

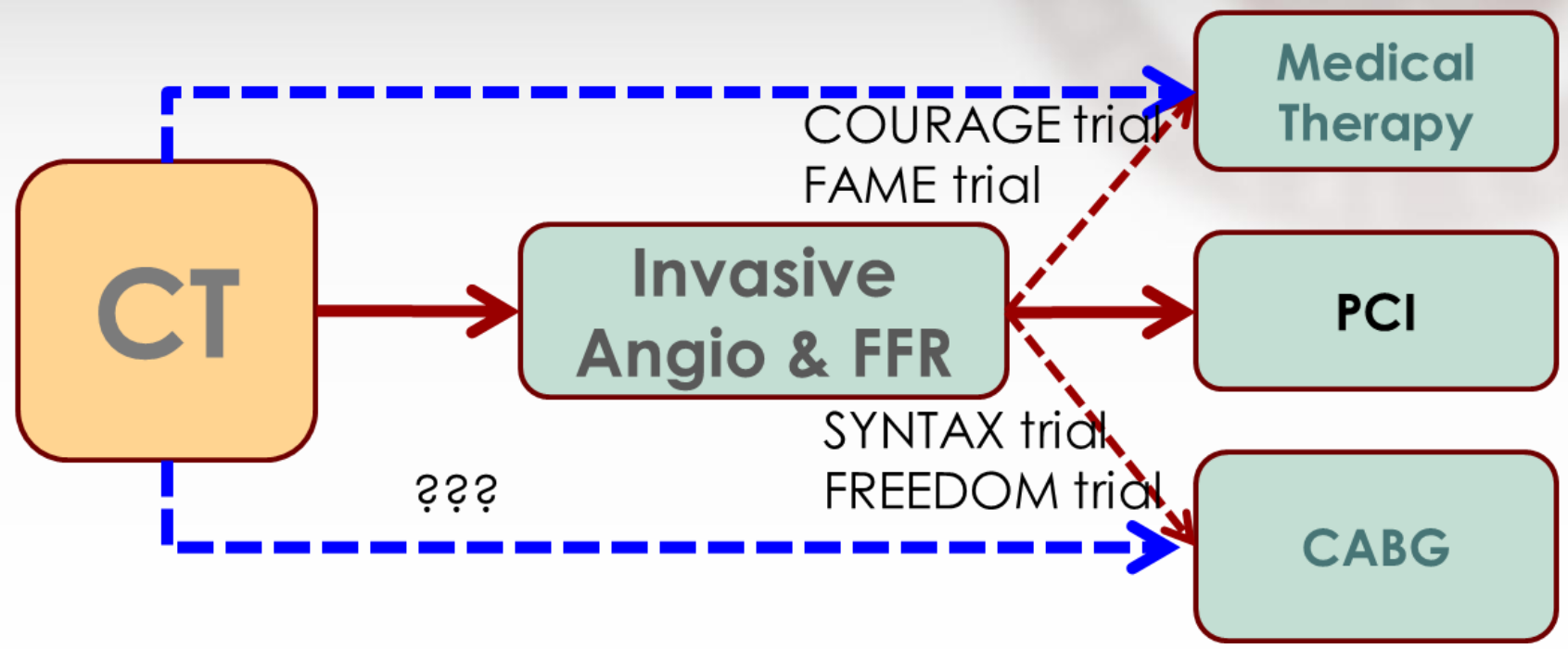
# Is Evaluation of Coronary Anatomy by CT *Sufficient* for CAD? Lessons and Un-Lessons from *PROMISE*

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# CT as gatekeeper for invasive angiography and invasive FFR



## Coronary CTA Fails to Live Up to Its PROMISE in Suspected ...

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Mar 14, 2015 - In the trial, author Pamela S. Douglas, MD, MACC, et al. employed the ... testing versus a **coronary computed tomography** angiography (CTA) or ...

## CTA Does Not Reduce Hard Events vs Functional Tests

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Mar 14, 2015 - UPDATED // The **PROMISE** study, designed to test whether CTA offered an ... of anatomic testing with **coronary computed-tomography** angiography (CTA) did ... Among 10 003 symptomatic patients randomized in the trial, the ...

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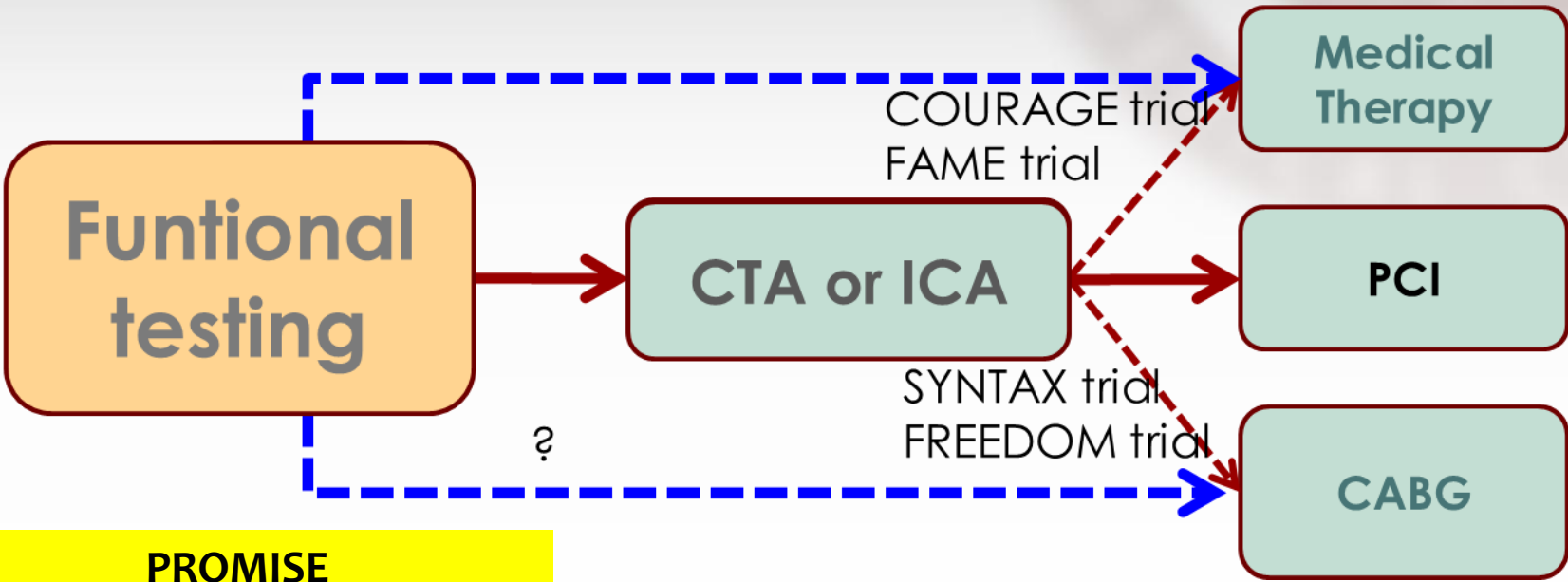
Aug 2, 2010 - ... anatomic imaging strategy with **coronary CT** angiography (CTA) will ... Imaging Study for Evaluation of Chest Pain - The **PROMISE** Trial ...

## ACC: CT No Better Than Stress Test as Chest Pain Diagnostic

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Mar 14, 2015 - Anatomic CT as the initial screen for suspected stable **coronary** artery ... but did increase overall radiation exposure, the **PROMISE** trial showed.

- Function for decision making
- Anatomy for revascularization procedure



**PROMISE**  
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# Outcomes of Anatomical versus Functional Testing for Coronary Artery Disease

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## A Randomized Comparison of Anatomic versus Functional Diagnostic Testing Strategies in Symptomatic Patients with Suspected Coronary Artery Disease

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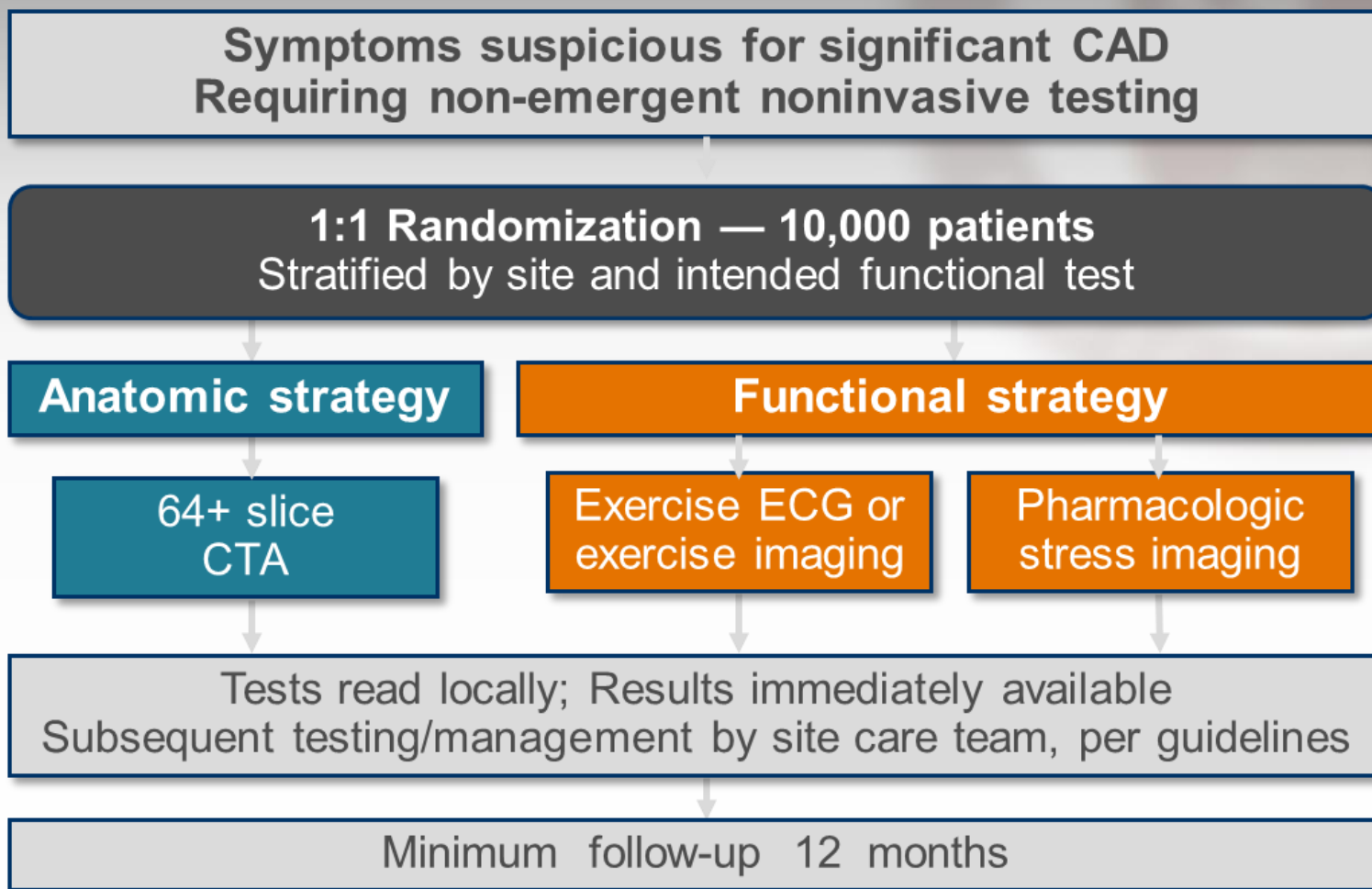
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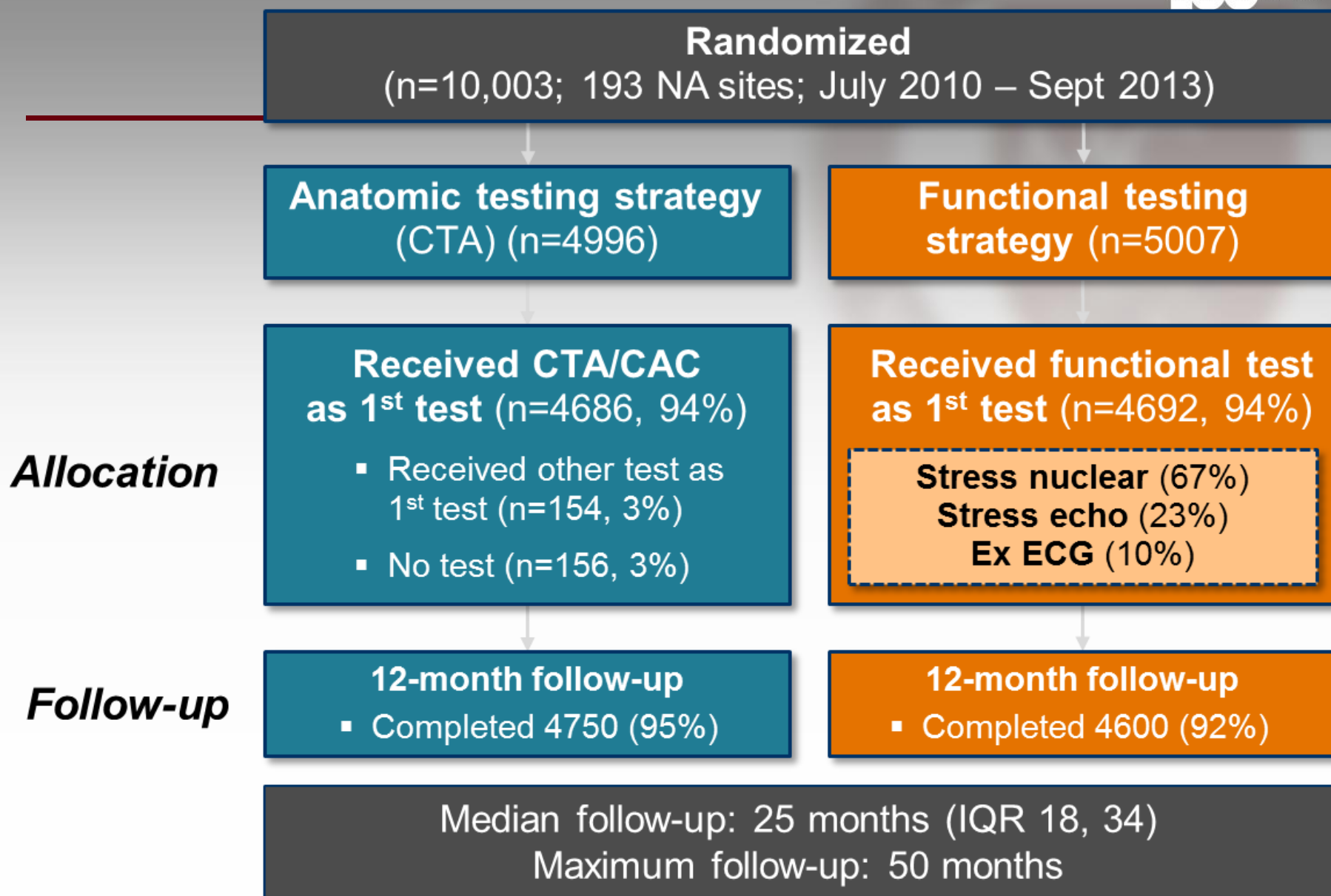


### CONCLUSIONS

In symptomatic patients with suspected CAD who required noninvasive testing, a strategy of initial CTA, as compared with functional testing, did not improve clinical outcomes over a median follow-up of 2 years. (Funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; PROMISE ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT01174550.)

