

Looking into the crystal ball...

**Tailored Medicine in Coronary
Artery Disease in Women**

Cardiofemme 2018

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In 20 years...



Looking at the past and present...

- **“ Historically, women with ACS have had worse outcomes compared with men....”**
- **“ This differences were recognized to be secondary to a higher incidence of atypical symptoms, late presentations, and consequently lower rates of optimal medical therapy and cardiac catheterization..”**
- **” With advances..., outcomes have improved and findings from recent trials indicate similar incidence of short- and long-term mortality in men and women...”**

AHA Scientific Statement



Acute Myocardial Infarction in Women A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association



Recommendations for gender

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
Both genders should be evaluated and treated in the same way.	I	B	246

^aClass of recommendation.

^bLevel of evidence.

^cReference.

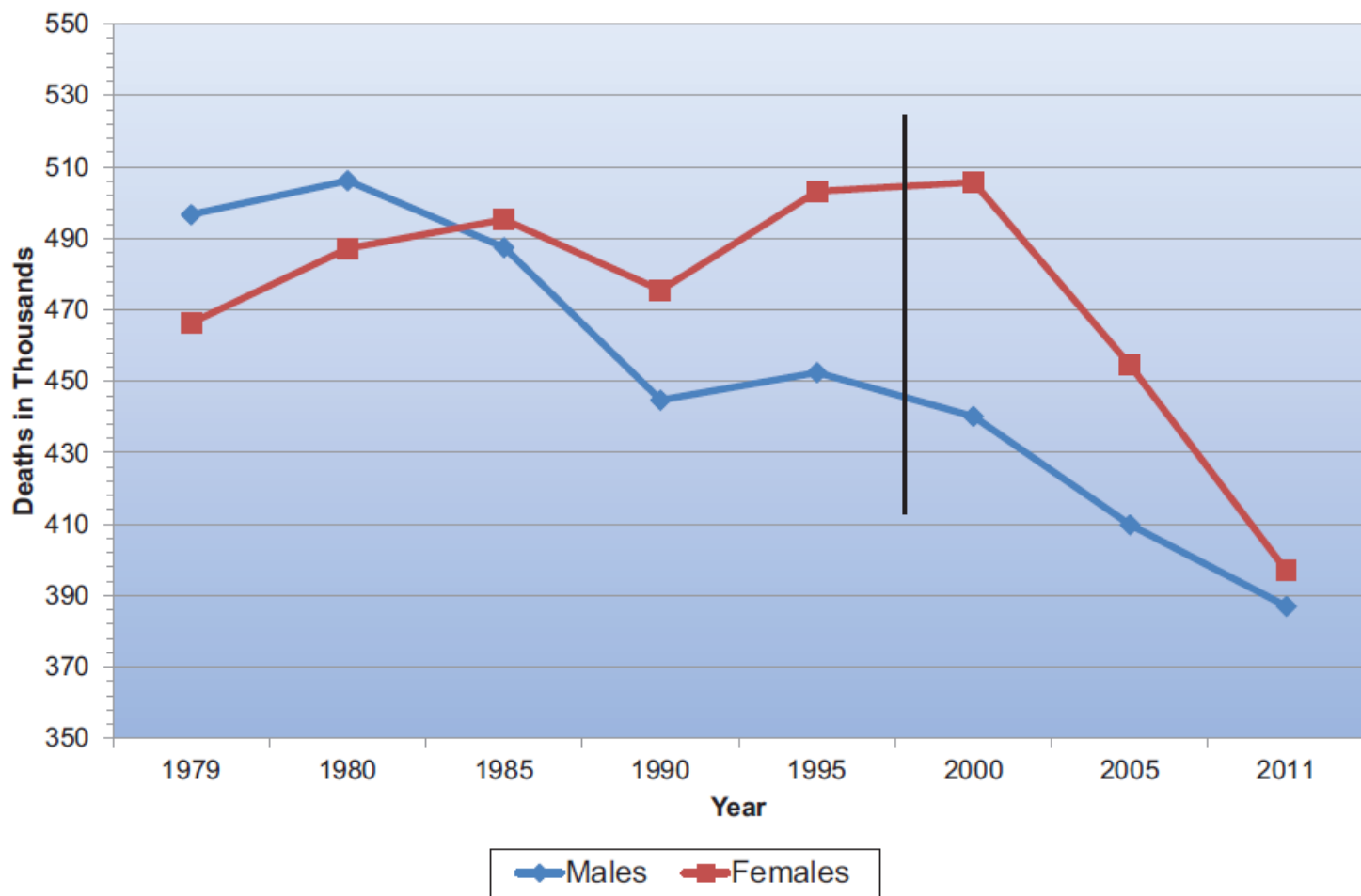
NSTE-ACS = non-ST-elevation acute coronary syndrome.

Table 17 Special subsets

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
Both genders must be managed in a similar fashion.	I	C	-
A high index of suspicion for myocardial infarction must be maintained in women, diabetics, and elderly patients with atypical symptoms.	I	B	189
Special attention must be given to proper dosing of antithrombotics in elderly and renal failure patients.	I	B	190

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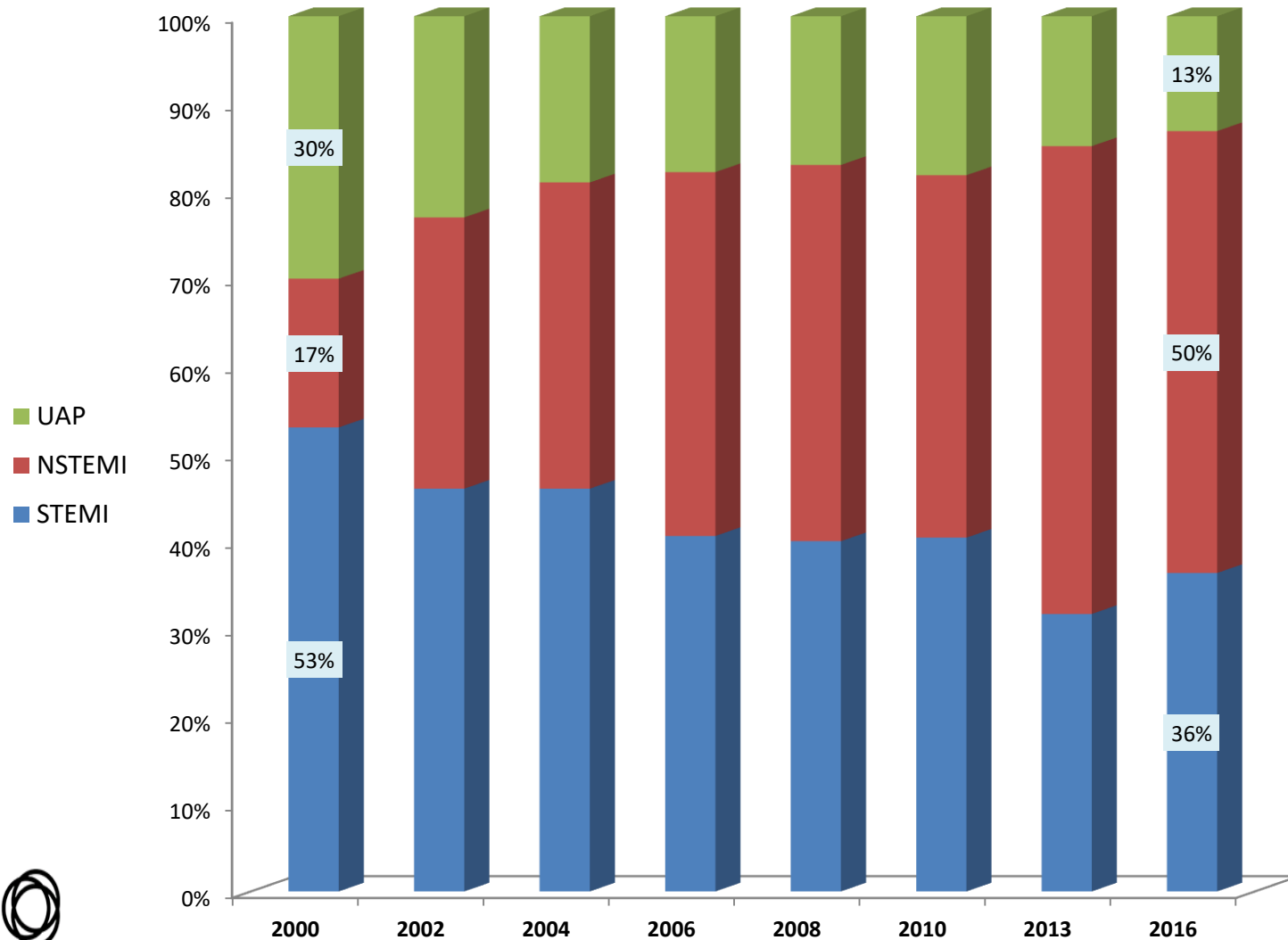
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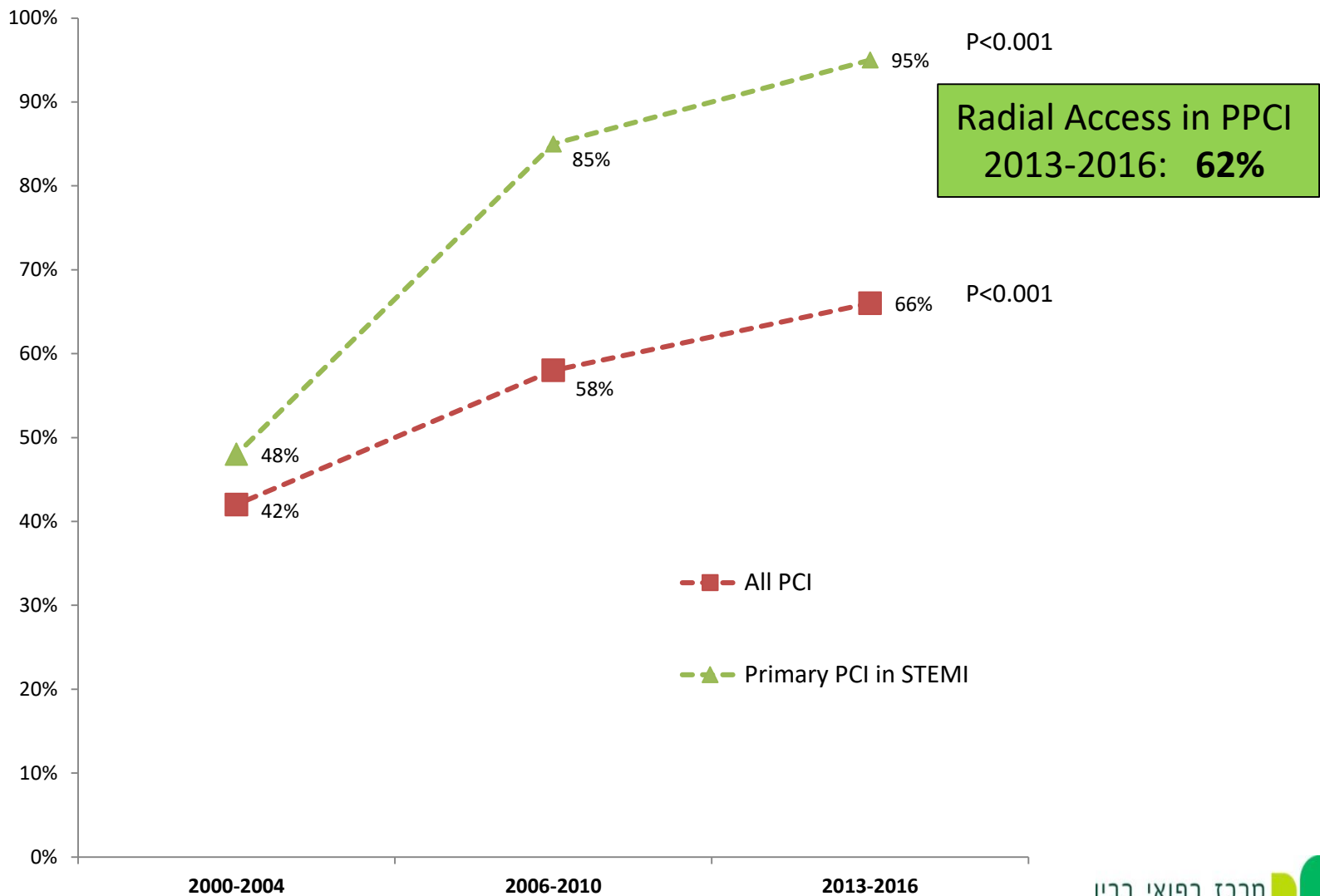
Baseline characteristics of Women

