

# **Cerebral Embolic Protection During TAVR: Where We Are After TCT?**

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# Patient Perceptions and Expectations



# Strokes Can Be Unpredictable

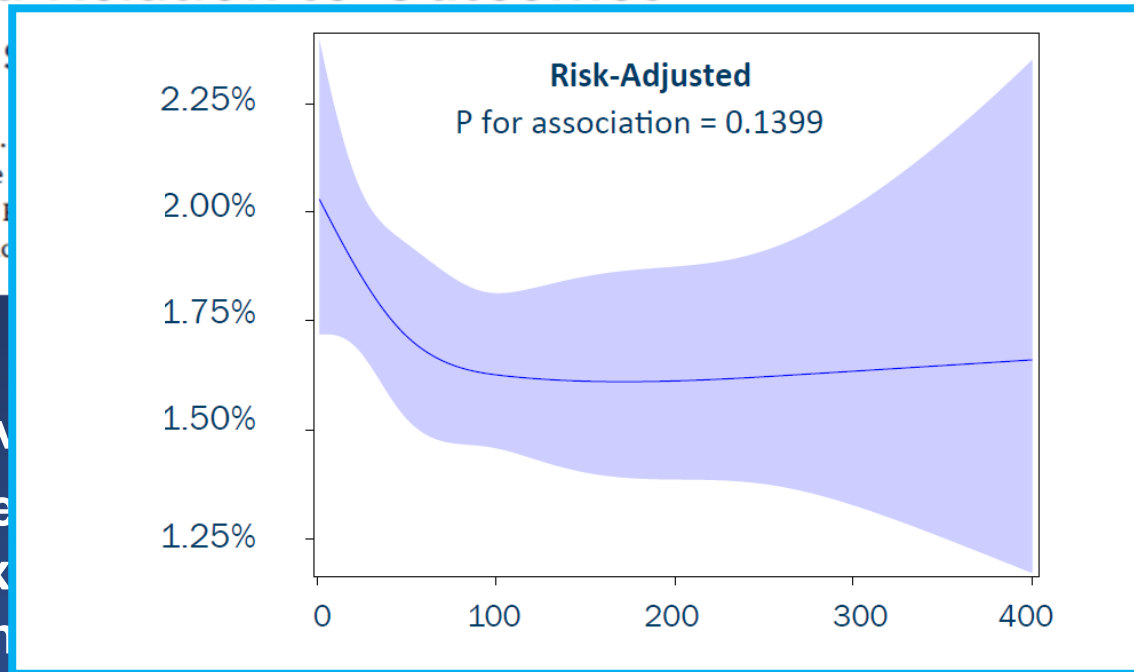
## Procedural Experience for Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement and Relation to Outcomes



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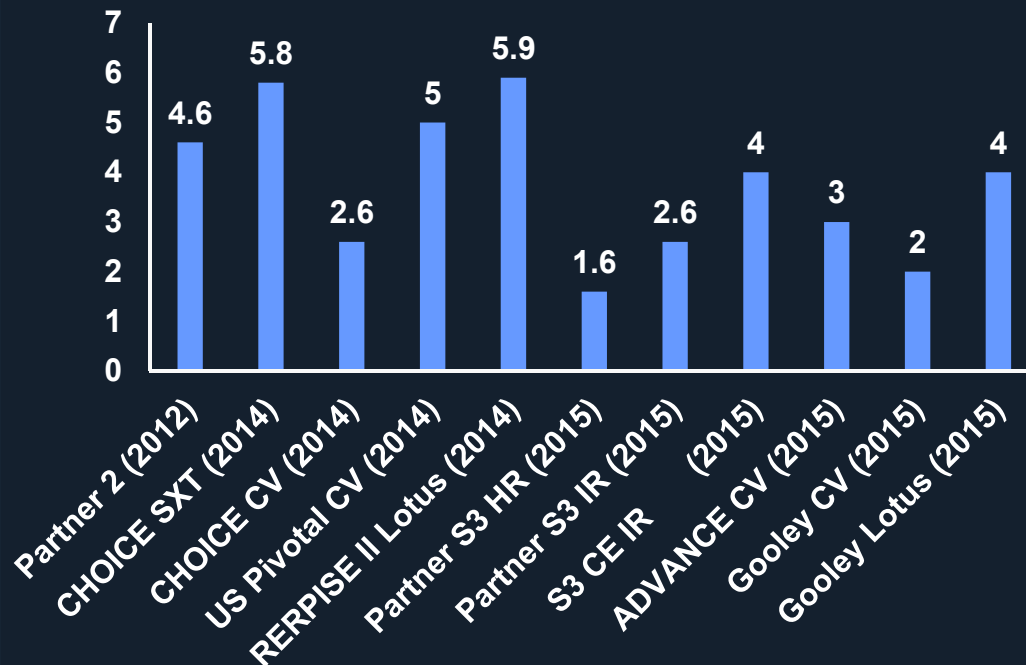
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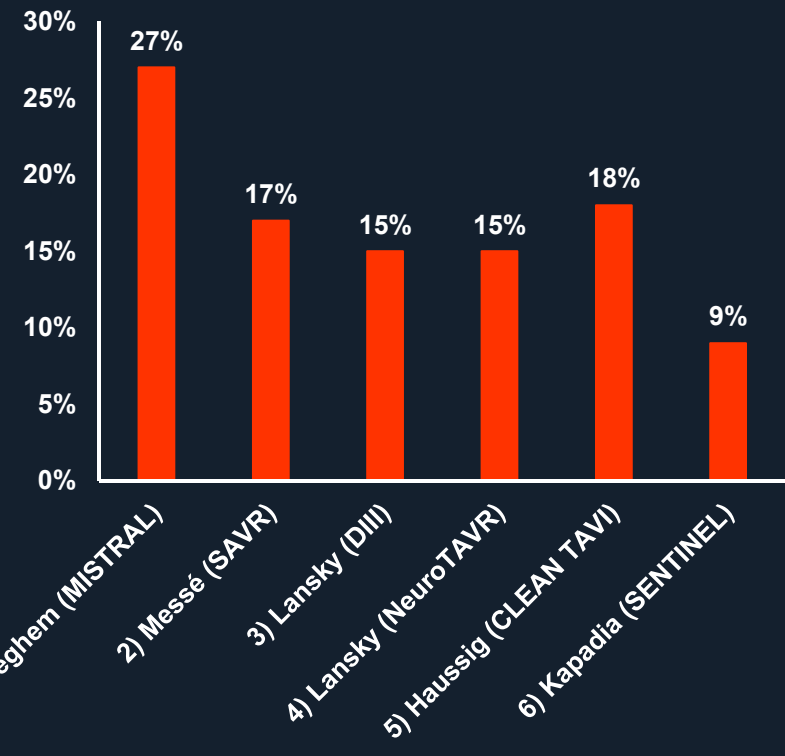
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# Stroke Underreported in TAVR Studies

In reported clinical trials stroke rates with TAVR range from 1.6%-5.9%



- Neurologist identified deficits and worsening neurocognition with new Brain MRI lesions and/or higher lesion volume
- Stroke range is 9-27% by AHA/ASA guidelines

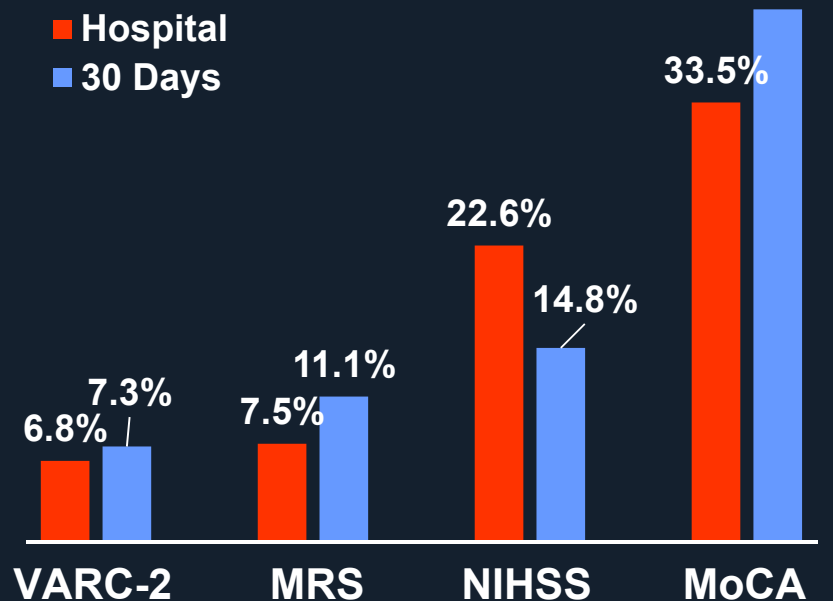


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# US NeuroTAVR Trial: Outcome

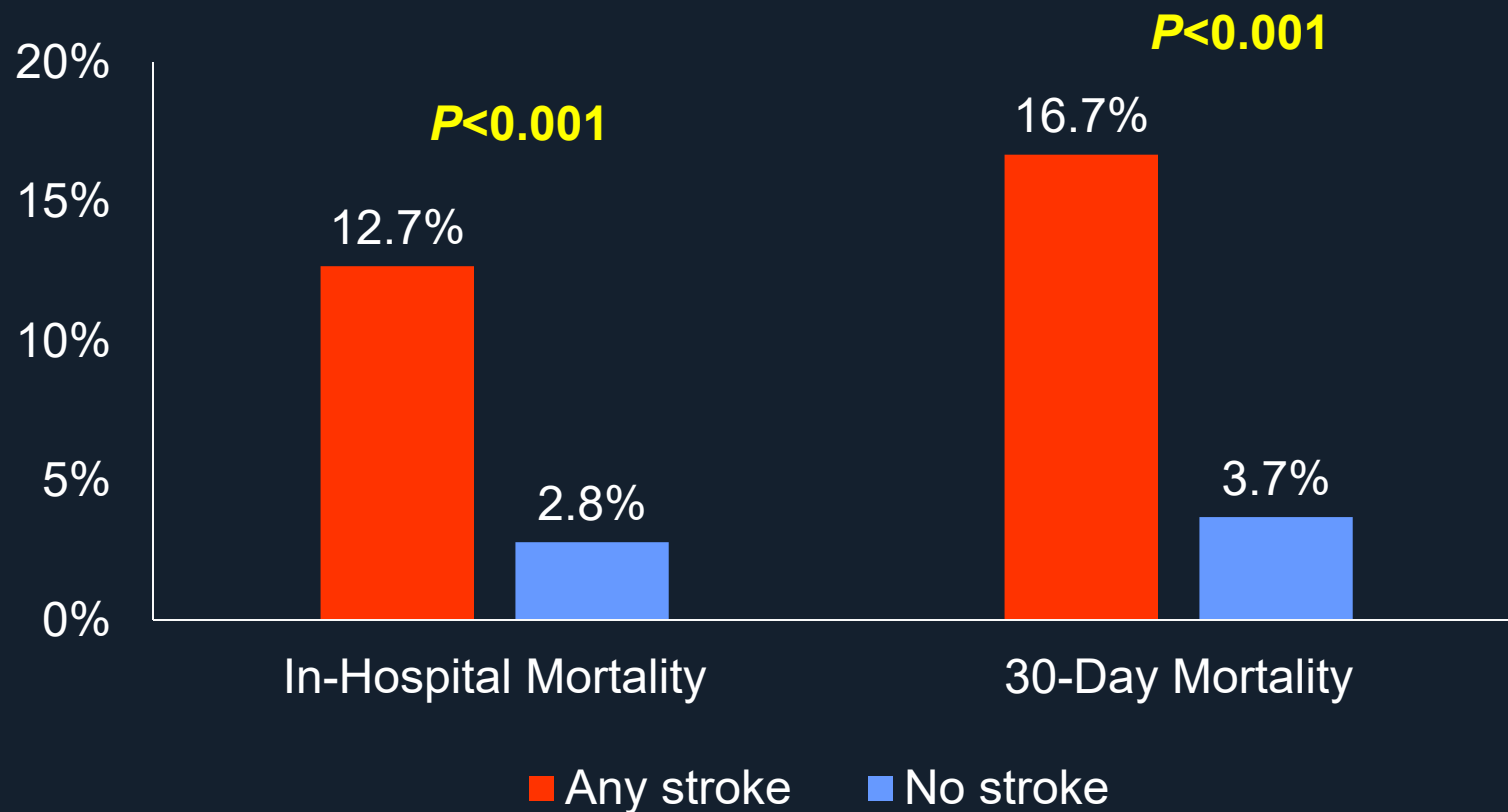
## Neurologic And Cognitive Impairment After Unprotected TAVR In USA (5 High Volume TAVR Centers)

**% of Patients With Worsening  
MRS, NIHSS and MoCA + New  
Brain Lesions**



- Contemporary US Registry of 44 patients undergoing unprotected TAVR
- Stroke defined by AHA/ASA stroke definitions are common:
  - Discharge: 22.6%
  - 30-Days: 14.8%
- **MoCA scores (surrogate of Cognition) get worse in 40% of patients after TAVR**

# TVT: Association of Post TAVR Stroke with Mortality



# Consequences of Stroke

## **Mortality:**

TAVR patients suffering disabling stroke : 1-year mortality of 67% vs. 12% and 2-year mortality of 83% vs. 20%.<sup>1</sup>

## **PHYSICAL FUNCTIONING:**

40% : moderate to severe permanent disability

55%-75% of “fully recovered” with residual dysfunction in at least one limb.<sup>2-3</sup>

## **EFFECT OF STROKE AND WHITE MATTER LESIONS IN WORKING POPULATION**

44% return to work,

33% significant financial strains,

79% report social isolation<sup>4</sup>.

even without a stroke note impaired social cognition, leading predictor of occupational disability, and ability to maintain relationships with family and friends<sup>5</sup>



