

# Renal artery stenosis: Therapeutic Strategy



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What about the patient?

## **Hypertension +**

- **Uncontrolled with  $\geq 3$  antihypertensives**
- **Acute heart failure / Flash pulmonary edema**
- **Impaired renal function**
  - **Worsening renal function after ACEI-Tx**

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# Renovascular hypertension

## Renovascular azotemia



Renal artery stenosis :  
RR: 170/100 mmHg  
GFR: 60 ml/min

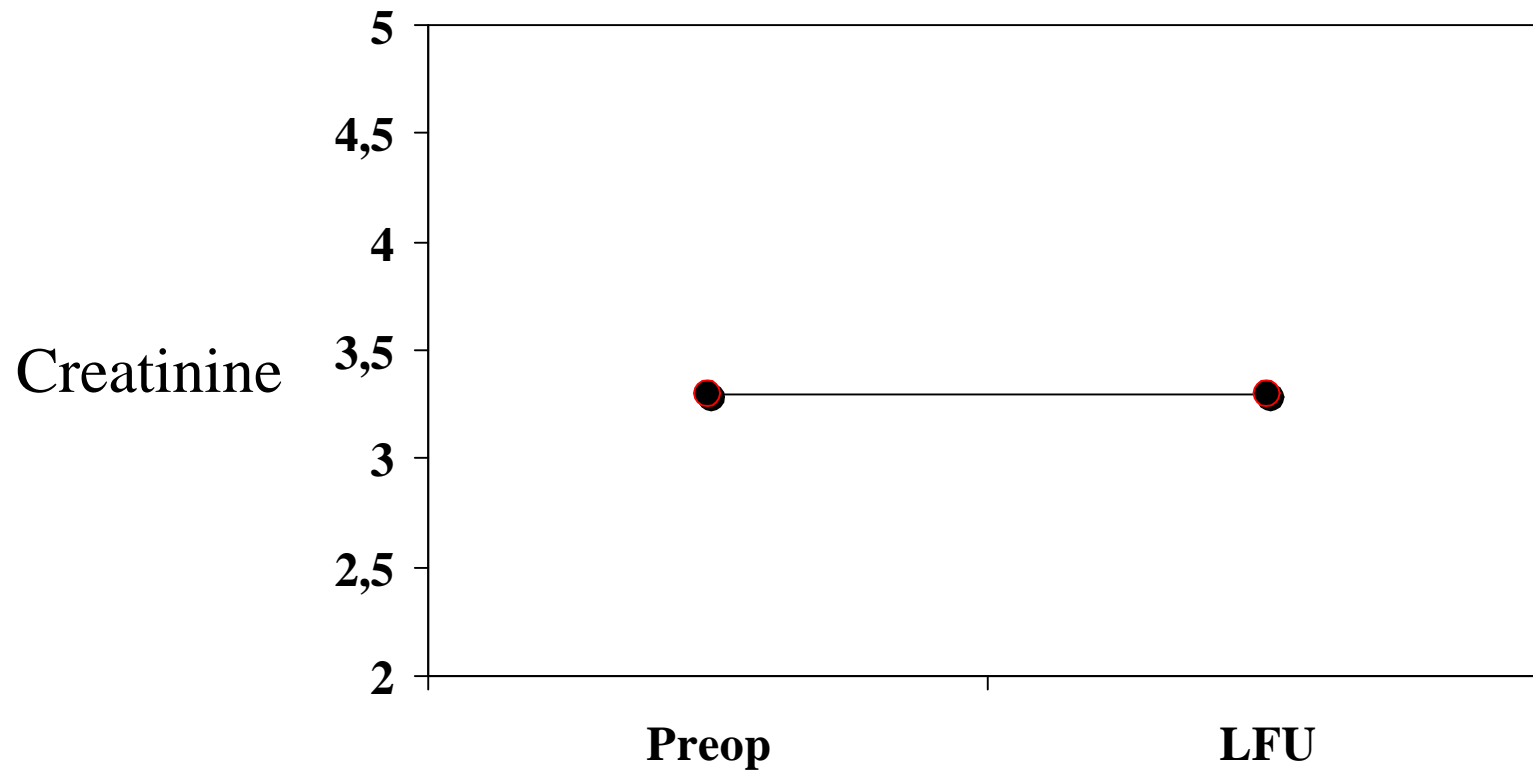


Successful PTA:  
RR: 170/100 mmHg  
(GFR: 60 ml/min)  
20-40%



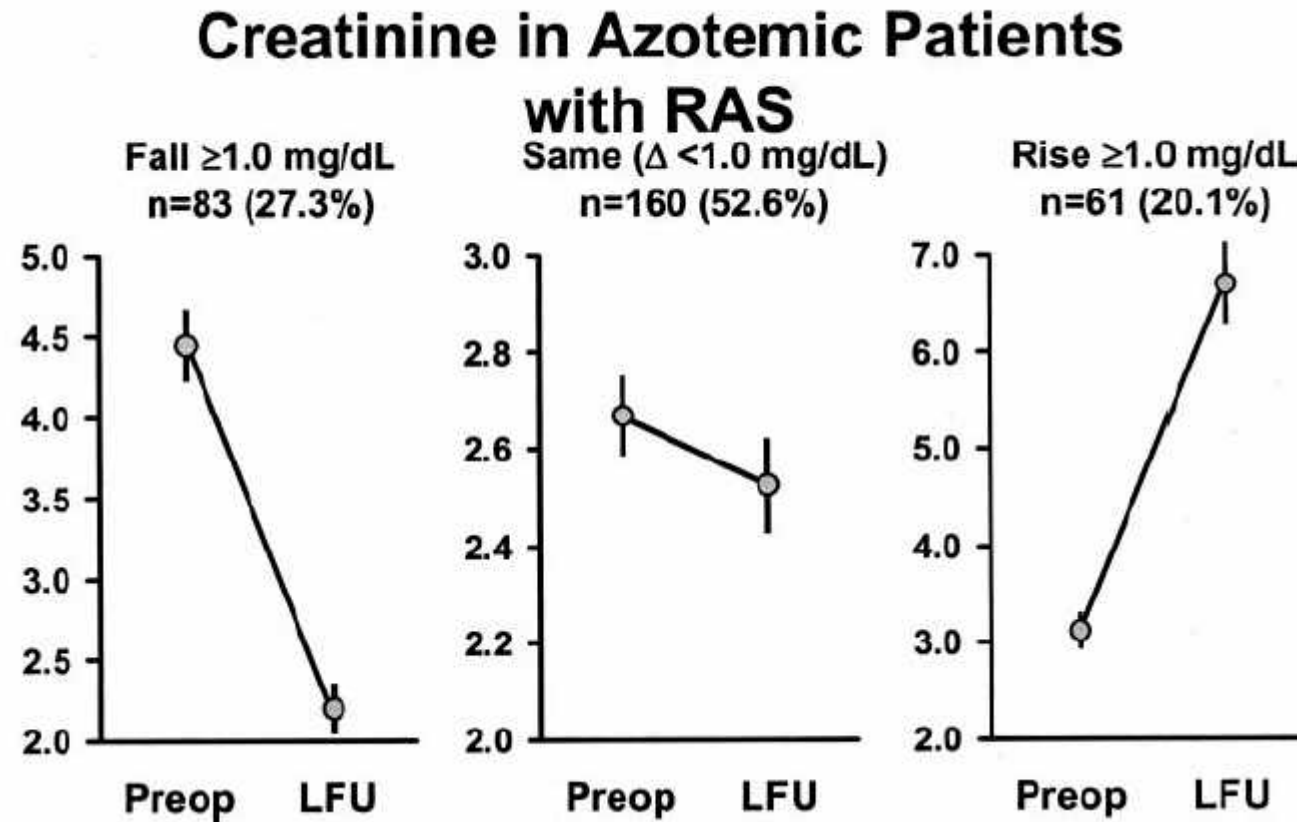
Successful PTA:  
RR: 140/90 mmHg  
(GFR: 85 ml/min)  
60-80%

# Follow up after surgical correction of RAS in 304 Patients



*Textor & Wilcox 2001 Annu Rev Med 52: 421-442*

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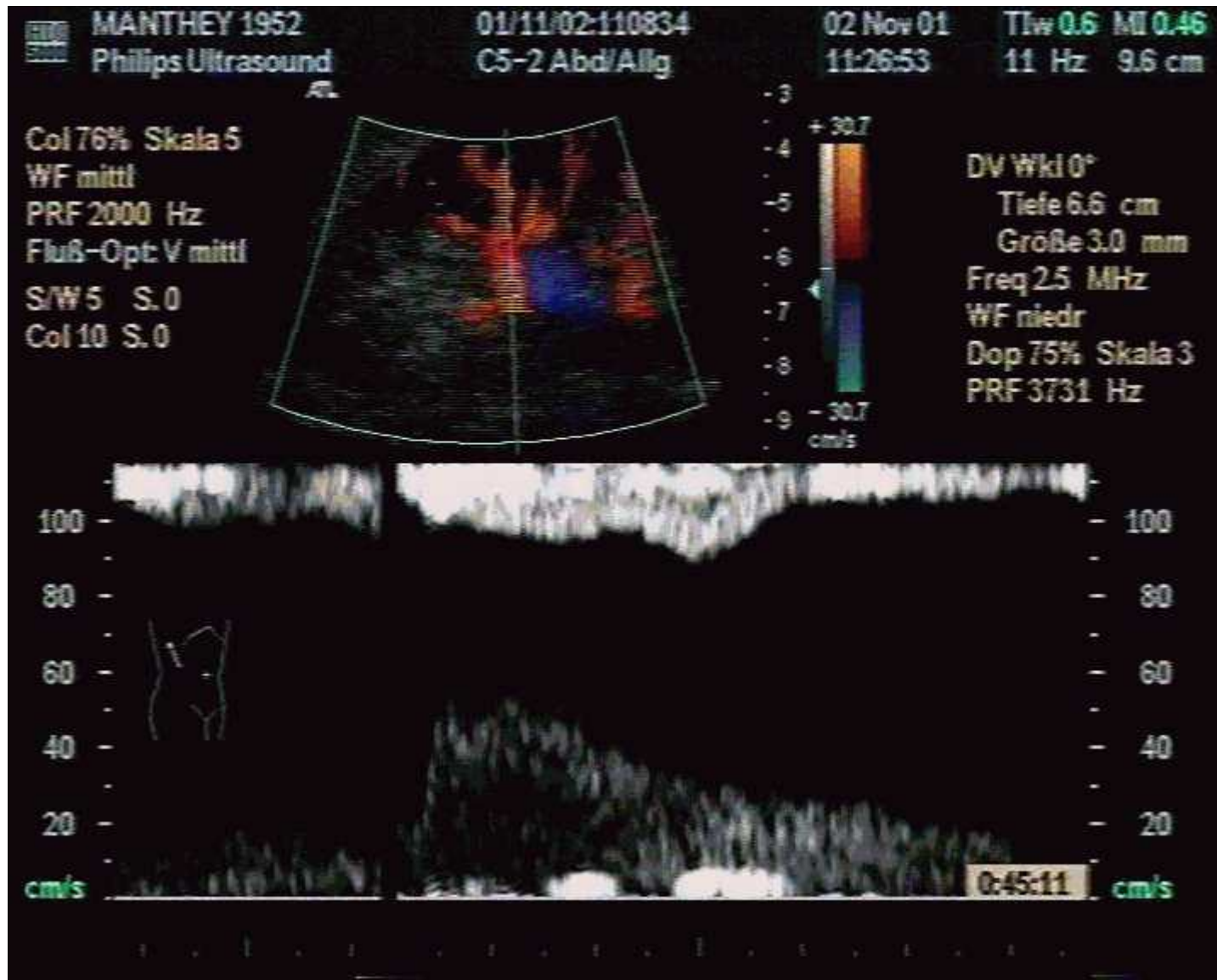


