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S-ICD: Can it be the first choice in prevention of sudden cardiac arrest?

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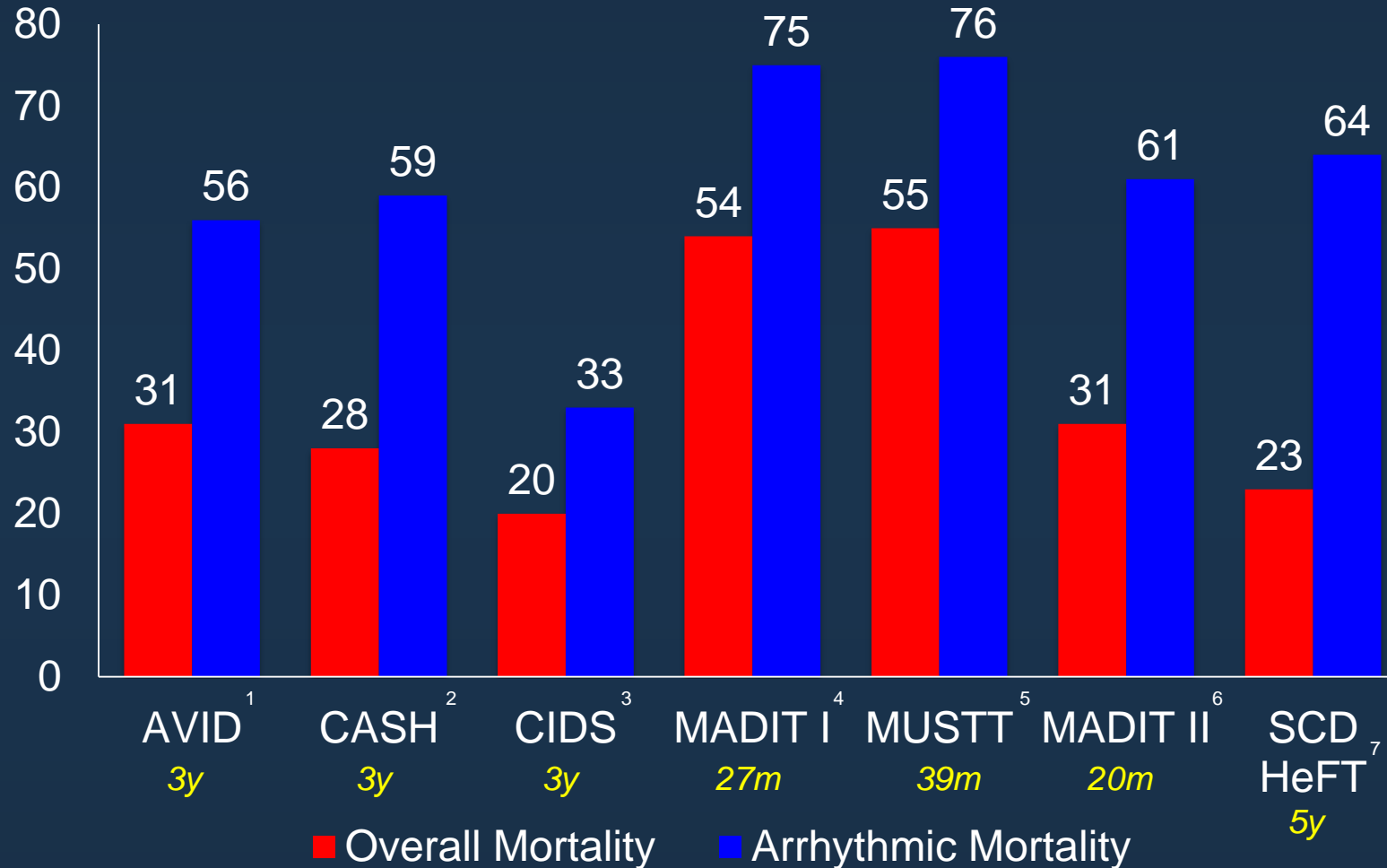


Agenda

- Current transvenous ICD system pitfall
- S-ICD therapy & update
- 2020 latest S-ICD PRAETORIAN & UNTOUCHED Trials results
- S-ICD current guideline



ICD Reduces Overall and Arrhythmic Mortality



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TV-ICD COMPLICATIONS

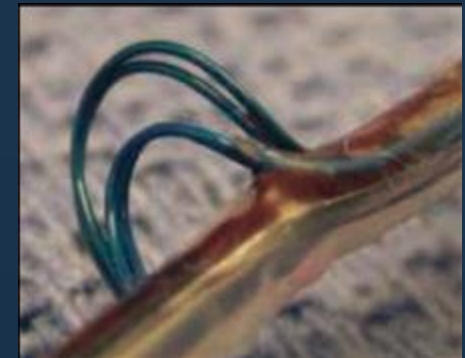
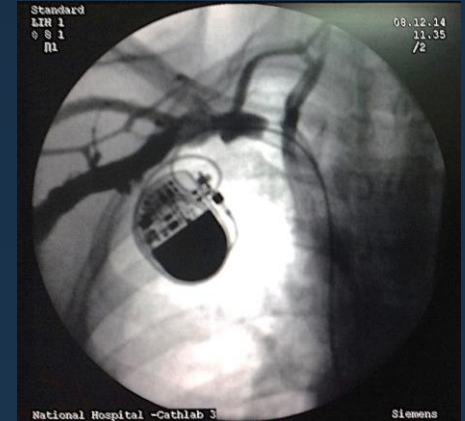
Risk of complication* at 6 years:¹⁻³



15.5%

Most complications are a result of:^{4,5}

Lead-related complications



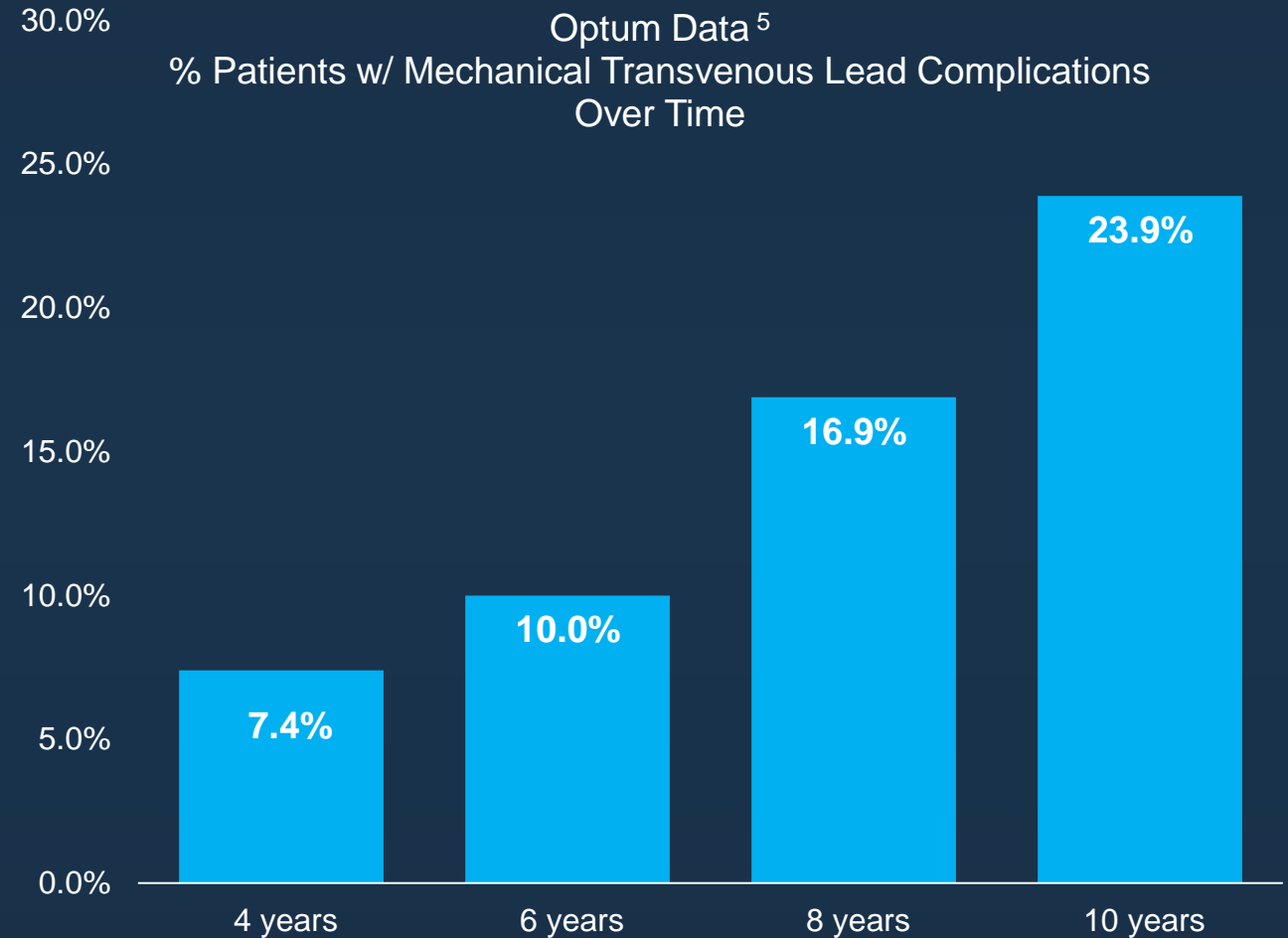
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TV-ICD LEAD FAILURE

Multiple Studies showed that, UP TO 70% of all complications in young TV-ICD recipients were LEAD RELATED^{1,2}


