



Advanced Cardiac Imaging – Cardiac CT



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Cardiac CT



**Coronary Calcium score
(CCS)**

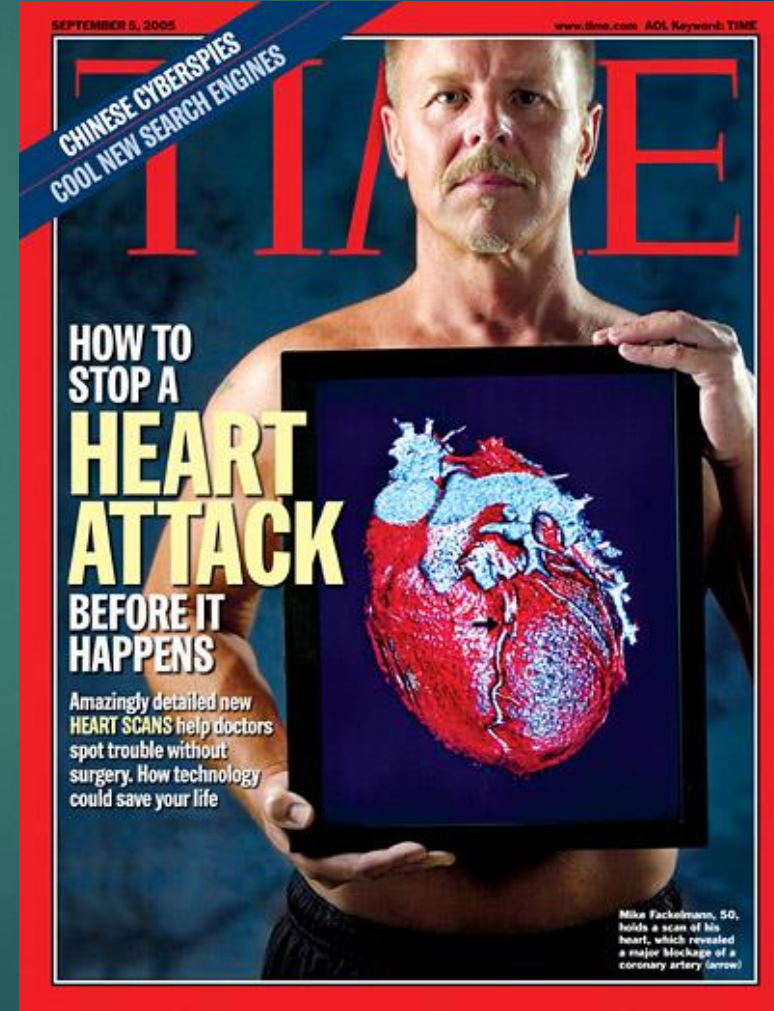
**Cardiac CT Angiography
(CCTA)**

עובדות בסיסיות

- מחלות קרדיווסקולריות מהוות גורם מוביל לתמותה ברחבי העולם
- מחלת לב כלילית גורמת לכמחצית ממקרי התמותה
- בכמחצית מהארועים הלבביים ההסתמנות הראשונה מתבטאת באוטם שריר הלב או מוות פתאומי

מטרות דימות הלב

- אבחנה בשלב מוקדם
- האטת תהליך המחלה הטרשתית
- מניעה של Hard end-points
- אוטם שריר הלב, ארוע מוחי, מוות



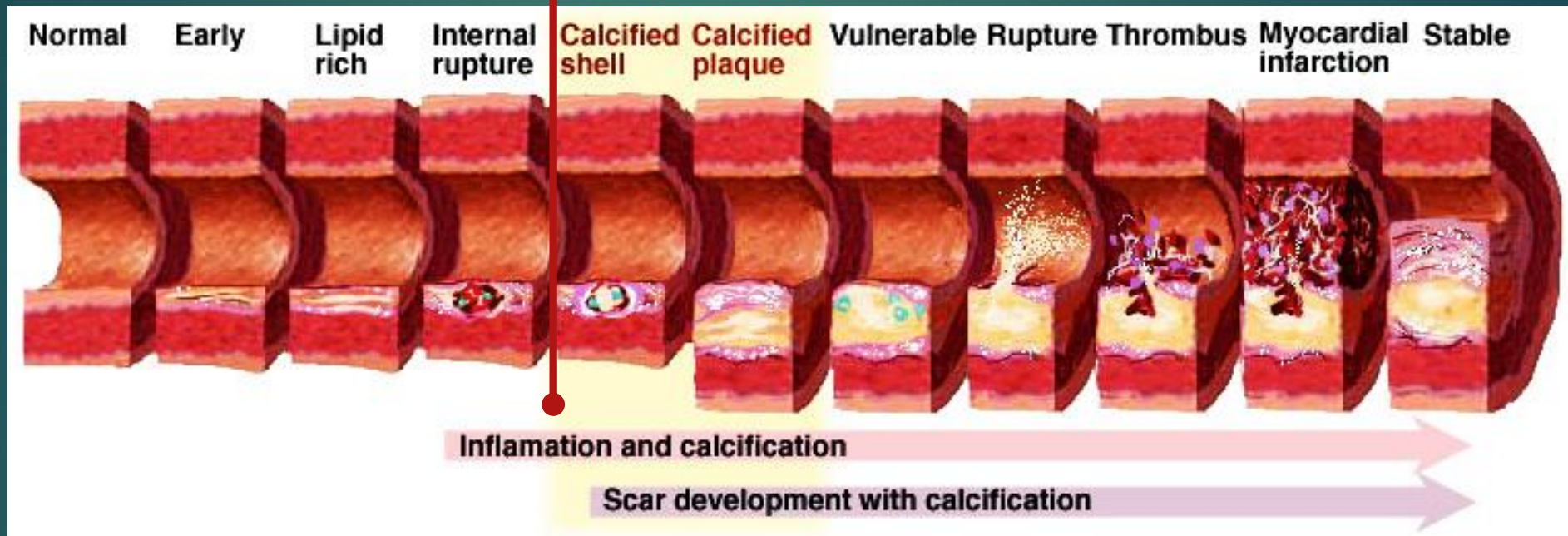
למה דימות?

- FRAMINGHAM RISK SCORE - הגורם המנבא החזק ביותר הוא גיל...
- הערכת סיכון בלתי ישירה
- שיטות הסווג למיניהן מוגבלות – כשליש מהאנשים שיסווגו כבעלי סיכון נמוך לפיהן, יעברו ארוע קרדיווסקולרי משמעותי
- המטרה - איתור טרשת תת-קלינית ע"י אמצעים מדויקים יותר

PATIENT-TAILORED MEDICINE

Coronary Disease Progression

Calcified Plaque Detected by
non-contrast CT



>60% stenosis (+)
stress/imaging

Coronary Artery Calcium Scoring (CACS)

- סריקת CT ללא הזרקת חומר ניגודי
- חשיפה נמוכה לקרינה
- עלות נמוכה
- סקירה של נבדקים אסימפטומטיים - Risk stratification
- ה-CACS מהווה סמן ל-Total plaque burden

Agatston Score

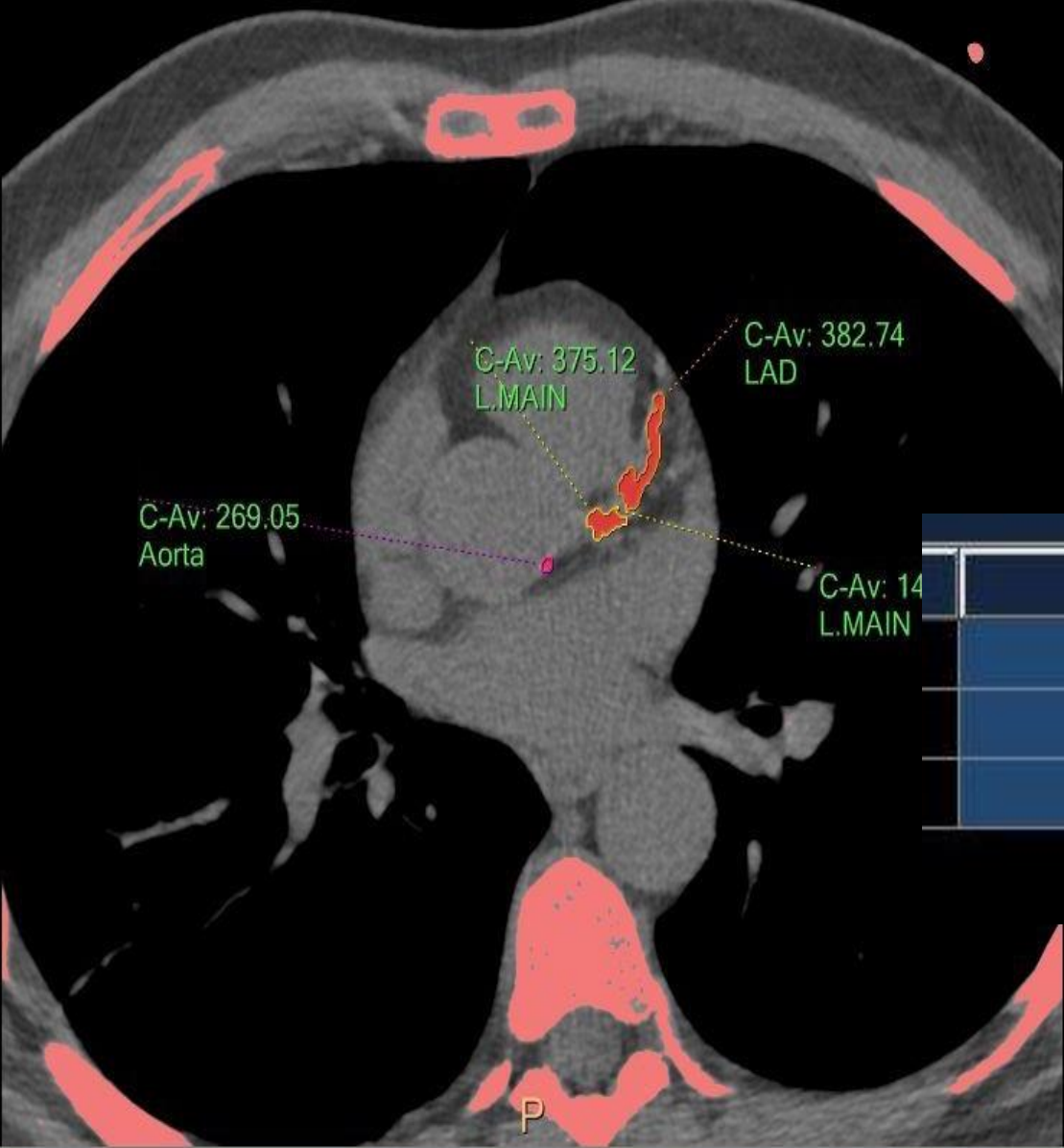
Integration of
plaque
density and
plaque area



Slice Pos: 166.2 mm
iDose (3)

FOV 250.0 mm
Scan Time: 0.22 Sec
Length: 140.0 mm
Thickness 2.50 mm
Zoom 1.00
ECG: 75

R



Total Coronaries
2466.85
56
788.45

WL 90
WW 750

CH 1601
WH 2942

	Scoring Results : Agatston Score Protocol					
	L.MAIN	LAD	LCX	RCA	Total Coronaries	Aorta
Score	112.06	701.35	310.94	1342.5	2466.85	768.7
#ROI's	3	15	13	25	56	26
AreaSq (sq.mm.)	34.81	216.25	102.04	435.35	788.45	246.29

CACS Categories

סקאלה לינארית מורכבת מ- 4 דרגות:

➤ 0 – תקין

➤ 1-99 – נמוך

➤ 100-399 – בינוני

➤ 400 – חמור

- ה- CACS מדווח לפי אחוזון המותאם לגיל ולמין הנבדק

Age (45-84):

Gender:

Race/Ethnicity:

Observed Agatston Calcium Score (optional):

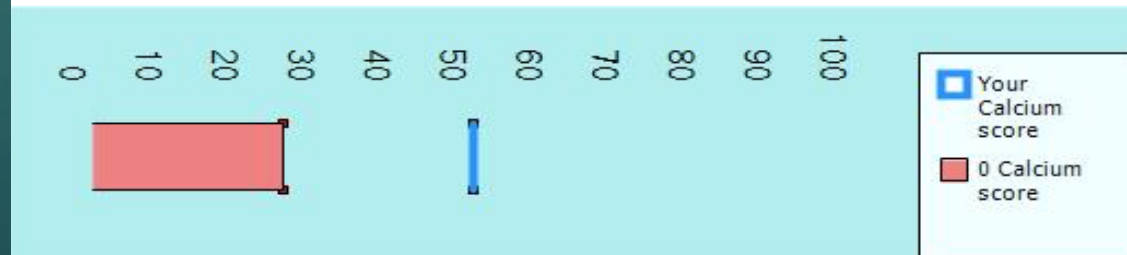
The estimated probability of a non-zero calcium score for a white male of age 64 is **75 %**.

Percentiles and Calcium Scores for: white male of age 64

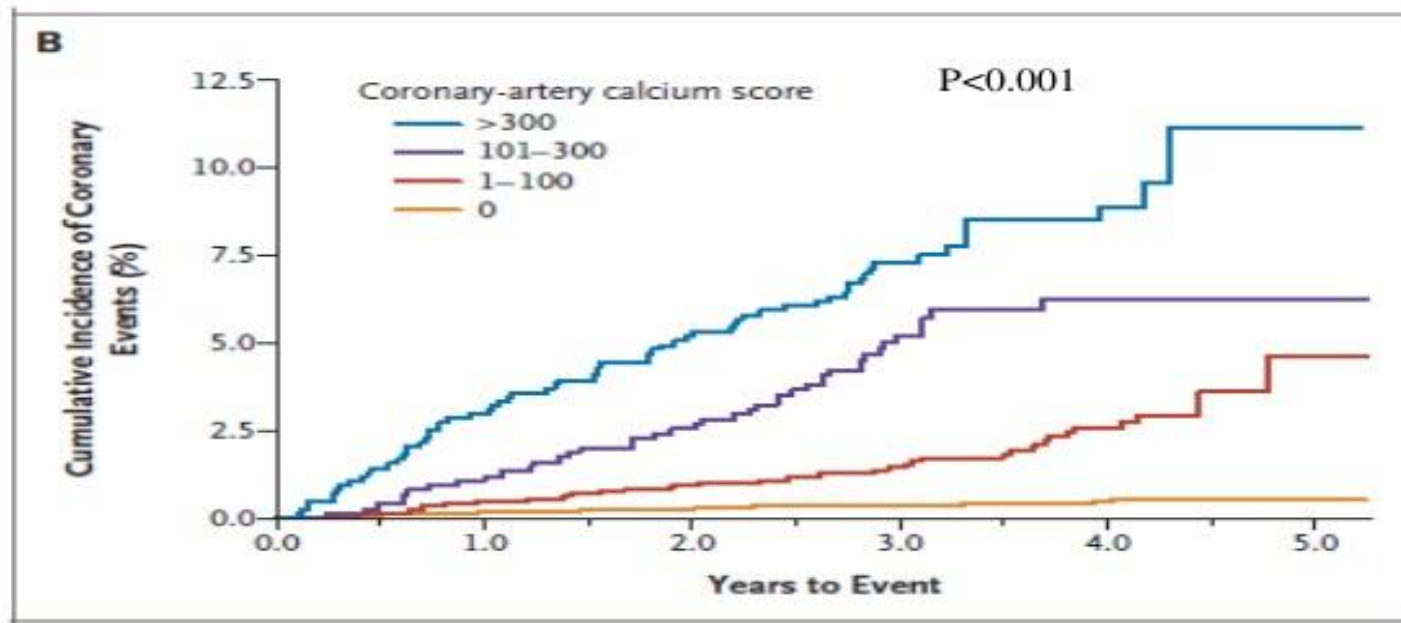
25th	50th	75th	90th
2	61	269	717

The observed calcium score of **61** is at percentile **50** for subjects of the same age, gender, and race/ethnicity who are free of clinical cardiovascular disease and treated diabetes.

Chart 1: Percentiles

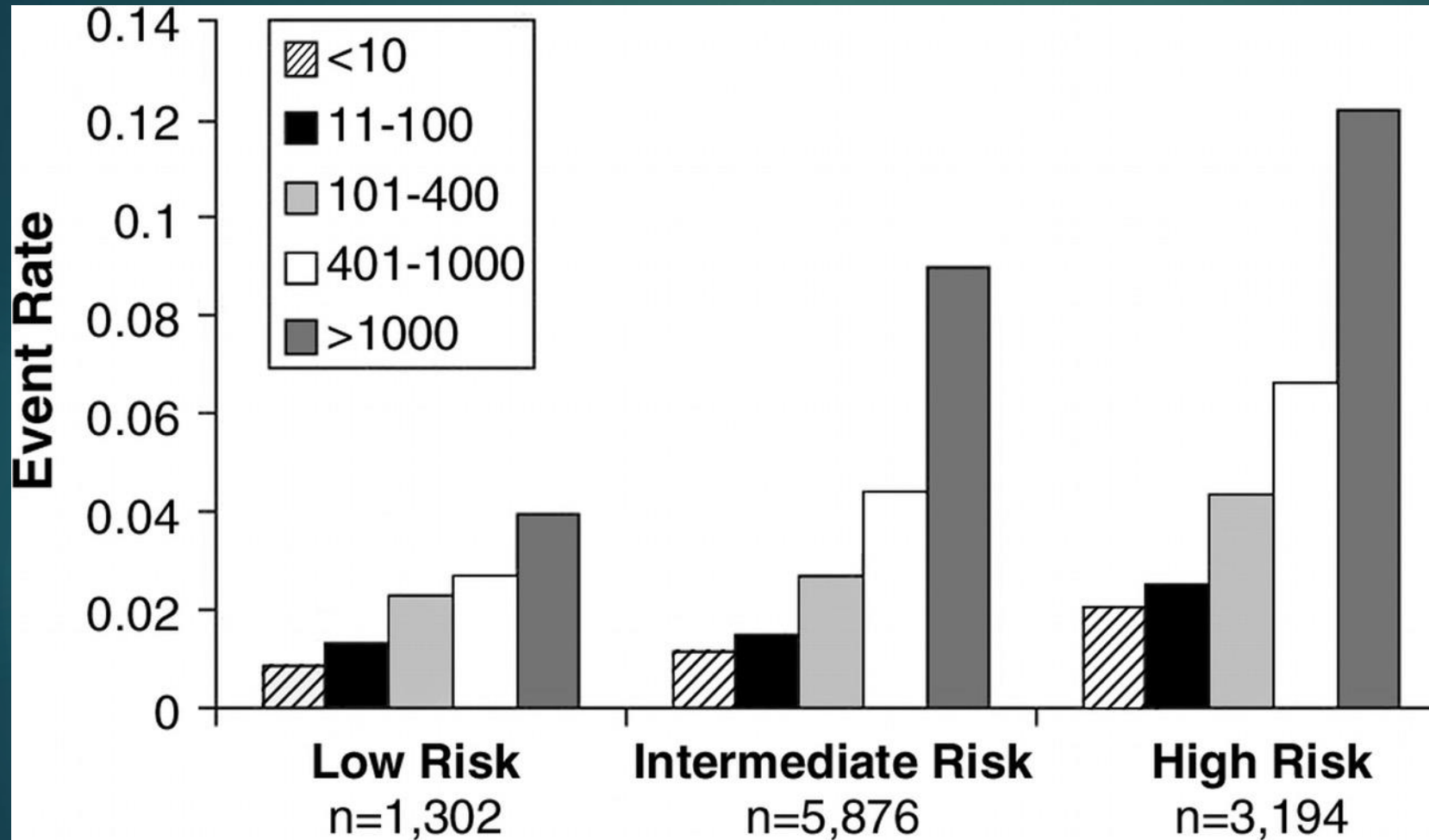


Calcium Score & Any Coronary Events: MESA Study NEJM 2008;358:1336-45



סיכון מוגבר לאירוע כלילי – כאשר $CACS > 300$ או $> 75\%$

CAC Score – Risk Reclassification



5-Year Mortality Rates in Framingham Risk Subsets by Coronary Calcium Score

Comparison of Novel Risk Markers for Improvement in Cardiovascular Risk Assessment in Intermediate-Risk Individuals

Context Risk markers including coronary artery calcium, carotid intima-media thickness, ankle-brachial index, brachial flow-mediated dilation, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein (CRP), and family history of coronary heart disease (CHD) have been reported to improve on the Framingham Risk Score (FRS) for prediction of CHD, but there are no direct comparisons of these markers for risk prediction in a single cohort.