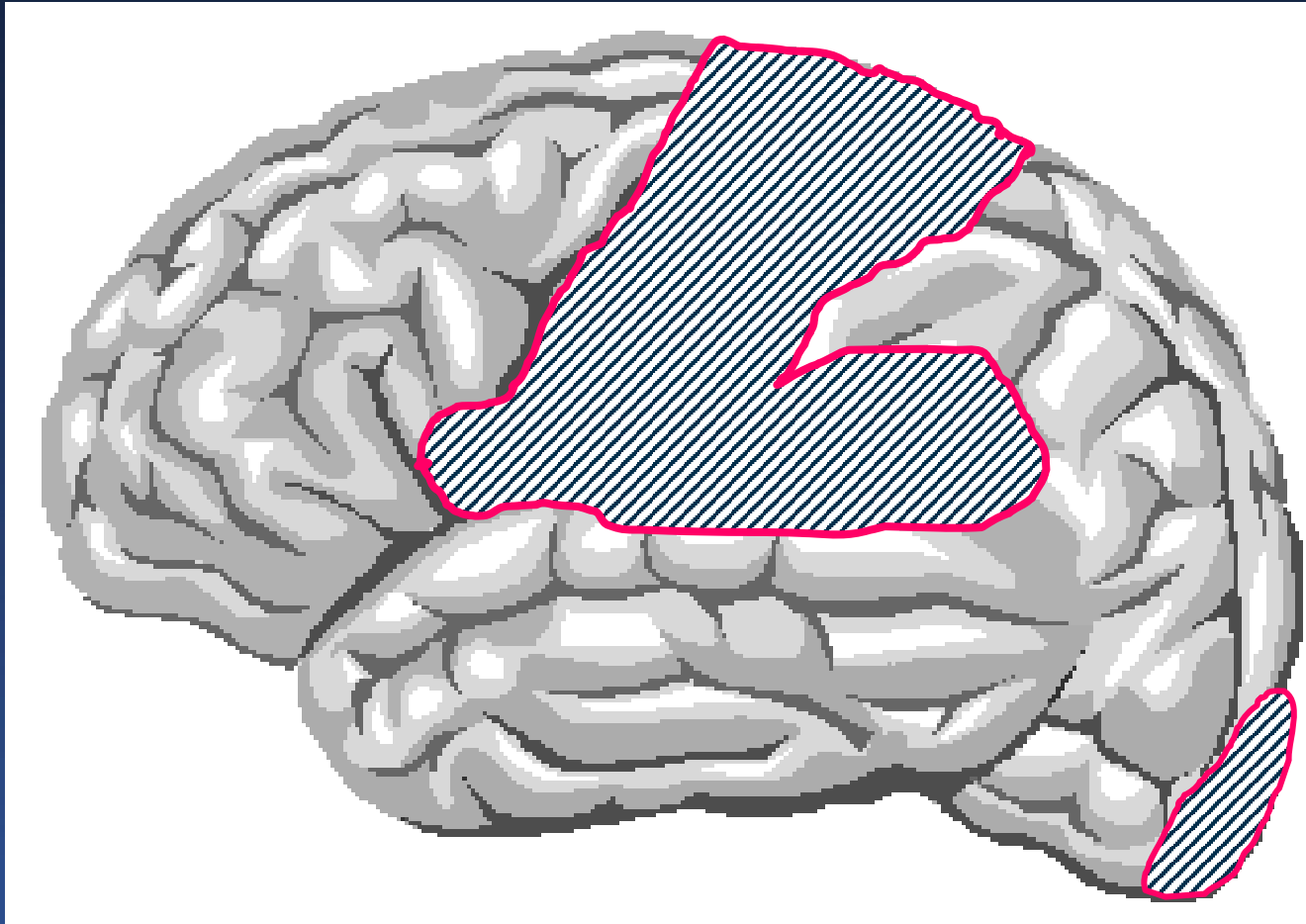
# The Economic Burden of Strokes Post-TAVR

- Among 30,830 TAVR patients from the National Readmission Database, 776 (2.5%) were reported to have suffered acute ischemic stroke
- After propensity matching, TAVR patients who suffered acute ischemic stroke had higher rates of:
  - in-hospital death (11.3% vs 4.1%)
  - Prolonged hospitalizations (15d vs 9d)
  - Non-home discharges (66.1% vs 29.8%)
  - Hospital charges (~\$60-80,000 higher)
  - 30-day readmissions (20.5% vs. 15.6%)
- Their repeat hospitalizations were also longer, more costly and associated with higher mortality ( $p < 0.001$ )

Alkhouli M, Alqahtani F, et al. Outcomes of Acute Ischemic Stroke After TAVR: Potential Impact of Embolic Protection ACC 2018

# Cognition and TAVR

## Brain Regions Assessed by NIH Stroke Scale



# “Silent” Cerebral Emboli & TAVR

- Every step of TAVR puts a patient at risk of stroke (crossing the aortic valve, valvuloplasty, valve placement, etc.)<sup>1</sup>
- Cerebral embolization demonstrated by DWI MRI is common with TAVR occurring in 68-98% of cases.<sup>2-4</sup>
- Cerebral emboli detected on DWI MRI increase the risk of clinically overt stroke by 2-4 times and lead to cognitive dysfunction, depression, impaired mobility, dementia, and increased mortality.<sup>5-6</sup>
- The greater the volume of DWI lesions seen on MRI the greater the long-term risk of cognitive dysfunction and long-term dementia.<sup>5-6</sup>

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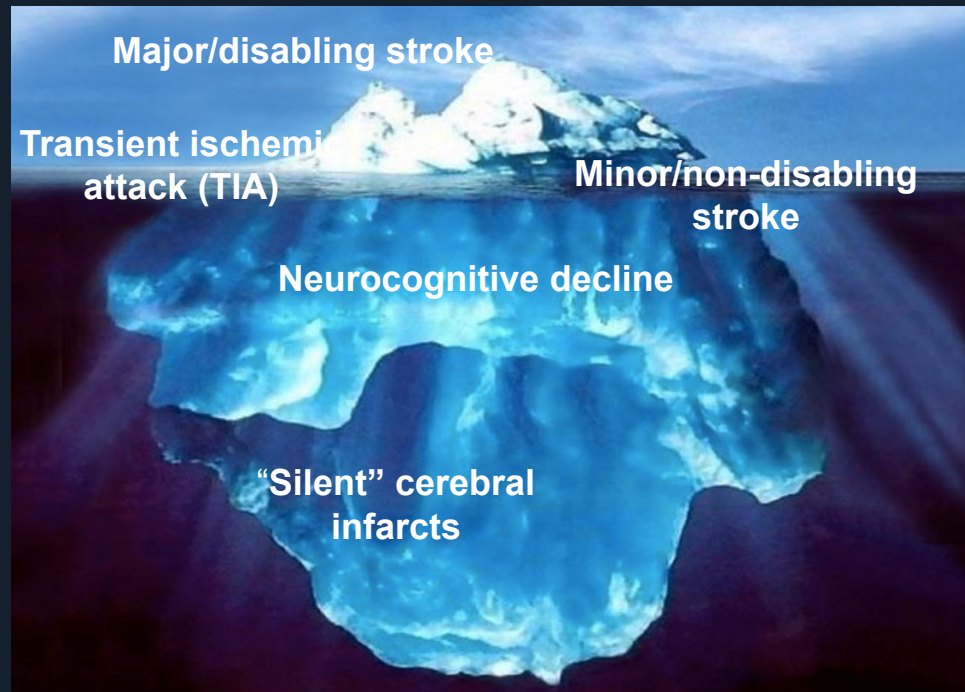
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# Most Cerebral Damage in TAVR is Unseen

**Clinically  
apparent**

**Subtle and  
often  
undetected**

**Clinically  
unrecognized**



**Clinical  
exam,  
NIHSS, mRS**

**MMSE,  
MoCA**

**Neurocognitive  
test batteries**

**Neuroimaging**

**....but can have far-reaching effects**

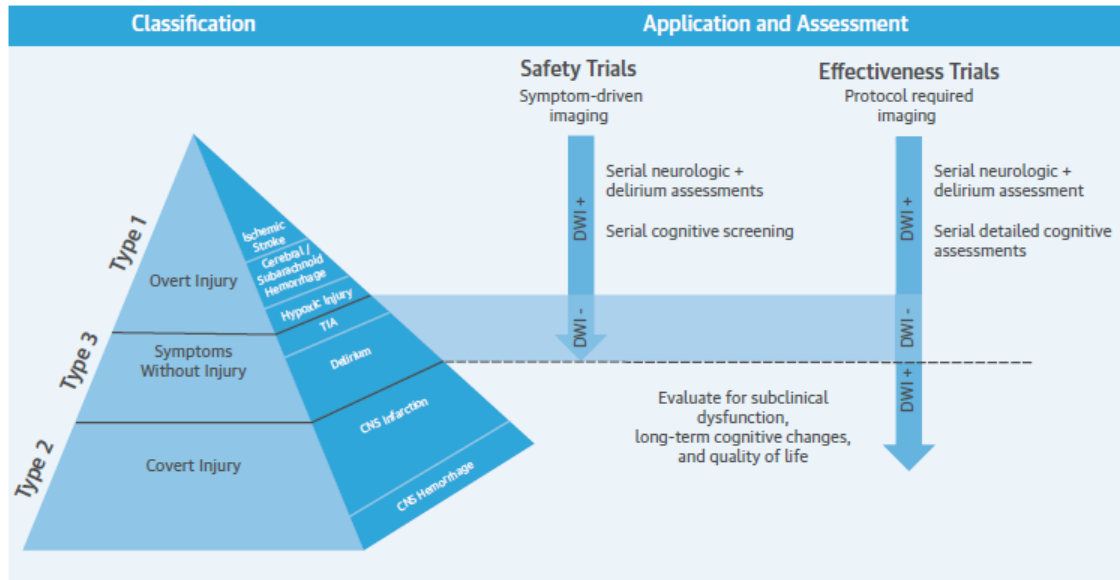
# Proposed Standardized Neurological Endpoints for Cardiovascular Clinical Trials



An Academic Research Consortium Initiative

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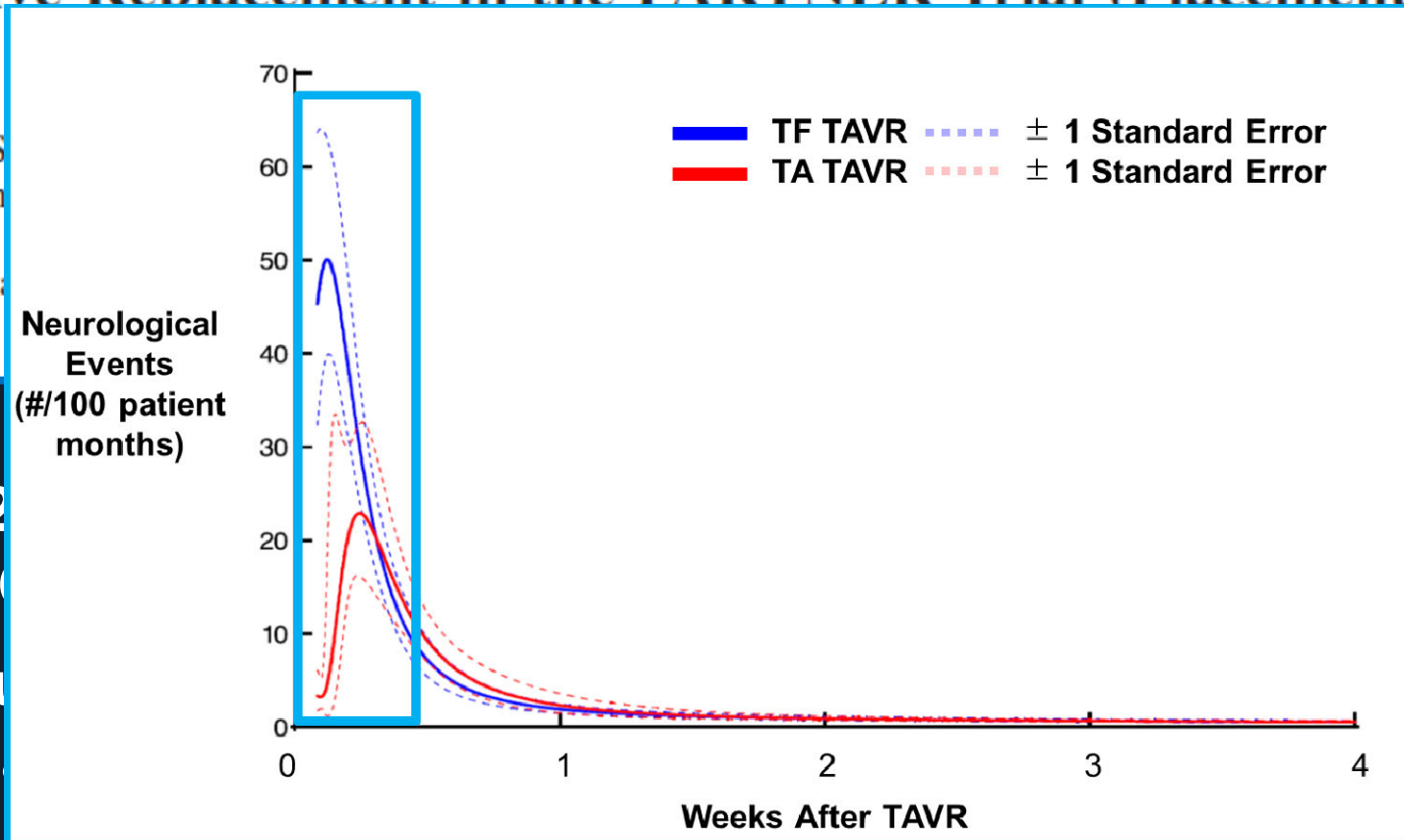
## CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Neurologic Academic Research Consortium Consensus: Classification, Application, and Assessment of Neurological Events in Clinical Trials



Lansky, A.J. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2017;69(6):679-91.

# Timing of Strokes after TAVR

## Insights Into Timing, Risk Factors, and Outcomes of Stroke and Transient Ischemic Attack After Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement in the PARTNER Trial (Placement of



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# Sources of Debris During TAVR

**ASCENDING ARCH**  
Arterial wall, calcific and atherosclerotic material

**TRANSVERSE ARCH**  
Arterial wall, calcific and atherosclerotic material

**STENOTIC VALVE**  
Leaflet tissue and calcific deposits

**TAVR DEVICES**  
Foreign material

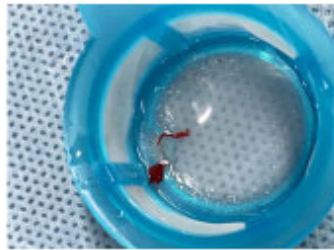
**NATIVE HEART**  
Myocardium

The diagram shows a cross-section of the heart and aorta. Arrows point from text labels to specific areas: the ascending aorta, the transverse aorta, the aortic valve, the TAVR device, and the native heart wall. Surrounding the diagram are several photographs: a 3D model of the aorta, a CT scan of the aorta, a photograph of a stenotic valve, a photograph of a TAVR device, and two photographs of debris samples with metric rulers for scale.

