

The Culprit Shock Trial Challenges Current Guidelines Does It ?

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No conflict of interest

Case presentation

- 48 years old women
- No previous complaints
- Physical fitness (mountain biking)
- Witnessed cardiac arrest
- Arrival ambulance 18 min
- VF
- 6x times defibrillation
- Asystolie atropine



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- Intubated 60/40-30/0-no output
 - Unstable, recurrent VF
 - Noradrenaline/dobutamine /amiodarone

 - Diagnosis :
 - Out of hospital arrest with cardiogenic shock .



Table 11 Primary PCI: indications and procedural aspects

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
Indications for primary PCI			
Primary PCI is the recommended reperfusion therapy over fibrinolysis if performed by an experienced team within 120 min of FMC.	I	A	69, 99
Primary PCI is indicated for patients with severe acute heart failure or cardiogenic shock, unless the expected PCI related delay is excessive and the patient presents early after symptom onset.	I	B	100
Procedural aspects of primary PCI			
Stenting is recommended (over balloon angioplasty alone) for primary PCI.	I	A	101, 102
Primary PCI should be limited to the culprit vessel with the exception of cardiogenic shock and persistent ischaemia after PCI of the supposed culprit lesion.	IIa	B	75, 103–105
If performed by an experienced radial operator, radial access should be preferred over femoral access.	IIa	B	78, 79
If the patient has no contraindications to prolonged DAPT (indication for oral anticoagulation, or estimated high long-term bleeding risk) and is likely to be compliant, DES should be preferred over BMS.	IIa	A	80, 82, 106, 107
Routine thrombus aspiration should be considered.	IIa	B	83–85
Routine use of distal protection devices is not recommended.	III	C	86, 108
Routine use of IABP (in patients without shock) is not recommended.	III	A	97, 98

BMS = bare-metal stent; DAPT = dual antiplatelet therapy; DES = drug-eluting stent; IABP = intra-aortic balloon pump; PCI = percutaneous coronary intervention.

^aClass of recommendation.

^bLevel of evidence.

^cReferences.

