

# *Diseases of The Aorta 2017 - 2018*

## *Understanding & Approach*

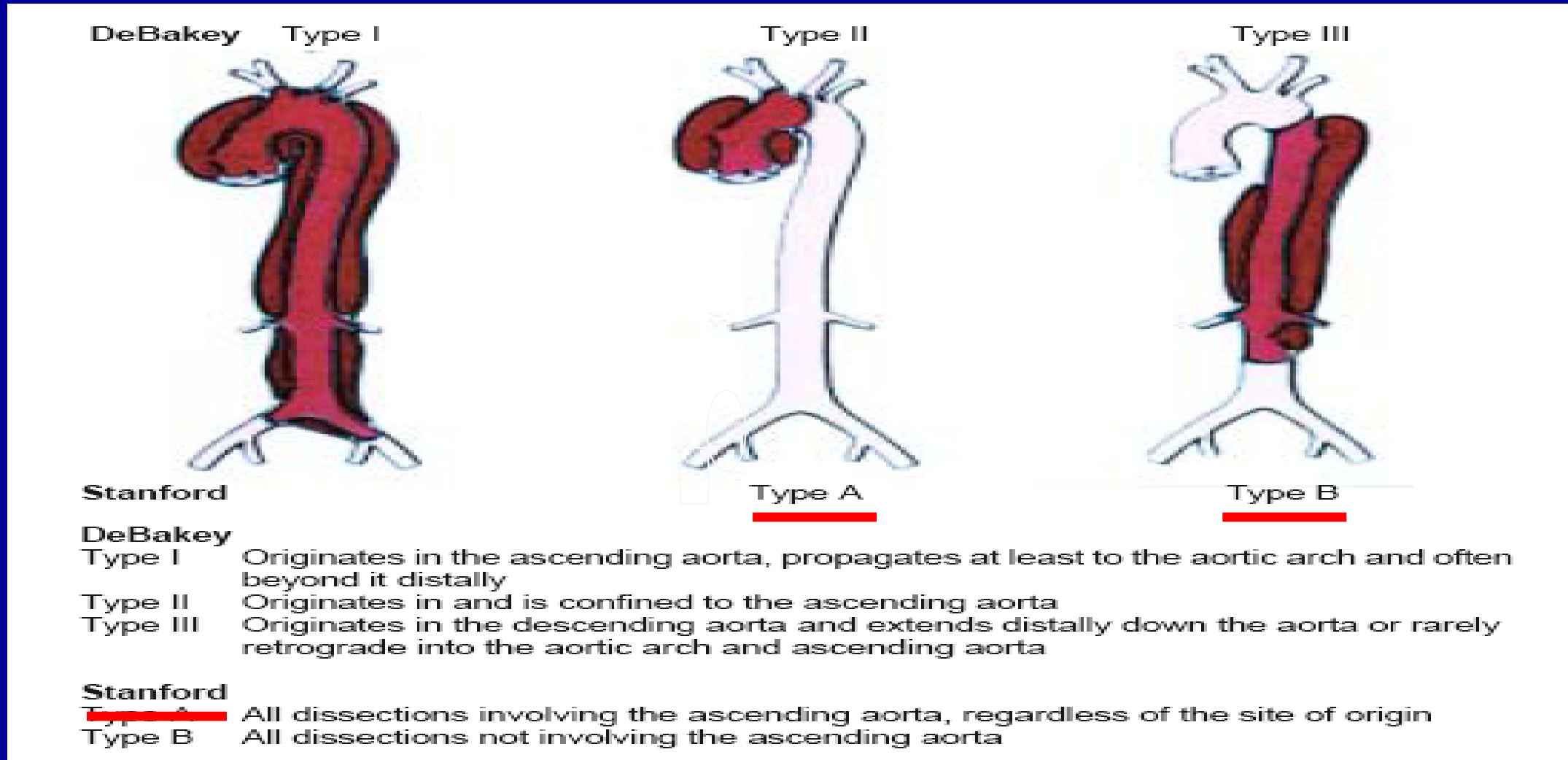
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*TAA, TAD, AAA, AAR*

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*ACC New York, Dec 9, 2017 - No Disclosures*

# 1). Classification of Thoracic Aortic Dissection (6 people per 100.000 per year)



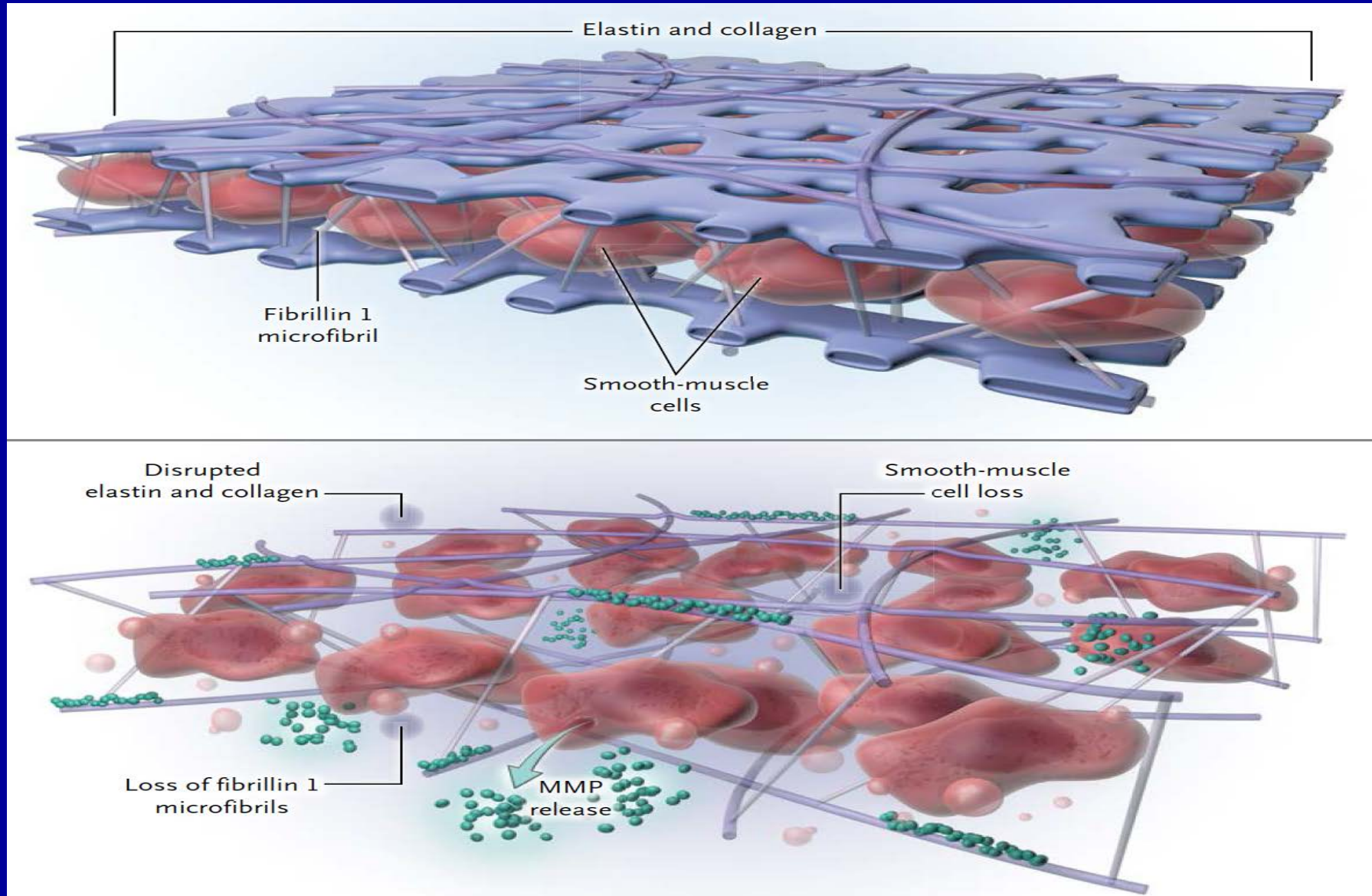
**VS** Ramanath et. al. *Mayo Clin Proc.* 2009;84:465.  
CA Nienaber et. al. *Circulation* 2003;108:628.

## 2) Imaging Modalities In The Diagnosis Of AAS

Feature of imaging modality	Angio	CT	MRI	TEE	TTE
<b>Advantages</b>					
Readily available	+	+++	+	+	+++
Quickly performed	+	+++	+	++	+++
Performed at bedside	-	-	-	+++	+++
Noninvasive	-	+++	+++	+	+++
No iodinated contrast	-	-	+++	+++	+++
No ionizing radiation	-	-	+++	+++	+++
Low cost	+	++	++	++	+++
<b>Diagnostic performance</b>					
Sensitivity	++	+++	+++	+++	+
Specificity	+++	+++	+++	+++	++
Detection of intramural haematoma	-	+++	+++	++	-
Detection of site of intimal tear	++	+++	+++	++	+
Detection of aortic regurgitation	+++	-/+*	++	+++	+++
Detection of coronary artery involvement	+++	+ / +++*	+	++	-
Detection of pericardial effusion	-	++	++	+++	+++
Detection of branch vessel involvement	+++	+++	++	+	+
Detection of periaortic haemorrhage	-	+++	+++	+	-

*A Evangelista et. al. Nat. Rev. Cardiol. 2013;10:477 – End Doing Both*

### 3). Pathophysiological Features of Marfan's & Bicuspid Aortopathy



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	1). TAA,	2). TAD,	3). AAA,	4). AAR
		2. TAA	1. TAA-Marfan's a,b,c	3. AAA,
<b>Prevalence</b>		1.25%	1 in 10,000	5%
<b>Pathogenesis</b>		<b>Genetic Predisposition</b> Bicuspid Valve Hypertension Atherosclerosis	<b>Genetic Predisposition</b>	<b>Genetic Predisposition</b> Male Hypertension Smoking
<b>Histology</b>		<b>Cystic medial Necrosis</b>	<b>Cystic medial Necrosis</b> Apoptosis	<b>Inflammatory Infiltrate, VSMC</b>
<b>Rupt./ Disect.</b>		+	+++	++

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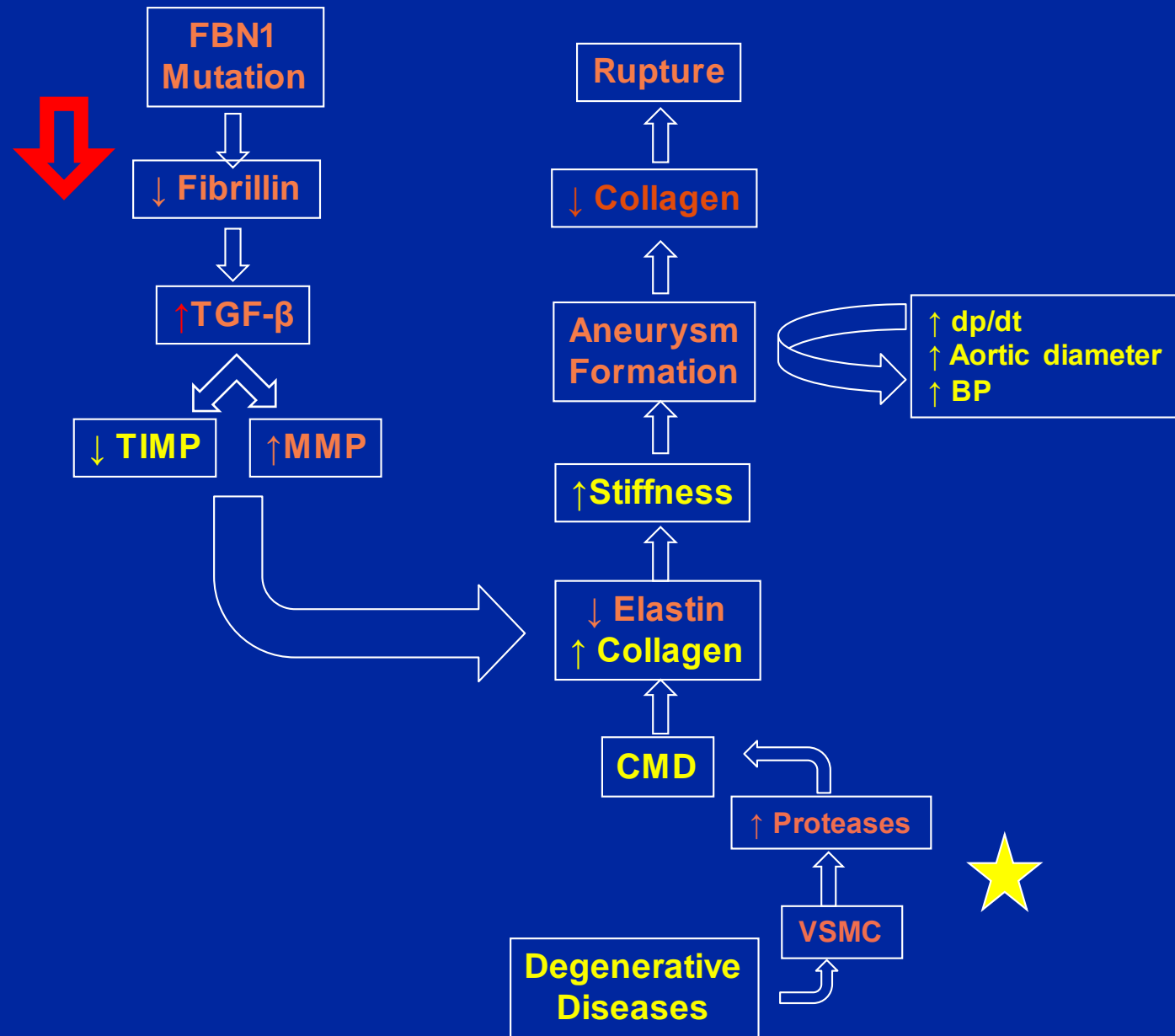
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# 1. MARFAN'S/NSTAA & 2. BHA ★

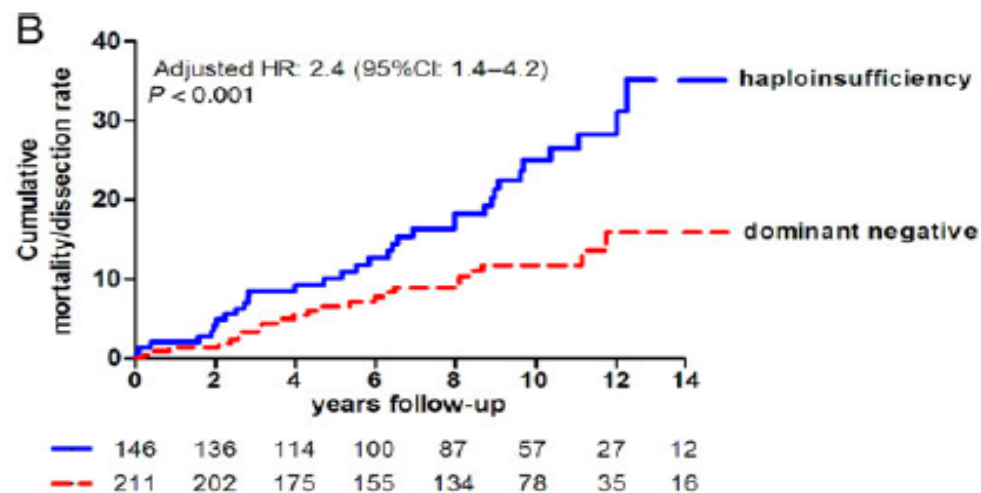
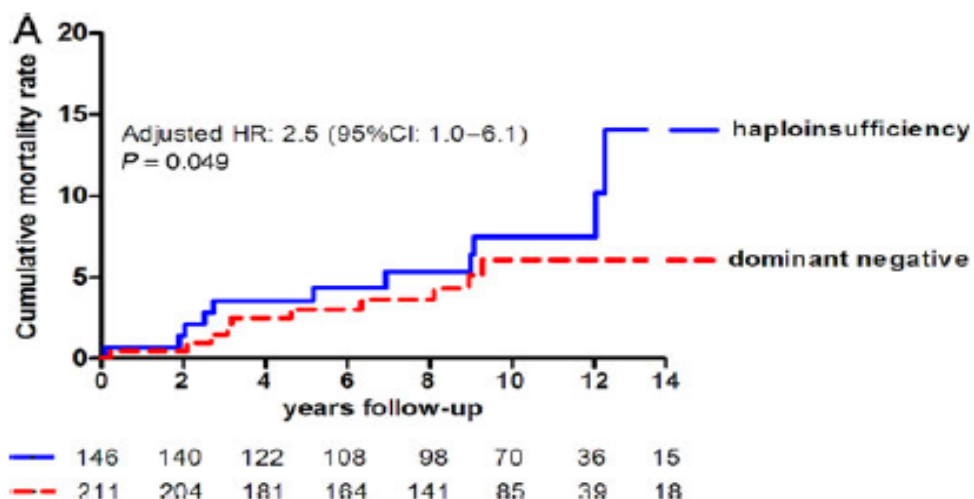




# 1a. Genotype Impacts Survival In Marfan's

	Haploinsufficiency, n = 146	Dominant negative, n = 211
Age (Q1–Q3 in years)*	33.3 ± 11.5	37.1 ± 14.0
Sex (male)	74 (50.7%)	110 (52.1%)
Prior aortic surgery	57 (39.0%)	69 (32.7%)
Prior aortic dissection	13 (8.9%)	19 (9.0%)
No aortic complication at inclusion	89 (61.0%)	139 (66.0%)
Follow-up (Q1–Q3 in years)	8.5 ± 3.4	8.3 ± 3.1

\*P = 0.005.