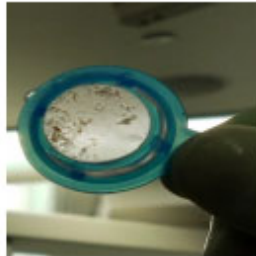
# SENTINEL CEP – After FDA Approval

## Embotic Debris Captured

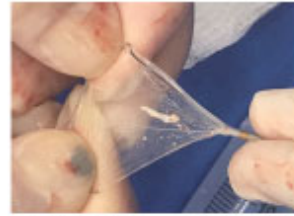
### Recent Images of Debris Captured During TAVR with Sentinel®



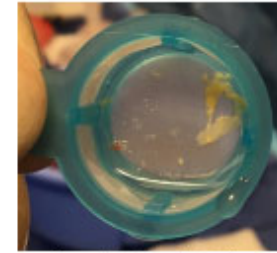
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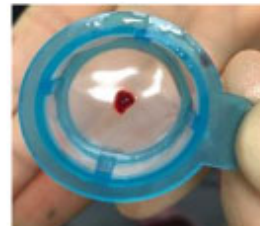
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St Thomas Hospital, London  
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Princeton Baptist Hospital,  
Birmingham, AL USA  
November 2017



# Predictors of Stroke, Neuro Events or MRI Findings

Author	N	Event rate	Approach	Clinical predictors	Anatomical predictors
Tay et al 2011	253	9%	TA/TF	H/O stroke/TIA	Carotid stenosis*
Nuis et al 2012	214	9%	TF	New onset AF	Baseline AR >3+
Amat Santos et al 2012	138	6.5%	TA/TF	New onset AF	None
Franco et al 2012	211	4.7%	TA/TF	None	Post-dilation
Miller et al 2012	344	9%	TA/TF	History of stroke Non TF-TAVR candidate	Smaller AVA
Cabau et al 2011	60	68% (MRI)	TA/TF	Male, History of CAD	Higher AVG
Fairbairn et al 2012	31	77% (MRI)	TF	Age	Aortic atheroma
Nombela-Franco et al 2012	1061	5.1%	TA/TF	Balloon postdilatation, valve dislodgement, New onset AF, PVD, Prior CVA	

# Predictors for Particles $\geq 1000$ $\mu\text{m}$

# More than Average Amount of Material

Particles >1000 $\mu\text{m}$		
	OR (95% CI)	P value
Baseline characteristics		
Male gender	0.66 (0.38-1.15)	0.14
History of AVR/TAVR	2.74 (0.94-7.94)	0.06
Hypertension	0.86 (0.45-1.62)	0.64
Femoral access	0.10 (0.008-1.276)	0.08
Pre-dilatation	1.70 (0.75-3.86)	0.21
Post-dilatation	1.34 (0.67-2.69)	0.41
(Functional) bicuspid	2.81 (1.26-6.28)	0.01
THV-type used		
Sapien3	1.00 (reference)	-
Evolut R/PRO	1.35 (0.66-2.77)	0.42
Lotus	2.58 (1.25-5.32)	0.01

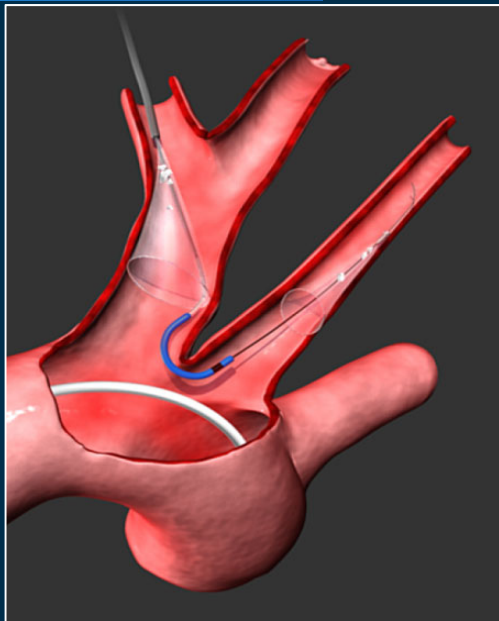
More than average material		
	OR (95% CI)	P value
Baseline characteristics		
Male gender	1.07 (0.57-1.99)	0.84
History of AVR/TAVR	0.65 (0.18-2.39)	0.52
Hypertension	1.85 (0.85-3.99)	0.12
History of stroke	0.25 (0.07-0.91)	0.04
Pre-dilatation	1.15 (0.58-2.28)	0.21
Use of repositioning	3.00 (1.44-6.23)	0.41
THV-type used		
Sapien3	1.00 (reference)	-
Evolut R/PRO	1.35 (0.66-2.77)	0.42
Lotus	1.21 (0.49-3.02)	0.01

Results are displayed as OR (95% CI)

Abbreviations: AVR = Aortic Valve Replacement; TAVR = Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

# Clinical Trials

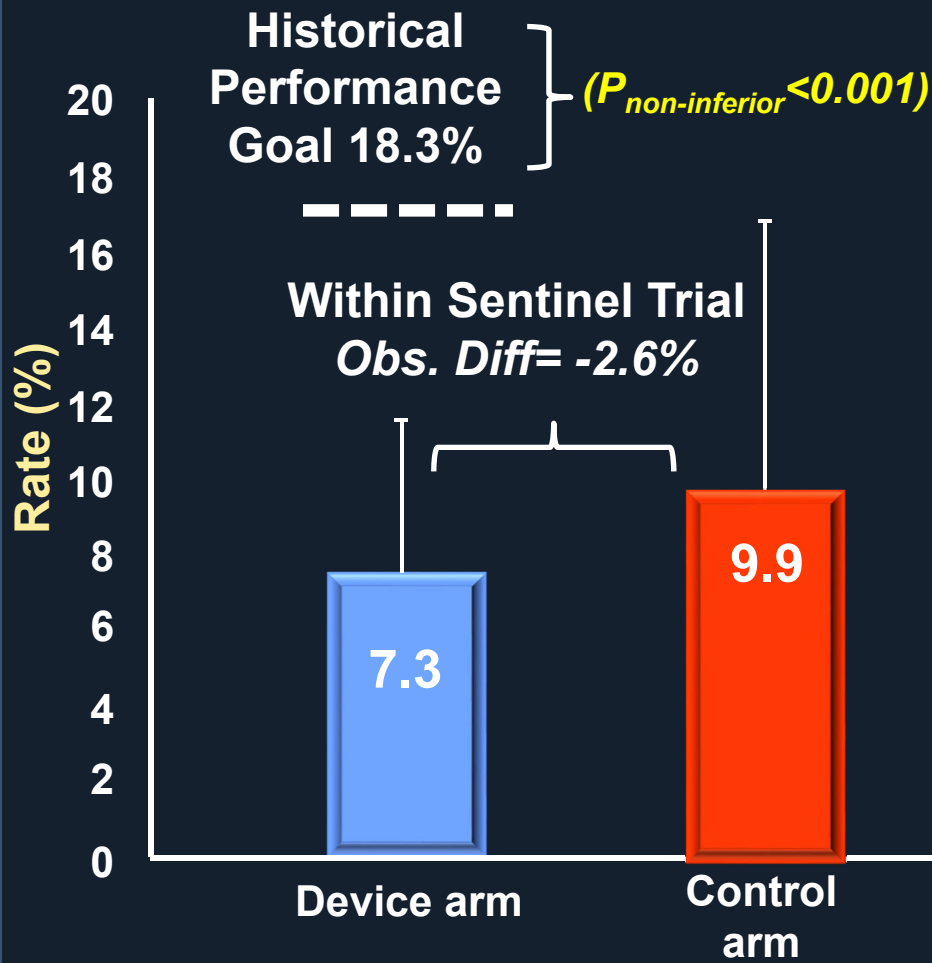
# Sentinel Cerebral Protection Systems



- **Dual independent filters designed for embolic debris capture and removal in two of the three cerebral branches**
  - **Innominate artery and left common carotid artery**
- **Right transradial 6F sheath access**

# Primary Safety Endpoint (NI): All Cause Death, Stroke, AKI Stage 3

## 30-Day MACCE

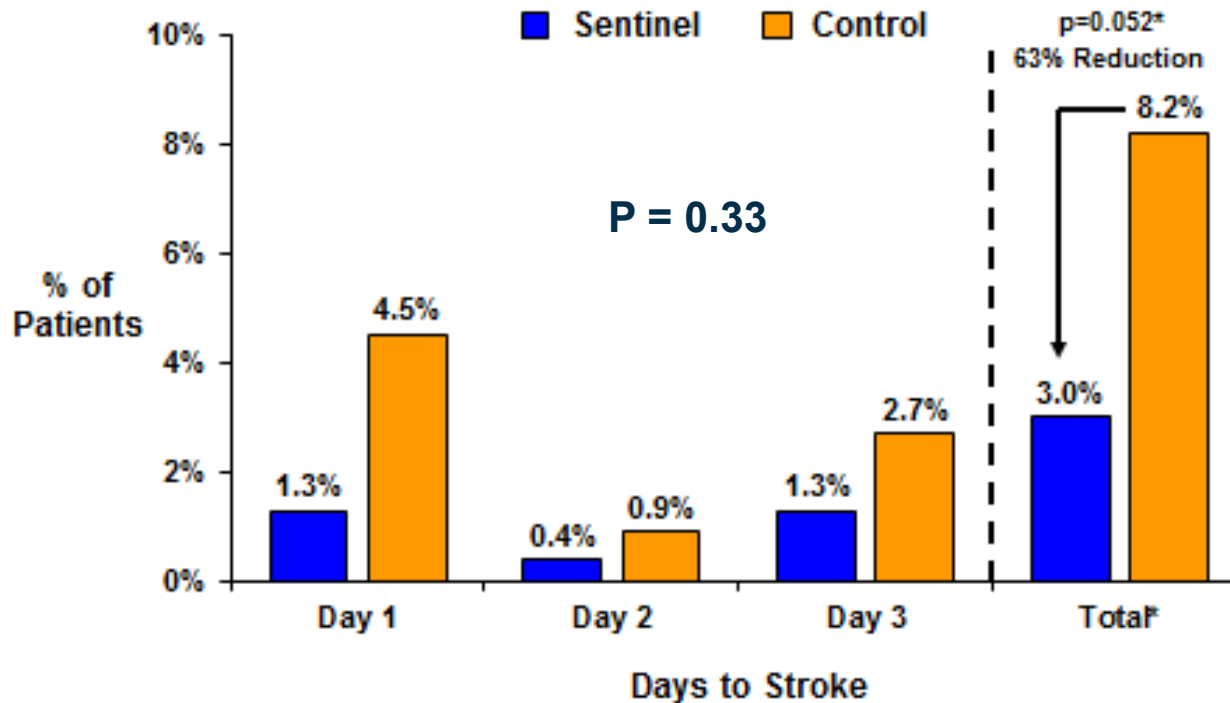


	Device Arm (n=234)	Control Arm (n=111)	P value
30-Day Clinical Outcomes			
Any MACCE <sup>†</sup>	7.3%	9.9%	0.40
Death (all-cause)	1.3%	1.8%	0.65
Stroke	5.6%	9.1%	0.25
Disabling	0.9%	0.9%	1.00
Non-disabling	4.8%	8.2%	0.22
AKI (Stage 3)	0.4%	0%	1.00
TIA	0.4%	0%	1.00
Sentinel Site Complications	0.4%	N/A	0.53

# SENTINEL CEP Randomized Trial

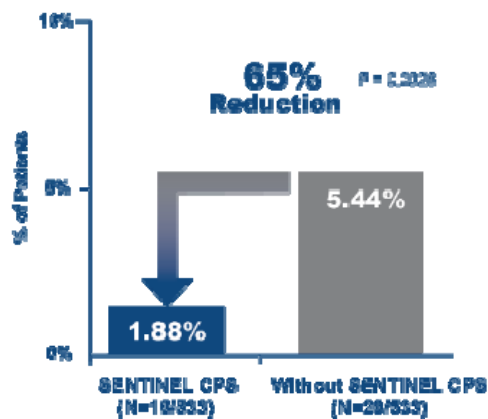
## Clinical Outcomes

### Stroke Diagnosis $\leq 72$ hours (ITT)

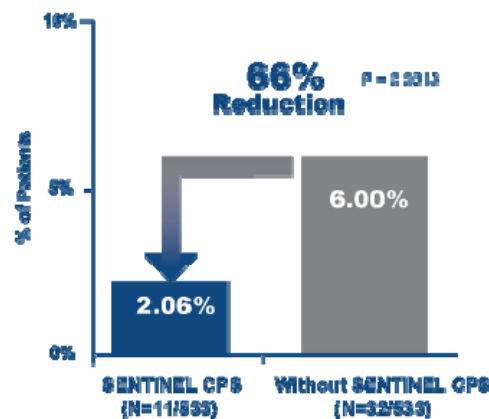


# Largest Patient-level Pooled Propensity-Matched Analysis to Date Demonstrates Reductions in Peri-procedural ( $\leq 72$ h) Stroke, Mortality or Stroke and Disabling Stroke with Routine SENTINEL CPS Use

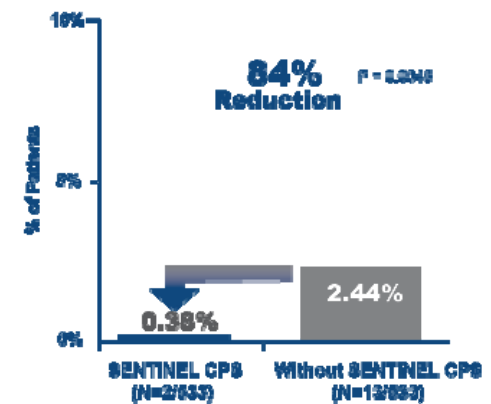
## All-procedural Stroke



## Mortality or Stroke

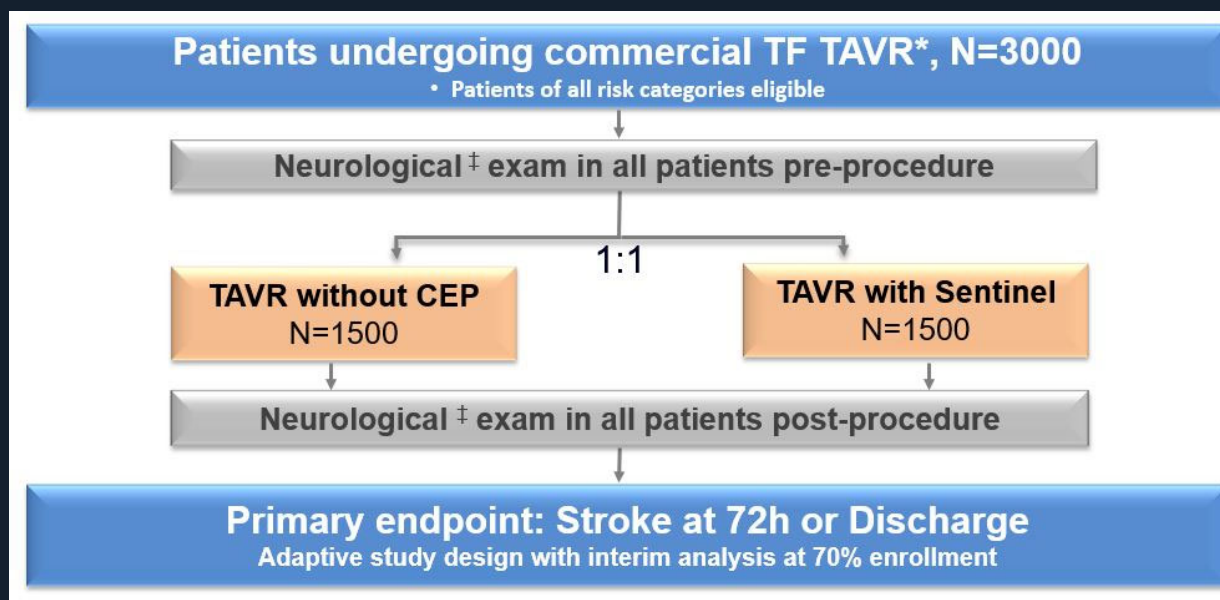


## Disabling Stroke



- Patient level meta-analysis demonstrates a reduction in -related ( $\leq 72$  h) stroke with SENTINEL CPS, using VARC-2 criteria
- Analysis was based on n=1306 patients with severe aortic stenosis from the SENTINEL IDE RCT Trial (n=363), CLEAN-TAVI RCT (n=100) and SENTINEL all-comers study (n=843)
- Data were propensity score-matched for valve type, STS score, A-fib, gender, diabetes mellitus, CAD and PVD

