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# Aortic Stenosis: Fifty Years of Progress

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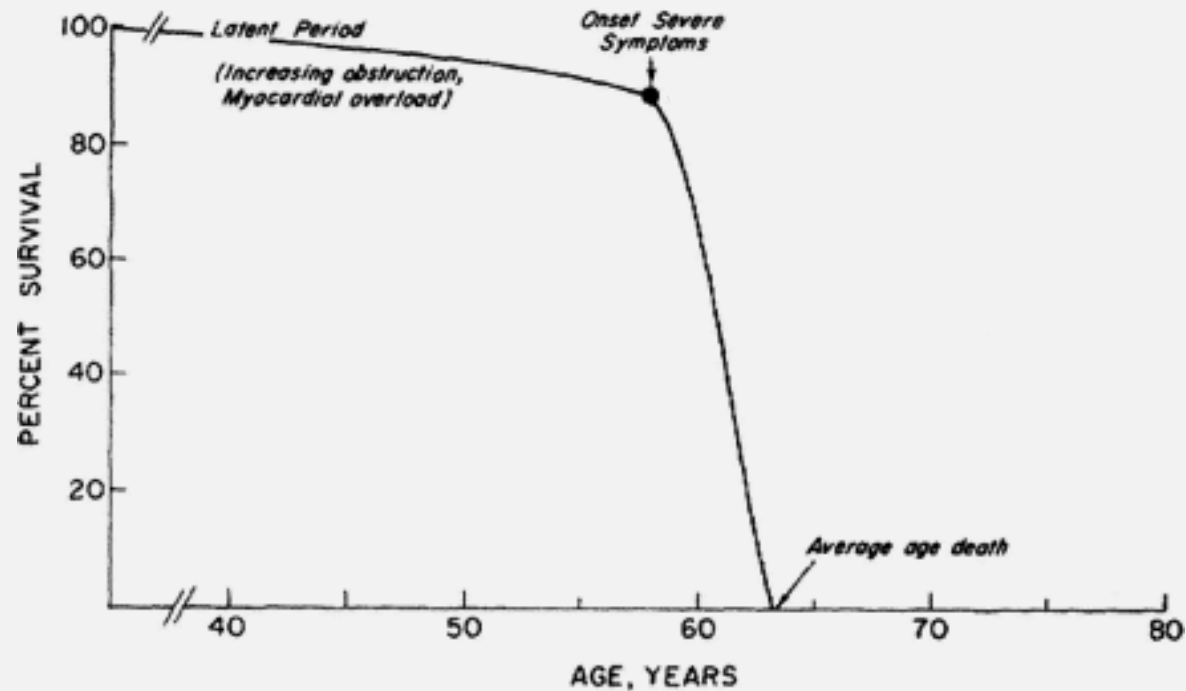
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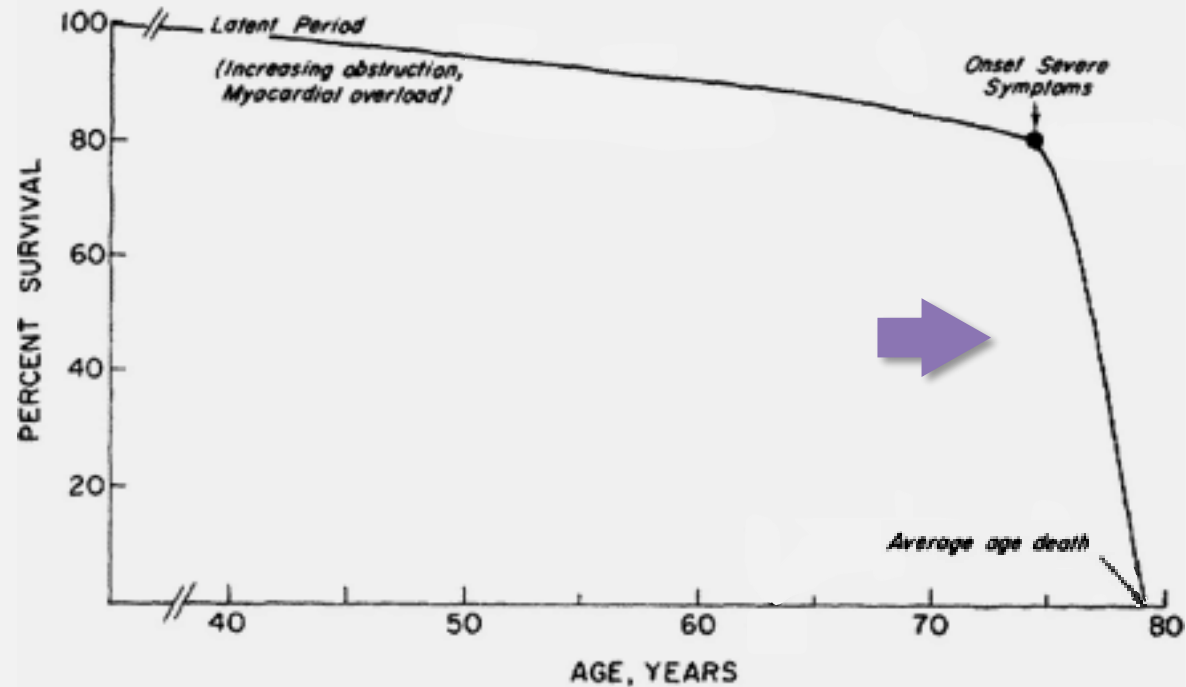
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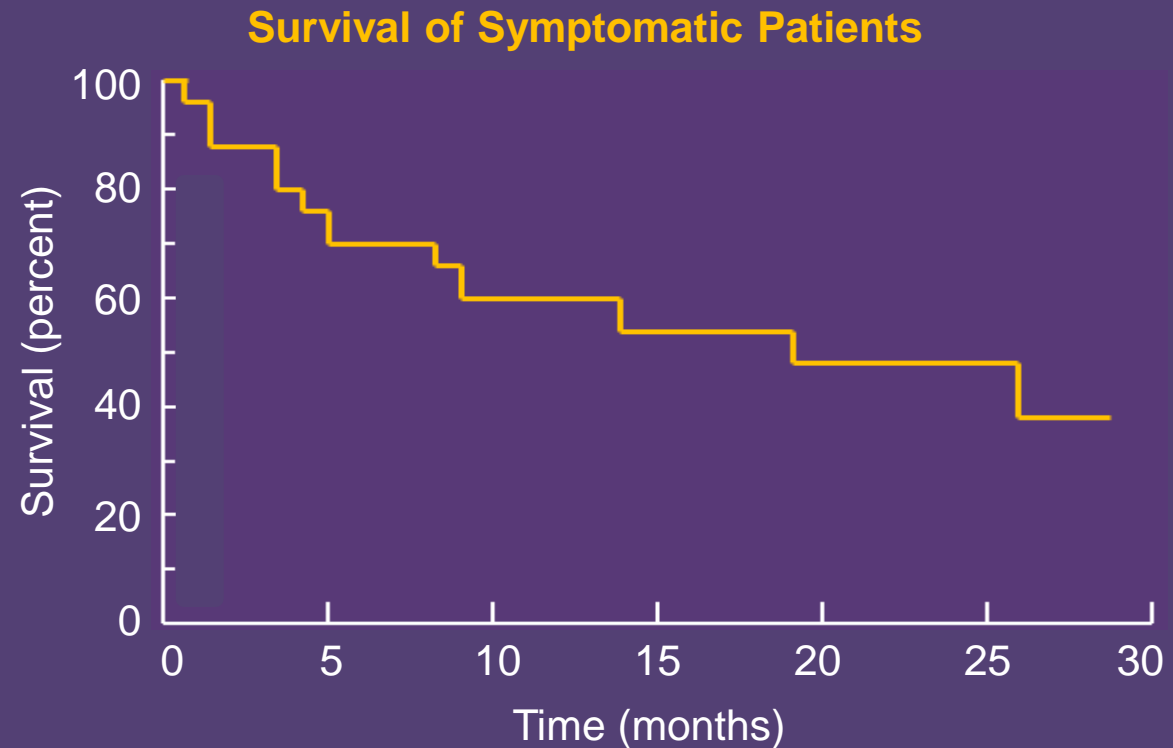
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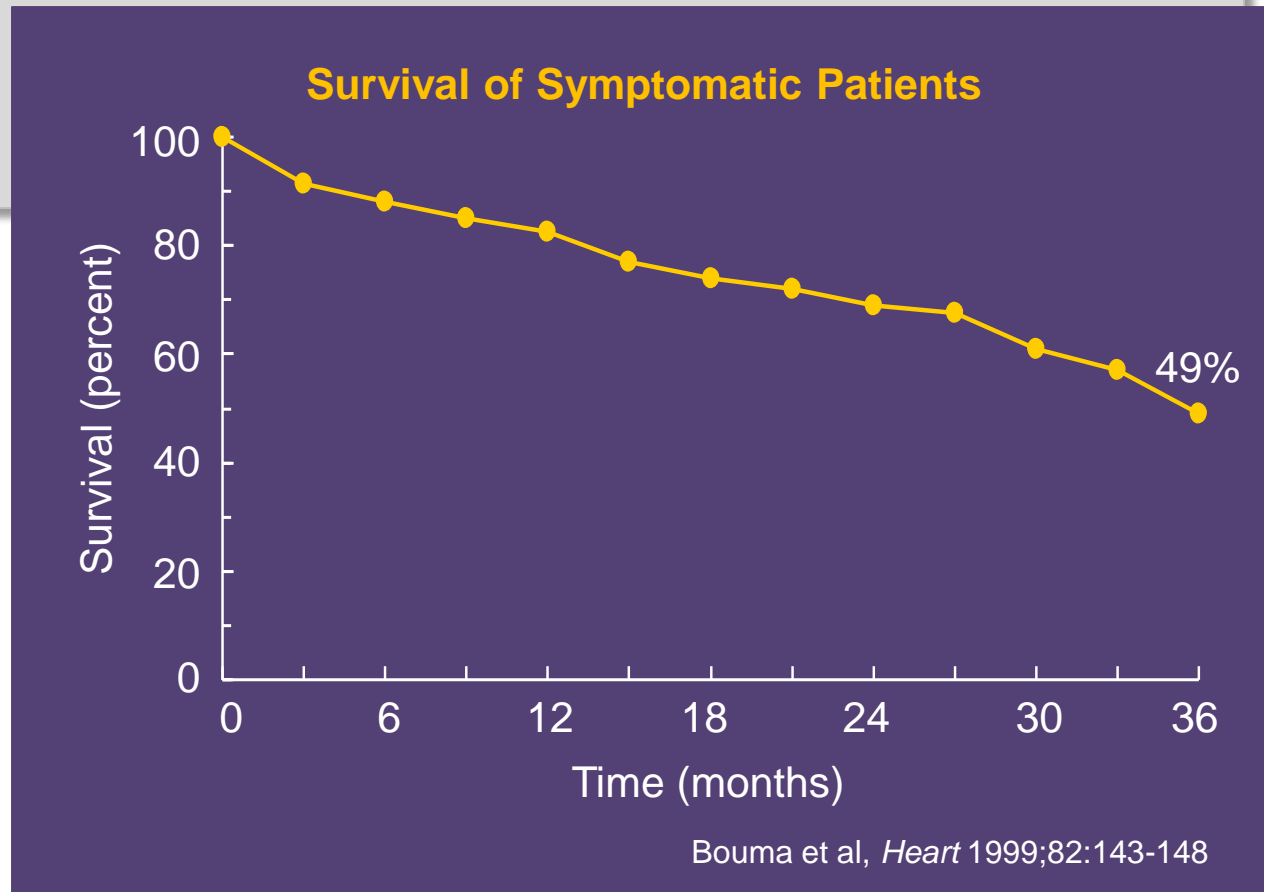
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# To operate or not on elderly patients with aortic stenosis: the decision and its consequences

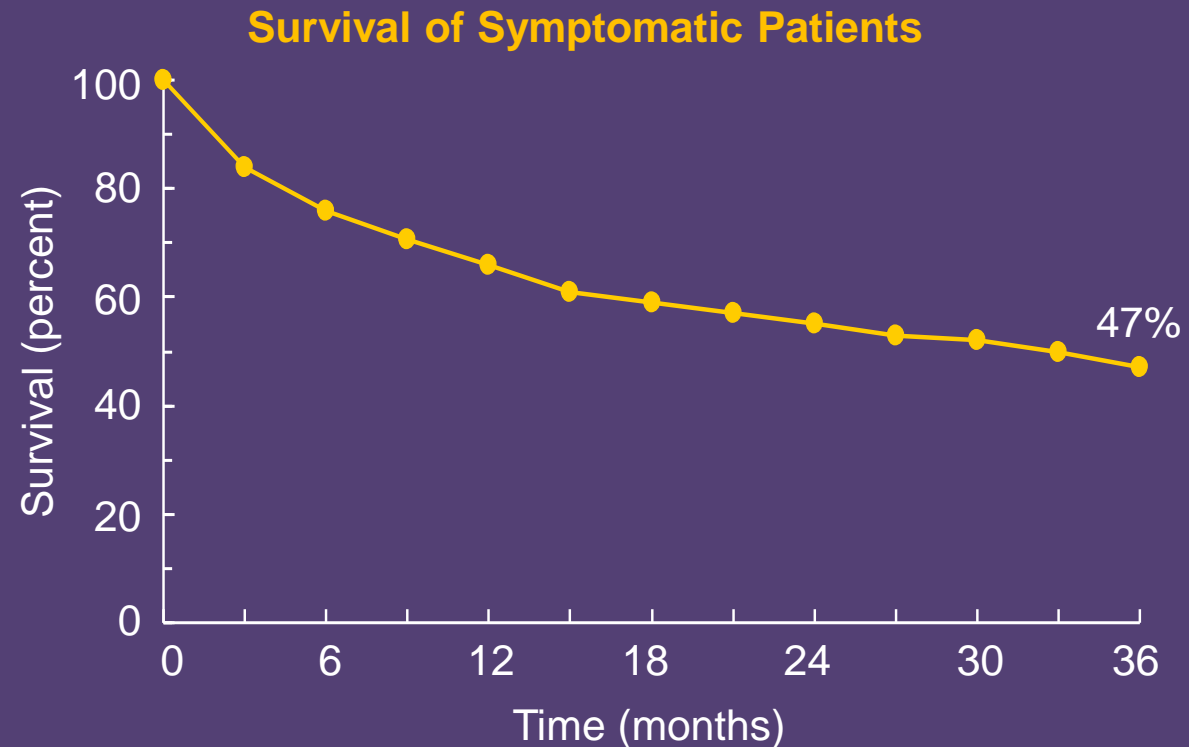
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# Evaluation of Patients With Severe Symptomatic Aortic Stenosis Who Do Not Undergo Aortic Valve Replacement

## The Potential Role of Subjectively Overestimated Operative Risk

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# Aortic Stenosis



## Indications for AVR

- Symptomatic patients with severe AS

**class I**

...if it is likely that the symptoms are cardiac in origin

# Aortic Stenosis



## Indications for AVR

- Symptomatic patients with severe AS
- Asymptomatic patients with severe AS

**class I**



... are asymptomatic patients with severe AS *really* asymptomatic?

# Aortic Stenosis



## Indications for AVR

### *Exercise test results:*

- Symptoms **class I**
- Hypotension **class IIa**

How are **symptoms** determined?

- Everyone has symptoms on stress test
- Are the symptoms cardiac in origin?
- What level of exercise?

How is **hypotension** defined?

- Less than 20 mmHg increase (?)

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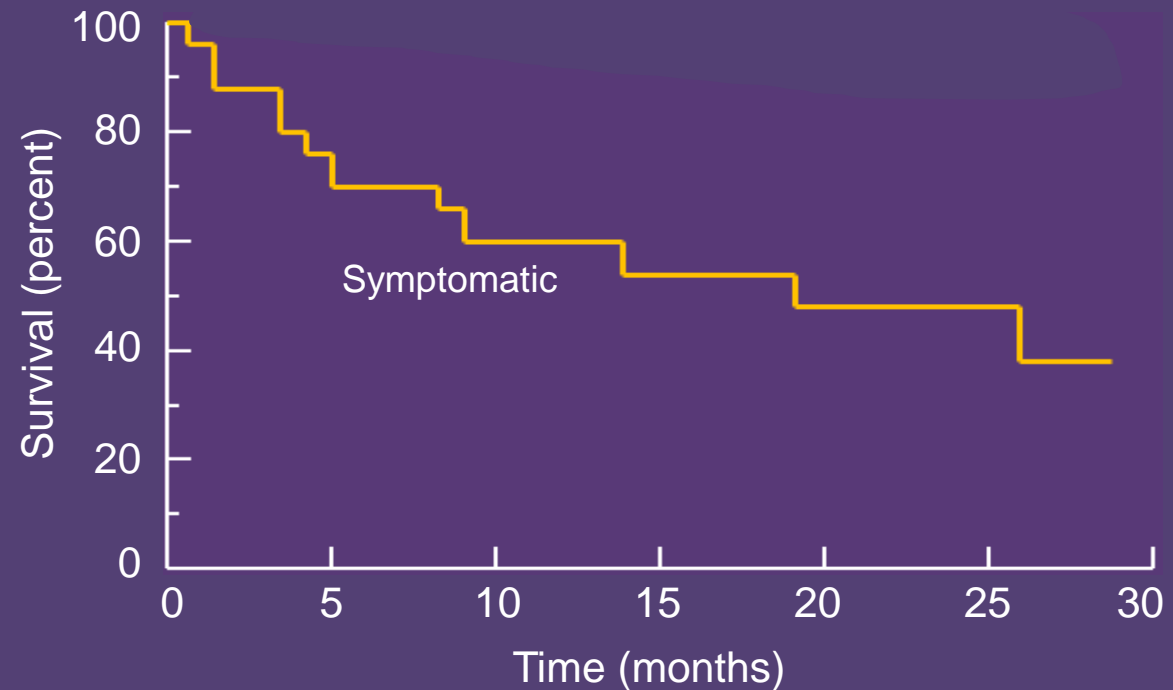
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...when they are **really** asymptomatic?

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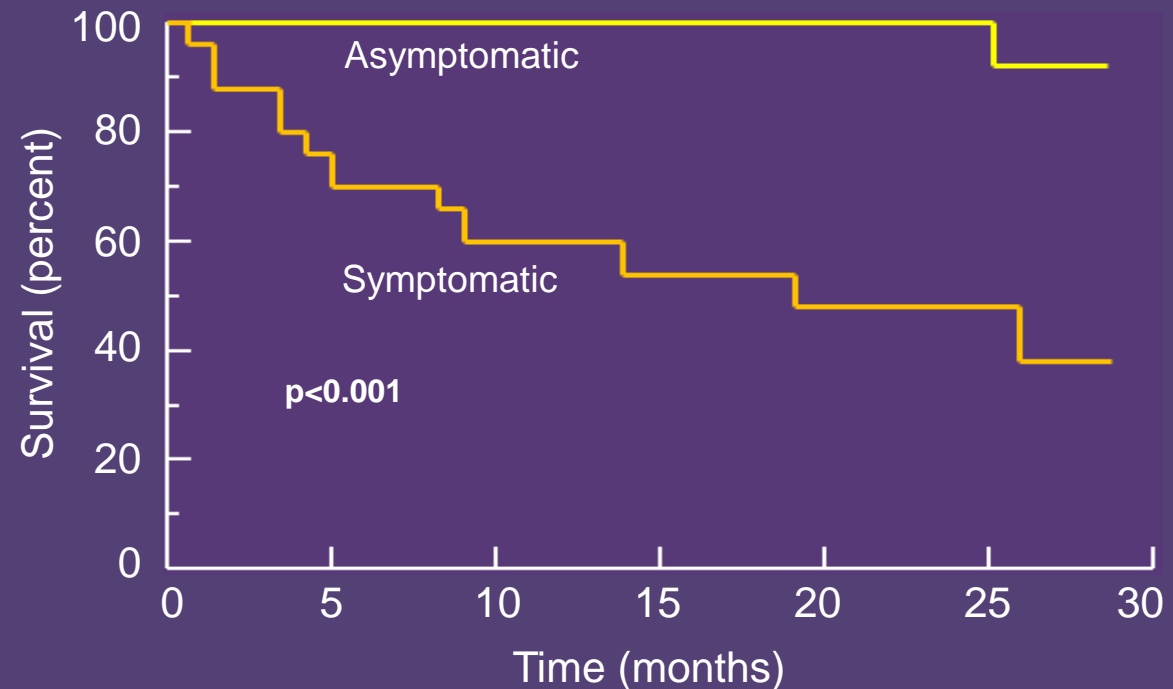
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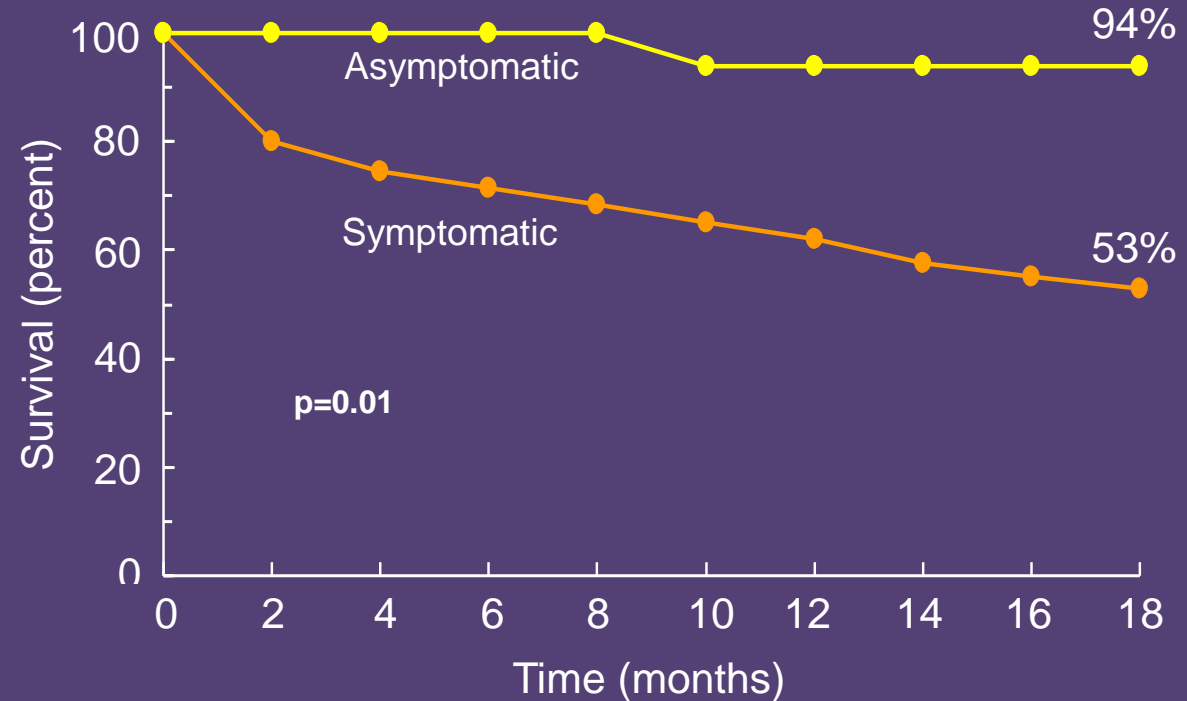


