



Precision Cardiovascular Care – Moving From Broad Guidelines to Patient-Specific Care: The Non-Invasive Evaluation for Stable Coronary Artery Disease – CTA as first line test

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The Challenge in Cardiology Practice



Patient Case - Mrs. M

- 58 years old with DM
- Lives independently
 - Shops, Cleans, works in bank
- Seen by PCP
 - Occasional Chest “ache” with walking at grocery store
 - Cramping in calves
- Referred to Duke Cardiology / Vascular Clinic for evaluation



Case 1

- A 58 year old woman referred to your office. The discomfort is characterized as:
- 3-4 out of ten in severity
- Described as sharp, with some mild pressure
- Nonpleuritic, localized under the left breast with some radiation to the shoulder.
- Has occurred with some housework but also occasionally at rest. Last episode while watching TV.
- When occurs with activity - relieves with rest



What would you do?

- How do you determine risk and identify disease?



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2021 AHA/ACC/ASE/CHEST/SAEM/SCCT/SCMR Guideline for the Evaluation and Diagnosis of Chest Pain

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Figure 11. Pretest Probabilities of Obstructive CAD in Symptomatic Patients According to Age, Sex, and Symptoms.

Colors correspond to the Class of Recommendation in Table 1.

CAC indicates coronary artery calcium; and CAD, coronary artery disease.

Pretest Probabilities of Obstructive CAD in Symptomatic Patients.

(A) according to age, sex, and symptoms;

(B) according to age, sex, symptoms, and CAC

Age, y	Chest Pain		Dyspnea	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
30–39	≤4	≤5	0	3
40–49	≤22	≤10	12	3
50–59	≤32	≤13	20	9
60–69	≤44	≤16	27	14
70+	≤52	≤27	32	12

A Pretest probability based on age, sex, and symptoms



B Pretest probability based on age, sex, symptoms, and CAC score*



CAC 1–99 CAC ≥100–999 CAC ≥1,000

1. The Pretest Probability shown is for patients with anginal symptoms. Patients with lower risk symptoms would be expected to have lower PTP
2. The darker green and orange shaded regions denote the groups in which non-invasive testing is most beneficial (pre-test probability >15%). The light green shaded regions denote the groups with pre-test probability of CAD ≤15% in which the testing for diagnosis may be considered based on clinical judgement
3. If CAC available, can use to estimate pretest probability based on CAC Score

Adapted and modified from Juarez-Orozco ESC 201920, 1198–1207

* Winther, S. et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2020;76(21):2421–32.



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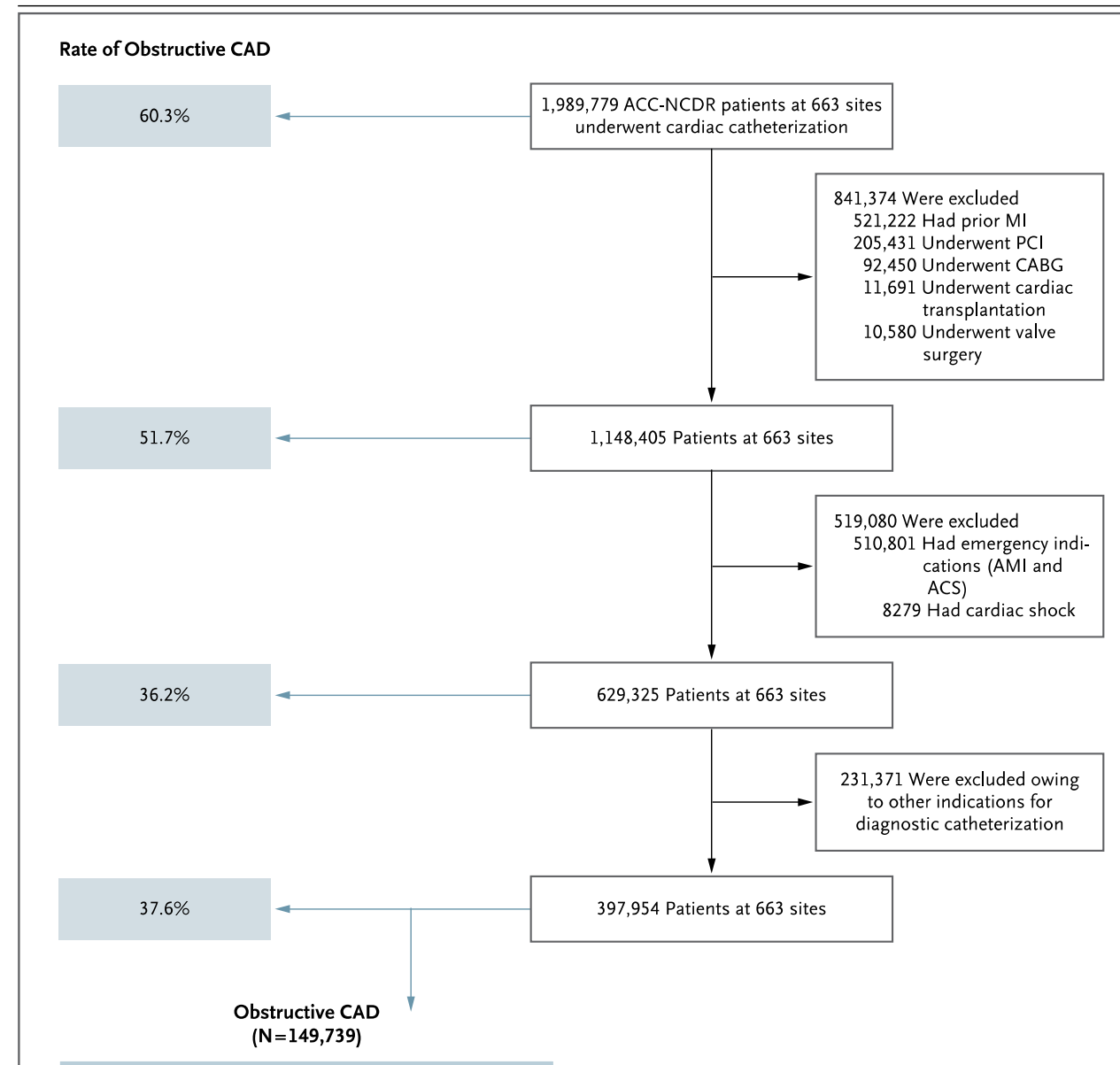


ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Low Diagnostic Yield of Elective Coronary Angiography

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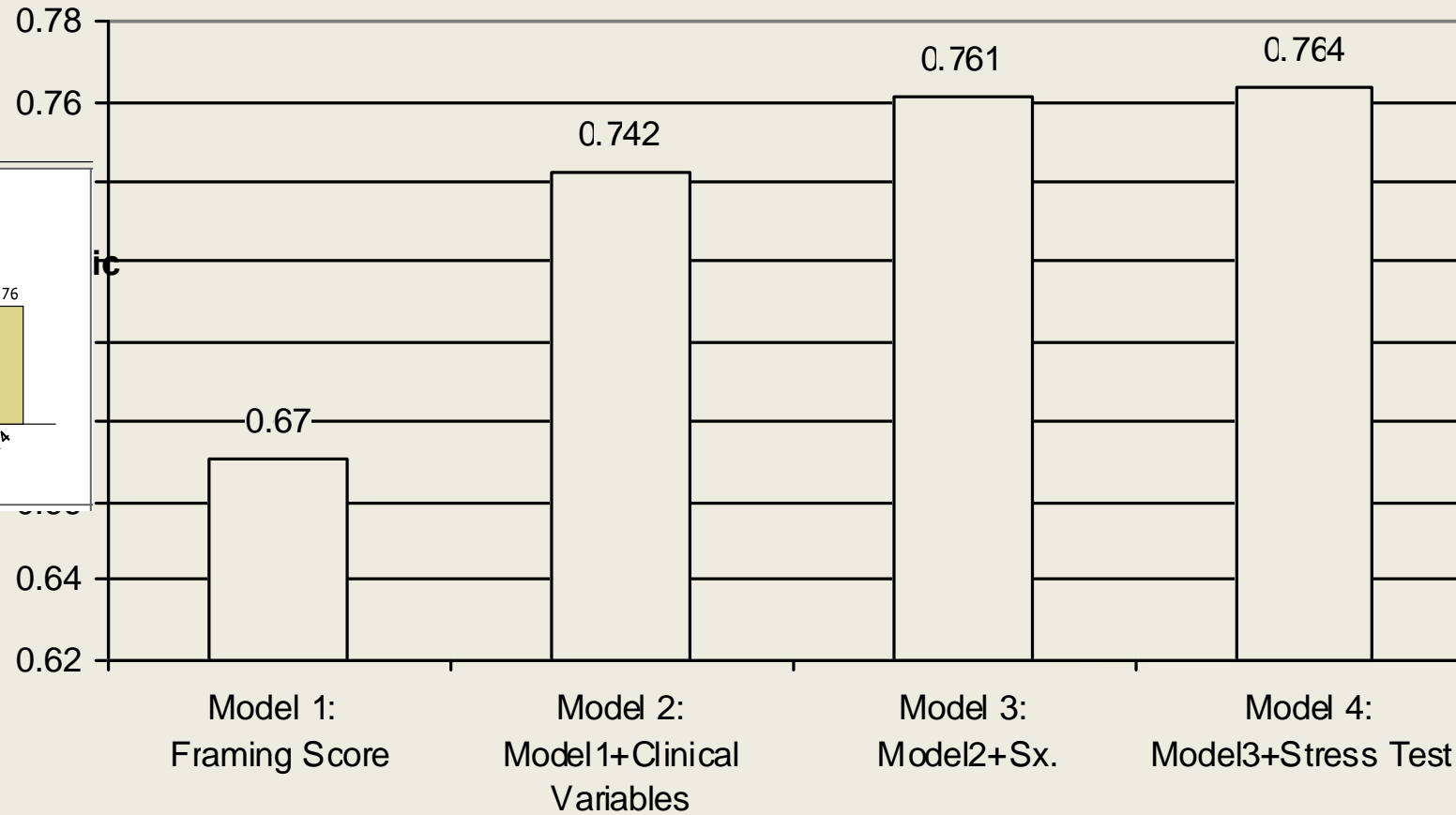
- **38%** Stenoses $\geq 50\%$ LM or $\geq 70\%$ epicardial
- **41%** by any $\geq 50\%$
- **39%** had all stenoses $< 20\%$



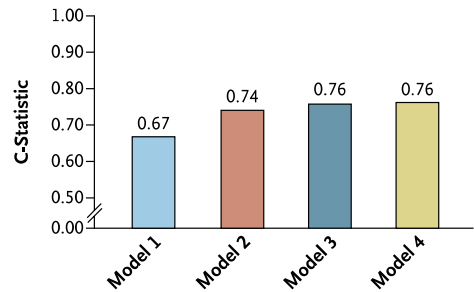
Value of pre-angiography information



Predicting Obstructive CAD: Model Performance



A Overall

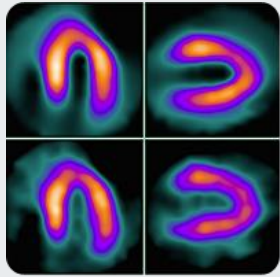


ACC-NCDR Study - Conclusions

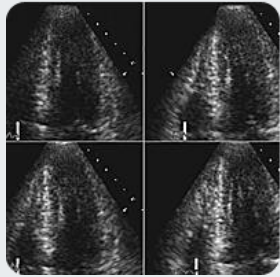


- Current risk stratification including non-invasive testing used to inform decisions to perform angiography to identify obstructive CAD need significant improvement
- “Current System is broken”
 - Did not say we are doing too many heart catheterizations
 - Most efficient way may be more angiography (either non-invasive or invasive)
- Ideally want an accurate anatomic and functional evaluation
 - Cath + FFR
 - Heartflow – CTA

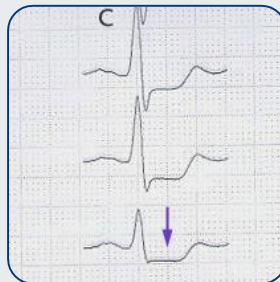
Current reality of non-invasive cardiac testing



SPECT



Stress Echo



Treadmill

No lesion-specific
information provided

High rate of
false positives

55% of patients sent for an elective
ICA following a non-invasive test
have no obstructive CAD¹

High rate of
false negatives

20-30% of patients will
have a false negative
result for obstructive
CAD from a non-invasive
test²

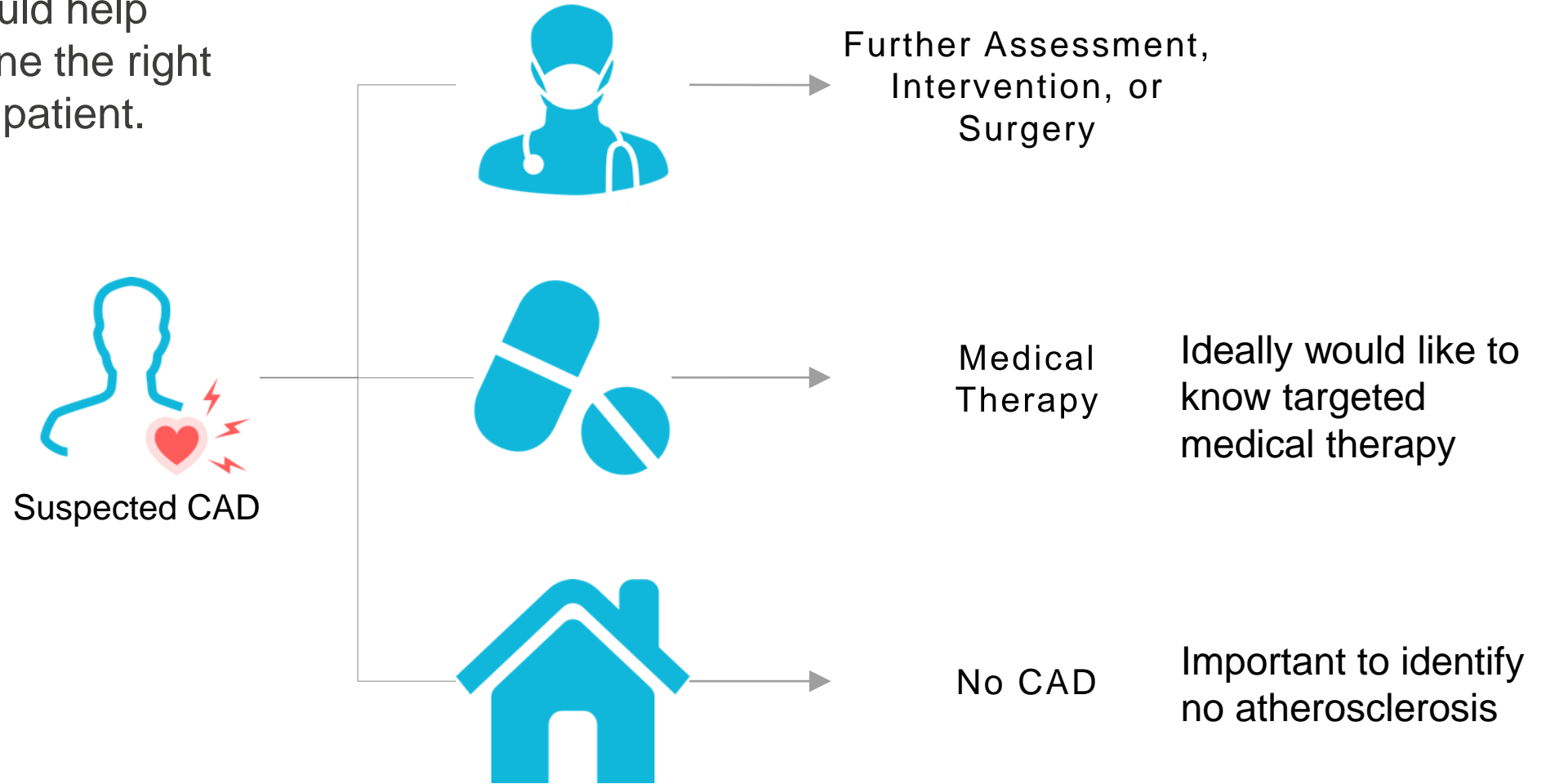
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Non-invasive cardiac testing



Cardiac tests should help clinicians determine the right pathway for each patient.