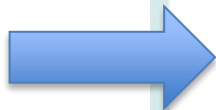


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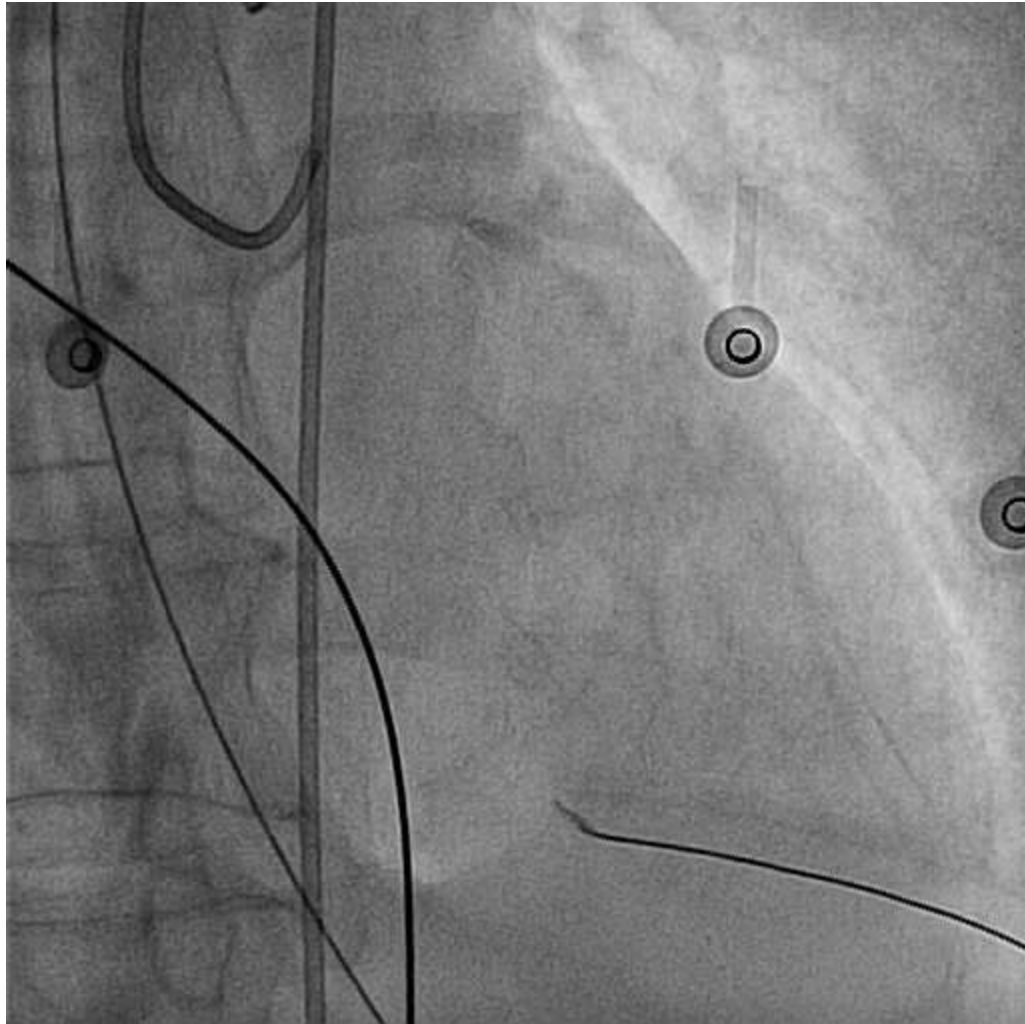
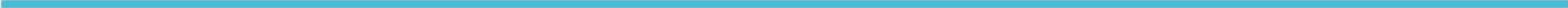
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