



# CardioVascular Disease & Wellness Symposium Oct '22

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A Journey That Covers The  
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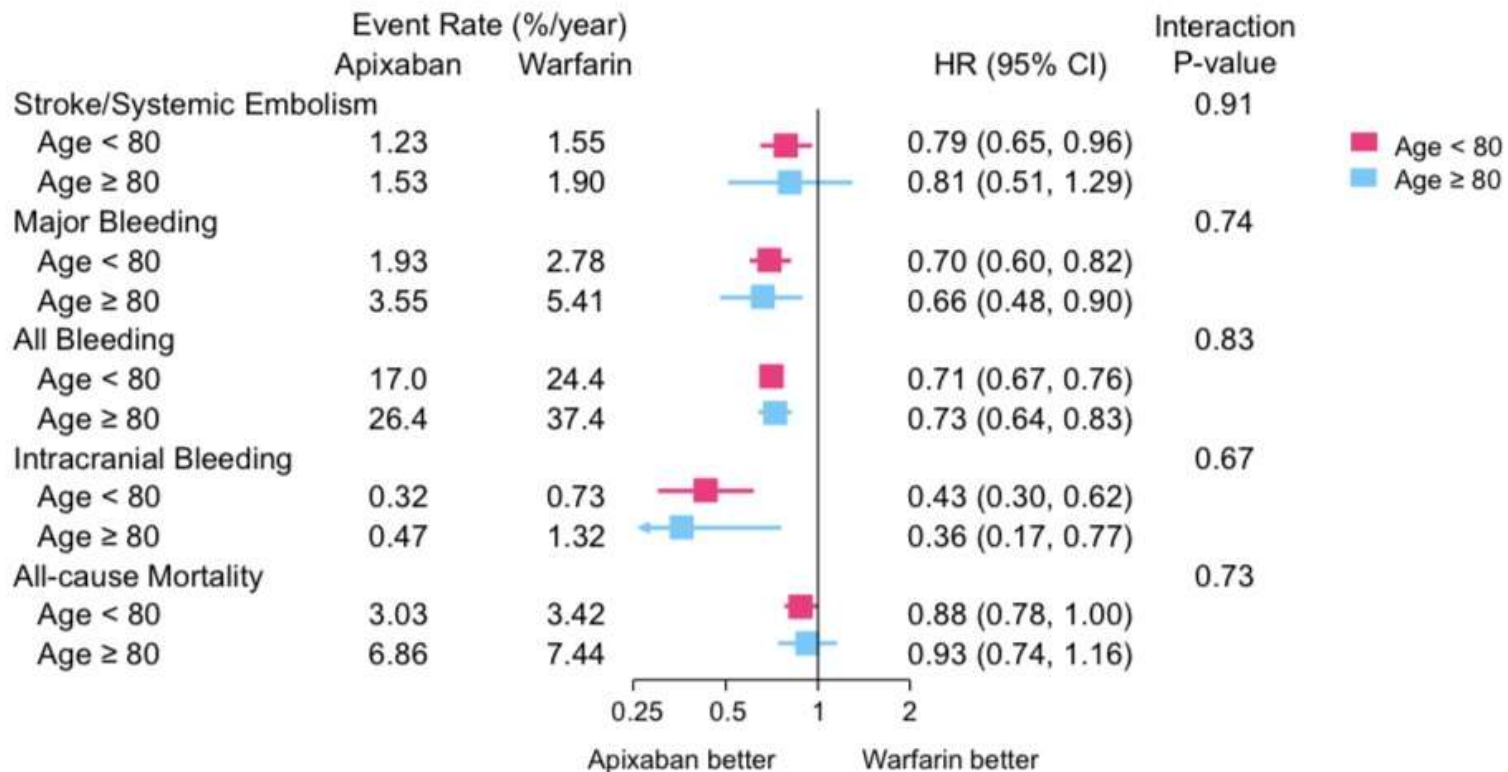
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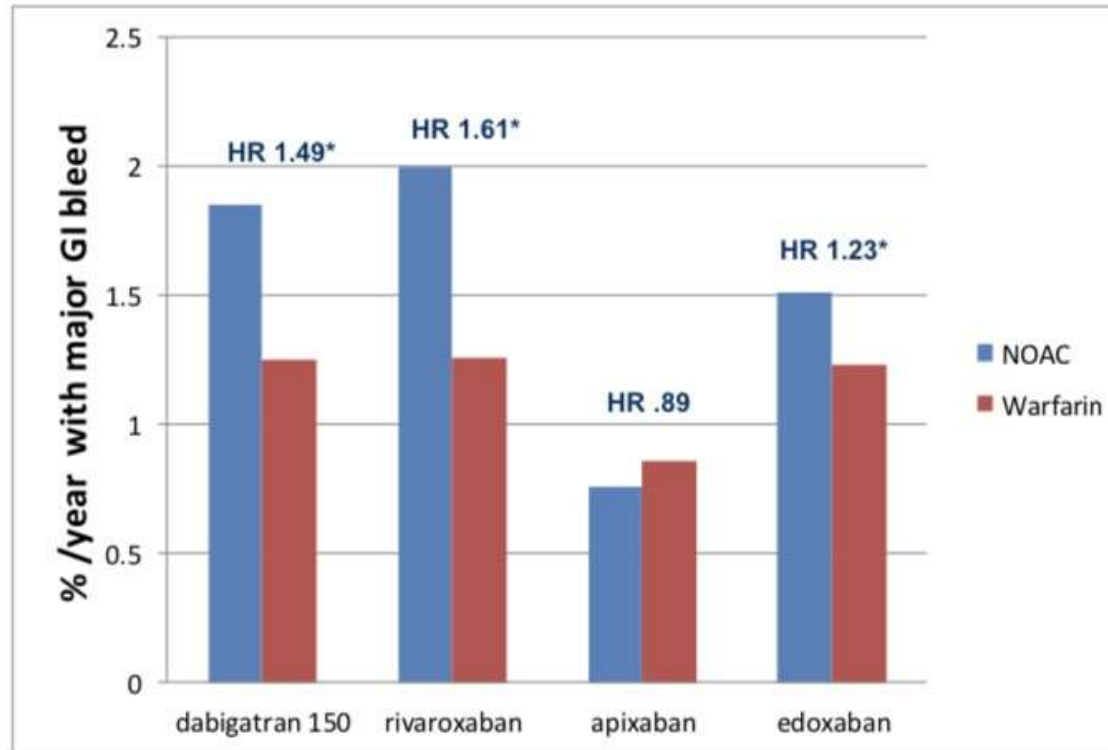
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# Apixaban vs. warfarin in patients ≥ 80 (n=2,436) vs. < 80 years



## GI Bleeding: Most common site of major bleeding, and higher with NOACs than warfarin



HR 1.09 for dabigatran 110 v warfarin



# Choosing Antithrombotic Therapy for Elderly Patients With Atrial Fibrillation Who Are at Risk for Falls

Malcolm Man-Son-Hing, MD, MSc, FRCPC; Graham Nichol, MD, MPH, FRCPC;  
Anita Lau; Andreas Laupacis, MD, MSc, FRCPC

- Among older patients, falling is common (about 30% fall at least once a year), and subdural hematomas are uncommon
- “... persons taking warfarin must fall about 295 times in 1 year for warfarin to not be the optimal therapy.”
- In ARISTOTLE, among patients with history of falls, there was an 80% lower rate of ICH with apixaban vs warfarin
    - » Of 375 patients with falling on apixaban, 0 had subdural hematoma



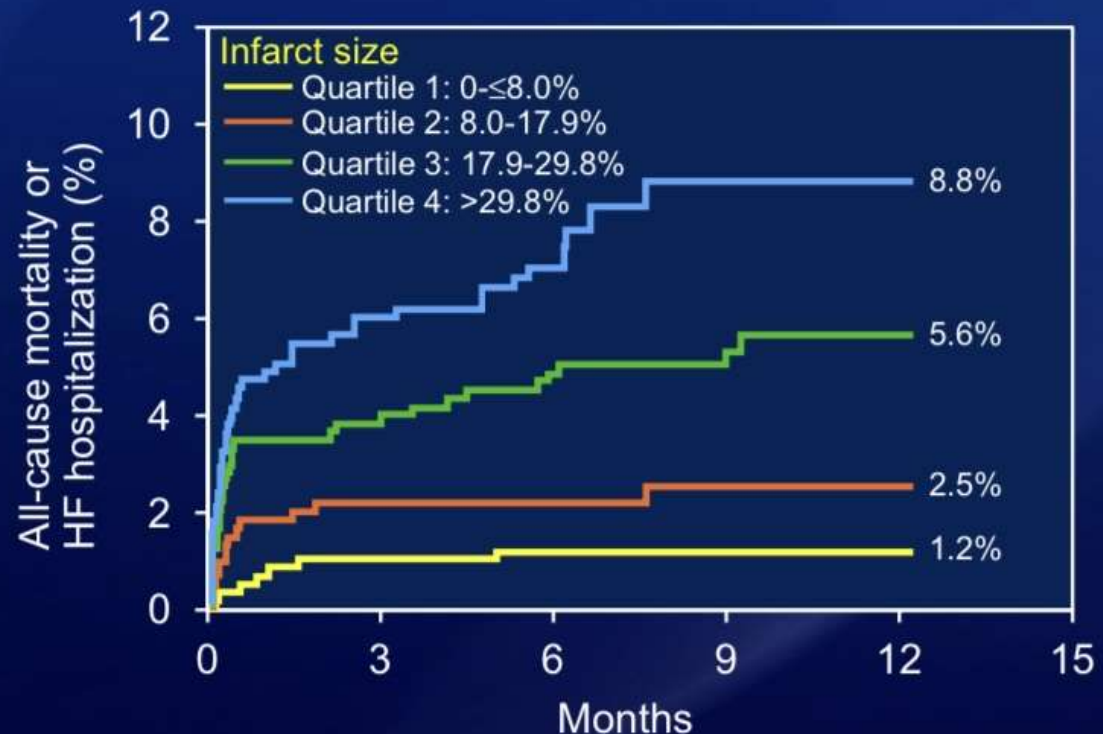
# Aspirin nearly doubles the risk of bleeding for patients on OAC

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# Relationship Between Infarct Size and Outcomes Following PPCI

- 10 randomized trials
- 2,632 pts
- Infarct size
  - MRI (21.8%)
  - SPECT (28.2%)

Infarct Size and Prognosis After Primary PCI



Stone: JACC, 2015

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# Common macrothrombotic clinical presentations

- VTE most common

- Less common:

- <5%
  - Stroke
  - Acute MI
  - Acrocyanosis
  - Ischemic limb

## C COVID-19 thrombotic complications



Pulmonary embolism: ~ 24.0%



Myocardial injury: ~ 20.0%



Deep vein thrombosis: ~ 46.1%





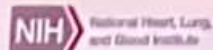
Stroke: ~ 1.6%

Arnieri Mayo Clinic Proc 2020, 96; 295-303  
Maga-Paz JAHA 2021, 10; 1-9.



# Incidence of Thrombosis in COVID-19

Author	Country	Number of Patients	VTE Rate	Other Rates
Zhang	China	143	46.1% (DVT only)	
Middelorp	Netherlands	198 (75 ICU)	42% (25% symptomatic)	59% ICU 9.2% Floor 
Klok	Netherlands	184 (all ICU)		All TE 49%
Longchamp	Switzerland	25 (all ICU)	32%	
Chui	China	81 (all ICU)	25%	
Al-Samkari	USA	400 (144 ICU)	4.8%	All TE 9.5%
Lodigiani	Italy	388 (61 ICU)	4.4% (8.3% ICU)	All TE 7.7%
Moll	USA	210 (102 ICU)	4.3%	
Helms	France	150 (all ICU)	16.7% (PE)	OR 6.2 vs. non-COVID ARDS
Bilaloglu	USA	3334 (829 ICU)	11.5% (non-ICU) 29.4% (ICU) 	All TE 16.0%



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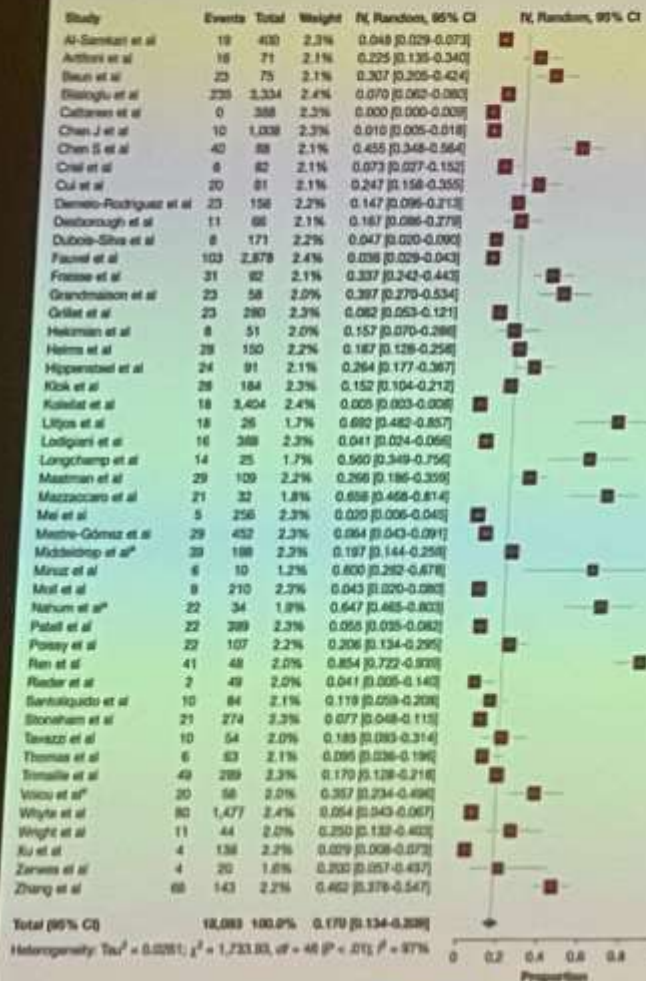
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# Covid and VTE risk