Characteristic (%)	2000-2004 (n=1480)	2006-2010 (n=1229)	2013-2016 (n=809)	P-value
Age, y- mean (SD)	70 (12)	70 (13)	70 (12)	NS
Dislipidemia	56	75	77	<0.001
Diabetes mellitus	42	44	44	NS
Current smoker	16	19	22	0.01
BMI, kg/m ² - mean (SD)	27 (5)	28 (5)	29 (15)	0.002
Prior PCI	16	24	23	<0.001
PVD	8	8	6	NS
Prior CVA/TIA	11	11	10	0.9
Prior HF	11	10	9	NS

Type of ACS in Women



Invasive management in Women

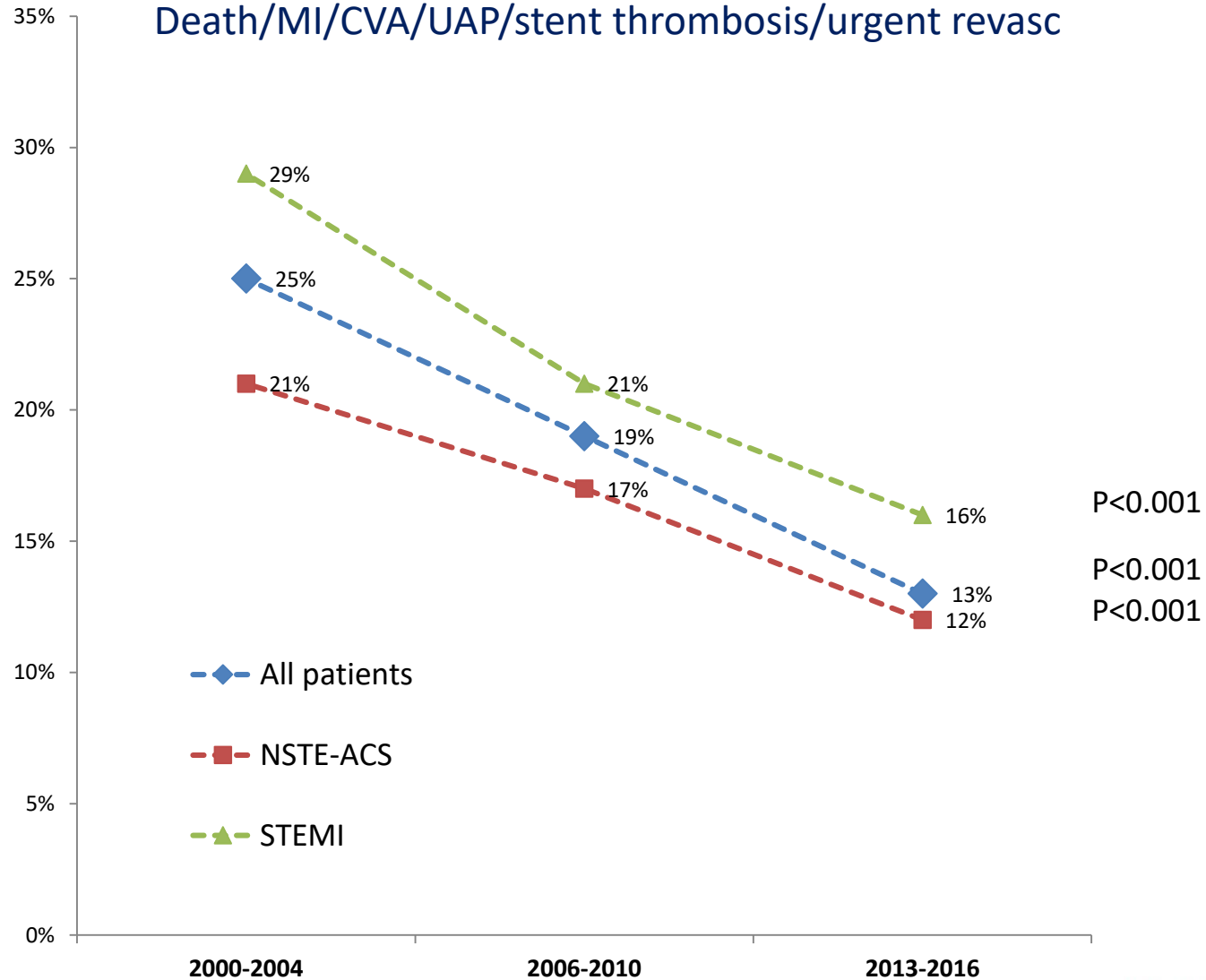


Discharge treatment in Women

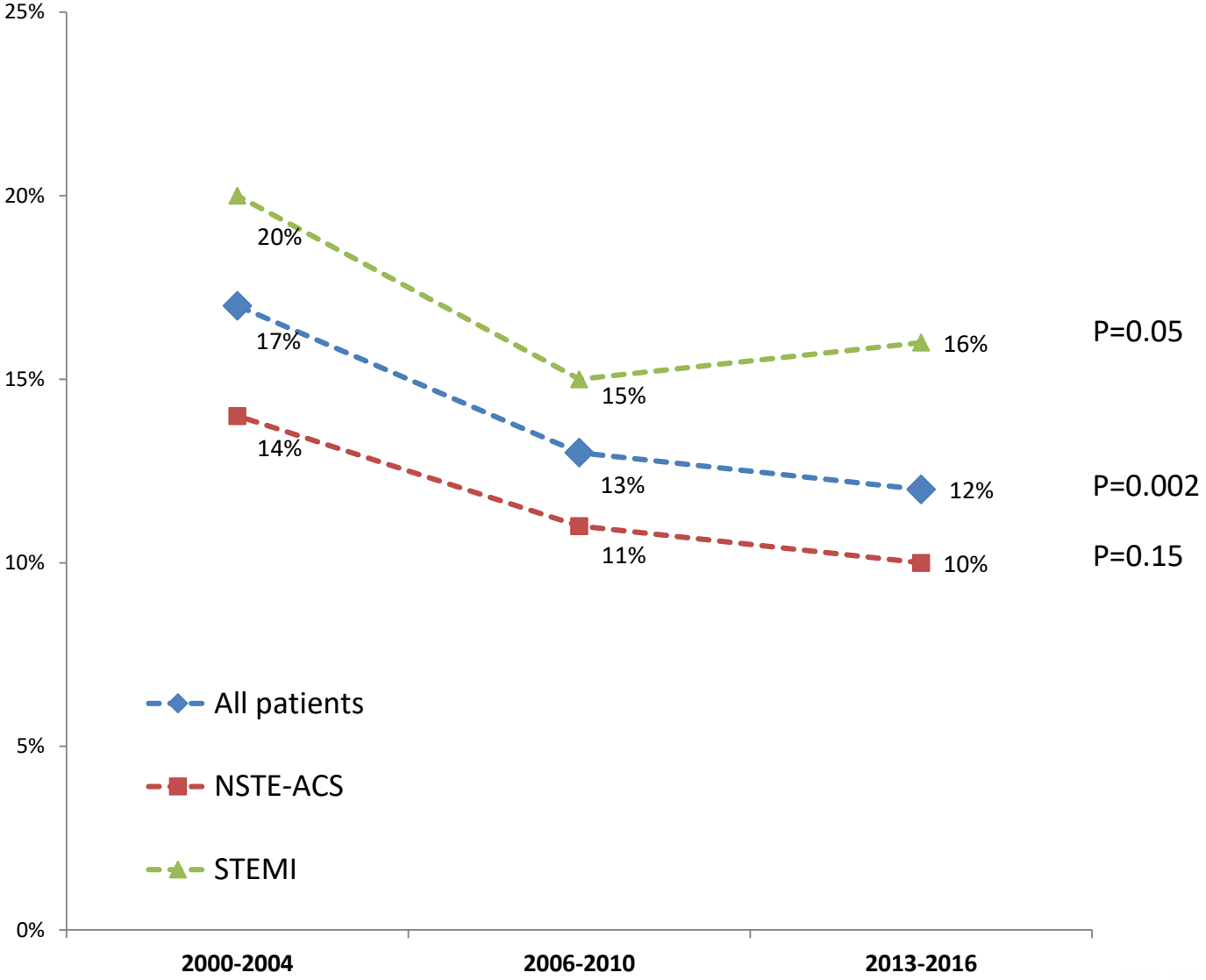
Variable- %	2000-2004	2006-2010	2013-2016	P-value
Aspirin	88	94	91	<0.001
P2Y12 inhibitor	43	73	84	<0.001
Statins	66	91	93	<0.001
Ace inh/ ARBs	65	74	74	<0.001
Beta blockers	74	80	77	0.001
Cardiac rehabilitation (ref)	NA	35	46	<0.001

30d MACE

Death/MI/CVA/UAP/stent thrombosis/urgent revasc



1-year mortality



Looking into the crystal ball....

(or identifying gaps in knowledge...)



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Risk factors
Risk-stratification

Common risk factors

Age

- Sex-specific differences in baseline risk factors vary by age¹²
- Among patients with ACS, women generally are older than men⁵

Depression

- More common in women with MI than in men²⁰
- This sex-specific difference is particularly pronounced at young ages (<55 years)²¹

Hypertension

Women with ACS are more likely to have hypertension than men with ACS⁵

Smoking

- Stronger risk factor for MI in women than in men¹⁸
- The risk difference is even greater in women aged <45 years¹⁸

Diabetes mellitus

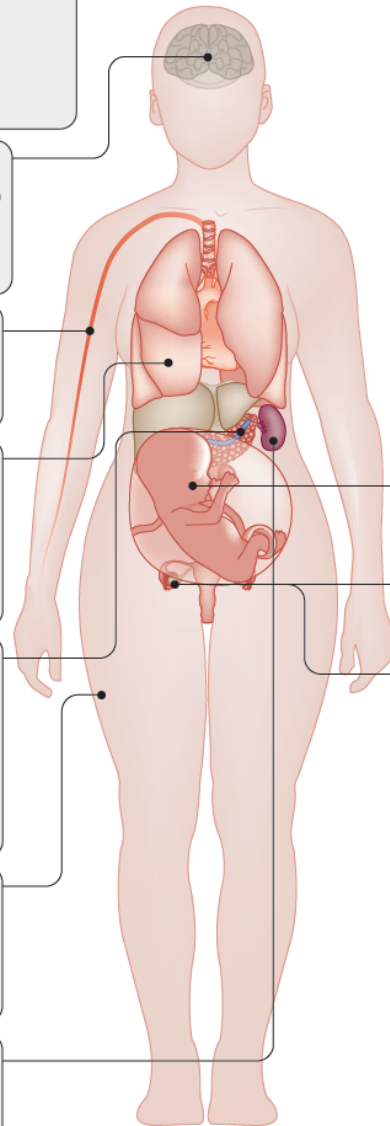
- Among patients with ACS, diabetes is more common in women than in men⁵
- The risk of MI and coronary heart disease is higher in women with diabetes than in men with diabetes¹³⁻¹⁵

Obesity

In patients with ACS, the prevalence of obesity is higher in young women (aged <55 years) than in men in the same age group¹⁶

