

# *The Relentless Journey of TAVR to Lower-Risk Patients: Are We There Yet?*

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# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **Global Demographics and Economics**
- **The Low-Risk Journey**
- **Proposing New Guidelines**
- **The Durability Controversy**
- **Mission Central = Next Steps to Further Enhance TAVR Value**

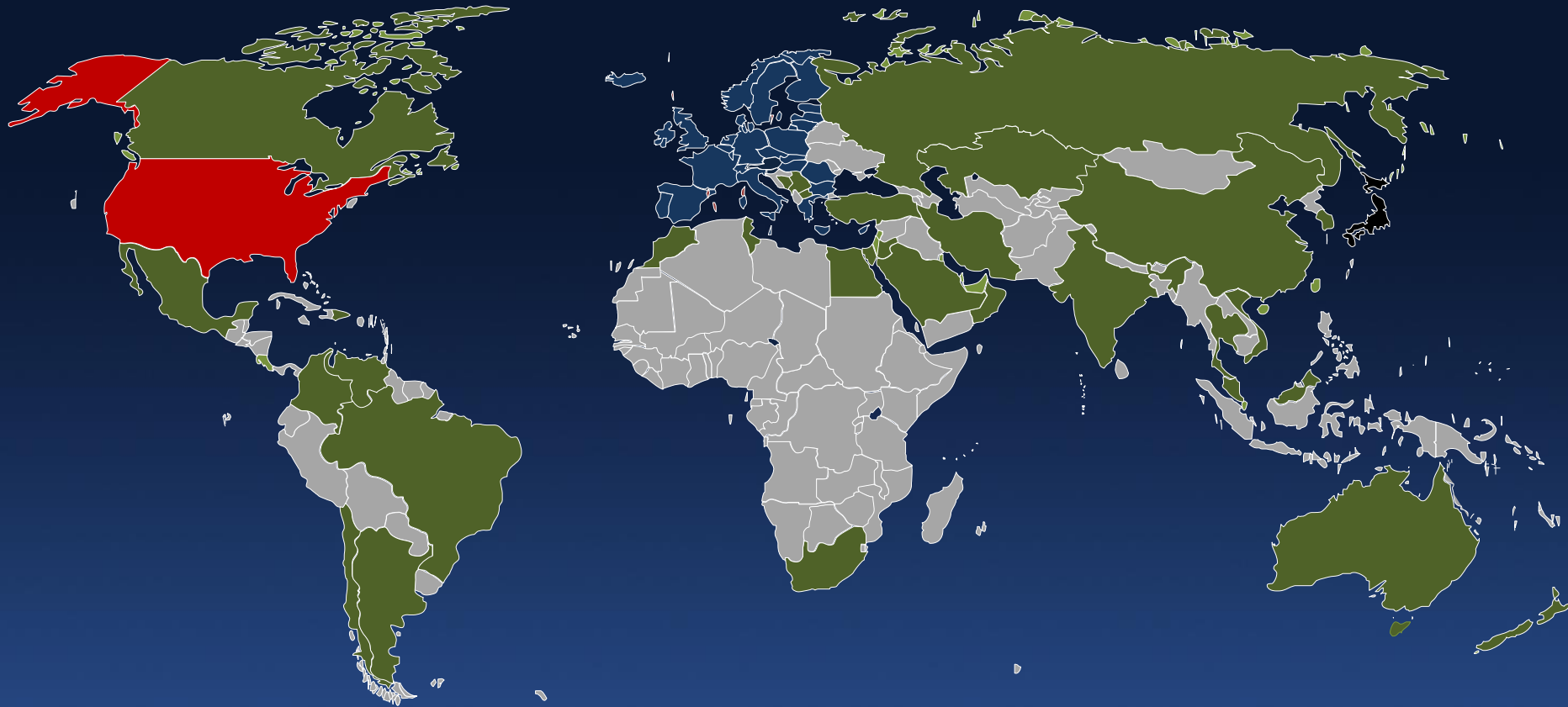
# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **Global Demographics and Economics**

*Over the next decade 4X growth in TAVR procedures predicted, associated with...*

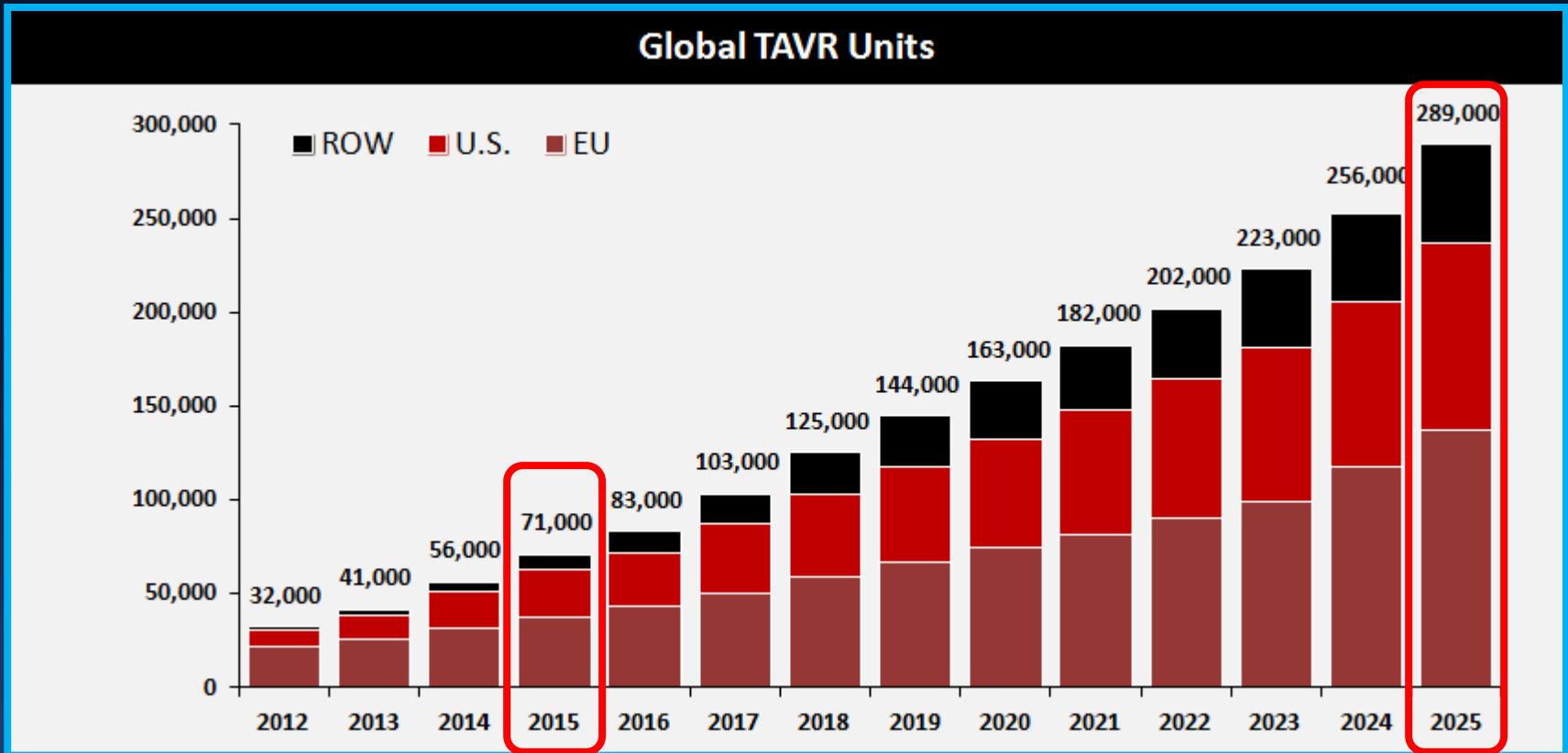
- faster growth in the US, Japan, and ROW
- marked regional growth heterogeneity due to differing reimbursement patterns
- stabilization of trained operator sites
- continued under-diagnosis and under-treatment of AS

