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# Stable Angina Pectoris:

- When to Revascularize ?
- Or have the COURAGE to defer angio ?
- Are the USA Appropriateness Criteria applicable to Europe ?



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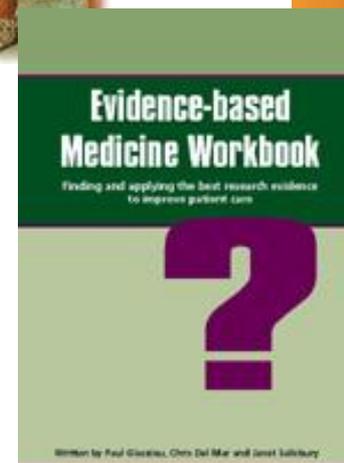
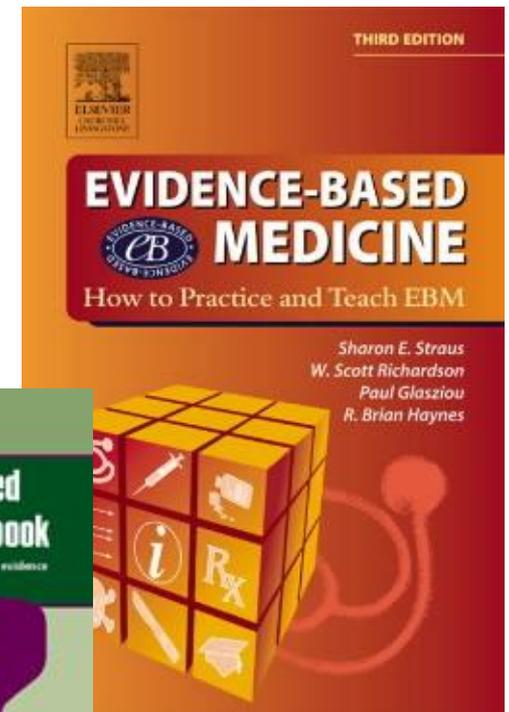
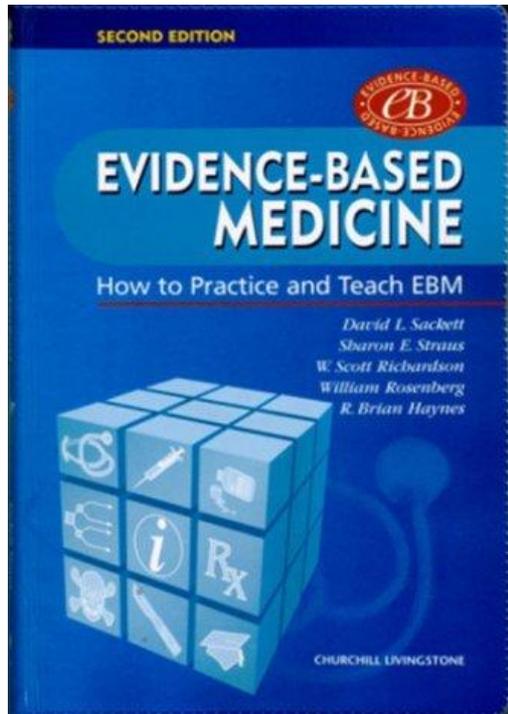
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- **...are recommendations what you should do or could do - but not what you must do.**
- **...are not legally binding.**
- **but they are more and more read and applied by health care providers and patients / relatives.**
- **and - if you do not follow the guidelines and complications occur, you may justify, why you did not follow the guidelines !**

# Guidelines are based on Evidence: What is Evidence ?



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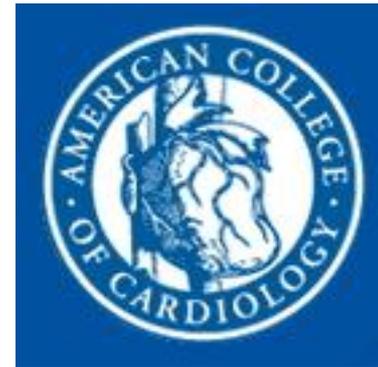
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The Power for the Clinical Outcome  
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- **These definitions, however, do not account for the differences of qualities between the randomized studies, because important parameters, like the choice of the primary endpoint - clinical or surrogate - are not considered.**

# The Problem with Level of Evidence C

- The level of evidence C represents „expert opinion“

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*ACC/AHA:*

Only consensus opinion of experts,  
case studies, or standard-of-care.

*ESC:*

Consensus of opinion of the experts  
and/or small studies, retrospective  
studies, registries.

# The Problem with a Class III Recommendation:

- A Class III „recommendation“ is confusing:
  - may be ineffective = does not harm
  - may be harmful = **contraindication**

Class III *ACC/AHA*:

Conditions for which there is evidence and/or general agreement that a procedure/treatment is not useful/effective and in some cases may be harmful.

*ESC*:

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**PCI**

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These guidelines represent the views of the ESC Committee for Practice Guidelines Task Force for the Percutaneous Coronary Interventions (PCI), and were arrived at after careful consideration of the available evidence. Health professionals are expected to take them fully into account when exercising their clinical judgement. The guidelines do not, however, override the individual responsibility of health professionals to make appropriate decisions in the circumstances of the individual patient, in consultation with that patient, and where appropriate and necessary the patient's guardian or carer.

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The American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF), Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, Society of Thoracic Surgeons, and the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, along with key specialty and subspecialty societies, conducted an appropriateness review of common clinical scenarios in which coronary revascularization is frequently considered. The clinical scenarios were developed to mimic common situations encountered in everyday practice and included information on symptom status, extent of medical therapy, risk level as assessed by noninvasive testing, and coronary anatomy. Approximately 180 clinical scenarios were developed by a writing committee

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*Coronary revascularization is appropriate when the expected benefits, in terms of survival or health outcomes (symptoms, functional status, and/or quality of life) exceed the expected negative consequences of the procedure.*

The technical panel scored each indication on a scale from 1 to 9 as follows:

### Appropriate: Score 7 to 9

Appropriate for the indication provided, meaning coronary revascularization is **generally** acceptable and **may** be a reasonable approach for the indication and is **likely** to improve the patients' health outcomes or survival.

### Intermediate: Score 5 to 6

Intermediate for the indication provided, meaning coronary revascularization is **generally** acceptable and **may** be a reasonable approach for the indication but with uncertainty implying that additional research and/or patient information is needed to better classify the indication.

### Inappropriate: Score 1 to 3

Inappropriate for the indication provided, meaning coronary revascularization is **not** generally acceptable and is **not** a reasonable approach for the indication and is **unlikely** to improve the patients' health outcomes or survival.

**However does not address contraindications !**

**Table 2. Patients Without Prior Bypass Surgery**

Indication	Appropriateness Score (1-9)		
	CCS Angina Class		
	Asymptomatic	I or II	III or IV
12. • One- or 2-vessel CAD without involvement of proximal LAD • Low-risk findings on noninvasive testing • Receiving no or minimal anti-Ischemic medical therapy	I (4)*	I (2)	U (5)
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18. • One- or 2-vessel CAD without involvement of proximal LAD • No noninvasive testing performed	†	U (5)	A (7)
19. • One- or 2-vessel CAD with borderline stenosis "50% to 60%" • No noninvasive testing performed • No further invasive evaluation performed (i.e., FFR, IVUS)	†	I (2)	I (3)
20. • One- or 2-vessel CAD with borderline stenosis "50% to 60%" • No noninvasive testing performed or equivocal test results present • FFR less than 0.75 and/or IVUS with significant reduction in cross-sectional area	I (3)	U (6)	A (7)
21. • One- or 2-vessel CAD with borderline stenosis "50% to 60%" • No noninvasive testing performed or equivocal test results present • FFR or IVUS findings do not meet criteria for significant stenosis	I (4)	I (2)	I (2)
22. • Chronic total occlusion of 1 major epicardial coronary artery, without other coronary stenoses • Low-risk findings on noninvasive testing • Receiving no or minimal anti-Ischemic medical therapy	I (1)	I (2)	I (3)
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## Optimal Medical Therapy with or without PCI for Stable Coronary Disease

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### CONCLUSIONS

As an initial management strategy in patients with stable coronary artery disease, PCI did not reduce the risk of death, myocardial infarction, or other major cardiovascular events when added to optimal medical therapy.



