

Monitoring Conduction Disturbance and Avoiding Permanent Pacemaker

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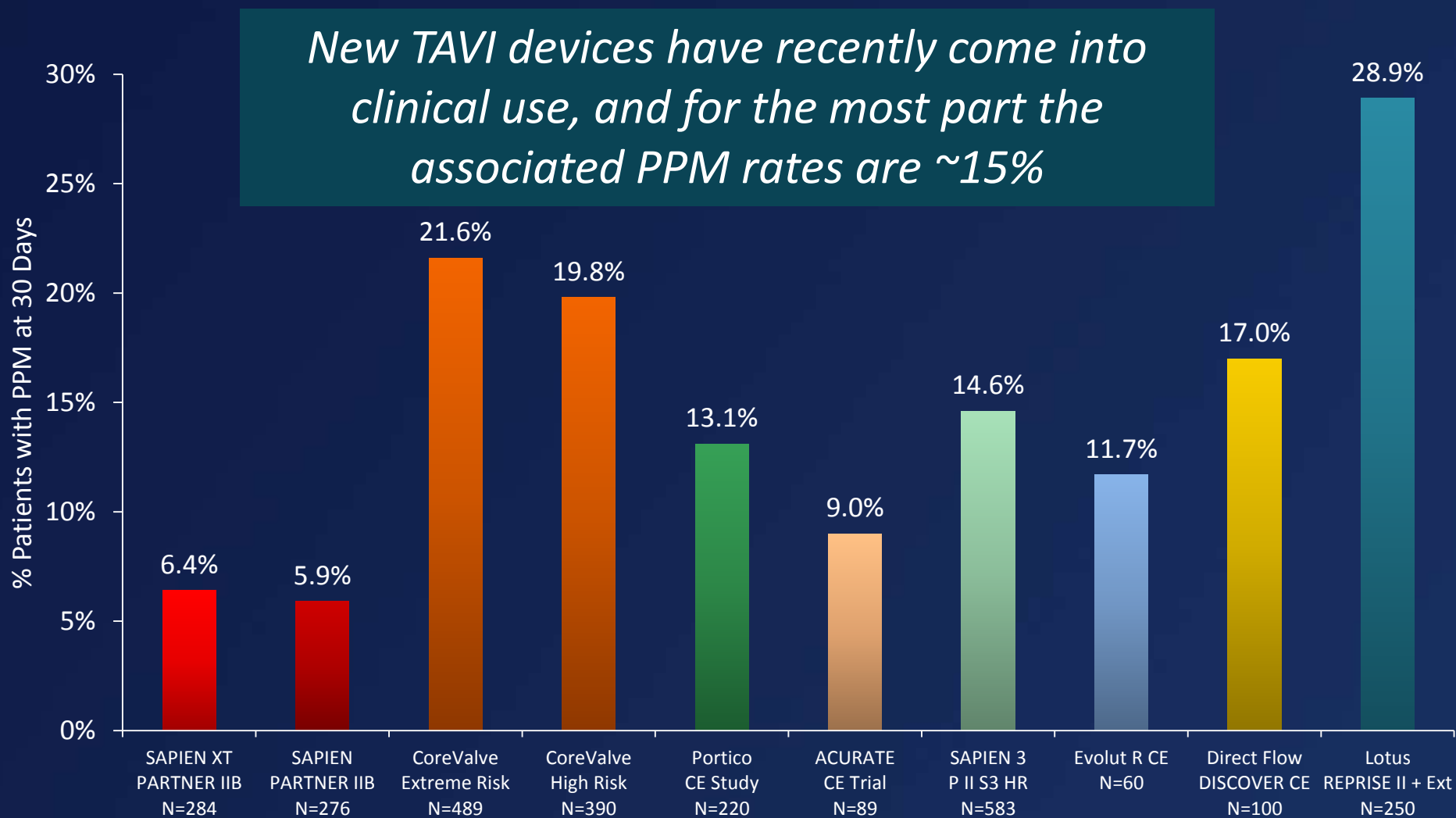
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Incidence of new permanent pacemakers
after TAVI

Permanent Pacemakers

Rate at 30 Days

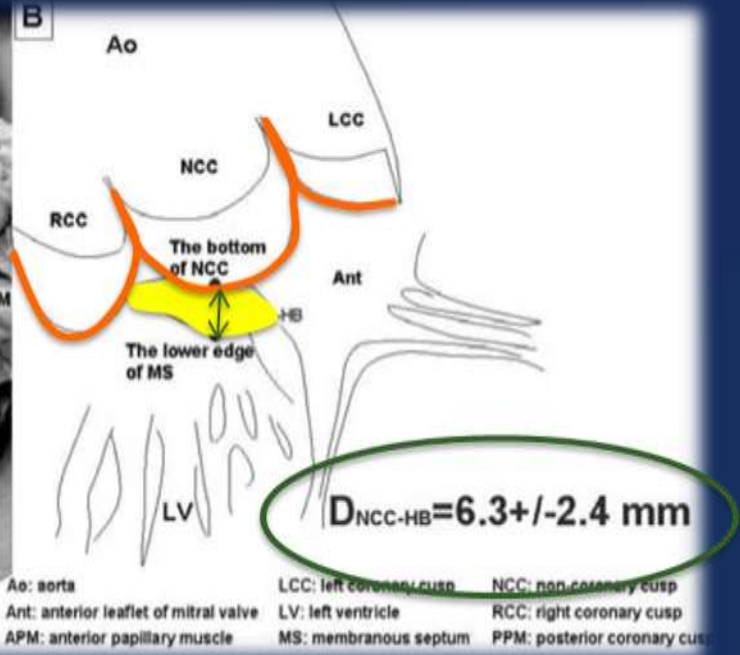
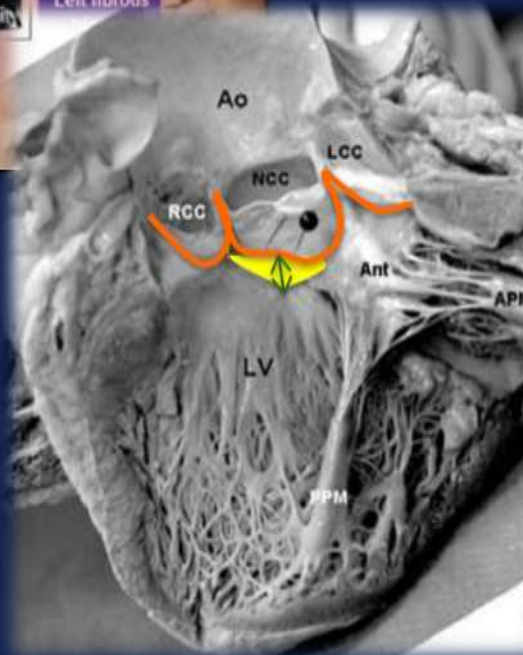
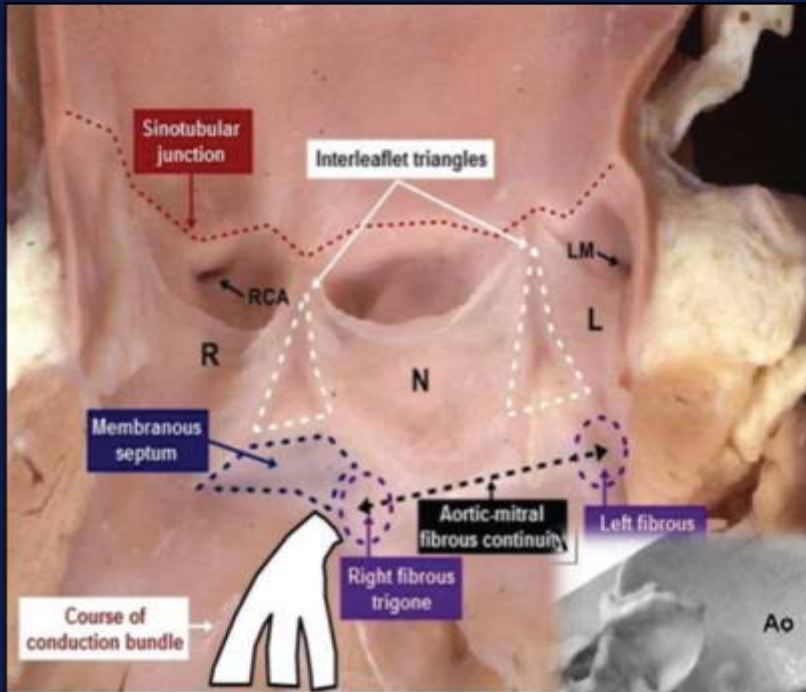