# TAVR is Available in More Than 65 Countries Around the World



>250,000 total implants to date

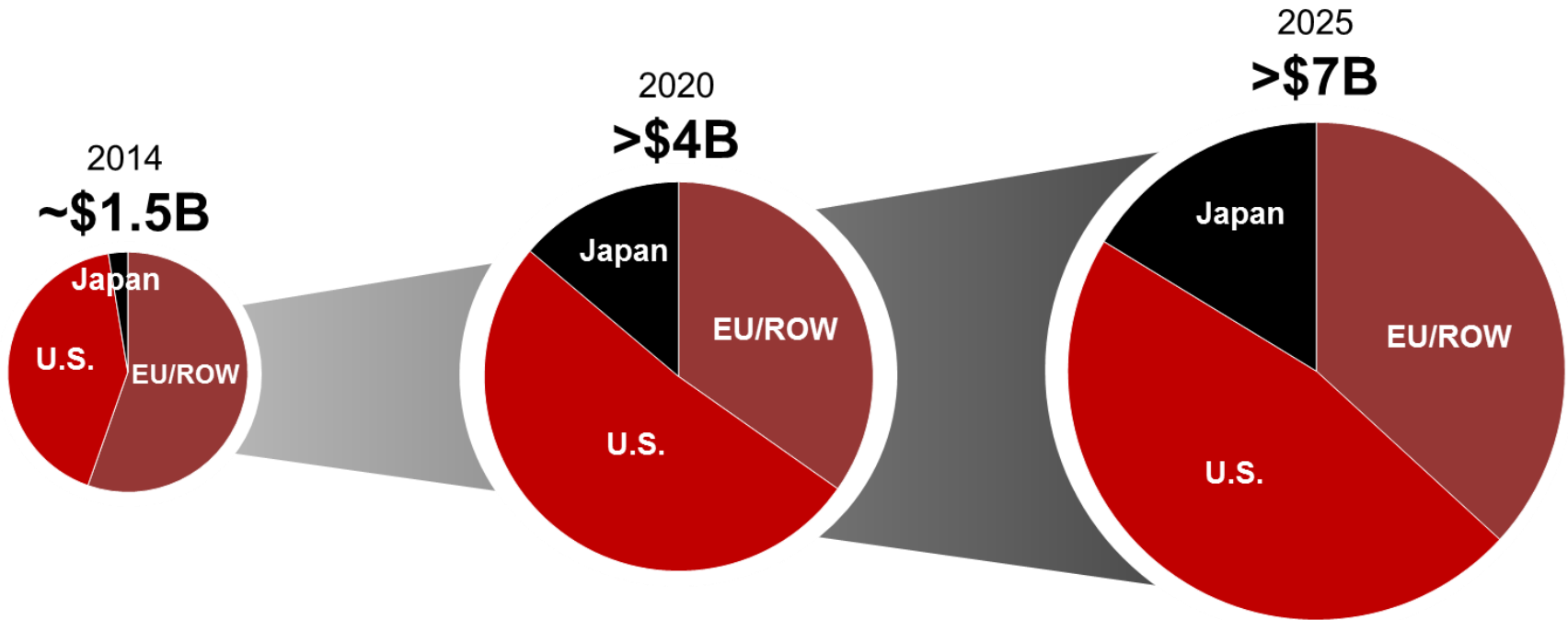
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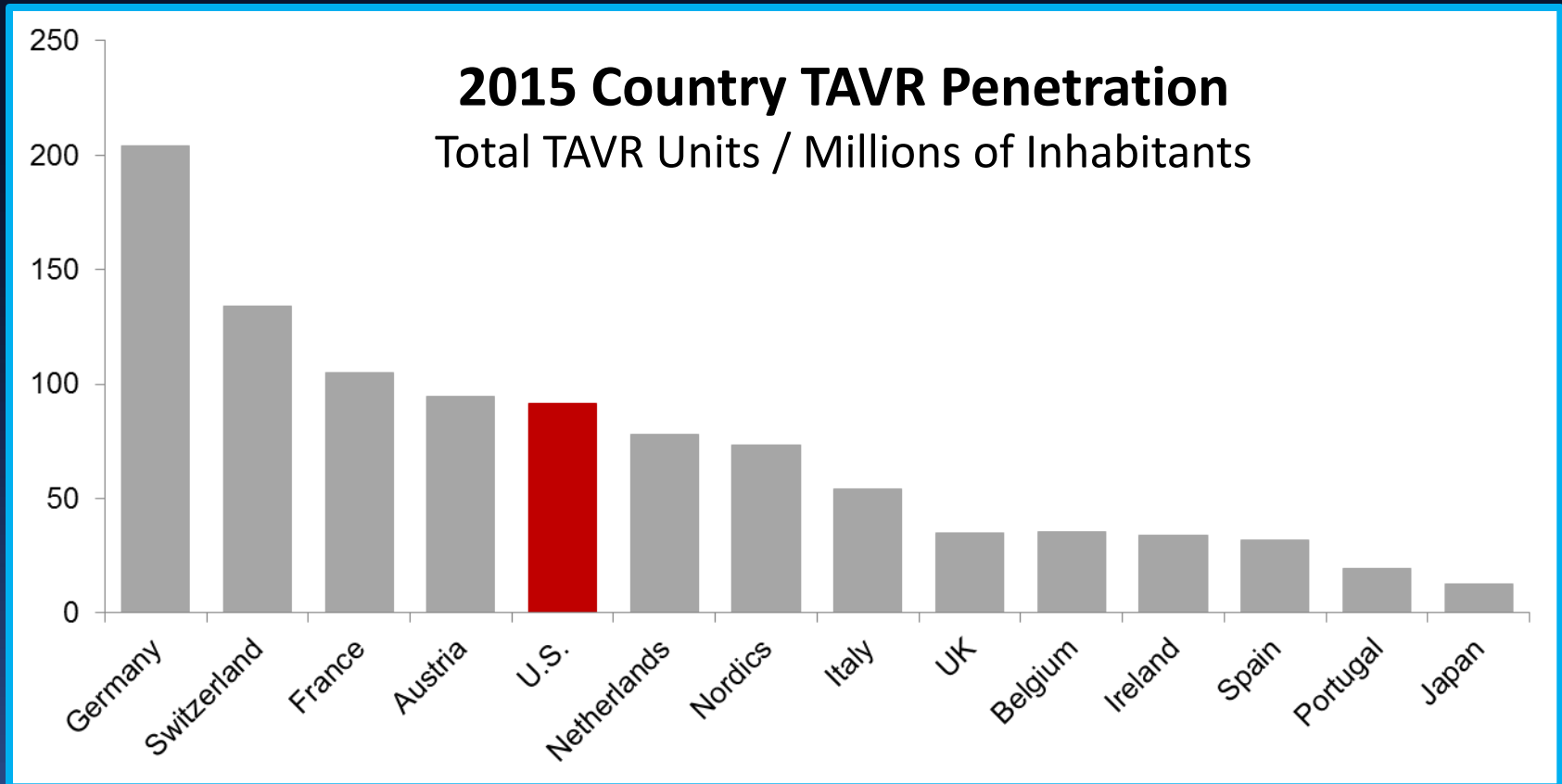
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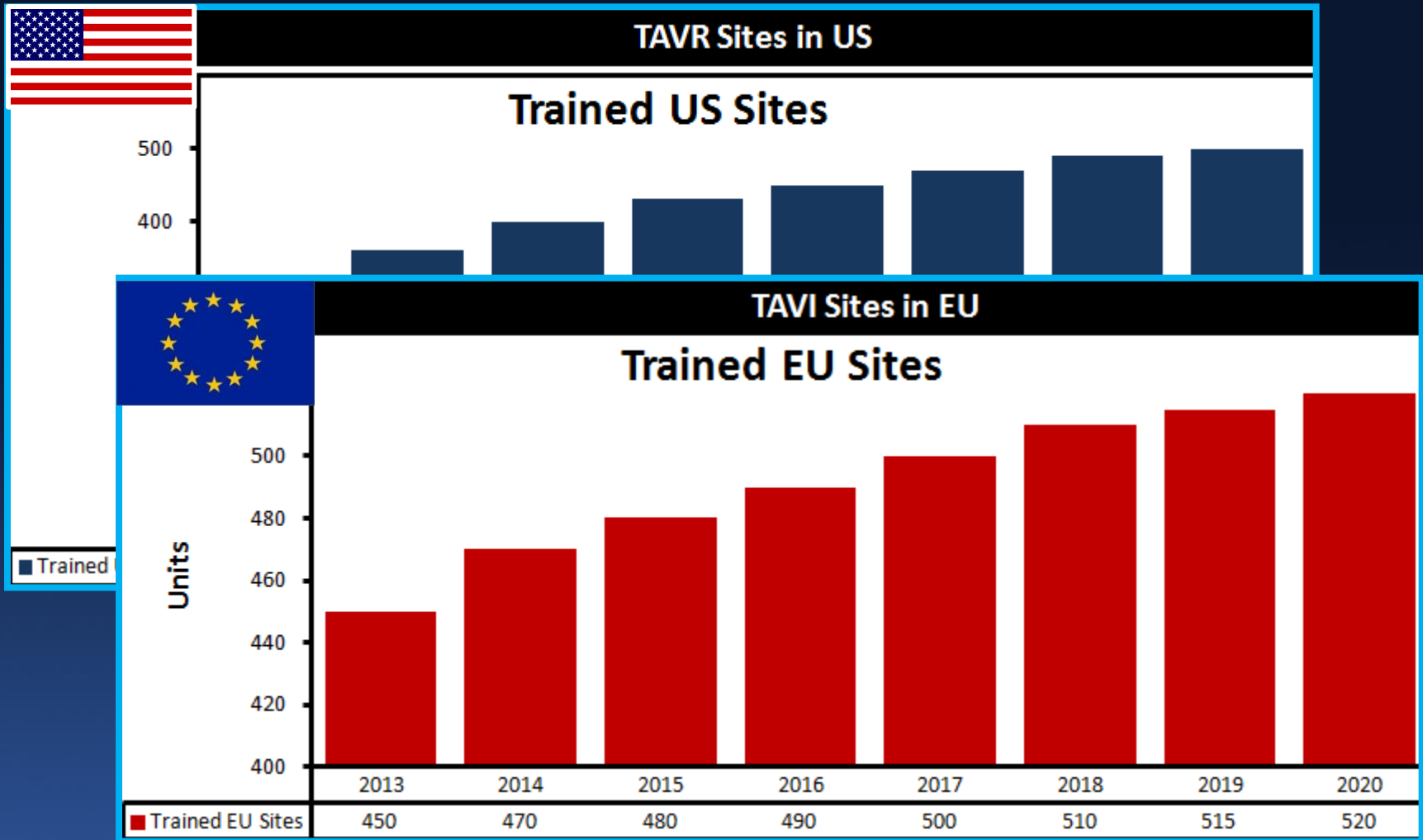
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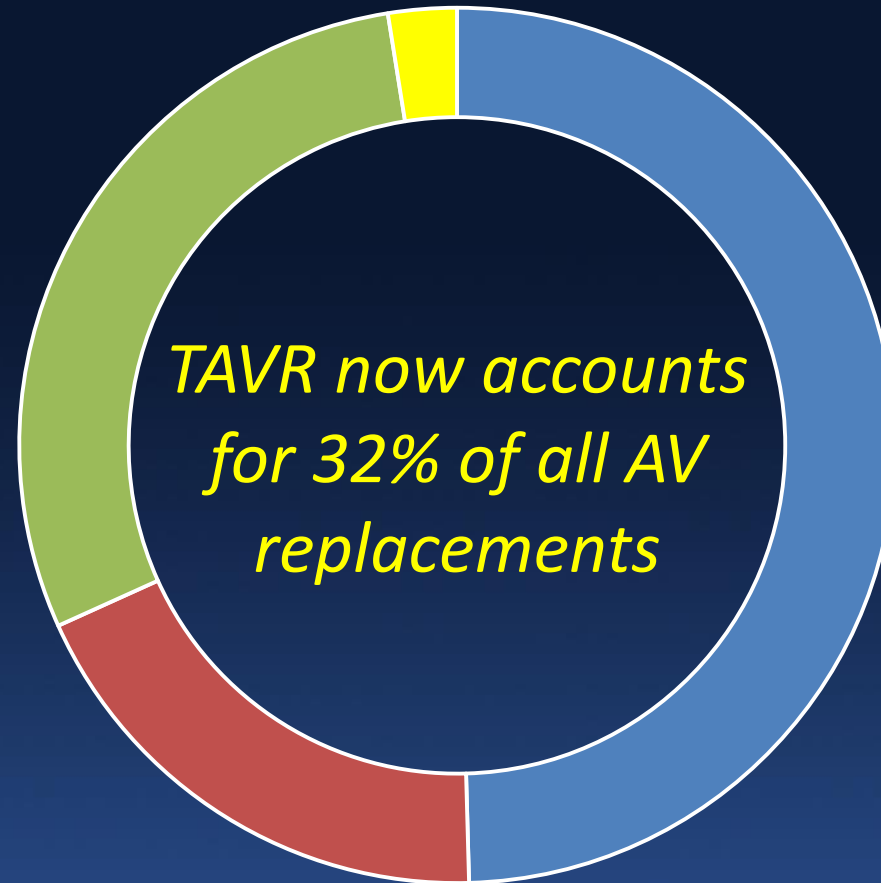
SOURCE: Eurostat, U.S. Census Bureau, Industry estimates



# Estimated US and EU TAVR Sites



# Medicare AV Cases in 2015



□ SAVR Tissue   □ SAVR Mech   □ TF TAVR   □ TA TAVR

SOURCE: FY2015 MedPAR, all cases on file regardless of IPPS status

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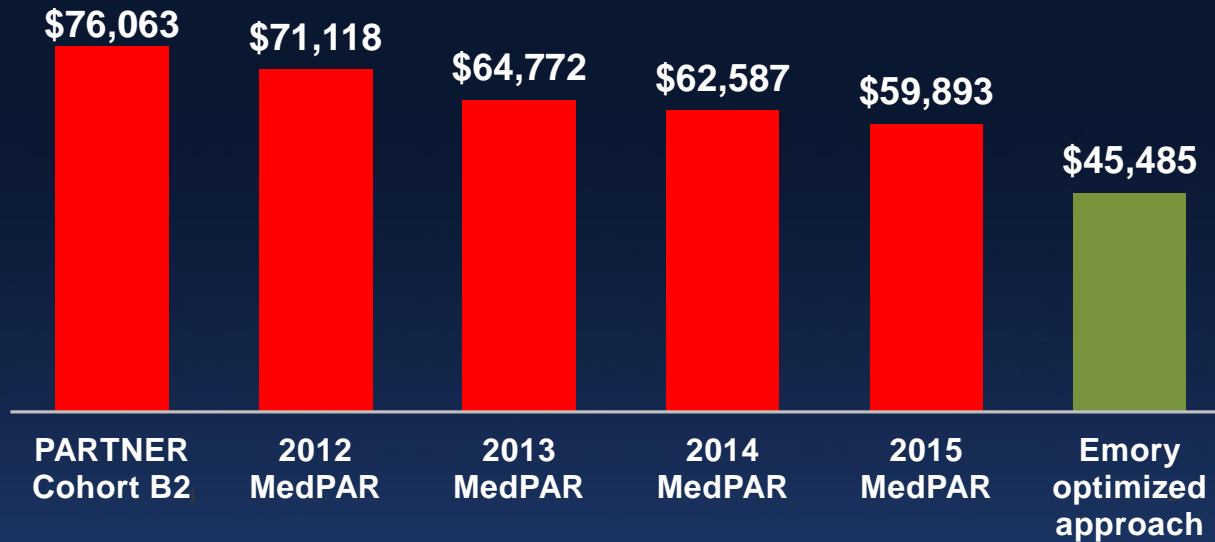
- **Global Demographics and Economics**

*Economic concerns due to high procedure costs have influenced TAVR growth and utilization cw surgery. Improved efficiencies of clinical care pathways after TAVR have reduced the differences and narrowed the gap.*

# Procedural efficiencies are reducing TAVR costs in the US



## Total index hospitalization cost\* (TF TAVR)



## Length of stay (TF TAVR)



\*Index hospitalization cost adjusted to reflect commercial device price

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# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **The Low-Risk Journey**

*The relentless evolution of TAVR clinical growth has been driven by:*

- the multi-disciplinary heart team
- commitment to evidence-based medicine
- rapid technology enhancement
- simplification of the procedure
- striking reduction in complications

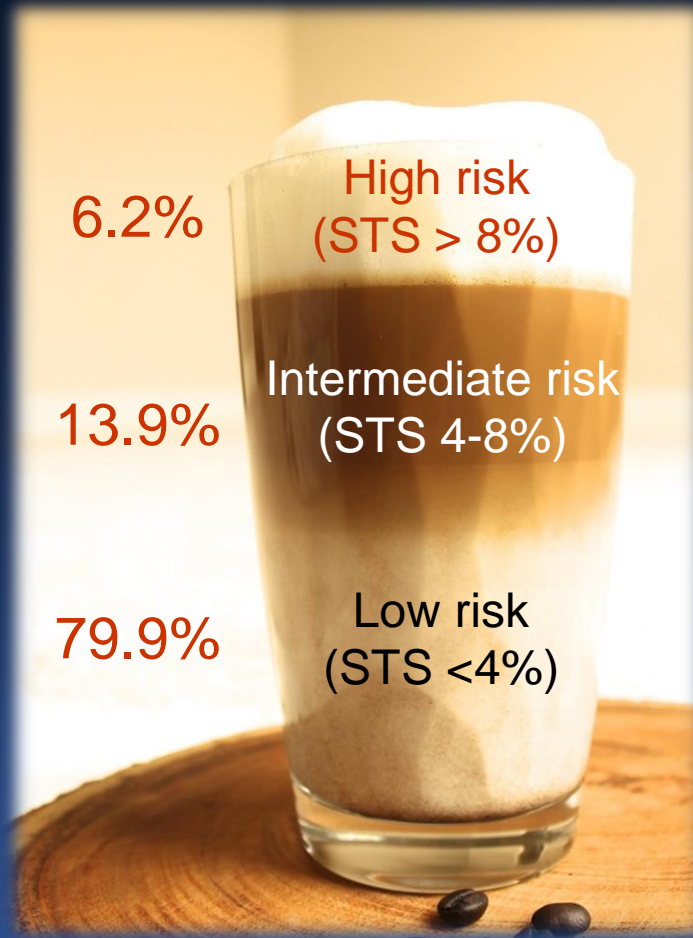
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*My Favorite Drink = Double-shot Mocha Latte*