# SENTINEL Randomized Controlled Trial Underway



**Primary Endpoint:** To assess the rate of stroke through 72 h post-TAVR or discharge, whichever comes first.  
*Stroke defined as all stroke (hemorrhagic, ischemic, or undetermined status; disabling or nondisabling)*

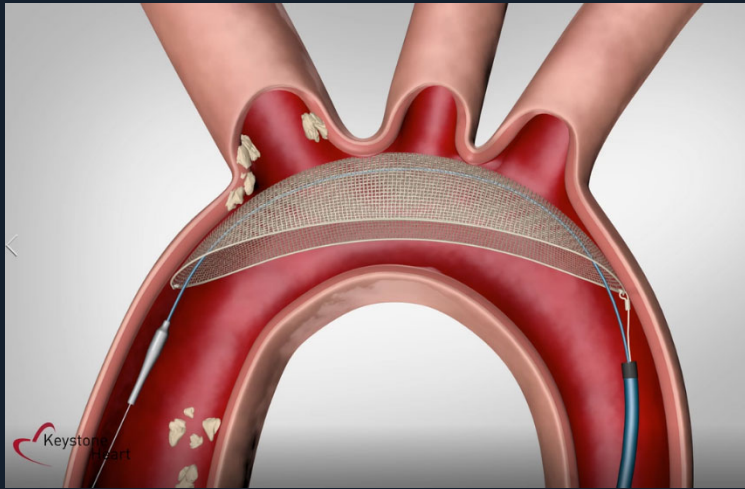
**Inclusion Criteria:**

- Documented aortic valve stenosis and is treated with an approved TAVR device via TF access
- Recommended artery diameter: 9-15 mm for the brachiocephalic artery and 6.5-10 mm in LCC

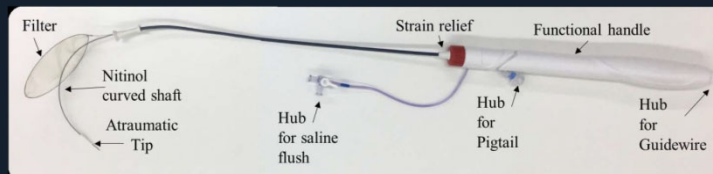
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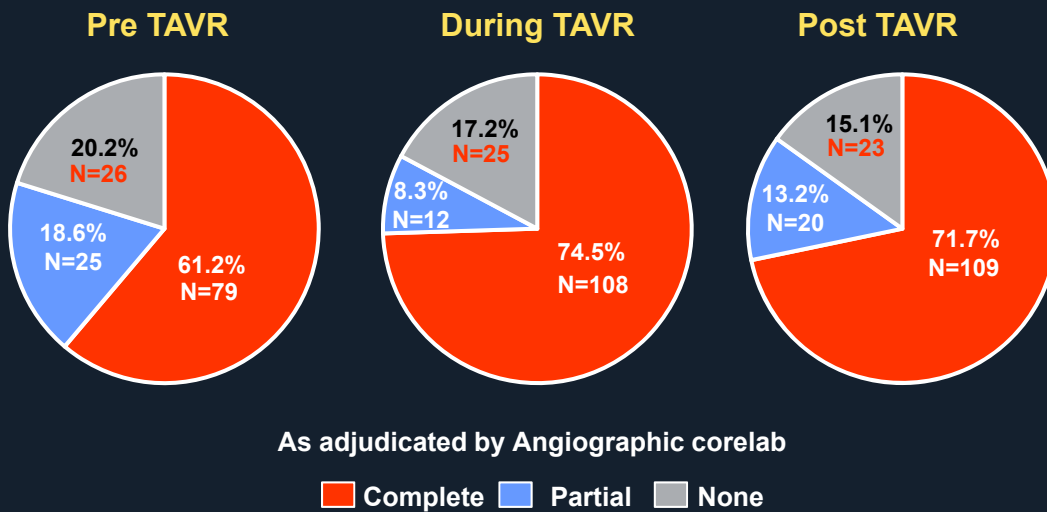
# Keystone Heart TriGUARD 3



- Self-positioning, nitinol frame without stabilizers
- PEEK mesh (pore size 115 x 145  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Filter area = 68.3  $\text{cm}^2$
- 8 Fr OTW delivery
- Accommodates a diagnostic pigtail



# TriGUARD 3 Performance and Cerebral Coverage

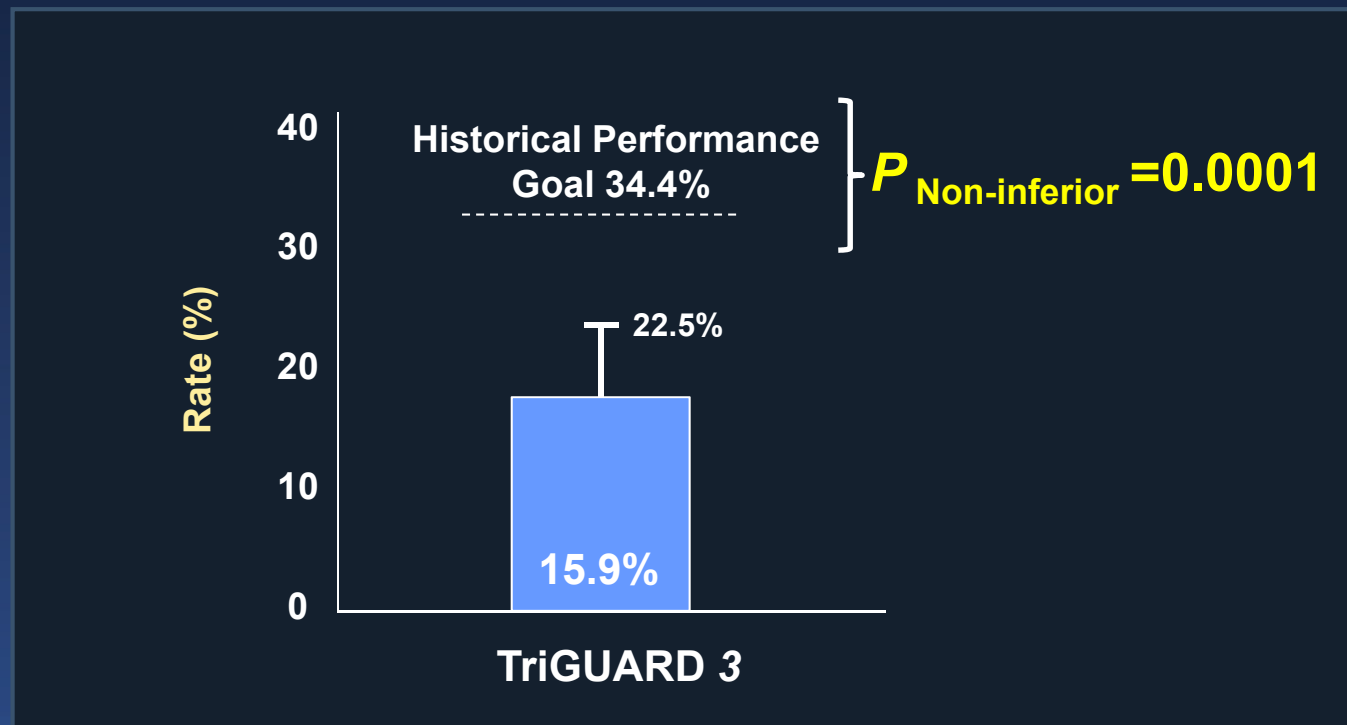


**Full Coverage Throughout: 59.3%**  
**All devices successfully deployed and retrieved**

Performance Measures	Combined TriGUARD 3 (N=157)
<b>Successful deployment</b>	100%
<b>Successful on 1<sup>st</sup> attempt</b>	98.1%
<b>Technical Success</b>	71%
<b>Procedure Success</b>	69.7%
<b>Device Interaction</b>	9.6%
<b>Deployment Time Mean ± SD</b>	2.81 ± 5.69

Technical Success: Full coverage in the absence of device interaction  
 Procedure success: Technical success without TG3-related in-hospital MACCE

# Primary Safety Endpoint: 30 Day MACE



# Efficacy Endpoints: TG vs Control

	TriGUARD 3	Pooled Controls	P value
<b>Primary Outcomes</b>	112	119	
Primary Efficacy Score	-8.58 ± 120.76	8.08 ± 116.51	0.857
Win percentage, %	45.7	54.3	–
<b>Component event rates</b>			
All-cause mortality or any stroke at 30 days, %	9.8	6.7	0.475
NIHSS worsening predischarge, %	14.1	7.6	0.176
Cerebral ischemic lesions, %	85.0	84.9	1.000
Total cerebral lesion volume, mm <sup>3</sup> , Median (IQR)	215.39 (68.13, 619.71)	188.09 (52.08, 453.12)	0.405

Prespecified primary efficacy population was randomized TG3 vs pooled controls  
 Win percentage= wins/wins+losses (removes ties)

# Rationale for Post Hoc Analysis

- Numerous studies have demonstrated that lesion size on DW MRI after a procedure is associated with clinical symptoms including stroke and post-operative cognitive decline<sup>18,28-30</sup>
- To evaluate whether TG3 had a differential impact in preventing different lesion sizes, a multi-threshold, lesion-wise analysis was performed to investigate per-patient supra-threshold cerebral ischemic lesion (SCIL) volume above incremental thresholds from  $>100\text{mm}^3$  to  $>1000\text{mm}^3$

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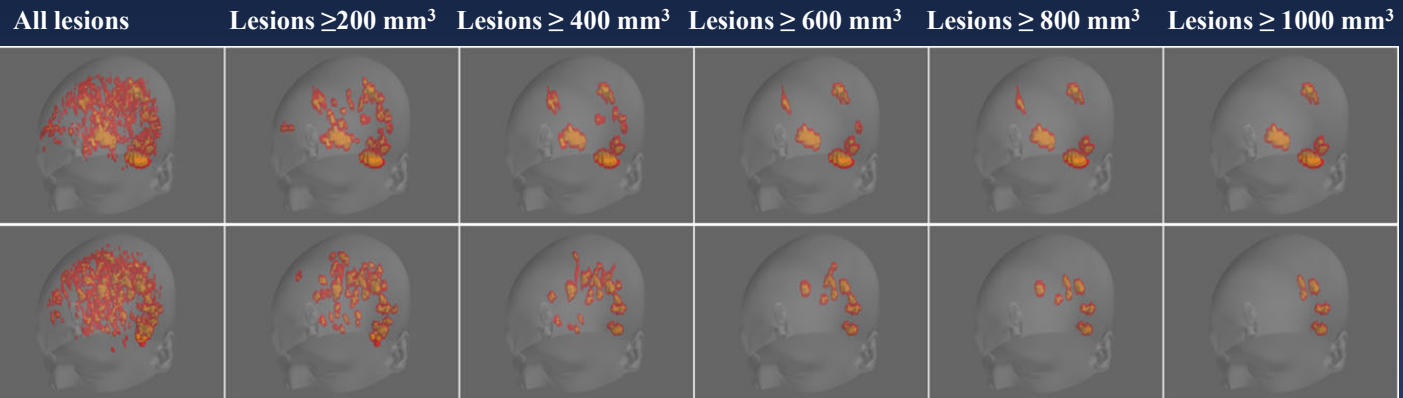
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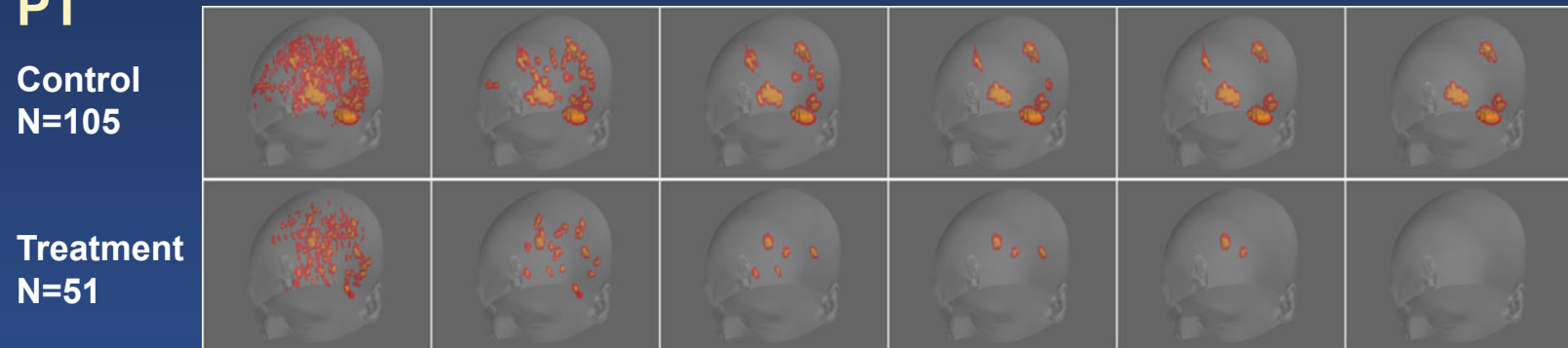
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# Suprathreshold Lesion Volume Analysis in eITT and PT

