

Evolving Trends in Complications after TAVR

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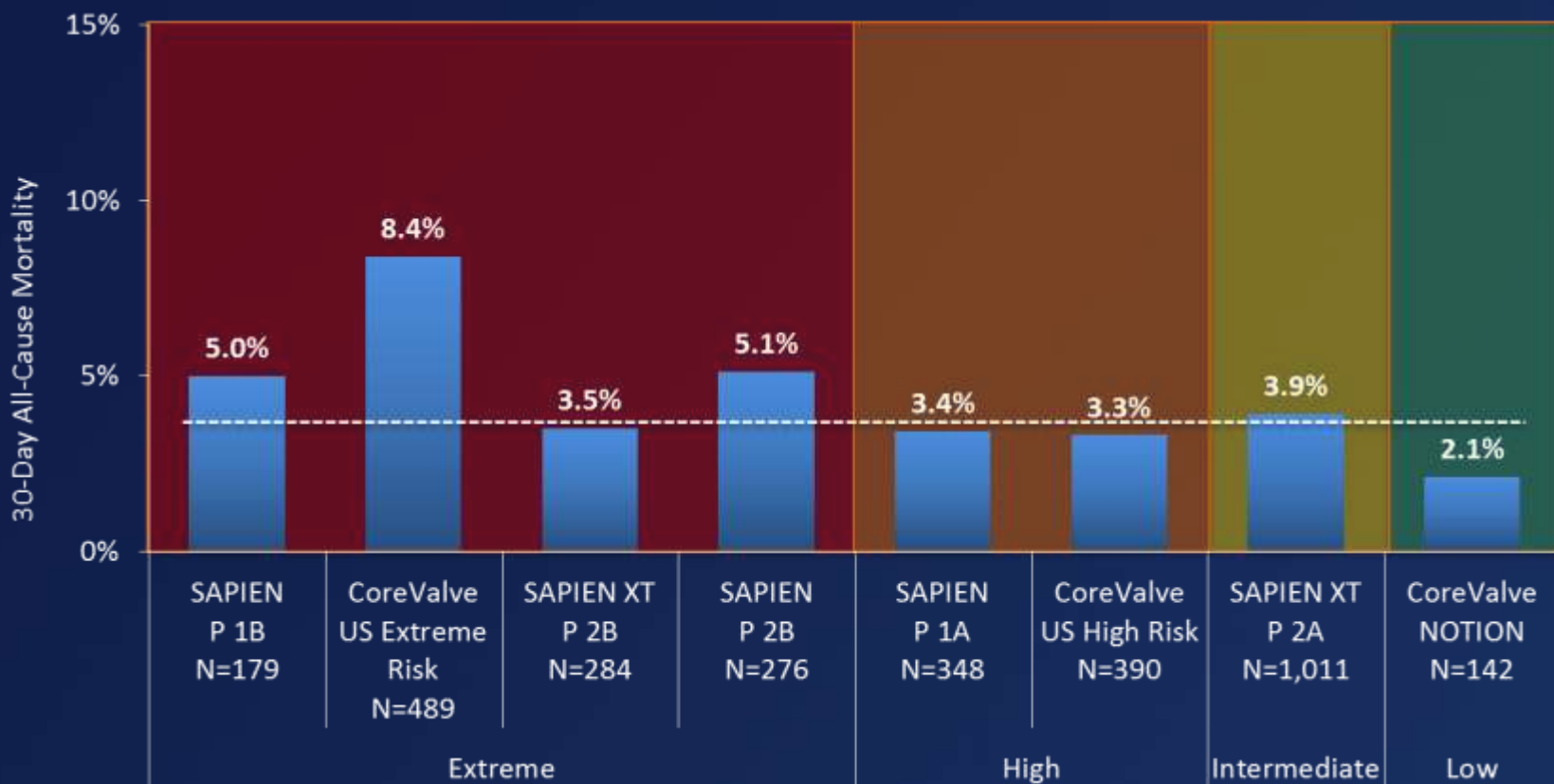
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30-Day All-Cause Mortality

Across the Spectrum of Risk

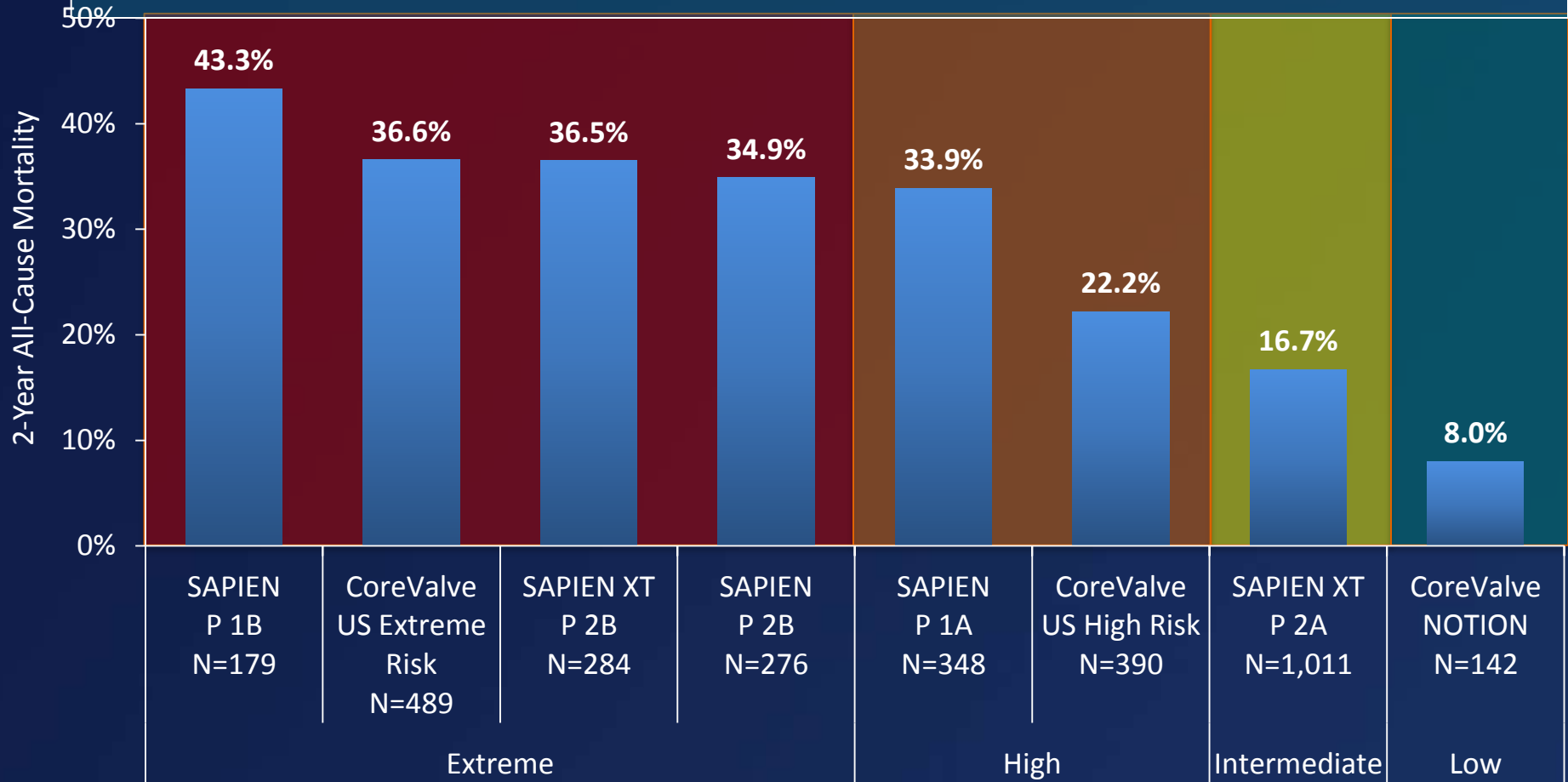
- TAVR has been rigorously studied to octogenarians at varying levels of surgical risk since 2007.
- Early all-cause mortality has generally stayed under 5%, which demonstrates that overall, this is a relatively safe procedure.



2-Year All-Cause Mortality

Across the Spectrum of Risk

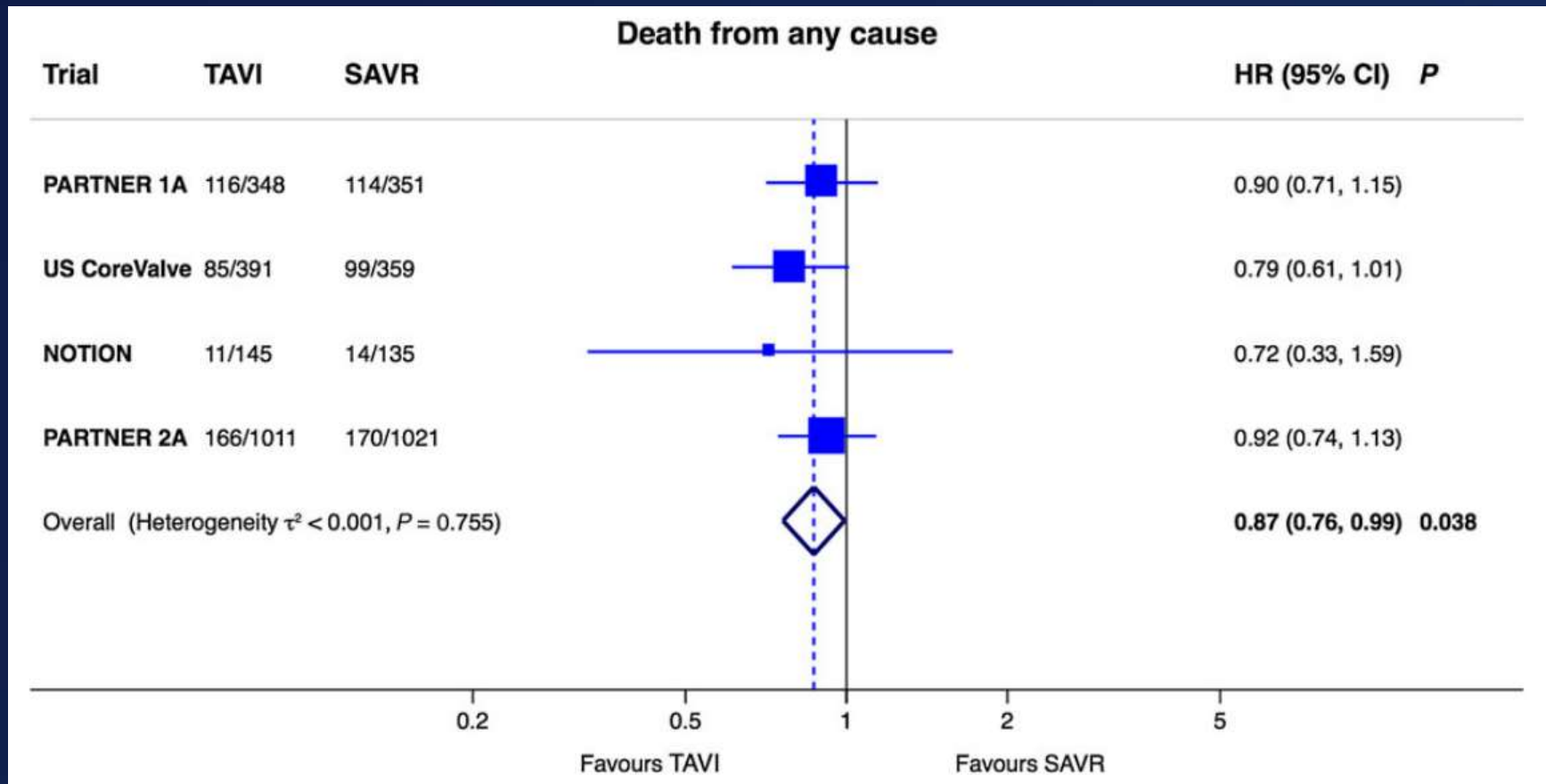
- At later time points, all-cause mortality begins to stratify according to risk status
- The better the condition of the patient at baseline, the better the longer-term survival will be



TAVR vs. SAVR

Meta-Analysis

- A recently published meta-analysis of randomized trials comparing TAVR with SAPIEN, SAPIEN XT, or CoreValve to SAVR shows an astonishing finding
- TAVR provides a statistically significant 13% relative risk reduction of death from any cause compared to SAVR in octogenarian patients



TAVR Complications

Comparison of Old Outcomes to New

- TAVR is now a highly attractive treatment strategy for younger, lower-risk patients.
- Medical device companies have worked to iterate their TAVR devices or introduce new technology to mitigate key complications :

Neurological Injury

Need for Permanent Pacemakers

Vascular Complications

Paravalvular Leak

- Using standardized endpoint definitions, the goal of this presentation is to compare complication rates with foundation devices to those with contemporary devices and show the progress being made



Prevention of TAVI Complications

- TAVI-related complications can occur at any time, from the time of the procedure to years post implant.
- An individual patient may be at increased risk for certain complications due to comorbidities or anatomical features.
- Furthermore, the risk of a given complication may differ by valve type.
- For these reasons, it is critically important to engage the heart team for case planning and assess each patient individually.
- Prosthesis type, size, and access route should be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Some Caveats....

