

# The Future Trend in TAVR: The Remaining Hurdles

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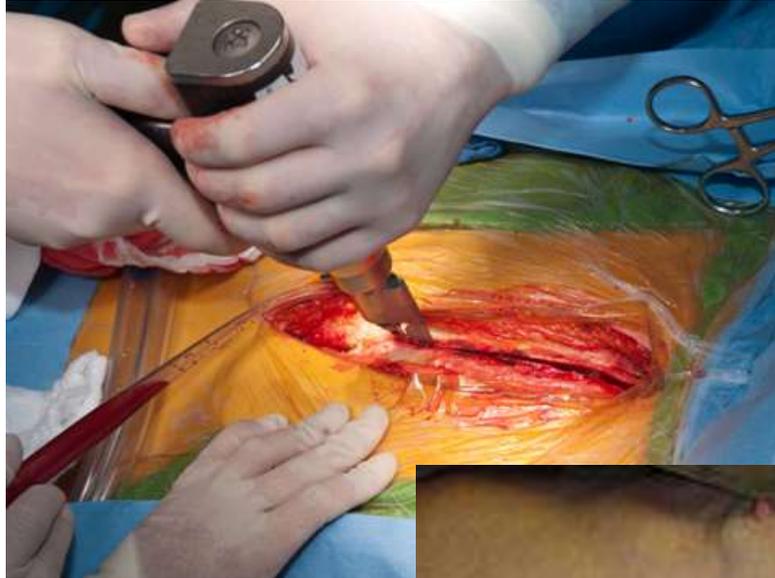
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# Change is Real



# PARTNER 3 – Low Risk Trial

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

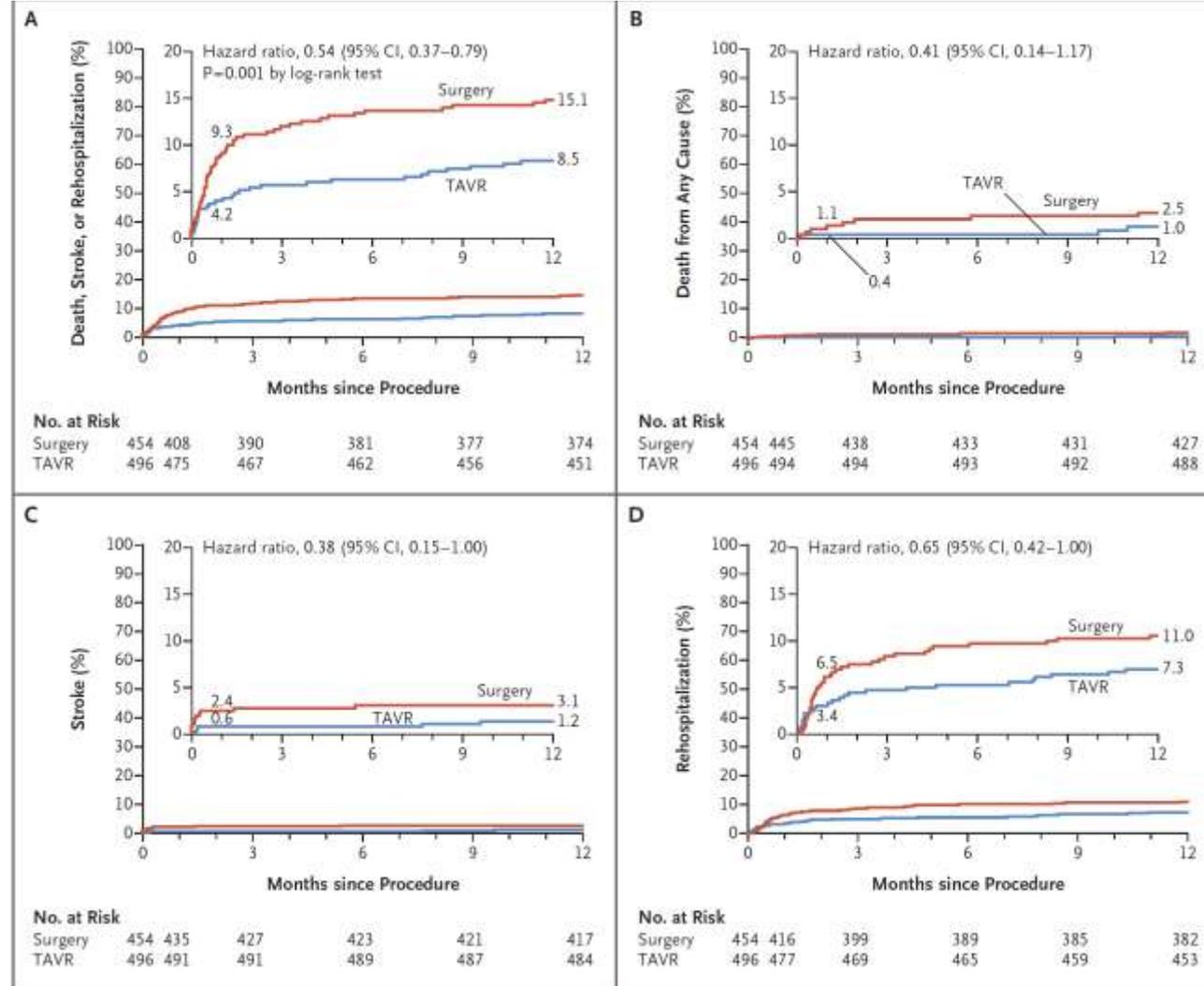
## Transcatheter Aortic-Valve Replacement with a Balloon-Expandable Valve in Low-Risk Patients

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ABSTRACT

### BACKGROUND

Among patients with aortic stenosis who are at intermediate or high risk for death with surgery, major outcomes are similar with transcatheter aortic-valve replacement (TAVR) and surgical aortic-valve replacement. There is insufficient evidence regarding the comparison of the two procedures in patients who are at low risk.



# Secondary Endpoints

Outcomes	30 Days			1 Year		
	TAVR (N=496)	Surgery (N=454)	P-value	TAVR (N=496)	Surgery (N=454)	P-value
<b>Bleeding - Life-threat/Major</b>	3.6% (18)	24.5% (111)	<0.001	7.7% (38)	25.9% (117)	<0.001
<b>Major Vascular Complications</b>	2.2% (11)	1.5% (7)	0.45	2.8% (14)	1.5% (7)	0.19
<b>AKI - stage 2 or 3*</b>	0.4% (2)	1.8% (8)	0.05	0.4% (2)	1.8% (8)	0.05
<b>New PPM (incl baseline)</b>	6.5% (32)	4.0% (18)	0.09	7.3% (36)	5.4% (24)	0.21
<b>New LBBB</b>	22.0% (106)	8.0% (35)	<0.001	23.7% (114)	8.0% (35)	<0.001
<b>Coronary Obstruction</b>	0.2% (1)	0.7% (3)	0.28	0.2% (1)	0.7% (3)	0.28
<b>AV Re-intervention</b>	0% (0)	0% (0)	NA	0.6% (3)	0.5% (2)	0.76
<b>Endocarditis</b>	0% (0)	0.2% (1)	0.29	0.2% (1)	0.5% (2)	0.49
<b>Asymp Valve Thrombosis</b>	0.2% (1)	0% (0)	0.34	1.0% (5)	0.2% (1)	0.13

