

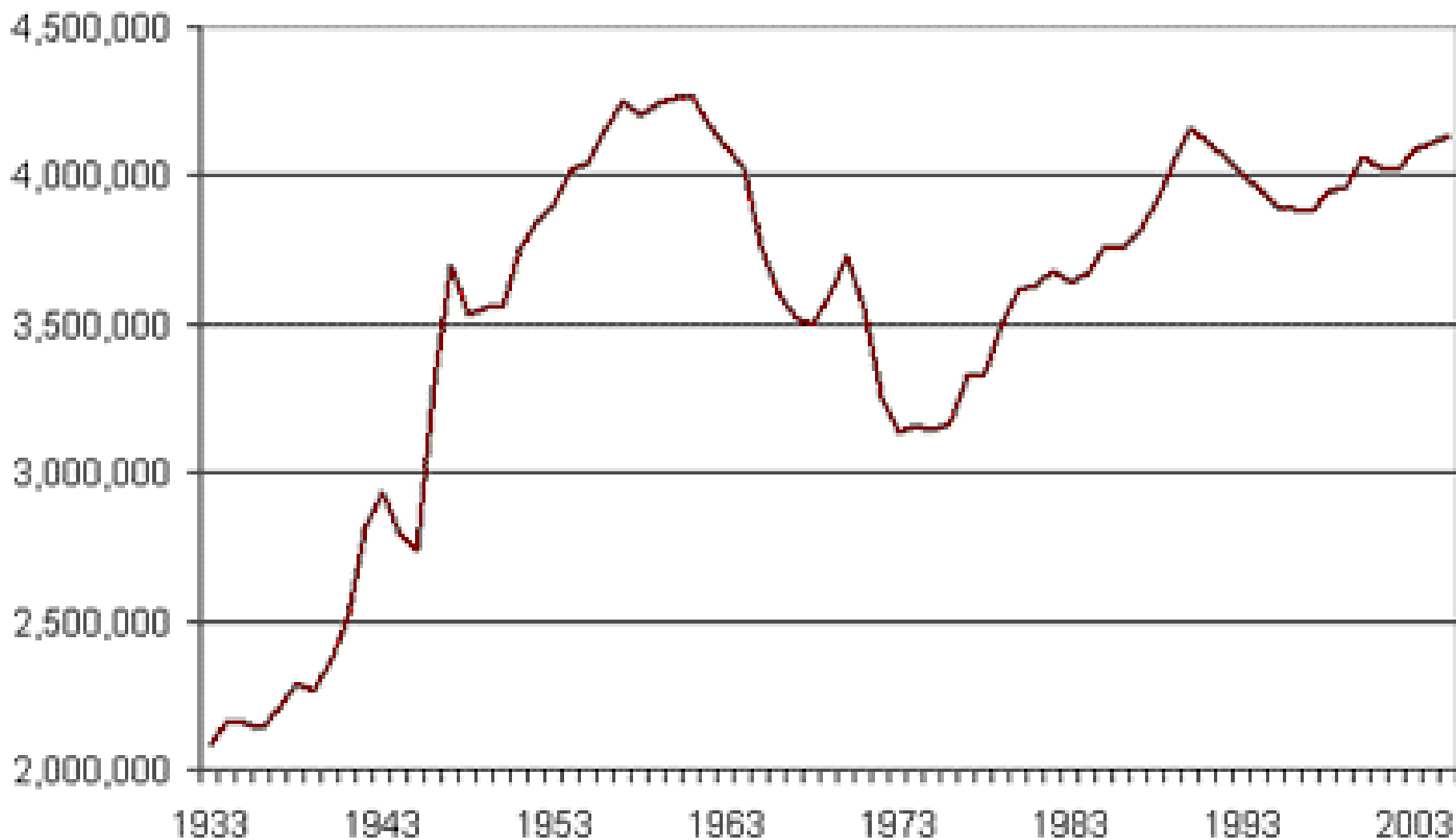
Update on Indications for Valvular Heart Disease Intervention



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U.S. Live Birth Rate (1933 - 2005)

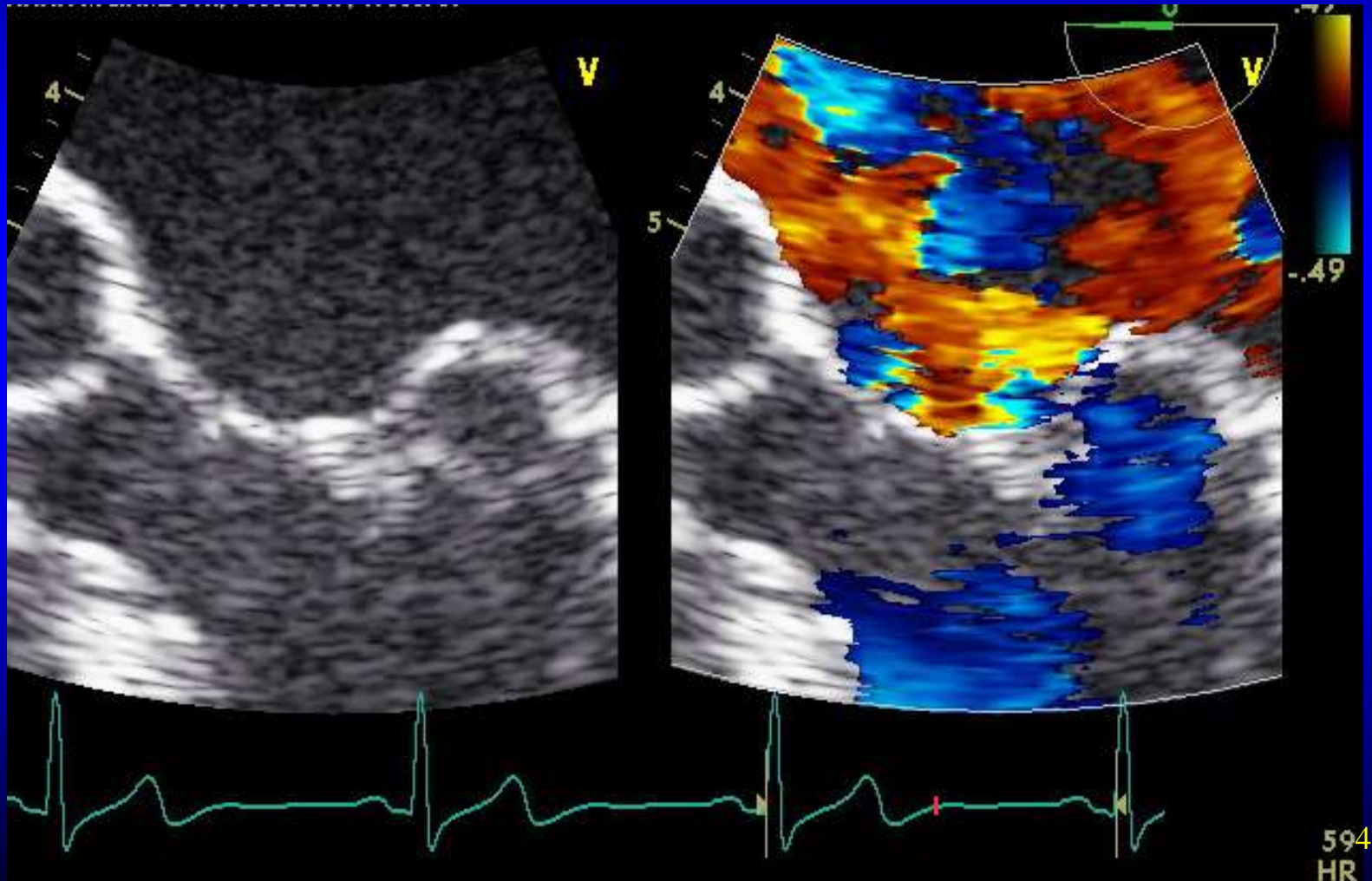


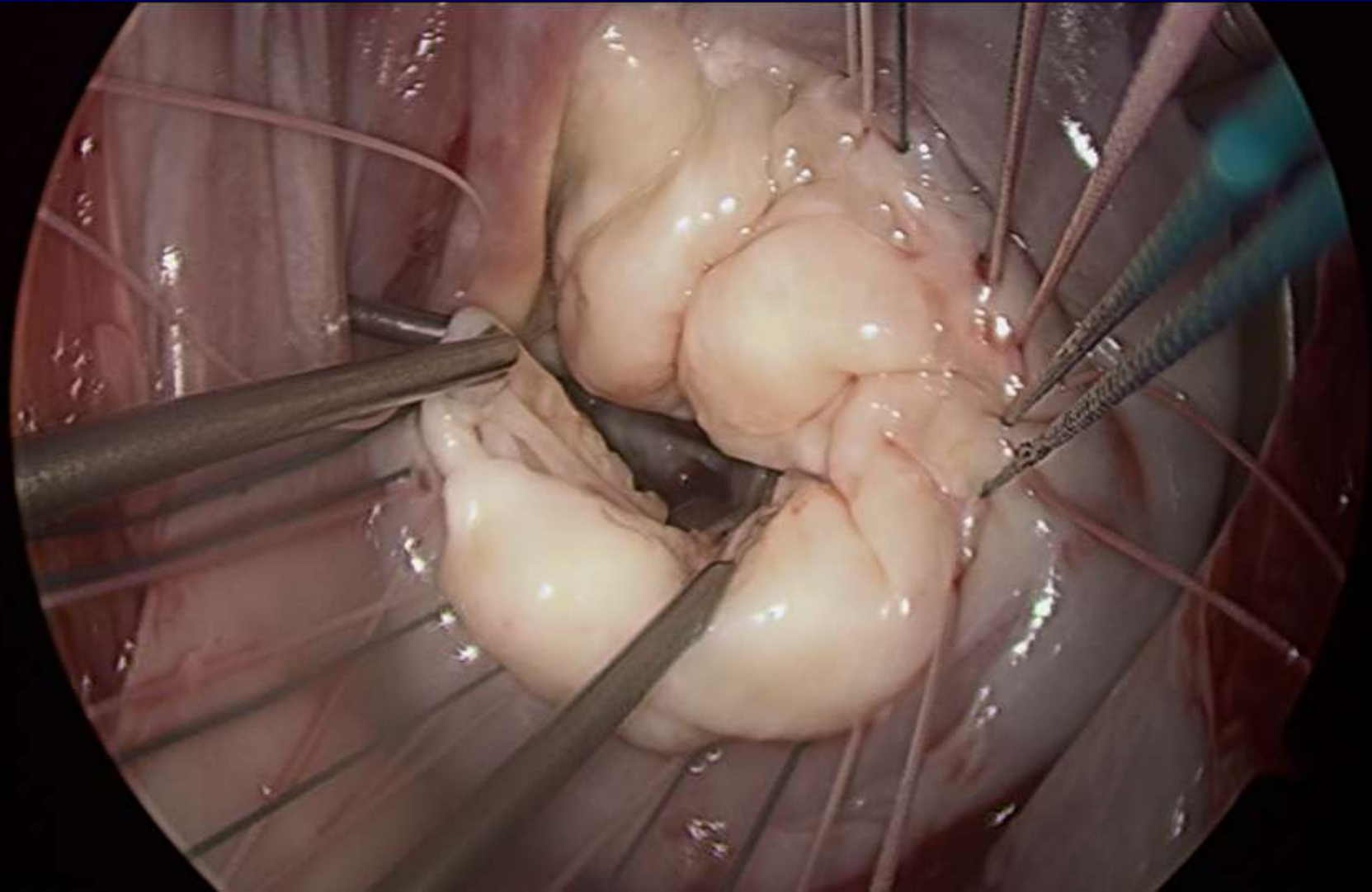
Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics

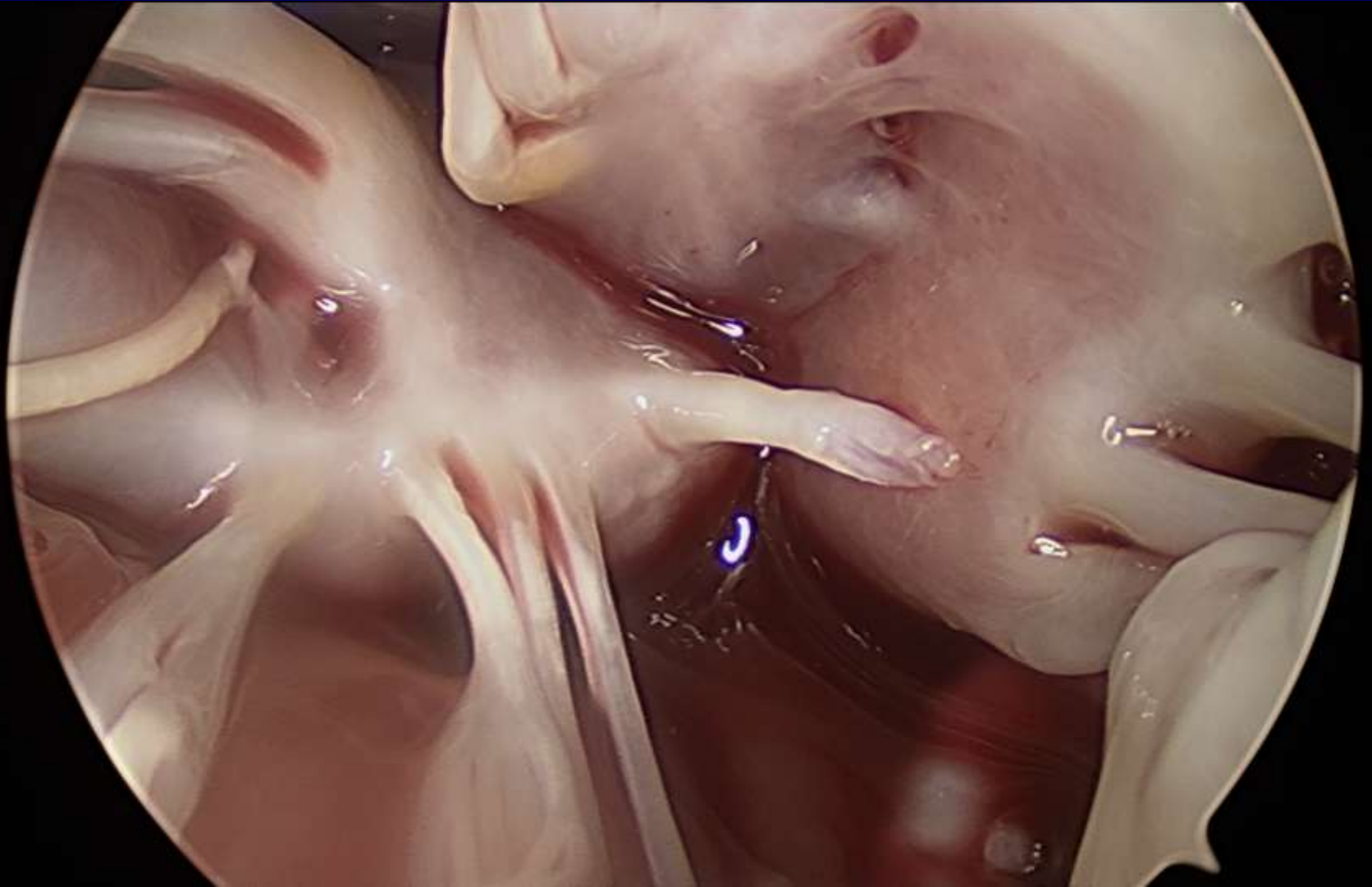
Objectives

- Review changing indications
 - Mitral regurgitation
 - Ischemic MR
 - Tricuspid regurgitation
- Minimally invasive cardiac surgery

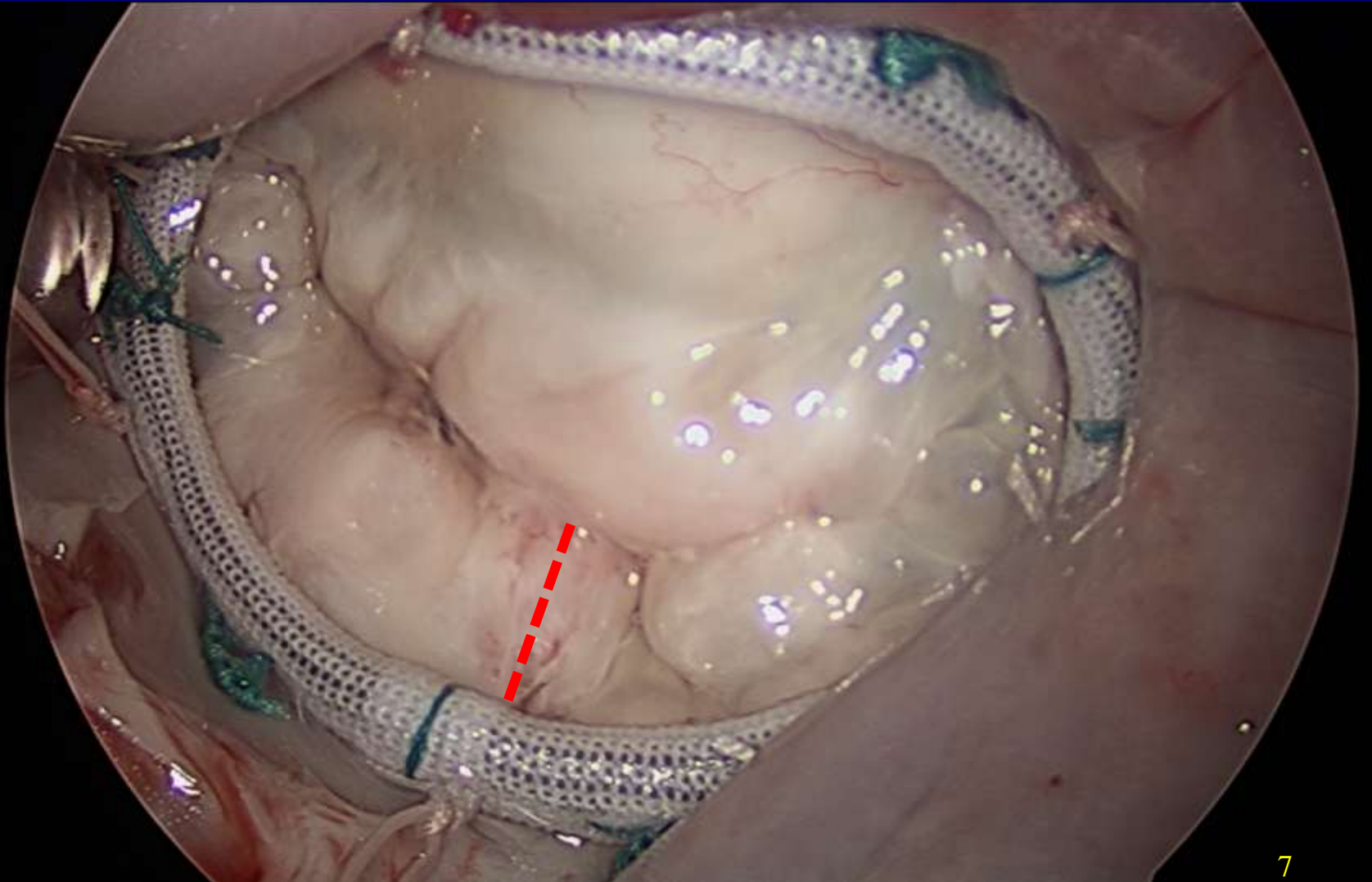
63 yo attorney, mild SOB during cardio workout, nl LV, nl cors, Severe MR



