



Impact of regionalization of ST elevation myocardial infarction care on treatment times and outcomes for emergency medical services transported patients presenting to hospitals with percutaneous coronary intervention

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- There is significant variability across the United States in the timely reperfusion and mortality of patients with ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI).
- Most of this variation is related to differences in the organization and delivery of emergency cardiovascular care.



Building on the Accelerator-1 Project, we hypothesized that time to reperfusion could be further reduced with the addition of full-time regional coordinators supported by the study and ongoing engagement of national faculty mentorship.

Objective



To increase the rate of timely coronary reperfusion by organizing coordinated STEMI care on a regional basis.

Study Design

Recruitment of 12 Metropolitan Statistical Regions
2015 Q2 – 2016 Q1

Gap Analyses - Strategic Planning - Regional Leadership Meetings
2015 Q2 – 2015 Q3

Regional Education Intervention
2015 Q2 – 2016 Q1
Focus on pre-hospital activation and common regional plans for reperfusion

12 Regions Met Study Requirements
Quarterly data review, ongoing mentorship,
establish and execute protocols

21,160 STEMI Patients with Symptoms <12 Hours
April 2015 – March 2017

**10,730 STEMI Patients Presented by EMS Ambulance
Directly to Primary PCI Hospitals**
April 2015 – March 2017

Goal:
Increase the
% patients
reaching
guideline
goals

STUDY REQUIREMENTS
Regional Leadership
Common Protocols
Hospital participation in ARG
Enter all consecutive STEMI
patients during the study period

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971 EMS Agencies

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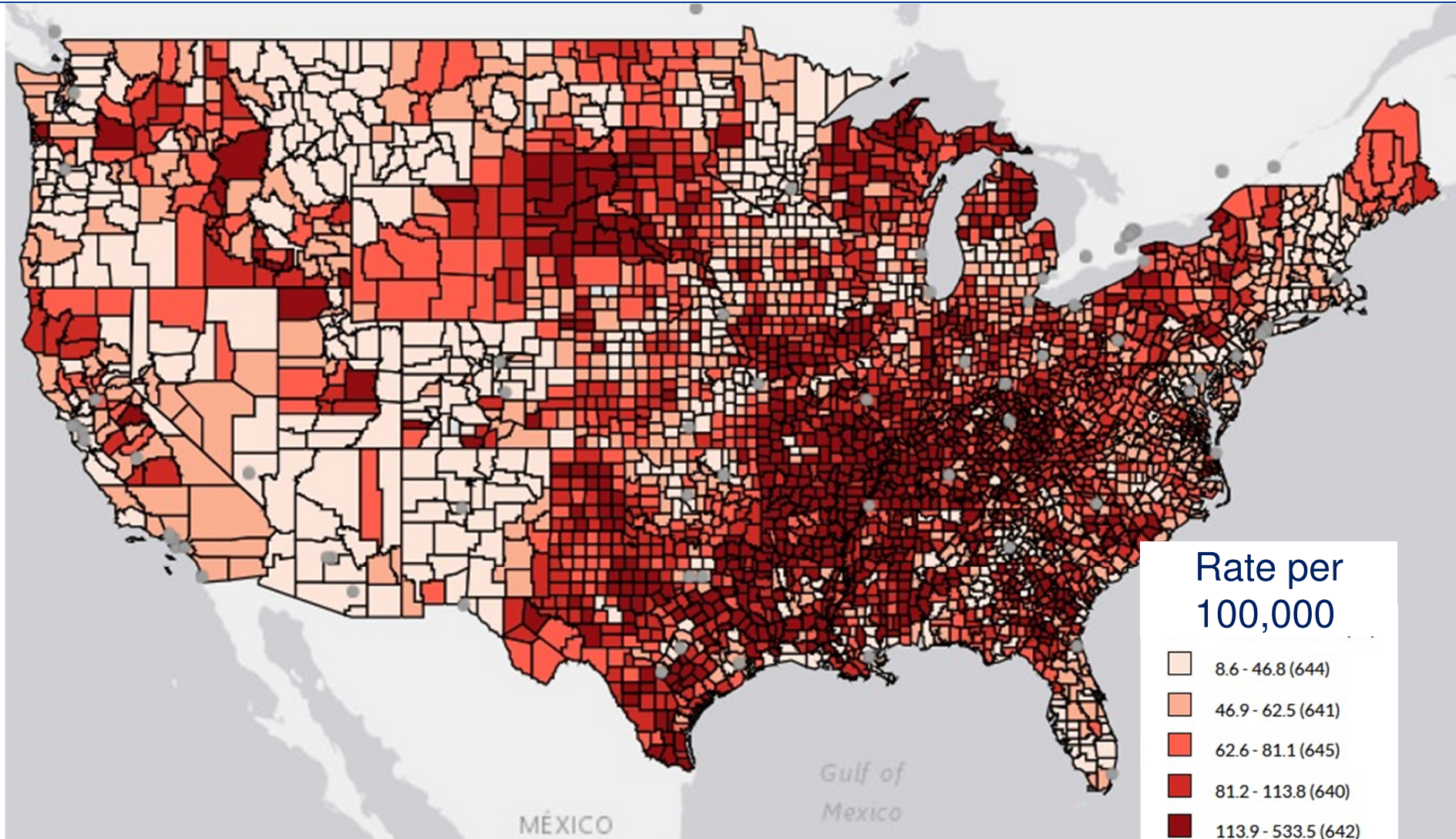
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Acute MI Deaths per 100,000, 35+, 2013–2015