Lead failures are significant even for non-recalled leads^{3,4}



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PATIENT OUTCOMES FOLLOWING CIED INFECTION

 **CLINICAL RESEARCH**
Leads and lead extraction

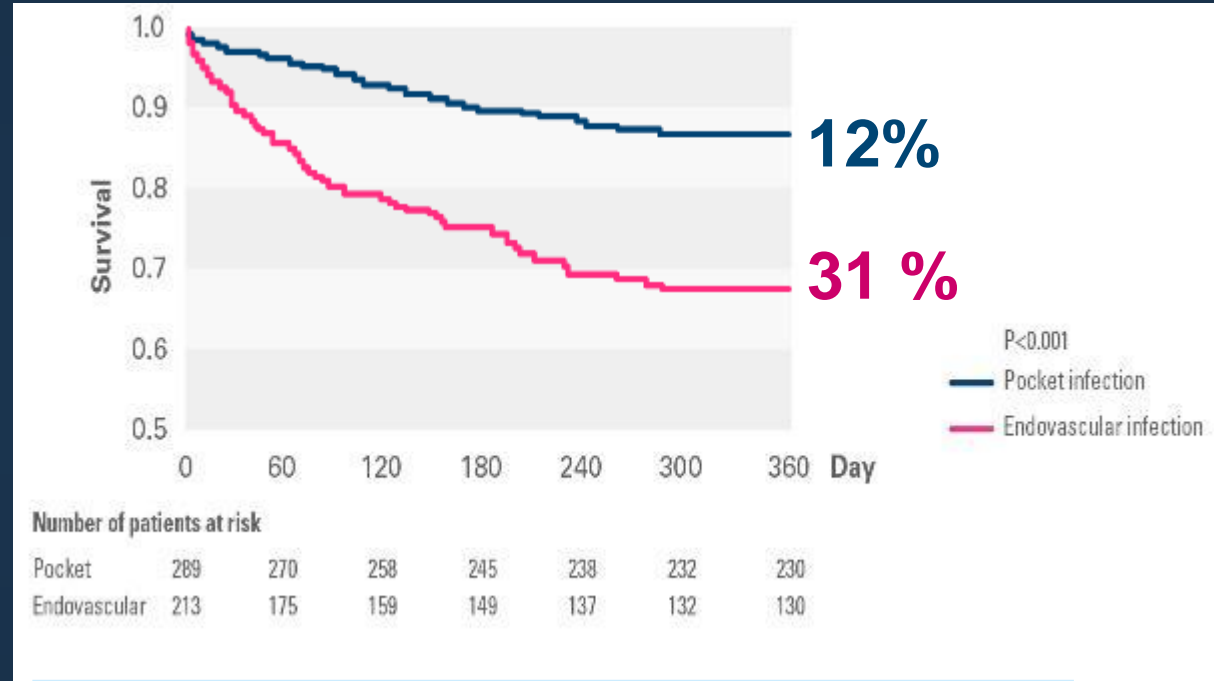
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Risk factors for 1-year mortality among patients with cardiac implantable electronic device infection undergoing transvenous lead extraction: the impact of the infection type and the presence of vegetation on survival

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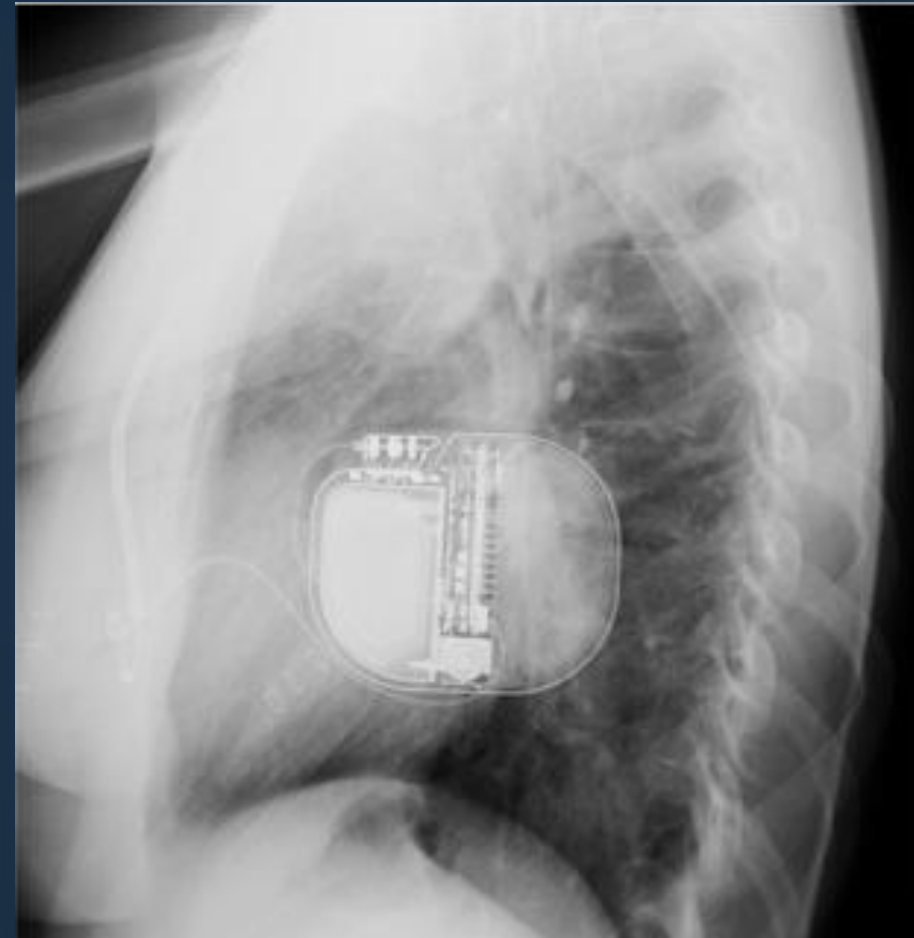
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In this study from the Cleveland Clinic, *lead-related infections* were associated with **3x higher risk of death at 1 year** when compared to a pocket infection, ~31% at 1 year following lead extraction

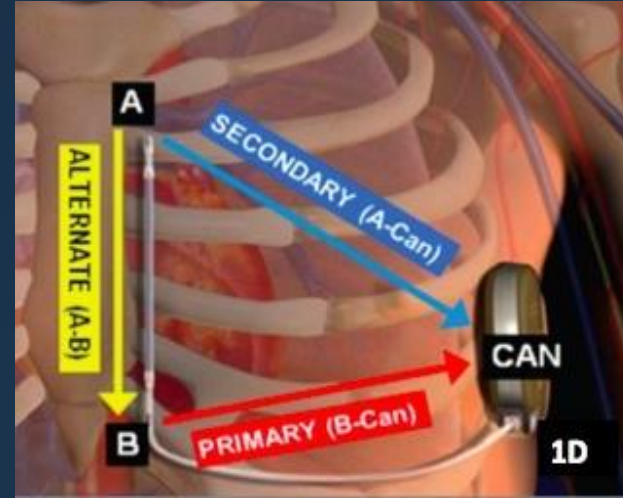
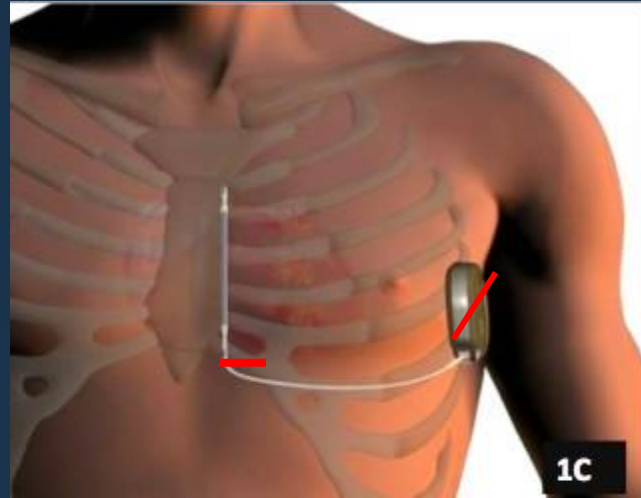


A totally subcutaneous ICD

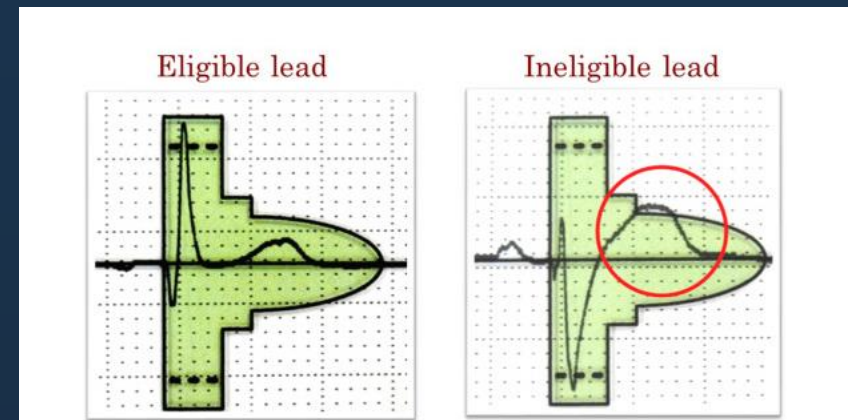




SICD: Simplify ICD System



- ✓ 80 Joules
- ✓ 1 / 2 zones
- ✓ 3 sensing / shock vectors
- ✓ Post-shock pacing for 30sec
- ✓ Episode storage





