



# ST ELEVATION MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION

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# MAIN TOPICS

- **Adjuncts to thrombolysis**
- **Pre hospital thrombolysis**
- **PCI for STEMI**
- **The approach to reperfusion**
- **Guidelines –  
based pharmacotherapy**

**ADJUNCTS TO LYSIS –  
ANTI THROMBOTIC  
THERAPY**

# Protocol Design

**STEMI < 6 h**  
**Lytic eligible**

ASA

Lytic choice by MD  
(TNK, tPA, rPA, SK)

Double-blind, double-dummy

## **ENOX**

**< 75 y: 30 mg IV bolus**  
**SC 1.0 mg / kg q 12 h (Hosp DC)**

**≥ 75 y: No bolus**  
**SC 0.75 mg / kg q 12 h (Hosp DC)**

**CrCl ≤ 30: 1.0 mg / kg q 24 h**

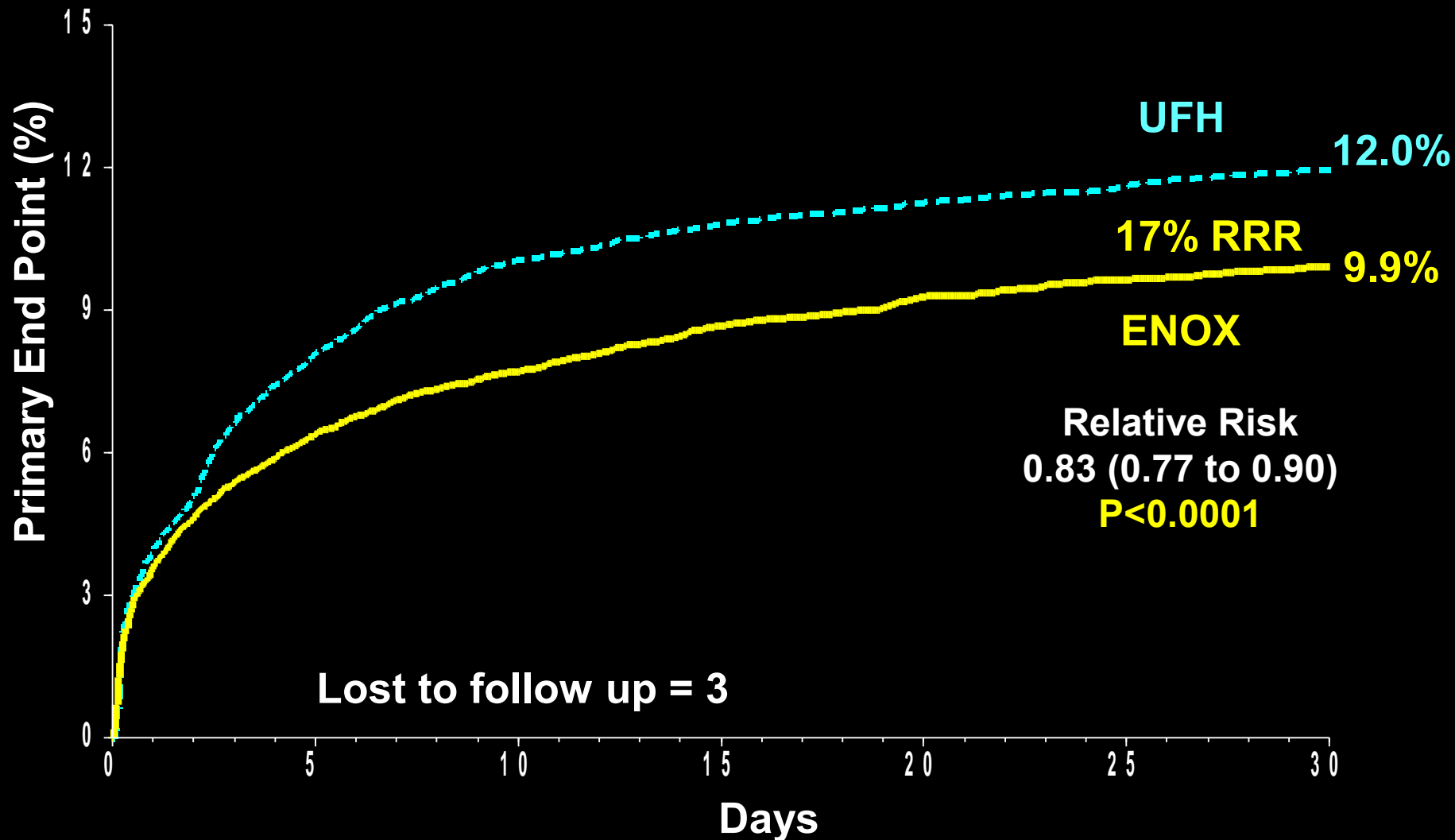
## **UFH**

**60 U / kg bolus (4000 U)**  
**Inf 12 U / kg / h (1000 U / h)**  
**Duration: at least 48 h**  
**Cont'd at MD discretion**

**Day 30**

**1° Efficacy Endpoint: Death or Nonfatal MI**  
**1° Safety Endpoint: TIMI Major Hemorrhage**

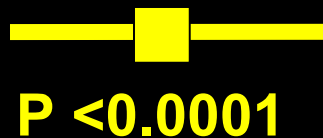
# Primary End Point (ITT) Death or Nonfatal MI



# Net Clinical Benefit at 30 Days

## Prespecified Definitions

Death or Nonfatal MI or Nonfatal Disabl. Stroke



UFH (%) ENOX (%) RRR (%)

12.3 10.1 18

Death or Nonfatal MI or Nonfatal Major Bleed



12.8 11.0 14

Death or Nonfatal MI or Nonfatal ICH



12.2 10.1 17

0.8 0.9 1 1.25

**ENOX Better**

RR

**UFH Better**

## Clinical Implication

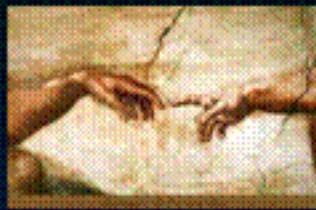
A strategy of **ENOX** is clearly preferable to the current standard of **UFH** as the antithrombin to support fibrinolysis, the most common form of reperfusion for STEMI used worldwide.

## *Is that clearly so?*

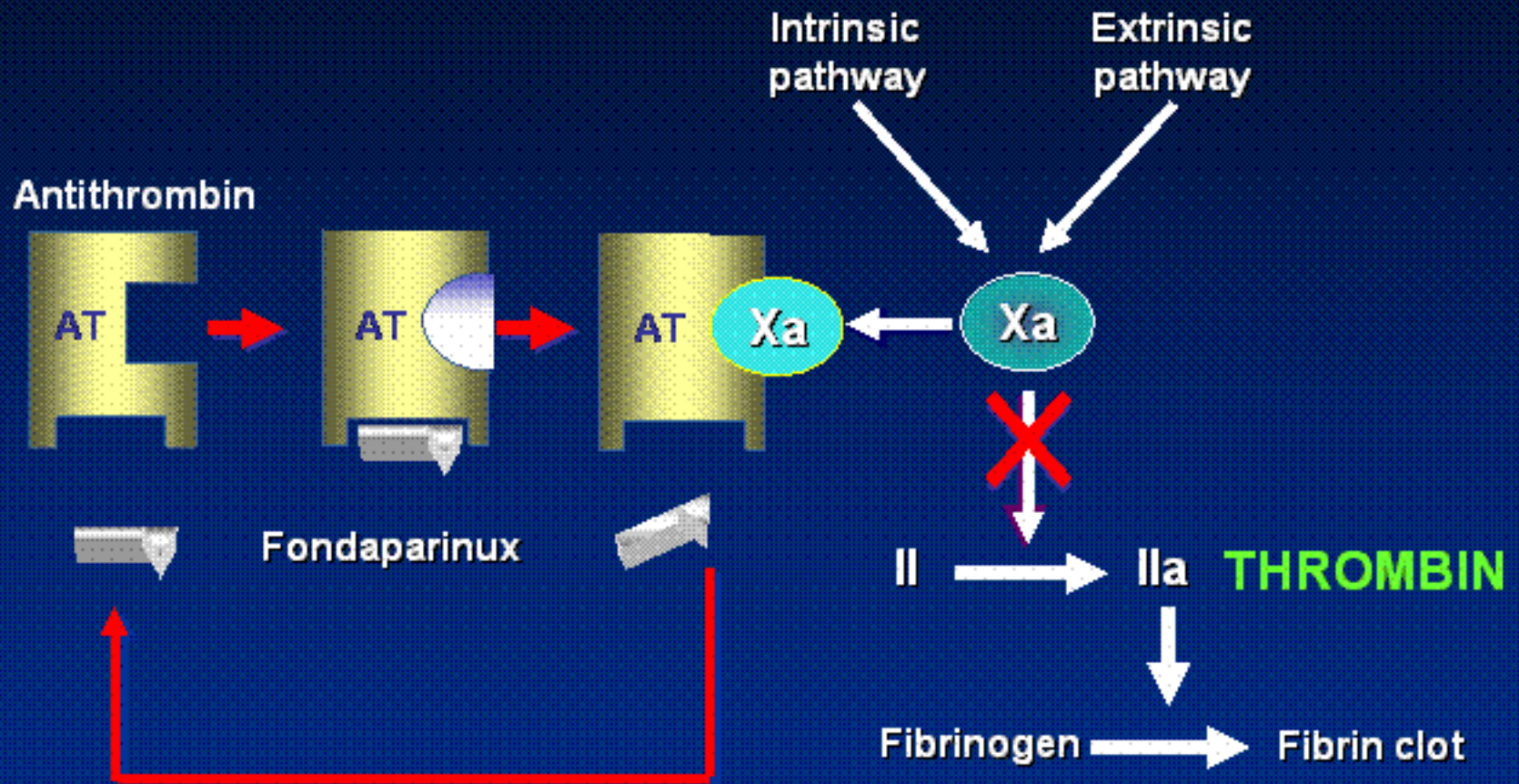
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- **EXTRACT did not convincingly show that Enoxaparin is superior to UFH while the 2 agents are actually administered.**
- **Only 23% of patients in EXTRACT had PCI. It is unlikely that with early PCI, as currently recommended, a significant difference exists between the 2 agents.**

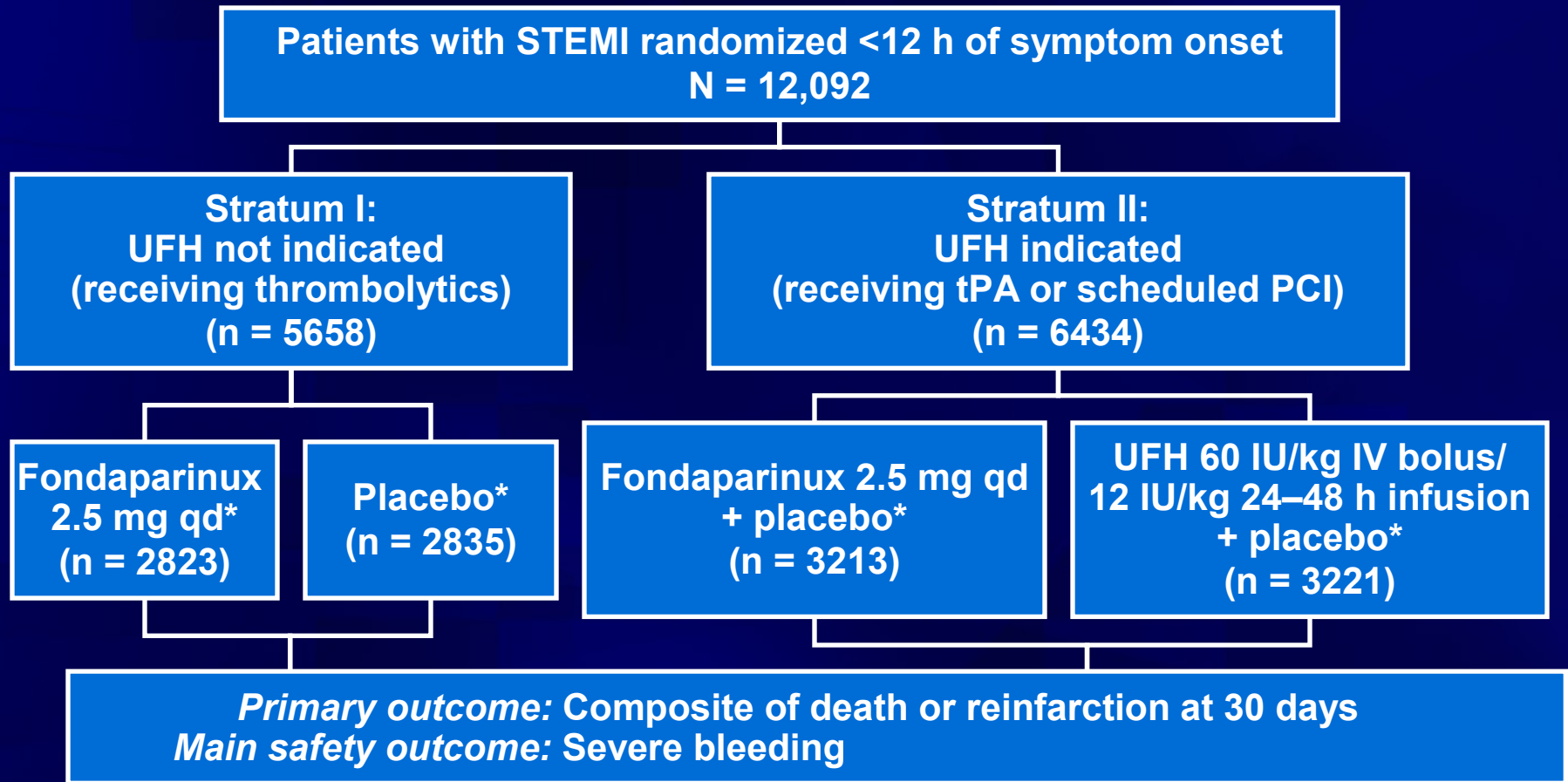




# Fondaparinux: A Synthetic Factor Xa Inhibitor



# OASIS-6: Study design

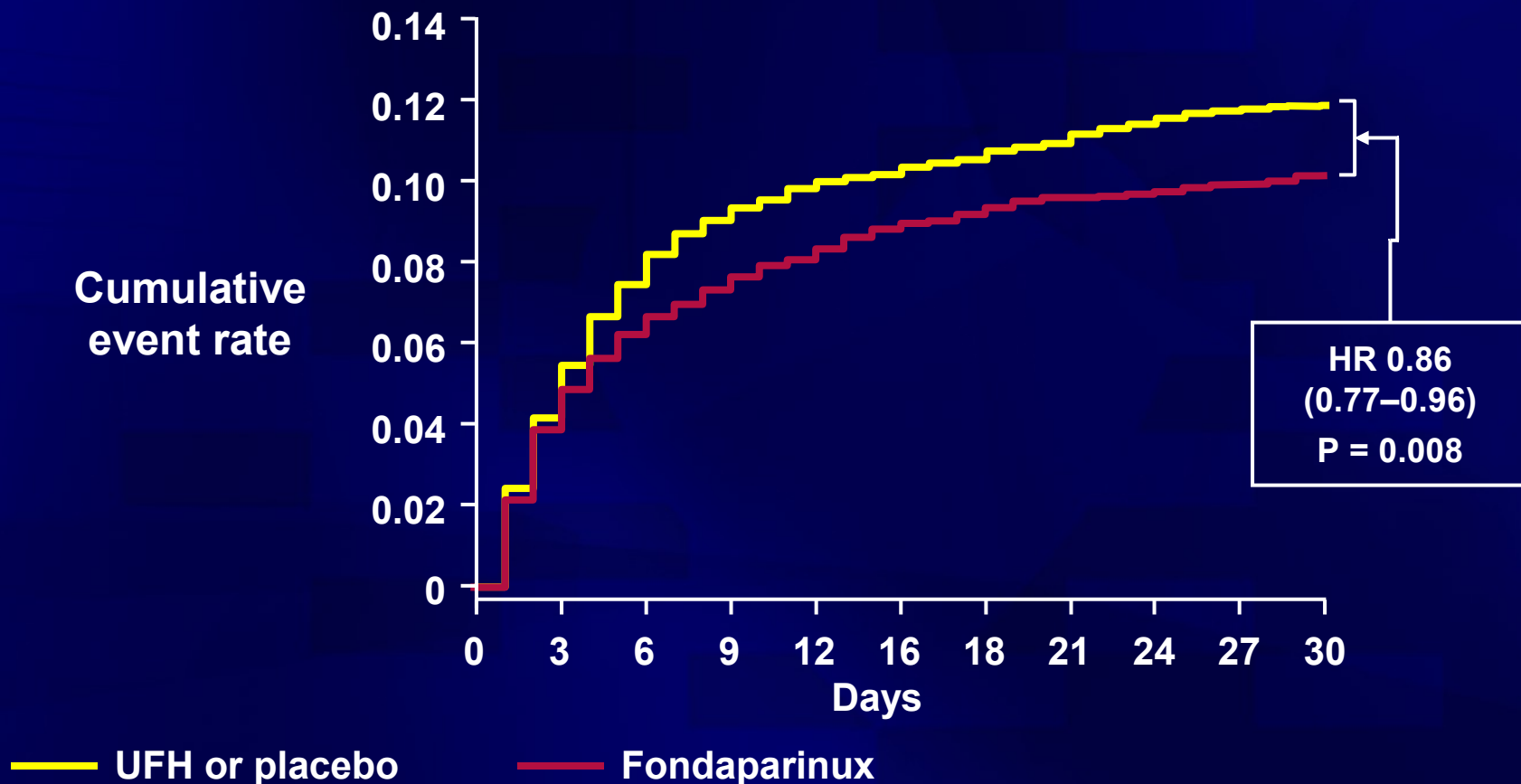


\*Up to 8 days (or earlier discharge)

OASIS-6 Trial Group. *JAMA*. 2006;295:1519-30.

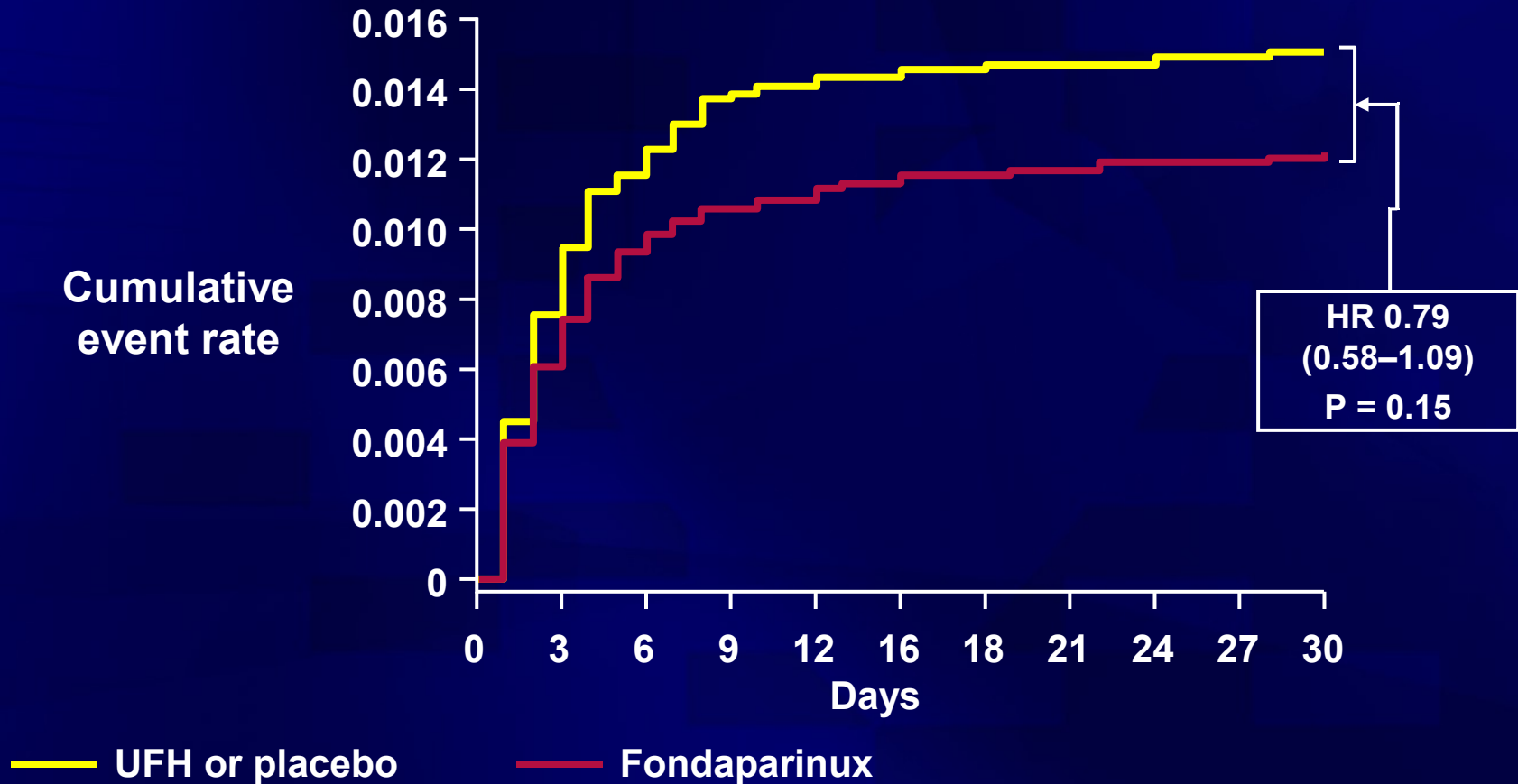
# OASIS-6: Treatment effect on primary efficacy outcome at 30 days

## Composite of death, MI



# OASIS-6: Severe bleeding at 30 days

## Modified TIMI criterion



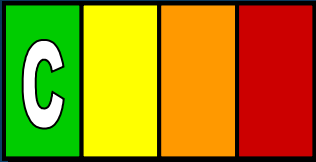
## **OASIS-6: Summary**

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- **Fondaparinux demonstrated a moderate reduction in mortality and reinfarction vs UFH/placebo**
- **Unlike other antithrombotic agents (eg, LMW heparin, direct thrombin inhibitors, intravenous antiplatelet agents), fondaparinux reduced deaths and reinfarction without increased bleeding or hemorrhagic stroke**
- **There appears to be little advantage in using fondaparinux as the initial treatment in patients undergoing primary PCI**

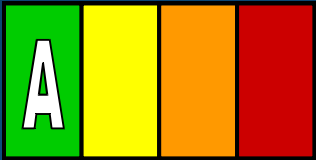
# Anticoagulants

I IIa IIb III



Patients undergoing reperfusion with fibrinolytics should receive anticoagulant therapy for a minimum of 48 hours (*Level of Evidence: C*) and preferably for the duration of the index hospitalization, up to 8 days

I IIa IIb III



(regimens other than unfractionated heparin [UFH] are recommended if anticoagulant therapy is given for more than 48 hours because of the risk of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia with prolonged UFH treatment). (*Level of Evidence: A*)

Anticoagulant regimens with established efficacy include

UFH ((*LOE: C* ♥)

Enoxaparin ((*LOE:A* ♥)

Fondaparinux ((*LOE:B* ♥)

ADJUNCTS TO LYSIS –  
**CLOPIDOGREL**

# Study Design

Double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trial in 3491 patients, age 18-75 yrs with STEMI < 12 hours

Fibrinolytic, ASA, Heparin

randomize

**Clopidogrel  
300 mg + 75 mg qd**

**Placebo**

Study Drug

**Coronary Angiogram  
(2-8 days)**

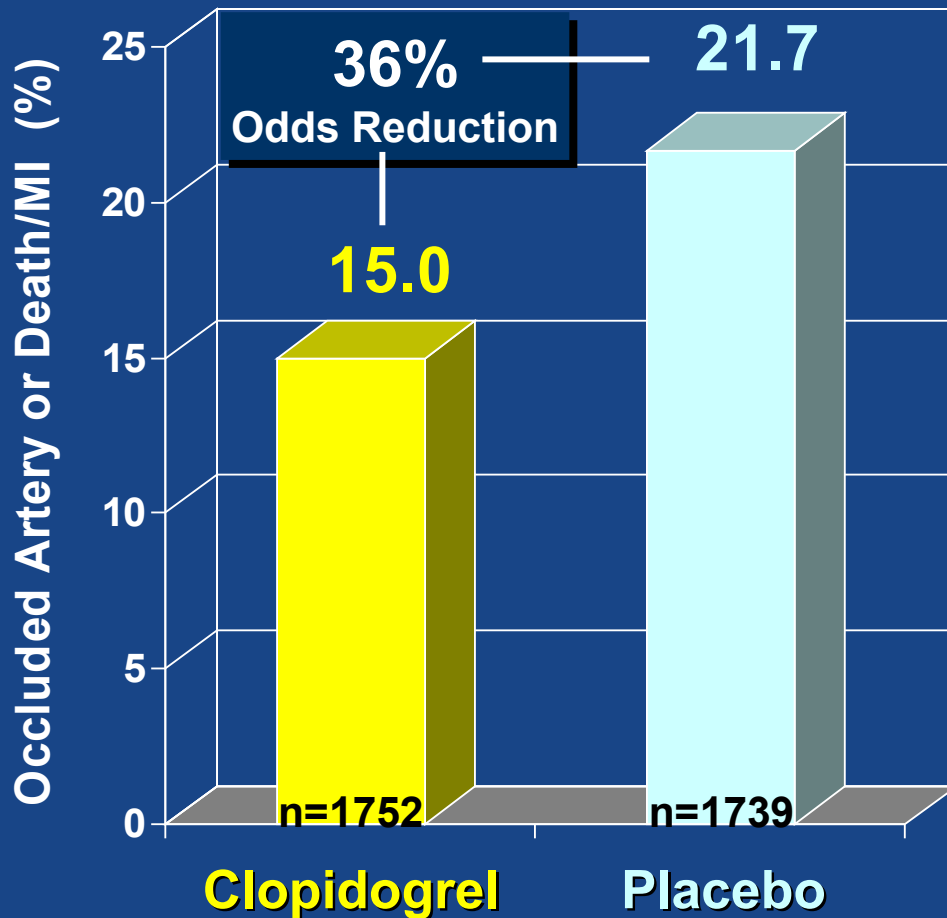
*Primary endpoint:  
Occluded artery (TIMI Flow Grade 0/1)  
or D/MI by time of angio*