# What Method to Diagnose **RVHT/RVA**?

- Selection criteria
  - > 50 patients included
  - Prospective
  - RVHT: Fall in MAP  $\geq 10$ mmHg with unchanged AHT
  - RVA: Improvement  $\geq 10\%$
- Screening methods evaluated
  - Captopril test
  - Captopril Szintigraphy
  - Lateralised renal vein renin
  - Doppler Sonography

	Patienten - zahl	Kommentar / Parameter	RVHT Sensitivität / Spezifität (%)	RVA Sensitivität / Spezifität (%)
<b>Captopril Szintigraphie</b>				
Geyskes (1991) <sup>[12]</sup>	77	Tmax	91 / 32	k. A.
Dondi (1992) <sup>[7]</sup>	51	Renogram Muster Tmax > 5 min	87 / 93	k. A.
Elliot (1993) <sup>[8]</sup>	53	Captopril 25-50 mg Delta Tmax > 5 sec oder Delta GFR 2 min ≥10% oder Delta Exkretion > 5 min	92 / 80	k. A.
Fommei (1993) <sup>[10]</sup>	36	Normale Nierenfunktion Tracereinlagerung 2 min < 40% oder Tmax < 2 min oder > 10 min	93 / 100	k. A.
	18	Kreatinin > 123µmol/l	100 / 33	71 / 90
Harward (1995) <sup>[17]</sup>	52	n.v.	100 / k.A.	k. A.
<b>Mittelwert:</b>			<b>93 / 67</b>	
<b>Captopril Test</b>				
Elliot (1993) <sup>[8]</sup>	53	PRA > 5.7 ng/ml/h nach 25 mg Captopril	76 / 58	k. A.
<b>Lateralisierung Nierenvenen Renin</b>				
Martin (1993) <sup>[25]</sup>	123	Lateralisierungsindex > 1.5	67 / 20	k. A.
Roubidoux (1991) <sup>[43]</sup>	133	Lateralisierungsindex > 1.5	65 / 48	k. A.

# Messung des RI-Wertes mittels FKDS





MANTHEY 1952  
Philips Ultrasound

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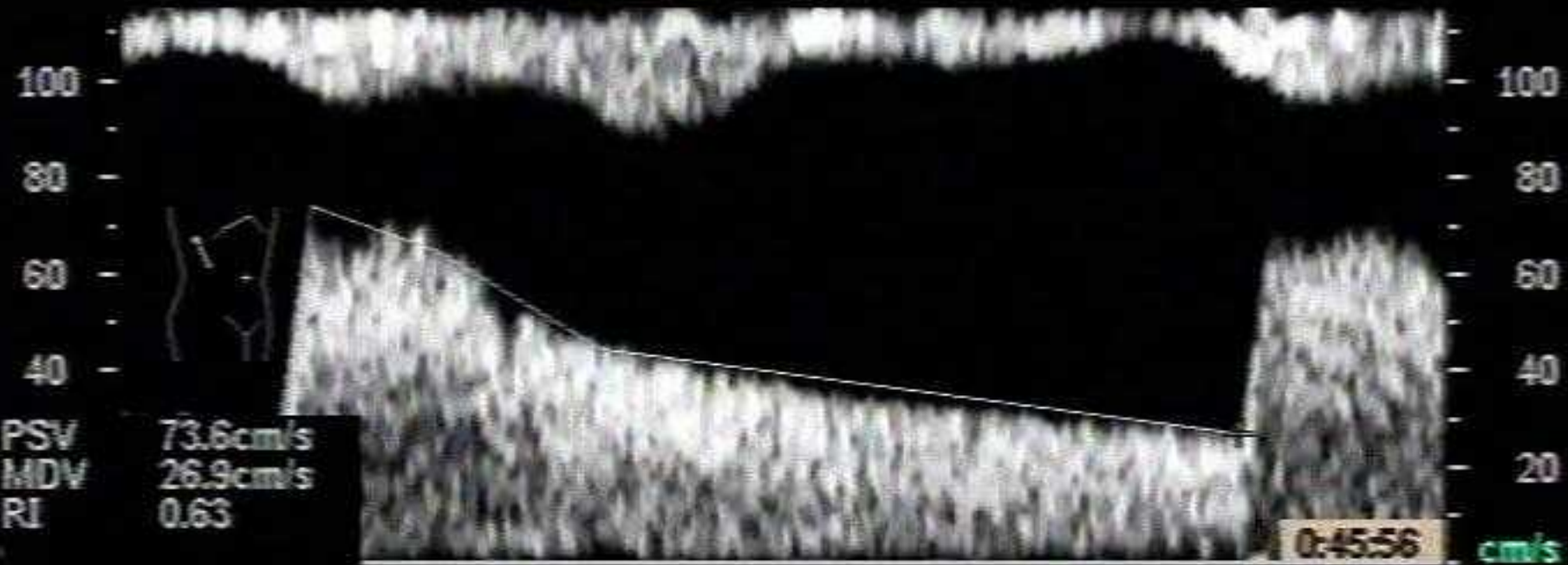
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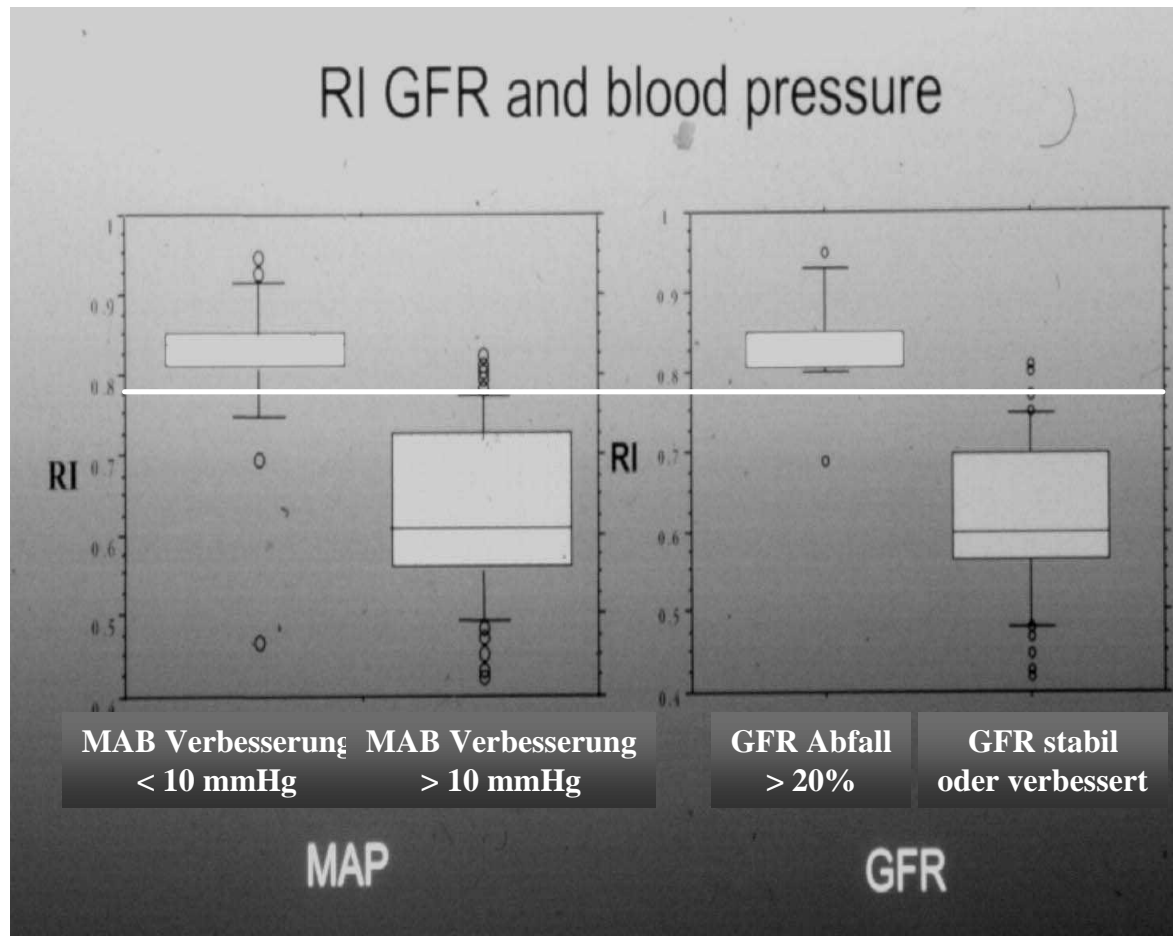
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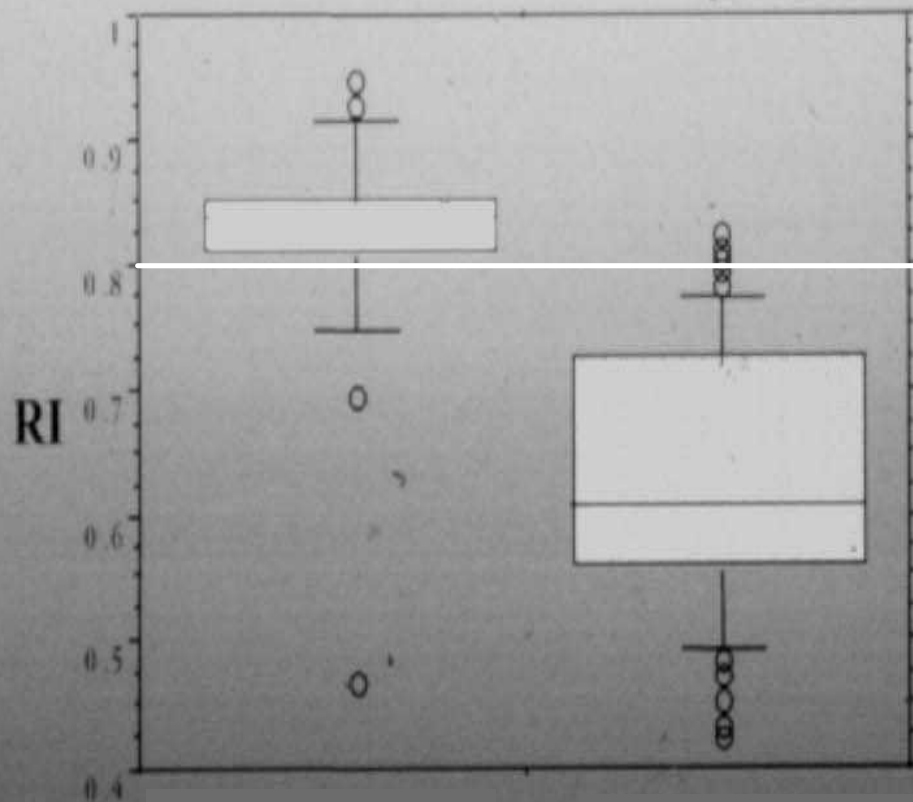
# How to Diagnose renovascular hypertension / -azotemia