# Setup

Common  
pump for  
OR

Anesthesia  
NP

Cardiologist  
and Cardiac  
surgeon

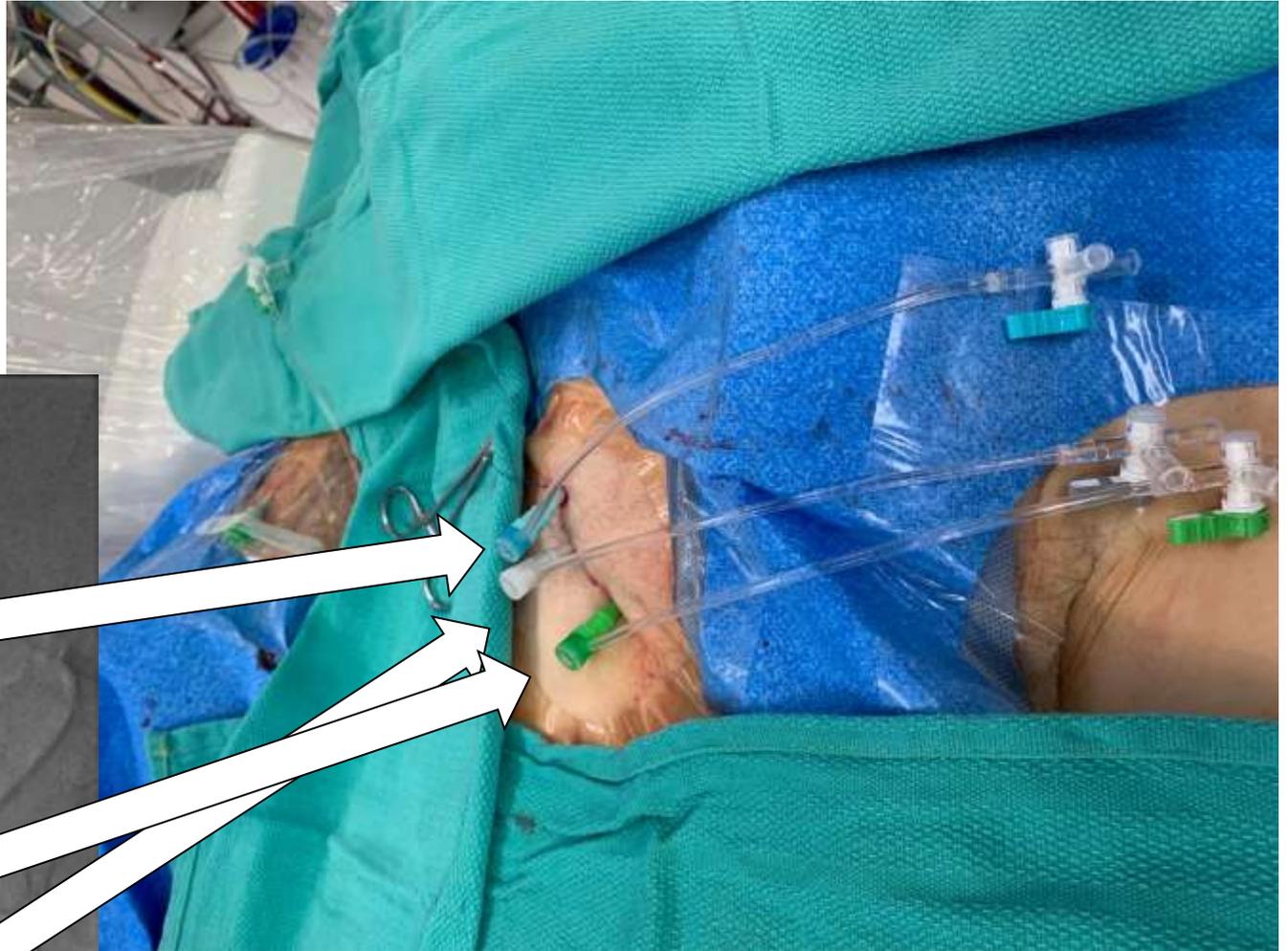
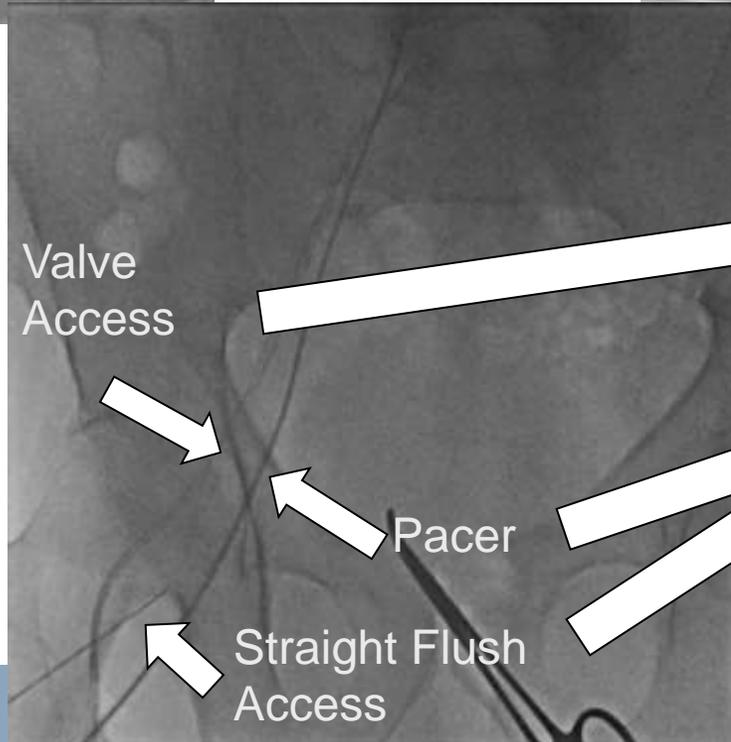
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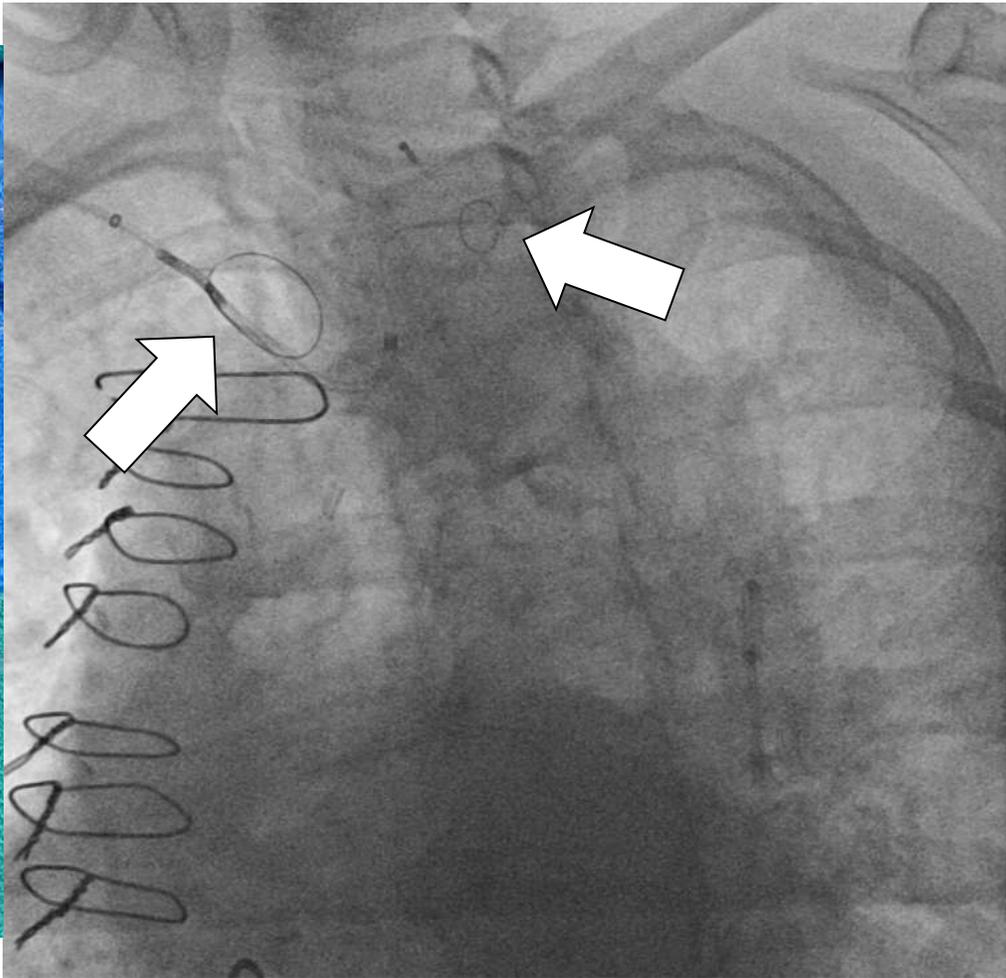
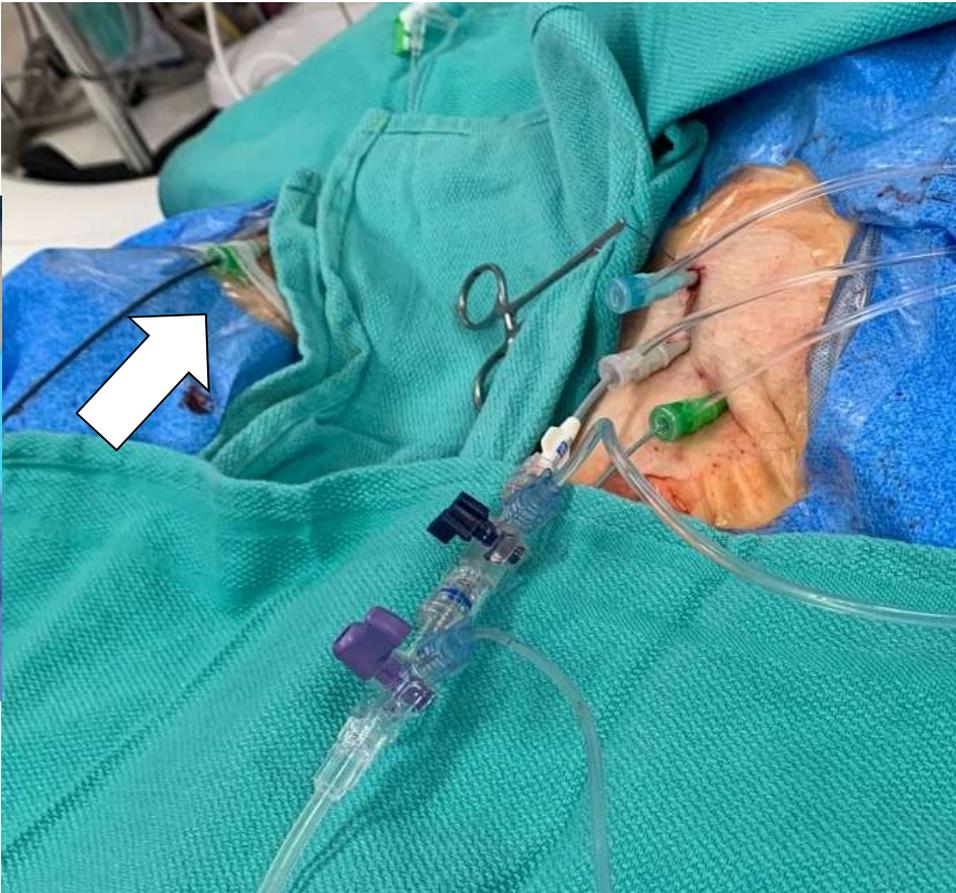
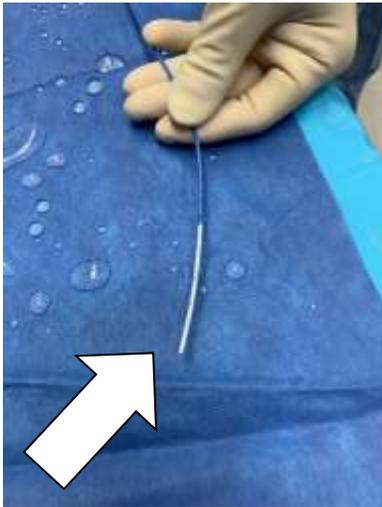


No GA, No Swan Ganz, No Arterial Line, No Foley

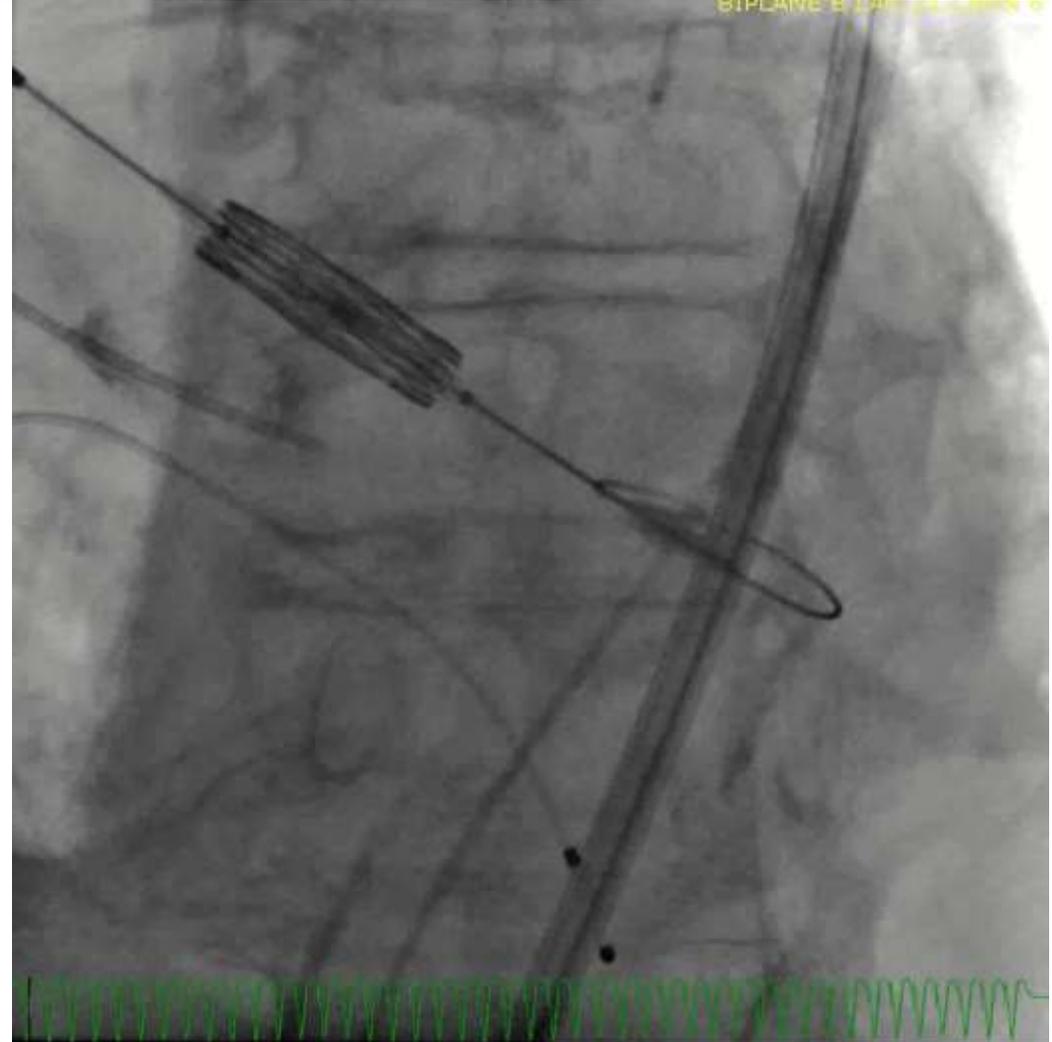
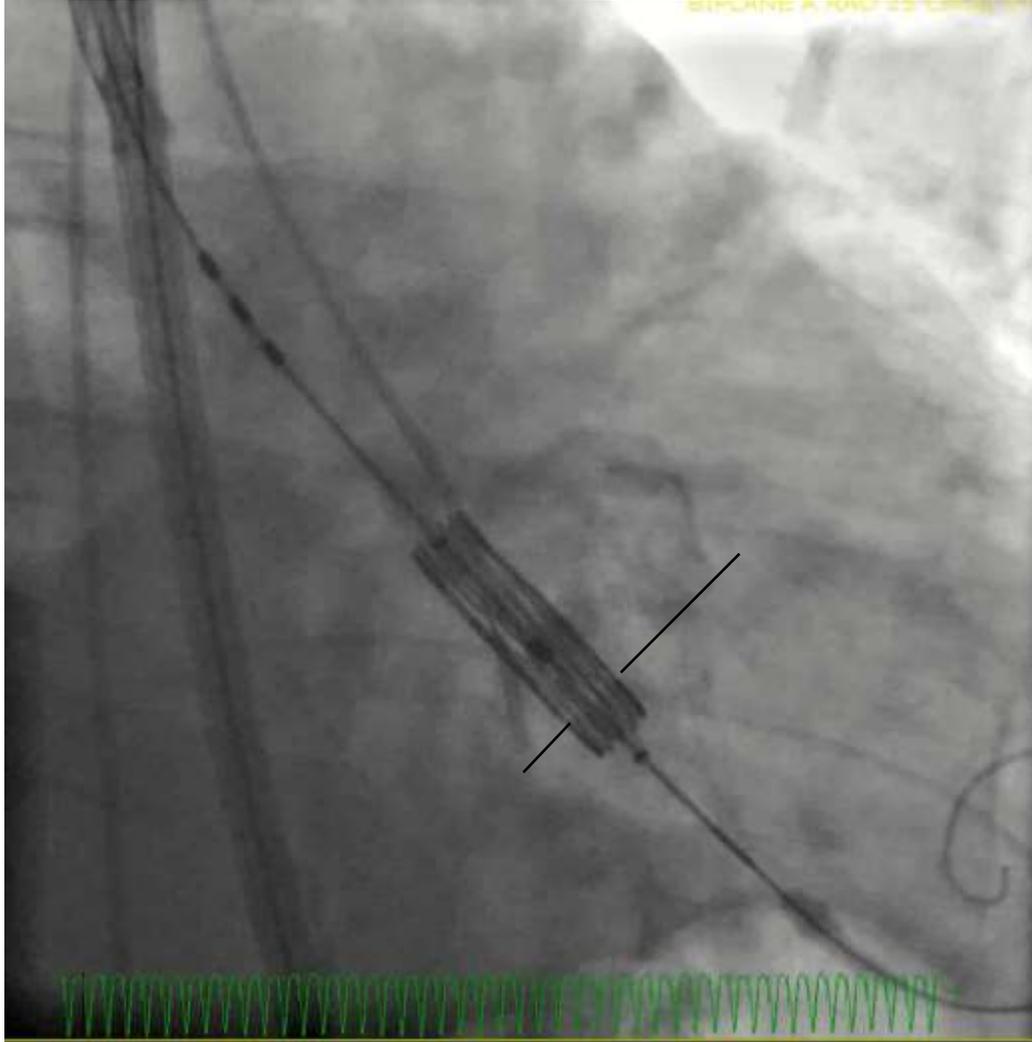
# Access



