

Celebration of LM PCI: **Joy in Growth, Journeying Towards** **25 Years**

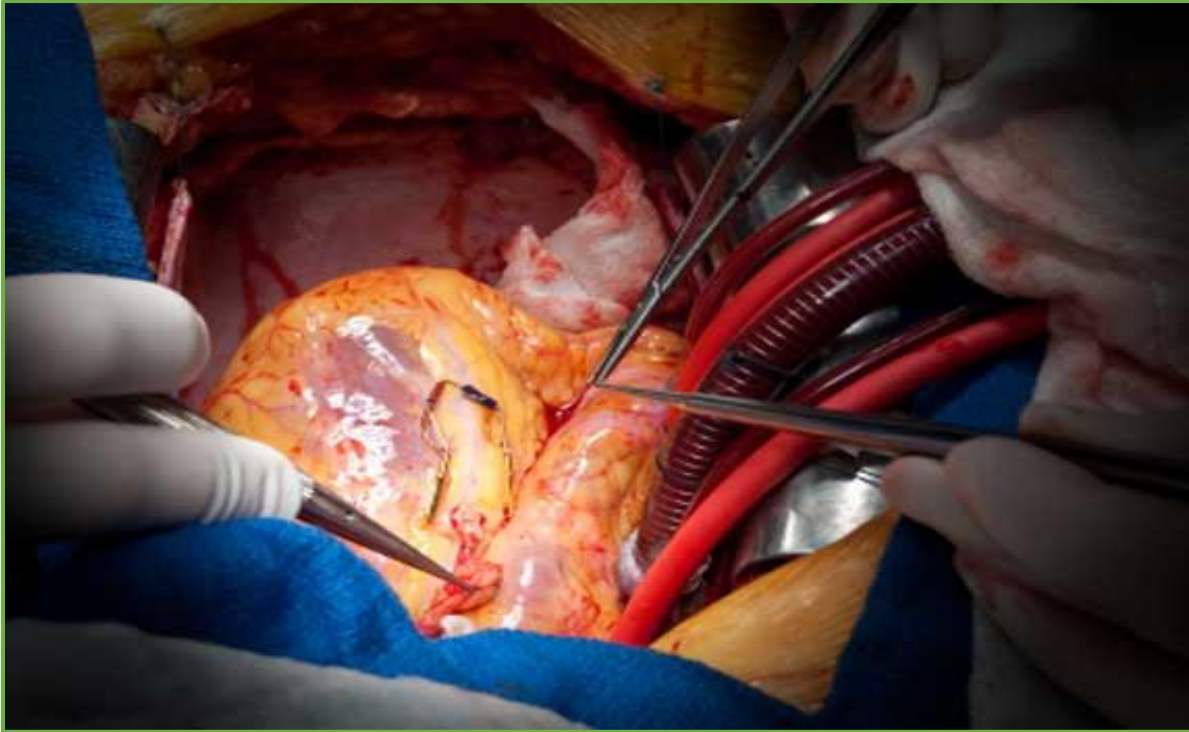
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Two Very Different Procedures for Left Main or Multivessel Disease



CABG

PCI



Important Milestones of PCI and CABG and Landmark trials

Comparing PCI versus CABG for LM and MVD

Landmark RCTs
Left main PCI versus CABG

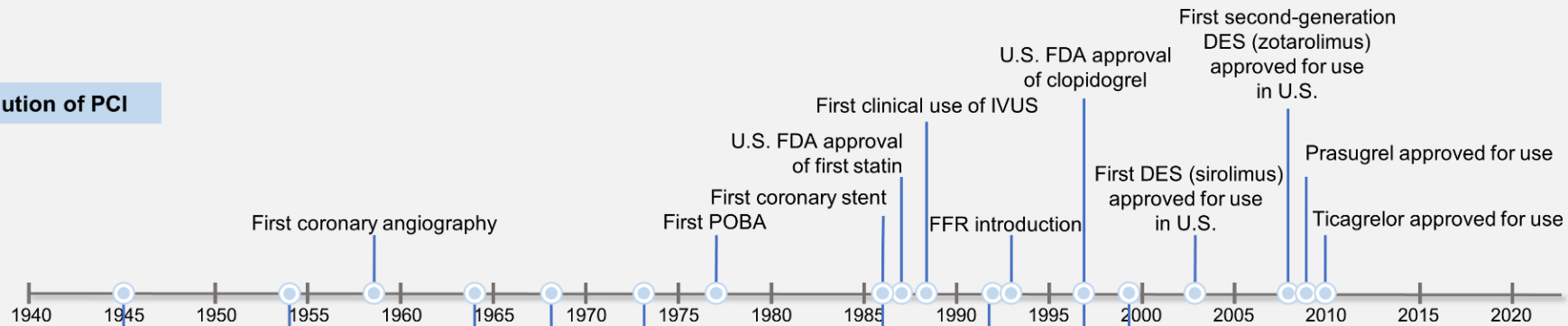
SYNTAX
(Enrollment: 2005-2007) 10-year Follow-up

PRECOMBAT
(Enrollment: 2004-2009) 10-year Follow-up

EXCEL
(Enrollment: 2010-2014) 5-year Follow-up

NOBLE
(Enrollment: 2008-2015) 5-year Follow-up

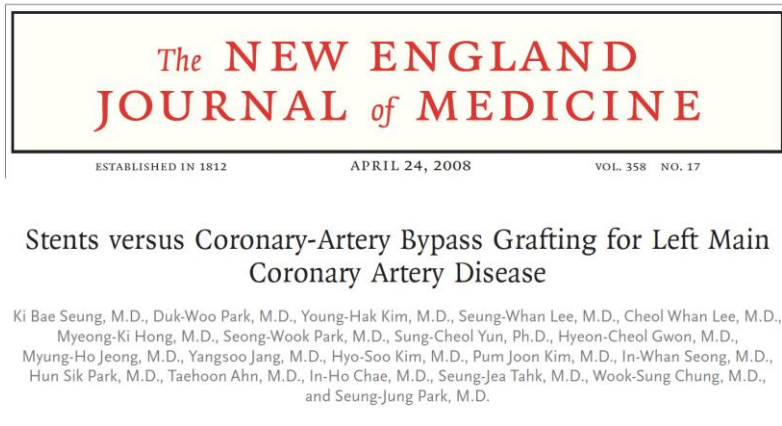
Evolution of PCI



Evolution of CABG

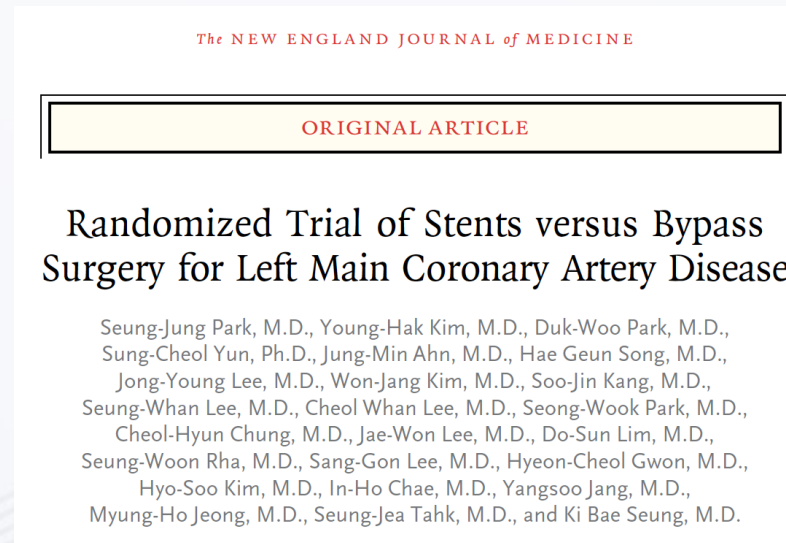
RCTs Comparing PCI vs. CABG from Asian Populations

MAIN-COMPARE Registry for LM Disease



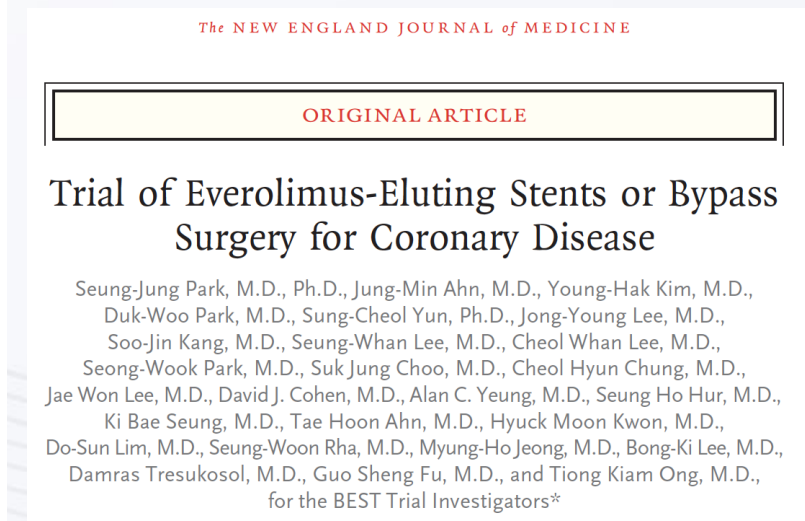
N Engl J Med 2008;358:1781-92

PRECOMBAT Trial for LM Disease



N Engl J Med 2011;364:1718-27

BEST Trial for Multivessel Disease



N Engl J Med 2015;372:1204-12

*What Type of PCI Is Most Famous in
KOREA and Is Ranked #1 in the World?*



Left Main PCI

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

First Percutaneous Catheter Intervention for Left Main Coronary Artery Disease: 30 Years Ago

Gruntzig A.

Lancet. 1978 Feb 4;1(8058):263.

Transluminal dilatation of coronary-artery stenosis.