Retrospective analysis <sup>(1)</sup> : RI > 80 is characteristic for patients who improve neither blood pressure nor renal function

*Radermacher et al. JASN 1996, 7:1554*

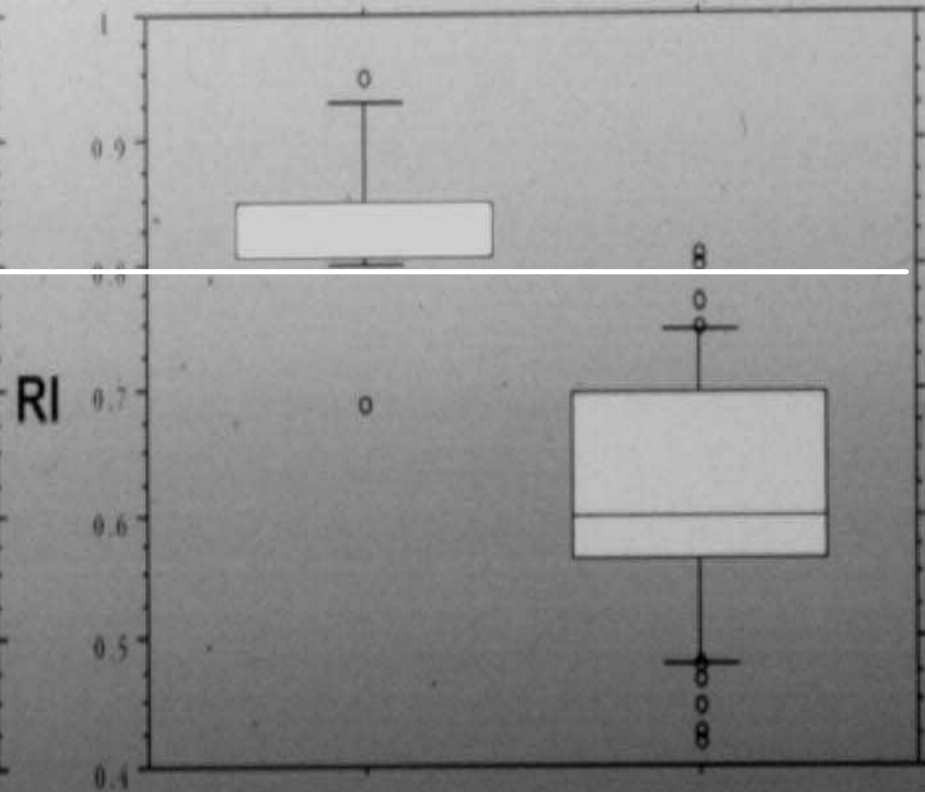
# RI GFR and blood pressure



Improvement  
< 10 mmHg

Improvement  
= 10 mmHg

MAP



GFR Decrease  
> 20%

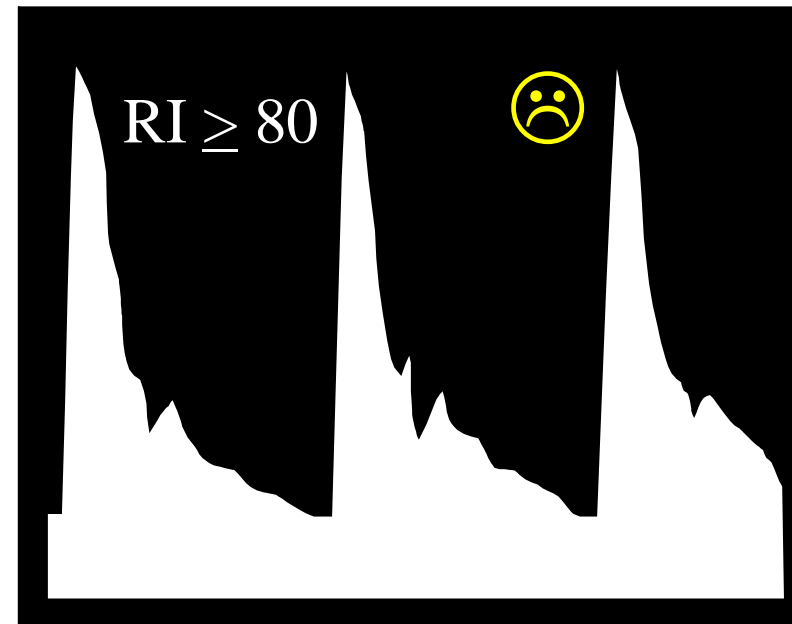
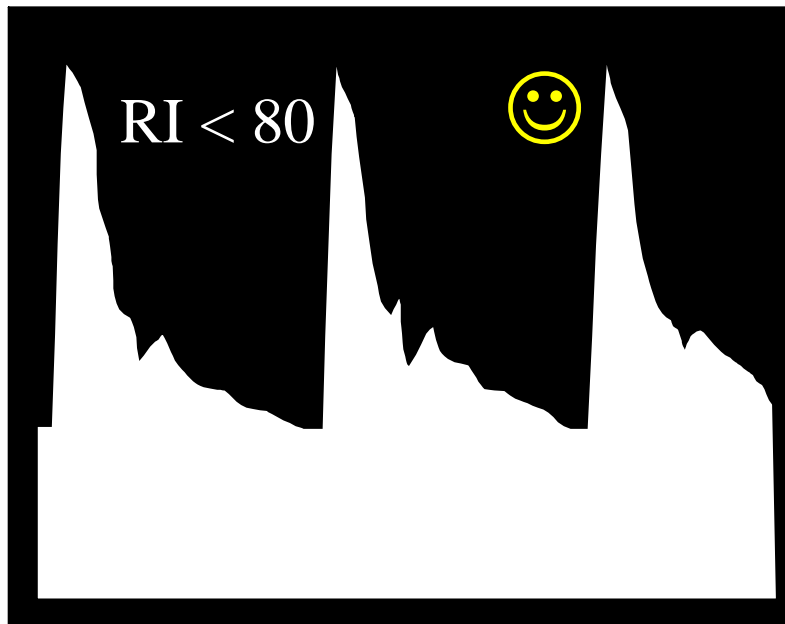
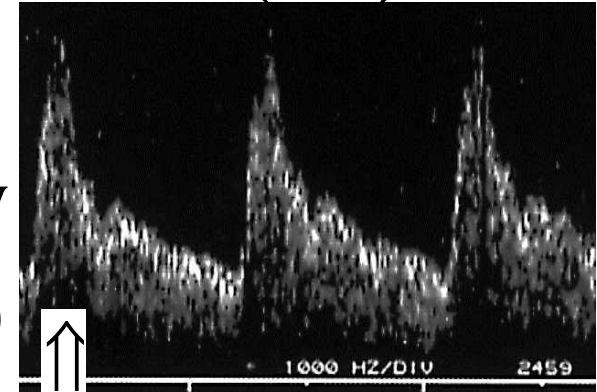
GFR Stable or  
Improved

GFR

# How to Diagnose RVHT / RVA :

## Measuring the renal resistance index (RI)

- Proximal renal segmental artery
- $RI = (1 - (V_{min} / V_{max})) * 100$

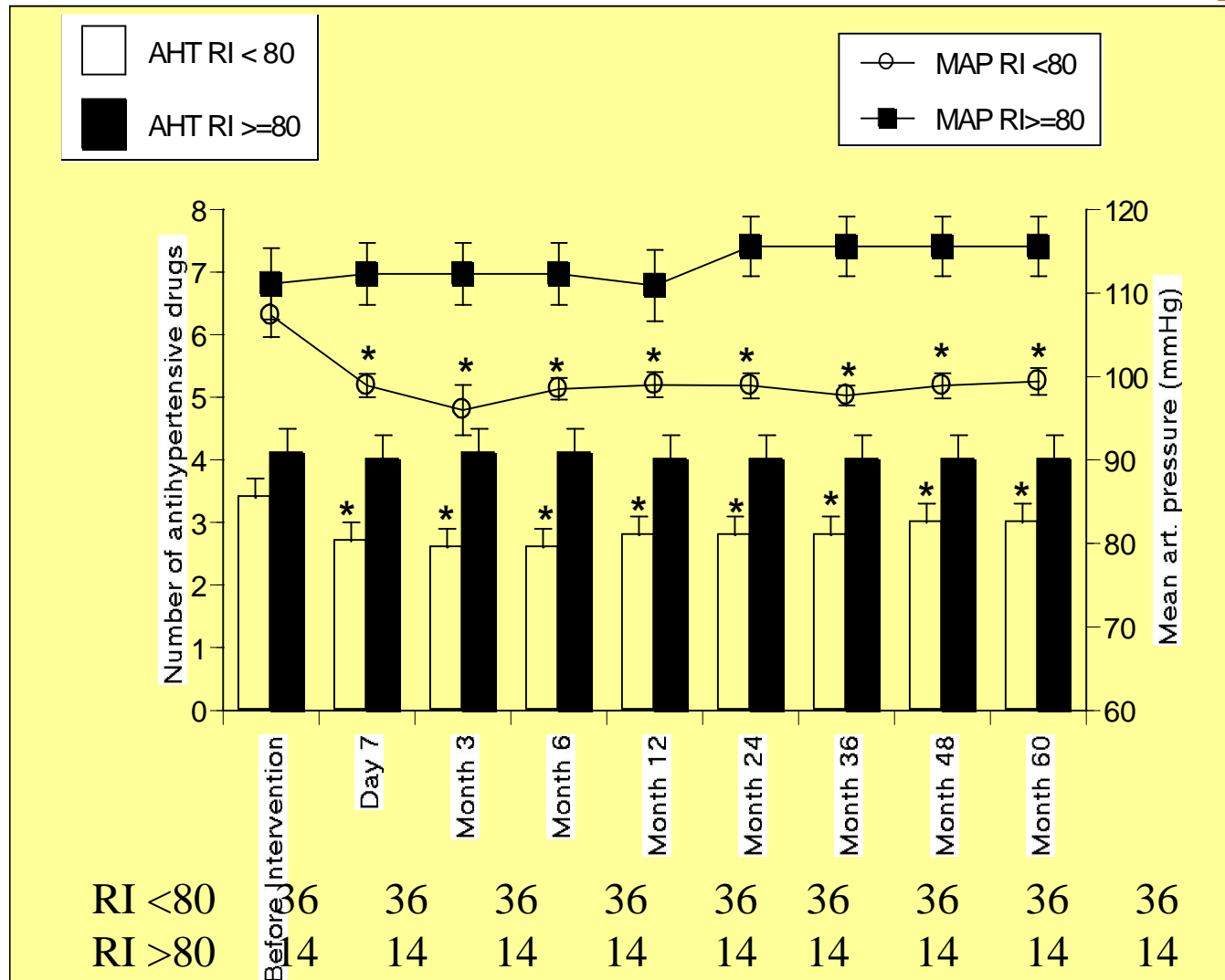


# How to diagnose renovascular hypertension or azotemia

- 5950 hypertensive patients were screened for renal artery stenosis with CDS
- RI was measured in both kidneys
- $RI \geq 80$  **in either** kidney was considered a poor prognostic sign
- 131 patients c. successful PTA or surgery of RAS  $>50\%$
- Measure creatinine clearance and 24h-ABP before and at month 3, 6, 12 and in yearly intervals thereafter