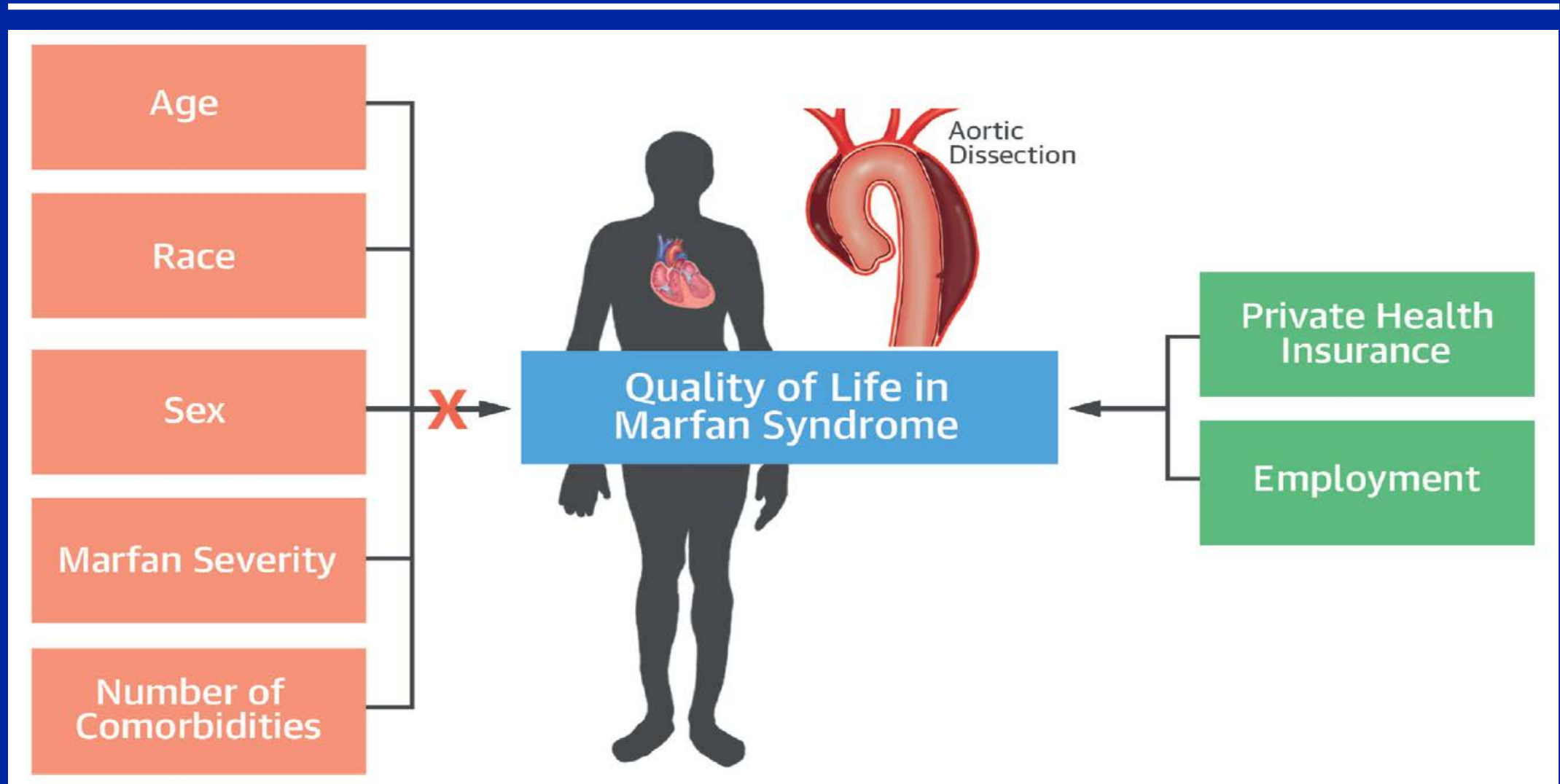
## *1b. Marfan Syndrome and Quality of Life in the GenTAC Registry*

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**The national registry of GenTAC is a longitudinal observational cohort study of patients with conditions that predispose to thoracic aortic aneurysms and dissections, including MFS. QOL was assessed using the SF-36 approach. In the GenTAC registry, 389 adults with MFS completed the SF-36. Mean age was 41 years, 51% were men, 92% were white, and 65% were college graduates. Health-related QOL was below the population norm. Better QOL was independently associated with socioeconomic factors, not factors related to health or MFS severity.**

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# Factors That Impact Quality of Life in Marfan Syndrome



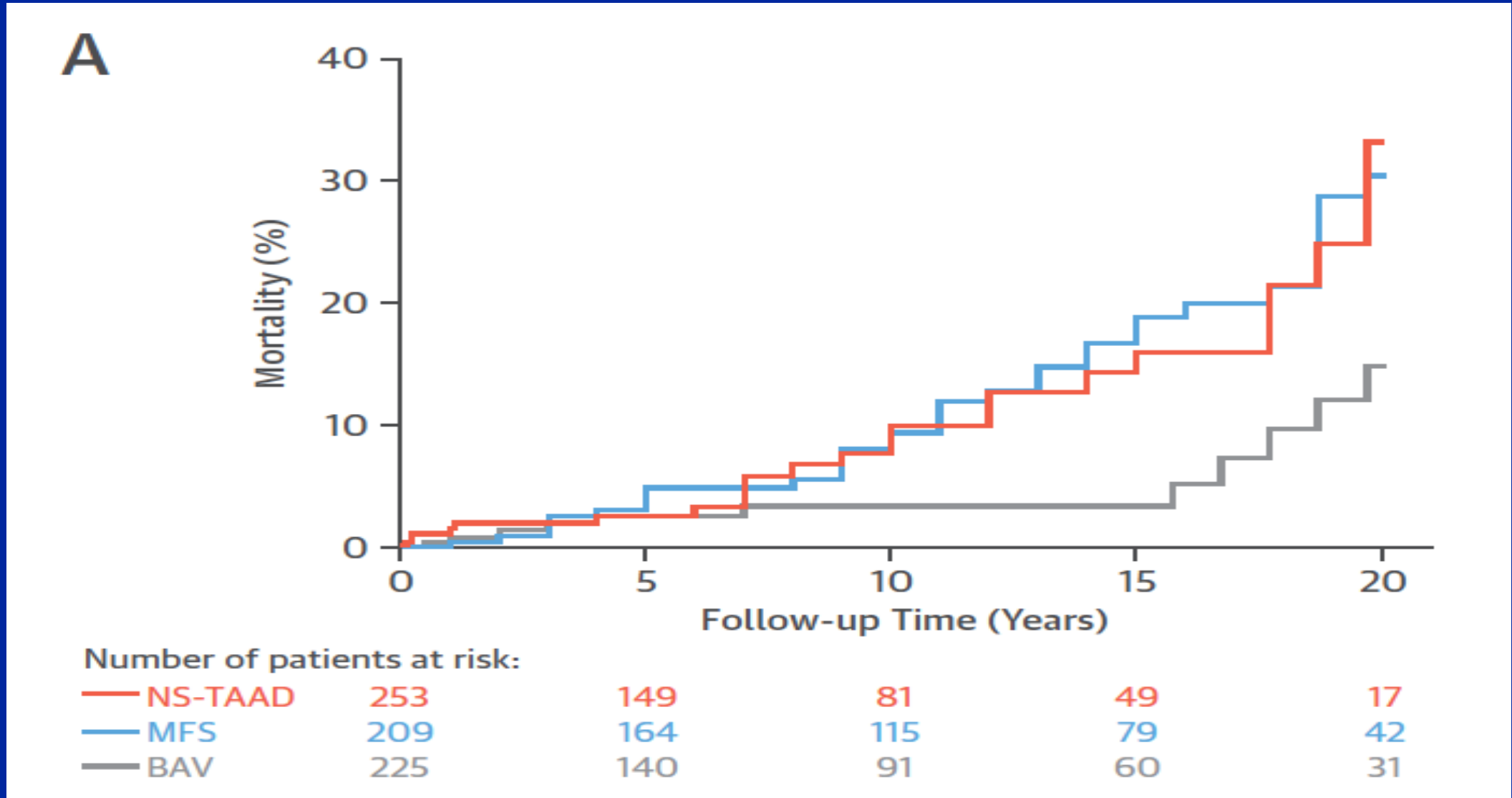
## *1c. Nonsyndromic Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm Dissection vs Marfan's vs. Bicuspid Aortic Valve Aneurysm*

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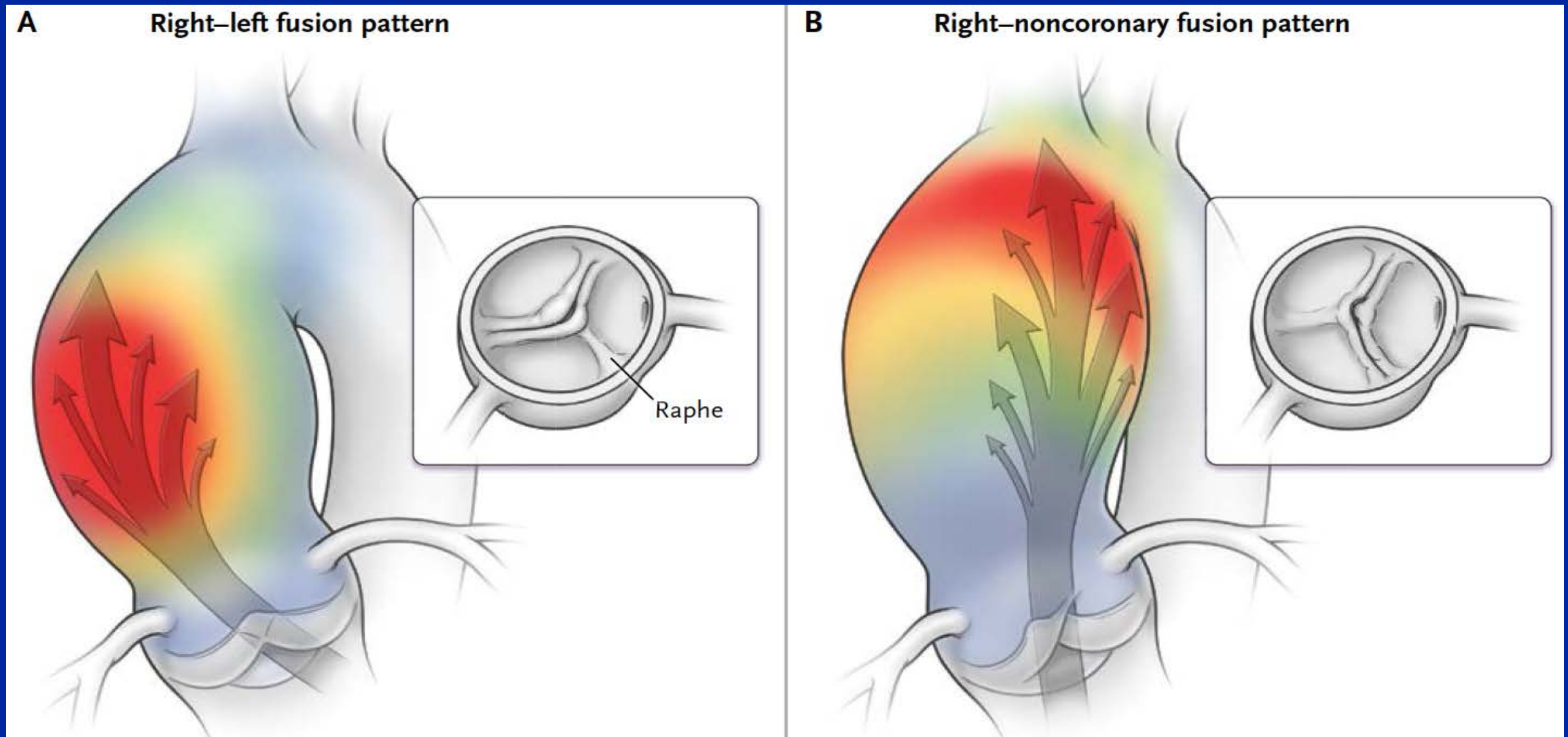
**Genetic aortopathy (GA) underlies thoracic aortic aneurysms (TAA) in younger adults. Diagnosis of GA was made for 760 patients (NS-TAA, n=311; MFS, n=221; BAV, n=228). The 687 patients surviving > 30 days after presentation were followed for a median of 7 years. Clinical outcomes for MFS and NS-TAA are similar but worse than BAV. Independent predictors of mortality, including family history of aortic dissection and age. Management of NS-TAA, including surgical intervention, should be similar to that of MFS.**

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# *Nonsyndromic Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm and Dissection Outcomes vs Marfan Syndrome vs Bicuspid Aortic Valve*



