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Fractional Flow Reserve and the Results of the FAME Study

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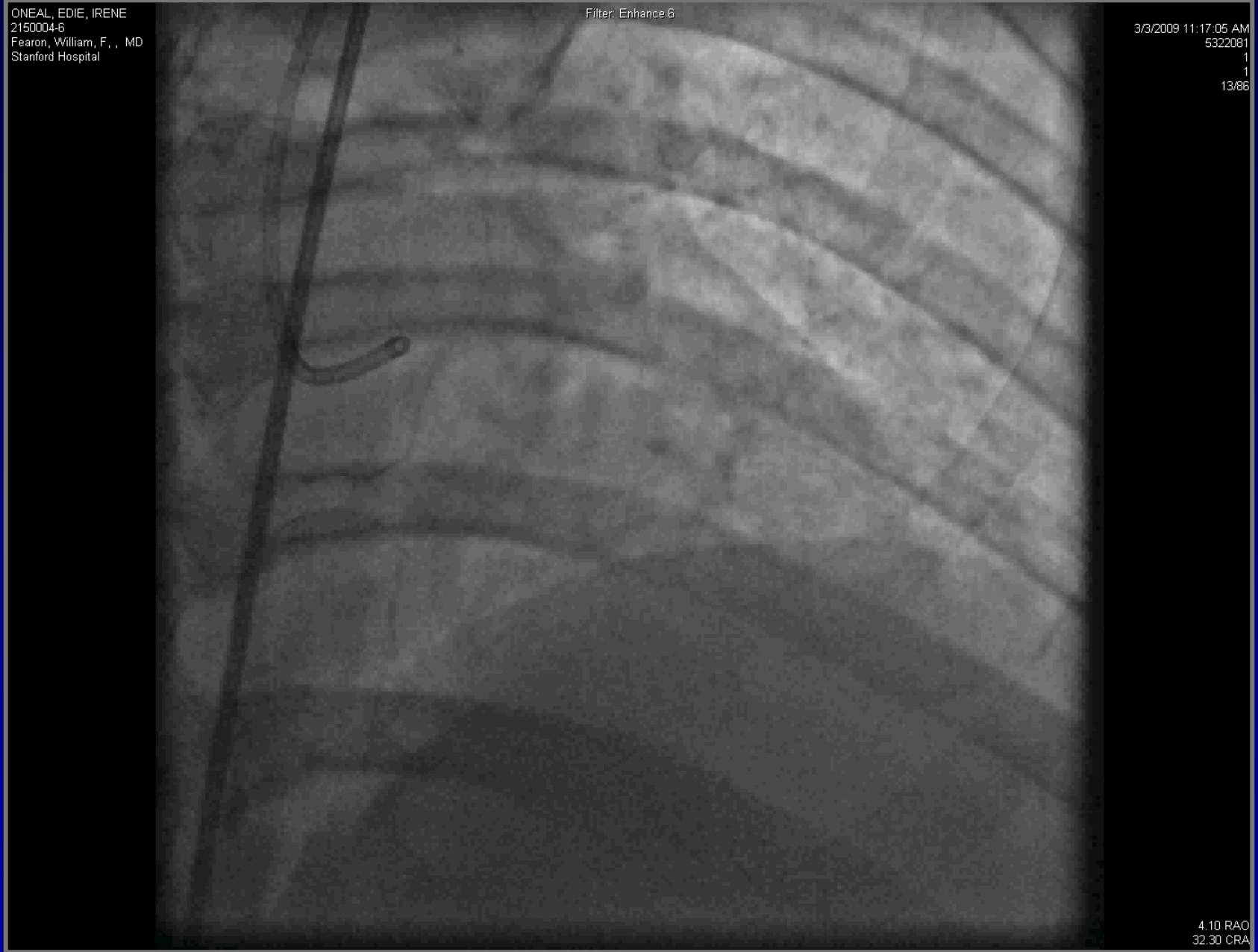


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Frequency of Stress Testing to Document Ischemia Prior to Elective Percutaneous Coronary Intervention

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IN THE UNITED STATES, PERCUTANEOUS coronary intervention (PCI) has become a common treatment strategy for patients with stable coronary artery disease (CAD) and such patients now account for the majority of PCIs performed.^{1,2} However, multiple studies have established that some important outcomes for patients with stable CAD (death and risk of future myocardial infarction) do not differ between patients treated with PCI plus optimal medical therapy and patients treated with optimal medical therapy alone.³⁻¹⁰ The addition of PCI does offer quicker relief of angina than medical therapy alone but also carries an increased risk of repeat revascularization, late-stent thrombosis, and a decreased

Context Guidelines call for documenting ischemia in patients with stable coronary artery disease prior to elective percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI).

Objective To determine the frequency and predictors of stress testing prior to elective PCI in a Medicare population.

Design, Setting, and Patients Retrospective, observational cohort study using claims data from a 20% random sample of 2004 Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries aged 65 years or older who had an elective PCI (N=23 887).

Main Outcome Measures Percentage of patients who underwent stress testing within 90 days prior to elective PCI; variation in stress testing prior to PCI across 306 hospital referral regions; patient, physician, and hospital characteristics that predicted the appropriate use of stress testing prior to elective PCI.

Results In the United States, 44.5% (n=10 629) of patients underwent stress testing within the 90 days prior to elective PCI. There was wide regional variation among the hospital referral regions with stress test rates ranging from 22.1% to 70.6% (national mean, 44.5%; interquartile range, 39.0%-50.9%). Female sex (adjusted odds ratio [AOR], 0.91; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.86-0.97), age of 85 years or older (AOR, 0.83; 95% CI, 0.72-0.95), a history of congestive heart failure (AOR, 0.85; 95% CI, 0.79-0.92), and prior cardiac catheterization (AOR, 0.45; 95% CI, 0.38-0.54) were associated with a decreased likelihood of prior stress testing. A history of chest pain (AOR, 1.28; 95% CI, 1.09-1.54) and black race (AOR, 1.26; 95% CI, 1.09-1.46) increased the likelihood of stress testing prior to PCI. Patients treated by physicians performing 150 or more PCIs per year were less likely to have stress testing prior to PCI (AOR, 0.84; 95% CI, 0.77-0.93). No hospital characteristics were associated with receipt of stress testing.

Conclusion The majority of Medicare patients with stable coronary artery disease do not have documentation of ischemia by noninvasive testing prior to elective PCI.

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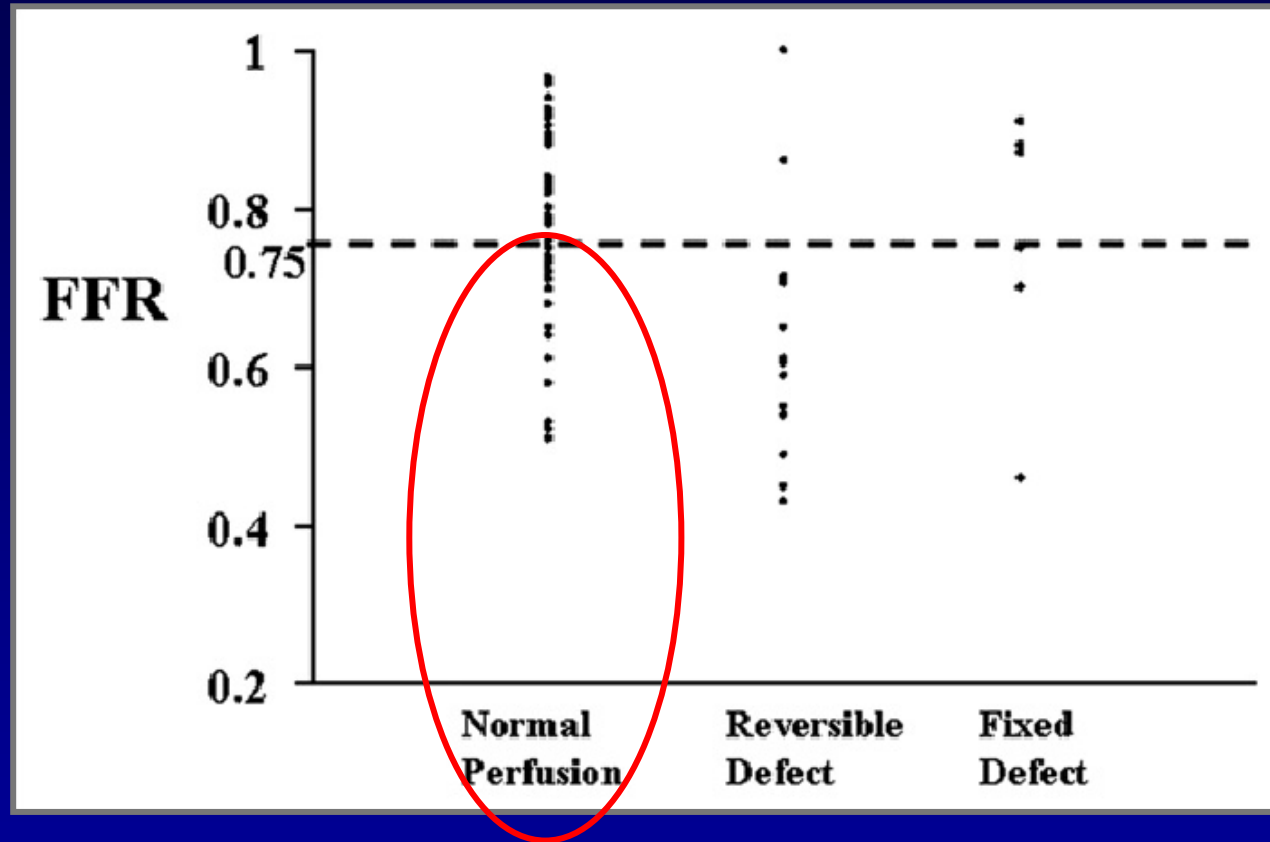
Limitations of Noninvasive Imaging:

*143 Patients with angiographically significant
3 vessel disease (> 70% diameter stenosis)*

Nuclear Scan Finding	% Patients
No Defect	18%
Single Vessel Pattern	36%
Two Vessel Pattern	36%
Three Vessel Pattern	10%

FFR vs. Nuclear Perfusion Scan in MVD

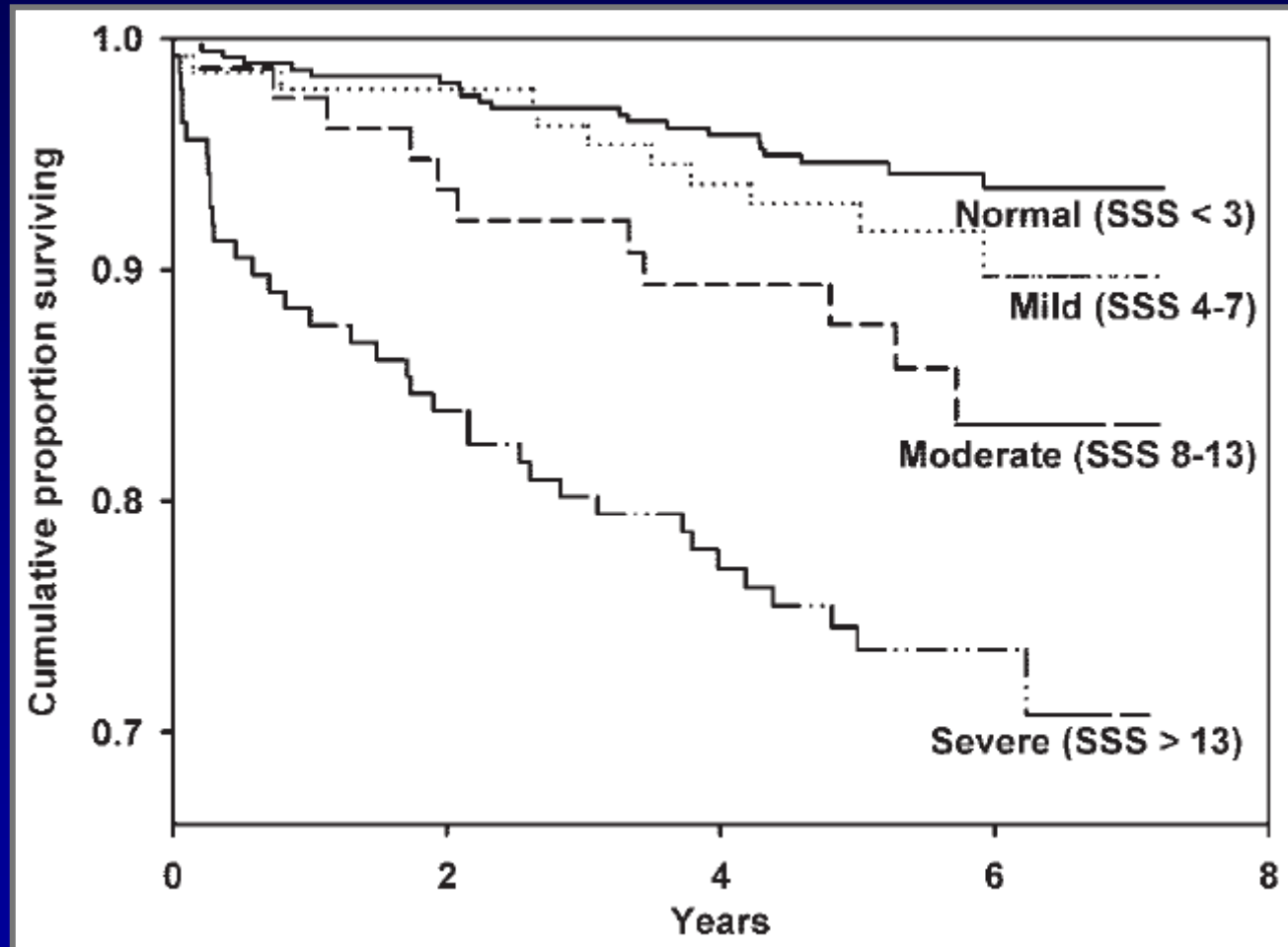
36 patients with multivessel CAD



Discordance occurred in 31% of vessels / territories, predominantly because of a low FFR and normal nuclear result

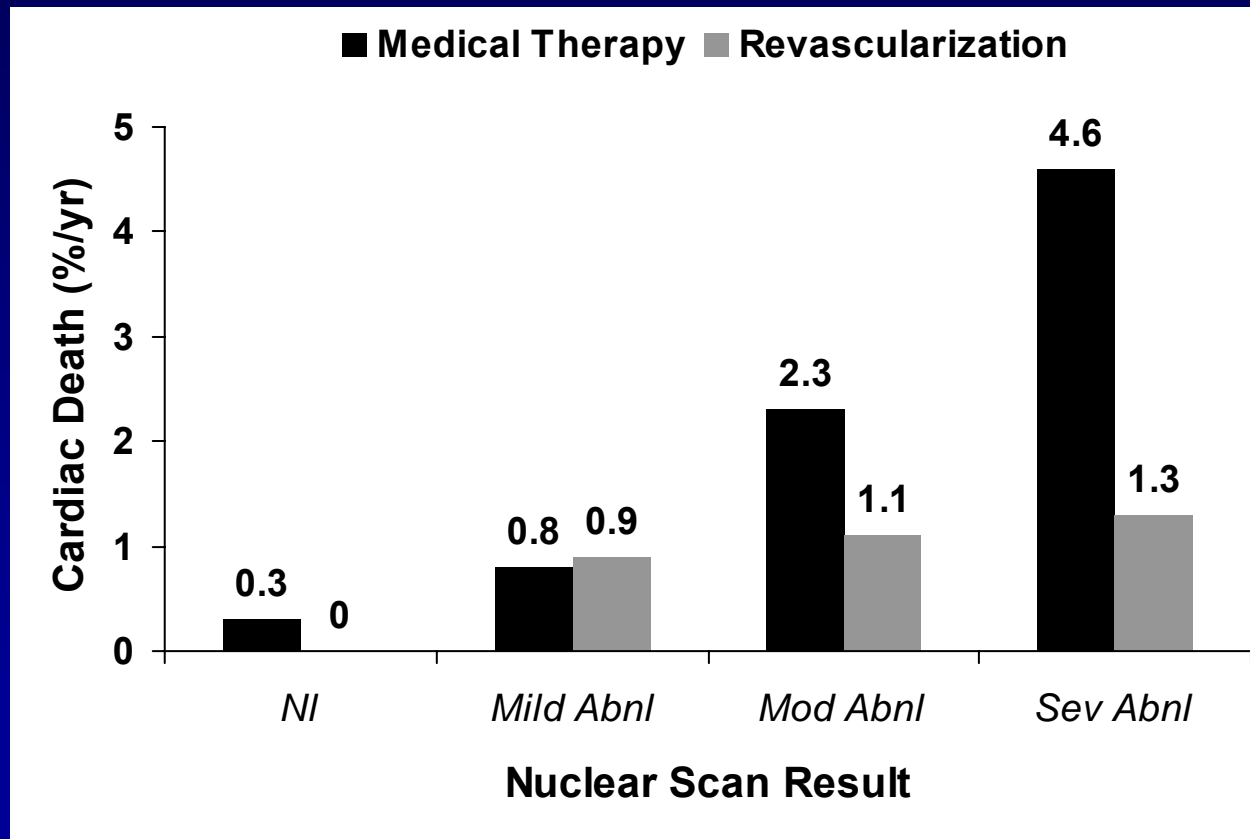
Prognostic Importance of Ischemia

Nuclear perfusion scans in 718 patients followed for 5 years



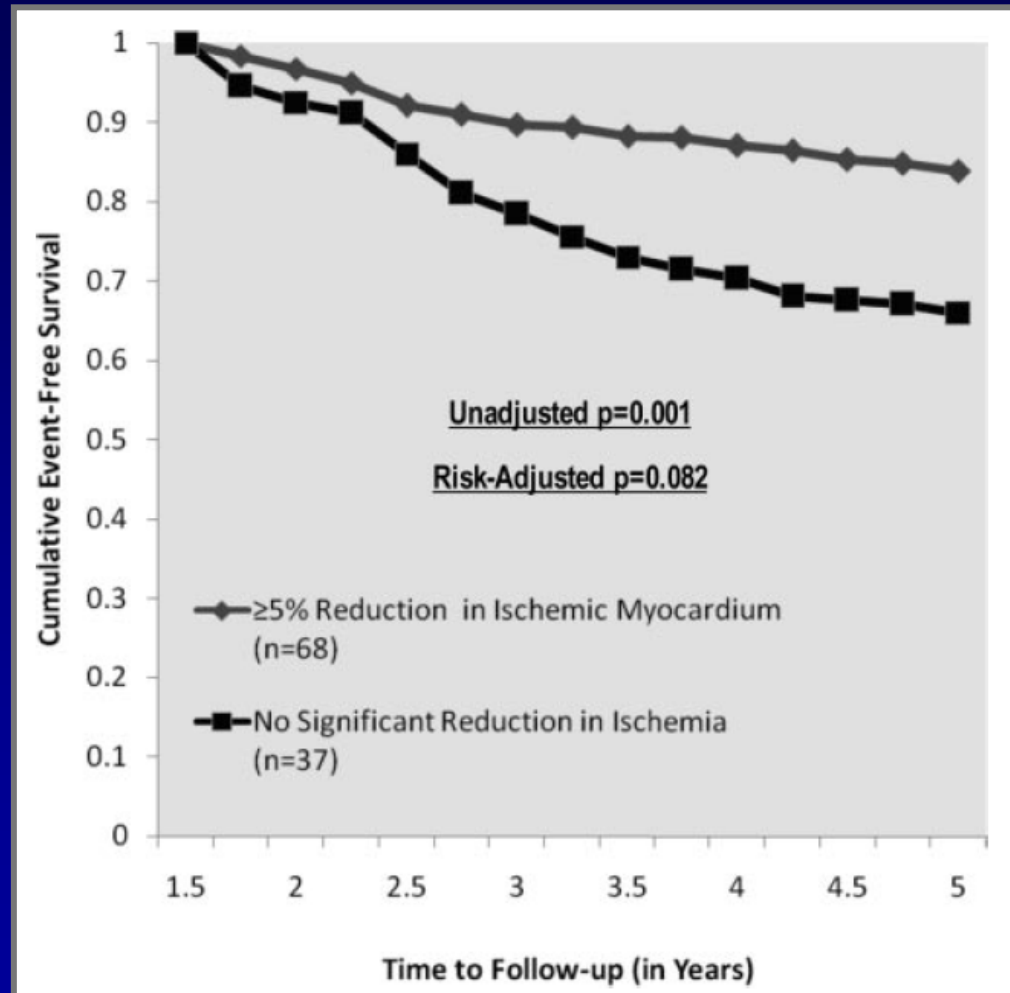
Importance of Revascularization when Ischemia is Present

