



Outcomes and Prognosis of Mesenteric Ischaemia

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Learning Objectives

- Revision of aetiology and pathophysiology.
- Outcomes for acute mesenteric ischaemia (AMI) treatment modalities.
- Outcomes for chronic mesenteric ischaemia (CMI) treatment modalities.
- Comparison of endovascular and surgical revascularisation.



Acute Mesenteric Ischaemia

- Pathophysiology;
 - Thrombosis of mesenteric arteries (58-64%).
 - Embolism of mesenteric arteries (28-42%).
 - Mesenteric venous thrombosis.
 - Non-occlusive mesenteric ischaemia - Arteritis, Fibromuscular Dysplasia, Trauma, Aneurysm Rupture.
- Presentation with acute abdominal pain in 75% to 90% associated with vomiting and GI dysfunction.

“Pain out of proportion to physical examination”

- Peritoneal signs and sepsis are late findings associated with increased mortality.



Acute Mesenteric Ischaemia

- Risk factors;
 - 30-43% previously asymptomatic patients may have acute deterioration of previous chronic disease.
 - 75% will have an atrial tachyarrhythmia.
 - 30% have a history of embolic events.
 - 20% have synchronous emboli in other arterial beds.
- Acute emboli accounts for 28% to 42% of AMI with SMA most commonly affected;
 - 15% ostium.
 - 50% distal to proximal jejunal and middle colic branches.
 - 35% fragment and embolise distally.





Chronic Mesenteric Ischaemia

- Frequently caused by ostial atherosclerotic disease;
 - Female (3-4:1 ratio).
 - Median age 65 (range 40-90) years.
- Presentation with mesenteric / intestinal angina;
 - Central abdominal pain within 30 minutes of food.
 - Food fear / weight loss.
- Cardiovascular risk factors;
 - Smoking.
 - Hypertension.
 - Hypercholesterolaemia.
- Disease in other vascular territories.





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Mesenteric Ischaemia Treatment !!!!!



Conservative Treatment



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**VAGUE SYMPTOMS
NORMAL or ELEVATED BMI**

**INTERVENTION NOT
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- Risk factor modification.
- Best Medical Therapy;
 - Antiplatelet / Anticoagulation.
 - Statin therapy.



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Mesenteric Ischaemia – Outcome Analysis

- Acute vs. Chronic.
- Endovascular vs. Surgical Interventions.
- Disease Distribution.
- Adjuvant Procedures.
- Influence of Co-Morbidities;
 - Gender.
 - Age.
 - Smoking.
 - Medical therapy.



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Newman	1998	98	60%
Urayama	1998	34	35%
Klempnauer	1997	90	66%
Voltolini	1996	47	72%
Konturek	1996	28	96%
Ward	1995	34	45%
Dechan	1995	43	70%
Levy	1990	62	40%
Batellier	1990	65	51%
Bapat	1990	20	40%
Finucane	1989	32	69%
Sitges-Serra	1988	83	71%
Wilson	1987	102	92%
Lazaro	1986	23	27%
Andersson	1984	60	82%
Sachs	1982	30	77%
Krausz	1978	40	78%
Kairaluoma	1977	44	70%
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- 58 patients reviewed between 1990 and 1999;
 - Female = 36, mean age 67 (range 35-96) years.
 - Embolism (28%), Thrombosis (64%), Non-occlusive (8.6%).
 - 95% presented with abdominal pain.
 - 43% of patients had chronic mesenteric symptoms.
- Embolism patients older with higher AF prevalence.
- 15 patients presented within 6 weeks after cardiac or vascular procedure.



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- 16 of 18 CT scans confirmed SMA occlusion or bowel changes compatible with AMI
- Selective mesenteric angiography performed in 49 patients (84%);
- 8 patients had an endovascular treatment;
 - Vasodilator (n=6).
 - Angioplasty (n=10).
 - Attempted thrombolysis (n=1).



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- All 58 patients underwent surgical exploration;
 - Mesenteric revascularisation with bypass grafting (n=22), thromboembolectomy (n=19), patch angioplasty (n=11), endarterectomy (n=5) and re-implantation (n=2).
- 33 patients required bowel resection at first-look or second-look laparotomies.
- 16 patients had ostomies.



<i>Mortality</i>	<i>No. of deaths</i>
At ≤90 days	
Multiorgan failure/sepsis	18 (75%)
Mesenteric thrombosis	2 (8%)
Myocardial infarction	2 (8%)
Coronary obstructive pulmonary disease	1 (4%)
Unknown	1 (4%)
Total	24
At >90 days	
Cardiac	4 (25%)
Short bowel syndrome	3 (19%)
Mesenteric ischemia	2 (13%)
Cancer	2 (13%)
Unknown	2 (13%)
Pulmonary embolus	1 (6%)
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	1 (6%)
TPN line sepsis	1 (6%)
Total	16