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ACCELERATOR-2 Regions

Acute MI Deaths per 100,000, 35+, 2013–2015

STEMI Accelerator 2



Seattle/Tacoma

Portland

Connecticut

Albany

Colorado

Cincinnati

New York City

Las Vegas

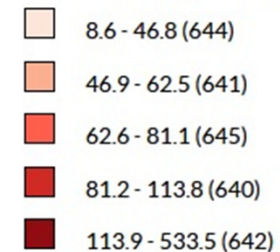
Eastern Kentucky

Tidewater

Little Rock

Houston

Rate per
100,000



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Regional Systems ACCELERATOR
Regional STEMI Systems of Care Implementation of Mission: Lifeline™

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Optimal system specifications by point of care

- EMS
- Non-PCI and PCI ED
- Transfer
- Catheterization lab
- Other system issues—payers, regulations
- Choice of PCI or lytic reperfusion regimens

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Baseline Patient Characteristics by Arrival

2015 Q2 – 2017 Q1 (all study quarters)

	All EMS	Baseline	Final	P baseline vs. final
Number	6,695	974	972	
Age (median)	61	61	61	NS
Female	27%	29%	26%	NS
No insurance	9.6%	9.1%	9.1%	NS

Baseline Patient Characteristics by Arrival

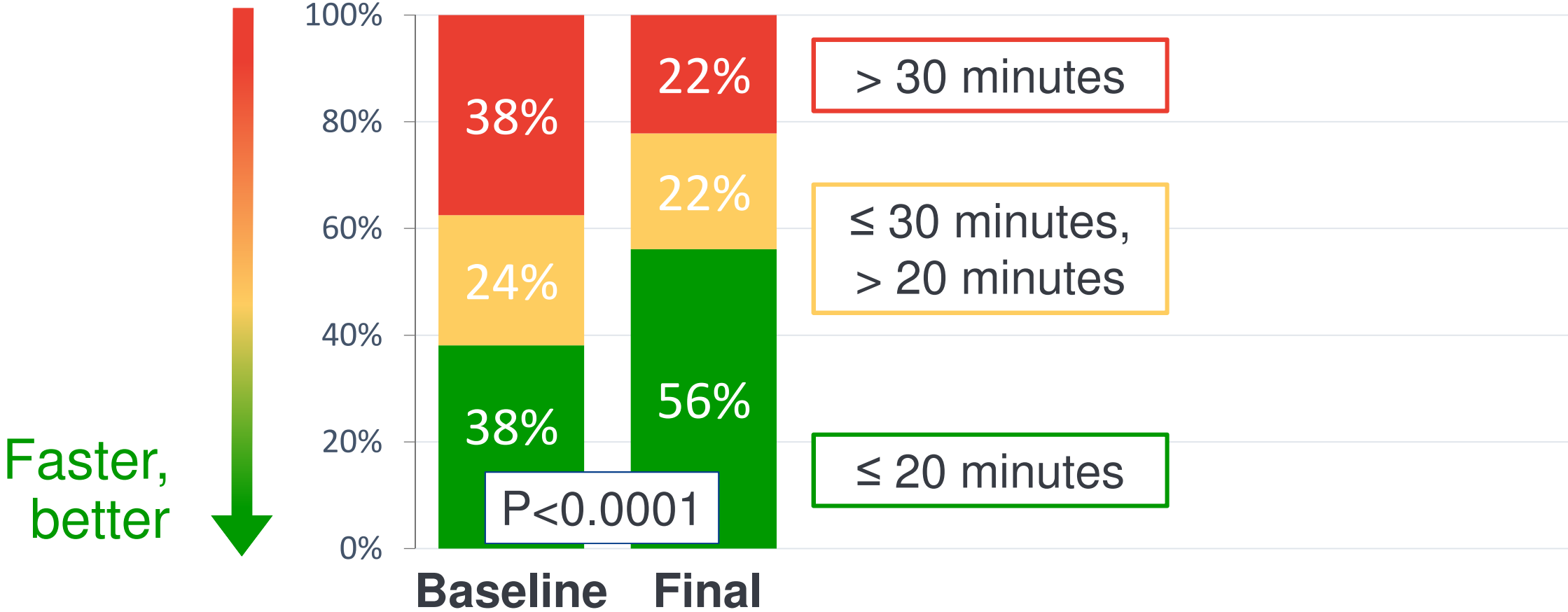
	Baseline	Final	P baseline vs. final
Diabetes	26%	25%	NS
On presentation:			
Cardiac arrest	6%	5%	NS
Shock	6%	6%	NS