# How to diagnose renovascular hypertension

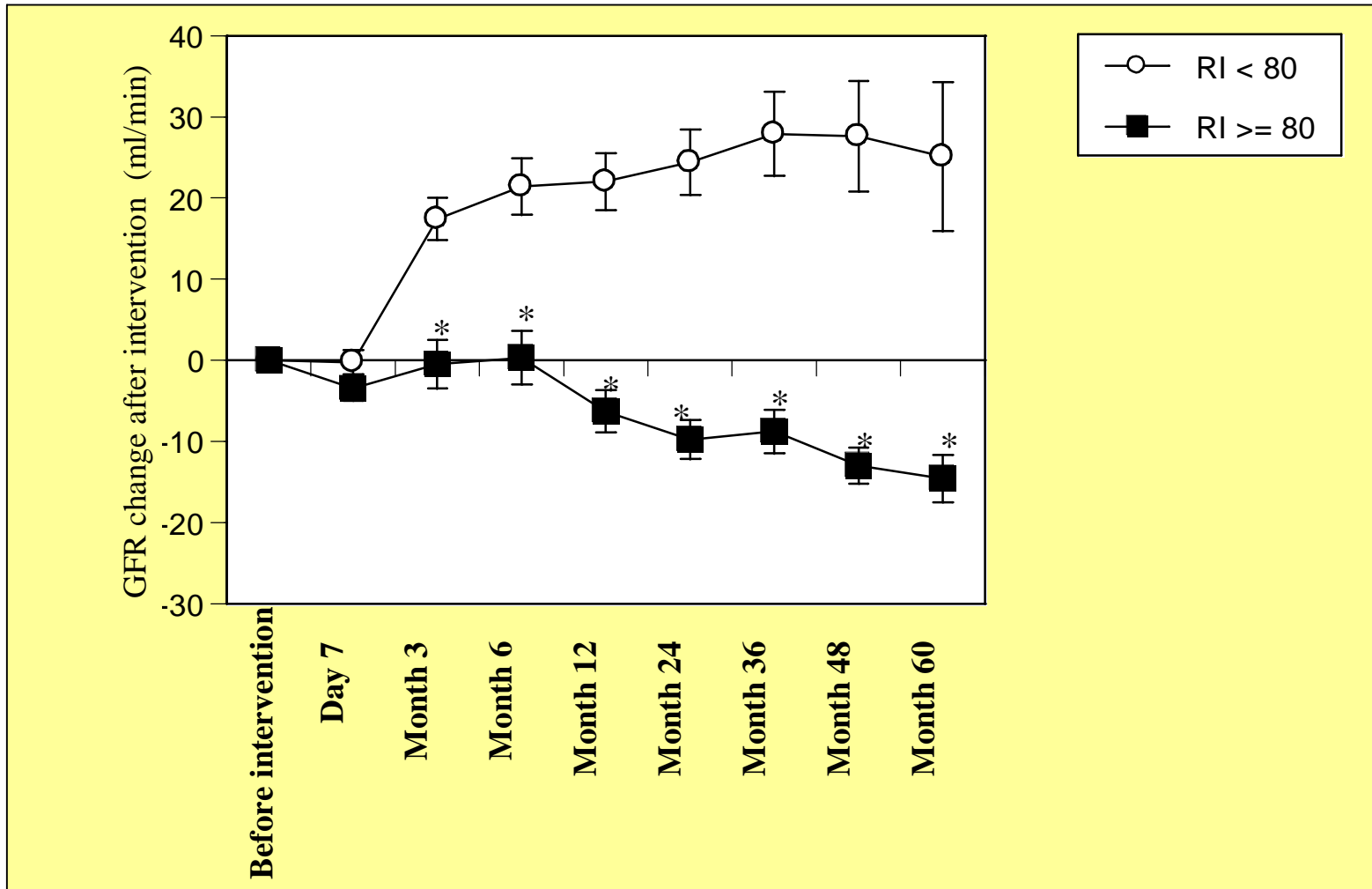
## Predictive value of RI: Follow up > 5 Jahre



- RI ≥ 80 n = 14  
No decrease of MAP (>10 mmHg) in 14
- RI < 80 n = 36  
No decrease of MAP (>10 mmHg) in 2

# How to diagnose renovascular azotemia

## Predictive value of RI

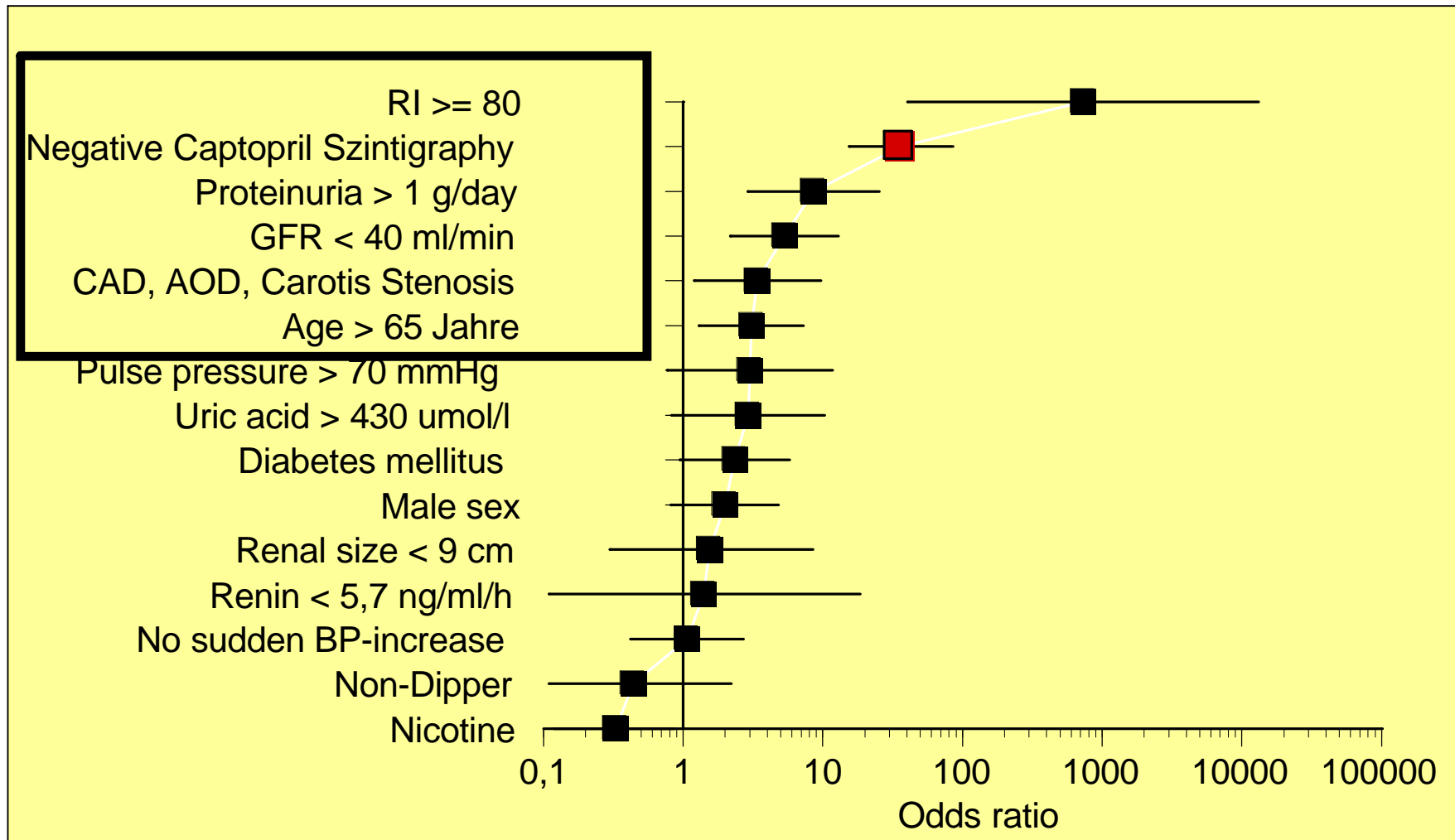


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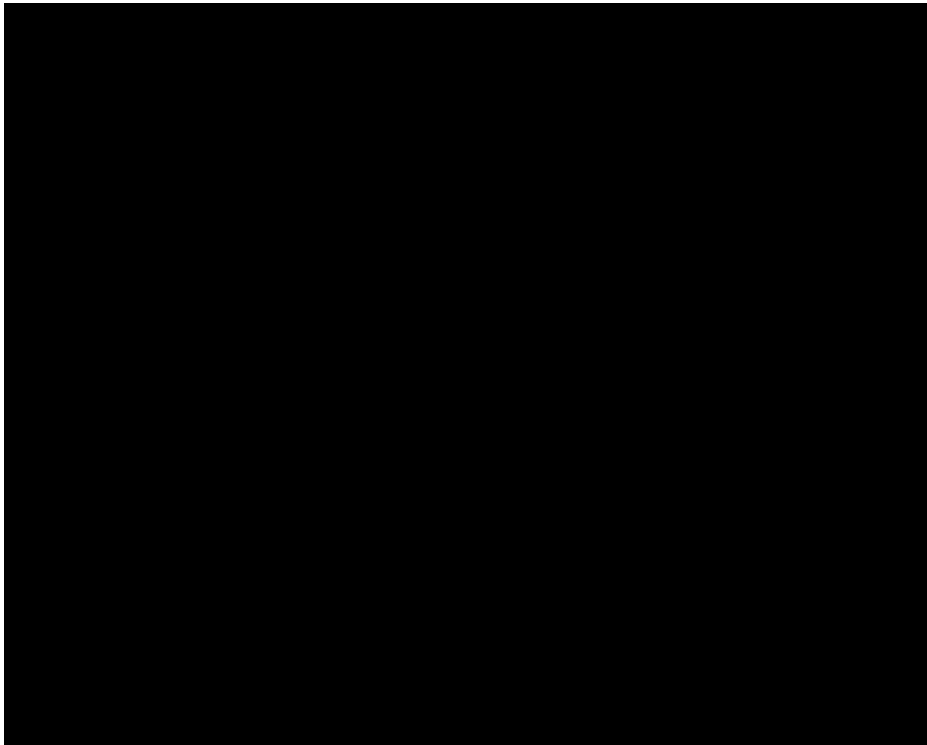
Patient - number	Comment / Parameter	RVHT Sensitivity / Specificity (%)	RVA Sensitivity / Specificity (%)	
<b>Color coded</b>				
<b>Duplex sonography</b>				
Radermacher 2001 <sup>[38]</sup>	131	All Patients RI < 0.80	99 / 85	96 / 53
Radermacher 2001 <sup>[38]</sup>	78	Impaired renal function RI < 0.80	98 / 90	96 / 79