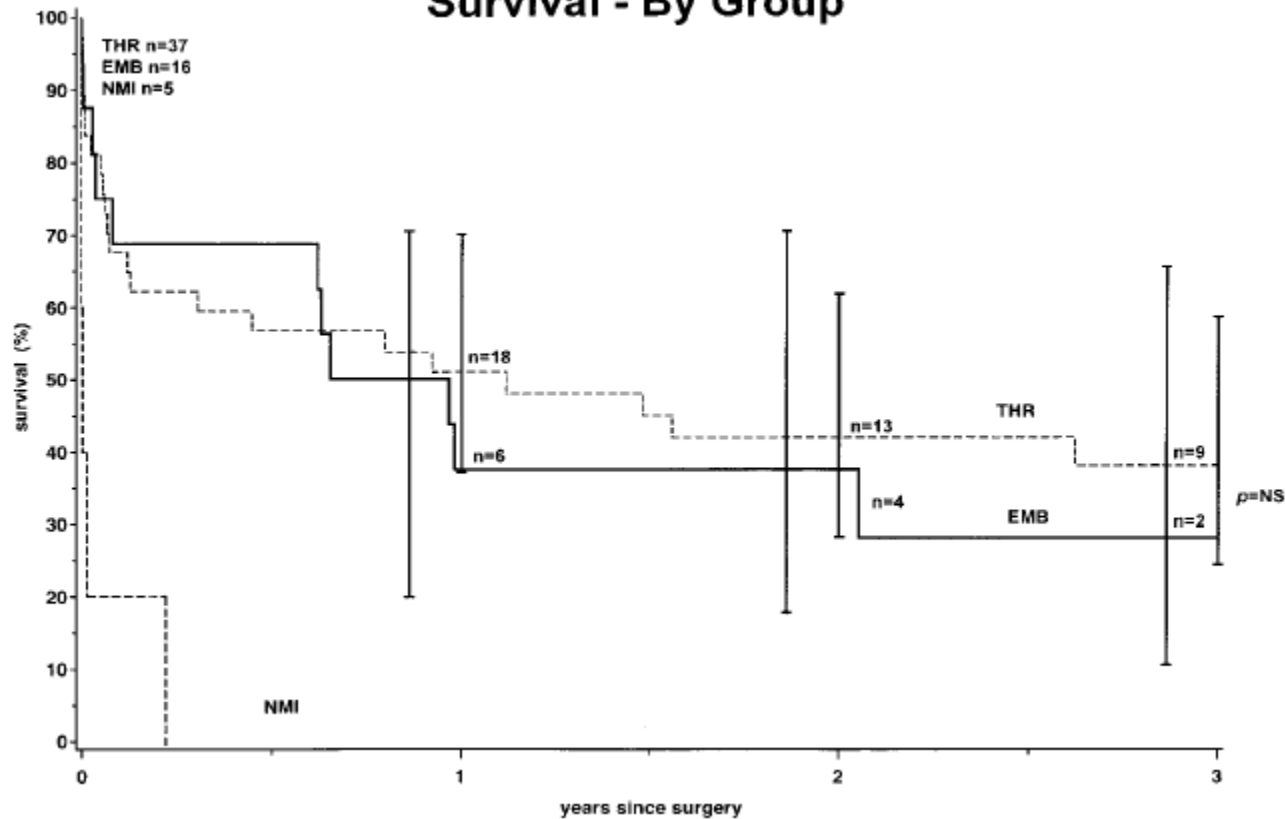
AMI Outcomes

- Major complications frequent in 46 patients;
 - Respiratory failure 36%.
 - Multi-organ failure 31%.
- 30-day mortality rate = 32% (n=18);
 - Embolism = 31%.
 - Thrombosis = 32%.
 - Non-occlusive = 80%.
- Mortality Rates - follow-up 529 (range 0 – 2877) days;
 - 90-day = 41%.
 - 1-year = 57%.
 - 3-years = 68%.

