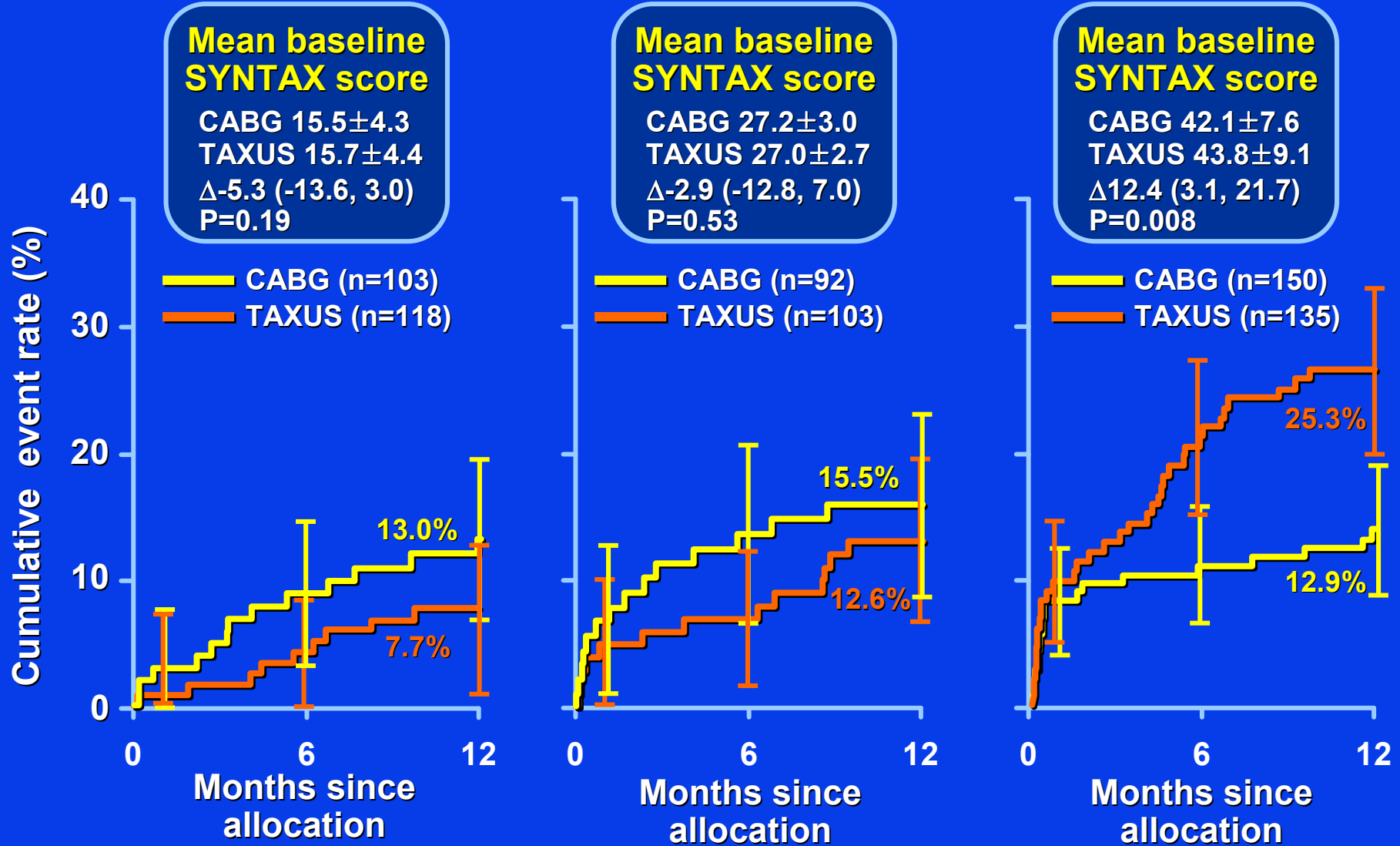
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# SYNTAX Left Main Trial



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# SYNTAX Left Main Trial 1-Year MACCE



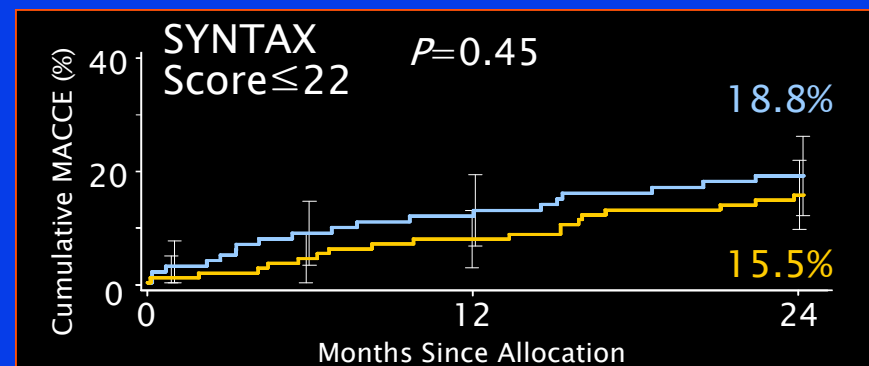
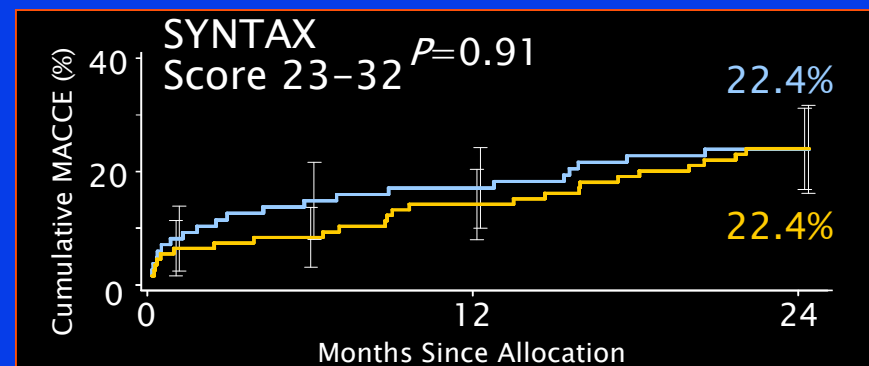
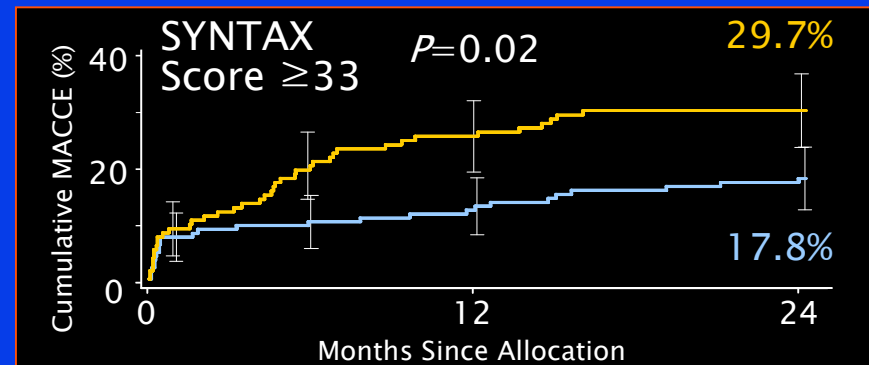
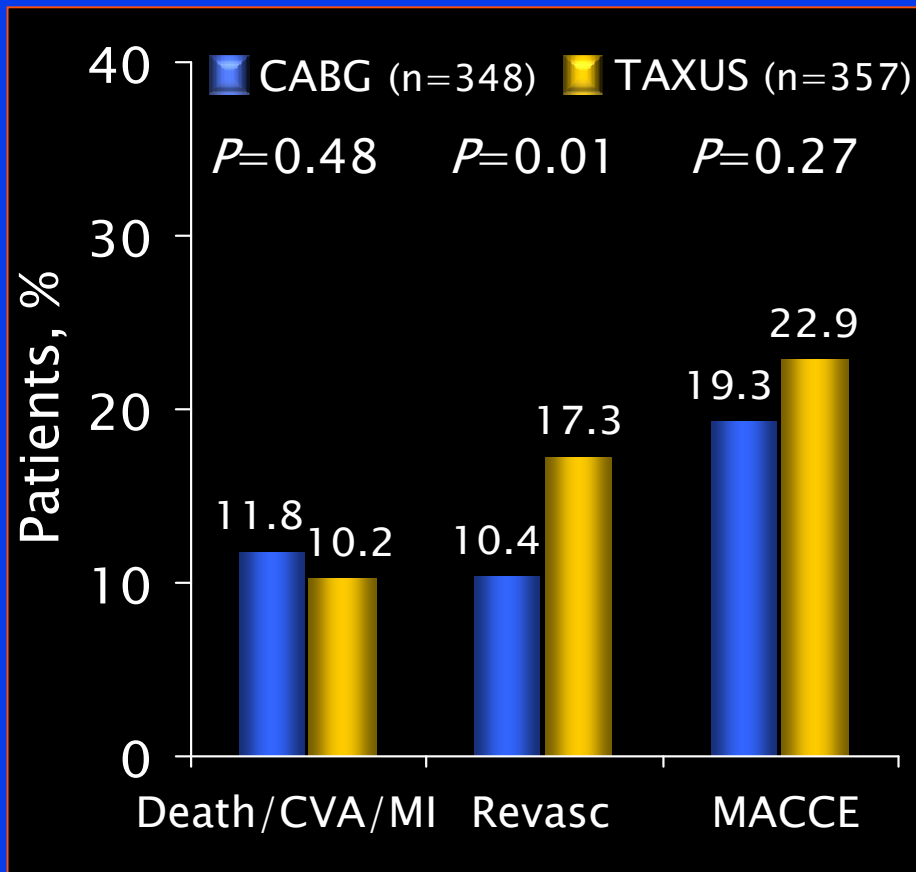
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# SYNTAX Trial Conclusions

**“Patients with LM disease who had revascularization with PCI had comparable safety and efficacy outcomes to CABG at 1 year.”**

Morice MC et al: Circ, 2010 (in press)

# MACCE to 2 Years Left Main Population



- Similar LM MACCE rates through 2 years between PCI and CABG
- PCI of LM is safe and feasible

# **EuroSCORE and SYNTAX Trial Background**

- **Whether SYNTAX score should be used as a stand-alone tool or whether its performance may be improved by the parallel use of clinical scores focusing on co-morbidities, such as EuroSCORE, is a matter of debate.**

Capodanno D et al: Am Heart J 159:103, 2010

# The Global Risk Score

## EuroScore and SYNTAX Score

### 255 Patients with LMCA PCI

### SYNTAX score

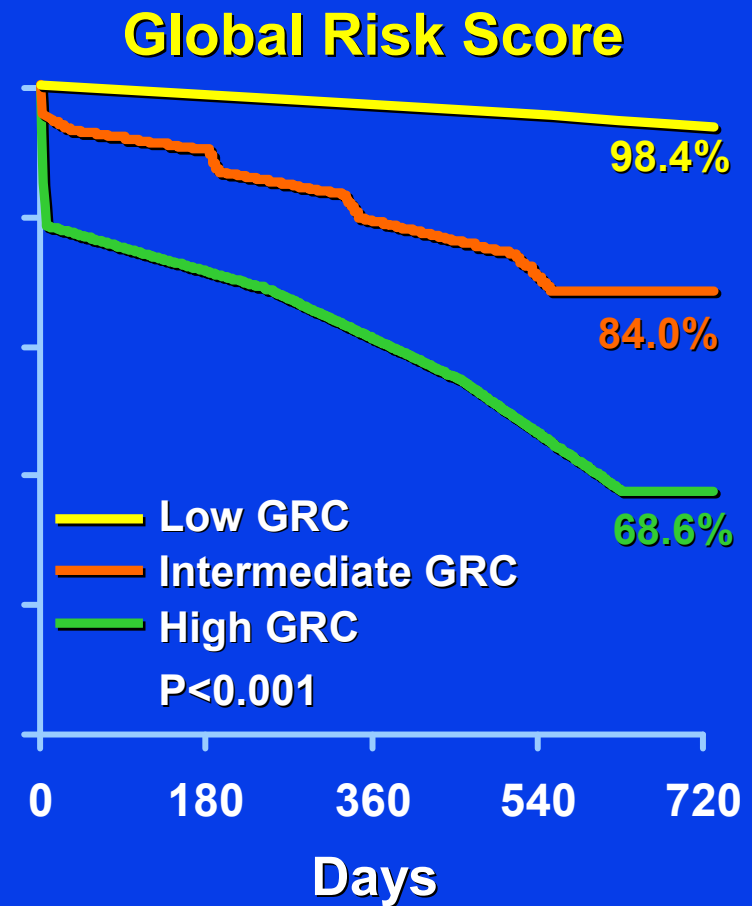
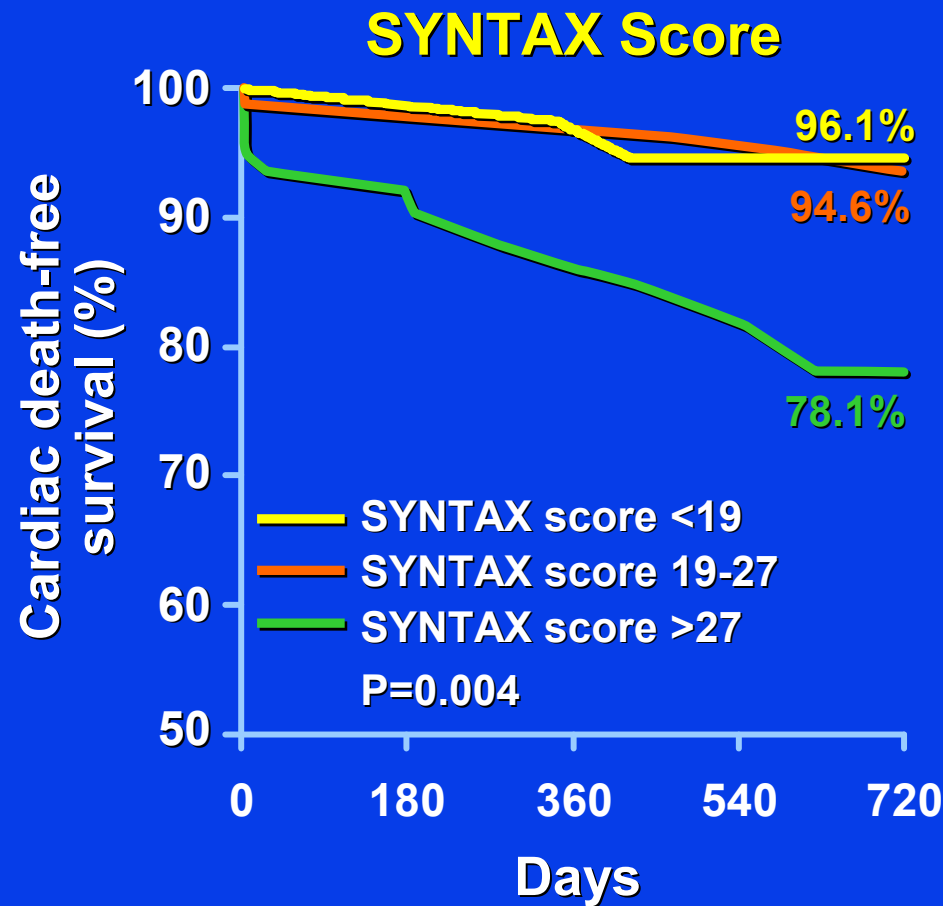
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3-6	L	L	I
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Capodanno D et al: Am Heart J 159:103, 2010



# 2-Year Survival



Capodanno D et al: Am Heart J 159:103, 2010



**EuroSCORE refines the predictive ability of SYNTAX score in patients undergoing left main percutaneous**

**Conclusions: We found a significant improvement in the prediction of cardiac mortality with the inclusion of EuroSCORE in a SYNTAX score-based model. The degree of reclassification between treatment threshold categories indicates that clinical and angiographic information are both important for assessing individual risk of patients undergoing left main PCI.**

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In patients with unprotected left main coronary artery disease (CAD), prediction of individual outcomes can assist physicians, patients and their families to achieve a better comprehension of attendant risks and provide an objective basis to select the most appropriate treatment option.<sup>1</sup>

EuroSCORE is a prognostic scoring system developed for patients undergoing cardiac surgery,<sup>2</sup> including those with left main CAD, which has gained wide popularity over time as its performance has been validated in several local populations within and outside Europe.<sup>3</sup> Since most of its variables are derived from the clinical status of the patient, it is not surprising that EuroSCORE can also reasonably stratify into risk categories, although lacking

in precision, a population undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI).<sup>4</sup> Other clinical risk scores have been specifically proposed over the last decade to predict adverse cardiovascular outcome following PCI.<sup>5-9</sup> However, one common concern of using clinical risk scores in the setting of PCI is that they do not incorporate any or a comprehensive information regarding the anatomy and extent of CAD.

SYNTAX score is an emerging tool developed to characterize the coronary vasculature in more detail with respect to the number of lesions and their complexity, functional impact, and location.<sup>10</sup> The performance of SYNTAX score in aiding treatment decision making of patients with complex CAD is encouraging,<sup>11</sup> and its potential for predicting long-term outcomes of PCI patients has also been suggested.<sup>12,13</sup> Whether SYNTAX score should be used as a stand-alone tool or whether its performance may be improved by the parallel use of clinical scores that determine the procedural risk, such as EuroSCORE, is currently unsolved.

To shed more light on the value of a so-called Global Risk Classification (GRC) resulting from merging the angiographic and clinical information contained in the

