

# **My Approach to Multi-Vessel Disease**

## **Insight From ISCHEMIA study**

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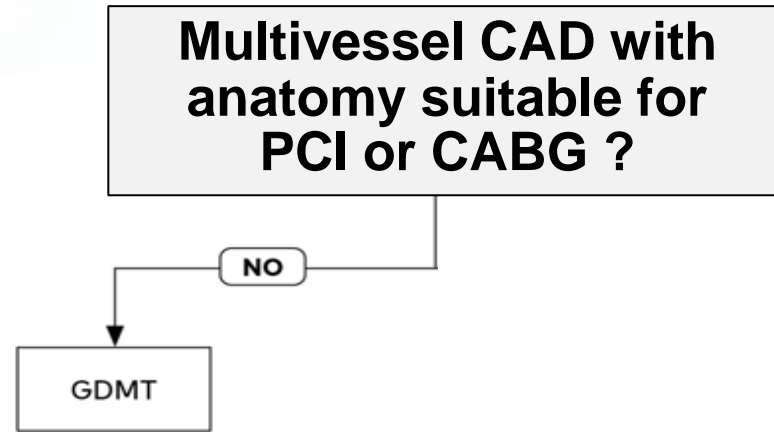
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# **ESC Guidelines 2018**

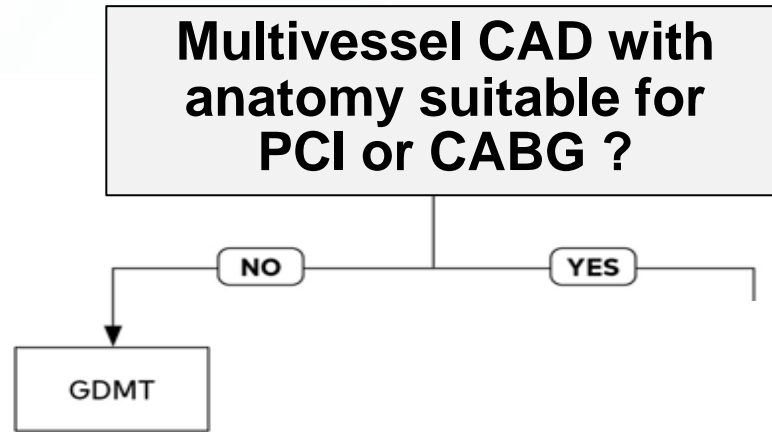
## **Elective PCI for 3 Vessel Disease**

	<b>CABG</b>		<b>PCI</b>	
	<b>Class</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Level</b>
<b>3-VD without Diabetes Mellitus</b>				
<b>3 VD with low SYNTAX score (0-22)</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>A</b>
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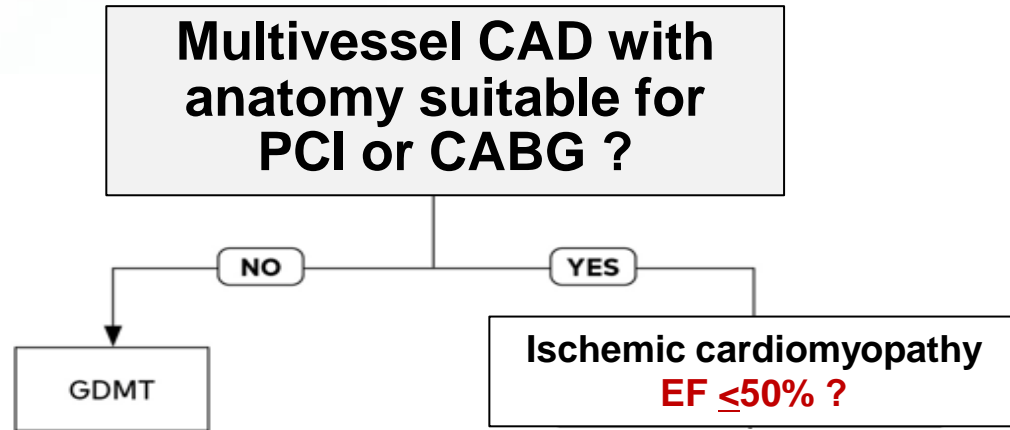
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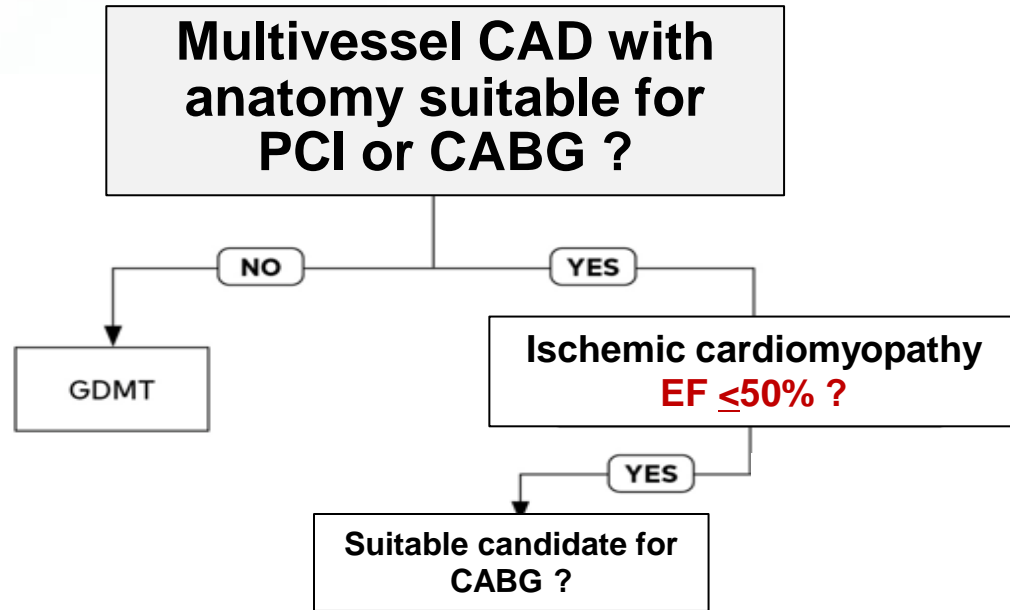
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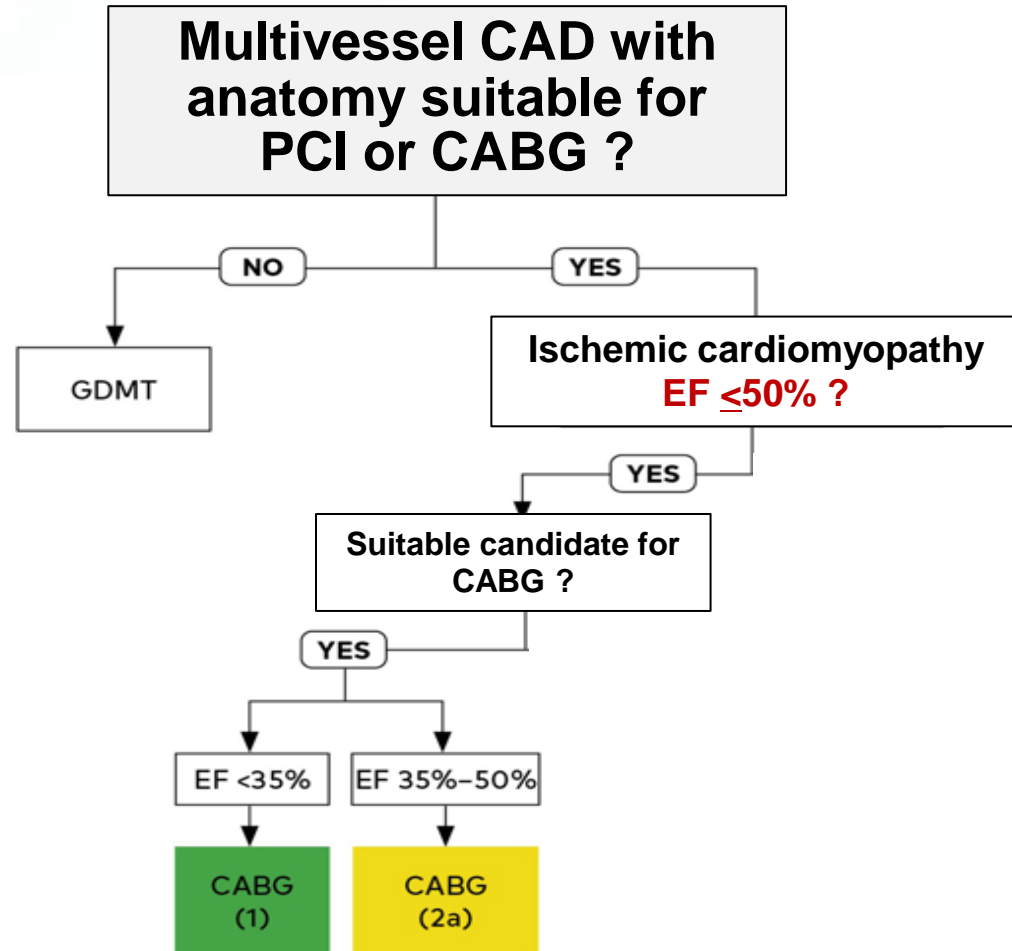
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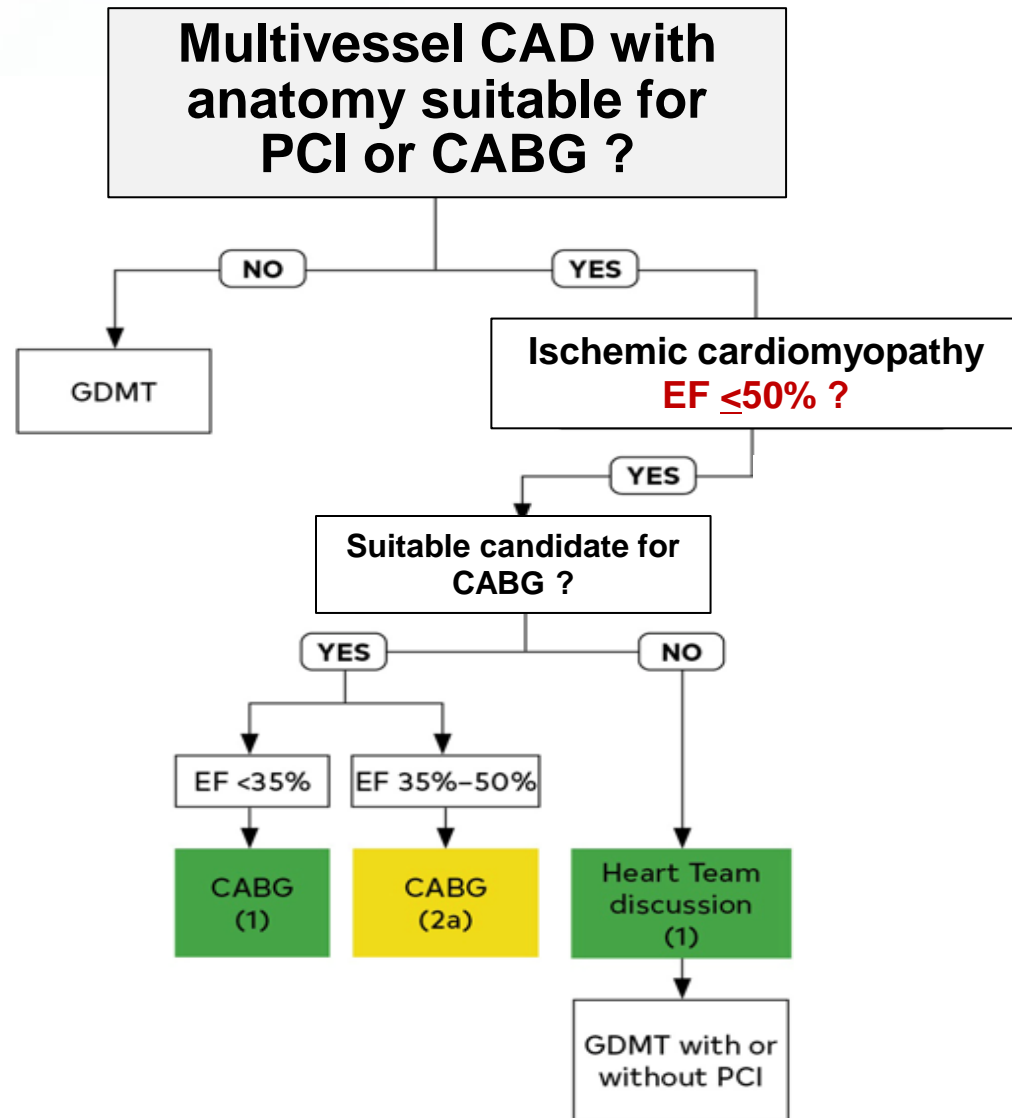
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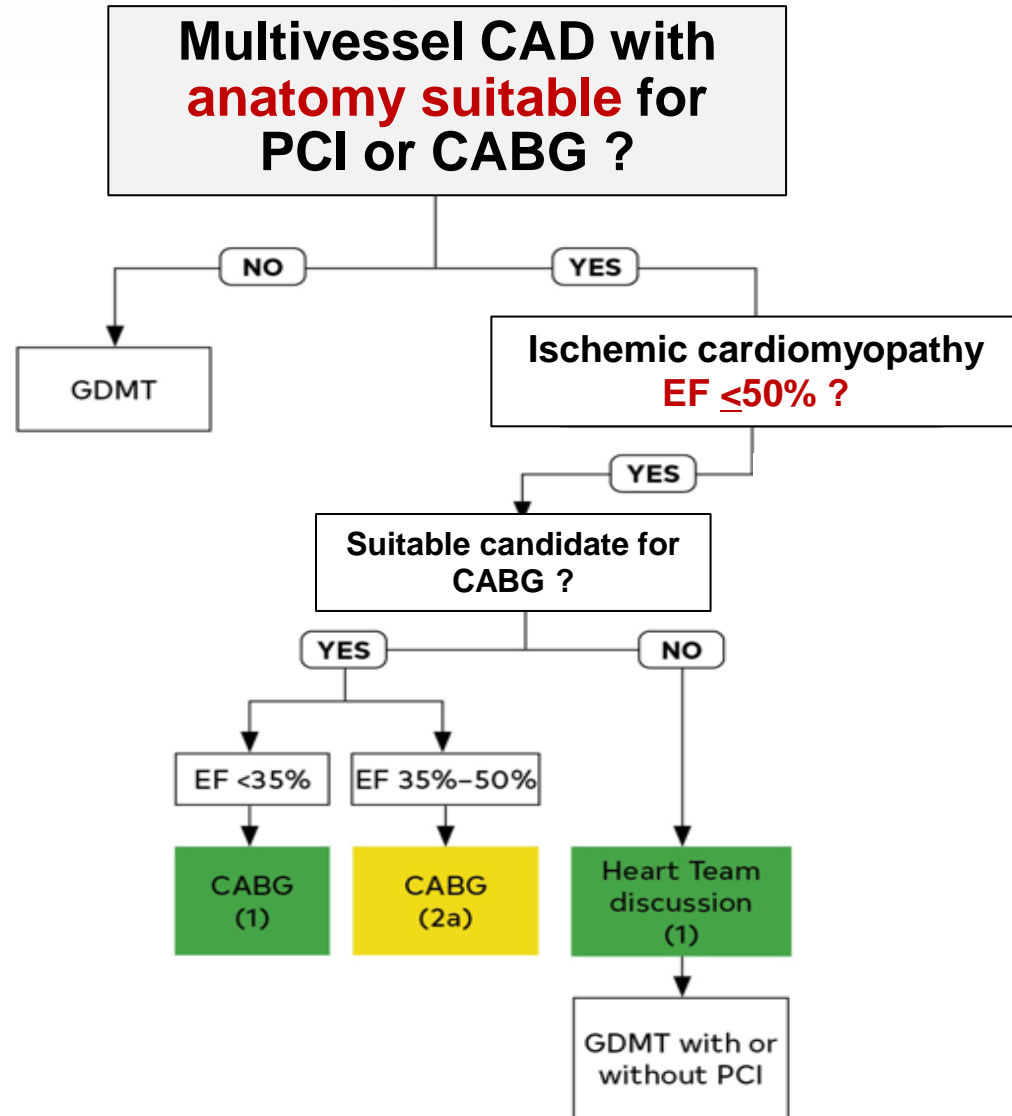