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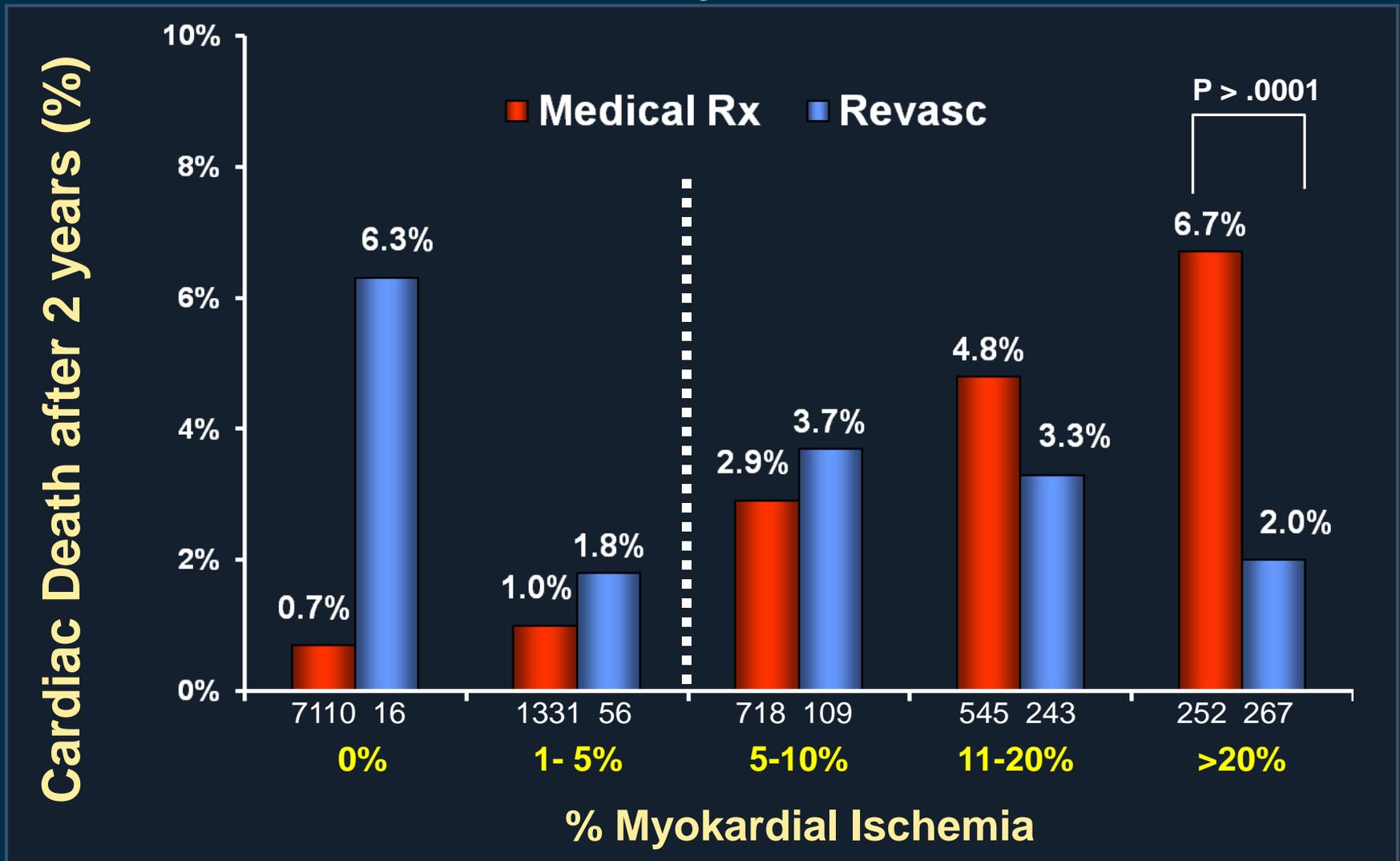
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**Table 1** Recommendations of PCI indications in stable CAD

Indication	Classes of recommendations and levels of evidence	Randomized studies for levels A or B
Objective large ischaemia	I A	ACME <sup>a</sup> ACIP <sup>b</sup>

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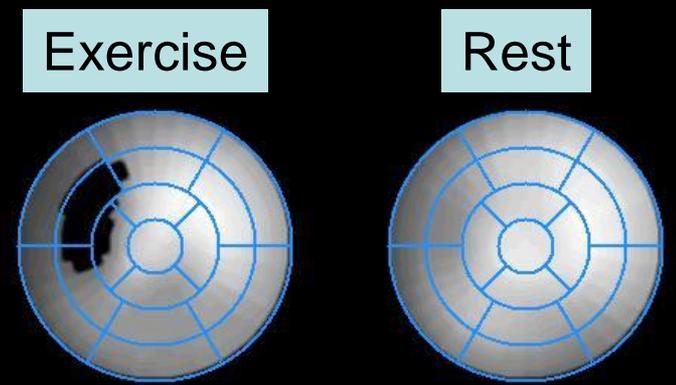
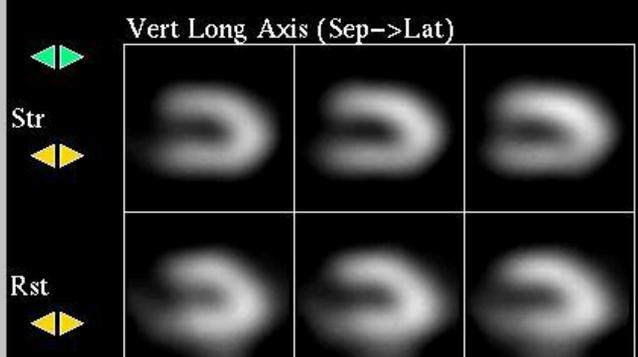
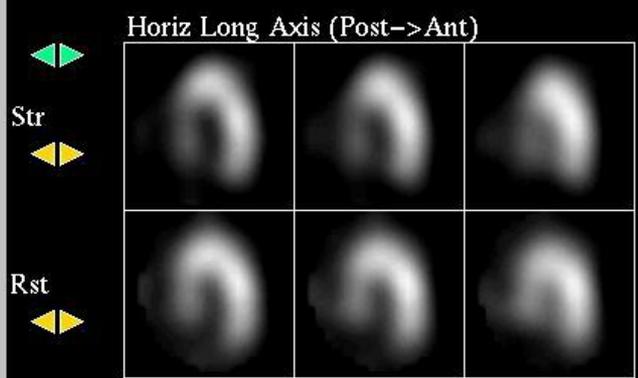
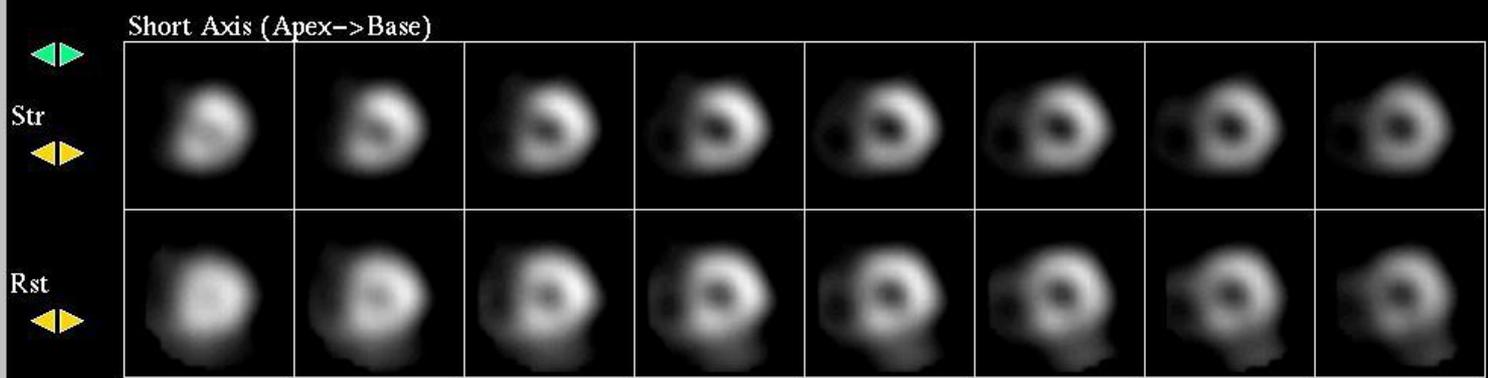