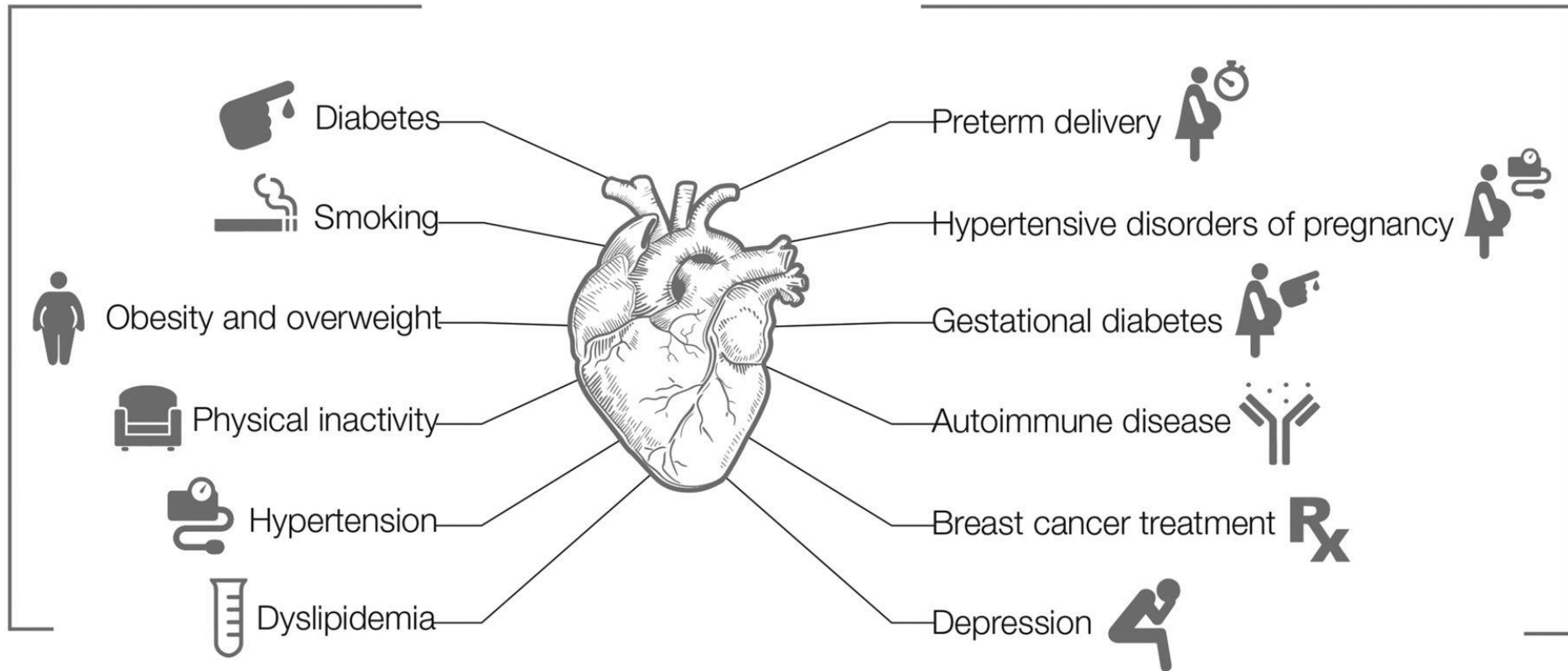
Chronic kidney disease

Approximately twofold more frequent in women than in men among patients with STEMI^{22,23}

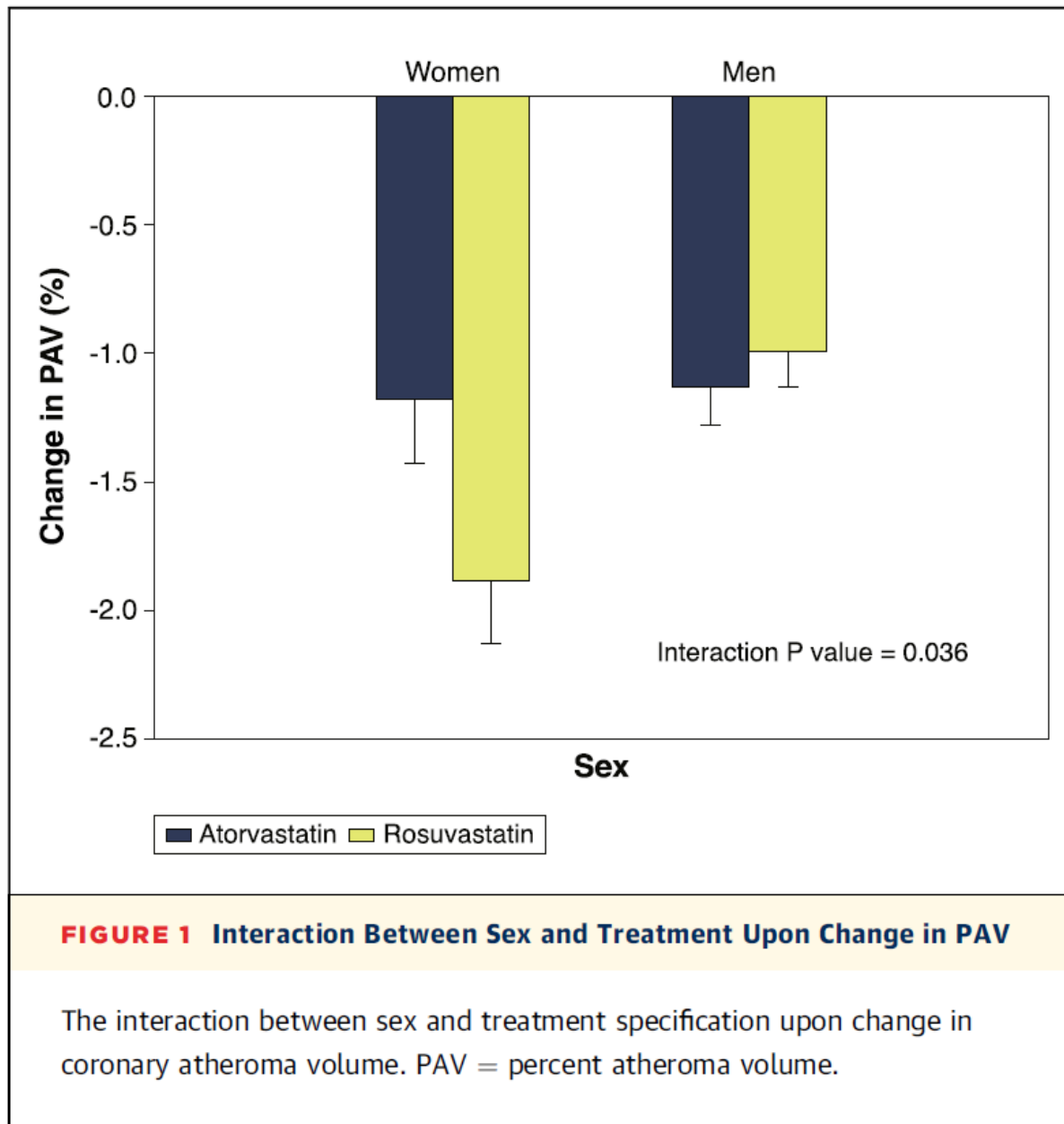


Traditional ASCVD Risk Factors

Emerging, Nontraditional ASCVD Risk Factors

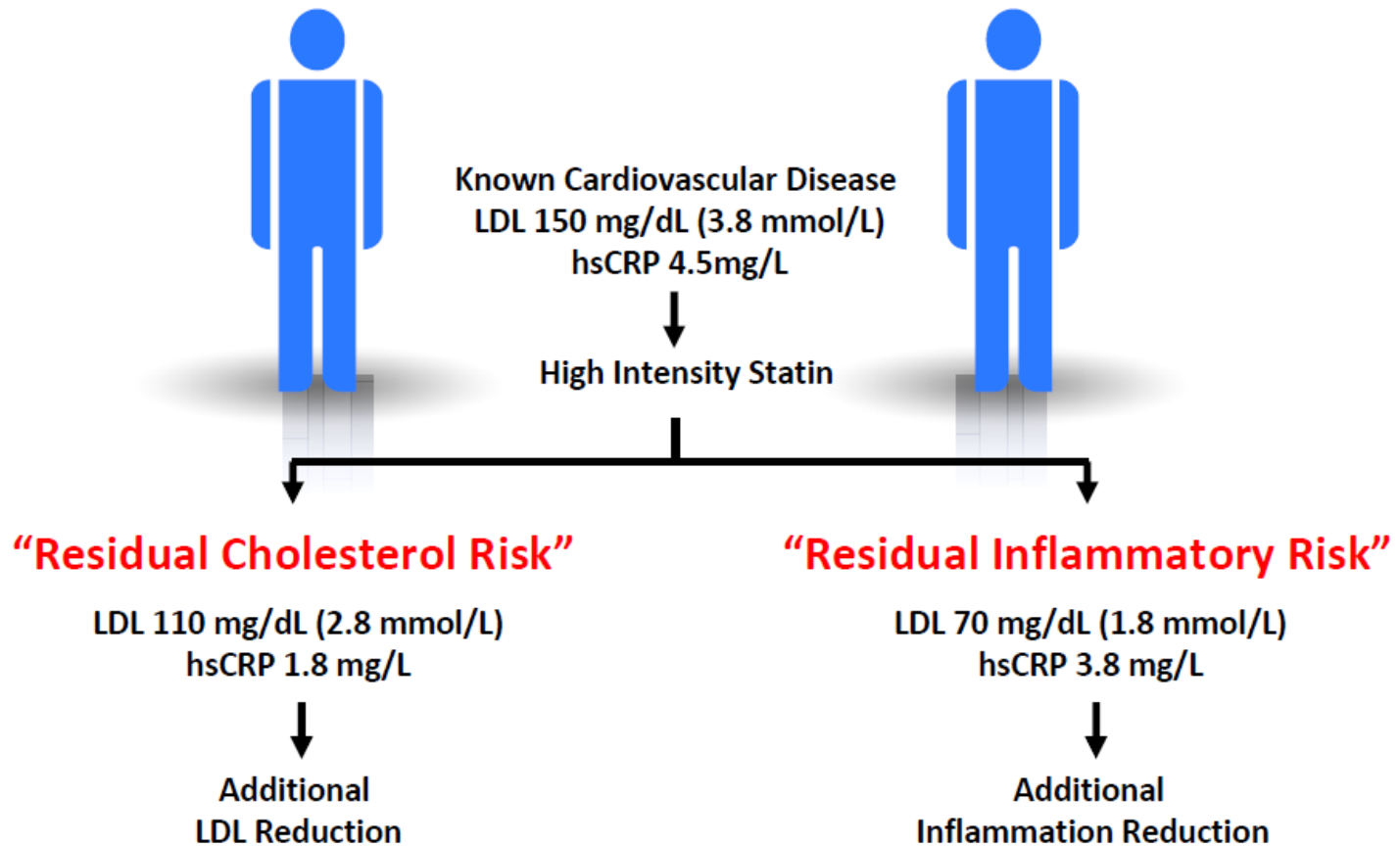


(*Circ Res.* 2016;118:1273-1293. DOI: 10.1161/CIRCRESAHA.116.307547.)



Residual Inflammatory Risk: Addressing the Obverse Side of the Atherosclerosis Prevention Coin