¹Leon, et. al. presented at ACC 2013; ²Popma, et al., *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2014; 63: 1972-81; ³Adams, et al., *N Engl J Med* 2014; 370: 1790-8; ⁴Linke, et. al. presented at PCR London Valves 2015; ⁵Abizaid, et al., presented at CRT 2015; ⁶Kodali, et al., presented at ACC 2015; ⁷Manoharan, et al., presented at TCT 2015; ⁸Naber, et al., presented at EuroPCR 2015; ⁹Vahanian, et al., presented at EuroPCR 2015; ¹⁰Schofer, et al., *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2014; 63: 763-8; ¹¹Meredith, et al., presented at PCR London Valves 2014

Driving Factors

Anatomy

- Close proximity of the aortic valve to the cardiac conduction system¹
- Distance between non-coronary cusp and His-bundle: on average, 6.3 mm
- Distance varies among individuals, but is usually <10 mm



¹Igawa O., et al., *Circ J* 2009; 73 Suppl I: 257.

Anatomy

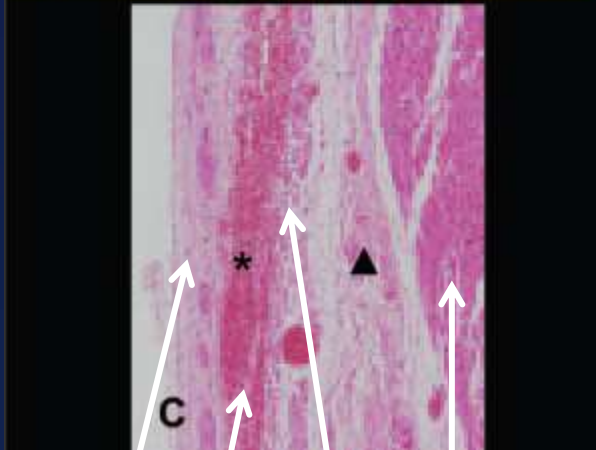
- *Prosthetic valves may contact the conduction system, causing injury (inflammation, or in this case, hemorrhage)¹*

Appropriately implanted
Edwards Sapien
valve:



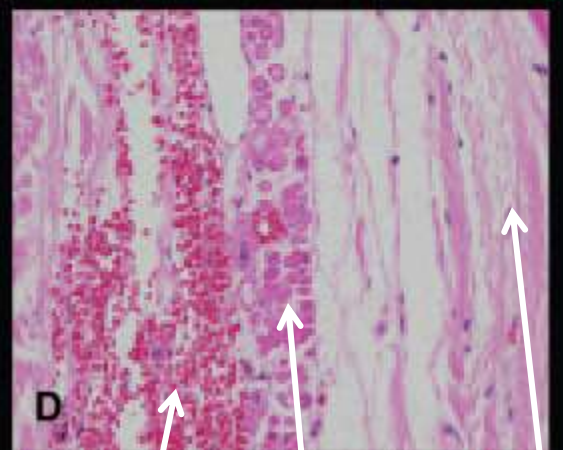
Following removal of
prosthetic valve,
hemorrhagic lesions
observed

Hematoxylin and
eosin, x10



endocardium
hemorrhagic band
His bundle
myocardial fibers

Hematoxylin and
eosin, x40

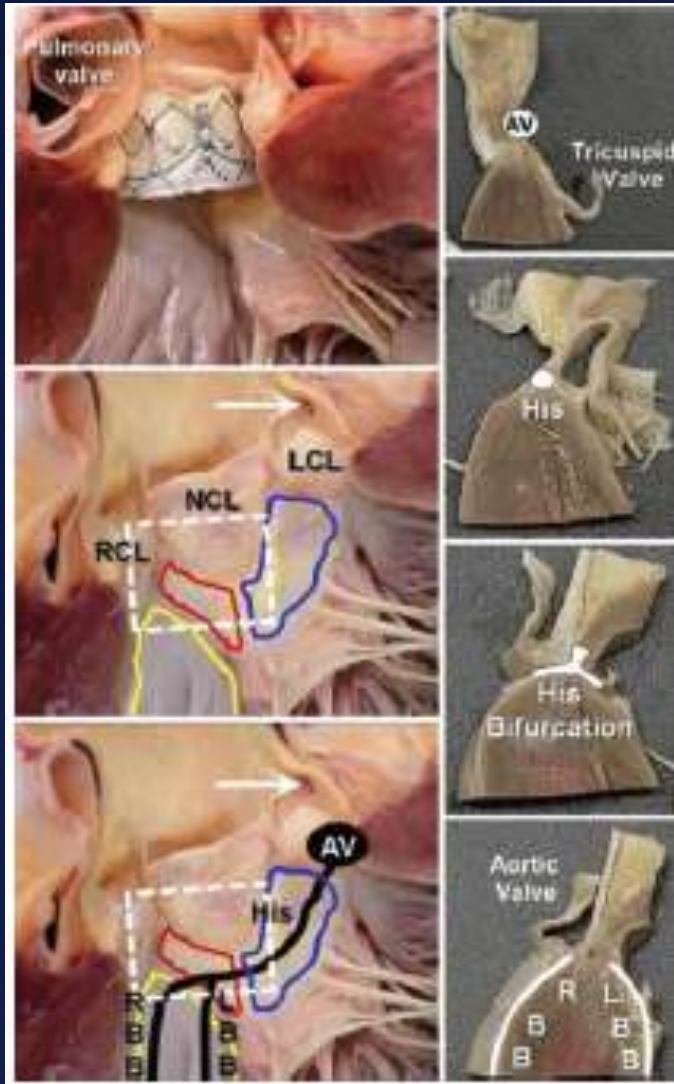


hemorrhage
conduction
tissue fibers
myocardial fibers

¹Moreno R., et al., *Circulation* 2009; 120: e29-30.

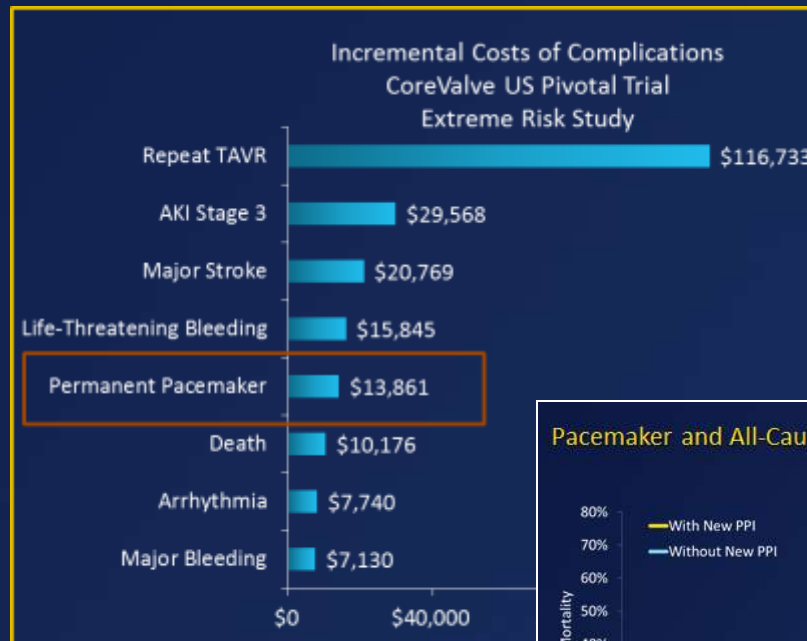
Permanent Pacemakers

Anatomical Connection



White box represents location of the valve

- *New pacemakers do not impact mortality out to 3 years post TAVR, but they do add procedural costs.*



Reducing PPI | Impact of Learning Curve

Effect of learning curve: the rate of Permanent Pacemaker Implantation in the CoreValve Australia-New Zealand Study decreased over time as operators gained experience



PPM rates in 6-mo blocks of pt enrollment, except most recent is 8-mo.

