



**ADVANCES IN CARDIAC
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and
GREAT INNOVATIONS
IN CARDIOLOGY**

Every wall is a door

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**Late Consequences of Acute Coronary Syndromes:
a critical appraisal**

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76-YEAR-OLD FEMALE, CURRENT SMOKER.

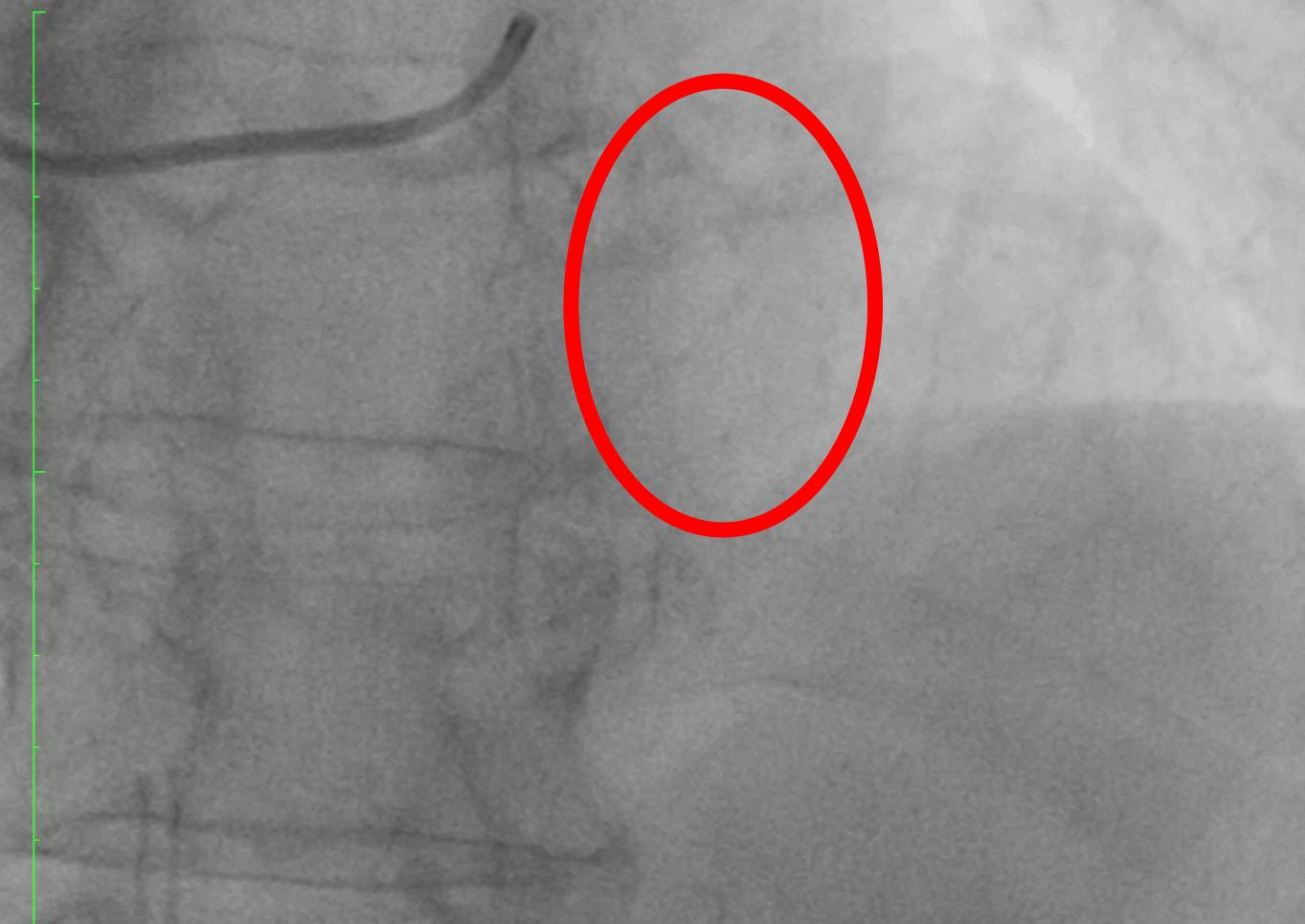
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PCI / DES IMPLANTATION

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FINAL RESULT

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EDITION

GUIDELINES
FOR
DUMMIES

*ASA&CLOPIDOGREL X 12 m
ACE-I, BBL, STATINS*



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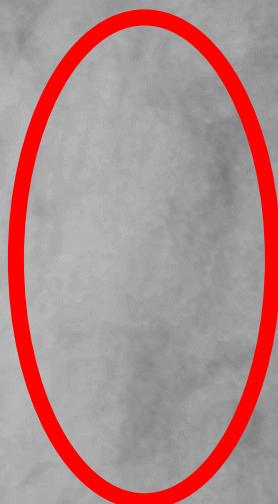
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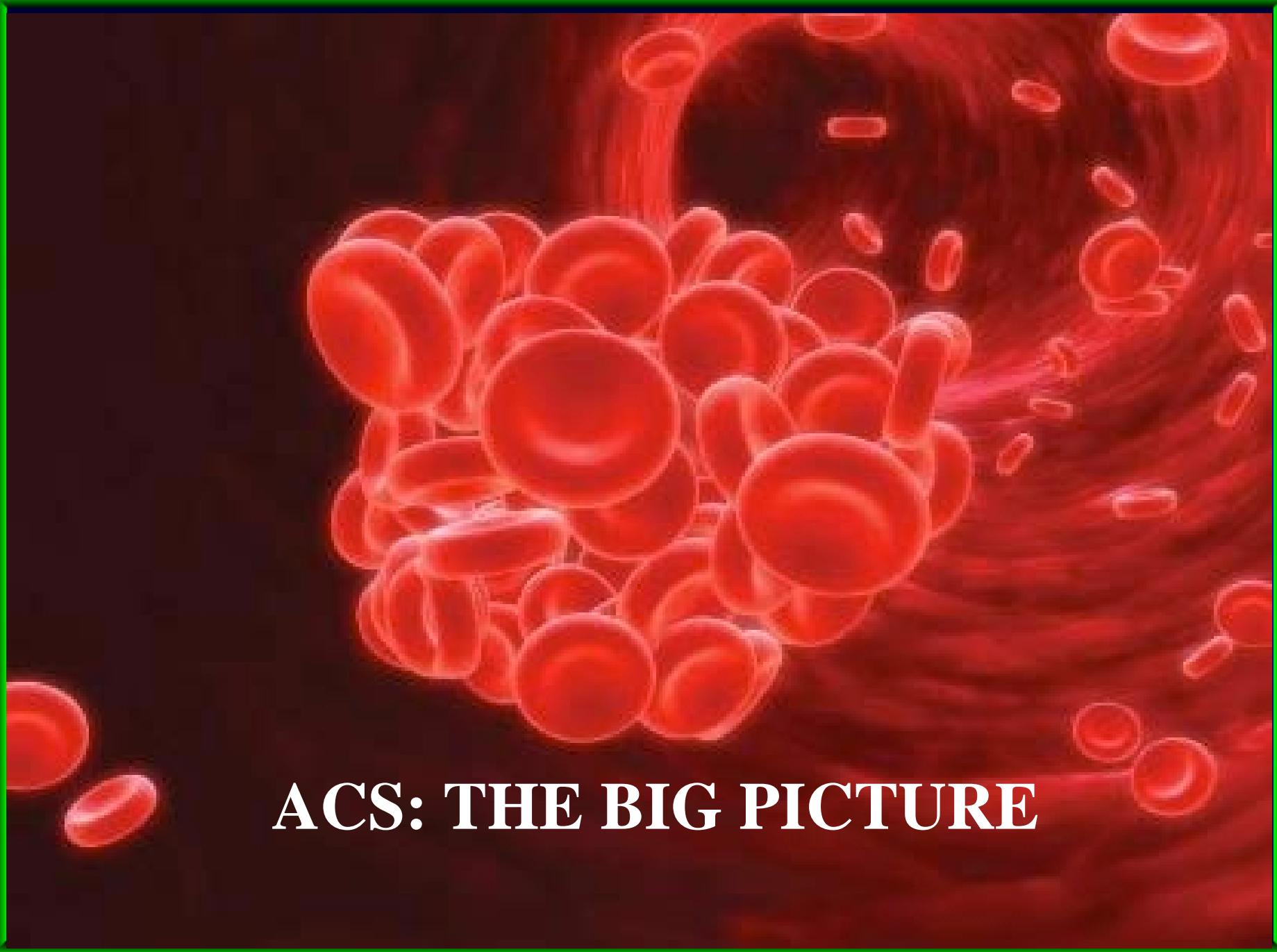
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ACS: THE BIG PICTURE

INCIDENCE OF AMI - POPULATION TRENDS

KAISER PERMANENTE NORTH CALIFORNIA - 46,086 MI

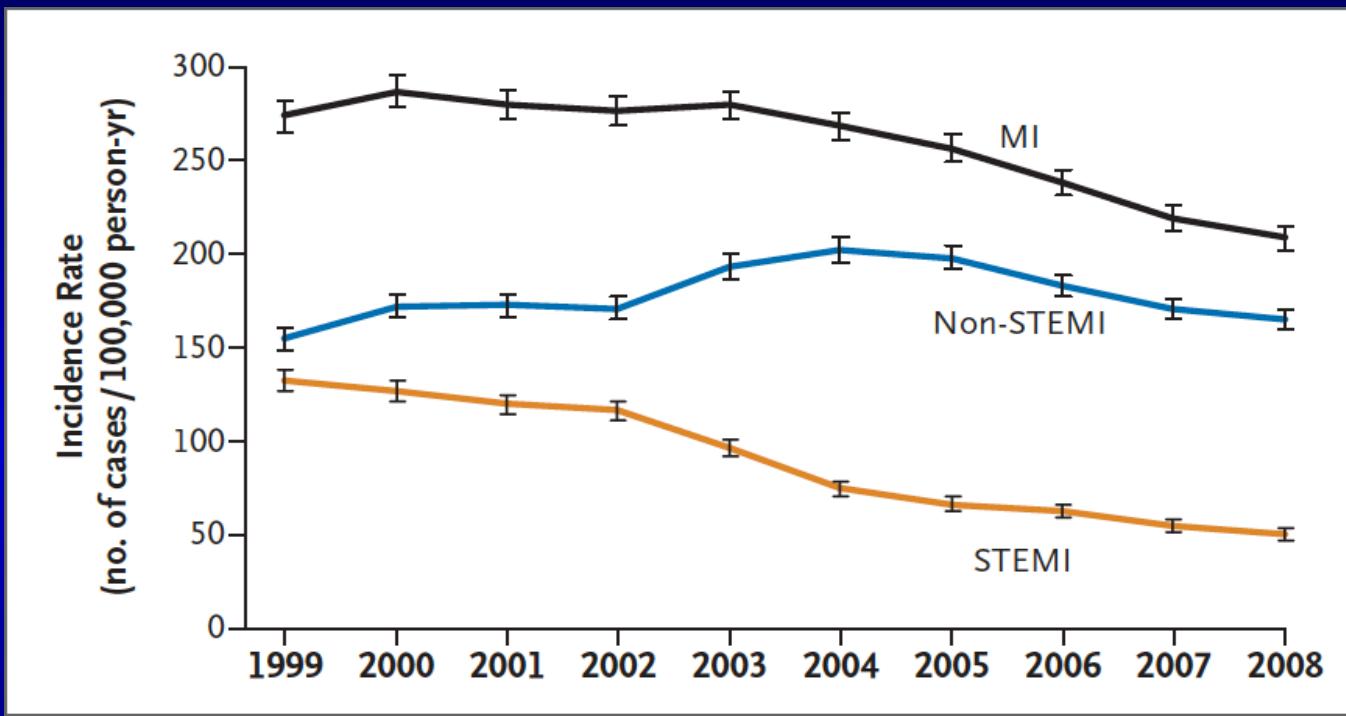


Figure 1. Age- and Sex-Adjusted Incidence Rates of Acute Myocardial Infarction, 1999 to 2008.

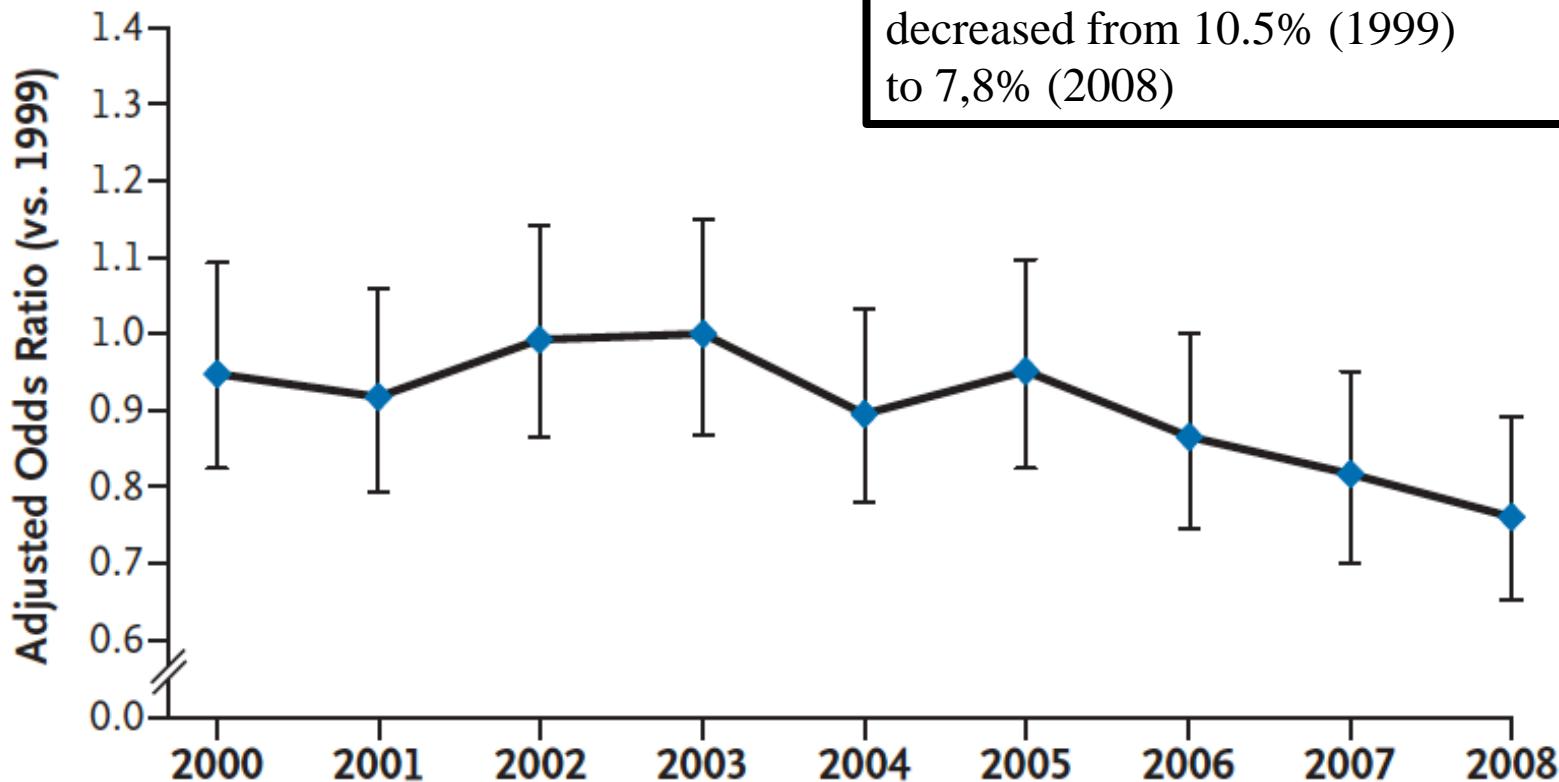
I bars represent 95% confidence intervals. MI denotes myocardial infarction, and STEMI ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction.

MI – MORTALITY

KAISER PERMANENTE NORTH CALIFORNIA - 46,086 MI

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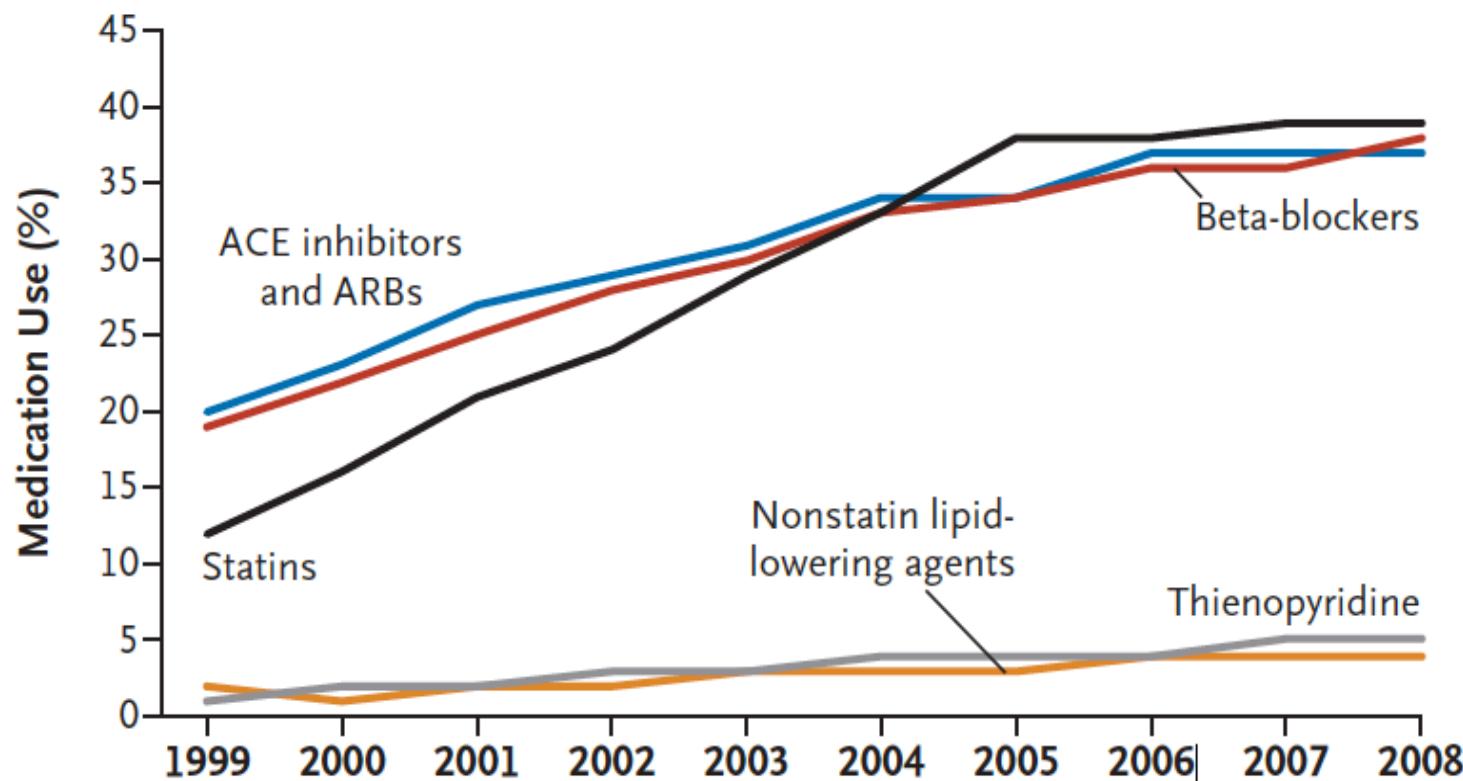
Adjusted 30-day mortality after MI decreased from 10.5% (1999) to 7.8% (2008)



MEDICATION USE (%) BEFORE MI

KAISER PERMANENTE NORTH CALIFORNIA - 46,086 MI

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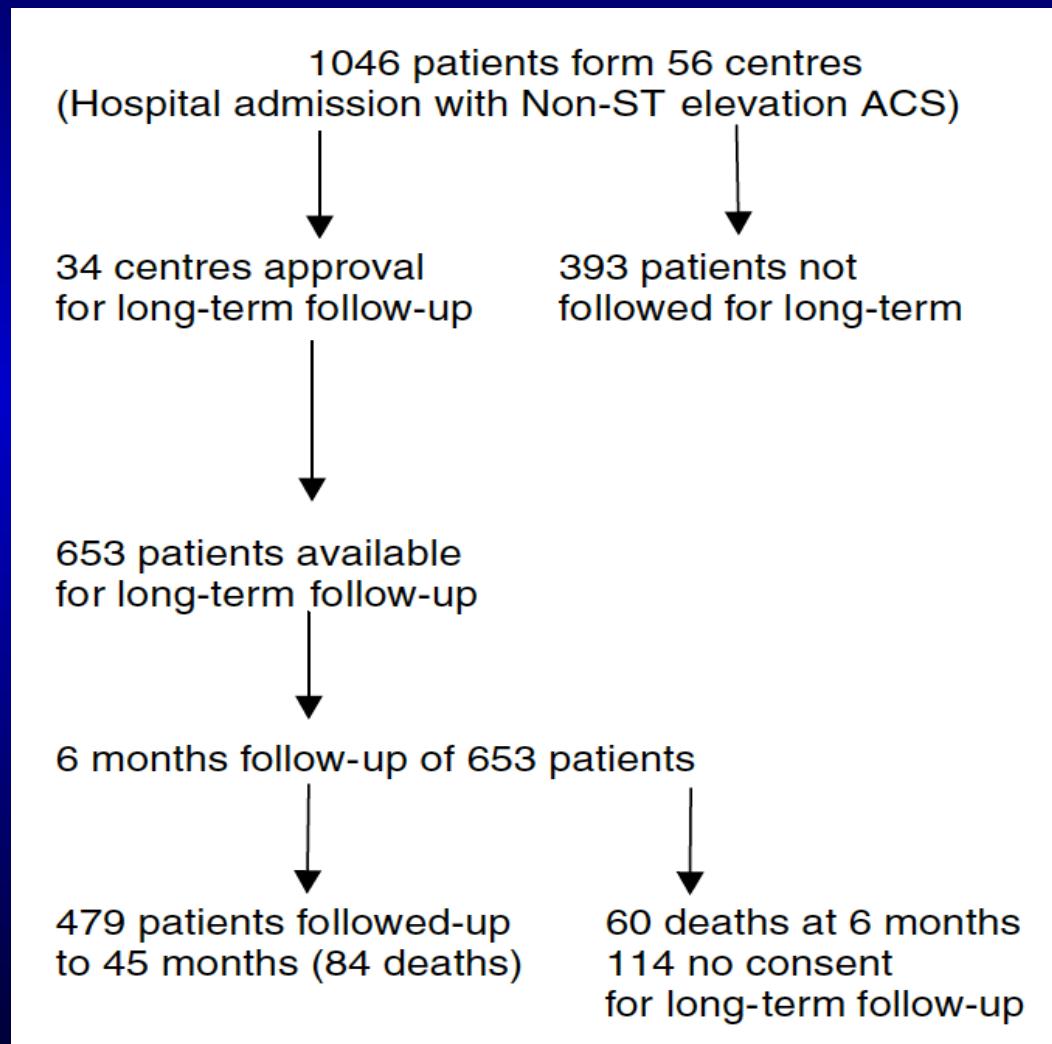


WHAT ABOUT LONG TERM EVENT FREE SURVIVAL ?