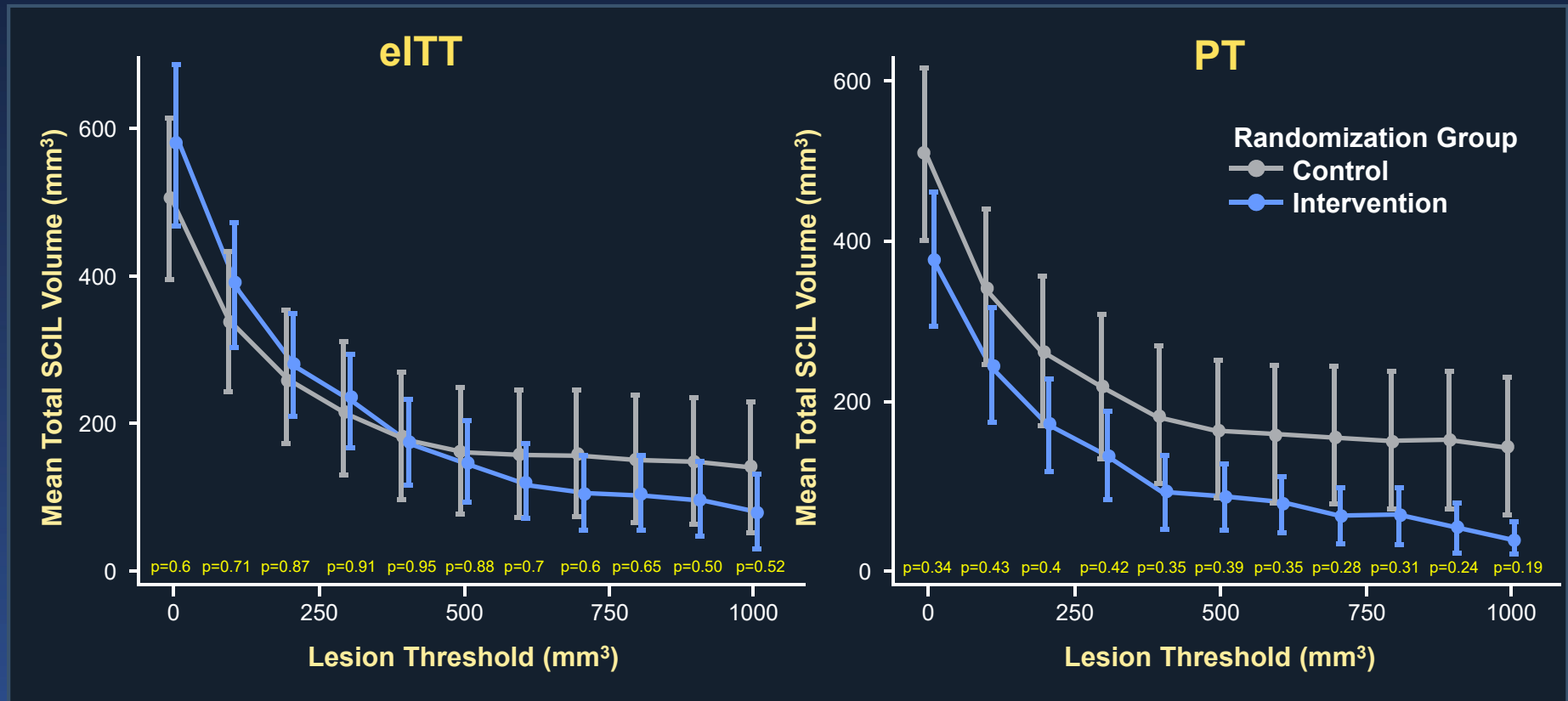
## eITT



## PT



# Average New Super-threshold Lesion Volumes: eITT & PT

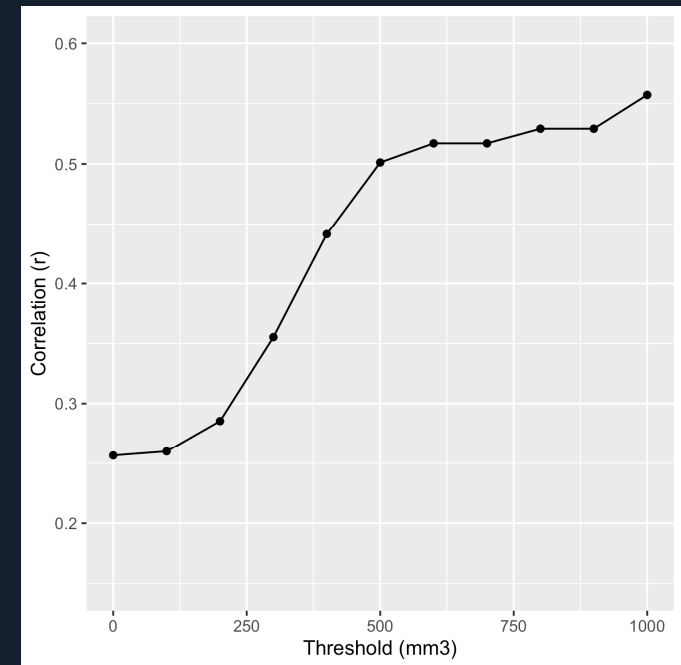


# MRI and NIHSS Association

- Correlation between subjects' total lesion volume (SCIL) and NIHSS changes was actually **higher** when eliminating very small lesions < 500 mm<sup>3</sup>
- This suggests that small lesions are not only less **consequential**, but may be **actively confounding**

## Correlation between SCIL volume and NIHSS score change

Threshold (mm <sup>3</sup> )	r	p
0.000	0.256	0.01
100.000	0.260	0.009
200.000	0.285	0.004
300.000	0.355	<0.001
400.000	0.441	<0.001
500.000	0.501	<0.001
600.000	0.517	<0.001
700.000	0.517	<0.001
800.000	0.529	<0.001
900.000	0.529	<0.001
1000.000	0.557	<0.001





# CEP Meta-analysis 8 Studies 731 Patients

## Mortality

Study or Subgroup	EPD		No-EPD		Weight	Odds Ratio M-H, Random 95% CI
	Events	Total	Events	Total		
<b>1.1.2 RCTs</b>						
Haussig S	0	50	1	50	7.5%	0.33 [0.01, 8.21]
Kapadia SR	3	234	2	111	24.1%	0.71 [0.12, 4.30]
Lansky JA	1	46	2	39	13.1%	0.41 [0.04, 4.71]
Van Mieghem NM	1	32	3	33	14.6%	0.32 [0.03, 3.28]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>		<b>362</b>		<b>233</b>	<b>59.3%</b>	<b>0.47 [0.15, 1.48]</b>

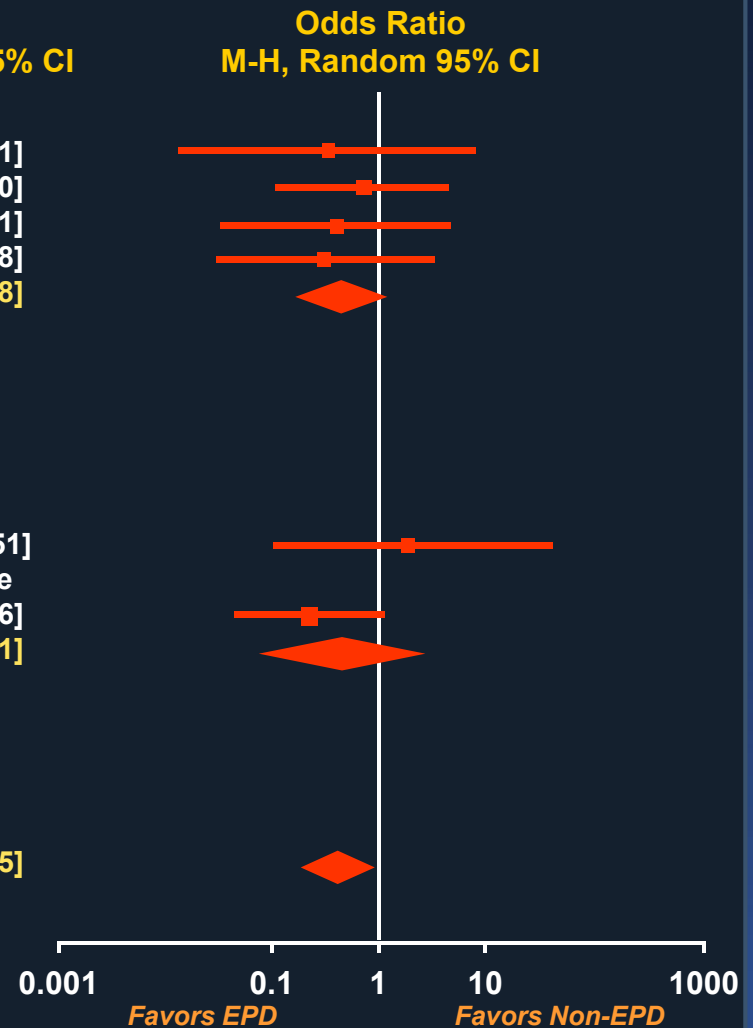
**Total events**                    **5**                    **8**  
*Heterogeneity: Tau<sup>2</sup>=0.00; Chi<sup>2</sup>=0.36, df=3 (P=0.95); I<sup>2</sup>=0%*  
*Test for overall effect: Z=1.29 (P=0.20)*

<b>1.1.2 non RCTs</b>						
Rodes-Cahau J	3	41	0	11	8.5%	2.09 [0.10, 43.51]
Samim M	0	15	0	37		Not estimable
Seeger et al	2	280	8	280	32.2%	0.24 [0.05, 1.16]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>		<b>336</b>		<b>328</b>	<b>40.7%</b>	<b>0.47 [0.07, 3.31]</b>

**Total events**                    **5**                    **8**  
*Heterogeneity: Tau<sup>2</sup>=0.79; Chi<sup>2</sup>=1.52, df=1 (P=0.22); I<sup>2</sup>=34%*  
*Test for overall effect: Z=0.75 (P=0.45)*

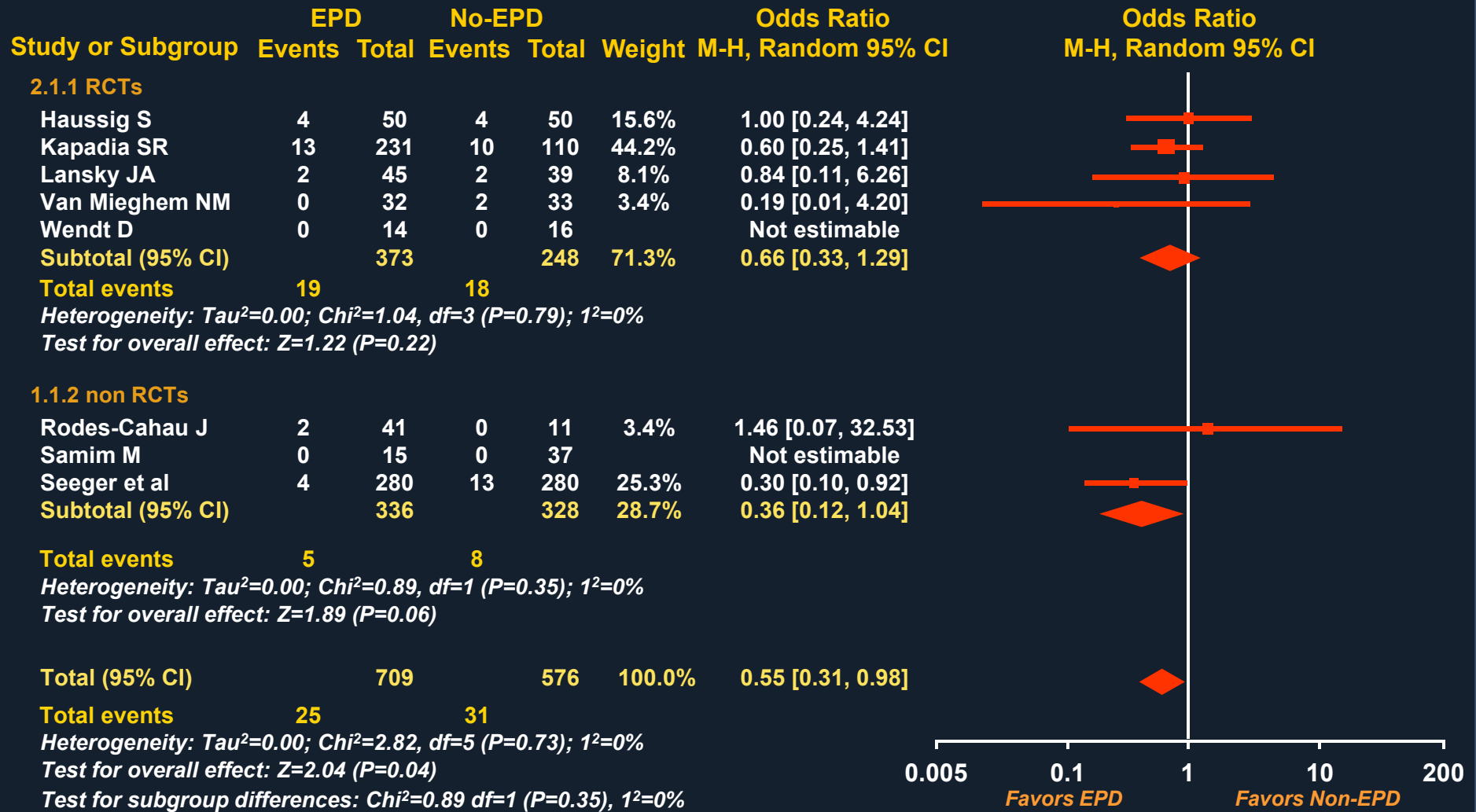
**Total (95% CI)**                    **698**                    **561**                    **100.0%**                    **0.43 [0.18, 1.05]**

**Total events**                    **10**                    **15**  
*Heterogeneity: Tau<sup>2</sup>=0.00; Chi<sup>2</sup>=1.93, df=5 (P=0.86); I<sup>2</sup>=0%*  
*Test for overall effect: Z=1.86 (P=0.06)*  
*Test for subgroup differences: Chi<sup>2</sup>=0.00 df=1 (P=0.99), I<sup>2</sup>=0%*