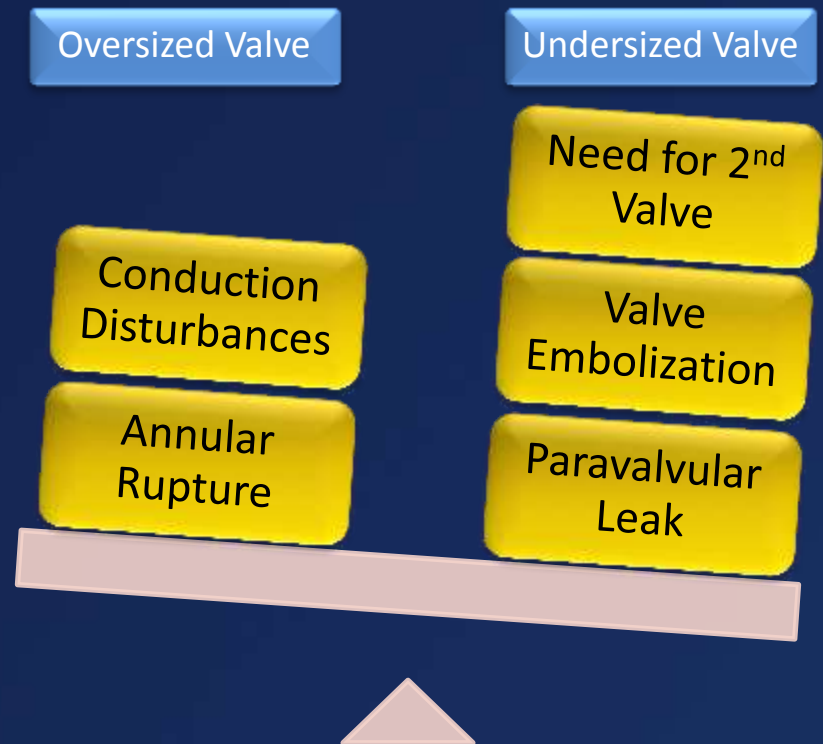
¹Muller, et al. Presented at EuroPCR 2013

Valve Selection

A Patient-Centered Approach

MSCT is the gold-standard tool for pre-TAVI assessment of aortic root anatomy.
It should be used in all indicated cases.

- *Assess annulus geometry*
- *Identify adverse features which may precipitate PVL, annular rupture, or coronary occlusion*
- *Select an appropriate bioprosthesis type and size.*
 - *In cases where the valve is on the borderline between two sizes, the relative complication risks should be considered for the individual patient*



Historical Predictors

- *Well over 40 studies have been published on predictors of post-TAVI conduction disturbances and permanent pacemaker implant*
- *Studies varied in size, rigor, and the univariable characteristics which were considered, but some central themes emerged:*

Clinical

- **Male gender³**
- **Age > 75 years⁹**
- **Previous MI³**
- **Right Bundle Branch Block (RBBB)^{2,3,4,5,7}**
- **Other pre-existing conduction disturbances^{3,4,8,9}**

Anatomical

- **Variations in location of LBBB exit point¹**
- **Septum thickness^{1,6}**
- **Thickness of the non-coronary cusp¹**

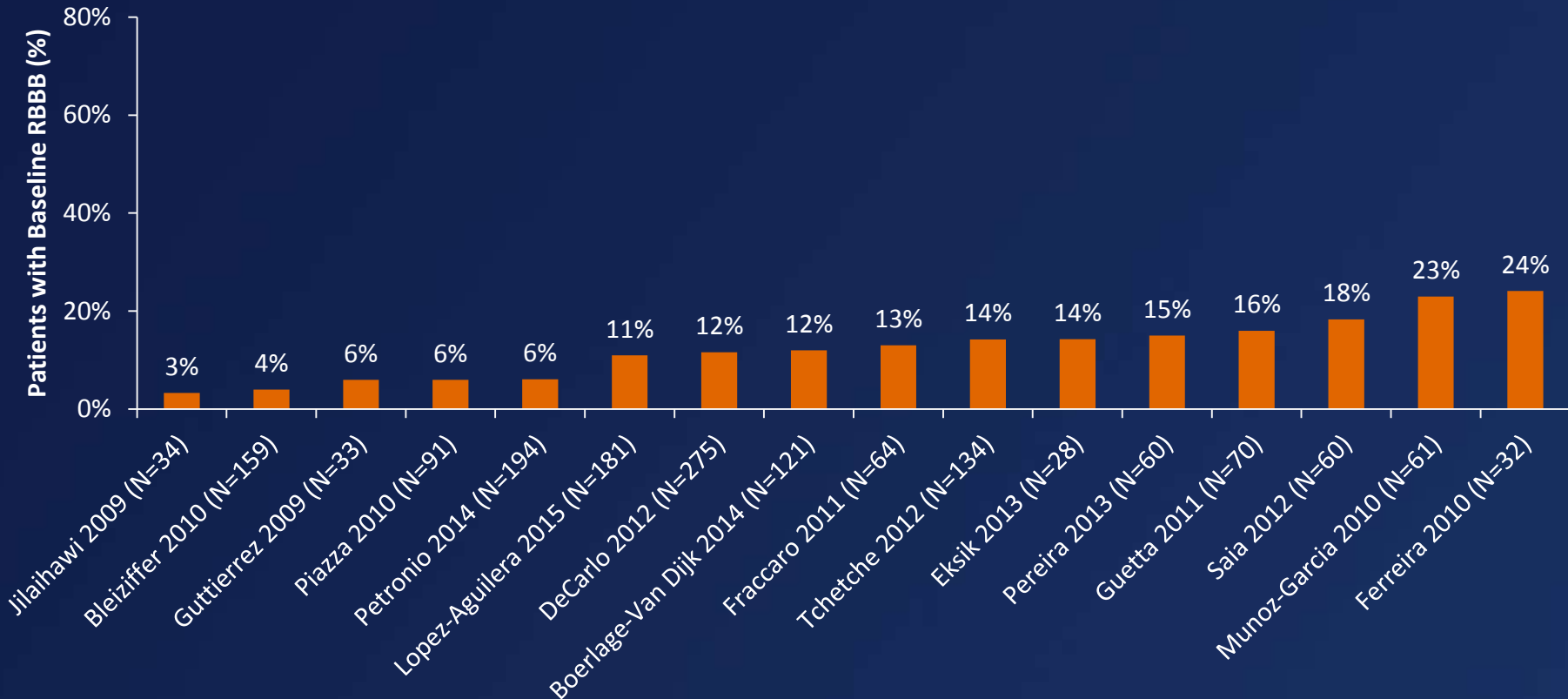
Procedure and Operator-Related

- **Radial force of the prosthesis³**
- **Implant Depth^{2,3,7,12}**
- **Balloon Aortic Valvuloplasty⁸**
- **Application of PPI guidelines¹⁰**
- **Learning Curve¹¹**