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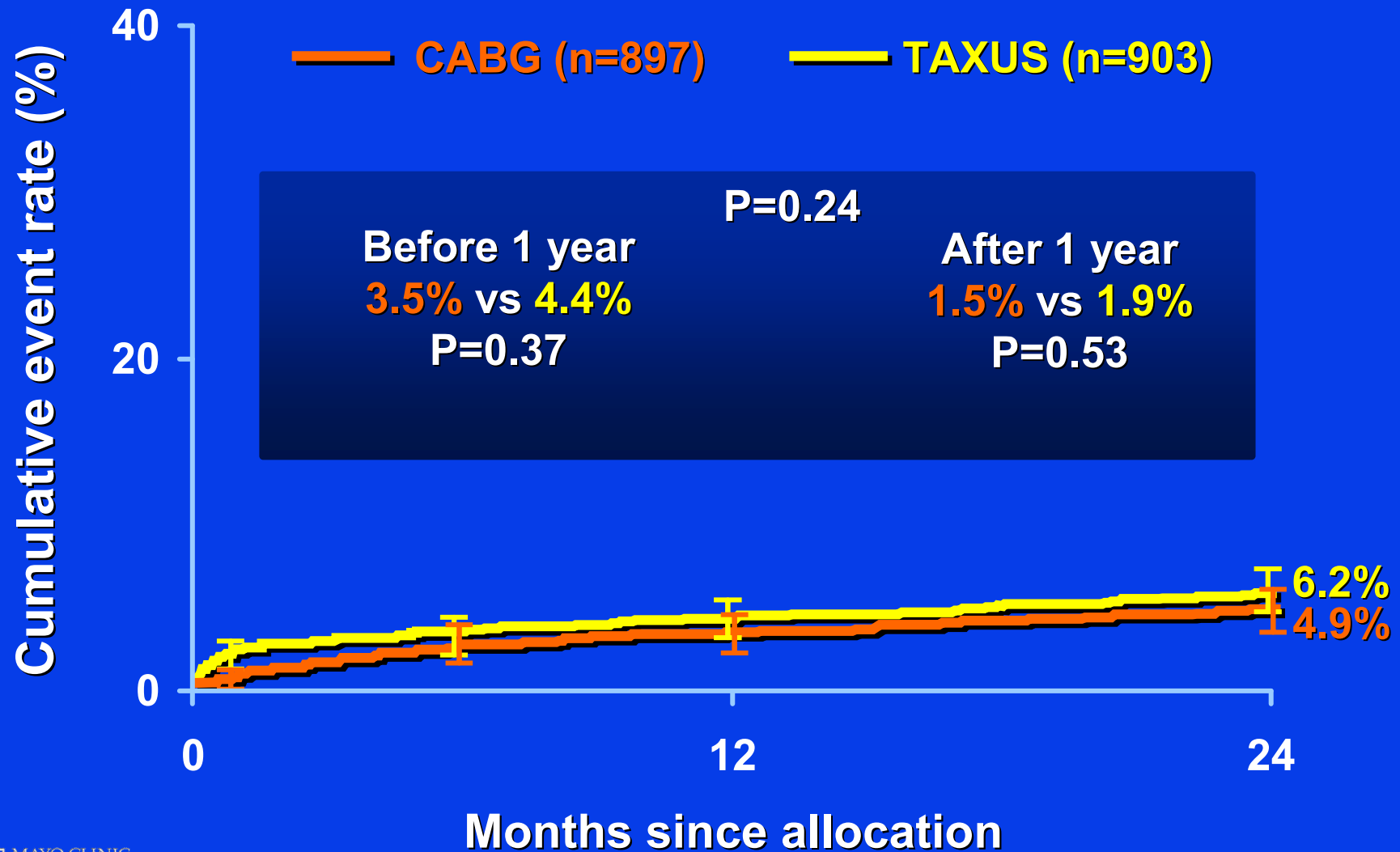
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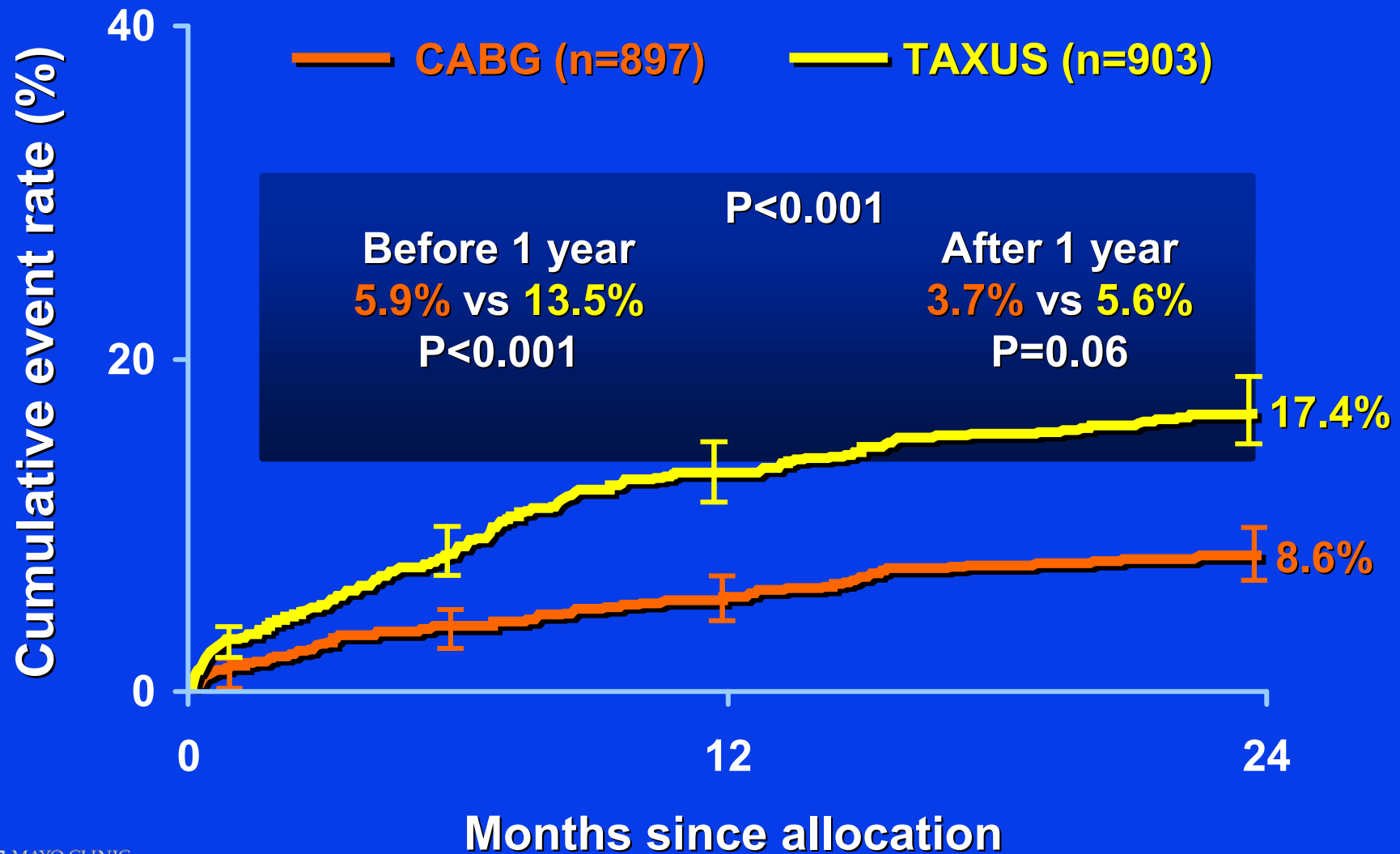
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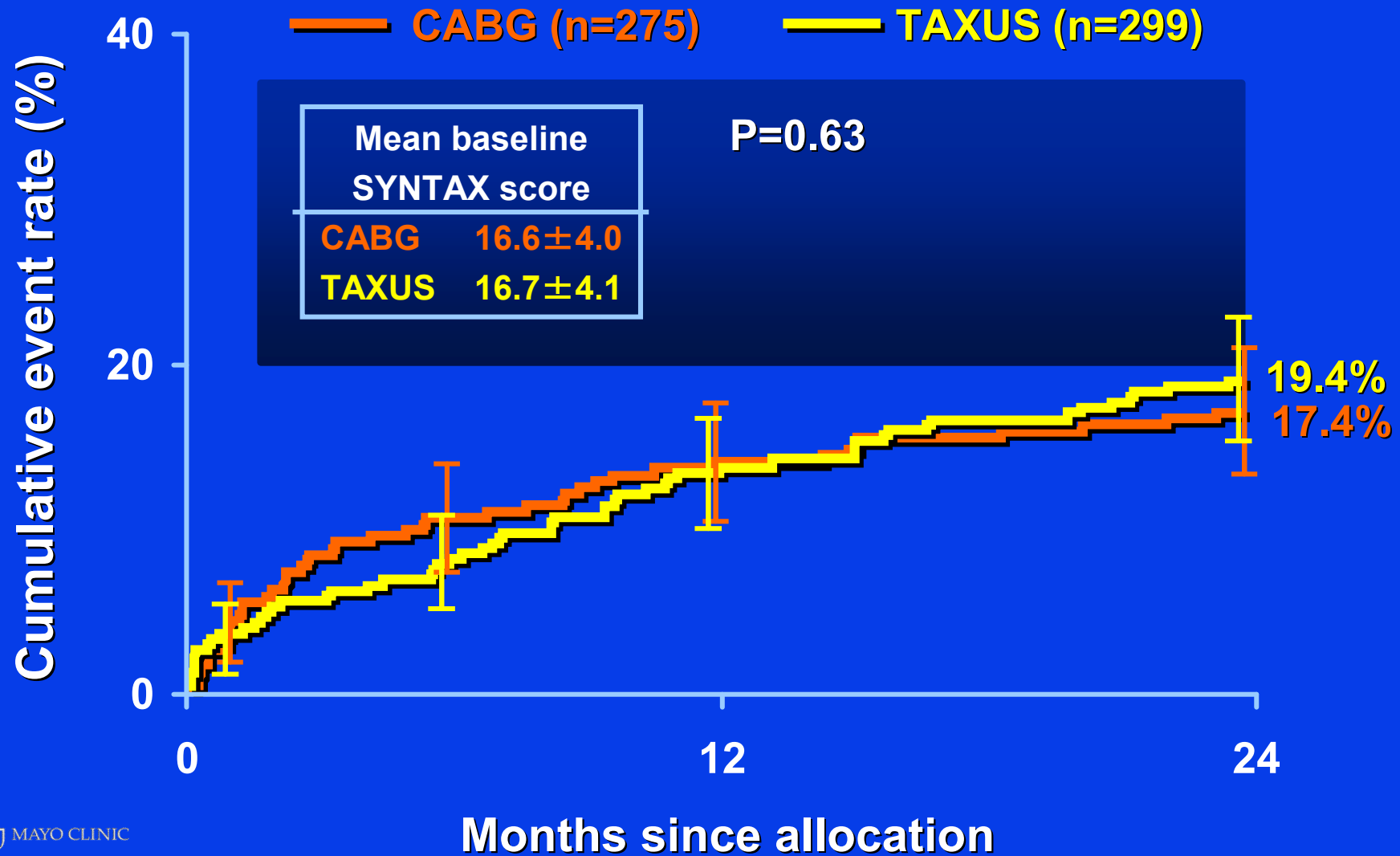
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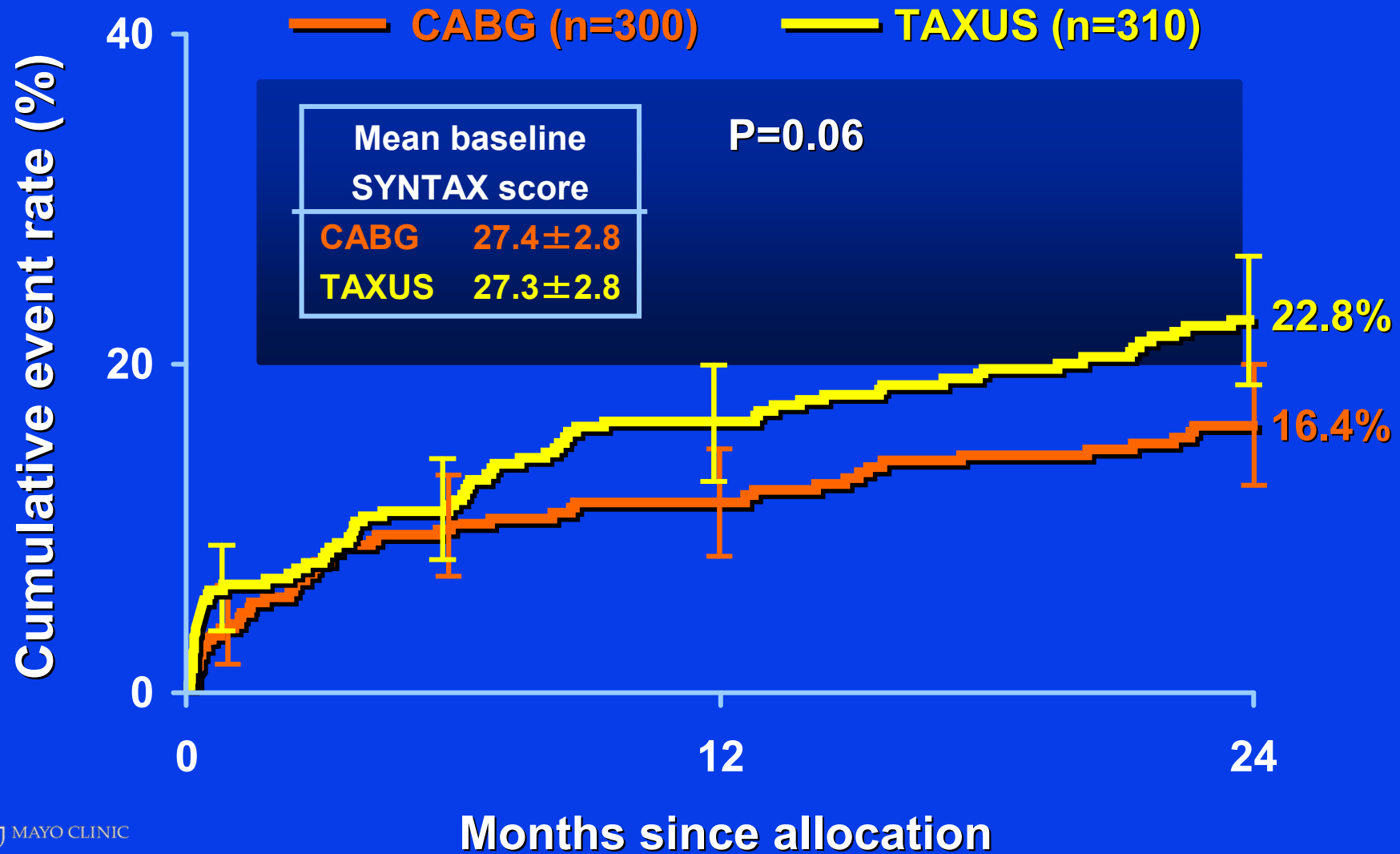
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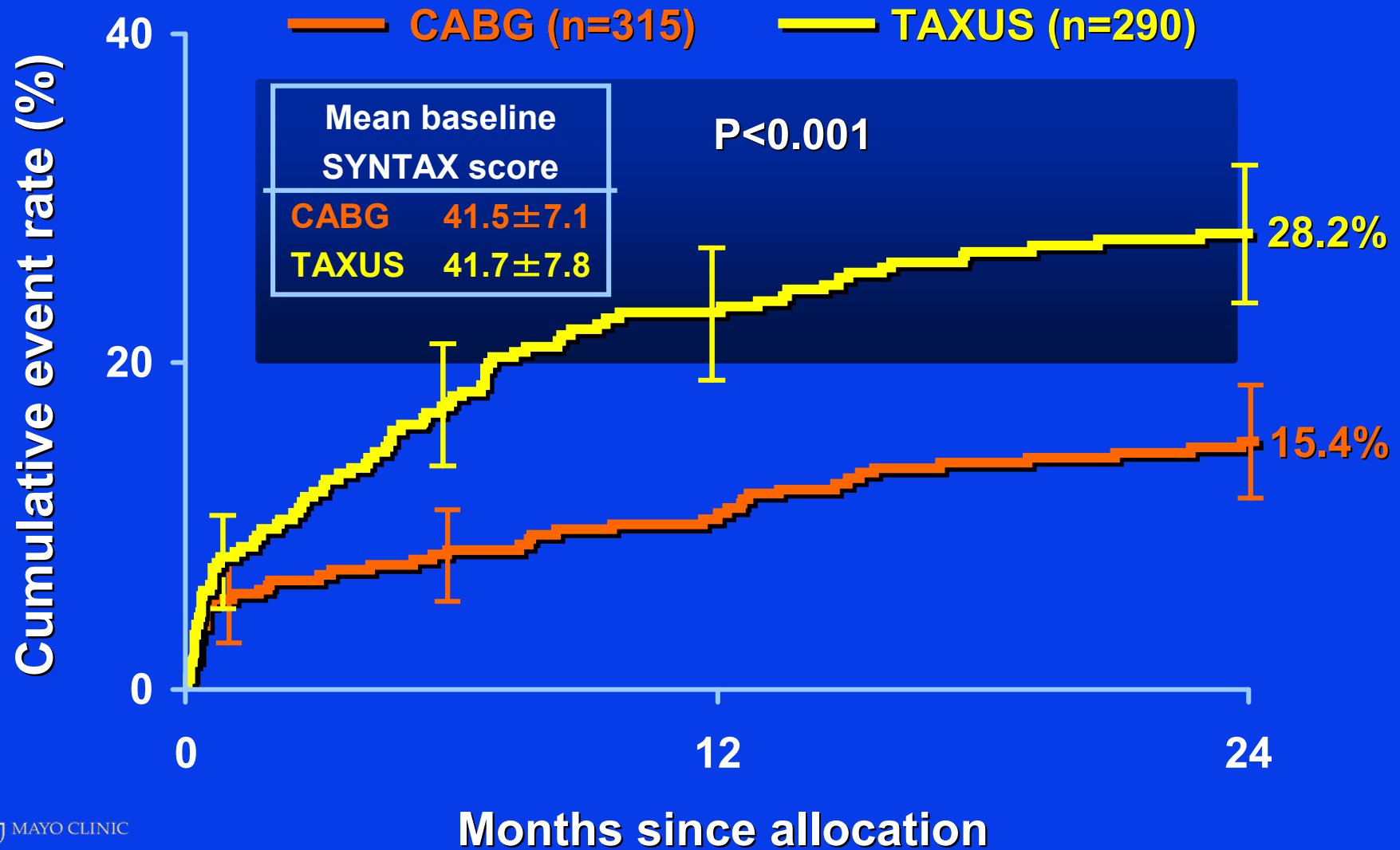
# MACCE to 2 Years by SYNTAX Score Tercile Low Scores (0-22)



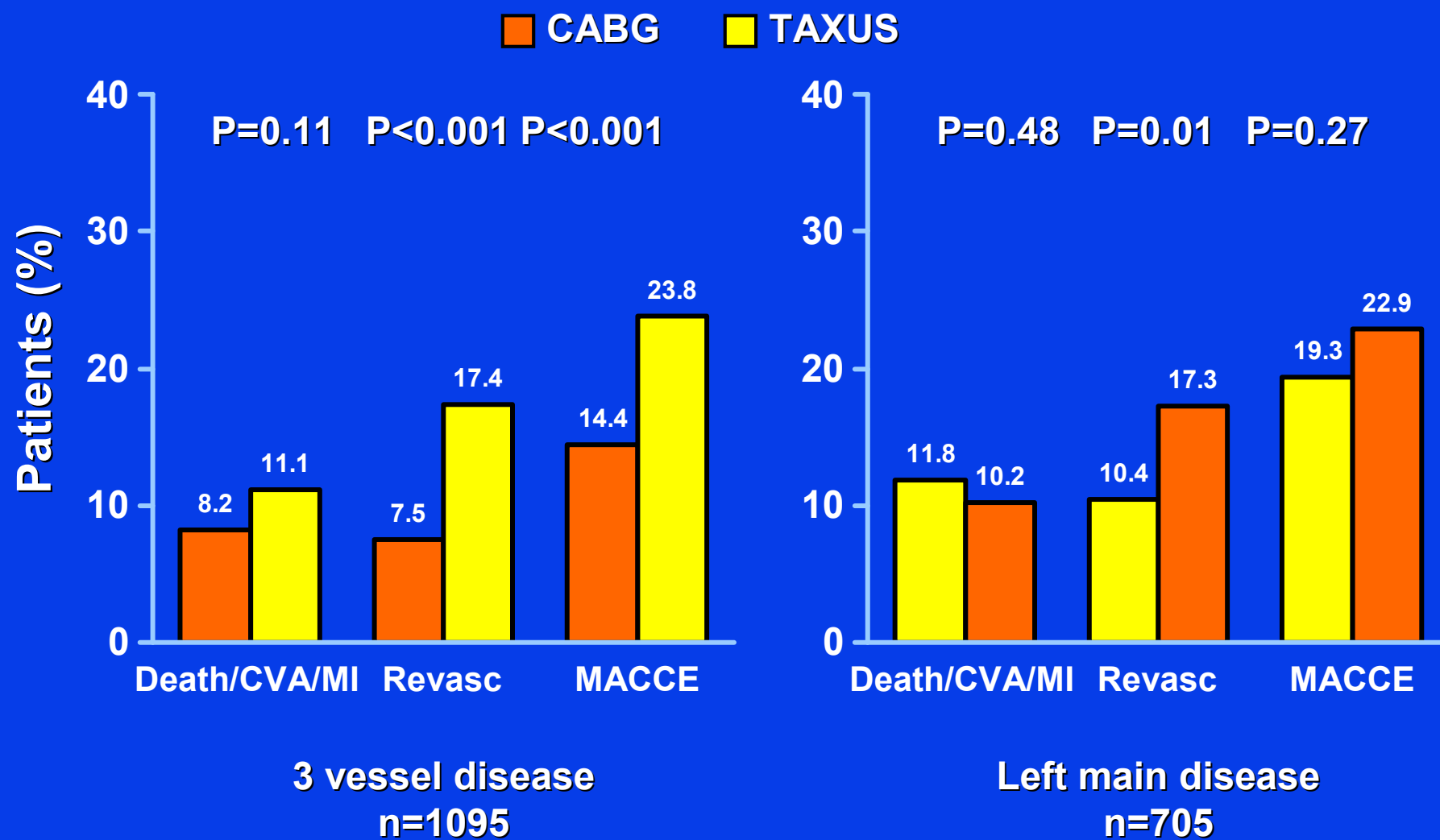
# MACCE to 2 Years by SYNTAX Score Tercile Intermediate Scores (23-32)



# MACCE to 2 Years by SYNTAX Score Tercile High Scores ( $\geq 33$ )



# 2-Year Outcomes in 3VD and LM Subgroups



# Summary I

- In the SYNTAX randomized patients, 2-year MACCE rates were significantly higher for PCI than CABG, mainly driven by higher repeat revascularization in the PCI arm

**Significant increase of MI compared to CABG at 2 years driven by higher PCI MI rate between years 1 and 2**

**Significantly higher CVA rate in CABG compared to PCI with the majority of CVAs occurring in the first year**

**Composite safety (death/CVA/MI) remains similar between arms at 2 years**

- MACCE rates at 2 years not significantly different for patients with a low (0-22) or intermediate (23-32) baseline SYNTAX score; for patients with high SYNTAX scores ( $\geq 33$ ), MACCE continued to be increased at 2 years in patients treated with PCI



# Summary II

- In the predefined subgroups of patients with either 3VD or LM disease

**Safety outcomes (death/CVA/MI) in the 3VD group were similar for PCI and CABG, but the 2-year revascularization and MACCE rates favored CABG**

**In the LM group, safety outcomes and MACCE rates were similar for PCI and CABG, but the 2-year revascularization rate was lower in the CABG group**

- The 2-year SYNTAX results suggest that CABG remains the standard of care for patients with complex disease (high SYNTAX scores); however, PCI may be an acceptable alternative revascularization method to CABG when treating patients with less complex (low or intermediate SYNTAX score) disease



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# Revascularization

Improve  
Symptoms

Angina

CHF

Improve  
Survival

Decrease  
infarction

Improve  
rhythm control

Decreasing  
need for  
optimal medical  
therapy

Salvage  
myocardium



**“In your case, Dave, there’s a choice—elective surgery, outpatient medical therapy, or whatever’s in the box that our lovely Carol is holding.”**

	<p><b>Blood is better than drugs for ischemic myocardium</b></p> <p>Rahimtoola</p>

	<p><b>The more disease present, the more blood helps</b></p> <p><b>Surgeons can be vicious</b></p> <p>Modified</p>



# Revascularization Strategies

## Issues

- Patient demographics
- Lesion specifics
- Specific revascularization
- Timing of the specific revascularization
- What are the metrics for comparing these issues?
- At what time do we compare the metrics?





# SCENARIOS

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graph TD; A[SCENARIOS] --- B[50-year-old Mild, stable angina Proximal RCA stenosis Normal LV function]; A --- C[50-year-old Unstable angina EF 42% Severe complex 3VD]; A --- D[50-year-old CHF EF 23% LAD 30% Prox RCA 50% Circ 60%];
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**50-year-old**  
**Mild, stable angina**  
**Proximal RCA**  
**stenosis**  
**Normal LV function**

**50-year-old**  
**Unstable angina**  
**EF 42%**  
**Severe complex 3VD**

**50-year-old**  
**CHF**  
**EF 23%**  
**LAD 30%**  
**Prox RCA 50%**  
**Circ 60%**

# Revascularization Goals

- Prolong survival
- Reduce infarction
- Reduce CHF
- Alleviate symptoms
- Reduce ischemia
- Reduce repeat hospitalization
- Reduce medical costs

# Revascularization Goals

- **What is the comparator?**
- **How long do we compare against what we are comparing with?**

**Adjunctive  
therapy**

**Specific  
anatomic subset**

# Revascularization Goals

**Specific  
revascularization  
strategy and  
performance**

**Specific patient  
demographics**

# Murder



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## Usefulness of the SYNTAX Score for Predicting Clinical Outcome After Percutaneous Coronary Intervention of

**Conclusions: The SXscore is a useful tool to predict cardiac mortality and MACE in patients undergoing percutaneous revascularization of the left main coronary artery.**

and the incidence of cardiac mortality, the primary end point of the study, and major adverse cardiac events (MACE). At 1 year, the SXscore significantly predicted the risk of cardiac death (hazard ratio, 1.12/unit increase; 95% CI, 1.06 to 1.18;  $P < 0.001$ ) and MACE (hazard ratio, 1.59/unit increase; 95% CI, 1.02 to 2.48;  $P = 0.043$ ). After adjustment for potential confounders, a higher SXscore remained significantly associated with cardiac mortality (adjusted hazard ratio, 1.15; 95% CI, 1.05 to 1.26;  $P = 0.003$ ) and MACE (adjusted hazard ratio, 1.06; 95% CI, 1.02 to 1.10;  $P = 0.005$ ). C-indexes for SXscores in terms of cardiac death and MACE were 0.83 and 0.64, respectively. Using classification tree analysis, discrimination levels of 34 and 37 were identified as the optimal cutoff to distinguish between patients at low and high risk of cardiac death and MACE, respectively.

**Conclusions**—The SXscore is a useful tool to predict cardiac mortality and MACE in patients undergoing percutaneous revascularization of the left main coronary artery. (*Circ Cardiovasc Intervent.* 2009;2:302-308.)

**Key Words:** SYNTAX score ■ left main coronary artery ■ percutaneous coronary intervention

The SYNTAX score (SXscore) has been recently developed as a combination of several previously validated angiographic classifications aiming to grade the coronary anatomy with respect to the number of lesions and their functional impact, location, and complexity.<sup>1</sup> Higher SXscores, indicative of a more complex condition, are likely to represent a bigger therapeutic challenge and to have a potentially worse prognosis in patients undergoing contemporary revascularization with percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI).

### Clinical Perspective on p 308

The predictive value of the SXscore was recently validated on a series of patients undergoing PCI for 3-vessel coronary artery disease in the Arterial Revascularization Therapies Study Part II.<sup>2</sup> However, a validation of this angiographic tool on a restricted series of patients with unprotected left main coronary artery disease undergoing PCI is lacking.

We sought to address this issue by applying the SXscore in patients who underwent percutaneous treatment for left main

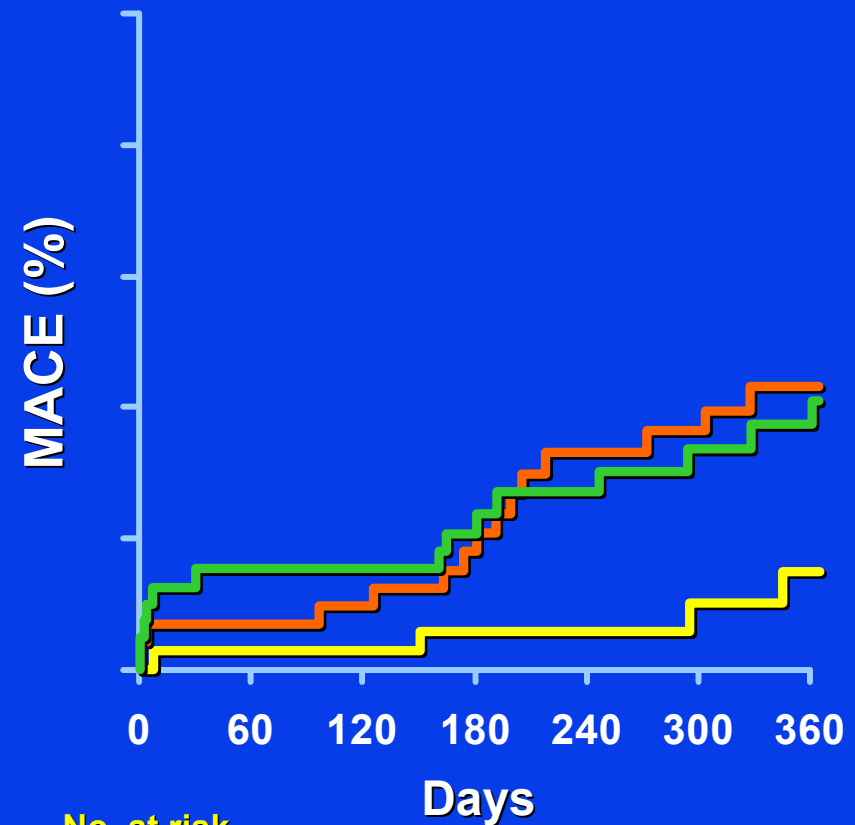
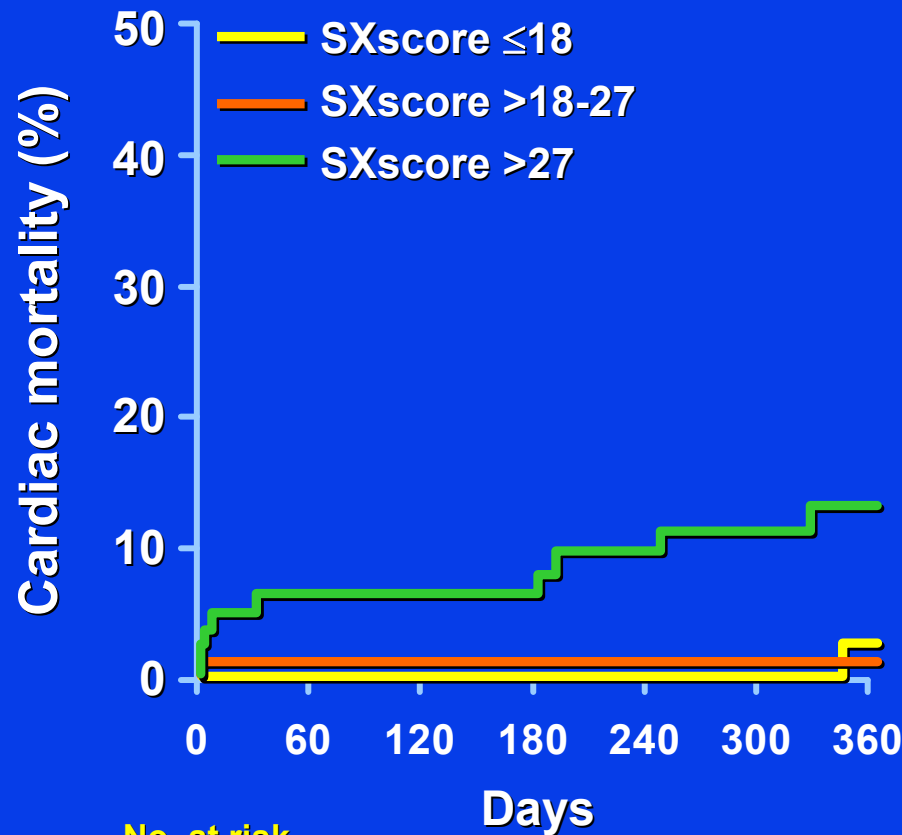
disease in our institution to examine its prognostic value in predicting in-hospital and long-term clinical outcomes. The performance of the SXscore was also explored in comparison with the modified lesion classification system of the American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology (AHA/ACC).