# Sentinel

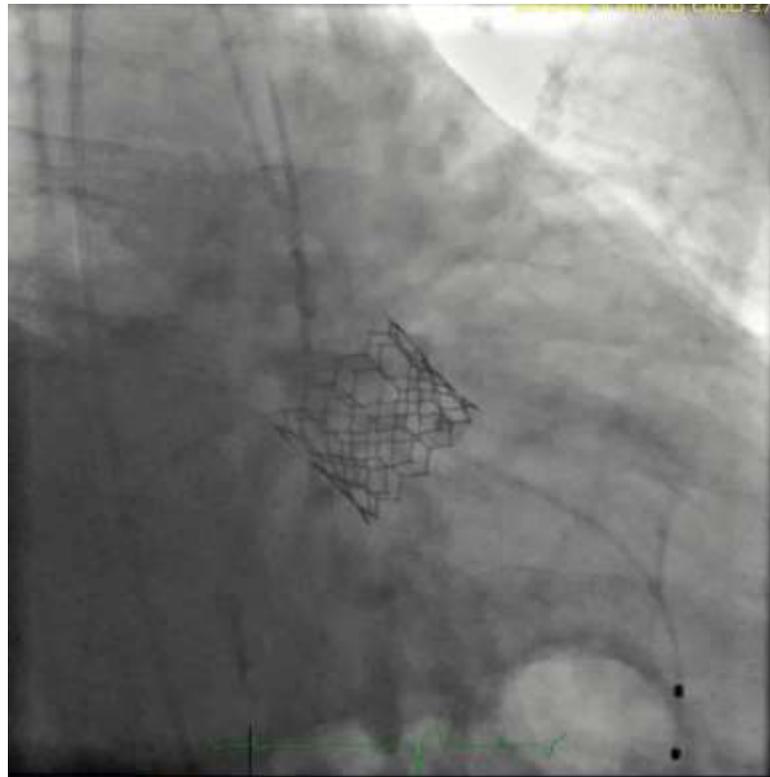


# Valve Deployment

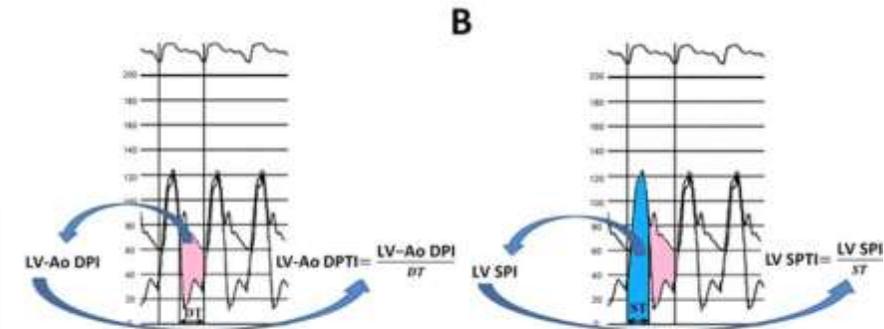


# AR Assessment

## Angiography

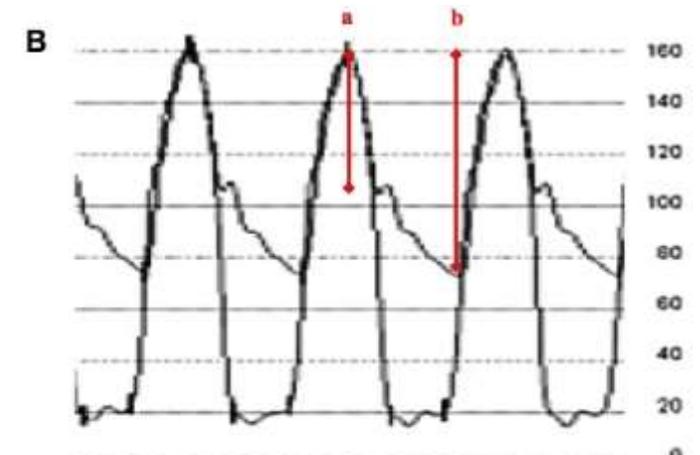


## Echo



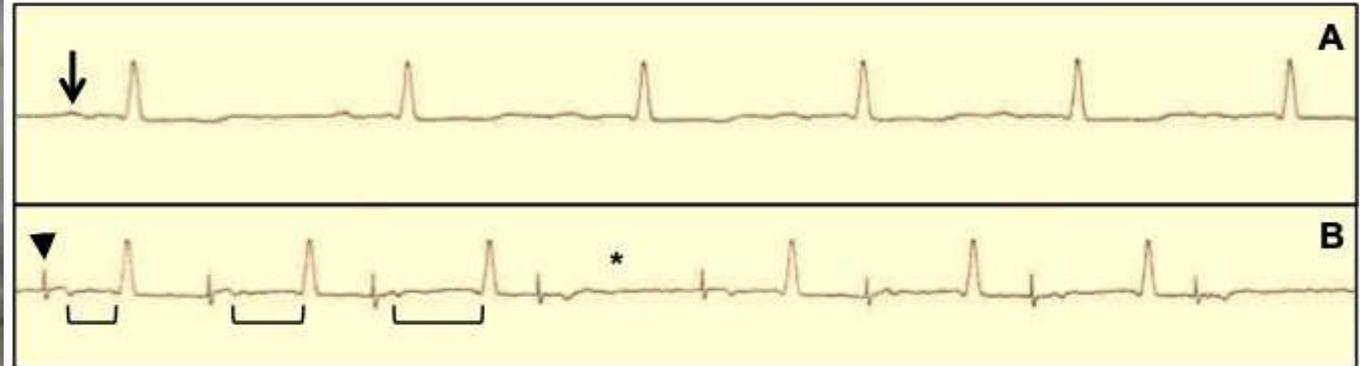
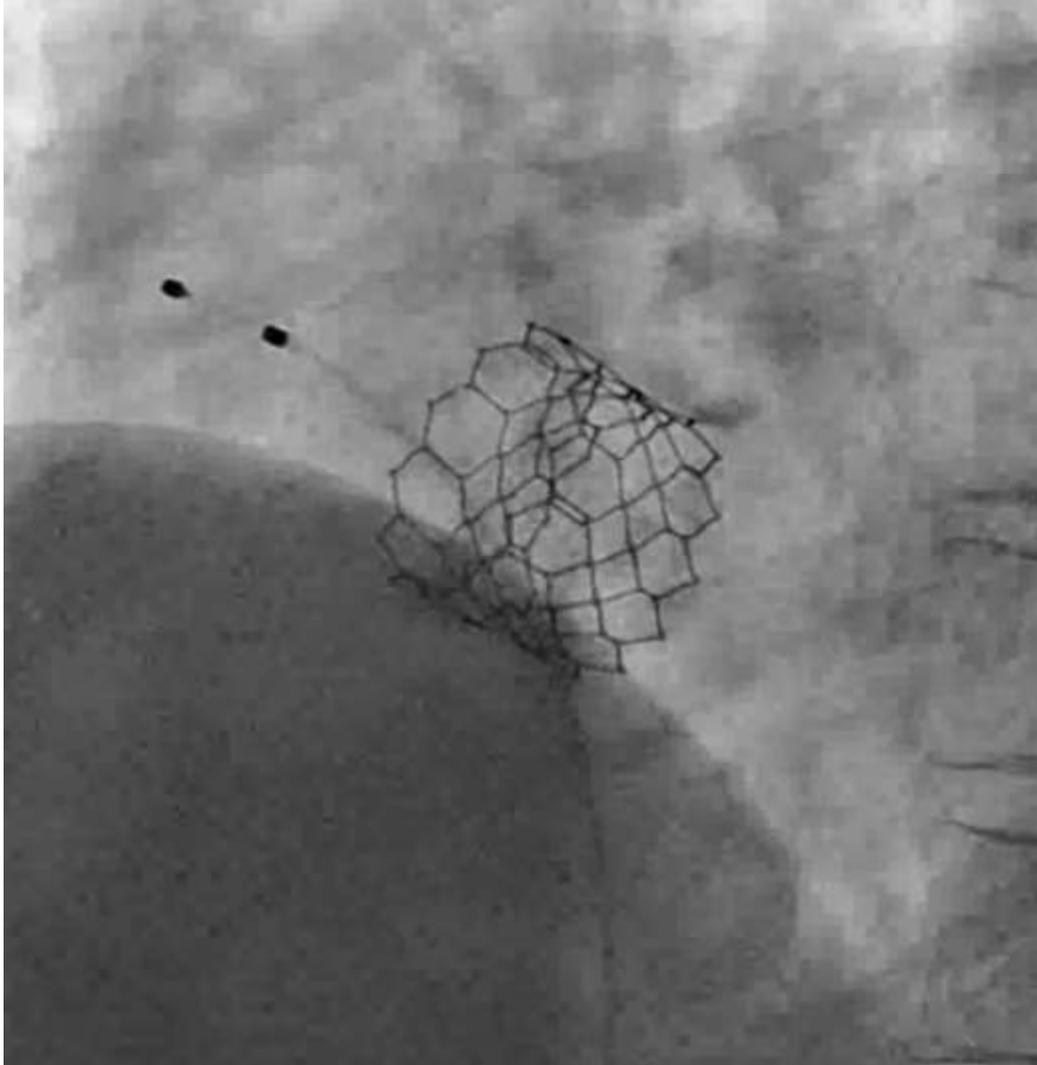
$$TIAR\ Index = \frac{LV-Ao\ DPI}{LV\ SPTI} \times 100$$

**<80 ≥ Mild AR**



**a/b < 0.5 = no AR**

# Rapid Pacing of RA if in SR



If AVN conducts 1:1 with RA pacing at 120 BPM, less than 2% chances of needing PPM

# Manual Pressure



# Cleveland Clinic TAVR Outcomes - 2019

- 2019 = 720 patients
- 58% High risk, 40% Int risk
- 91% Conscious Sedation

Mortality - 0%

Stroke - 0.3%

AR( $\geq 2+$ ) - 0.3%

New PPM – 1.2%

# Commercially available and investigational devices for TAVI

Balloon  
Expandable

SAPIEN (Edwards)  
\*no longer available



SAPIEN XT (Edwards)



S3 (Edwards)



Inovare valve (Braile Biomedica)

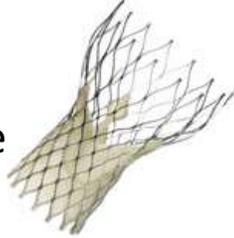


Colibri Heart Valve



Self  
Expandable

CoreValve (Medtronic)



Evolut R (Medtronic)



Portico (St. Jude Medical)



Centera (Edwards)



Venus (Medtech)



Other  
Designs

Lotus (Boston Scientific)



Direct Flow Valve (DFM)



Acurate (Symetis Inc)



Engager (Medtronic)



JenaValve



HLT (Heart Leaflet Technologies)



