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# Arterial Revascularization Trial (ART): 10-year Outcomes and Implications for Multiple Arterial Grafts

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#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Bilateral versus Single Internal-Thoracic-Artery Grafts at 10 Years

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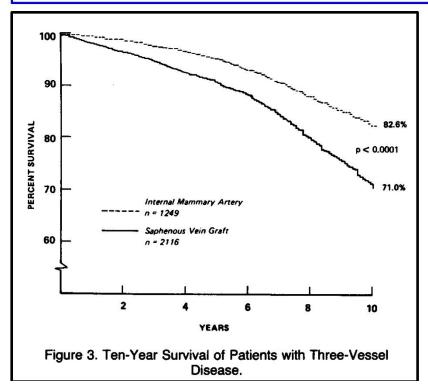
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### INFLUENCE OF THE INTERNAL-MAMMARY-ARTERY GRAFT ON 10-YEAR SURVIVAL AND OTHER CARDIAC EVENTS

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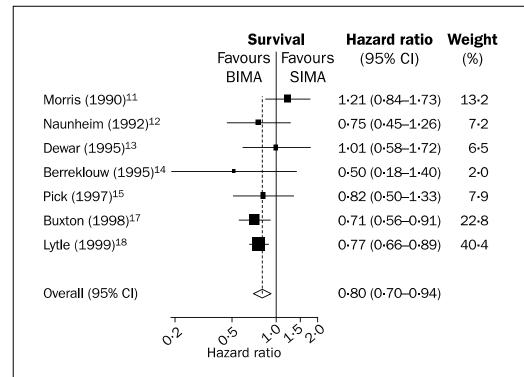
ITA to LAD Significantly Reduced The Risk Of

- Death
- Myocardial Infarction
- Recurrent Angina
- ✓ Repeat Revascularization
- X (NB NOT an RCT !!)

# Effect of arterial revascularisation on survival: a systematic review of studies comparing bilateral and single internal mammary arteries

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[Lancet 2001]



#### Effects of bilateral IMA compared with single IMA

Random-effects meta-analysis of data from seven studies. Horizontal lines indicate 95% CI.

15,692 patients 11,269 single IMA 4,693 bilateral IMA

#### Matched for

- Age
- Sex
- LV function
- Diabetes

# **Background To ART: What We Already Know**



- 1 Coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) is highly effective for symptoms and/or prognosis in multi-vessel and left main coronary artery disease (SYNTAX, FREEDOM, CORONARY, PRECOMBAT, BEST, EXCEL, NOBLE)
- Over 1 million CABG performed each year; standard operation in >90% is CABG x 3 (1 internal thoracic artery (ITA) and 2 vein grafts)
- Strong <u>angiographic</u> evidence of progressive failure of vein grafts (due to atherosclerosis) that accelerates after 5 years and that increases <u>overall</u> mortality and cardiac morbidity
- 4 Strong <u>angiographic</u> evidence that ITA grafts have excellent long term patency rates (> 90% at 20 years)
- 5 Left ITA is established as the standard of care for grafting the left anterior descending (LAD) during CABG
- 6 Numerous observational studies have reported a 20% reduction in longterm mortality with **Bilateral ITA** (**BITA**) vs **Single ITA** (**SITA**) grafts
- 7 Low use of **BITA** (<10% in Europe, <5% in USA) due to 3 concerns
  - (i) increased technical complexity
  - (ii) potentially increased mortality and morbidity?
  - (iii) lack of supportive evidence from RCTs

# **ART: Design and Outcome Measures**



RCT of **BITA** (plus vein grafts) versus **SITA** (plus vein grafts)

### **SAMPLE SIZE**

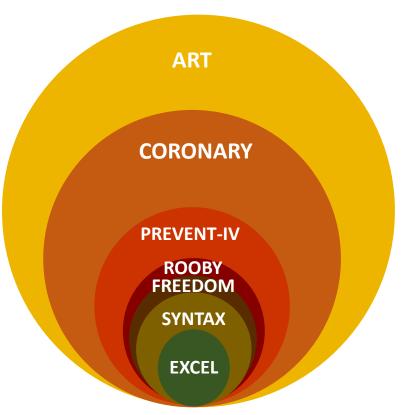
- Estimate: that at 10 years, <u>BITA</u> grafts will result in an absolute 5% reduction in mortality (i.e. from 25% to 20%) vs. <u>SITA</u> graft
- Confirm: with 90% power at p <0.05 requires 2928 patients</li>
- Aim: to enrol >3000 patients (1500 in each arm) over 3-years

### **OUTCOMES**

- PRIMARY: All-cause Mortality at 10 years
- SECONDARY: COMPOSITE of All-cause Mortality, Myocardial infarction, Stroke







Largest coronary artery interventional trial whether by surgery or stents (sample size is adjusted by the length of the follow-up)

# **Eligibility**





- ✓ CABG patients with multi-vessel +/- left main coronary artery disease
- ✓ CABG for acute coronary syndrome (BUT not acute myocardial infarction)
- ✓ CABG could be performed "on-pump" or "off-pump"

### **X** EXCLUSION:

- X Patients requiring single graft
- X Patients with evolving myocardial infarction
- X Patients requiring concomitant valve surgery
- X Patients requiring redo CABG

# Results



- Enrolment from June 2004 to December 2007
- 28 centres in 7 countries (UK, Poland, Australia, Brazil, India, Italy, Austria)
- 3102 patients randomized (1554 SITA and 1548 BITA)
- At 10 years exceptionally high Use of Guideline Directed Medical Therapy aspirin (81%), statins (89%), beta blockers (74%), ACE or ARB (73%)
   HIGHEST OF ANY CONTEMPORARY TRIAL OF PCI OR CABG !!!!