Baseline Patient Characteristics by Arrival

	Baseline	Final	P baseline vs. final
Symptom onset to FMC (median min.)	50	50	NS
Systolic BP	139	138	NS
PCI	100%	100%	NS

Treatment Times

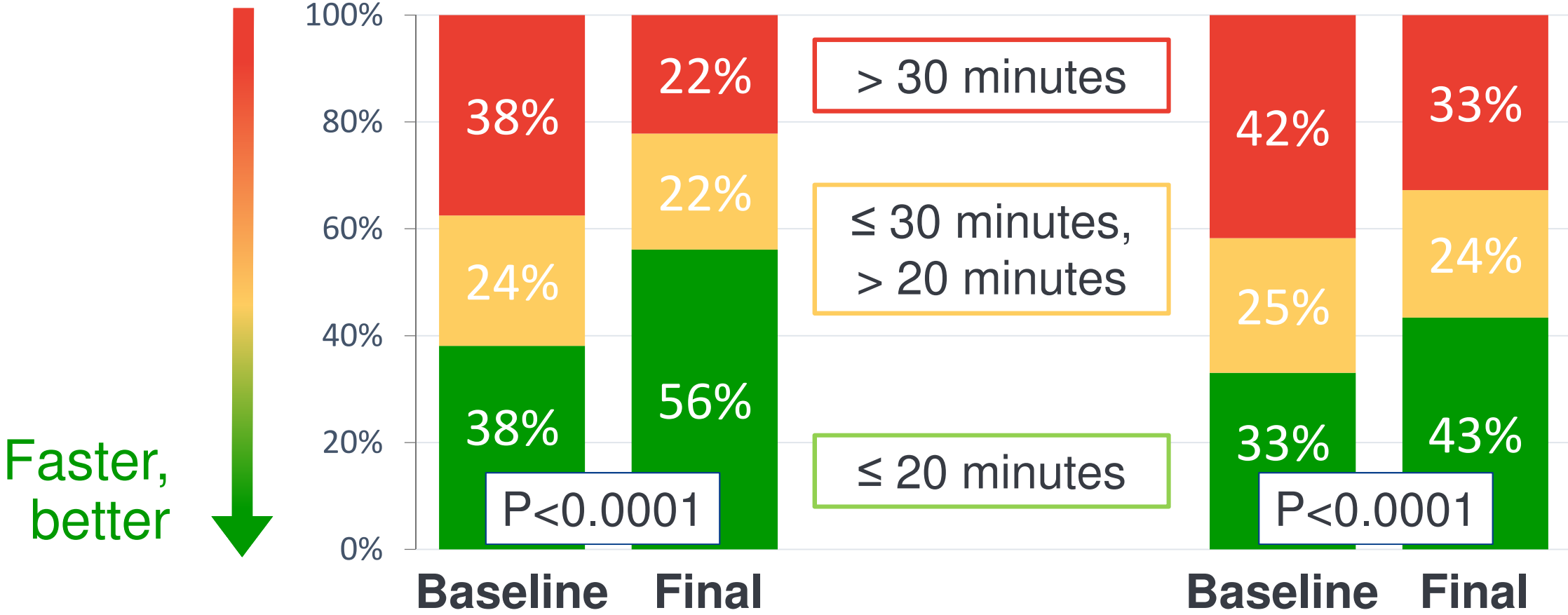
First Medical Contact to Lab Activation



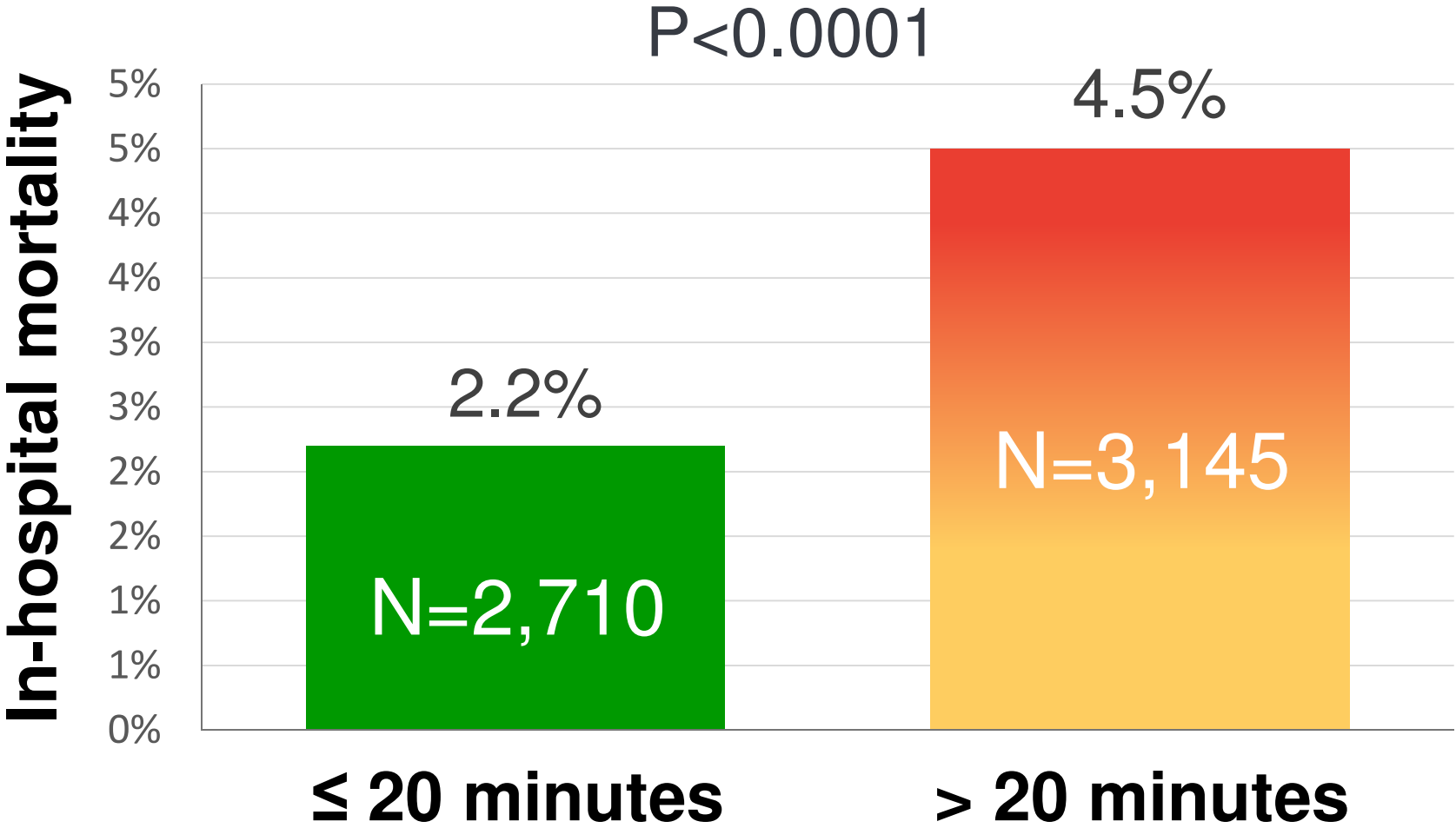
Treatment Times

First Medical Contact to Lab Activation