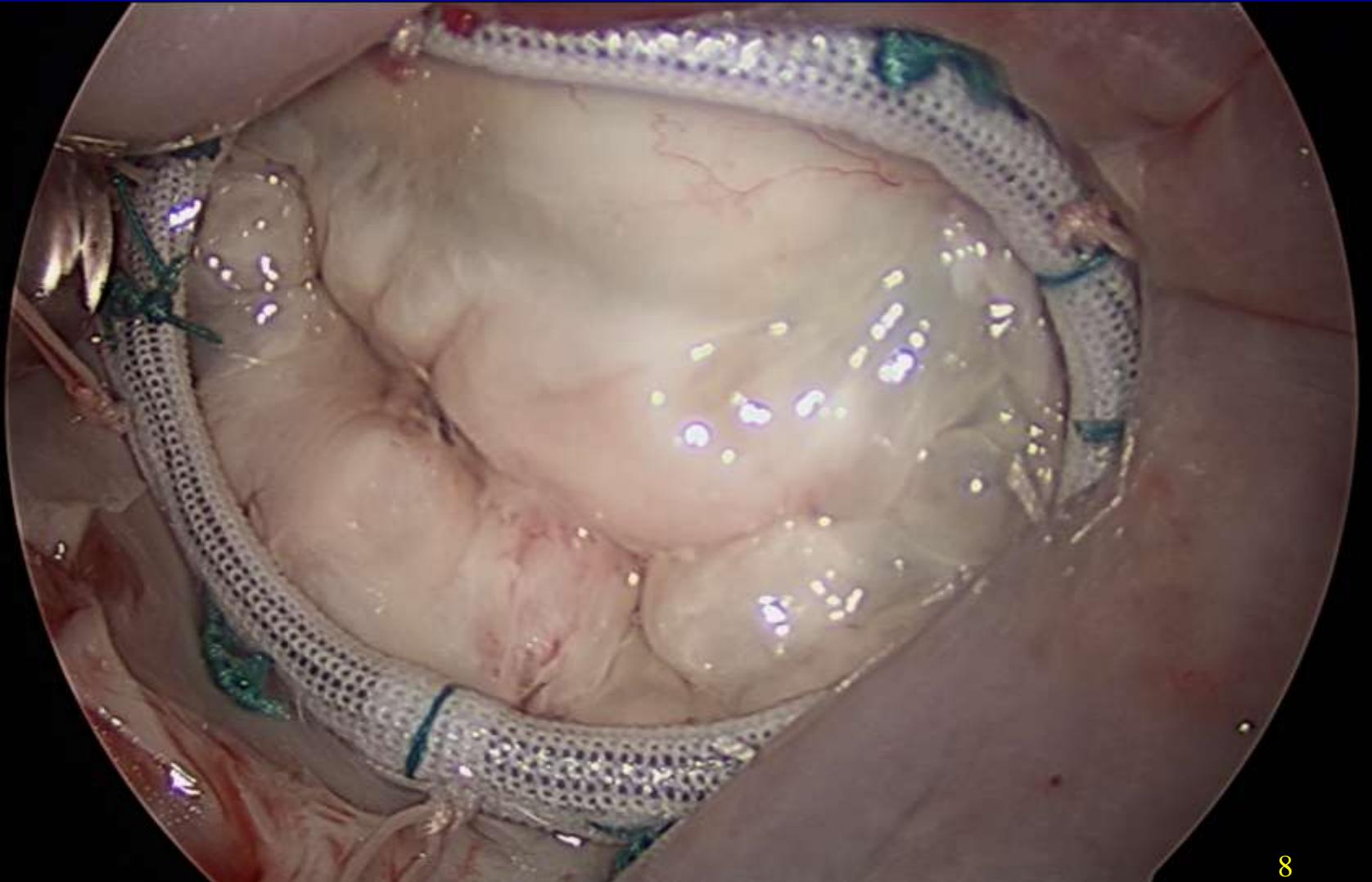




Repair: P2 resection, chordal transfer from P2 to A2, 32mm ring



Find MR, Fix MR : But why?

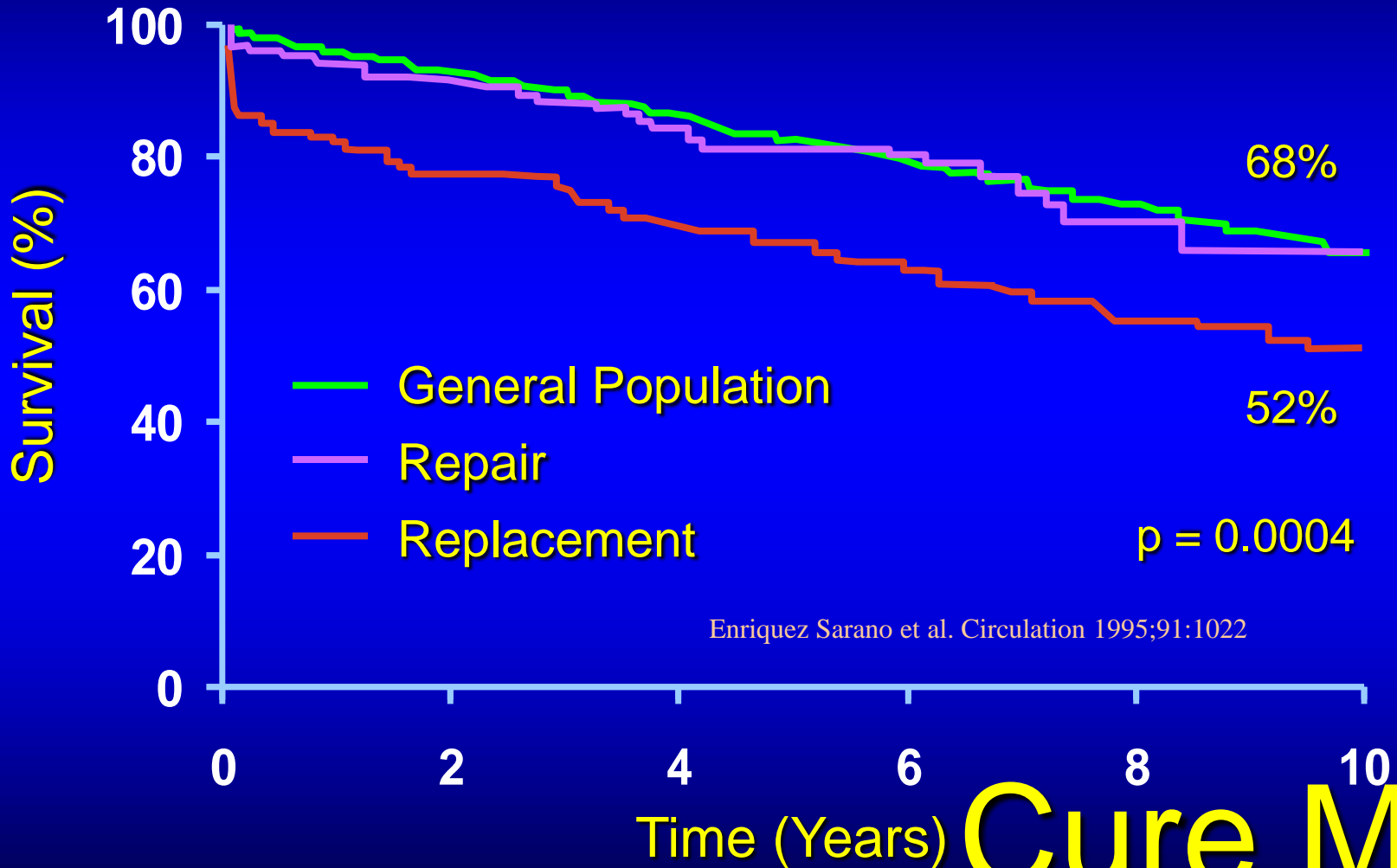


Mitral Valve Repair – 2015

- Preserved LV function
- No anti-coagulation
- Freedom from re-op
- Low early and late mortality

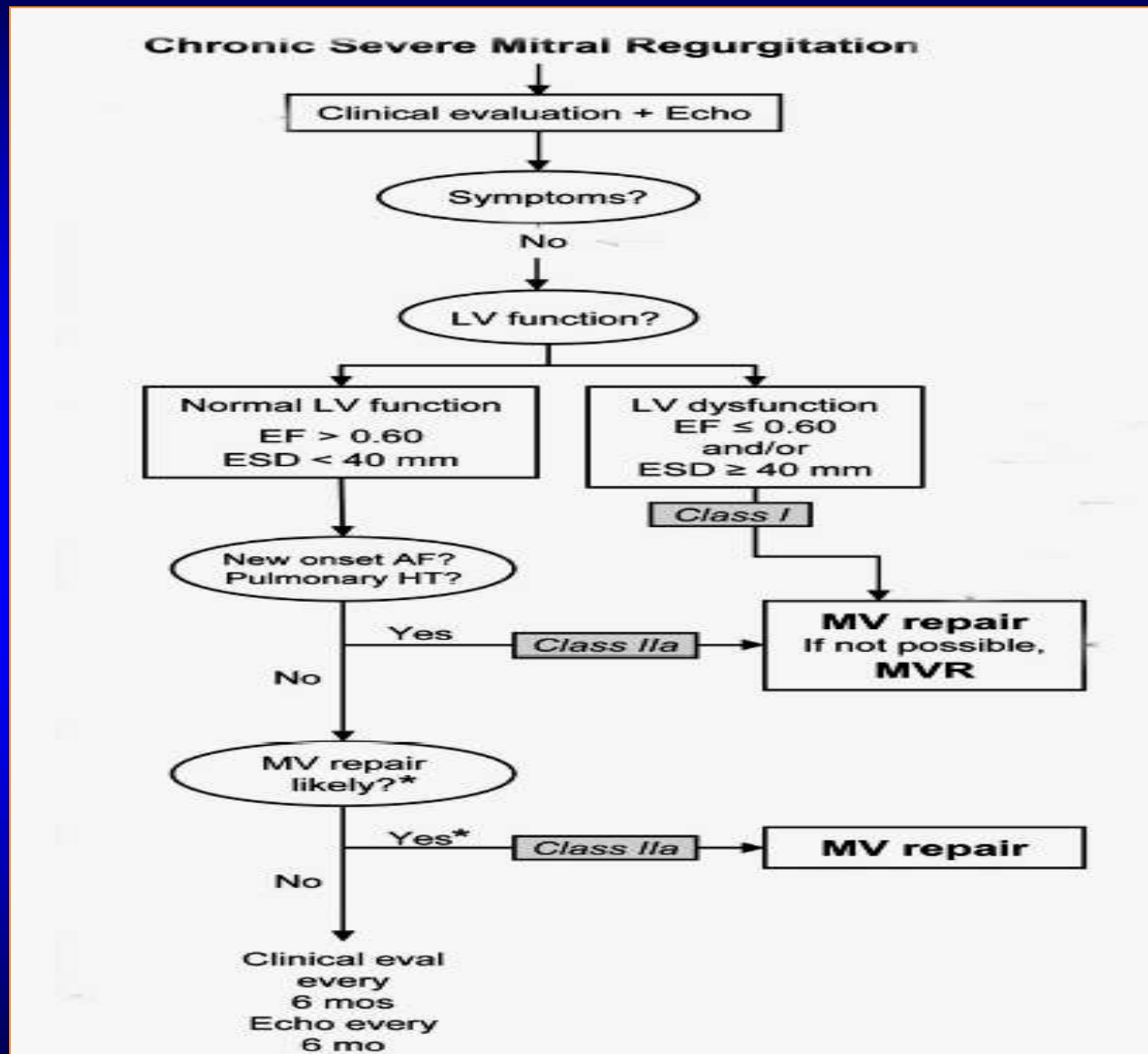
“cure” mitral disease!

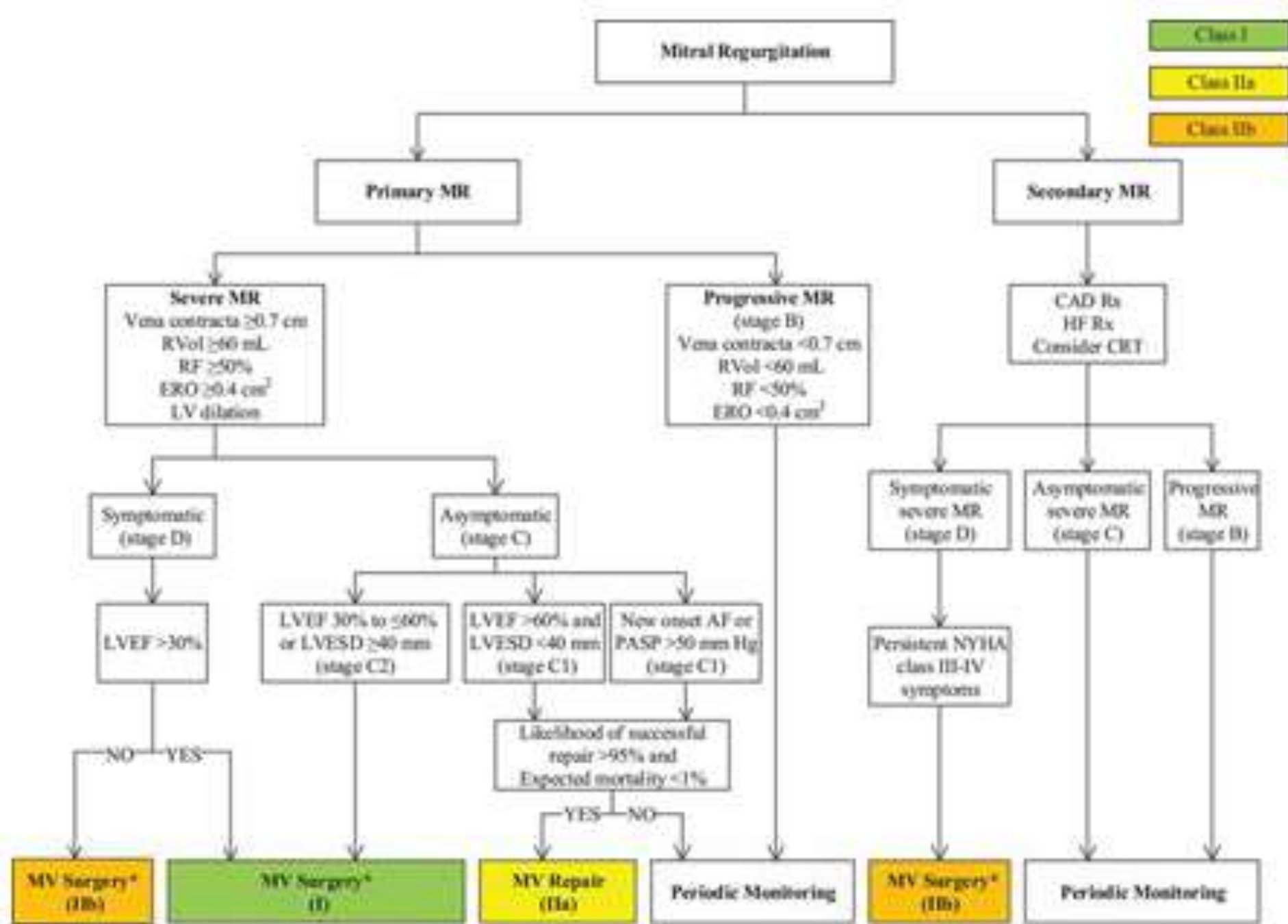
Repair MR!



Cure MR!

ACC/AHA referral guidelines: 2006-2013





Severe MR without symptoms does not exist !

Effect of mitral valve repair on exercise tolerance in asymptomatic patients with organic mitral regurgitation

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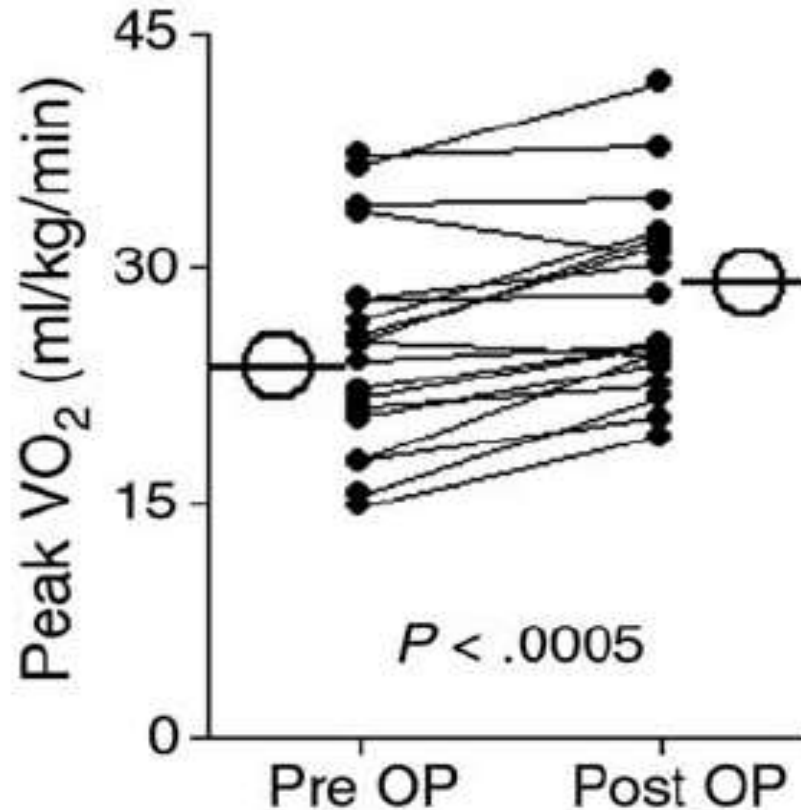
Background The aim of the study was to evaluate the effect of video-assisted mitral valve repair for organic mitral regurgitation on exercise tolerance.

Methods Twenty-six patients (age 54 ± 1 years, mitral regurgitant orifice [ERO] of 0.73 ± 0.35 cm²) underwent exercise echocardiography and cardiac catheterization before and after uncomplicated video-assisted mitral valve repair.

Results During exercise, left ventricular ejection fraction did not change significantly. Four months after mitral valve repair, peak oxygen uptake (O_2max 23 ± 6 - 25 ± 7 mL · kg⁻¹ · min⁻¹, $P < .005$) as well as in maximal workload were significantly higher ($P < .001$) compared with preoperative values. Symptoms (New York Heart Association class I, 24 ± 7 - 27 ± 7 mL · kg⁻¹ · min⁻¹, $P < .001$) were significantly reduced. Induced contractile reserve ($r = 0.72$, $P < .0001$) at rest ($r = 0.1$).