Radermacher et al. 2001 NEJM 344: 410-417

# Comparison of RI with other parameters to predict declining renal function (GFR decrease >10%)



# Pitfalls of RI



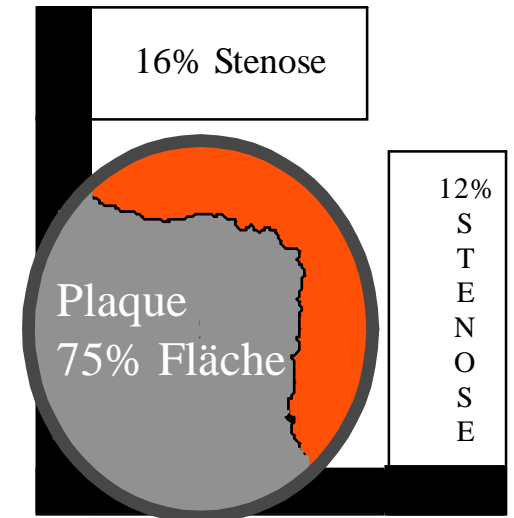
- Bilateral severe ( $>70\%$ ) stenosis
- Urodynamically relevant hydronephrosis
- Acute renal failure
- Valsalva during measurement of RI
- Extreme bradycardia ( $<40$ )

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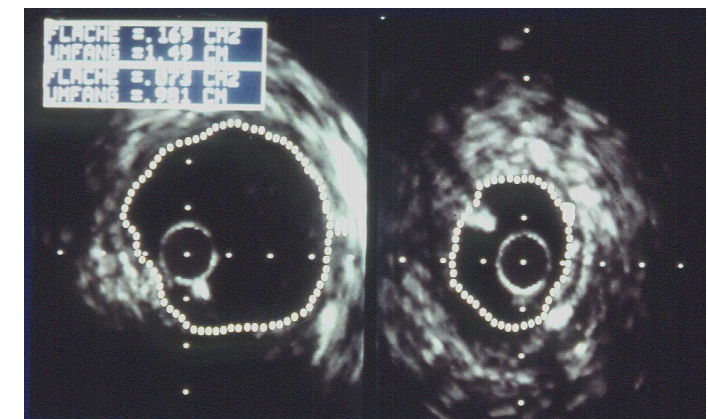
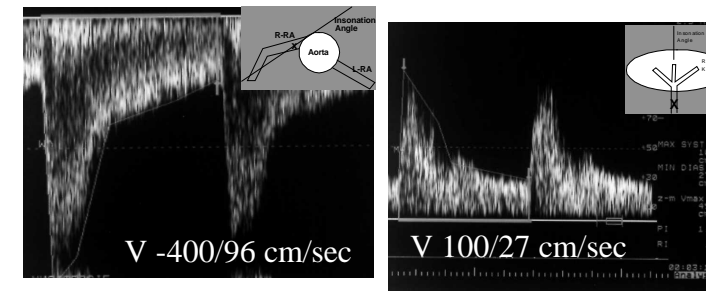
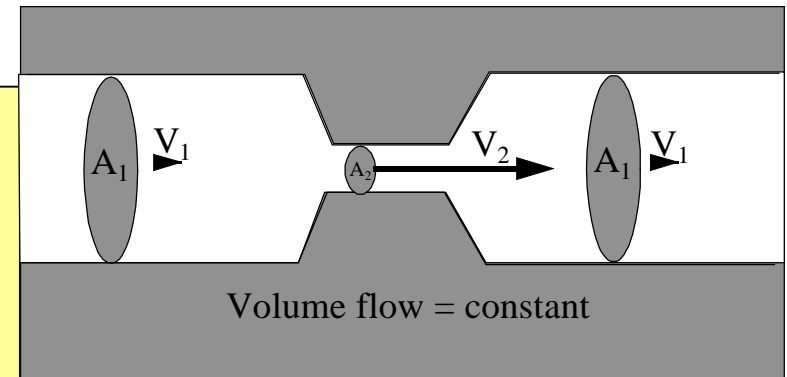
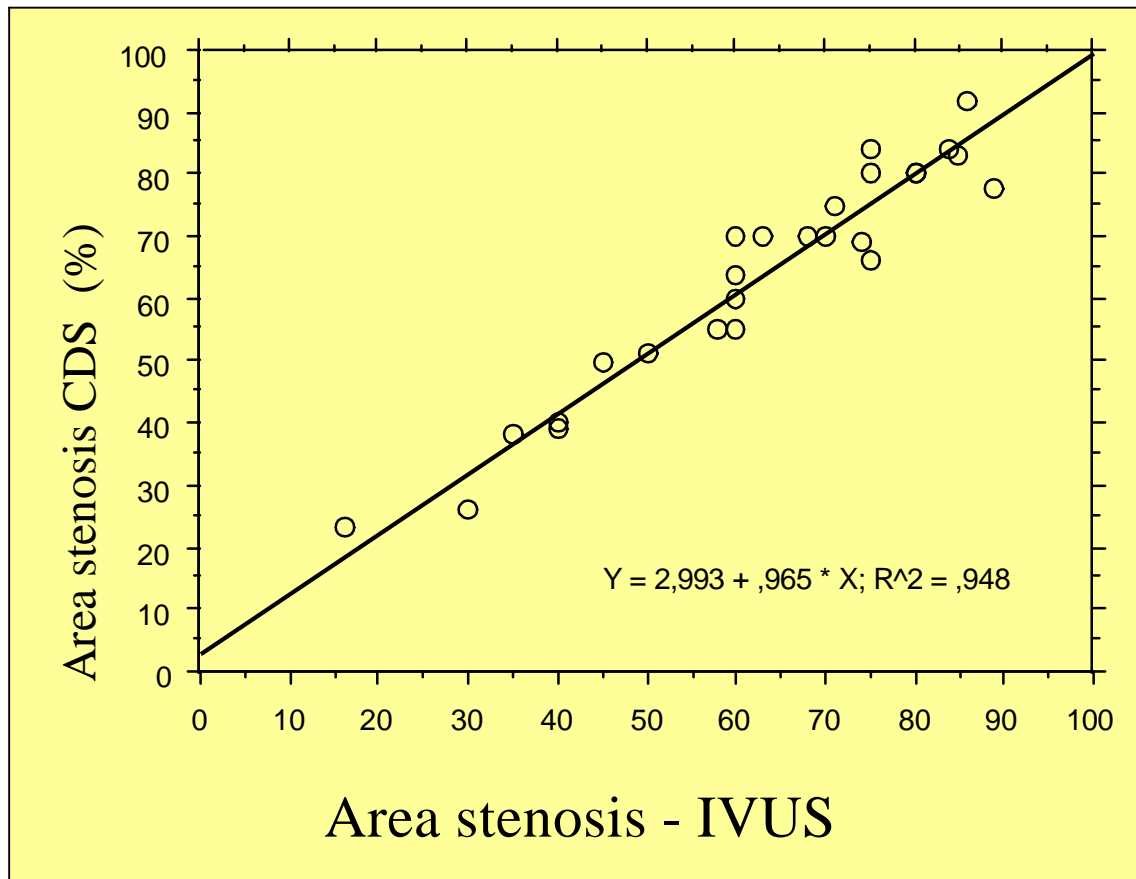
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# Stenosis quantification

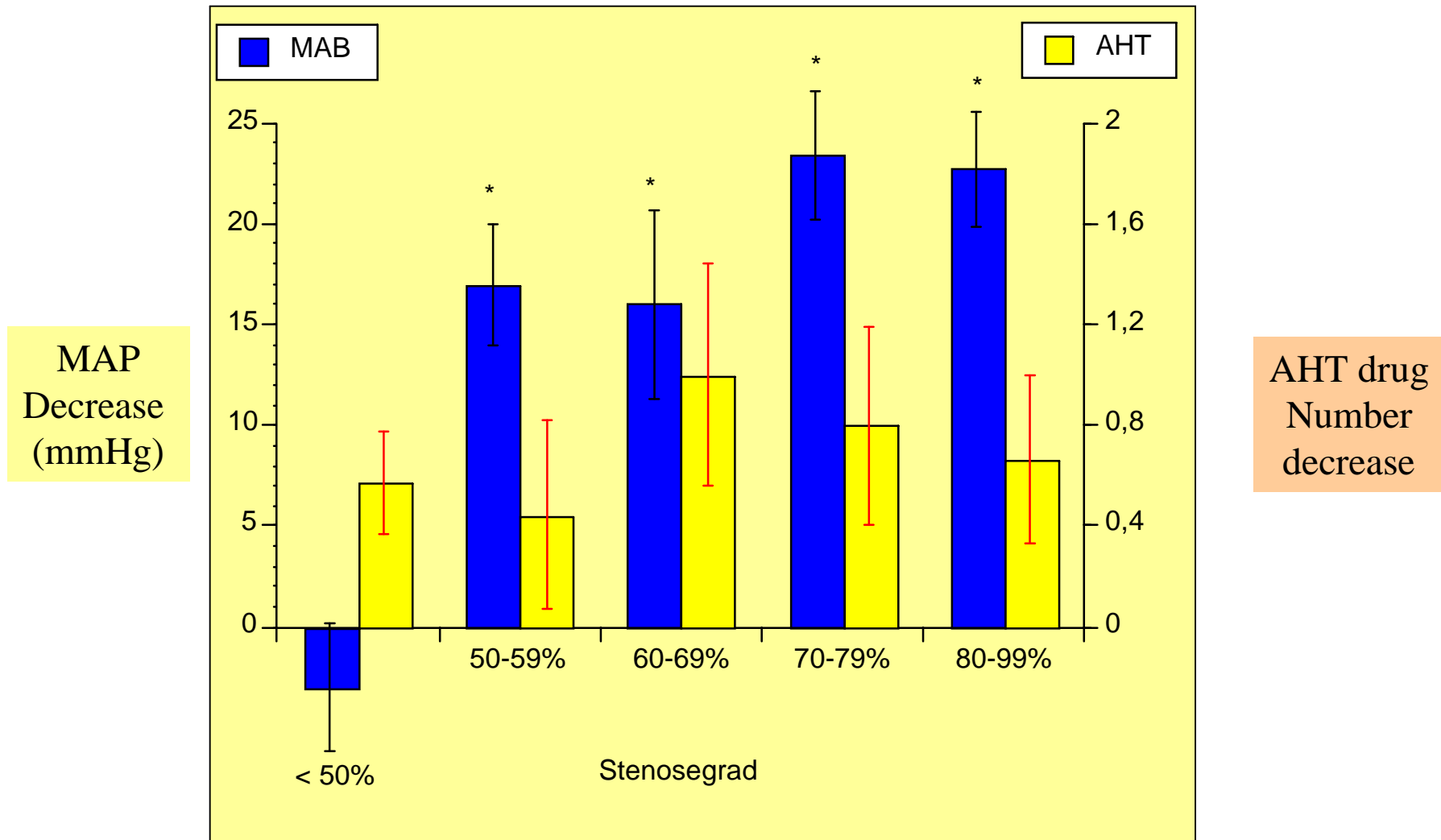
- Angiography is no really gold standard for stenosis quantification
  - 40% under- or overestimation
- Intravascular ultrasound is gold standard but too expensive for routine examinations
- Degree of stenosis is important for renal function improvement