Ridker PM. *Eur Heart J* 2016;37:1720-22



IMPROVE-IT : Ezetimibe 6% RRR

FOURIER/SPIRE: PCSK9 Inhibition q2 weeks 15% RRR

No Prior Proof of Concept



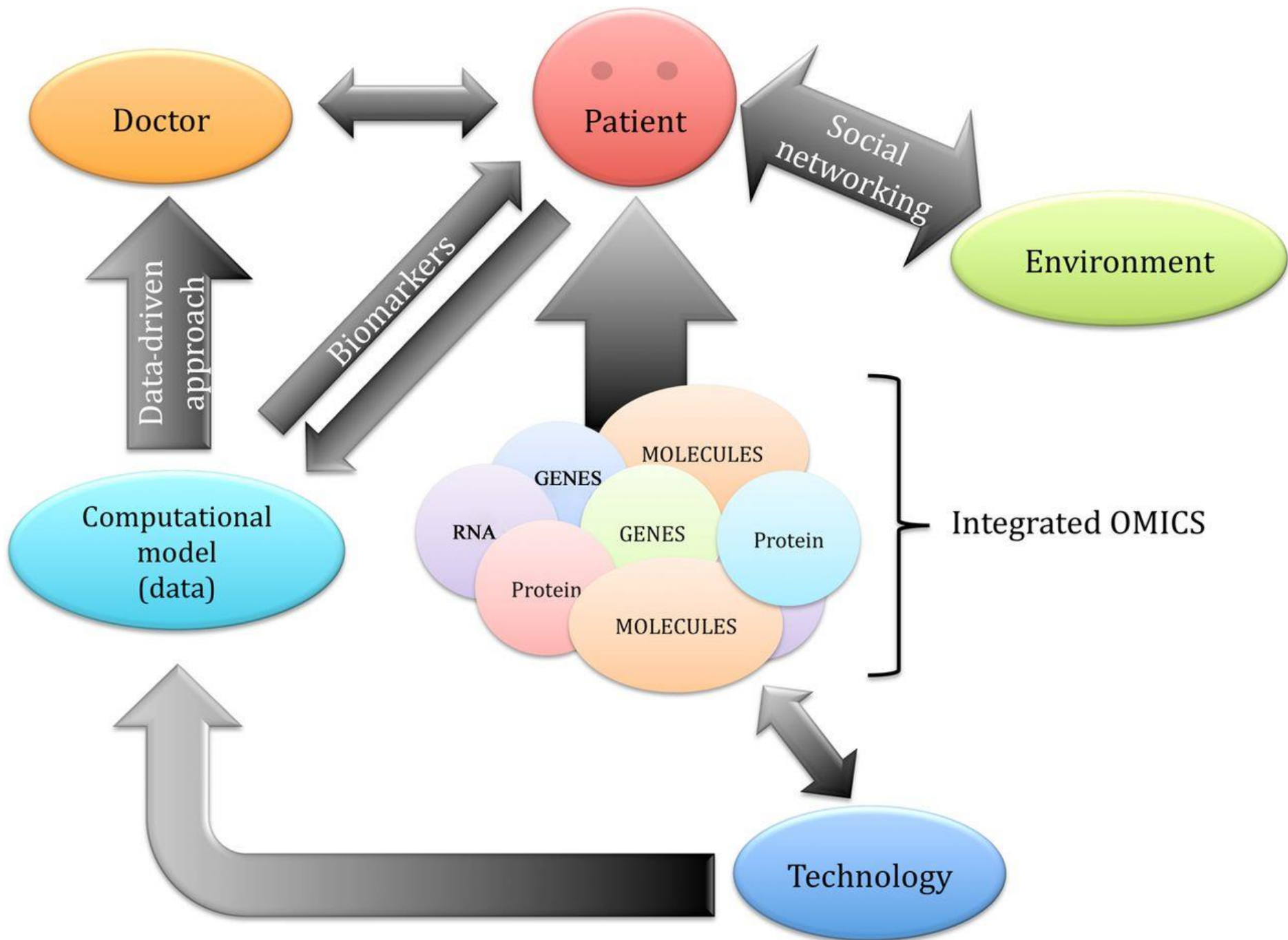
CANTOS has helped move the inflammatory hypothesis of coronary artery disease forward scientifically. However, the modest absolute clinical benefit of canakinumab cannot justify its routine use in patients with previous myocardial infarction until we understand more about the efficacy and safety trade-offs and identify the patients who might benefit the most.



One Brave Idea Project



“ One Brave Idea will produce a way to detect coronary disease decades before symptoms arise. That would unlock a world of opportunities – insights into mechanisms, new treatments and therapies that could prevent patients from making the leap from disease-carrier to disease-sufferer...”

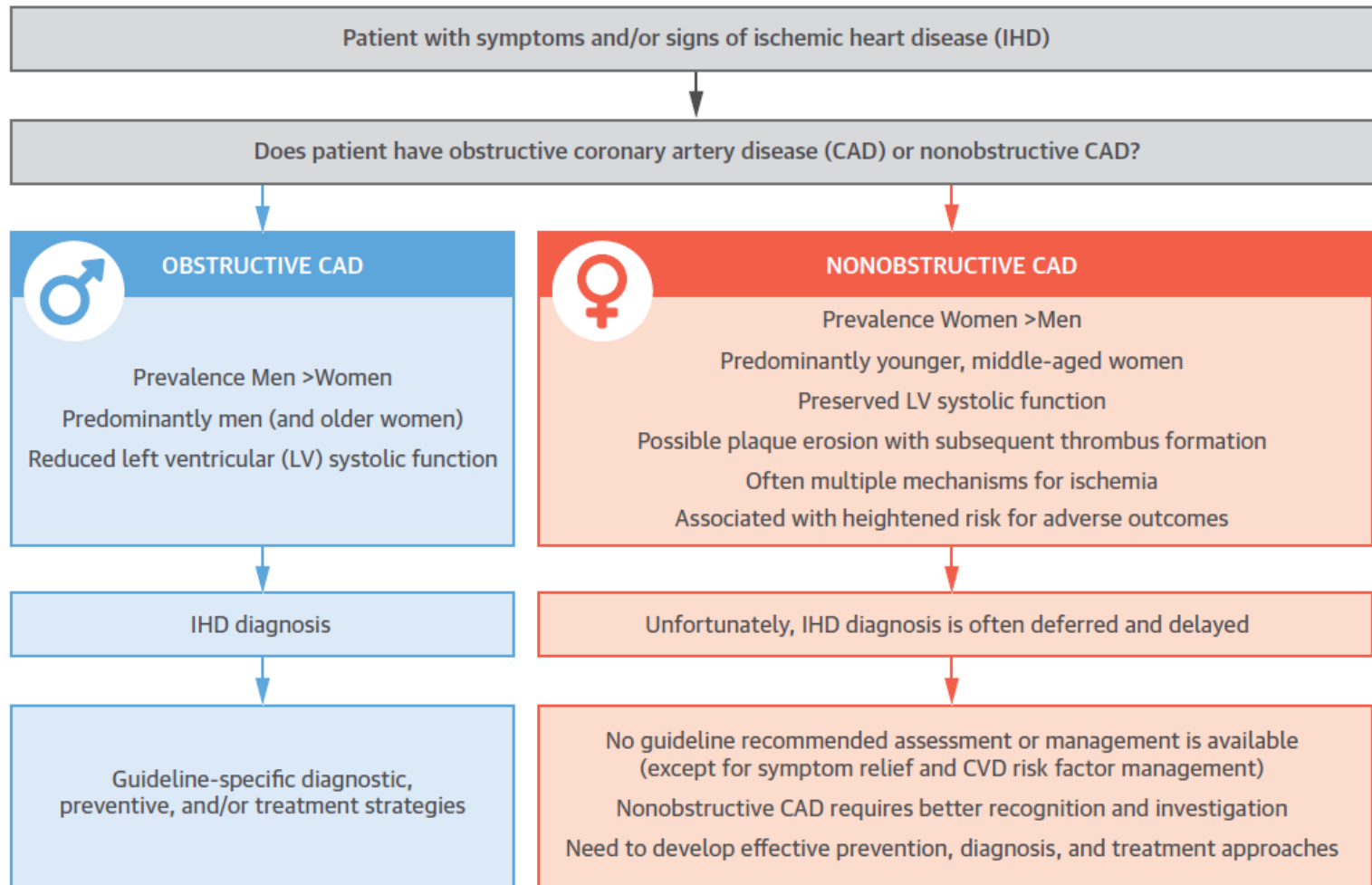


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**Pathophysiology
and Treatment**

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Nonobstructive CAD in Women: Sex-Specific CAD and Need for Ischemic Cardiac Disease Definition Changes



**Obstructive
CAD:
More
prevalent
In men**

**Microvascular
Coronary
Disease:
More
prevalent
in women**

**Female and
male patients
can have both**

A Hidden Risk

While an angiogram, in which dye is injected into the coronary arteries, helps doctors to determine whether the blockages are forming in the larger vessels of the heart, the test does not reveal the smaller vessels, microvasculature. Blockages in these small vessels, which seem to be more common in women, can become undetected threats.

TYPICAL ANGIOGRAM

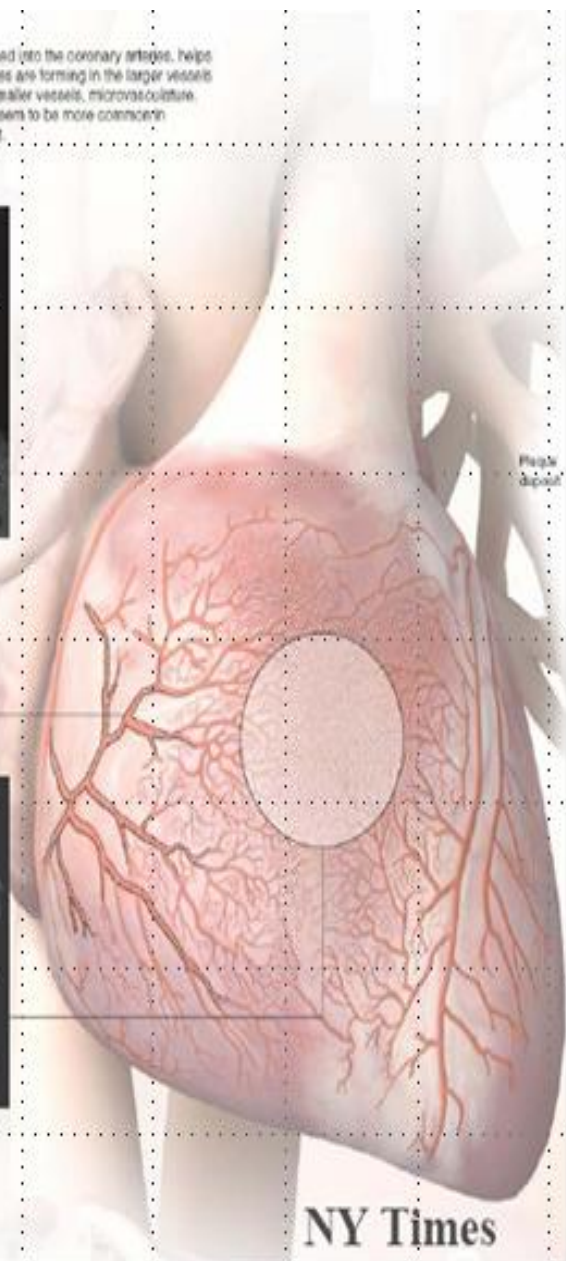


Microvascular Coronary Artery Disease
Larger vessels stand out while smaller ones, because of their microscopic size and the motion of the heart, are lost in a blur.

MICROVASCULATURE

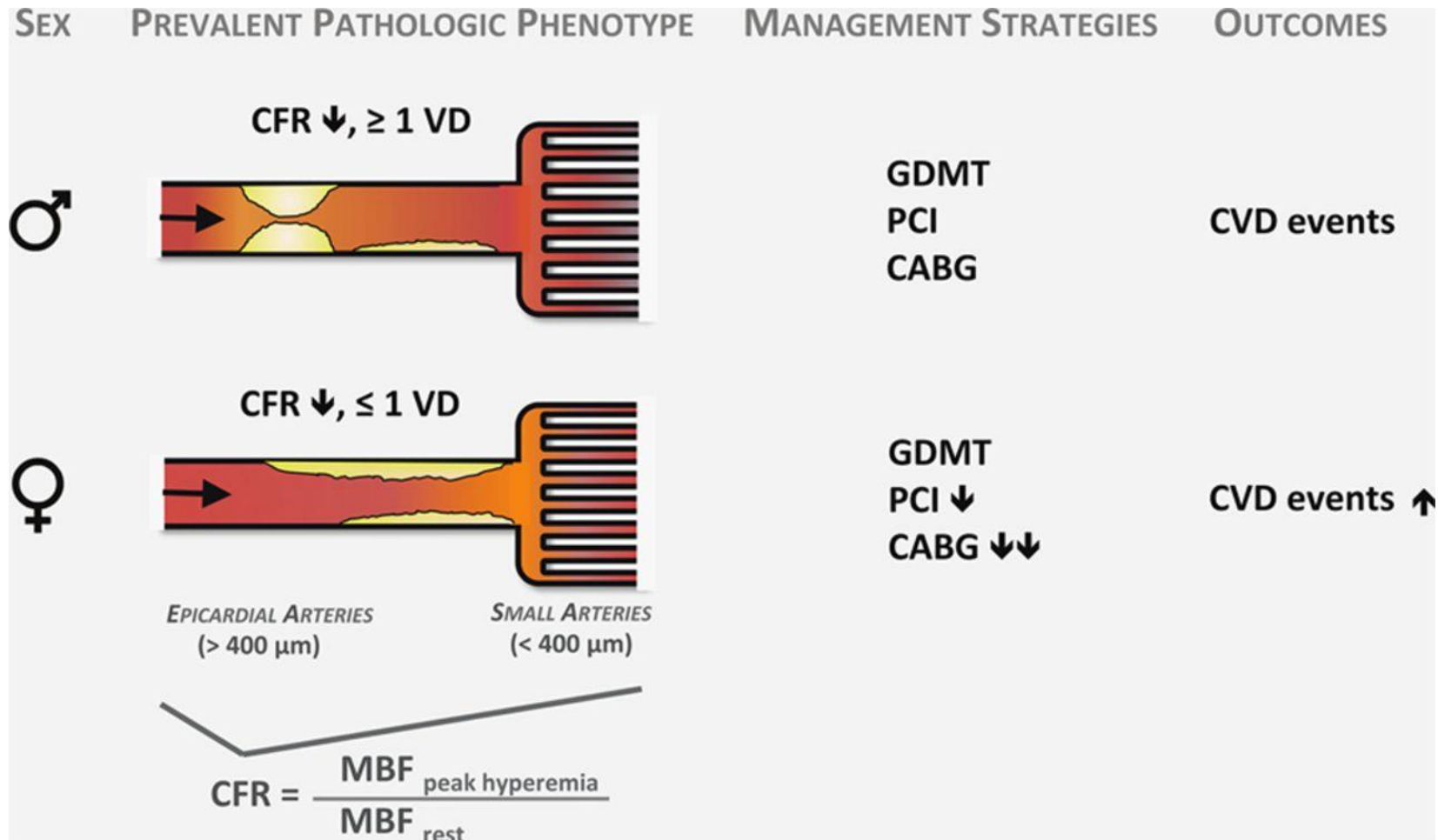


Microvascular Coronary Artery Disease
Clear imaging techniques used on hearts removed from the body reveal the vast network of vessels unseen by the angiogram. This image shows the microvessels in a pig's heart.