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## **Anatomy Suitable for PCI**

*All Ischemic lesions,*

*Diameter Stenosis  $\geq 80\%$  and RVD  $\geq 2.25$  mm*

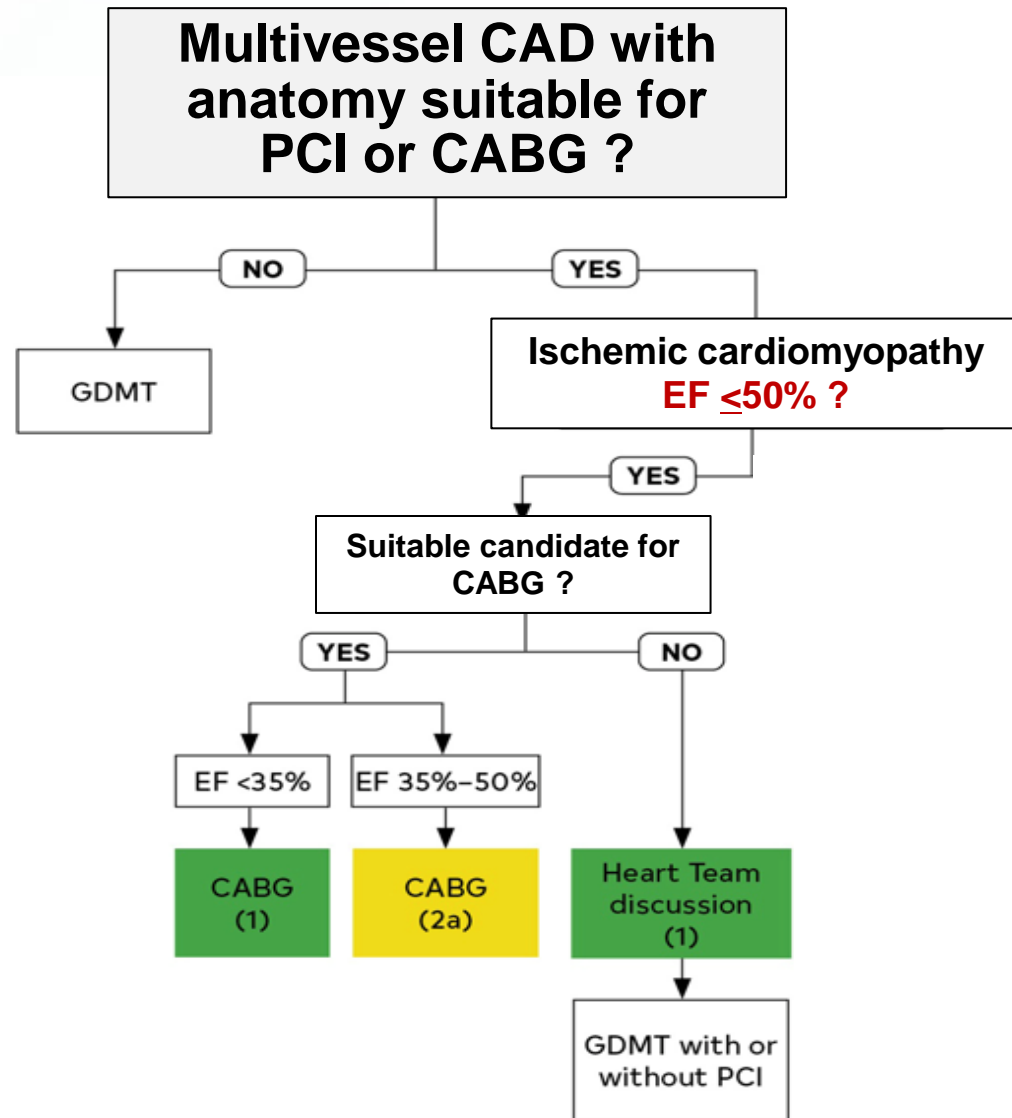
*FFR and IVUS strongly recommended*

## **Anatomy Suitable for CABG**

*Anatomically, all coronary arteries with  $\geq 70\%$  stenosis and  $> 1.5$  mm in diameter should be revascularized.*

*Functionally, all ischemic myocardial areas should be grafted.*

# 2021 ACC/AHA/SCAI, Guideline for Coronary Artery Revascularization



**EF ≤50%**

Low EF Is Only Important Index to Do CABG!

Guideline did **Not** mention about SYNTAX Score.

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## *Usefulness of SYNTAX Score Calculation in Treatment Decisions is Less Clear*

because of the interobserver variability in its calculation and its absence of clinical variables.

# Underlying Data, 1

**Low EF (<50%) Is**  
***Only Important Index to Do CABG***  
***for Multi Vessel Disease.***

# **CABG vs. Medical Treatment** **for Multi-Vessel Disease**

1. CASS Trial
2. STICH

***Very Limited Data !***

# CABG vs. Medical Treatment for MVD

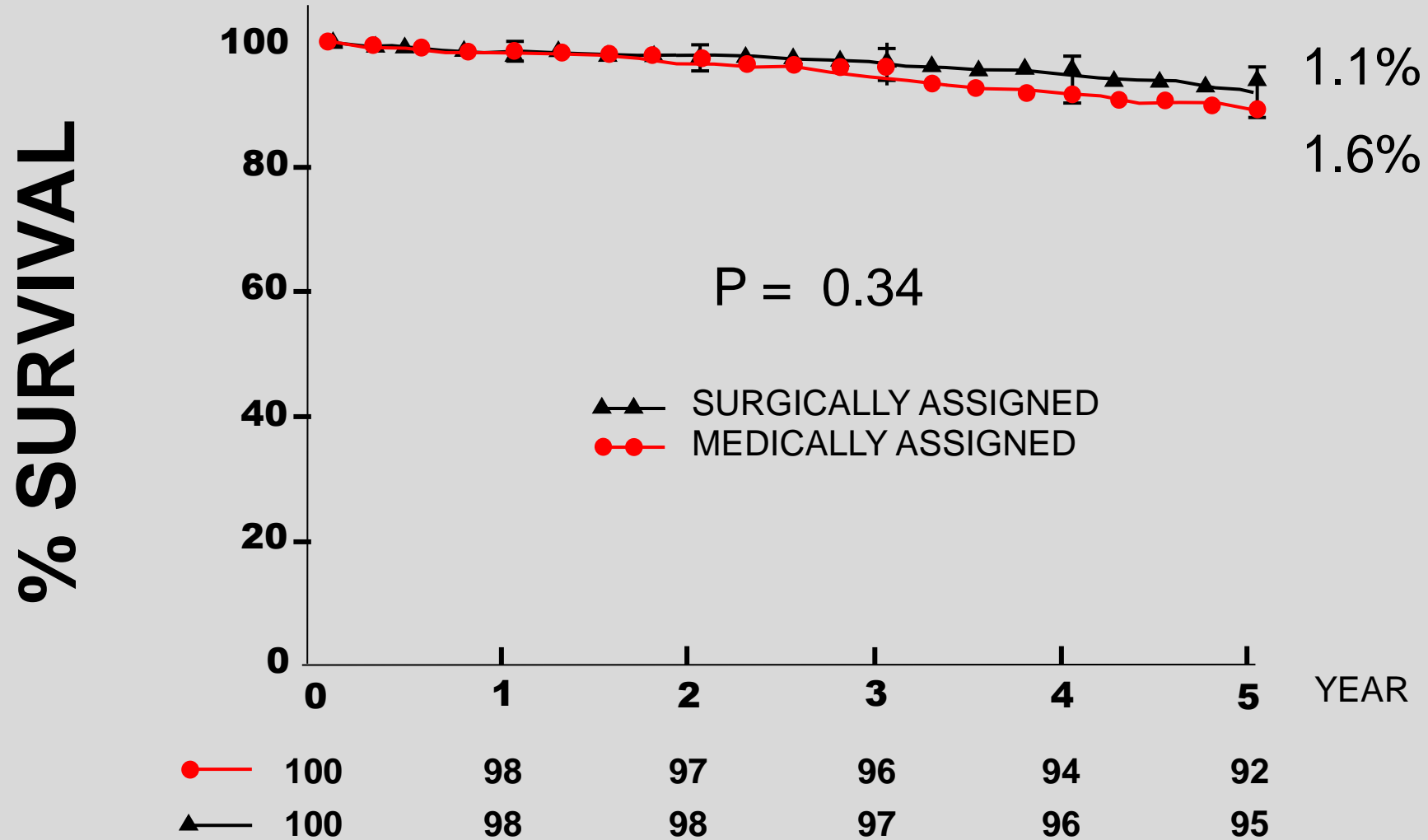
## 1st Randomized Study, **CASS Trial**

**Coronary Artery Surgery Study (CASS): a randomized trial of coronary artery bypass surgery**

1. 780 patients,
2. Surgical (n=390) vs. Medical (n=390)
3. 70%, 1 or 2 vessel disease
4. Nitrate and Beta Blocker Available, <50%

patients who were initially assigned to receive medical treatment was 47%. The excellent survival rates observed both in CASS patients assigned to receive medical and those assigned to receive surgical therapy and the similarity of survival rates in the two groups of patients in this randomized trial lead to the conclusion that patients similar to those enrolled in this trial can safely defer bypass surgery until symptoms worsen to the point that surgical palliation is required.  
*Circulation 68, No. 5, 939-950, 1983.*