PRAIS-UK (2004)

PROSPECTIVE REGISTRY OF ACUTE ISCHAEMIC SYNDROME IN THE U.K.



A.K. Taneja et al.
Eur H J 2004

PRAIS-UK

BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS OF PATIENTS

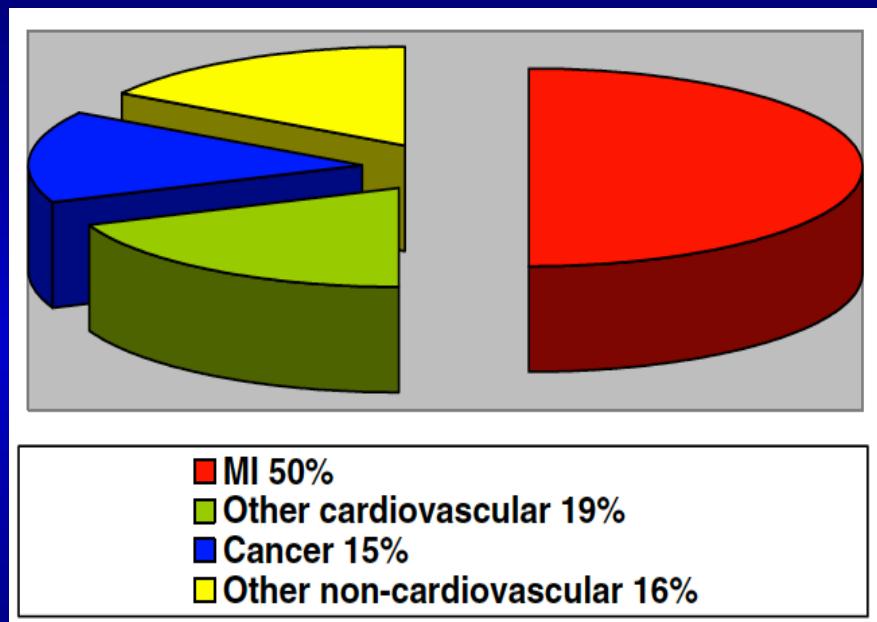
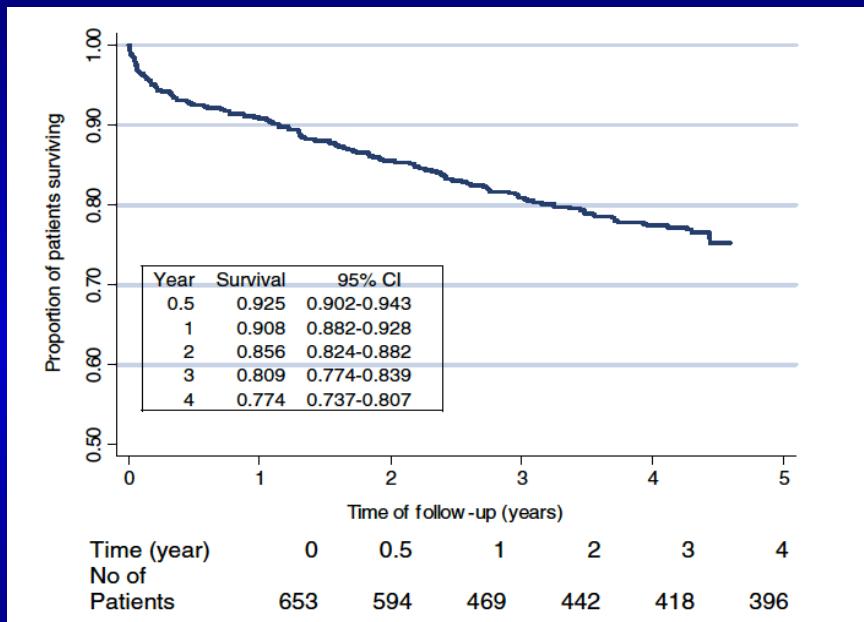
Variables	Mean (SD) or No (%)	
	Overall PRAIS (N = 1046)	Long-term PRAIS (N = 653)
Age(years)	65.8 (11.9)	66 (12)
Age <60	343 (32.8%)	206 (31.6%)
Age 60-70	283 (27.1%)	183 (28.0%)
Age >70	420 (40.1%)	264 (40.4%)
ECG		
1. Normal	166 (15.9%)	109 (16.7%)
2. ST dep/BBB	304 (29.1%)	182 (27.9%)
3. Other changes*	576 (55.06%)	362 (55.4%)
Systolic BP (mm Hg)	146.5 (28.7)	147.4 (29.2)
Diastolic BP (mm of Hg)	81.5 (16.2)	82.1 (16.1)
Heart rate (beats/min)	77.5 (19.11)	77.2 (18.8)
Gender (%male)	635 (60.7%)	395 (60.5%)
Diabetes	170 (16.3%)	101 (15.5%)
Treated hypertension at baseline	388 (37.1%)	247 (37.8%)
Prior stroke	81 (7.7%)	47 (7.2%)
Heart failure at baseline	139 (13.3%)	85 (13.0%)
Smokers at baseline	239 (22.9%)	147 (22.5%)
Prior angina	778 (74.4%)	505 (77.3%)
Prior MI	504 (48.2%)	316 (48.4%)
Prior PTCA/stent	140 (13.4%)	96 (14.7%)
Prior CABG	142 (13.6%)	79 (12.1%)

ECG = Electrocardiogram, ST dep = ST depression, BBB = Bundle branch block, MI = Myocardial infarction, PTCA = percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty, CABG = coronary artery bypass grafting.

* Other changes includes T-wave inversion, Q-waves, and other ST- and T-wave changes.

PRAIS-UK

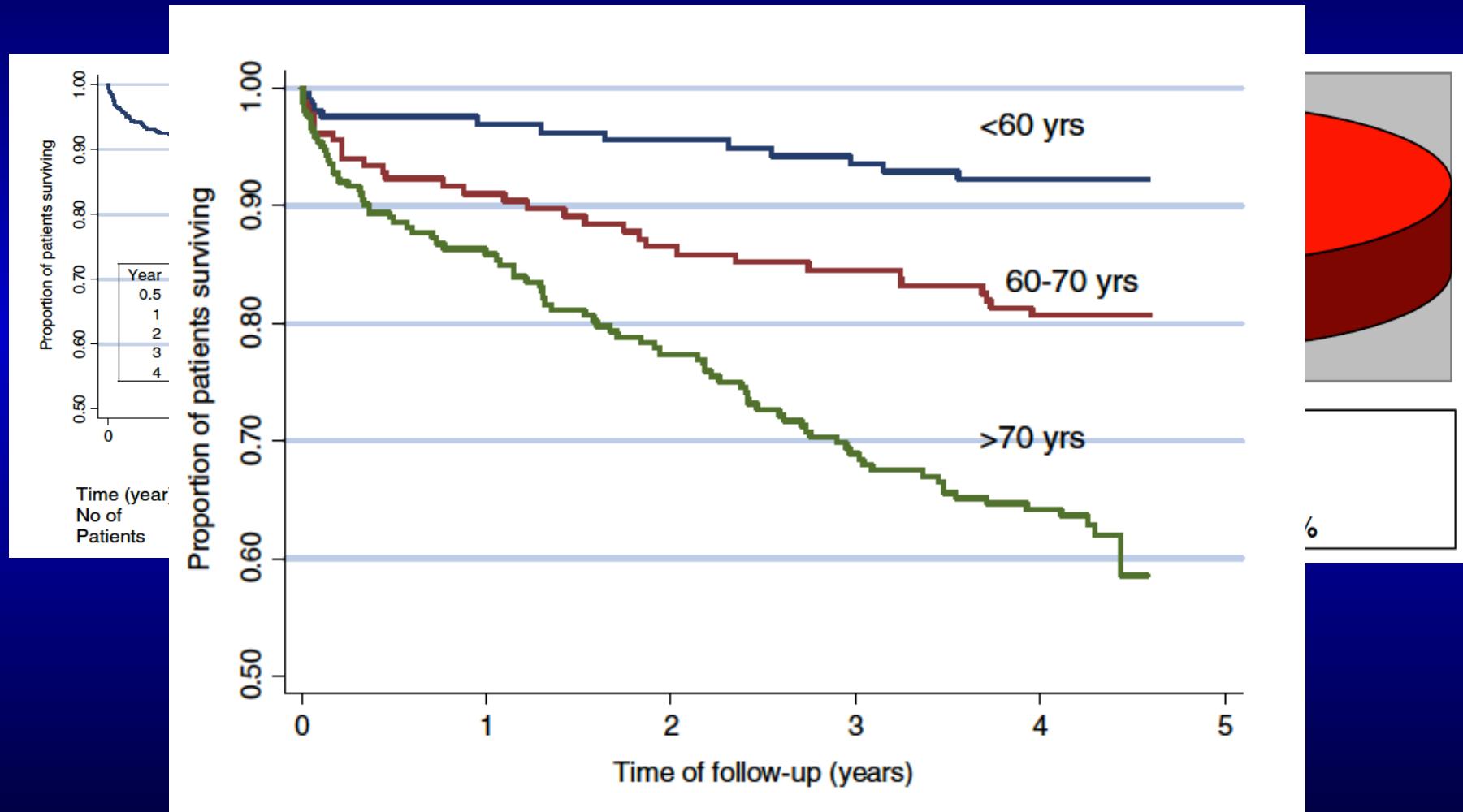
PROSPECTIVE REGISTRY OF ACUTE ISCHAEMIC SYNDROME IN THE U.K.



In the first 6 months there were 48 deaths (7,3%).
There were further 84 deaths at final follow_up.
The survival rate at 1 yr was 90.8% and 77.8% at 45 months.

PRAIS-UK

PROSPECTIVE REGISTRY OF ACUTE ISCHAEMIC SYNDROME IN THE U.K.



PRAIS-UK

EFFECT OF BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS ON MORTALITY – COX REGR. ANALYSIS

Table 2 Hazard ratios and 95% confidence interval for the effects of baseline characteristics on mortality in long-term PRAIS follow-up study (653 patients): Cox regression analysis

Variables	Hazard ratio	95% CI		P
Age				
<60 years	1.00			
60–70 years	2.29	1.18	4.44	0.014
>70 years	4.88	2.62	9.06	<0.001
ECG changes				
Normal	1.00			
ST dep or BBB	3.44	1.62	7.29	<0.001
Other changes*	1.94	0.92	4.07	0.081
Male	1.78	1.22	2.59	0.003
Smoker	1.18	0.74	1.87	0.480
Diabetes	1.43	0.77	2.62	0.26
SBP (10 mmHg)	0.94	0.88	1.00	0.048
Hear Rate (5bpm)	1.06	1.01	1.10	0.008
Prior heart failure	2.41	1.60	3.63	<0.001
Prior MI	1.41	0.95	2.08	0.088
Prior angina	0.83	0.52	1.33	0.444
Prior PCI/Stent or CABG	0.69	0.43	1.11	0.123
Prior stroke	2.39	1.44	3.97	<0.001

The CRUSADE LONG TERM MORTALITY AFTER NSTEMI (2011)

Roe MT et al, Am Heart J 2011

- 43,239 pts (> 65 yrs) from CRUSADE Registry LINKED to Medicare/Medicaid
- Median F_up 619 days
- 2003 – 2006
- COVARIATES: demographics, history, risk factor, clinical presentation, laboratory values (creatinine, troponine, hematocrit)
- Missing data < 2%

The CRUSADE LONG TERM

IN-HOSPITAL TREATMENTS AND PROCEDURES

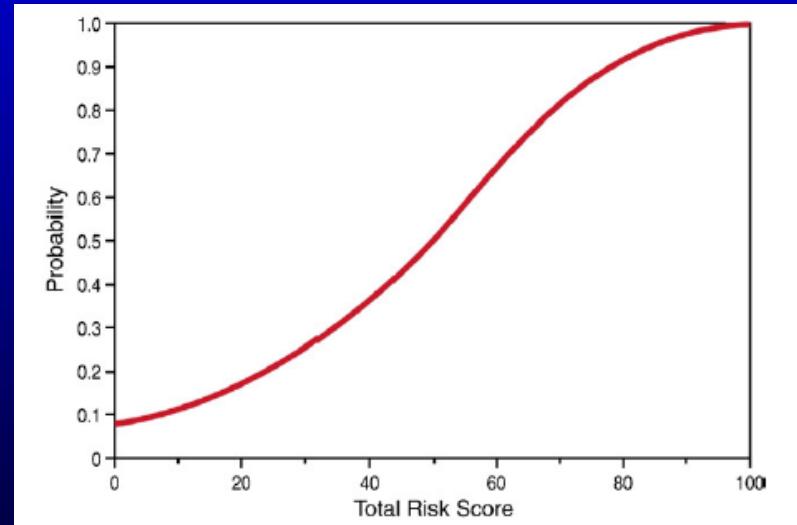
	Overall CRUSADE NSTEMI cohort (n = 67423)	Derivation cohort (n = 34640)	Validation cohort (n = 8599)
Acute medications (≤ 24 h) (%)			
Aspirin	95.0	95.1	95.1
Clopidogrel	51.6	52.0	51.7
Heparin (LMWH or UFH)	86.2	87.6	88.1
GP IIb/IIIa inhibitor	37.8	40.0	40.5
β -Blocker	89.3	89.6	90.0
Invasive procedures (%)			
Cardiac catheterization	58.2	60.3	59.9
PCI	33.5	35.0	34.0
CABG	9.5	9.6	9.7
Discharge medications (%) [†]			
Aspirin	93.5	94.0	94.0
Clopidogrel	68.1	68.8	69.3
β -Blocker	91.5	92.1	92.0
ACE inhibitor or ARB [‡]	67.6	67.8	68.4
Lipid-lowering agent [§]	86.3	86.3	86.4

CRUSADE LONG TERM MORTALITY

RISK SCORE AND NOMOGRAM

Variable	Class	Score
Age (y)	≤ 70	0
	71-75	5
	76-80	10
	81-85	14
	≥ 86	19
Initial serum creatinine (mg/dL)*	≤ 1.0	0
	1.0-1.99	5
	2.0-2.99	11
	≥ 3	16
Initial systolic blood pressure (mm Hg)	≤ 90	2
	91-100	1
	>100	0
	No	0
Signs of heart failure on presentation	Yes	10
	No	0
Initial heart rate (beats/min)	<90	0
	90-99	2
	100-109	3
	≥ 110	5
Weight (kg)	≤ 60	10
	61-80	5
	≥ 81	0
Prior heart failure	No	0
	Yes	8
Initial hematocrit (%)	<30	5
	30-39.9	3
	≥ 40	0
Initial troponin ratio (\times ULN)	≤ 1	0
	1.1-3	1
	3.1-5	3
	≥ 5.1	5
Prior stroke	No	0
	Yes	6
Diabetes mellitus	No	0
	Yes	4
Sex	Female	0
	Male	4
Prior PAD	No	0
	Yes	3

Add up points for all 13 variables
Determine risk of mortality

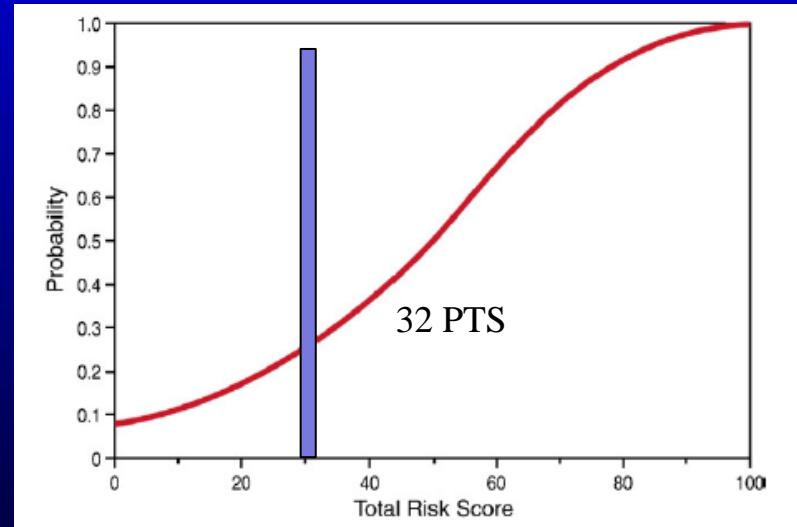


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The CRUSADE LONG TERM MORTALITY

CONCLUSIONS

- THE RISK OF LONG TERM MORTALITY AMONG OLDER PTS WITH NSTEMI IS **SUBSTANTIAL** .
 - 1 YR: 24.4%
 - 2 YR: 33.2%
 - 3 YR: 40.3%
- IT CAN BE PREDICTED FROM INITIAL CHARACTERISTICS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF HOSPITAL PRESENTATION.

GRACE UK-Belgian Study (2010)

Fox KAA, et al. Eur H J 2010

- 5-YR F_UP OF THE U-K. AND BELGIAN COHORTS OF THE GRACE STUDY
- STEMI, NSTEMI, AND U.A.
- RECORD LINKAGE WITH ADM. DATA-BASE

Table I Demographic data and prior history (combined UK and Belgian cohorts)

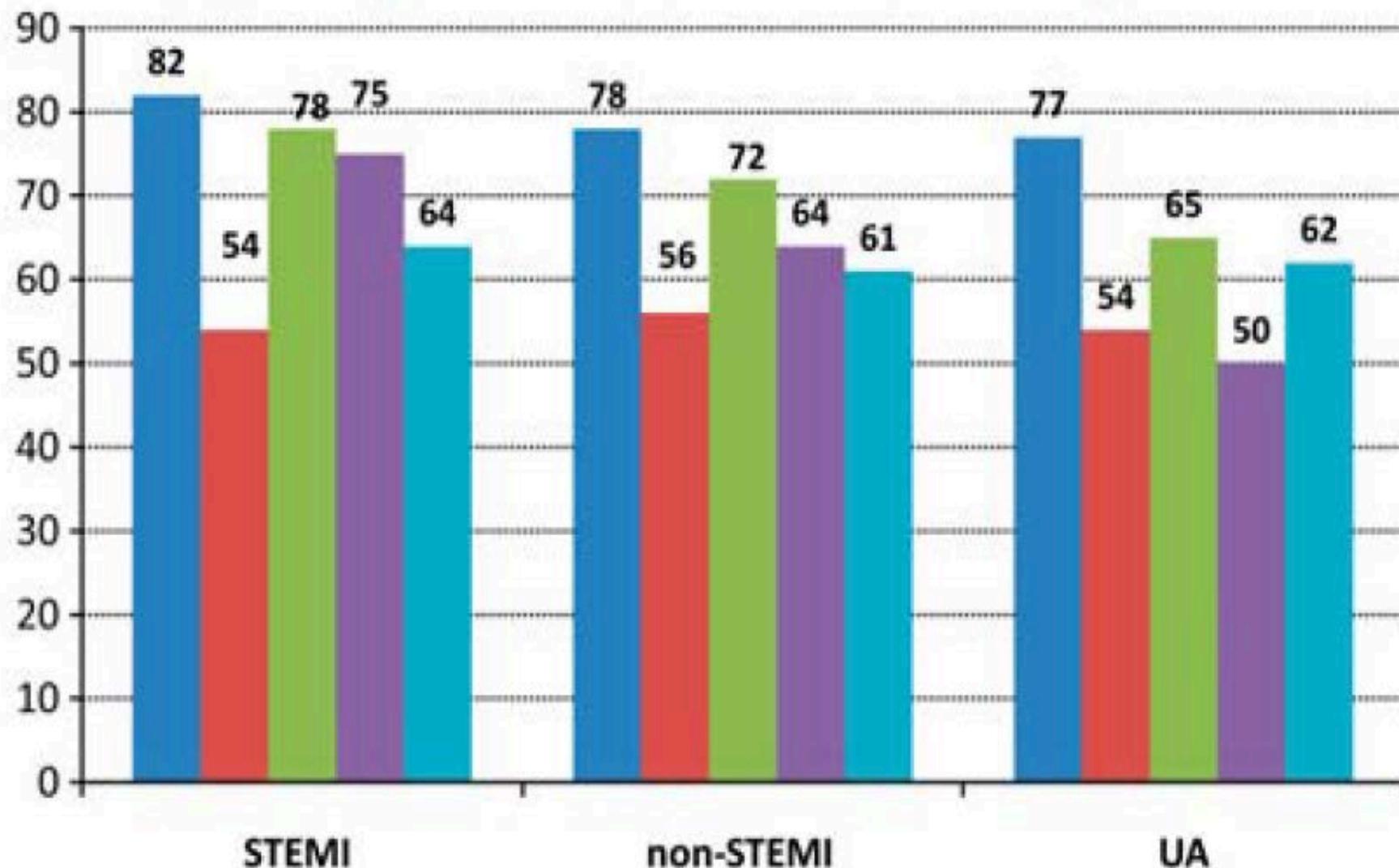
	Mean age, 66 years	Gender % male	History of angina, %	History of MI, %	Prior PCI, %	Prior CABG, %	History of hypertension, %	History of diabetes, %	History of TIA/ stroke, %	Current smoker, %
STEMI (1403)	65	72	26	16	9	5	38	14	5	37
Non-STEMI (1170)	67	74	47	28	16	12	52	19	8	28
UA (850)	66	65	77	43	31	21	49	19	11	22
Other cardiac (135)	66	59	53	29	16	10	45	16	10	21
Non-cardiac (163)	62	60	67	37	27	12	49	11	11	26
Total = 3721		70	47	28	17	11	46	16	8	30