Nuclear perfusion scans performed in > 5000 patients



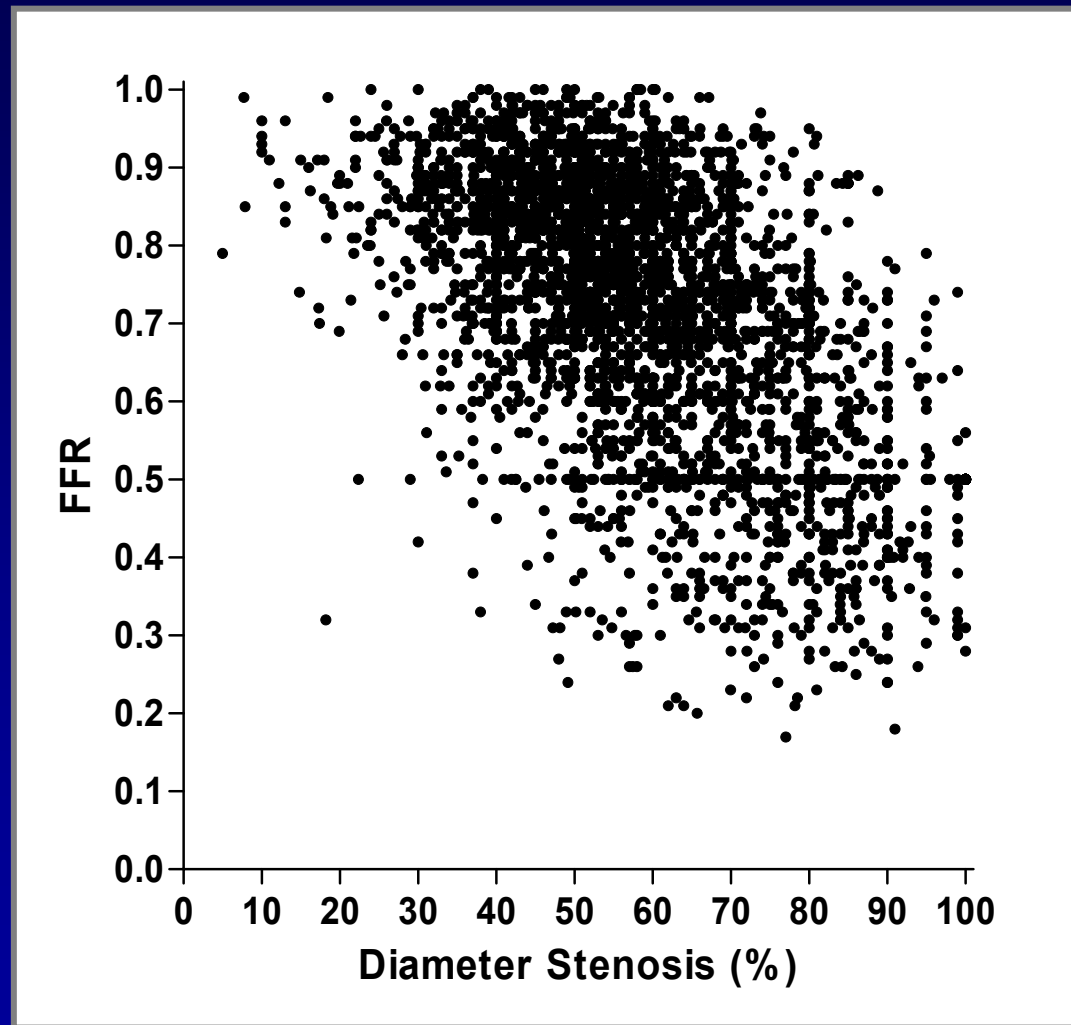
COURAGE Nuclear Substudy

Comparison of death/MI in patients with mod-severe pre-treatment ischemia



Limitation of Angiography

Comparison of QCA to FFR in over 3,000 lesions

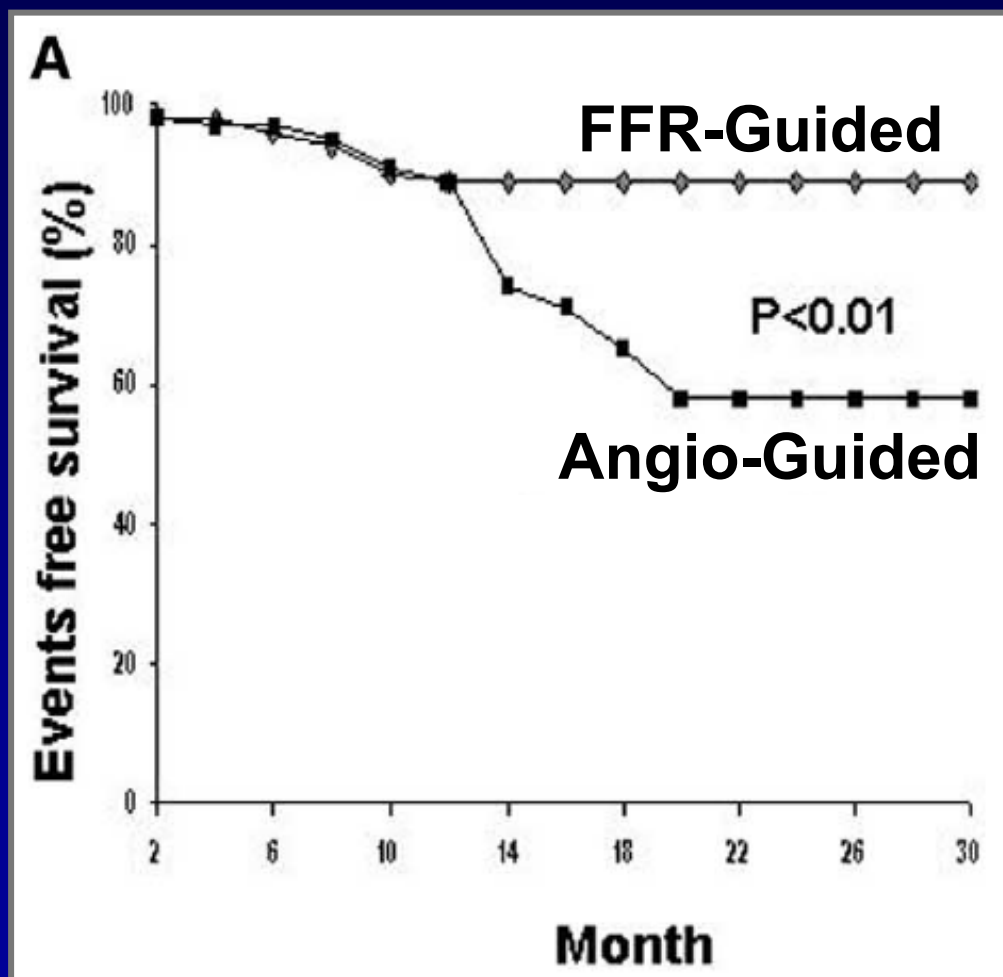


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FFR-Guided PCI in MVD

137 Patients, Non-Randomized



Fractional Flow Reserve

versus

Angiography for

Multivessel

Evaluation



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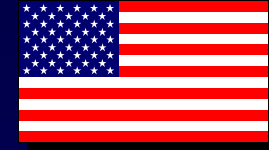
HYPOTHESIS



FFR – guided Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) in multivessel disease is superior to current angiography – guided PCI



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Study Population



The FAME study was designed to **reflect daily practice** in performing PCI in patients **with multivessel disease**

Inclusion criteria:

- **ALL** patients with multivessel disease
- At least 2 stenoses $\geq 50\%$ in 2 or 3 major epicardial coronary artery disease, amenable for stenting

Exclusion criteria:

- Left main disease or previous bypass surgery
- Acute STEMI
- Extremely tortuous or calcified coronary arteries

FLOW CHART



Patient with stenoses $\geq 50\%$
in at least 2 of the 3 major
epicardial vessels