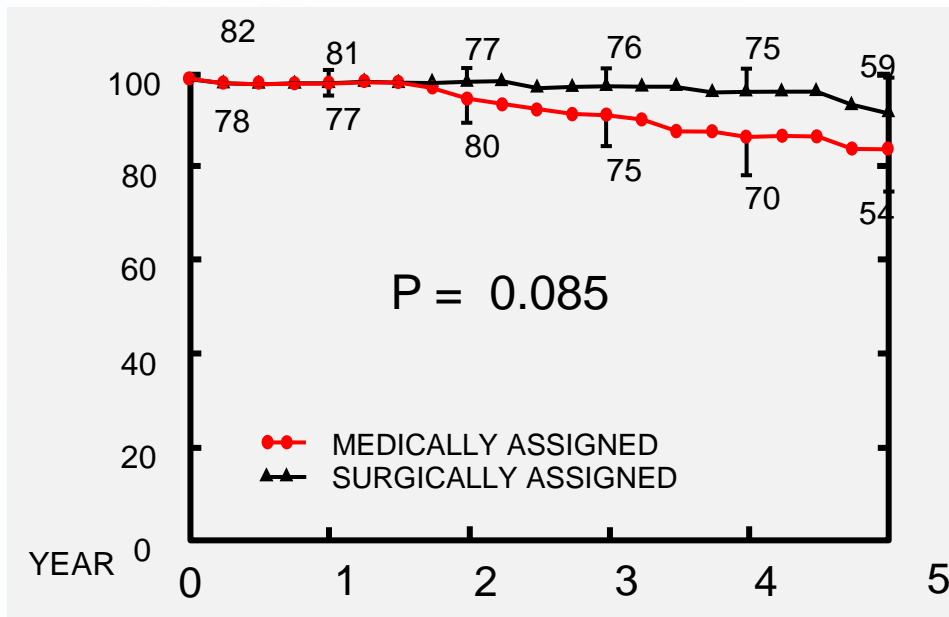
# All Cause Mortality



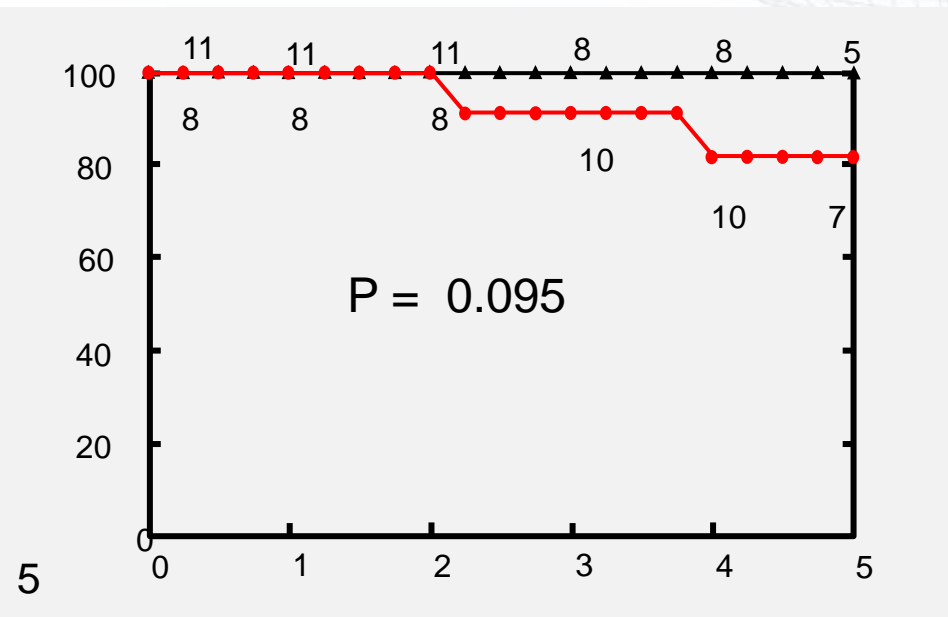


**% Survival**

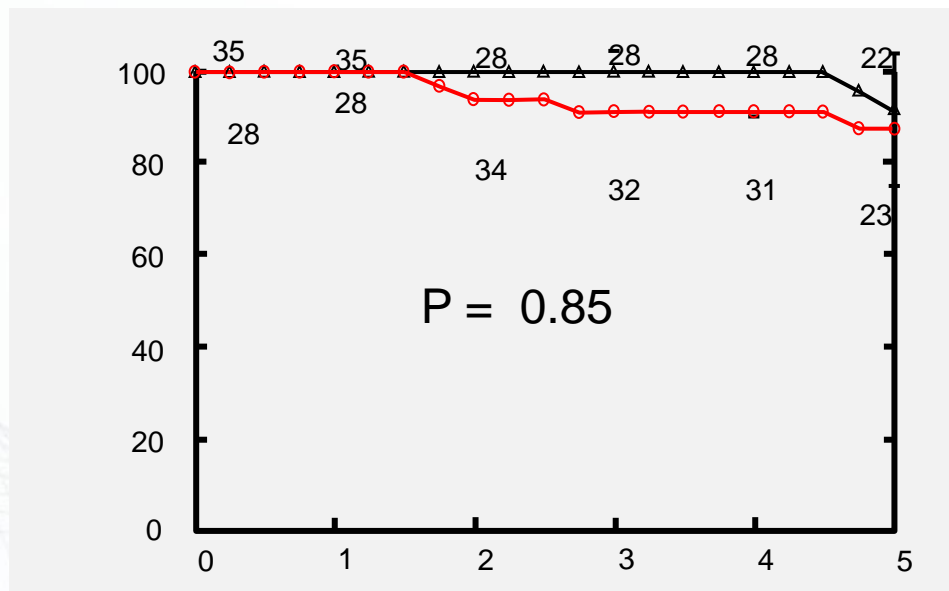
### All Patients, EF < 0.50



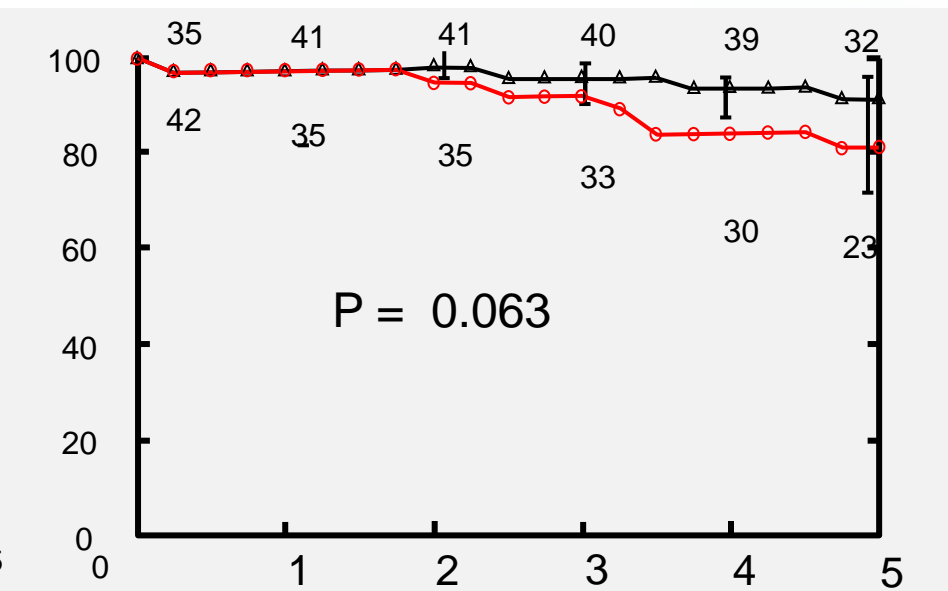
### 1 Vessel Disease



### 2 Vessel Disease



### 3 Vessel Disease



# CABG vs. Medical Treatment for MVD

From Coronary Artery Surgery (CASS) Study

***CABG Is Better Over Medication in Patients with Stable Angina (<50% of LVEF)***

# CABG vs. Medical Treatment

## Surgical Treatment for Ischemic Heart Failure (STICH) Trial

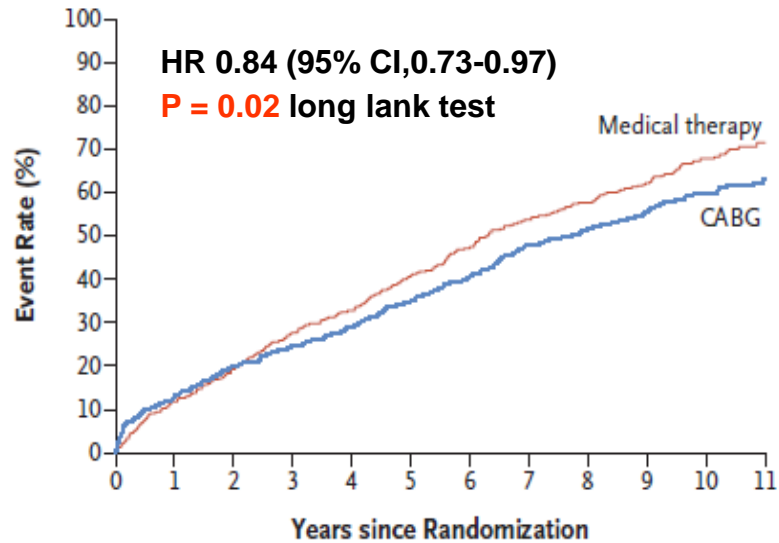
*The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE*

1. 1212 Patients with Stable Angina (<35% of LVEF),
2. Surgical (n=610, EF 27%) vs. Medical (n=602, EF 28%)
3. 3-VD 60%, 2VD 30%

Dorairaj Prabhakaran, M.D., D.M., Hanna Szwed, M.D., Paolo Ferrazzi, M.D.,  
Mark C. Petrie, M.D., Christopher M. O'Connor, M.D.,  
Pradit Panchavinnin, M.D., Lilin She, Ph.D., Robert O. Bonow, M.D.,  
Gena Roush Rankin, M.P.H., R.D., Robert H. Jones, M.D.,  
and Jean-Lucien Rouleau, M.D., for the STICH Investigators\*

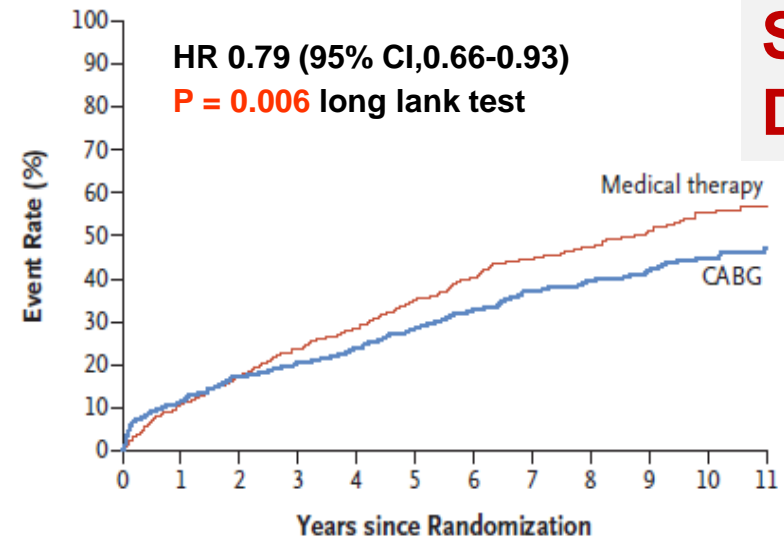
# All Cause Mortality **at 10 year**

## Any Death



No. at Risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Medical therapy	602	532	487	435	404	357	315	274	248	164	82	37
CABG	610	532	487	460	432	392	356	312	286	205	103	42

## Cardiovascular Death



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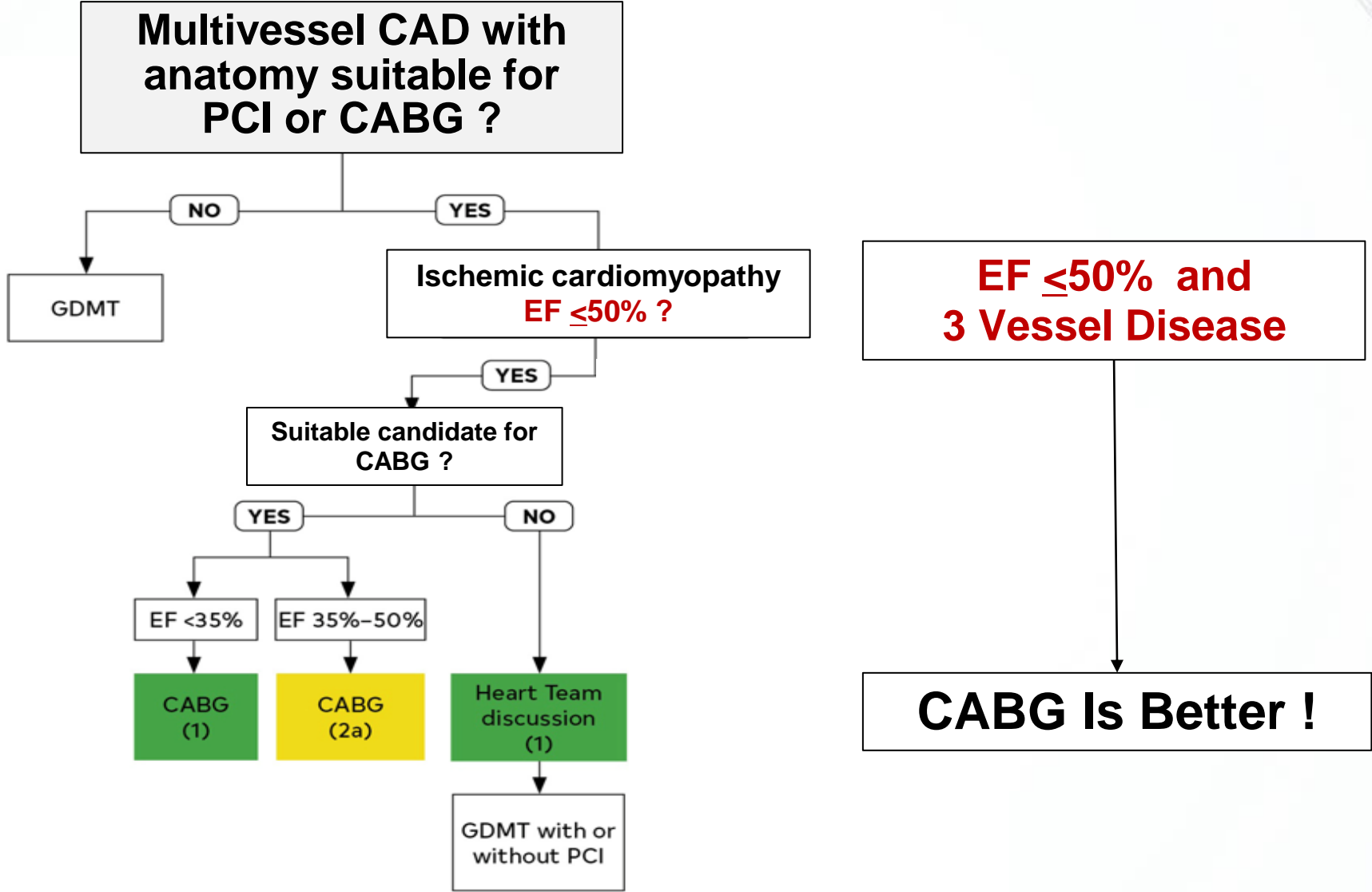
**Significantly Different !**

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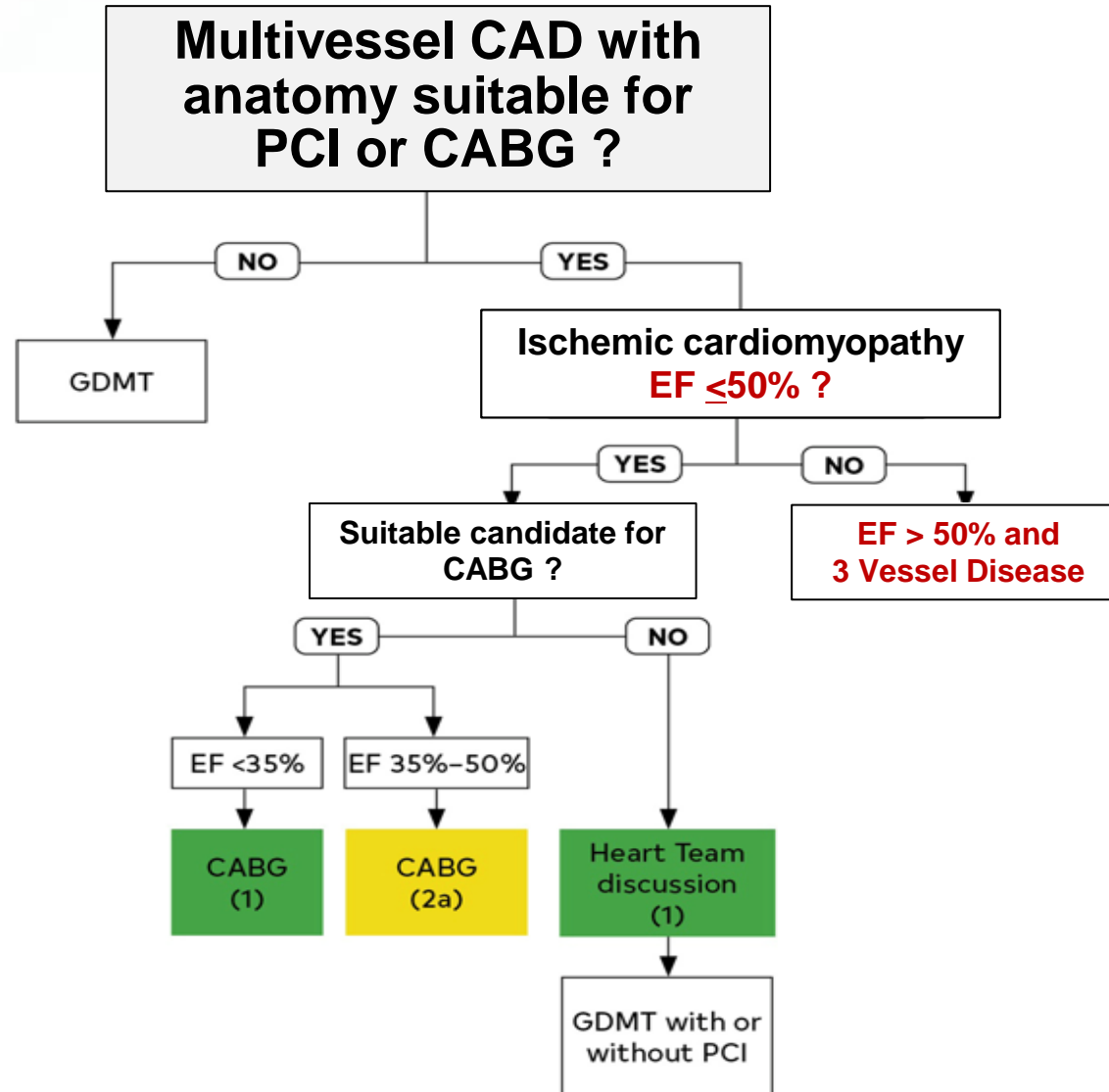
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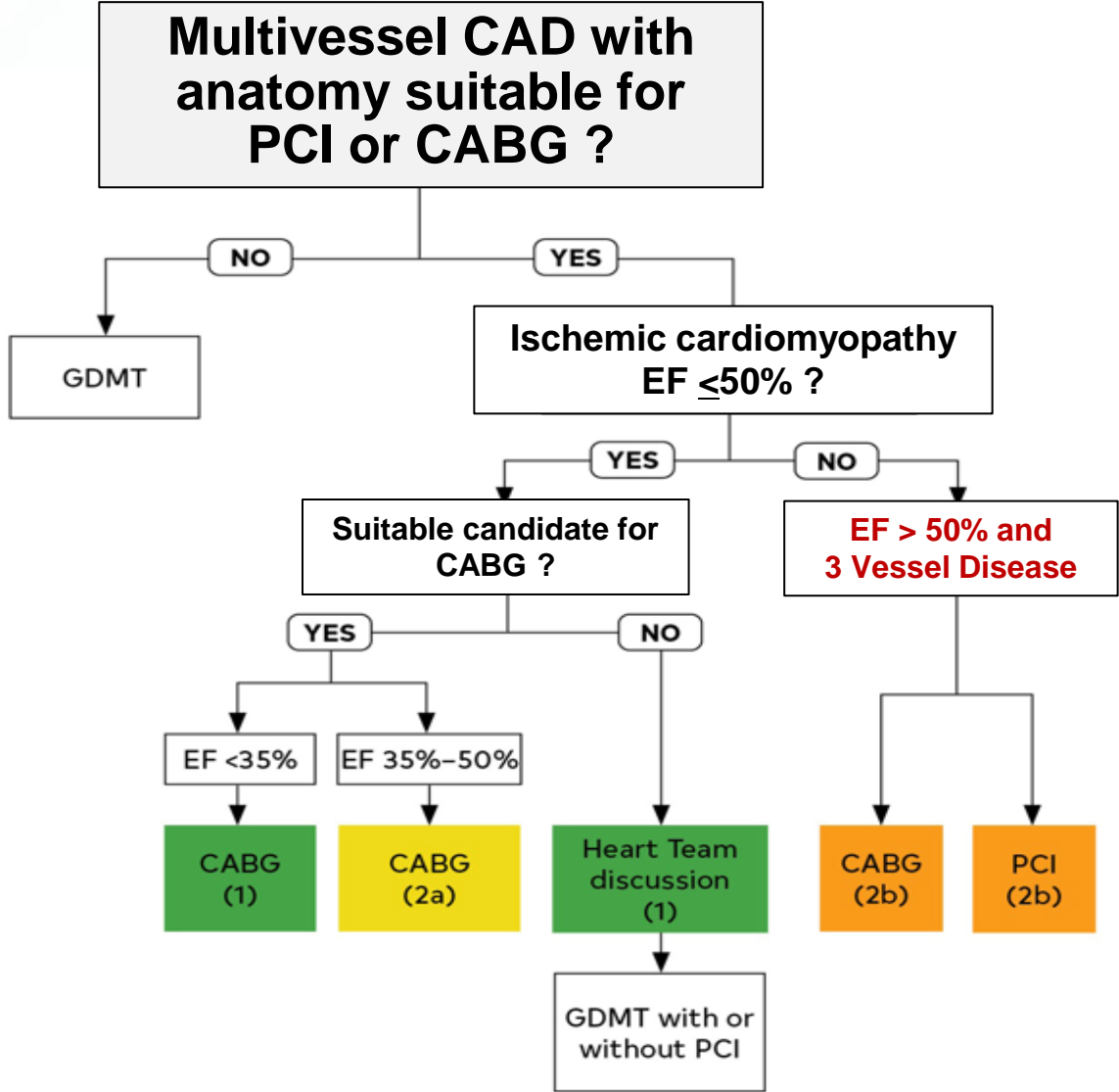
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Any Revascularizations  
(2b)



