

# *Transcatheter Tricuspid Valve Therapy: The Next Frontier in Structural Heart Disease*

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# Tricuspid Regurgitation I Why We Should Care

## Circulation

### Conservative Management of Tricuspid Regurgitation in Patients Undergoing Mitral Valve Replacement

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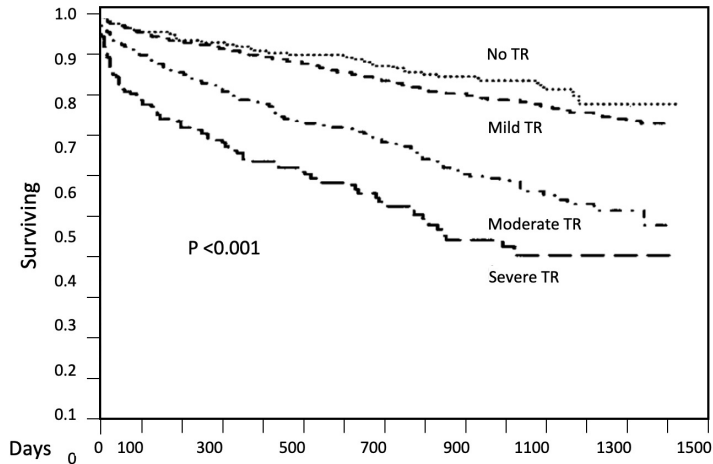
#### The historical narrative was...

- “TR is secondary to left sided diseases”
- “Treat the left side, leave the right alone and it will follow to get better”

# Tricuspid Regurgitation I Why We Should Care

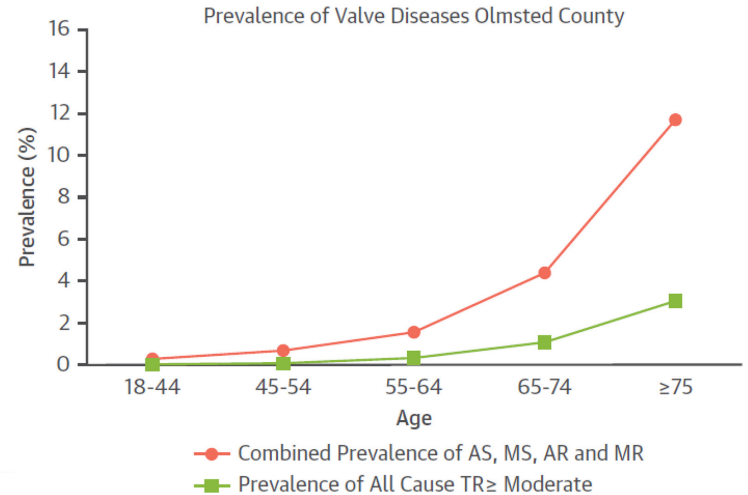
But new data taught us...

... TR is relevant



➤ Increasing TR is associated with worse survival;

... and highly prevalent

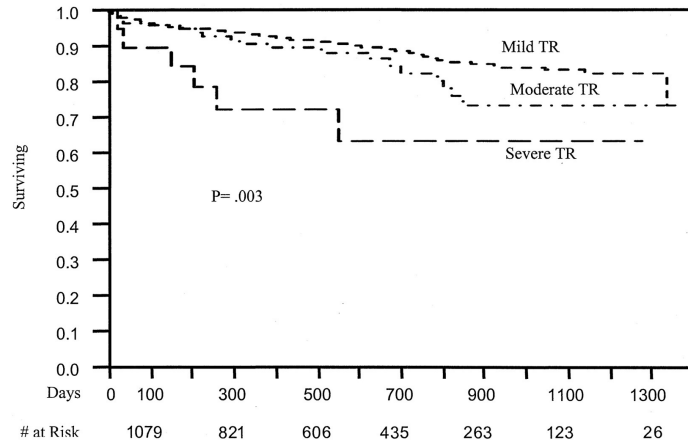


➤ Severe TR is as prevalent as severe AS, warranting similar attention

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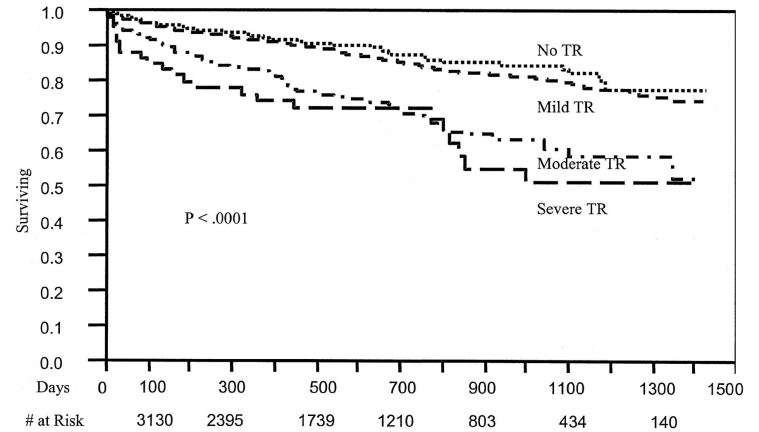
TR is relevant...

... independent of sPAP



Patients with sPAP < 40mmHg

... and independent of LVEF

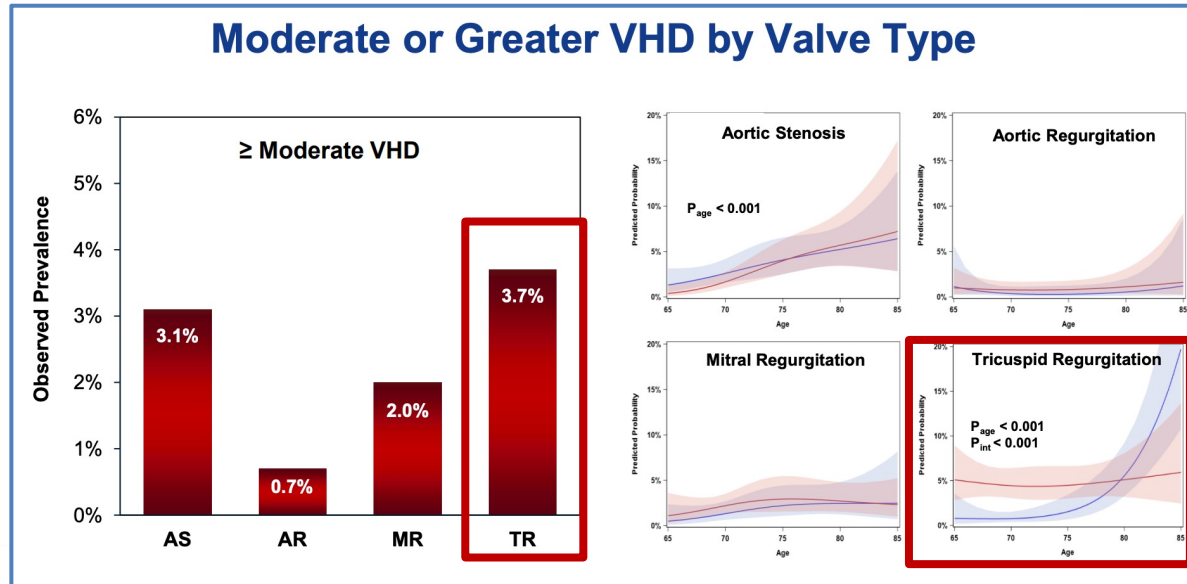


Patients with an LVEF ≥ 50mmHg

# Tricuspid Regurgitation I Why We Should Care

TR is prevalent...

The  
**PREVUE**  **VALVE**  
Study



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# Where Do We Stand Regarding TR?

Should we treat?

When should we treat?



How should we treat?

What are goals of treatment?

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE: FULL TEXT

## 2020 ACC/AHA Guideline for the Management of Patients With Valvular Heart Disease

A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Joint Committee on Clinical Practice Guidelines

*Developed in collaboration with and endorsed by the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, American Society of Echocardiography, Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists, and Society of Thoracic Surgeons*

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## 2025 ESC/EACTS Guidelines for the management of valvular heart disease

Developed by the task force for the management of valvular heart disease of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)

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Praz F, et al. Eur Heart J. 2025; 46: 4635-4736.