# Compliance With Guideline-Directed Medical Therapy in Contemporary Coronary Revascularization Trials



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17 Baseline Clinical Characteristics 'Near Identical'	<u>BITA</u> (n=1548)	<u>SITA</u> (n=1554)
Male	85%	86%
Age mean (SD) years	64 (9)	64 (9)
Current smoker	15 %	14 %
Systolic BP mean (SD) [mmHg]	132 (18)	132 (19)
Body Mass index mean (SD)	28 (4)	28 (4)
Caucasian	92 %	92 %
South Asian	5 %	5 %
Insulin dependent diabetes	6 %	5 %
Non insulin dependent diabetes	18 %	18 %
Hypertension	77 %	78 %
Hyperlipidemia	94 %	93 %
Peripheral arterial disease	7 %	8 %
Prior stroke	3 %	3 %
Prior myocardial infarction	40 %	44 %
Prior PCI	16 %	16 %
NYHA class 1 and 2	78%	79%
CCS class 1-3	84%	84%

# **Surgical Details, Post-operative Care and Length of Stay**

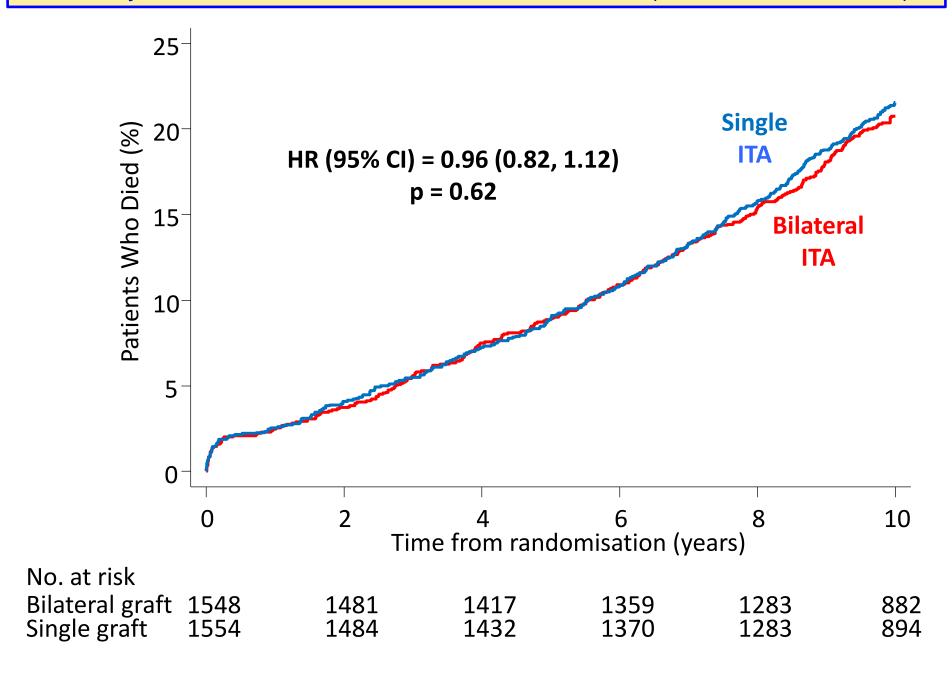
Procedures	BITA	SITA
Details of operation	(n=1531)	(n=1546)
On pump	58 %	60 %
Off pump	<b>42</b> %	40 %
Conversion to bypass	2 %	2 %
CABG duration minutes mean (SD)	222 (61) 23	mins 199 (58)
Number of grafts		
2	18 %	18 %
3	50 %	49 %
4+	31 %	33 %
Radial Artery Graft	<u>19 %</u>	<u>22 %</u>
Cell saver	31 %	32 %
Aprotinin during surgery	24 %	24 %
Blood transfusion	12 %	12 %
Return to operating theatre	4 %	4 %
Intra-aortic balloon pump use	4 %	4 %
Renal support therapy	6 %	4 %
Hospital stay Mean days (SD)	8 (7)	8 (8)