- TAVR data is often collected from observational studies and registries.
- Selection bias may be at play. The local heart team and operator select the prosthesis type, size, and access route on a case-by-case basis using clinical judgment.
- This selection bias and potential variability in patient baseline characteristics must be kept in mind as independent data sets are compared.

Transfemoral TAVR Devices

Iterative Device Design

For the purposes of this presentation, the devices are categorized in the following way

Foundation Devices



SAPIEN



CoreValve

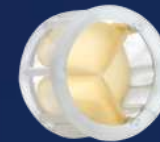


SAPIEN XT

Contemporary Devices



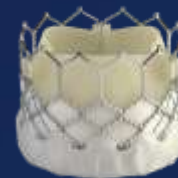
Portico



Direct Flow



Lotus



SAPIEN 3



Evolut R



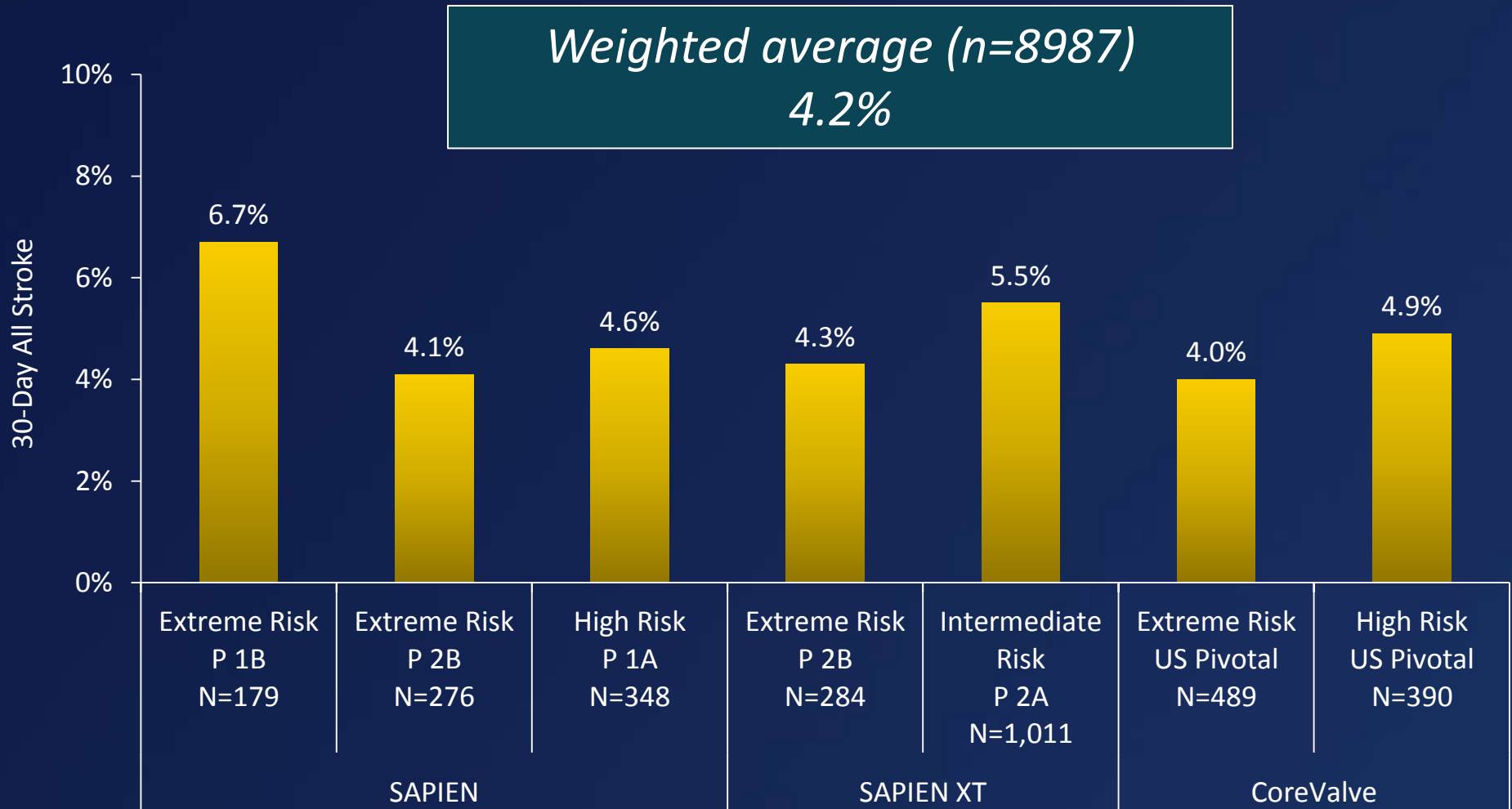
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The Complications

Neurologic Injury

Neurological Injury

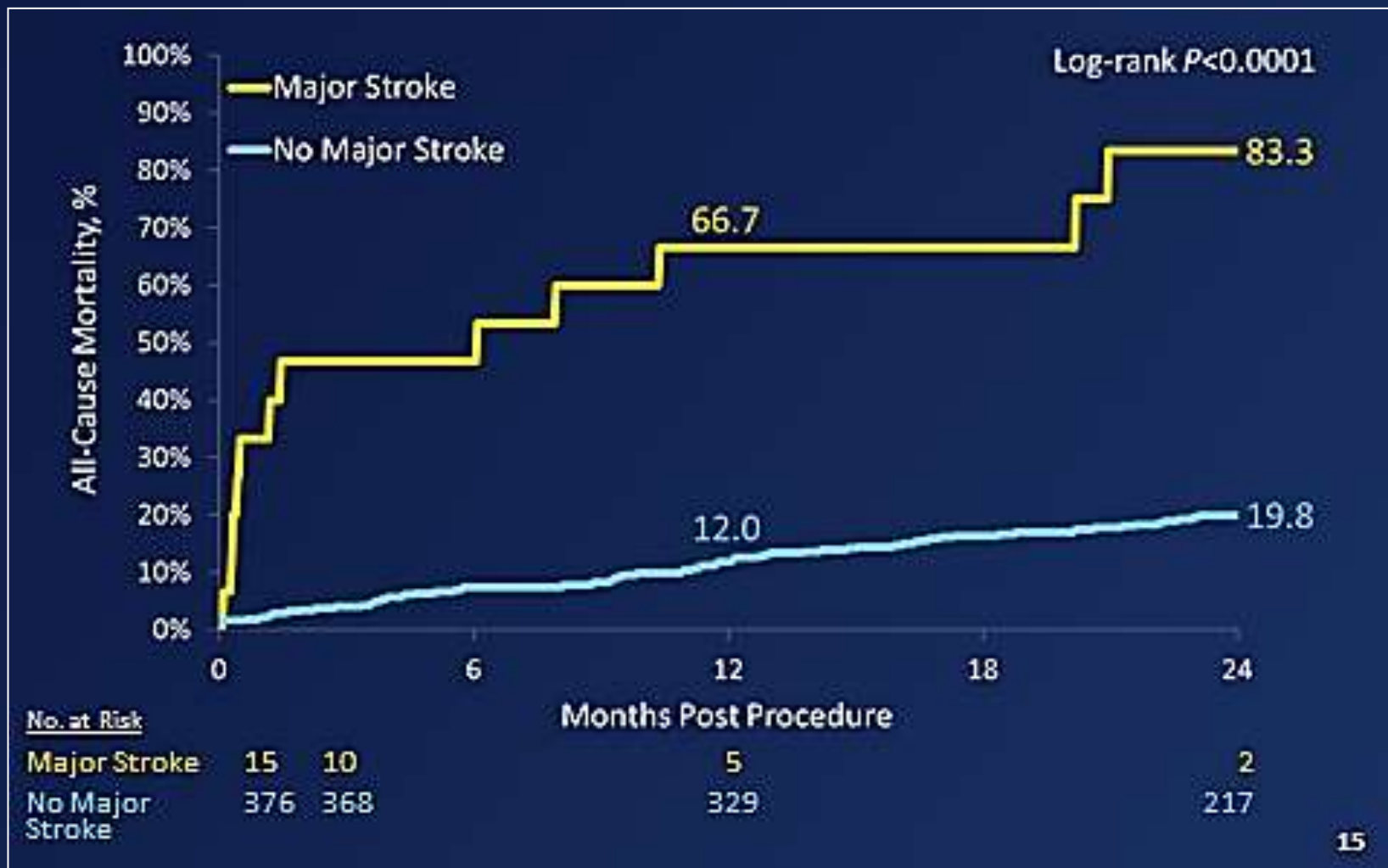
Incidence with Foundation Devices



Neurological Injury

Why Does it Matter?

Patients experiencing a VARC-1 major stroke in the CoreValve US Pivotal Trial had an 67% probability of death by 1 year post-procedure, increasing to 83% by 2 years