# FIRST: Defining OMT

## 2020 ACC/AHA Guidelines

### Medical Therapy:

- **CLASS IIa**
- 1. In patients with signs and symptoms of right-sided HF attributable to severe TR (stages C and D), diuretics can be useful. (Level of Evidence: C)
- **CLASS IIa**
- 1. In patients with signs and symptoms of right-sided HF attributable to severe TR (stages C and D), therapies to treat the primary cause of HF (eg, pulmonary vasodilators to reduced elevated pulmonary artery pressures, GDMT for HF with reduced LVEF or rhythm control of AF) can be useful. (Level of Evidence: C)

Otto CM et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2020

## 2025 ESC/EACTS Guidelines

### Medical Therapy:

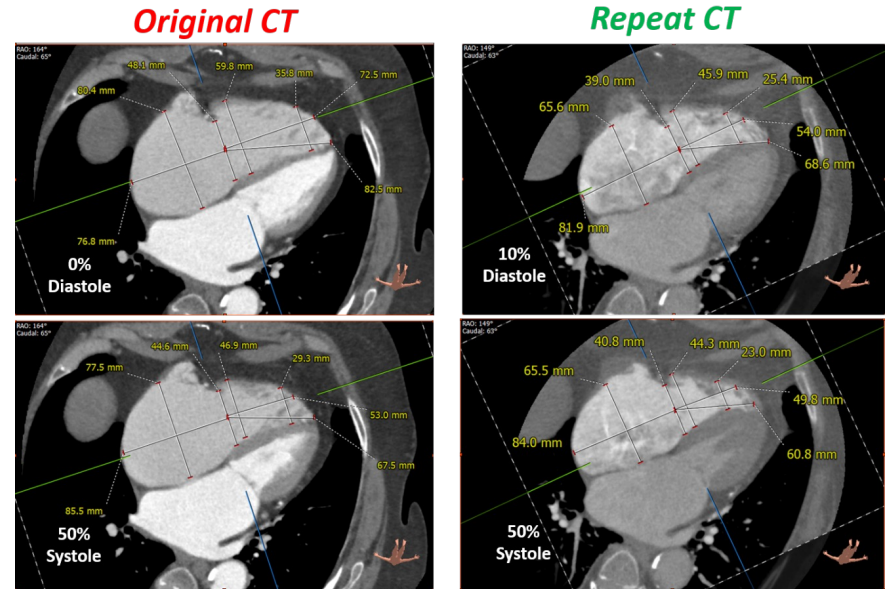
- **Diuretics are useful** in the presence of right heart failure. ...the addition of an aldosterone antagonist may be considered.
- **Dedicated treatment of pulmonary hypertension** is indicated in specific cases.
- Although data are limited, **rhythm control may help** to decrease tricuspid regurgitation and contain annular dilatation in patients with chronic AF.
- **Importantly, in the absence of advanced RV dysfunction or severe pulmonary hypertension, none of the above-mentioned therapies should delay referral for surgery or transcatheter therapy.**

Vahanian A, et al. Eur Heart J. 2022 Feb

**Major Problem:  
Lack of evidence-based data to guide therapy**

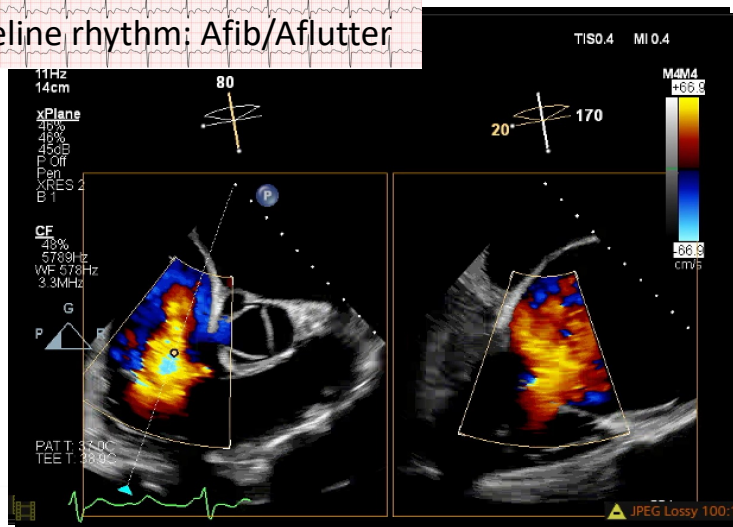
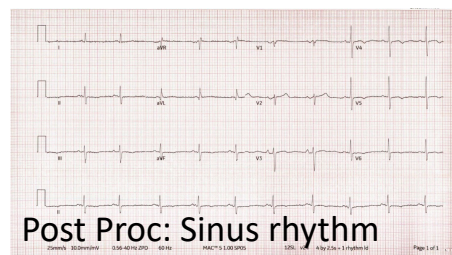
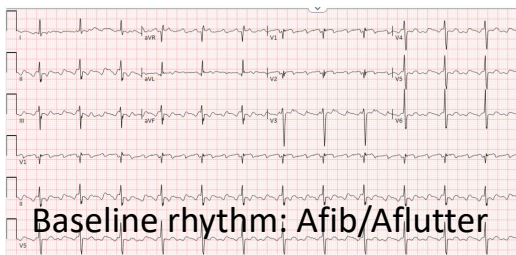
# TR is a dynamic disease and volume dependent

- Optimizing patients with OMT can decrease RV dimensions and improve TR
- Consider RHC to guide management
- **May require hospitalization for optimization**



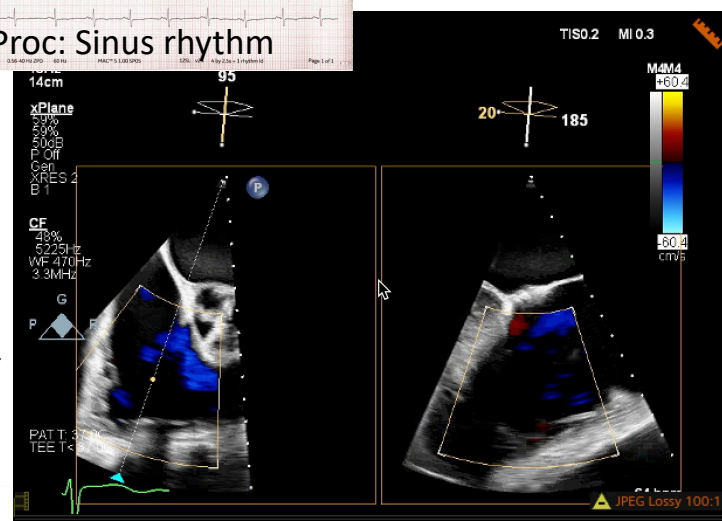
Septal-Lateral Dimension Reduced by 9mm

# Don't forget rhythm management



Torrential TR

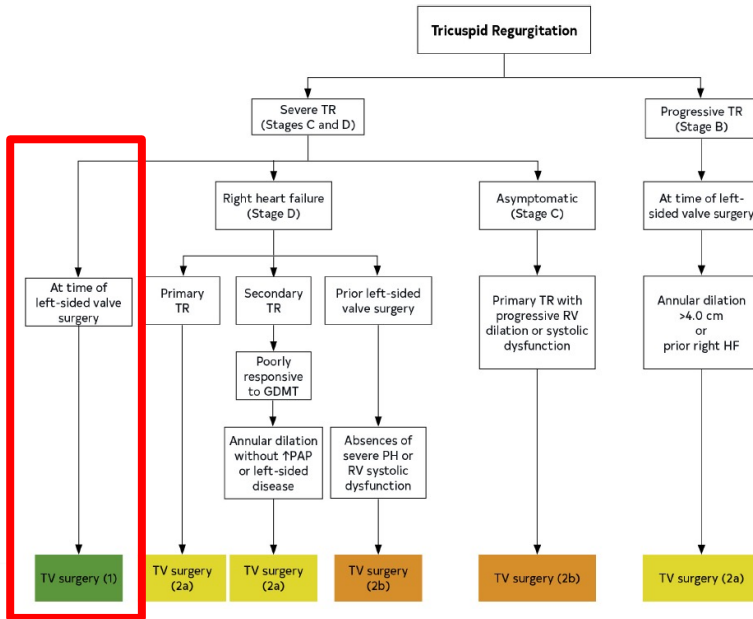
Underwent ablation



Moderate to Severe TR

# What about surgery?

## Recommendations for Intervention



## Recommendations for Medical Therapy

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
2a	C-E0	1. In patients with signs and symptoms of right-sided HF attributable to severe TR (Stages C and D), diuretics can be useful.
2a	C-E0	2. In patients with signs and symptoms of right-sided HF attributable to severe secondary TR (Stages C and D), therapies to treat the primary cause of HF (eg, pulmonary vasodilators to reduce elevated pulmonary artery pressures, GDMT for HF with reduced LVEF, or rhythm control of AF) can be useful (1,2)