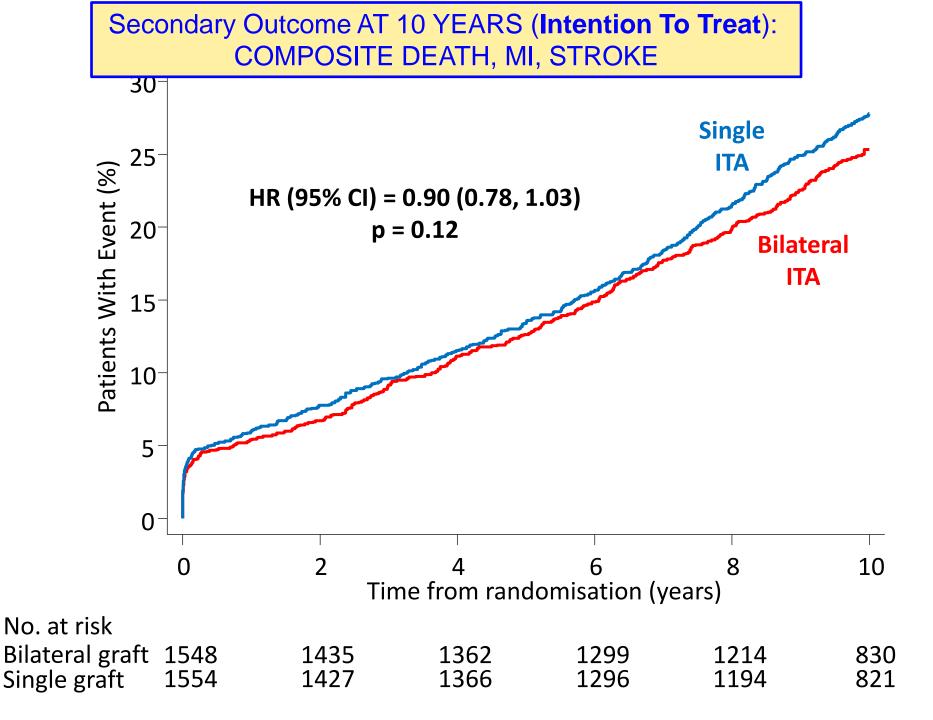
# **Analysis of Results at 10 Years:**

# 98.4% of Patients With Vital Status

- 1. Intention To Treat (ITT): Scientifically Most Robust
- 2. As Treated (AT): Non-Randomized
- 40% of Patients Received A 'Different' Treatment Strategy
  - 14% of <u>BITA</u> crossed to <u>SITA</u>
  - 4% of <u>SITA</u> crossed to <u>BITA</u>
  - 22% of SITA had a 2<sup>nd</sup> Arterial Graft (Radial Artery)

# Primary Outcome: MORTALITY AT 10 YEARS (Intention To Treat)



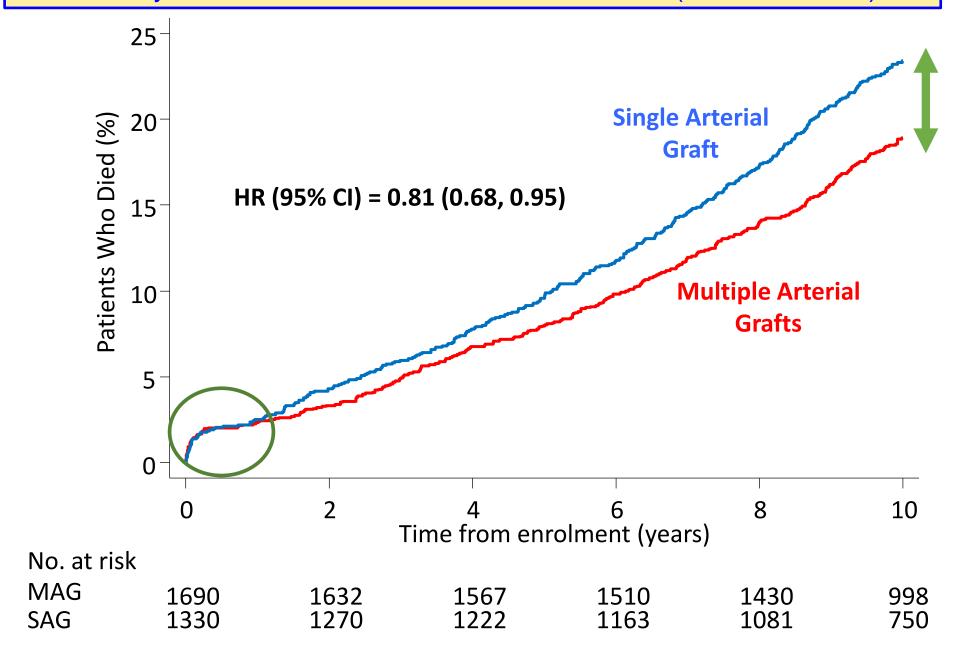


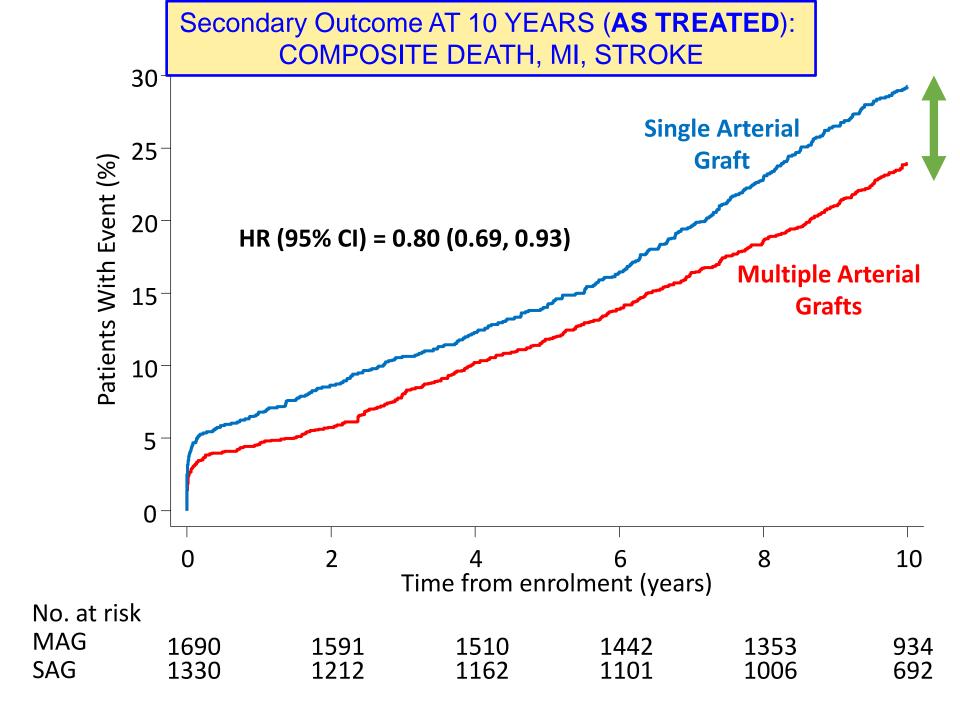
As Treated (AT): Non-Randomized: 20 Baseline Characteristics 'Near Identical'