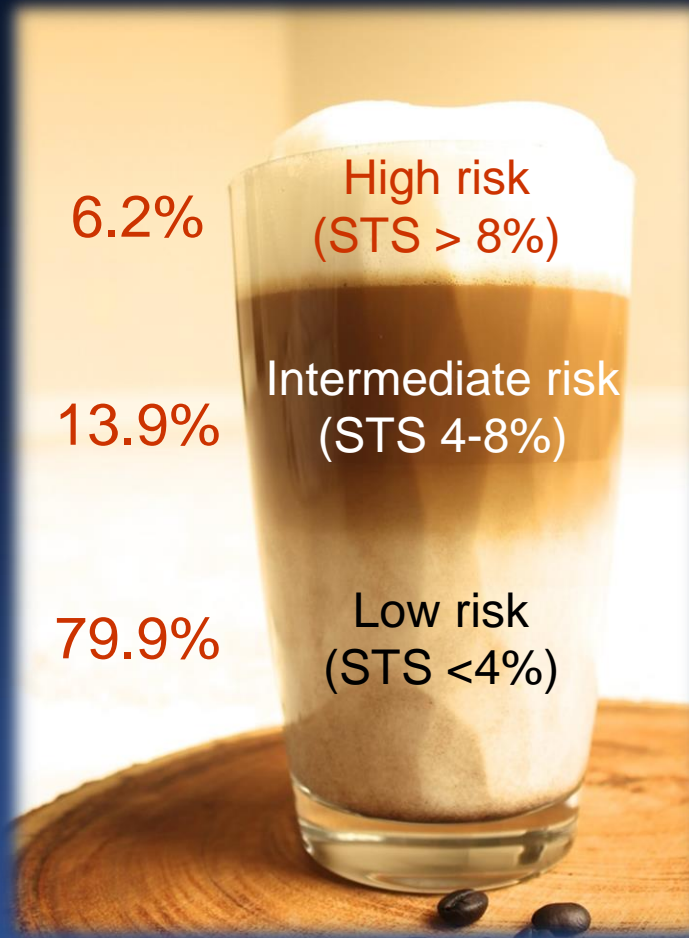
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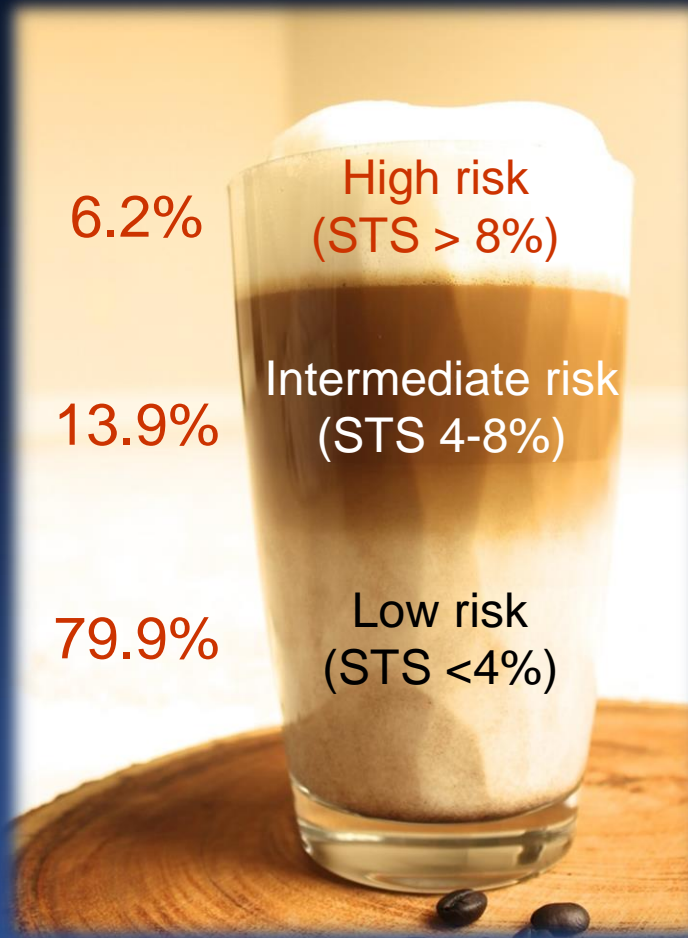


Since 2007, in the U.S.,  
>15,000 patients  
have been enrolled  
in FDA studies  
(including 6 RCTs) with  
multiple generations of  
two TAVR systems!



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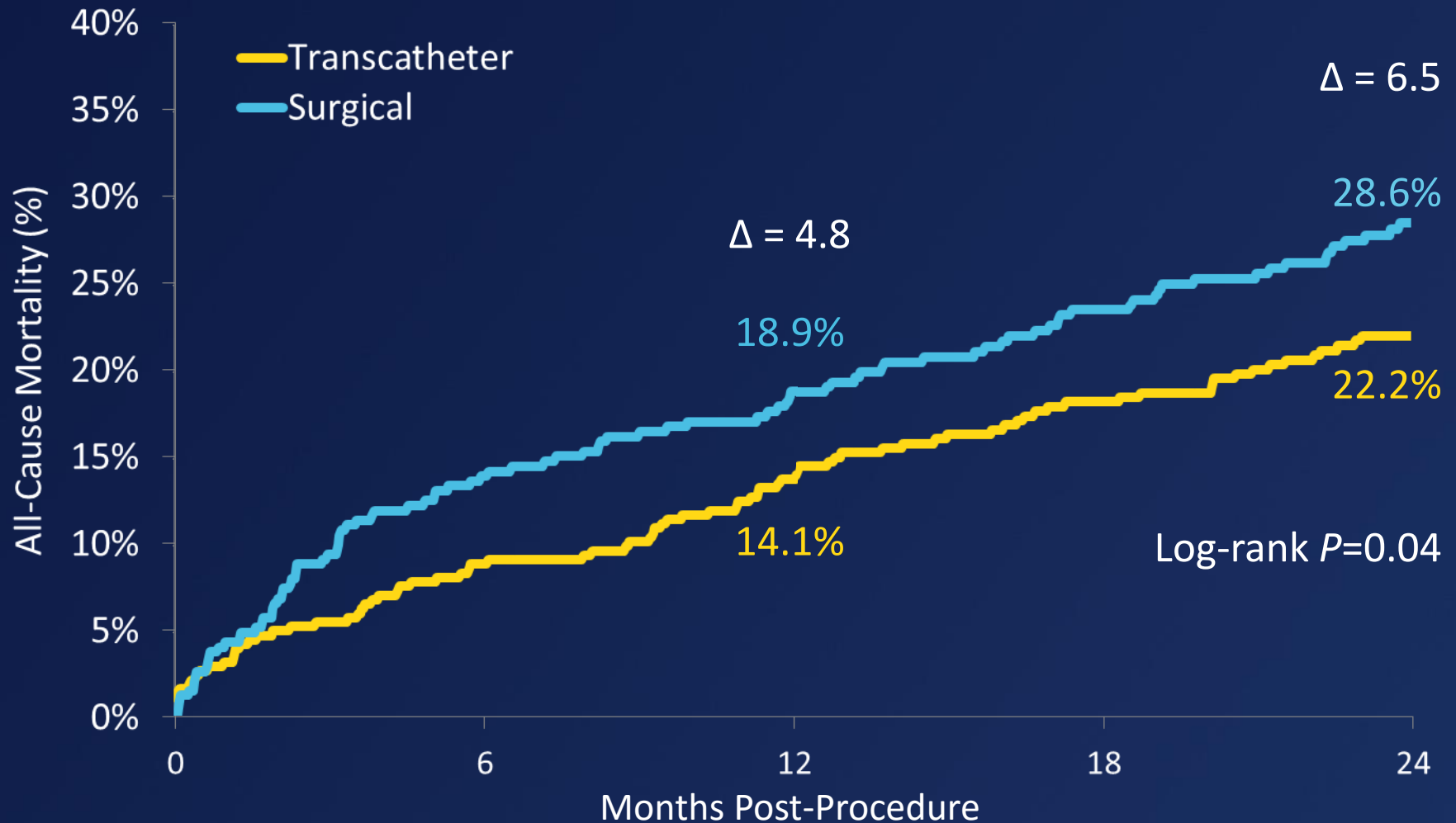
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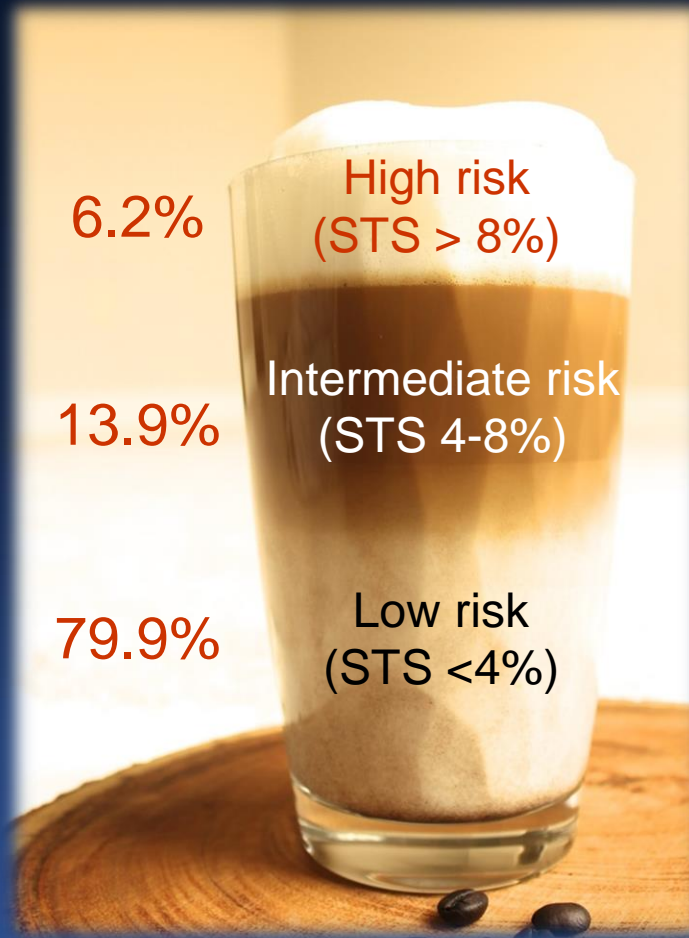
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# All-Cause Mortality



# The Low-Risk Journey

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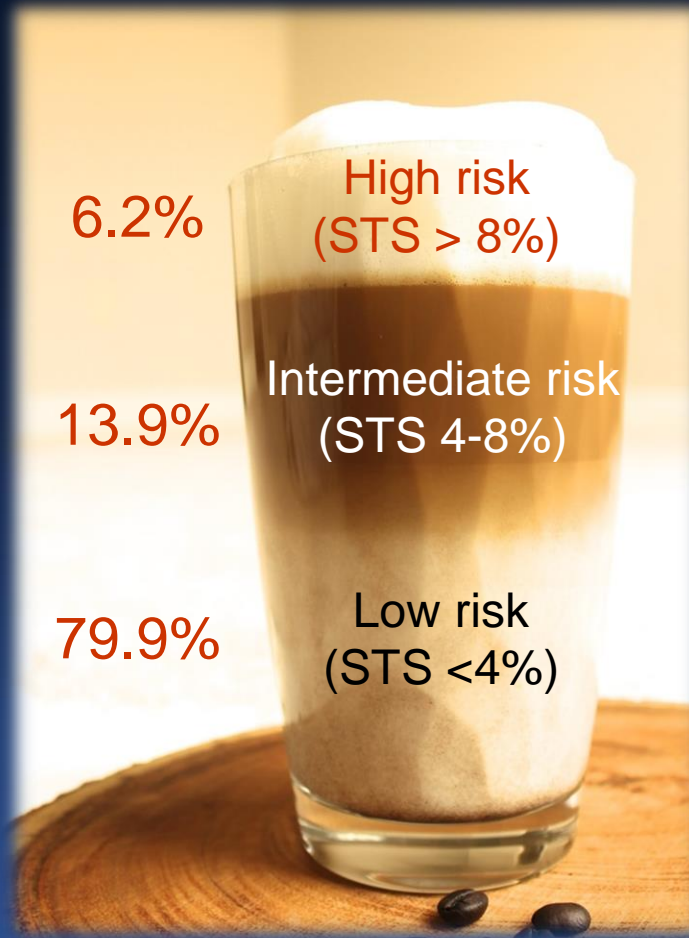


