



# **FFR<sub>CT</sub> Guidance for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Suspected CAD**

## **The DECISION Trial**

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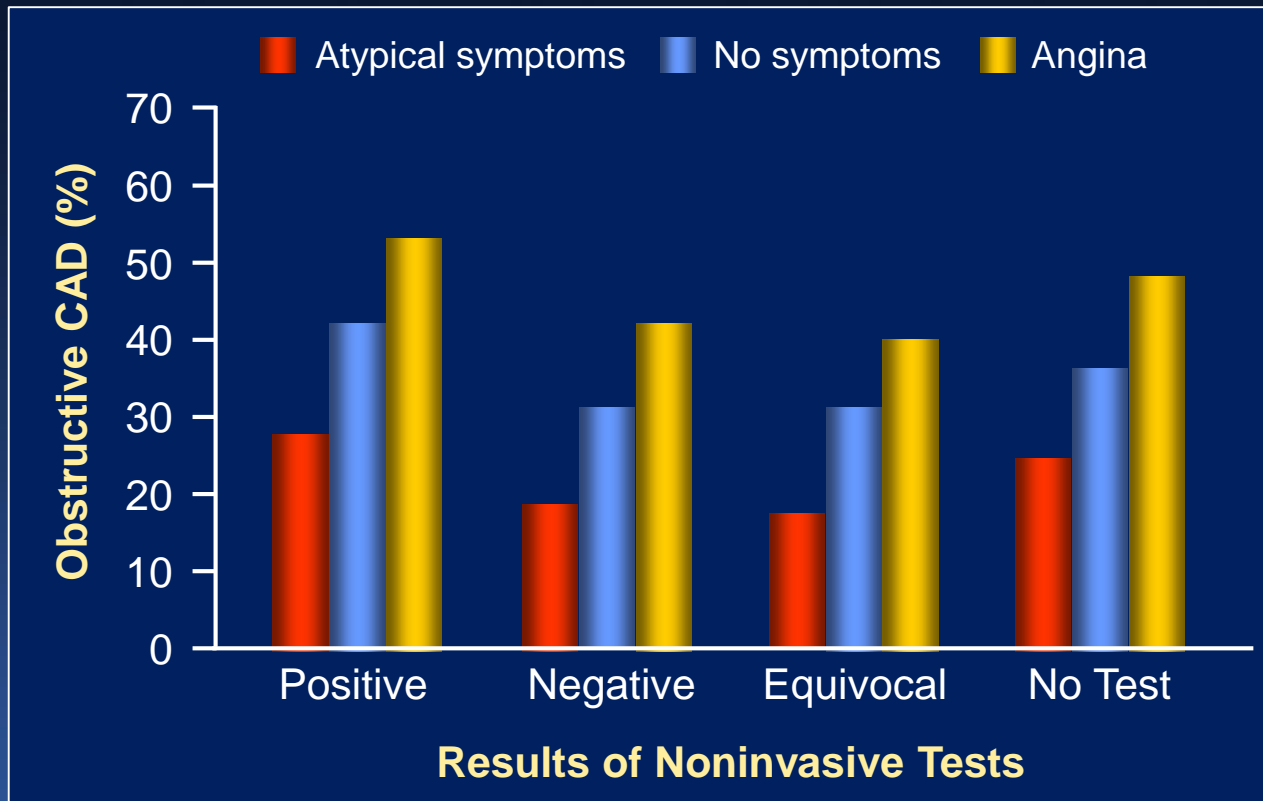
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# Background: Most Patients with Suspected CAD Undergoing Cath Do Not Have Obstructive CAD

Cath performed in 398,978 pts at 663 US hospitals between 1/2004 - 4/2008 for suspected CAD; median age 61 yrs, 53% men, 26% diabetes, 79% HTN.

**Obstr. CAD (DS  $\geq 50\%$  in LM or  $\geq 70\%$  in non-LM) in 149,739 pts (37.6%).**

Non-invasive testing was performed in 83.9% of pts.



Pts with a + NI test were moderately more likely to have obstr CAD than those who did not undergo any testing (41.0% vs. 35.0%; adj OR 1.28; 95% CI, 1.19 to 1.37), and more than those with equivocal neg test results (41.3%, vs. 27.1% vs. 28.3%, respectively)

39.2% of pts had normal cors (DS  $< 20\%$  in all vessels)

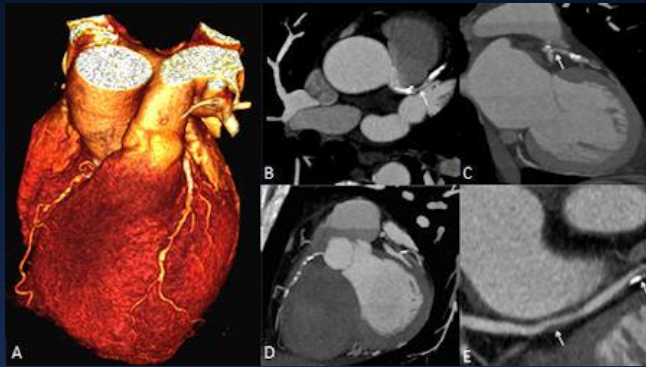
# More Background

- Heart Team decision-making is recommended for complex CAD
  - However, detailed angiographic anatomy and lesion-specific physiologic significance is not usually known until after invasive coronary angiography
  - Pts and docs prefer ad hoc PCI when feasible – it is difficult to “take pts off the table” to hold these discussions
- Since FFR/iFR is usually done at the time of PCI, stent decisions are usually made “on the fly”
  - Assessing serial lesions/diffuse disease can be particularly challenging – yes, mistakes can be made

# Identifying Anatomically and Functionally Significant CAD

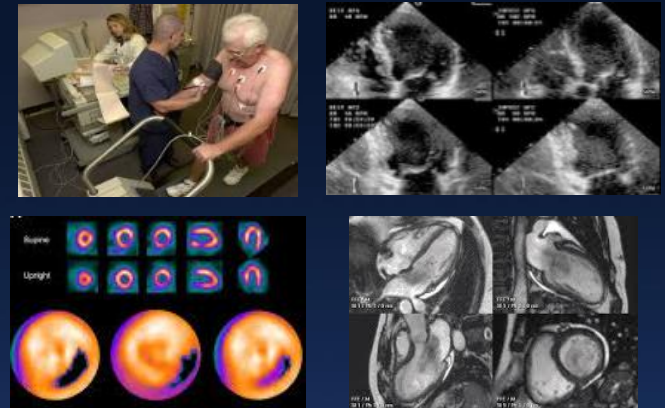
## Anatomy

Identify obstructive CAD



## Function

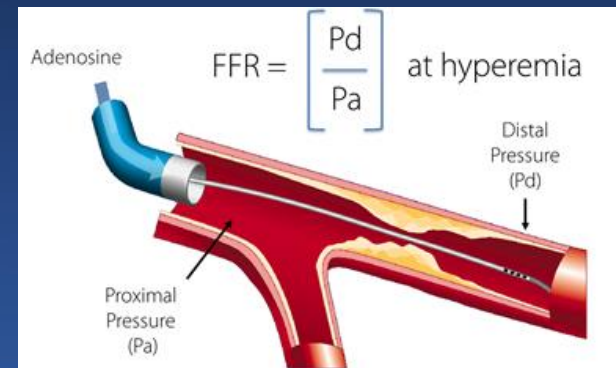
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Non-Invasive