(GRACE UK-Belgian Study)

Medications at 6 months

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■ Aspirin ■ Clopidogrel ■ Beta Blocker ■ ACE/ARB ■ STATIN



GRACE UK-Belgian Study

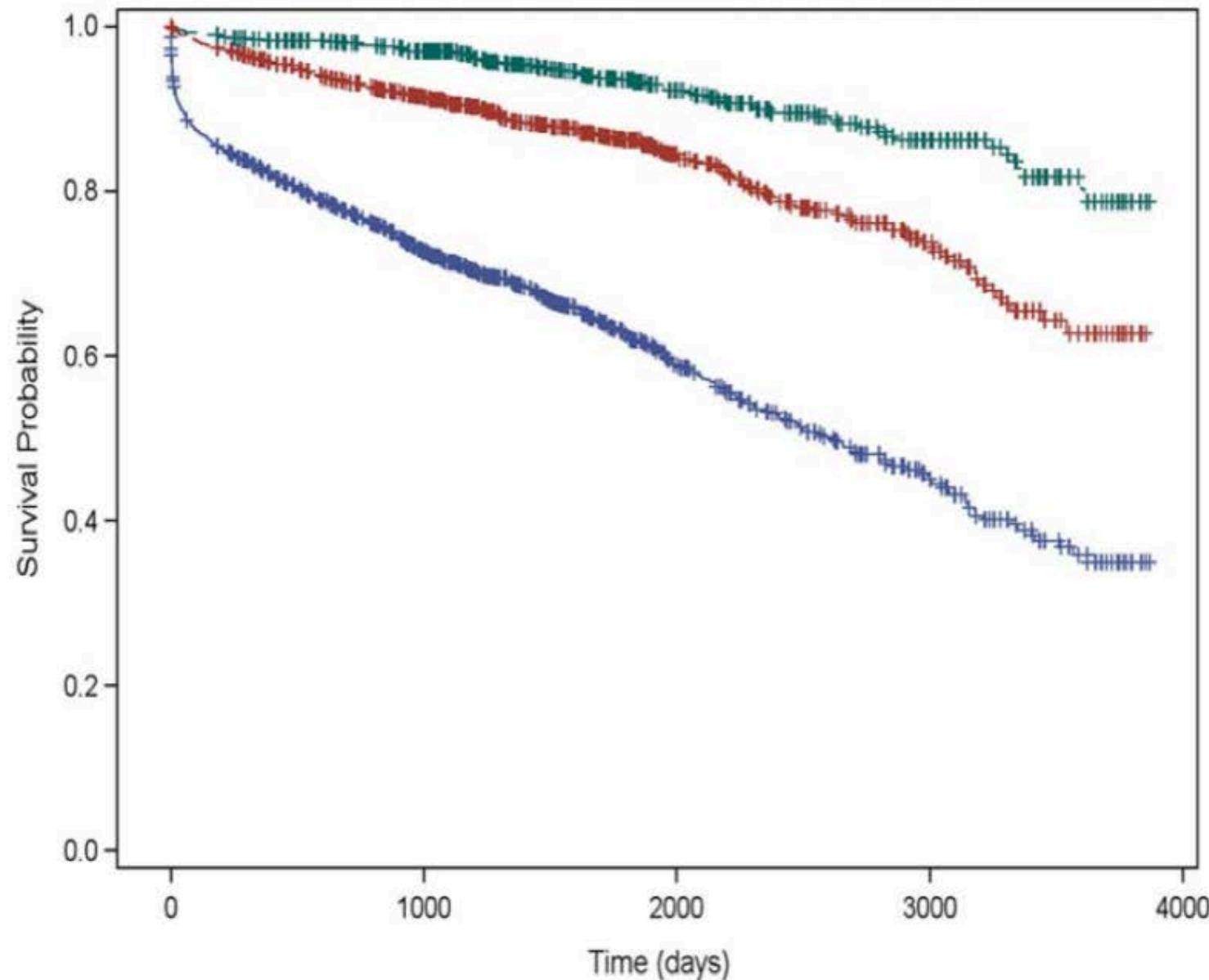
Total cohort ($n = 3721$) distribution of death from index and up to 5 years post-index hospitalization by index ACS diagnosis

Total $n = 3721$	5 Year total no. deaths, $n = 736$ (20%)	Index death, $n = 129$ (3%)	Index cardiovascular death, $n = 114$ (3%)	Post-discharge death, $n = 607$ (16%)	Post-discharge cardiovascular death, $n = 368$ (10%)
STEMI (1403)	269 (19%)	88 (6%)	78 (6%)	184 (13%)	103 (7%)
Non-STEMI (1170)	262 (22%)	36 (3%)	28 (2%)	226 (19%)	137 (13%)
UA (850)	149 (18%)	4 (1%)	6 (1%)	145 (17%)	84 (10%)
Other cardiac (135)	30 (22%)	3 (2%)	3 (2%)	27 (20%)	19 (14%)
Non-cardiac (163)	27 (17%)	3 (2%)	2 (1%)	25 (15%)	15 (9%)

By 5 years of f_up, there were 736 deaths from any cause.
Two-thirds of all deaths were classified as CV (65%, 482/736).

LESS THAN A FIFTH OF ALL DEATHS OCCURRED IN_H

SURVIVAL ACCORDING TO GRACE SCORE (Death in-H)



GRACE UK-Belgian Study

CONCLUSIONS

- The late consequences of ACS demonstrates a substantially higher frequency of subsequent CVD and MI than seen in the index hospitalization.
- The greatest risk is among pts with NSTEMI.
- These outcomes are seen despite high compliance with guidelines.
- The GRACE risk score demonstrate similar predictive accuracy for in-H and long-term follow-up.



ACS IN ITALY

Registry	Pts	Centres		NSTEMI%	Follow-up Months
<i>AICARE-2, 2000</i>	1074	24	UTIC Card	54% NSTEMI	6
<i>BLITZ-1, 2001</i>	1959	296	UTIC	30% NSTEMI	1
<i>ROSAI-2, 2002</i>	1581	76	UTIC	100% NSTEMI	1
<i>BLITZ-2, 2003</i>	1888	275	UTIC Card	100% NSTEMI	1



30-DAY EVENTS

Death	45 (2.4%)
MI&U.A.	172 (9.2%)
CHF	91 (4.9%)
STROKE	17 (0.9%)

Di Chiara A, et al. Eur Heart J 2006; 27: 393-405



24 CENTERS



1074 PTS

(599 UA/NSTEMI, 475 STEMI)

01/10/2000 – 03/12/2000

Bentivoglio	Ferrara
Bologna - Bellaria	Forli'
Bologna – Maggiore	Guastalla
Bologna – Malpighi	Lugo
Bologna - S.Orsola	Mirandola
Carpi	Modena
Castelnuovo Monti	Parma
Castel S.Giovanni	Piacenza
Cento	Ravenna
Cesena	Reggio Emilia
Comacchio	Rimini
Faenza	Sassuolo

Studio AI-CARE2 - Studi osservazionali: epidemiologia delle sindromi coronariche acute nelle cardiologie dell'Emilia Romagna

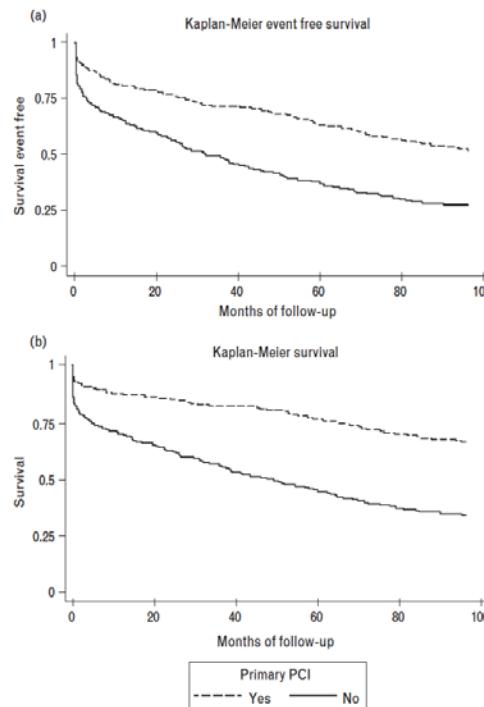
	ST sopraslivellato	No ST sopraslivellato	BBS/PMD
In-H events			
-Pts_Nr	434	589	51
-Death	44 (10%)	18 (3%)	4 (8%)
-AMI	10 (2%)	14 (2%)	1 (2%)
-Angina	52 (12%)	151 (26%)	13 (25%)
-Death, AMI	52 (12%)	32 (5%)	5 (10%)
Death, AMI, angina	98 (23%)	169 (29%)	17 (33%)
VF/VT	39 (9%)	7 (1%)	6 (12%)
-Shock	38 (9%)	13 (2%)	4 (8%)
.Pulmonary Edema	34 (8%)	39 (7%)	10 (20%)
-Stroke	5 (1%)	1 (0,2%)	0
6-months events			
-Pts_Nr	415	563	49
-Death	65 (16%)	46 (8%)	9 (18%)
-AMI	25 (6%)	26 (5%)	1 (2%)
-Angina	34 (8%)	55 (10%)	7 (14%)
-Death, AMI	84 (20%)	67 (12%)	10 (20%)
Death, AMI, angina	145 (35%)	222 (39%)	21 (43%)

AMI-Florence Registry

Long-term prognosis after primary PCI in unselected patients with ST-elevation myocardial infarction

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 Nazario Carrabba^c, Mauro Di Bari^d, Gian Franco Gensini^e, Maurizio Filice^b,
 Cristina M. Landini^f, Serafina Valente^e, Alfredo Zuppiroli^g and
 Niccolò Marchionni^d

J Cardiovasc Med 2012; 13:819–827

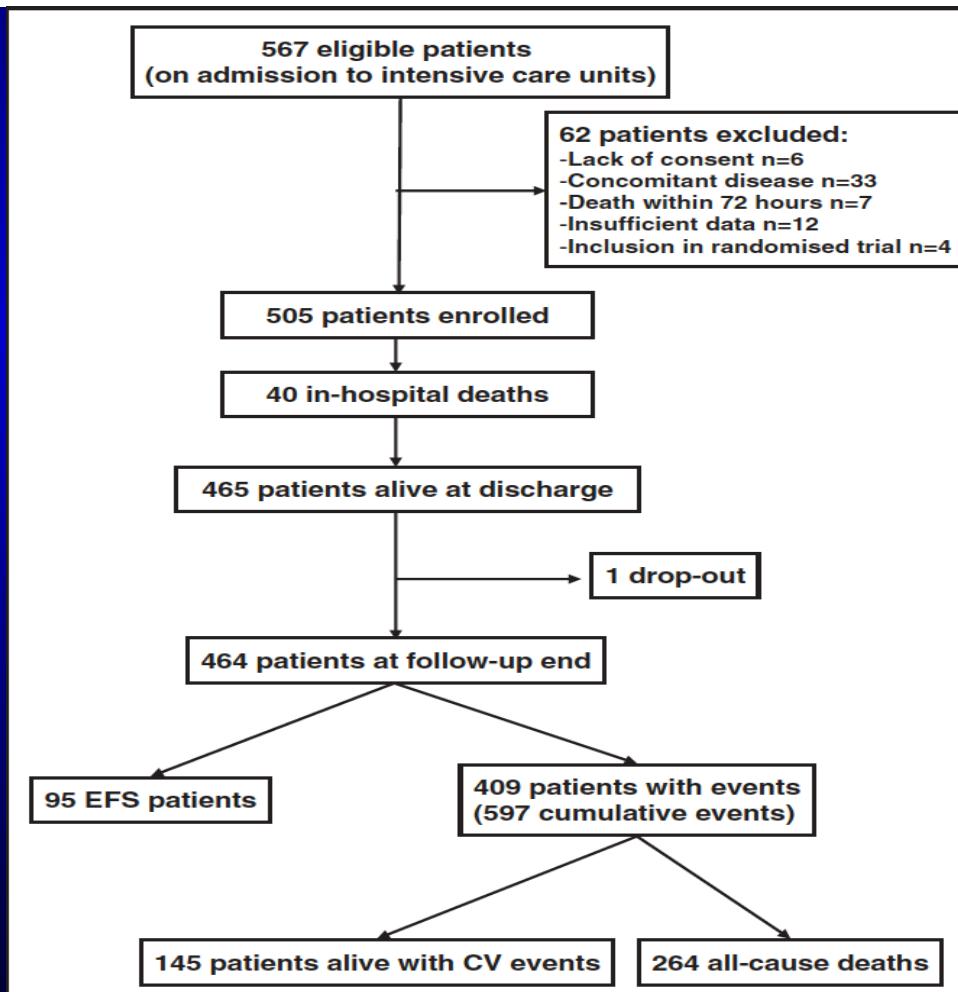


Event-free survival (a) and survival (b) at 8 years, by treatment with primary PCI: Kaplan–Meier curves. PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention.

Results After 8 years, 59% of patients had experienced the composite end-point and 49% had died. The multivariable analysis showed a significantly better prognosis in patients receiving pPCI (hazard ratio 0.72, $P=0.001$), evident also in the 645 patients who were event-free after the first year of follow-up (hazard ratio 0.72, $P=0.010$). Other independent prognostic factors were advanced age, Killip class greater than 1, some cardiovascular or noncardiovascular comorbidities, in-hospital cardiogenic shock, ejection fraction less than 30%, and treatment with aspirin and statin during hospitalization. The beneficial effect of pPCI

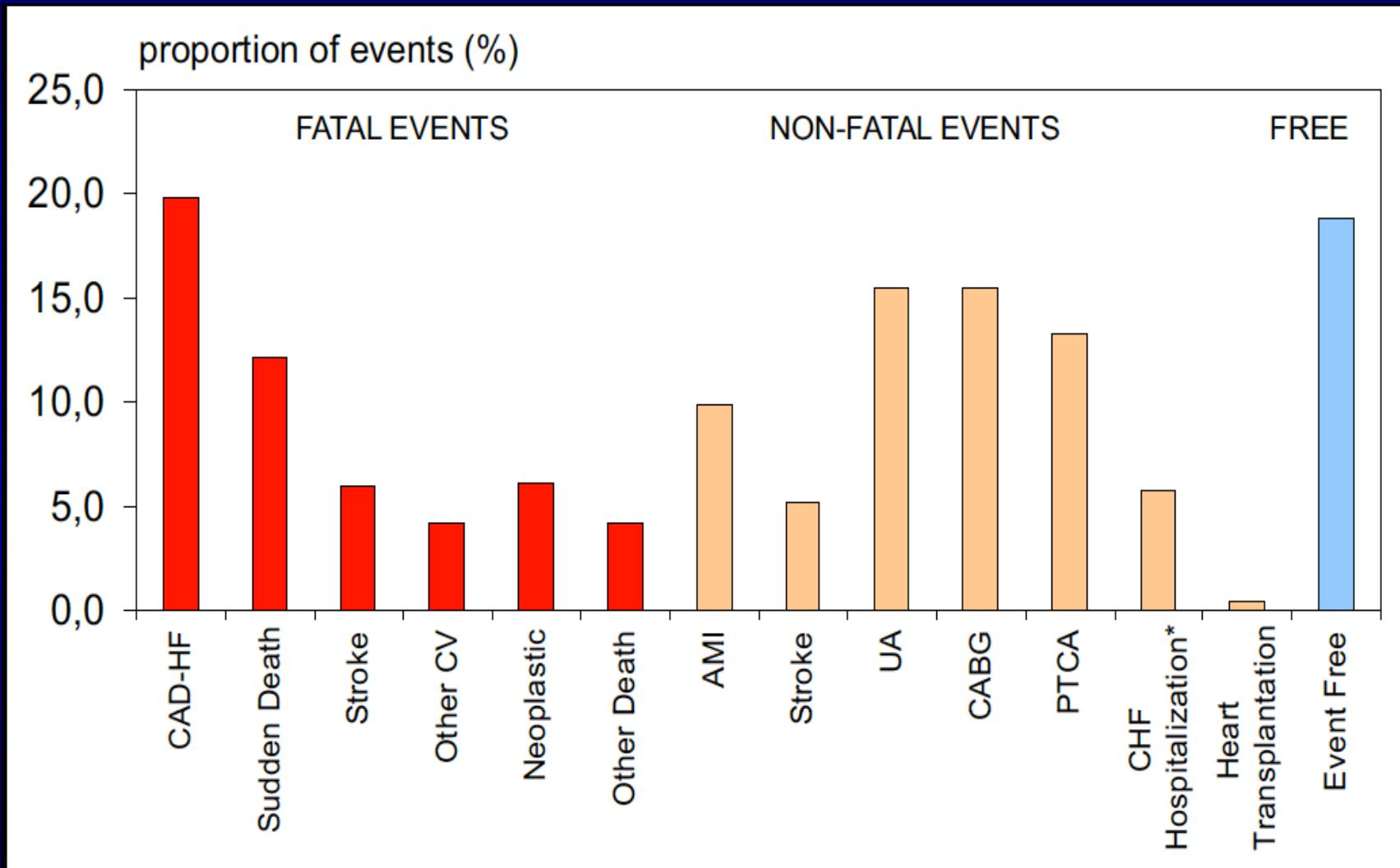
Predictors of Ten-Year Event-Free Survival in Patients With Acute Myocardial Infarction (from the Adria, Bassano, Conegliano, and Padova Hospitals [ABC] Study on Myocardial Infarction)

Giuseppe Berton, MD^{a,*}, Rocco Cordiano, MD^b, Fiorella Cavuto, MD^c, Giulia Giacomini, PhD^a, Renzo De Toni, PhD^d, and Paolo Palatini, NAm J Cardiol 2012;109:966–975



ABC STUDY

EVENTS



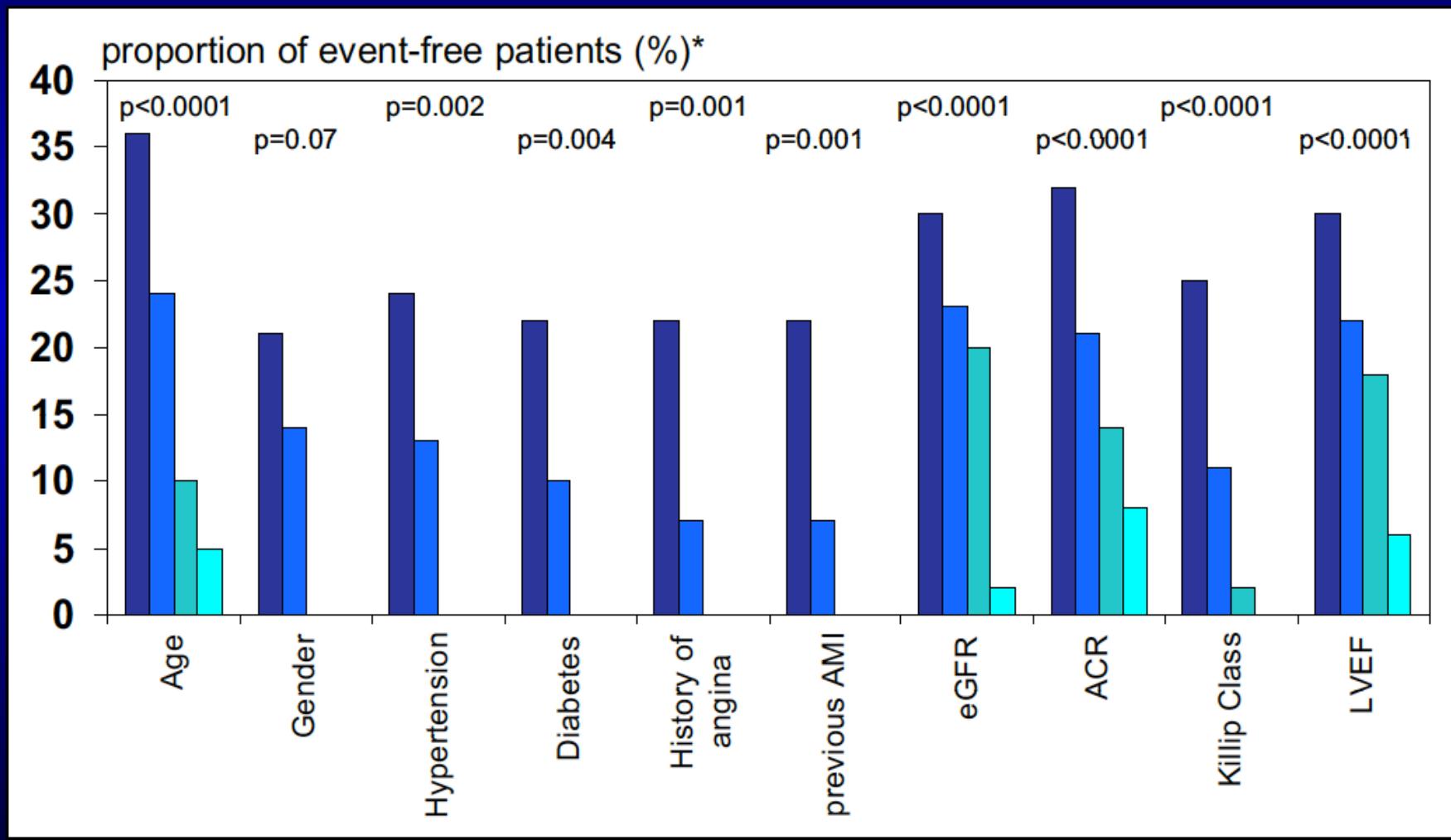
ABC STUDY

RESULTS

- 504 PTS HAD A 10-YR FOLLOW UP
- 409 PTS HAD 1 TO 5 EVENTS (tot 597)
- EVENT ATE 18.25/YR/100 PTS
- 95 ACHIEVED EVENT FREE SURVIVAL
- THE MEDIAN INTERVAL TO THE FIRST EVENT WAS 22.5 MONTHS

ABC STUDY

PROPORTION OF PTS WITH EFS ACCORDING TO CLINICAL VARIABLES

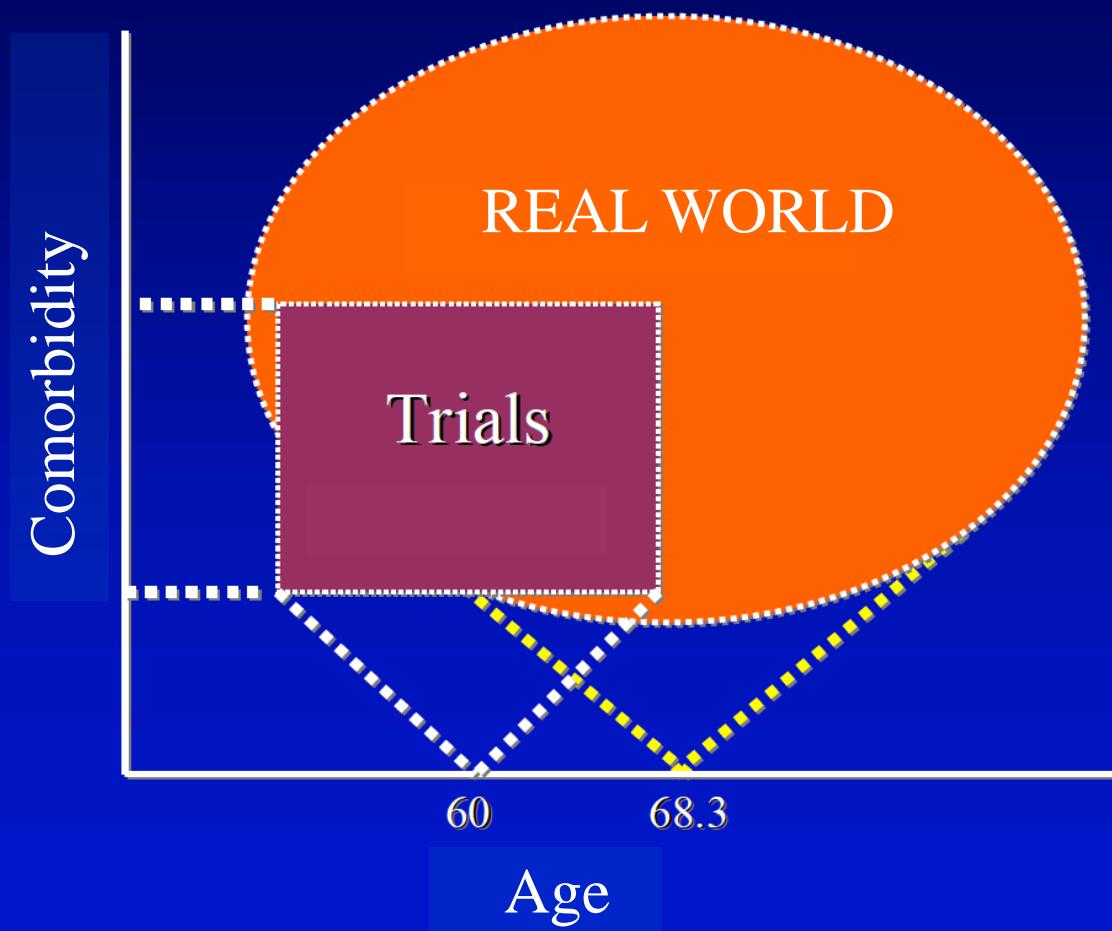


BREAK GLASS IN EMERGENCY



SOLUTIONS ?