Open-label clopidogrel per MD in both groups

30-day clinical follow-up

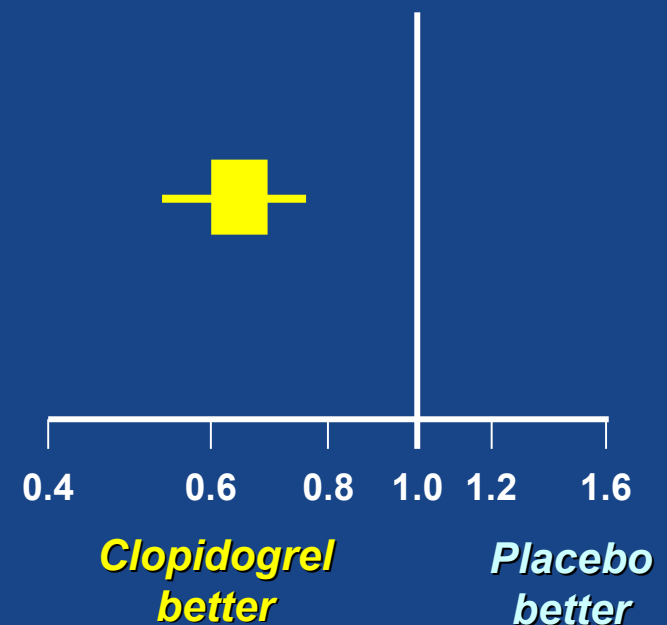


# Primary Endpoint: Occluded Artery (or D/MI thru Angio/HD)

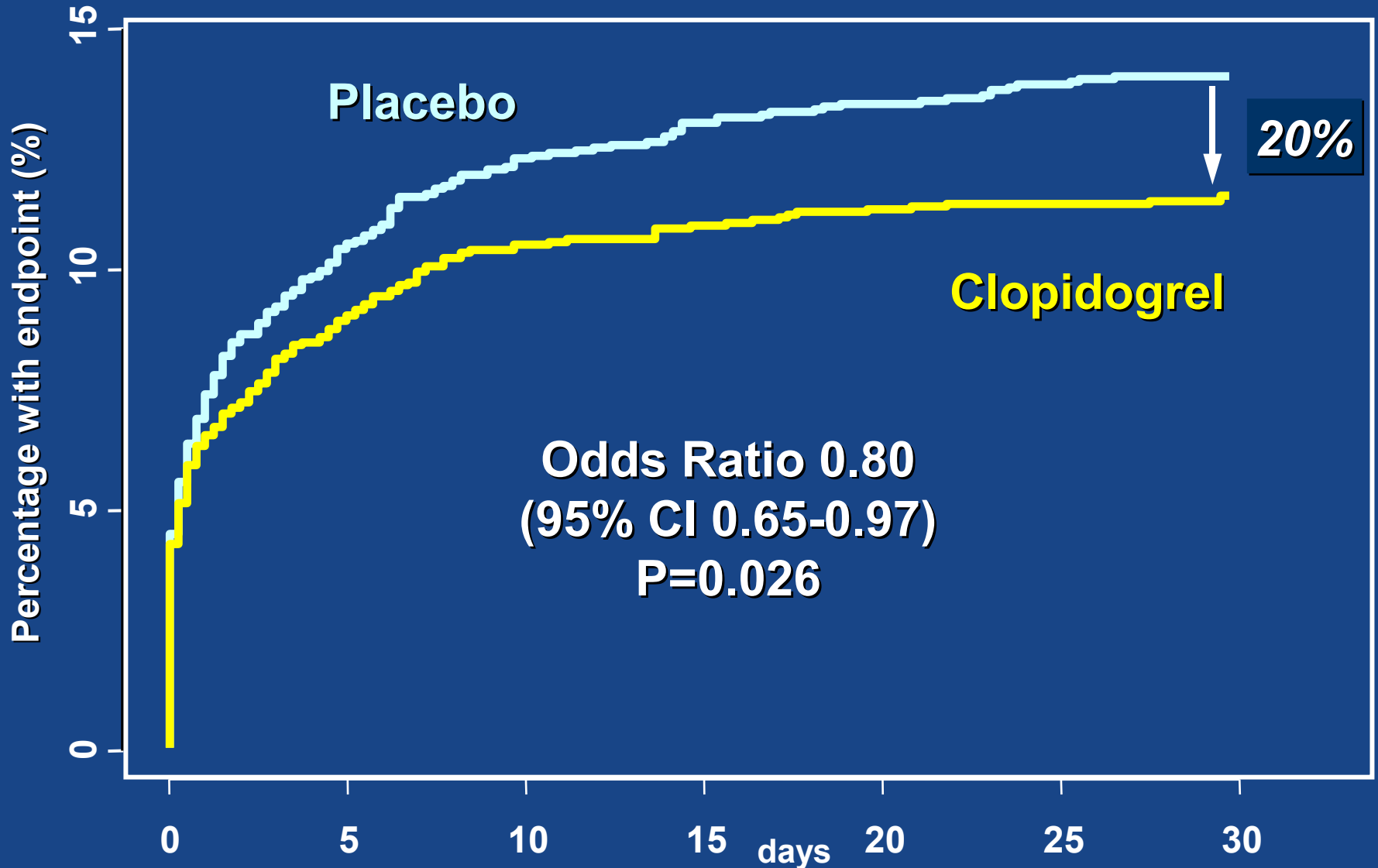


**Odds Ratio 0.64**  
(95% CI 0.53-0.76)

***P=0.00000036***



# CV Death, MI, RI → Urg Revasc



# Bleeding

Outcome	Clopidogrel (%)	Placebo (%)	P value
Through angiography			
TIMI major (Hgb ↓ >5 g/dL or ICH)	1.3	1.1	NS
TIMI minor (Hgb ↓ 3-5 g/dL)	1.0	0.5	NS
Intracranial hemorrhage	0.5	0.7	NS
Through 30 days			
TIMI major	1.9	1.7	NS
In those undergoing CABG	7.5	7.2	NS
CABG w/in 5 d of study med	9.1	7.9	NS
TIMI minor	1.6	0.9	NS

# COMMIT/CCS-2

(ClOpidogrel & Metoprolol in Myocardial  
Infarction Trial)

Designed, conducted, analysed and interpreted independently by COMMIT/CCS-2 collaboration

Sources of funding (US\$ 3M):

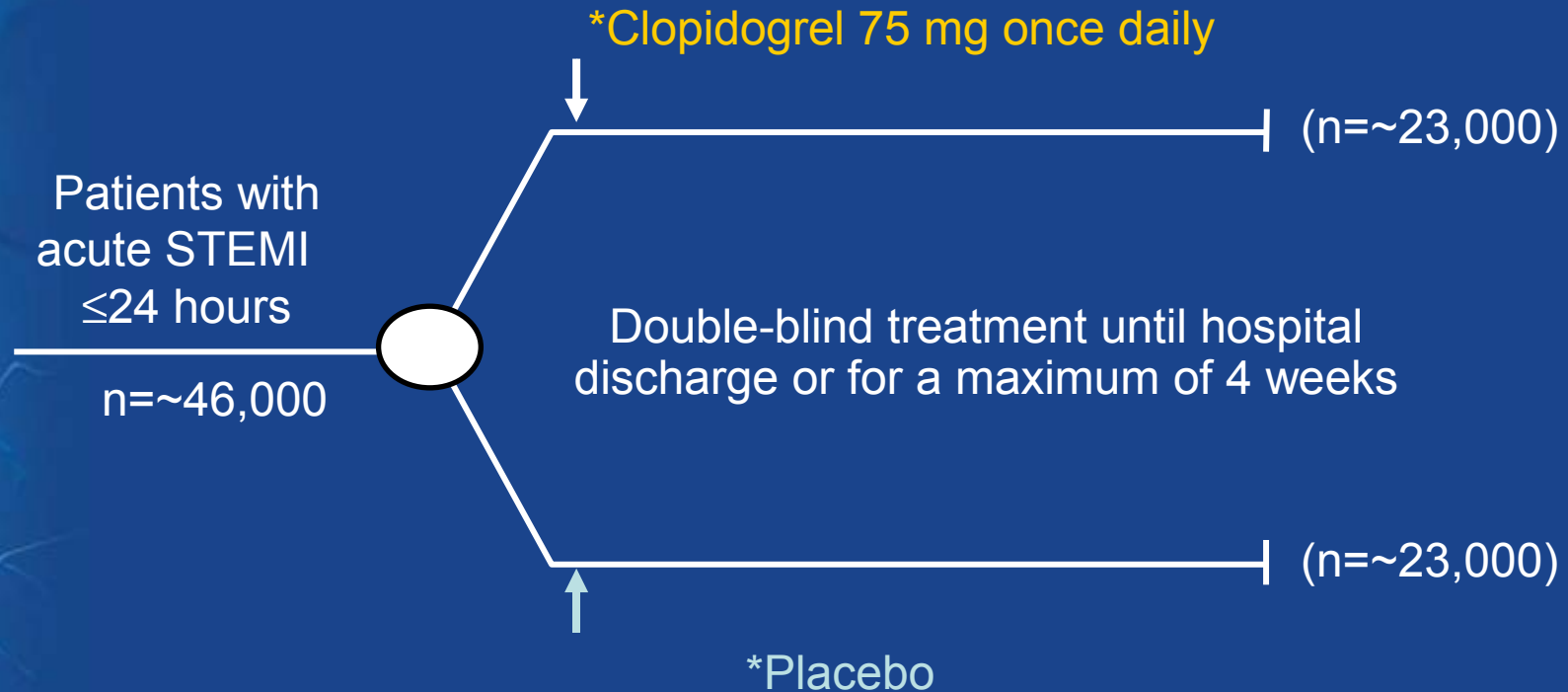
SanofiAventis/BMS

AstraZeneca

British Heart Foundation

UK Medical Research Council

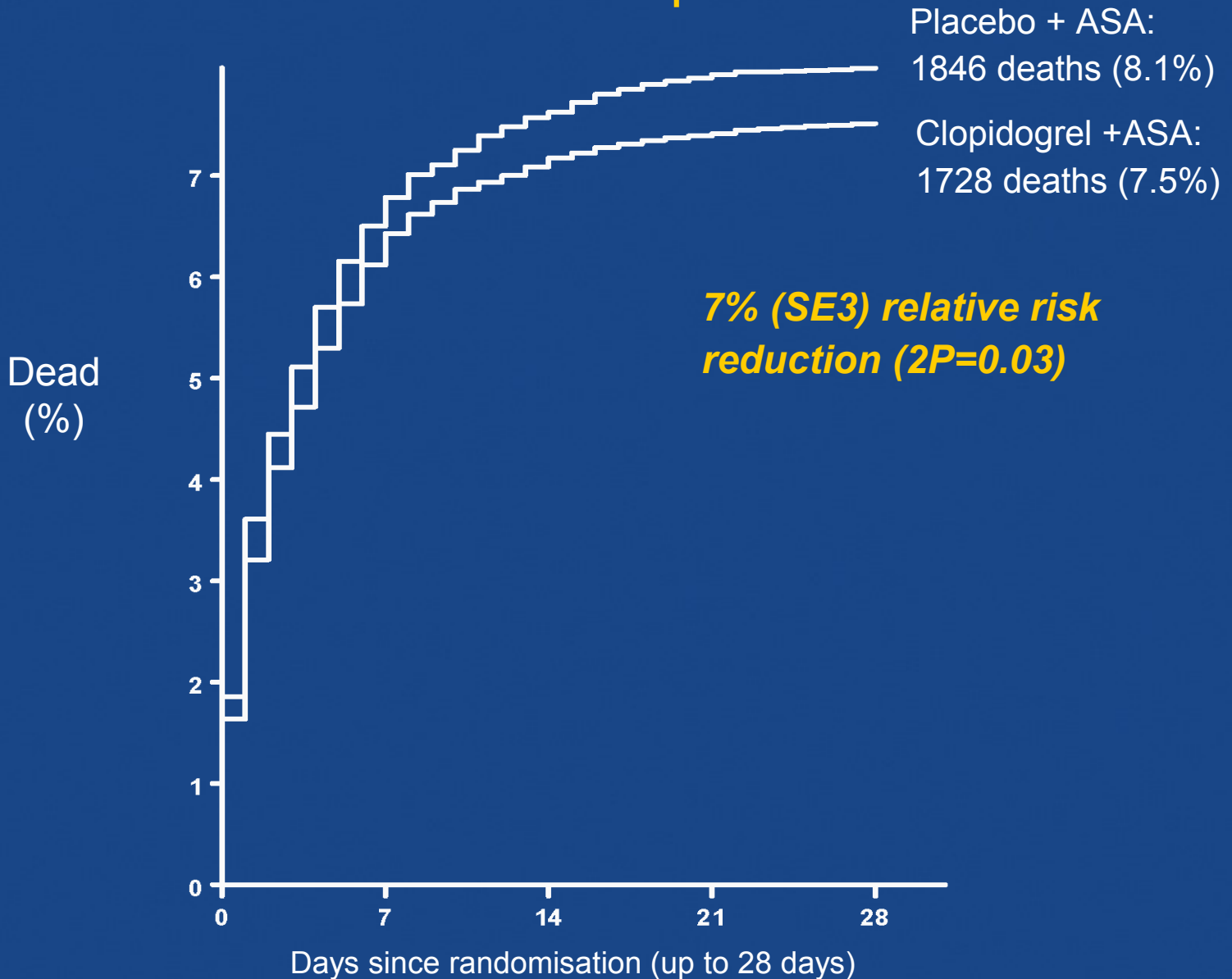
# Study Design<sup>1</sup>



(X 2 factorial with metoprolol 2)

All patients received a background of ASA 162 mg/day\* during the study

# COMMIT: Effect of CLOPIDOGREL on Death in hospital



# COMMIT: Major bleed in hospital

Type	Clopidogrel	Placebo
		(n=22,958)
(n=22,891)		
Cerebral		
Fatal	39	40
Non-fatal	16	15
Non-cerebral		
Fatal	36	37
Non-fatal	46	36
Any major bleed	134 (0.58%)	124 (0.54%)

# Thienopyridines



Clopidogrel 75 mg per day orally should be added to aspirin in patients with STEMI regardless of whether they undergo reperfusion with fibrinolytic therapy or .do not receive reperfusion therapy



Treatment with clopidogrel should continue .for at least 14 days



# *What is the optimal drug combination to support thrombolysis?*

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- **Enoxaparin for 8d is better than 2d of UFH**
  - **If coronary angiography is planned within 3-24 h post lysis, probably no advantage for enoxaparin**
- **Fondaparinux better than placebo but not proved more effective or safer than UFH.**
- **Fondaparinux vs. Enoxaparin - ?**
- **Clopidogrel reduces mortality**

# *What is the optimal drug combination to support thrombolysis?*

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- The safety of clopidogrel + fondaparinux post lysis is uncertain (rare early use of clopidogrel in OASIS 6). Clopidogrel + enoxaparin probably reasonable (30% in CLARITY)
- Clopidogrel + enoxaparin is probably the best evidence-based combination when early PCI is not routinely performed.



# Pre hospital lysis

- **Meta analysis of large trials suggests 15-20% reduction in mortality with pre – hospital (vs. hospital based) lysis**
- **Benefit is maximized during first 2 hours (44% reduction).**
- **FFT estimate: benefit declines by 1.6 deaths prevented for 1000 patients treated, for every hour of delay.**

# **CAPTIM: comparison of angioplasty and prehospital thrombolysis in AMI**

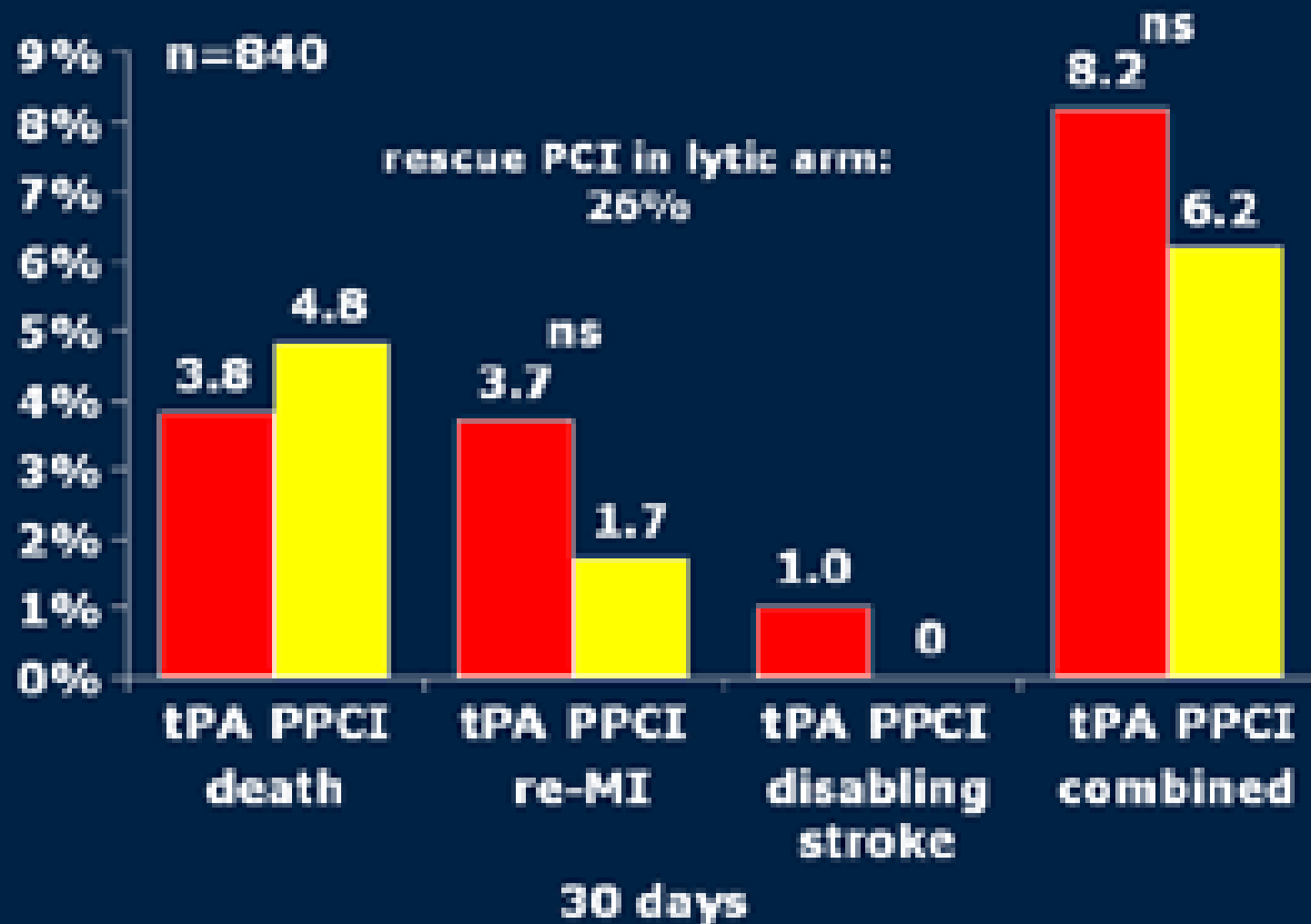
**1200 ST elevation AMI patients  
randomized, multicentered trial**



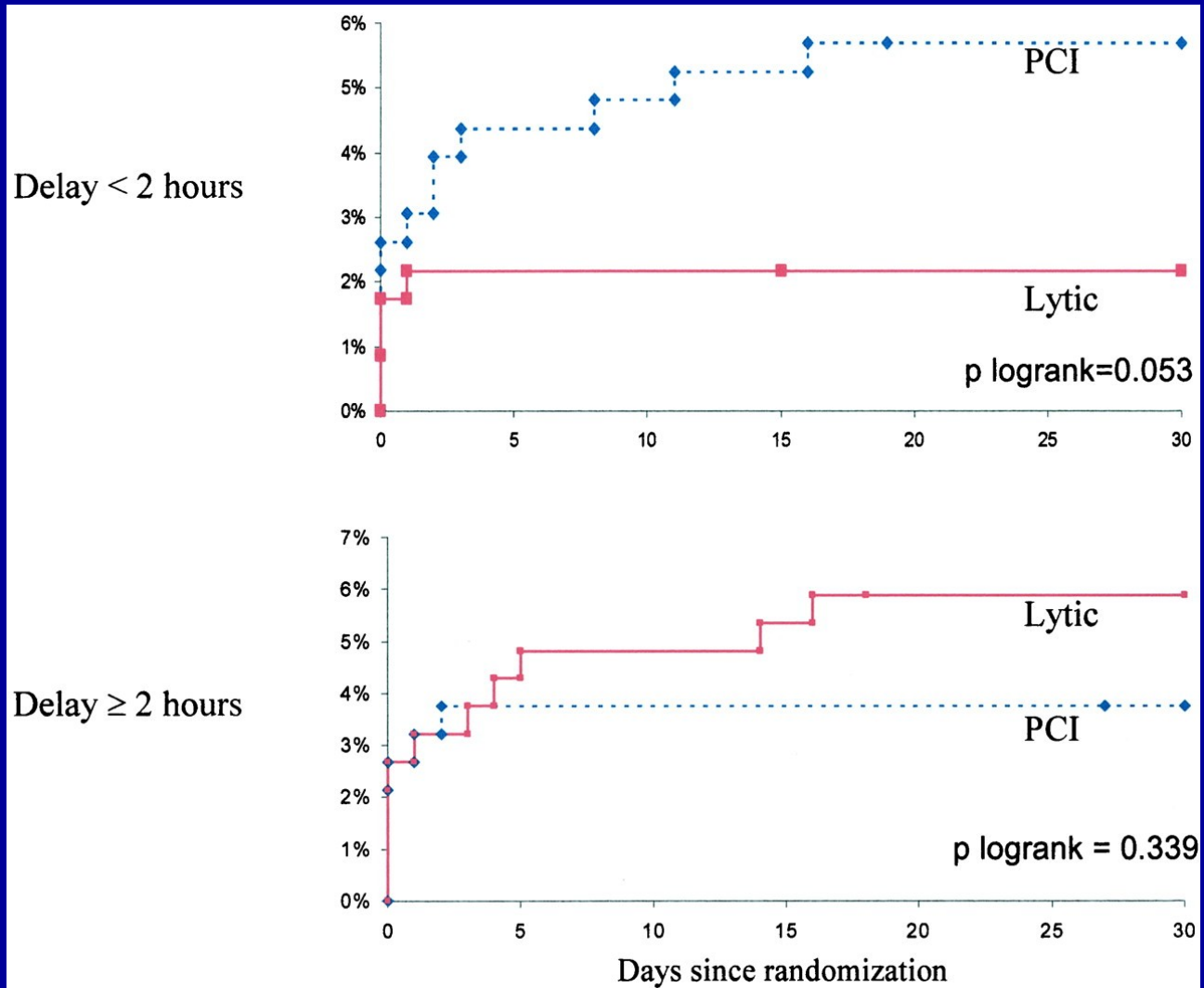
**composite endpoint: all-cause mortality, non-fatal recurrent MI, and non-fatal disabling stroke**

# CAPTIM primary endpoint

time to treatment: 130 vs 190

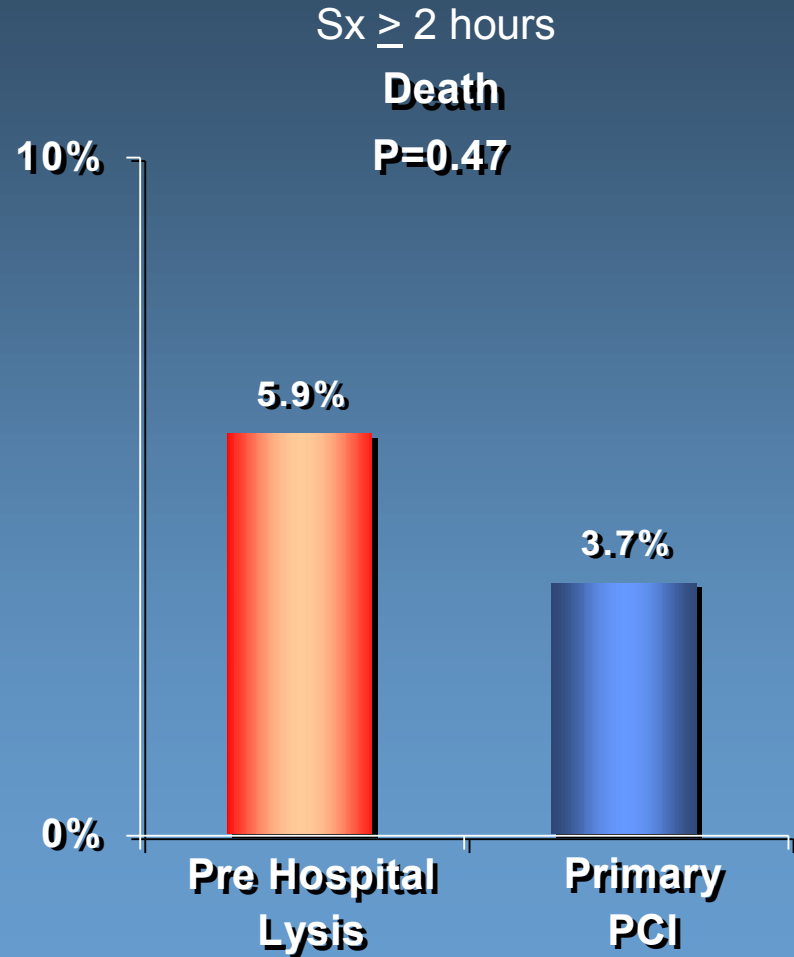
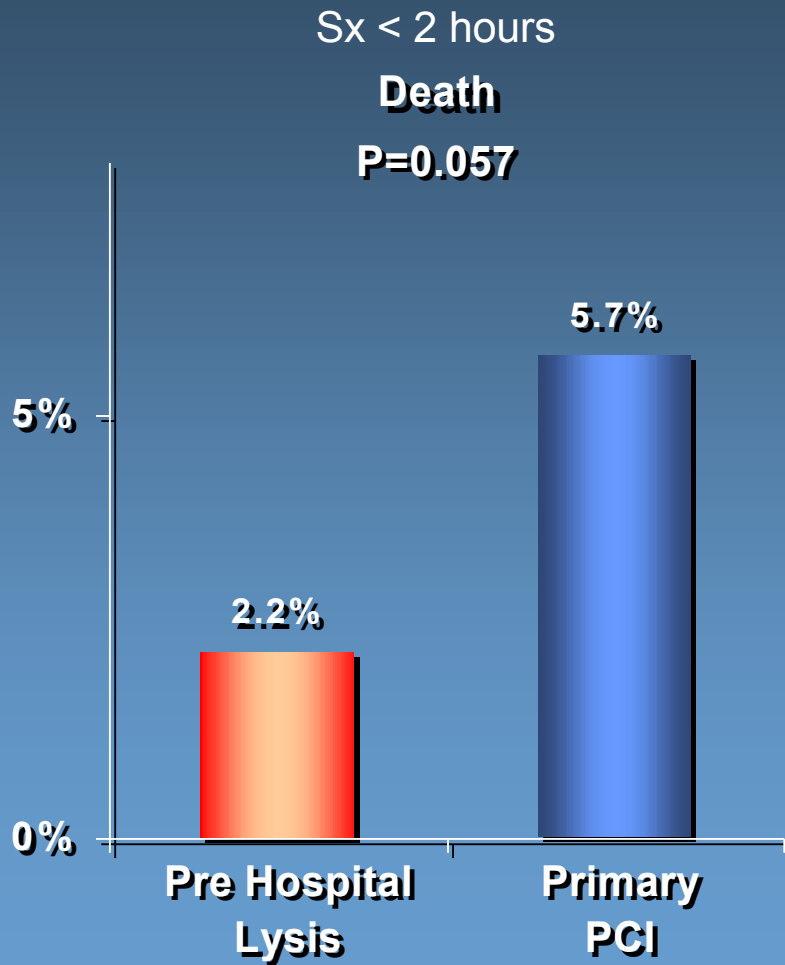