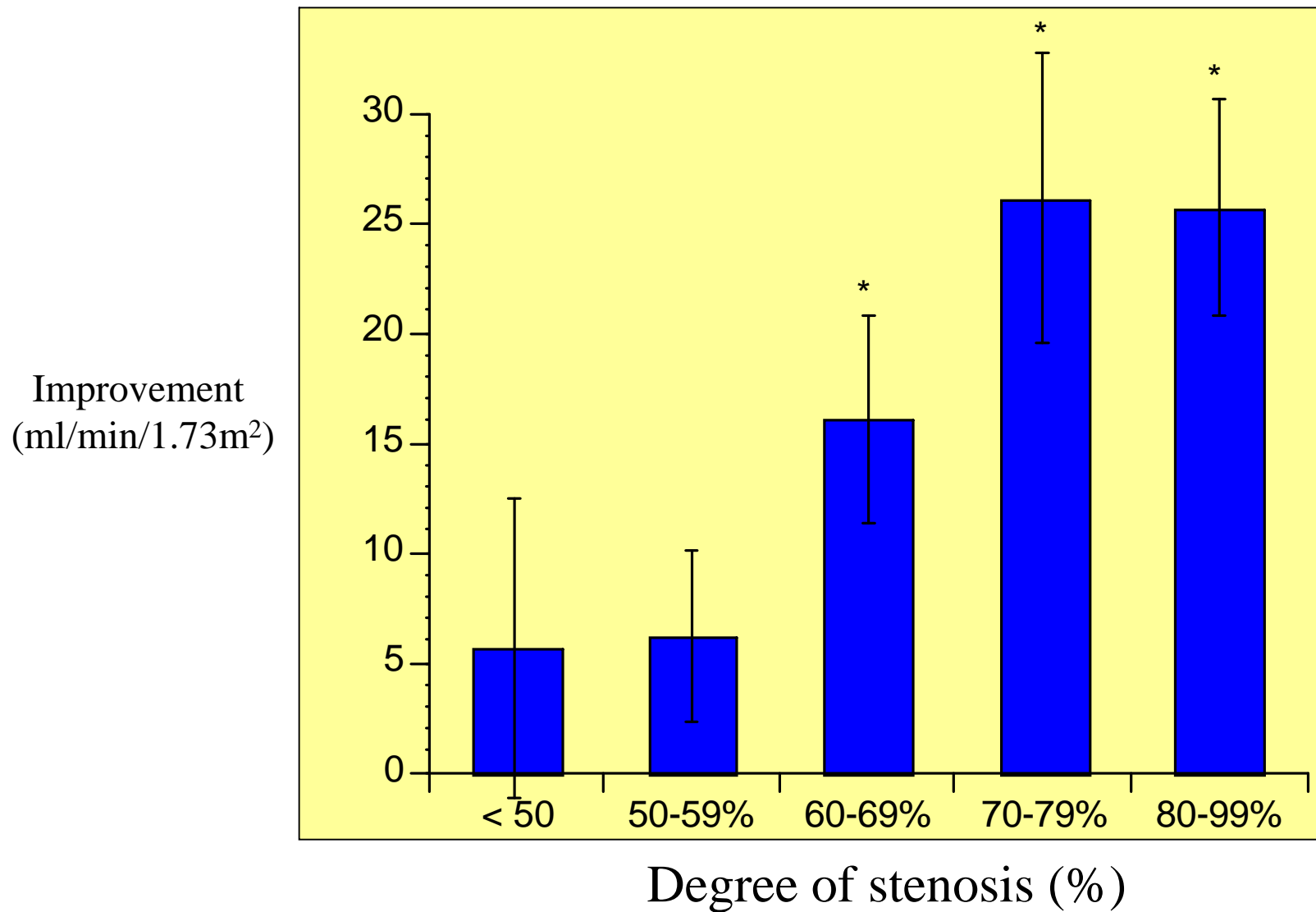
# (Area)Stenosis quantification with CDS



# What degree of (Diameter)stenosis causes hypertension?



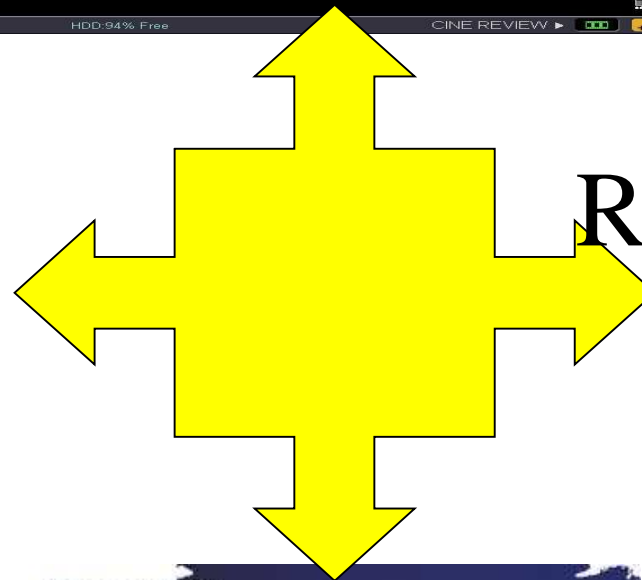
# What degree of stenosis causes renal impairment?



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# How to treat

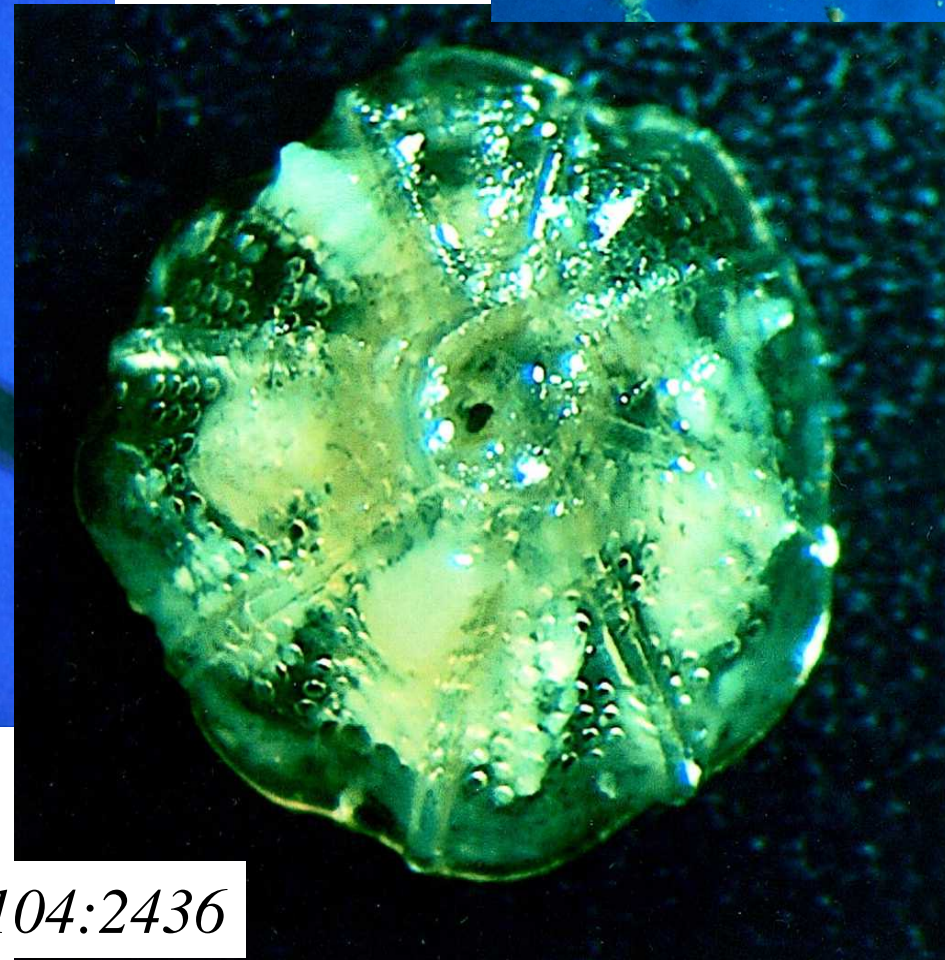
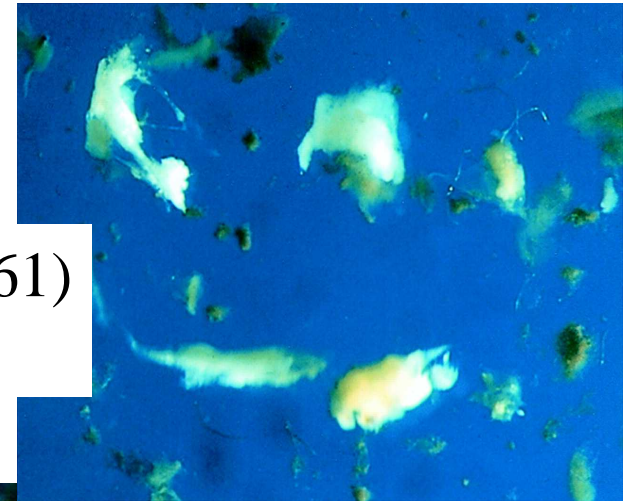