Proven Effective Defibrillation without Transvenous Lead Complications



98.2%

defibrillation efficacy with S-ICD
(As per the IDE/EFFORTLESS
Pooled Analysis) ¹



99.7%

lead survival with S-ICD
at 5 years.²



98%

freedom from complications with
S-ICD at 1 year follow-up.³

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2. Boston Scientific CRM Product Performance Report published February 13th, 2017.
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3rd Generation EMBLEM S-ICD



ImageReady™ technology

Full Body, 1.5T
MRI-conditional System



Ergonomic Shape

Improves the implant
experience and patient comfort



Boston Scientific Battery Technology

Decreases the need for
change-out procedures



LATITUDE™ System

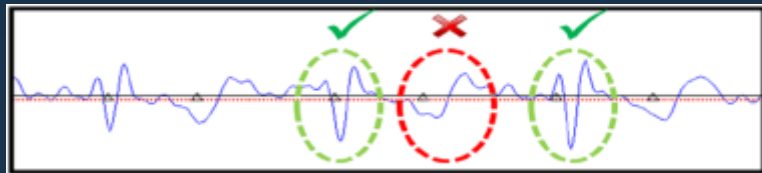
Designed to provide remote
patient follow-up



Algorithms to Reduce Inappropriate Shocks (VT zone only)

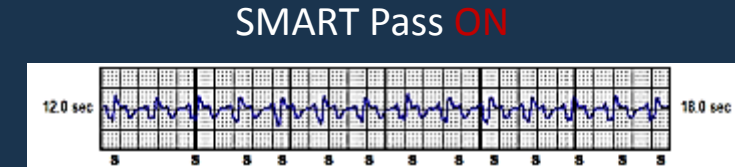
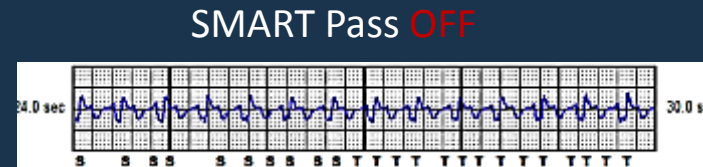
SMR8 Alternating Morphology Algorithm

- Disregard beats in between two similar beats when <50% match to either of them



SMART Pass™

- an additional High Pass filter
- reduces the amplitude of lower frequency (slower moving) signals such as T-waves



	Reduction in TWOS % vs. Gen 1 S-ICD
SMR8	39.8 % ¹
SMR8 +SMART Pass™	82 % ²

Further Study showed SMART Pass™ can reduce inappropriate shock by **68%**² when turn On.

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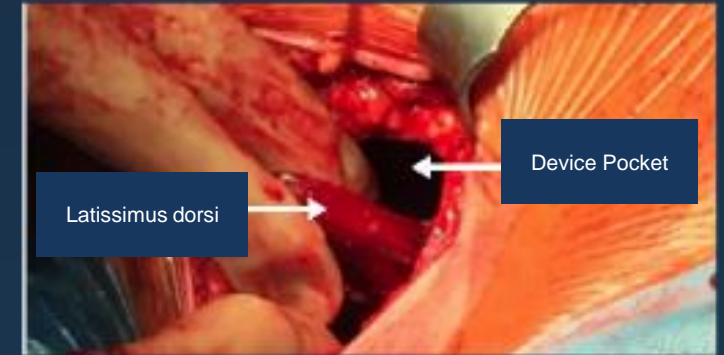


Recent Advancement of S-ICD Implant



Low BMI (19 % fat) female patient.
Device placed in an intermuscular position

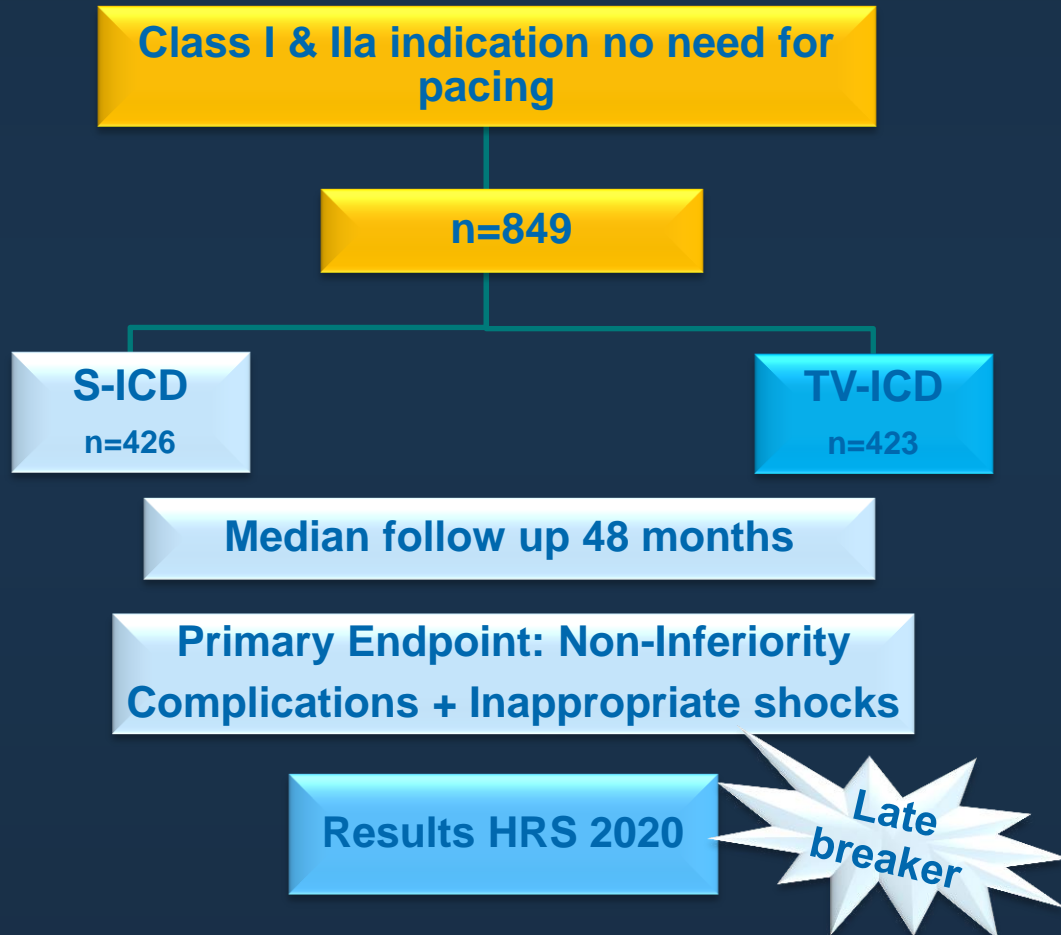
Images courtesy of Prof Jürgen Kaschyt, University Hospital Mannheim.



2 Incision & Inter-muscular Technique



THE PRAETORIAN TRIAL (2011-2016)



Prospective
Randomized Head-Head

- ✓ "Typical" sicker & older ICD population
- ✓ Composite endpoint (Complications + Inappropriate shocks)
- ✓ Standardized programming
- ✓ Secondary endpoints:
 - Device related complications
 - Lead-related complications
 - Inappropriate shocks
 - Cause of inappropriate shocks
 - Mortality (all-cause, arrhythmic, cardiac)



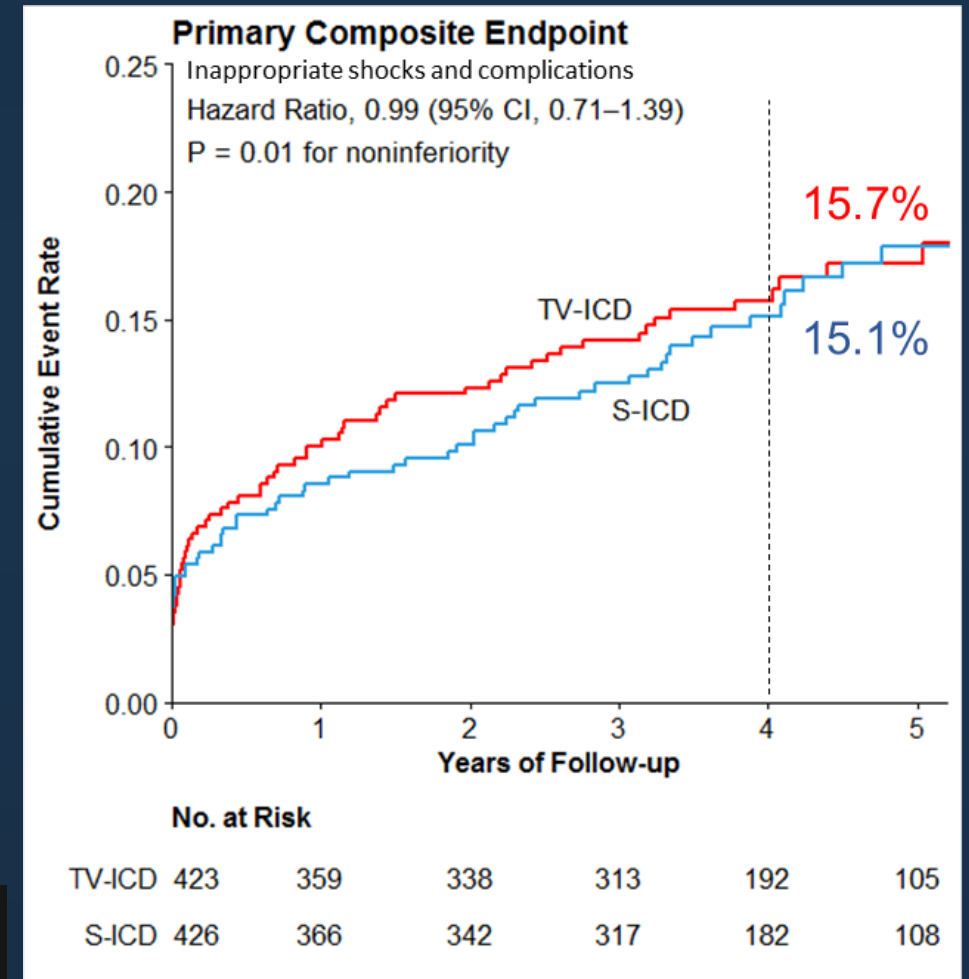
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Primary Outcome: Non-inferiority Demonstrated

