

# **The Role of the Cardiac Cath Lab Following Cardiac Arrest**

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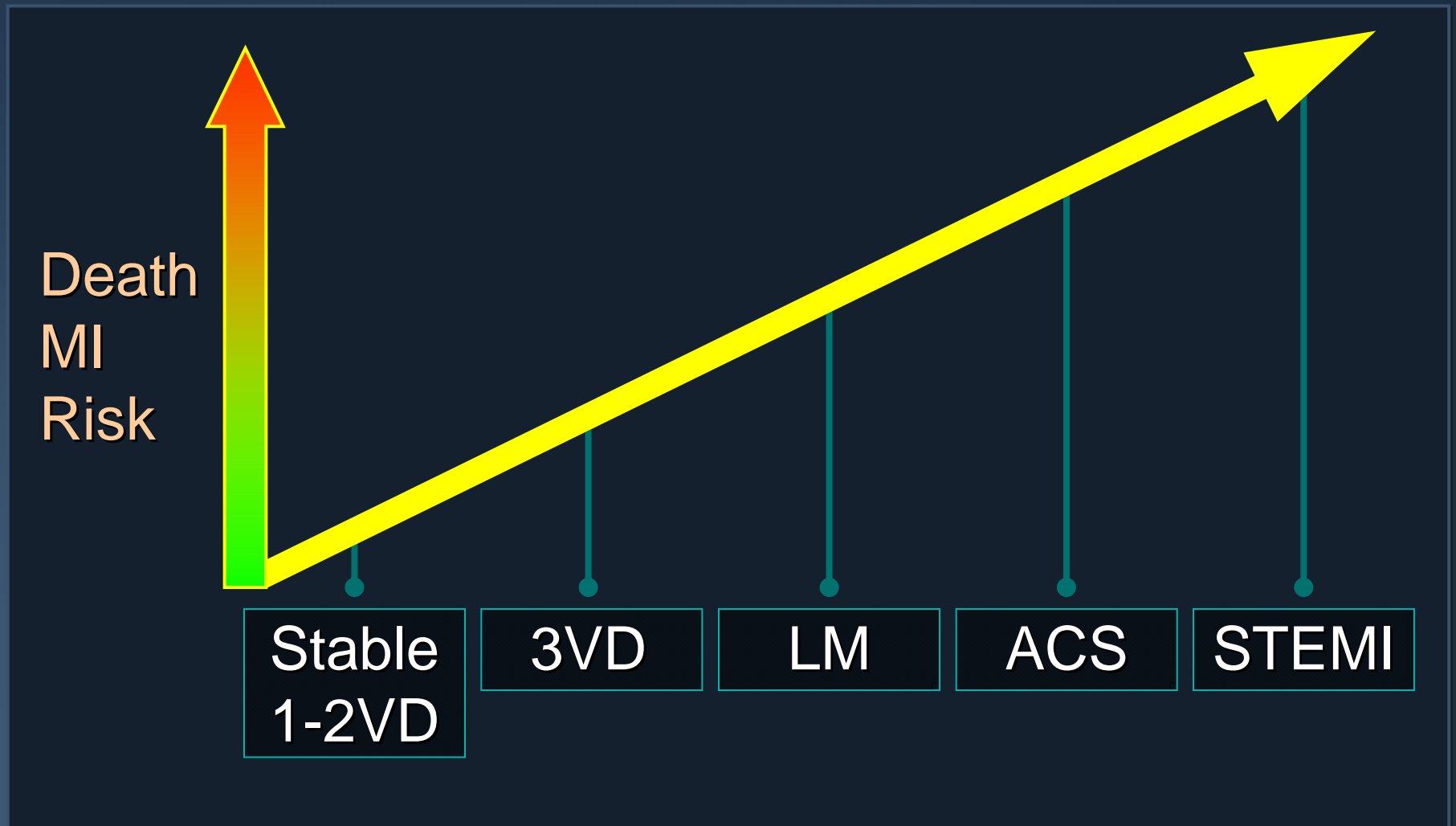
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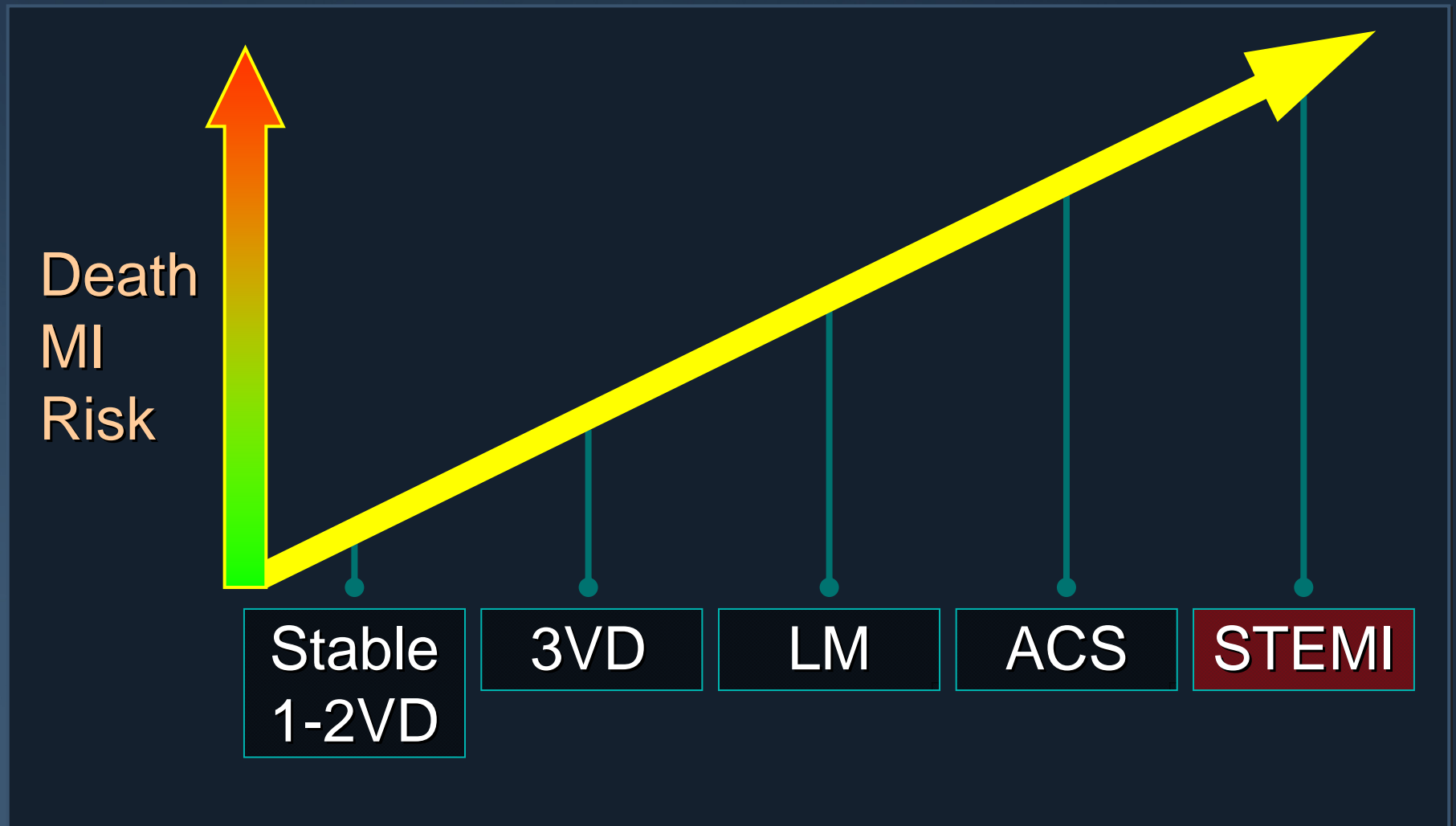
# Level of Evidence for Primary PCI Following Resuscitated Cardiac Arrest

- Virtually all randomized trials of primary PCI have excluded patients with cardiac arrest
- The majority of data is therefore observational
- **Observational studies of cardiac arrest are typically small, and patient selection (especially for invasive procedures) plays a large role in outcomes**

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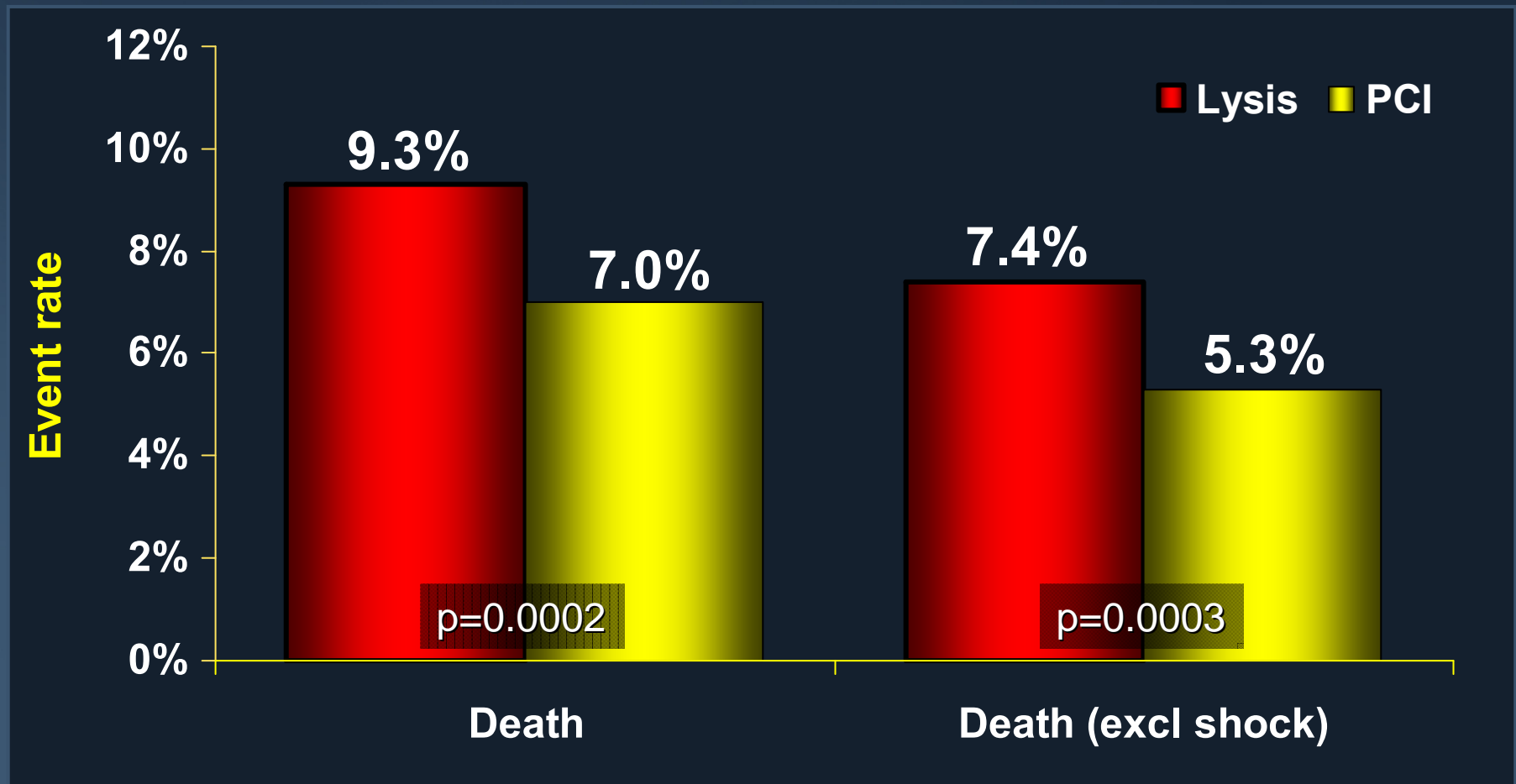
# The Pathophysiology of AMI



**Ruptured plaque with luminal and intraplaque occlusive thrombus**

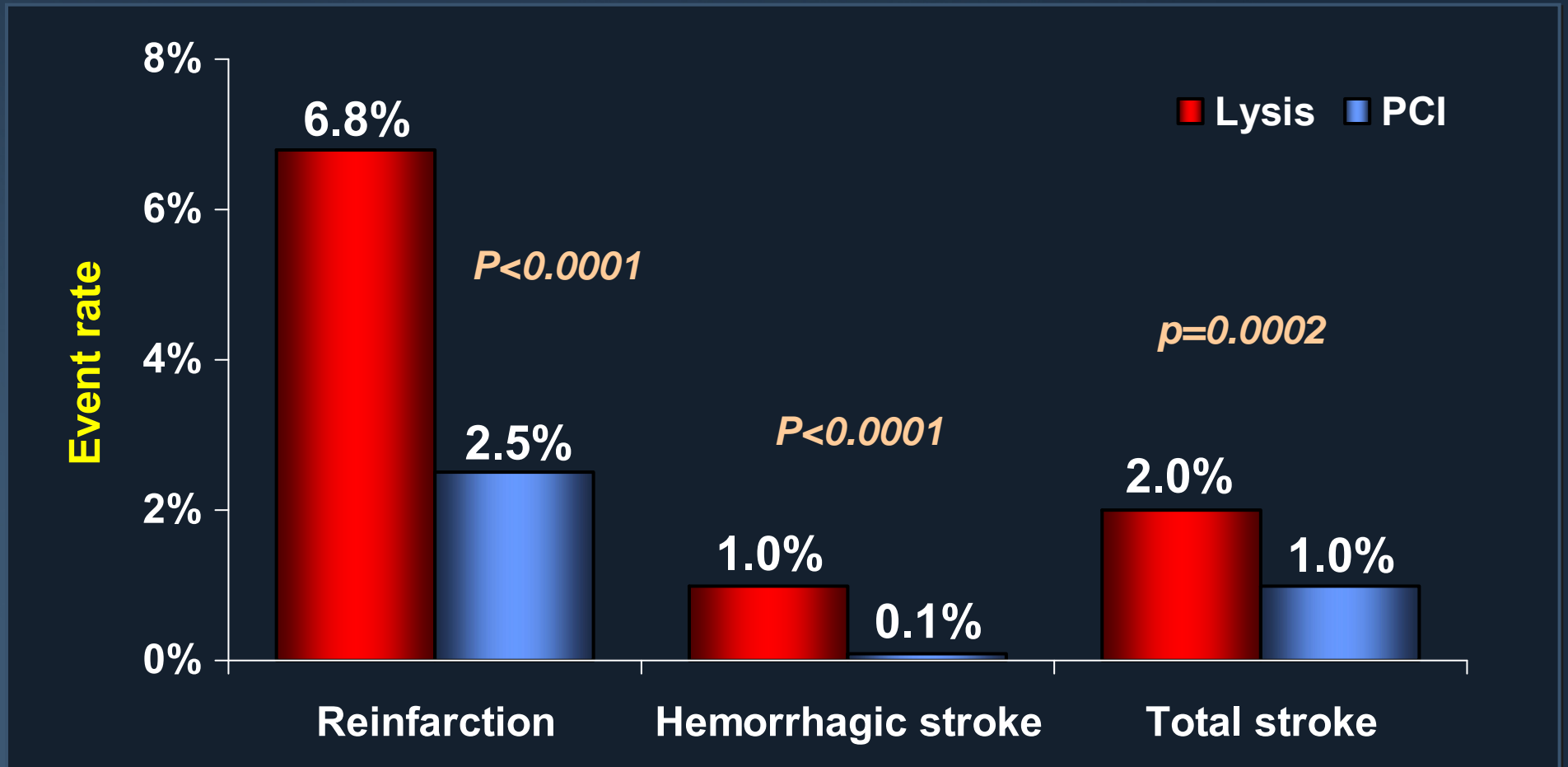
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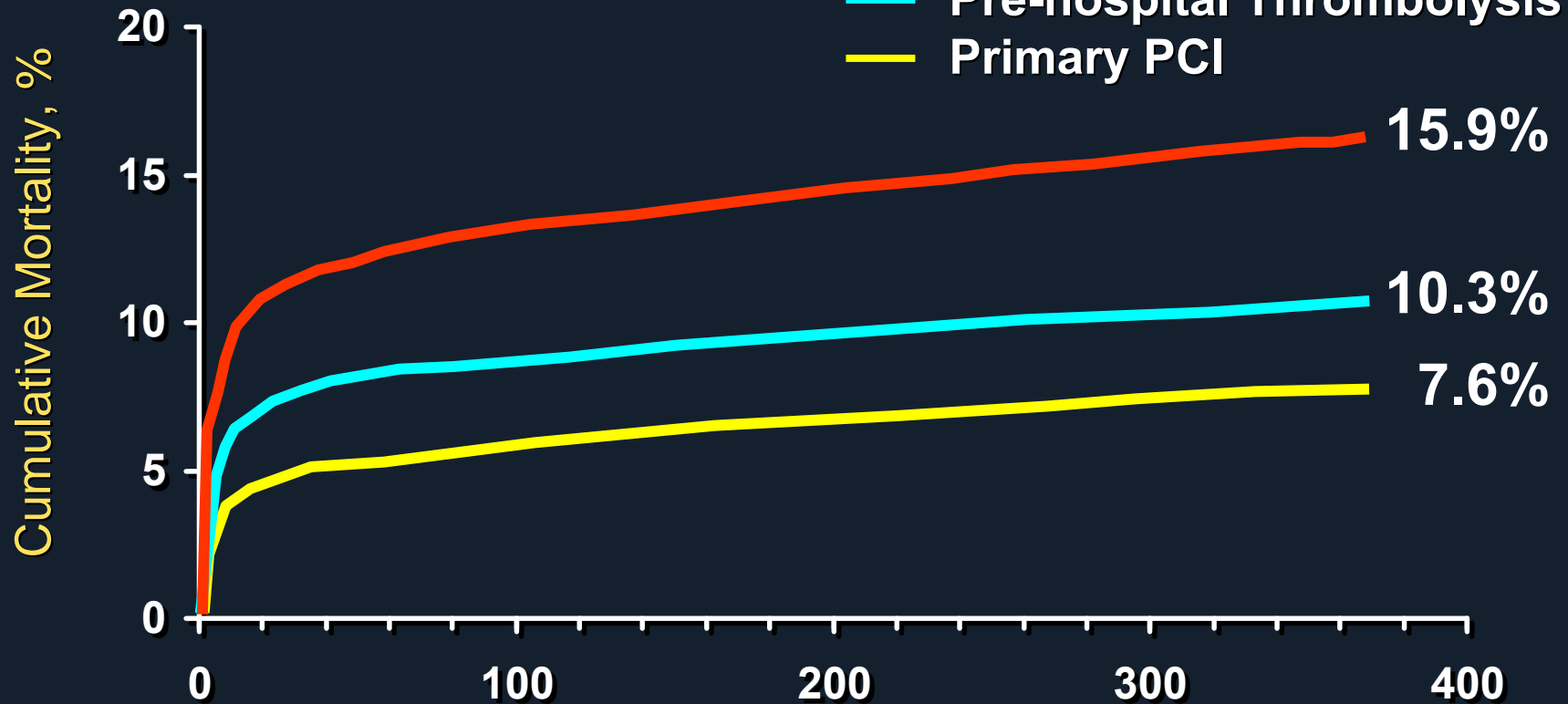