Indicate all stenoses $\geq 50\%$
requiring stenting

Randomization

Angiography-guided PCI

FFR-guided PCI

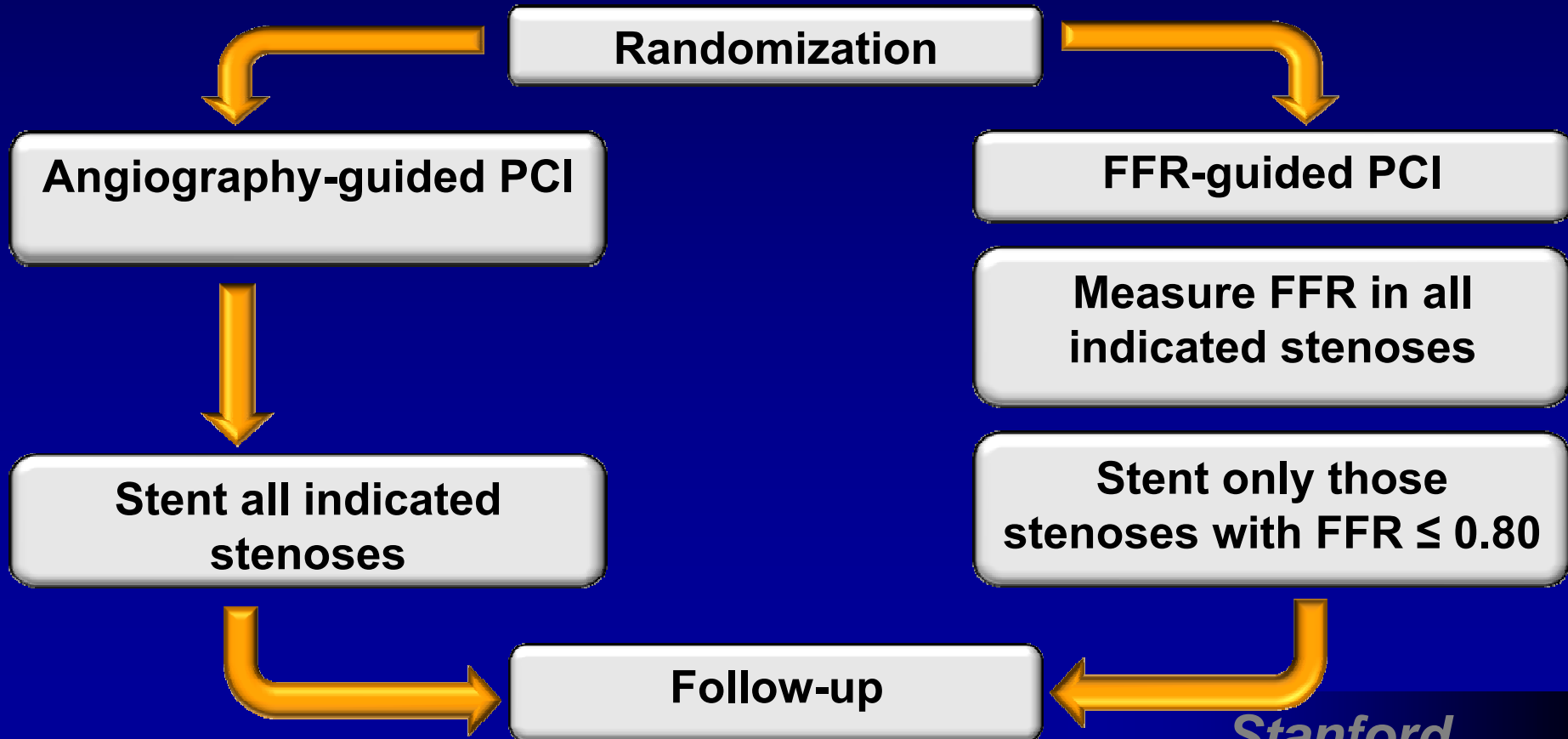
Stent all indicated
stenoses

Measure FFR in all
indicated stenoses

Stent only those
stenoses with $FFR \leq 0.80$

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PRIMARY ENDPOINT



Composite of death, myocardial infarction,
or repeat revascularization (“MACE”)
at 1 year

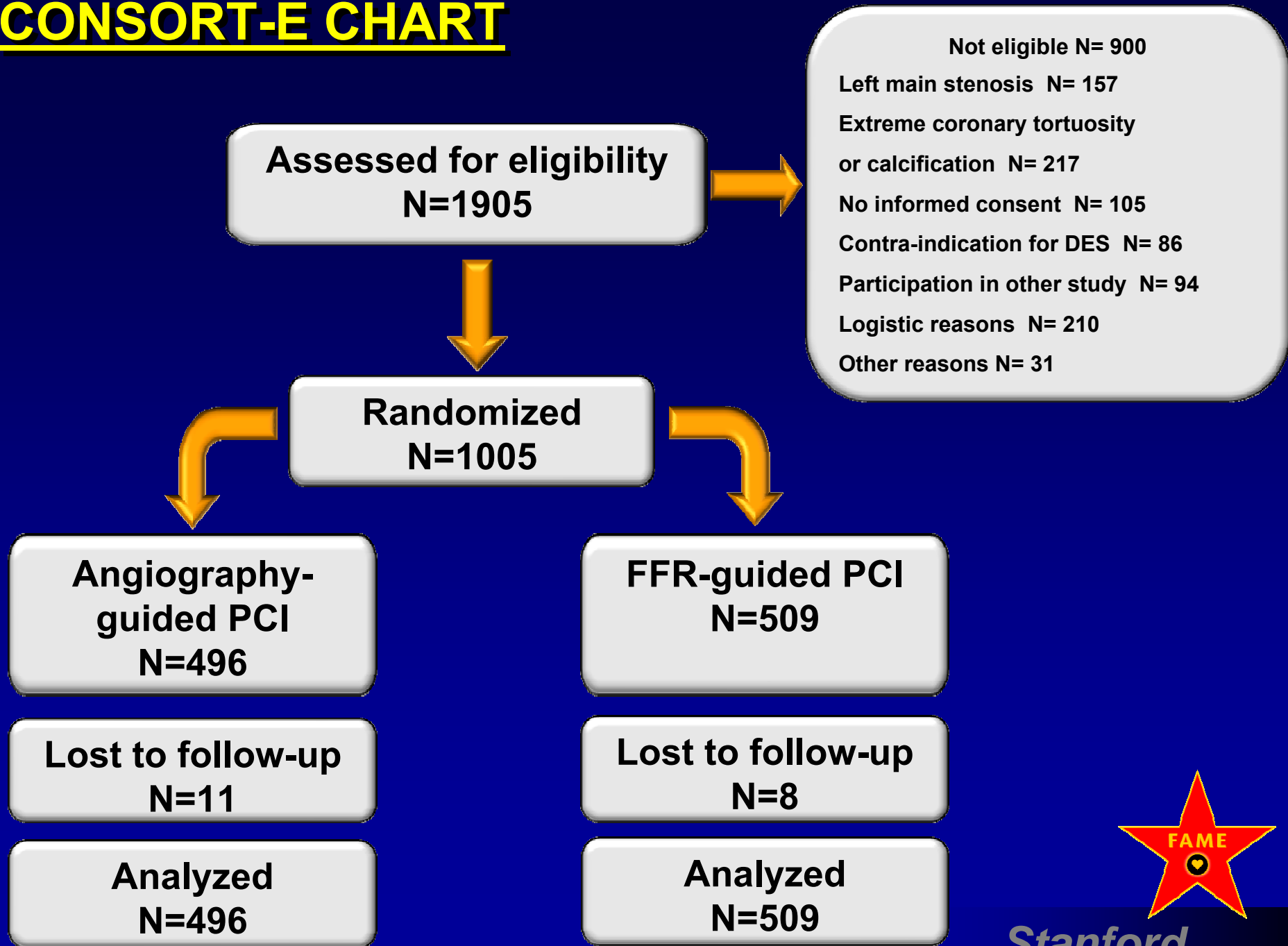
SECONDARY ENDPOINTS



- Individual components of MACE at 1 year
- Functional class
- Use of anti-anginal drugs
- Health-related quality of life (EuroQOL-5D)

- Procedure time
- Amount of contrast agent used during procedure
- Cost of the procedure

CONSORT-E CHART



Baseline Characteristics



	ANGIO-group N=496	FFR-group N=509	P- value
Age, mean±SD	64±10	65±10	0.47
Male, %	73	75	0.30
Diabetes, %	25	24	0.65
Hypertension, %	66	61	0.10
Current smoker, %	32	27	0.12
Hyperlipidemia, %	74	72	0.62
Previous MI, %	36	37	0.84
Unstable angina, %	36	29	0.11
Previous PCI, %	26	29	0.34
LVEF, mean±SD	57±12	57±11	0.92
LVEF < 50%, %	27	29	0.47

Procedural Results (1)



	ANGIO-group N=496	FFR-group N=509	P-value
# indicated lesions per patient	2.7 ± 0.9	2.8 ± 1.0	0.34
50-70% narrowing, No (%)	550 (41)	624 (44)	-
70-90% narrowing, No (%)	553 (41)	530 (37)	-
> 90% narrowing, No (%)	247 (18)	260 (18)	-
Stents per patient	2.7 ± 1.2	1.9 ± 1.3	<0.001
Lesions successfully stented (%)	92%	94%	-
DES, total, No	1359	980	-

Procedural Results (2)



	ANGIO-group N=496	FFR-group N=509	P-value
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Length of hospital stay (days)	3.7 ± 3.5	3.4 ± 3.3	0.05

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CABG or repeat PCI	47 (9.5)	33 (6.5)	0.08