# PROMISE Trial Design





# Clinical Endpoint Events

|   | CTA<br>(n=4996) | Functional<br>(n=5007) | Adj HR<br>(95% CI)      | P<br>value   |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Primary endpoint composite</b>                                 | <b>164</b>      | <b>151</b>             | <b>1.04 (0.83–1.29)</b> | <b>0.750</b> |
| All-cause death   | 74              | 75                     |                         |              |
| Nonfatal MI   | 30              | 40                     |                         |              |
| Unstable angina hosp  | 61              | 41                     |                         |              |
| Major procedural complications                                    | 4               | 5                      |                         |              |
| <b>Primary endpoint plus cath<br/>without obstructive CAD</b>     | <b>332</b>      | <b>353</b>             | <b>0.91 (0.78–1.06)</b> | <b>0.217</b> |
| <b>Death or nonfatal MI</b>                                       | <b>104</b>      | <b>112</b>             | <b>0.88 (0.67–1.15)</b> | <b>0.348</b> |
| <b>Death, nonfatal MI, or<br/>unstable angina hospitalization</b> | <b>162</b>      | <b>148</b>             | <b>1.04 (0.84–1.31)</b> | <b>0.703</b> |



## Secondary Endpoint:

### Catheterization Without Obstructive CAD ≤90 days

|   | CTA<br>(n=4996)  | Functional<br>(n=5007) | P<br>value   |
|---|------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Invasive catheterization<br/>without obstructive CAD — N (%)</b> | <b>170 (3.4)</b> | <b>213 (4.3)</b>       | <b>0.022</b> |
| Invasive catheterization  | 609 (12.2%)      | 406 (8.1%)             |              |
| With obstructive CAD (% of cath)                                    | 439 (72.1%)      | 193 (47.5%)            |              |
| Revascularization   | 311 (6.2%)       | 158 (3.2%)             |              |
| CABG  | 72               | 38                     |              |

### Cumulative Radiation Exposure ≤90 days

| Mean ± SD; mSv  | CTA<br>(n=4996)   | Functional<br>(n=5007) | P<br>value       |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| <b>All patients</b>                                   | <b>12.0 ± 8.5</b> | <b>10.1 ± 9.0</b>      | <b>&lt;0.001</b> |
| No radiation exposure                                 | 4%                | 33%                    |                  |
| Intended nuclear stress test<br>randomization stratum | 12.0 ± 8.4        | 14.1 ± 7.6             | <0.001           |
| Intended stress echo<br>randomization stratum         | 12.6 ± 9.0        | 1.3 ± 4.3              | <0.001           |
| Intended exercise ECG<br>randomization stratum        | 10.4 ± 7.8        | 2.3 ± 5.4              | <0.001           |

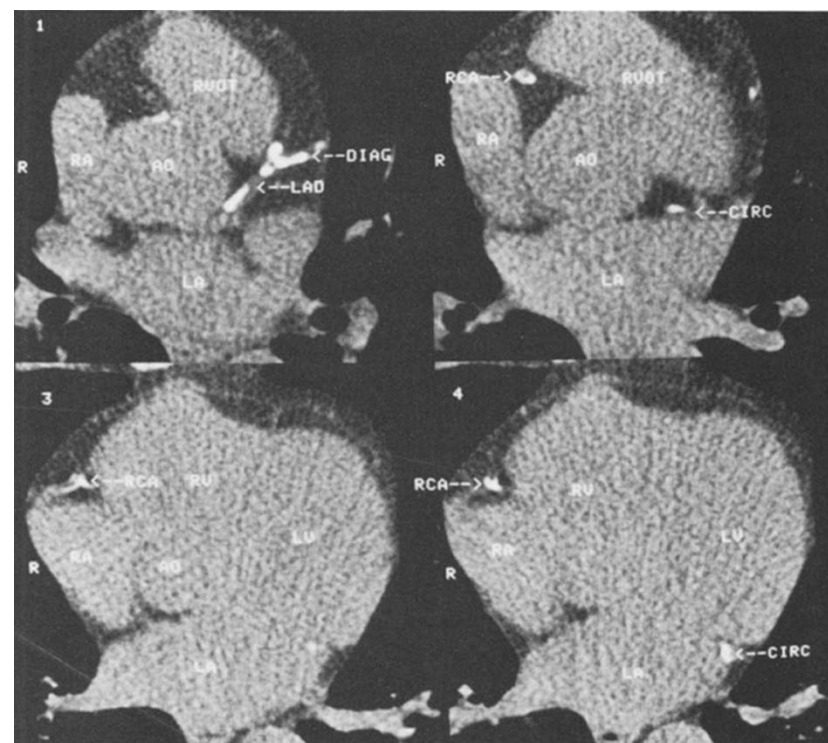
## Quantification of Coronary Artery Calcium Using Ultrafast Computed Tomography

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Ultrafast computed tomography was used to detect and quantify coronary artery calcium levels in 584 subjects (mean age  $48 \pm 10$  years) with ( $n = 109$ ) and without ( $n = 475$ ) clinical coronary artery disease. Fifty patients who underwent fluoroscopy and ultrafast computed tomography were also evaluated. Twenty contiguous 3 mm slices were obtained of the proximal coronary arteries. **Total calcium scores were calculated based on the number, areas and peak Hounsfield computed tomographic numbers of the calcific lesions detected.**

In 88 subjects scored by two readers independently, interobserver agreement was excellent with identical total scores obtained in 70. Ultrafast computed tomography was more sensitive than fluoroscopy, detecting coronary calcium in 90% versus 52% of patients. There were significant differences ( $p < 0.0001$ ) in mean total calcium scores for those with versus those without clinical coronary artery



*(J Am Coll Cardiol 1990;15:827-32)*

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Open Access

# A systematic review of the clinical effectiveness of 64-slice or higher computed tomography angiography as an alternative to invasive coronary angiography in the investigation of suspected coronary artery disease

2006.12.~2009.3.

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| Analysis level                | No. of included studies <sup>a</sup> | Sensitivity % (95% CI) | Specificity % (95% CI) | PPV Median (range) | NPV Median (range) | Diagnostic accuracy Median (range) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Patient: base case analysis   | 18                                   | 98.2 (97.4-98.8)       | 81.6 (79.0-84.0)       | 90.5 (76-100)      | 99.0 (83-100)      | 92.0 (80-100)                      |
| Patient: alternative analysis | 22                                   | 98.0 (97.2-98.6)       | 83.2 (81.1-85.2)       | 89.0 (63-100)      | 98.0 (83-100)      | 92.0 (80-100)                      |
| Vessels: all                  | 17                                   | 94.9 (93.9-95.8)       | 89.5 (88.8-90.2)       | 75.0 (53-95)       | 99.0 (93-100)      | 91.5 (74-98)                       |
| RCA                           | 8                                    | 94.8 (92.0-96.9)       | 91.0 (89.0-92.7)       | 84.0 (73-94)       | 98.5 (95-100)      | 94.5 (84-99)                       |
| LM                            | 8                                    | 95.7 (85.2-99.5)       | 97.1 (95.7-98.1)       | 89.0 (24-100)      | 100.0 (98-100)     | 99.0 (91-100)                      |
| LAD                           | 7                                    | 97.4 (95.3-98.8)       | 84.5 (82.1-86.7)       | 78.0 (57-95)       | 99.0 (95-100)      | 93.0 (72-99)                       |
| CX                            | 8                                    | 94.1 (90.7-96.6)       | 89.6 (87.7-91.3)       | 78.5 (52-90)       | 99.5 (95-100)      | 94.0 (75-99)                       |
| Segments: all                 | 17                                   | 91.3 (90.2-92.2)       | 94.0 (93.7-94.2)       | 69.0 (44-86)       | 99.0 (98-100)      | 95.5 (90-99)                       |

APPROPRIATE USE CRITERIA

## ACCF/SCCT/ACR/AHA/ASE/ASNC/NASCI/SCAI/SCMR 2010 Appropriate Use Criteria for Cardiac Computed Tomography

A Report of the American College of Cardiology Foundation Appropriate Use Criteria Task Force, the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography, the American College of Radiology, the American Heart Association, the American Society of Echocardiography, the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, the North American Society for Cardiovascular Imaging, the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, and the Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance

GUIDELINE

### ASCI 2010 appropriateness criteria for cardiac computed tomography: a report of the Asian Society of Cardiovascular Imaging cardiac computed tomography and cardiac magnetic resonance imaging guideline Working Group

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## Korean Guidelines for the Appropriate Use of Cardiac CT

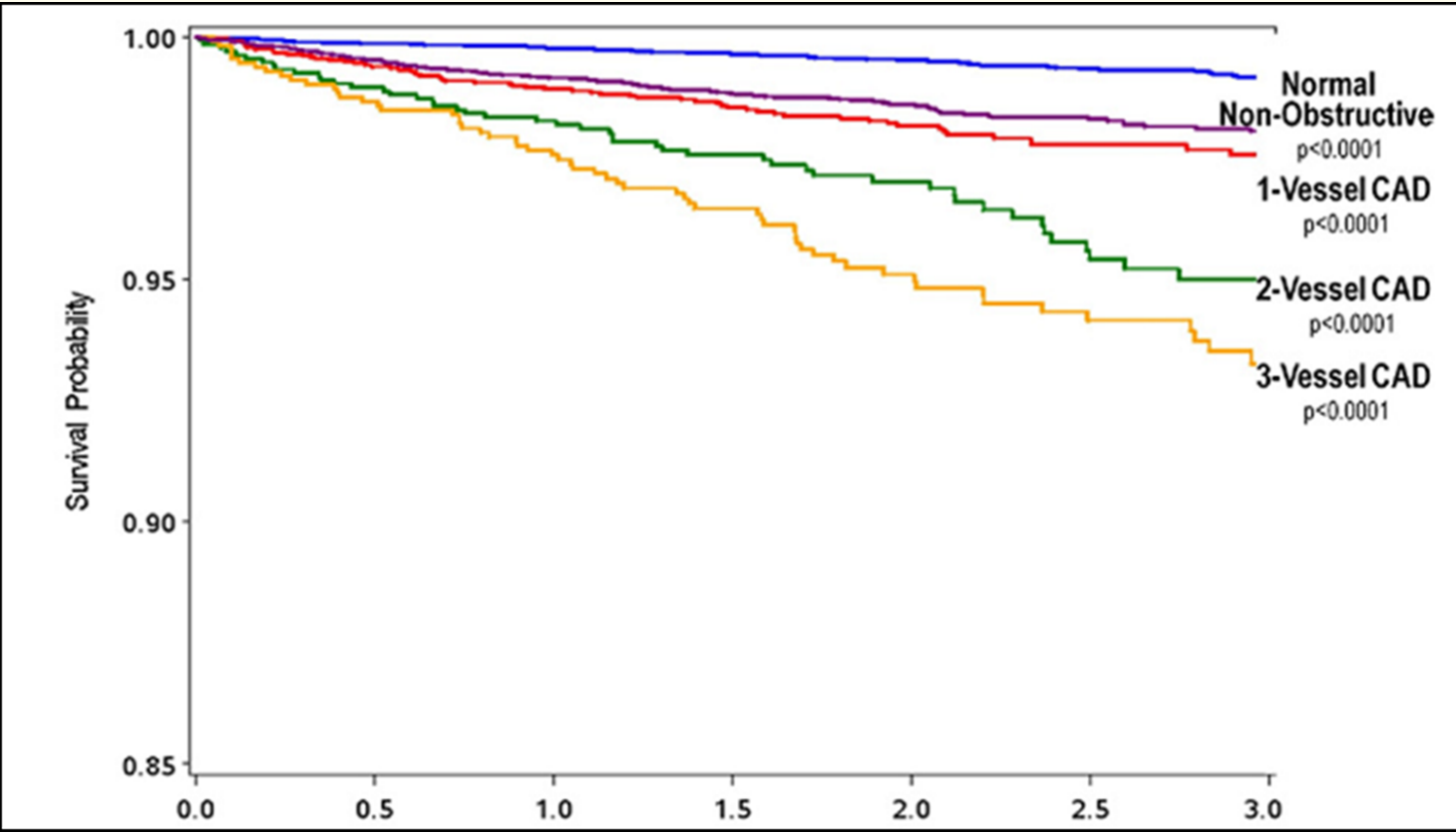
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**Cardiac Imaging**

# Age- and Sex-Related Differences in All-Cause Mortality Risk Based on Coronary Computed Tomography Angiography Findings