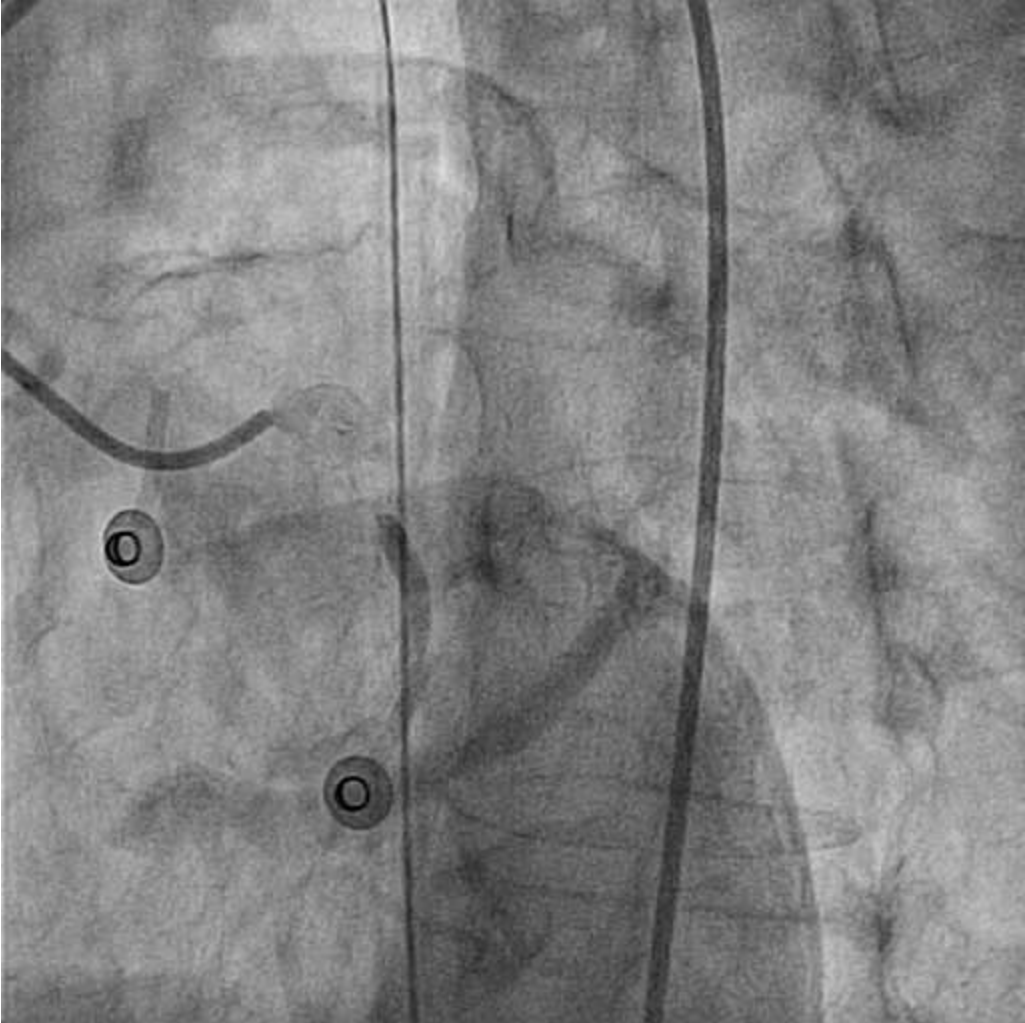
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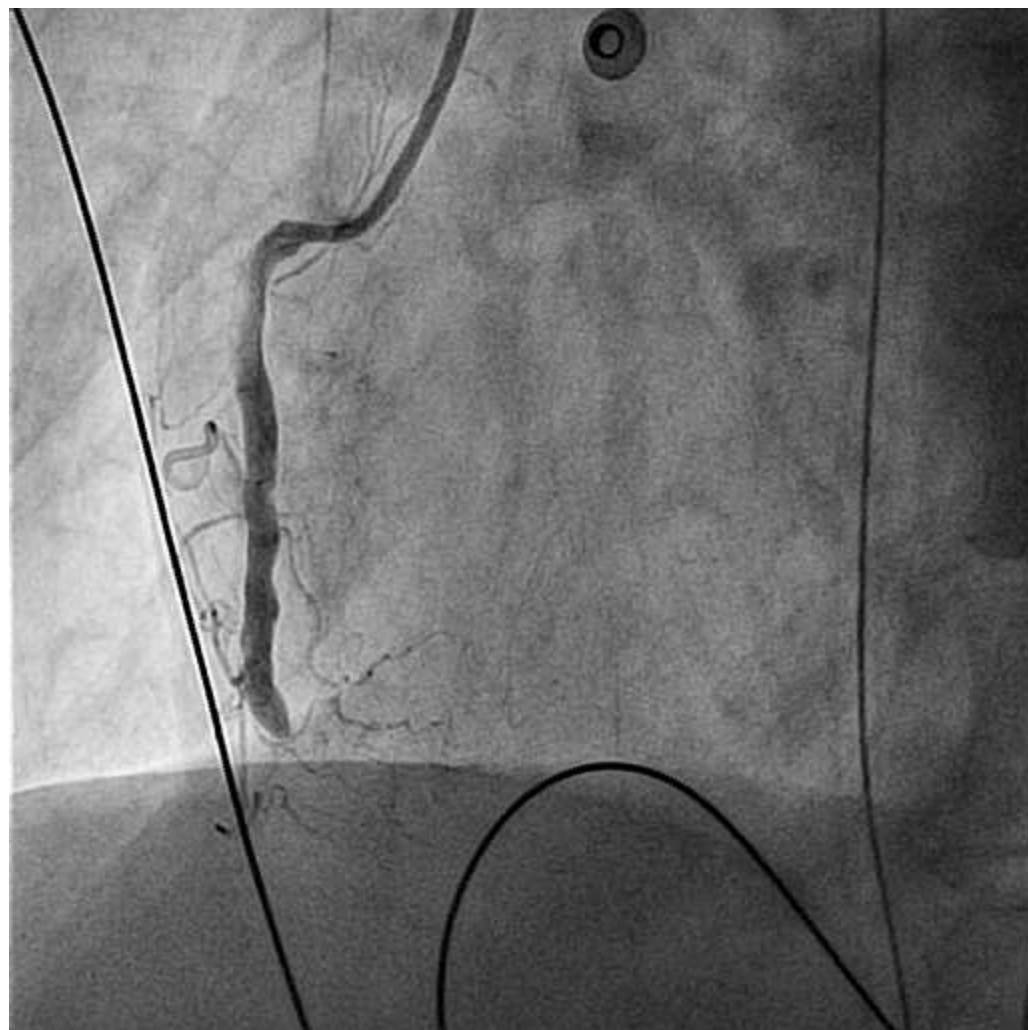
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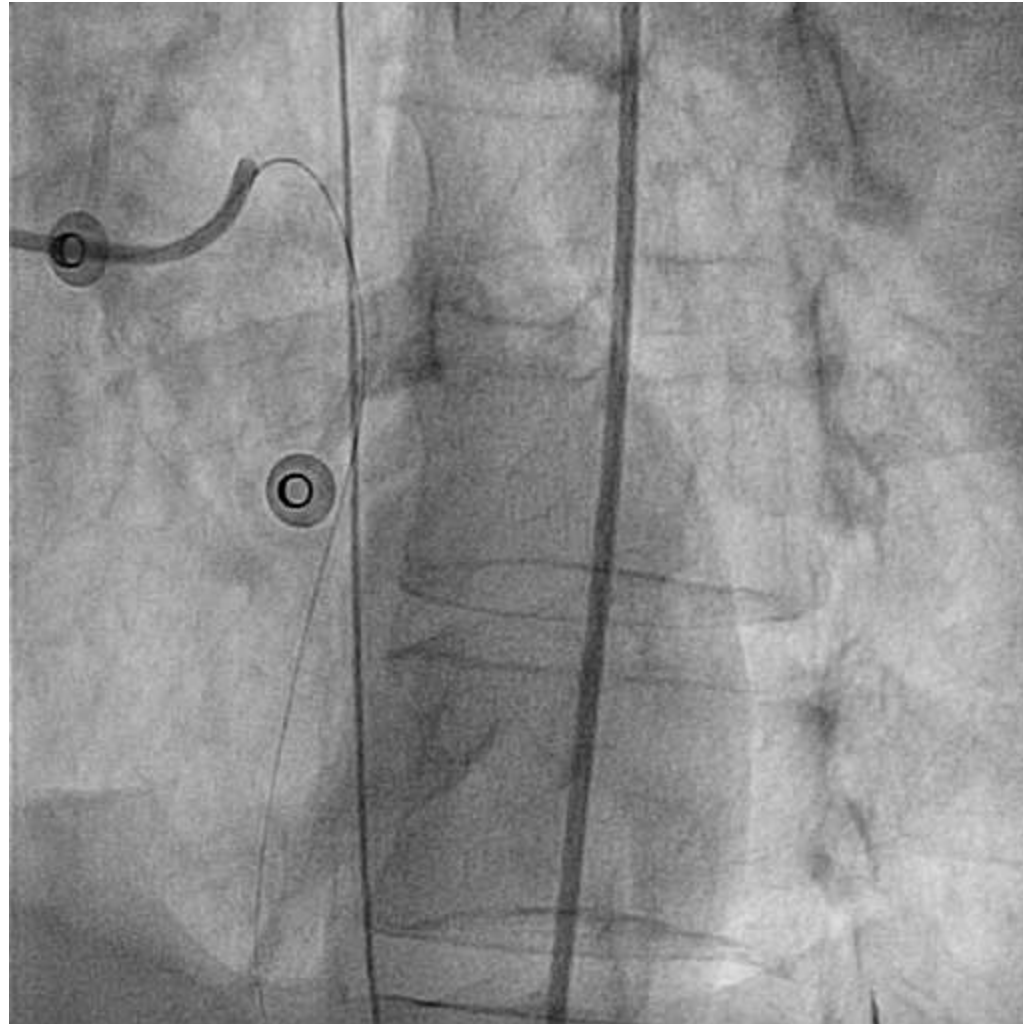
