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**ASSESSMENT OF CORONARY PHYSIOLOGY:
*Impact on Patient Management***

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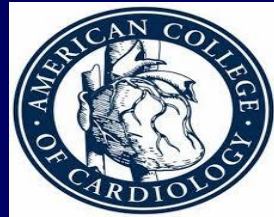
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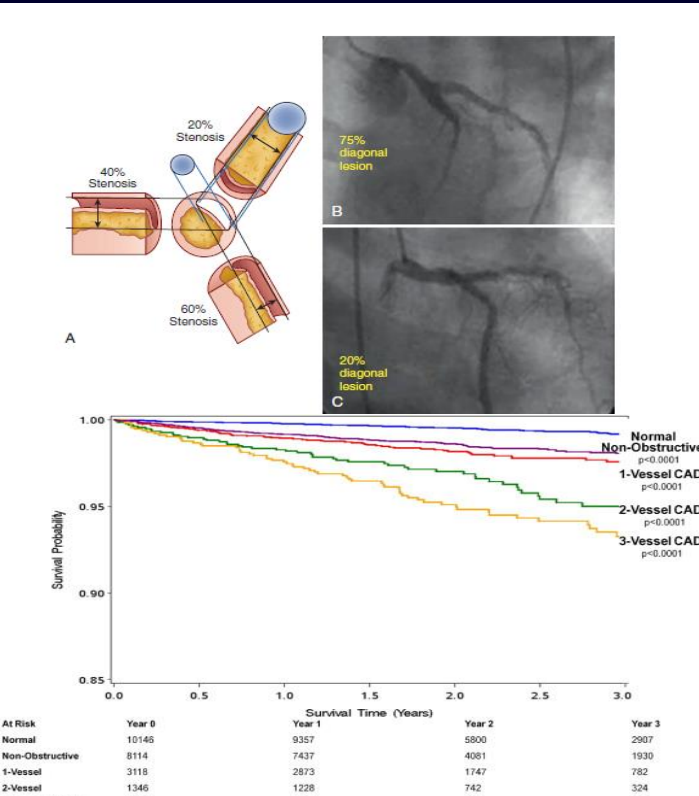
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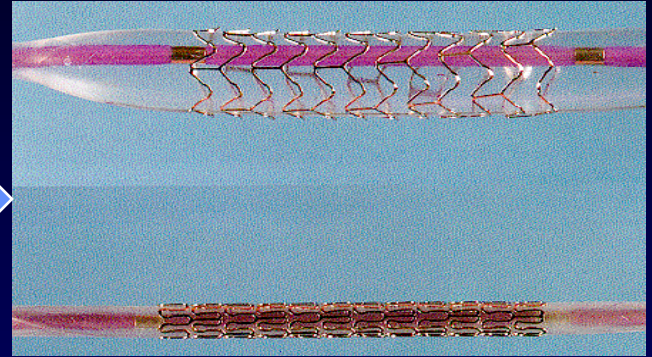


CORONARY ANATOMY



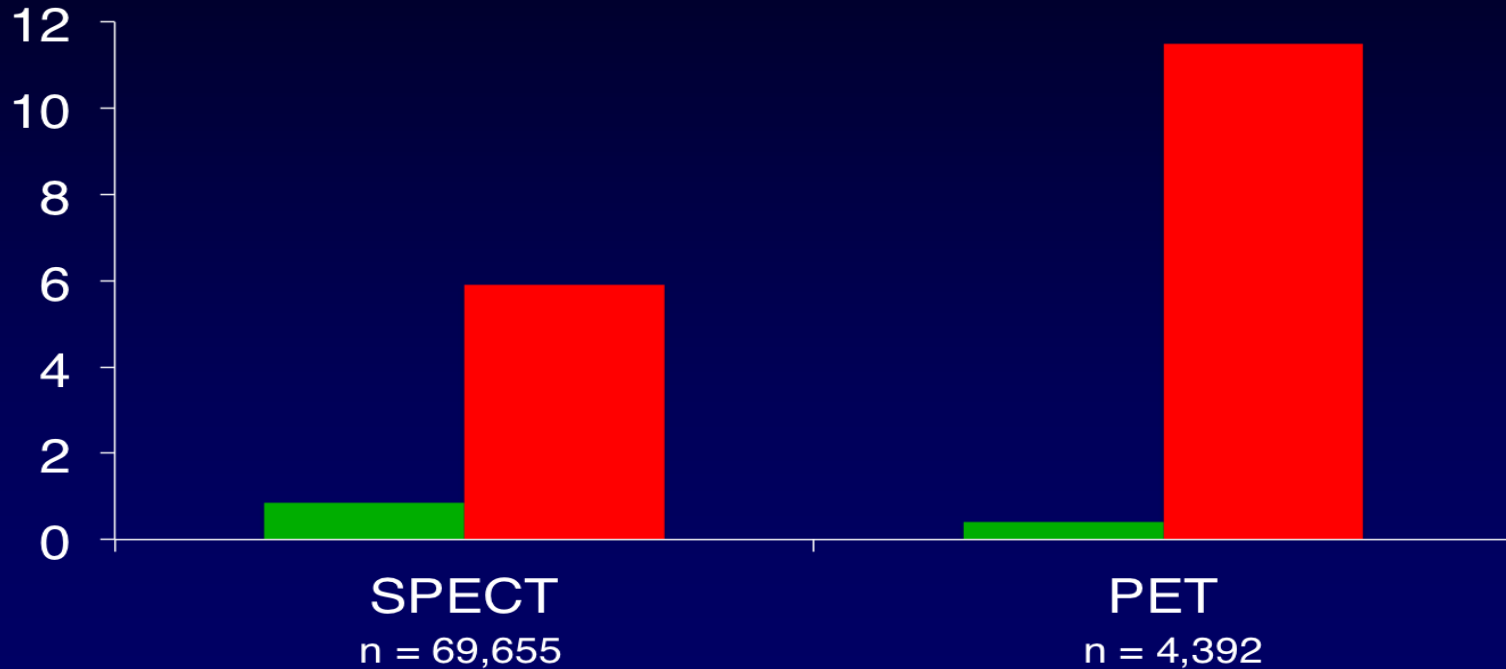
- Angiography may result in both underestimation or overestimation of lesion severity
- Angiographic disease correlates with prognosis, albeit weakly in many cases
- Inconsistent literature regarding the impact of angiographically-guided on “hard” outcomes
- Is coronary angiography alone the best procedure to decide therapy?

THE OCULO-DILATORY REFLEX?