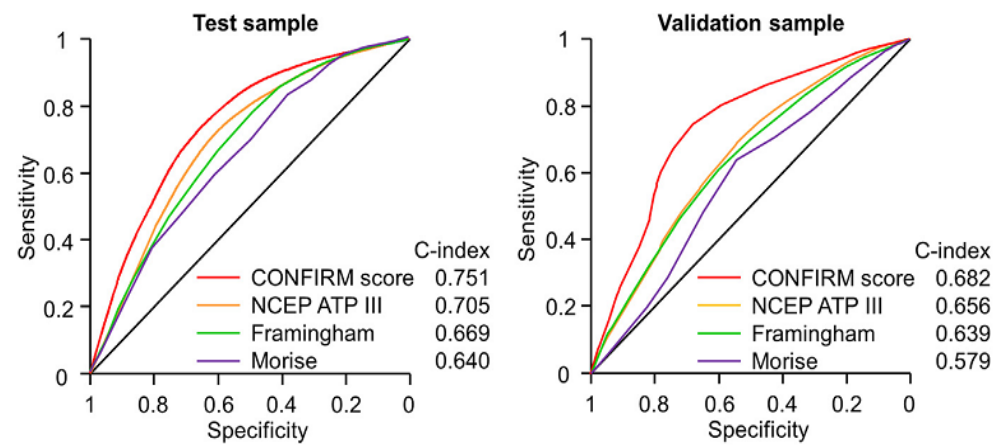
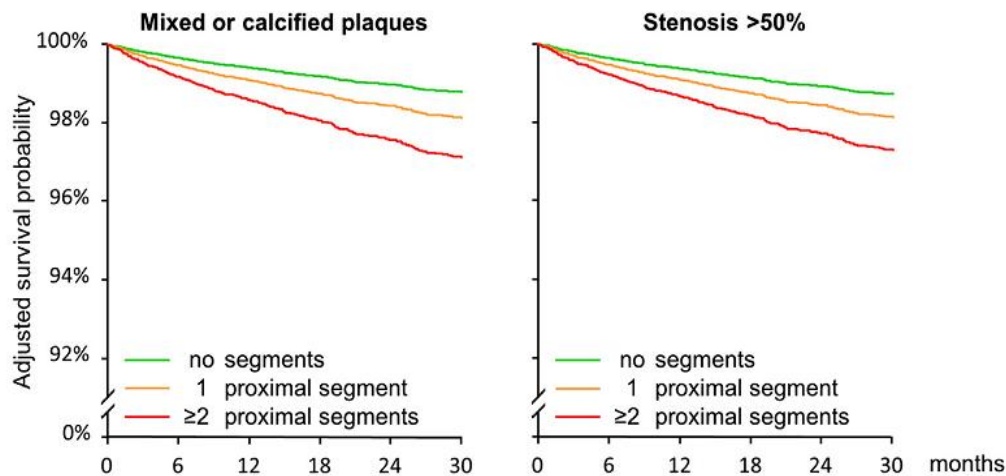
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# Optimized Prognostic Score for Coronary Computed Tomographic Angiography

Results From the CONFIRM Registry  
 (COronary CT Angiography EvaluationN For  
 Clinical Outcomes: An InteRnational Multicenter Registry)



## CONFIRM risk calculator

**Clinical risk (NCEP ATP III):**

Age:  years

Gender:  female  male

Total cholesterol:  mg/dl

HDL cholesterol:  mg/dl

Smoker:  no  yes

Systolic blood pressure:  mmHg

currently on meds for high blood pressure?:  no  yes

Diabetes:  no  yes

**Result from coronary CTA:**

Left main coronary artery:  calcification  stenosis >50%

proximal left anterior descendens:  calcification  stenosis >50%

mid left anterior descendens:  calcification  stenosis >50%

proximal left circumflex:  calcification  stenosis >50%

first obtuse marginal branch:  calcification  stenosis >50%

proximal right coronary artery:  calcification  stenosis >50%

mid right coronary artery:  calcification  stenosis >50%

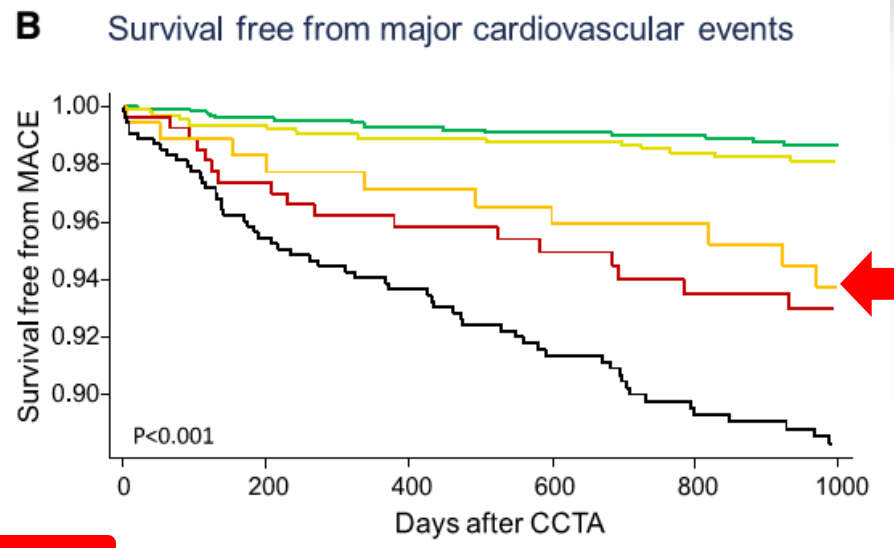
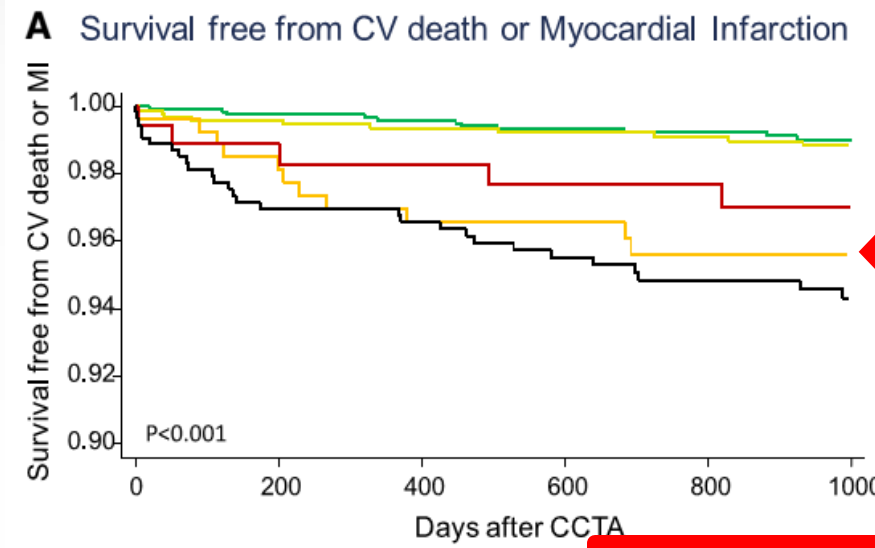
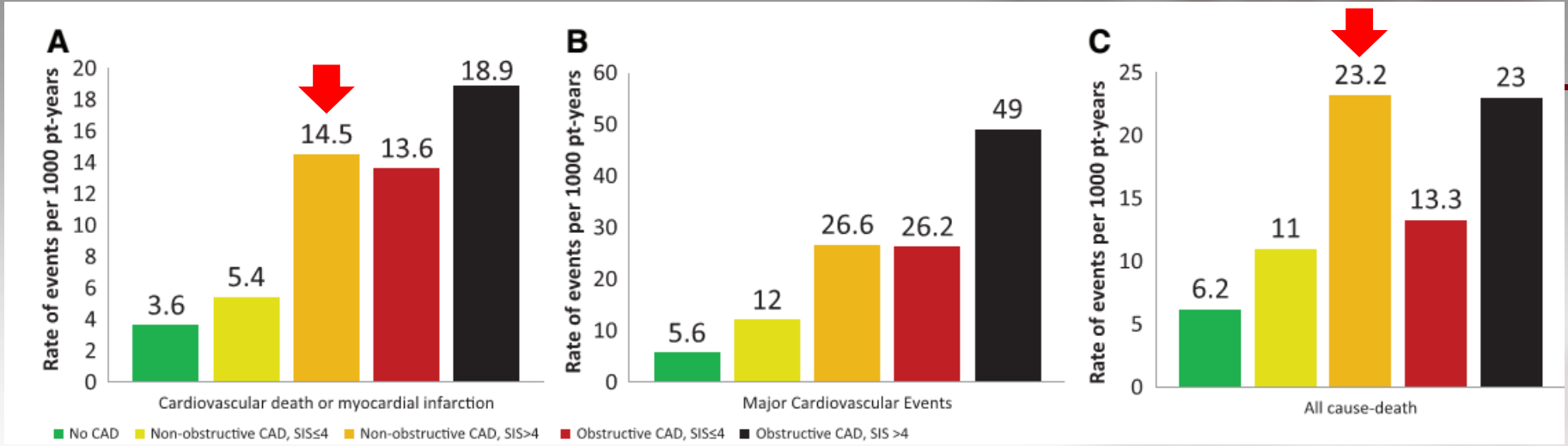
# Prognostic Value of Nonobstructive and Obstructive Coronary Artery Disease Detected by Coronary Computed Tomography Angiography to Identify Cardiovascular Events

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3242 pts.  
Stenosis > 50% or not  
Segments > 4 or not  
FU 3.6 years

**Background**—The contribution of nonobstructive and obstructive coronary artery disease to cardiovascular risk is determined by plaque extent detected by coronary computed tomography angiography. We evaluated the prognostic value of nonobstructive (<50% stenosis), or obstructive (≥50%). Based on the extent of disease, CAD was classified as nonextensive (≤4 segments) or extensive (>4 segments) and evaluated for the primary outcome of cardiovascular death or myocardial infarction for a median of 3.6 (2.1–5.0) years. In a multivariable analysis, the presence of extensive nonobstructive CAD (hazard ratio, 3.1; 95% confidence interval, 1.5–6.4), nonextensive obstructive (hazard ratio, 3.0; 95% confidence interval, 1.3–6.9), and extensive obstructive CAD (hazard ratio, 3.9; 95% confidence interval, 2.2–7.2) were associated with an increased rate of events, whereas nonextensive, nonobstructive CAD was not. The addition of plaque extent to a model that included clinical probability as well as the presence and severity of CAD improved risk prediction.

**Conclusions**—Among patients with nonobstructive CAD, those with extensive plaque experienced a higher rate of cardiovascular death or myocardial infarction, comparable with those who have nonextensive disease. Even among patients with obstructive CAD, greater extent of nonobstructive plaque was associated with higher event rate. Our findings suggest that regardless of whether obstructive or nonobstructive disease is present, the extent of plaque detected by coronary computed tomography angiography enhances risk assessment. (*Circ Cardiovasc Imaging*. 2014;7:282-291.)



Non-obstructive CAD with SIS > 4



# A comparison of cardiac computerized tomography and exercise stress electrocardiogram test for the investigation of stable chest pain: the clinical results of the CAPP randomized prospective trial

## Aims

To determine the diagnostic accuracy of computerized tomography (CT) compared with exercise stress electrocardiogram (EST) for the investigation of stable chest pain.

## Methods and results

A prospective, randomized, controlled trial comparing CT and EST in 500 patients with stable chest pain and without known coronary artery disease. The primary endpoint was the number of months to management. Secondary endpoints included patient satisfaction, quality of life, and quality of care. In the CT arm, 243 patients were included.

Over the year, there were no significant differences in patient satisfaction and quality of life. In the CT arm, 243 patients were included. In the EST arm, 257 patients were included. Inconclusive results were seen in the EST arm with a higher number of additional investigations ordered. There was also a longer mean time to management. There were no differences in major adverse cardiac events between the cohorts. At 1 year in the EST arm, there were more Accident and Emergency (A&E) attendances and cardiac admission.

## Conclusion

Cardiac CT as an index investigation for stable chest pain improved angina symptoms and resulted in fewer investigations and re-hospitalizations compared with EST.

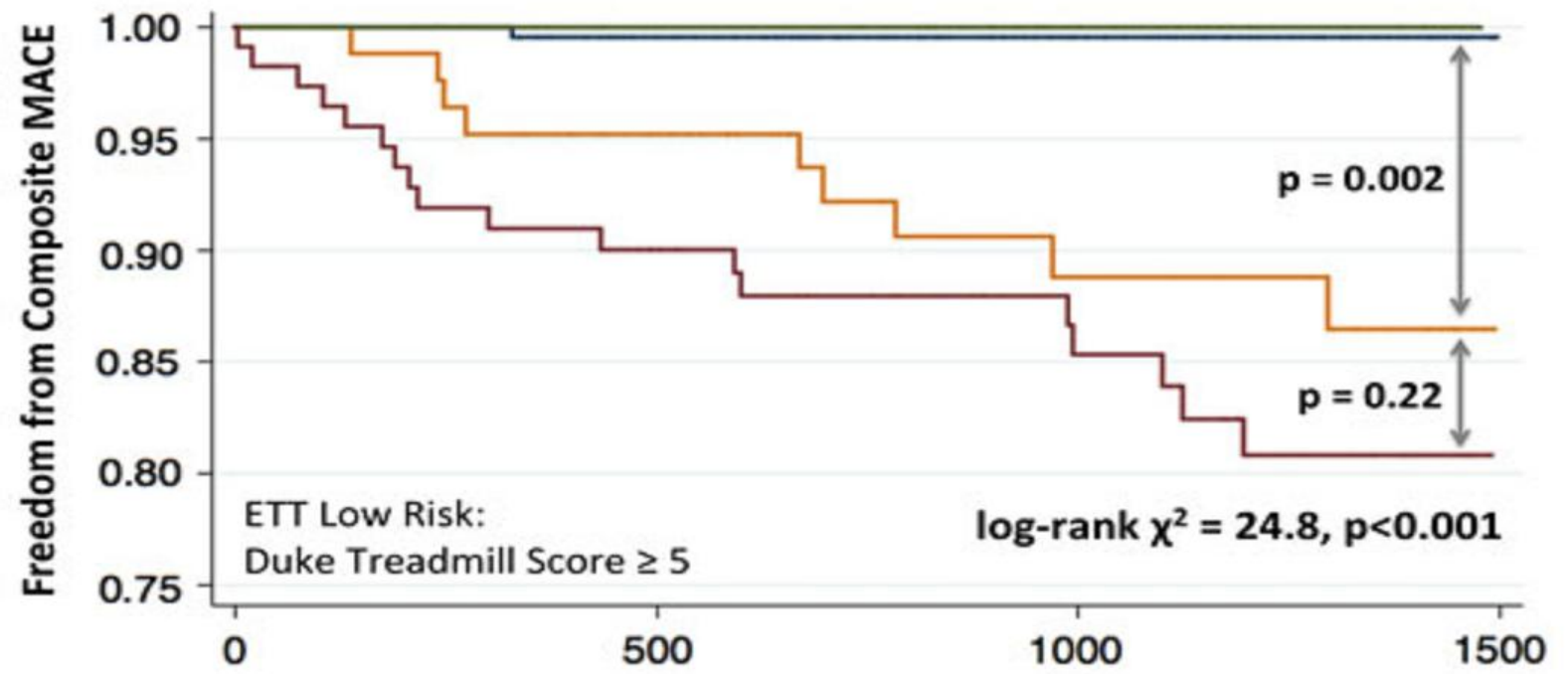
500 pts.  
Event /Management  
Improved angina Sx.  
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Fewer re-hospitalization

Diagnostic pathway based on cardiac computerized tomography (CT) and exercise stress electrocardiography test (EST) in patients with stable chest pain.