# Tricuspid Regurgitation I *The Recent State of Care*

TR historically remained vastly undertreated

USA Population  
1.6 Mio patients  
with moderate to  
severe TR  
*(250k new cases  
per year)*



**BUT: < 8000 TR surgeries  
performed per year**

# Tricuspid Regurgitation | The Recent State of Care

## TR historically remained vastly undertreated

### Isolated Tricuspid Valve Surgery on Native Valve

(N=466)

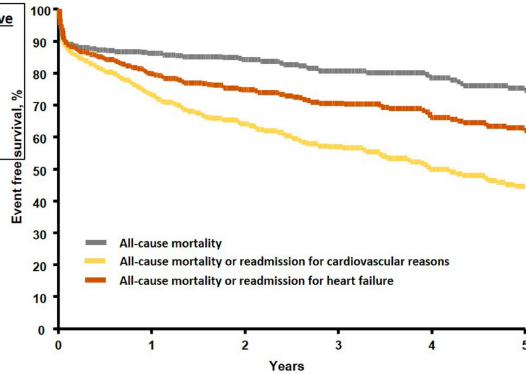
- Functional tricuspid regurgitation (N=229)
  - Prior left-sided heart valve surgery (N=101)
  - Isolated (N=128)
- Organic tricuspid regurgitation (N=237)
  - Infective endocarditis (N=142)
  - Other (N=95)

### Pre-operative presentation

- **Clinical** (NYHA class III/IV, right heart failure signs)
- **Biological** (lower prothrombin time, lower glomerular filtration rate)
- **Echocardiography** (moderate/severe RV dysfunction or dilatation)

### Outcome

- **In-hospital death: 10%**
- **In-hospital major complications: 31%**
- Overall survival, survival free of cardiovascular readmission and survival free of heart failure readmission at 5 years were 75%, 44% and 62%.



Isolated tricuspid valve surgery is associated with high mortality and morbidity, both in-hospital and during follow-up, predicted by the severity of the pre-operative clinical, biological and echocardiographic presentation but not by etiology or the mechanism tricuspid regurgitation mechanism

### A meta-analysis of 35 studies (5,316 patients)



Isolated surgery



Bioprosthetic & mechanical valves



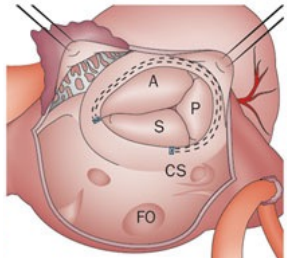
Operative mortality 12% (9-15)

Years 1995-2019: 11% (8-14)

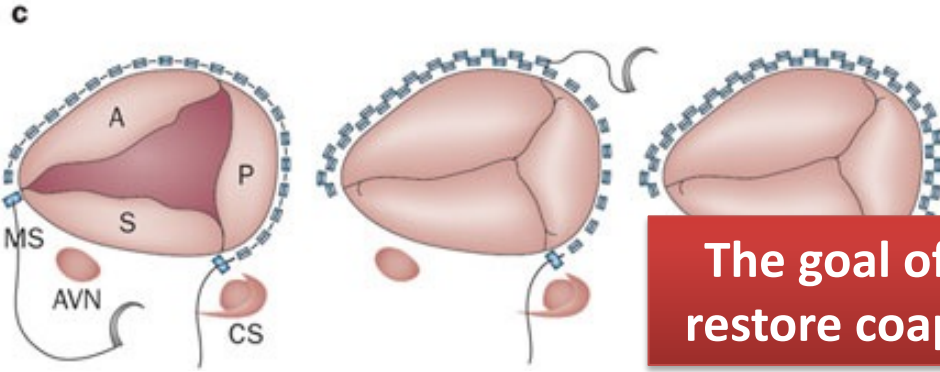
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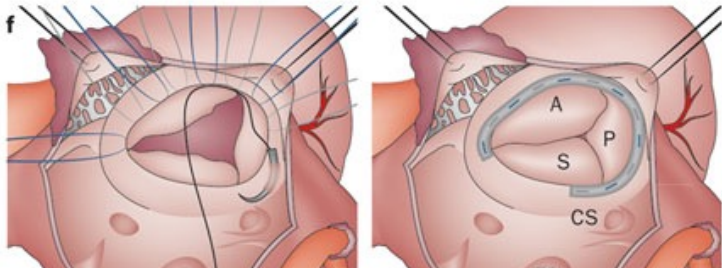
# Surgical Approaches to Tricuspid Regurgitation



De Vega Plasty



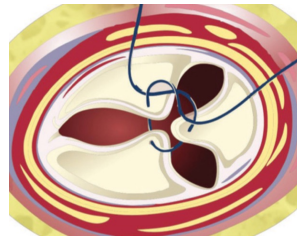
The goal of surgery is to restore coaptation planes



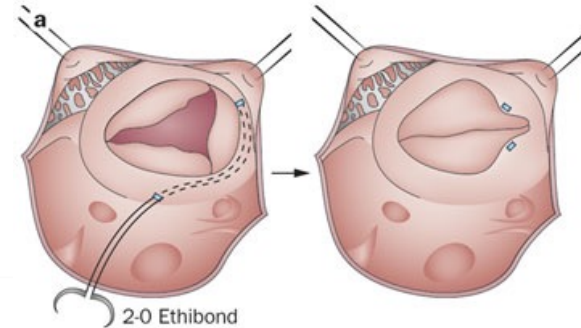
Ring Annuloplasty



Modified De Vega Plasty



Clover



Kay Annuloplasty

# Recurrent TR after TV Surgery: Insights From Surgery

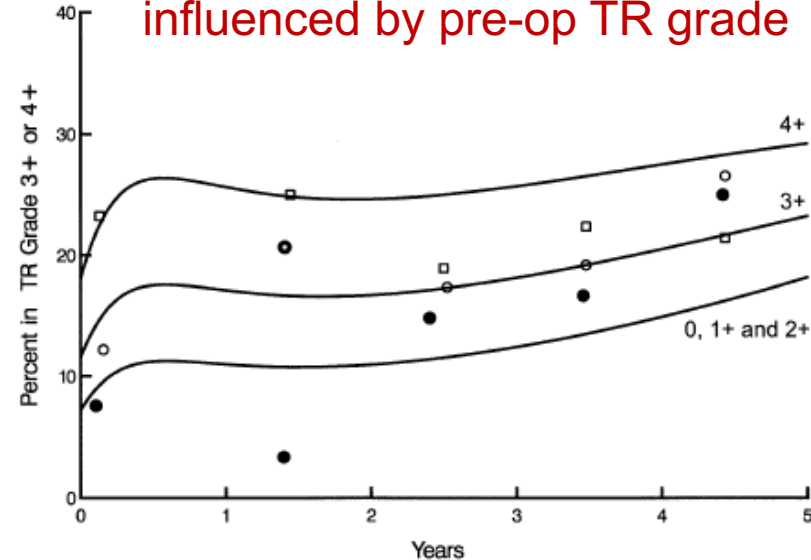
Factor	Estimate ± SE	P value
<i>Overall</i>		
Higher grade of preoperative TR	0.46 ± 0.062	<.0001
Female	0.71 ± 0.12	<.0001
Mitral valve replacement	0.40 ± 0.11	.0003
<i>Early phase</i>		
Surgical management of TR (compared with rigid ring)		
Flexible ring alone	0.41 ± 0.13	.02
Peri-Guard alone	0.011 ± 0.35	>.9
De Vega alone	6.9 ± 3.02	.02
Kay procedure alone	7.5 ± 3.02	.03
Annulus + leaflet	-0.47 ± 0.404	.2
Kay + leaflet	6.7 ± 3.04	.03
Larger annuloplasty ring size*	5.7 ± 2.7	.03
Lower LVEF†	-0.78 ± 0.14	<.0001
African American	0.52 ± 0.19	.005
History of heart failure	0.43 ± 0.14	.002
Lower body surface area‡	1.4 ± 0.78	.07
<i>Late phase</i>		
Surgical management of TR (compared with rigid ring)		
Flexible ring alone	0.72 ± 0.21	.0007
Peri-Guard alone	2.3 ± 0.40	<.0001
De Vega alone	-0.64 ± 5.6	.9
Kay procedure alone	-1.7 ± 5.6	.8
Larger annuloplasty ring size*	-1.7 ± 4.9	.7
Lower GFR§	0.81 ± 0.21	.0002
Preoperative permanent pacemaker	1.3 ± 0.29	<.0001
At least one coronary artery system diseased	0.97 ± 0.22	<.0001
Larger LV mass index	0.38 ± 0.087	<.0001

