

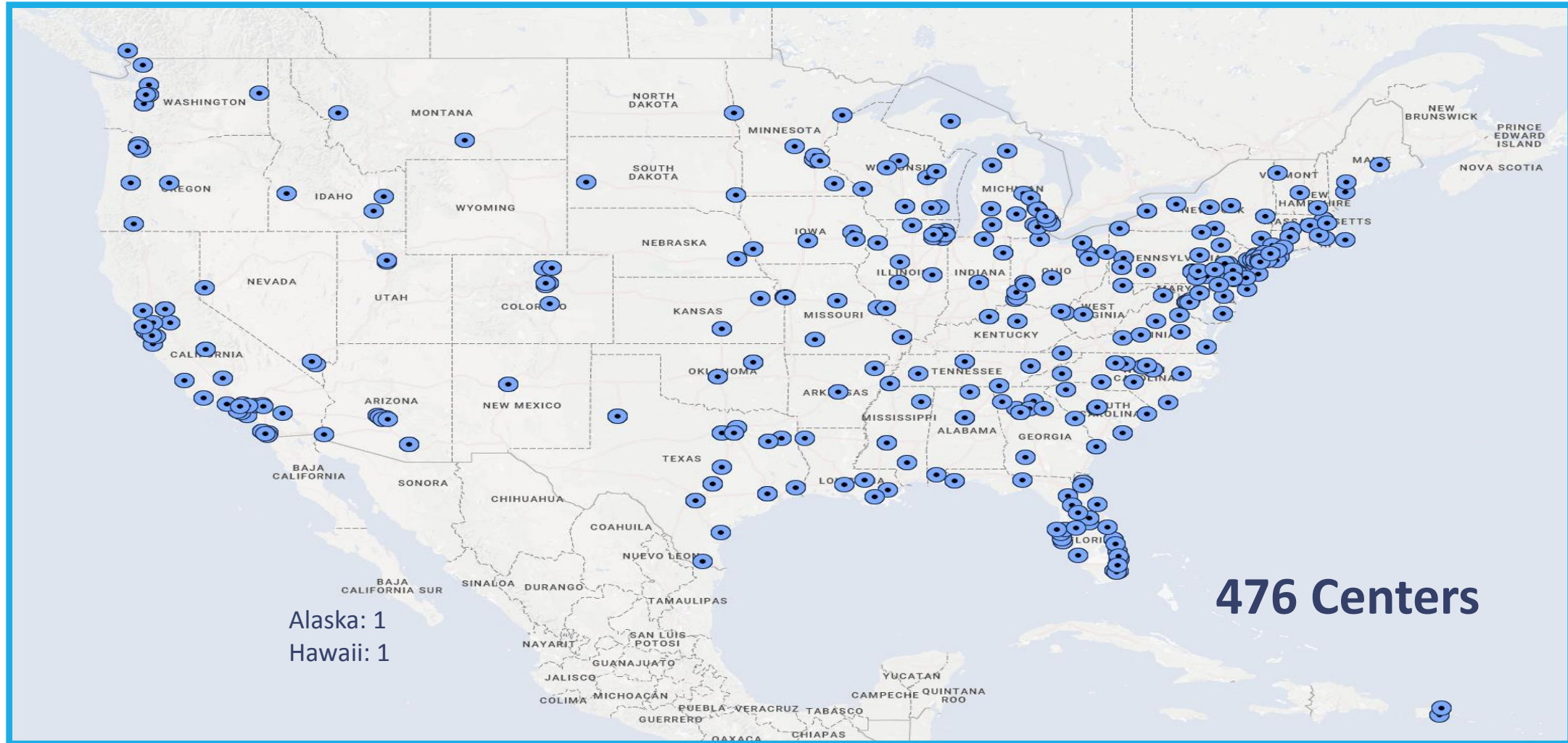
# Training for Specialists at Advanced Valve Centers