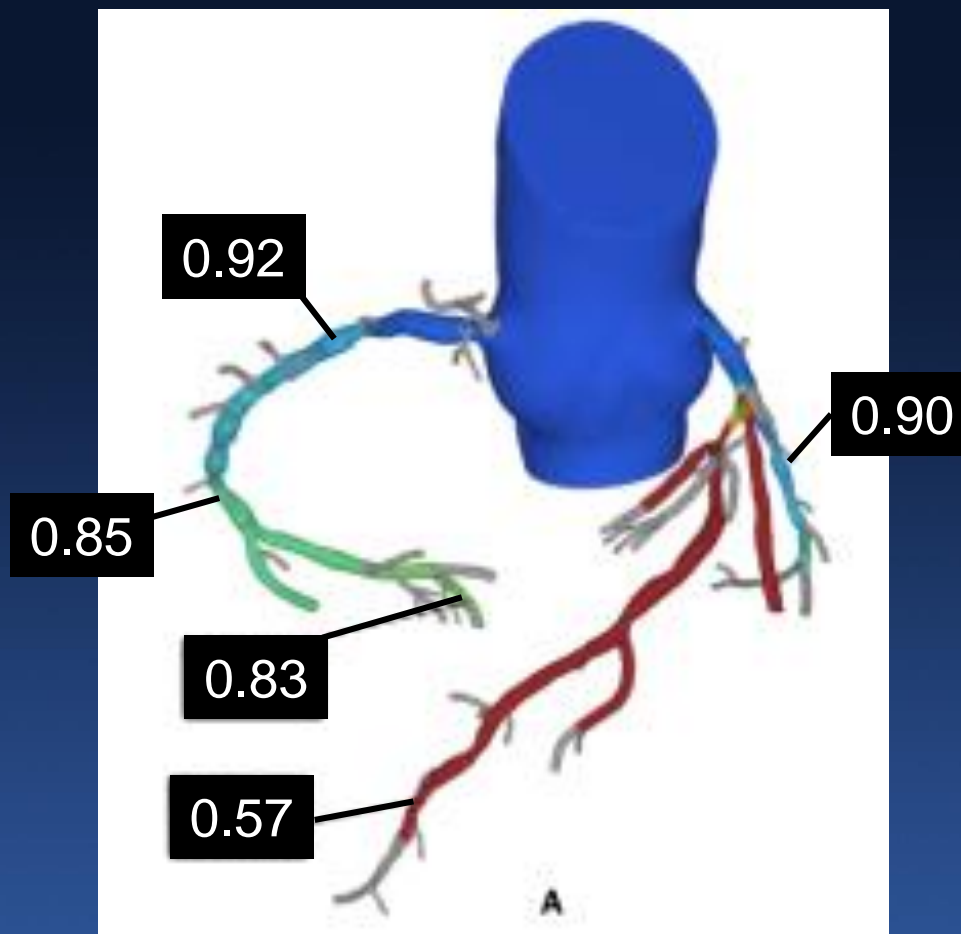
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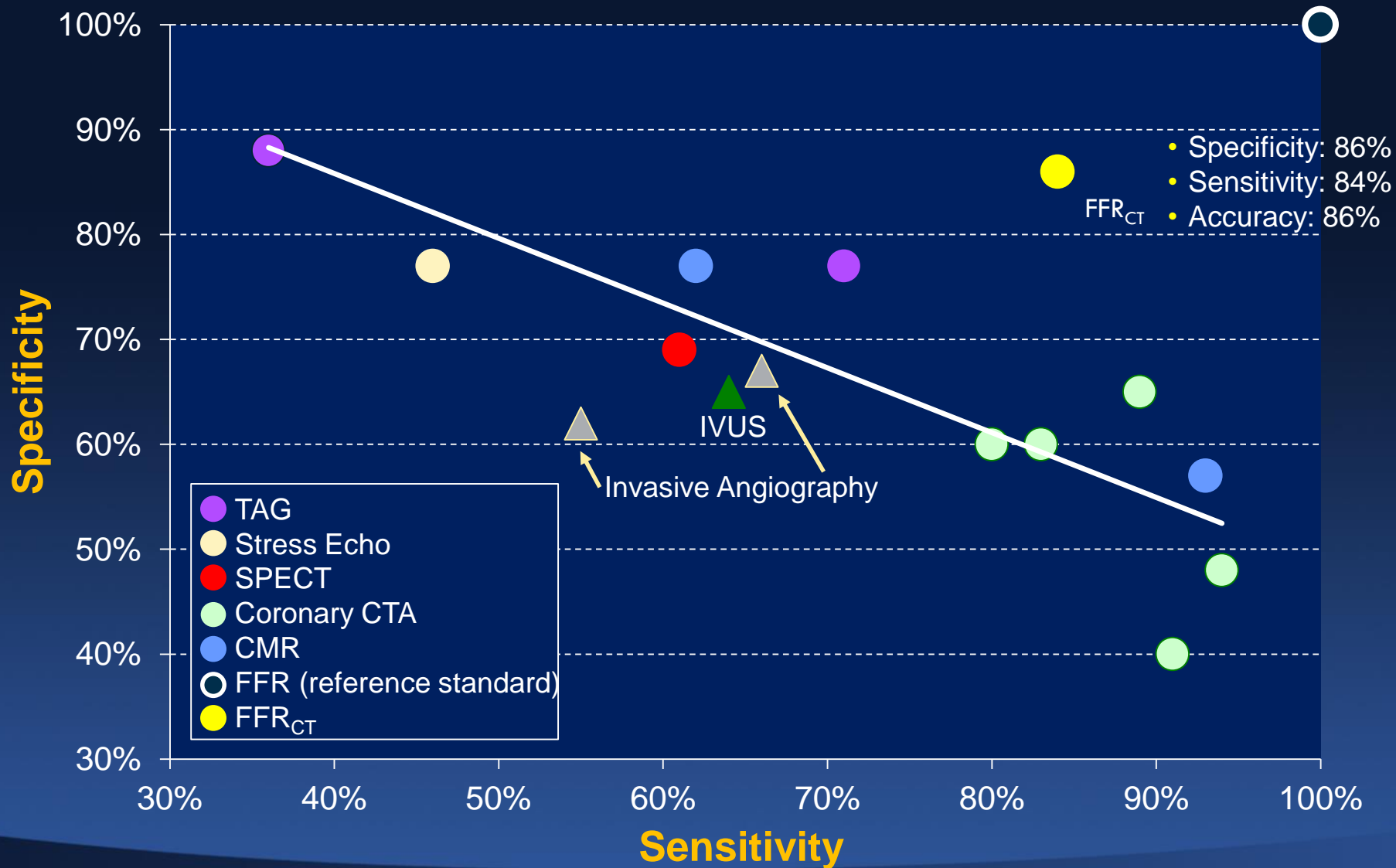
Invasive

# Identifying Anatomically **Vessel-Specific** and **Lesion-Specific** Functionally Significant CAD with a Single **Non-invasive** Test



# FFR<sub>CT</sub> Accuracy (from NXT)

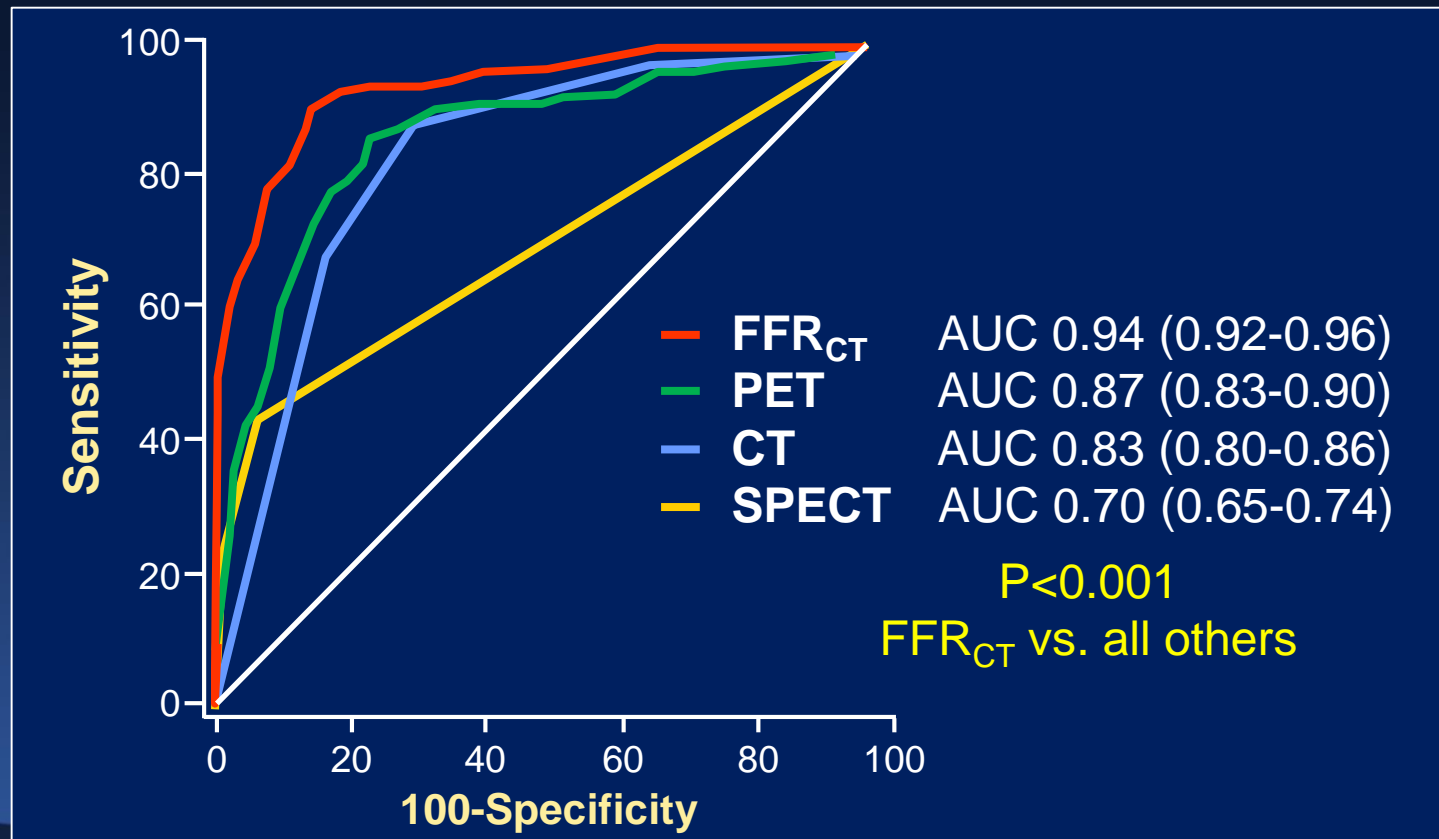
## Performance of coronary diagnostic tests vs. FFR