Radiocontrast-Toxicity



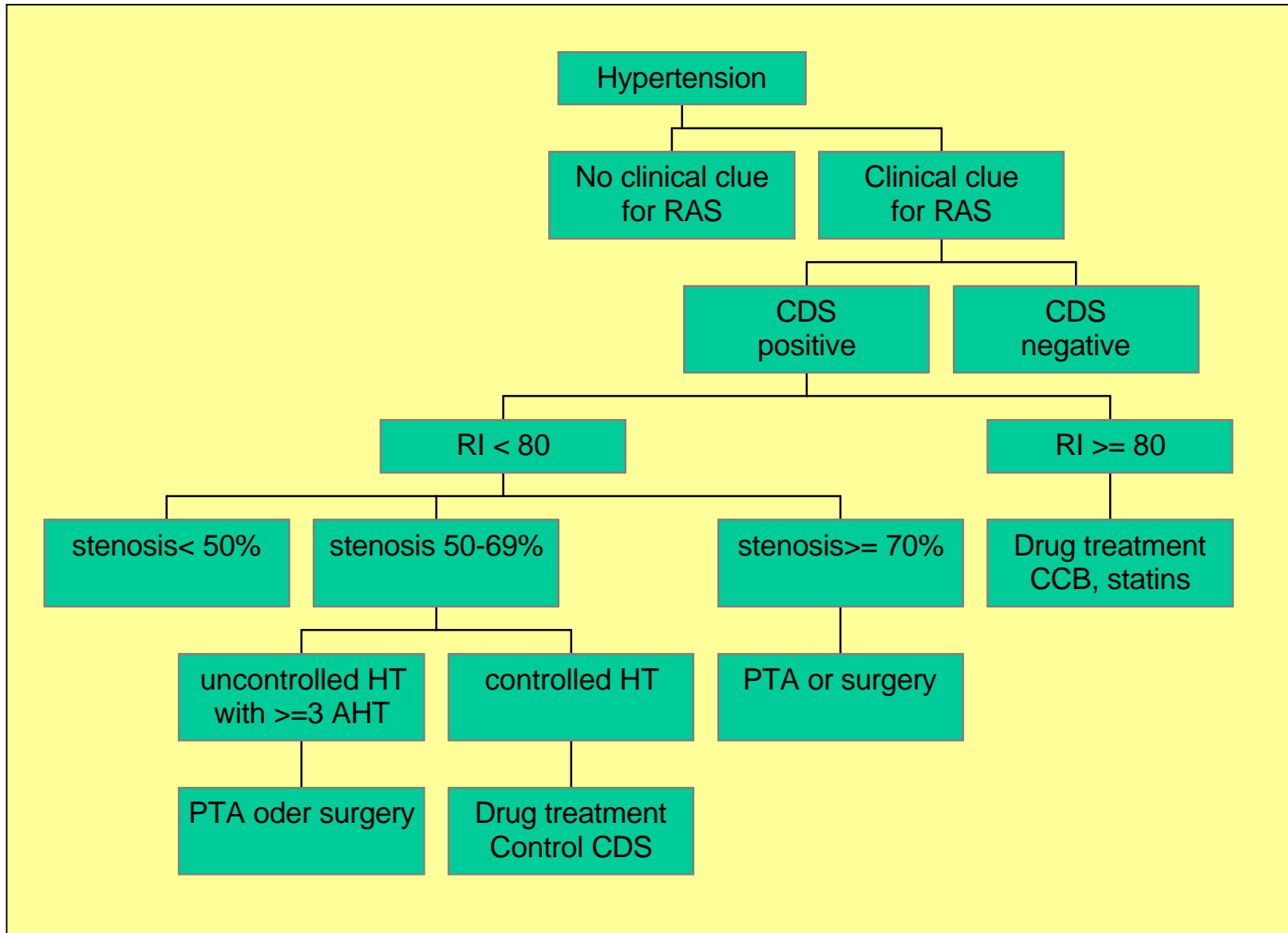
# Coronary Angioplasty

Particle: 100% (20-361)  
Size: 0.015-20 mm<sup>2</sup>



*Grube et al. 2001 Circulation 104:2436*

# How to treat



# Thank you

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# Gibt es Möglichkeiten den RI zu senken?

Bislang keine Studien zu diesem Thema

## Arterial stiffness

- Körperliches Training, Gewichtsverlust
- (Östrogene)
- (Vitamin E)
  - Chade Hypertension 2003 42:605-12 Vit C+E pigs: - Verbesserung
  - Skirme Jones J Am Coll Cardiol 2000 36:94-102 - no effect
  - Mottram Atherosclerosis 1999 145: 399-404
- AGE-Breakers
  - Kass et al. Circulation 2001 104: 1464-70
- Sildenafil
  - Jackson Am J Cardiol 1999 83: 13C-20C
- L-Arginin

# Gibt es Möglichkeiten den RI zu senken? Arterial stiffness/distensibility

## Antihypertensiva

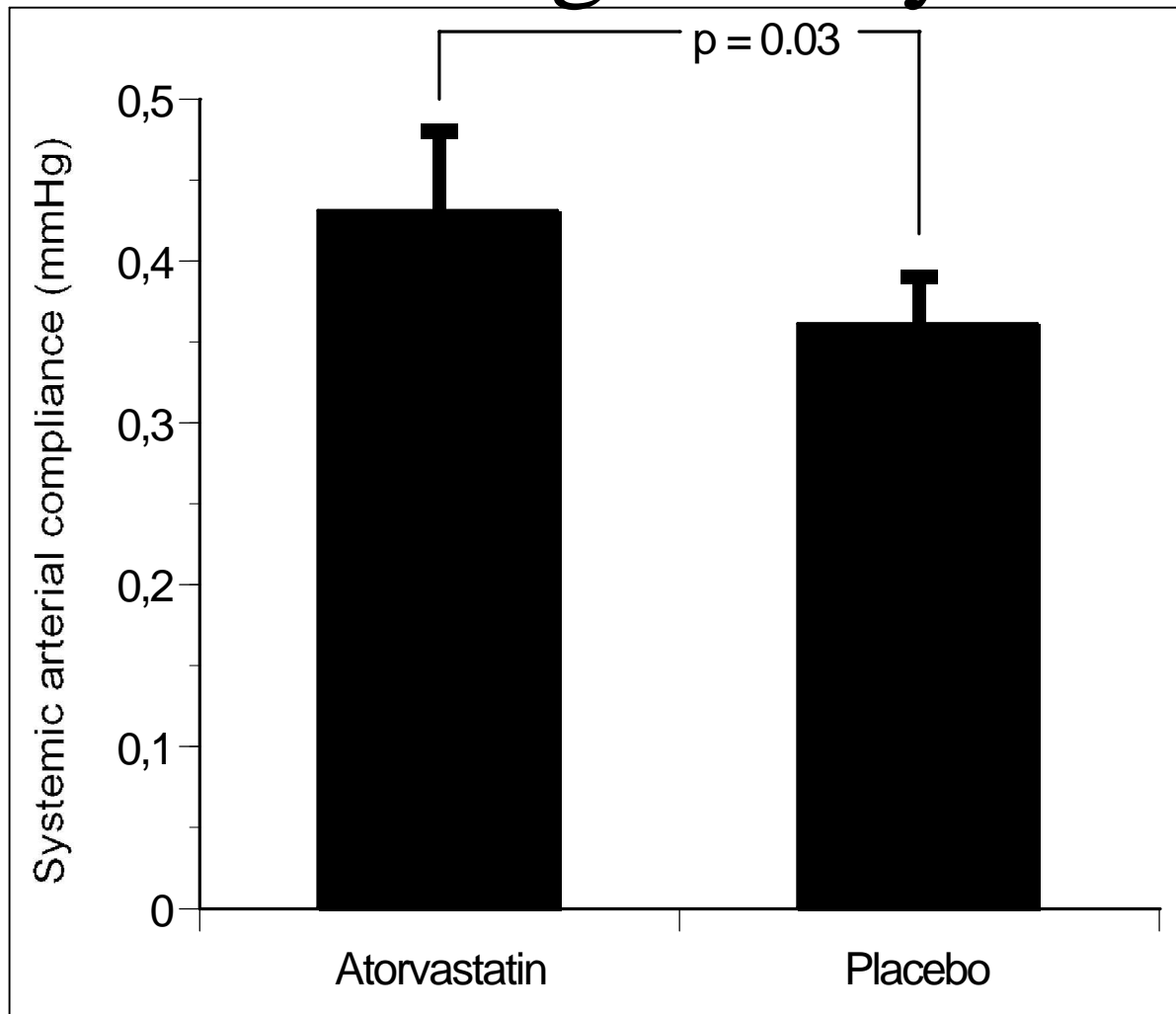
- ACE-Hemmer / AT-1 Blocker / $\beta$ -Blocker/Diuretika/CA
  - Moexipril Soma J Cardiovasc Pharmacol 1999 33: 273-9
  - Losartan: Klemsdal Blood Pressure 1999 8: 214-9 - pos effect
  - Quinapril: J Hum Hypertens 1998 12: 18-7 - pos effect
  - Perindopril: Girerd J Am Coll Cardiol 1998 31:1964-73 - pos effect
  - HCT:                   "                   "                   "                   " - pos effect
  - Fosinopril>Propranolol: Ting Hypertension 1995 26:524-30 - pos effect
  - Amlodipin: Megnien B J Clin Pharm 1995 39: 641-9 - pos effect

# Gibt es Möglichkeiten den RI zu senken? Arterial stiffness/distensibility/PWV

- Statine

- Atorvastatin Ferrier J Am Coll Cardiol 2002 39:1020-25 - pos.effect
- Simvastatin: Shige Atherosclerosis 2001 155: 245-50 - pos effect
- Fluvastatin: Hausberg Kidney Int 2001 59: 1473-9 - no effect
- Pravastatin: Kool Eur J Clin Pharm 1995 48: 217-23 - no effect