	<u>SITA (</u> 1249)	<b>Multiple Arterial</b> (1668)	P-val
Age (mean/SD)	64 (9)	63 (9)	0.001
FEMALE n(%)	182 (14.6)	232 (13.7)	0.560
BMI (mean/SD)	28 (4)	28 (4)	0.045
Creatinine (mean/SD)	98 (22.7)	96 (21.7)	0.069
Unstable angina n(%)	95 (7.6)	132 (7.8)	0.885
Diabetes n(%)			0.183
No	951 (76)	1284 (76)	
IDDM	59 (5)	104 ( 6)	
NIDDM	239 (19)	300 (18)	
COPD n(%)	34 ( 2.7)	37 ( 2.2)	0.422
PVD n(%)	87 (7.0)	120 (7.1)	0.938
CVA n(%)	37 (3.0)	50 ( 3.0)	1.000
MI n(%)	557 (45)	672 (40)	0.011
MI to Surgery (days)	1358 (2263)	1360 (2271)	0.988
LVEF n(%)			0.758
>50%	914 (75.0)	1248 (76.1)	
<del>30-49%</del>	<del>279 (22.9)</del>	<del>356 (21.7)</del>	
<30%	26 ( 2.1)	35 ( 2.1)	
Vessel Diameter (mean/SD)	1.84 (0.43)	1.83 (0.37)	0.293
<b>Verse Consilty (A=g/SQ)</b> 8=poor)	<b>2.6</b> 5( <b>2</b> 9. <b>9</b> 7)	1. <b>2-5 (2.94</b> )	<b>ઌ<u>ૢ</u>ૡૢ</b> ૱

Important Baseline Clinical Characteristics of SITA and Multiple Arterial Grafts Very Similar

# Primary Outcome: MORTALITY AT 10 YEARS (AS TREATED)





# Why No Difference in <u>BITA</u> vs <u>SITA</u> @ 10 years (Intention To Treat)?

# 1. Genuinely NO Difference

(Concept of Complete vs Incomplete Revascularization?)

# 2. Radial Artery Use

22% of SITA: (superior 5yr patency and clinical outcomes)

# 3. High Use of Guideline Directed Medical Therapy

in > 80% (slows vein graft failure ?)

# 4. Surgeon Experience

Differential X-over: 14% of **BITA** → **SITA**; (4% **SITA** to **BITA**)

Individual Surgeon X-over from **BITA** to **SITA**: **0%-100**%

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Radial-Artery or Saphenous-Vein Grafts in Coronary-Artery Bypass Surgery

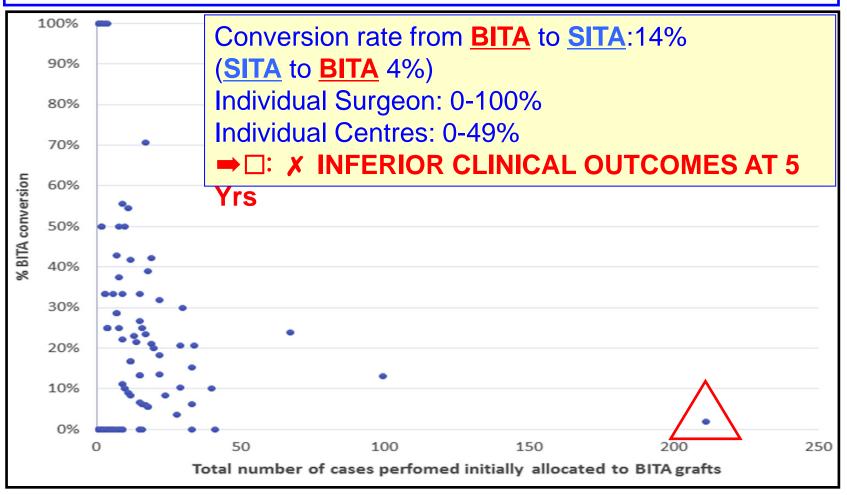
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Table 3. Main Outcomes.* Radial Artery Database International Alliance (RADIAL)						
Outcome	Radial-Artery Group (N = 534)		Saphenous-Vein Group (N = 502)		Treatment Effect†	
	No. of Events (%)	Events per 1000 Patient-Yr‡	No. of Events (%)	Events per 1000 Patient-Yr‡	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Death, myocardial infarction, or repeat revascularization	67 (12.5)	25	94 (18.7)	39	0.67 (0.49–0.90)	0.01
Death	40 (7.5)	15	42 (8.4)	17	0.90 (0.59–1.41)	0.68
Myocardial infarction	16 (3.0)	6	21 (4.2)	9	0.72 (0.53–0.99)	0.04
Repeat revascularization	23 (4.3)	9	43 (8.6)	17	0.50 (0.40–0.63)	<0.001
Graft occlusion∫	28/345 (8.1)	19	61/307 (19.9)	46	0.44 (0.28–0.70)	<0.001

RADIAL ARTERY: CARDIOLOGISTS TO THE RIGHT and SURGEONS TO THE LEFT!!