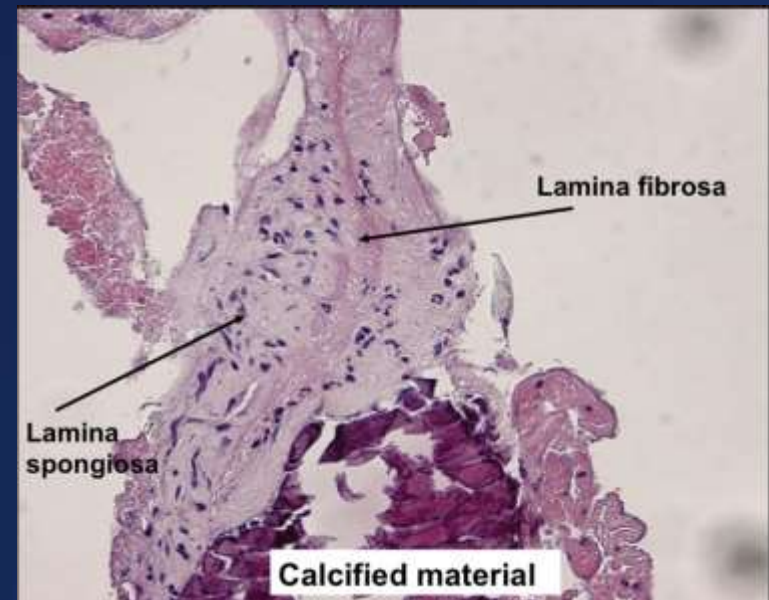
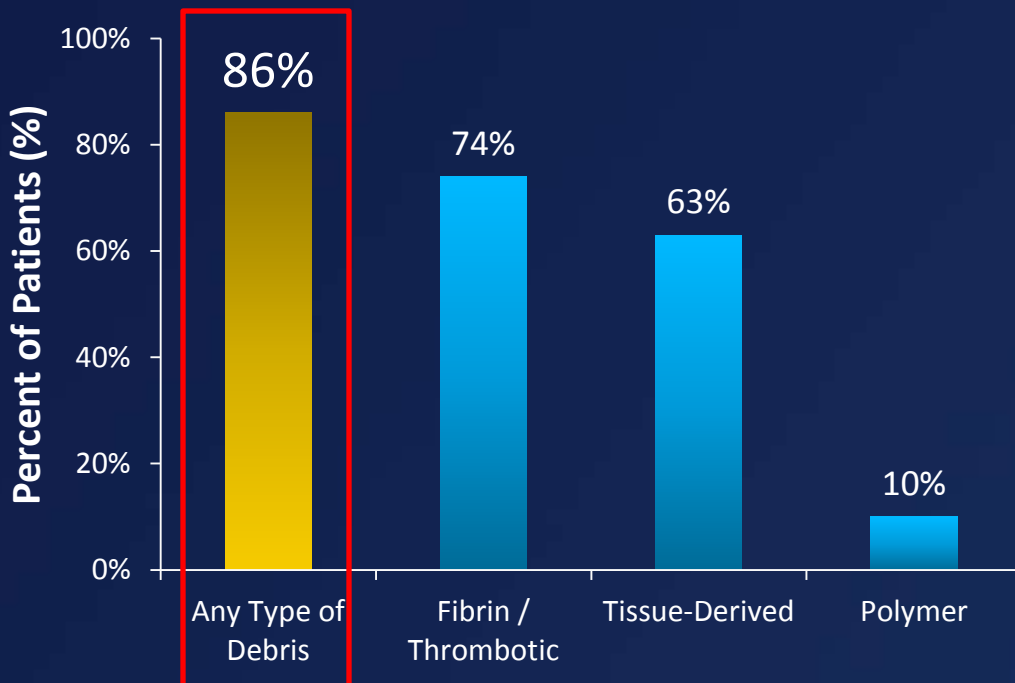
Neurological Injury

How Does it Happen?

Van Mieghem, et al., placed Claret Montage filters into the brachiocephalic and left common carotid arteries during TAVI, and examined the contents after the procedure.

The key findings:

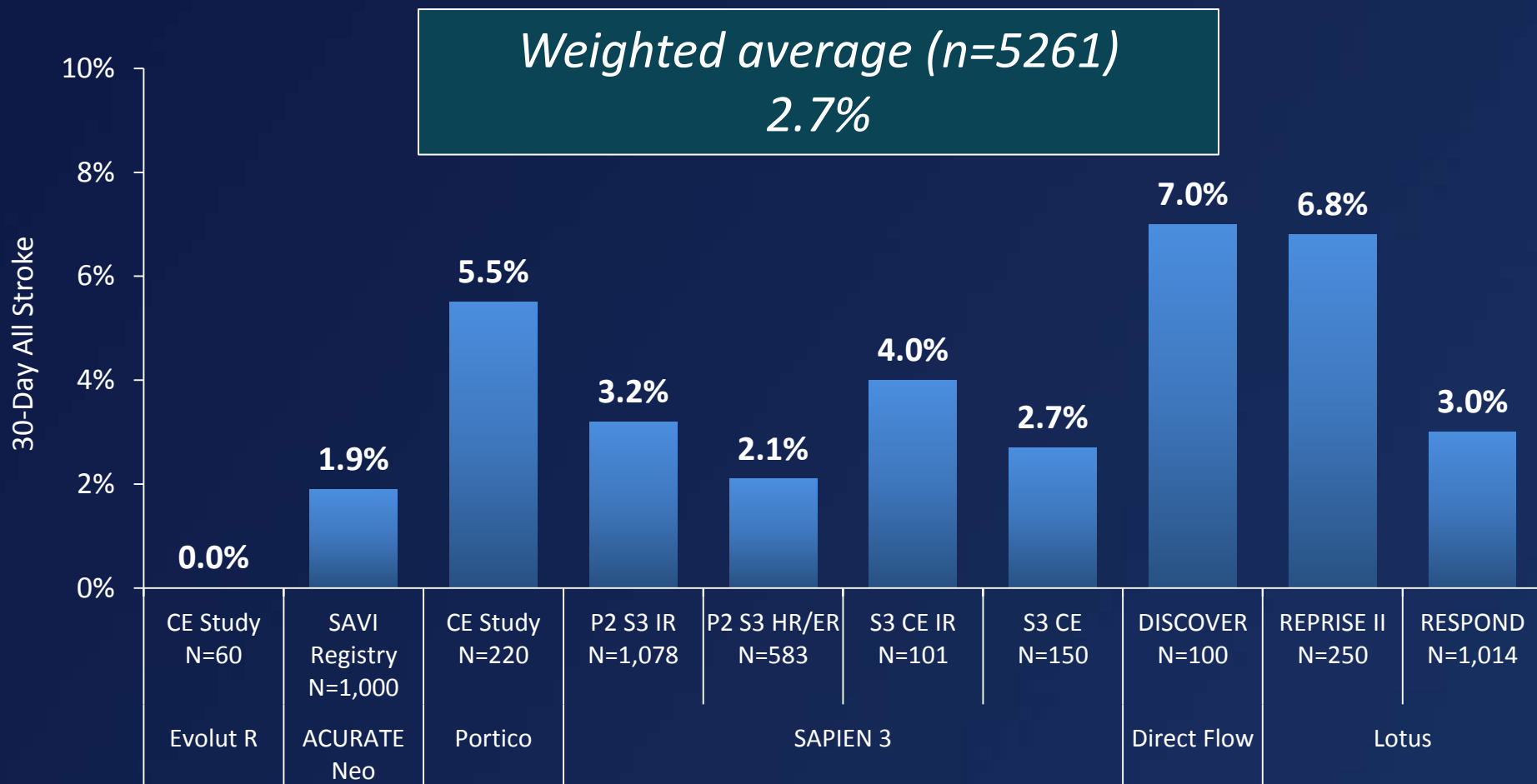
- Macroscopic debris was released into the circulation in ~90% of TAVI procedures*
- The debris was composed of thrombotic material, fragments of valve leaflet, calcified particles, myocardial tissue, and plastic fragments from interventional tools*



Fragments of aortic valve leaflet

Neurological Injury

Incidence with Contemporary Devices

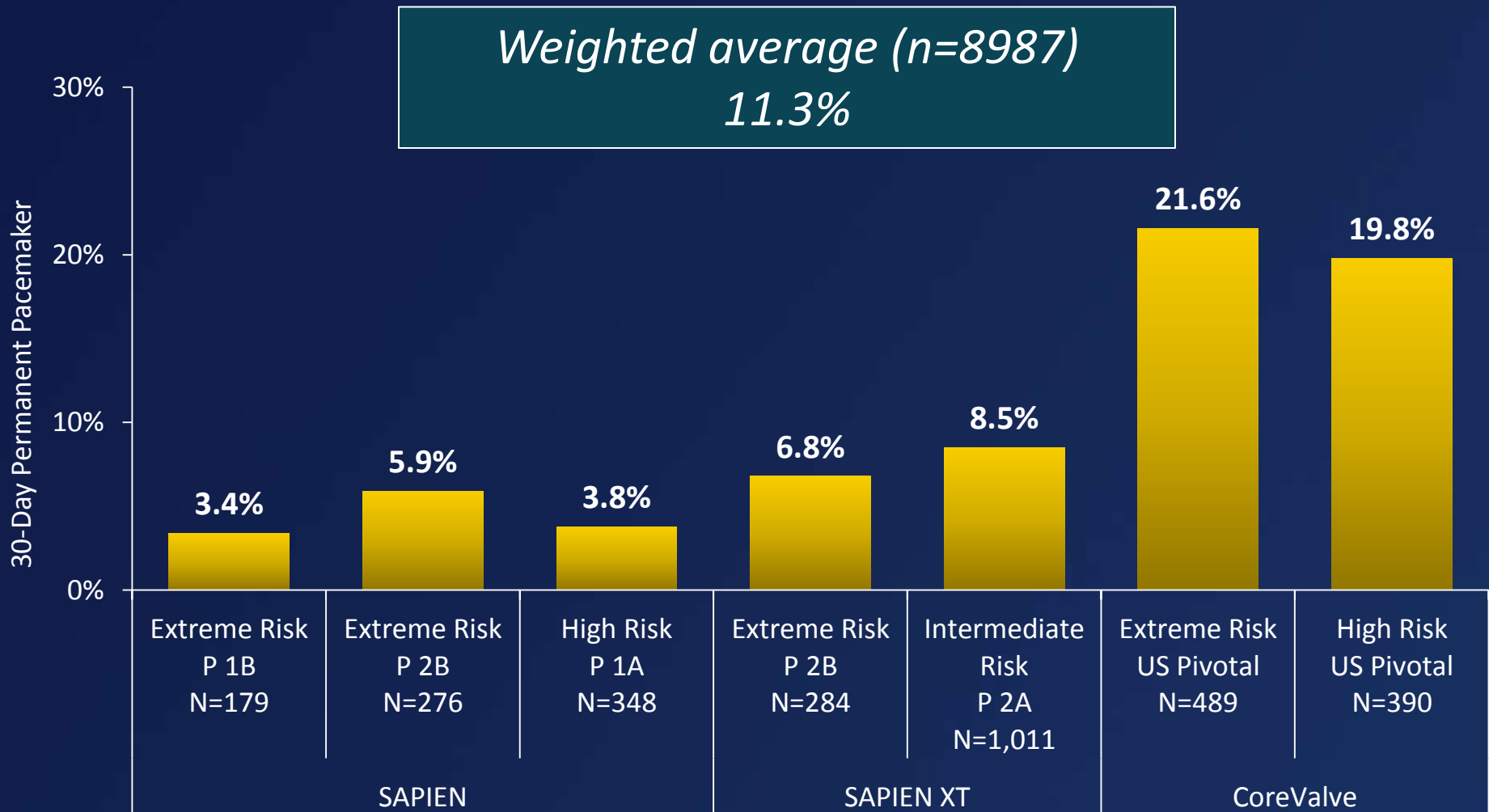


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Need for Permanent Pacemakers

Permanent Pacemakers

Incidence with Foundation Devices



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Permanent Pacemakers

Why Do They Matter?