Predictor of Permanent Pacemaker

Right Bundle Branch Block at Baseline

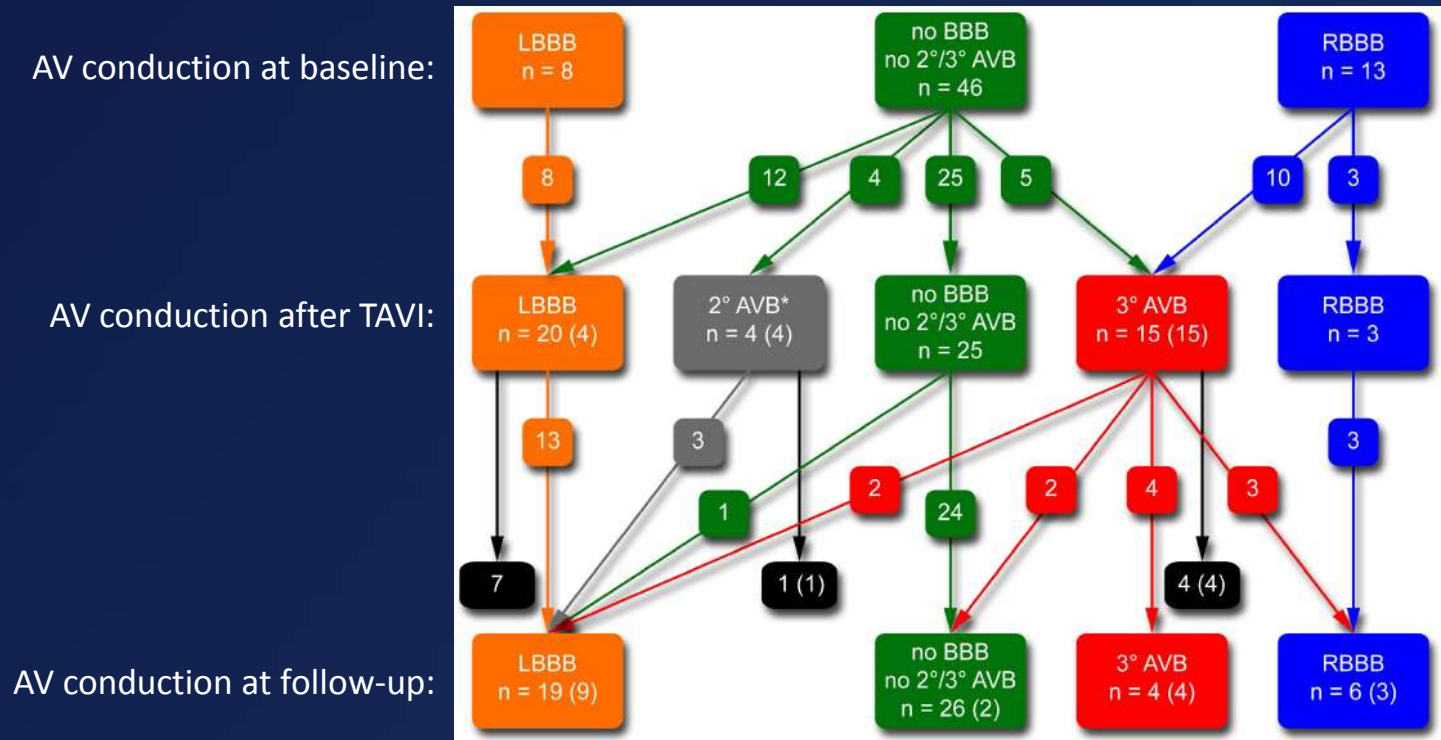
- *Right bundle branch block at baseline is one of the strongest predictors of complete AV block and permanent pacemaker implantation*
- *The incidence is known to vary by cohort, but can reach 24%*



Predictor of Permanent Pacemaker

Right Bundle Branch Block at Baseline

- This chart demonstrates how pre-existing RBBB can contribute to the formation of 3° AV block if the patient develops LBBB during TAVI



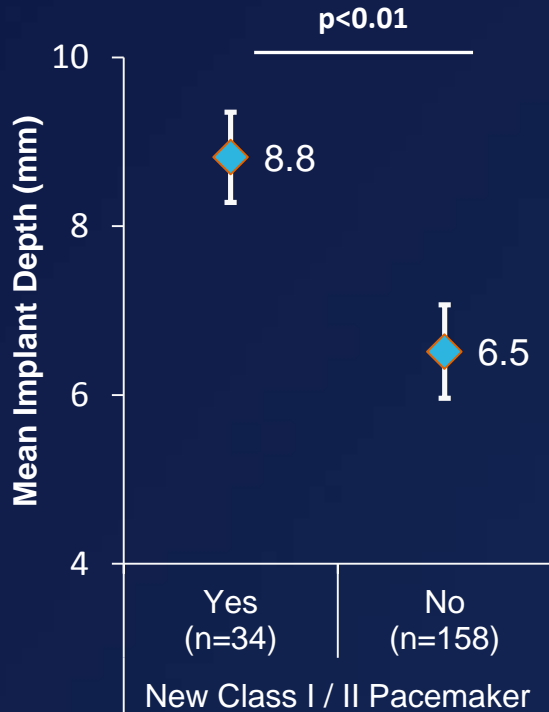
- Black boxes = pts w/o follow-up , # in parentheses = pts with PPI

Predictors of Permanent Pacemaker for CoreValve

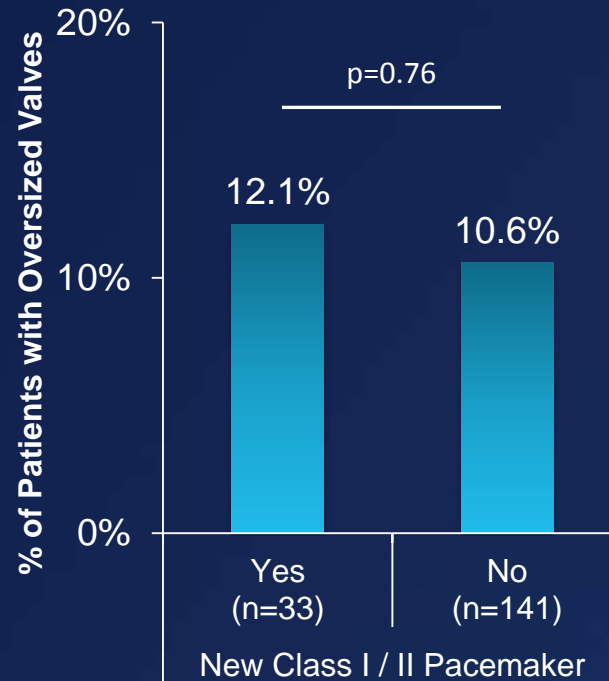
Implant Depth

- The ADVANCE II study showed that implant depth is the strongest modifiable factor which predicts PPM with CoreValve. Note that oversizing and Post Dilatation does not lead to PPM with this valve.

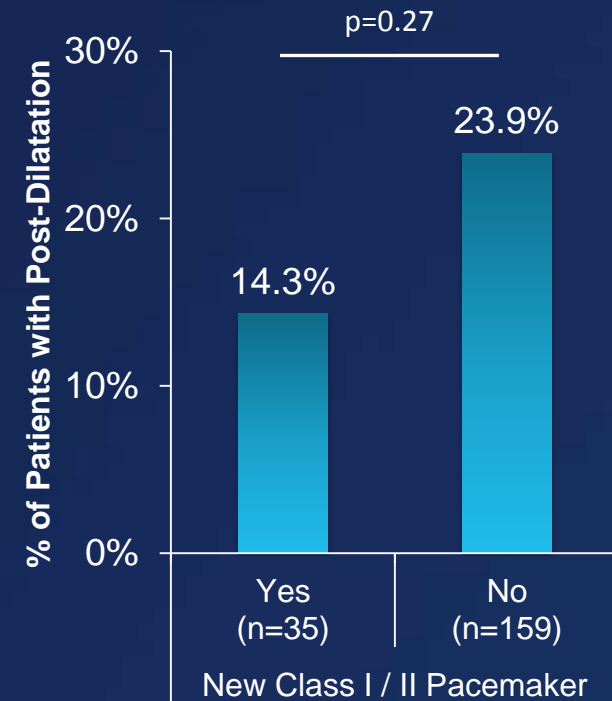
Implant Depth



Oversizing



Post-Dilatation



Error bars are standard error

Implant depth defined as the distance from the lower edge of the non-coronary leaflet to the ventricular edge of the frame

*Oversizing occurs when a valve is implanted in an annulus that is smaller than the range defined by the CoreValve sizing guide

% Oversizing = $100 \times \left(\frac{\text{Perimeter of CoreValve} - \text{CT Derived Perimeter of the Annulus}}{\text{CT Derived Perimeter of the Annulus}} \right)$

Predictors of Permanent Pacemaker for Lotus

- A sub-analysis from REPRISE II indicates that overstretching is the strongest modifiable predictor of permanent pacemakers for the Lotus valve, especially in calcified anatomies.