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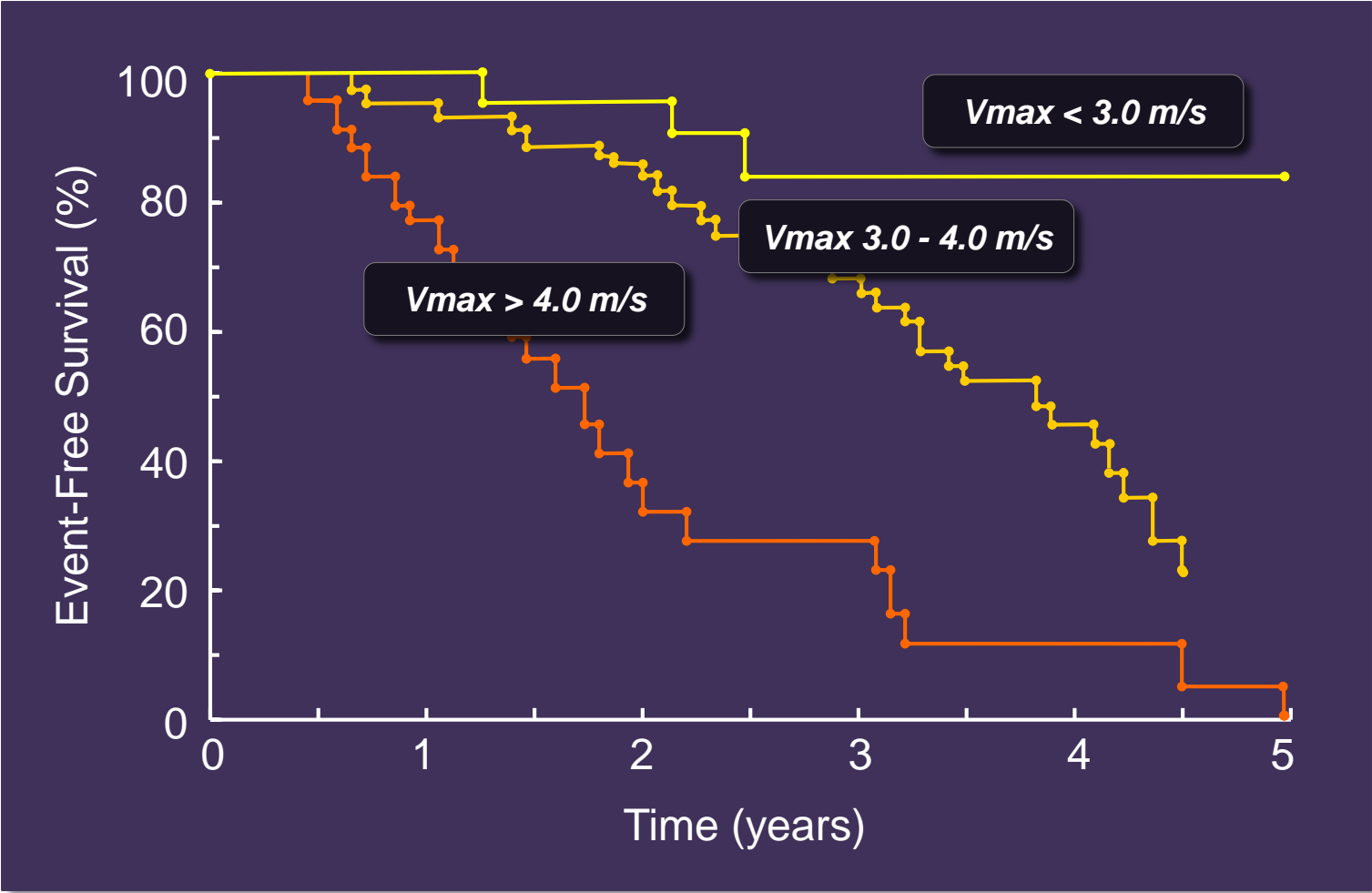
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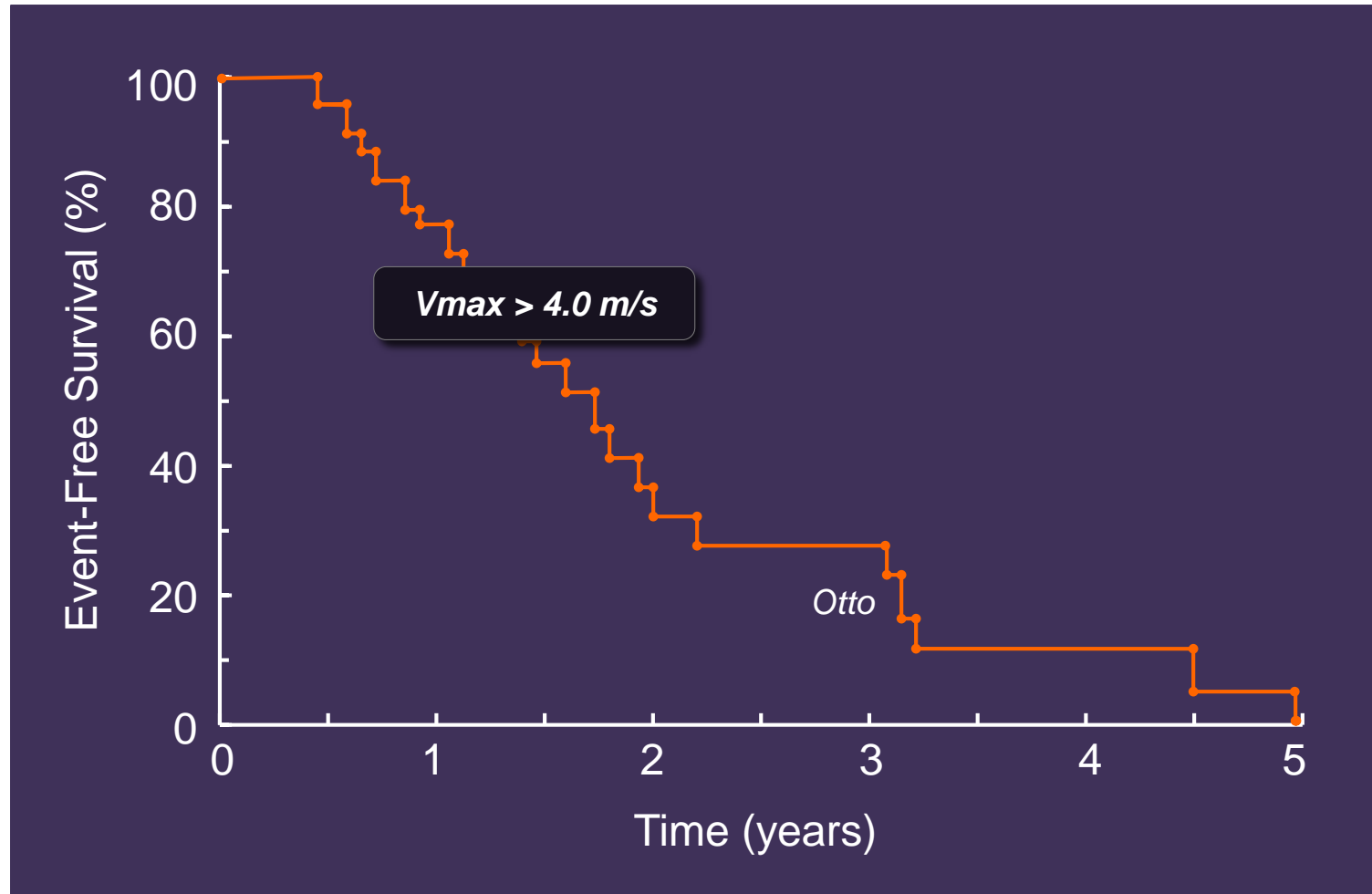
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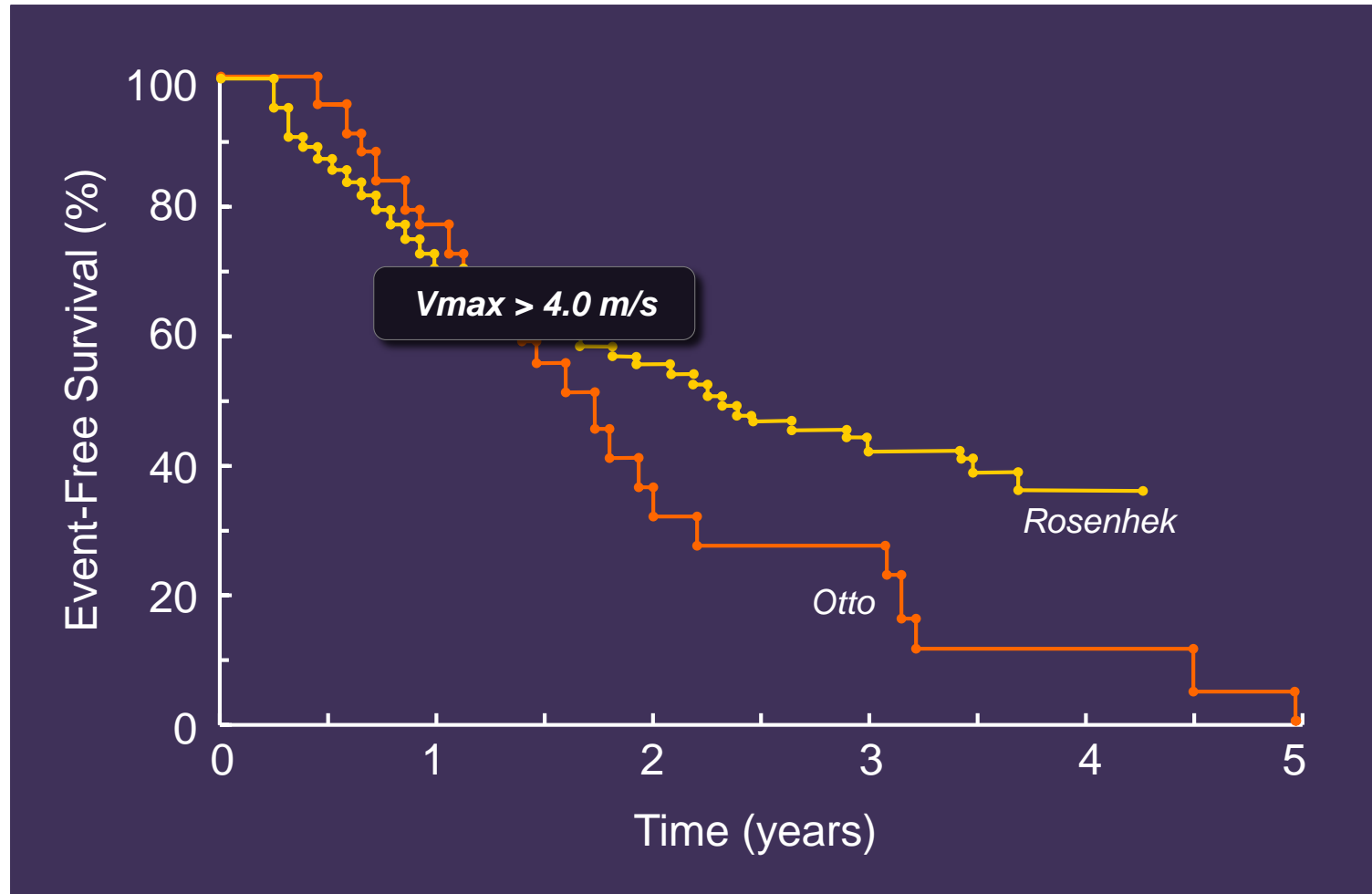
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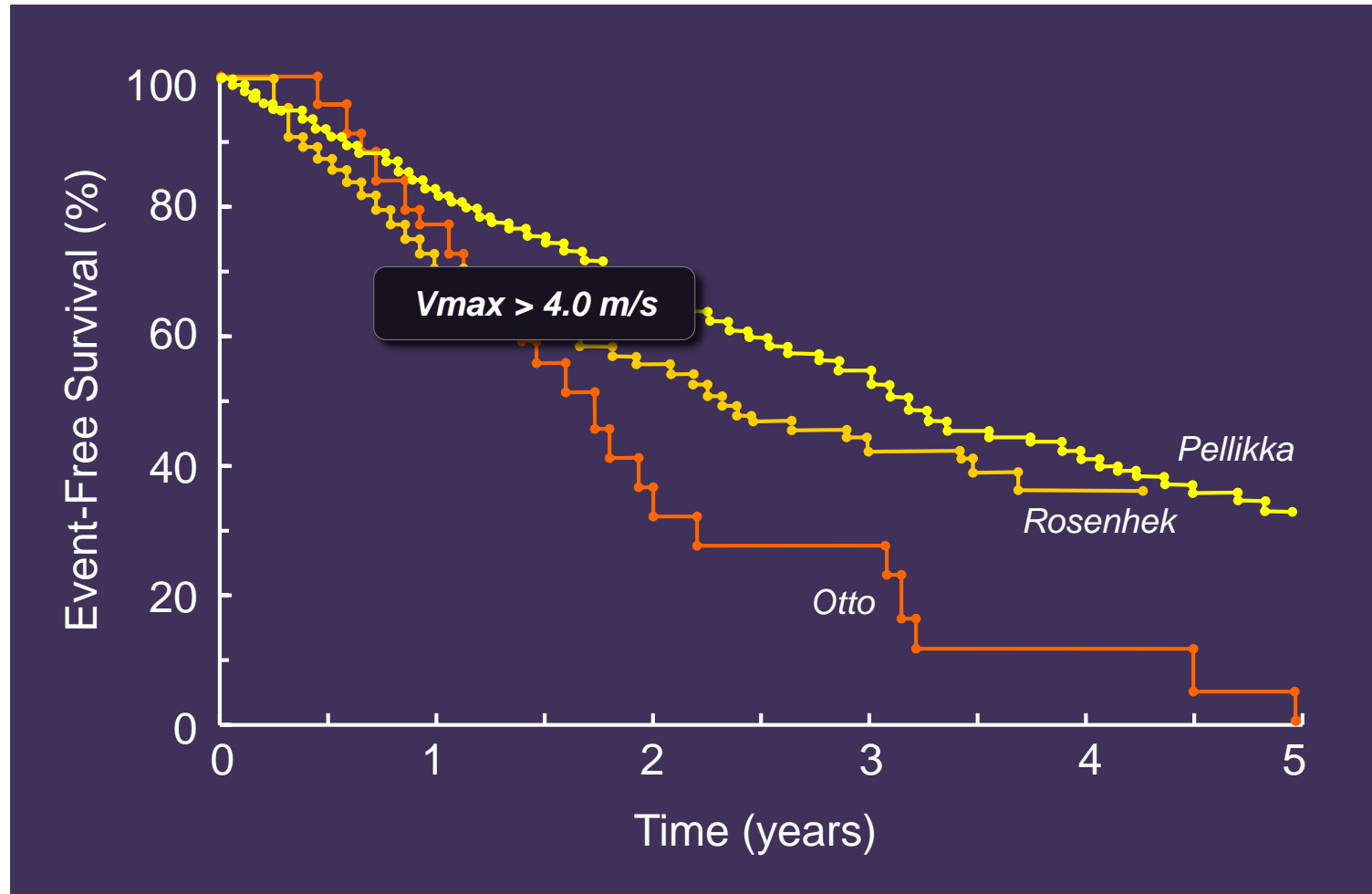
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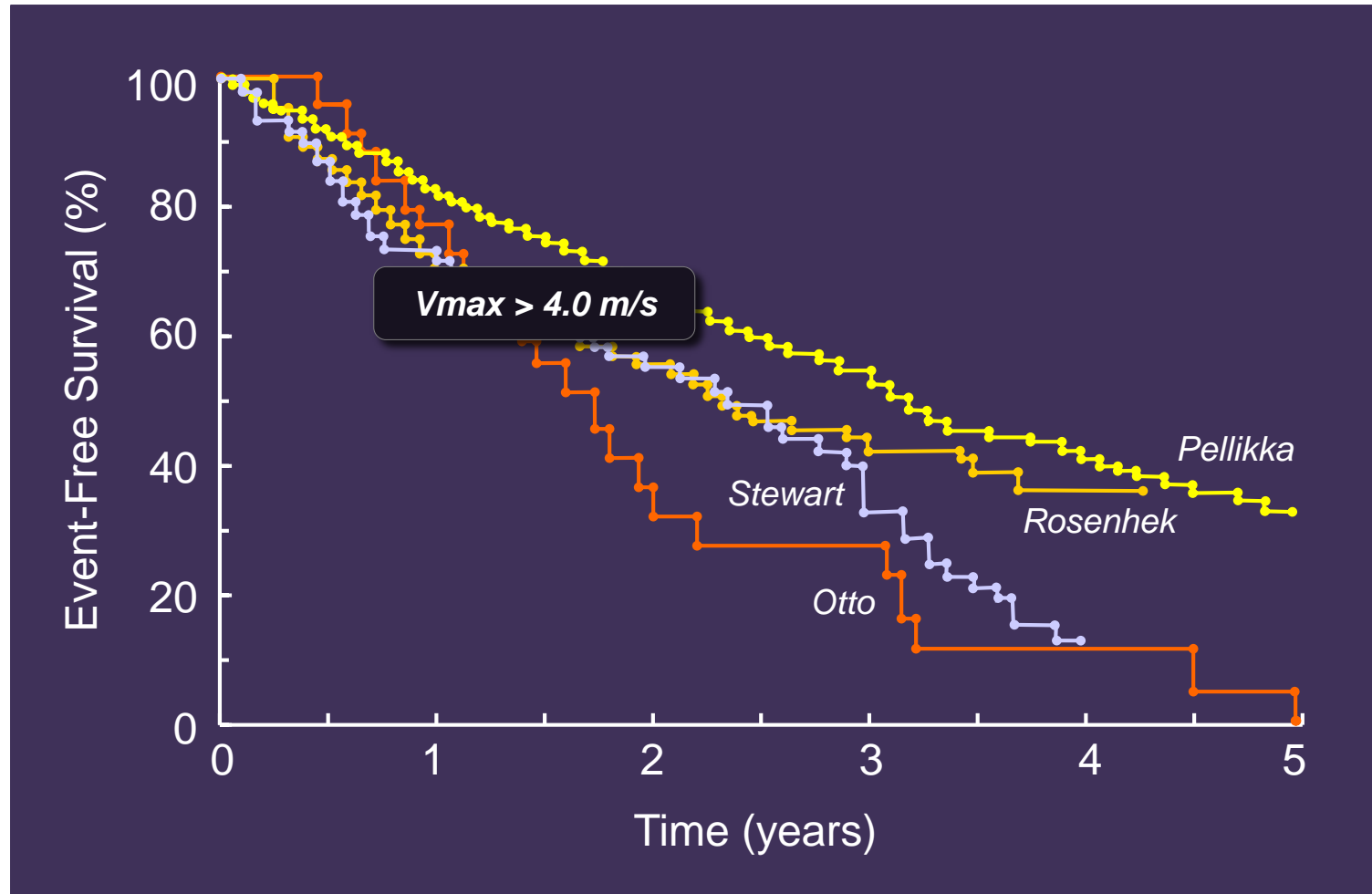
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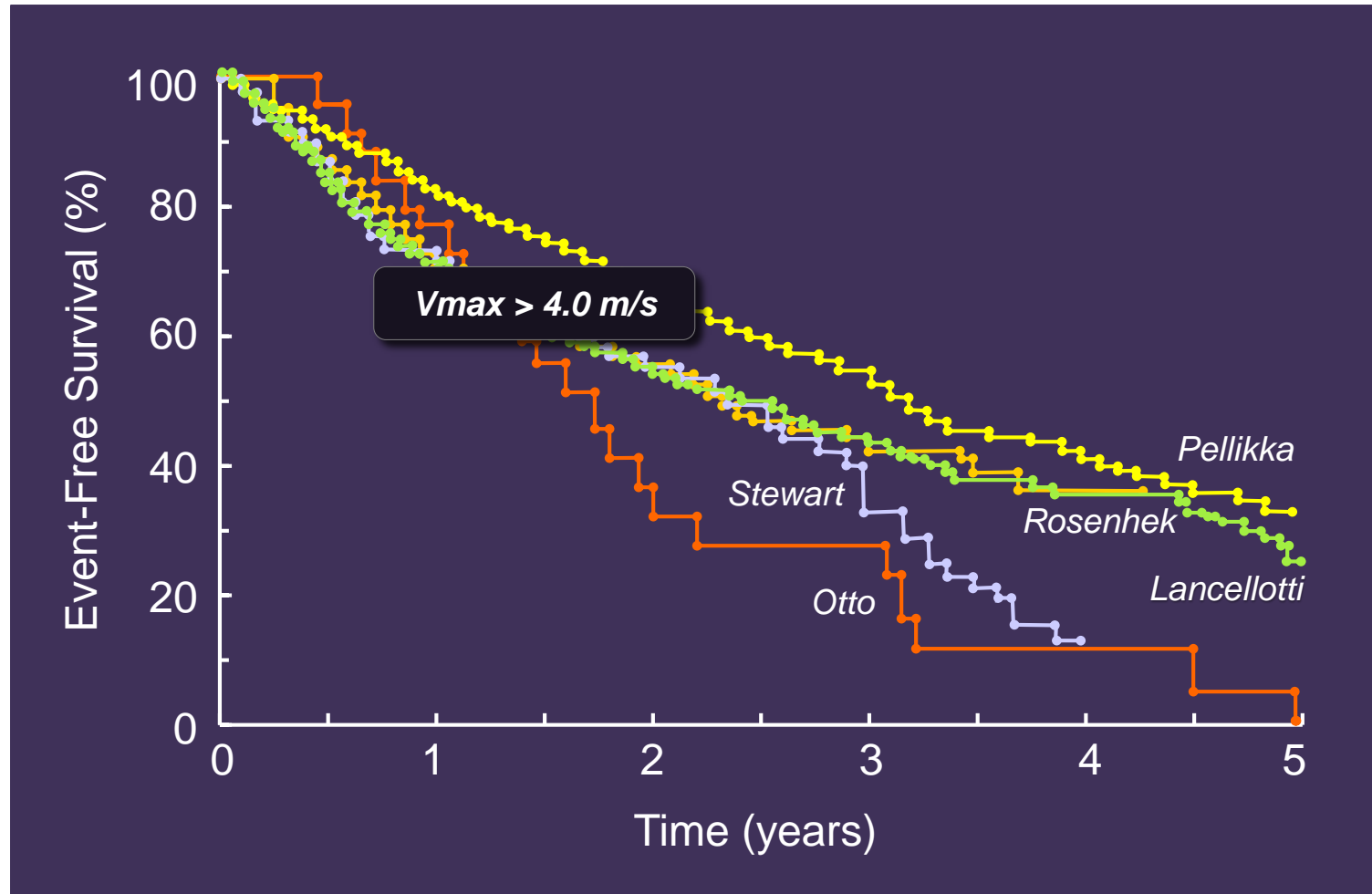
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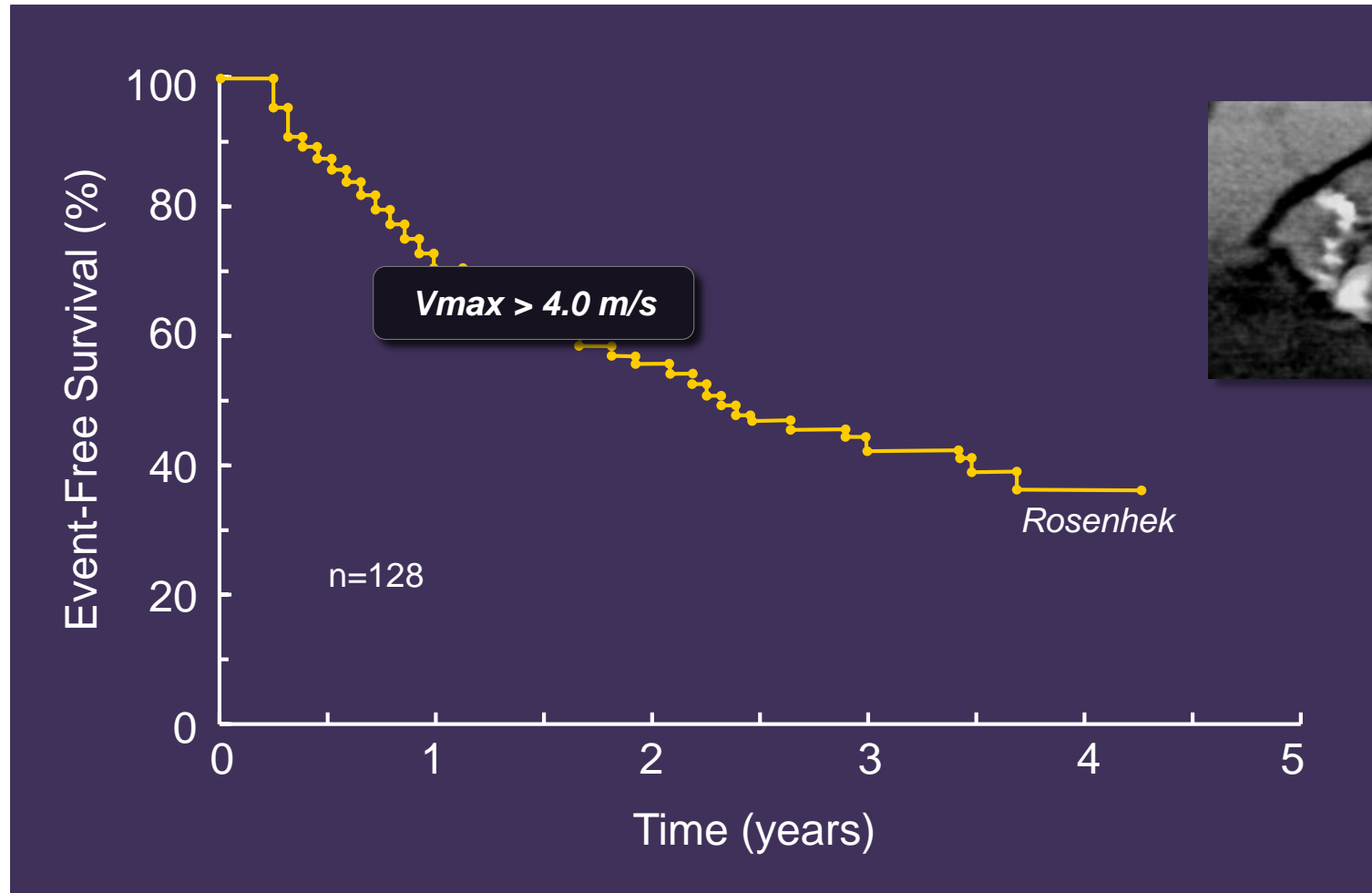
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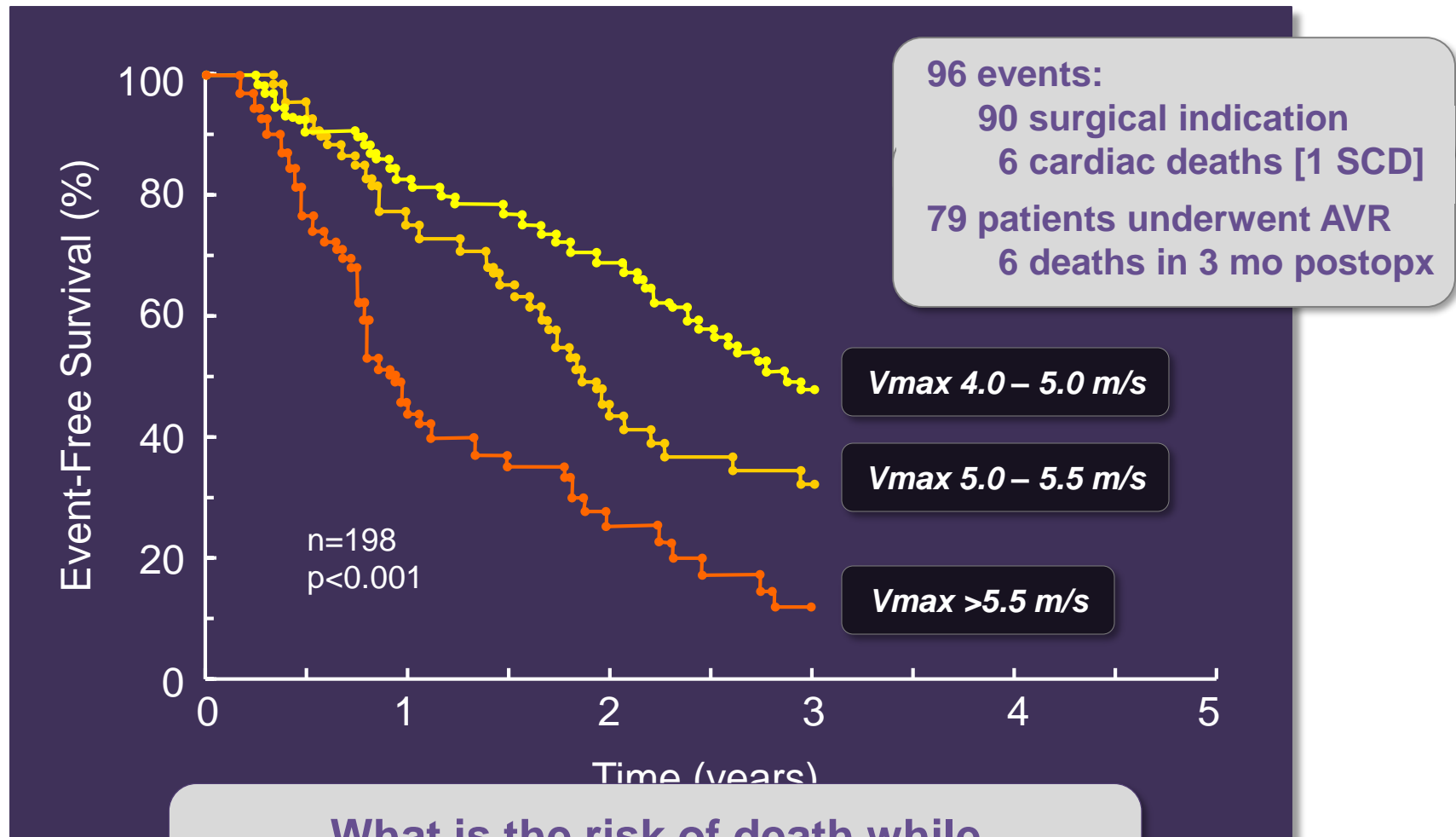
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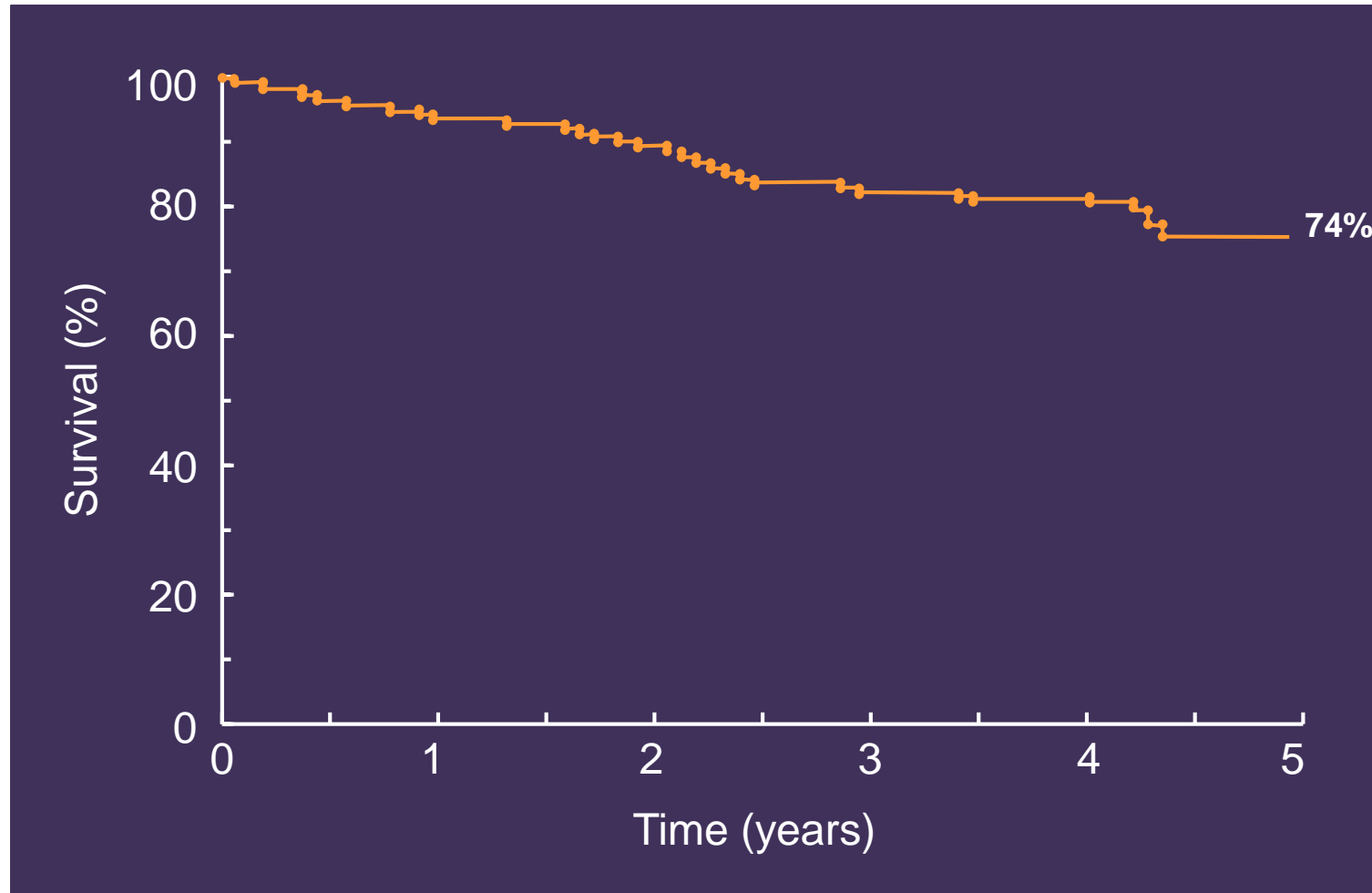
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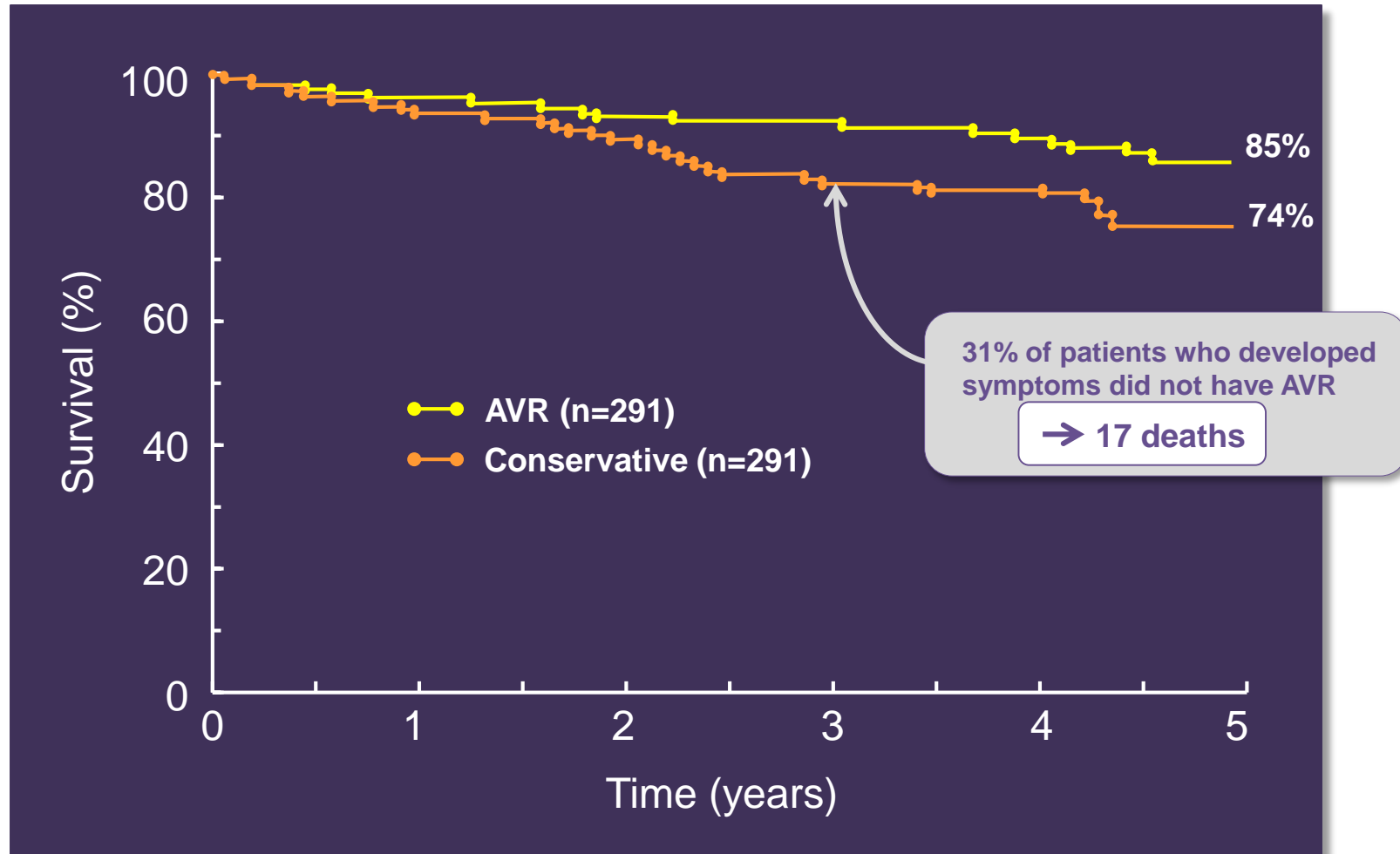