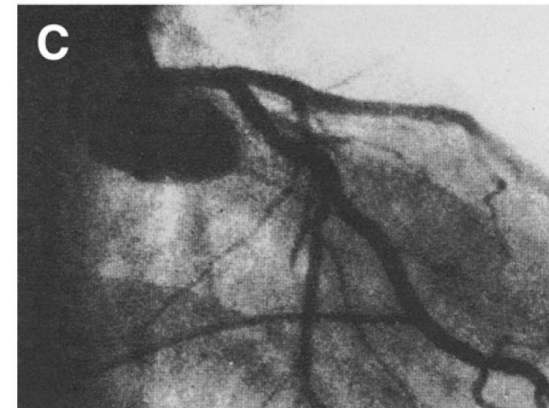
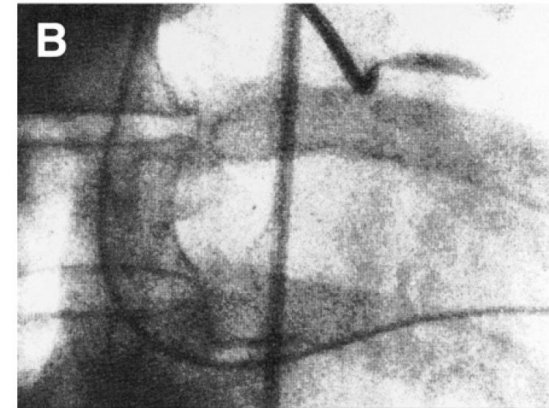
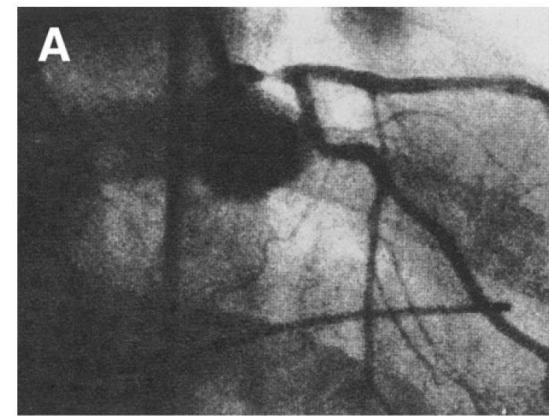


Figure 1. PCI on Awake Human

(A) Eighty percent stenosis of main left coronary artery; (B) passage of the dilatation catheter; (C) post-procedure angiogram. Reprinted with permission from Elsevier (The Lancet, 1978, 1, 1093).

Stenting of Unprotected Left Main Coronary Artery Stenoses: Immediate and Late Outcomes

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Objectives. We examined the immediate and long-term outcomes after stenting of unprotected left main coronary artery (LMCA) stenoses in patients with normal left ventricular (LV) function.

Background. Left main coronary artery disease is regarded as an absolute contraindication for coronary angioplasty. Recently, several reports on protected or unprotected LMCA stenting, or both, suggested the possibility of percutaneous intervention for this prohibited area.

Methods. Forty-two consecutive patients with unprotected LMCA stenoses and normal LV function were treated with stents. The post-stent antithrombotic regimens were aspirin and ticlopidine; 14 patients also received warfarin. Patients were followed very closely with monthly telephone interviews and follow-up angiography at 6 months.

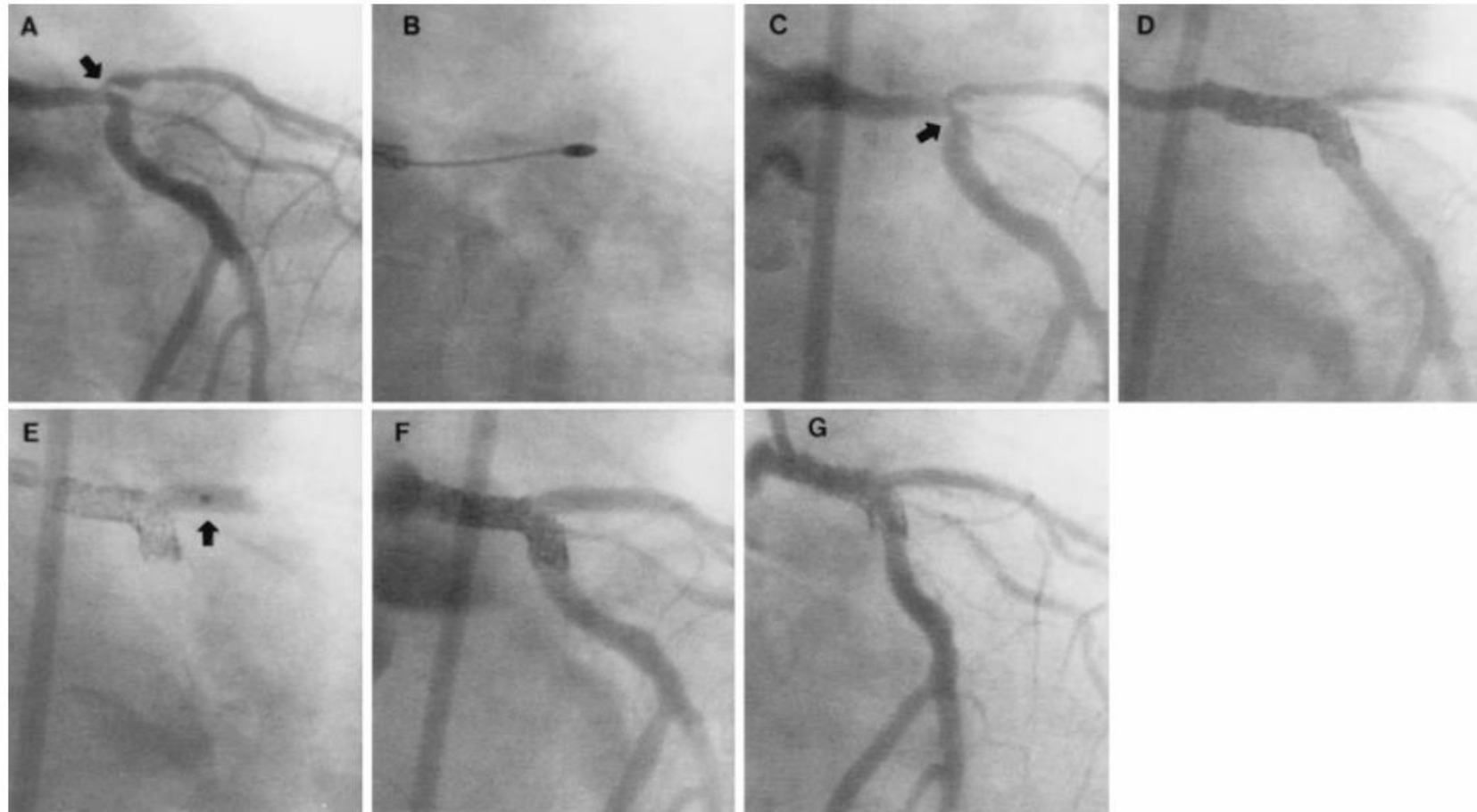
Results. The procedural success rate was 100%, with no epi-

sodes of subacute thrombosis regardless of anticoagulation regimen. Six-month follow-up angiography was performed in 32 of 34 eligible patients. Angiographic restenosis occurred in seven patients (22%, 95% confidence interval 7% to 37%); five patients subsequently underwent elective coronary artery bypass graft surgery (CABG), and two patients were treated with rotational atherectomy plus adjunct balloon angioplasty. The only death occurred 2 days after elective CABG for treatment of in-stent restenosis. The other patients (without angiographic follow-up) remain asymptomatic.

Conclusions. Stenting of unprotected LMCA stenoses may be a safe and effective alternative to CABG in carefully selected patients with normal LV function. Further studies in larger patient populations are needed to assess late outcome.

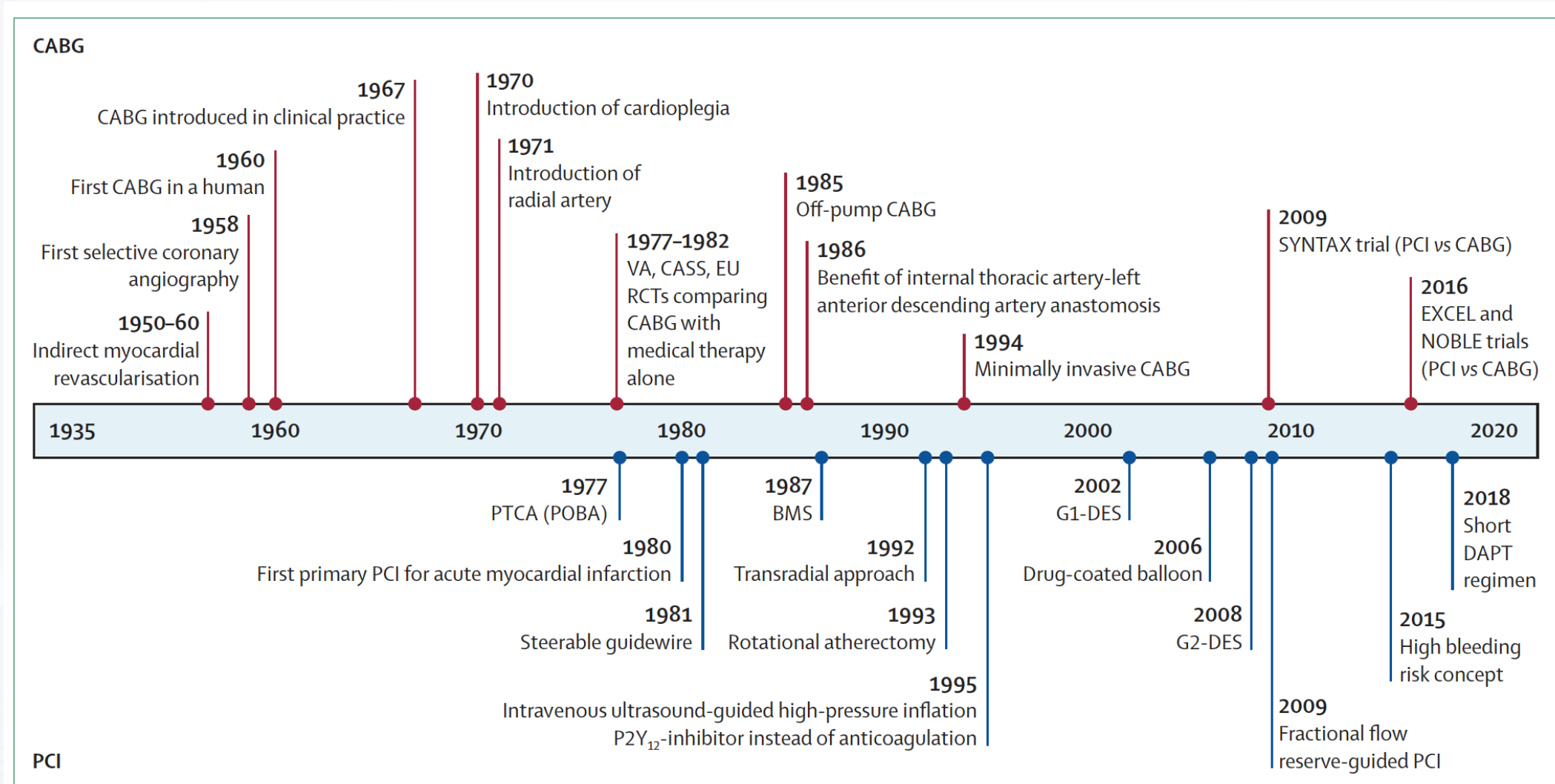
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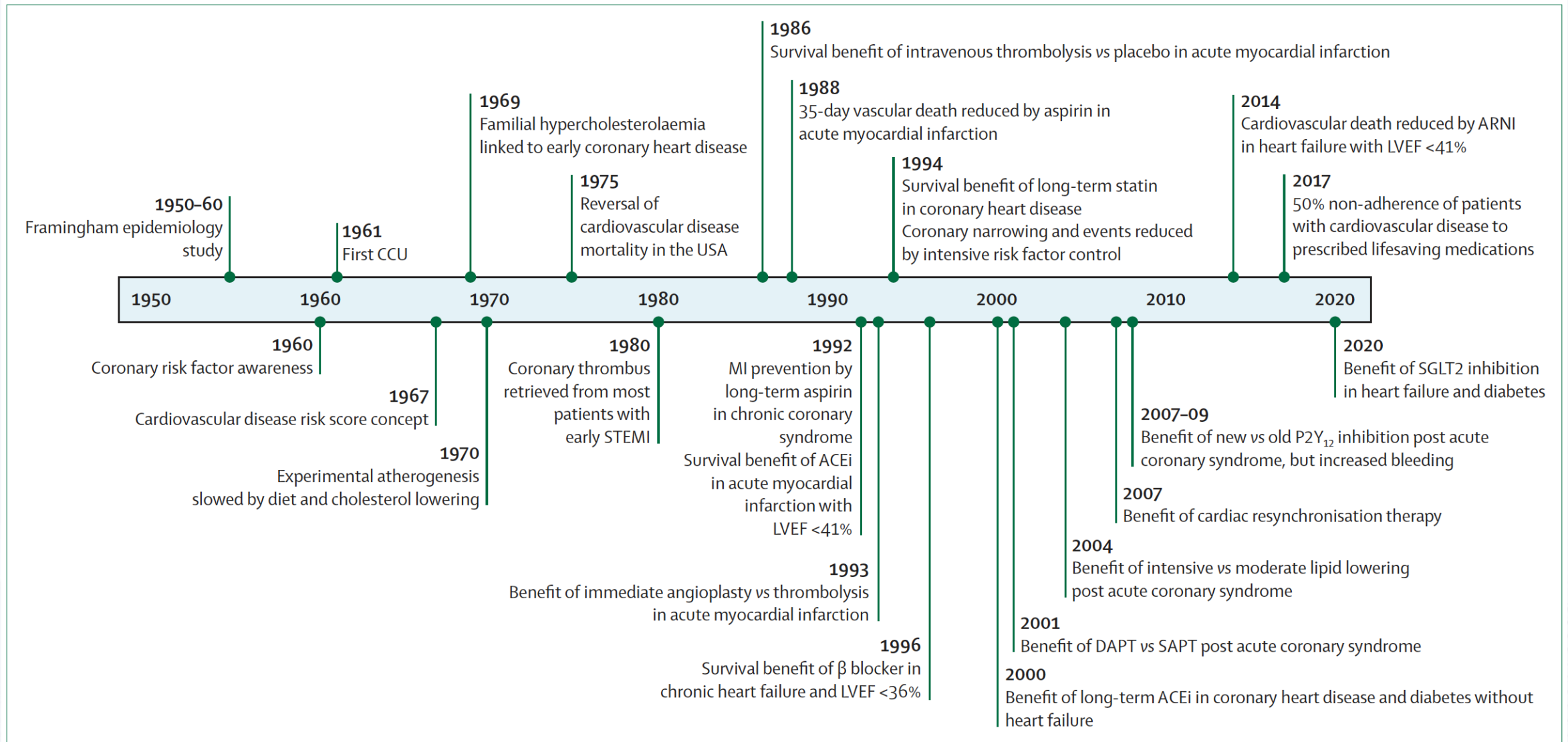