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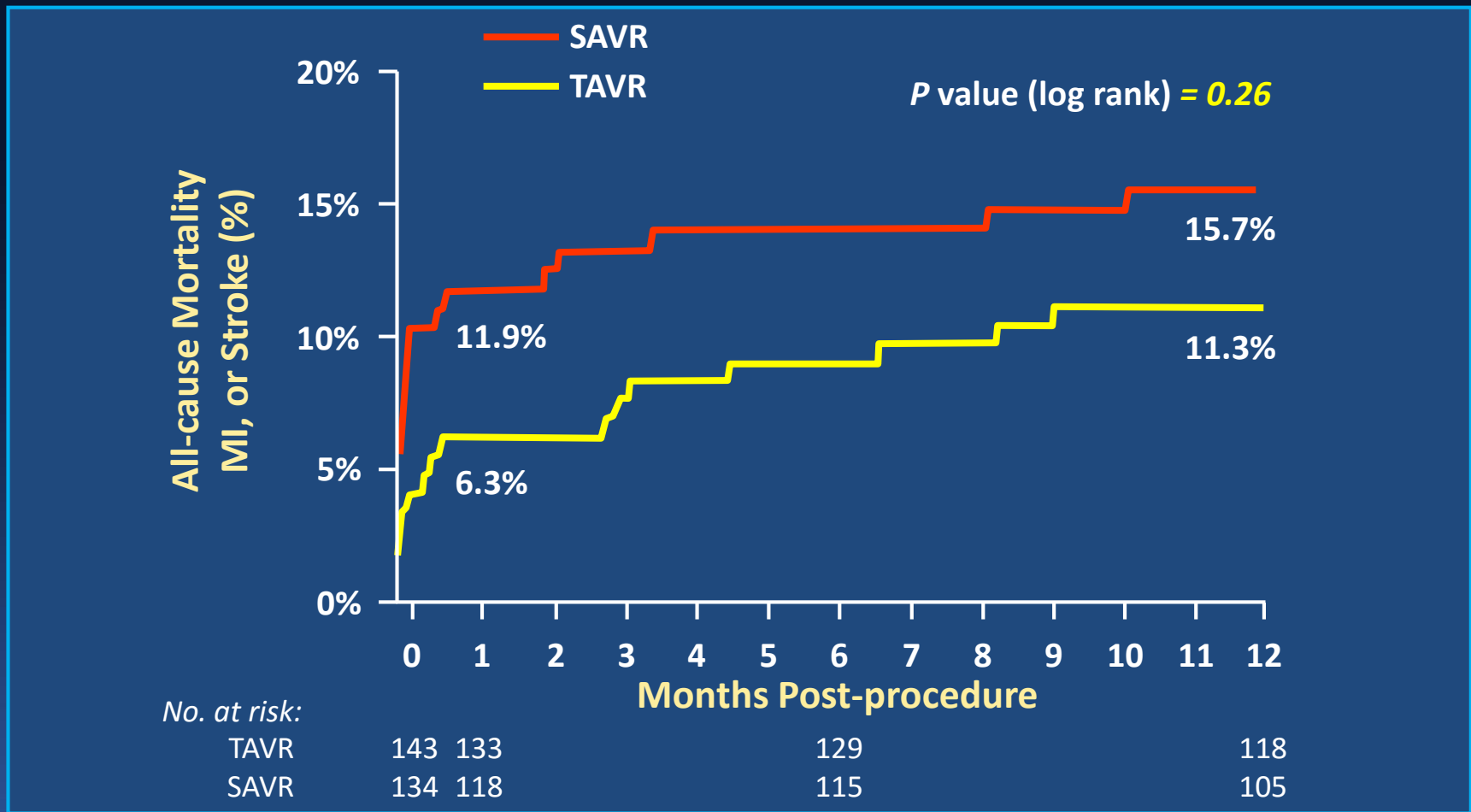
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# **NOTION:** Death (all-cause), Stroke or MI at 1 Year (as-treated)





# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **The Low-Risk Journey**

*Risk stratification for TAVR, especially based upon surgical risk scores, is imprecise, heavily biased, and mainly served a regulatory purpose to control clinical expansion of TAVR and to encourage a disciplined commitment to evidence-based risk-cohort studies!*

# ACC/AHA 2014 Risk Assessment (with MHT\*)

Combining STS Risk Estimate, Frailty, Major Organ System Dysfunction, and Procedure-Specific Impediments

	Low Risk (ALL criteria)	Intermediate Risk (any 1)	High Risk (any 1 criteria)	Prohibitive Risk (any 1 criteria)
<b>STS PROM*</b>	<4% <b>AND</b>	4% to 8% <b>OR</b>	>8% <b>OR</b>	Predicted risk with surgery of death or major morbidity (all-cause) >50% at 1 y <b>OR</b>
<b>Frailty</b>	<b>None</b> <b>AND</b>	1 index (mild) <b>OR</b>	2 or more indices (moderate-severe) <b>OR</b>	<b>OR</b>
<b>Major organ system compromise not to be improved postop</b>	None <b>AND</b>	1 organ system <b>OR</b>	No more than 2 organ systems <b>OR</b>	3 or more organ systems <b>OR</b>
<b>Procedure-specific impediment</b>	None	Possible procedure-specific impediment	Possible procedure-specific impediment	Severe procedure-specific impediment

*\* Multi-disciplinary Heart Team*

# The Low-Risk Journey

## *Imagery of TAVR Risk Strata*

AS Patient Population Requiring Treatment



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# TAVR Risk Model from TVT Registry

## Original Investigation

### Development and Validation of a Risk Prediction Model for In-Hospital Mortality After Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

Fred H. Edwards, MD; David J. Cohen, MD; Sean M. O'Brien, PhD; Eric D. Peterson, MD, MPH; Michael J. Mack, MD; David M. Shahian, MD; Frederick L. Grover, MD; E. Murat Tuzcu, MD; Vinod H. Thourani, MD; John Carroll, MD; J. Matthew Brennan, MD, MPH; Ralph G. Brindis, MD, MPH; John Rumsfeld, MD, PhD; David R. Holmes Jr, MD; for the Steering Committee of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons/American College of Cardiology Transcatheter Valve Therapy Registry

- Development sample = 13,718 consecutive U.S. patients from 265 centers in the STS/ACC TVT registry undergoing TAVR from Nov 1, 2011 to Feb 28, 2014. Validation cohort 6,868 consecutive patients from March 1 to Oct 8, 2014
  - Covariates selected based on expert opinion and statistical analysis; relationship between in-hospital mortality and baseline covariates estimated by logistic regression; final predictors selected via stepwise variable selection
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# TAVR Risk Model from TVT Registry

## *Model Coefficients*

Covariate	Coefficient	OR (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>
Age per 5-y increments	0.12185	1.13 (1.06-1.20)
Glomerular filtration rate per 5-U increments	-0.06933	0.93 (0.91-0.95)
Dialysis vs no dialysis	1.17932	3.25 (2.42-4.37)
NYHA class IV	0.22304	1.25 (1.03-1.52)
Severe chronic lung disease	0.51084	1.67 (1.35-2.05)
Nonfemoral access site	0.67347	1.96 (1.65-2.33)
Acuity category <sup>b</sup>		
2	0.45070	1.57 (1.20-2.05)
3	0.99269	2.70 (2.05-3.55)
4	1.20737	3.34 (1.59-7.02)

- Development sample: mean age 82.1 yrs, 51.1% women and in-hospital mortality = 5.3%
- C statistic for discrimination = 0.67 (95% CI 0.65-0.69)

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# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **The Low-Risk Journey**

*Realization of TAVR (society guidelines and reimbursement) for essentially ALL patients (including low-risk) with AS requiring treatment, will still require...*

- completion of the low-risk RCTs
- meaningful TAVR risk scores
- management of valve durability issues



# The PARTNER 3 Trial Study Design



Symptomatic Severe Calcific Aortic Stenosis

Low Risk ASSESSMENT by Heart Team  
(STS < 4%, TF only)

1:1 Randomization  
(n=1228)

TF - TAVR  
(SAPIEN 3)

Surgery  
(Bioprosthetic Valve)

CT Imaging Sub-Study (n=200)

CT Imaging Sub-Study (n=200)

Actigraphy/QoL Sub-Study (n=100)

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**PRIMARY ENDPOINT:**  
Composite of all-cause mortality, all strokes,  
or re-hospitalization at 1 year post-procedure

Follow-up: 30 days, 6 mos, 1 year and annually through 10 years

PARTNER 3  
Registries

Alternative Access  
(n=100)  
(TA/TAo/Subclavian)

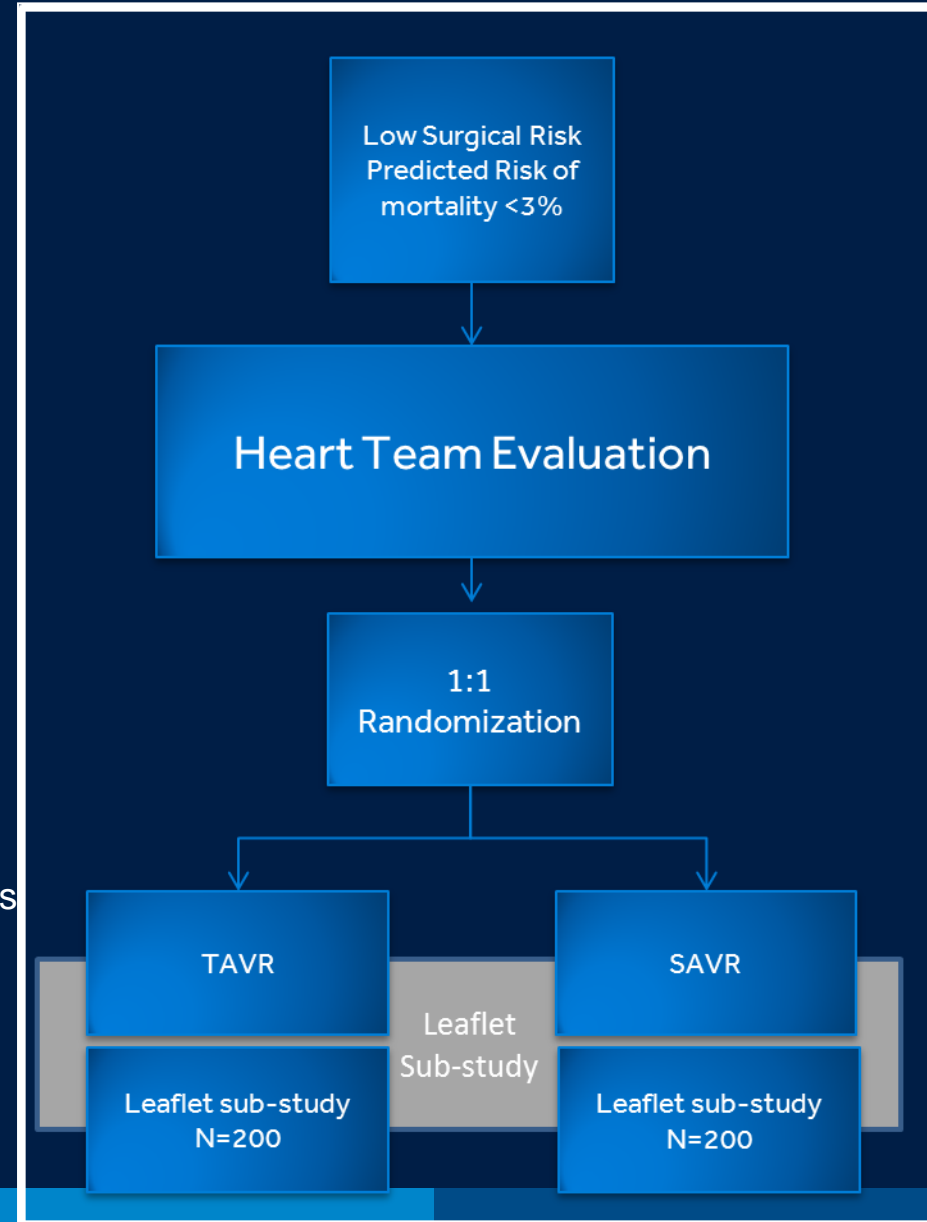
Bicuspid Valves  
(n=100)

ViV (AV and MV)  
(n=100)

# MEDTRONIC TAVR IN LOW RISK PATIENTS

## TRIAL DESIGN & LEAFLET SUB-STUDY

- **Patient Population: Low Risk Cohort**
  - Determined by Heart Team to be low surgical risk
- **Primary Endpoint:**
  - Safety: Death, all stroke, life-threatening bleeding, major vascular complications, or AKI at 30 days
  - Efficacy: Death or major stroke at 2 years
- **Sample Size: ~1200 Subjects**
- **Follow-up Evaluations:**
  - 30-days, 6-month, 18-month, and 1 Through 5 years
- **Number of Sites: Up to 80 sites**