A finding of No CAD does not diminish the role of initiating or continuing primary prevention efforts



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What is the classic teaching of ischemia and testing

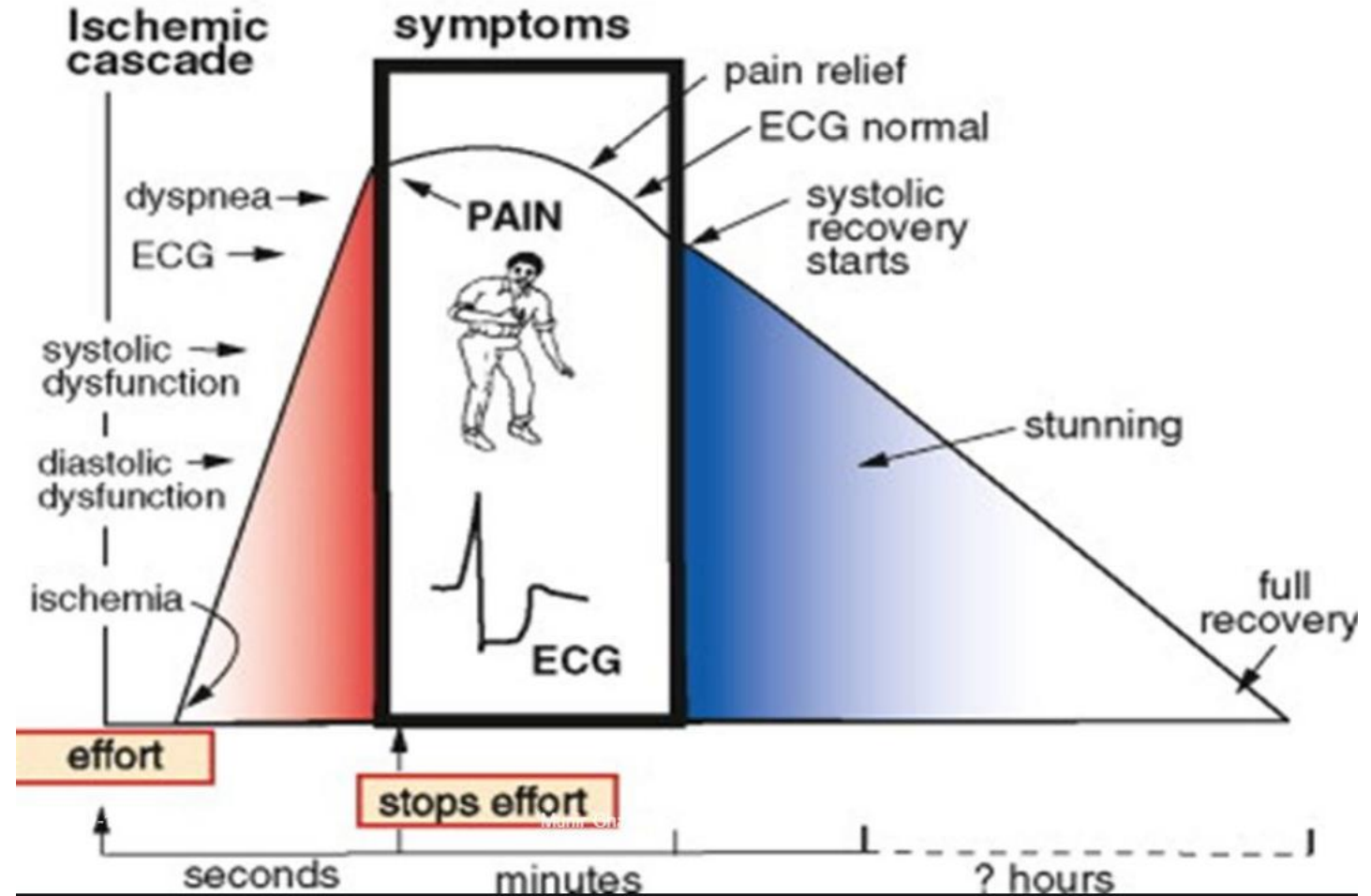


Variable for DF pre-test risk consideration:

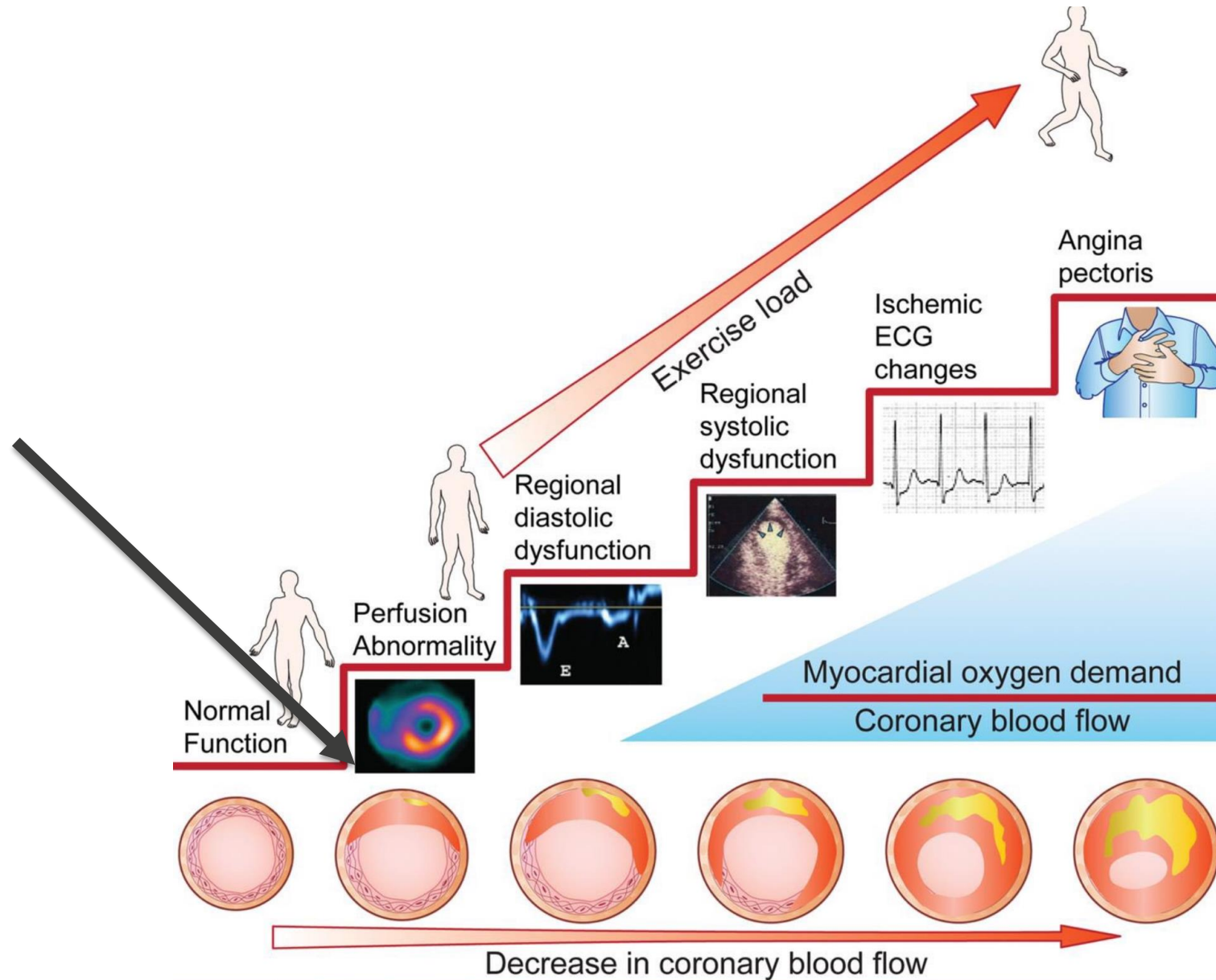
Age, Sex, and How Typical Anginal Symptoms are

Ischemic Cascade:

Reduced perfusion leading to metabolic abnormalities leading to diastolic then systolic dysfunction



Moving the paradigm – can we image with earlier disease



A earlier pathway starts with coronary CTA



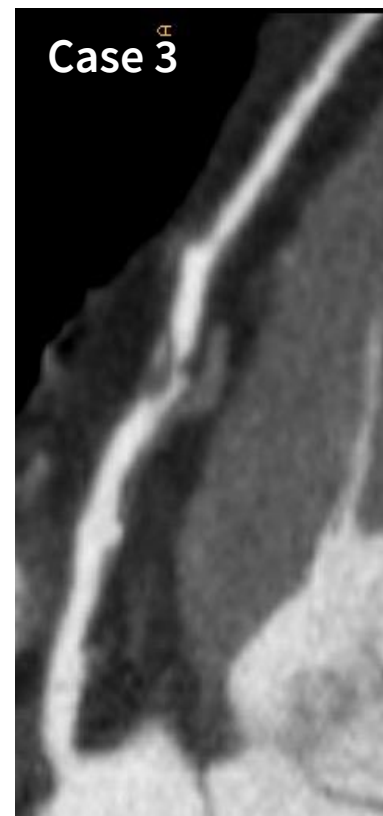
Coronary CTA offers CAD visualization to inform treatment decisions



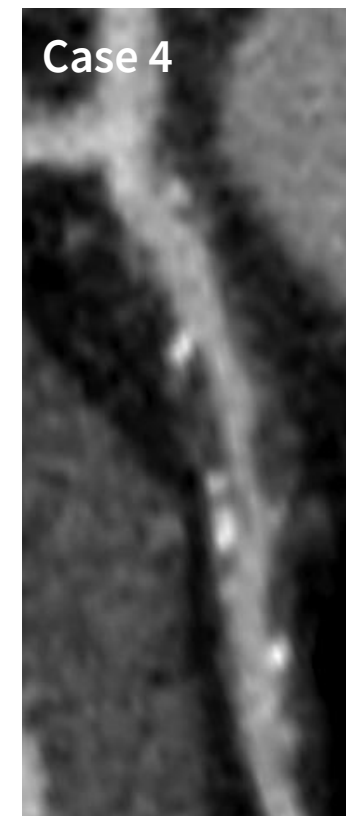
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Disease with unknown
functional impact



Complex high
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Diagnostic Performance of CCTA:

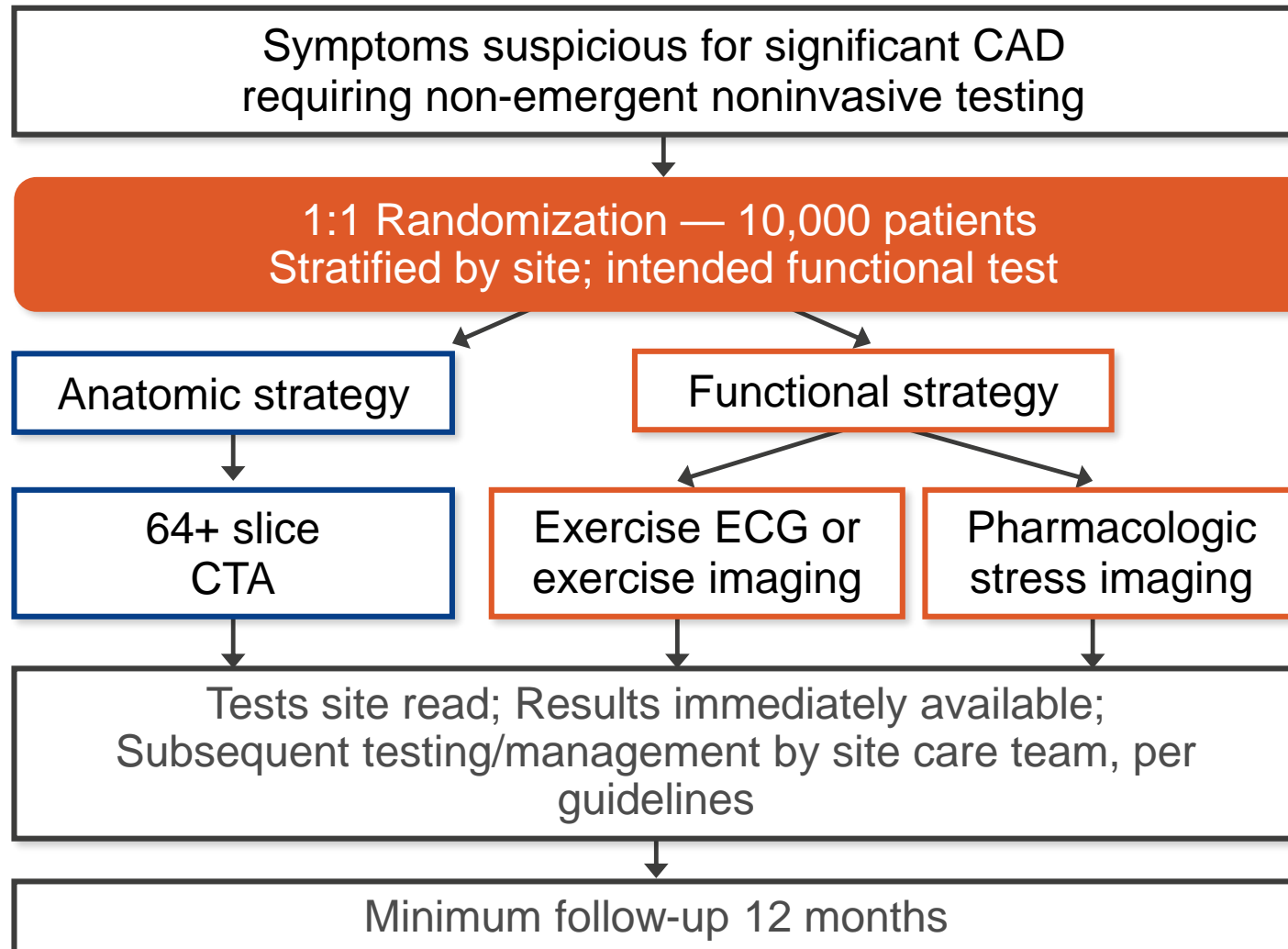


Four (4) Prospective Multicenter Studies

	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV
ACCURACY	94	83	48	99
N=230, Stable Chest Pain; No known CAD; No exclusion criteria; CAD prevalence 13%				
Europe	99	64	85	97
N=360, Acute and Stable Chest Pain; No known CAD; CAD prevalence 68%				
MEDIC	95	91	71	99
N=415 (83), No known CAD; 20-80% pretest LK of CAD				
CorE64	85	90	91	83
N=291, Stable Chest Pain; Known / No Known CAD; Exclude CACS >600; CAD prevalence 56%				



PROMISE Trial Design



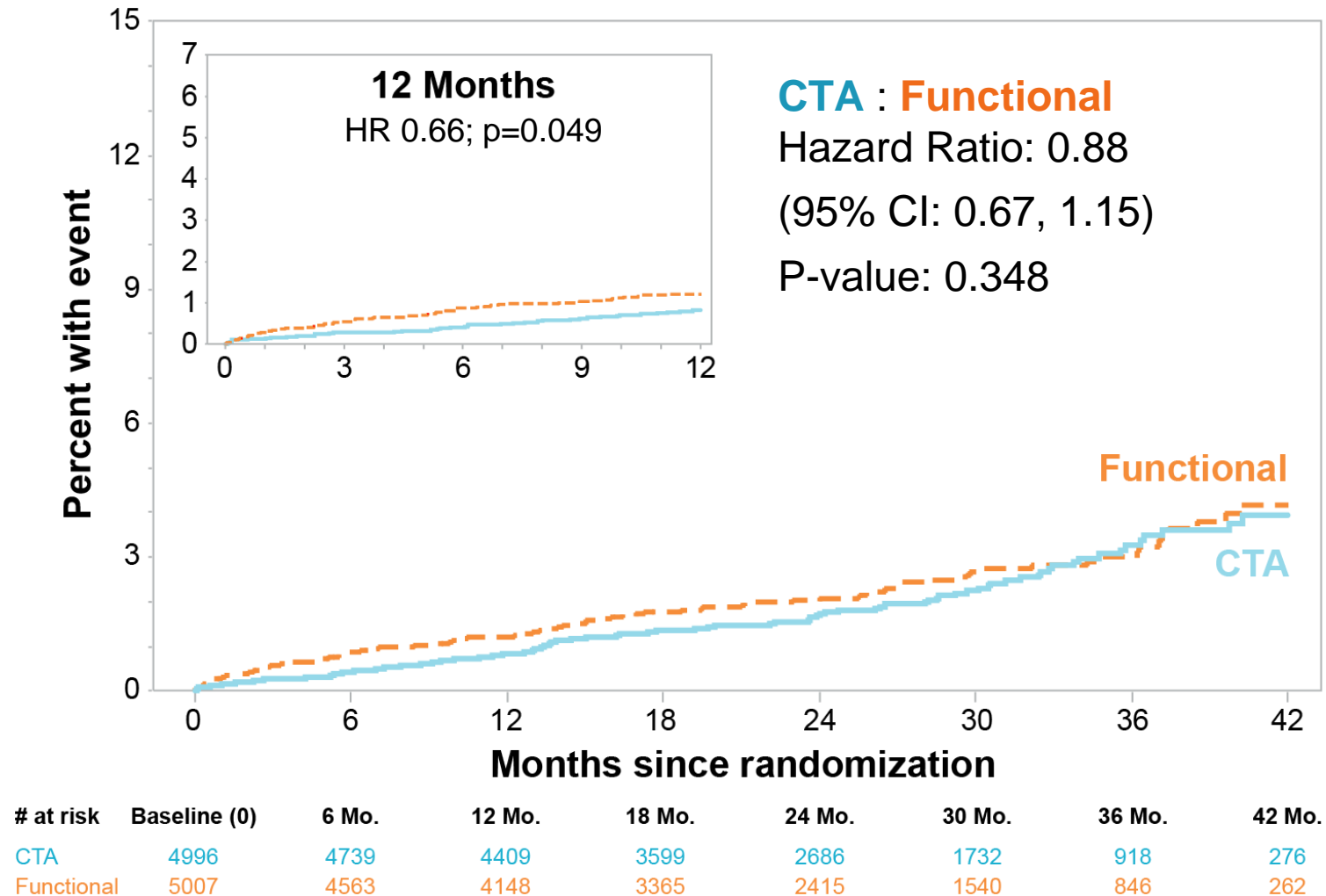
		CTA (n=4996)	Functional (n=5007)
Demographics	Age — mean \pm SD, yrs	60.7 \pm 8.3	60.9 \pm 8.3
	Female sex — %	52	53
	Non-white race	16	15
Risk factors	Hypertension — %	65	65
	Diabetes — %	21	22
	Dyslipidemia — %	67	68
	Family hx premature CAD — %	33	32
	Current or past smoking — %	51	51
1°symptom	Chest pain or DOE — %	88	88
Anginal type	Typical or atypical — %	89	89
Pretest probability CAD	Diamond–Forrester/CASS — mean %	53.4	53.2