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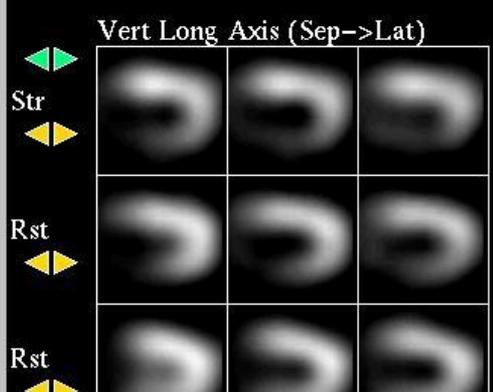
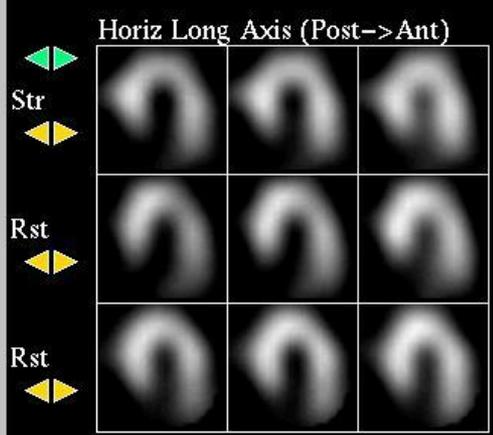
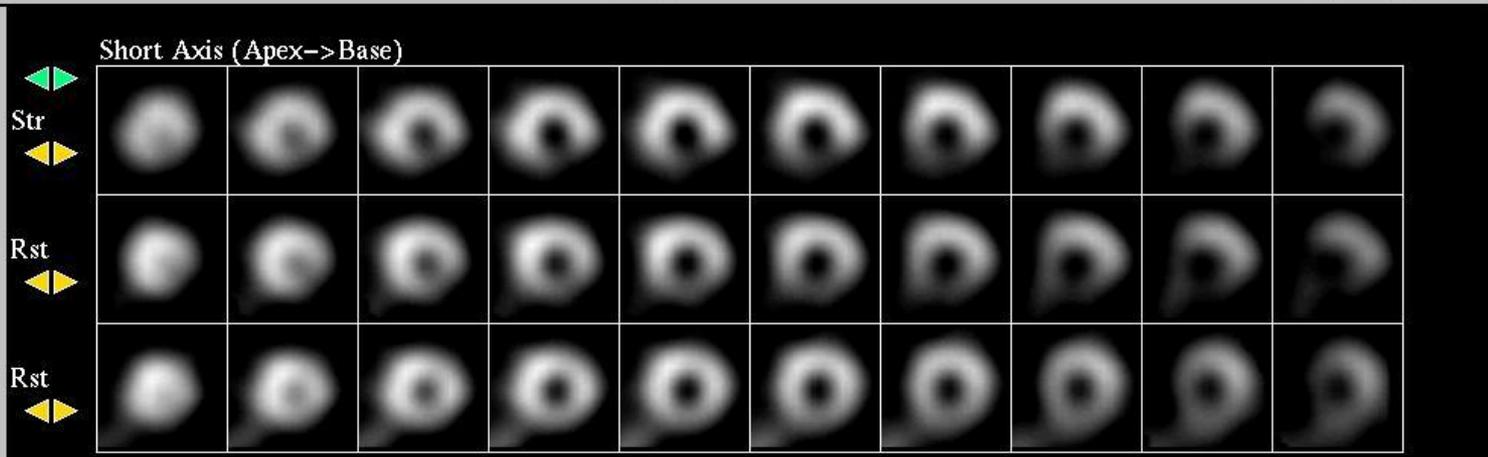
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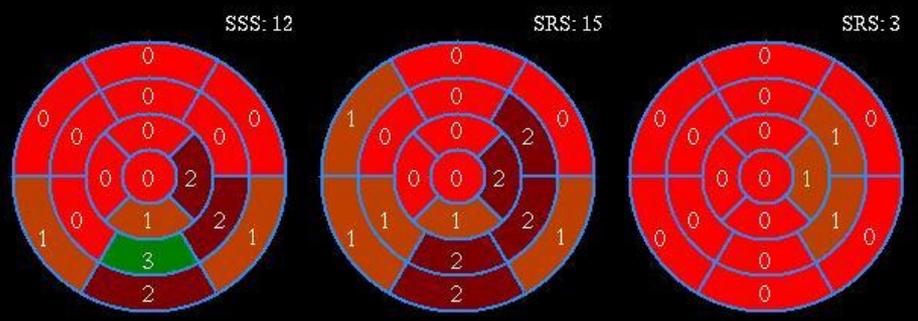
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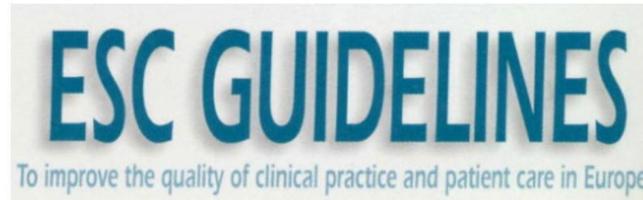
## **Guidelines on the management of stable angina pectoris: full text<sup>†</sup>**

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# PCI for stable CAD

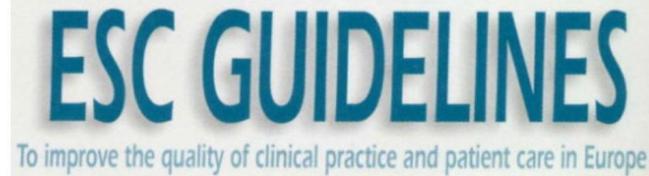


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32,468 Were excluded

- 8677 Did not meet inclusion criteria
- 5155 Had undocumented
- 3961 Did not meet
- 6554 Were excluded
- 18,360 Had
- 45
- Had a failure of medical therapy
- 47 Had left main coronary artery stenosis >50%
- 722 Had only PCI restenosis (no new lesions)
- 528 Had complications after myocardial infarction

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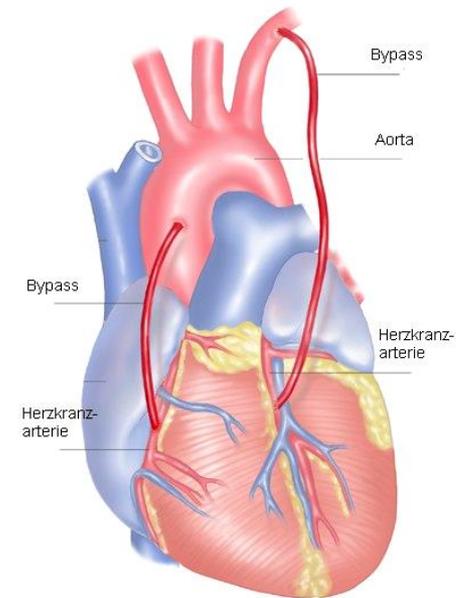
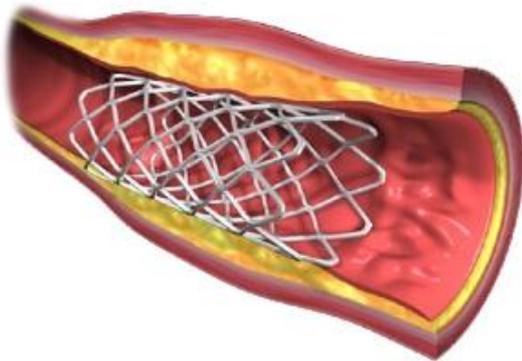


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• Low-risk findings on noninvasive testing				
• Receiving no or minimal anti-ischemic medical therapy				IV
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**We knew this already from the ESC PCI and Angina Guidelines**

# Stent or Bypass ?



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30 August  
3 September

## IMPORTANT DATES

### SYNTAX Randomized Trial



De novo disease acceptable for revascularization

N=3300



Randomize 1500

CABG registry  
N=2750

TAXUS PCI

CABG

PCI registry  
N=50

Primary NI endpoint – 1 year MACCE  
All cause death, MI, cerebrovascular events, repeat revascularization

Led by Patrick Serruys and Frederick Mohr

# The Synergy between Percutaneous Coronary Intervention with TAXUS and Cardiac Surgery: The SYNTAX Study

*Primary Endpoint Results at One Year in the Randomized Cohort*

Patrick W. Serruys MD PhD  
Friedrich W. Mohr MD PhD  
On behalf of the SYNTAX investigators

Conflicts of Interest: None



# SYNTAX Eligible Patients



## *De novo* disease

### Limited Exclusion Criteria

- Previous interventions
- Acute MI with CPK > 2x
- Concomitant cardiac surgery

**Left Main Disease**  
(isolated, +1, +2 or +3 vessels)

**3 Vessel Disease**  
(revasc all 3 vascular territories)

# SYNTAX Primary Endpoint

*Randomized trial*



*The primary clinical endpoint is the 12 Month major Cardiovascular or Cerebrovascular event rate (MACCE \*)*