REGISTRIES VS RCT



AUDIT.

30 day readmission rates after PCI in a metropolitan center in Italy. incidence and impact on prognosis.

Claudio Moretti MD Phd, Fabrizio D'Ascenzo MD, Pierlugi Omedè MD, Filippo Sciuto MD, Davide Giacomo Presutti MD, Marco di Cuia MD, Chiara Colaci MD, Federico Gusto MD, Flavia Ballocca MD, Enrico Cerrato MD, Francesco Colombo MD, Anna Gonella MD, Francesca Giordana MD, Giada Longo MD, Anna Orlando, Rita Andrini, Alberto Ferrando Giuseppe Biondi Zoccai MD, Imad Sheiban Prof, Fiorenzo Gaita Prof.

Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Cardiology, Città della Salute e della Scienza (CM; FDA; PO; FS; DGP; MDC; CC; EC; FB; EC; FC; AG; FG; L; AG; GB; IS; FG); SC Programmazione e Controllo di Gestione (AF); CSI-Piemonte - Direzione Salute - Area Trattamento Dati (AO; RA).

30 DAYS ARE NOT ENOUGH

Prevenzione cardiovascolare secondaria dopo sindrome coronarica acuta nella pratica clinica

Documento di Consenso delle Società Scientifiche di Medicina Cardiovascolare e Medicina Interna della Regione Lazio

Tabella 2. Aderenza agli standard di qualità CCORT/CCS al momento della dimissione delle sindromi coronarie acute.

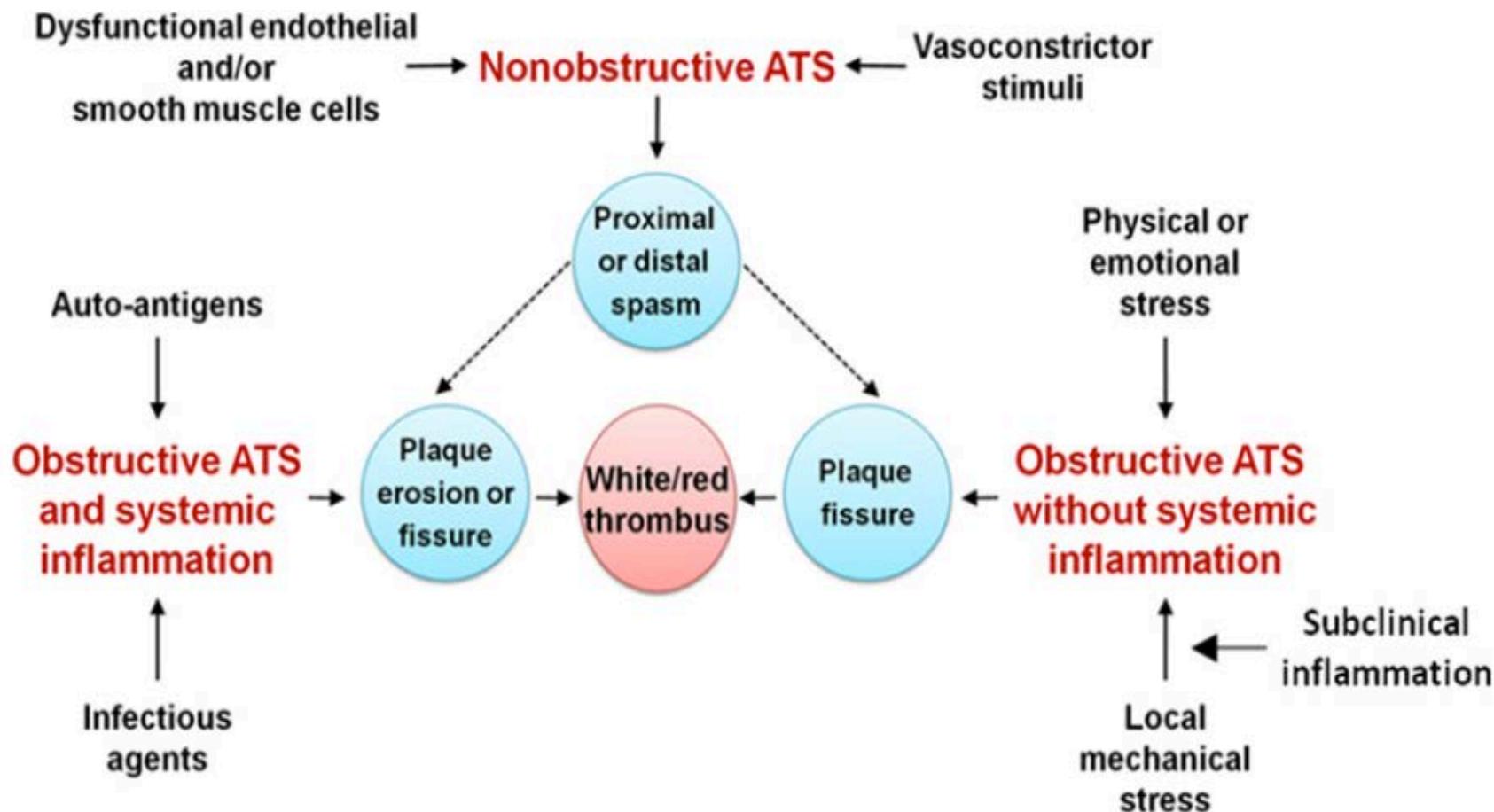
	INCA (Lazio)	BLITZ-1 (Italia)	Obiettivo minimo nel candidato ideale (standard di qualità CCORT/CCS)
ASA	89%	84%	90%
Betabloccanti	85%	61%	85%
Statine	83%	49%	70%
ACE-inibitori	81%	68%	85%

ACE = enzima di conversione dell'angiotensina; ASA = acido acetilsalicilico.

Pathogenetic classification of ACS

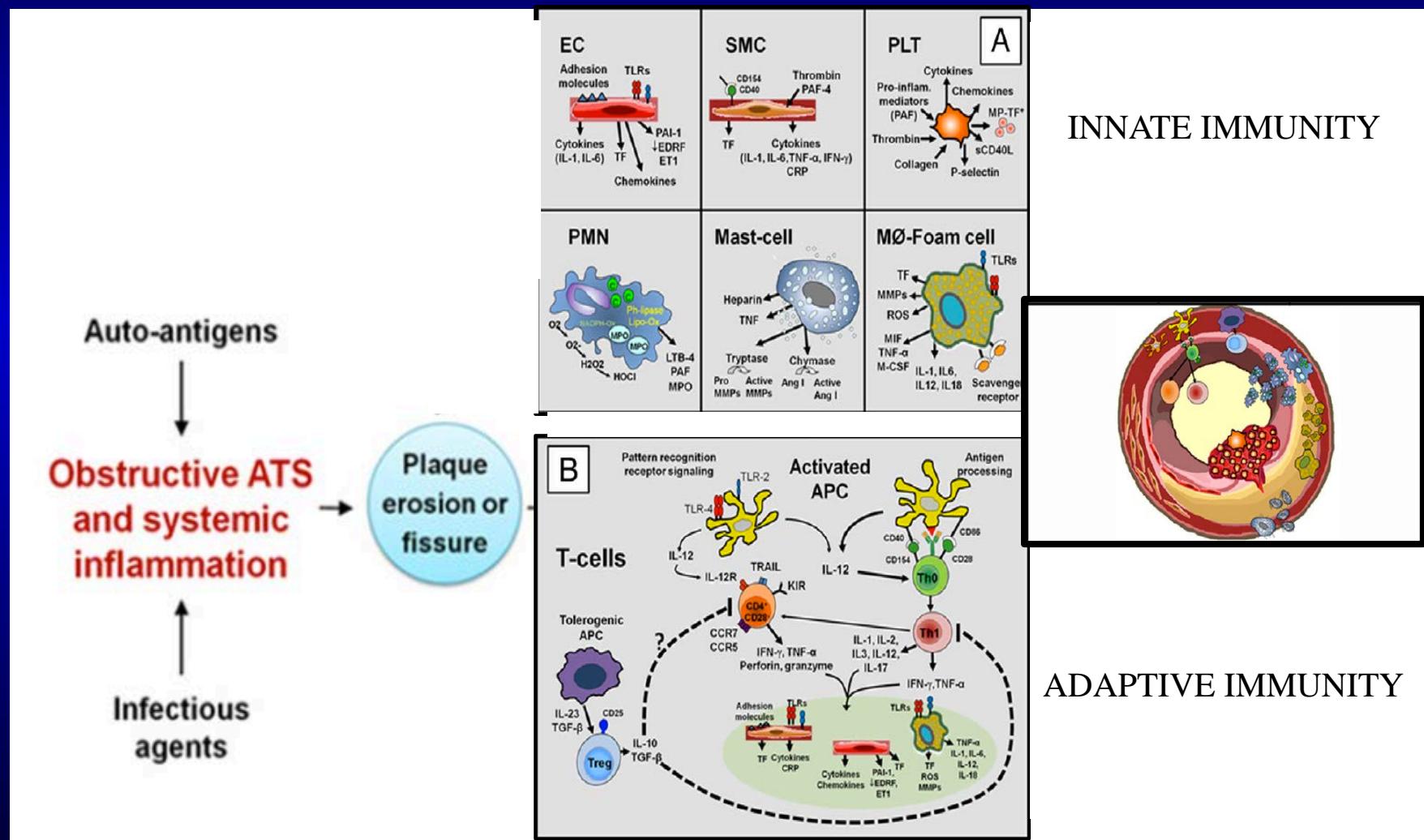
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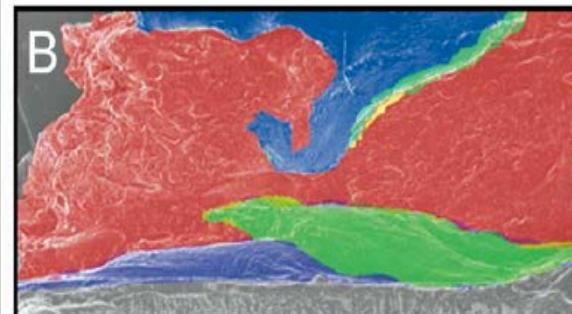
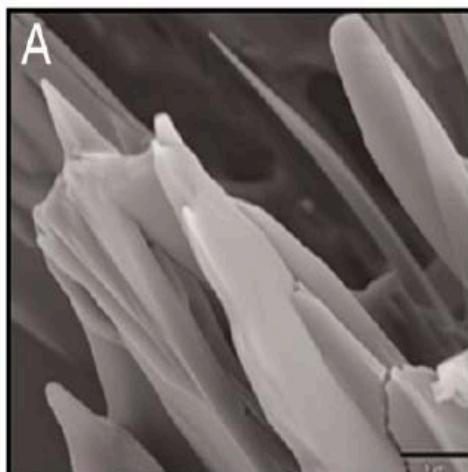
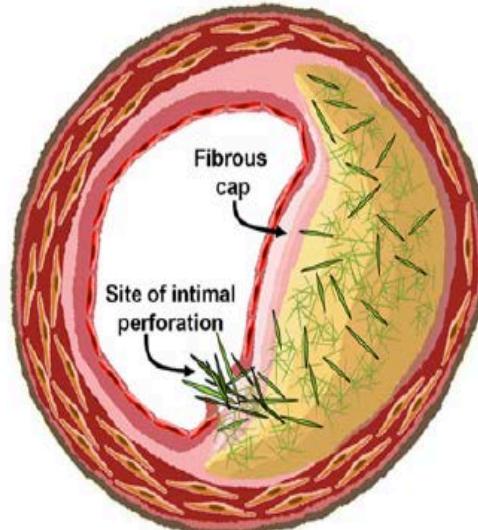
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Factors affecting cholesterol crystallization

- Cholesterol saturation
- Hydration
- Temperature
- pH
- Plaque hemorrhage



Obstructive ATS
without systemic
inflammation



Local
mechanical
stress

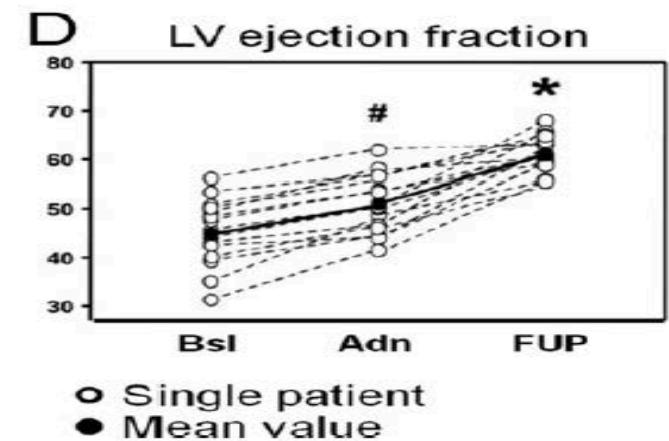
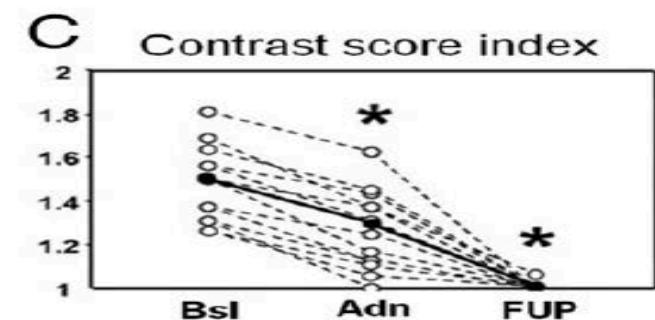
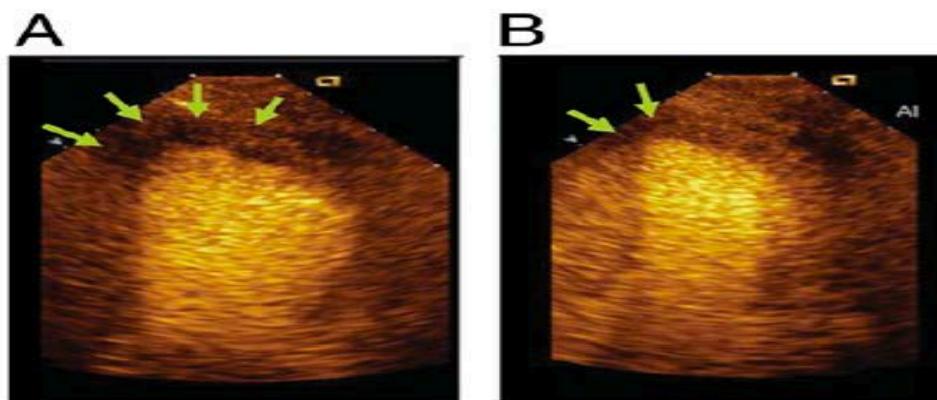
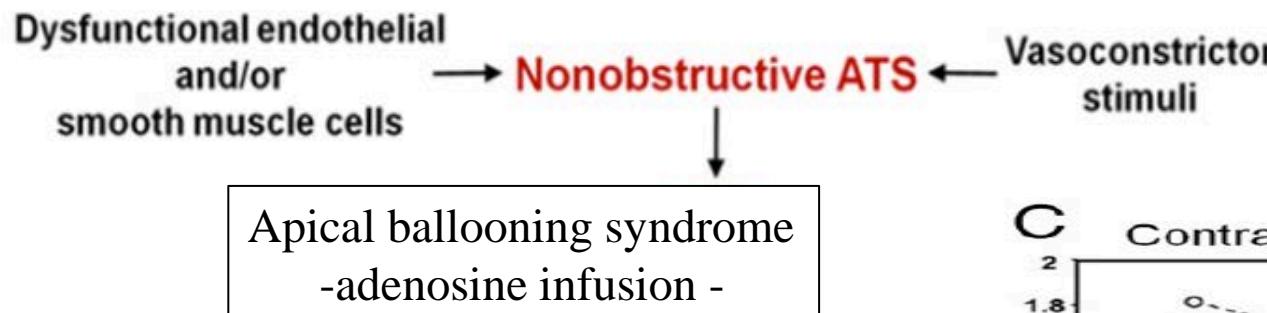


Subclinical
inflammation

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Pathogenetic classification of ACS

Clinical perspective

More potent antithrombotic regimens ?

 European Heart Journal (2008) 29, 2473–2479
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CLINICAL RESEARCH
Coronary heart disease

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History of hypercholesterolaemia	6778			
History of diabetes	2718			
Current tobacco use	4706			
Prior MI	2072			
Prior CABG	862			
Creatinine clearance (mL/min)	100.2			
CrCl < 60 mL/min	1260			
Stent used for index PCI	11517 (94.5%)	1195 (93.1%)	132 (94.3%)	0.10
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Clinical perspective

Anti-inflammatory treatment ?

NSAID
STEROID

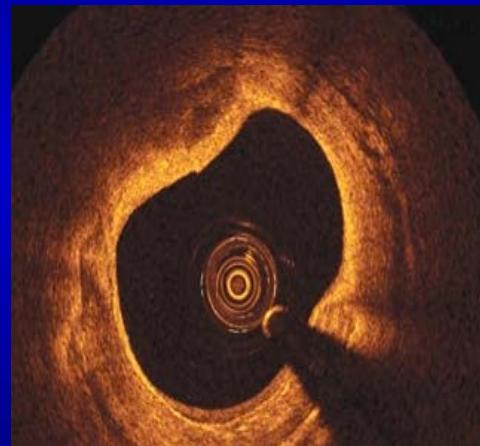
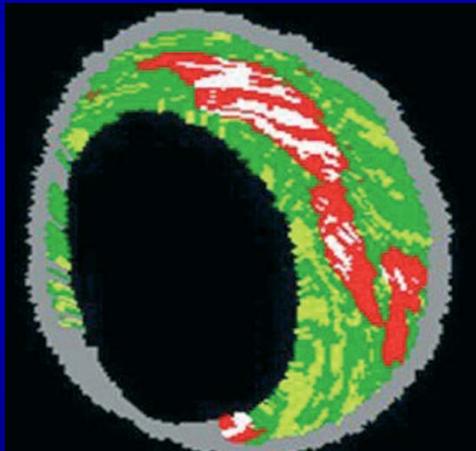
ANAKIRNA
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CANAKINUMAB
(IL1-BLOCKERS)

CASPASE-1 INHIB.

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Clinical perspective

Vulnerable plaque studies /therapies ?



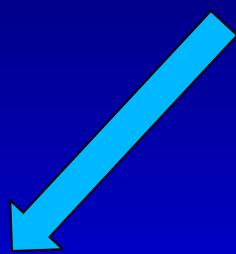
STATINS

VARESPLADIB
(phospholipA2_inh)

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Clinical perspective

Epicardial / microvascular vasoconstriction ?



NITRATES
CA-ANTAG.



RHO KINASE INHIBITOR

Influence of 23 coronary artery disease variants on recurrent myocardial infarction or cardiac death: the GRACE Genetics Study

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Diether Lambrechts^{1,2*†}, and Keith A. A. Fox^{3†}

Rs579459 in the ABO locus is a novel risk factor for adverse cardiac outcome after an index ACS.

Homozygous carriers of the at risk C allele exhibited an increased risk of developing a recurrent MI or death within 5 yrs.