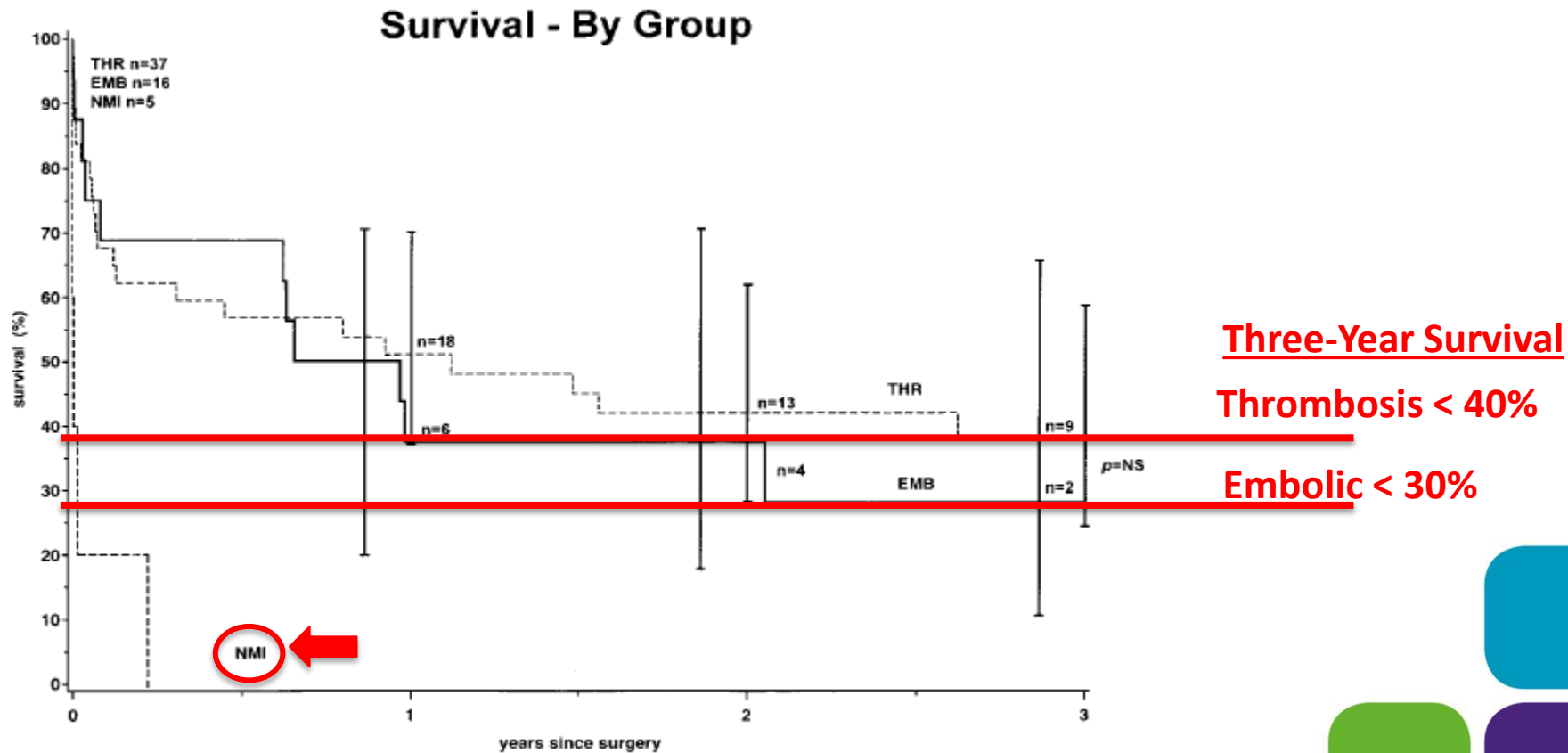


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Survival - By Group



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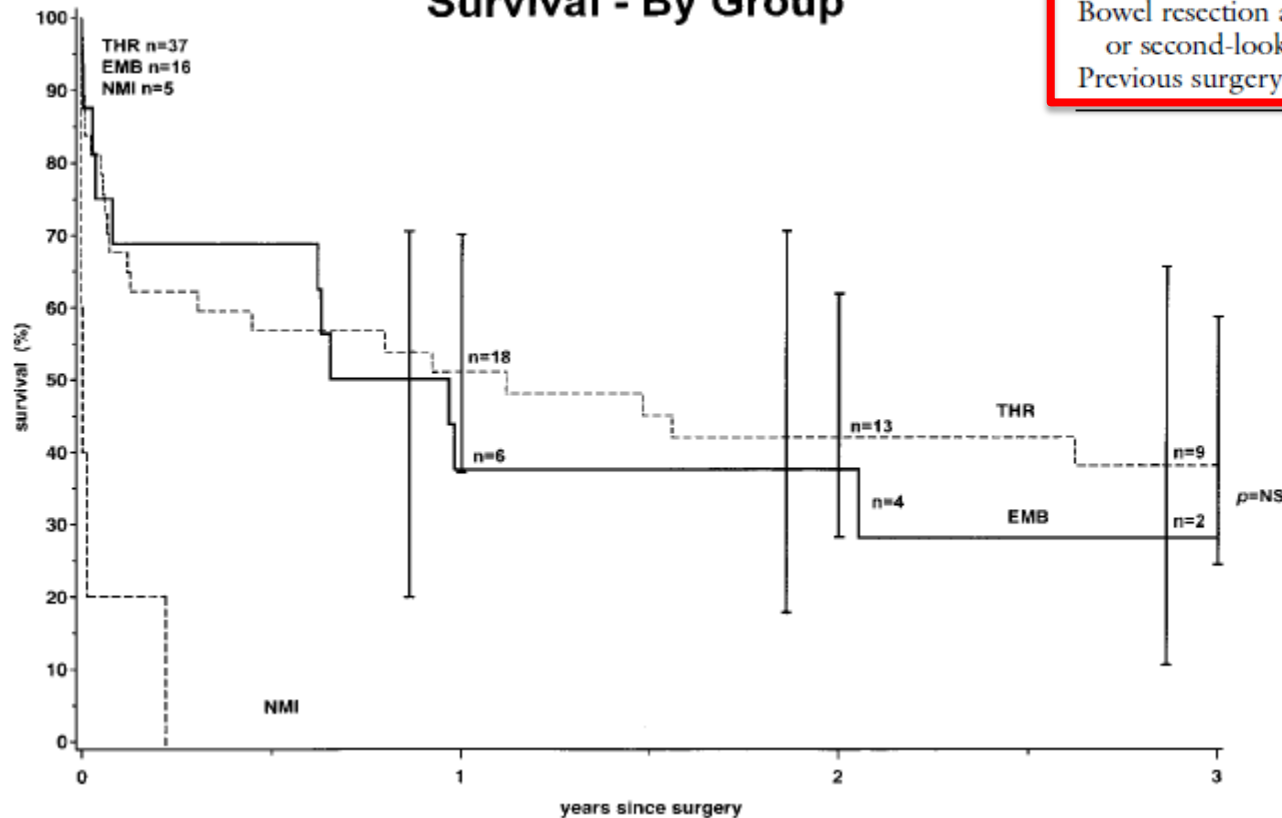


AMI Outcomes

Table VI. Variables independently associated with worsened survival rate with multivariate analysis

Variable	Relative risk ratio (95% CI)	P value
Age >60 years	3.0 (1.3 - 6.9)	.0093
Bowel resection at first-look or second-look procedure	0.5 (0.2 - 0.9)	.0182
Previous surgery	2.4 (1.2 - 4.9)	.0229

Survival - By Group



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- Retrospective analysis of AMI between 2009-13;
 - 3,157,499 acute hospital admissions in Maryland.
 - 2255 (0.07%) diagnosed with AMI.
 - Annual admission rate of 10/100,000.
 - 90% classified as urgent.
 - 59% female.
 - Mean age 67 years.

- Risk factors;
 - Increasing age and illness severity.
 - Hypercoagulability.
 - Cardiac dysrhythmia.
 - Renal insufficiency.
 - Tertiary hospital admission.



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- Pathophysiology;
 - Not specifically identified.
 - 9% hypercoagulable, 2% embolic event and 1% dissection.
- AMI distribution and Bowel Resection;
 - Small intestine 38%.
 - Colonic 27%.
 - Both small and large bowel 21%.
 - Unclear in 7% who did not require bowel resection.
- Vascular Intervention ?? Infrequent – 4%;