Significant Multivariate Predictors



REPRISE II Extension 30d Pacemaker Analysis (N=250)

Variable	Odds Ratio	95% CI	P value
Baseline RBBB	12.70	4.45, 36.22	<0.001
LVOT area overstretch $\geq 10\%$	3.42	1.74, 6.74	<0.001
1 st degree AV block	2.49	1.13, 5.47	0.02
LVOT total calcium volume, per 100 mm ³ increase	1.80	1.03, 3.14	0.04

LVOT Overstretch & Calcium Severity

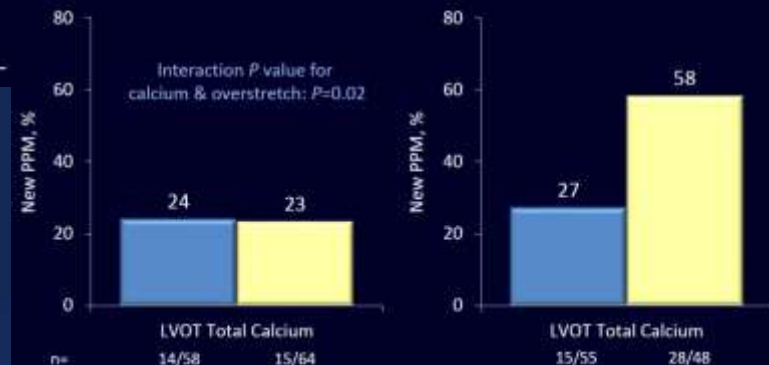


REPRISE II Extension 30d Pacemaker Analysis (N=250)

■ LVOT Calcium volume < median ■ LVOT Calcium volume \geq median

LVOT Overstretch <10%

LVOT Overstretch $\geq 10\%$



Predictors of Permanent Pacemaker for Portico

- *A sub-analysis from the Portico CE trial indicates while implant depth does not matter for Portico, post-dilatation is the strongest modifiable factor leading to permanent pacemaker*

Portico and Pacing at 30D

- 10 patients (9.7%) received a PPM of those:
 - 4 patients with intra-operative rhythm disturbances had heart block which led to PPM at discharge
 - all 4 patients were free of rhythm disturbances during wire placement and valvuloplasty
 - 6 patients received PPM prior to discharge unrelated to intra-operative rhythm, caused by sinus arrest(1), sick sinus(1) or heart block (4)
- Depth of implant was not statistically significant between those who did and did not receive a PPM after TAVI valve implantation

Portico and Pacing at 30D

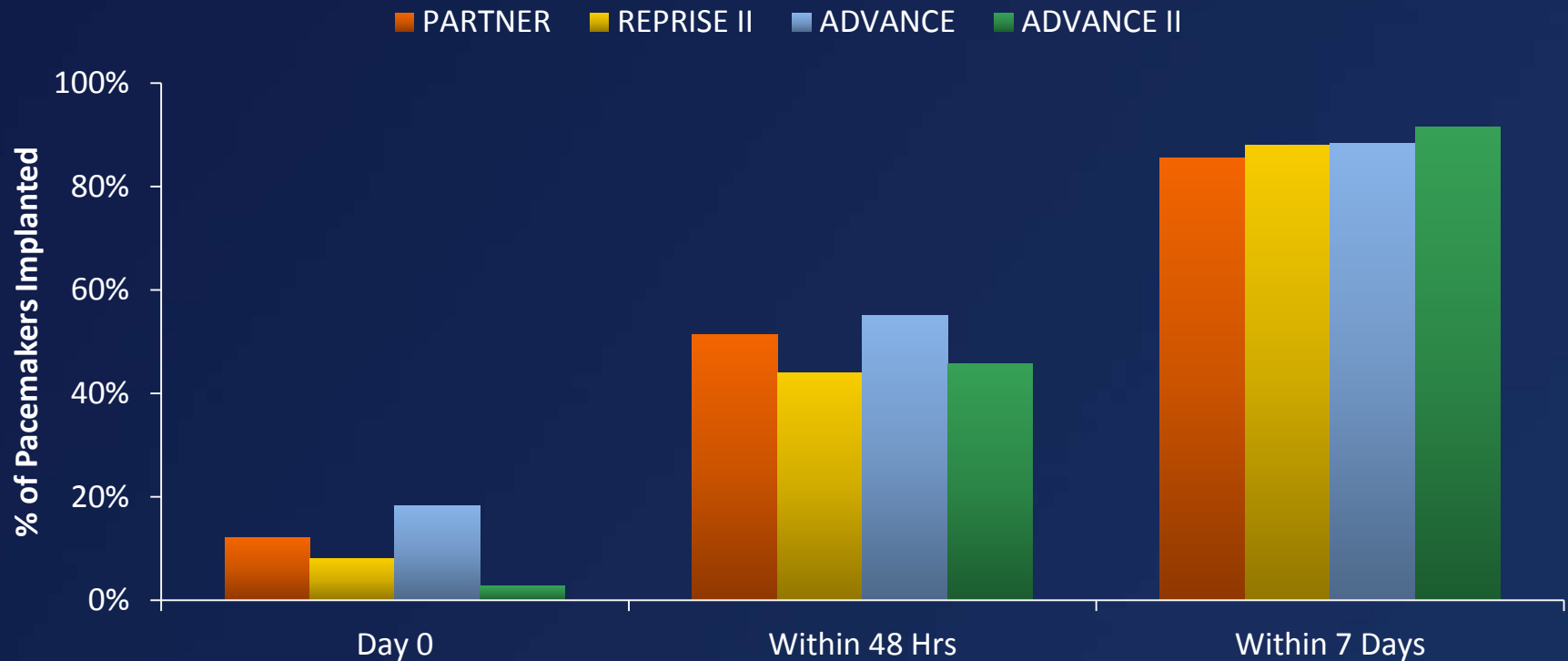
- 10 patients (9.7%) received a PPM of those:
 - Not related to new LBBB but pre-existence of RBBB (n=10) appears to increase risk (n=4)
 - Post dilatation appears to increase risk (50% of patients had post-dilatation)
 - Resheathing/repositioning does not appear to increase risk (n=3)

Timing of Permanent Pacemaker Implantation

Permanent Pacemaker Implantation

Time Course

- *The time course of permanent pacemaker implantation was similar across 4 different clinical trials using 3 different valve types (SAPIEN, Lotus, and CoreValve)*
- *50% of the pacemakers were implanted within 48 hours of TAVI, while 90% were implanted within 7 days.*



Clinical Impact of Permanent Pacemaker Implantation

Clinical Impact of New PPM

All-Cause Mortality

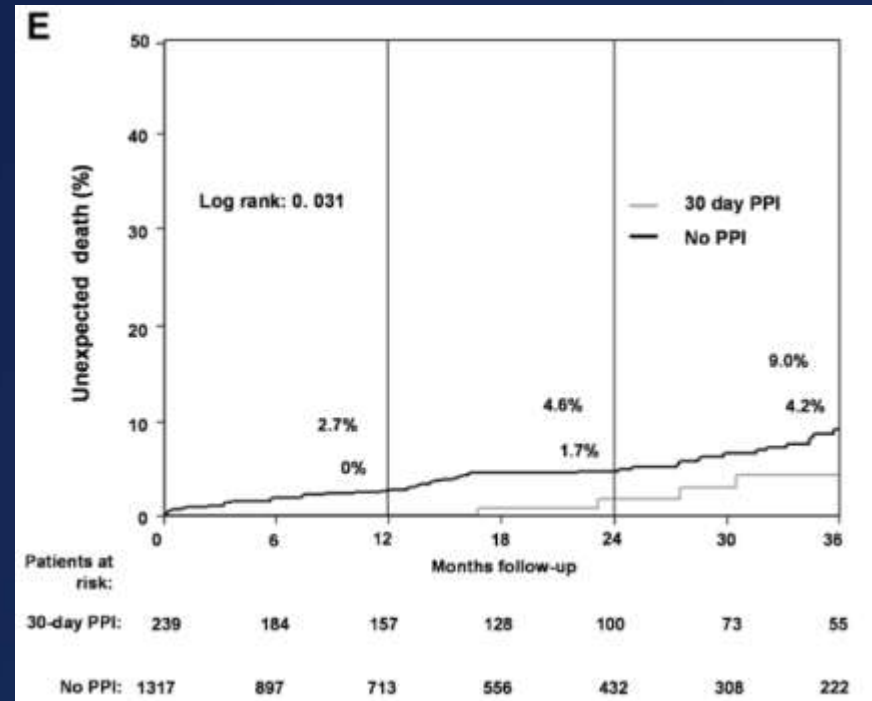
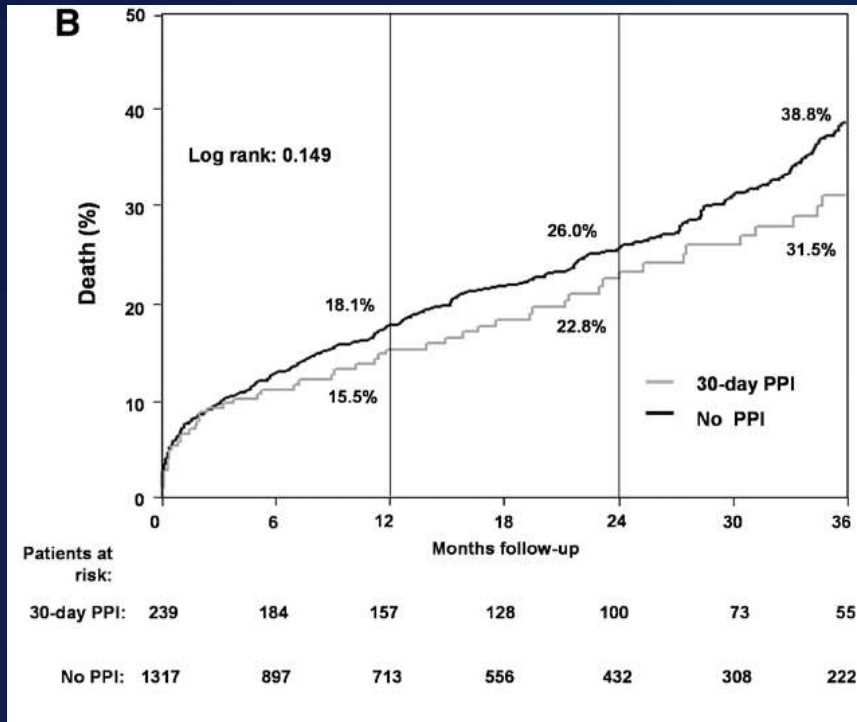
Studies out to 3 years have shown no negative impact of PPM on all-cause mortality