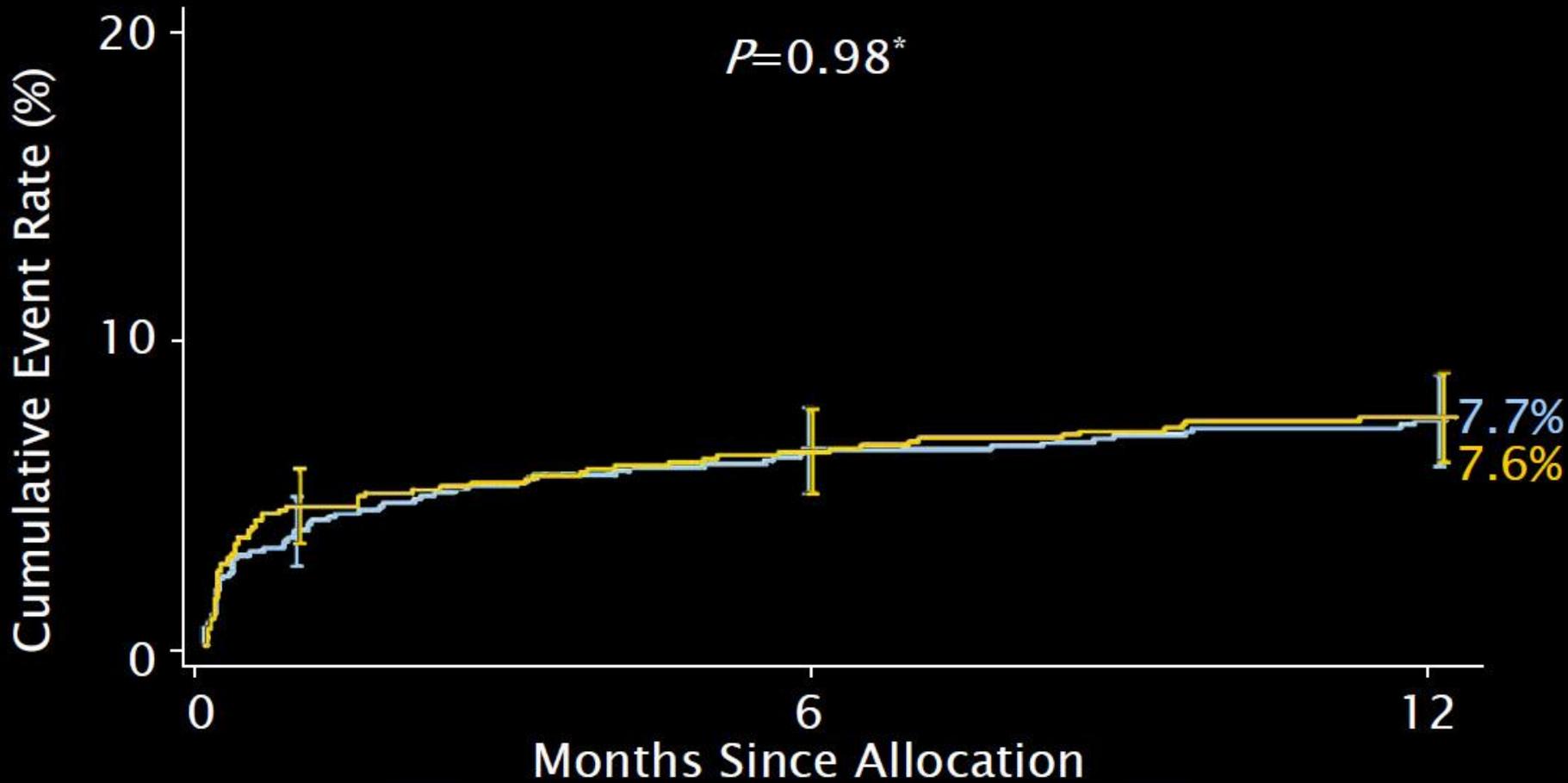
- MACCE is defined as:
  - All cause Death
  - Cerebrovascular Accident (CVA/Stroke)
  - Documented Myocardial Infarction (ARC definition)
  - Any Repeat Revascularization (PCI and/or CABG)
- All events CEC Adjudicated

\*ARC MACCE definition Circ 2007; 115:2344-2351

# All-Cause Death/CVA/MI to 12 Months SYNTAX

■ CABG (N=897)

■ TAXUS (N=903)



Event Rate  $\pm$  1.5 SE. \*Fisher's Exact Test

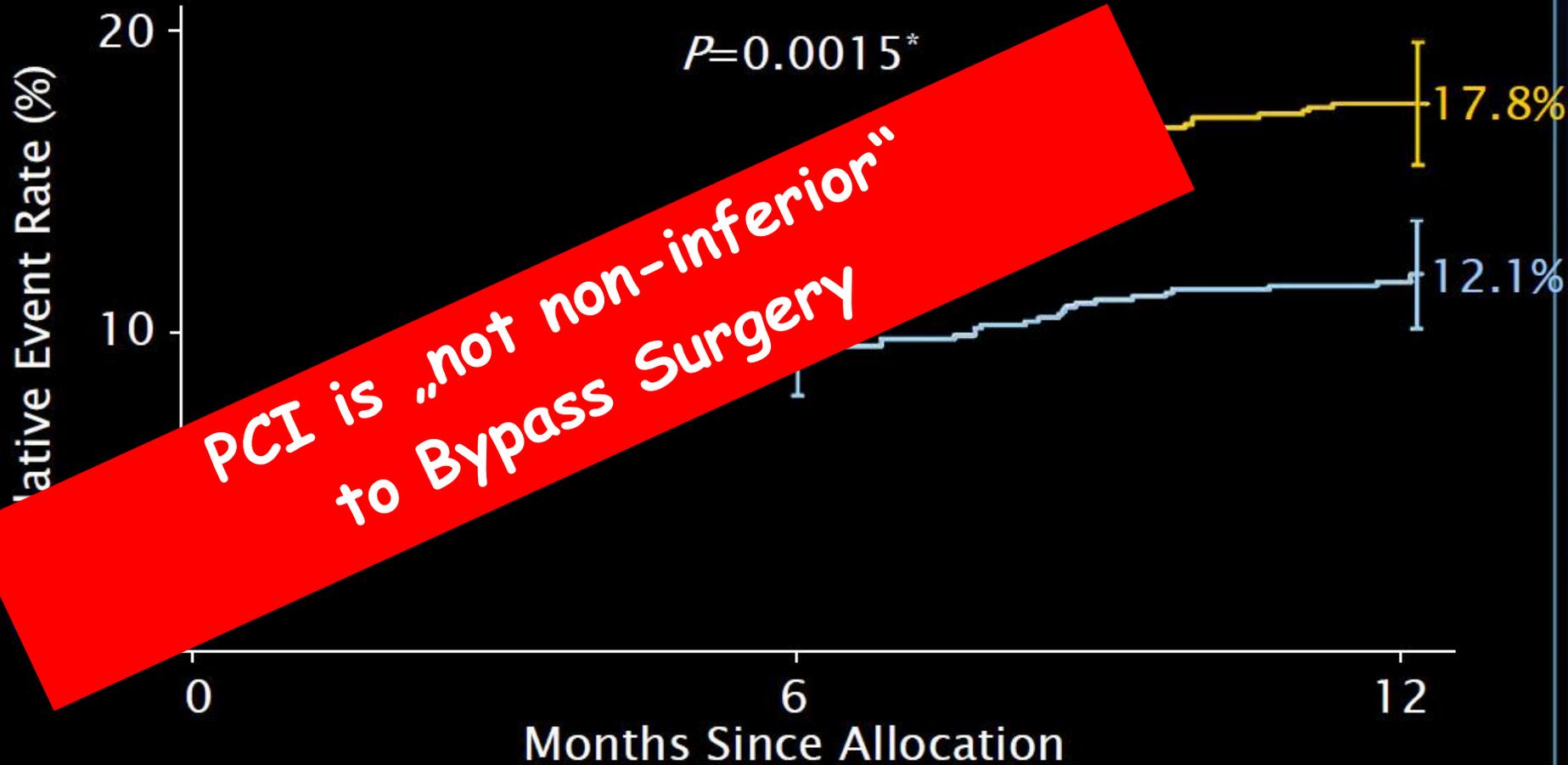
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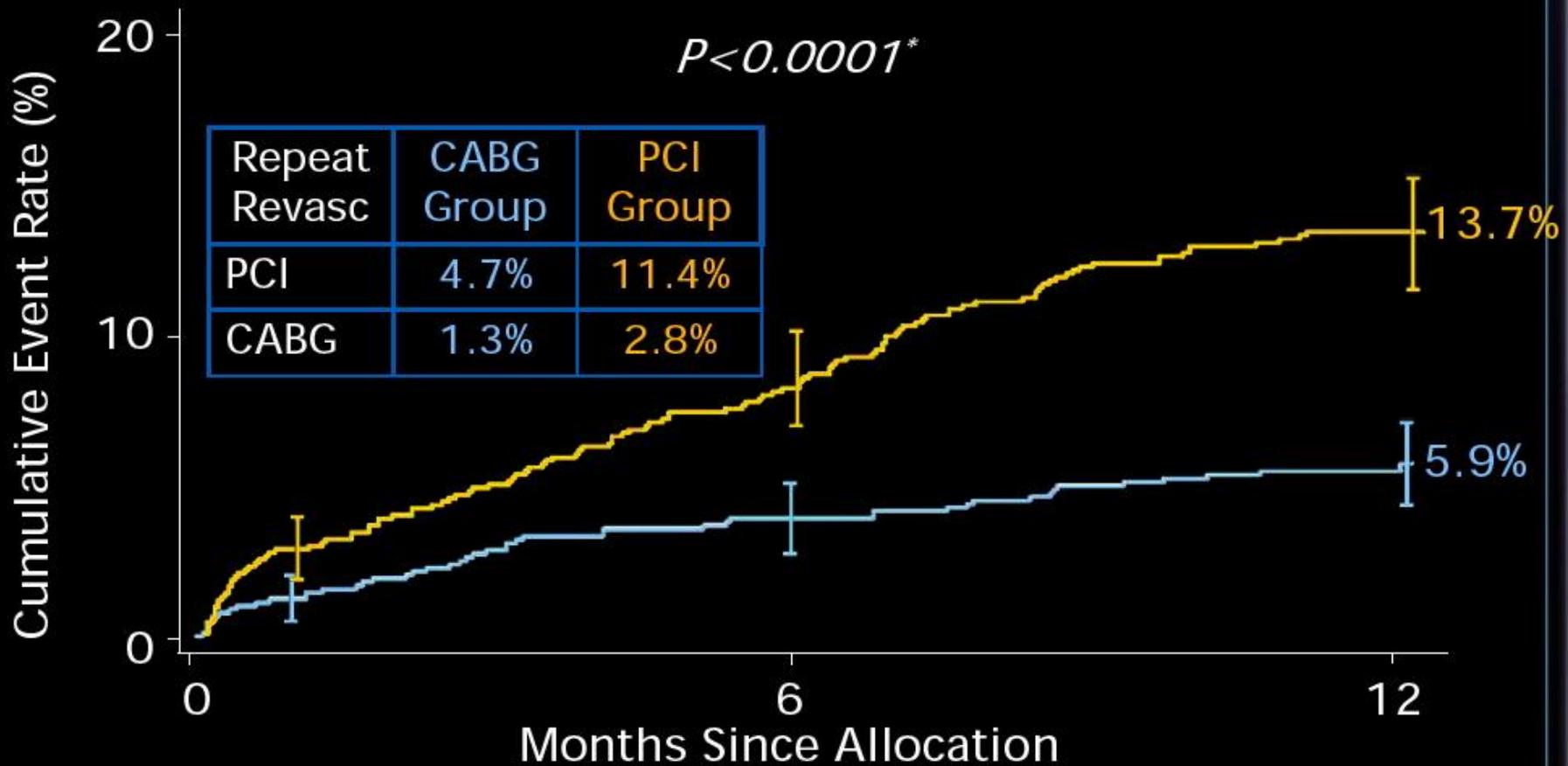
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# Repeat Revascularization to 12 Months SYNTAX)