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Number	3,155,244	2,255		1,704	551	
Demographics, <i>n</i> (%) ^a						
Age, years ± SD	57 ± 20	67 ± 18	0.0001	66 ± 17	71 ± 15	<0.0001
Age >65 years	1,204,123 (38%)	1,321 (59%)	0.0001	939 (55%)	382 (69%)	<0.0001
Female	1,870,001 (59%)	1,321 (59%)	0.51	1,010 (59%)	311 (56%)	0.24
White	1,892,553 (60%)	1,617 (72%)	0.0001	1,231 (72%)	386 (70%)	0.32
Medicare insurance	1,358,289 (43%)	1,379 (61%)	0.0001	988 (58%)	391 (71%)	<0.0001
Admission, <i>n</i> (%)						
Emergent	2,280,960 (72%)	2,027 (90%)	0.0001	1,534 (90%)	493 (89%)	0.71
ED presentation	1,997,807 (63%)	1,824 (81%)	0.0001	1,402 (82%)	422 (77%)	0.003
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Hypercoagulable state	47,689 (2%)	198 (9%)	<0.0001	87 (5%)	111 (20%)	<0.0001
Ischemic heart disease	634,570 (20%)	405 (18%)	0.01	275 (16%)	130 (24%)	<0.0001
Cardiac dysrhythmia	625,989 (20%)	618 (27%)	<0.0001	423 (25%)	195 (35%)	<0.0001
PAD	130,649 (4%)	91 (4%)	0.80	65 (4%)	26 (5%)	0.35
Chronic comorbidities, n (%)						
COPD	345,330 (11%)	264 (12%)	0.25	185 (11%)	79 (14%)	0.03
Congestive heart failure	363,843 (12%)	259 (11%)	0.95	177 (10%)	82 (15%)	0.004
Chronic kidney disease	507,982 (16%)	861 (38%)	<0.0001	519 (30%)	342 (62%)	<0.0001
Severity of illness, n (%)			<0.0001			<0.0001
Minor	562,464 (18%)	5 (< 1%)		5 (< 1%)	0	
Moderate	1,208,321 (38%)	181 (8%)		181 (11%)	0	
Major	1,032,943 (33%)	540 (24%)		522 (31%)	18 (3%)	
Extreme	351,516 (11%)	1529 (68%)		996 (58%)	533 (97%)	
Risk of mortality, n (%)			<0.0001			<0.0001
Minor	1,526,896 (48%)	81 (3%)		81 (5%)	0	
Moderate	843,060 (27%)	245 (10%)		245 (14%)	0	
Major	550,003 (17%)	589 (25%)		550 (32%)	39 (7%)	
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Vascular intervention, n (%)				
Open	99 (4%)	62 (4%)	37 (7%)	0.002
Endovascular	11 (< 1%)	7 (< 1%)	4 (1%)	0.48
Critical care, n (%)				
Mechanical ventilation	88 (4%)	55 (3%)	33 (6%)	0.004
Parenteral nutrition				
Mechanical ventilation	897 (37%)	494 (29%)	403 (73%)	<0.0001
Parenteral nutrition	774 (32%)	594 (35%)	180 (33%)	0.35
Dialysis	181 (8%)	90 (5%)	91 (17%)	<0.0001
Transfusion	1,031 (43%)	711 (42%)	320 (58%)	<0.0001



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- Patient Outcomes:
 - Overall mortality 24%.
 - Mortality associated with a combination of small and large bowel resection or no resection at all.
 - Amongst survivors;
 - 58% discharged home.
 - 24% to a nursing facility.
 - 9% to a rehabilitation centre.
 - 6% to another acute hospital.



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Variable	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P
Age > 65 years	1.8 (1.4–2.3)	<0.0001
Extreme severity of illness	2.8 (1.5–5.3)	<0.0001
Tertiary hospital admission	1.9 (1.4–2.5)	<0.0001
Hypercoagulability	2.6 (1.8–3.7)	<0.0001
Chronic kidney disease	1.8 (1.4–2.3)	<0.0001
Cardiac dysrhythmia	1.5 (1.1–1.9)	0.003
Mechanical ventilation	2.9 (2.3–3.6)	<0.0001
Bowel resection		
None (reference)	1.0	
Small intestine	0.13 (0.09–0.21)	<0.0001
Large intestine	0.15 (0.10–0.23)	<0.0001
Small + large intestine	0.19 (0.12–0.30)	<0.0001

AMI severity, increased age, hypercoagulability, need for multiple intestinal resection and mechanical ventilation all significantly increased mortality risk.



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- Review of 4665 out of 23,744 AMI patients who underwent interventional treatment from 2005 through 2009.
 - 57.1% female.
 - Mean age 70.5 years.
- 679 patients underwent vascular intervention;
 - 514 (75.7%) open surgery.
 - 165 (24.3%) endovascular treatment.
- Endovascular treatment increased from 11.9% in 2005 to 30.0% in 2009.



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- Severity of comorbidities did not differ significantly between the treatment groups.
- Mortality was significantly more commonly associated with open revascularization compared with endovascular intervention (39.3% vs 24.9%; $P = .01$).
- Length of stay was also significantly longer in the patient group undergoing open revascularization (12.9 vs 17.1 days; $P = .006$).



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- During the study time period, 14.4% of patients undergoing endovascular procedures required bowel resection compared with 33.4% for open revascularization ($P < .001$).
- Endovascular repair was also less commonly associated with requirement for TPN support (13.7% vs 24.4%; $P = .025$).



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- A retrospective single centre analysis of all consecutive digestive artery revascularizations performed for CMI between January 2003 and December 2012 was performed.
- Primary outcomes were 30 day mortality and morbidity.
- Secondary outcomes were survival, primary patency (PP), secondary patency (SP), and freedom from digestive symptoms, depending on the completeness of the revascularization performed.



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Total number = 86	Digestive revascularization alone <i>n</i> = 77	Associated aortic reconstruction <i>n</i> = 9
Aorto-hepatic and — SMA bypass	32 (37%)	None
Aorto-hepatic bypass	4 (5%)	None
Aorto-SMA bypass	27 (31%)	5 (6%)
SMA direct reimplantation	7 (8%)	None
SMA indirect reimplantation	6 (7%)	None
SMA and IMA reimplantation	None	4 (5%)
Transaortic endarterectomy	1 (1%)	None