# Any Revascularizations (2b)

**Class 2b (WEAK)**

**Benefit  $\geq$  Risk**

## **Suggested phrases for writing recommendations:**

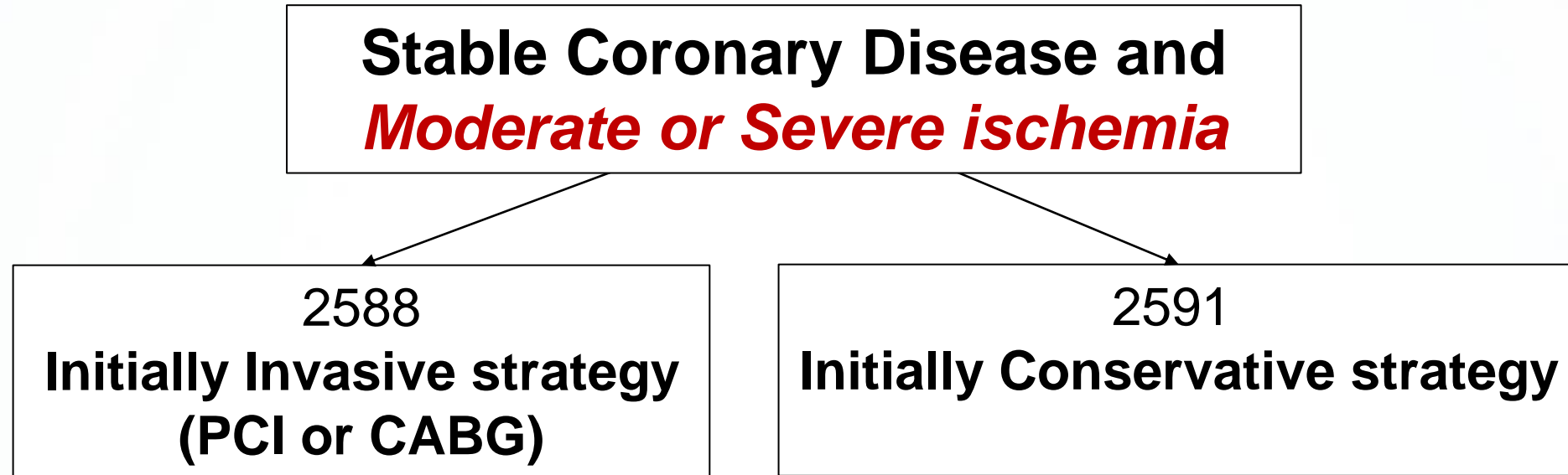
- May/might be reasonable
- May/might be considered
- Usefulness/effectiveness is unknown/unclear/uncertain or not well-established

# Underlying Data, 2

**Any Revascularizations  
(2b)**

*Why ?*

# ISCHEMIA Study



**Primary Outcome;** Composite of death from cardiovascular causes, myocardial infarction, or hospitalization for unstable angina, heart failure, or resuscitated cardiac arrest.

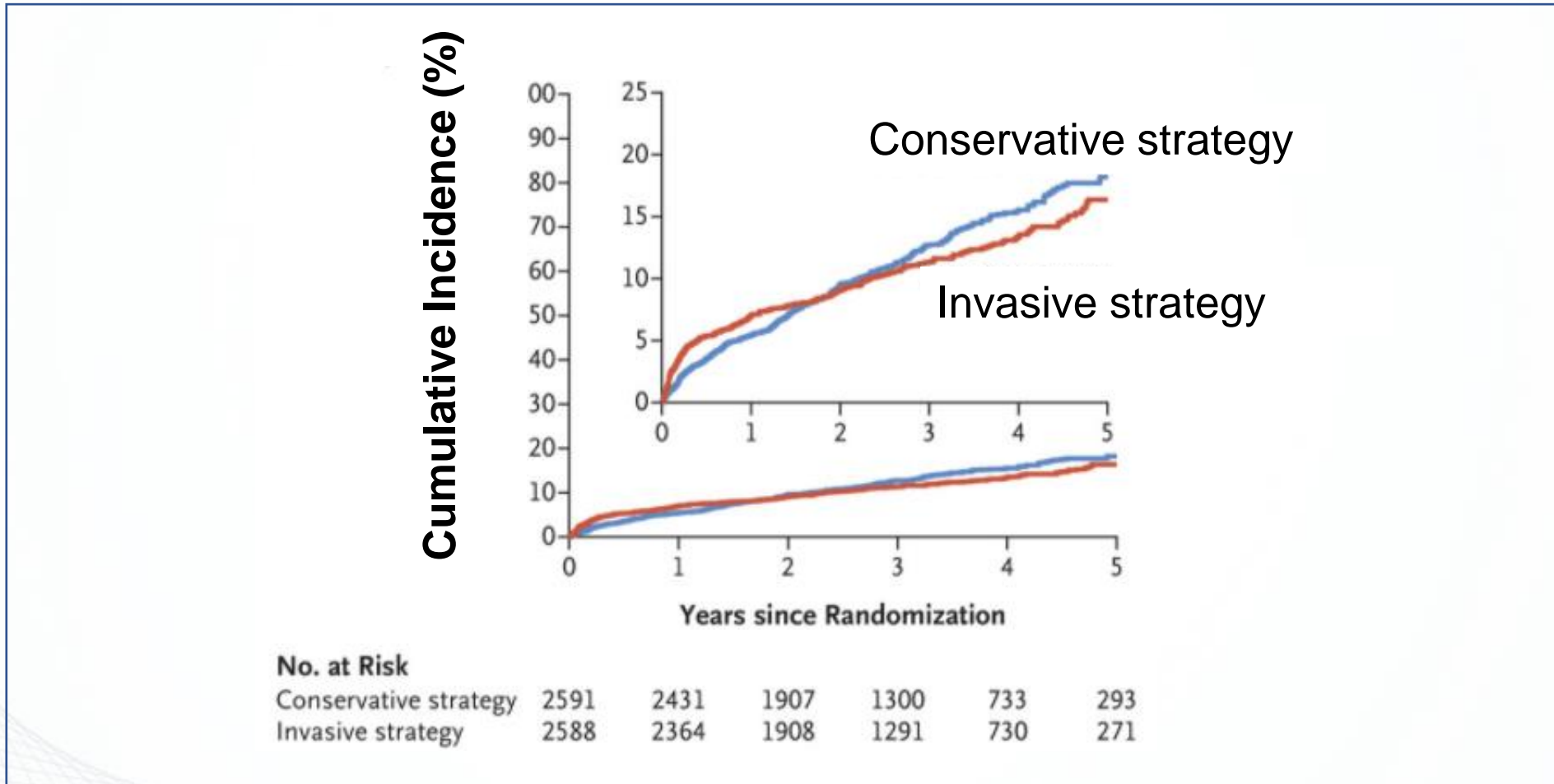
# Coronary Anatomy by CCTA ( $\geq 50\%$ stenosis)

	Total (N=5179)	INV (N=2588)	CON (N=2591)
0	0.1% (4/2986)	0.1% (2/1490)	0.1% (2/1496)
1	23.3% (697/2986)	24.2% (360/1490)	22.5% (337/1496)
2	31.4% (938/2986)	29.1% (434/1490)	33.7% (504/1496)
3	45.1% (1347/2986)	46.6% (694/1490)	43.6% (653/1496)

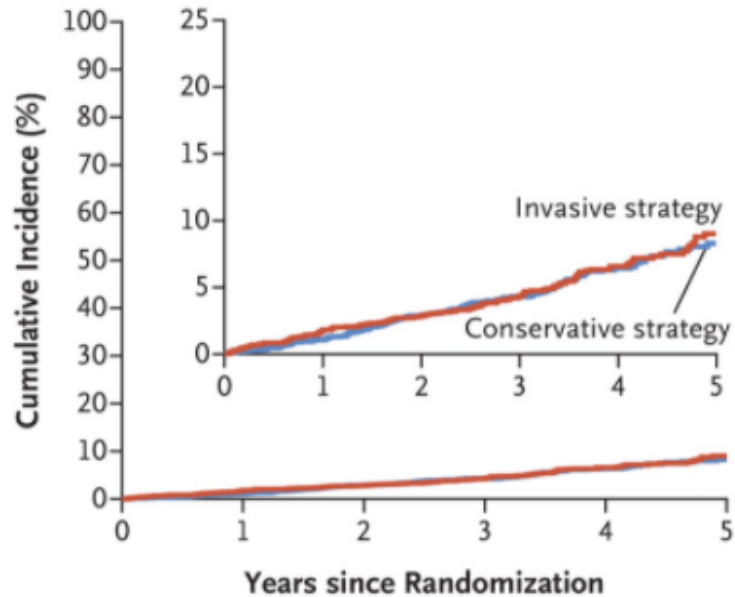
***Multivessel Disease >75%***

# Primary Outcomes at 3.2 yrs

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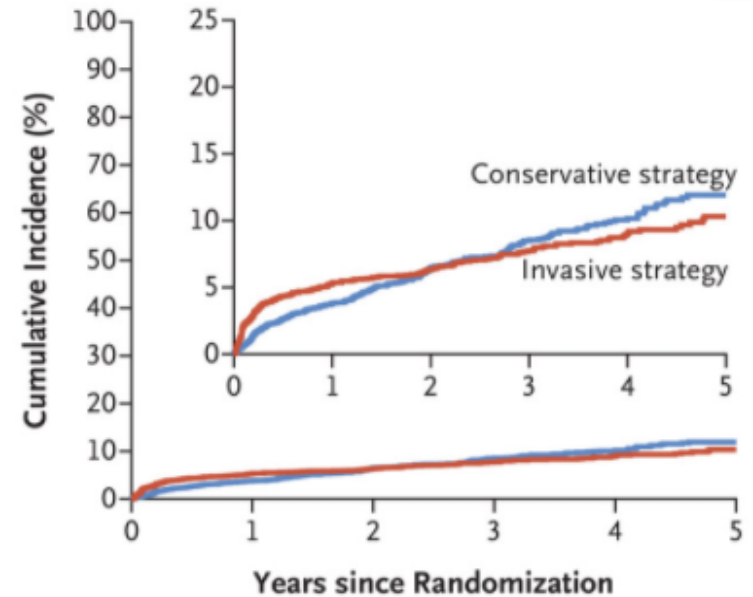
## All Death



### No. at Risk

Conservative strategy	2591	2548	2065	1445	844	349
Invasive strategy	2588	2518	2061	1431	827	317

## Myocardial Infarction



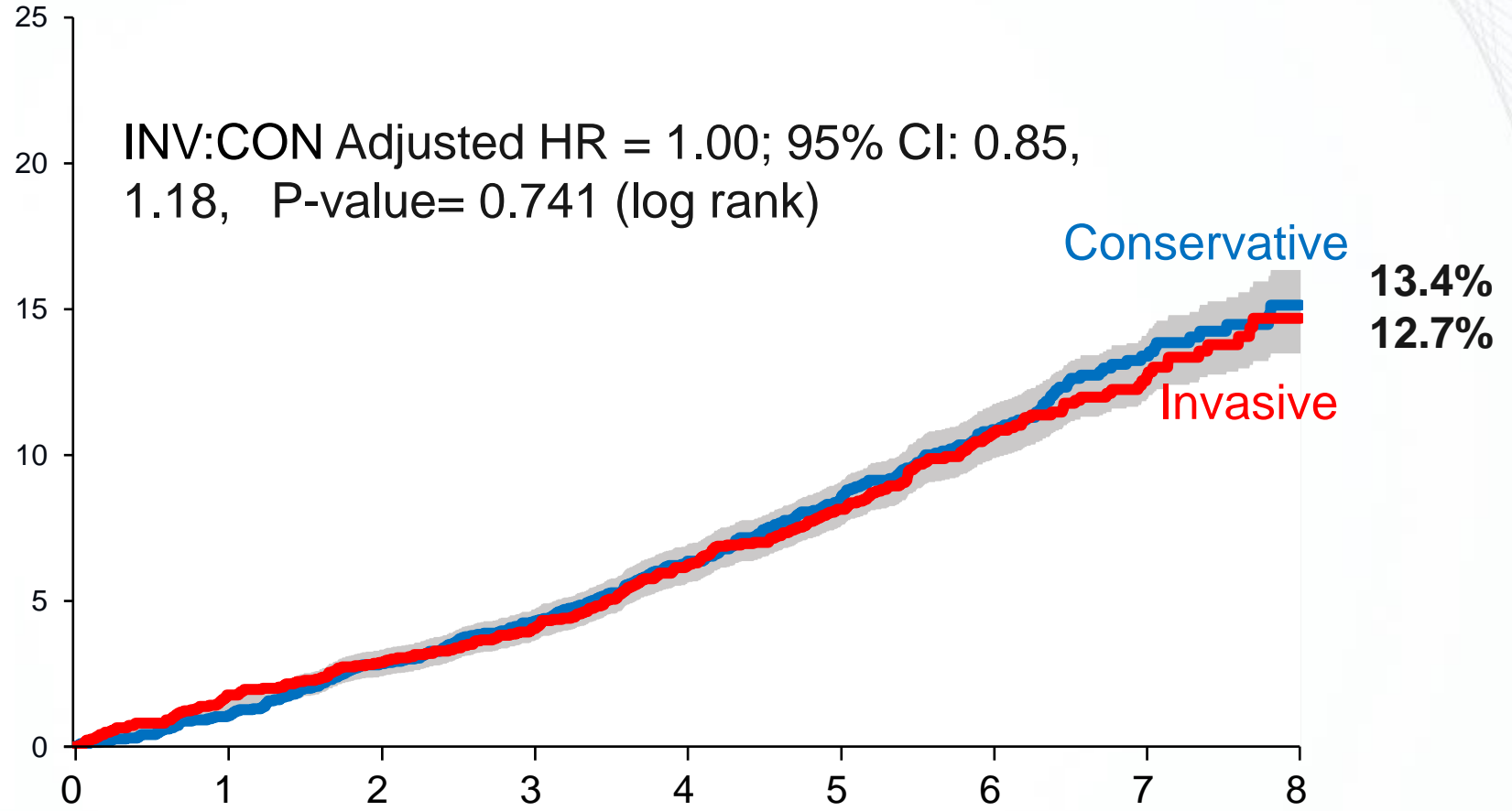
### No. at Risk

Conservative strategy	2591	2452	1931	1321	747	298
Invasive strategy	2588	2379	1931	1313	742	283