# Incidence and clinical implications of intraoperative bilateral internal thoracic artery graft conversion: Insights from the Arterial Revascularization Trial

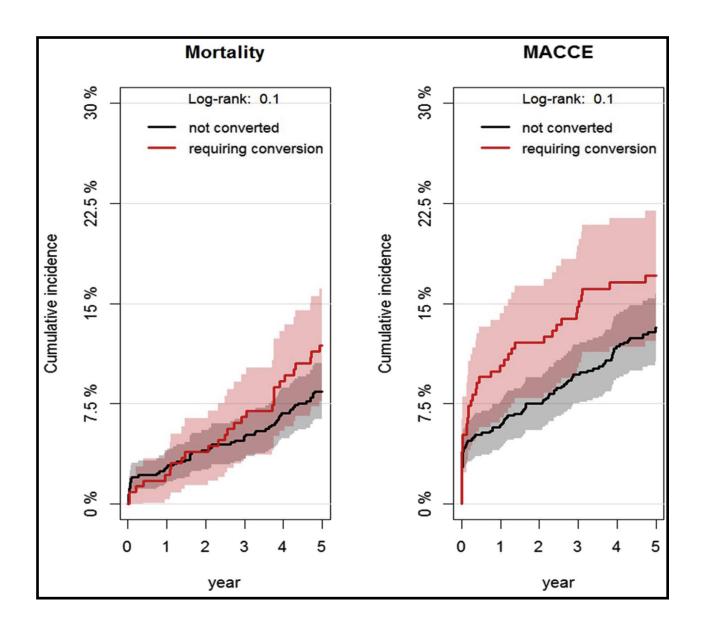
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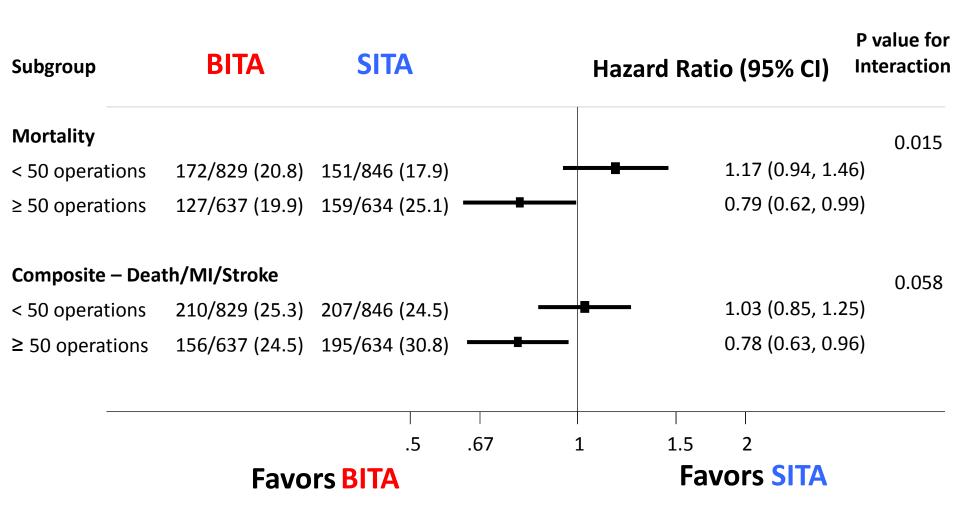
14% Conversion from BITA to SITA

No Adverse Effect on Hospital Outcomes

Adverse Effect on 5 year Outcomes in Mortality and MACCE



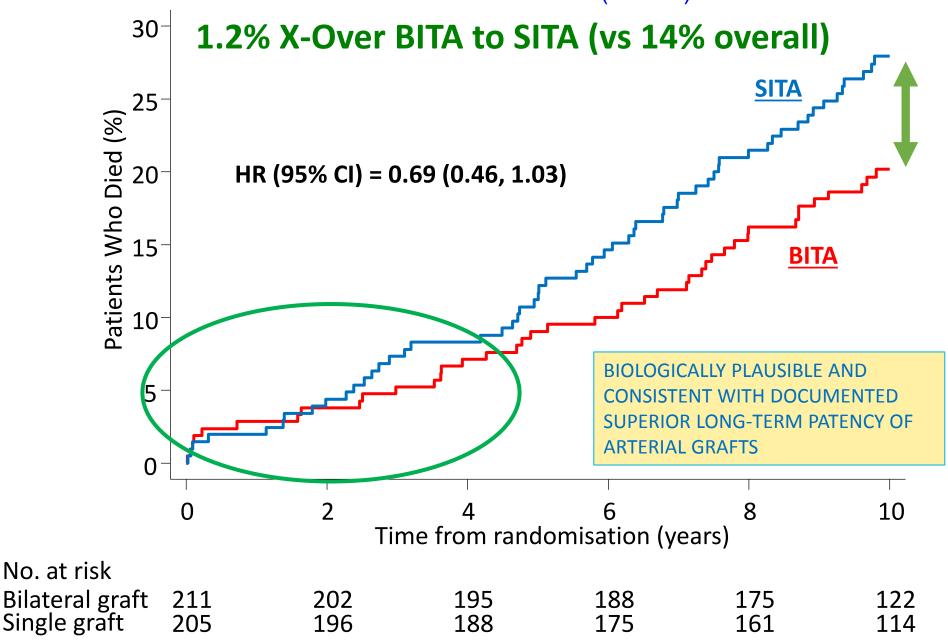
# Surgeon Experience Intention To Treat Analysis at 10 YEARS Arterial Revascularisation Trial