Conclusion Successful mitral valve repair significantly improved exercise tolerance and function in asymptomatic patients with organic mitral regurgitation.

n = 19
LVEF > 60%
NYHA class I



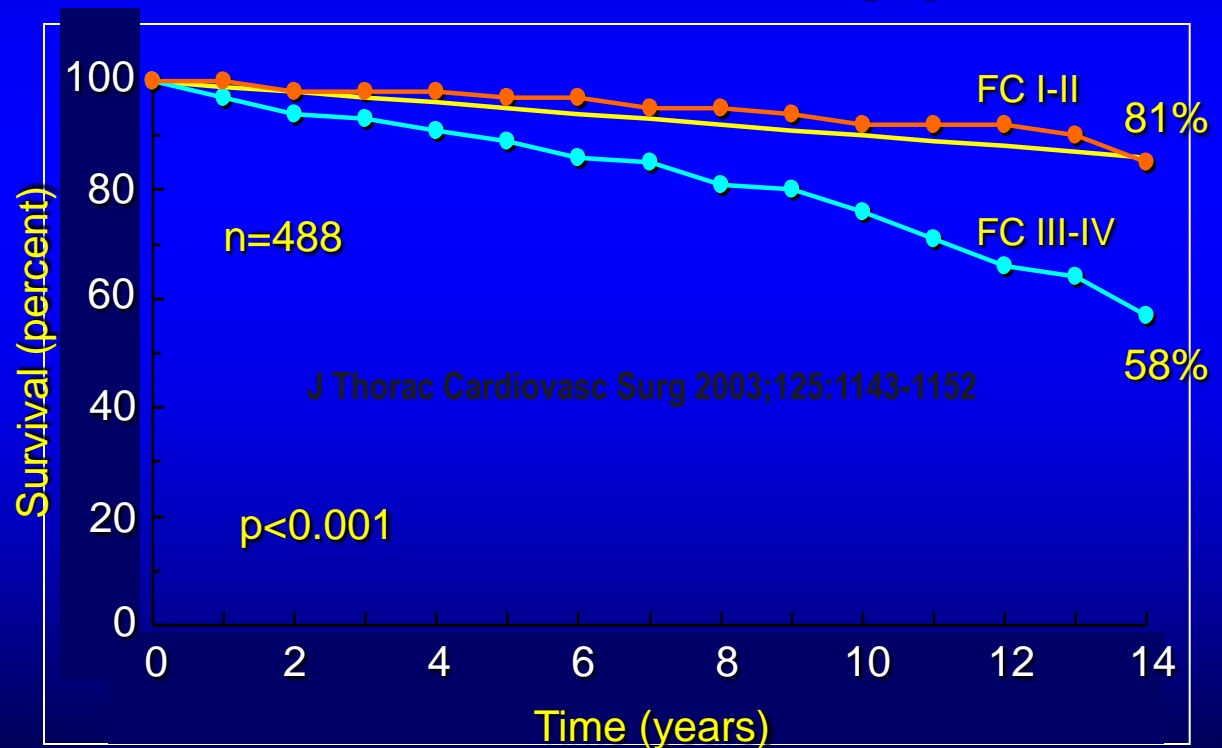
Late outcomes of mitral valve repair for floppy valves: Implications for asymptomatic patients

Tirone E. David, MD
Joan Ivanov, PhD
Susan Armstrong, MSc
Harry Rakowski, MD

Wait for CHF ?
symptoms ?

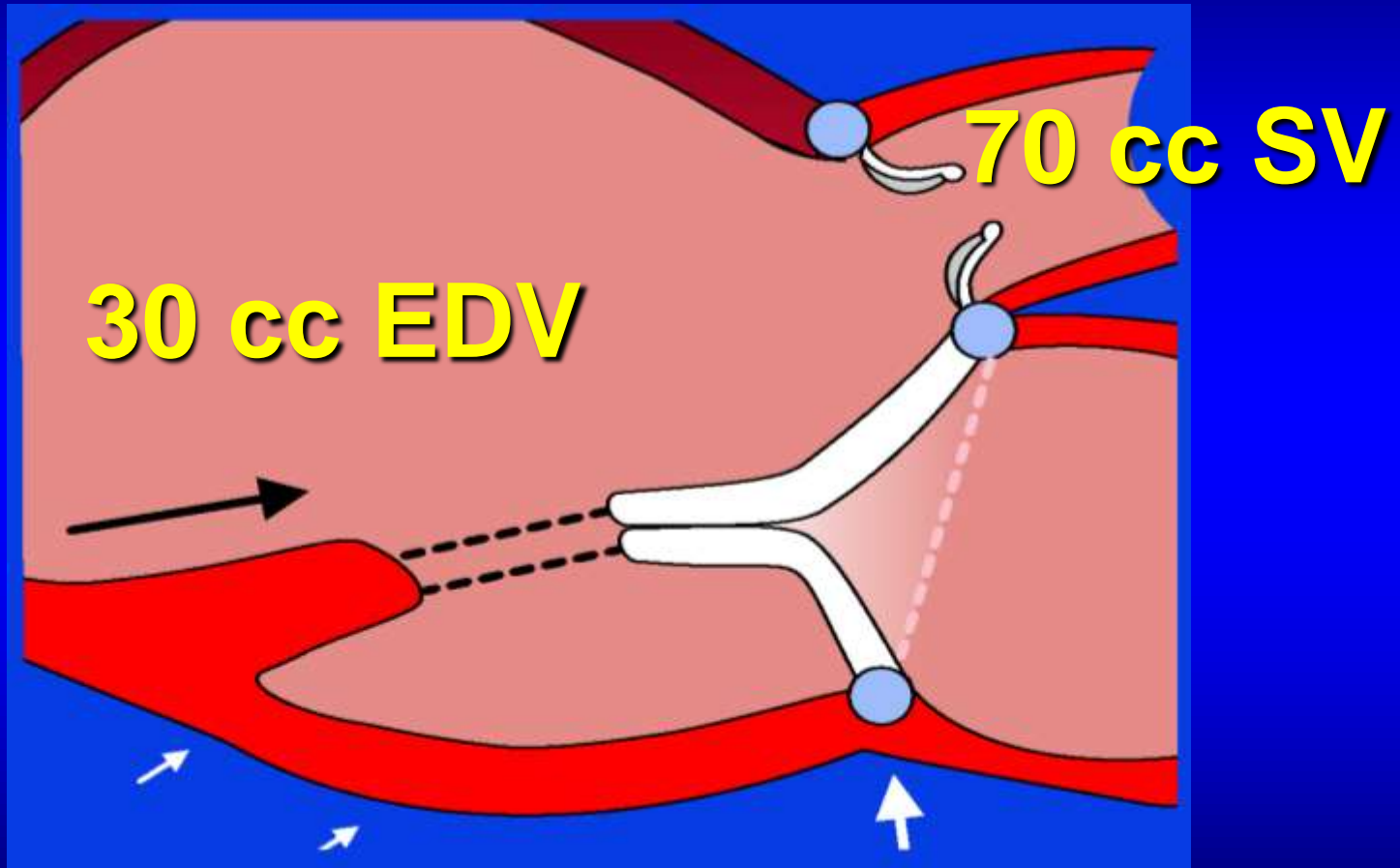
Bad!

Mitral Regurgitation
Survival After Mitral Valve Surgery



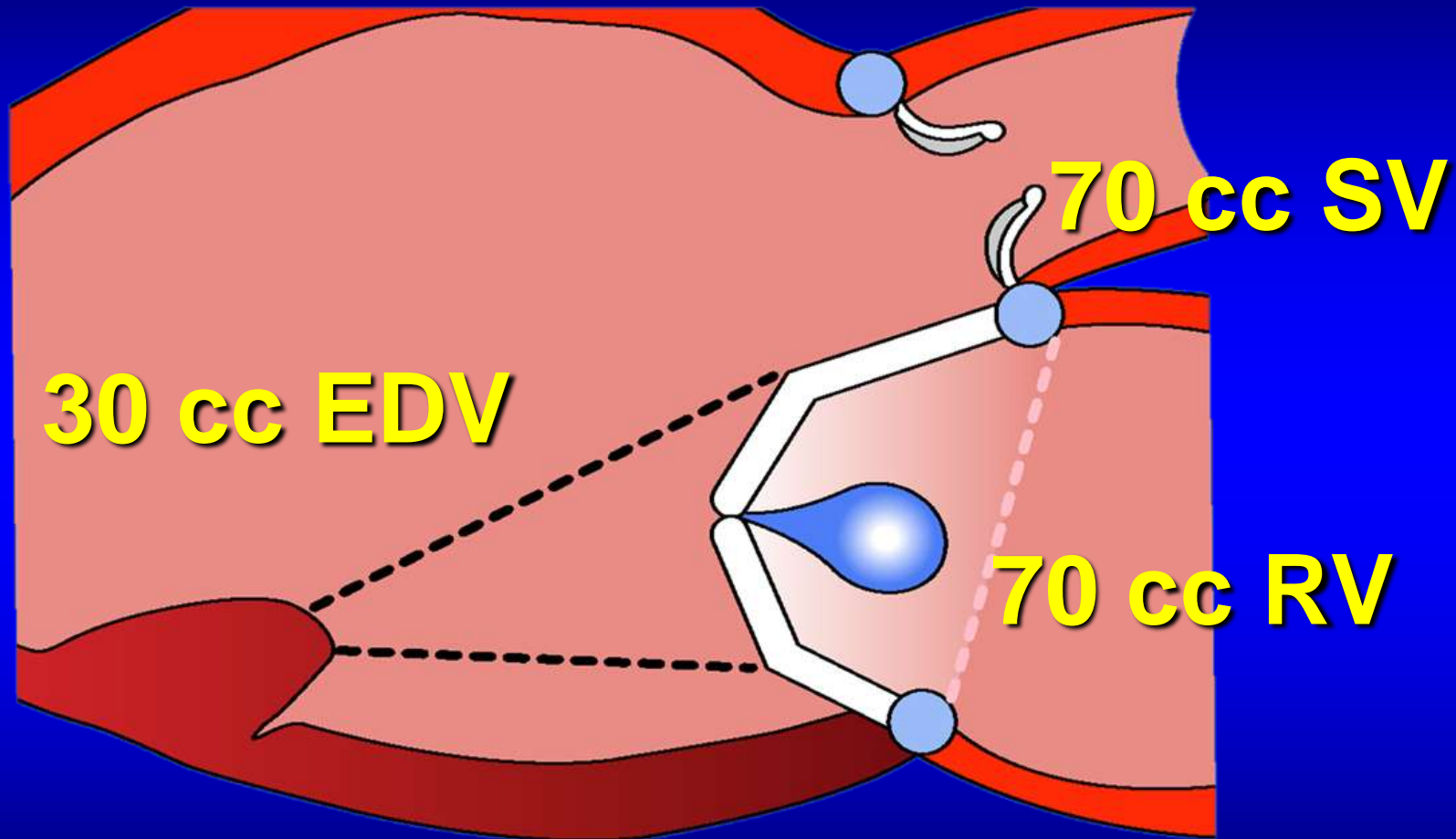
Wait until EF falls ?

Normal EF – No MR



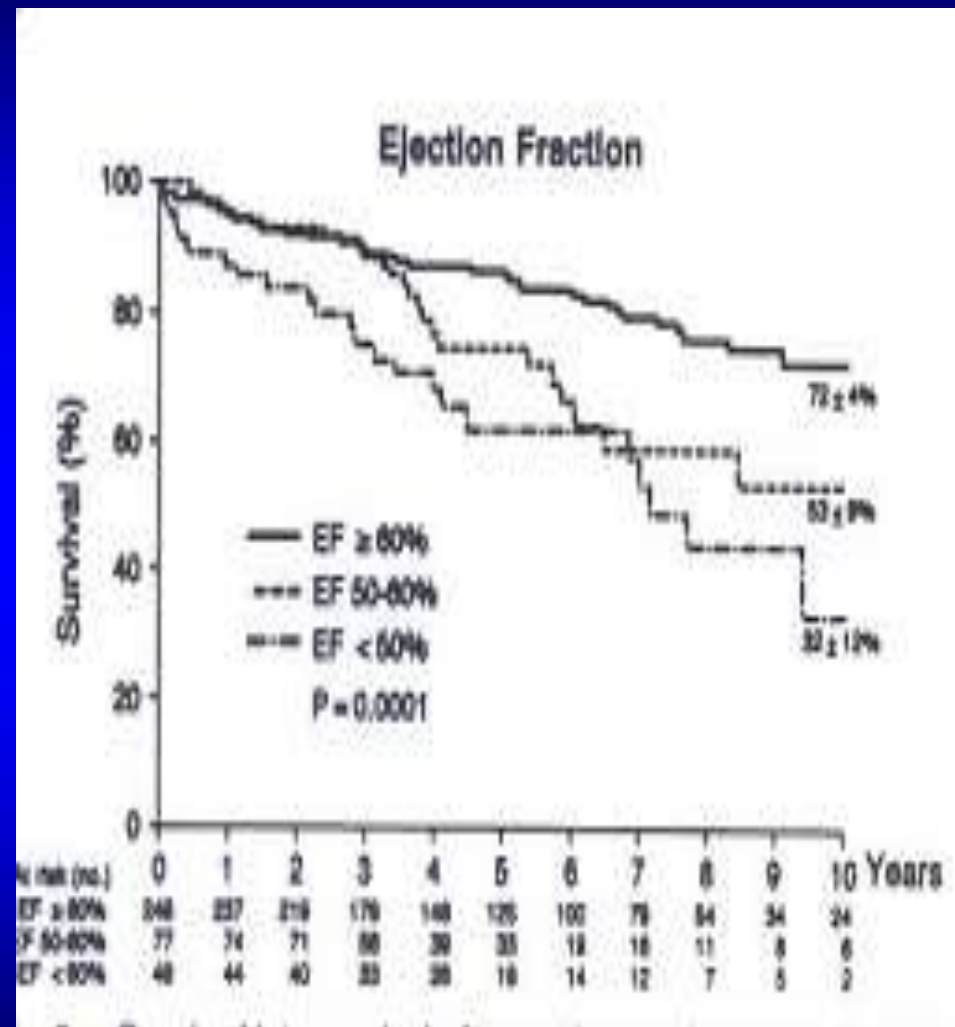
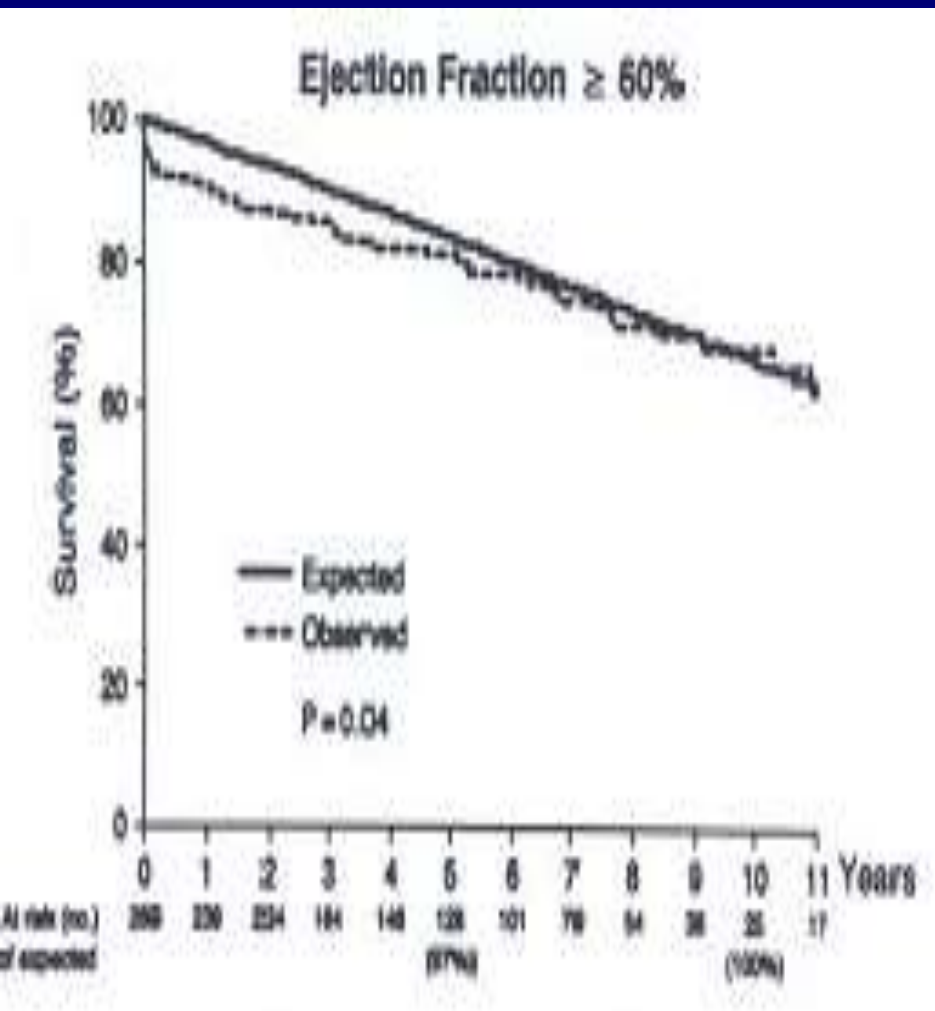
$$70\text{cc SV} / 70\text{cc SV} + 30\text{ cc EDV} (70/100) = \text{EF } 70\% \substack{15 \\ \%}$$