### Methods

#### Patient Population

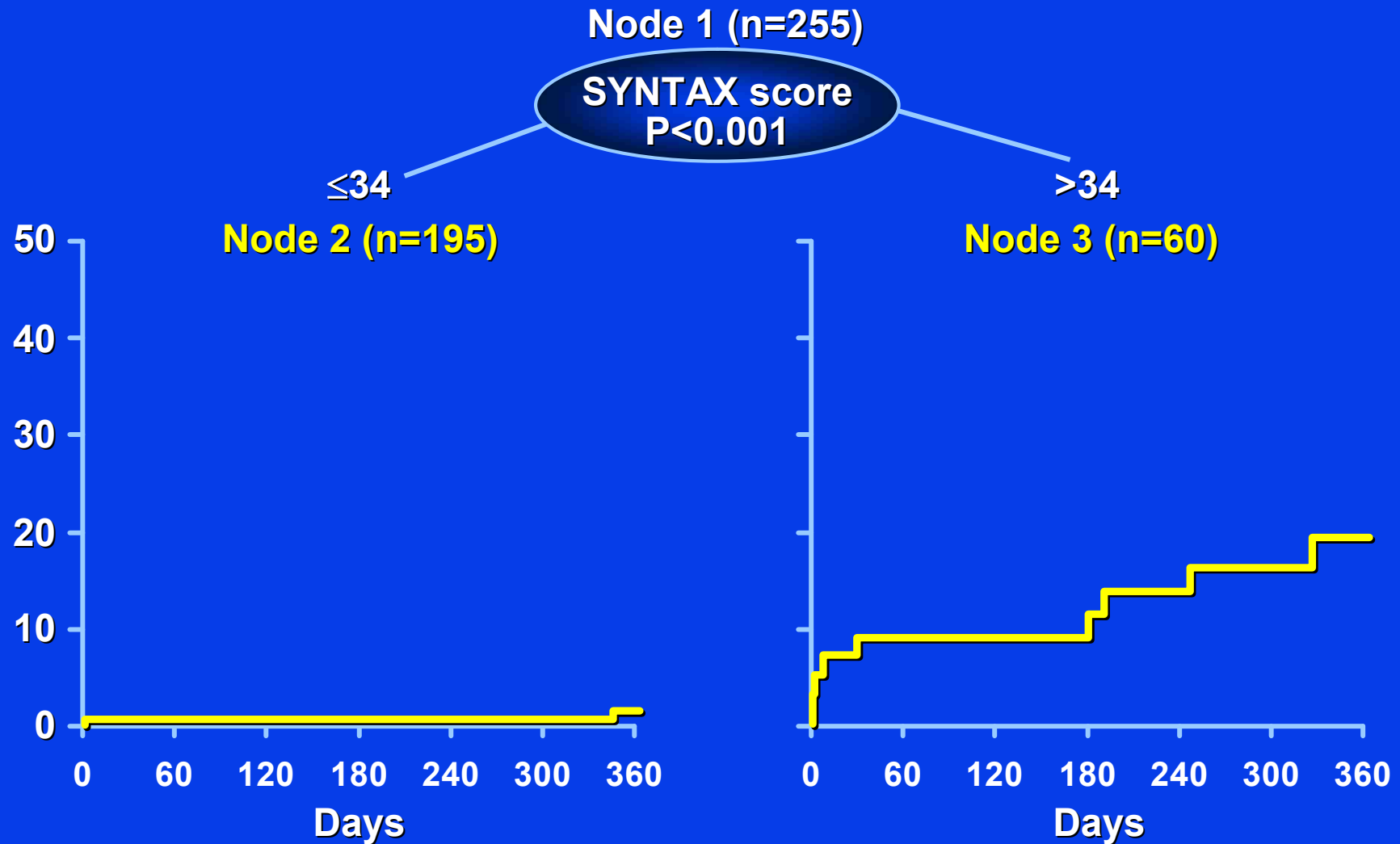
All consecutive patients undergoing PCI with either a sirolimus-eluting stent (Cypher, Cordis, a Johnson and Johnson Company, Miami Lakes, Fla) or a paclitaxel-eluting stent (Taxus, Boston Scientific, Natick, Mass) in left main coronary artery, from January 2003 to June 2008, at the Ferrarotto Hospital, Italy, were evaluated in this single-center study. The clinical outcome of a number of these patients was reported previously.<sup>3</sup> The left main coronary artery was defined as unprotected if there were no patent coronary artery bypass grafts to the left anterior descending artery or left circumflex artery. A percutaneous approach rather than a surgical one was performed in the presence of suitable anatomy and lesion characteristics for stenting and one of the following conditions: (1) high surgical risk defined as a European system for cardiac operative risk evaluation

# SYNTAX and Unprotected LMCA



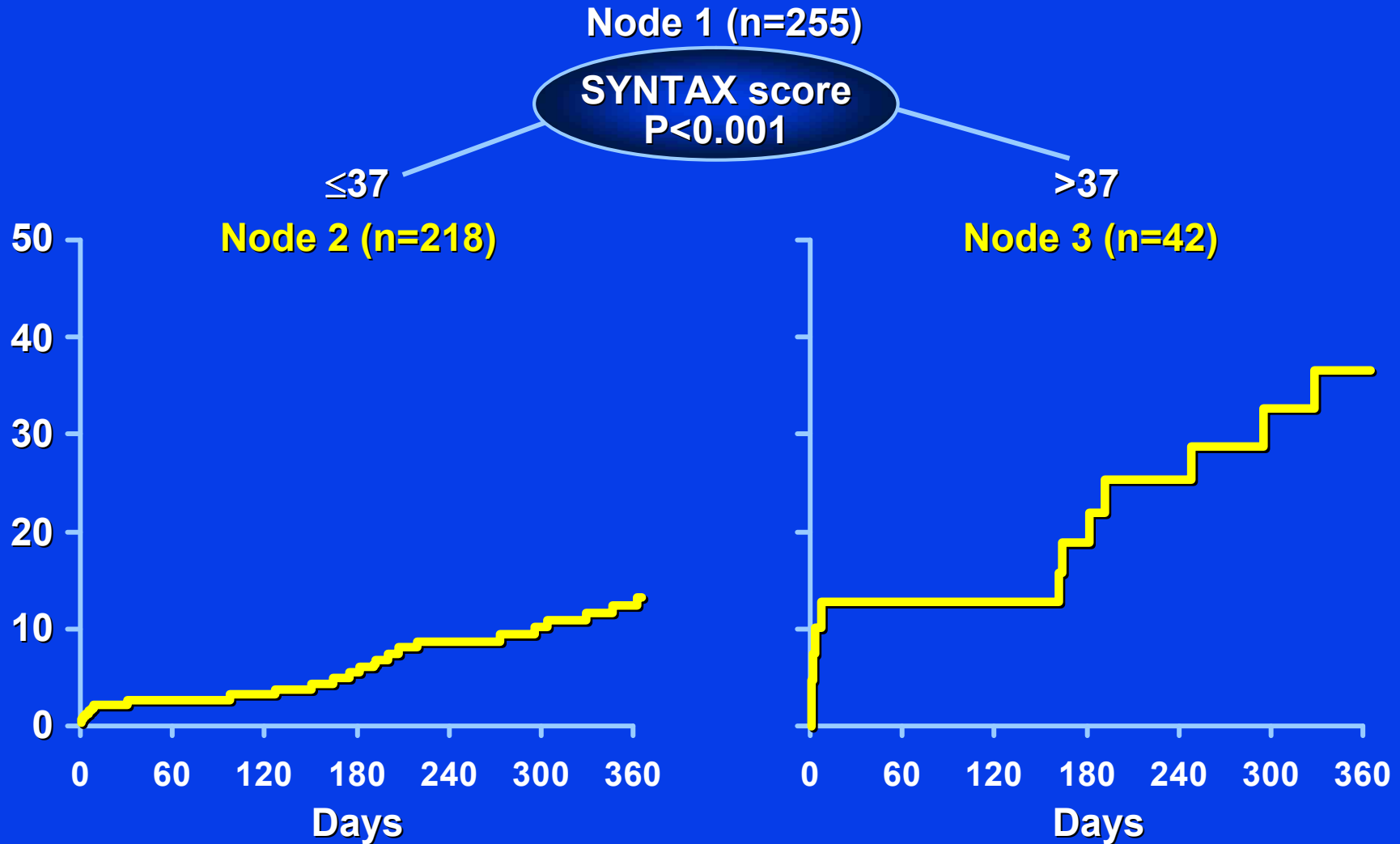
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# SYNTAX and Unprotected LMCA Cardiac Death



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# SYNTAX and Unprotected LMCA MACE



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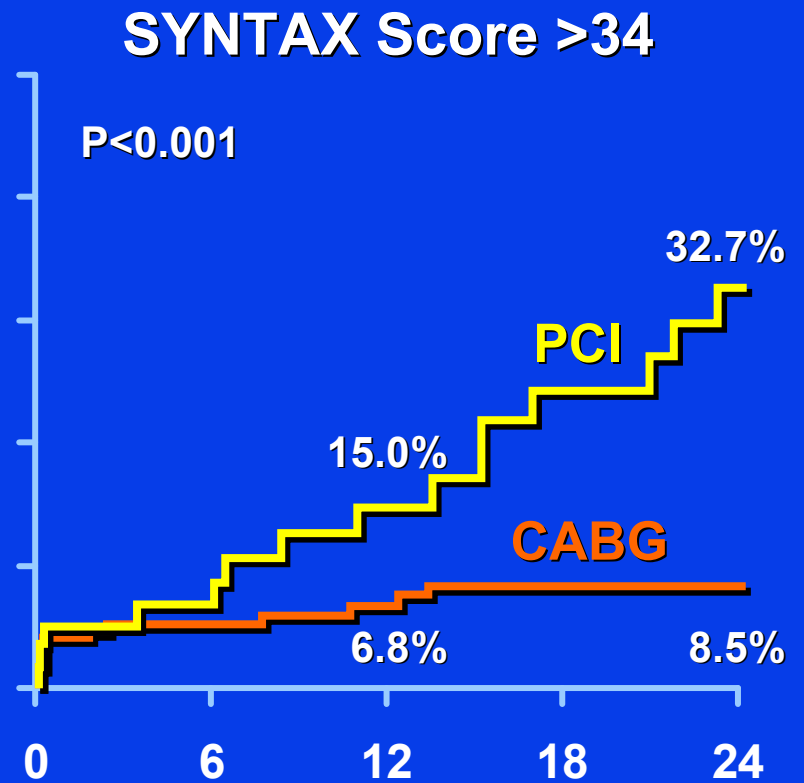
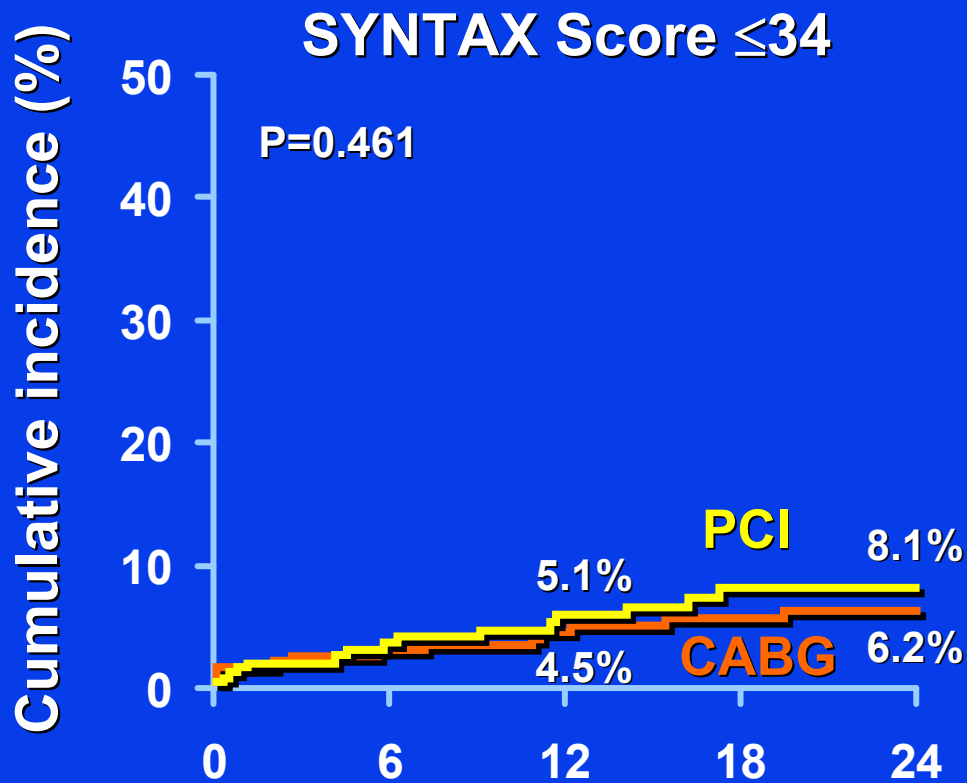
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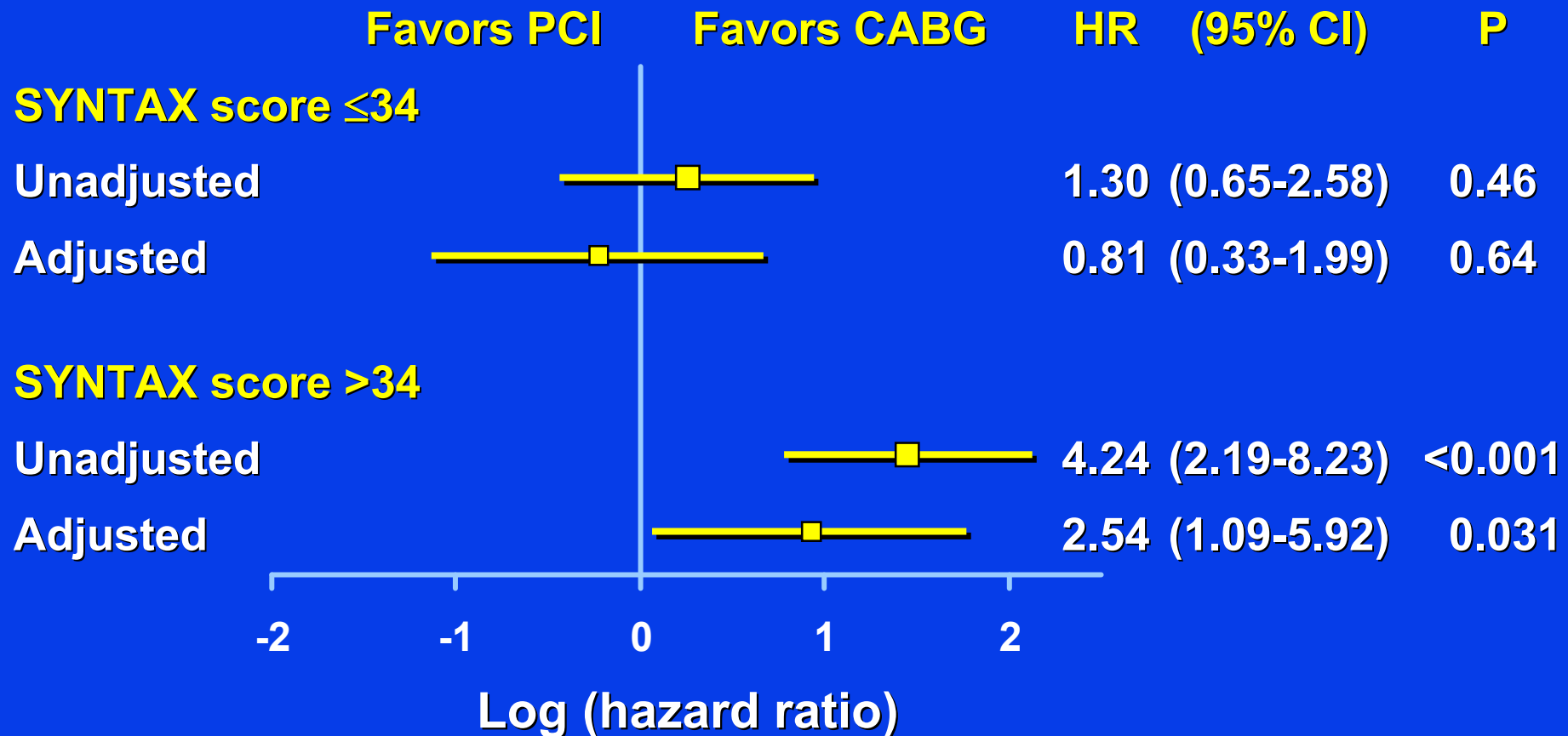


Number at risk	SYNTAX Score $\leq 34$				SYNTAX Score $> 34$				
	0	6	12	18	0	6	12	18	24
PCI	186	148	124	87	49	39	31	22	
CABG	204	186	153	129	145	123	104	96	

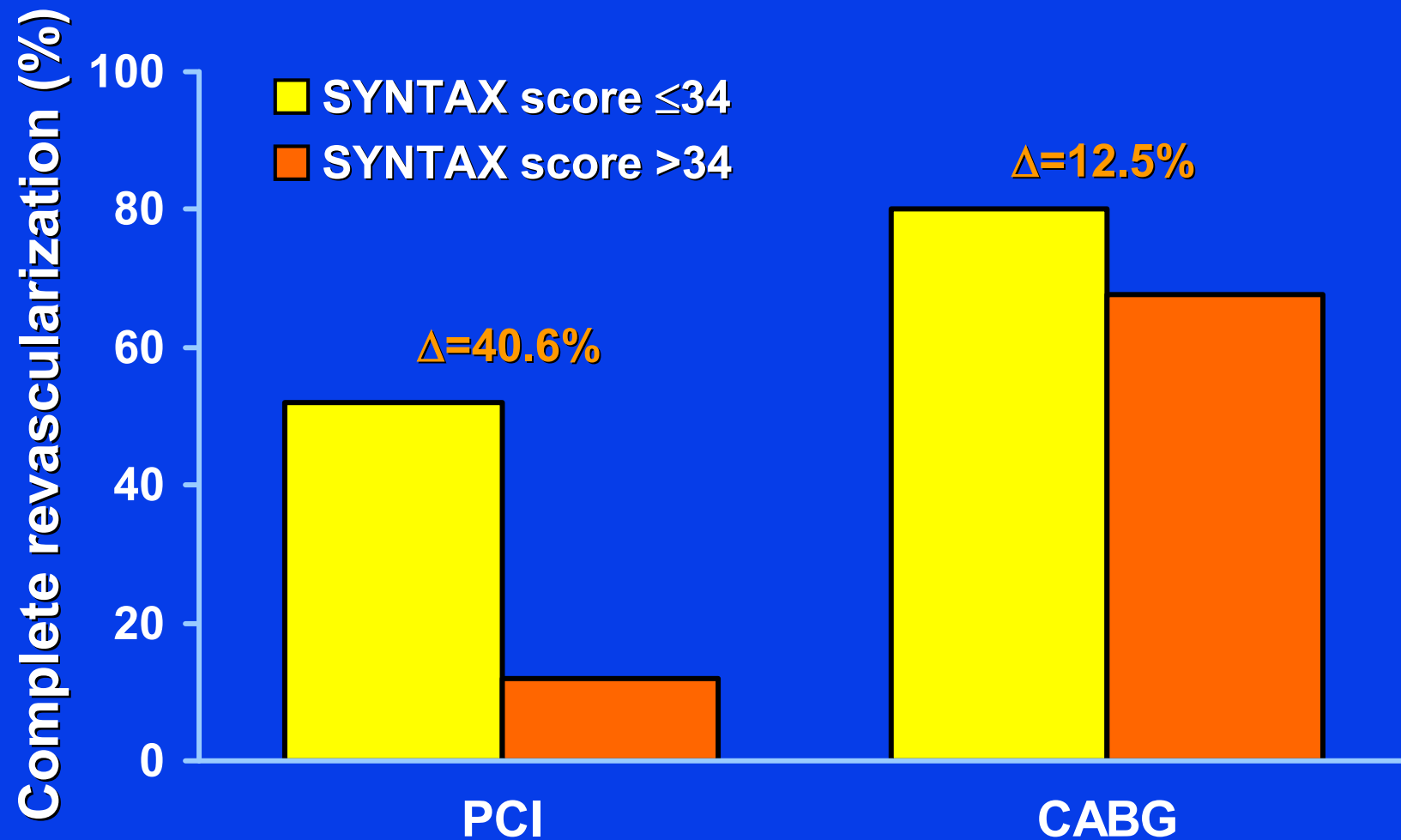
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# SYNTAX Score and UPLMCA

## Unadjusted and Adjusted 2-Year RR of Death with PCI or CABG



# SYNTAX Score and UPLMCA



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**EuroSCORE refines the predictive ability of SYNTAX score in patients undergoing left main percutaneous**

**Conclusions: We found a significant improvement in the prediction of cardiac mortality with the inclusion of EuroSCORE in a SYNTAX score-based model. The degree of reclassification between treatment threshold categories indicates that clinical and angiographic information are both important for assessing individual risk of patients undergoing left main PCI.**

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In patients with unprotected left main coronary artery disease (CAD), prediction of individual outcomes can assist physicians, patients and their families to achieve a better comprehension of attendant risks and provide an objective basis to select the most appropriate treatment option.<sup>1</sup>

EuroSCORE is a prognostic scoring system developed for patients undergoing cardiac surgery,<sup>2</sup> including those with left main CAD, which has gained wide popularity over time as its performance has been validated in several local populations within and outside Europe.<sup>3</sup> Since most of its variables are derived from the clinical status of the patient, it is not surprising that EuroSCORE can also reasonably stratify into risk categories, although lacking

in precision, a population undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI).<sup>4</sup> Other clinical risk scores have been specifically proposed over the last decade to predict adverse cardiovascular outcome following PCI.<sup>5-9</sup> However, one common concern of using clinical risk scores in the setting of PCI is that they do not incorporate any or a comprehensive information regarding the anatomy and extent of CAD.

SYNTAX score is an emerging tool developed to characterize the coronary vasculature in more detail with respect to the number of lesions and their complexity, functional impact, and location.<sup>10</sup> The performance of SYNTAX score in aiding treatment decision making of patients with complex CAD is encouraging,<sup>11</sup> and its potential for predicting long-term outcomes of PCI patients has also been suggested.<sup>12,13</sup> Whether SYNTAX score should be used as a stand-alone tool or whether its performance may be improved by the parallel use of clinical scores that determine the procedural risk, such as EuroSCORE, is currently unsolved.