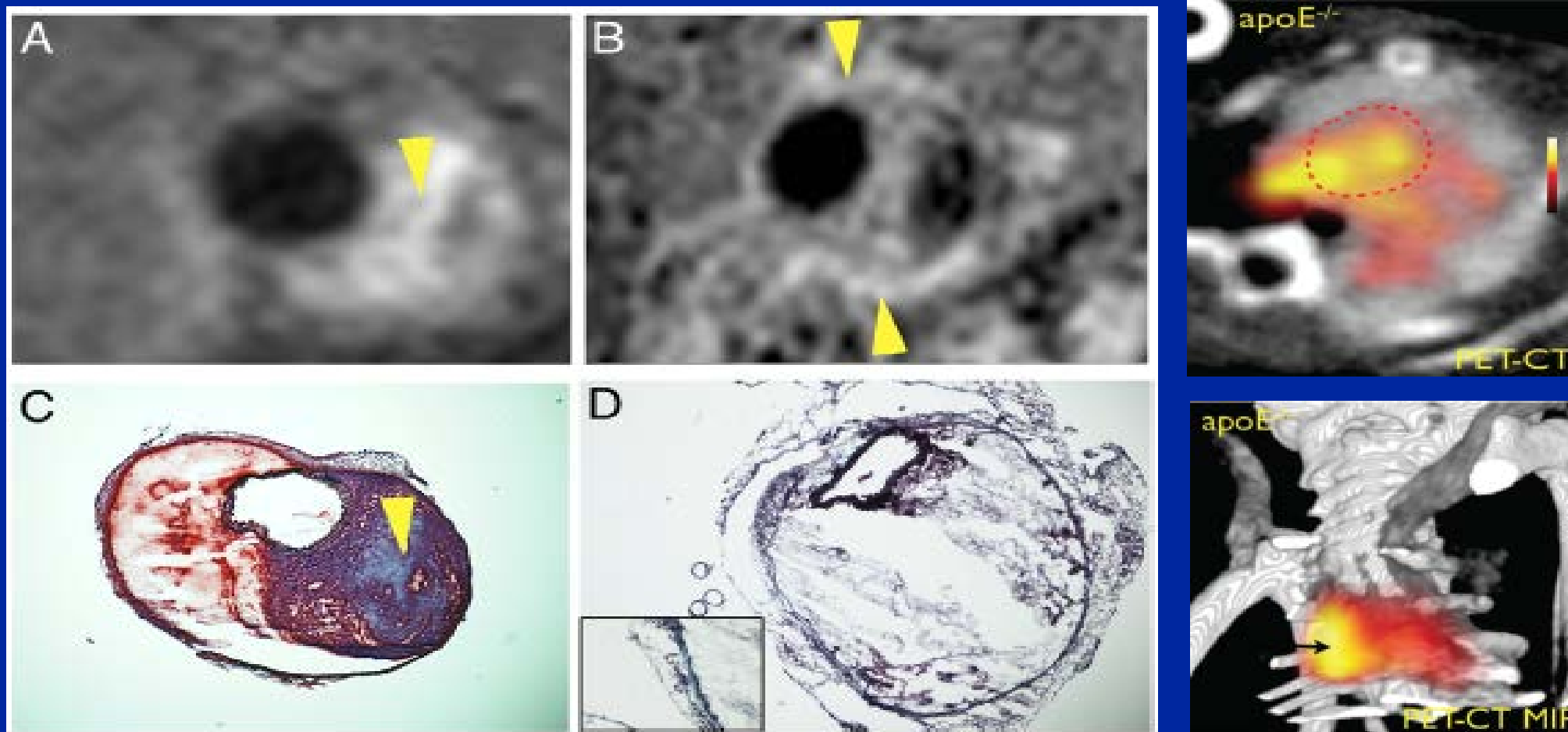
## 2. Bicuspid Aortic Valve - Morphology Features That Influence the Pattern of Aortopathy



S Verma et. al. *N Engl J Med* 2014;370:1920 – **Types 1,2,3**

R Mahadevia et. al. *Circulation*. 2014;129:673 - **Detail**

### 3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm - MRI Imaging Mouse Model and Nanoparticle PET-CT



*J Swedenborg et. al. Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol. 2011;31:73*

*T Duellman et al. Circ Cardio. Genet 2012; 5:529 (Marshfield, WI) – MMP9*

*M Nahrendorf, Rweissleder et. al. ATVB. 2011;31:750*

*A Klink, V Fuster, ZA Fayad et. al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2011;58:2522*

## *Aortic Wall Inflammation Predicts AAA Expansion, Rupture, and Need for Surgical Repair*

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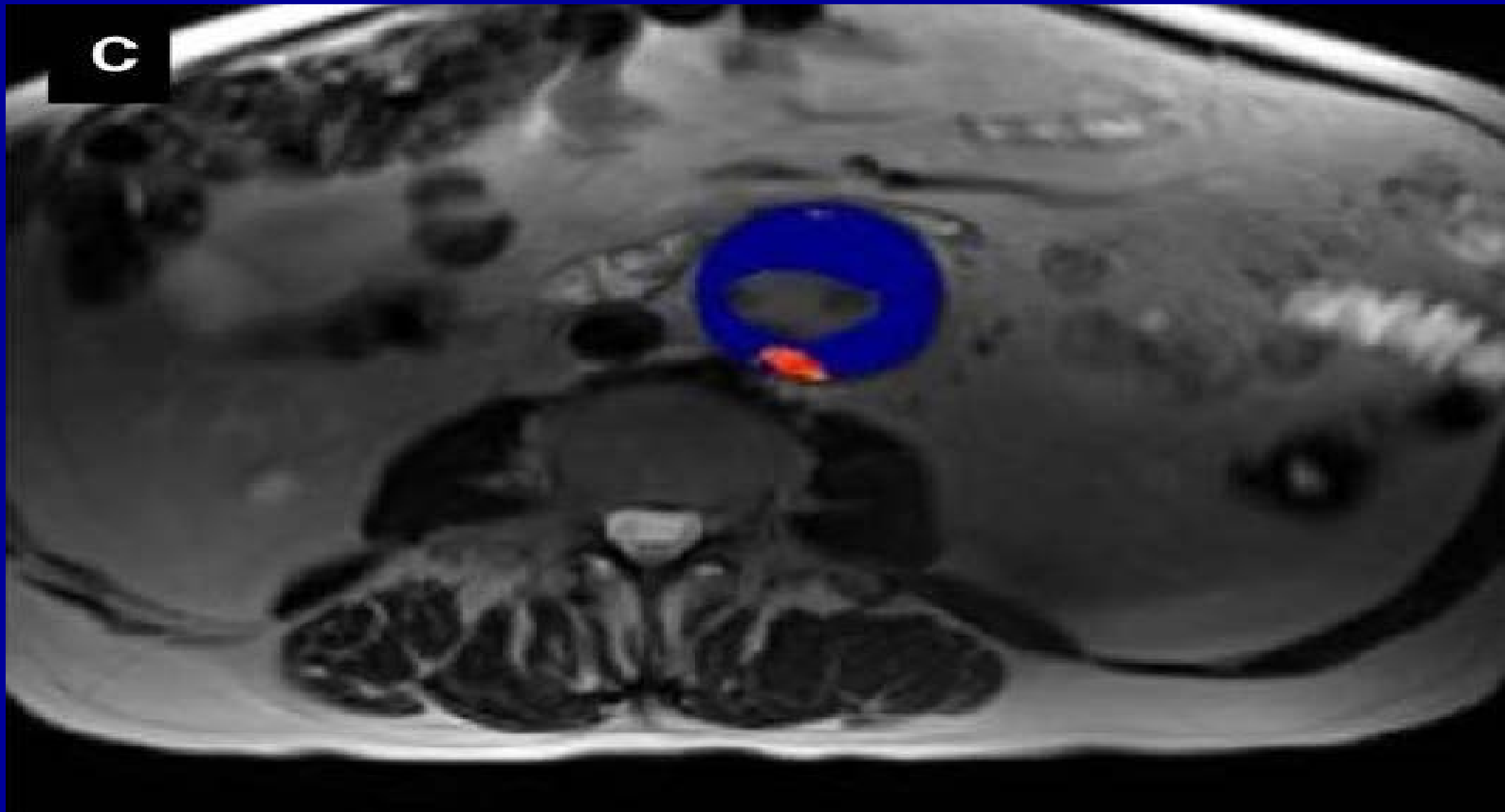
**Ultrasmall superparamagnetic particles of iron oxide (USPIO) detect cellular inflammation (macrophages) on MRI.** In a prospective multicenter open-label cohort study, **342 patients with AAA (diameter  $\geq 40$  mm)** were classified by the presence of **USPIO enhancement** and were monitored with serial ultrasound and clinical **follow-up for  $\geq 2$  years.** The primary end point was the composite of aneurysm rupture or repair. **USPIO-enhanced MRI predicts the rate of aneurysm growth and clinical outcome.** However, it does not provide further information recognized by clinical risk factors.

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**MA<sup>3</sup>RS Study Investigators (D Newby et. al) Circulation. 2017;136:787**



*T2\* Map (Blue) Demonstrating Enhancement Of The Posterior Aneurysm Wall With USPIO (Red) By MRI*



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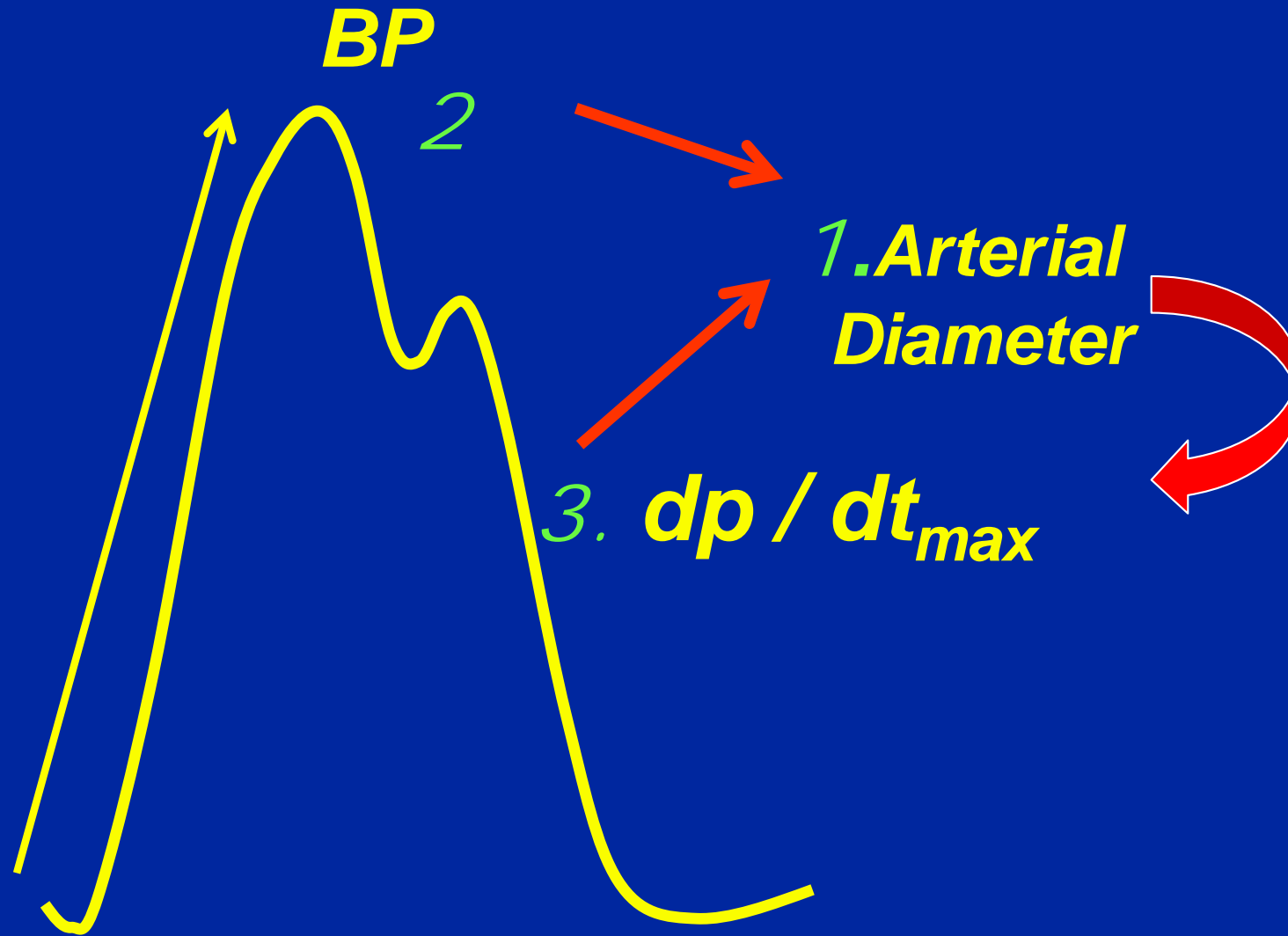
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# Hemodynamic Frs - Dilatation To Dissection

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**1**-EK Prokop, RF Palmer, MW Wheat. *Circ Res* 1970;27:121 –TURKEY DISSECTION

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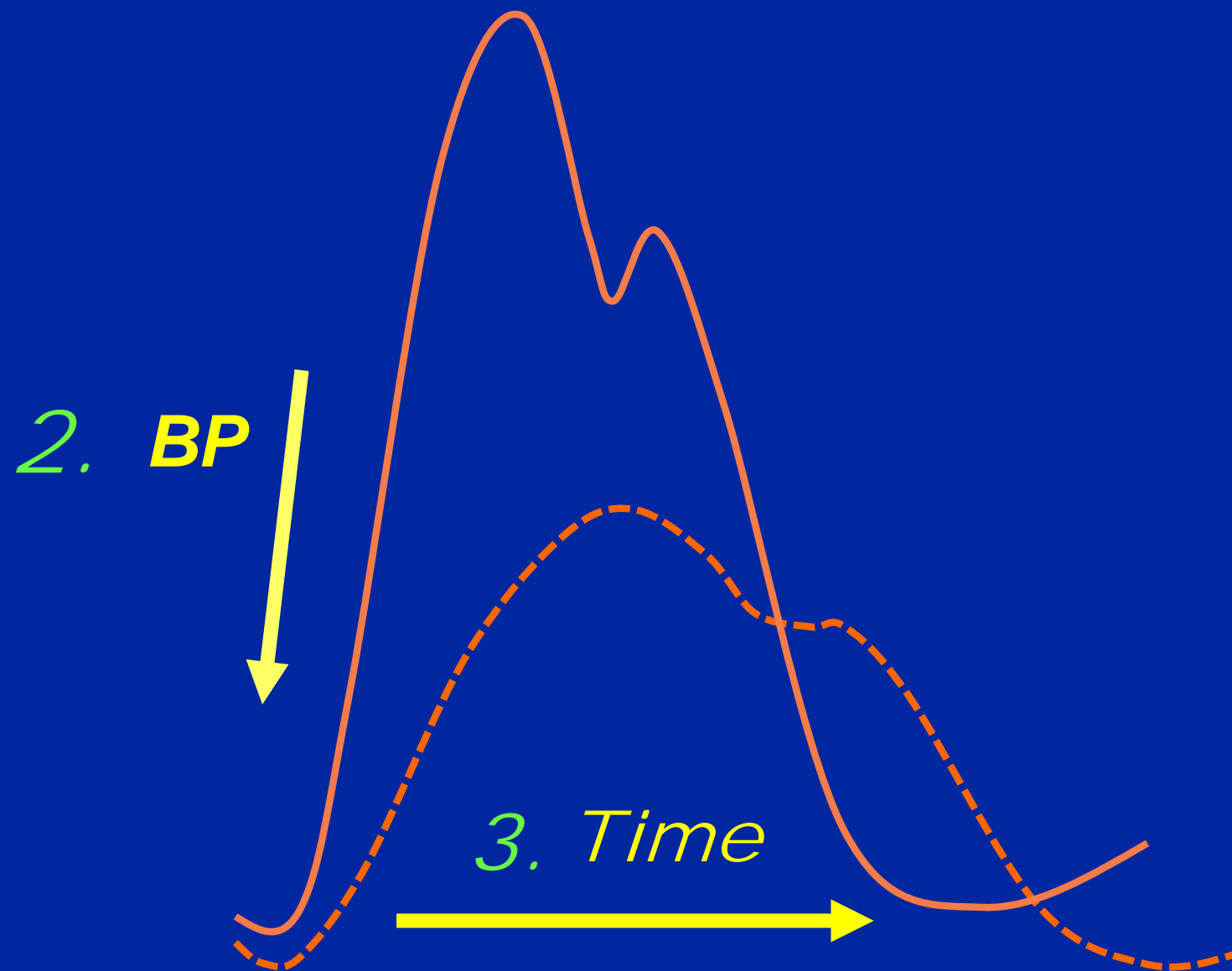
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# TAD - Hemodynamic Approach