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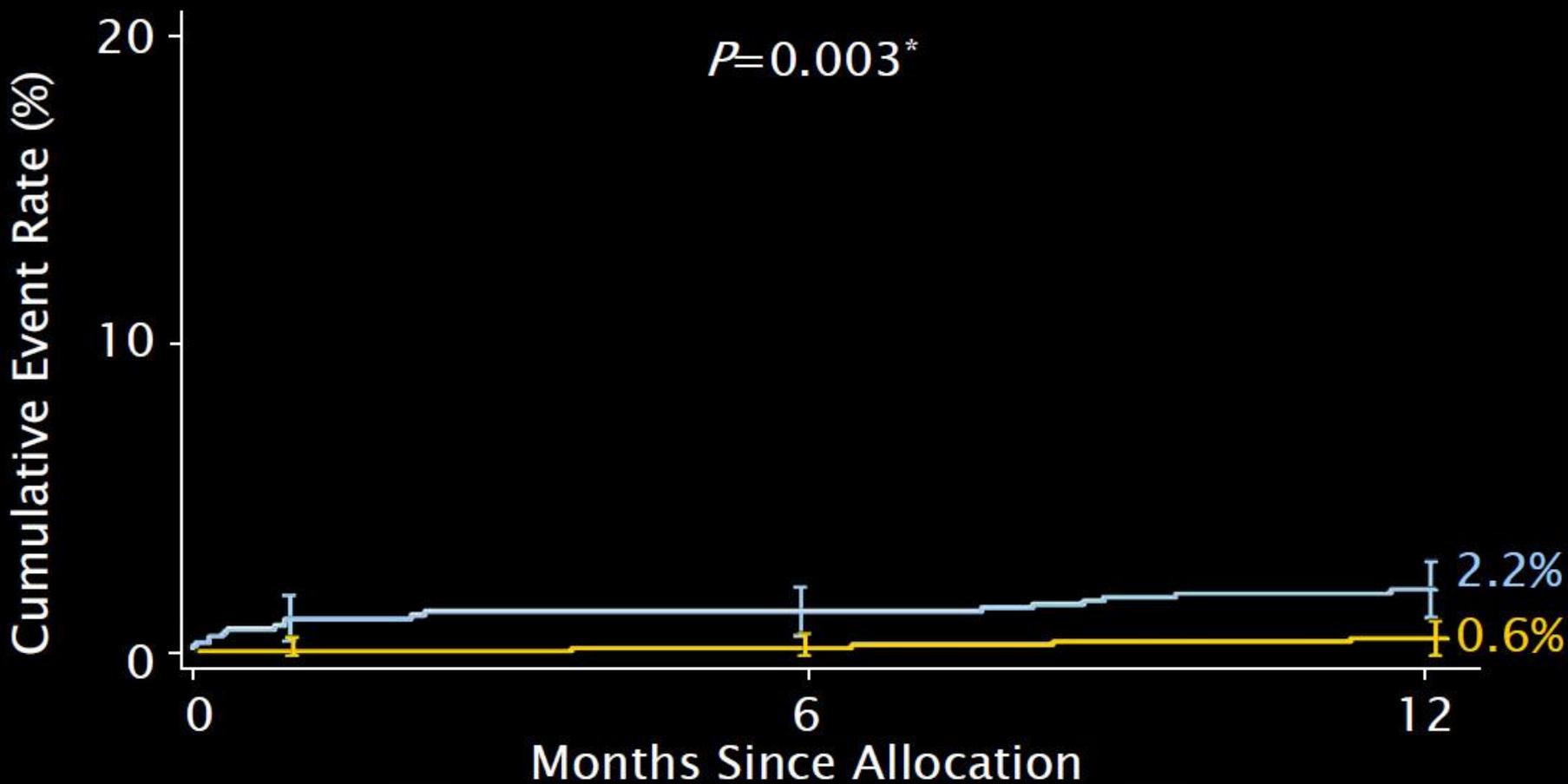
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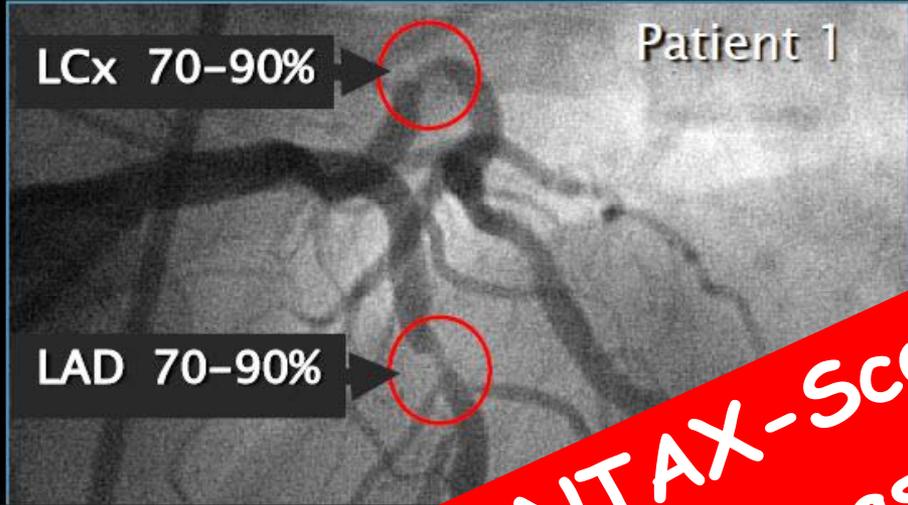
$P=0.003^*$

2.2%  
0.6%

Event Rate  $\pm$  1.5 SE. \*Fisher's Exact Test

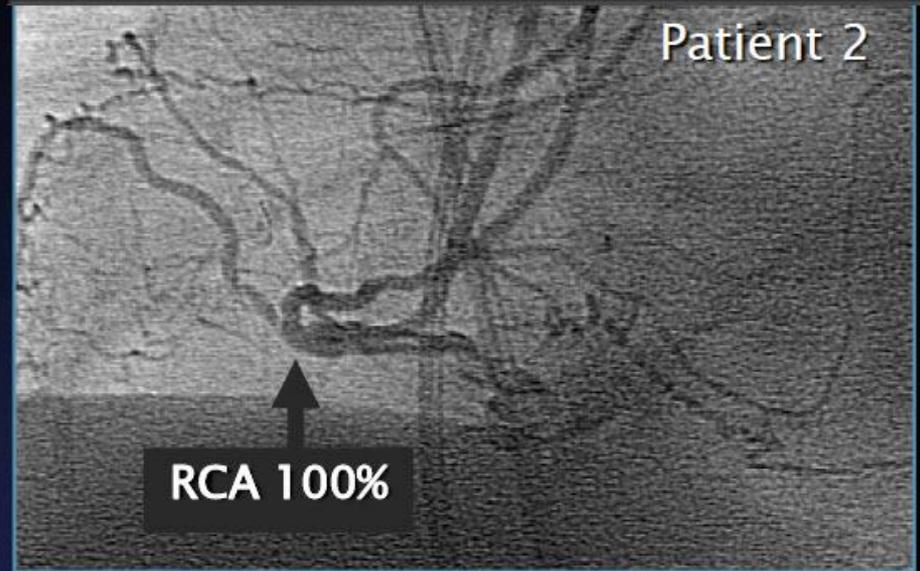
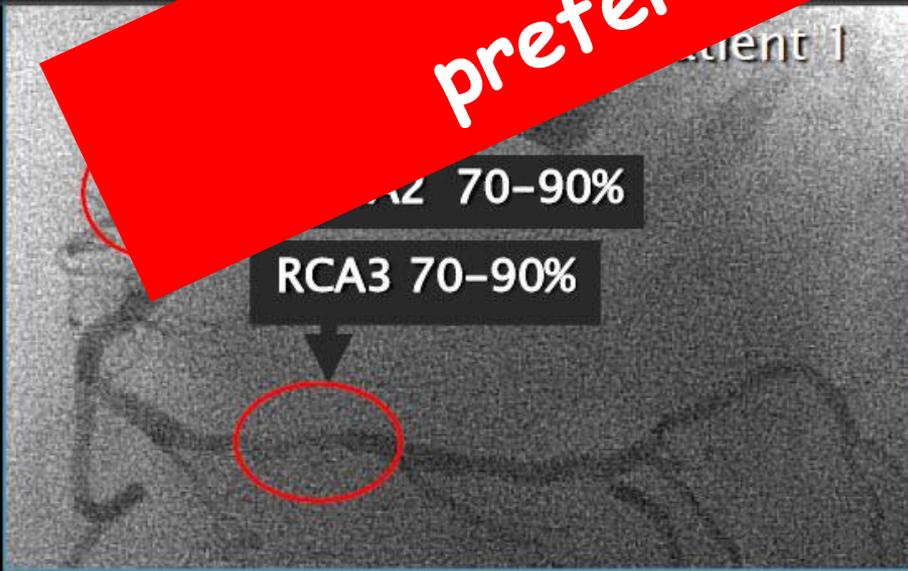
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SYNTAX



SYNTAX

SYNTAX SCORE 52



**SYNTAX-Score > 33:  
prefer Bypass Surgery!**

# SYNTAX SCORE

Search...