To shed more light on the value of a so-called Global Risk Classification (GRC) resulting from merging the angiographic and clinical information contained in the

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# The Global Risk Score

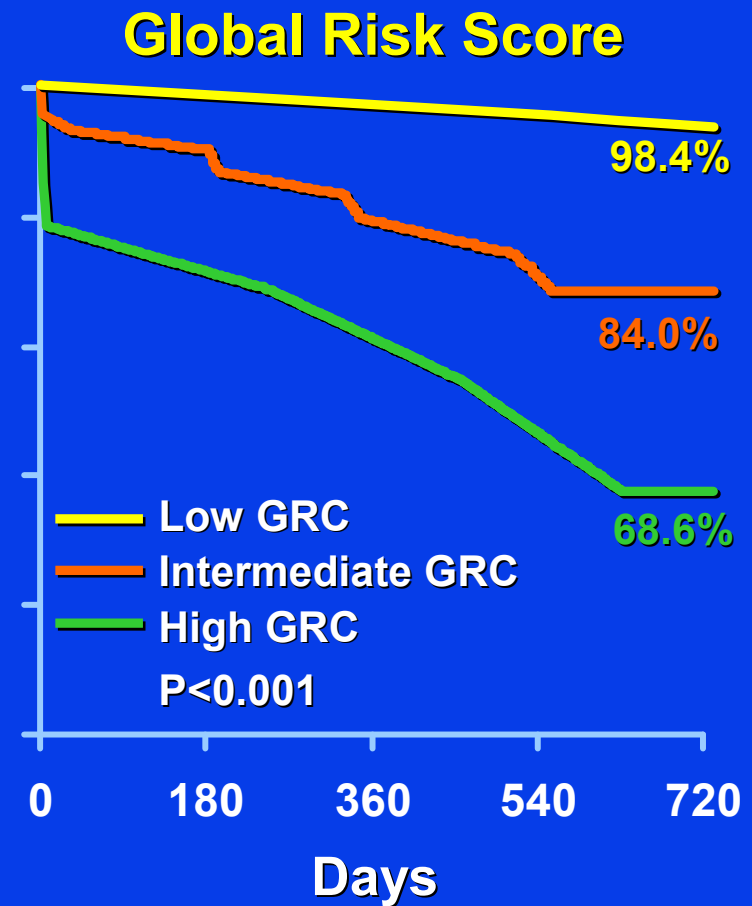
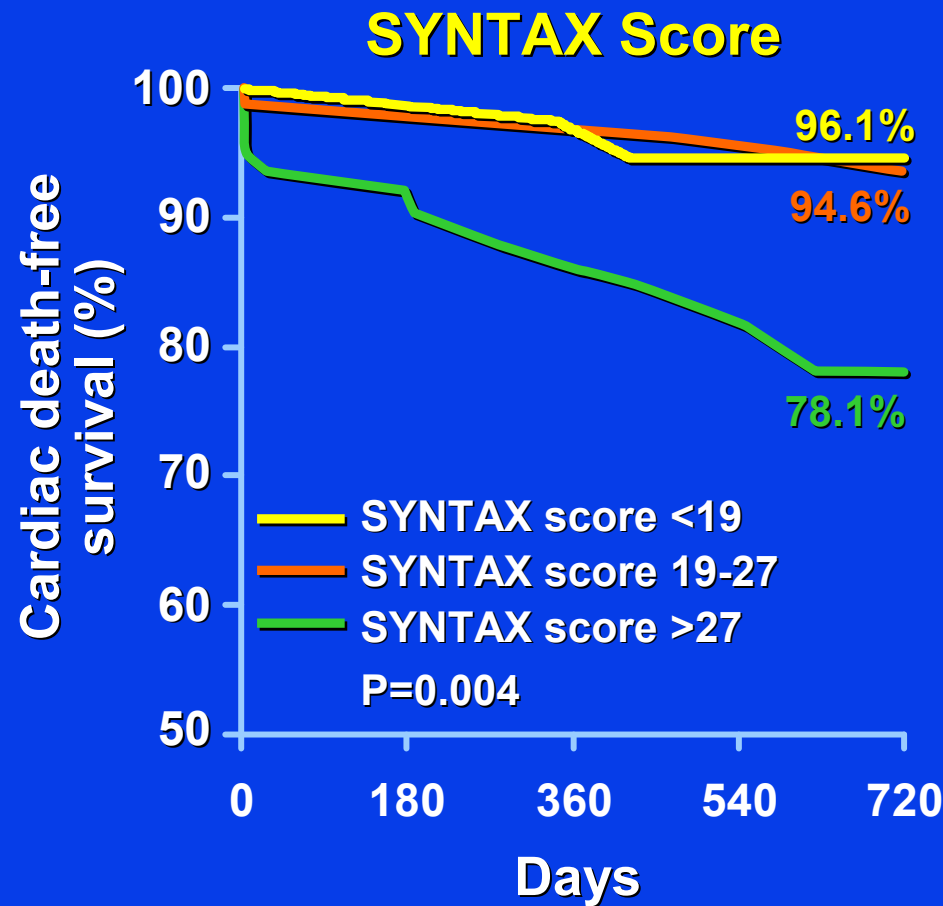
## SYNTAX score

<19    19-27    >27

EuroSCORE	SYNTAX score		
	<19	19-27	>27
0-2	L	L	I
3-6	L	L	I
>6	I	I	H

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# 2-Year Survival



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# STICH Trial

## Baseline Characteristics

Variable	CABG alone (n=499)	CABG with surgical ventricular reconstruction (n=501)
<b>Demographic characteristics</b>		
Age (yr)		
Median	62	62
Interquartile range	54-69	55-69
Female sex, no. (%)	78 (16)	69 (14)
<b>Medical history</b>		
MI, no. (%)	435 (87)	437 (87)
Diabetes, no. (%)	173 (35)	171 (34)
Chronic renal insufficiency	42 (8)	43 (9)
Stroke, no. (%)	28 (6)	28 (6)
<b>Angina class</b>		
III	203 (41)	205 (41)
IV	45 (9)	39 (8)
<b>NY Heart Assoc HF class</b>		
III	210 (42)	218 (44)
IV	31 (6)	26 (5)

# STICH Trial

## Baseline Characteristics

Variable	CABG alone (n=499)	CABG with surgical ventricular reconstruction (n=501)
<b>Coronary anatomy</b>		
<b>No. of vessels with stenosis of <math>\geq 50\%</math>, no. (%)</b>		
1	36 (7)	51 (10)
2	144 (29)	131 (26)
3	319 (64)	319 (64)
<b>Stenosis of left main coronary artery, no. (%)</b>		
50-74%	72 (14)	61 (12)
$\geq 75\%$	31 (6)	33 (7)
<b><math>\geq 75\%</math> stenosis of proximal LAD coronary artery, no. (%)</b>	388 (78)	369 (74)

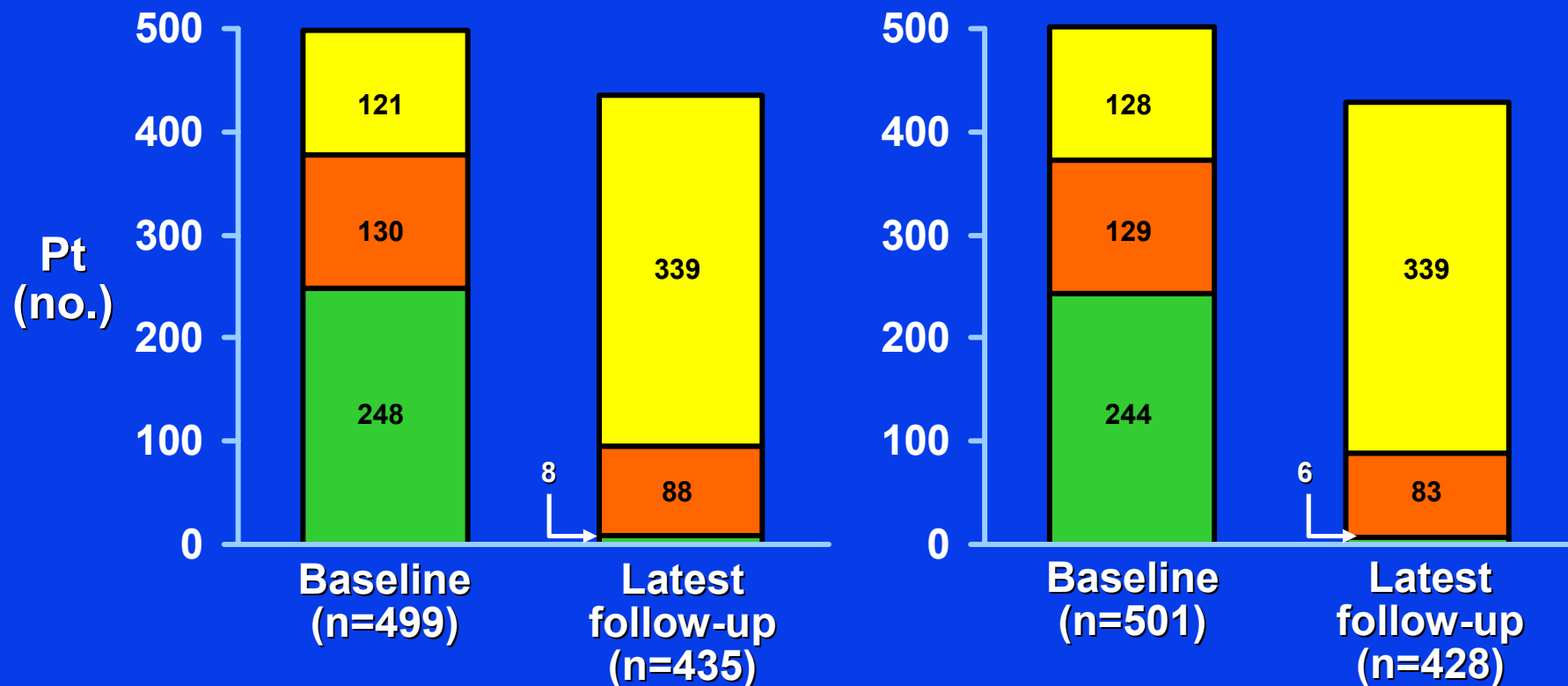
# STICH Trial

## CCS Angina Class

■ No angina   
 ■ Class I-II   
 ■ Class III-IV

### CABG

### CABG + SVR



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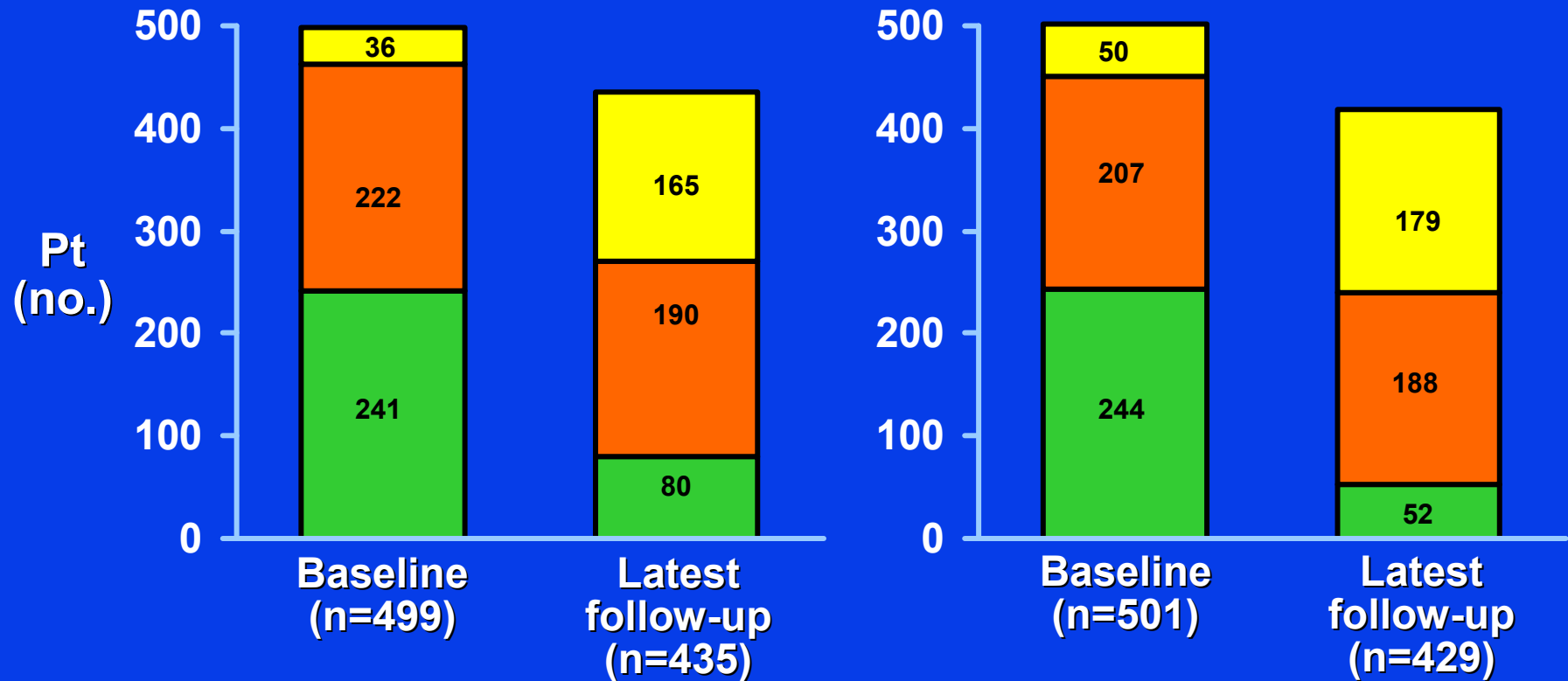
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## NYHA Heart Failure Class

■ Class I    ■ Class II    ■ Class III-IV

### CABG

### CABG + SVR



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of coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery versus percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) in diabetic patients with multivessel coronary artery disease (CAD) in the BARI 2D (Bypass Angioplasty Revascularization Investigation in Type 2 Diabetes) trial.

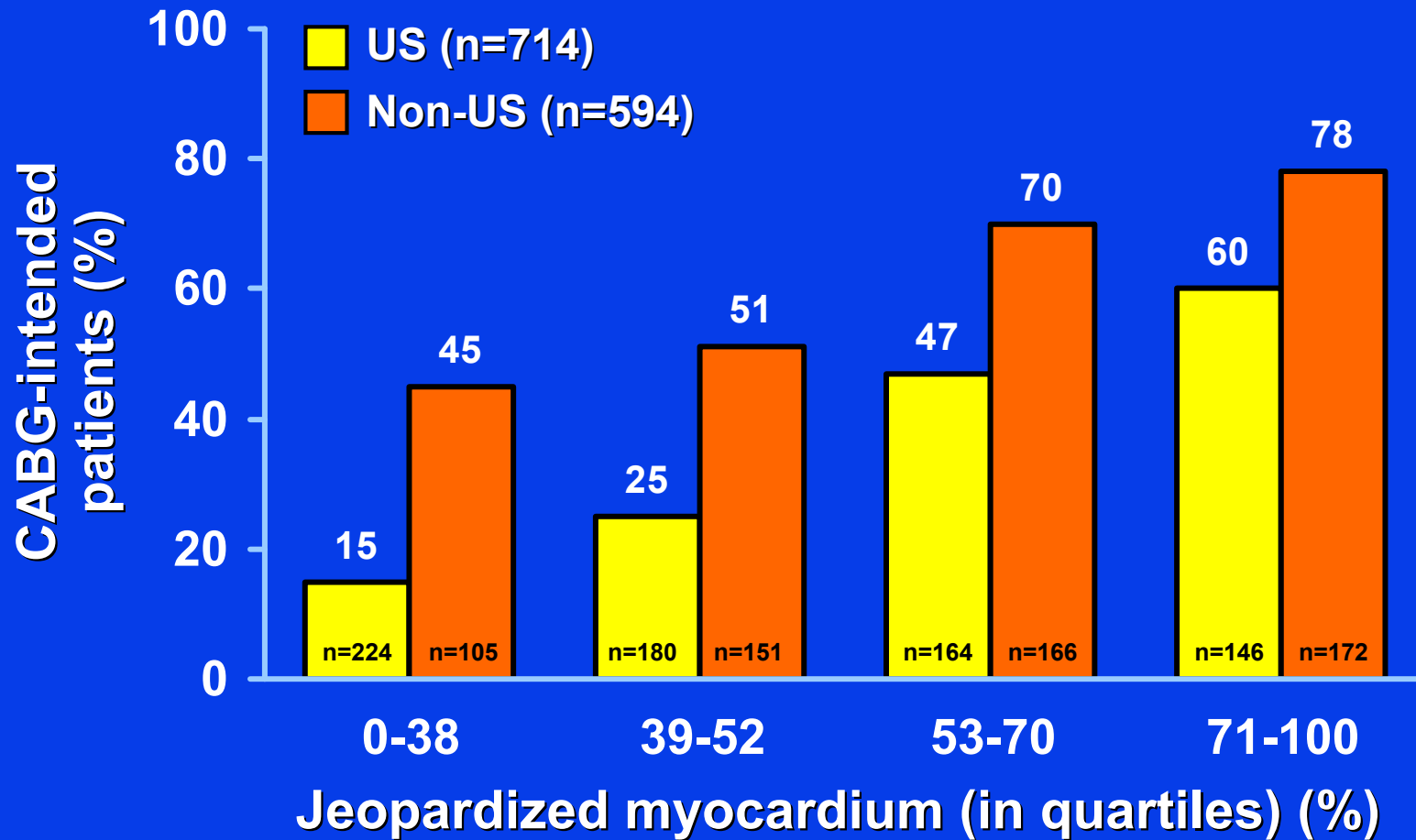
**Background** Factors guiding selection of mode of revascularization for patients with diabetes mellitus and multivessel CAD are not clearly defined.

**Methods** In the BARI 2D trial, the selected revascularization strategy, CABG or PCI, was based on physician discretion, declared independent of randomization to either immediate or deferred revascularization if clinically warranted. We analyzed factors favoring selection of CABG versus PCI in 1,593 diabetic patients with multivessel CAD enrolled between 2001 and 2005.

**Results** Selection of CABG over PCI was declared in 44% of patients and was driven by angiographic factors including triple vessel disease (odds ratio [OR]: 4.43), left anterior descending stenosis  $\geq 70\%$  (OR: 2.86), proximal left anterior descending stenosis  $\geq 50\%$  (OR: 1.78), total occlusion (OR: 2.35), and multiple class C lesions (OR: 2.06) (all  $p < 0.005$ ). Nonangiographic predictors of CABG included age  $\geq 65$  years (OR: 1.43,  $p = 0.011$ ) and non-U.S. region (OR: 2.89,  $p = 0.017$ ). Absence of prior PCI (OR: 0.45,  $p < 0.001$ ) and the availability of drug-eluting stents conferred a lower probability of choosing CABG (OR: 0.60,  $p = 0.003$ ).

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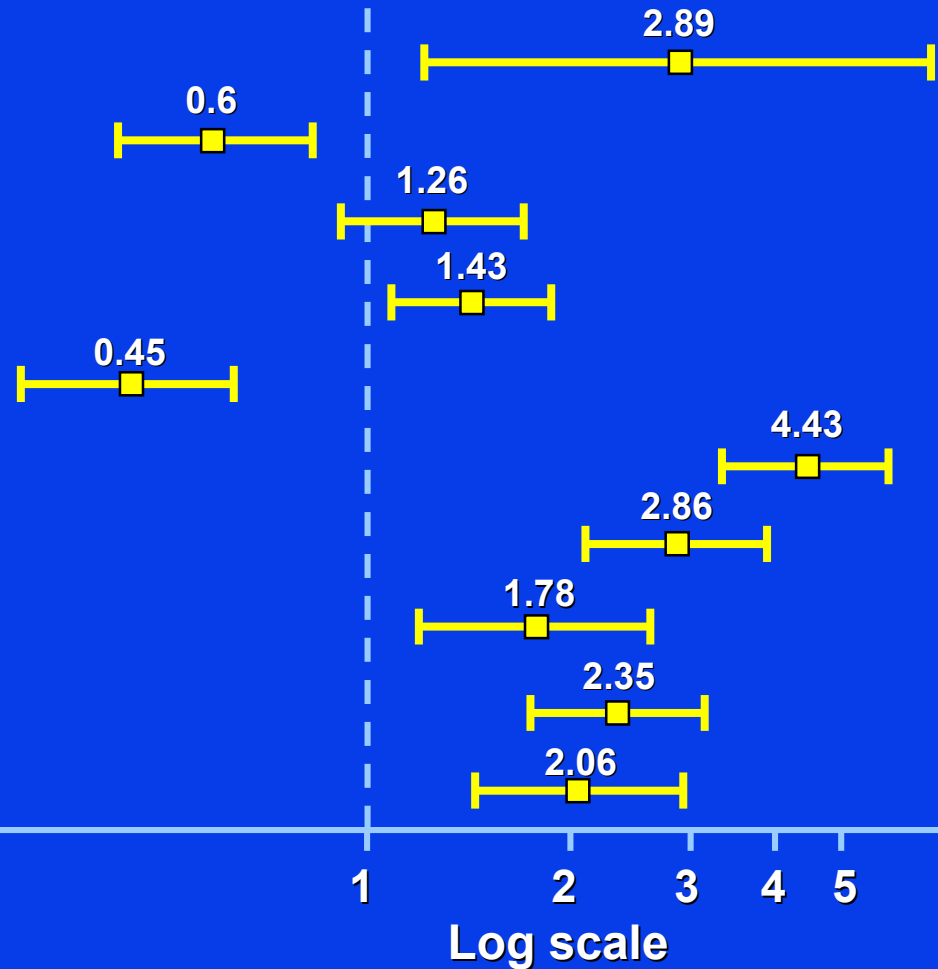
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# Selection of CABG Rather than PCI

Non-US vs US  
Rand after DES available  
Male sex  
Age  $\geq 65$  years  
Prior PCI  
Triple vessel disease  
LAD  $\geq 70\%$  stenosis  
Prox LAD  $\geq 50\%$  stenosis  
Total occlusion  
Class C lesions  $\geq 2$



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# **Stable Angina Should be Approached with PCI**