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**Baseline**

**1) Vasodilator**

**(i.e., Nitroprusside)**

**(2) Beta blockade**

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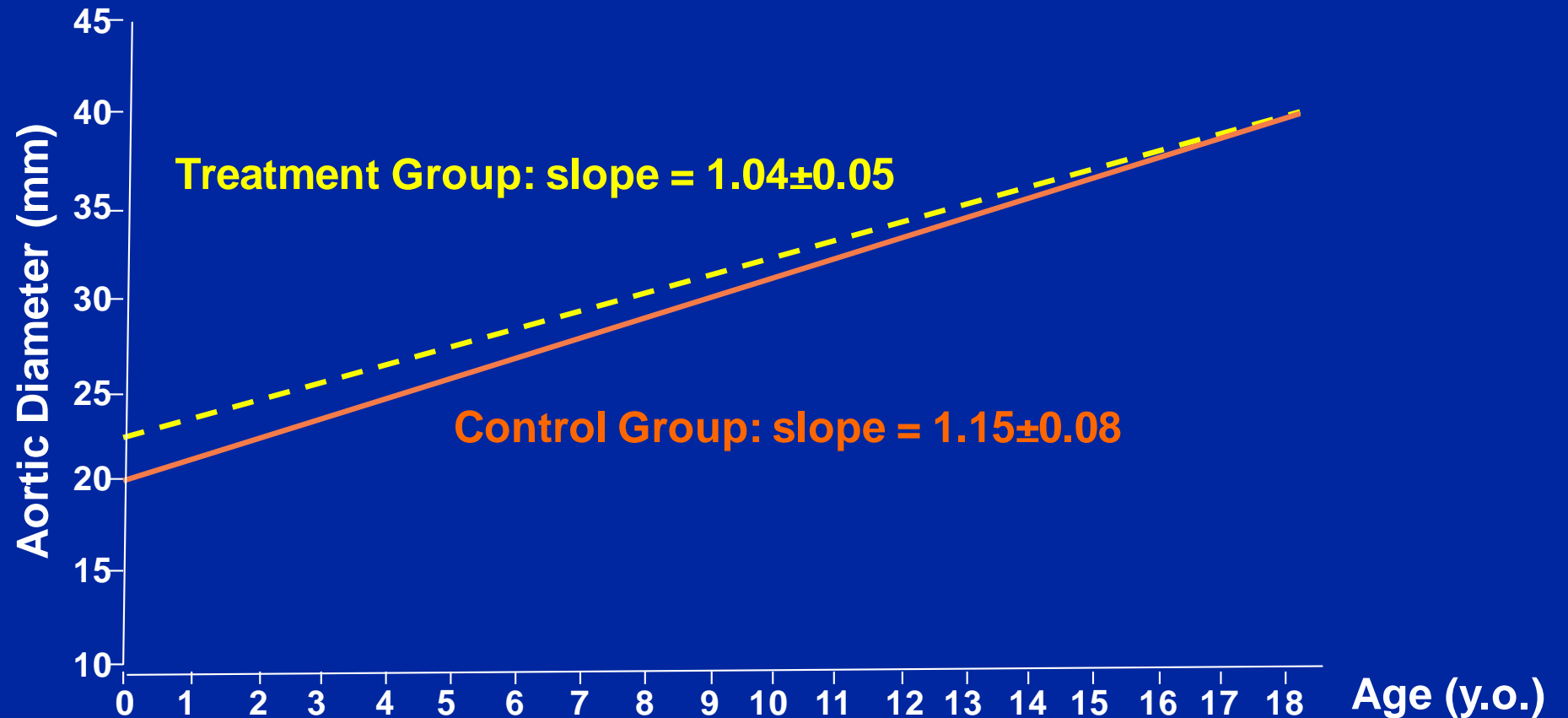
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# 1) MFS - IMPACT OF $\beta$ BLOCKERS ON AORTIC ROOT DIAMETER



2). M Groenink et al., EHJ 2013; Aug 21 – Netherlands – ARB ?

RV Lacro et al., NEJM 2014; 371:2061 – American Study – ARB Negative

O Milleron et al., Eur Heart J 2015; 36:2160 – French Study – ARB Negative

# Regulation of membrane type-1 matrix metalloproteinase activity and intracellular localization in clinical thoracic aortic aneurysms



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*3). Targeted inhibition of MT1-MMP may have therapeutic relevance as an approach to attenuating the TAA development.*



# *Understanding - TAA, TAD, AAA, AAR - 2017*

- *Definition, Mortality, Imaging, ECM* (4)
- *Area & Types (TAA,TAD,AAA,AAR)* (4)
- *Pathogenesis (Marfan's, BHA, AAA)* (4)
  - Dysfunctional Structure* (3)
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# 1. TAA - Indications For Surgery

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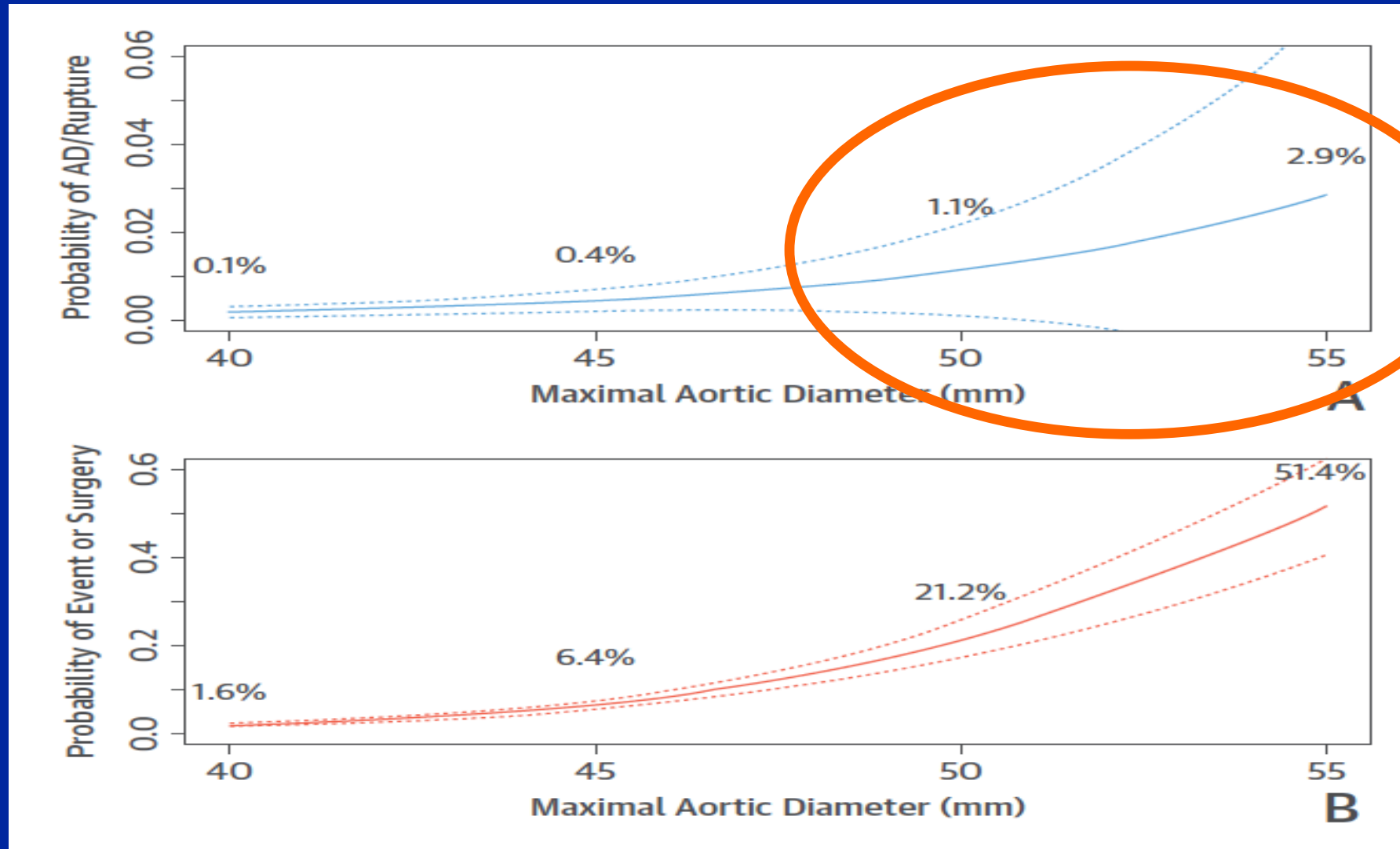
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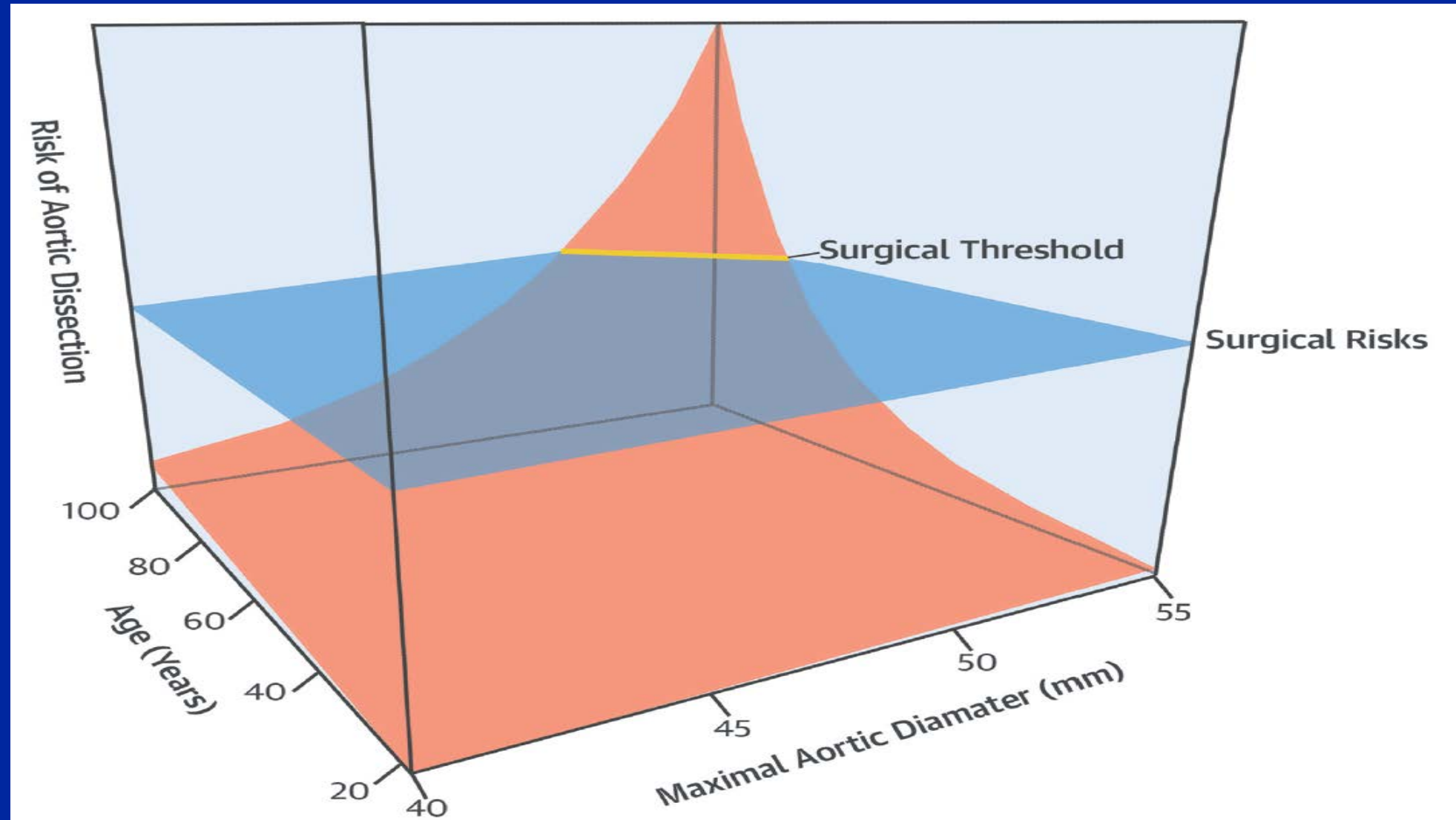
L Cozijnsen et al., *Circ* 2011; 123:924

ACC/AHA *Circulation*. 2016;133:680

## 2. Aortic Dissection and/or Rupture, and Composite of Event & Surgery Within 5 Years



### 3. Dissection in Ascending Aortic Aneurysms: Risk Threshold - Age



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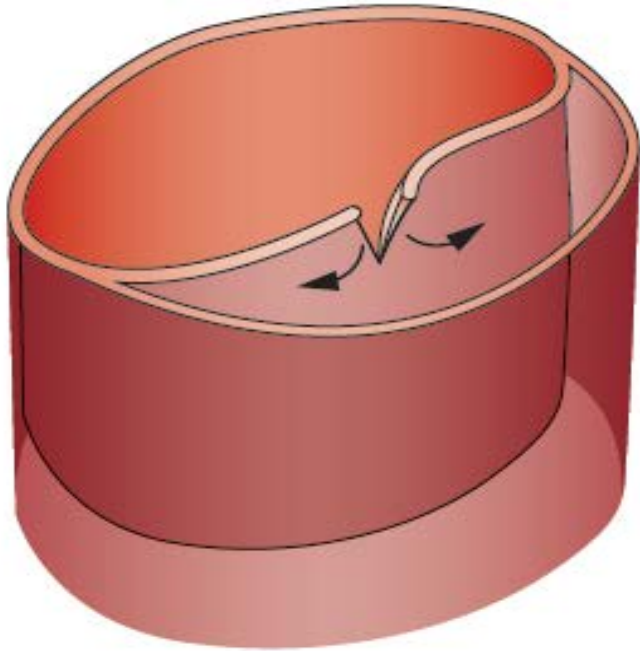
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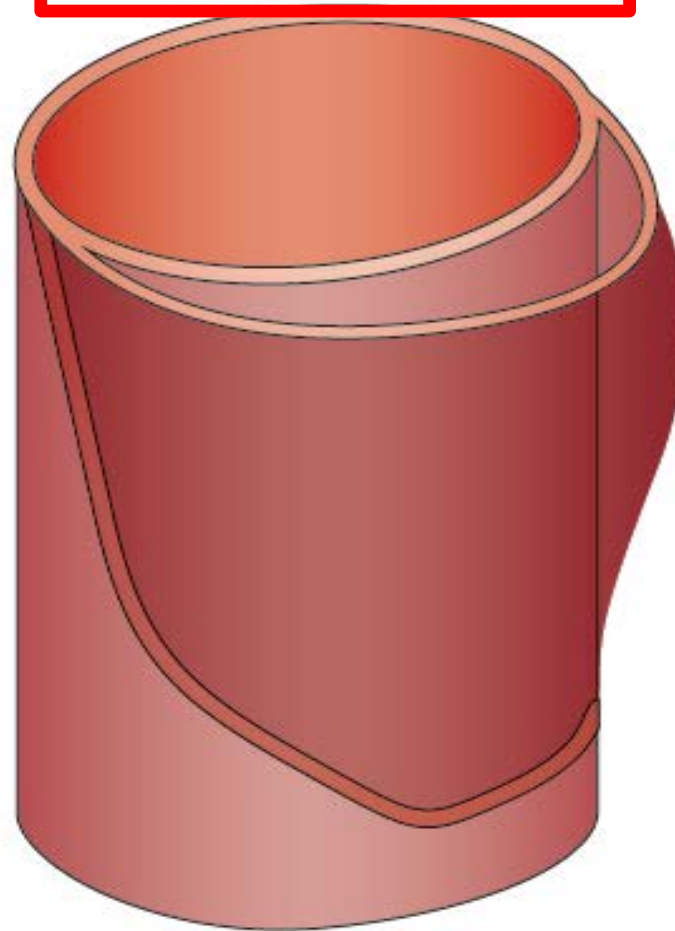
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# 1. Contained Acute Aortic Syndrome