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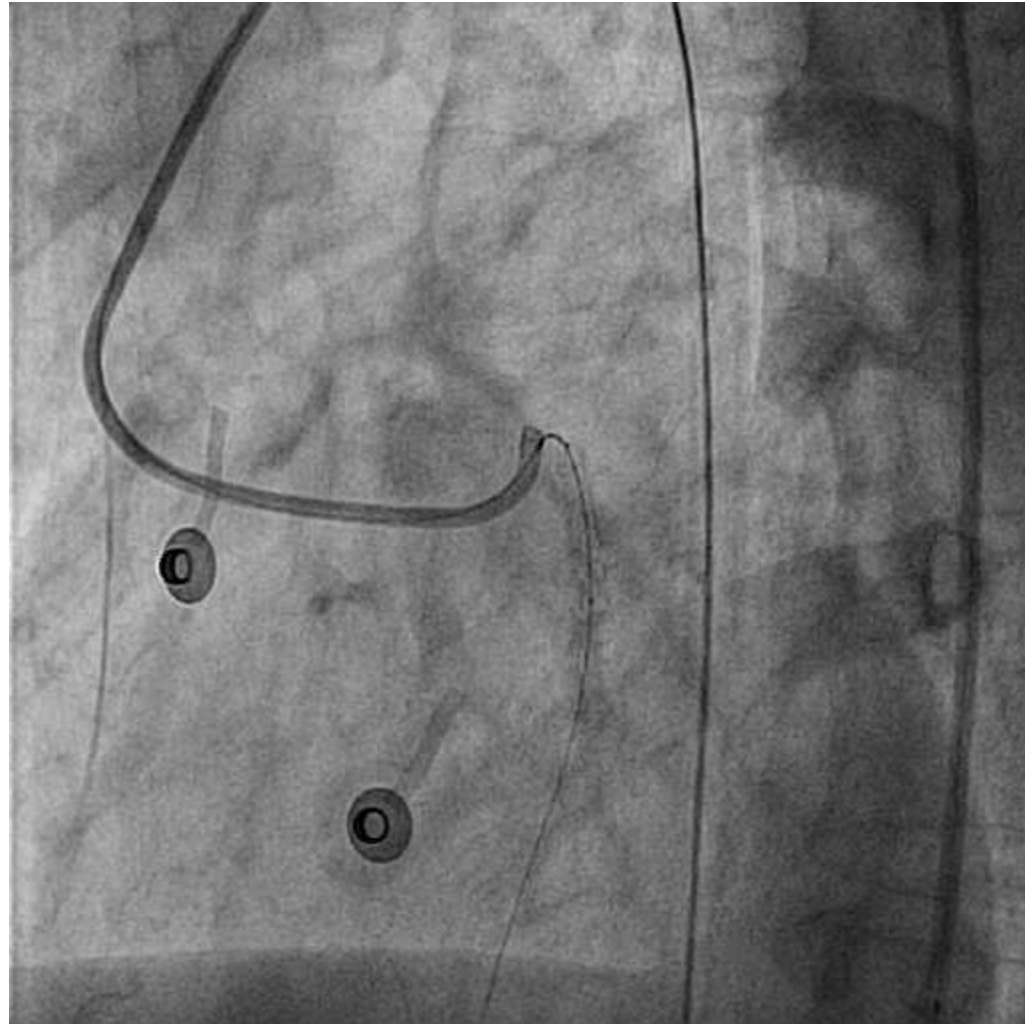
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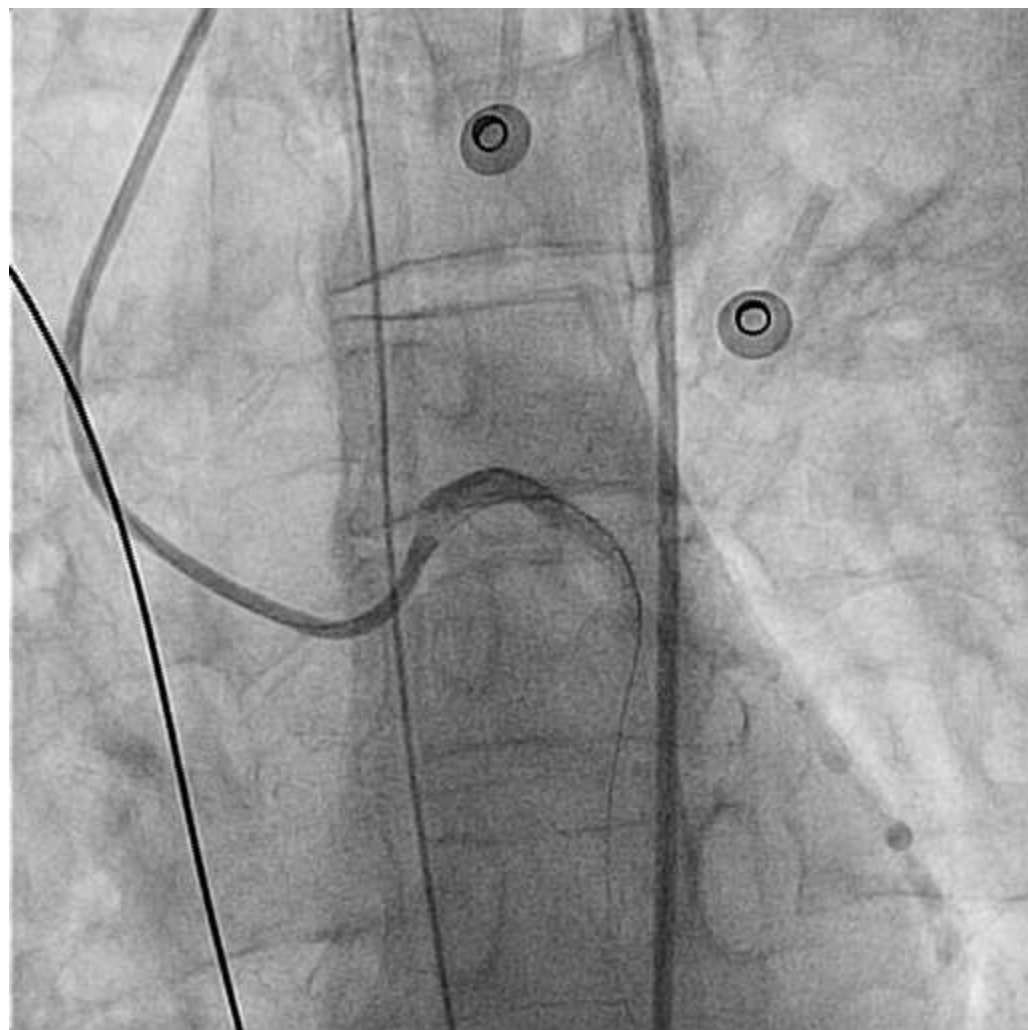