Meta-analysis: 47 studies, 18,093 patients

VTE Risk: 17.0% (range 0-85.4%)

- Floor – 7.1%
- ICU – 27.9%
- Screening – 33.1%
- Clinical diagnosis – 9.8%

Bleeding Risk: 7.8% (range 2.7-21.6%)

Chest 2020;159:1182-1196

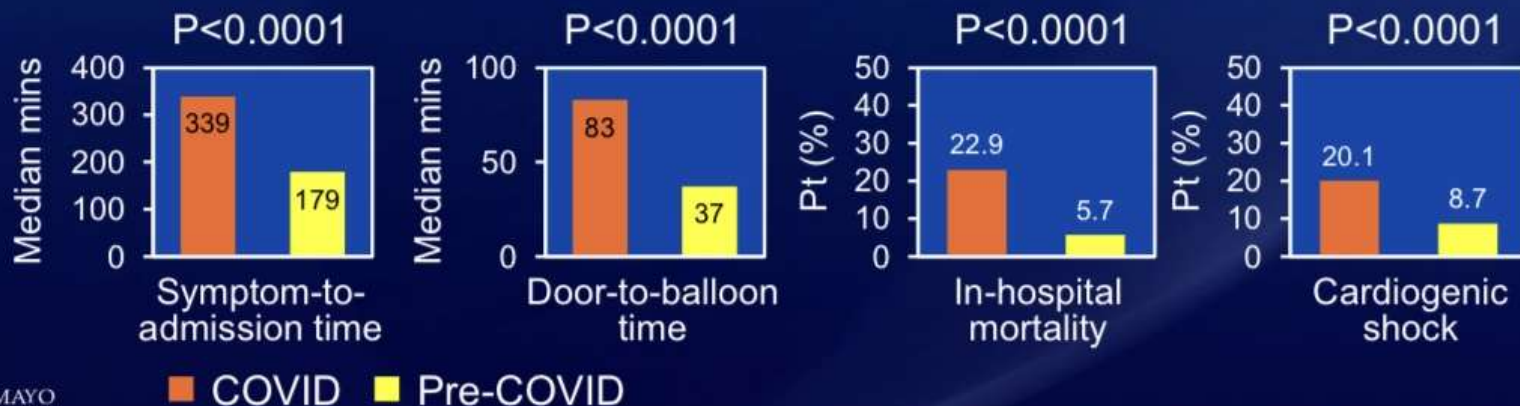
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# Impact of COVID-19 on ACS Patients Undergoing an Invasive Strategy

## Collateral Damage

- Prospective registry
- 55 interventional centers
- 265 pts — STEMI – 145  
                  — NSTEMI-ACS – 121 } COVID-19 confirmed or high index of clinical suspicion
- Comparison with 2 UK large databases pre COVID

### STEMI Subgroup



Redrawn from: Kite and Gershlick JACC, 2021

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Therapeutic Anticoagulation with Heparin in Noncritically Ill Patients with Covid-19

The ATTACC, ACTIV-4a, and REMAP-CAP Investigators\*

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## Therapeutic Anticoagulation with Heparin in Critically Ill Patients with Covid-19

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EDITORIAL



## Surviving Covid-19 with Heparin?

Hugo ten Cate, M.D., Ph.D.

JAMA | Original Investigation

## Effect of P2Y12 Inhibitors on Survival Free of Organ Support Among Non-Critically Ill Hospitalized Patients With COVID-19: A Randomized Clinical Trial

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EDITORIAL

## Antiplatelet Therapy in Patients With COVID-19—More Is Less?

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# COVID-19 Outpatient Thrombosis Prevention Trial

A Randomized Double-Blind Placebo-Controlled Adaptive-Design Platform Trial of 45 Days of Assigned Treatment (and 30 additional days of safety follow-up) Comparing Prophylactic Dose Apixaban (2.5 mg po bid), to Therapeutic Dose Apixaban (5.0 mg po bid), to Aspirin (81mg po qd), to Placebo (po bid) among Symptomatic PCR-Confirmed COVID-19 Patients who have Elevated Thrombotic and Inflammatory Risk (D-dimer >ULN and hsCRP >10mg/L), Yet Who Are Not Admitted to Hospital as Cardio-Pulmonary Status is Currently Stable and Uncompromised

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National Heart, Lung,  
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JAMA | Original Investigation

## Effect of Antithrombotic Therapy on Clinical Outcomes in Outpatients With Clinically Stable Symptomatic COVID-19 The ACTIV-4B Randomized Clinical Trial

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Opinion

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### Antithrombotic Therapy for Outpatients With COVID-19 Implications for Clinical Practice and Future Research

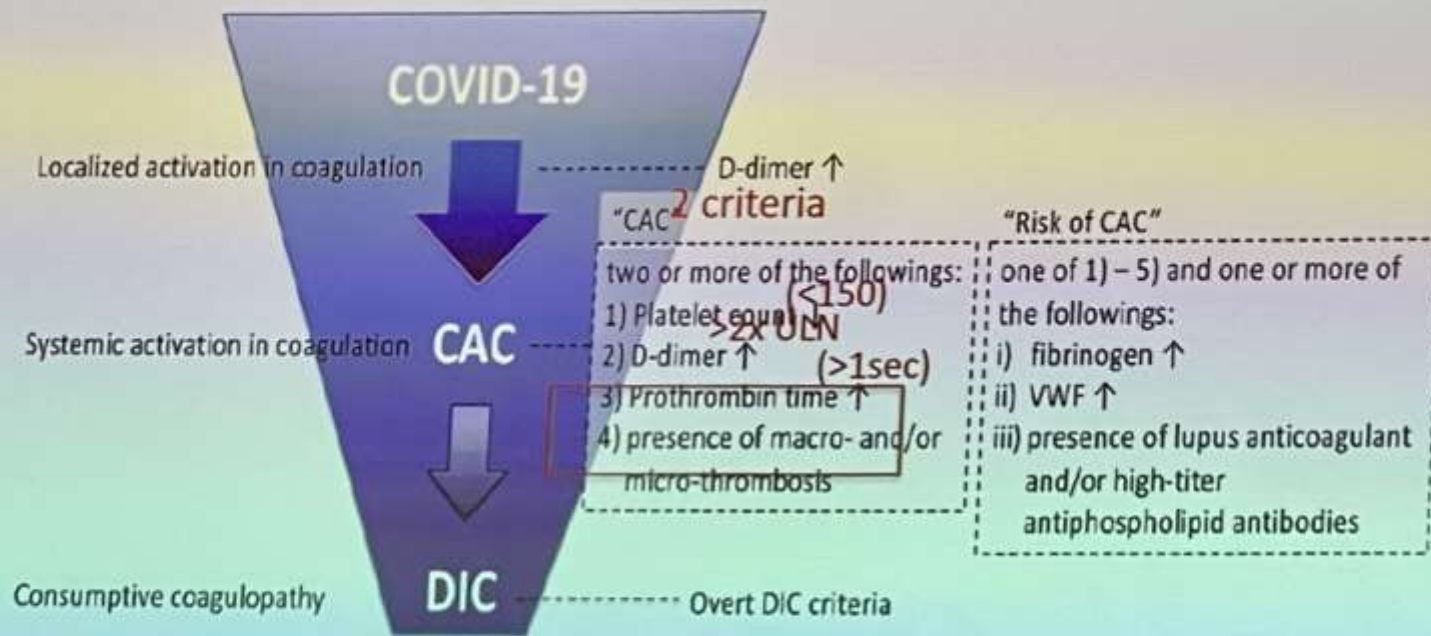
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# Covid Associated Coagulopathy

## CAC clinical and laboratory manifestations



Iba Jour Clin Med 2021: 190;10: 1-9.

# Key features of CAC

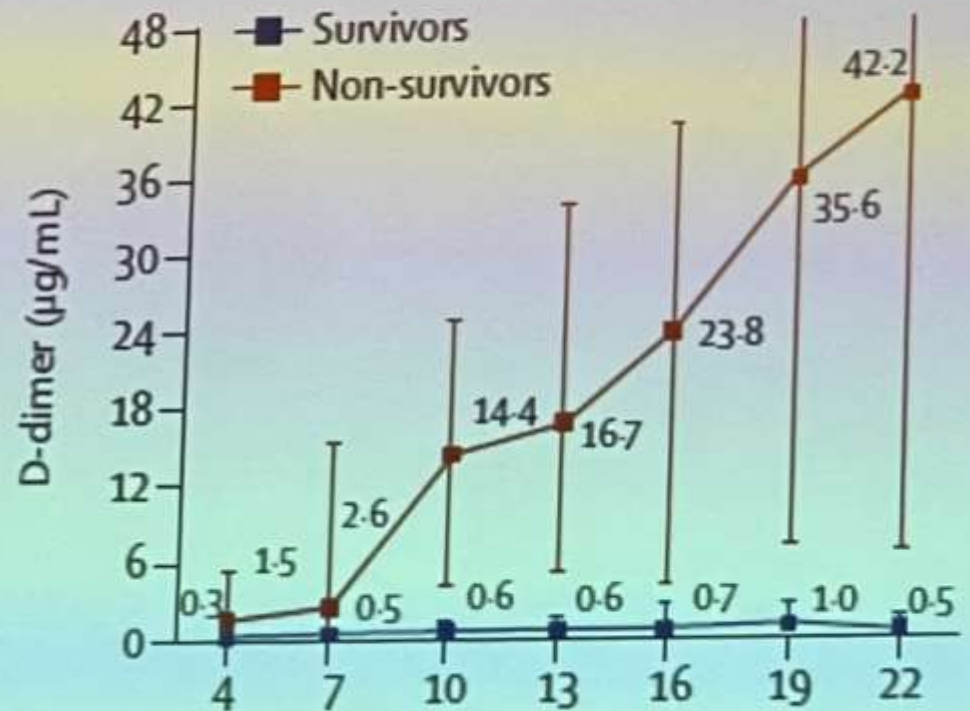
## Summary of findings

1. Coagulopathy is manifest as elevated fibrinogen, elevated D-dimers, and minimal change in PT, aPTT, and platelet count in early stages of infection
2. Increasing IL-6 levels are correlated with increasing fibrinogen levels
3. Coagulopathy appears to be related to severity of illness and resultant thromboinflammation and not intrinsic viral activity
4. Elevated D-dimer at admission is associated with increased mortality
5. Rising D-dimer after admission precedes multiorgan failure and overt DIC
  - a. Noted to start at 4 d after admission in nonsurvivors
  - b. Longer duration of hospital stay associated with increasing D-dimer and development of sepsis physiology
6. Bleeding manifestations are not common despite coagulopathy

Connors and Levy. Blood, 2020, 135: 2033-2039

# D dimer is a marker of disease severity and mortality

- Diagnostic hallmark of COVID-DIC is a rapidly rising D-dimer
- High D-dimer is a strong prognostic factor for poor outcome.
- D-dimer > 1ug/ml associated with nearly 20-fold increased death rate.



*Lancet* 2020; 395: 1054-62



# Possible targeted therapy pathways

## Hypercoagulability

- PT
- APTT
- Fibrinogen
- Activated factor II (FVIIa; functional clotting assay)
- Factor VIII (functional clotting assay)
- Antithrombin (enzymatic anti-FXa assay)
- Coagulation protein C (functional enzymatic assay)
- Coagulation proteins S (free proteins S turbidimetric immunoassay)

## Platelet hyper-reactivity

- Platelet function analyzer 100/200
- VWF:ag
- VWF RCo activity
- VWF multimers
- VWF collagen binding
- ADAMTS-13 (antigen and activity)

## Hypo-fibrinolysis

- D-dimer (immunoassay)
- Alpha 1 antiplasmin (antigen immunoassay)
- Tissue plasminogen activator (t-PA; antigen immunoassay)
- Inhibitor of tissue plasminogen activator 1 (PAI-1; antigen immunoassay)

## Complement overactivation

- C3, C3a
- C4
- C4a, C5a
- Bb
- Sc5b-9

Endothelial agents

**Anticoagulants**

**Anti-platelet medications**

**Complement inhibitors**

**Fibrinolytics**

COVID-19-induced coagulopathy

# Summary -- timing is key

- The hallmark of severe COVID19 infection is endothelial damage and hypercoaguability leading to micro and macrovascular thrombosis.
- Covid coagulopathy has features unique from DIC.
- AC is now better defined, with benefit in non critically ill patients
- There is a pressing need to study the long term effects of CAC and to target additional pathways.