Objective We compared improvement in prediction of incident CHD/cardiovascular disease (CVD) of these 6 risk markers within intermediate-risk participants (FRS >5%-<20%) in the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA).

Conclusions Coronary artery calcium, ankle-brachial index, high-sensitivity CRP, and family history were independent predictors of incident CHD/CVD in intermediate-risk individuals. Coronary artery calcium provided superior discrimination and risk reclassification compared with other risk markers.

TABLE 2 Summary of 4 Major Guidelines and Expert Consensus Documents on Use of Coronary Artery Calcium for Risk Assessment in Asymptomatic Patients

Guideline/Statement	Summary of CT Recommendations
2013 ACC/AHA risk assessment guideline	If, after quantitative risk assessment using traditional risk factors, a risk-based treatment decision is uncertain, CAC score may be considered to inform treatment decision making. Class IIb, Level of Evidence: B (7).
2016 European guidelines on CVD prevention	CAC scoring may be considered as a risk modifier in CV risk assessment. Class IIb, Level of Evidence: B (8).
2017 expert consensus from the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography	It is appropriate to perform CAC testing in the context of shared decision making for asymptomatic individuals without clinical ASCVD who are 40–75 years of age in the 5%–20% ten-year ASCVD risk group and selectively in the <5% ASCVD risk group, such as those with a family history of premature CAD (91).
2018 U.S. Preventive Services Task Force draft guideline on nontraditional risk factors	In asymptomatic adults, the current evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of adding CAC score to traditional risk assessment for CVD prevention. Class I (123).



Current Guidelines – Asymptomatic patients – USA vs. Europe





MESA 10-Year CHD Risk with Coronary Artery Calcification

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1. Gender	Male <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Female <input type="radio"/>
2. Age (45-85 years)	<input type="text" value="64"/>	Years
3. Coronary Artery Calcification	<input type="text" value="175"/>	Agatston
4. Race/Ethnicity	Choose One	
	Caucasian	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
	Chinese	<input type="radio"/>
	African American	<input type="radio"/>
	Hispanic	<input type="radio"/>
5. Diabetes	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
6. Currently Smoke	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
7. Family History of Heart Attack	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
(History in parents, siblings, or children)		
8. Total Cholesterol	<input type="text" value="189"/>	mg/dL or <input type="text" value="4.9"/> mmol/L
9. HDL Cholesterol	<input type="text" value="56"/>	mg/dL or <input type="text" value="1.4"/> mmol/L
10. Systolic Blood Pressure	<input type="text" value="115"/>	mmHg or <input type="text" value="15.3"/> kPa
11. Lipid Lowering Medication	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
12. Hypertension Medication	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>

Calculate 10-year CHD risk

The estimated 10-year risk of a CHD event for a person with this risk factor profile including coronary calcium is 7.6%. The estimated 10-year risk of a CHD event for a person with this risk factor profile if we did not factor in their coronary calcium score would be 4.7%.

Coronary Artery Calcium Score

- בדיקה המיועדת לנבדקים אסימפטומטיים כבדיקת סקר לשם Risk stratification
- מוסיפה ערך פרוגנוסטי מעל ומעבר להערכת גורמי סיכון קונבנציונלית
- משפרת את הדיוק באיתור נבדקים בסיכון גבוה
- מדידה כמותית של ה-CACS נותנת הערכה טובה אודות כמות הטרשת בעורקי הלב
- כאשר CACS גבוה (>400) ניתן לשקול הערכת אסכמיה (ESC Guidelines 2013)

עם זאת...

- ערך פרוגנוסטי מופחת בנבדקים סימפטומטיים - אינה מאתרת טרשת לא מסויידת
- אין הערכה של חומרת הצרויות כליליות

CACS אינה בדיקת הבחירה בנבדקים סימפטומטיים

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Proposed Decision-Making Approach to Selective Use of Coronary Artery Calcium Measurement for Risk Prediction

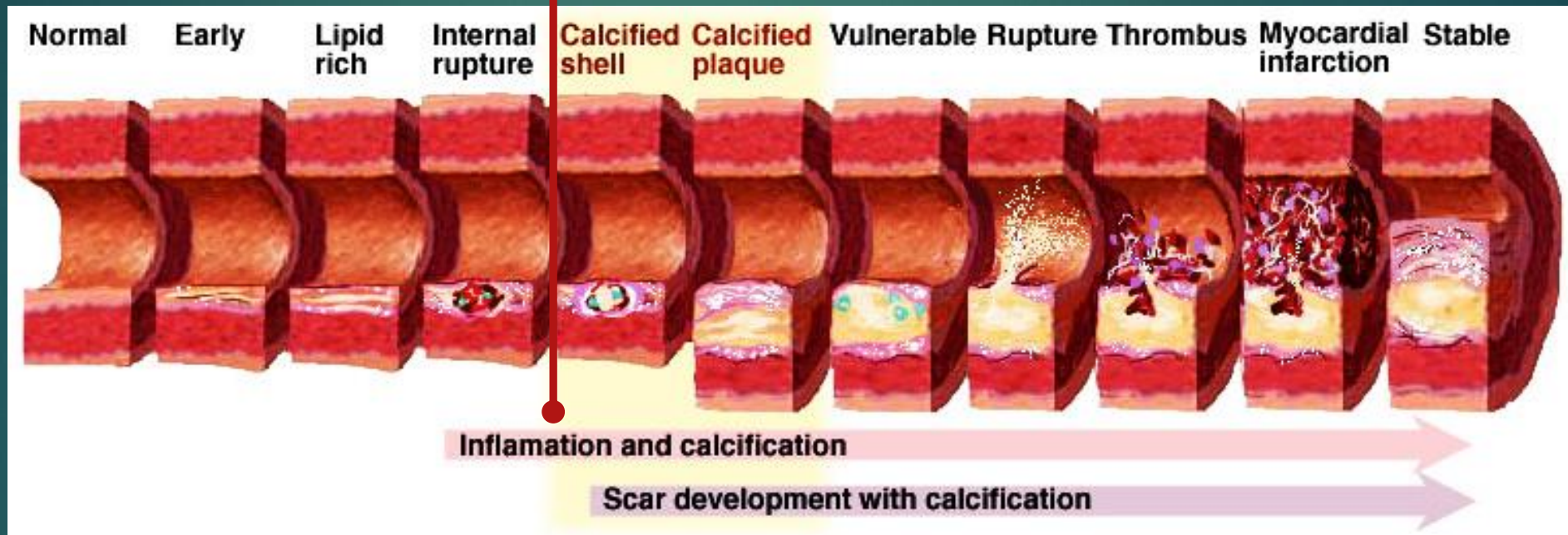
Using 10-year ASCVD risk estimate plus coronary artery calcium (CAC) score to guide statin therapy

Patient's 10-year atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) risk estimate:	<5%	5-7.5%	>7.5-20%	>20%
Consulting ASCVD risk estimate alone	Statin not recommended	Consider for statin	Recommend statin	Recommend statin
Consulting ASCVD risk estimate + CAC				
If CAC score =0	Statin not recommended	Statin not recommended	Statin not recommended	Recommend statin
If CAC score >0	Statin not recommended	Consider for statin	Recommend statin	Recommend statin
Does CAC score modify treatment plan?	✗ CAC not effective for this population	✓ CAC can reclassify risk up or down	✓ CAC can reclassify risk up or down	✗ CAC not effective for this population

Greenland, P. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2018;72(4):434-47.

Coronary Disease Progression

Calcified Plaque Detected by
non-contrast CT



Role of CCTA

>50-70% stenosis
Ischemia assessment

Cardiac CT Angiography

- What is CCTA
- Diagnostic performance
- Indications
- Stable vs. Acute Chest Pain / ED patients
- Limitations
- Radiation
- Future perspectives

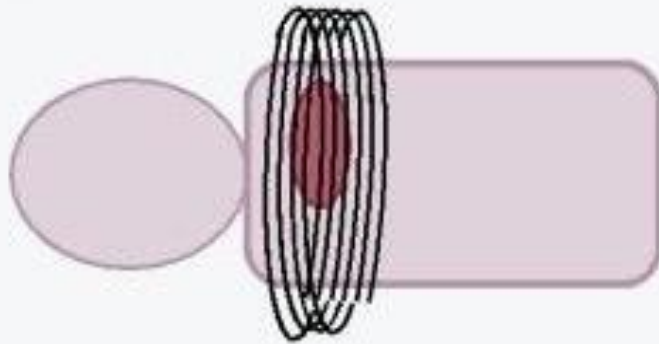
שיטות סריקה

Retrospective (spiral)

vs.

Prospective

Retrospective reconstruction ECG-gated



Continuous helical acquisition

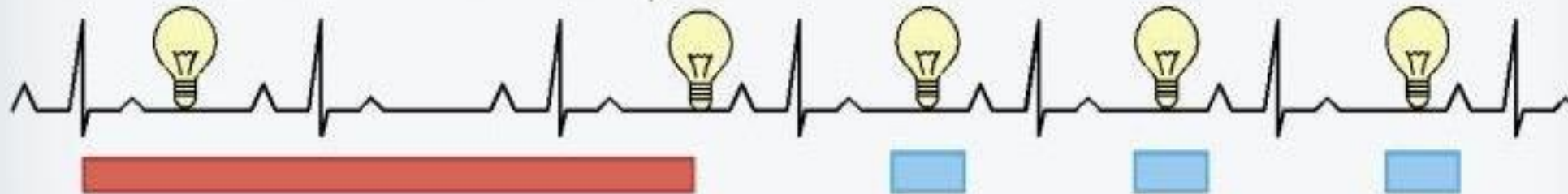
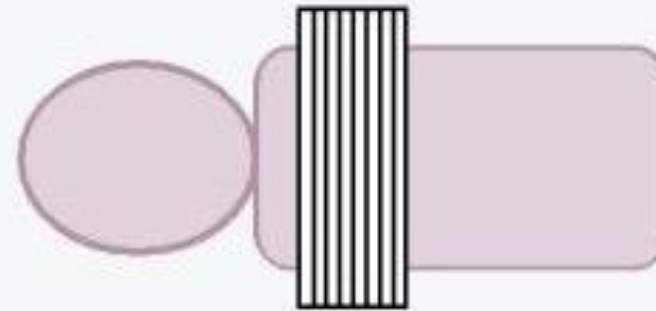


Table moves according to pitch and x-ray beam on throughout cardiac cycle



Prospective ECG-gated



Step Shoot Step Shoot

Table steps forward
x-ray beam on



Prospective vs. Retrospective Gating

:Prospective Gating

- הפחתת קרינה משמעותית (פי 2-3)
- אינה מתאימה לקצב לב גבוה מעל 70 לדקה או קצב לא סדיר
- אין אפשרות לשחזור פאזות נוספות של מחזור הלב

:Retrospective Gating

- ניתן לבצע גם בקצב לב גבוה יותר (שחזור פאזות נוספות)
- פעימות מוקדמות / קצב לא סדיר (יכולת לשחזור ולבטל פעימות מיותרות)
- בעת הערכה של תפקוד הלב / תנועת מסתמים / תהליכים תופסי מקום

חסרון – קרינה !!

Patient preparation

- Heart rate control - <65 bpm
- IV line (large gauge 14 / 16 G), antecubital
- Creatinine – GFR > 60ml/min
- Iodine allergy – steroid preparation
- Prior Iodine anaphylaxis – absolute CI
- Asthma - steroid preparation
- 5PDE Inhibitors – 48 hours avoidance

התוויות לביצוע Cardiac CT

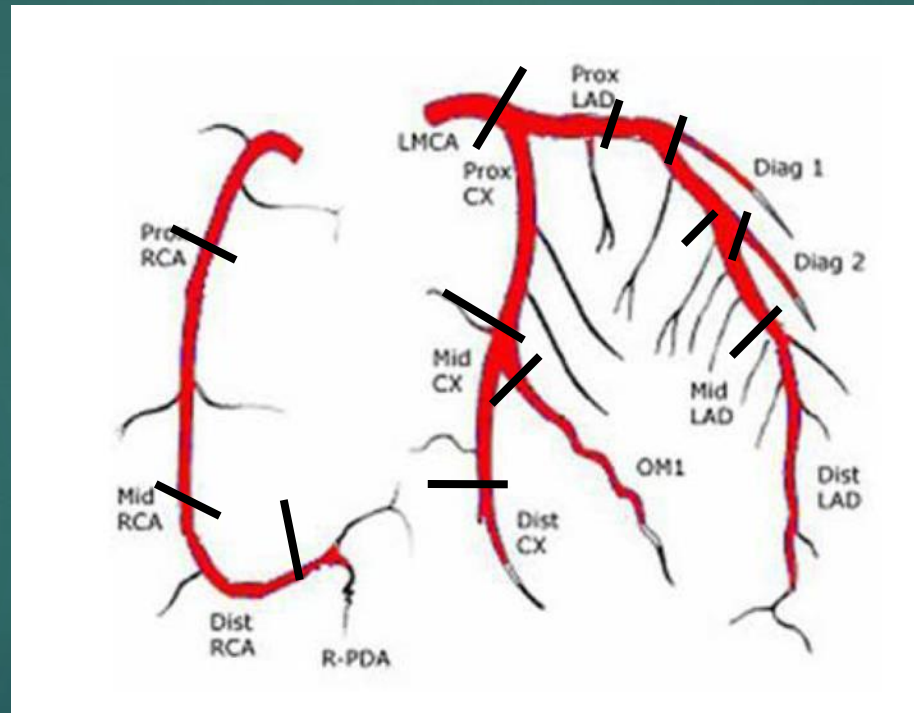
- הערכה של העורקים הכליליים
- אנטומיה של ורידי הריאה – לפני ביצוע אבולציה של פרפור פרוזדורים (PVI)
- לפני החלפה של מסתם אאורטלי בגישה מילעורית – TAVI - הערכת מבנה המסתם האאורטלי, האאורטה העולה וכלי דם פריפריים
- תהליכים תופסי מקום / מומי לב מולדים / הערכת פריקרד
- תפקוד גלובלי ואזורי של חדר שמאל, מקטע פליטה, נפח מדורי הלב

Coronary CTA

- הערכה של העורקים הכליליים - "צנתור וירטואלי"
- טרשת עורקים – קיום מחלה טרשתית, חומרת הצרויות, הרכב הטרשת
- הערכה לאחר השתלת סטנט / לאחר ניתוח מעקפים
- אנומליות במוצא או מהלך העורקים הכליליים

