

Anatomy versus physiology

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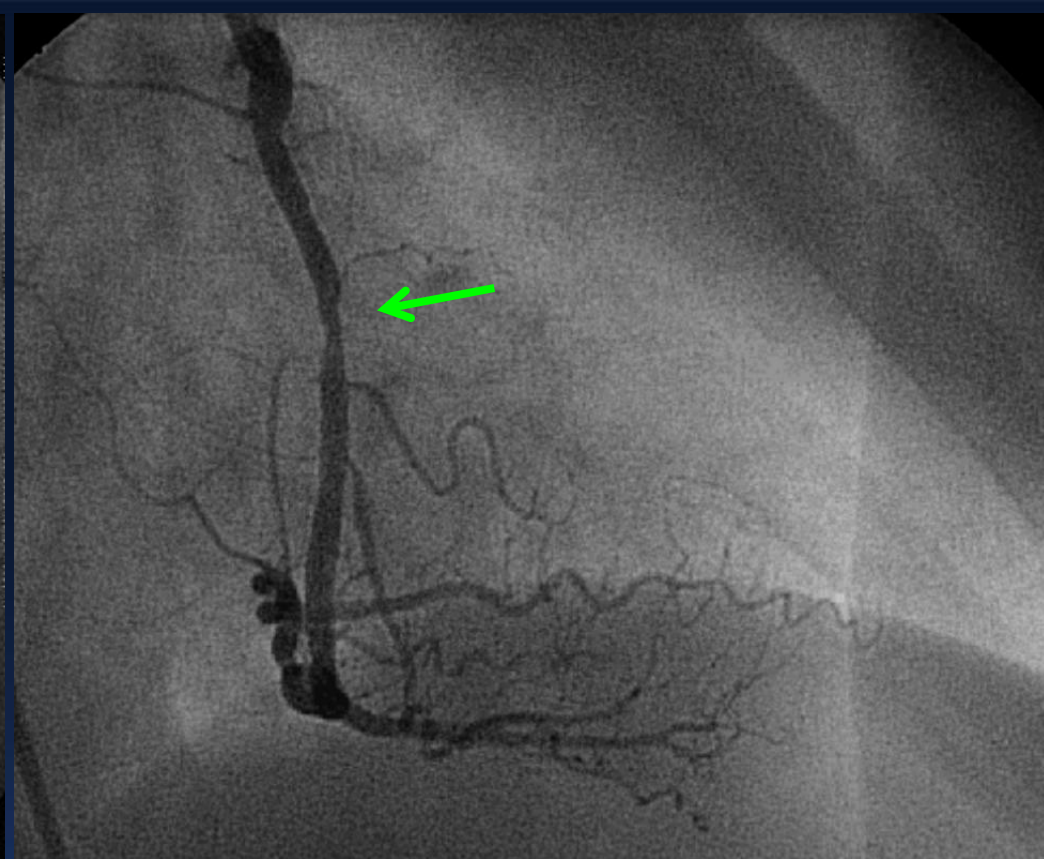
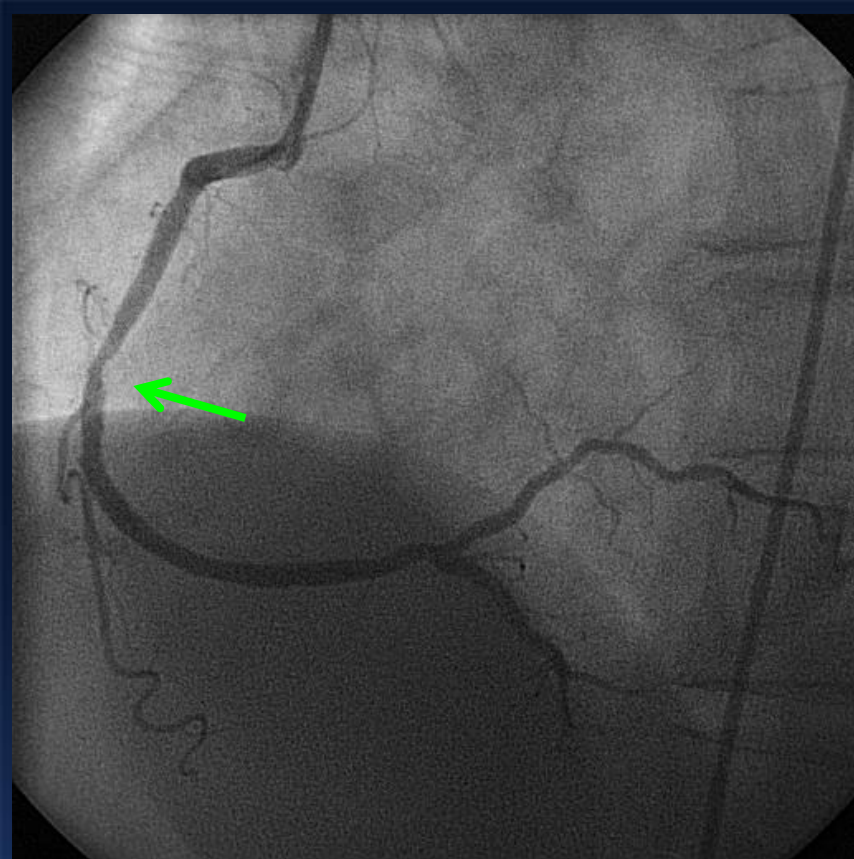
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(to institution)
- Educational organizations
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Organizations (alphabetical)

- St Jude Medical (for CONTRAST study)
- Volcano/Philips (for DEFINE-FLOW)
- ASNC (travel award, 2007)
- Canadian CPI (Montréal , 2013-15)
- CRF (TCT 2012-14, CPIIS 2014)
- ESC (ETP physiology courses, 2013-15)
- KSIC (annual meeting, 2015)
- SCAI (travel award, 2010)

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Medical therapy alone?
Or add PCI?

Symptoms



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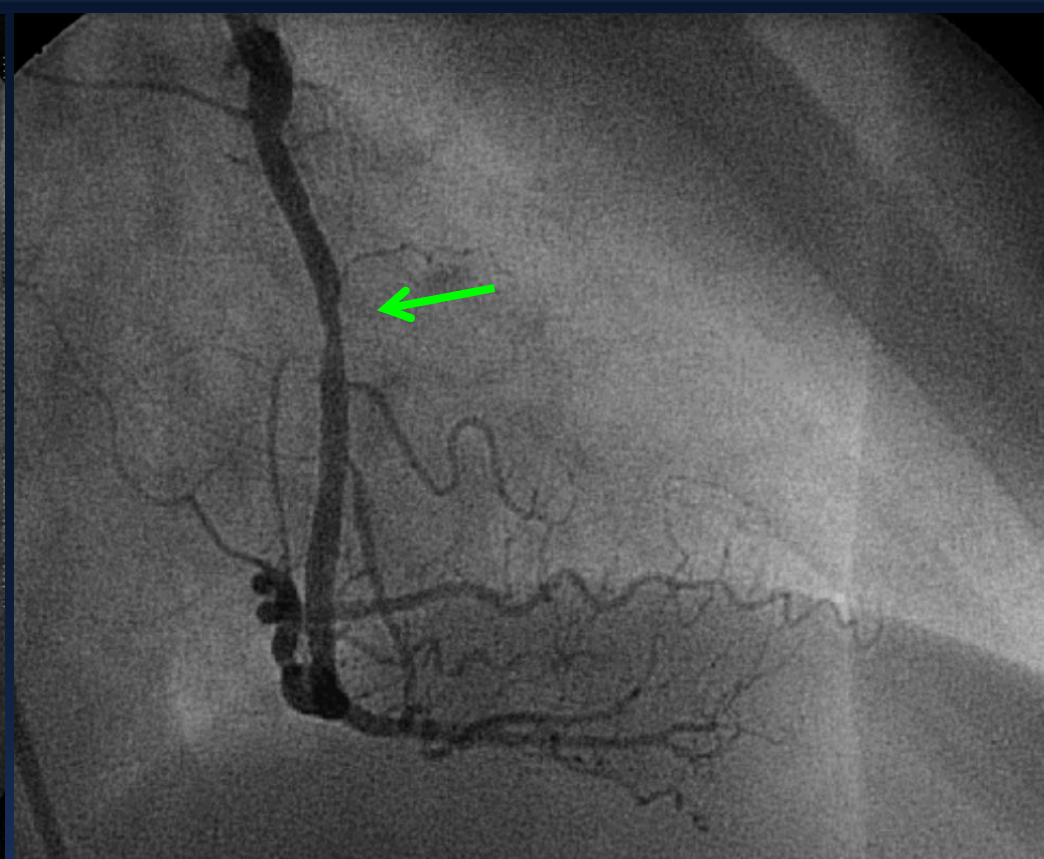
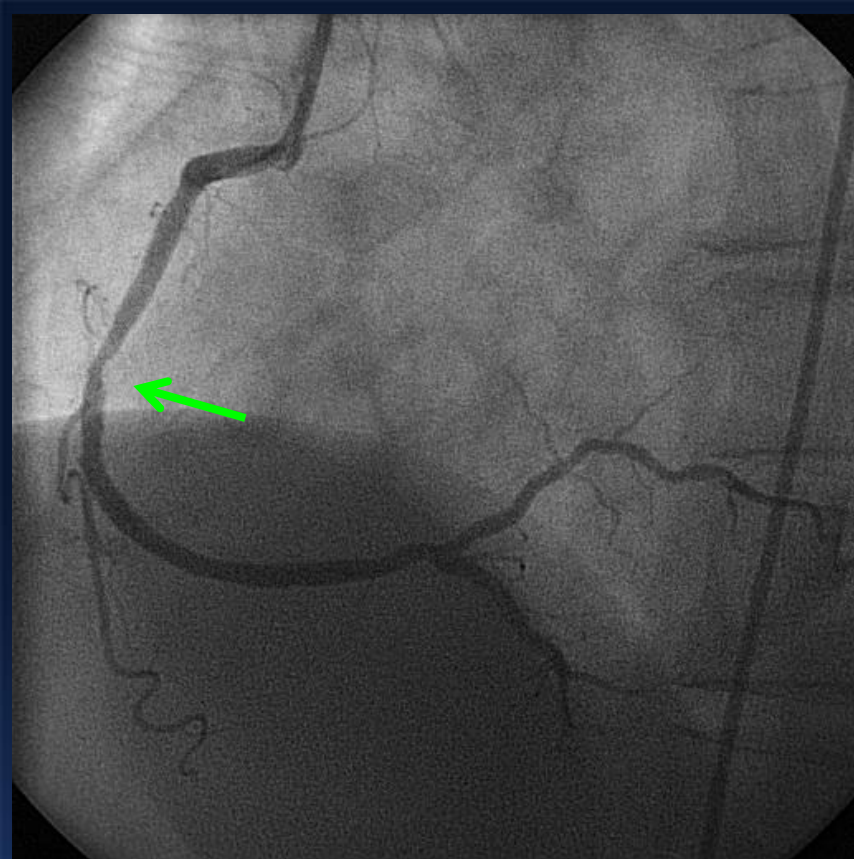
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ESC GUIDELINES

2013 ESC guidelines on the management of stable coronary artery disease (SCAD)

The traditional understanding of SCAD is that of a disease causing
exercise- and stress-related chest symptoms



55 year-old woman

- new, typical angina
- CCS class II-III severity despite nitrates
- no beta-blocker due to lung disease