## VTE is a Highly Prevalent and Major cause of Hospital Morbidity and Mortality

- > 900,000 patients Diagnosed with VTE annually in the US
- 60,000-100,000 deaths
- 33-50% will have long term complication of the lower extremity (PTS)
- 1/3<sup>rd</sup> will have a recurrence within 10 years
- \$10B total US economic burden



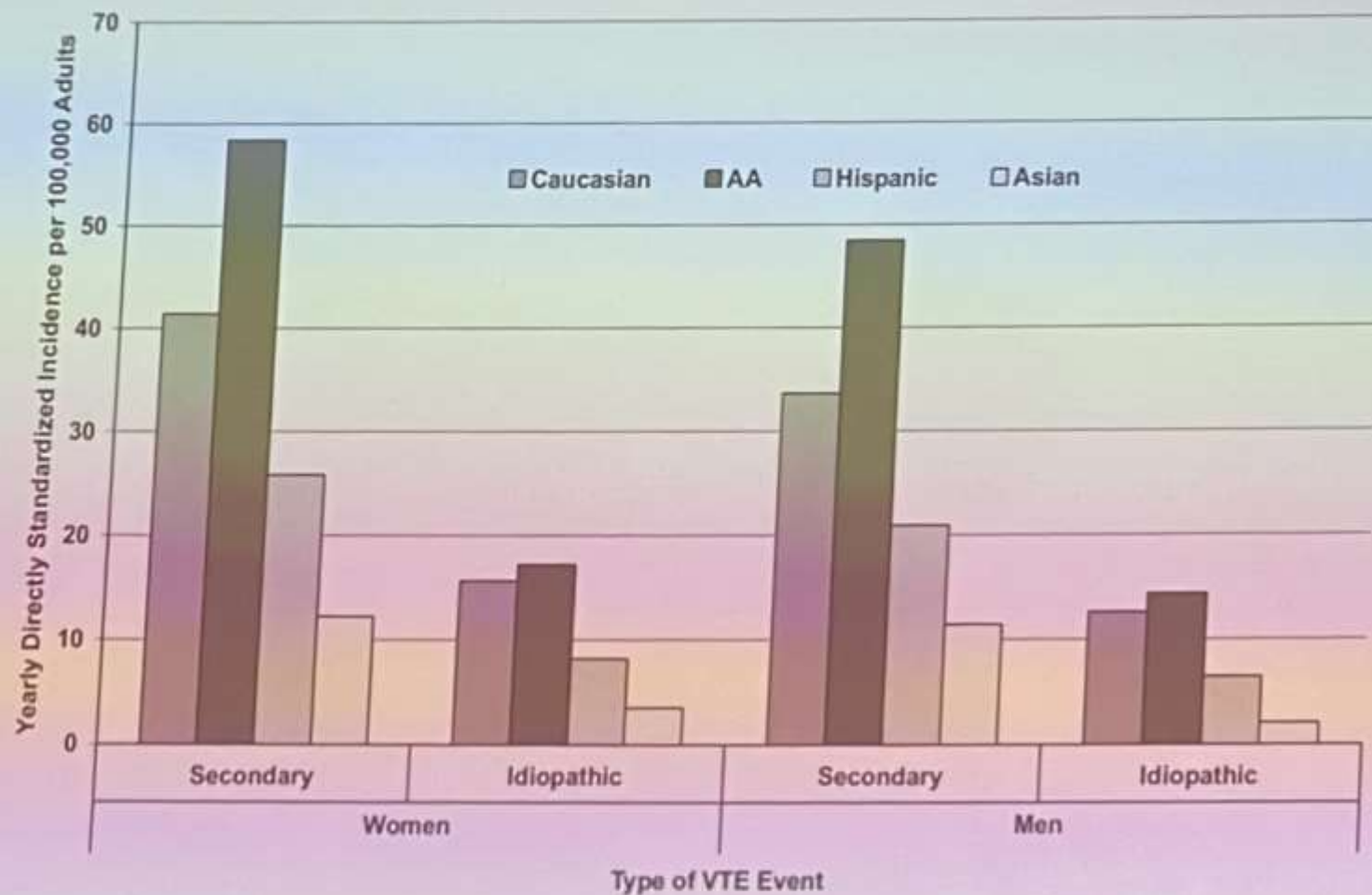


Fig. 3. Directly standardized incidence in 1996 of idiopathic and secondary venous thromboembolism in men and women of the principal racial/ethnic groups in California. (Copyright approval from Current Opinion in Pulmonary Medicine.)

- In New York City 578 consecutive out of hospital PE cases underwent examination
- Race adjusted incidence was per 100,000, Blacks 3.73, whites 1.15 and Hispanics 0.93
- Thrombophilia more common in whites per CDC (14.7% vs 1.5% of blacks)

**Table 1. Nature**

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Race

Genetic predisposition for hypercoagulability (factor V Leiden, prothrombin gene mutation)

Acquired predisposition for hypercoagulability (antiphospholipid antibody syndrome)

Inflammation (nature, nurture, or both?)

Hypercholesterolemia (nature, nurture, or both?)

Diabetes mellitus (nature, nurture, or both?)

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**Table 2. Nurture**

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Obesity

Hypertension (nurture, nature, or both?)

Cigarette smoking

Immobility

Healthcare disparities

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## Conclusion

- African Americans have higher rates of VTE based on multiple studies.
- Female gender seems to have a lot of conflicting information, and there are some inherent risk factors that can confound this
- High Income Countries have higher incidence of deep venous disease

# Background

- Chronic Venous Insufficiency (CVI) affects up for 40% of the US population
- Accounts for 1% of US healthcare budget
- Treatment for CEAP 2-6 disease improves long term QOL by alleviating the physical and psychological burden of longstanding CVI
- Mainstay treatment:
  - Compression therapy
  - Venous Intervention
    - Surgical (high ligation or stripping)
    - Thermal ablation (RFA or EVLA)
    - Non-thermal ablation (Clarivein™, Varithena™, VenaSeal™)

# 2020 Appropriate Use Criteria for Chronic Lower Extremity Venous Disease



American  
Venous Forum

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Vascular Surgery

Multi-Society Document



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Radiology

## Great Saphenous Vein (GSV) ablation

CEAP 2-6\* **Appropriate**

Below-knee in CEAP 4-6\* **Appropriate**

## Small Saphenous Vein (SSV) ablation

CEAP 2-6\* when reflux directed to affected area **Appropriate**

CEAP 4-6\* when reflux to GSV or thigh veins **Appropriate**

## Anterior Accessory Saphenous Vein (AASV) ablation

CEAP 2, 4-6\* when reflux directed to affected area **Appropriate**

## Ablation of any vein

CEAP 1-2 for asymptomatic disease and viable veins **Discreetly Appropriate**

NO reflux **Discreetly Appropriate**

## Perforator vein treatment

CEAP 4-6\*, with high outward flow and large diameter directed toward affected area **Appropriate**

CEAP 1-2\*, with high outward flow and large diameter directed toward affected area **Discreetly Appropriate**

CEAP 1-2 in asymptomatic patient **Discreetly Appropriate**

## Iliac vein or inferior vena cava (IVC) stenting

CEAP 4-6,\* for obstructive disease without superficial truncal reflux **Appropriate**

CEAP 3 (edema),\* for obstructive disease with or without superficial truncal reflux **May Be Appropriate**

In asymptomatic patient for iliac vein compression (such as May-Thurner compression), found as incidental finding by imaging, with or without teleangiectasia (CEAP 1) **Discreetly Appropriate**

\*in symptomatic patients

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Vascular Surgery  
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Masuda et al. *J Vasc Surg Venous Lymphat Disord*, July 2020

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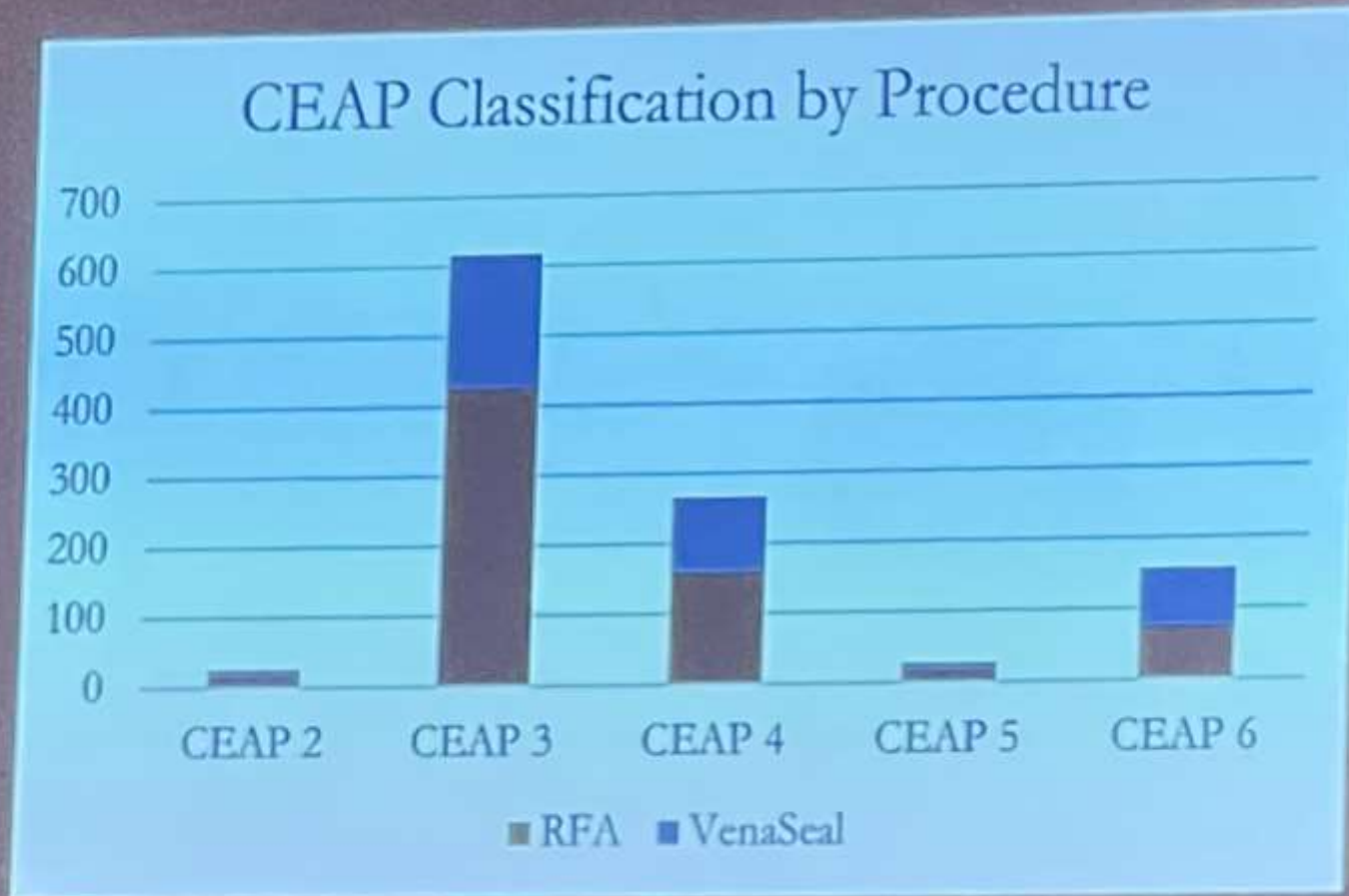
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# Classification of Venous Disease Treated



# Changes in the Iliac Veins with Position

LCIV

Supine

Left-Side  
Lying

Standing



- 41 women (age  $44 \pm 10.3$  years) with PVD
- Posture-dependent stenosis
- Significant stenosis (CSA reduction  $> 60\%$ )
  - Supine: 26 patients (63.4%)
  - Lying on left side: 8 patients (19.5%)
  - Standing: 10 patients (24.4%)
- Only 5 (12.2%) concordant positive
- Maximal CSA also showed changes
  - Supine:  $149.6 \text{ mm}^2$
  - Lying on left side:  $192.3 \text{ mm}^2$
  - Standing:  $192.6 \text{ mm}^2$

zzanowski M, et al. J Vasc Surg Venous Lymphat Disord. 2019 Nov;7(6):845-852.