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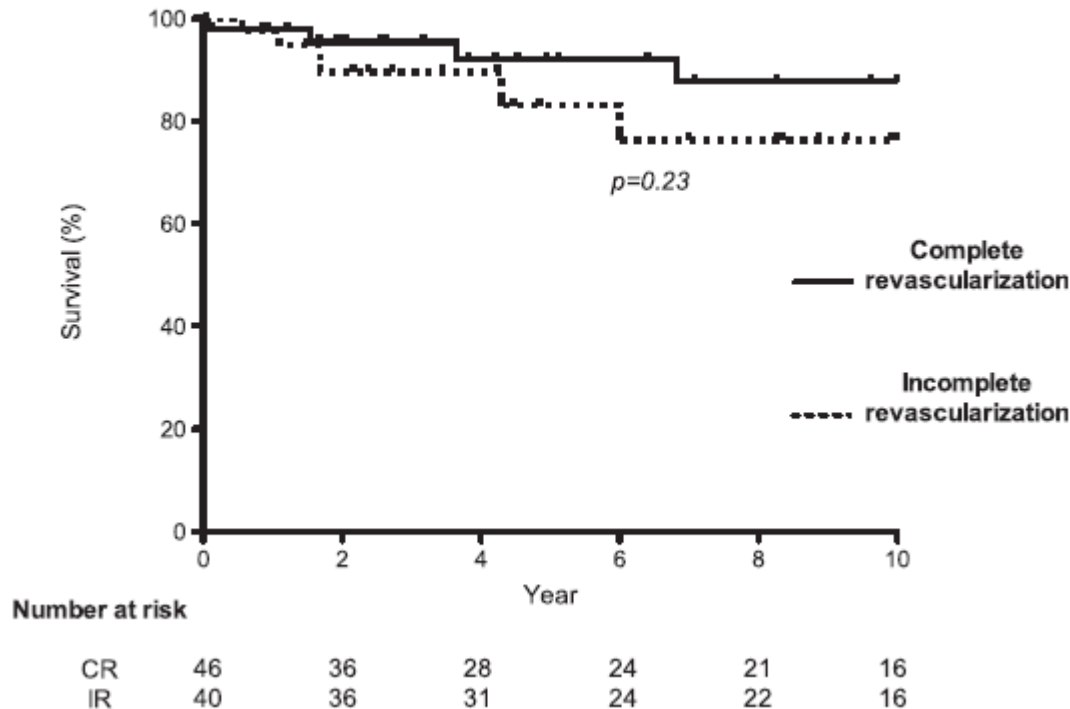
- Eighty-six revascularizations were performed with median follow up of 6.9 years (range 0.3–20.0).
- The 30 day mortality and morbidity rates were respectively 3.5% and 13.9%.
- Ten year survival was 88% for complete revascularization (CR) and 76% for incomplete revascularization (IR) ($p = .54$).



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- Primary patency was 84% at 10 years for CR and 87% respectively for IR ($p = .51$).
- Secondary patency was 92% at 10 years for CR and 93% for IR ($p = .63$).
- Freedom from digestive symptoms was influenced by the completeness of revascularization: 79% for CR versus 65% for IR at 10 years ($p = .04$).



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- Patients treated for AMI and CMI who underwent surgical (bypass, endarterectomy, or embolectomy) or angioplasty / stenting were reviewed between 1988 to 2006.
- Trends in management with comparison of in-hospital death and complications between surgical bypass and endovascular interventions for the years 2000 to 2006.



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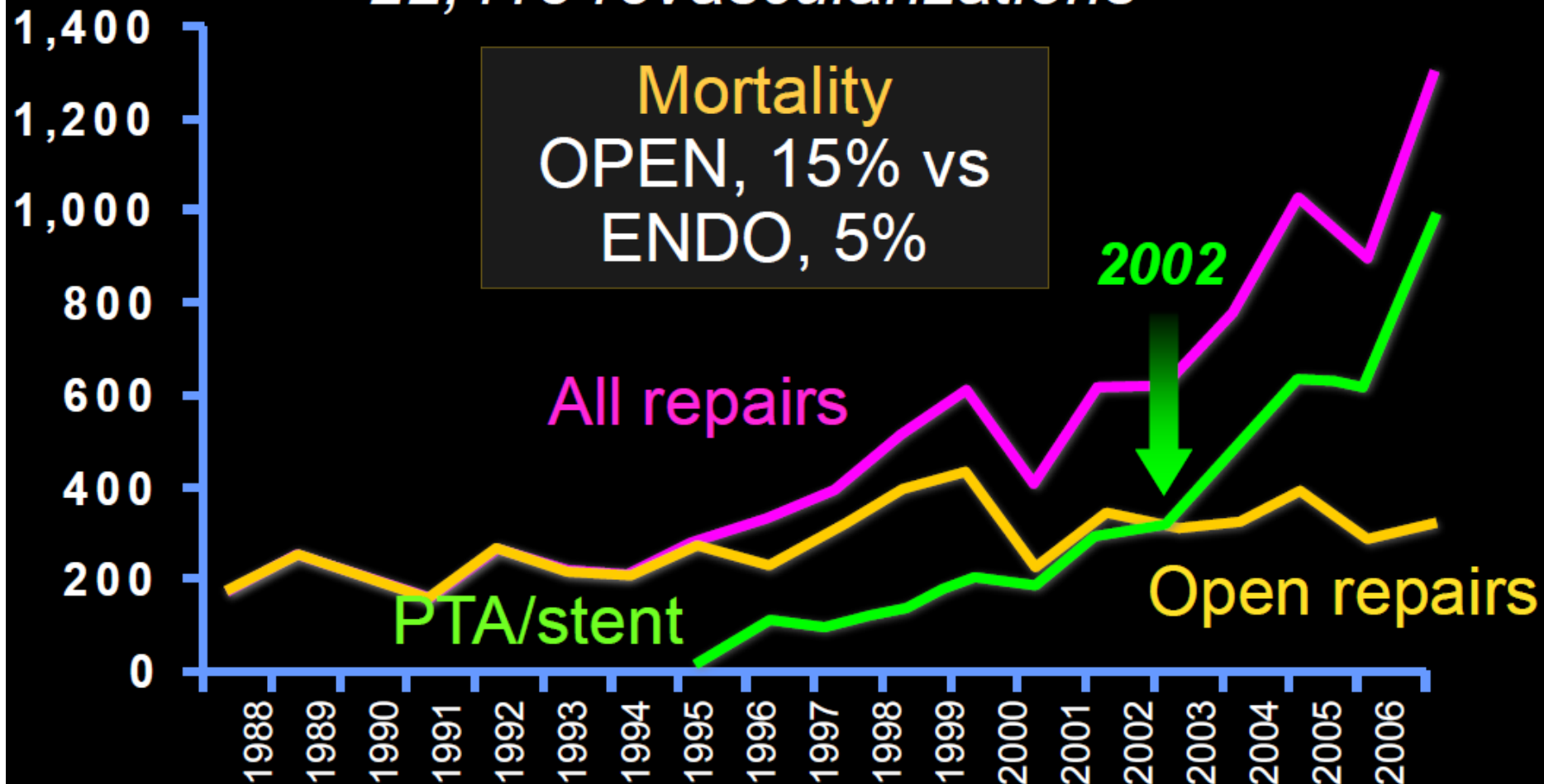
- Results:
 - 6342 angioplasty / stenting procedures and 16,071 open surgical repairs.
 - Endovascular interventions surpassed surgery for CMI in 2002 with further increases in endovascular intervention for AMI.
- Mortality rate was lower for endovascular intervention compared to open surgery;
 - AMI (16% vs 28%, $P < .01$).
 - CMI (3.7% vs 13%, $P < .01$).
 - Bowel resection was more common after bypass than endovascular intervention (7% vs 3%, $P < .01$).