%DS



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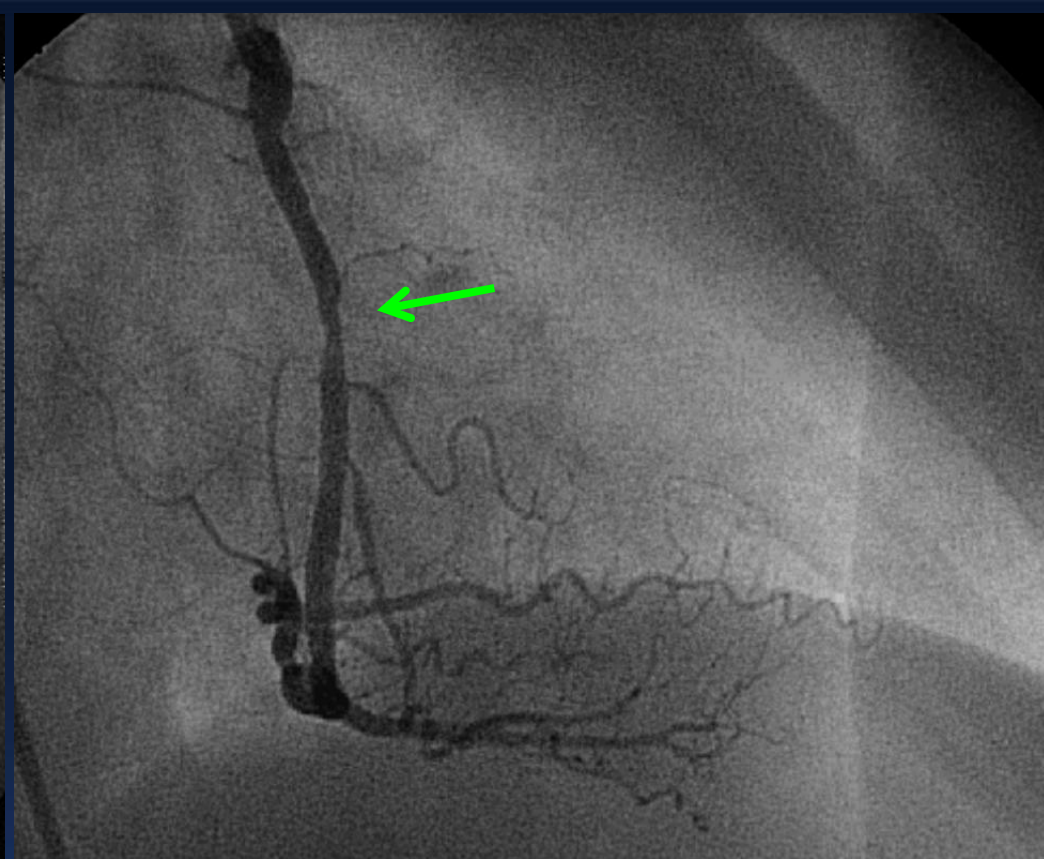
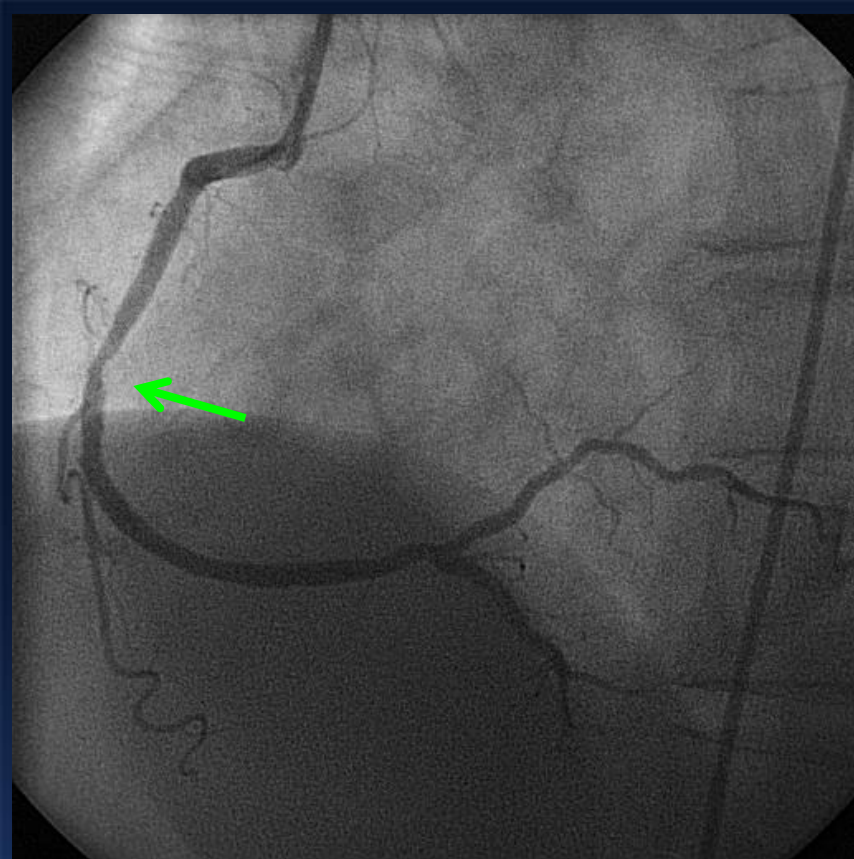
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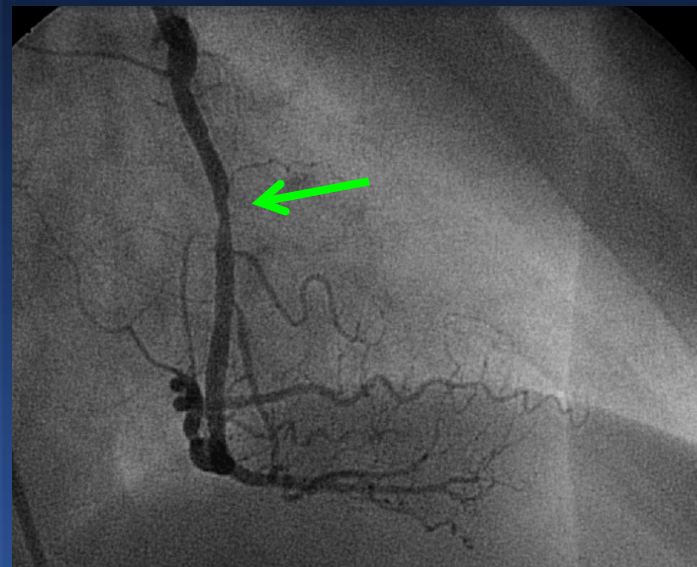
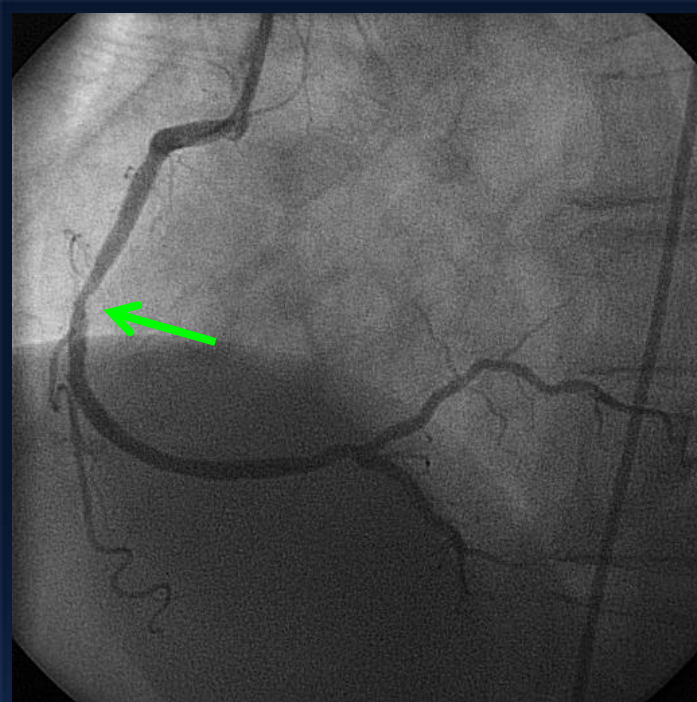
QCA of lesion

- 58% in LAO, 55% in RAO
- referred for angiography directly without non-invasive testing

symptoms,
clinical data,
angiogram



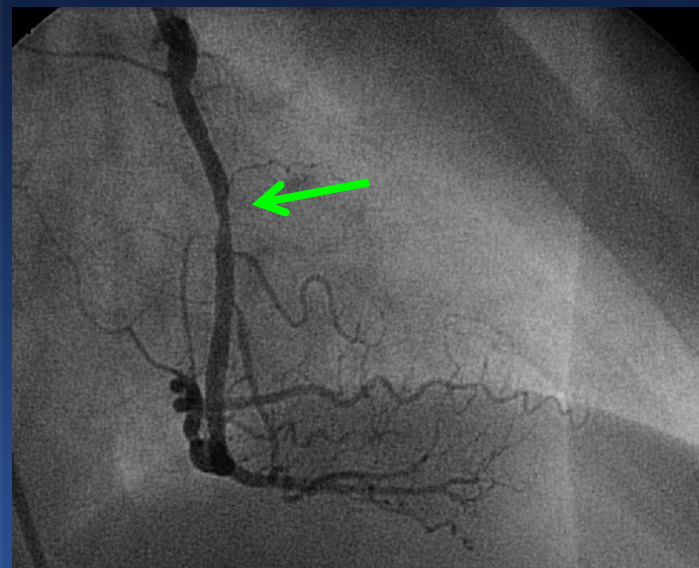
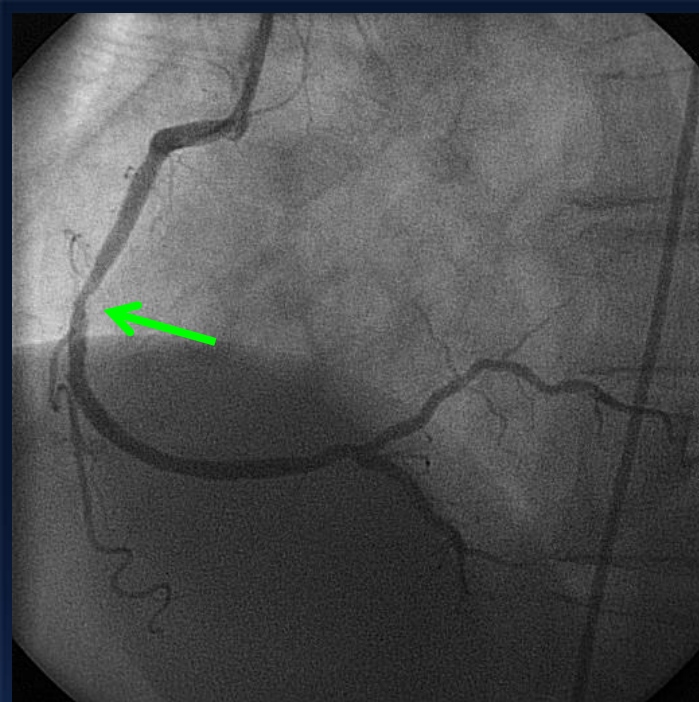
treatment
decision



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predict
significance

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Anatomic predictions



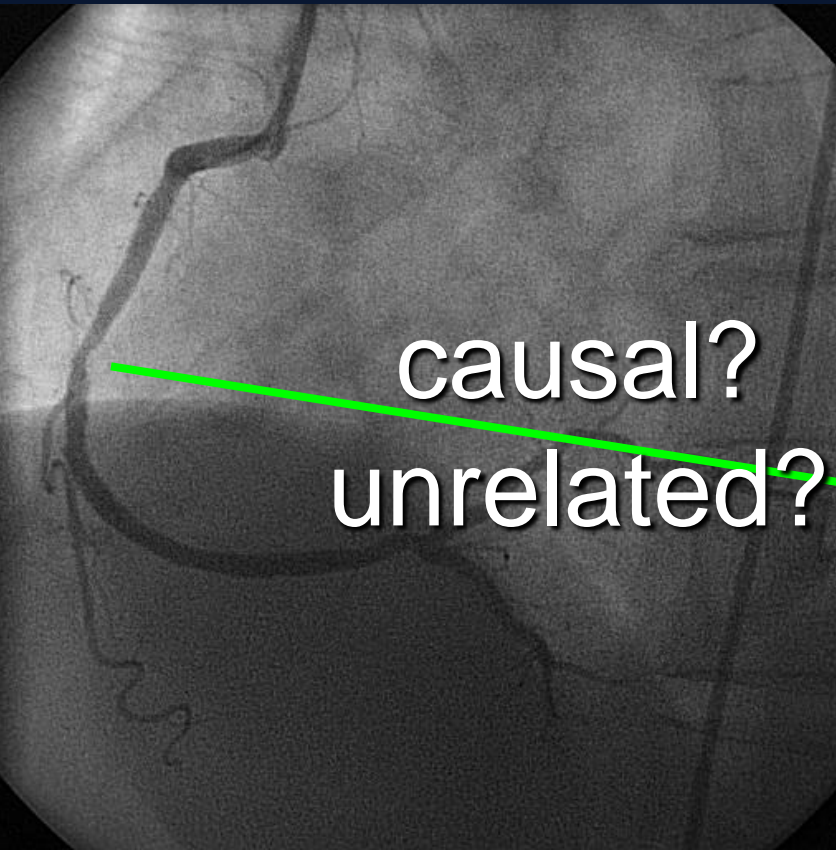
ambiguous

(often unclear
if **causal**)

imprecise

(uncertain for an
individual)

Cause and effect?



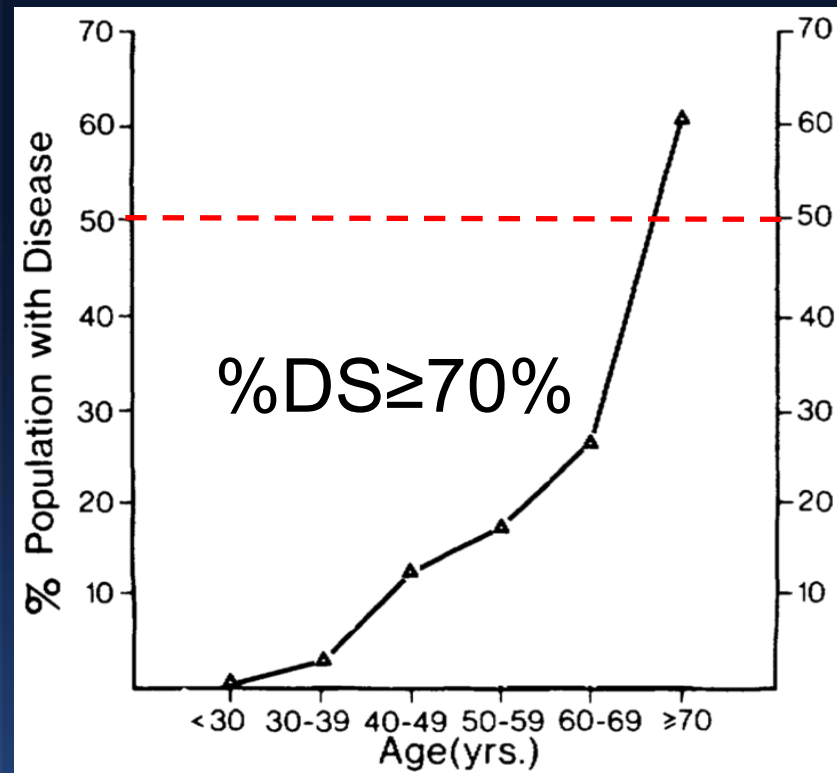
causal?
unrelated?

A coronary angiogram image showing a significant stenosis in the left anterior descending artery. A green arrow points from the text 'causal? unrelated?' to the stenosis.

55 year-old
woman with new,
typical angina

Cause and effect?