Studies out to 3 years have not demonstrated an impact on mortality

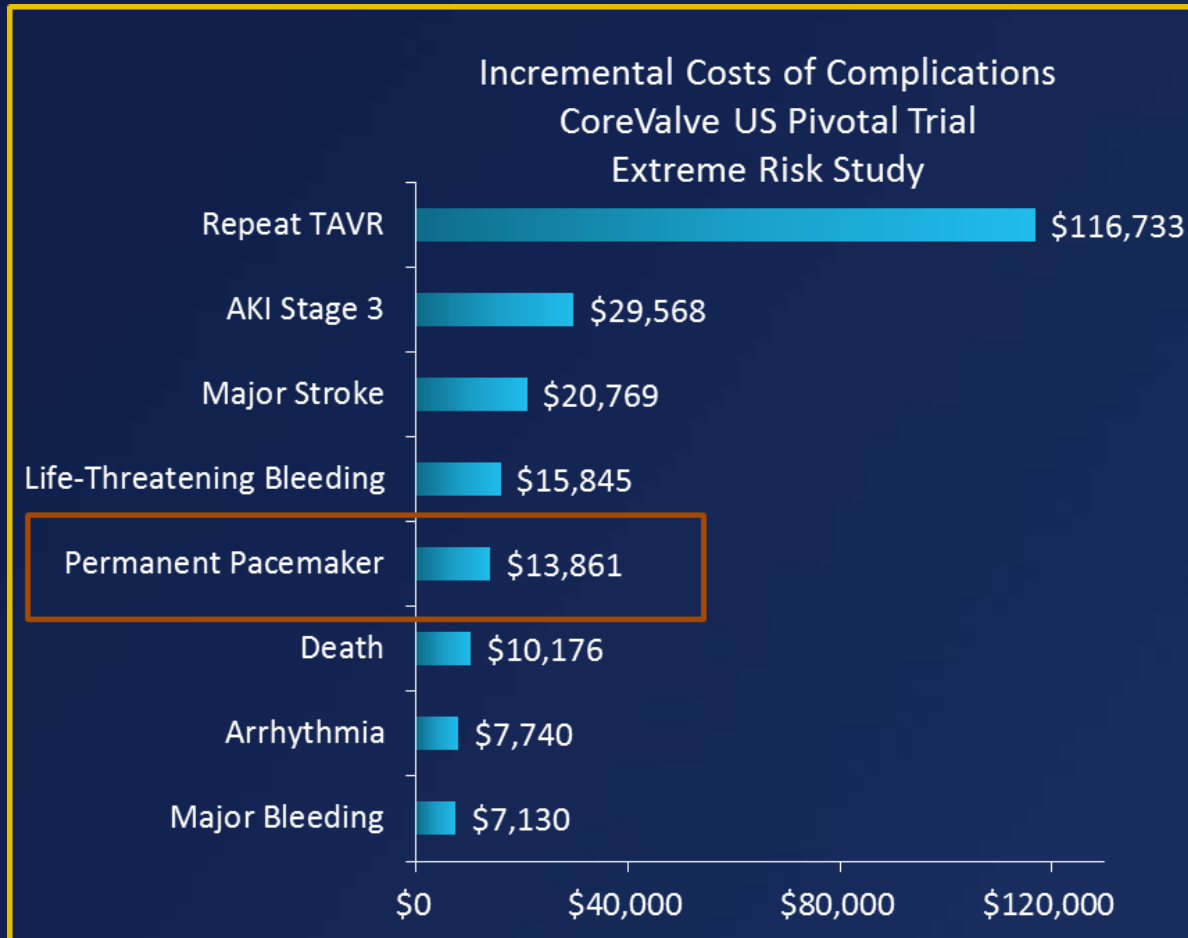
Study	Valve Type (n)	30 Day PPM Rate	Follow-up	Mortality impact
De Carlo ¹	CoreValve (n=275)	25.5%	1 year	None (p=0.90)
Buellesfeld ²	CoreValve (n=319)	27.8%	1 year	None (p=0.77)
	Edwards (n=34)			
Pereira ³	CoreValve (n=65)	32.8%	1 year	None (p=0.11)
Nazif ⁸	SAPIEN (n=1973)	8.8%	1 year	None (p=0.08)
CoreValve ANZ ⁴	CoreValve (n=476)	31.1%	2 years	None (p=0.32)
Extreme Risk US Trial ⁵	CoreValve (n=489)	21.6%	3 years	None (p=0.62)
ADVANCE ⁷	CoreValve (n=1015)	26.3%	3 years	None (p=0.70)
Urena ⁶	CoreValve (n=698)	15.4%	3 years	None (p=0.15)
	Edwards (n=858)			

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Permanent Pacemakers

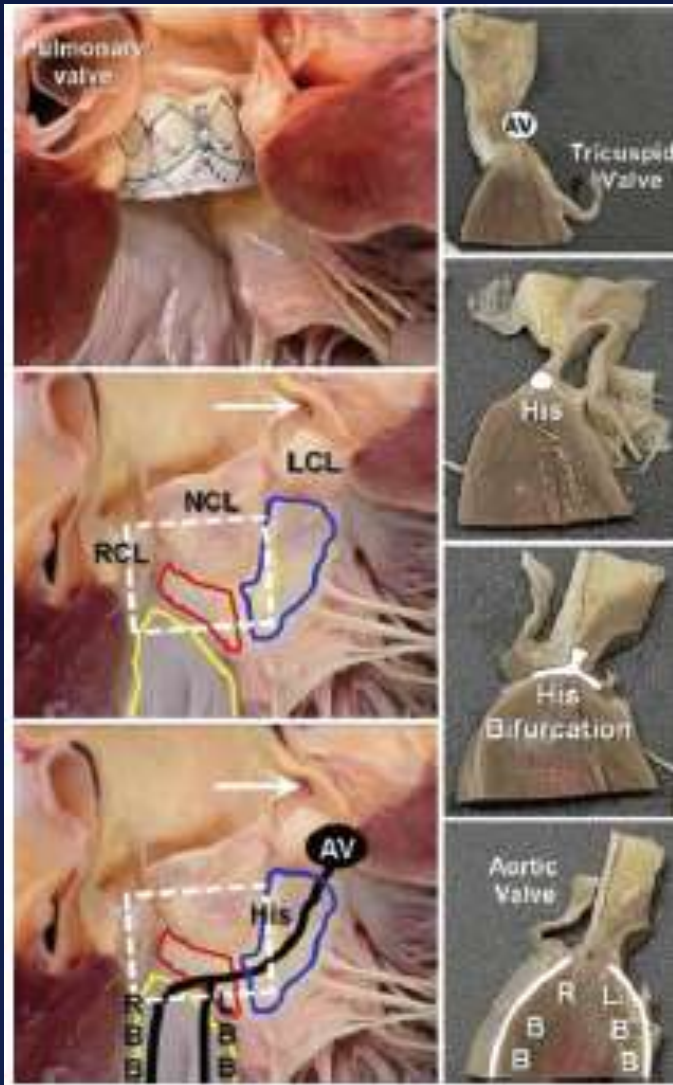
Why Do They Matter?

- *Pacemakers do add cost to the procedure, both in terms of the device and length of hospital stay*
- *Infections or other complications can result*



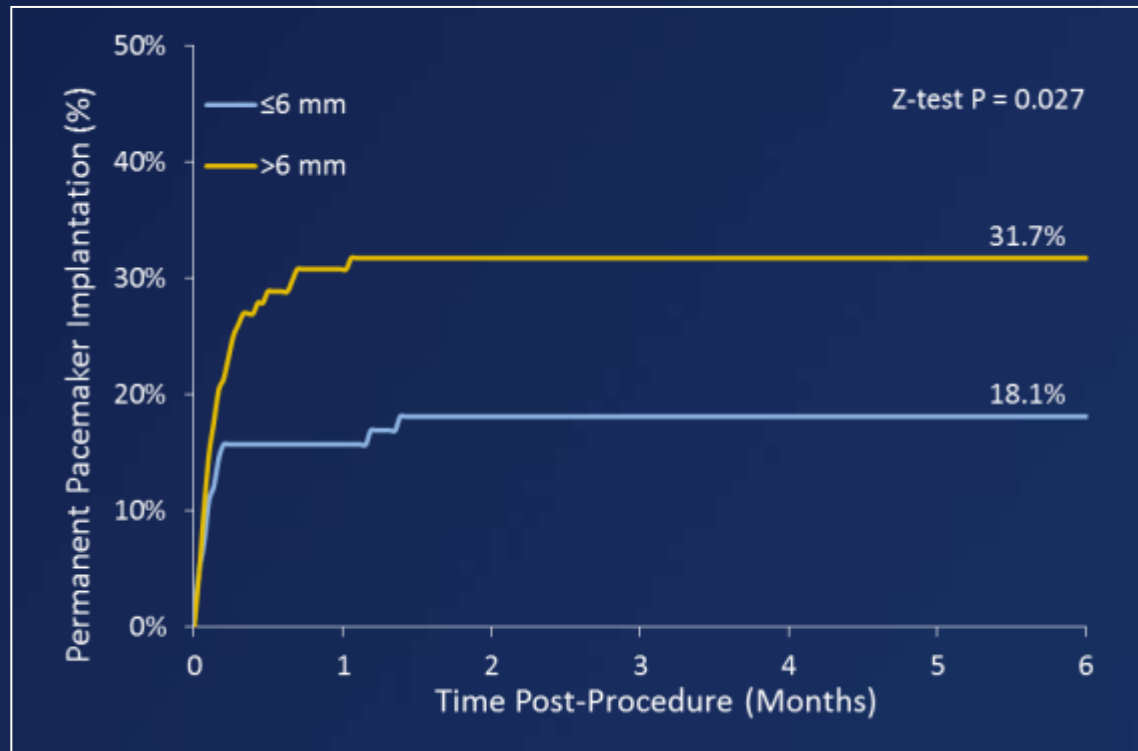
Permanent Pacemakers

Why Do They Happen?



White box represents location of the valve

- Arrhythmias may result when the valve comes in close or direct contact with the conduction system.
- Studies with CoreValve have shown that maintaining shallow implant depth is the best avoidance strategy.

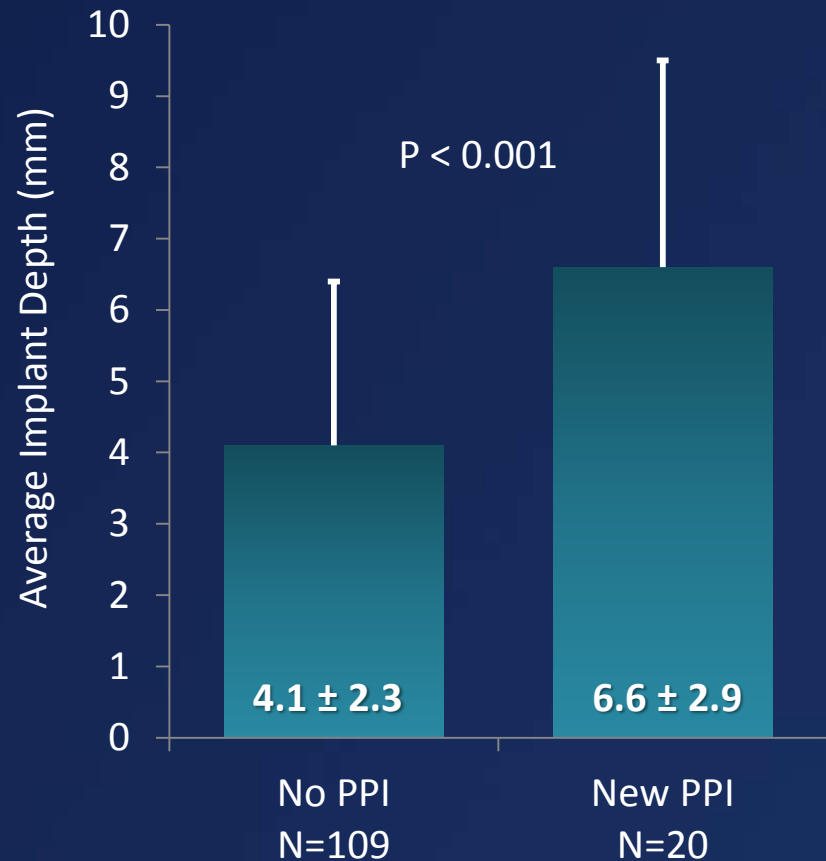


Predictors of Permanent Pacemakers

Evolut R

- A Medtronic-sponsored sub-analysis was performed to find predictors of permanent pacemakers in a cohort of 151 Evolut R patients
- 22 patients with a pacemaker at baseline were excluded
- Of the remaining 129 patients, 20 required a new pacemaker
- The implants were significantly deeper in these patients

New Permanent Pacemaker Rate at 30 Days: 15.6% (n=20)



Error bars = standard deviation

Predictors of Permanent Pacemakers

Evolut R

- Cox-regression showed that depth greater than 5 mm increased the risk of a new permanent pacemaker by 7x
- Calcification and oversizing were not important factors

	UNIVARIABLES		MULTIVARIABLES	
Variable	Hazard Ratio [95% CI]	P Value	Hazard Ratio [95% CI]	P Value
Average implant depth (>5 mm)	4.67 [1.77, 12.31]	0.002	6.9 [2.4, 19.6]	0.0003
Presence of RBBB	3.42 [1.36, 8.57]	0.009	6.1 [2.3, 15.9]	0.0003
26 mm valve	0.56 [0.21, 1.55]	0.266		
Oversizing > 20%	1.34 [0.56, 3.22]	0.515		
Overall root calcification (>480 mm ³)	1.33 [0.51, 3.50]	0.561		
Overall LVOT calcification (>4 mm ³)	1.97 [0.73, 5.34]	0.181		
Overall total calcification (>510 mm ³)	1.03 [0.40, 2.66]	0.959		

CI = confidence interval; RBBB = right bundle branch block.