Normal EF – Severe MR

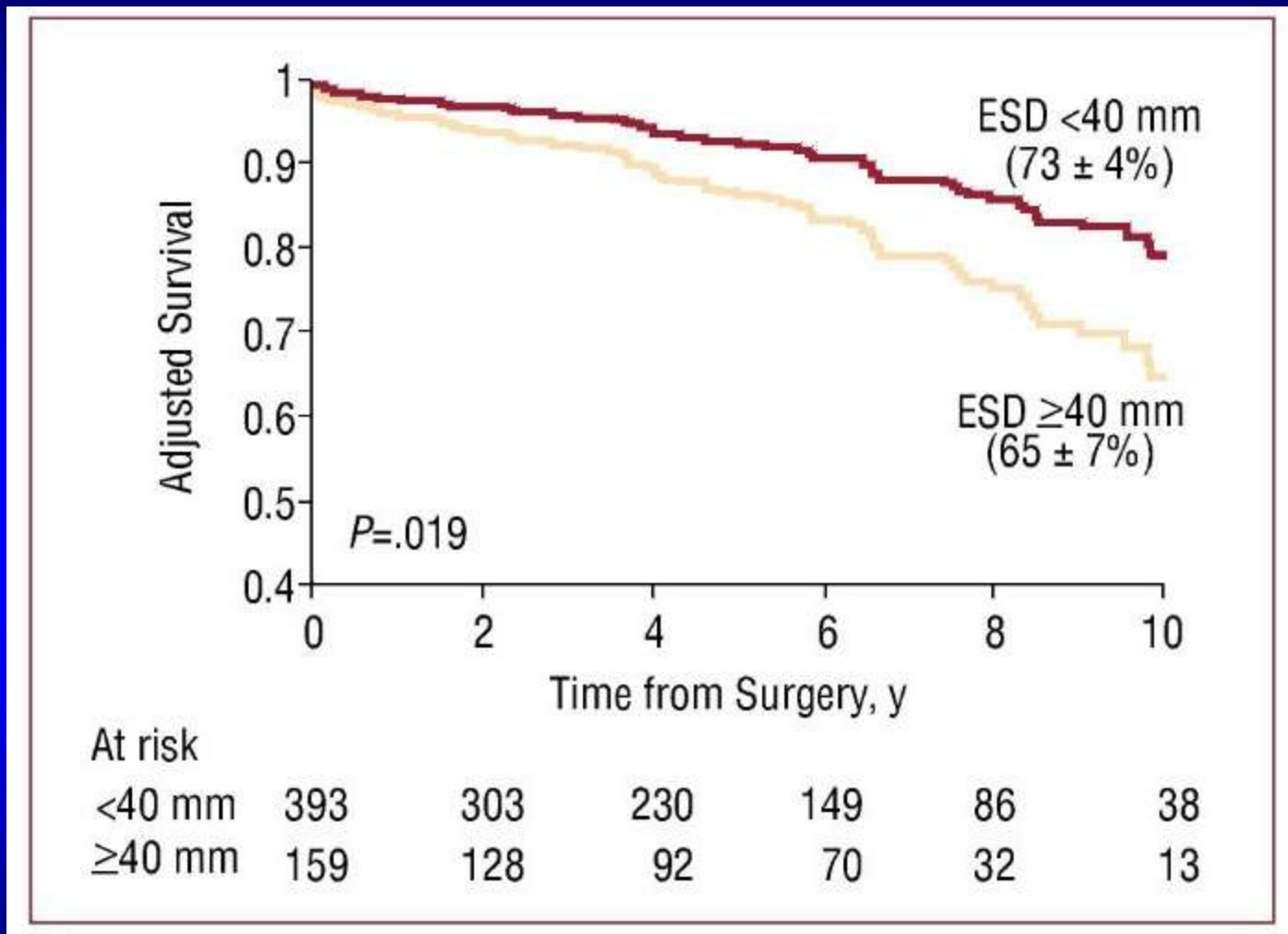


$$70\text{cc SV} + 70\text{cc RV} / 70\text{cc SV} + 7\text{- cc RV} + 30\text{ cc EDV} (140/170) = \text{EF } 84\%$$

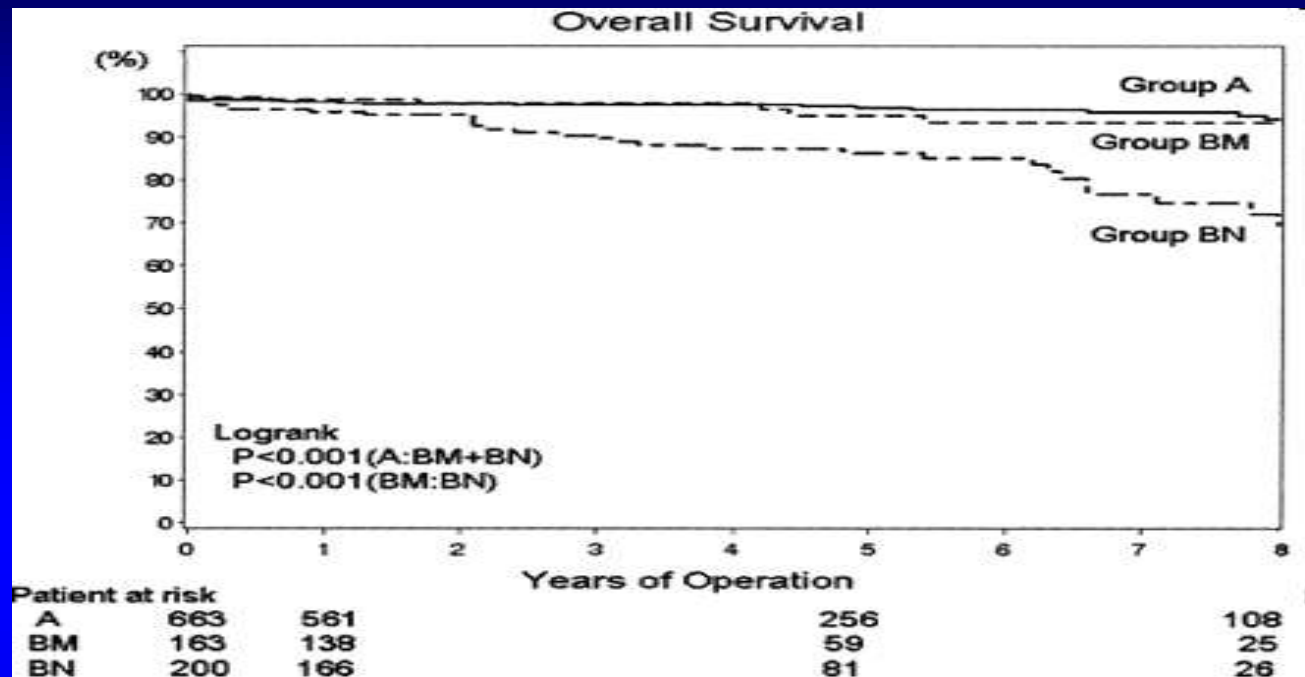
Wait until EF falls – Bad !



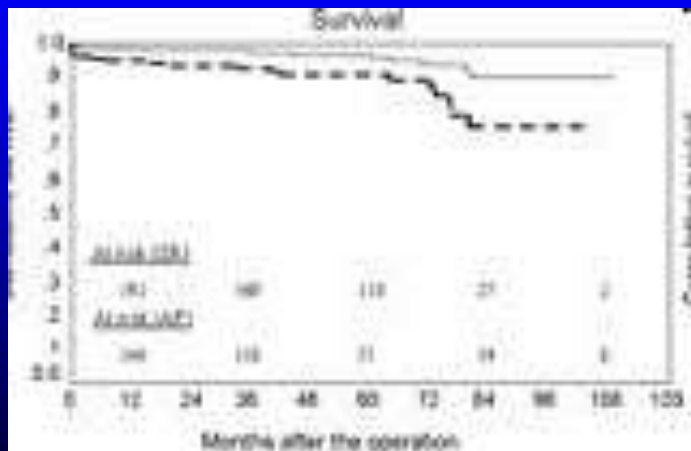
Wait until LV dilates – Bad !



Wait until A Fib – Bad !

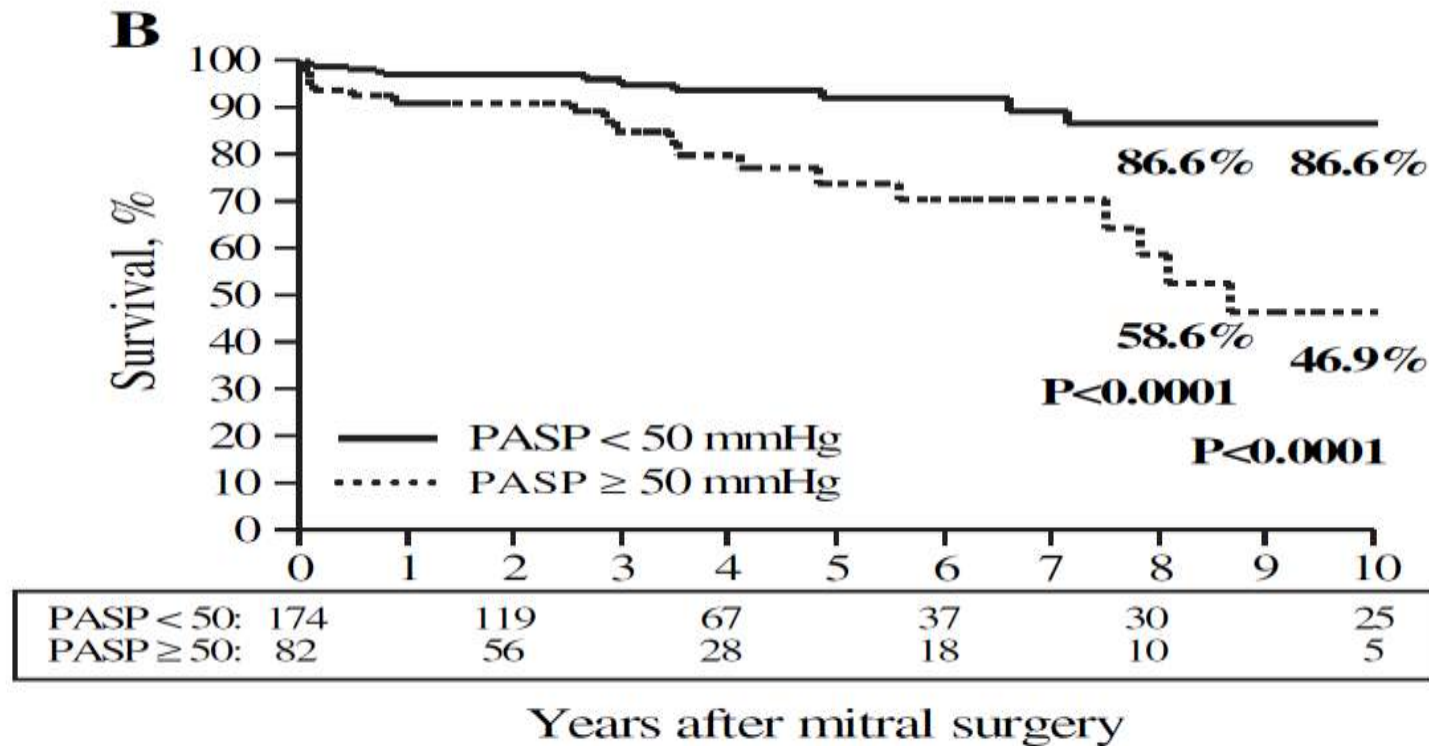


Bando et al. JTCVS 2005



Theirry et al. EJCVS 2006

Wait until PAP rises – Bad !



Echocardiography predictors and prognostic value of pulmonary artery systolic pressure in chronic organic mitral regurgitation

Thierry Le Tourneau, Marjorie Richardson, Francis Juthier, Thomas Modine, Georges Fayad, Anne-Sophie Polge, Pierre-Vladimir Ennezat, Christophe Bauters, André Vincentelli, Ghislaine Deklunder

ACC/AHA guidelines: prior to 2014

Mitral valve repair, wait until:

Symptoms **BAD**

if “no” symptoms, wait until:

A Fib

Pulm HTN

Increase LV size

Fall in EF%

....**also BAD !**

Mitral Repair Guidelines

“Watchful Waiting”

(by 2013 guidelines)

*“takes years from patients lives,
these are guidelines to die by,
not to live by !”*

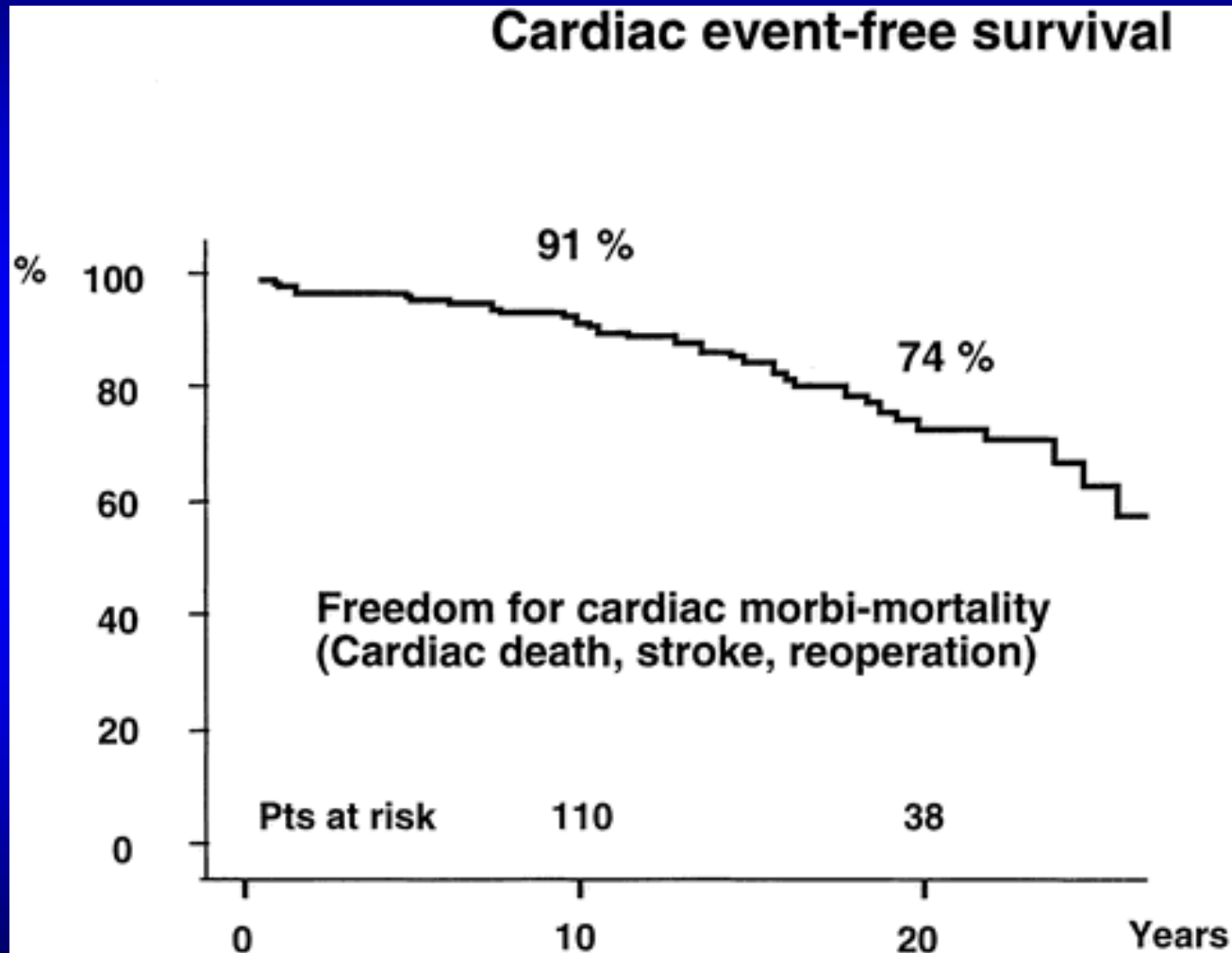
Why are we waiting ?

*Overall 10 year survival –
50% med tx vs
86% - early repair*

Montant - Annals of Thoracic Surgery, 2009

268 propensity matched assx pts- severe MR²³

Durability of Mitral Valve Repair



ACC/AHA guidelines: 2013

Early mitral valve surgery –

Indications include:

“if repair possible...

if experienced repair centers...

if experienced repair surgeons...

if high likelihood of repair”...

...Iffy and Unpredictable ?

Why are we waiting ?

*Have we even been
following the 2013
guidelines ?*

...even though they are lame !!

NO ! 2-30%

Mitral regurgitation: Determinants of referral for cardiac surgery by Canadian cardiologists

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University or community cardiology practice and surgical referral in patients with moderate to severe mitral regurgitation

Referral criteria evaluated	Overall, n (%)	Community, n (%)	University, n (%)	ACC/AHA guidelines
Asymptomatic (referral threshold)				
EF > 60%	2 (0.9)	1 (1.6)	1 (0.8)	No surgery
EF 50%–60%	123 (57.2)	37 (57.8)	64 (55.2)	Surgery, class I
EF 40%–49%	68 (31.6)	20 (31.2)	40 (34.5)	Surgery, class I
EF < 40%	6 (2.8)	3 (4.7)	3 (2.6)	Surgery, class I
Symptoms regardless of EF	16 (7.4)	3 (4.7)	8 (6.9)	Surgery, class I
NYHA II (referral threshold)				
EF > 60%	32 (15.5)	12 (20.0)	15 (13.6)	Surgery, class I
EF 50%–60%	11.5 (55.8)	33 (55.0)	64 (58.2)	Surgery, class I
EF 40%–49%	43 (20.9)	11 (18.3)	25 (22.7)	Surgery, class I
EF < 40%	3 (1.5)	1 (1.7)	1 (0.9)	Surgery, class I
Further symptoms	13 (6.3)	3 (5.0)	5 (4.5)	Surgery, class I
New-onset AF	94 (32.9)	24 (30.8)	54 (34.4)	Surgery, class IIa

USA Mitral referral rate – 50% !

Table 4

Prevalence of Indications for Surgical Intervention for Chronic Severe Mitral Regurgitation in Patients With Organic Mitral Regurgitation Based on the 1998 ACC/AHA Guidelines*

	All Patients	Operated	Unoperated	p Value
n	112	59	53	
Symptoms	53 (47%)	29 (49%)	24 (45%)	0.68
LVDS ≥45 mm	11 (10%)	5 (8%)	6 (11%)	0.61
LVEF ≤60%	50 (45%)	26 (44%)	24 (45%)	0.90
Atrial fibrillation	26 (23%)	14 (24%)	12 (23%)	0.89
RVSP >50 mm Hg	25 (22%)	9 (15%)	16 (30%)	0.06
Any indication	96 (86%)	57 (97%)	39 (74%)	<0.0001

Table 5

Rationale by Which Mitral Valve Surgery Was Not Performed in 53 Unoperated Patients With Organic MR

Rationale	n	Death	Cardiac Death	Interval to Cardiac Death (days)
Asymptomatic	9 (17%)	1	0	—
Stable LVEF, stable chambers	17 (32%)	3	3	186, 839, 855
MR improved on subsequent echocardiogram	6 (11%)	1	1	213
Comorbidities/risk	10 (19%)	7*	4	3, 5, 26, 43
Patient refused	4 (%)	2	2	3, 32
Died before planned evaluation	1 (%)	1	1	5
MR unrecognized	4 (%)	1†	0	—
MR ignored	2 (%)	1	1	232

33% mortality @ 1 yr

Failure of Guideline Adherence for Intervention in Patients With Severe Mitral Regurgitation

David S. Bach, et al JACC Vol. 54, No. 9, 2009

Why are we waiting ?