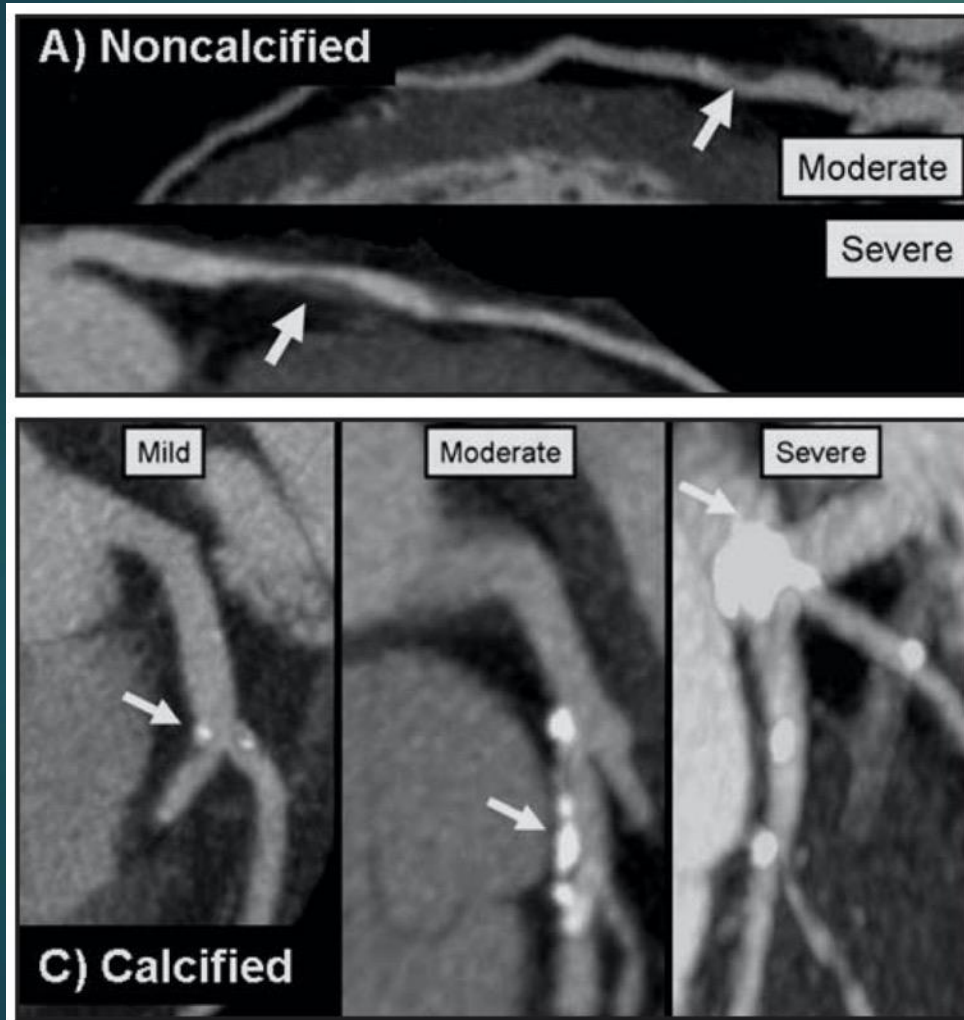
CCTA Interpretation and Report

Coronary segmentation



AHA/ACC 17-segment model

Assessment of Stenosis



0 – normal

1-24% - mild

25-49 % - mild

50-69% - Moderate

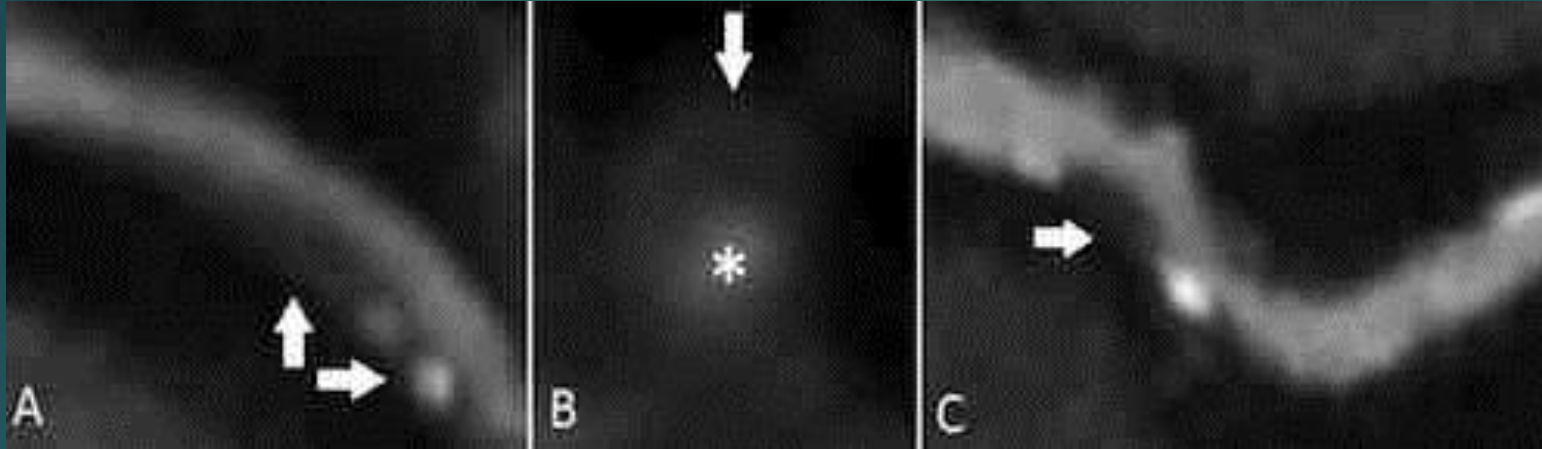
70-99% – Severe

100% - Occlusion

Ischemia testing

Invasive Angiography

Adverse plaque features



**Positive
remodeling
Spotty
calcification**

**Napkin
ring sign**

**Low attenuation
plaque**

The patients demonstrating plaques with adverse features were at a higher risk of ACS developing over time when compared with patients having lesions without these characteristics.

CCTA - Diagnostic Performance

	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV
ACCURACY ²	95%	83%	64%	99%
CORE-64 ³	85%	90%	91%	83%
Meijboom <i>et al.</i> ⁴	99%	64%	86%	97%

Key: ACCURACY = Assessment by Coronary Computed Tomographic Angiography of Individuals Undergoing Invasive Coronary Angiography; CORE-64 = Coronary Artery Evaluation Using 64-Row Multi-detector Computed Tomography Angiography; NPV = negative predictive value; PPV = positive predictive value

CT Angiography for the Prediction of Hemodynamic Significance in Intermediate and Severe Lesions

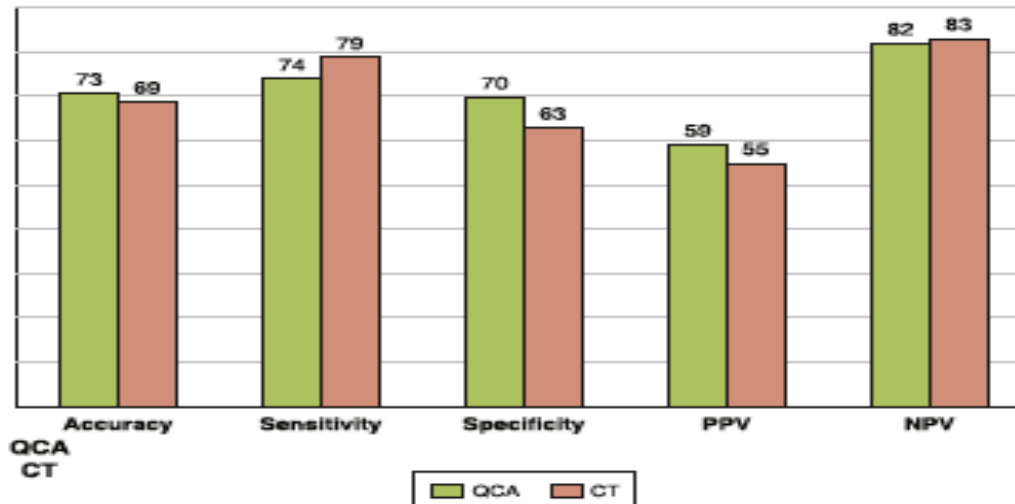


Head-to-Head Comparison With Quantitative Coronary Angiography Using Fractional Flow Reserve as the Reference Standard

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- Patients underwent coronary CTA and invasive coronary angiography (ICA) with FFR in 407 lesions.
- Stenosis severity according to coronary CTA and QCA were graded as 0% -29%, 30% -49%, 50% -69%, and 70% -100%
- Stenosis >50% was considered anatomically obstructive.
- Lesion-specific ischemia was defined according to FFR <0.8

FIGURE 1 Per-Patient Diagnostic Performance of Both Cardiac CT Scans and Invasive Angiography

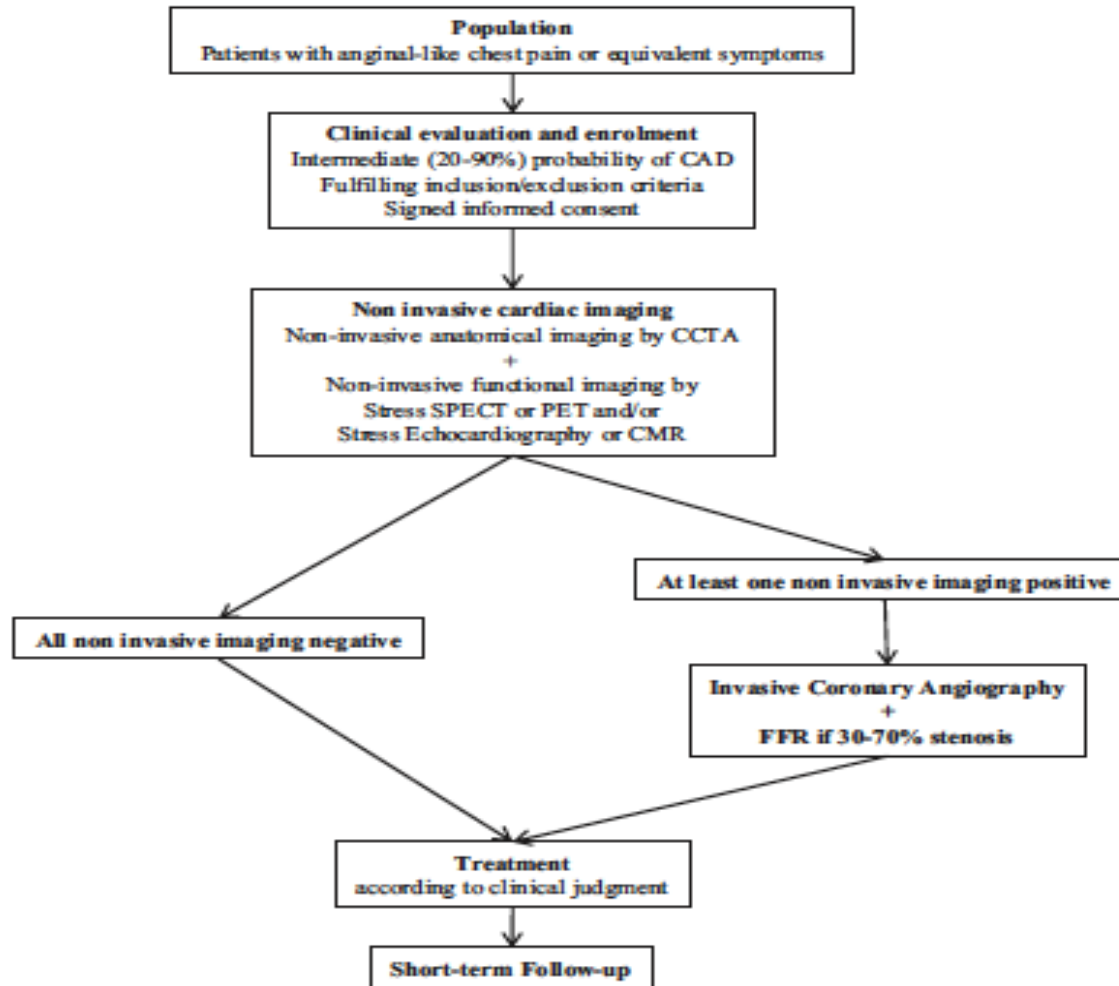


Both tests demonstrated similar diagnostic accuracy for detecting ischemia-causing lesions by FFR. CT – computed tomography; FFR – fractional flow reserve; NPV – negative predictive value; PPV – positive predictive value; QCA – quantitative coronary angiography.

QCA and coronary CTA had similar correlation and predictive accuracy for ischemia

- Conclusions:
- Coronary CTA, applied instead of ICA, provides similar diagnostic accuracy for detection and exclusion of lesion-specific ischemia.
- This has potential for coronary CTA largely replacing ICA for diagnosing obstructive coronary artery disease in low and intermediate risk patients

Detection of Significant Coronary Artery Disease by Noninvasive Anatomical and Functional Imaging



- 475 patients with stable CP, intermediate likelihood of CAD, underwent CCTA, stress MPI by SPECT or PET and ventricular wall motion imaging by stress echo or CMR.
- If at least 1 test was abnormal, the patients underwent ICA and FFR.

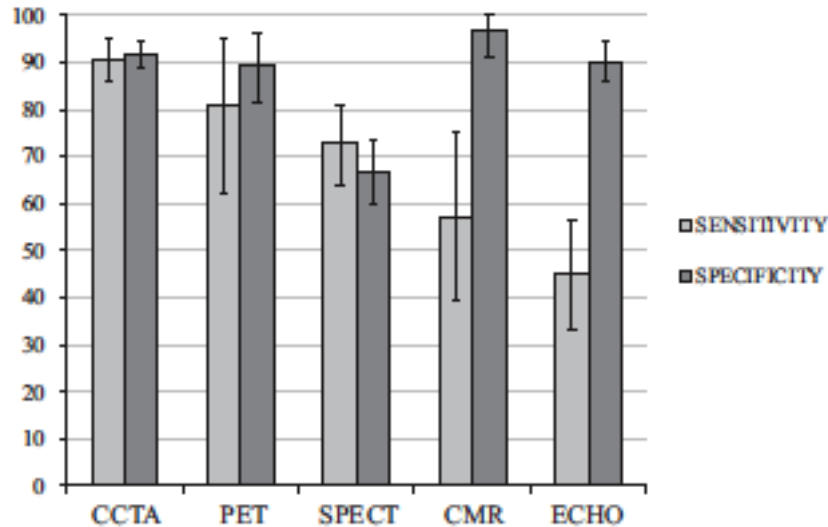


Figure 3. Sensitivity and specificity of noninvasive imaging techniques.
CCTA indicates coronary computed tomography angiography; CMR, cardiac magnetic resonance; ECHO, echocardiography; PET, positron emission tomography; and SPECT, single-photon computed emission tomography.

CCTA had the highest diagnostic accuracy for significant CAD

AUC-ROC:

CCTA - 0.91

MPI -0.74

Wall motion imaging - 0.70

Conclusion:

- In a multicenter European population of patients with stable chest pain and low prevalence of CAD, CCTA is more accurate than noninvasive functional testing for detecting significant CAD defined invasively.

Characteristics of tests commonly used to diagnose the presence of CAD

	Diagnosis of CAD	
	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)
Exercise ECG ^a	45-50	85-90
Optimal test to rule out CAD in patients with low-to-intermediate likelihood of disease		
Dobutamine stress MRI ^b	79-88	81-91
Vasodilator stress echocardiography	72-79	92-95
Vasodilator stress SPECT	90-91	75-84
Vasodilator stress MRI ^b	67-94	61-85
Coronary CTA ^c	95-99	64-83
Vasodilator stress PET	81-97	74-91

CAD = coronary artery disease; CTA = computed tomography angiography; ECG = electrocardiogram; MRI = magnetic resonance imaging; PET = positron emission tomography; SPECT = single photon emission computed tomography.

^aResults without/with minimal referral bias; ^bResults obtained in populations with medium-to-high prevalence of disease without compensation for referral bias; ^cResults obtained in populations with low-to-medium prevalence of disease.

This slide corresponds to Table 12 in the full text.

APPROPRIATE USE CRITERIA

ACCF/AHA/ASE/ASNC/HFSA/HRS/SCCT

2012 Multimodality Appropriate Use Criteria

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SCCT Guidelines

SCCT guidelines on the use of tomographic angiography for



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ESC GUIDELINES



2019 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of chronic coronary syndromes

The Task Force for the diagnosis and management of chronic coronary syndromes of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

מסמך עמדה

התוויות לביצוע טומוגרפיה ממוחשבת של הלב

מסמך עמדה משותף מסעם:
האיגוד הקרדיולוגי ואיגוד הרדיולוגים בישראל

אפריל 2010



ההסתדרות הרפואית בישראל
המועצה המדעית • האגף לאבחוח איכות

Pretest probability of obstructive CAD

Table A. Pretest Probability of CAD by Age, Sex, and Symptoms

Age	Sex	Typical/Definite Angina Pectoris	Atypical/Probable Angina Pectoris	Nonanginal Chest Pain	Asymptomatic
<39	Men	Intermediate	Intermediate	Low	Very low
	Women	Intermediate	Very low	Very low	Very low
40-49	Men	High	Intermediate	Intermediate	Low
	Women	Intermediate	Low	Very low	Very low
50-59	Men	High	Intermediate	Intermediate	Low
	Women	Intermediate	Intermediate	Low	Very low
>60	Men	High	Intermediate	Intermediate	Low
	Women	High	Intermediate	Intermediate	Low

High: >90% pretest probability; intermediate: between 10% and 90% pretest probability; low: between 5% and 10% pretest probability; and very low: <5% pretest probability.

Modified from Gibbons et al. (9) to reflect all age ranges.

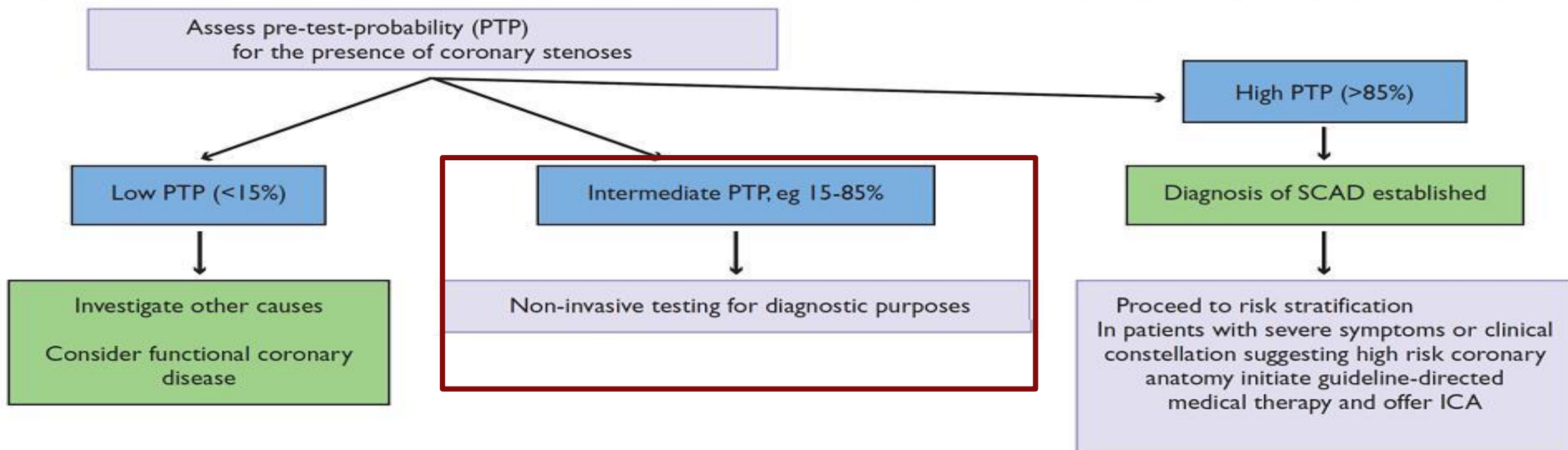
Table 5 Pre-test probabilities of obstructive coronary artery disease in 15 815 symptomatic patients according to age, sex, and the nature of symptoms in a pooled analysis⁶⁴ of contemporary data^{7,8,62}

	Typical		Atypical		Non-anginal		Dyspnoea ^a	
Age	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
30–39	3%	5%	4%	3%	1%	1%	0%	3%
40–49	22%	10%	10%	6%	3%	2%	12%	3%
50–59	32%	13%	17%	6%	11%	3%	20%	9%
60–69	44%	16%	26%	11%	22%	6%	27%	14%
70+	52%	27%	34%	19%	24%	10%	32%	12%

Modifiers of the PTP estimate

- ▶ Presence of risk factors for CVD:
 - Family history of CVD
 - Dyslipidemia
 - Diabetes
 - Hypertension
 - Smoking
- ▶ Q-wave, ST-segment, or T-wave changes on the ECG
- ▶ LV dysfunction suggestive of ischemia
- ▶ Coronary calcium obtained by computed tomography (CT)
 - ▶ Can be used to improve estimations of the PTP of obstructive CAD

Initial diagnostic management of patients with suspected SCAD (2)



This slide corresponds to Figure 1 in the full text
ICA = invasive coronary angiography.