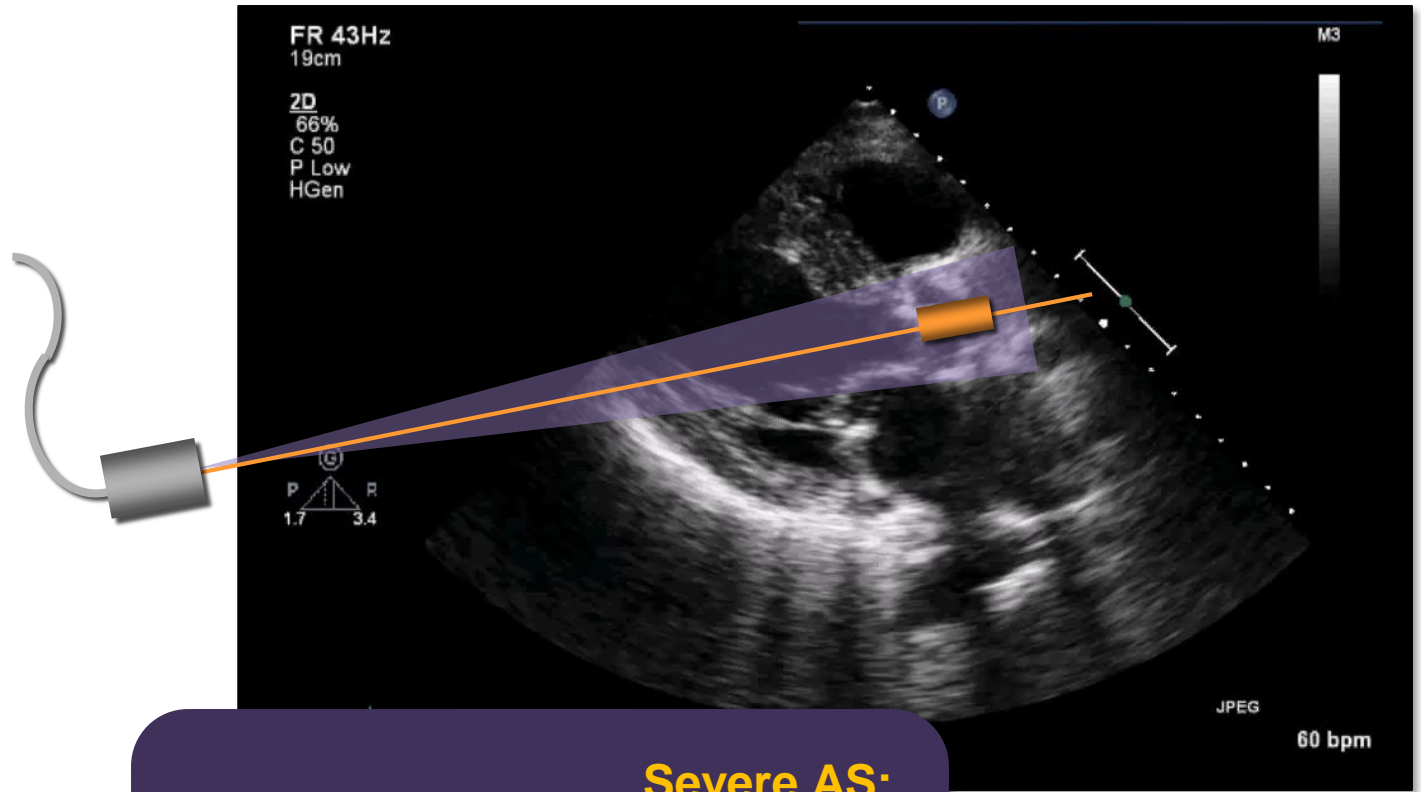
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## Natural History of Severe Asymptomatic AS



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**Severe AS:**  
Vmax: 4.6 m/s >4.0 m/s  
Mean  $\Delta$ : 52 mmHg >40 mmHg  
AVA: 0.7 sq cm <1.0 sq cm

# Aortic Stenosis

## **84 year old man with severe AS**

- Watchful waiting? \*
- More data (more testing)?
- Aortic valve replacement?
- Enroll him in a clinical trial?

\* Wait until he develops symptoms in 5-6 years and then recommend TAVR?

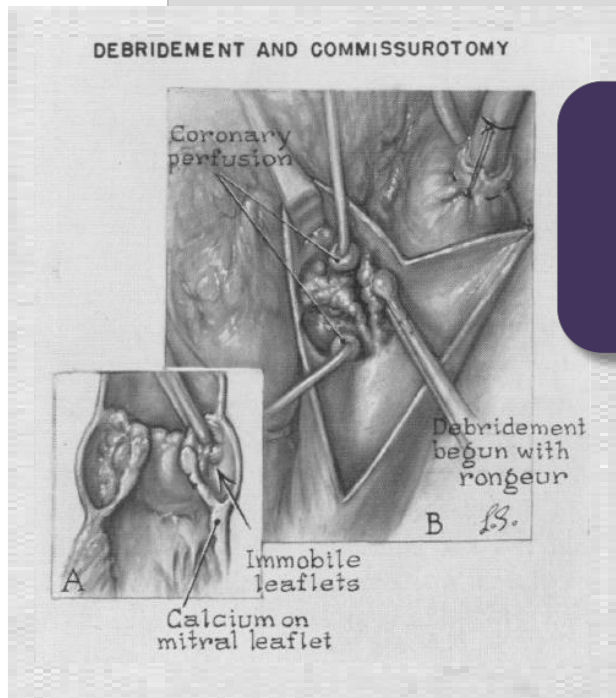
The Surgical Treatment of Calcific Aortic Stenosis: \*  
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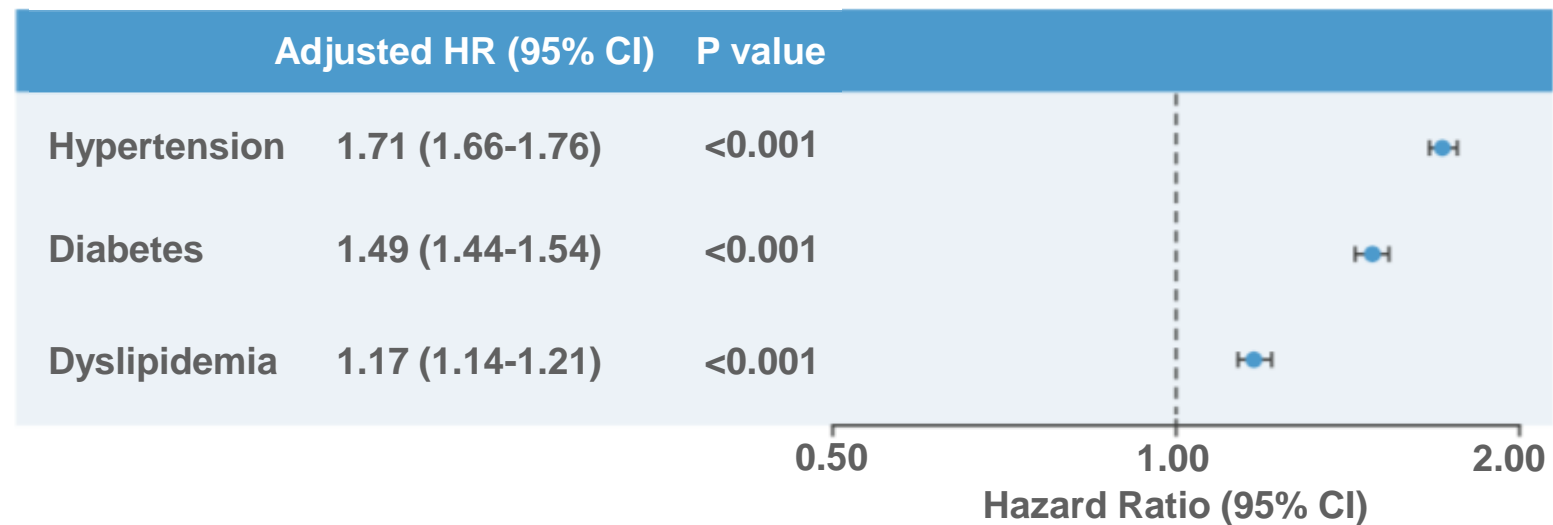
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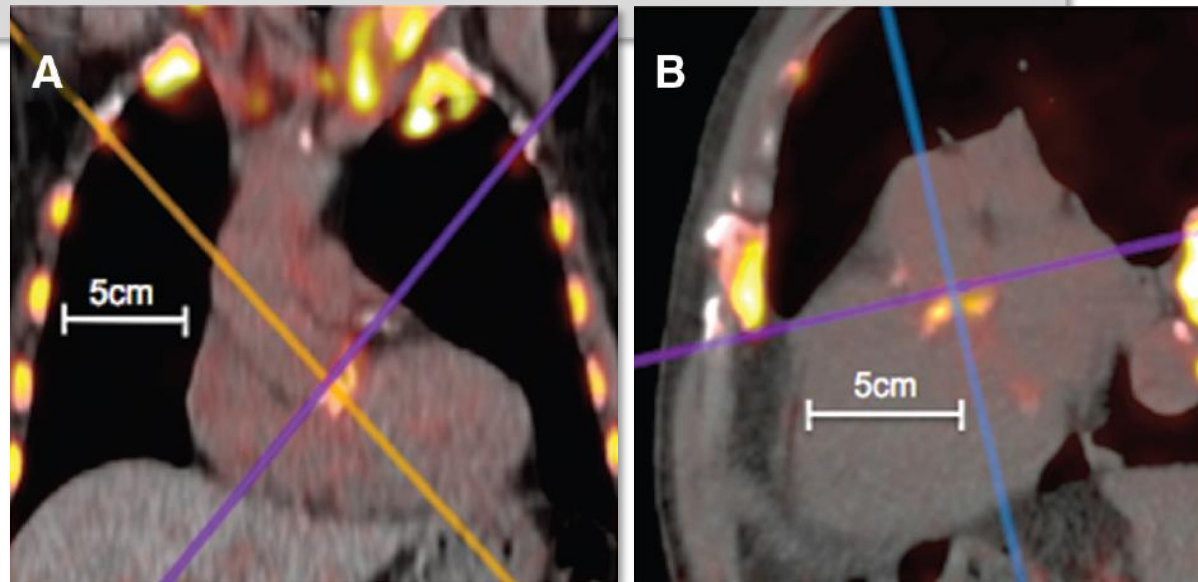