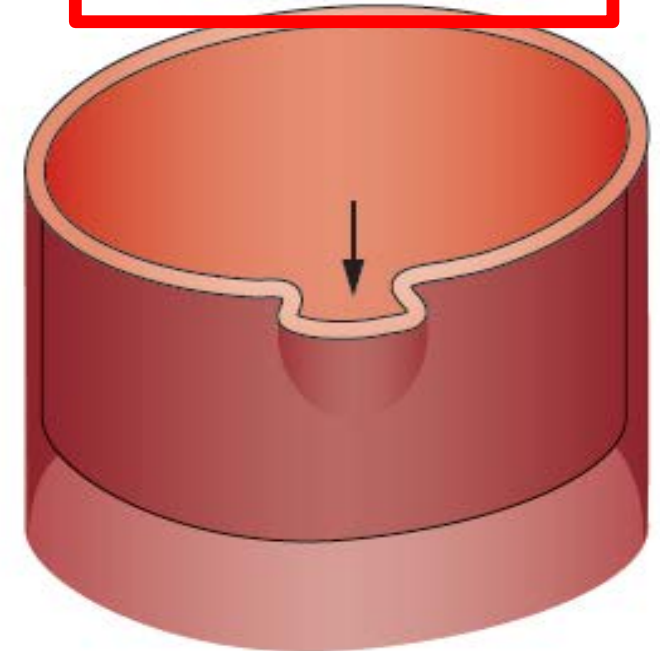
Aortic dissection



Intramural haematoma



Penetrating ulcer



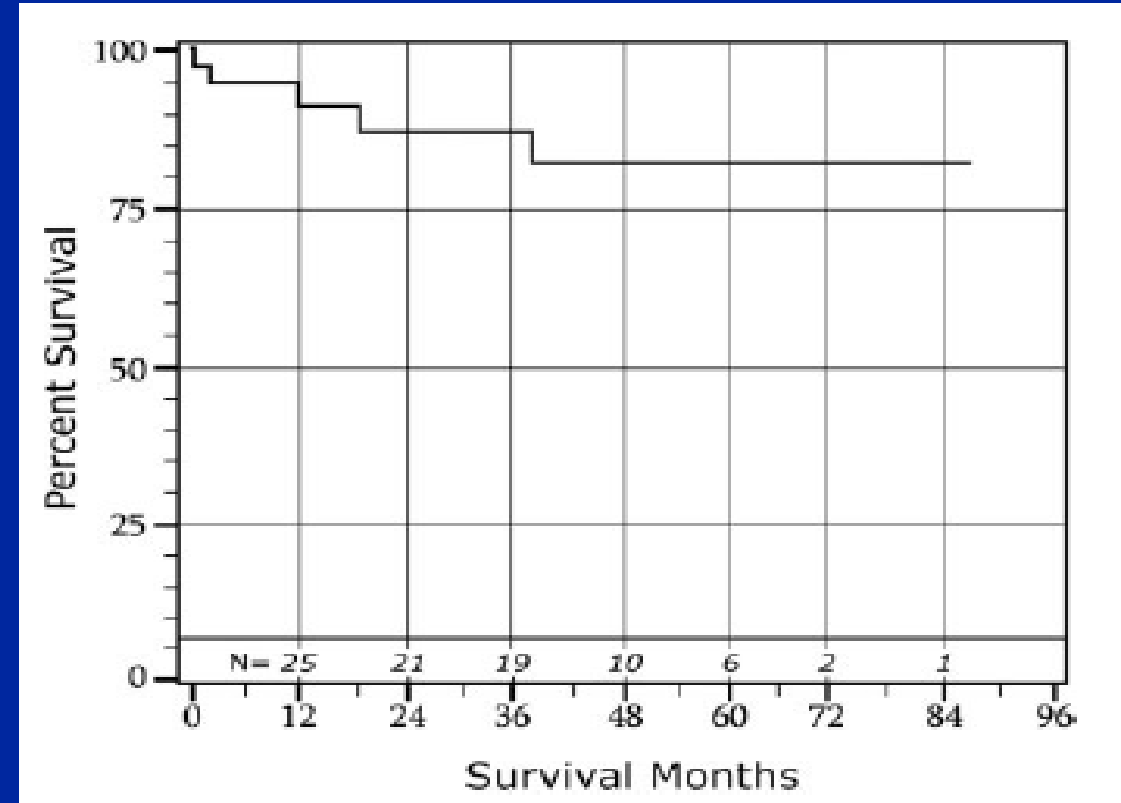
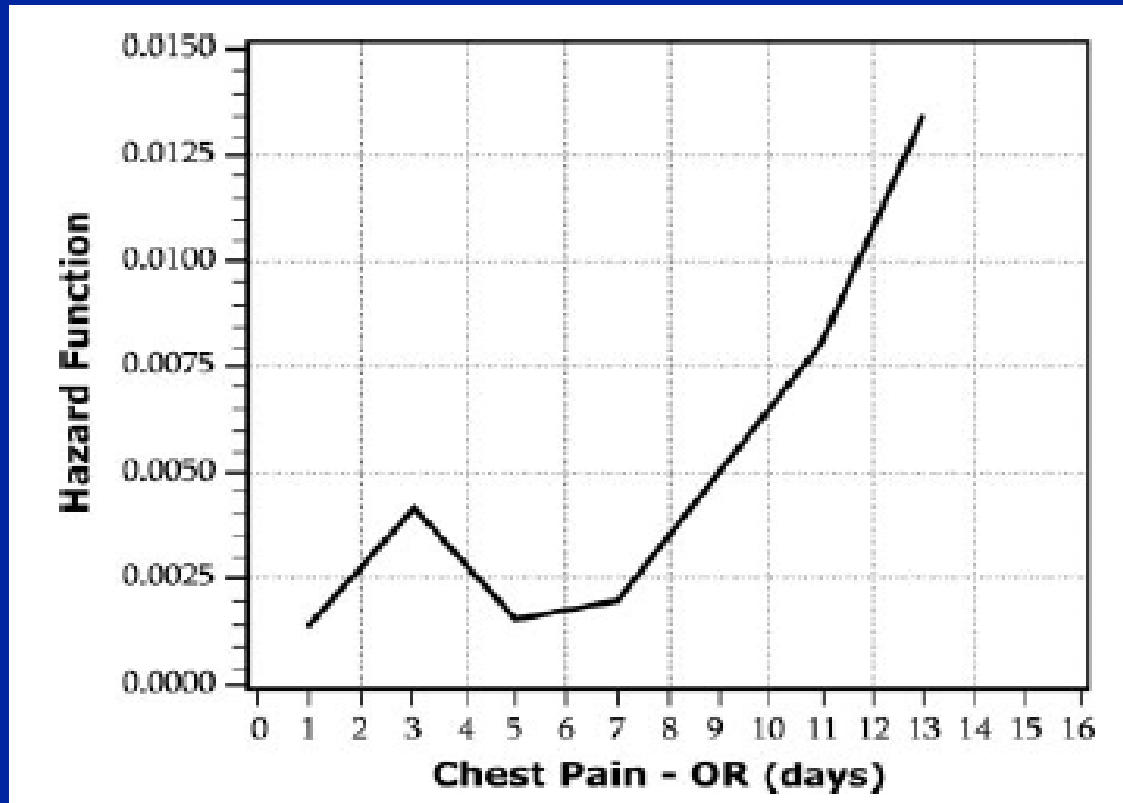
RE Clough et. al. *Nat. Rev. Cardiol.* **2015**;12:103

RR Baliga et. al. *J Am Coll Cardiol Img* **2014**;7:406

**6-15% - CT / MR Diameter 16 mm, Rupture within 10 days**

# Acute Type A Intramural Hematoma

## Analysis of Current Management Strategy



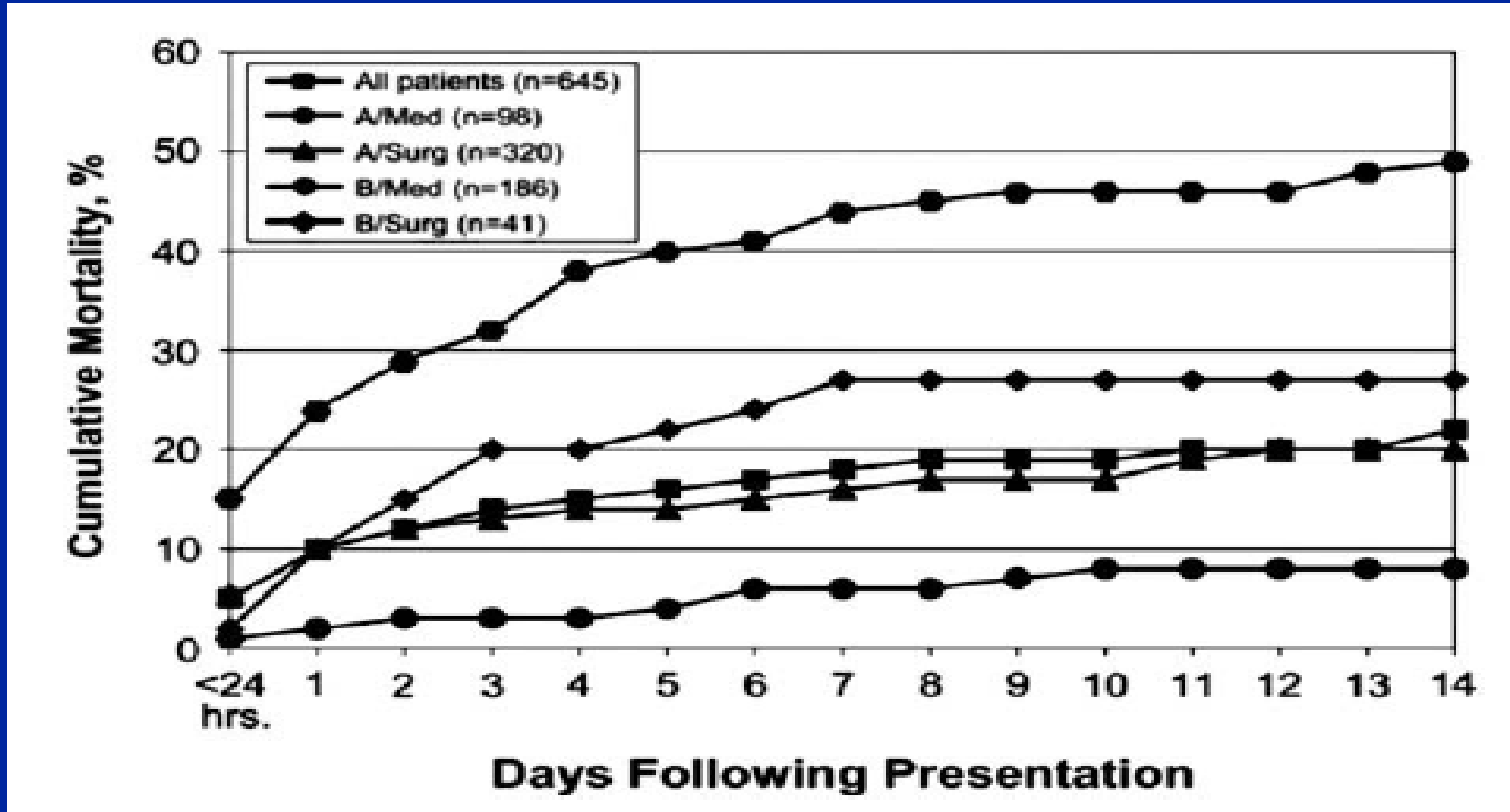
**Best cutoff to Predict Events: 16 mm (Hematoma) - Often Type A**

**AL Estrera et al., J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 2015; 149:137 (Houston)**

**No mortality occurred within 3 days of presentation. Mortality with IMH did not differ from typical dissection (10.9% vs 14.7%).**