# Stenosis Assessment – True or False Lesion?

LCIV

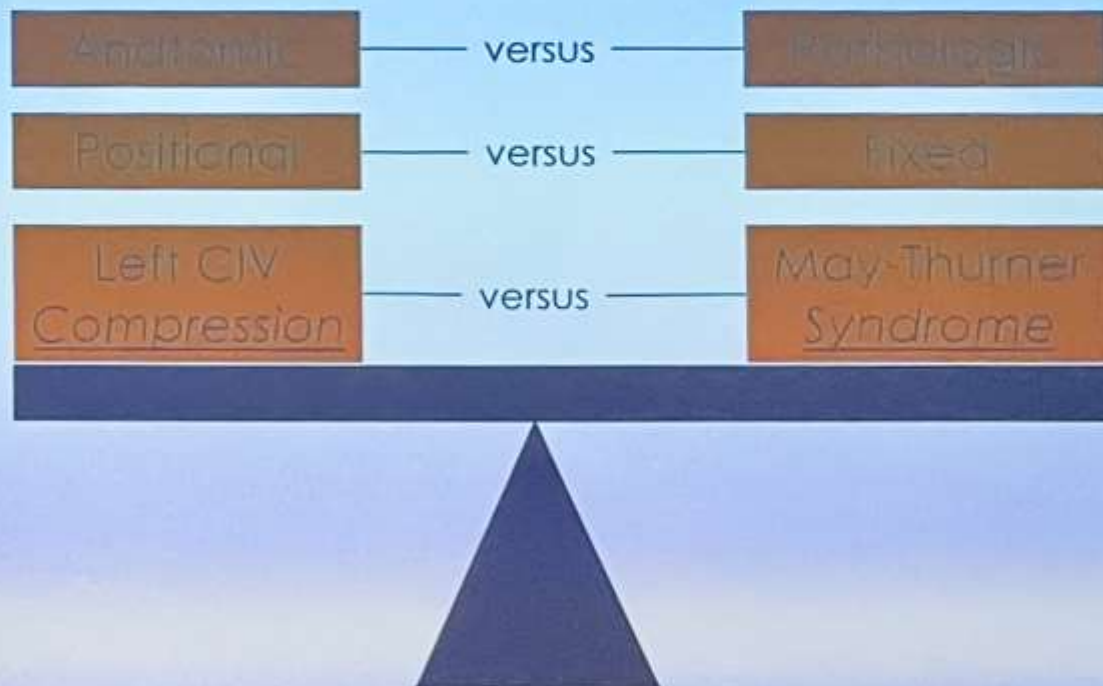
Supine



Left-Side  
Lying



Standing





# Classification

- Classification based on anatomical expansion of the postthrombotic trabeculation (> 50 % lumen narrowing)



I

Endovascular



II

Endovascular



III

Endovascular



IV a

1) Endovascular +  
Endophlebectomy

2) Endovascular +  
Stenting into the DFV/  
cranial to DFV



IV b

1) Endovascular +  
Endophlebectomy

2) Endovascular +  
Stenting into the FV /  
cranial to DFV

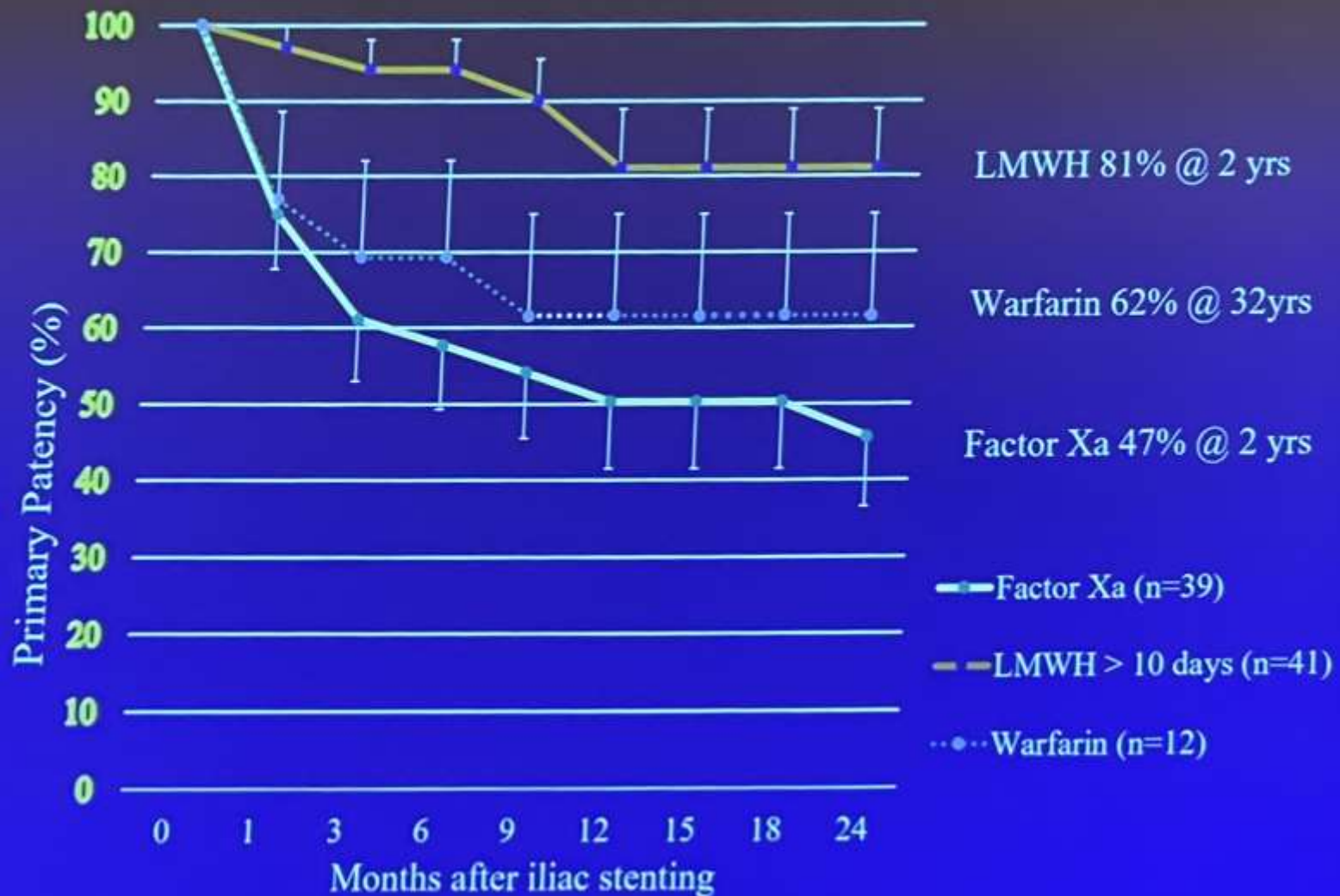


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1) Contraindication  
(conservative)

2) Endovascular +  
Recanalization of  
the FV down to PV

# Primary patency by anticoagulation



# Risk factors for early thrombosis

<u>Variable</u>	<u>Thrombosis at 3 mos</u>	<u>P val</u>
Hypercoagulable state	47.8% with 19.3% without	0.02
Severity of occlusion	34.9% for Type IV 11.6% for Type III	0.007
Type of anticoagulation	38.9% Factor Xa inhib 4.9% LMWH > 10 days	0.004



# Summary

- Patients with most severe form of ilio-caval venous obstruction are a separate subset
  - More severe symptoms
  - More difficult to recanalize
  - Higher stent thrombosis after intervention
- Likely inflammatory response to recanalization of chronically scarred channel
- Need system to classify these separately from less severely disease cases

# Summary

- Re-thrombosis occurs more often if occlusion is more extensive and in patients with known hypercoagulable state
- Anticoagulation type matters
  - LMWH better for initial 3-4 weeks
- Inflow critical – need better way to identify it

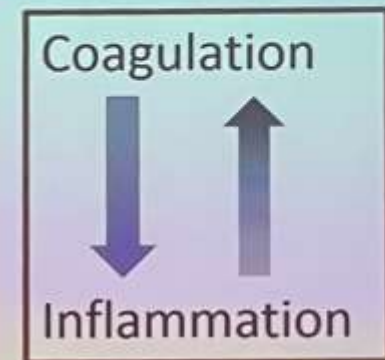
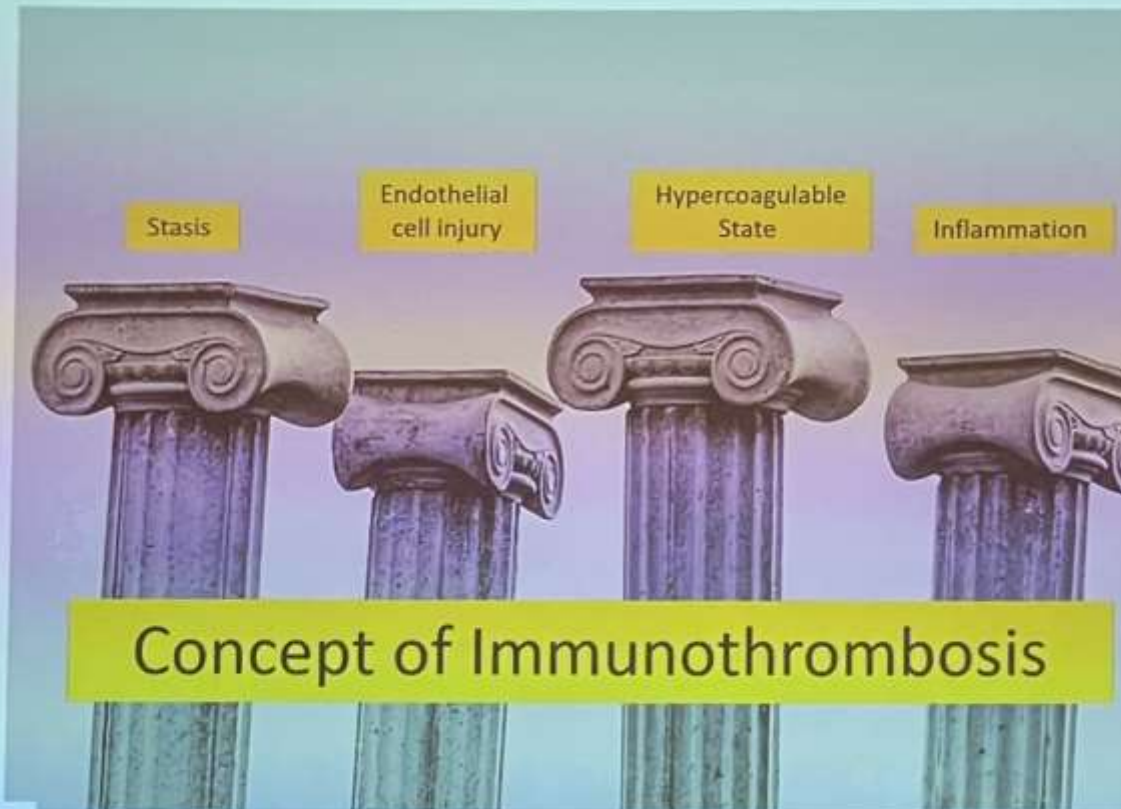
**This group needs frequent follow-up and reintervention to achieve excellent long-term patency**

## Making A Case for Low Molecular Weight Heparin





# Virchow's Triad is more likely now a Quartet



- Surgery
- Trauma
- Cancer
- Obesity
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Antiphospholipid syndrome
- Systemic infection

*Hematology. 2019;24(1):742–750.*



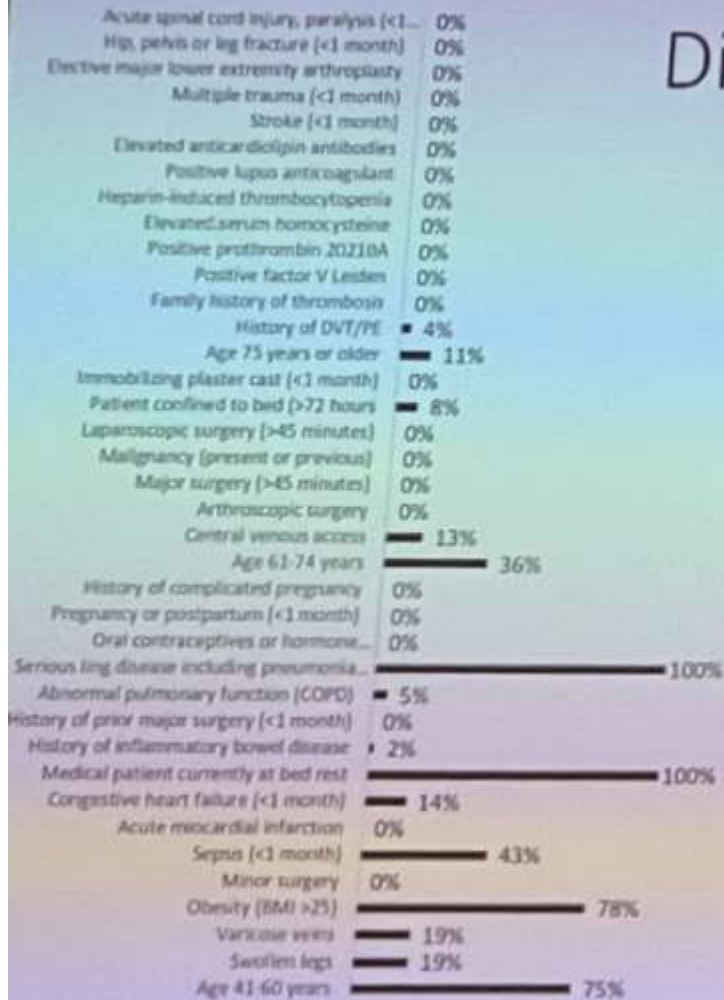
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# CoVid and VTE Risk scores