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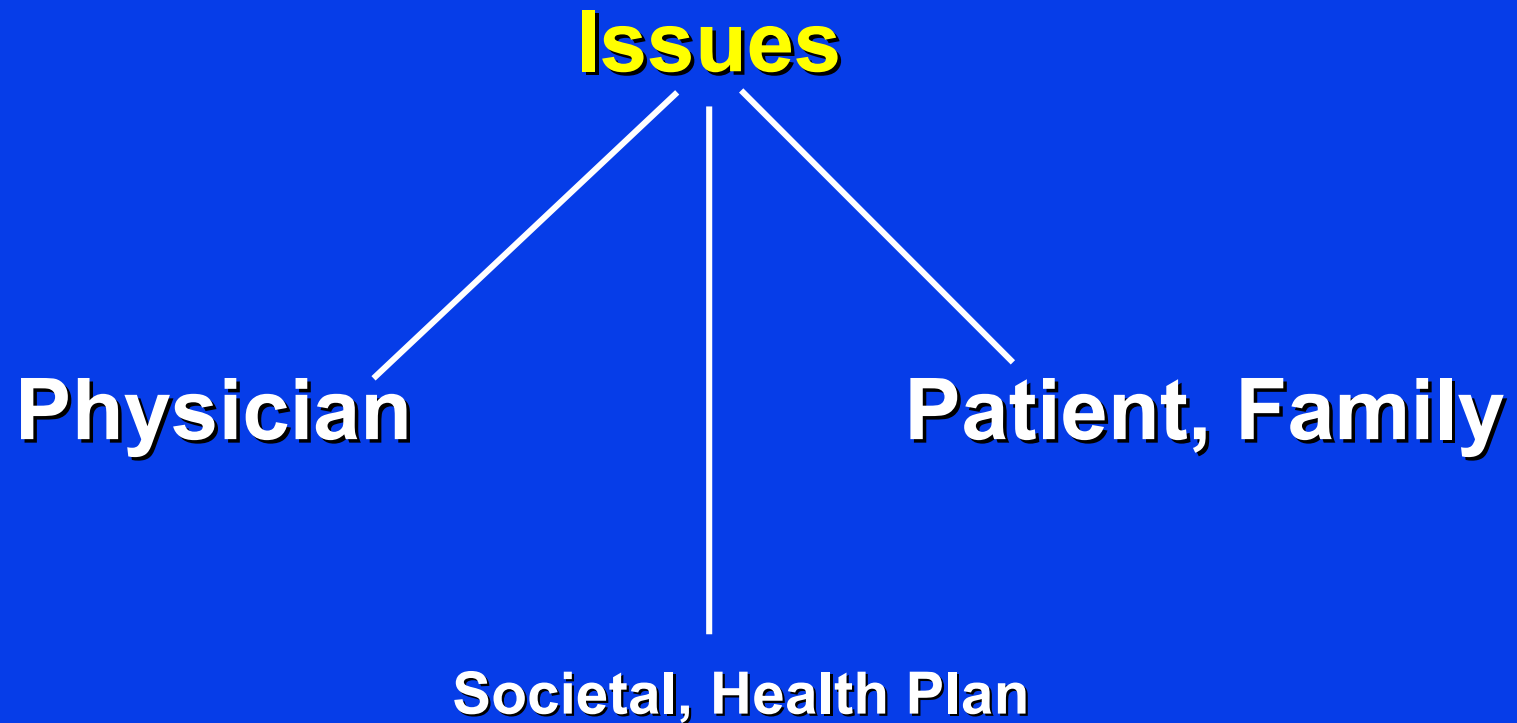
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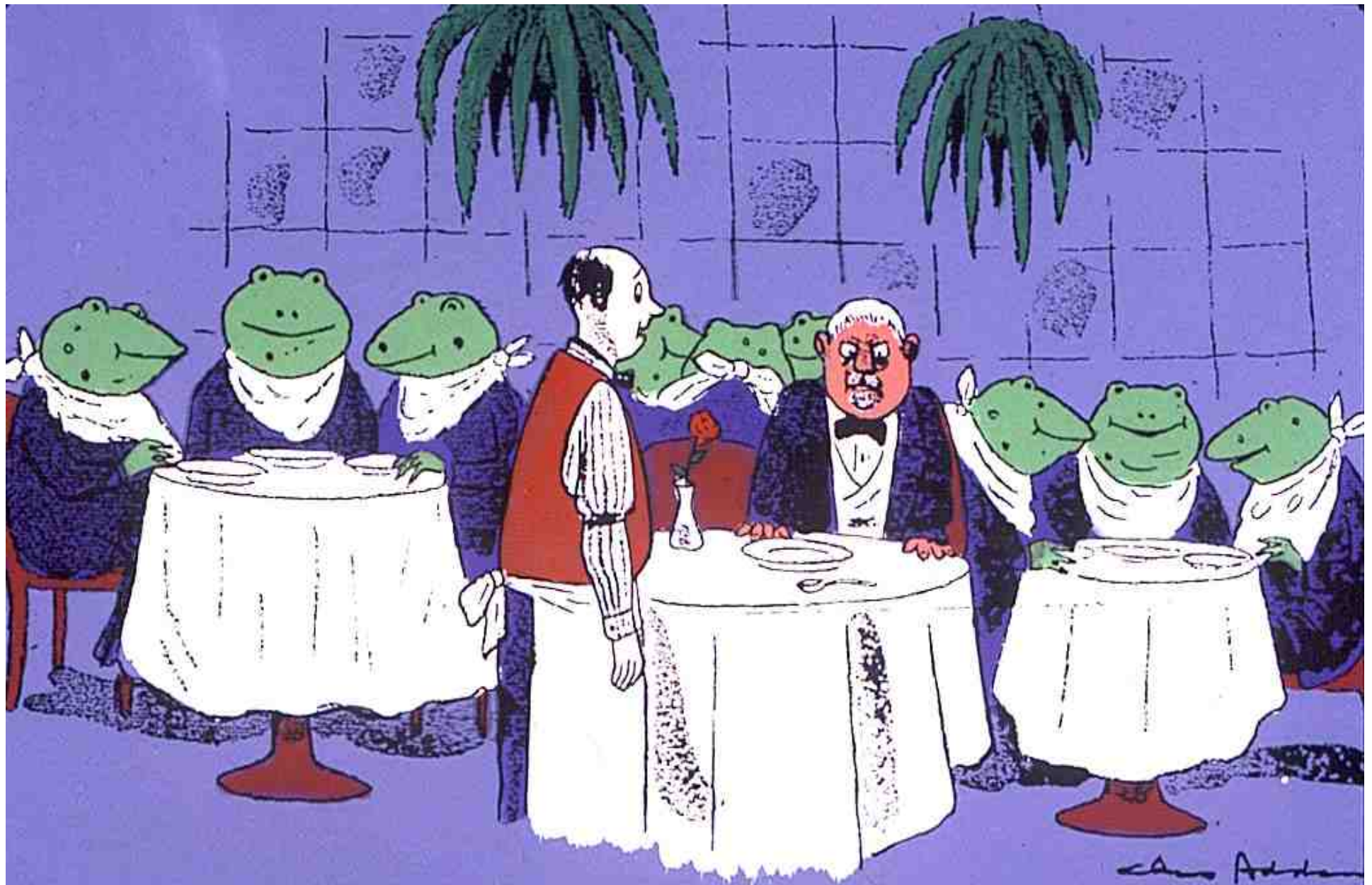
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# How Do We Choose





"Nobody else has complained about flies in the soup."

# Expectations

- **Economic stimulus package will work**
- **The bathing suit will cover as well as it used to**
- **The sun will shine in Cancun while we are there**
- **I will not get a headache from the Tequila**

# Mr. or Mrs. Mainstreet

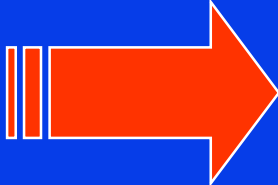
- **Want to live forever**
- **Want good health and thinness without sweat or carrot sticks**
- **Want to avoid a heart attack or death**
- **Most of all, want to avoid a stroke**
- **Want to go to heaven**
- **Certainly want to avoid surgery**
- **Would be nice if it improved their skills at shopping, bargain hunting, golf or fishing**

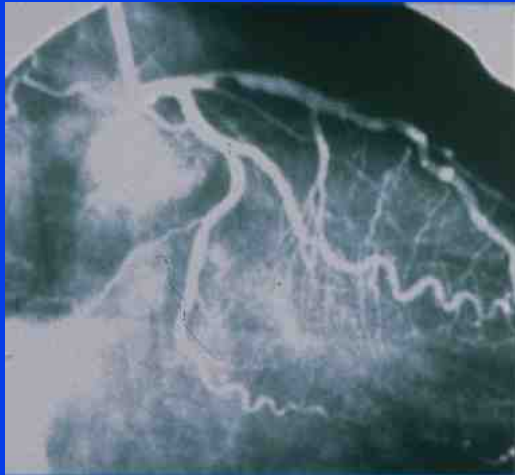


**Willpower lasts about 30 days and is soluble in alcohol**



# Which Would You Rather Have?

	Option A		Option B
LAD	70		0
RCA	20		20
Circ	10		10

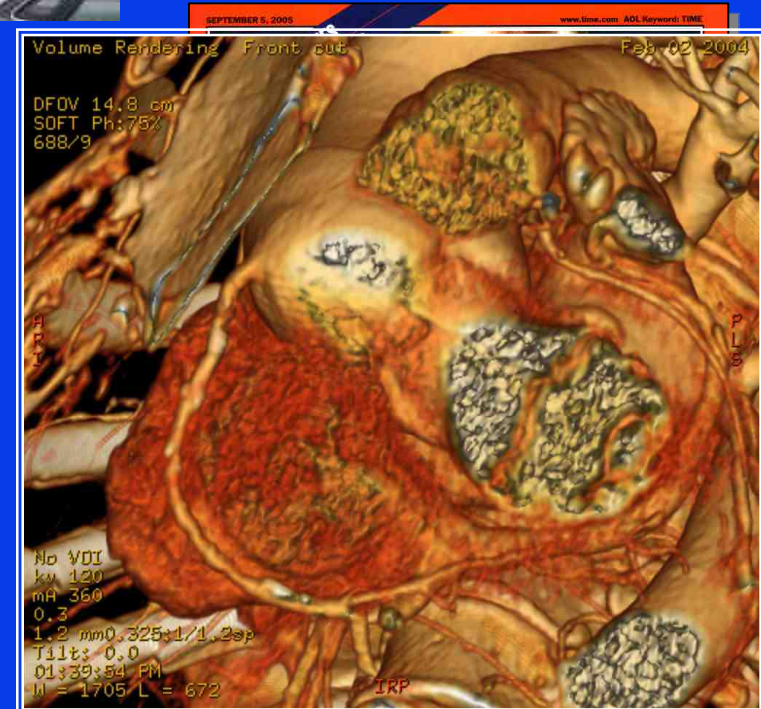


**Coated Stent**

**High dose statin**



# Increasingly Common



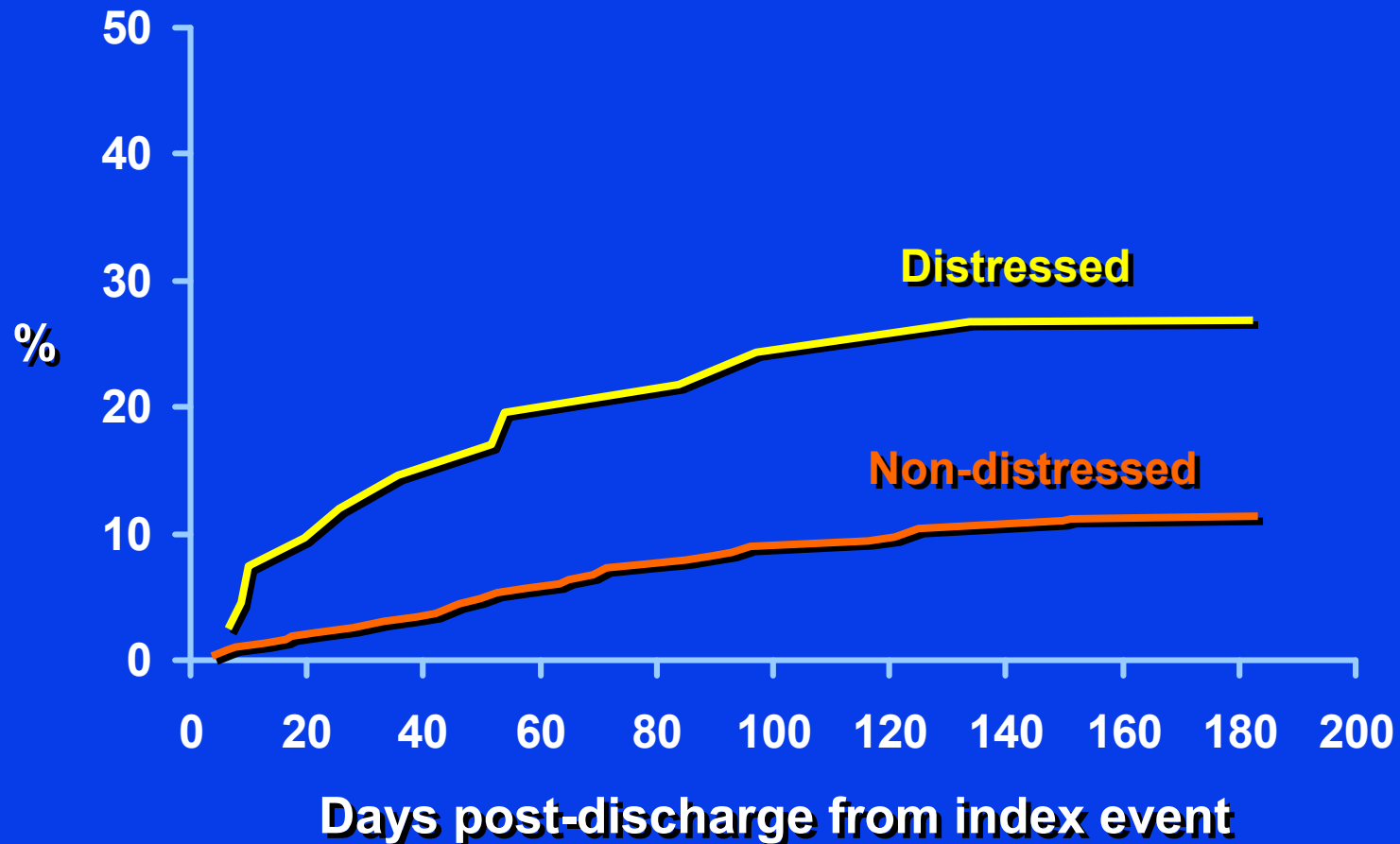
# Psychologic Distress and CAD

- 381 patients (311 men, 70 women) referred for cardiac rehabilitation
- Assessment of psychologic distress using self report inventory (SCL – 90 – R)
- Distressed defined as SCL – 90 – R scores >90% for outpatient adults

Gau GT et al: Mayo Clin Proc 70:734-42, 2007



# Cumulative Risk of Early Cardiovascular Rehospitalization



Gau GT et al: Mayo Clin Proc 70:734, 2007

# Psychologic Distress and CAD

**Psychologic distress adversely affects  
the prognosis of CAD patients**

**Gau GT et al: Mayo Clin Proc 70:734-42, 2007**

# We Can Help You...



## Avoid a Stroke In Just 10 Minutes

- Stroke is America's third leading killer.
- Stroke is the #1 cause of nursing home admissions.

Unfortunately, half of all stroke victims have no warning signs before a stroke occurs! Don't delay; sign up for a painless screening today!

Life Line Screening is America's Leading provider of quality health screenings. Since 1993, we have provided quick, painless and affordable vascular screenings to more than 2.5 million people.

**Our mobile units are coming  
to neighborhoods across  
the country – SO CALL NOW!**

*We provide these non-invasive, completely painless screenings using Doppler ultrasound technology.*

### **1** Stroke Screening/ Carotid Artery

Visualizes the buildup of fatty plaque in the carotid arteries which leads to stroke.

### **2** Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Screening

Visualizes the existence of an aneurysm (enlargement) in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery.

### **3** Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

Screens for peripheral arterial disease (plaque buildup) in the lower extremities which is linked to coronary artery disease.

### **4** Osteoporosis Screening

Screens for abnormal bone mass density in men and women. Osteoporosis is painless and silent in its early stages.

# Patient Expectations



The key to surviving a heart attack is promptly recognizing the warning signals and getting immediate medical attention.

## Treating A Heart Attack - Dealing With A Heart Attack: Heart Disease

If you have a heart attack and reach the hospital in time, chances are very good that you will walk out of the hospital within a week or even sooner. (provided by the Faculty of the Harvard Medical School)

## Montana Heart Center

- Do Not Delay Seeking Treatment. It Could Save Your Life.
- The Quicker You Seek Treatment Following Symptoms, The Better The Outcome!



## Fast Action Saves Lives

Calling 9-1-1 is the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment. If you or someone you are with has any symptoms of a heart attack, call 9-1-1 immediately

# Patient Expectations

**If I or my spouse recognizes heart symptoms on time and gets me to the cardiologist and the cardiologist says it is my heart and that he/she can treat it, then that treatment will save my life.**

# PCI

## What do we know?

- **Treatment of choice for acute STEMI; documented to decrease death and recurrent MI**
- **Improves outcome in selected patients with ACS**
- **Reduces ischemia and symptoms in selected patient subsets**

# PCI

## What do we know?

- It is not perfect
- It treats only the treated area
- It has the potential for ST or restenosis which while uncommon still occurs
- It does not do much to reduce weight, stop smoking, exercise, control BP, decrease BS or improve lipids

# Aphorism

**Blood is better than drugs  
for the ischemic myocardium**





A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables; and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying,

**Jesus is  
watching you**

**He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze.**

**When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head, promised himself a vacation after the next big score, then clicked the light on and began searching for more valuables.**

**Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard,**



**Jesus is  
watching you**



**Freaked out, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice.**

**Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.**

**“Did you say that?” he hissed at the parrot.**

**“Yep”, the parrot confessed, then squawked, “I’m just trying to warn you”.**



**The burglar relaxed, “Warn me, huh?  
Who in the world are you?”**

**“Moses”, replied the bird.**

**“Moses?” the burglar laughed. What  
kind of people would name a bird  
Moses?”**

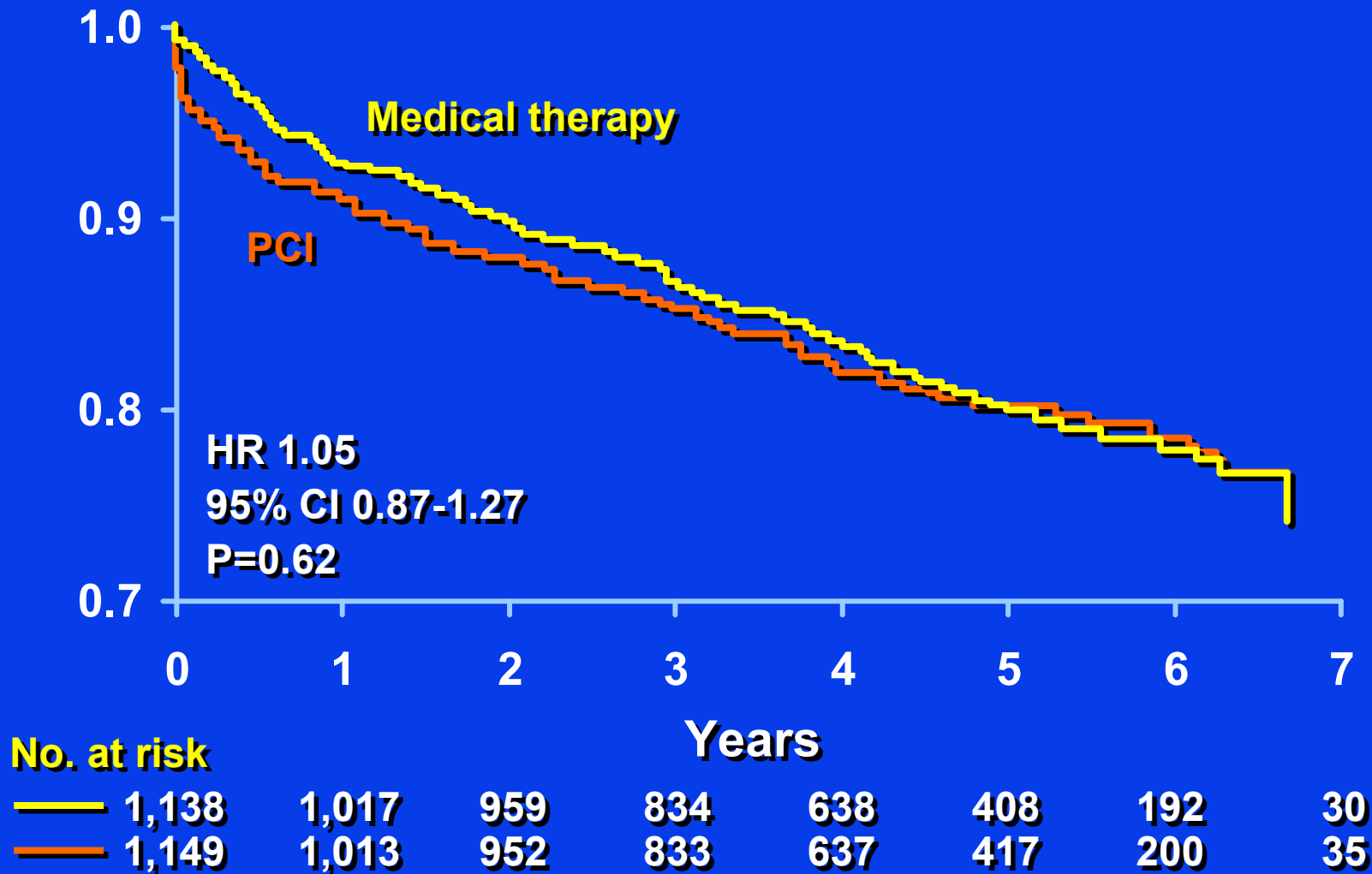
**“The kind of people that would  
name a Rottweiler Jesus”.**



# COURAGE Trial

- **Multicenter randomized clinical trial**
- **Screened 35,539 patients**
- **2,287 patients randomized**
  - **Objective evidence of myocardial ischemia**
  - **Stable angina**
- **Randomization**
  - **PCI + optimal medical therapy vs**
  - **Optimal medical therapy**

# Survival Free of Death from Any Cause and MI







# **COURAGE Trial Conclusions**

**As an initial management strategy in patients with stable coronary artery disease, PCI did not reduce the risk of death, myocardial infarction, or other major cardiovascular events when added to optimal medical therapy.**

# Paul Harvey

## The Rest of the Story

Outcome	No. of Events		HR (95% CI)	P
	PCI Group	Med-Rx Group		
Revasc (PCI or CABG)	228	348	0.60 (0.51-0.71)	<0.001

# Paul Harvey

## The Rest of the Story

### Outcomes - Details

**Table 3.** Primary and Secondary Outcomes.\*

Outcome	Number of Events		Hazard Ratio (95% CI) <sup>†</sup>	P Value <sup>‡</sup>	Cumulative Rate at 4.6 Years	
	PCI Group	Medical-Therapy Group			PCI Group	Medical-Therapy Group
						%
Death and nonfatal myocardial infarction <sup>‡</sup>	211	202	1.05 (0.87–1.27)	0.62	19.0	18.5
Death <sup>§</sup>	68	74				
Periprocedural myocardial infarction	35	9				
Spontaneous myocardial infarction	108	119				
Death, myocardial infarction, and stroke	222	213				9.5

**Large preponderance of procedural MIs – death and spontaneous MI actually less after PCI**

**30 % of OMT patients  
“crossed over” because of failure of OMT alone**

# Chronic Stable Angina

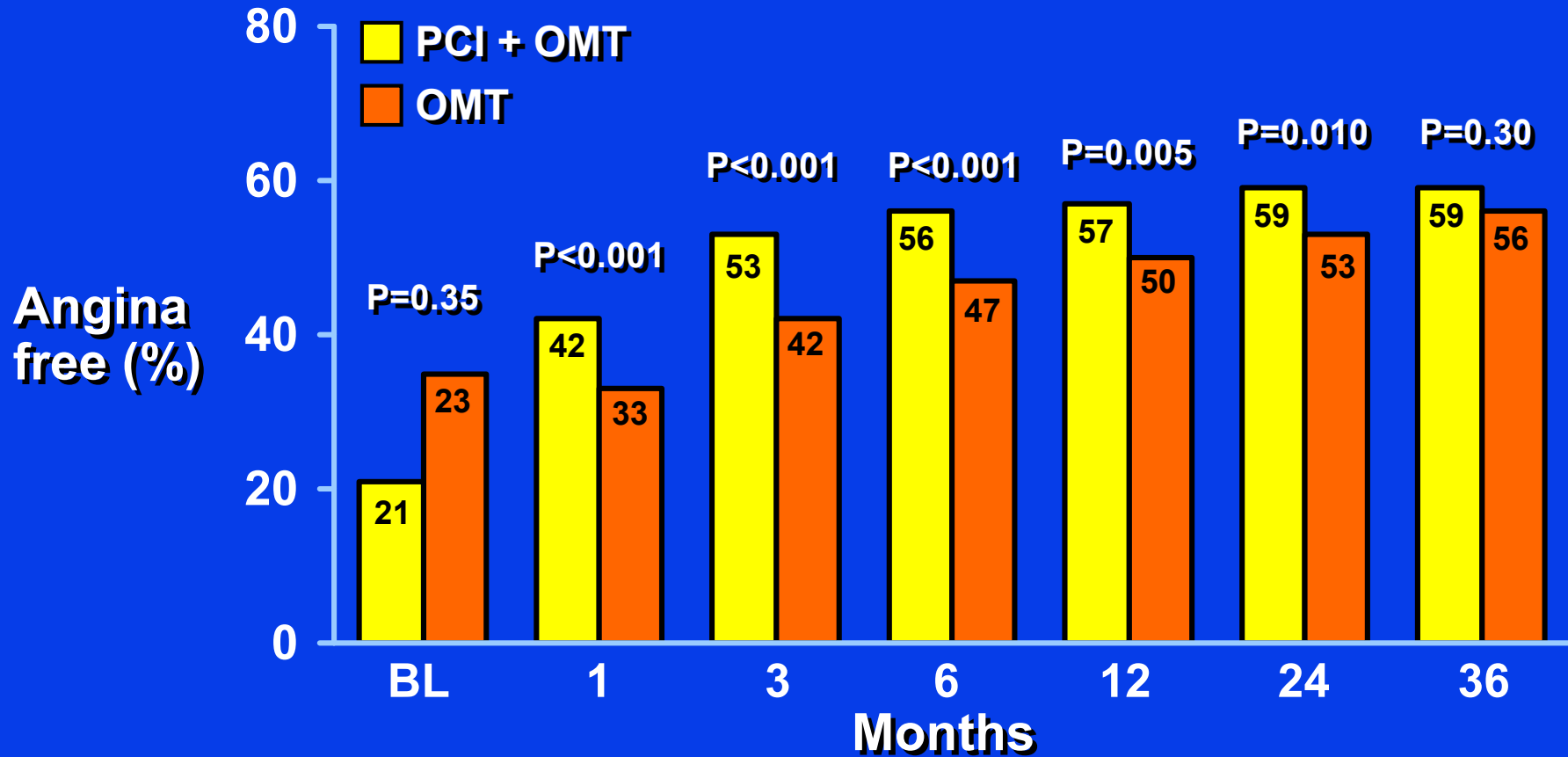
- PCI is very effective in reducing or abolishing angina and improving functional status
- In patients treated medically, crossover to PCI is frequent
- PCI is not more effective than aggressive medical therapy in reducing MI and death in stable mildly symptomatic patients
- Should we really have been surprised