- ↑TR grade pre-op

- Non-rigid annuloplasty ring approach
- Small ring size
- Low LVEF

- CAD
- Pacemaker

Durability of surgical TV repair influenced by pre-op TR grade



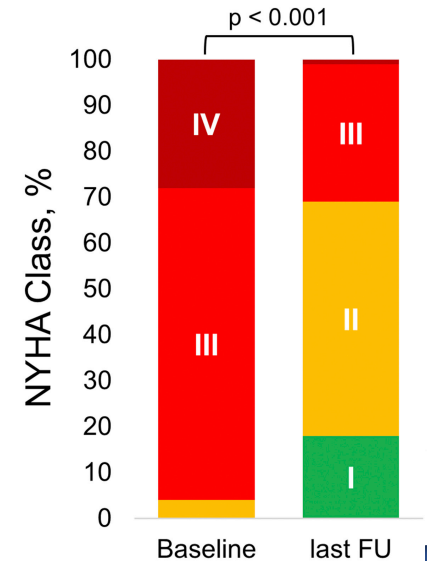
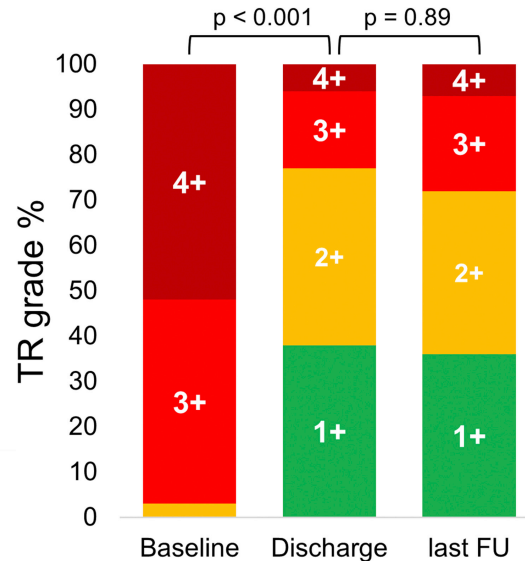
# Transcatheter Tricuspid Valve Intervention

<p>Direct Suture Annuloplasty</p>	<p>Kay      Hetzer      Trialign      MIA      PASTA</p> <p>De Vega</p>						
<p>Direct Ring Annuloplasty</p>	<p>Annuloplasty ring      Cardioband      Millipede      DaVinci</p>						
<p>Coaptation Enhancement</p>	<p>Clover      Edge-to-Edge      TriCinch      Forma      Croi      Mitrilix</p> <p>Hetzer      Clip      Pascal      Spacer</p>						
<p>Valve Replacement</p>	<p>Evoque      Intrepid      V-Dyne      Navigate      Trisol      Lux      TriCares</p>						<p><b>Ectopic Valve Implantation</b></p> <p>TricValve      TriCento</p>

# Arrival of First Devices | M-TEER → T-TEER

**Adoption of the well-established M-TEER technology to the right side moved the field forward**

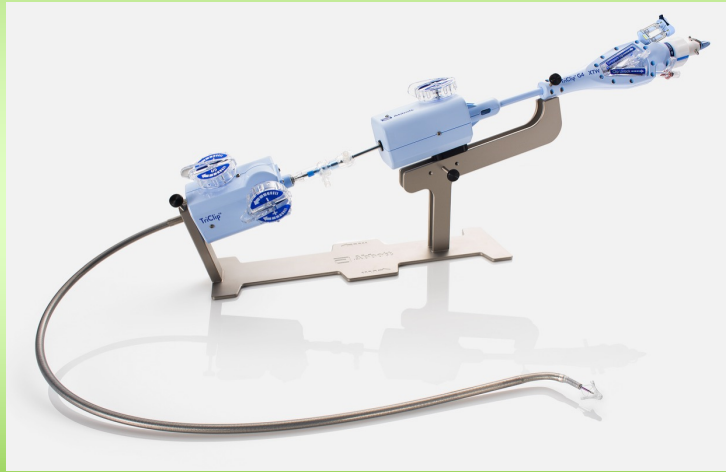
- Off-label use of the MitraClip on the tricuspid valve according to the early TriValve registry experience proved effective in reducing TR and improving NYHA class



# Arrival of First Devices | M-TEER → T-TEER

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This encouraging first experience led to the development of a dedicated TriClip T-TEER system, enhancing maneuverability & effectiveness



Baseline Discharge last FU

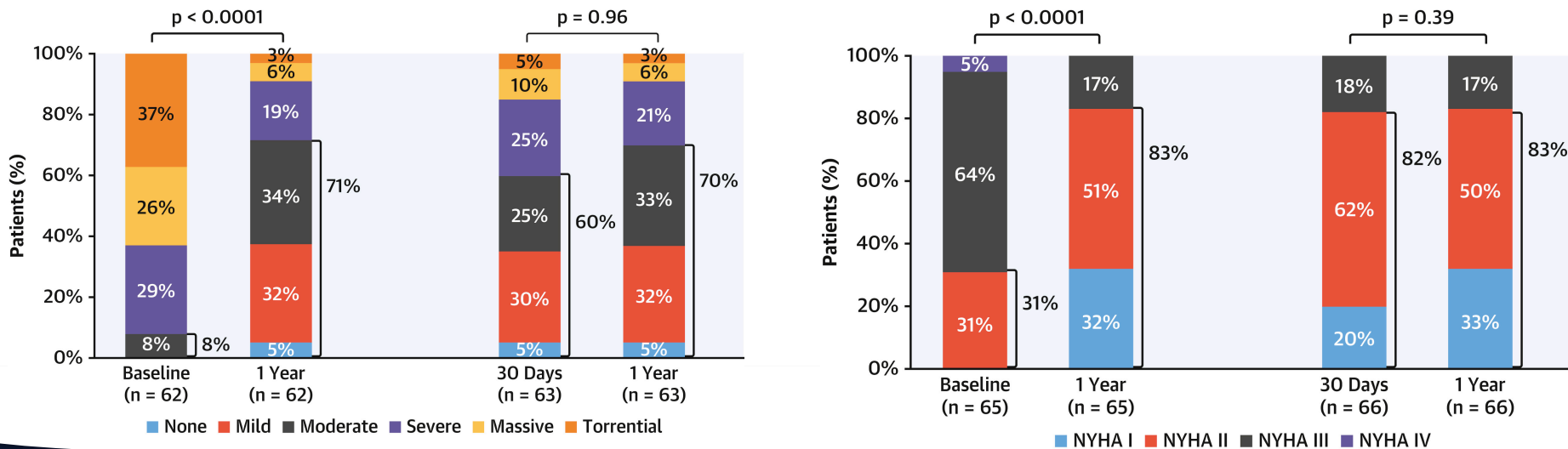
Baseline last FU

# Arrival of First Data | T-TEER



## The TRILUMINATE Study...

Non-randomized single arm study (n=85) demonstrated stable TR reduction and significant NYHA class improvement at 1-year.

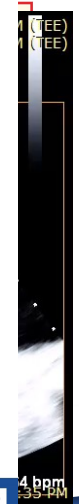
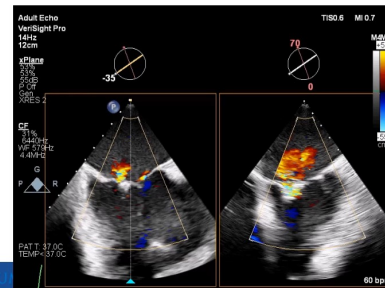
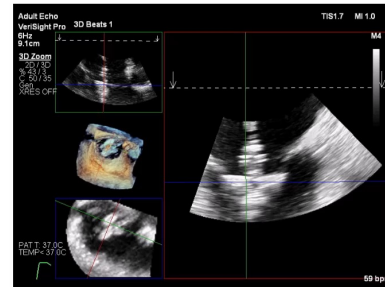
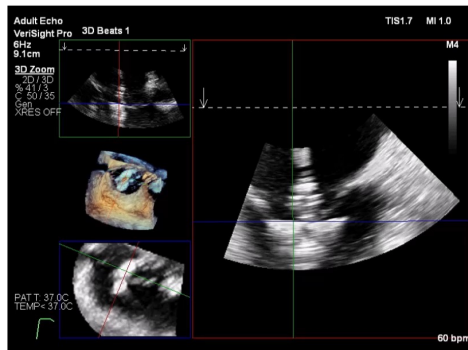


# Challenges With Leaflet Devices

## Imaging the leaflets is challenging

- TV more difficult to image than the mitral valve
- 4D ICE will be a game changer
- Regurgitant orifice is often broad
- Catheter navigation difficult
- Anatomy is challenging
  - Leaflet tissue
  - Multiple chords
  - Large gaps
  - Multiple leaflets