**PACIFIC:** 208 pts underwent CTA, SPECT, PET, and routine 3-vessel invasive FFR  
FFR<sub>CT</sub> was analyzable in 180 pts (87%)

FFR  $\leq$  0.80 in 81 pts (45%); FFR<sub>CT</sub>  $\leq$  0.80 in 114 pts (63%)

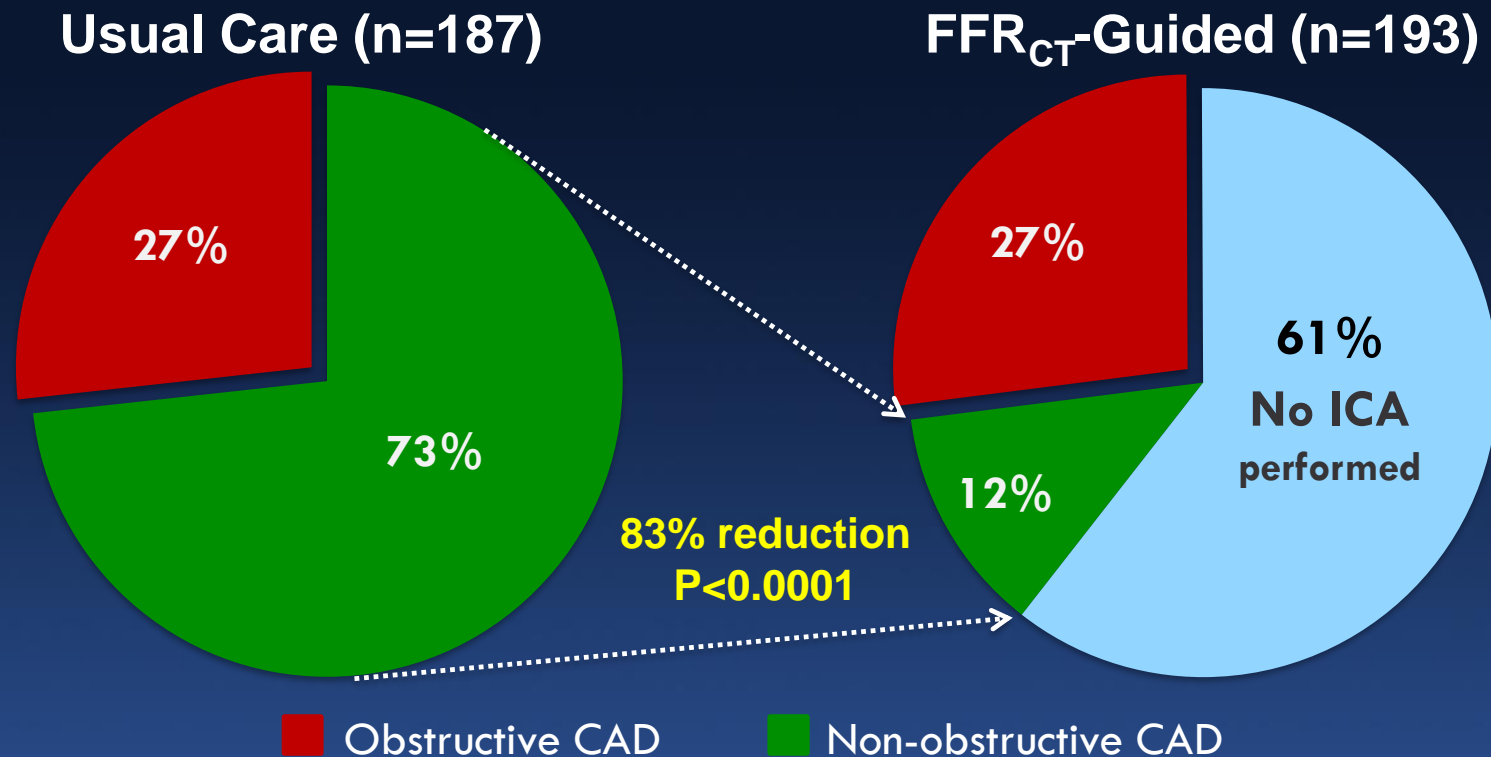
## Sensitivity, specificity and accuracy vs. invasive FFR





# PLATFORM: Invasive Arm

584 pts with new onset CP were prospectively assigned to usual testing (n=287) or FFR<sub>CT</sub>-guided testing (n=297) in different time periods. Local site decided ICA would be performed in 380 pts.



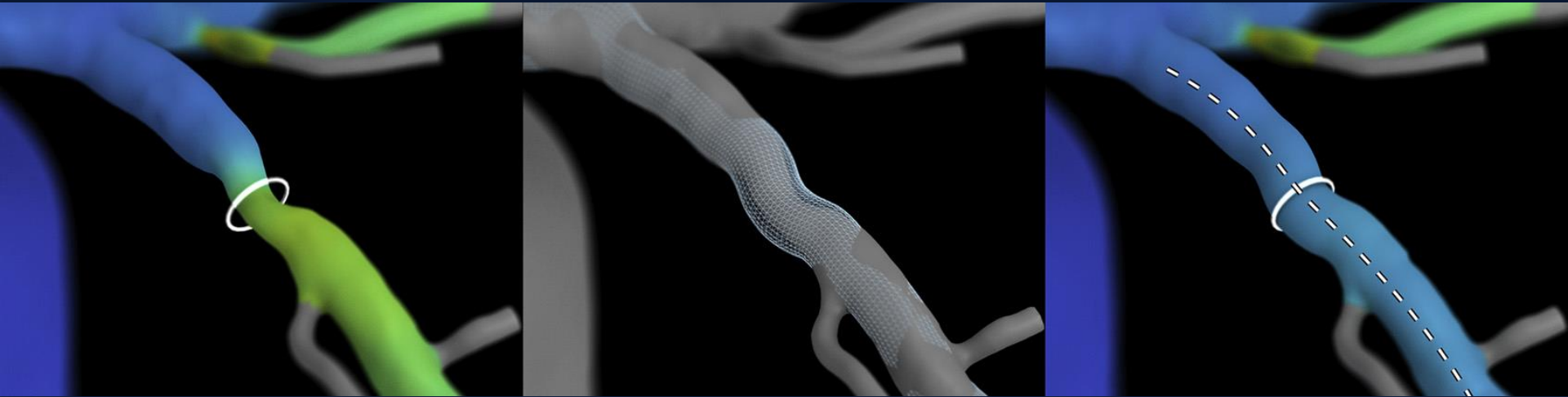
**Primary endpoint was catheterization without obstructive CAD:**  
73.4% with Usual Care vs. 12.4% with FFR<sub>CT</sub> Guidance, P<0.0001

# PLATFORM Invasive: 1-Year Outcomes

	Usual Care (n=187)	FFR <sub>CT</sub> Guidance (n=193)	P value
MACE	2 (1.1%)	2 (1.0%)*	0.99
- Death	1 (0.5%)	0 (0%)	
- Non-fatal MI	1 (0.5%)	1 (0.5%)	
- Hosp w/urg revasc	0 (0%)	1 (0.5%)	
Cum. Radiation, mSv	10.4 ± 6.7	10.7 ± 9.6	0.21
Total costs, mean (FFR <sub>CT</sub> = \$0)	\$12,145	\$8,127	<0.0001
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\*Among 117 pts whose planned ICA was cancelled on the basis of FFR<sub>CT</sub>, only 4 underwent ICA during 1-year FU, and MACE = 0%. \*\*Current ASP

# FFR<sub>CT</sub> Planner Application: **Virtual Stenting**



Geometry of the diseased segment on the original computational model is virtually remodeled to enlarge the radius of the lumen according to the proximal and distal reference area to mimic the effects of a stent.

Computational analysis of coronary pressure and flow is repeated to determine post-treatment FFR<sub>CT</sub> blinded to invasive FFR results.