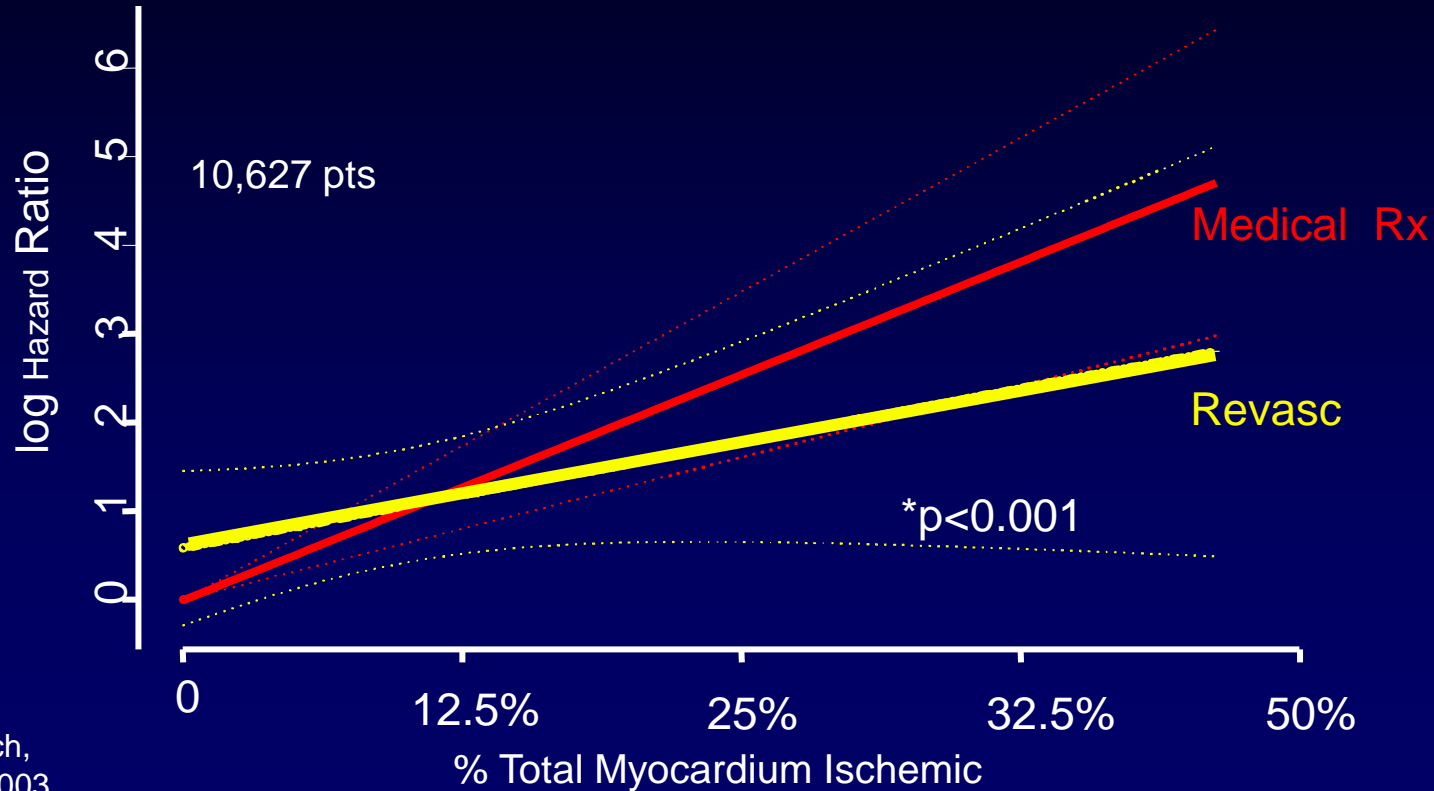
ANATOMY IS NOT THE ANSWER!

PROGNOSTIC VALUE OF RADIONUCLIDE MYOCARDIAL PERFUSION IMAGING



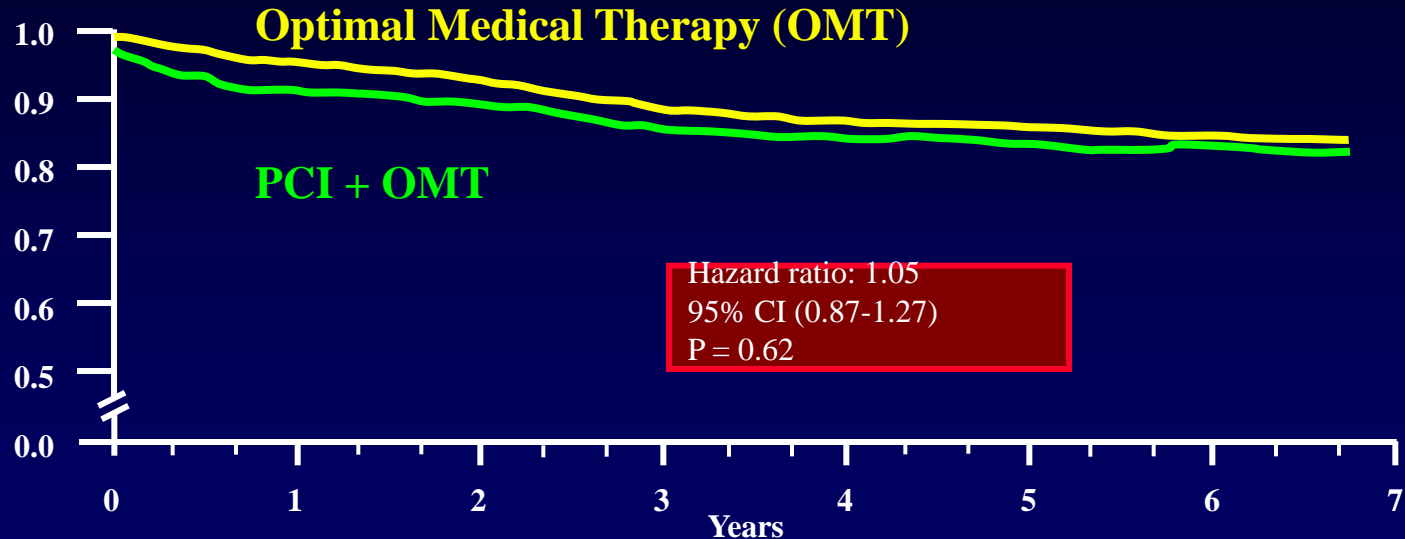
RISK OF CARDIAC DEATH AND INDUCIBLE ISCHEMIA