# Quality of Life

## COURAGE Trial

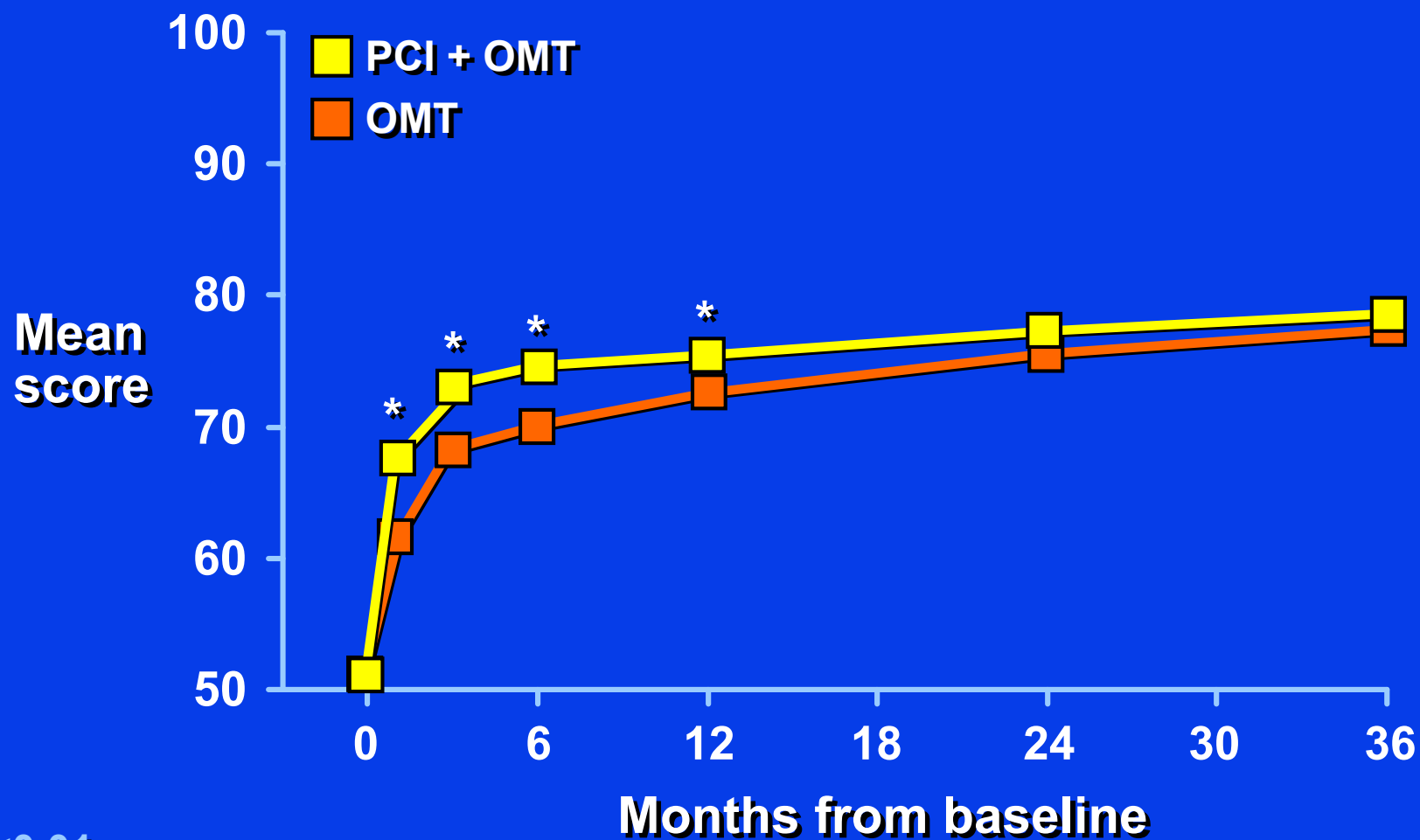
- 2,287 patients with stable CAD to PCI + OMT or OMT alone
- QOL assessed using Seattle Angina Questionnaire and RAND – 36 item health survey

# Quality of Life Freedom from Angina



Weintraub WS et al: N Engl J Med 359:677, 2008

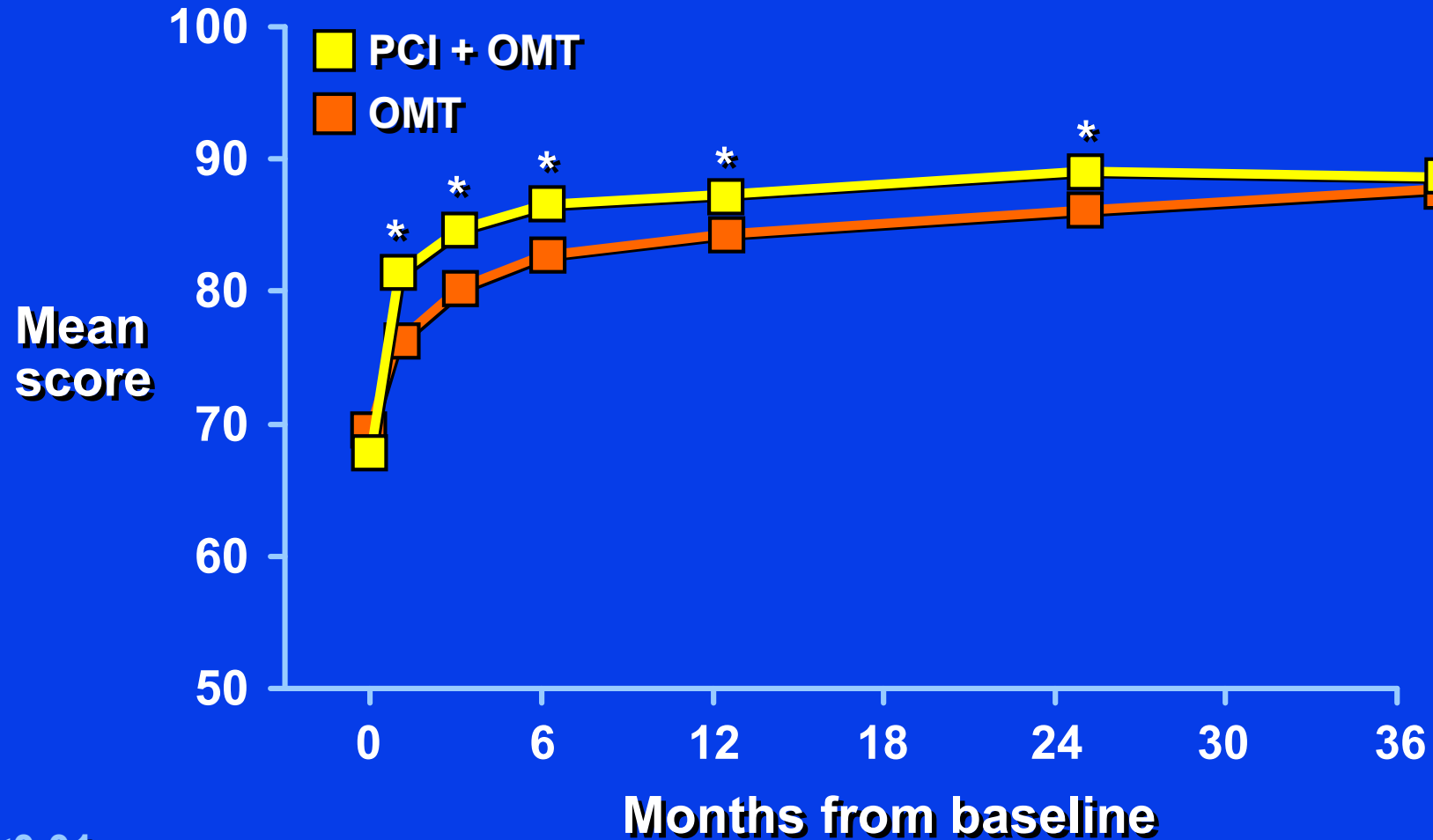
# Quality of Life



\*P<0.01

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# Angina Frequency



\*P<0.01

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# Quality of Life COURAGE Trial

- **Improvement in angina frequency depended on severity at baseline**
- **Largest clinical improvement with PCI seen in patients with most severe angina at baseline. No improvement in patients with mildest angina.**

## ASK A HEART DISEASE SPECIALIST

### Cardiac ischemia

What is cardiac ischemia? How serious is it?  
From Ruth in Virginia

Mayo Clinic cardiologist Martha Grogan, M.D. and colleagues answer select questions from readers



**Answer:** Cardiac ischemia occurs when blood flow to the heart muscle (myocardium) is obstructed by a partial or complete blockage of a coronary artery. A sudden, severe blockage may lead to a heart attack (myocardial infarction). Cardiac ischemia may also cause a serious abnormal heart rhythm (arrhythmia), which can cause fainting or even sudden death.

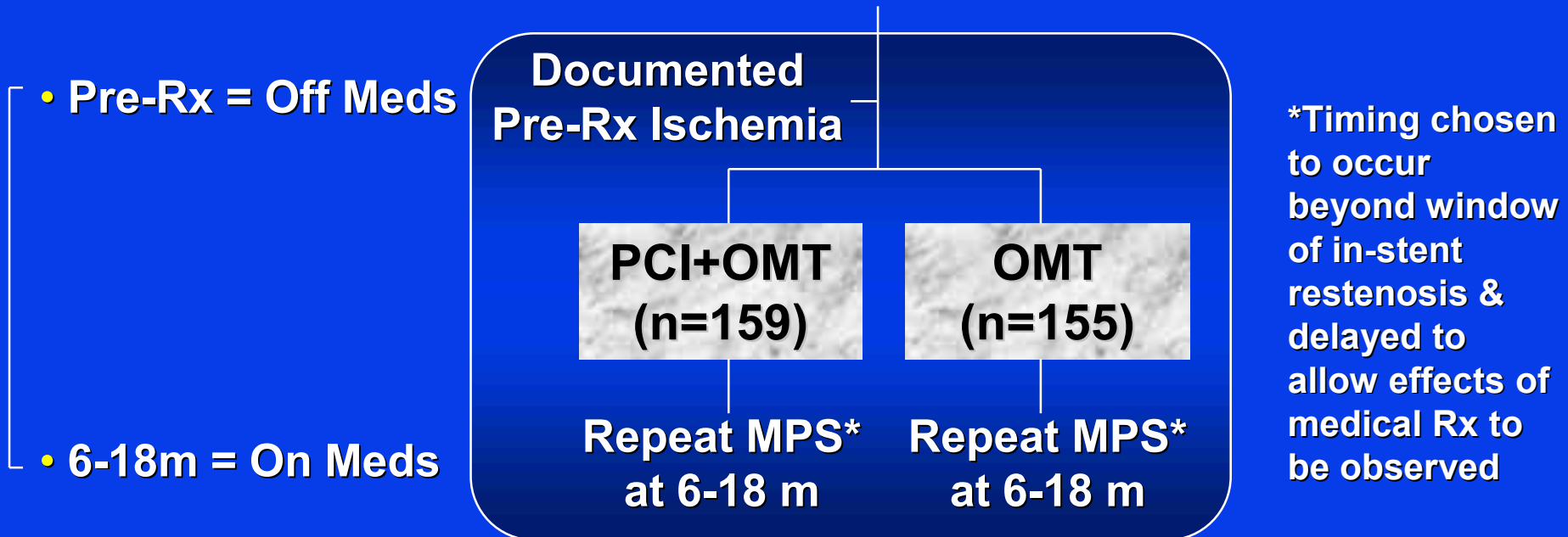
In some people, especially those with diabetes, cardiac ischemia may cause no signs or symptoms. A doctor may make a diagnosis of cardiac ischemia based on: **Medical History, Physical examination, Electrocardiogram, Stress Test, X-rays of coronary arteries (coronary angiogram)**

**Treatment is directed at improving blood flow to the heart muscle.**

# Nuclear Substudy (n=314/2,287)

**Hypothesis:** Reduction in Ischemia will be greater for patients randomized to PCI+OMT than for those randomized to OMT

**Serial Rest/Stress Myocardial Perfusion SPECT (MPS)  
To compare patient management strategy for ischemia reduction**

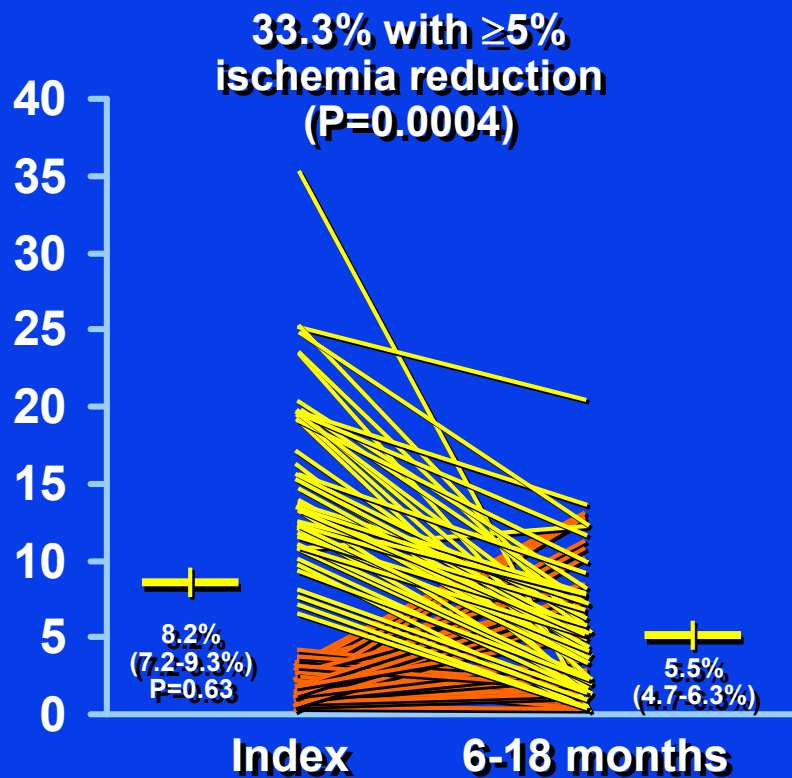


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Mean = 374 ± 50 days

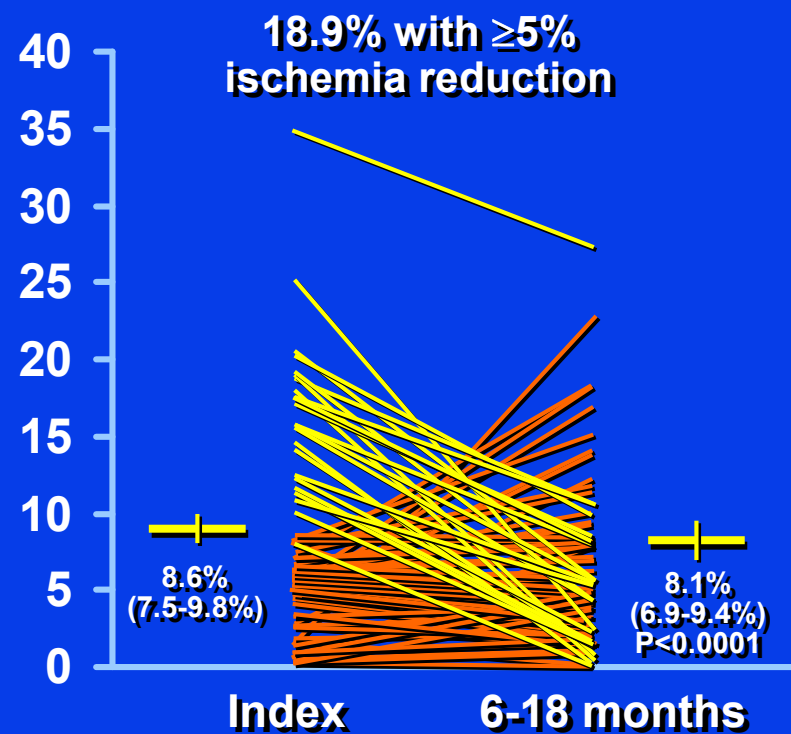
# Inducible Ischemia

## PCI + Optimal Medical Therapy (n=159)



Mean = 2.7% (95% CI = -1.7% to -3.8%)

## Optimal Medical Therapy (n=155)

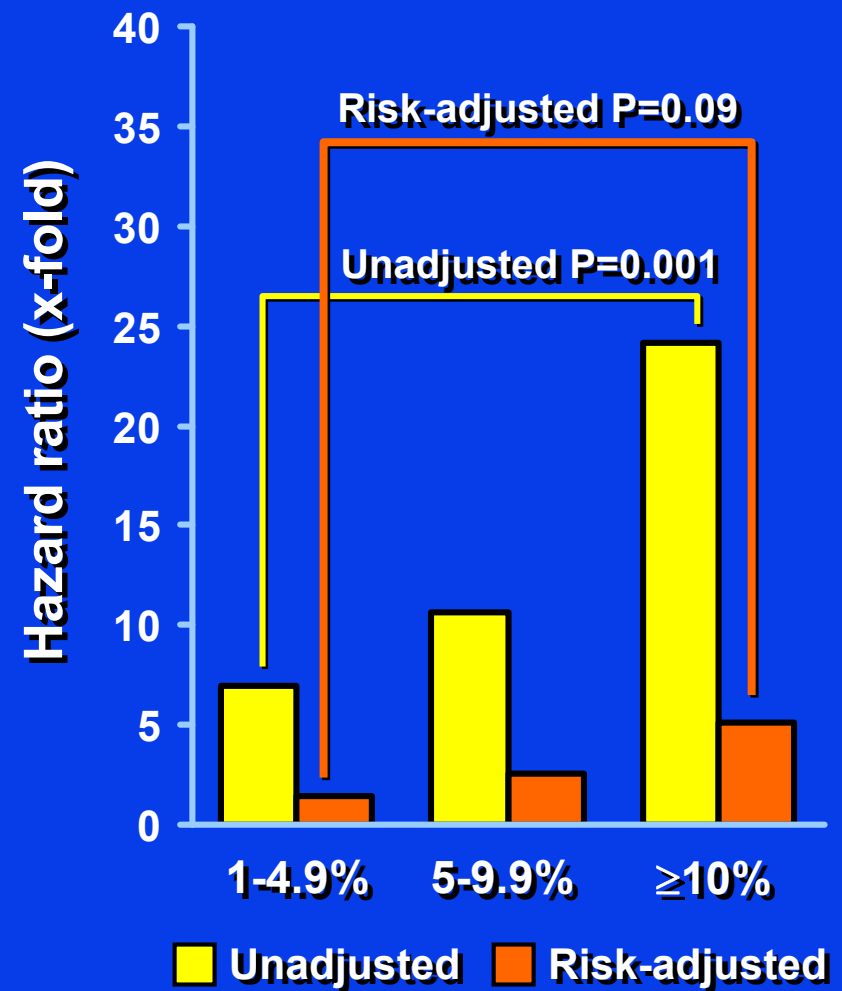
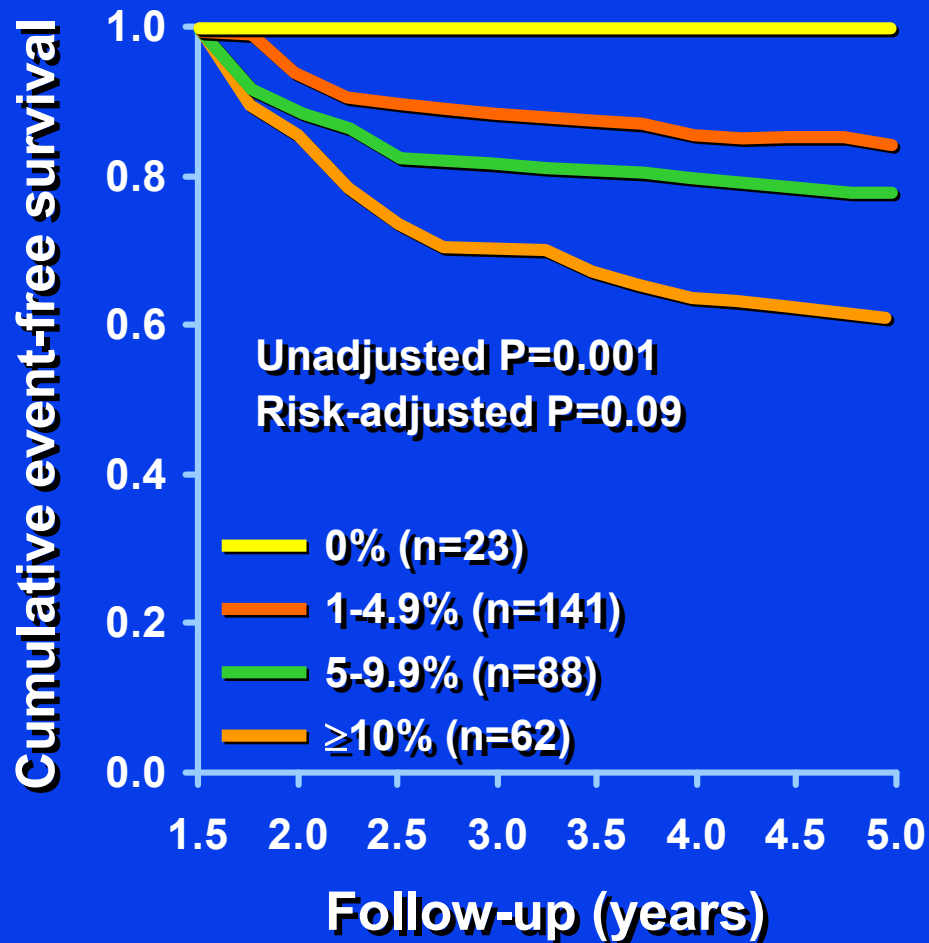


Mean = 0.5% (95% CI = -1.6% to 0.6%)