Rotablation and Palmaz-Schatz stent

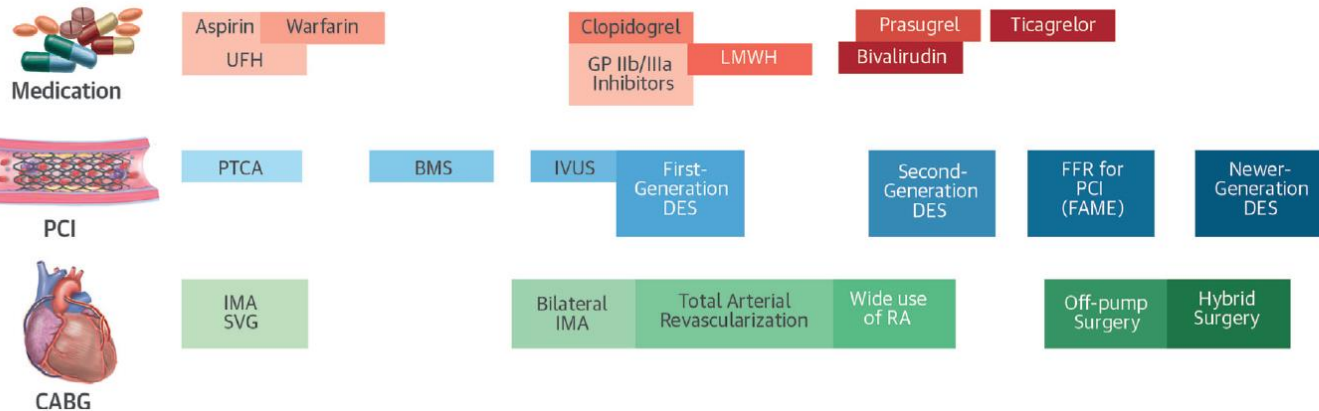
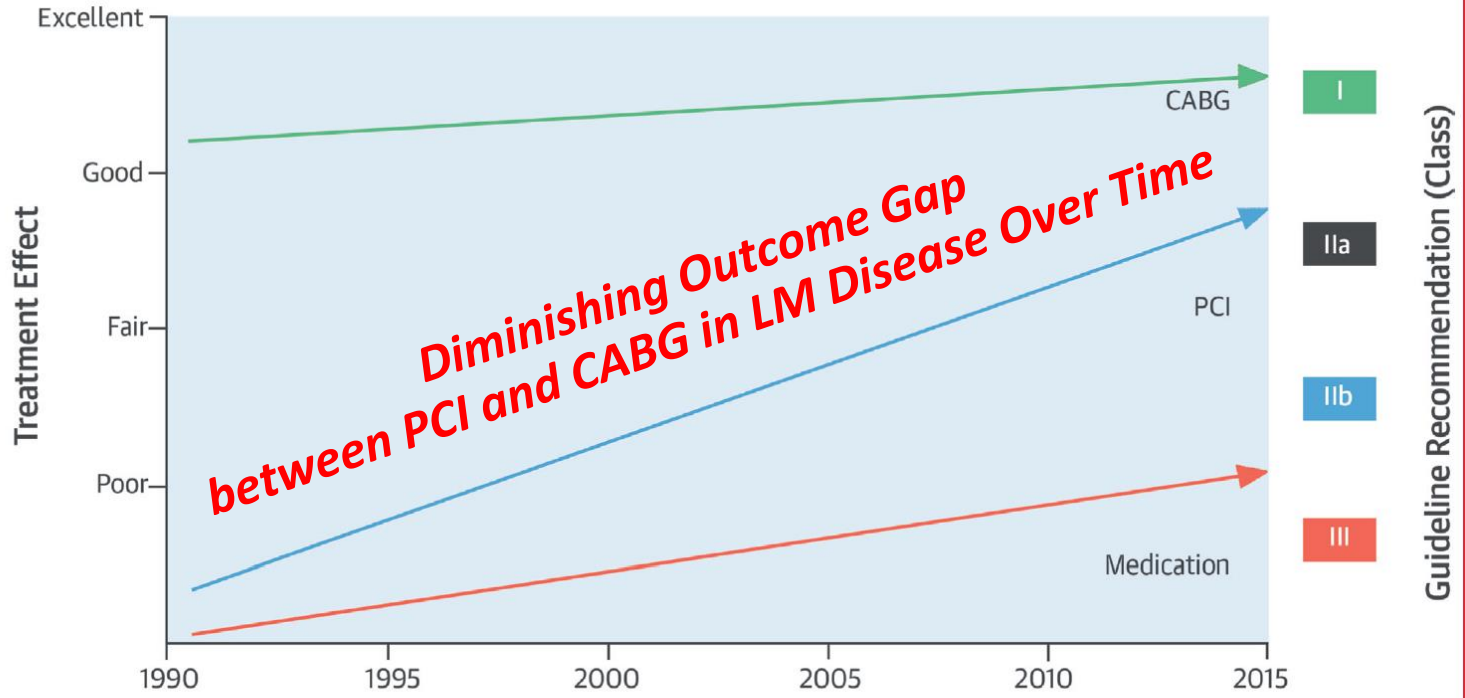
Timeline of key advancements in surgical and percutaneous coronary revascularization



Timeline of key advancements in medical therapy for coronary artery disease



CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Secular Changes of Treatment Effect and Guideline Recommendations in Relation to Medical Advances of Each Treatment Stratum for Left Main Coronary Artery Disease



PCI vs. CABG ***for LM Disease***

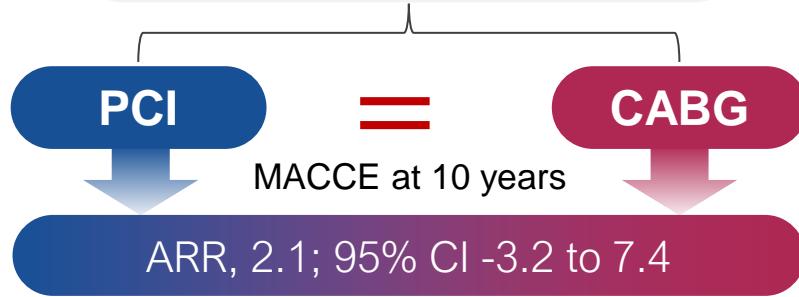
Recent Data

PCI vs. CABG for LM Disease

1. SYNTAX 10 years (n=1,800)
2. PRECOMBAT 10 years (n=600)
3. NOBLE 5 Year (n=1,200)
4. EXCEL 5 Year (n=1,900)
5. Combined Patient Level Meta-Analysis, 2021