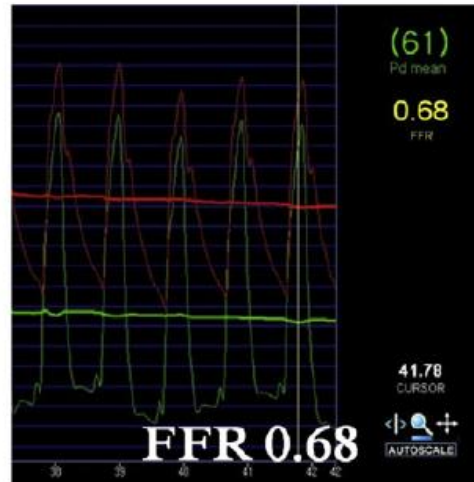
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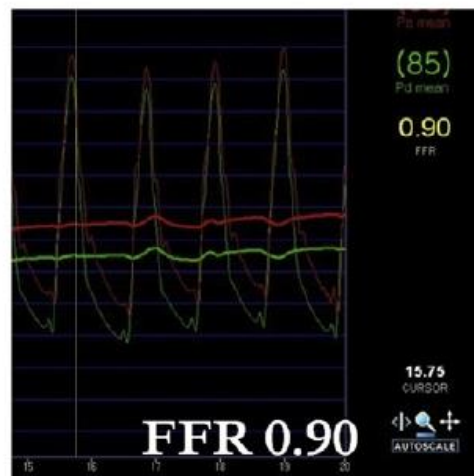
Angiography



Invasive FFR



After Stenting (B)



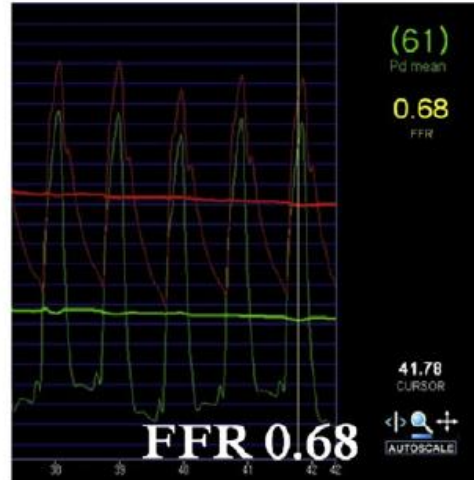
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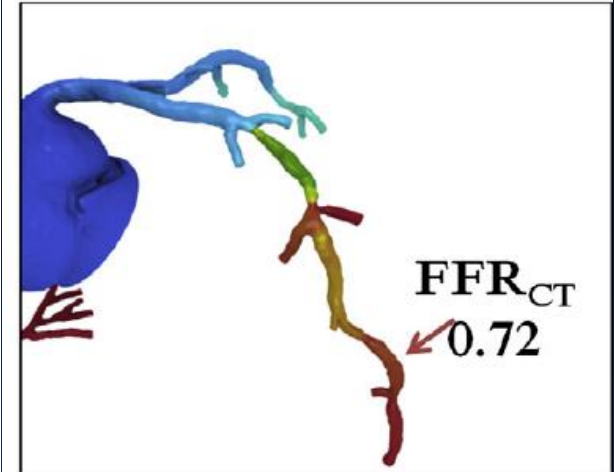
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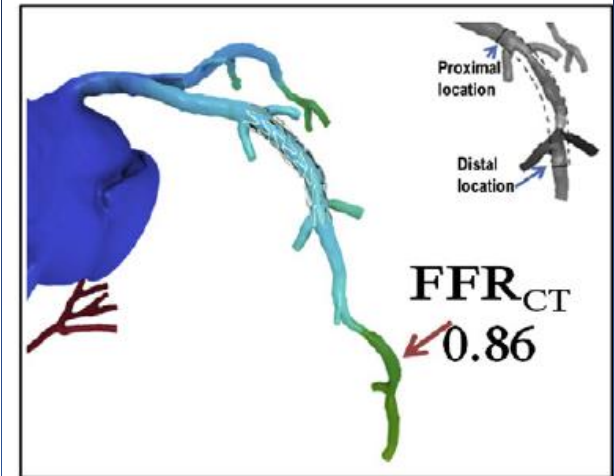
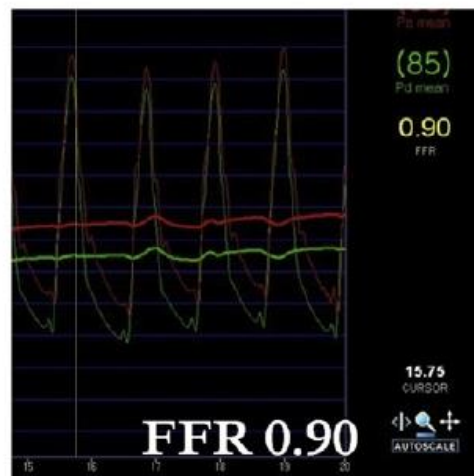
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CT-derived computed  
FFR (FFR<sub>CT</sub>)