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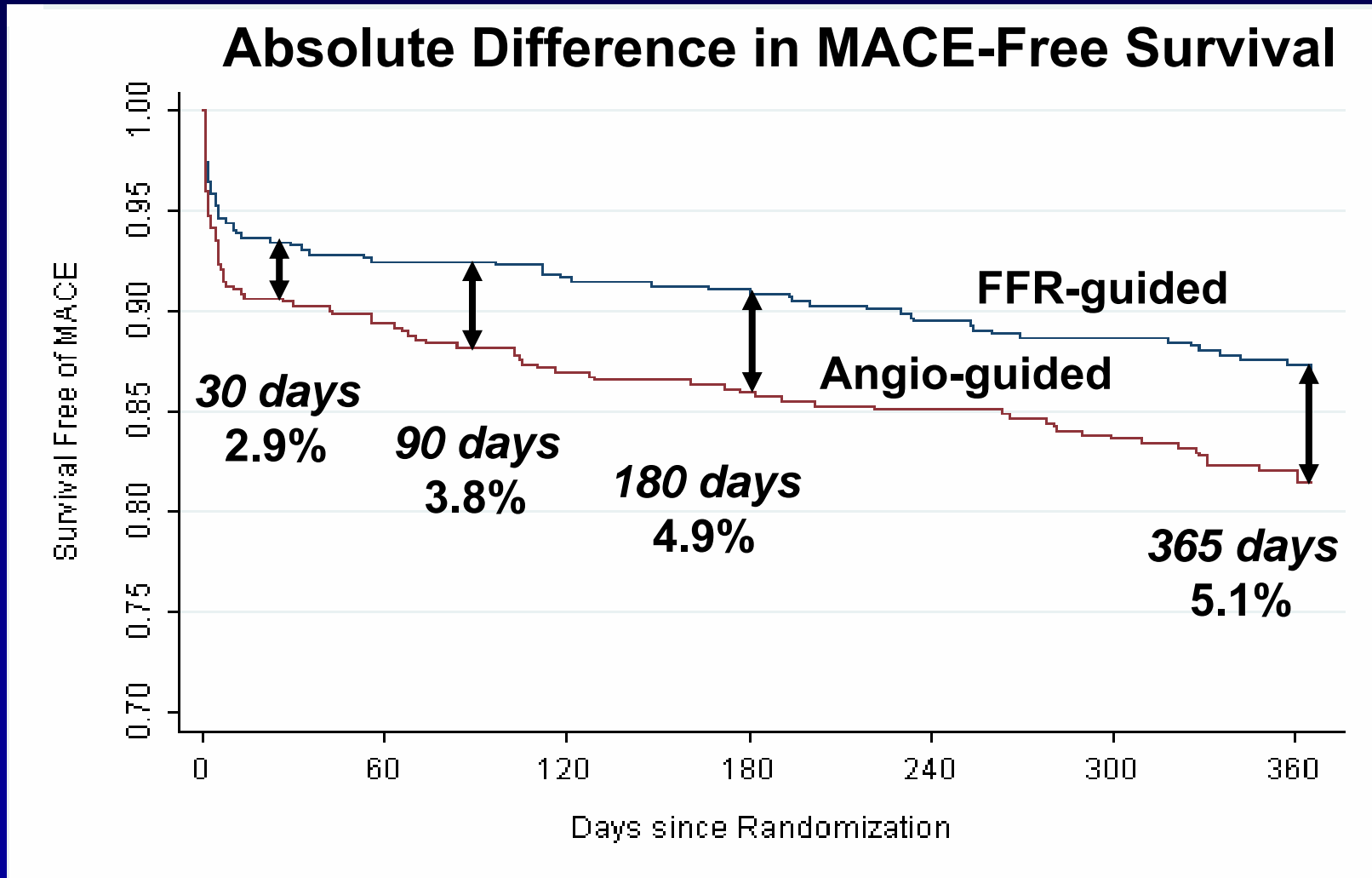
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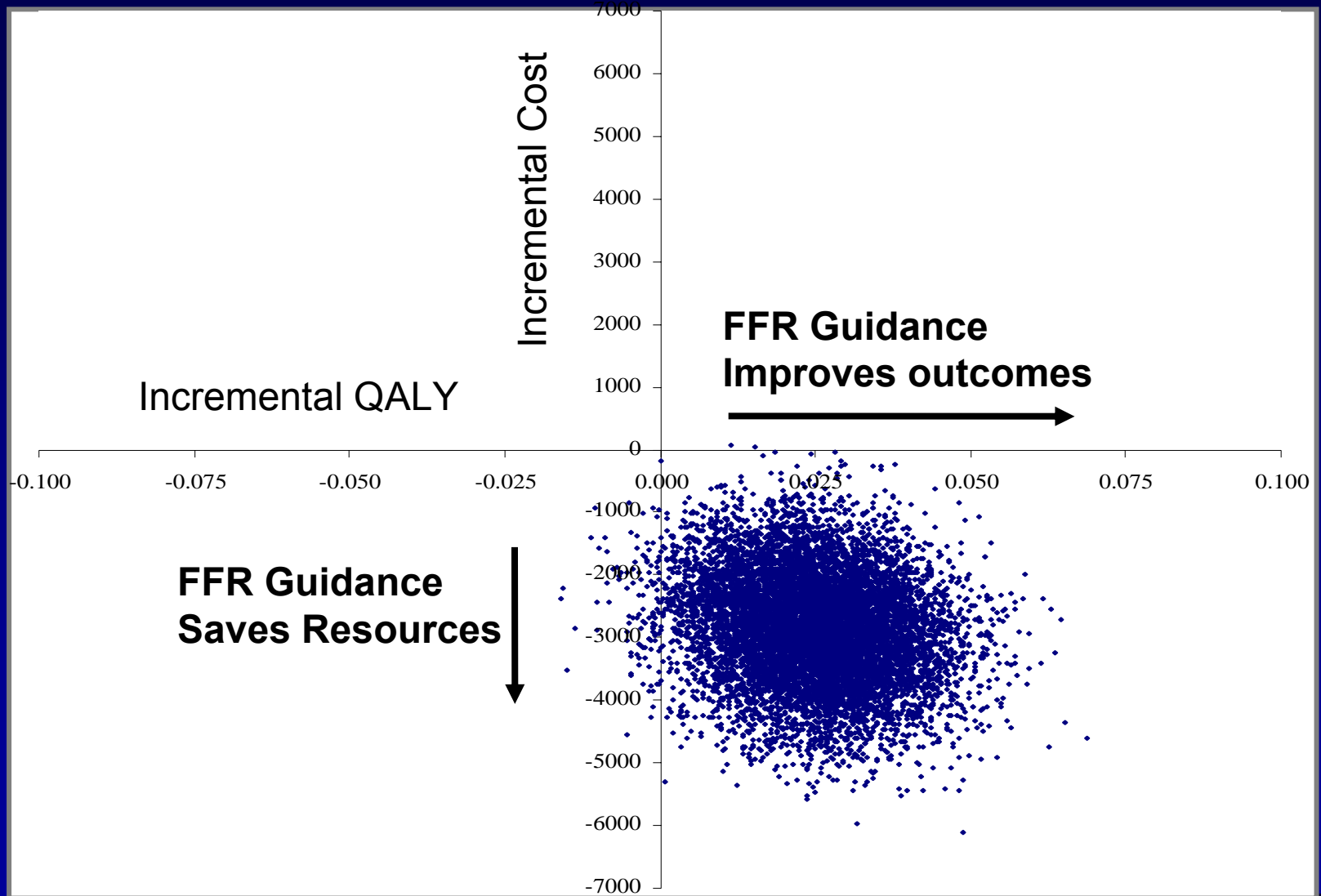
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<i>Myocardial infarction, specified</i>			
All myocardial infarctions	43 (8.7)	29 (5.7)	0.07
Small periprocedural CK-MB 3-5 x N	16	12	
Other infarctions (“late or large”)	27	17	