# The RIKS-HIA Registry

Consecutive pts admitted in 75 of 78 hospitals with CCUs in Sweden (N=26,206 STEMIs)

## Unadjusted Cumulative Mortality

- In-Hospital Thrombolysis
- Pre-hospital Thrombolysis
- Primary PCI

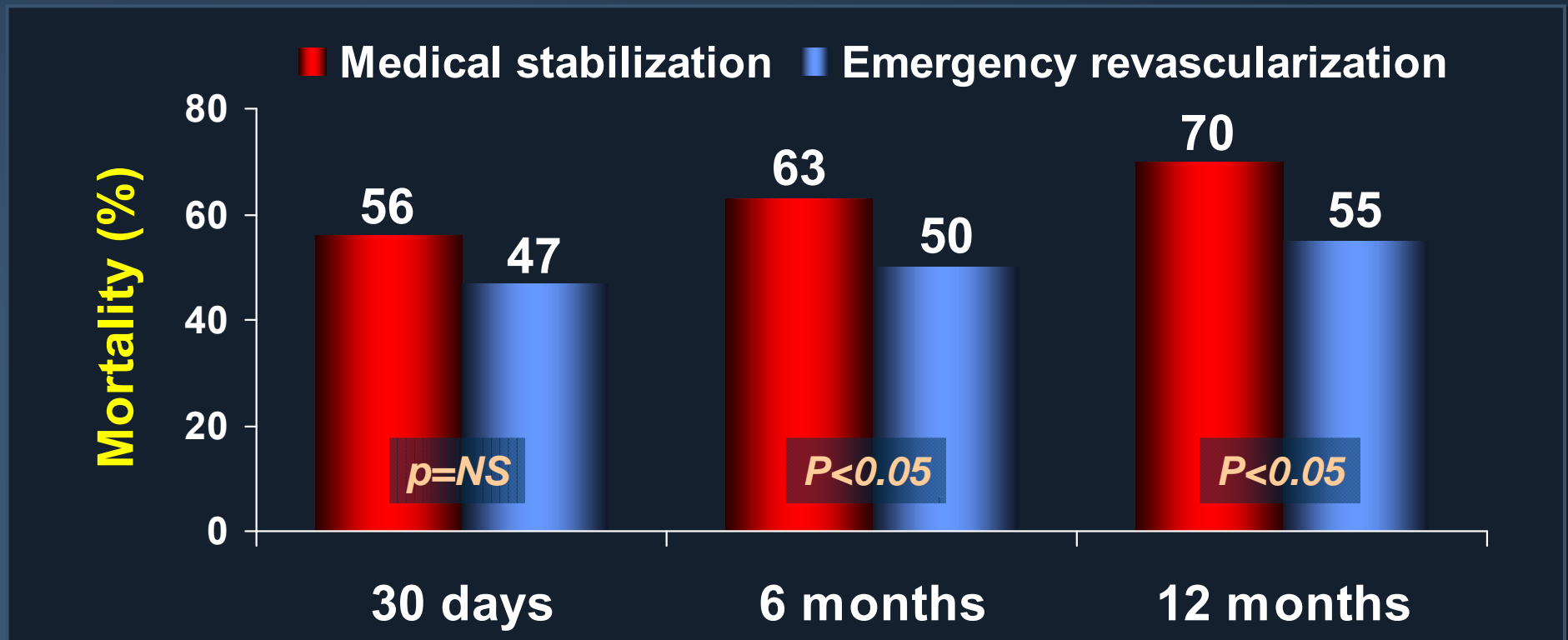


# at Risk

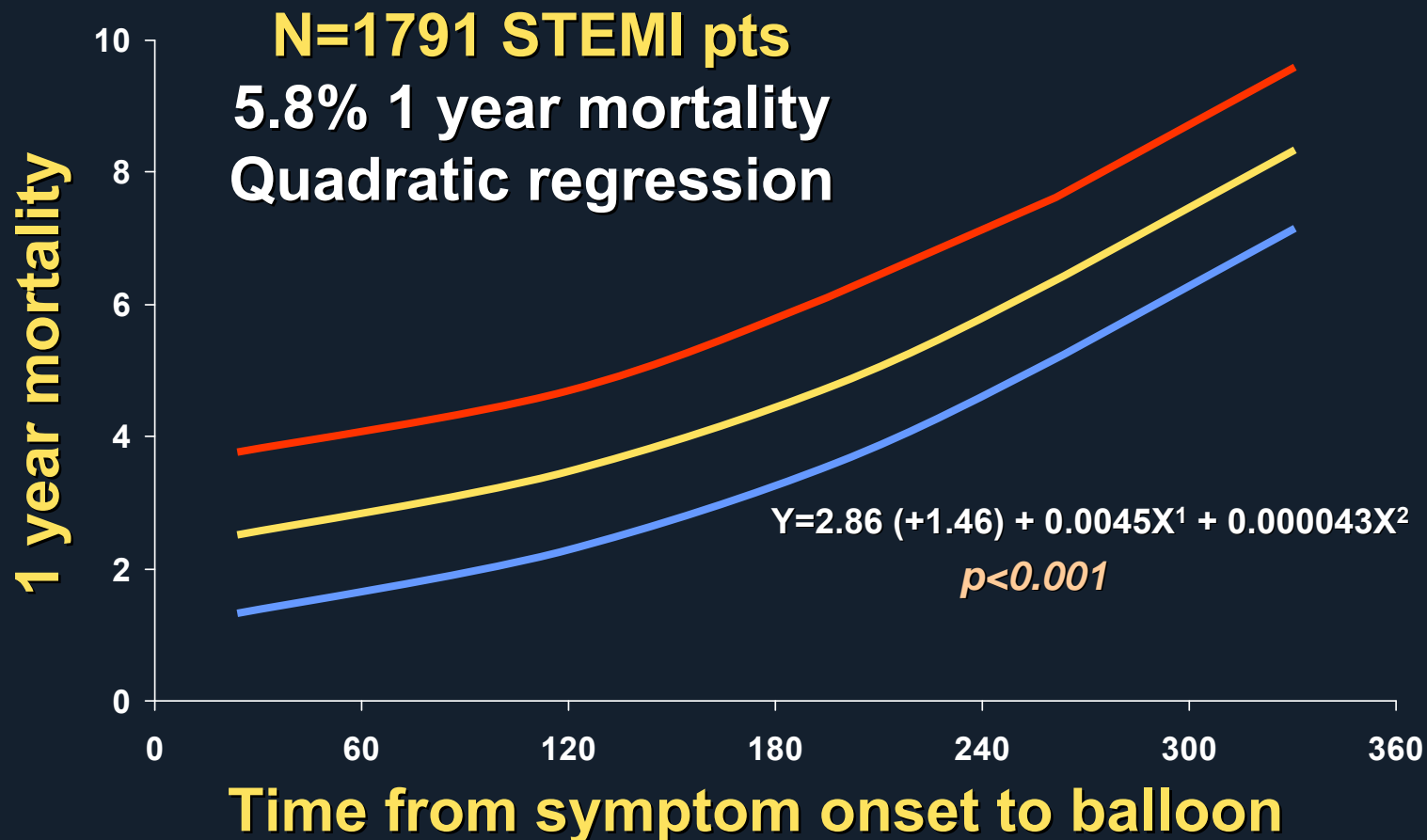
<span style="color: red;">In Hospital TL</span>	14260	12322	12100	11931
<span style="color: cyan;">Prehospital TL</span>	2736	2491	2460	2442
<span style="color: yellow;">Primary PCI</span>	6030	5661	5607	5555

# SHOCK Trial

302 pts with cardiogenic shock within 36° of AMI  
& ST↑/new LBBB randomized to emergency  
revasc. (n=152) or initial medical care (n=150)



# Primary PCI: Impact of Total Ischemic Time

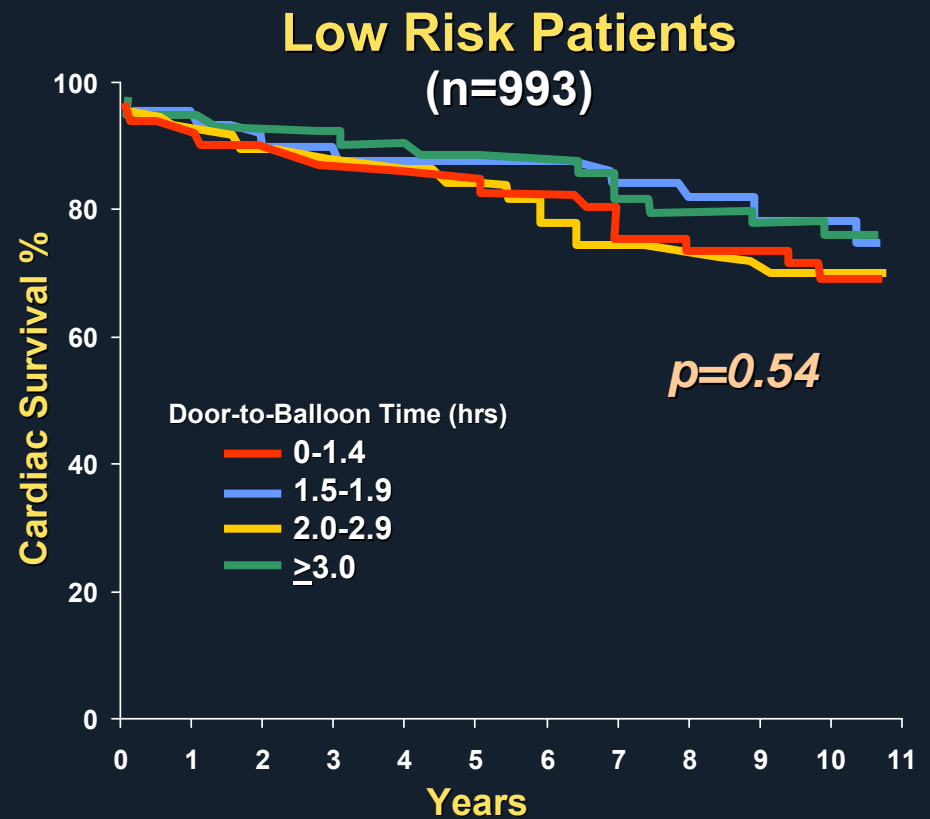
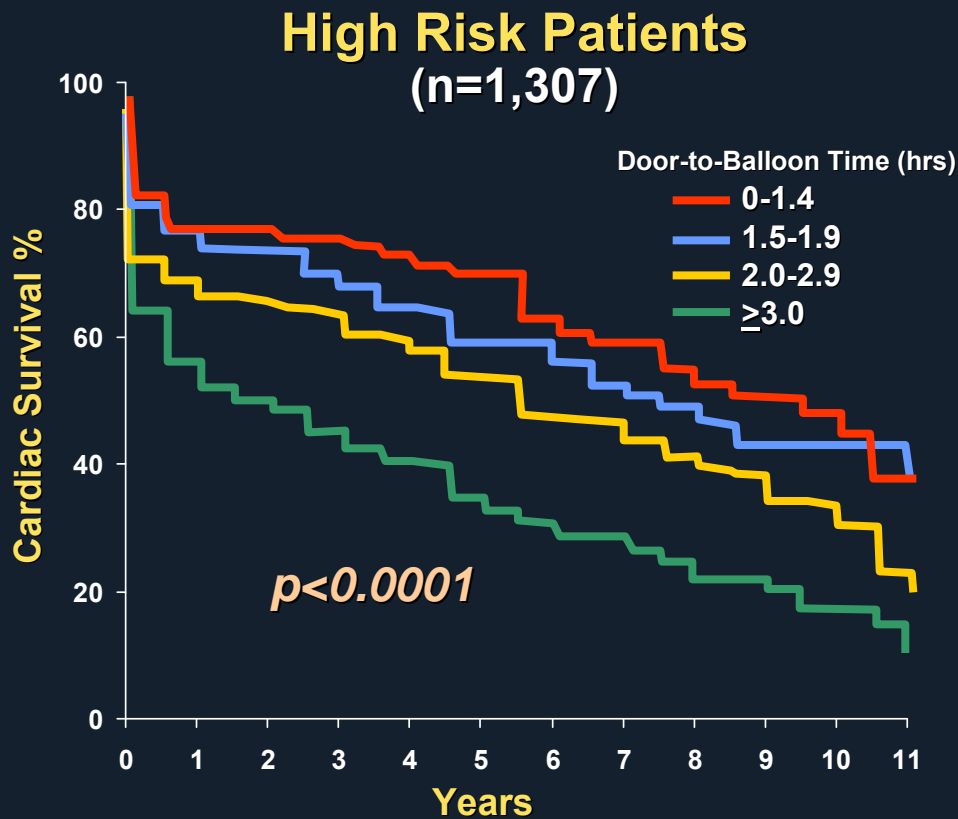