Patients with suspected SCAD and intermediate PTP of 15% - 85%

Consider:

- Patient criteria^a/suitability for given test
- Availability
- Local expertise

Non-invasive testing in suspected SCAD with intermediate PTP

2nd (imaging) stress test (if not done before)^f

Coronary CTA in suitable patient^d (if not done before)^e

ICA (with FFR when necessary)

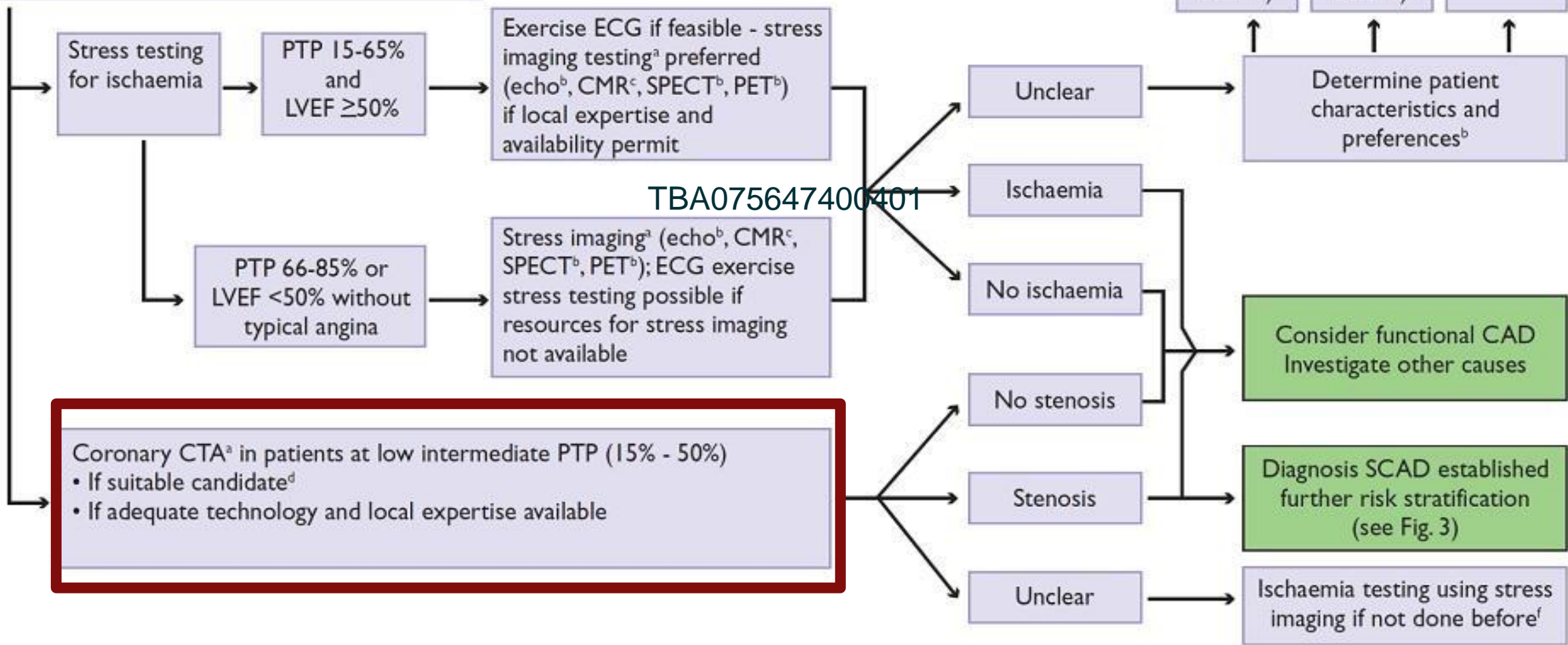
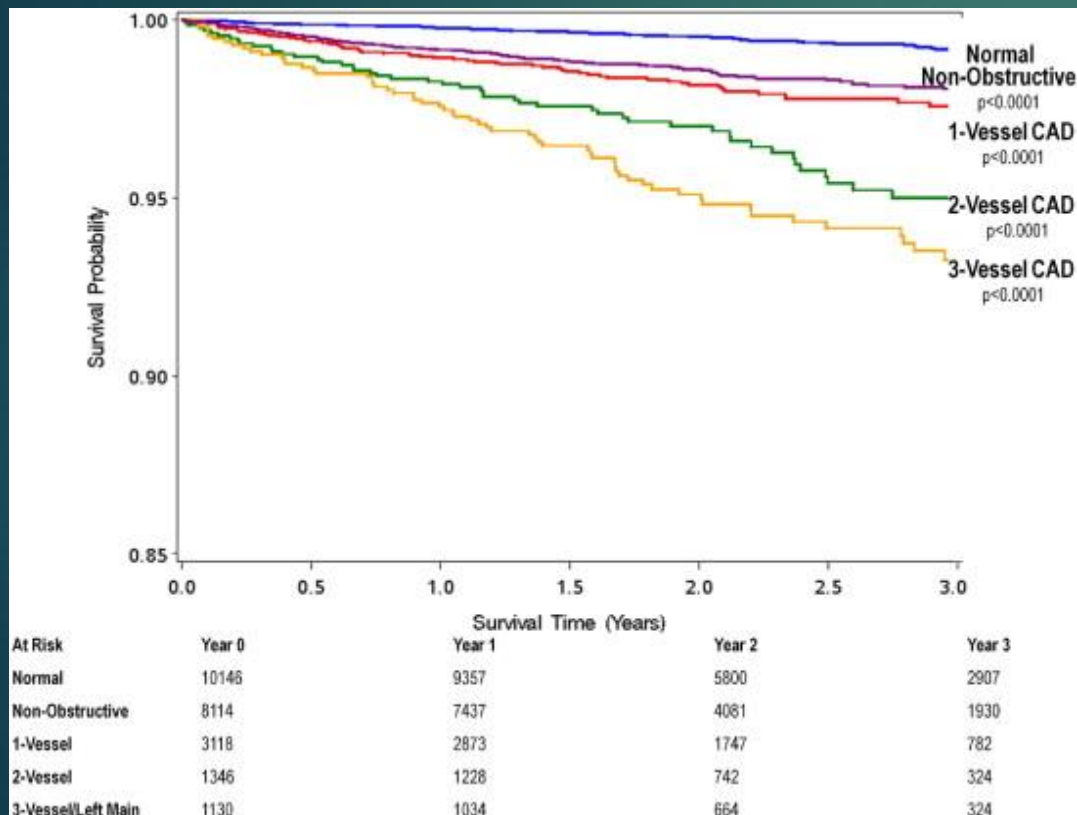


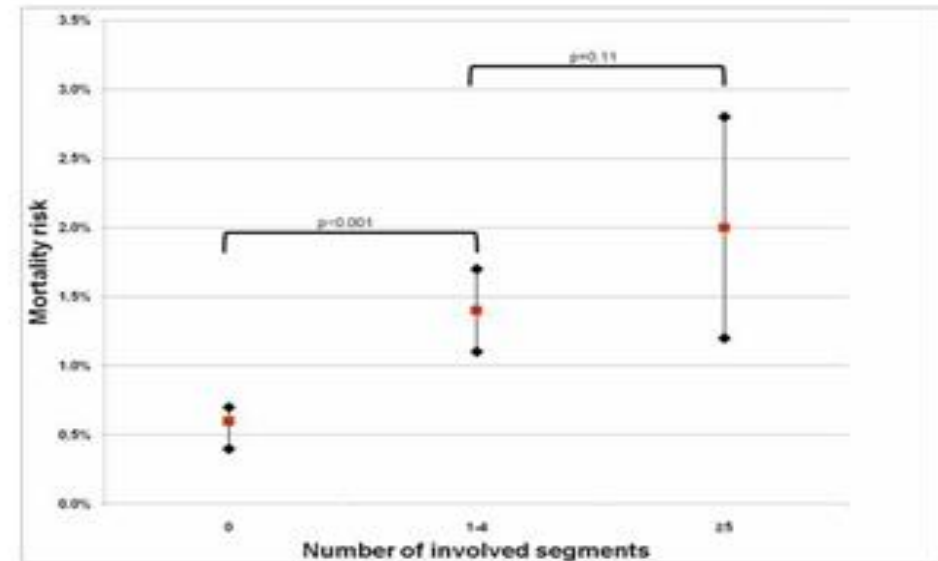
Table 1. Detection of CAD in Symptomatic Patients Without Known Heart Disease*

Indication		Appropriate Use Score (1–9)		
Nonacute Symptoms Possibly Representing an Ischemic Equivalent				
Pretest Probability of CAD		Low	Intermediate	High
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECG interpretable AND• Able to exercise	U (5)	A (7)	I (3)
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECG uninterpretable OR• Unable to exercise	A (7)	A (8)	U (4)
Acute Symptoms With Suspicion of ACS (Urgent Presentation)				
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Definite MI	I (1)		
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Persistent ECG ST-segment elevation following exclusion of MI	U (6)		
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acute chest pain of uncertain cause (differential diagnosis includes pulmonary embolism, aortic dissection, and ACS [“triple rule out”])	U (6)		
Pretest Probability of CAD		Low	Intermediate	High
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normal ECG and cardiac biomarkers	A (7)	A (7)	U (4)
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECG uninterpretable	A (7)	A (7)	U (4)
8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nondiagnostic ECG OR• Equivocal cardiac biomarkers	A (7)	A (7)	U (4)

CONFIRM - prospective, multicenter registry (>30,000 patients)

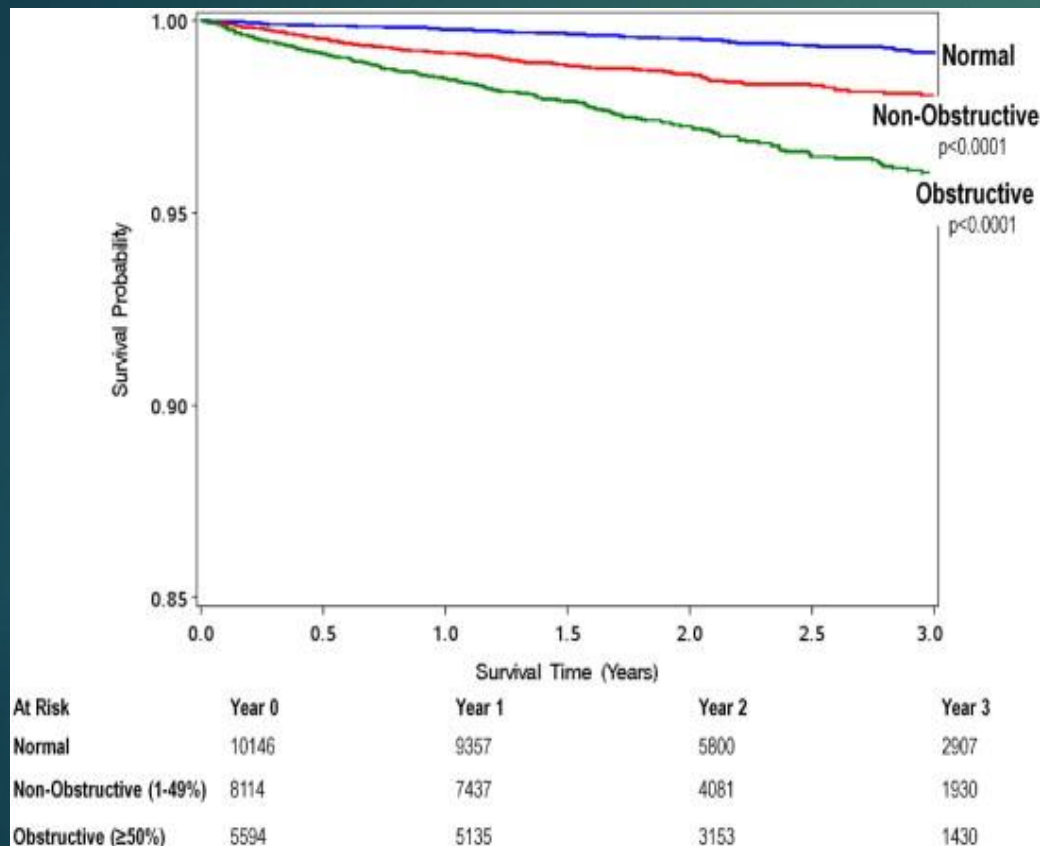


Increasing hazards for increasing numbers of involved segments



Independent linear increase in mortality for every additional coronary segment with CAD (HR 1.17, 95% CI 1.10-1.25, $p < 0.001$)

CONFIRM – Non-obstructive CAD



Non-obstructive CAD Hazards Ratio

Variable	Univariate HR	95% CI	P-Value	Multivariate HR*	95% CI	P-Value
Non-Obstructive CAD vs. Normal	2.91	2.12-3.99	<0.0001	2.14	1.46-3.14	<0.0001
None/Normal	1	Reference	Reference	1	Reference	Reference
1-Vessel	1.84	1.22-2.77	0.0037	1.40	0.86-2.28	0.1766
2-Vessel	4.46	3.05-6.54	<0.0001	3.09	1.94-4.93	<0.0001
3-Vessel/LM	4.07	2.56-6.45	<0.0001	3.02	1.73-5.27	<0.0001
Segment Involvement Score	1.23	1.17-1.30	<0.0001	1.17	1.10-1.25	<0.0001

*Adjusted for FRS + symptoms

Symptomatic patients

- ▶ The presence and severity of CAD identified on CCTA is associated with the increased use of preventive therapies such as aspirin and statin therapies as well as lifestyle modification.

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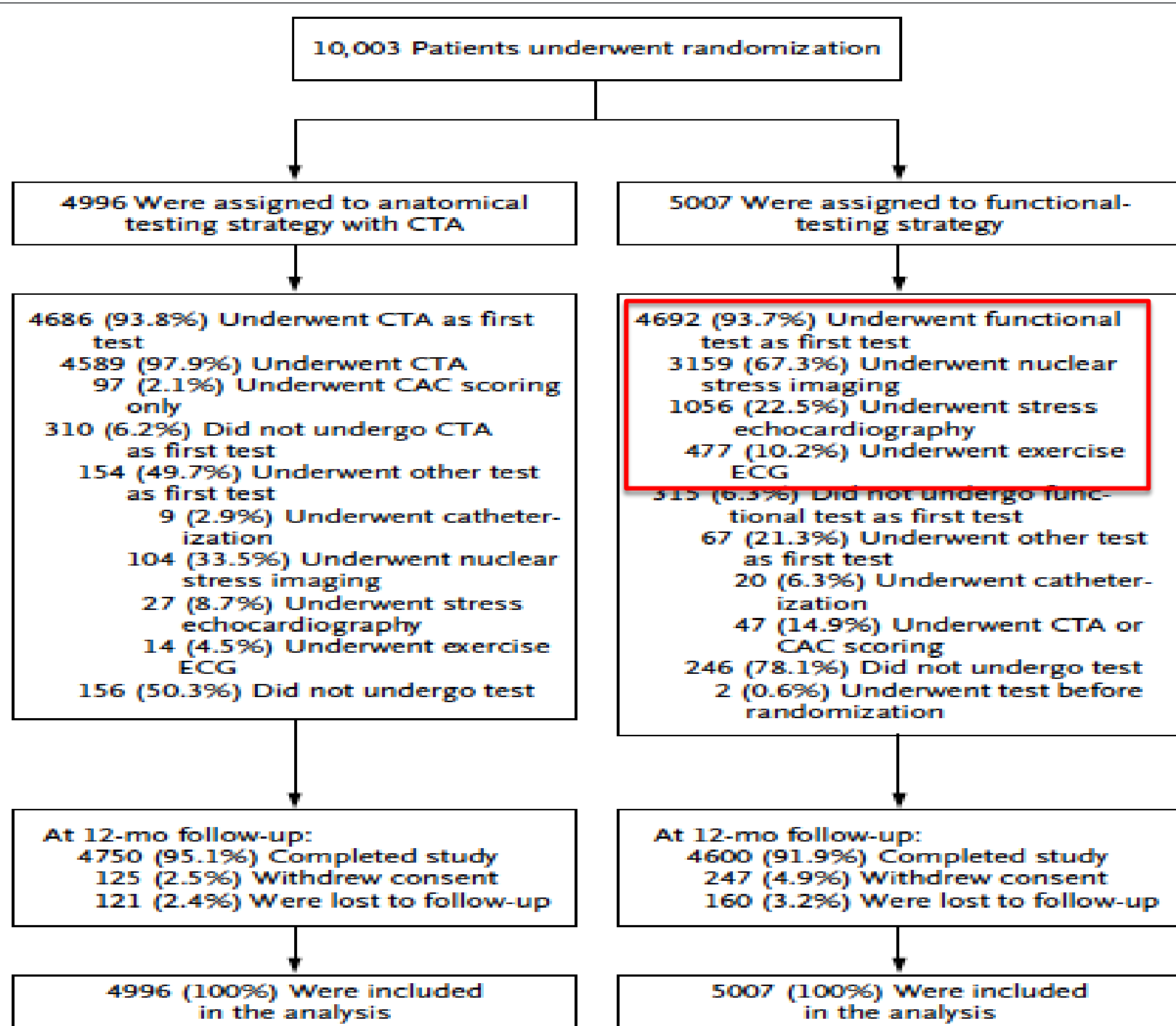
Outcomes of Anatomical versus Functional Testing for Coronary Artery Disease

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- Symptomatic outpatients without diagnosed CAD whose physicians referred to nonurgent, noninvasive cardiovascular testing for the evaluation of suspected CAD.