Study	Valve Type, N	30 Day PPM Rate	% of PPMs Implanted for HD or complete AVB	Follow-up	Pacing at Follow-up	Impact of PPM on All-cause Mortality
De Carlo ¹	CoreValve N=275	25.5%	73.5%	1 year	NR	None (p=0.90)
Buellesfeld ²	CoreValve N=319	27.8%	62.2%	1 year	NR	None (p=0.77)
	Edwards N=34					
Pereira ³	CoreValve N=65	32.8%	84.2%	1 year	Mean ventricular pacing 49.5%	None (p=0.111)
Nazif ⁸	SAPIEN N=1973	8.8%	79%	1 year	Ventricular pacing in 50.5%	None (p=0.08)
CoreValve ANZ ⁴	CoreValve N=476	31.1%	NR	2 years	NR	None (p=0.32)
US Pivotal Trial (Extreme Risk) ⁵	CoreValve N=489	21.6%	78.8%	3 years	NR	None (p=0.62)
ADVANCE ⁷	CoreValve N=1015	26.3%	NR	3 years	NR	None (p=0.699)
Urena ⁶	CoreValve N=698	15.4%	75.3%	3 years	Paced rhythm detected in 66.9%	None (p=0.149)
	Edwards N=858					

Clinical Impact of New PPM

All-Cause Mortality

One study has shown a protective effect of pacemakers against sudden death



Resolution of Pacemaker Indications

Resolution of Indications for PPM

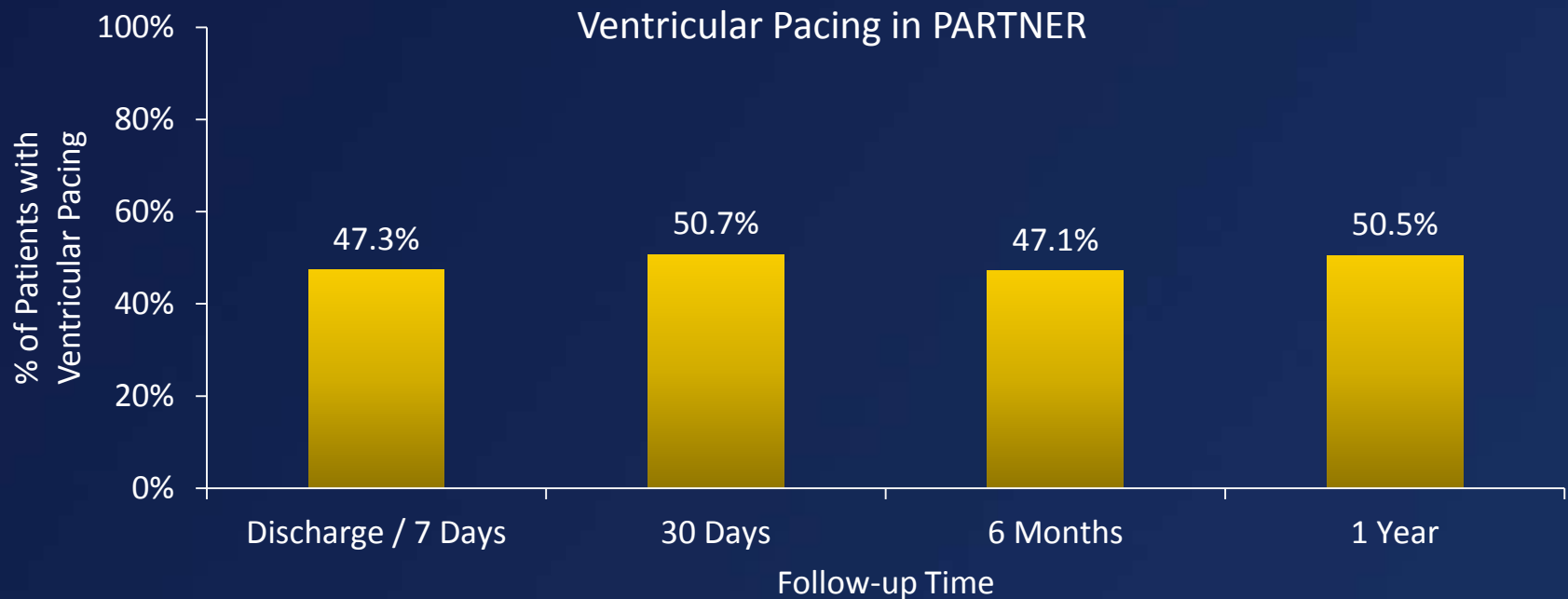
- *Resolution of TAVI-induced high degree AV block occurs in a substantial proportion of patients*
- *Predictors for resolution and the time frame for its occurrence are not well studied.*

Study	Valve Type, N	Total Pacemakers Implanted (n)	PPMs Implanted for HD/Complete AVB (n)	Follow-up	Patients with HD/Complete AVB at Follow-up*
Roten ²	CoreValve N=41 SAPIEN N=26	23	19 (82.6%)	74 days (median)	28.6% (4 / 14)
Guetta ⁵	CoreValve N=70	28	25 (89.3%)	3 months	40% (10 / 25)
Fraccaro ⁴	CoreValve N=70	25	22 (88%)	6 months (mean)	29.4% (5 / 17)
Munoz-Garcia ¹	CoreValve N=61	21	21 (100%)	7.1 months (mean)	85.7% (18 / 21)
Simms ⁷	CoreValve N=100	17	14 (82.4%)	7.7 months (mean)	33.3% (4 / 12)
Pereira ⁸	CoreValve N=65	19	16 (84.2%)	10.3 months (mean)	18.8% (3 / 16)
Van der Boon ⁶	CoreValve N=167	36	28 (77.8%)	11.5 months (median)	50% (14 / 28)
Thygesen ⁹	CoreValve N=234	64	46 (71.9%)	12.2 months (mean)	40.6% (13 / 32)
Rubin ³	CoreValve N=50	22	20 (90.1%)	14.3 months (median)	86.7% (13 / 15)
Renilla ¹⁰	CoreValve N=95	36	32 (88.9%)	35 months (median)	52.6% (10/19)