S-ICD had comparable performance to TV-ICD yet avoided serious complications including:

- ✓ Infections that required lead extraction
- ✓ Lead complications

Confirms S-ICD can be the preferred choice for most ICD indicated patients w/o need for pacing

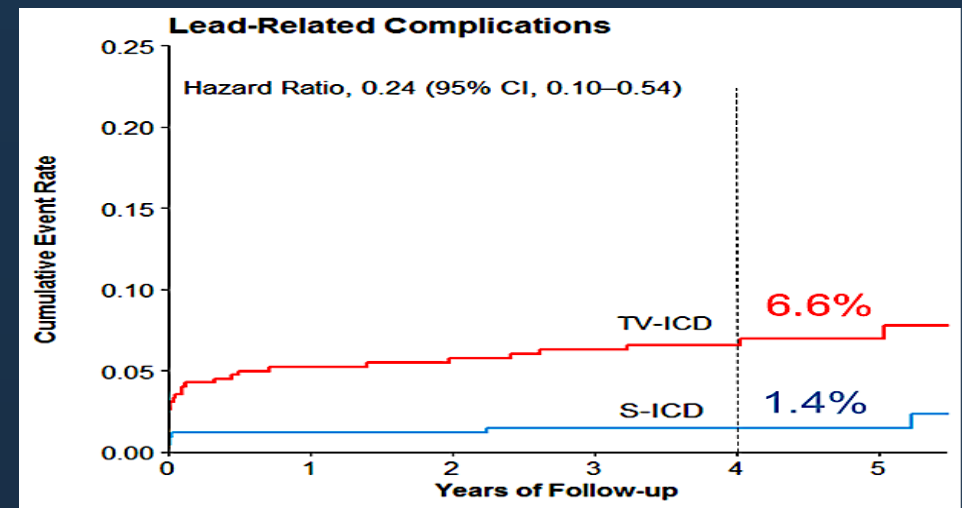
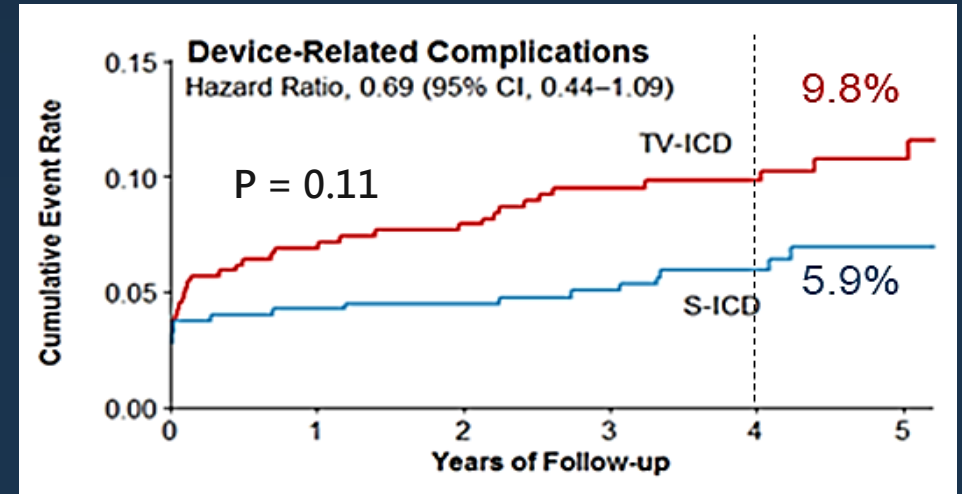




PRAETORIAN: All Complications

PRAETORIAN XL Long Term Follow Up Study to be extended to 8 years

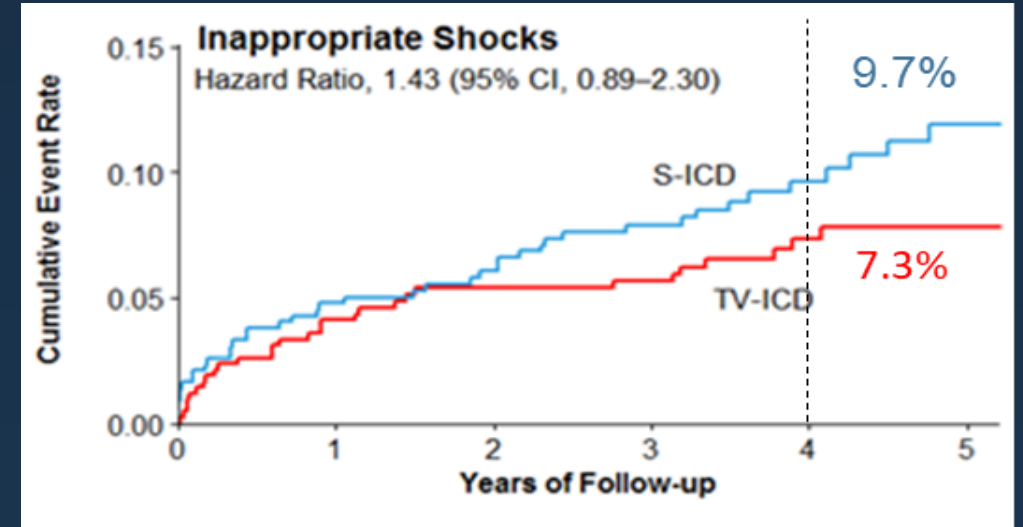
	S-ICD (n = 426)	TV-ICD (n = 423)
Device related complications	31 (5.9%)	44 (9.8%)
- Infection	4	8
- Bleeding	8	2
- Thrombotic event	1	2
- Pneumothorax	0	4
- Lead perforation	0	4
- Lead repositioning	2	7
- Other	19	20
• Lead replacement	3	9
• Device or sensing malfunction	8	6
• Pacing indication	5	1
• Implantation or DFT failure	3	3
• Pain or discomfort	2	3



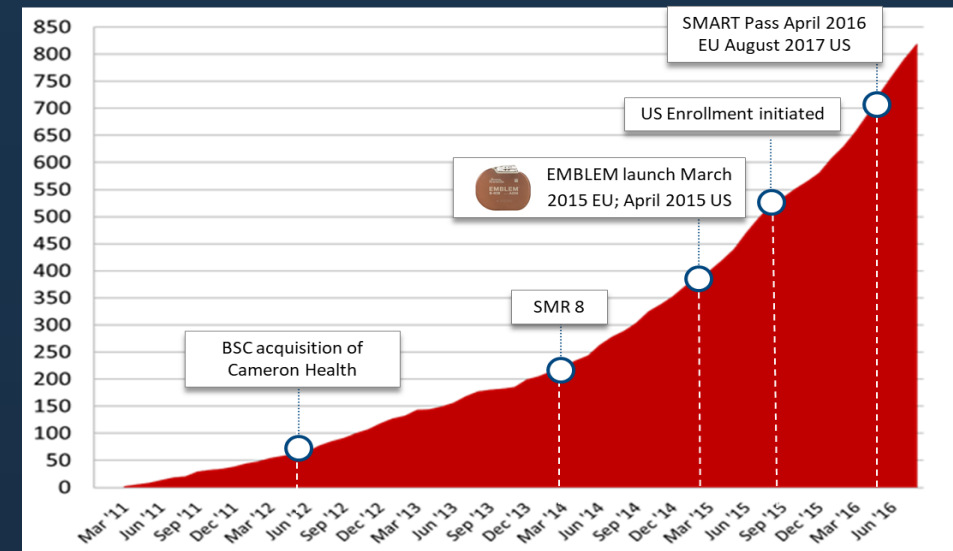


PRAETORIAN: Inappropriate shocks ¹

- Rate of Inappropriate shocks at 1 years was similar to rates seen in other TV-ICD studies.²⁻⁴
- Divergence of curves may be related to inclusion of old devices
 - Only in **70-75%** of S-ICD patients with **SMR8 Alternating Morphology Algorithm**.
 - Only in **22%** of S-ICD patients with **SMART Pass™**