**Both Mortality and Composite Oucome Better with BITA if Surgeon > 50 Operations** 

### **SURGEON EXPERIENCE: Intention to Treat**

10-Year MORTALITY FOR HIGHEST VOLUME (n=416) ART SURGEON



# **Summary: Ten Year Analysis of the ART**

- 1) ART Largest Coronary Intervention Trial with long term follow-up (>98% @ 10 yrs)
- 2) Excellent 10 year outcomes for CABG in both groups
- 3) 40 % of patients actually received different treatment from that originally intended 14% BITA to SITA to BITA and 22% of SITA also received a radial artery
- 4) Intention To Treat Analysis: Confirms at 10 years
  Safety of BITA grafts
  - No significant difference in all cause mortality or composite of mortality, MI or stroke
- 5) As Treated (Non randomized) Analysis: At 10 years multiple arterial grafts
  Significant improvement in all cause mortality AND composite of mortality, MI, stroke
- 6) Surgeon experience crucial to X-0ver Rates and Outcomes with BITA grafts
- 7) Need for further RCTs of Single vs Multiple arterial grafts by **experienced** surgeons
- 8) Respect the Radial Artery as a potentially very valuable conduit for both PCI/CABG

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# Randomized comparison of the clinical outcome of single versus multiple arterial grafts: the ROMA trial-rationale and study protocol<sup>†</sup>

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Randomized comparison of the clinical Outcome of single versus Multiple Arterial grafts: the ROMA trial



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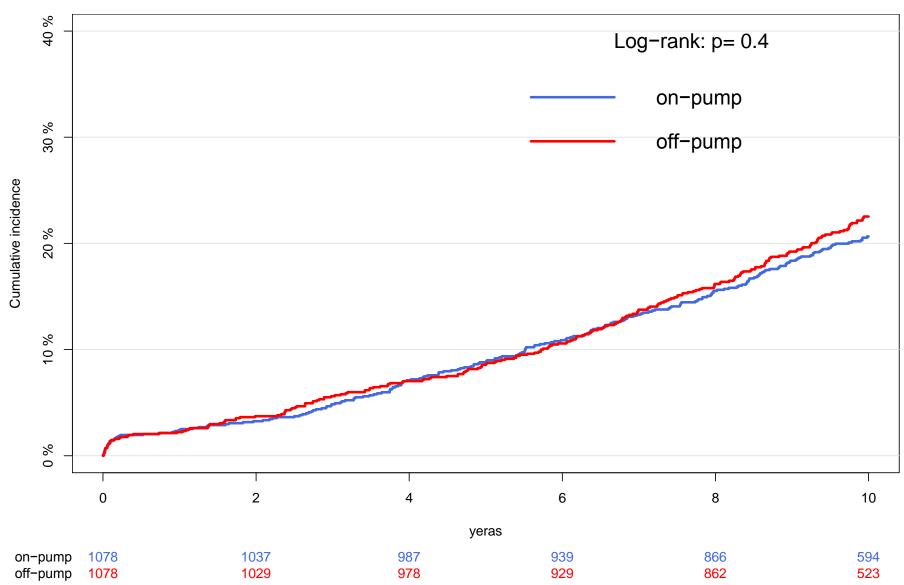




# ART TRIAL: 10-year mortality on-pump vs off-pump



#### all-cause death



# Compliance With Guideline-Directed Medical Therapy in Contemporary Coronary Revascularization Trials



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**RESULTS** From a total of 439 references, 5 trials were included based on our inclusion and exclusion criteria. Overall, compliance with GDMT1 was low and decreased over time from 67% at 1 year to 53% at 5 years. Compliance with GDMT2 was even lower and decreased from 40% at 1 year to 38% at 5 years. Compliance with both GDMT1 and GDMT2 was higher in PCI than in CABG at all time points. Meta-regression suggested an association between lower use of GDMT1 and adverse clinical outcomes in PCI versus CABG at 5 years.

**CONCLUSIONS** Compliance with GDMT in contemporary clinical trials remains suboptimal and is significantly lower after CABG than after PCI, which may influence the comparison of clinical trial endpoints between those study groups.

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# ART: GDMT 70-90% at 10 years!

# Associations Between Adding a Radial Artery Graft to Single and Bilateral Internal Thoracic Artery Grafts and Outcomes

Insights From the Arterial Revascularization Trial

BACKGROUND: Whether the use of the radial artery (RA) can improve clinical outcomes in coronary artery bypass graft surgery remains unclear. The ART (Arterial Revascularization Trial) was designed to compare survival after bilateral internal thoracic artery (BITA) over single left internal thoracic artery (SITA). In the ART, a large proportion of patients (≈20%) also received an RA graft instead of a saphenous vein graft (SVG). We aimed to investigate the associations between using the RA instead of an SVG to supplement SITA or BITA grafts and outcomes by performing a post hoc analysis of the ART.