9 **Welcome to the SYNTAX Score website. The SYNTAX Score is a unique tool to score complexity of coronary artery disease.**  
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However, it is very important to use this new scoring tool correctly, hence, it is strongly recommended to complete the tutorial first.

## TUTORIAL

Knowledge of definitions is vital. Please use the tutorial prior to first calculator use.



[Start tutorial...](#)

## CALCULATOR

Start using the calculator when you have successfully completed the tutorial.



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Introducing the SYNTAX Score at EuroPCR 2009

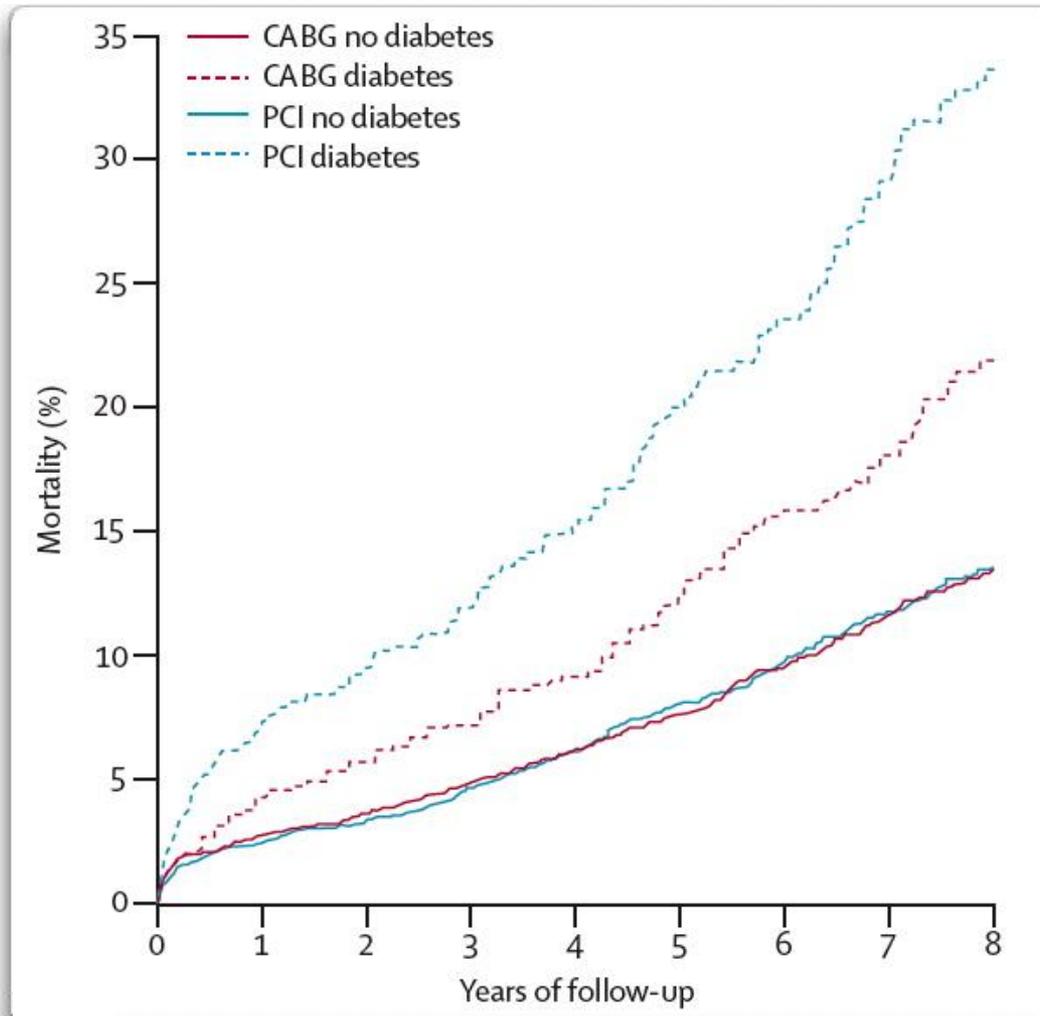
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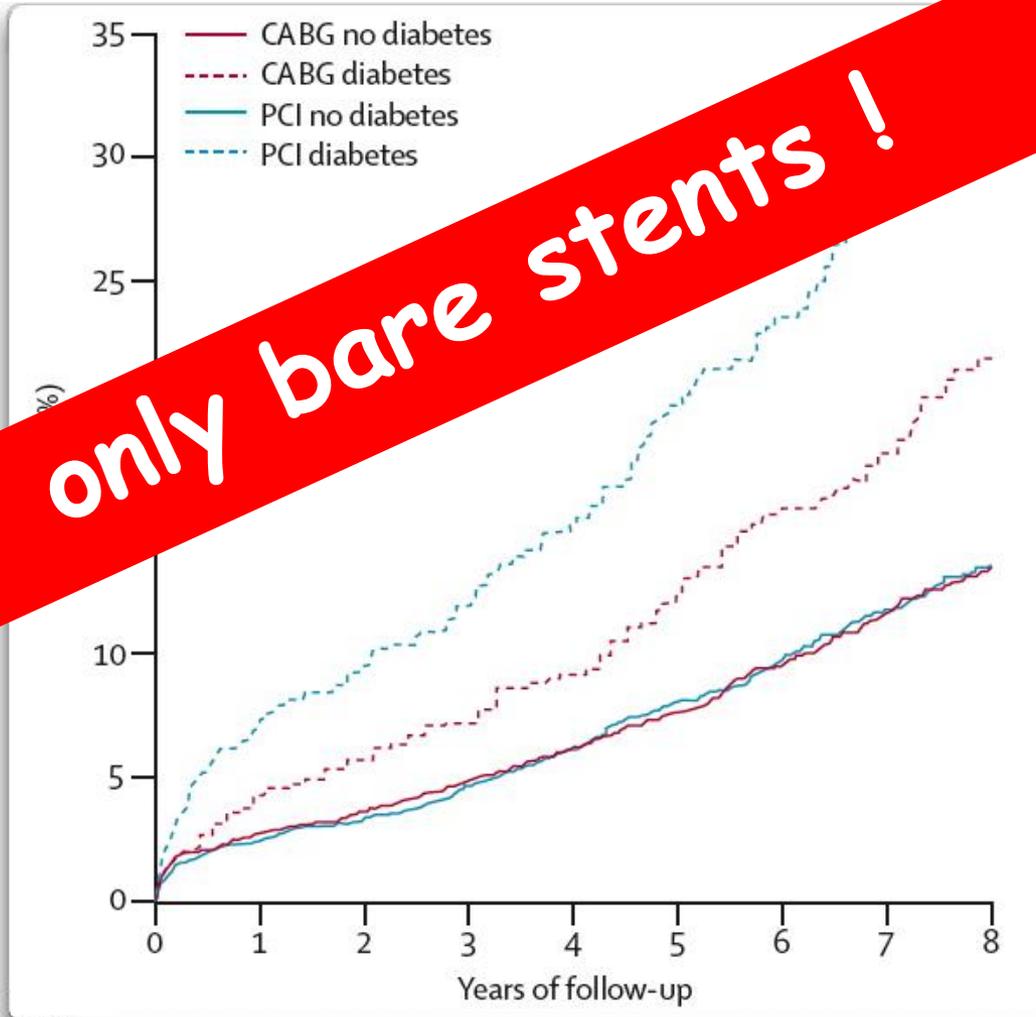
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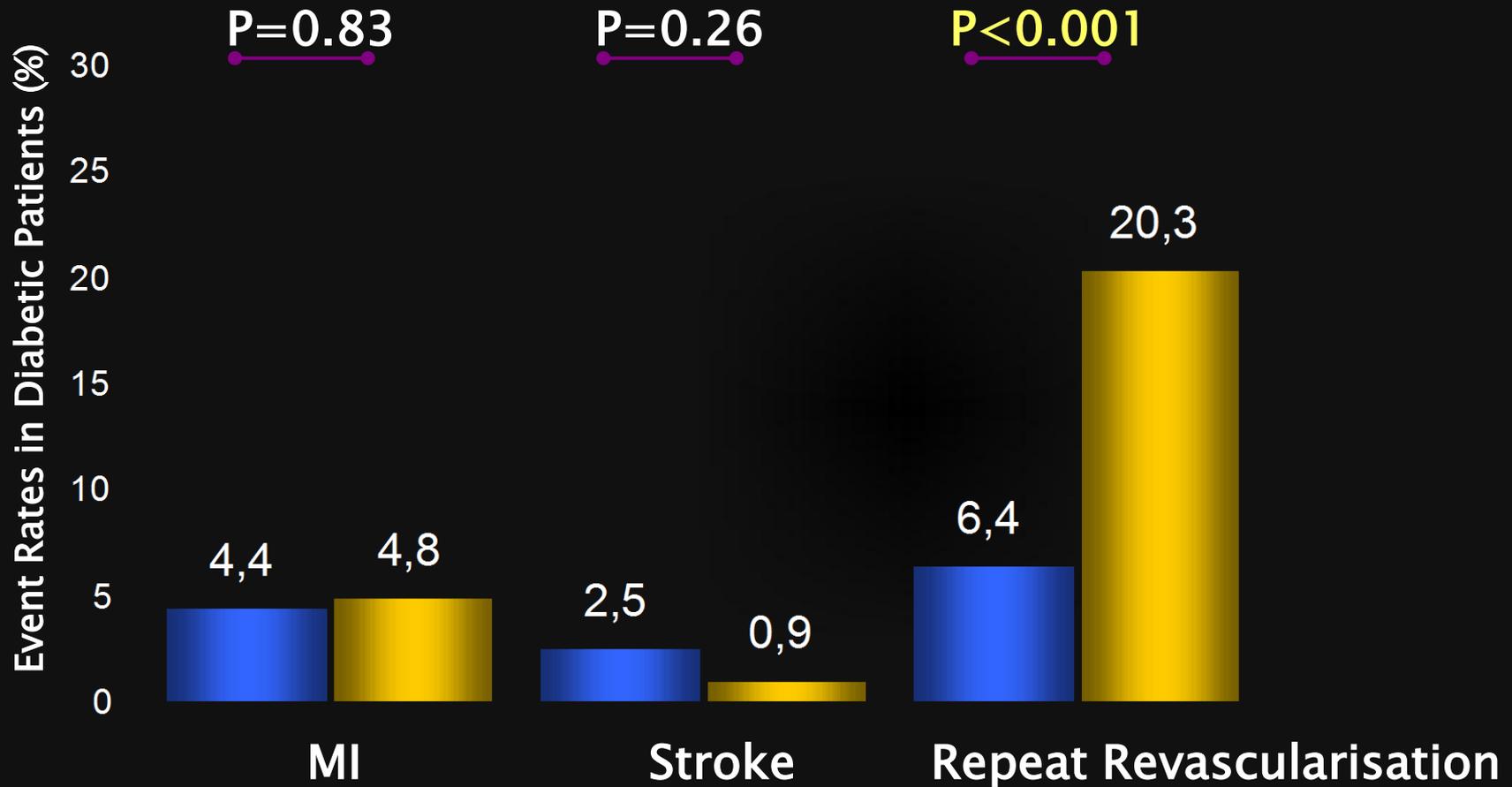
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# SYNTAX: Diabetic Patients