Role of Post-SPECT Therapy





SURVIVAL FREE OF DEATH FROM ANY CAUSE AND MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION



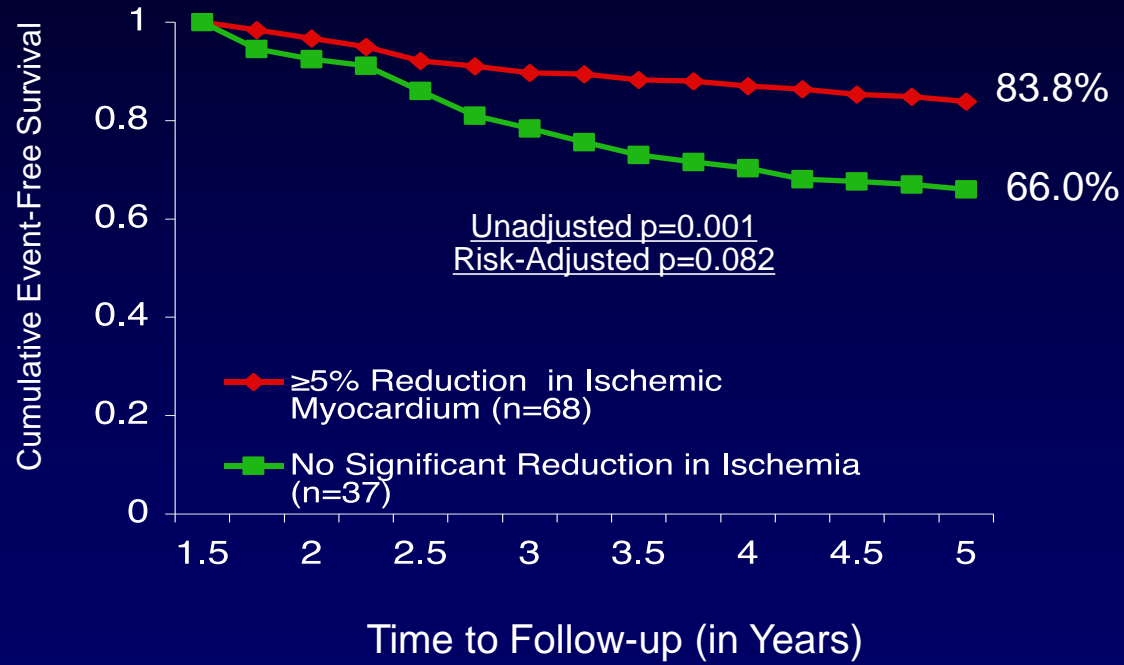
Number at Risk

Medical Therapy	1138	1017	959	834	638	408	192	30
PCI	1149	1013	952	833	637	417	200	35

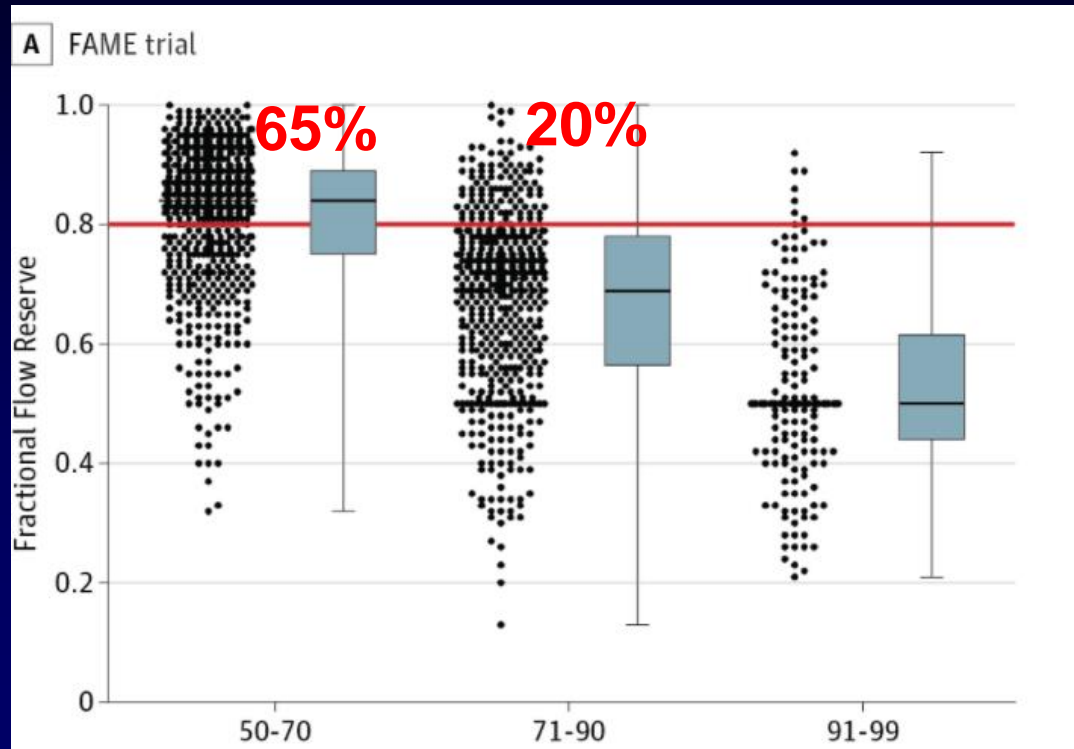


COURAGE (SPECT MPI SUBSTUDY)

Cardiac Event-free Survival In Patients With Moderate-Severe Pre-Rx Ischemia Following PCI + OMT Or OMT (n=105)