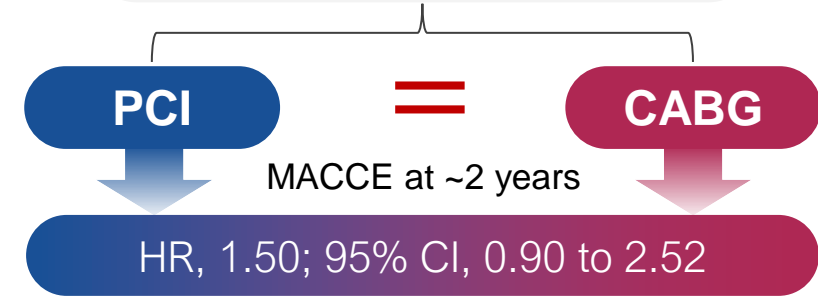
PCI vs. CABG for left main disease

SYNTAX-LM



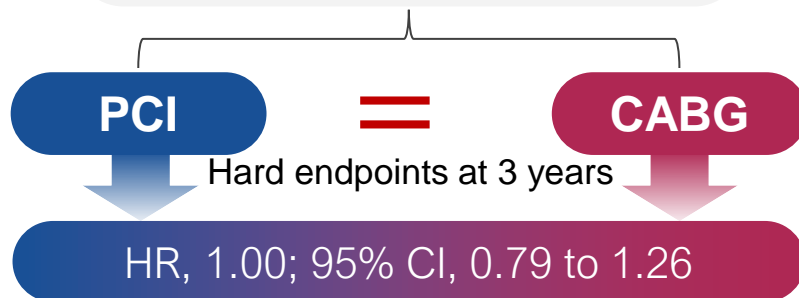
Circulation. 2010;121:2645-2653

PRECOMBAT



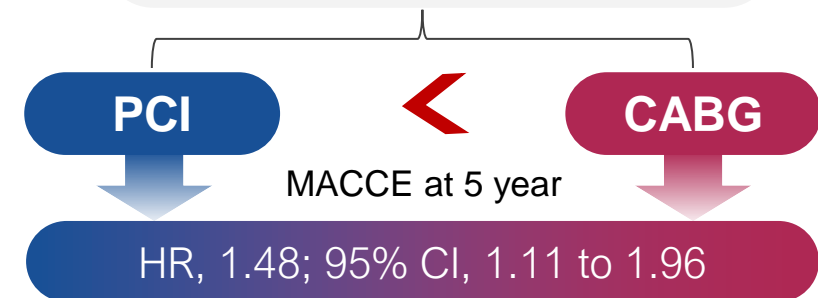
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EXCEL



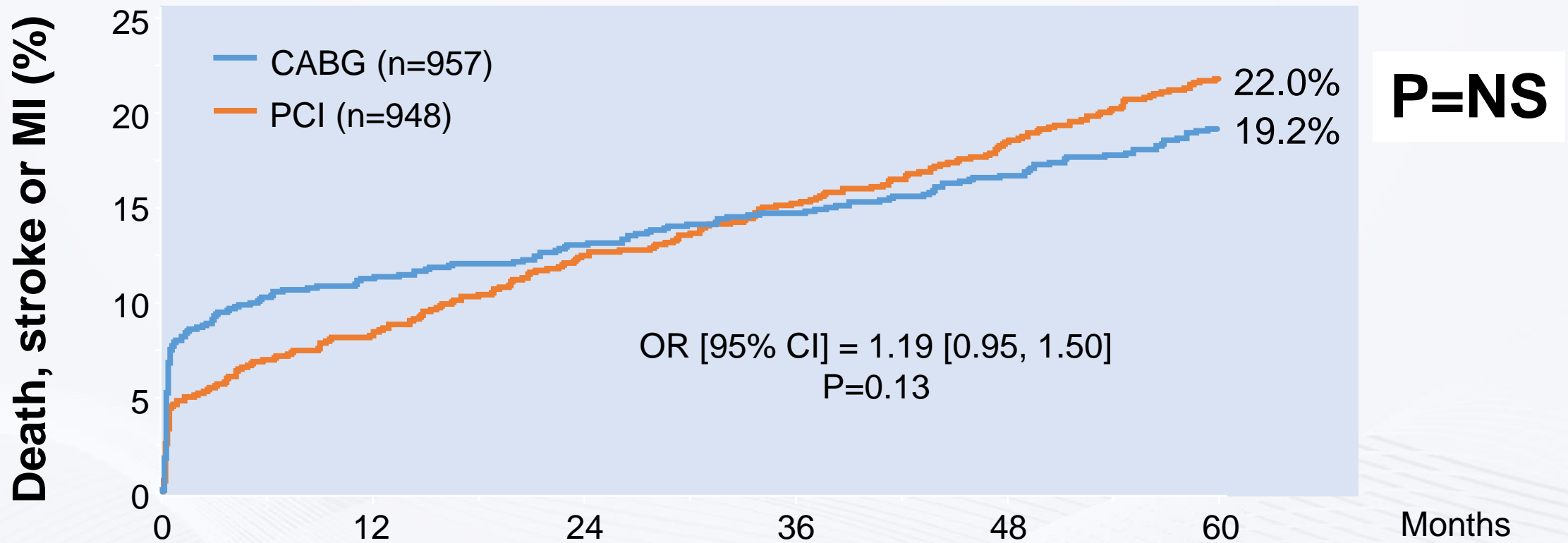
N Engl J Med 2016;375:2223-2235

NOBLE



Lancet 2016; 388):2743-2752

Primary Endpoint at EXCEL 5-year (All-cause Death, Stroke or MI)



Secondary Clinical Endpoint at EXCEL 5-year

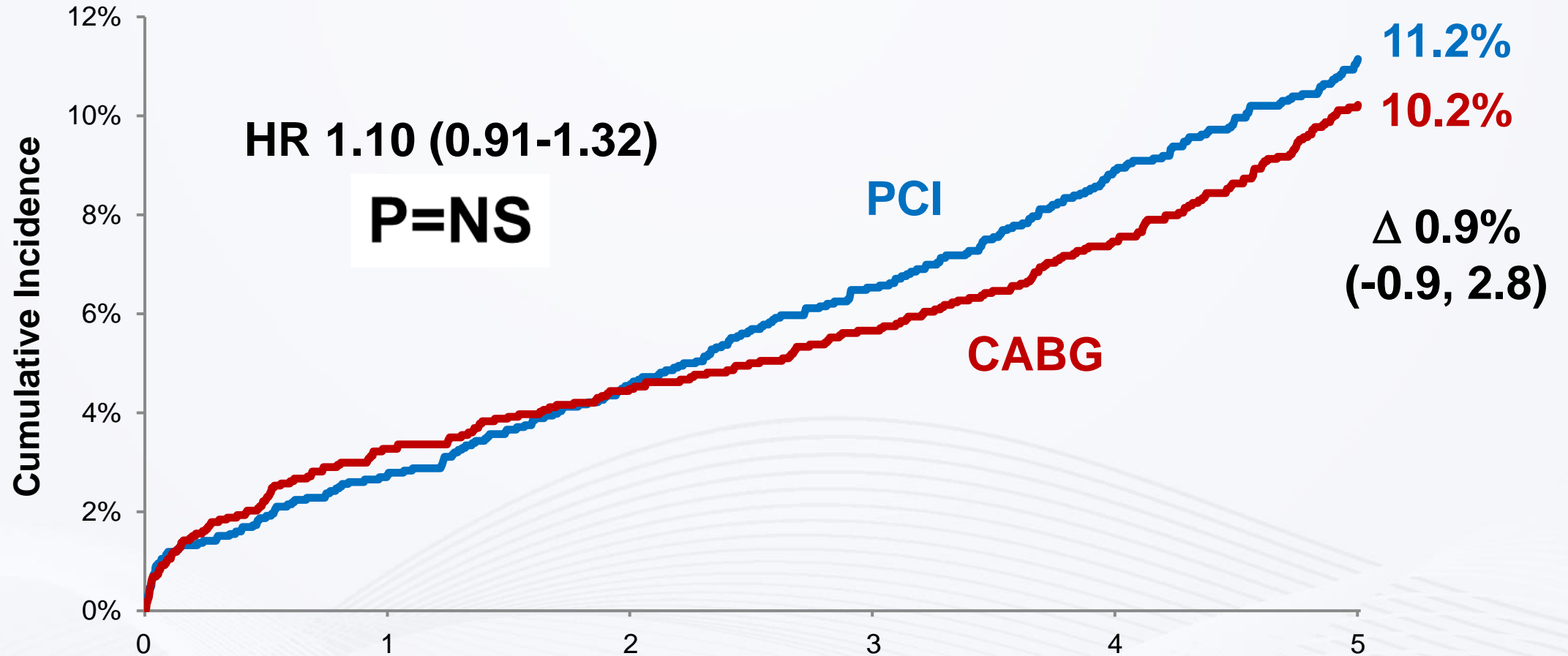
	PCI (N=948)	CABG (N=957)	Difference [95% CI]	Odds ratio [95% CI]
Death, stroke or MI	22.0% (203)	19.2% (176)	2.8% [-0.9%, 6.5%]	1.19 [0.95, 1.50]
Death, all-cause	13.0% (119)	9.9% (89)	3.1% [0.2%, 6.1%]	1.38 [1.03, 1.85]
- Cardiovascular	6.8% (61)	5.5% (49)	1.3% [-0.9%, 3.6%]	1.26 [0.85, 1.85]
- Definite cardiovascular	5.0% (45)	4.5% (40)	0.5% [-1.4%, 2.5%]	1.13 [0.73, 1.74]
- Undetermined cause	1.9% (16)	1.1% (9)	0.9% [-0.3%, 2.0%]	1.78 [0.78, 4.06]
- Non-cardiovascular	6.6% (58)	4.6% (40)	2.0% [-0.2%, 4.2%]	1.47 [0.97, 2.23]
Cerebrovascular events	3.3% (29)	5.2% (46)	-1.9% [-3.8%, 0.0%]	0.61 [0.38, 0.99]
- Stroke	2.9% (26)	3.7% (33)	-0.8% [-2.4%, 0.9%]	0.78 [0.46, 1.31]
- Transient ischemic attack	0.3% (3)	1.6% (14)	-1.3% [-2.2%, -0.4%]	0.21 [0.06, 0.74]
Myocardial infarction	10.6% (95)	9.1% (84)	11.4% [-1.3%, 4.2%]	1.14 [0.84, 1.55]
- Peri-procedural	3.9% (37)	6.1% (57)	-2.1% [-4.1%, -0.1%]	0.63 [0.41, 0.96]
- Non-peri-procedural	6.8% (59)	3.5% (31)	3.2% [1.2%, 5.3%]	1.96 [1.25, 3.06]

Meta-Analysis of 4 Randomized Trials SYNTAX, PRECOMBAT, NOBLE, and EXCEL

4394 patients, were randomly assigned to PCI (n=2197)
or CABG (n=2197) with a median SYNTAX score of 25.0
(IQR 18.0-31.0)

Sabatine MS et al. Lancet 2021;398:2247-57

All Death at 5-Year (4 trials)