“chest pain unrelated to activity, unrelieved by nitroglycerin and apparently non-cardiac in origin”



1,282 men from
15 US centers

Cause and effect?

Any CAD		Obstructive CAD	Subgroup of obstructive CAD		
			1VD	2VD	3VD/LM
CACS≤100	1017 (42.5%)	204 (8.5%)	147 (6.1%)	39 (1.6%)	18 (0.8%)
CACS>100	716 (86.8%)	342 (41.5%)	185 (22.4%)	96 (11.6%)	61 (7.4%)

17% had $\geq 50\%$ DS
2% with 3VD/LM

CONFIRM registry

3,217 patients
asymptomatic
from 12 centers
in 6 countries

Cause and effect?

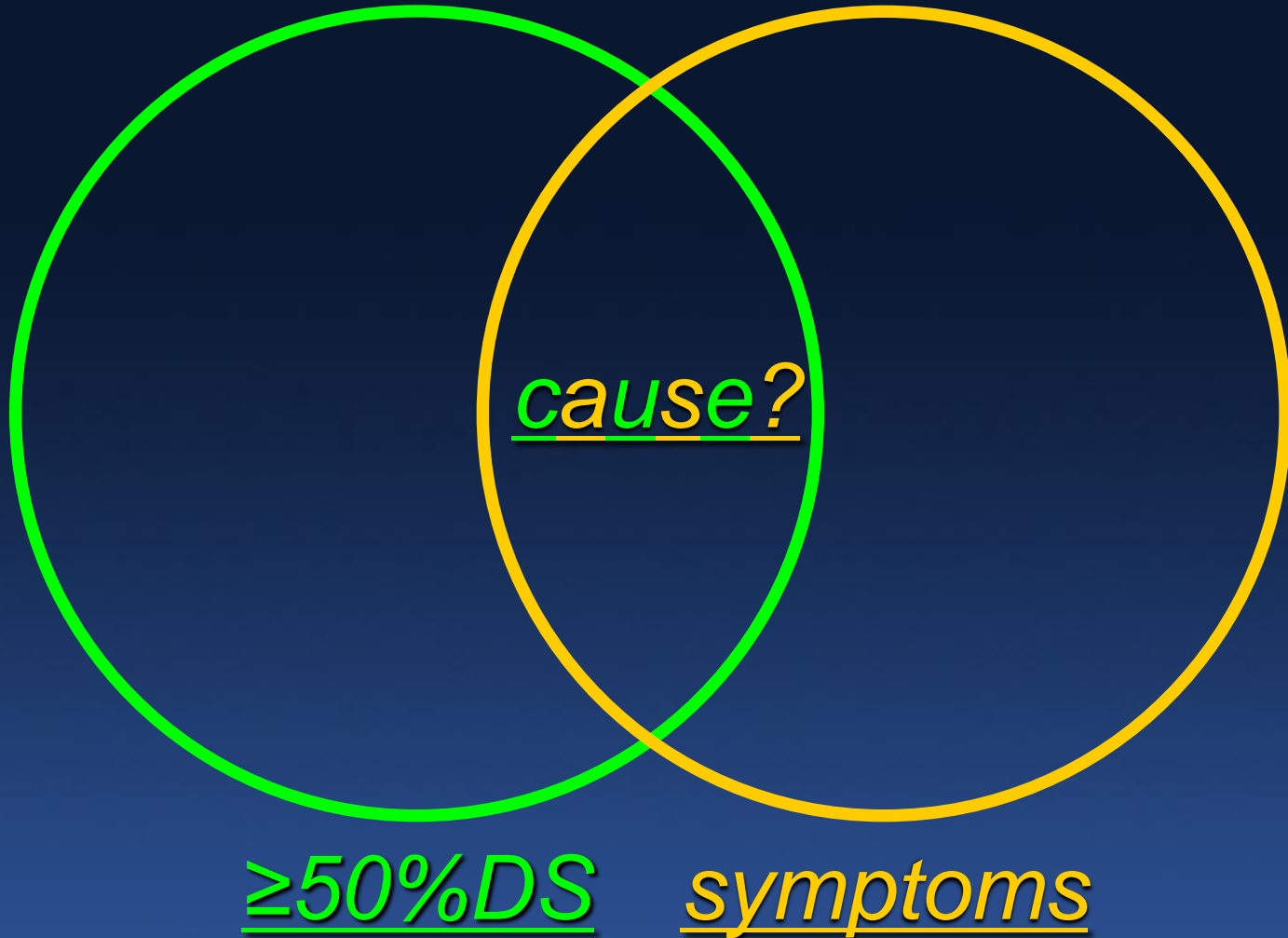
ECA survey

13,538 subjects
community-based
from 5 USA centers

Lifetime prevalence

- Chest pain = 25%
- Fatigue = 24%
- Palpitations = 18%
- Dyspnea = 14%

Cause and effect?



Cause and effect?

“It has been shown that in a *randomly selected group of asymptomatic 60-year old men*, the *prevalence of apparently significant coronary stenoses is 20%*. Therefore, one must assume that in a number of such patients, the *presence of a lesion may be coincidental* and that a *direct relation* between the angiographic lesion and the chest pain is *unclear*.”

-Bech GJ, De Bruyne B, ..., Pijls NH

JACC. 1998 Mar 15;31(4):841-7 (my *color* and *emphasis* added)

Anatomic predictions



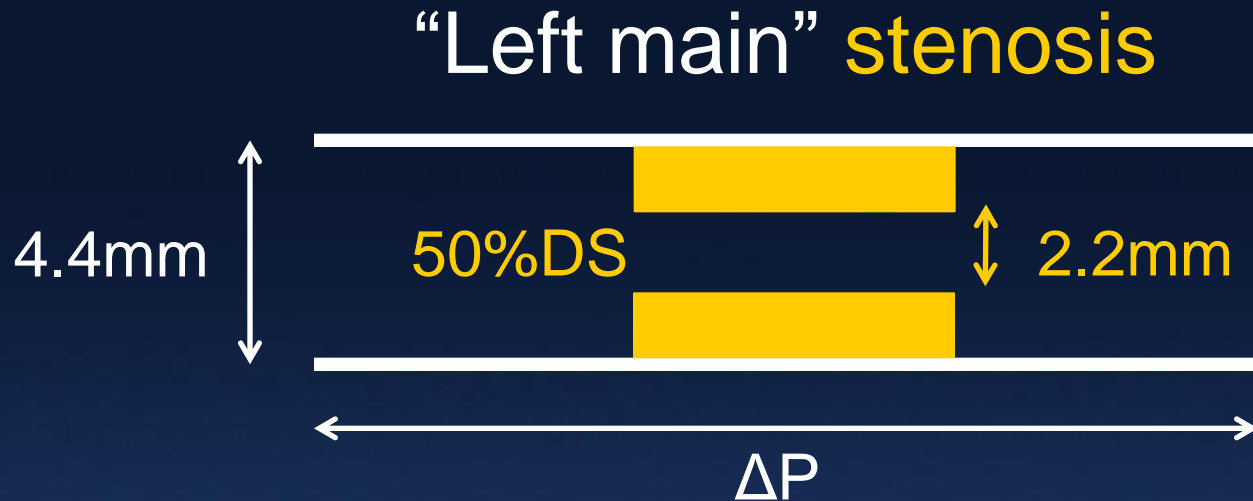
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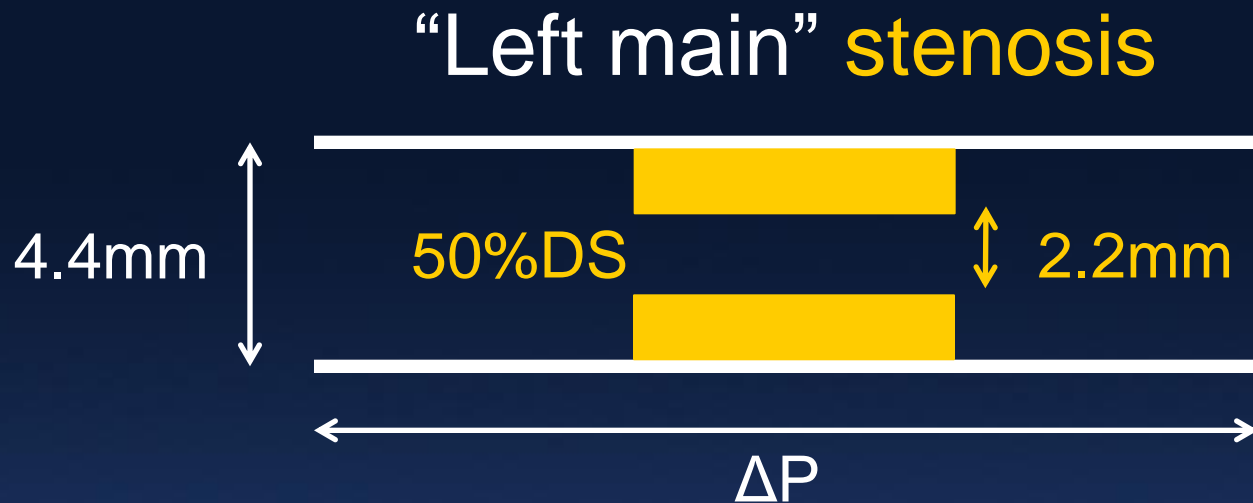
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Individual *imprecision*



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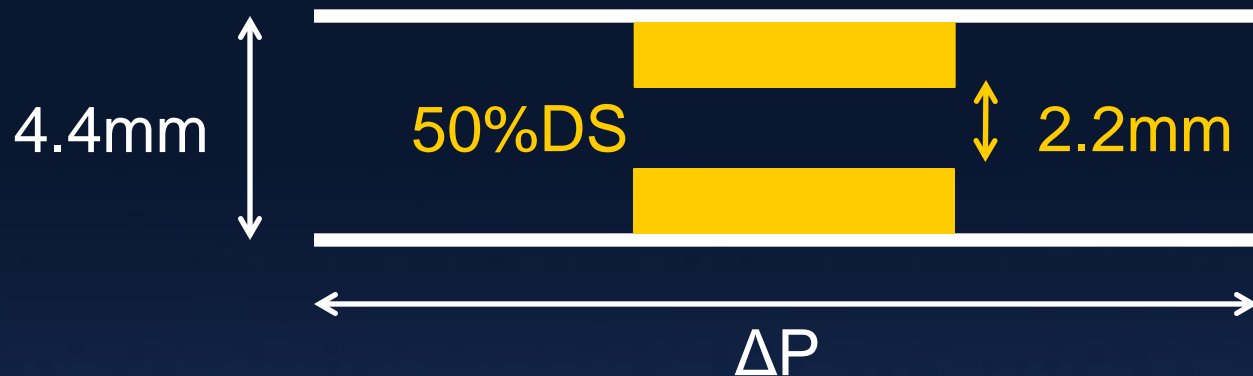
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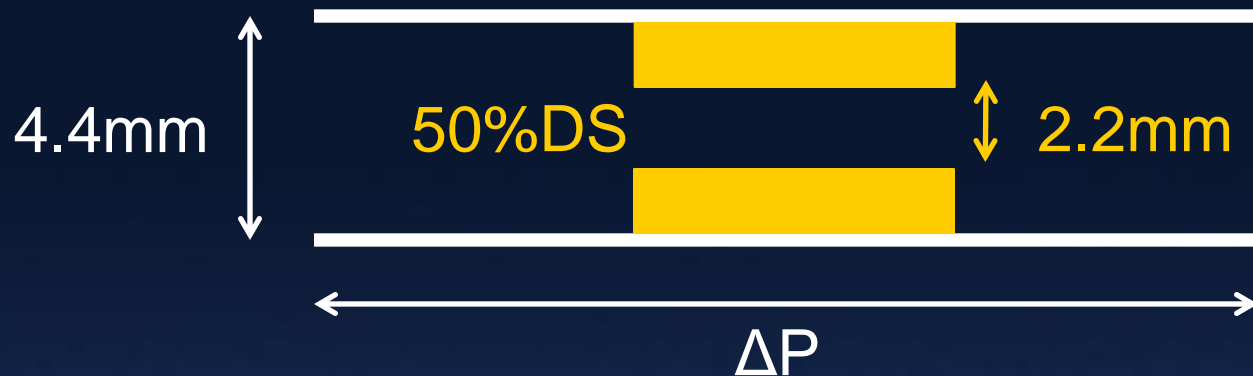
“Left main” stenosis



Relative error $\Delta P/P = 4 * \Delta \text{radius} / \text{radius}$
(error in physiology \propto error in anatomy)

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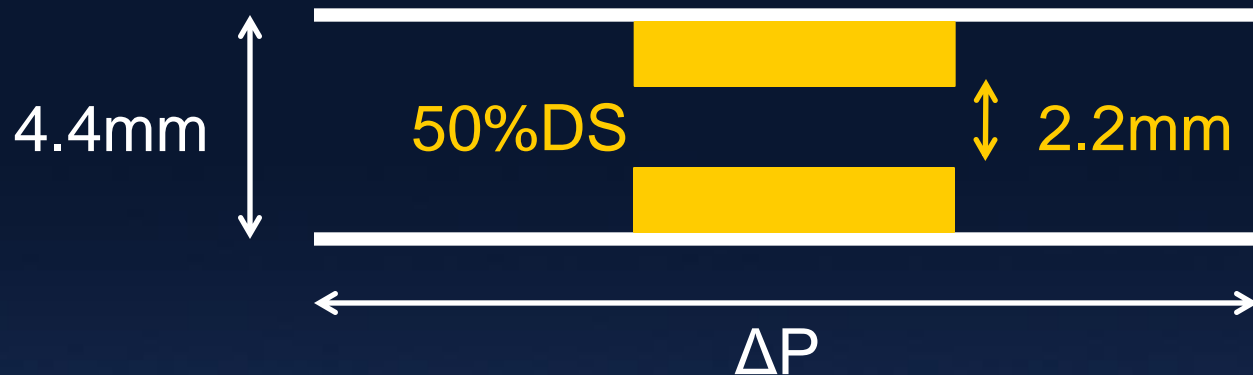