ANGIOGRAPHIC LESION SEVERITY VERSUS PHYSIOLOGY



ANATOMY ≠ PHYSIOLOGY
ATHEROSCLEROSIS ≠ ISCHEMIA

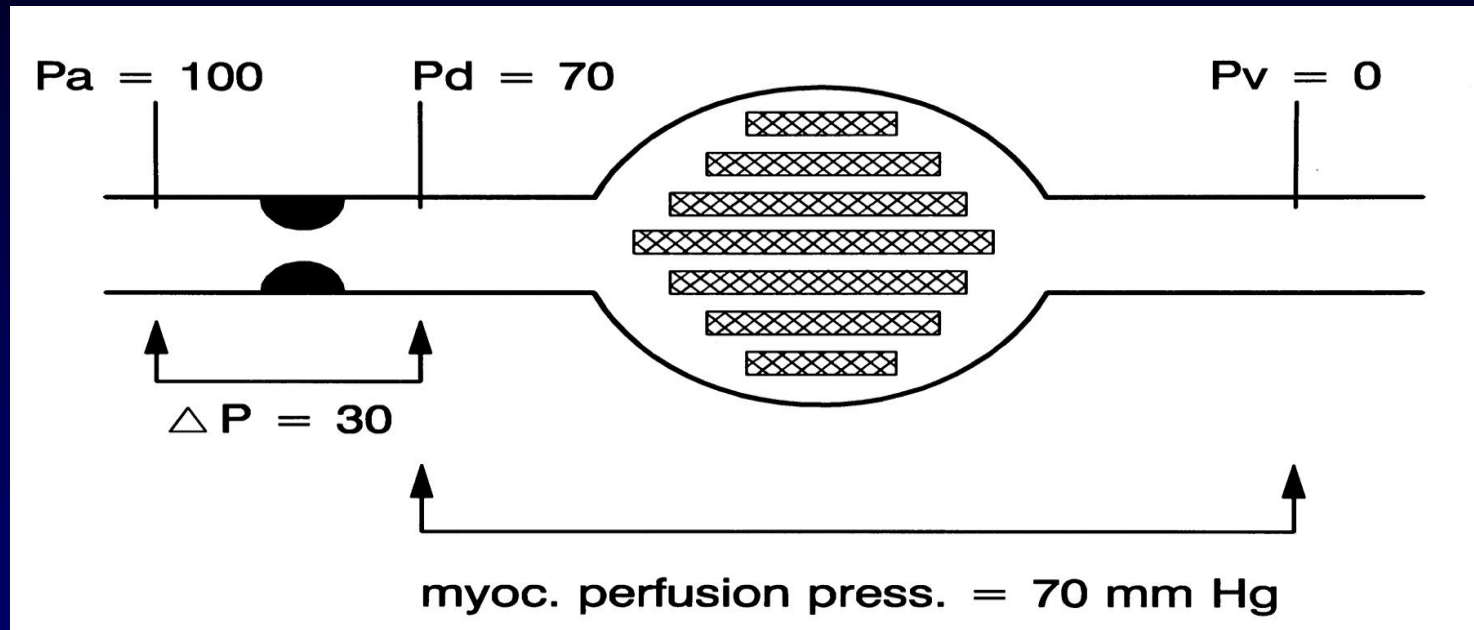


“Apples and Oranges”
Paul Cezanne
c. 1899

FLOW RESERVE

- FRACTIONAL FLOW RESERVE (FFR)
 - Similar to relative coronary flow reserve
 - Indirect index; uses several assumptions
 - Assessment of only epicardial stenosis
- ABSOLUTE FLOW RESERVE (CFR)
 - Impacted by factors impacting on maximal flow: stenosis severity, microcirculation, BP&HR
 - Reduced with hyperlipidemia, LVH
 - Related to stenosis dimensions, diffuse atherosclerosis and microvascular dysfunction
- RELATIVE FLOW RESERVE
 - Regional differences; value reduced with diffuse CAD
 - Insensitive to hemodynamics
 - Cornerstone of noninvasive testing

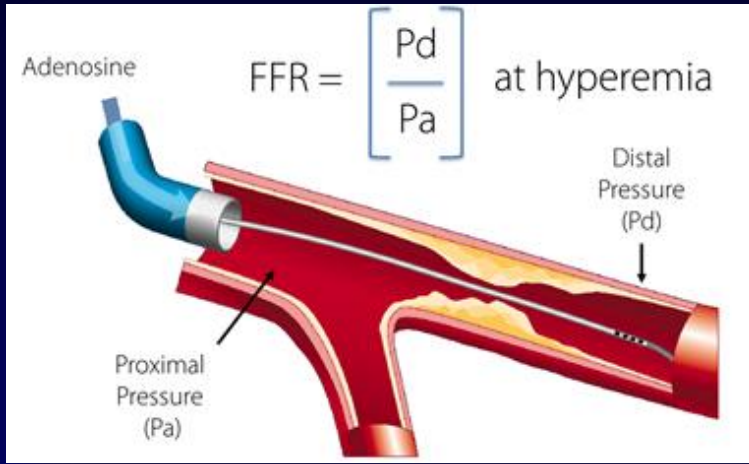
SIMPLIFIED RATIONALE OF FRACTIONAL FLOW RESERVE



$$FFR = (Pd - Pv) / (Pa - Pv) = 70 / 100 = 0.7$$

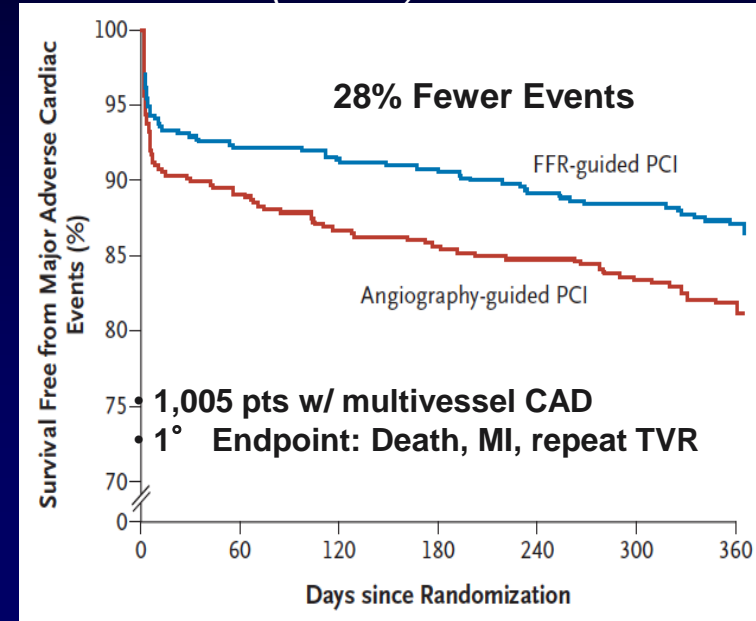
KEY: PHF, when resistance is minimal

LESION-SPECIFIC ISCHEMIA: FRACTIONAL FLOW RESERVE (FFR)



- FFR = Pressure Differences Across Stenosis
- Lesion-Specific Ischemia: ≤ 0.80

Fractional Flow Reserve Vs. Angiography for Multivessel Evaluation (FAME) Trial



FFR vs. ANGIOGRAPHIC STRATEGY

The FAME, DEFER, and FAME2 Trials

PHYSIOLOGY RULES!