Number at Risk

CABG	2197
PCI	2197

2085
2120

Years of Follow-up

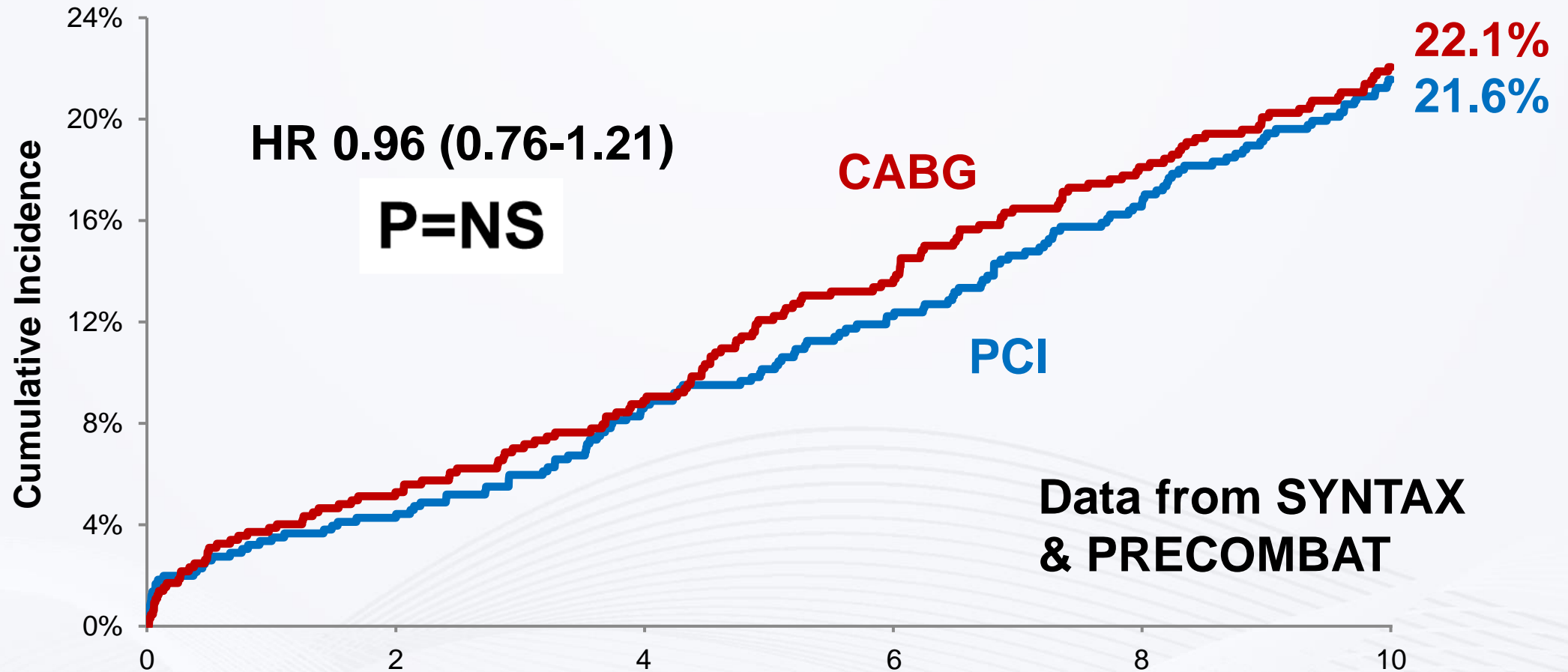
2042
2068

2002
2015

1939
1942

1585
1539

All Death at 10-Year (2 trials)

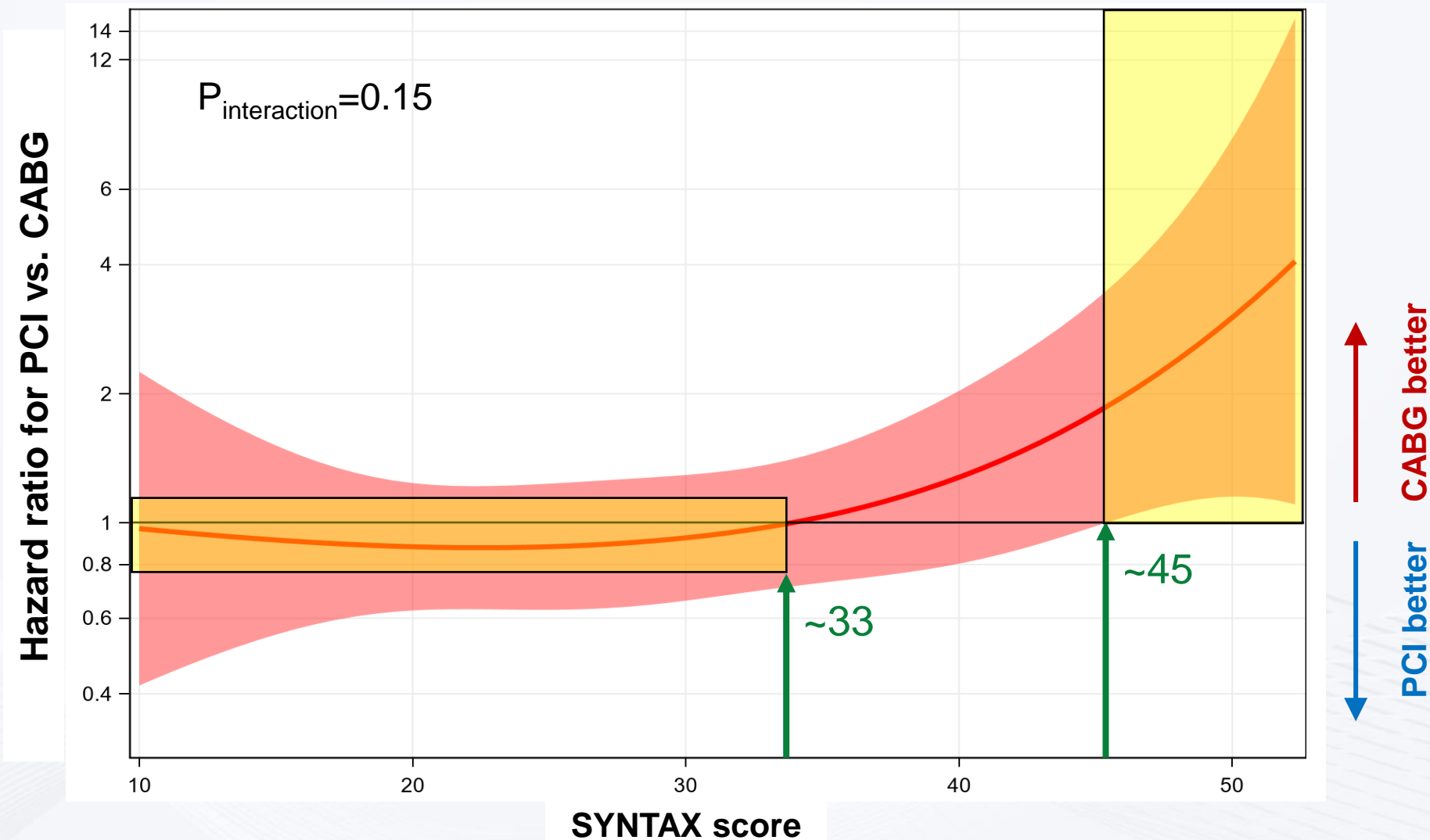


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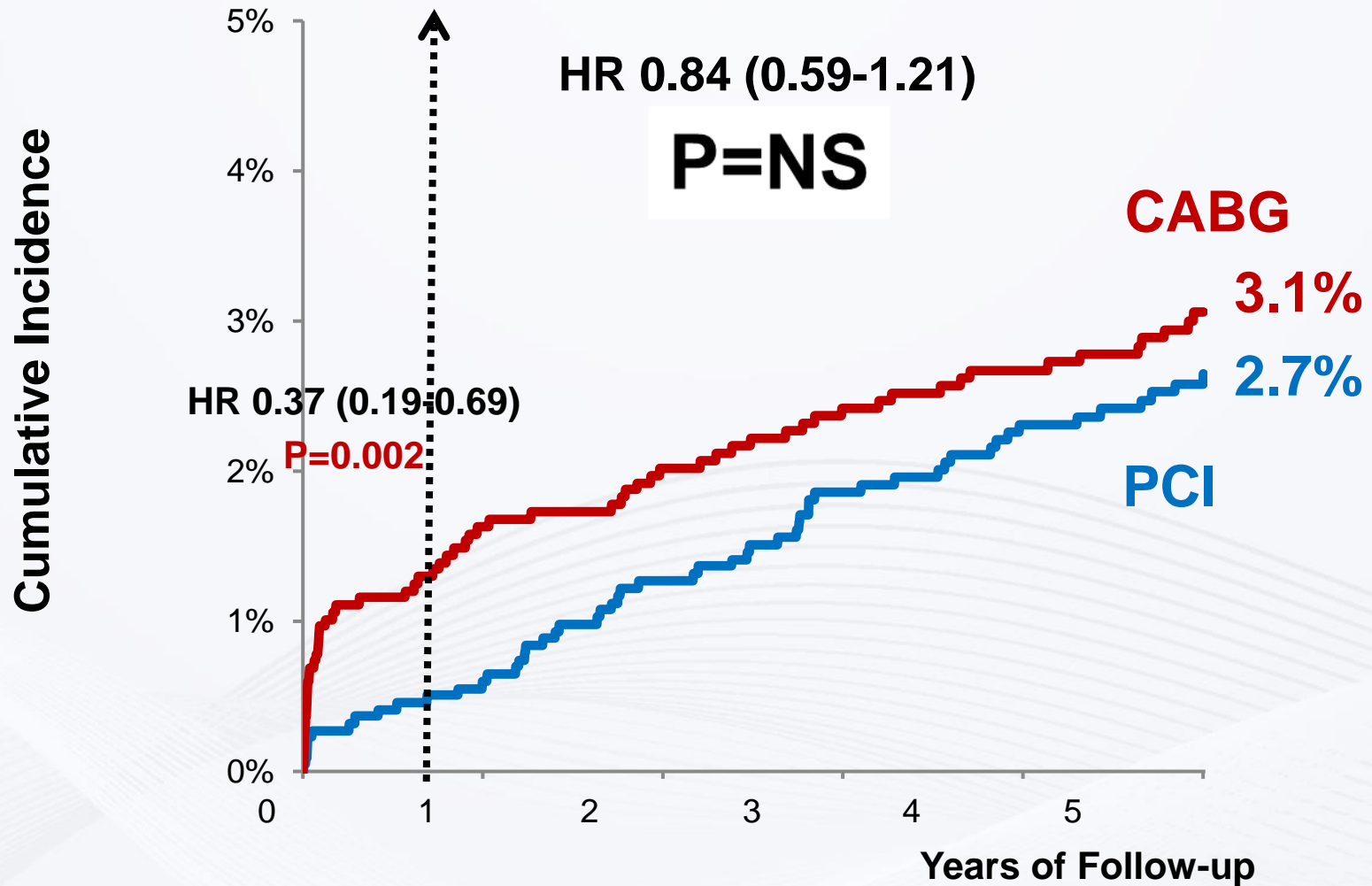
CABG	648	604	577	531	500	463
PCI	657	623	591	547	519	475