Event-free Survival

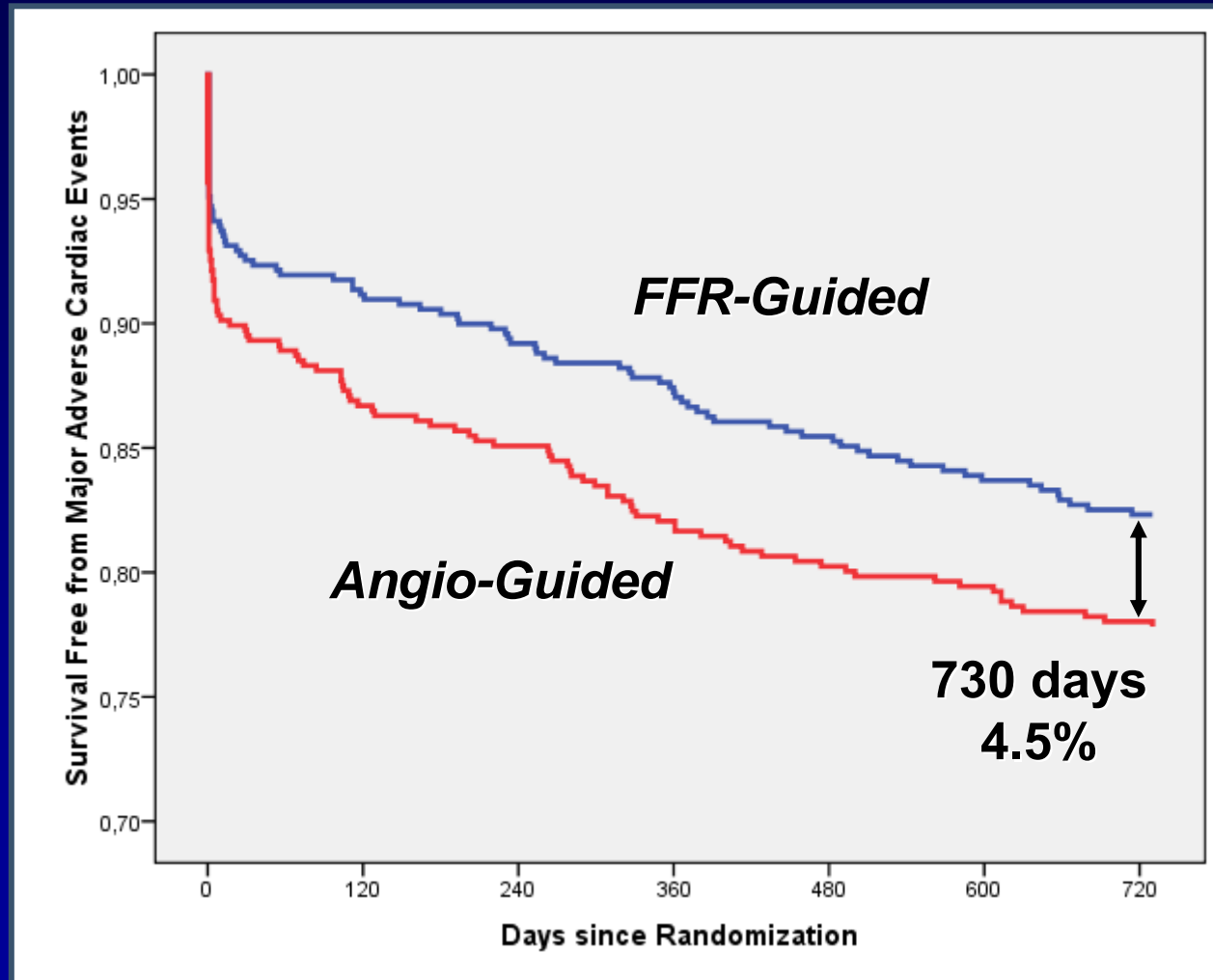


FAME 1 Year Economic Evaluation

Bootstrap Simulation



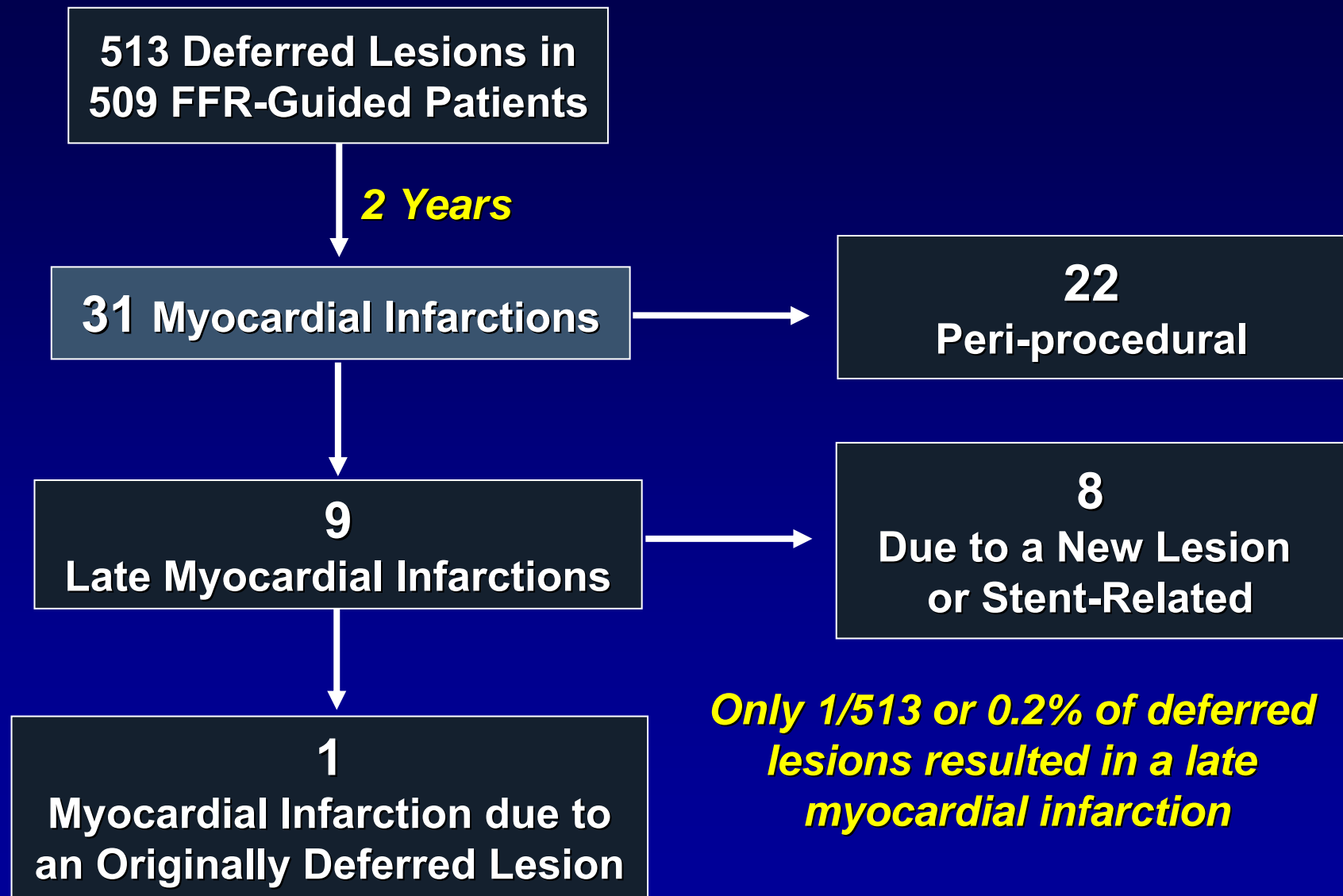
2 Year Survival Free of MACE



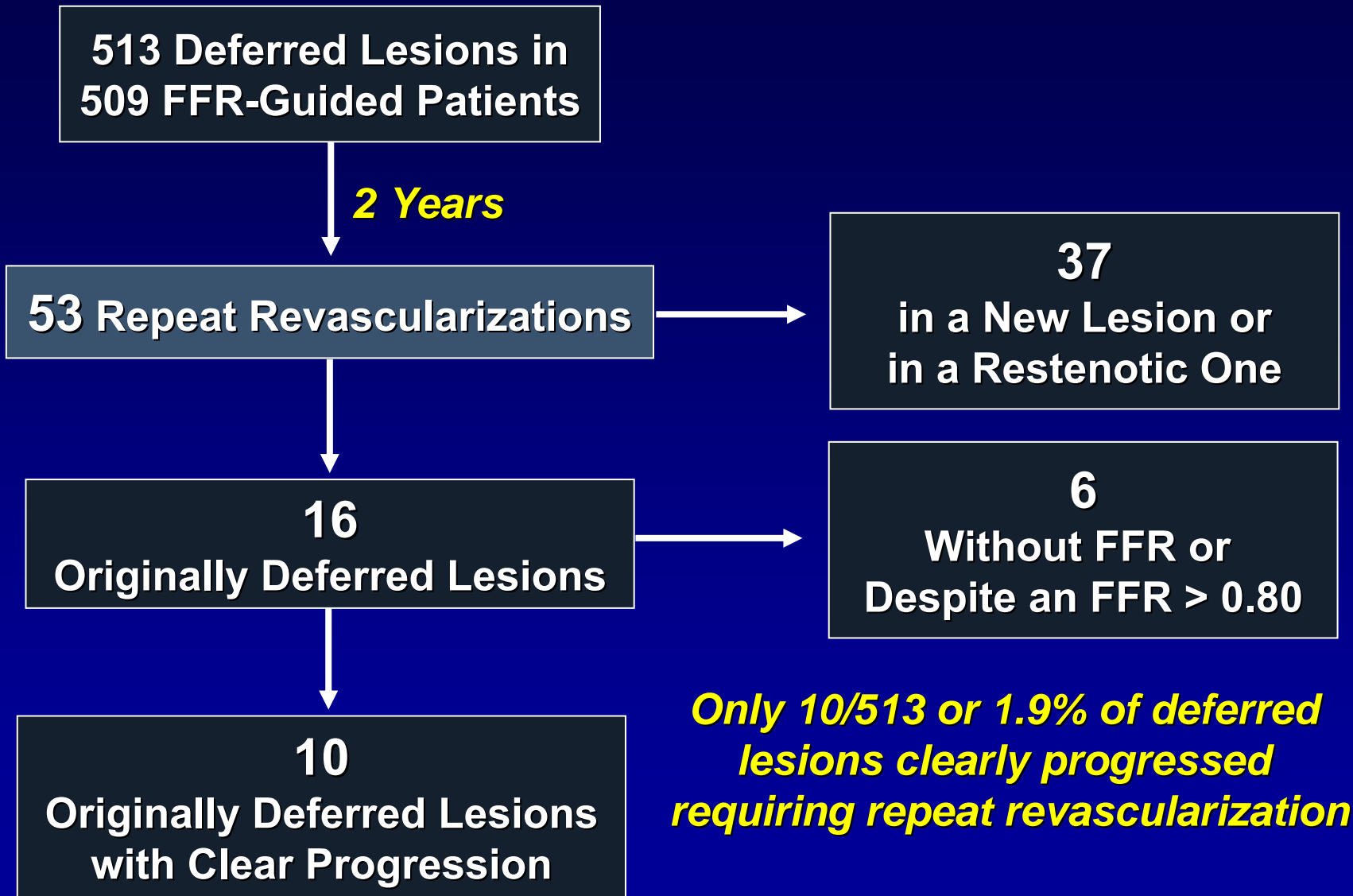
Adverse Events at 2 Years

	Angio- Guided n = 496	FFR- Guided n = 509	P Value
Total no. of MACE	139	105	
<i>Individual Endpoints</i>			
Death	19 (3.8)	13 (2.6)	0.25
Myocardial Infarction	48 (9.7)	31 (6.1)	0.03
CABG or repeat PCI	61 (12.3)	53 (10.4)	0.35
<i>Composite Endpoints</i>			
Death or Myocardial Infarction	63 (12.7)	43 (8.4)	0.03
Death, MI, CABG, or re-PCI	110 (22.2)	90 (17.7)	0.07