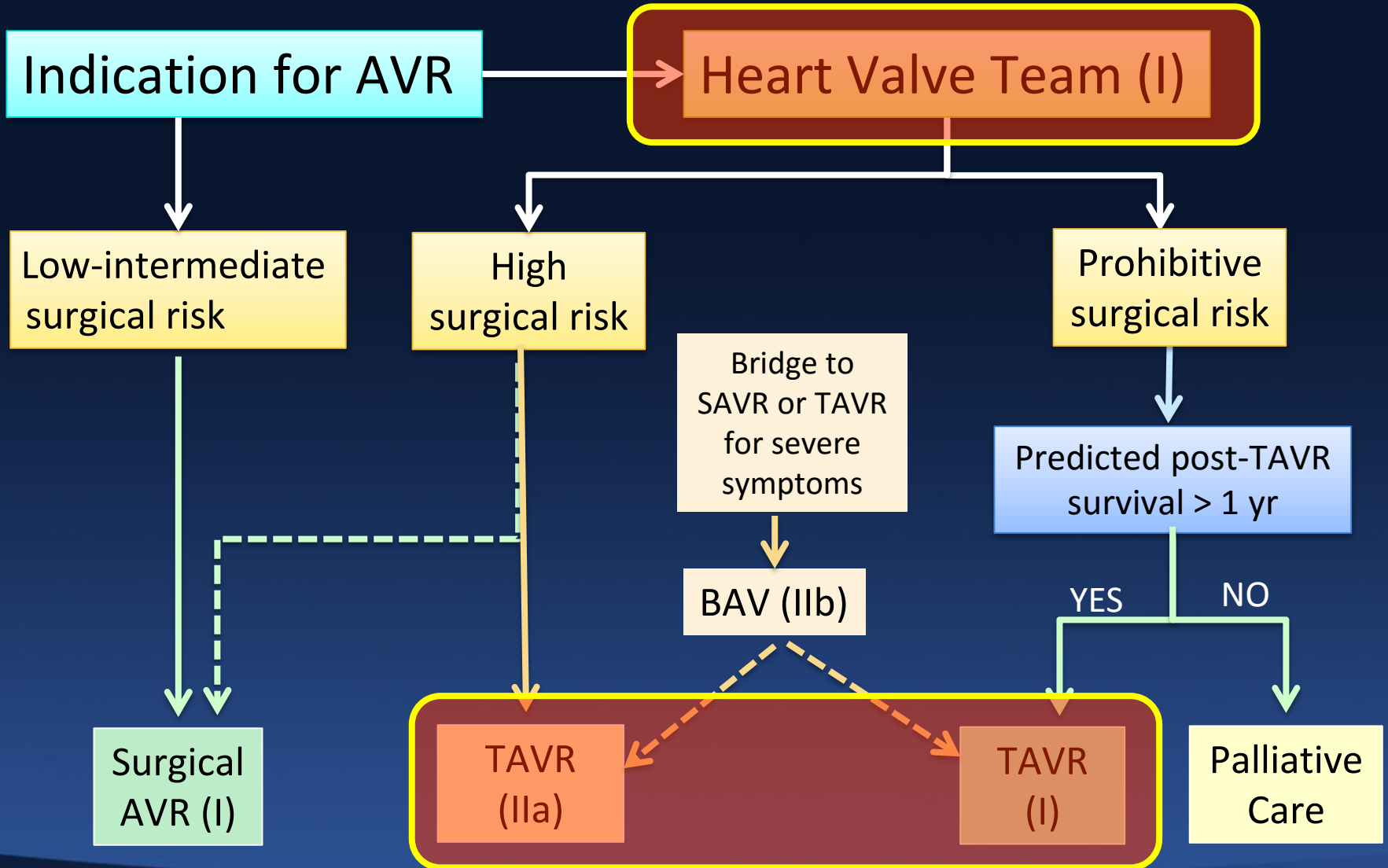
# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **Proposing New Guidelines**

*The current TAVR guidelines (ESC and AHA/ACC) are already anachronistic and don't reflect clinical practice!*

# 2014 ACC/AHA Valve Guidelines

## CHOICE of Intervention for AS



# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **Proposing New Guidelines**

*Therefore, until the guidelines are updated, we should consider introducing “clinical” guidelines to help the practicing TAVR community, based upon...*

- ALL available clinical trial evidence
- global trends and accepted clinical practices
- important “secondary” endpoints which better indicate the impact/value of TAVR

## CLASSIFICATION of Recommendations

		SIZE OF TREATMENT EFFECT												
		CLASS I <i>Benefit &gt;&gt;&gt; Risk</i> Procedure/Treatment <b>SHOULD</b> be performed/administered	CLASS IIa <i>Benefit &gt;&gt; Risk</i> <i>Additional studies with focused objectives needed</i> <b>IT IS REASONABLE</b> to perform procedure/administer treatment	CLASS IIb <i>Benefit ≥ Risk</i> <i>Additional studies with broad objectives needed; additional registry data would be helpful</i> Procedure/Treatment <b>MAY BE CONSIDERED</b>	CLASS III <i>No Benefit or CLASS III Harm</i>									
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# TAVR Clinical Use in 2016

*(evidence + common sense)*

CLASS I

Benefit >>>  
Risk

SHOULD  
be performed

## *Class Ia (of course!)*

- Cannot have surgery (= inoperable, extreme risk, prohibitive risk)
  - ✓ esp. technical reasons (e.g. hostile chest, chest RT, etc.)
  - ✓ beware futility (e.g. wheelchair-bound, ultra-frail, extreme co-morbidities)
- “Very” high-risk for surgery
  - ✓ e.g. severe COPD, chronic liver disease, dementia, severe PH

# TAVR Clinical Use in 2016

*(evidence + common sense)*

CLASS I

Benefit >>>  
Risk

SHOULD  
be performed

## *Class Ib (enough already!)*

- $\geq 90$  years old
- All other high-risk patients
- Aortic valve-in-valve (high-risk)
- Special considerations
  - ✓ low EF (esp.  $<30\%$ )
  - ✓ CKD on dialysis
  - ✓ small annulus (esp. in women)
  - ✓ low flow-low gradient AS



# TAVR Clinical Use in 2016

*(evidence + common sense)*

CLASS IIa

Benefit >>  
Risk

IT IS  
REASONABLE  
to perform

## *Class IIa (strong preference!)*

- Intermediate-risk patients (esp. TF)
- $\geq 80$  years old
- Aortic valve-in-valve (normal risk)
- Severe *asymptomatic* AS (PV > 5 m/s)
- Concomitant disease
  - ✓ previous CABG
  - ✓ CKD not requiring dialysis
  - ✓ CAD – non-complex
  - ✓ RH failure

# TAVR Clinical Use in 2016

*(evidence + common sense)*

CLASS IIb

Benefit  $\geq$   
Risk

MAY BE  
CONSIDERED  
to perform

*Class IIb (on the fence = need more evidence; proceed with caution)*

- Low-risk patients (except as above)
  - ✓ ? bicuspid aortic valve disease
  - ✓ < 65 years old (the durability issue)
- High “anatomic” risk for TAVR
  - ✓ extreme calcification (esp. LVOT) and high risk of rupture or CA occlusion
  - ✓ marked horizontal aorta

# TAVR Clinical Use in 2016

*(evidence + common sense)*

CLASS III

No Benefit  
OR Harm

SHOULD NOT  
be performed

## *Class III (stay away!)*

- Concomitant CV lesions requiring surgery (e.g. aortopathies, complex CAD, other valve lesions)
- Poor candidates for TAVR due to technical or anatomic reasons
  - ✓ annulus size too small/large
  - ✓ LV thrombus or endocarditis

# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **The Durability Controversy**

*Until there is long-term (>10 years) reliable clinical and echo data on normal-risk patients treated with “modern era” transcatheter bioprosthetic valves, there will always be concerns regarding “durability”!*

# PARTNER 5-year FU in Lancet (March, 2015)



## 5-year outcomes of transcatheter aortic valve replacement compared with standard treatment for patients with inoperable aortic stenosis (PARTNER 1): a randomised controlled trial

*Samir R Kapadia, Martin B Leon, Raj R Makkar, E Murat Tuzcu, Lars G Svensson, Susheel Kodali, John G Webb, Michael J Mack, Pamela S Douglas, Vinod H Thourani, Vasilis C Babaliaros, Howard C Herrmann, Wilson Y Szeto, Augusto D Pichard, Mathew R Williams, Gregory P Fontana, D Craig Miller, William N Anderson, Jodi J Akin\*, Michael J Davidson†, Craig R Smith, for the PARTNER trial investigators*

## 5-year outcomes of transcatheter aortic valve replacement or surgical aortic valve replacement for high surgical risk patients with aortic stenosis (PARTNER 1): a randomised controlled trial

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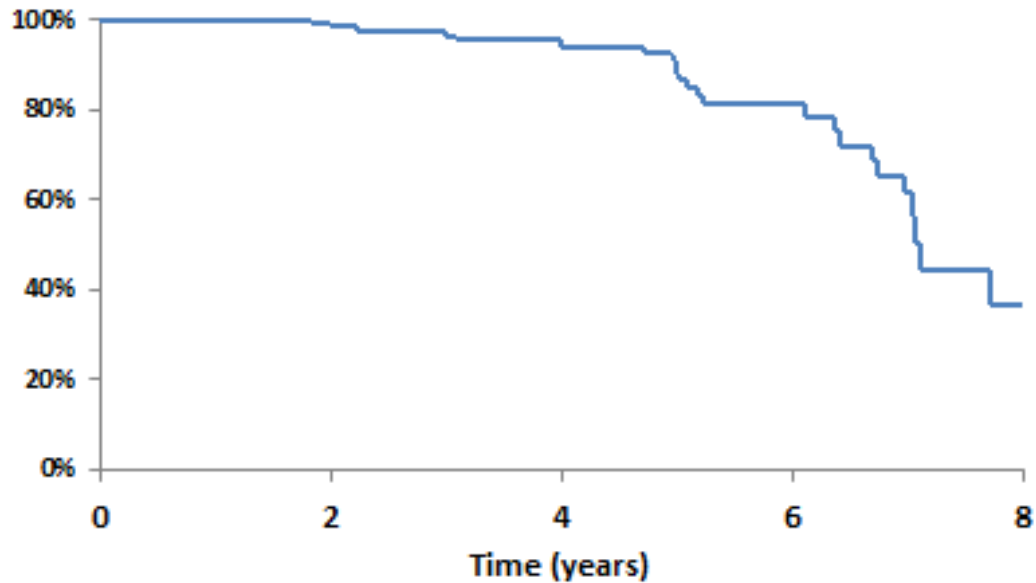
# Mean Gradient & Valve Area (AT)

## P1B - All Patients



# TAVR Durability Issues

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PCR **Freedom from THV degeneration**



# at risk    378                    199                    116                    43                    7

THV degeneration was defined as at least moderate regurgitation AND/OR mean gradient  $\geq 20$ mmHg, which did not appear within 30 days of the procedure and is not related to endocarditis.  
 KM estimate of THV degeneration included censoring of patients at their date of last known THV functioning well without evidence for degeneration per study definition.

**EuroPCR: Degenerated TAVR Not Uncommon  
by 10 Years**

May 17, 2016 by Nicole Lou  
MedPage

**EuroPCR 2016: Study casts doubt on long-term  
TAVR durability**

May 19, 2016 by Brad Perriello

**Should We Worry about TAVR Durability?**

Marie Thibault

May 19, 2016 by Marie Thibault

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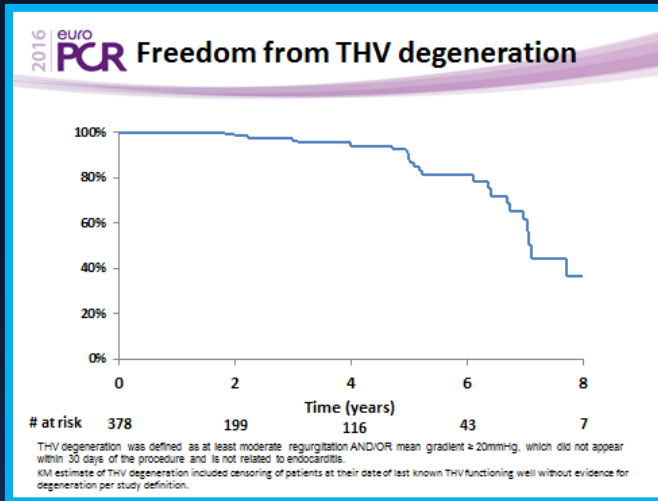
**Early Transcatheter Aortic-Valve Device  
Durability Comes Under Scrutiny**

May 31, 2016 by Patrice Wendling  
Medscape



# TAVR Durability Issues

*Some of the problems associated with this type of analysis...*



- 2 center experience, ultra-sick patients, earliest versions of the Sapien THV
- Incorrect statistical methods - THV degeneration is a time-dependent “process”, not a clinical “event”

- Competing risks of frequent deaths in these patients with multiple co-morbidities creates censoring problems
- Echo data are incomplete - ascertainment and interpretation, and definitions used were spurious - creates significant biases
- No. at risk after 5 years drops precipitously - tail shape unreliable
- *“Clinical” SVD - freedom from re-intervention - never discussed*

# TAVR Durability Issues

## The Gold Standards...

Hancock II

### CE Perimount

#### Long-Term Durability of Bioprosthetic Valves: Implications From

Douglas R. Johnston, MD, Edward G. Soltesz, MD, Jeeva Venkatesh, PhD, Eric F. Rose, MD, Nicholas J. ... Eugene ...