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- Invasive = $4 * 0.2\text{mm} / 1.1\text{mm} = 73\% \Delta P/P$

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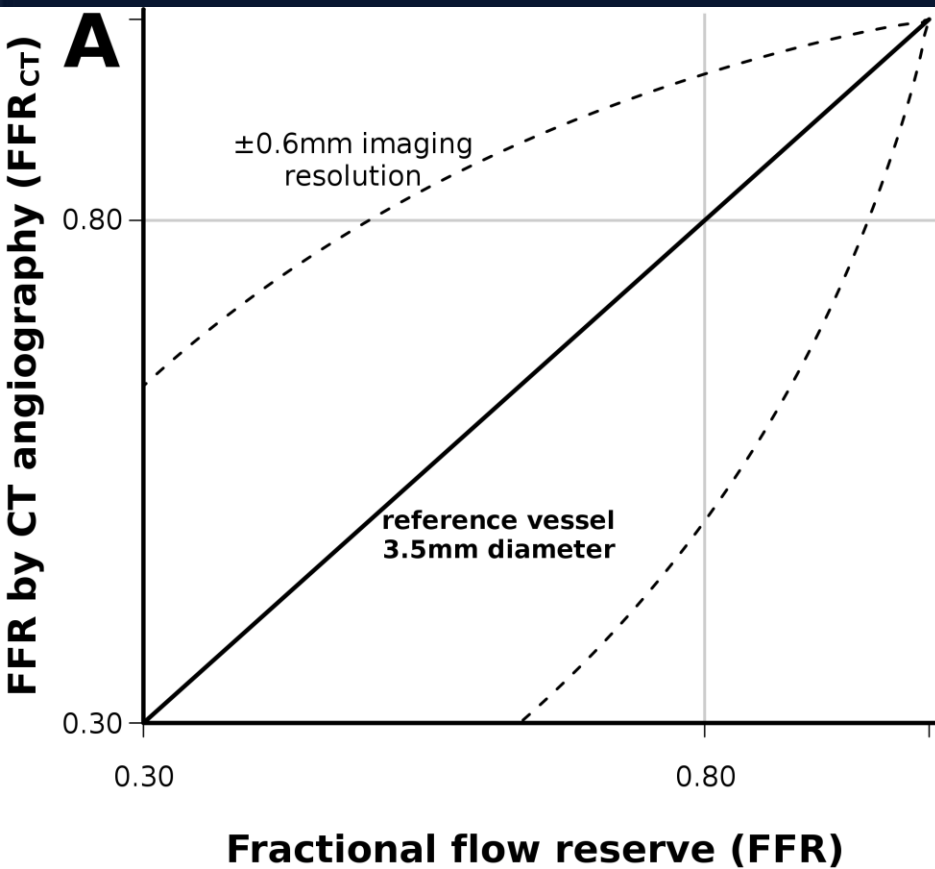
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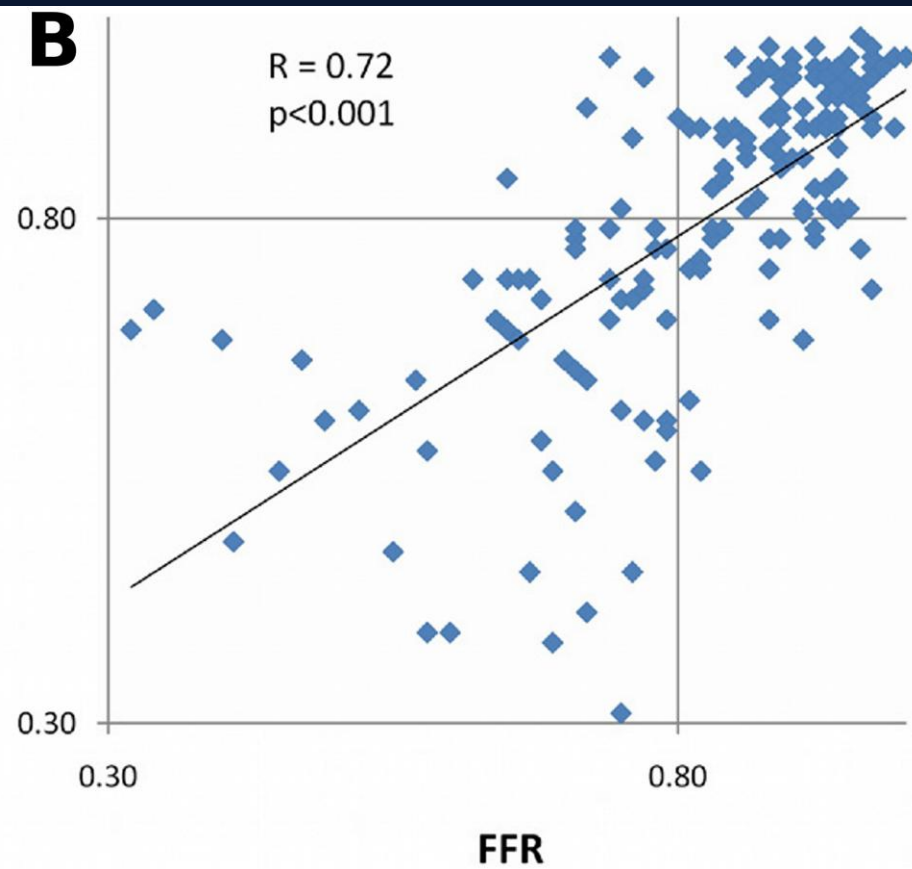
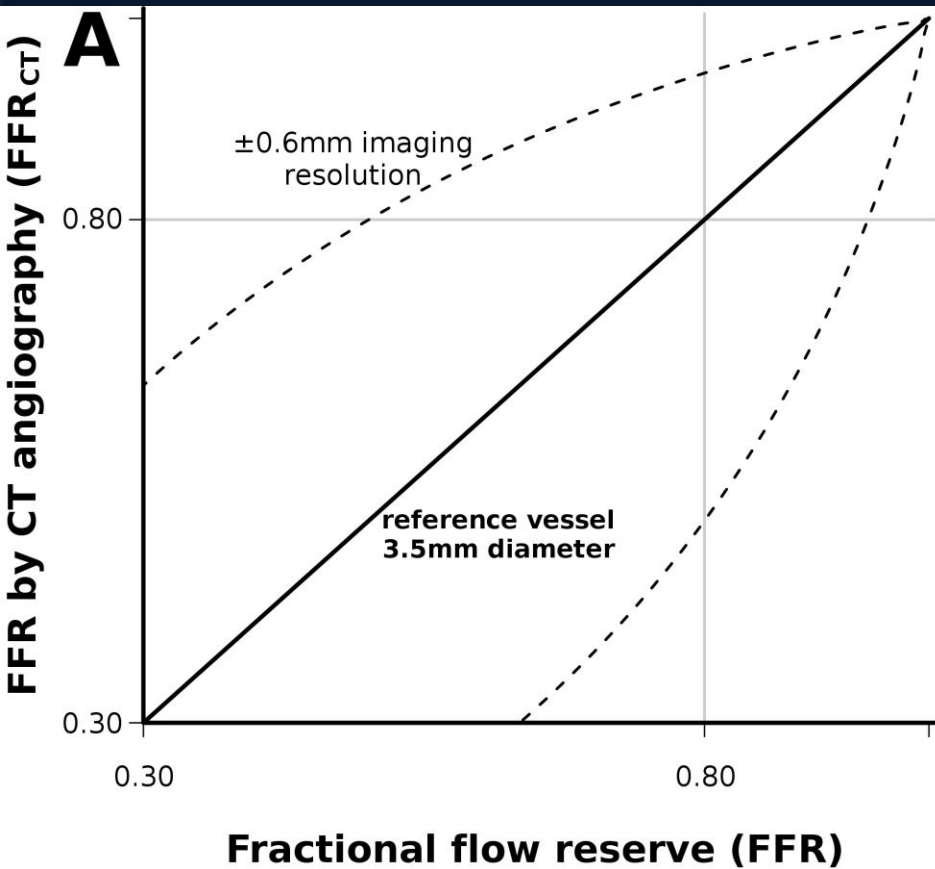
- CTA = $4 * 0.6 / 1.1 = 218\%$ error in $\Delta P/P$
- Invasive = $4 * 0.2 / 1.1 = 73\%$
- IVUS = $4 * 0.1 / 1.1 = 36\%$
- OCT = $4 * 0.02 / 1.1 = 7\%$

CT-*modeled* FFR



Johnson NP, *Circ Cardiovasc Imaging* 6(5):817, 2013, Figure 4A

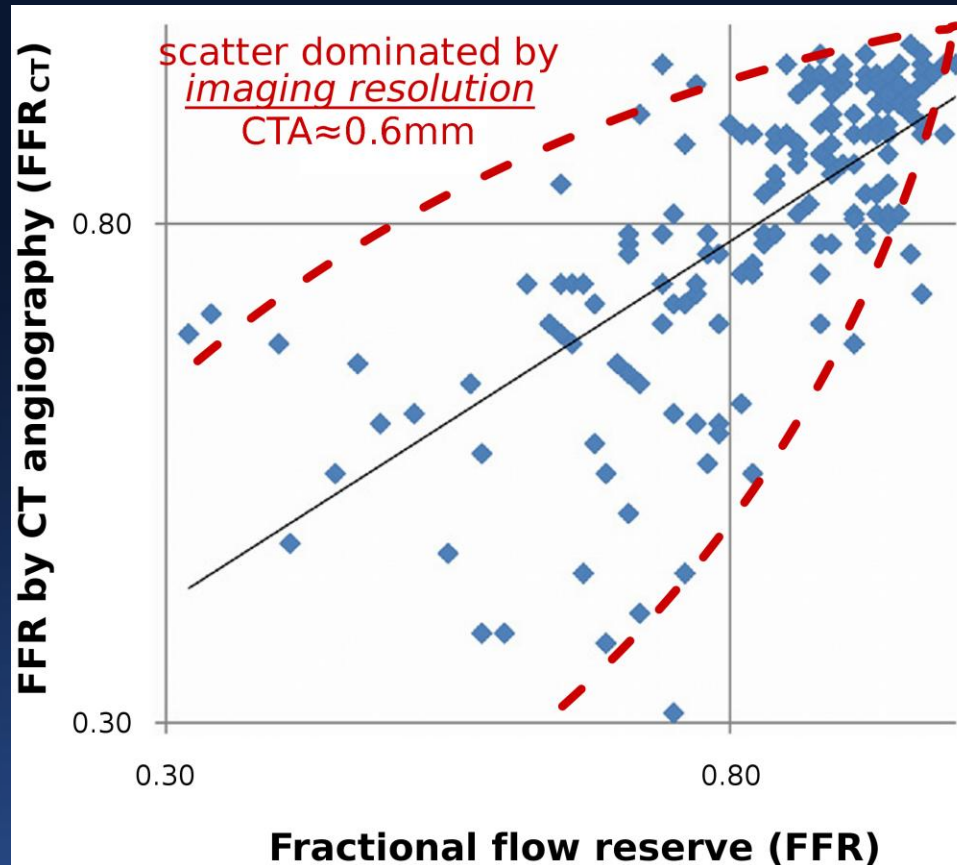
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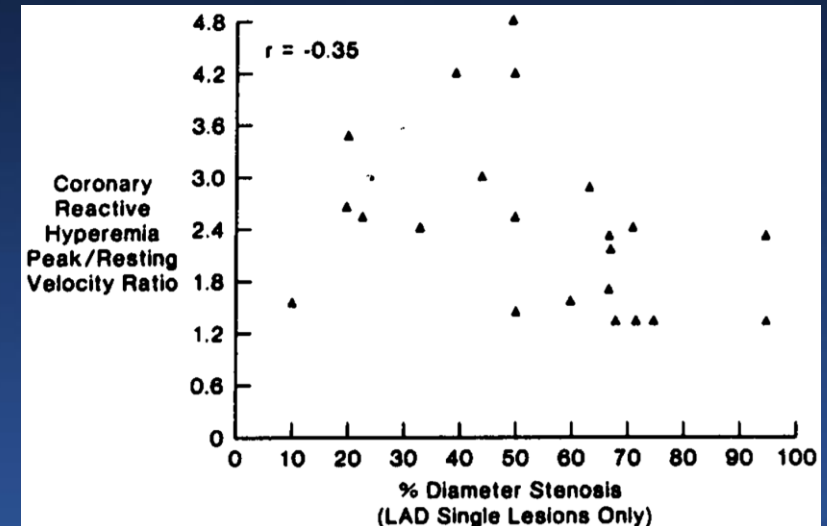
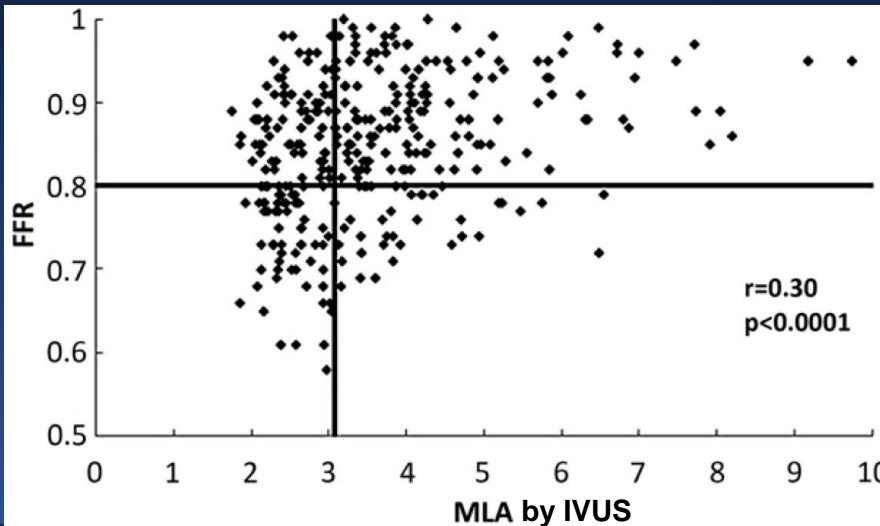
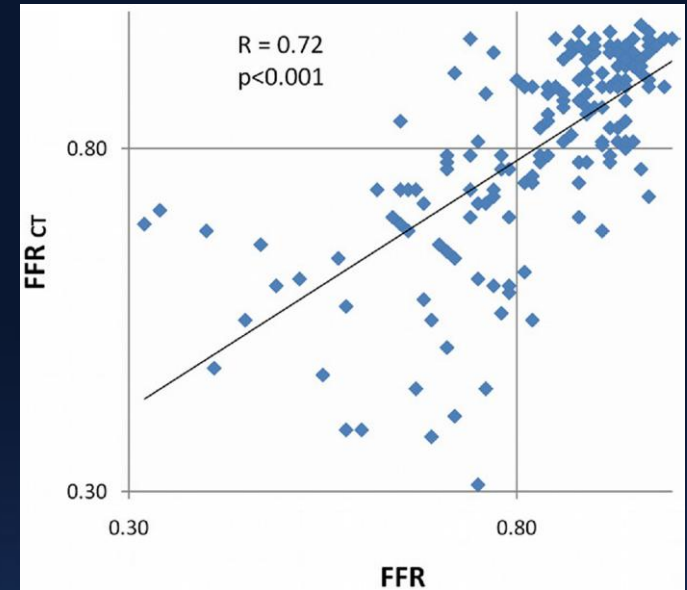
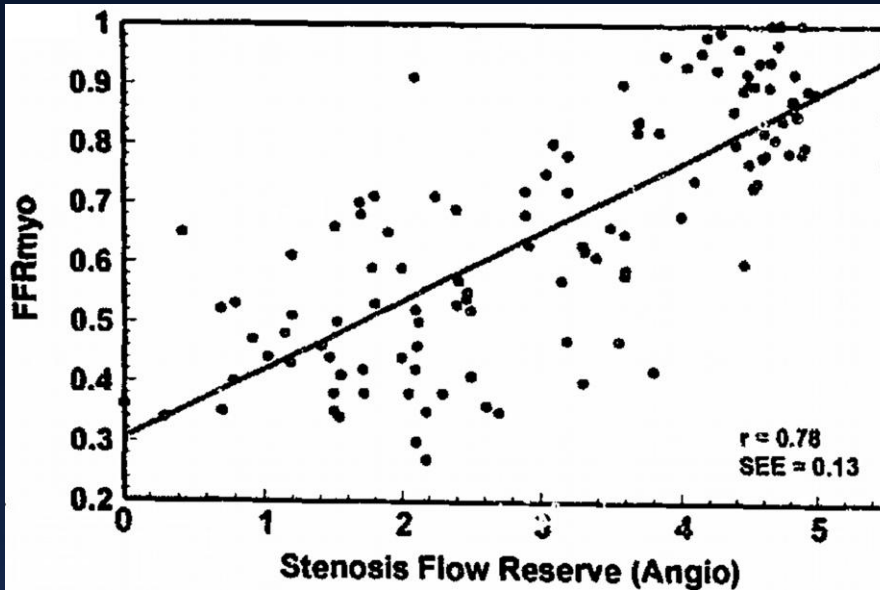
Koo BK, *JACC* 58(19):1989, 2011, Figure 4