## 2. A 14-day Mortality In 645 Pts From IRAD Stratified By Medical And Surgical Treatment In TAD Type A & B



TA Mort  
1% q.2h  
4 Days

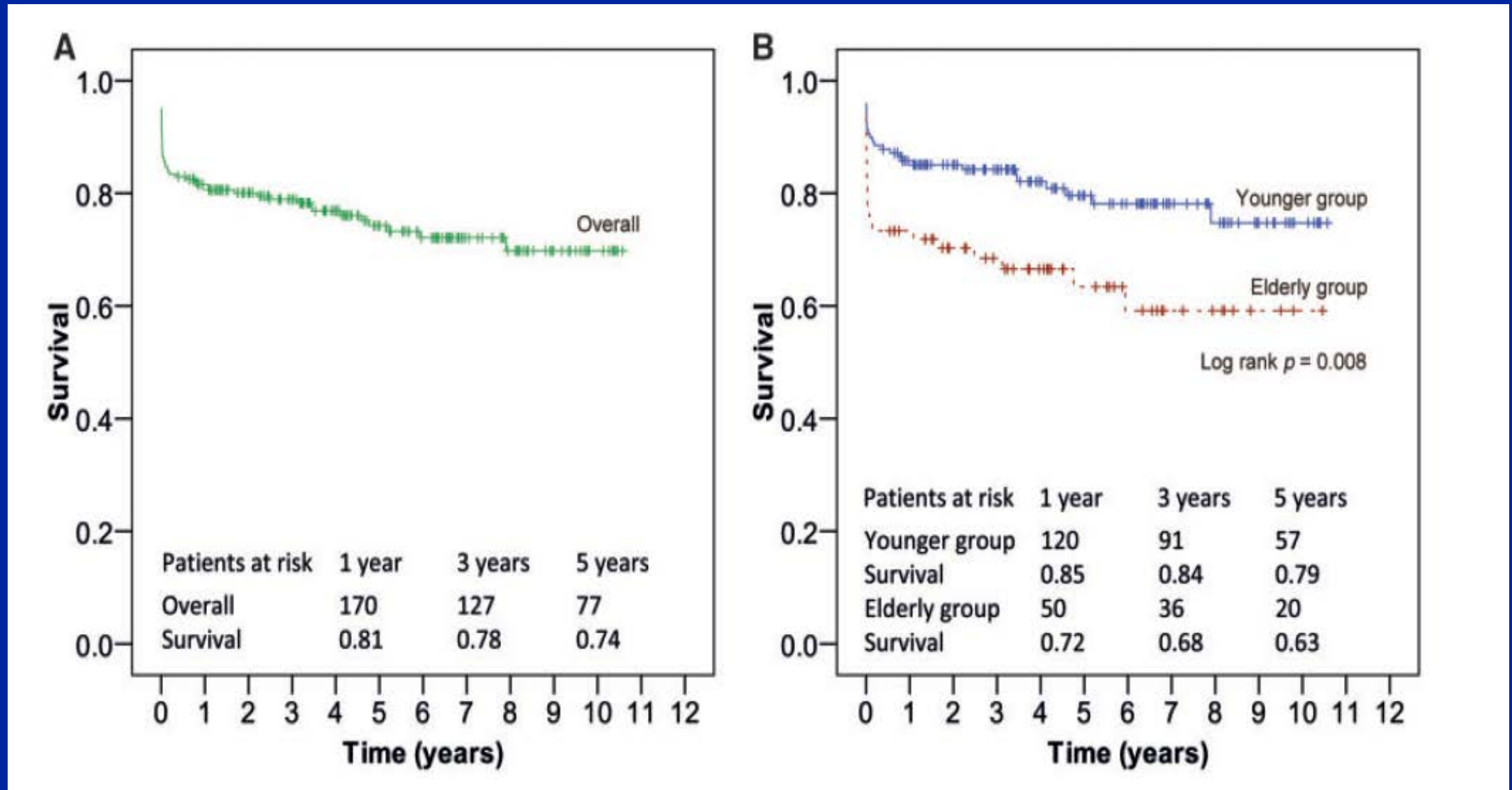
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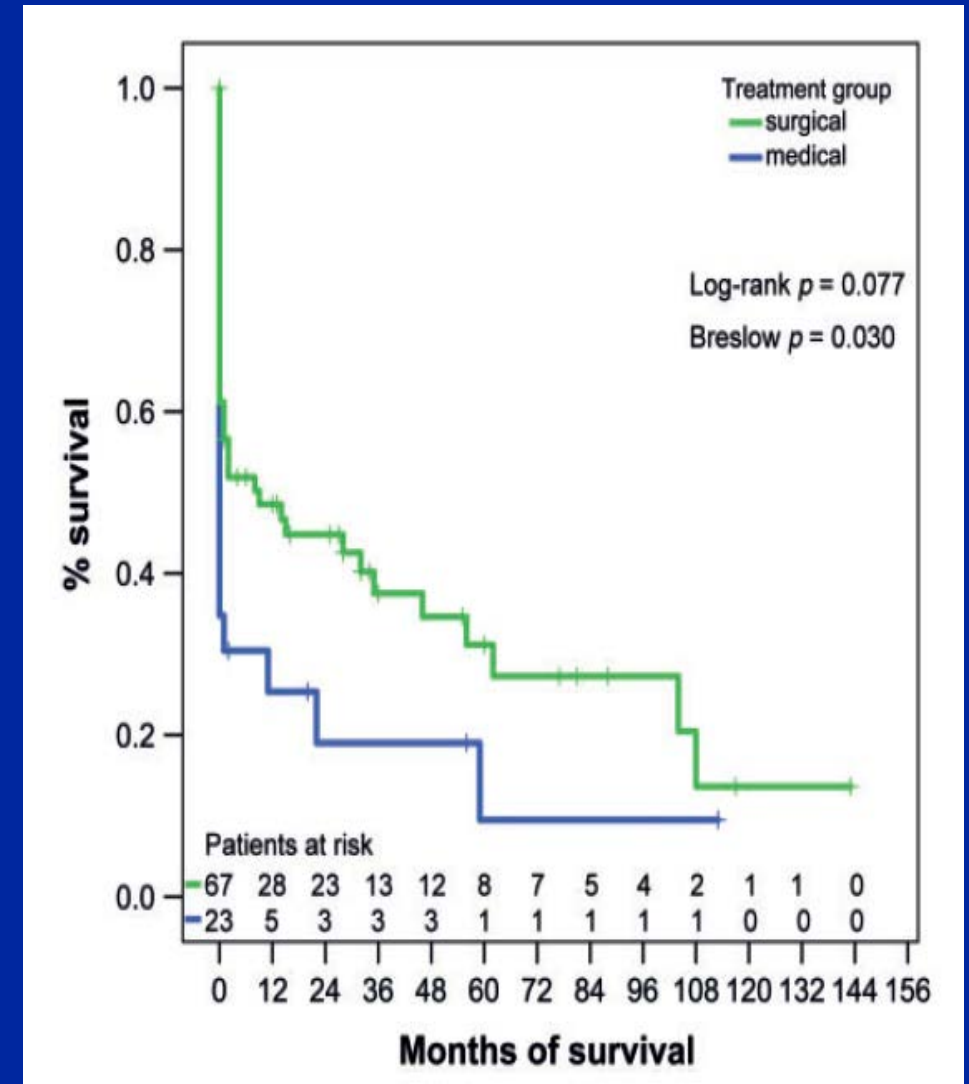
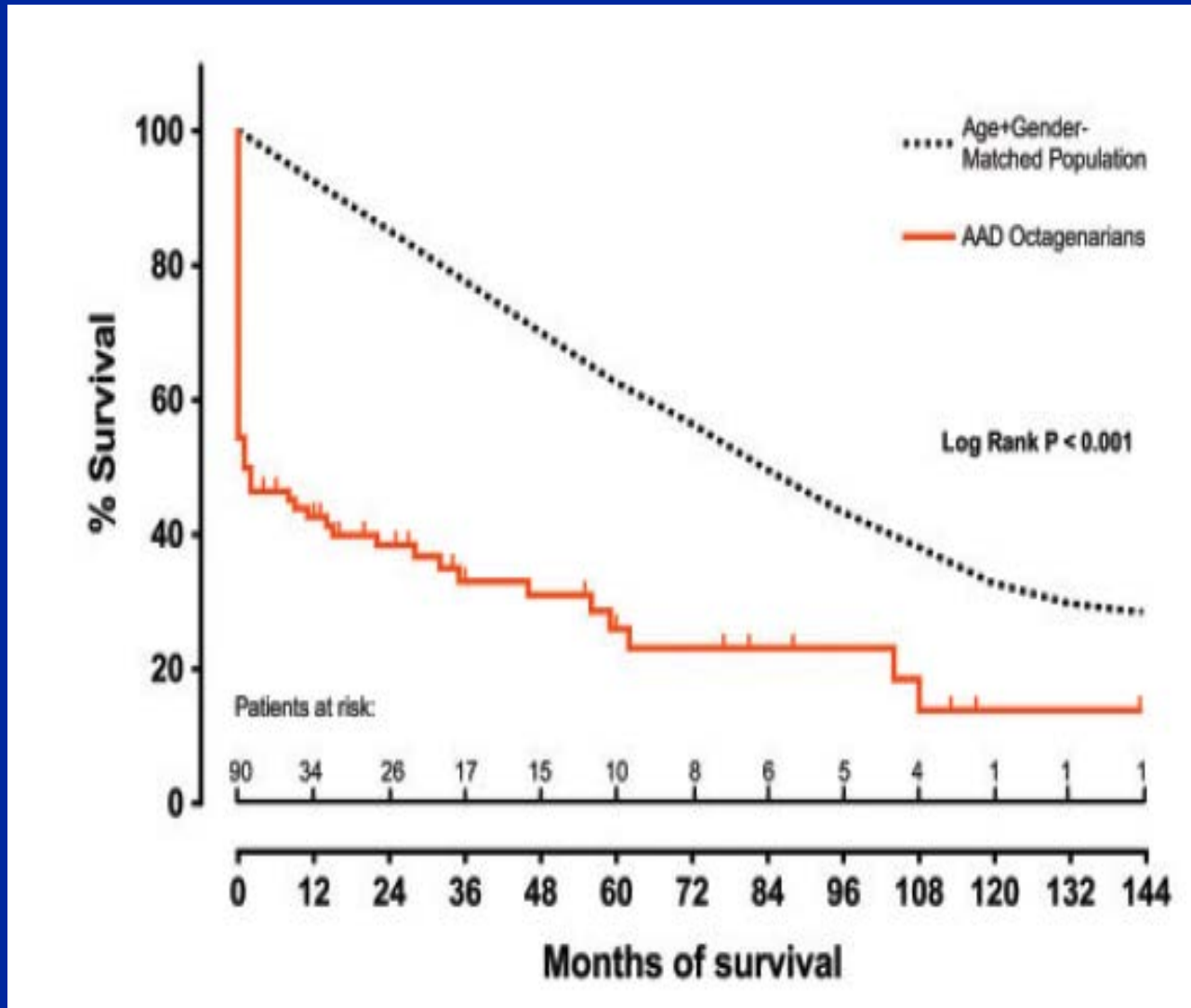
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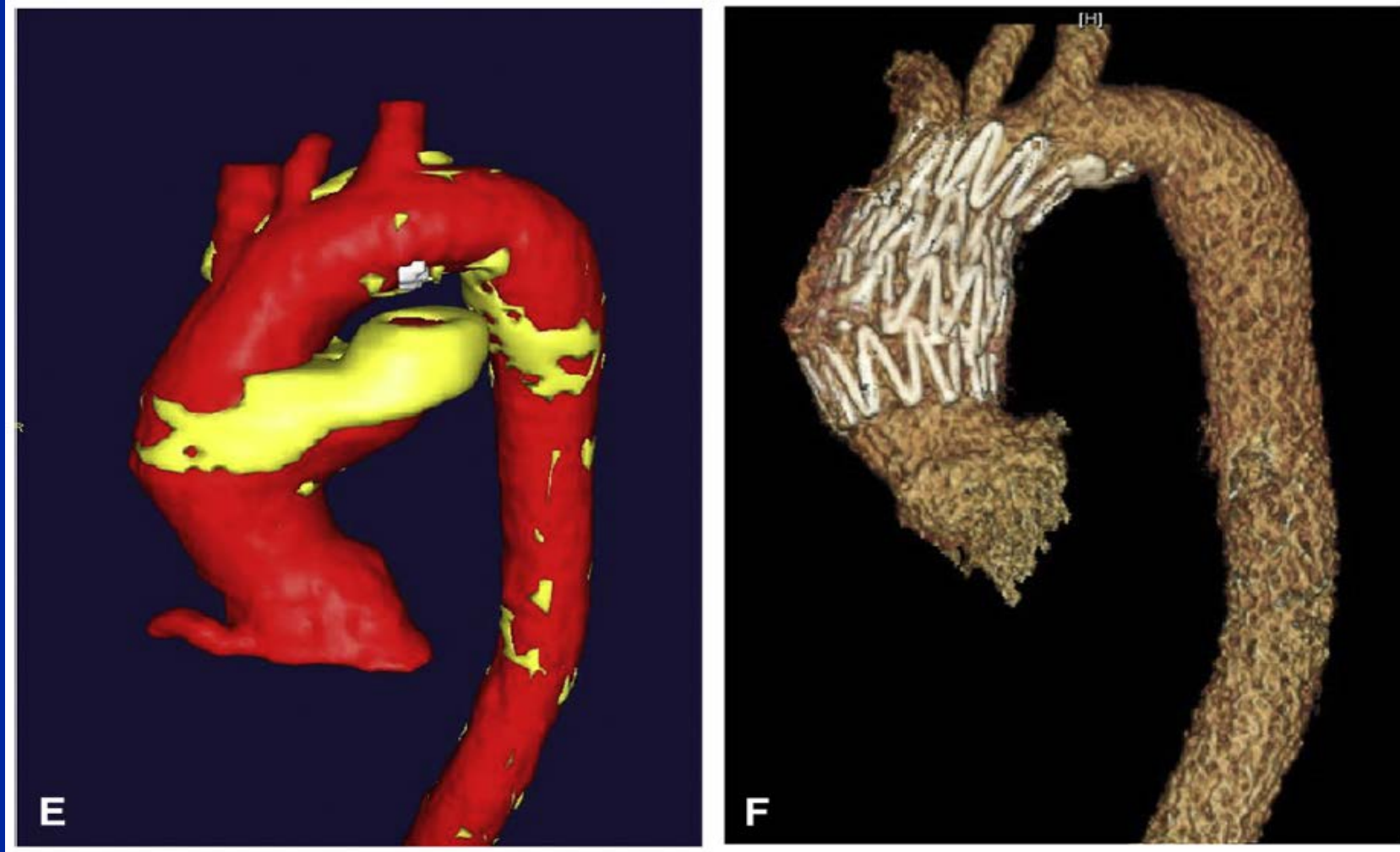
## 2a. Long-term Outcome & Quality of Life Post Surgery For AAD Type A, in Young & Elderly Adults



## 2b. Acute Type A Dissection In Octogenarians In-hospital Outcome & Long-term Survival



### 3. Endovascular Repair Of The Asc Aorta In Pts At High Risk For Open Repair



## 4. TAA - Indications For Surgery

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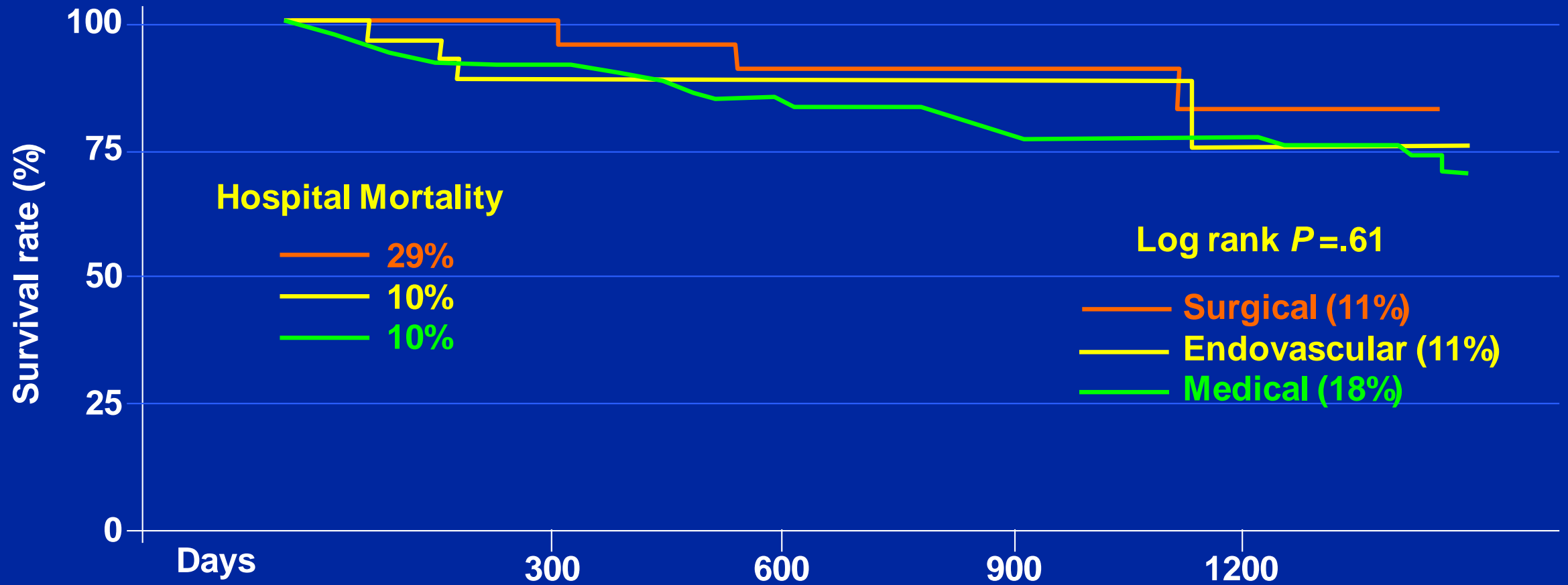
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# 4a). Type B Dissection - Survival Curve (N=300)