Department of Research

#### Very Long-Term Outcomes of the Carpentier-Edwards Perimount Aortic Position

Thierry Bourguignon, MD, Anne-Lise ... Alain Mirza, MD, Claudia Loardi, MD, Michel Marchand, MD, and Michel ...

Department of Cardiac Surgery, Tours University Hospital, France; and Department of Biostatistics, Edwards Lifesciences, Nyon, Switzerland

#### Hancock II Bioprosthesis for Aortic Valve Replacement: The Gold Standard of Bioprosthetic Valves Durability?

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**Background.** This study examined the long-term durability of the Hancock II bioprosthesis (Medtronic, Minneapolis, MN) in the aortic position.

**Methods.** From 1982 to 2004, 1134 patients underwent aortic valve replacement (AVR) with Hancock II bioprosthesis and were prospectively monitored. Mean patient age was  $67 \pm 11$  years; 202 patients were younger than 60, 402 were 60 to 70, and 526 were older than 70. Median follow-up was 12.2 years and 99.2% complete. Valve function was assessed in 94% of patients. Freedom from adverse events was estimated by the Kaplan-Meier method.

**Results.** Survival at 20 and 25 years was  $19.2\% \pm 2\%$  and  $6.7\% \pm 2.8\%$ , respectively, with only 34 and 3 patients at risk. Survival at 20 years was  $54.9\% \pm 6.4\%$  in patients younger than 60 years,  $22.7\% \pm 3.3\%$  in those 60 to 70, and  $2.4\% \pm 1.9\%$  in those older than 70 ( $p = 0.01$ ). Structural valve deterioration developed in 67 patients

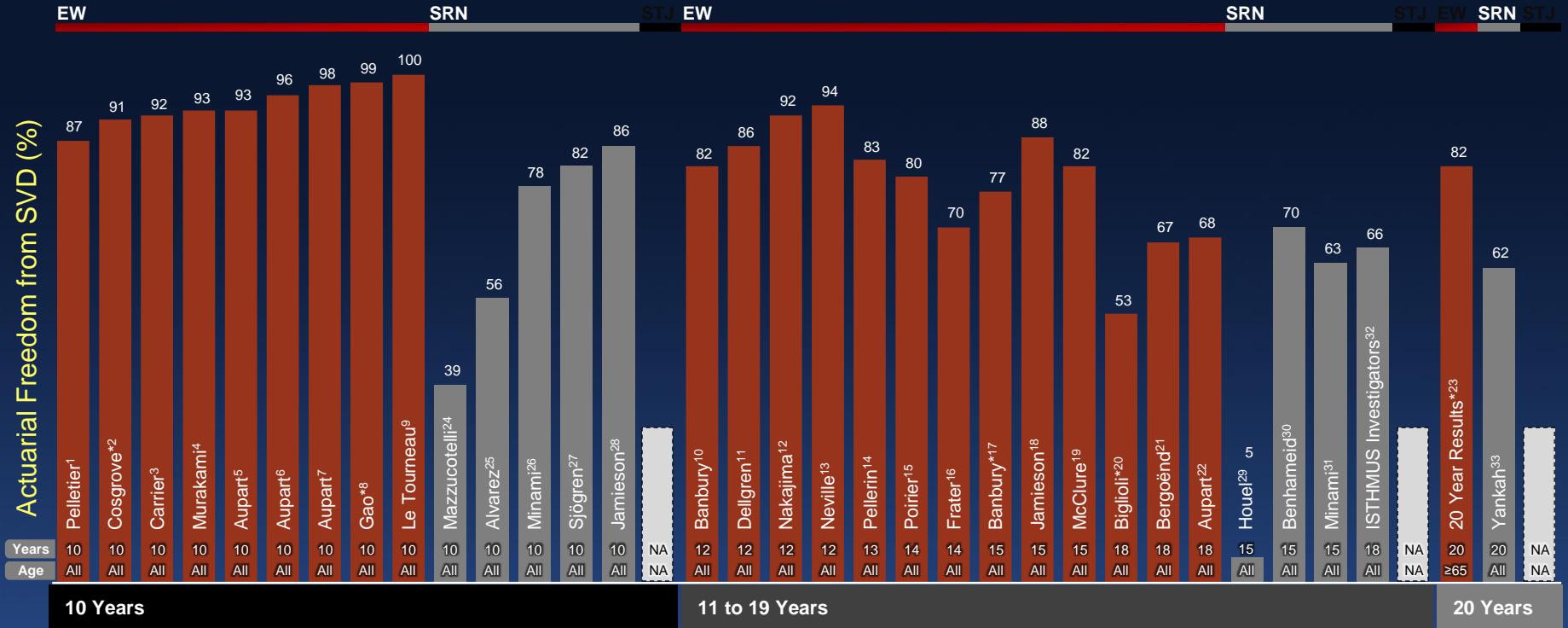
aged younger than 60, in 18 patients aged 60 to 70, and in 2 patients older than 70. The freedom from structural valve deterioration at 20 years was  $63.4\% \pm 4.2\%$  in the entire cohort,  $29.2\% \pm 5.7\%$  in patients younger than 60 years,  $85.2\% \pm 3.7\%$  in patients aged 60 to 70, and  $99.8\% \pm 0.2\%$  in patients older than 70 (truncated at 18 years). Repeat AVR was performed in 104 patients (74 for structural valve failure, 16 for endocarditis, and 14 for other reasons). At 20 years, the overall freedom from AVR was  $65.1\% \pm 4\%$  for any reason,  $29.8\% \pm 5.4\%$  in patients younger than 60 years,  $86.8\% \pm 3.3\%$  in patients 60 to 70, and  $98.3\% \pm 0.6\%$  in patients older than 70.

**Conclusions:** Hancock II bioprosthesis is a very durable valve in patients 60 years and older and is probably the gold standard of bioprosthetic valve durability in this patient population.

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# Freedom from Structural Valve Deterioration of Pericardial Aortic Bioprostheses

## Actuarial Freedom from Structural Valve Deterioration of Pericardial Aortic Bioprostheses



\* Freedom from explant / prosthesis replacement / reoperation due to SVD

Methodology: Comprehensive literature searches were conducted utilizing a combination of key words. See references section for key words, filters, and a search results summary.  
 Note: Patients and results are a subset of each study. See references section for total cohort size, patient mean age, and at risk population size.

# TAVR Durability Issues

## Early Failures of Surgical Valves...

### Early stenosis of Medtronic Mosaic position

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The third-generation Medtronic Mosaic porcine bioprosthesis (Medtronic Inc, Minneapolis, Minn) was introduced in 1994. The valve leaflets are fixed in glutaraldehyde at zero pressure (applying equal pressure to the inflow and outflow ends of the valve), the root is dilated to a pressure of 40 mm Hg ("physiologic fixation"), the fixed tissue is treated with  $\alpha$ -aminooleic acid (a long-chain fatty acid that binds to the aldehyde fractions of the glutaraldehyde-preserved porcine tissue) to reduce calcification, and the tissue is mounted on a Hancock II (Medtronic Inc) flexible stent made of acetyl copolymer covered with Dacron fabric.<sup>1,2</sup>

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### Original Article

#### Early Structural Valve Deterioration of Mitroflow Aortic Bioprosthesis: Mode, Incidence and Impact on Outcome in a Large Cohort of Patients

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than 60 years had aortic structural valve deterioration in this review. Freedom from structural valve deterioration in the aortic position at 8.5 years has been reported

re Trifecta  
le previous  
replacement  
18 years

previously, redo coronary artery bypass graft surgery 13 years previously, and repeat aortic valve replacement with a 21-mm Trifecta valve 4 years previously.

# Bioprosthetic Surgical Valve Failure from VIVID Registry



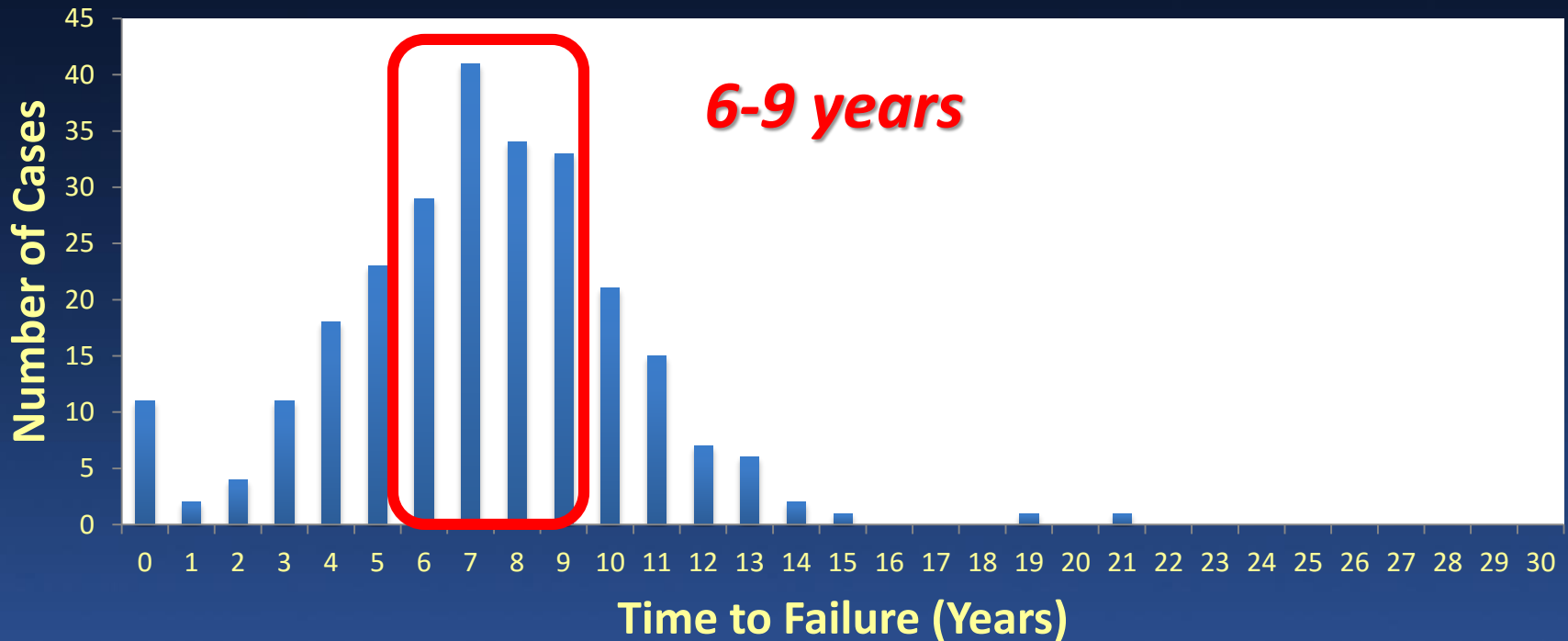
## Time to Failure - All VIVID Cases (n = 1304)



# Bioprosthetic Surgical Valve Failure from VIVID Registry



## Time to Failure - Sorin Mitroflow (n = 261)



# TAVR Durability Issues

## *General concepts...*

### Special Report

## Considerations and Recommendations for the Introduction of Objective Performance Criteria for Transcatheter Aortic Heart Valve Device Approval

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A. Pieter Kappetein, MD, PhD; David R. Holmes Jr, MD

**Abstract**—In the United States, new surgical heart valves can be approved on the basis of objective performance criteria (OPC). In contrast, the US Food and Drug Administration traditionally requires stricter criteria for transcatheter heart valve (THV) approval, including randomized, clinical trials. Recent US Food and Drug Administration approval of new-generation THVs based on single-arm studies has generated interest in alternative study approaches for THV device approval. This review evaluates whether THV device approval could follow a pathway analogous to that of surgical heart valves by incorporating OPC and provides several considerations and recommendations. Factors to be taken into account in the construction of OPC include the maturity of THV technology, variability in transcatheter aortic valve replacement practice, end points included as OPC, follow-up terms for specific OPC, patient populations to which these OPC apply, and (statistical) methods for OPC development. We recommend that approval of THV devices in the United States for low- and intermediate-risk patients or for new indications should provisionally rely on data from randomized, clinical trials. However, it is recommended that formal OPC be applied for approval of new-generation THVs for use in high- and extreme-risk patient populations. (*Circulation*. 2016;133:2086-2093. DOI: 10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.115.020493.)