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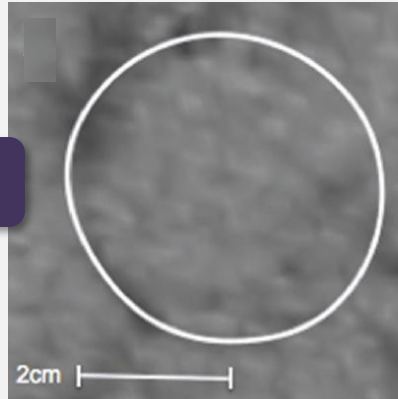
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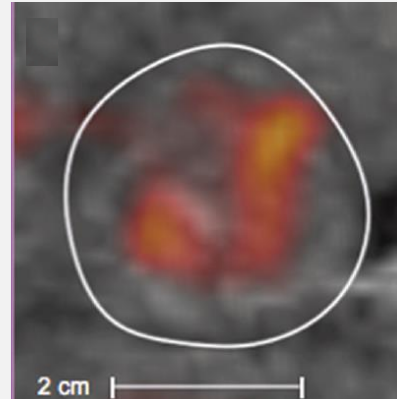
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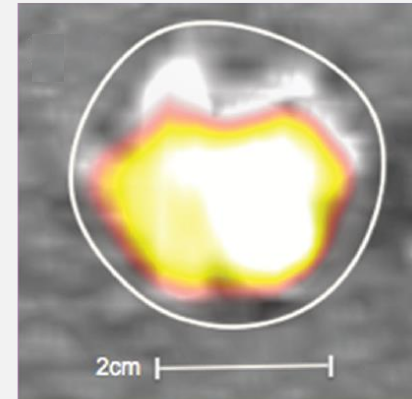
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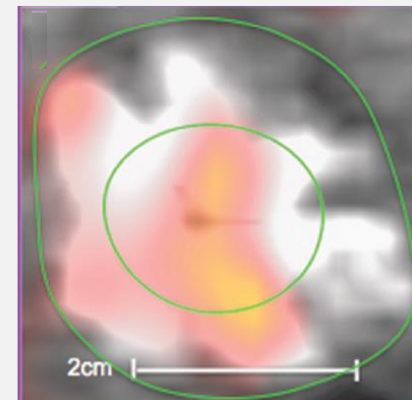
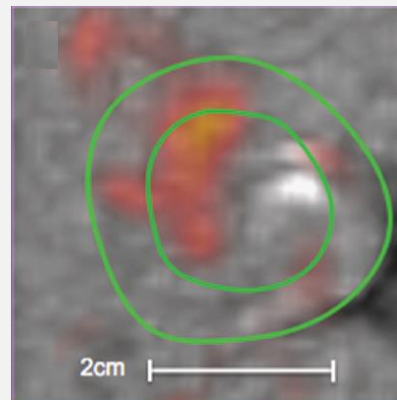
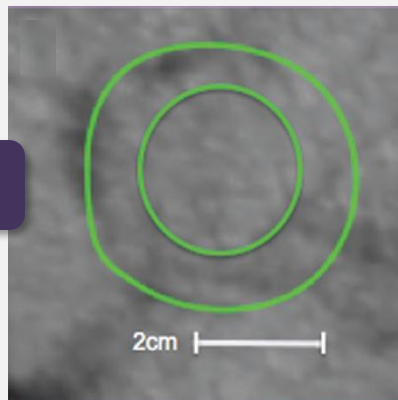
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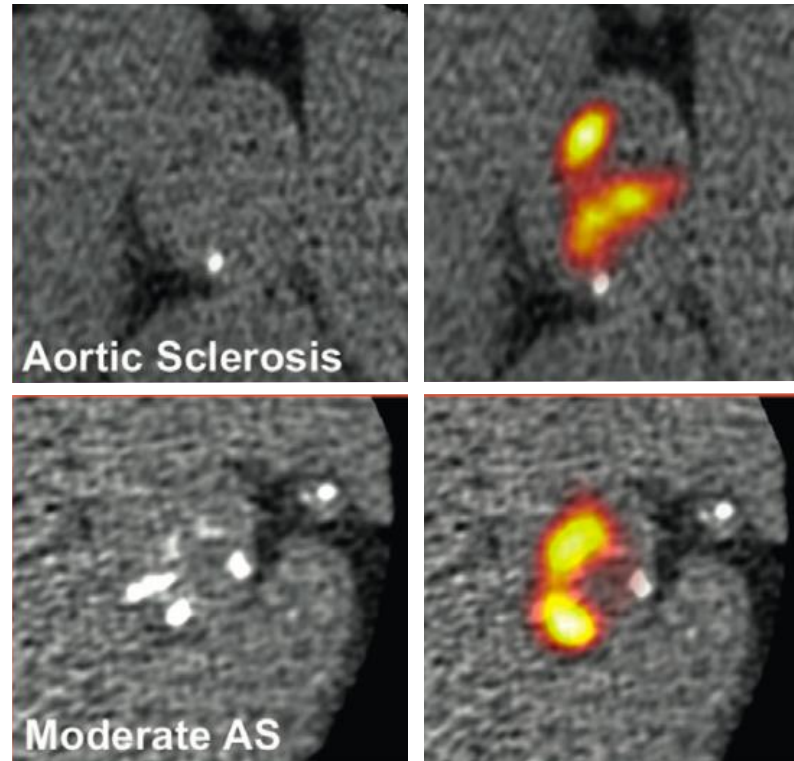
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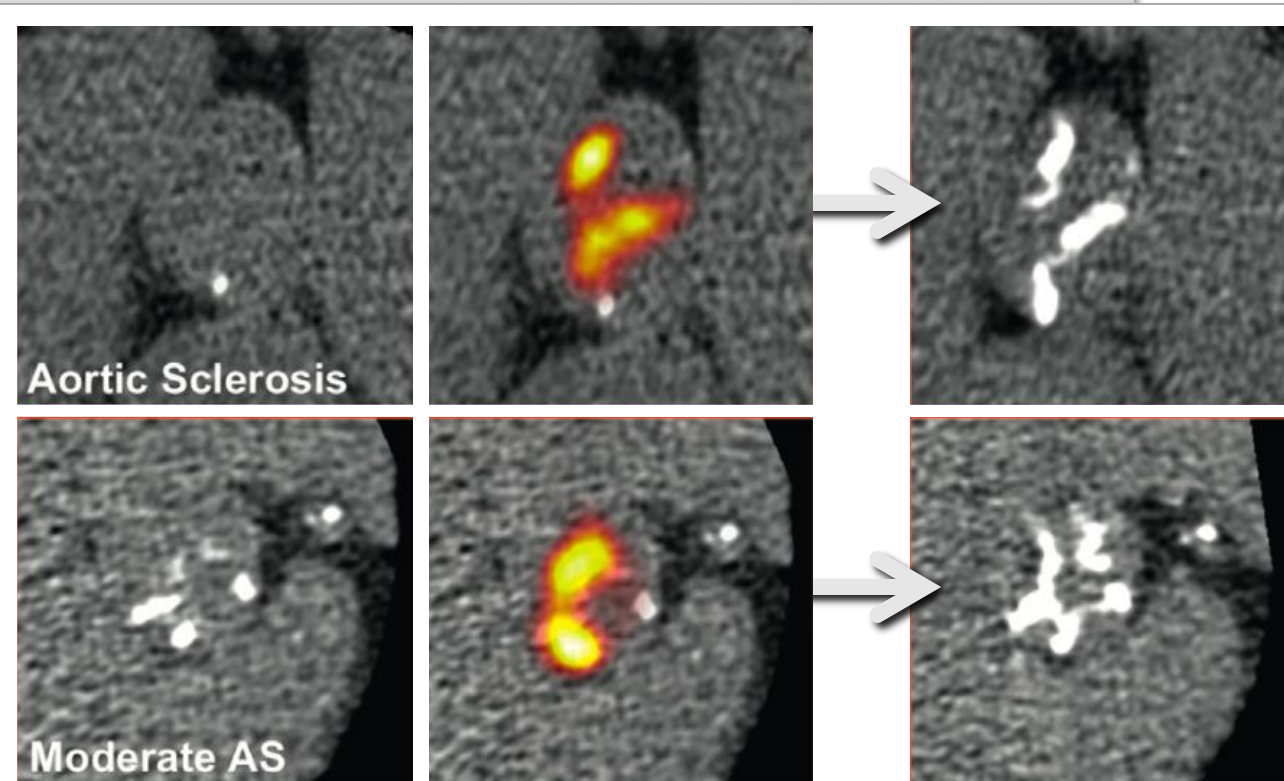
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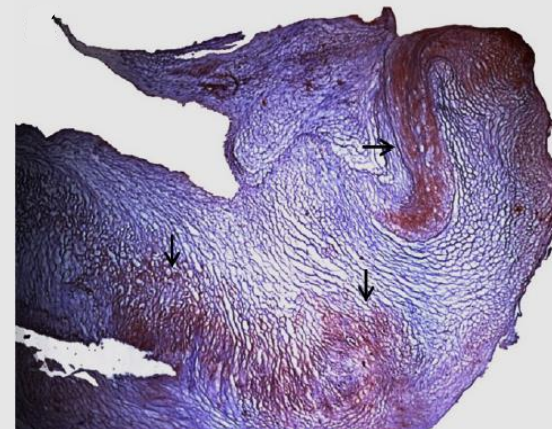
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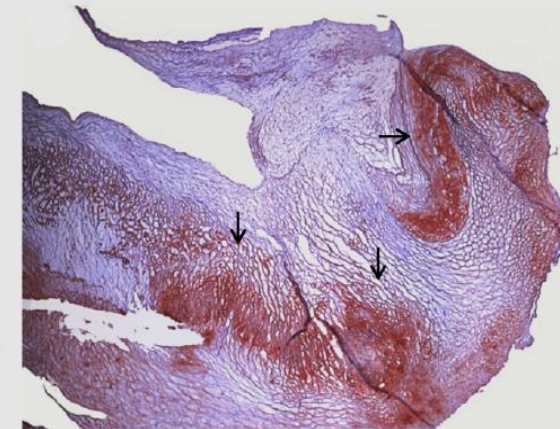
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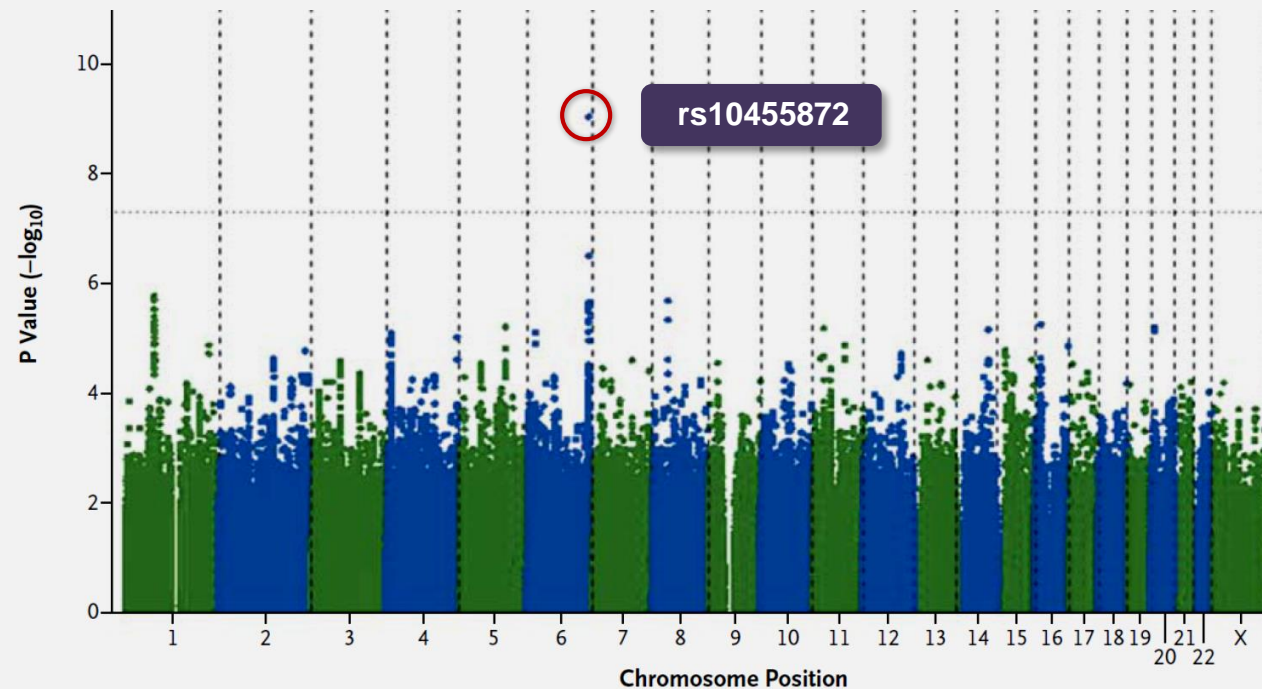
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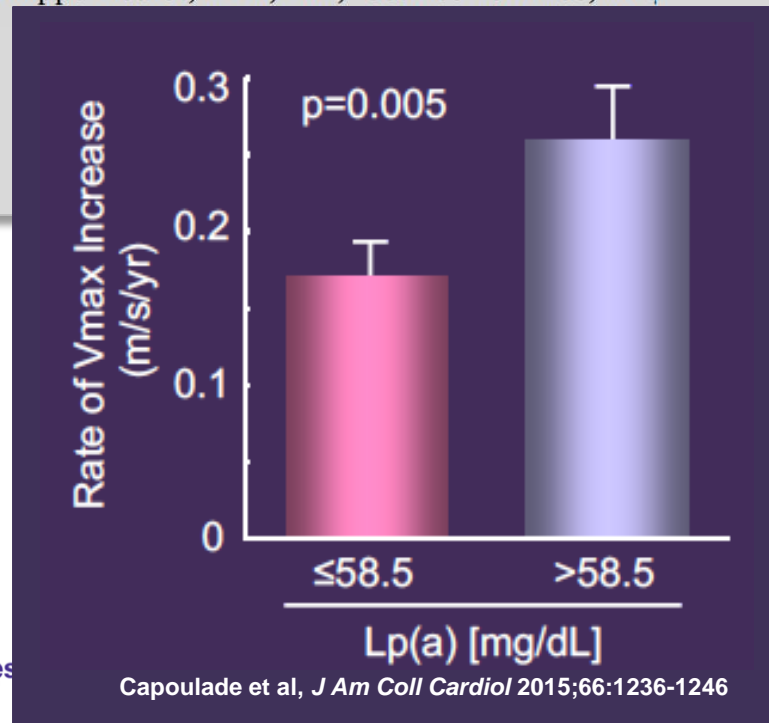
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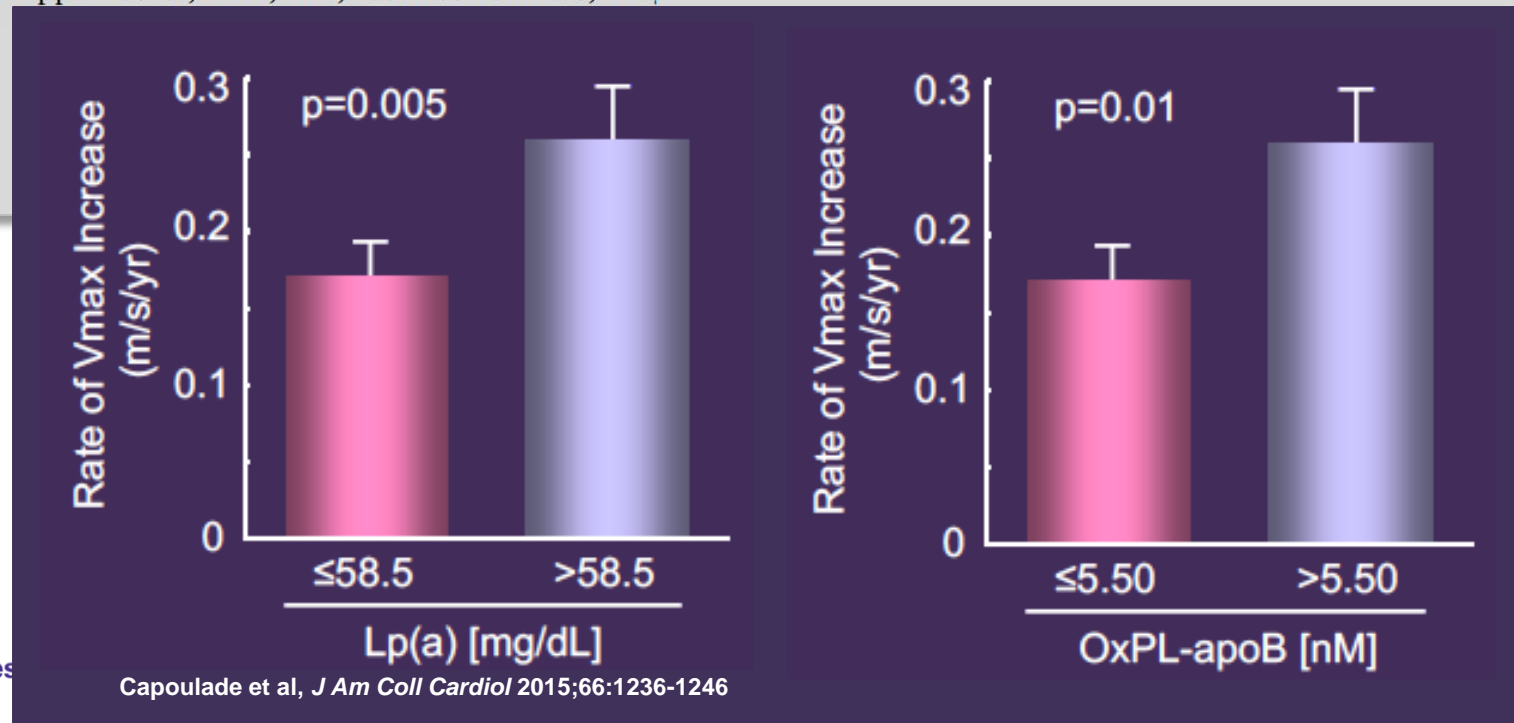
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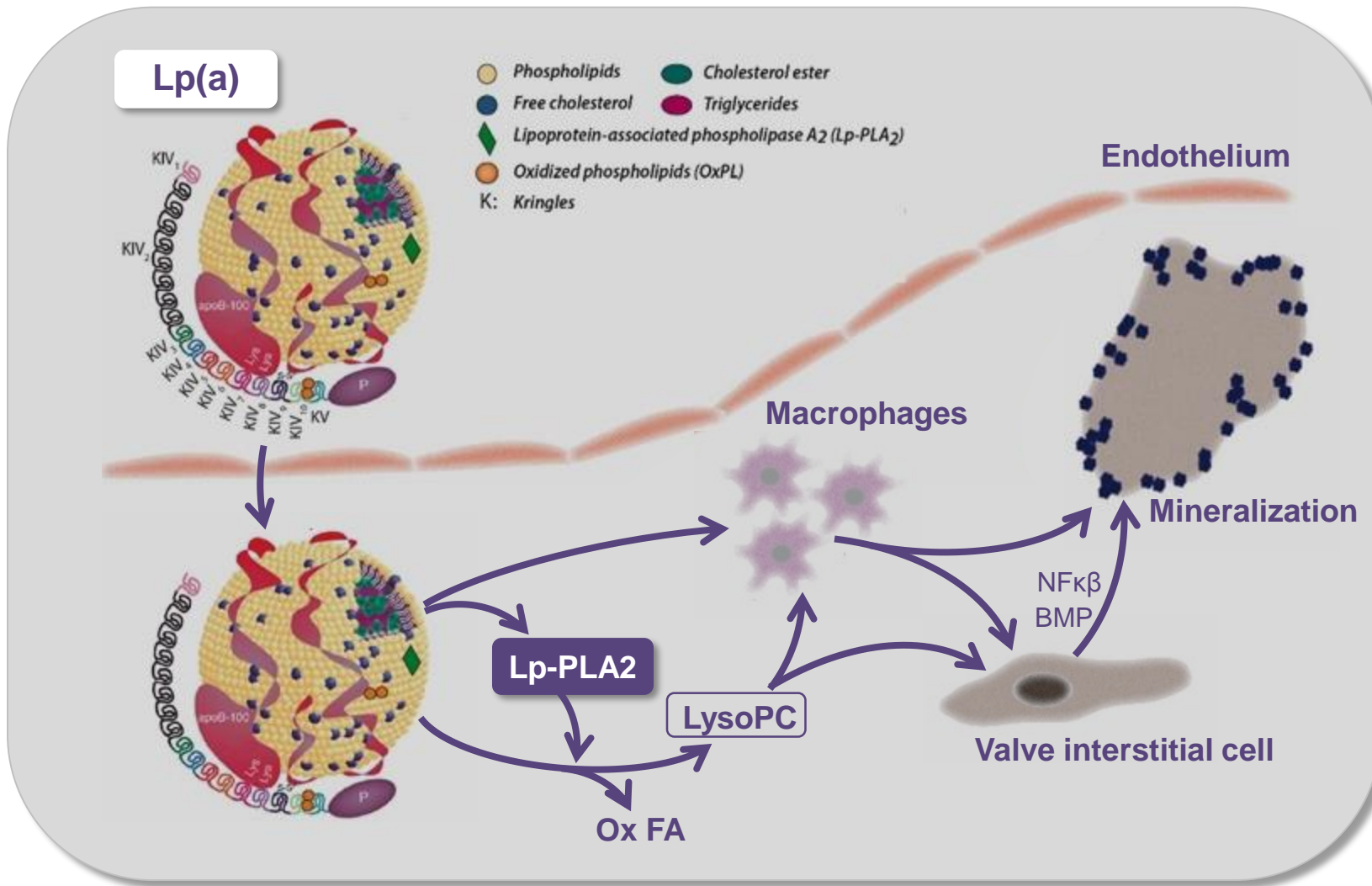