# Effect of atorvastatin on large artery stiffness



- 22 Patienten
- Atorvastatin 80 mg für 3 Monate
- LDL – 48%
- Syst RR-6\* mmHg

Ferrier et al J Am Coll  
Cardiol 2002 39: 1020-5

**TABLE 5**  
*Clinical and Angiographic Follow-up in Patients Who Underwent Renal Artery Stent Placement*

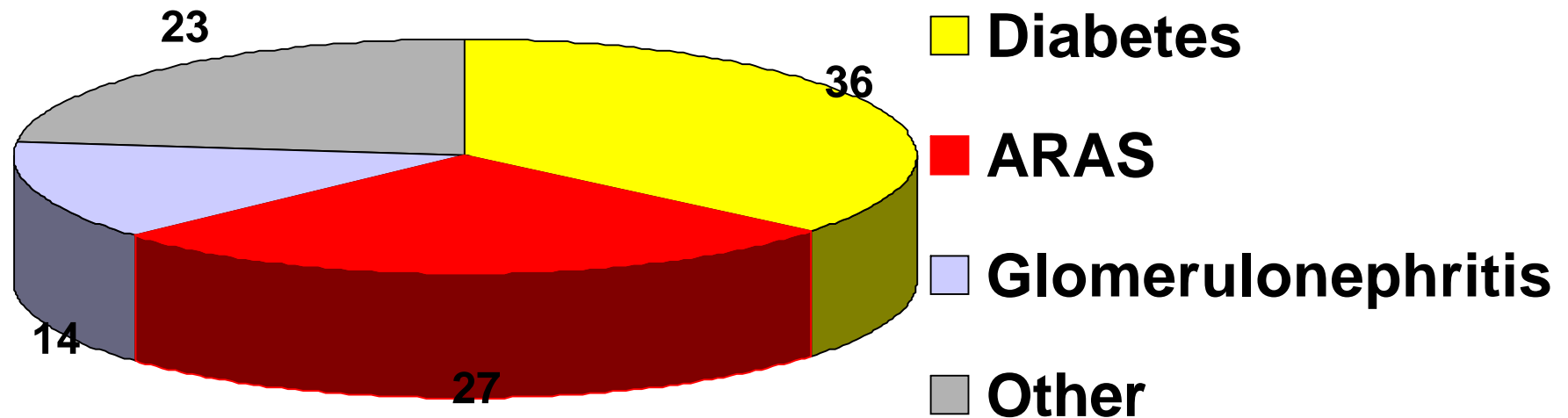
Study	No. Pts	Stent	Technical Success	Follow-up (months)	Hypertension		Renal Function		Restenosis	Complications
					Cure	Improved	Improved	Stable		
Wilms	11	Wallstent	83%	7	30%	40%	0%	0%	29%	3 (25%)
Kuhn	10	Strecker	80%	11	29%	43%	50%	NM	25%	4 (40%)
Ree	28	Palma $\zeta$	96%	7	11%	54%	36%	36%	39%	5 (18%)
Hennequin	21	Wallstent	100%	32	14%	86%	17%	50%	20%	4 (19%)
van de Ven	24	Palma $\zeta$	100%	6	68%	5%	36%	64%	13%	3 (11%)
Henry	59	Palma $\zeta$	100%	14	19%	57%	20%	NM	9%	2 (3%)
Iannone	63	Palma $\zeta$	99%	10	4%	35%	36%	45%	14%	11 (13%)
Blum	68	Palma $\zeta$	100%	27	16%	62%	NM	NM	11%	0 (0%)
Bosclair	33	Palma $\zeta$	100%	13	6%	61%	41%	35%	—	6 (17%)
Harden	32	Palma $\zeta$	100%	6	NM	NM	34%	34%	13%	1 (3%)
White	100	Palma $\zeta$	99%	6	NM	NM	20%	NM	19%	2 (2%)
Rundback	45	Palma $\zeta$	94%	17	NM	NM	NM	NM	25%	5 (9%)
Shannon	21	Palma $\zeta$	100%	9	NM	NM	43%	29%	0%	2 (9%)
Dorros	163	Palma $\zeta$	100%	48	3%	51%	NM	NM	—	23 (11%)
Total	678	...	98%*	16*	20%*	49%*	30%	38%	17%	11*

\*Mean based on random-effects model

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# atherosklerotischen NAS (ARAS) bei



Van Ampting 2003 NDT 18:1147-51

12-14%

Scoble et al. 1989 Clin Nephrol 31: 119-122

Mailloux et al. 1994 Am J Kid Dis 24:622-29

# Überleben von Dialysepatienten in Abhängigkeit der Grunderkrankung

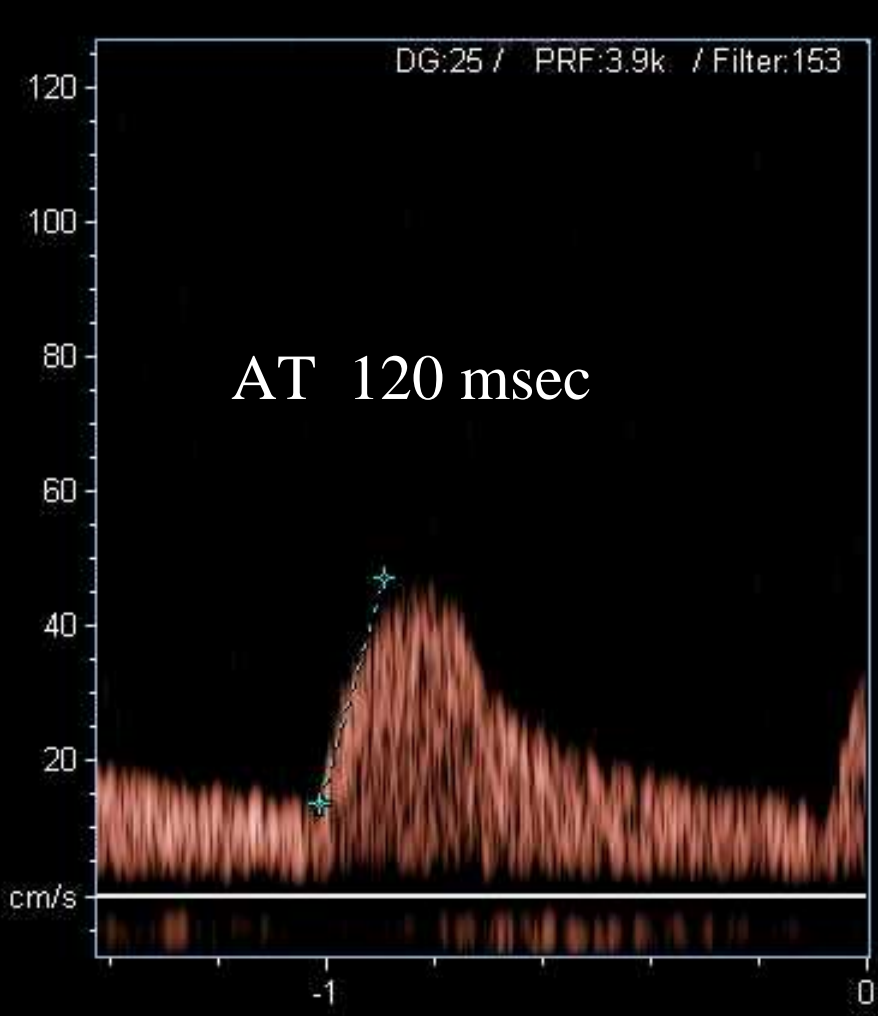
**TABLE 2**  
*Survival Estimates for Selected Renal Diagnoses on Dialysis*

Diagnosis	Median Survival	Length of Survival			
		2 year	5 year	10 year	15 year
Polycystic kidney disease (n=56)	133 months	91%	77%	59%	32%
Malignant hypertension (n=23)	55 months	77%	25%	0	0
Renal vascular disease (n=83)	25 months	56%	18%	5%	0

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# ANAS – wann behandeln?

- Patientenvorselektion
- Diagnose der renovaskulären Hypertonie / Azotämie
- Welcher Stenosegrad ist hämodynamisch relevant?



* NIERE							
Ved	13.5 cm/s	Vmax	47.0 cm/s	Time	0.120 sec	RI	0.71

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## Stenosekriterien sowie Sensitivität- und Spezifitätsangaben zur dopplersonographischen Detektion von Nierenarterienstenosen in angiographisch kontrollierten Studien

	Patienten- zahl	Stenose- kriterien	Technischer Fehler (%)	Detektierter Stenosegrad (%)	Sensitivität / Spezifität (%)
<b>Indirekte Stenosekriterien (Paravus -Tardus)</b>					
Stavros 1992 <sup>[51]</sup>	56	Verlust des ESP	0	≥ 60	95 / 97
Kliwer 1993 <sup>[21]</sup>	57	AT ≥ 70 ms	0	≥ 50	82 / 92
Schwerk 1994 <sup>[46]</sup>	72	Delta RI ≥ 5 %	0	≥ 50	82 / 92
			0	≥ 60	100 / 94
Speckamp 1995 <sup>[50]</sup>	123	Delta AI ≥ 80%	n.v.	≥ 70	100 / 94
Strunk 1995 <sup>[53]</sup>	50	AT ≥ 70 ms	4	≥ 50	77 / 46
Baxter 1996 <sup>[3]</sup>	73	AT > 70 ms	16	≥ 70	89 / 97
Riehl 1997 <sup>[41]</sup>	214	RI < 0.45 oder Delta RI ≥ 8 %	0	≥ 70	93 / 96
Ripolles 2001 <sup>[42]</sup>	65	AT ≥ 80 ms	0	≥ 75	89 / 99
<b>Mittelwert</b>	<b>710</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>92 / 86</b>

# Zusammenfassung

- ANAS – wann behandeln
  - **RI unter 80**
  - **Stenosegrad über 60-70 %**
  - Therapieresistente Hypertonie (inkl. ACEI)
  - Akute Herzinsuffizienz, insbes plötzliches Lungenödem
  - Rasch verschlechternde Nierenfunktion oder Verschlechterung unter ACE Hemmer
  - Proteinurie < 1g/Tag, Kreatinin < 2 mg/dl
  - Begleittherapie immer: AHT, Plättchenaggregationshemmer und Lipidsenker

Plouin 2003 Int Angiol 22: 333-9

Safian 2003 Curr Treat Options Cardiovasc Med 5:91-101

# Guidelines for the Reporting of Renal Artery Revascularization in Clinical Trials

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Although the treatment of atherosclerotic renal artery stenosis with use of percutaneous angioplasty, stent placement, and surgical revascularization has gained widespread use, there exist few prospective randomized controlled trials (RCTs) comparing these techniques to each other or against the standard of medical management alone. To facilitate this process as well as help answer many important questions regarding the appropriate application of renal revascularization, well-designed and rigorously conducted trials are needed. These trials must have clearly defined goals and must be sufficiently sized and performed so as to withstand intensive outcomes assessment. Toward this end, this document provides guidelines and definitions for the design, conduct, evaluation, and reporting of renal artery revascularization RCTs. In addition, areas of critically necessary renal artery revascularization investigation are identified. It is hoped that this information will be valuable to the investigator wishing to conduct research in this important area.

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Abbreviations: GFR = glomerular filtration rate, PTRAs = percutaneous transluminal renal angioplasty, RAS = renal artery stenosis, RCT = randomized controlled trial

J. Vasc Intervent Radiol 2001 14:S477-492

# Protektionssysteme bei ARAS

- Retrospektive Studie
- 37 Patienten mit renovaskulärer Azotämie
- Angioguard guide wire system; Cordis
- 95% Nierenfunktion stabil oder gebessert, 5% unveränderte Verschlechterung der Funktion nach 12,5 Monaten (2-28)
- Embolisches Material in 65% der Körbchen

Holden & Hill 2003  
J Vasc Surg 38:962-8

- Retrospektive Studie
- 56 Patienten
- Guard wire occlusion Ballon (38) oder EPI Filter (26) oder Angiogard (1)
- 8 Patienten verbessert und 45 stabil nach 23 (1-47) Monaten
- Embolisches Material bei 80% adsserviert

Henry et al. 2003  
Catheter Cardiovasc Intervent  
60: 299-312