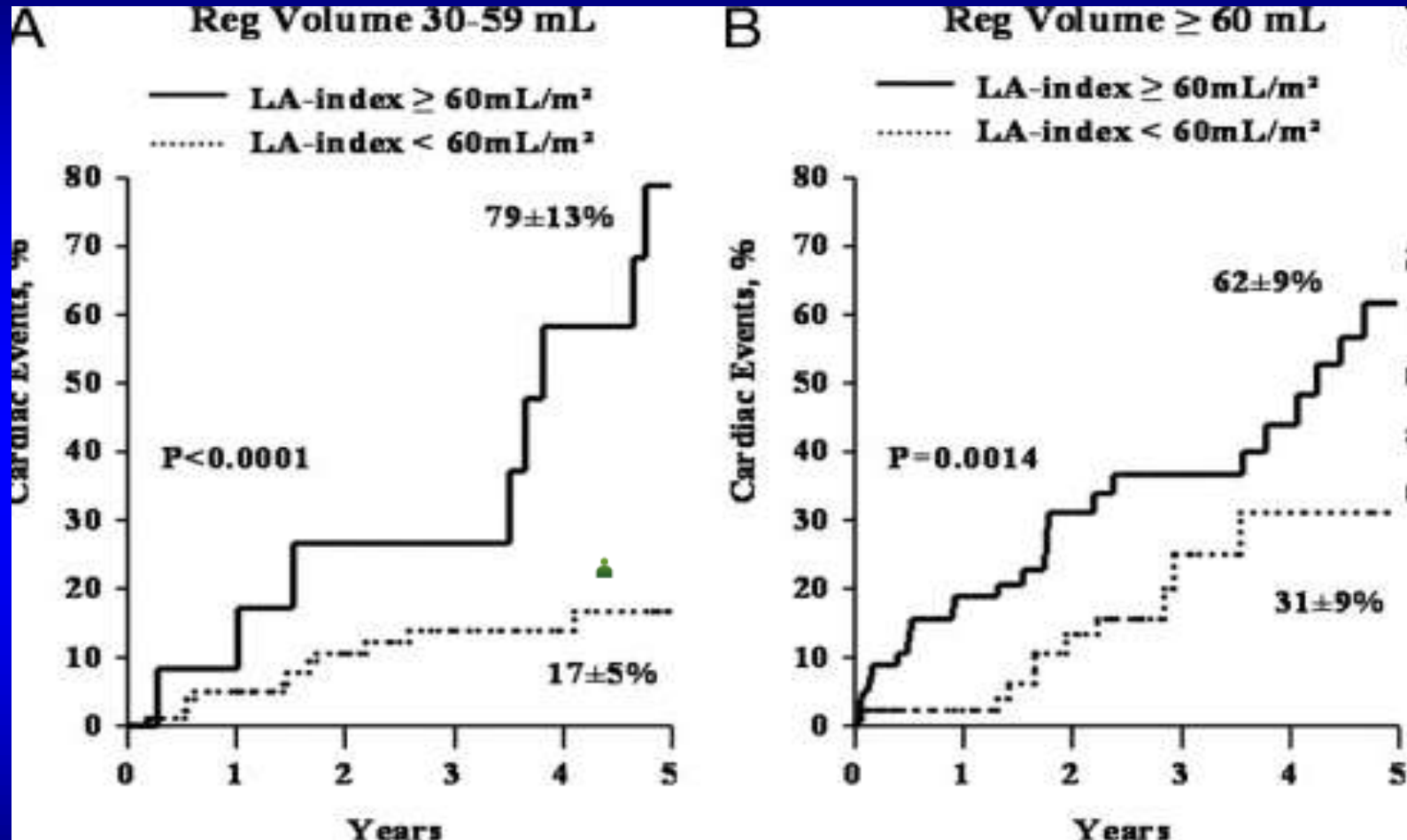
**25% of moderate MR patients
dropped LV function...**

***without ever being
detected as severe !!***

LA size

mod MR

severe MR

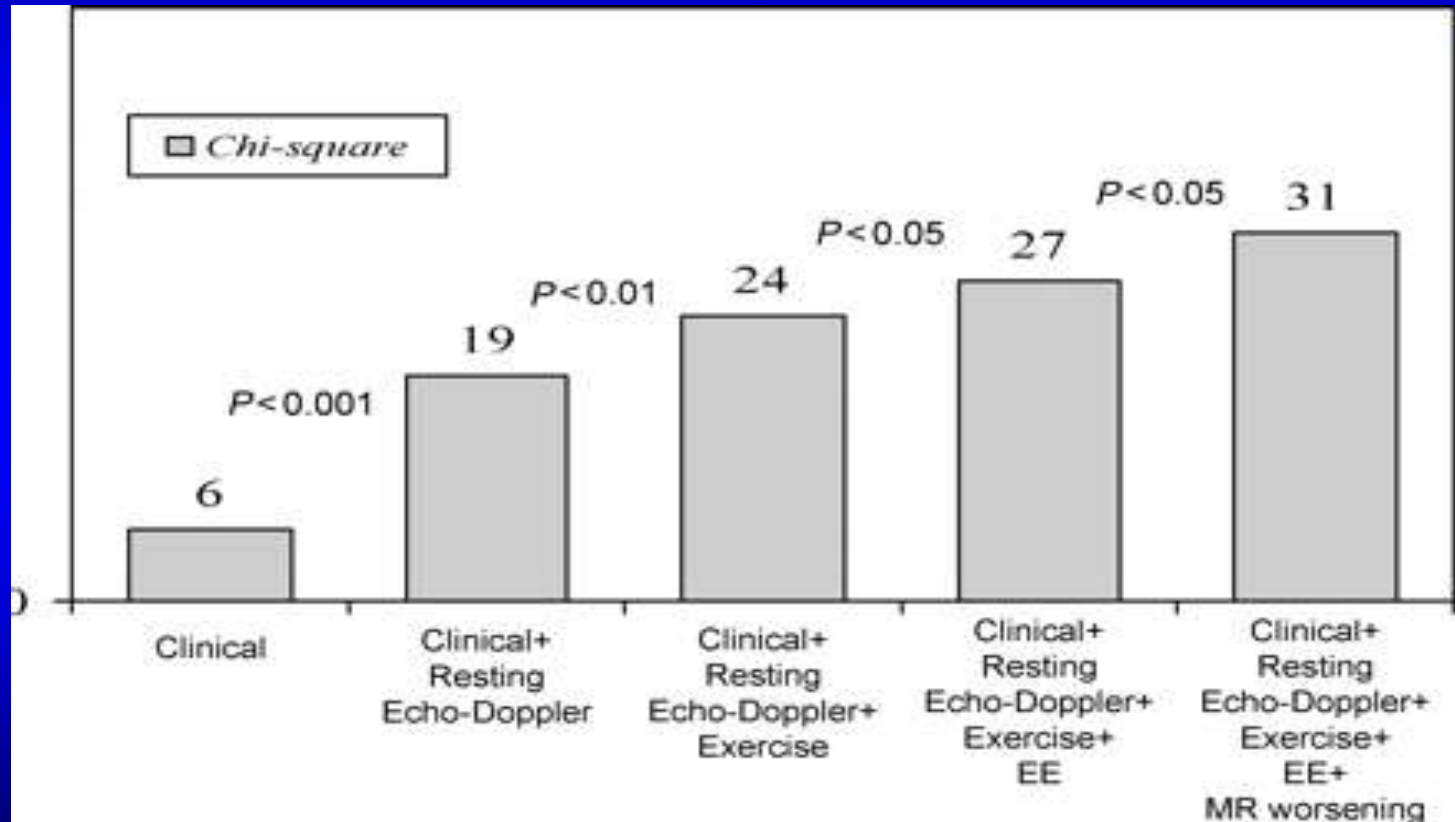


Impact of Left Atrial Volume on Clinical Outcome in Organic Mitral Regurgitation

• Tourneau et al, JACC 2012

Exercise Testing

With exercise : any Increased MR, AF, PHTN or Drop in LV status



Prognostic Value of Exercise Testing in Organic Mitral Regurgitation
•EHJ 2012

Mitral Repair Guidelines - 2014

Any Sx or AF or PHTN !

Earlier Surgery :

EF < 65%

ESD > 35 mm

Any Flail

LA size

Moderate MR

Exercise Testing

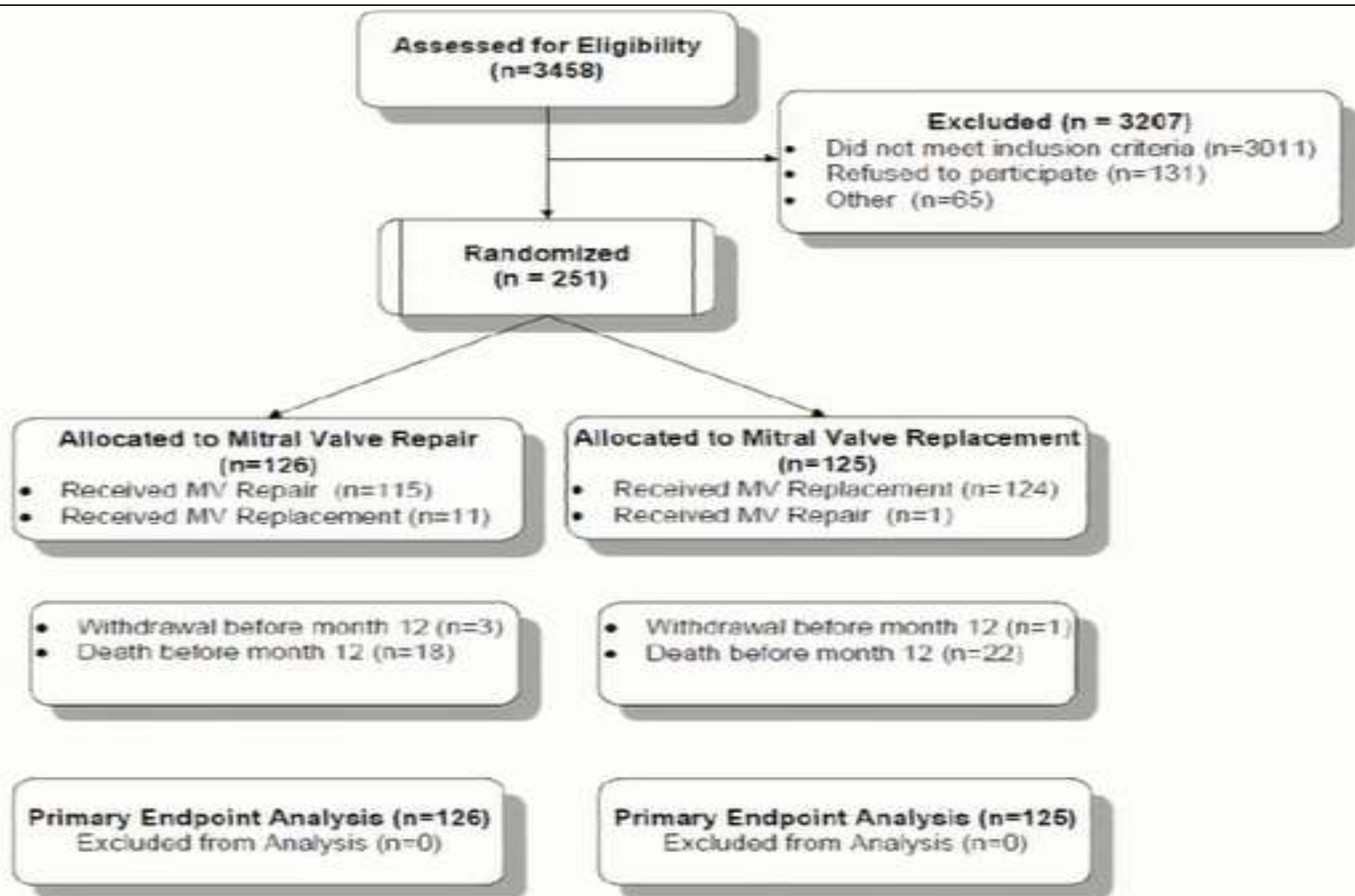
ISCHEMIC MR

Trade off?

- Which is more important to long-term survival?
- Operative Mortality vs. MR Recurrence

Mitral-valve repair versus replacement for severe ischemic mitral regurgitation.

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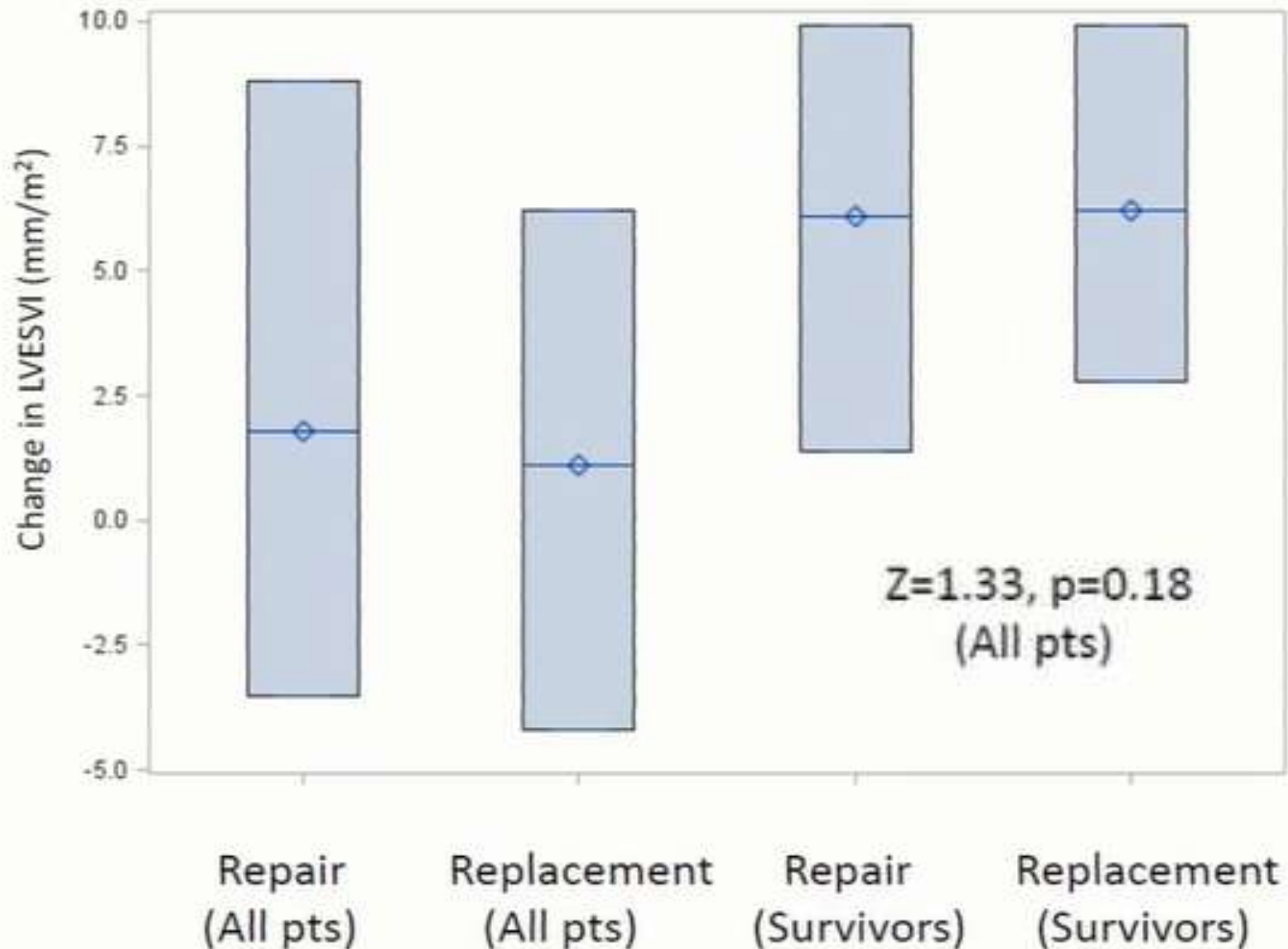


Primary Endpoint

- Degree of LV reverse remodeling
 - Assessed by LV end systolic volume index by TTE at 12 months postop
- Powered (90%) to detect an improvement of 15mL/m² from repair to replacement in LVESVI