- Enrollment completed Oct 2016 -



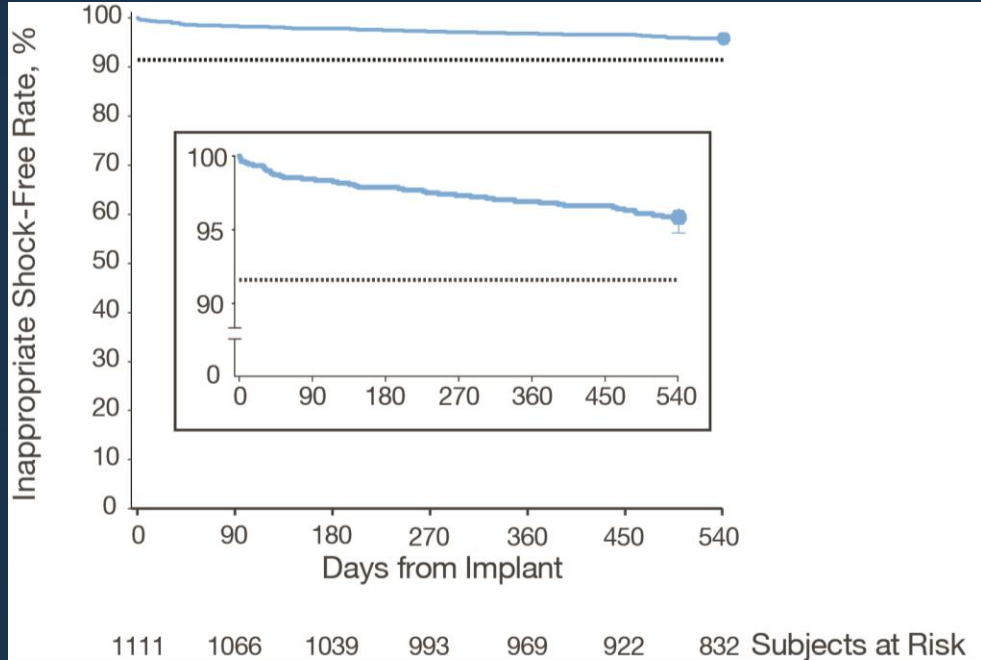
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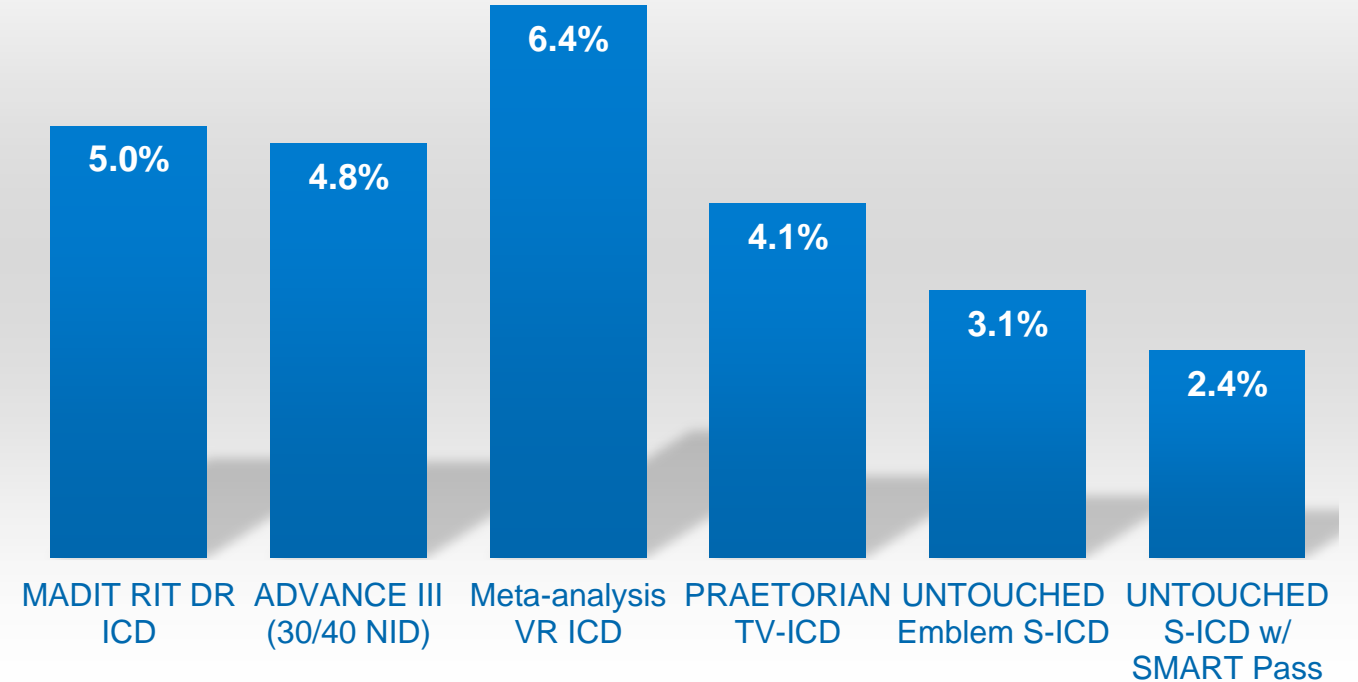
UNTOUCHED: Understanding Outcomes with the EMBLEM S-ICD in Primary Prevention Patients with LVEF ≤35¹

Low rate of inappropriate shocks in real-world patients

- ✓ 3.1% at 1 year¹
- ✓ 2.4% at 1 year in patients with SMART Pass™¹



TV-ICD vs S-ICD²⁻⁵ (1 year)



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The in appropriate shock rate in UNTOUCHED was comparable to, or lower than, the rates observed in studies with TV-ICDs including the PRAETORIAN trial²⁻⁴



S-ICD: AHA/ ACC/ HRS/ ESC Guidelines



Guidance	2017 AHA/ACC/HRS Guidelines ¹	2015 ESC Guidelines ²	For ICD patients...
Class I	✓		With inadequate vascular access or are at high risk of infection , including a prior device infection, ESRD, diabetes mellitus (up to 35% of the ICD population) ¹
Class IIa	✓	✓	Who meet indication for an ICD, without the need for pacing (CRT, bradycardia, ATP)

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2. Priori, SG. et al. Eur Heart J. 2015; Nov 1;36(41):2793-867.



PATIENT PRIORITISATION FOR THE S-ICD

Based on guidelines and clinical literature^{1, 3, 4}



- Bradycardia Pacing (~6% patients)^{3,4}

- High risk patients
Risk of lead complications
renal issues
(QRS Class I)¹

89%

- CRT-D Indication

- Need for ATP at implant (~7% patients)

- Future need for ATP (~1.8% patients)^{3, 5, 6}

- Patients with no pacing indication (Class IIa)^{1,2}

of all ICD indicated patients were eligible to receive an **S-ICD**¹⁰

- S-ICD Screen Out (~4-10% patients)⁷⁻⁹ ≥ 70 years



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PATIENT PRIORITISATION FOR THE S-ICD

Based on guidelines and clinical literature

STRONG INDICATION

- Young age*
- Previous infection
- Infection risk (mechanical valves, diabetes, renal dysfunction)
- Poor vascular access & Existing system
- Channelopathies (Long QT, Brugada)
- HOCM
- Primary prevention

Difficult venous access



Young patients facing a lifetime device therapy



Patients with particular risk of infection



Optimal S-ICD candidate

RELATIVE CONTRAINDICATION

Need for ATP (difficult to define clinically)

CONTRAINDICATED

Pacing indication (bradycardia or CRT)

Failed screening (high inappropriate shock risk)

* <65 (10 – 15 years life expectancy) as defined by ESC guidelines for management of atrial fibrillation, 2011



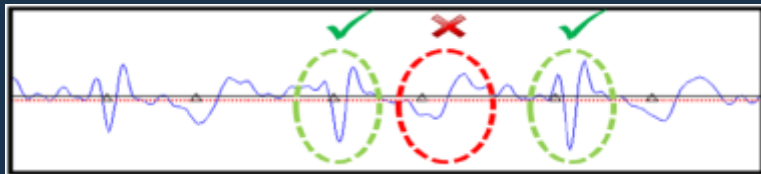
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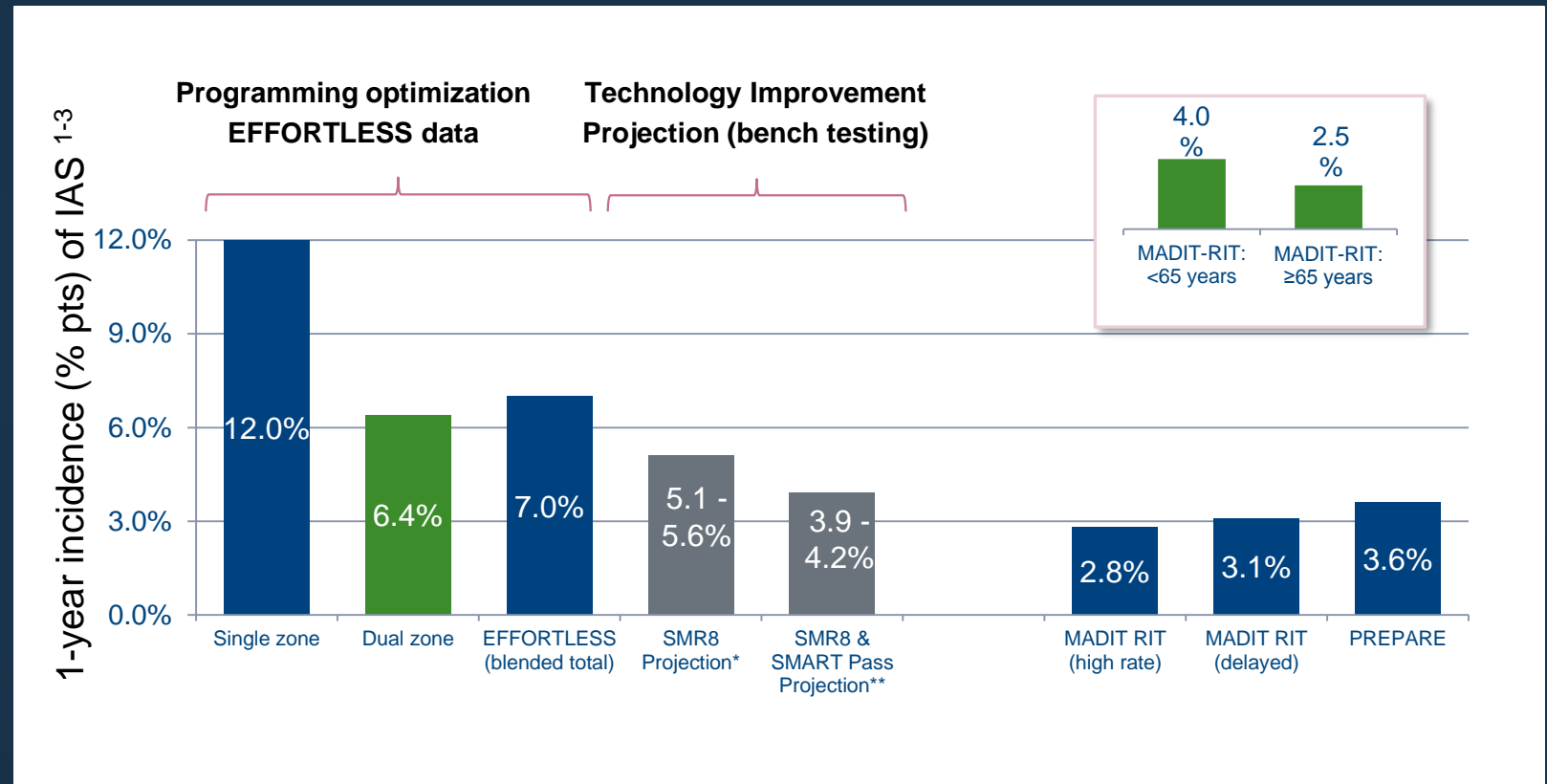
SMR8 Alternating Morphology Algorithm in reducing T-wave oversensing