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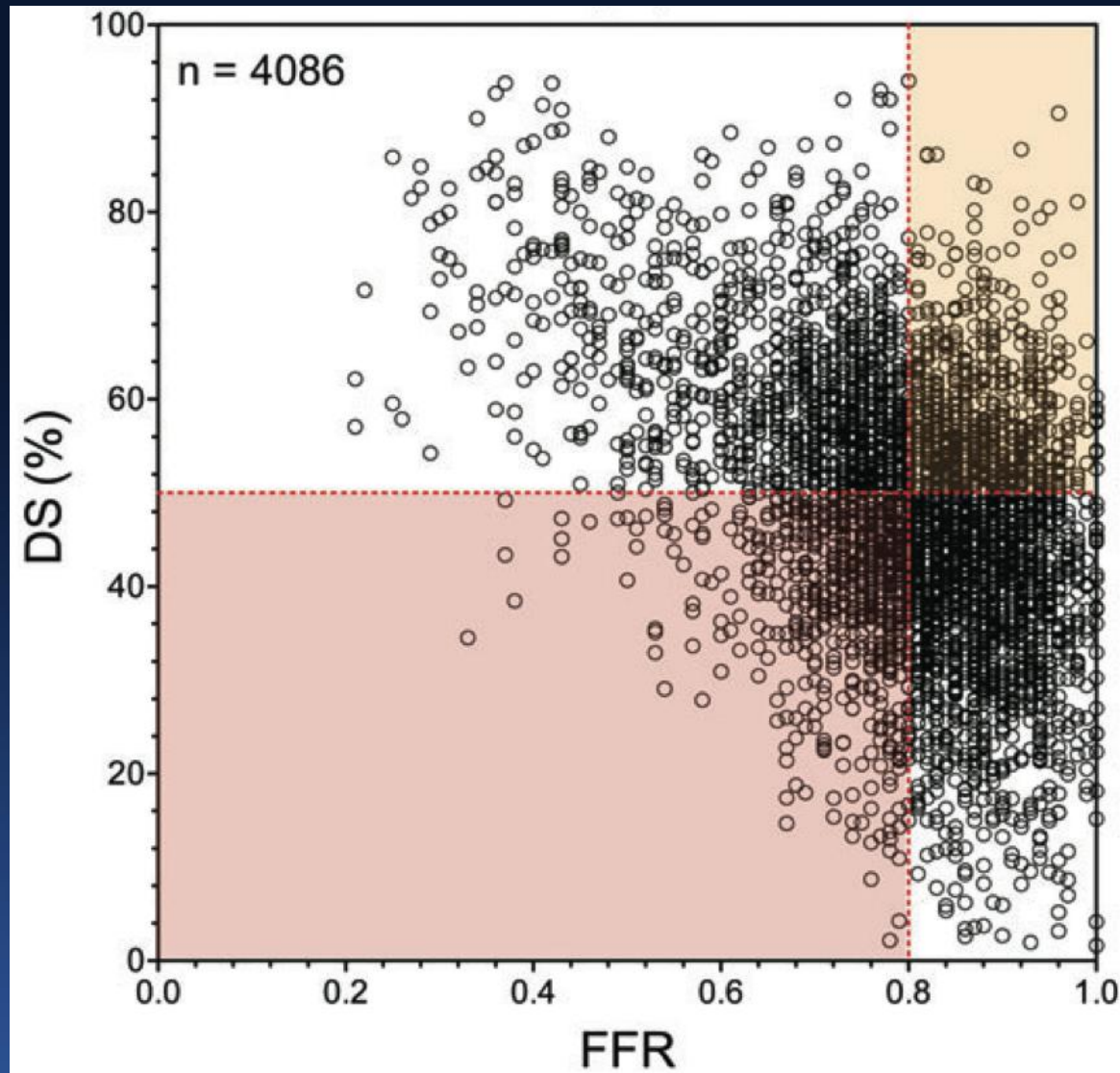
FFR_{CT} (CT angiography) = Koo BK, JACC. 2011 Nov 1;58(19):1989-97 (Figure 4)

MLA (IVUS) = Waksman R, JACC. 2013 Mar 5;61(9):917-23 (Figure 1A)

%DS (angiography) = White CW, NEJM. 1984 Mar 29;310(13):819-24 (Figure 2)

Anatomy versus physiology

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”
(QCA)



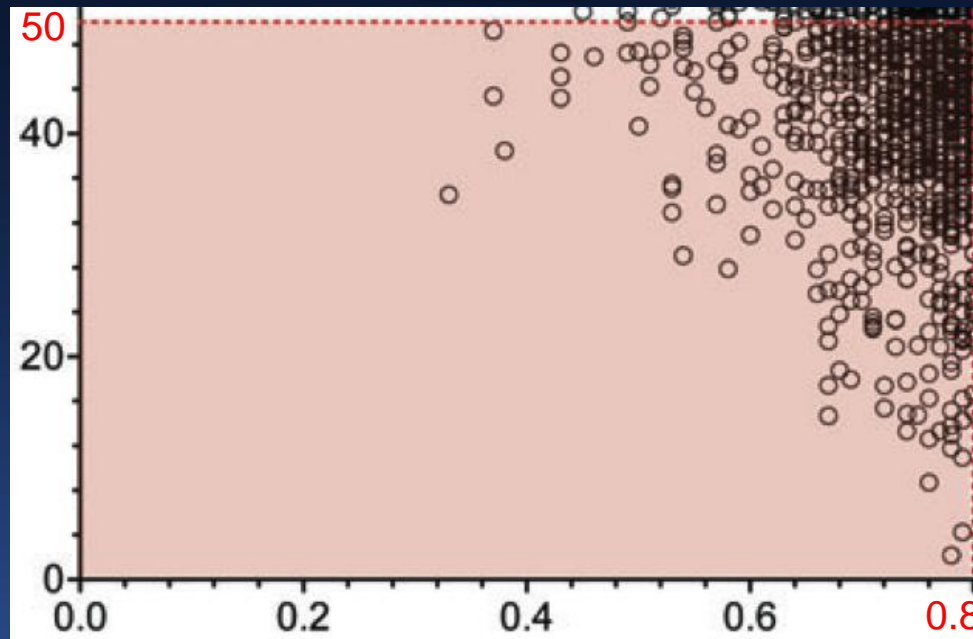
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Anatomy versus physiology

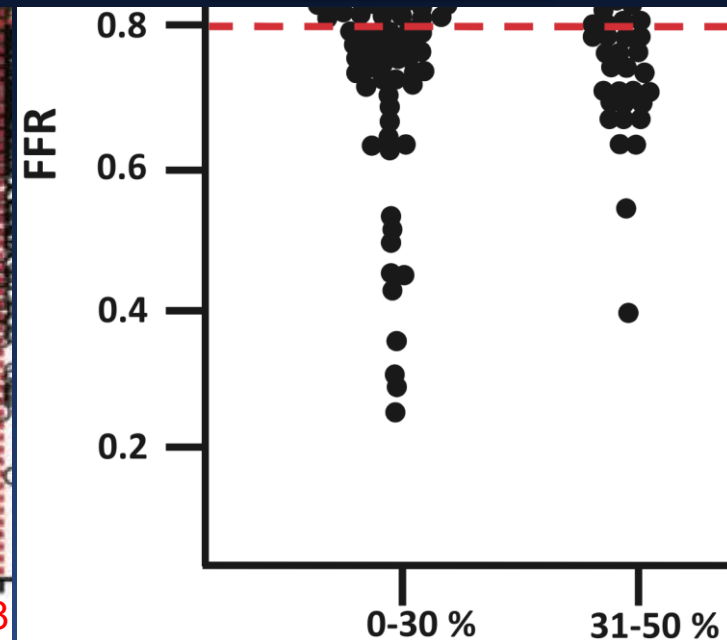
Mild anatomy, severe physiology

→ How to treat?