Years of Follow-up

CV Mortality and SYNTAX Score: Spline analysis

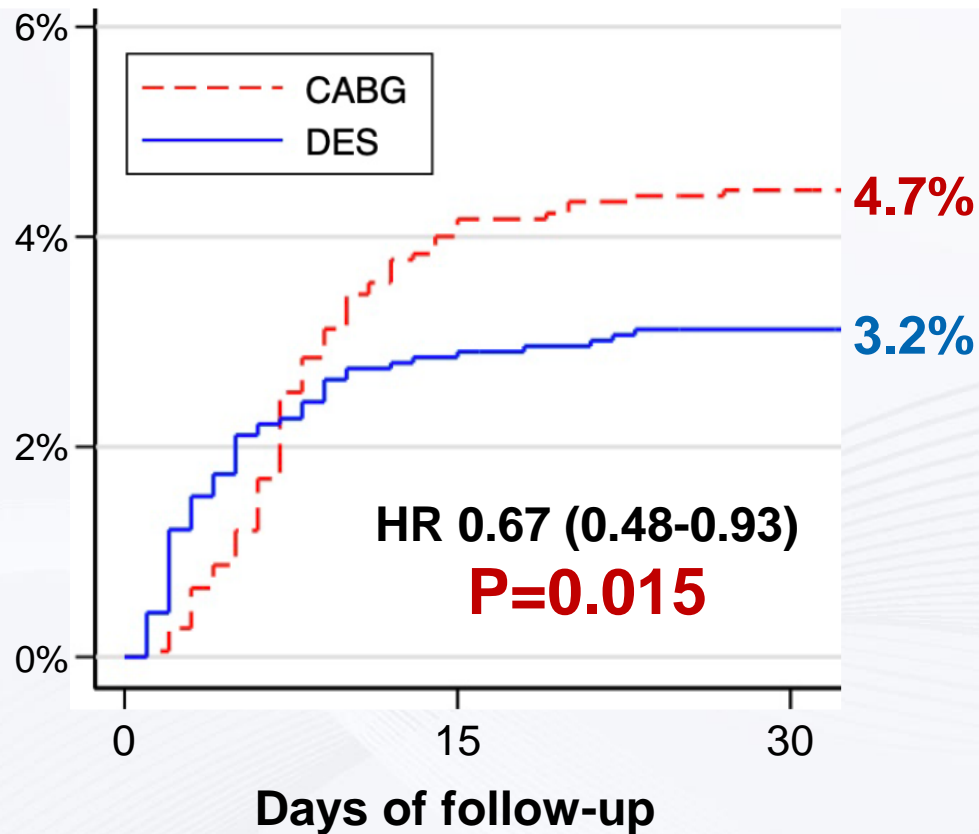


Stroke at 5-year

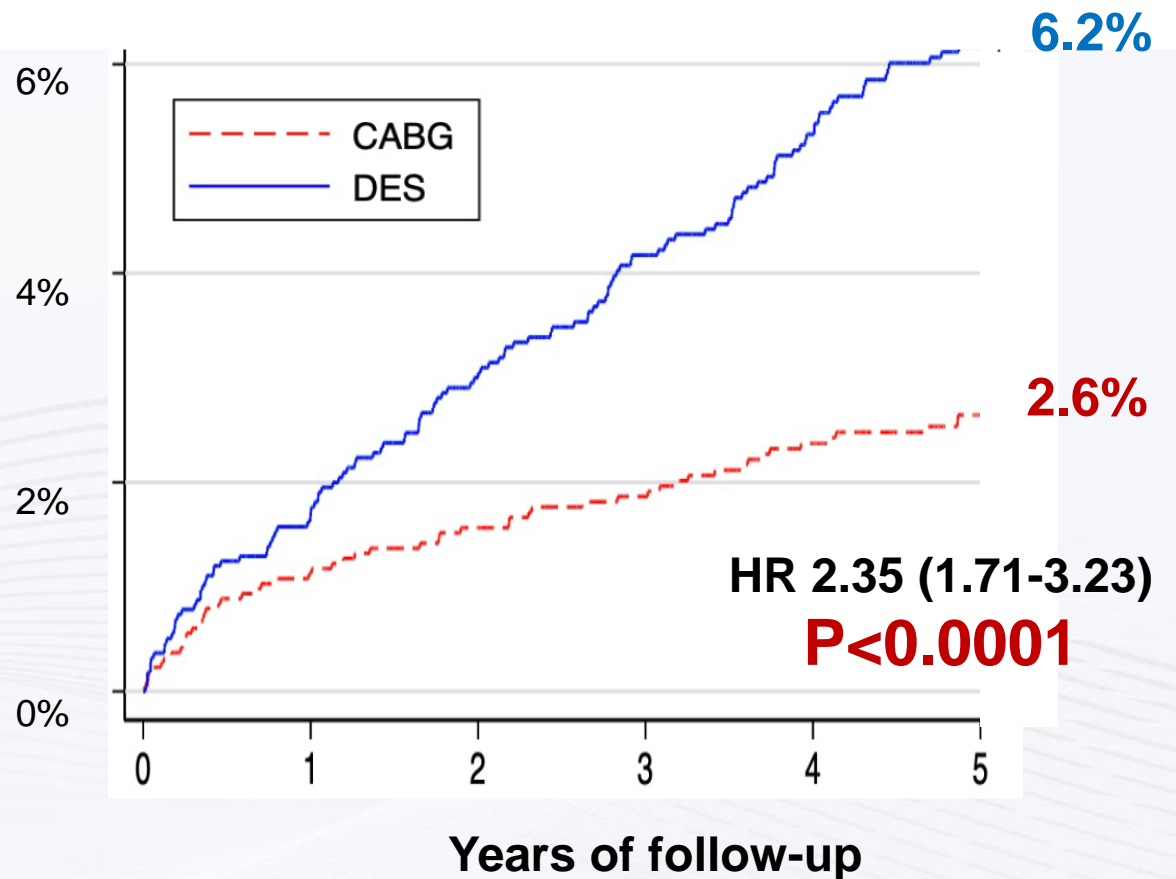


Procedural and Spontaneous MI at 5-year

Procedural MI (protocol definition)



Spontaneous MI

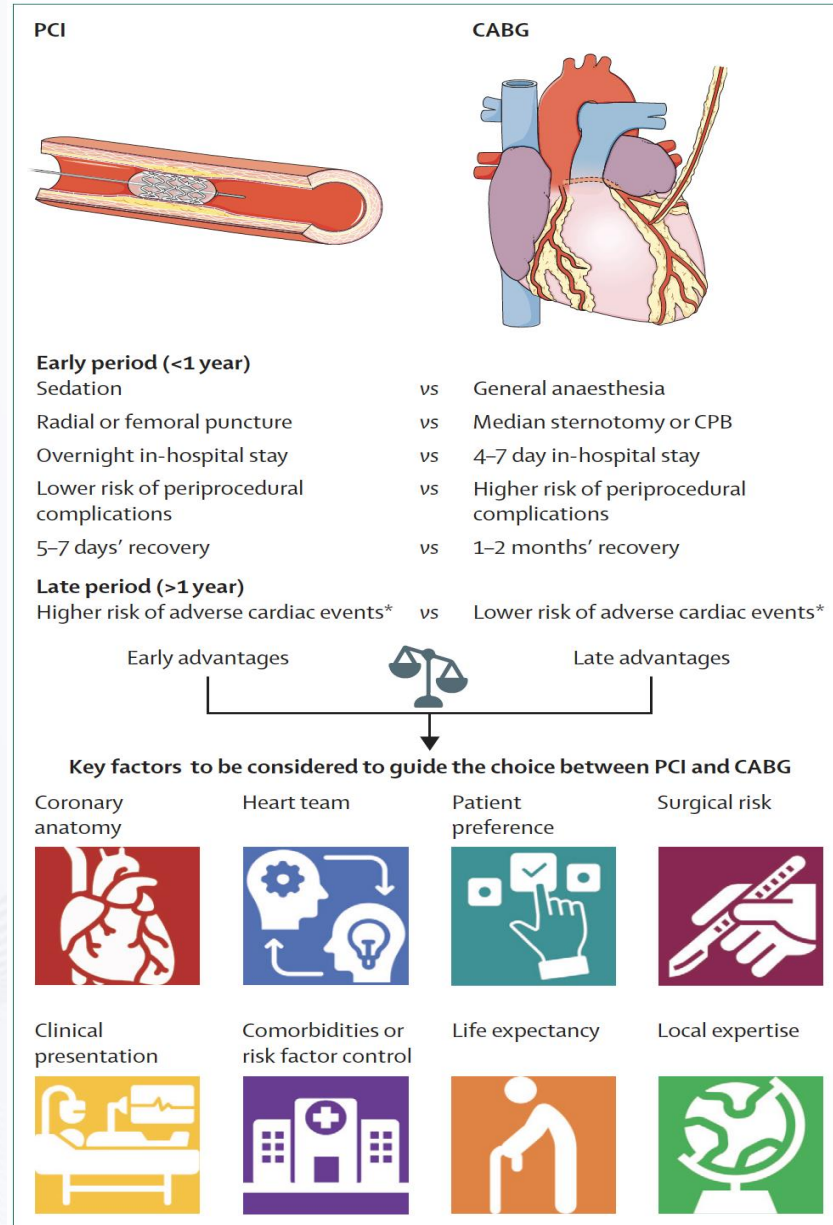


Key Summary

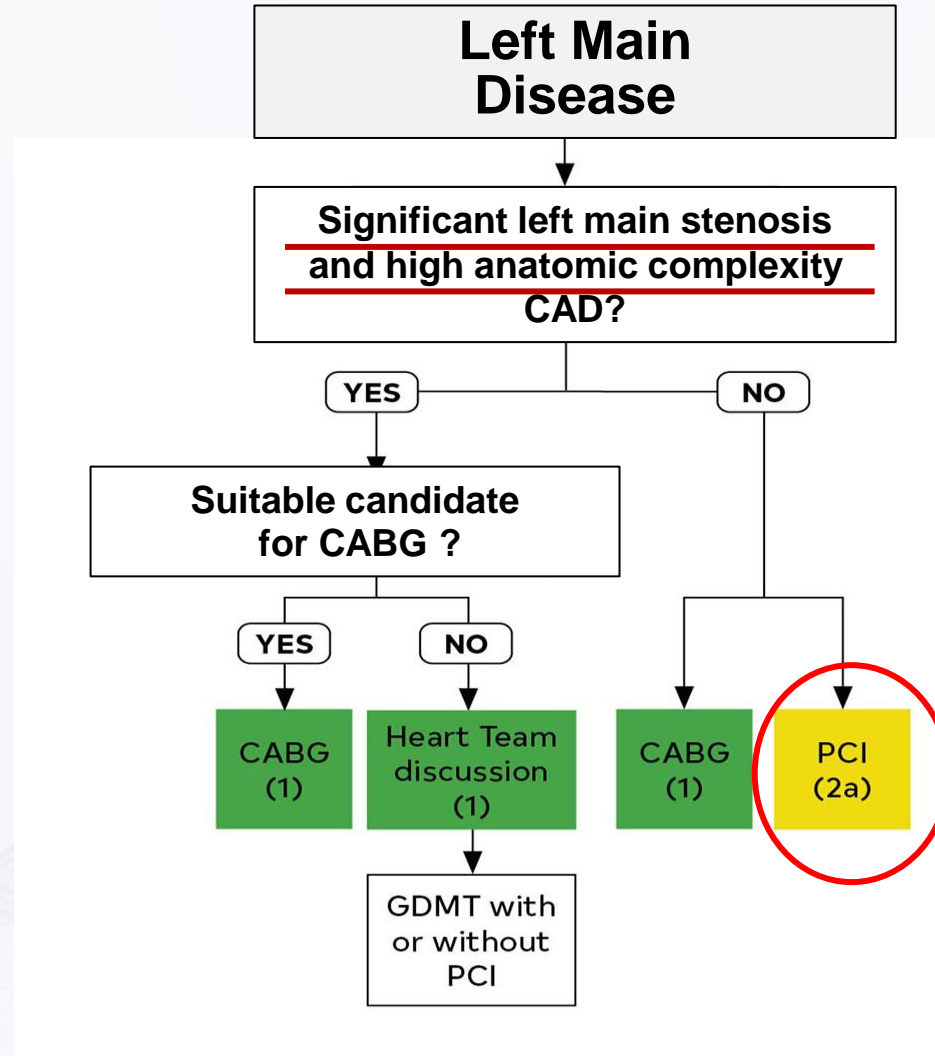
PCI vs. CABG for Left Main Disease

- 1. No Mortality Difference !**
- 2. PCI Has Lower Peri-procedural Complications**
(stroke, large MI, atrial fibrillation, bleeding, AKI, etc)
- 3. CABG Has Lower Spontaneous MI and Repeat revascularization**