Algorithm looks for two similar detections with a non-matching beat between them.



1. Look for 3 beats: 1 dissimilar beats between 2 similar beats
2. Middle beat: < 50% match to complexes on either side → discard the middle beat

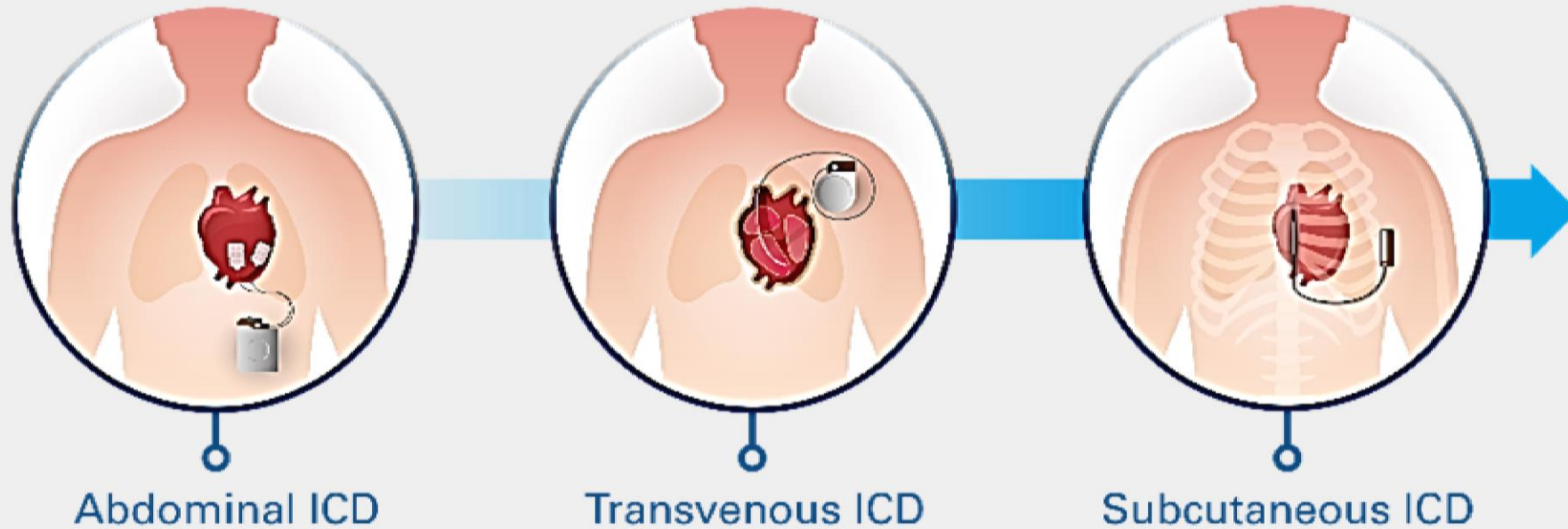
Reduced T-wave oversensing by 39.8%.¹



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S-ICD SYSTEM: A less invasive solution for patients at risk of sudden cardiac death





ICD INFECTIONS

**ENDOVASCULAR
INFECTIONS**
(lead-related)

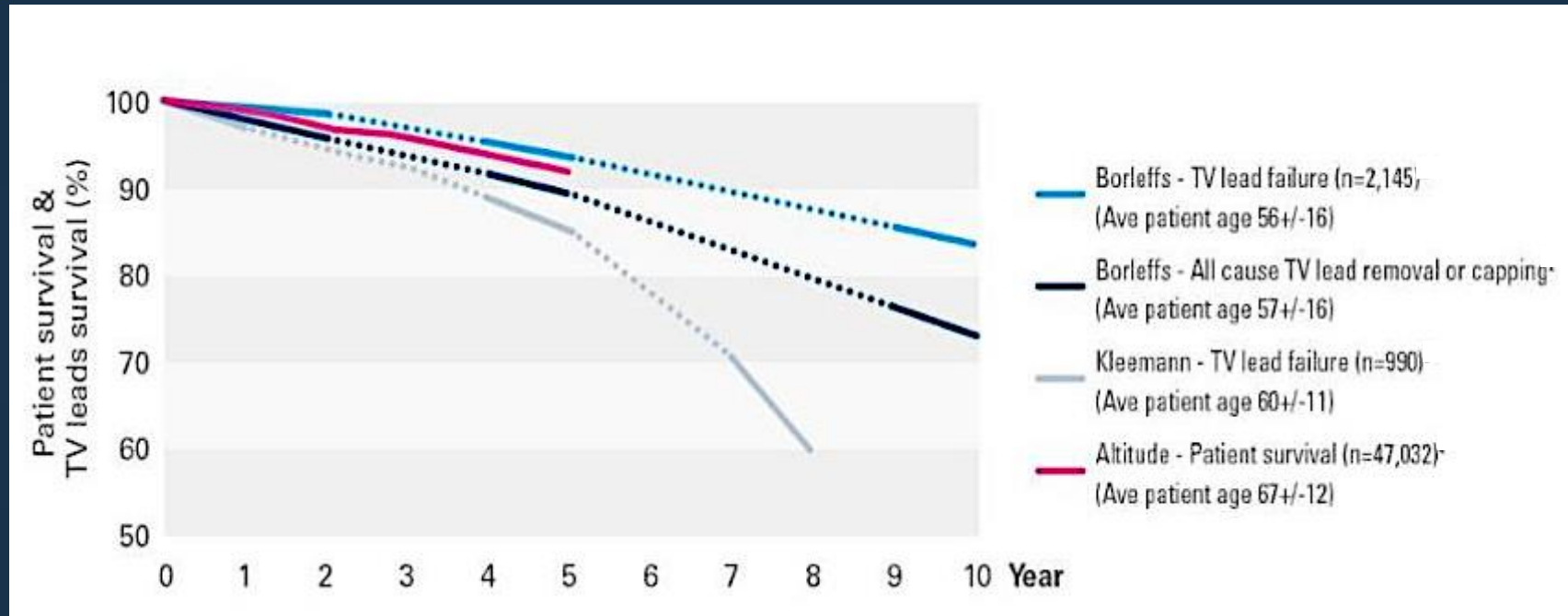
**POCKET
INFECTIONS**
(device-related)

Infection can manifest at any time post-procedure, from early (up to 1 month post procedure) to late (>1 year)



ICD LEAD FAILURE

Patient survival and TV lead survival



A majority of ICD patients may have a longer life-expectancy than their TV-ICD leads¹⁻³

1. Borleffs, C.J.W. et al. *Circ Arrhythmia Electrophysiol.* 2009; 2:411-416
2. Kleeman, T. et al. *Circulation* 2007; 115:2474-2480.
3. Saxon, L.A. et al. *Circulation.* 2010; 122: 2359-2367.



PREDICTORS OF CIED INFECTIONS

Predictors of **device infection** include¹:

- Diabetes
- Heart failure
- Kidney disease
- Previous device infection

More than 70% of ICD indication patients over 60 yrs old have at least 1 predictor of device infection.^{1, 2}