Emergency Department Dwell Time

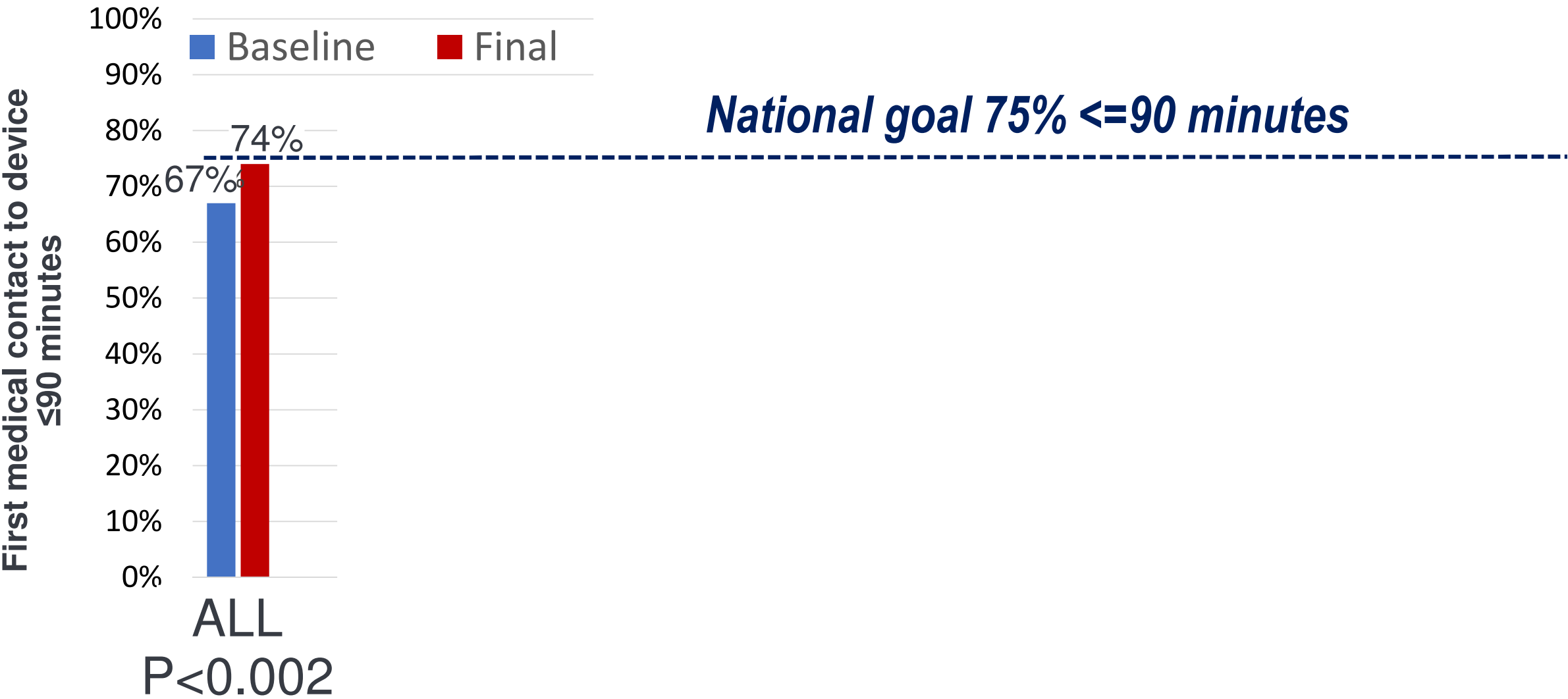


In-hospital Mortality by First Medical Contact to Catheterization Laboratory Activation Time