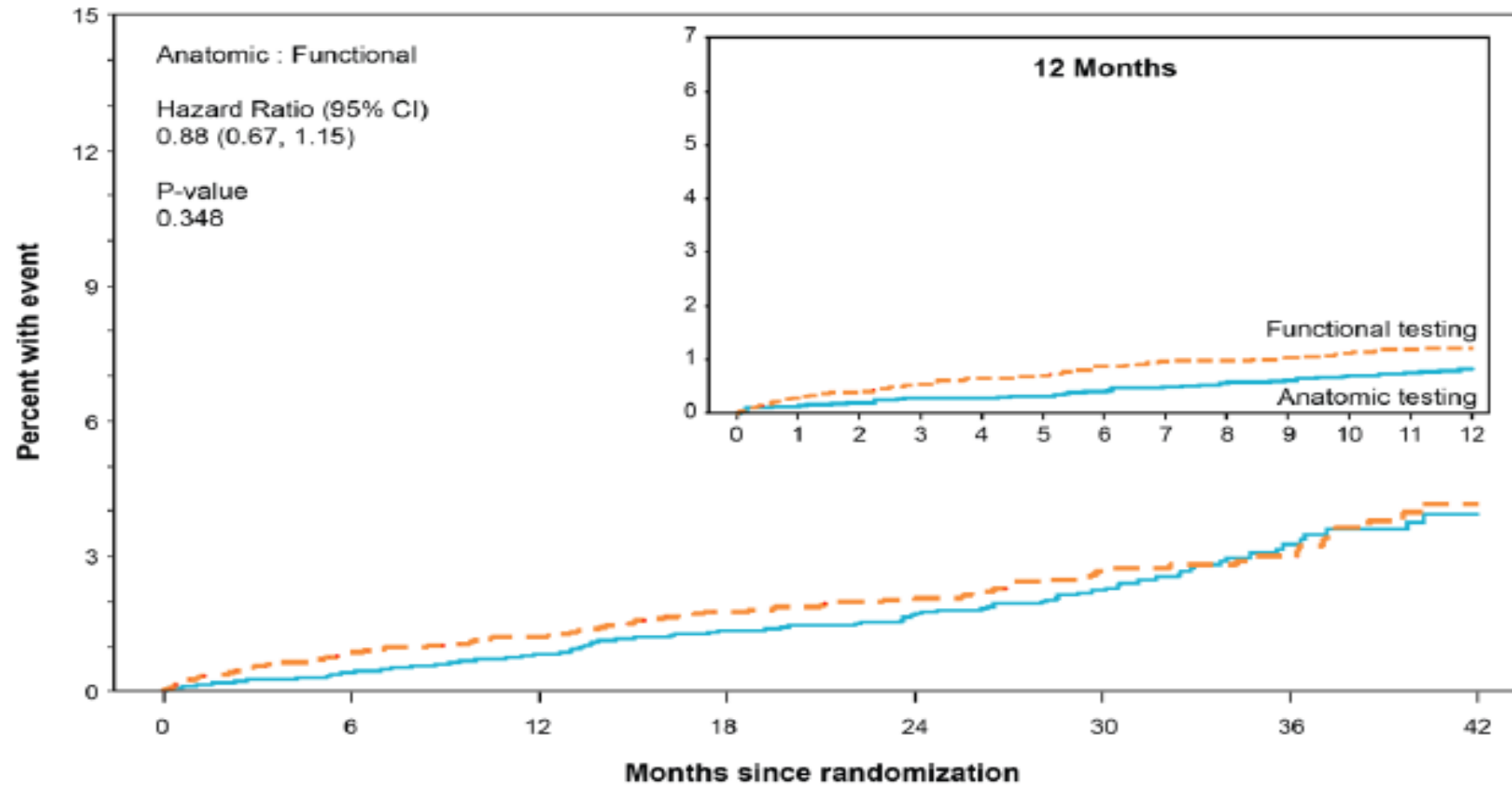
Relative reduction of 20% in the primary end point in the CTA group, as compared with the functional-testing group, assuming an event rate of 8% in the functional-testing group

Enrollment, Randomization, and Follow-up



Death or non-fatal MI

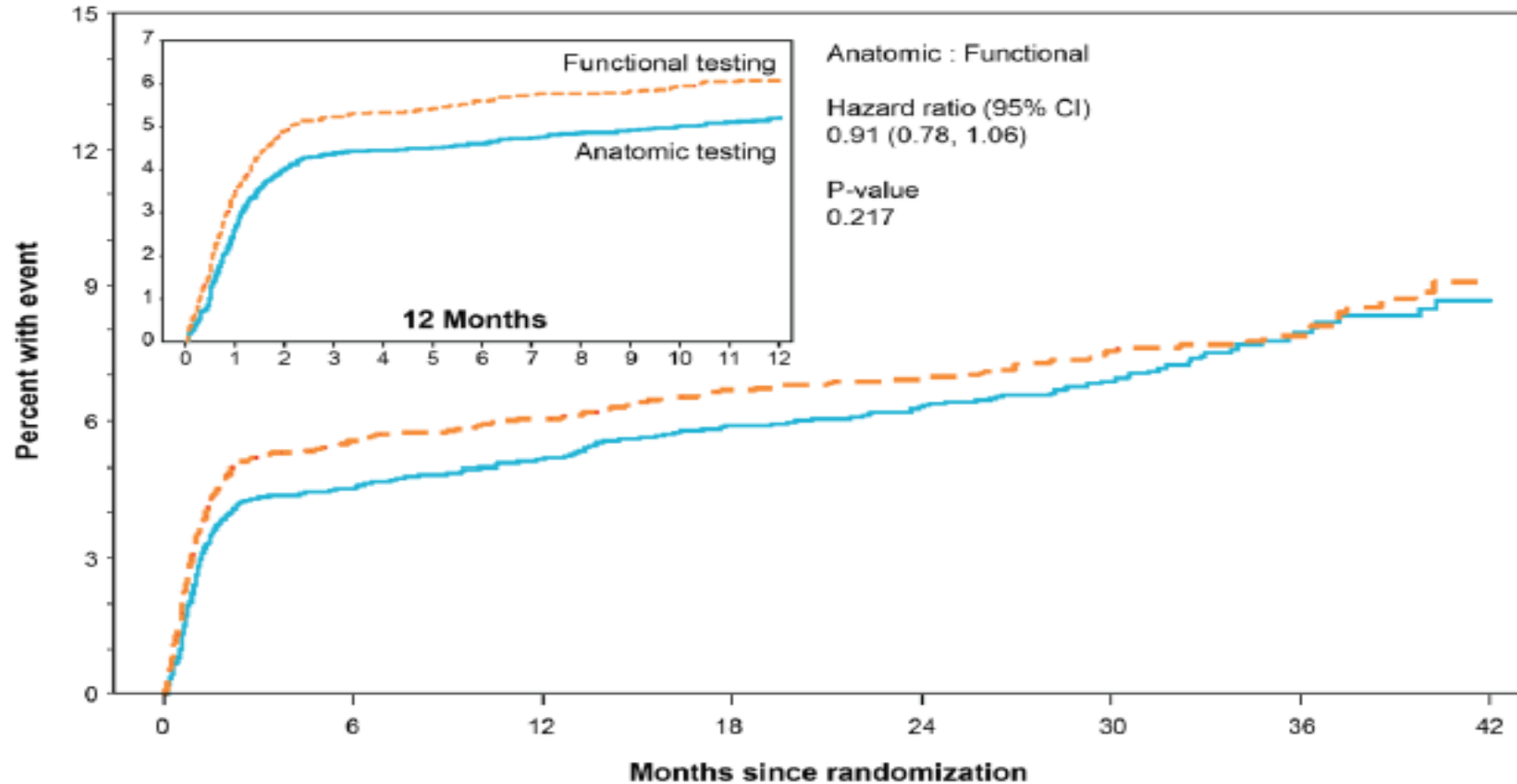
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# at risk	Baseline (0)	6 Mo.	12 Mo.	18 Mo.	24 Mo.	30 Mo.	36 Mo.	42 Mo.
Anatomic testing	4996	4739	4409	3599	2686	1732	918	276
Functional testing	5007	4563	4148	3365	2415	1540	846	262

Primary endpoint + ICA without obstructive CAD

B.



# at risk	Baseline (0)	6 Mo.	12 Mo.	18 Mo.	24 Mo.	30 Mo.	36 Mo.	42 Mo.
Anatomic testing	4996	4540	4211	3430	2565	1645	868	255
Functional testing	5007	4341	3934	3179	2276	1438	781	244

Conclusions:

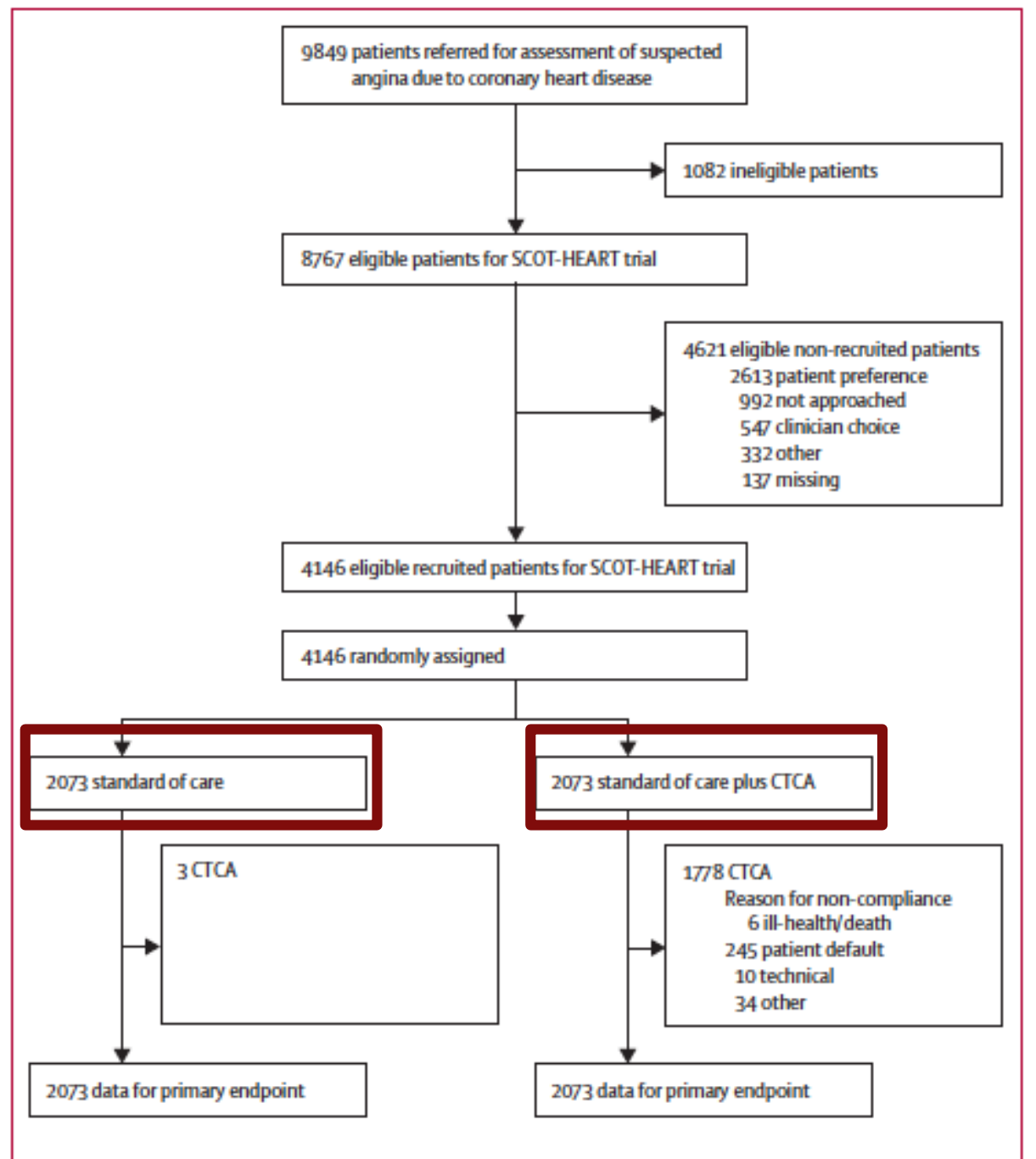
- Coronary CTA is a viable alternative to functional stress testing to assess symptomatic, intermediate risk patients for whom testing is currently recommended.
- An initial strategy with CTA was associated with a significant lower rate of invasive catheterization without obstructive CAD as compared to a functional strategy.

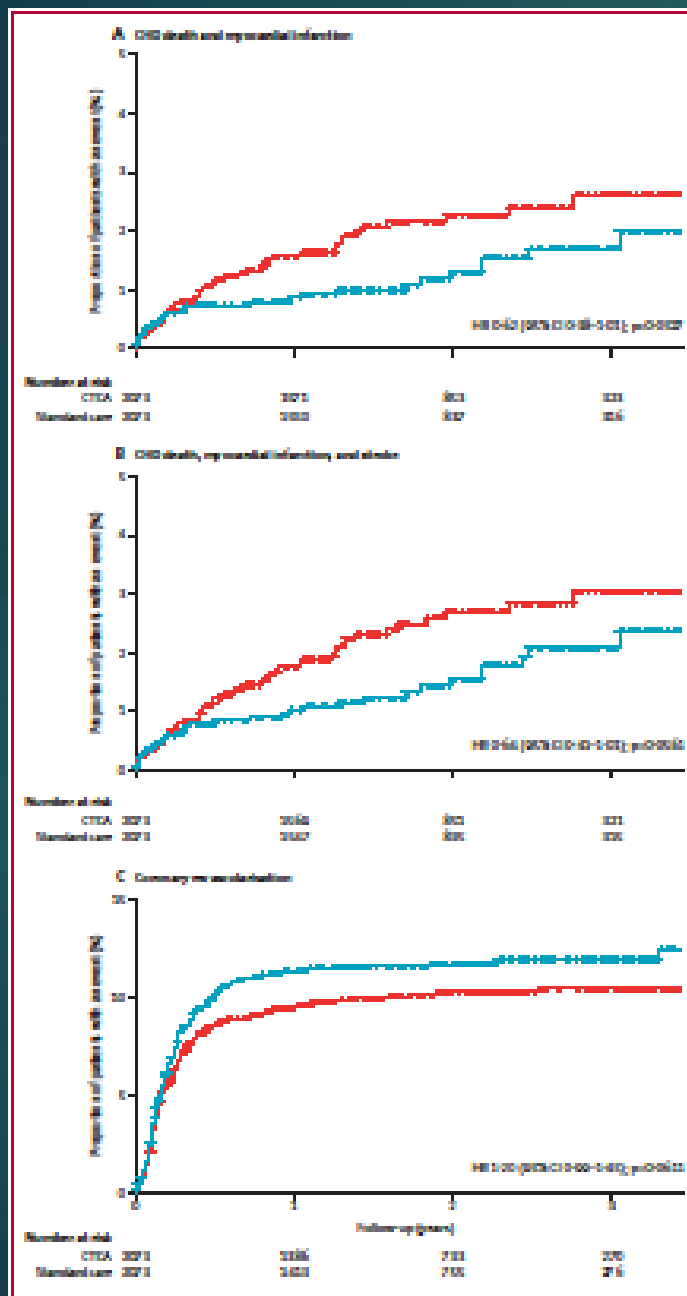
CT coronary angiography in patients with suspected angina due to coronary heart disease (SCOT-HEART): a parallel-group, multicentre trial

The SCOT-HEART investigators*

	All participants	Standard care and CTCA	Standard care
Stress electrocardiograph			
Performed	3517 (85%)	1764 (85%)	1753 (85%)
Normal	2188 (62%)	1103 (63%)	1085 (62%)
Inconclusive	566 (16%)	284 (16%)	282 (16%)
Abnormal†	529 (15%)	264 (15%)	265 (15%)
Further investigation	1315 (32%)	633 (31%)	682 (33%)
Stress imaging			
Radionuclide	389 (9%)	176 (9%)	213 (10%)
Other	30 (1%)	16 (1%)	14 (1%)

Median follow-up 1.7 years





	All participants (n=4146)	Standard care and CTCA (n=2073)	Standard care (n=2073)	HR (95% Wald confidence limits)	p-value*
CHD death† and myocardial infarction	68 (1.6%)	26 (1.3%)	42 (2.0%)	0.616 (0.378-1.006)	0.0527
CHD death†, myocardial infarction, and stroke	79 (1.9%)	31 (1.5%)	48 (2.3%)	0.644 (0.410-1.012)	0.0561
Non-fatal myocardial infarction	57 (1.4%)	22 (1.1%)	35 (1.7%)	0.627 (0.367-1.069)	0.0862
Non-fatal stroke	12 (0.3%)	5 (0.1%)	7 (0.2%)	0.727 (0.228-2.315)	0.5900
All-cause death	37 (0.9%)	17 (0.8%)	20 (1.0%)	0.860 (0.450-1.642)	0.6468
Cardiovascular death†	11 (0.3%)	4 (0.2%)	7 (0.3%)	0.574 (0.167-1.971)	0.3776
Non-cardiovascular death	26 (0.6%)	13 (0.6%)	13 (0.6%)	1.006 (0.466-2.172)	0.9879
Coronary revascularisation‡	434 (10.7%)	233 (11.2%)	201 (9.7%)	1.198 (0.992-1.448)	0.0611
Percutaneous coronary intervention	344 (8.3%)	184 (8.9%)	160 (7.7%)	1.190 (0.963-1.472)	0.1075
Coronary artery bypass graft surgery	99 (2.4%)	54 (2.6%)	45 (2.2%)	1.218 (0.819-1.812)	0.3304
Hospitalisation for chest pain§	511 (12.3%)	247 (11.9%)	264 (12.7%)	0.928 (0.780-1.104)	0.3993
Cardiac chest pain	145 (3.5%)	76 (3.7%)	69 (3.3%)	1.115 (0.805-1.545)	0.5130
Non-cardiac chest pain	391 (9.4%)	183 (8.8%)	208 (10.0%)	0.864 (0.708-1.054)	0.1498

	Standard care and CTCA		Standard care	
	Cancellation	New	Cancellation	New
Investigations				
Stress imaging	121	5	0	6
Invasive coronary angiography	29	94	1	8
Total	150	99	1	14
Medical treatments				
Preventive treatment	77	293	8	84
Antianginal treatment	112	82	6	11
Total	189	375	14	95

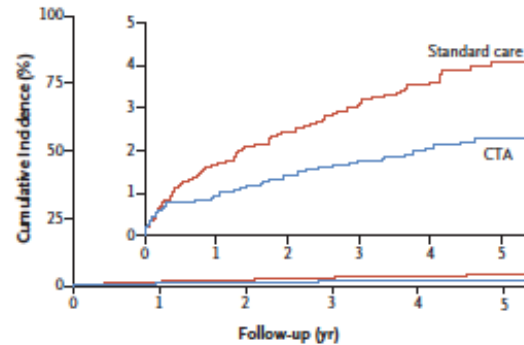
CTCA=CT coronary angiography.