The association was independent of CAD RF

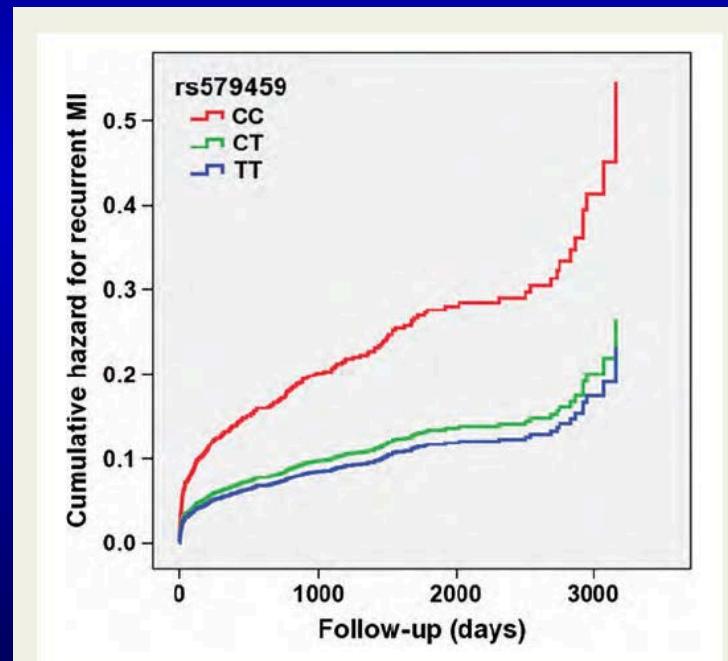


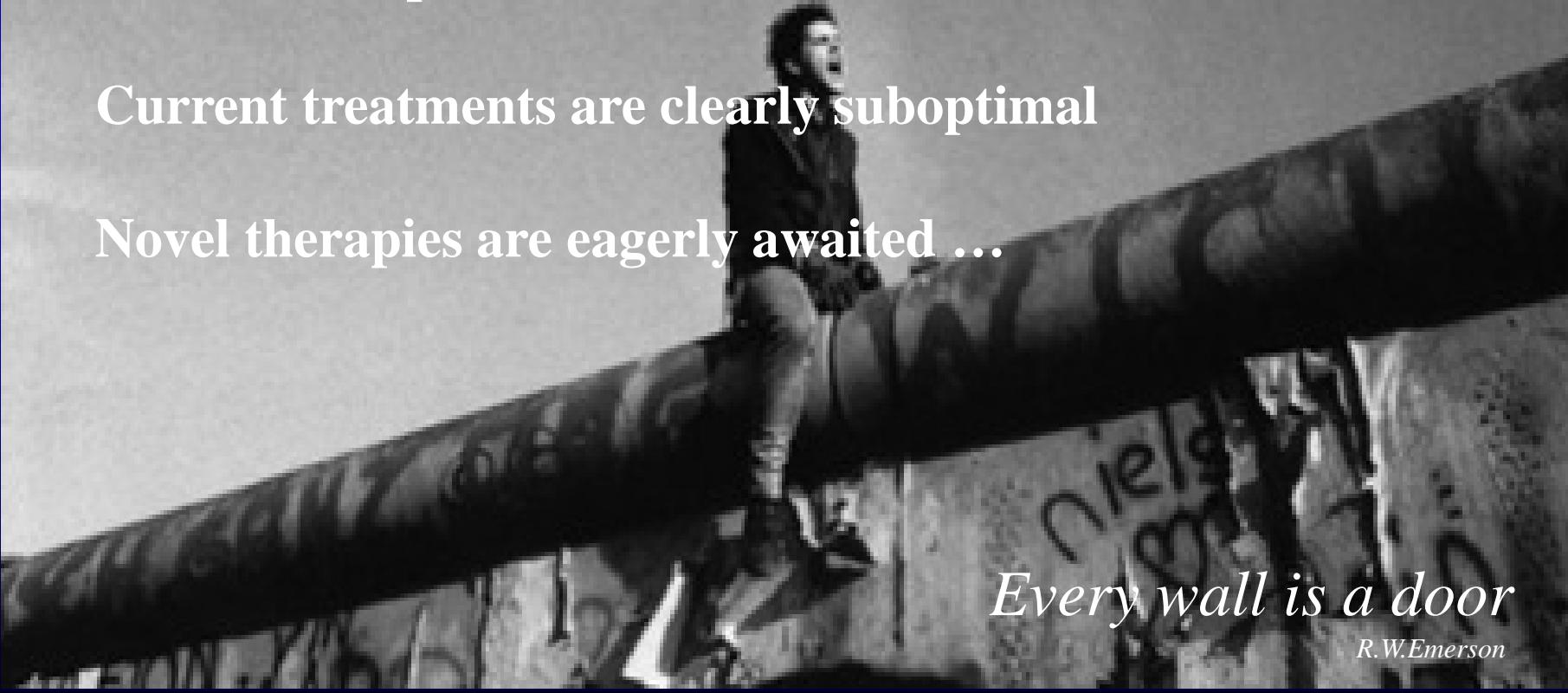
Figure 1 Cumulative hazard curves for recurrent MI by rs579459 genotype. Cumulative hazard curves, with multivariable adjustment and by rs579459 genotype, for recurrent MI in the GRACE UK–Belgian discovery cohort. MI, myocardial infarction.

FINAL REMARKS

The late consequences of ACS demonstrates a substantially higher frequency of subsequent CVD and MI than seen in the index hospitalization.

Current treatments are clearly suboptimal

Novel therapies are eagerly awaited ...



Every wall is a door

R.W.Emerson

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ATLAS ACS 2

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Rivaroxaban in Patients with a Recent Acute Coronary Syndrome

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N Engl J Med 2012; 366:9-19 | January 5, 2012 | DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1112277

CONCLUSIONS

In patients with a recent acute coronary syndrome, rivaroxaban reduced the risk of the composite end point of death from cardiovascular causes, myocardial infarction, or stroke. Rivaroxaban increased the risk of major bleeding and intracranial hemorrhage but not the risk of fatal bleeding. (Funded by Johnson & Johnson and Bayer Healthcare; ATLAS ACS 2–TIMI 51 ClinicalTrials.gov number,

RESULTS

Rivaroxaban significantly reduced the primary efficacy end point, as compared with placebo, with respective rates of 8.9% and 10.7% (hazard ratio in the rivaroxaban group, 0.84; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.74 to 0.96; $P=0.008$), with significant improvement for both the twice-daily 2.5-mg dose (9.1% vs. 10.7%, $P=0.02$) and the twice-daily 5-mg dose (8.8% vs. 10.7%, $P=0.03$). The twice-daily 2.5-mg dose of rivaroxaban reduced the rates of death from cardiovascular causes (2.7% vs. 4.1%, $P=0.002$) and from any cause (2.9% vs. 4.5%, $P=0.002$), a survival benefit that was not seen with the twice-daily 5-mg dose. As compared with placebo, rivaroxaban increased the rates of major bleeding not related to coronary-artery bypass grafting (2.1% vs. 0.6%, $P<0.001$) and intracranial hemorrhage (0.6% vs. 0.2%, $P=0.009$), without a significant increase in fatal bleeding (0.3% vs. 0.2%, $P=0.66$) or other adverse events. The twice-daily 2.5-mg dose resulted in fewer fatal bleeding events than the twice-daily 5-mg dose (0.1% vs. 0.4%, $P=0.04$).

APPRAISE 2

[HOME](#)[ARTICLES & MULTIMEDIA](#)[ISSUES](#)[SPECIALTIES & TOPICS](#)[FOR AUTHORS](#)[CME](#)**ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

Apixaban with Antiplatelet Therapy after Acute Coronary Syndrome

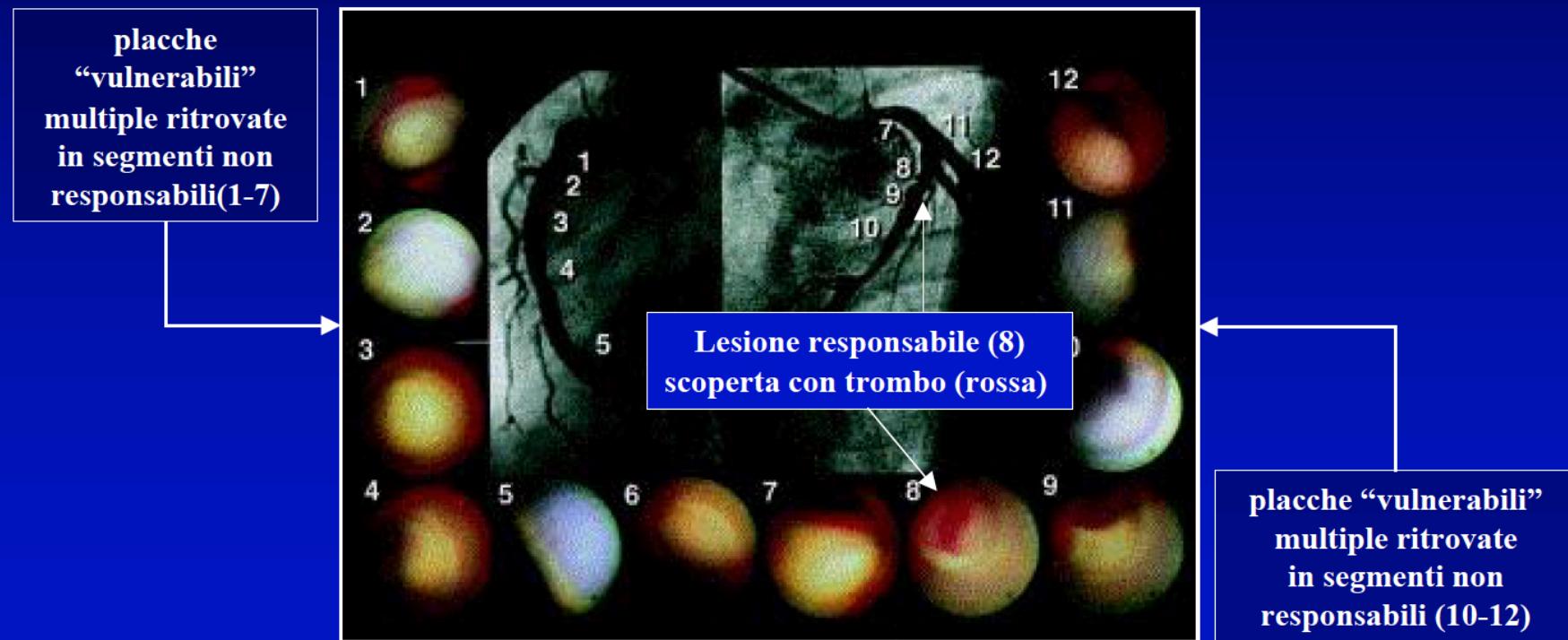
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The addition of apixaban, at a dose of 5 mg twice daily, to antiplatelet therapy in high-risk patients after an acute coronary syndrome increased the number of major bleeding events without a significant reduction in recurrent ischemic events. (Funded by Bristol-Myers Squibb and Pfizer; APPRAISE-2 ClinicalTrials.gov number,

La SCA non è una patologia solo acuta

Evidenza di placche “vulnerabili” multiple

Immagini angiografiche e angioscopiche in uomo di 58 anni con IMA anteriore



Le domande chiave

- La SCA è una malattia solo acuta ?
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Six-Month Outcomes in a Multinational Registry of Patients Hospitalized With an Acute Coronary Syndrome (The Global Registry of Acute Coronary Events [GRACE])

Goldberg RJ, Currie K, White K, et al. for the GRACE Investigators

Am J Cardiol 2004;93:288-293



ACS Risk Model

At Admission (in-hospital/to 6 months)

Age 40-49

HR 90-109

SBP 100-119

Creat. 2.0-3.99

 Congestive heart failure

At Discharge (to 6 months)

 In-hospital PCI In-hospital CABG Past history of MI ST-segment depression Elevated cardiac enzymes/markers

Probability of

Discharge
to 6 months

Death

Death or MI

6%

9%

SI Units

Reset



Registro GRACE

*Eventi a 6 mesi**

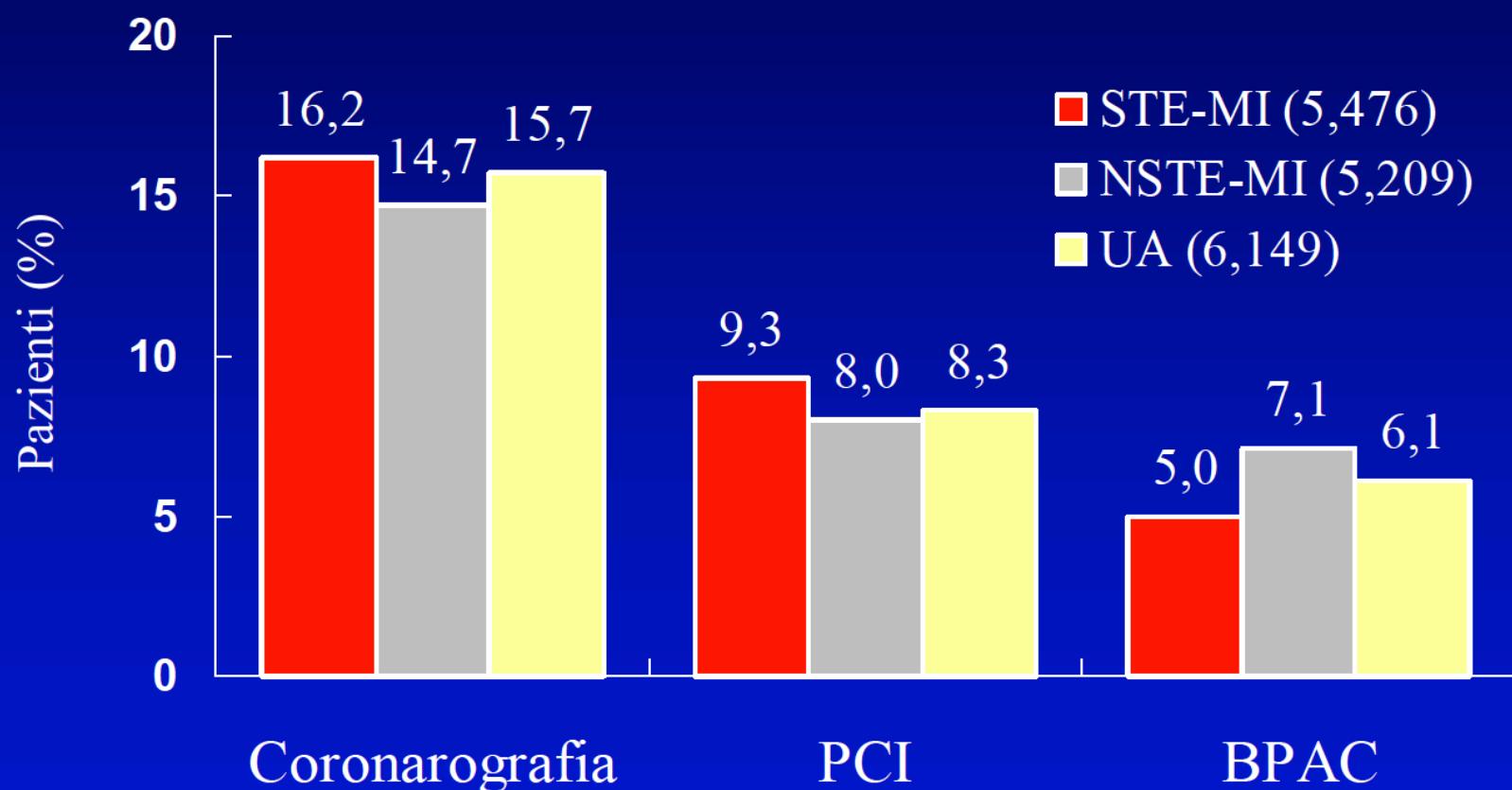
	STE-MI	NSTE-MI	UA
Morte	5%	6%	4%
Stroke	1%	1%	1%
Nuovo ricovero	18%	19%	19%

*esclusi gli eventi occorsi in ospedale

Registro GRACE

Procedure a 6 mesi

Procedure elettive ed urgenti effettuate dopo la dimissione



Recidive dopo sospensione anti-trombotico

Insorgenza SCA e sospensione Aspirina

1236 pazienti ricoverati per SCA



51 SCA entro 1 mese dalla sospensione ASA

(4.1% di tutte le SCA, ma 13.3% delle recidive)

10 casi trombosi tardive di stent (media 15.5 ± 6.5 mesi)

- *Distanza media tra sospensione ASA e SCA*

10 ± 1.9 giorni

- *Ragioni per sospensione ASA:*

chirurgia minore	7 casi	sanguinamento	3 casi
fibroscopia	8 casi	non compliance	20 casi
cure dentali	13 casi		

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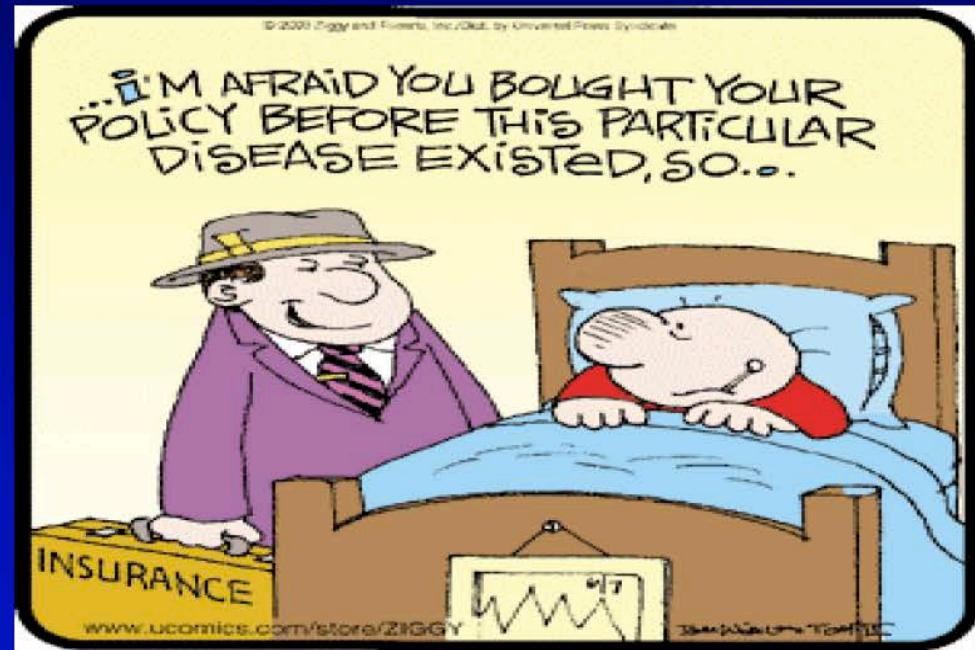
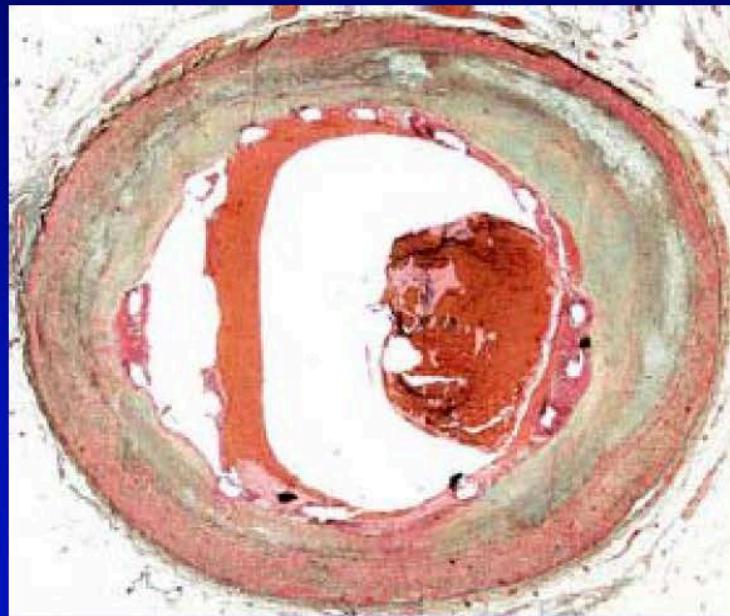
Assunzione ASA e tipo di SCA in 383 pazienti con recidiva

Tipi di SCA	Aspirina Sospesa N= 51	Aspirina Non Sospesa N= 332	p value
NSTE – SCA	31 (61%)	271 (82%)	
STE – SCA	20 (39%)	61 (18%)	< 0.001

Ferrari E, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2005; 45: 456-459

La recidiva ischemica dopo SCA

Una nuova forma “iatrogena”



...la trombosi sub-acuta o tardiva di stent!

La recidiva ischemica dopo SCA

Conclusioni

- La recidiva ischemica è relativamente frequente
 - Registri >RCTs'
 - Pazienti alto rischio (anziani, diabetici, IRC, etc.)
- Emergono nuove entità “iatrogene”
 - Sospensione ASA
 - SAT, LAST
- Efficacia delle terapie preventive prolungate
- Costi crescenti, ma costo-efficaci

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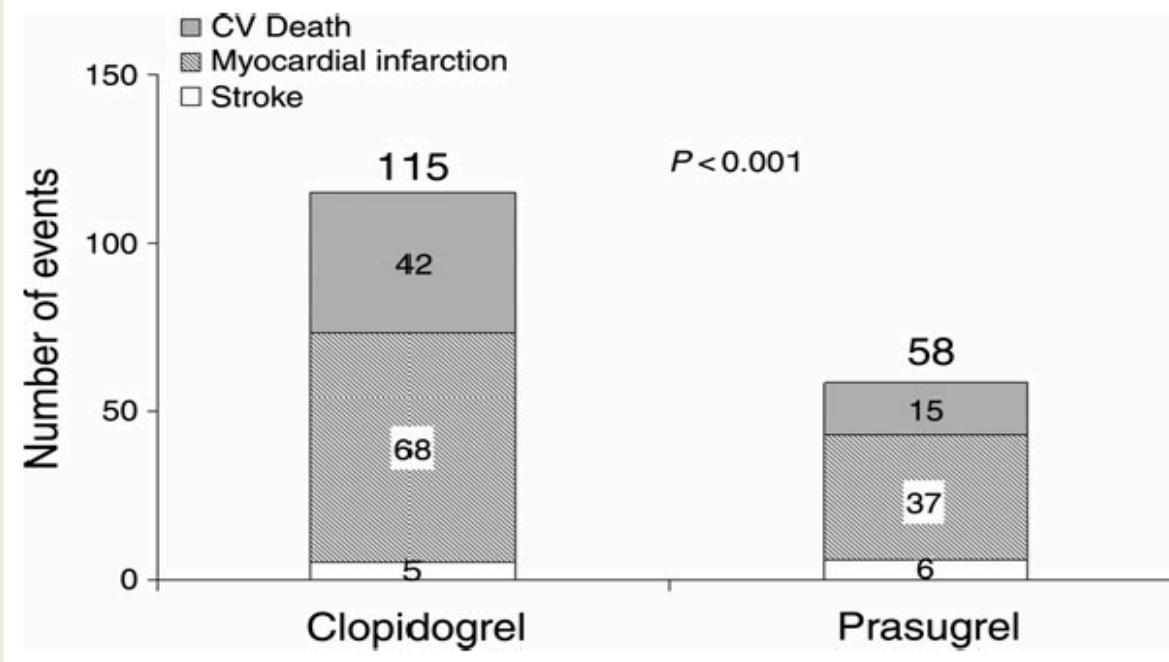


Figure 1 Additional primary endpoint events by randomized therapy. The prasugrel group had a lower number of both first events ($P < 0.001$), additional events ($P < 0.001$), and total events ($P < 0.001$).