Comparison of CT and EST in 500 patients with stable chest pain and without known coronary artery disease. Primary endpoint: number of months to management. Secondary endpoints: patient satisfaction, quality of life, quality of care. In the CT arm, 243 patients were included. In the EST arm, 257 patients were included. Inconclusive results were seen in the EST arm with a higher number of additional investigations ordered. There was also a longer mean time to management. There were no differences in major adverse cardiac events between the cohorts. At 1 year in the EST arm, there were more Accident and Emergency (A&E) attendances and cardiac admission.

# Prognostic value of coronary CTA vs. exercise treadmill testing: results from the Partners registry

### Freedom from Composite MACE (CV Death, MI, or Late Revascularization) Stratified by ETT/CTA



- ETT Low Risk + CAD 0-49% (n=238)
- ETT Intermed-High Risk + CAD 0-49% (n=142)
- ETT Low Risk + CAD  $\geq 50\%$  (n=88)
- ETT Intermed-High Risk + CAD  $\geq 50\%$  (n=114)

# The diagnostic accuracy and outcomes after coronary computed tomography angiography vs. conventional functional testing in patients with stable angina pectoris: a systematic review and meta-analysis

## Aims

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( $P = 0.14$ ) for SPECT. The odds ratio (OR) of downstream test utilization (DTU) for coronary CTA vs. XECG/SPECT was 1.38 (1.33–1.43,  $P < 0.001$ ), for revascularization 2.63 (2.50–2.77,  $P < 0.001$ ), for non-fatal myocardial infarction 0.53 (0.39–0.72,  $P < 0.001$ ), and for all-cause mortality 1.01 (0.87–1.18,  $P = 0.87$ ).

## Conclusion

The up-front diagnostic performance of coronary CTA is higher than of XECG and SPECT. When compared with XECG/SPECT testing, coronary CTA testing is associated with increased DTU and coronary revascularization.

## Detection of Significant Coronary Artery Disease by Noninvasive Anatomical and Functional Imaging

**Background**—The choice of imaging techniques in patients with suspected coronary artery disease (CAD) varies between countries, regions, and hospitals. This prospective, multicenter, comparative effectiveness study was designed to assess the relative accuracy of commonly used imaging techniques for identifying patients with significant CAD.

**Methods and Results**—A total of 475 patients with stable chest pain and intermediate likelihood of CAD underwent coronary computed tomographic angiography and stress myocardial perfusion imaging by single photon emission computed

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**Conclusions**—In a multicenter European population of patients with stable chest pain and low prevalence of CAD, coronary computed tomographic angiography is more accurate than noninvasive functional testing for detecting significant CAD defined invasively.

**Clinical Trial Registration**—URL: <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov>. Unique identifier: NCT00979199.

(*Circ Cardiovasc Imaging*. 2015;8:e002179. DOI: 10.1161/CIRCIMAGING.114.002179.)

# The Optimal Imaging Strategy for Patients With Stable Chest Pain

## A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis

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**Background:** The optimal imaging strategy for patients with stable chest pain is uncertain.

**Objective:** To determine the cost-effectiveness of different imaging strategies for patients with stable chest pain.

**Design:** Microsimulation state-transition model

**Data Sources:** Published literature

**Target Population:** 60-year-old patients with a moderate probability of coronary artery disease

**Time Horizon:** Lifetime.

**Perspective:** The United States, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands.

**Intervention:** Coronary computed tomography (CT) angiography, cardiac stress magnetic resonance imaging, stress single-photon emission CT, and stress echocardiography.

**Outcome Measures:** Lifetime costs, quality-adjusted life-years (QALYs), and incremental cost-effectiveness ratios.

**Results of Base-Case Analysis:** The strategy that maximized QALYs and was cost-effective in the United States and the Netherlands began with coronary CT angiography, continued with cardiac stress imaging if angiography found at least 50% stenosis in at least 1 coronary artery, and ended with catheter-based

coronary angiography if stress imaging induced ischemia of any severity. For U.K. men, the preferred strategy was optimal medical therapy without catheter-based coronary angiography if coronary CT angiography found only moderate CAD or stress imaging induced only mild ischemia. In these strategies, stress

imaging was generally more effective and less expensive than medical therapy and stress imaging tests. For U.K. women, the preferred strategy was medical therapy followed by echocardiography if echocardiography indicated moderate or severe CAD.

**Results of Sensitivity Analysis:** Results were sensitive to changes in the probability of CAD and assumptions about false-positive results.

**Limitations:** All cardiac stress imaging tests were assumed to be available. Exercise electrocardiography was included only in a sensitivity analysis. Differences in QALYs among strategies were small.

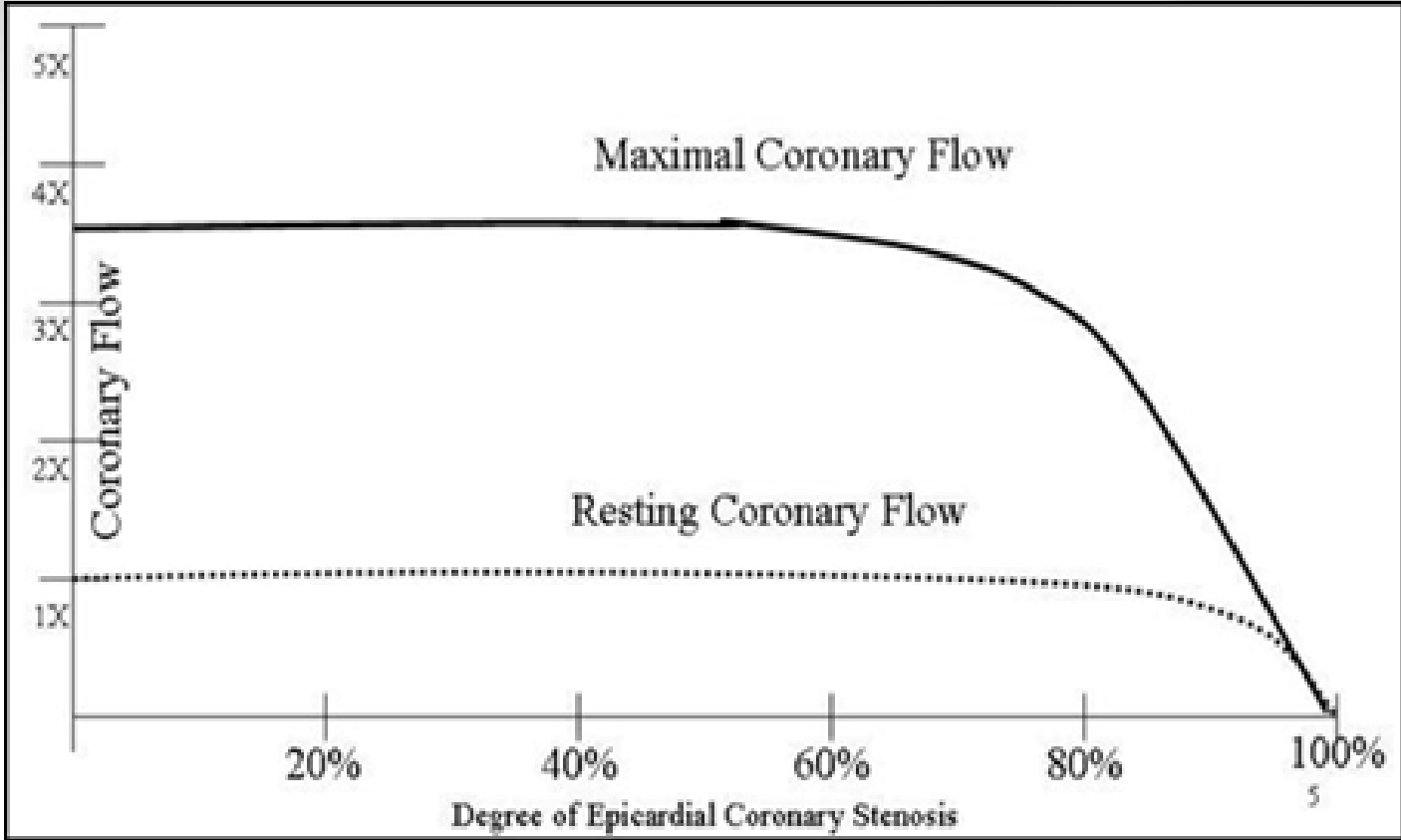
**Conclusion:** Coronary CT angiography is a cost-effective triage test for 60-year-old patients who have nonacute chest pain and a low to intermediate probability of CAD.

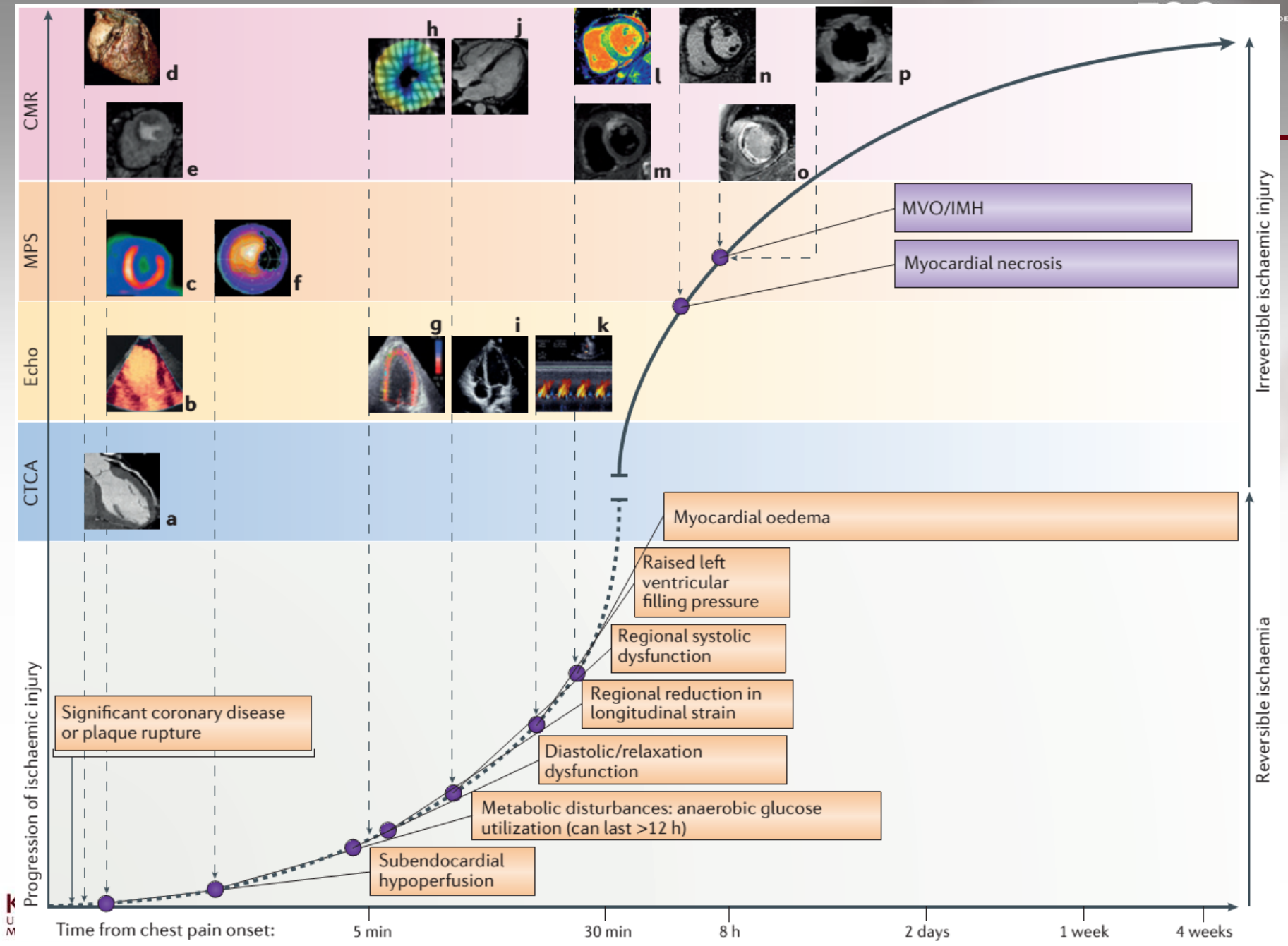
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CCT, CMR, SPECT, SEcho  
CCT is cost effective

# CAD versus Ischemia





# Low Diagnostic Yield of Elective Coronary Angiography

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## ABSTRACT

### BACKGROUND

Guidelines for triaging patients for cardiac catheterization recommend a risk assessment and noninvasive testing. We determined patterns of noninvasive testing and the diagnostic yield of catheterization among patients with suspected coronary artery disease in a contemporary national sample.

### METHODS

From January 2004 through April 2008, at 663 hospitals in the American College of Cardiology National Cardiovascular Data Registry, we identified patients without known coronary artery disease who were undergoing elective catheterization. The patients' demographic characteristics, risk factors, and symptoms and the results of noninvasive testing were correlated with the presence of obstructive coronary artery disease, which was defined as stenosis of 50% or more of the diameter of the left main coronary artery or stenosis of 70% or more of the diameter of a major epicardial vessel.

### RESULTS

A total of 398,978 patients were included in the study. The median age was 61 years; 52.7% of the patients were men, 26.0% had diabetes, and 69.6% had hypertension. Noninvasive testing was performed in 83.9% of the patients. At catheterization, 149,739 patients (37.6%) had obstructive coronary artery disease. No coronary artery disease (defined as <20% stenosis in all vessels) was reported in 39.2% of the patients. Independent predictors of obstructive coronary artery disease included male sex (odds ratio, 2.70; 95% confidence interval [CI], 2.64 to 2.76), older age (odds ratio per 5-year increment, 1.29; 95% CI, 1.28 to 1.30), presence of insulin-dependent diabetes (odds ratio, 2.14; 95% CI, 2.07 to 2.21), and presence of dyslipidemia (odds ratio, 1.62; 95% CI, 1.57 to 1.67). Patients with a positive result on a noninvasive test were moderately more likely to have obstructive coronary artery disease than those who did not undergo any testing (41.0% vs. 35.0%;  $P < 0.001$ ; adjusted odds ratio, 1.28; 95% CI, 1.19 to 1.37).