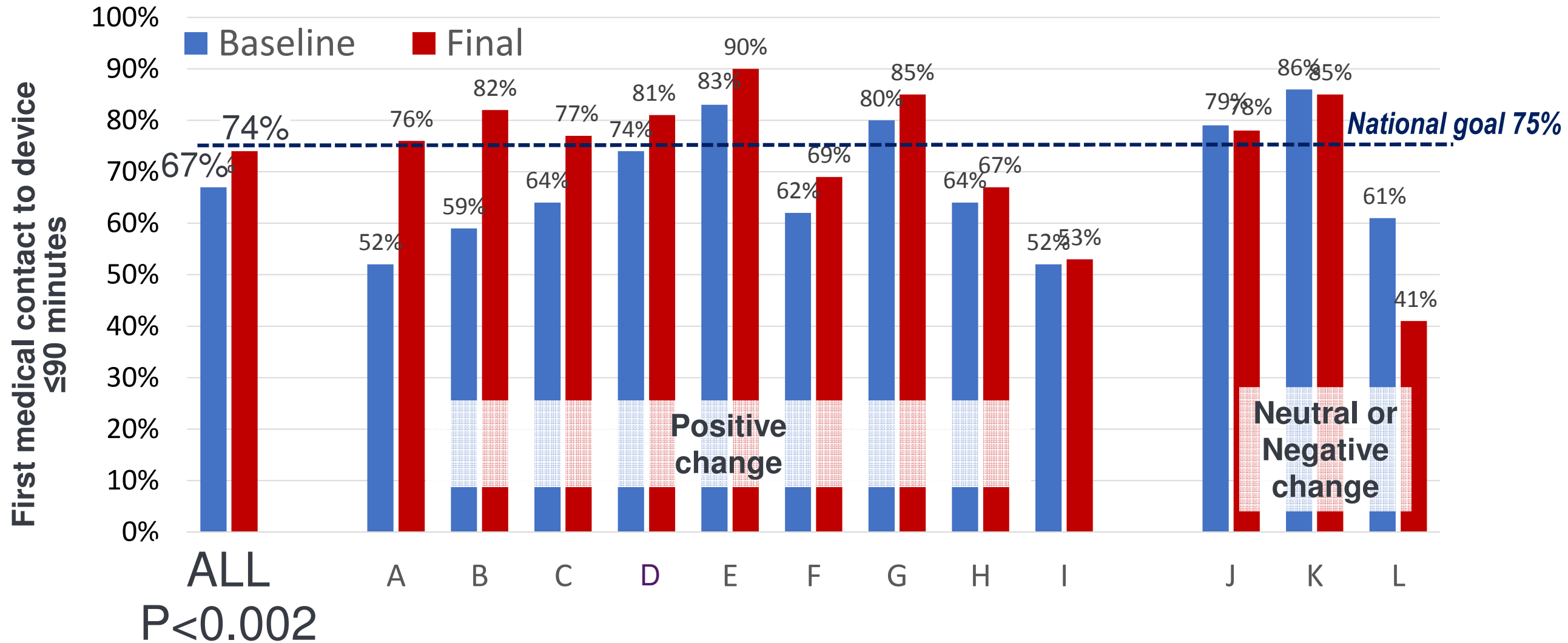
Treatment Times

First medical contact to device ≤ 90 minutes, all regions



Treatment Times

First medical contact to device ≤ 90 minutes by region, baseline and final quarters, sorted by descending order of changes