Secondary Endpoint: Catheterization Without Obstructive CAD ≤90 days

	CTA (n=4996)	Functional (n=5007)	P value
Invasive catheterization without obstructive CAD — N (%)	170 (3.4)	213 (4.3)	0.022
Invasive catheterization	609 (12.2%)	406 (8.1%)	
With obstructive CAD (% of cath)	439 (72.1%)	193 (47.5%)	
Revascularization	311 (6.2%)	158 (3.2%)	
CABG	72	38	



Secondary Endpoint: Death or Non-fatal MI





Computed Tomography Coronary Angiography in Patients with Suspected Angina due to Coronary Heart Disease

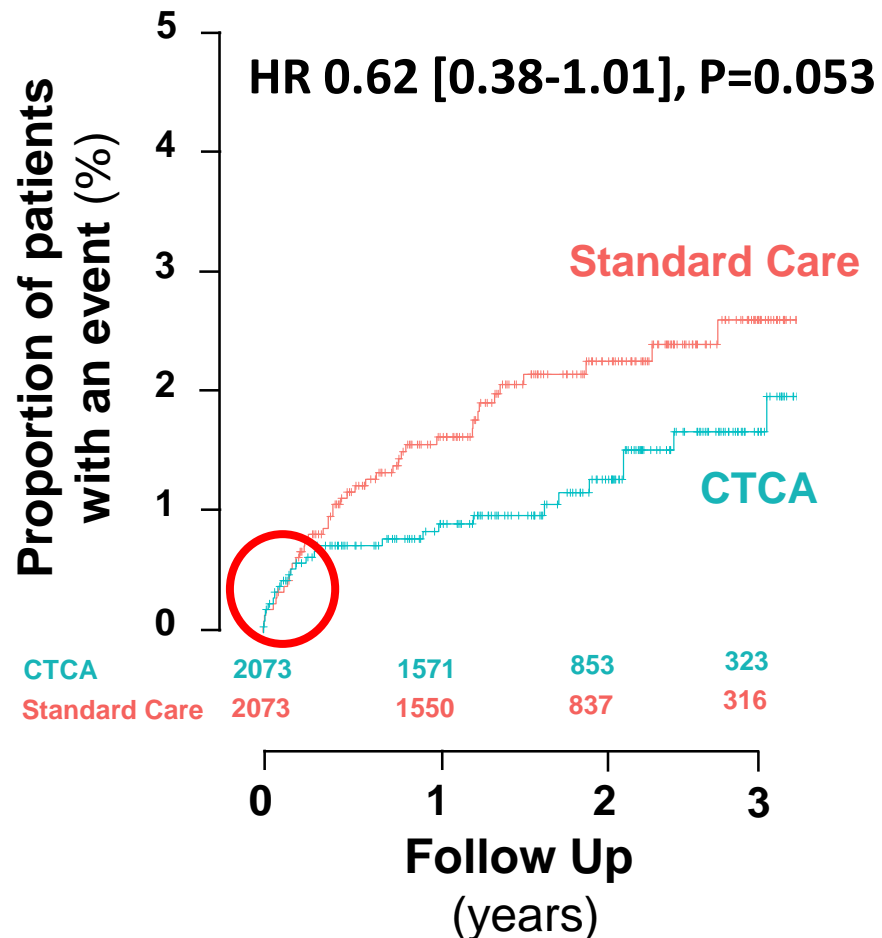
David Newby

A wide-angle photograph of Edinburgh, Scotland, taken from a high vantage point on a hill. The city is spread out below, with its characteristic red-roofed buildings and several prominent church spires. In the background, the city is nestled at the foot of rolling hills. The foreground shows a steep, grassy slope with a winding road and some trees. The lighting suggests it's either early morning or late afternoon, with a soft glow over the city.

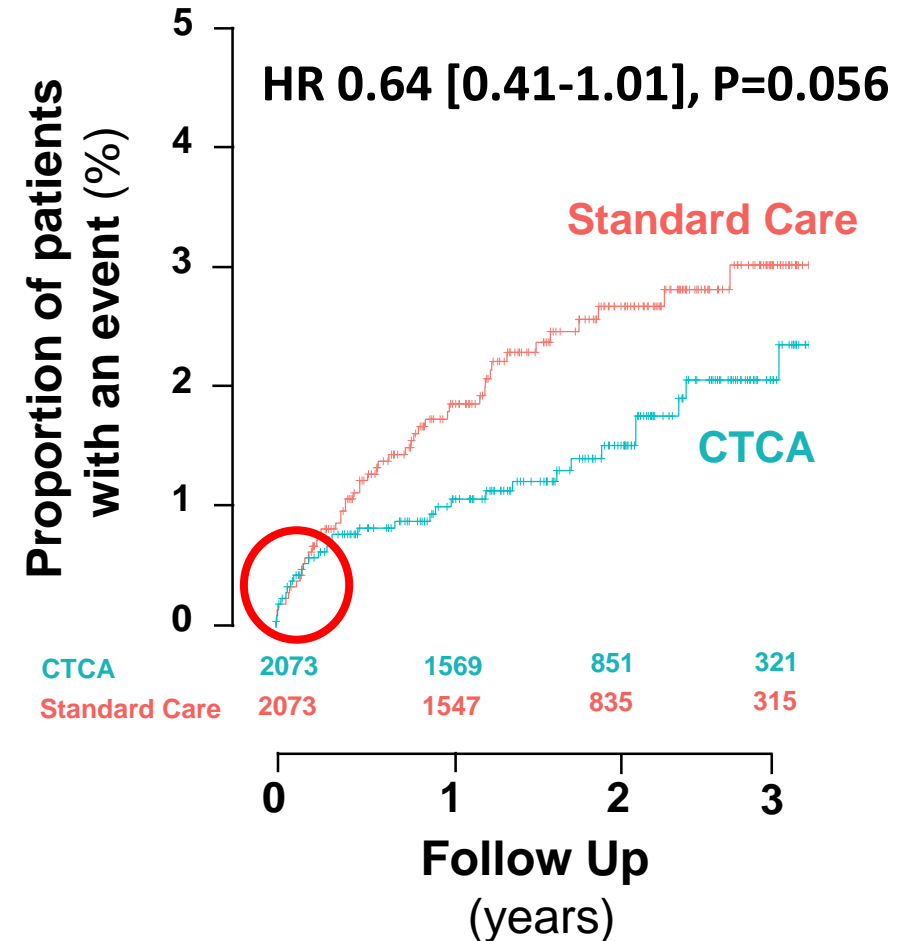
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CHD Death and Non-Fatal MI



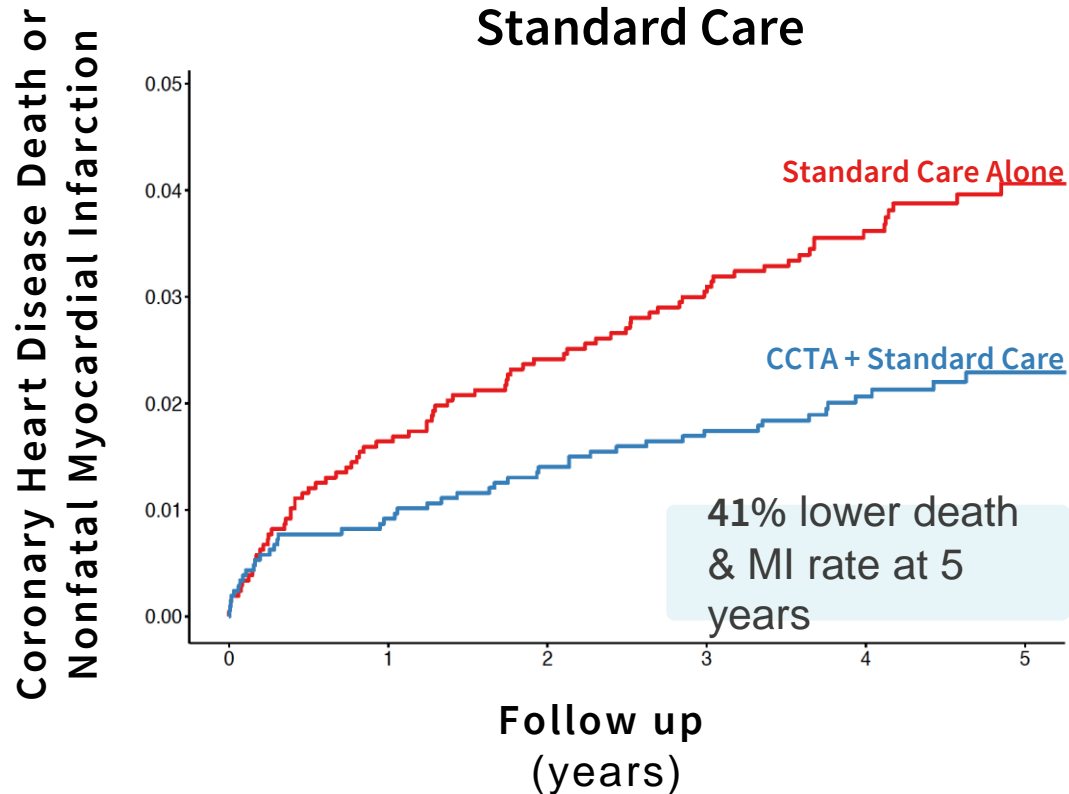
CHD Death, Non-Fatal MI and Non-fatal Stroke



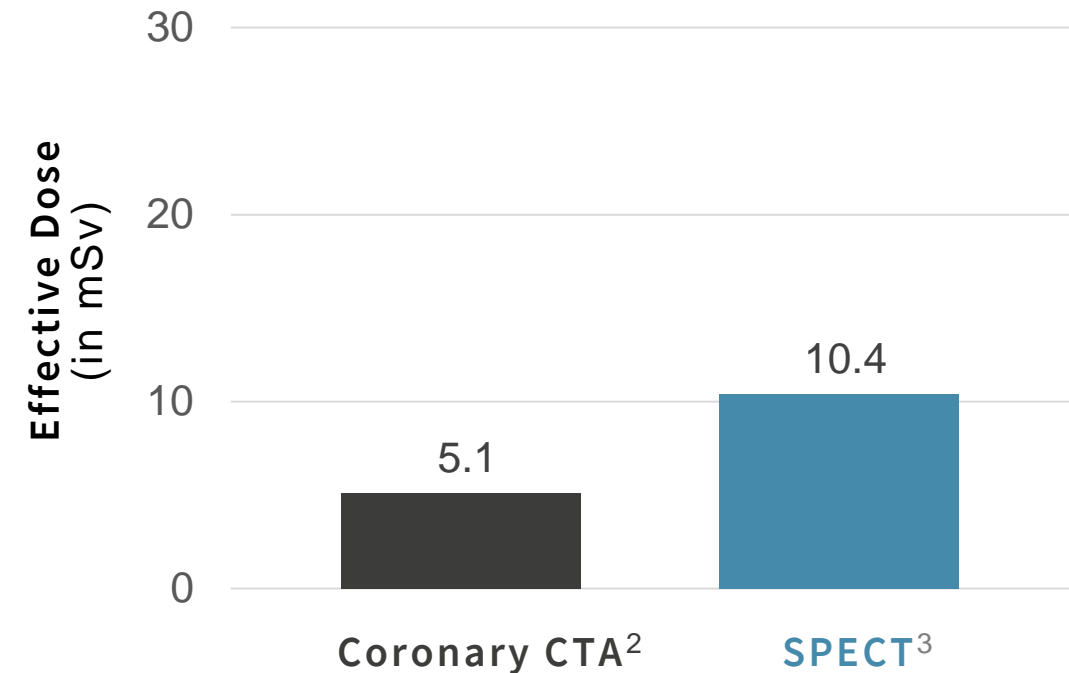
Anatomic compared to standard of Care



Improved Long-term Outcomes: Coronary CTA + Standard Care



Lower Radiation than SPECT: Coronary CTA (PROTECTION VI²)

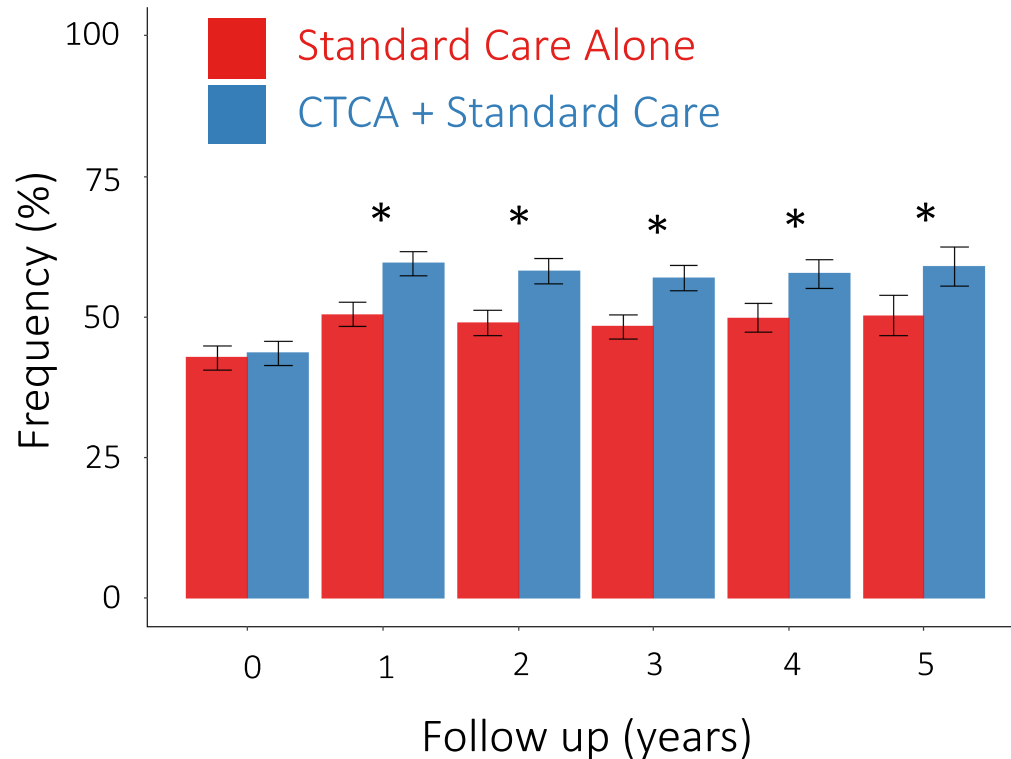


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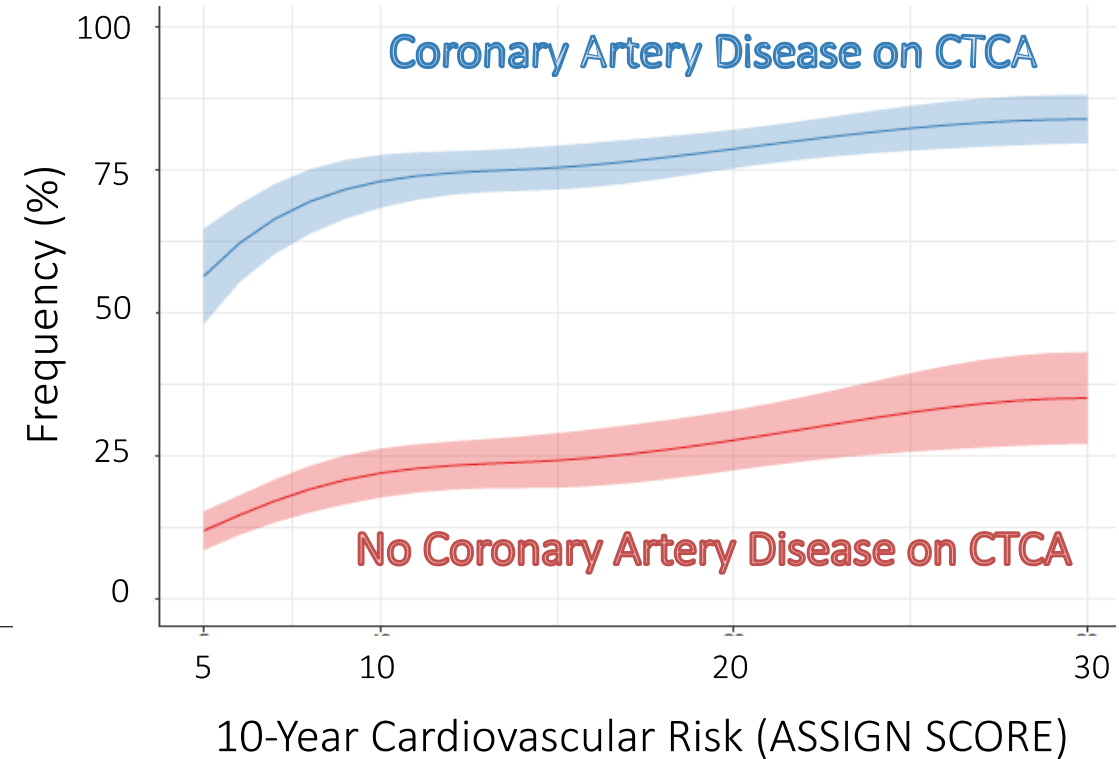
Anatomic Imaging – might lead to more OMT