# TAVR: Unknowns and Hurdles

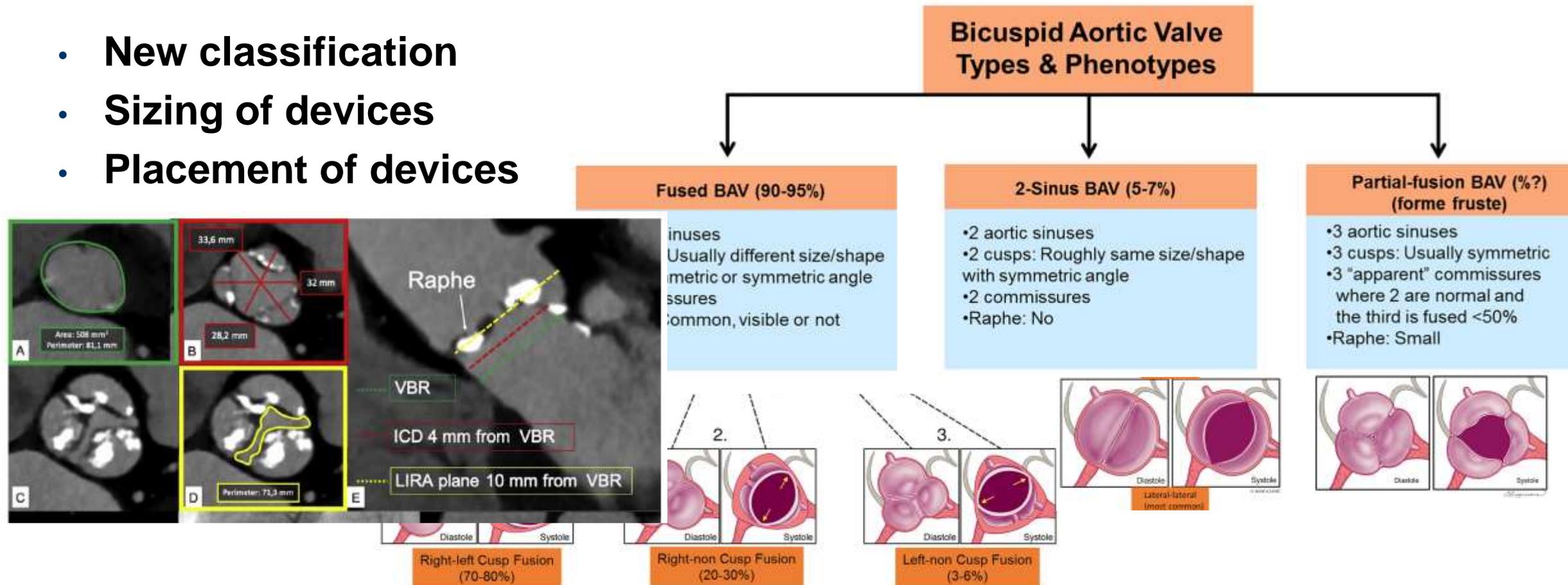
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# Bicuspid Aortic Valve

- New classification
- Sizing of devices
- Placement of devices



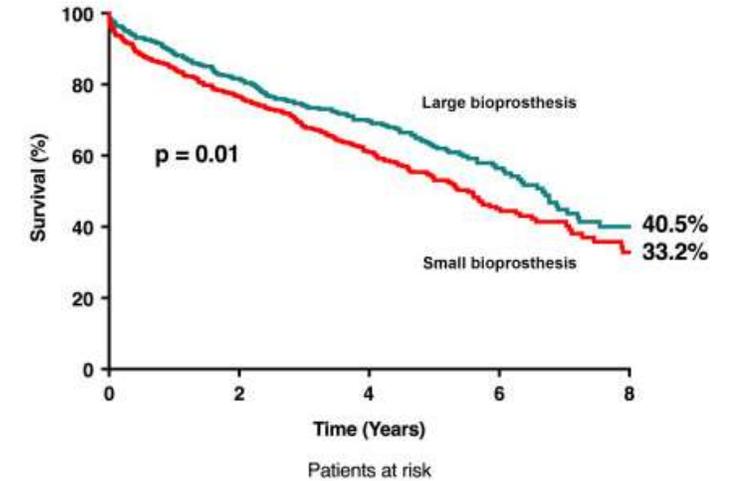
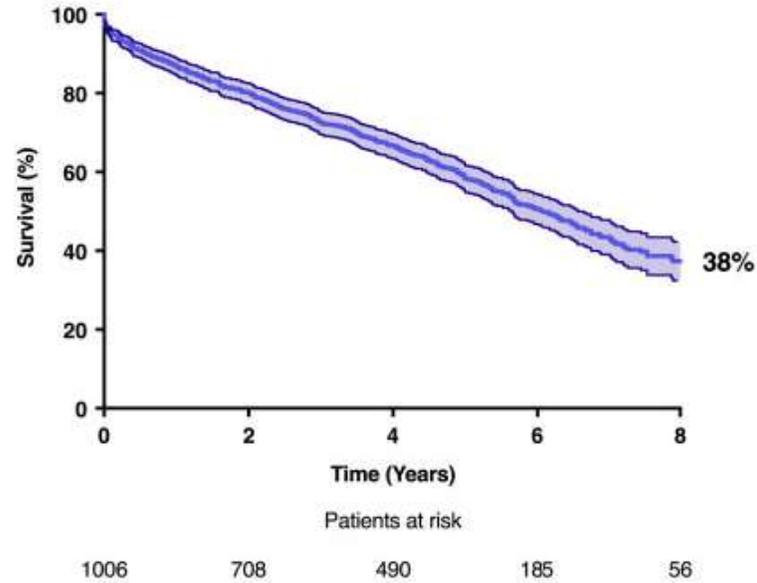
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# Young patients

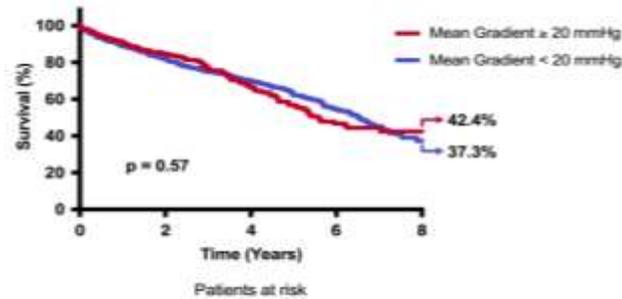
<b>Years</b>	<b>60</b>	→	<b>70</b>	→	<b>80</b>
<b>Option 1</b>	<b>TAVR</b>	→	<b>TAVR</b>	→	<b>TAVR</b>
<b>Option 2</b>	<b>TAVR</b>	→	<b>SAVR</b>	→	<b>TAVR</b>
<b>Option 3</b>	<b>SAVR</b>	→	<b>TAVR</b>	→	<b>TAVR</b>

# Valve in Valve: VIVID Registry



Large bioprosthesis	387	279	201	78	27
Small bioprosthesis	450	304	204	75	22

Mean Gradients  $\geq 20$  mmHg and Survival

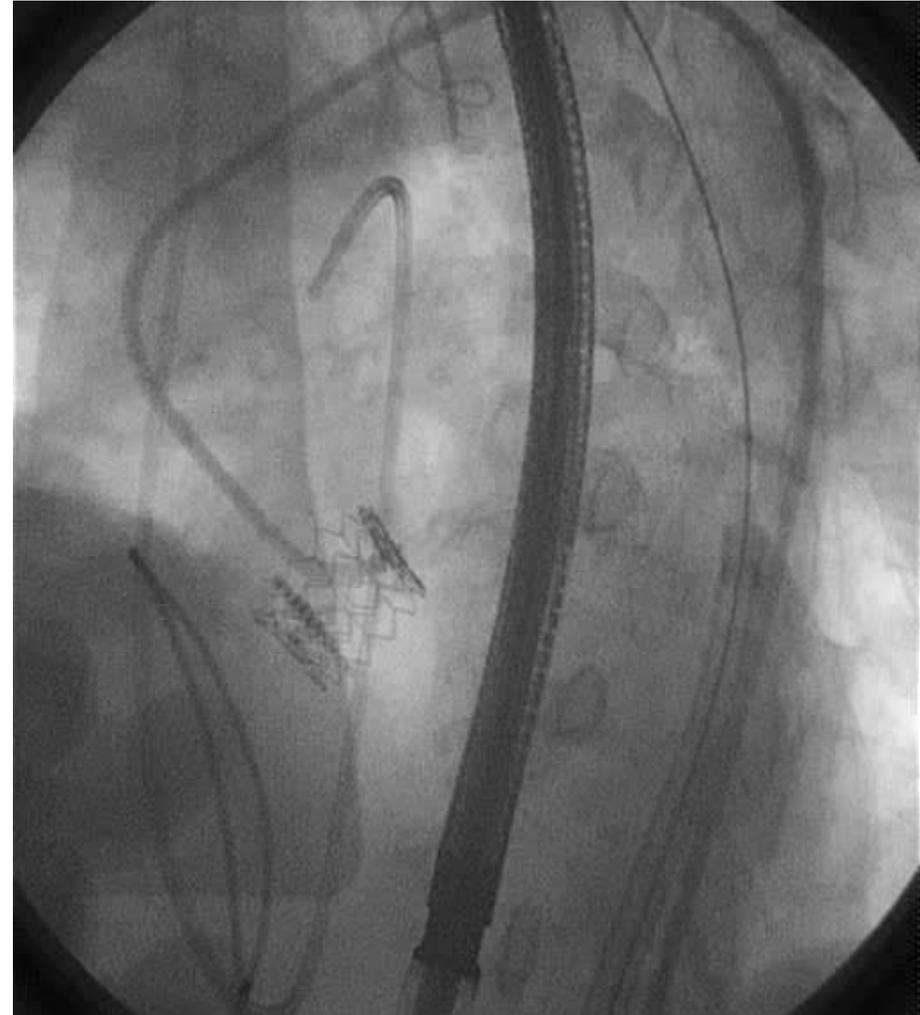
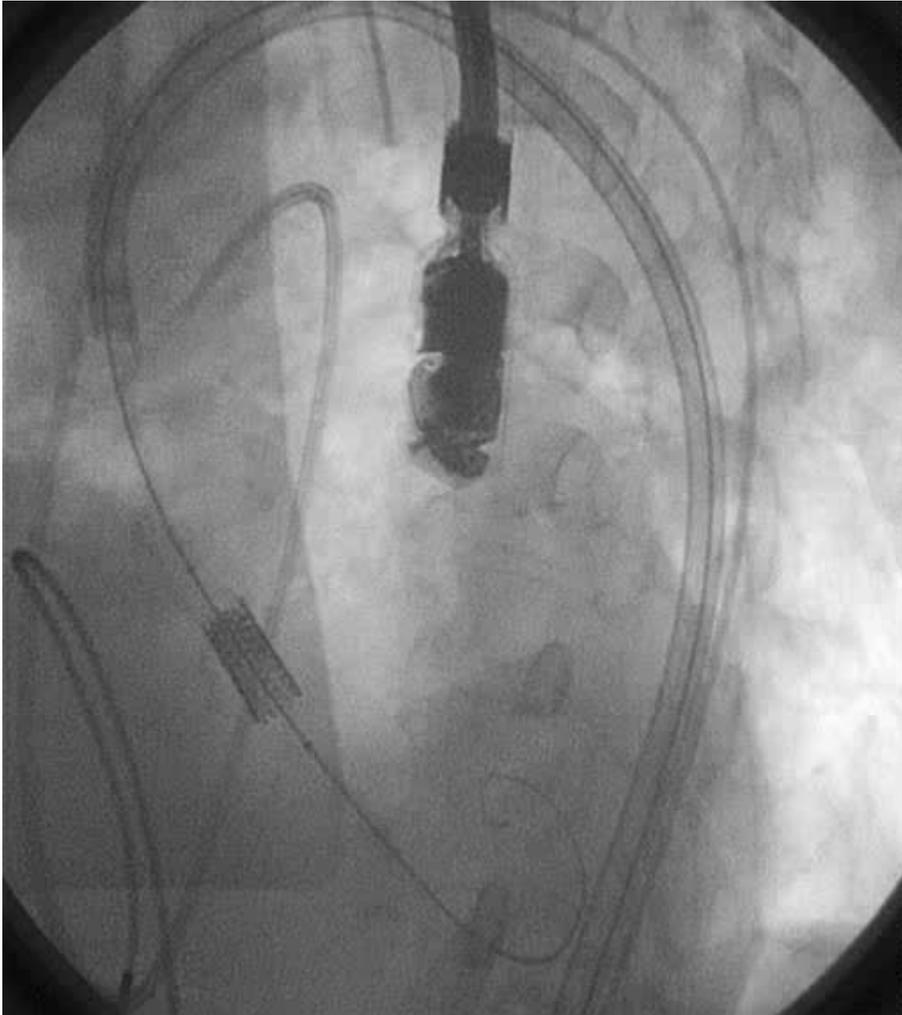


Mean Gradient $\geq 20$ mmHg	279	208	135	44	13
Mean Gradient $< 20$ mmHg	629	452	320	131	40