Table 4: Changes in investigations and treatments at 6 weeks

Coronary CT Angiography and 5-Year Risk of Myocardial Infarction

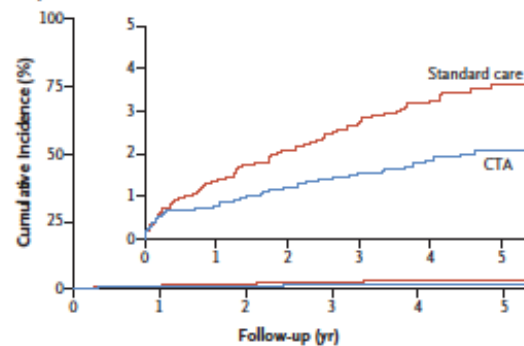
The SCOT-HEART Investigators*

A Death from Coronary Heart Disease or Nonfatal Myocardial Infarction



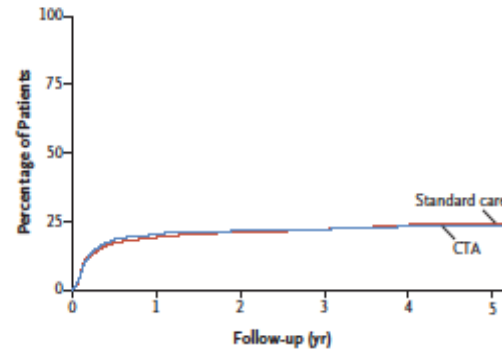
No. at Risk	2073	2033	2008	1994	1572	856
Standard care	2073	2051	2029	2015	1588	872
CTA						

B Nonfatal Myocardial Infarction



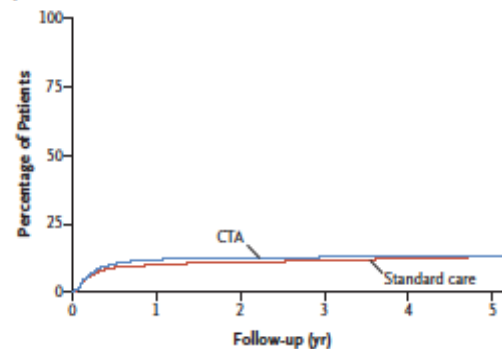
No. at Risk	2073	2045	2030	2017	1597	881
Standard care	2073	2057	2048	2041	1618	891
CTA						

A Invasive Coronary Angiography



No. at Risk	2073	1674	1639	1616	1251	678
Standard care	2073	1654	1625	1613	1258	656
CTA						

B Coronary Revascularization



No. at Risk	2073	1865	1847	1834	1450	794
Standard care	2073	1827	1815	1806	1426	771
CTA						

The use of CTA in addition to standard care in patients with stable CP resulted in a significantly **lower** rate of CV death or nonfatal MI at 5 years than standard care alone, **without** resulting in a significantly higher rate of coronary angiography or coronary revascularization

- In the SCOT-HEART and PROMISE trials, the use of CTA resulted in a higher rate of detection of obstructive CAD, as confirmed by ICA, than standard care alone (SCOT-HEART trial) or functional testing (PROMISE trial).
- Invasive coronary angiography and coronary revascularization are more likely to be used appropriately in patients who receive a correct diagnosis of coronary heart disease
- Patients who receive a correct diagnosis are also more likely to receive appropriate preventive therapies and may have greater motivation to implement healthy lifestyle modifications.
- In addition, the SCOT-HEART trial encouraged initiation of secondary prevention strategies in patients with nonobstructive coronary artery disease.

New major recommendations in 2019

Basic testing, diagnostics, and risk assessment

Non-invasive functional imaging for myocardial ischaemia or **coronary CTA** is recommended as the initial test for diagnosing CAD in symptomatic patients in whom obstructive CAD cannot be excluded by clinical assessment alone.

I

It is recommended that selection of the initial non-invasive diagnostic test be based on the clinical likelihood of CAD and other patient characteristics that influence test performance, local expertise, and the availability of tests.

I

Functional imaging for myocardial ischaemia is recommended if coronary CTA has shown CAD of uncertain functional significance or is not diagnostic.

I

Invasive angiography is recommended as an alternative test to diagnose CAD in patients with a high clinical likelihood and severe symptoms refractory to medical therapy, or typical angina at a low level of exercise and clinical evaluation that indicates high event risk. Invasive functional assessment must be available and used to evaluate stenoses before revascularization, unless very high grade (>90% diameter stenosis).

I

Invasive coronary angiography with the availability of invasive functional evaluation should be considered for confirmation of the diagnosis of CAD in patients with an uncertain diagnosis on non-invasive testing.

IIa

Coronary CTA should be considered as an alternative to invasive angiography if another non-invasive test is equivocal or non-diagnostic.

IIa

Coronary CTA is not recommended when extensive coronary calcification, irregular heart rate, significant obesity, inability to cooperate with breath-hold commands, or any other conditions make good image quality unlikely.

III

The CT-STAT (Coronary Computed Tomographic Angiography for Systematic Triage of Acute Chest Pain Patients to Treatment) Trial

- **Objective: Comparing safety, cost & efficacy of CCTA vs. MPI in acute chest pain, low risk patients**
- **16 ED sites ; TIMI scores < 4**
- **CCTA (n=361) vs. MPI (n=338)**

The CT-STAT (Coronary Computed Tomographic Angiography for Systematic Triage of Acute Chest Pain Patients to Treatment) Trial

- CCTA: Diagnostic time (median 2.9h)
 - MPI: Diagnostic time (median 6.3h)
 - CCTA: Cost - 2137\$
 - MPI: Cost - 3458\$
 - No difference in MACE (0.8 vs. 0.4 %, $p = 0.29$)
- 54% reduction in time to Dx for CCTA**
- 38% lower cost for CCTA**

CT Angiography for Safe Discharge of Patients with Possible Acute Coronary Syndromes

ACRIN

- CTA vs. standardized ER triage for ACP evaluation
- 1392 low risk patients (TIMI risk scores of 0–2)

CTA in comparison to SOC resulted in:

- Shorter mean hospital stay (18h vs 25 h)
- Higher rate of direct ED discharge (49% vs. 23%)
- 3-fold greater rate of detection of CAD (9% vs. 3.5%)

ACRIN

- No significant difference between the CTA and SOC groups in use of ICA (5.1% vs. 4.2%) or in the rate of revascularization (2.7% vs. 1.3%).
- 0 % adverse events among the 640 patients with negative coronary CTA

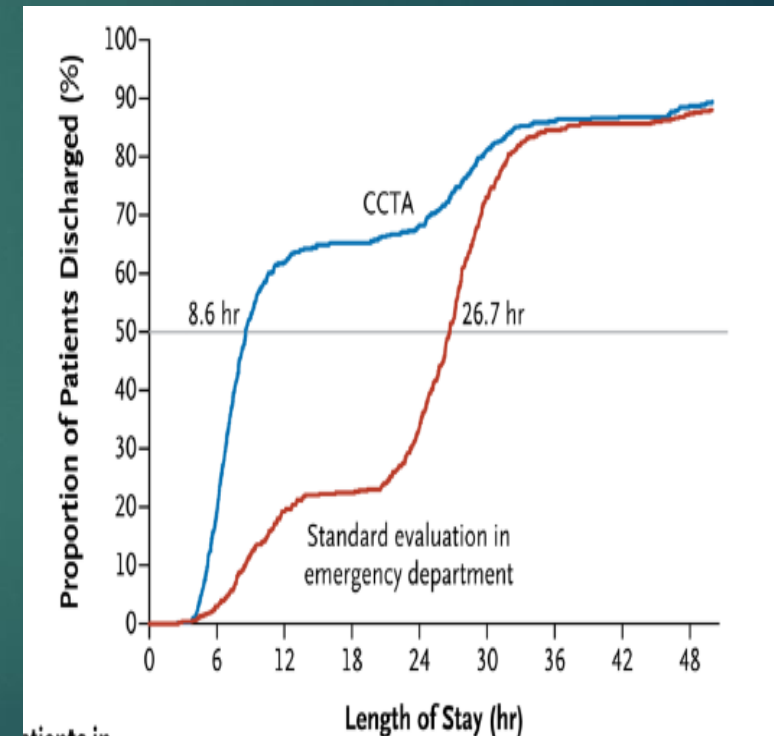
**CTA-based strategy for low–intermediate risk
patients presenting with possible ACS
allows expedited & safe ED discharge**

Coronary CT Angiography versus Standard Evaluation in Acute Chest Pain

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ROMICAT II

- **Comparative effectiveness study - CTA vs. standardized ED triage**
- **1000 ACP patients**
- **TIMI scores did not limit entry criteria**




Hoffman et al. NEJM 2012

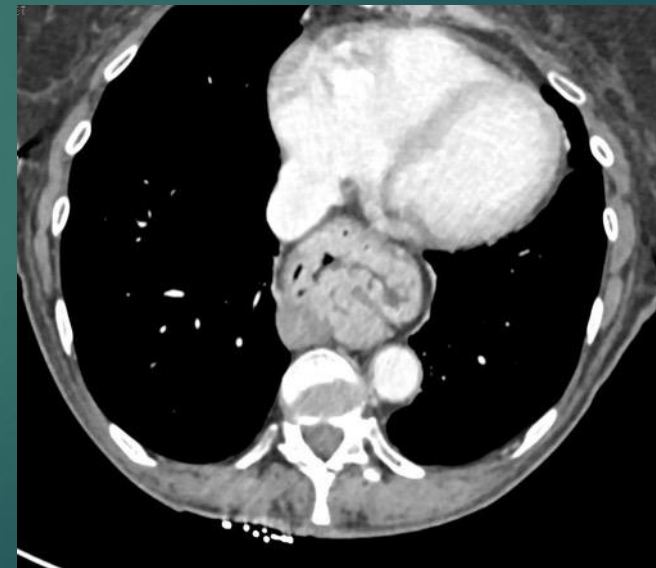
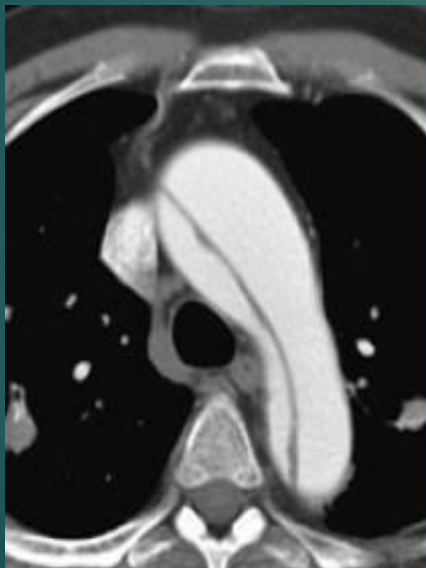
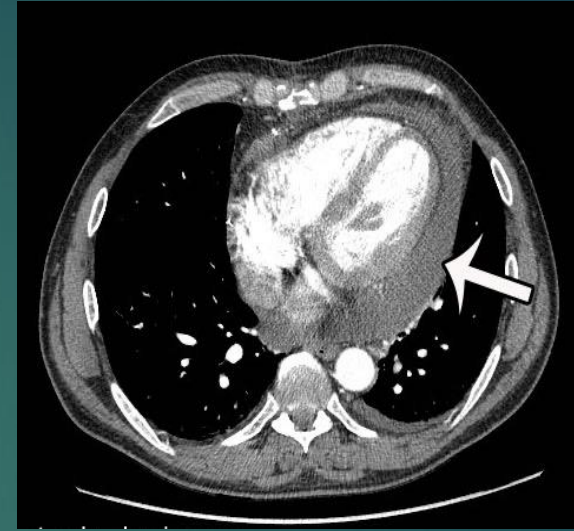
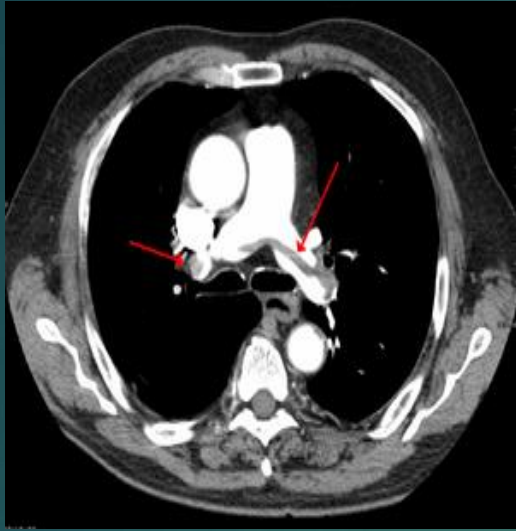
ROMICAT II

Coronary CTA as compared with SOC :

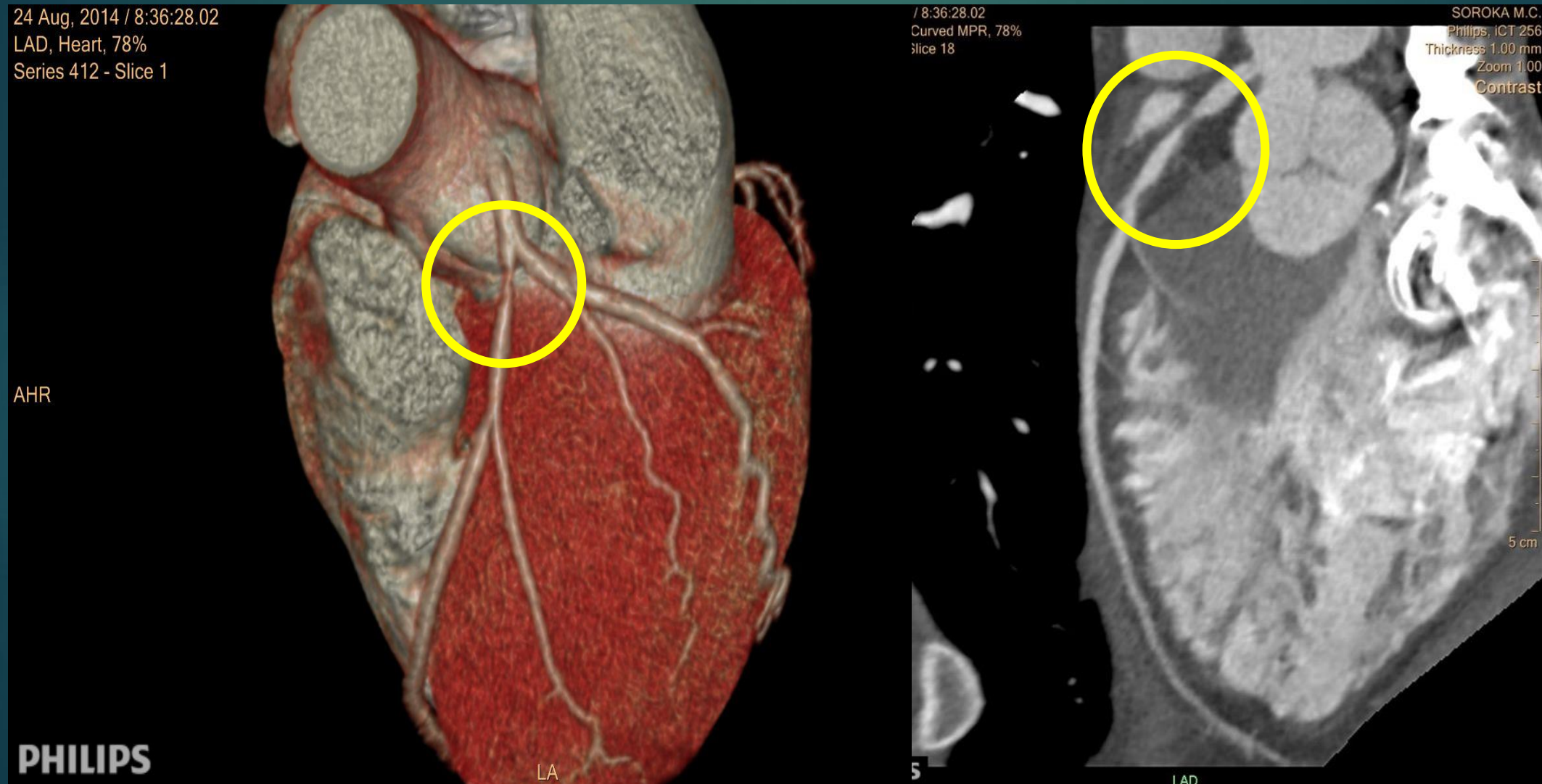
- Reduced median LOS (8.6 h vs. 26.7 h; $p < 0.001$)
- Reduced time to diagnosis (5.8 h vs. 21.0 h; $p < 0.001$)
- Increase in direct discharge (47% vs. 12%; $p < 0.001$)
- MACE: CCTA vs. SOC (0.4% vs. 1.2%)
- Costs of care including hospital costs were similar between coronary CTA and SOC (\$4026 vs. \$3874)