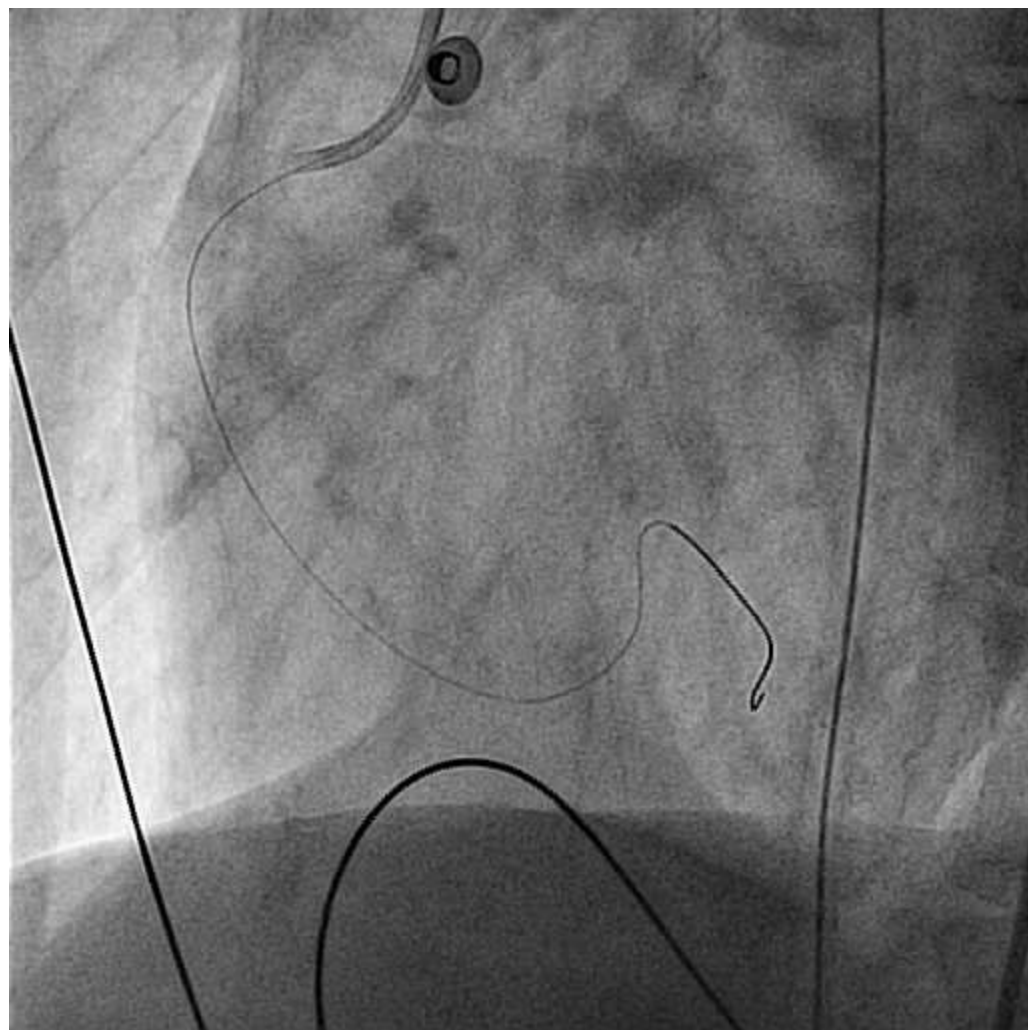


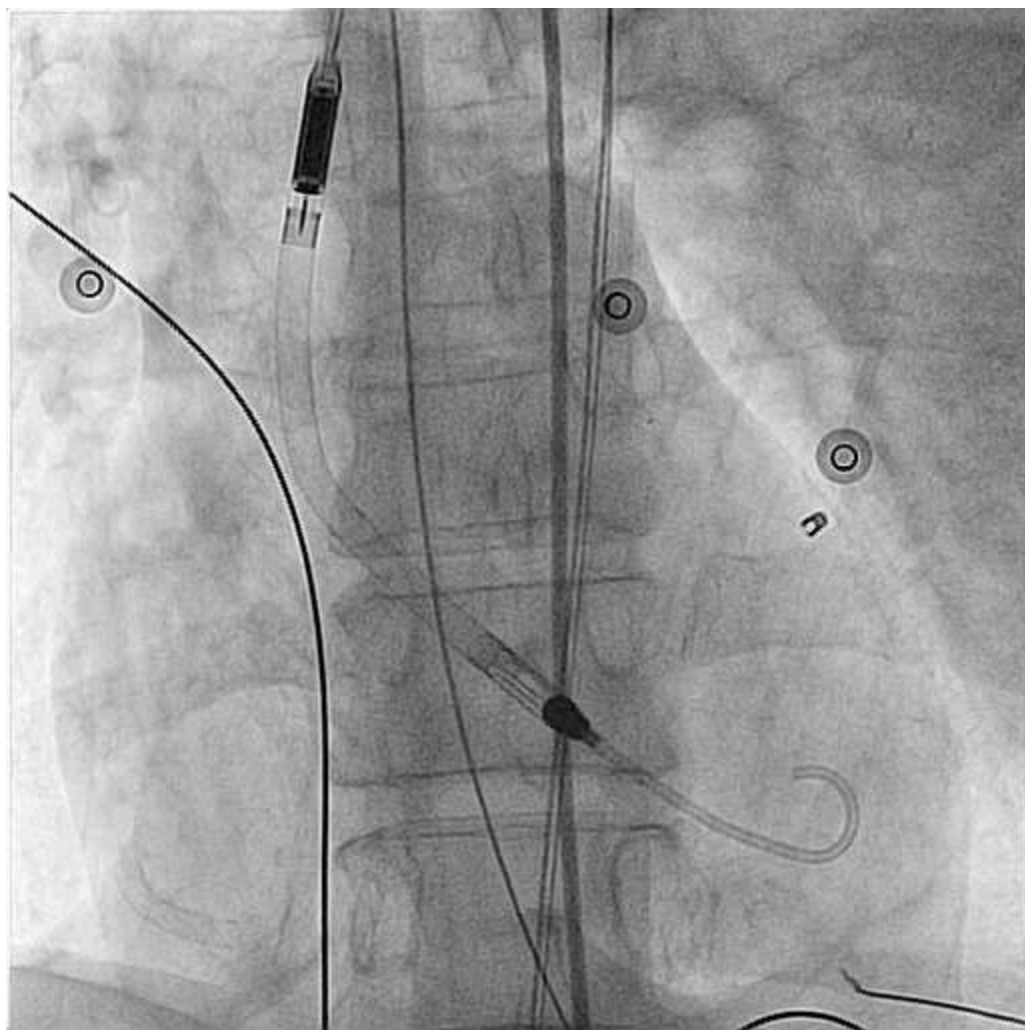


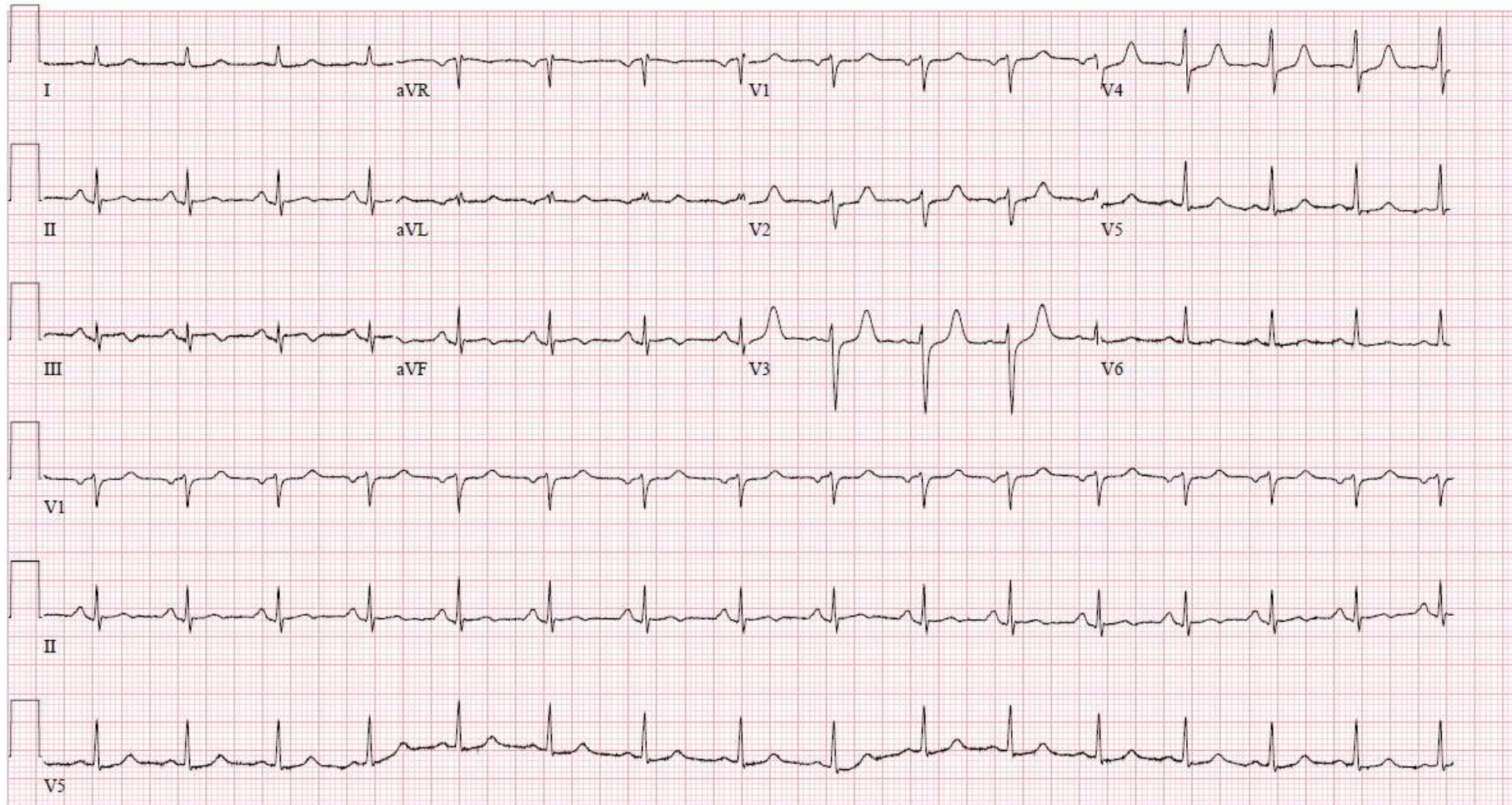












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At 30 days ,the composite primary endpoint of death or renal-replacement therapy :
occured in 158/344 (45,0 %) in Culprit Lesion Only
Versus 189/341 (55,4%) in multivessel PCI group

Culprit Shock: No Difference in Cardiac Causes of Death

Cause	Culprit only	Multivessel
Sudden death	11 (7.4%)	12 (6.8%)
Recurrent MI	2 (1.3%)	2 (1.1%)