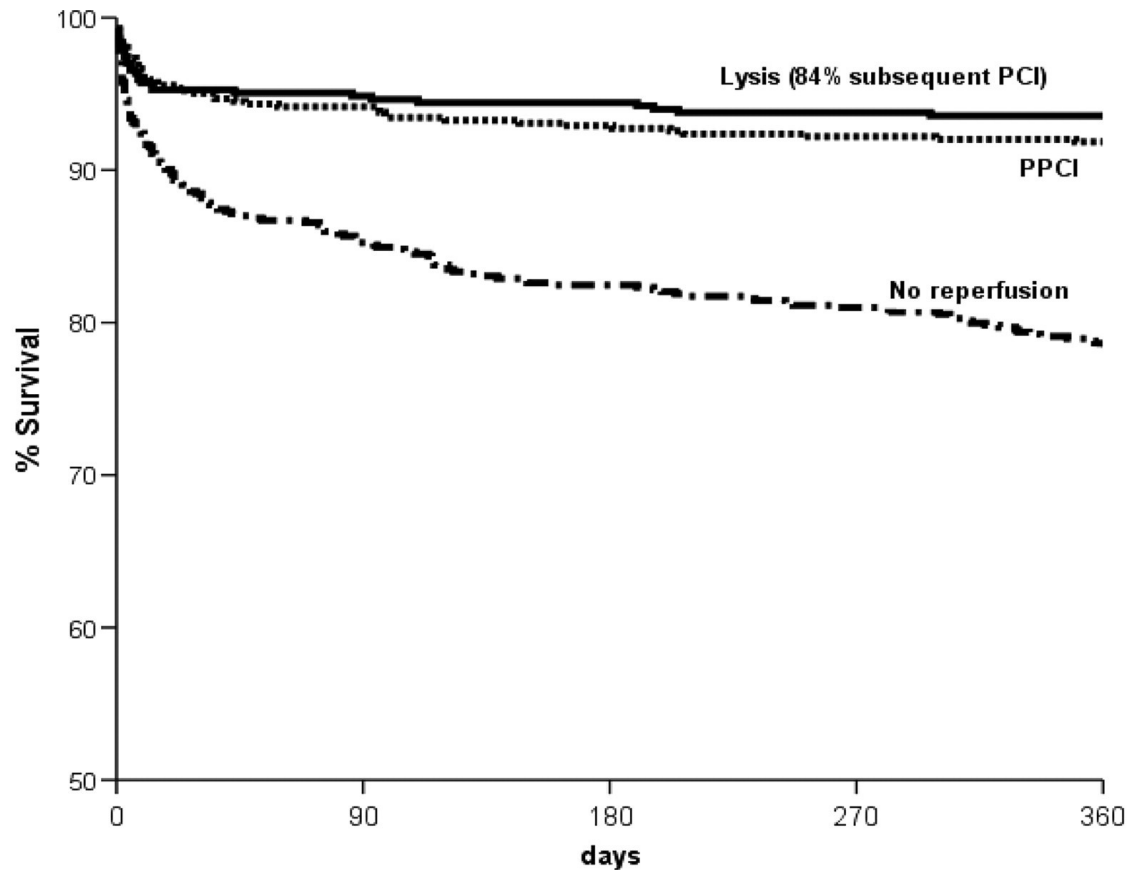
# CAPTIM: TIME TO TREATMENT AND MORTALITY



Steg, P. G. et al. *Circulation* 2003;108:2851-2856

# CAPTIM 1 Year Results





Lysis: 2/3 pre hospital, 70% treated <3h

# at risk	90	180	270	360
No reperfusion	581	562	552	534
Thrombolysis	440	437	434	433
PPCI	529	522	518	512



# Long-term Outcome of Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention vs Prehospital and In-Hospital Thrombolysis for Patients With ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction

JAMA. 2006;296:1749-1756

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Johan Lindbäck, MSc

Lars Wallentin, MD, PhD

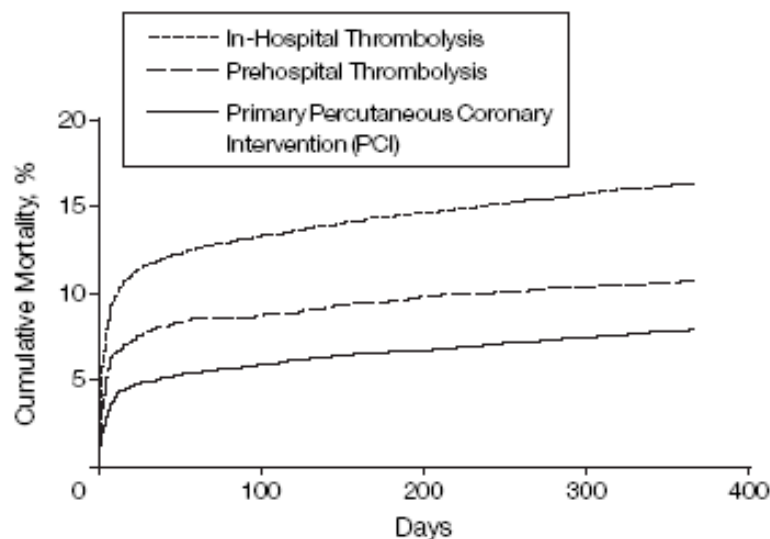
for the RIKS-HIA Registry

**Context** Whether the superior results of percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) reported in clinical trials in which patients with ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) received reperfusion treatment can be replicated in daily practice has been questioned, especially whether it is superior to prehospital thrombolysis (PHT).

**Objective** To evaluate the outcome of different reperfusion strategies in consecu-

**Figure 2.** Unadjusted Cumulative Mortality During the First Year After the Index Event Admission

**N=26,205**



PCI > pre hospital lysis > hospital lysis @ 30d, 1 year p < 0.05

# Prehospital Issues

I IIa IIb III



Prehospital 12-lead ECG by ACLS

Prehospital fibrinolysis

I IIa IIb III



Reperfusion “checklist” by ACLS providers that is relayed with the ECG to a predetermined medical control facility and/or receiving hospital



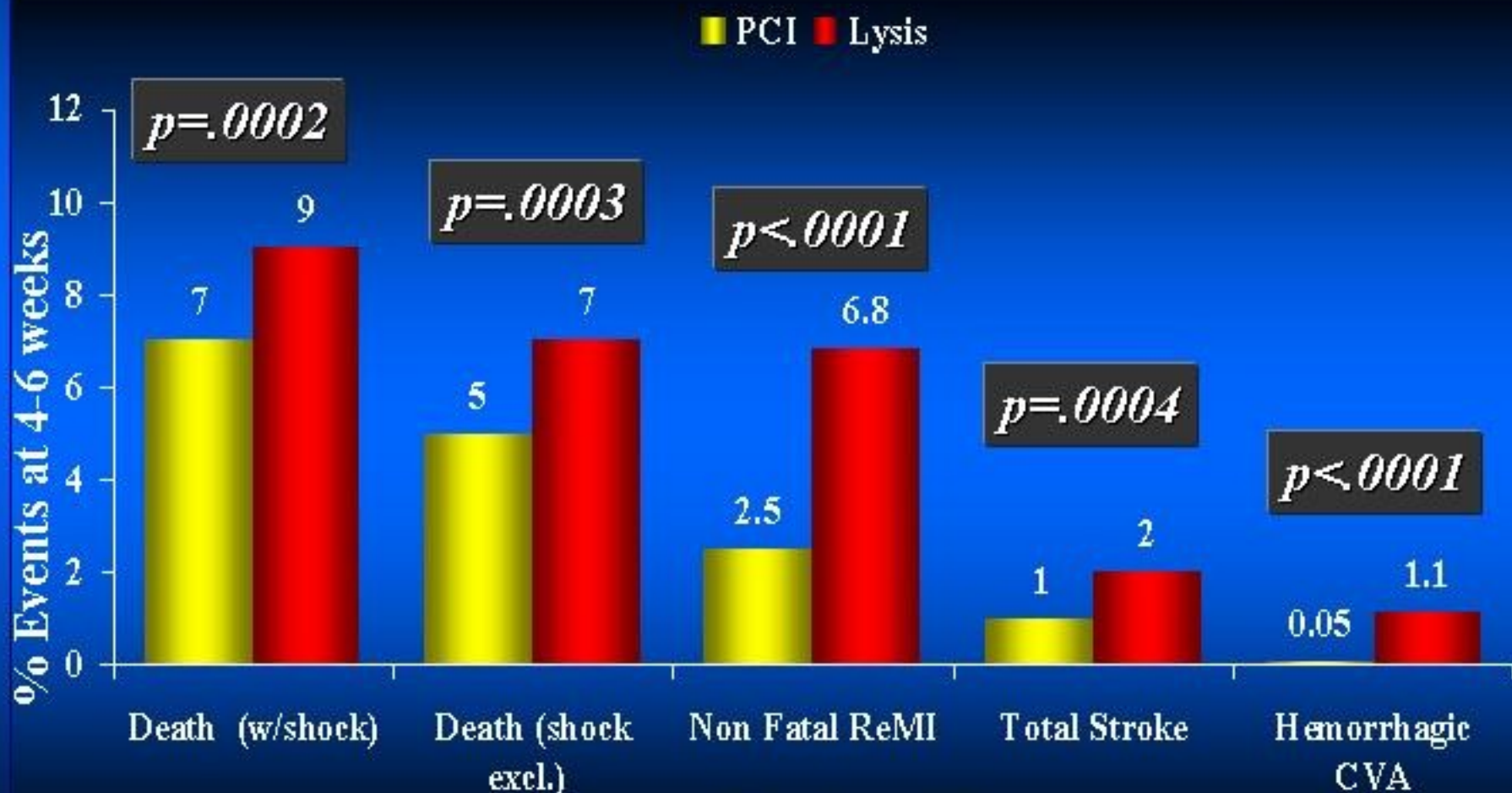
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# PCI FOR STEMI

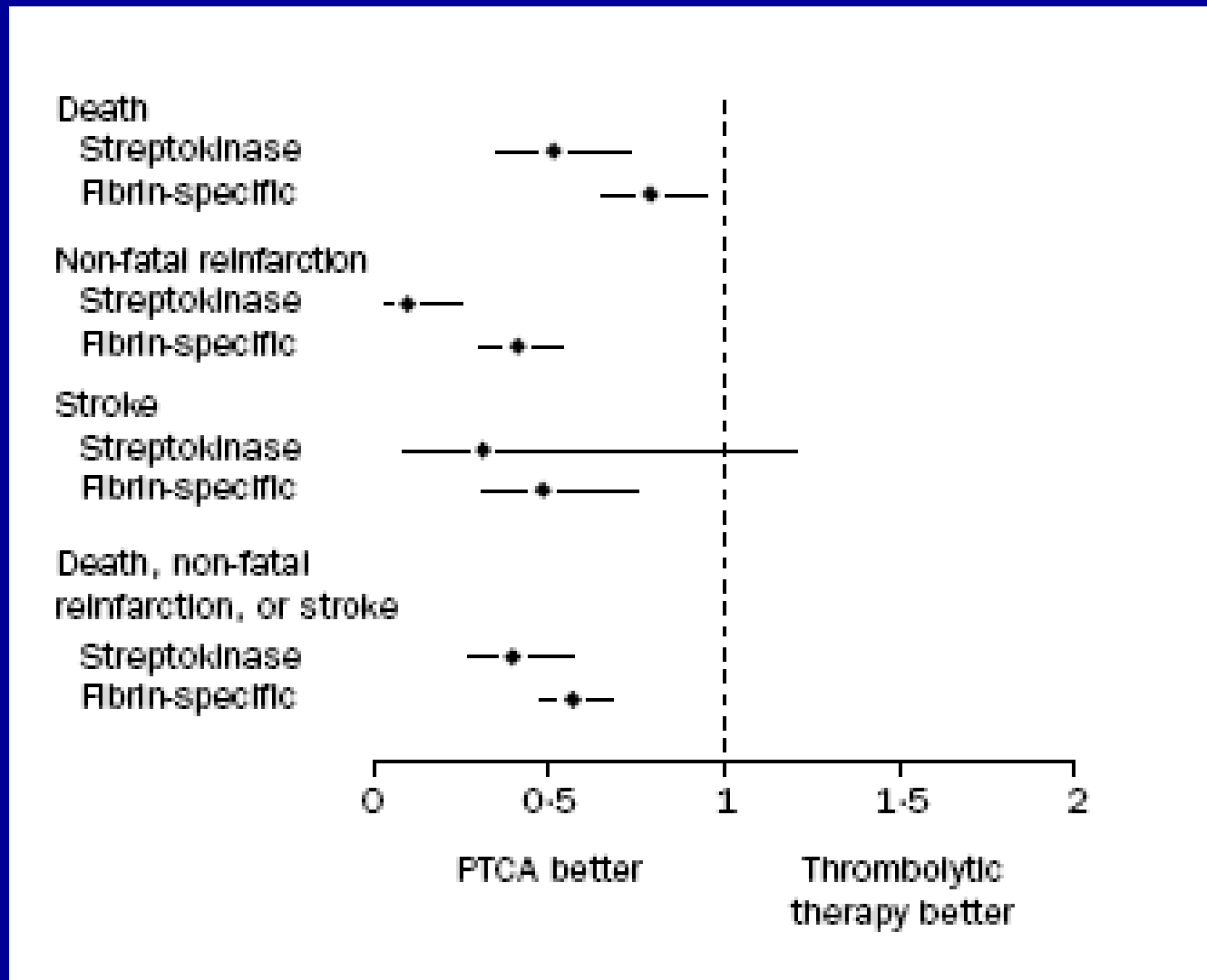
- **Primary PCI Vs. thrombolysis**
- Transfer to primary PCI
- Facilitated primary PCI
- Rescue PCI for failed lysis
- Routine post lysis PCI
- Routine delayed PCI post non reperfused

# Meta-Analysis of 23 Randomized Trials of PCI vs Lysis (n=7739)



Keeley, *Lancet* 2003

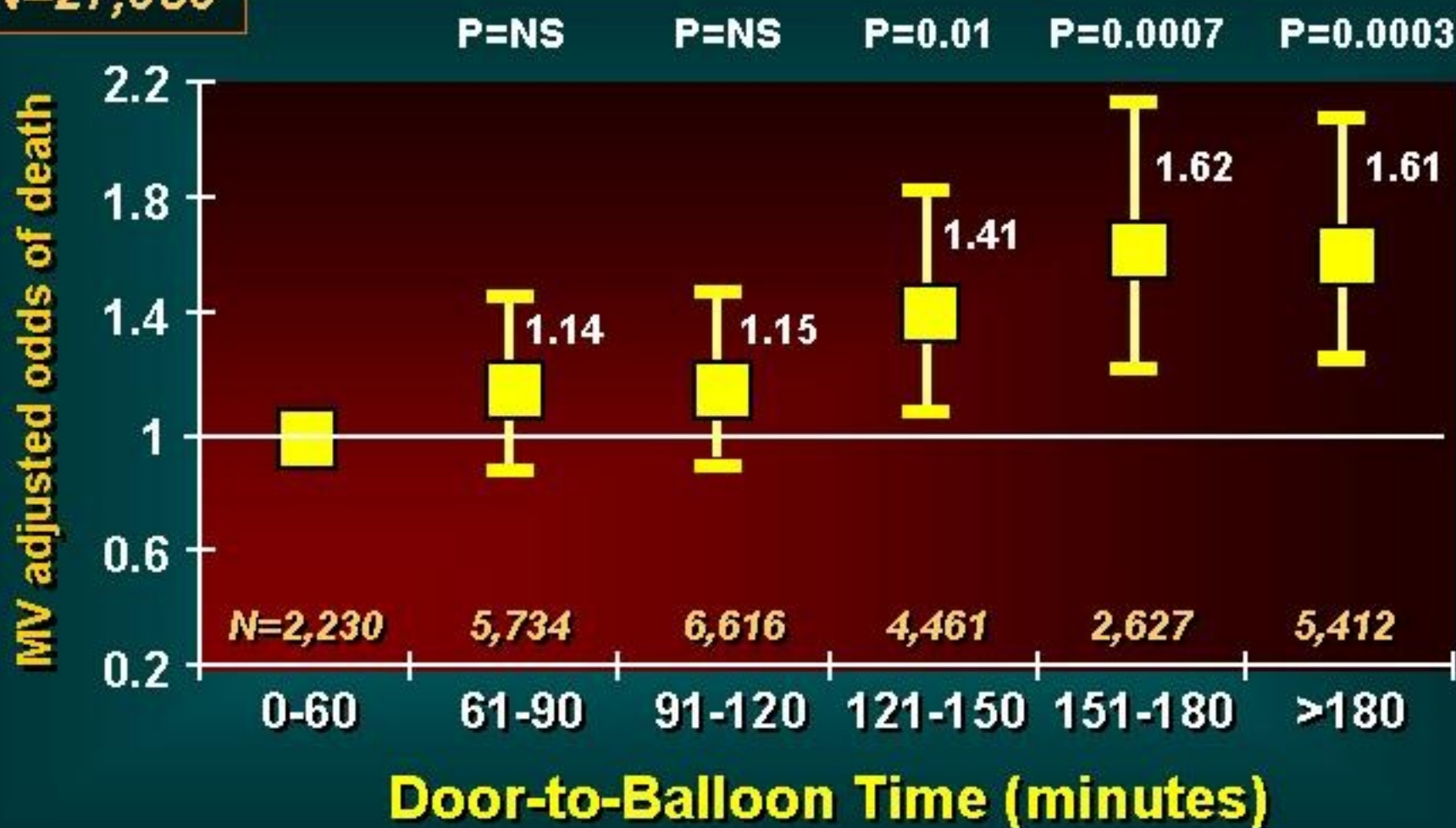
# PCI VS. LYSIS: META – ANALYSIS OF 23 TRIALS





# NRMI-2 Primary PCI

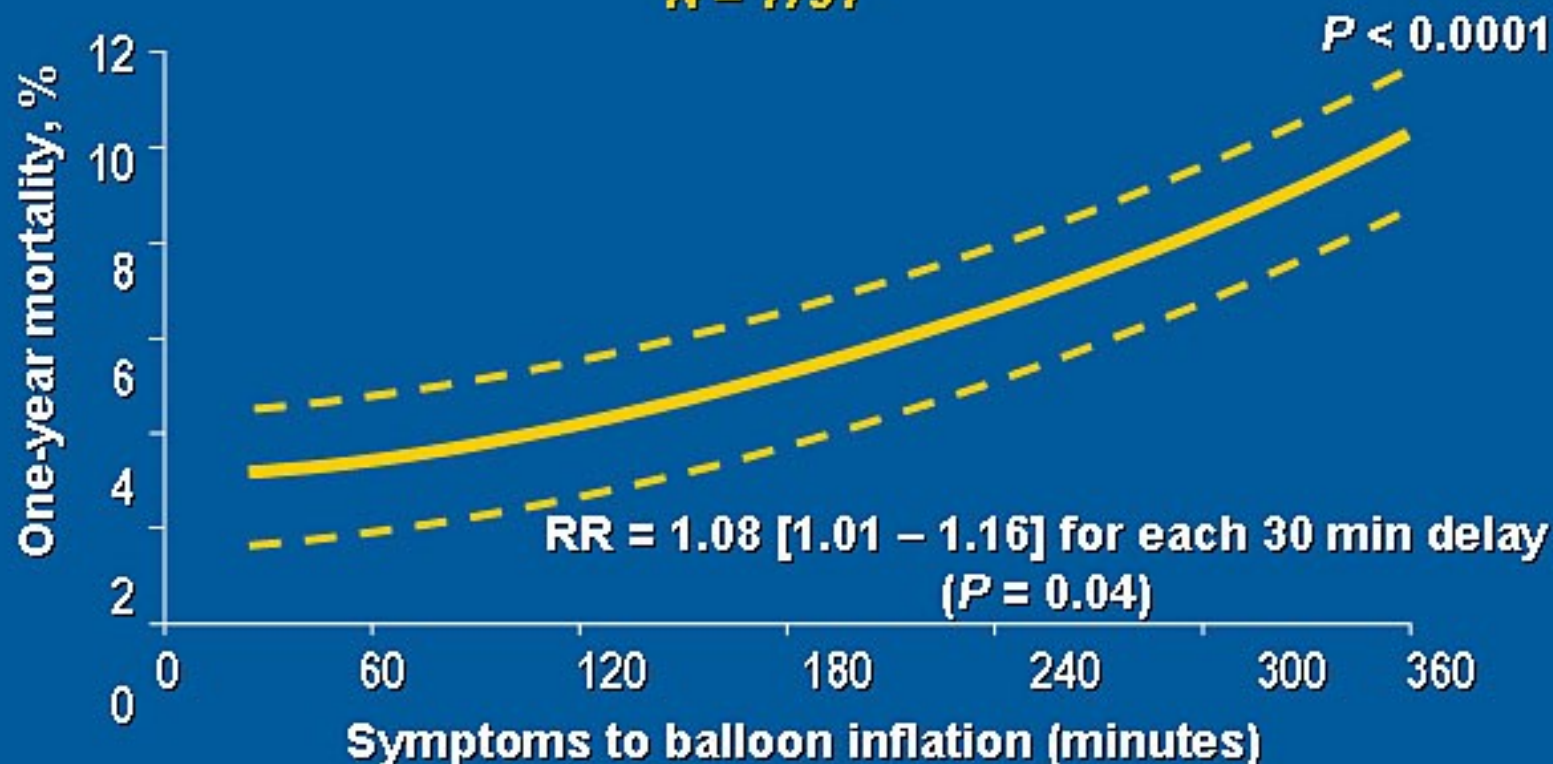
**N=27,080**





# Symptom Onset to Balloon Time and Mortality in Primary PCI for STEMI

6 RCTs of Primary PCI by Zwolle Group 1994 – 2001  
N = 1791



DeLuca et al. Circulation 2004;109:1223.



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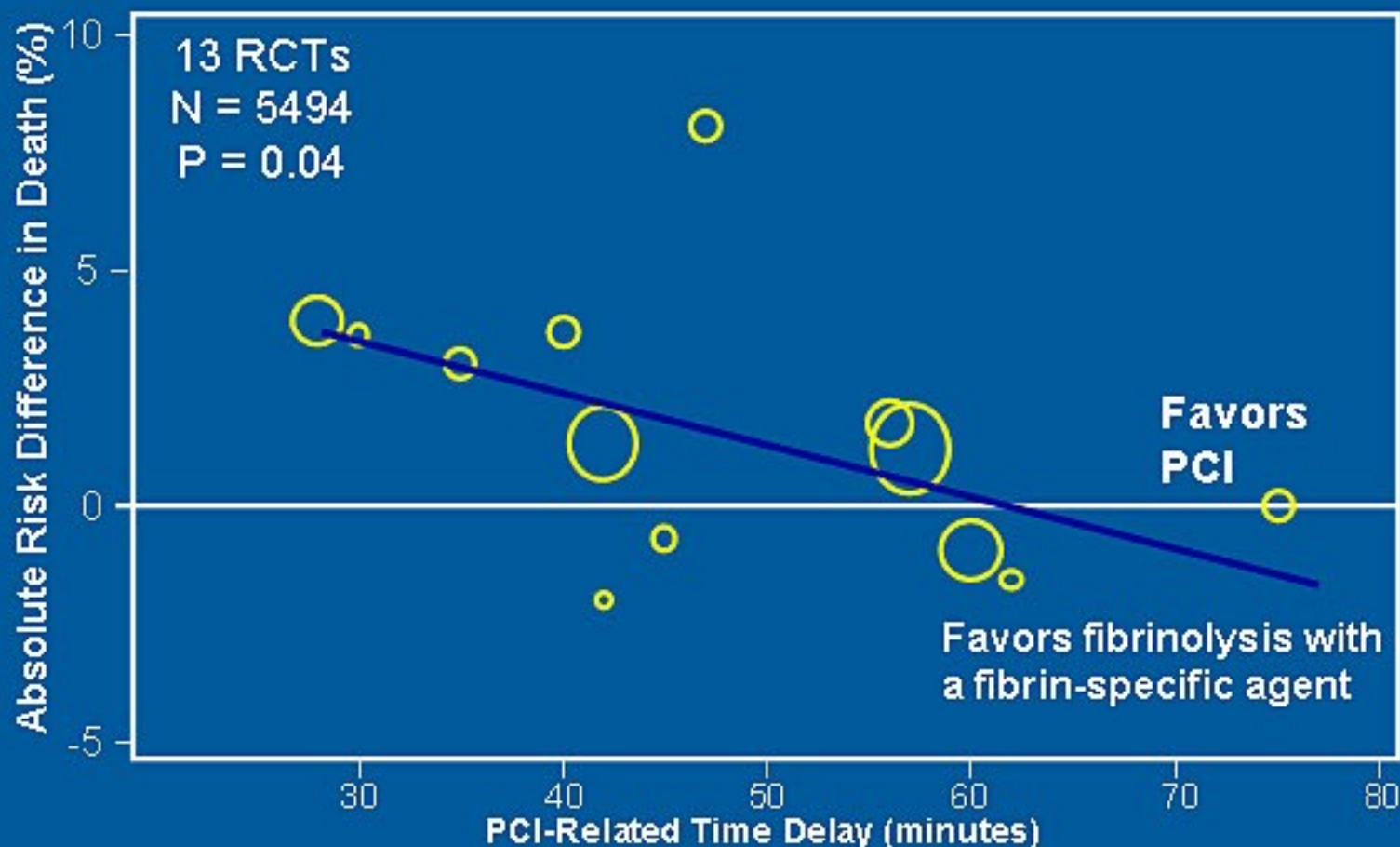
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# PCI versus Fibrinolysis with Fibrin-Specific Agents: Is Timing (Almost) Everything?



Nallamothu and Bates. Am J Cardiol 2003;92:824.