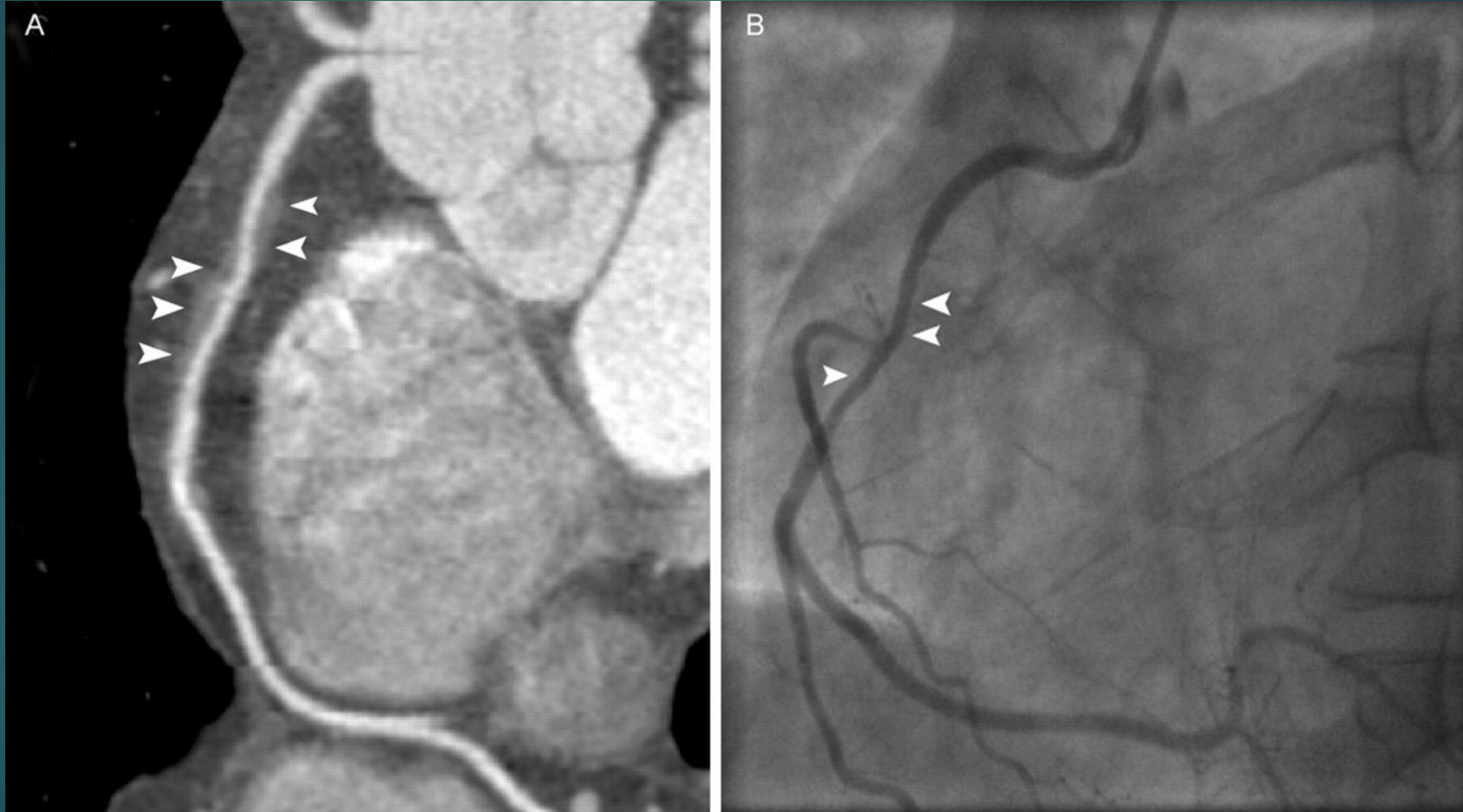
In summary - in low-to-intermediate-risk patients with ACP, use of coronary CTA is safe and results in shorter length of stay and shorter time to diagnosis.



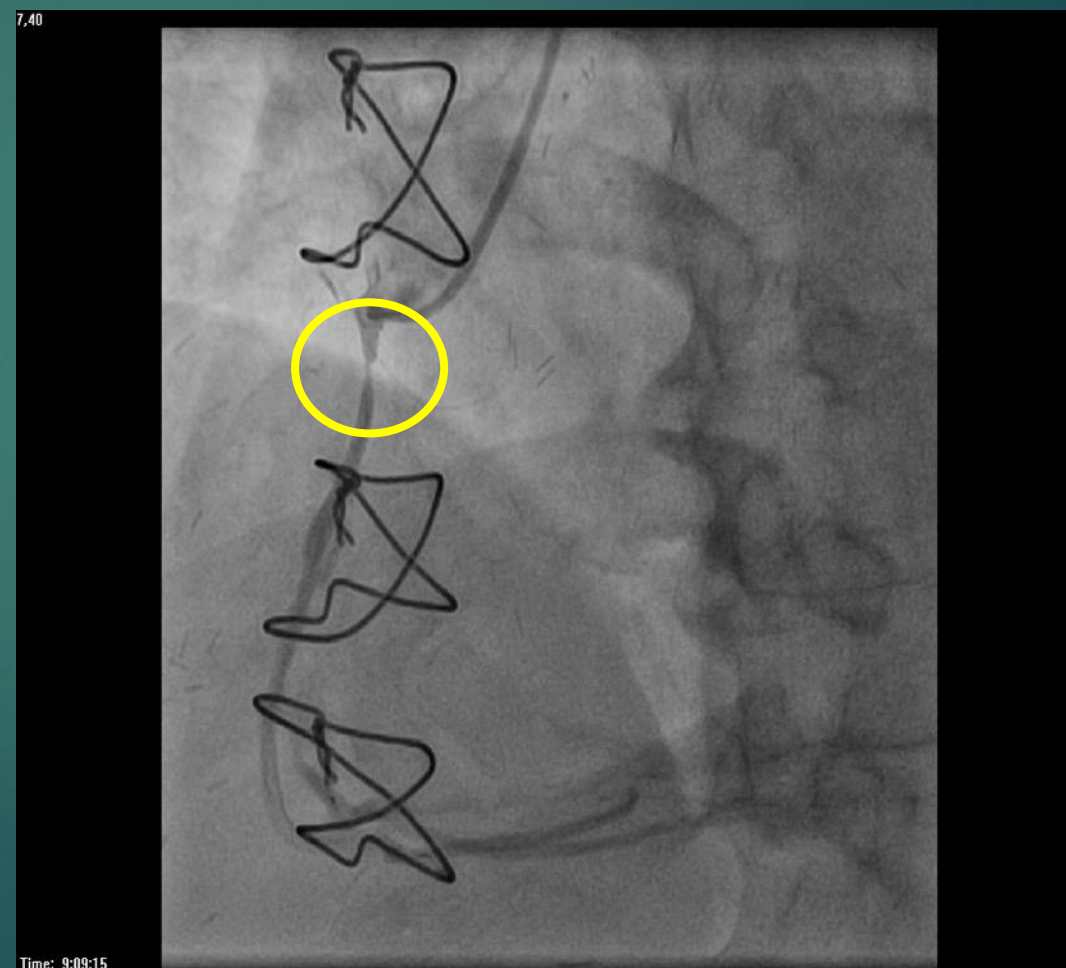
- בן 36, דיסליפידמי, סיפור משפחתי. ארוע של סינקופה לאחר מאמץ.
- מבחן מאמץ תקין עם הגעה לדופק מטרה.



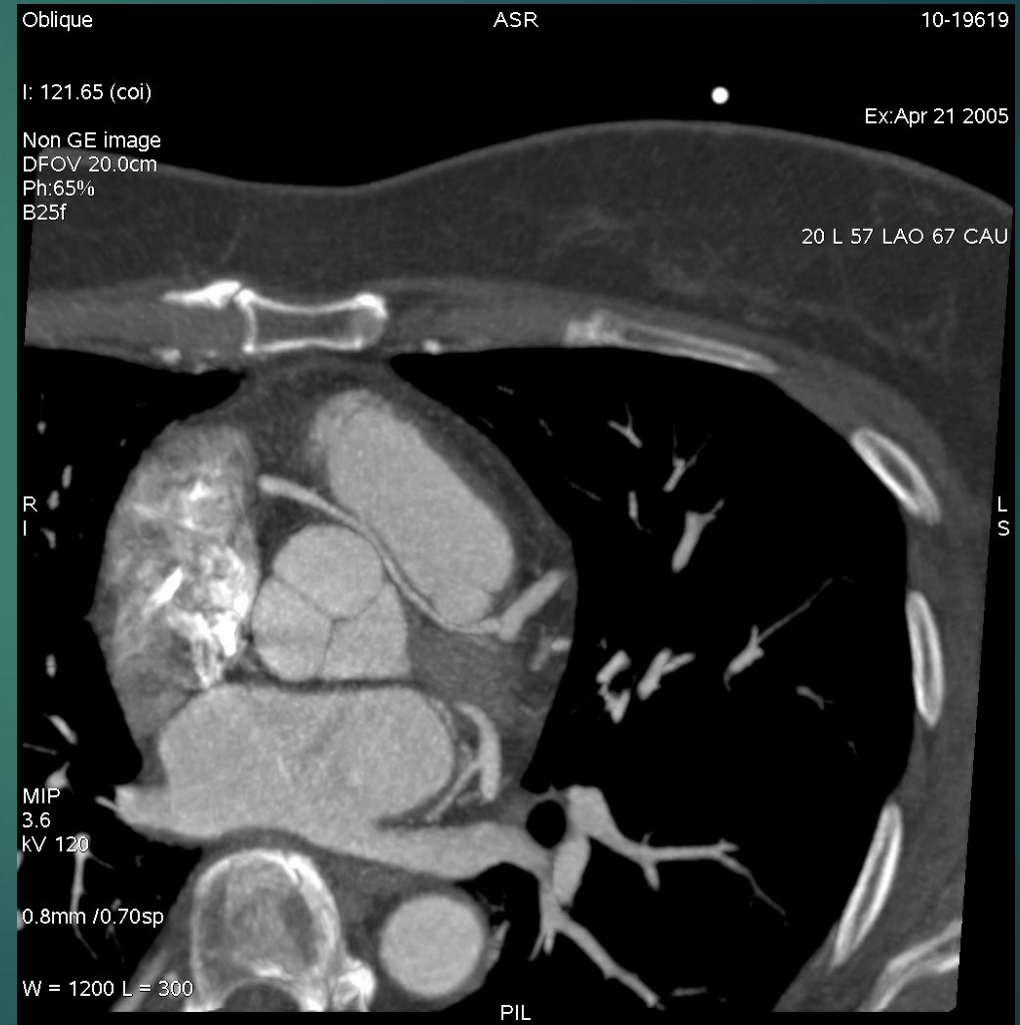
Nonobstructive Plaque Visualization



- בן 66, סוכרתי. תעוקה מספר חודשים לאחר ניתוח מעקפים.
- צנתור – מעקפים עורקיים לעורק הקדמי היורד ולענף מרגינלי – חסומים.
- המעקף הורידי לעורק הימני לא הודגם.



RCA originating from LAD



▶ איזה מן ההיגדים הבאים נכון לגבי ביצוע בדיקת CT של הלב?

1. **Calcium score** הינה הבדיקה הראויה לביצוע בגבר בן 65, לאחר אוטם שריר הלב בעברו, אשר פונה למיון עם כאב חריף בקדמת החזה.
2. **Coronary CT angiography** נחשבת בדיקה ראויה באשה בת 30 עם כאב דוקר בקדמת החזה מזה שבועיים, ללא קשר ברור למאמץ.
3. **Coronary CT angiography** הינה בדיקת הסקר המומלצת לנבדקים ללא סימפטומים אך עם גורמי סיכון למחלה כלילית
4. אחת הדרכים להפחתת כמות הקרינה בבדיקת **CCTA** הינה לבצע סריקה באמצעות **prospective gating**
5. **CCTA** הינה בדיקת הבחירה להערכת תפקוד מסתמי הלב

מה לא נכון לגבי CTA של העורקים הכליליים:

1. מספק הדמיה מדויקת של מעקפים לעורקים כליליים.
2. הערכה טובה של תומכנים בעורקים הכליליים מעל קוטר של 3 מ"מ
3. מתאים לאבחון קריש בחללי הלב
4. רגישות CTA לאבחון מחלה כלילית חסימתית נמוכה יותר בהשוואה למיפוי לב.

מה לא נכון לגבי cardiac CT?

1. הסיכוי להערכת יתר של חומרת היצרויות בעורקים הכליליים גבוה יותר מאשר תת הערכה.
2. מומלץ לבצע את הבדיקה במטופלים עם סבירות נמוכה עד בינונית למחלה כלילית.
3. הסתיידויות בעורקים הכליליים גורמות להערכת יתר של חומרת ההיצרות.
4. סריקת הלב לשם הערכה של העורקים הכליליים מתבצעת בדרך כלל בשלב הסיסטולה.

סיכום - Coronary CT Angiography

▶ מטרת הבדיקה – שלילה של מחלת לב כלילית חסימתית ($>50\%$ מקוטר העורק) :

בעיקר בנבדקים ללא מחלת לב כלילית ידועה עם –

• סבירות נמוכה עד בינונית לקיום מחלה כלילית חסימתית

▶ אוכלוסית יעד:

• כאב בחזה / Effort dyspnea

• ירידה בלתי מוסברת בתפקוד הלב

• כאשר Stress test אינו חד משמעי (מבחן מאמץ, אקו במאמץ, מיפוי לב)

• לפני ניתוח לב לא כלילי – הפרעה מסתמית או האאורטה החזית

Implications of CAD diagnosis

- Coronary plaque on CTA is associated with adverse events
- CTA is associated with intensification in preventive therapies and modification of CVD risk factors.

Coronary CTA uniquely identifies patients who have non-obstructive atherosclerosis and who will benefit from medical therapy

* Cheezum et al JACC Cardiovasc Imaging. 2013

**Hulten et al Circ Cardiovasc Imaging. 2014

התוויות נוספות לביצוע CCTA

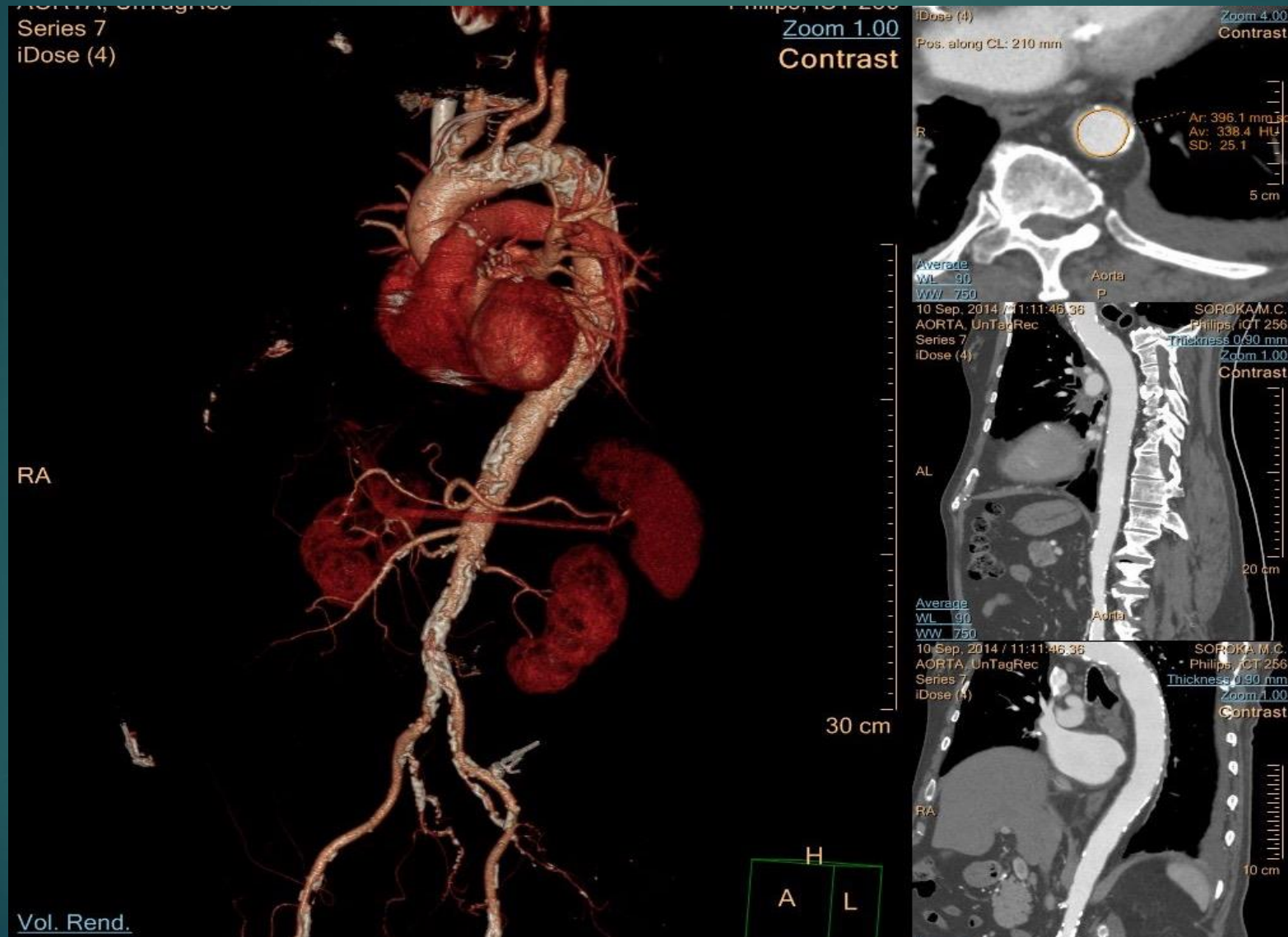
- ▶ הערכה של העורקים הכליליים - "צנתור וירטואלי"
- ▶ טרשת עורקים – קיום מחלה טרשתית, חומרת הצרויות, הרכב הטרשת
- ▶ אנומליות במוצא העורקים הכליליים
- ▶ הערכה לאחר התקנת סטנט / לאחר ניתוח מעקפים (פטנטיות של מעקפים)
- ▶ אנטומיה של ורידי הריאה – לפני ביצוע אבולציה של פרפור פרוזדורים (PVI)
- ▶ לפני החלפה של מסתם אאורטלי בגישה מילעורית – TAVI - הערכה של מסתם אאורטלי, האאורטה העולה וכלי דם פריפריים
- ▶ הערכה של תהליכים תופסי מקום ומומים בלב
- ▶ תפקוד שריר הלב, נפח מדורי הלב (כאשר אקו באיכות ירודה, MRI לא זמין)