# ISCHEMIA EXTENDED at 7 yrs

## All Death

Cumulative Death Rates  
of Death (%)



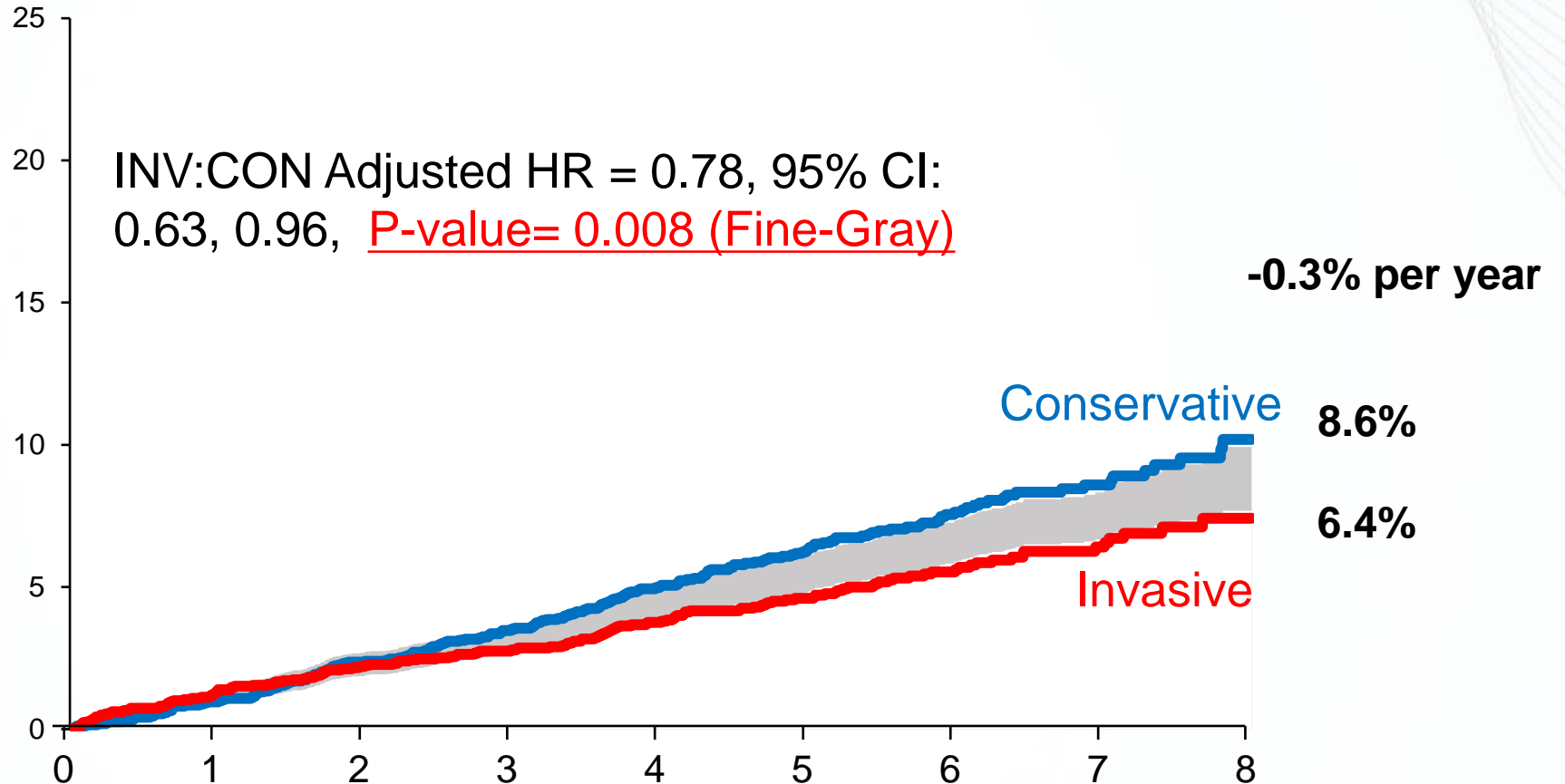
	Years Since Randomization								
No. at Risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Conservative	2591	2564	2517	2479	2381	1701	1139	575	195
Invasive	2588	2544	2512	2480	2375	1702	1120	566	174



# ISCHEMIA EXTENDED at 7 yrs

## CV Death

Cumulative Death Rates  
of Death (%)



No. at Risk

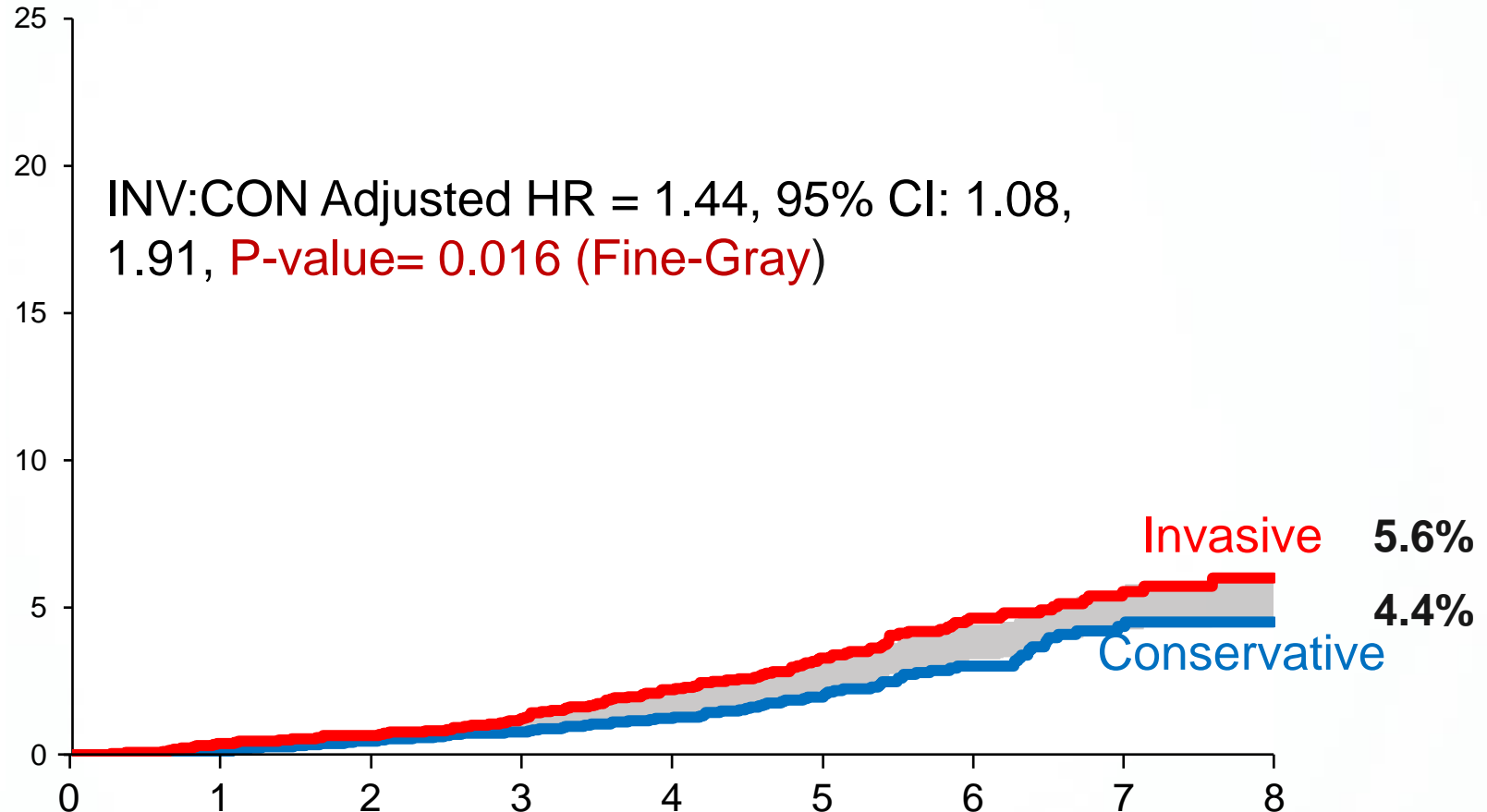
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# ISCHEMIA EXTENDED at 7 yrs

## Non-CV Death

Cumulative Death Rates  
of Death (%)



No. at Risk

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Years Since Randomization

# ISCHEMIA study

**No Survival and Ischemic Event Benefit of Invasive Strategy, as Compared With Conservative Strategy for the Patients with Moderate or Severe Ischemia.**

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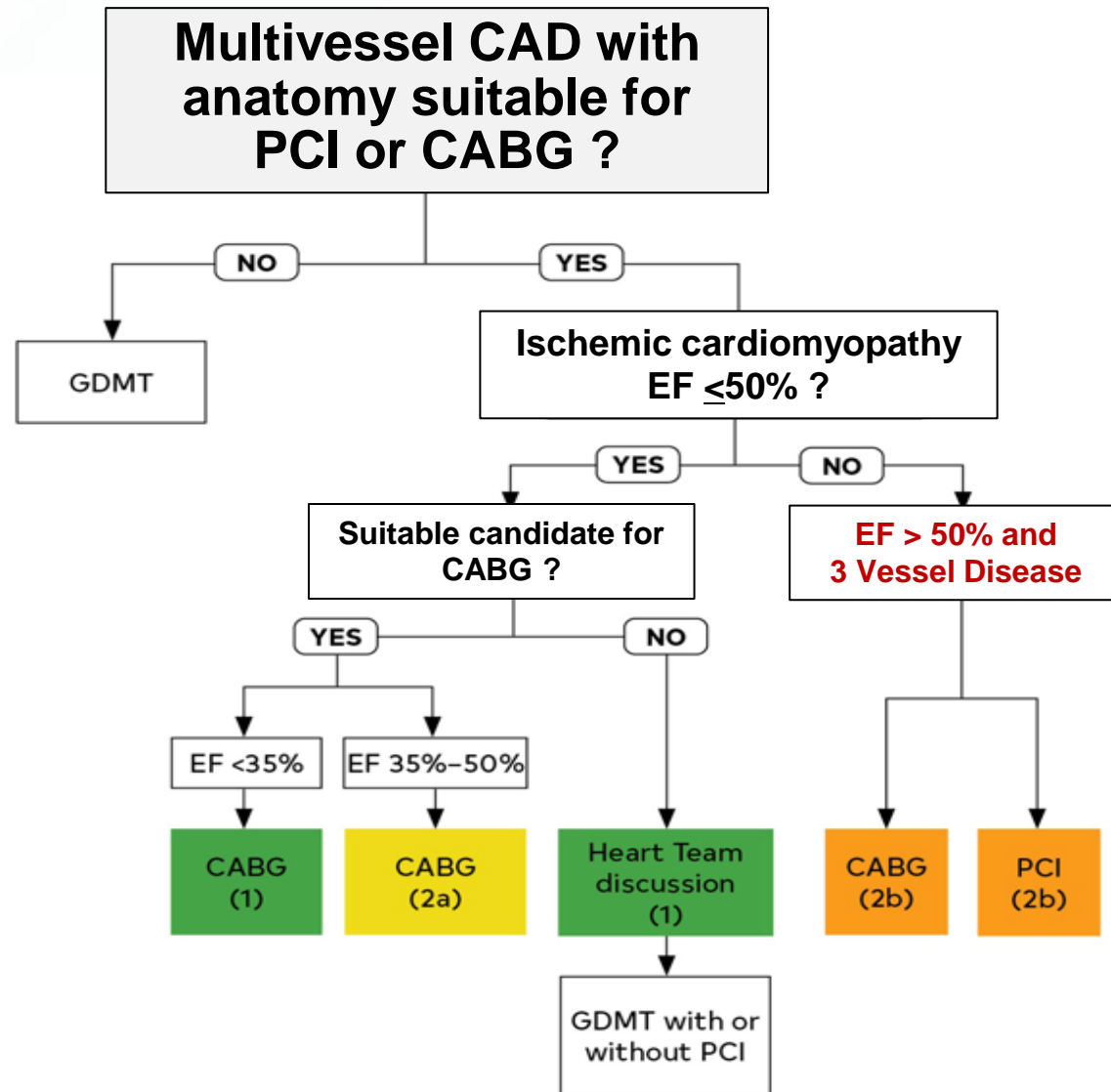
# ISCHEMIA study

**Optimal Medical Therapy Is Good Enough  
for Majority Patients of Stable Coronary Disease**

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**Any Revascularizations  
(2b)**

# Underlying Data, 3

**PCI vs. CABG**  
***For Multi-Vessel Disease***

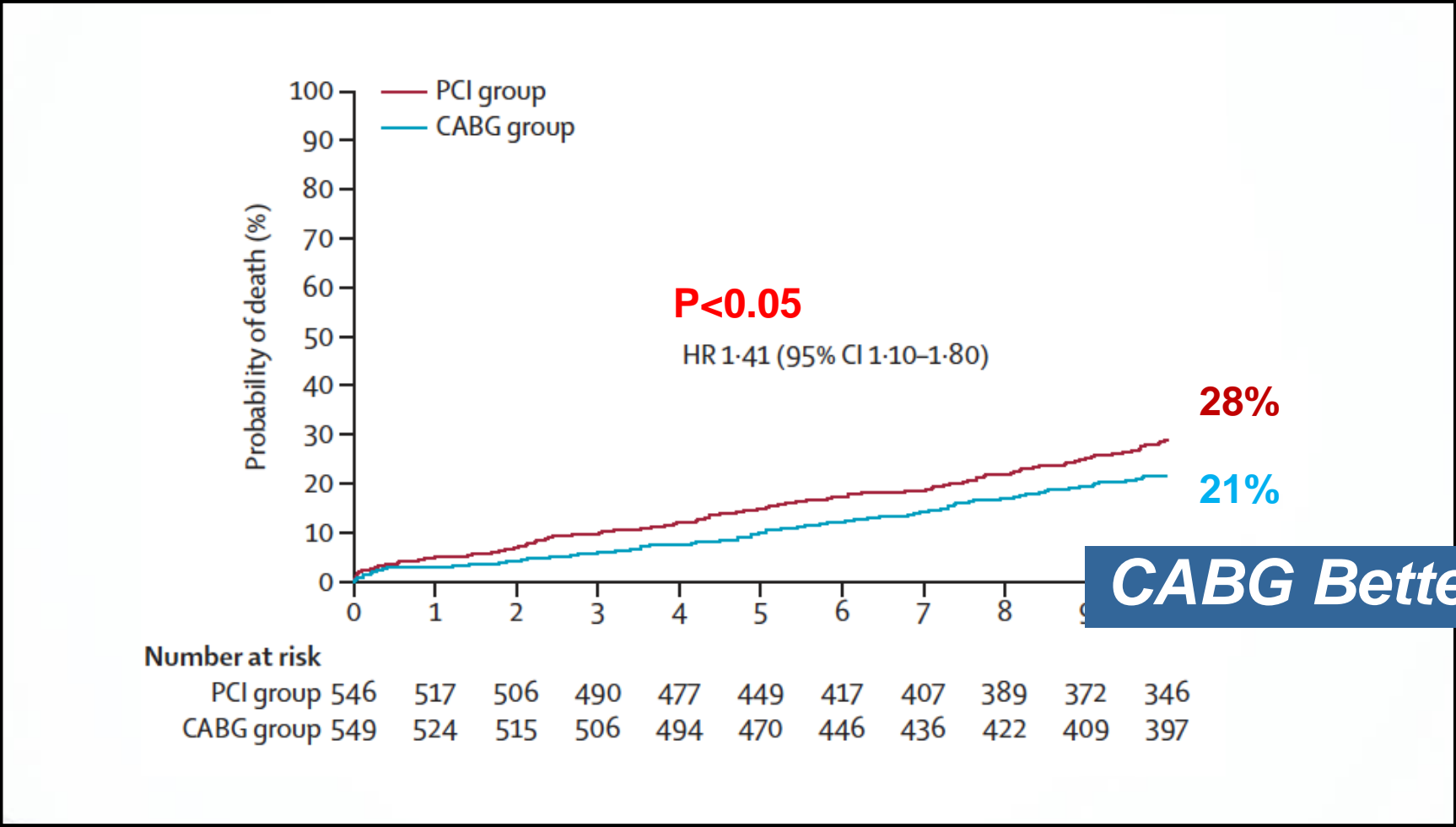
# **PCI vs. CABG** ***for Multi-vessel Disease***