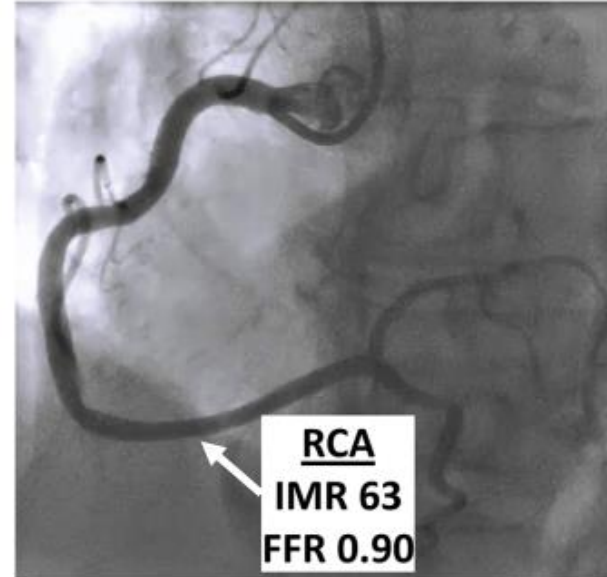
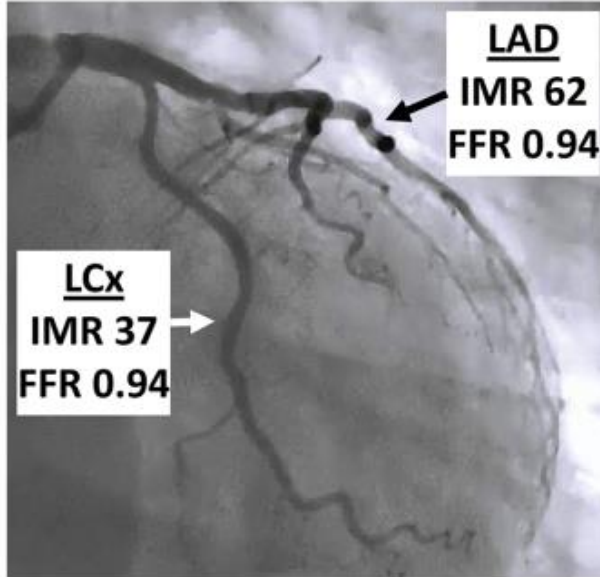
NY Times

Conceptual model of prevalent pathological phenotypes in women and men with ischemic heart disease and possible impact on cardiovascular management strategies and outcomes.



Viviany R. Taqueti et al. *Circulation*. 2017;135:566-577

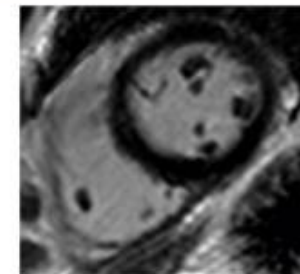
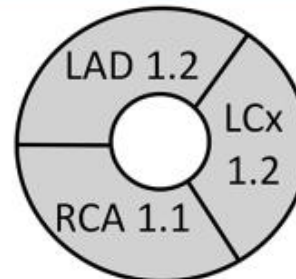
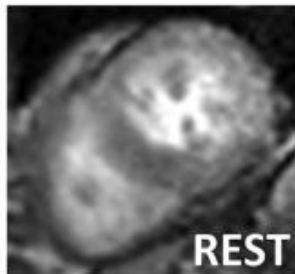
Invasive Coronary Angiography



CMR Perfusion

MPRI

LGE



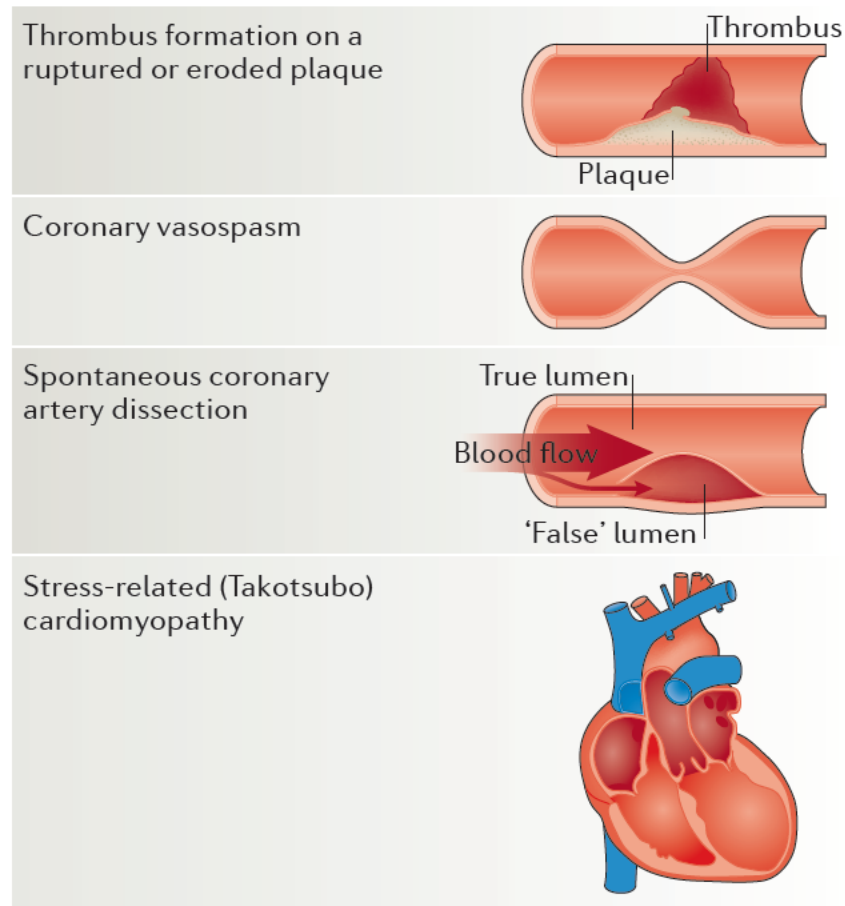
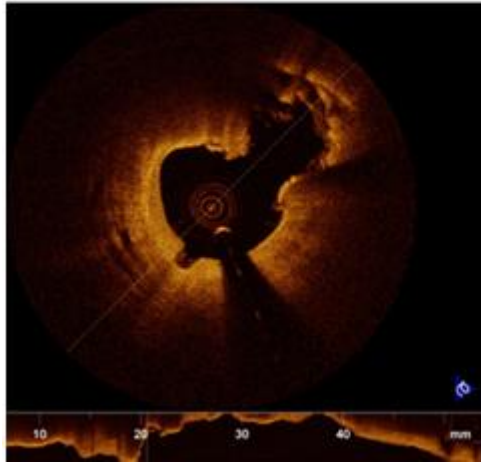


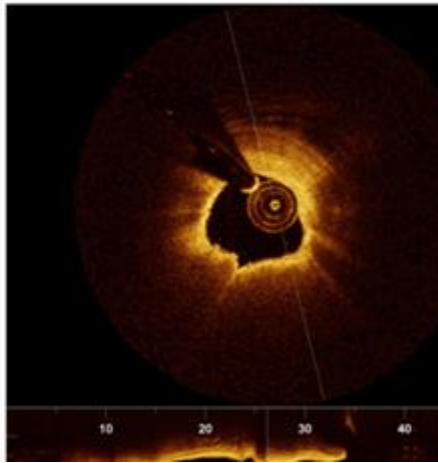
Figure 2 | Sex-specific differences in the pathophysiology of acute coronary syndrome.

A substantial proportion of acute coronary syndrome cases, especially in women, are caused by mechanisms other than plaque rupture and thrombus formation⁴⁵. Plaque erosion, coronary vasospasm, spontaneous coronary artery dissection, and stress-related (Takotsubo) cardiomyopathy are more prevalent in women than in men.

Plaque rupture



Plaque erosion



Calcified nodule

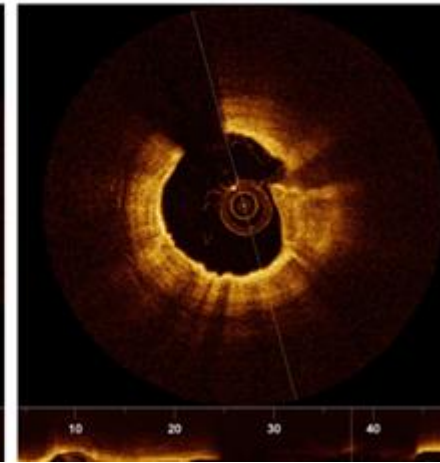
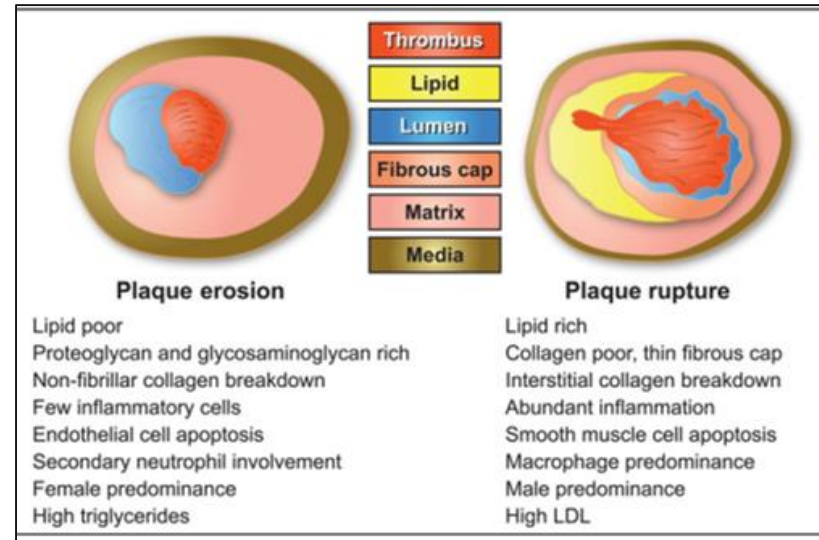
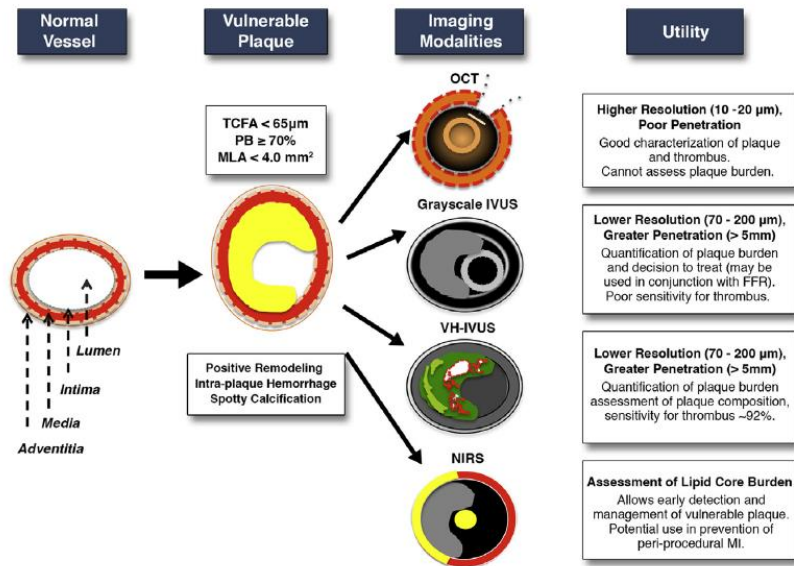


FIGURE 1 Utility of Contemporary Coronary Imaging Technologies in ACS



IVUS = intravascular ultrasound; NIRS = near-infrared spectroscopy; OCT = optical coherence tomography; MLA = minimal lumen area; PB = plaque burden; TCFA = thin-cap fibroatheroma; VH = virtual histology.