Mesenteric Ischaemia – Changing Paradigm

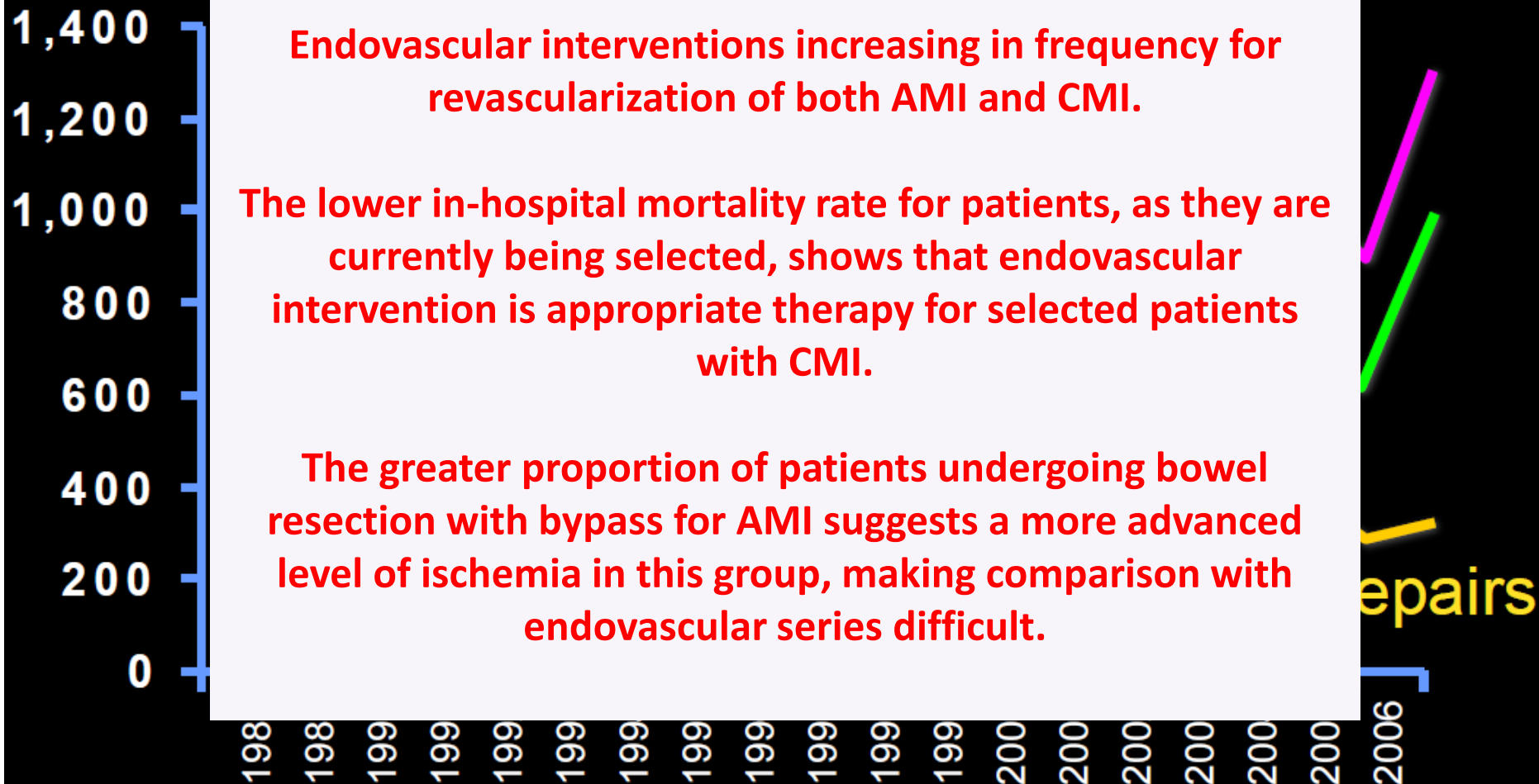
1988 to 2006

22,413 revascularizations



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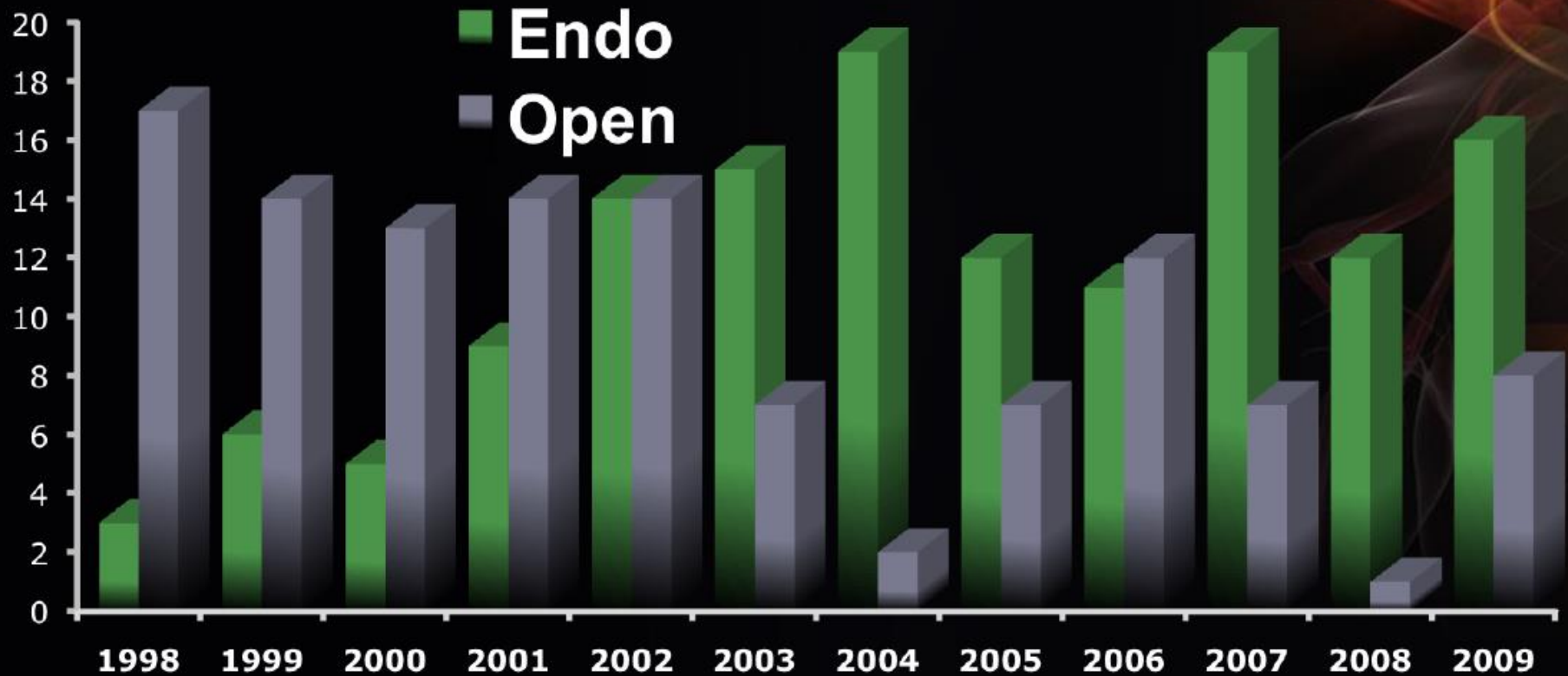