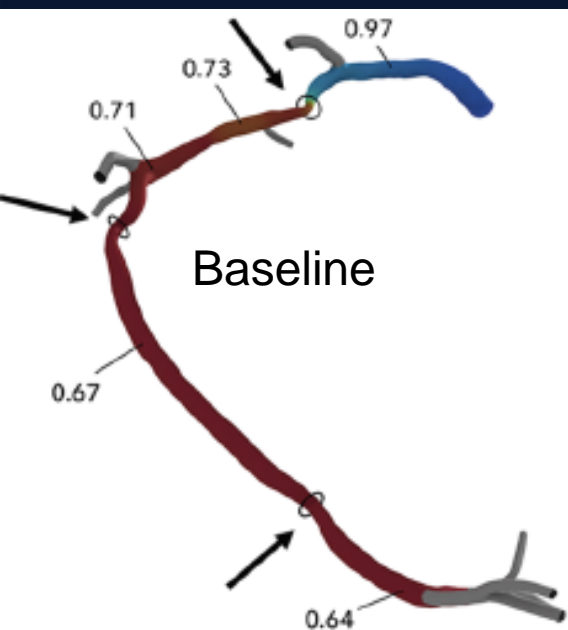


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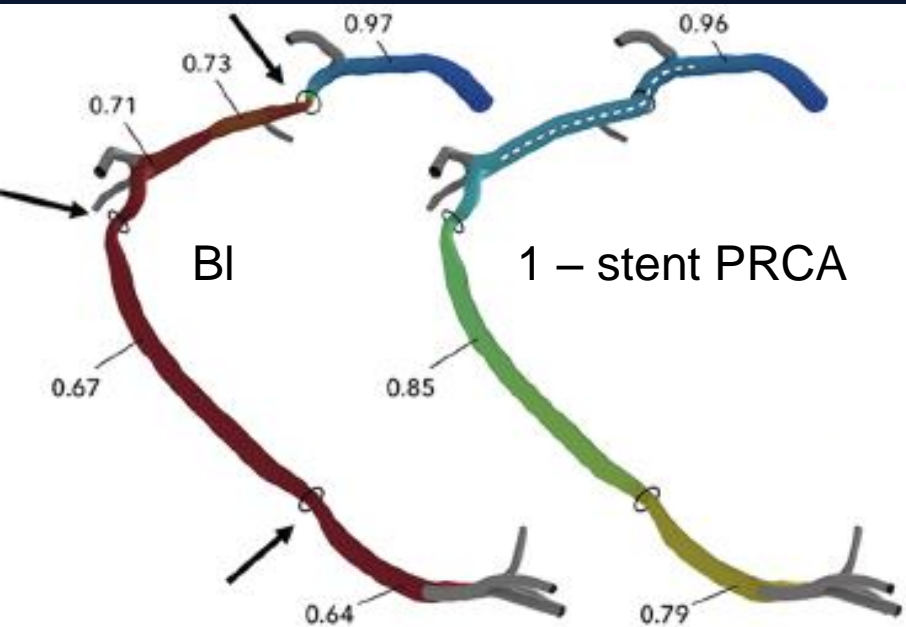
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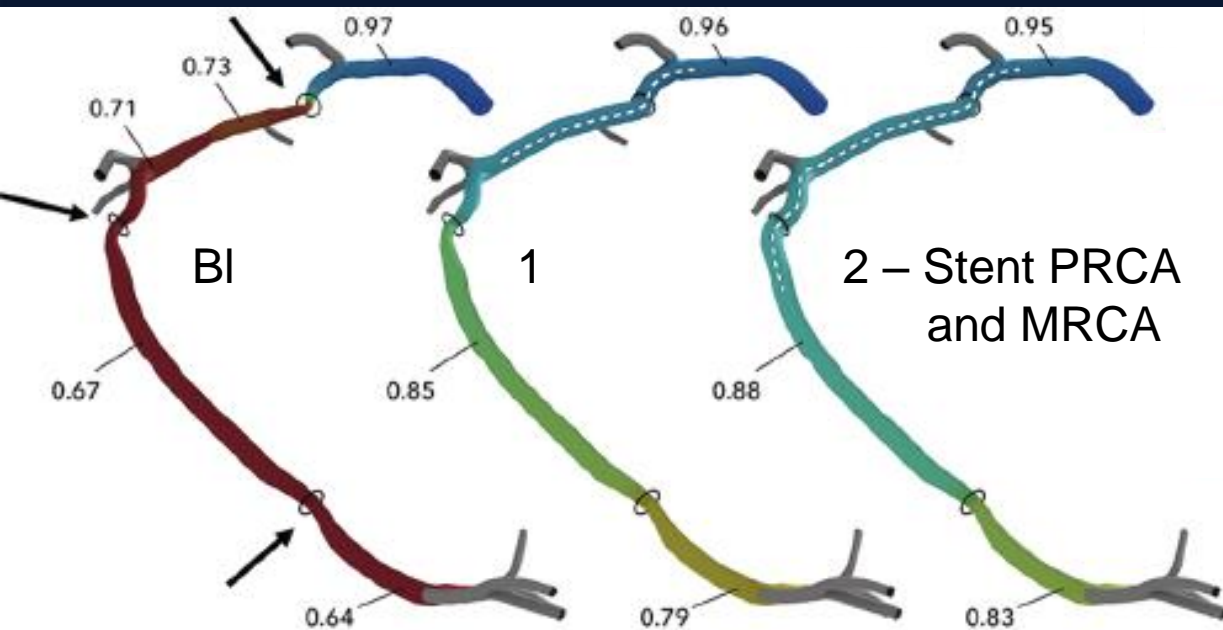
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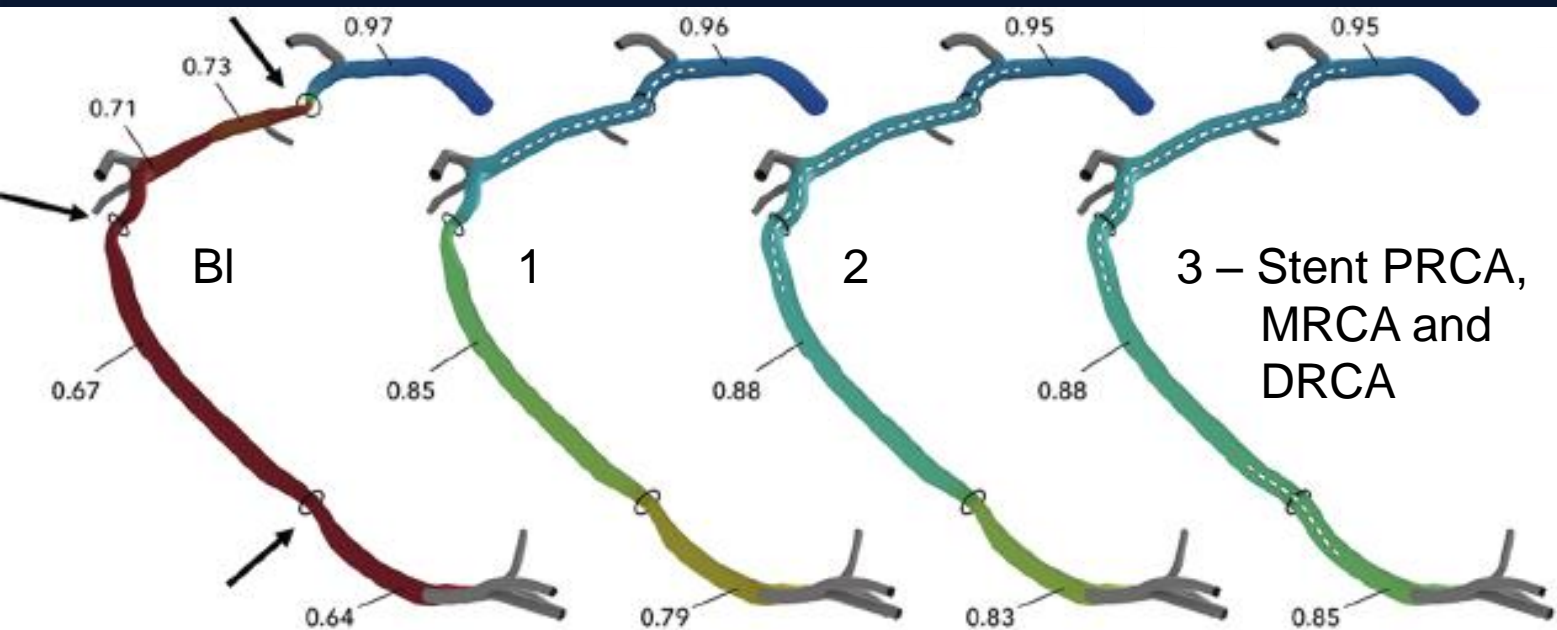
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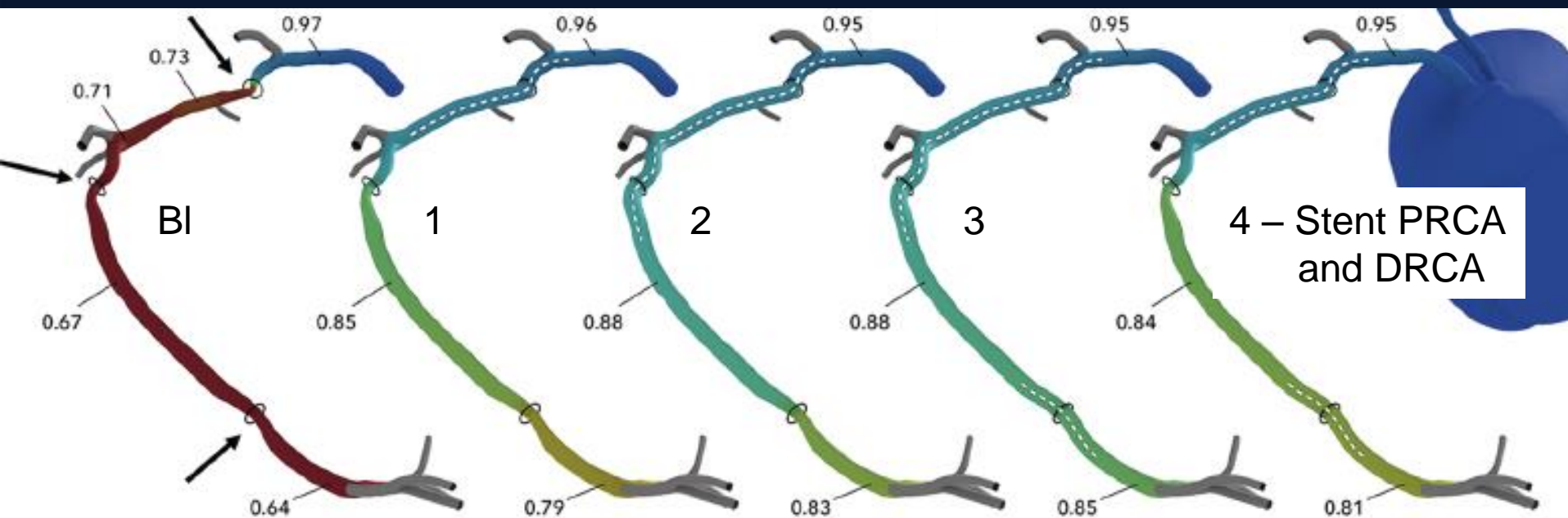
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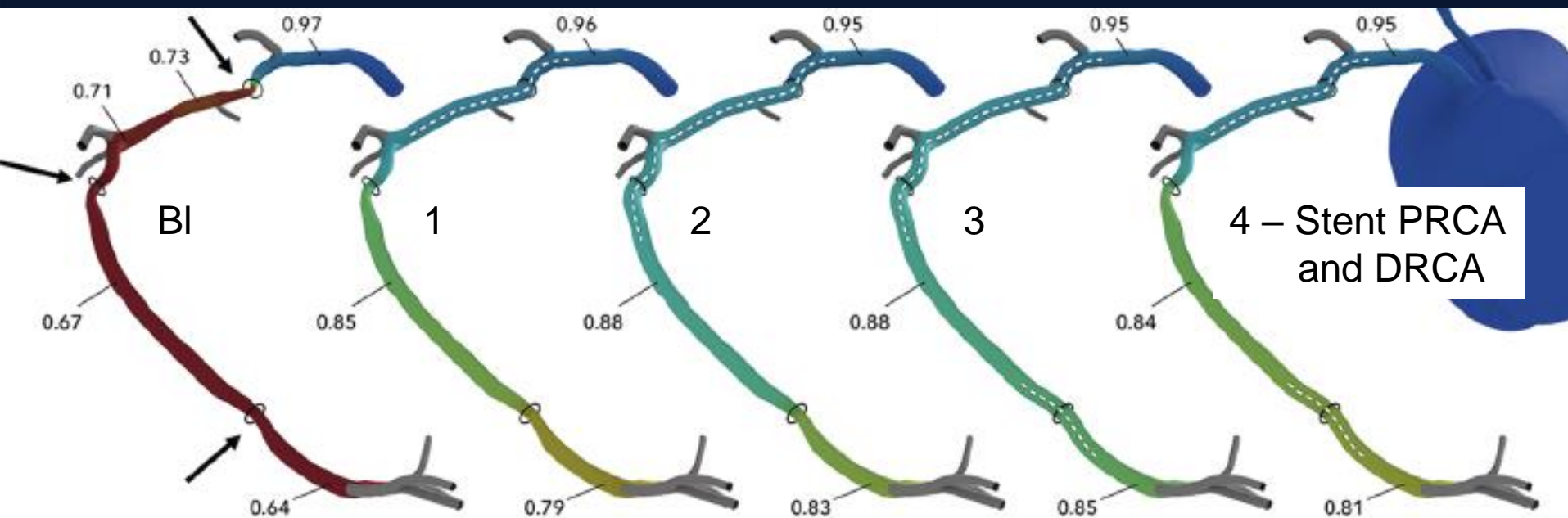