The right patient gets the right treatment: Statin therapy use
(SCOT-HEART)



*P<0.0001



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Back to my Patient: Women with Ischemic Heart Disease



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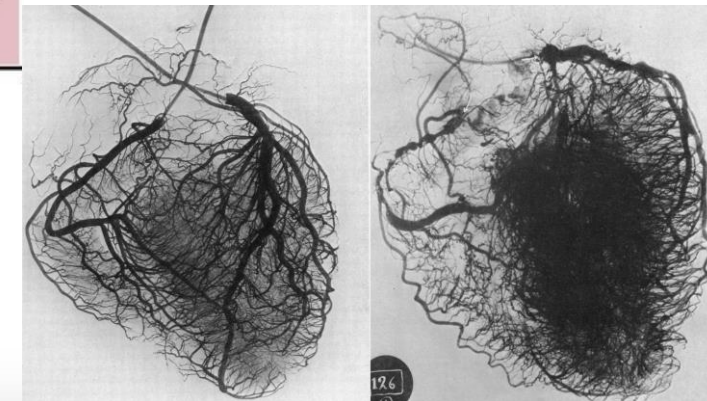
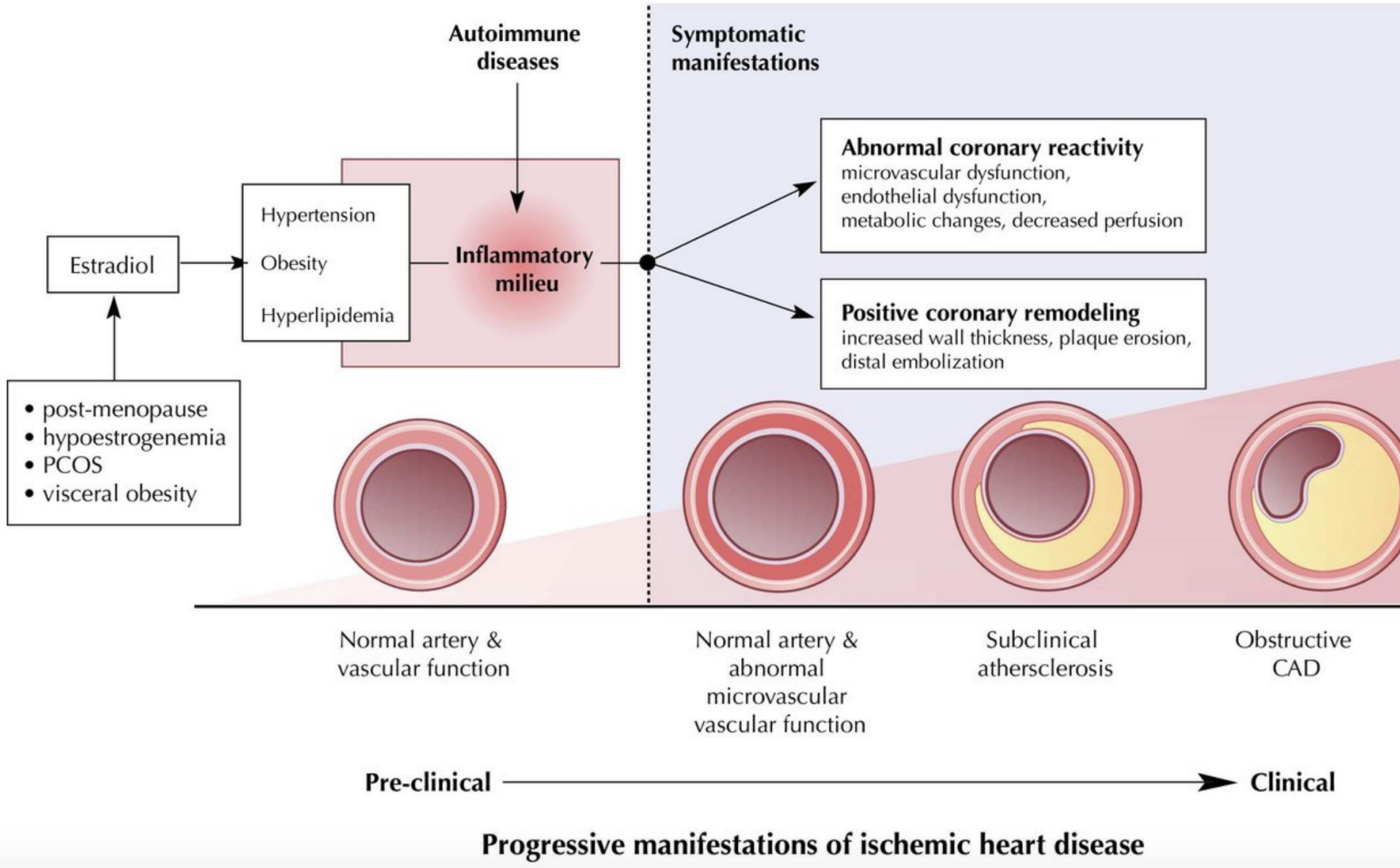
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Women and Ischemic Heart Disease

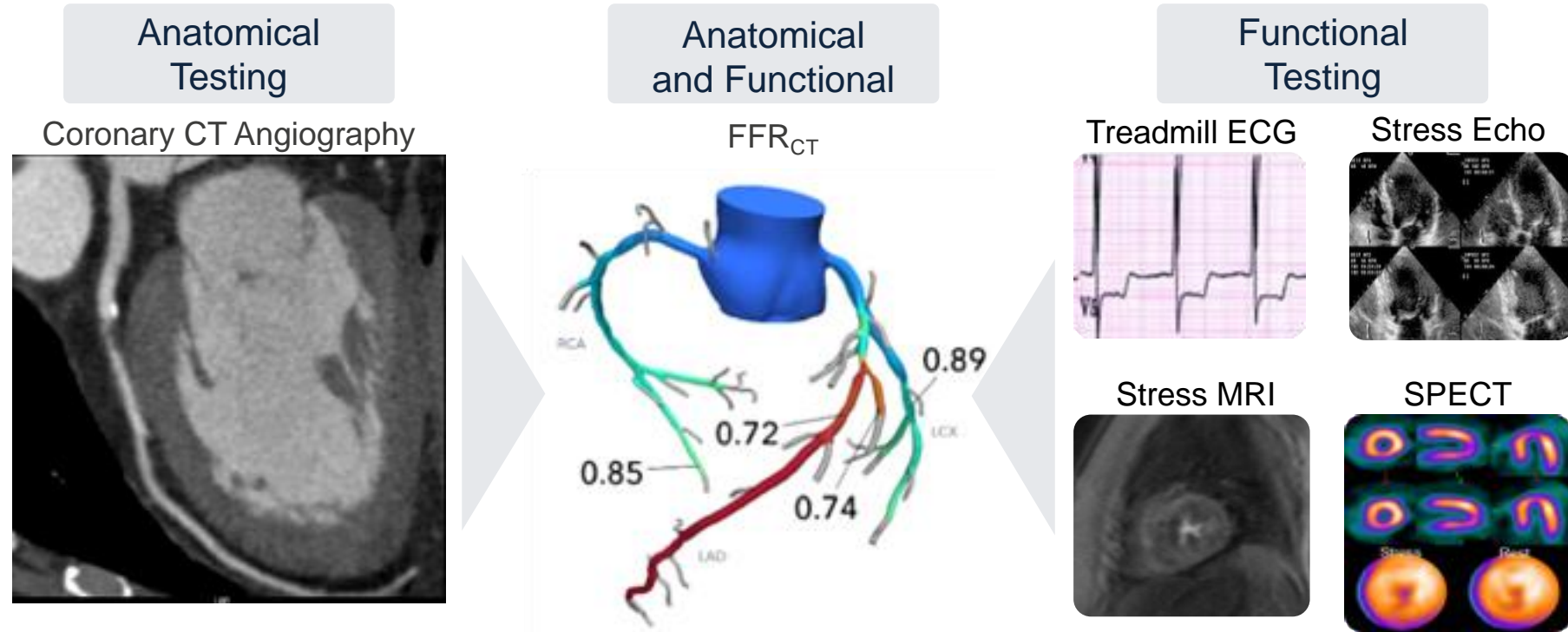
Evolving Knowledge

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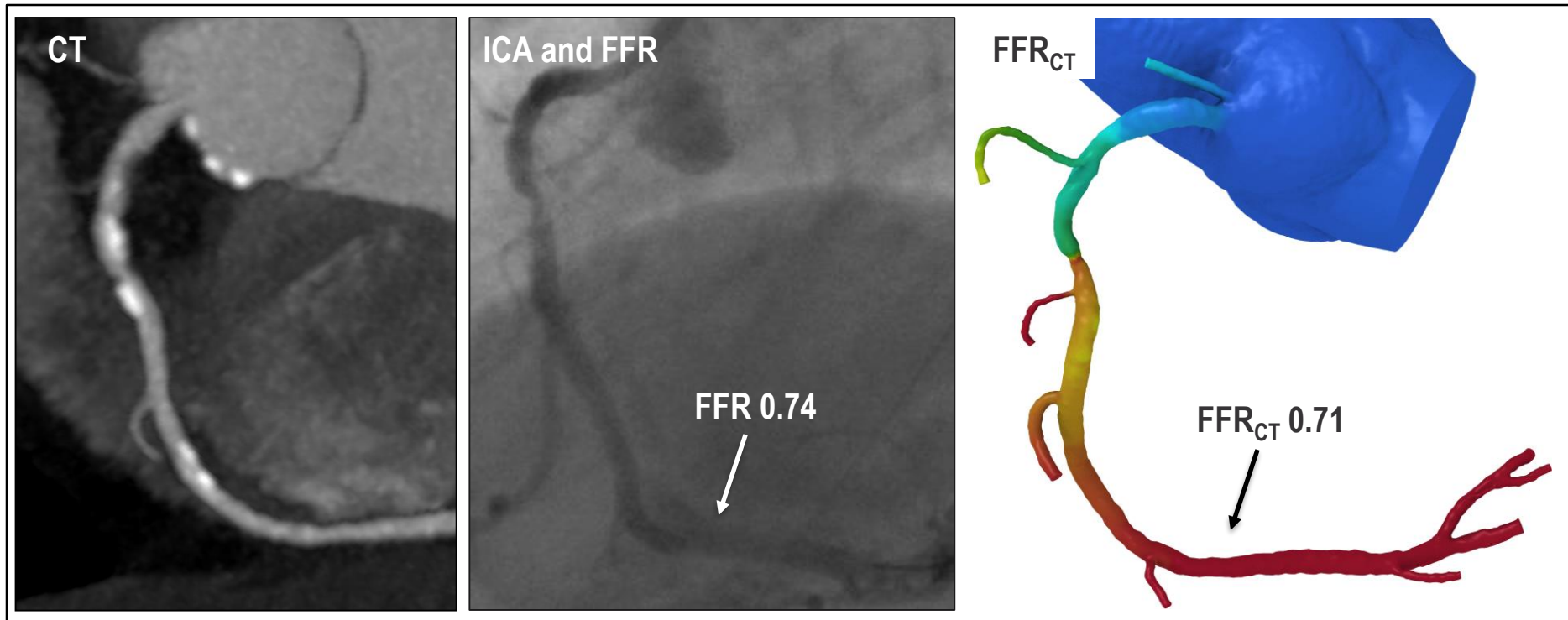
Many years of vascular disease in the vessel wall that we are not evaluating and treating



Imaging in Coronary Artery Disease — Hope of Combining Anatomy and Function



FFR_{CT}: Intermediate Stenosis



31-49% stenosis
CT Core Lab

50-69% stenosis
QCA Core Lab

FFR 0.74
= Lesion-specific ischemia

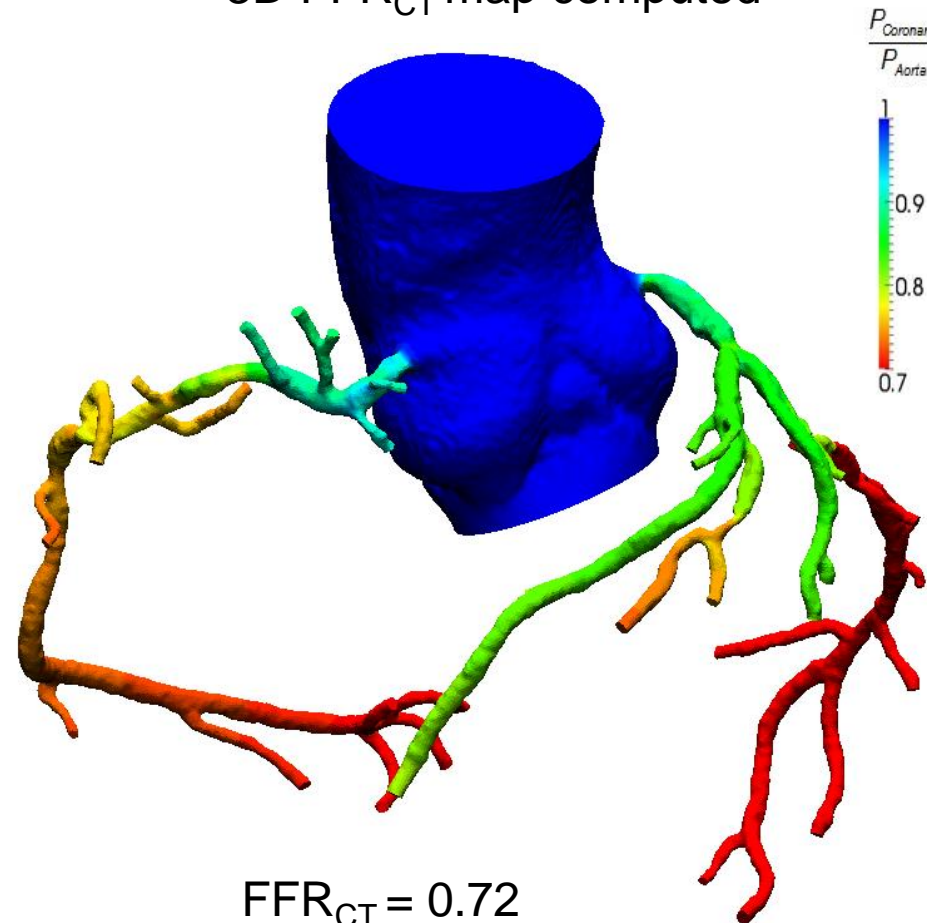
FFR_{CT} 0.71
= Lesion-specific ischemia