Predictors of Permanent Pacemakers

SAPIEN 3

Predictors of Permanent Pacemaker Implantations and New-Onset Conduction Abnormalities With the SAPIEN 3 Balloon-Expandable Transcatheter Heart Valve



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Changes in the Pacemaker Rate After Transition From Edwards SAPIEN XT to SAPIEN 3 Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation

The Critical Role of Valve Implantation Height

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Implant depth

(OR 1.06, 1.02-1.11, p=0.006)

Prosthesis oversizing

(OR 3.50, 1.24-9.85, p=0.018)

QRS duration (pre-procedural)

(OR 1.03 per msec, 1.01-1.06, p=0.003)

Implant depth

(OR 0.94, 0.90-0.99, p=0.006)

Predictors of Permanent Pacemakers

Lotus

Baseline RBBB

(OR 12.79, 4.45-36.22, $p < 0.001$)

LVOT area overstretch > 10%

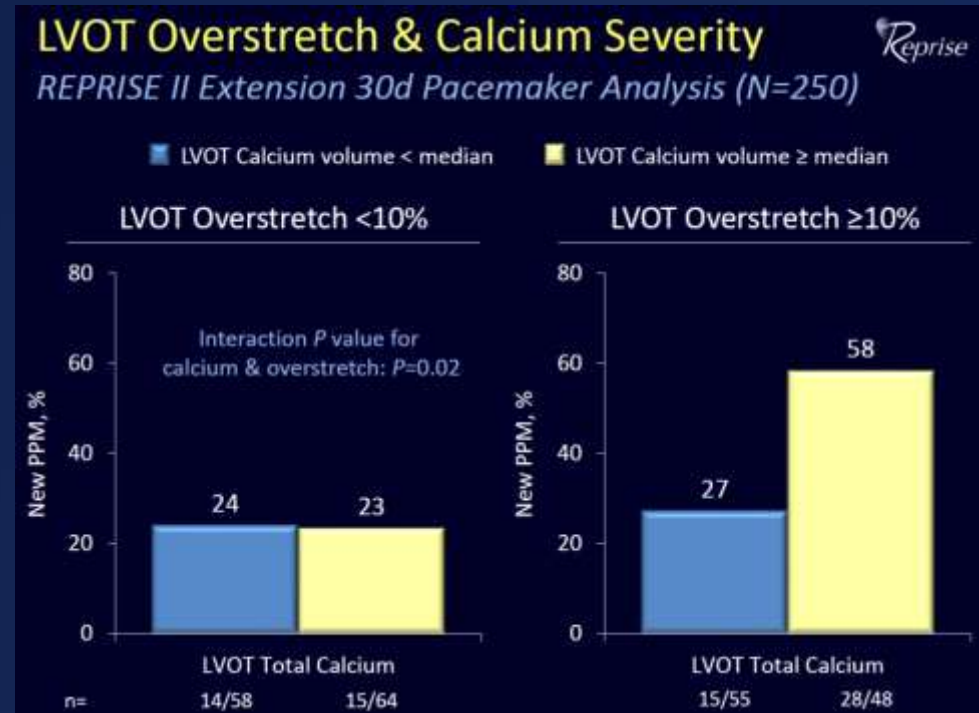
(OR 3.42, 1.74-6.74, $p < 0.001$)

1st degree AV block

(OR 2.49, 1.13-5.47, $p = 0.02$)

LVOT total calcium

(OR 1.80, 1.03-3.14, $p = 0.04$)



Predictors of Permanent Pacemakers

Portico

- *A sub-analysis from the Portico CE trial indicates while implant depth does not matter for Portico, post-dilatation is the strongest modifiable factor leading to permanent pacemaker*

Portico and Pacing at 30D

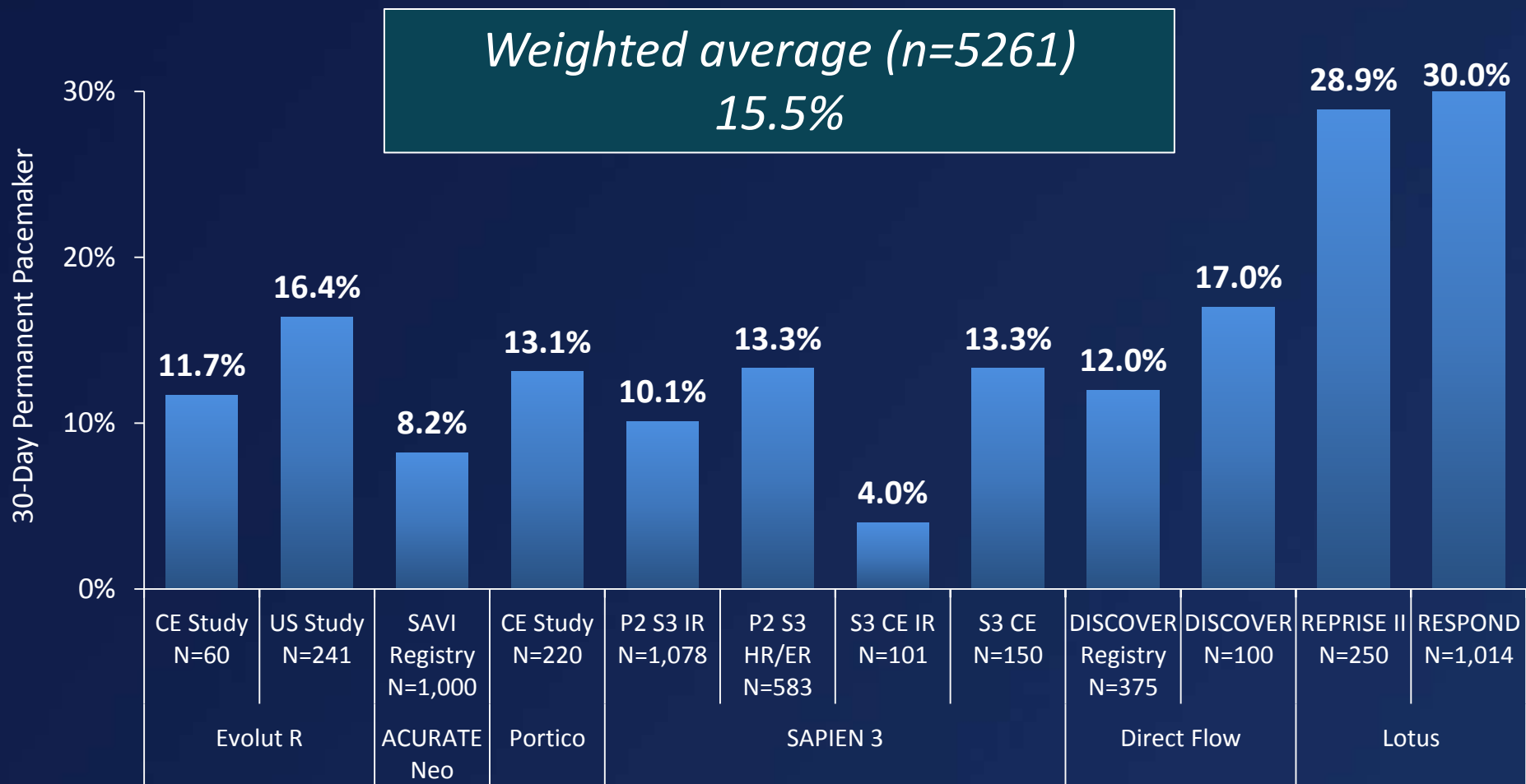
- 10 patients (9.7%) received a PPM of those:
 - 4 patients with intra-operative rhythm disturbances had heart block which led to PPM at discharge
 - all 4 patients were free of rhythm disturbances during wire placement and valvuloplasty
 - 6 patients received PPM prior to discharge unrelated to intra-operative rhythm, caused by sinus arrest(1), sick sinus(1) or heart block (4)
 - Depth of implant was not statistically significant between those who did and did not receive a PPM after TAVI valve implantation

Portico and Pacing at 30D

- 10 patients (9.7%) received a PPM of those:
 - Not related to new LBBB but pre-existence of RBBB (n=10) appears to increase risk (n=4)
 - Post dilatation appears to increase risk (50% of patients had post-dilatation)
 - Resheathing/repositioning does not appear to increase risk (n=3)