■ Bypass-Surgery (n=204)

■ TAXUS Stent (n=227)



# Diabetes

*Non  
Diabetic*

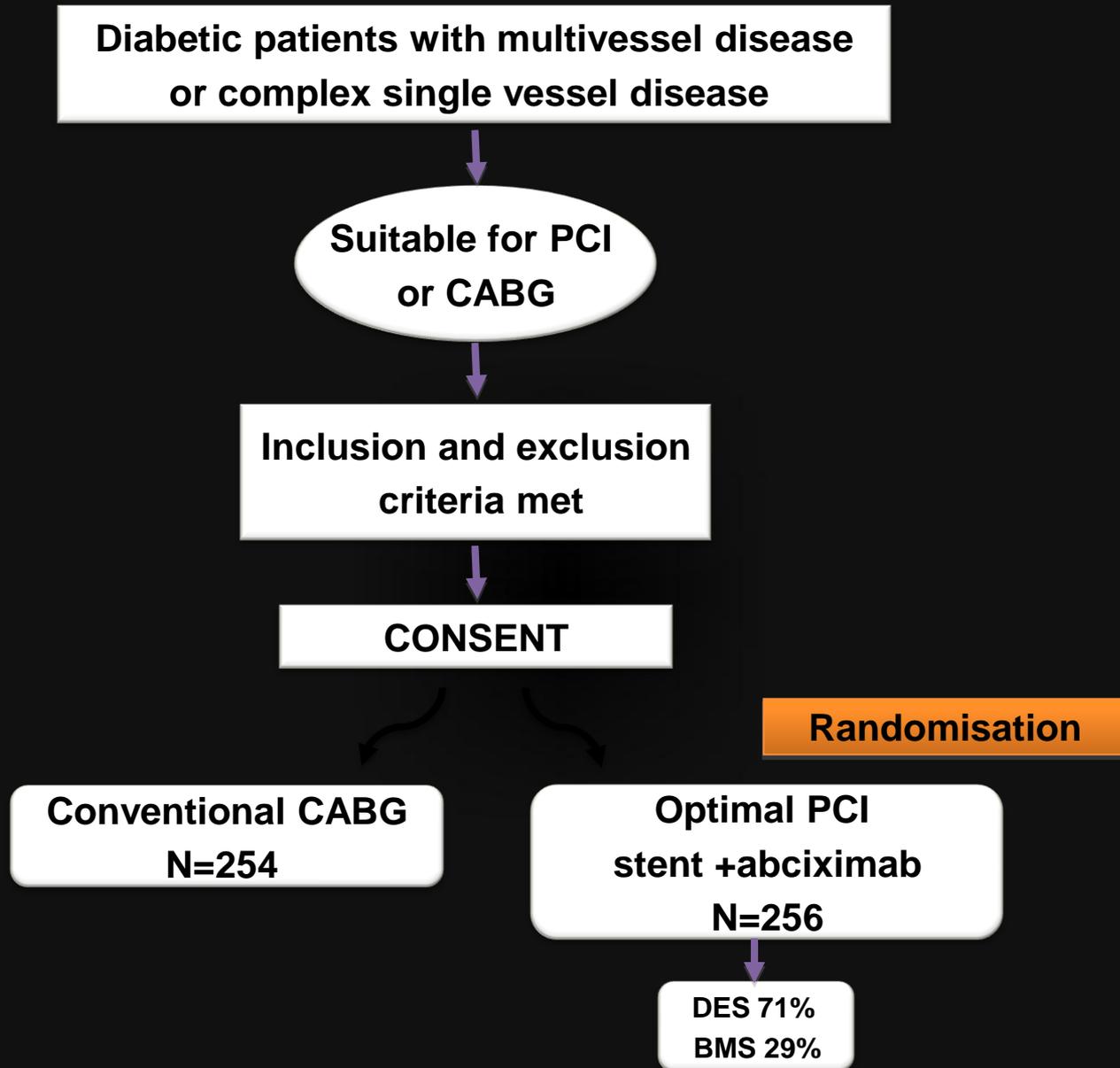
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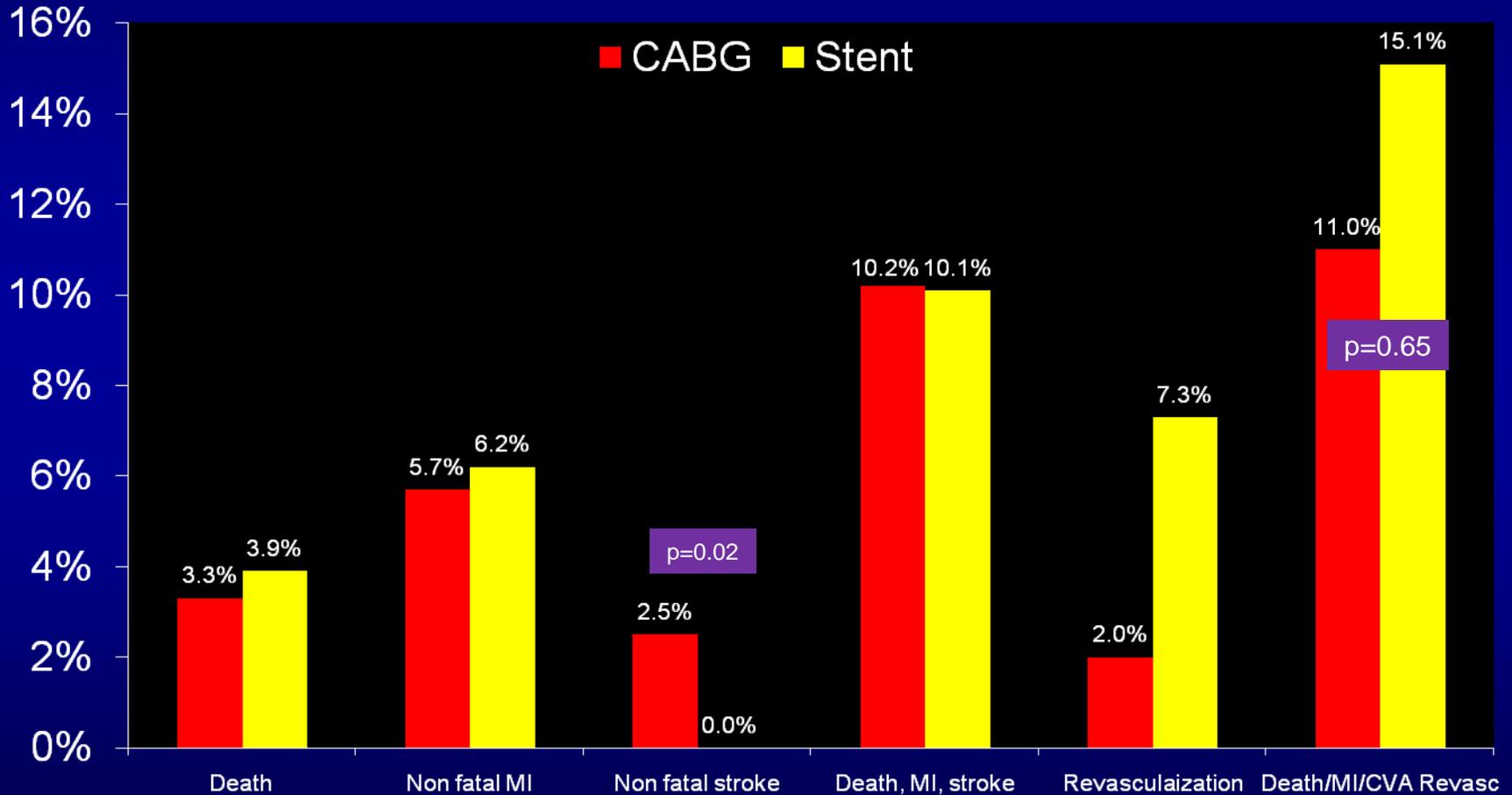
# CARDia Trial Design