MINOCA

(Universal AMI Criteria + no angiographic stenosis $\geq 50\%$ + no overt causes at presentation)

Invasive investigations

- Review for subtle 'missed' angiography findings (dissection, emboli or plaque disruption)
- Intracoronary nitrates (coronary spasm)

Consider:

- LV Gram or echocardiography (Takotsubo/other cardiomyopathies*)
- IVUS/OCT (plaque rupture/erosion, dissection**)
- Pressure/Doppler Wire (microvascular dysfunction)
- Provocative spasm testing (coronary spasm; preferably not in the acute phase of AMI***)

Laboratory assays

Consider:

- Type-2 MI (Hb, CRP, WBC, SO₂)
- D-dimer (pulmonary embolism)
- Thrombophilia screen
- BNP

MINOCA aetiologic diagnosis confirmed

Type-2 MI
Plaque disruption
Dissection
Takotsubo
Epicardial or microvascular spasm
Coronary thromboembolism

Diagnosis not confirmed

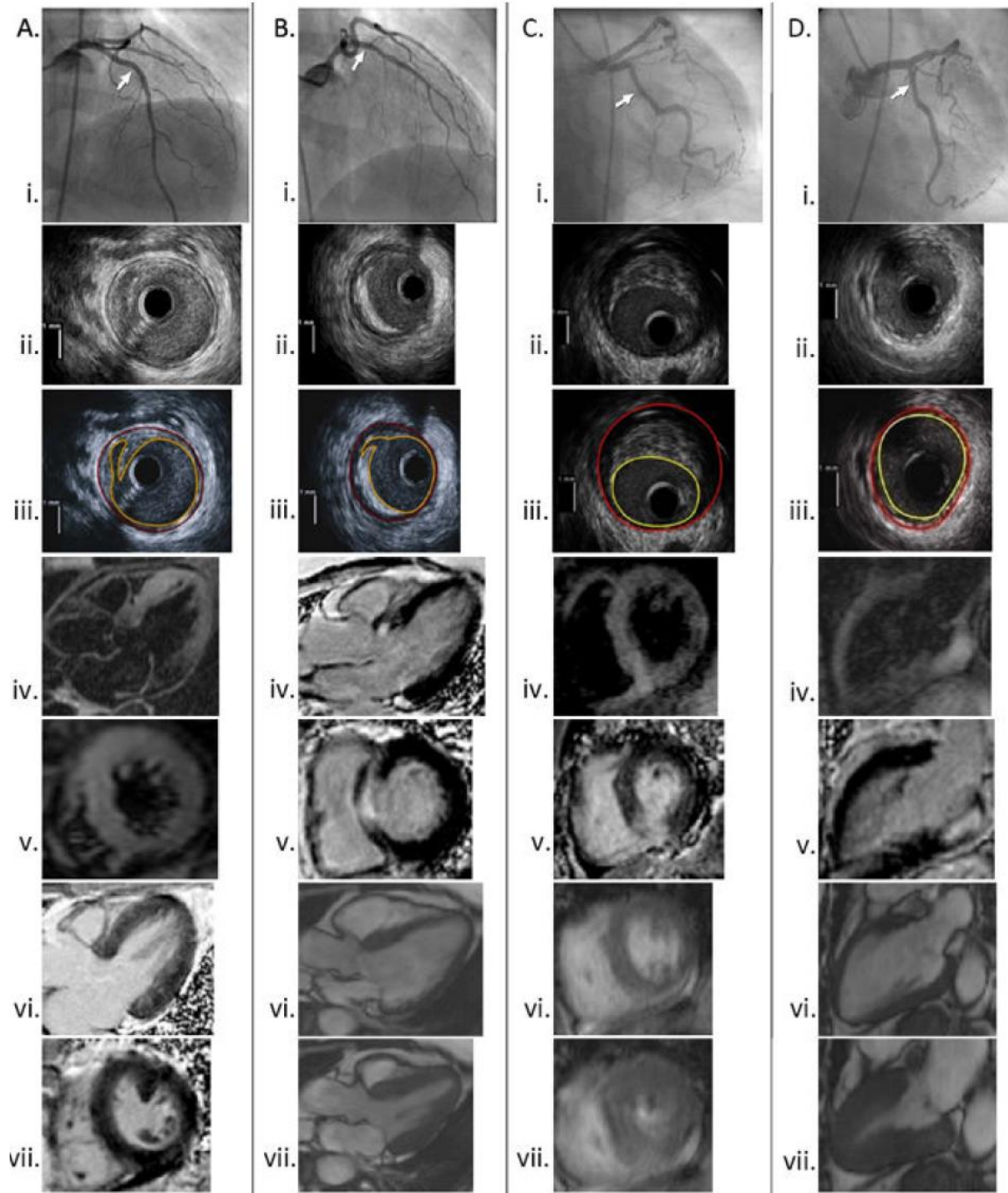
Cardiac MRI

- LGE (myocarditis****)
- AMI

TEE

- Cardioembolism

What is the specific treatment for each pathophysiology/aetiology?



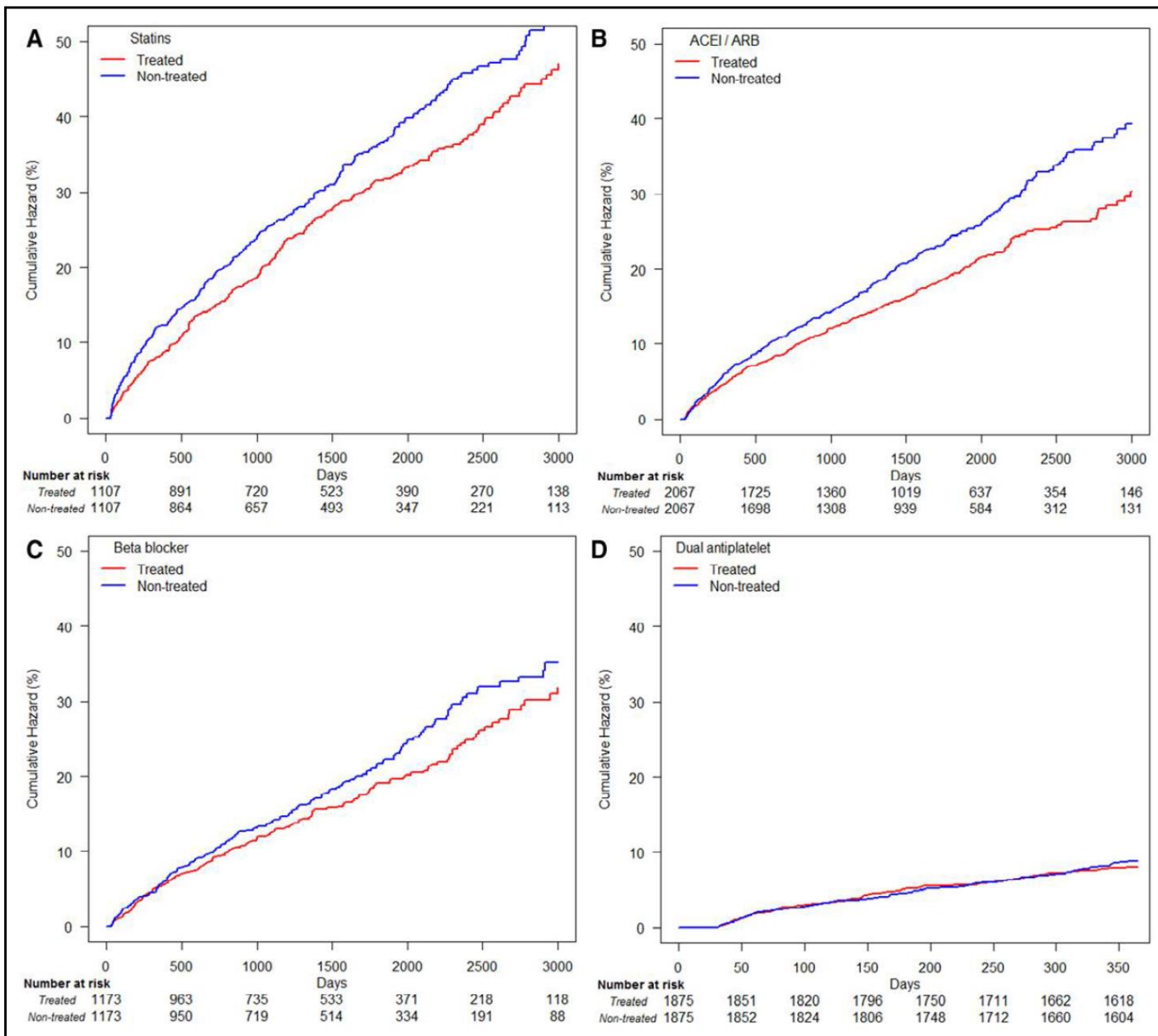


Figure 2. Survival curves for treated and untreated in the 1:1 propensity score-matched populations.

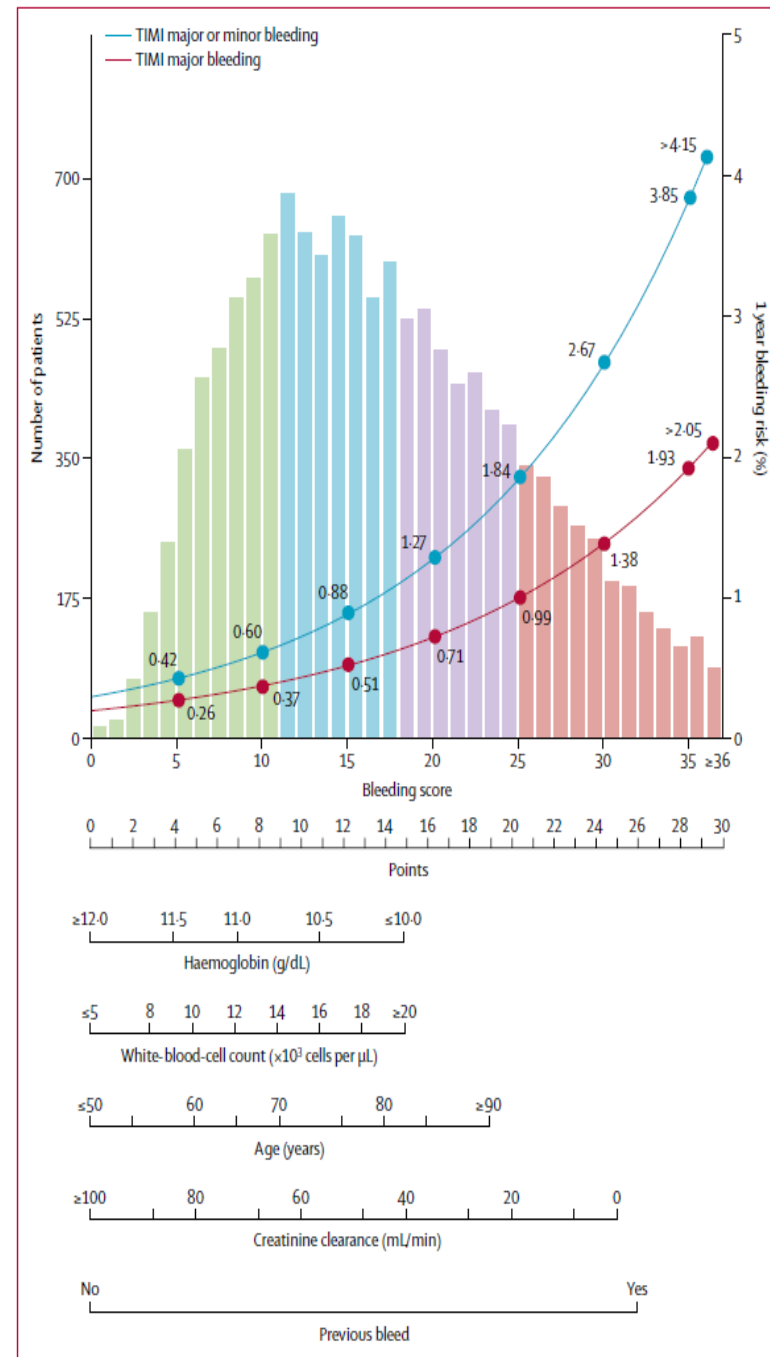
A, Statins. **B**, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEI) or angiotensin receptor blockers (ARB). **C**, β -blockers. **D**, Dual antiplatelet treatment.