### CONCLUSIONS

In this study, slightly more than one third of patients without known disease who underwent elective cardiac catheterization had obstructive coronary artery disease. Better strategies for risk stratification are needed to inform decisions and to increase the diagnostic yield of cardiac catheterization in routine clinical practice.

Table 2. Predictors of Obstructive Coronary Artery Disease.

| Variable                              | Wald Chi-Square Statistic | Adjusted Odds Ratio (95% CI) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Age, per 5-yr increase                | 6146.2                    | 1.29 (1.28–1.30)             |
| Body-mass index, per 5-unit increase* | 550.3                     | 0.92 (0.91–0.92)             |
| Male sex                              | 8632.9                    | 2.70 (2.64–2.76)             |
| White race†                           | 50.2                      | 1.21 (1.15–1.28)             |
| Diabetes‡                             |                           |                              |
| Insulin-dependent                     | 1932.3                    | 2.14 (2.07–2.21)             |

663 hospitals  
 398,978 pts.  
 oCAD 37.6 %  
 (+) on non-invasive test  
 41 % vs 35% (OR 1.28)

|                        |       |                  |
|------------------------|-------|------------------|
| Requiring dialysis     | 26.9  | 1.30 (1.18–1.43) |
| Not requiring dialysis | 14.1  | 1.15 (1.07–1.23) |
| Chronic lung disease   | 298.6 | 0.78 (0.76–0.80) |
| Presence of symptoms   |       |                  |
| Typical                | 353.6 | 1.91 (1.78–2.05) |
| Atypical               | 84.2  | 0.76 (0.71–0.80) |
| Noninvasive testing**  |       |                  |
| Positive result        | 48.9  | 1.28 (1.19–1.37) |
| Equivocal result       | 25.3  | 0.79 (0.71–0.86) |
| Negative result        | 19.4  | 0.82 (0.74–0.89) |

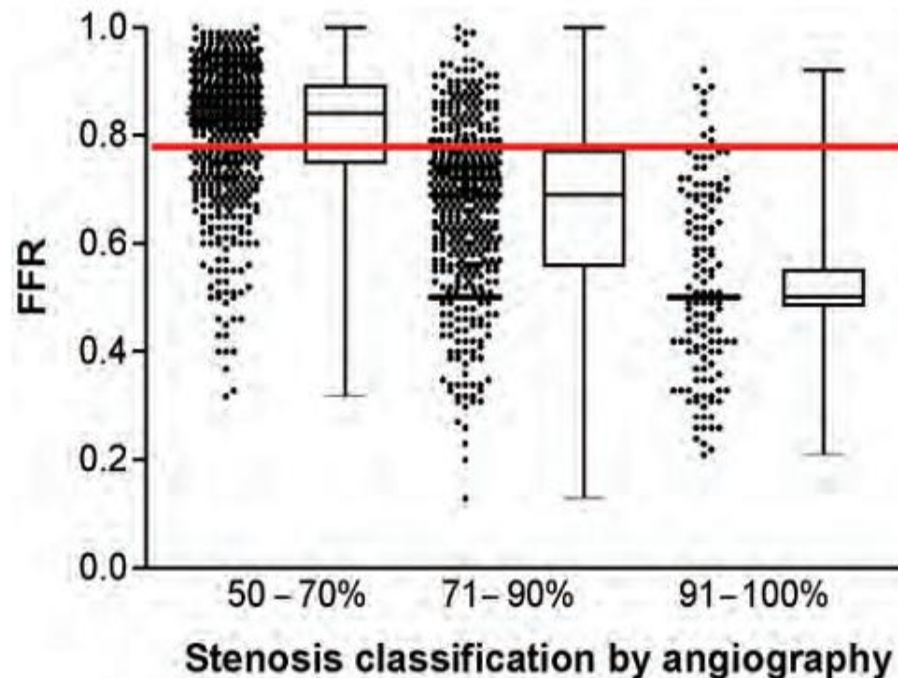
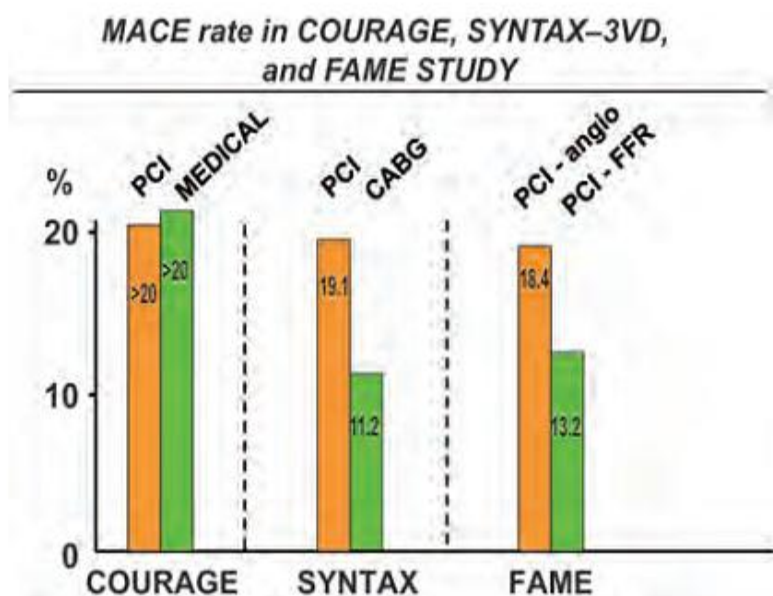




Frontiers in cardiovascular medicine

## Functional assessment of coronary stenoses: can we live without it?

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**Figure 5** Major adverse event rate (death from all causes, myocardial infarction, and (repeated) revascularization) in theory artery stenoses. COURAGE study, SYNTAX-3VD study, and FAME study. It is

**Figure 7** Angiographic severity vs. functional severity of coronary artery stenoses. Box-and-Whisker plot showing the fractional flow reserve values of the lesions in the categories of 50–70, 71–90, and 91–99% diameter stenosis as visually estimated on the basis of the coronary angiogram (from Sant’Ann FM et al.,<sup>31</sup>

# Atherosclerotic Plaque Characteristics by CT Angiography Identify Coronary Lesions That Cause Ischemia

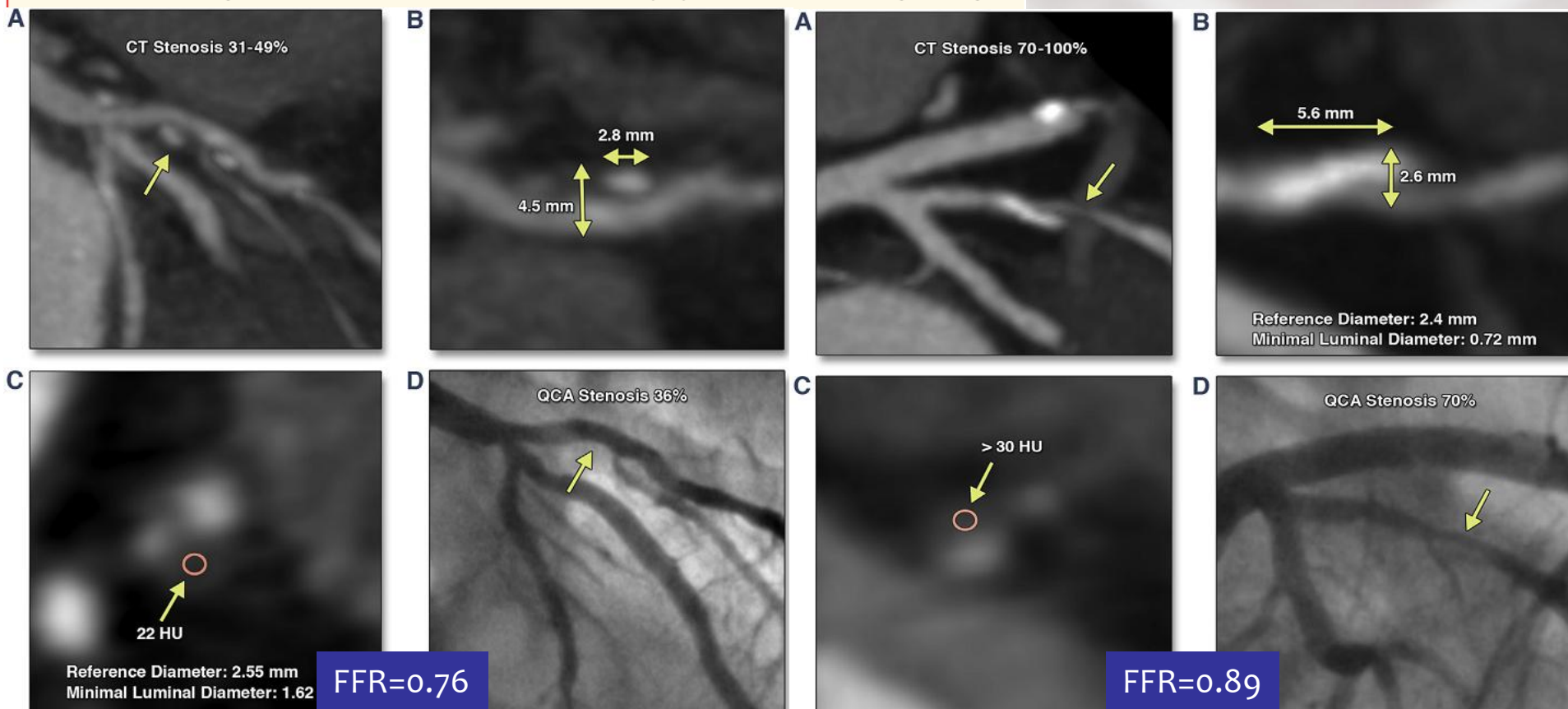


## A Direct Comparison to Fractional Flow Reserve

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### ABSTRACT

**OBJECTIVES** This study evaluated the association between atherosclerotic plaque characteristics (APCs) by coronary



# CT coronary angiography in patients with suspected angina due to coronary heart disease (SCOT-HEART): an open-label, parallel-group, multicentre trial

The SCOT-HEART investigators\*

## Summary

**Background** The benefit of CT coronary angiography (CTCA) in patients presenting with stable chest pain has not been systematically studied. We aimed to assess the effect of CTCA on the diagnosis, management, and outcome of patients referred to the cardiology clinic with suspected angina due to coronary heart disease.

**Methods** In this prospective open-label, parallel-group, multicentre trial, we recruited patients aged 18–75 years referred for the assessment of suspected angina due to coronary heart disease from 12 cardiology chest pain clinics across Scotland. We randomly assigned (1:1) participants to standard care plus CTCA or standard care alone. Randomisation was done with a web-based service to ensure allocation concealment. The primary endpoint was certainty of the diagnosis of angina secondary to coronary heart disease at 6 weeks. All analyses were intention to treat, and patients were analysed in the group they were allocated to, irrespective of compliance with scanning. This study is registered with ClinicalTrials.gov, number NCT01149590.

**Findings** Between Nov 18, 2010, and Sept 24, 2014, we randomly assigned 4146 (42%) of 9849 patients who had been referred for assessment of suspected angina due to coronary heart disease. 47% of participants had a baseline clinic diagnosis of coronary heart disease and 36% had angina due to coronary heart disease. At 6 weeks, CTCA reclassified the diagnosis of coronary heart disease in 558 (27%) patients and the diagnosis of angina due to coronary heart disease in 481 (23%) patients (standard care 22 [1%] and 23 [1%];  $p < 0.0001$ ). Although both the certainty (relative risk [RR] 2.56, 95% CI 2.33–2.79;  $p < 0.0001$ ) and frequency of coronary heart disease increased (1.09, 1.02–1.17;  $p = 0.0172$ ), the certainty increased (1.79, 1.62–1.96;  $p < 0.0001$ ) and frequency seemed to decrease (0.93, 0.85–1.02;  $p = 0.1289$ ) for the diagnosis of angina due to coronary heart disease. This changed planned investigations (15% vs 1%;  $p < 0.0001$ ) and treatments (23% vs 5%;  $p < 0.0001$ ) but did not affect 6-week symptom severity or subsequent admittances to hospital for chest pain. After 1.7 years, CTCA was associated with a 38% reduction in fatal and non-fatal myocardial infarction (26 vs 42, HR 0.62, 95% CI 0.38–1.01;  $p = 0.0527$ ), but this was not significant.

**Interpretation** In patients with suspected angina due to coronary heart disease, CTCA clarifies the diagnosis, enables targeting of interventions, and might reduce the future risk of myocardial infarction.