2 Year Outcome of Deferred Lesions



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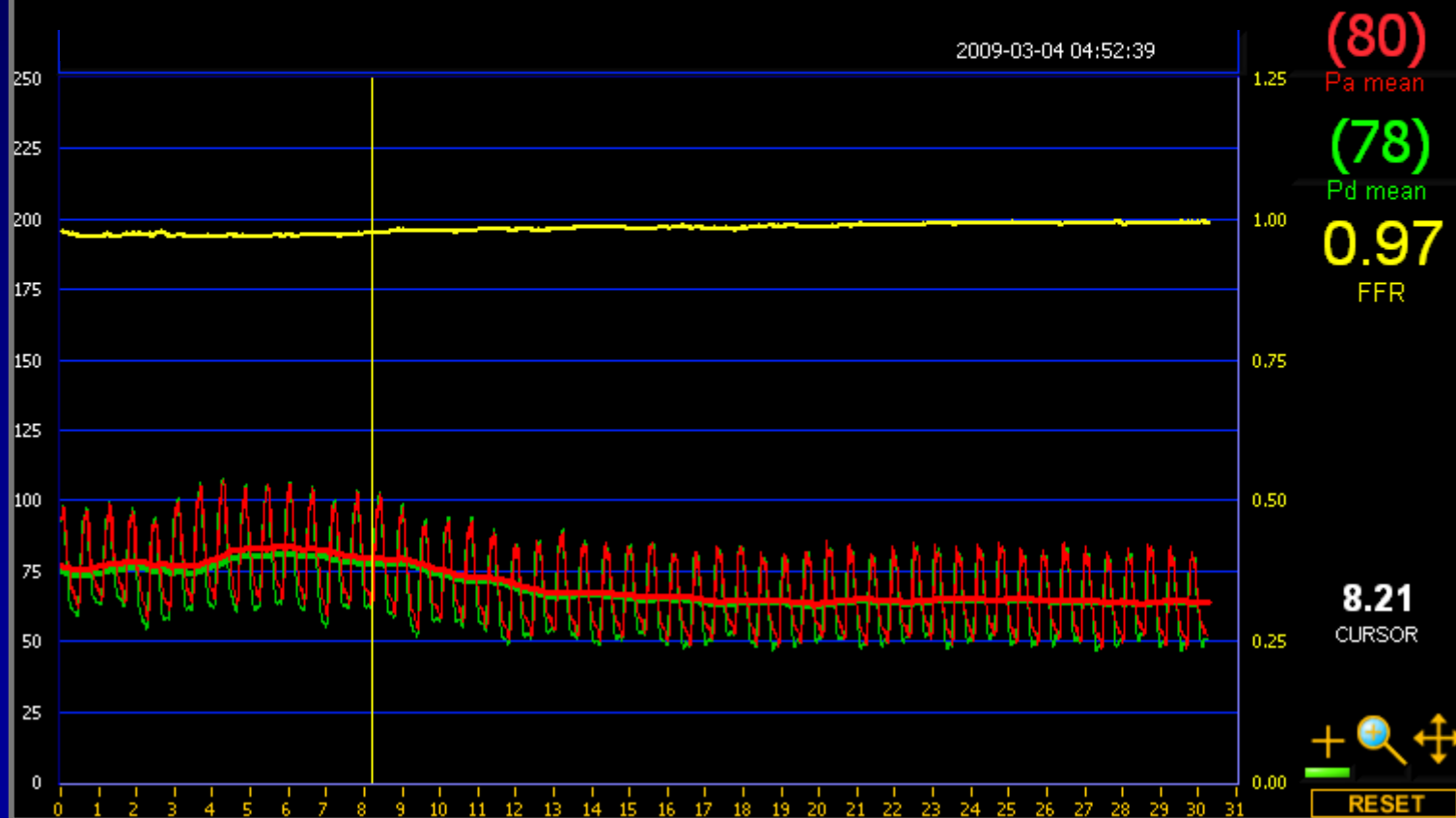
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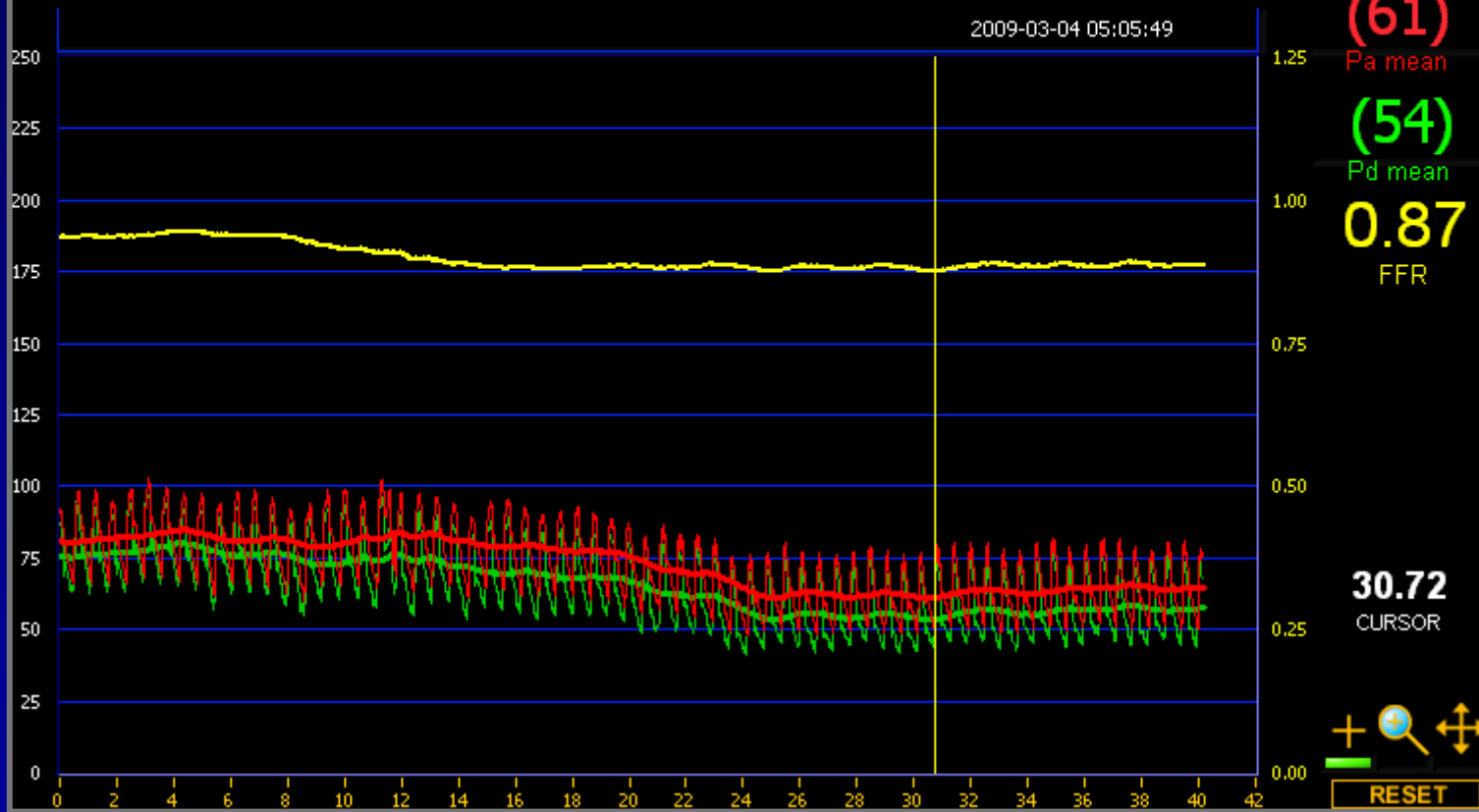
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FFR of Ramus = 0.97



FFR of RCA = 0.87



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Summary of Case

- Anatomic 3V CAD, functional 1V CAD
- Successfully treated with single stent
- 130 cc contrast, < 1 hour procedure
- Remains event free at 8 months

Anatomic vs. Functional CAD

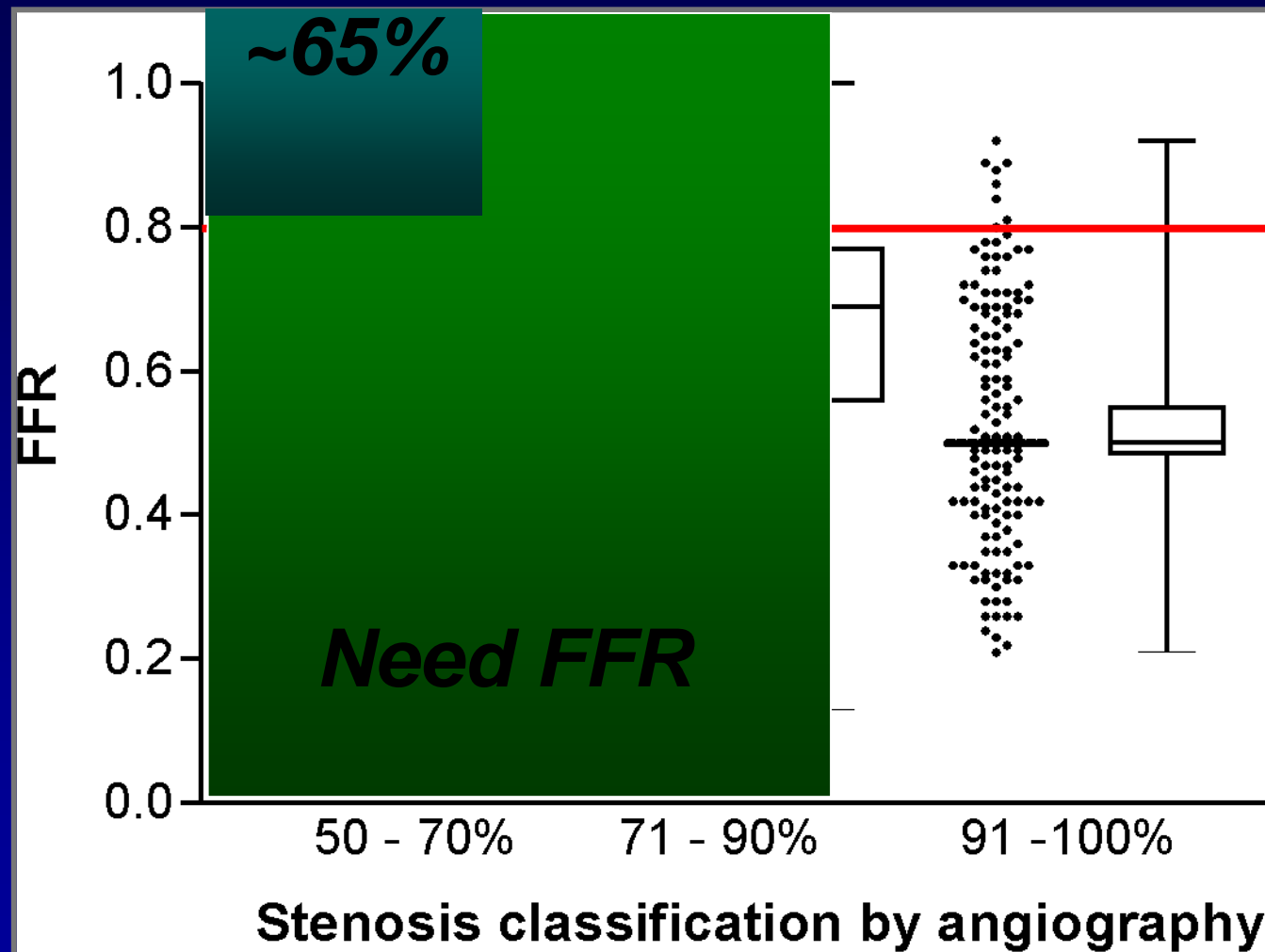
Patients with angiographically 3VD (N=115), proportions per number of diseased vessels after assessment by FFR