## ICE Leaflet Grasp



# When repair is not feasible...

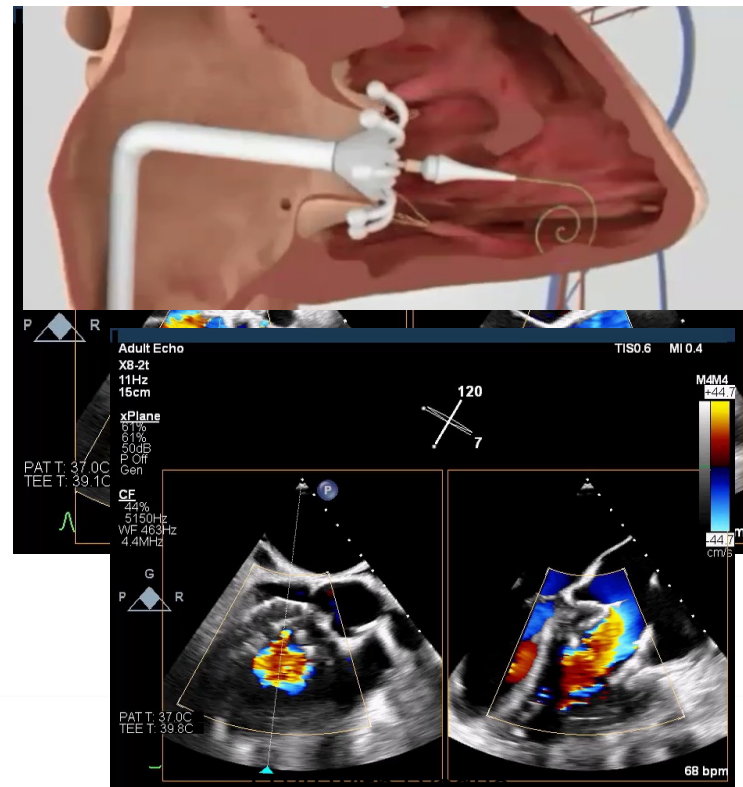
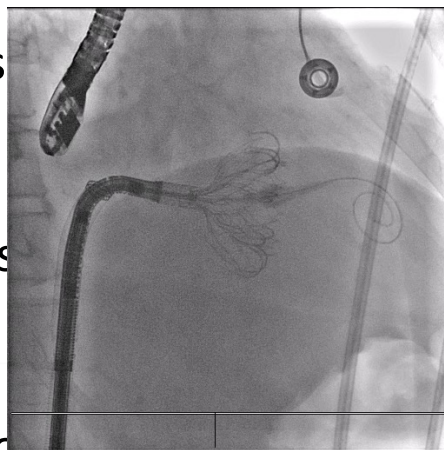


- In cases of torrential TR, repair may not be an option due to anatomic limitations
- Transcatheter replacement may provide a better option for these patients provided the RV can tolerate an acute increase in afterload

- TTVR is not the same as replacement

- No CPB
- No massive volume support
- No RV ischemia

- Early studies with TTVR promise of these technologies

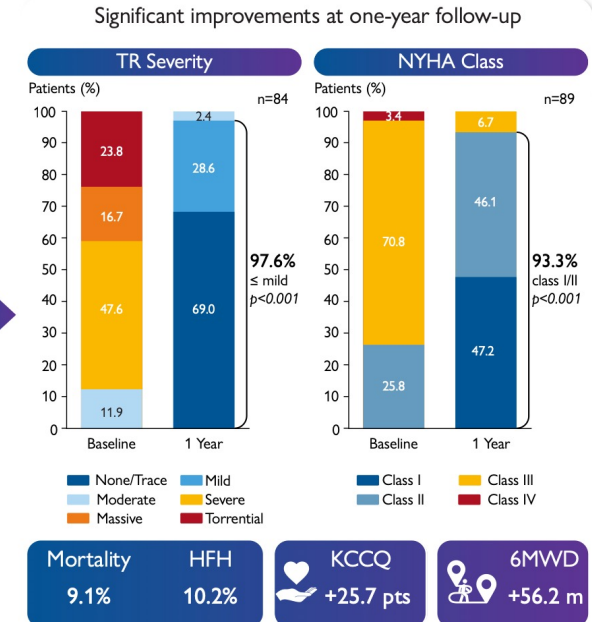
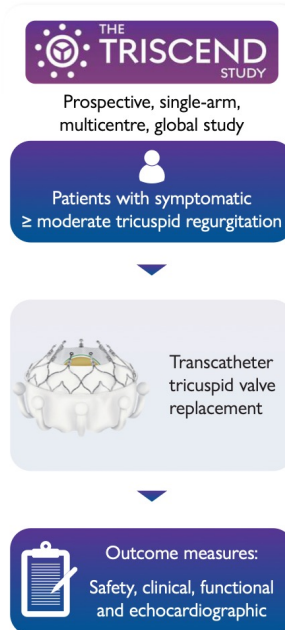


# Arrival of First Data | TTVR



**Table 2 Major adverse events adjudicated by the clinical events committee at 30 days and one year**

CEC-adjudicated MAEs	30 days (n = 172) <sup>a</sup>	1 year (n = 149) <sup>a</sup>
Cardiovascular mortality	1.7 (3)	9.4 (14)
Myocardial infarction	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Stroke	0.6 (1)	1.3 (2)
Major cardiac structural complications	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Renal complications requiring unplanned dialysis or renal replacement therapy	1.7 (3)	3.4 (5)
Non-elective tricuspid valve re-intervention	2.3 (4)	4.0 (6)
Major access site and vascular complications	2.3 (4)	2.7 (4)
Severe bleeding <sup>b</sup>	16.9 (29) <sup>c</sup>	25.5 (38) <sup>d</sup>
Major	8.1 (14)	10.7 (16)
Extensive	7.0 (12)	10.7 (16)
Life threatening	1.7 (3)	4.7 (7)
Fatal	0.6 (1)	0.7 (1)
Device-related pulmonary embolism	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Composite MAEs	<b>18.6 (32)<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>30.2 (45)<sup>e</sup></b>