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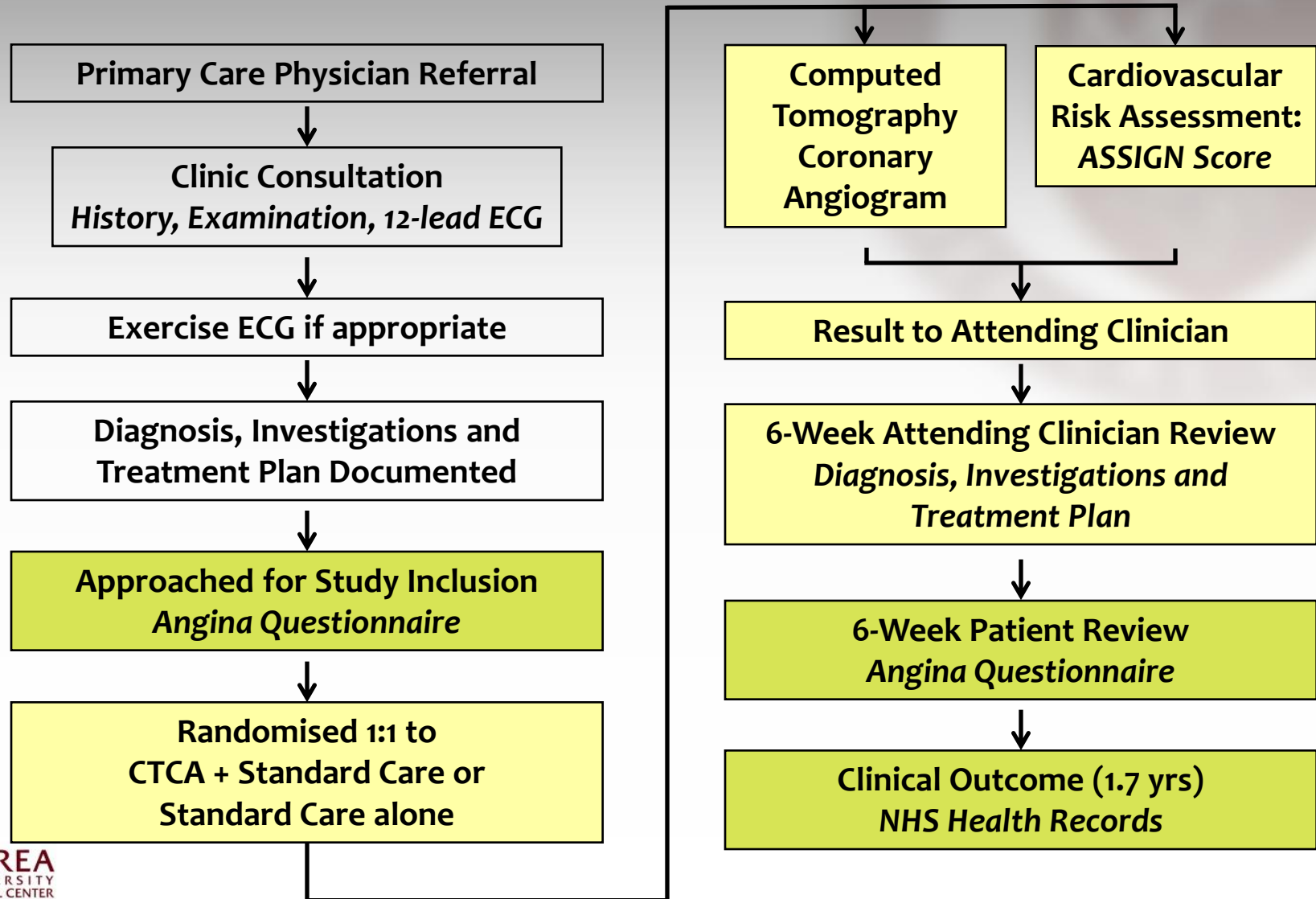
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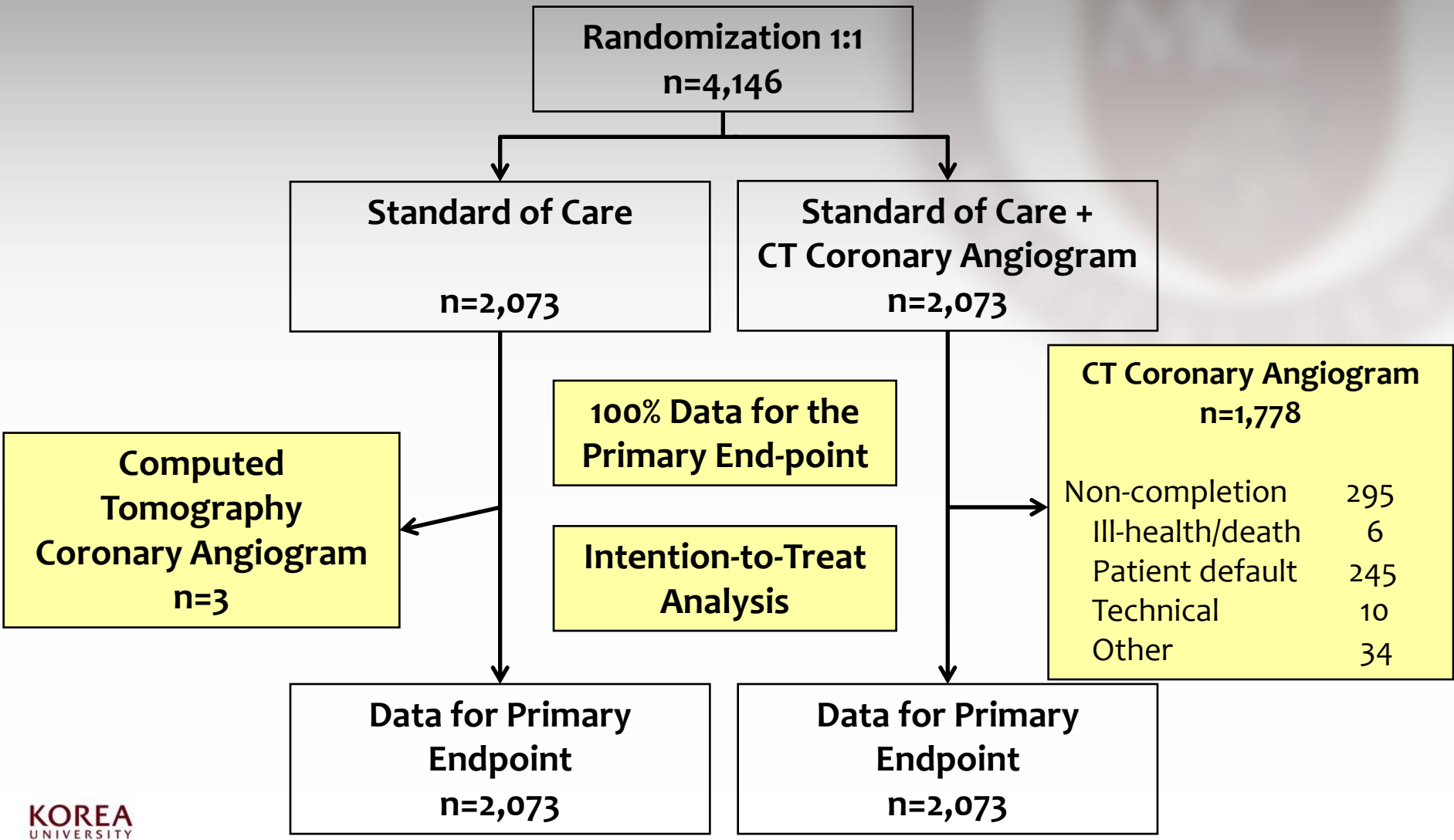
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# Scottish COmputed Tomography of the HEART (SCOT-HEART) Trial Study Protocol



# Scottish COmputed Tomography of the HEART (SCOT-HEART) Trial Trial Population



# Baseline and 6-week diagnoses of coronary heart disease and angina due to coronary heart disease

|  | 6-week diagnosis |                  |                  |                  | Total              |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|  | Yes              | Probable         | Unlikely         | No               |                    |
| <b>Diagnosis of coronary heart disease</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Standard care and CTCA                     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                    |
| <b>558 (27%) vs 22 (1%)</b>                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Baseline diagnosis                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Yes  | 197 (10%)*       | 2 (0%)           | 4 (0%)           | 7 (0%)           | 210 (10%)          |
| Probable                                   | 148 (7%)         | 490 (24%)*       | 26 (1%)          | 107 (5%)         | 771 (37%)          |
| Unlikely                                   | 124 (6%)         | 48 (2%)          | 698 (34%)*       | 80 (4%)          | 950 (46%)          |
| No   | 7 (0%)           | 4 (0%)           | 1 (0%)           | 126 (6%)*        | 138 (7%)           |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>476 (23%)</b> | <b>544 (26%)</b> | <b>729 (35%)</b> | <b>320 (15%)</b> | <b>2069 (100%)</b> |
| Standard care                              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Baseline diagnosis                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Yes  | 220 (11%)*       | 1 (0%)           | 0 (0%)           | 1 (0%)           | 222 (11%)          |
| Probable                                   | 0 (0%)           | 721 (35%)*       | 6 (0%)           | 7 (0%)           | 734 (35%)          |
| Unlikely                                   | 1 (0%)           | 6 (0%)           | 975 (47%)*       | 0 (0%)           | 982 (47%)          |
| No   | 0 (0%)           | 0 (0%)           | 0 (0%)           | 132 (6%)*        | 132 (6%)           |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>221 (11%)</b> | <b>728 (35%)</b> | <b>981 (47%)</b> | <b>140 (7%)</b>  | <b>2070 (100%)</b> |

# Baseline and 6-week diagnoses of coronary heart disease and angina due to coronary heart disease

|  | 6-week diagnosis |                  |                   |                  | Total              |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|  | Yes              | Probable         | Unlikely          | No               |                    |
| <b>Diagnosis of angina due to coronary heart disease</b> |                  |                  |                   |                  |                    |
| Standard care and CTCA                                   |                  |                  |                   |                  |                    |
| Baseline diagnosis                                       |                  |                  |                   |                  |                    |
| Yes  | 126 (6%)*        | 0 (0%)           | 6 (0%)            | 8 (0%)           | 140 (7%)           |
| Probable   | 69 (3%)          | 402 (19%)*       | 52 (3%)           | 77 (4%)          | 600 (29%)          |
| Unlikely   | 33 (2%)          | 55 (3%)          | 822 (40%)*        | 151 (7%)         | 1061 (51%)         |
| No   | 3 (0%)           | 8 (0%)           | 19 (1%)           | 237 (11%)*       | 267 (13%)          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>231 (11%)</b> | <b>465 (22%)</b> | <b>899 (43%)</b>  | <b>473 (23%)</b> | <b>2068 (100%)</b> |
| Standard care  |                  |                  |                   |                  |                    |
| Baseline diagnosis                                       |                  |                  |                   |                  |                    |
| Yes  | 139 (7%)*        | 1 (0%)           | 1 (0%)            | 0 (0%)           | 141 (7%)           |
| Probable   | 2 (0%)           | 588 (28%)*       | 5 (0%)            | 7 (0%)           | 602 (29%)          |
| Unlikely   | 2 (0%)           | 4 (0%)           | 1055 (51%)*       | 0 (0%)           | 1061 (51%)         |
| No   | 0 (0%)           | 0 (0%)           | 1 (0%)            | 265 (13%)*       | 266 (13%)          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>143 (7%)</b>  | <b>593 (29%)</b> | <b>1062 (51%)</b> | <b>272 (13%)</b> | <b>2070 (100%)</b> |

**481 (23%) vs 23 (1%)**

## Changes in investigations and treatments at 6 weeks

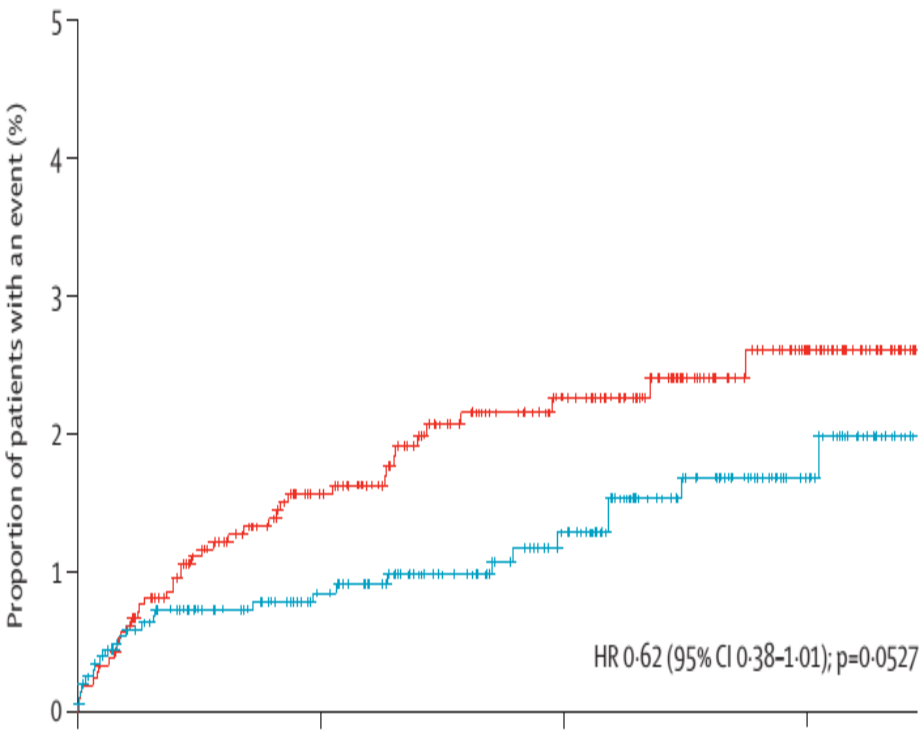
|                               | Standard care and CTCA |     | Standard care |     |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----|---------------|-----|
|                               | Cancellation           | New | Cancellation  | New |
| <b>Investigations</b>         |                        |     |               |     |
| Stress imaging                | 121                    | 5   | 0             | 6   |
| Invasive coronary angiography | 29                     | 94  | 1             | 8   |
| Total                         | 150                    | 99  | 1             | 14  |
| <b>Medical treatments</b>     |                        |     |               |     |
| Preventive treatment          | 77                     | 293 | 8             | 84  |
| Antianginal treatment         | 112                    | 82  | 6             | 11  |
| Total                         | 189                    | 375 | 14            | 95  |

CTCA=CT coronary angiography.