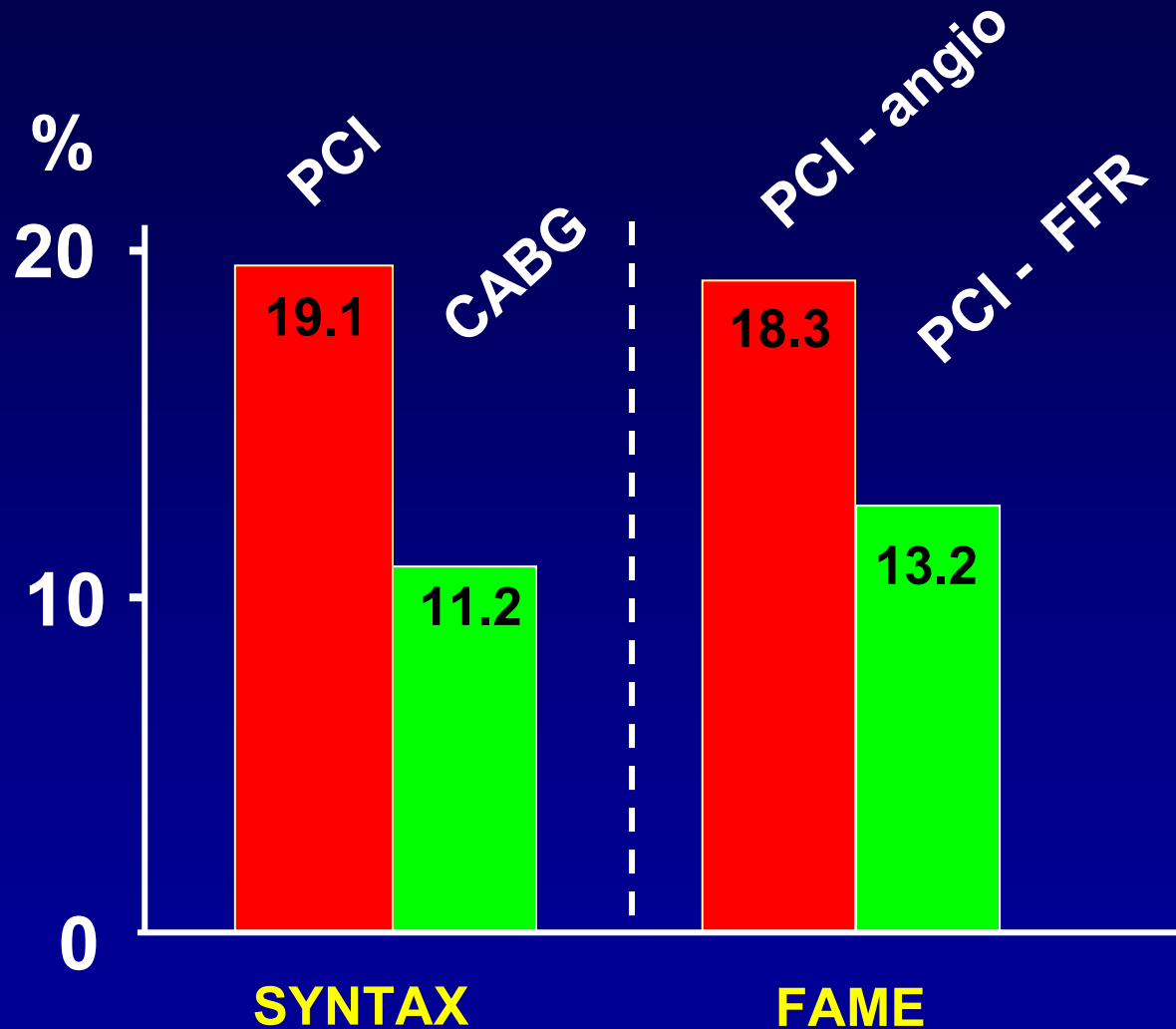
***Angiographic
3 Vessel
Disease***

Which Lesions Need FFR?

1329 lesions in the FFR-guided arm



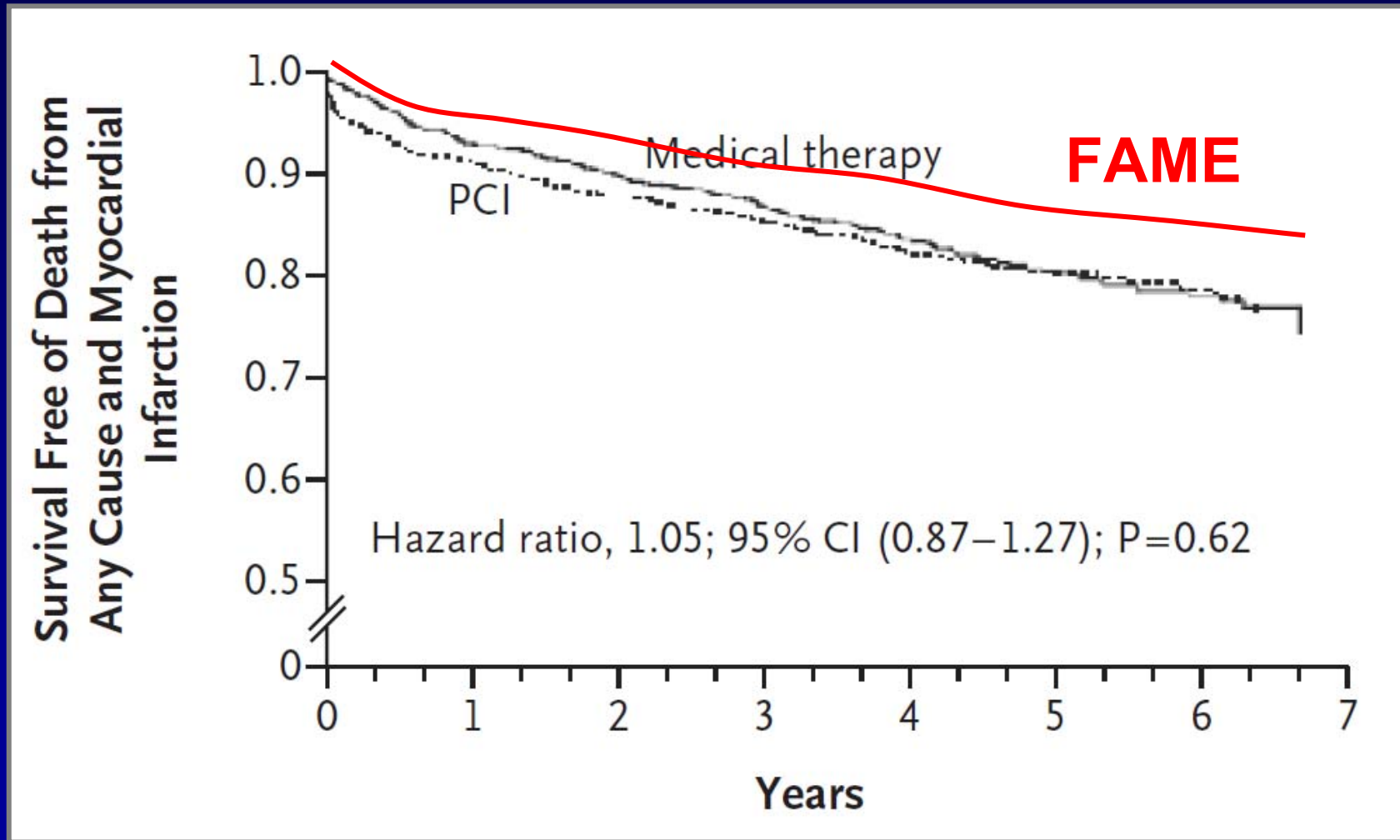
Implications of FAME



1 year MACE Rates

Implications of FAME

Death and MI in the COURAGE study



Conclusion:

- FFR-guided PCI in patients with multi-vessel CAD compared to angio-guided PCI:
 - Improves outcomes at 1 year
 - Saves money
 - Simplifies the procedure
 - Is durable out to two years with excellent outcomes in the deferred lesions