התוויות לביצוע CCTA

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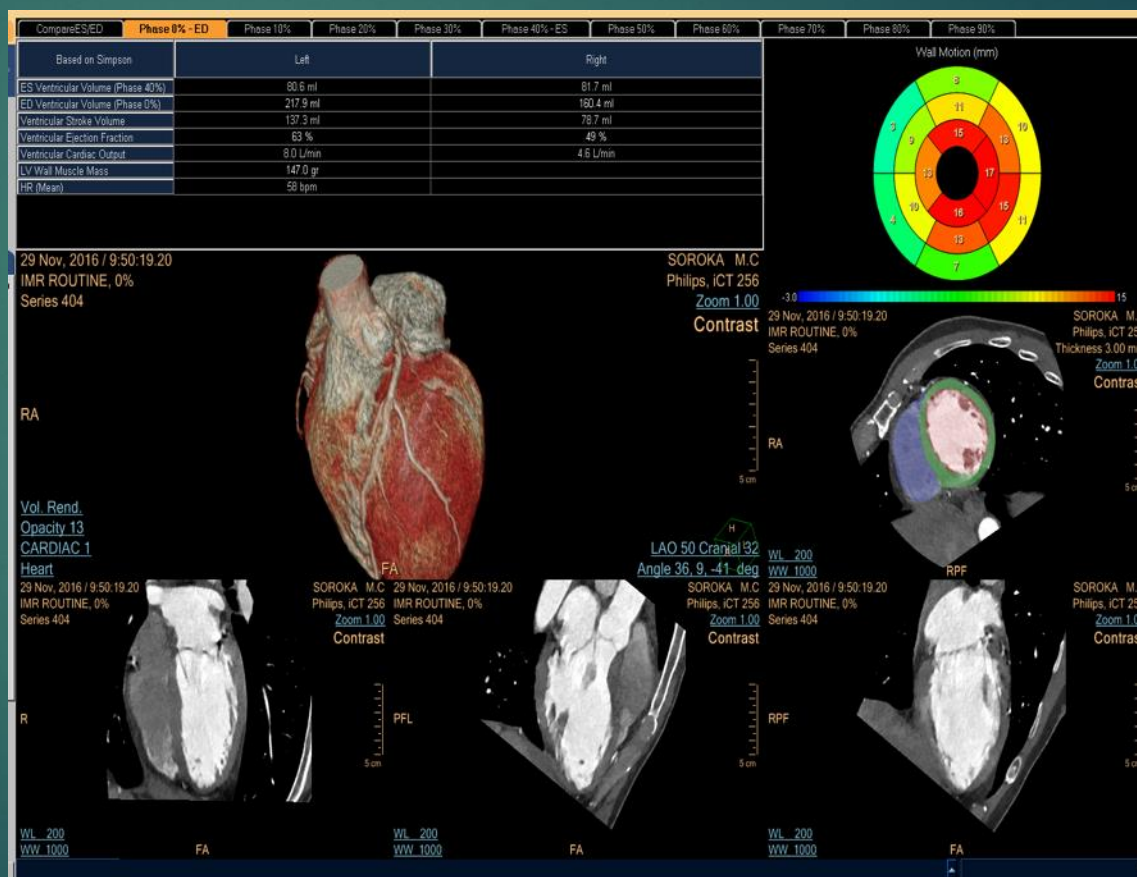
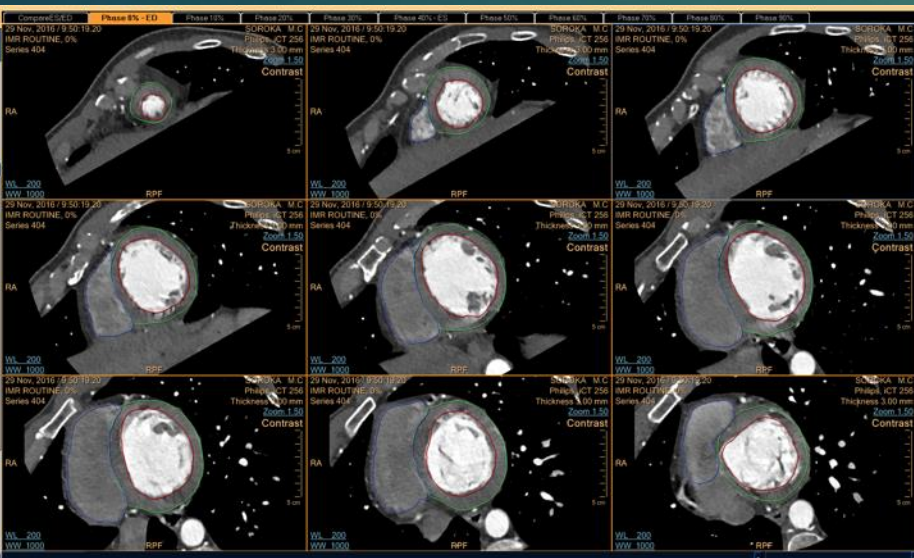
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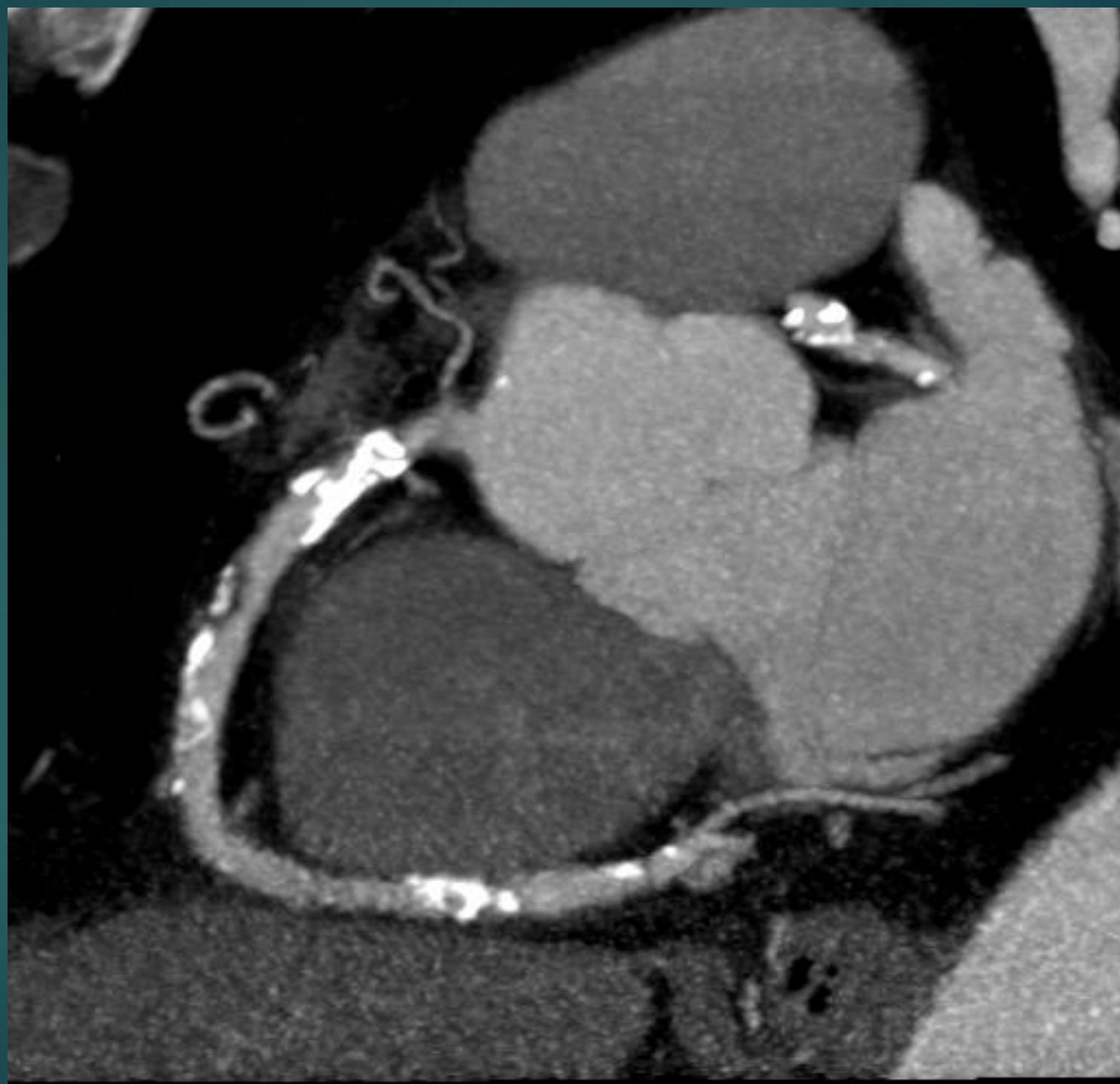
התוויות לביצוע CCTA

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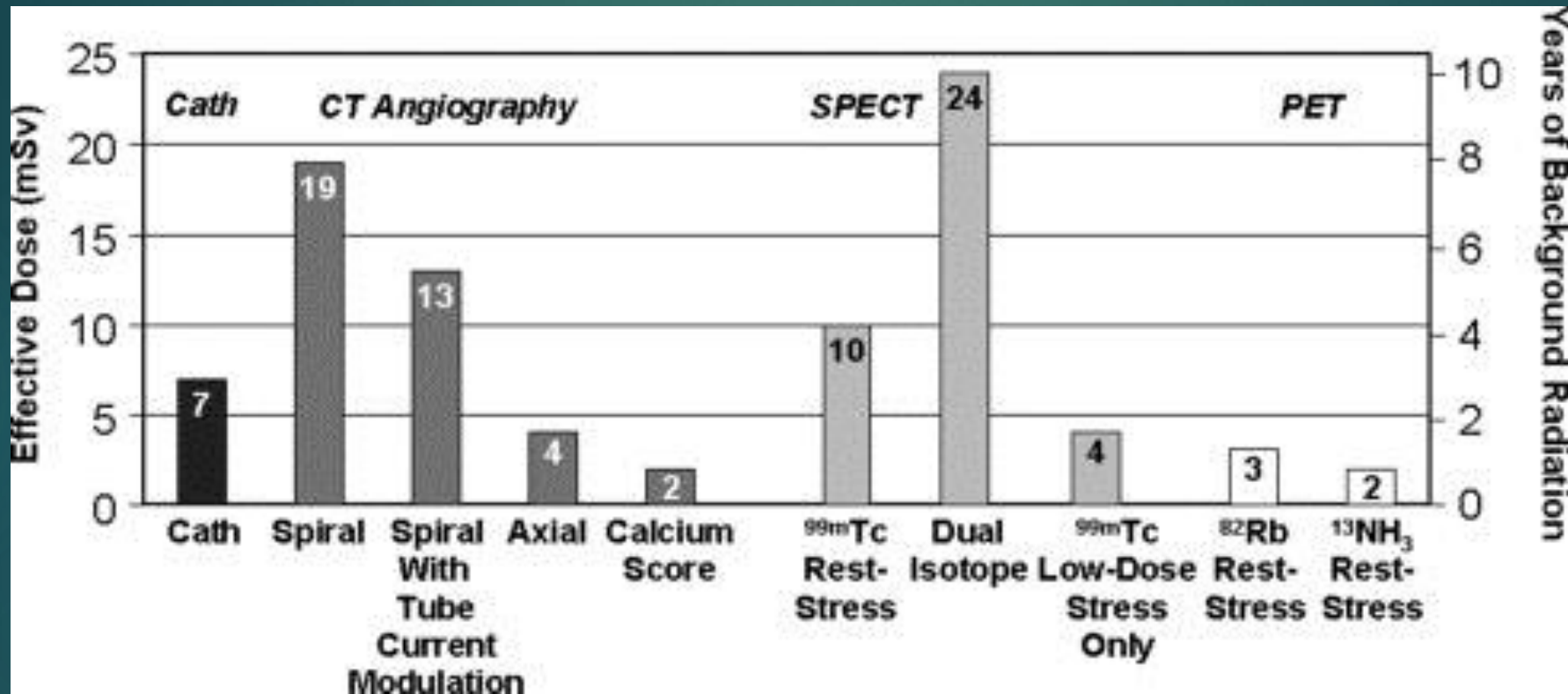


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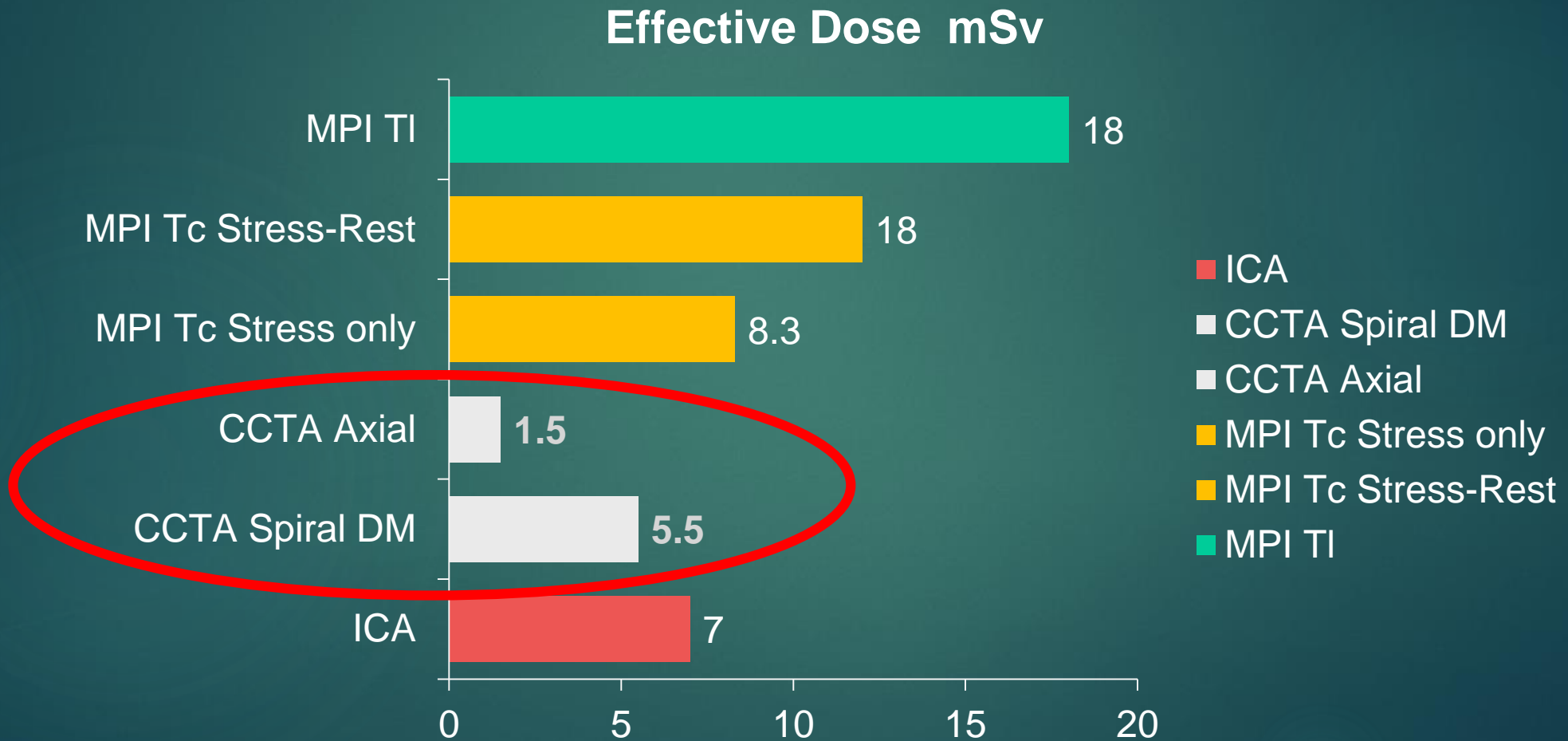
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- ▶ מידע אנטומי בלבד

Radiation Exposure



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Ultra-low radiation exposure

- Advanced scan features
- Iterative reconstruction algorithms

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Accuracy of Coronary CT Angiography Using a Submillisievert Fraction of Radiation Exposure



Comparison With Invasive Coronary Angiography

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Anatomy vs. Physiology - Relationship between luminal stenosis and ischemia is complex

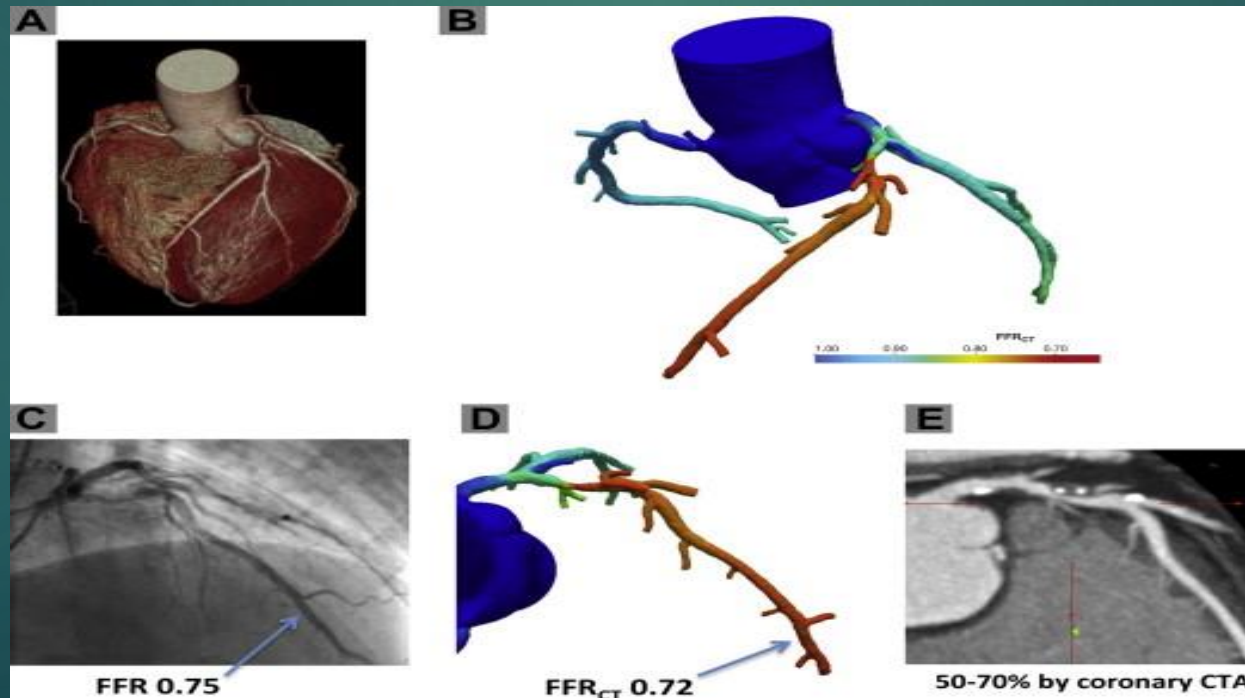
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A single noninvasive test with high diagnostic performance for both anatomy and lesion- specific ischemia would provide a major advantage in assessment of CAD

Combining Anatomy & Physiology

- CT Perfusion (CTP) – dual scan, adenosine infusion
- FFRCT - computational fluid dynamics to derive physiologic data from CT, without additional imaging or medications.





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