Refractory Shock	104 (69.8%)	108 (61.4%)

Multivessel PCI did not worsen cardiac outcomes

. Multivessel PCI in STEMI Patients With Cardiogenic Shock

KAMIR-NIH registry: 659 pts who underwent multivessel PCI (39.5%) or infarct-related artery (IRA)-only PCI (60.5%), Nov 2011-Dec 2015.

1-Year Outcomes	Multivessel PCI	IRA-Only PCI	Adjusted HR (95% CI)
All-Cause Death	21.3%	31.7%	0.52 (0.38-0.73)
Non-IRA Repeat Revascularization	6.7%	8.2%	0.33 (0.14-0.78)

No differences in new requirement for renal replacement therapy by 30 days between the two groups, with an overall rate of 3.3%.

Conclusion: Patients with STEMI and cardiogenic shock who undergo multivessel PCI stand to derive improved 1-year outcomes.

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One prospective randomized trial = Level B evidence

Impact II A ?

No change in level remains II A – B

180 degree turn ?



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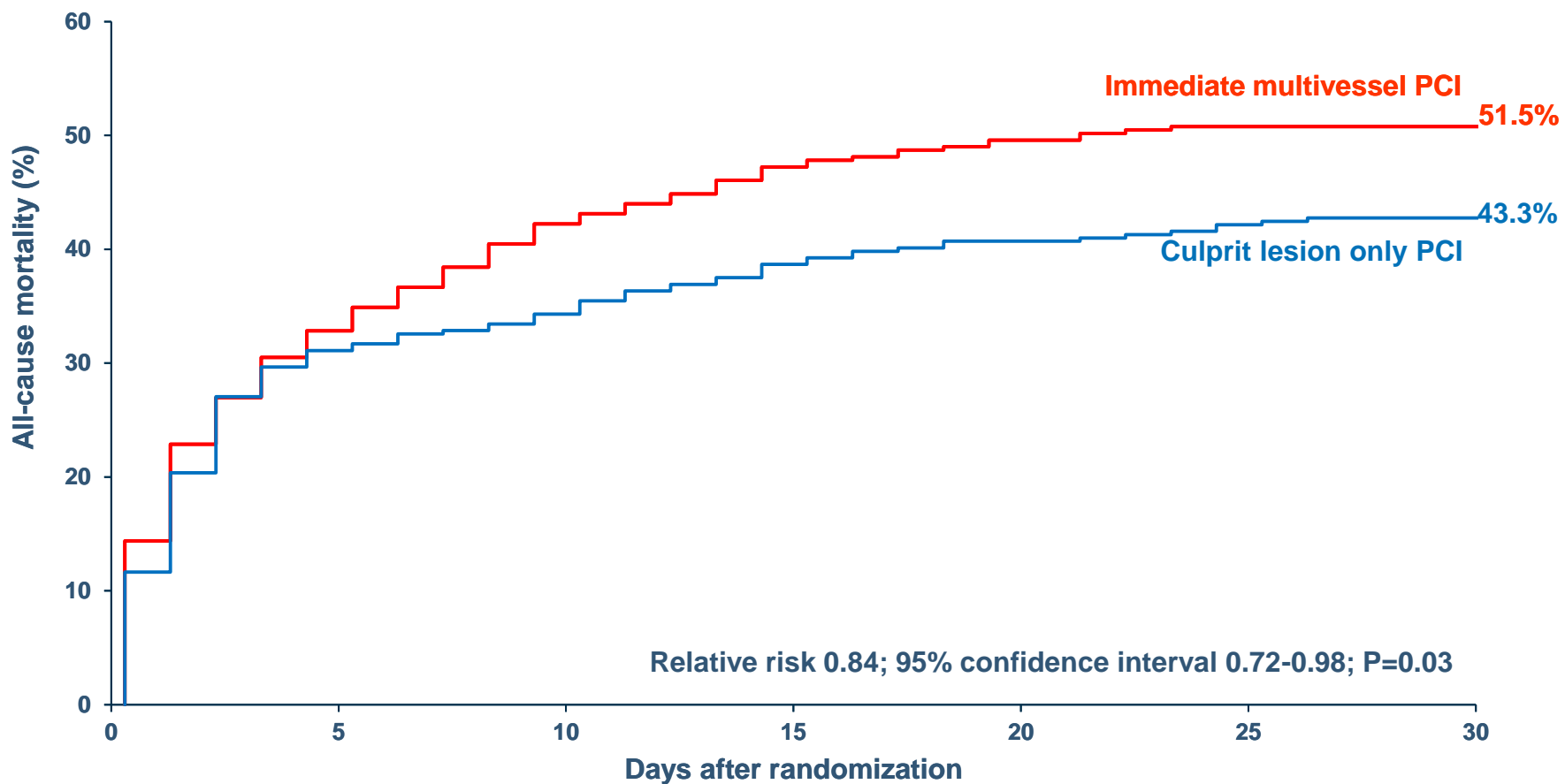
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- The argument has turned 180 degrees
- So