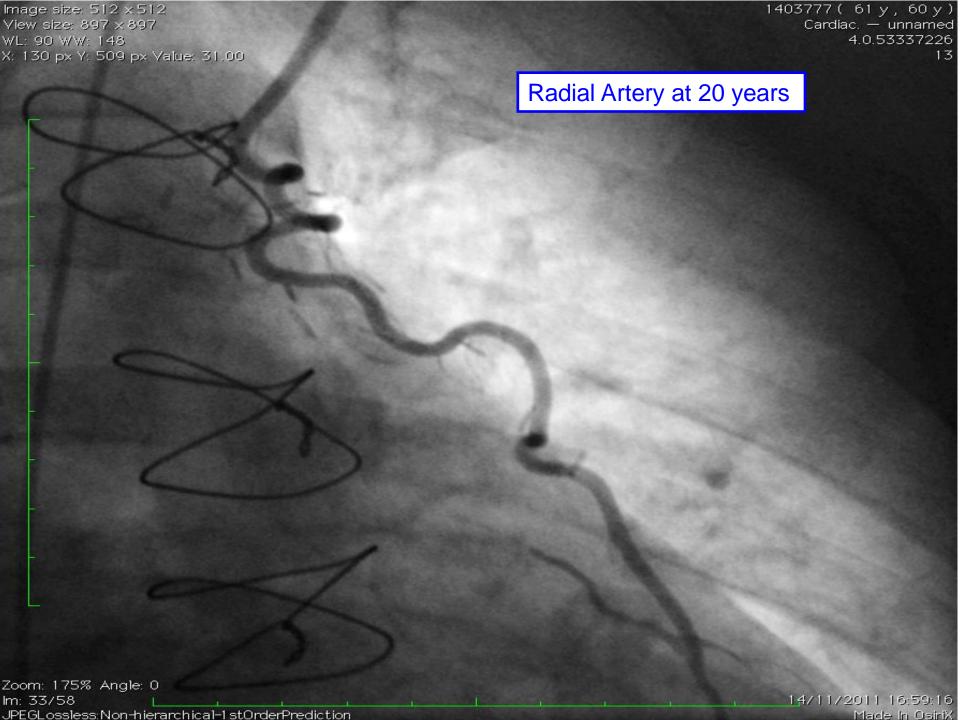
**METHODS:** Patients enrolled in the ART (n=3102) were classified on the basis of conduits actually received (as treated). The analysis

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Composite RA to PDA

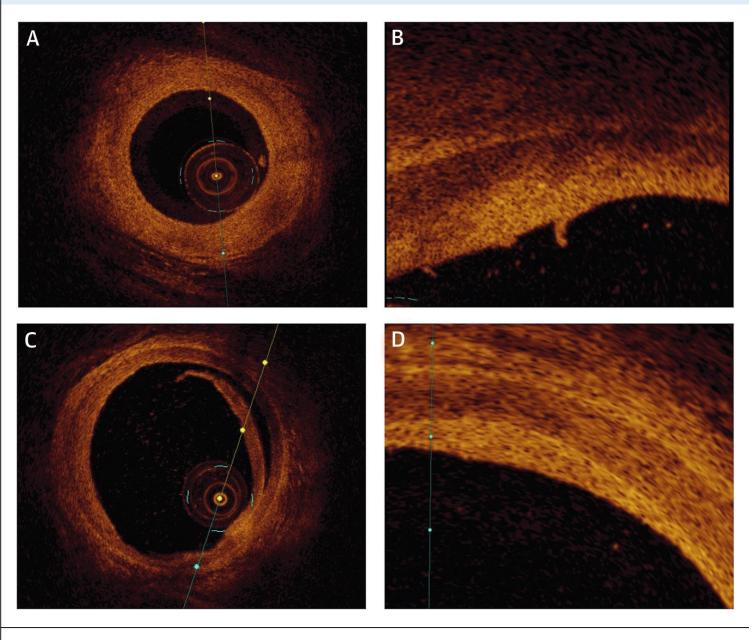
Radial Artery at 15 years

# Does Previous Transradial Catheterization Preclude Use of the Radial Artery as a Conduit in Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery?

**ABSTRACT:** The radial artery (RA) is a commonly used conduit for coronary artery bypass grafting, and recent studies have demonstrated that it provides superior long-term patency rates to the saphenous vein in most situations. In addition, the RA is also being used with increasing

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Prior instrumentation leads to prolonged functional endothelial damage and reduced patency of RA for CABG



(A) Radial artery spasm documented at procedure's end. (B) Radial artery intimal tear documented at procedure's end. (C) Radial artery media dissection documented at procedure's end. (D) Radial artery intima thickening documented 6 months after a first transradial procedure.

# The Radial Artery for Percutaneous Coronary Procedures or Surgery?



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### **ABSTRACT**

This article summarizes the current research on the benefits of using the transradial approach for percutaneous procedures and the radial artery as a conduit for coronary artery bypass surgery. Based on the available evidence, the authors provide recommendations for the use of the radial artery in patients undergoing percutaneous or surgical coronary procedures. (J Am Coll Cardiol 20 18;71:1167–75) © 20 18 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation.