**Key Words:** aortic valve ■ aortic valve stenosis ■ device approval ■ heart valve prosthesis implantation  
■ transcatheter aortic valve replacement

# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **The Durability Controversy**

*Given the sensitivity of these long-term FU data, it's the responsibility of all TAVR investigators to carefully examine their late FU patients according to agreed-upon principles and definitions, including FDA studies like PARTNER, which will now extend clinical and echo FU to 10 years!*

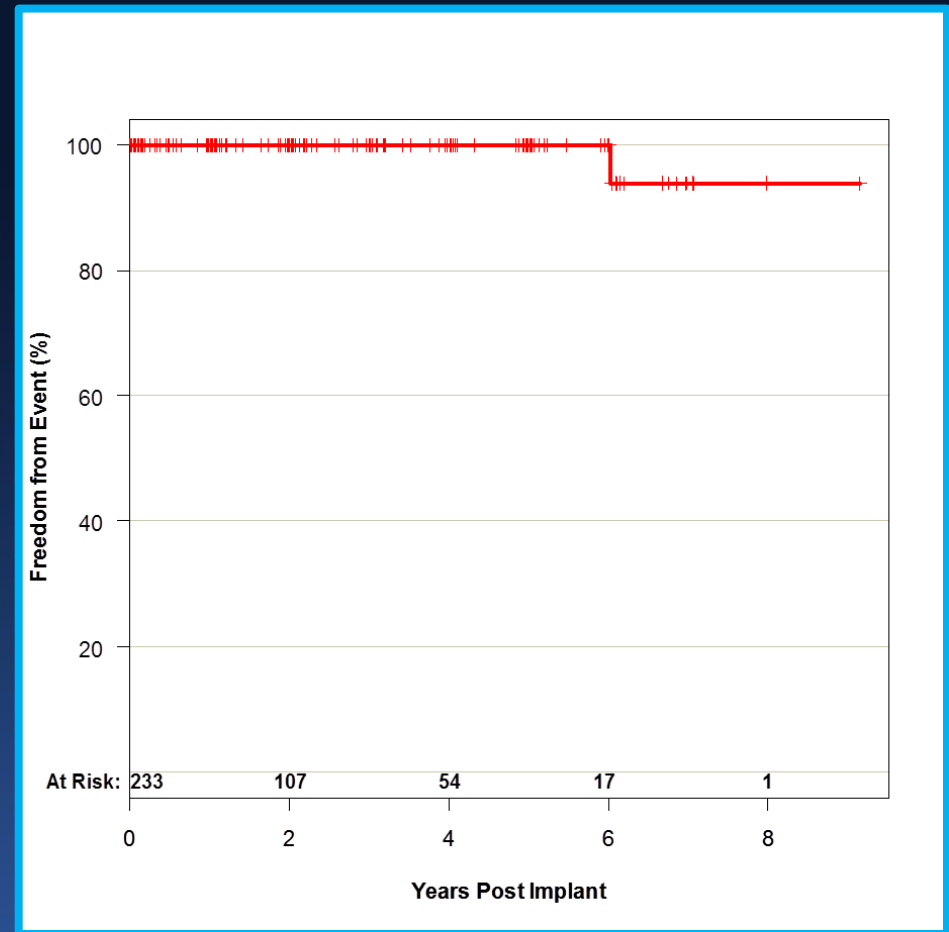


# CHU Rouen

*239 pts from 2002-2011 (> 5 years FU)*

Freedom from either reoperation, or if asymp, echo mean valve gradient >40 mmHg or severe AR (effective ROA > 0.3cm<sup>2</sup>)

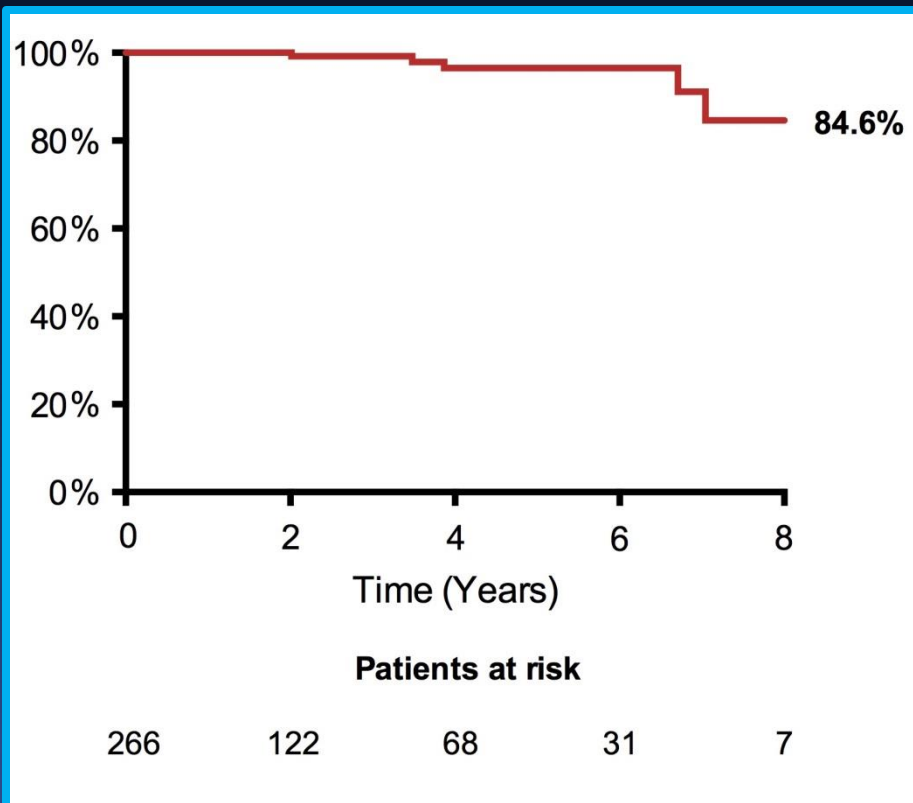
*Among survivors, none with MG >40 and only 1 pt with severe AR resulting in ViV procedure*



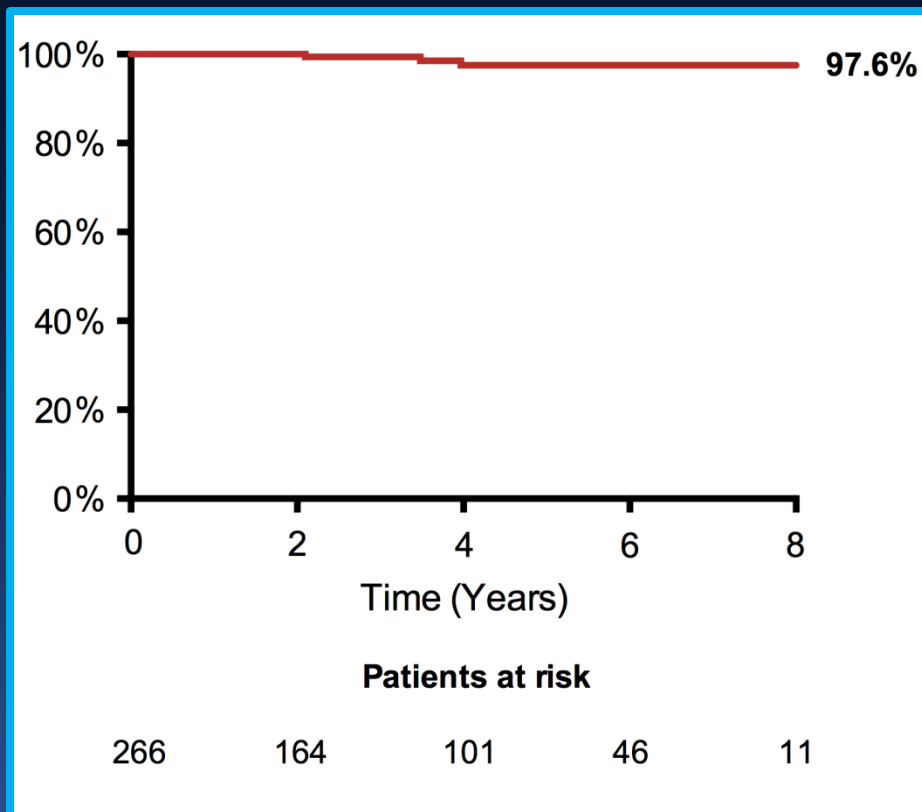
# Vancouver

*266 pts from before 2011 (> 5 years FU)*

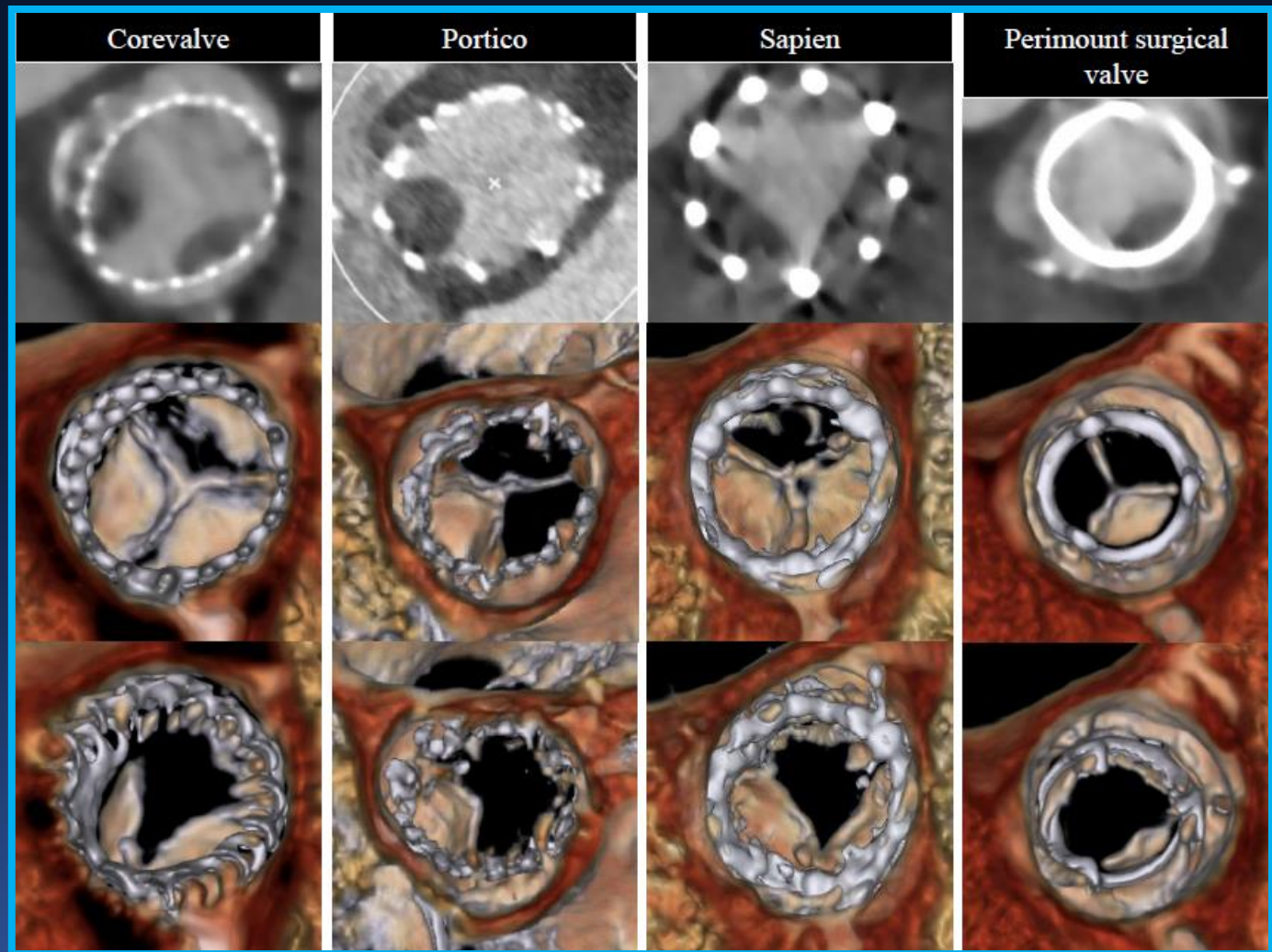
## Freedom from Severe Failure



## Freedom from Reintervention



# Valve Leaflet Abnormalities



Makkar, et al. 2015

# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **The Durability Controversy**

*An ancillary concern has been valve leaflet thickening/thrombosis - incidence and clinical implications - multiple ongoing 4D CTA studies (>2,000 pts)...*

- RESOLVE (400 pts, target = 1,000 pts) and SAVORY (120 pts)
- GALILEO Substudy (300 pts)
- PORTICO Substudy (200 pts), PARTNER 3 LR and Evolut LR studies (400 pts each)