# Coronary Access

- **Valve height**
- **Sinus sequestration**
- **Leaflet alignment**
- **Future Valve in valve options**

# Coronary Occlusion

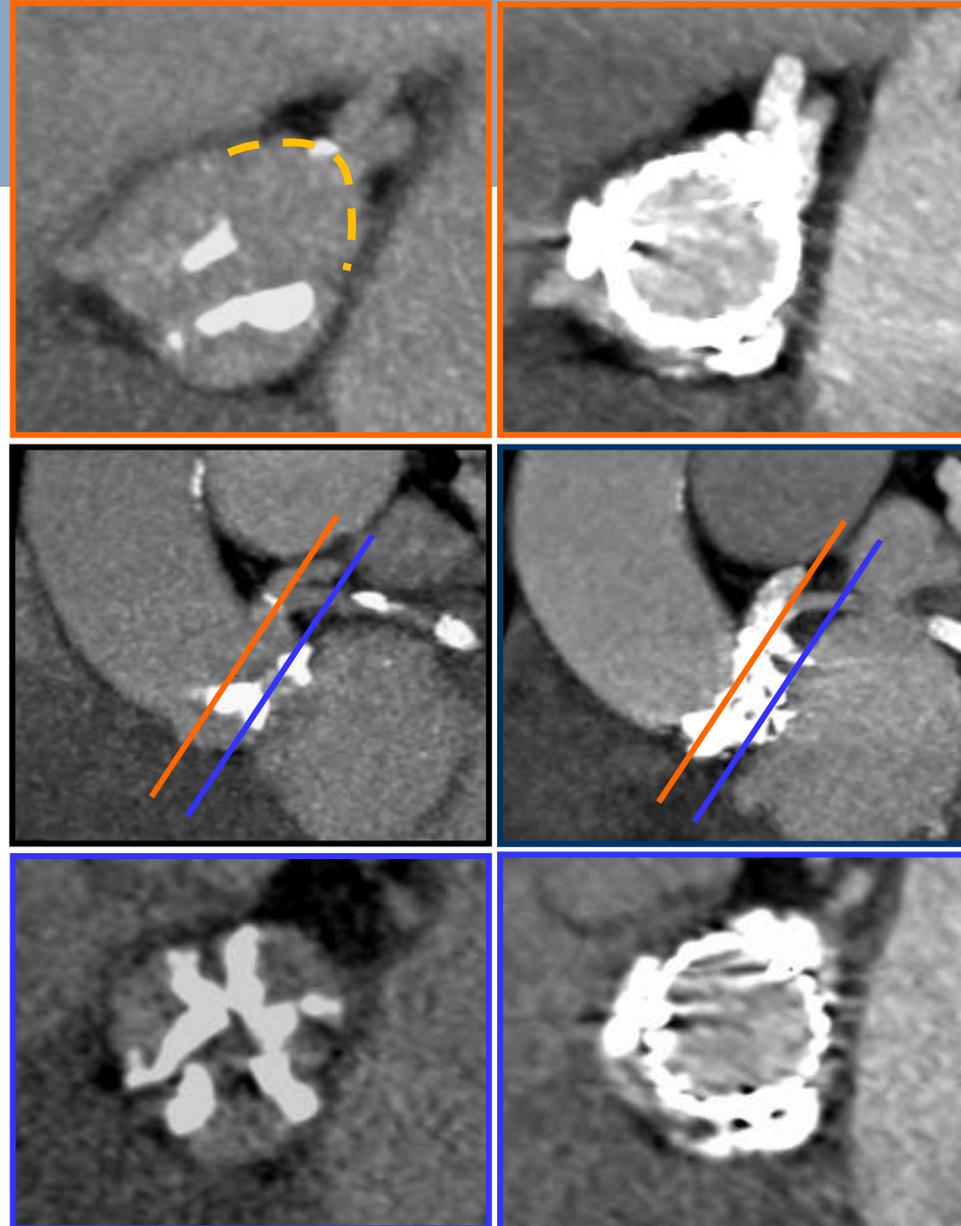


# Final Result: Stents in the Left Main

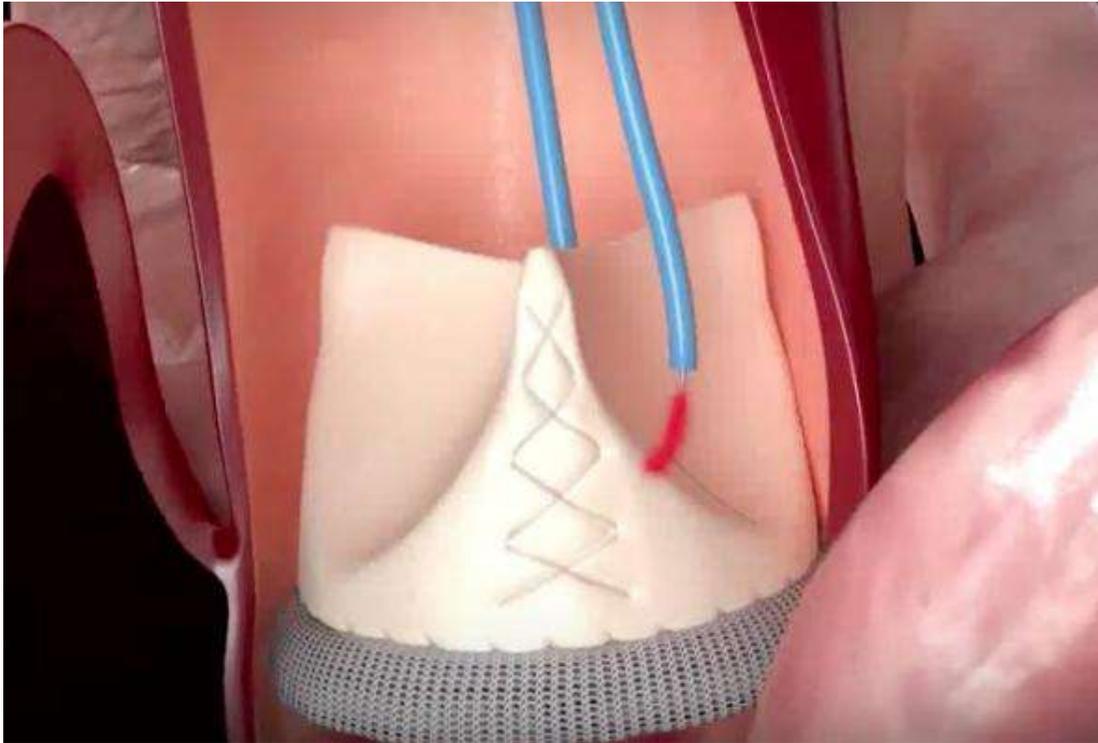


# Root Cause Analysis

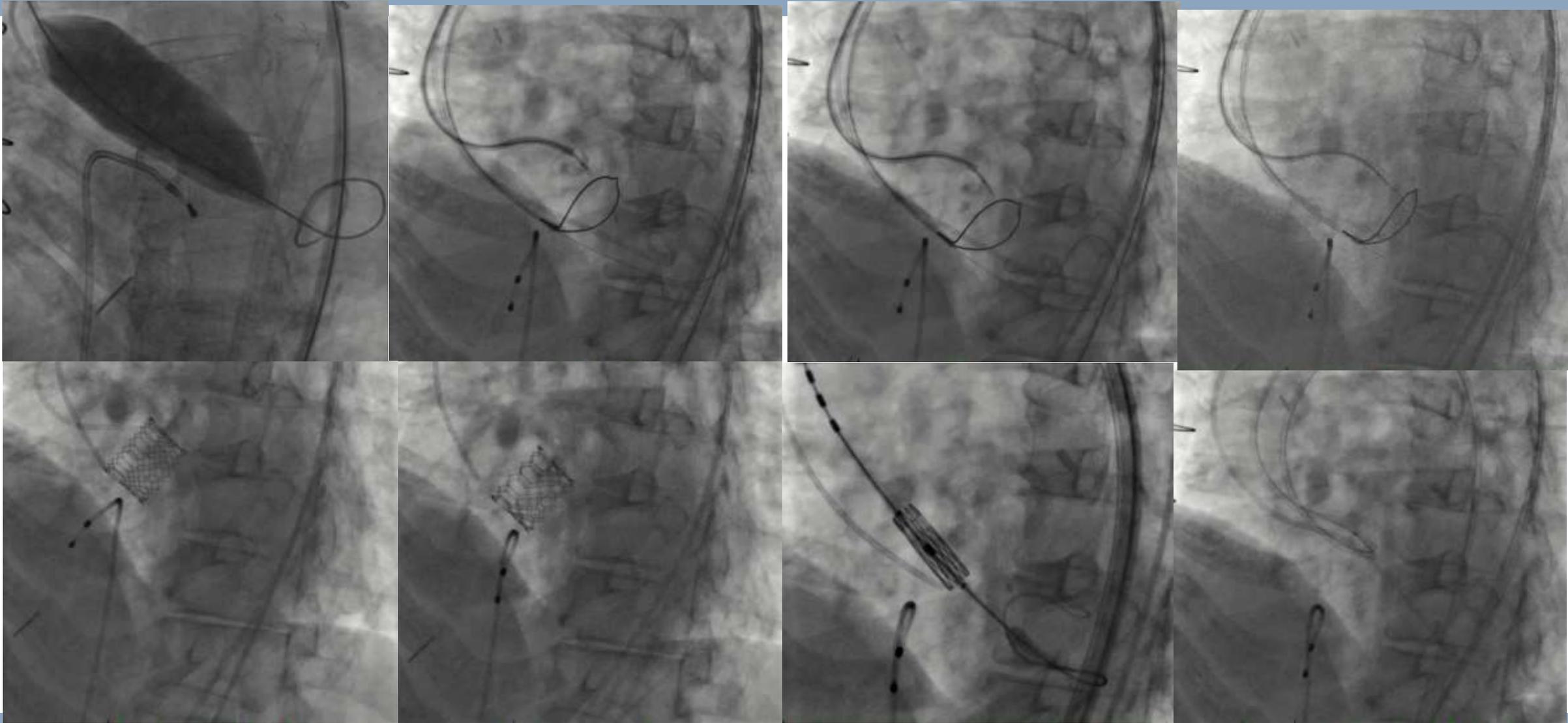
- Small sinuses
- Middle of the cusp
- Low LM origin
- Stent pole next to LMT
- Large amount of Ca



# Basilica



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# Results of Basilica Procedure

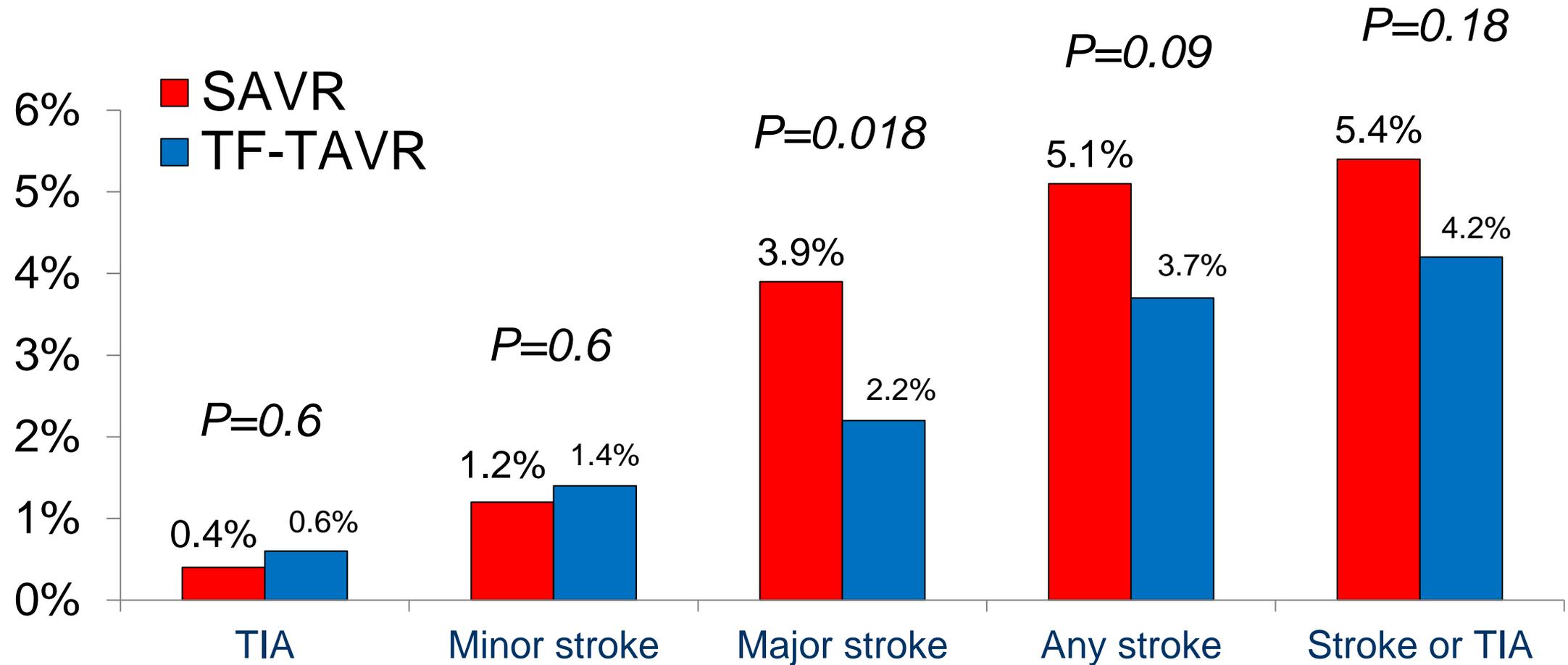
	<b>Total BASILICA (n = 129)</b>	<b>Left BASILICA (n = 102)</b>	<b>Right BASILICA (n = 5)</b>	<b>Double BASILICA (n = 22)</b>	<b>Controls (n = 59)</b>	<b>P Value</b>
Mortality	6.0%	1.6%	0	25.0%	18.9%	0.026
Major Stroke	7.5%	6.4%	0	9.0%	0	0.051
Coronary Obstruction	4.5%	2.0%	0	14.0%	32.2%	< 0.001
Death, Stroke, or Coronary Obstruction	12.3%	8.8%	0	33.0%	35.6%	< 0.001