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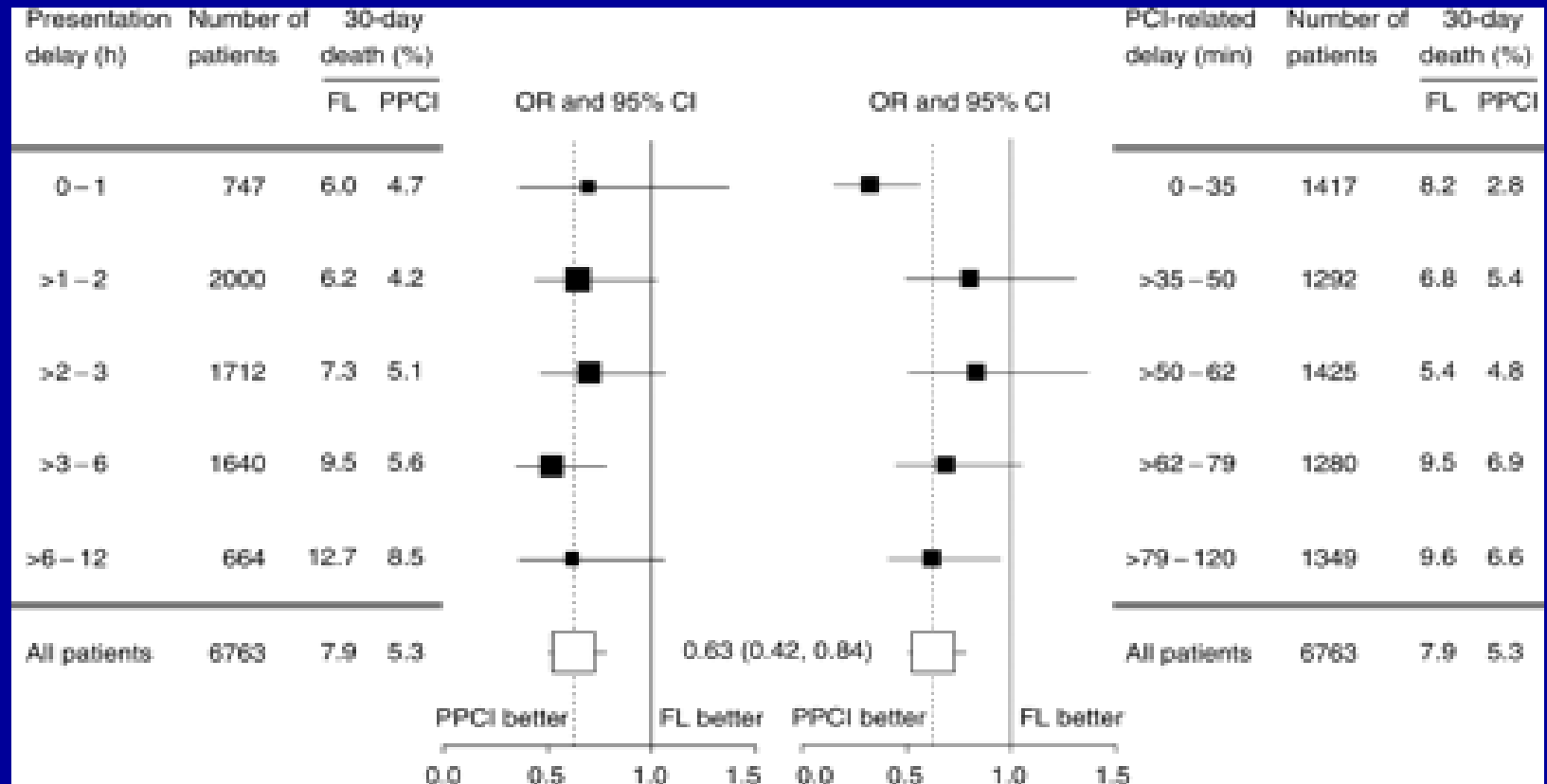


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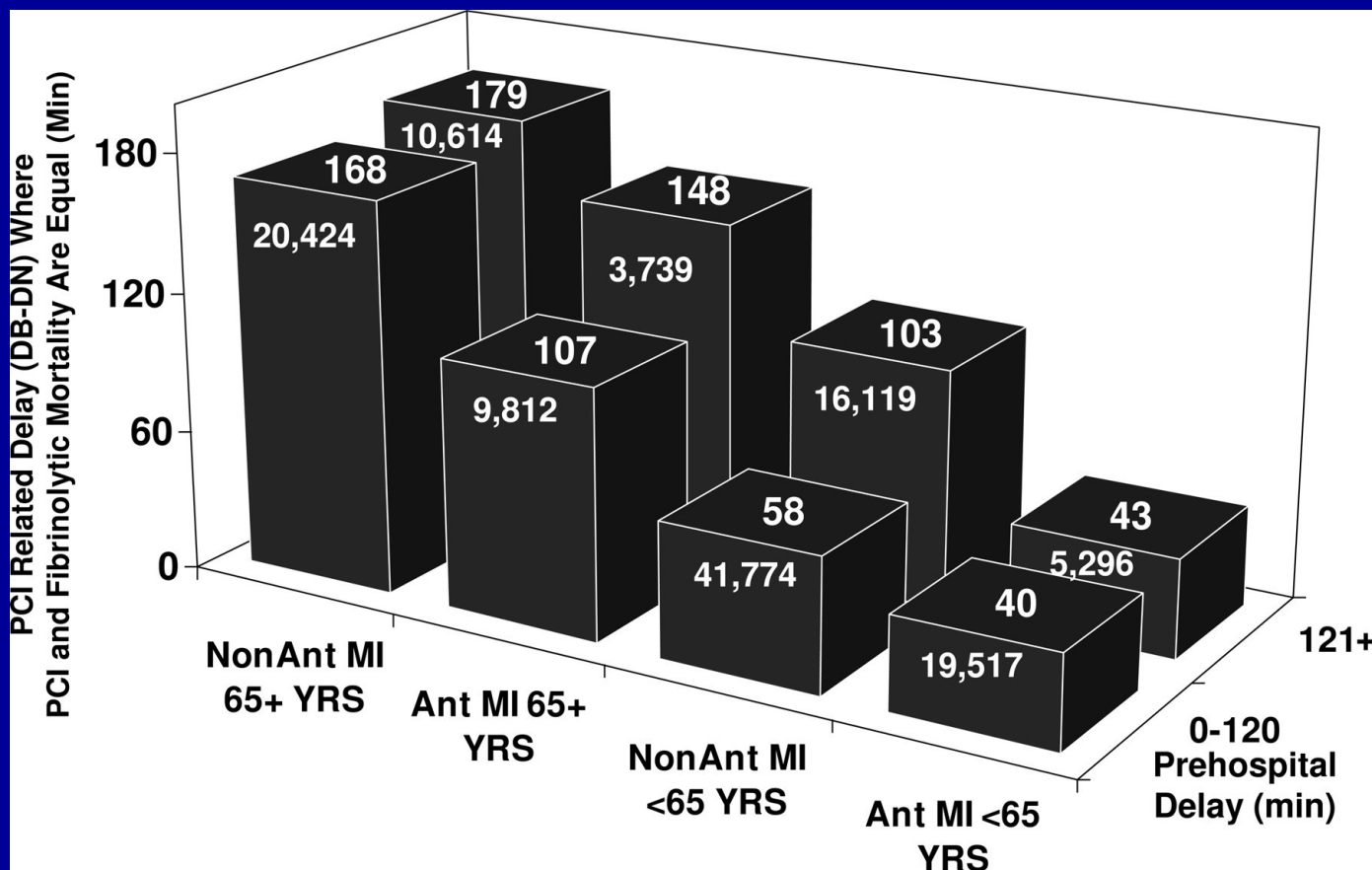


## Does time matter? A pooled analysis of randomized clinical trials comparing primary percutaneous coronary intervention and in-hospital fibrinolysis in acute myocardial infarction patients

Eric Boersma<sup>a</sup> and The Primary Coronary Angioplasty vs. Thrombolysis (PCAT)-2 Trialists' Collaborative Group

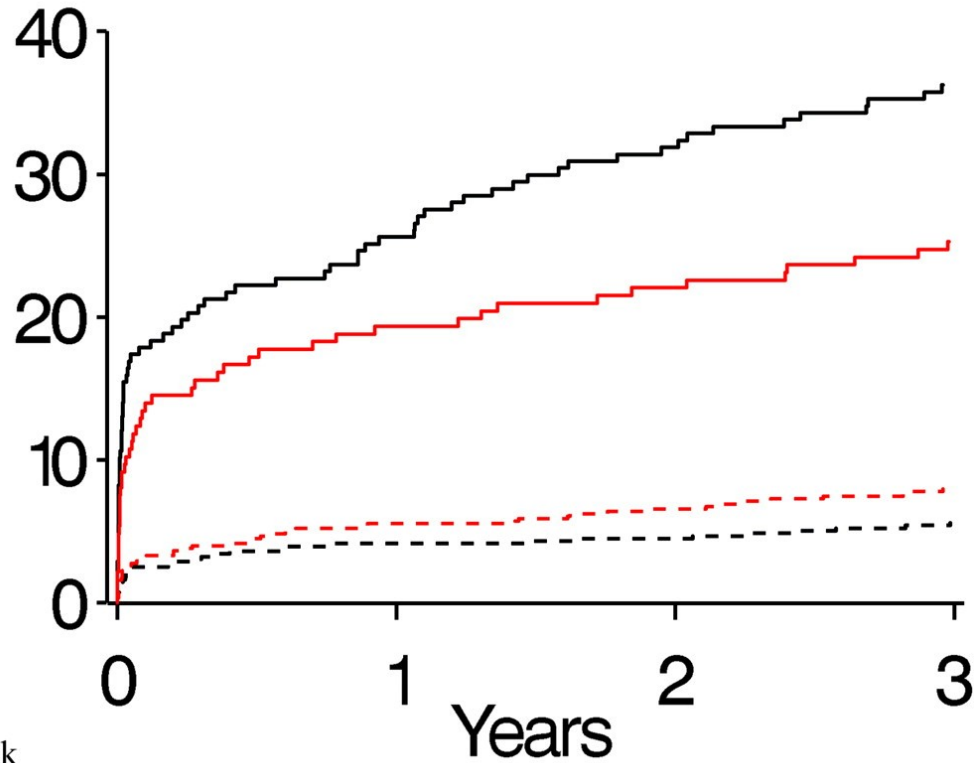


**Adjusted analysis illustrating significant heterogeneity in the PCI-related delay (DB-DN time) for which the mortality rates with primary PCI and fibrinolysis were comparable after the study population was stratified by prehospital delay, location of infarct, and age**



Pinto, D. S. et al. Circulation 2006;114:2019-2025

Mortality (%)

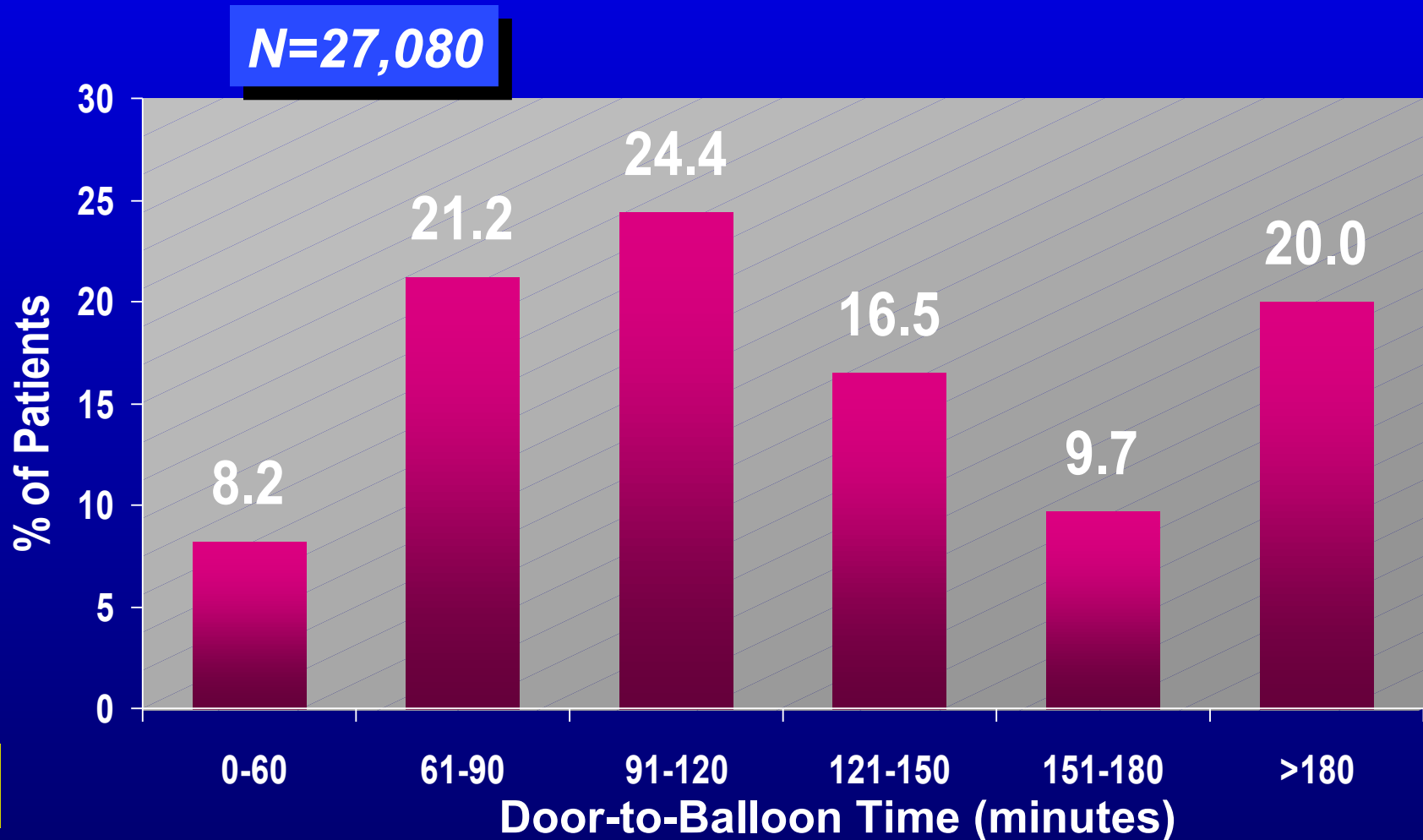


Number at risk

TIMI 0-4	Fx	556	533	531
	PA	578	546	540
TIMI ≥ 5	Fx	207	154	141
	PA	186	150	145

# NRMI-2: Primary PCI

## Distribution of Door-to-Balloon times

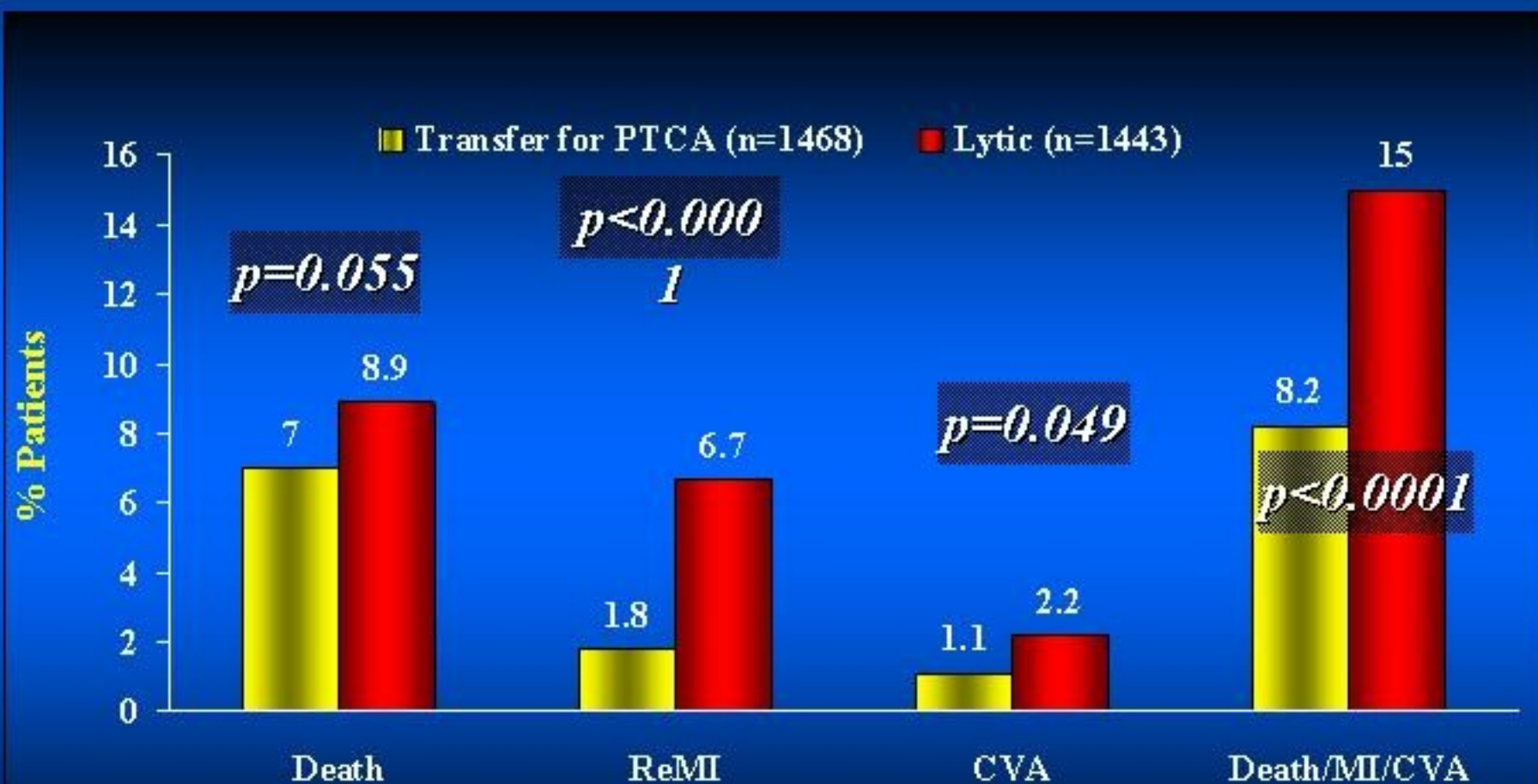


Door-to-Balloon Time (minutes)

Cannon CP, et al JAMA: June 2000 .



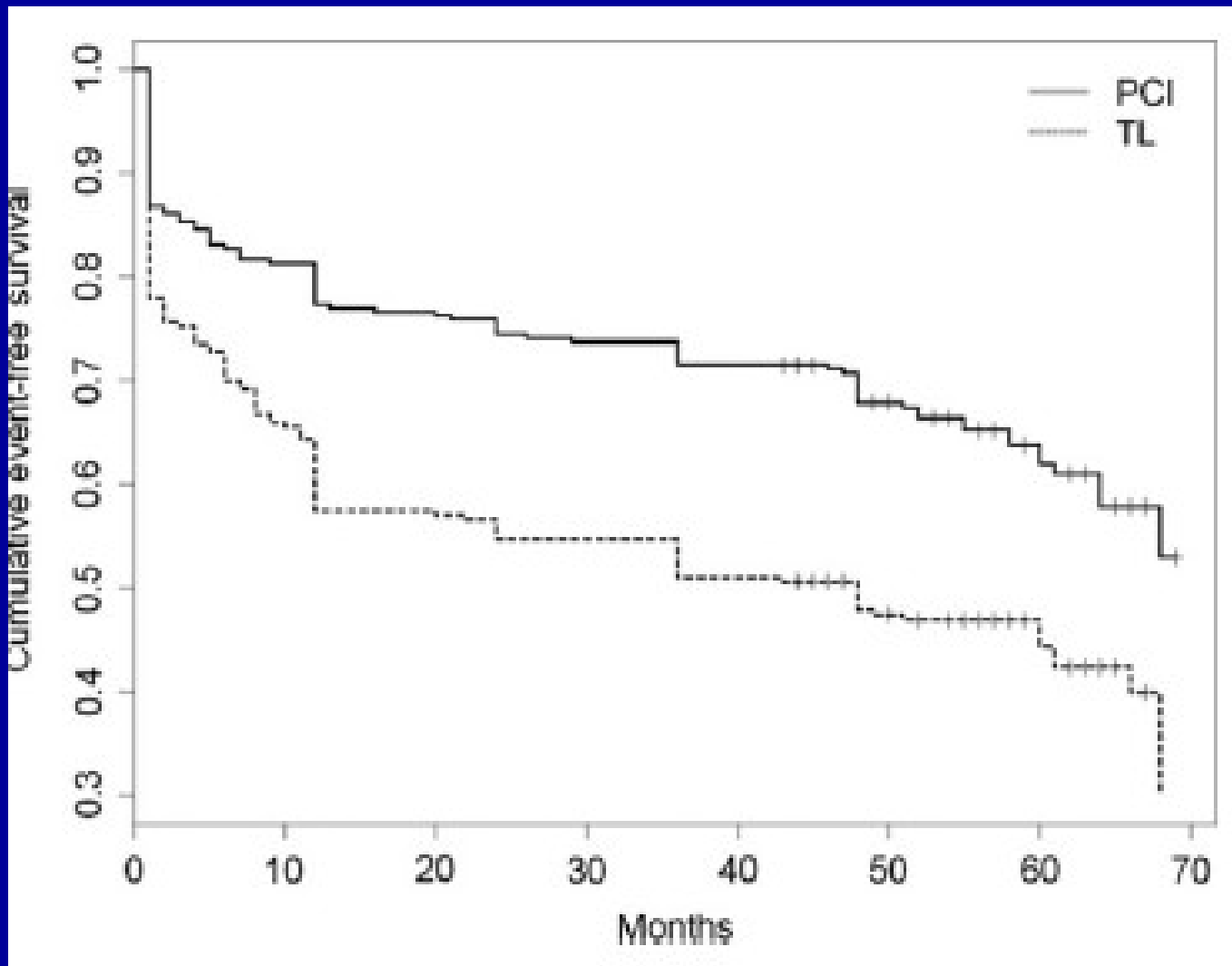
# Transfer for Primary PTCA vs On-Site Lytics (Pooled Data from 5 Randomized Trials\*)



\*LIMI, Prague I & II, Air PAMI, DANAMI-II trials

Keeley & Grines, in press

# PRAGUE 2 – 5 YEAR FOLLOW UP



## Relationship between delay in transferring patients for primary PCI and one-year mortality

Interhospital delay (mins)	<30 (n=94)	30-59 (n=188)	60-89 (n=194)	>90 (n=140)	p
1-y mortality (%)	3.2	6.4	6.2	12.1	0.01

De Luca G et al. *Am J Cardiol* 2005; 95: 1361-1363.



# Times to Treatment in Transfer Patients Undergoing Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention in the United States

## National Registry of Myocardial Infarction (NORMI)-3/4 Analysis

Brahmajee K. Nallamothu, MD, MPH; Eric R. Bates, MD; Jeph Herrin, PhD; Yongfei Wang, MS; Elizabeth H. Bradley, PhD; Harlan M. Krumholz, MD, SM; for the NORMI Investigators

**Background**—Treatment delays in patients with ST-segment–elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) transferred for primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) may decrease the advantage of this strategy over on-site fibrinolytic therapy that has been demonstrated in recent clinical trials. Accordingly, we sought to describe patterns of times to treatment in patients undergoing interhospital transfer for primary PCI in the United States.

**Methods and Results**—We analyzed patients with STEMI undergoing interhospital transfer for primary PCI between January 1999 and December 2002 in the National Registry of Myocardial Infarction. The primary outcome was “total” door-to-balloon time measured from time of arrival at the initial hospital to time of balloon inflation at the PCI hospital. Multivariable hierarchical models were used to assess the relationship of total door-to-balloon time with patient and hospital characteristics. Among 4278 patients transferred for primary PCI at 419 hospitals, the median total door-to-balloon time was 180 minutes, with only 4.2% of patients treated within 90 minutes, the benchmark recommended by national quality guidelines. Comorbid conditions, absence of chest pain, delayed presentation after symptom onset, less specific ECG findings, and hospital presentation during off-hours were associated with longer total door-to-balloon times. Patients at teaching hospitals in rural areas also had significantly longer times to treatment.

**Conclusions**—Total door-to-balloon times for transfer patients undergoing primary PCI in the United States rarely achieve guideline-recommended benchmarks, and current decision making should take these times into account. For the full benefits of primary PCI to be realized in transfer patients, improved systems are urgently needed to minimize total door-to-balloon times. (*Circulation*. 2005;111:761-767.)



# *Conclusions*

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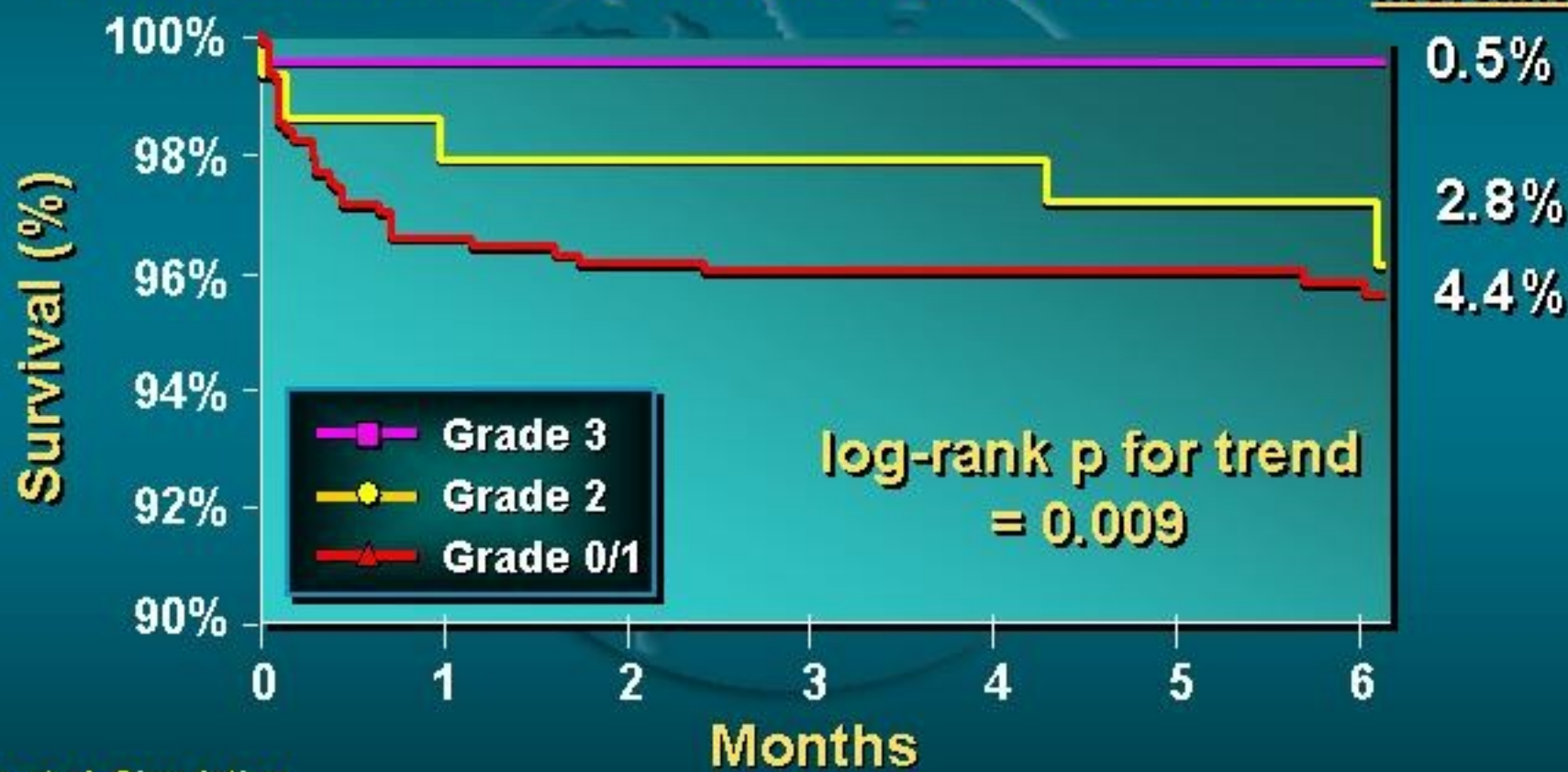
- When transport time does not exceed 60-90 minutes, and a competent team is on standby at the receiving hospital, transfer to PCI is superior to local lysis.
- Pre-hospital lysis might be as good as primary PCI, provided “rescue” procedures are available.



# Effect of Pre-Procedural TIMI Flow on Cumulative Late Mortality after Primary PTCA

N = 2,507 pts in PAMI-1, PAMI-2,  
PAMI Stent Pilot and PAMI Stent Randomized

6 Month Mortality



Stone et al. Circulation



# FACILITATION BY THROMBOLYSIS

# ASSENT-4 PCI Trial

1667 patients with STEMI, within 6 hrs; intent to perform primary PCI

Randomized

Mean follow-up: 6 mos (30 days reported to date)

63% of patients received clopidogrel/ticlopidine *during* PCI

Additional UFH was given to 67.4% in the TNK + PCI group and 70.1% in the PCI alone group



## Full-dose TNK + Primary PCI

60 IU/kg, maximum 4000 IU

n=829

GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors allowed only for bail out use

## Primary PCI

70 IU/kg, no maximum dose

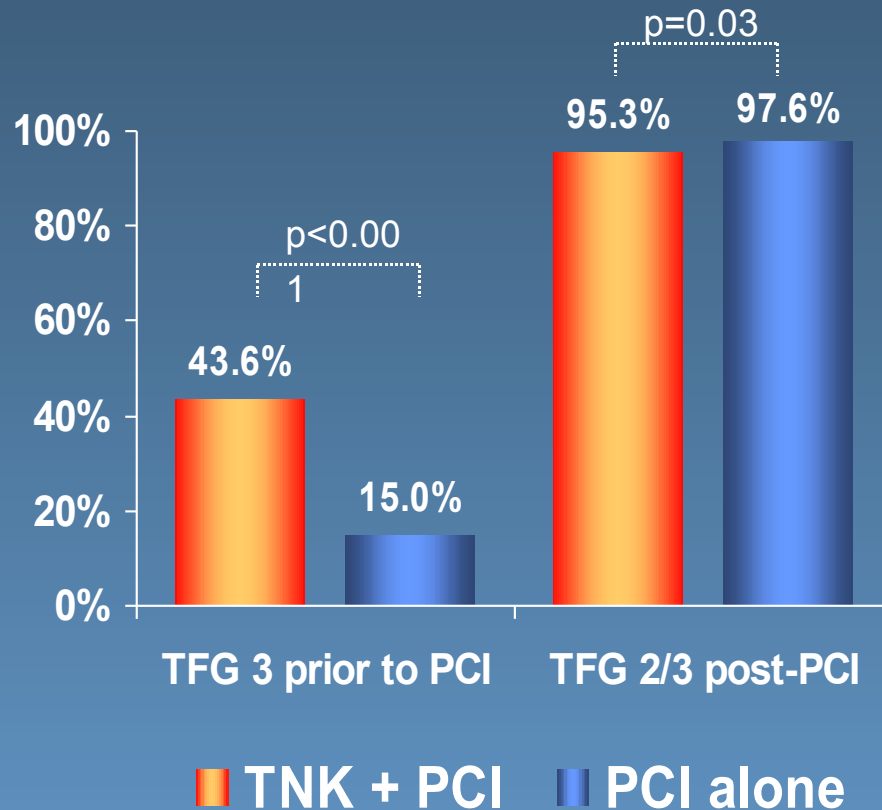
n=838

GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors allowed at physician discretion

- Primary Endpoint: Composite of death, shock, or congestive heart failure at 90 days.