Permanent Pacemakers

Incidence with Contemporary Devices

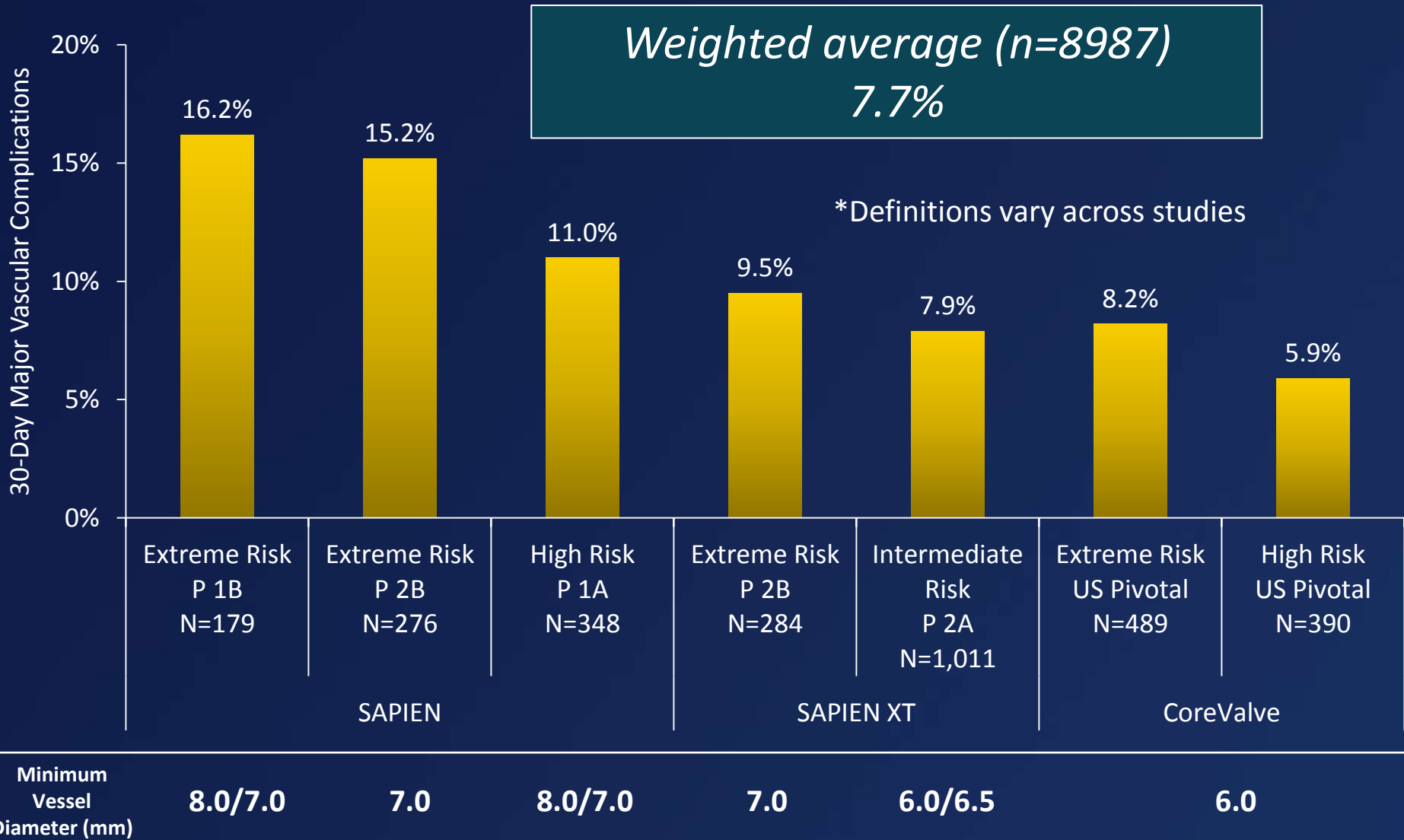


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Vascular Complications

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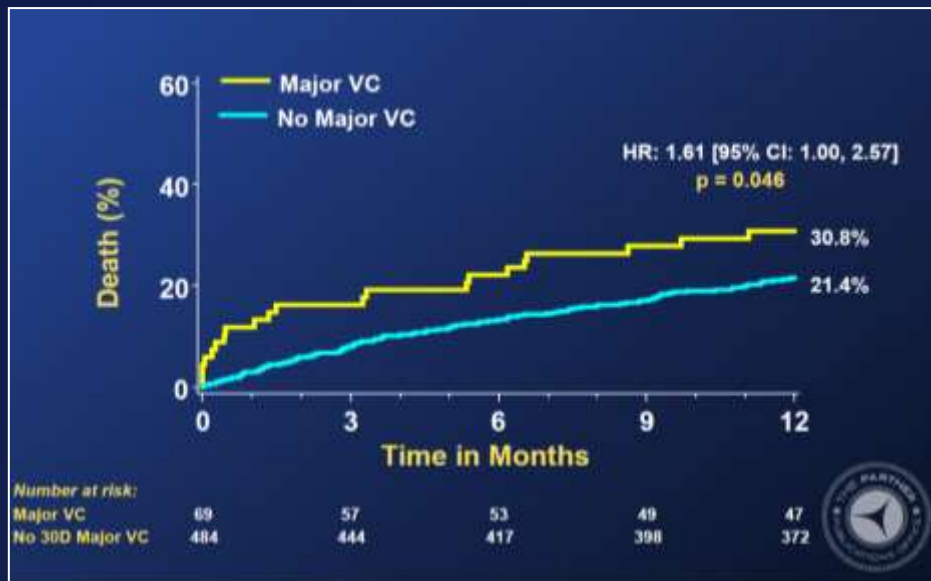
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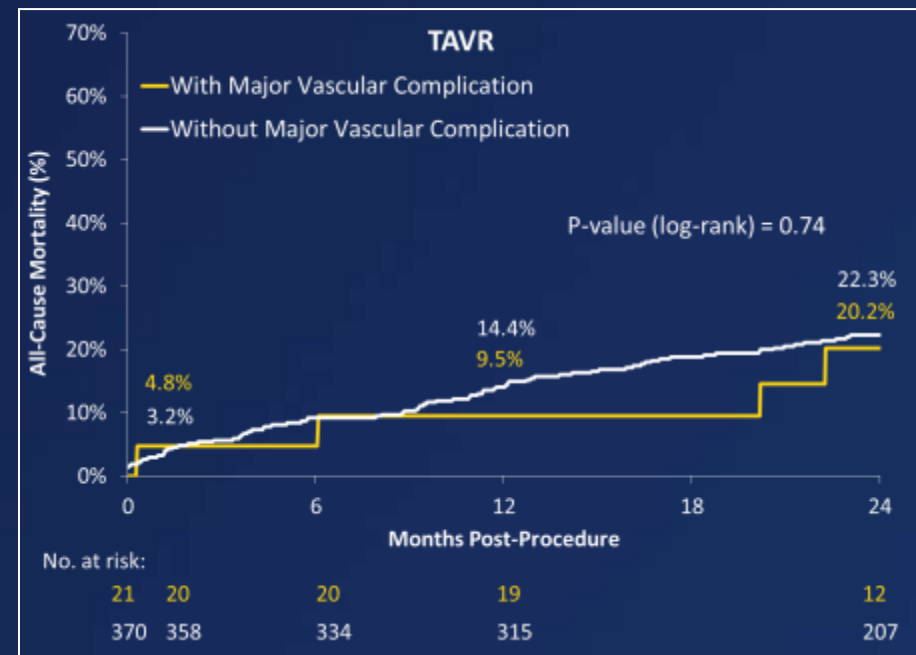
Why Do They Matter?

- Patients experiencing a major vascular complication with SAPIEN or SAPIEN XT in PARTNER 2B had a significantly higher risk of death by 1 year compared to patients without a complication
- This was not the case in the CoreValve US Pivotal Trial. Vascular complications did not impact mortality.
- The smaller delivery systems with expandable and collapsible sheaths may lessen the severity of the complications, but supportive data is needed.

PARTNER 2B



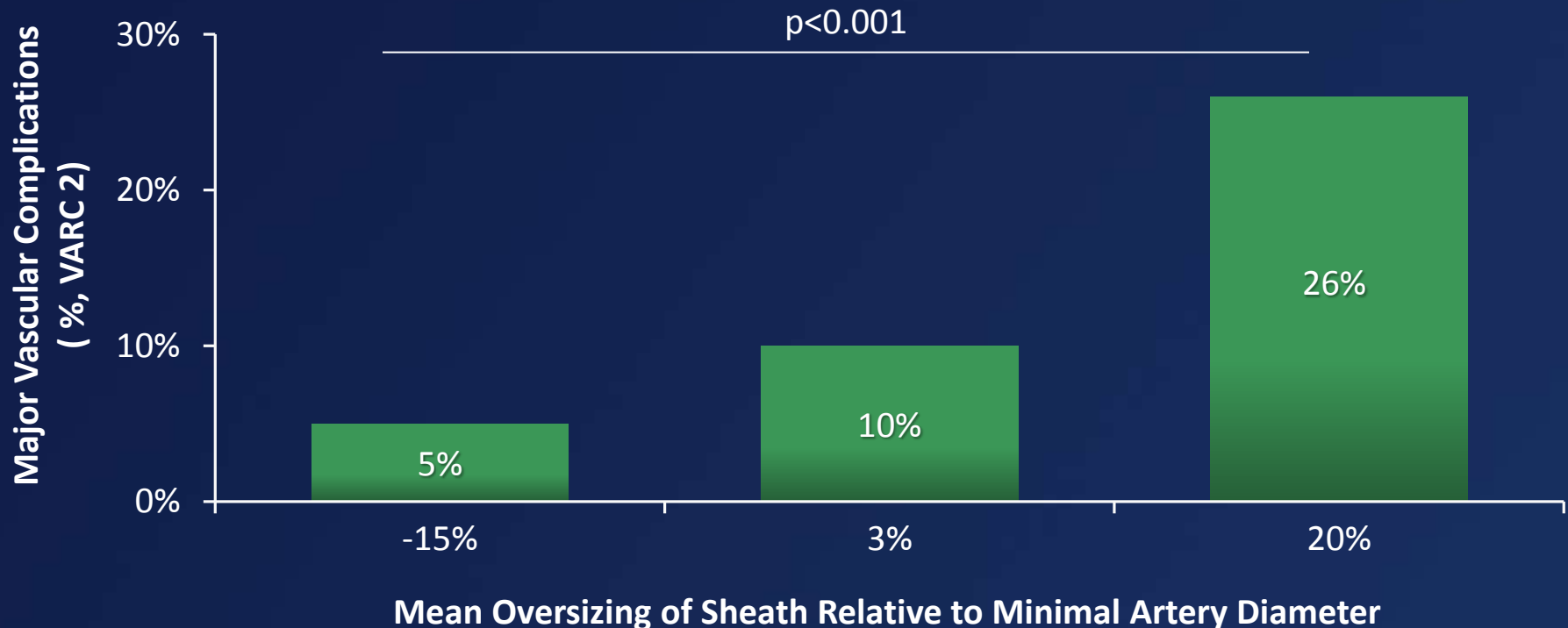
CoreValve US Pivotal Trial



Vascular Complications

Why Do They Happen?

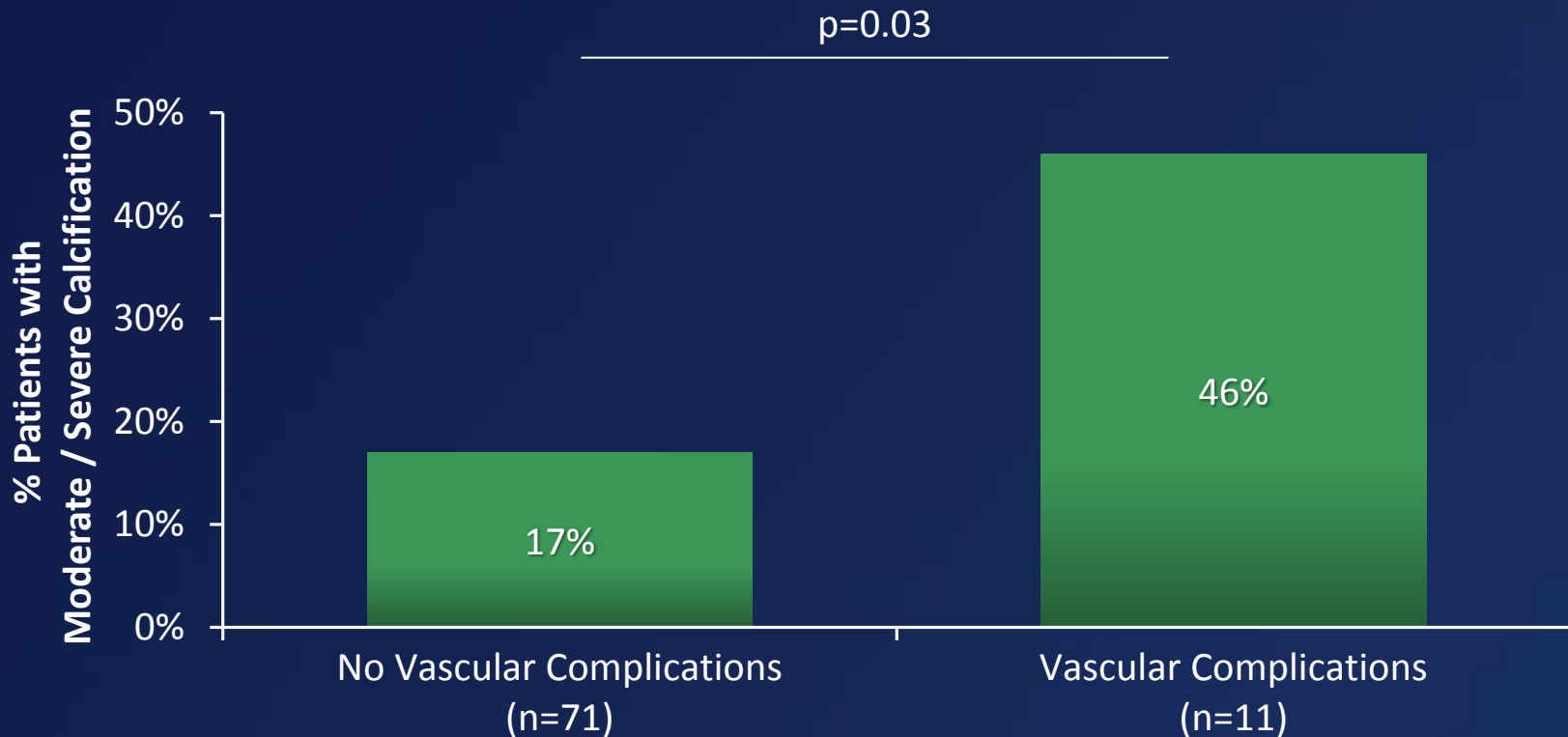
- *High sheath to femoral artery ratio (SFAR)*
- *The University of Pennsylvania showed a linear relationship between major vascular complications and the degree to which the sheath is oversized relative to the minimal artery diameter.*