**RR for 1-year mortality for each 30 minute delay of 1.08 [1.01 to 1.15],  $p=0.041$**

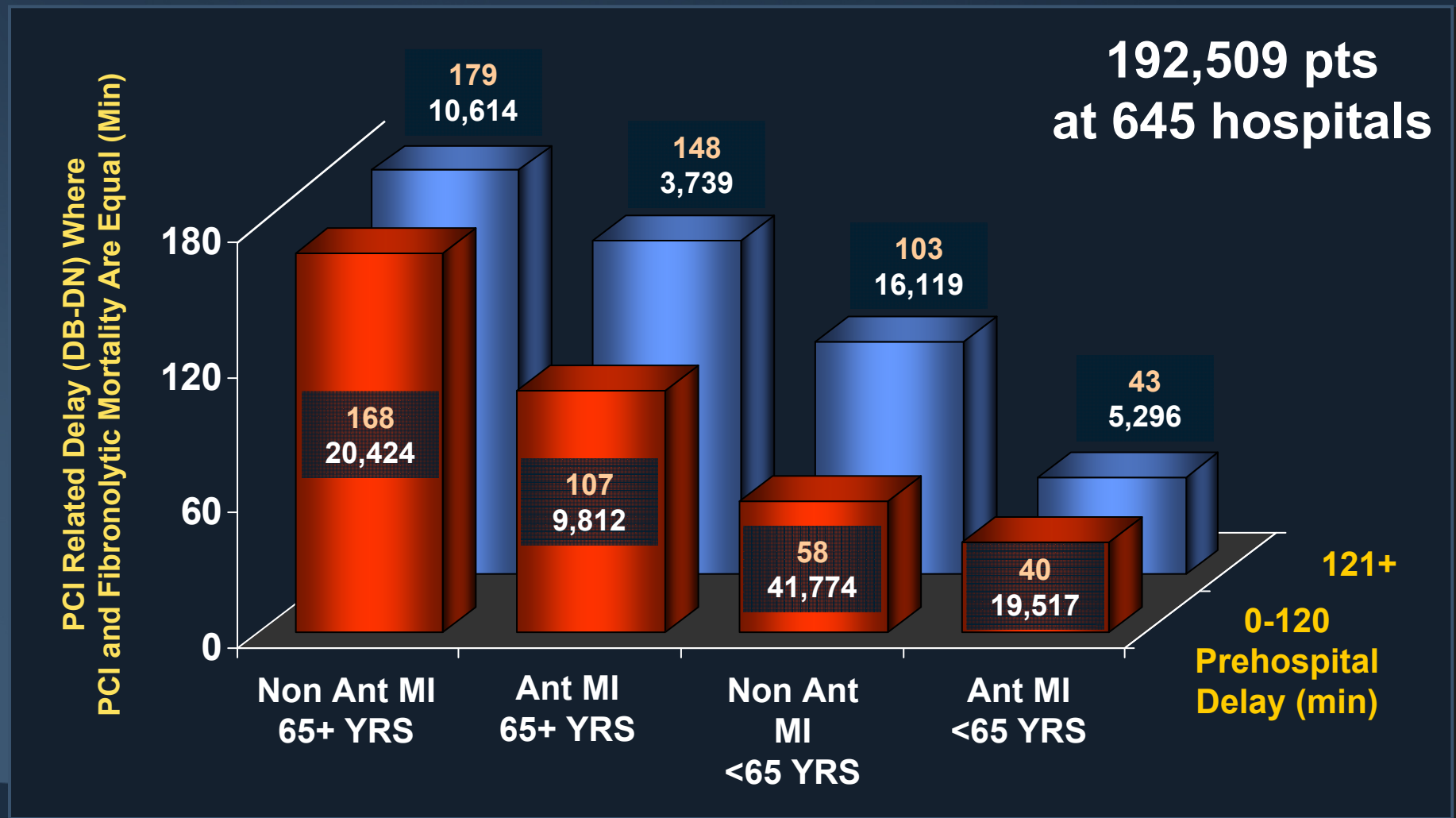
# Impact of Patient Risk on the Relationship Between DBT and Mortality

## 2300 pts undergoing primary PCI (Moses Cone)

High risk = Killip class 3/4, age >70 years, or anterior infarction

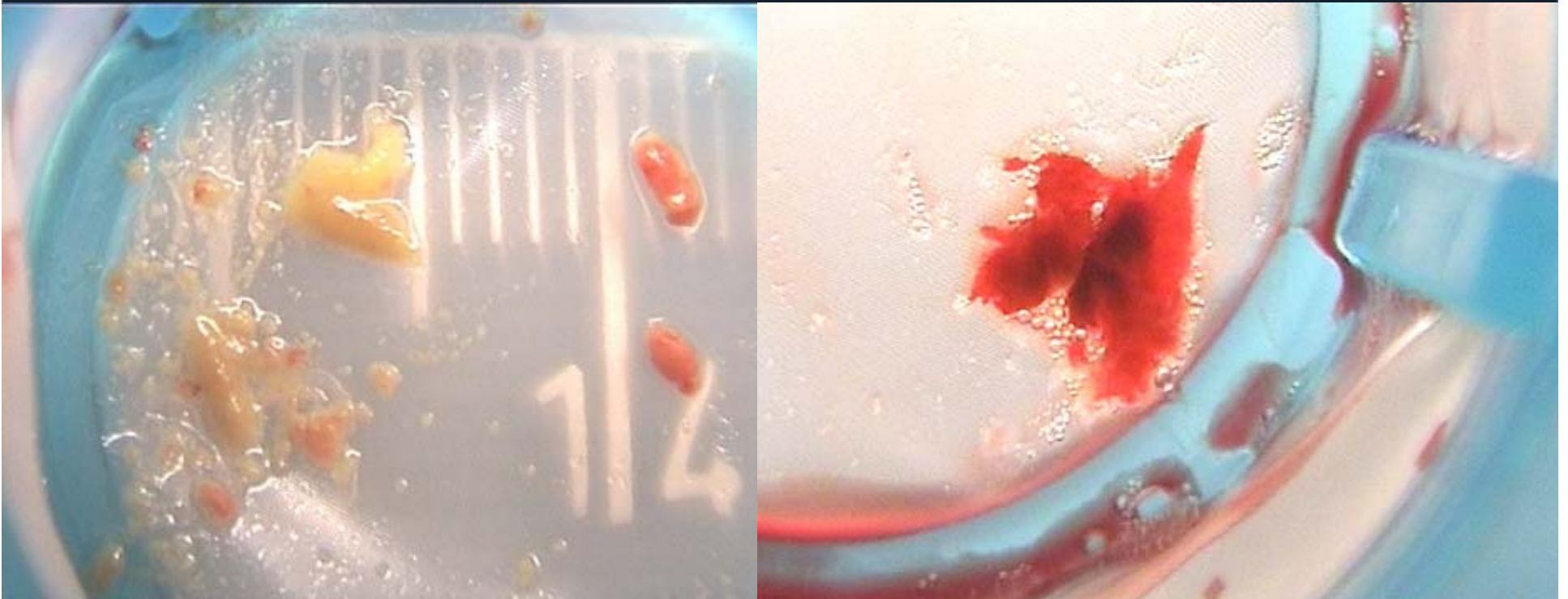


# NRMI: Multivariate Adjusted Impact of Incremental PCI Delay Stratified by Age, MI Location and Presentation Delay



# Distal Protection and Thrombectomy in AMI

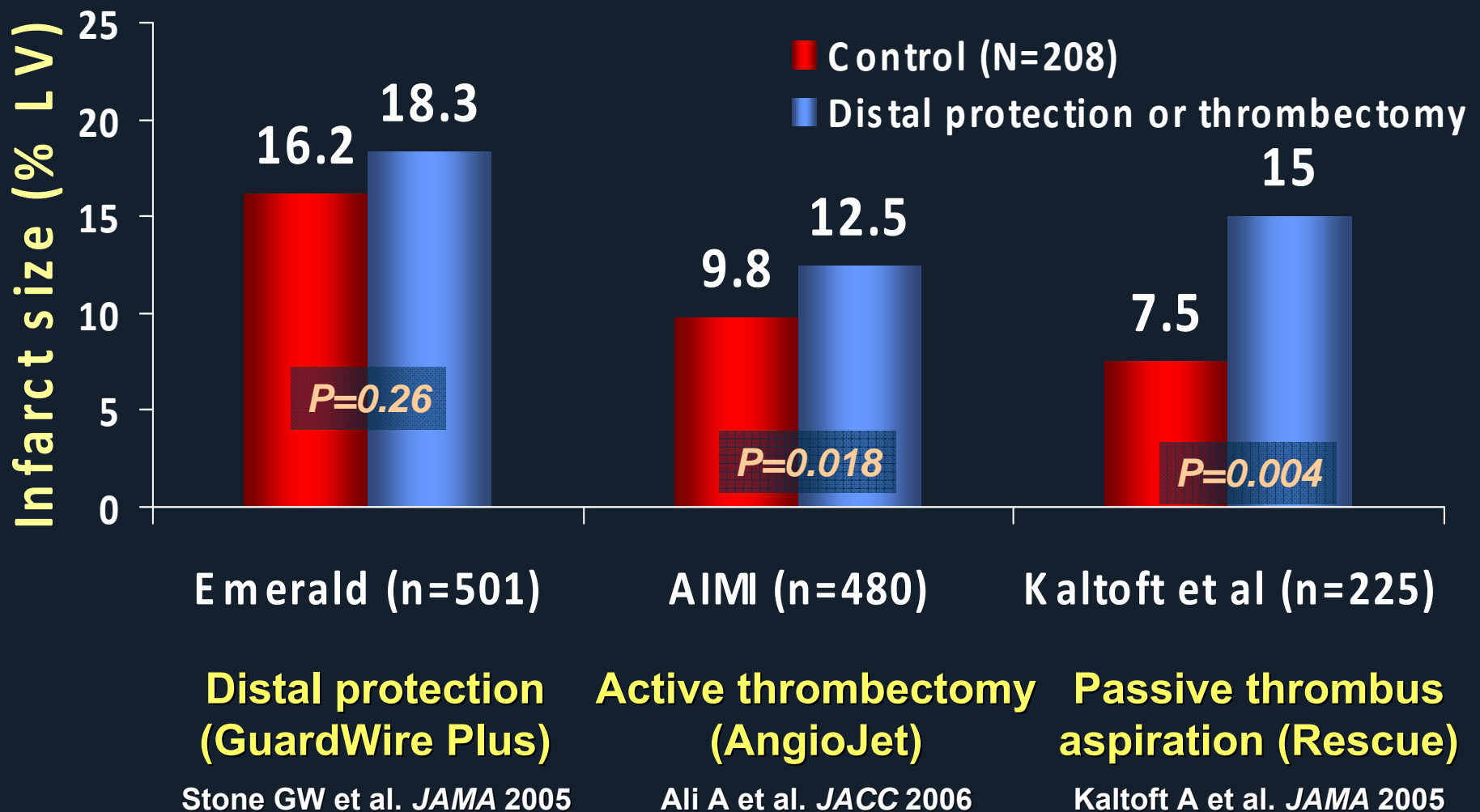
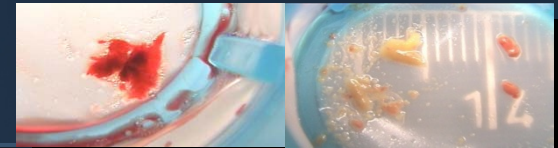
**Macroscopic embolic debris can be  
retrieved from >75% of cases**



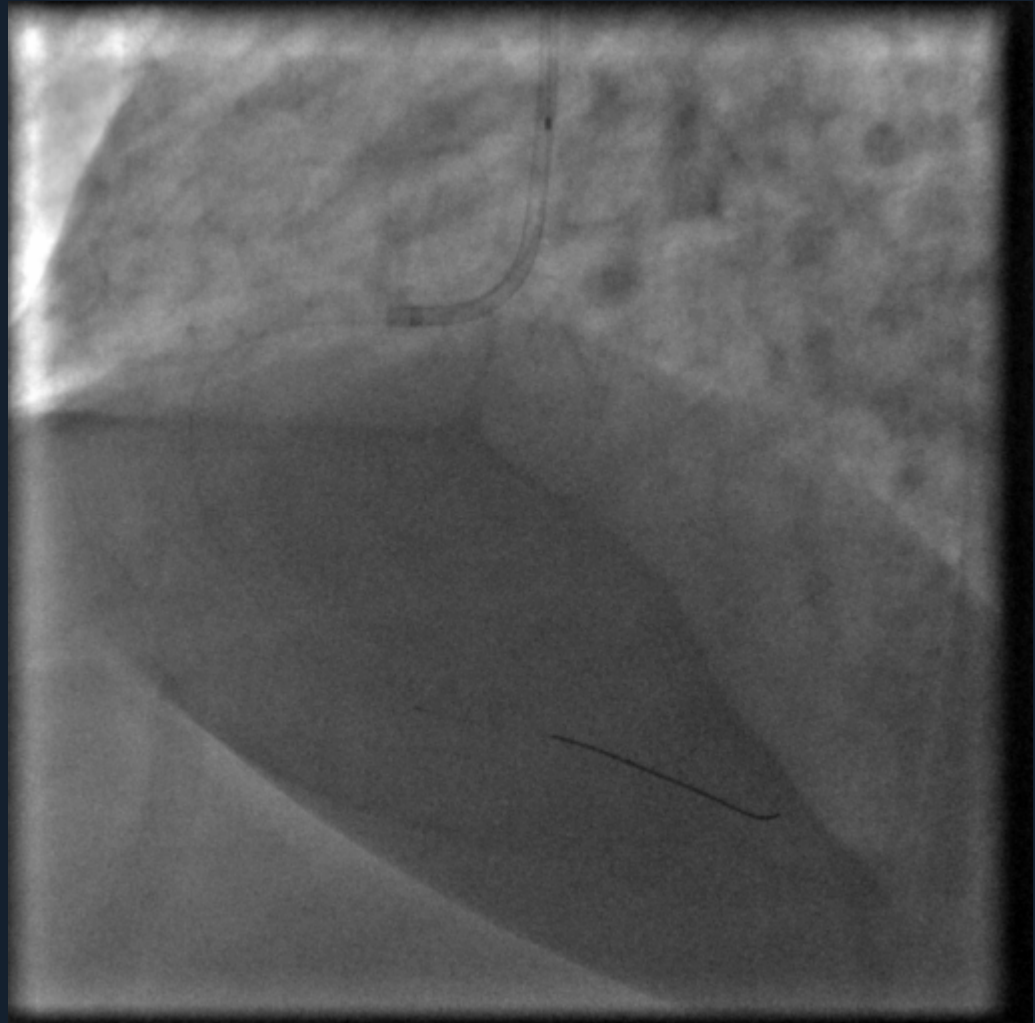
# AMI: Attempts to Decrease Infarct Size