Permanent Pacemakers

The Limitation

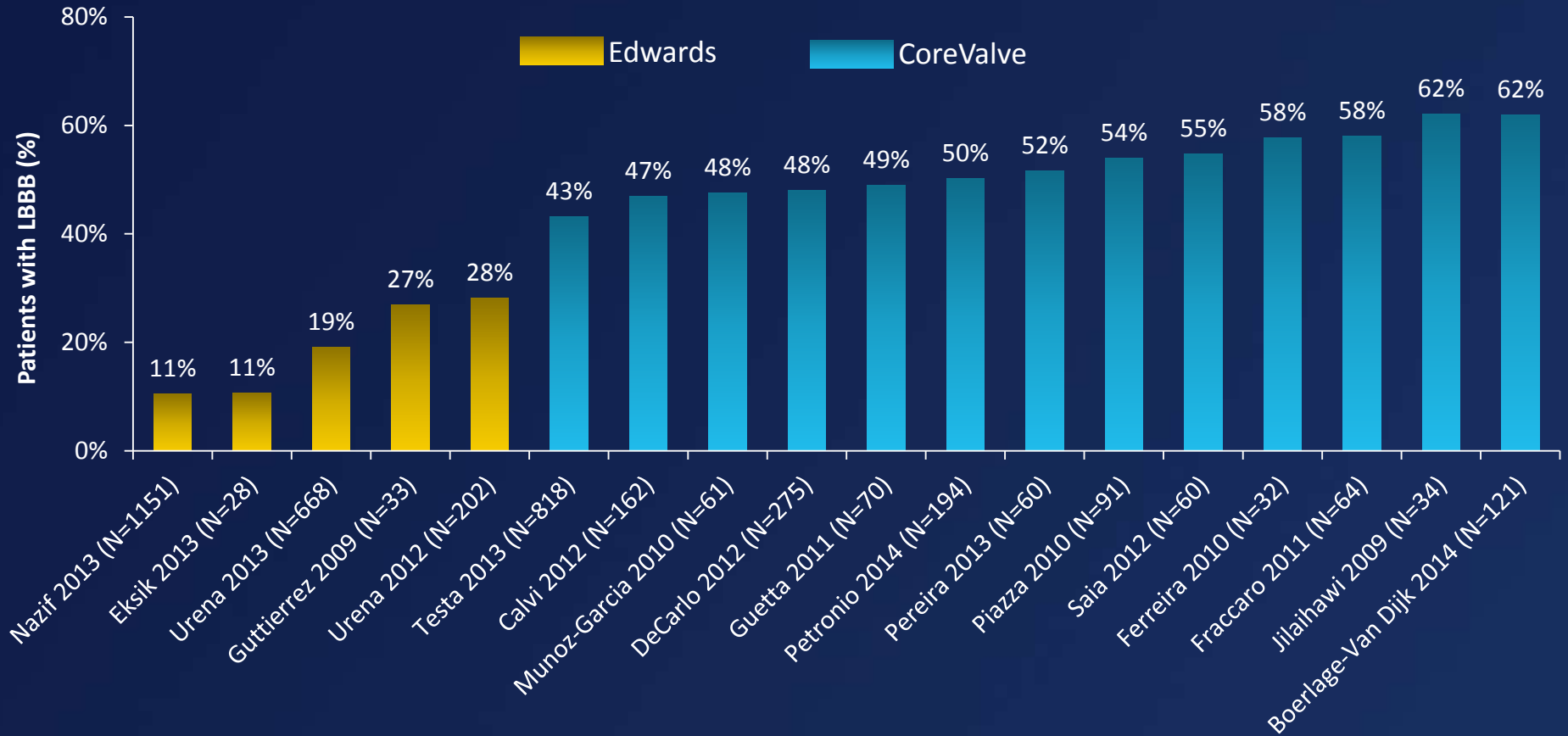
- *In PARTNER, only half of the patients implanted with a new pacemaker still had a paced rhythm at hospital discharge*
 - *For many patients, the need for pacing support is only temporary*
 - *But for how long? Days? Weeks? This is patient-specific*



New-onset Left Bundle Branch Block

Incidence of LBBB

Post-TAVI or Hospital Discharge



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Clinical Impact of New LBBB

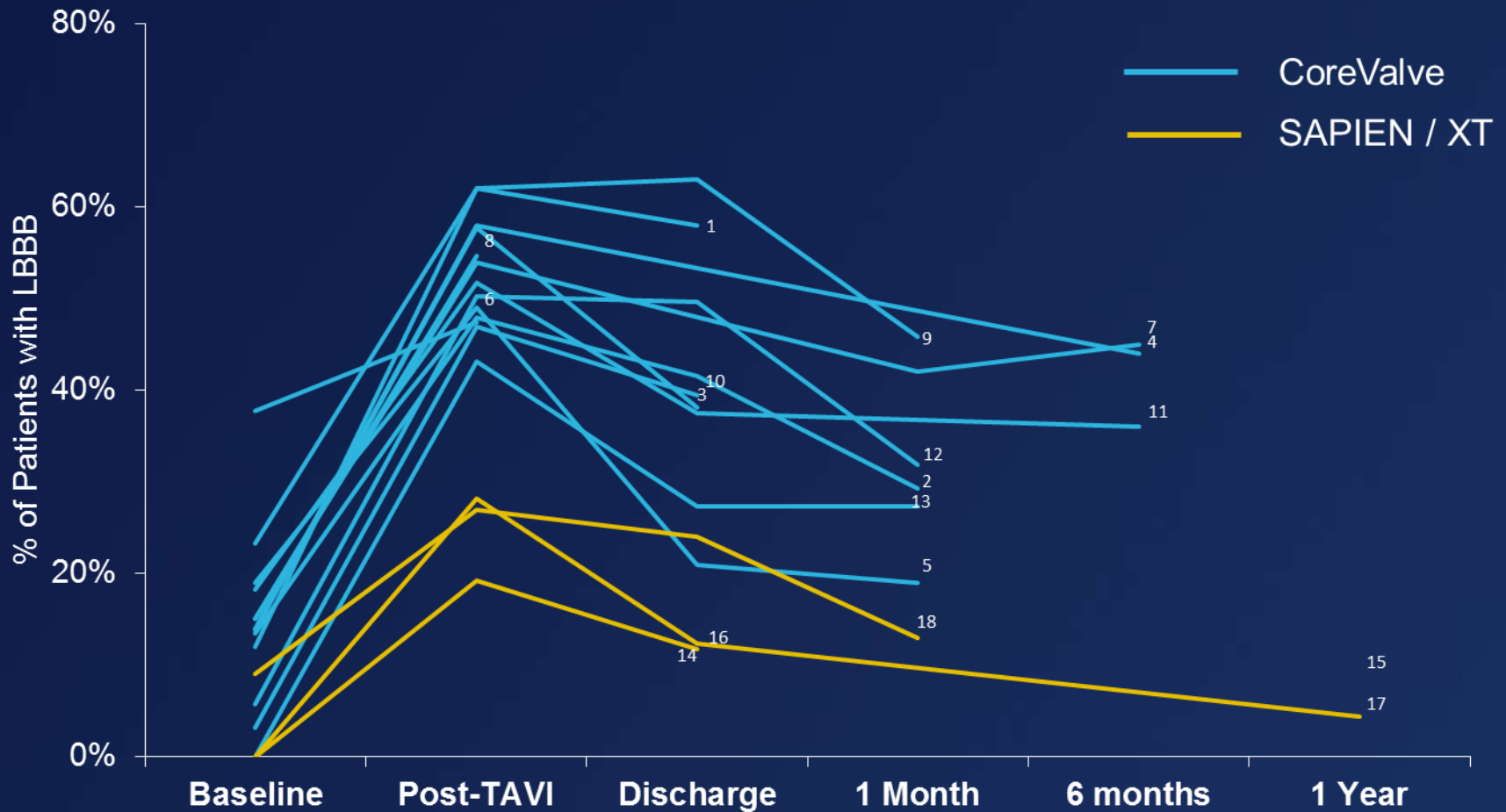
Possible Reasons for Inconclusive Results:

- Competing comorbidities which dominate the clinical course for these patients
- LBBB resolves with time and is no longer a risk factor
- Patients are being treated with pacemakers

LBBB Resolution

Time Course

Across studies there is extreme variability in the extent and time course of resolution