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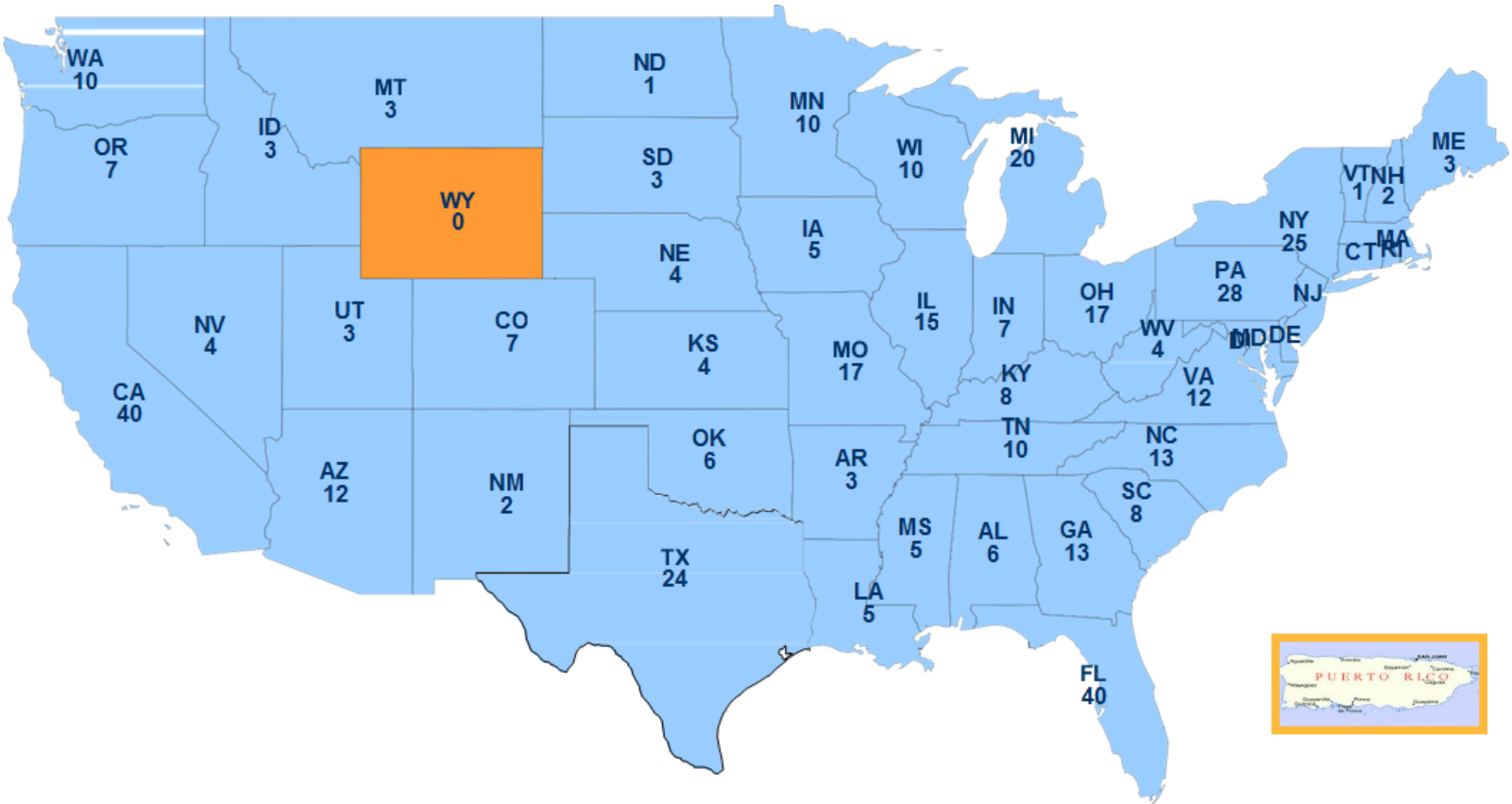
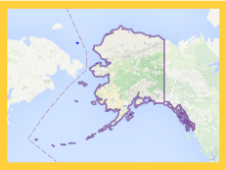
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# TAVR Centers in US –August 2016