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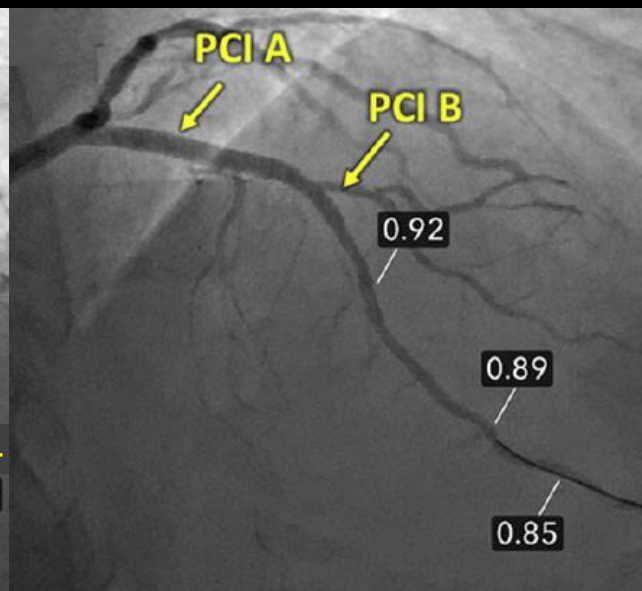
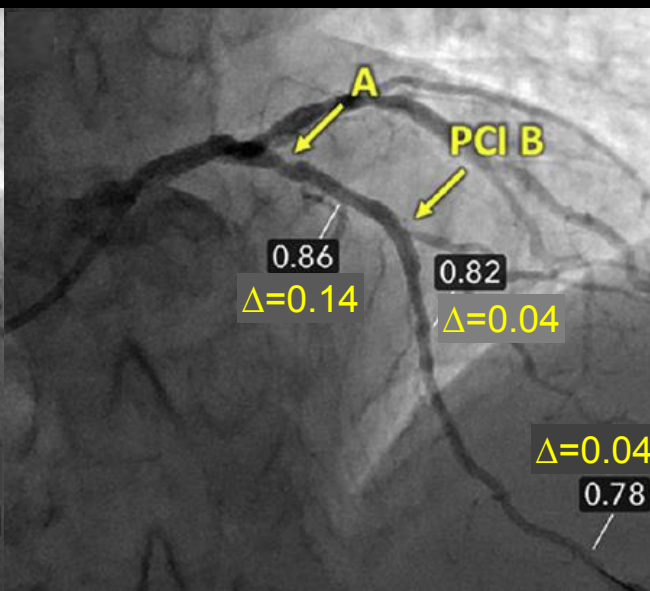
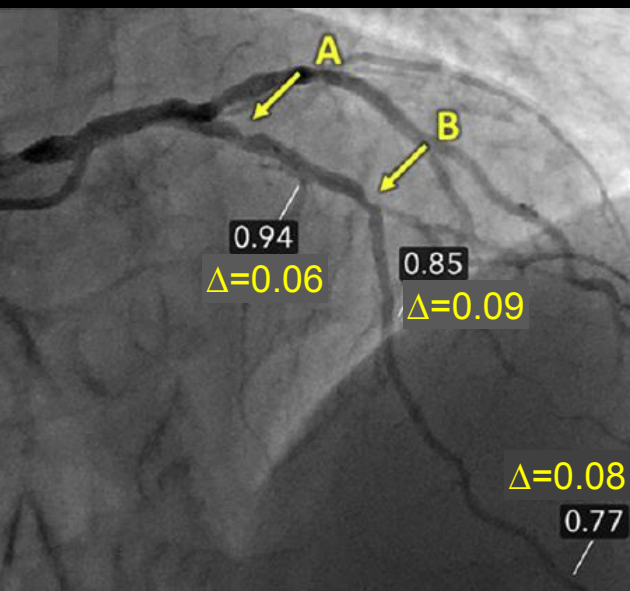
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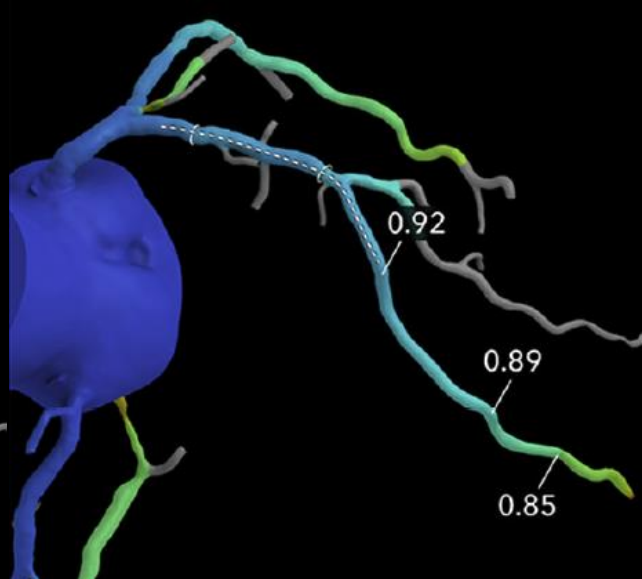
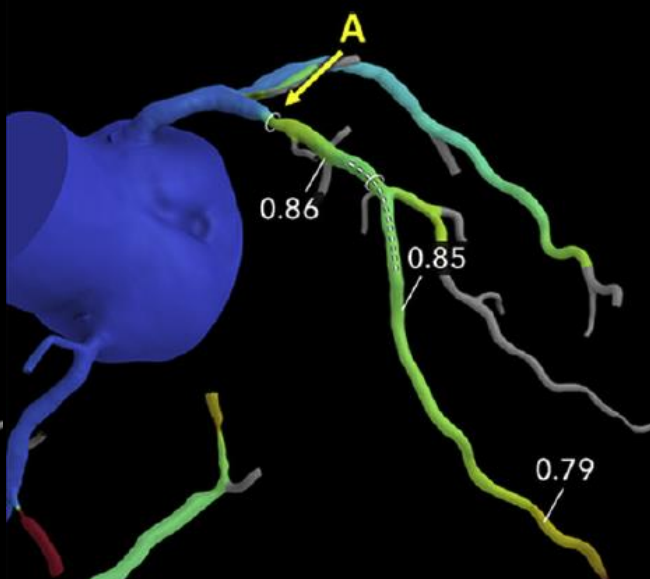
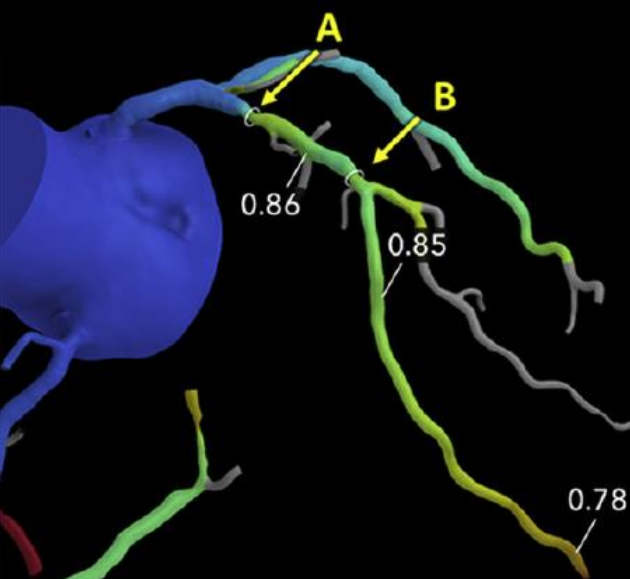
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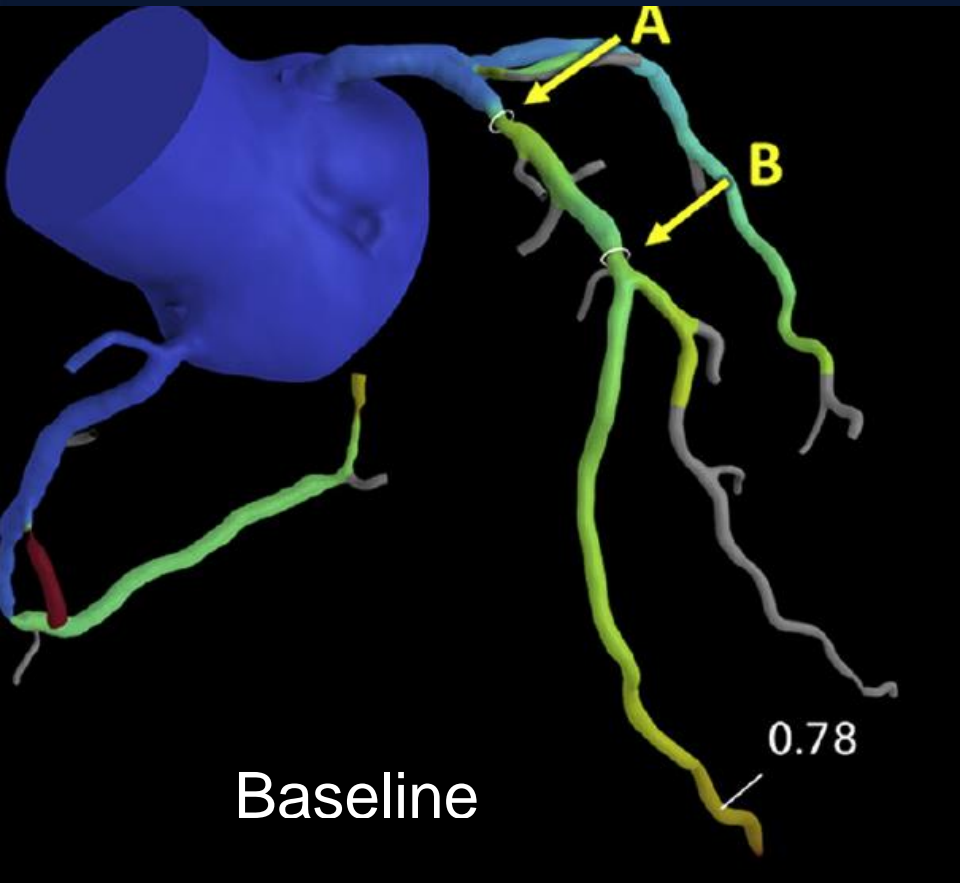
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After stent lesion A