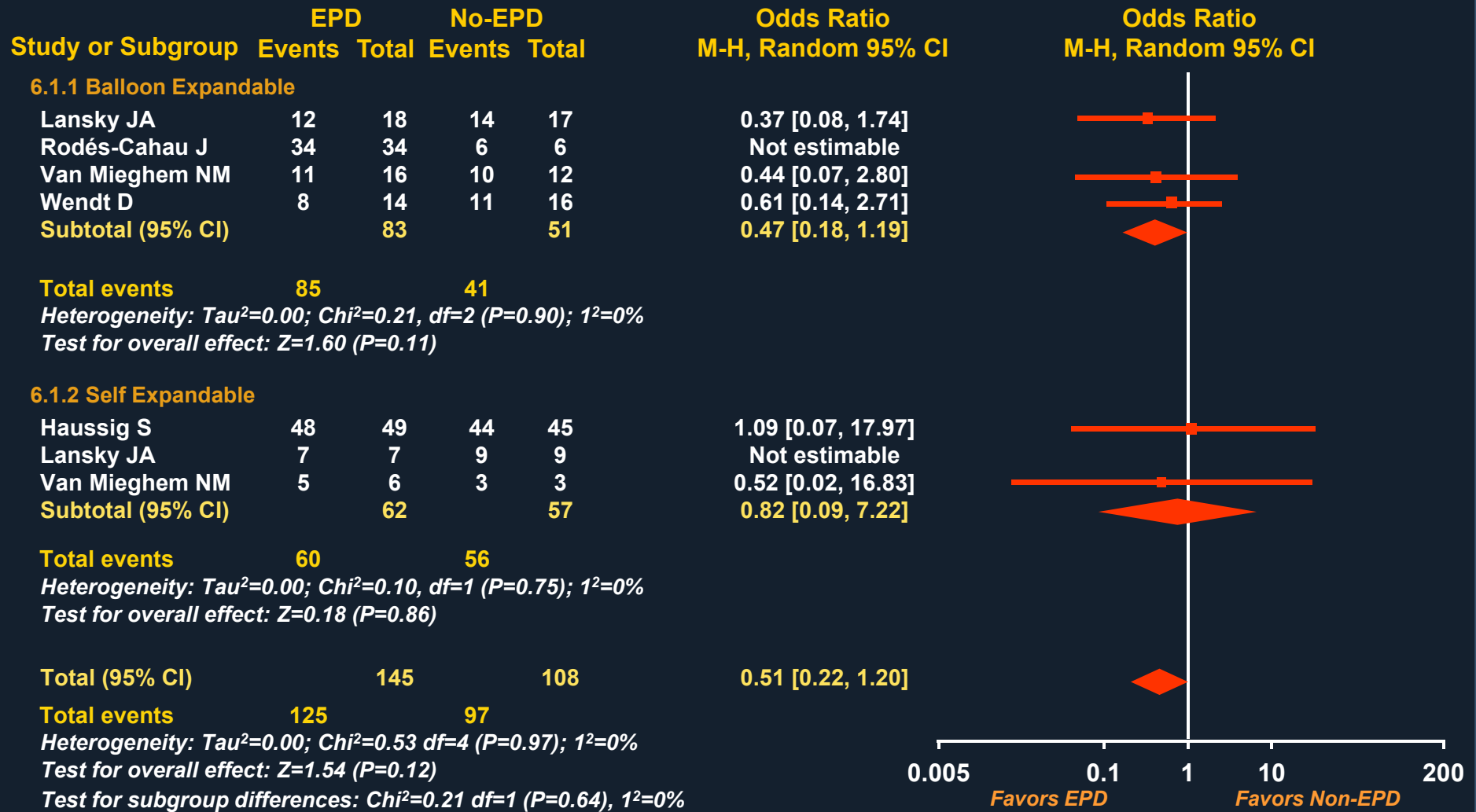
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## Stroke



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## Patients with New Lesions



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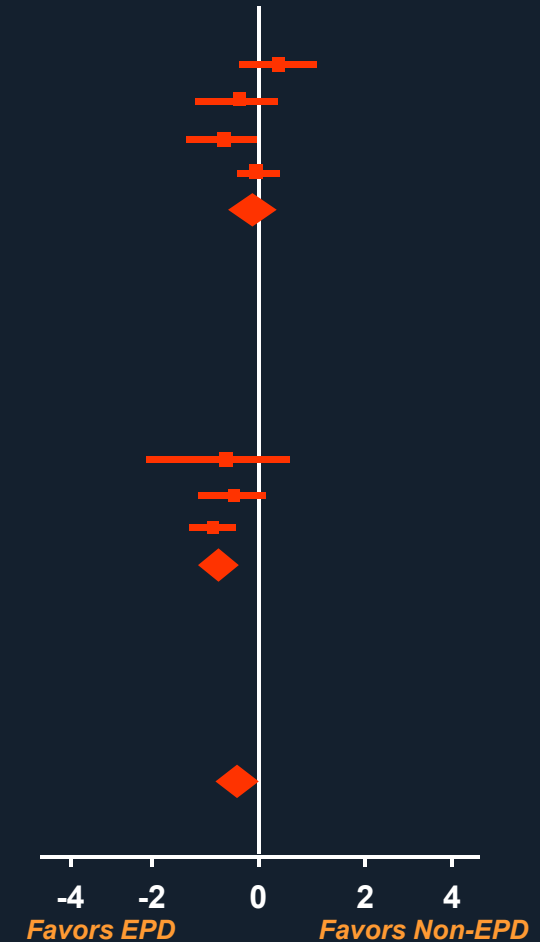
## Number of Lesions per Patient

Study or Subgroup	EPD		Non-EPD		Total	Std. Mean Difference IV, Random 95% CI	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD			
<b>Balloon Expandable</b>							
Rodés-Cahau et al 2014	7.83	7.407	34	4.67	4.444	6	0.44 [-0.44, 1.31]
Van Mieghem et al 2015	1.9	2.44	16	3	3.7	12	-0.35 [-1.11, 0.40]
Wendt D et al 2015	2.3	1.2	14	3.1	1	16	-0.71 [-1.45, 0.03]
Kapadia et al 2016	4.48	5.61	67	4.4	5.02	70	0.01 [-0.32, 0.35]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>			<b>131</b>			<b>104</b>	<b>-0.14 [-0.54, 0.27]</b>
<b>Self Expandable</b>							
Van Mieghem et al 2015	4.33	3.704	6	7.33	2.96	3	-0.76 [-2.22, 0.70]
Kapadia et al 2016	5.33	8.75	21	9.83	7.88	24	-0.53 [-1.13, 0.06]
Haussig et al 2016	8.33	5.19	49	16.67	10.74	45	-0.99 [-1.42, -0.56]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>			<b>76</b>			<b>72</b>	<b>-0.83 [-1.17, -0.49]</b>
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>			<b>207</b>			<b>176</b>	<b>-0.41 [-0.82, 0.00]</b>

Heterogeneity:  $Tau^2=0.07$ ;  $Chi^2=4.91$ ,  $df=3$  ( $P=0.18$ );  $I^2=39\%$   
 Test for overall effect:  $Z=0.66$  ( $P=0.51$ )

Heterogeneity:  $Tau^2=0.00$ ;  $Chi^2=1.52$   $df=2$  ( $P=0.47$ );  $I^2=0\%$   
 Test for overall effect:  $Z=4.81$  ( $P<0.00001$ )

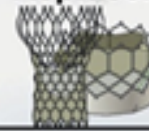
Heterogeneity:  $Tau^2=0.18$ ;  $Chi^2=17.81$   $df=6$  ( $P=0.007$ );  $I^2=66\%$   
 Test for overall effect:  $Z=1.95$  ( $P=0.05$ )  
 Test for subgroup differences:  $Chi^2=6.71$   $df=1$  ( $P=0.010$ ),  $I^2=85.1\%$



# What's New?

# Ischemic Stroke With Cerebral Protection System During Transcatheter Aortic Value Replacement

Nationwide inpatient sample database 2017 (after approval of Sentinel CPS device)  
 (36,220 TAVR discharges) Sentinel CPS used in 525 patients, not used in 35,695 patients



## Before propensity-score matching Sentinel CPS patients

Less peripheral artery disease



No carotid artery disease



Less prior PCI or CABG



Procedure performed mainly in large teaching hospitals



All underwent percutaneous TAVR

CPS (n = 525)



## Outcomes in propensity-matched cohorts

No CPS (n = 1,050)

Lower risk of ischemic stroke  
 1% vs. 3.8%, OR 0.24 (0.09-0.62), p = 0.003



Lower risk of in-hospital mortality  
 0% vs. 1%, p = 0.036



## Similar in-hospital complications

A similar risk of vascular complications, blood transfusion, renal complications, length of stay and discharge to nursing facility



higher index hospitalization cost  
 \$47,783 vs. \$44,578, p = 0.002



**Elective or Urgent TAVR  
between 1/1/18 and 12/31/19  
(n=132,248)**

**Analytic Cohort  
(n=123,186)**

**Exclusions (n=9062)**

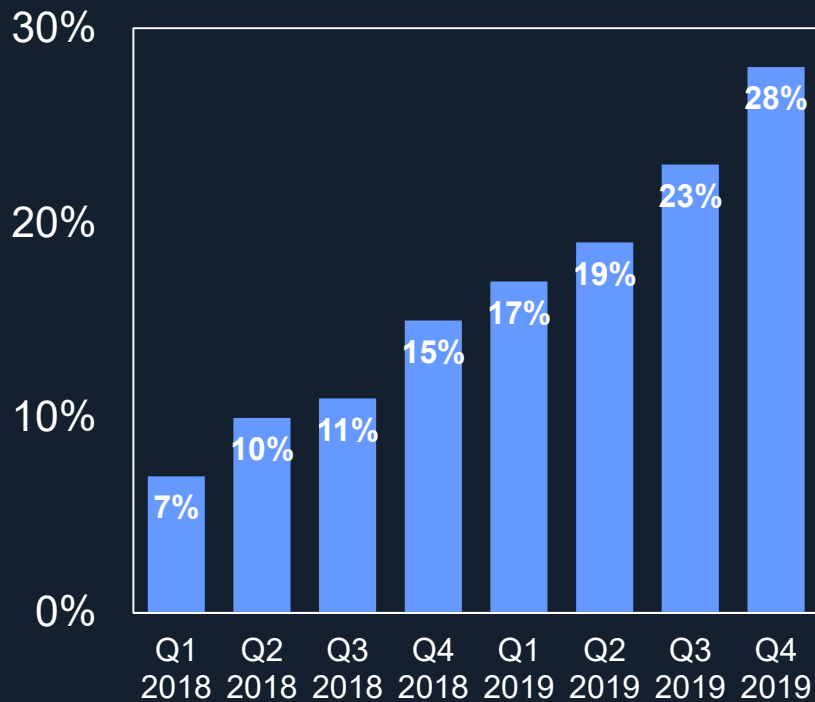
- Treated at a site with <20 TAVR/yr (n=1250)
- Repeat TAVR (n=380)
- Alternative access (n=6861)
- Concomitant mitral valve procedure (n=55)
- Missing EPD usage (n=515)
- Missing in-hospital events (n=1)