## Methods

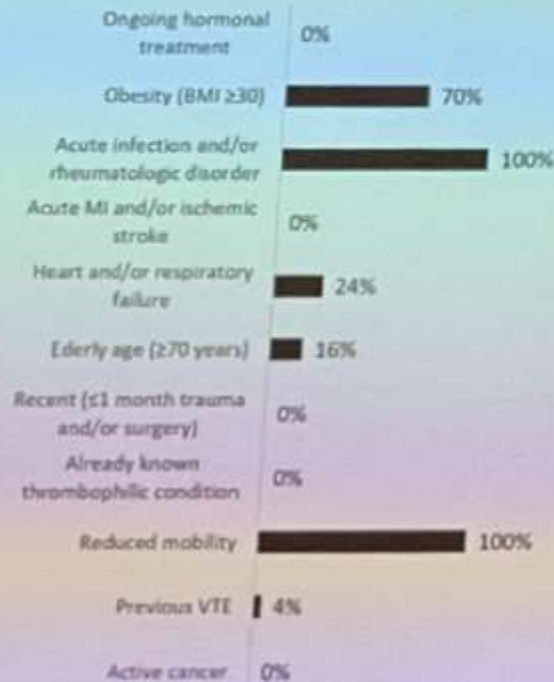
- A total of 168 confirmed COVID-19 cases were admitted to our Institution in May 2020 and assessed with the Caprini score upon admission:
  - 28 (16.7%) admitted to the intensive care unit,
  - 8 (4.8%) required invasive mechanical ventilation,
  - 8 (4.8%) died.
- Electronic medical records were used to update the score with some additional risk factors that occurred during inpatient treatment and to retrospectively calculate the Padua and IMPROVE-DD scores.
- All patients were followed until discharge or death, and 151 were observed at six months for symptomatic VTE.
- Patients received prophylactic (enoxaparin 40 mg once daily: 2.4%), intermediate (enoxaparin 80 mg once daily: 76.8%), or therapeutic (enoxaparin 1 mg/kg twice daily: 20.8%) anticoagulation.
- Extended pharmacological prophylaxis after discharge was used in 29%.

## Caprini score

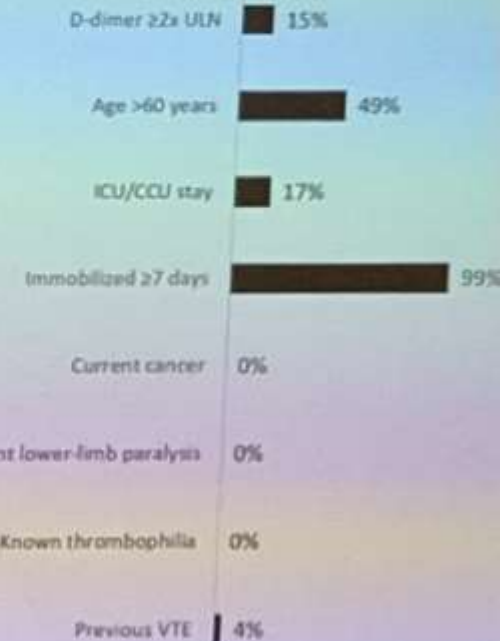


# Distribution of the risk factors

## Padua score



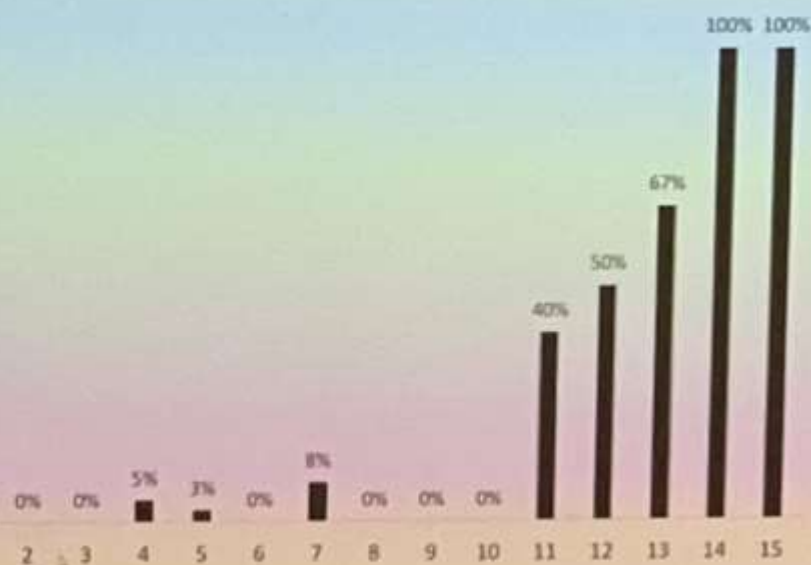
## Improve DD score





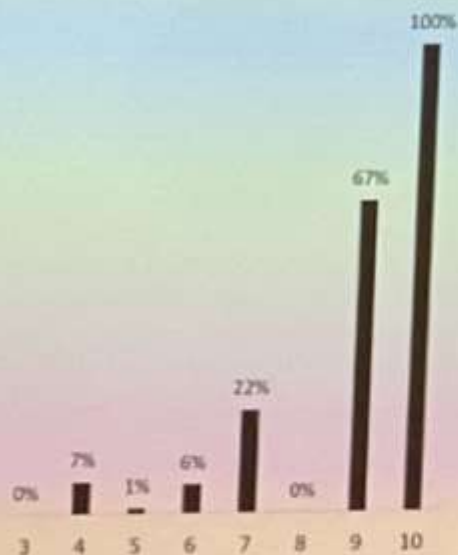
# Correlation between different scores and the incidence of VTE

Caprini score



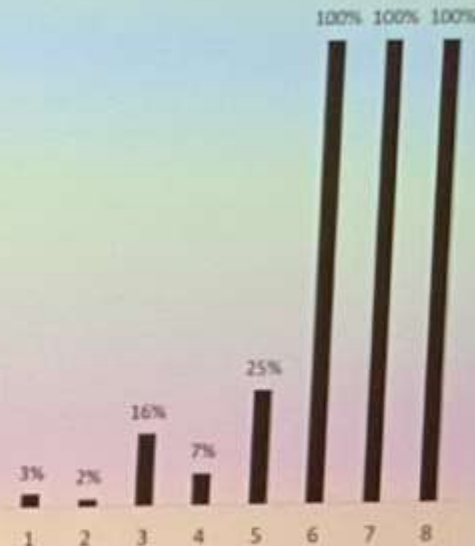
$V=0.634$ ;  $p<0.0001$

Padua score



$V=0.542$ ;  $p<0.0001$

Improve DD score



$V=0.600$ ;  $p<0.0001$

## VTE in high-risk group

	Non-high-risk group	High-risk group	P-value
Caprini score	2/58 (3,4%)	10/110 (9,1%)	0,221
Padua score	0/1 (0%)	12/167 (7,2%)	0,999
Improve DD score	6/146 (4,1%)	6/22 (27,3%)	0,001

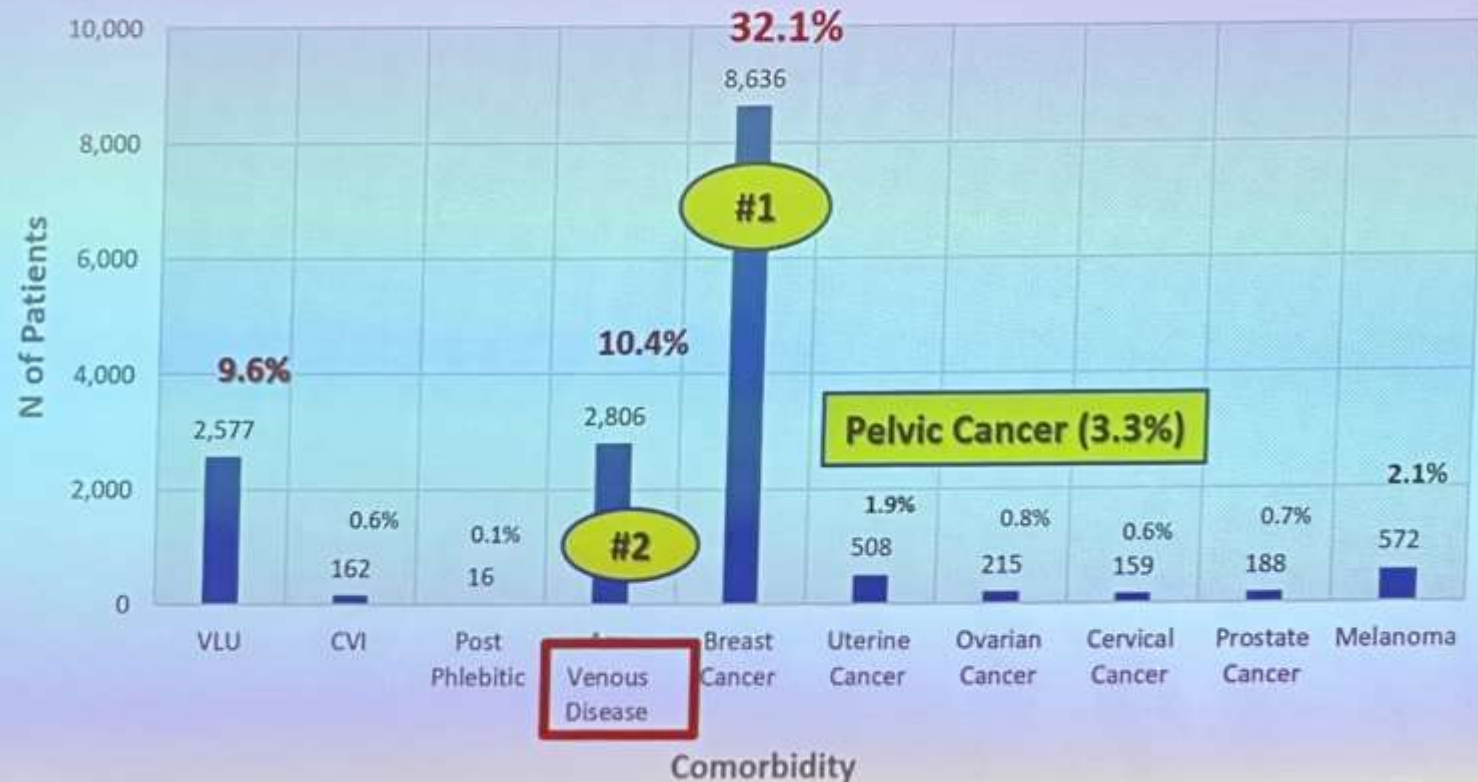
# Conclusion

- Caprini and IMPROVE-DD scores can equally predict symptomatic VTE in COVID-19 patients.
- The standard thresholds for the high-risk group are not accurate for COVID-19 patients undergoing pharmacological prophylaxis.
- Revised thresholds are needed to predict VTE in this patient group.