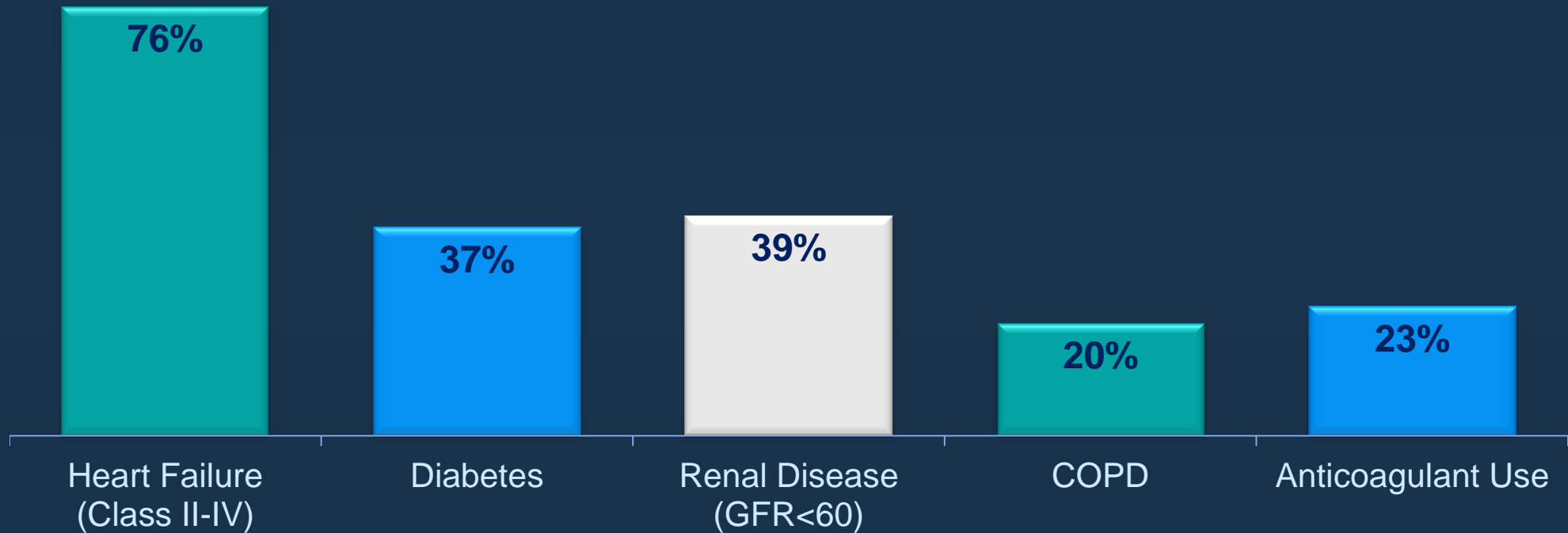
Cardiac device infection negatively impacts risk-benefit ratio, particularly in Primary Prevention patients.³

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2. Friedman, D.J., et al., *JAMA Cardiol*, 2016. 1(8): p. 900-911.
3. Lekkerkerker, J.C. et al. *Heart*; 2009; 95.



PREDICTORS OF CIED INFECTIONS

% of ICD Patients in the U.S. With Below Comorbidities ¹



Guidelines recommend S-ICD in patients at **high risk for infection** ²
A high percentage ~40% of ICD indicated patients have ≥ 1 comorbidity associated with high infection risk

1. Friedman, DJ, Parzynski, CS, Varosy, PD, et al., JAMA Cardiol, 2016. 1(8): p. 900-911.
2. Al-Khatib, S. M., et al. *Circulation* 2018. 138(13): e272-e391.



PATIENT OUTCOMES FOLLOWING CIED INFECTION

In the ELECTRa registry, **1 in 6** patients died after systemic infection resulting in transvenous lead extraction ¹

Low incidence of mortality linked to procedure, but significant post-procedural mortality, with a strong correlation between mortality and lead extraction for infection ¹



Large vegetation on an extracted right ventricular ICD lead ²



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CLINICAL RESEARCH
Arrhythmia/electrophysiology

The European Lead Extraction ConTRolled (ELECTRa) study: a European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA) Registry of Transvenous Lead Extraction Outcomes

Maria Grazia Bongiorni^{1*}, Charles Kennergren², Christian Butter³, Jean Claude Deharo⁴, Andrzej Kutarski⁵, Christopher A. Rinaldi⁶, Simone L. Romano¹, Aldo P. Maggioni^{7,8}, Maryna Andarala⁷, Angelo Auricchio⁹, Karl-Heinz Kuck¹⁰, and Carina Blomström-Lundqvist¹¹, on behalf of ELECTRa Investigators[†]

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In the EFFORTLESS registry

10000

PATIENTS OVER 3 YEARS,

Zer0 ENDOVASCULAR INFECTIONS¹

Zer0 SYSTEMIC INFECTIONS¹

Zer0 ELECTRODE FAILURES¹



TWO ZONE PROGRAMMING

Considerations to reduce inappropriate shocks:

- The use of a Conditional Shock Zone (dual-zone programming) allows for SVT/AF discrimination with **SMART Pass™** and **SMR8 Alternating Morphology Algorithm**.
- Dual-zone programming can significantly enhance SVT discrimination to determine appropriateness of therapy



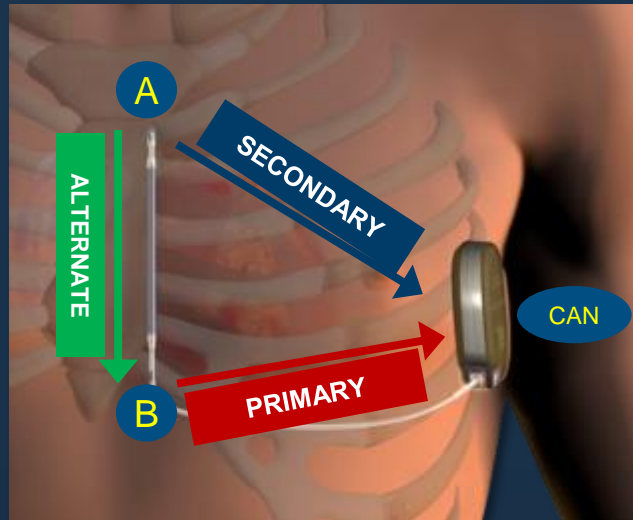
In the IDE study, patients with dual zone programming experienced significantly fewer inappropriate shocks due to SVT than those programmed with a single zone (2.7% vs. 10.2%; p-value=0.0085).



S-ICD SCREENING

S-ICD screening was implemented to determine whether patients have a suitable signal for device sensing at implant.

Maximising system sensitivity and specificity for rhythm identification and therapy and to minimise the risk of cardiac oversensing.



Boston Scientific | 200M @ View™ S-ICD Automated Screening Report | Report Created 02 Sep 2016 09:16

Patient Name or ID: Patient 1
Date Of Birth: 10 Jul 1928
Physician Name:
Clinic Name:
Medical Record No.:

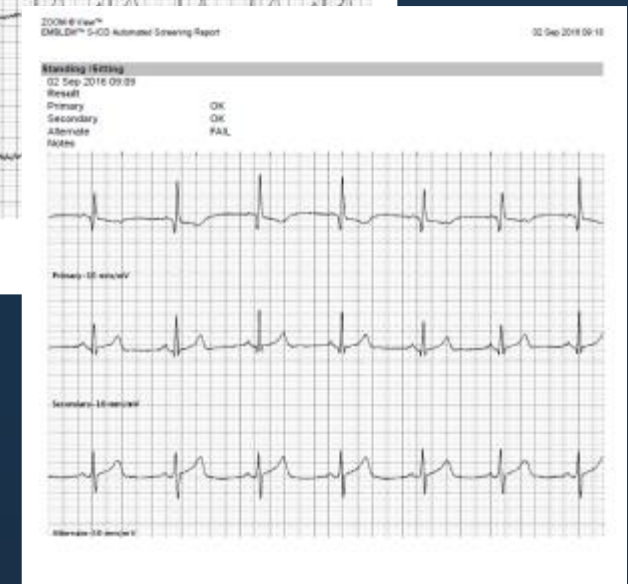
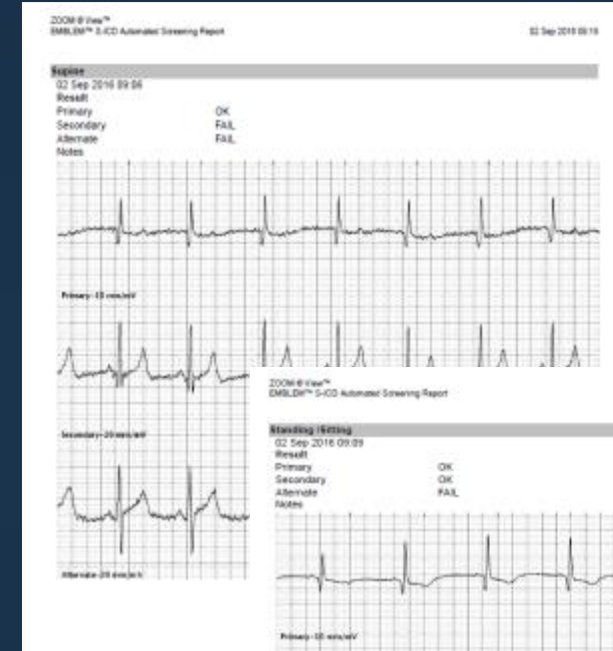
General
Diagnosis:
Screening Notes:
Pass - Primary

Results Summary

Lead	Lead Position					Morphology consistent between postures?	Mark as Acceptable Lead*
	Supine	Standing/Sitting	Other	Other	Other		
Primary (Lead-R)	OK	OK				No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secondary (Lead-L)			OK			No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternate (Lead-D)				FAL		No	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Minimum screening criteria: One lead must be OK in all tested postures. Check that morphology of the QRS complex is stable across postures.

Note:
Special circumstances may present in which the physician may elect to proceed with the implantation of the S-ICD System despite failing the screening process. In this case, careful attention should be applied to the device setup process of the S-ICD System as the risk of poor sensing and/or inappropriate shock is increased.