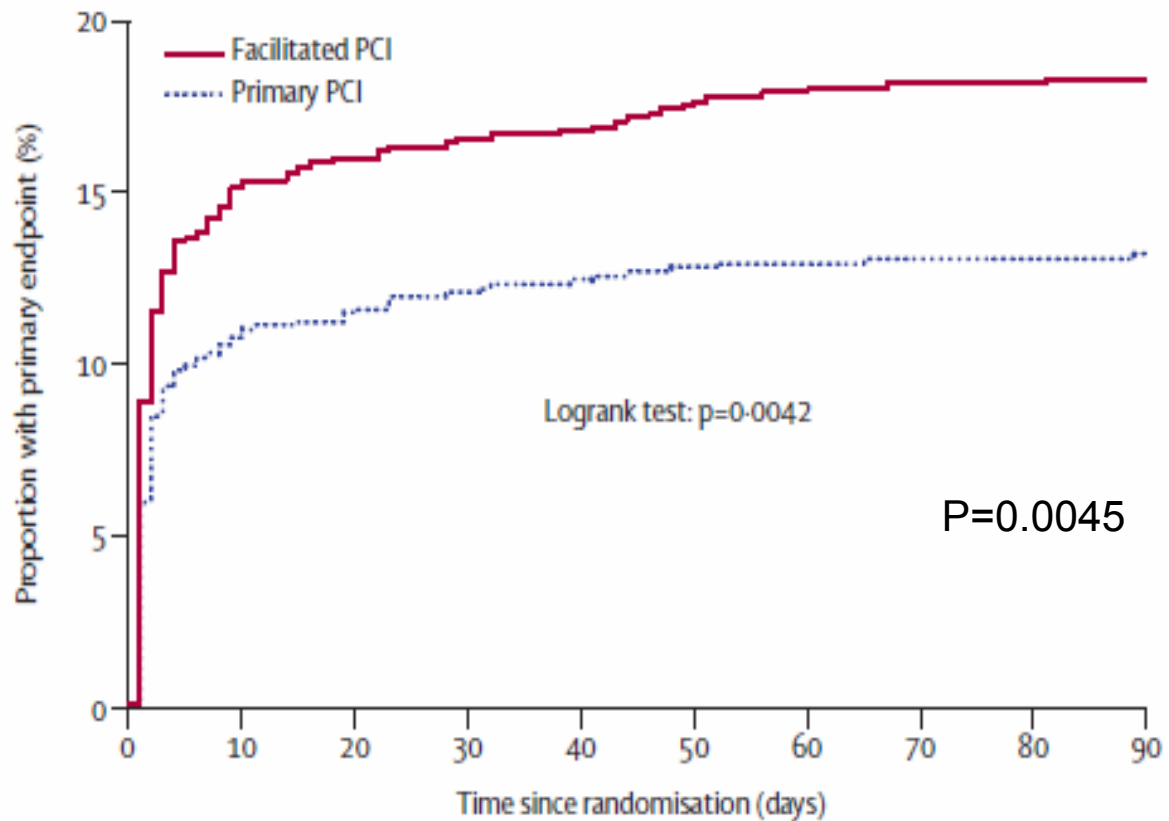
# ASSENT- 4 PCI Trial: TIMI Flow Grade

TIMI grade 3 flow prior to PCI and TIMI grade 2/3 flow post-PCI (%)



- TIMI grade 3 flow prior to PCI was present more frequently in the TNK + PCI arm (43.6% vs 15.0%)
- TIMI grade 2/3 post-PCI was slightly higher in the PCI alone group (95.3% vs 97.6%)

# PRIMARY ENDPOINT: DEATH/SHOCK/CHF @ 90 d



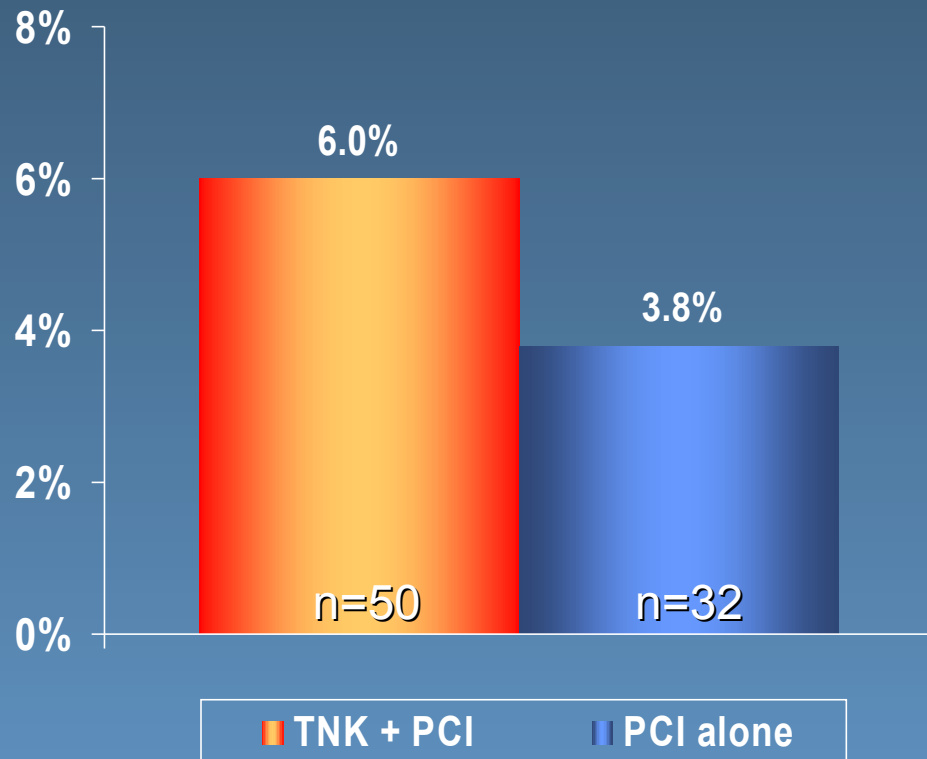
## Number at risk

Facilitated PCI	829	703	696	691	685	678	675	673	673	672
Primary PCI	838	747	741	736	730	726	725	724	724	722

# ASSENT- 4 PCI Trial: Mortality at 30 days

## Analysis of mortality at 30 days (%)

$p = 0.04$

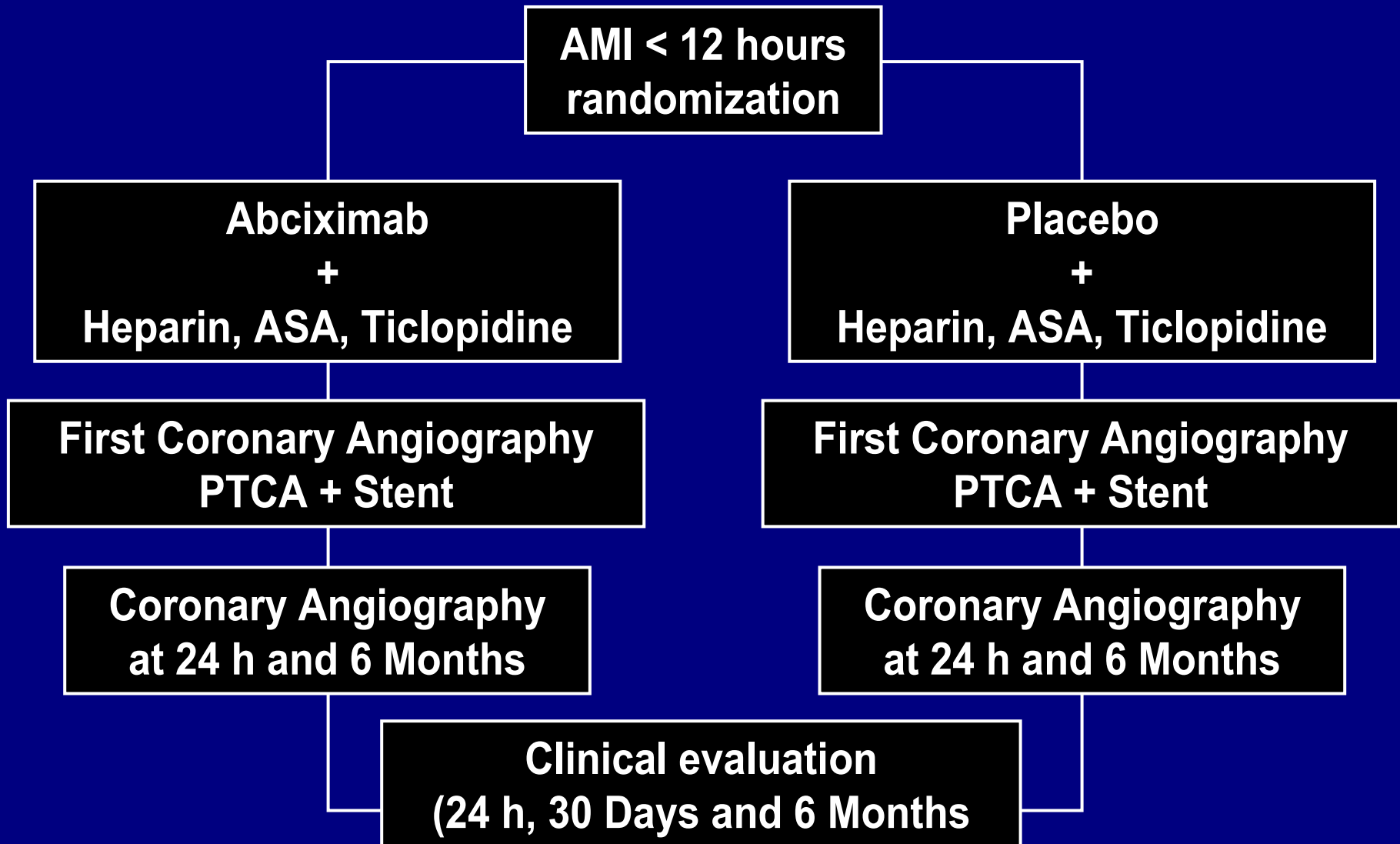


- The primary endpoint of mortality was higher in the TNK + PCI treatment group compared with the PCI alone group (6.0% vs 3.8%,  $p=0.04$ ) at 30 days

# FACILITATION BY IIb/IIIa ANTAGONISTS

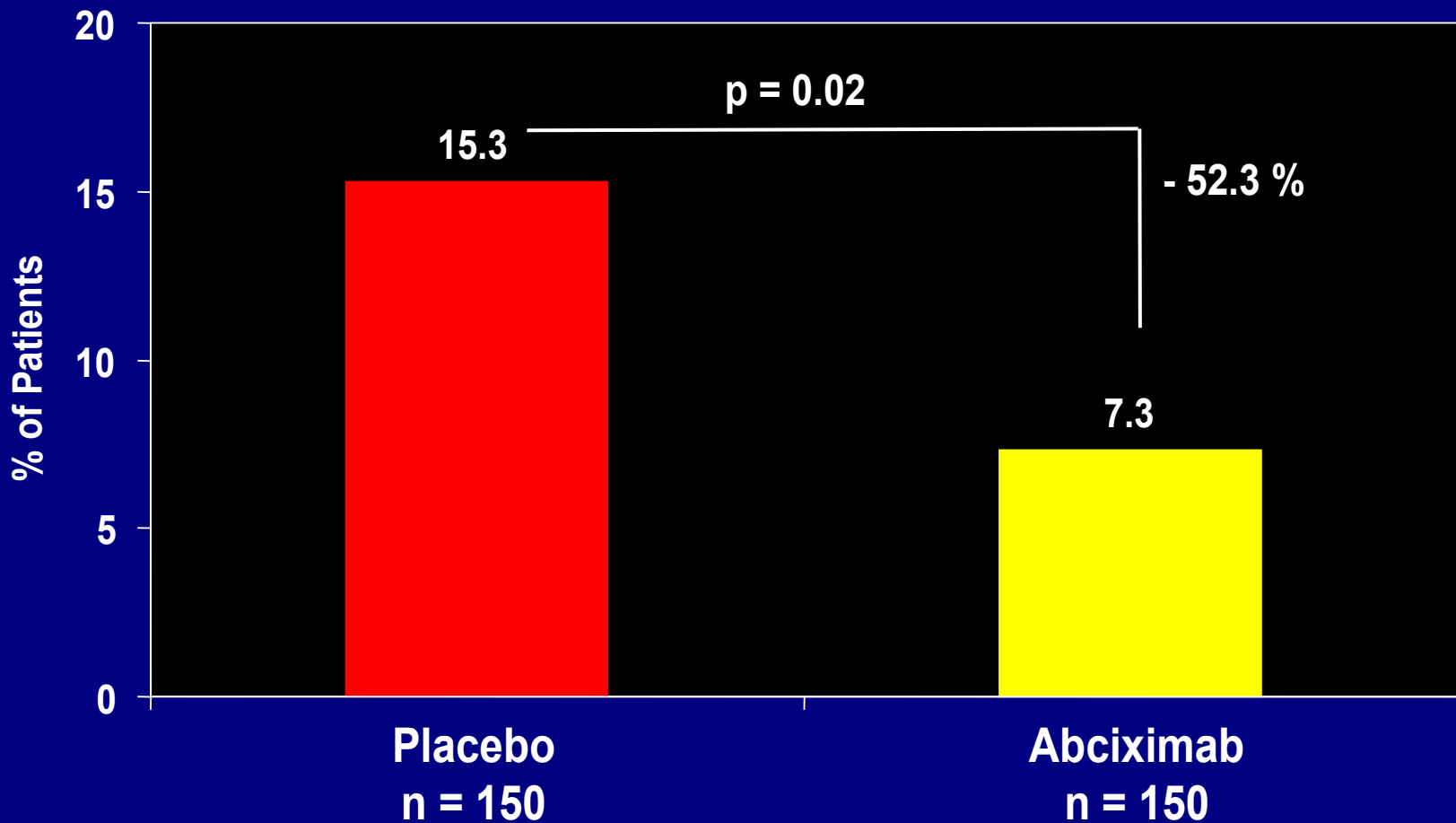


# Design



# Primary Endpoint (30 days)

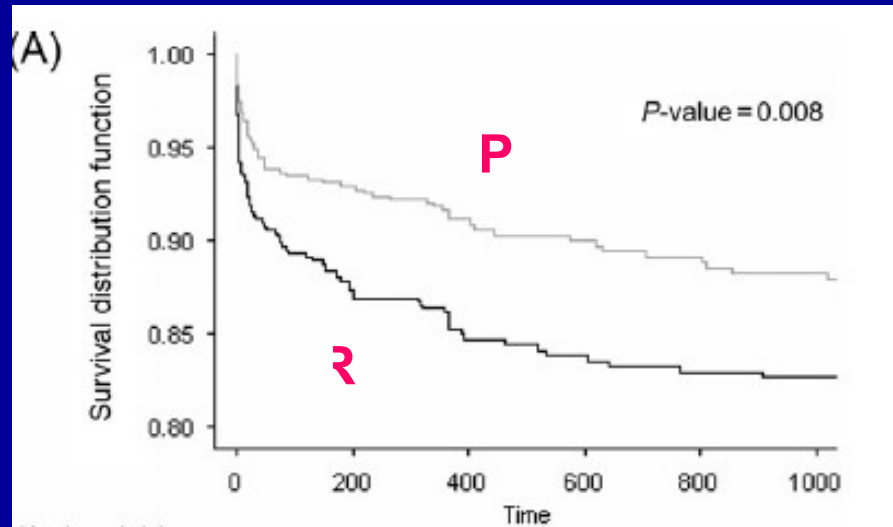
Death, Recurrent M I, Urgent T V R



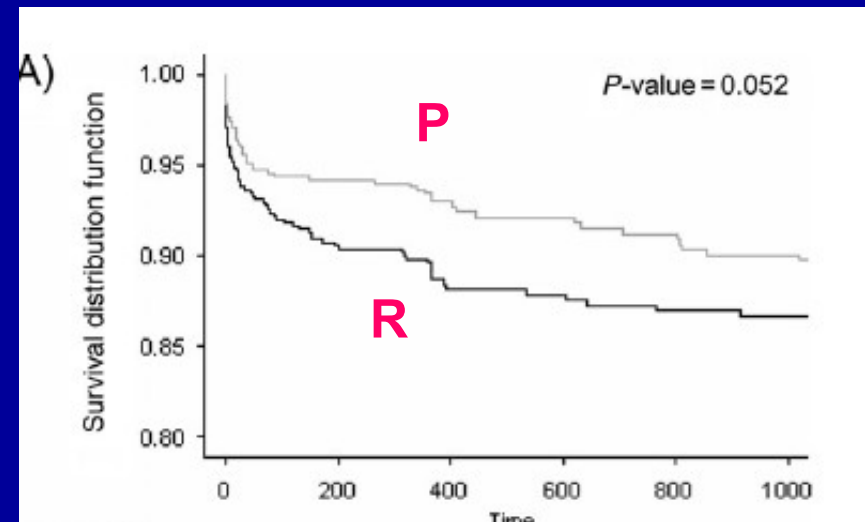


# Abciximab in primary coronary stenting of ST-elevation myocardial infarction: a European meta-analysis on individual patients' data with long-term follow-up

Gilles Montalescot<sup>1\*</sup>, David Antoniucci<sup>2</sup>, Adnan Kastrati<sup>3</sup>, Franz Joseph Neumann<sup>4</sup>,  
Maria Borentain<sup>1</sup>, Angela Migliorini<sup>2</sup>, Carole Boutron<sup>5</sup>, Jean-Philippe Collet<sup>1</sup>, and Eric Vicaut<sup>5</sup>



**Death/MI**



**Death**

# The FINESSE Trial



(Facilitated **I**ntervention  
with **E**nhanced Reperfusion **S**peed to  
**S**top **E**vents)

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## Final 90 Day Results in Perspective

Stephen Ellis, MD  
for the FINESSE Investigators

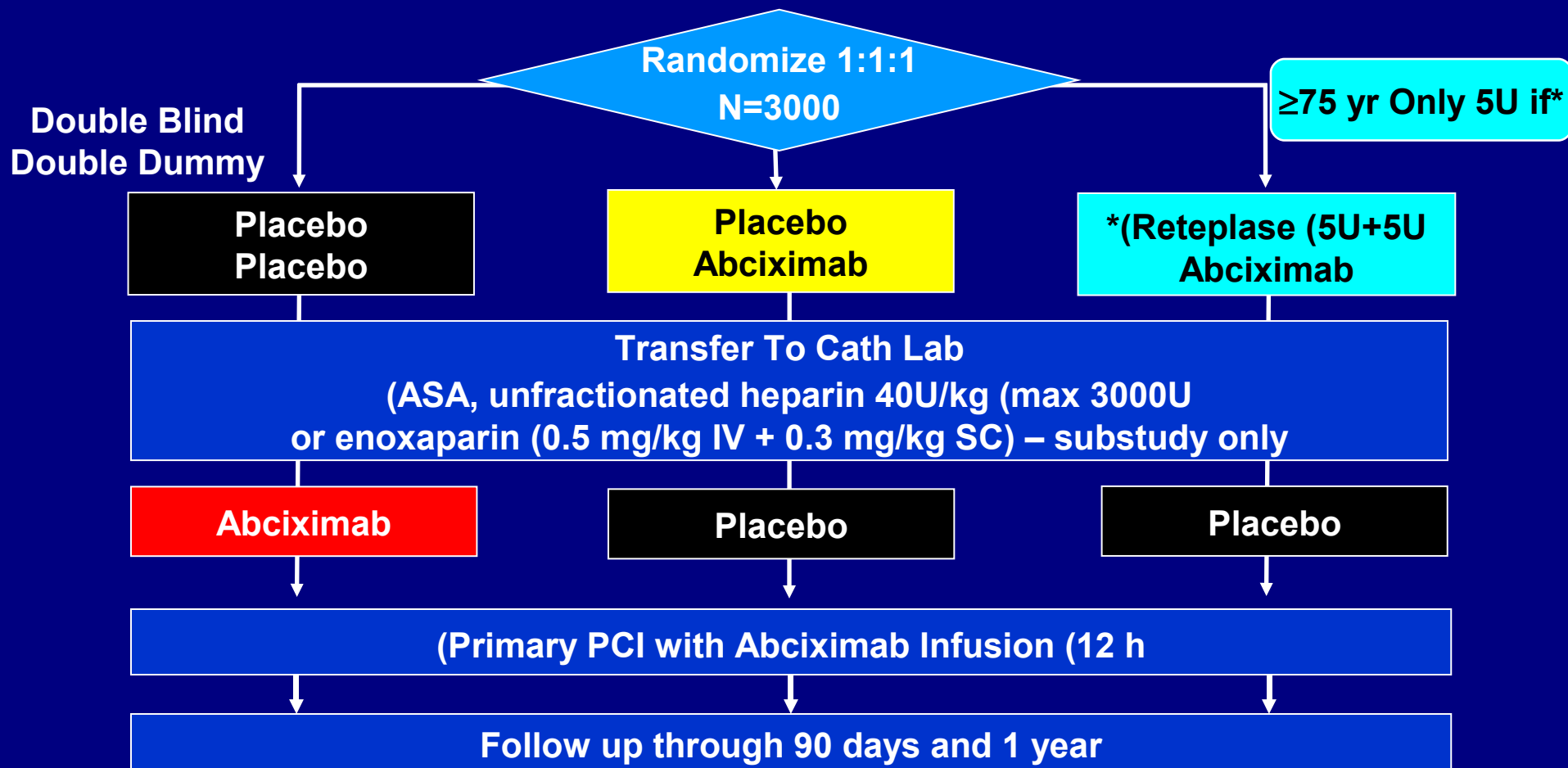
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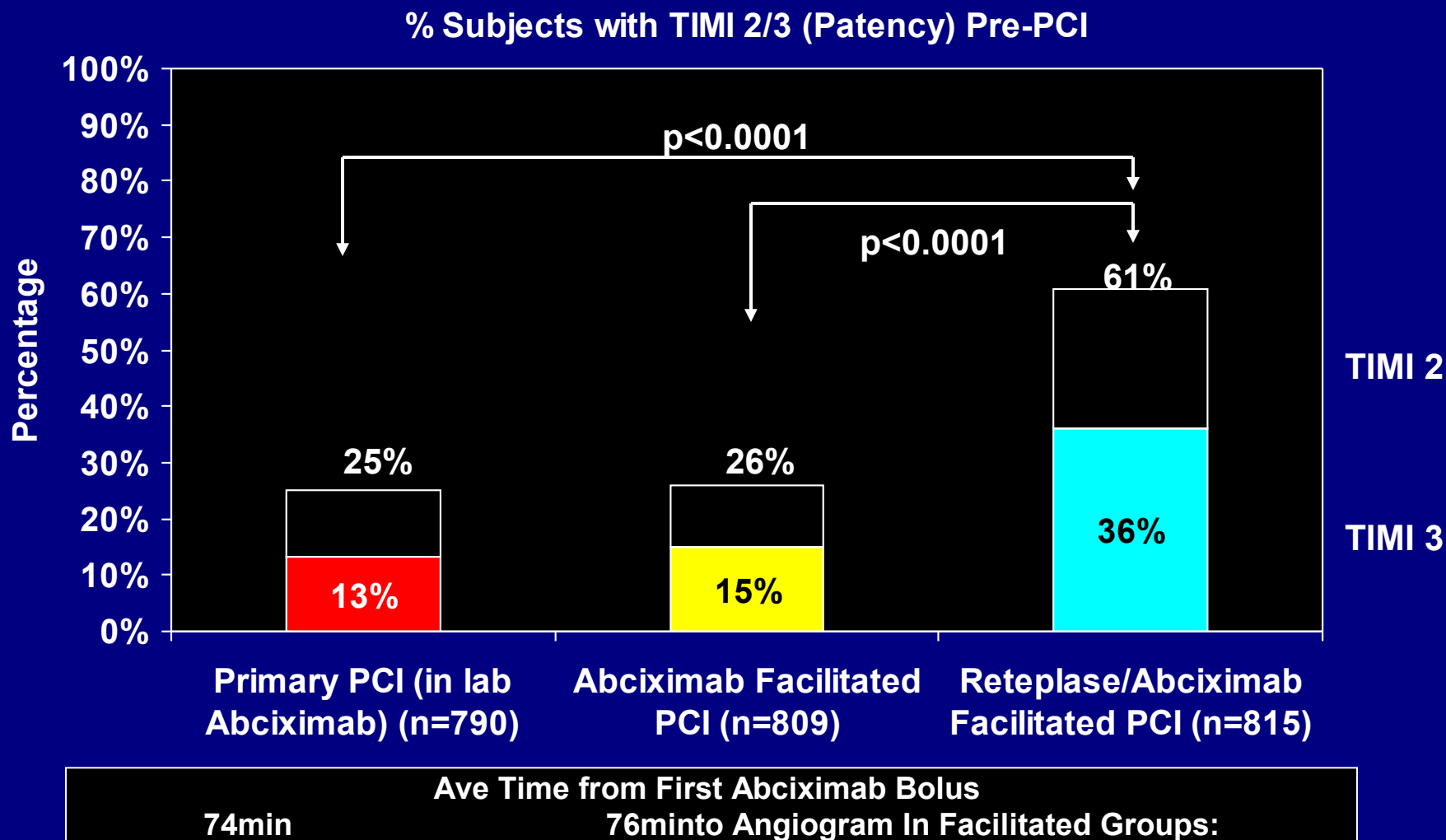
# FINESSE: Study Design