1. BARI 2D
2. FREEDOM
3. SYNTAX
4. BEST

***Very Limited Data !***

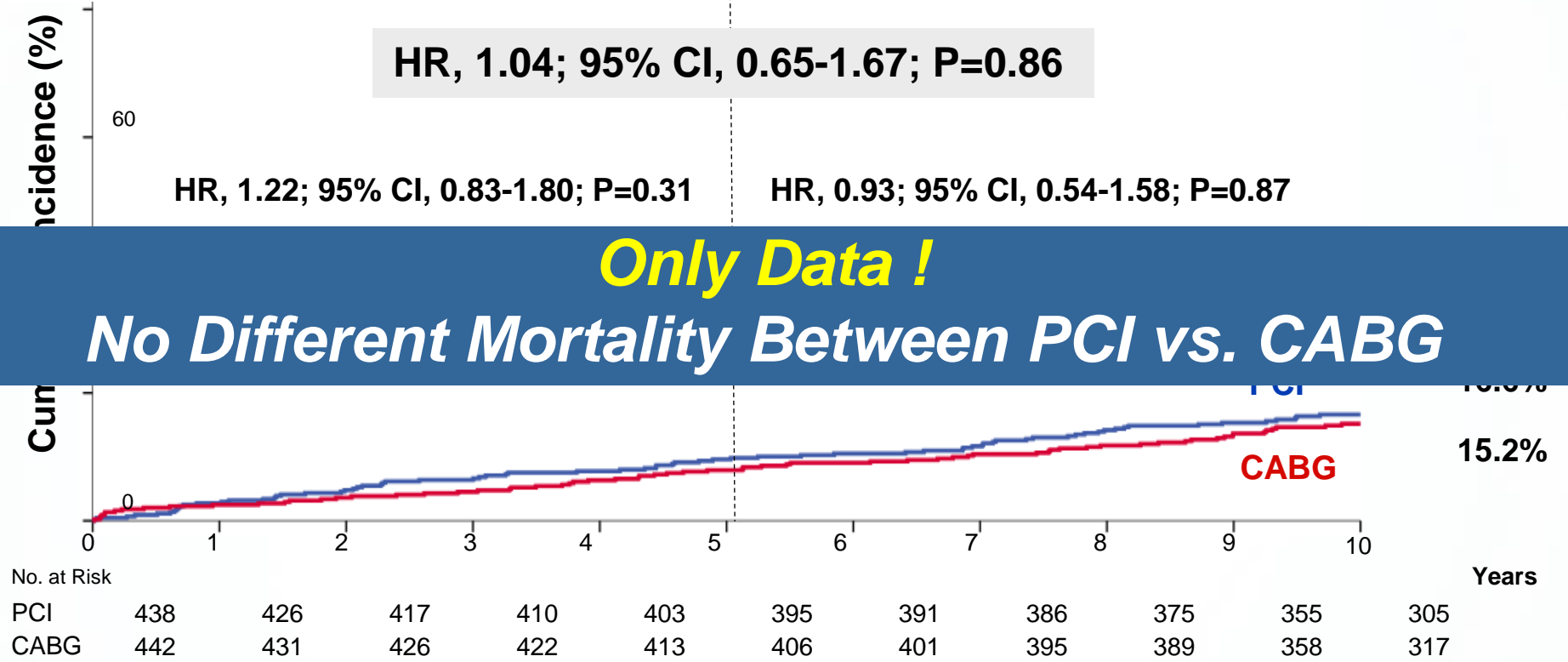
# SYNTAX (3VD Subset)

## All Death at 10 Year



# **BEST**

## **All Death at 10 Year**



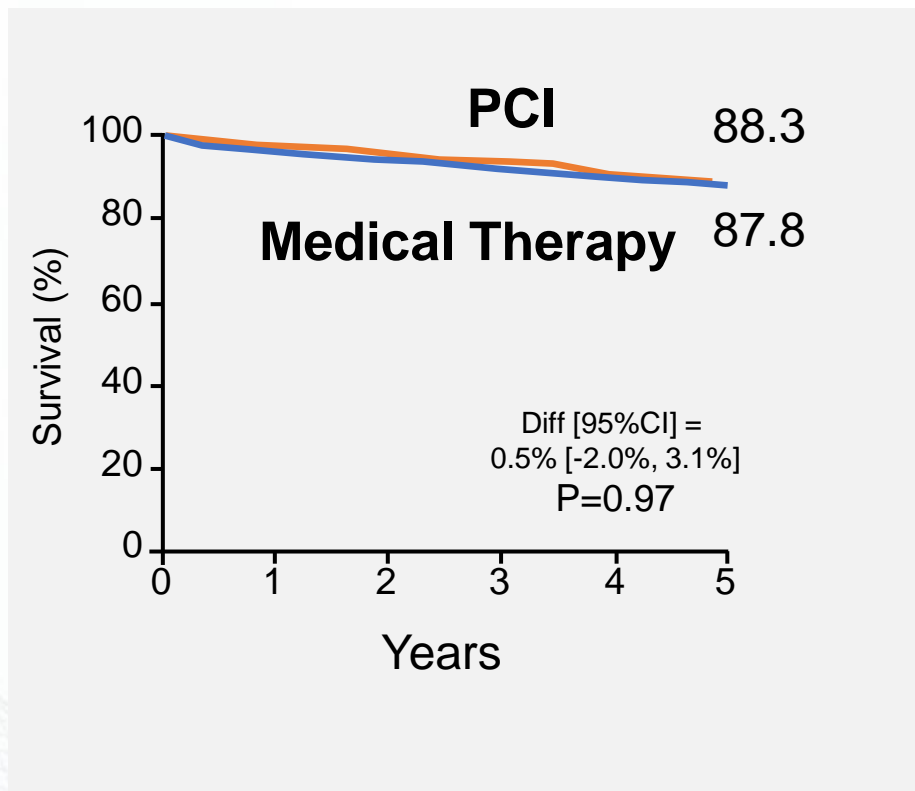


# BARI 2D (DM) at 5 year

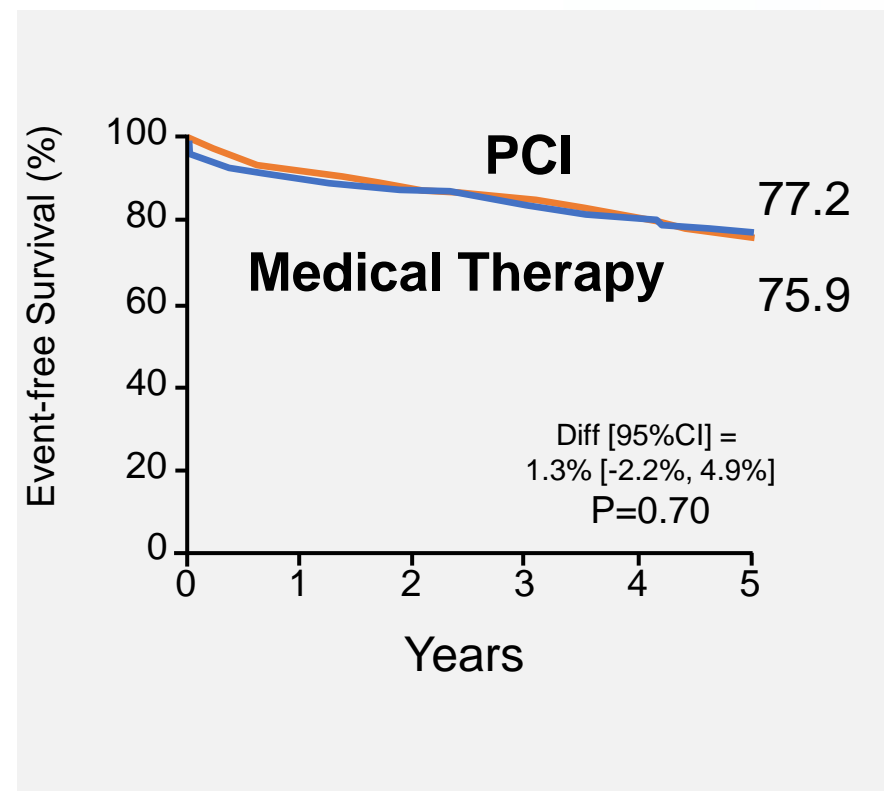
## PCI Had No Benefit Over Medical Treatment

### in Low Risk Patients

### Survival



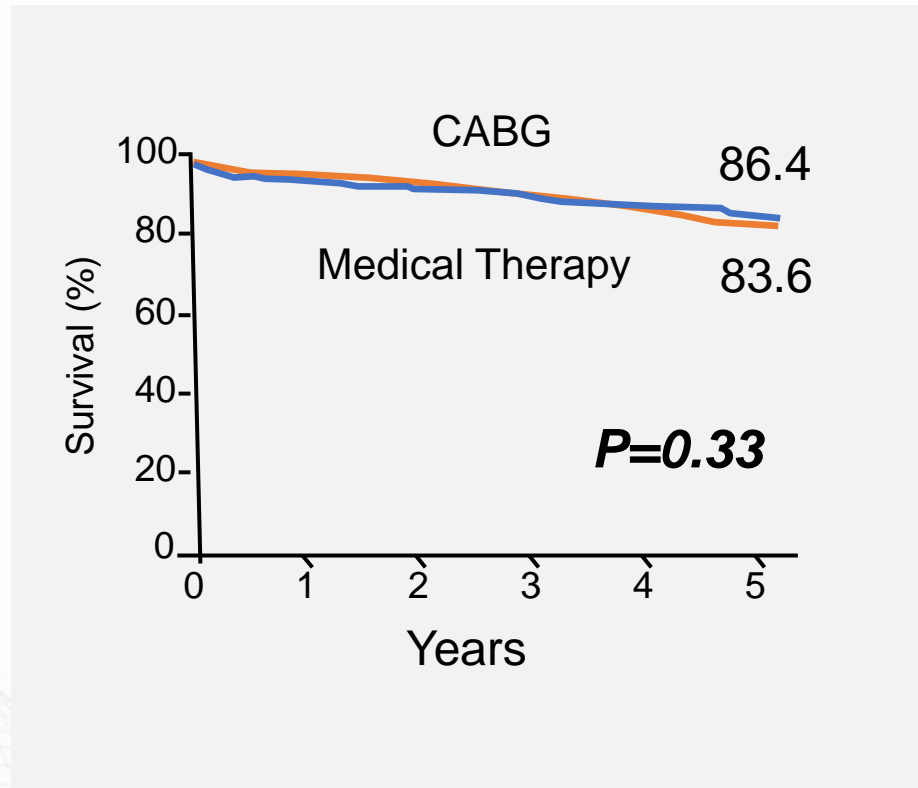
### Freedom from MACE (Death, MI, or Stroke)