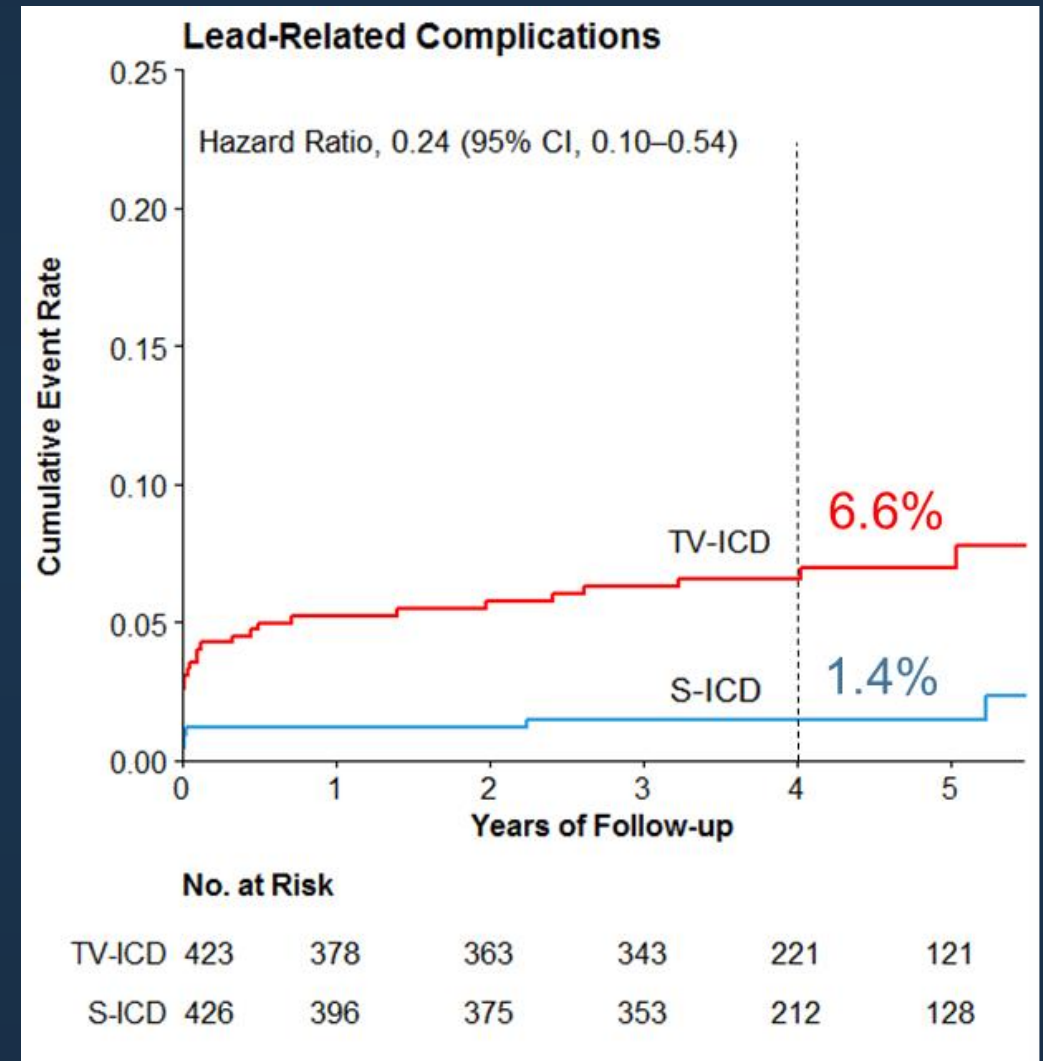


PRAETORIAN: Lead-related Complications¹

Significantly fewer lead-related complications

- ✓ 6.6% (n=24) in the TV-ICD arm vs
- ✓ 1.4% (n=5) in the S-ICD arm (P =0.001)

- More than **4 times** as many patients experienced a lead complication in the TV-ICD arm.
- Eliminating device leads within the vasculature is particularly important for many ICD-indicated patients with comorbidities, such as diabetes, and renal disease who often are at an increased risk of infection and vascular access issues.²



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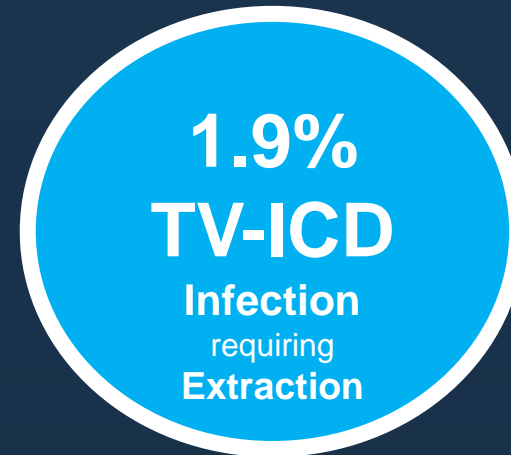


PRAETORIAN: Infections requiring extraction¹

Higher infection rate requiring extraction for patients with a TV-ICD

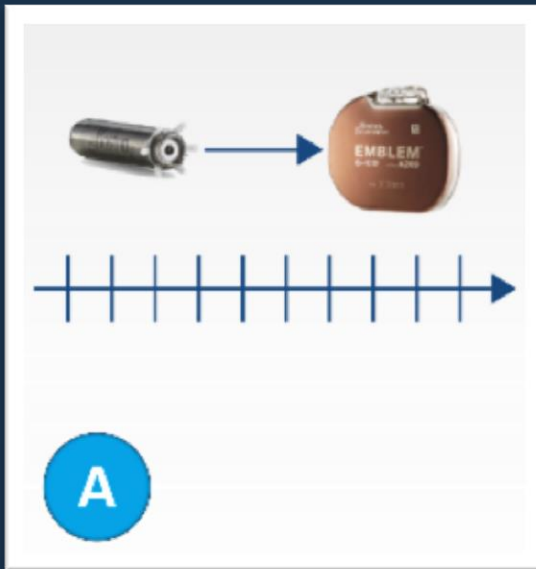
- ✓ 8 pts (1.9%) with a TV-ICD
- ✓ 4 pt (0.9%) with an S-ICD

	S-ICD (n = 426)	TV-ICD (n = 423)
Primary composite endpoint	68 (15.1%)	68 (15.7%)
Device related complications	31 (5.9%)	44 (9.8%)
- Infection	4	8
- Bleeding	8	2
• Pacing indication	5	1



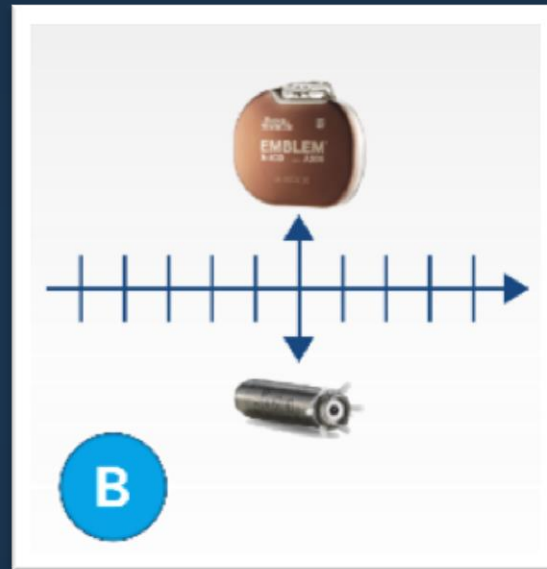


Future of S-ICD: modular CRM system



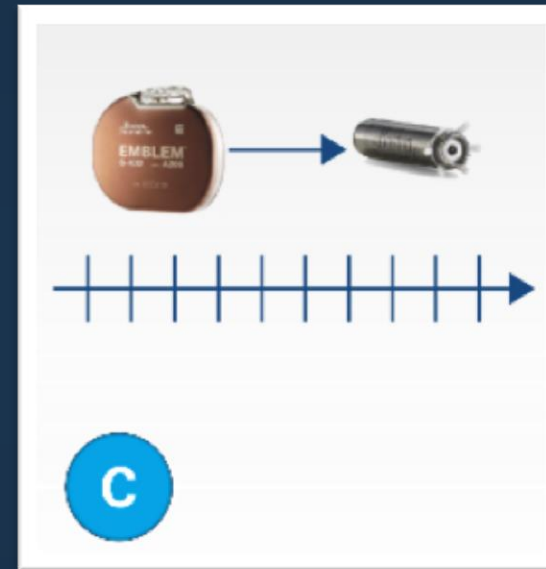
- LP implanted first
- S-ICD implanted later

Potential application for patient with pacing need, but no ICD indication at implant.



- LP and S-ICD implanted together

Potential application for patient with pacing and ICD indication at implant.



- S-ICD implanted first
- LP implanted later

Potential application for patient with ICD indication at implant, who later develops a need for pacing.





S-ICD: AHA/ACC/ HRS Guidelines

Class I Recommendation

11.1. Subcutaneous Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator

Recommendations for Subcutaneous Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator

References that support the recommendations are summarized in Online Data Supplement 55.

COR	LOE	Recommendations
I	B-NR	1. In patients who meet criteria for an ICD who have inadequate vascular access or are at high risk for infection, and in whom pacing for bradycardia or VT termination or as part of CRT is neither needed nor anticipated, a subcutaneous implantable cardioverter-defibrillator is recommended (1-5).
IIa	B-NR	2. In patients who meet indication for an ICD, implantation of a subcutaneous implantable cardioverter-defibrillator is reasonable if pacing for bradycardia or VT termination or as part of CRT is neither needed nor anticipated (1-4).
III: Harm	B-NR	3. In patients with an indication for bradycardia pacing or CRT, or for whom antitachycardia pacing for VT termination is required, a subcutaneous implantable cardioverter-defibrillator should not be implanted (1-4, 6-8).



*“The risk of infection appears to be **lower with S-ICD** than with transvenous ICDs. Therefore, S-ICD may be preferred in patients who are at **high risk of infection**, such as those with a prior device infection, ESRD, **diabetes mellitus**, or who are **chronically immunosuppressed**.”*



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According to the Italian subcutaneous implantable cardioverter-defibrillator survey:



“ S-ICD, WHY NOT? ”

89%

of all ICD indicated patients were eligible to receive an **S-ICD**⁴⁴