Acute ST Elevation MI (or New LBBB) within 6h pain onset

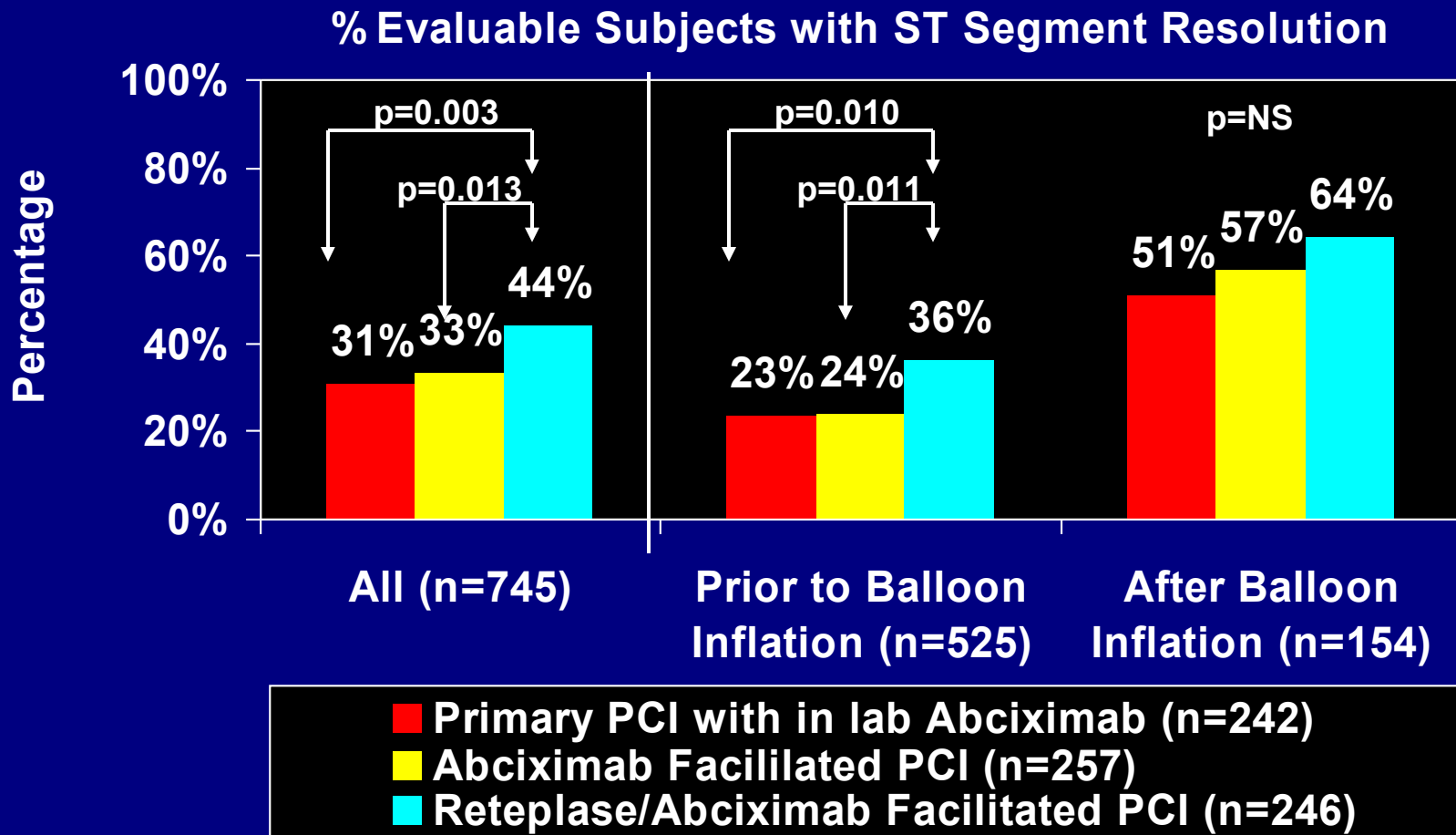
Presenting at Hub or Spoke with estimated time to Cath between 1 and 4 hours



# TIMI Flow in IRA Pre-PCI

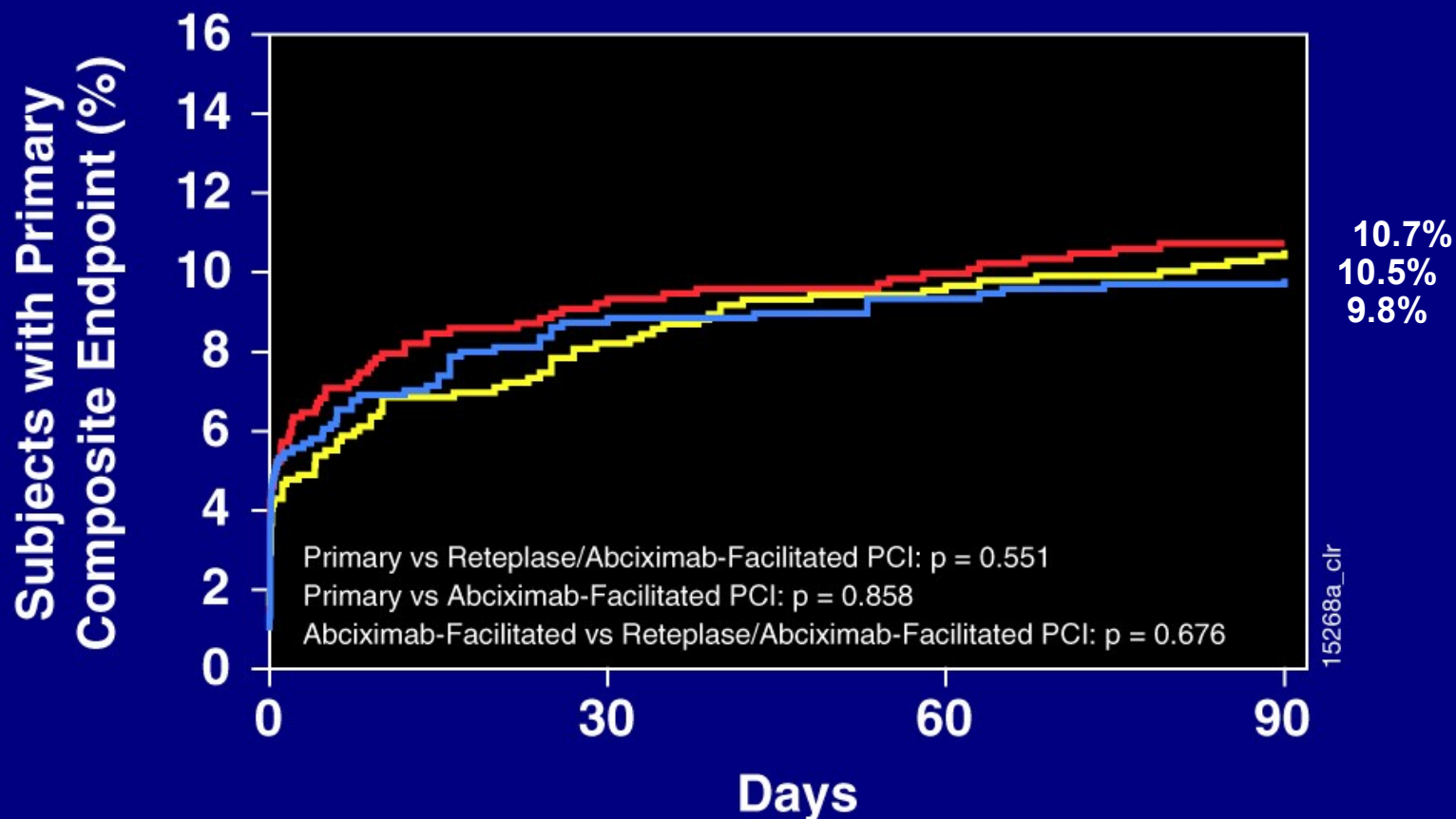


# ST Segment Resolution (>70%) at 60-90 Min: Core Lab



Half of subjects randomly selected for Core Lab over-read\*

# Primary Endpoint

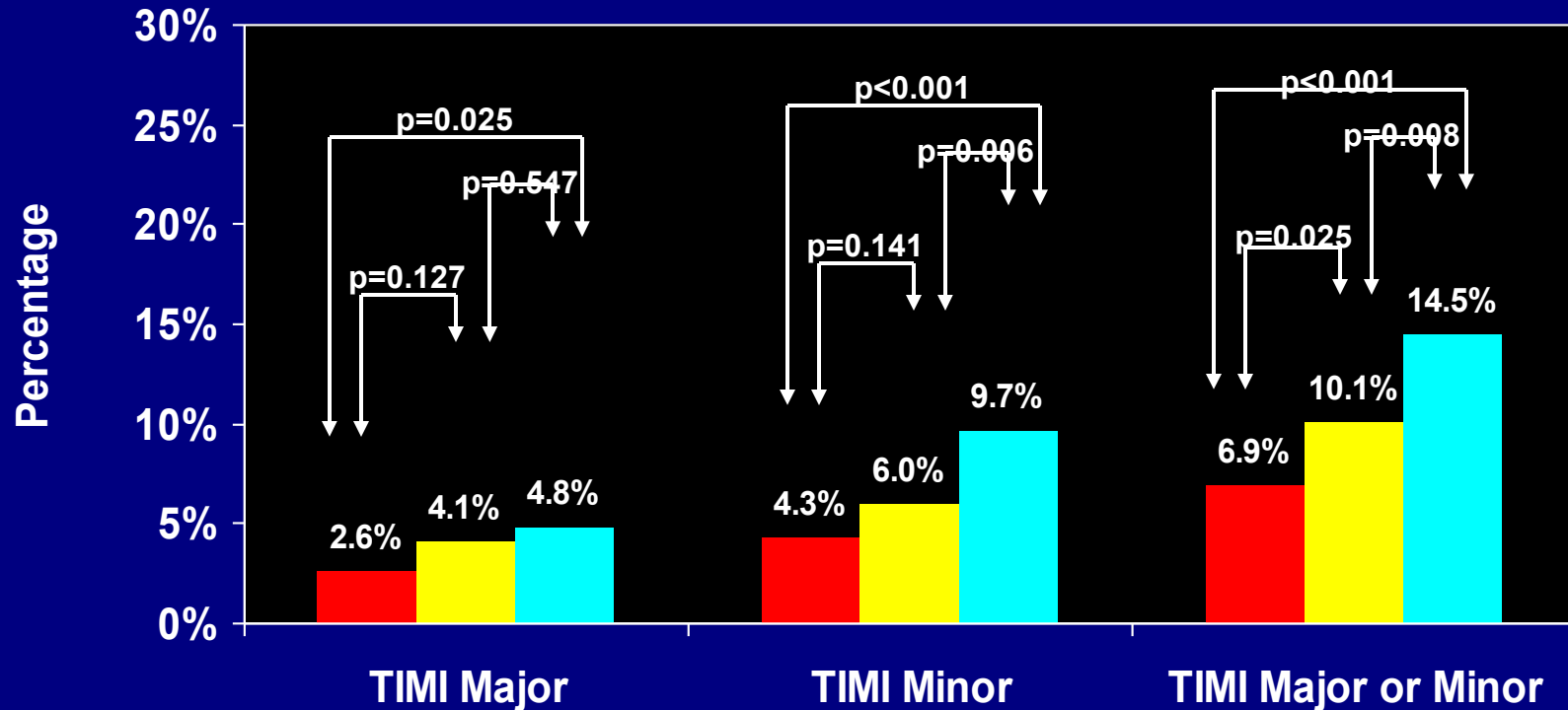




# TIMI Major or Minor Bleeding (nonintracranial) through Discharge/Day7



TIMI Bleeding through Discharge/Day 7



- Primary PCI with In Lab Abciximab (n=795)
- Abciximab Facilitated PCI (n=805)
- Abciximab/Retepase Facilitated PCI (n=814)

# ON-TIME -2

Acute myocardial infarction  
diagnosed in ambulance or referral center  
ASA + 600 mg Clopidogrel + UFH

**N=984**  
6/2006-11/2007

Placebo

\* Tirofiban



Transportation



Angiogram

PCI center

Angiogram

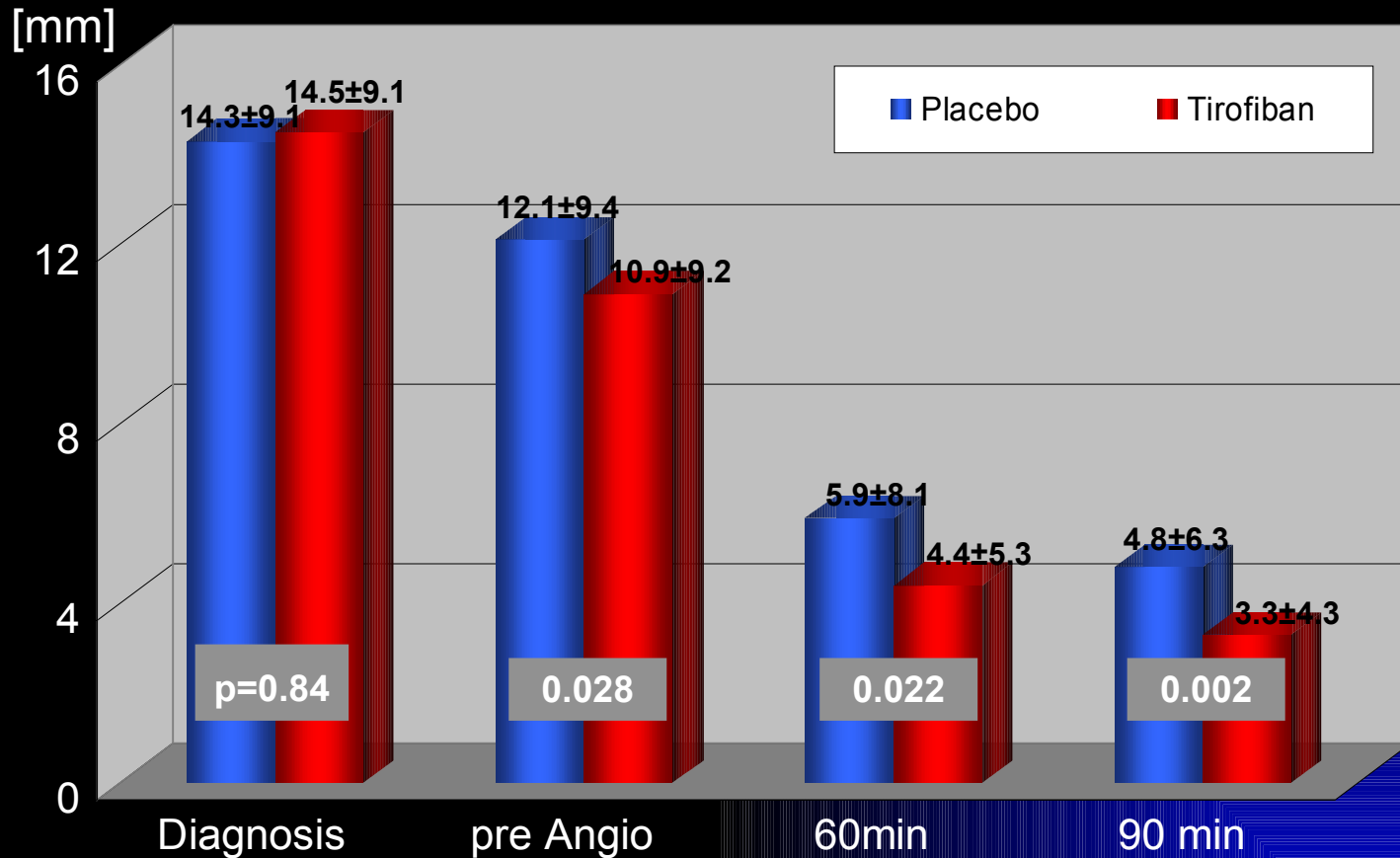
Tirofiban  
provisional

PCI

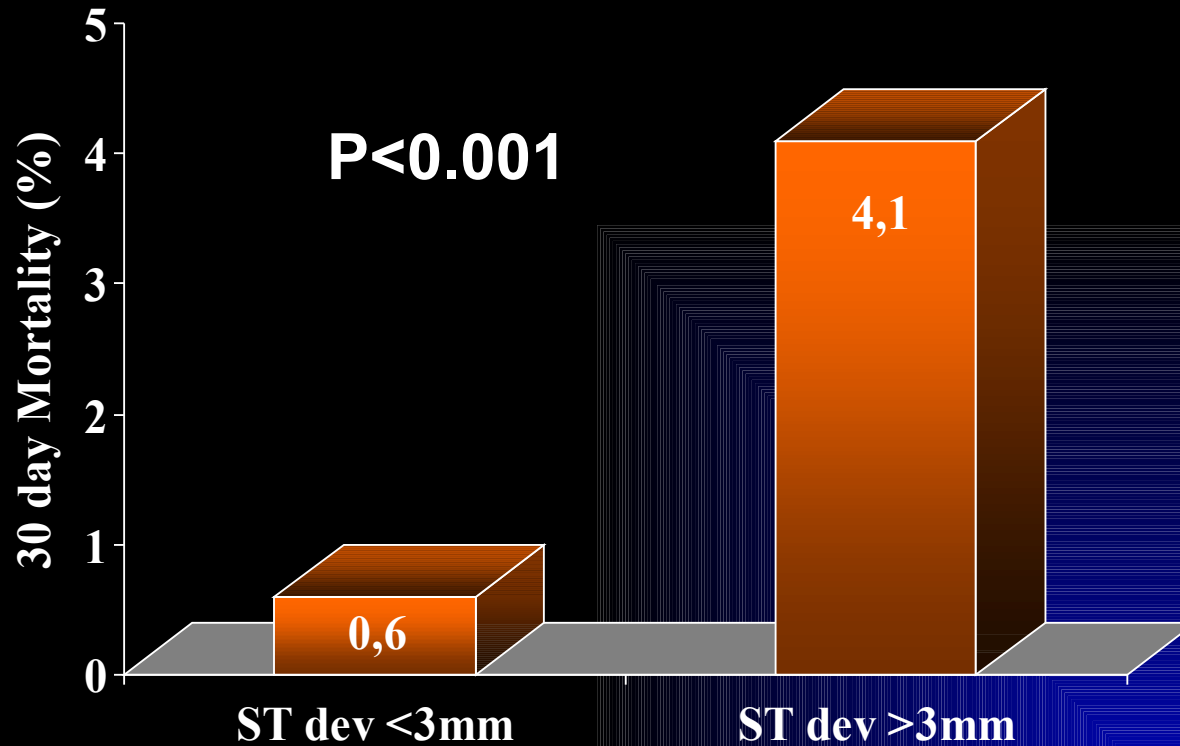
Tirofiban  
cont'd

***Bolus: 25 µg/kg & 0.15 µg/kg/min infusion\****

## Cumulative ST- Deviation over Time



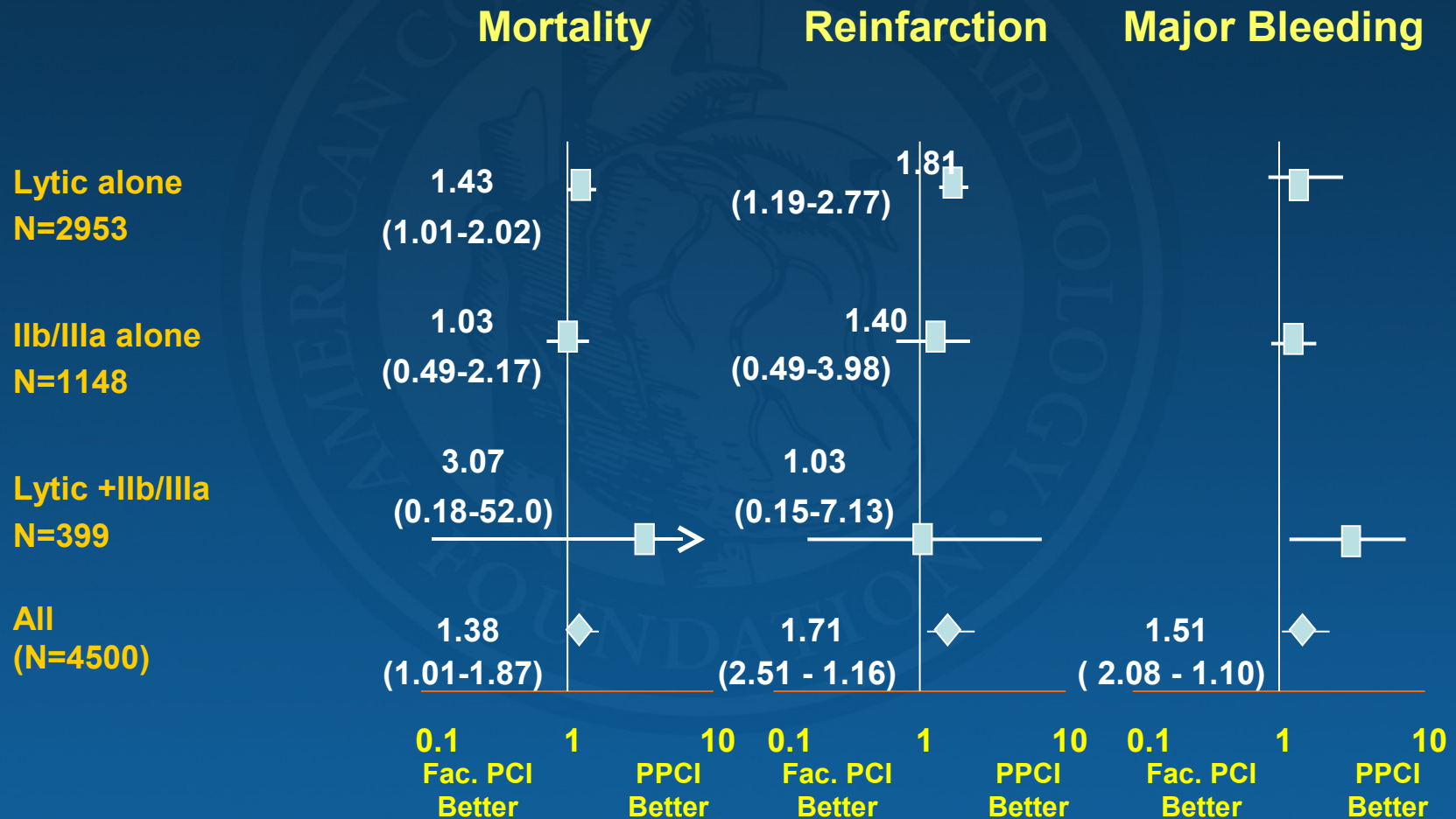
## Residual ST-Deviation and Mortality



## Summary

- Pre-Hospital initiation of tirofiban (HDB) improves ST resolution before and after primary PCI
- Combined secondary clinical endpoint reduced
- No increase in bleeding risk

# Meta-analysis: Facilitated PCI vs Primary PCI



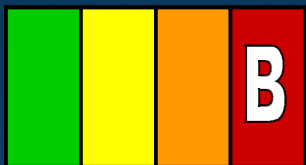
# *Conclusions*

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- Administration of lytics or GP IIb/IIIa antagonists prior to primary PCI markedly improves initial flow but has not been shown to improve outcome.
- Thrombolysis facilitation is probably harmful and should not be used.
- IIb/IIIa antagonists probably useful but facilitation may not be better than in lab administration.
- The use of these agents to “facilitate” PPCI may be justified when treatment delays are expected and bleeding risk is low.
- The use of abciximab with primary PCI is a class IIa recommendation in both ESC and ACC/AHA STEMI guidelines

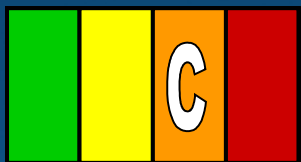
# Facilitated PCI

I IIa IIb III



A planned reperfusion strategy using full-dose fibrinolytic therapy followed by immediate PCI is not recommended and may be harmful

I IIa IIb III



Facilitated PCI using regimens other than full-dose fibrinolytic therapy might be considered as a reperfusion strategy when all of the following are present

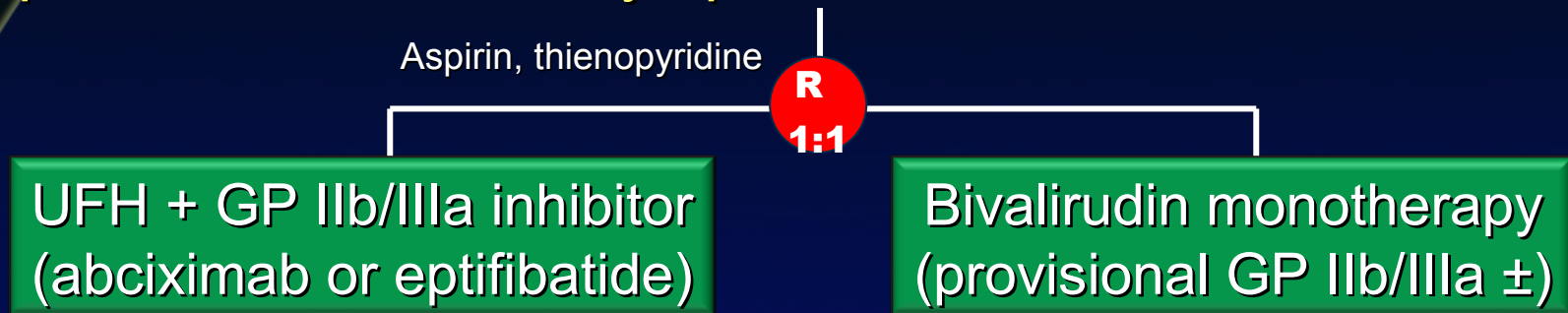
- a. Patients are at high risk
- b. PCI is not immediately available within 90 minutes, and
- c. Bleeding risk is low (younger age, absence of poorly controlled hypertension, normal body weight)



# HORIZONSAMI

## Harmonizing Outcomes with Revascularization and Stents in AMI

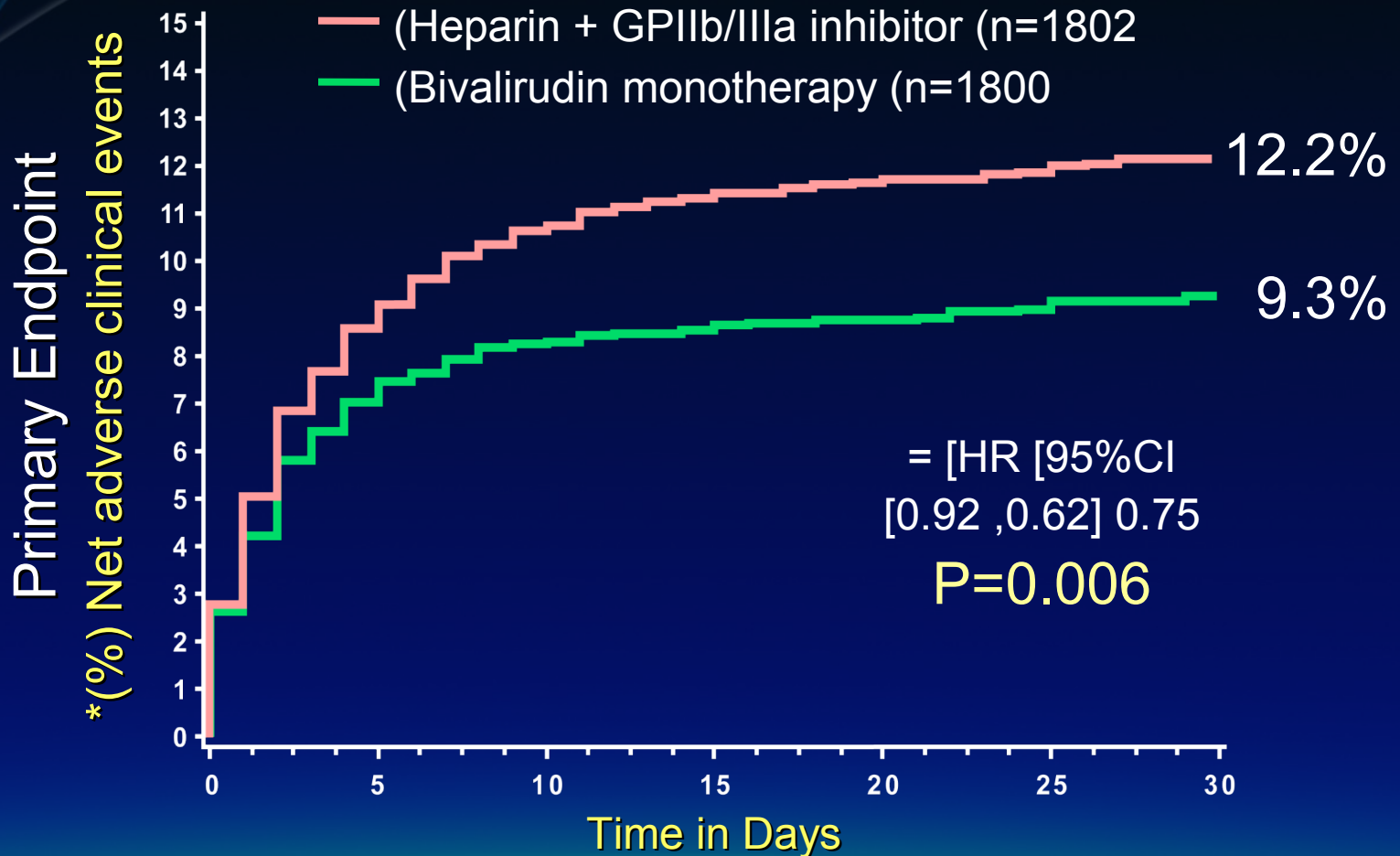
pts with STEMI with symptom onset  $\leq 12$  hours \*3400 $\leq$