**\*Distribution of LED etiologies in the BHI study sample  
(Lymphedema Population, n = 26,902 Patients)**

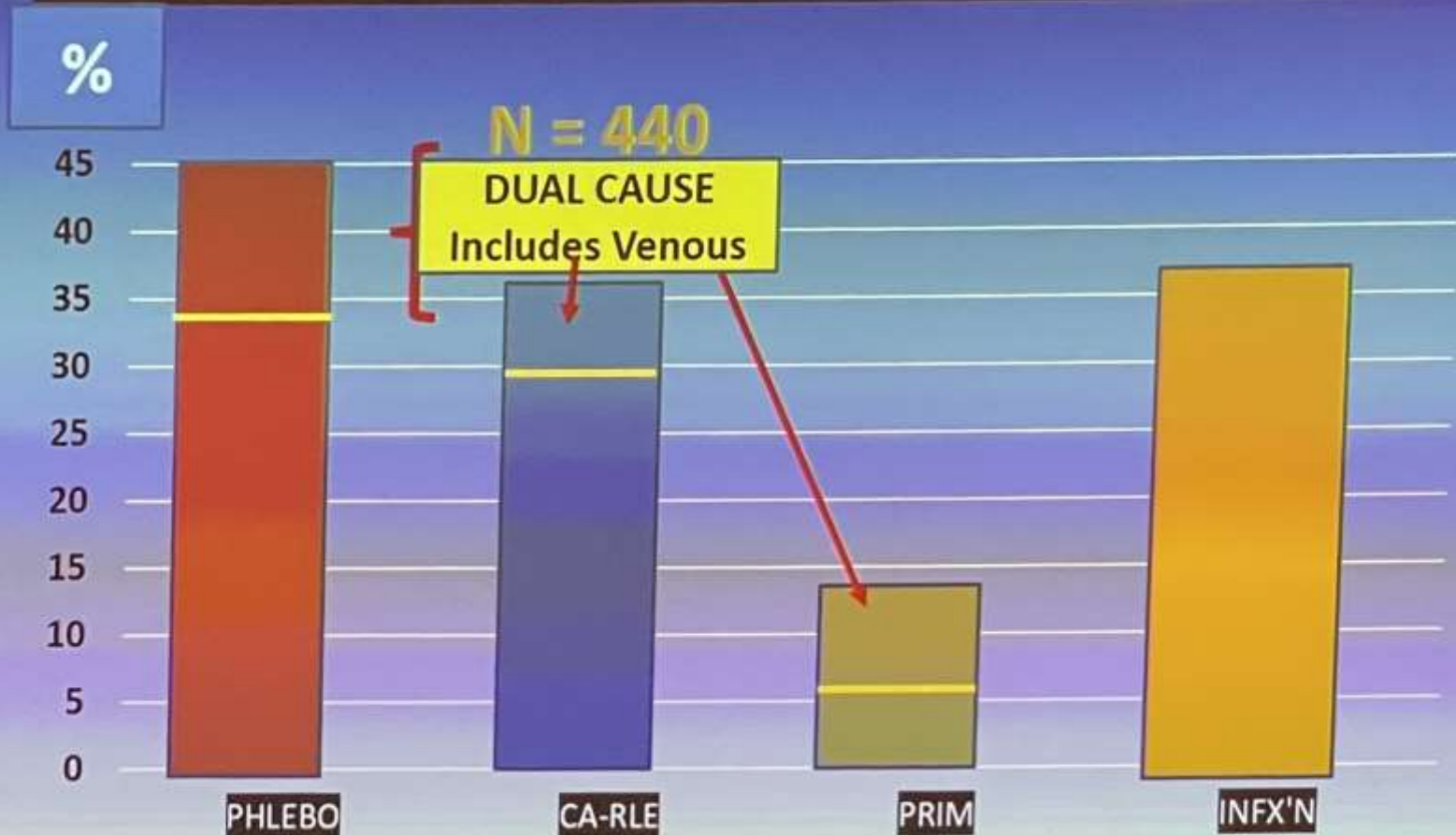


**\*Son A, et al. J Vasc Surg Ven and Lym Dis 2019; 7:724–730**



# \*CAUSES OF LYMPHEDEMA

[Dean S, et al. J Vasc Surg V&LD e PUB 1/25/2020]





# DIAGNOSIS OF PHLEBOLYMPHEDEMA

## → CLINICAL

*“rests primarily on clinical impression (ie, suggestive history and characteristic findings at physical examination).”*

*[Witte C, et al. Radiographics 2000;20:1709 – 1720]*

# PHYSICAL FINDINGS OF PHLEBOLYMPHEDEMA



# **CONCLUSIONS**

## **PHLEBOLYMPHEDEMA**

- Underdiagnosed and Undertreated
- Dual Pathophysiology must be recognized for successful Rx
- Lymphatic Dysfunction Important



# 20 years later, PE mortality remains high

After 20 years, mortality is still high in PE patients

		1999 ICOPER <sup>1</sup>	2018 MGH PERT data <sup>2</sup>	2020 PERT Consortium data <sup>3</sup>
30-day	<b>Mortality</b> (High-Risk / Massive)	~51.0%	34.8%	25.9%
	<b>Mortality</b> (Intermediate-risk / Sub-massive)	~11.0%	8.2%	6.1%
	Major Bleeding	10.5%*	11.5%	5%

\* 90-day major bleeding rate

1. Kucher et al., Massive pulmonary embolism. *Circulation*. 2006;113(4):577-582. 2. Secemsky et al., Contemporary Management and Outcomes of Patients with Massive and Submassive Pulmonary Embolism, *The American Journal of Medicine* (2018), doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amjmed.2018.07.035> 3. PERT Consortium® Registry Data; October 2020

# Costs of Conservative Management



**18.1%**

have ongoing RV  
dysfunction<sup>1</sup>



**33.2%**

have moderate or  
severe functional  
impairment<sup>1</sup>



**24.4%**

30-day all-cause  
readmission<sup>2</sup>



**5th percentile**

6-minute walk test score  
(vs. population norms)<sup>1</sup>

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# Task Force Findings

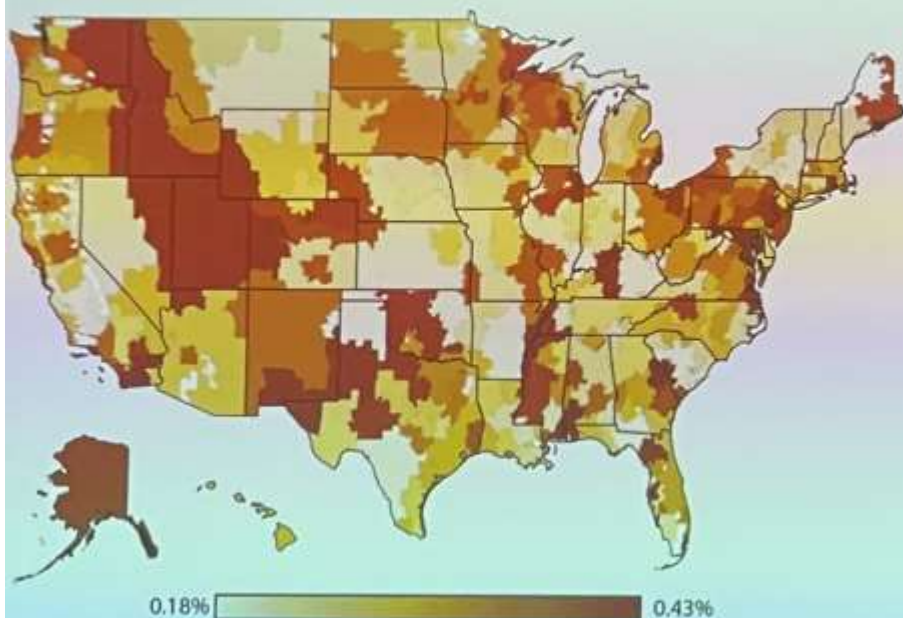
The following characteristics were identified that needed attention:

1. Wound centers providers often do not recognize venous pathology;
2. Wound centers are disincentivized to send early referrals for vascular evaluation;
3. We have Level I evidence that early intervention accelerates ulcer healing & is cost effective
4. There is an extraordinary education gap that needed to be filled

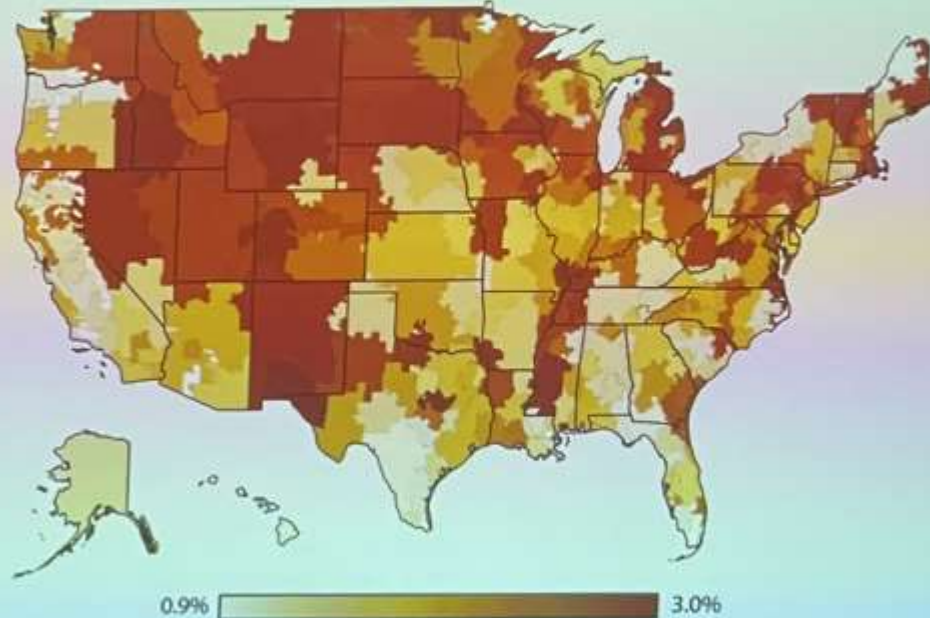


# Rate of Postoperative VTE

Risk-Adjusted Pre-Discharge VTE Rate



90-day Risk-adjusted Post-Discharge VTE Rate

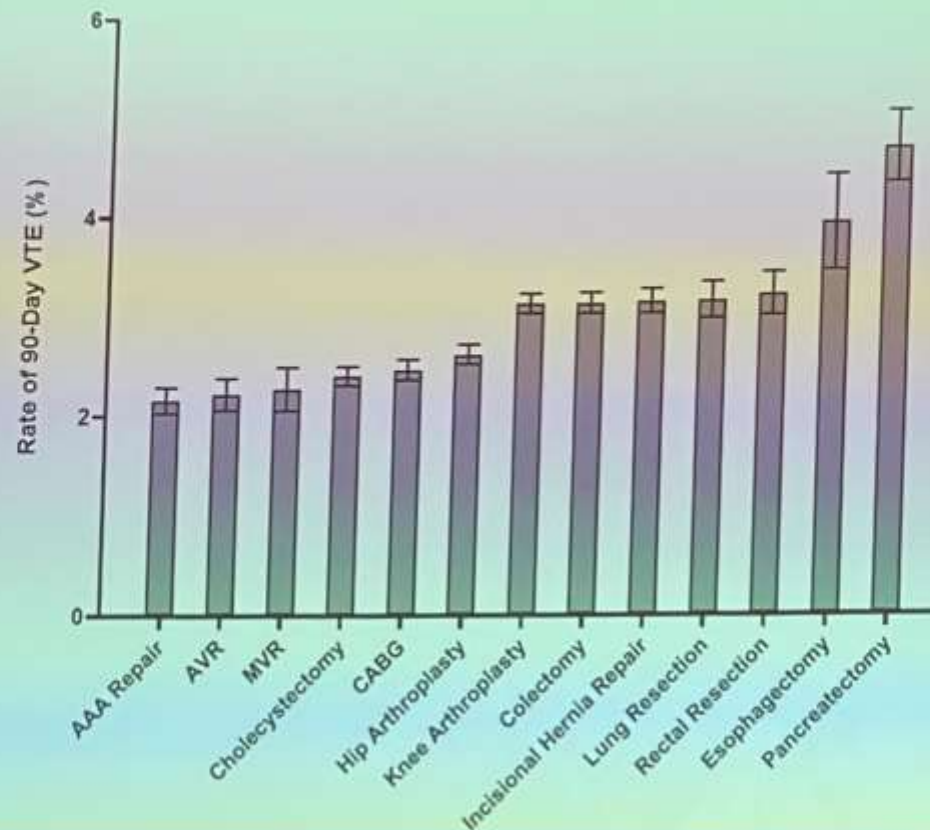


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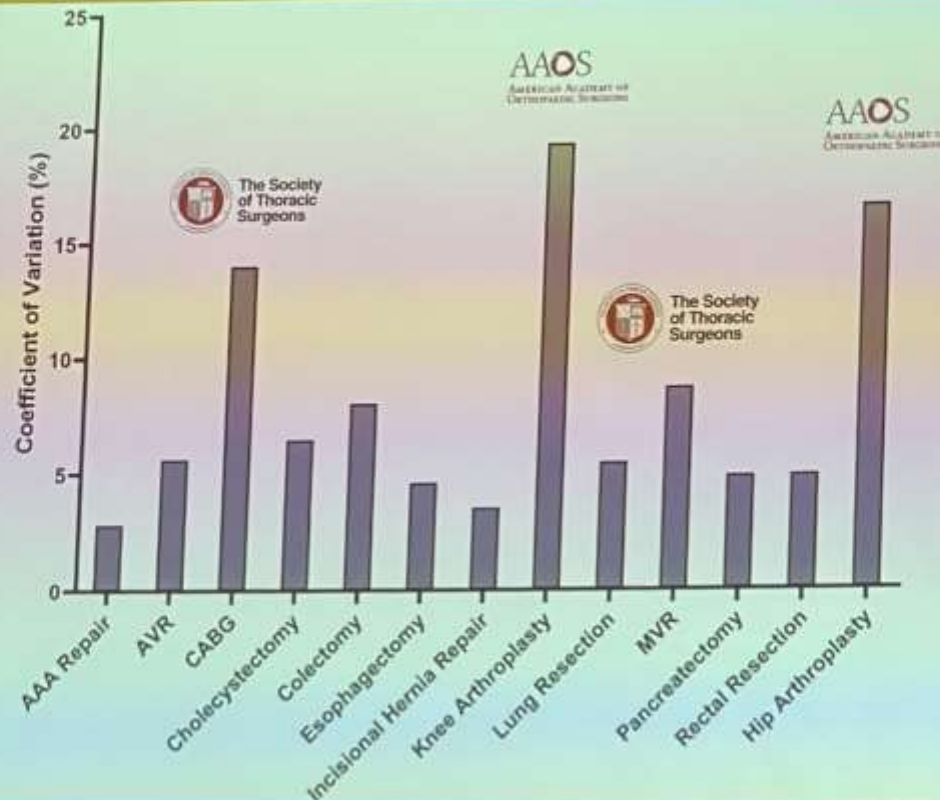
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# Rate of Post-operative VTE by Surgery Type



# Coefficient of Variation Across Hospitals by Surgery Type



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## Conclusions

While post-operative VTE rates are dropping, there is still substantial variation across geographic regions, hospitals, and surgical procedures

Post-discharge VTE represents the majority of VTE post-operatively

There is substantially more variation in post-op VTE rates for most highly scrutinized surgeries

Identification of factors leading to this variation can be targets for quality improvement

## Tirzepatide Once Weekly for the Treatment of Obesity

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### ABSTRACT

#### BACKGROUND

Obesity is a chronic disease that results in substantial global morbidity and mortality. The efficacy and safety of tirzepatide, a novel glucose-dependent insulintropic polypeptide and glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist, in people with obesity are not known.