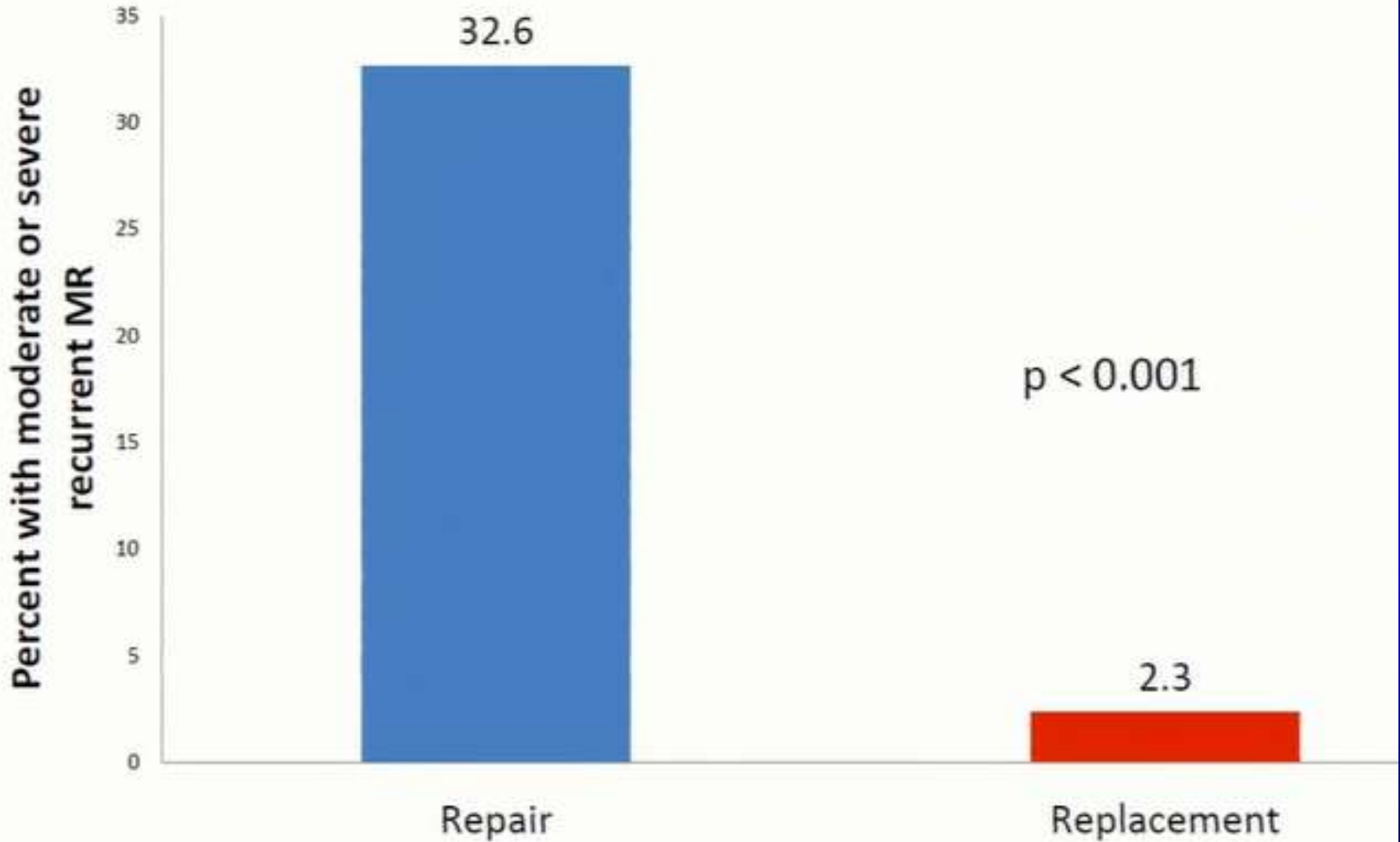
Median change in LVESVI

Median with 95% CI for change in LVESVI from baseline to 1yr

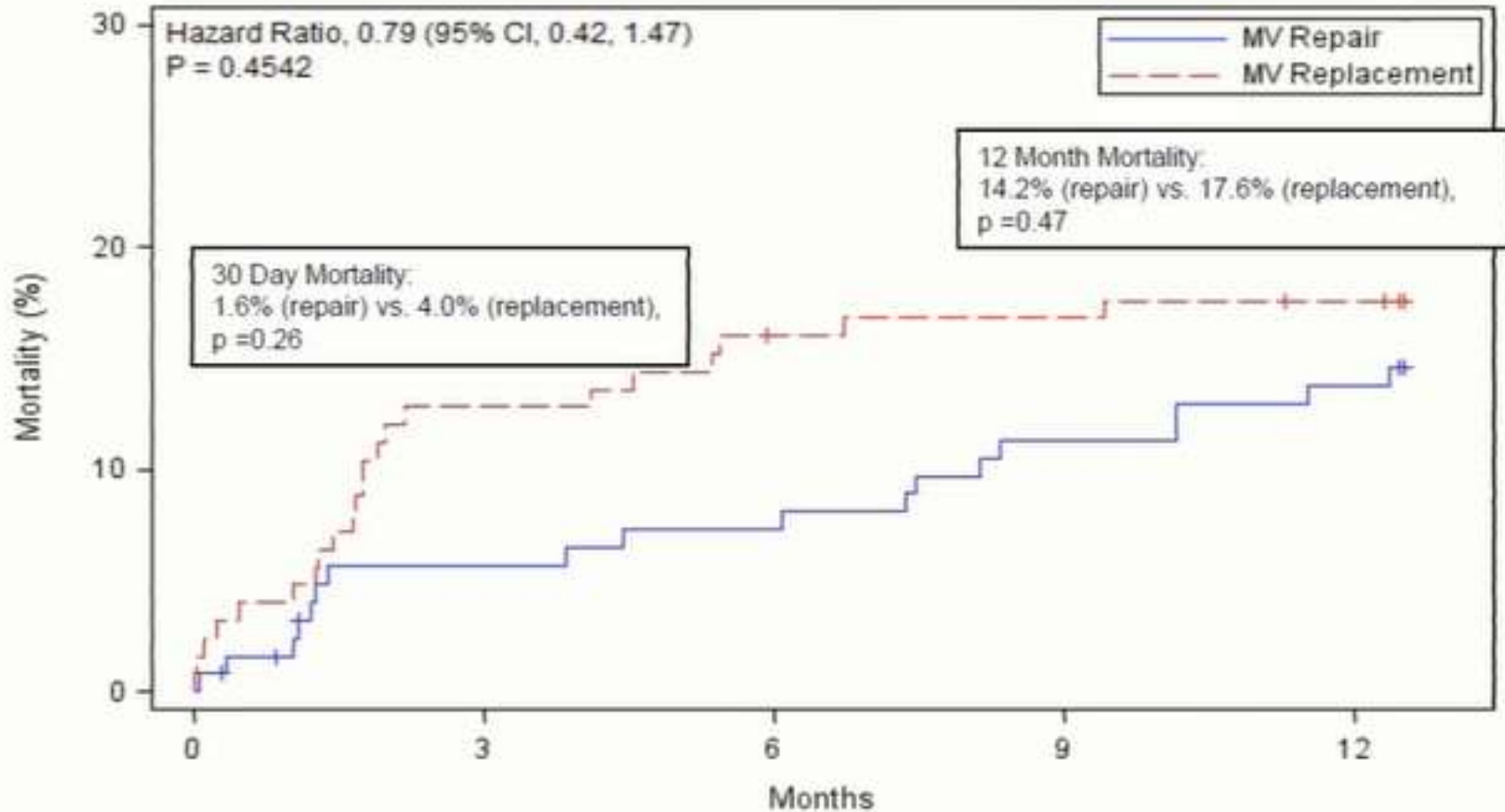


Recurrent MR @ 1 year

Moderate or severe recurrent MR



Mortality

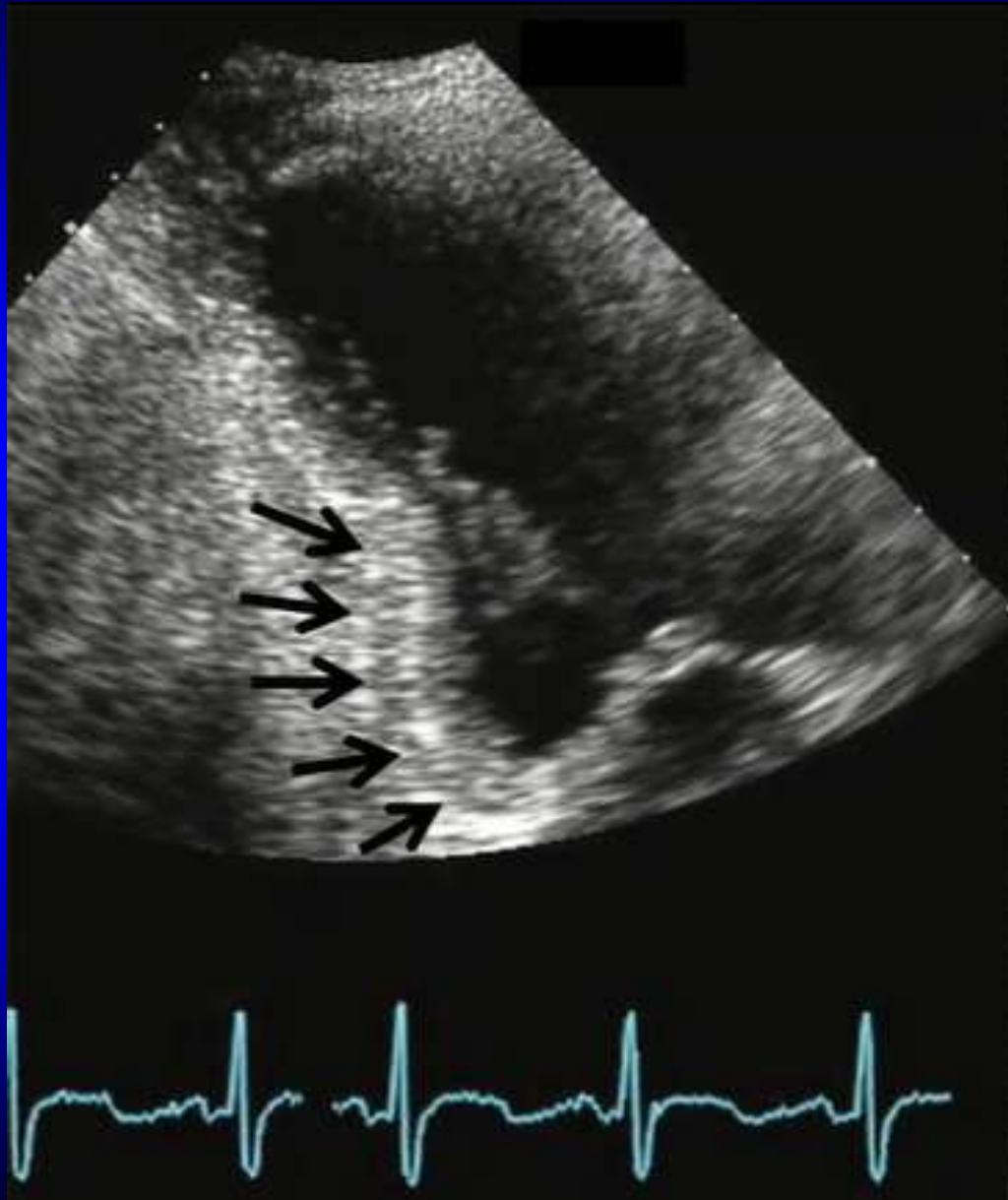


MV Repair	126	116	114	109	106
MV Replacement	125	109	104	103	101

Further Subgroup Analysis

- If you had a repair and you did not recur, the survival was better than if you repaired and recurred or replaced
- How do you predict this?
- Who made up the subgroup that most often recurred?

Basal Aneurysm



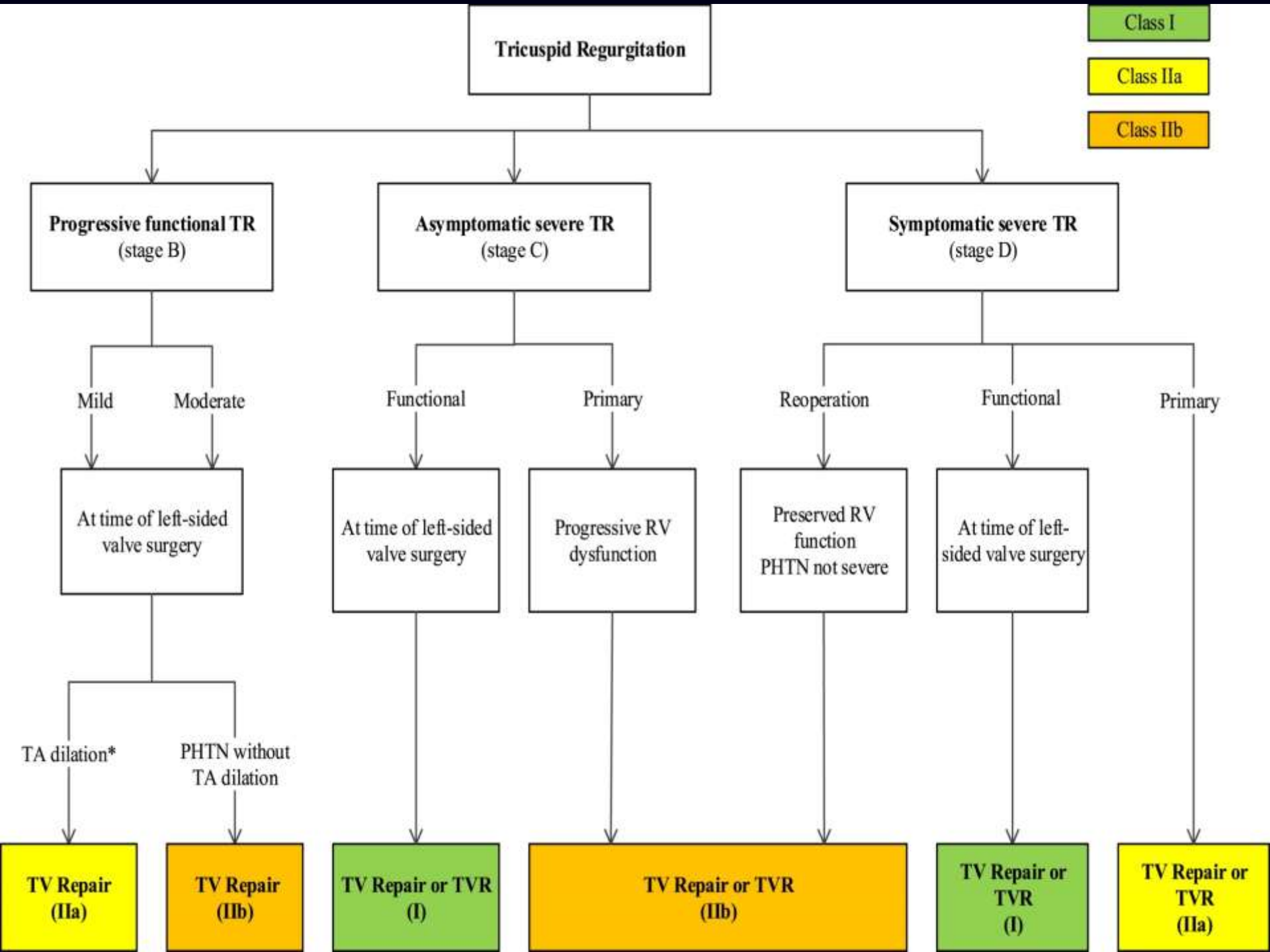
Tricuspid Valve “the forgotten valve”

OK, if we find MR, we will fix MR !
But repair TR, or ignore it ?

Is TR important?

When/how to fix TR

What lessons have we learned?



Clinical Presentation of TR

Decreased CO

Fatigue, decreased exercise tolerance

“Right-sided” Heart Failure

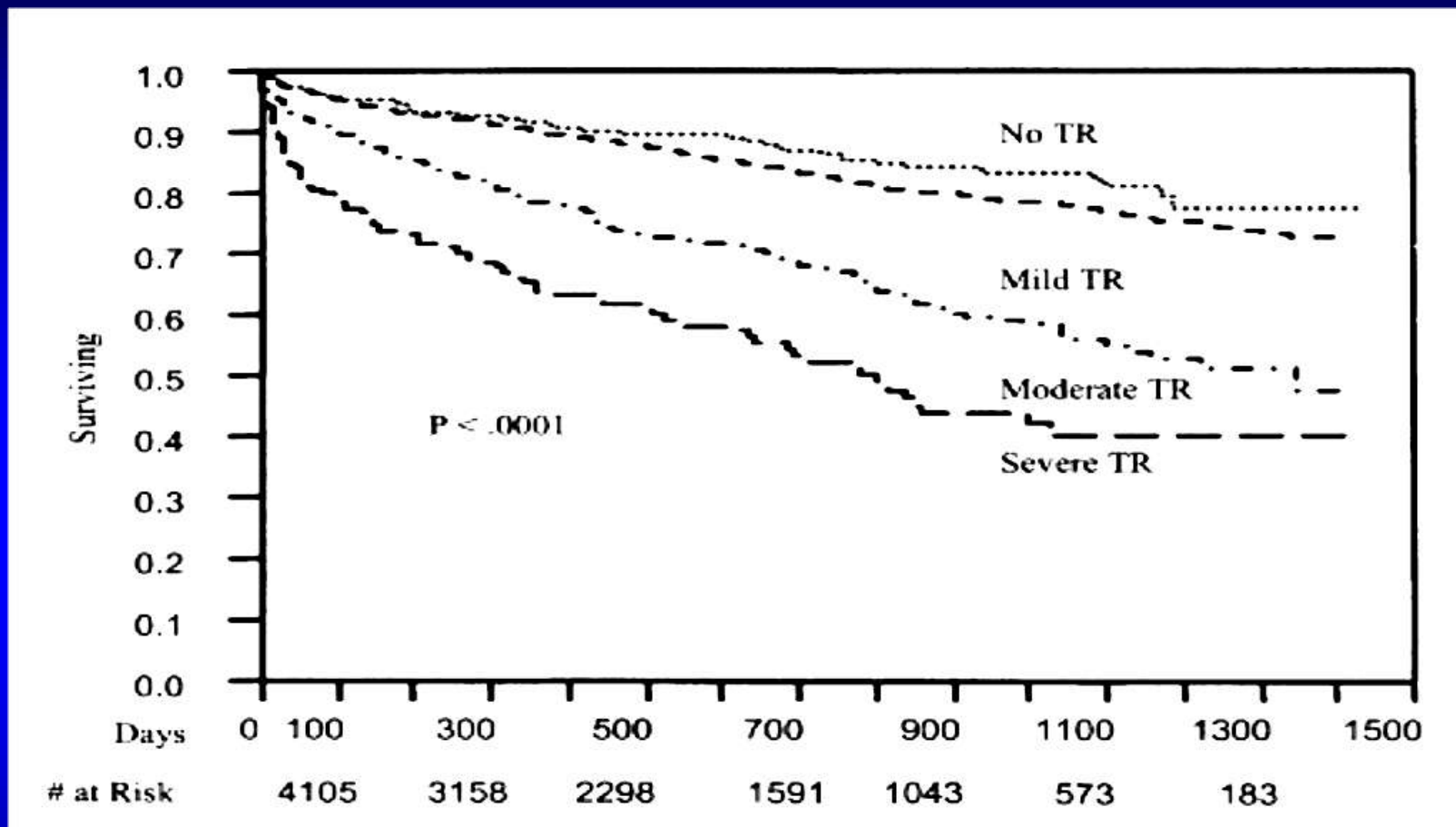
Ascites, edema, decreased appetite,
abdominal fullness

...Patients feel terrible

Valve repair for functional tricuspid valve regurgitation:
anatomical and surgical considerations



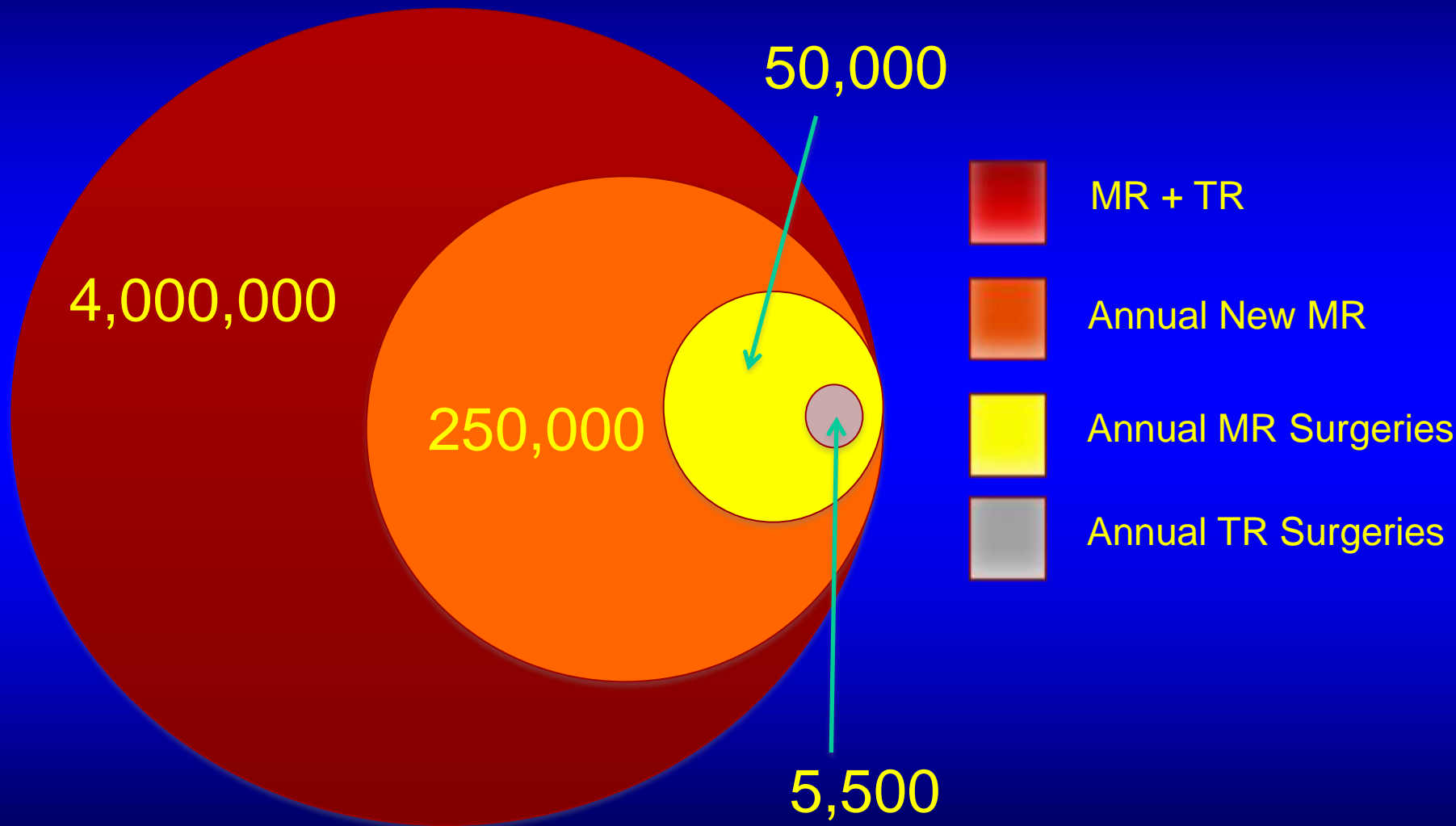
...and they die! TR Increases Mortality !



