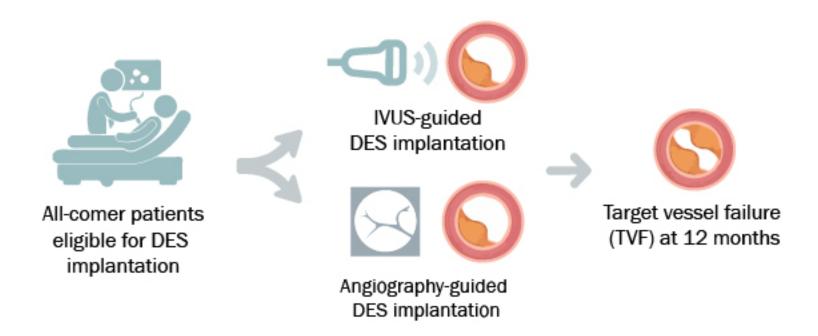
ULTIMATE: Intravascular Ultrasound-Guided Versus Angiography-Guided Implantation of Drug-Eluting Stent



Prospective, multicenter, randomized trial

Objective: To determine the benefits of IVUS guidance over angiography guidance during drug-eluting stent (DES) implantation in all-comer patients.



1 448 Patients with stable or unstable angina or MI eligible for DES implantationwere randomized to



Primary Outcome

TVF at 12 months HR 0.53; 95% CI 0.31-0.90; P=0.019

5.4%

0.9%

Secondary Outcome Target lesion revascularization or definite stent thrombosis HR 0.40; 95% CI 0.18–0.88;

2.3%

P=0.02

IVUS-guided DES implantation significantly improved clinical outcome in all-comers, particularly for patients who had an IVUS-defined optimal procedure, compared to angiography guidance.