# Sites Participating in the STS/ACC TVT Registry

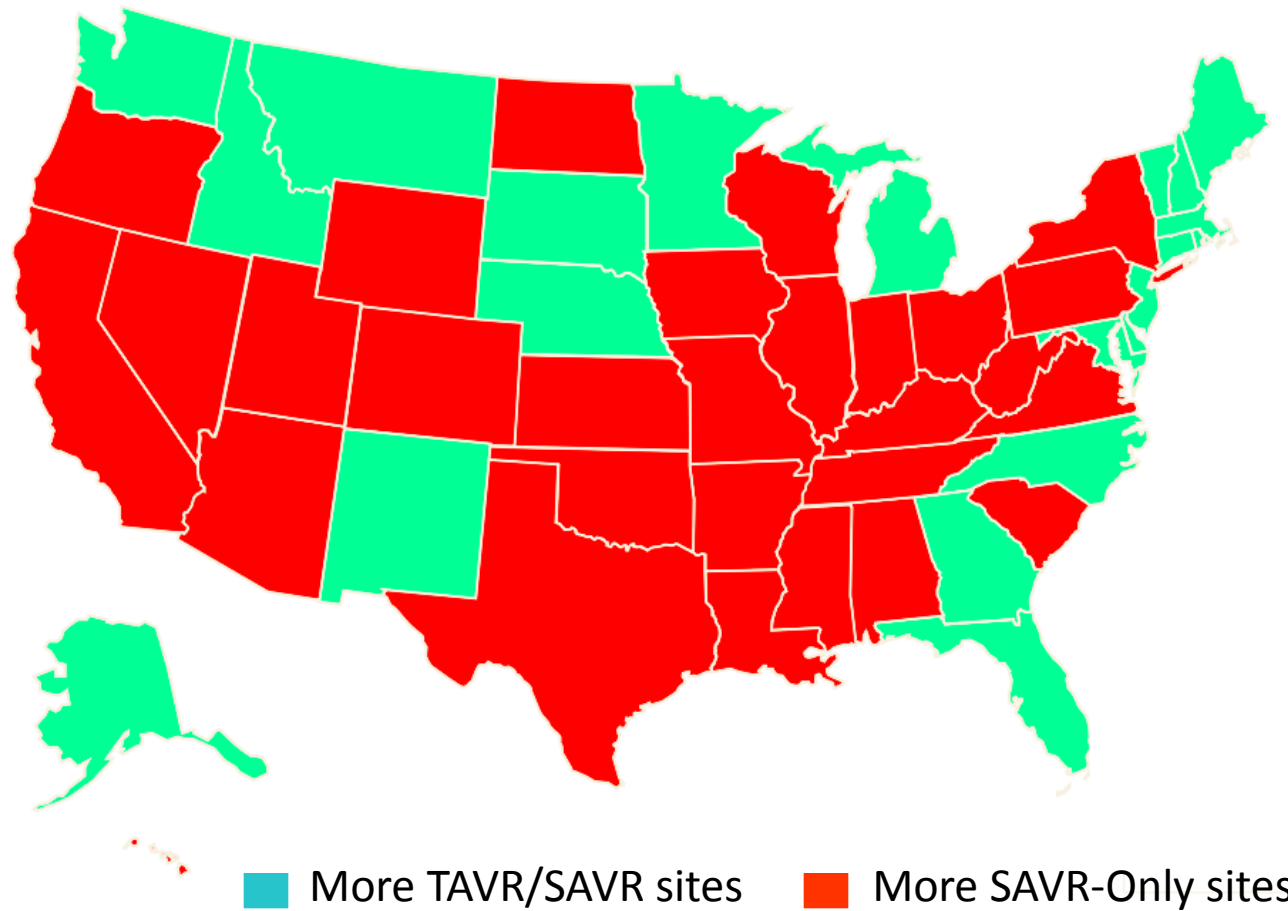


CT:	7
DC:	2
DE:	2
MA:	12
MD:	6
NJ:	13
RI:	1



**476 TAVR sites**  
**231 sites performing MitraClip Procedures**

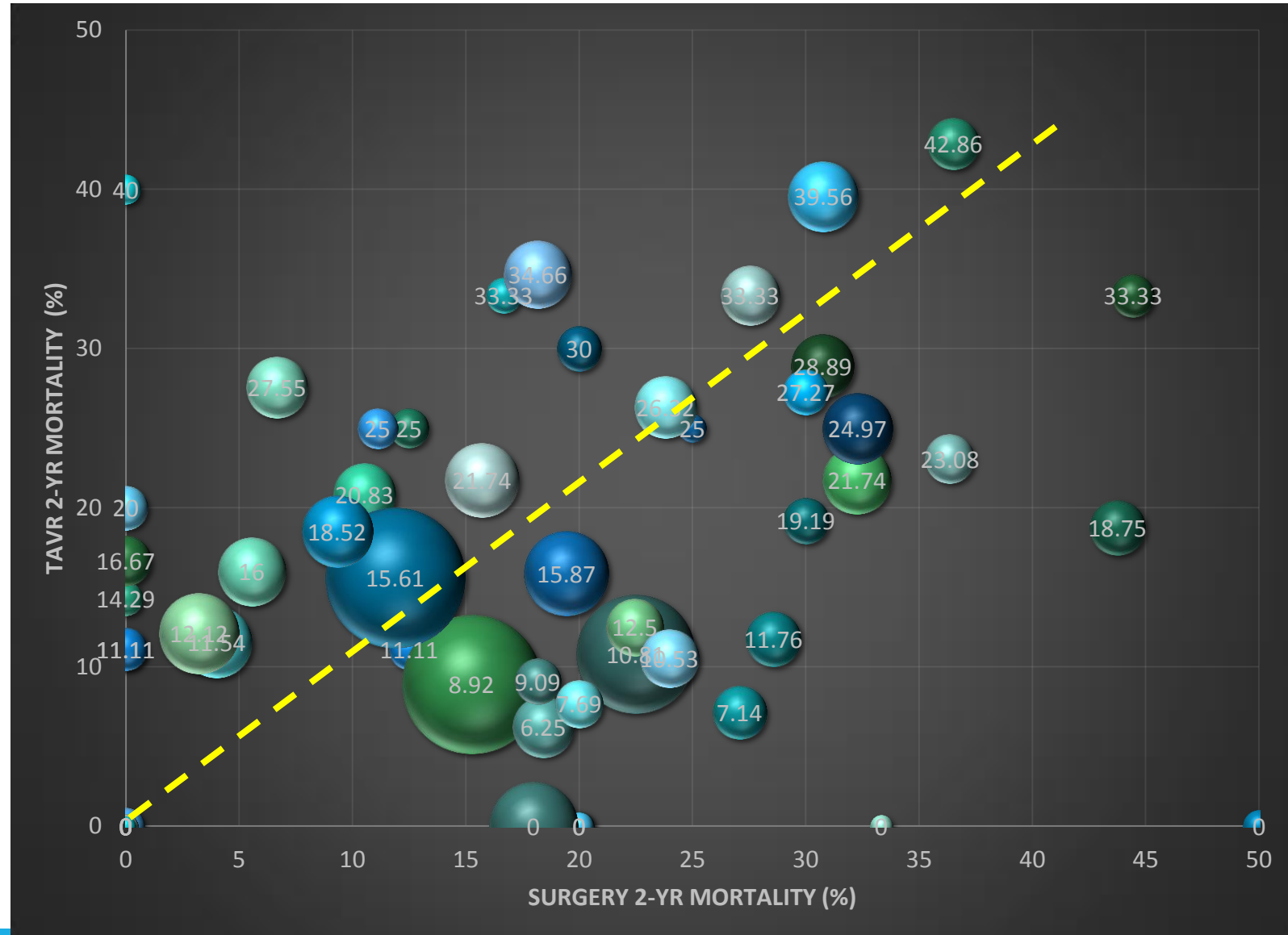
## Patient Access to TAVR in the US



*28 states with more SAVR-Only sites than TAVR/SAVR sites!*

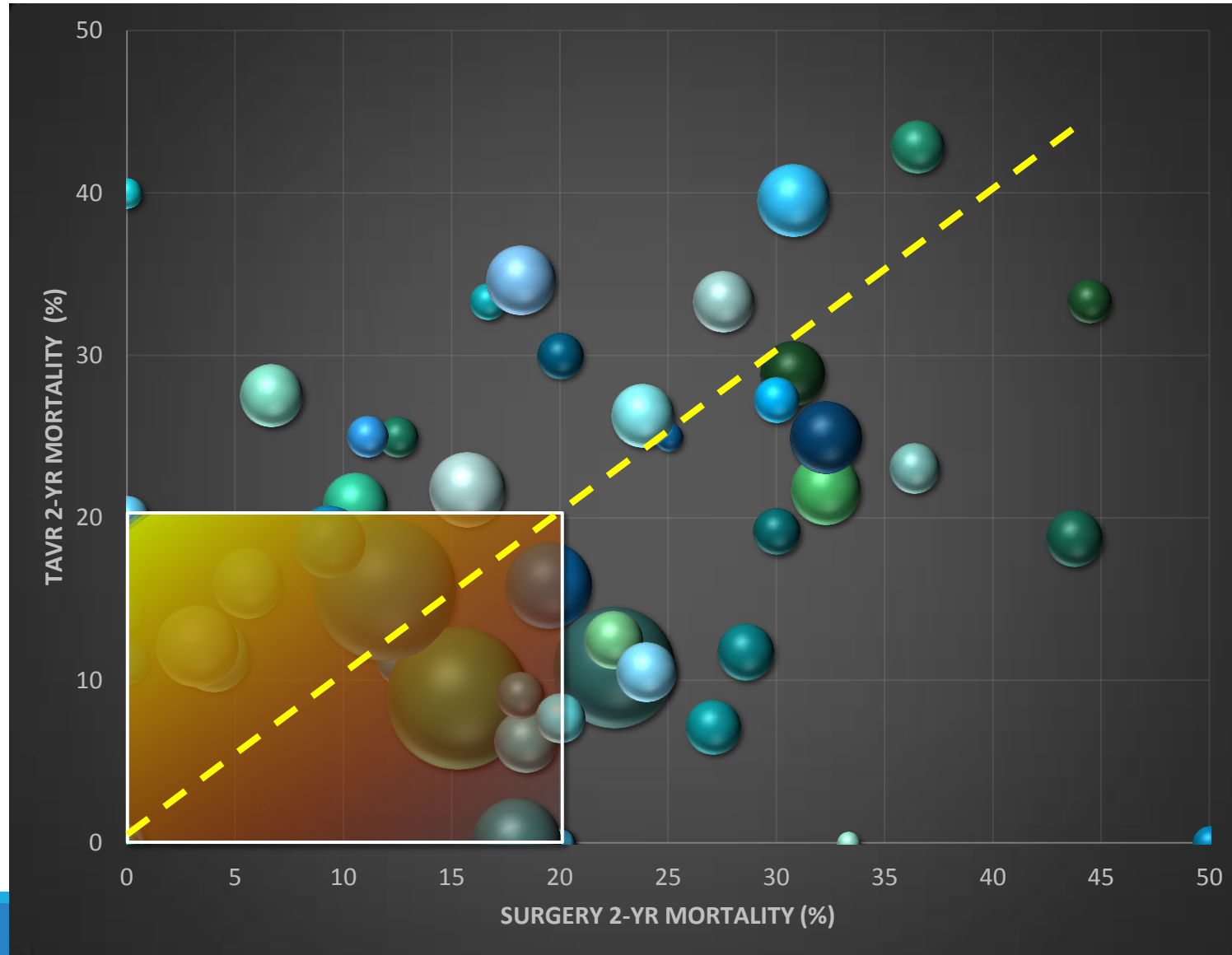
# PARTNER 2 A

## TAVR vs. Surgery 2-Yr Mortality by Site



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# The Charge

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To provide a broad overview of educational needs and issues for specialists (surgery, IC, imagers) involved in the management of VHD

1. Does training of valvular heart disease specialists need to be standardized?
2. Should training be a defining characteristic of an advanced valve center?
3. If most advanced valve care occurs at AVCs, how will trainees at non-AVCs gain exposure to complex valvular heart disease patients?
4. Is it appropriate to consider a training certificate/year as with advanced heart failure and adult congenital heart disease?