Pharmacology Arm  
\*Primary Endpoints  
Day 30  
Intention to Treat Population

All stent randomization results are still blinded \*

# 30 Day Net Adverse Clinical Events

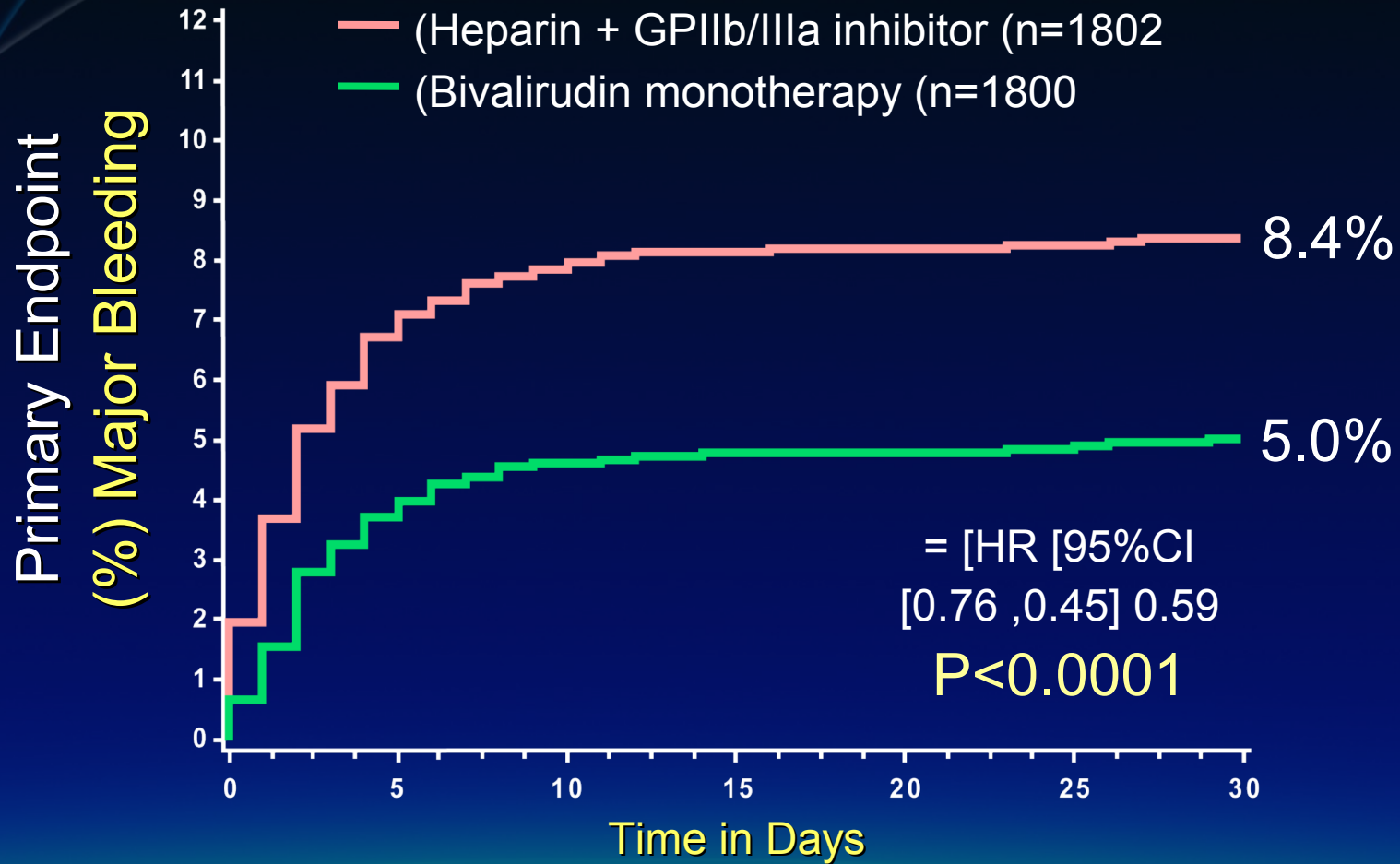


## Number at risk

Time in Days	0	5	10	15	20	25	30
Bivalirudin	1626	1633	1660	1800			
Heparin + GPIIb/IIIa	1544	1607	1620	1635	1802		

(N=1802) or major bleeding (non CABG) (N=1551)

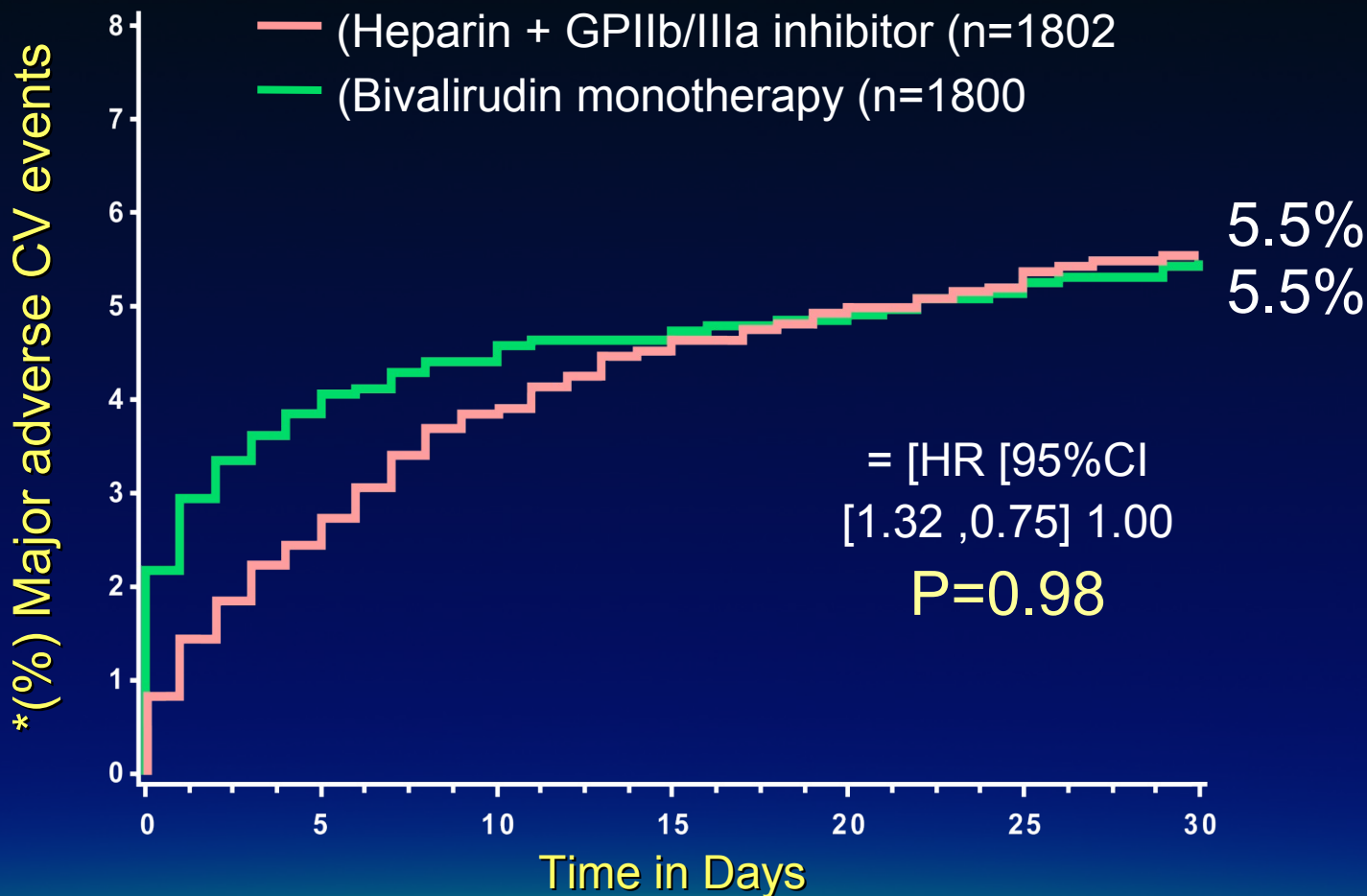
# 30 Day Major Bleeding (non-CABG)



Number at risk

1668		1675	1697	1800	Bivalirudin
1590	1653	1664			
1606		1617	1651	1802	Heparin + GPIIb/IIIa
1511	1581	1598			

# 30 Day Major Adverse CV Events

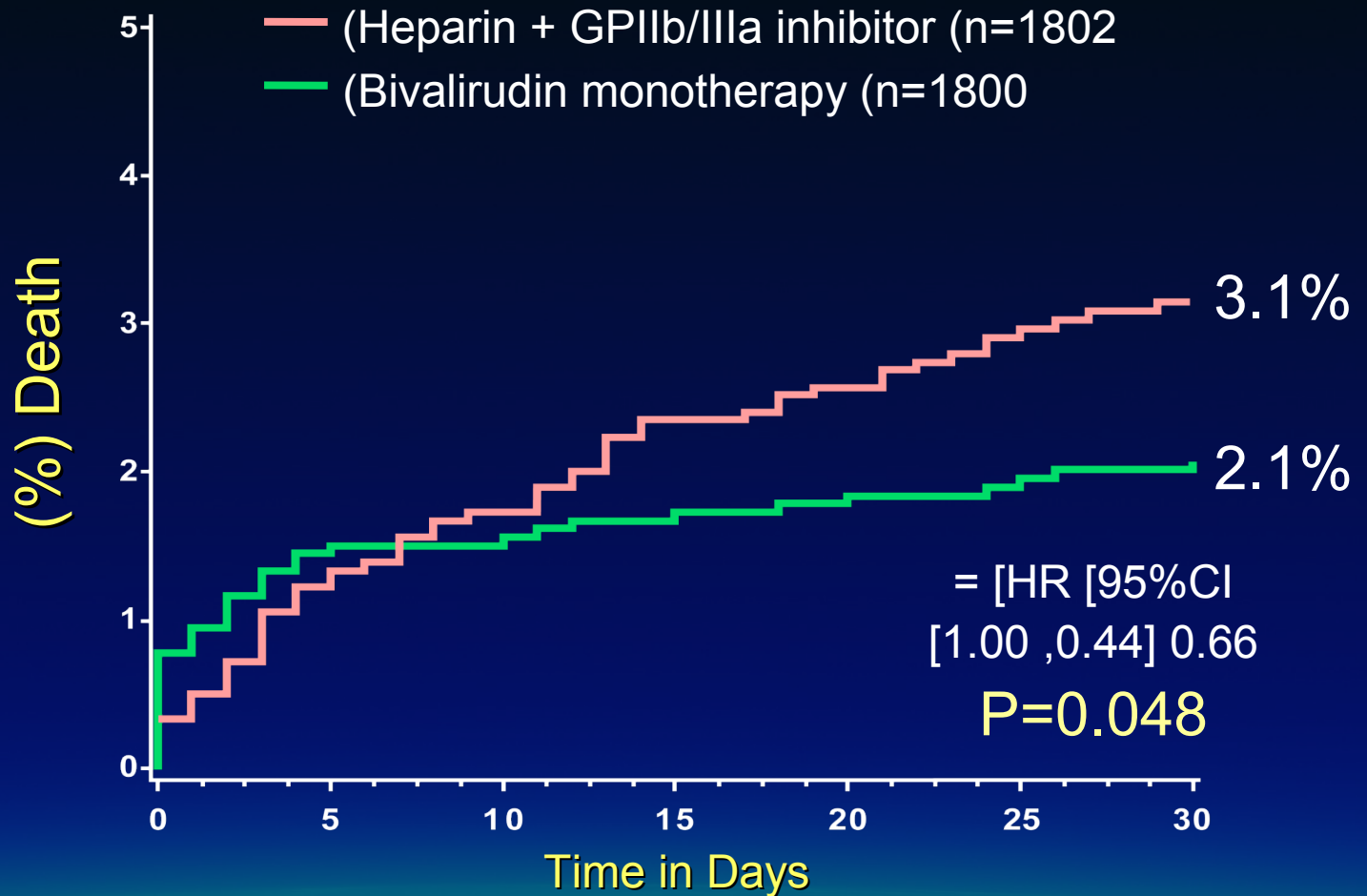


## Number at risk

Time (Days)	0	5	10	15	20	25	30
Bivalirudin	1695	1701	1716	1800			
Heparin + GPIIb/IIIa	1608	1673	1689	1744	1802		

MACE = All cause death, reinfarction, ischemic TVR or stroke\*

# 30 Day Mortality



Number at risk

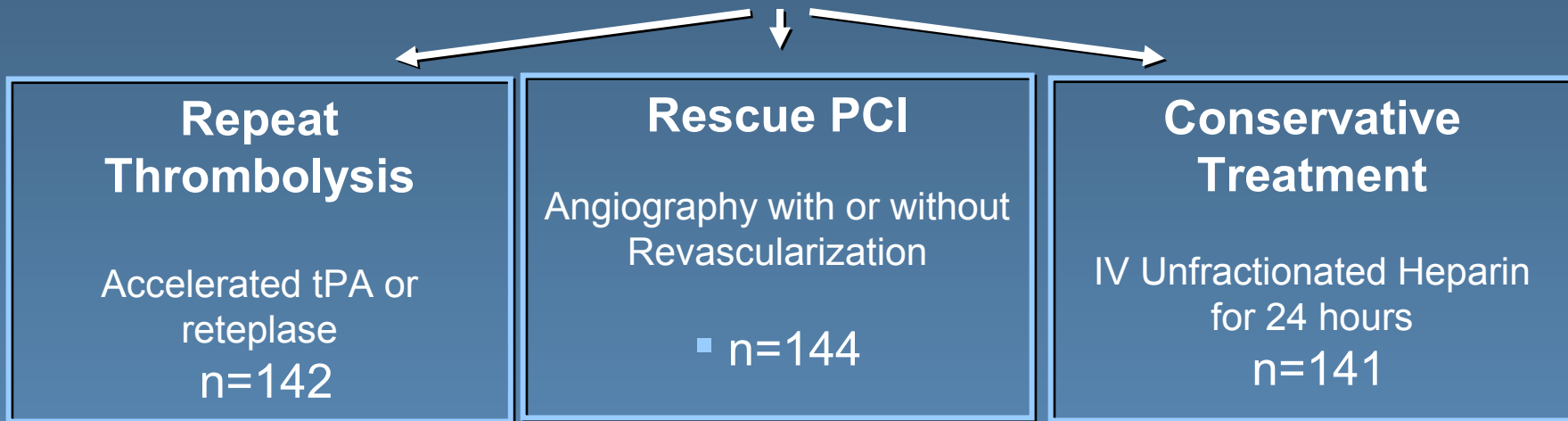
Time in Days	0	5	10	15	20	25	30
Bivalirudin	1746	1751	1758	1800			
Heparin + GPIIb/IIIa	1666	1729	1742	1764	1802		





# REACT: 6 month results

427 Acute MI patients with failed thrombolysis  
aspirin and thrombolytic therapy within 6 hours of chest pain onset, <50%  
ST resolution at 90 minutes, 42% anterior infarctions

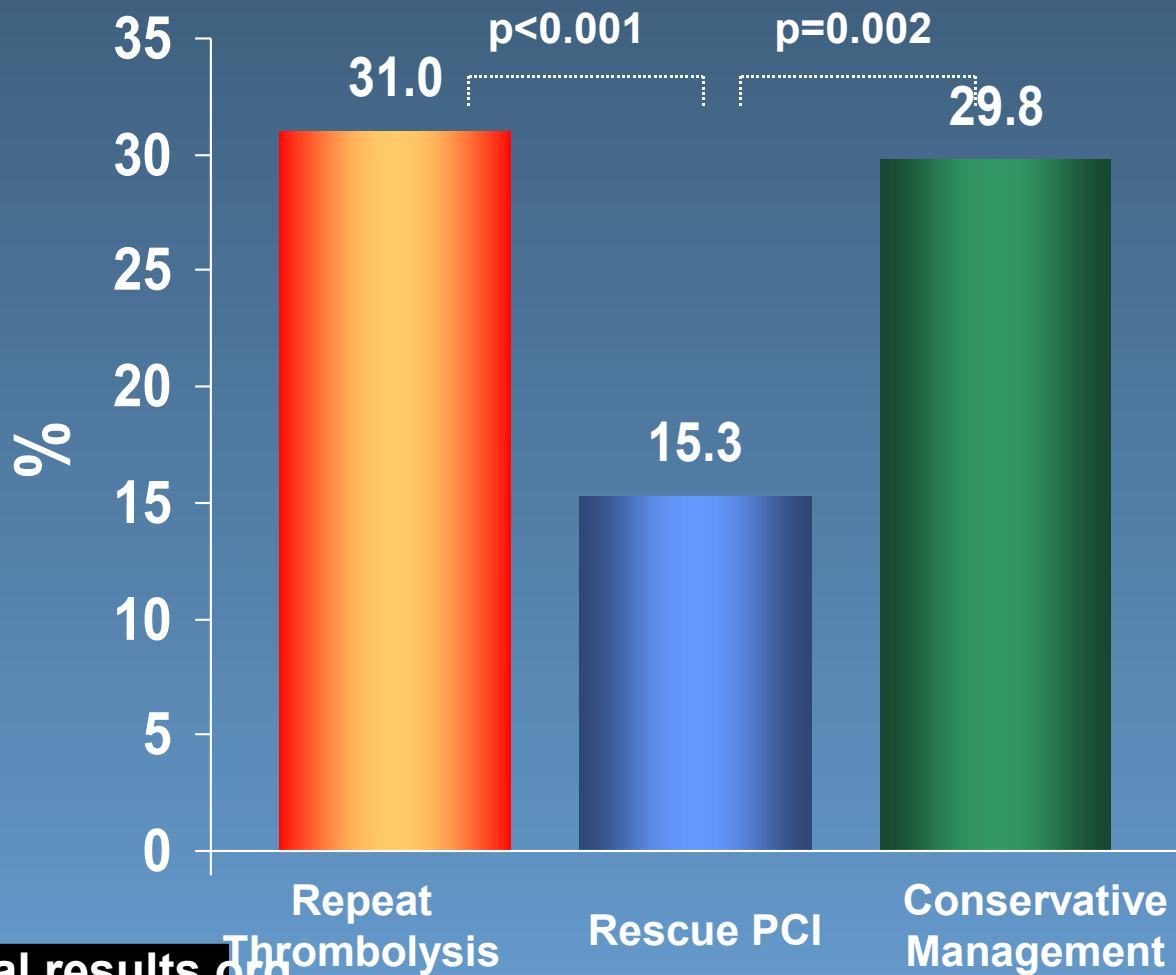


## Primary Endpoint:

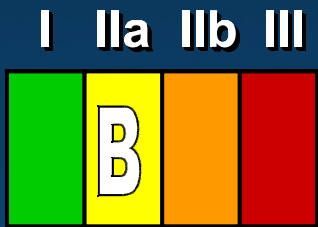
- Composite of death, reinfarction, CVA, or severe heart failure at 6 months

# REACT: 6 month results

Primary Composite Endpoint (Death, MI, CVA, or severe heart failure)



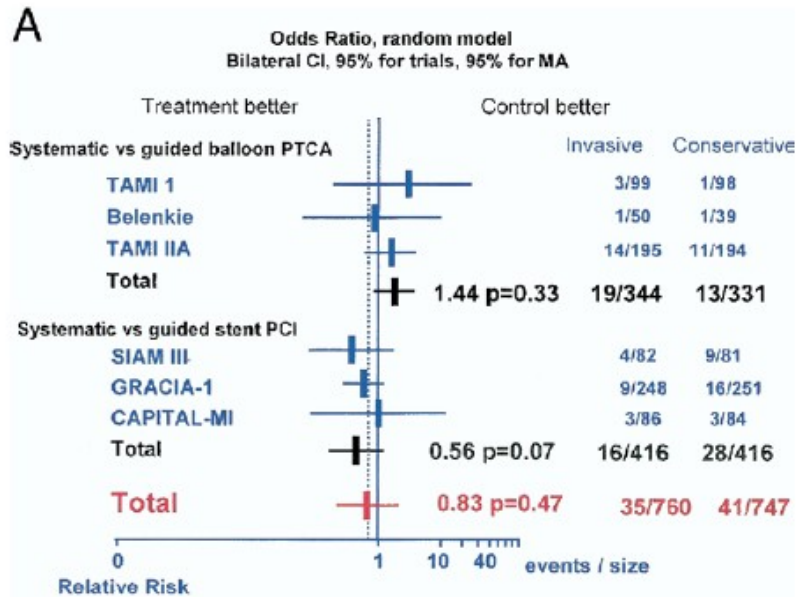
# Rescue PCI



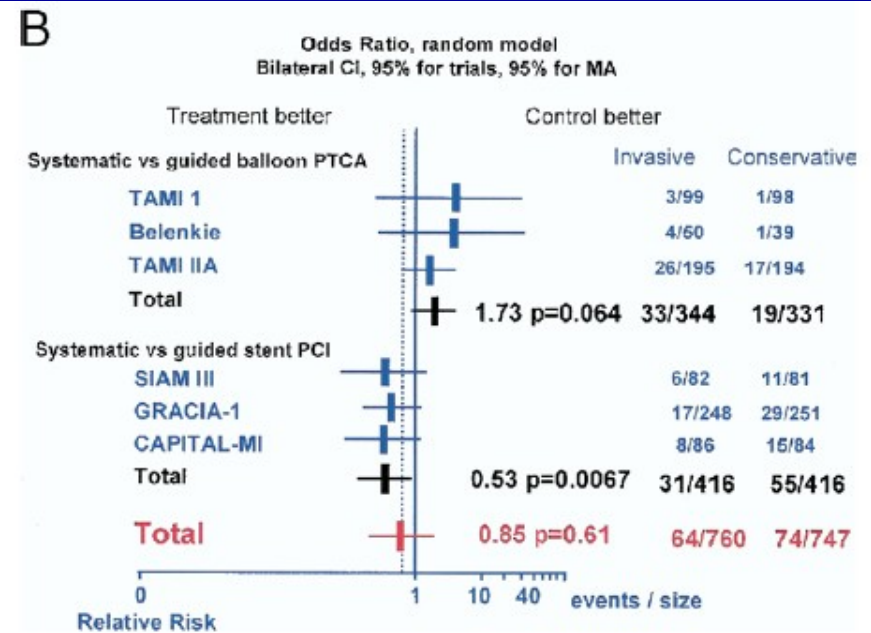
A strategy of coronary angiography with intent to perform rescue PCI is reasonable for patients in whom fibrinolytic therapy has failed (ST-segment elevation < 50% resolved after 90 min following initiation of fibrinolytic therapy in the lead showing the worst initial elevation) and a moderate or large area of myocardium at risk [anterior MI, inferior MI with right ventricular involvement or precordial ST-segment depression].



# STUDIES OF ROUTINE EARLY PCI VS. DELAYED OR GUIDED PCI



Death



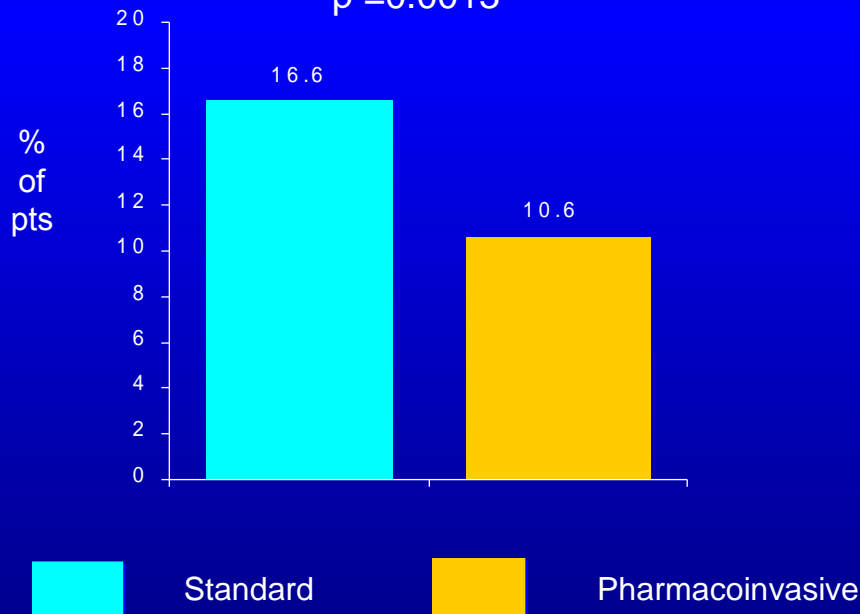
Death/MI

# TRANSFER-MI

Trial Design: TRANSFER-MI was a randomized study comparing pharmacoinvasive strategy (transfer to PCI center for routine early PCI within 6 hrs) with standard treatment (early transfer only for failed reperfusion) for high-risk STEMI patients receiving thrombolysis at non-PCI centers (N=1,060). The primary endpoint was 30-day composite of death, reinfarction, recurrent Ischemia, CHF, shock

Day Composite (death, reinfarction, 30  
 (recurrent ischemia, CHF, shock

OR = 0.537  
 p = 0.0013



## Results

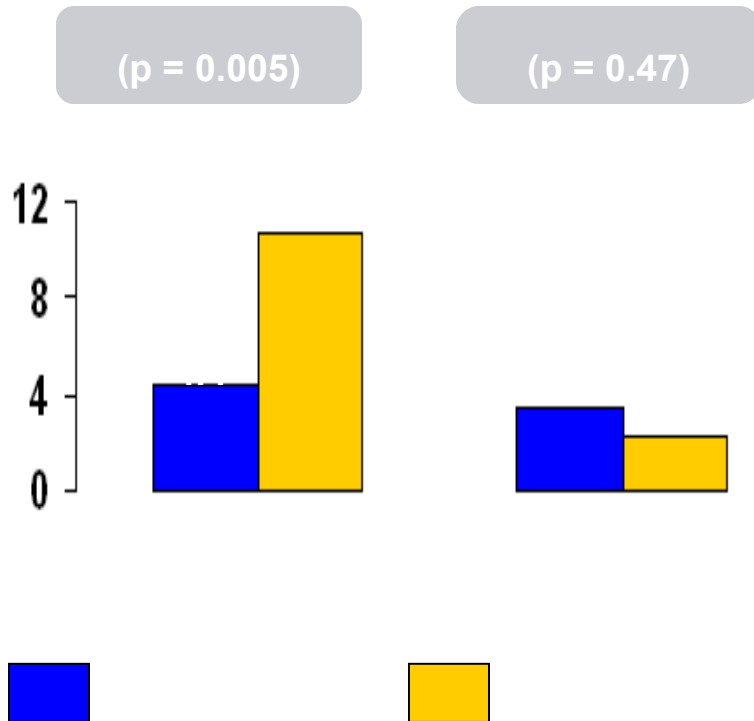
Early PCI within 6 hrs after thrombolysis was associated with a 6% absolute reduction in the primary study composite endpoint. Standard 16.6% vs Pharmacoinvasive 10.6% (OR = 0.537 [0.368, 0.783]; p = 0.0013)

## Conclusions

- Challenges findings of older studies regarding timing of fibrinolysis and PCI
- Pharmacoinvasive strategy was safe and effective
- Findings provide important information for shaping future guidelines

# CARESS-in-AMI

**Trial design:** STEMI patients admitted to non-PCI hospitals and initially treated with heparin, half-dose reteplase, and abciximab were randomized to immediate transfer for (urgent PCI (n = 299) or standard therapy with rescue PCI if needed (n = 301



## Results

- 86% of the immediate PCI group underwent PCI vs. 30% of the standard care group
- Death, MI, or refractory ischemia at 30 days (4.4% vs. 10.7%, p = 0.005)
- Refractory ischemia (0.3% vs. 4.0%, p = 0.003)