# CARDIA

## (Coronary Artery Revascularization Diabetes Trial)

- 510 diabetic pts randomized to CABG vs PCI (71% DES)



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Where is 1-vessel disease with proximal LAD stenosis ?

INTERVENTIONAL/SURGERY

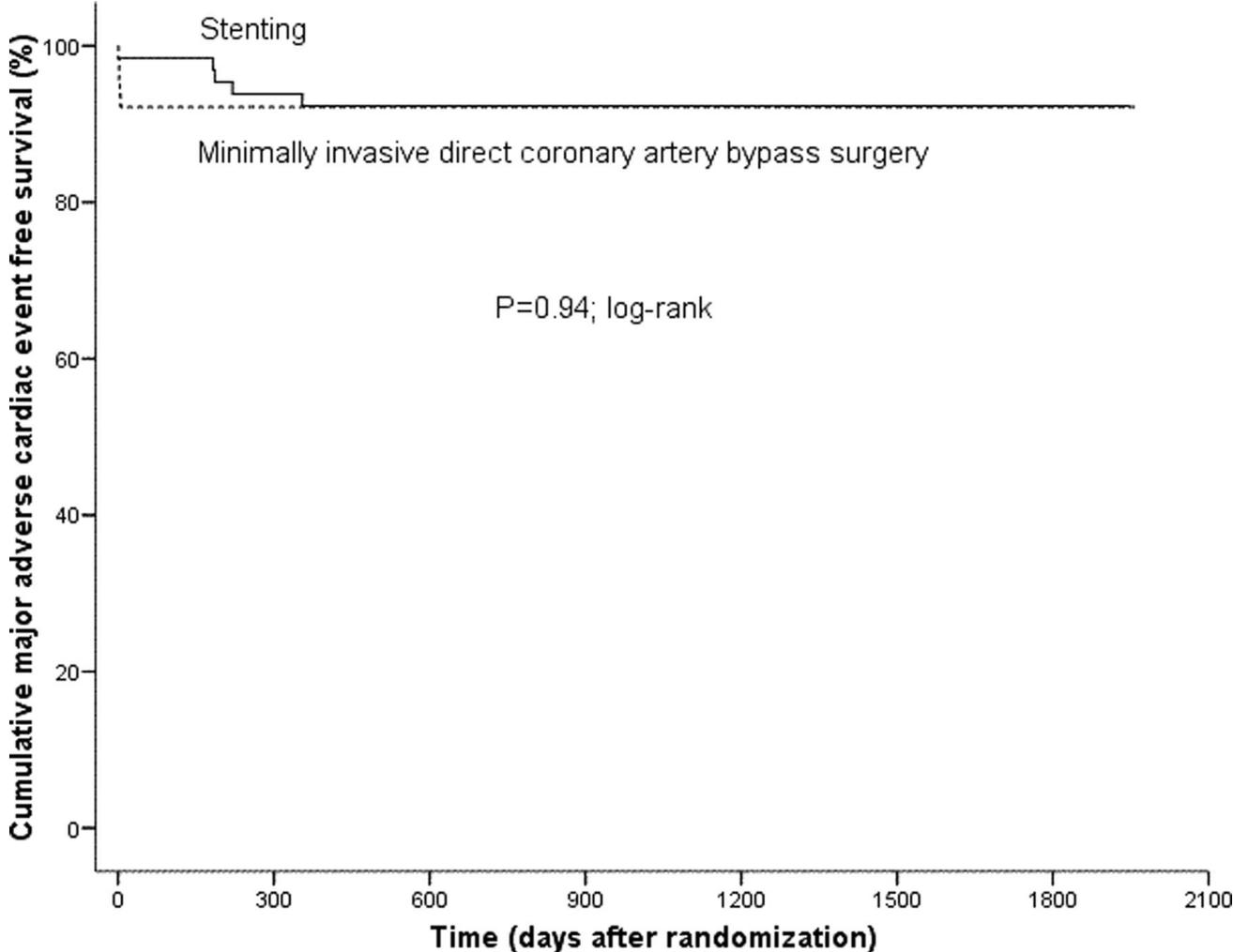
## DES "noninferior" to MIDCAB for isolated LAD disease, small study suggests

JUNE 15, 2009 | Shelley Wood

**Leipzig, Germany** – A small randomized study comparing minimally invasive coronary artery bypass surgery (MIDCAB) with PCI using sirolimus-eluting stents suggests that both approaches are reasonable options in patients with isolated proximal left anterior descending (LAD) coronary artery disease [1]. While repeat procedures were more common for PCI, periprocedural events were more common in the MIDCAB group.

The results appear in the June 23, 2009 issue of the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*.

# MACE at Mid-Term Follow-Up



J Am Coll Cardiol 2009;53:2324-2331

# Summary-1: Guidelines vs. Appropriateness Scoring

- **Guidelines** are based on scientific evidence from existing clinical trials.  
Guidelines make recommendations in classes (I, II, III)  
at certain levels of evidence A, B (from randomized trials) and level C, with C representing the „expert opinion“, when strong scientific evidence is missing.  
Guidelines in general do not include cost-effectiveness analyses.
- **Appropriateness Criteria** are creating a huge set of various clinical settings not necessarily investigated in clinical trials.  
Appropriateness Criteria are classified as Appropriate, Inappropriate or Uncertain, based on „expert opinions“ including also non-medical and health care related people.  
Appropriateness Criteria do not refer to contraindications.  
Appropriateness Criteria are especially useful for diagnostic methods, where usually no randomized trials exist.
- However, the application of Appropriateness Criteria might be a problem for therapeutic decisions, since „Inappropriate“ might sound much stronger than e.g. „Ib C“
- For therapeutic decisions, guidelines leave more room for the individual decisions made by the responsible physicians.



## Summary-2:

- **Question: did COURAGE (2007) change the ESC PCI Guidelines for PCI (2005) and stable Angina (2006) ?**  
**Answer: no - don't defer diagnostic angiography, if in doubt**
- **Question: did the USA Appropriateness Criteria change our clinical practice, whom to revascularize ?**  
**Answer: no - the importance of demonstrating myocardial ischemia as pointed out in the previous ESC Guidelines is confirmed.**
- **Question: are the USA Appropriateness Criteria for Coronary Revascularization applicable to Europe ?**  
**Answer: no, because cost-effectiveness was also included in the USA Appropriateness Criteria and the health care systems are very different. What may be inappropriate in the USA might be appropriate in Europe.**
- **Problem: Neither the ESC Guidelines nor the USA Appropriateness Criteria have already implemented the results of the recent randomized Drug-eluting Stents vs. Bypass-Surgery trials.**





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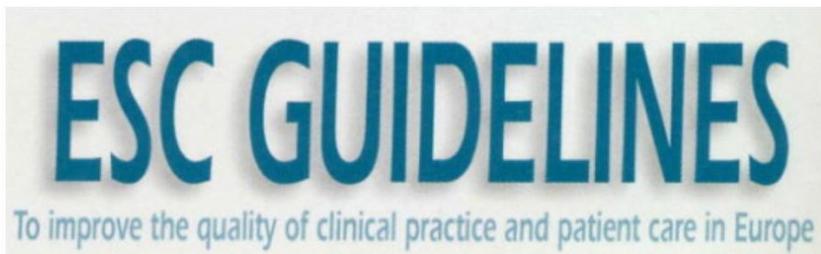
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**When will it be updated ?**



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12 September 2008

Dear **Additional Contributor**,

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