TABLE 4

Clinical and Procedural Factors Associated With Increased Ischemic Risk (Including Stent Thrombosis) or Increased Bleeding Risk (62-70)

Increased Ischemic Risk/Risk of Stent Thrombosis (may favor longer-duration DAPT)	Increased Bleeding Risk (may favor shorter-duration DAPT)
Increased ischemic risk	History of prior bleeding
Advanced age	Oral anticoagulant therapy
ACS presentation	Female sex ←
Multiple prior MIs	Advanced age
Extensive CAD	Low body weight
Diabetes mellitus	CKD
CKD	Diabetes mellitus
Increased risk of stent thrombosis	Anemia
ACS presentation	Chronic steroid or NSAID therapy
Diabetes mellitus	
Left ventricular ejection fraction <40%	
First-generation drug-eluting stent	
Stent undersizing	
Stent underdeployment	
Small stent diameter	
Greater stent length	
Bifurcation stents	
In-stent restenosis	

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Is takotsubo syndrome a microvascular acute coronary syndrome? Towards a new definition

Thomas F. Lüscher* and Christian Templin

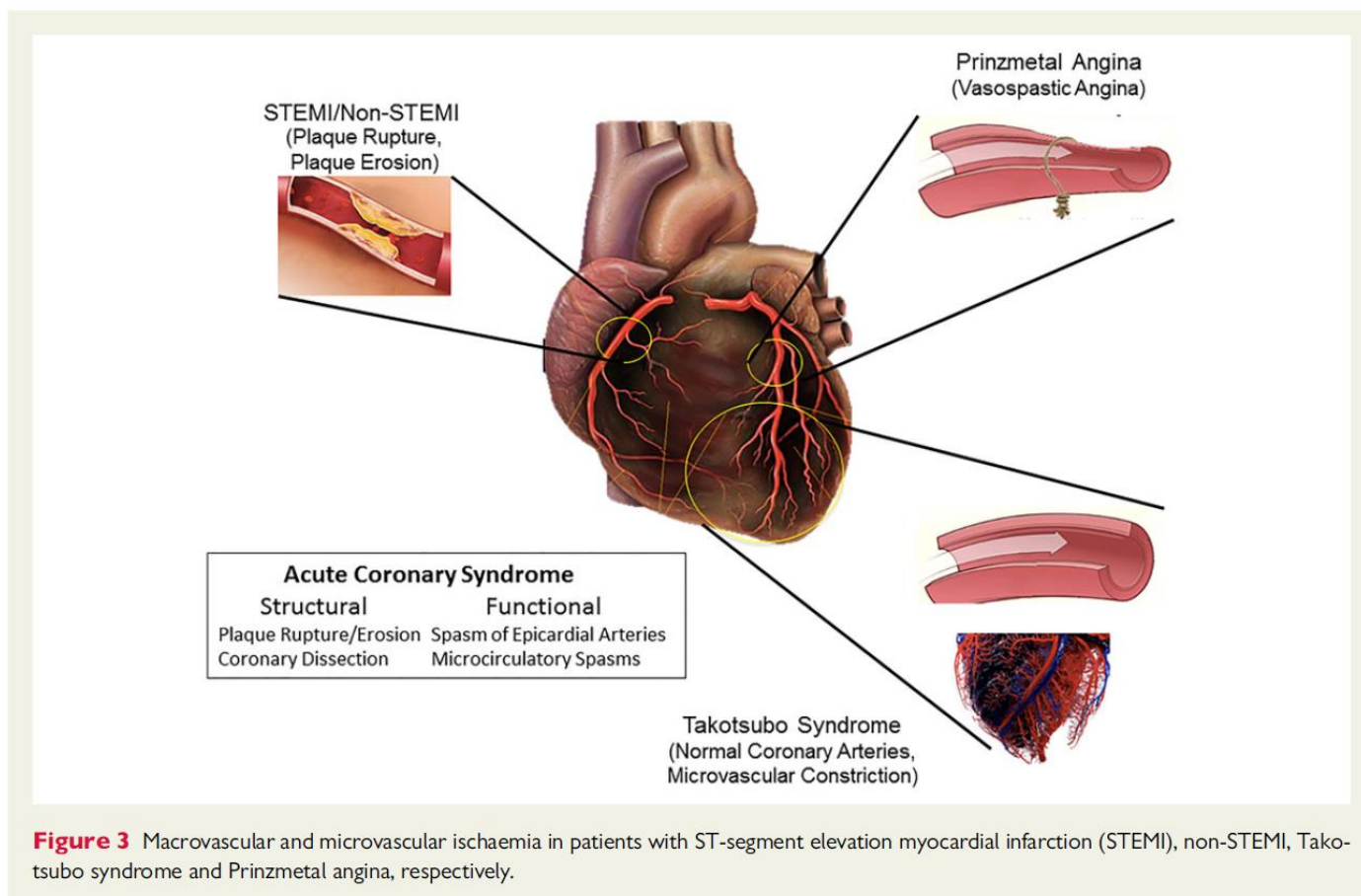


Figure 3 Macrovascular and microvascular ischaemia in patients with ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), non-STEMI, Takotsubo syndrome and Prinzmetal angina, respectively.

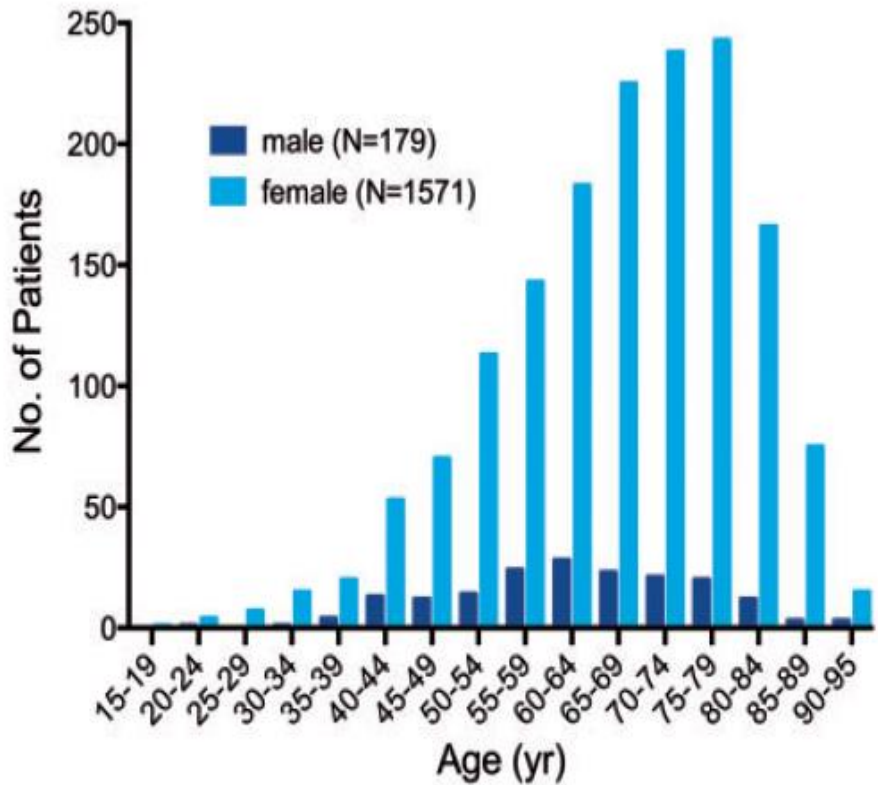


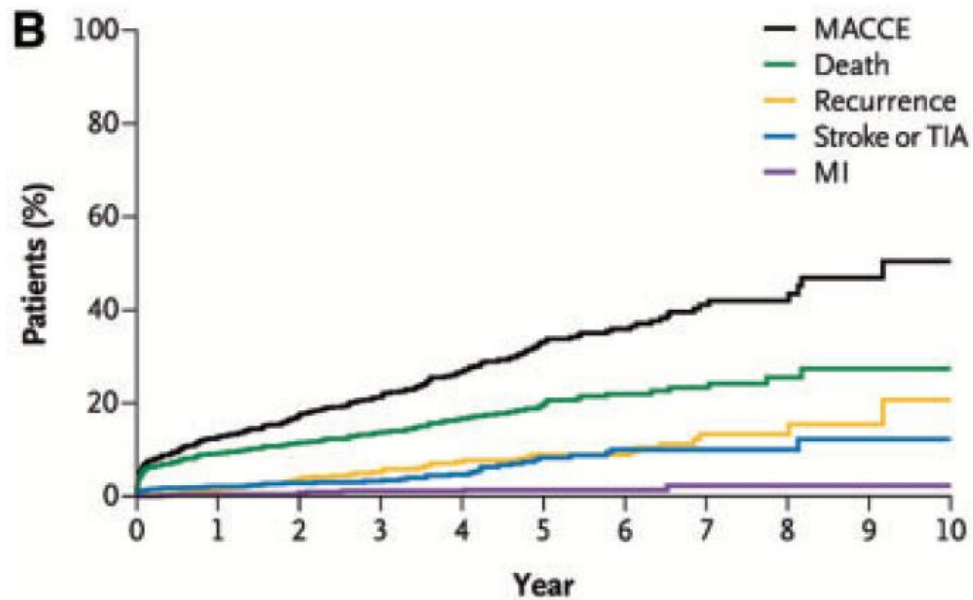
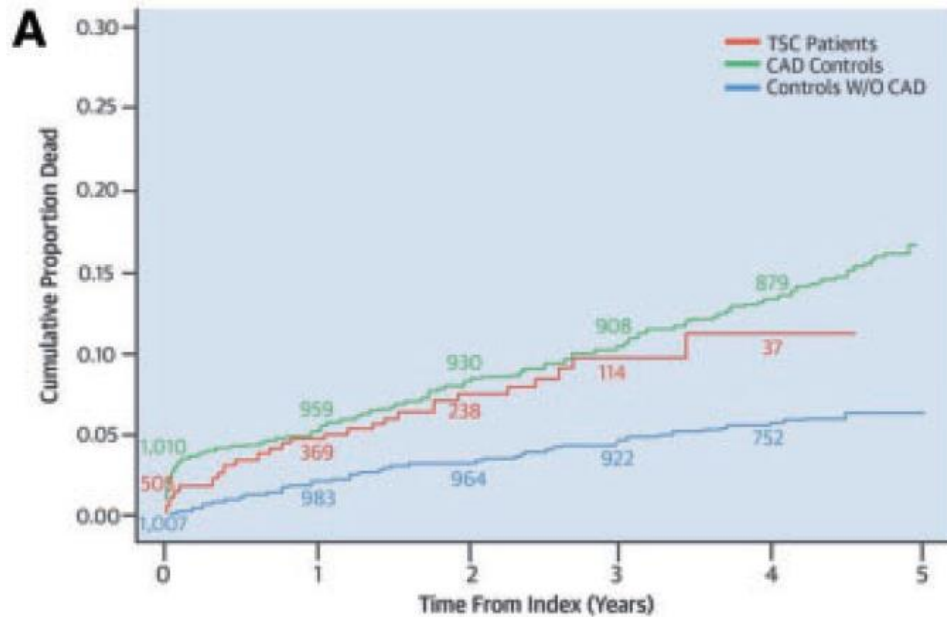
Figure 2 Age and sex distribution of patients with takotsubo syndrome. Reprinted with permission from Templin *et al*¹⁶