Mesenteric revascularization

Change in paradigm

257 patients
(1998-2009)

2000-2013
>90% Endovascular



Outcomes - Open vs. Endovascular

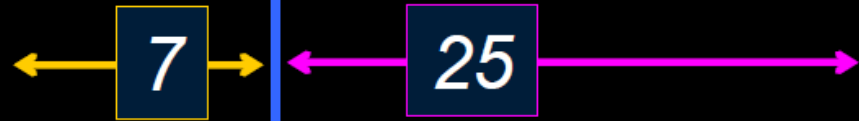
Data reported as
Mean \pm Standard deviation

1,401 patients (78 reports)

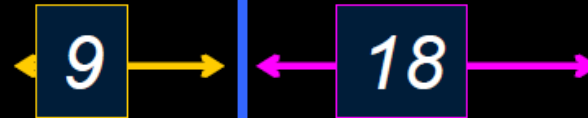
Open (n = 992)

Endo (n = 401)

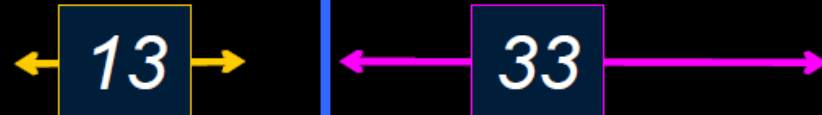
Recurrence (%)



Re-intervention (%)



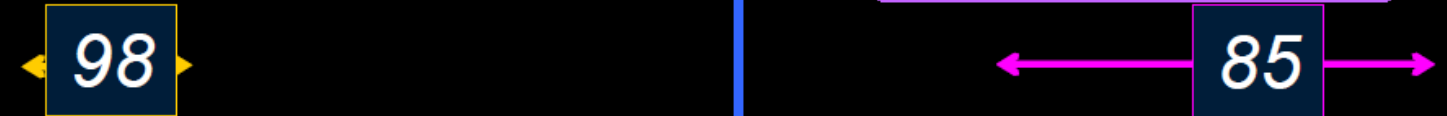
Restenosis



1-yr 1ry
patency (%)



1-yr 2ry
patency (%)



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0

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CMI Outcomes - Open vs. Endovascular

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Open revascularization remains the best treatment for low-risk patients due to durability and efficacy.

Endovascular revascularization for chronic mesenteric ischemia was primarily indicated for elderly and higher-risk patients.

Evolution of endovascular practice continues to provide lower morbidity and mortality rates despite the higher recurrence and restenosis rates.

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- Retrospective review of 161 (215 vessels) CMI patients between 2008 and 2012;
 - 116 patients first treated with endovascular (ER=72%) and 45 patients with open revascularisation (OR=28%).
 - Perioperative mortality (30-day) was not statistically significant between the groups (5.2% vs 11%; P = .165).
 - Overall mortality was 6.8% (11/161).
 - Long-term survival rates were higher in the ER group (95% vs 78%; P = .003).

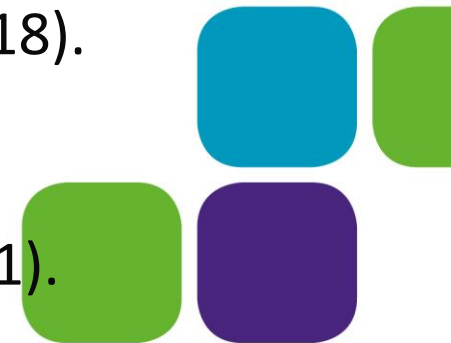


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- Endovascular revascularisation patients;
 - Were older (73 vs 66 years; $P = .014$).
 - Had similar comorbidities.
 - Had higher rate of short lesions (≤ 2 cm) on preoperative angiograms (23% vs 47%; $P = .004$).
 - But 27 developed restenosis and required OR (23%).
- Primary patency at 3 years was higher in the OR group compared with the ER group (91% vs 74%; $P = .018$).
- Hospital length of stay and intensive care unit length of stay were shorter in the ER group ($<.001$).



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- Subgroup analysis reported that patients with failure of endovascular revascularisation had;
 - Significantly higher rates of aortic occlusive disease (86% vs 49%; $P = .005$).
 - Longer lesions ≥ 2 cm on angiography (57% vs 12%; $P < .001$) that were close to the mesenteric takeoff.
- Perioperative mortality was higher in the ER failure group (15% vs 2%; $P = .009$).



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- Primary interventions;
 - Mean follow-up 29 ± 12 months.
- At 3-years, compared to bare metal stents, patients treated by covered stents had;
 - Higher freedom from restenosis (92% vs 53%; P = .003).
 - Symptom recurrence (92% vs 50%; P = .003).
 - Reintervention (91% vs 56%; P = .005).
 - Better primary patency (92% vs 52%; P < .003).