No Evidence of “Initial” Harm with Multivessel PCI



Number at risk:

Culprit lesion only PCI	344	237	226	211	203	198	193
Immediate multivessel PCI	341	229	197	179	170	166	165

One prospective randomized trial =Level Evidence II B

Recommendation II A ??

No change in level of evidence just 180 degreee turn ?!

Culprit Shock Questions

- Severity of illness?
 - Pressors >90%, Mechanical Ventilation in 82%, Resuscitation in 53% suggest patients are very sick
 - Lactate normal in 30%, median systolic BP of 100 and HR of 90 suggest that not all were in shock
- No data on invasive hemodynamics, type and dose of vasopressors or inotropic drugs
- Limited use of hemodynamic support
 - When used was it placed pre- PCI?
 - Would multivessel PCI results have been better if support used?
- Should multivessel PCI have been staged?

CULPRIT-SHOCK: A Randomized Trial of Multivessel PCI in Cardiogenic Shock

**Holger Thiele, MD and Georg Fuernau, MD
on behalf of the CULPRIT-SHOCK Investigators**

My Conclusions from Culprit Shock

- Amazing trial that will change the management of cardiogenic shock
- Mortality differences may have been due, in part, to anoxic brain injury present at the time of presentation
- Routine multivessel PCI did not reduce inotropic requirement, ICU time or any measure of CHF
- Potential harm: increased time in the lab, risk of renal failure and possibly mortality
- Many unanswered questions for future trials

Current situation with Guidelines

- Developed and published by International Organisations
 - Typically ESC, ACC
- Usually prepared by volunteer writing groups
- Cover a “whole topic”
- Very long...

So do we need to change?

- It has been suggested that guidelines could instead be written by:
 - “experts in health research methodology”
- Could be presented in a “modular digital” format
- And could abandon the confusing IIa, B nomenclature in favour of the GRADE system
- It has even been suggested that:
 - “Guideline content should be integrated into the Electronic Medical Record”

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Class II recommendation =

Level of evidence =



Questions / decision moments

- Treat culprit only ?
- Treat all lesions ?
- Insert assist device first or PCI first (as fast as possible opening up the vessels)
- Which assist device ?
- Cool or no to Cool

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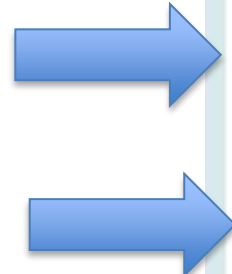
Feedback

Culprit Shock Appreciation

- Largest randomized shock trial ever conducted!
- Ability to collaborate and coordinate care of sick patients among numerous international sites
- Broad inclusion criteria, representative of typical shock patients that are taken to the cath lab
- Ability to randomize without consent in many cases (enhances enrollment, true all comers population with few exceptions)
- Reasonable protocol adherence
- Mortality difference

Table 7 Cardiac arrest

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
All medical and paramedical personnel caring for a patient with suspected myocardial infarction must have access to defibrillation equipment and be trained in cardiac life support.	I	C	-
It is recommended to initiate ECG monitoring at the point of FMC in all patients with suspected myocardial infarction.	I	C	-
Therapeutic hypothermia is indicated early after resuscitation of cardiac arrest patients who are comatose or in deep sedation.	I	B	34-36
Immediate angiography with a view to primary PCI is recommended in patients with resuscitated cardiac arrest whose ECG shows STEMI.	I	B	31-33
Immediate angiography with a view to primary PCI should be considered in survivors of cardiac arrest without diagnostic ECG ST-segment elevation but with a high suspicion of ongoing infarction.	IIa	B	31,33



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