# EPD in Stroke Prevention: Controversies

- **Risk of Stroke**
  - Is this really a problem in current practice?
  - Can we identify “high risk” patients?
- **Efficacy of EPD**
  - Do they really work?
  - What are “trade-offs”
    - Cost, Time, Contrast, Complications

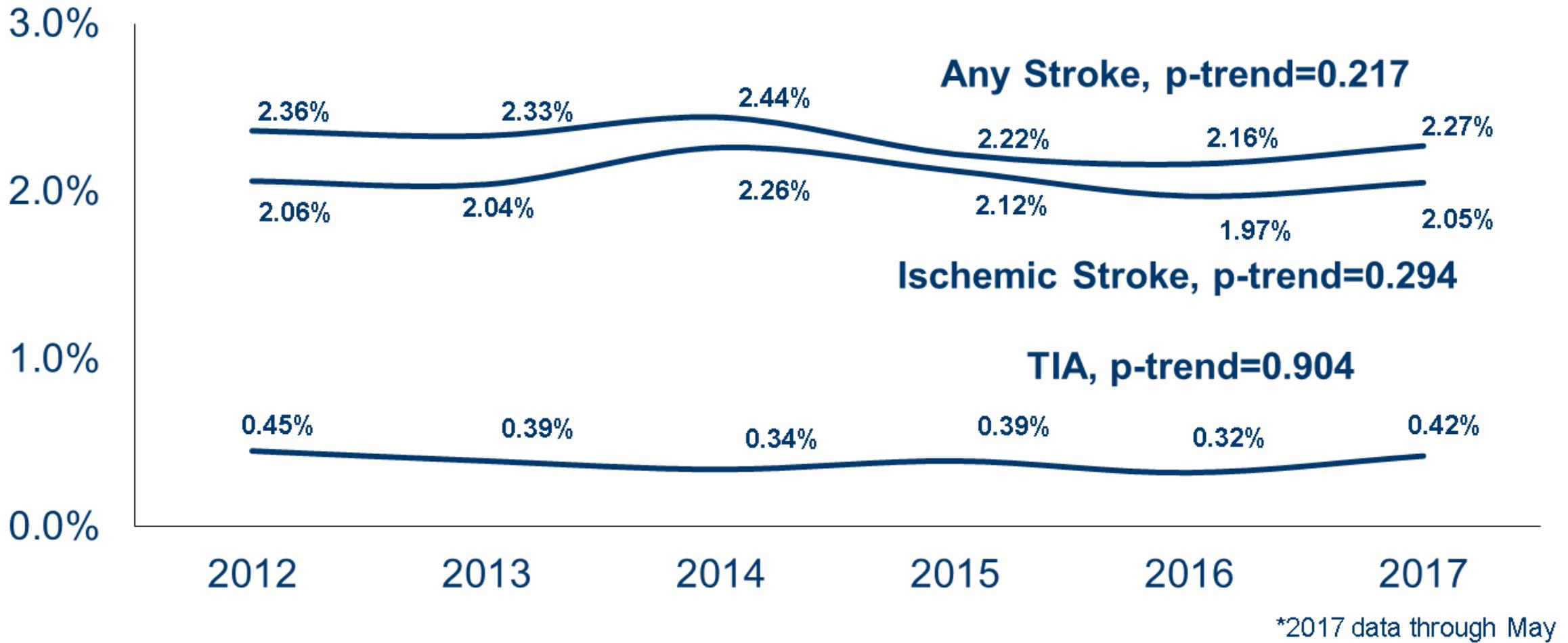
# TAVR Stroke Risk Compared To SAVR

Is this the Gold Standard?

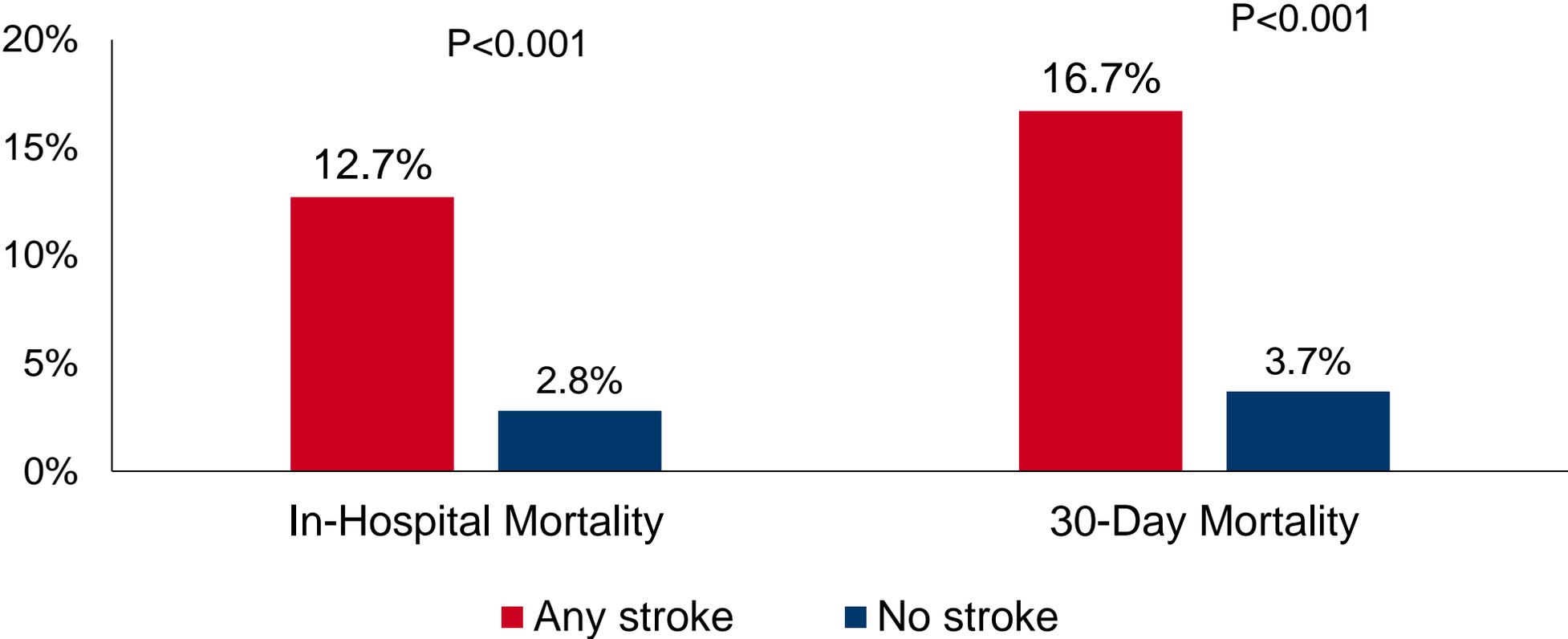


# Trends in Post-TAVR Neurologic Event Rates

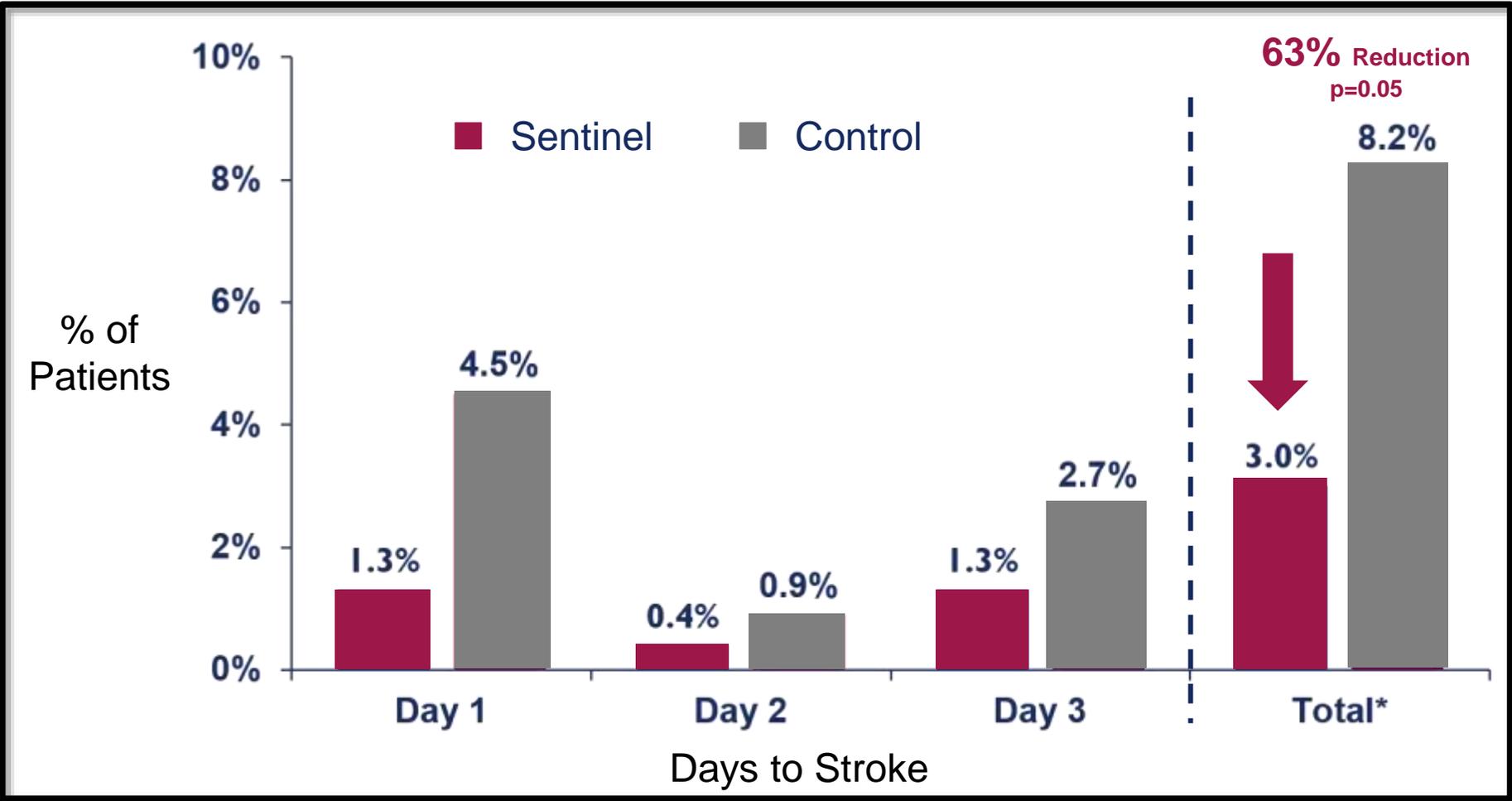
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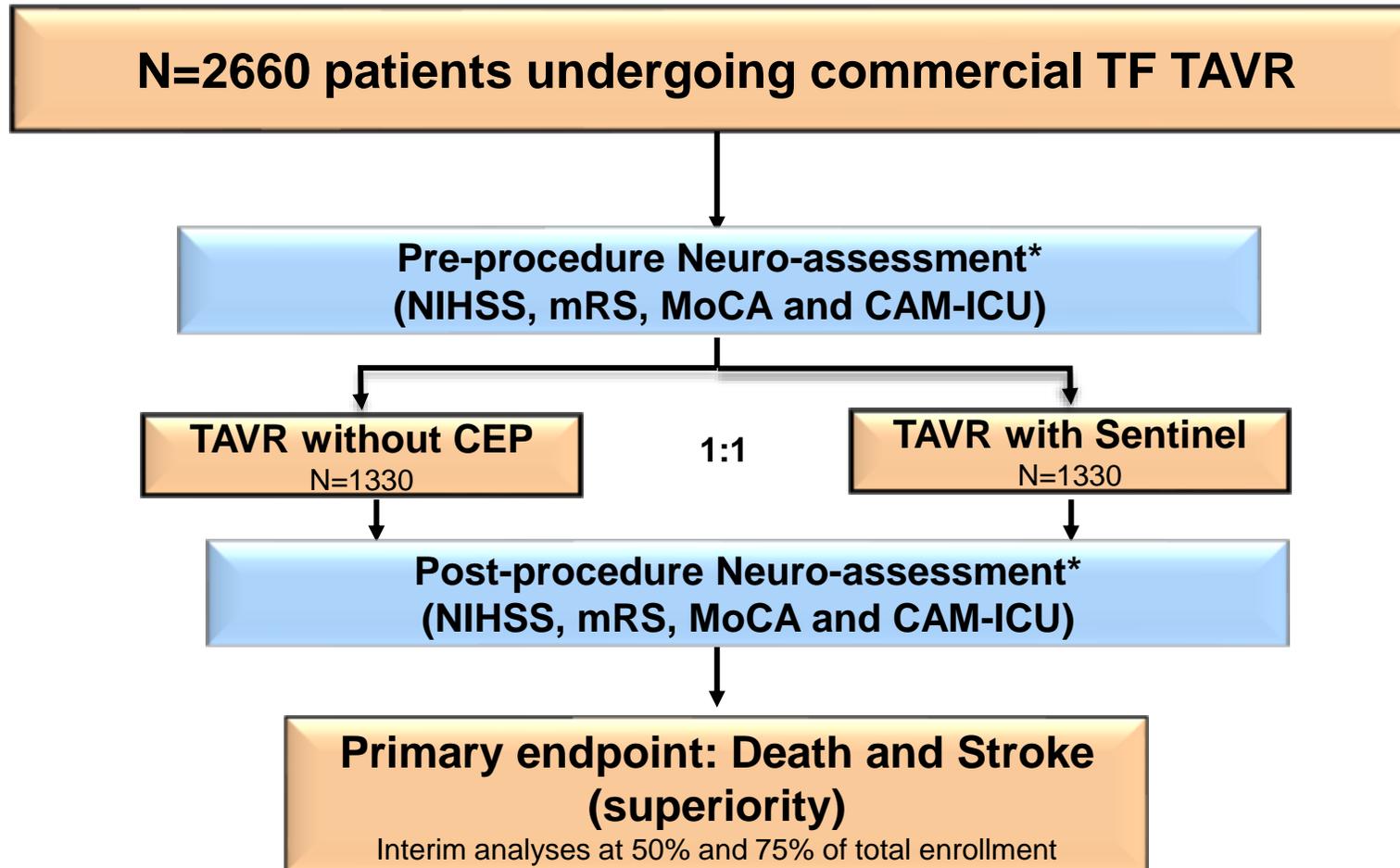
# Association of Post TAVR Stroke with Mortality



