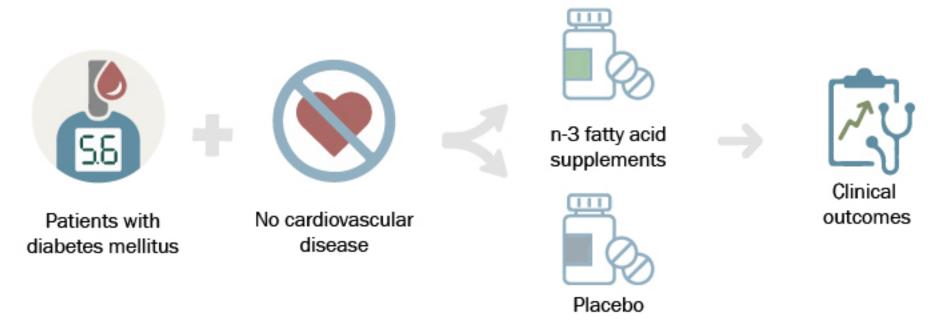
ASCEND: Effects of n-3 Fatty Acid Supplements in Diabetes Mellitus

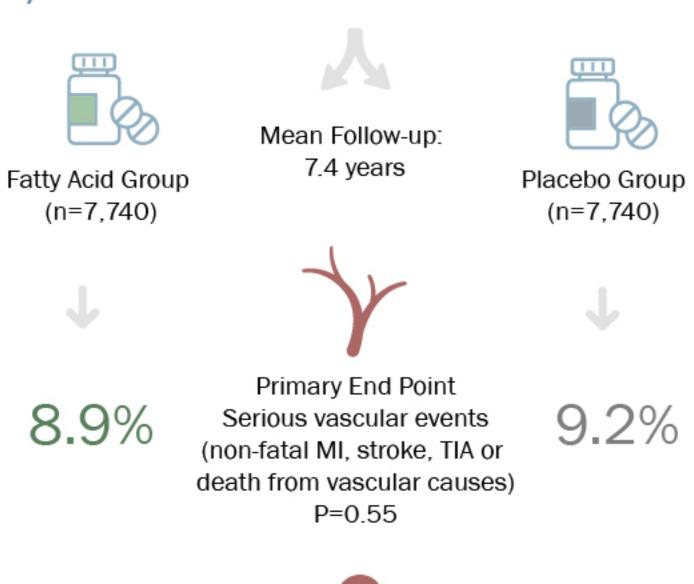


Multicenter, randomized, placebo-controlled trial

Objective: To assess cardiovascular benefits of n-3 fatty acid supplements compared to placebo in diabetes mellitus.



15,480 patients at least 40 years of age with diabetes but no cardiovascular disease were randomized to



9.7% All-cause mortality

10.2%

Among patients with diabetes without evidence of cardiovascular disease, there was no significant difference in risk of serious vascular events between those taking n-3 fatty supplements compared to placebo.