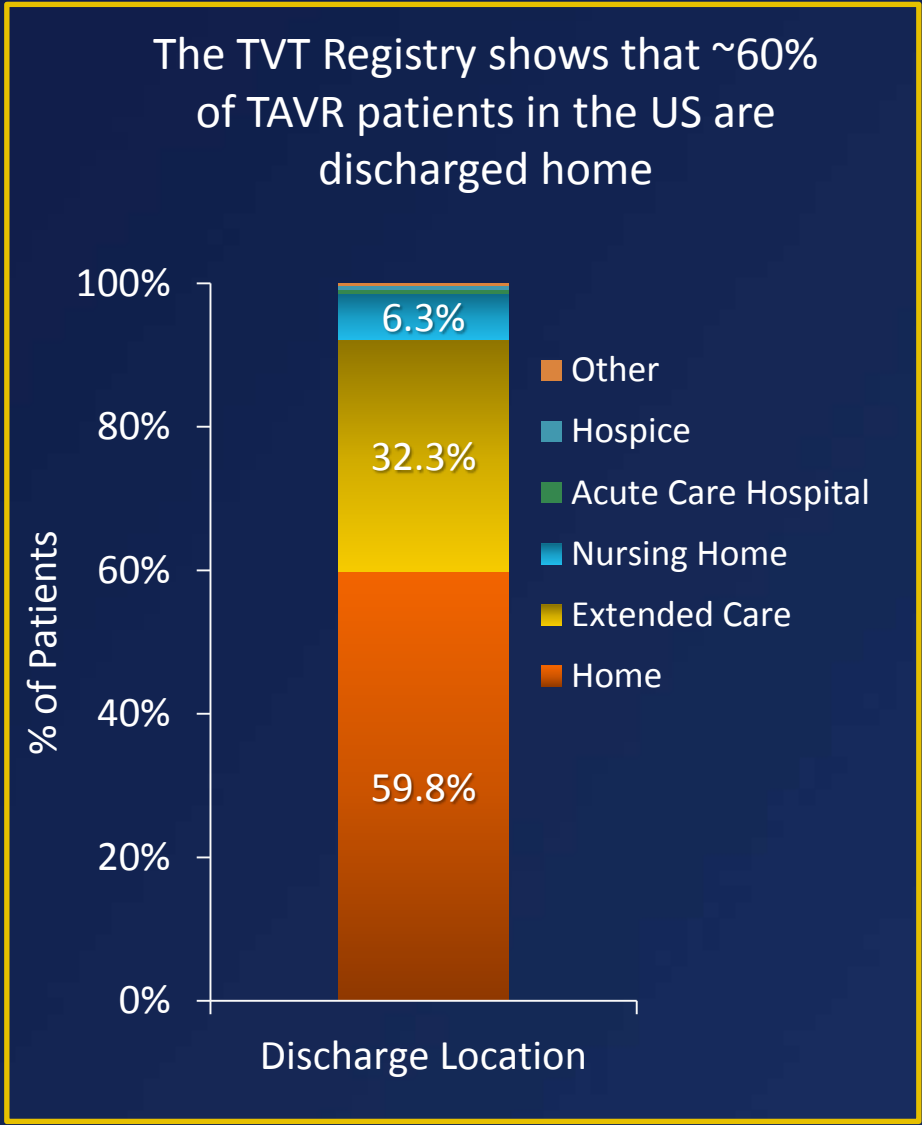


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Post-Discharge Monitoring

Post-Discharge Monitoring

The Limitation



¹Holmes, et al., JAMA 2015; 313: 1019-28

Post-Discharge Monitoring

The Need

- Clinical follow-up is typically accomplished through scheduled visits at the outpatient clinic, or by telephone
- Patients at home may not realize their condition is deteriorating until the situation becomes serious
- Implantable or wearable monitoring systems could allow physicians to remotely track their patients and potentially intervene sooner, before hospitalization is necessary

Permanent Pacemakers

A Better Solution?

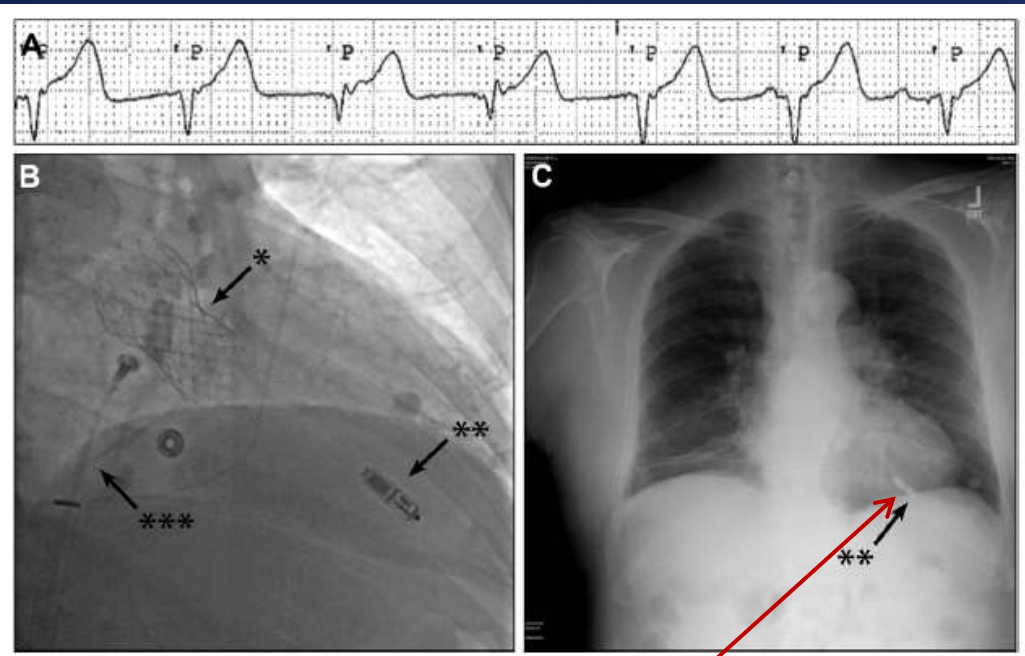
Early implantation of a **COST EFFECTIVE**, leadless pacemaker could:

- ✓ Encourage earlier mobility
- ✓ Reduce complications such as pocket infection
- ✓ Decrease length of stay
- ✓ Provide VVIR pacing as a bridge to a dual chamber device, if the pacing indication persists

Transcatheter Leadless Pacemaker Implantation for Complete Heart Block Following CoreValve Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

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Post-Discharge Monitoring

Medtronic SEEQ Mobile Cardiac Telemetry

SEEQ is an external patch monitor that patients could wear for the first month at home



SEEQ™ MCT Wearable Sensor
Automatically collects and
transmits data



Wireless
Communication



Medtronic
Monitoring
Center

SEEQ™ MCT
Transmitter



Physician Access

Patch-based ECG monitoring

- Up to 30 days of continuous monitoring¹
- Automatic and patient marked events recorder

Wireless Communication

- Automatic transmission of data to Medtronic Monitoring Center

Medtronic Monitoring Center

- Attended 24/7 by trained cardiographic technicians
- Proactive assessment of data and patient compliance
- Customizable physician reporting

Post-Discharge Monitoring

Medtronic Reveal LINQ Insertable Cardiac Monitor

LINQ is a small subcutaneous ECG monitor which lasts 3 years



Follow-up

Home Monitor

CareLink Network

A white, dome-shaped home monitor with a small antenna on top, connected to a separate antenna tower.

Patient Details

Indication	Date of Birth	Service Information	Patient Phone Number	Follow-Up Physician
Stroke	25 Jan 1952	Advisory Doctor - SM	401-954-0252 800-777-2346	Scott, Mark, MD

Patient Reports

Start Date	Event Type	Event Summary
26 Jun 2012 08:14	T Full Heart	Normal ECG, Sinus Bradycardia
26 Jun 2012 08:14	T Atrial Fibril	Normal ECG, Sinus Bradycardia
2 Jun 2012 08:14	T Sinus Brad	Normal ECG, Sinus Bradycardia
6 Jun 2012 11:14	T Full Heart	Normal ECG, Sinus Bradycardia



Reveal LINQ™

Event Report | Medtronic

Reveal LINQ™

Heart Rate Summary: Taper (Sinus) - Marked (See Pulse Graph)

An ECG waveform showing heart rate and rhythm over time.

Patient Assistant

Alerts

Reports

Take Home Messages

- Contemporary studies show that permanent pacemakers are implanted in ~15% of patients following TAVI
- One predictor that is common to all valve types is the presence of RBBB at baseline. Otherwise, relevant predictors are specific to valve type.
- New-onset LBBB is a common finding after TAVI, regardless of valve type
- There is conflicting data as to the impact of new LBBB on mortality.
- The data suggest that it's reasonable to implant pacemakers in patients with new persistent LBBB, for example those that also have QRS >160 msec
- The vast majority of pacemakers are implanted during the index hospitalization. Only ~10% occur after discharge.
- Pacemakers have not been shown to negatively impact mortality

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