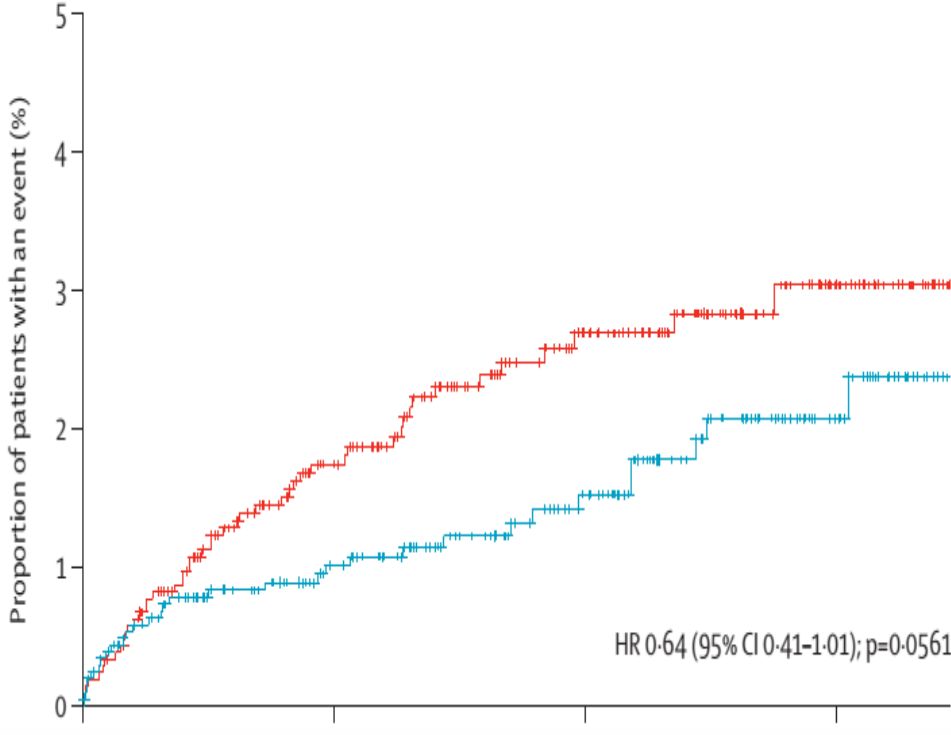


# CTCA and Clinical Outcome 1.7 Years of Follow-up

A CHD death and myocardial infarction



B CHD death, myocardial infarction, and stroke



# SCOT-HEART Trial: Conclusions

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In patients presenting with suspected angina due to coronary heart disease, the addition of CCTA (4.1 mSv)

- ① Clarifies the diagnosis: 1 in 4
- ② Increases the diagnosis of CHD but appears to reduce the diagnosis of angina due to CHD
- ③ Alters subsequent investigations: 1 in 6
- ④ Changes treatments: 1 in 4
- ⑤ Does not affect short-term anginal symptoms
- ⑥ May increase coronary revascularisation and reduce fatal and non-fatal myocardial infarction (38%)

## PROMISE trial

- Budget restraints: minimum follow-up of the cohort was decreased to 1 from 2-year
  - With shorter follow-up and less events, the increased use of preventive therapies used in the **CCTA arm had little time to improve outcomes**, and the “warranty period” hypothesis could not be tested.
  - Low event rate (3% for functional test and 3.3 % for CCTA)
  - 34% reduction of death and nonfatal MI at 12 months
  - 25 % of reduction of MI in the CCTA group

## PROMISE trial

- Significantly reduced the rate of ICA in patients without obstructive CAD.
- Increasing the rate of revascularization
  - Increases cost to healthcare services
  - Patients with anatomical obstructive CAD needed a test for ischemia before revascularization

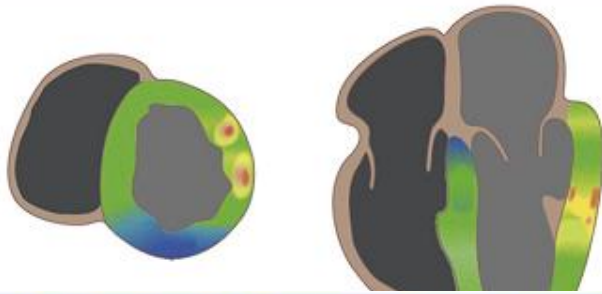
## CCTA

- Excellent NPV
  - Best non-invasive rule-out test in patients with low to intermediate likelihood of CAD
  - Absence of CAD on initial CCTA was associated lower costs and decreased downstream utilization

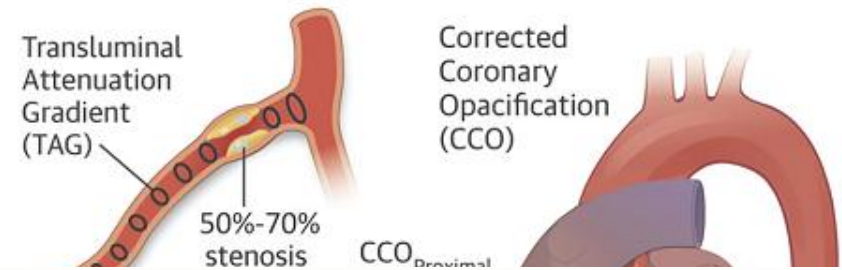
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- Radiation dose of CTCA is rapidly decreasing.
- Functional assessment.

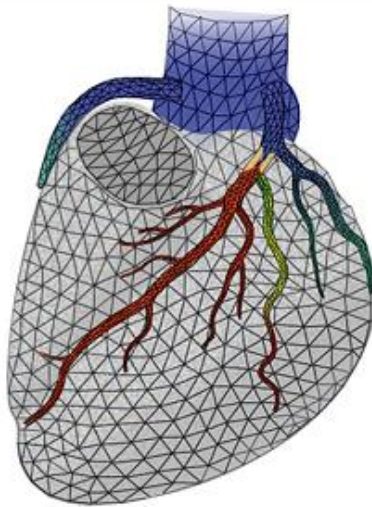
## MYOCARDIAL PERFUSION IMAGING



## CORONARY ATTENUATION PATTERNS



## CTA DERIVED FRACTIONAL FLOW RESERVE



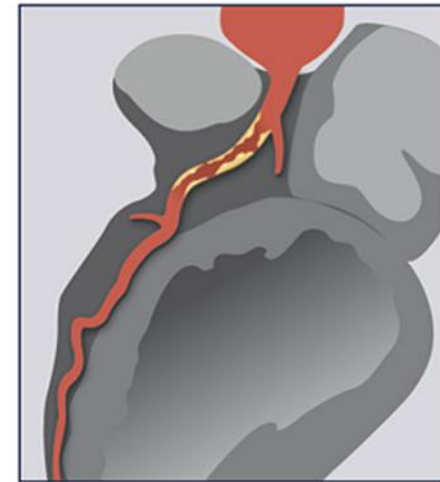
### Main Features:

- Computed using computational fluid dynamics from regular CT angiograms without protocol modification or additional medication
- Improved diagnostic accuracy vs CTA alone, mainly due to higher specificity

### Current Limitations:

- Remote evaluation
- Dependence on high image quality

## ATHEROSCLEROTIC PLAQUE CHARACTERISTICS



### Main Features:

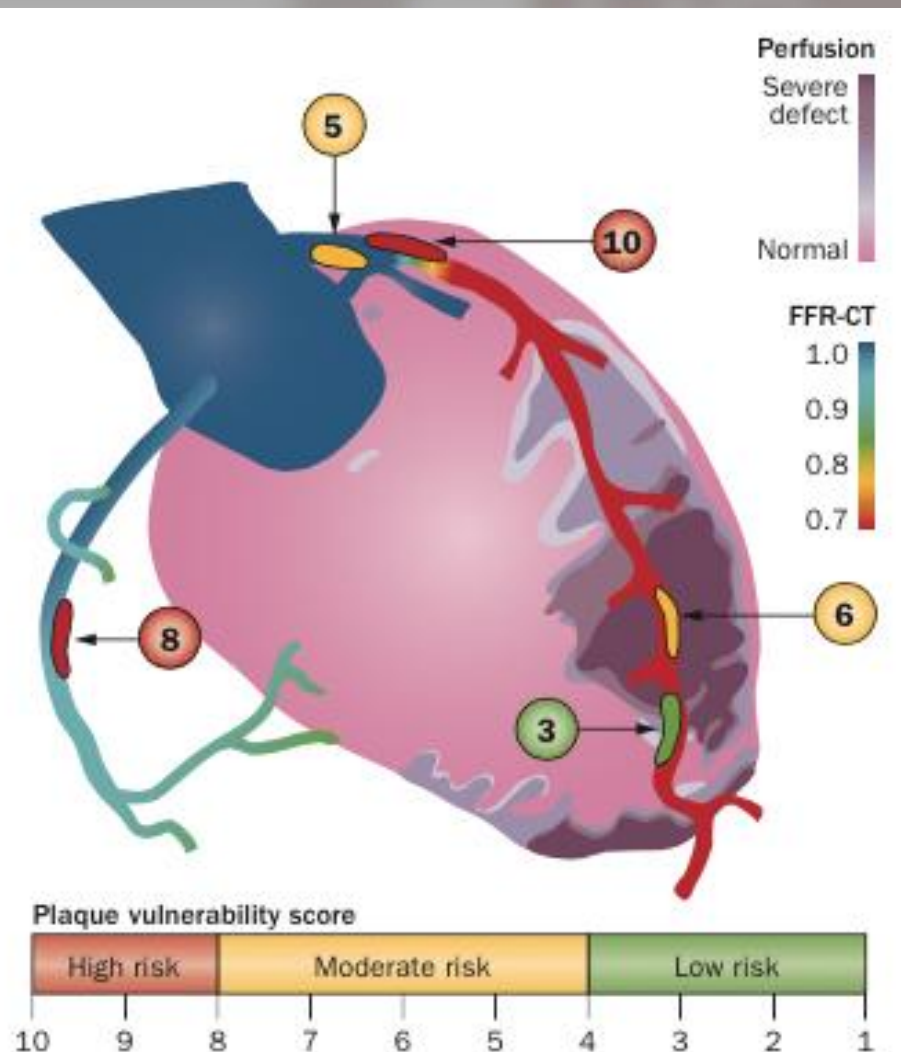
- Lesion length, low attenuation plaque, positive remodeling, and aggregate plaque volume associated with ischemia by invasive FFR

### Current Limitations:

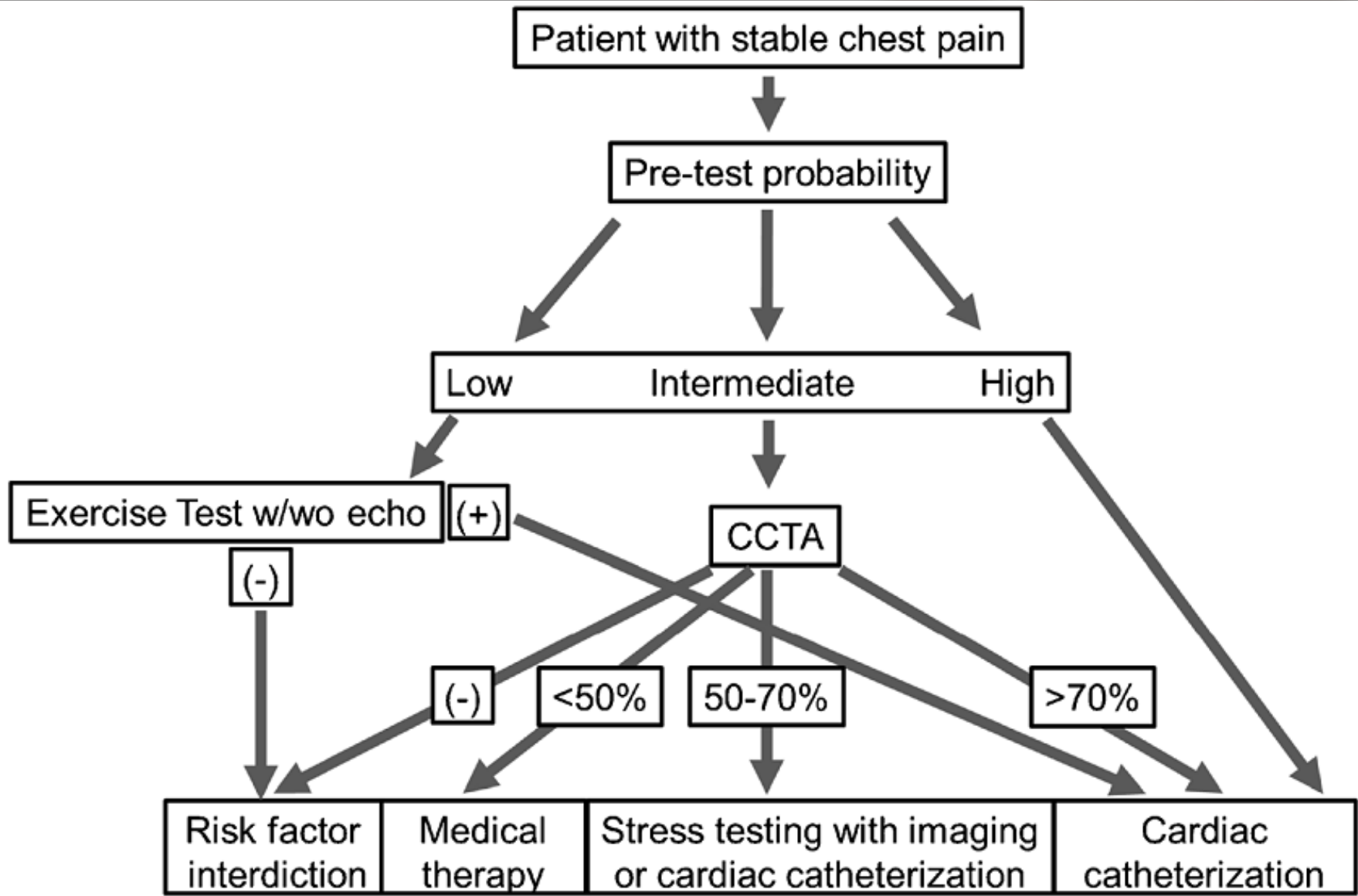
- Dependence on high image quality
- Spatial resolution
- Low attenuation plaque cut-off influenced by several factors

