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Acute Coronary Syndrome: Interventional Strategy

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STEMI

Interventional Management

Case presentation

57 yo wm presents with severe chest pain to a local hospital (cath lab is not available) at 1 AM. ECGs reveal an anterior wall MI.

Current treatment guidelines recommend:

- A. Administer IV lytic, evaluate response to reperfusion; consider transfer if lytic therapy fails**
- B. Transfer for emergency angio and possible PCI**
- C. Administer lytic therapy; proceed with emergency transfer for cath/PCI**

ACC/AHA PRACTICE GUIDELINES—FULL TEXT

ACC/AHA Guidelines for the Management of Patients With ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction

A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines (Committee to Revise the 1999 Guidelines for the Management of Patients With Acute Myocardial Infarction)

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Achieve Coronary Patency

Initial Reperfusion Therapy

- Defined as the initial strategy employed to restore blood flow to the occluded coronary artery

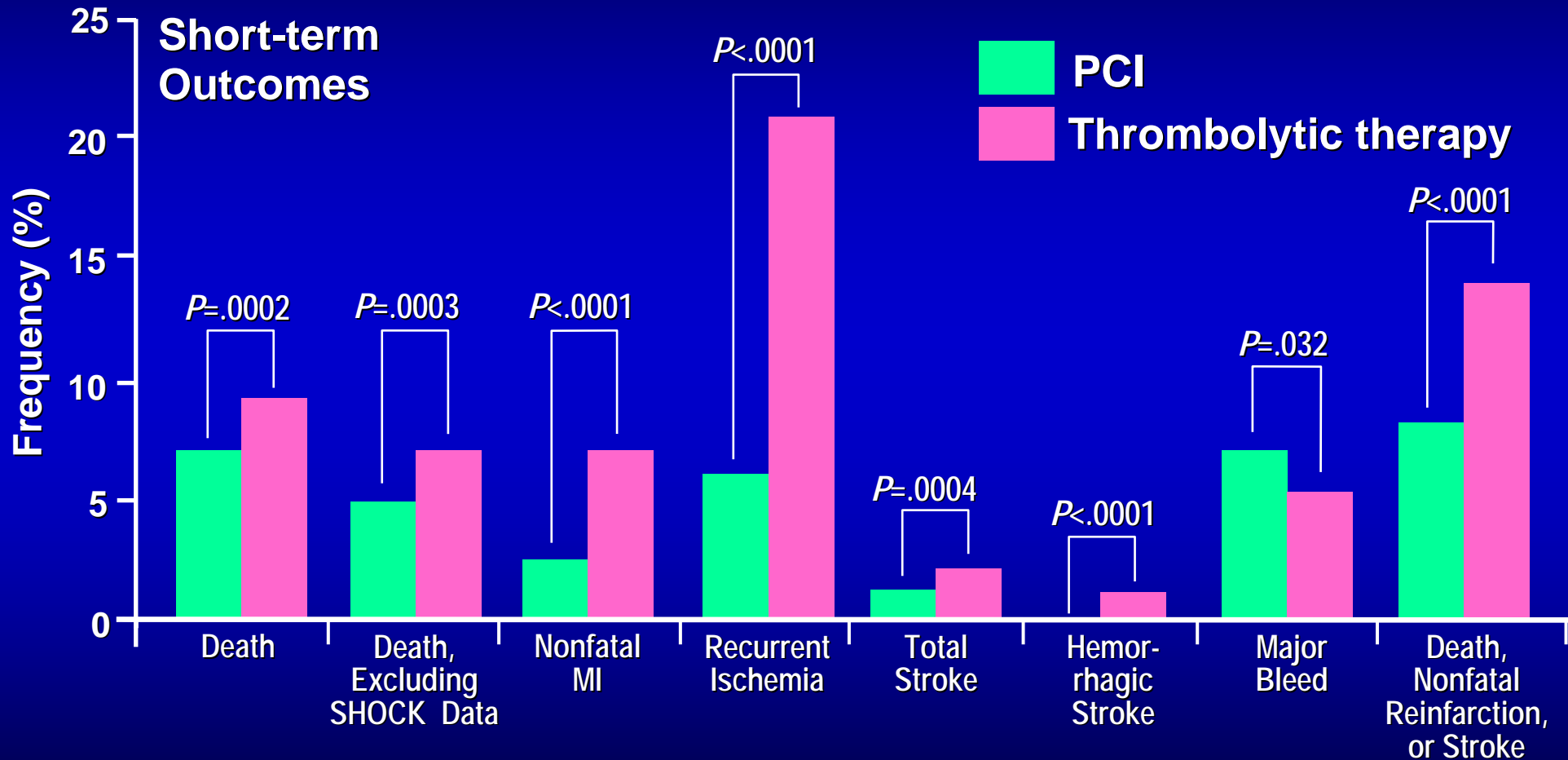
3 Major Options

- Pharmacological reperfusion
- **PCI**
- Acute surgical reperfusion
- **Rescue or Faciliated PCI**

Recent Influences of Practice

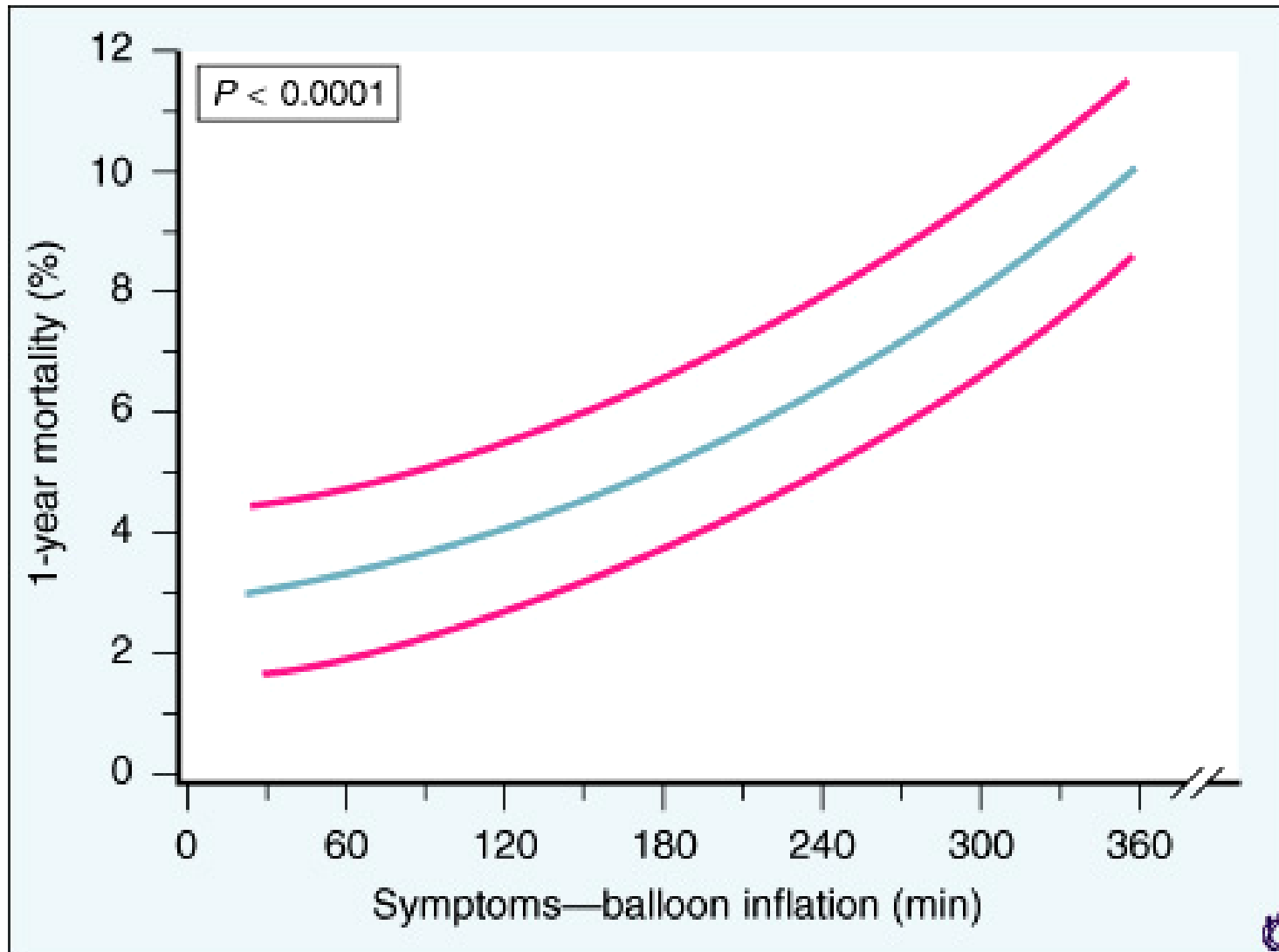
- Superiority of Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PPCI) over fibrinolysis if Door-to-Balloon completed in a timely fashion

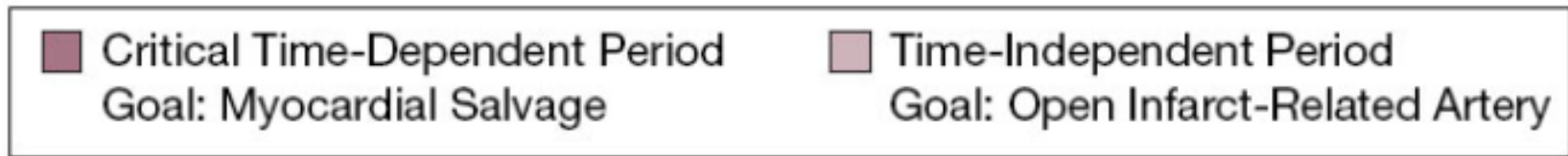
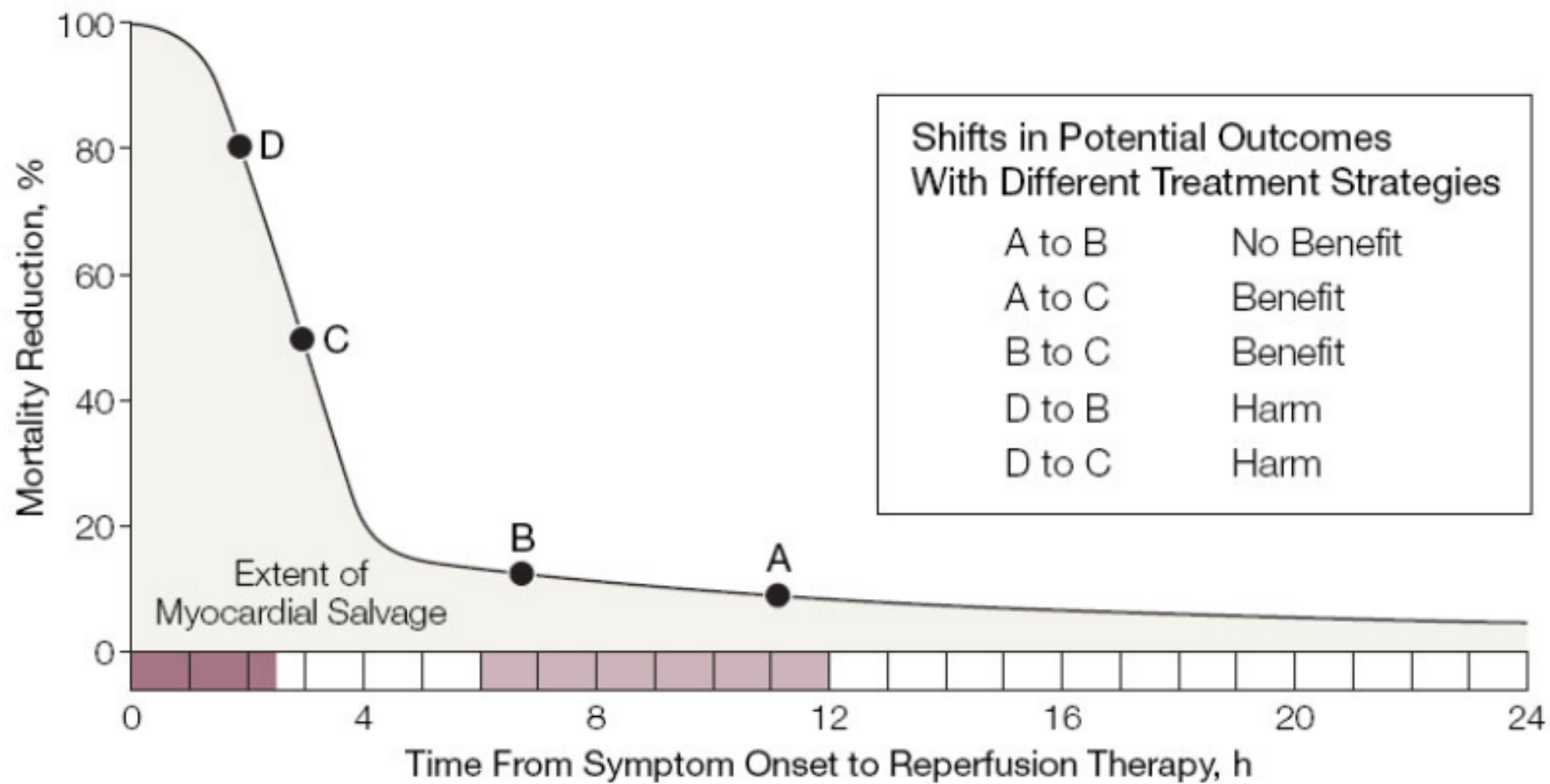
Primary PCI vs Thrombolysis in STEMI: Meta-Analysis



Adapted with permission from Keeley EC, et al. Lancet. 2003;361:13-20

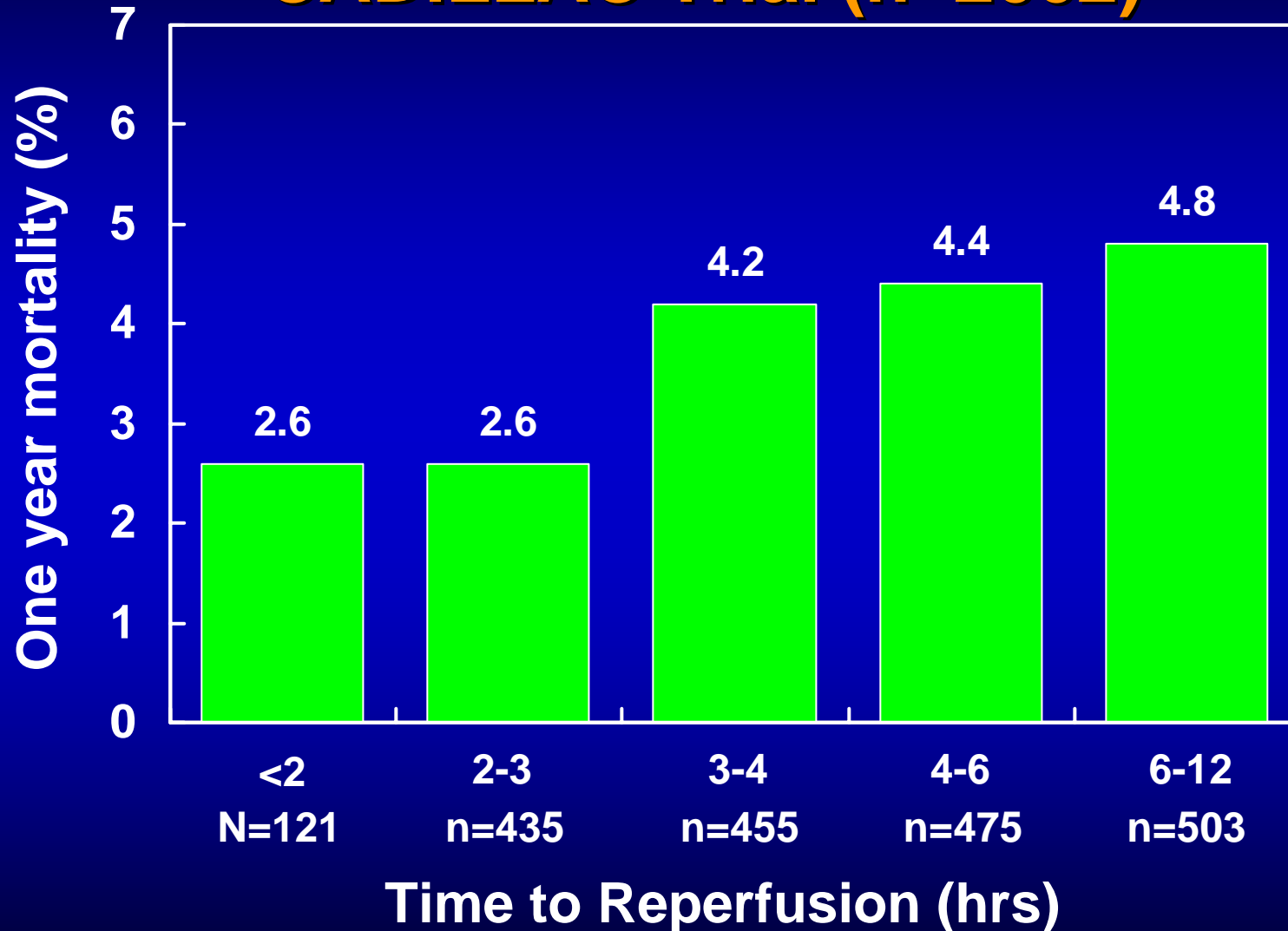
For every 30-minutes delay from onset of symptoms to primary PCI, there is an 8% increase in the relative risk of 1-year mortality





Time to Reperfusion and One Year Mortality

CADILLAC Trial (n=2002)