5223 subjects : Mod-Sev TR increased mortality independent of PASP, LVEF, IVC size, RV size/ function.

TR is Currently Ignored !!

STS Database 2009



TR Lessons : Look for it pre-op !!

Frater (JT CVS 122:2001)

Functional TR – dynamic and responds to anesthesia...

“4+ TR, as the patient enters the OR
- can become mild”

TR does not go away by itself !!

5589 MVR only cases (McCarthy, ATS 2004)

Preop 16% had 3/4+ TR

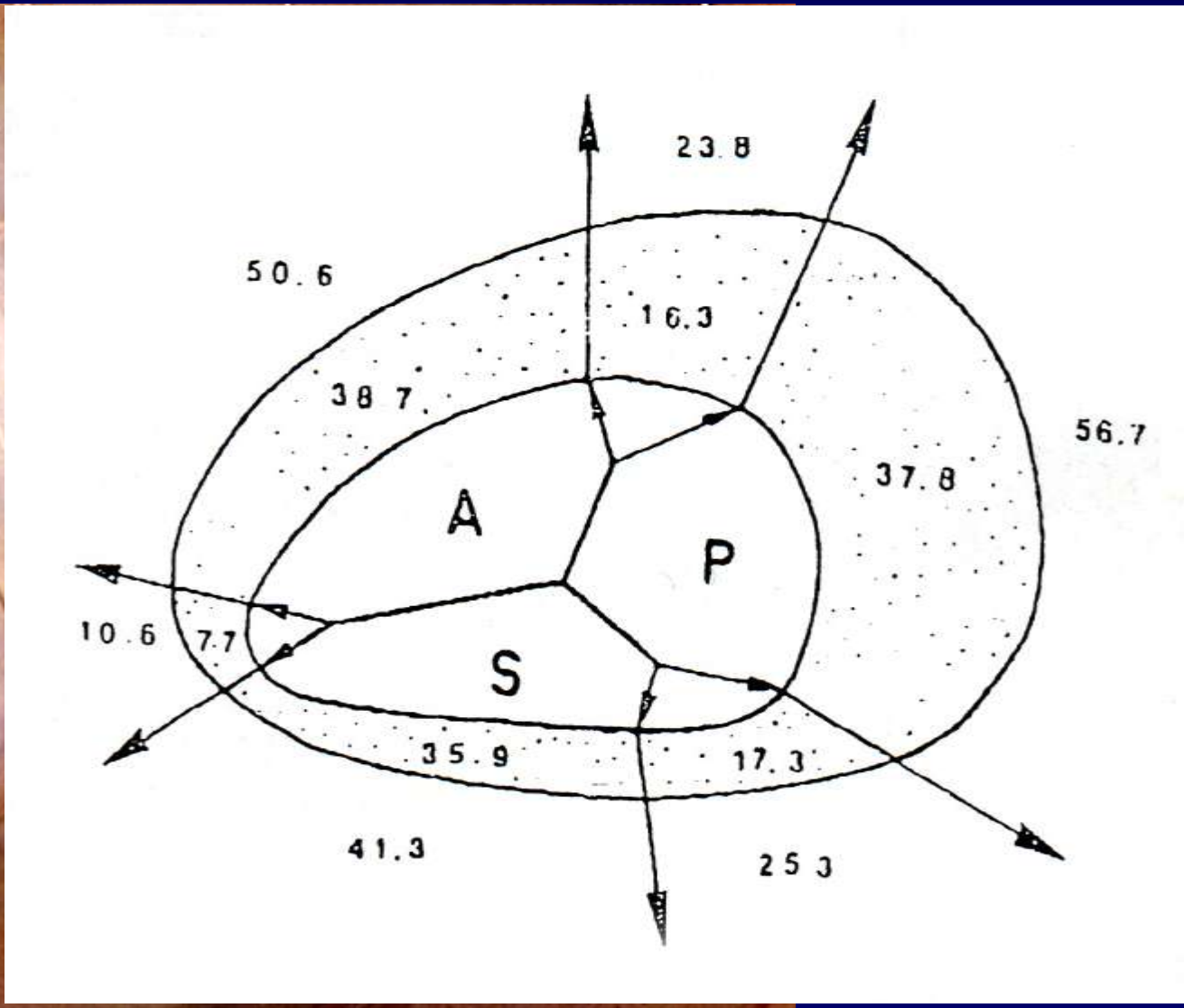
Discharge (MVR without TVr)

9%, or $> \frac{1}{2}$ still had 3/4+ TR

FU - 62% had residual severe TR !!!...

TR does not *just go away* !

Anatomy of Functional TR



Annular, RA, RV and LV geometry changes of TR

Carpentier, JTCVS 1974;67:53.

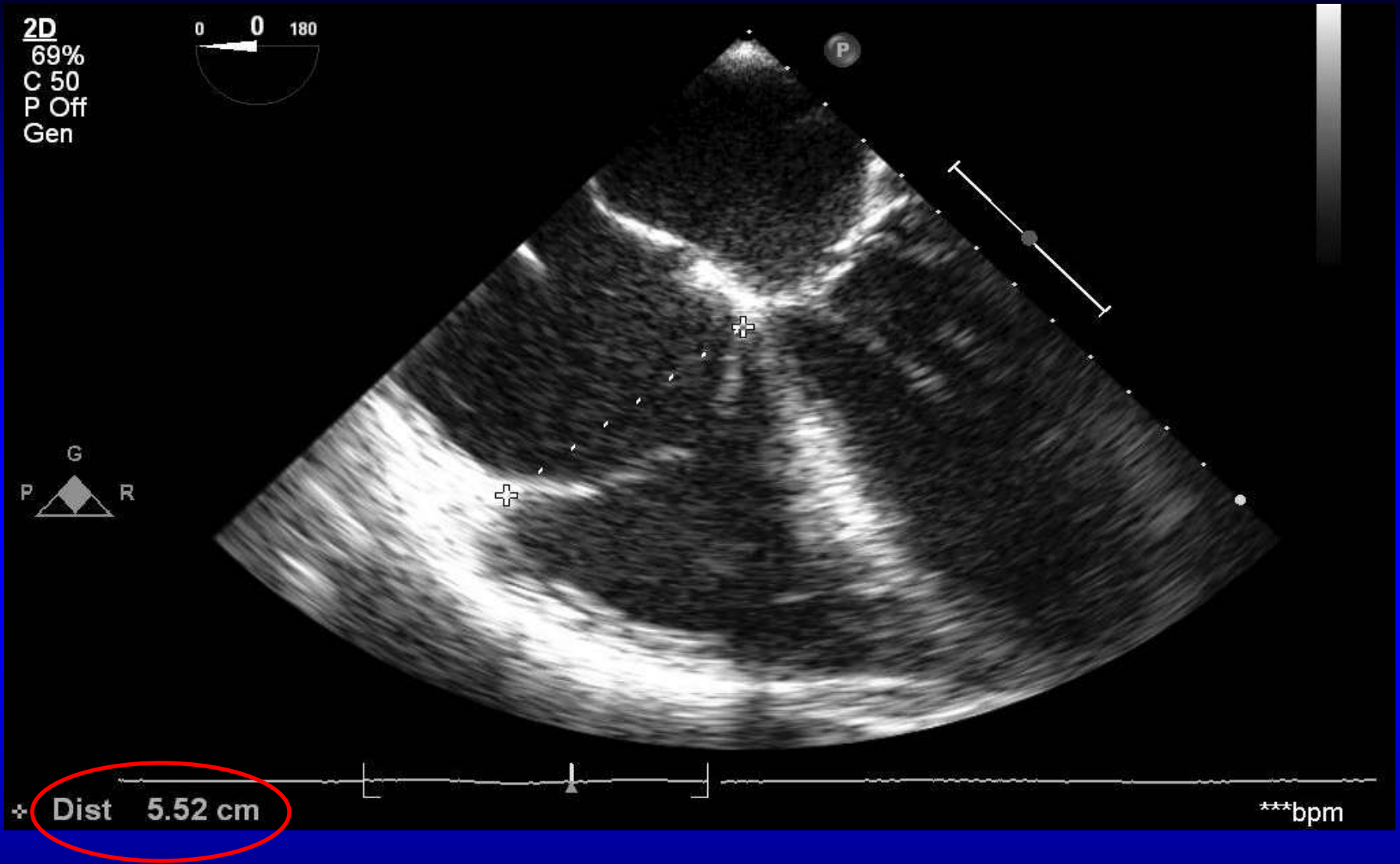
TR – do it now, not later !!

Bernal (JTCCVS 130:2005)

Patients left with post-op TR, when
returned for redo TVr

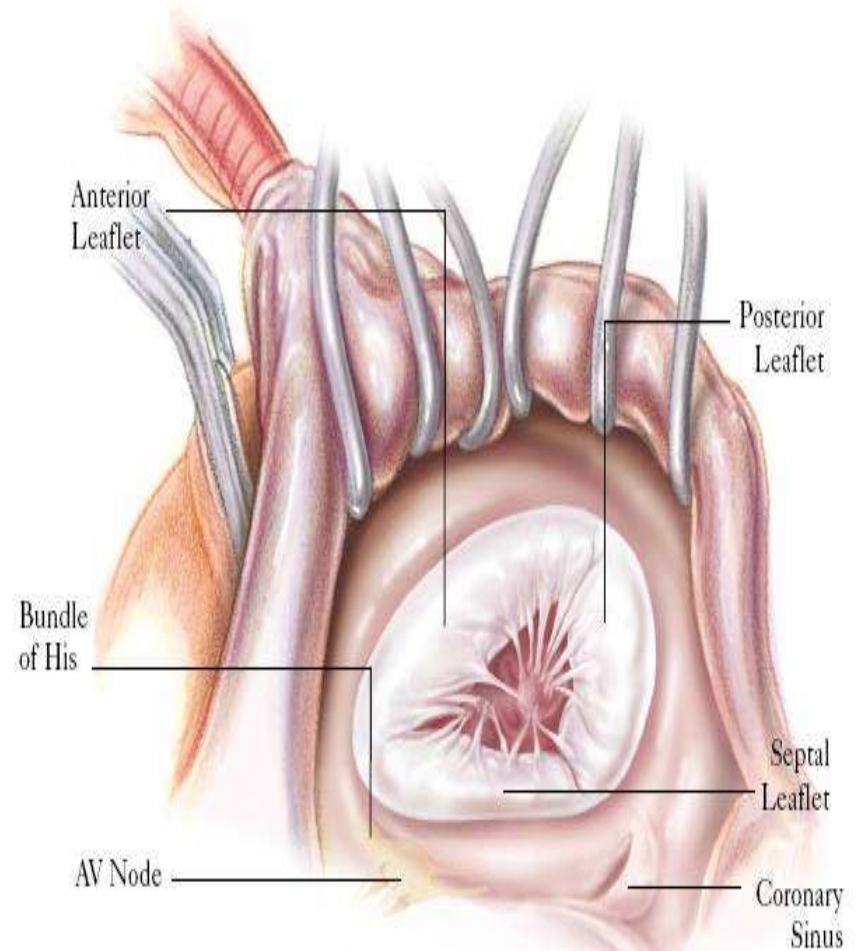
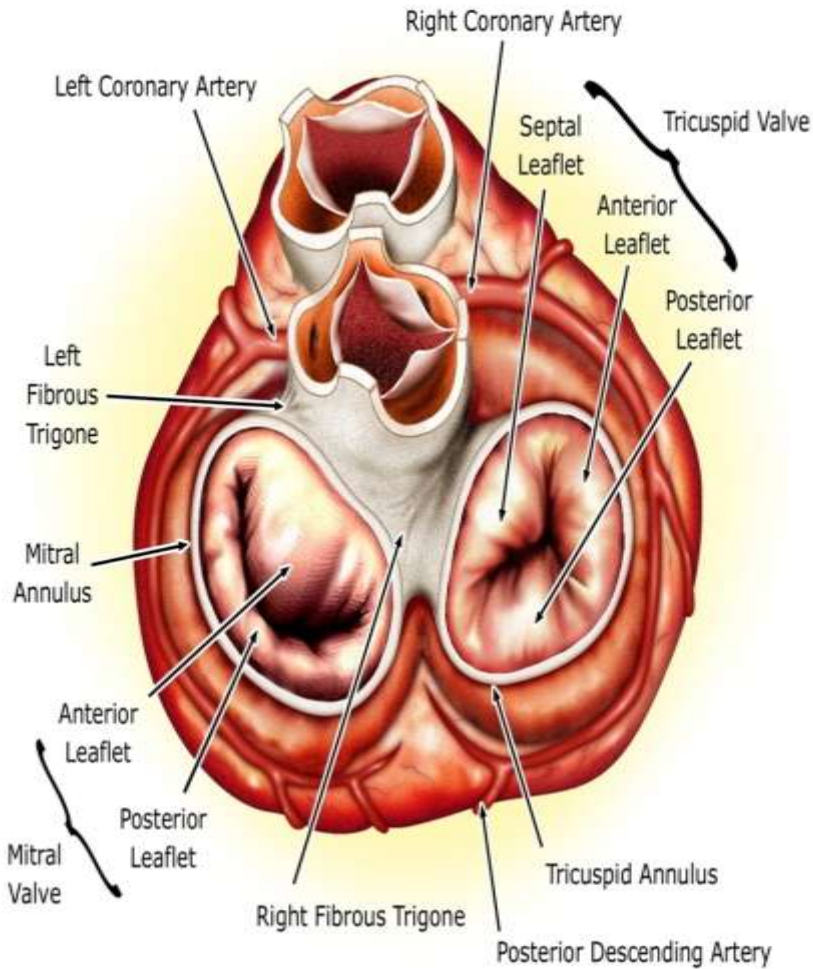
30 day mortality was 35%!

Highest op mortality in STS!!



Ignore TR at the patients peril !