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# **Arterial Revascularization Trial (ART): 10-year Outcomes**

Randomized comparison of single versus bilateral internal thoracic artery grafts in 3102 CABG patients:

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### 50 Years Ago: First report of **SYSTEMATIC** use of SV grafts for CABG

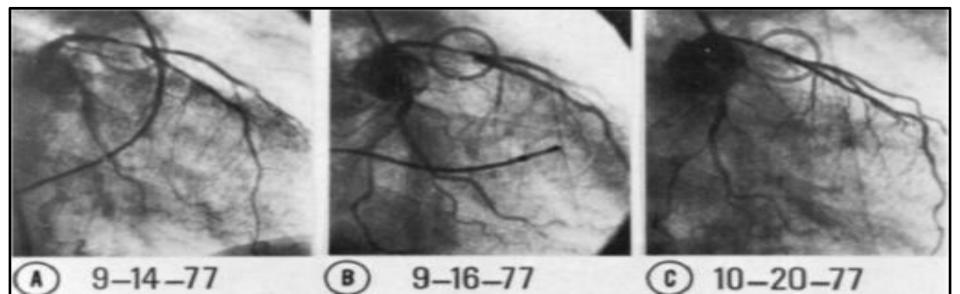
Saphenous Vein Autograft Replacement of Severe Segmental Coronary
Artery Occlusion

Operative Technique

ATS [April 1968]

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# 41 Years Ago: Gruentzig reports first PTCA (AHA 1977)

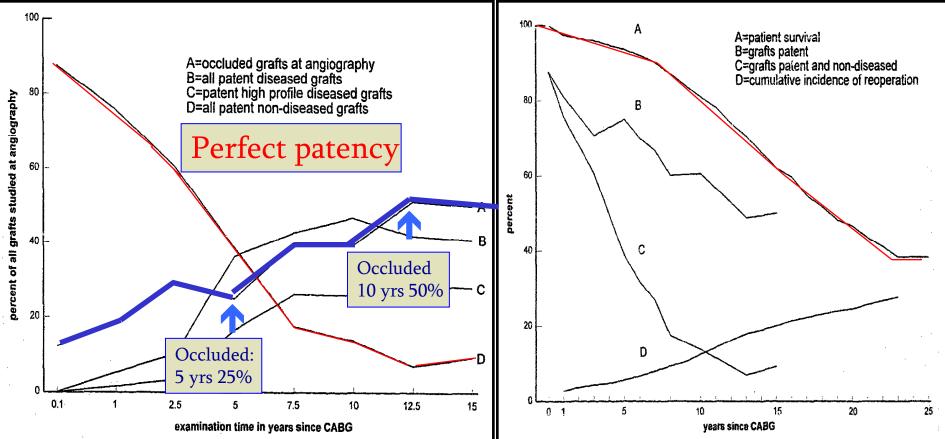


Follow-Up of 5,065 Grafts Related to Survival and Reoperation in 1,388 Patients During 25 Years [JACC 1996]

Coronary Bypass Graft Fate and Patient Outcome: Angiographic

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# In current practice of > 1 million CABG per year > 80% of all grafts are SVG



While some contemporary studies show much superior vein graft patency the largest angiographic study (PREVENT IV) shows similar inferior patency

# Improving SVG Patency

- 1 Improved storage solutions (Somahlution),
- 2 'No Touch' harvest technique (Souza),
- 3 Composite graft from the ITA (KiBong Kim),
- 4 External stent (VEST)

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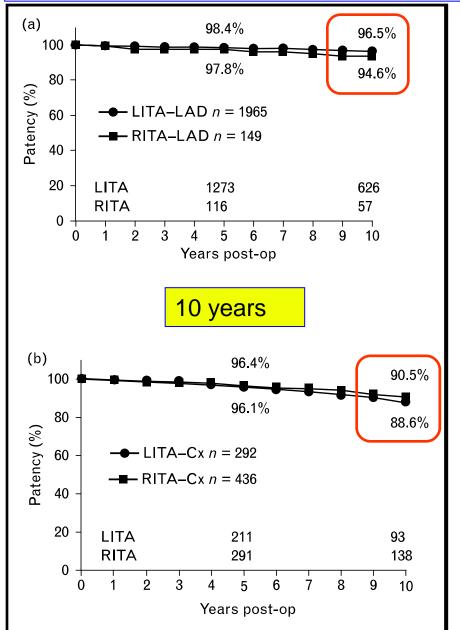
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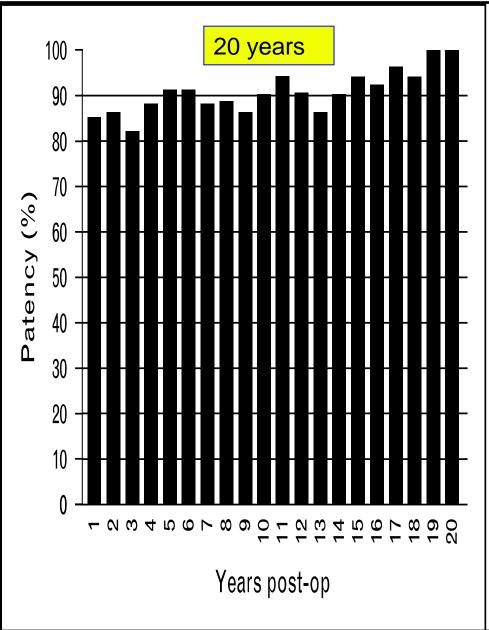
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