# Challenges With TTVR

TTVR delivery

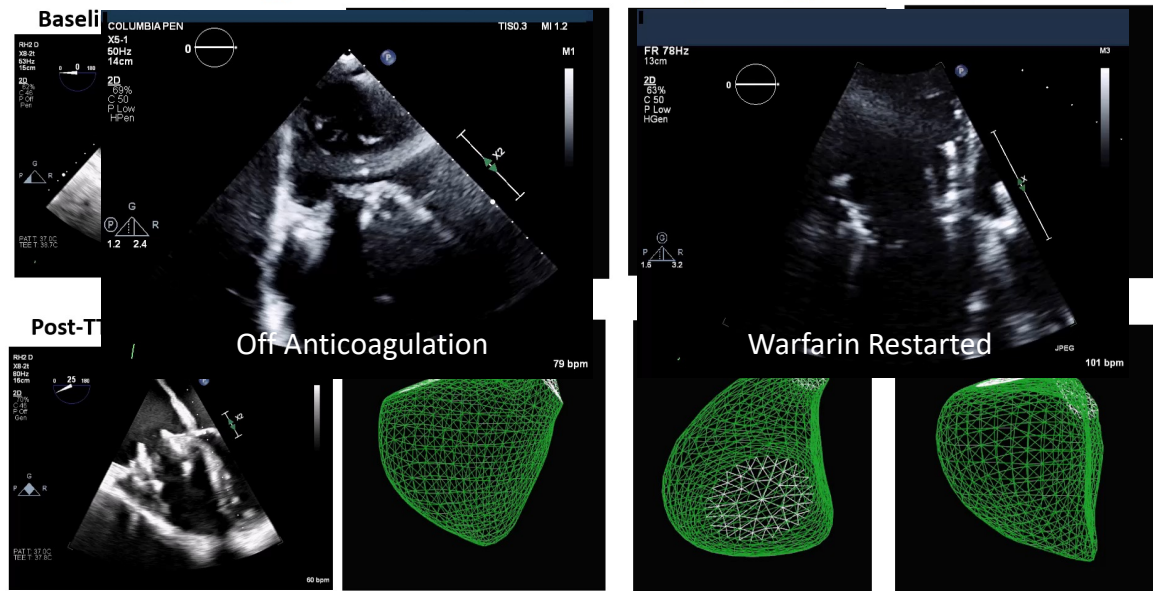
RV function

Conduction disturbance

Leaflet thrombosis

Durability

## Change in Right Ventricular Physiology following TTVR

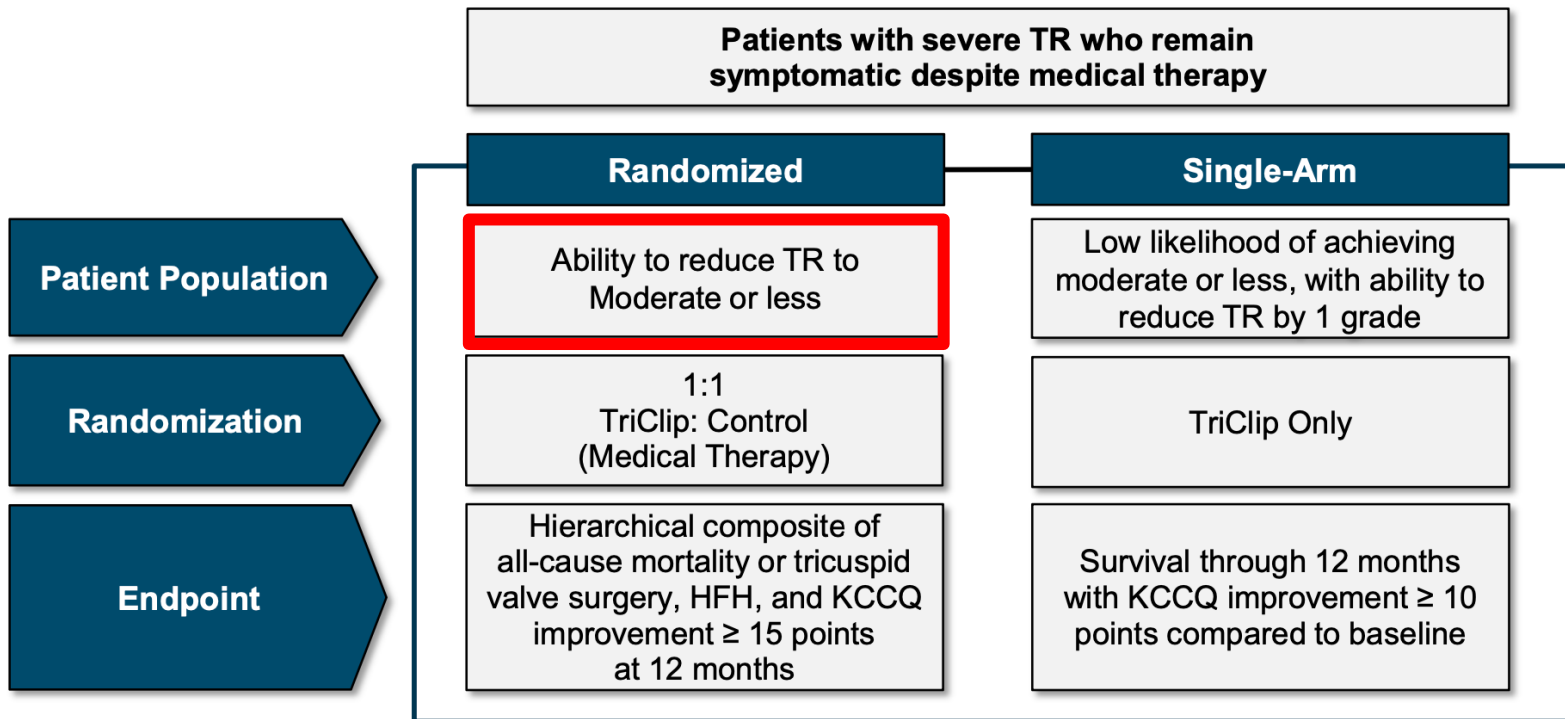


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# Randomized Trial Data I T-TEER

## TRILUMINATE Study Design

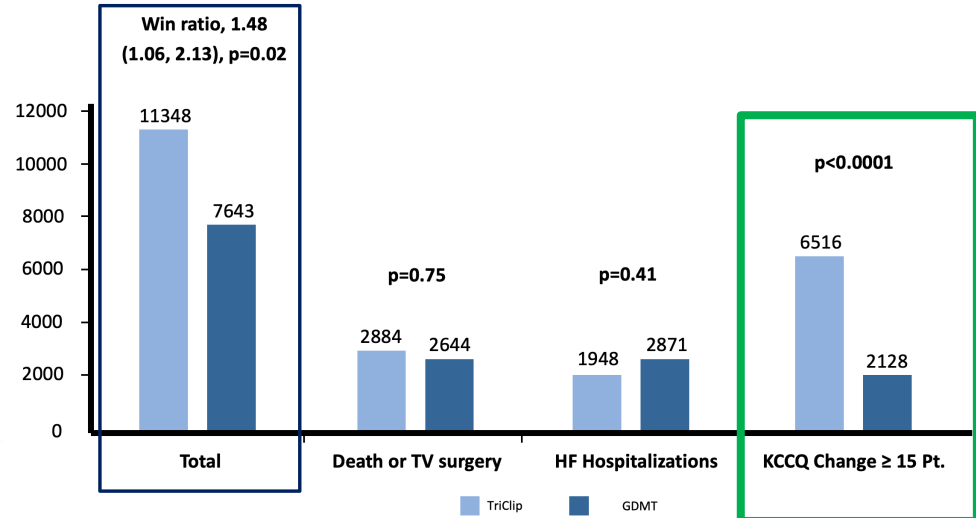
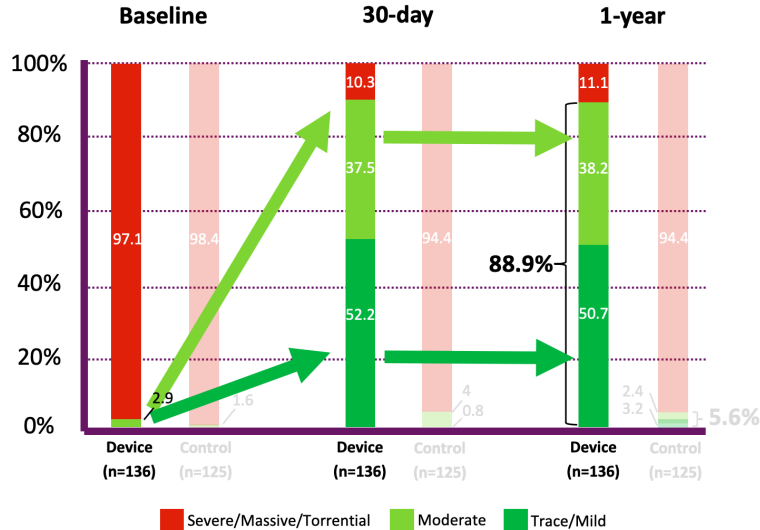


# Randomized Trial Data | T-TEER



## The TRILUMINATE Pivotal Trial...

First randomized trial (n=350) of T-TEER vs. GDMT demonstrated significant benefit of continued TR reduction, mainly driven by QoL benefits, at 1-year.



# Randomized Trial Data | T-TEER



## The TRILUMINATE Pivotal Trial...

**Demonstrated that T-TEER is very safe, with 98.3% freedom from MAEs at 30-days.**

## Secondary Endpoint Analysis

	Device N=175	Control N=175	p-value
Freedom from MAE at 30d	98.3%	-	
TR ≤ moderate at 30d	87.0%	4.8%	<0.001
Change in 6MWT	-8.1	-25.2	0.25

\*MAE: CV mortality, myocardial infarction, stroke, renal failure, endocarditis requiring surgery, non-elective CV surgery T-TEER related

Sorajja P et al. NEJM. 2023

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Transcatheter Repair for Patients with Tricuspid Regurgitation

Paul Soraja, M.D., Brian Whisenant, M.D., Nadira Hamid, M.D., Hursh Naik, M.D., Raj Makkar, M.D., Peter Tadros, M.D., Matthew J. Price, M.D., Gagan Singh, M.D., Neil Fam, M.D., Saibal Kar, M.D., Jonathan G. Schwartz, M.D., Shamir Mehta, M.D., Richard Nishant Sekaran, M.D., Travis Warner, M.D., Moody M. George Zorn, M.D., Erin M. Spinner, Ph.D., Phillip M. T

**No difference in mortality, heart failure or 6MWD**

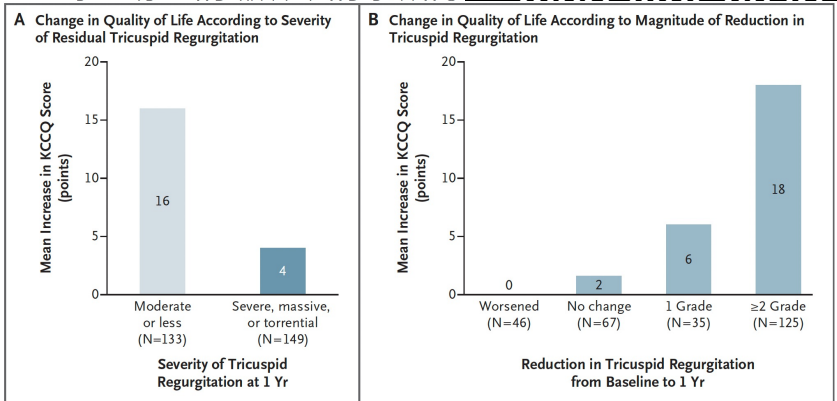


Figure 2. Changes in Quality of Life from Baseline to 1 Year, Stratified According to the Severity of Residual Tricuspid Regurgitation and the Magnitude of the Reduction in Tricuspid Regurgitation.