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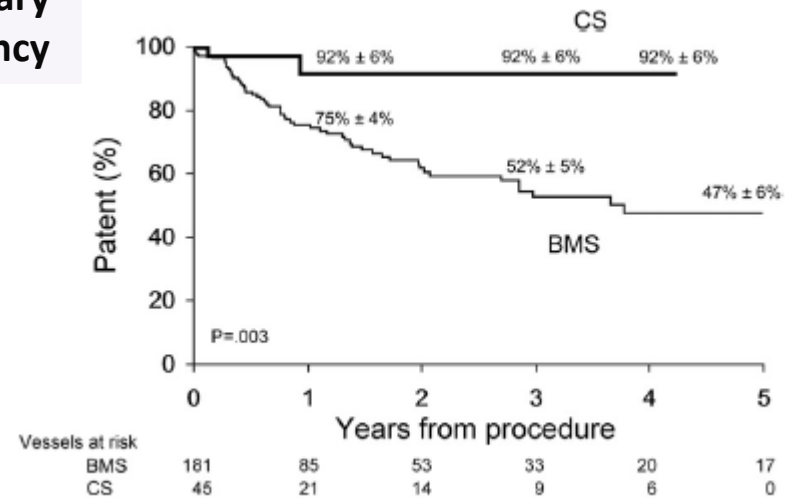
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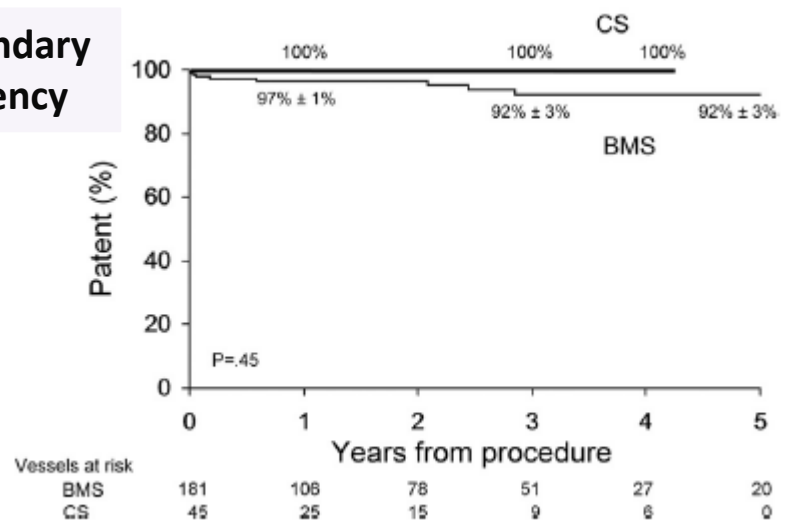
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- Re-intervention group
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- At 1-year, compared to bare metal stents, patients treated by covered stents had;
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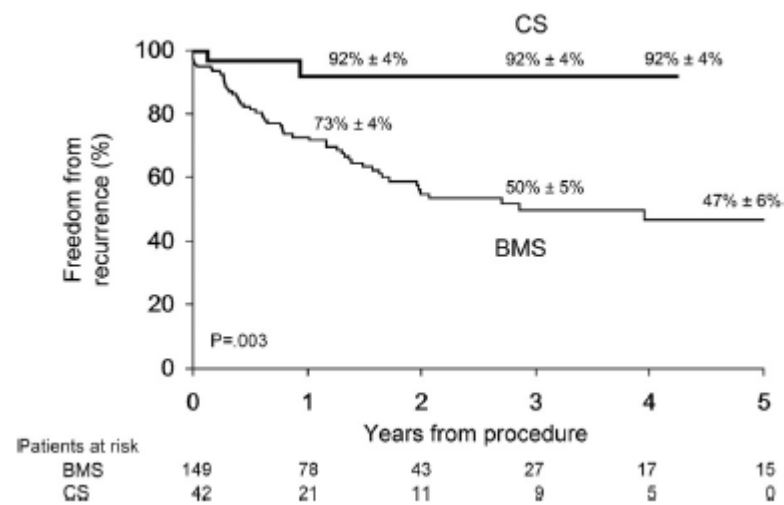
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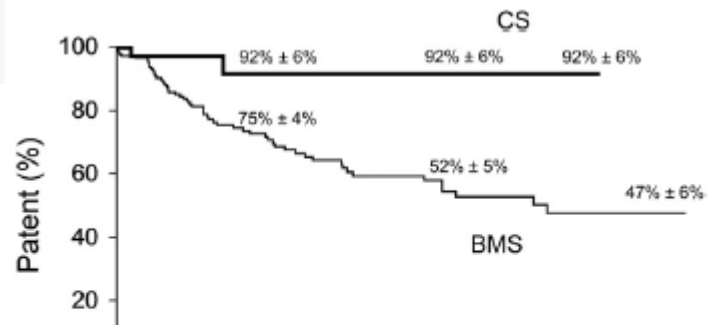
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Freedom from
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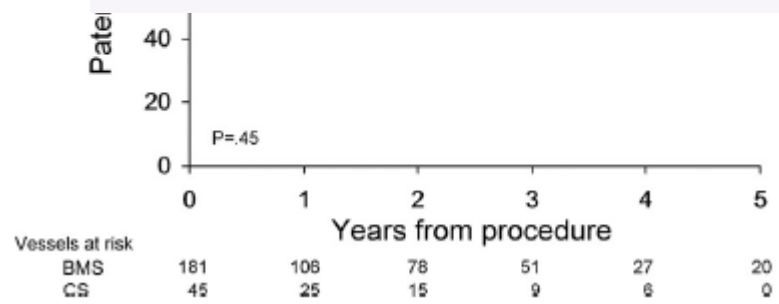
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Covered Stents associated with less restenosis, recurrences, and reinterventions than Bare Metal Stents in patients undergoing primary interventions or reinterventions for CMI.



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NO RCT ??

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STRATEGY IN FITTER PATIENTS**





To be Determined ???

- Extent of revascularisation not entirely clear – Ostial vs. distal arterial vessel intervention.
- Effect of best medical therapy.
- Use of chemical or mechanical lysis.
- Hybrid endovascular outcomes.



Questions ?