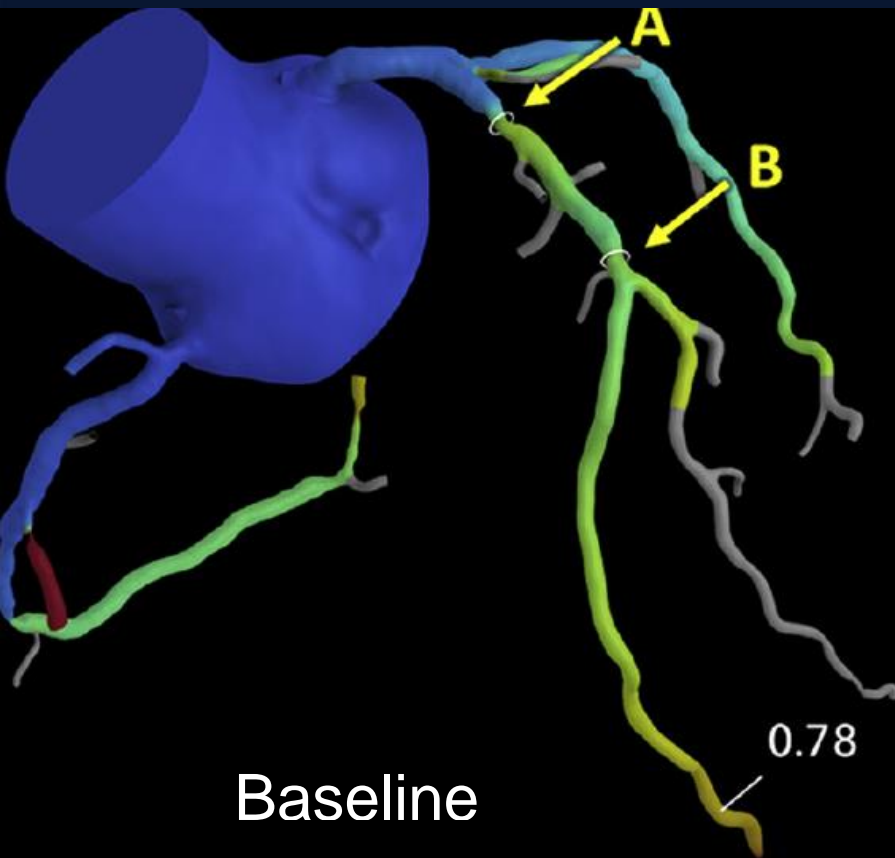
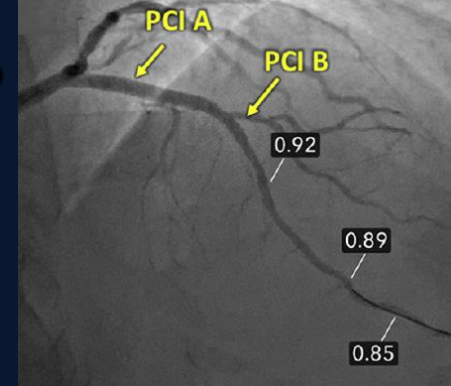
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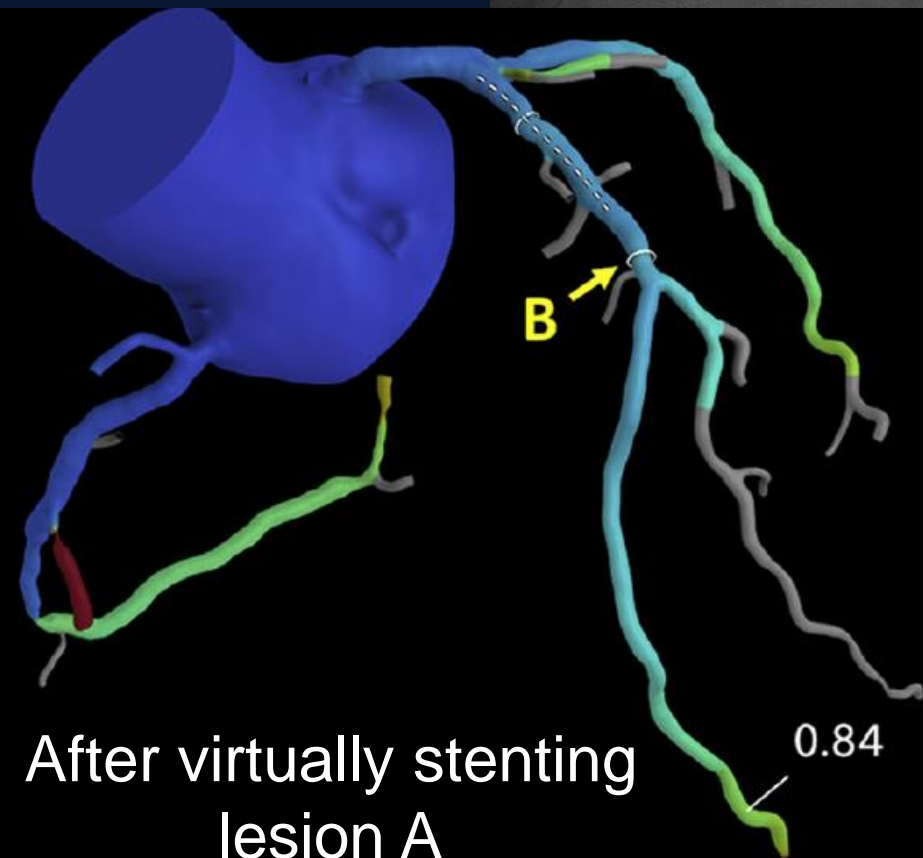
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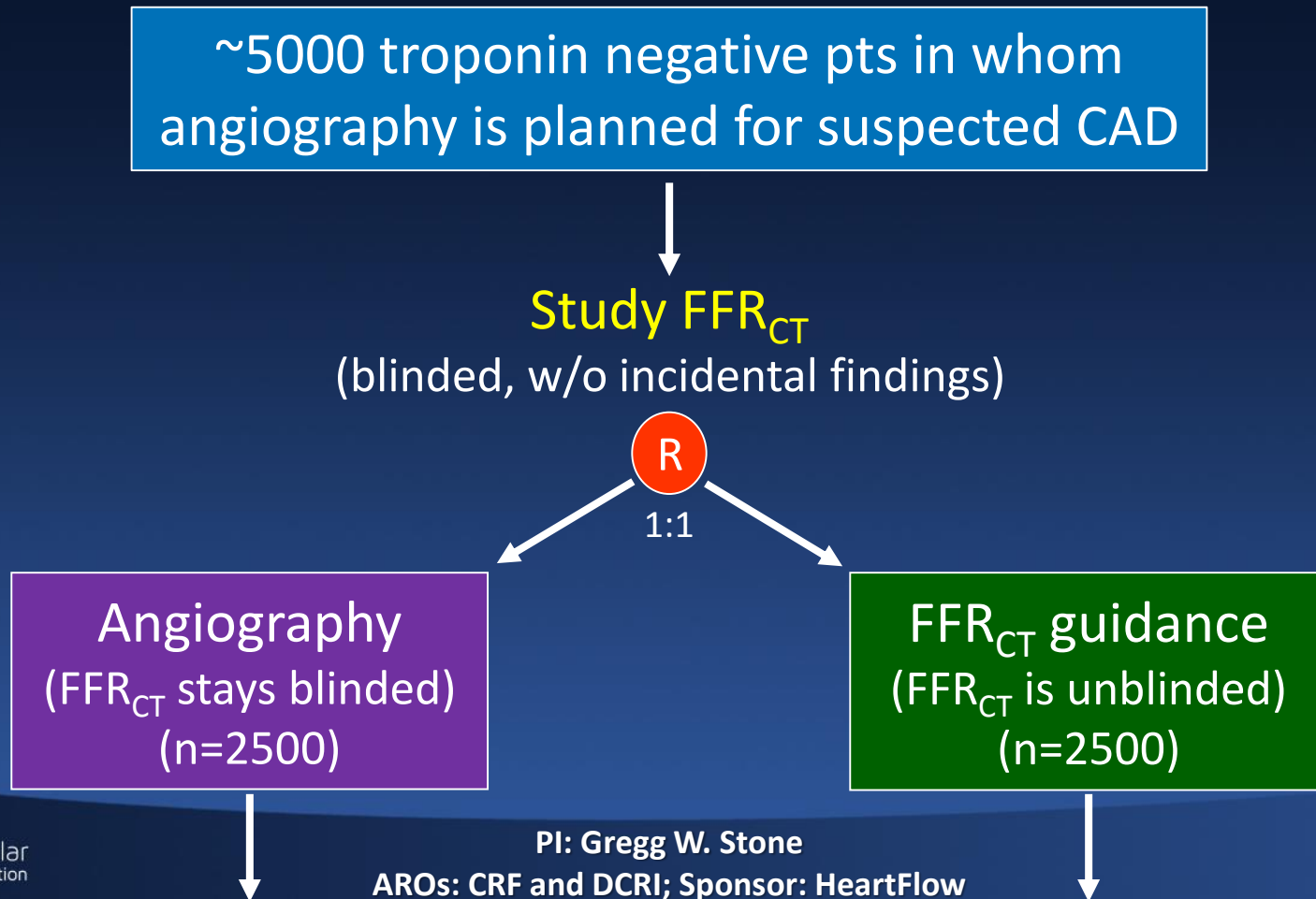