#### METHODS

In this phase 3 double-blind, randomized, controlled trial, we assigned 2539 adults with a body-mass index (BMI; the weight in kilograms divided by the square of the height in meters) of 30 or more, or 27 or more and at least one weight-related complication, excluding diabetes, in a 1:1:1:1 ratio to receive once-weekly, subcutaneous tirzepatide (5 mg, 10 mg, or 15 mg) or placebo for 72 weeks, including a 20-week dose-escalation period. Coprimary end points were the percentage change in weight from baseline and a weight reduction of 5% or more. The treatment-regimen estimand assessed effects regardless of treatment discontinuation in the intention-to-treat population.

#### RESULTS

At baseline, the mean body weight was 104.8 kg, the mean BMI was 38.0, and 94.5% of participants had a BMI of 30 or higher. The mean percentage change in weight at week 72 was −15.0% (95% confidence interval [CI], −15.9 to −14.2) with 5-mg weekly doses of tirzepatide, −19.5% (95% CI, −20.4 to −18.5) with 10-mg doses, and −20.9% (95% CI, −21.8 to −19.9) with 15-mg doses and −3.1% (95% CI, −4.3 to −1.9) with placebo ( $P<0.001$  for all comparisons with placebo). The percentage of participants who had weight reduction of 5% or more was 85% (95% CI, 82 to 89), 89% (95% CI, 86 to 92), and 91% (95% CI, 88 to 94) with 5 mg, 10 mg, and 15 mg of tirzepatide, respectively, and 35% (95% CI, 30 to 39) with placebo; 50% (95% CI, 46 to 54) and 57% (95% CI, 53 to 61) of participants in the 10-mg and 15-mg groups had a reduction in body weight of 20% or more, as compared with 3% (95% CI, 1 to 5) in the placebo group ( $P<0.001$  for all comparisons with placebo). Improvements in all prespecified cardiometabolic measures were observed with tirzepatide. The most common adverse events with tirzepatide were gastrointestinal, and most were mild to moderate in severity, occurring primarily during dose escalation. Adverse events caused treatment discontinuation in 4.3%, 7.1%, 6.2%, and 2.6% of participants receiving 5-mg, 10-mg, and 15-mg tirzepatide doses and placebo, respectively.

#### CONCLUSIONS

In this 72-week trial in participants with obesity, 5 mg, 10 mg, or 15 mg of tirzepatide once weekly provided substantial and sustained reductions in body weight. (Supported by Eli Lilly; SURMOUNT-1 ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT04184622.)

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# Mounjaro / tirzepatide

- Escalating doses
- SQ weekly
- Novel glucose-dependent insulintropic polypeptide AND glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist
- 10 & 15 mg doses had  $\geq 20\%$  weight reduction (baseline BMI 38)

# Myosin Inhibition in Patients With Obstructive Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Referred for Septal Reduction Therapy

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## ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND** Septal reduction therapy (SRT), surgical myectomy or alcohol ablation, is recommended for obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (oHCM) patients with intractable symptoms despite maximal medical therapy, but is associated with morbidity and mortality.

**OBJECTIVES** This study sought to determine whether the oral myosin inhibitor mavacamten enables patients to improve sufficiently to no longer meet guideline criteria or choose to not undergo SRT.

**METHODS** Patients with left ventricular (LV) outflow tract (LVOT) gradient  $\geq 50$  mm Hg at rest/provocation who met guideline criteria for SRT were randomized, double blind, to mavacamten, 5 mg daily, or placebo, titrated up to 15 mg based on LVOT gradient and LV ejection fraction. The primary endpoint was the composite of the proportion of patients proceeding with SRT or who remained guideline-eligible after 16 weeks' treatment.

**RESULTS** One hundred and twelve oHCM patients were enrolled, mean age  $60 \pm 12$  years, 51% men, 93% New York Heart Association (NYHA) functional class III/IV, with a mean post-exercise LVOT gradient of  $84 \pm 35.8$  mm Hg. After 16 weeks, 43 of 56 placebo patients (76.8%) and 10 of 56 mavacamten patients (17.9%) met guideline criteria or underwent SRT, difference (58.9%; 95% CI: 44.0%–73.9%;  $P < 0.001$ ). Hierarchical testing of secondary outcomes showed significant differences ( $P < 0.001$ ) favoring mavacamten, mean differences in post-exercise peak LVOT gradient  $-37.2$  mm Hg;  $\geq 1$  NYHA functional class improvement 41.1%; improvement in patient-reported outcome 9.4 points; and NT-proBNP and cardiac troponin T between-groups geometric mean ratio 0.33 and 0.53.

**CONCLUSIONS** In oHCM patients with intractable symptoms, mavacamten significantly reduced the fraction of patients meeting guideline criteria for SRT after 16 weeks. Long-term freedom from SRT remains to be determined. (A Study to Evaluate Mavacamten in Adults With Symptomatic Obstructive HCM Who Are Eligible for Septal Reduction Therapy [VALOR-HCM]; NCT04349072) (J Am Coll Cardiol 2022;80:95–108) © 2022 The Authors. Published by Elsevier on behalf of the American College of Cardiology Foundation. This is an open access article under the CC BY-NC-ND license (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/>).

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## Camzyos / mavacamten

- Oral myosin inhibitor
- Monthly escalating doses
- Lots of echos
- Significant ↓ in LVOT gradient
- Significant drop in pts qualifying for septal reduction therapy



## Effect of Empagliflozin on Heart Failure Outcomes

	EMPEROR-Reduced EF $\leq$ 40%		EMPEROR-Preserved EF > 40%
Cardiovascular death or hospitalization for heart failure	0.75 (0.65 – 0.86) [823 events]	↔	0.79 (0.69 – 0.90) [926 events]
Time to first heart failure hospitalization	0.69 (0.59 – 0.81) [588 events]	↔	0.71 (0.60 – 0.83) [611 events]
Time to cardiovascular death	0.92 (0.75 – 1.12) [389 events]	↔	0.91 (0.76 – 1.09) [463 events]
Total (first and recurrent) hospitalizations for heart failure	0.70 (0.58 – 0.85) [941 events]	↔	0.73 (0.61 – 0.88) [948 events]

Packer M et al. *N Engl J Med* 2020; Anker SD et al. *N Engl J Med* 2020

## Cumulative Impact of Evidence-Based Heart Failure with Reduced EF Medical Therapies

	Relative-risk	2 yr Mortality
None	--	35%
ACEI or ARB	↓ 23%	27%
Beta Blocker	↓ 35%	18%
Aldosterone Ant	↓ 30%	13%
ARNI <small>(replacing ACEI/ARB)</small>	↓ 16%	10.9%
SGLT2 inhibitor	↓ 17%	9.1%

Cumulative risk reduction if all evidence-based medical therapies are used:  
Relative risk reduction 74.0%, Absolute risk reduction: 25.9%, NNT = 3.9

Updated from Fonarow GC, et al. Am Heart J 2011;161:1024-1030 and Lancet 2008;372:1195-1196.

# Sequencing of GDMT: Serial Strategy





## GDMT: Simultaneous/Rapid Sequence Strategy

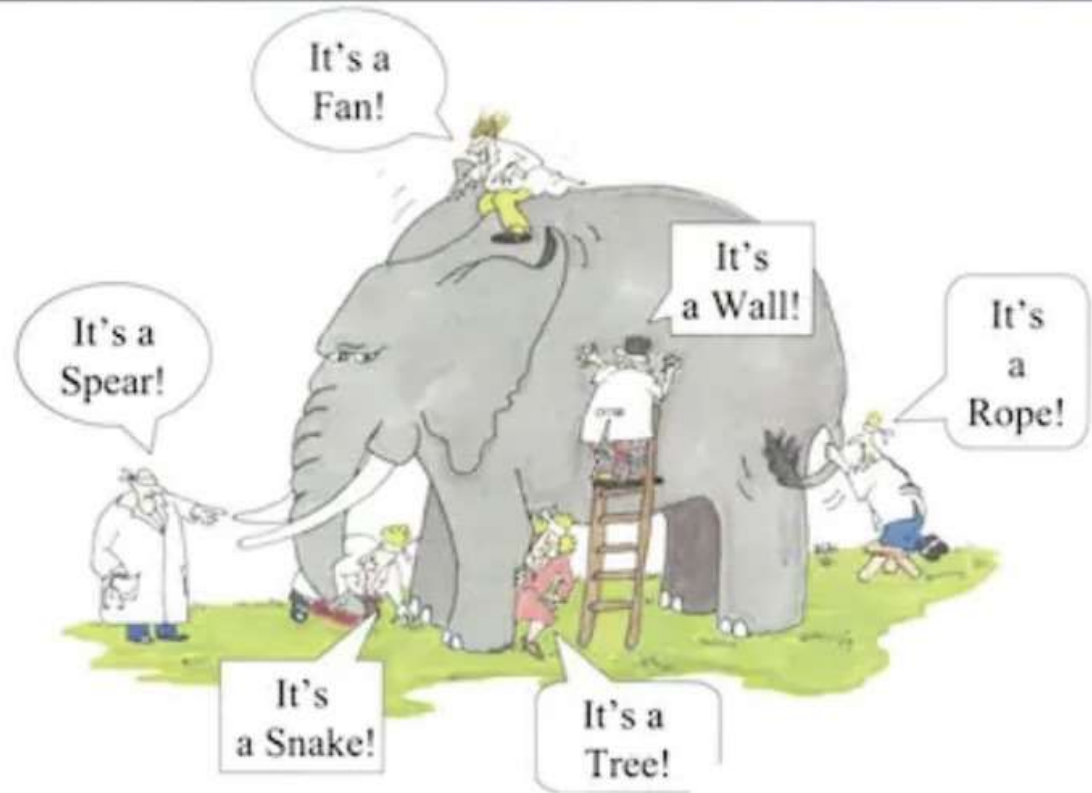
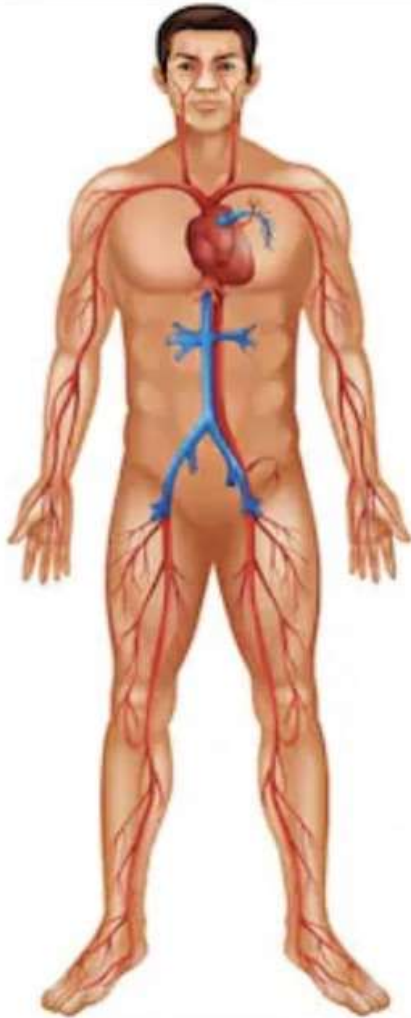
Comprehensive disease-modifying medical therapy (CDMMT) from Day 1

### Hospitalized or outpatient

Day 1	Day 7-14	Day 14-28	Day 21-42	Beyond
ARNI	...	(Titrate, as tolerated)	Titrate, as tolerated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance / further optimization of foundational therapies</li> <li>• Consideration of EP device therapies/Mitraclip</li> <li>• Consideration of add-on therapies or advanced therapies, if refractory</li> <li>• Manage comorbidities</li> </ul>
BB	Titrate, as tolerated	Titrate, as tolerated	Titrate, as tolerated	
MRA	...	Titrate, as tolerated	...	
SGLT2i	...	...	...	
Low starting doses Prioritize beta- blocker titration	Benefits of each Rx demonstrated within 30 days of initiation Cumulative benefits within 30 days (>75% relative risk reduction)			Focus on complete set of CDMMT being implemented