**EPD  
(n=12,409)**

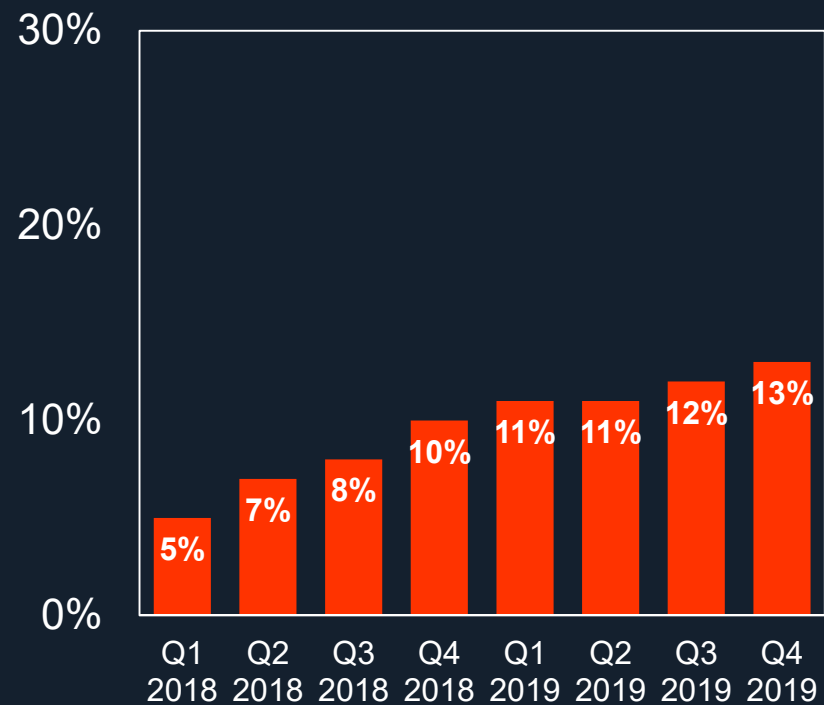
**No EPD  
(n=110,777)**

# EPD Utilization by Calendar Quarter

Proportion of *Hospitals* Using EPD

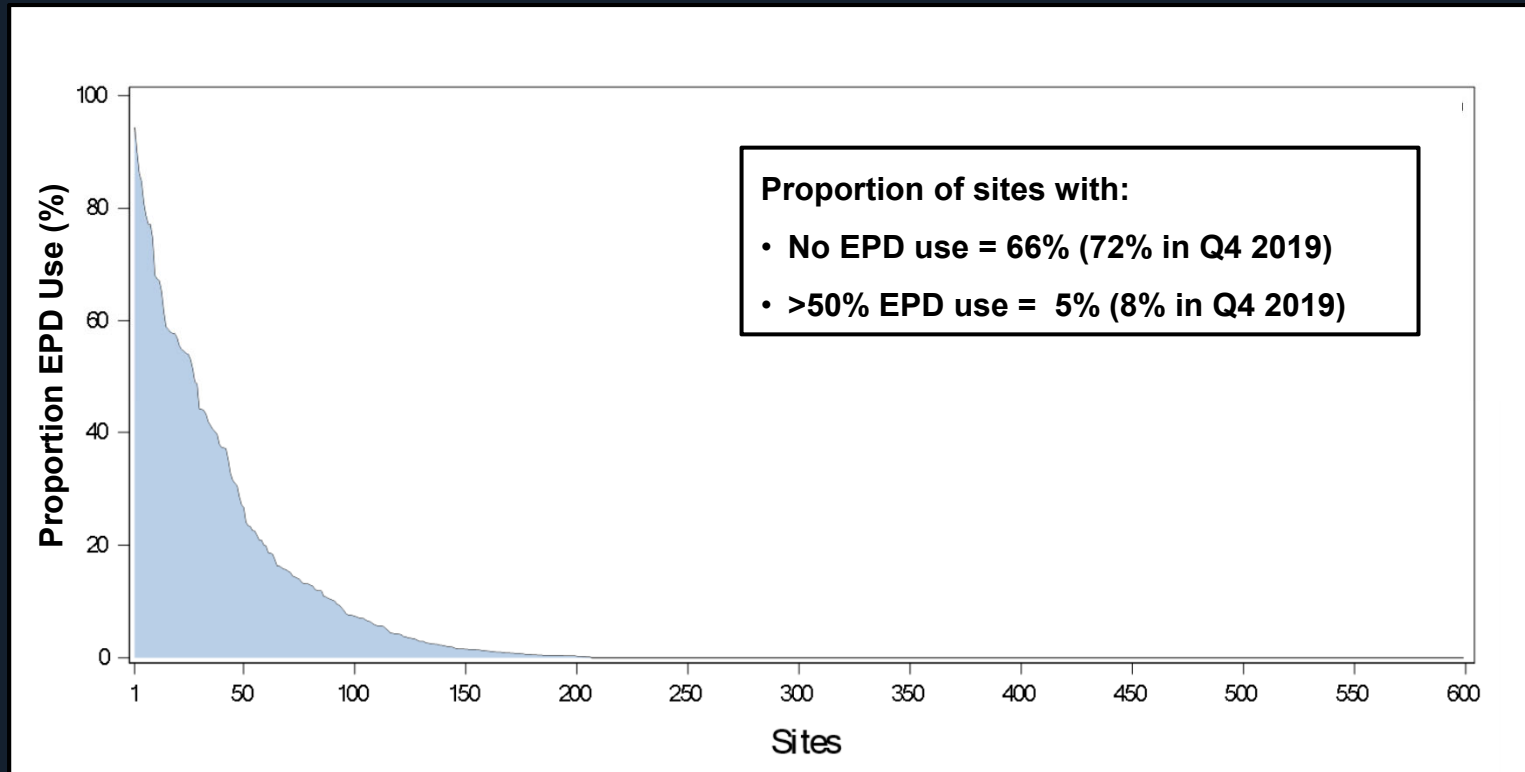


Proportion of *Patients* Receiving EPD



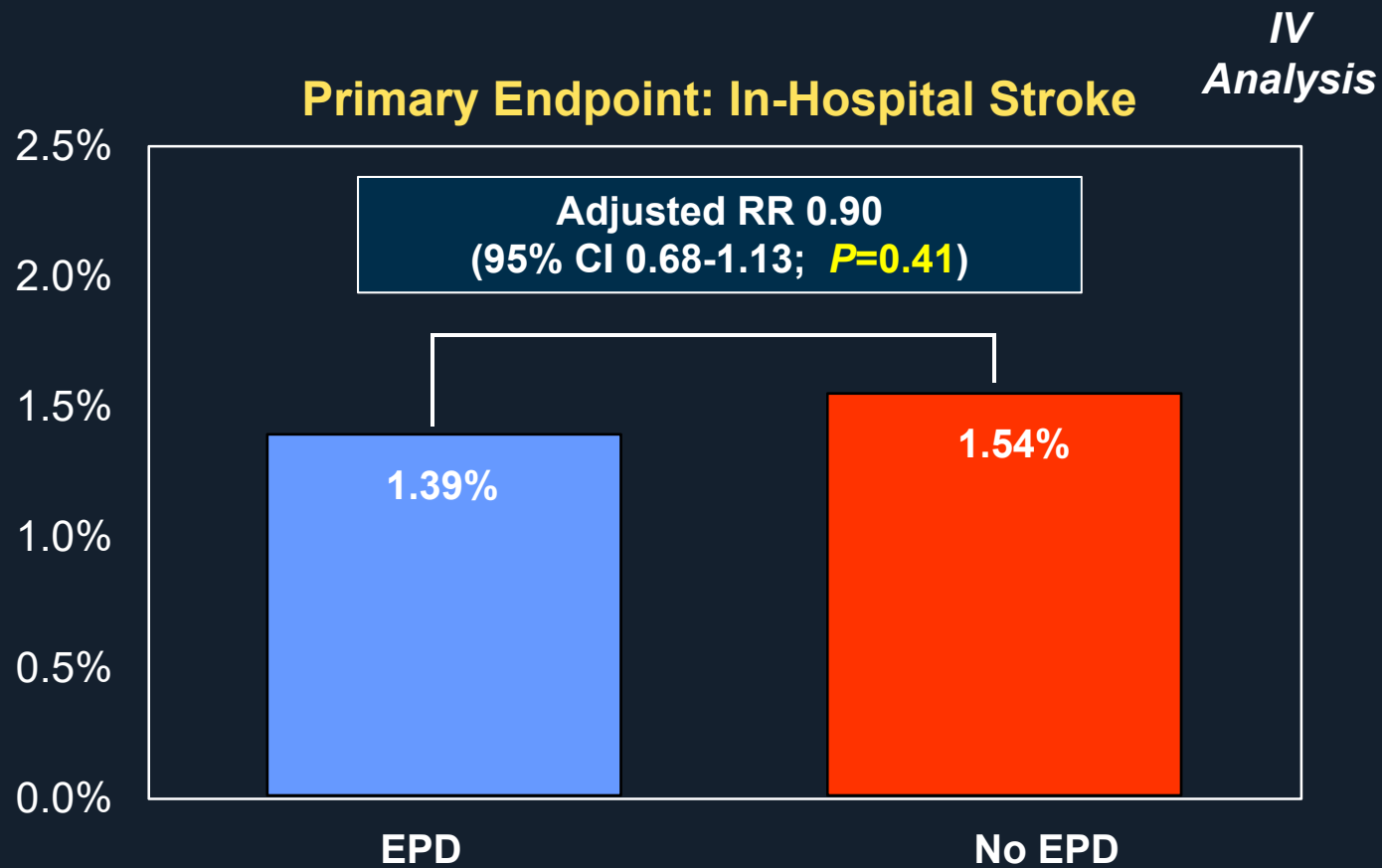


# Variation in EPD Use by Hospital (2018-2019)



Q1 2019-Q4 2019 (n=599 sites)

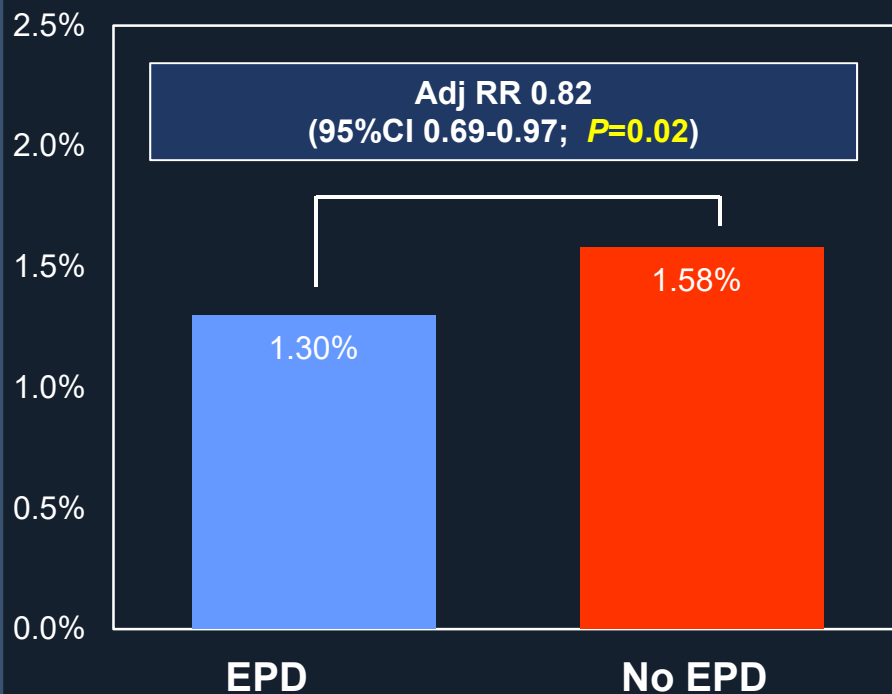
# Results: Instrumental Variable Analysis



# Results: Propensity-Weighted Analysis

## Propensity-Weighted Analysis

### In-Hospital Stroke



	EPD	No EPD	Adjusted RR (95% CI)	Adj P-Value
<b>In-Hosp. Outcomes</b>				
Death or Stroke	2.1%	2.5%	0.84 (0.73-0.98)	0.03
Death	0.9%	1.1%	0.86 (0.66-1.10)	0.23
Device Success	97.3%	97.3%	1.01 (0.76-1.35)	0.93
Major Bleeding	4.7%	4.3%	1.09 (0.95-1.24)	0.22
GI or GU Bleed	0.6%	0.5%	1.29 (0.92-1.81)	0.14
<b>30-day Outcomes</b>				
Stroke	1.9%	2.2%	0.85 (0.73-0.99)	0.04
Death	1.7%	2.2%	0.78 (0.64-0.95)	0.01

\* All results risk-adjusted based on overlap propensity weights

# Where Do We Go From Here

# The Evolution of Embolic Protection

## First Generation

**Deflector:** Embrella (Edwards)

**Capture:** Sentinel (Claret, Boston Scientific)

## Second generation

**Deflectors:**

TriGuard (Keystone), ProtEmbo (Protembis),  
PointGuard

**Deflection and capture:**

Emblok, Emboliner (Emboline), Captis (Filterlex)

# Future Sentinel?

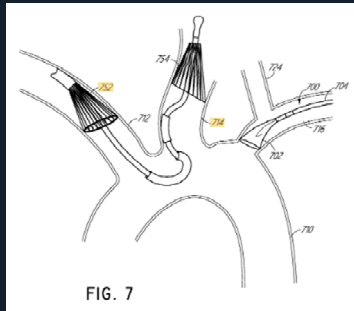


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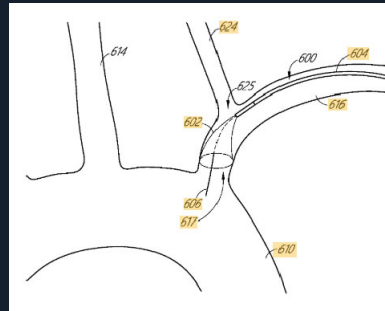


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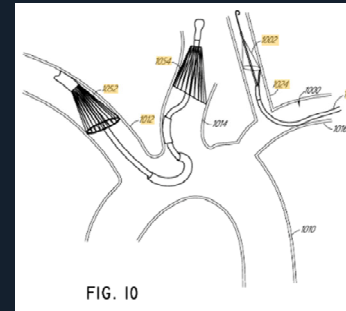


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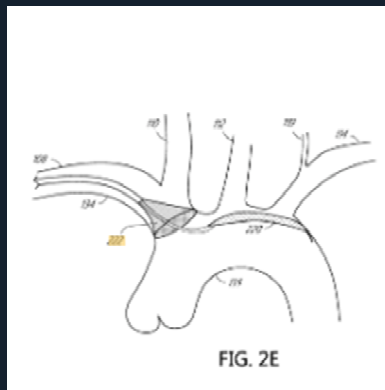


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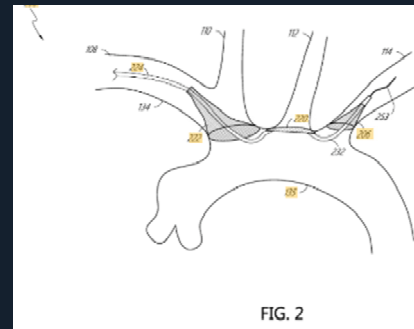


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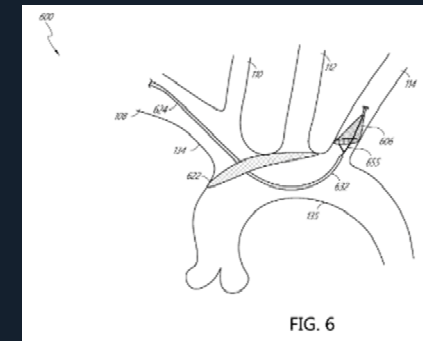
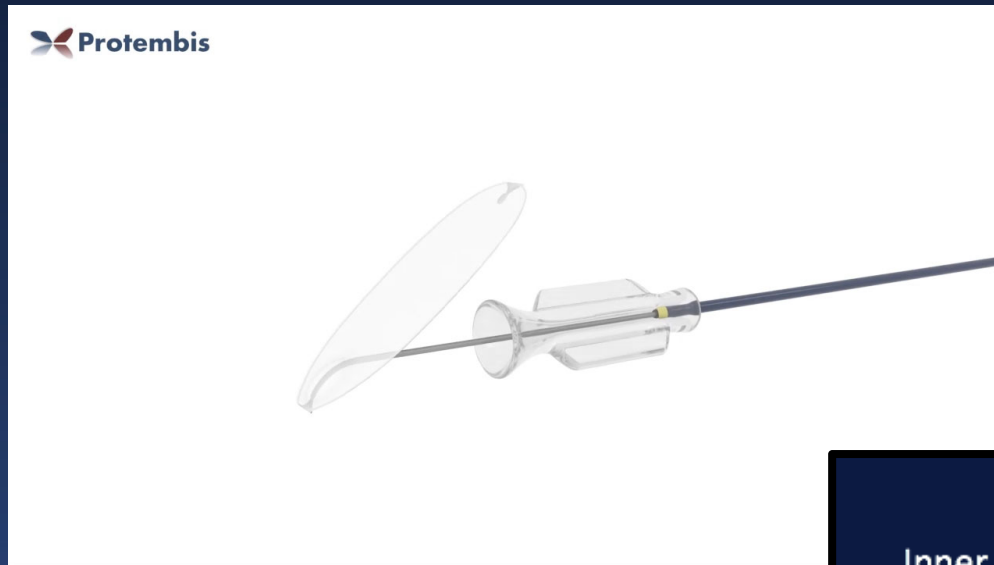


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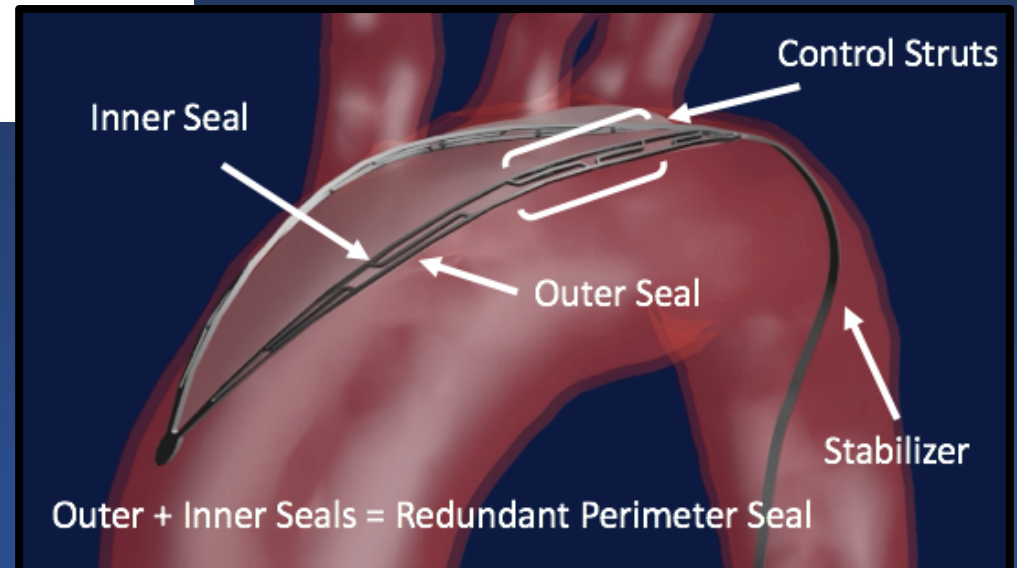
# Deflectors:

## ProtEmbo



- Left radial (6Fr)
- Simple and quick deployment
- Complete cerebral protection
- 60µm pore size

## Point-Guard



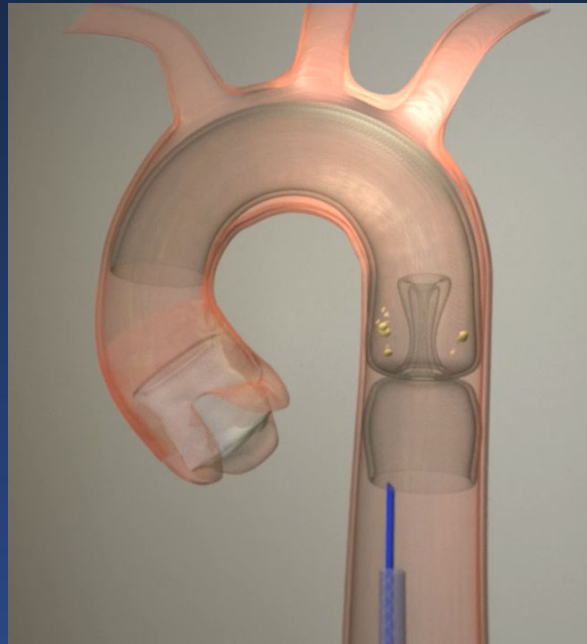
# Deflection and Capture

## Full-Body Embolic Protection

Emblok



Emboliner

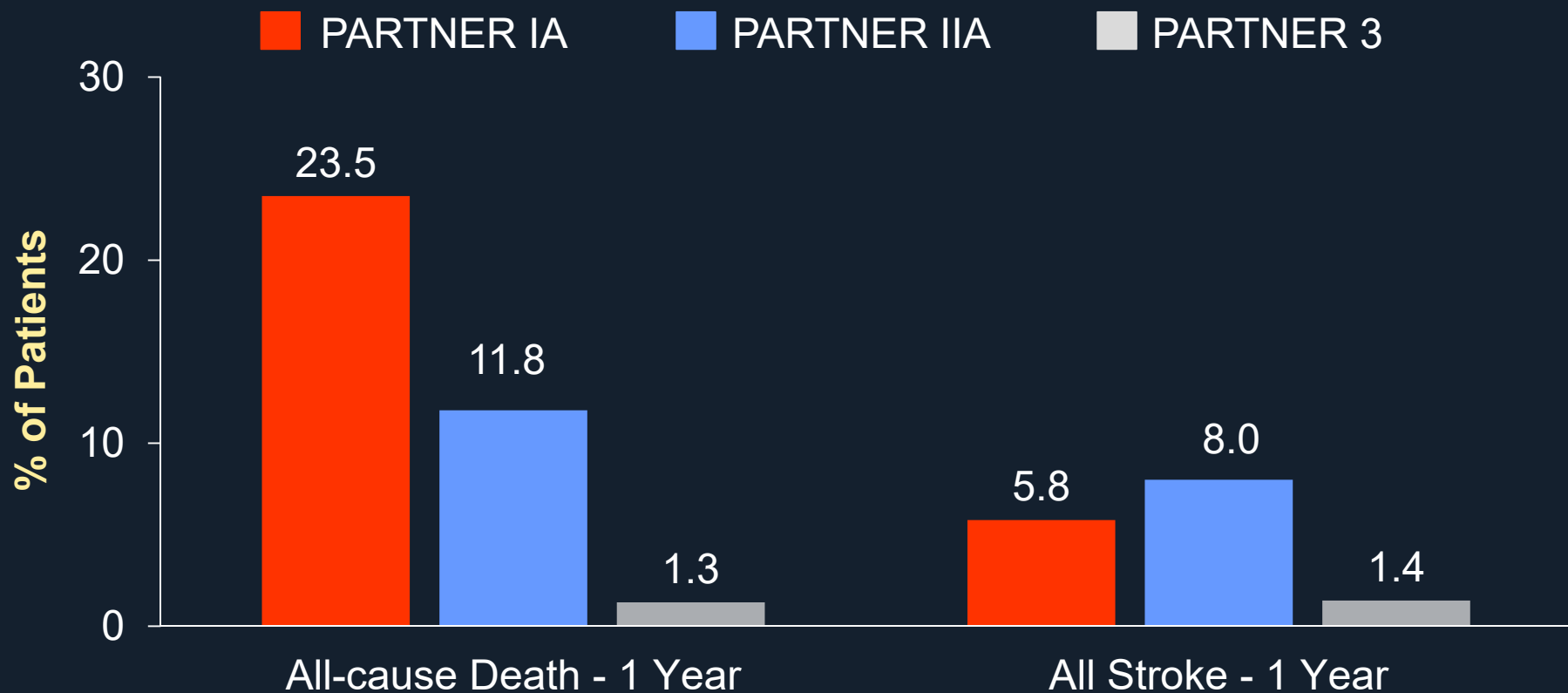


CAPTIS



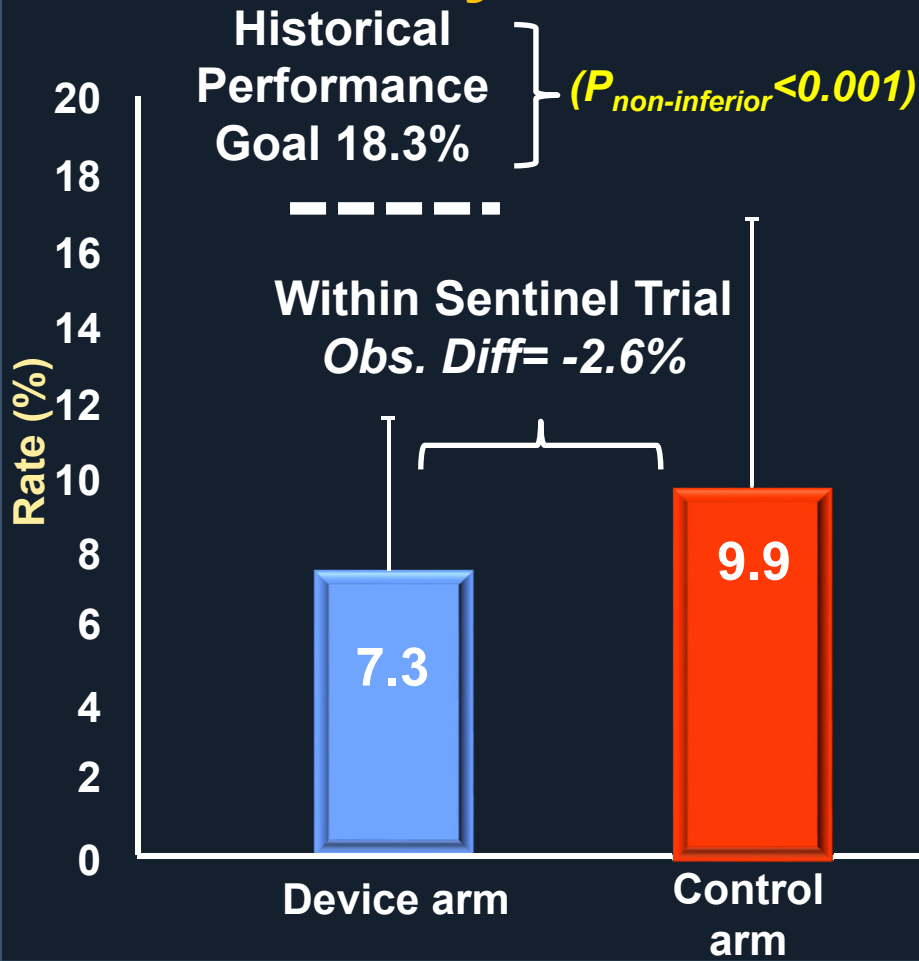


# The PARTNER Trials: From High to Low Risk (AT)



# What is the Calculation?: Stroke in Sentinel

## 30-Day MACCE



	Device Arm (n=234)	Control Arm (n=111)	P value
30-Day Clinical Outcomes			
Any MACCE <sup>†</sup>	7.3%	9.9%	0.40
Death (all-cause)	1.3%	1.8%	0.65
Stroke	5.6%	9.1%	0.25
Disabling	0.9%	0.9%	1.00
Non-disabling	4.8%	8.2%	0.22
AKI (Stage 3)	0.4%	0%	1.00
TIA	0.4%	0%	1.00
Sentinel Site Complications	0.4%	N/A	0.53

# What is the Path Forward?

## **Lessons Learned:**

**Neuroarc proposed detailed cognitive and imaging endpoints , but...**

- **No differences seen in MoCa in Sentinel or REFLECT I**
- **Difficulty in administration led to abandonment in REFLECT II**
- **Who will follow patients for 5 to 10 years for dementia or cognitive decline?**

# What is the Path Forward?

- **VARC-2 30 Day Endpoints**

**Inject more noise in the system**

**Endpoints need to be more tailored to an ancillary device**

# Where Do We Go From Here?

- **Do We Compare to Predicate or SOC? (i.e., Sentinel)**
  - **If so how do we do 2-3000pt trials?**
- **Combination of safety and MRI endpoints (ie lesion size analysis)?**
- **72-hour stroke**
  - **Disabling vs. non-disabiing ?**
- **Target an event rich population?**

# We Need Better Tools: TASK Study



## Inclusion Criteria

- All comers study
- All valve types
- Trans-femoral approach

**8,779 Patients**



## Primary End Point

Stroke or TIA within 24 hours of TAVI

**127 Acute stroke events**  
1.4% of all cases








## TASK Score Design

- Pre-procedural candidate parameters
- Parameters derived from multivariate analysis
- Equivalent power to each TASK score parameter

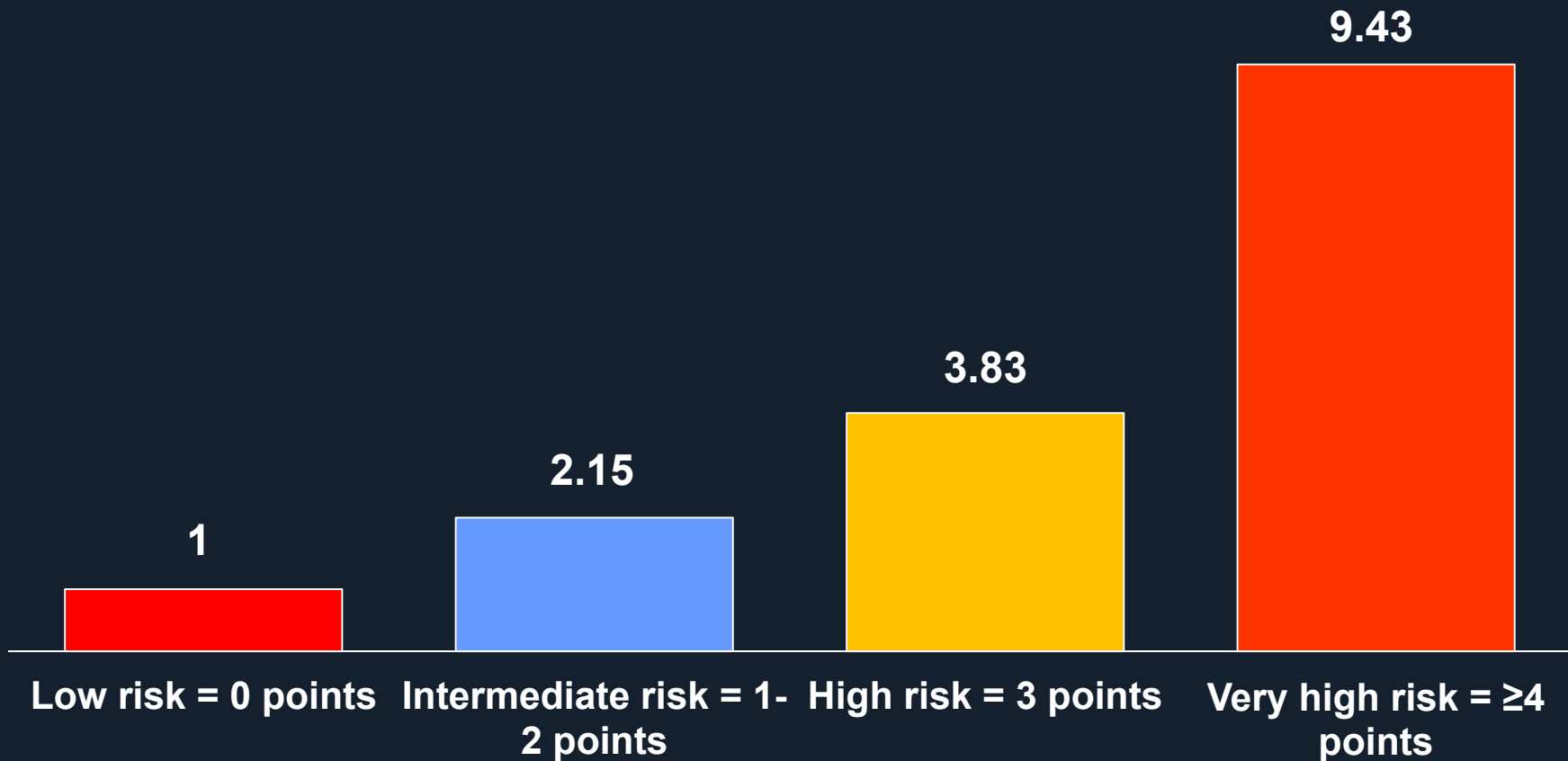
# Better Tools ? TASK Score



	No history of previous stroke		0 Points
	History of previous stroke		1 Point
	Normal Renal function	GFR $\geq$ 60	0 Points
	Chronic Kidney disease	GFR<60	1 Point
	Balloon Expandable Valve		0 Point
	Non-Balloon Expandable Valve		1 Point
	Normal Body Weight	BMI $\geq$ 25	0 Points
	Low Body Weight	BMI<25	1 Point
	No Peripheral vascular disease		0 points
	Peripheral vascular disease		1 Points

TASK points	Acute stroke rate
0	0.6%
1	0.8%
2	1.6%
3	2.3%
4	4.5%
5	16%

# Relative Risk of Acute Stroke According to TASK Score





# Conclusions

- **Overt and covert stroke are significant complications of TAVR which may be of greater consequence as we move in to lower risk, younger populations**
- **The weight of evidence indicates that CEP reduces lesions but current evidence on stroke reduction is tentative**
- **Fortunately several large are underway /planned in the near future**
- **The pathway for further device approval is in flux and needs creative strategies to provide persuasive evidence of effectiveness and utility**