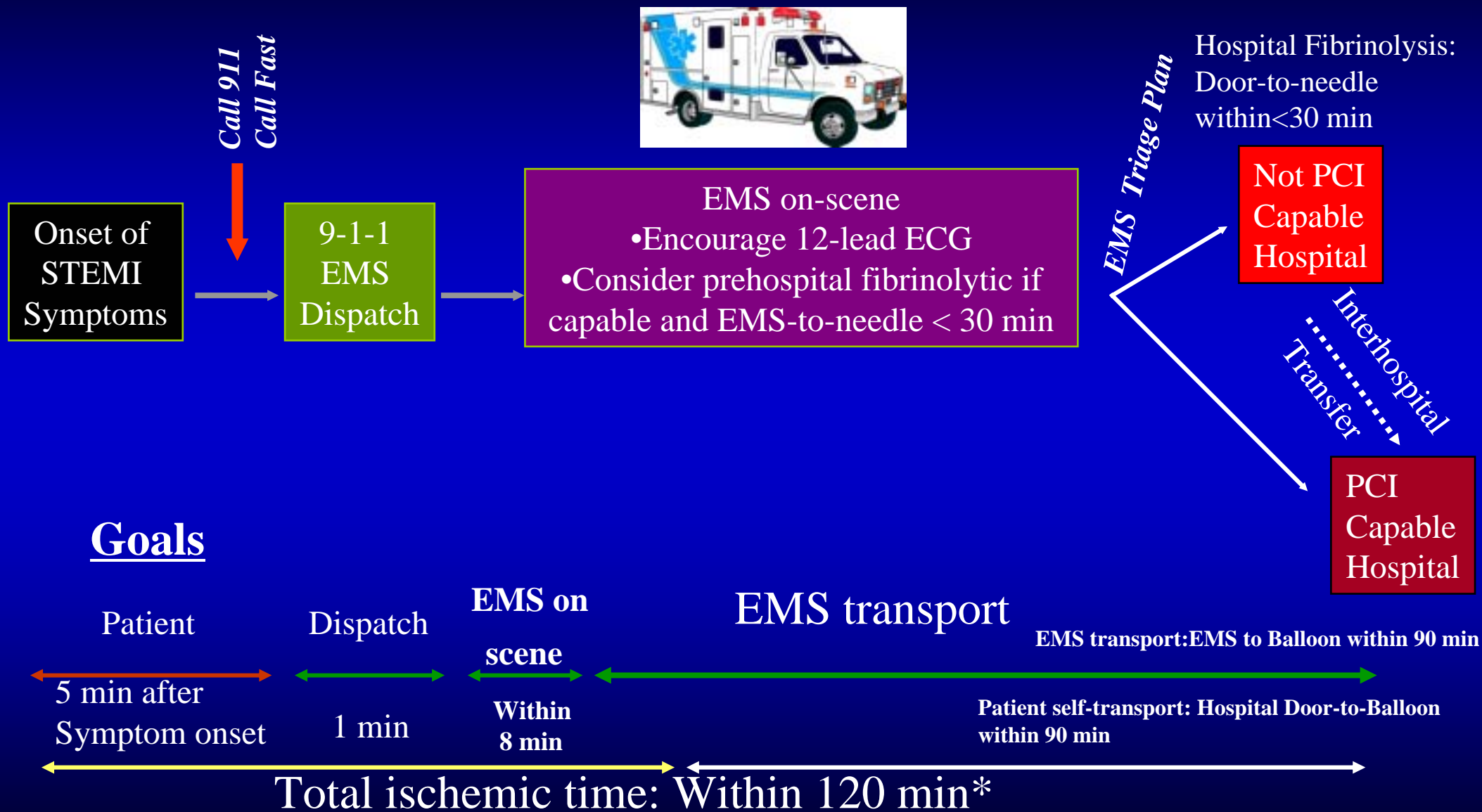
Controlled Abciximab and Device Investigation to Lower Late Angioplasty Complications. Brodie. ACC 2003

Importance of Early Reperfusion Therapy in STEMI

Outcomes Dependent Upon:

- **Time to treatment-TIME IS STILL MUSCLE**
- **Early and full restoration in coronary blood flow**
- **Sustained restoration of flow**

Patients Transported by EMS After Calling 9-1-1



Hospital Fibrinolysis:
Door-to-needle
within <30 min

Not PCI
Capable
Hospital

Interhospital
Transfer

PCI
Capable
Hospital

EMS transport: EMS to Balloon within 90 min

Patient self-transport: Hospital Door-to-Balloon
within 90 min

Total ischemic time: Within 120 min*

* Golden hour = First 60 min Adapted from Panel A Figure 1 Antman et al. JACC 2004;44:676.

Determine Whether Fibrinolysis or an Invasive Strategy is Preferred

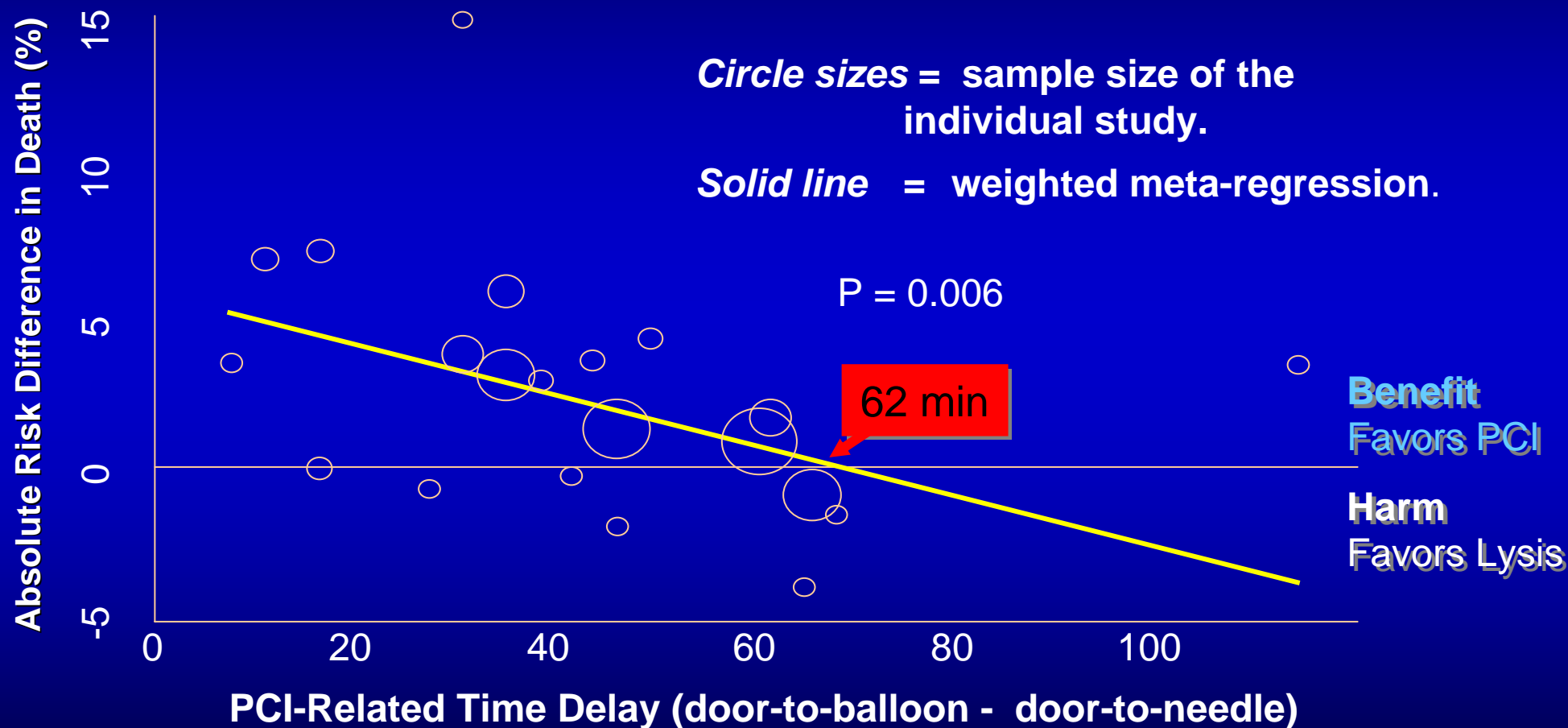
Fibrinolysis is generally preferred if:

- *Early presentation* (3 hours or less from symptom onset & delay to invasive strategy; see below)
- *Invasive strategy is not an option*
 - Catheterization lab occupied/not available
 - Vascular access difficulties
 - Lack of access to a skilled PCI lab-
 - Operator experience > 75 PPCI cases per year/
 - Team experience >36 PPCI cases per year
- *Delay to invasive strategy*
 - Prolonged transport
 - (Door-to Balloon) – (Door-to- needle) time is > 1 HR
 - Medical contact-to- balloon time is > than 90 min

An invasive strategy is generally preferred if:

- *Skilled PCI laboratory available with surgical backup*
 - Medical contact-to- balloon time is < than 90 min
 - (Door-to Balloon) – (Door-to- needle) time is < 1 hr
- *High risk from STEMI*
 - Cardiogenic shock
 - Killip class greater than or equal to 3
- *Contraindications to fibrinolysis, including increased risk of bleeding and ICH*
- *Late presentation*
 - Symptom onset was more than 3 hours ago
- *Diagnosis of STEMI is in doubt*

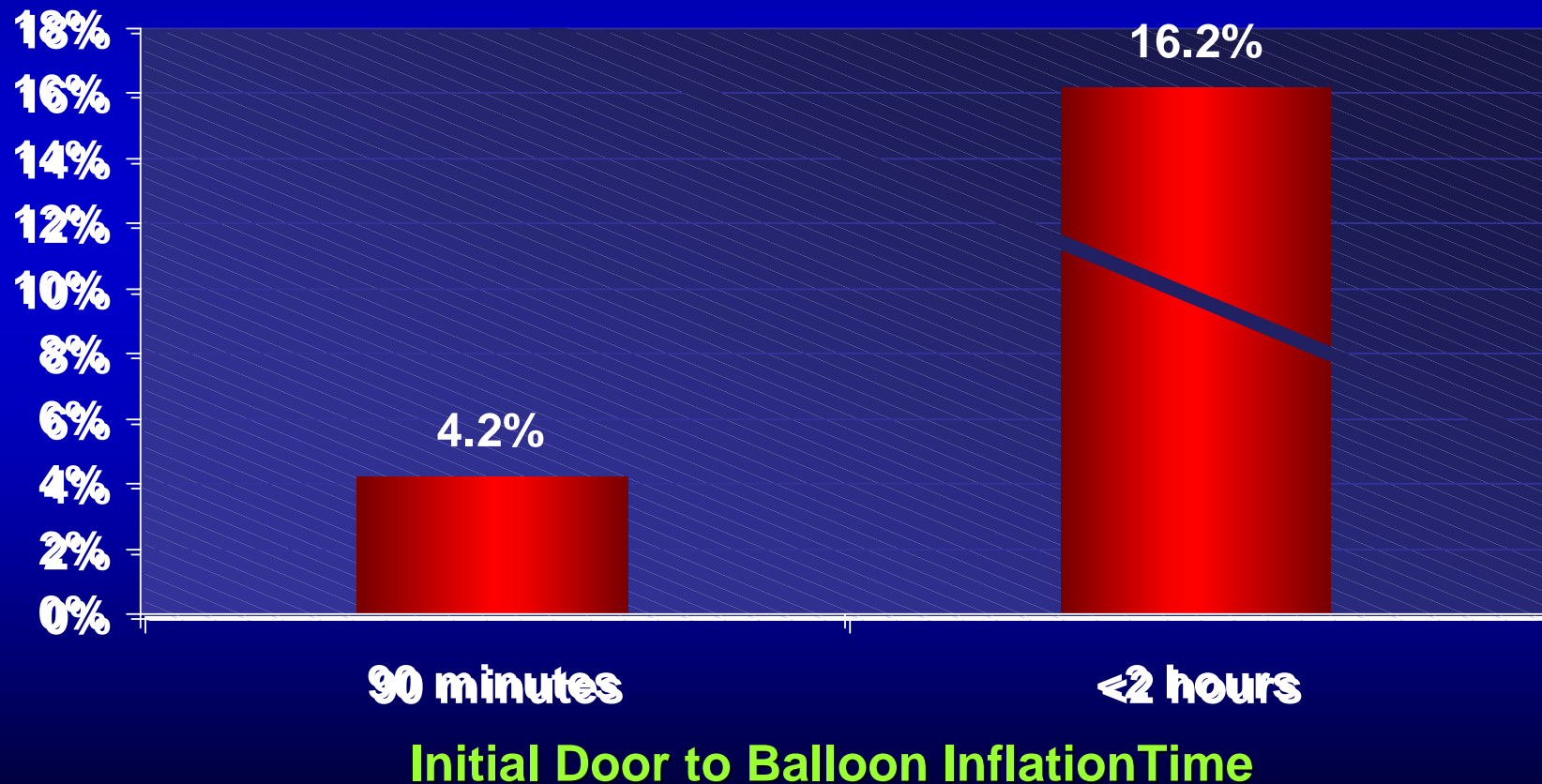
Mortality rates with primary PCI as a function of PCI-related time delay



For Every 10 min delay to PCI: 1% reduction in mortality difference towards lytics

Times to Treatment in Transfer Patients Undergoing PPCI for AMI: NRMI 3/4 Analysis

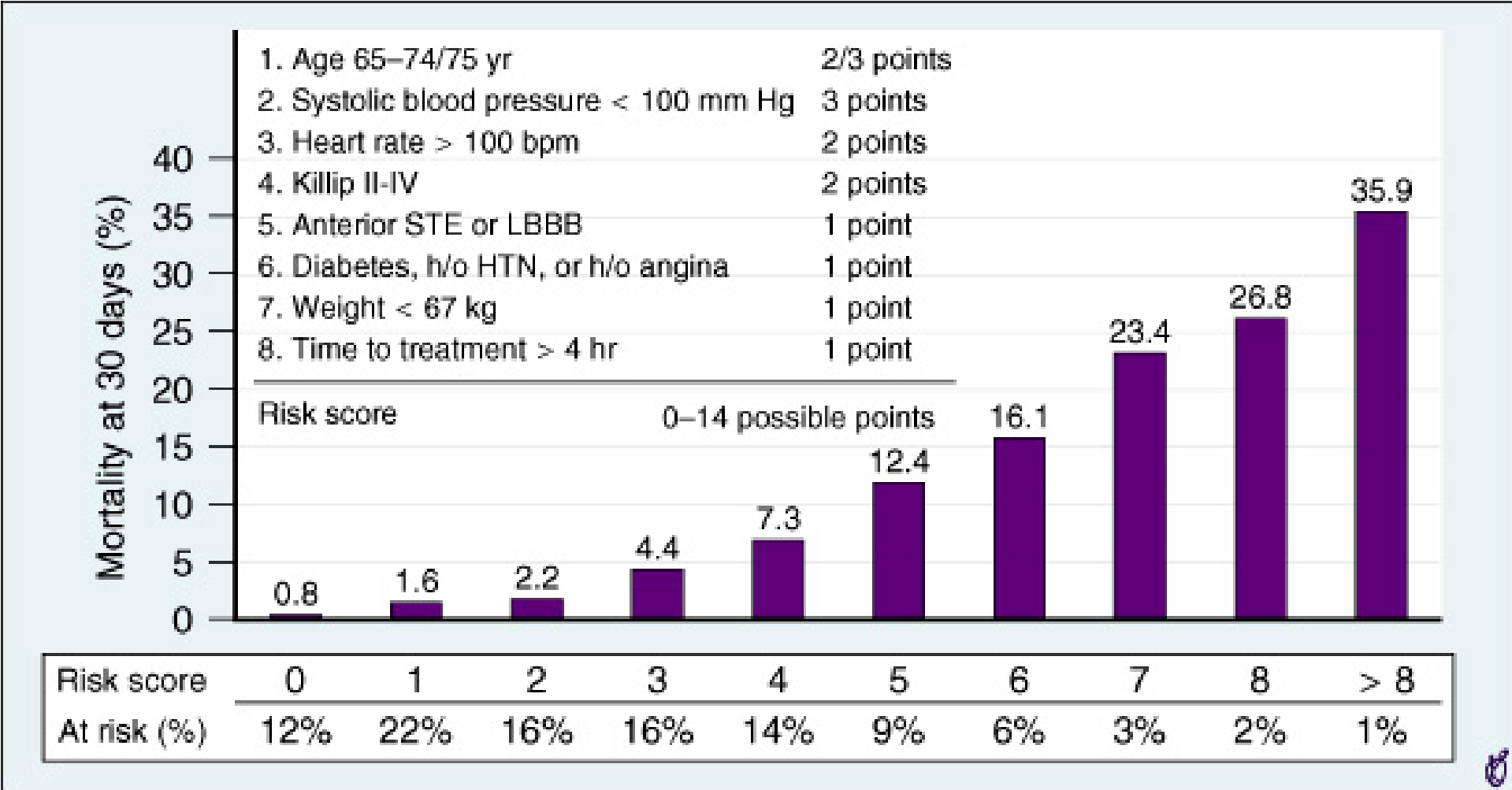
- Analysis of 4278 pts transferred for PPCI



Randomized controlled trials of Inv versus N-Inv management of patients with ST-segment elevation acute myocardial infarction

First author (reference)	Year	Sample size	1-y Cumulative incidence rate (%)											
			CATH (inhospital)		CATH		PCI		CABG		Reinfarction		Death	
			Inv	N-inv	Inv	N-inv	Inv	N-inv	Inv	N-inv	Inv	N-inv	Inv	N-inv
CATH within 2.75 h in invasive arm														
European Cooperative Study* Simoons ⁶	1988	367	98.4	†	†	†	91.8	-	4.9	3.8	<u>6.6</u>	<u>9.8</u>	<u>8.2</u>	<u>3.3</u>
TIMI II A† Rogers ⁸	1990	586	99.0	†	†	†	75.8	23.9	19.1	18.3	<u>9.5</u>	<u>9.6</u>	<u>8.2</u>	<u>10.2</u>
CATH within 18-48 h in invasive arm														
TIMI II A† Rogers ⁸	1990	586	90.2	†	†	†	64.3	23.9	14.0	18.3	<u>6.5</u>	<u>9.6</u>	<u>7.7</u>	<u>10.2</u>
SWIFT SWIFT Trial Study Group ¹⁰	1991	800	95.0	13.4	-	-	42.6§	3.0§	14.9§	1.7§	<u>15.1</u>	<u>12.9</u>	<u>5.8</u>	<u>5.0</u>
TIMI II Williams ¹¹	1992	3339	97.2	27.5	98.0	45.2	61.2	20.5	17.5	17.3	<u>9.4</u>	<u>9.8</u>	<u>6.9</u>	<u>7.4</u>
GRACIA* Fernández-Aviles ¹³	2002	500	100	19.0	-	-	79.0¶	19.0	3.0	-	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2.5</u>	<u>2.0</u>
CATH ≥72 h in invasive arm														
Barbash et al ⁹	1990	201	94.8	37.5	-	-	54.6	24.0	11.3	3.8	<u>3.0</u>	<u>3.8</u>	<u>8.2</u>	<u>3.8</u>