# Significant Procedural Stroke Reduction with Sentinel



# PROTECTED TAVR

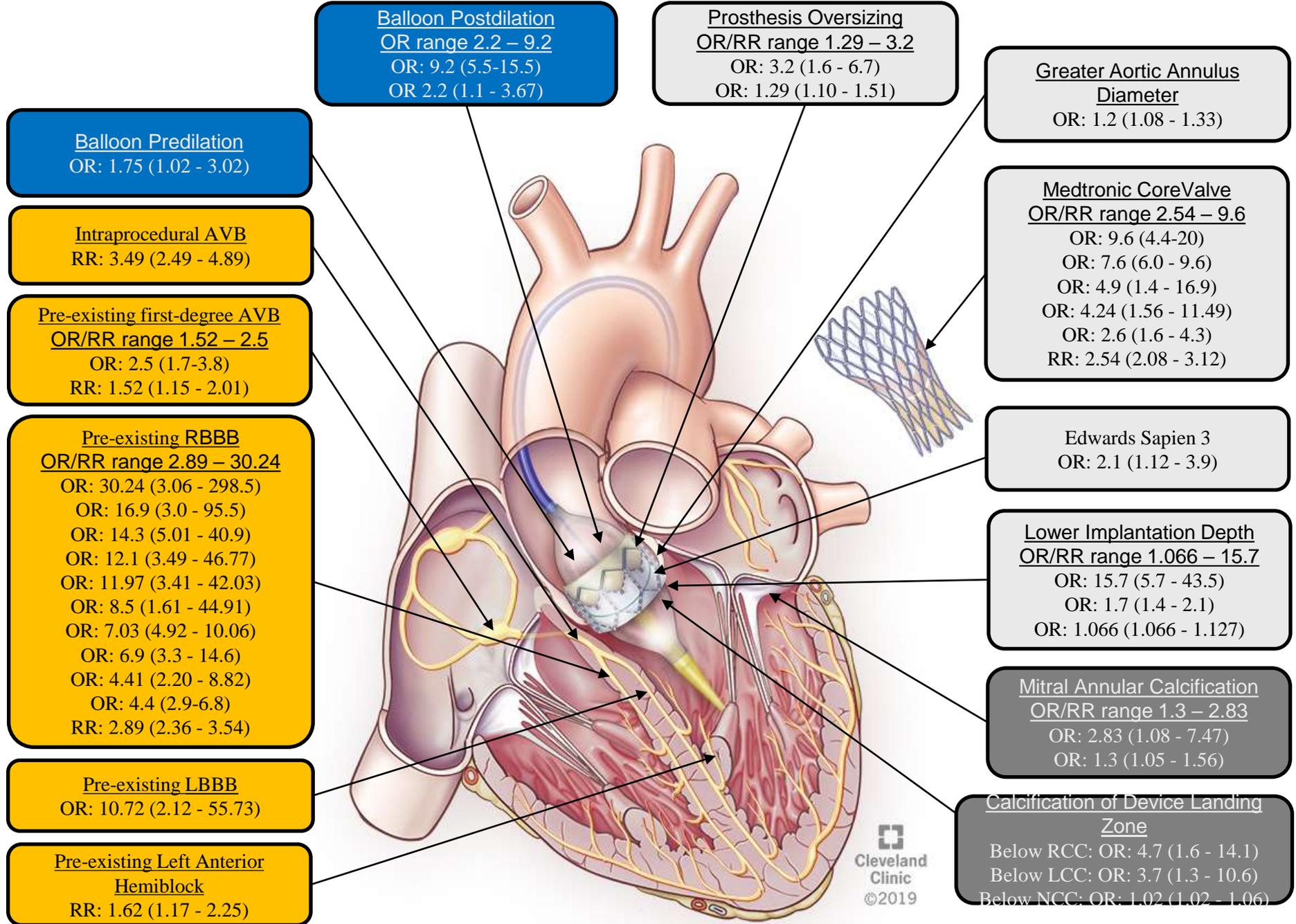
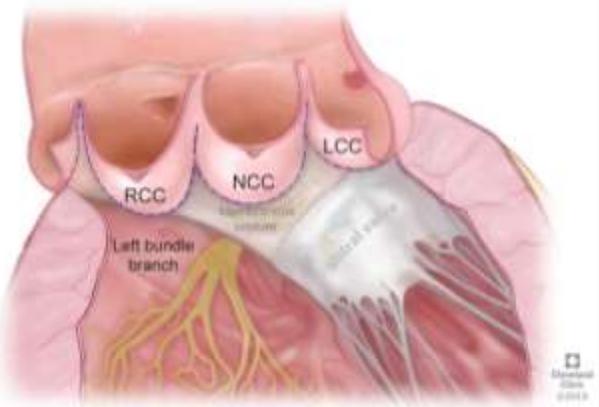


\*Must be a neurologist, neurology fellow, neurology physician assistant, or neurology nurse practitioner

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# Conduction Abnormality



**Balloon Predilation**  
OR: 1.75 (1.02 - 3.02)

**Intraprocedural AVB**  
RR: 3.49 (2.49 - 4.89)

**Pre-existing first-degree AVB**  
OR/RR range 1.52 – 2.5  
OR: 2.5 (1.7-3.8)  
RR: 1.52 (1.15 - 2.01)

**Pre-existing RBBB**  
OR/RR range 2.89 – 30.24  
OR: 30.24 (3.06 - 298.5)  
OR: 16.9 (3.0 - 95.5)  
OR: 14.3 (5.01 - 40.9)  
OR: 12.1 (3.49 - 46.77)  
OR: 11.97 (3.41 - 42.03)  
OR: 8.5 (1.61 - 44.91)  
OR: 7.03 (4.92 - 10.06)  
OR: 6.9 (3.3 - 14.6)  
OR: 4.41 (2.20 - 8.82)  
OR: 4.4 (2.9-6.8)  
RR: 2.89 (2.36 - 3.54)

**Pre-existing LBBB**  
OR: 10.72 (2.12 - 55.73)

**Pre-existing Left Anterior Hemiblock**  
RR: 1.62 (1.17 - 2.25)

**Balloon Postdilation**  
OR range 2.2 – 9.2  
OR: 9.2 (5.5-15.5)  
OR 2.2 (1.1 - 3.67)

**Prosthesis Oversizing**  
OR/RR range 1.29 – 3.2  
OR: 3.2 (1.6 - 6.7)  
OR: 1.29 (1.10 - 1.51)

**Greater Aortic Annulus Diameter**  
OR: 1.2 (1.08 - 1.33)

**Medtronic CoreValve**  
OR/RR range 2.54 – 9.6  
OR: 9.6 (4.4-20)  
OR: 7.6 (6.0 - 9.6)  
OR: 4.9 (1.4 - 16.9)  
OR: 2.6 (1.6 - 4.3)  
RR: 2.54 (2.08 - 3.12)

**Edwards Sapien 3**  
OR: 2.1 (1.12 - 3.9)

**Lower Implantation Depth**  
OR/RR range 1.066 – 15.7  
OR: 15.7 (5.7 - 43.5)  
OR: 1.7 (1.4 - 2.1)  
OR: 1.066 (1.066 - 1.127)

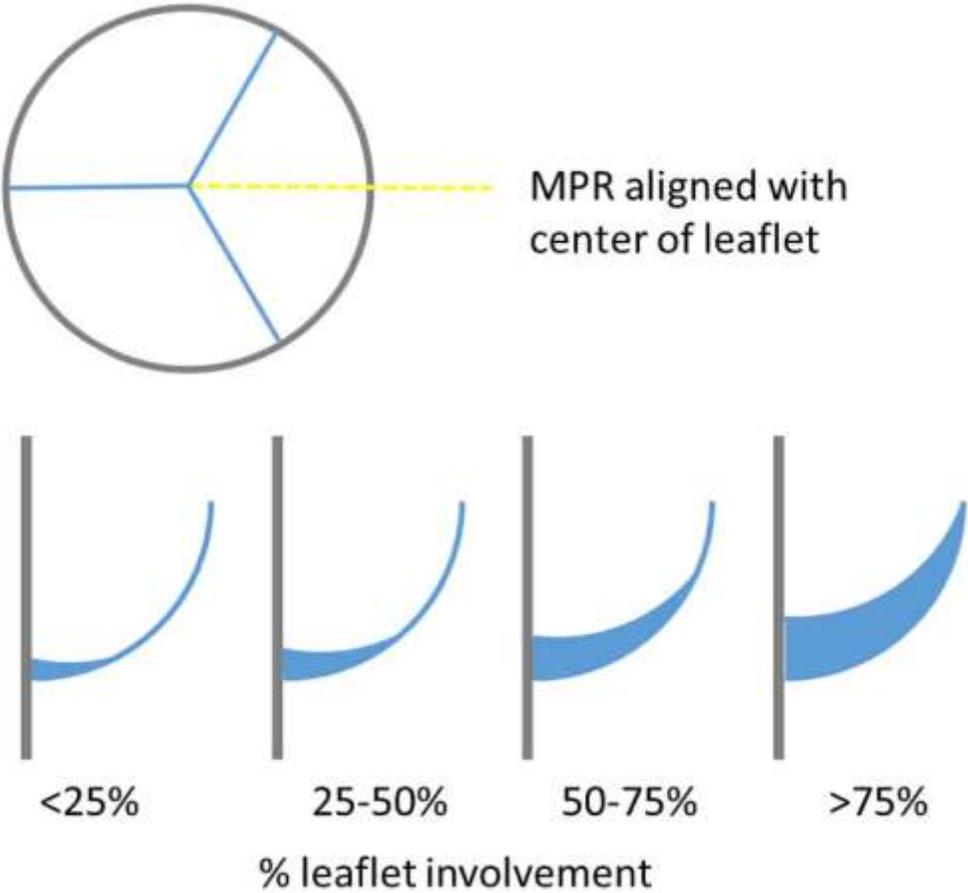
**Mitral Annular Calcification**  
OR/RR range 1.3 – 2.83  
OR: 2.83 (1.08 - 7.47)  
OR: 1.3 (1.05 - 1.56)