Vascular Complications

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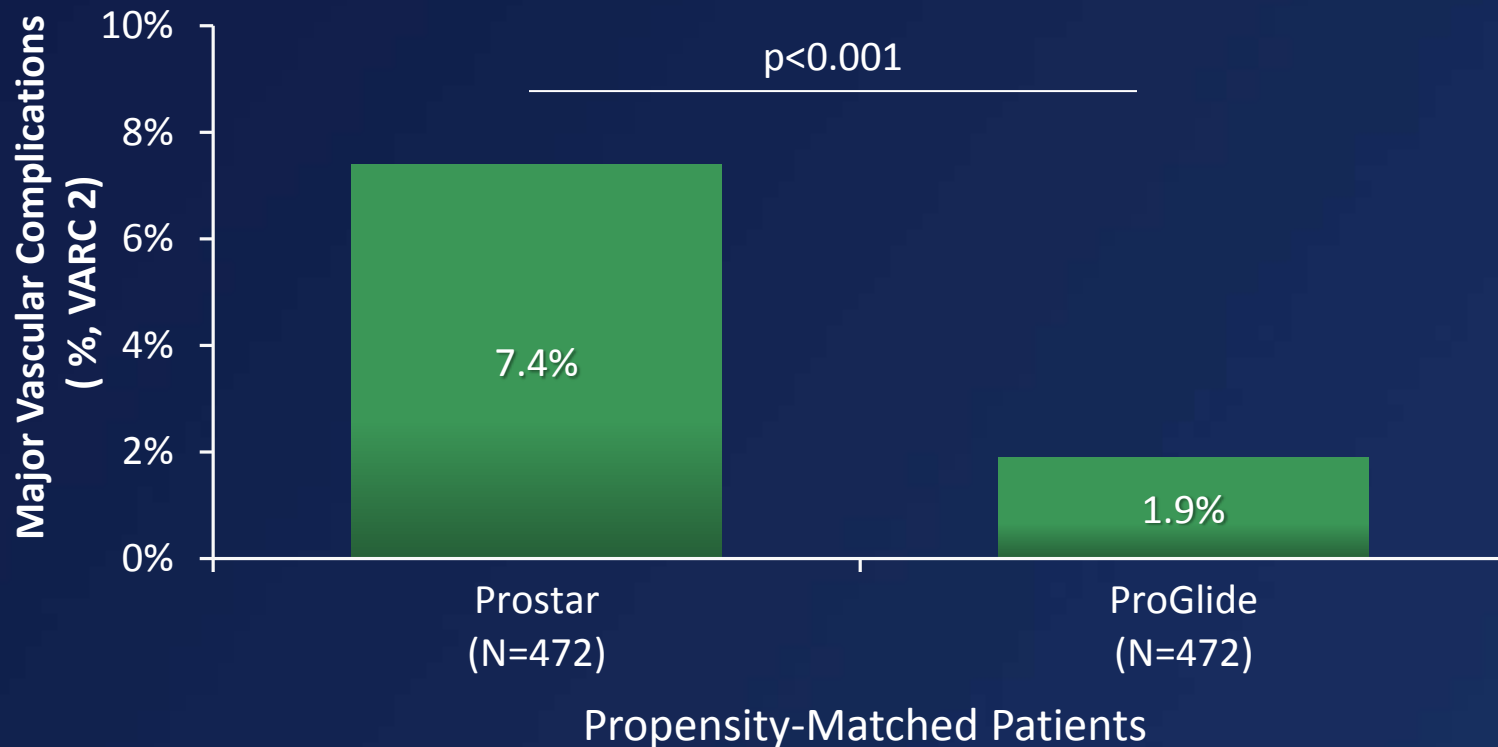
- *Calcification*
- *Toggweiler, et al⁴, showed that moderate / severe calcification is more common in patients that experience vascular complications.*



Vascular Complications

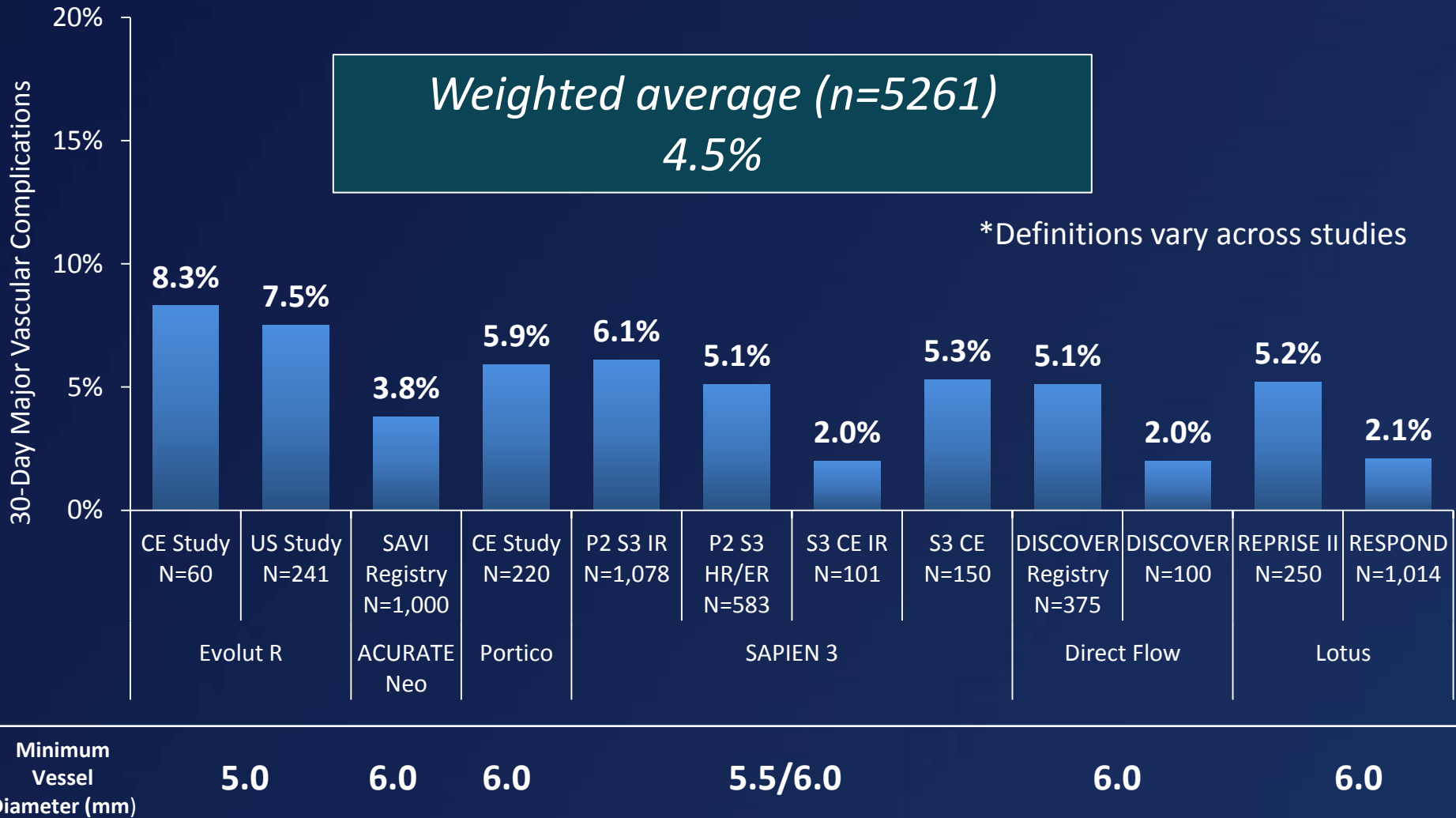
Why Do They Happen?

- Closure device failure
- The randomized CONTROL Study demonstrated that major vascular complications due to closure device failure are significantly less common with ProGlide compared to Prostar²



Vascular Complications

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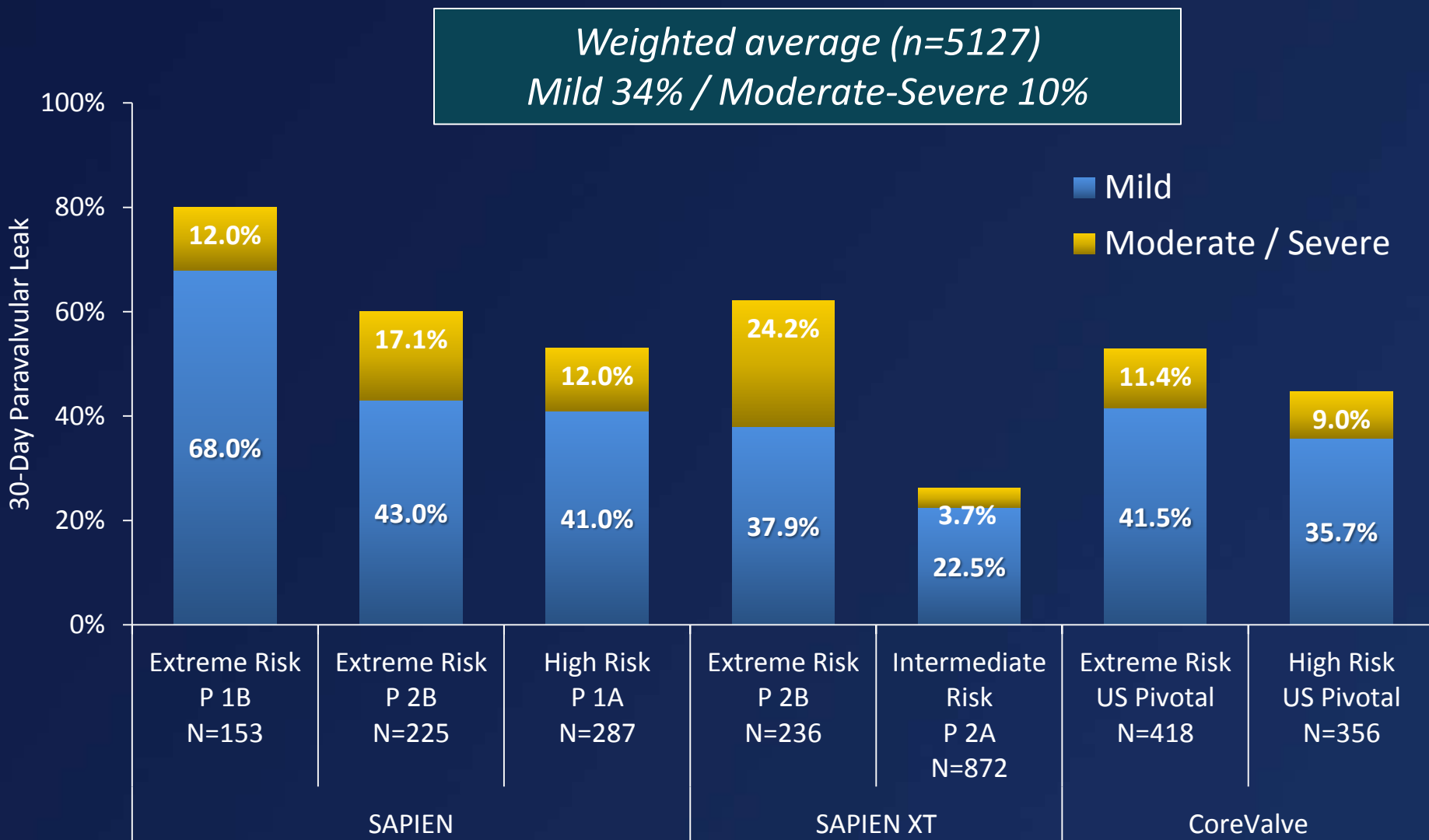