TIMI risk score for STEMI predicting 30-D mortality

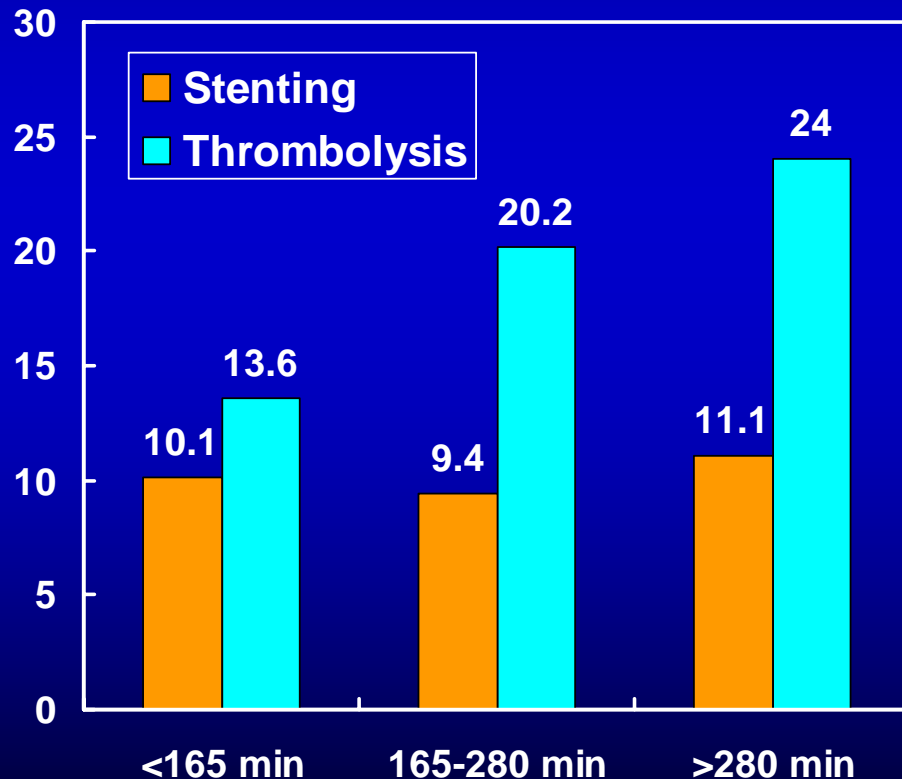


KTIMI II substudy. Circulation 102:2031, 2000

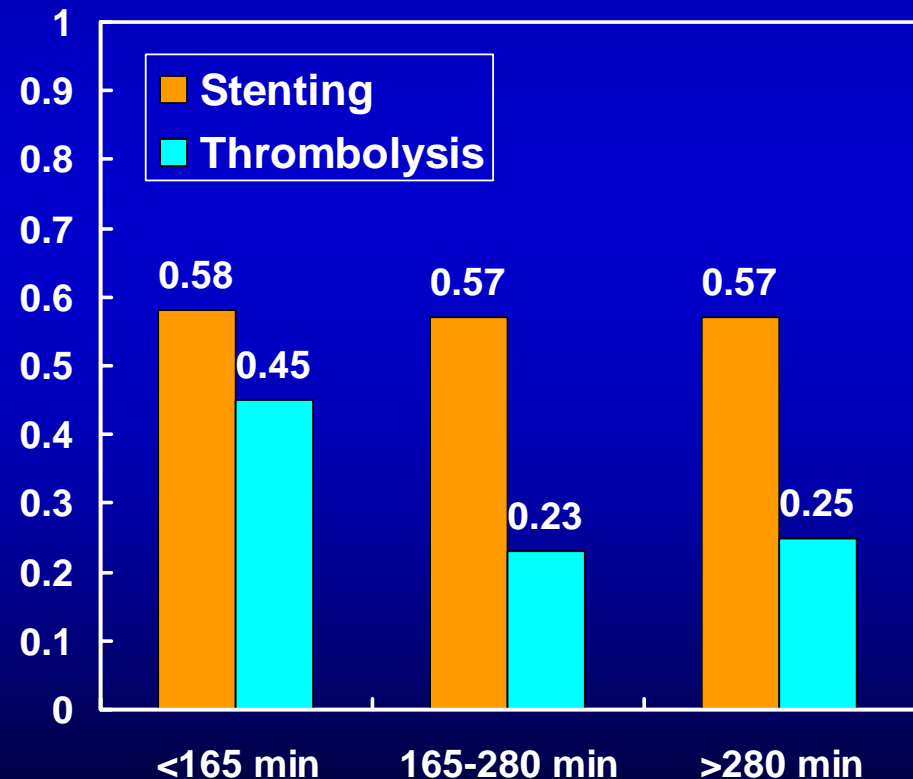
Selection of Reperfusion Strategy (STEMI)

Time from onset of symptoms to initiation of reperfusion therapy

Final infarct size (% LV)



Salvage index

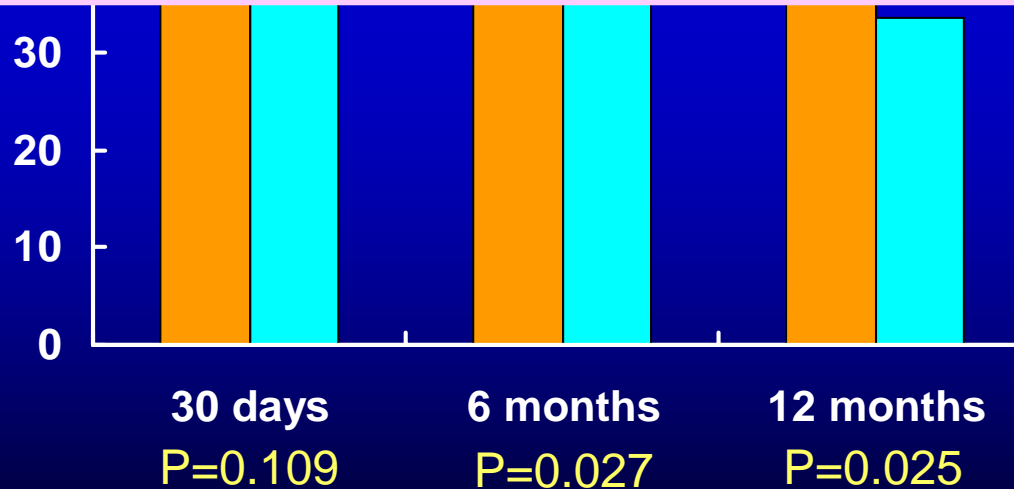


Selection of Reperfusion Strategy (STEMI)

Risk of the STEMI



The mortality benefit associated with PCI is largest in patients who are at highest risk of mortality



*Should we emergently revascularize Occluded Coronaries for cardiogenic shock.
Hochman JS et al. JAMA 285:190, 2001*

Selection of Reperfusion Strategy (STEMI)

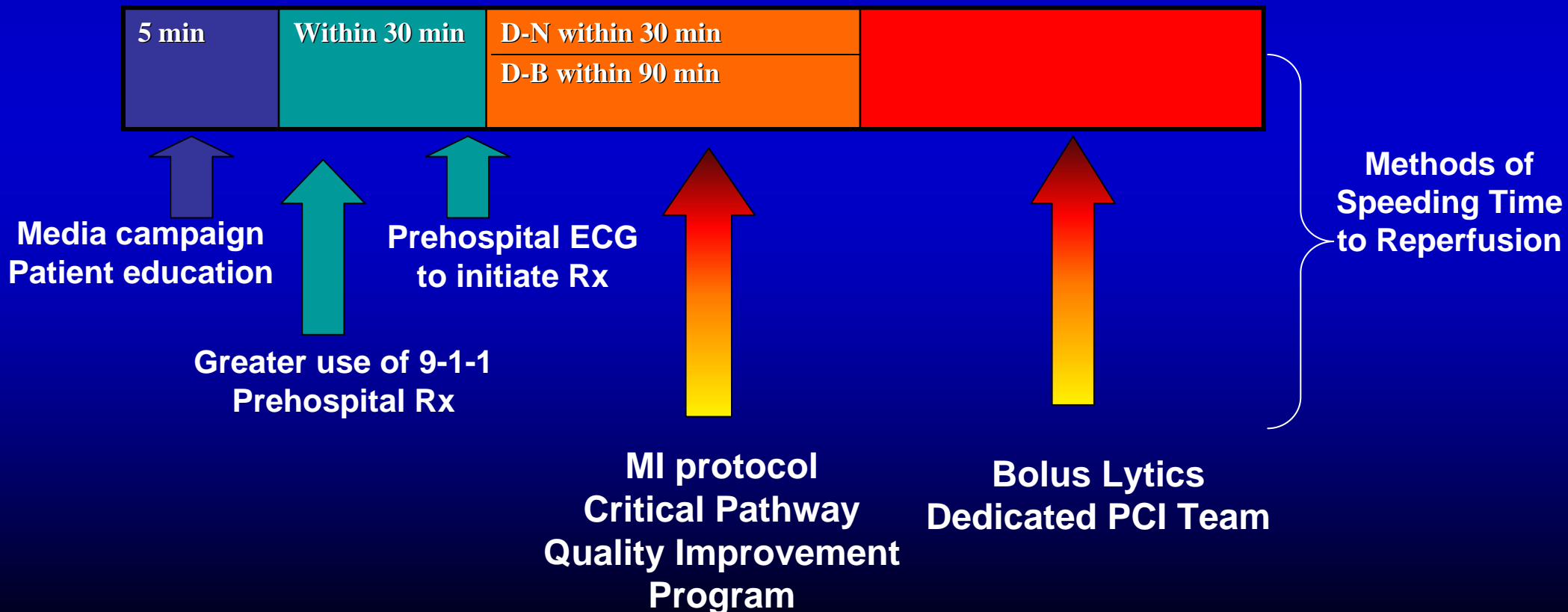
Risk of bleeding

- **Increased risk of bleeding:**
Advanced age, low body weight, hypertension

Selection of Reperfusion Strategy (STEMI)

Time required for transportation to a skilled PCI center

Goal:

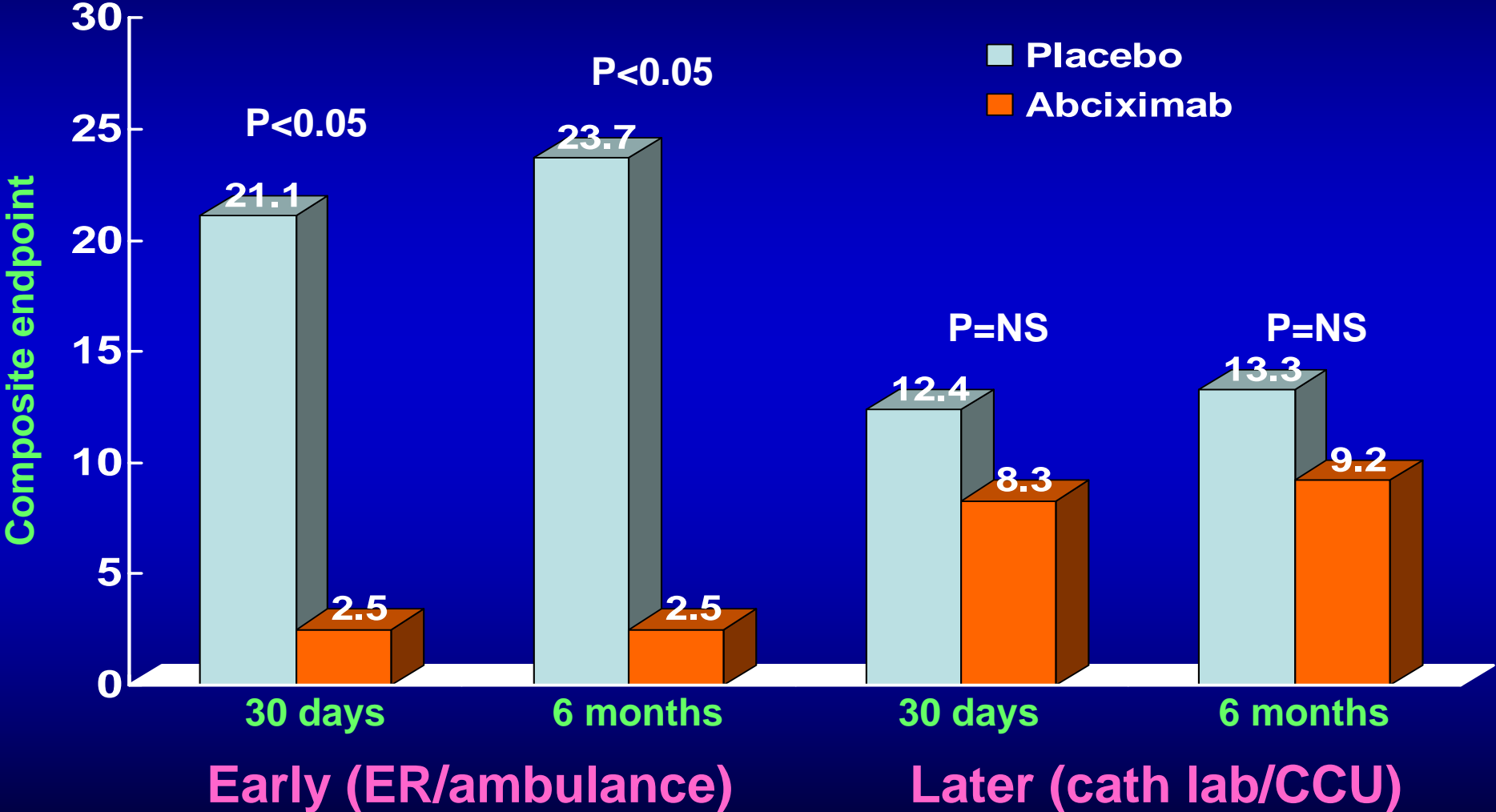


Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa Inhibition

Strong theoretical basis for utilization of GP IIb/IIIa inhibition during catheter based reperfusion therapy

- **Passivate unstable mechanically injured atherosclerotic arterial wall**
- **Avert thrombus formation on acutely deployed stents**
- **Prevent microembolization with subsequent no reflow**

The incidence of death, reinfarction, or TVR in Abciximab before Direct angioplasty and stenting in Myocardial Infarction Regarding Acute and Long-term results (ADMIRAL trial)



GP IIb/IIIa Inhibition in Primary PCI

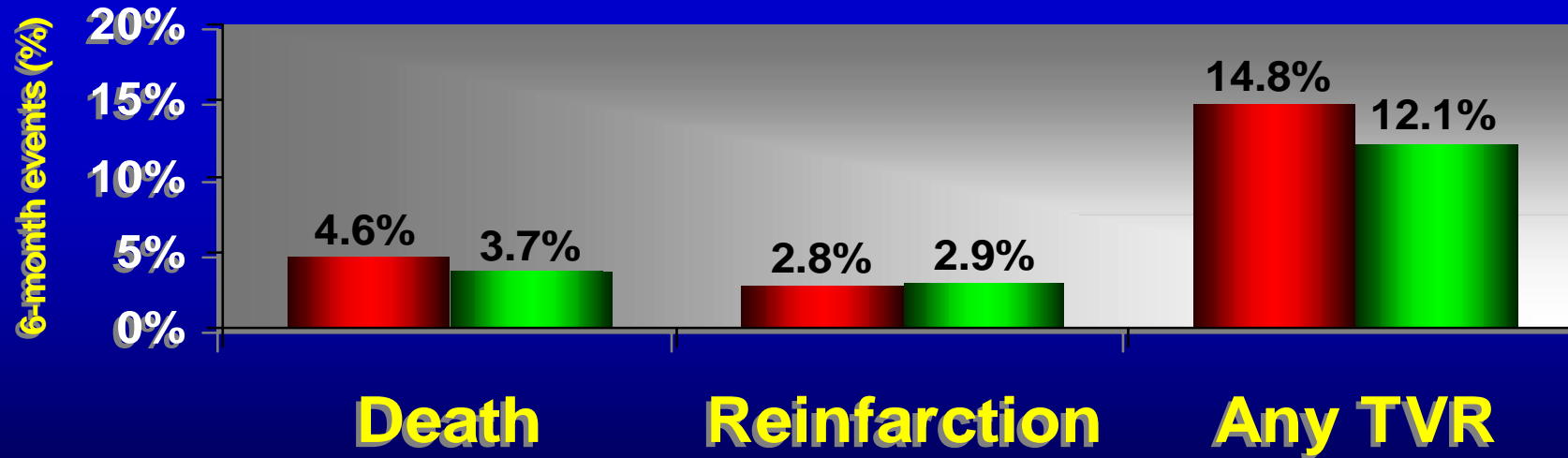
3,266 pts with AMI within 12° undergoing primary PTCA or stenting randomized to abciximab vs. placebo or control (RAPPORT [n=483], ISAR-2 [401], ADMIRAL [300], CADILLAC [2,082])

p=NS
OR 0.79 [0.56,1.14]