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## B-Type Natriuretic Peptide Clinical Activation in Aortic Stenosis

Impact on Long-Term Survival

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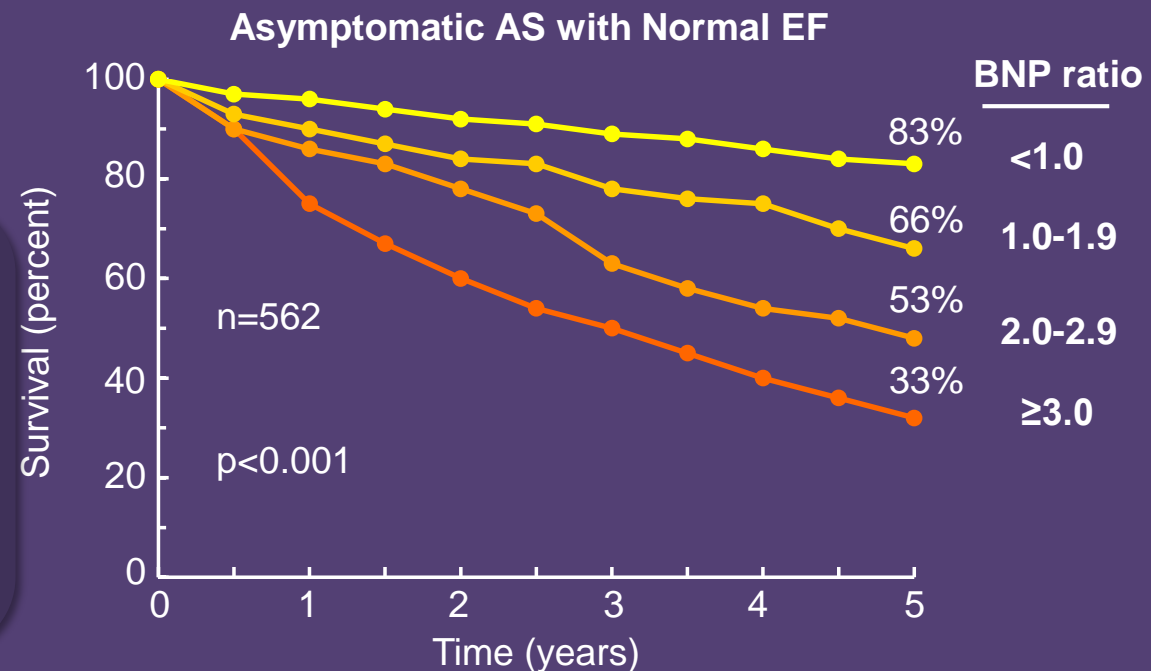
### Novel biomarkers

#### *hsTroponin I*

Chin et al, *Eur Heart J* 2014;35:2312-2321

#### *GDF15, soluble ST2, NTproBNP*

Lindman et al, *Heart* 2015;101:1382-1388

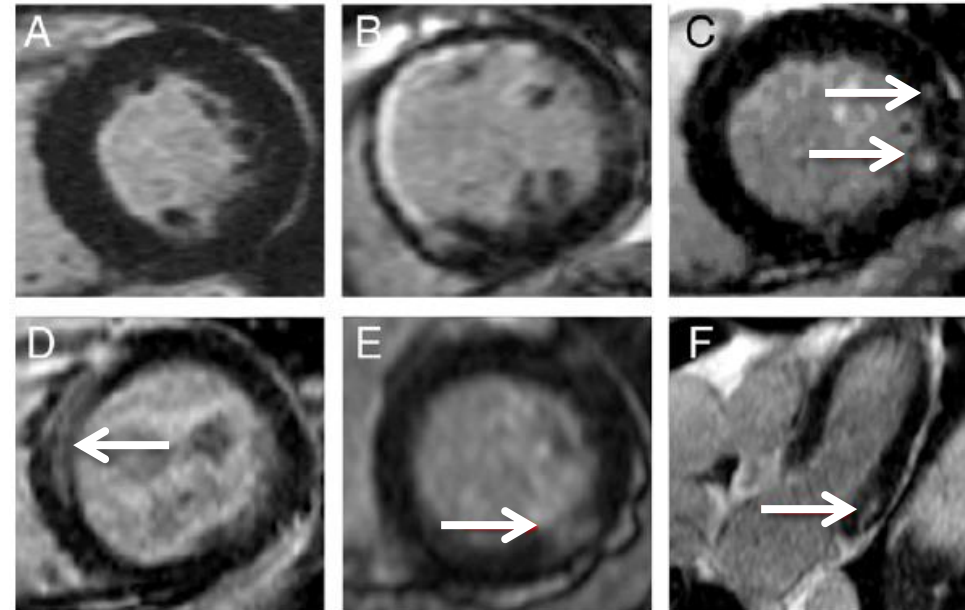


## Midwall Fibrosis Is an Independent Predictor of Mortality in Patients With Aortic Stenosis

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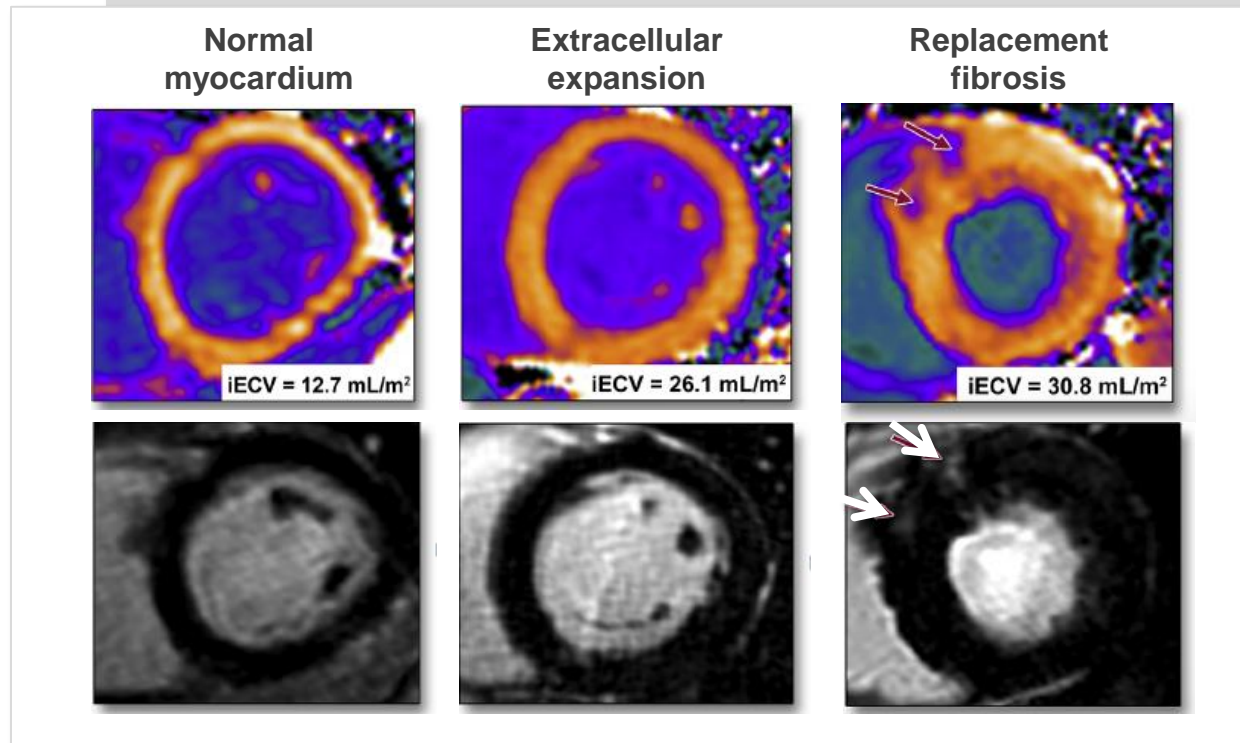
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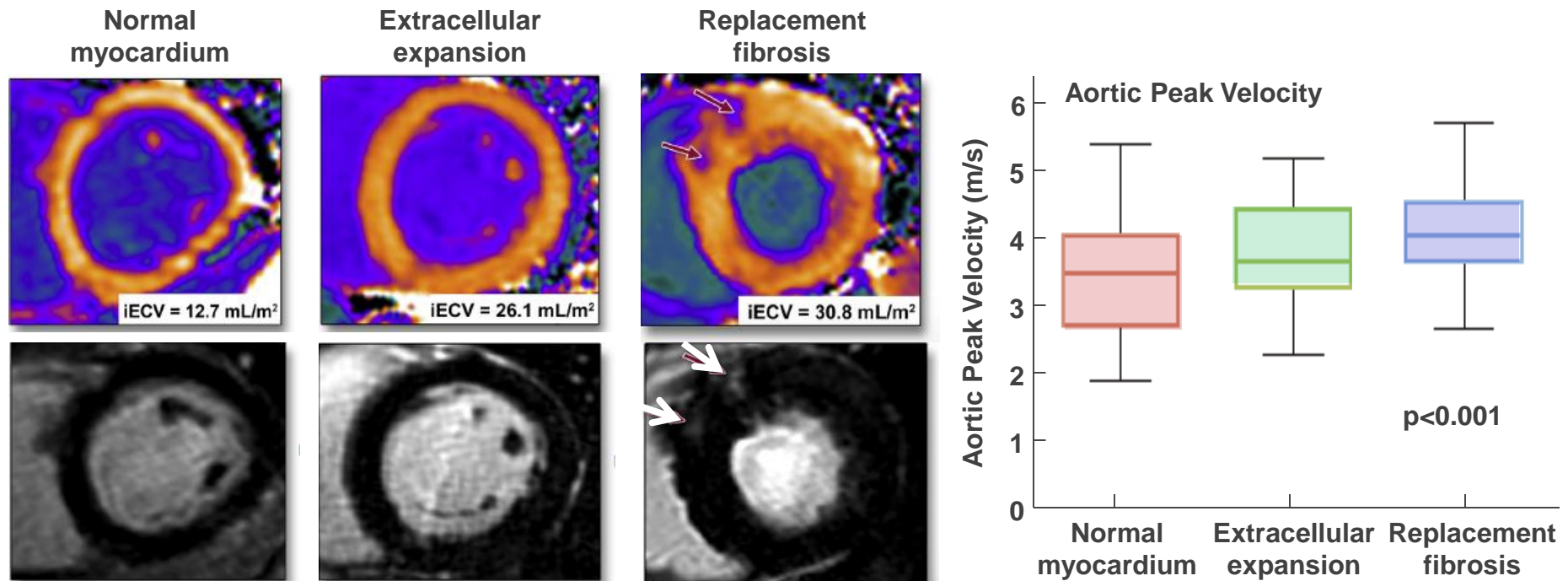
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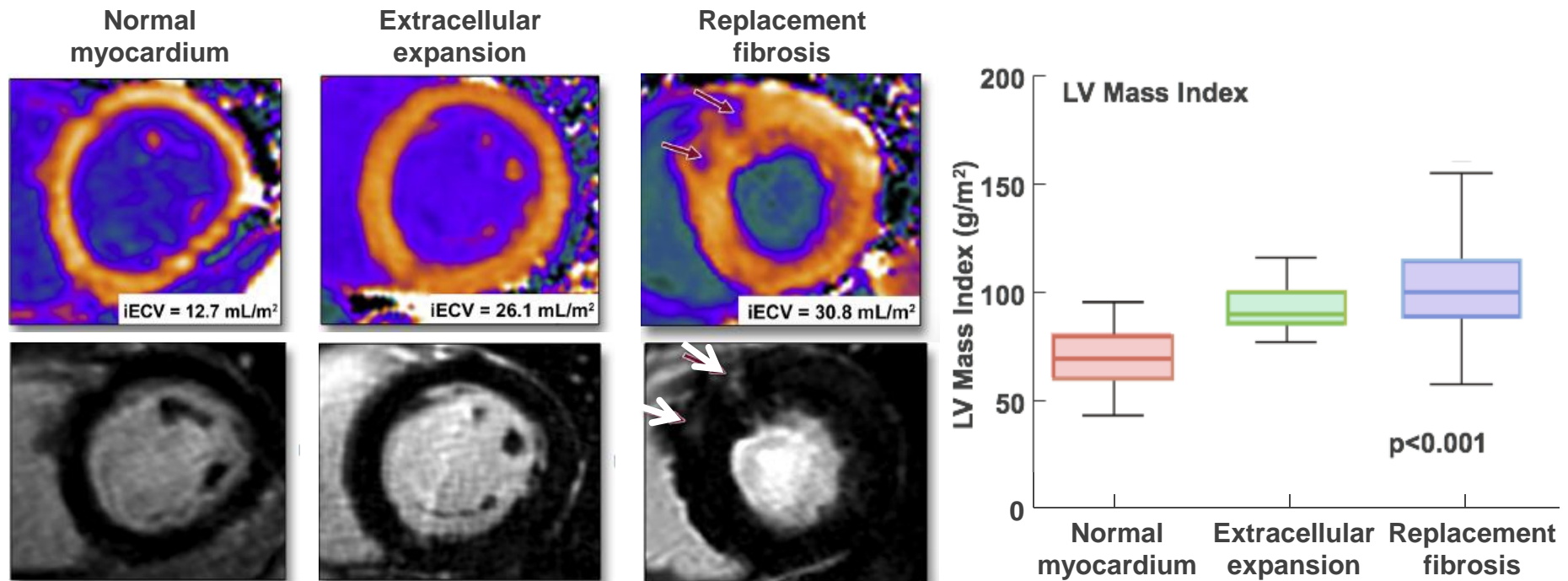
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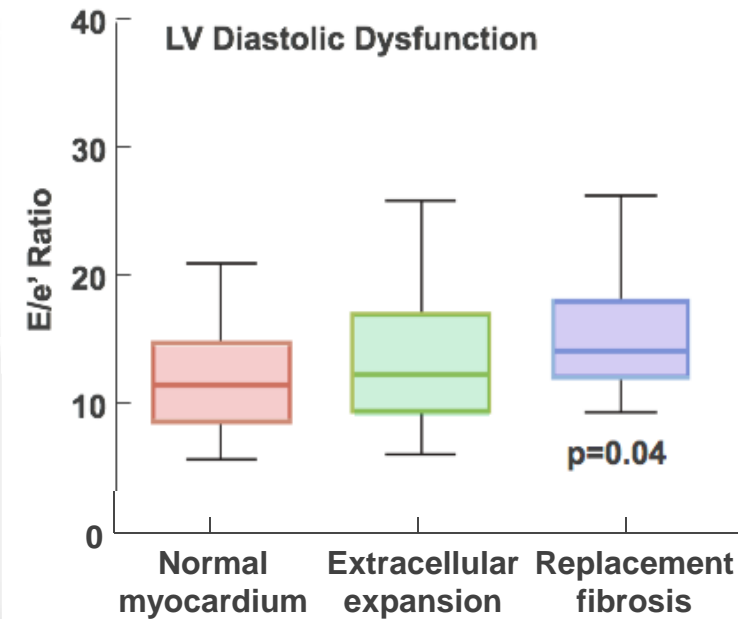
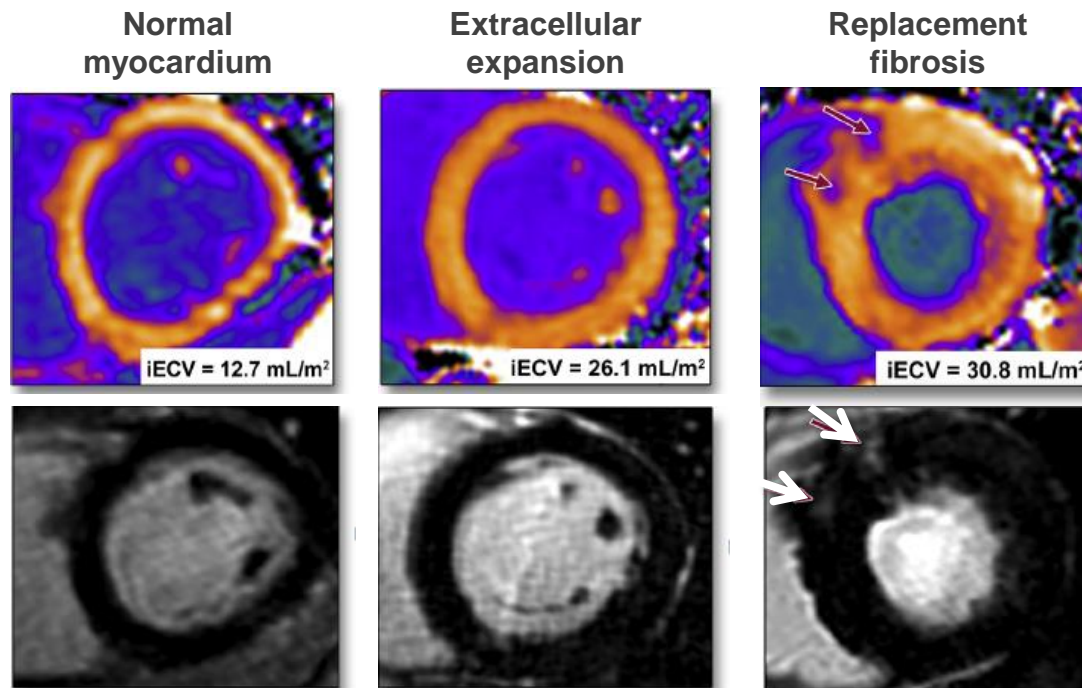
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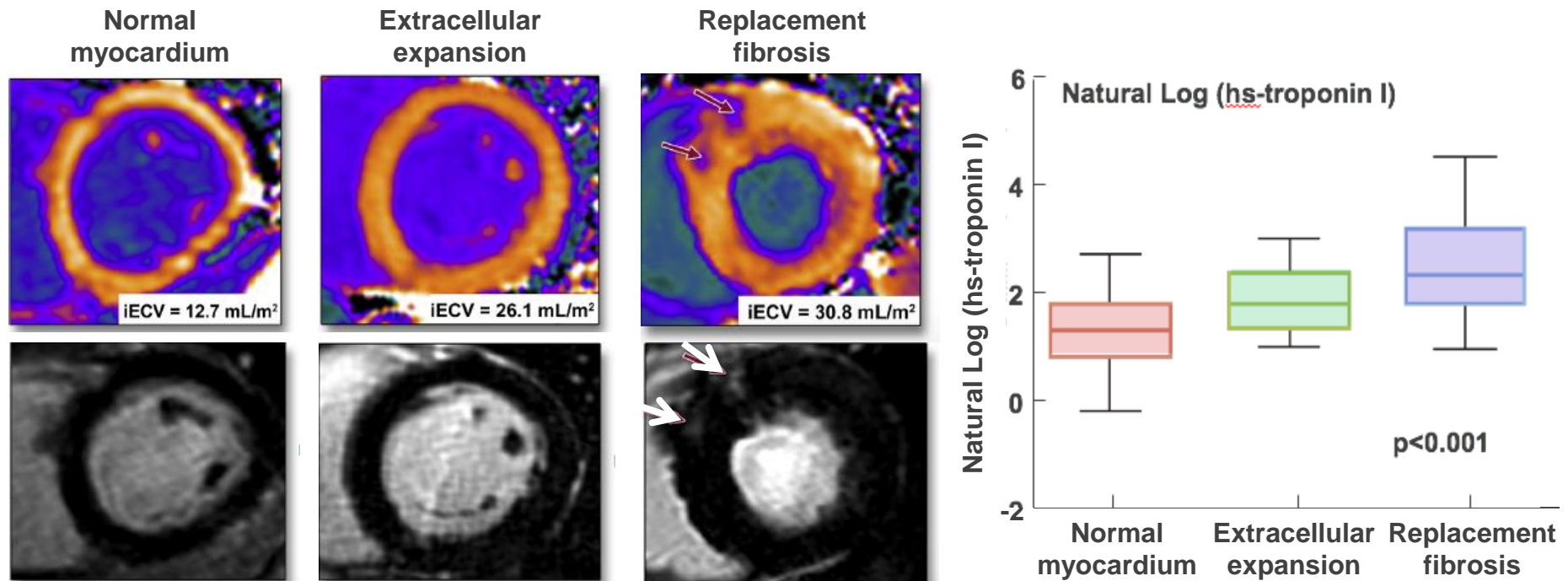
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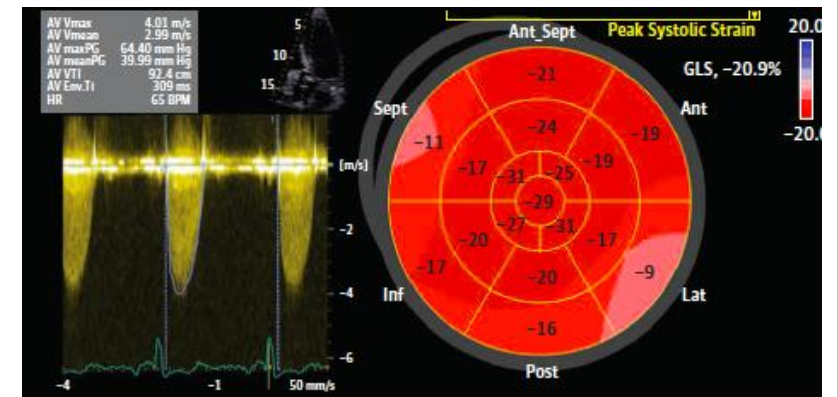
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# Association of Left Ventricular Global Longitudinal Strain With Asymptomatic Severe Aortic Stenosis Natural Course and Prognostic Value