TR Lessons - Tricuspid Anatomy



TV ring risks

AV Node injury

Dehiscence

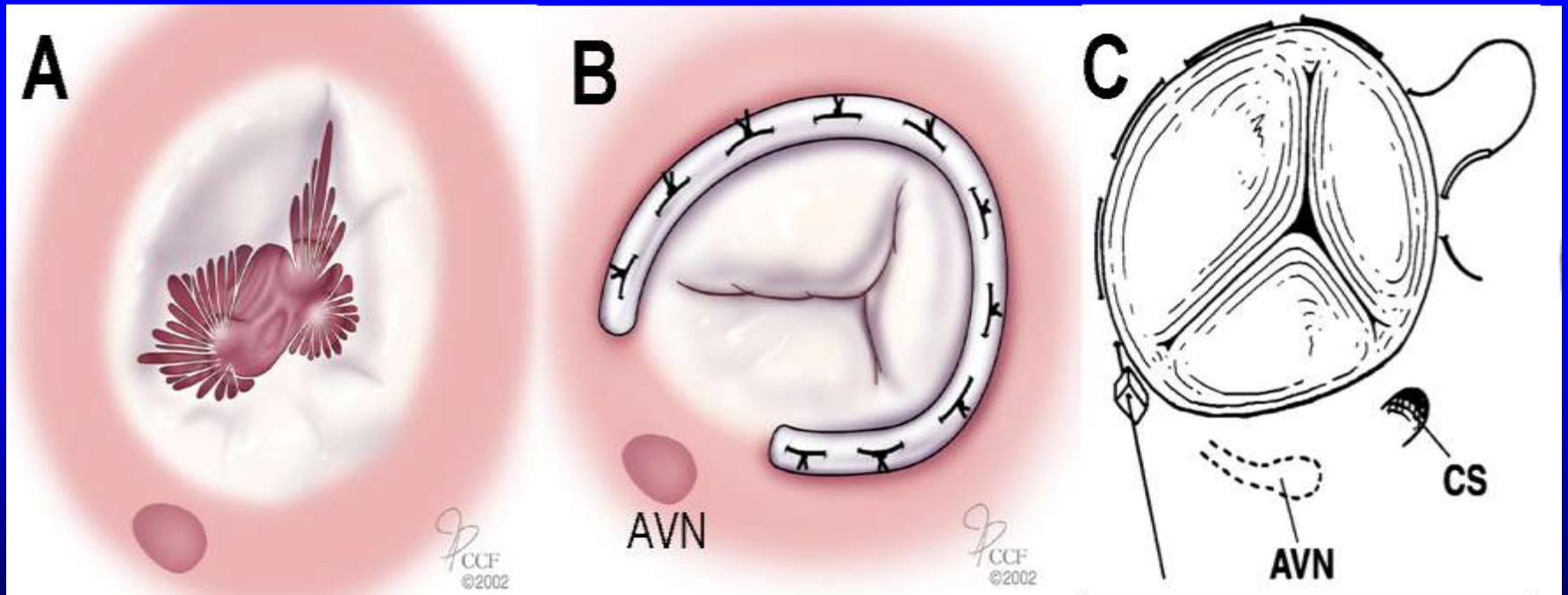
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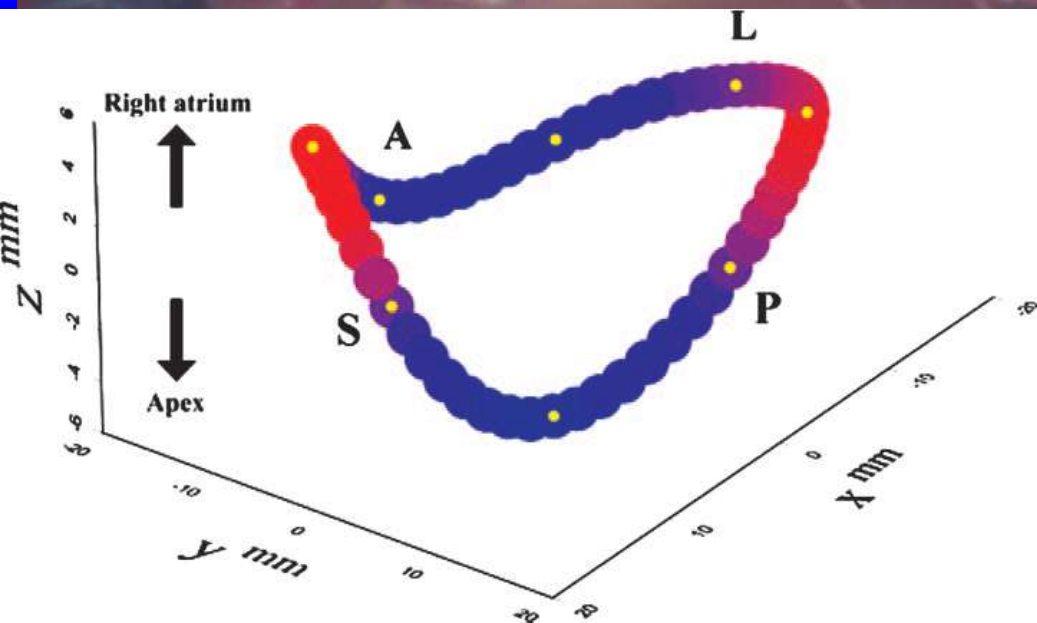
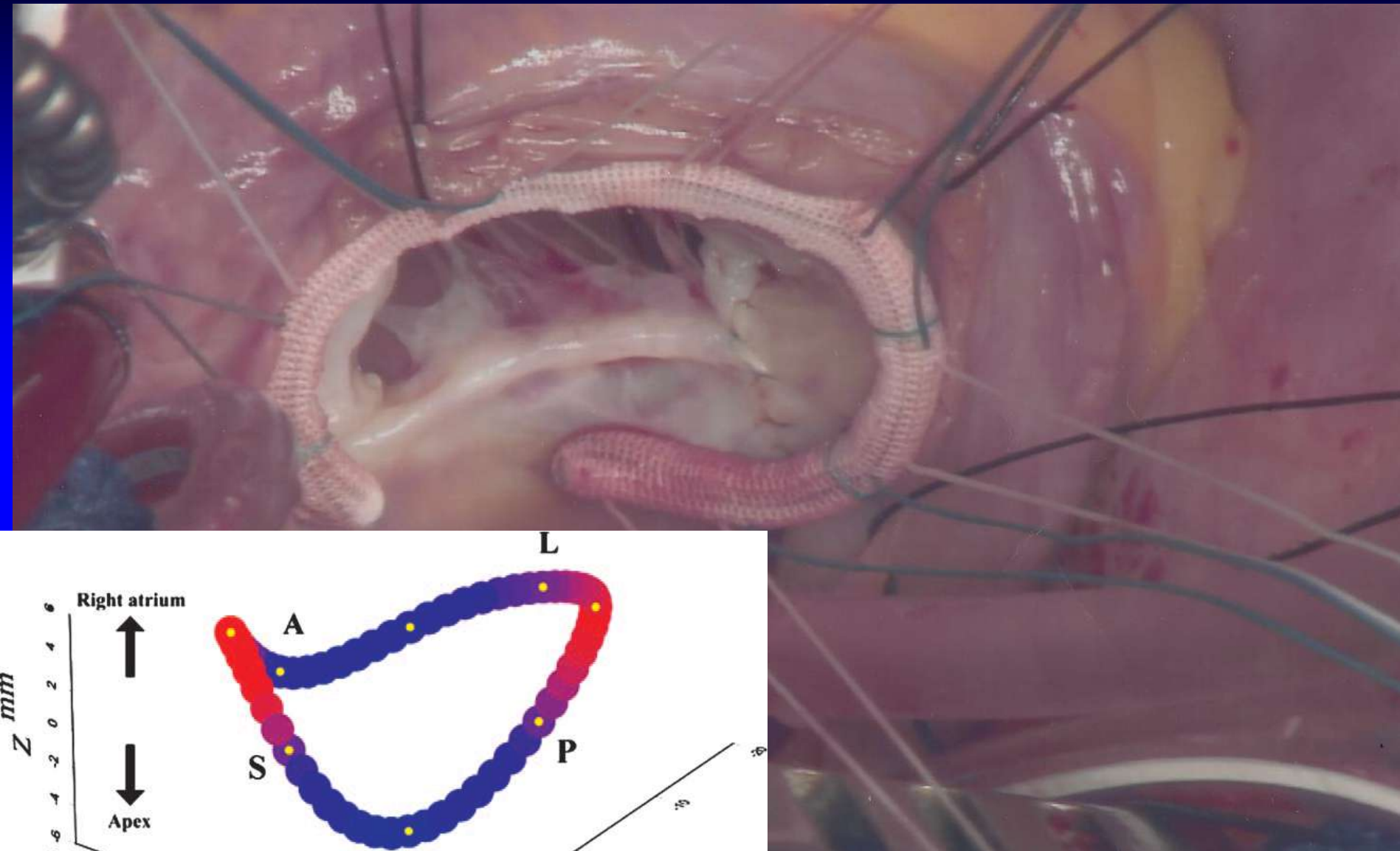
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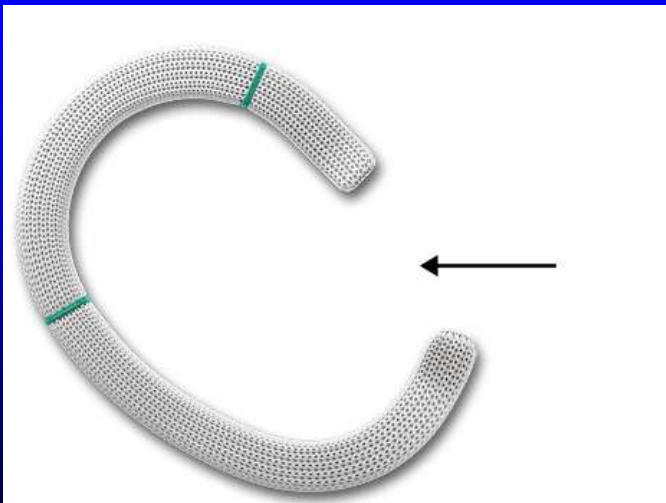
Don't ignore TR : Repair Lessons for Functional TR

Annuloplasty Rings

DeVega







Ignore or repair TR Lessons :

TR not important...	NO
Not much TR around....	NO
Repair Mitral , TR goes away ...	NO
Don't know how to...	NO
Add operative mortality to do a TVr...	NO
RV will die...	NO
Will get TS.....	NO

TR : NO, Don't Ignore it....

Tricuspid Regurgitation



JUST DO IT!!

The Surgeon's Perspective

Concept of Operative Window



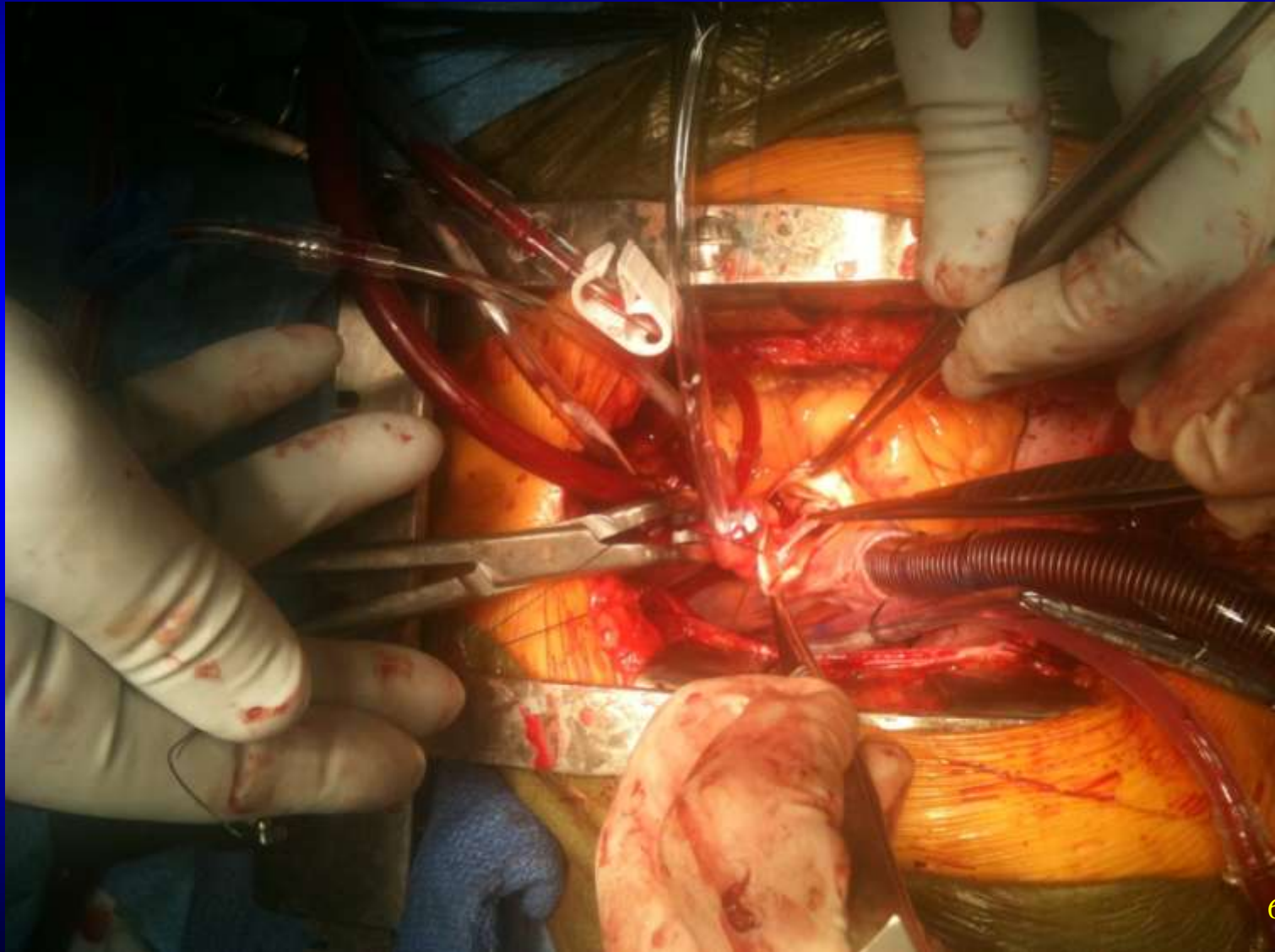
Symptoms, Patient's age, Comorbidities, Life Expectancy, Type of valve, Patient's Compliance, etc.

Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery

“Minimally Invasive” vs “Standard”

- Concept of “Invasiveness”:
 1. Sternotomy / chest scar
 2. XClamp time / Time on CPB
 3. Postop Pain / Time to full recovery
 4. Need for repeated procedures
- Pros and Cons of each
- What type of Patients are the best candidates

“Standard” Operation: Sternotomy, CPB, Cardioplegia









Pros and Cons of “Standard”

- Well known, simple setup
- Better access and control
- Only option for extensive procedures
- Usually less time on CPB

- Less satisfactory cosmetic results
- Hurts a *little* more but for *much* longer
- Possibility of sternal non-union or infection

Path towards less invasive

ON-PUMP

- Mini-Sternotomies
- Mini-Thoracotomies
- Totally endoscopic (Robotic)

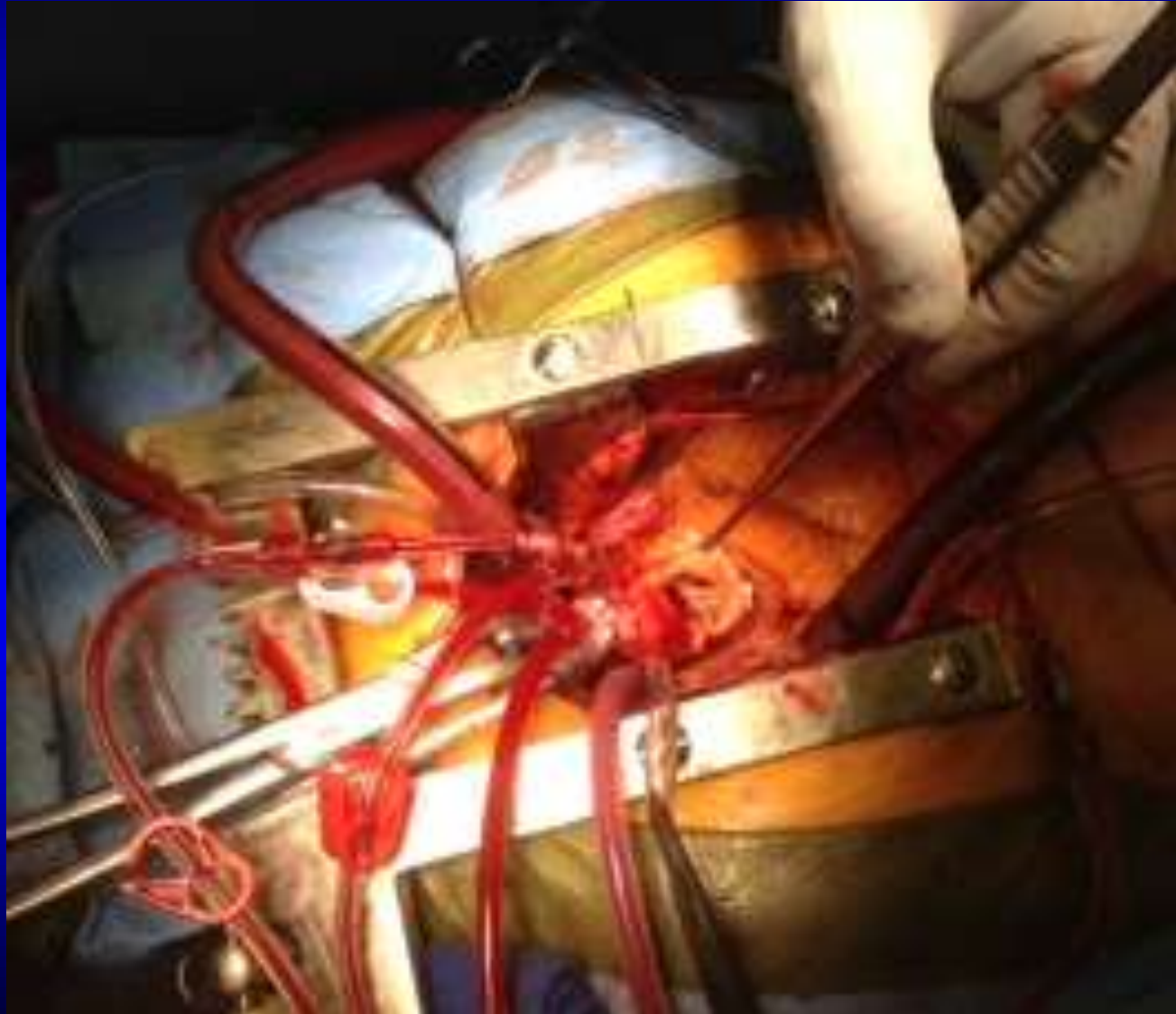
OFF-PUMP

- Transfemoral/Transapical (“Catheter” valves)
- New technologies





Standard AVR







Conclusions

- MR is a “curable” disease and should be managed with changing indications in mind
- MV replacement is now accepted as a treatment for IMR in certain cases and should be strongly considered if:
 - Basal dyskinetic segment
 - Significant chord tethering seen

Conclusions

- Untreated TR can lead to unacceptably higher rates of M&M and should be treated at the time of other cardiac operations
- MICS affords more rapid return to normal activity but enthusiasm must be tempered with the known excellent outcomes achieved with standard surgery

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Thank you!!!



Valve repair improves the outcome of surgery for mitral regurgitation. A multivariate analysis.

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Abstract

BACKGROUND: Mitral valve repair has been suggested as providing a better postoperative outcome than valve replacement for mitral regurgitation, but this impression has been obscured by differences in baseline characteristics and has not been confirmed in multivariate analyses.

METHODS AND RESULTS: The outcomes in 195 patients with valve repair and 214 with replacement for organic mitral regurgitation were compared using multivariate analysis. All patients had preoperative echocardiographic assessment of left ventricular function. Before surgery, patients with valve repair were less symptomatic than those with replacement (42% in New York Heart Association functional class I or II versus 24%, respectively; $P = .001$), had less atrial fibrillation (41% versus 53%; $P = .017$), and had a better ejection fraction ($63 \pm 9\%$ versus $60 \pm 12\%$, $P = .016$). After valve repair, compared with valve replacement, overall survival at 10 years was $68 \pm 6\%$ versus $52 \pm 4\%$ ($P = .0004$), overall operative mortality was 2.6% versus 10.3% ($P = .002$), operative mortality in patients under age 75 was 1.3% versus 5.7% ($P = .036$), and late survival (in operative survivors) at 10 years was $69 \pm 6\%$ versus $58 \pm 5\%$ ($P = .018$). Late survival after valve repair was not different from expected survival. After surgery, ejection fraction decreased significantly in both groups but was higher after valve repair ($P = .001$). Multivariate analysis indicated an independent beneficial effect of valve repair on overall survival (hazard ratio, 0.39; $P = .00001$), operative mortality (odds ratio, 0.27; $P = .026$), late survival (hazard ratio, 0.44; $P = .001$), and postoperative ejection fraction ($P = .001$).

CONCLUSIONS: Valve repair significantly improves postoperative outcome in patients with mitral regurgitation and should be the preferred mode of surgical correction. The low operative mortality is an incentive for early surgery before ventricular dysfunction occurs.

Mitral-valve repair versus replacement for severe ischemic mitral regurgitation.

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Abstract

BACKGROUND: Ischemic mitral regurgitation is associated with a substantial risk of death. Practice guidelines recommend surgery for patients with a severe form of this condition but acknowledge that the supporting evidence for repair or replacement is limited.

METHODS: We randomly assigned 251 patients with severe ischemic mitral regurgitation to undergo either mitral-valve repair or chordal-sparing replacement in order to evaluate efficacy and safety. The primary end point was the left ventricular end-systolic volume index (LVESVI) at 12 months, as assessed with the use of a Wilcoxon rank-sum test in which deaths were categorized below the lowest LVESVI rank.

RESULTS: At 12 months, the mean LVESVI among surviving patients was 54.6 ± 25.0 ml per square meter of body-surface area in the repair group and 60.7 ± 31.5 ml per square meter in the replacement group (mean change from baseline, -6.6 and -6.8 ml per square meter, respectively). The rate of death was 14.3% in the repair group and 17.6% in the replacement group (hazard ratio with repair, 0.79; 95% confidence interval, 0.42 to 1.47; $P=0.45$ by the log-rank test). There was no significant between-group difference in LVESVI after adjustment for death (z score, 1.33; $P=0.18$). The rate of moderate or severe recurrence of mitral regurgitation at 12 months was higher in the repair group than in the replacement group (32.6% vs. 2.3%, $P<0.001$). There were no significant between-group differences in the rate of a composite of major adverse cardiac or cerebrovascular events, in functional status, or in quality of life at 12 months.

CONCLUSIONS: We observed no significant difference in left ventricular reverse remodeling or survival at 12 months between patients who underwent mitral-valve repair and those who underwent mitral-valve replacement. Replacement provided a more durable correction of mitral regurgitation, but there was no significant between-group difference in clinical outcomes. (Funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Canadian Institutes of Health; ClinicalTrials.gov number, [NCT00807040](#).)

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