FFR can now be derived from CT



1. From typical CCTA
2. No radiation
3. No Δ image protocols
4. No medications

3D FFR_{CT} map computed



FFR_{CT} = 0.72
(can select any point on model)

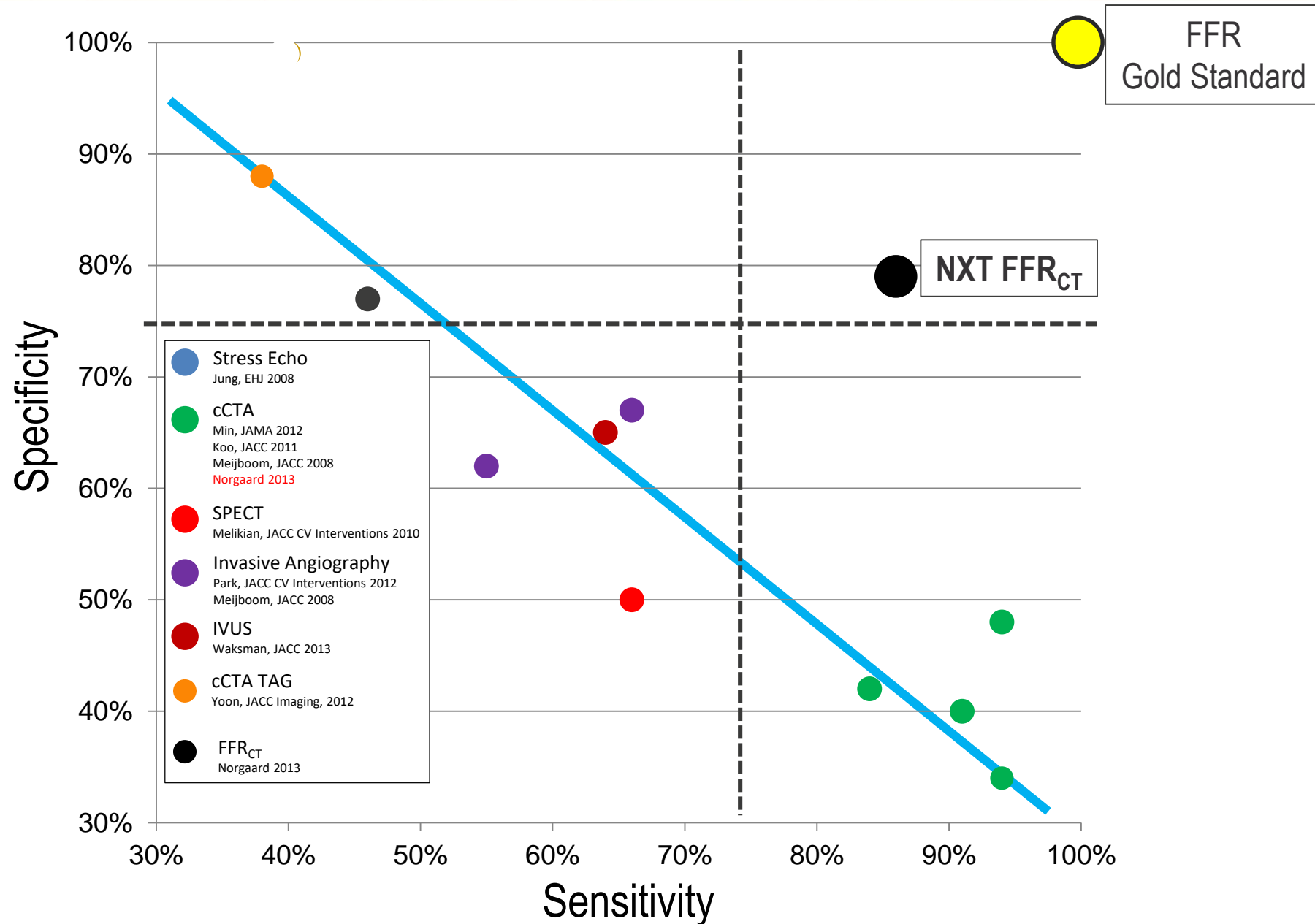
3 major trials directly comparing FFR_{CT} to FFR in more than 600 patients

- Completed 2012
- N=252 patients

- Completed 2013
- N=254 patients
- 10 Worldwide Sites

- Europe
- Australia
- Japan
- Korea

Diagnostic performance of non-invasive imaging vs. FFR





PLATFORM – FFR-CT into Clinical Practice



European Heart Journal
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Clinical outcomes of fractional flow reserve by computed tomographic angiography-guided diagnostic strategies vs. usual care in patients with suspected coronary artery disease: the prospective longitudinal trial of FFRct: outcome and resource impacts study

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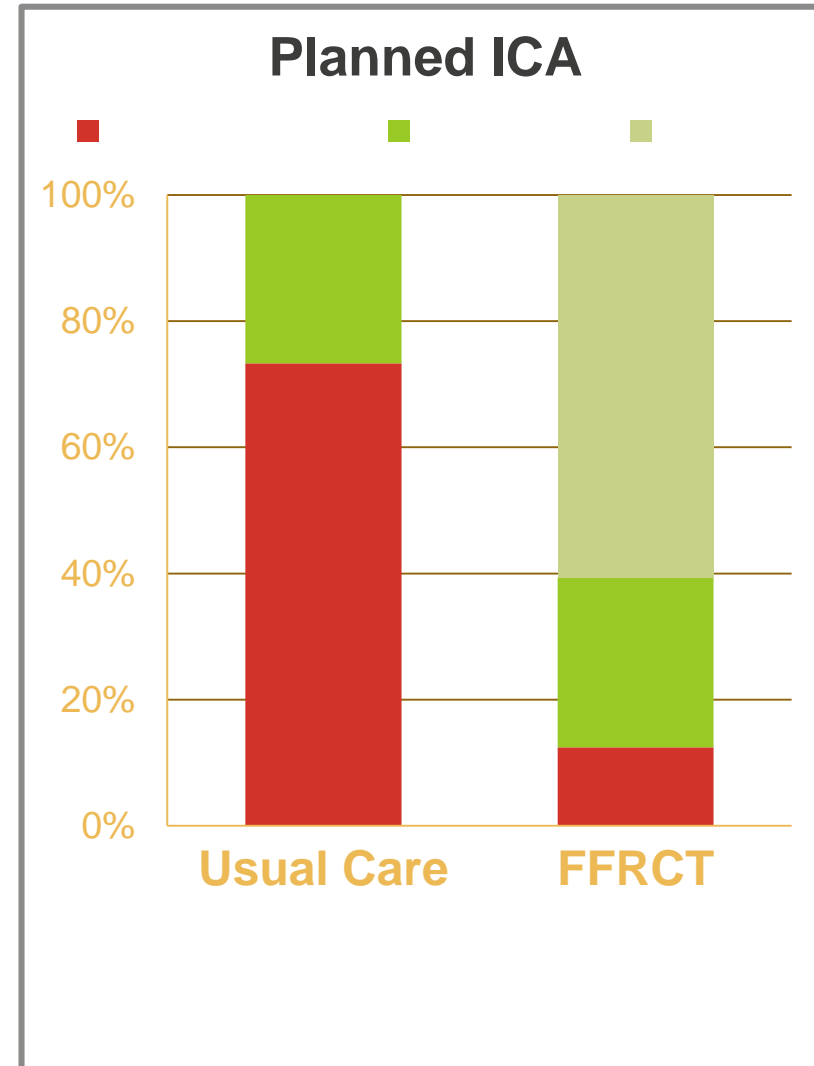
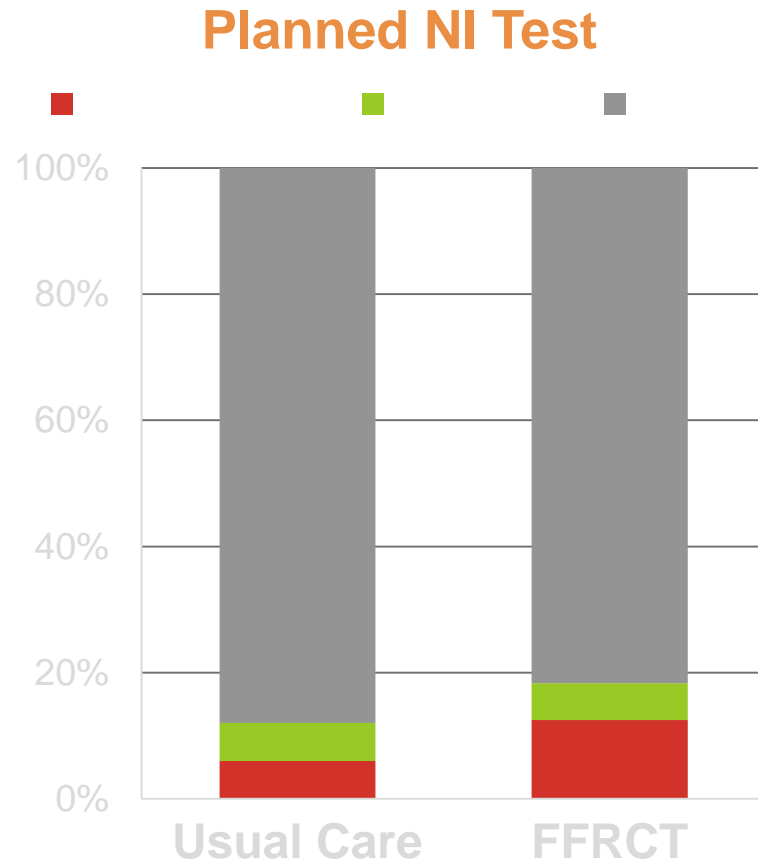
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Primary Endpoint

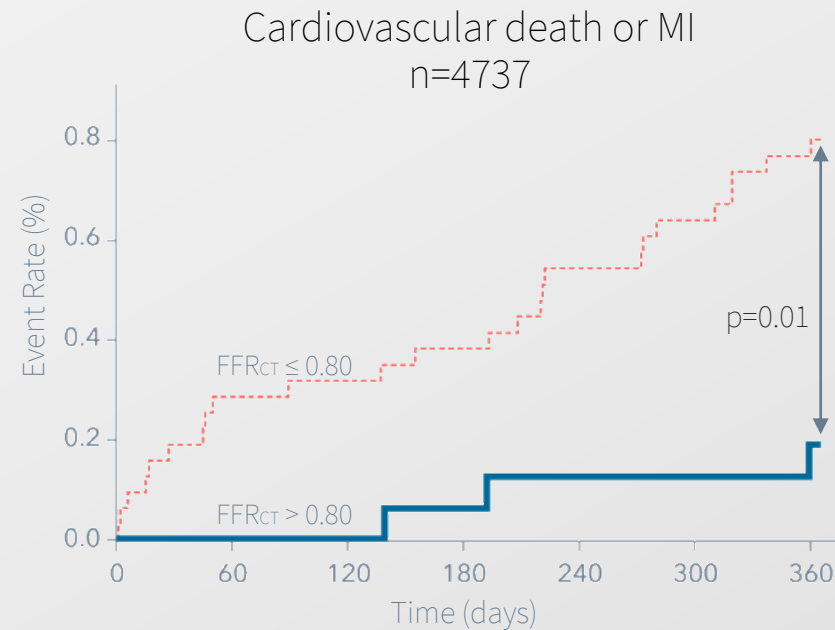
Invasive Catheterization w/o Obstructive CAD



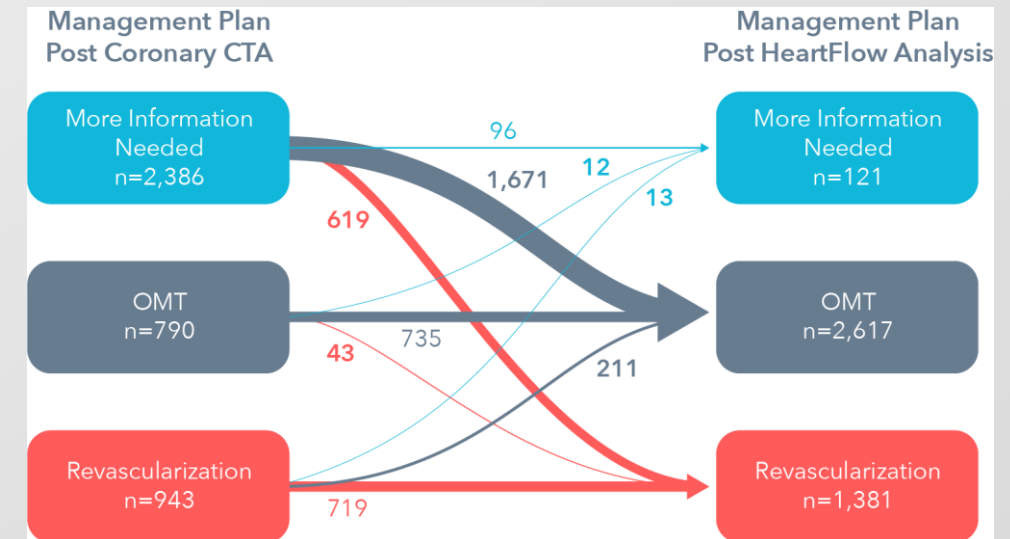
ADVANCE Registry:

Clear clinical impacts of FFR_{CT} in real-world use

The 1-year outcomes of the ADVANCE Registry confirmed the HeartFlow Analysis helps physicians precisely stratify their patients and deliver more personalized care



Risk Identification: Patients with a negative HeartFlow Analysis (FFR_{CT} > 0.80) were significantly less likely to experience MI or cardiovascular-related death than those with a positive HeartFlow Analysis (FFR_{CT} ≤ 0.80).



Actionable Information: 2 out of 3 patient management plans were altered after physicians had access to the information from a HeartFlow Analysis.