*Have been mostly met with frustration*

The concept of reducing embolic load

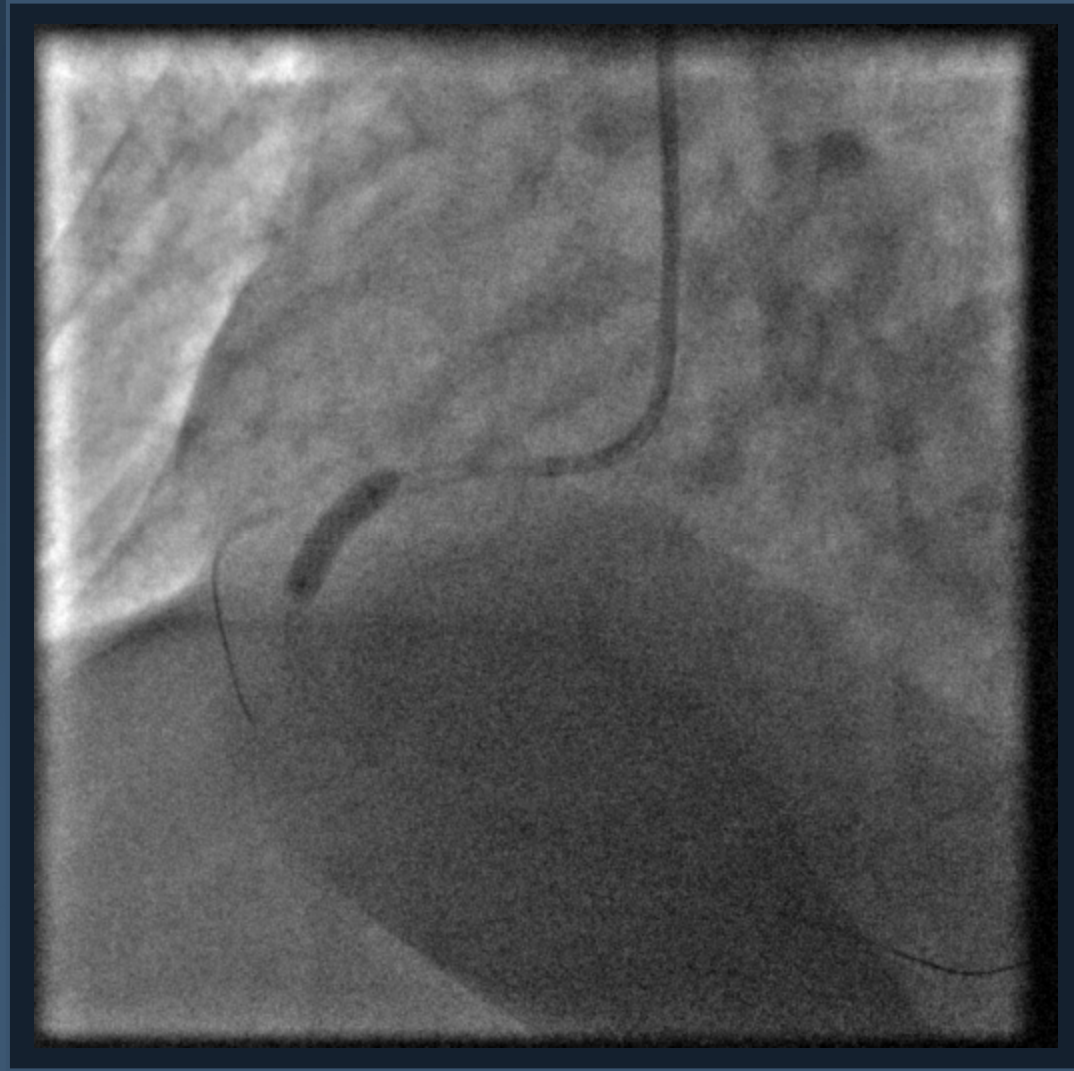


# RCA Occlusion (Inferior STEMI)

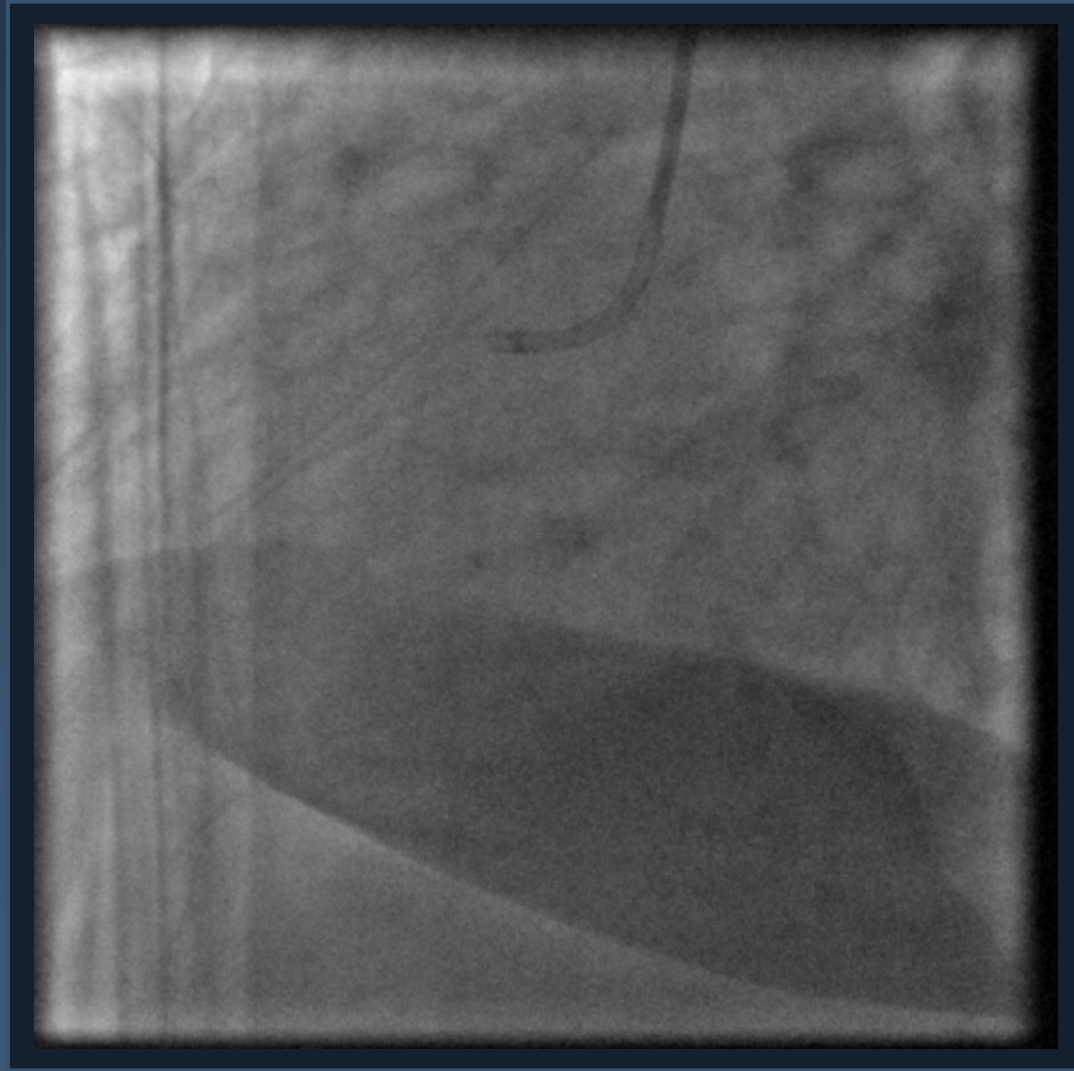




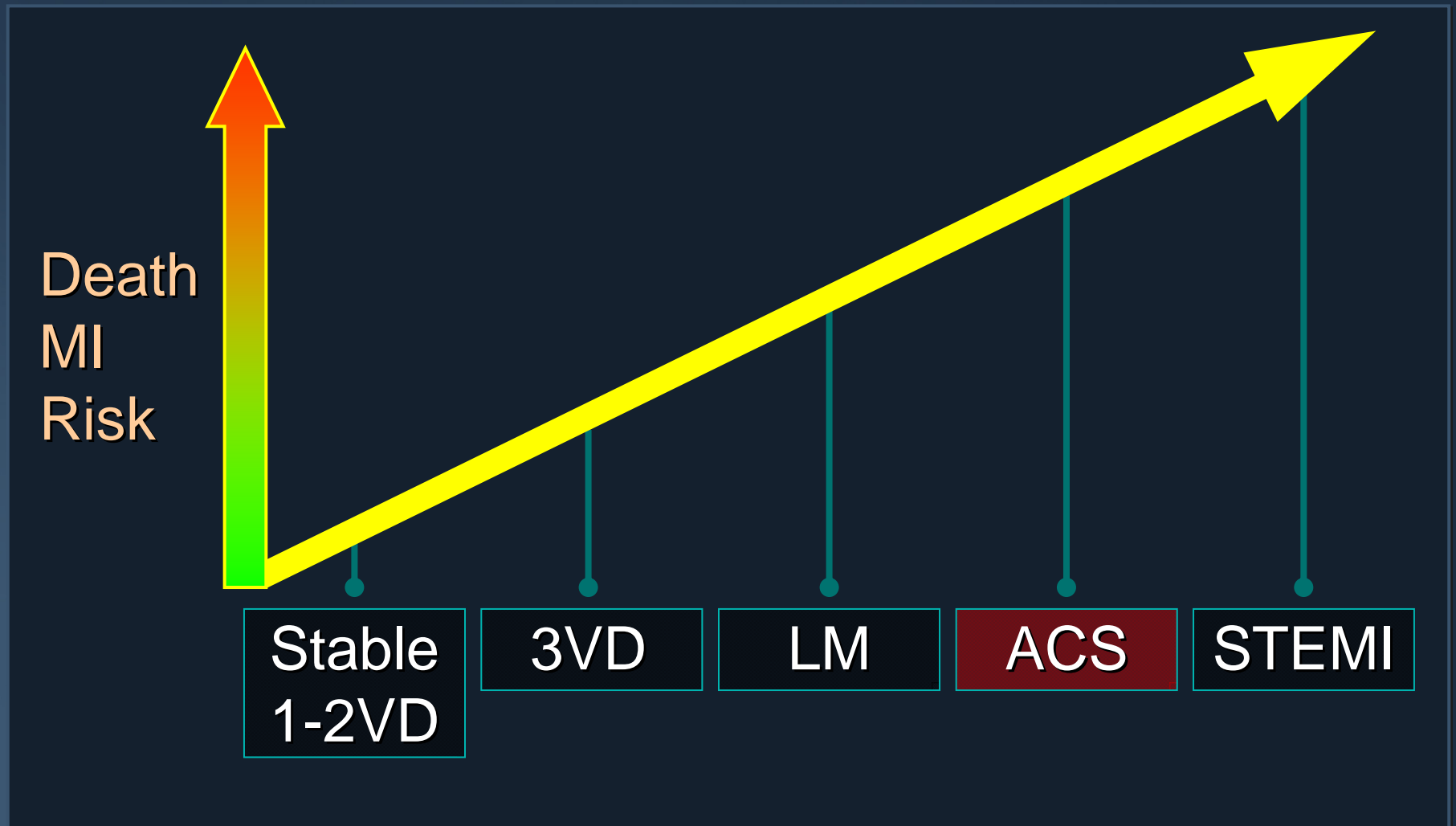
# Direct Stent Implantation



# Final Angiogram



# The Spectrum of CAD

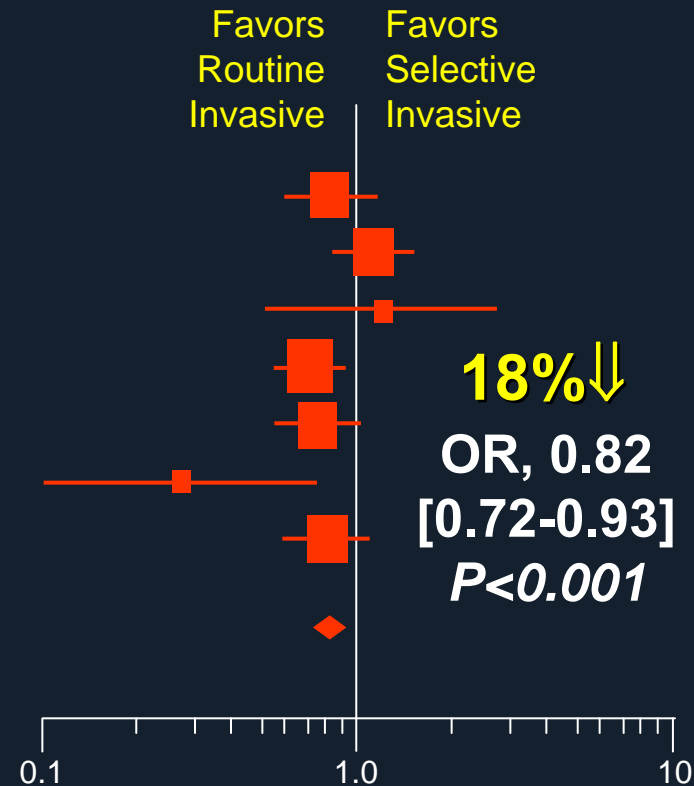


# Meta-analysis of Conservative vs. Invasive Strategies in ACS

9,212 randomized pts in 7 trials

## Composite death or MI from rand to latest FU

Source	Routine invasive	Selective invasive
TIMI IIIB	86/740 (11.6)	101/733 (13.8)
VANQWISH	152/462 (32.9)	139/458 (30.3)
MATE	16/111 (14.4)	11/90 (12.2)
FRISC II	127/1222 (10.4)	174/1235 (14.1)
TACTICS	81/1114 (7.3)	105/1106 (9.5)
VINO	4/64 (6.3)	15/67 (22.4)
RITA	95/895 (10.6)	118/915 (12.9)
<b>Total</b>	<b>561/4608 (12.2)</b>	<b>663/4604 (14.4)</b>



# Optimal Strategy for ACS

9 Randomized Trials  
N=10,412

VANQWISH

ICTUS

RITA-3

VINO

TRUCS

MATE

TACTICS-  
TIMI 18

TIMI IIIB

FRISC II

Conservative  
(N=920)

N=2874

Invasive  
(N=6618)



# Design, Eligibility Criteria and Protocol

## UA or NSTEMI

2 of 3 Criteria: Age > 60, ischemic ECG or biomarker  
AND suitable for revascularization

**RANDOMIZE\*** \*Randomization ratio 1:1, 1:2 or 2:1

### Early Invasive

Cardiac Cath as soon as possible (<24 h)

### Delayed Invasive

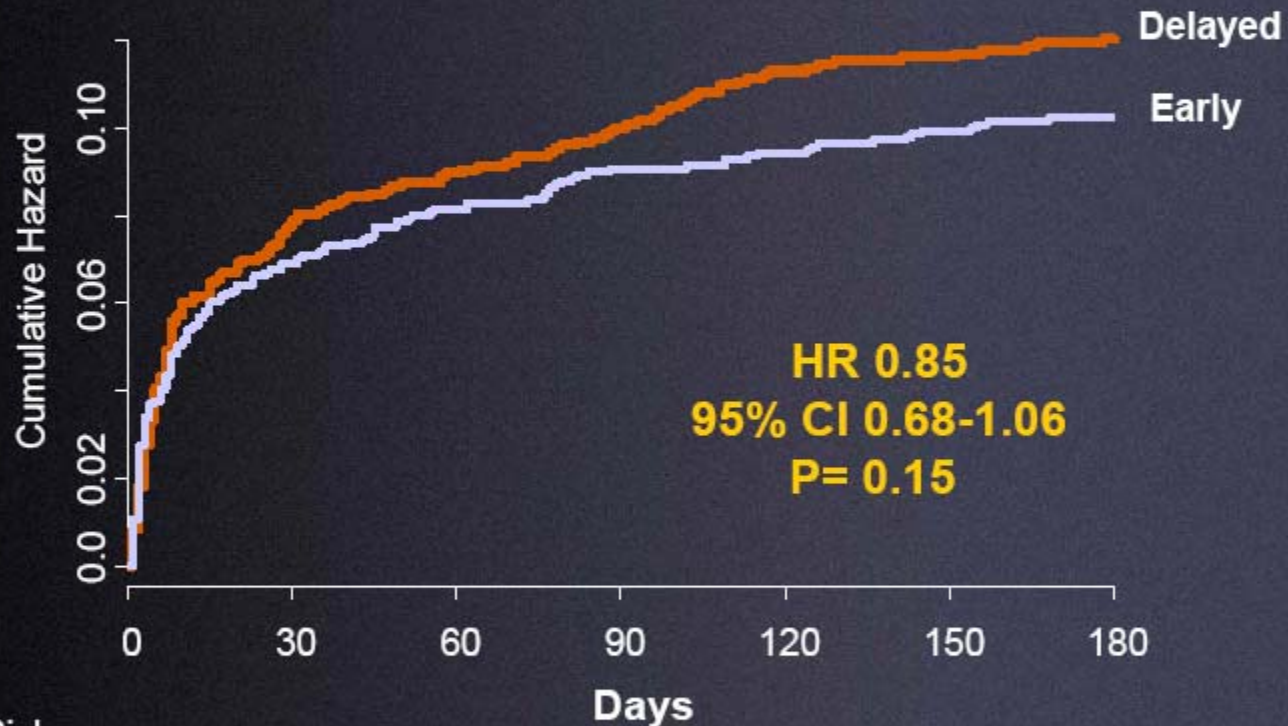
Cardiac Cath >36 hrs

Follow-up 180 days



# Primary Outcome Death, MI, or Stroke

## Death/MI/Stroke at 180 days



No. at Risk

Delayed	1438	1328	1269	1254	1234	1229	1211
Early	1593	1484	1413	1398	1391	1382	1363