Aalst



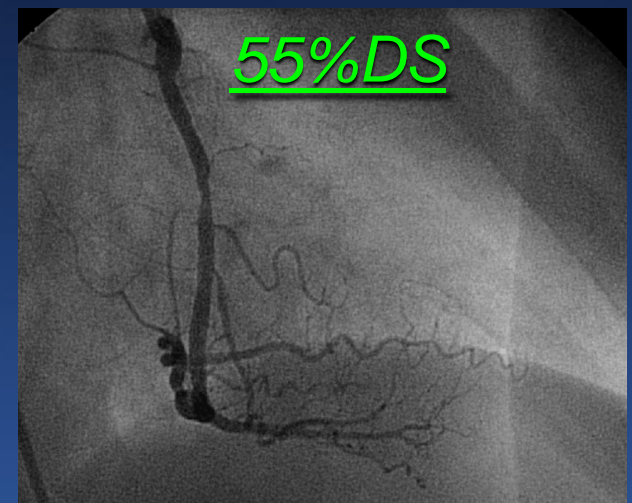
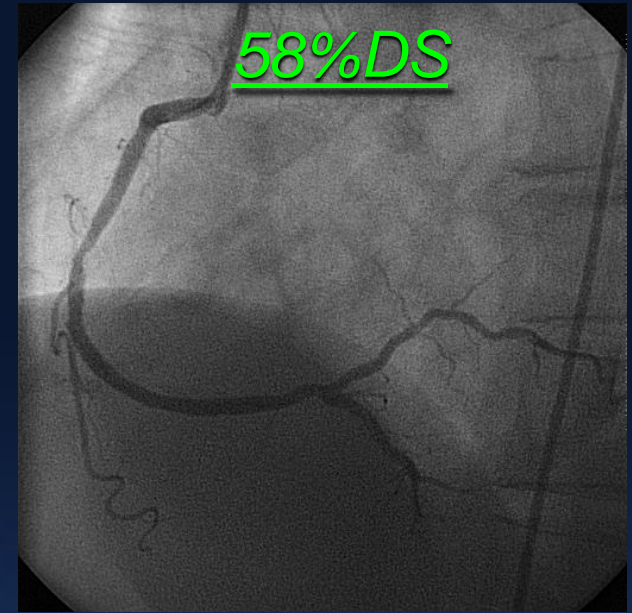
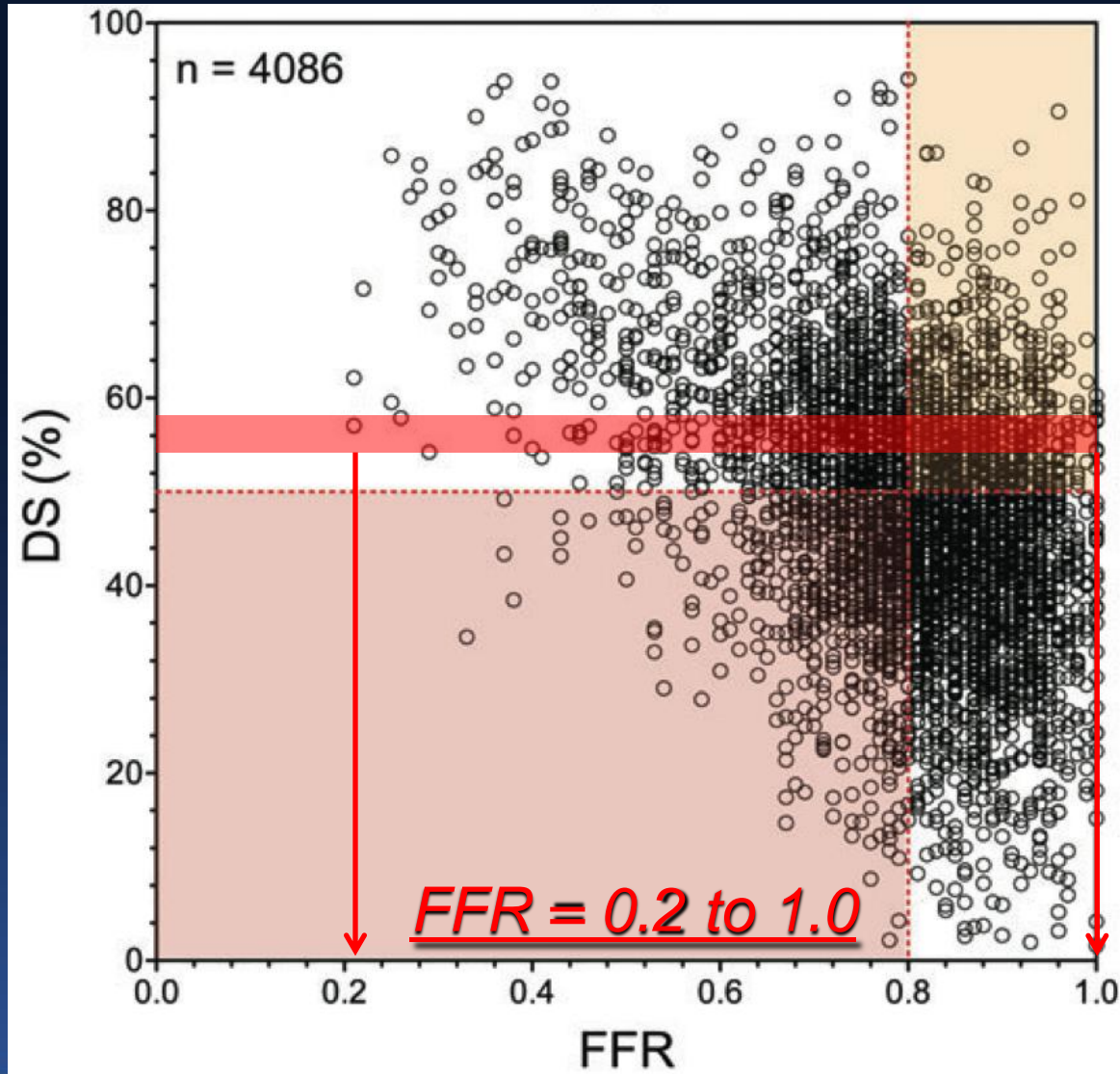
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FFR

%DS

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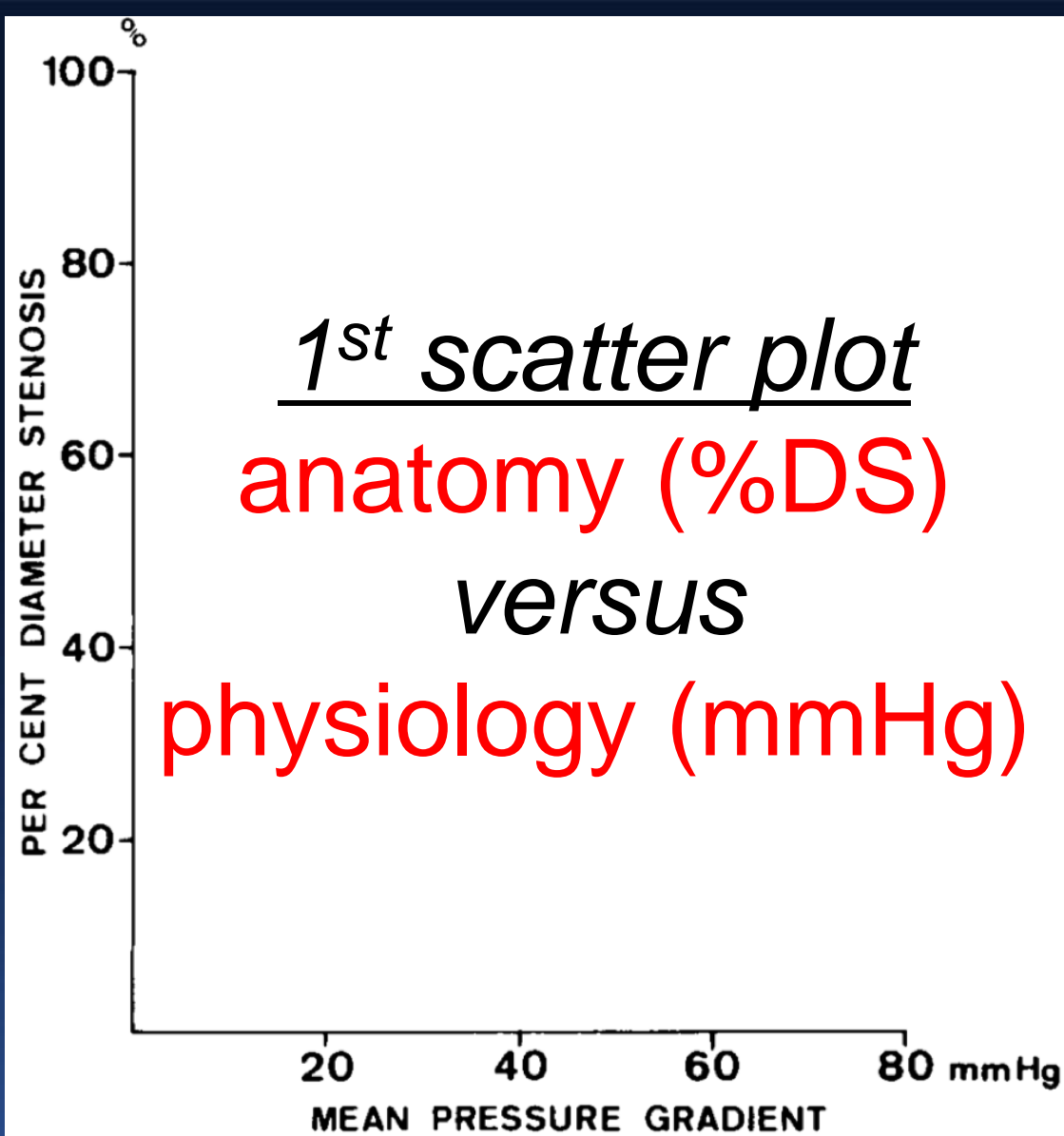
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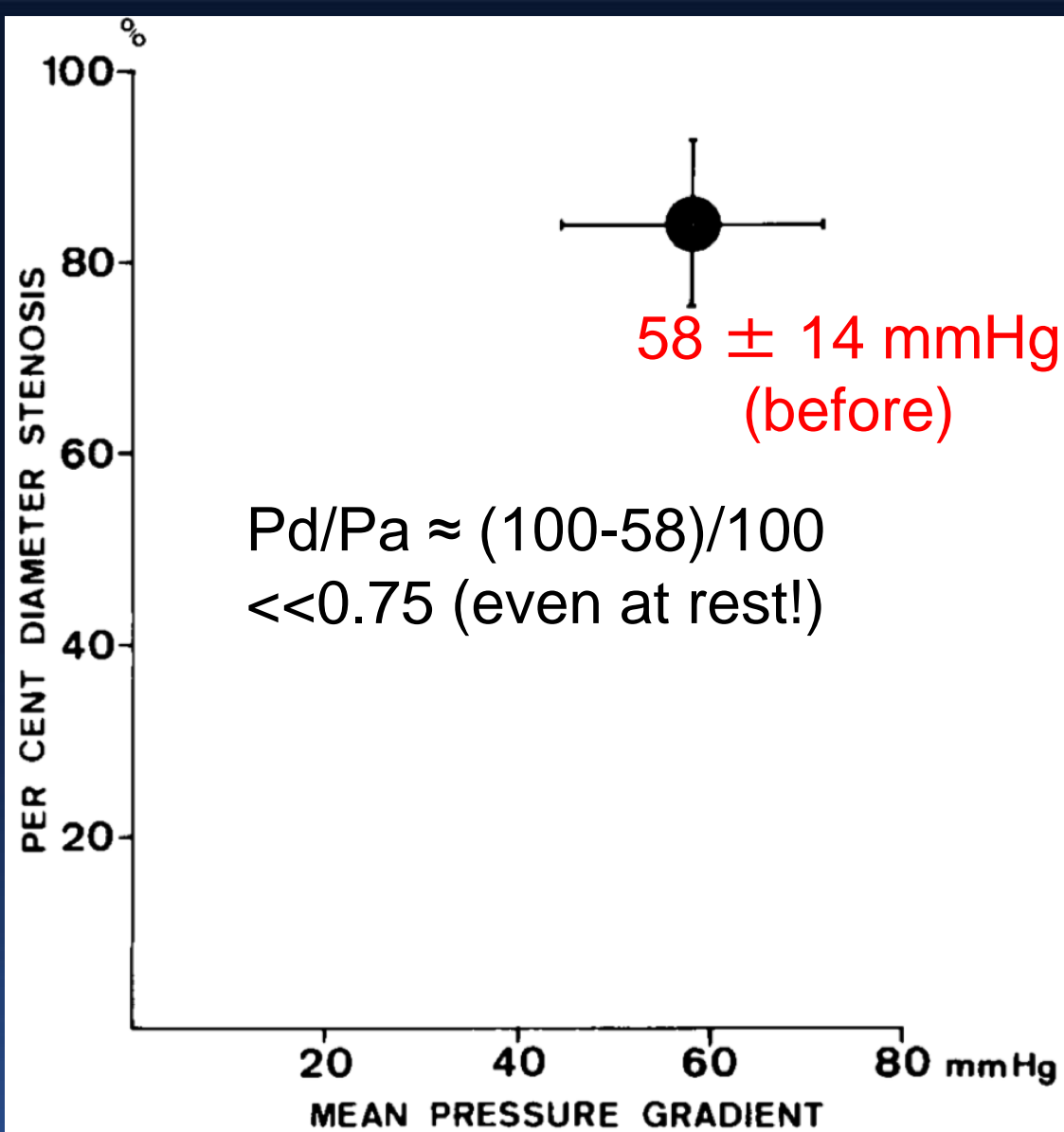


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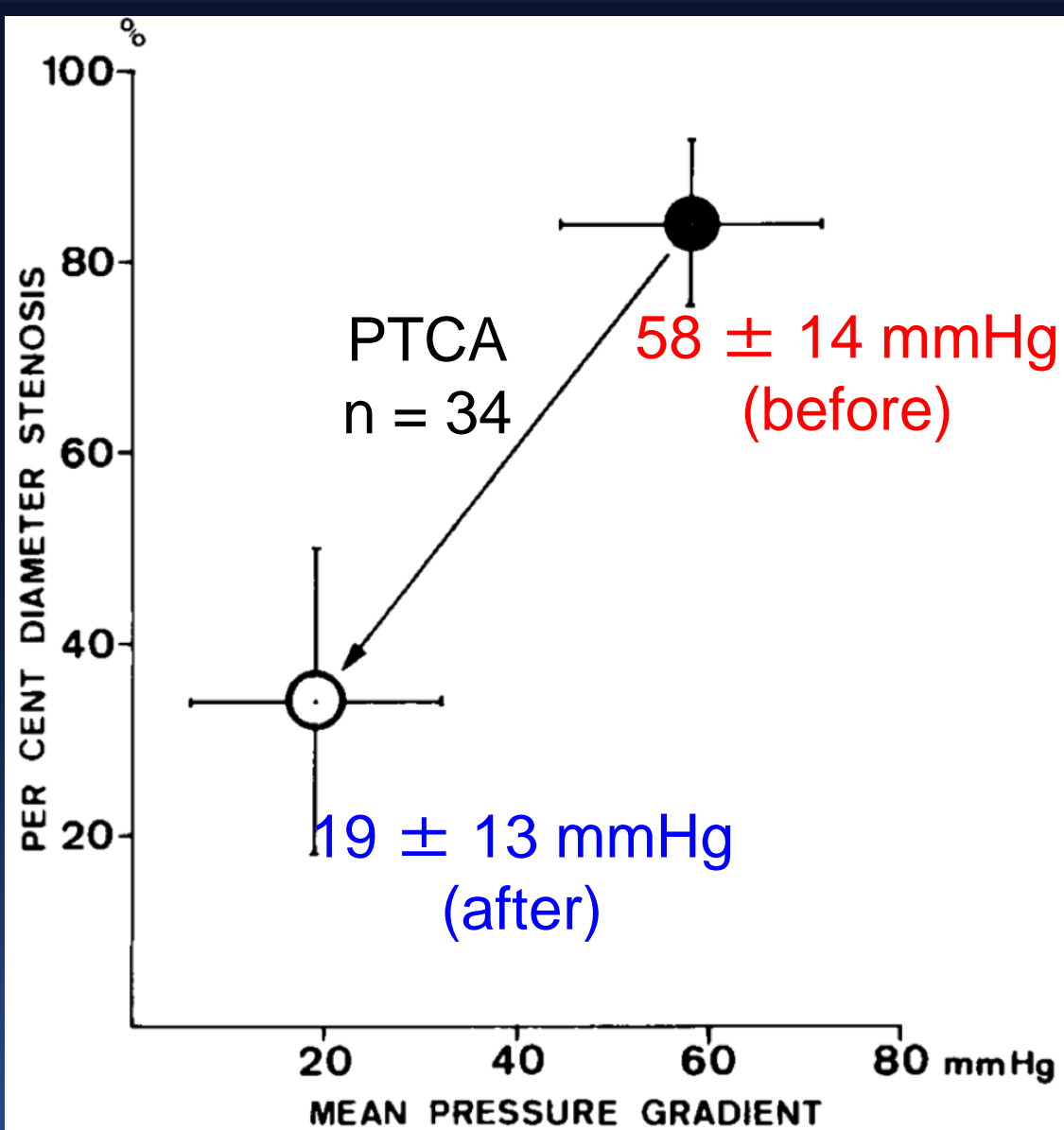
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Anatomy *versus* physiology