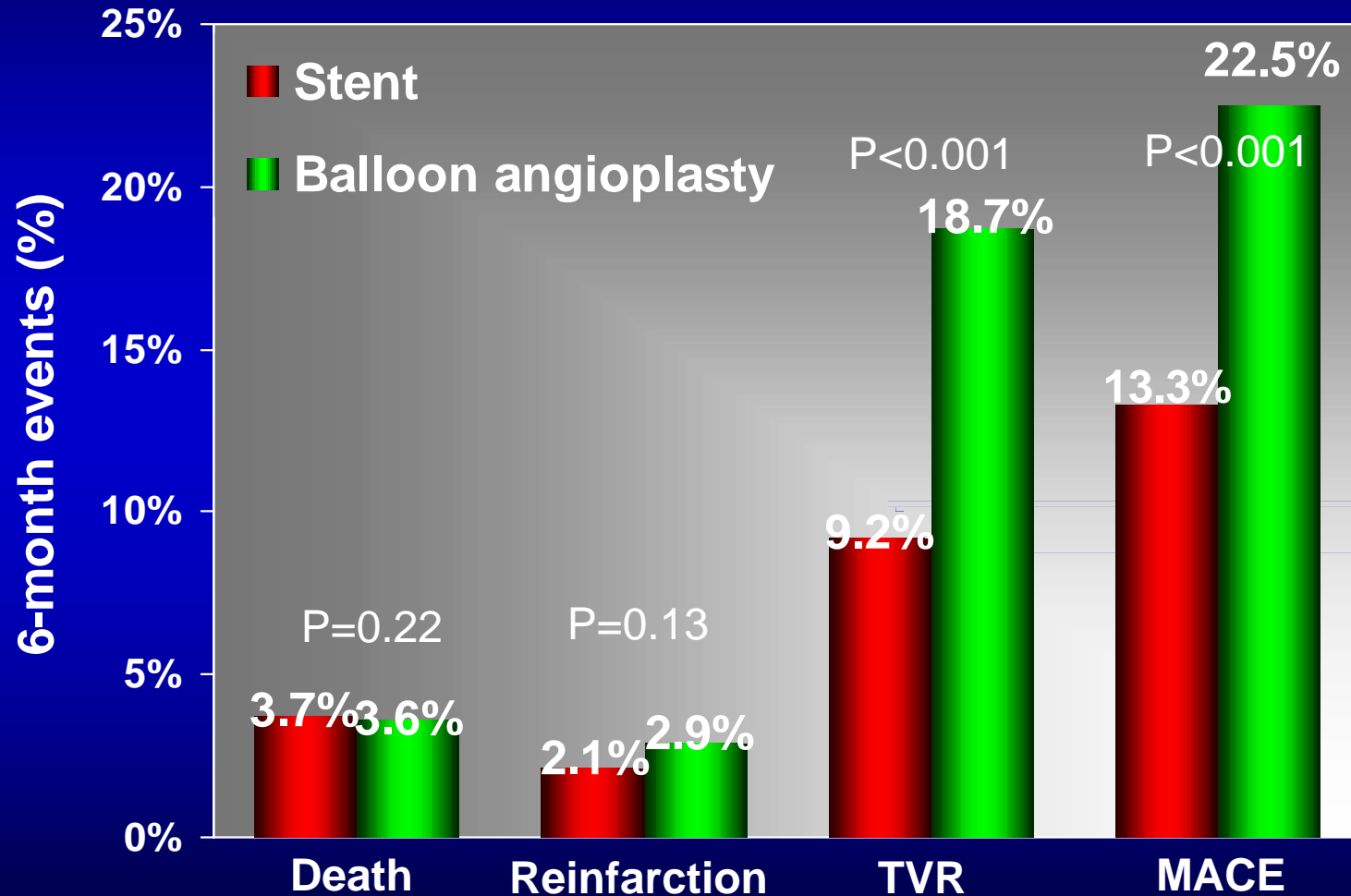
p=NS
OR 1.03 [0.67,1.58]

P<0.05
OR 0.80 [0.65,0.98]

■ No abciximab ■ Abciximab

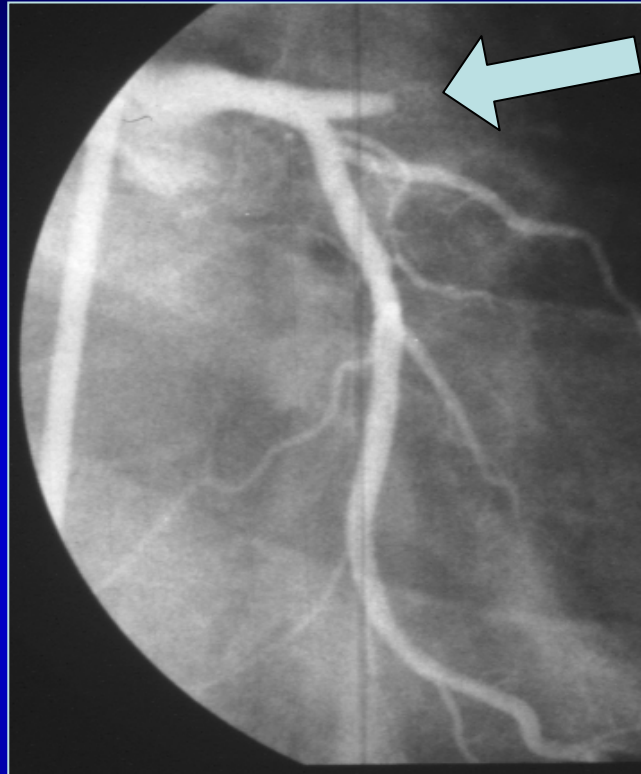


Results of meta-analysis comprising primary stenting with primary balloon angioplasty

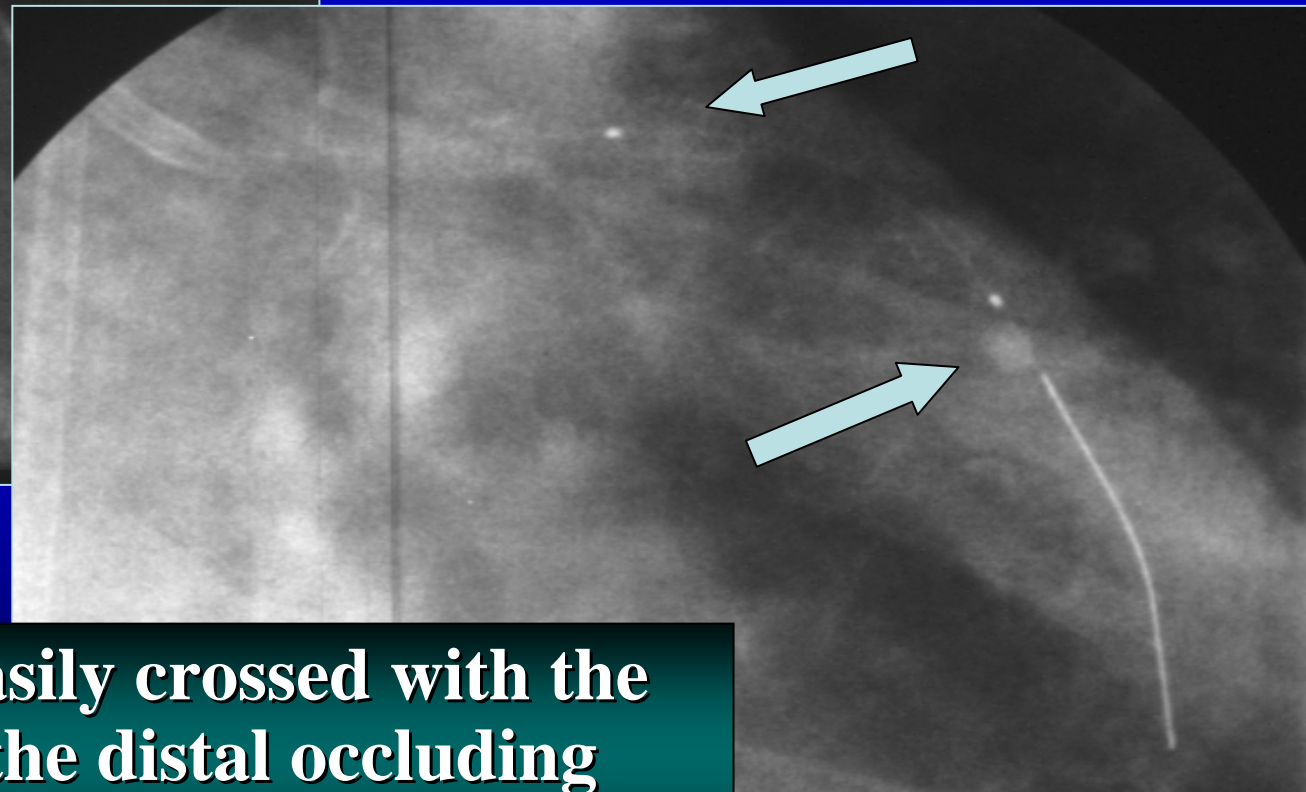


From Stent-PAMI and CADILLAC

Utilization of transluminal extraction catheter device



AMI
Thrombotically Occluded Proximal LAD

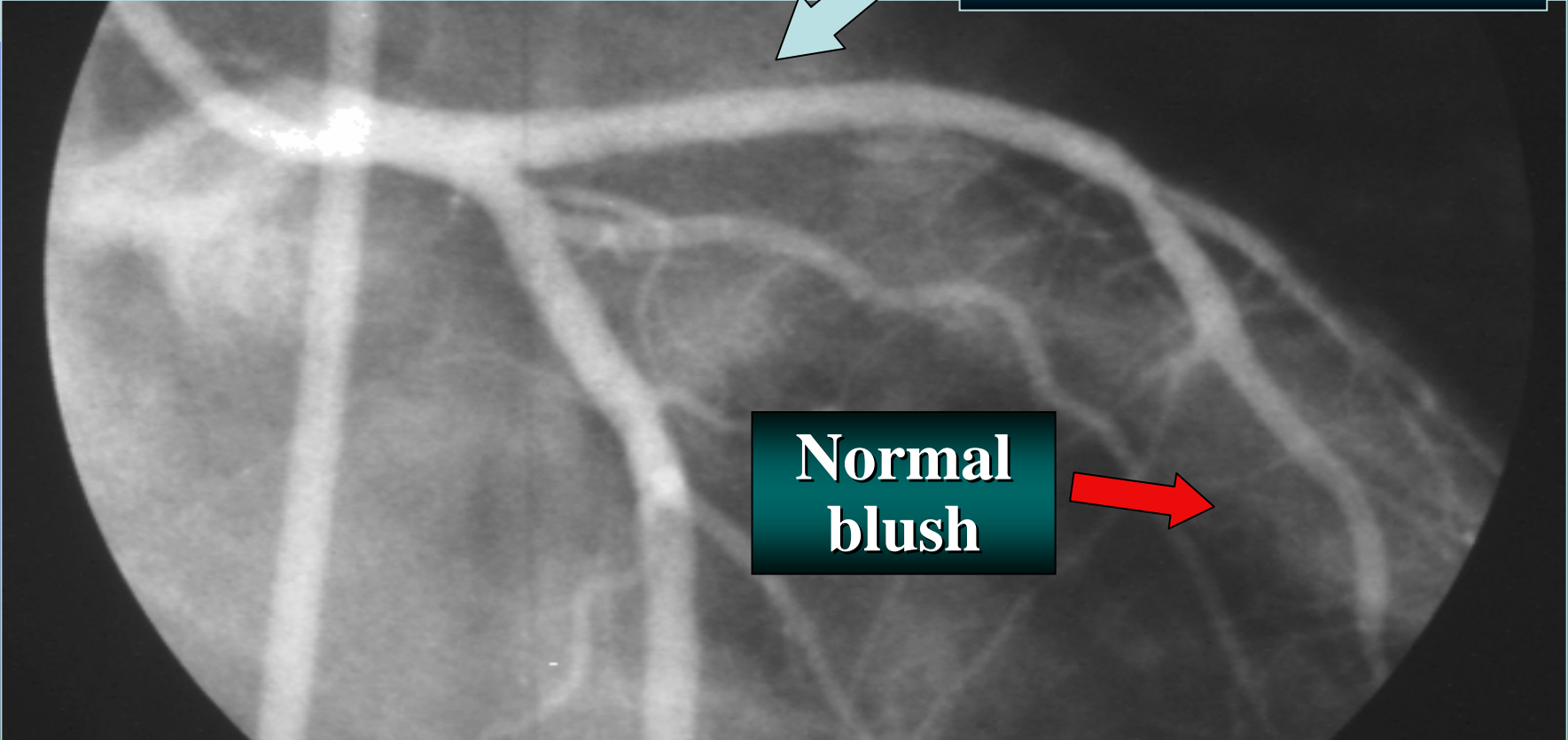


The thrombus is easily crossed with the GuardWire and the distal occluding balloon is inflated



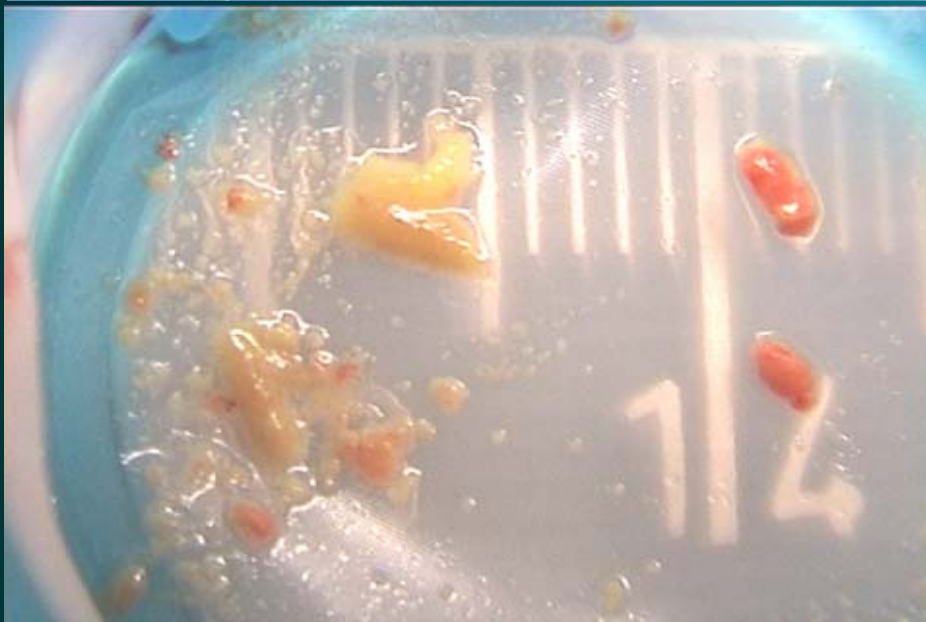
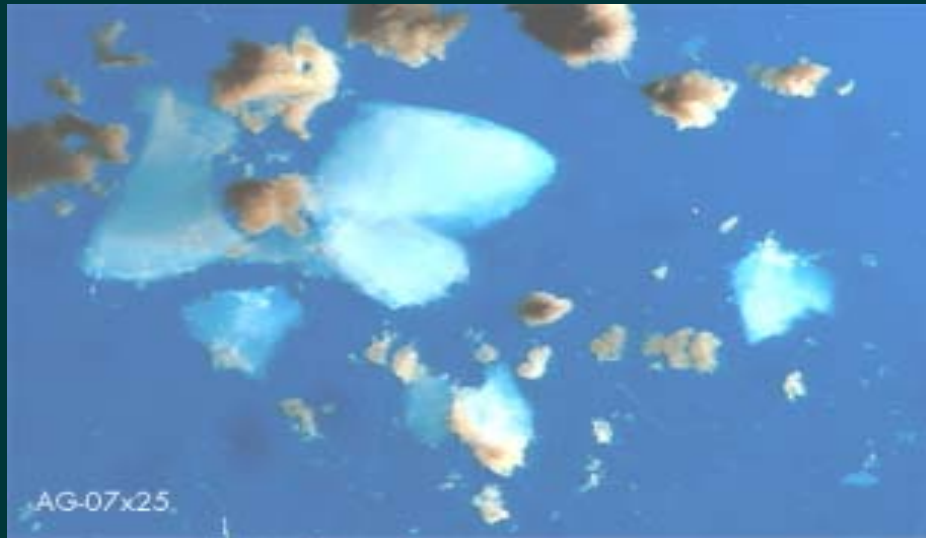
**Thrombotic
occlusion**

Final Result



**Normal
blush**

PercuSurge Distal Protection in AMI



Rescue Angioplasty

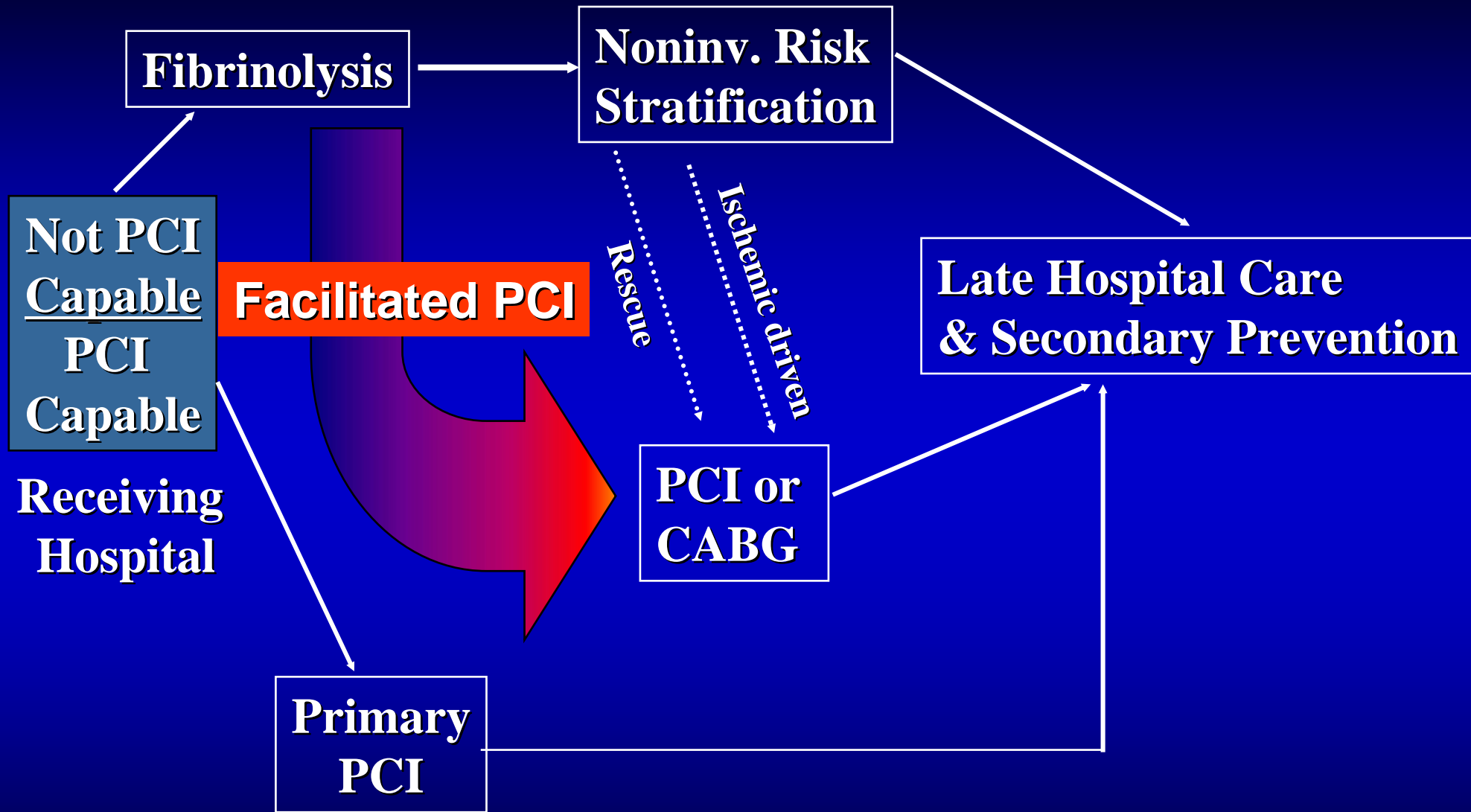
Analysis of four small randomized trials