# Comprehensive Assessment

- ✓ Stenosis
- ✓ Plaque
- ✓ Perfusion
- ✓ FFR, TAG
- ✓ Viability



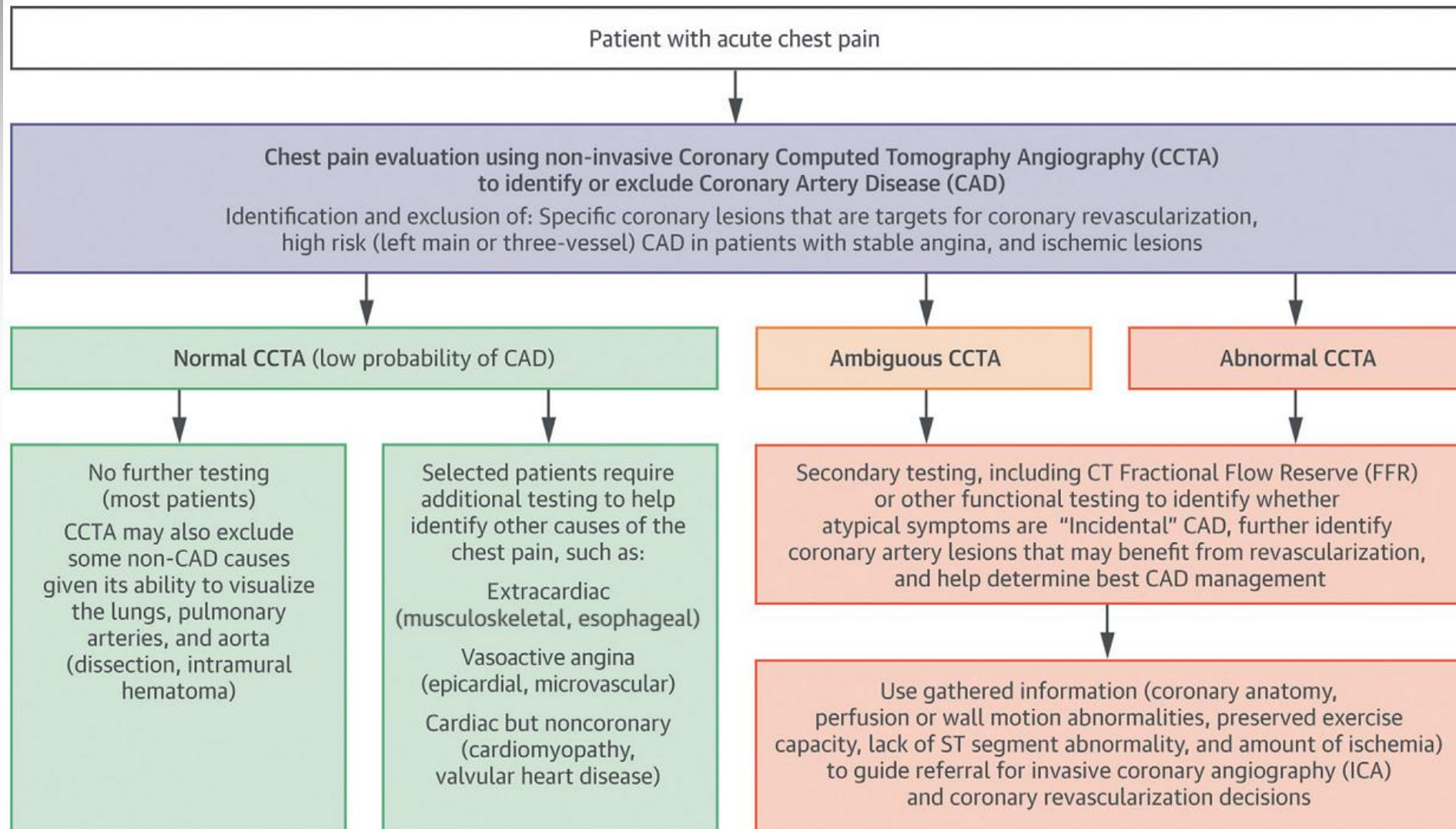
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# Finding the Gatekeeper to the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory

## Coronary CT Angiography or Stress Testing?

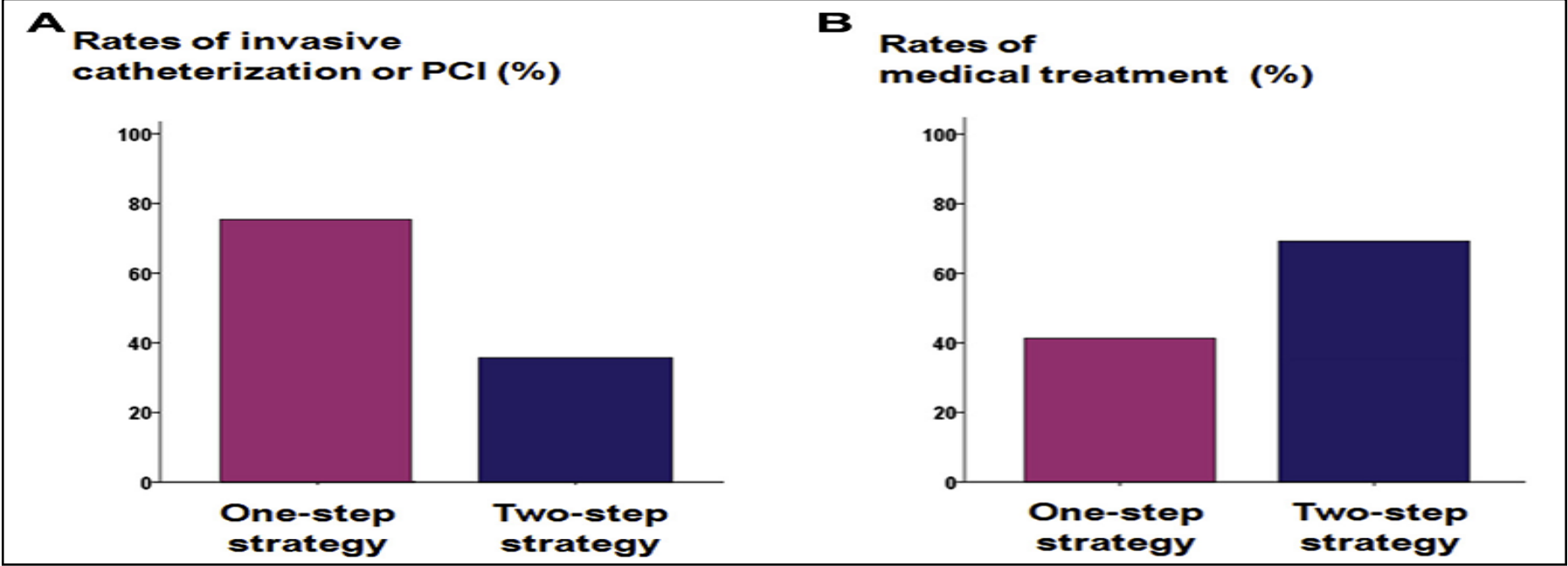
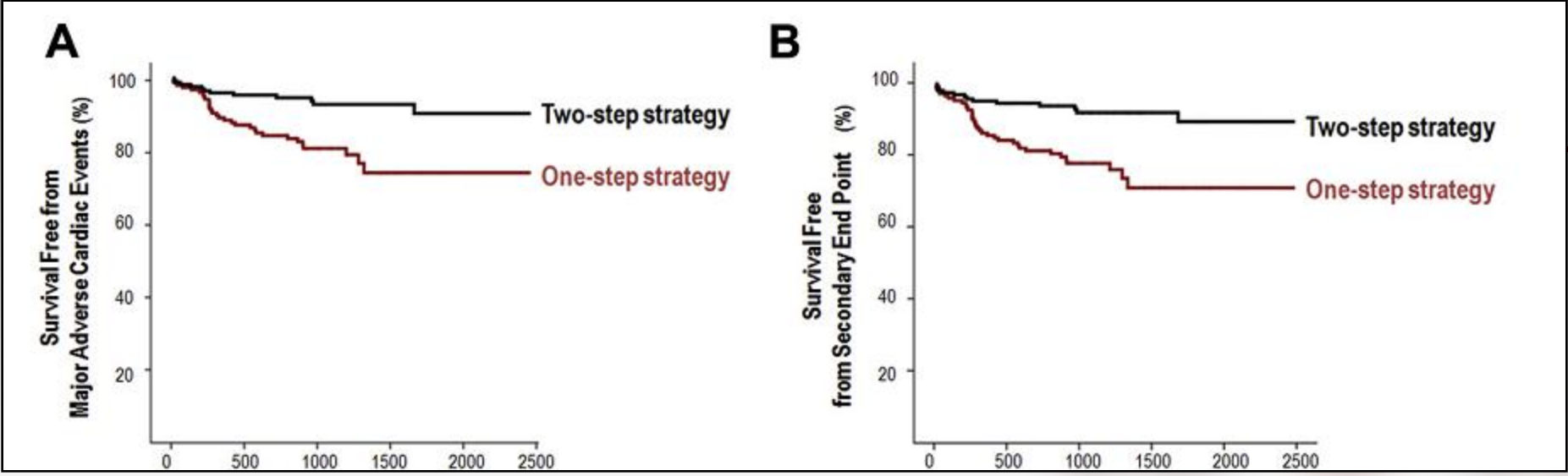


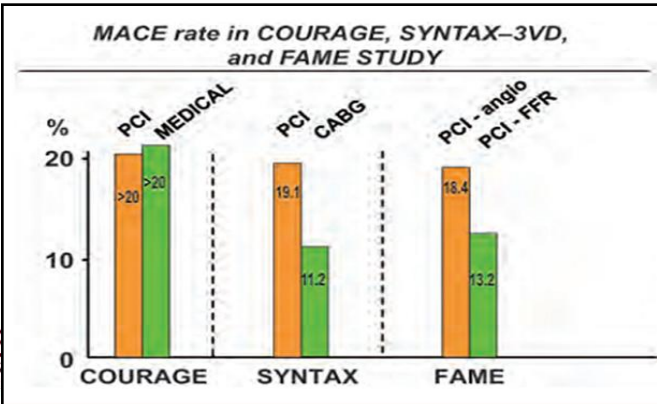
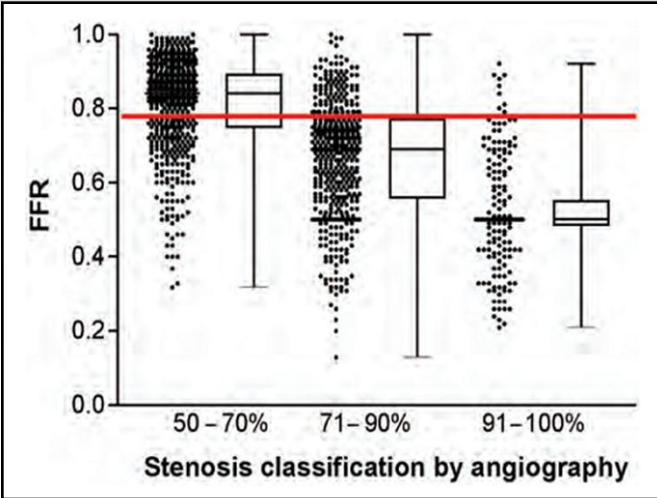
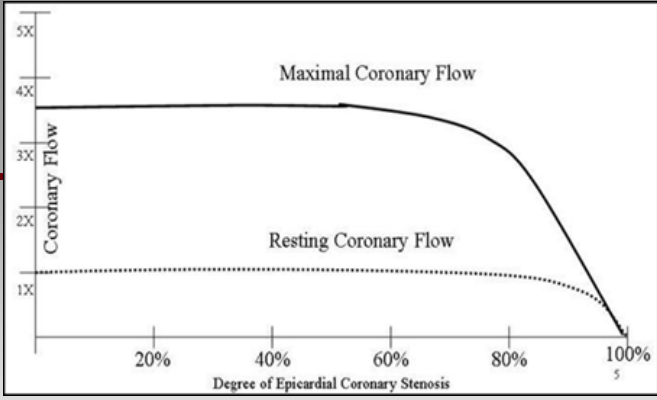
# Coronary Computed Tomography Angiography Alone Versus Confirmatory Functional Testing for Guiding Treatment Strategy for Patients With Intermediate Coronary Artery Stenosis



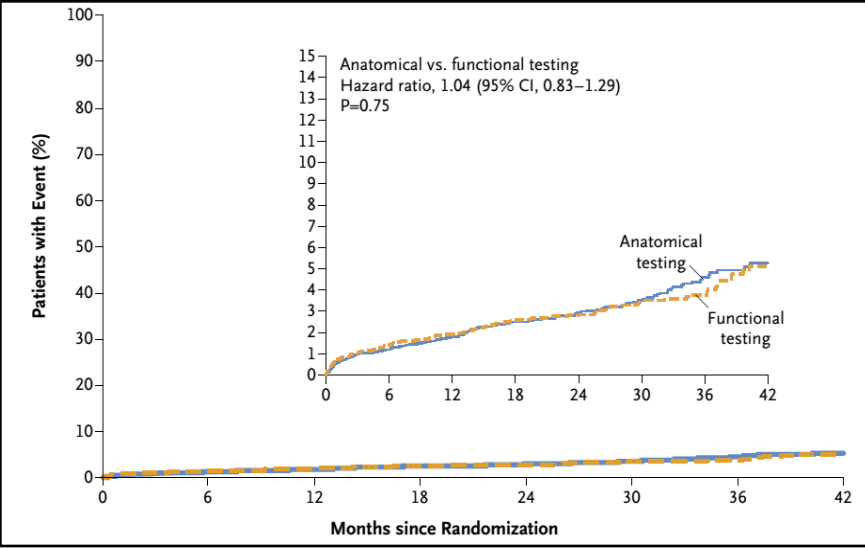
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Intermediate coronary artery stenosis ( $\geq 50\%$  and  $< 90\%$ ) on coronary computed tomography angiography (CTA) is usually considered as a significant lesion. However, anatomical diagnosis is not well correlated with the functional significance of myocardial ischemia. We investigated whether functional testing in addition to coronary CTA improves outcomes of patients with intermediate stenosis, compared with the 1-step CTA-alone-based strategy. From 2006 to 2011, we consecutively enrolled **335 patients** with chest pain with intermediate stenosis detected by an initially performed coronary CTA. Of these, **159 patients followed the 1-step strategy**, whereas **176 followed the 2-step strategy with confirmatory functional tests**. One-year follow-up data were obtained for all patients. The primary end point was a composite of cardiovascular death, nonfatal myocardial infarction, and repeated or delayed revascularization (major adverse cardiac event) within a year. Baseline clinical parameters were comparable between patients of the 2 different strategies. The rate of invasive catheterization or percutaneous intervention was 75.5% in the 1-step group and 35.2% in the 2-step group ( $p < 0.001$ ). Consequently, more patients in the 2-step group were medically treated without unnecessary revascularization compared with patients in the 1-step group (71.0% vs 40.9%,  $p < 0.001$ ). Only 2.5% of the patients who received medical treatment in the 2-step group finally received delayed revascularization, whereas 14% in the 1-step group did. Overall, the primary end point occurred in 11.3% in the 1-step group and 4.0% in the 2-step group ( $p = 0.011$ ). In conclusion, **confirmatory functional testing reduces invasive catheterization and coronary intervention and improves clinical outcomes in patients with intermediate stenosis on coronary CTA.** © 2015 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. (Am J Cardiol 2015;115:602–608)





# Anatomic luminal stenosis versus Myocardial Ischemia (MPI, FFR, TAG)



- ✓ High NPV
- ✓ Clarified diagnosis
- ✓ Fewer invasive angiograms
- ✓ Focused appropriate treatments
- ✓ Reduction in death/non-fatal MI
  - ✓ Cost-effective
- ✓ Decreasing Radiation dose
- ✓ Plaque, MPI, FFR, TAG

**Non-invasive test**

**Anatomic *versus* Functional**

**NOT Competitive**

**Comparative**

**Cooperative / Complementary**

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