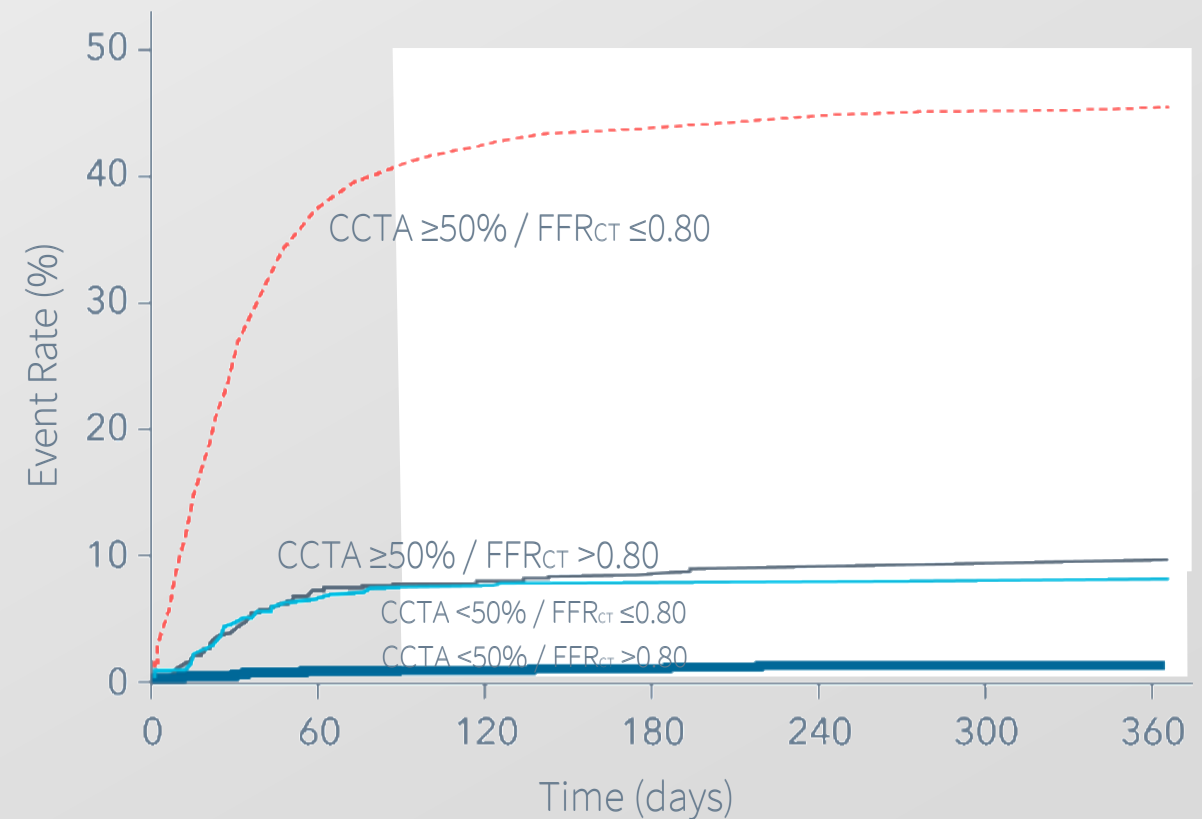
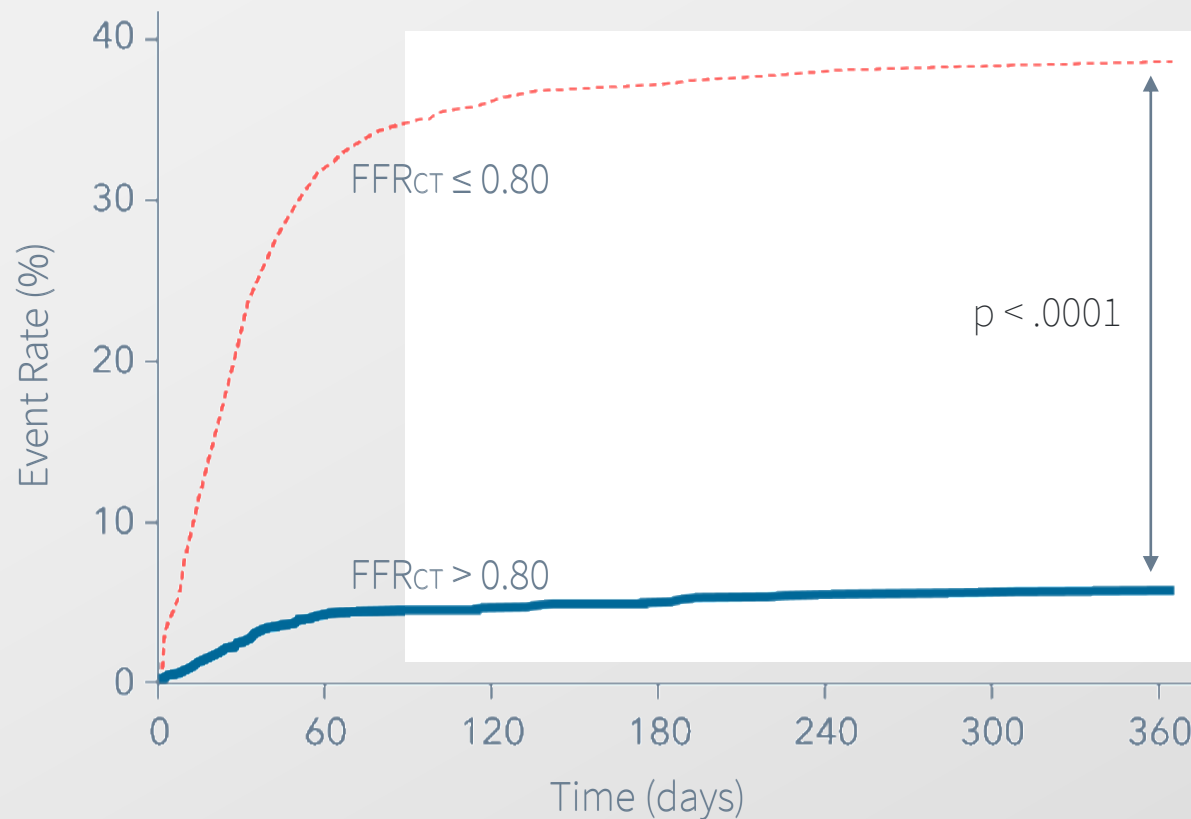
Efficiency: 72.3% of patients with a positive HeartFlow Analysis (FFR_{CT} ≤ 0.80) who were sent for ICA underwent revascularization.

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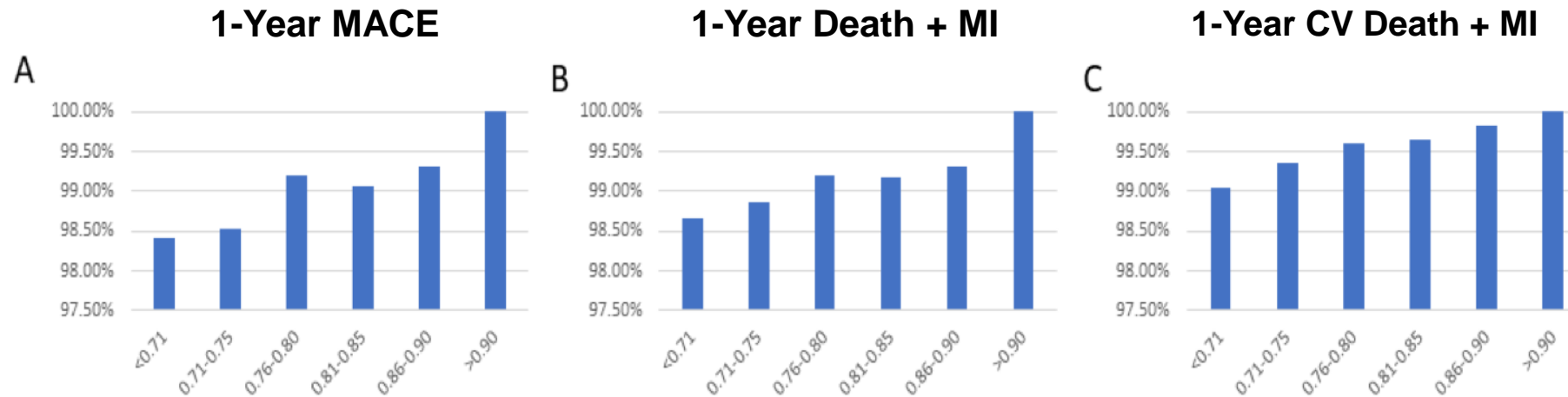
ADVANCE 1 year:

Revascularization as a function of FFR_{CT} and anatomic stenosis

Durable Impact: Independent of the extent of CAD shown on the CCTA, when FFR_{CT} values are > 0.80 providers overwhelmingly opt for a non-invasive approach, and that decision is durable (i.e. initial deferral of invasive management is highly unlikely to result in later return for revascularization). In these patients, cardiovascular outcomes are extremely good over time.



Clinical Outcomes through 1 Year: Stratified by FFR_{CT} (n=4737)

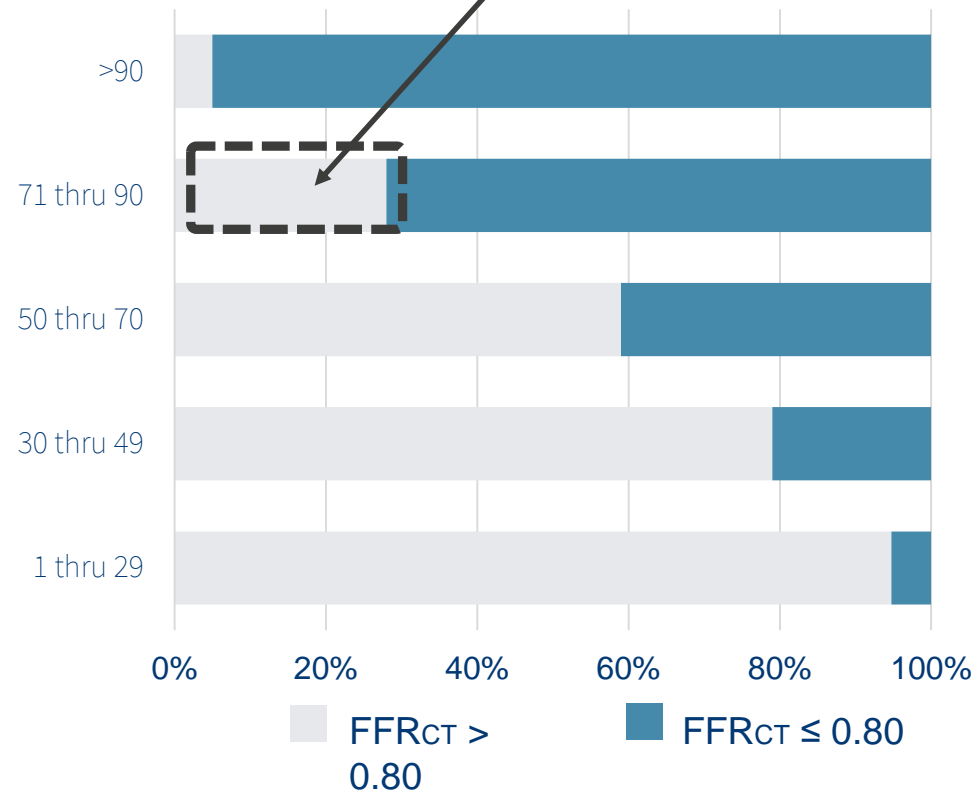


Distribution of event-free survival by categorical FFR_{CT} values for: **(A)** MACE, **(B)** Death and MI, **(C)** Cardiovascular death and MI.

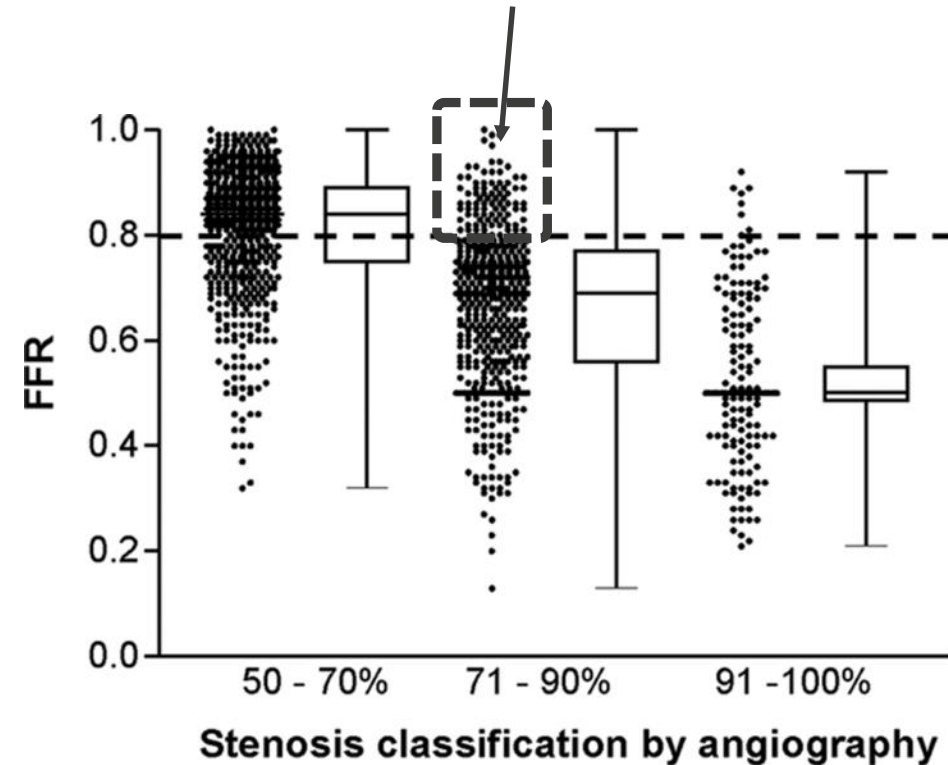
Patel, M JACC imaging March.
2019

Anatomy & Function: Frequent real-world discordance

28% of CT stenosis >70%
are FFR_{CT} negative¹



20% of ICA stenosis >70%
are FFR negative²





Where are we going to get more precise?



Prediction of Risk



Age [enter value between 45 and 92]

69

Sex

☐ Male

☒ Female

Racial/Ethnic Minority

☒ No

☐ Yes

Ever Smoked Tobacco

☒ Never

☐ Ever

Diabetes

☒ No

☐ Yes

Dyslipidemia

☐ No

☒ Yes

Family History of Premature CAD

☐ No

☒ Yes

28%

Predicted Probability of No Risk

The likelihood of being 'No Risk' [a normal diagnostic test and no clinical events (Death, MI, or Hospitalization due to Unstable Angina) within 25 months] in a patient with the reported constellation of risk factors is: 28%

What type of non-invasive test are you considering for your patient?

- ☒ CCTA
- ☐ Functional Stress Test

[View Event Rate Results from Selected Test](#)

Test Results:

Normal (No CAD):

19.0%

Abnormal (CAD present):

81.0%

Severely Abnormal (2 or more vessel disease ($\geq 70\%$) or $\geq 50\%$ in left main stenosis or $\geq 70\%$ proximal LAD stenosis):

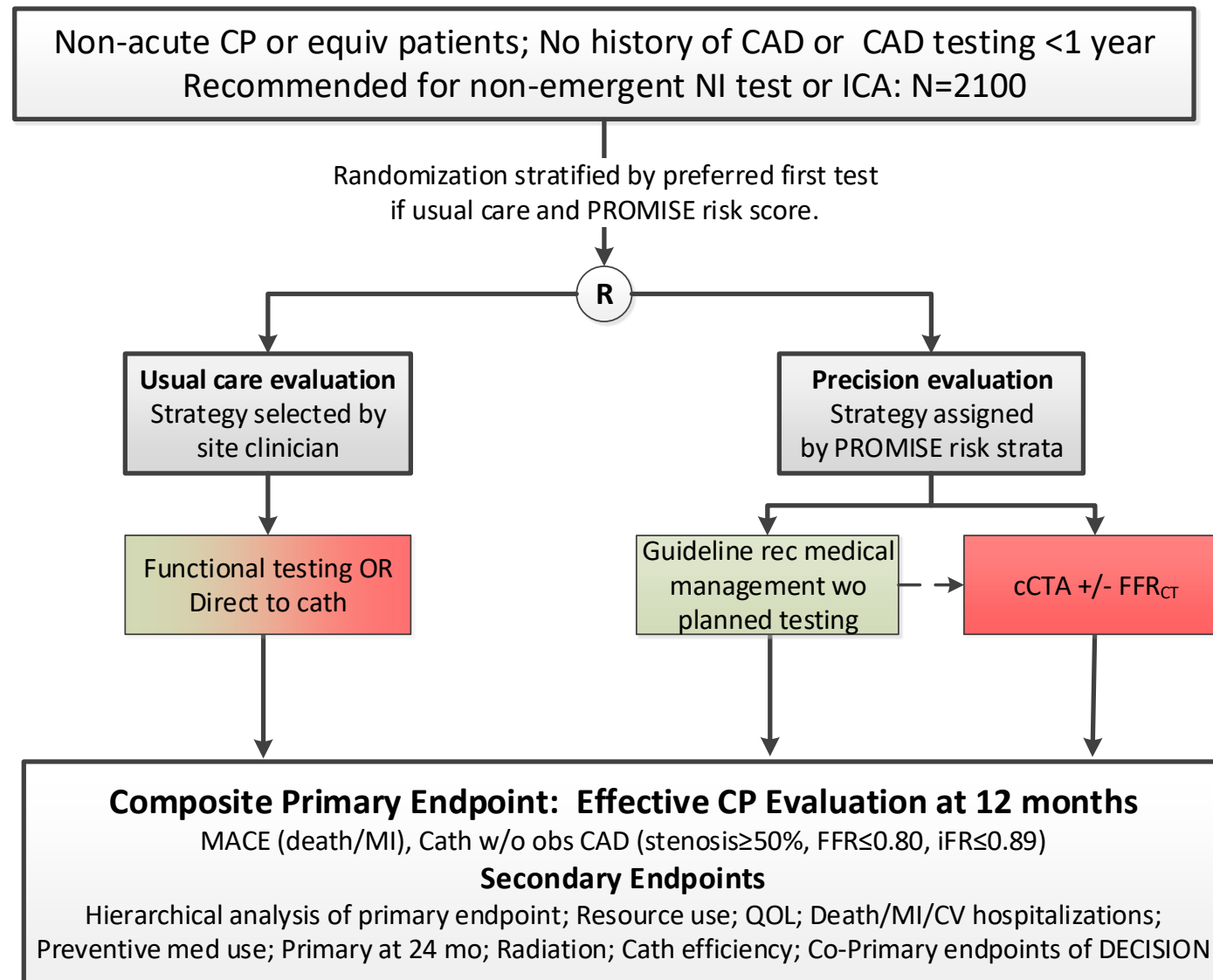
8.4%

Clinical Outcomes:

Cardiovascular Death/MI:

1.3%

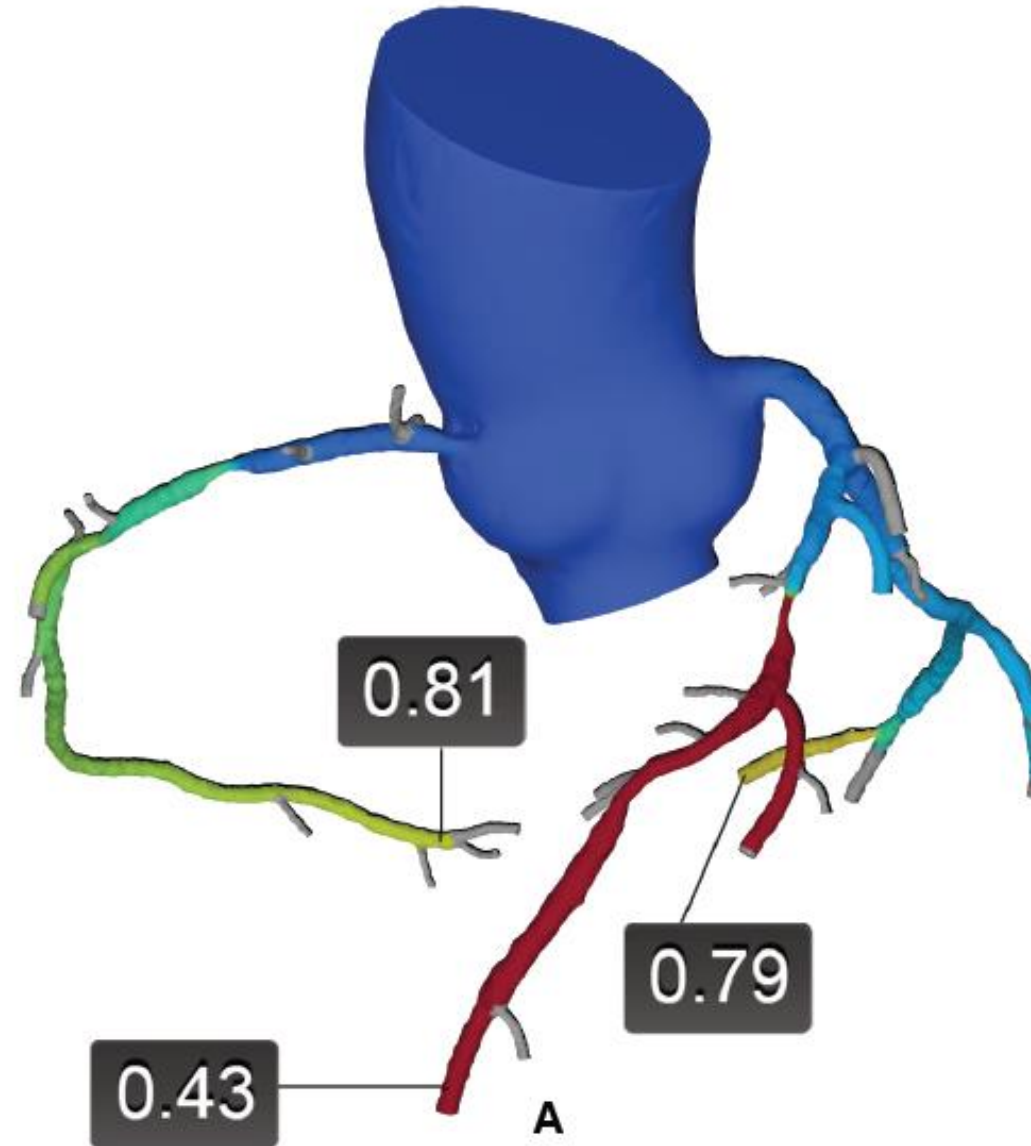
PRECISE Trial Design



New Ways of Caring for a Patient



Pre-procedure
planning



Coronary CTA answers the clinically relevant questions

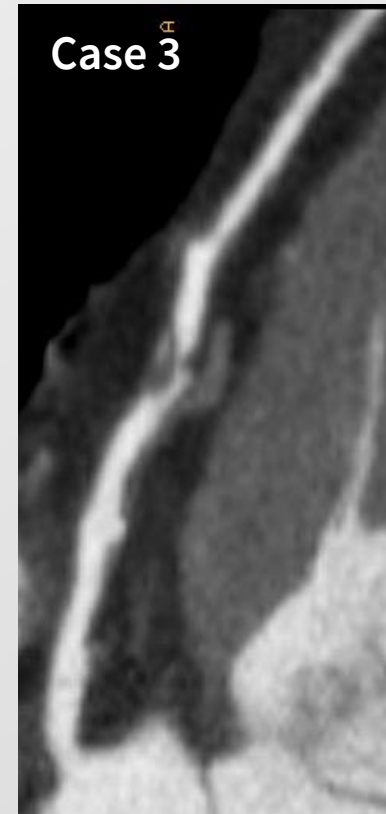
1. Does my patient have coronary artery disease?



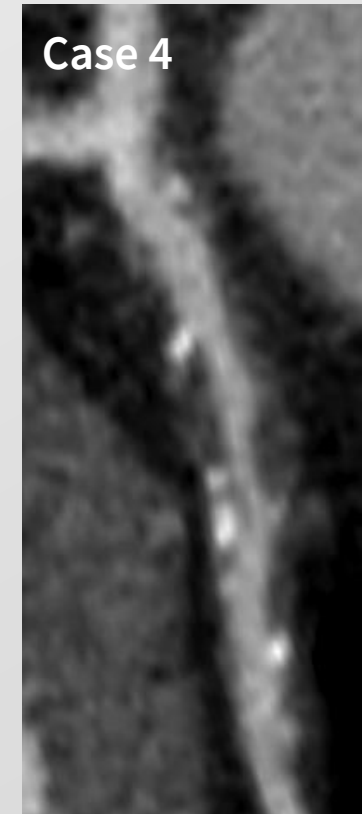
**No identifiable
anatomic disease**



Identifiable disease



Identifiable disease



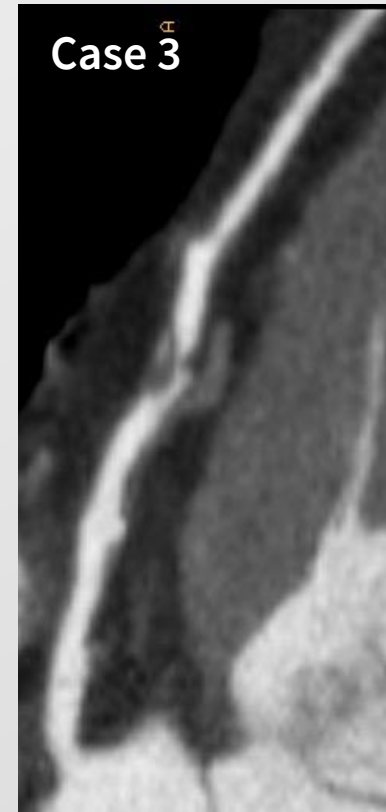
Identifiable disease

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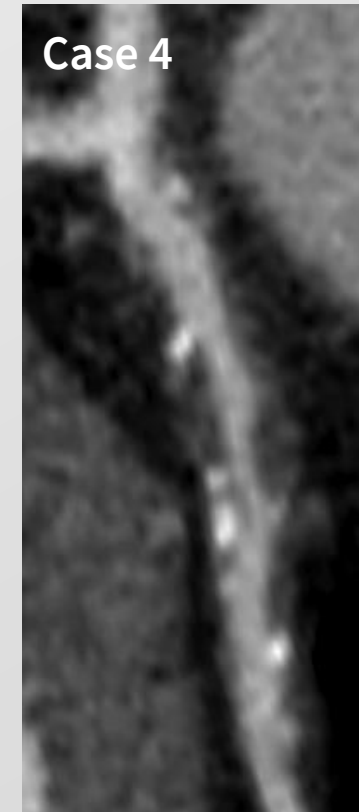
2. How severe is my patient's disease?



**Minimal disease,
possible OMT**



Disease with unknown
functional impact



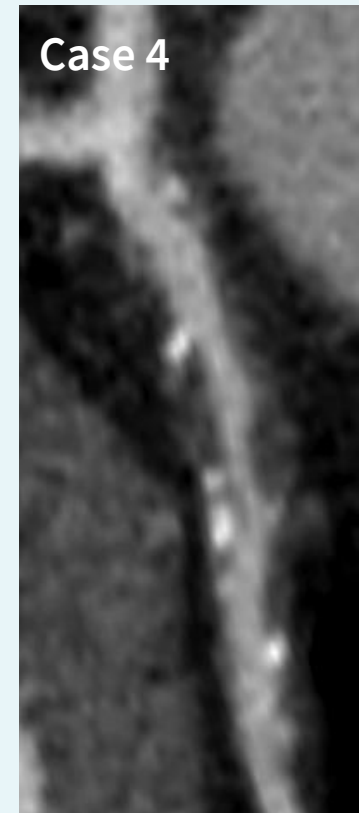
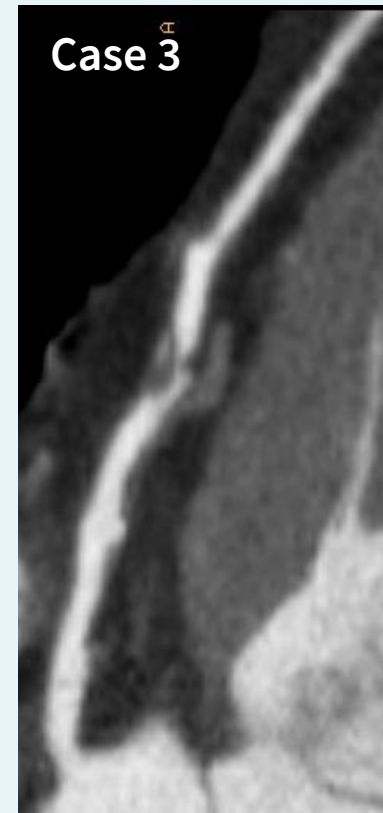
Complex, high
disease burden

Coronary CTA answers the clinically relevant questions

3. What can be done to treat my patient's disease?



Minimal disease,
possible OMT



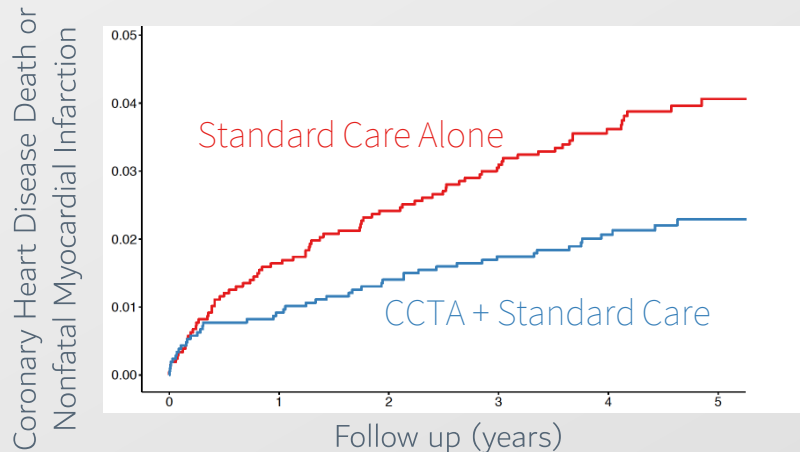
**Inform clinical decisions that
may involve ICA, PCI, and CABG**

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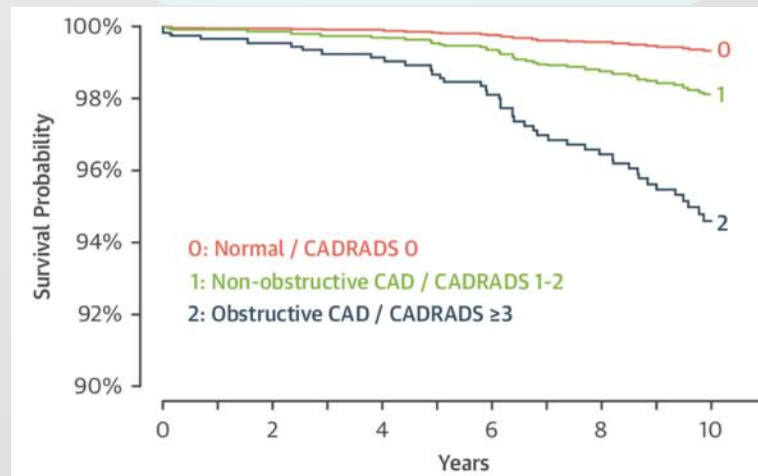
Evidence supports coronary CTA as a primary test for suspected CAD

1. Significantly better long-term outcomes than usual care testing
2. Better negative predictive value confirming it is safe to send patients home
3. Lower radiation than other non-invasive tests

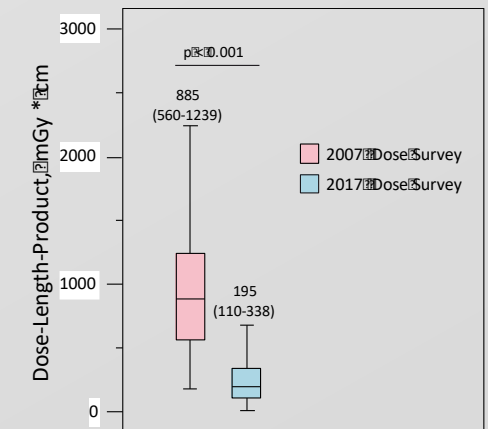
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w/5-year follow up¹