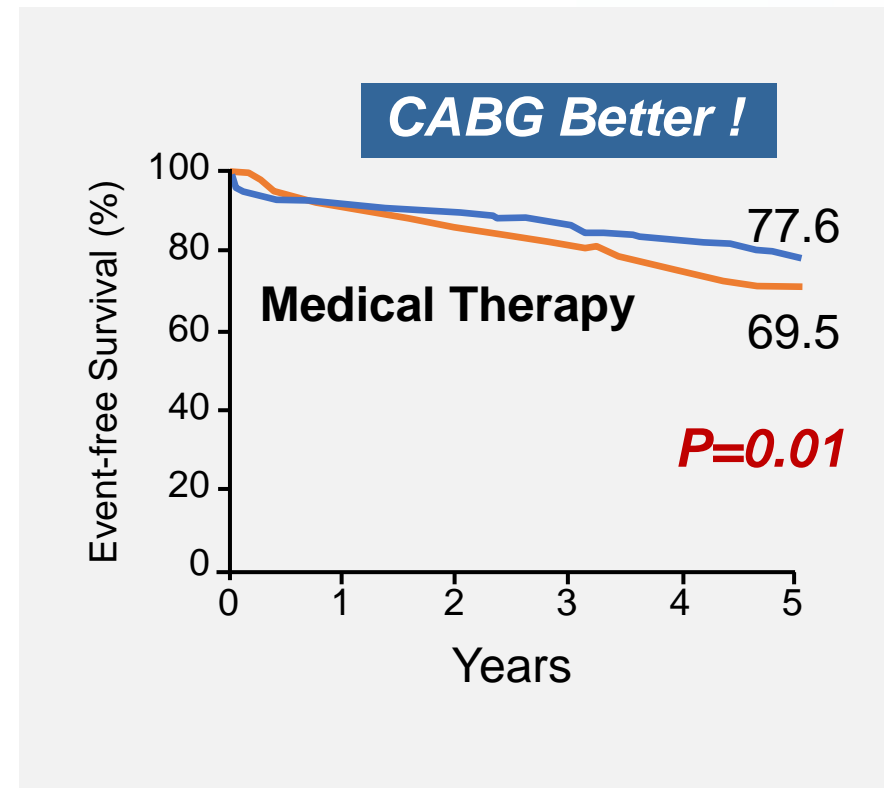
# BARI 2D (DM) at 5 year

## CABG Is Better Over Medical Treatment in High Risk Patients

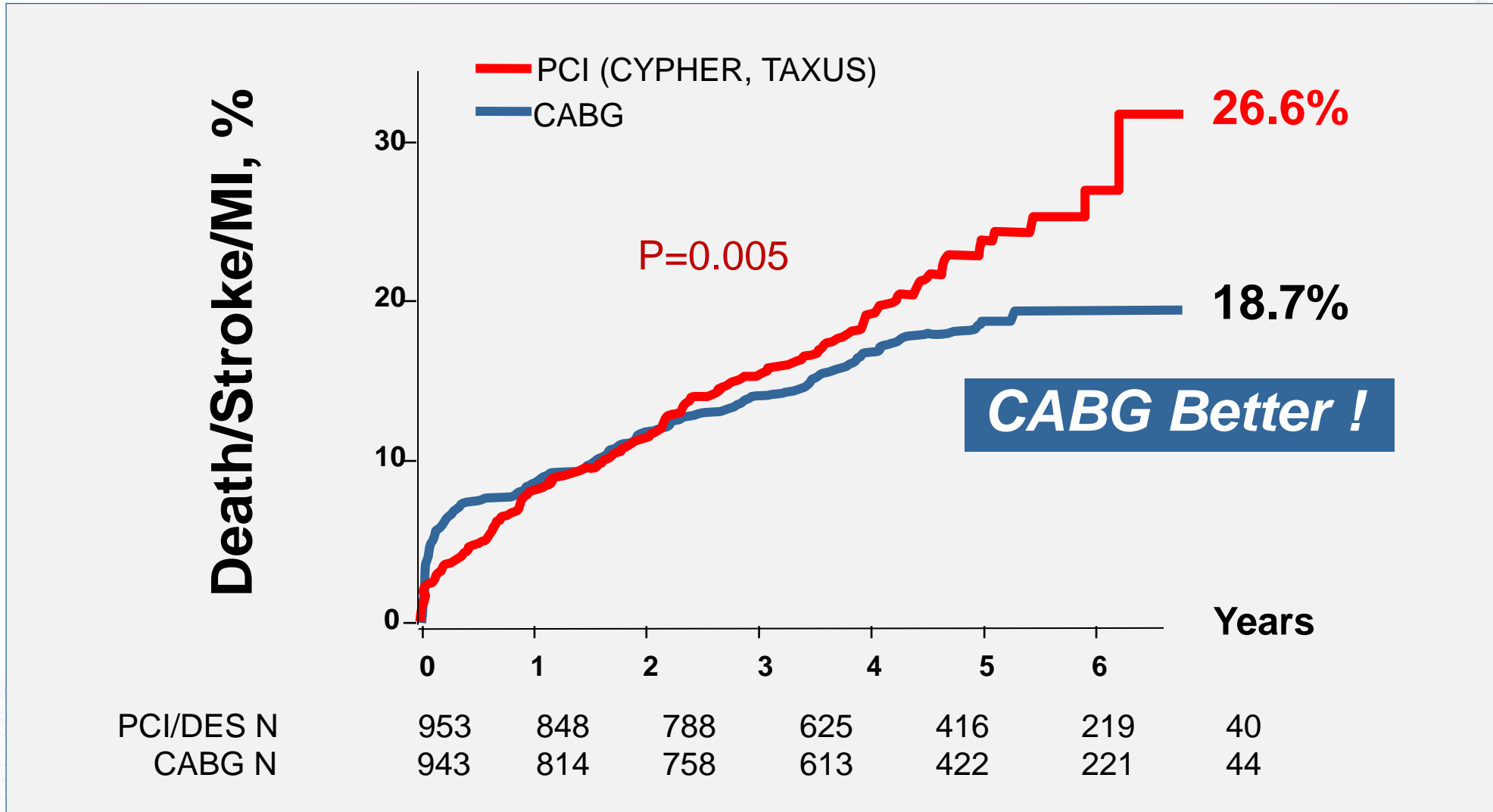
### Survival



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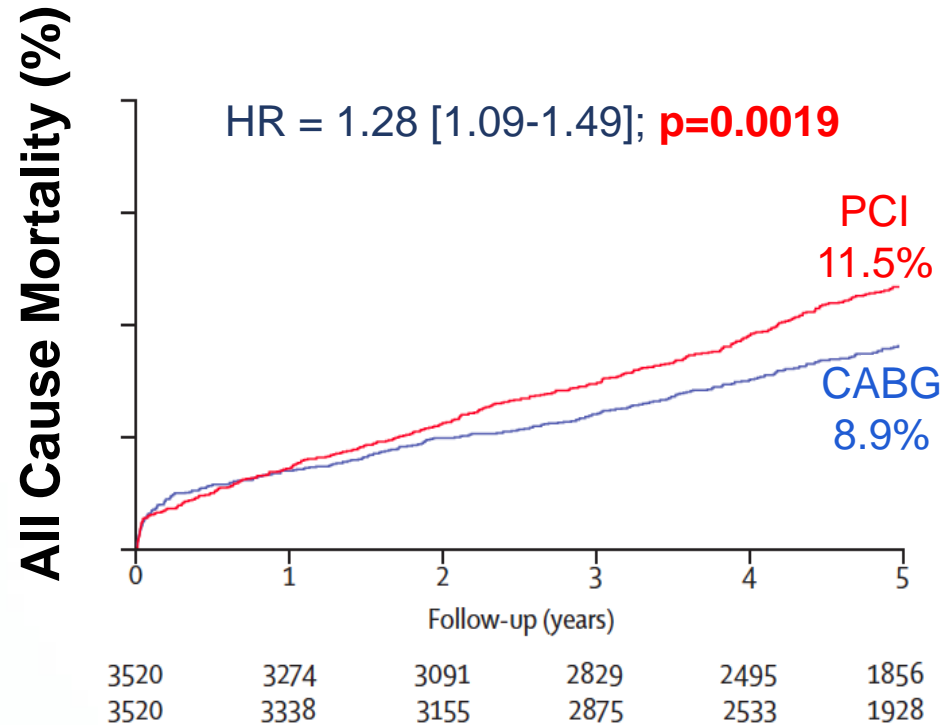
# FREEDOM (*DM and MVD*) Death / MI / Stroke at 5 Year



# All Death

Individual Patient-Data Pooled Analysis  
of 11,518 Patients From 11 Randomized Trials

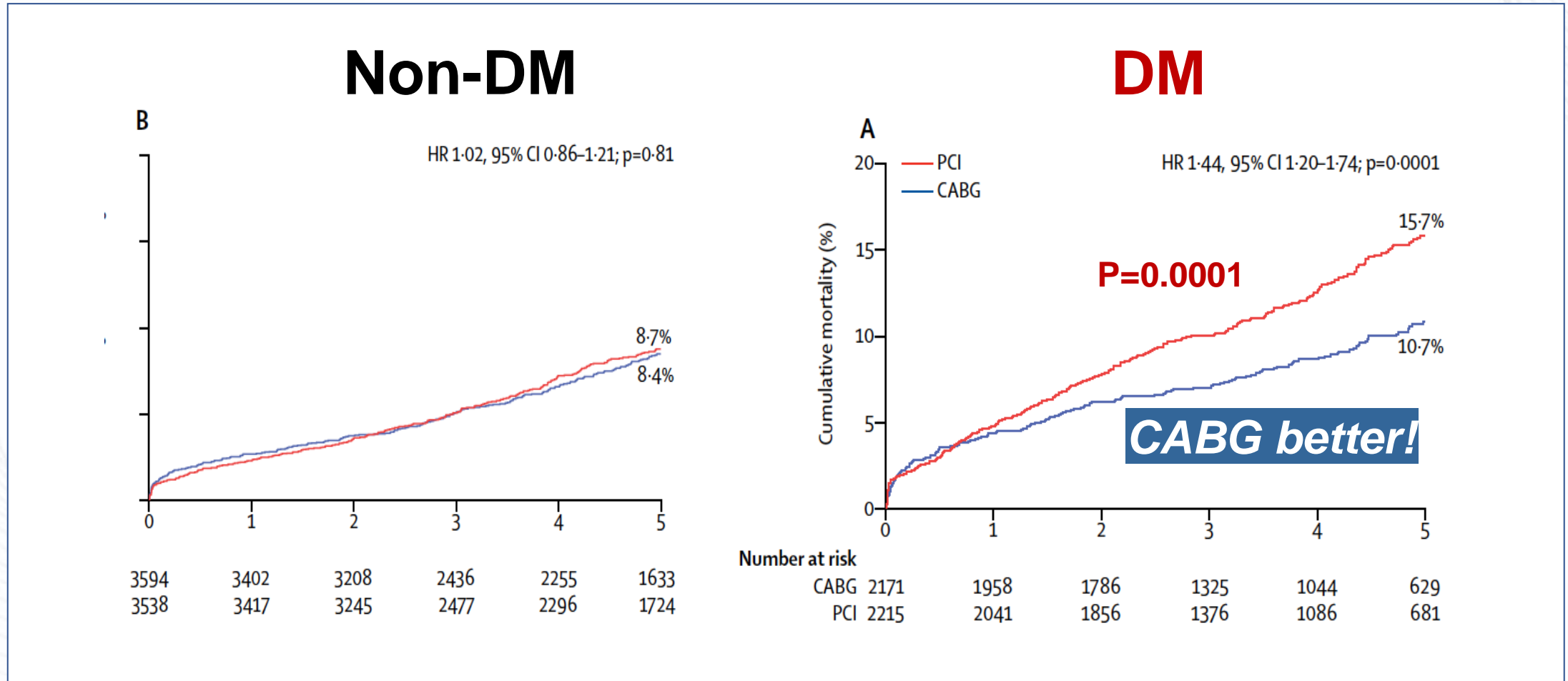
## Multivessel Disease (n=7040)



**CABG Better !**

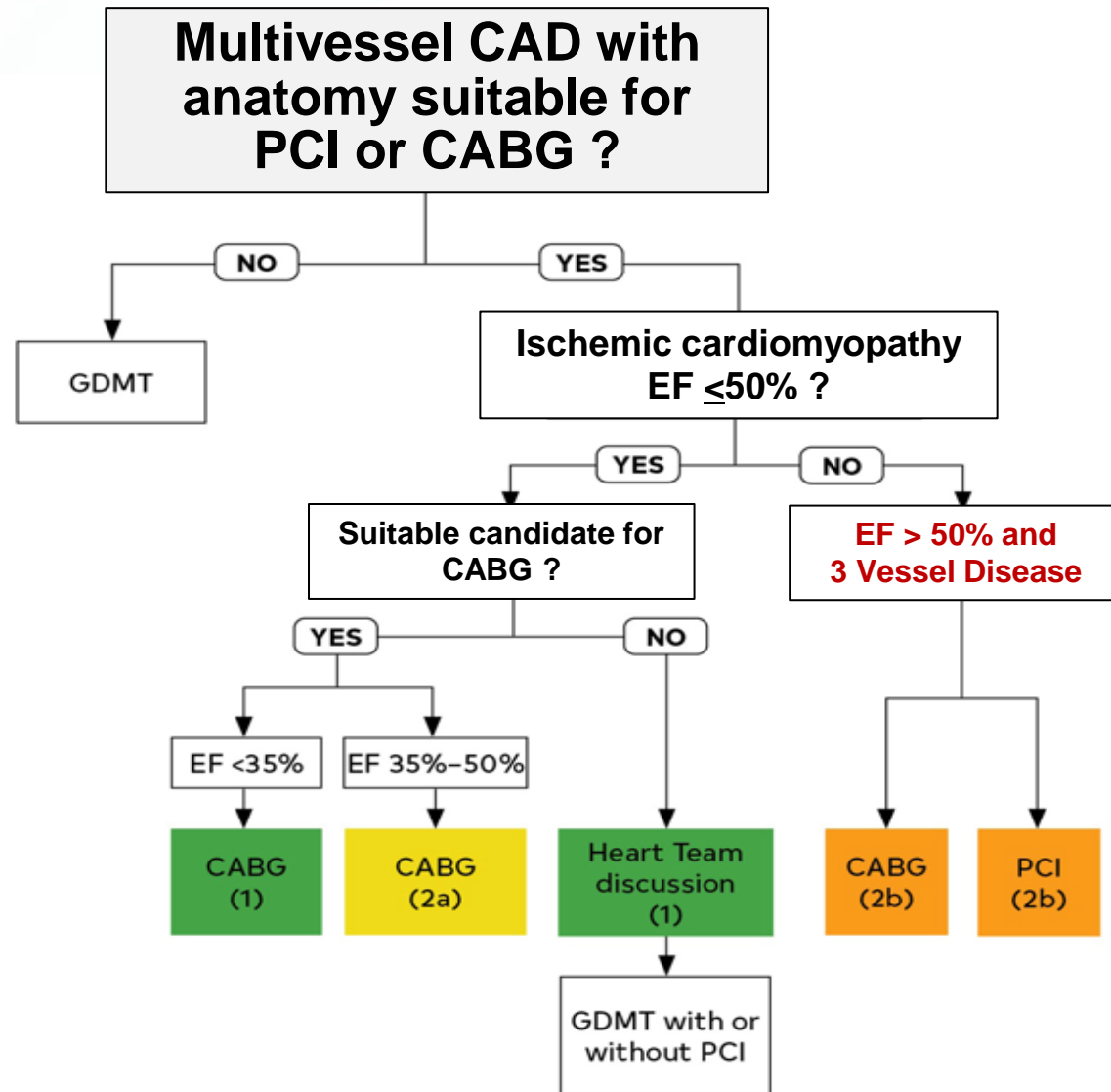
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Head SJ et al. Lancet 2018; 391: 939-48,

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**Any Revascularizations  
(2b)**

# **2021 ACC/AHA/SCAI, Guideline for Multivessel Disease**

1. CABG and/or PCI for Patients with Multi-VD  
May be Considered (2b)
2. Patients with Diabetes who Have 3 VD  
Should Undergo CABG (1A).
3. *If they are Poor Candidates for CABG,*  
PCI May be Considered (2a, B-NR).

## **However, We Have *Limited Data Interpretation* !**

### **1. All Studies Used 1<sup>st</sup> Generation DES**

**BARI 2D:** DES 35% BMS 56%,

**FREEDOM:** Cypher 49%, TAXUS 41%,

**SYNTAX:** TAXUS 100%

### **2. Lack of Concept of Physiology and Imaging of PCI**

### **3. Issue of Complete Revascularization**



## *Future Perspective*

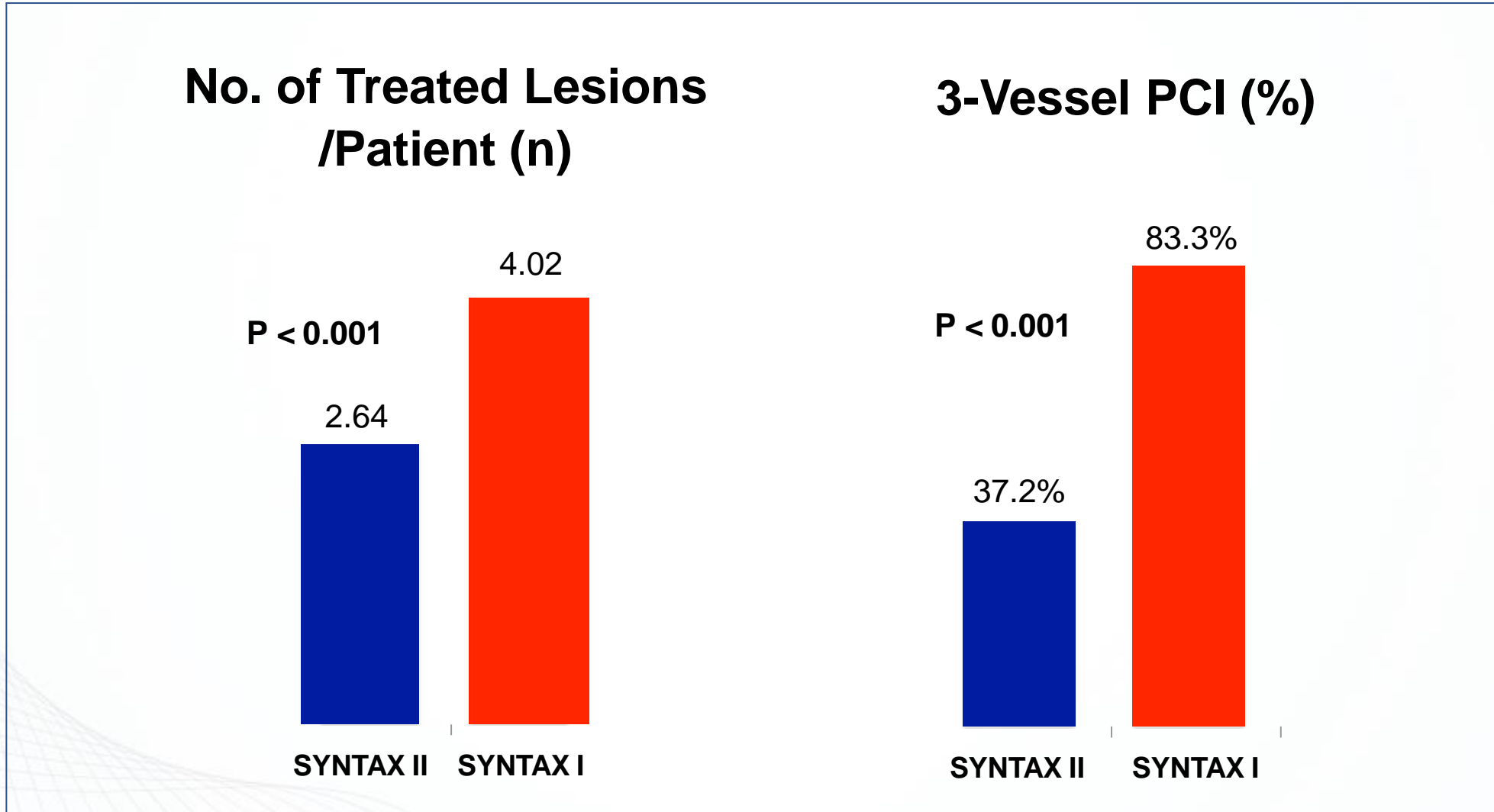
*We Have to Consider Physiology and Image Supported Contemporary PCI.  
It Would Be Totally Different World !*