Emotional triggers

- depression
- illness of a close person
- suicide attempt
- divorce
- posttraumatic stress disorder
- fear of speech
- robbery / burglary
- fear of surgery / hospitalization
- move to another city
- new job
- job loss
- retirement
- bulging at work
- debt
- huge loss of money
- bankruptcy
- death of a family member
- death of partner
- euthanasia of the pet
- argument with the partner / family
- argument with the landlord
- flooding
- earthquake
- storm
- aircraft noise
- car accident without injury
- downfall without fracture
- Happy heart syndrome
 - winning a jackpot
 - birthday party
 - birth of grandchild
 - wedding
 - visiting the opera
 - positive job interview

Physical triggers

- cerebral bleeding
- stroke, TIA
- epilepsy, seizure
- migraine
- PRES
- concussion
- aneurysm rupture
- exacerbation COPD
- asthma attack
- pneumonia
- bronchitis
- pulmonary embolism
- larynx spasm
- gastrointestinal bleeding
- Crohn's disease exacerbation
- hernia incarceration
- pheochromocytoma
- urosepsis
- uroolithiasis
- giving birth
- vaginal bleeding
- cancer
- chemotherapy
- influenza
- sepsis
- peritonitis
- wound infection
- fracture
- operation
- anesthesia
- administration of catecholamines



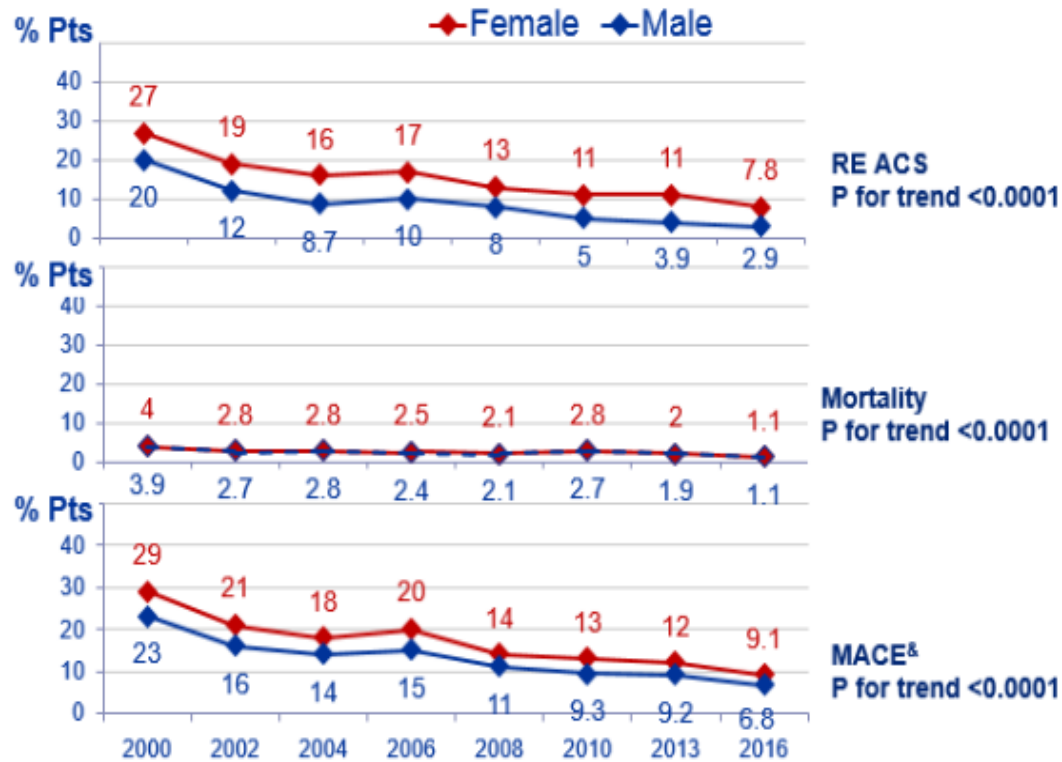
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30 Days Adjusted* Outcomes

ACSIS 2000 - 2016



[§]MACE 30D : DIED/UAP/MIISCH/CVA/ST.THRMB/FU URG.REVASC

*outcomes are adjusted for: mean age at 65.5

Sex Differences in the Management and 5-Year Outcome of Young Patients (<55 Years) with Acute Coronary Syndromes

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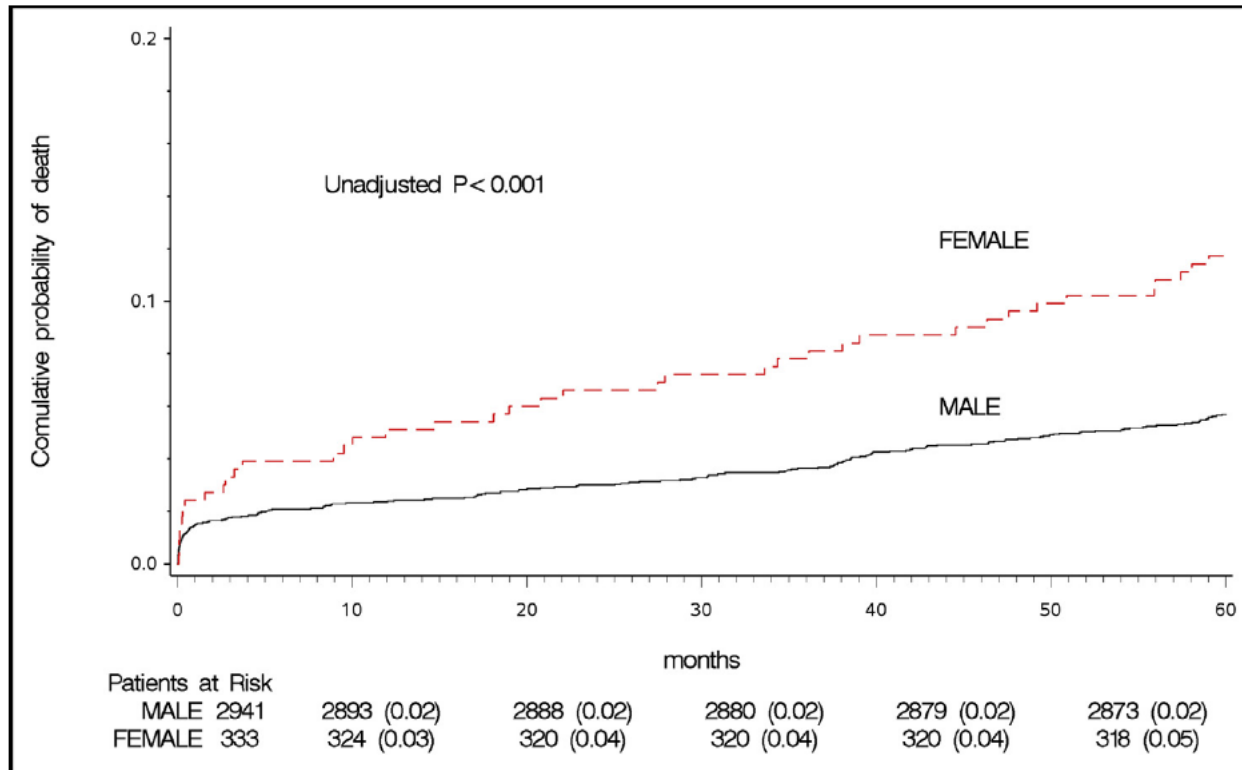
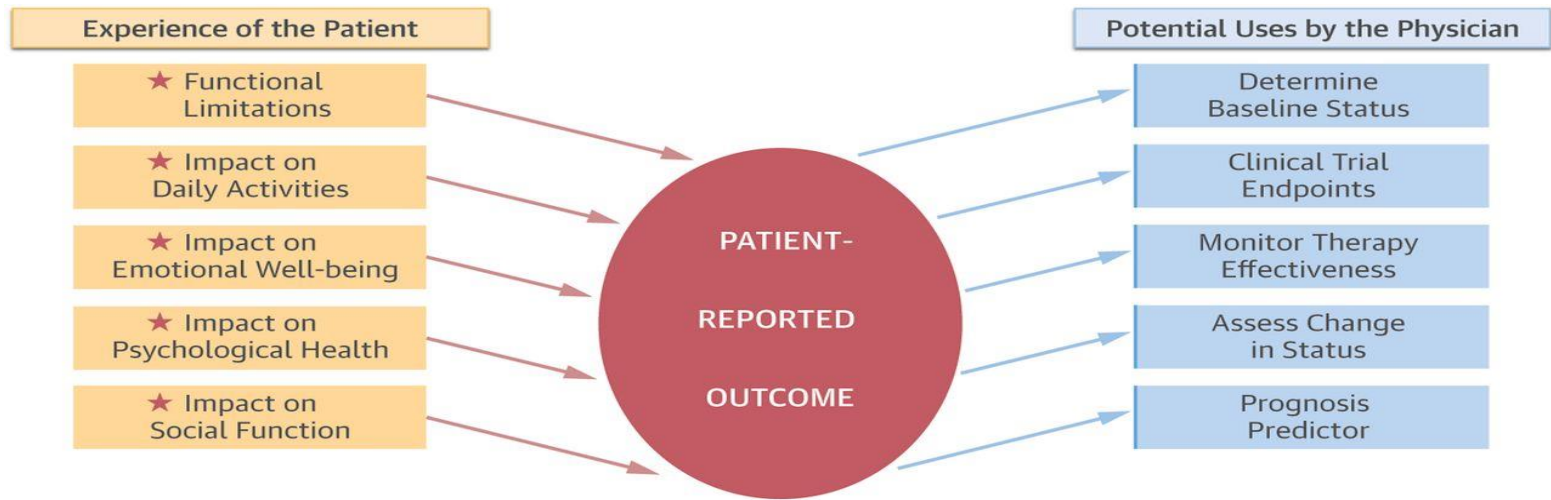
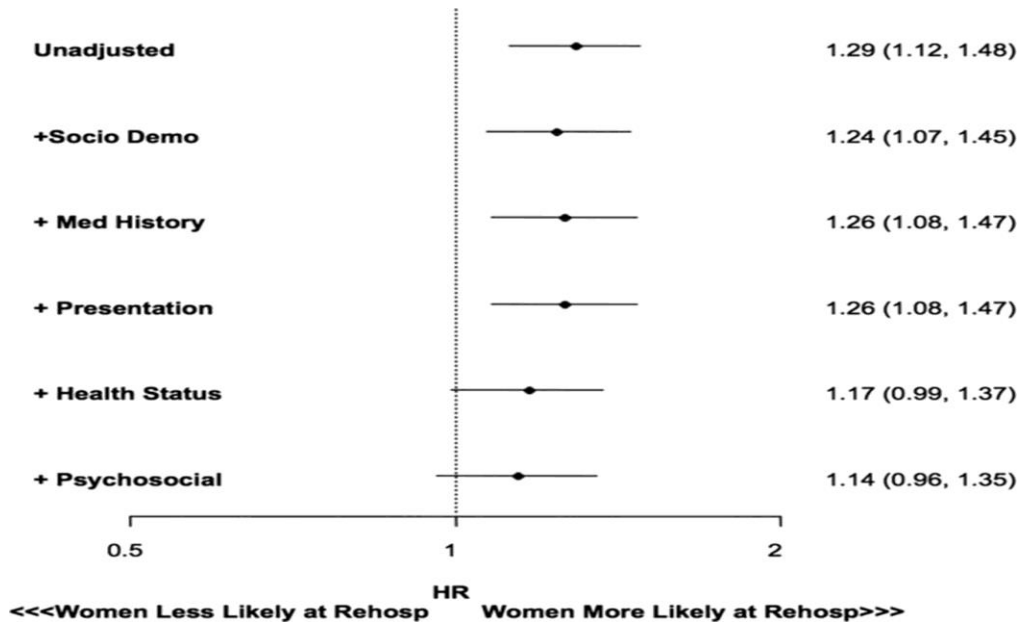


Figure 1 Cumulative probability of 5-year all-cause mortality by sex.



Kelkar, A.A. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol HF. 2016; 4(3):165-75.



Circulation. 2017;135:521-531

Personalized Tailored Medicine in acute coronary syndrome

“The most important change in the management of patients with ACS is likely to come from changing our current “population based” approach to these heterogeneous disorders to a more precise (personalized) approach.

“In this effort, cardiologists will likely take a page from the oncologists’ notebook...”