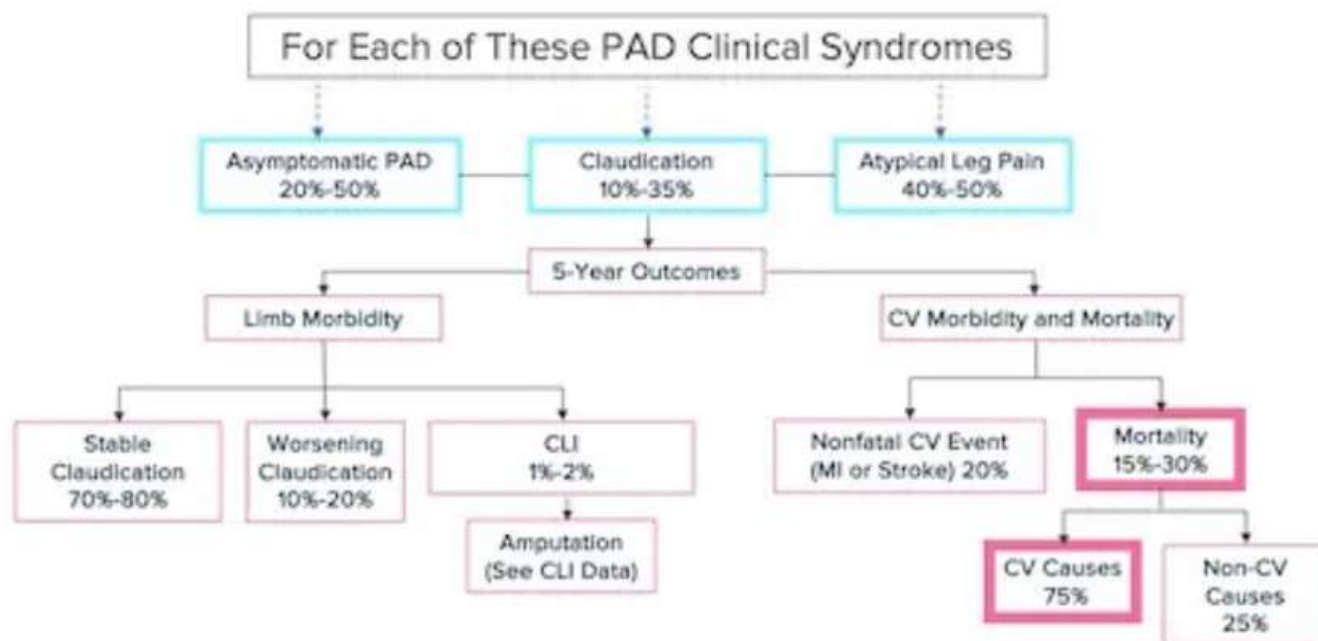
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# Natural History of Atherosclerotic Lower-Extremity PAD



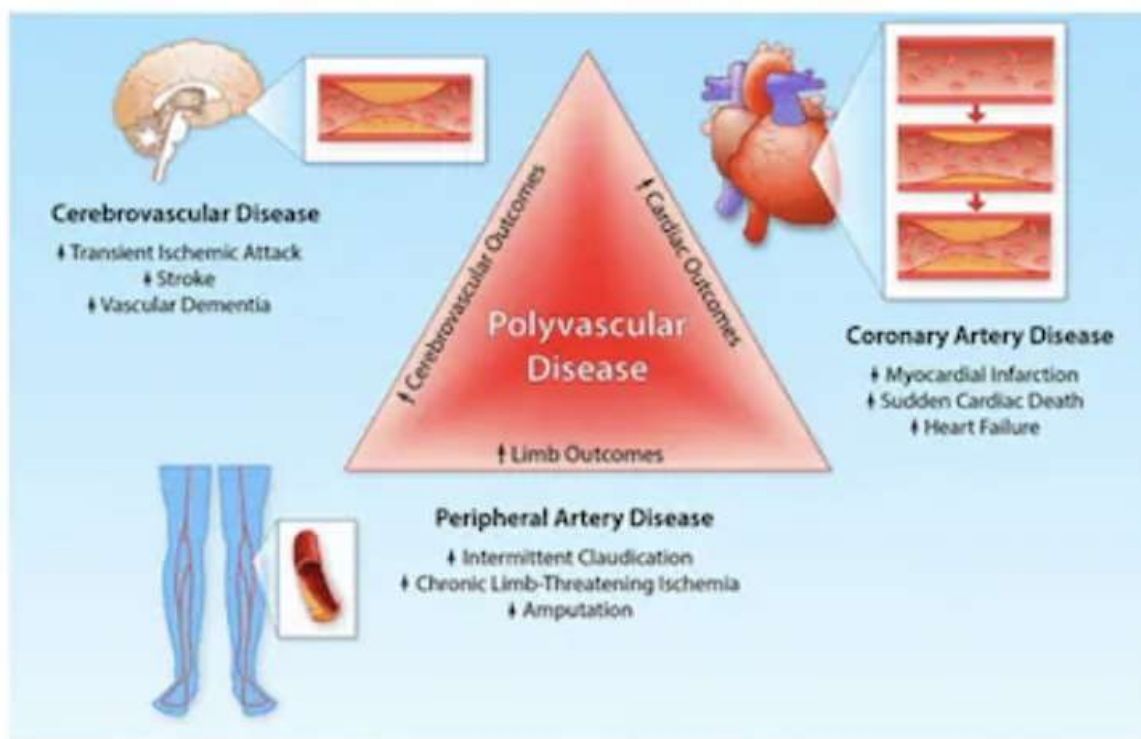
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# Polyvascular Disease

Atherosclerotic Disease in  $\geq 2$  Arterial Beds, Typically Symptomatic or Resulting in Significant ( $> 50\%$ ) Vessel Stenosis

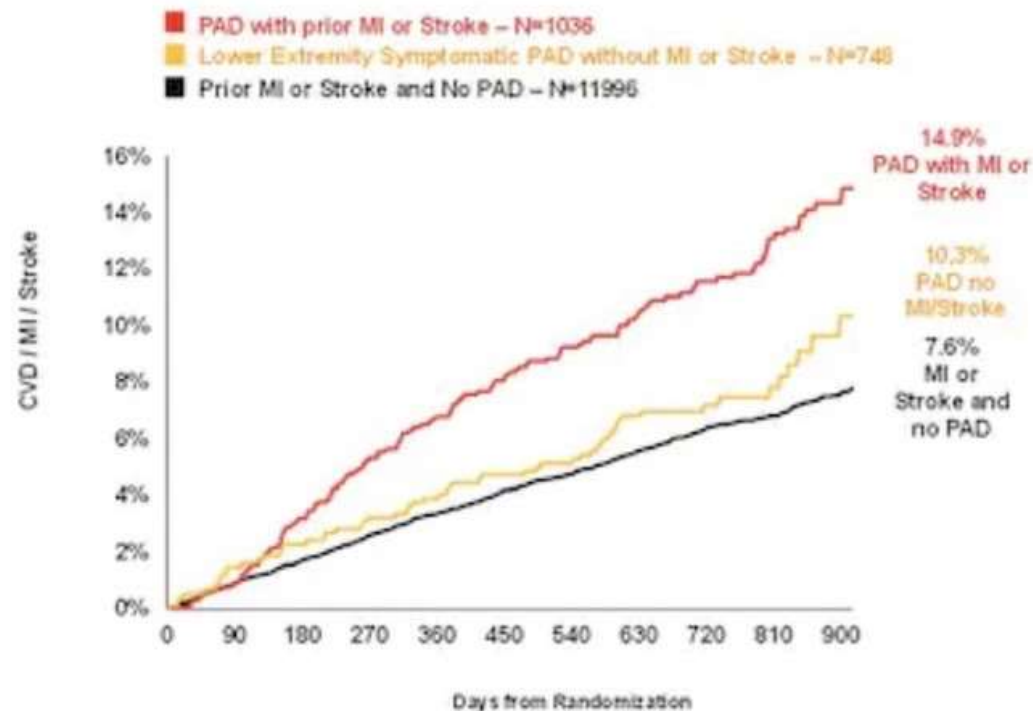


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# Polyvascular Disease and the Risk of MACE in Patients With PAD

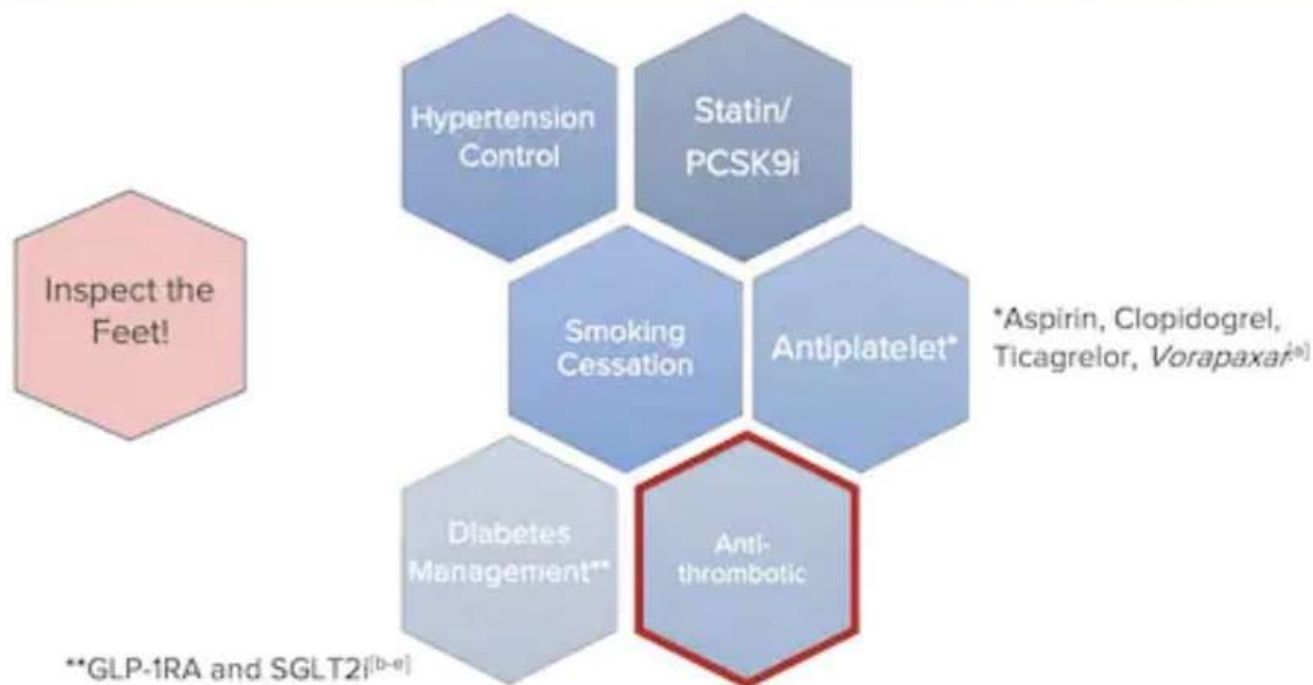
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# Preventing MACE/MALE in Patients With PAD



\*\*GLP-1RA and SGLT2i<sup>[b-e]</sup>

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# Vascular Teams



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# Levels of Evidence

- **Tier 1** – synthesized evidence supporting implementation in practice
- **Tier 2** – synthesized evidence not adequate to support routine implantation in practice; may still be useful in selective use strategies/decision making
- **Tier 3** – synthesized evidence supporting recommendations against use, or no relevant synthesized evidence

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# Fundamental Tenets of Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM)



Awareness of best available evidence required for best decision making



EBM helps us understand how trustworthy the evidence is



Evidence, on its own, is never sufficient to make a clinical decision

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## In summary



Trust your team



Continually reassess  
all data



Frequent  
communication from  
trusted stakeholders



Involve all levels of  
the team in your  
structure

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# Missed Opportunities for Better Cardiovascular Health

**4.1 M<sup>1</sup>** not taking aspirin as recommended

**67.8 M<sup>2</sup>** with uncontrolled BP ( $\geq 130/80$  mm Hg)

**37.4 M<sup>3</sup>** not taking statins as recommended

**52.5 M<sup>4</sup>** combustible tobacco users

**+ 69.7 M<sup>5</sup>** who are physically inactive

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**~ 231.5 M** missed opportunities



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# Million Hearts® 2027 Priorities

## Building Healthy Communities

Decrease Tobacco Use

Decrease Physical Inactivity

Decrease Particle Pollution

## Optimizing Care

Improve Appropriate **A**spirin or **A**nticoagulant Use

Improve **B**lood Pressure Control

Improve **C**holesterol Management

Improve **S**moking Cessation

Increase Use of Cardiac Rehabilitation

## Focusing On Health Equity

Pregnant and  
Postpartum  
People with  
Hypertension

People from  
Racial/Ethnic  
Minority Groups

People with  
Behavioral Health  
Issues Who Use  
Tobacco

People with  
Lower Incomes

People Who Live  
in Rural Areas or  
Other 'Access  
Deserts'



# Strategies to Reduce/Neutralize Implicit Bias

1. **Common identity formation.** Ask interviewee questions about interests and activities that you share (focus on a shared, common identity between YOU and the interviewee).
2. **Perspective taking.** (Take the perspective of a member of the group against which you have the unconscious bias).
3. **“Consider the opposite”.** (When data seem to point to one conclusion, briefly look for the data supporting the opposite conclusion before making a final decision).
4. **Counter-stereotypical exemplars.** (Spend time with or focus on individuals you admire from groups against which you have bias).