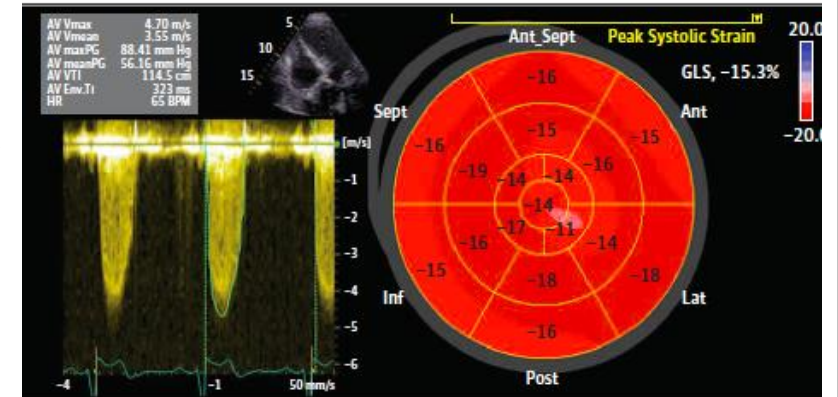
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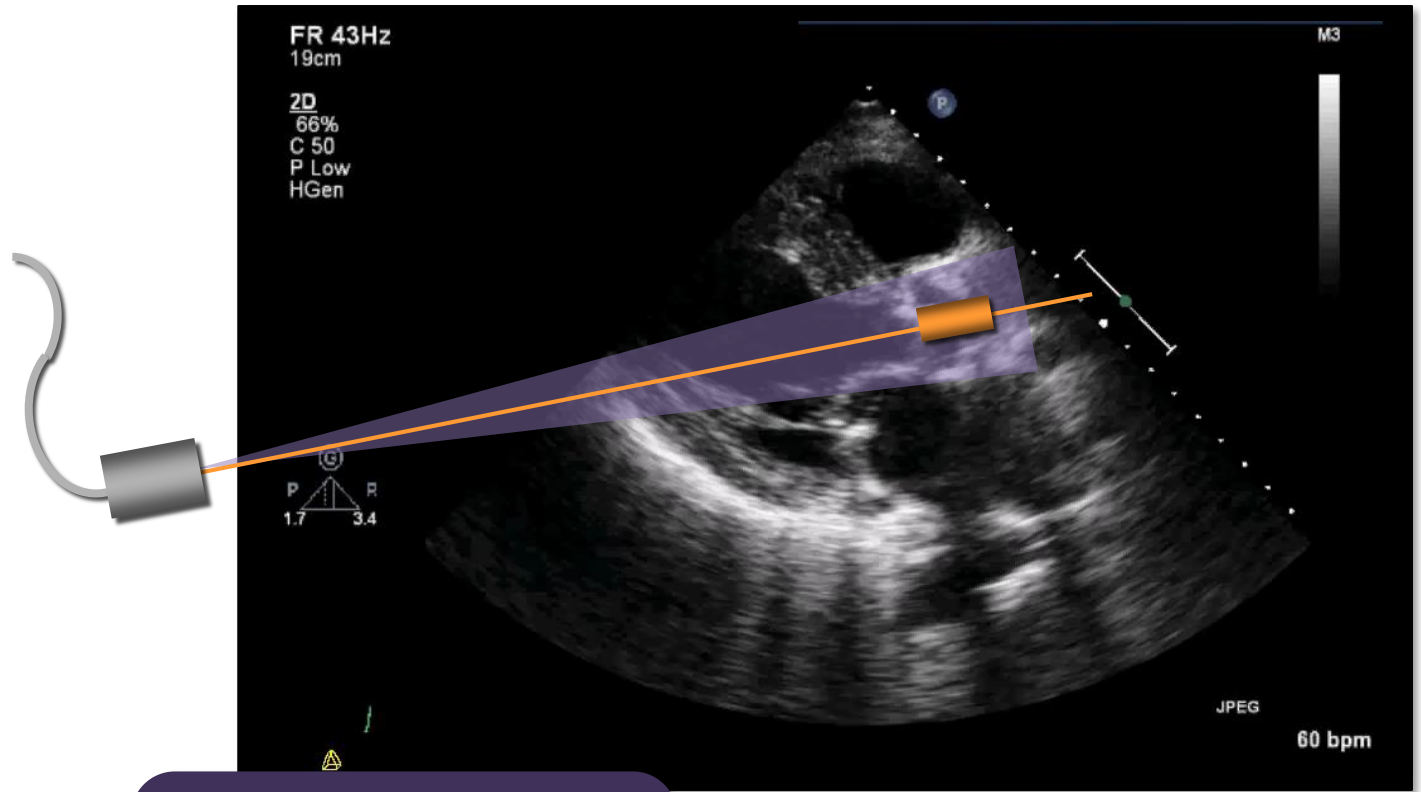
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Baseline



Follow-up



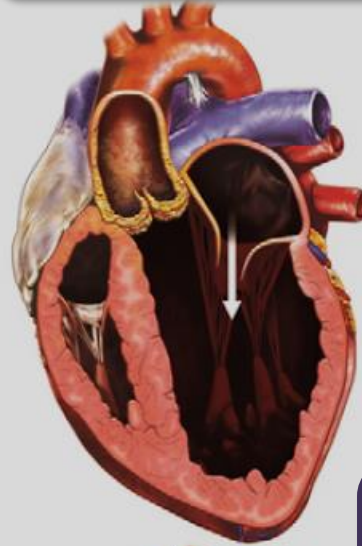


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AVA: 0.8 sq cm

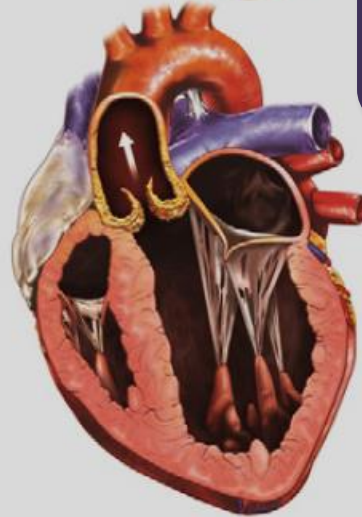
Low gradient AS

**Low Flow  
Low Gradient  
LV Dysfunction**

**Diastole**



**Systole**



**Dobutamine:  
Echocardiography  
or  
Catheterization**

**Difficult patient management  
... but physiology understandable**

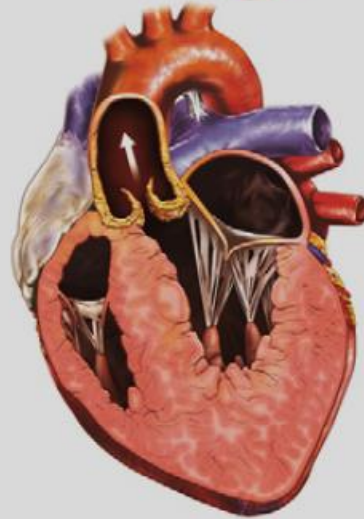
Low Flow  
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Normal LV Function

Diastole



- Treat hypertension
- Cardiac catheterization

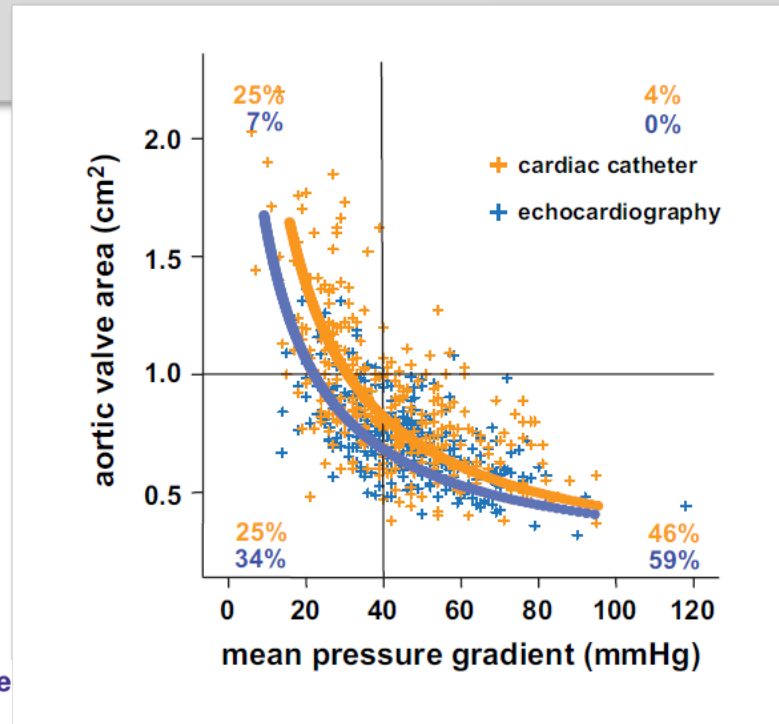
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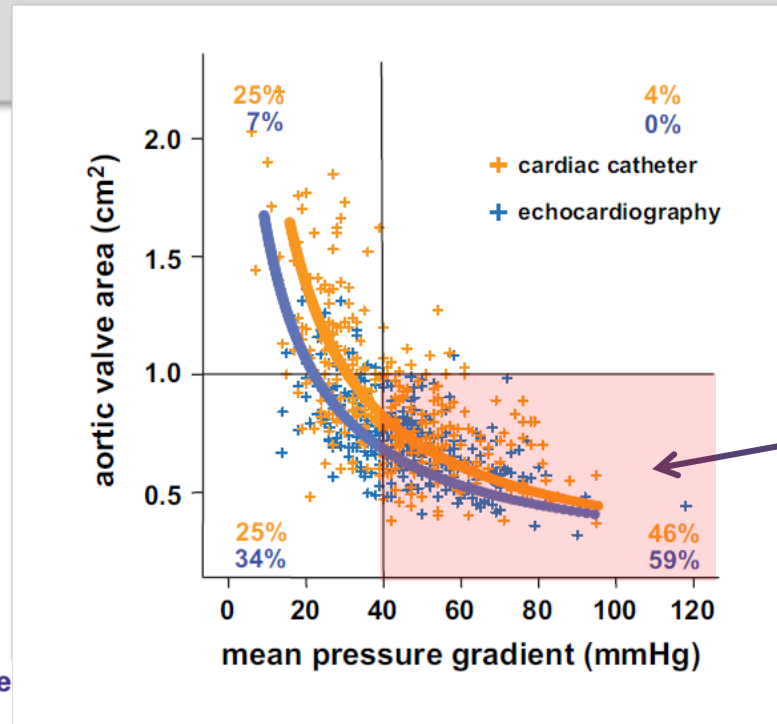
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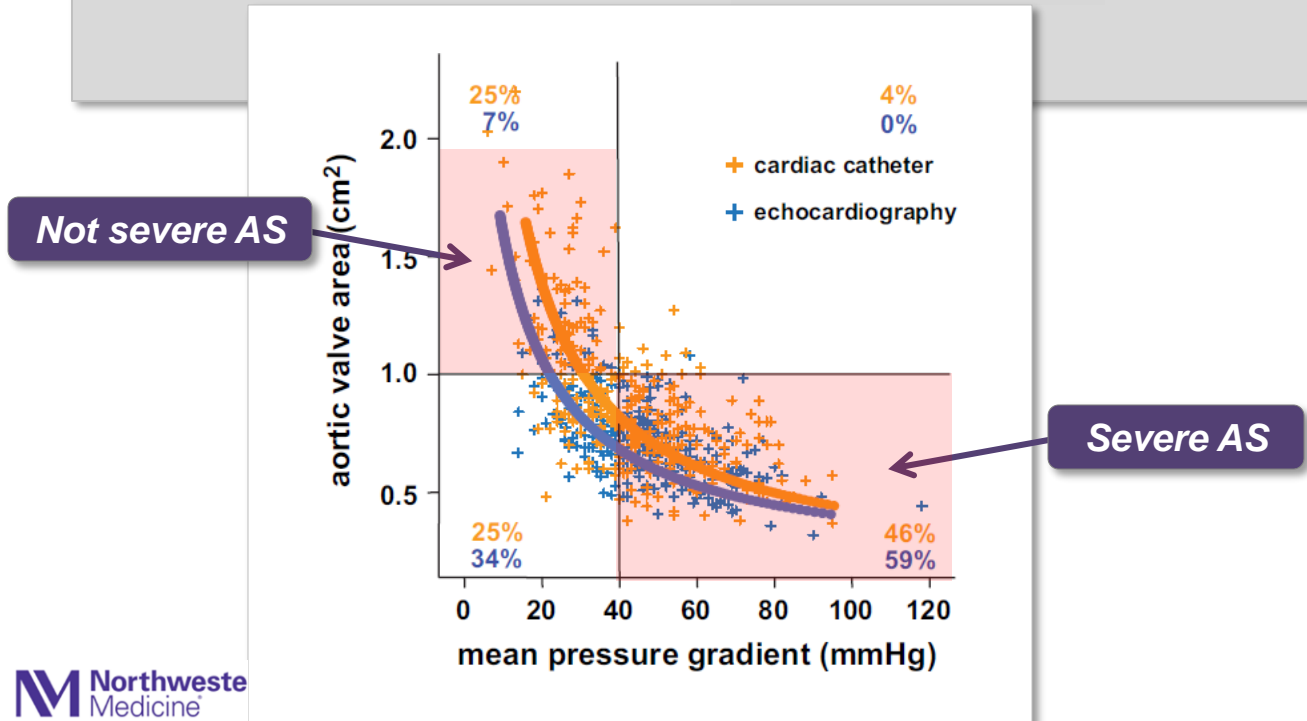


Severe AS

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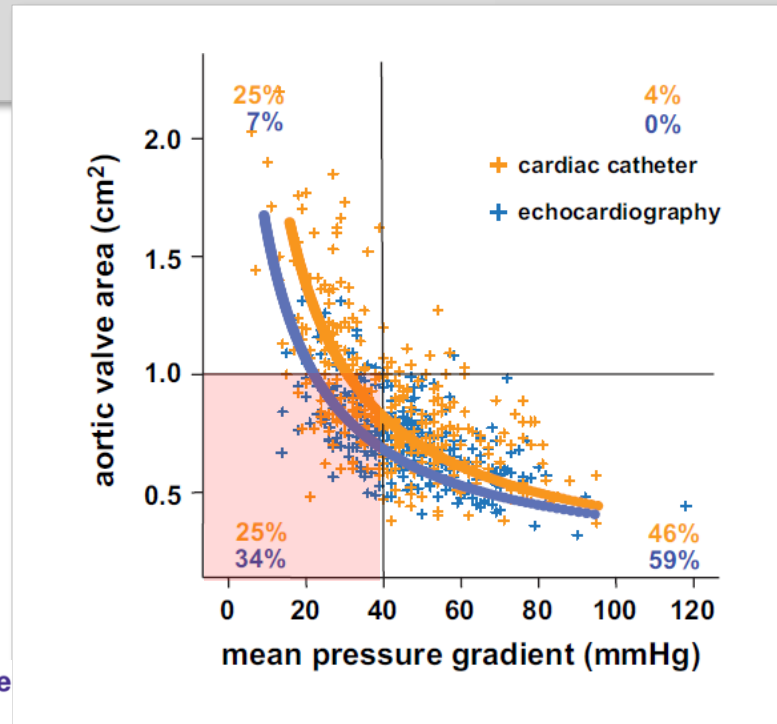
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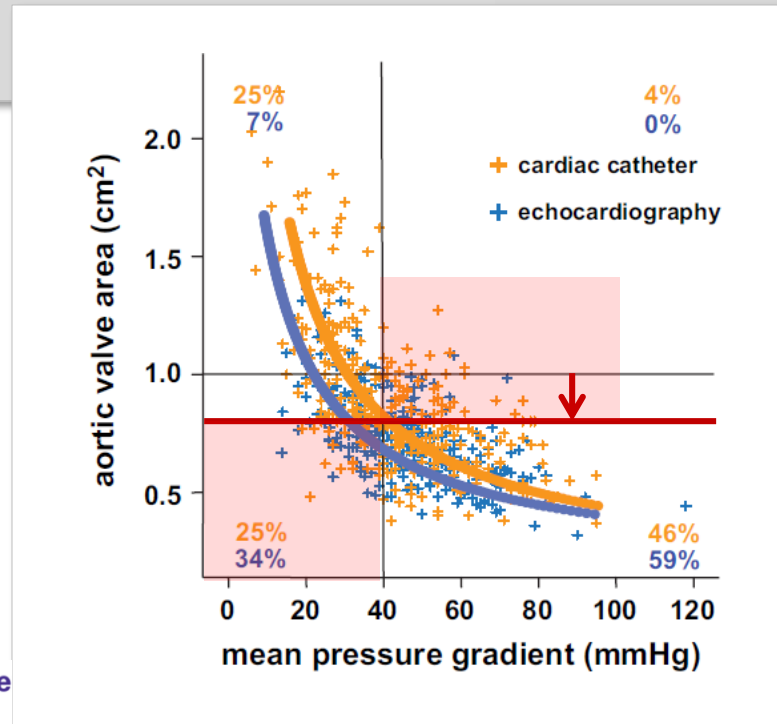
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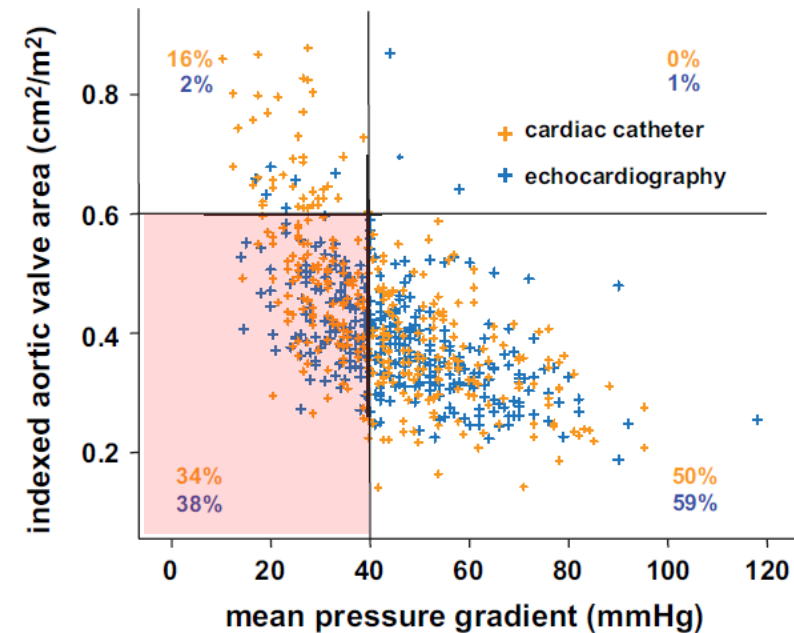
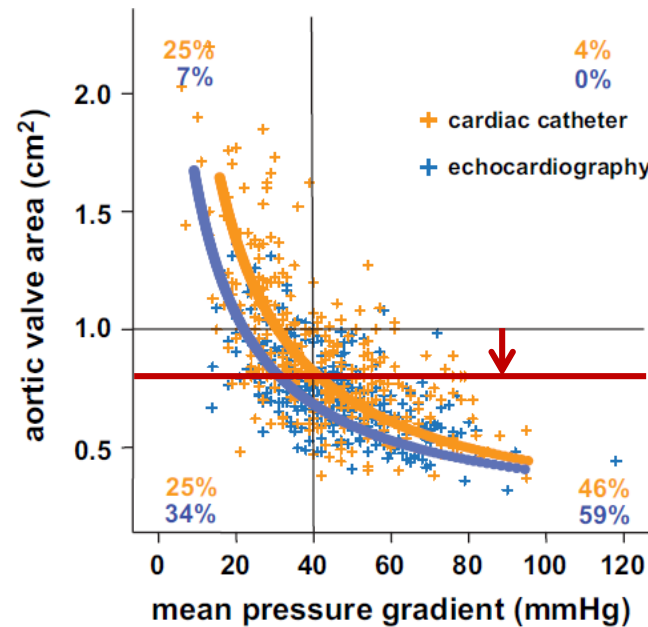
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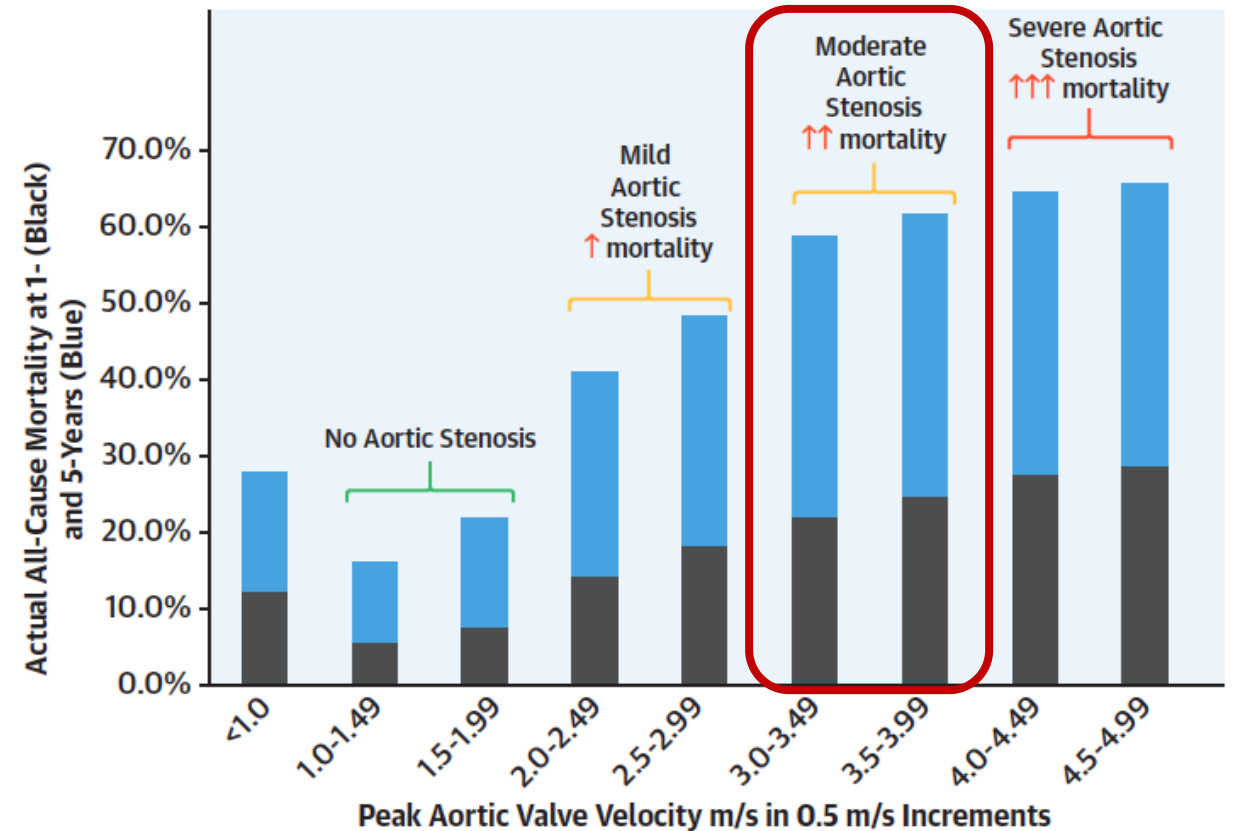
ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIONS

# Poor Long-Term Survival in Patients With Moderate Aortic Stenosis

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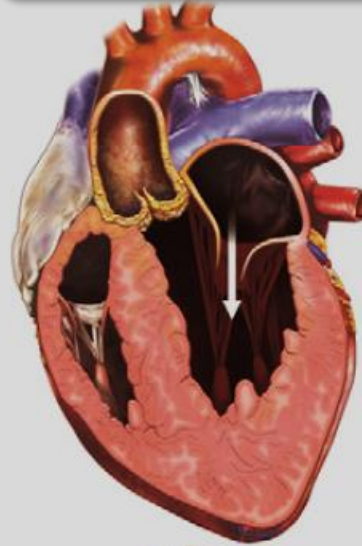
J Am Coll Cardiol 2019;74:1851-1

**N = 241,301**  
**Mean age 62**  
**Median f/u 3.3 years**

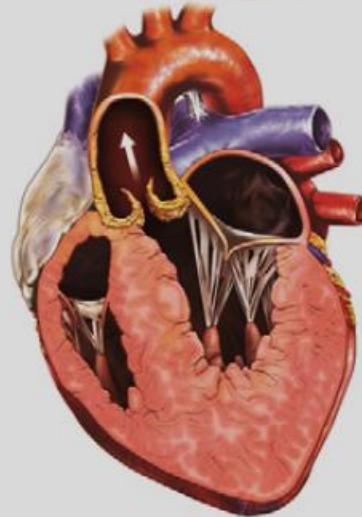


Low Flow  
Low Gradient  
Normal LV Function

Diastole



Systole



- Treat hypertension
- Cardiac catheterization
- Valve calcification
- Advanced imaging
- **Clinical skillset**

This scenario can be under-diagnosed  
... and over-diagnosed

Valvular Heart Disease

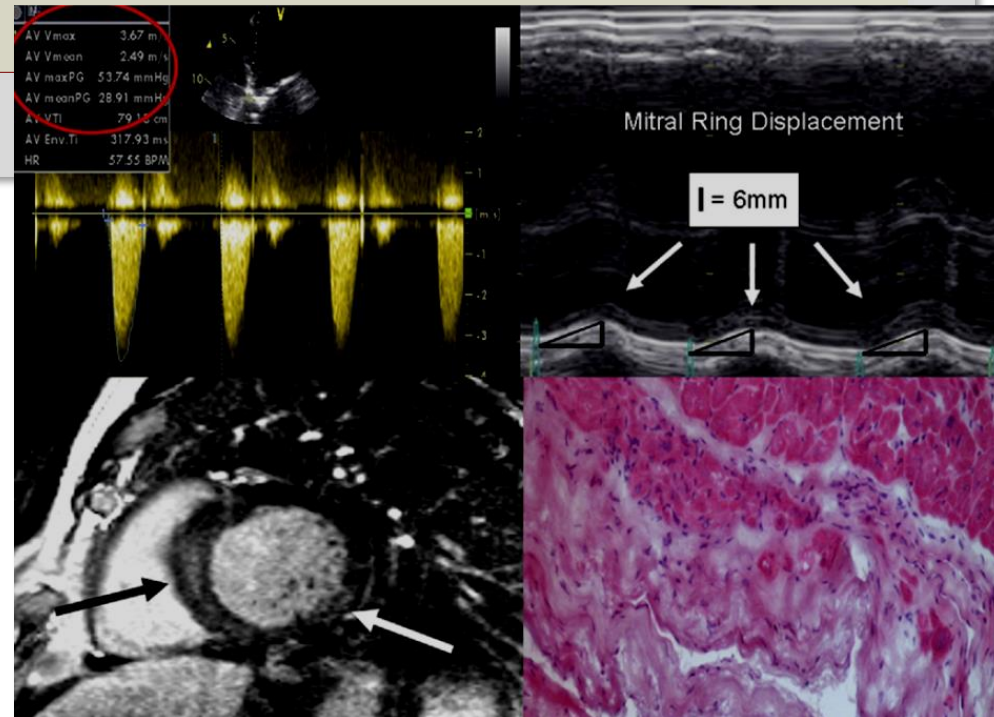
CME

## Low-Gradient Aortic Valve Stenosis

### Myocardial Fibrosis and Its Influence on Function and Outcome

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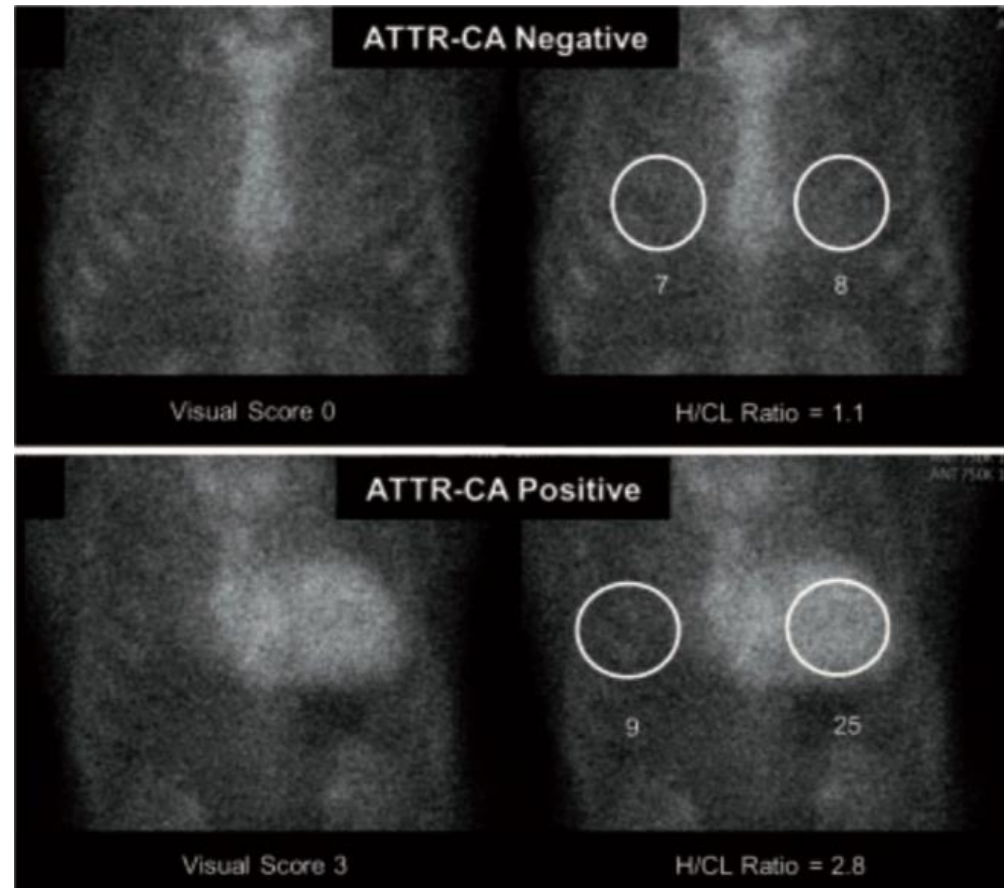
**CLINICAL RESEARCH**

*Heart failure/cardiomyopathy*

## Unveiling transthyretin cardiac amyloidosis and its predictors among patients with severe aortic stenosis undergoing aortic valve replacement

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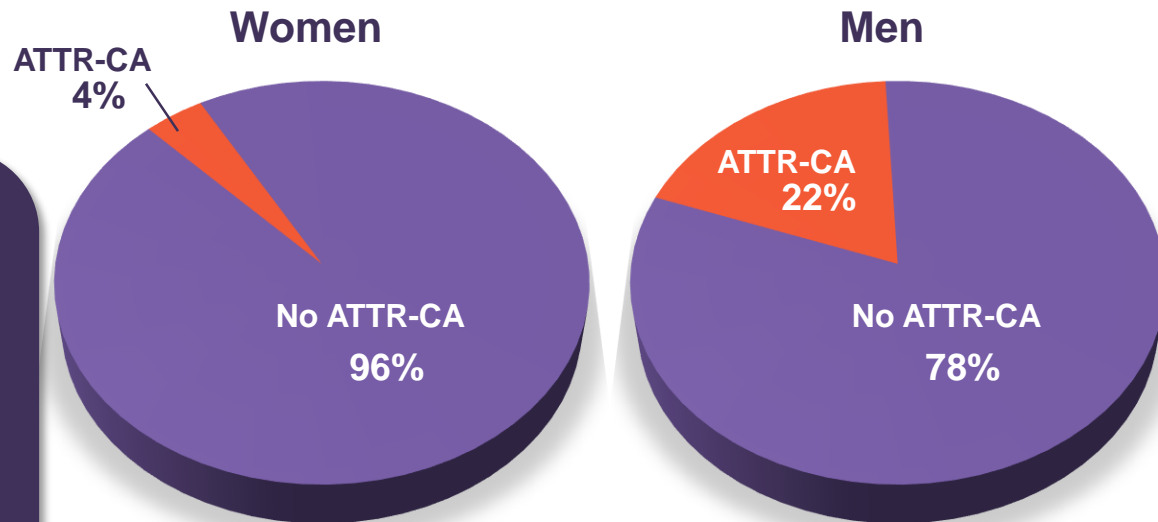


## Unveiling transthyretin cardiac amyloidosis and its predictors among elderly patients with severe aortic stenosis undergoing transcatheter aortic valve replacement

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Rebecca Hahn<sup>3</sup>, Sabaha

### Patients with ATTR-amyloidosis:

- Greater wall thickness
- Greater LV mass
- Lower stroke volume index
- Greater diastolic dysfunction
- Lower ejection fraction
- More abnormal global longitudinal strain

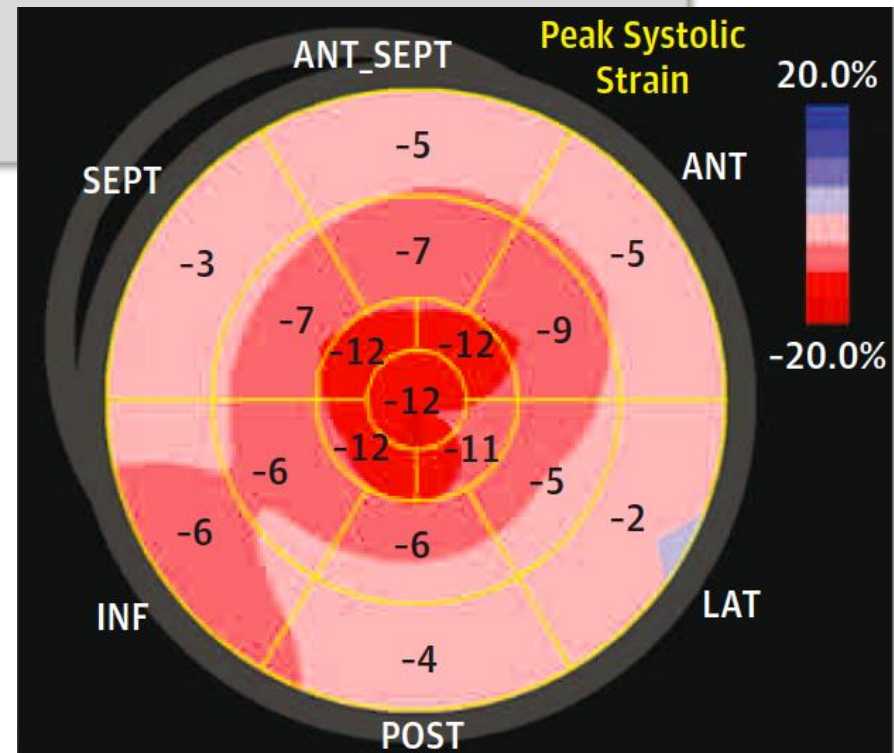


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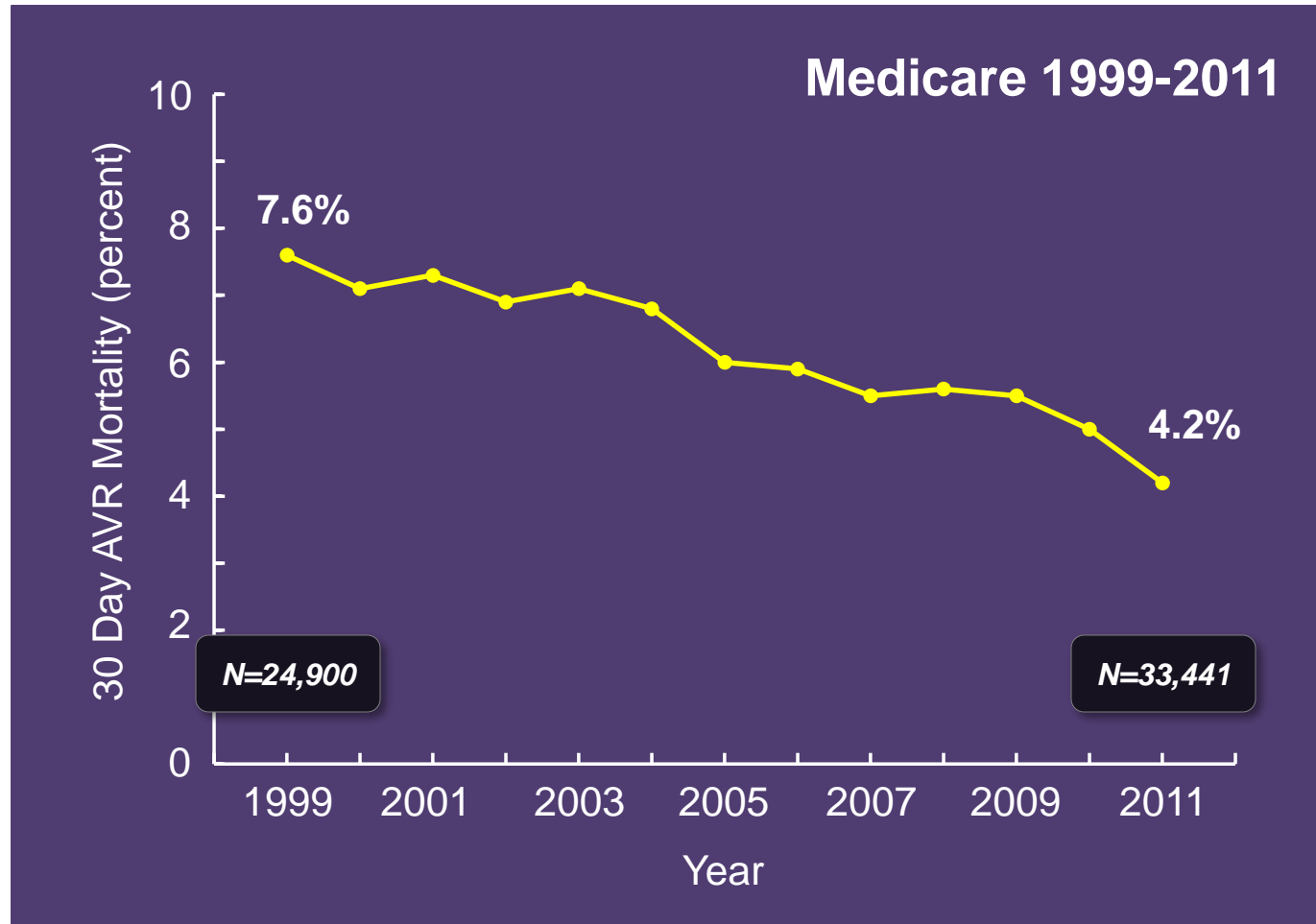
# The Diagnostic and Prognostic Value of Echocardiographic Strain

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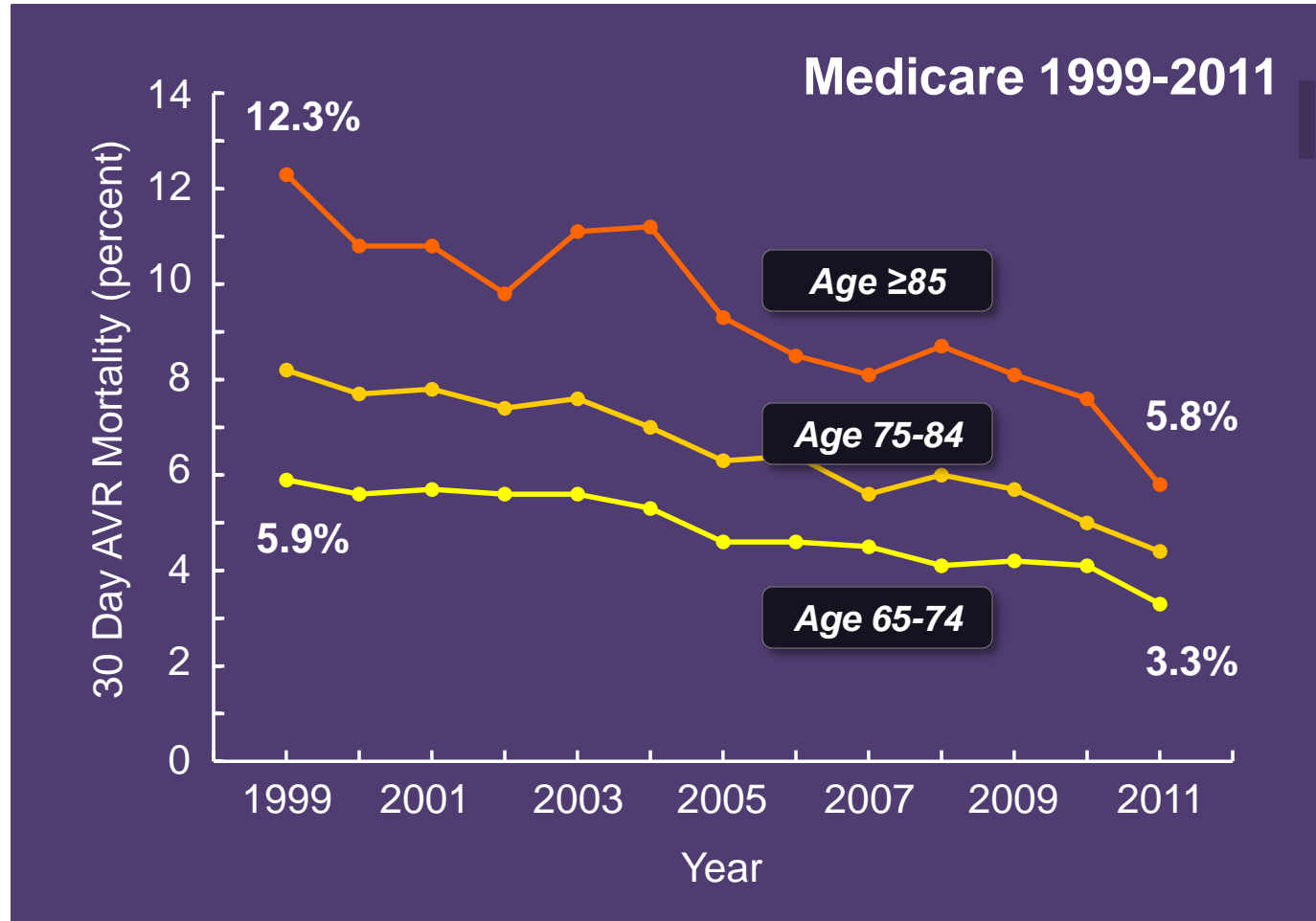
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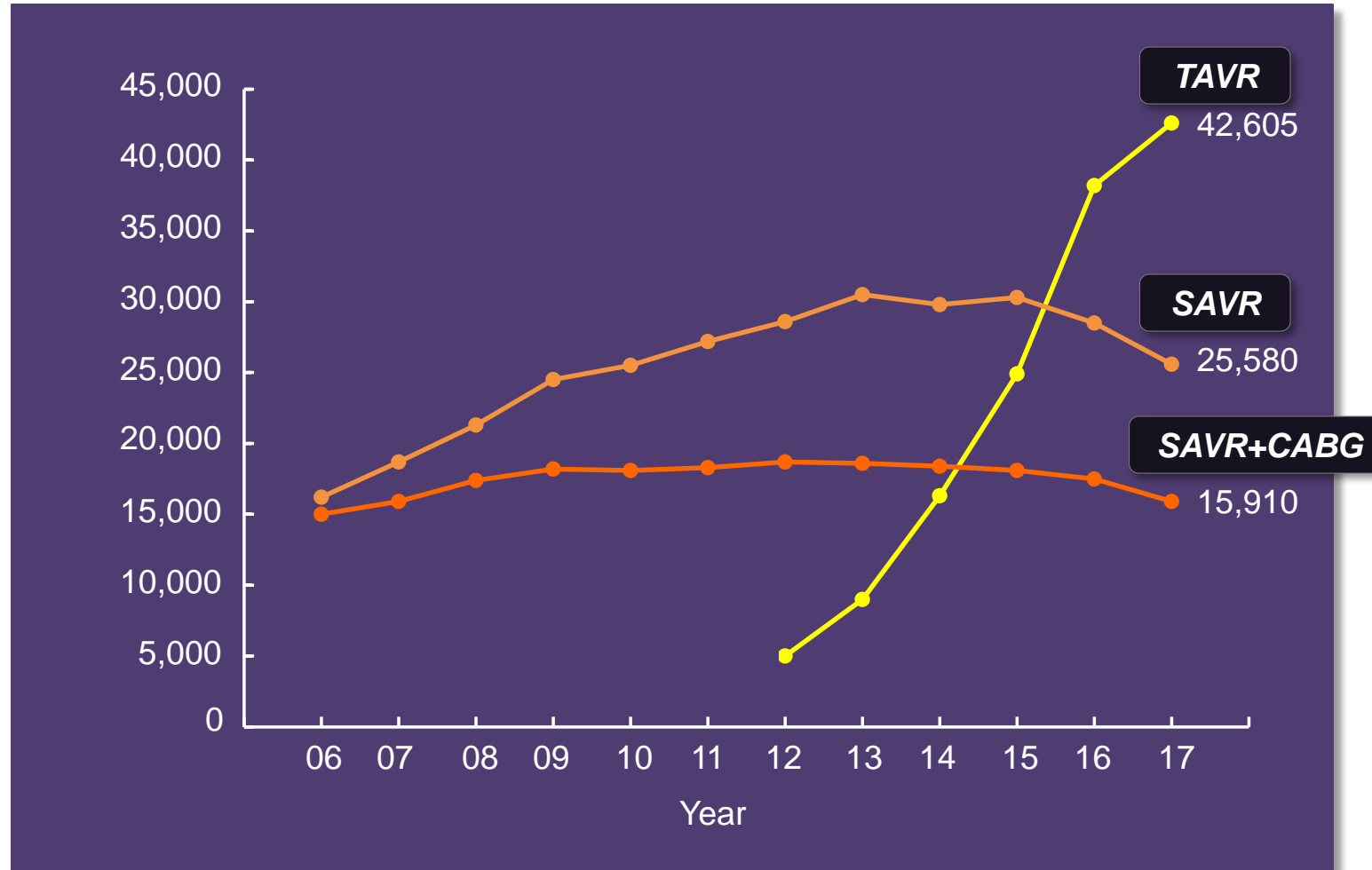