Fractional Flow Reserve

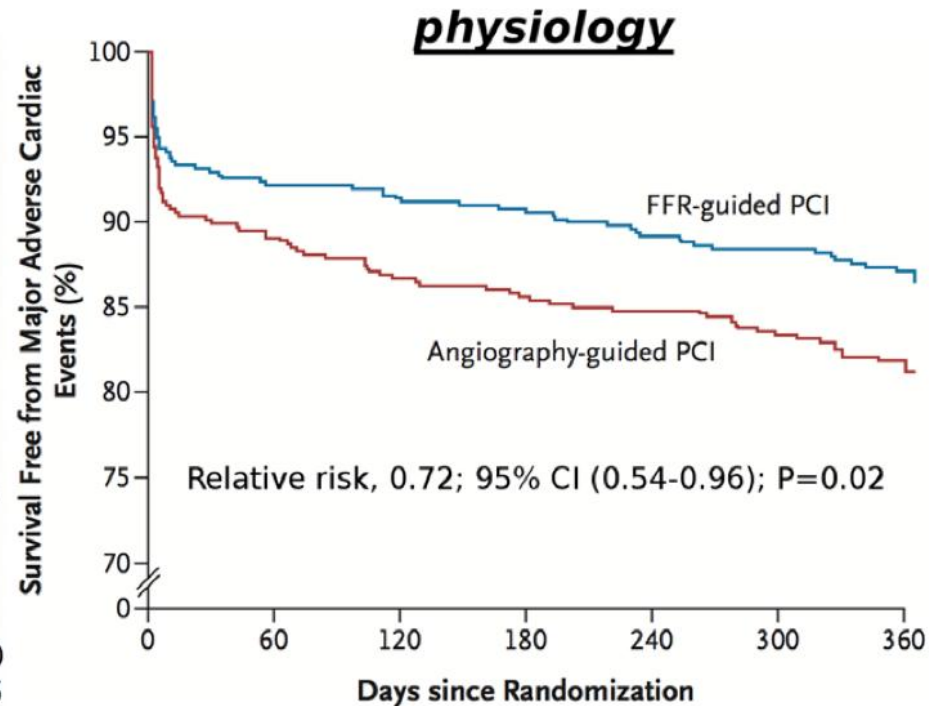
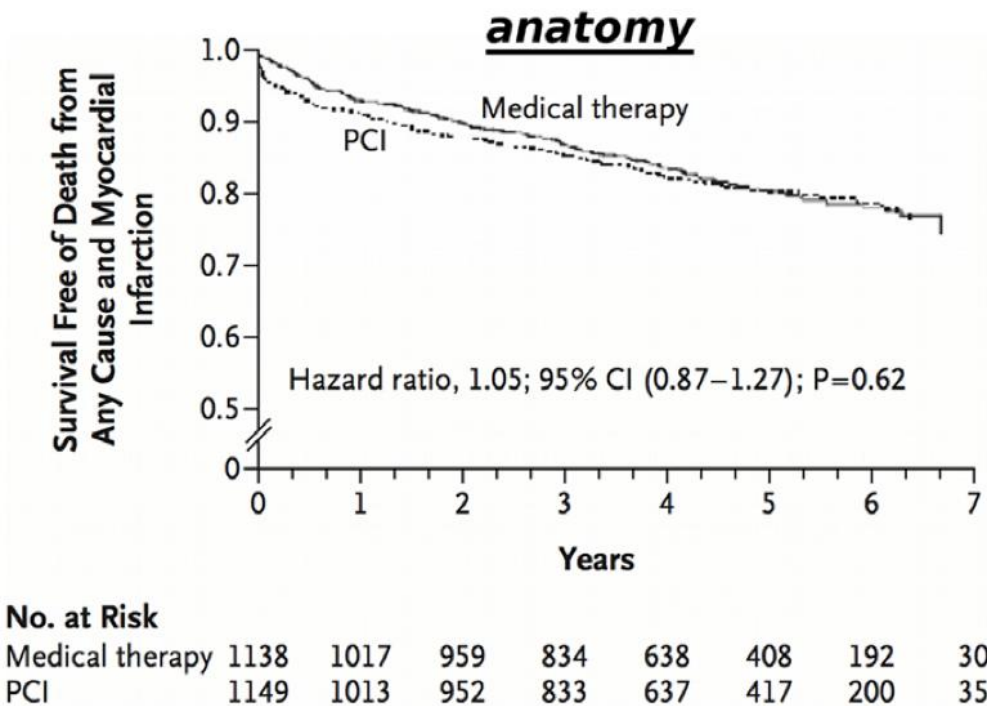
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Angiography for

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Evaluation

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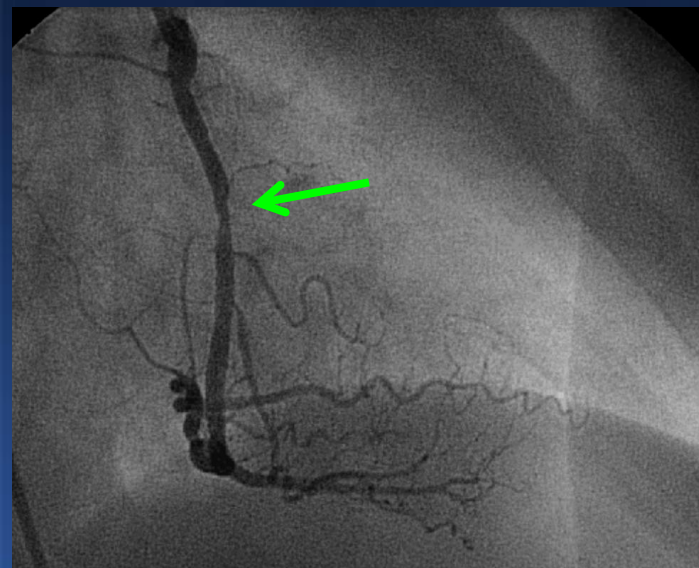
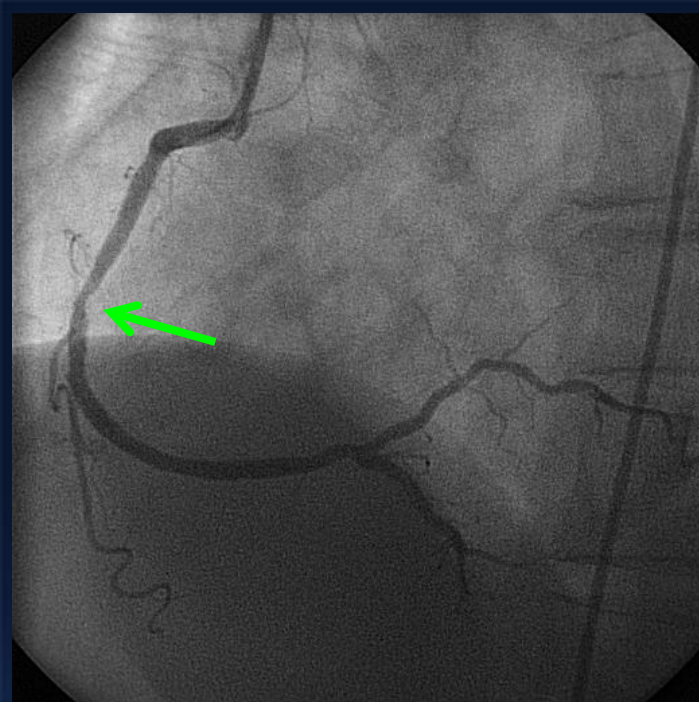
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symptoms,
clinical data,
angiogram