— Indicate  $\geq 5\%$  reduction in myocardial ischemia

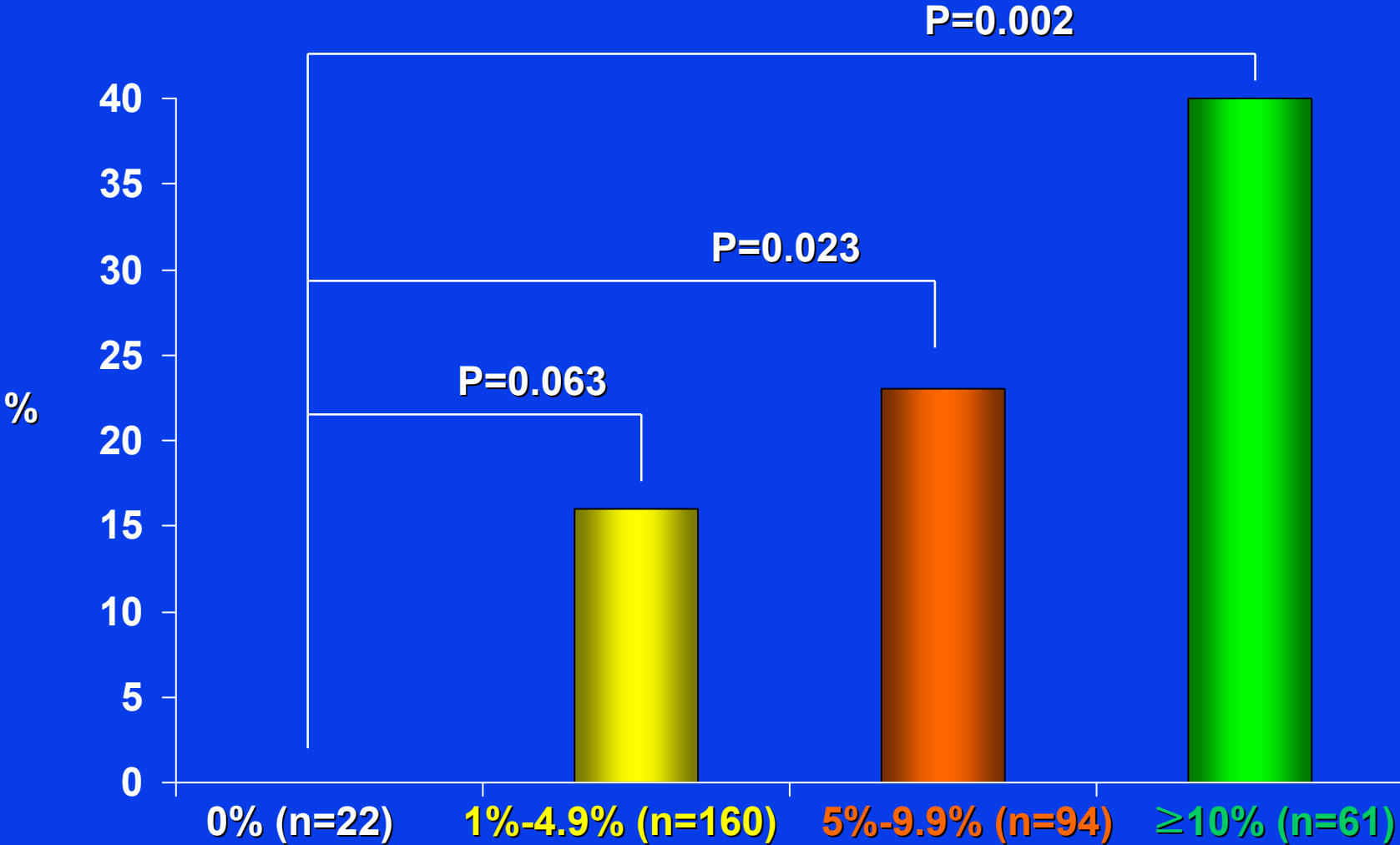
— No significant reduction in ischemia

# Residual Ischemia and Outcome



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# Rates of Death or MI by Residual Ischemia



# **COURAGE**

## **Nuclear Substudy**

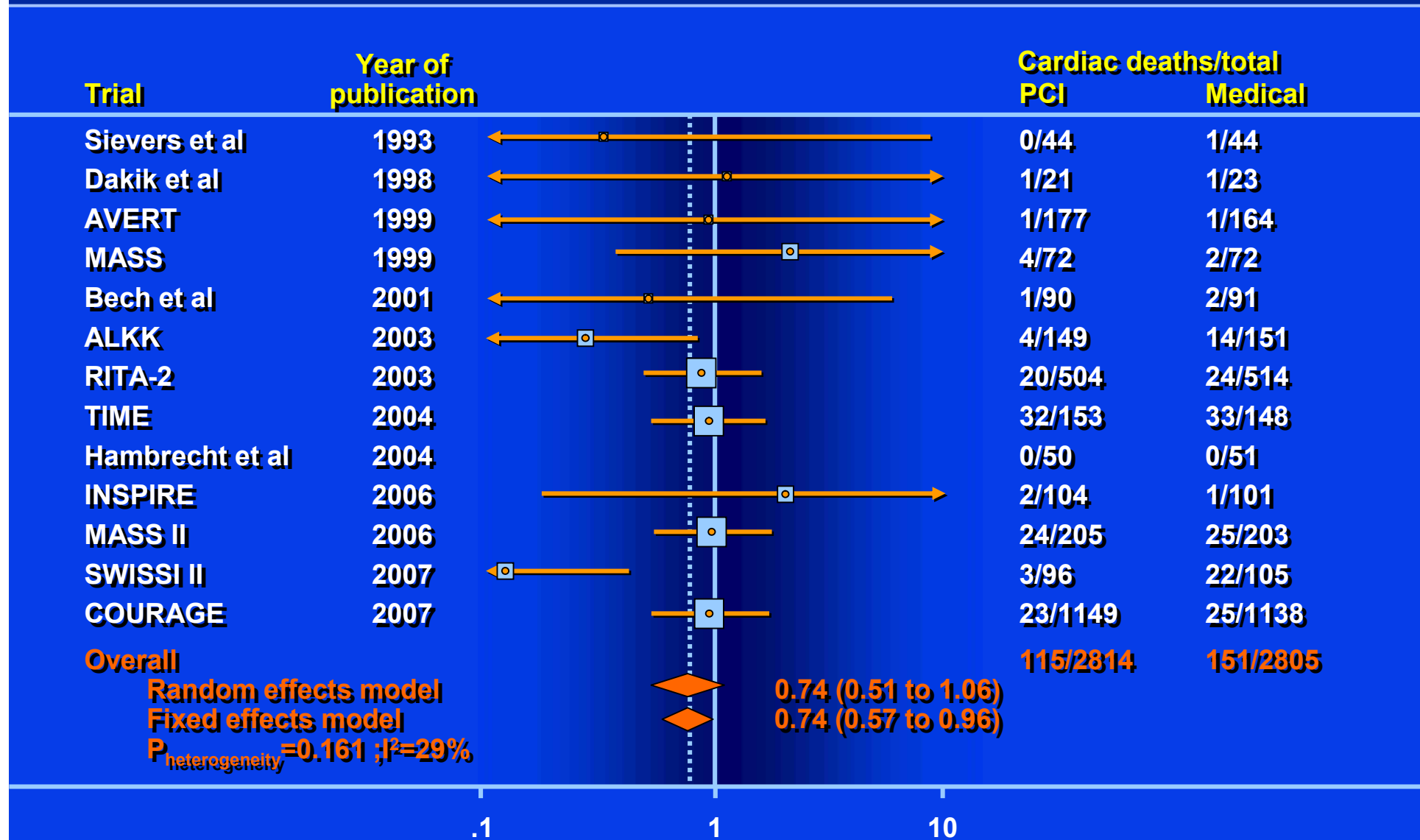
- **Adding PCI to OMT results in greater reduction in ischemia compared with OMT alone**
- **Reduction of ischemia is associated with decreased death/MI**
- **Severity of residual ischemia is associated with outcome**

# Meta Analysis PCI in Stable Angina

- 17 randomized trials
- 7,513 patients with symptoms/signs of ischemia but no ACS
- 3,675 assigned to PCI
- 3,838 assigned to medical therapy
- Primary endpoint: all cause death



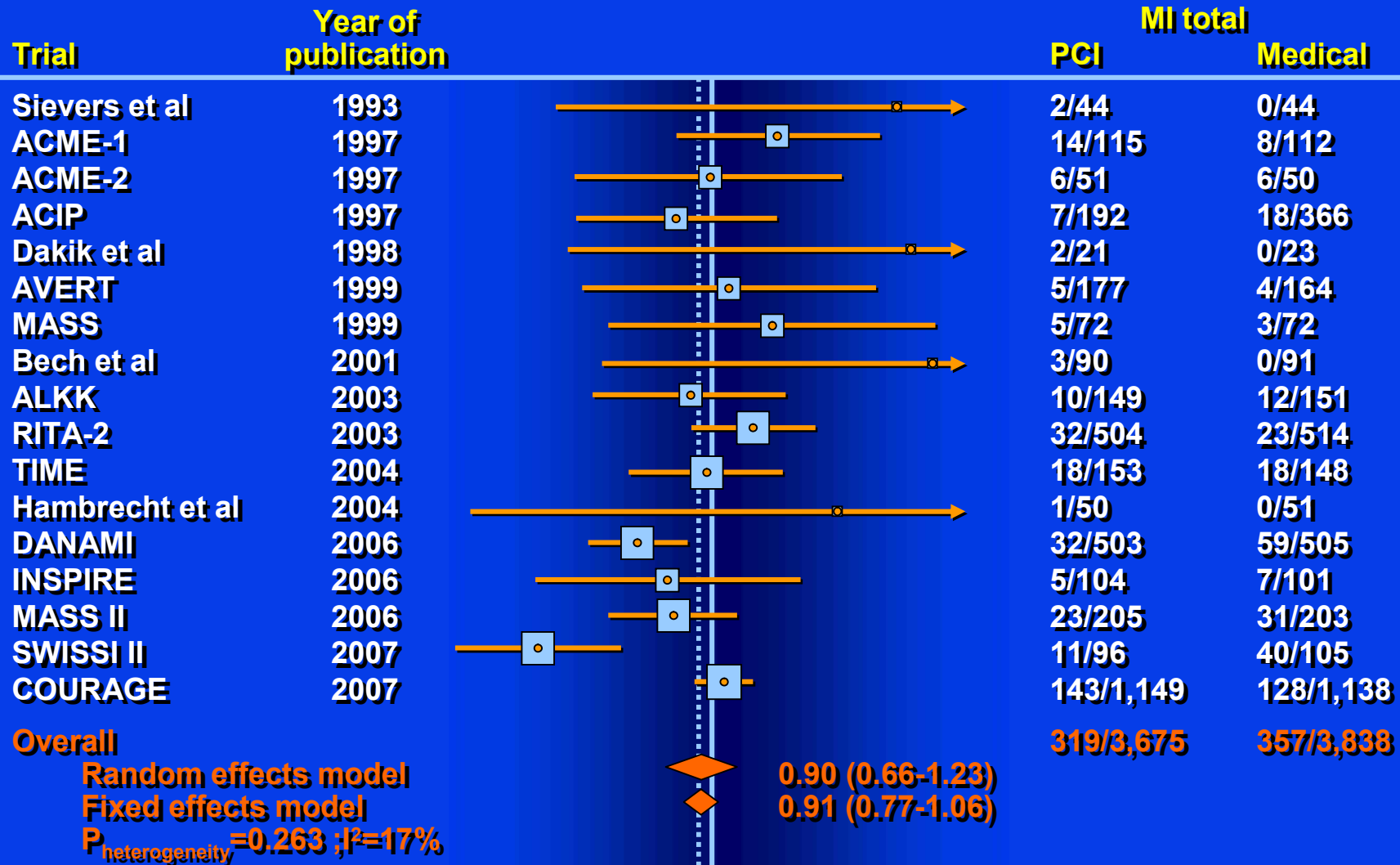
# Odds Ratios for Cardiac Death in Individual Trials Comparing the PCI-Based Strategy with Medical Treatment Strategy



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Odds ratio (95% CI)

# Odds Ratios for Nonfatal Myocardial Infarction in Individual Trials Comparing the PCI-Based Strategy with medical Treatment Strategy

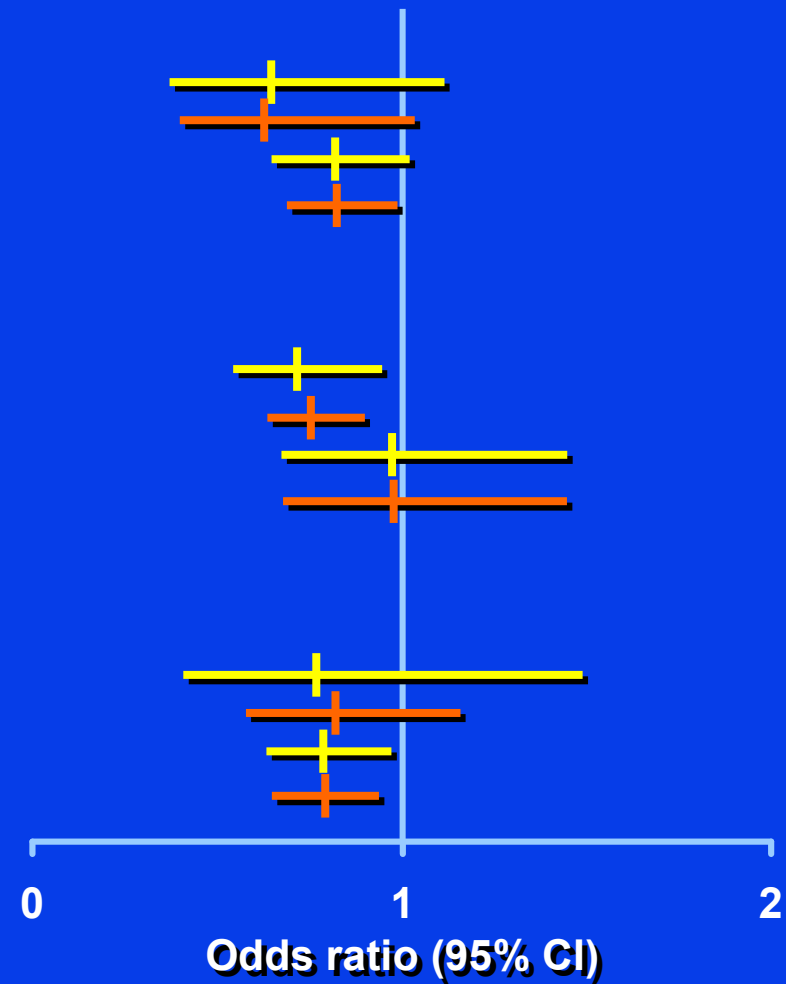


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Odds ratio (95% CI)

# Odds Ratios for Mortality for PCI vs Medical Treatment

	<b>Trials (no.)</b>	<b>Patients (no.)</b>
<b>Recent MI (&lt;4 weeks)</b>		
Yes	4	1,557
No	13	5,956
<b>Angiography required before randomization</b>		
Yes	14	5,999
No	3	1,514
<b>CABG as a treatment option in PCI group</b>		
Yes	4	2,072
No	13	5,441



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# Conclusions

**These findings suggest that a PCI-based invasive strategy may improve long-term survival compared with a medical treatment-only strategy in patients with stable coronary artery disease.**

# PCI and Medical Therapy

## Low Risk Coronary Artery Disease

- Multicenter randomized trial
- Stable low risk CAD:
  - 1 or 2 vessel CAD with stable angina
- Randomization to initial medical therapy alone or PCI plus medical therapy
- Medical therapy “recommended to the patient’s physician”

# Baseline Clinical and Angiographic Characteristics

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Initial MT only group n=192</b>	<b>PCI + MT group n=192</b>	<b>P</b>
Age (yr)	64.2±7.6	64.5±7.2	0.755
Male, no. (%)	144 (75.4)	141 (75.0)	0.930
<b>Clinical</b>			
Initial angina grade, no. (%)			0.396
0	24 (12.9)	21 (11.7)	
1	69 (37.1)	64 (35.8)	
2	74 (39.8)	68 (38.0)	
3	16 (8.6)	19 (10.6)	
4	3 (1.6)	6 (3.3)	
5	0 (0.0)	1 (0.6)	
Diabetes, no. (%)	76 (39.8)	76 (40.4)	0.900
MI, no. (%)	28 (15.1)	25 (14.0)	0.768
Previous PCI, no. (%)	54 (29.0)	44 (24.6)	0.337
CABG, no. (%)	3 (1.6)	5 (2.8)	0.441
Cerebrovasc disease, no. (%)	10 (5.4)	13 (7.3)	0.459

# Baseline Clinical and Angiographic Characteristics

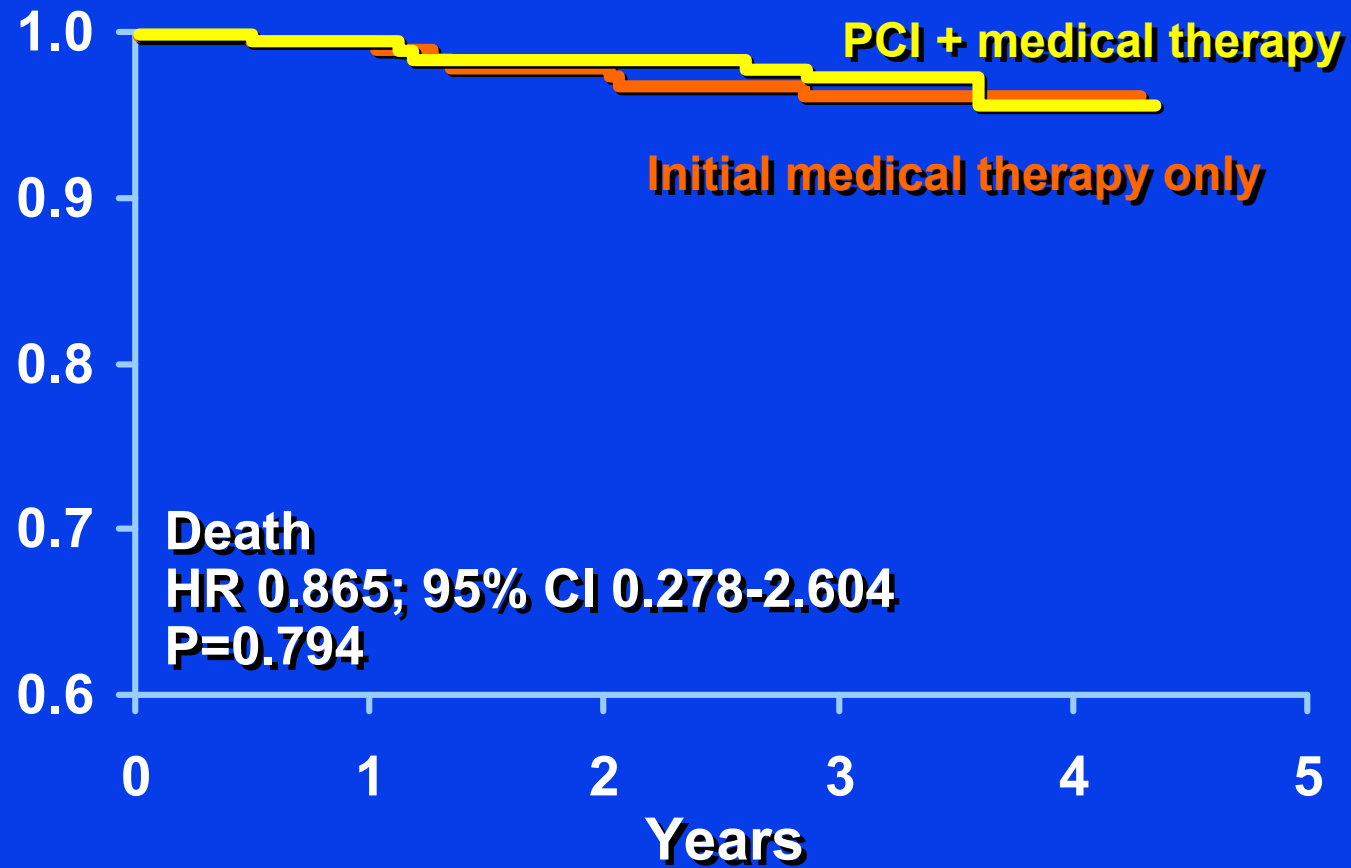
<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Initial MT only group n=192</b>	<b>PCI + MT group n=192</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Stress test, no. (%)</b>			
<b>Total patients</b>	<b>149 (80.1)</b>	<b>146 (81.6)</b>	<b>0.724</b>
<b>Treadmill test</b>	<b>76 (40.9)</b>	<b>68 (38.0)</b>	<b>0.575</b>
<b>Duration of treadmill test, min, no. (%)</b>	<b>7.0±3.5</b>	<b>6.4±2.7</b>	<b>0.255</b>
<b>Nuclear medicine</b>	<b>55 (29.6)</b>	<b>63 (35.2)</b>	<b>0.251</b>
<b>Echocardiography</b>	<b>13 (7.0)</b>	<b>13 (7.3)</b>	<b>0.919</b>
<b>Angiographic</b>			
<b>Vessels with disease, no. (%)</b>			<b>0.998</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>129 (67.5)</b>	<b>127 (67.6)</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>62 (32.5)</b>	<b>61 (32.5)</b>	
<b>Ejection fraction</b>	<b>65.8±9.6</b>	<b>64.0±9.7</b>	<b>0.171</b>
<b>Cardiac index</b>	<b>3.1±0.8</b>	<b>3.1±0.8</b>	<b>0.742</b>

# Stable Coronary Artery Disease

- **Mortality:**
  - 271 deaths in PCI
  - 335 with medical therapy
  - 20% reduction (95% CI 0.64, 0.99)
- **Non fatal infarction:**
  - 319 in PCI group
  - 357 with medical therapy
  - 10% reduction (95% CI 0.66, 1.33)



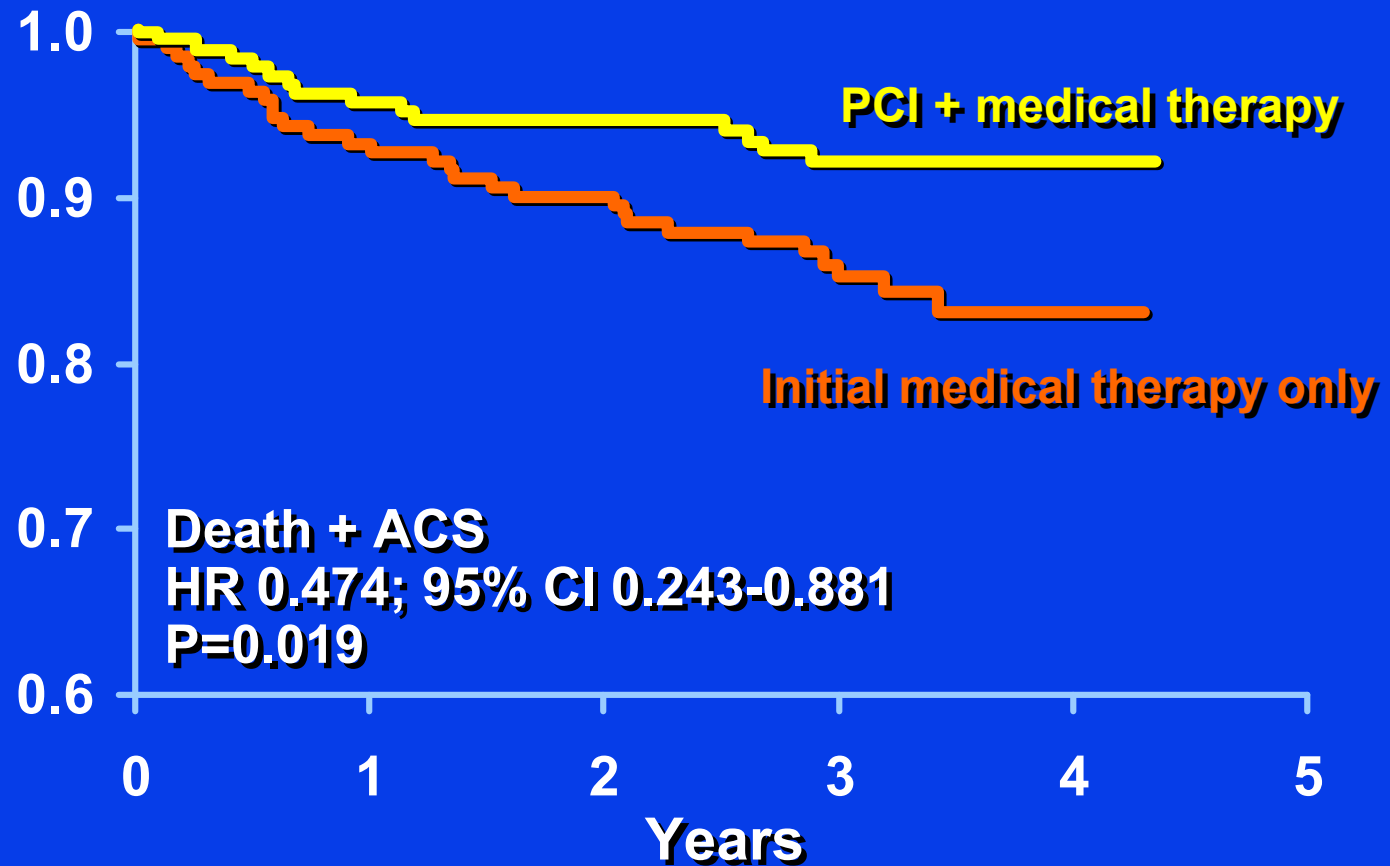
# Death



Initial medical	188	188	180	133	19
PCI + medical	186	186	178	131	17

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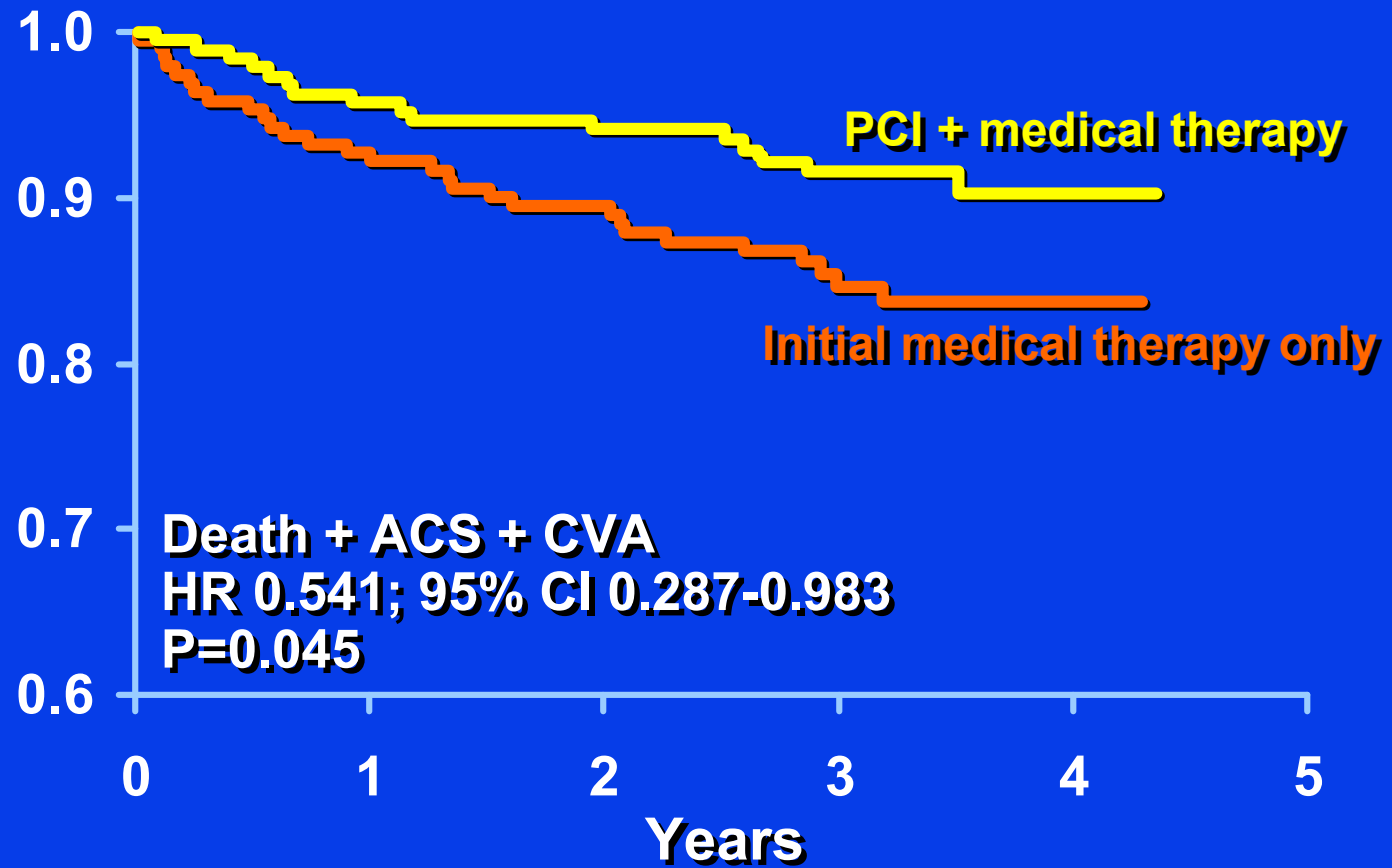
# Death and ACS