TRITON-TIMI 38 /Recurrent Events Conclusioni

- La riduzione degli eventi secondari col prasugrel è stata evidenziata in diabetici, anziani, donne, nefropatici.
- Il prasugrel, dotato di maggiore potenza, è stato in grado di ridurre non solo i primi eventi ma anche quelli ripetuti.
- Prolungare la terapia con un potente farmaco anti-piastrinico può dimostrarsi utile.

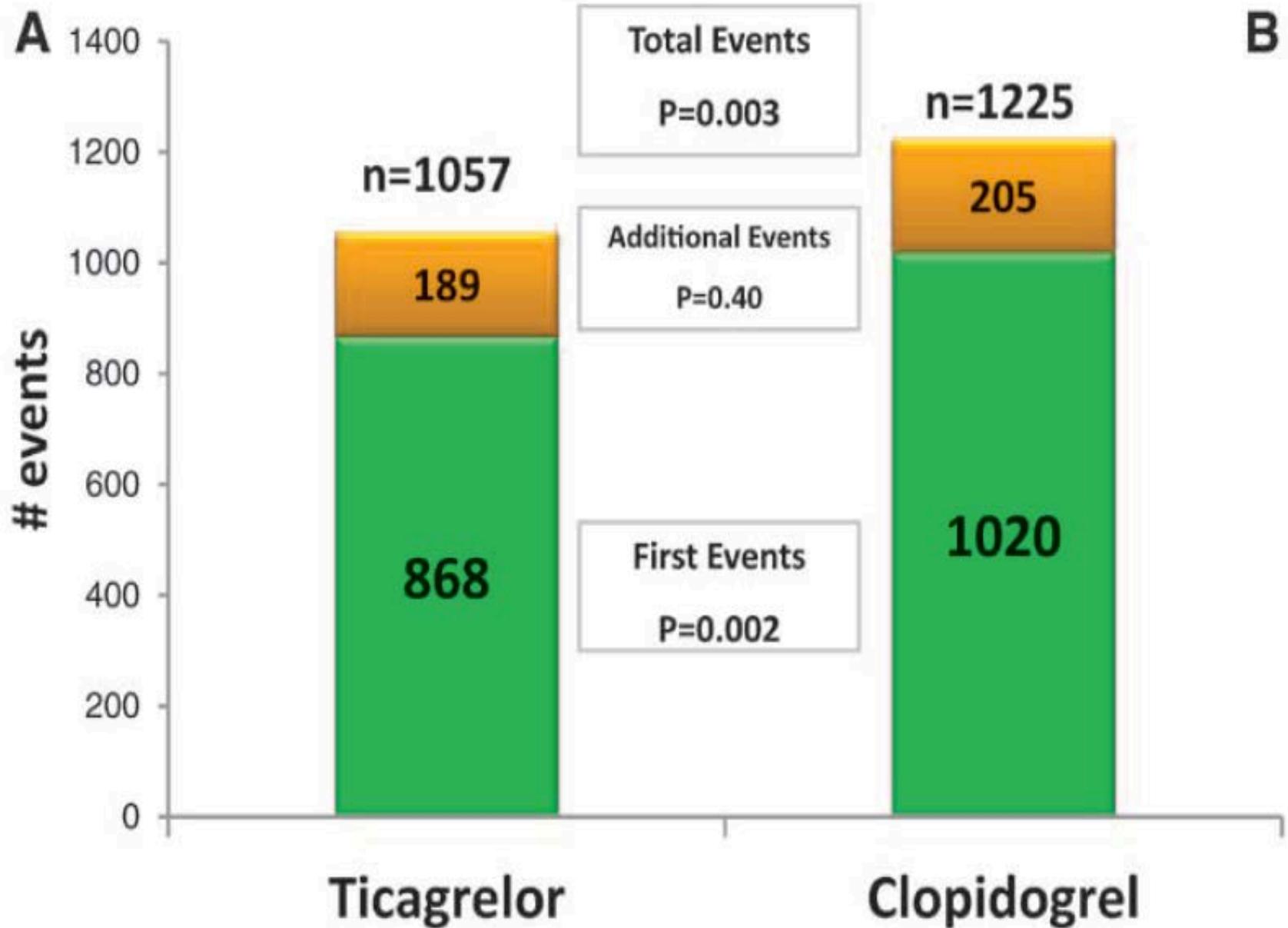
Coronary Heart Disease

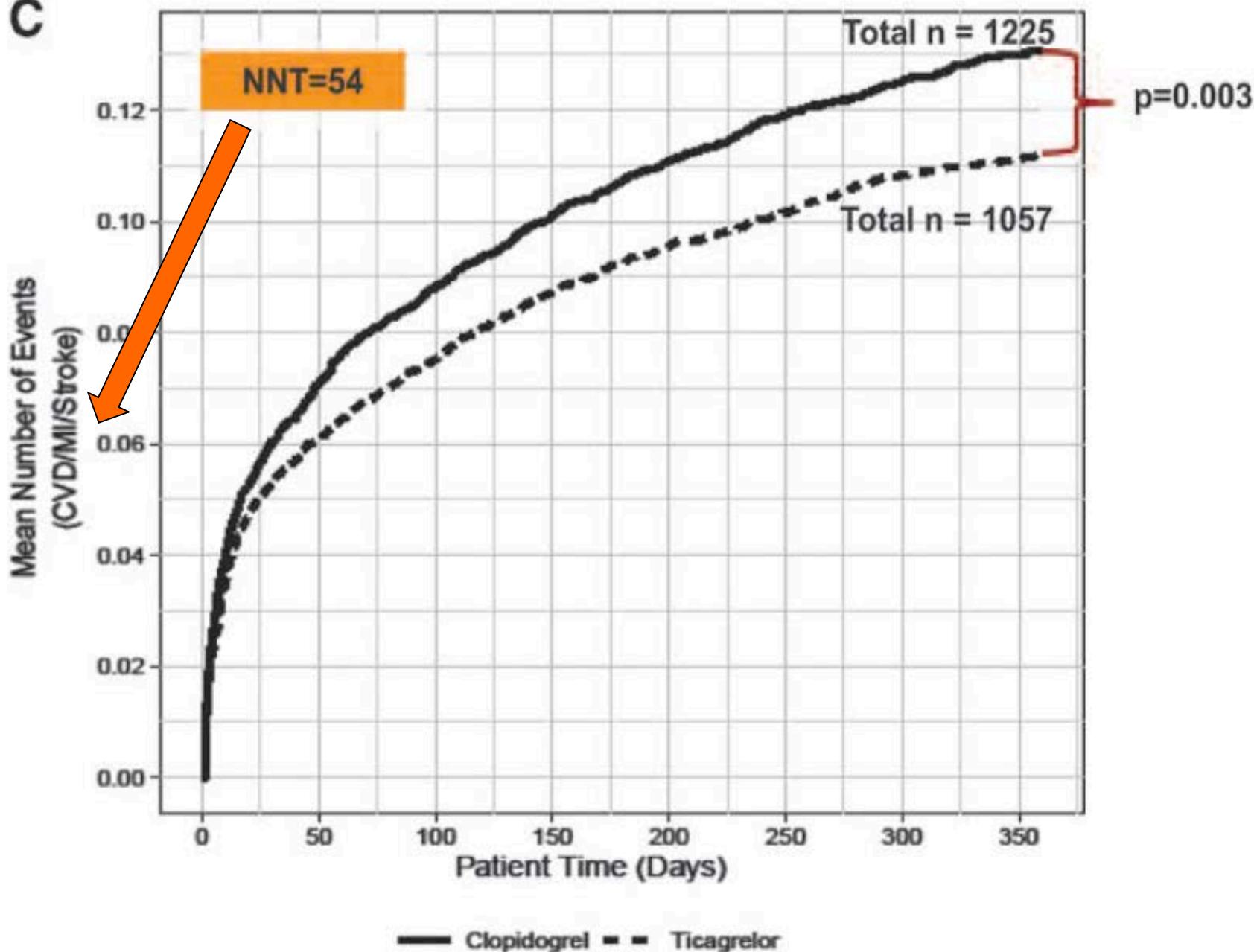
Circulation February 12, 2013

Reduction in First and Recurrent Cardiovascular Events With Ticagrelor Compared With Clopidogrel in the PLATO Study

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Stefan K. James, MD, PhD; Christopher P. Cannon, MD

- Dei 1888 pz che hanno presentato un endpoint primario nel f.up a 6-12 mesi, 318 hanno presentato uno o più eventi ricorrenti.
- I pz con eventi ricorrenti erano diabetici, nefropatici e prevalentemente donne.
- I pz con STEMI sono risultati più protetti dagli eventi ricorrenti.



C

PLATO Study/Recurrent Events SANGUINAMENTI

- Dopo un sanguinamento maggiore l'8,1% dei pz hanno sospeso il ticagrelor.
- Dopo un sanguinamento maggiore non CABG relato il 31,4% ha sospeso il ticagrelor.
- Nei 2/3 dei pz che hanno proseguito il farmaco, il ticagrelor non è risultato associato ad ulteriori sanguinamenti.

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RCT's e Registri nelle SCA

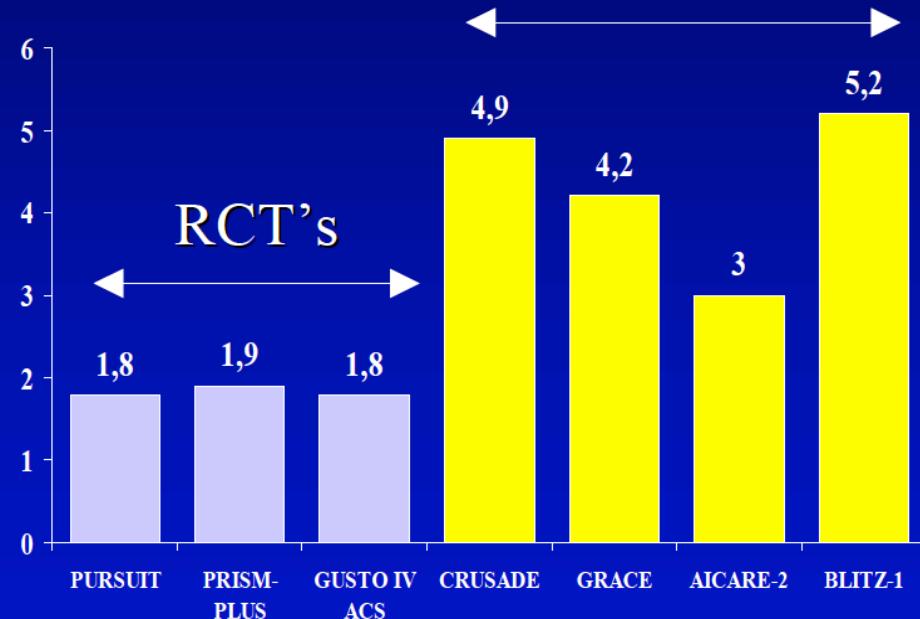
“Realtà virtuale“ vs. “Mondo Reale“

RCT's

- *Pazienti selezionati*
(no “pazienti a rischio“)
- < 50 % della popolazione generale
- *Centri selezionati*
→ “High Tech“
- *Medici specializzati*
→ “Entusiasti“

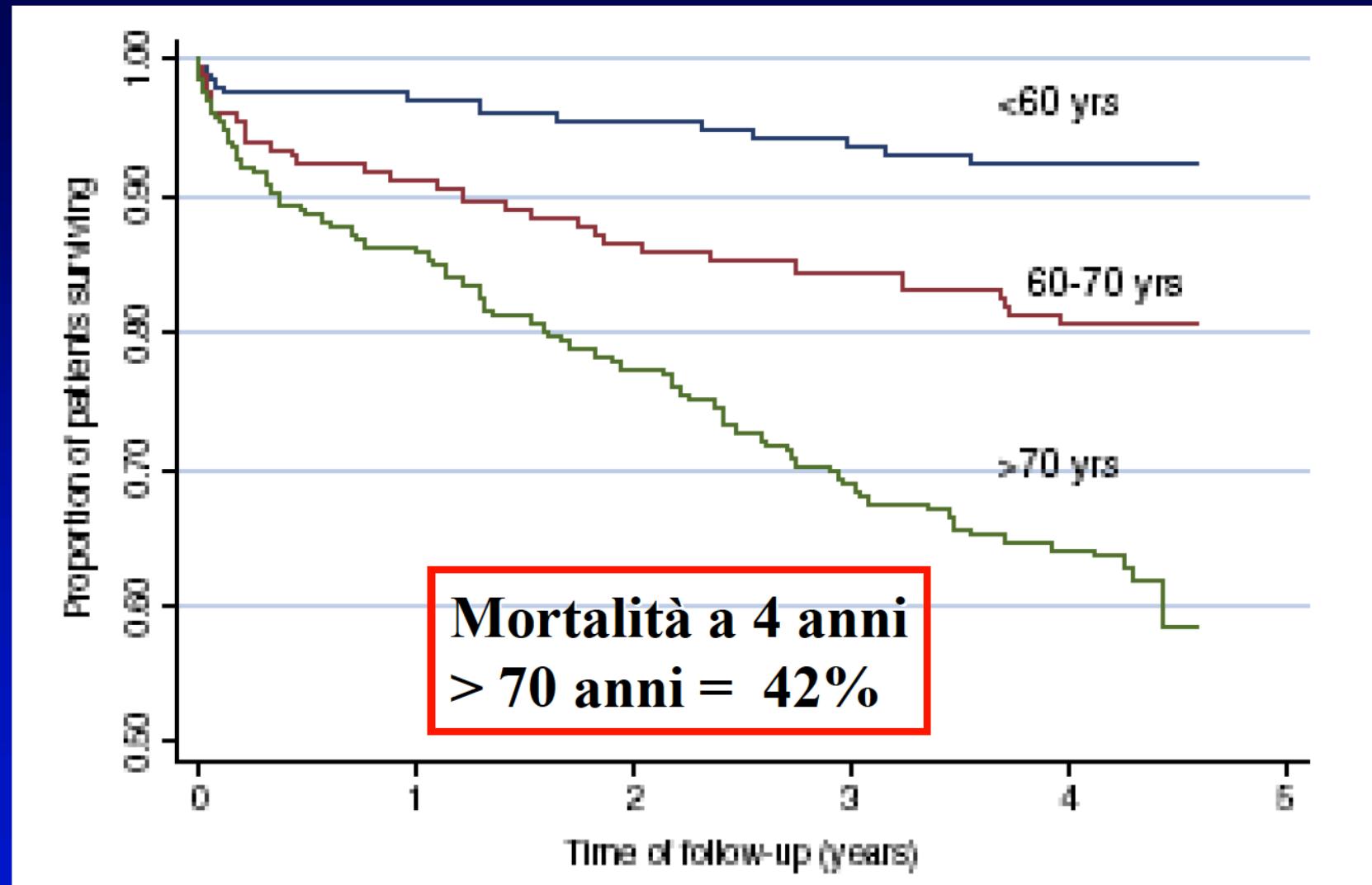
Mortalità Ospedaliera

Registri



Discrepanza tra RCT e Mondo Reale!

Forte effetto dell'età sull'incidenza di eventi!



DAPT durante post-rivascolarizzazione

STEMI **NSTEMI**

Antiplatelet therapy with low dose aspirin (75–100 mg) is indicated indefinitely after STEMI.	I	A	Recommendations	Class	Level
In patients who are intolerant to aspirin, clopidogrel is indicated as an alternative to aspirin.	I	B	Aspirin should be given to all patients without contraindications at an initial loading dose of 150–300 mg, and at a maintenance dose of 75–100 mg daily long-term regardless of treatment strategy.	I	A
DAPT with a combination of aspirin and prasugrel or aspirin and ticagrelor is recommended (over aspirin and clopidogrel) in patients treated with PCI.	I	A	A P2Y ₁₂ inhibitor should be added to aspirin as soon as possible and maintained over 12 months, unless there are contraindications such as excessive risk of bleeding.	I	A
DAPT with aspirin and an oral ADP receptor antagonist must be continued for up to 12 months after STEMI, with a strict minimum of:	I	C	A proton pump inhibitor (preferably not omeprazole) in combination with DAPT is recommended in patients with a history of gastrointestinal haemorrhage or peptic ulcer, and appropriate for patients with multiple other risk factors (<i>H. pylori</i> infection, age ≥ 65 years, concurrent use of anticoagulants or steroids).	I	A
• 1 month for patients receiving BMS	I	C	Prolonged or permanent withdrawal of P2Y ₁₂ inhibitors within 12 months after the index event is discouraged unless clinically indicated.	I	C
• 6 months for patients receiving DES	IIb	B	Ticagrelor (180 mg loading dose, 90 mg twice daily) is recommended for all patients at moderate-to-high risk of ischaemic events (e.g. elevated troponins), regardless of initial treatment strategy and including those pre-treated with clopidogrel (which should be discontinued when ticagrelor is commenced).	I	B
In patients with left ventricular thrombus, anticoagulation should be instituted for a minimum of 3 months.	IIa	B	Prasugrel (60 mg loading dose, 10 mg daily dose) is recommended for P2Y ₁₂ -inhibitor-naïve patients (especially diabetics) in whom coronary anatomy is known and who are proceeding to PCI unless there is a high risk of life-threatening bleeding or other contraindications.	I	B
In patients with a clear indication for oral anticoagulation (e.g. atrial fibrillation with CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc Score ≥2 or mechanical valve prosthesis), oral anticoagulation must be implemented in addition to antiplatelet therapy.	I	C	Clopidogrel (300 mg loading dose, 75 mg daily dose) is recommended for patients who cannot receive ticagrelor or prasugrel.	I	A
If patients require triple antithrombotic therapy, combining DAPT and OAC, e.g. because of stent placement and an obligatory indication for OAC, the duration of dual antiplatelet therapy should be minimized to reduce bleeding risk.	I	C	A 600 mg loading dose of clopidogrel (or a supplementary 300 mg dose at PCI following an initial 300 mg loading dose) is recommended for patients scheduled for an invasive strategy when ticagrelor or prasugrel is not an option.	I	B
In selected patients who receive aspirin and clopidogrel, low-dose rivaroxaban (2.5 mg twice daily) may be considered if the patient is at low bleeding risk.	IIb	B			
DAPT should be used up to 1 year in patients with STEMI who did not receive a stent.	IIa	C			

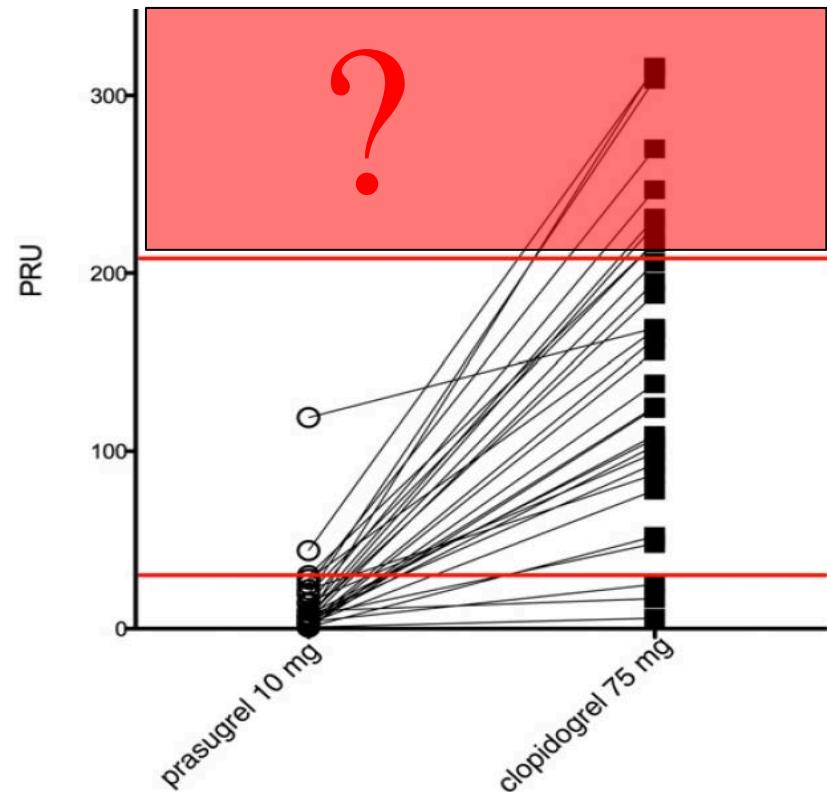


Switching Acute Coronary Syndrome Patients From Prasugrel to Clopidogrel

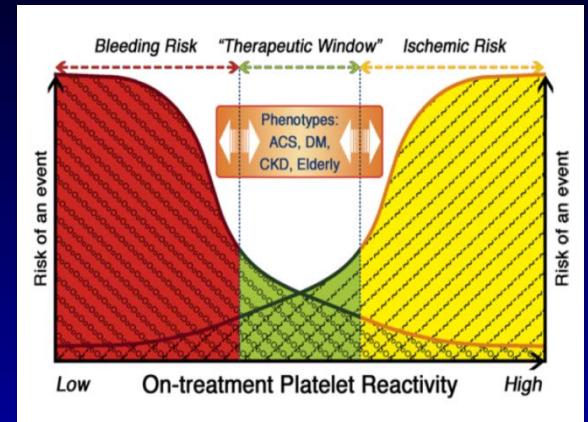
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To switch or not to switch...