Determination of status of infarct artery perfusion

- Utilization of clinical features
- Baseline/60-minute biomarkers
- ST segment resolution

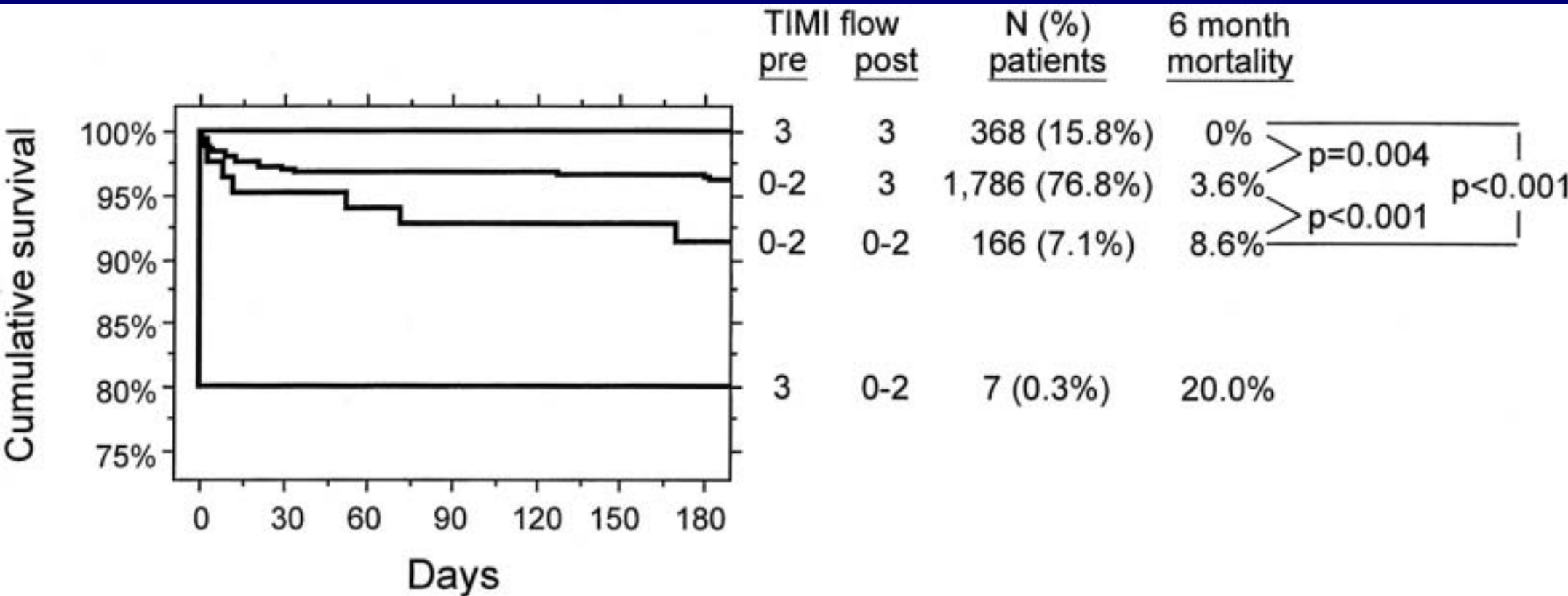
Reduced mortality

(8.5% vs. 12.2%, $p=0.26$)



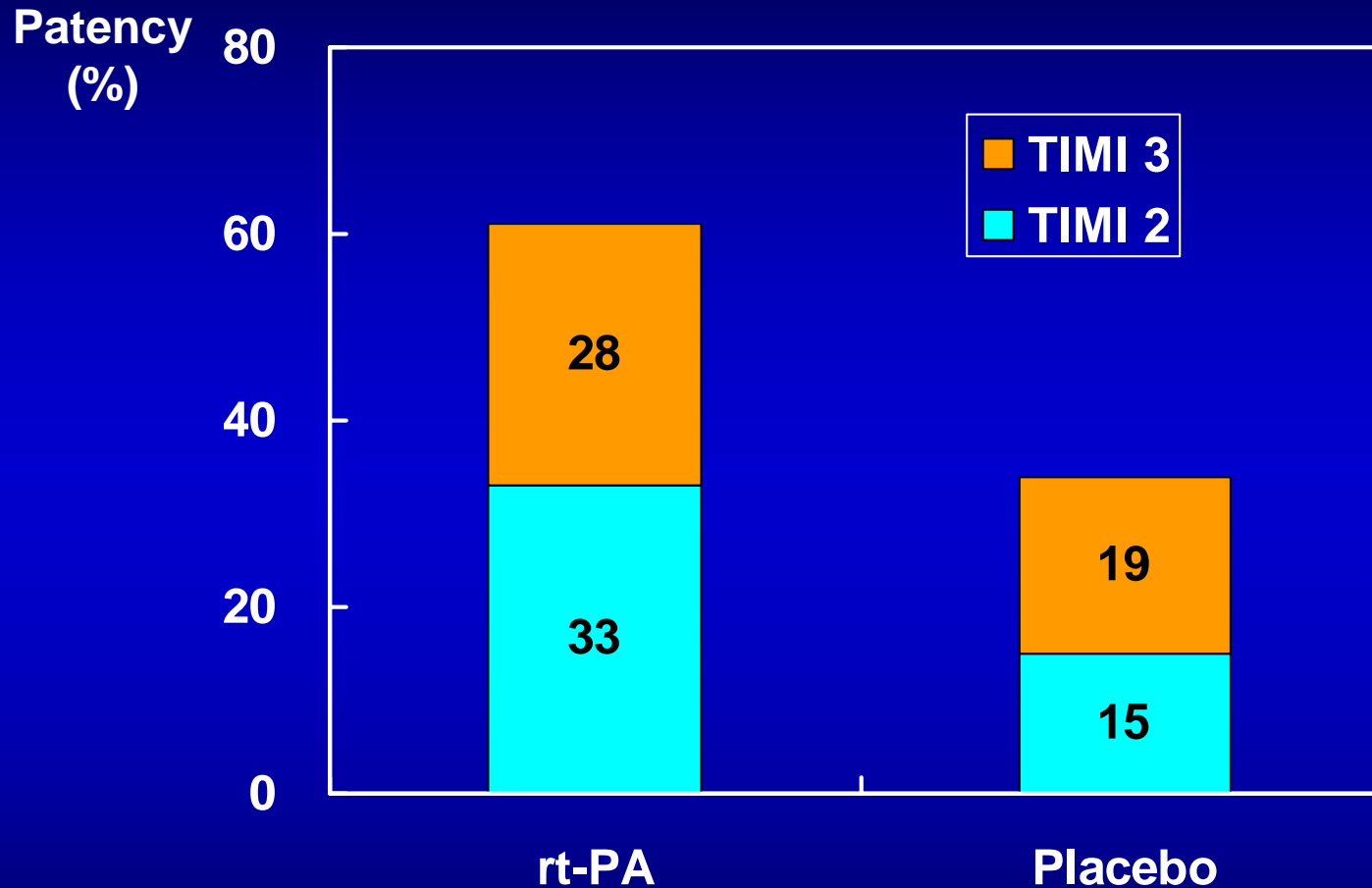
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PAMI trial



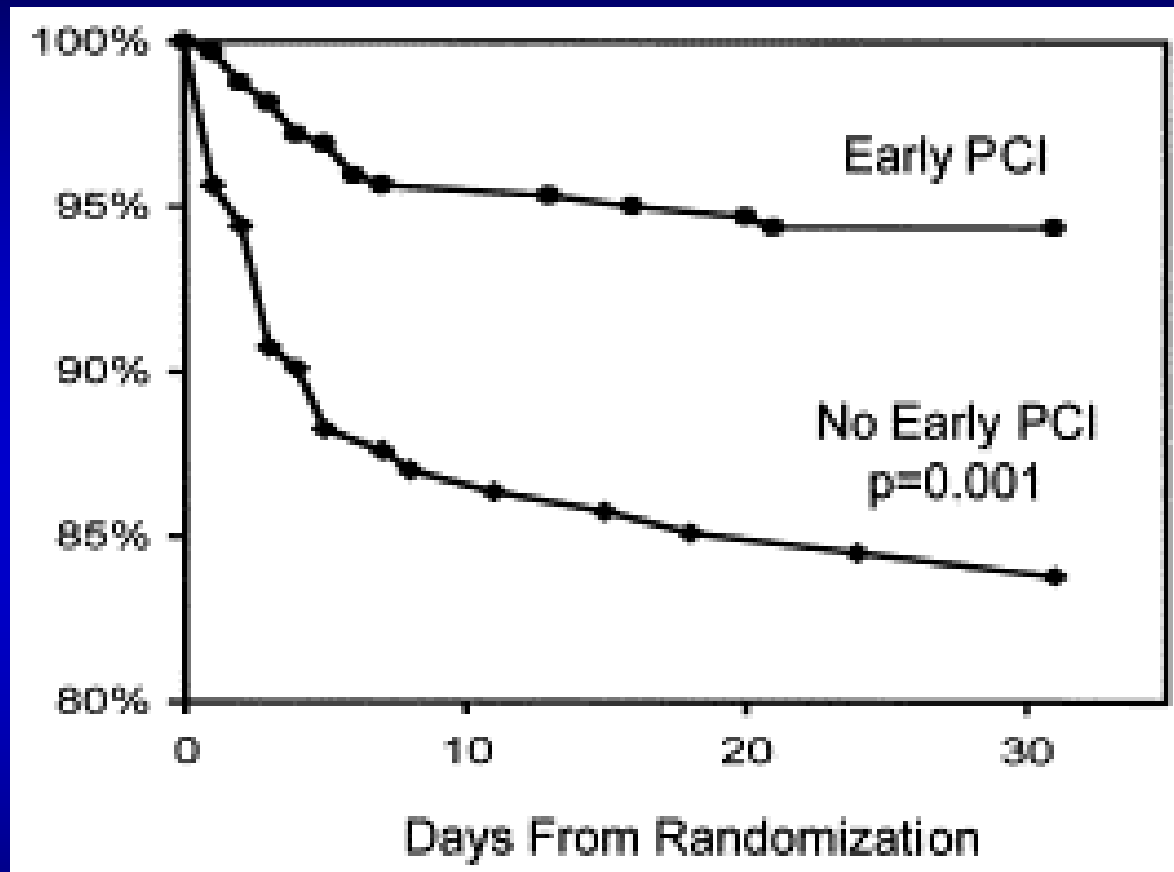
Spontaneous reperfusion (TIMI-3 flow) on initial angiography prior to intervention had improved LV function c/ less heart failure, HOF, hospital mortality

PACT trial



Infarct-related artery patency at time of initial coronary angiography (33% vs. 15% in TIMI 3)

SPEED trial



**Freedom from the composite of death, reinfarction,
or urgent revascularization for severe ischemia at 30 days**

*Strategies for patency enhancement in the emergency department.
Hermann HC et al. JACC 36:1489, 2000*

ASSENT-4

Large AMI < 6hrs + intended PCI > 60min

TNK + UFH

UFH iv

Angio + PCI
IIb/IIIa forbidden
(only BO)

Angio + PCI
IIb/IIIa not restricted

Vasodilator adenosine, Nicorandil

Intravenous nicorandil can preserve microvascular integrity and myocardial viability in patients with reperfused anterior wall myocardial infarction.

J Am Coll Cardiol. 1999;33:654-60

Nicorandil improves cardiac function and clinical outcome in patients with AMI undergoing primary PCI.

Am Heart J. 2004;148:E15

Intracoronary administration of adenosine with nicorandil improve no-reflow in patients with AMI during PCI and short-term clinical outcome

Circ J. 2004;68:928-32

Effect of Nicorandil on No-reflow during PCI

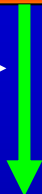
	Group I AND+NCR(n=25)	Group II AND only(N=25)	p
TFG			
Before PCI	0.5 ± 0.6	0.4 ± 0.5	0.574
After PCI	2.0 ± 0.9	2.6 ± 0.6	0.024
TFG	1.5 ± 1.1	2.2 ± 1.0	0.033
TFC			
Before PCI	102.5 ± 35.7	107.8 ± 31.4	0.587
After PCI	56.9 ± 35.0	44.6 ± 20.8	0.141
TFC	45.6 ± 24.9	63.6 ± 23.2	0.014
Blush score 3 after PCI (%)	44	64	0.014
Cardiogenic shock(%)	20	12	0.014

Change in Approach to AMI

1990-2002

Acute MI

Lytic



Transfer for Cath with Lytic failure

2003-2005

Acute MI

“Facilitated”
Lytic/LMWH



Transfer emergently all patients

Synopsis of primary angioplasty strategy in STEMI

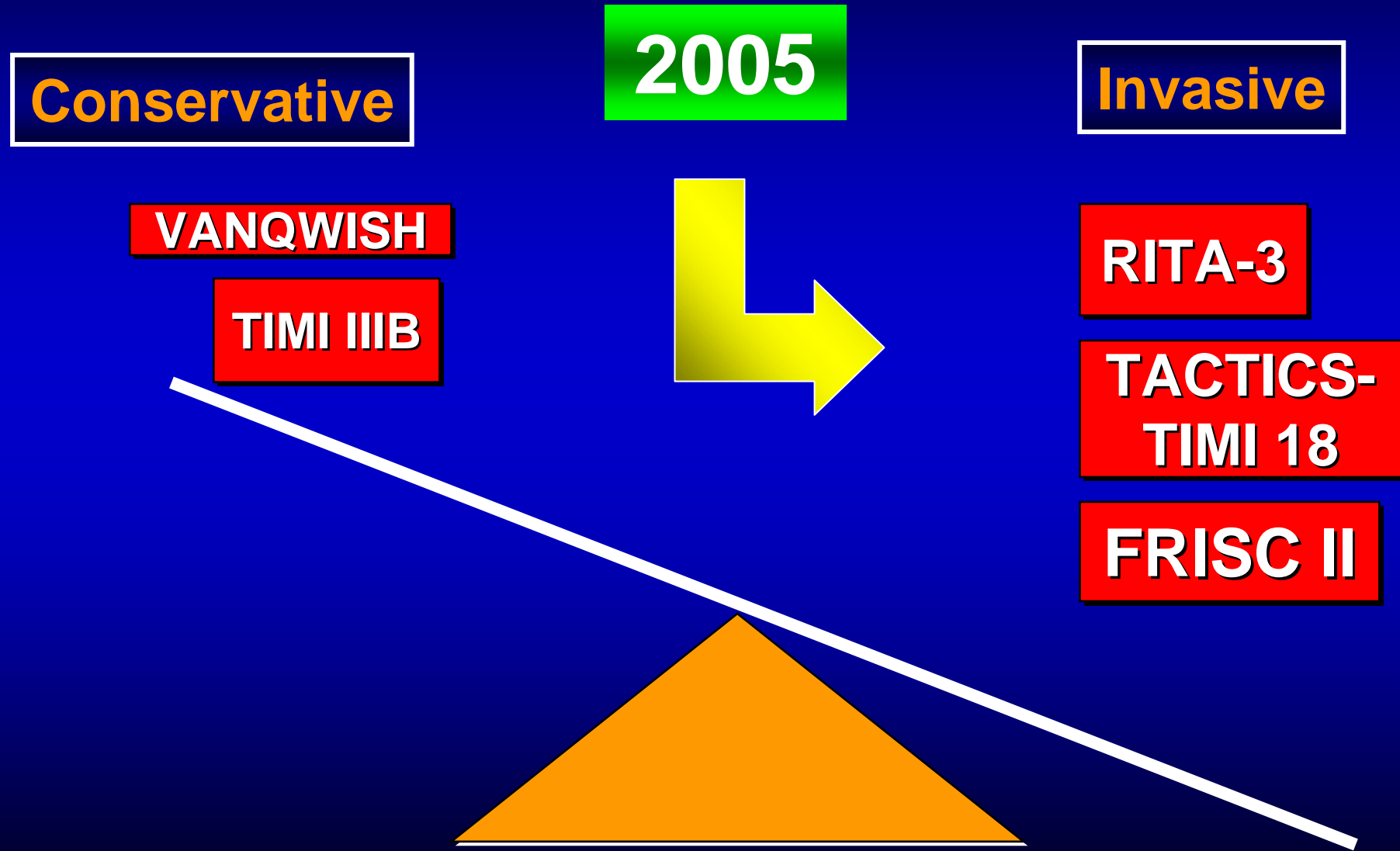
- **Primary angioplasty strategy provides a greater chance for restoring blood flow and stabilization of infarct artery**
- **The expanded latitude of temporal benefit for primary angioplasty may mitigate logistical constraints of this approach**
- **Stents enhances durability of procedure. Early administration of GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors may augment results of primary stenting**
- **There is considerable promise for evolution of science of microcirculatory and myocardial protection during infarction**