# WHY?

Wrong patient population

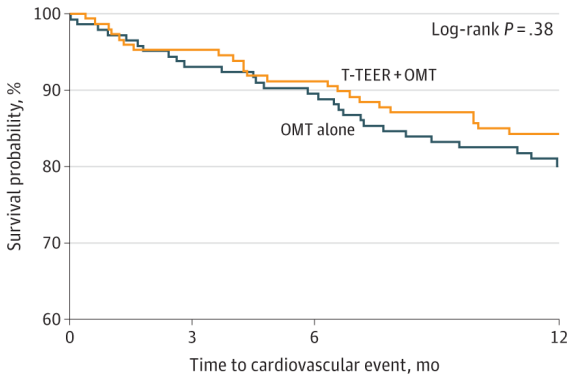
- Too sick
- Not sick enough
- Not enough reduction in TR
- Heart failure management impacted medical therapy arm
- Mortality in TR overestimated
- One year not long enough to demonstrate benefit



## The Tri.Fr Randomized Clinical Trial...

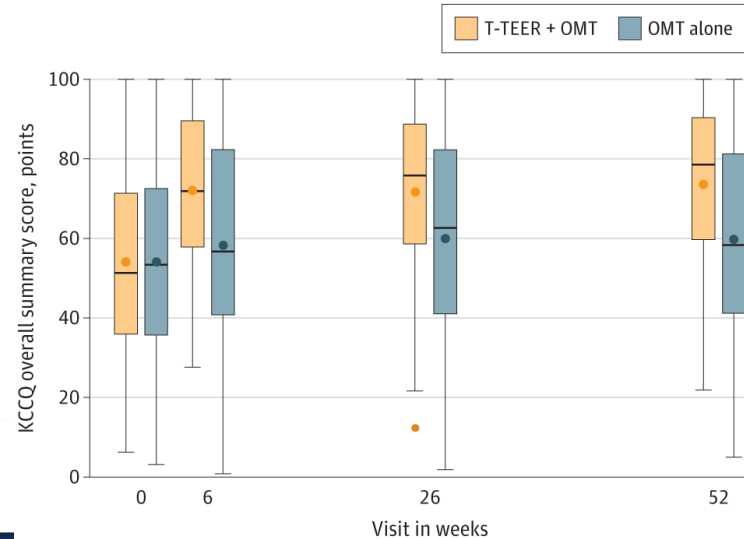
allocated 300 patients to TEER or GDMT & demonstrated TR reduction and as well as a reduced composite, driven primarily by quality of life improvements

### Survival

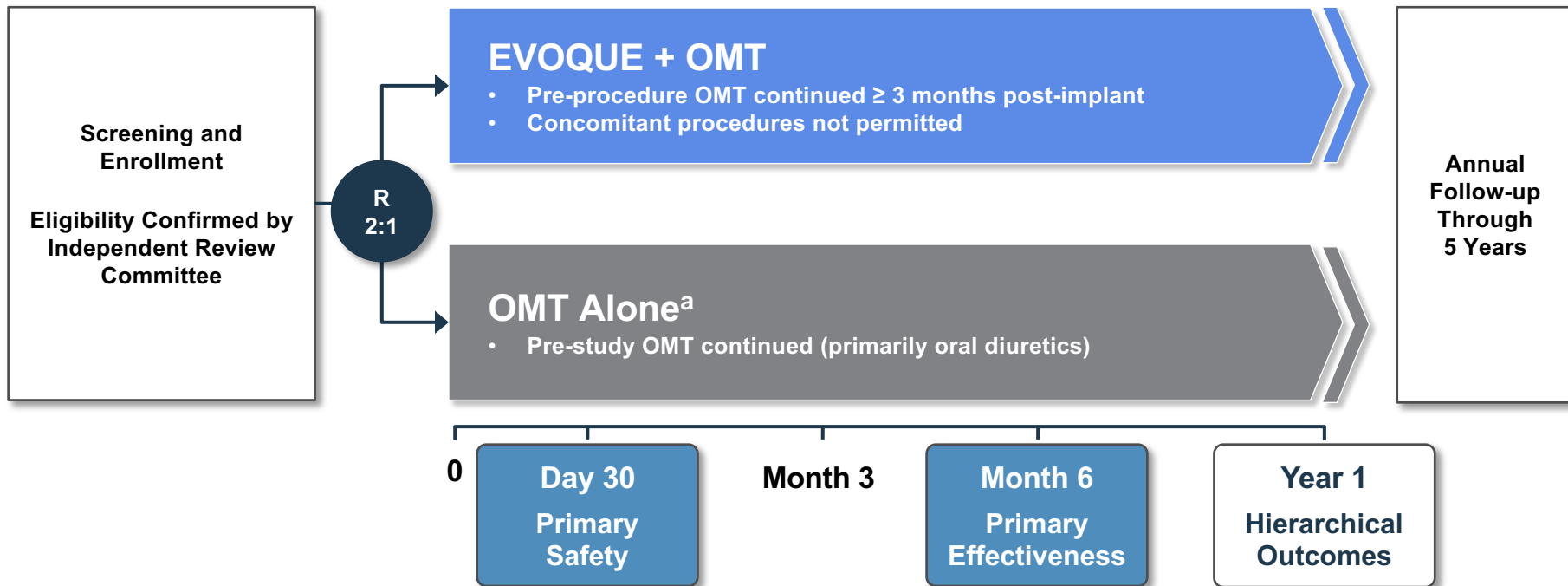


No. at risk			
T-TEER + OMT	152	134	108
OMT alone	147	128	85

### KCCQ Quality of Life

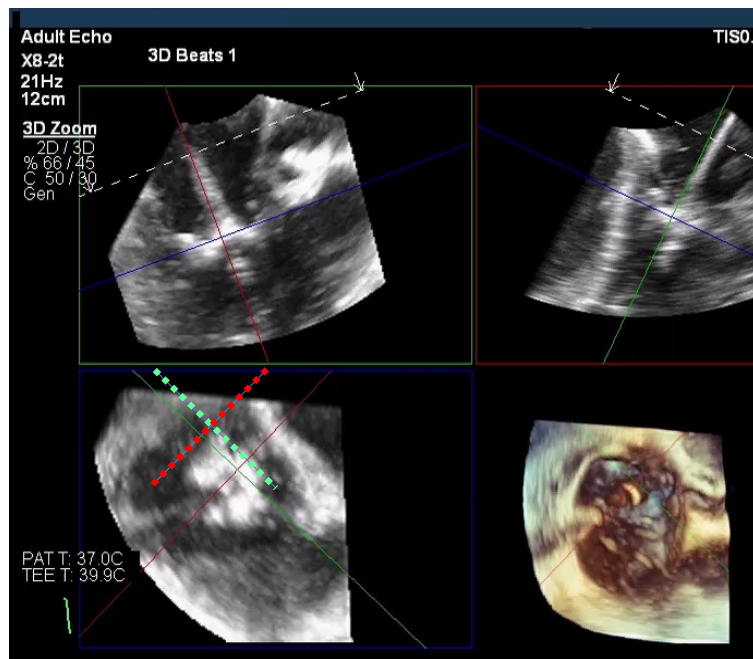
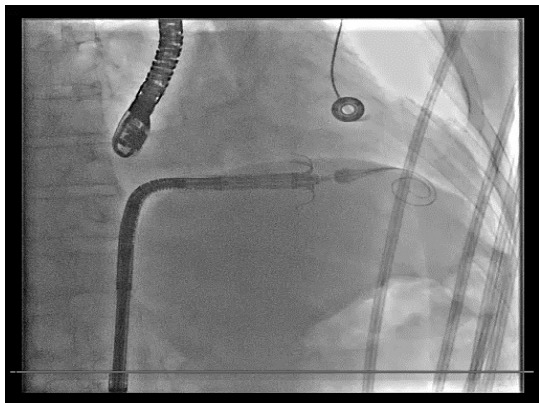