- Incremento X10 di PRU
- 1/3 dei pz risultano con HPR



SWITCH-TX



- Passare da un potente antiplastrinico con alto rischio di sanguinamento ad uno più debole può essere giustificato
- Studi farmacologici supportano l'esistenza di uno sweet spot per la inibizione recettoriale P2Y12
- Tale approccio non ha però ancora una dimostrazione clinica e potrebbe risultare rischioso se non guidato da test che risposta individuale.

ULTERIORI RACCOMANDAZIONI

- ADERENZA ALLA TERAPIA
- TRATTAMENTO DEI FATTORI DI RISCHIO
- DIETA
- ATTIVITA' FISICA
- RIDUZIONE DELLO STRESS

ADERENZA ALLA TERAPIA

- Il rischio di mortalità cardiovascolare nei sopravvissuti da SCA non-aderenti è paragonabile a quello dei pazienti non trattati, che rischiano un tasso di mortalità del 5% per ogni anno dopo un primo infarto miocardico.

Tabella 1. Potenziali benefici cumulativi delle fondamentali misure farmacologiche di prevenzione secondaria.

	Riduzione attesa del rischio relativo	Incidenza di eventi cardiovascolari maggiori ^a a 24 mesi
Nessuna terapia farmacologica	–	8%
Aspirina	25%	6%
Betablockanti	25%	4.5%
Statine ^b	30%	3.0%
ACE-inibitori	25%	2.3%

In caso di impiego di tutte le quattro categorie di farmaci la riduzione stimata del rischio relativo è pari al 70-80%, con un numero di pazienti necessario da trattare di 7 per prevenire un evento cardiovascolare maggiore a 5 anni.

ACE = enzima di conversione dell'angiotensina.

^aeventi cardiovascolari: morte cardiovascolare, infarto miocardico acuto, ictus; ^bbeneficio atteso per una riduzione del colesterolo LDL di 60 mg/dl.

Da Yusuf¹⁰, modificata.

AUDIT.

30 day readmission rates after PCI in a metropolitan center in Italy: incidence and impact on prognosis.

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Table 6. Events at follow up (787 days:434-1027).

	30 days cardiac readmission; N=25 (2.1%)	Non 30 days cardiac readmission; N=1167 (97.8%)	p
MACE (major adverse cardiac event)	16 (64)	234 (21)	<0.001
All cause death	7 (28)	68 (6)	0.017
Death:			0.017
- myocardial infarction	2 (8)	31 (2.7)	
- heart failure	1 (4)	12 (1)	
- non cardiovascular	4 (16)	22 (1.9)	
Myocardial infarction	5 (20)	31 (2.7)	<0.001
Percutaneous revascularization	13 (54)	161 (49)	0.38

CONCLUSIONI

- Dopo un primo episodio di SCA la mortalità resta elevata
- I trattamenti disponibili sono efficaci ma esistono difficoltà nell'ottimizzare l'effetto terapeutico senza aumentare i sanguinamenti.
- Un attento f.up. è indispensabile: mai abbassare la guardia!

Conclusions

After discharge for ACS:

1. Mortality remains high: up to 40% in 10 years
2. Thrombin generation remains unaltered in the first year
3. Thrombin activity stays unchanged as well, but can be diminished with oral anticoagulants

Conclusions (cont)

Oral anticoagulation with vitamin K antagonists in CAD:

1. Reduces reinfarction and stroke significantly when compared to aspirin or placebo/control
2. Increases bleeding 2-3 times when compared to aspirin after myocardial infarction
3. Is a laborious treatment

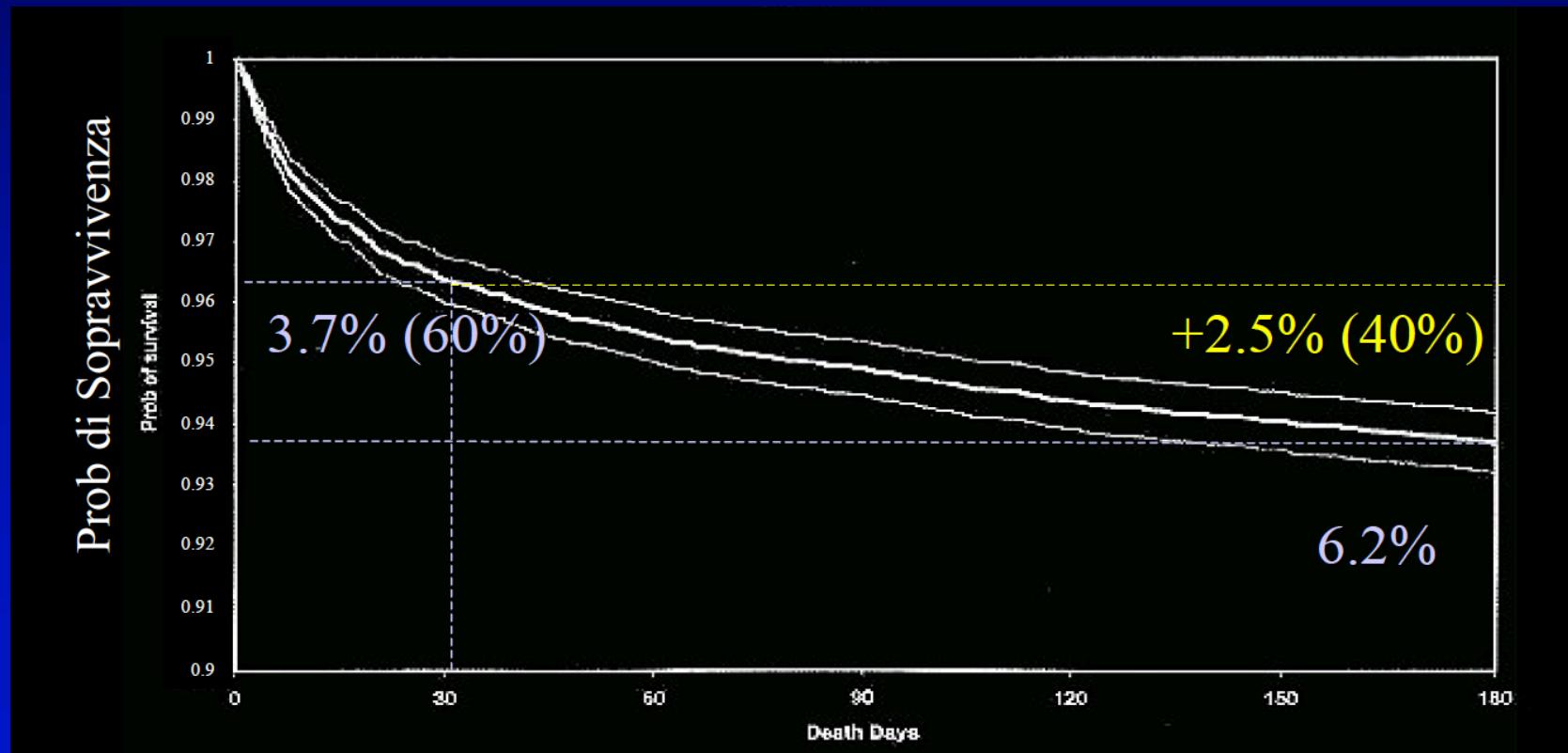
Therefore, we need simpler and safer oral anticoagulants

Storia Naturale delle SCA

Prognosi a Breve e Medio Termine



Le SCA non rappresentano affatto una patologia solo acuta !



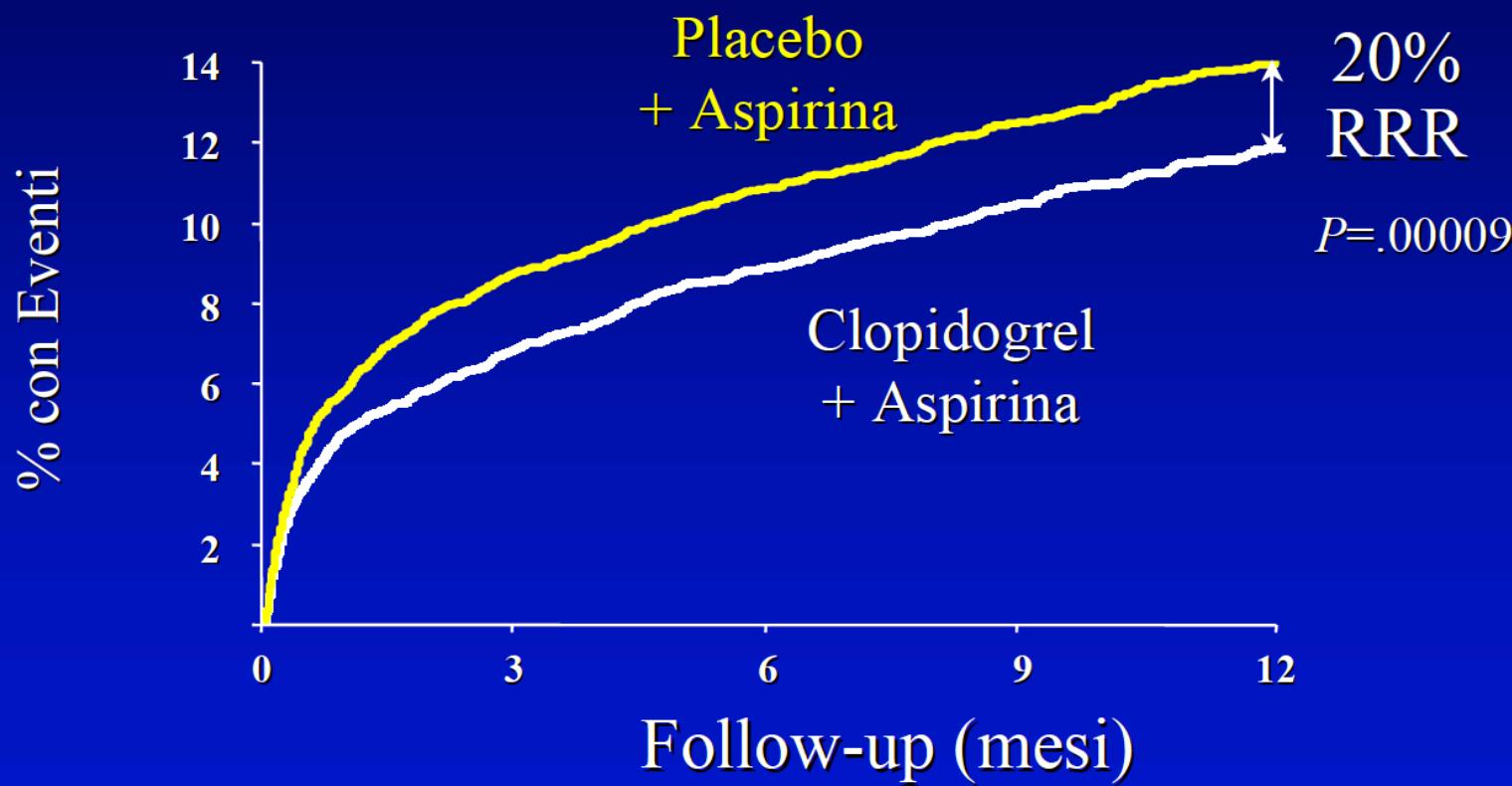
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La recidiva ischemica nelle SCA

Gli eventi dopo la dimissione

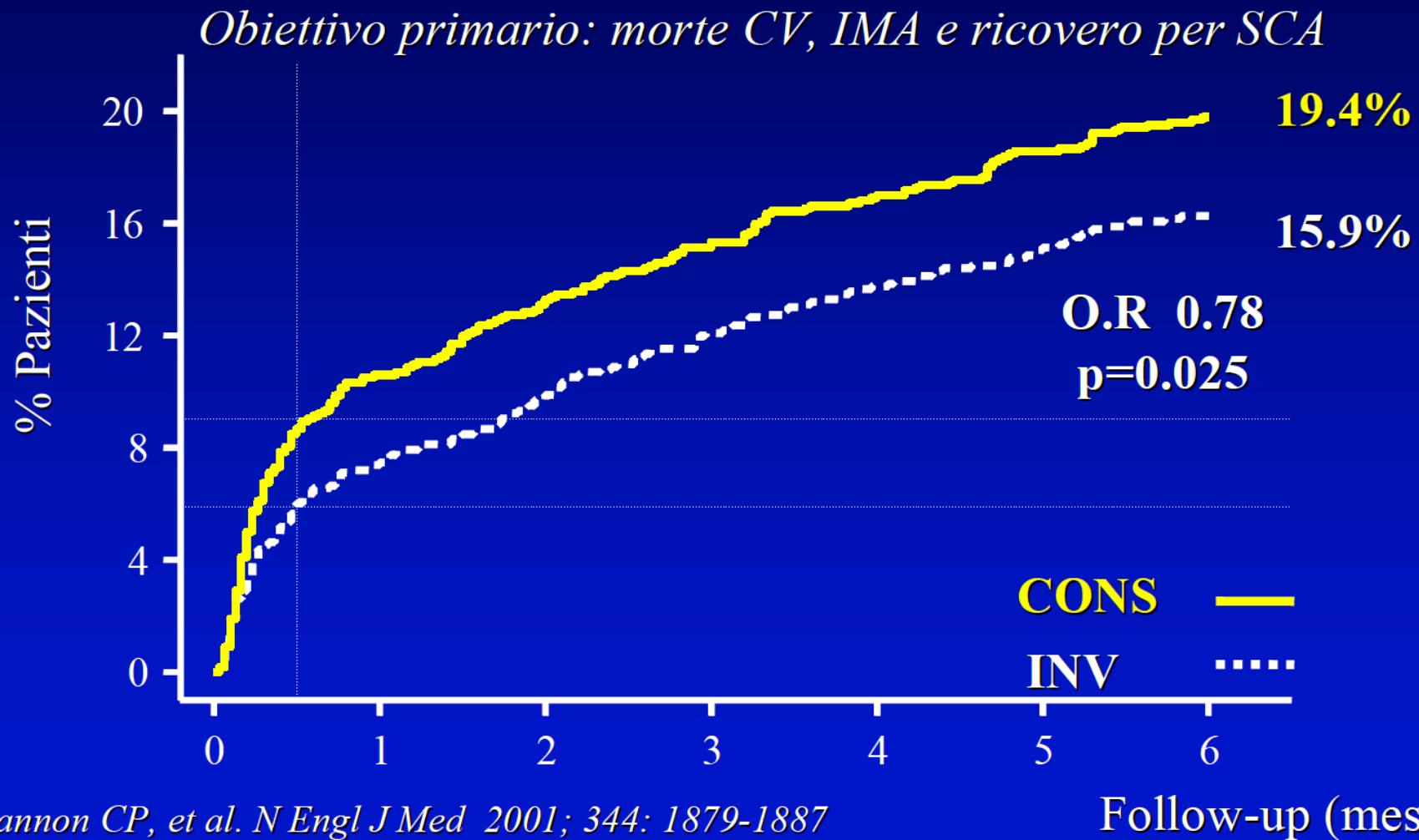
Obiettivo primario: morte CV, IMA e stroke

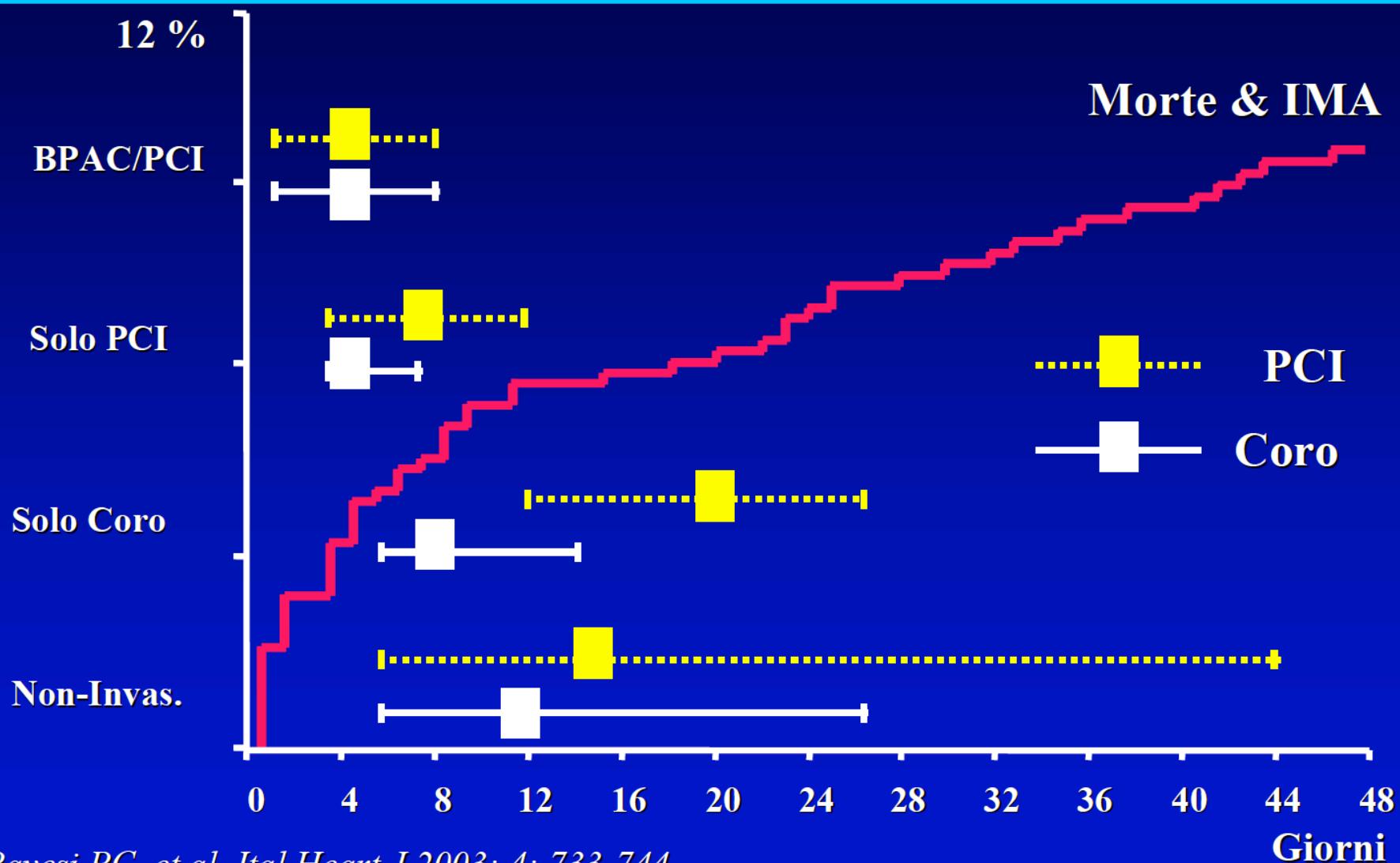




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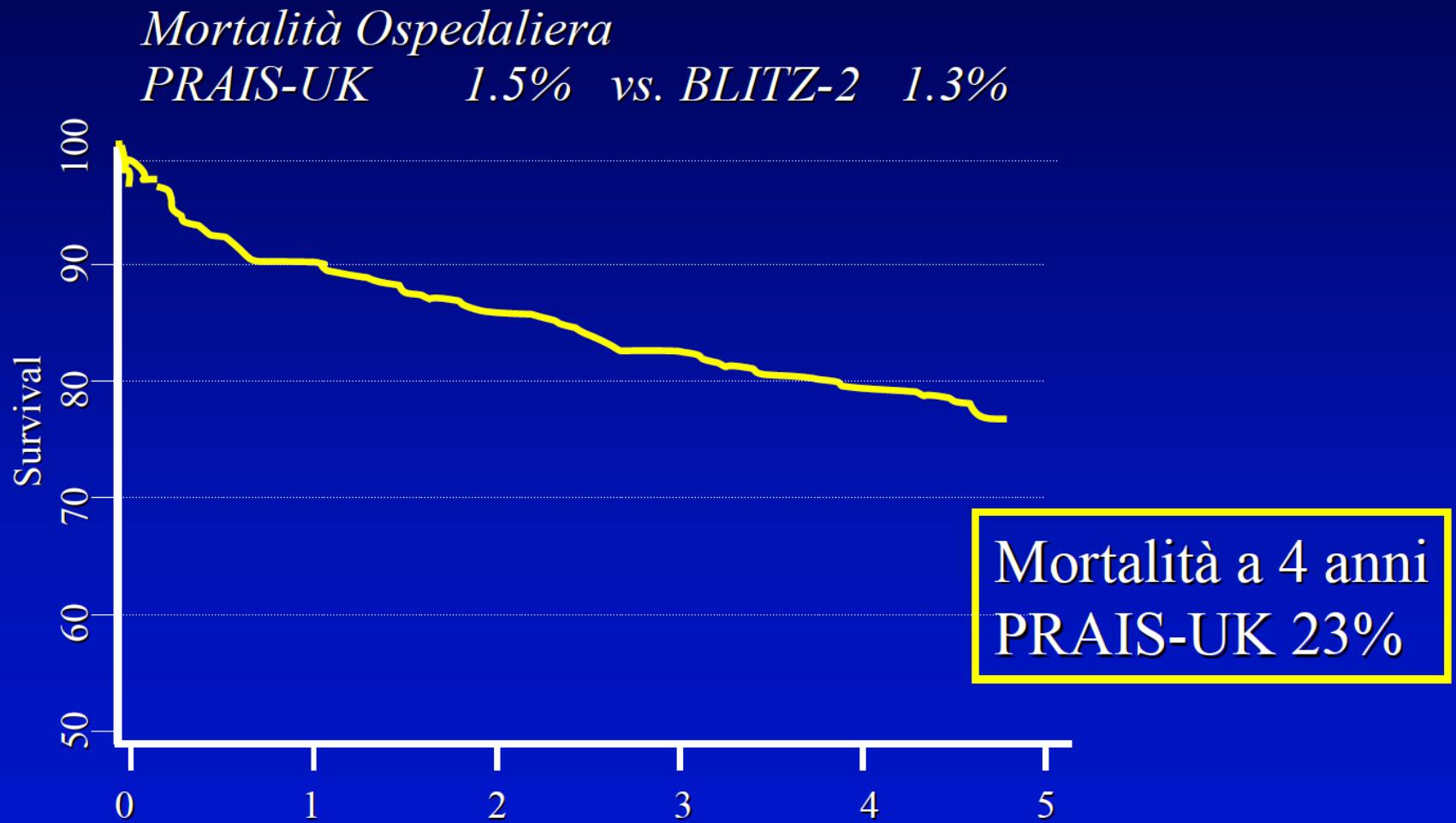
Gli eventi dopo la dimissione





La recidiva ischemica nelle SCA

Necessità di un follow-up adeguato



La recidiva ischemica dopo SCA

Le Domande Chiave

- La SCA è una malattia solo acuta?
- Vi sono evidenze cliniche di un rischio “ischemico” dopo la dimissione ?
- Quali problemi?
- Con quali costi?