# Pre-specified Subgroups

Characteristic	N	Early %	Delayed %	HR (95% CI)	Interaction p-Value
Overall	3031	9.7	11.4	0.85 ( 0.68 - 1.06 )	
Age < 65	1293	6.5	6.5	0.98 ( 0.64 - 1.52 )	
>=65	1736	12.3	14.8	0.83 ( 0.64 - 1.07 )	0.463
Female	1052	9.7	12.3	0.77 ( 0.54 - 1.12 )	
Male	1976	9.8	10.9	0.89 ( 0.68 - 1.18 )	0.540
No ST deviation	1523	7.6	8.7	0.88 ( 0.62 - 1.26 )	
ST deviation	1508	11.7	14.3	0.81 ( 0.61 - 1.07 )	0.722
No elevated marker	668	10.5	10.5	1.00 ( 0.62 - 1.60 )	
Elevated marker	2363	9.5	11.7	0.81 ( 0.63 - 1.04 )	0.423
<b>GRACE 0-140</b>	<b>2070</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>1.14 ( 0.82 - 1.58 )</b>	
<b>GRACE &gt;=141</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>0.65 ( 0.48 - 0.88 )</b>	<b>0.0097</b>



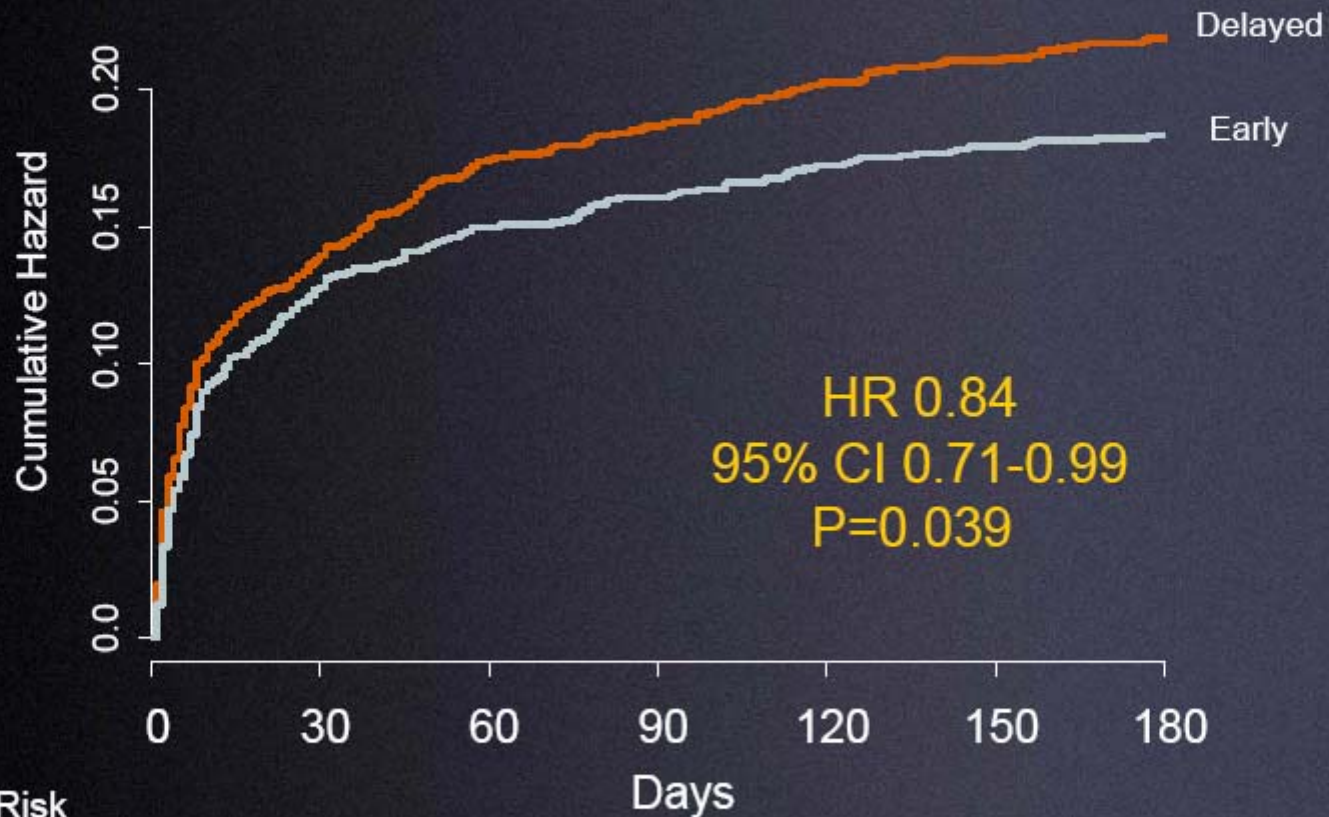




# Secondary Outcome

## Death, MI, Stroke, RFI or Rep Intervention

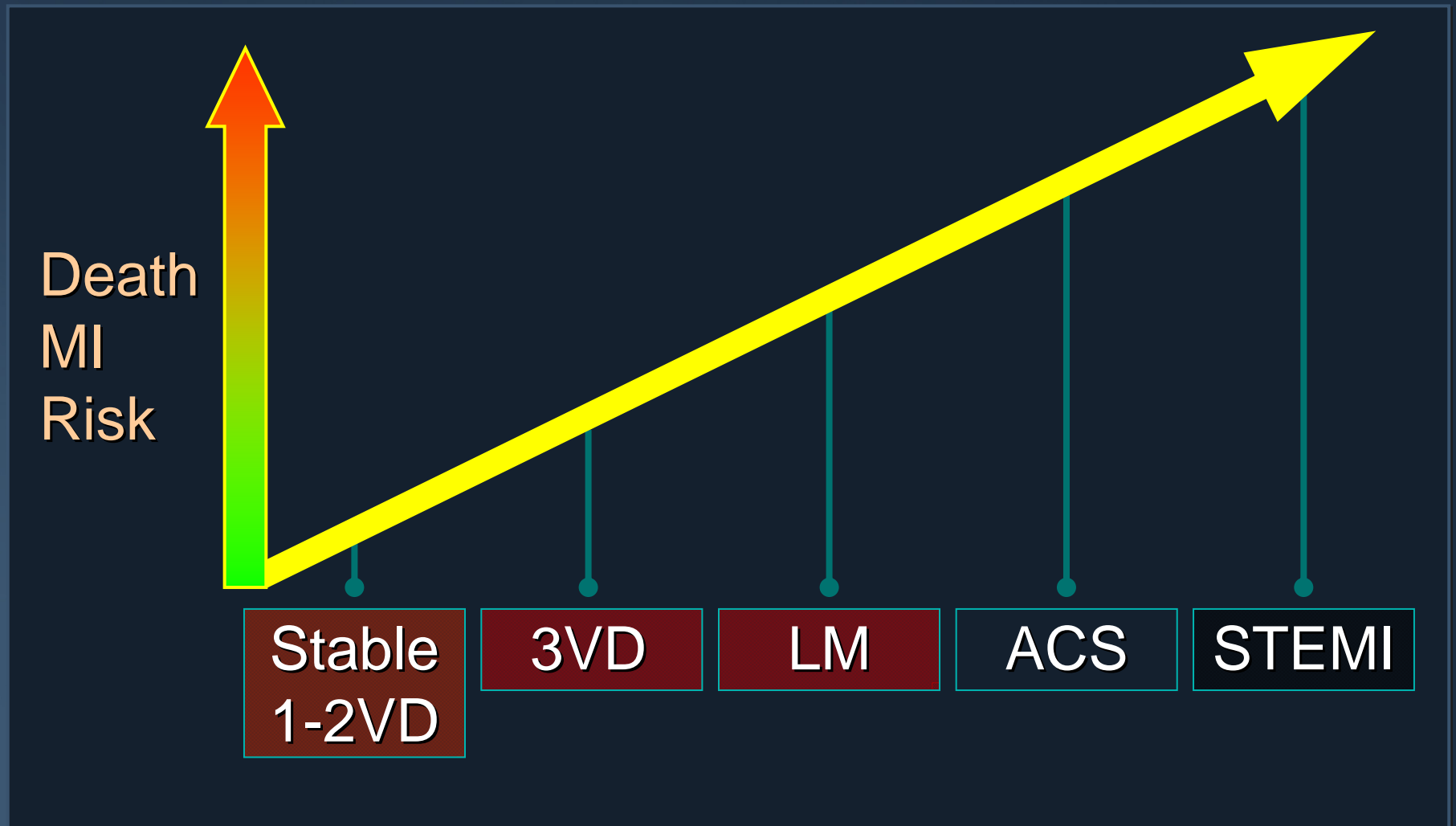
Death/MI/RI/Stroke/Rep Intervention at 180 days



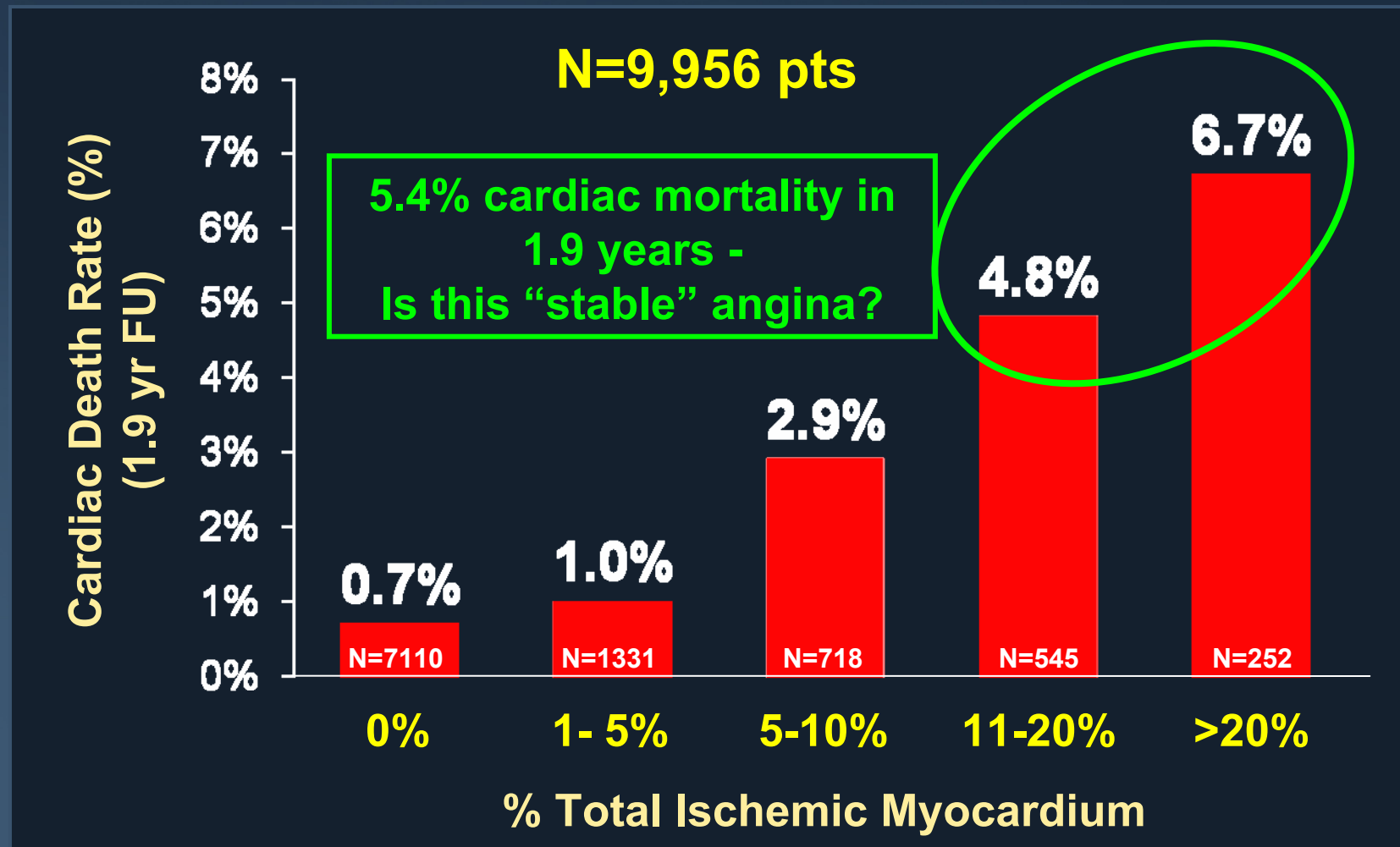
No. at Risk

	0	30	60	90	120	150	180
Delayed	1438	1250	1166	1150	1128	1118	1097
Early	1593	1400	1321	1304	1287	1276	1256