UA/NSTEMI

Interventional Management

- **Early invasive strategy:** routine early cardiac catheterization and revascularization with PCI or bypass surgery, depending on coronary anatomy
- **Conservative approach:** initial medical management with catheterization and revascularization only for recurrent ischemia either at rest or in a noninvasive stress test

Optimal Strategy for UA/NSTEMI

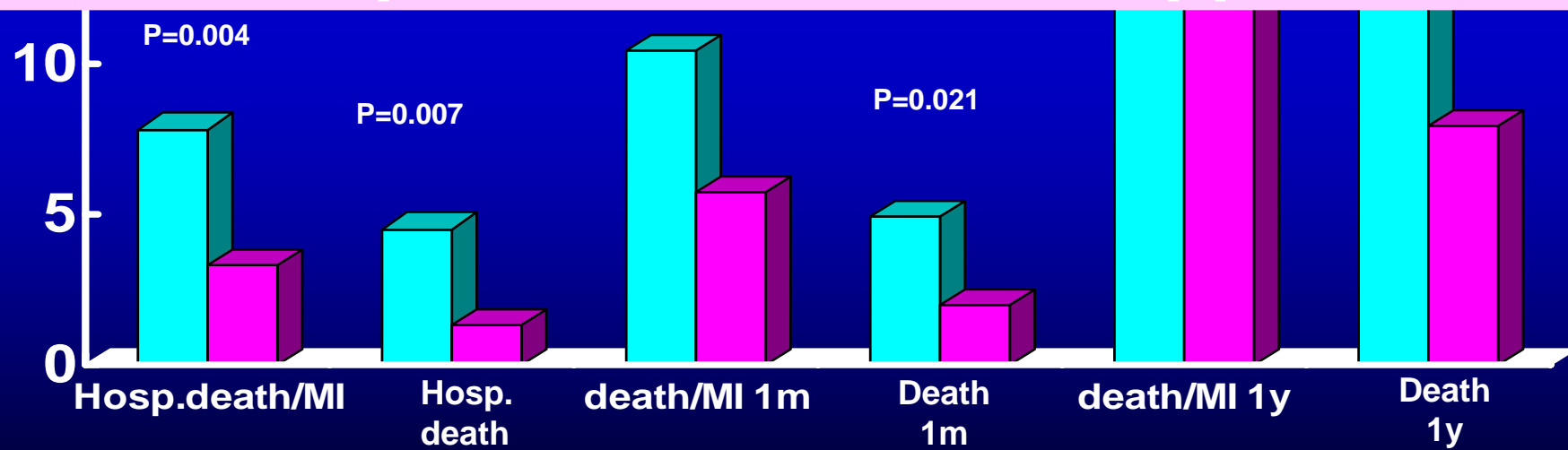


VANQWISH trial

Event rate at follow-up (%)

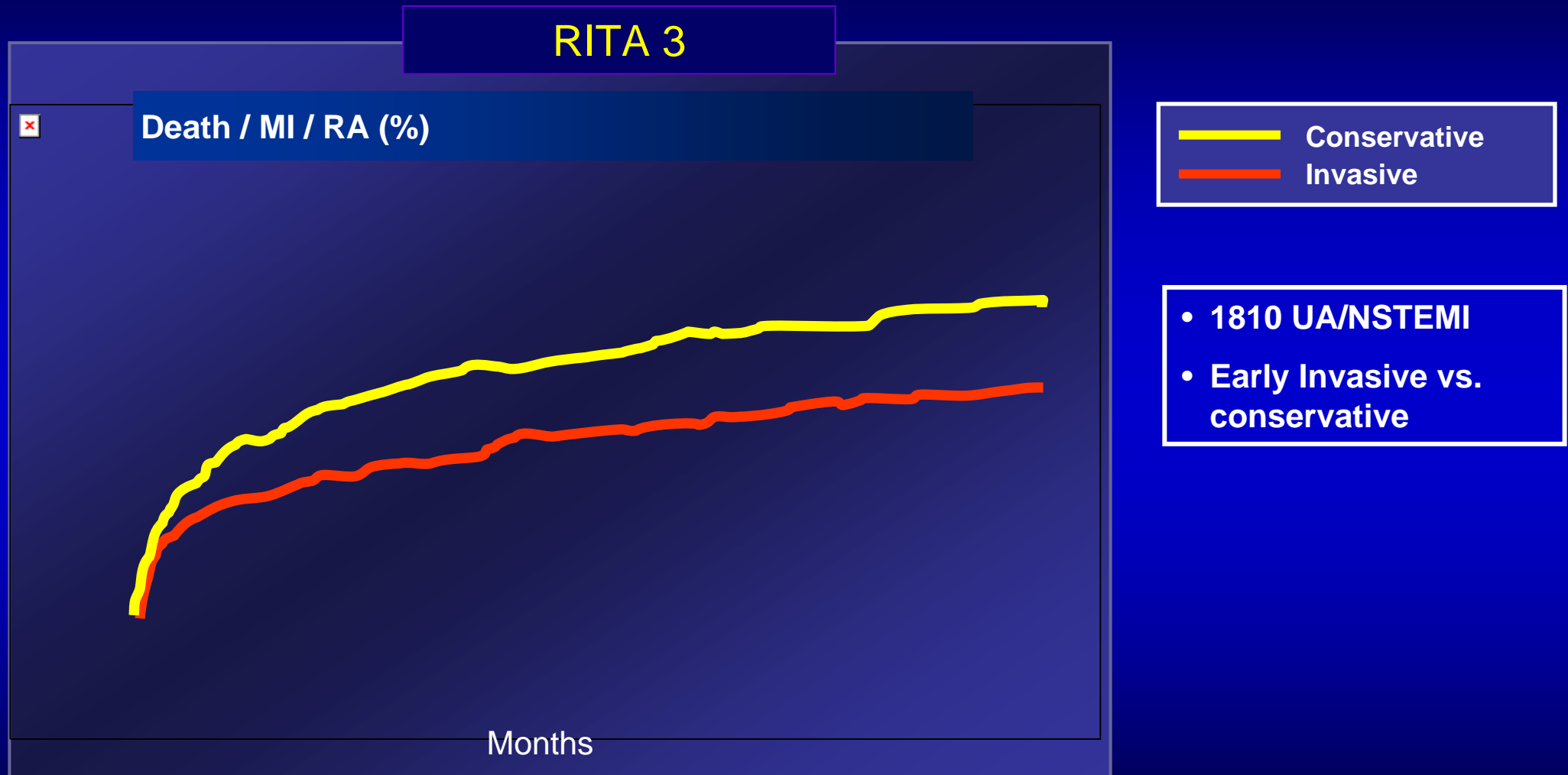


No improvement in outcome when early invasive strategy was used routinely, compared with selective approach



Veterans Affairs Non-Q-Wave Infarction Strategies in Hospital
N Eng J Med 1998;338:1785-1792

RITA 3

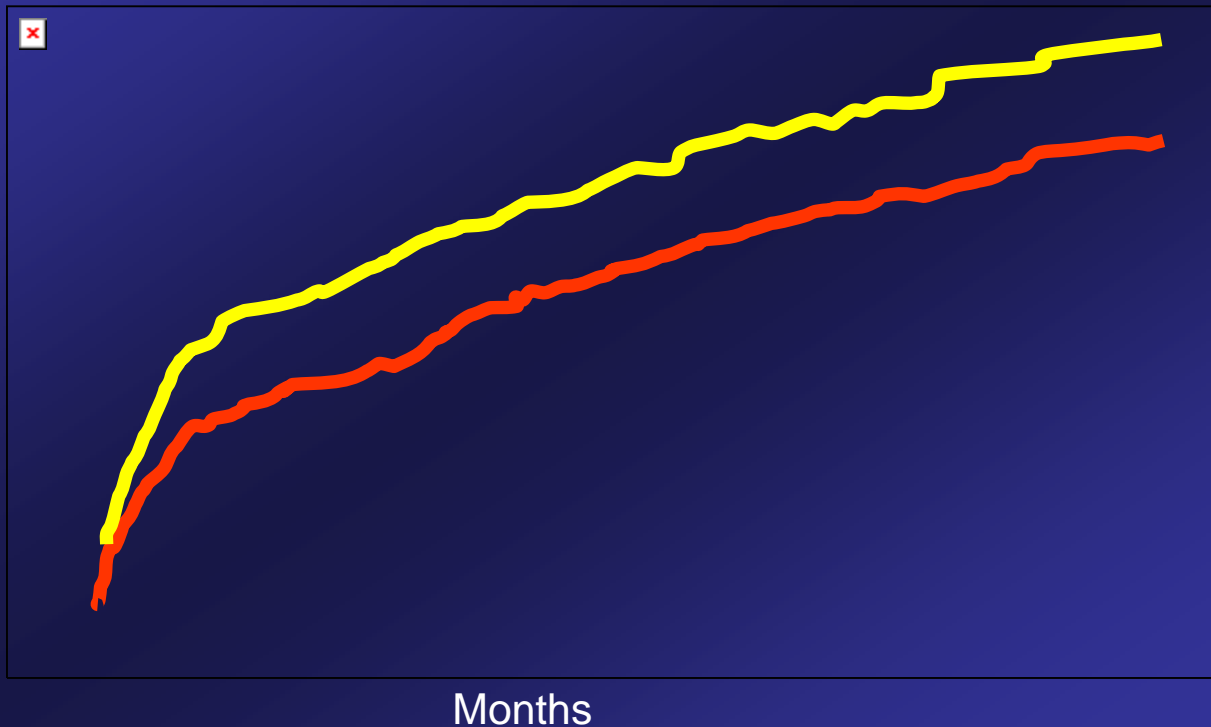


*The British Heart Foundation Randomised Intervention Treatment of Angina
Fox KAA. Lancet 2002;360:743*

TACTICS-TIMI 18

TACTICS-TIMI18

Death / MI / Rehosp (%)



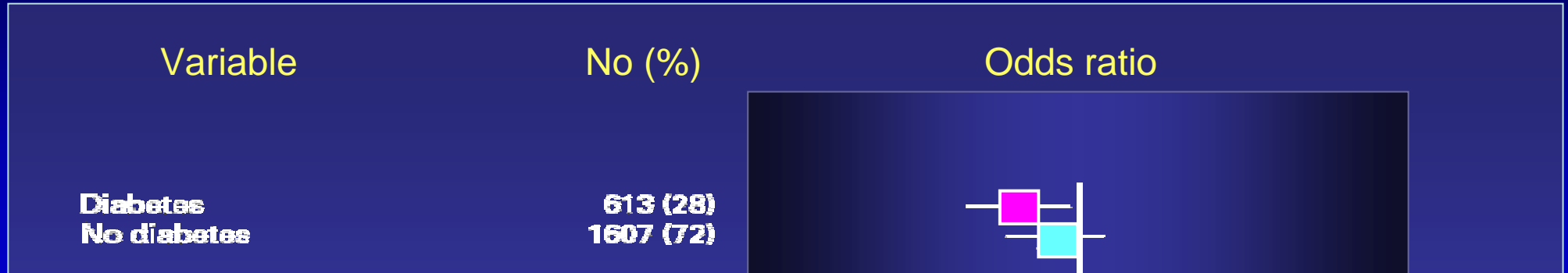
— Conservative
— Invasive

- 2220 UA/NSTEMI
- Tirofiban for 48h
- Early invasive vs. conservative

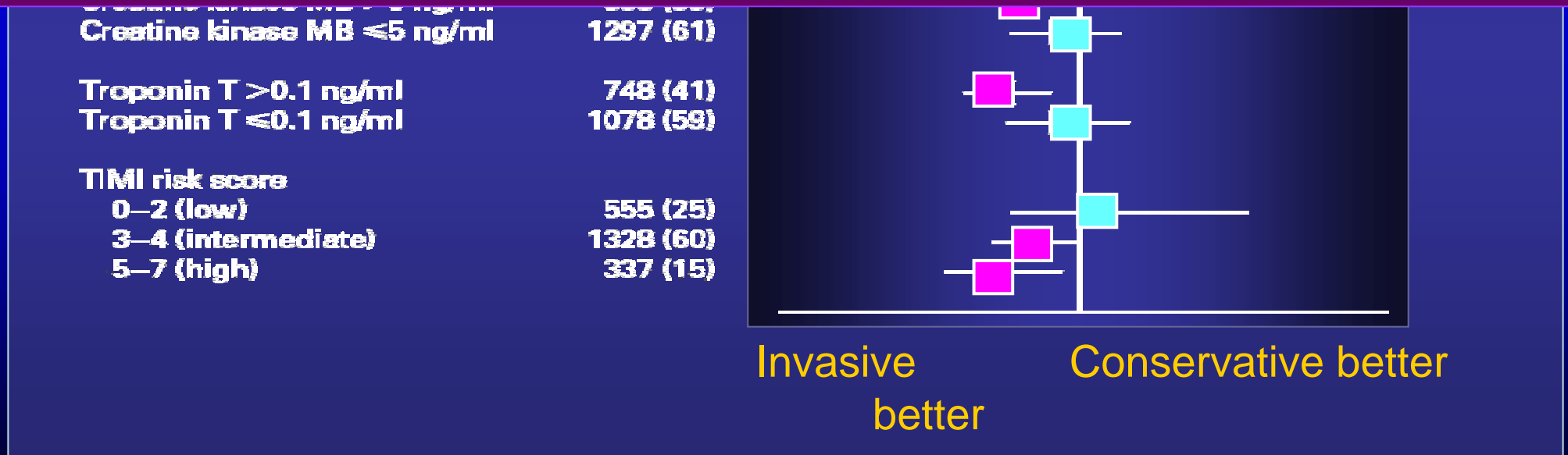
*Treatment Angina with aggrastat and determine Cost of Therapy with an Invasive or Conservative Strategy-Thrombolysis in Myocardial Infarction
Cannon CP et al. NEJM 2001;344:1879*

Results according to the risk

From TACTICS-TIMI 18



No difference in low risk group !



FRISC II

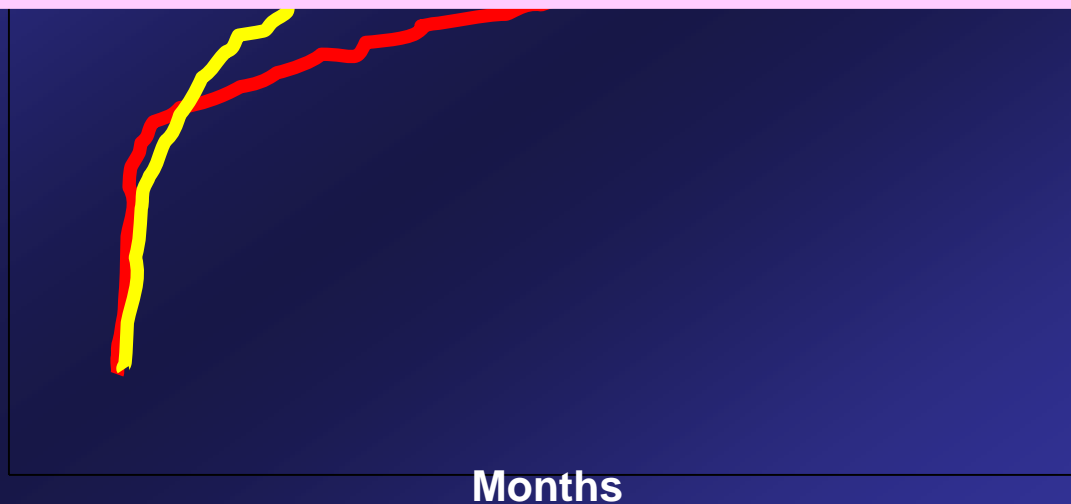
FRISC II

Death / MI (%)



— Conservative

**Definite benefits of early invasive strategy
in higher risk patients**



- Dalteparin for 72h
- Early invasive vs. Conservative
- Dalteparin for 3 m vs. placebo

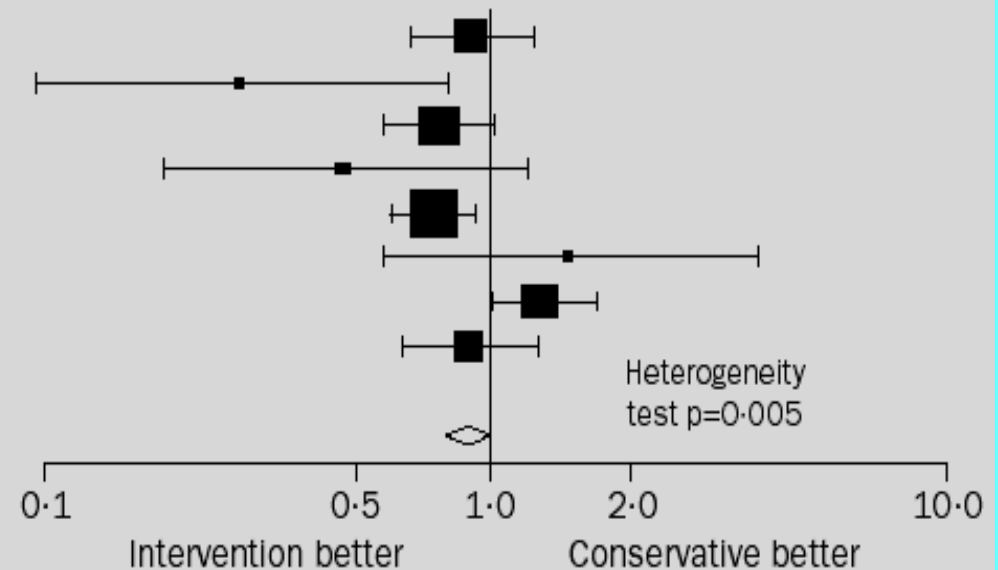
Incidence of MI or Death in 8 Trials

Number of deaths or MIs within 1 year

	Intervention	Conservative
RITA 3	68/895 (7.6%)	76/915 (8.3%)
VINO*	4/64 (6.3%)	15/67 (22.4%)
TACTICS-TIMI 18	81/1114 (7.3%)	105/1106 (9.5%)
TRUCS	6/76 (7.6%)	12/72 (16.7%)
FRISC II	127/1219 (10.4%)	174/1234 (14.1%)
MATE	11/111 (9.9%)	6/90 (6.7%)
VANQWISH	111/462 (24.0%)	85/458 (18.6%)
TIMI IIIB	52/484 (10.8%)	62/509 (12.2%)