# **Impact of Physiology and Imaging on Revascularization Outcome for Multi-Vessel Disease (SYNTAX II)**

- iFR/FFR Measured Lesions (n=1177),
- 84.1% of IVUS Used
- MACE (all-cause death, stroke, any myocardial infarction, or any revascularization)

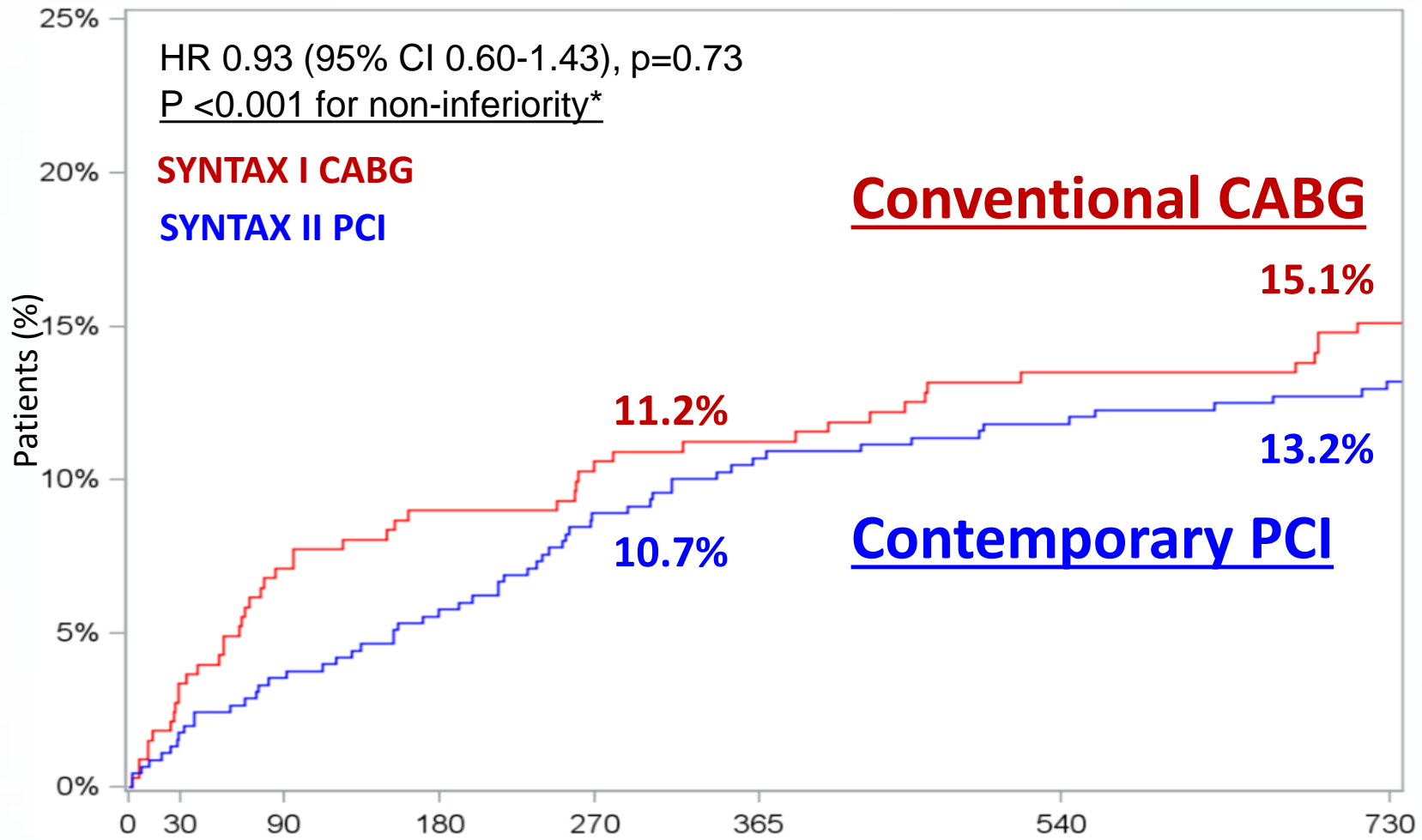
# Impact of Physiology on PCI

**31% of PCI Was Deferred After iFR/FFR**



# PCI vs. CABG at 2 years

## MACCE



**Not Different**

## *Message From SYNTAX II*

Contemporary PCI (physiology and Image supported) Is *Totally Different Strategy and Has Totally Different Clinical Outcomes* Compared to Conventional Angio-Guided PCI.

# **FFR Related Studies**

**FAME 3**

**FLOWER- MI**

**FUTURE**

**RIPCORD 2**

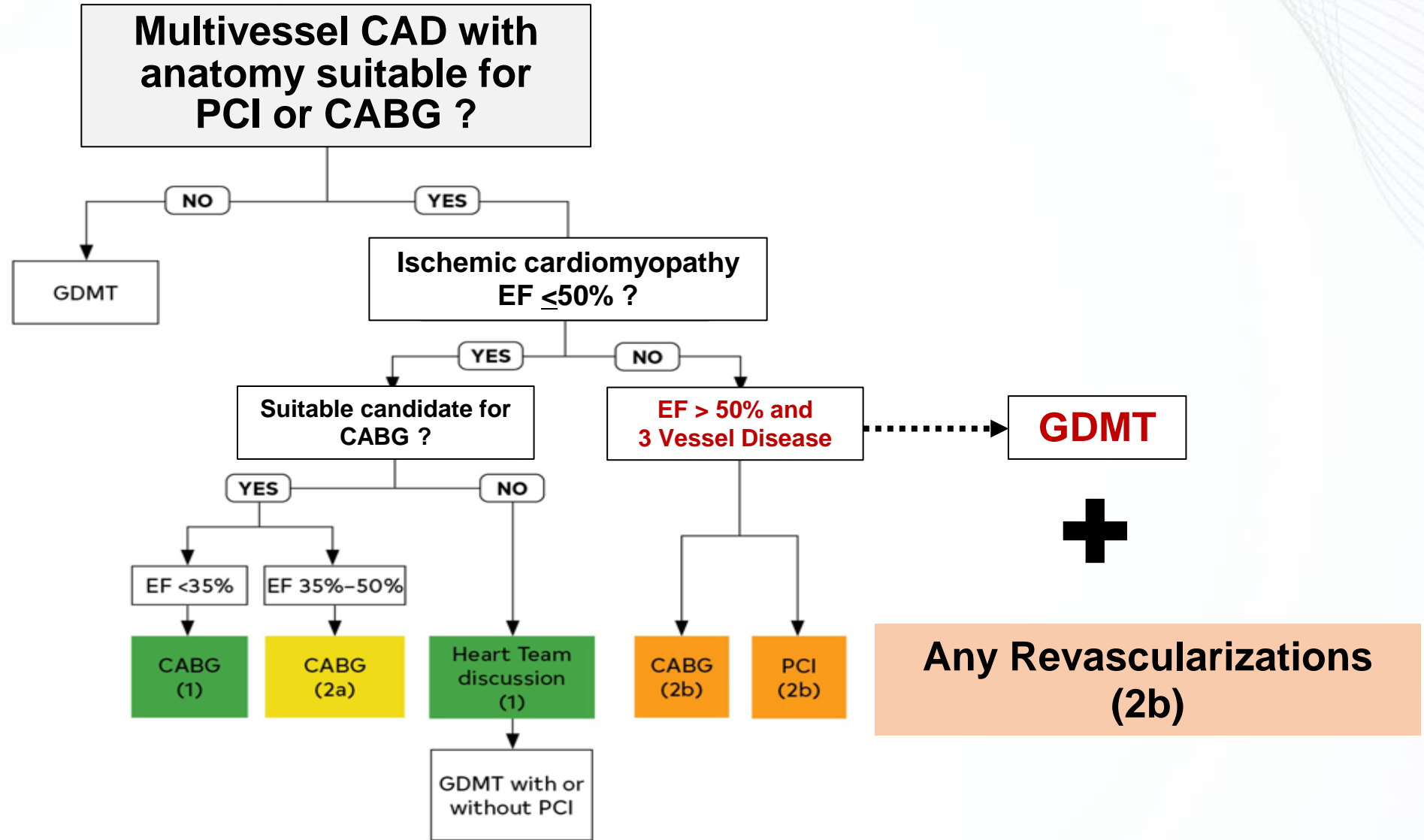
**FLAVOUR**

**Several Shapeless Studies  
Can Not Break Up Basic Concept and  
Benefit of Contemporary PCI (Physiology  
and Image supported) !**

*My Approach*  
**for Multivessel Disease**



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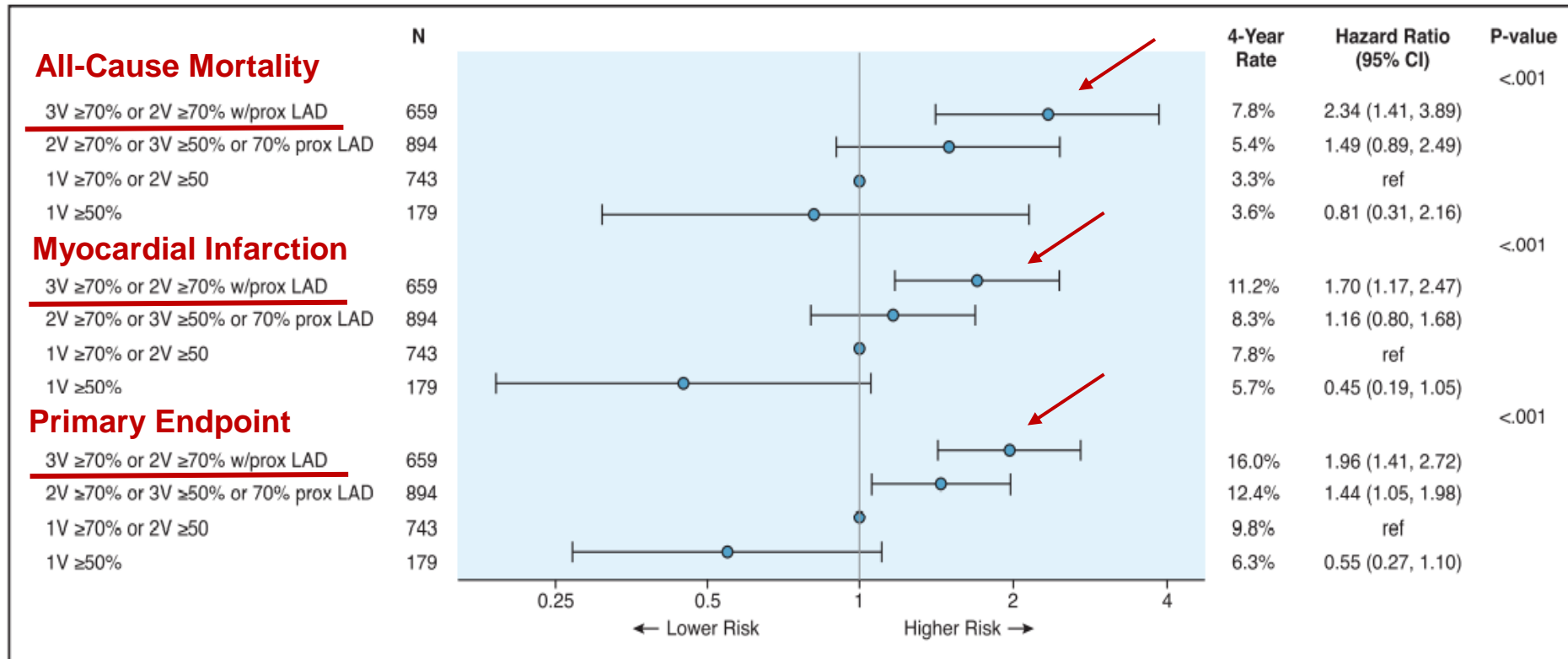
*My Approach*  
for Multivessel Disease

***Revascularization + Medical Therapy***

# ***We Have to Consider Individualized Treatment Strategy !***

*According to  
the different CAD severity, ischemic severity,  
different anatomic complexity or suitability for CABG  
or PCI, LV dysfunction and different clinical  
comorbidity status.*

# Coronary Artery Disease Severity and Clinical Outcomes



# Coronary Artery Disease Severity and Clinical Outcomes

## High Risk,

**3VD >70% or  
2VD >70% with pLAD,**

## Intermediate Risk,

**2VD >70% or 3VD >50%  
or >70% pLAD,**

## Low Risk,

**1VD >70% or 2 D >50%  
Any 1VD >50%**

**Revascularization  
+ Medical Therapy**

**Medical Therapy Alone**



**My Approach 1,**  
**for Multivessel Disease**

**All Ischemic Lesions,**

**Favourable Anatomy for PCI,**

**RVD >2.5 mm and/or Lesion Length < 50 mm,**

**Complete Ischemic Revascularization with DES !**

**My Approach 2,**  
**for Multivessel Disease**

**Unfavourable Anatomy for PCI,**  
**Possible Major Vessels PCI (including pLAD) with**  
**Optimal Medical Treatment.**  
**In Cases of Poor Anatomy and Low EF, and/or**  
**Diabetic Patients, I Consider CABG first !**

# ***In Fact, We Have No data Yet***

1. **Contemporary PCI vs. CABG for Multivessel Disease Patients with *Ischemic Cardiomyopathy (<50% EF)*.**
2. **Contemporary PCI vs. CABG for for Multivessel Disease Patients with *Diabetes*.**

***We Need More Data!***



# DEFINE-DM Trial

**Diabetes-Centered Evaluation of Revascularization Strategy of Functional and Imaging-CombiNEd State-of-the-Art Percutaneous Coronary Intervention or Coronary-Artery Bypass Grafting in Patients with Diabetes Mellitus and Multivessel Coronary Artery Disease**

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**D**ibetes-Centered **E**valuation of **F**unctional and **I**maging-Combi**NE**d  
State-of-the-Art Percutaneous Coronary Intervention or Coronary-Artery Bypass  
Grafting in Patients with **D**ibabetes **M**ellitus and Three-Vessel Coronary Artery Disease

## **DEFINE-DM Trial**

**1,200 Patients with Diabetes and Multivessel CAD with LAD Involvement  
Who Were Equally Eligible for PCI or CABG**

1:1 randomization in random block sizes of 6 and 8, with stratification according to the participating center

**Imaging- and Physiology-Guided  
State-of-the Art PCI  
(N = 600)**

**Standard CABG  
(N = 600)**

The primary end point was the composite of  
death from any cause, myocardial infarction, or stroke at 2 year.