- Discrepancy between % stenosis and FFR results
 - 60% of moderate lesions (50-70%): insignificant
- Low event rates if no revascularization performed in absence of abnormal FFR
- PCI did not improve outcome if FFR normal
- Lower event rate when FFR strategy employed, in comparison with angiographic approach

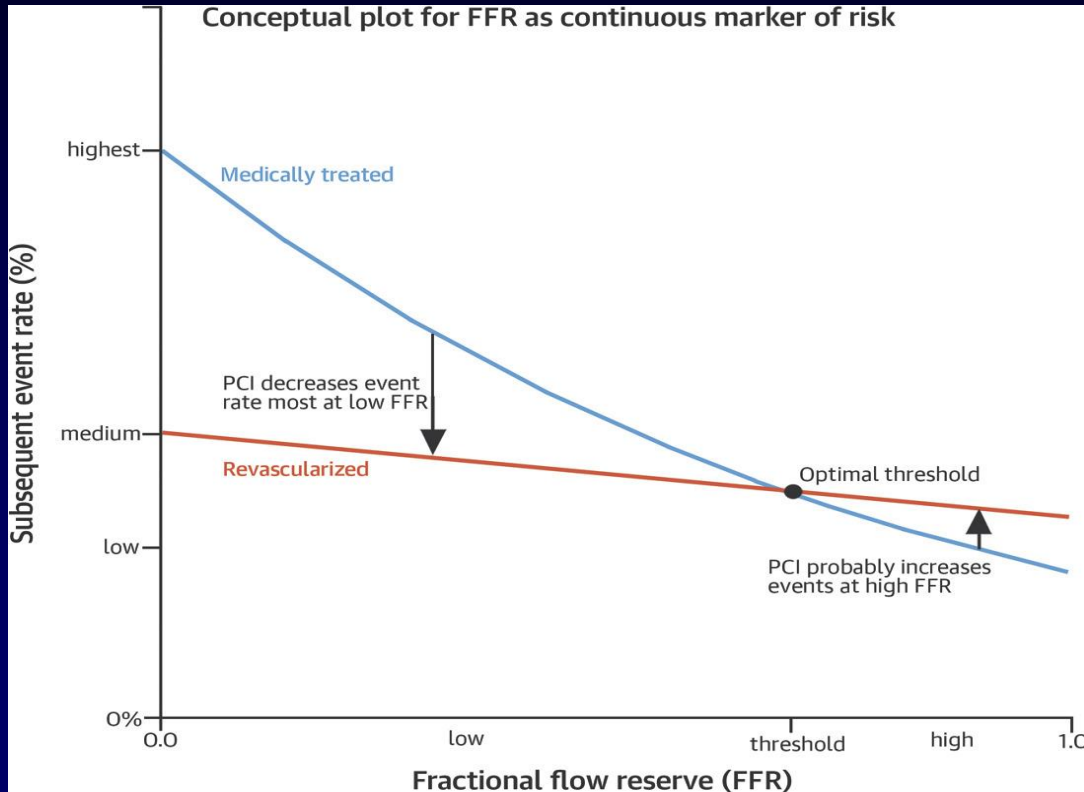
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De Bruyne et al, NEJM 2012; 367: 991

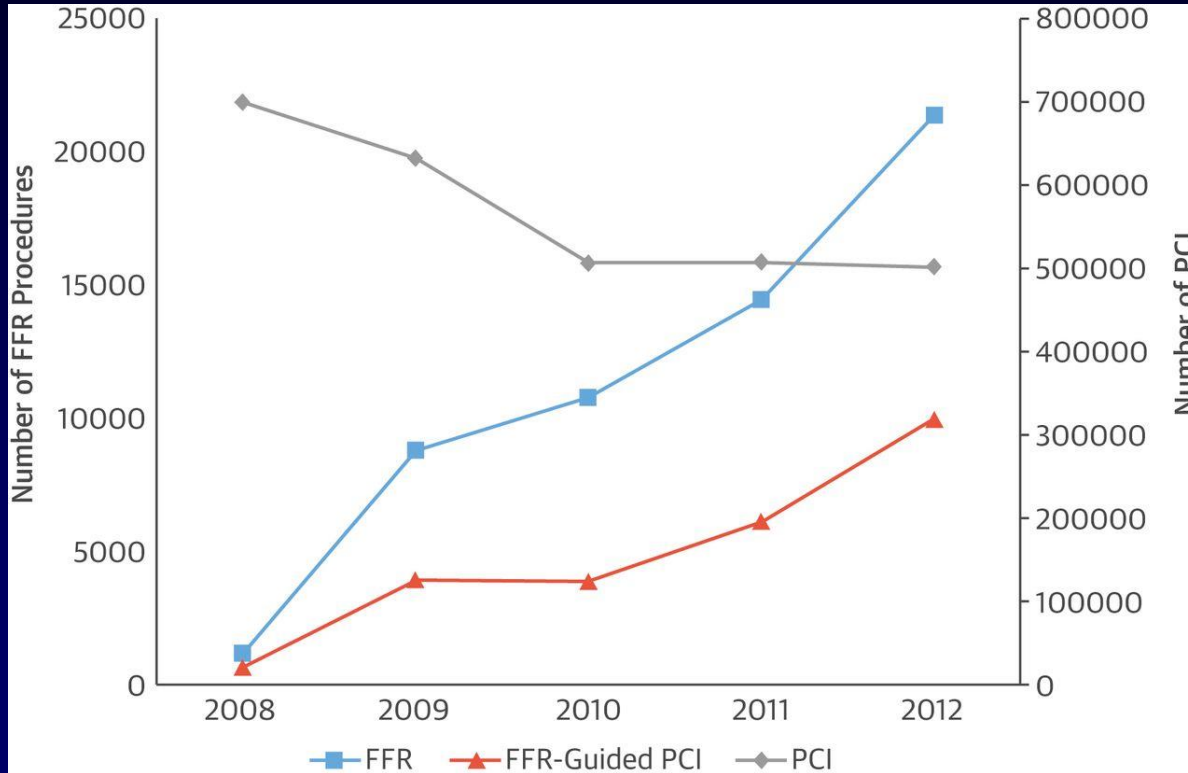
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FRACTIONAL FLOW RESERVE AND OUTCOME