After virtually stenting  
lesion A

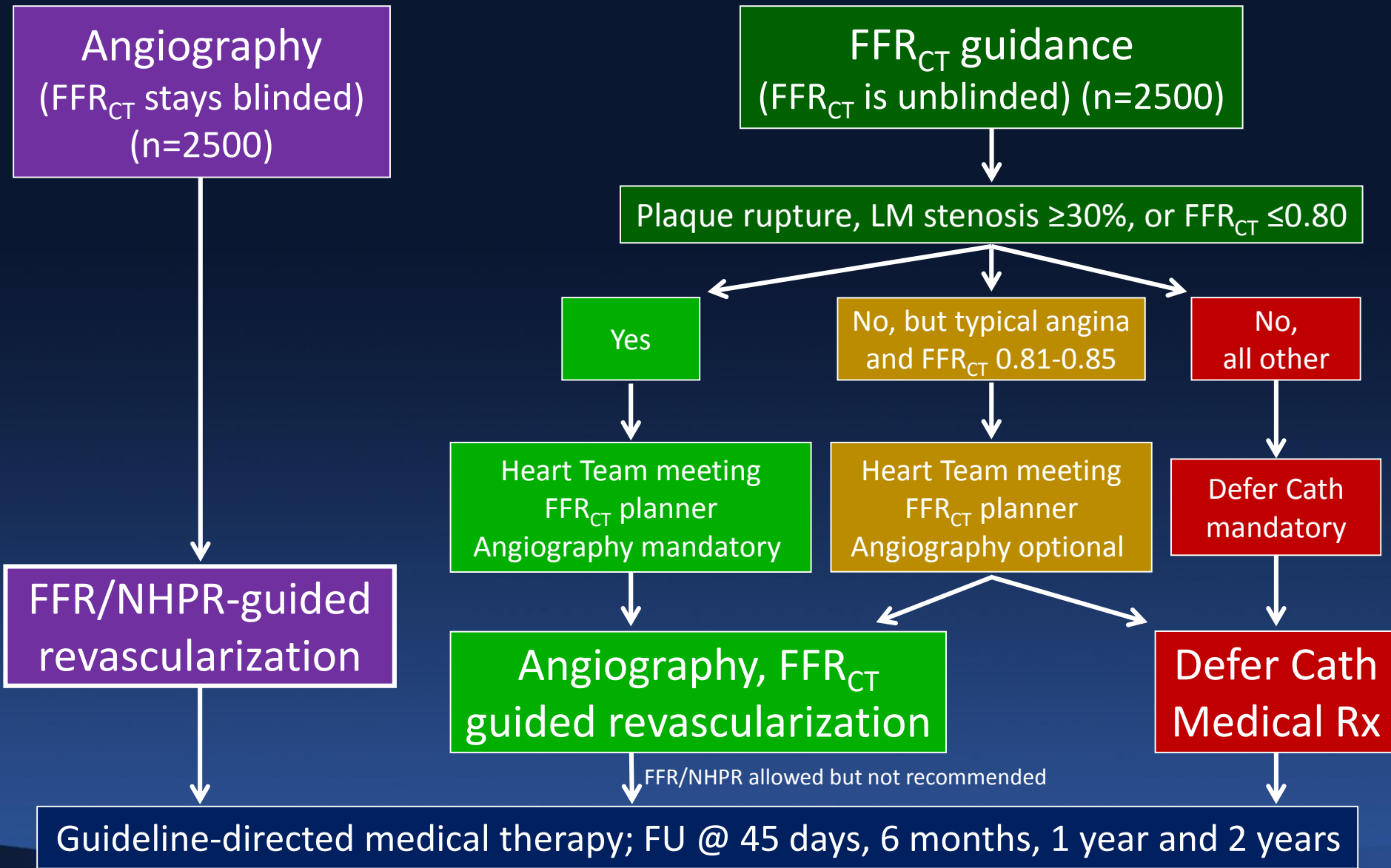
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# DECISION Trial

A multicenter randomized trial of FFR<sub>CT</sub>-guided selective angiography and FFR<sub>CT</sub>-guided revascularization compared with routine angiography and FFR/iFR-guided revascularization in pts with suspected CAD in whom angiography is intended



# DECISION Trial



NHPR = Non-Hyperemic Pressure Ratio: iFR, RFR, dPR, dFR



# DECISION Trial

## Primary endpoints (sequentially tested):

- 1) 2-year  $MACE_1$ : all-cause death, MI, or ischemia-driven revascularization (time-to-first event, powered for noninferiority)
- 2) 2-year  $MACE_2$ : all-cause death, MI, all revascularization, cardiac catheterization without actionable cardiac pathology (requiring transcatheter or surgical cardiac intervention within 30 days)  
(Finkelstein-Schoenfeld hierarchical testing, powered for superiority)

## Secondary powered endpoints (sequentially tested):

- 1) 2-year rate of cardiac catheterization without actionable cardiac pathology (time-to-first event, powered for superiority)
- 2) 2-year total costs (powered for superiority)

# Conclusions

- CTA w/ $FFR_{CT}$  provides data on coronary anatomy and physiology which more strongly correlates with invasive FFR than any other non-invasive diagnostic test
- Non-randomized studies suggest deferral of ICA in pts with negative  $FFR_{CT}$  may safely obviate unnecessary ICA
- The  $FFR_{CT}$  Planner has been developed to allow the local heart team to reach revascularization decisions prior to ICA, and provide interventional guidance for PCI procedures w/o the need for invasive physiology
- The **DECISION Trial** is a large-scale randomized study which will determine whether  $FFR_{CT}$ -guidance with use of the  $FFR_{CT}$  Planner in pts in whom ICA is otherwise planned may safely defer unnecessary cardiac catheterization procedures while improving overall clinical outcomes and reducing costs