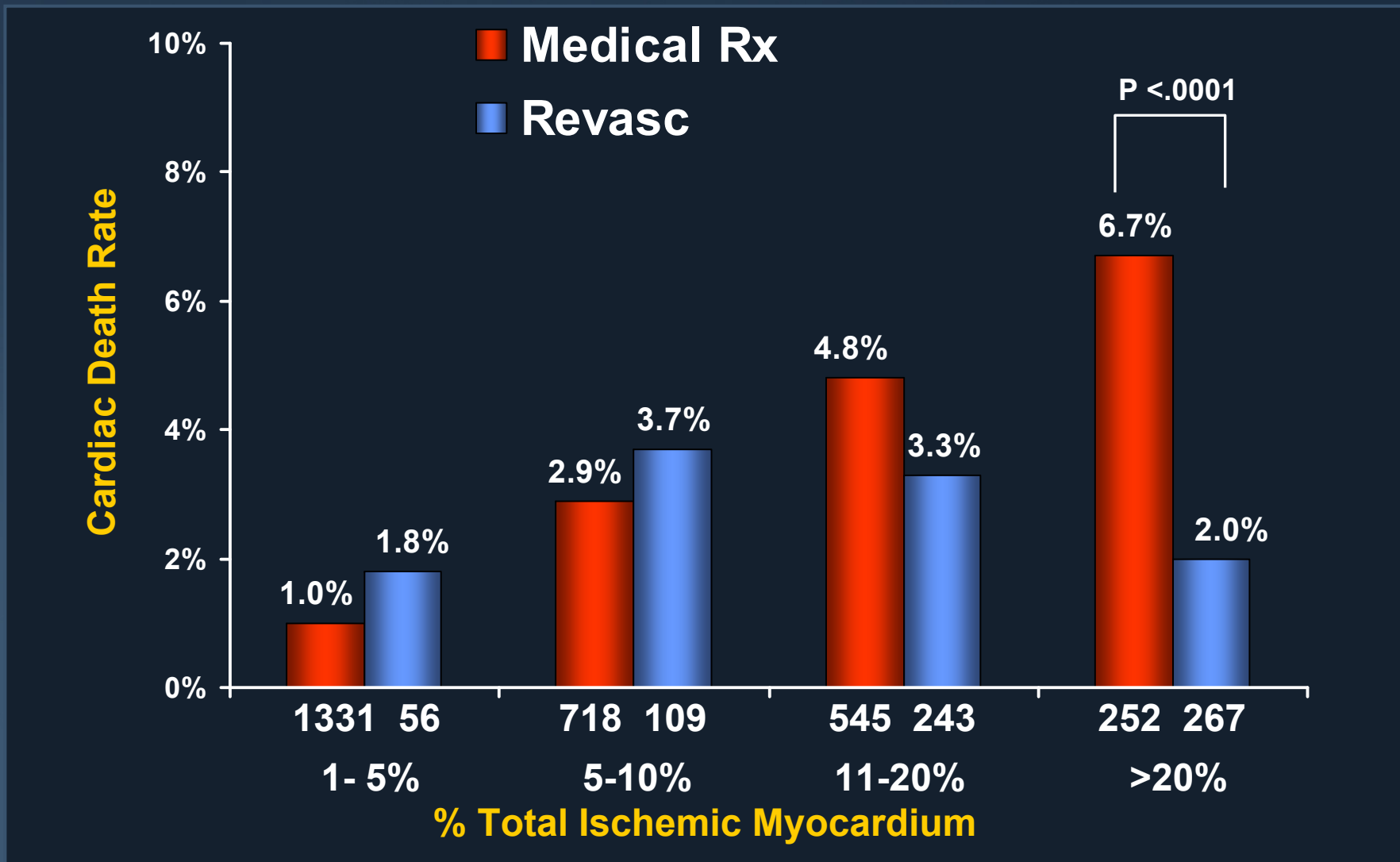
# The Spectrum of CAD



# There is a Wide-Range of Morbidity/Mortality among “Stable Angina” Patients

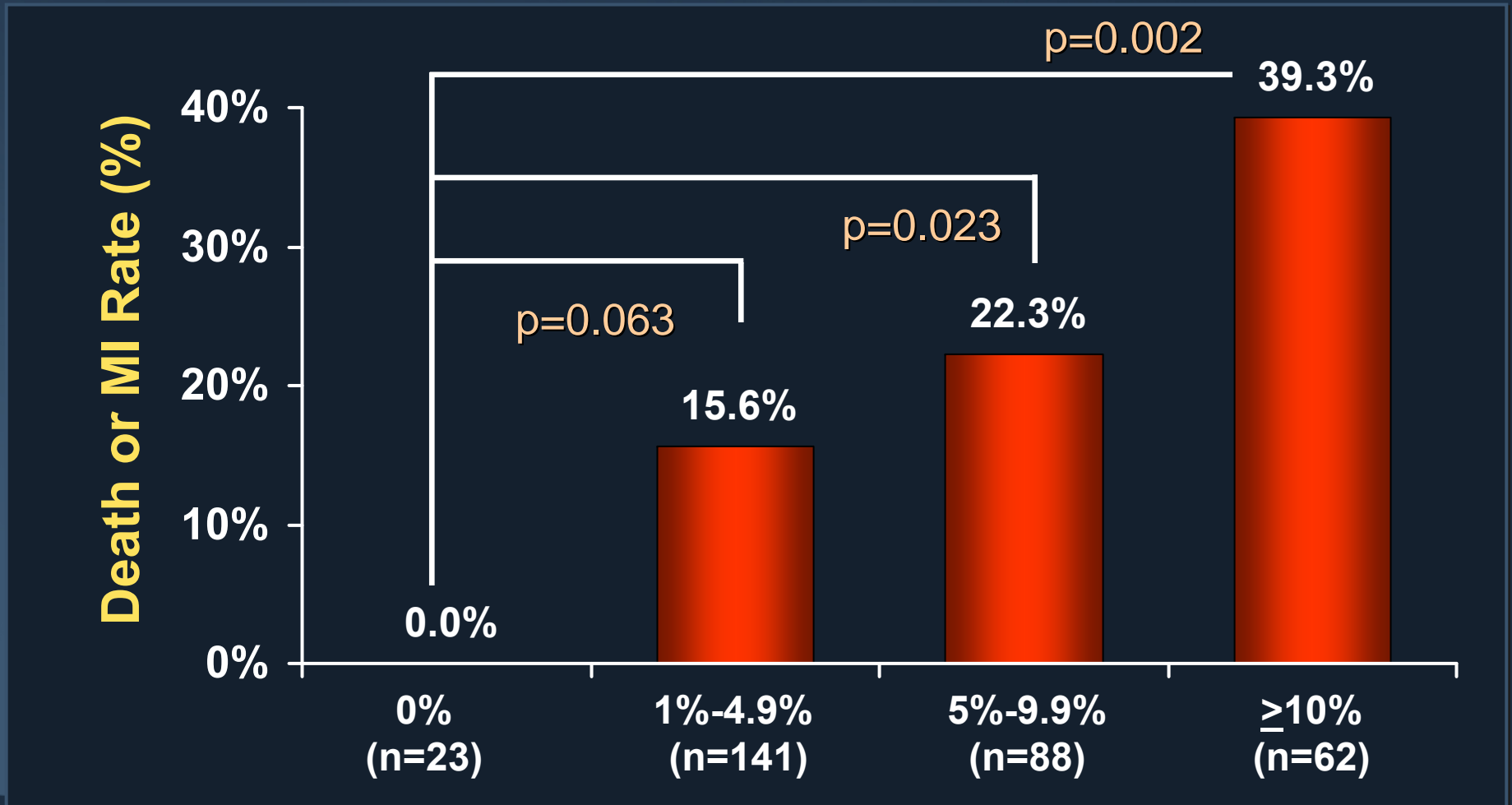


# Mitigated Gradient with Revascularization





# Rates of Death or MI by Residual Ischemia on 6-18m MPS



# Revascularization: The Bottom Line

- Revascularization improves prognosis (hard clinical endpoints) in:
  - STEMI (time-dependent)
  - NSTACS (moderately time-dependent)
  - Stable CAD with high ischemic burden (less time-dependent)
- ***Prompt revascularization therefore has the potential to improve outcomes in appropriately selected patients with cardiac arrest!!***

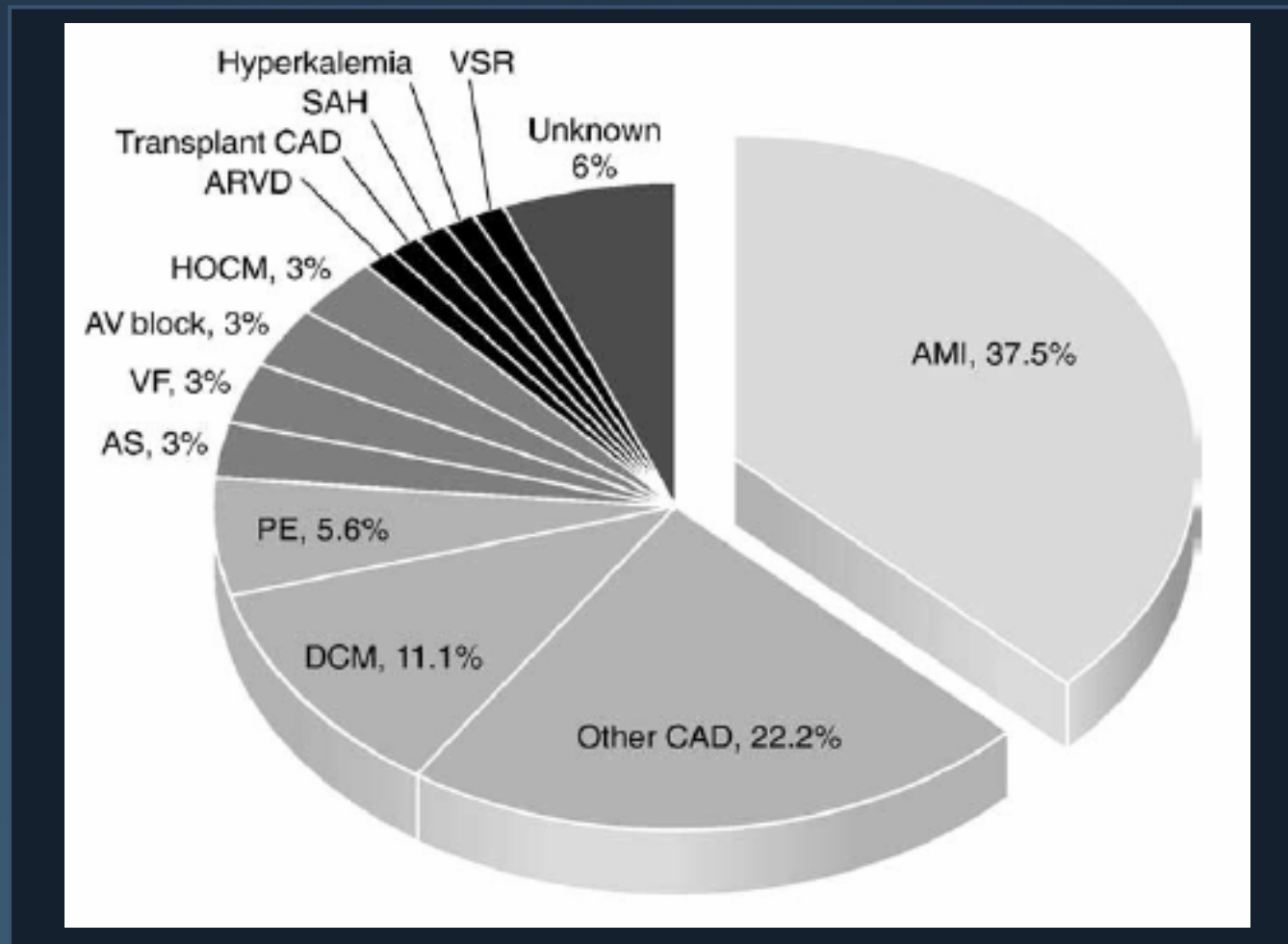


# Etiologies of Cardiac Arrest

- **Coronary Heart Disease (>65%)**
  - **Coronary Occlusion (↑frequent on autopsy)**
  - **Arrhythmia**
  - **Pump Dysfunction**
- **Structural Heart Disease (10%)**
  - **Valvular Disease**
  - **HOCM**
  - **Coronary Anomalies**
- **Other: Takotsubo, Primary Arrhythmias, etc**
- **Non-cardiac / metabolic abnormalities (30%?)**



# Diagnoses in 72 Pts with Cardiac Arrest Undergoing Routine Catheterization



**PCI performed in one-third of patients**



# Use and Utility of Angiography after In-Hospital VF Arrest

- Of 110 patients with confirmed VF-arrest at a major US academic hospital, only 30 (27%) received angiography within 1 day of the arrest
  - Less than half had STEMI or new LBBB
  - More than half underwent PCI
- **Performance of angiography has been associated with increased survival (but this association is quite confounded)**

*Merchant et al, Resuscitation 2008*  
*Werling et al, Resuscitation 2007*

# A Case for Immediate Angiography for Survivors of Out-of-Hospital Arrest

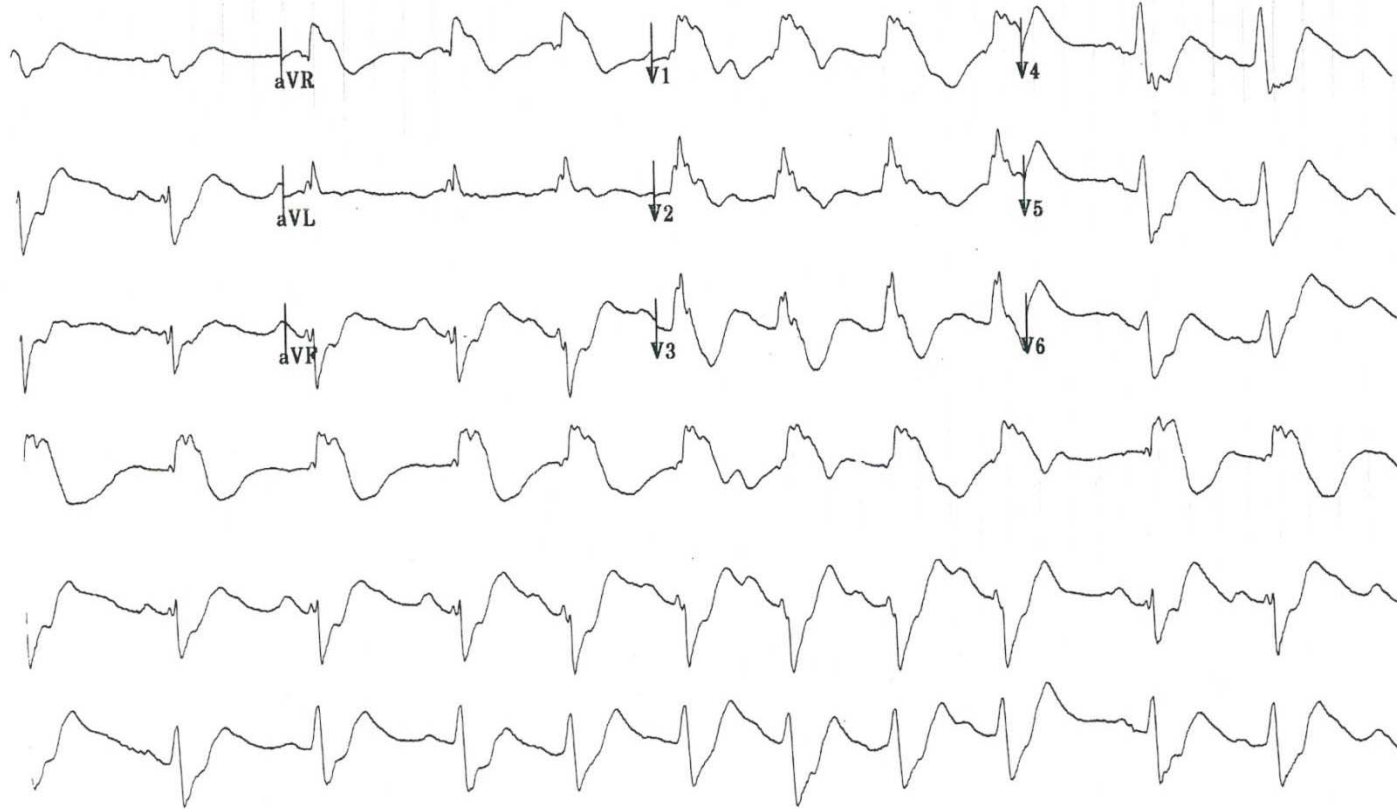
- **85 (selected) patients with no obvious non-cardiac cause of arrest**
- **Coronary occlusions seen in 48% of pts**
- **Clinically significant CAD in 71% of pts**
- **Mean LVEF 34%**
- **38% Survival; predictors were:**
  - **No need for inotropes on transport**
  - **Successful angioplasty**
  - **Shorter time from arrest to presentation**