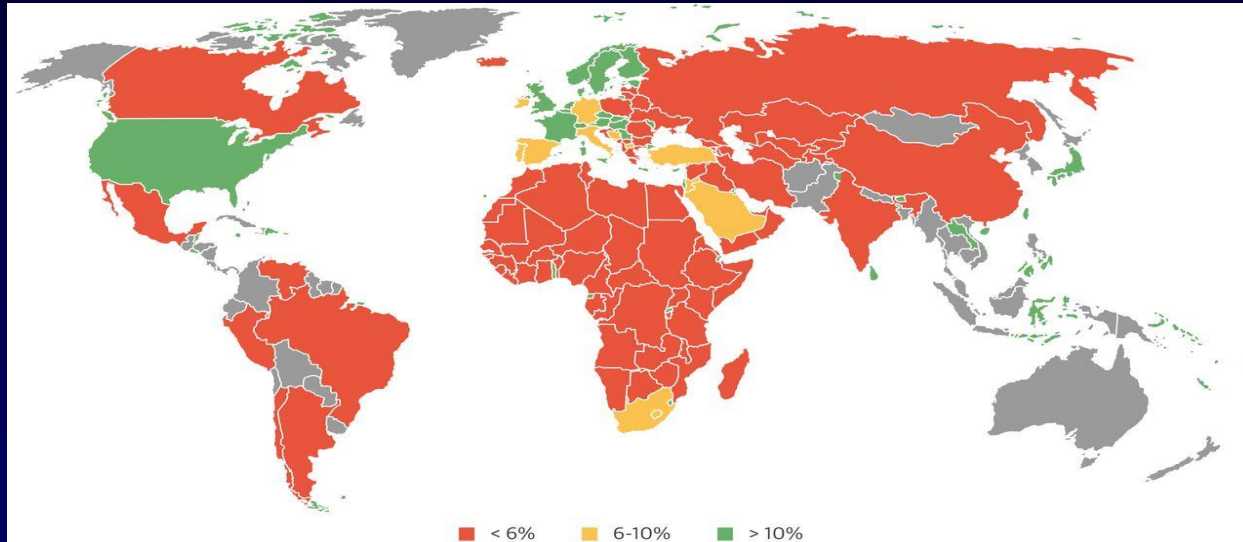
GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF FFR

Publication	Recommendations
<i>2011 ACCF/AHA/SCAI Guideline</i>	Class IIa: angiographic intermediate coronary lesions (50-70%); For recommendations about revascularization
<i>Expert consensus statement on FFR</i>	In SIHD when noninvasive imaging is unavailable, nondiagnostic, or discordant , FFR should be used to assess functional significance of intermediate-severe coronary stenosis (50-90%)
<i>2014 ESC/EACTS</i>	Class I; FFR is indicated for moderate stenosis. Defer revascularization if FFR >0.80
2013 ACC Appropriate use criteria for SIHD	Advocate for expanded use of intracoronary physiological testing
2017 ACC Appropriate use criteria for PCI	If no stress test or results are indeterminant , FFR can be used to determine appropriateness of revascularization

U.S. TRENDS IN UTILIZATION OF FFR, FFR-GUIDED PCI, AND PCI FROM 2008 TO 2012



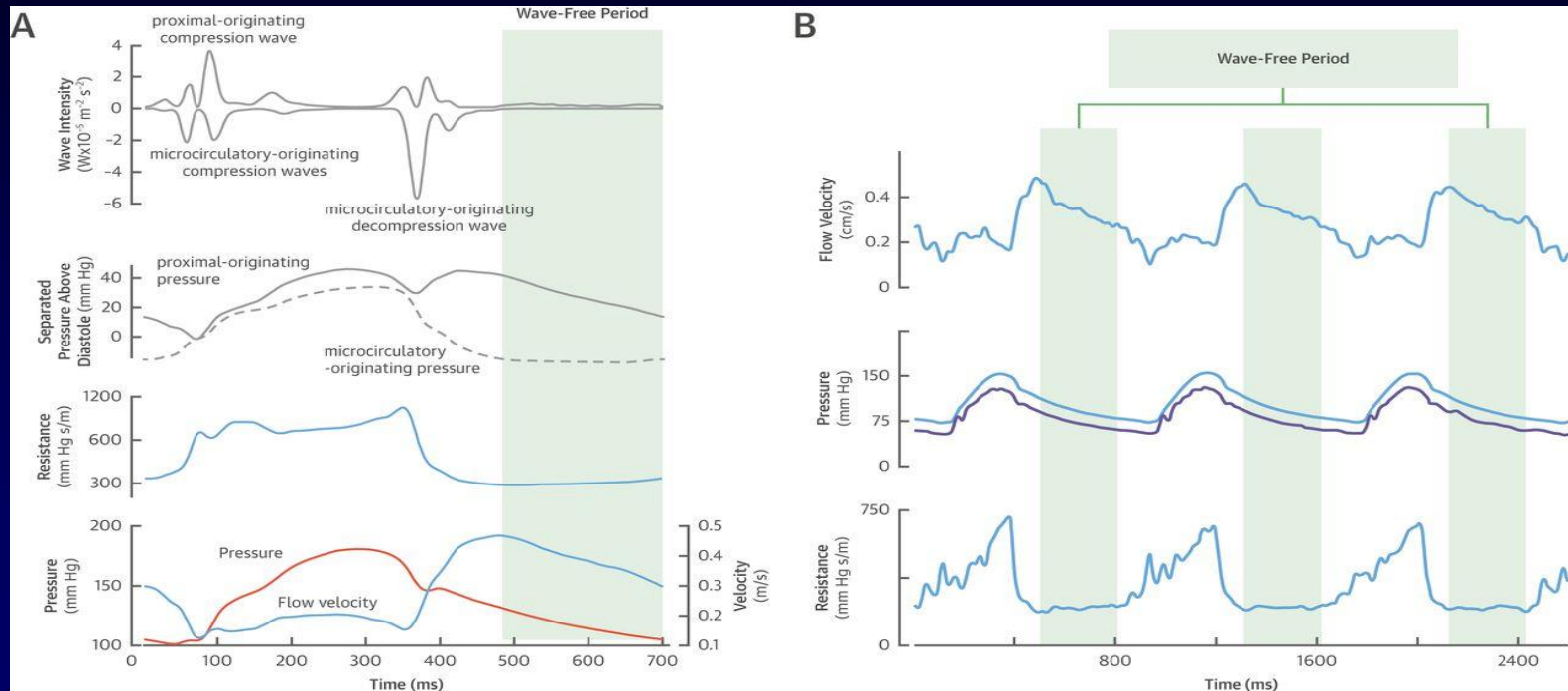
GLOBAL ADOPTION OF CORONARY PHYSIOLOGY TO GUIDE REVASCULARIZATION DECISION MAKING IN 2016