Comparison of key aspects of CABG or PCI



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



ESC Guidelines 2018

Elective PCI for LM Stenosis

	CABG		PCI	
Recommendation according to extent of CAD	Class	Level	Class	Level
LM disease a SYNTAX score ≤ 22	I	A	I	A
LM disease a SYNTAX score 23 -32	I	A	Ila	A
LM disease a SYNTAX score > 32	I	A	III	B

Reference; SYNTAX Study, PRECOMBAT study, MAINCOMPARE registry study and Meta-Analysis. *Patrick, SW et al, NEJM. 2009 March 5;360(10), Park SJ et al, NEJM. 2011 May 5;364(18):1718-27, Levin GN et al. ACC/AHA guidelines. JACC 2011;58:44-122, Capodanno et al, JACC 2011;58:1426-32*

ESC/EACTS Task Force Recommends Downgrading PCI in Left Main CAD

For those with LM CAD and a low SYNTAX score, PCI should be no longer be a class I recommendation, the group says.

by [Michael O'Riordan](#) | SEPTEMBER 05, 2023



AMSTERDAM, the Netherlands—A new task force is recommending that PCI for the treatment of left main CAD in patients at low surgical risk be downgraded from its current place in the European revascularization guidelines.

2023 ESC Meeting

2022 Joint ESC/EACTS review of the 2018 guideline recommendations on the revascularization of left main coronary artery disease in patients at low surgical risk and anatomy suitable for PCI or CABG

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2022 joint ESC/EACTS review of the 2018 guideline recommendations on the revascularization of left main coronary artery disease in patients at low surgical risk and anatomy suitable for PCI or CABG



Objective

Review new data since the 2018 ESC/EACTS Guidelines on myocardial revascularization as they apply to patients with left main disease with low-to-intermediate SYNTAX score (0–32)

Task Force



Interventional cardiologists



Cardiac surgeons



General cardiologists



Methodologist/statistician

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ESC appointees

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EACTS appointees



Heart Team

The Heart Team continues to be of central importance to the consideration of revascularization modality in patients with LM disease as outlined in the 2018 ESC/EACTS Guidelines on myocardial revascularization

Summary of clinical trial evidence

Review of clinical trial evidence for stable patients with left main coronary artery disease, low or intermediate SYNTAX score, low predicted surgical risk, and suitable anatomy for PCI and CABG

100 people undergoing PCI at 5 years

20% Event^a 80% Alive, no event

89% Alive

100 people undergoing CABG at 5 years

16% Event^a 84% Alive, no event

90% Alive

Table 1 Suggested recommendation for type of revascularization in stable patients with left main disease, coronary anatomy suitable for both procedures and low predicted surgical mortality

Recommendation	CABG		PCI	
	Class ^a	Level ^b	Class ^a	Level ^b
Left main disease with low or intermediate SYNTAX score (0–32).	I	A	IIa	A

CABG, coronary artery bypass graft; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention; SYNTAX, Synergy Between Percutaneous Coronary Intervention with TAXUS and Cardiac Surgery.

^aClass of recommendation.

^bLevel of evidence.

Table 2 Practical recommendation and clinical situations favouring percutaneous coronary intervention or coronary artery bypass grafting in patients with left main disease

		Favours PCI	Favours CABG
Clinical characteristics	Advanced age/frailty/reduced life expectancy	✓	
	Severe co-morbidity (not adequately reflected by scores)	✓	
	High surgical risk	✓	
	Reduced LVEF <35%		✓
	Diabetes		✓
	Contraindication for DAPT		✓
	Recurrent diffuse in-stent restenosis		✓
	Prior CABG with patent LIMA-LAD graft	✓	
Anatomical and Technical aspects	Ostial or mid-shaft lesion	✓	
	Distal or bifurcation lesion		✓
	Presence of multivessel disease		✓
	High anatomic complexity (e.g. SYNTAX score >32)		✓
	Anatomy likely resulting in incomplete revascularization with PCI		✓
	Occluded dominant graftable right coronary artery		✓
	Severely calcified coronary artery lesions limiting lesion expansion		✓
	Sequelae of chest radiation	✓	
	Severe chest deformity	✓	
	Porcelain aorta (if local expertise with OPCAB with anaortic grafting not available)	✓	
	Need for concomitant cardiac surgery or surgery of ascending aorta		✓

My Real-World Practic Approach **PCI vs. CABG for Left Main Disease**

If Extensive Non-LM CAD is present

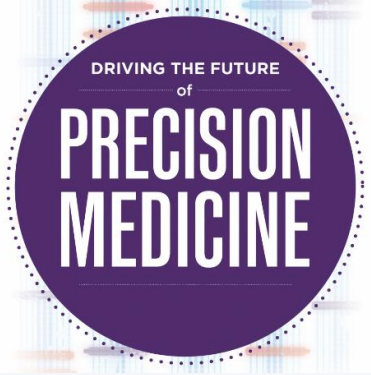
CABG may be preferred

If Multiple Comorbidities are present

PCI may be preferred.

Future Perspective on Left Main or Multivessel PCI

**What Are
Next Step?**



**For
LMCA
PCI**

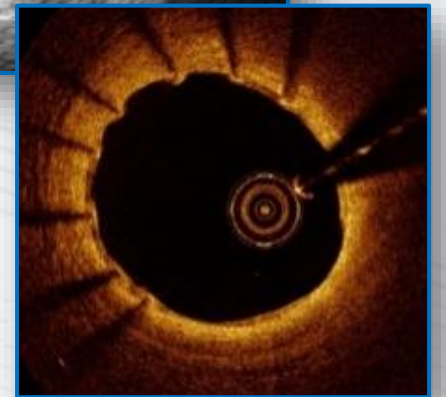
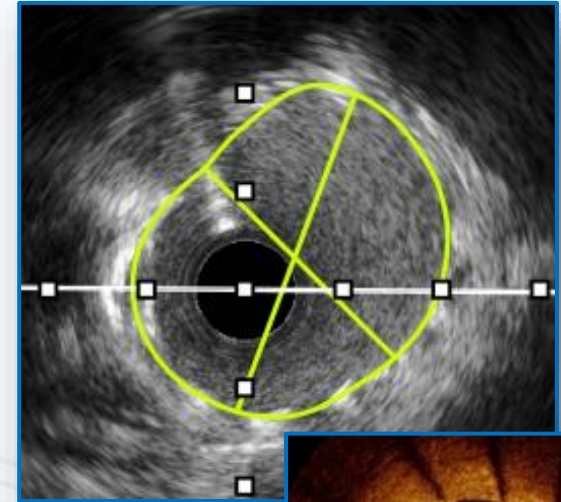
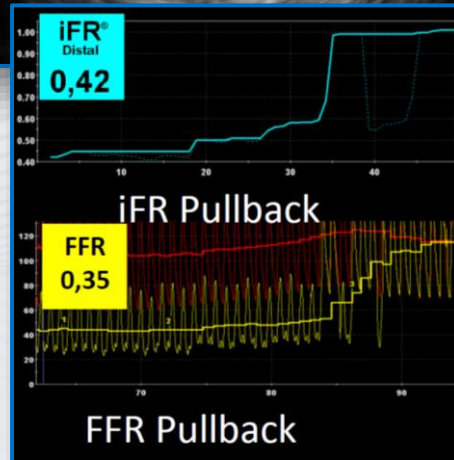
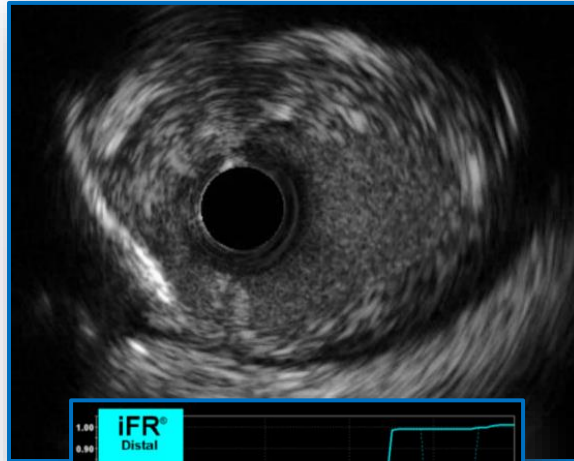
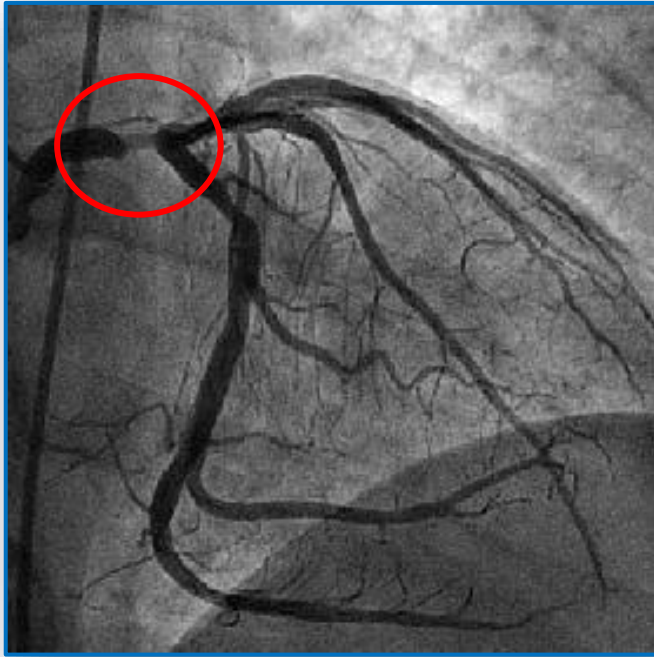
DIAGNOSIS