IN-ACS Outcome

Registro osservazionale

Promotori: *ANMCO, HCF, ISS*

Popolazione: *tutte le SCA <48 ore, non criteri esclusione*

Obiettivi: *outcomes clinici, organizzativi e di sicurezza*

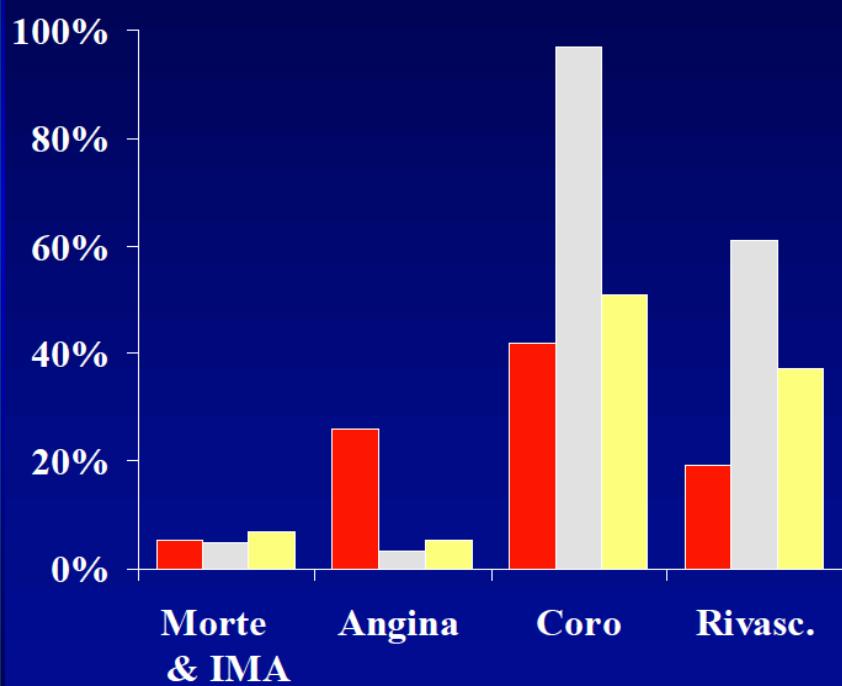
Durata: *12 mesi*

Centri Partecipanti: *70 cardiologie, 35 medicine rappresentative della realtà italiana*

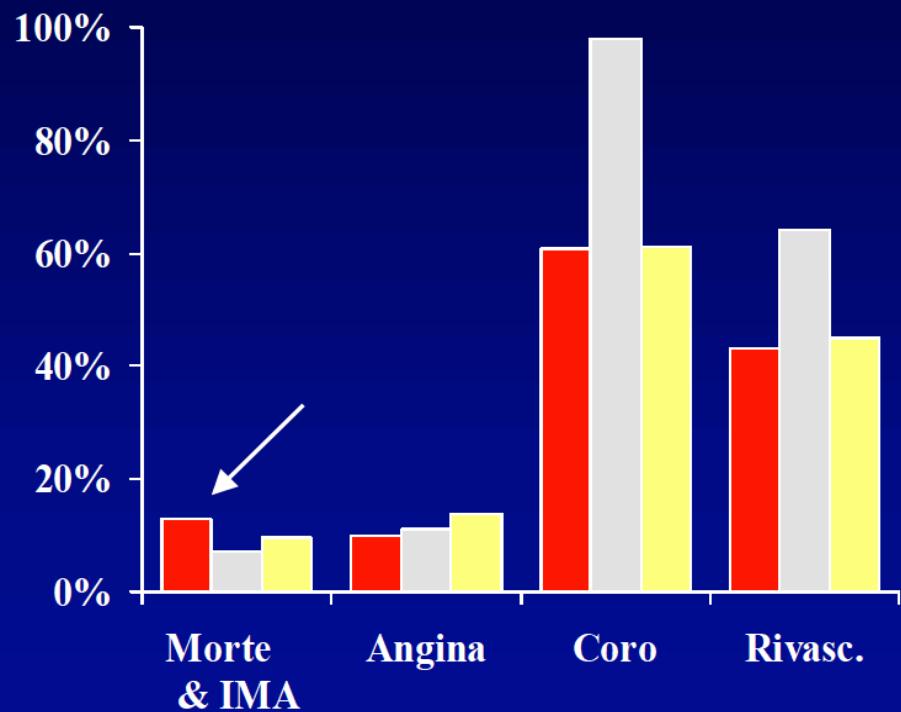
Sottoprogetti: *IN-ACS Get Appropriate*



Eventi Ospedalieri



Eventi a 6 Mesi



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TACTICS Inv.



TACTICS Cons.







Pathogenesis of Acute Coronary Syndromes

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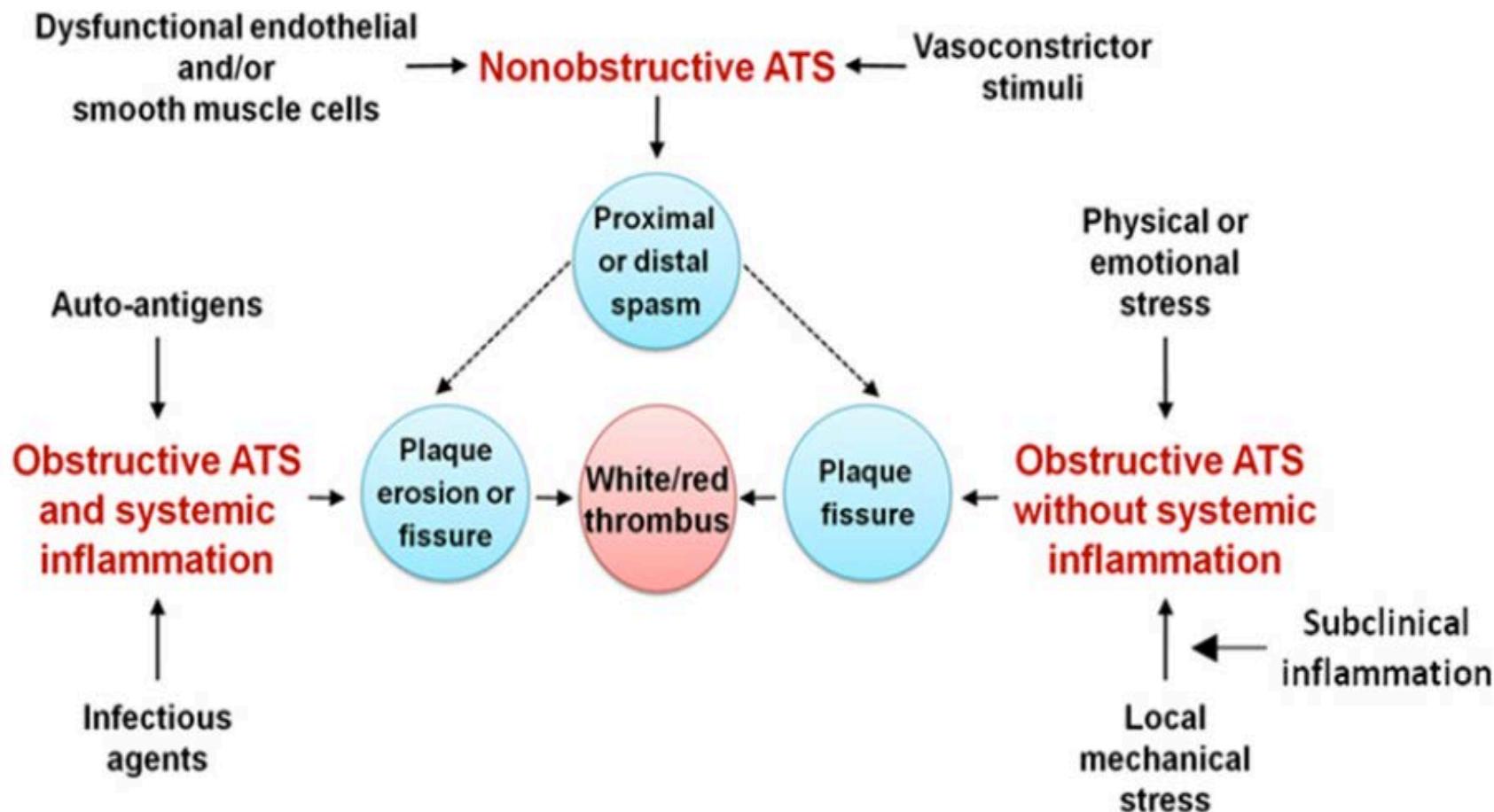
In this review, the multiple causes of coronary instability are discussed in 3 homogeneous groups of patients with a similar clinical presentation: 1) patients who have obstructive atherosclerosis and systemic inflammation; 2) patients who have obstructive atherosclerosis without systemic inflammation; and 3) patients without obstructive atherosclerosis (Fig. 1).

Indeed, our classification of ACS provides a framework for understanding basic mechanisms responsible for coronary instability rather than a classification for immediate clinical use such as that provided by the universal definition of MI.

Pathogenetic classification of ACS

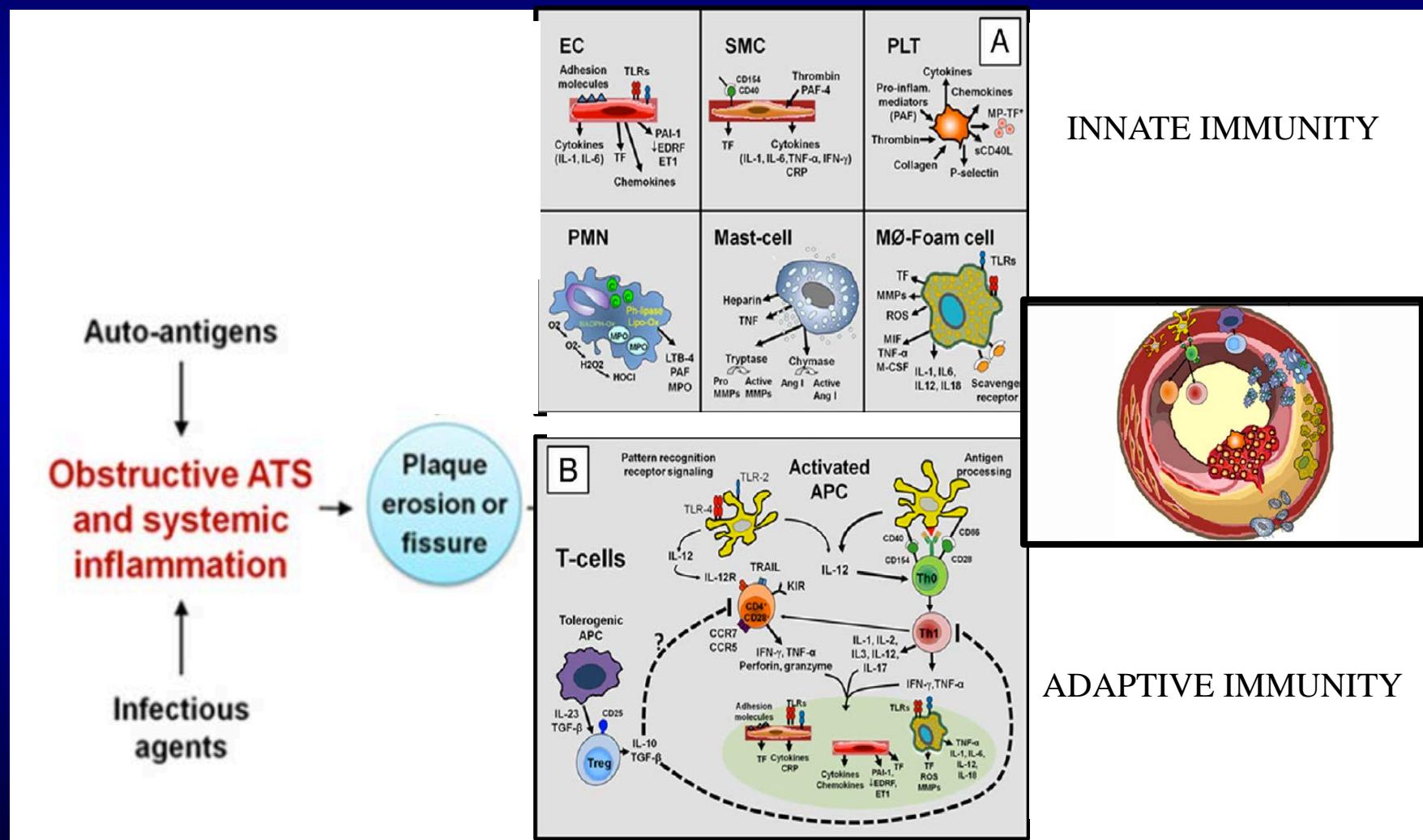
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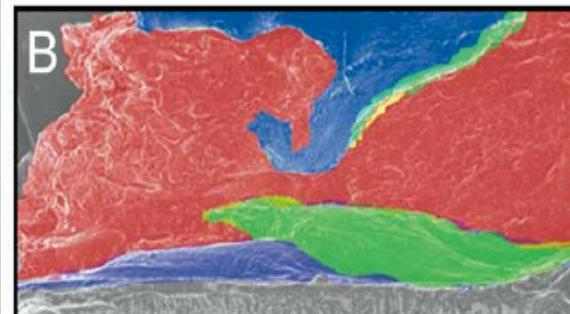
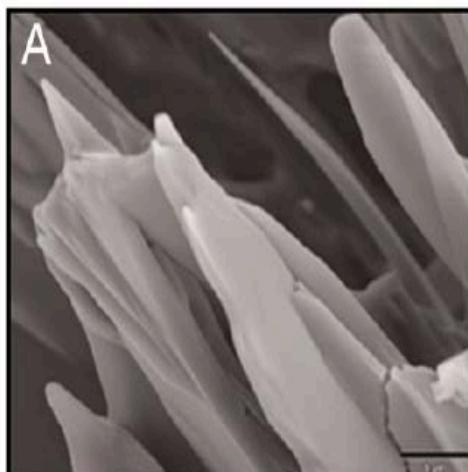
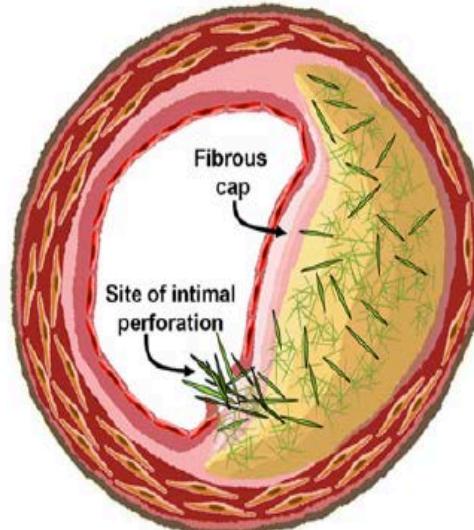
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Factors affecting cholesterol crystallization

- Cholesterol saturation
- Hydration
- Temperature
- pH
- Plaque hemorrhage



Obstructive ATS
without systemic
inflammation



Local
mechanical
stress



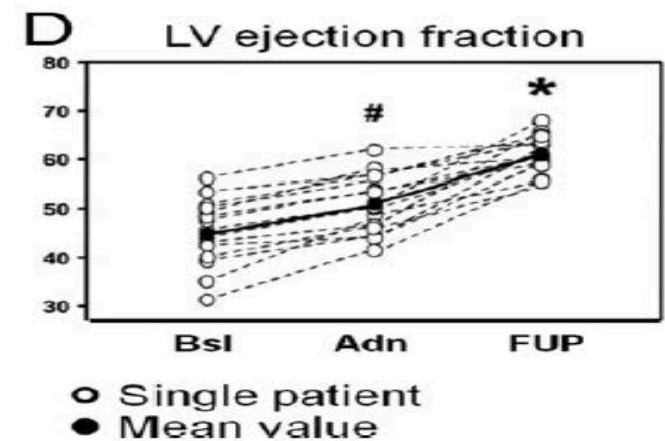
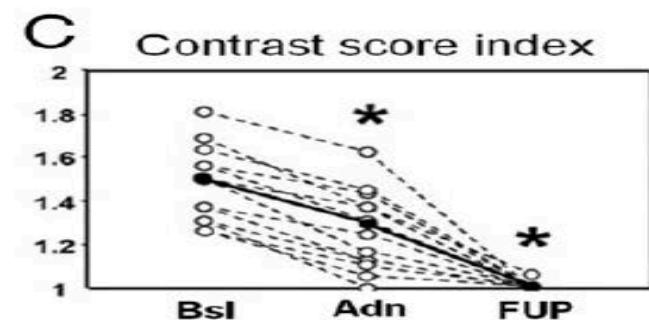
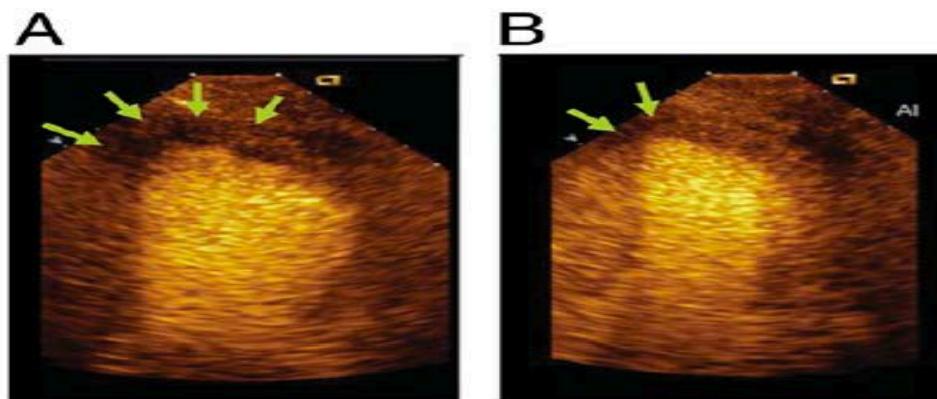
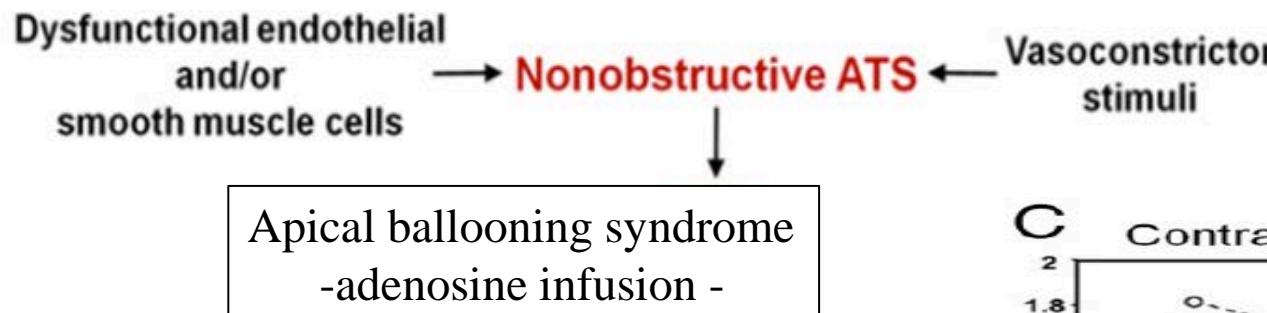
Subclinical
inflammation



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Pathogenetic classification of ACS

Clinical perspective

- More potent antithrombotic regimens ?
- Ant-inflammatory treatment ?
- Vulnerable plaque studies ?
- Rho-kinase inhibitor ?

Influence of 23 coronary artery disease variants on recurrent myocardial infarction or cardiac death: the GRACE Genetics Study

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Rs579459 in the ABO locus is a novel risk factor for adverse cardiac outcome after an index ACS.

Homozygous carriers of the at risk C allele exhibited an increased risk of developing a recurrent MI or death within 5 yrs.

The association was independent of CAD RF

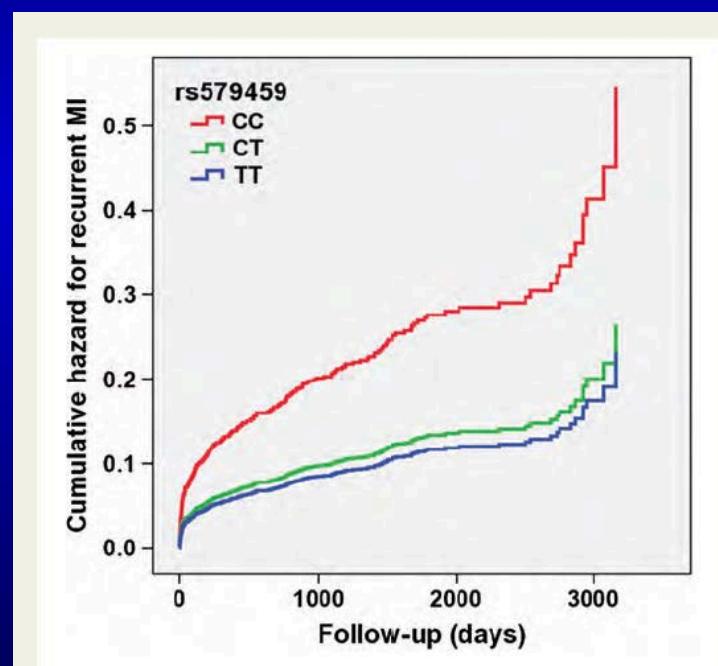


Figure 1 Cumulative hazard curves for recurrent MI by rs579459 genotype. Cumulative hazard curves, with multivariable adjustment and by rs579459 genotype, for recurrent MI in the GRACE UK–Belgian discovery cohort. MI, myocardial infarction.