**Calcification of Device Landing Zone**  
Below RCC: OR: 4.7 (1.6 - 14.1)  
Below LCC: OR: 3.7 (1.3 - 10.6)  
Below NCC: OR: 1.02 (1.02 - 1.06)

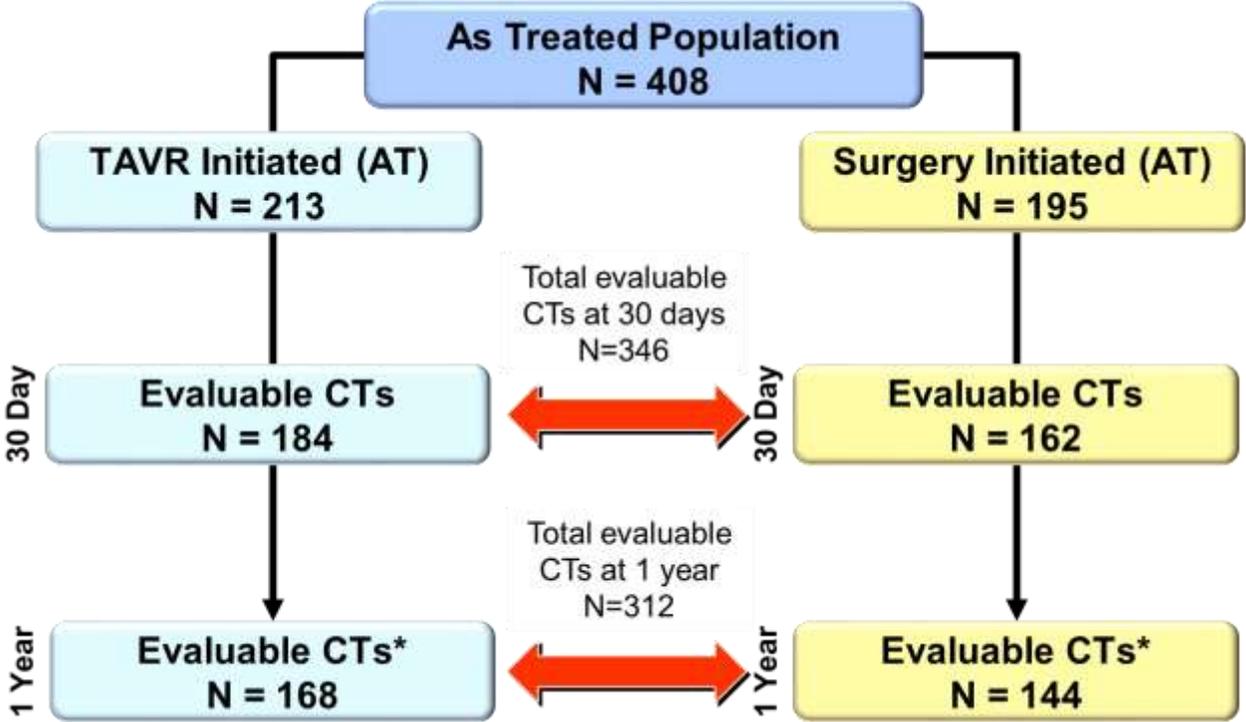
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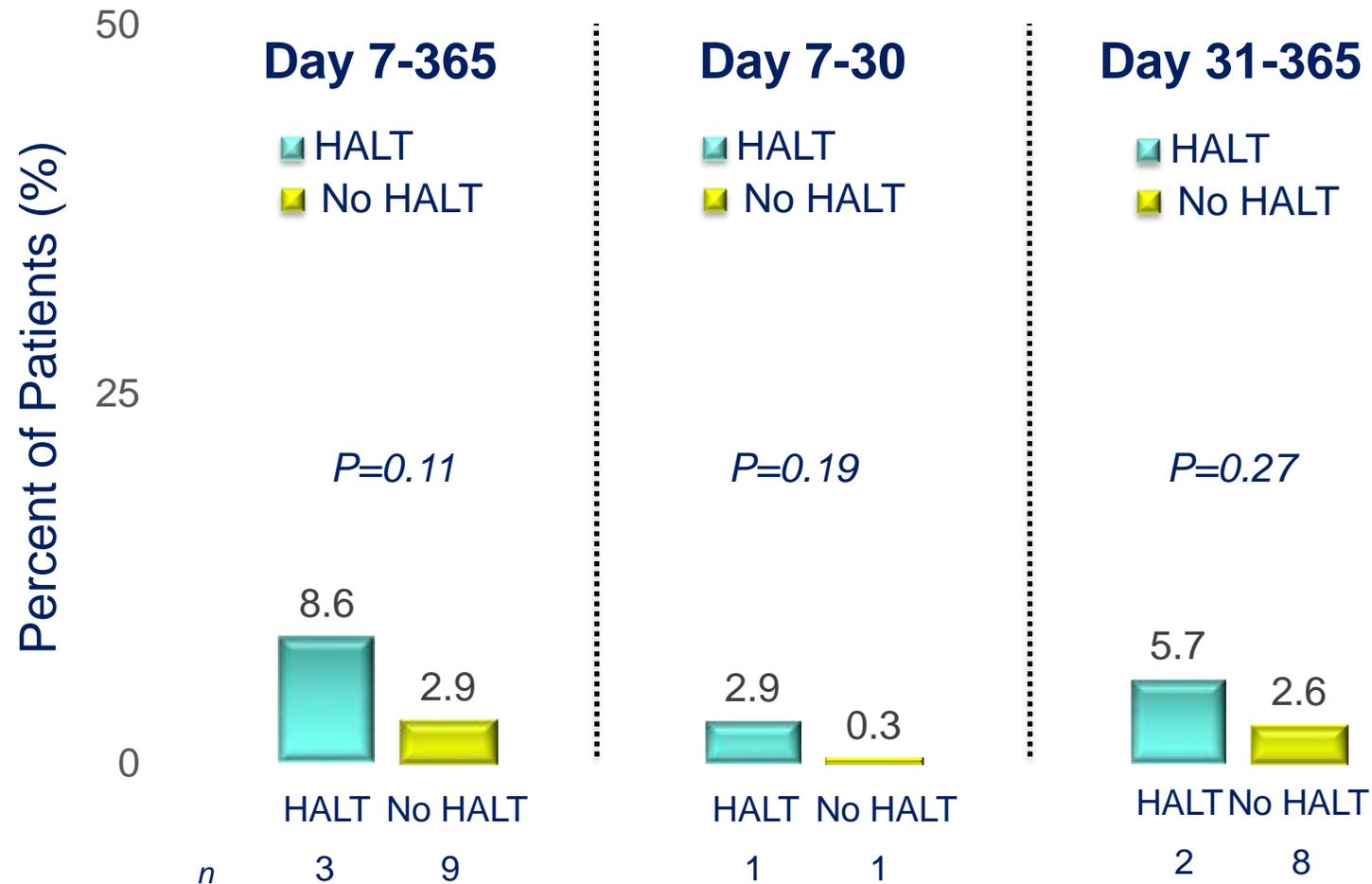
# PARTNER CT Substudy



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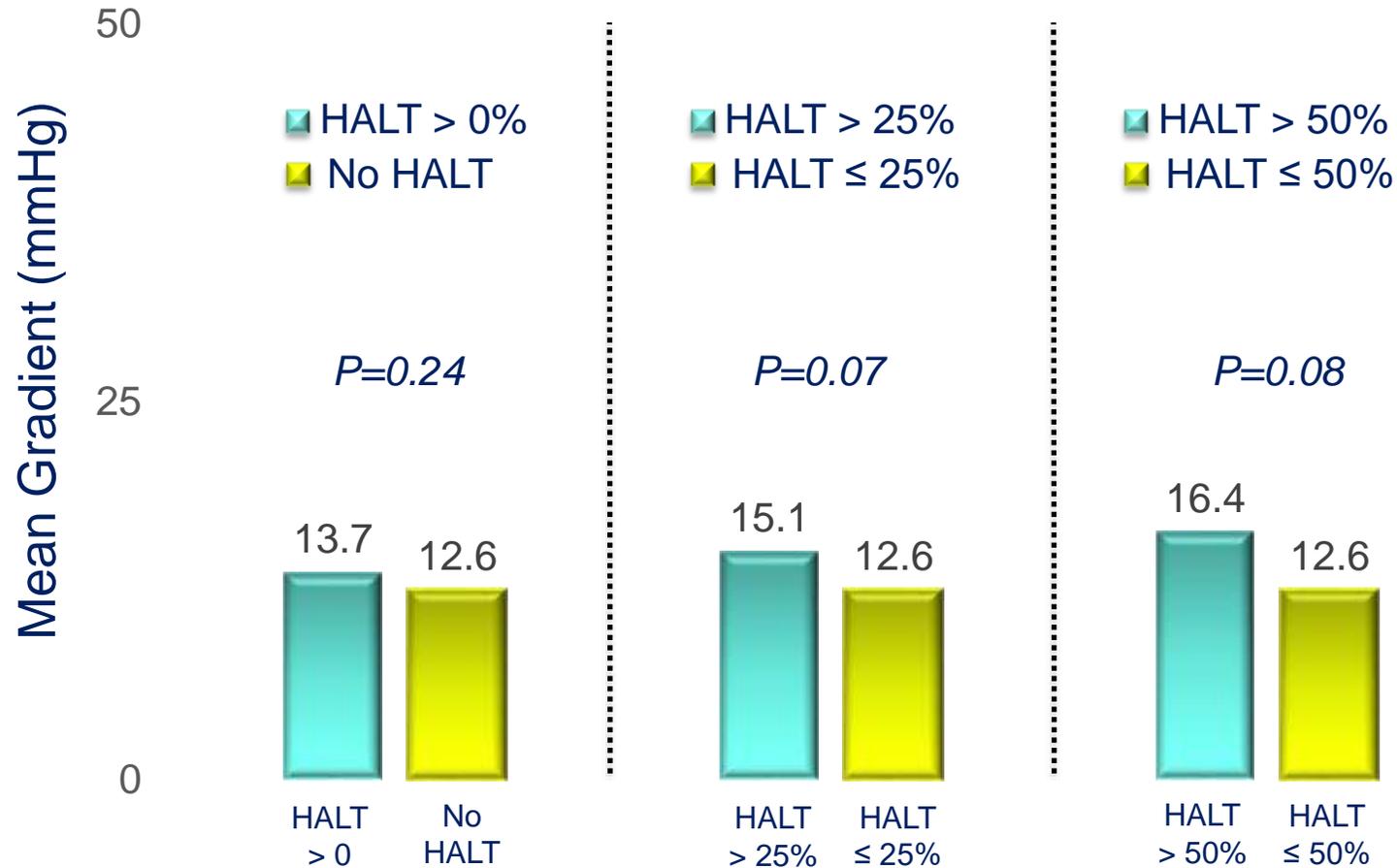


# Death / Stroke / TIA / Thromboembolic Events and 30-day HALT TAVR & SAVR



# Mean Aortic Valve Gradient and Severity of HALT 1 year

## All Patients with Evaluable CTs – TAVR & SAVR



# Unanswered Questions

- **DAPT is probably not needed**
- **Anticoagulation may not help all (Galileo, Atlantis....)**
- **Anticoagulation for VIV?**
- **NOACS versus Coumadin**
- **Treatment for HALT and how long**

# New Trials

- **EARLY TAVR** – TAVR in asymptomatic severe AS
- **UNLOAD LV** – TAVR in patients with poor EF and moderate AS
- **WATCH-TAVR** – TAVR and Watchman in patients with AS and AF
- **PROTECTED TAVR** – Sentinel in TAVR (Death and stroke as endpoints)