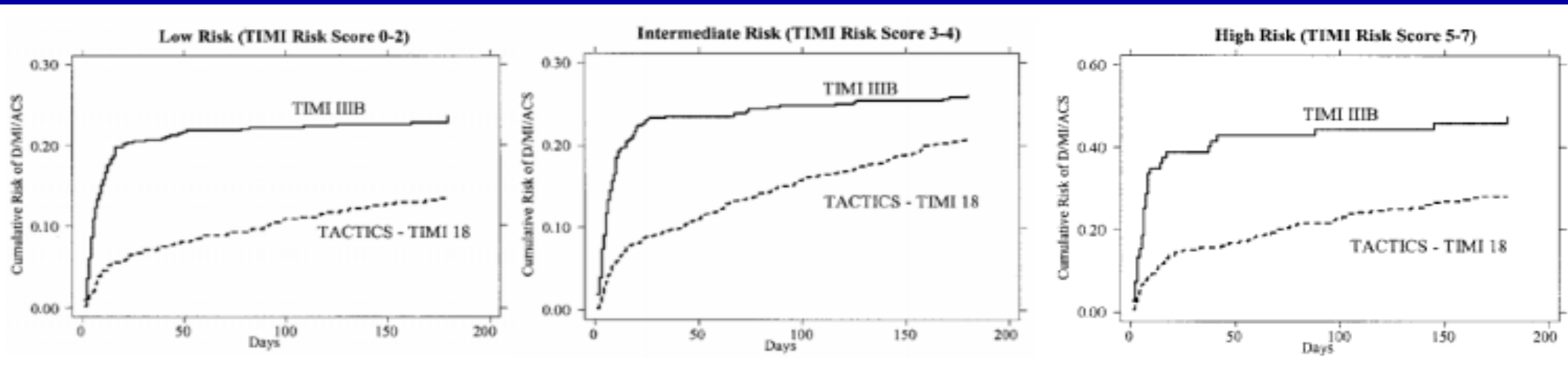
Combined risk ratio 0.88 (95% CI 0.78–0.99)

Risk ratio (95% CI)



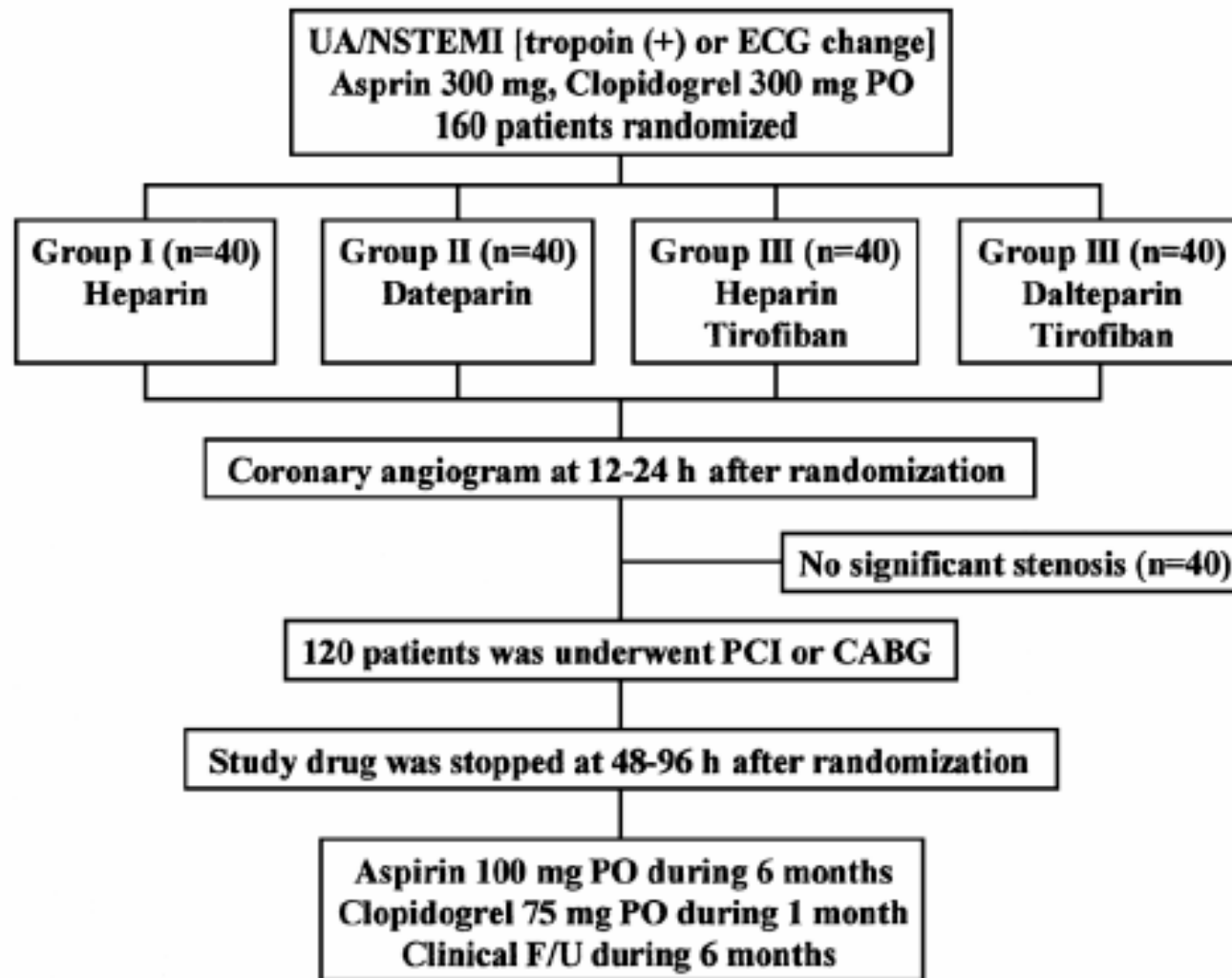
6-month outcomes in TACTICS-TIMI 18 and VINO.

Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa inhibition and stenting were associated with lower rates of death, MI, and rehospitalization: a greater benefit of an early invasive strategy



Kaplan-Meier curves of cumulative incidence of composite end point of death, MI, or rehospitalization for ACS in TIMI IIIB (solid lines) vs TACTICS-TIMI 18 (dashed lines) among patients matched for baseline TIMI risk score category.

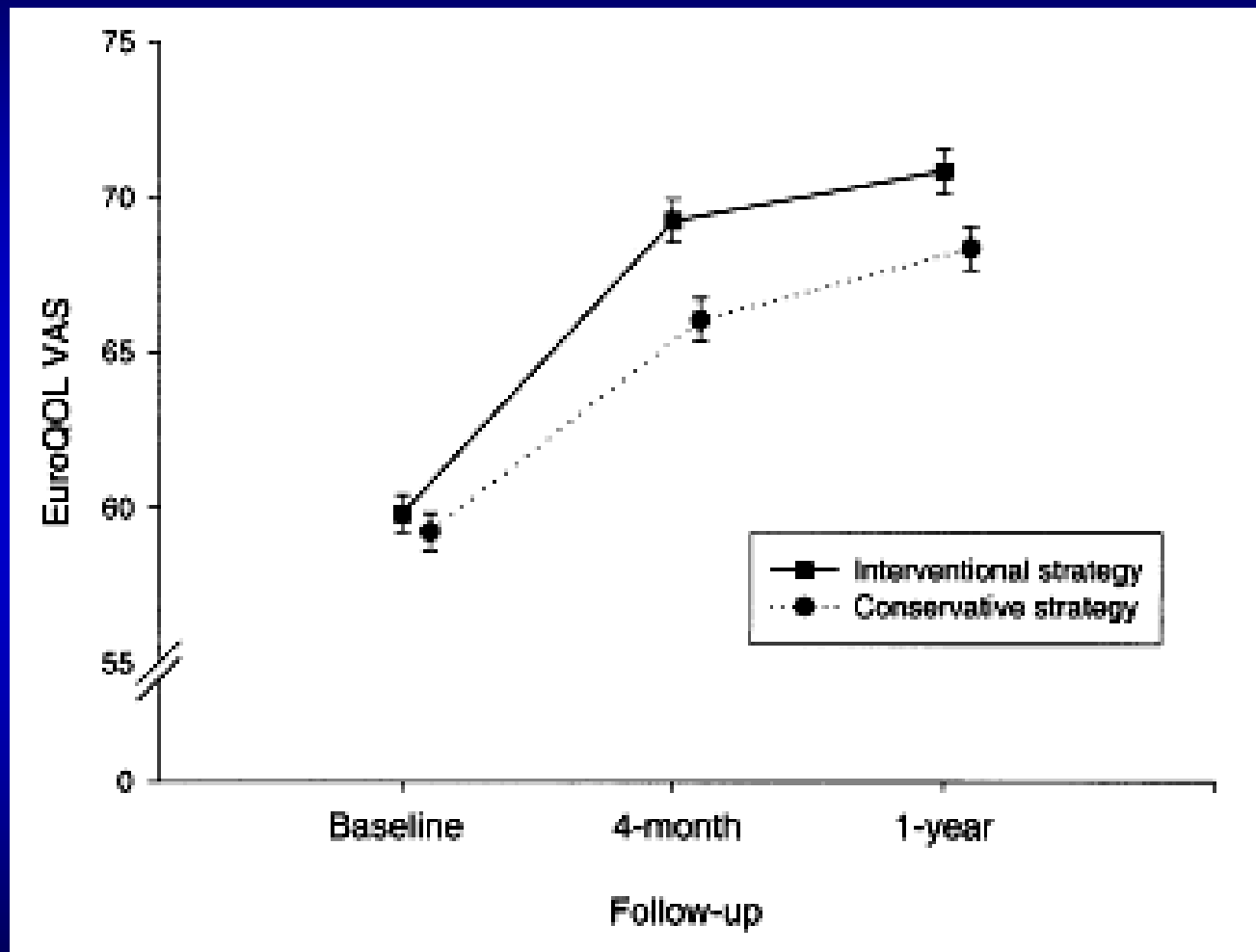
Long-Term Clinical Outcomes of Platelet GP IIb/IIIa Inhibitor Combined With LMWH in Patients With ACS



	<i>I</i> (<i>n</i> =32)	<i>II</i> (<i>n</i> =29)	<i>III</i> (<i>n</i> =28)	<i>IV</i> (<i>n</i> =31)	<i>Total</i> (<i>n</i> =120)
<i>In-hospital</i>					
<i>Revascularization</i>	1	1	0	0	2
<i>Myocardial infarction</i>	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Cardiac death</i>	0	0	0	1	1
<i>One-month late</i>					
<i>Revascularization</i>	1	0	1	0	2
<i>Myocardial infarction</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Cardiac death</i>	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Six-months late</i>					
<i>Revascularization</i>	6	7	3	3	19
<i>Myocardial infarction</i>	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Cardiac death</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total MACE</i>	10 (31.3%)	9 (31.0%)	4* (14.3%)	4* (12.9%)	27 (22.5%)

**p*=0.02; groups *I* and *II* vs groups *III* and *IV* respectively.

Early interventional strategy provides greater gains in health-related QOL



Mainly due to angina grade

Timing of invasive strategy

Event	Delayed	Early	RR (95% CI)	P value
Death and nonfatal MI	24 (11.6)	12(5.9)	1.96(1.01-3.82)	.04
Death	3(1.4)	0		.25
Nonfatal Q-wave				.12
Non-Q-wave	14(6.8)	8(3.9)	1.72(0.74-4.00)	.21
Major bleeding event	8(3.9)	6(3.0)	1.31(0.46-3.70)	.61
Nadir platelet count <20 x 10 ³ /uL	2(1.0)	1(0.5)	1.96(0.18-21.5)	>.99

**Optimal timing of invasive approach:
within first 48 hours of presentation**

Delayed: antithrombotic pretreatment for 3 to 5 days

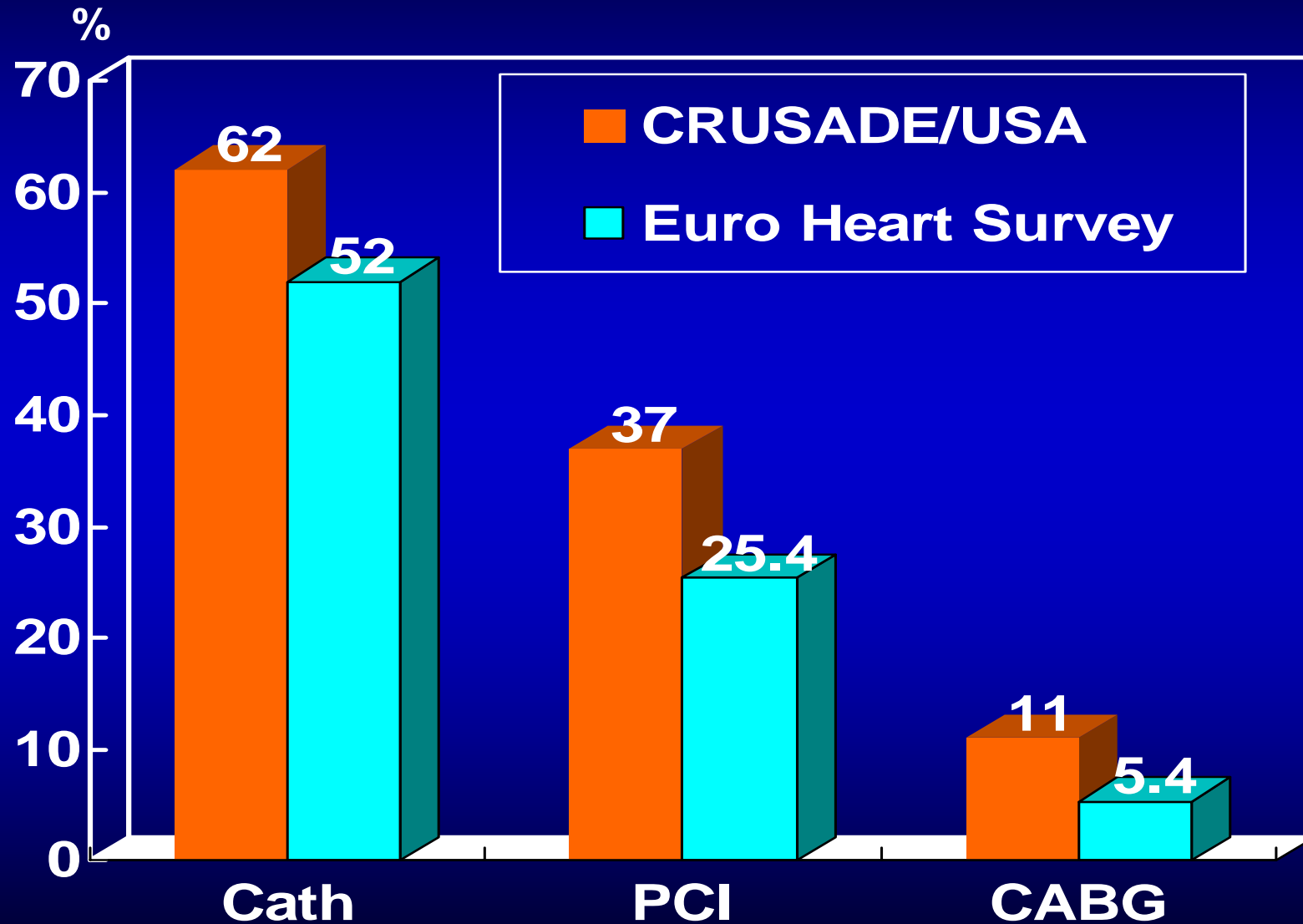
Early: early intervention less than 6 hours

*Evaluation of prolonged antithrombotic pretreatment
before intervention in patients with Unstable coronary syndromes
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Indications for invasive vs. conservative management

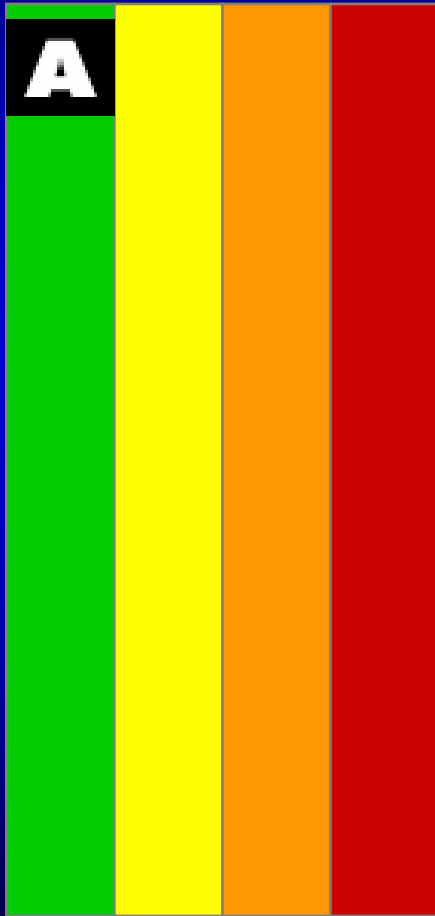
- **ST segment changes or positive troponin**
- **Recurrent ischemia and evidence of CHF**
- **Cardiogenic shock**
- **UA/NSTEMI within 6 months of prior PCI or in patients with prior CABG**

Current utilization



Conservative vs. Invasive Strategies

I IIa IIb III



Early invasive strategy in high-risk patients with any of the following:

- **Recurrent ischemia, despite meds**
- **Elevated Troponin I or T**
- **New ST-segment depression**
- **New CHF symptoms**
- **High-risk stress test findings**
- **LV dysfunction (EF < 40%)**
- **Hemodynamic instability, sustained VT**
- **PCI within 6 months, prior CABG**

Noninvasive test results predicting high risk for adverse outcomes in UA/NSTEMI - 1

Exercise EKG

- **Abnormal horizontal or downsloping ST depression c/**
 - Onset at HR < 120/min or ≤ 6.5 METs
 - Magnitude ≥ 2.0 mm
 - Postexercise duration of ≥ 6 min
 - Depression in multiple leads
- **Abnormal SBP response c/ sustained decrease of 10 mmHg or flat BP response ≤ 130 mmHg, c/ abnormal EKG**
- **Other**
 - Exercise-induced ST elevation
 - VT

Noninvasive test results predicting high risk for adverse outcomes in UA/NSTEMI - 2

Radionuclide myocardial perfusion imaging

- Abnormal myocardial tracer distribution in more than one coronary artery region at rest or with stress or anterior defect that reperfuses**
- Abnormal myocardial distribution c/ increased lung uptake**
- Cardiac enlargement**

Noninvasive test results predicting high risk for adverse outcomes in UA/NSTEMI - 3

Left ventricular imaging

- Stress radionuclide ventriculography

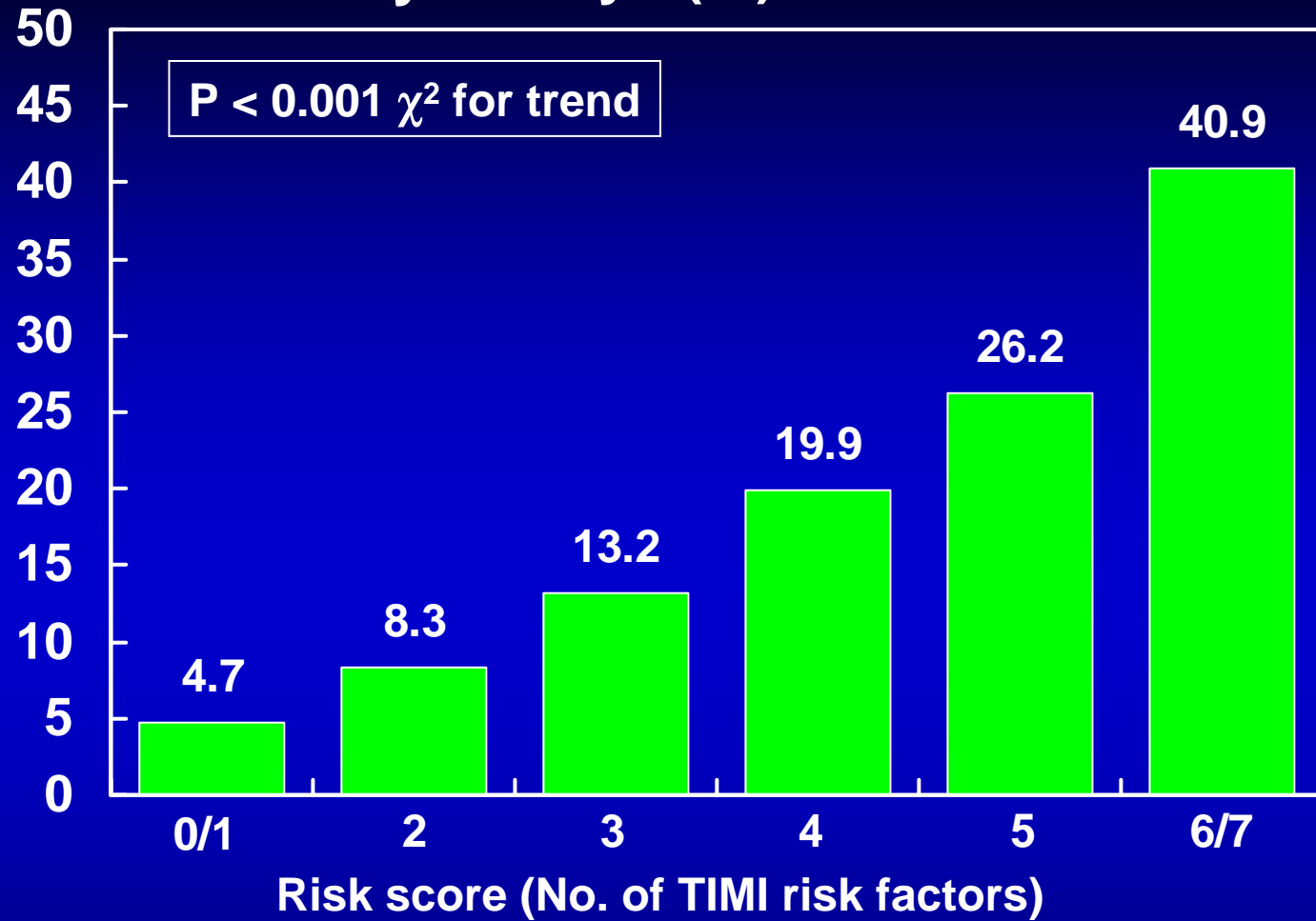
- Exercise EF \leq 50%
- Rest EF \leq 35%
- Fall in EF \geq 10%

Noninvasive test results predicting high risk for adverse outcomes in UA/NSTEMI - 3

Stress echocardiography

- Rest EF \leq 35%
- Wall motion score index $>$ 1

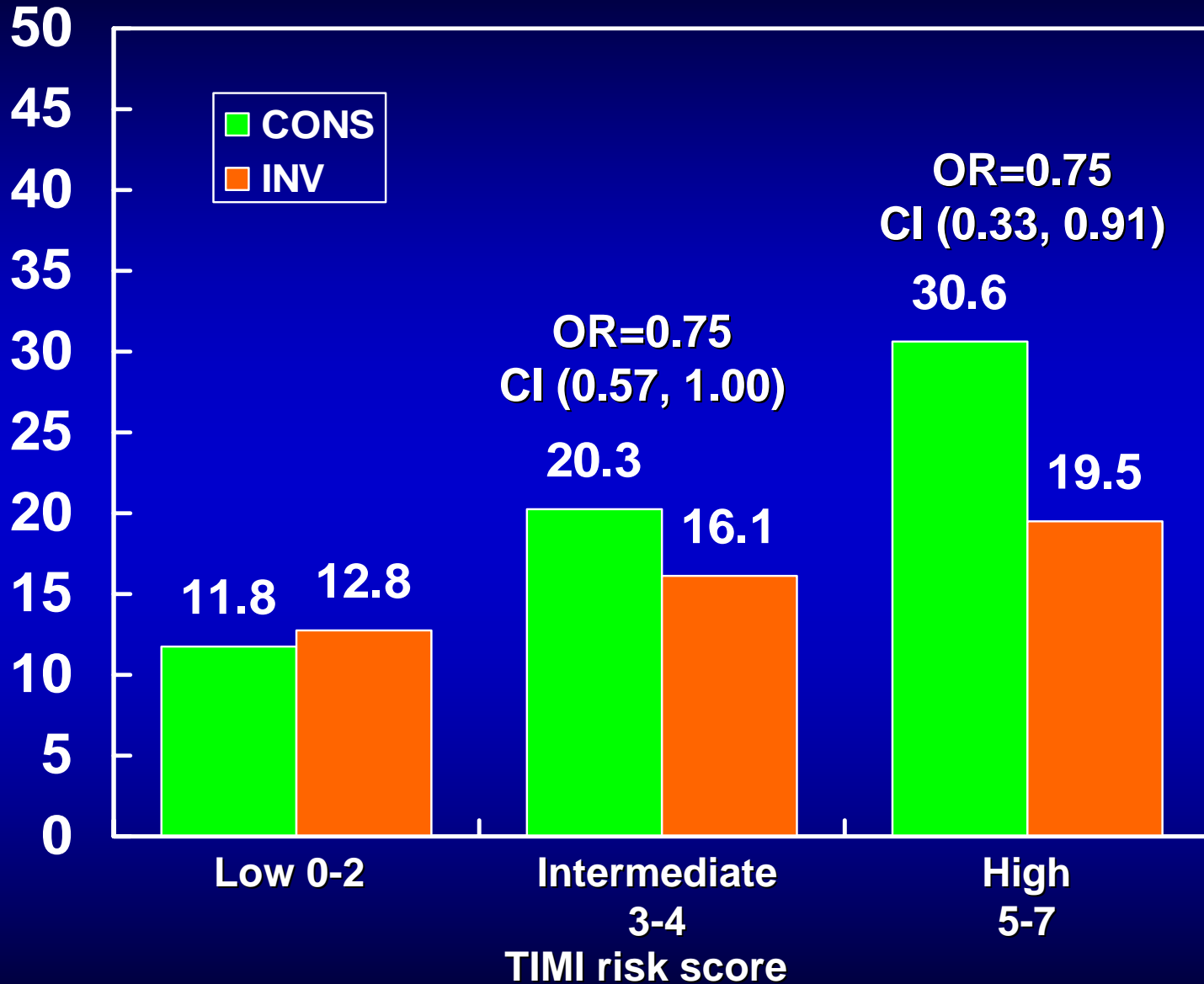
D/MI/UR by 14 days (%)



TIMI risk factors

- Age \geq 65 yrs
- \geq 3 CAD risk factors
- Known CAD (> 50% stenosis)
- Prior aspirin
- \geq 2 anginal episodes in prior 24 hr
- ST deviation \geq 0.5 mm of presenting ECG
- \uparrow Cardiac markers

Death/MI/ACS rehospitalization (%)



UA/NSTEMI

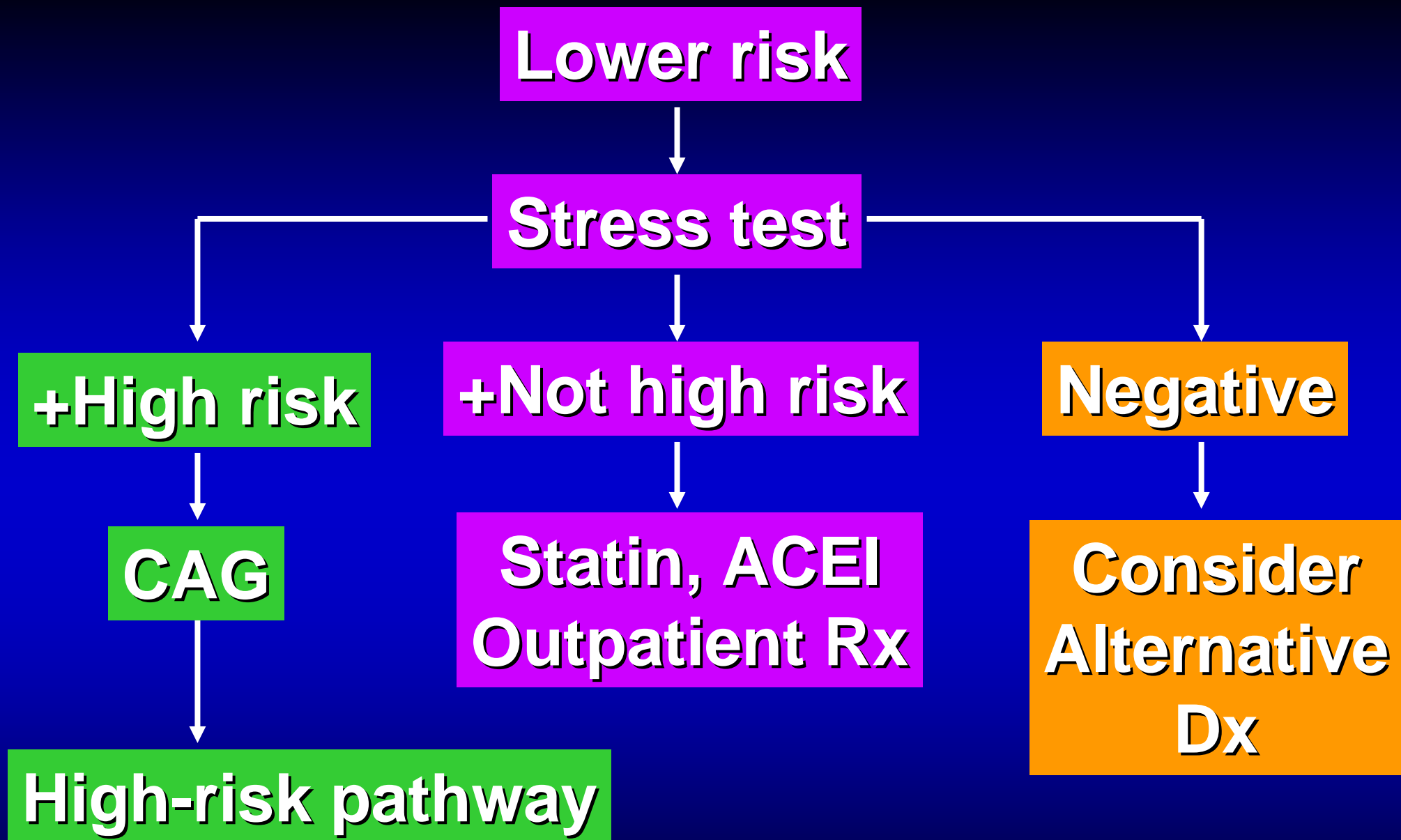
**ASA, enoxaparin or heparin
β-block, nitrates, clopidogrel**

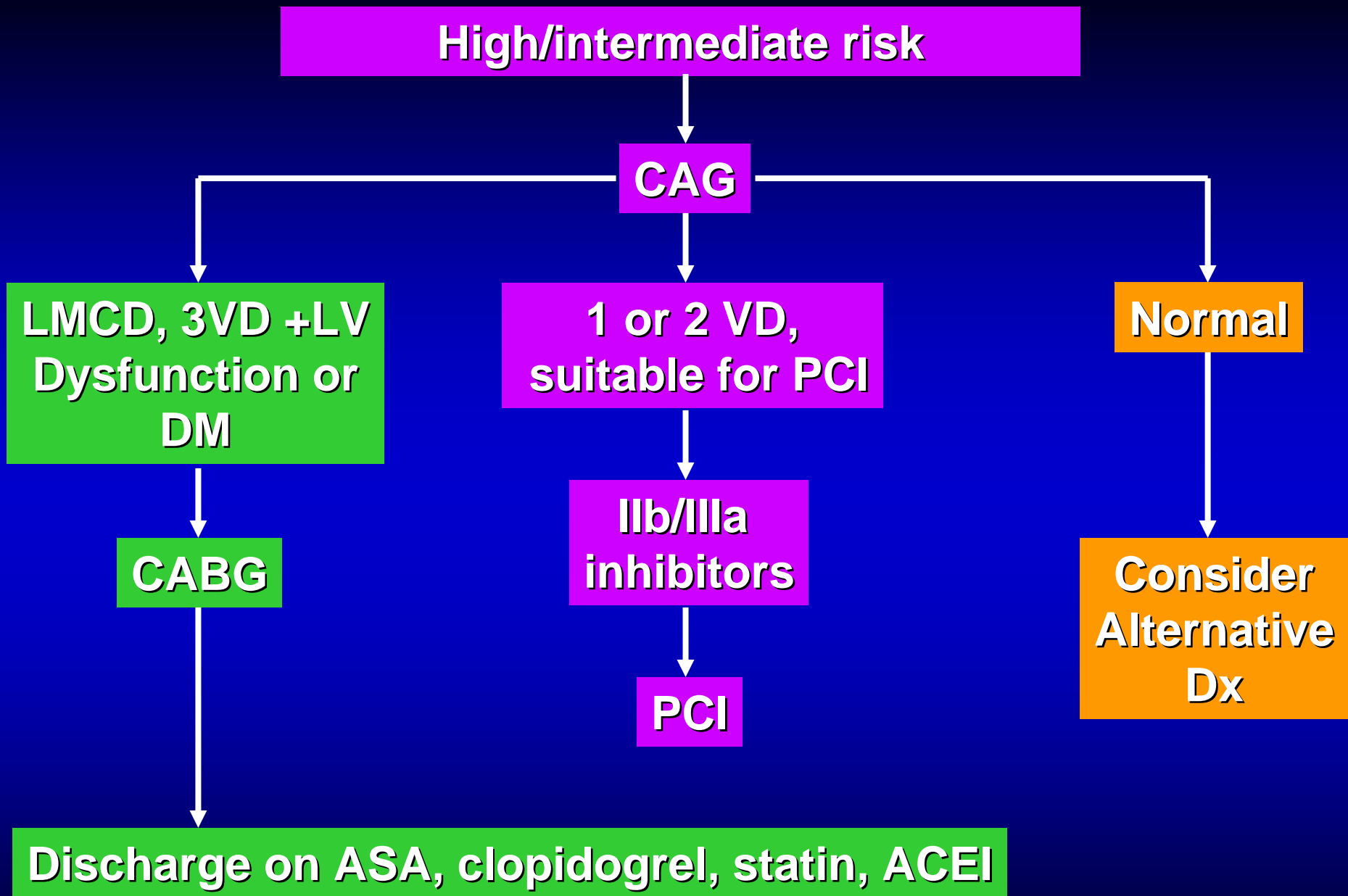
Risk stratify

High or intermediate risk*

Low risk

***Recurrent ischemia; ↑Trop; ↓ST; LV failure/dysfunction;
hemodynamic instability; VT; prior CABG**





ACC/AHA Guideline + 2002 Update: Recommendations for Antithrombotic Therapy*

High Risk or Definite
ACS
With Cath and PCI

Likely/Definite
ACS

Possible
ACS

<p>Aspirin + IV heparin LMWH* + IV platelet GP IIb/IIIa antagonist clopidogrel</p>	<p>Aspirin + SQ LMWH* or IV heparin clopidogrel</p>	<p>Aspirin</p> <p>*Class IIa: Enoxaparin preferred over IV heparin</p>
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Summary

- **Invasive strategy is equally clinically beneficial with early conservative strategy**
- **For high-risk patients (e.g. those with positive troponin, ST segment changes, TIMI risk score > 3), GP IIb/IIIa inhibition should be added to the preceding medications, and early invasive strategy is preferred**