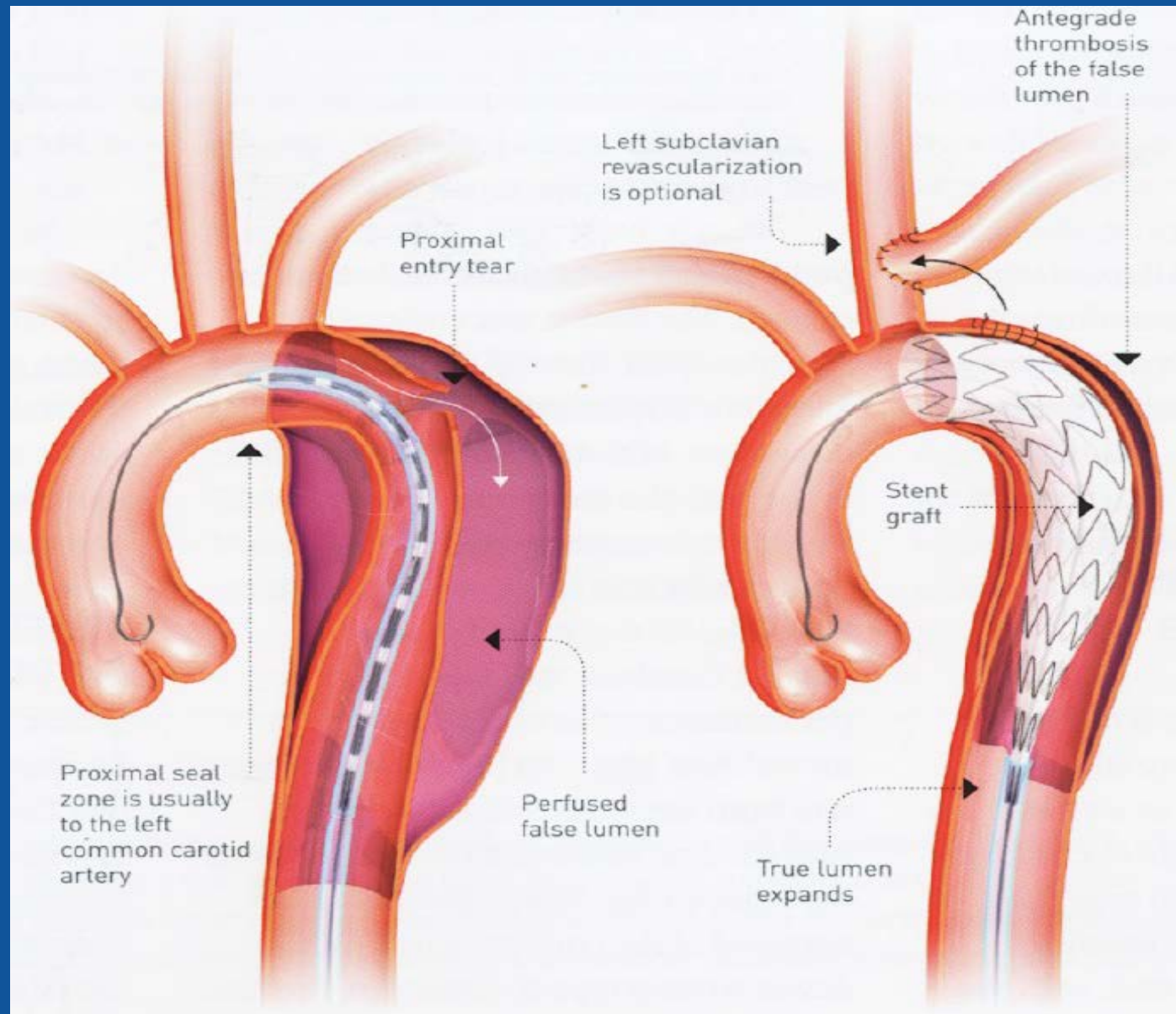


**Worst Prognosis: Hypotension, Pleural Effusion, Renal Failure  
Refractory Pain & Hypertension**

**IRAD (Tsai TT et al.) Circulation 2006; 114:2226**

**IRAD (S Trimarchi et al.) Circulation 2010; 122:1283**

## 4b). *Site of TEVAR Implementation*



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# 1. *Screening for AAA: U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement*

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- **The USPSTF recommends 1-time screening** for AAA with ultrasonography in **men aged 65 to 75 years who have ever smoked.** (B recommendation)
- **The USPSTF recommends that clinicians selectively offer screening for AAA in men aged 65 to 75 years who have never smoked** (C recommendation)
- **The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of screening for AAA in women aged 65 to 75 years who have ever smoked.** (1 statement)
- **The USPSTF recommends against routine screening for AAA in women who have never smoked.** (D recommendation)

## *Population Screen and Intervention for Vascular Disease in Danish Men (VIVA): A Randomised Controlled Trial*

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**In this randomized controlled trial, we randomly allocated (1:1) all men aged 65-74 years living in the Central Denmark Region to screening for AAA, PAD, and hypertension, or to no screening. We invited participants who were found to have AAA, PAD or hypertension to the most appropriate treatment. The primary outcome was all-cause mortality, assessed 5 years after randomisation. Between Oct 8, 2008, and Jan 11, 2011, we randomly allocated 50,156 participants, with 25,078 (50%) each in the screening and non-screening groups. AAA was detected in 3.3% of patients, PAD in 10.9%, and unknown potential hypertension in 10.5%. There was a reduction of mortality risk from AAA, PAD and hypertension that can be linked to therapy. The number needed to invite to save one life was 169 people.**

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## 2. Growth Rate for Small AAA – Meta-Analysis

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**Small AAAs of 3.0 cm – 5.4 cm in diameter** are monitored by ultrasound surveillance. The intervals between surveillance scans should be chosen to **detect an expanding aneurysm prior to rupture**. Studies were identified for inclusion through a systematic literature search through December 2010. Study authors were contacted, which yielded 18 data sets providing repeated ultrasound measurements of AAA diameter over time in **15,471 patients**. Predictions of the **risk of exceeding 5.5-cm diameter and of rupture** within given time intervals were estimated. **Growth rates increased on average by 0.59 mm per year**. In contrast to the commonly adopted surveillance intervals in current AAA screening programs, **surveillance intervals of several years may be clinically acceptable for the majority of patients with small AAA**.

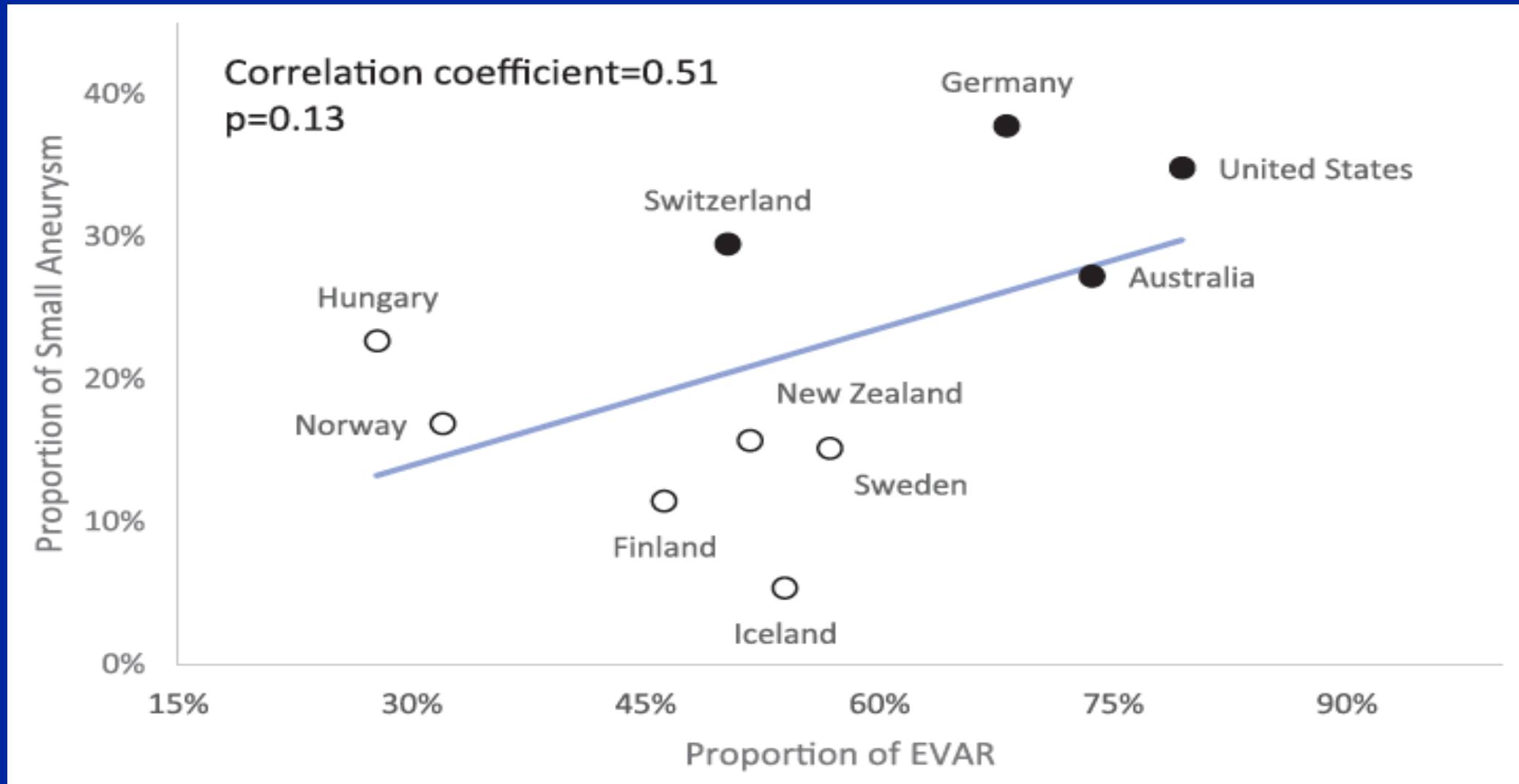
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*The RESCAN. JAMA 2013; 309:806 – JL Duncan BMJ 2012; 344:e2958 > 25 mm LT Risk  
JM Guirguis-Blake et al., Ann Intern Med 2014; 160:321 – Validated Prospectively*

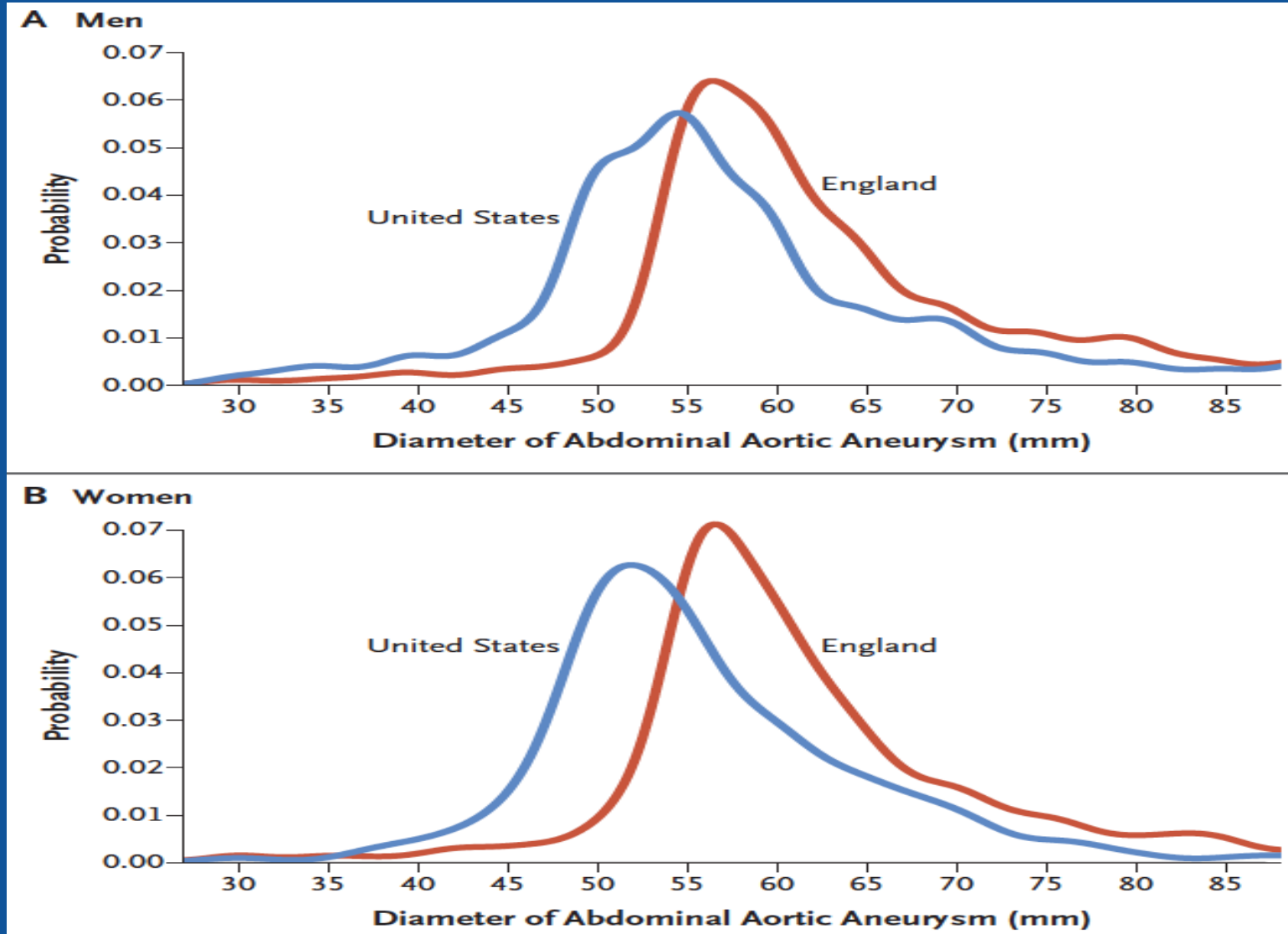
### 3. Annual Risk of Rupture of AAA

Aneurysm Size	1-yr Incidence of Rupture %
<5.5 cm	≤1.0
5.5–5.9 cm	9.4
6.0–6.9 cm	10.2
≥7.0 cm	32.5