## Key Knowledge Gaps

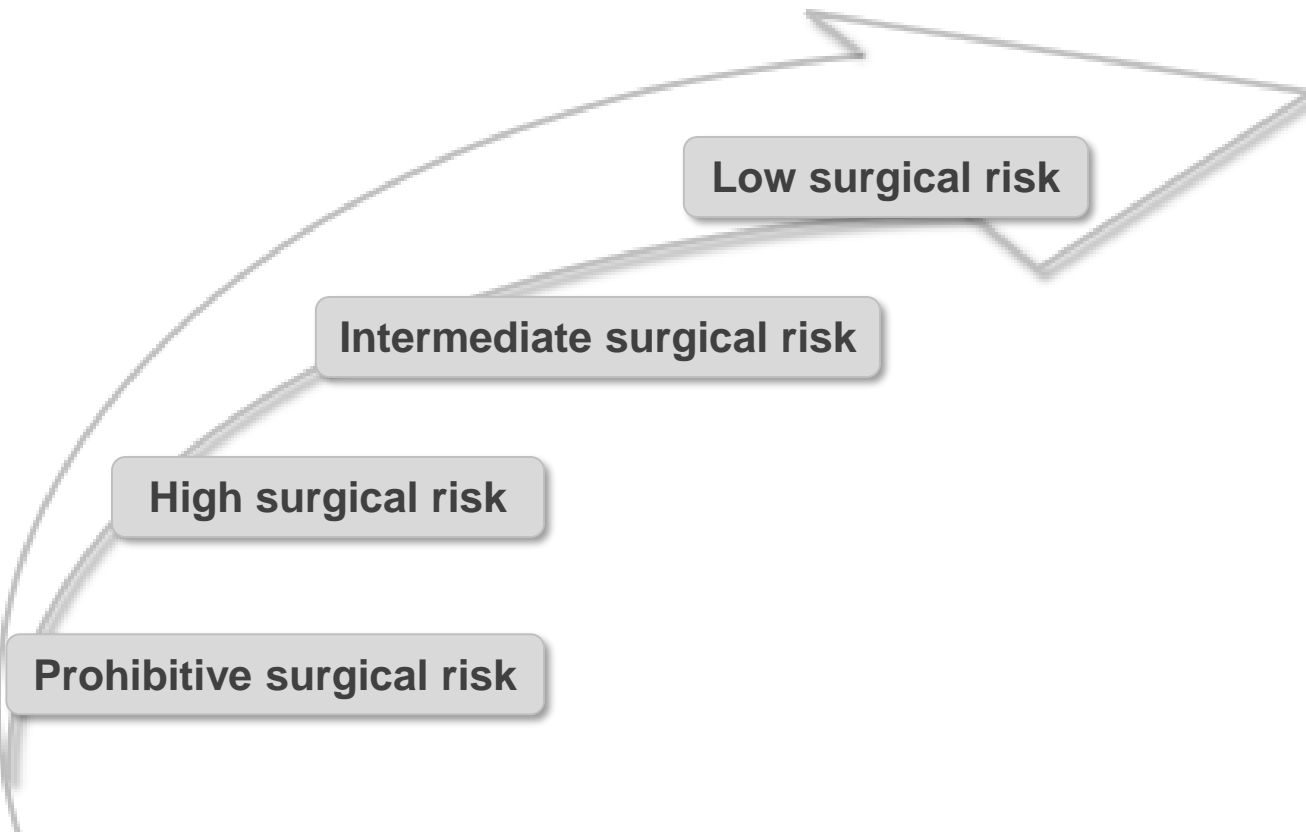
1. The symptomatic patient **Cardiac symptoms ?**
2. The asymptomatic patient **Truly asymptomatic ?**
3. Mechanisms of inflammation and calcification ?
4. Role of biomarkers?
5. Valve area / gradient / flow ?
6. Ventricular-vascular coupling ?
7. Evolution of TAVR to lower-risk patients ?



# Aortic Valve Replacement



## Evolution of TAVR



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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N Engl J Med 2019;380:1695-705

**Mean age: 73 years**  
**Mean STS score: 1.9**  
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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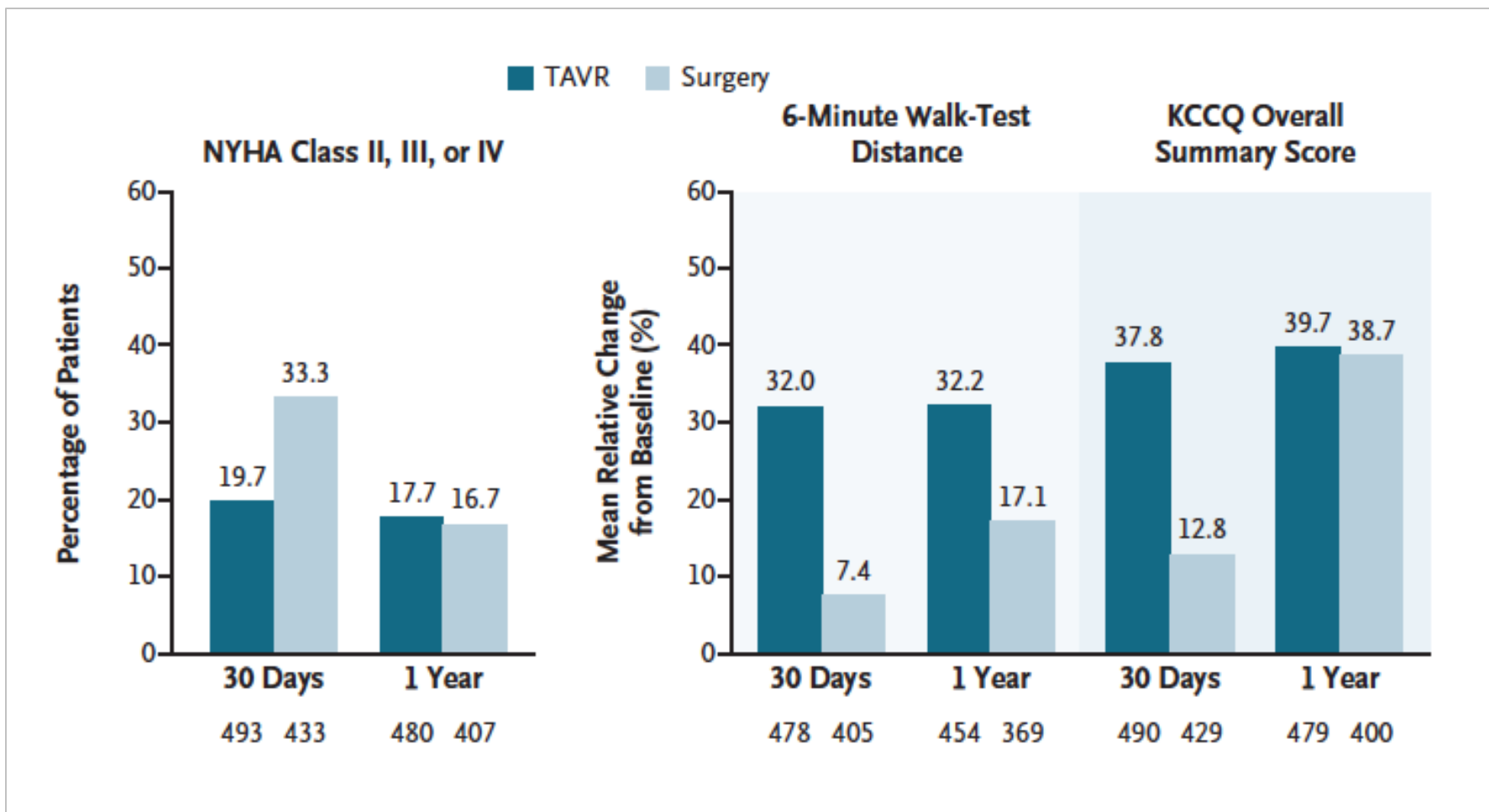
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AVA (cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Mean gradient (mmHg)	49.4	48.3	47.0	46.6
LVEF (%)	65.7	66.2	61.7	61.9
Composite (1 year)	8.5	15.1	2.9	4.6
Mortality (1 year)	1.0	2.5	2.4	3.0
Stroke (30 days)	0.6	2.4	3.4	3.4
Atrial fibrillation (30 d)	5.0	39.5	9.8	38.3
New pacemaker (30 d)	6.6	4.1	17.4	6.1



## Low Risk TAVR Trials: Missing Pieces

- Durability of transcatheter valves
- Subclinical leaflet thrombosis

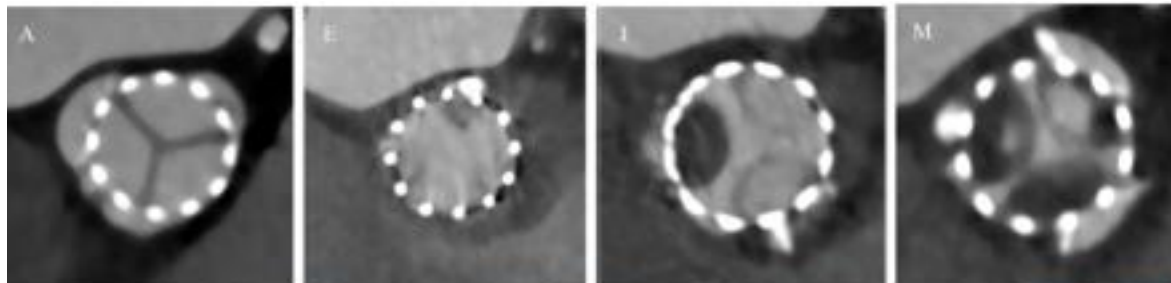
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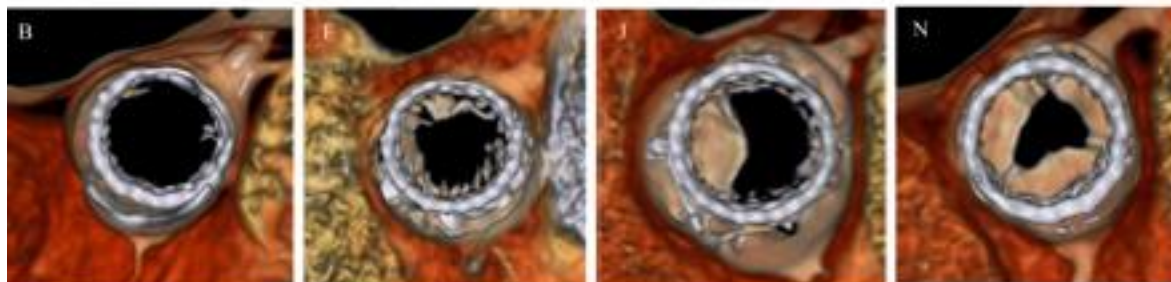
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- Reduced leaflet motion
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- HALT
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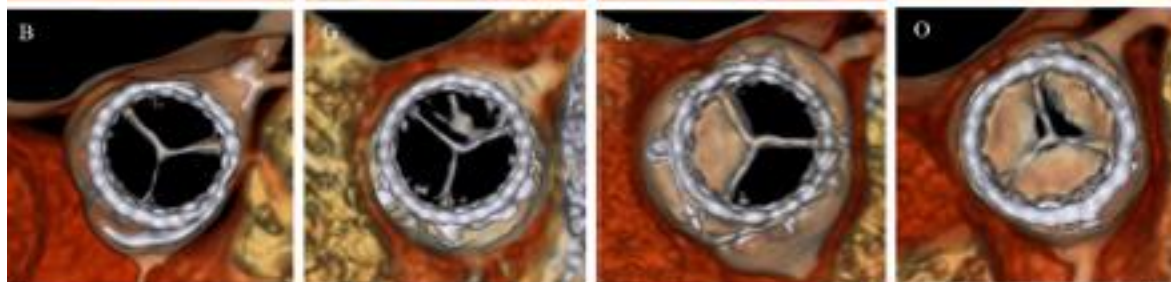
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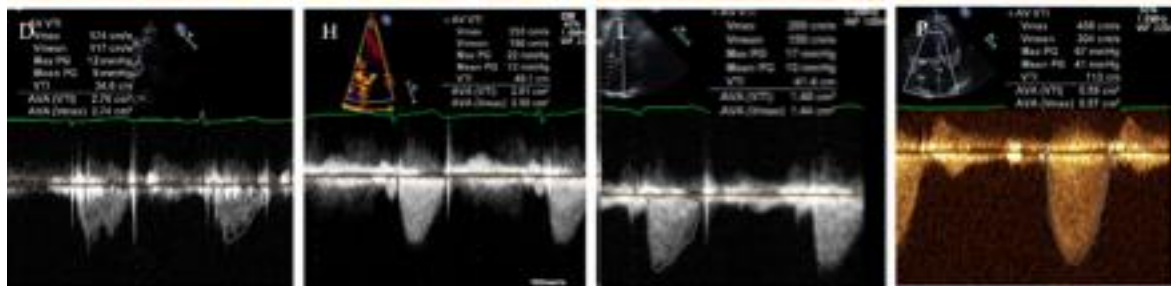
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Aortic valve gradient

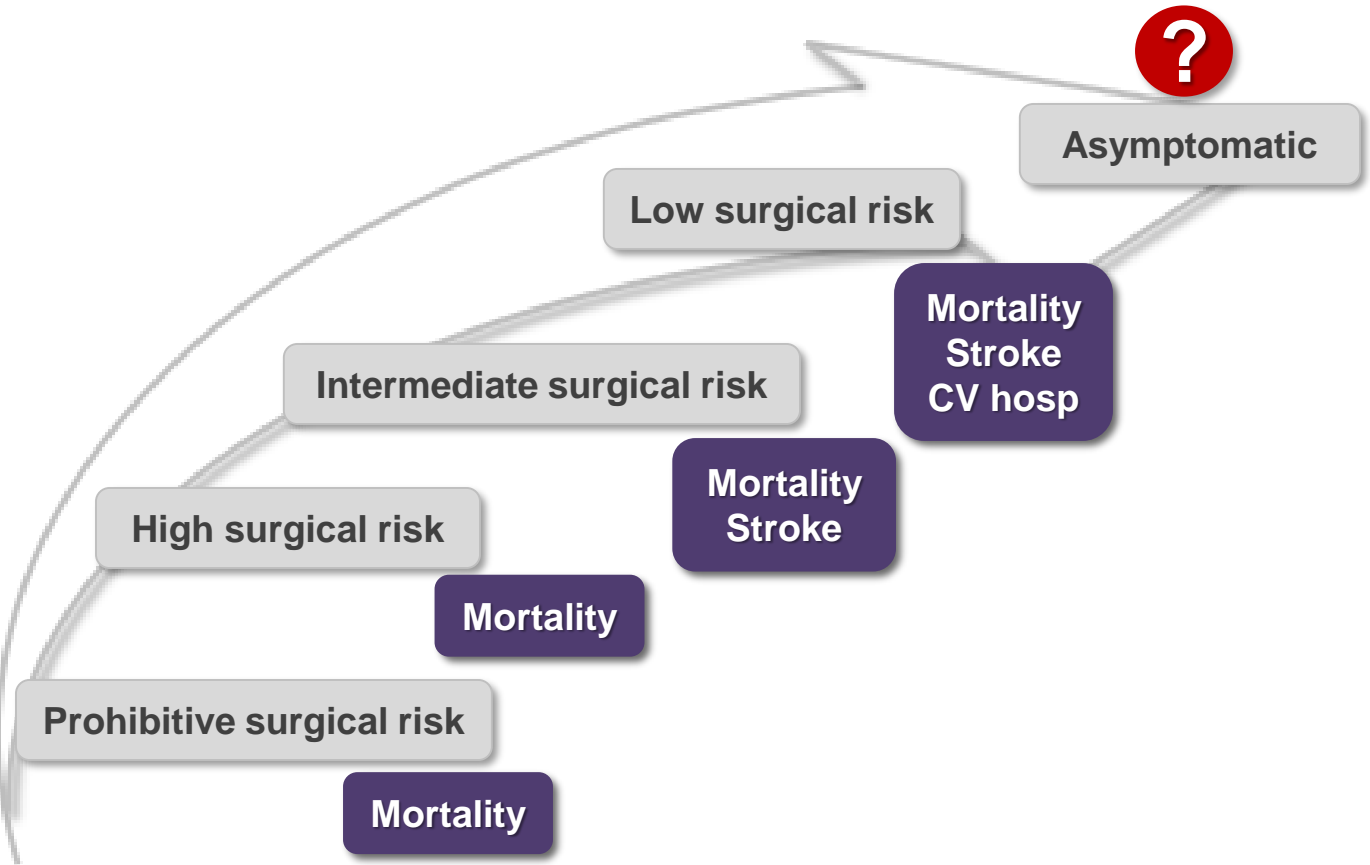


## Low Risk TAVR Trials: Missing Pieces

- Durability of transcatheter valves
- Subclinical leaflet thrombosis
- Patients with:
  - Bicuspid aortic valves
  - Extensive CAD
  - Aortic aneurysms
  - Associated MR / TR
- Younger patients
- Asymptomatic patients

Durability?  
Pacemaker rates?

# Evolution of TAVR



**CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE: FOCUSED UPDATE**

## 2017 AHA/ACC Focused Update of the 2014 AHA/ACC Guideline for the Management of Patients With Valvular Heart Disease

A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association  
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**ESC/EACTS GUIDELINES**

## 2017 ESC/EACTS Guidelines for the management of valvular heart disease

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# TAVR 2019

- TAVR has been truly transformative
- Surgical AVR has been the standard with proven durability and safety for most patients **Is TAVR now the standard?**
- TAVR provides treatment options for patients who previously had no options other than a predictably very poor short term outcome
- TAVR is an alternative to SAVR in patients at high and intermediate surgical risk **... and now low risk**
- The threshold for TAVR is declining in clinical trials, registries and clinical practice
- Multidisciplinary heart team is **essential**
- All patients want this
- Determining when to withhold TAVR is difficult

## Clinical Studies

# Aortic Stenosis\*

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**A**ORTIC stenosis is a simple mechanical fault, which, if severe enough, imposes a heavy burden on the left ventricle and sooner or later overcomes it. An obstructive lesion of this sort presents a surgeon. To describe just what it is, and of course from the point of view

definition of severe stenosis is one with sufficient hypertrophy of the left ventricle to cause inversion of the T wave of the electrocardiogram in left ventricular surface leads or their

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studied during the aortic mitral

The 1958 Morris H. Nathanson Lecture, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

**...it's not simple any more**







## **Associations of Long-Term and Early Adult Atherosclerosis Risk Factors With Aortic and Mitral Valve Calcium**

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- 1323 subjects in Framingham Offspring Study
- Enrolled between 1971 and 1975
- Mean age at enrollment 34 ± 9 years
- MDCT imaging between 2002 and 2005
- Median 26.9 year follow-up

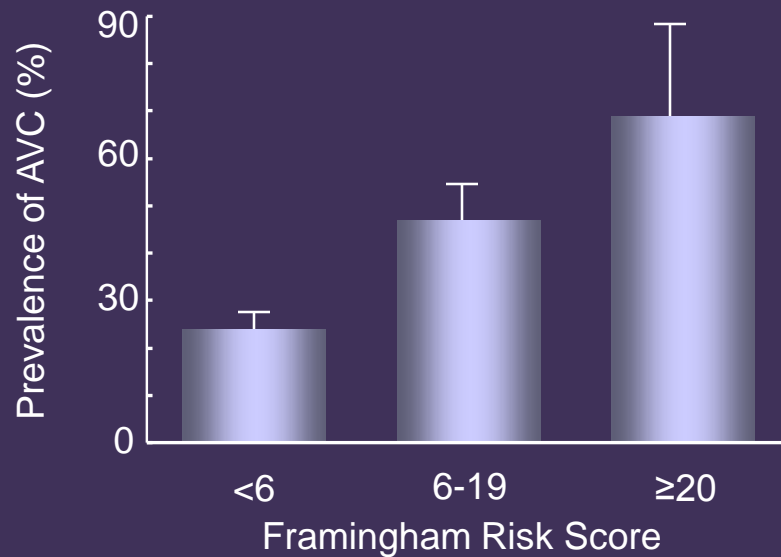
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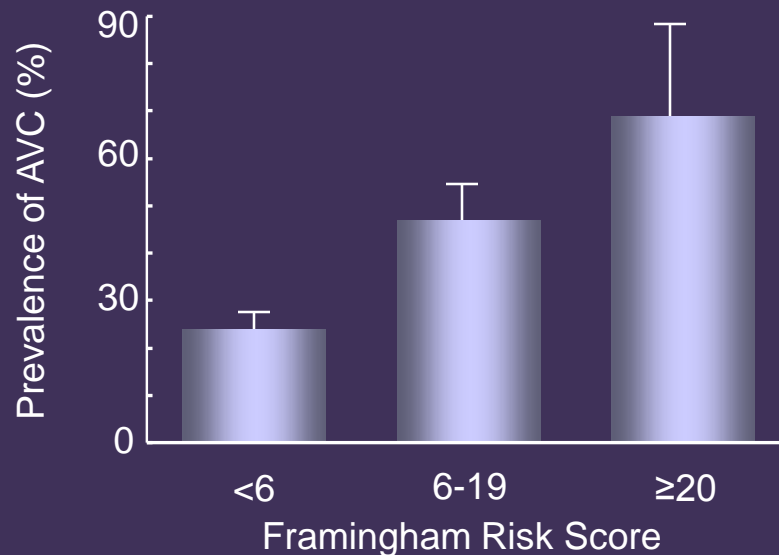
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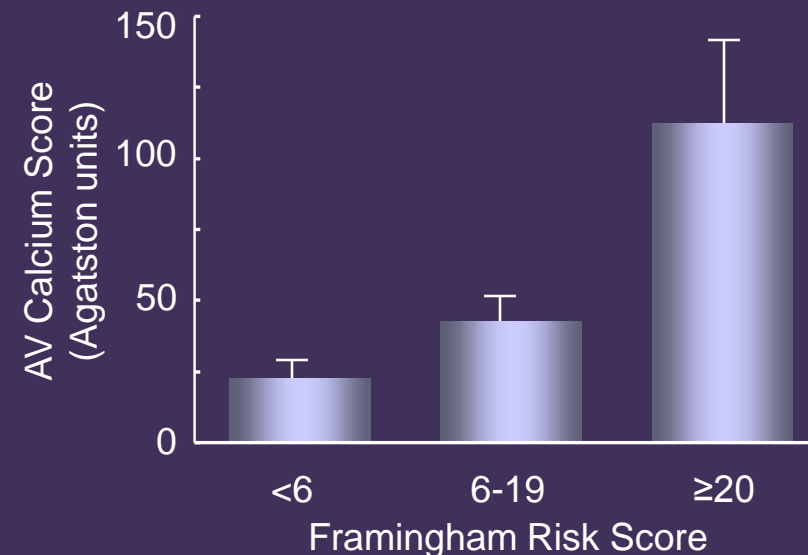
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Prevalence of Aortic Valve Calcium



Severity of Aortic Valve Calcium



## Elevated Lipoprotein(a) and Risk of Aortic Valve Stenosis in the General Population

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**1%**  
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**31%**  
**59%**  
**45%**

Percentile	Lp(a)		No. of subjects
		mg/dL	
<22	2-4	6123	
22-66	7-17	13053	
67-89	30-51	6677	
90-95	63-95	1728	
>95	104-148	1435	