Assessment

INTERVENTION

Guidance

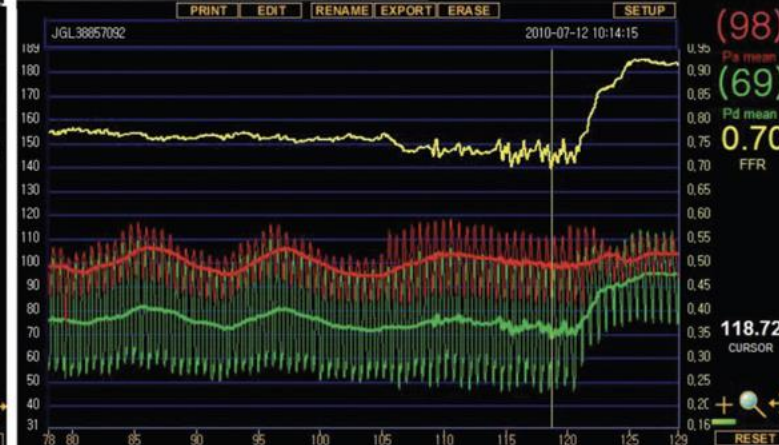
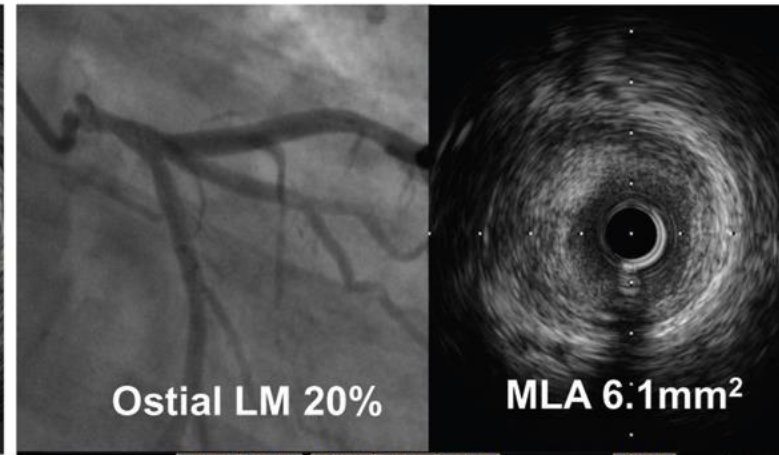
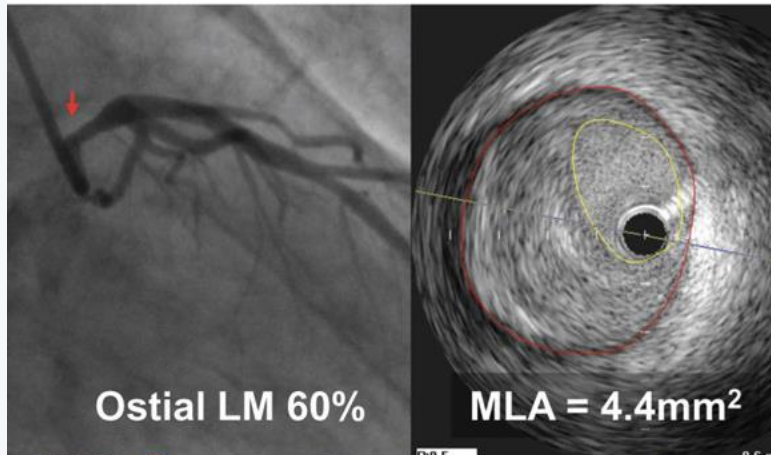
Optimization



Representative case of visual–functional mismatch in LMCA stenosis

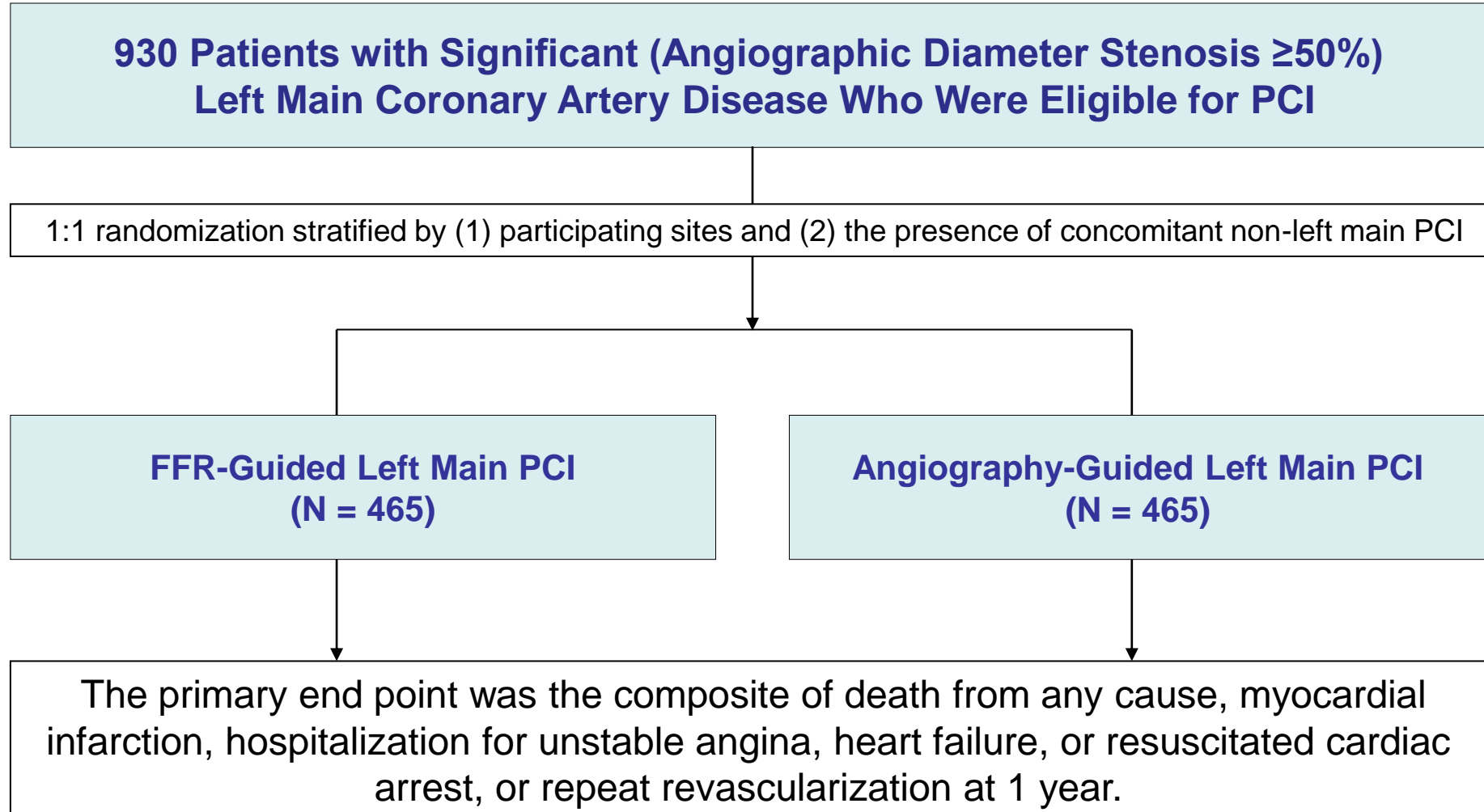
(A) 47/M Stable angina

(B) 50/M Stable angina



Fractional Flow Reserve versus **A**ngiography for **T**reatment-Decision and **E**valuation of Significant Left **MAIN** Coronary Artery Disease

FATE-MAIN Trial



Key Messages

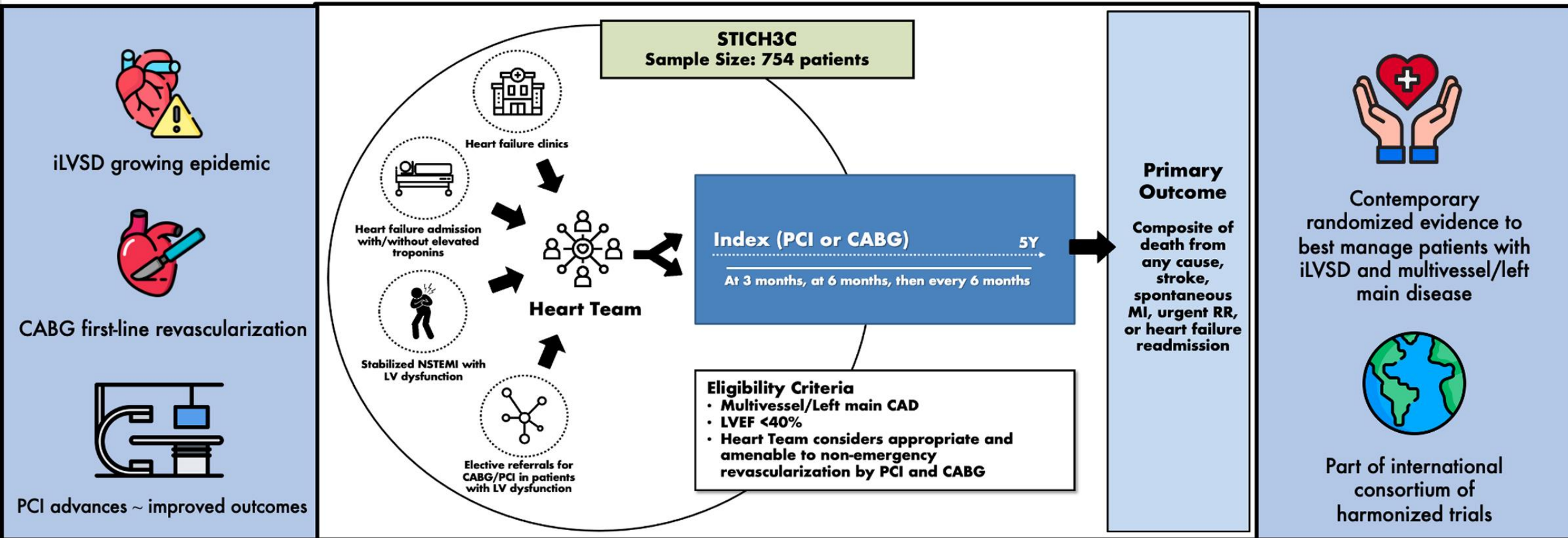
- In the contemporary clinical practice, the goal of PCI is to achieve complete functional revascularization of ischemic territories. Thus, **theoretical and practical concept of physiology-guided PCI will also work even in left main PCI setting.**
- **In the FATE-MAIN trial,** we assume that the improved outcomes with FFR-guided PCI are likely a result of more judicious PCI whereby **ischemia-inducing LMCA lesions are revascularized** and **non-ischemia-inducing LMCA lesions are treated with OMT alone.**

Still Remaining Issues, PCI vs. CABG

- 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!

The Canadian CABG or PCI in Patients with Ischemic Cardiomyopathy Trial (STICH3C): Rationale and Study Protocol



STICH-3.0 International Trial Consortium (STICH-3)

Fremes et al. *Circulation: Cardiovascular Interventions*. 2023. Aug;16(8):e012527.

Trial Design

Dibetes-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**ibetes **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.