## Conclusions

STEMI patients treated with half-dose lytics and abciximab did better with immediate transfer for PCI

This approach reduced death, MI, or refractory ischemia at 30 days



# OAT Trial: Study Design

patients with angiography on day 3-28 post-MI revealing total occlusion 2166 of the infarct-related artery with poor or absent antegrade flow (TIMI flow grade 0 or 1); and meeting a criterion for increased risk, defined as ejection fraction <50%, proximal occlusion of a major epicardial vessel with a large risk region, or both

Exclusions: NYHA class III or IV heart failure, shock, serum creatinine concentration >2.5 mg/dl, angiographically significant left main or three-vessel coronary artery disease, angina at rest, or severe ischemia on stress testing

.Randomized

female, mean age 59 years, mean follow-up 3 years, mean EF 48% at baseline 22%

,Concomitant medications: Aspirin, anticoagulation if indicated, ACE inhibitors, beta-blockers and lipid-lowering therapy, unless contraindicated

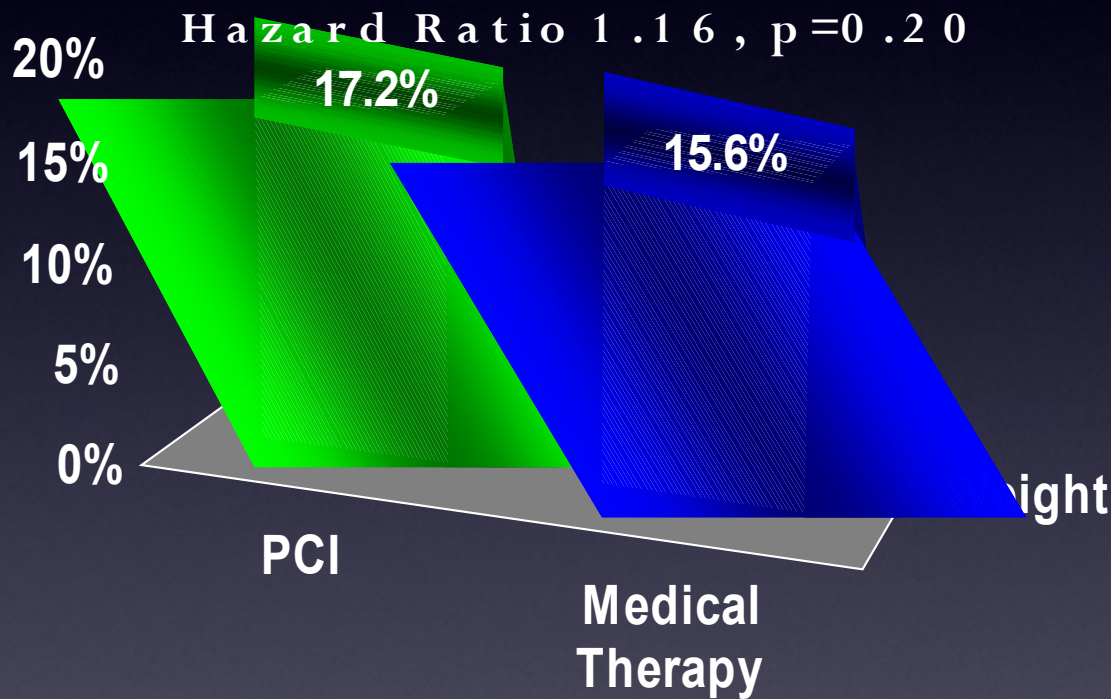
**PCI with stenting**  
n=1082

**Medical Therapy**  
n=1084

Primary Endpoints: Death, MI, or NYHA class IV heart failure

# OAT Trial: Primary Endpoint

Primary Endpoint of death, reinfarction, NYHA class IV heart failure (% patients)



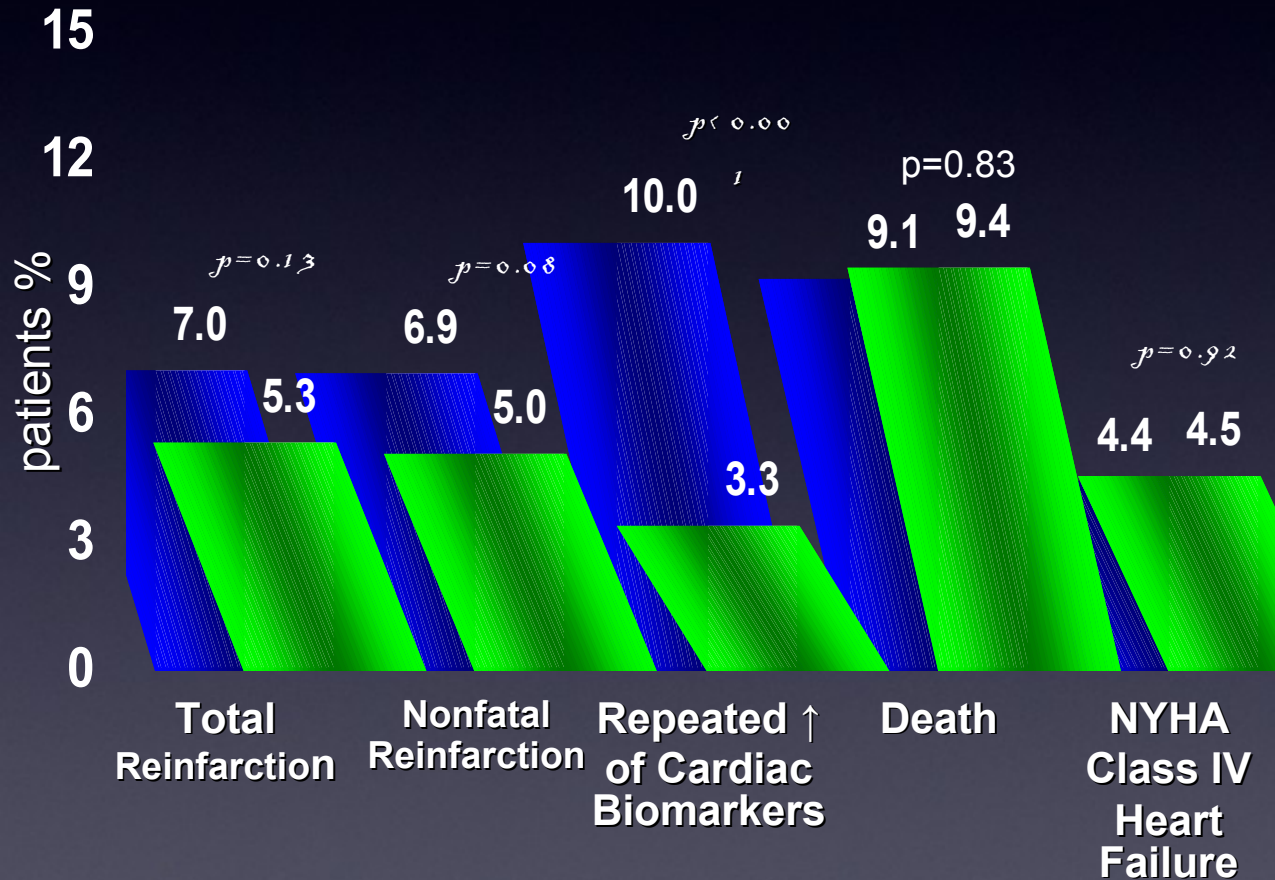
The primary endpoint: death, reinfarction, or NYHA class IV heart failure occurred in 17.2% of the PCI group and 15.6% of the medical therapy group (HR 1.16,  $p=0.20$ )



# OAT Trial: Results

## Primary Component Endpoints (%) (patients)

■ PCI ■ Medical Therapy



Total reinfarction trended higher in the PCI group (7.0% vs. 5.3%,  $HR_{1.36}$ ,  $p=0.13$ ), as did nonfatal reinfarction (6.9% vs. 5.0%,  $HR_{1.44}$ ,  $p=0.08$ ).

Repeated elevation of cardiac biomarkers within 48 hours of randomization occurred significantly more frequently in the PCI group (10.0% vs. 3.3%,  $p<0.001$ ).

There was no difference in the individual endpoints of death (9.1% for PCI vs. 9.4% for medical therapy,  $p=0.83$ ) or NYHA class IV heart failure (4.4% vs. 4.5%,  $p=0.92$ ).

between the treatment groups

# OASIS Trial: Summary

In stable, high-risk patients with persistent total occlusion of the infarct-related artery post-MI compared to maximum medical therapy, routine PCI 3-28 days post-MI was not associated with a difference in the composite of death, reinfarction, or NYHA class IV heart failure through a mean follow-up of 3 years.

Despite no reduction in the composite endpoint, PCI was associated with a trend toward higher rates of reinfarction compared with medication therapy.

Myocardial infarctions were not only procedural-related infarcts, but also STEMI occurring throughout follow-up.

# Coronary angiography post thrombolysis: Guidelines

- **ACC/AHA:**

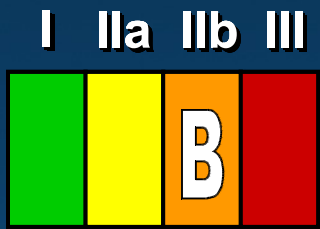
- Class I/IIA for recurrent or provokable, ischemia, LV dysfunction, hemodynamic compromise
- Class IIb: Routine post thrombolysis

- **ESC:**

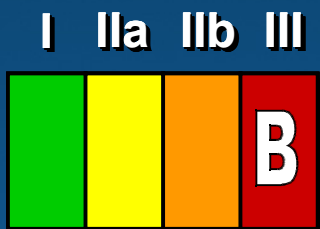
- Class I as routine post thrombolysis



# Late PCI after Fibrinolysis or for Patients Not Undergoing Primary Reperfusion



PCI of a hemodynamically significant stenosis in a patent infarct artery > 24 hours after STEMI may be considered as part of an invasive strategy



PCI of a totally occluded infarct artery > 24 hours after STEMI is not recommended in asymptomatic patients with 1- or 2-vessel disease if they are hemodynamically and electrically stable and do not have evidence of severe ischemia

# PCI FOR STEMI

- **Primary PCI Vs. thrombolysis - yes**
- **Transfer to primary PCI - yes**
- **Facilitated primary PCI - with lysis - no, with Reopro - possibly**
- **Rescue PCI for failed lysis - yes**
- **Routine early post lysis PCI - yes**
- **Routine delayed PCI post non reperfused MI - no**



# Reperfusion Options for STEMI Patients

## Step One: Assess Time and Risk.



**Time Since  
Symptom  
Onset**



**Risk of STEMI**



**Risk of  
Fibrinolysis**



**Time Required  
for Transport to  
a Skilled PCI  
Lab**



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# THE APPROACH TO REPERFUSION THERAPY: I – Pre hospital phase

Determine a community policy for STEMI transfer

**STEMI < 12h**



**ASA, UFH**



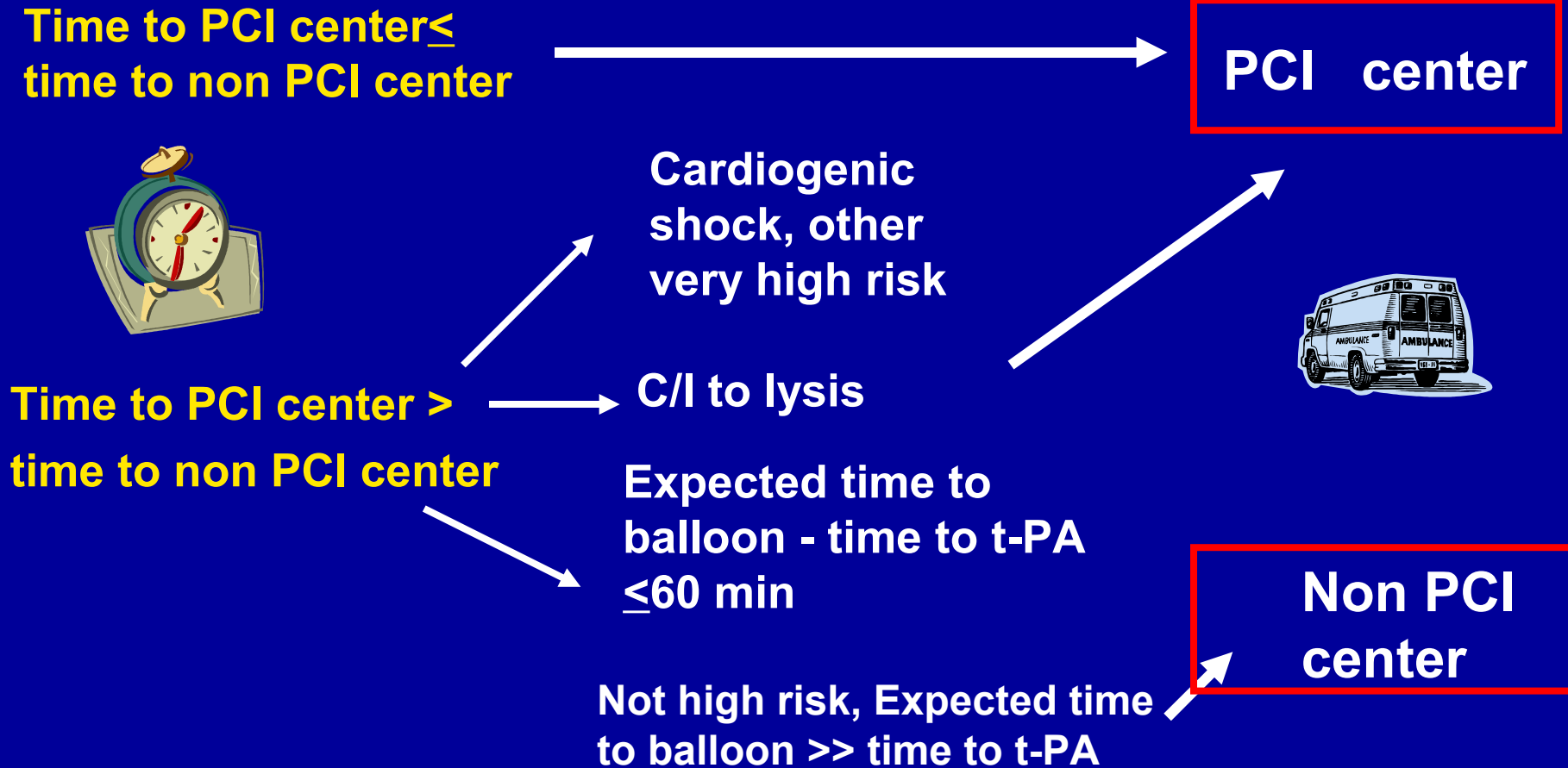
**Contact receiving hospital**



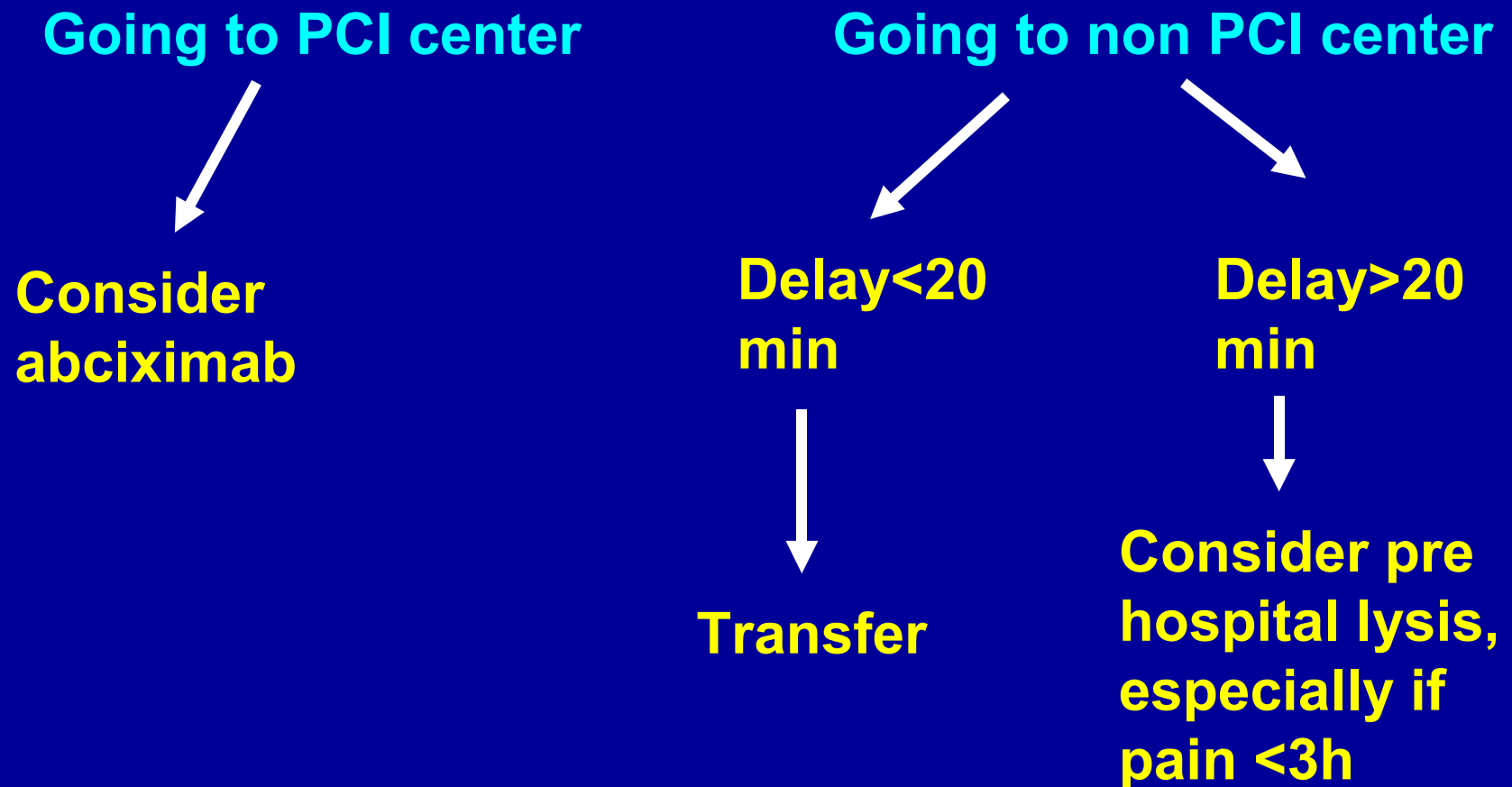
**Decide on destination hospital**



# THE APPROACH TO REPERFUSION THERAPY: I – Pre hospital phase



# THE APPROACH TO REPERFUSION THERAPY: I – Pre hospital phase





# Reperfusion Options for STEMI Patients

## Step 2: Select Reperfusion Treatment.

*If presentation is < 3 hours and there is no delay to an invasive strategy, there is no preference for either strategy.*

### Fibrinolysis generally preferred

- ♥ *Early presentation (  $\leq 3$  hours from symptom onset and delay to invasive strategy)*
- ♥ *Invasive strategy not an option*
  - Cath lab occupied or not available
  - Vascular access difficulties
  - No access to skilled PCI lab
- ♥ *Delay to invasive strategy*
  - Prolonged transport
  - Door-to-balloon more than 90 minutes
  - > 1 hour vs fibrinolysis (fibrin-specific agent) now



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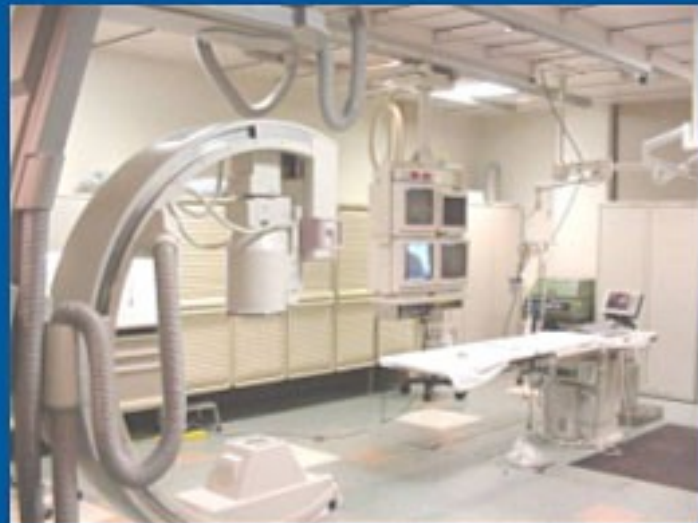
# Reperfusion Options for STEMI Patients

## Step 2: Select Reperfusion Treatment.

*If presentation is < 3 hours and there is no delay to an invasive strategy, there is no preference for either strategy.*

### Invasive strategy generally preferred

- ♥ *Skilled PCI lab available with surgical backup*
  - Door-to-balloon < 90 minutes
  
- ♥ *High Risk from STEMI*
  - Cardiogenic shock, Killip class  $\geq 3$
  
- ♥ *Contraindications to fibrinolysis, including increased risk of bleeding and ICH*
  
- ♥ *Late presentation*
  - > 3 hours from symptom onset
  
- ♥ *Diagnosis of STEMI is in doubt*



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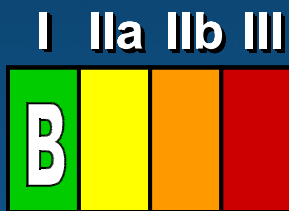
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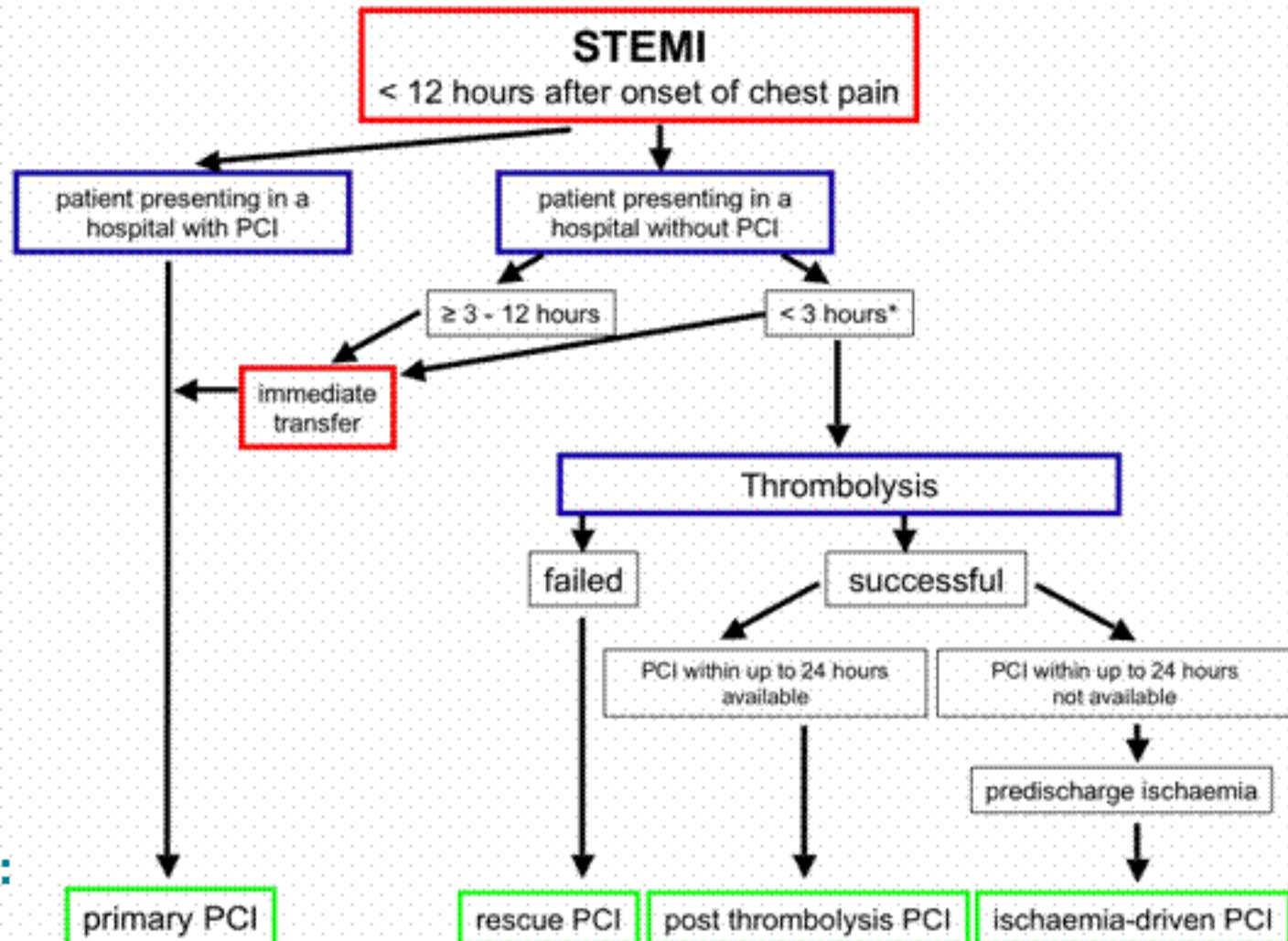
# Primary PCI



STEMI patients presenting to a hospital with PCI capability should be treated with primary PCI within .90 min of first medical contact as a systems goal



STEMI patients presenting to a hospital without PCI capability, and who cannot be transferred to a PCI center and undergo PCI within 90 min of first medical contact, should be treated with fibrinolytic therapy within 30 min of hospital presentation as a systems goal, unless fibrinolytic therapy is .contraindicated



**Figure 2:**

Within the first 3 hours after onset of chest pain or other symptoms, thrombolysis is a viable alternative to primary PCI. \*If thrombolysis is contraindicated or at high risk, immediate transfer for primary PCI is strongly advised. The major rationale for possible preference of primary PCI over thrombolysis within the first 3 hours is stroke prevention. The major rationale for preference of primary PCI over thrombolysis within 3 to 12 hours is to salvage myocardium and to prevent stroke. If thrombolysis is preferred, it should not be considered to be the final treatment. Even after successful thrombolysis, coronary angiography within 24 hours and PCI, if applicable, should be considered.

# GUIDELINES - BASED

## PHARMACOTHERAPY OF STEMI (1)

		ACC/ AHA	ESC
ASA		Class I for all, starting on presentation, indefinitely	
UFH			
	With primary PCI		I
	With t-PA & variants		I
	With SK if ant. MI, large MI, AF		I
	Other SK	IIb	IIa
	No reperfusion	IIa, at least 48h	

# GUIDELINES - BASED

## PHARMACOTHERAPY OF STEMI (2)

		ACC/AHA	ESC
LMWH	With lytics	I	
	Anterior MI, large MI, AF	I	
	No reperfusion, low risk	IIa, at least 48h	
Bivalirudin	with PPCI		IIa
Fonda	With lytics	I	IIa (STK)
Abciximab	with PPCI		IIa
Clopidogrel	Post stenting, lysis, no reperfusion	I	

# GUIDELINES - BASED PHARMACOTHERAPY OF STEMI (3)

		ACC/AHA	ESC
$\beta$ blockers	Early IV	IIa, if hypertensive	IIb
	Hospital phase	I	
	Hospital phase with heart failure	III	
	Long term, low risk	IIa	I
CCB	Verapamil/diltiazem if $\beta$ blockers not tolerated	IIa	II
	With LV dysfunction	III	

# GUIDELINES - BASED PHARMACOTHERAPY OF STEMI (4)

		ACC/AHA	ESC
ACE - I		I	
	1 <sup>ST</sup> 24h, low risk	IIa	
STATINS	Any LDL	I	
	LDL > 115 despite diet		I
FIBRATE/ NIACIN	LDL<100+ HDL <40 or TG>500	I	I if HDL <45 + TG>200
WARFARIN	ASA allergy, AF, LV clot	I	
	With ASA if <75	IIa	