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Paravalvular Leak

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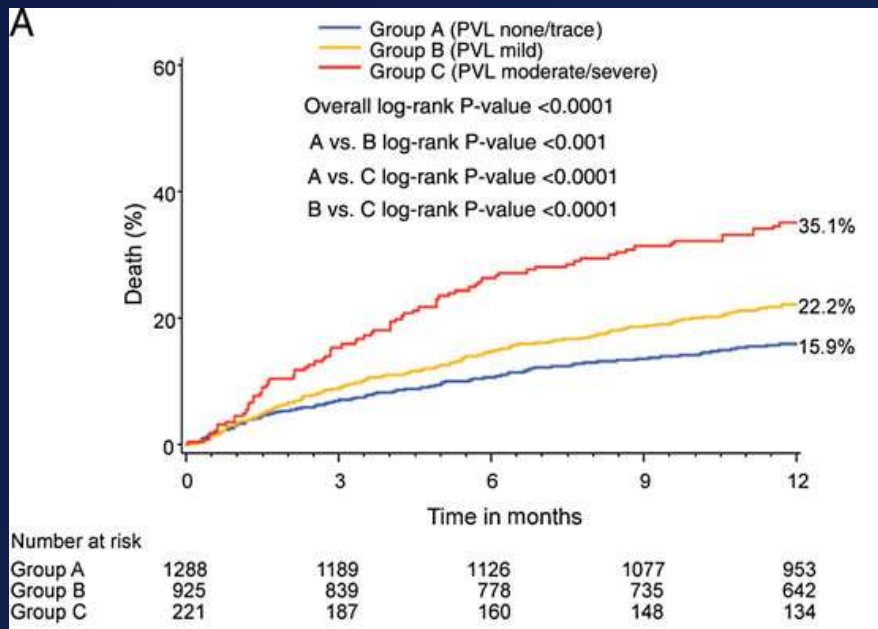


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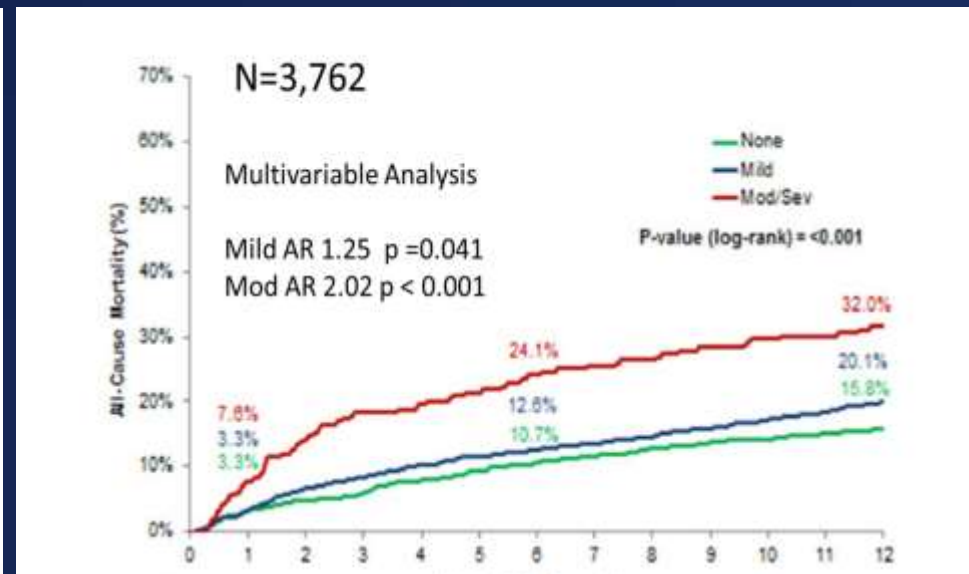
Why Does it Matter?

- Moderate / severe PVL is a multivariable predictor of all-cause mortality across multiple studies, increasing the risk by approximately 2x.
- Mild PVL impacted 1-year mortality in both PARTNER and the CoreValve US Pivotal Trial, but to a lesser extent

PARTNER

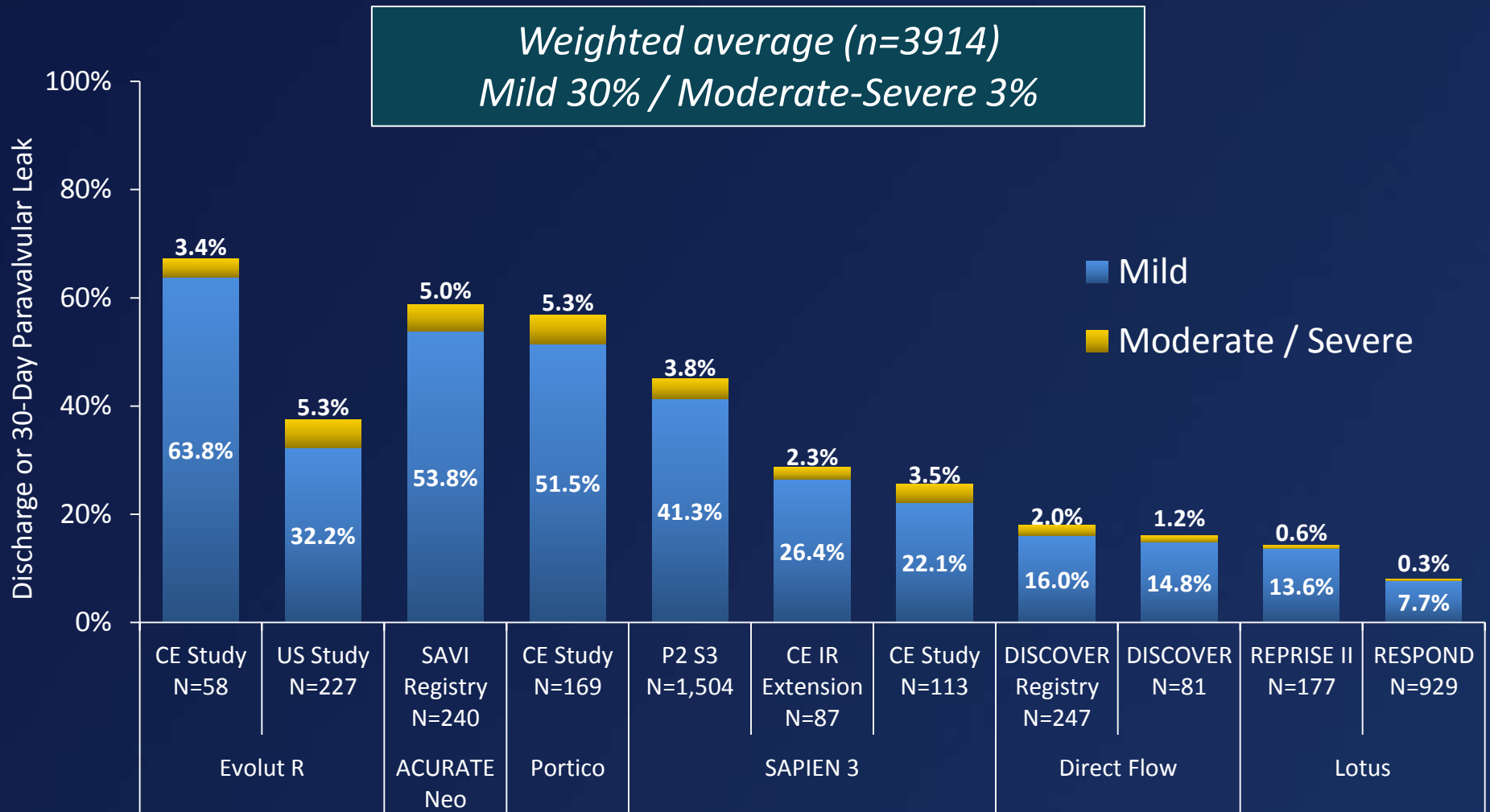


CoreValve US Pivotal Trial



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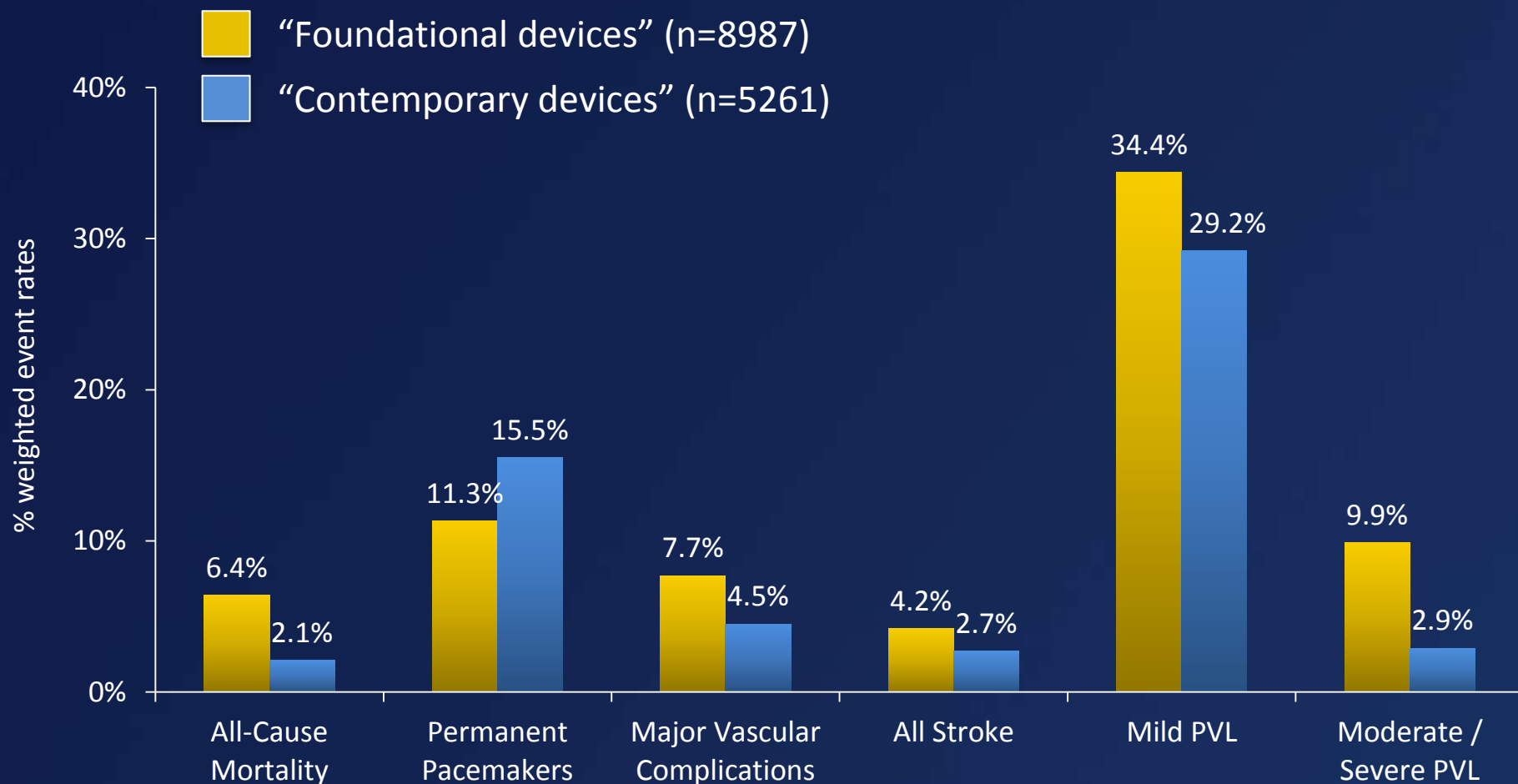


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Overall, How Did We Do?

Summary

Weighted Event Rates



Foundational devices include CoreValve, Edwards SAPIEN, SAPIEN XT and contemporary devices include Evolut R, SAPIEN 3, Acurate Neo, Portico, Direct Flow, LOTUS

Thank you for your kind attention!

Final Thoughts

- Compared with foundation devices, contemporary TAVR devices are designed with lower delivery profile and features to reduce PVL.
- These design goals seem to have been realized:
 - Transfemoral access can be achieved in approximately 90% of TAVR patients without any increase in vascular complication rate.
 - The rate of moderate / severe PVL is approaching zero!
 - Stroke has decreased slightly, which may be a result of the smaller delivery systems
- Still the overall rate of mild PVL is unchanged at approximately 30%, and this may be prognostically important.
- Some new devices have brought the overall rate of permanent pacemaker implantation up, and this needs to be addressed.
- Continued device and procedural evolution will be necessary in the future.