# Source Material

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- AATS, ACCF, SCAI, STS Training Requirements- 2012/2017
- Literature
- Industry training experience
- Informal survey of FOM's



# Survey Respondents

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# How Has Training in TAVR/MitraClip Occurred?

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- Industry training- FDA required and device specific
  - TAVR- Edwards Lifesciences, Medtronic
  - Mitral- Abbott Vascular
- A series of ACC/STS joint programs on TAVR
- Society and non society specialty based meetings/workshops
  - TCT, TVT, PCR, PCR London Valve, Zurich Mitral

## COMPETENCE STATEMENT

# Multisociety (AATB, ACC, STS) Expert Consensus Document Operator and Institutional Requirements for Transcatheter Valve Therapy Part 1: Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

### Knowledge Base and Skills

The critical cornerstone for establishing a transcatheter valve program is the formal collaborative effort between interventional cardiologists and cardiac surgeons. This element is essential for establishing a transcatheter valve program. No one individual, group, or specialty possesses all the necessary skills for best patient outcomes (1,5). The over-arching goal of these programs must be to provide the best possible patient-centered care (1,6).

As these are new techniques, the correlation between operator experience and performance metrics for these procedures has yet to be established. The current pool of trained individuals is comprised predominantly of those who have participated in industry-sponsored trials aimed at device approval. Therefore, the translation of currently available experiences with transcatheter valve therapies to the “real world” has yet to be evaluated in the United States.

Several core concepts should be implemented for all physicians performing these procedures, irrespective of their spe-

## Training

Cardiologists must be board certified/eligible in interventional cardiology

Surgeons must be board certified/eligible in thoracic surgery

Additional operators who are trained or experienced in structural heart disease, and have unrestricted hospital privileges in structural procedures, may also be part of the interventional operating team with the interventional cardiologist and cardiovascular surgeon

both facilities and operators (1,11,12). Minimum training for specific procedures and devices will, for the immediate future, be primarily dictated by FDA approval requirements. Simulation is likely to play a significant role in technical training and proficiency maintenance for these evolving procedures (13–17). As these procedures become integrated into mainstream care delivery, the strategy for training will likely need to be revised.

# Industry Training

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- Site training courses
  - >2,000 clinicians trained US
  - 500 centers US/1,500 Worldwide
  - Initial cases reviewed and proctored
  - Device simulators
- Industry case specialists still in attendance at ~95% of all TAVR and MitraClip cases (>100,000) in US

# What Are the Current Training Opportunities?

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One year Interventional Cardiology Fellowship- focus on structural

Additional second year IC fellow (PGY 8)

Non ACGME fellowships

- Interventional Cardiology
- Cardiac Surgery

# Structural Heart Fellowships

## *Heart Hospital Baylor Plano*

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Deborah Tabachnick, MD  
Cardiac Surgeon



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Interventional Cardiologist

# Funding

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- No/limited GME funds available for PGY 8
- Non ACGME funding via industry grants
- Hybrid advanced fellowship/junior faculty position





## Structural Heart Disease and Congenital Interventional Fellowship Programs

### Fellows in Training Section

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As a service to structural heart disease fellowship programs and interested applicants, the Fellows in Training Section of the American College of Cardiology has compiled the following directory.

The ACC will survey programs for updates on a regular basis to ensure that this directly reflects the most current information available.

Programs that would like to be added to the list or wish to edit their details on this page are requested to contact [trainingprograms@acc.org](mailto:trainingprograms@acc.org).

Applicants are requested to contact individual programs directly if they have any specific questions.