# Problems with the Diagnosis of Ischemic CAD in Arrest Patients



# Diagnostic Dilemmas in Cardiac Arrest

## *Immediate post-arrest EKG*



1 mm/s 10.0 mm/mV

4 by 2.5s + 3 rhythm lds

MACVU 003B

12SL™ v250

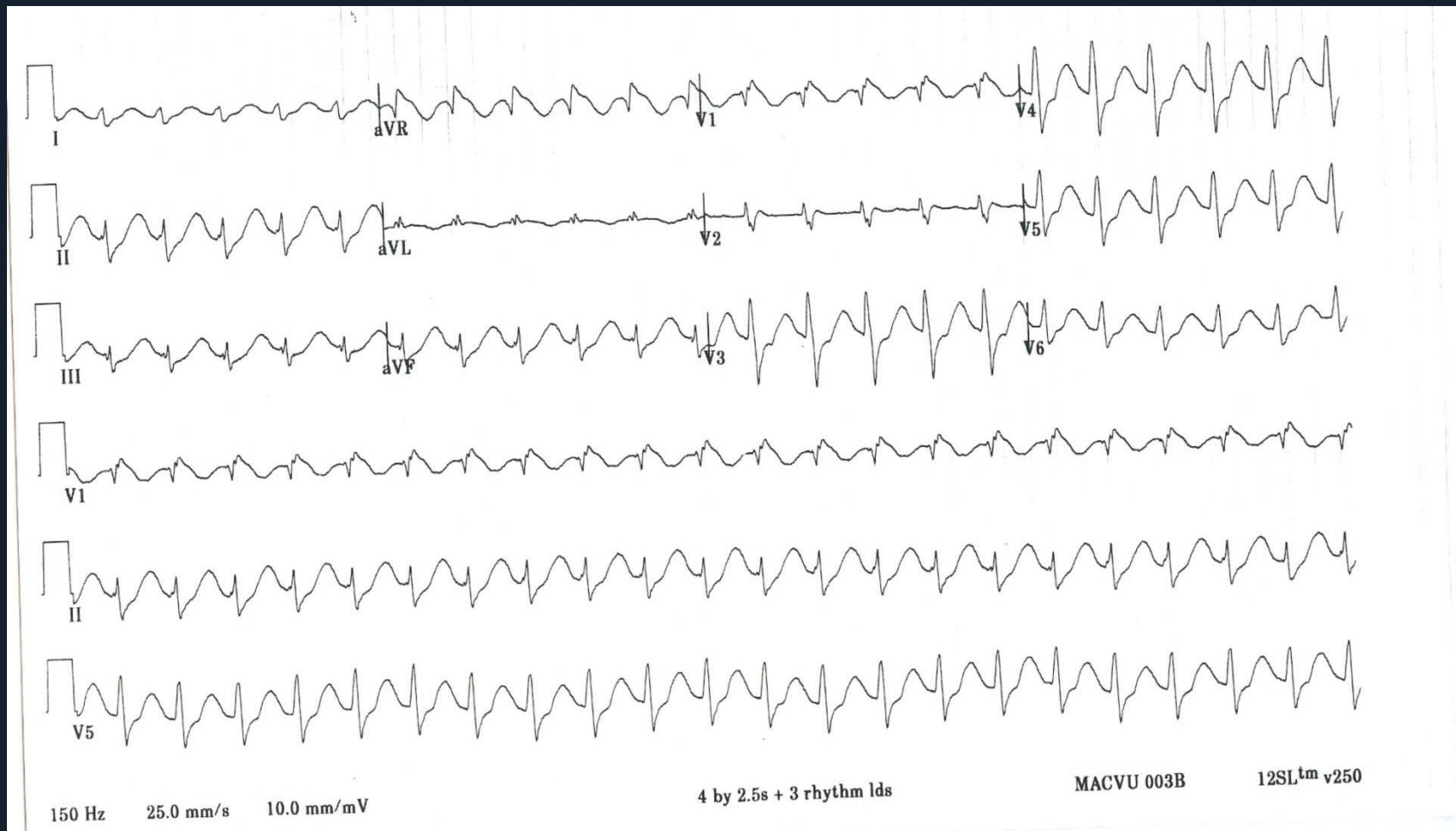
# Diagnostic Dilemmas in Cardiac Arrest

*After ventilation/sodium bicarbonate (3 min later)*



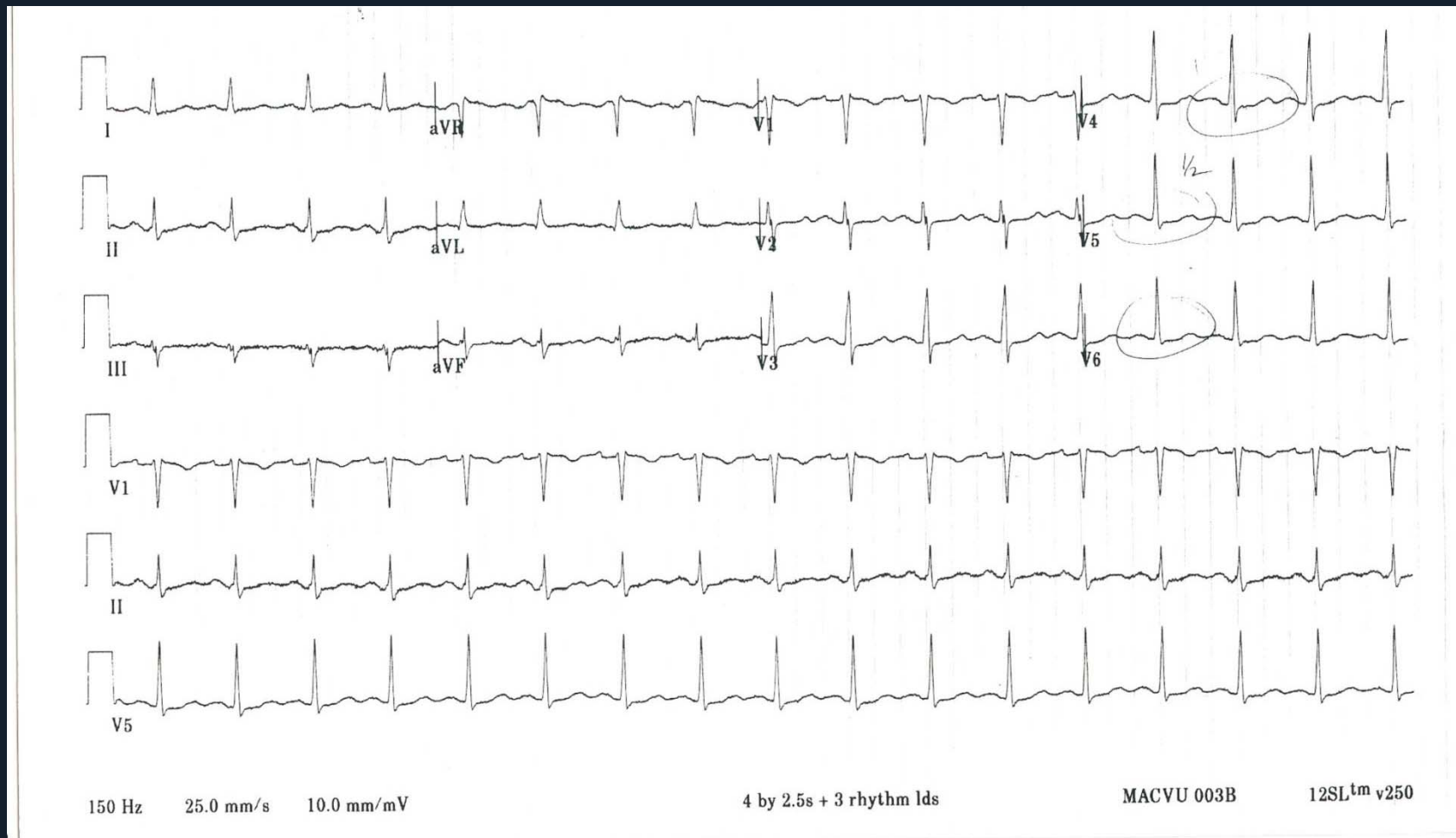
# Diagnostic Dilemmas in Cardiac Arrest

**35 minutes after initial EKG**



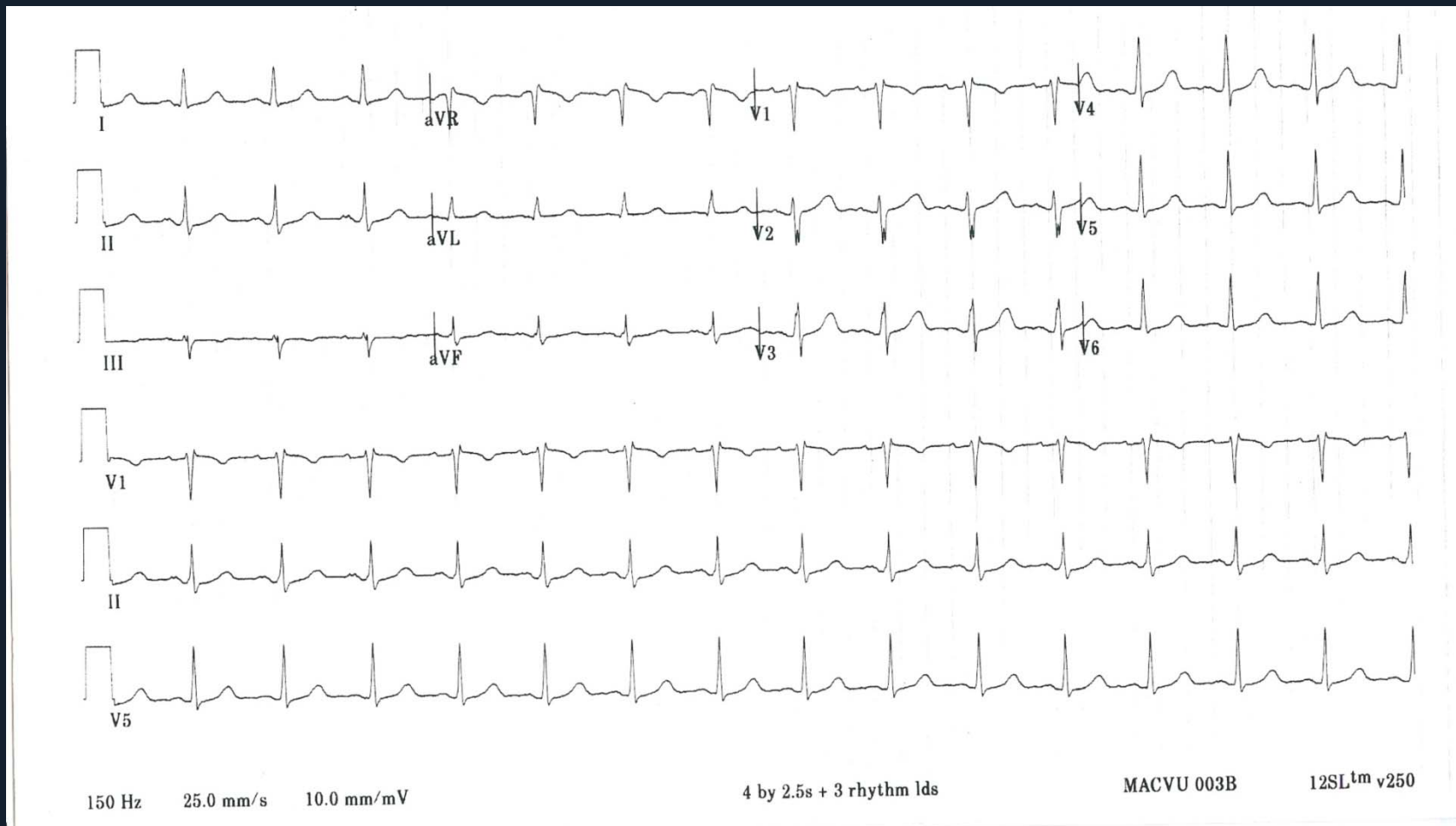
# Diagnostic Dilemmas in Cardiac Arrest

## 4 hours post-arrest



# Diagnostic Dilemmas in Cardiac Arrest

*The next morning (12 hours post-arrest)*





# Ability of 12-lead EKG to Diagnose STEMI after Resuscitated Arrest

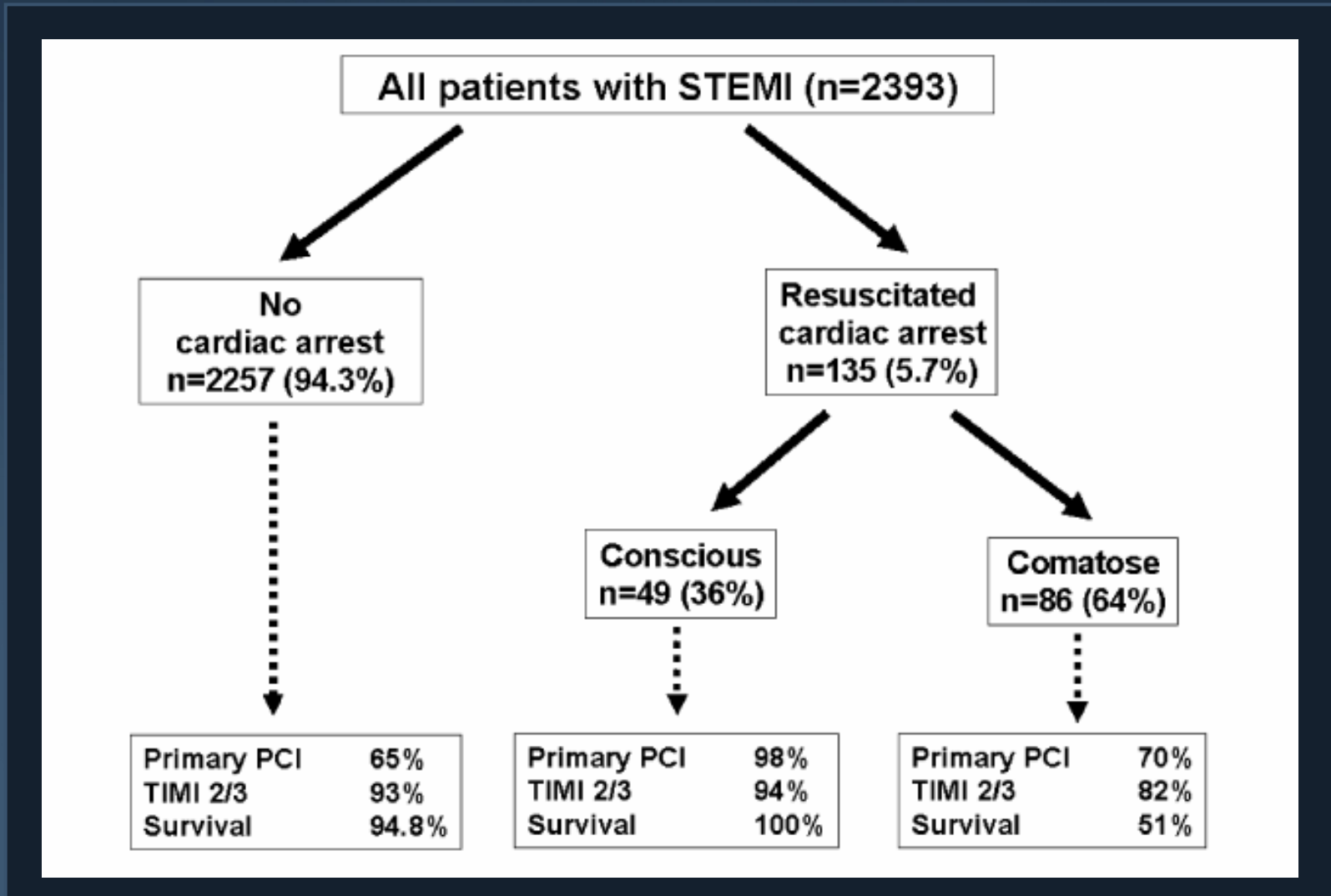
	MI at Discharge	No MI at Discharge	
ST Elevation on Admission EKG	37	3	40
No ST Elevation on EKG	11	24	35
	48	27	77

*Out of hospital EKG: PPV 88% and NPV 69%  
Sensitivity 77% and Specificity 83%*

# Summary of PCI Outcomes Data

- **Studies of primary PCI for STEMI after resuscitated cardiac arrest:**
  - **7 studies, 458 patients; successful PCI in 89%**
  - **66% survival, 58% neuro recovery**
  - **Lower survival / recovery in comatose patients**
- **PCI also performed in 34 patients undergoing active resuscitation**
  - **88% success, 41% survival**