Initial medical		184	178	167	116	18
PCI + medical		183	179	171	124	16

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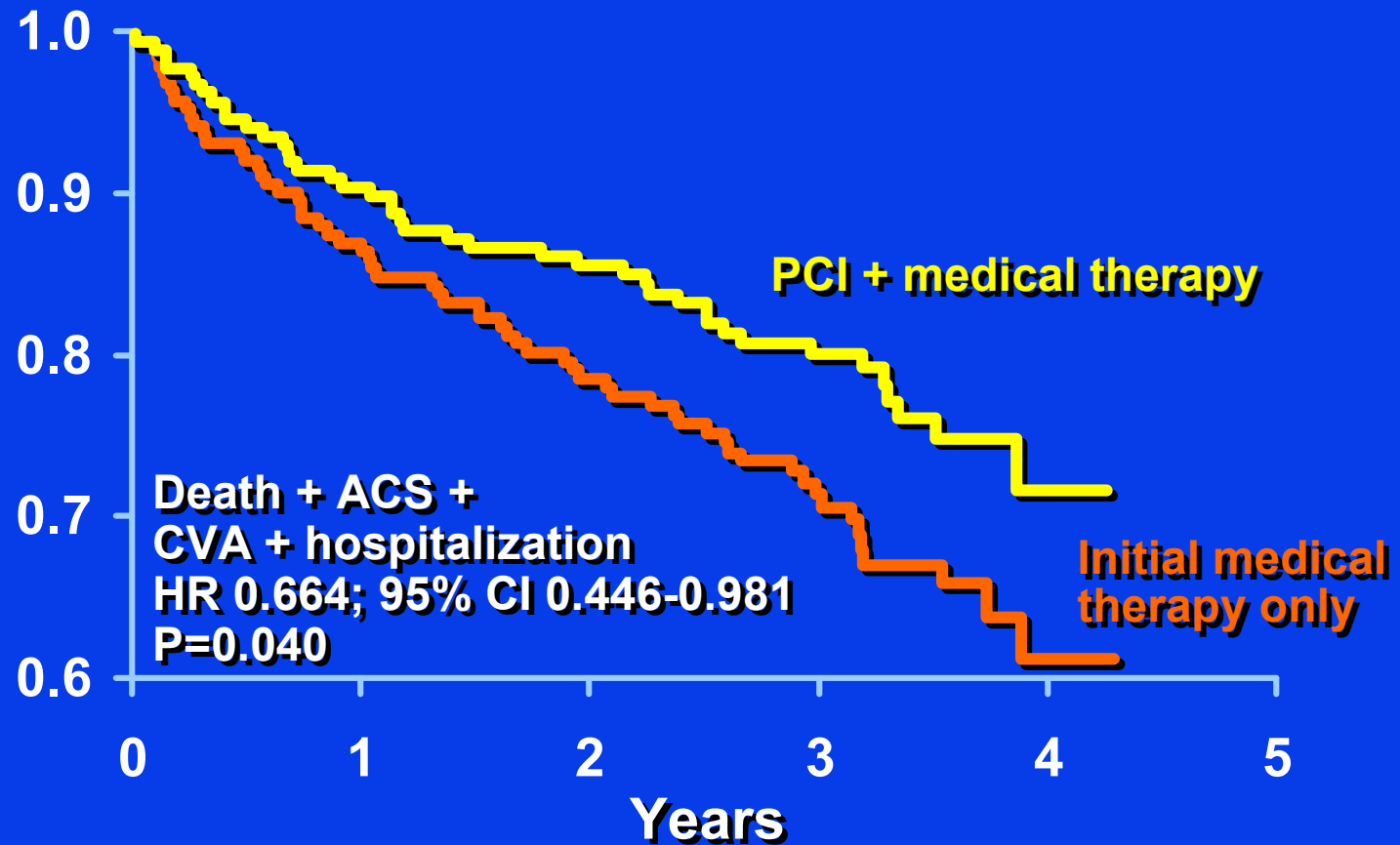
# Death, ACS, CVA



Initial medical	182	177	166	115	18
PCI + medical	183	179	170	123	15

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# Death, ACS, CVA, Hospitalization



Initial medical	176	166	146	97	14
PCI + medical	176	169	154	106	9

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# **PCI and Medical Therapy Conclusions**

**In stable low risk CAD, PCI and medical therapy may improve long-term prognosis more effectively than medical therapy alone**

# The Bottom Line

- **PCI is very good for the treatment of ischemia and for improving functional class and reducing angina**
- **In patients with significant ischemia, PCI improves the hard endpoints of cardiac death, nonfatal MI and need for symptom driven revascularization**

**It has long been  
recognized that the  
problems with alcohol  
relate not to the use of a  
bad thing but to the  
abuse of a good thing**

**Abraham Lincoln  
1861**



# Who to Stent

- **Significant stenosis**
- **Significant ischemia**
- **Informed consent**
- **Amenable to PCI**



# **ACC PCI Guidelines**

## **Asymptomatic Ischemia on CCS I/II AP**

- **PCI is reasonable for recurrent stenosis after PCI with large area of viable myocardium or high risk criteria on non-invasive testing (IIA, level of evidence C)**

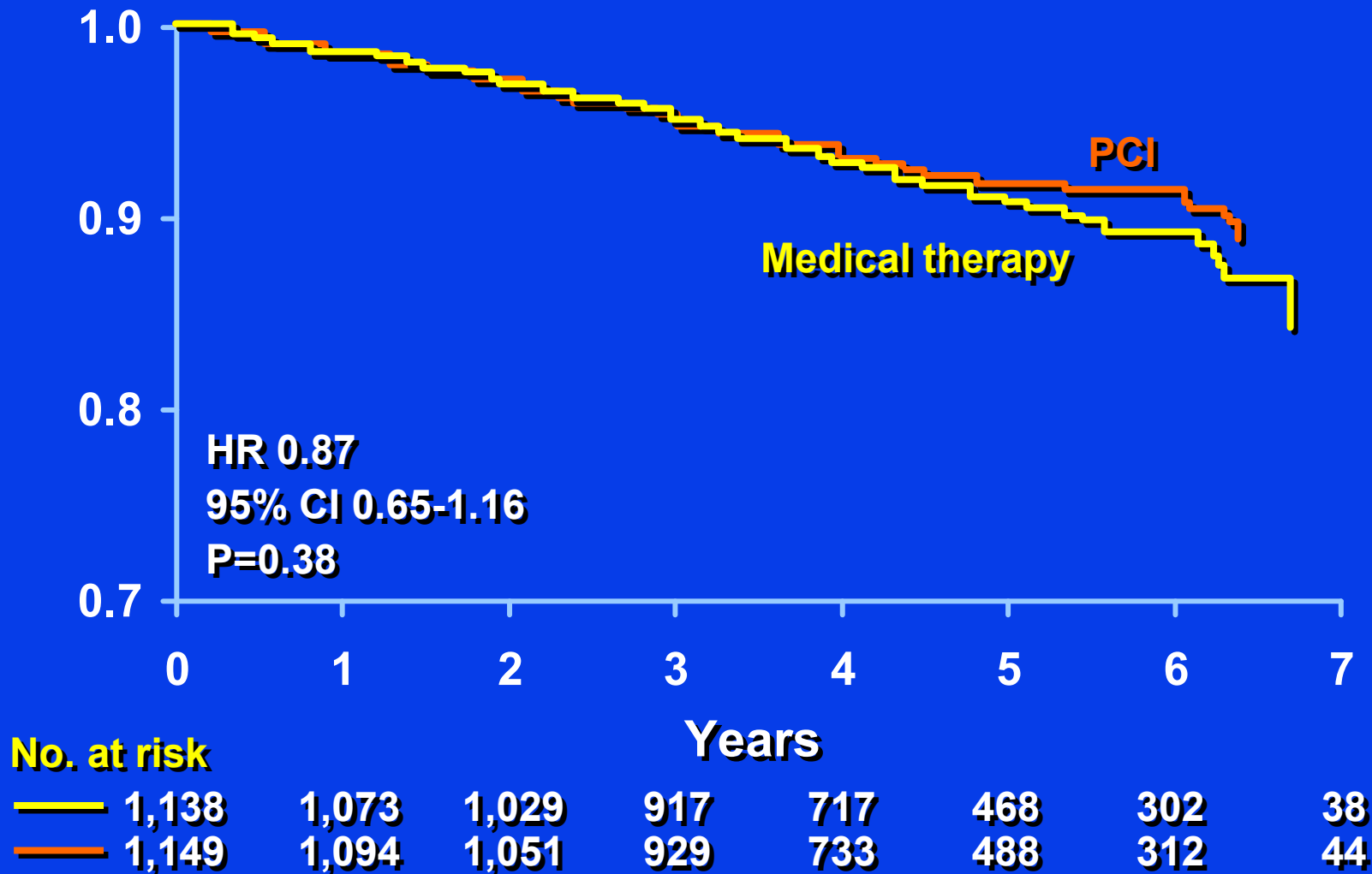
# Who to Not Stent

- **Patients who do not need revascularization**
- **People who do not need revascularization**
- **Lesions which cannot be treated**
- **Lesions which should not be treated**
- **Patients in whom another approach is better**

# Courage Trial Substudy

	PCI + OMT	OMT	P
Moderate-severe pre treatment Ischemia → Improved	78%	52%	.007

# Overall Survival



# **ACC PCI Guidelines**

## **Asymptomatic Ischemia on CCS I/II AP**

- Reasonable in patients with  $>50\%$  stenosis of LMCA, who are candidates for revascularization but are not eligible for CABG (IIA, level of evidence B)

# **BARI 2D Primary and Principal Secondary Endpoints**

- **All-cause mortality**  
Major cardiovascular events
- **Composite of death/MI/stroke**
- **Average follow-up 5.3 years**

# **Revascularization Decision BARI 2D**

**Cardiologist a priori selected  
revascularization method based  
on clinical and angiographic factors**

**Percutaneous coronary intervention**

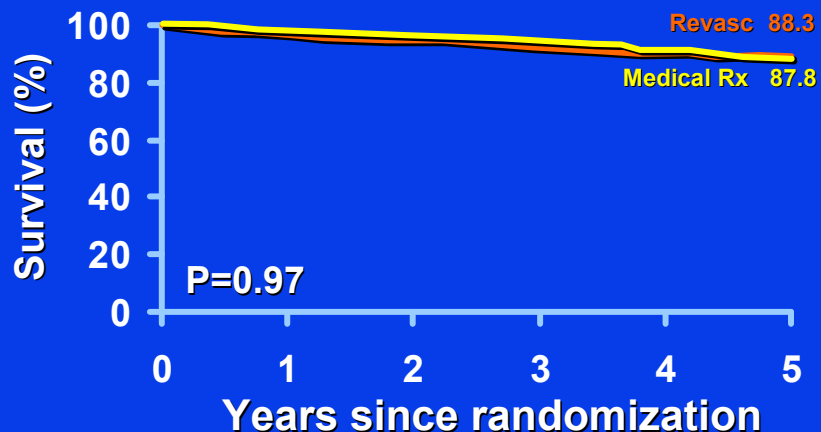
**or**

**Coronary artery bypass graft surgery**

# The BARI 2D Study Group

## Rates of Survival and Freedom from Major CV Events

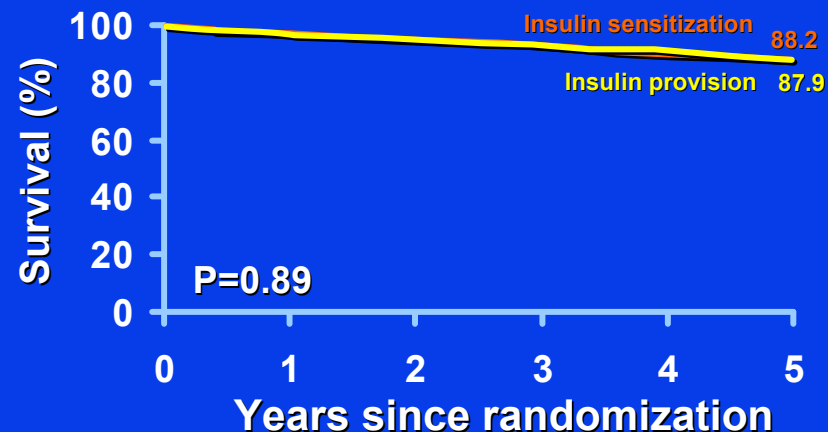
### Survival, Revascularization vs Medical Therapy



No. at risk

Years since randomization	0	1	2	3	4	5
Revasc	2,368	2,296	2,247	2,197	1,892	1,196
Medical Rx	2,368	2,296	2,247	2,197	1,892	1,196

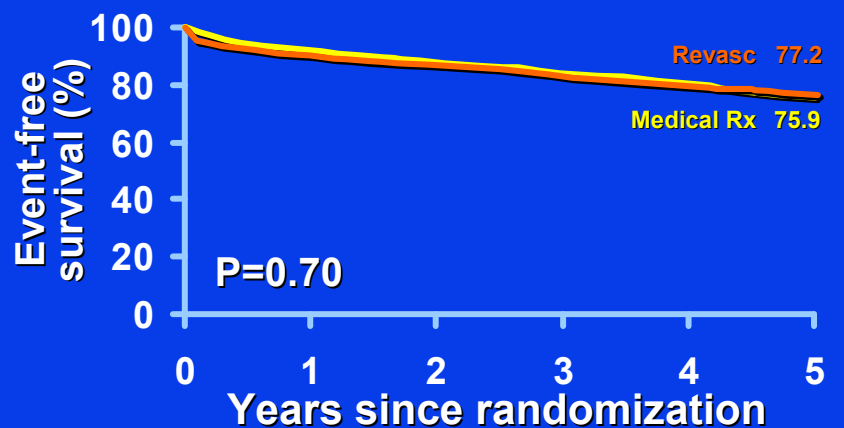
### Survival, Insulin Sensitization vs Insulin Provision



No. at risk

Years since randomization	0	1	2	3	4	5
Insulin sensitization	2,368	2,296	2,247	2,197	1,892	1,196
Insulin provision	2,368	2,296	2,247	2,197	1,892	1,196

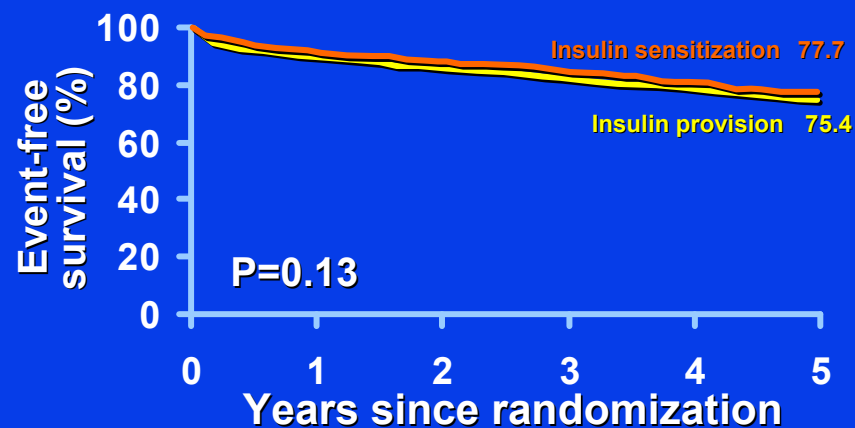
### Freedom from Major CV Events, Revascularization vs Medical Therapy



No. at risk

Years since randomization	0	1	2	3	4	5
Revasc	2,368	2,094	1,984	1,807	1,459	823
Medical Rx	2,368	2,094	1,984	1,807	1,459	823

### Freedom from Major CV Events, Insulin Sensitization vs Insulin Provision



No. at risk

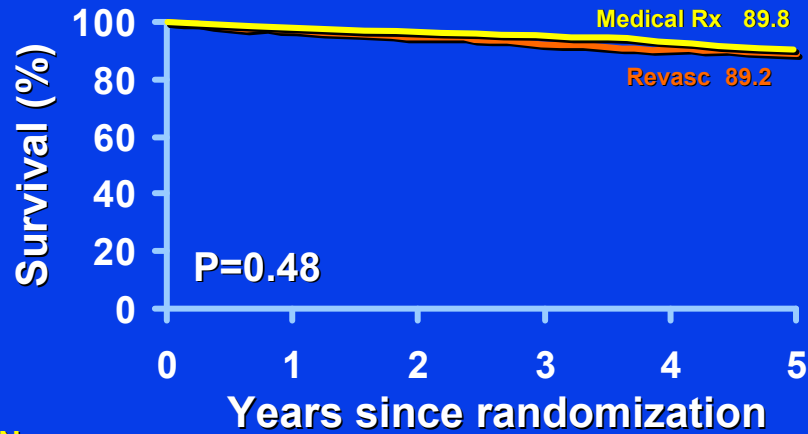
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# The BARI 2D Study Group

## Rates of Survival and Freedom from Major CV Events According to PCI and CABG Strata

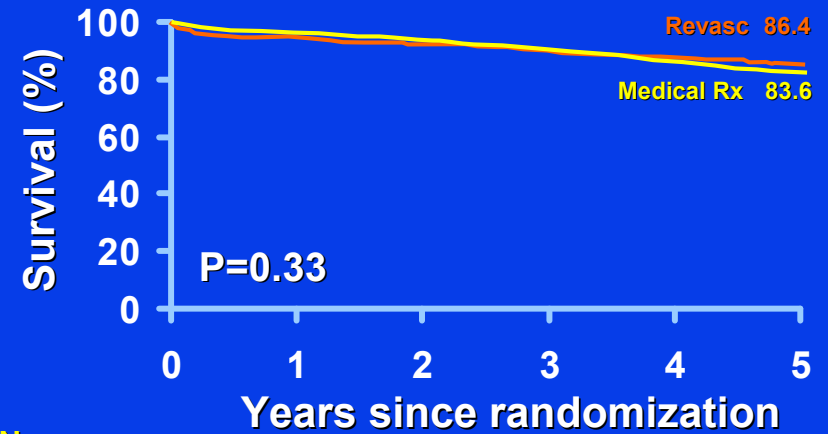
### Survival in PCI Stratum



No. at risk

Years since randomization	0	1	2	3	4	5
Medical Rx	1,605	1,562	1,529	1,505	1,306	863
Revasc	1,605	1,562	1,529	1,505	1,306	863

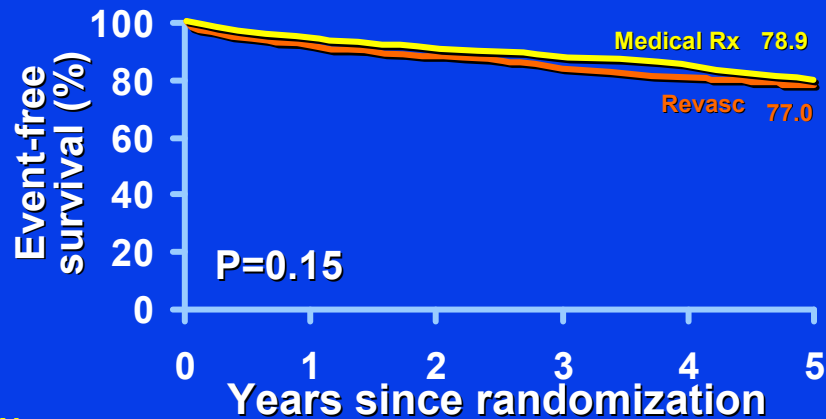
### Survival in CABG Stratum



No. at risk

Years since randomization	0	1	2	3	4	5
Revasc	763	734	718	692	586	333
Medical Rx	763	734	718	692	586	333

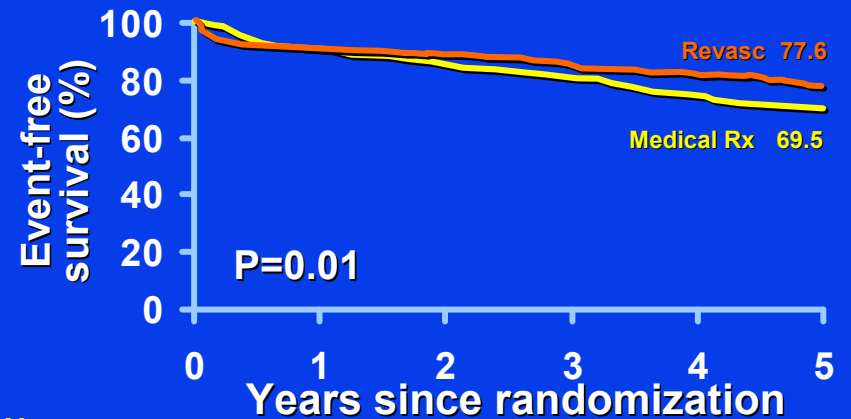
### Freedom from Major CV Events in PCI Stratum



No. at risk

Years since randomization	0	1	2	3	4	5
Medical Rx	1,605	1,426	1,350	1,239	1,012	593
Revasc	1,605	1,426	1,350	1,239	1,012	593

### Freedom from Major CV Events in CABG Stratum



No. at risk

Years since randomization	0	1	2	3	4	5
Revasc	763	668	634	568	421	230
Medical Rx	763	668	634	568	421	230

**There are no facts, only interpretations.**

**-Friedrich Nietzsche**