Reasons for low adoption

- Unavailable
- Time consuming
- Expensive
- Contraindications
- Adverse reactions

WAVE-FREE PERIOD OF DIASTOLE AND ASSOCIATED HEMODYNAMICS



INVASIVE TOOLS TO ASSESS PHYSIOLOGY

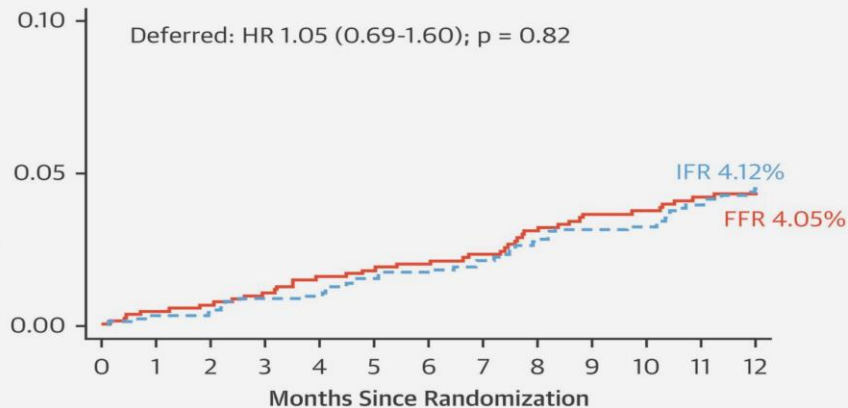
A Guide for Coronary Revascularization

FFR	iFR
Lengthy procedure	Hyperemia independent
Adenosine cost	Excellent signal-to-noise ratio
Availability of adenosine	More rapid procedure
Inability to assess serial lesions	Assess serial lesions
Frequent patient discomfort	Infrequent side effects

DEFERRAL OF REVASCULARIZATION ACCORDING TO iFR AND FFR *DEFINE FLAIR and iFR SWEDEHEART*



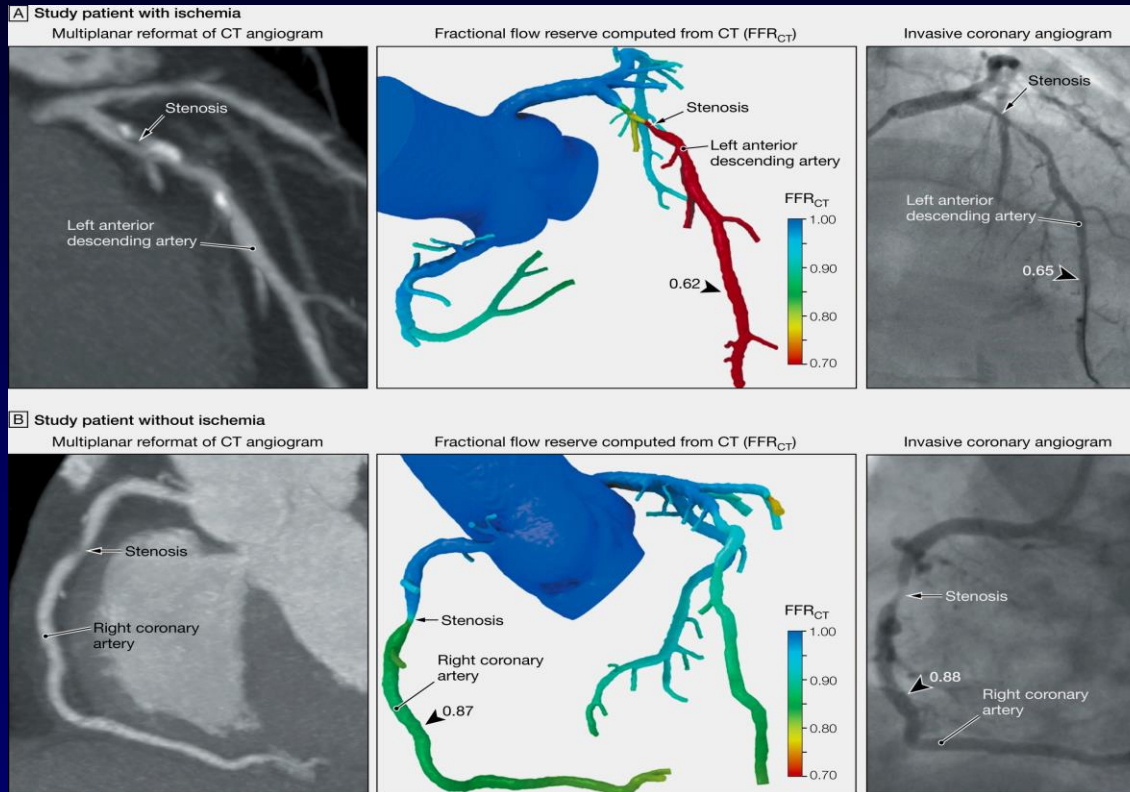
Pooled Patient-Level Analysis of DEFINE FLAIR and iFR SWEDEHEART Trials



- Single cutoff for iFR (0.98)
- Individual studies both revealed non-inferiority
- iFR avoid adenosine
 - Procedural time
 - Costs
 - Patient side effects
- Deferral of revascularization more common with iFR than with FFR
- iFR: The new standard?