# PCI for STEMI after Resuscitation

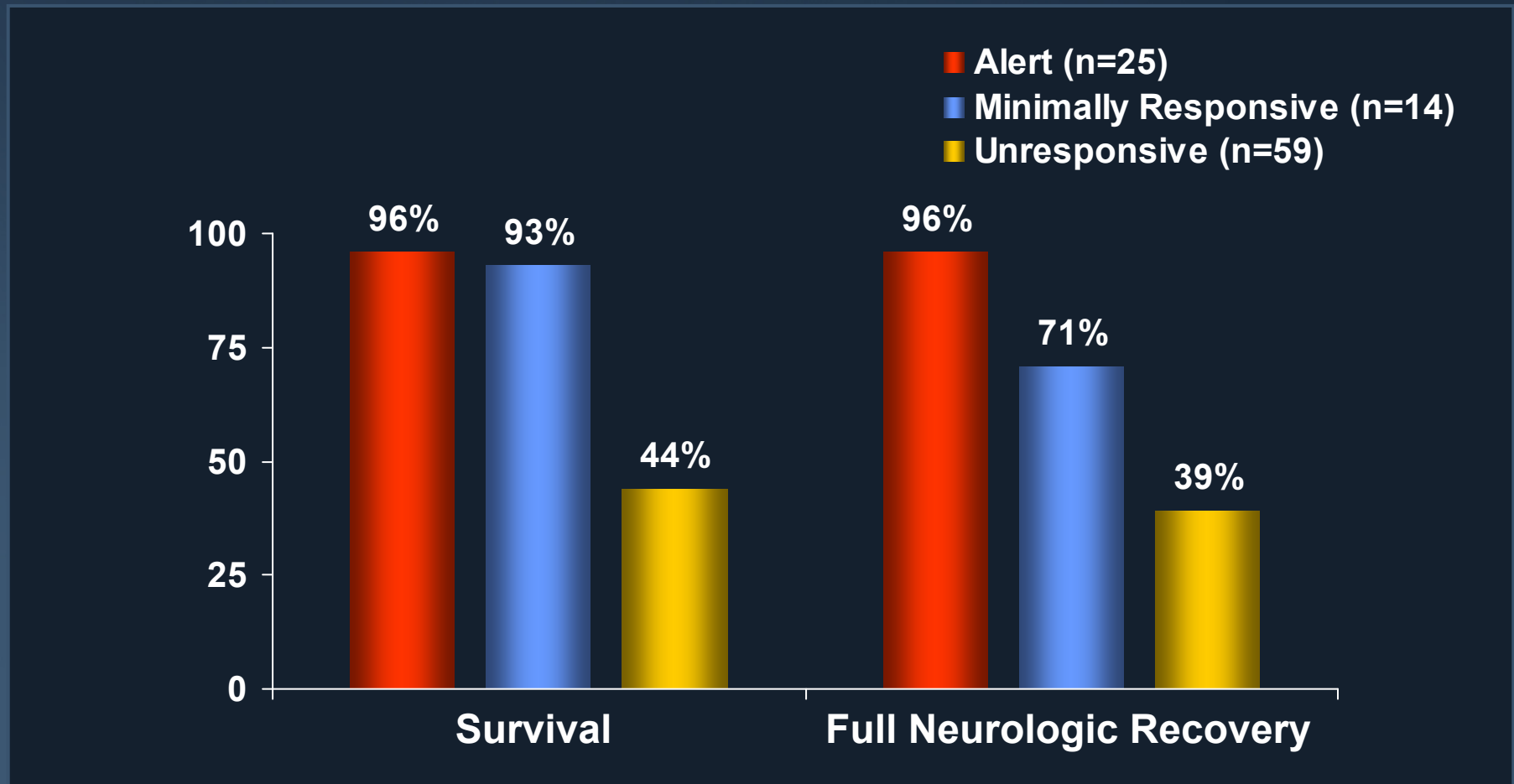


# Correlates of 6-Month Survival in STEMI Patients With Cardiac Arrest

*186 PCI patients; overall survival 54%*

	OR	95% CI
Time from Arrest to 1 <sup>st</sup> Responder (per min)	0.67	0.54-0.84
ROSC time (per 10 min)	0.43	0.25-0.66
Absence of Shock	12.66	3.39-47.62
Absence of Diabetes	7.30	1.80-29.41
Absence of prior PCI	10.99	1.65-71.43

# Outcomes in STEMI Patients with Cardiac Arrest (n=98)



# Correlates of Death in STEMI Patients Following Cardiac Arrest (n=98)

	OR	95% CI	p
<b>Neurologic Status</b>			
Alert	-	-	-
Min Responsive	2.1	0.1-68.1	0.69
Unresponsive	47.8	3.3-549.1	0.004
<b>ROSC time (per 10 min)</b>	2.8	1.5-5.7	0.002
<b>Age (per 5-yr)</b>	1.3	1.1-1.7	0.009
<b>Female Gender</b>	5.9	1.2-30.1	0.034

*Patients arresting in ED had better survival and neurologic recovery than out-of-hospital arrest patients*

# Combining Hypothermia and PCI for Cardiac Arrest Patients with STEMI

- Can be accomplished with minimal increases in door-balloon times
- Requires regimented protocols and buy-in / cooperation between ED, Cath Lab, ICU units / staff
- **No differences in in-hospital complications with a trend toward improved outcomes (vs. historical controls in 3 published studies)**

*Wolfrum et al, Crit Care Med 2008*

*Knafelj et al, Resuscitation 2007*

*Sunde et al, Resuscitation 2007*

# “COOL-IT” Outcomes

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Alive at hospital discharge with favourable neurological recovery

Abbott Northwestern Hospital                      53/96                      55.2%

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- Survival by initial rhythm

- VF/VT:                      47/75                      62.6%
- PEA/Asystole:                      5/19                      26.3%

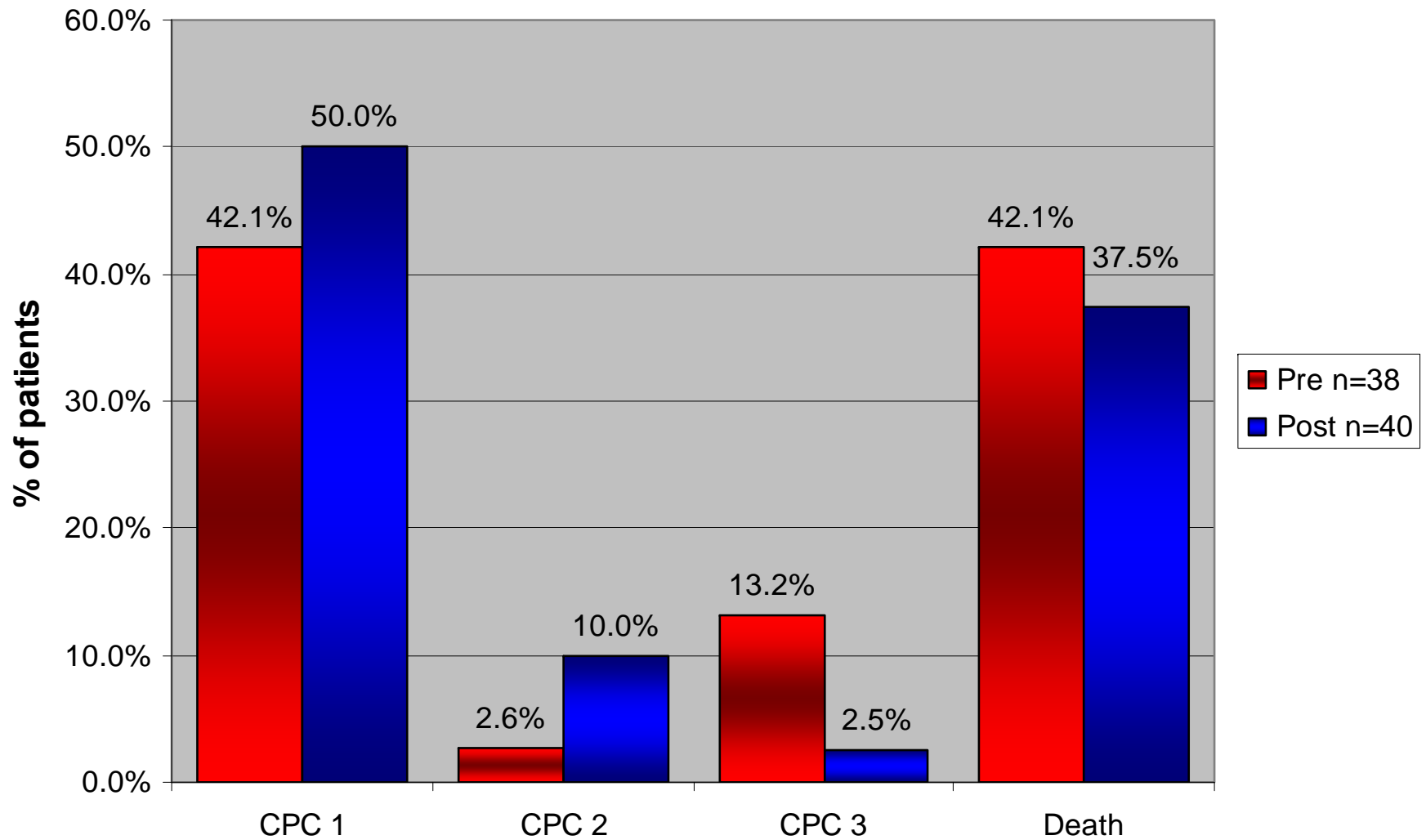
- Survival by diagnosis

- Other:                      20/46                      43.5%
- STEMI:                      33/50                      66.0%

Mooney, TCT 2008



## CPC Comparison Pre and Post Cool-It program



# COOL-MI – A Negative Trial

- Preliminary data has suggested that systemic cooling has the potential to reduce infarct size (animal models of ischemia/reperfusion)
- **Endovascular cooling to 33° for 3 hrs was tested in a 357 patient randomized trial**
- 94% of patients tolerated the cooling
- No difference in SPECT-measured infarct size, ?possible trends in anterior infarction

# What About Fibrinolytic Therapy (post-TROICA)?

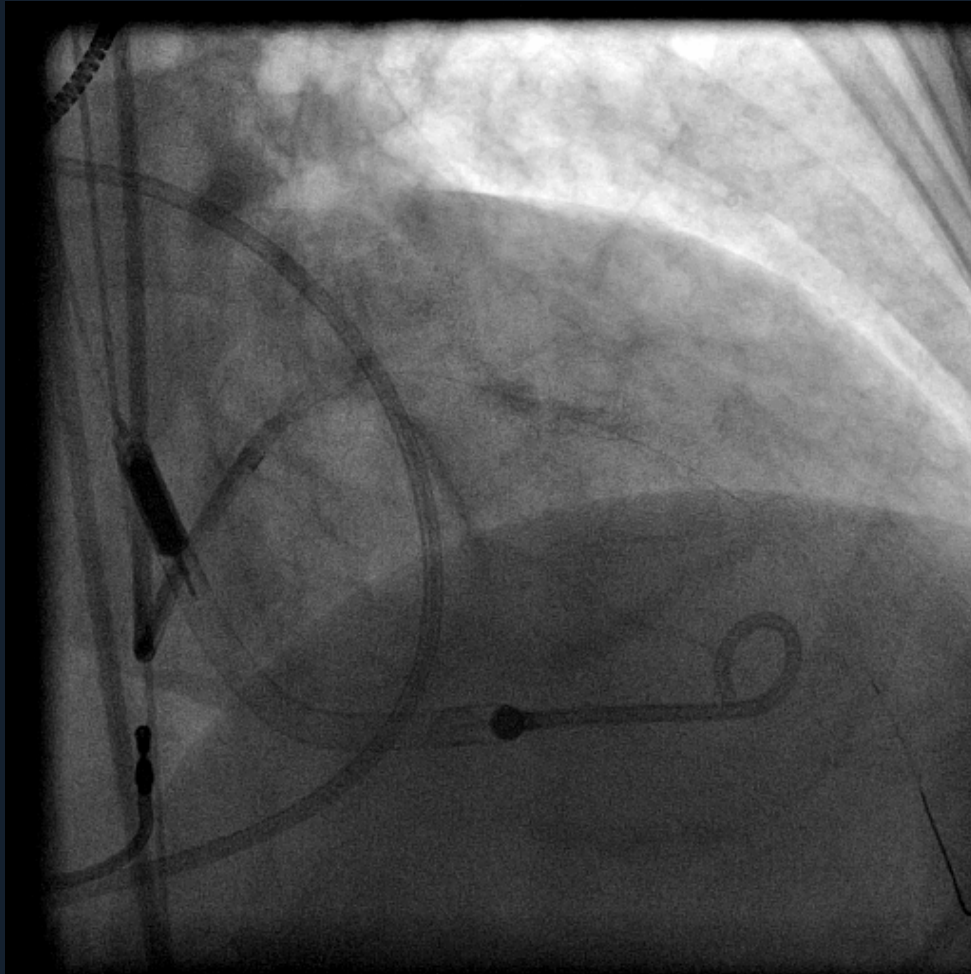
- Riskier to implement many successful hemodynamic diagnostic / therapeutic maneuvers after lytics are given
- Worries about use in cardiac arrest patients (particularly prolonged CPR)
- **In a non-randomized study of 147 STEMI patients with VF arrest (101 treated with fibrinolysis and 47 treated with primary PCI), there were similar outcomes with both strategies, which is reassuring**

# PCI During Cardiac Arrest



- Gas-driven sternal compression device with suction cup (LUCAS)
- PCI feasible in 13 pts with arrest or severe hypotension / bradycardia; mean BP 81/34 mmHg

# PCI Using Hemodynamic Support



Impella 2.5 Device during  
LMCA Dissection

# Cardiac Cath Lab ≠ Always a Stent!!!

- ***Distinction between diagnostic and interventional cath procedures***
- **Diagnostic:**
  - **Hemodynamic evaluation**
    - Right heart catheterization / shunt evaluation
    - Left heart catheterization
    - Simultaneous LV/PCWP, LV/RV
  - **Left ventriculography (ability to identify structural defects)**
  - **Coronary angiography**
  - **Aortography**



# Cardiac Cath Lab ≠ Always a Stent!!!

- **Interventional Procedures:**
  - **Percutaneous coronary intervention**
  - **IABP, hemodynamic support**
    - TandemHeart
    - Impella
  - **Pressor/Vasodilator titration**
  - **Temporary pacemaker (Ventricular, CS/Ventricular)**
  - **Pericardiocentesis**
  - **Pulmonary Embolectomy**
  - ***Rapid access to other subspecialties***
    - *EP, CHF Team, CT Surgery*

# Summary

- **A significant proportion of patients with cardiac arrest (especially VT/VF) have coronary occlusion or significant coronary artery disease**
- **There are clear data supporting primary PCI for STEMI (acute coronary occlusion), a major cause of VT/VF**
- **Cardiac catheterization has other benefits, including making a diagnosis / further triage / hemodynamic support**



## Summary (2)

- An early invasive strategy is preferred for patients with non-ST-elevation acute coronary syndromes, but the timing may be less urgent
- Patients with significant “stable ischemic CAD” can benefit from revascularization, typically on an urgent / elective basis
- ***The key question is whether all (or selected) cardiac arrest patients should undergo emergent angiography and/or PCI if indicated***

# Conclusions

- Integrated systems of care are being implemented with success for patients with STEMI (primary PCI) as well as for cardiac arrest patients (hypothermia protocols)
- The overlap between these two areas is significant, and it makes sense to coordinate efforts
- **Angiography / catheterization is likely underutilized in arrest patients and ought to be considered 1<sup>st</sup> line care for VT/VF**