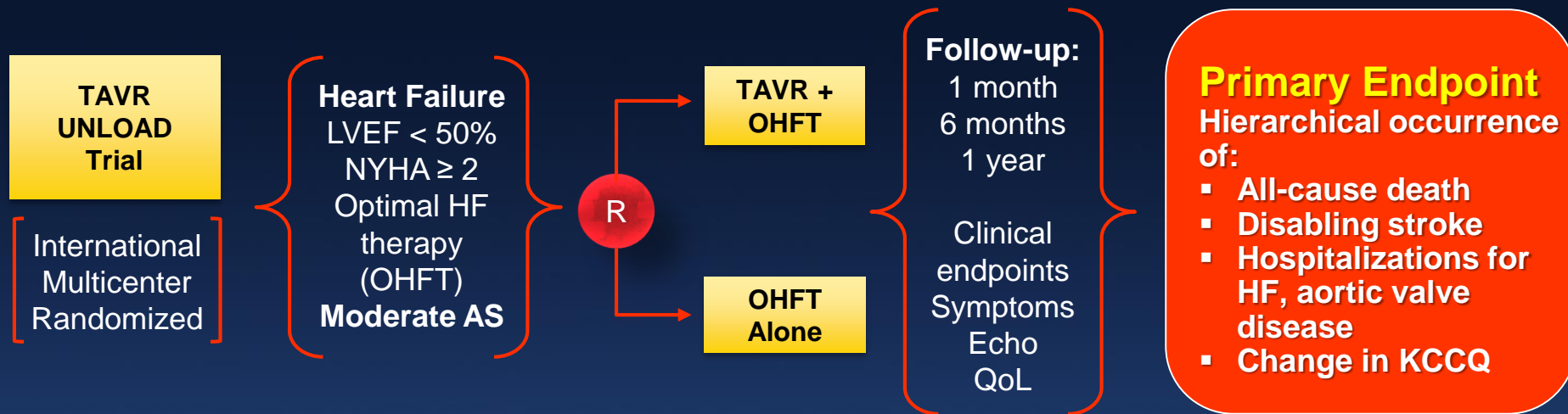
# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **Mission Central = Next Steps to Further Enhance TAVR Value**
  - *Continued expansion of clinical indications (test the outer limits)!*

# TAVR - UNLOAD Trial Design

## Moderate AS + HF

(600 patients, 1:1 randomized)



**Reduced AFTERLOAD**  
Improved LV systolic and diastolic function

# TAVR Journey - 2016

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  - *Continued reduction of TAVR-related complications (strokes, PVL, and PM)*

# SENTINEL Study Design

## (TAVR RCT)



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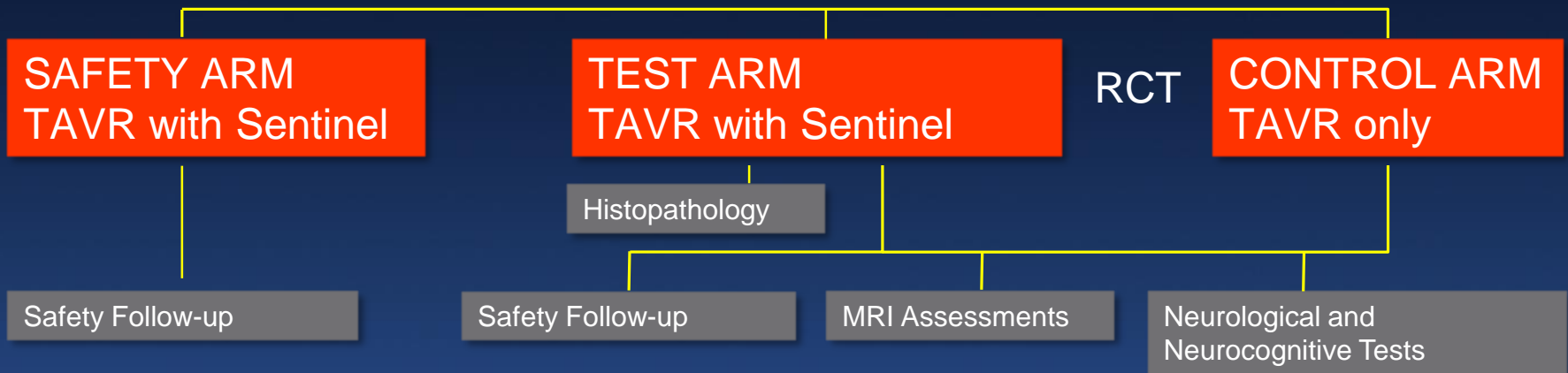
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*German Co-PI:*

Axel Linke

Population: Subjects with severe AS with clinical indications for TAVR with the **Edwards Sapien THV/XT/S3 or Medtronic CoreValve/Evolut-R**

N=296 subjects randomized 1:1:1 at sites in the U.S and Germany.



**Primary (superiority) Efficacy Endpoint:** Reduction in median total new lesion volume assessed by 3T DW-MR by baseline subtraction (3-7 days)

**Primary (non-inferiority) Safety Endpoint:** Occurrence of all MACCE at 30 days



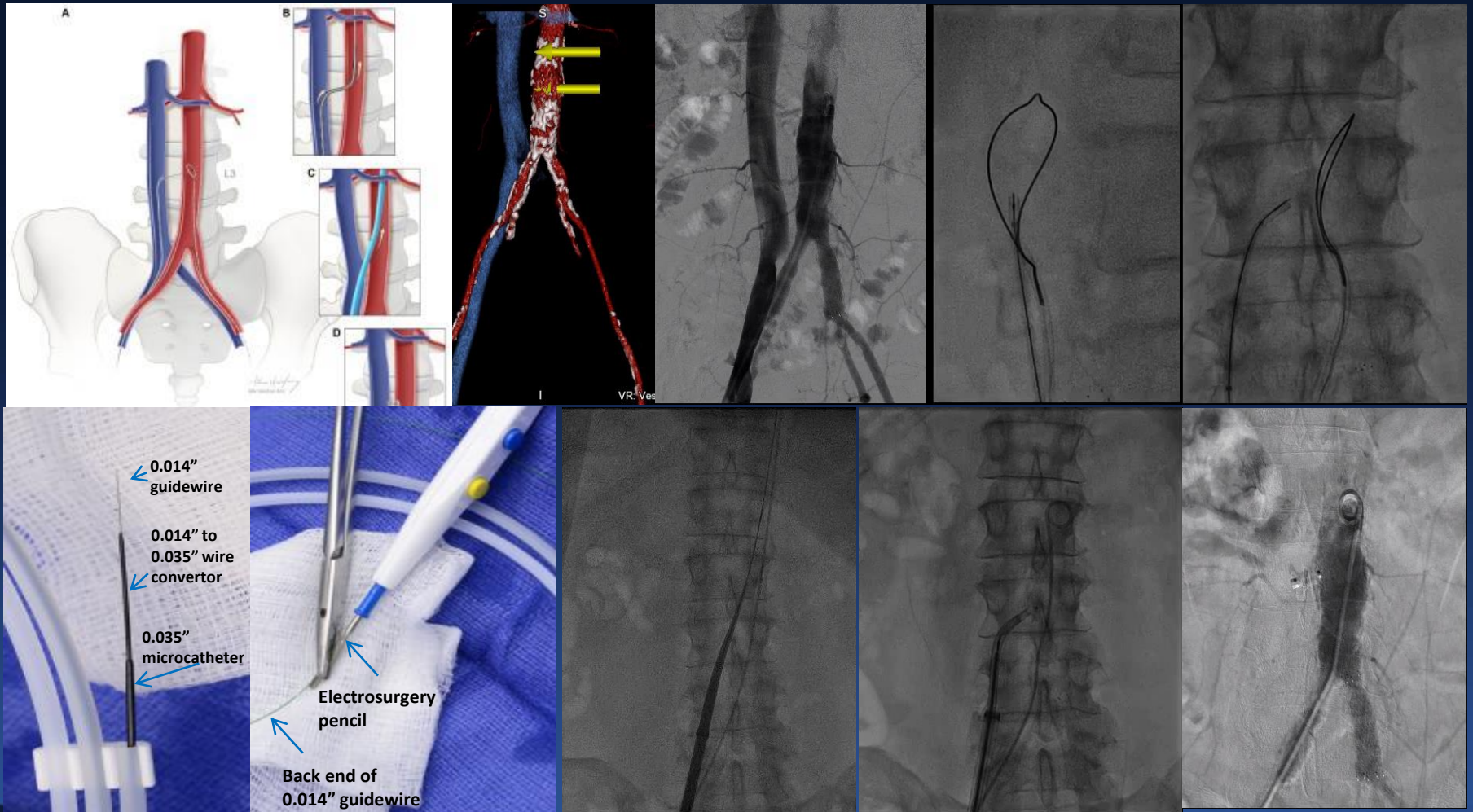
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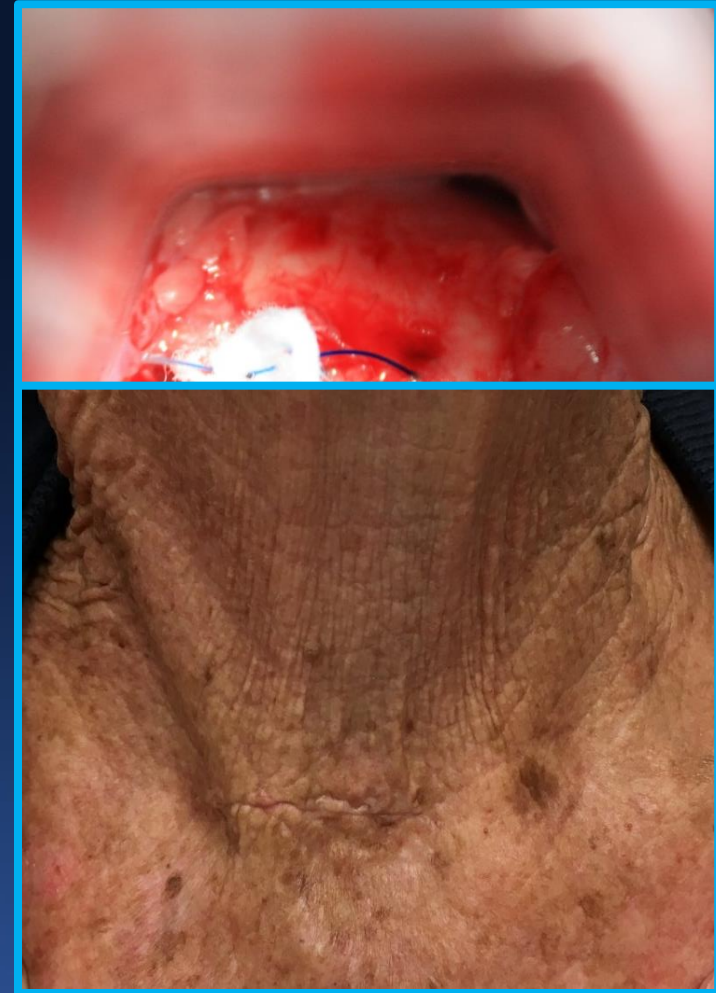
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- *Continued reduction of TAVR-related complications (strokes, PVL, and PM)*
- *Elimination of trans-thoracic access in non-TF cases*

# Trans-Caval Access for TAVR

*(202 pts in 28 centers - 5/14/16)*



# Direct Mediastinal Access for TAVR










# TAVR Journey - 2016

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- *Elimination of trans-thoracic access in non-TF cases*
- *Rational and properly studied adjunctive pharmacotherapy regimens*

# TAVR Adjunct Pharmacology

## *Customized Patient-Based Therapy*

BEFORE ■	DURING	AFTER
Acetylsalicylic acid (ASA)	<b>UNFRACTIONATED HEPARIN:</b> target ACT $\geq 300$ "	<b>ASA + CLOPIDOGREL</b> 
	<b>Bivalirudin:</b> 	<b>Acetylsalicylic acid (ASA)</b> ARTE trial
	 <small>Bivalirudin and Aortic Valve Intervention Outcomes</small>	<u>Non anti-VKA Oral Anticoagulant</u> <u>± ASA:</u>
	<u>Low Molecular Weight Heparin</u> 	  

# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **Final Thoughts...**

## ***Are We There Yet?***

*The ultimate role of TAVR is yet to be determined. But we can foresee a future time when the use of TAVR (vs. surgery) will be a risk-benefit assessment based upon clinical and anatomic factors, and not an imprecise risk stratification model!*

# “Outpatient” Same-Day TAVR

## *Sacre-Coeur Hospital; Montreal, CN*

### Featured Case Reports

## Same Day Discharge after Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement: Are We There yet?

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Early discharge after transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) has been increasingly reported, and is now becoming routinely performed in experienced TAVR centers. However, to the best of our knowledge, no case has been described where a patient was safely discharged on the same day of the procedure. This report will present the case of a patient who underwent a successful transfemoral TAVR and was safely discharged home the same day. Specific requirements and criteria are proposed to ensure the safety of this approach. © 2015 Wiley Periodicals, Inc.

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