# Aneurysm Diameter Related To EVAR And Healthcare Reimbursement Model

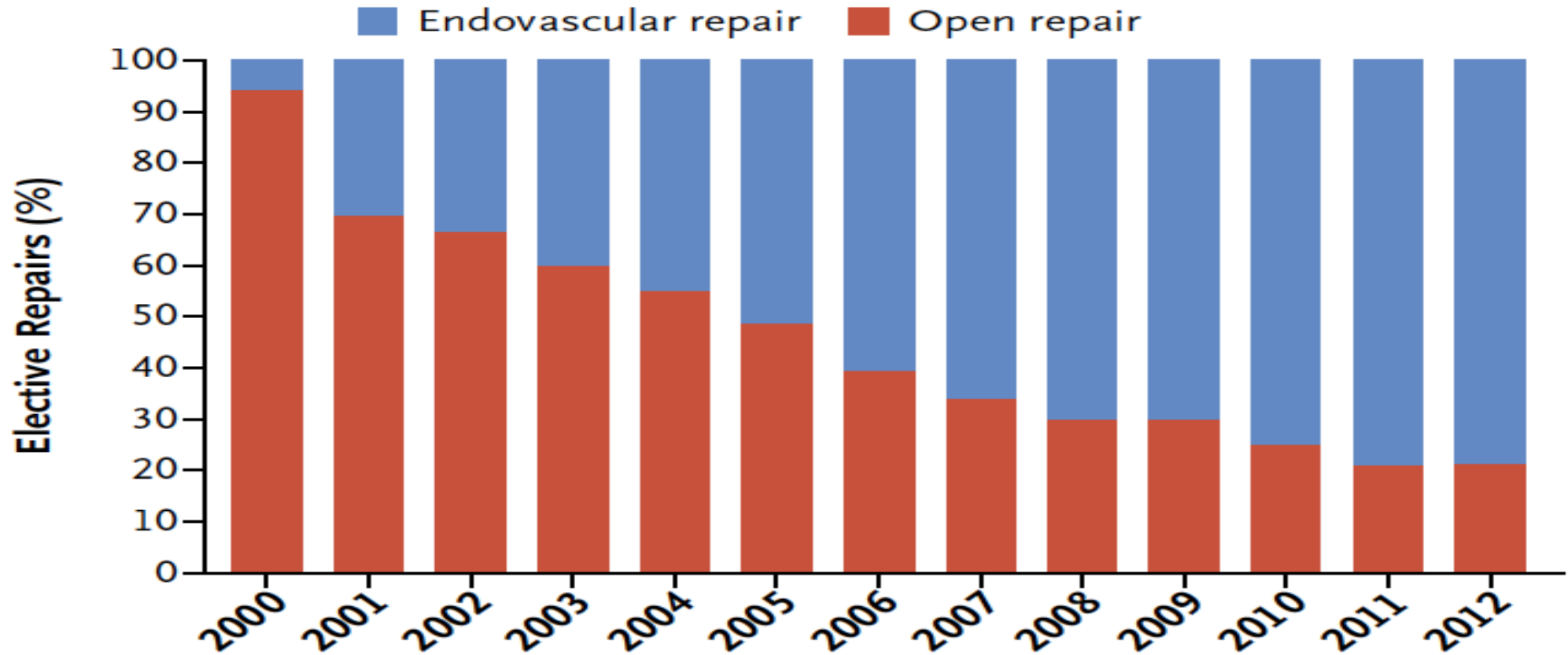


# *Diameter of AAA at the Time of Repair in England in 2014 and in the United States in 2013*



*A Karthikesalingam et. al. N Engl J Med 2016;375:2051 - > Death*

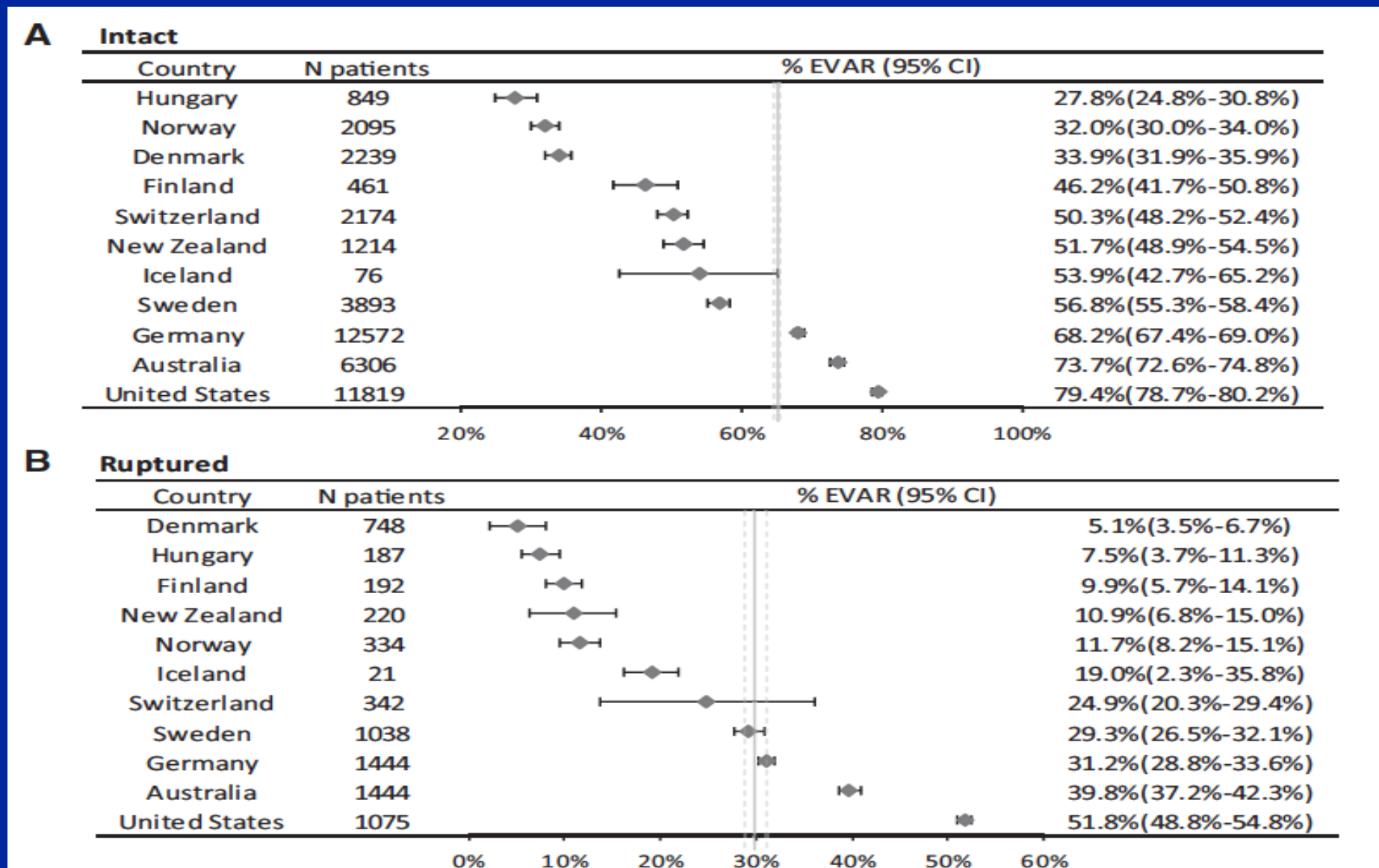
# 4. Annual Proportion of Elective Endovascular & Open Repairs for AAA in the US



## Percent

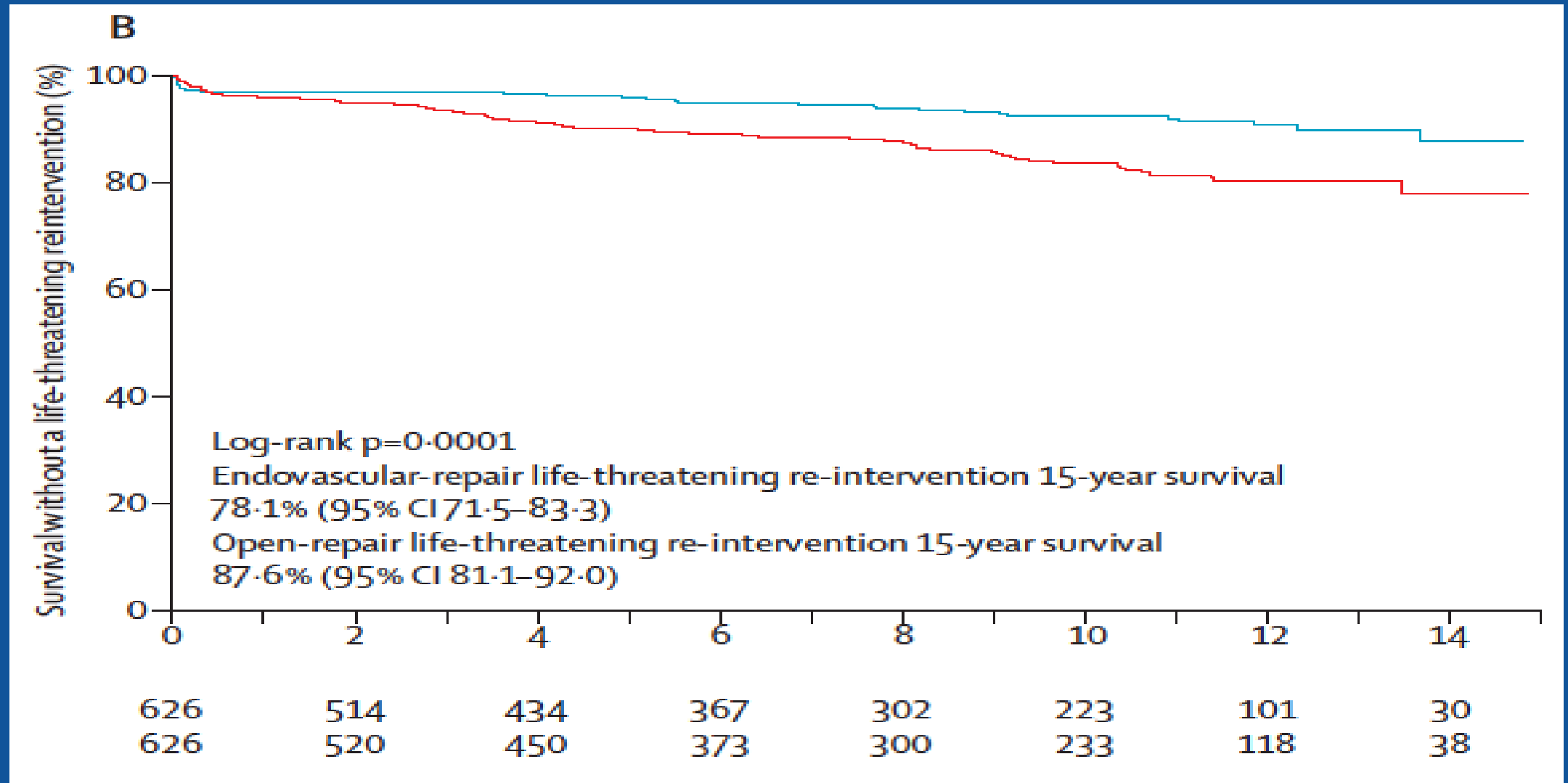
Endovascular repair	5.5	30.2	33.2	39.8	44.8	51.1	60.3	65.9	69.9	70.0	74.8	78.7	78.6
Open repair	94.5	69.8	66.8	60.2	55.2	48.9	39.7	34.1	30.1	30.0	25.2	21.3	21.4

# Pts (%) EVAR For Intact (A) & Ruptured (B) AAA.



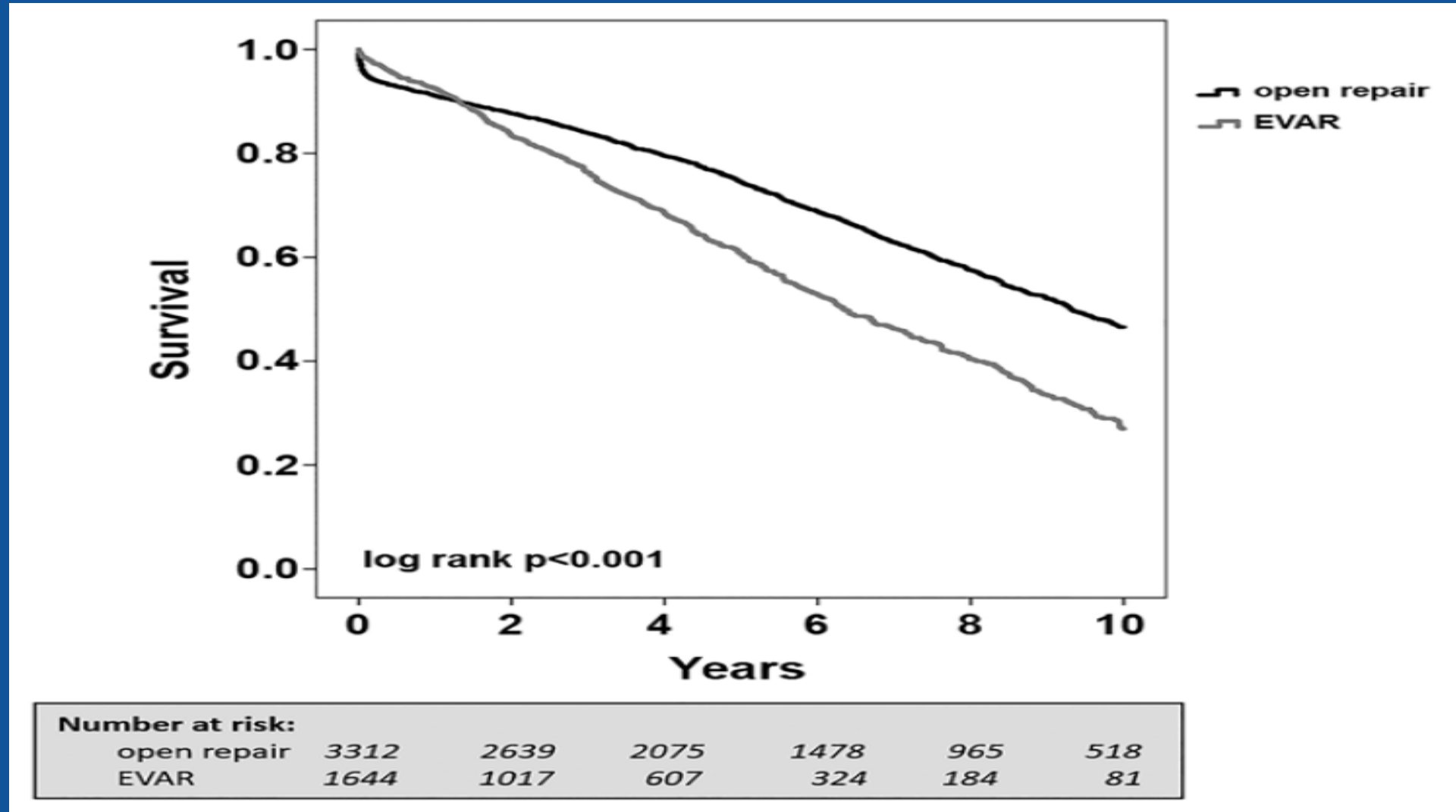


# 4a. Time To First Re-intervention In The EVAR Open Repair Groups During 15 Years (5.5 cm)



**EVAR Trial Investigators (R Patel et. al.) Lancet 2016; 388: 2366 - UK**

## 4b. Open And Endovascular Repair Showing Survival After Intact AAA Repair



# *A Population-Based Study of AAA Treatment in Finland 2000 to 2014*

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**Ruptured AAA incidence for men >65 years has declined by nearly 30% in Finland, likely because of the decrease in AAA prevalence. The treatment results have improved as well for both elective and emergency repair. Increased use of EVAR has resulted in a decrease of mortality after elective AAA repair, but results of open repair have improved as well. However, late mortality from elective EVAR is surprisingly high in comparison with open repair, which may have been exaggerated by patient selection.**

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- *Area & Types (TAA, TAD, AAA, AAR)*
- *Pathogenesis (Marfan's, BHA, AAA)*

*Dysfunctional Structure*

*Hemodynamics*

*Approach to Hemodynamics*

*Approach to Dysfunctional Structure*

- *Interventional (TAA, TAD, AAA, AAR)*

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*TAA: Th.Ao.An. – TAD: Th.Ao.Dis. – AAA: Abd.Ao.An – AAR: Abd,Ao.Rupt.*

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# *Endovascular or Open Repair For Ruptured AAA One-year Outcomes*

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**This pragmatic multicentre (29 UK and 1 Canada) trial randomized 613 patients with a clinical diagnosis of ruptured aneurysm; 316 to an endovascular first strategy and 297 to open repair. The principal 1-year outcome was mortality; secondary outcomes were re-interventions, hospital discharge, health-related quality-of-life (QoL) (EQ-5D), costs. An endovascular first strategy does not offer a survival benefit over 1 year but offers patients faster discharge with better QoL and is cost-effective.**

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# *Diseases of The Aorta 2017*

## *Understanding & Approach*

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*TAA, TAD, AAA, AAR*