Better negative predictive value through
10-year follow up²

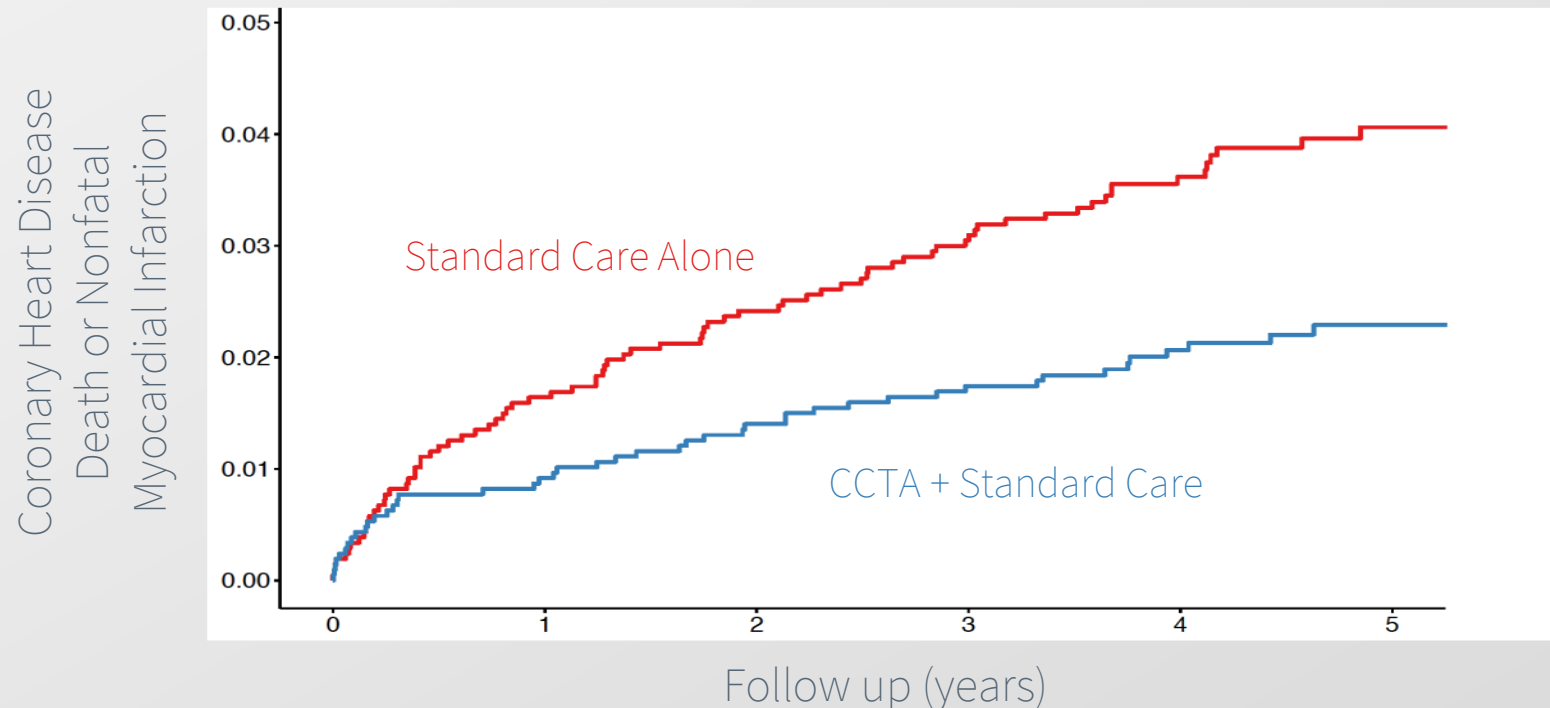


Major reductions in
radiation over 10 years of
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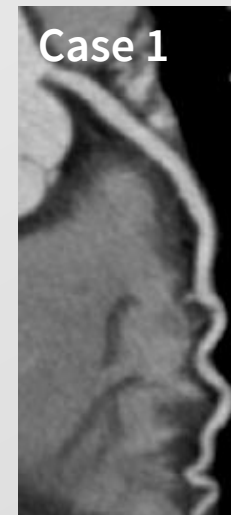
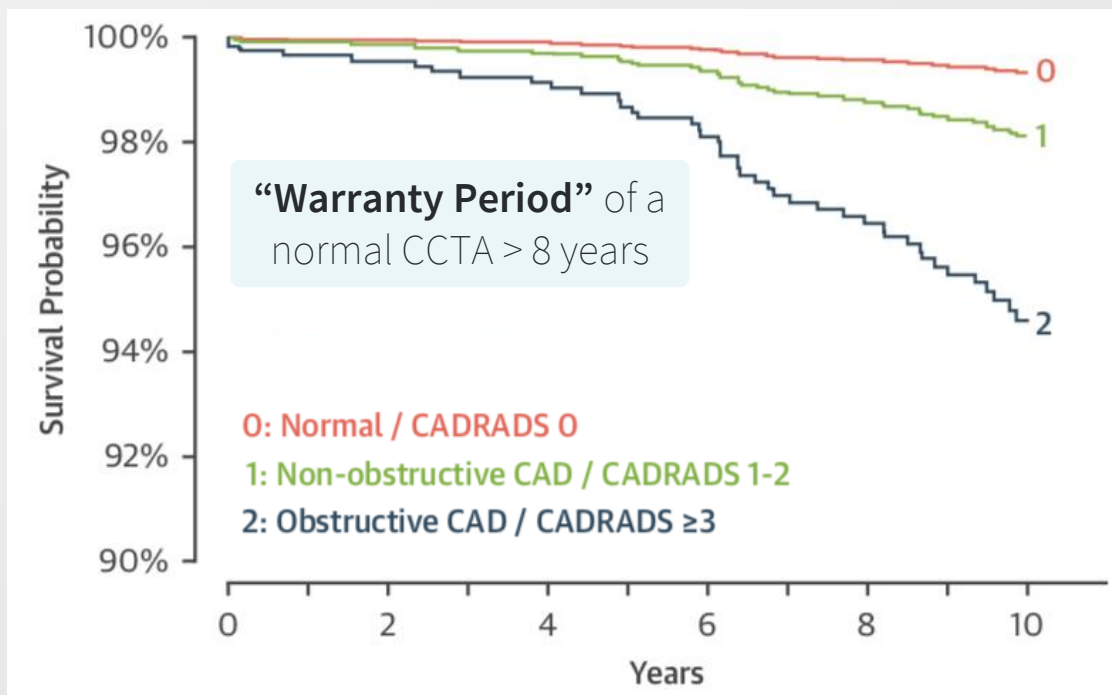
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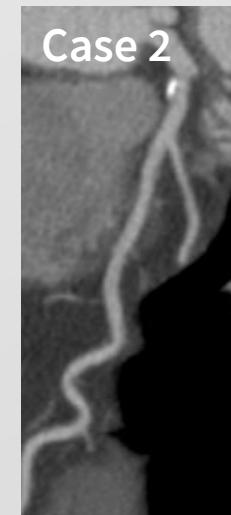
41% lower death & MI rate in CCTA group than in standard care group at 5 years (SCOT-HEART, NEJM 2018)

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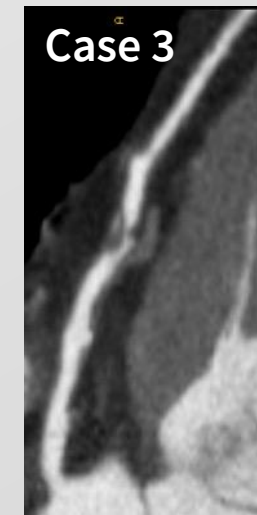
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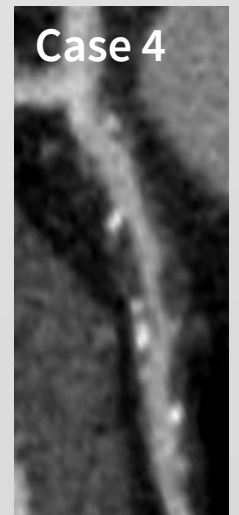
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Lower radiation

- ▶ 78% reduction in the past 10 years
- ▶ ~50% lower than an average SPECT
- ▶ Median dose of 2.7 mSv

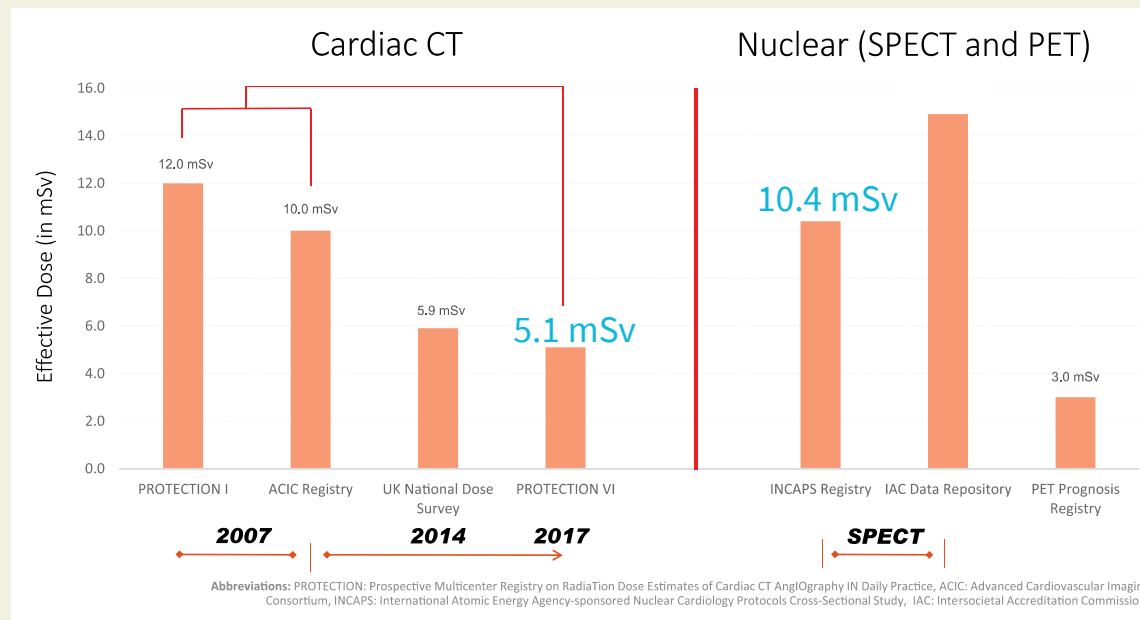


Figure 1 Worldwide radiation dose practices from contemporary multicenter registries of CT and nuclear imaging in the evaluation of coronary artery disease.



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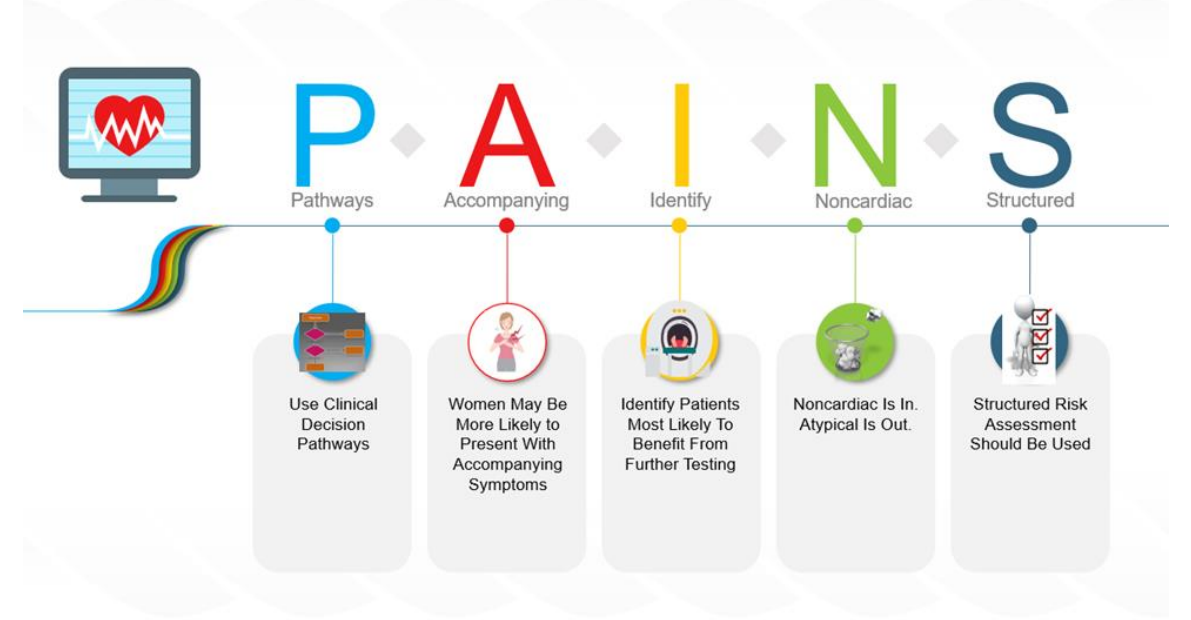
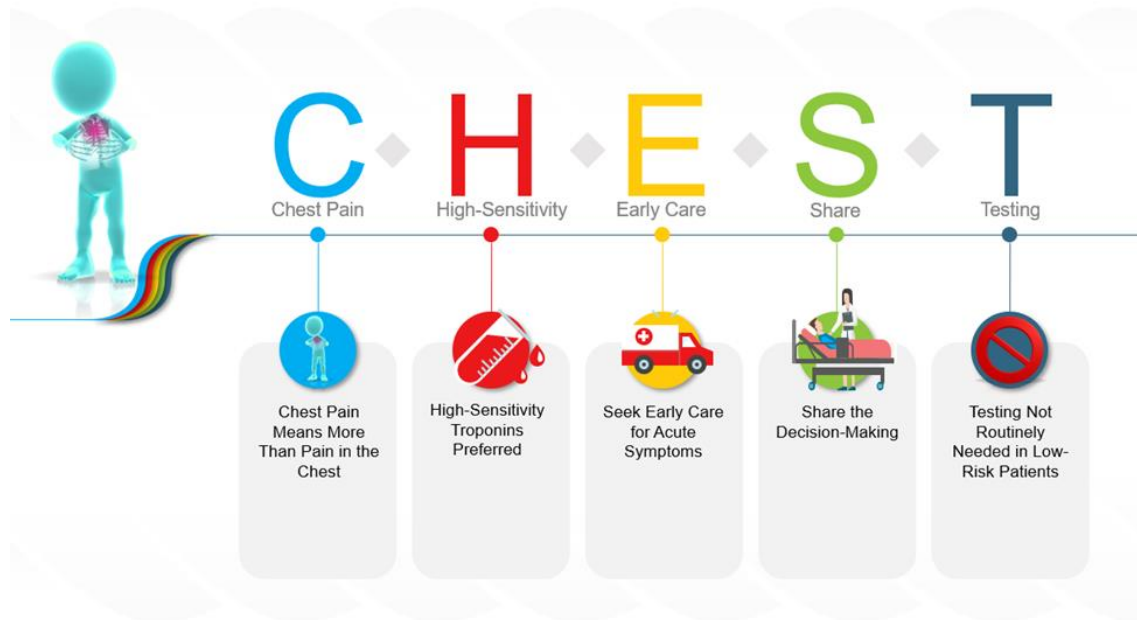
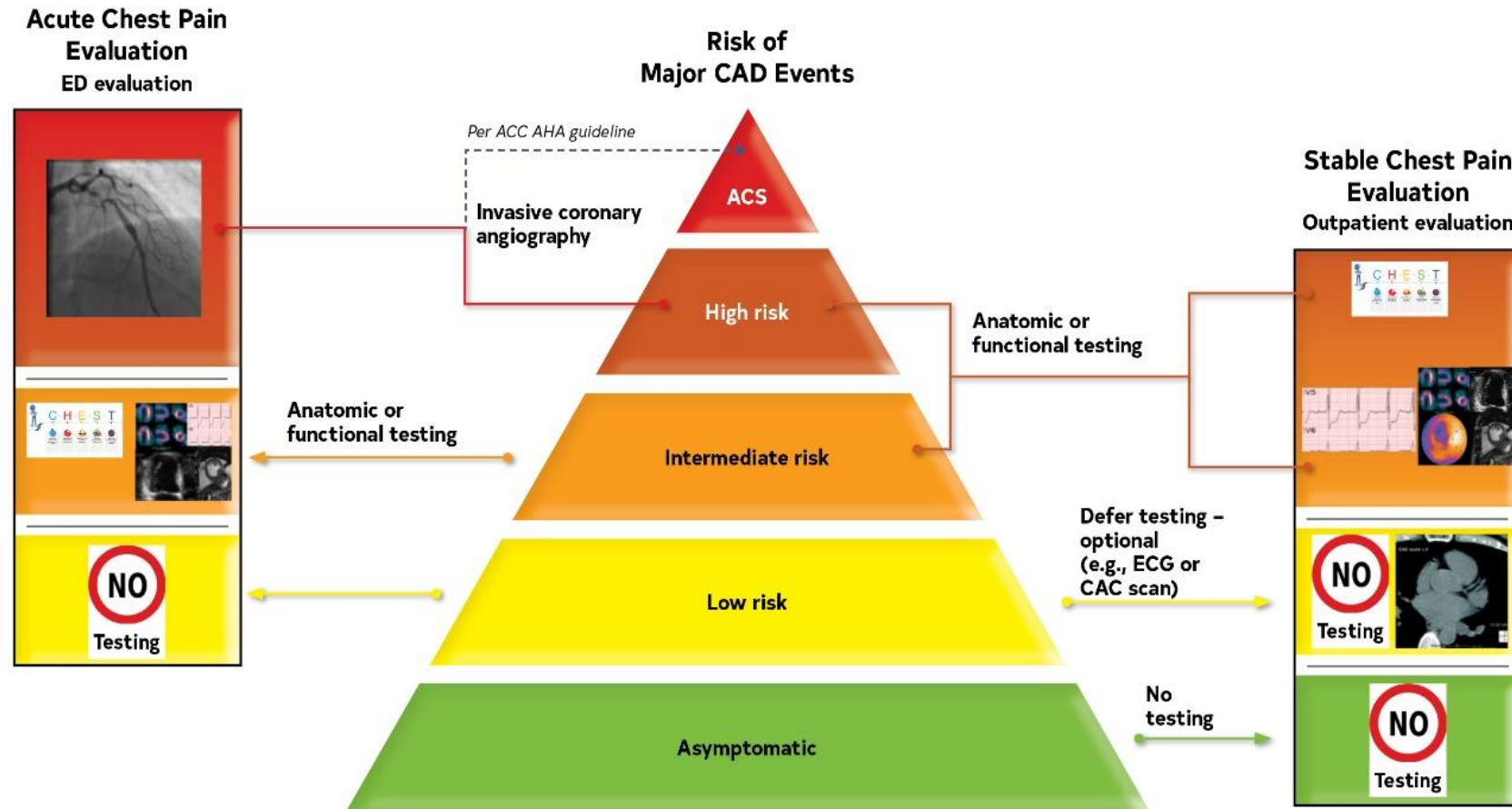


Figure 5. Chest Pain and Cardiac Testing Considerations.



The choice of imaging depends on the clinical question of importance, to either a) ascertain the diagnosis of CAD and define coronary anatomy or b) assess ischemia severity among patients with an expected higher likelihood of ischemia with an abnormal resting ECG or those incapable of performing maximal exercise.

ACS indicates acute coronary syndrome; CAC, coronary artery calcium; CAD, coronary artery disease; and ECG, electrocardiogram.

Please refer to Section 4.1.

For risk assessment in acute chest pain: See Figure 9.

For risk assessment in stable chest pain: See Figure 11.

Intermediate-High Risk Patients With Stable Chest Pain and No Known CAD

Recommendations for Intermediate-High Risk Patients With Stable Chest Pain and No Known CAD

Referenced studies that support the recommendations are summarized in Online Data Supplements 29 and 30.

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Conclusions

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- Much to be learned about delivery
- More Science coming
 - Ongoing trial PRECISE (SOC vs. Risk based testing with CTA first/ Also CCTA prior to cath)
- Getting it into practice with procedure planning



Thank you