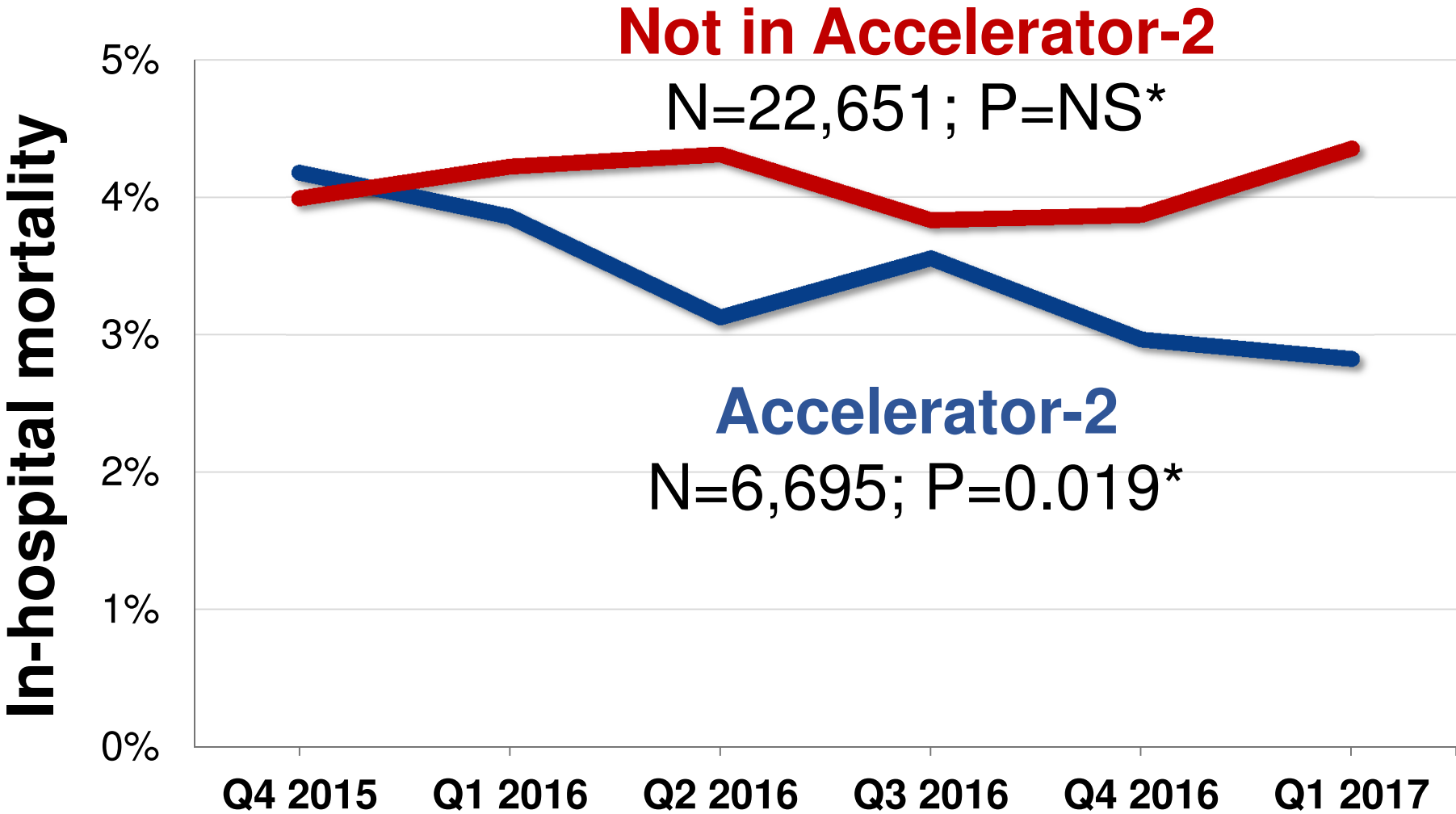


In-hospital outcomes

Baseline vs. Final

	Baseline	Final	P baseline vs. final
Major bleeding	3.4%	4.2%	NS
Stroke	0.8%	0.3%	NS
Cardiogenic shock	7.7%	7.6%	NS
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Congestive heart failure	7.4%	5.0%	0.03
In-hospital death	4.4%	2.3%	0.008

In-hospital Mortality



Not in Accelerator-2

N=22,651; P=NS*

Accelerator-2

N=6,695; P=0.019*

*Adjusted P-value for trend

Mission: Lifeline Participating U.S. Hospitals

Conclusions



Organization of care among EMS and hospitals in 12 regions was associated with statistically and clinically significant reductions in time to reperfusion in patients with STEMI.

Conclusions



The relative success of this intervention compared to prior work is likely related to ongoing support by neutral mentors and full time regional coordinators.

Conclusions



This enhanced organization corresponded with statistically significant reductions in morbidity and mortality among patients with STEMI,

and the reduction in mortality was independent of temporal trends among other hospitals participating in Mission: Lifeline during the same time period.

Conclusions



The relatively modest improvements in treatment time compared to marked declines in mortality suggests that other factors related to regional organization contributed to better outcomes.

Conclusions



This generalizable model of emergency cardiovascular care including regional protocols, measurement and feedback in a single common national registry, and ongoing support by regional coordinators has the potential to optimize treatment and outcomes of STEMI patients if broadly applied.