predict
significance

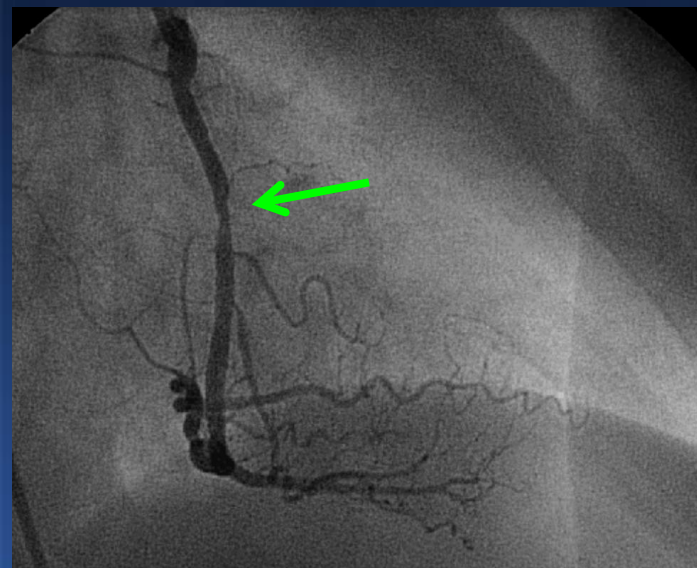
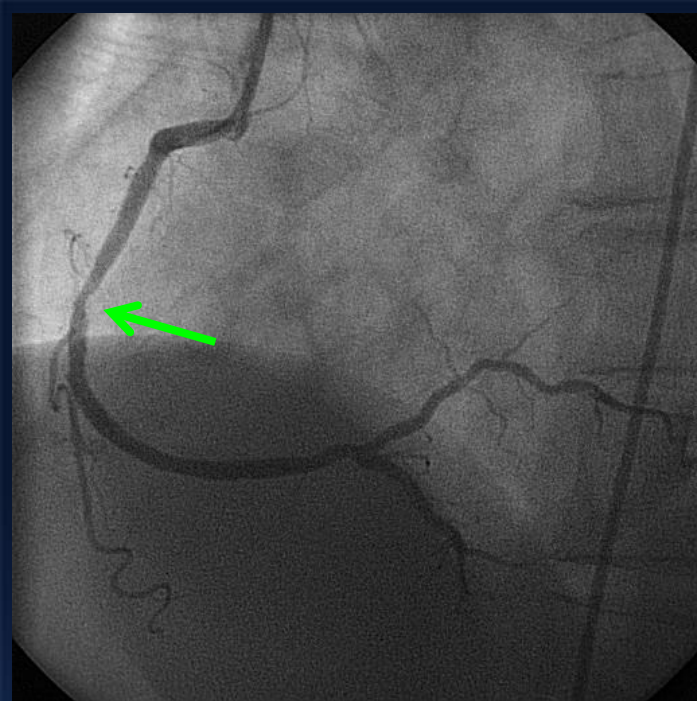
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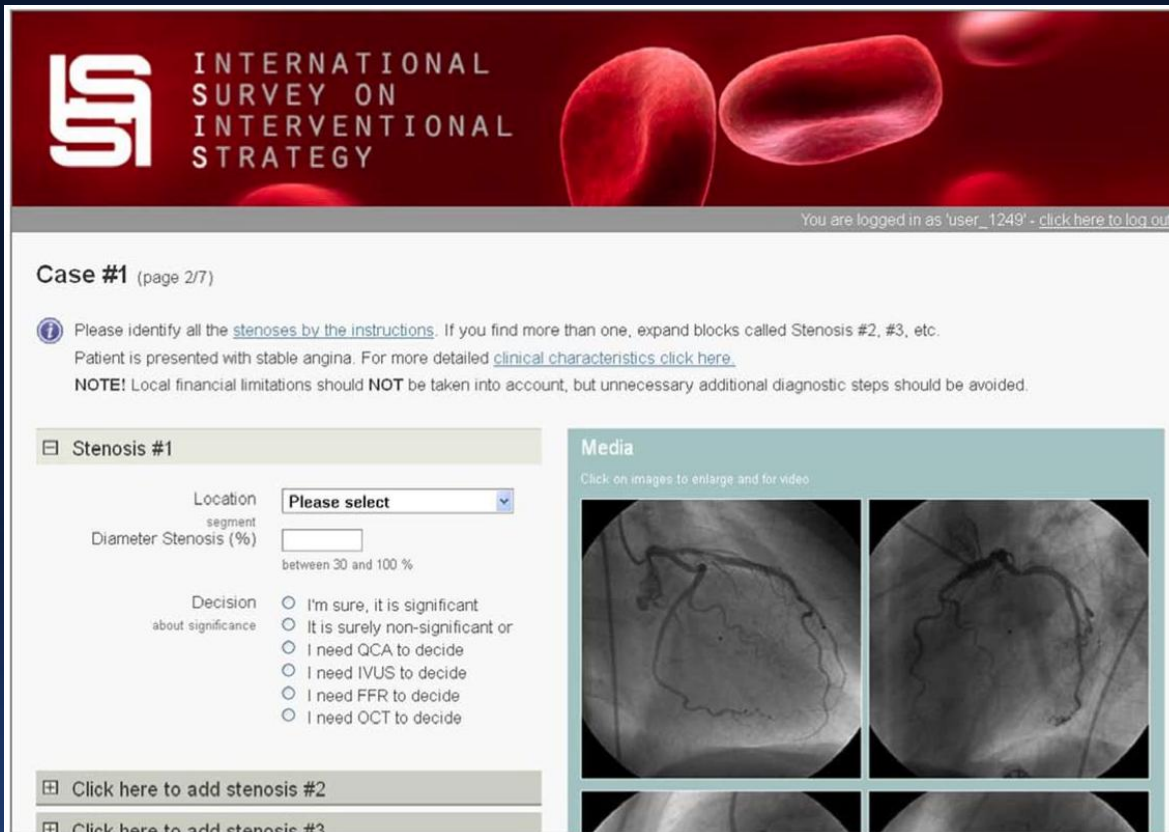
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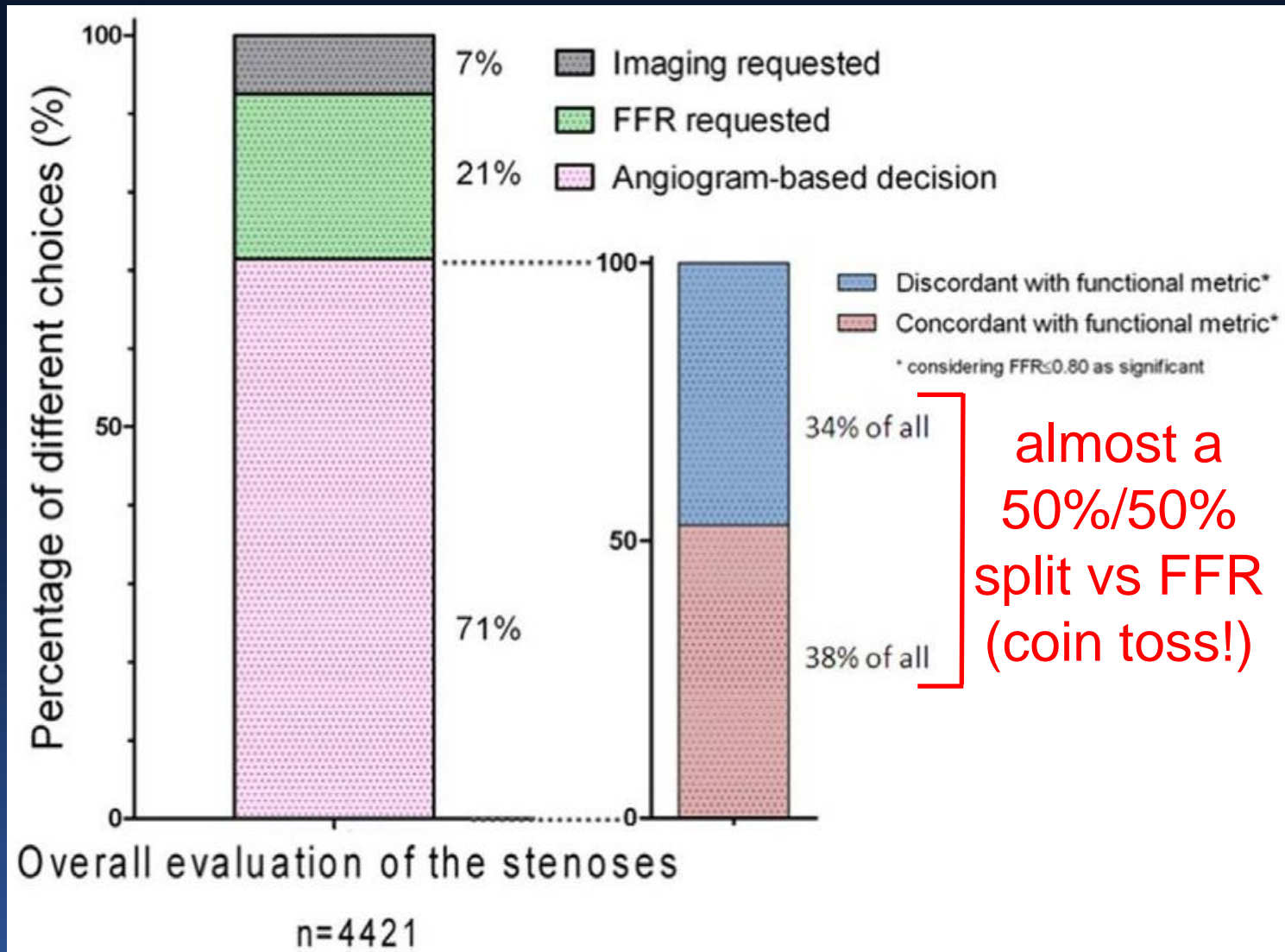


Do we *guess*?

“Participants were asked to make their decisions assuming ideal world conditions, without considering any financial restrictions or local regulations, but only after the best clinical practice achievable in this virtual catheterization laboratory.”



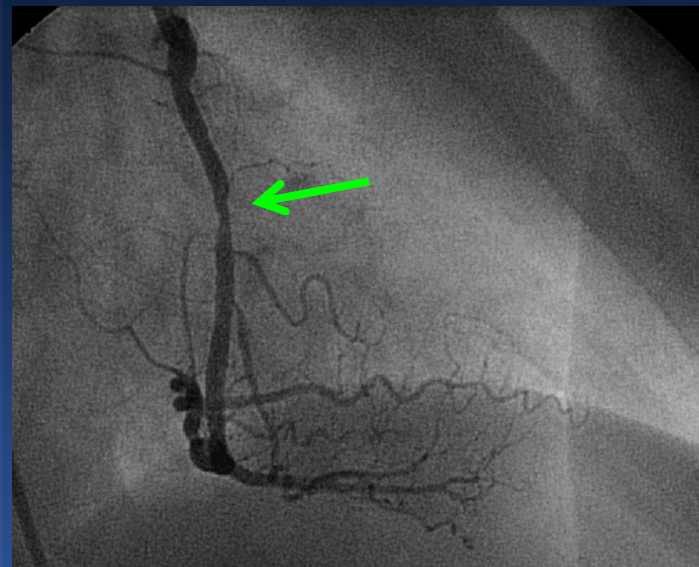
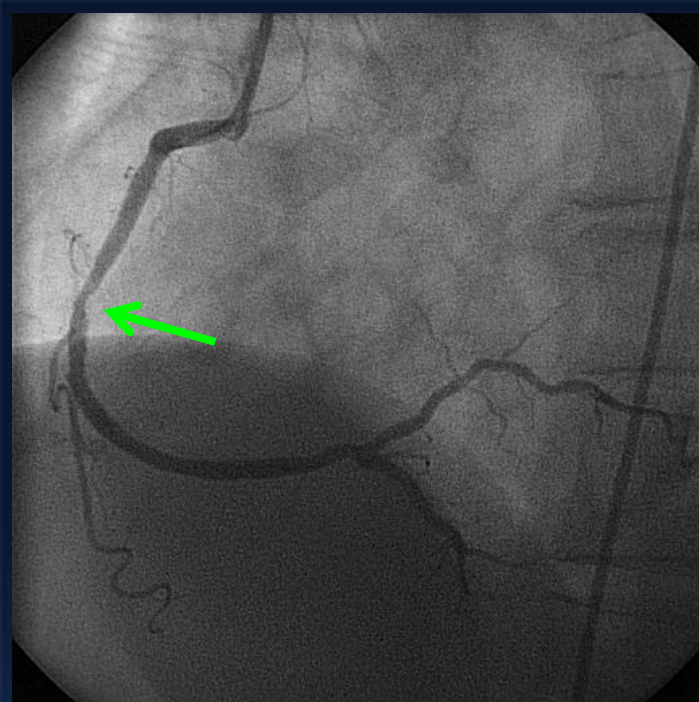
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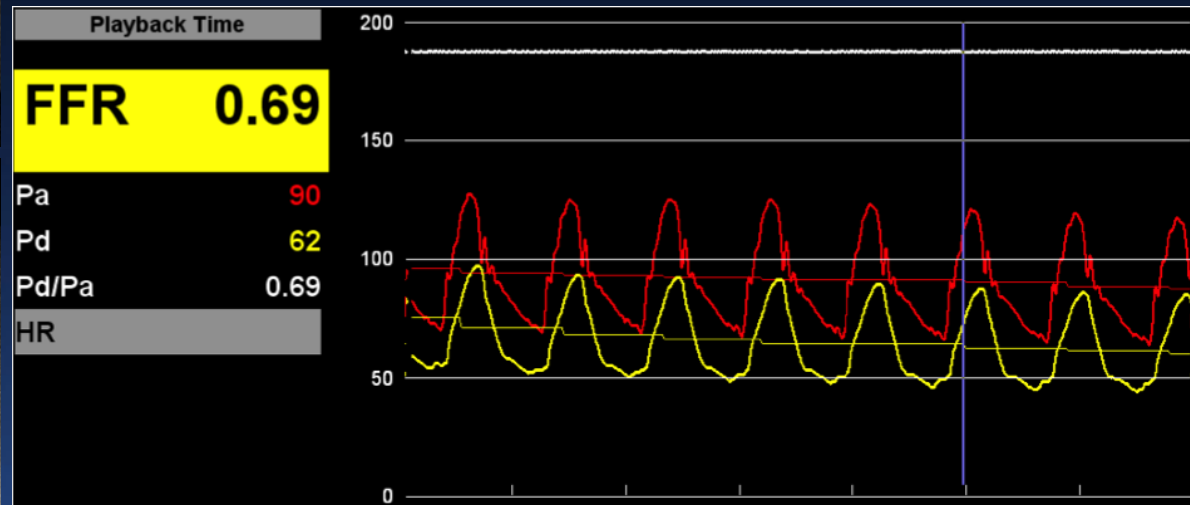
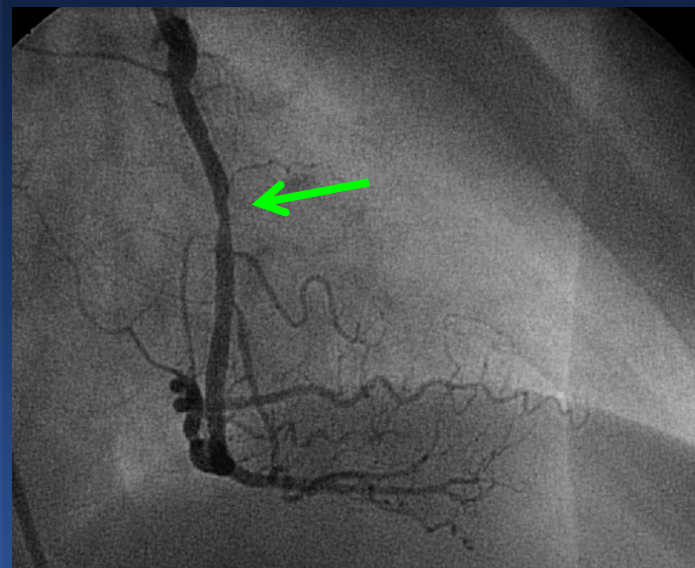
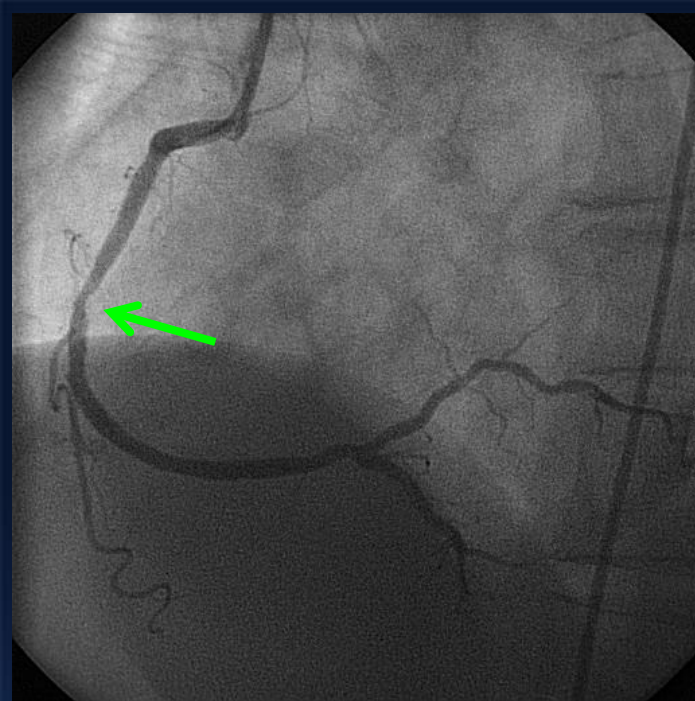
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Coronary Pressure

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Coronary Pressure

From a Physiological Index to a Clinical Tool

“Albeit often statistically significant, the correlations between angiographic and functional indices ... are too weak to be clinically relevant”

1995