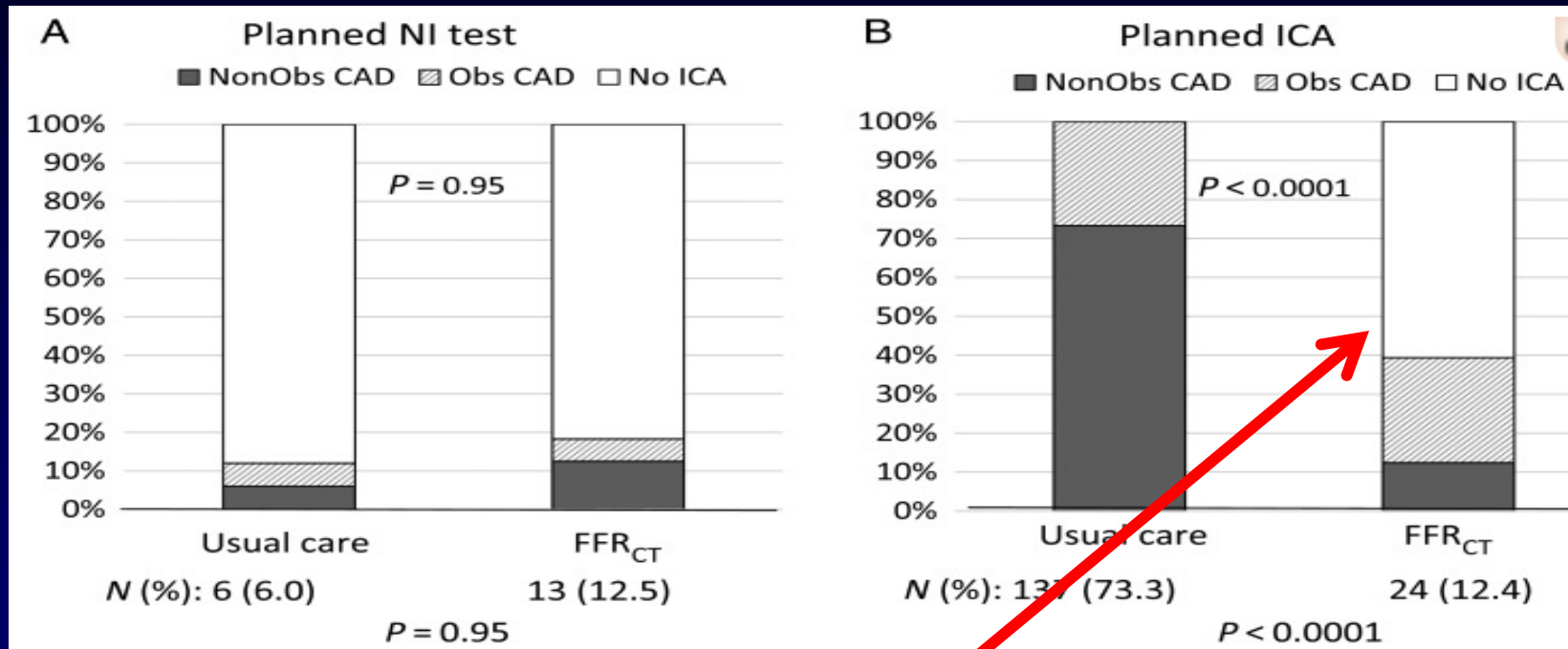
ASSESSMENT OF FFR FROM CT ANGIOGRAPHY

The DeFACTO Study (n=288)



INVASIVE CATHETERIZATION AND PRESENCE OF OBSTRUCTIVE DISEASE BASED ON STRATEGY

The PLATFORM Trial



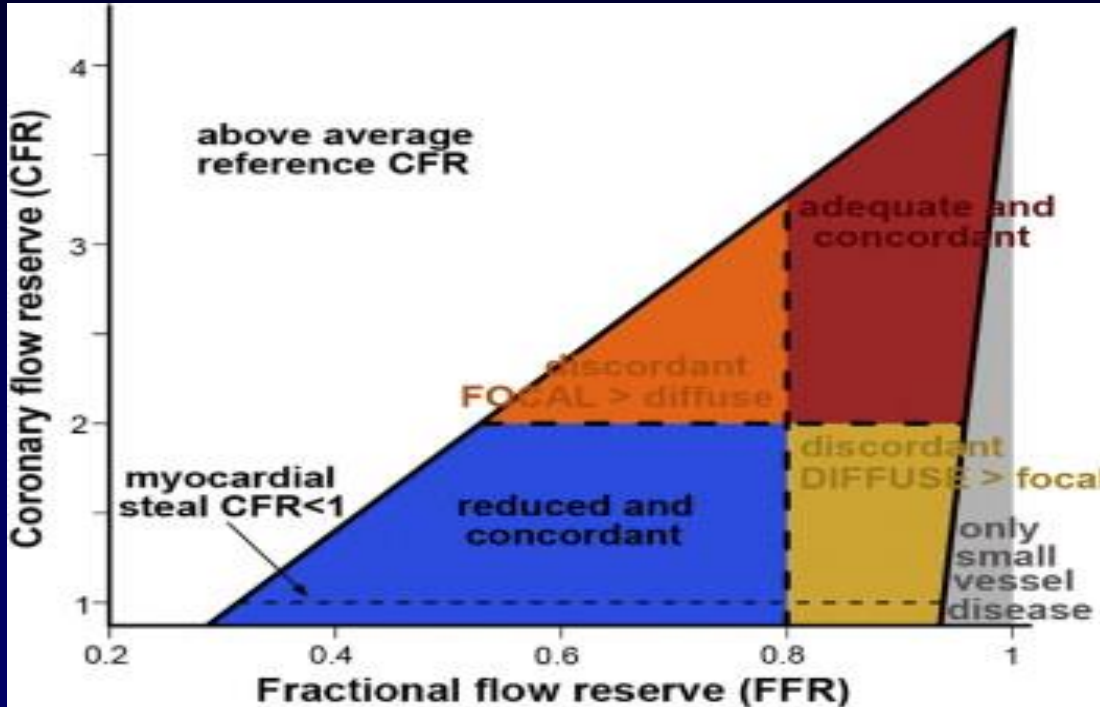
No MACE if ICA deferred based on FFR_{CT}

NON-INVASIVE TESTING COMPARED WITH FFR A Meta-Analysis

Test	Sens	Spec	NLR	AUC	Q-stat
SPECT	74%	79%	0.39	0.82	0.75
Echo	69%	84%	0.42	0.83	0.75
CMR	89%	87%	0.14	0.94	0.88
PET	84%	87%	0.14	0.93	0.87
CT	88%	80%	0.12	0.93	0.87

- CMR, CT and PET-r/o significant CAD and may serve as gatekeeper to cath lab
- CMR is test of choice
- BUT....Does FFR = functional testing?

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CFR AND FFR



- CFR and FFR, even when discordance, reflect coronary physiology, not methodologic differences
- Discordance explained by relative contribution of focal, diffuse, and small-vessel disease.

CONCLUSIONS

- Echocardiography, SPECT, PET, CCTA, CMR, and ICA have substantial prognostic value
- COURAGE nuclear substudy and other image-guided trials support use on non-invasive testing to guide revascularization
- FFR-directed PCI leads to improved outcomes based on FAME, DEFER and FAME 2 trials
- iFR assessment may be preferable
- Non-invasive evaluation of FFR appears
- Determination of CFR provides assessment of more than just stenosis physiology, but ischemia at tissue level
- Increasing evidence for PET-CFR to predict outcomes and plan strategy
- $FFR \neq CFR$, as different physiologic entities; use CFR to detect ischemia and FFR to determine candidacy for intervention?
- Guidelines support physiology-guided revascularization