+ **Structural Heart Disease Fellowship Programs**

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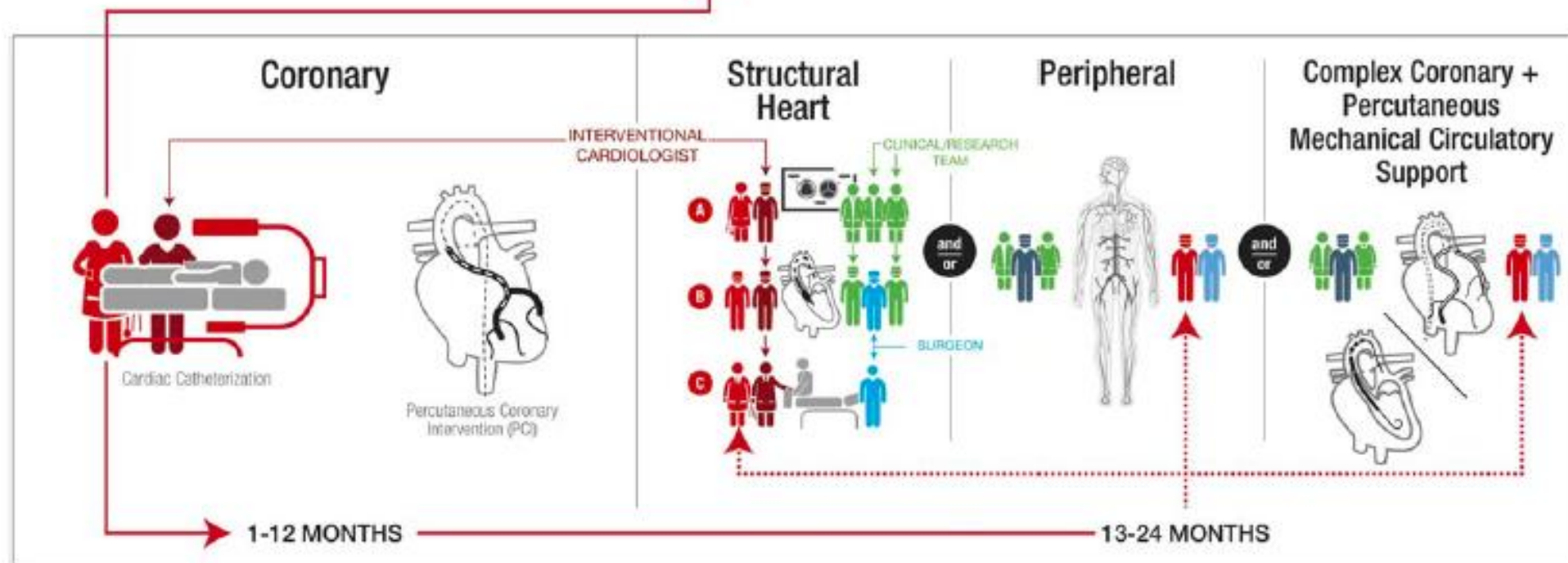
**Editorial**

**Accreditation and Funding for a 24-Month Advanced  
Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Program**

A Call-to-Action for Optimal Training of the Next Generation  
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## INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY FELLOWS



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# The Changing Face of Interventional Cardiology Training

## A Fellow's Perspective

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# Questions

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- Should training be standardized?
- Is it the same/different for:
  - Interventional cardiology?
  - Cardiac surgery?
  - Imaging specialists?
- Should there be a core curriculum?
- What are the key components?
  - Knowledge base
  - Interventional skills
  - Core competencies

# Structural Heart Procedures

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- TAVR
- MitraClip
- LAA appendage
- PVL closure
- BAV
- BMV
- PFO/ASD closure
- TMVR Replacement/repair
- Pulmonic valve
- Tricuspid Valve
- Alcohol septal ablation
- Pulmonary vein stenting
- Adult Congenital

# Questions

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1. Should training include an ABIM certificate/exam?
2. What will be the requirements to qualify for an exam?
3. Do you need core competencies in all procedures to be certified
4. What is the role of industry?
  - Device specific?
  - Funding only?
  - None?



# Training

## *Advanced Valve Centers*

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1. Should training occur only in “Advanced Valve Centers”?
2. Should training program in “Structural Heart” be a requirement to be an AVC?

**TRAINING STATEMENT**

## COCATS 4 Task Force 5: Training in Echocardiography



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## COCATS 4 Task Force 7: Training in Cardiovascular Computed Tomographic Imaging



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