# Randomized Trial Data I TTVR





# Randomized Trial Data I TTVR



95.4% valve  
implant success

Median device  
time of <60  
minutes

93% of patients  
discharged to  
home

Typically live 3D MPR from a single deep esophageal view is enough

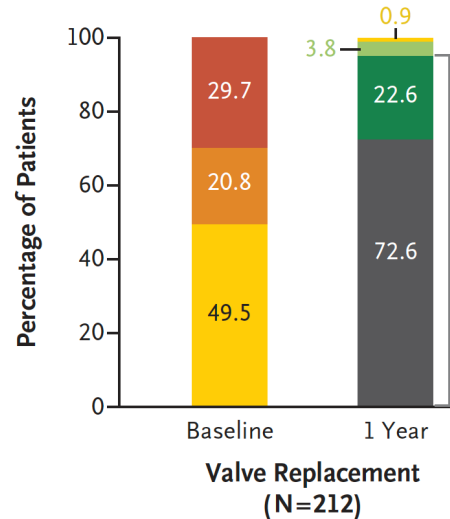
# Randomized Trial Data | TTVR



## TRISCEND II...

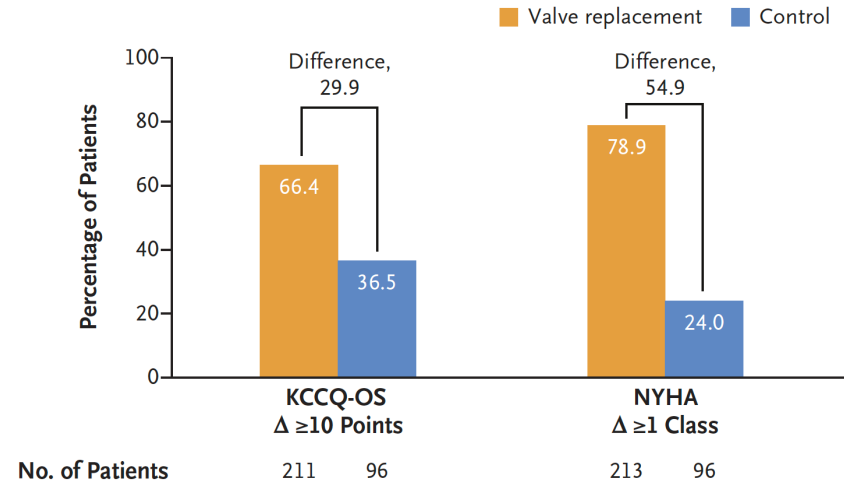
First randomized trial of TTVR vs GDMT (2:1) demonstrated near complete elimination of TR at 1-year along with QoL improvements

### TR Reduction

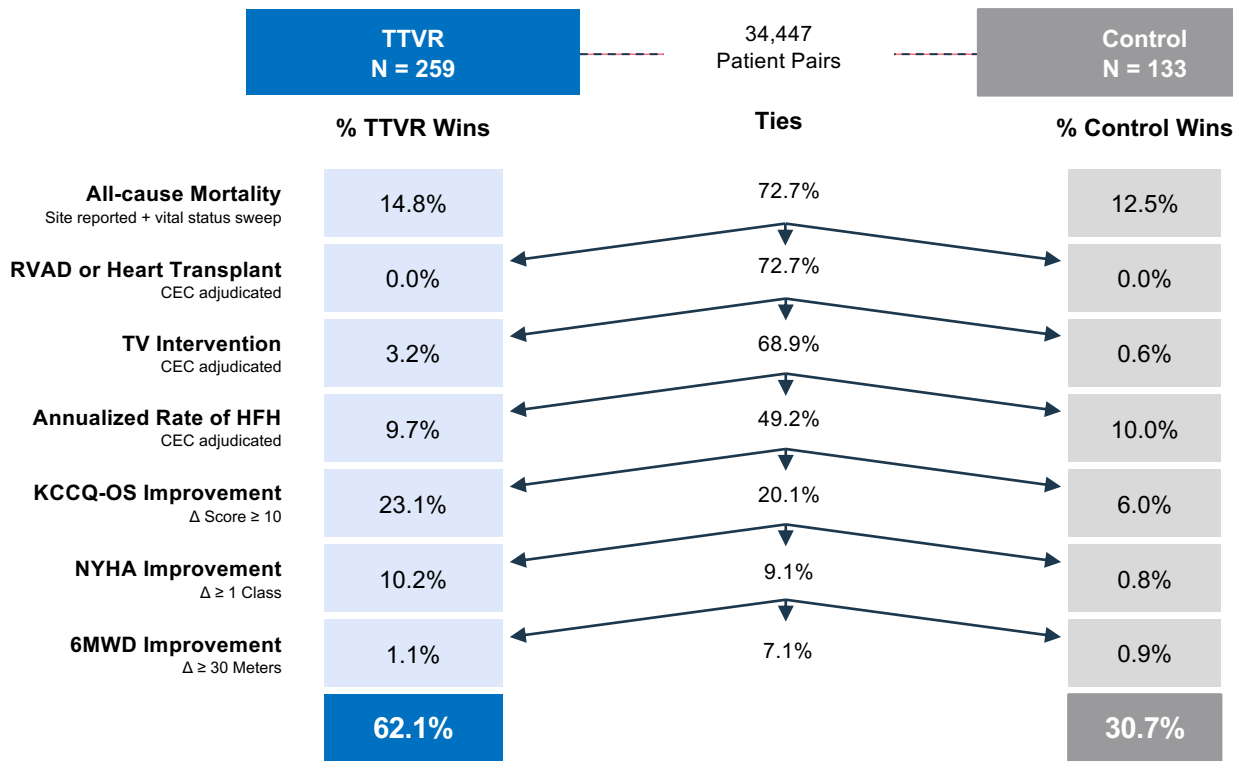


95 % ≤ mild TR

### Quality of Life / NYHA Class



# Randomized Trial Data I TTVR



**Win Ratio = 2.02**

(95% CI, 1.56, 2.62)

Finkelstein-Schoenfeld:  
**P<0.001**

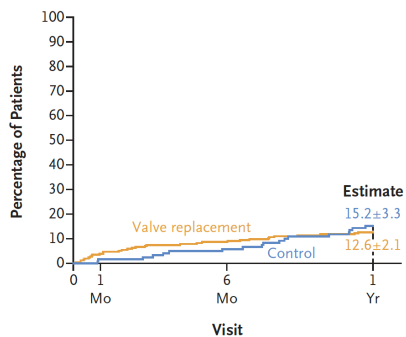


## TRISCEND II

**However,** again no relevant benefit in terms of survival or HF hospitalization

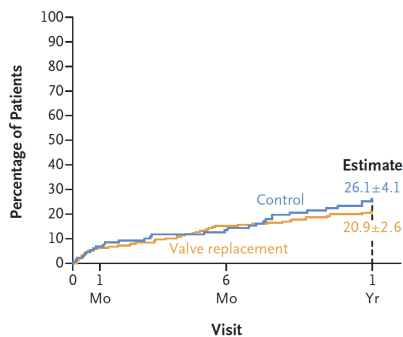
**AND:** For TTVR a safety signal emerged, given 3% 30 day mortality 15% bleeding and 17% new PM

### Mortality



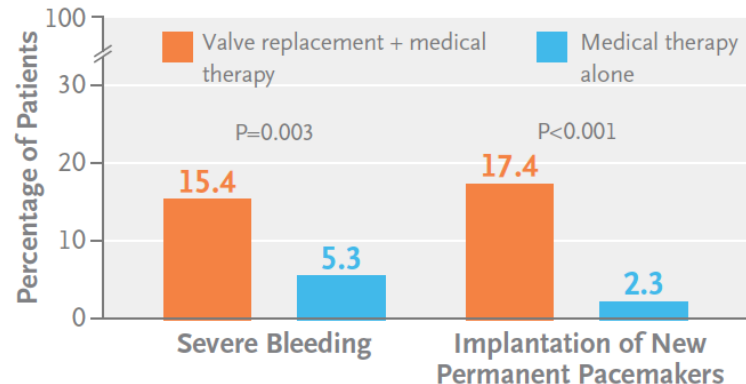
No. at Risk	0	1 Mo	6 Mo	1 Yr
Valve replacement	259	245	231	216
Control	133	123	112	96

### HF Hospitalization

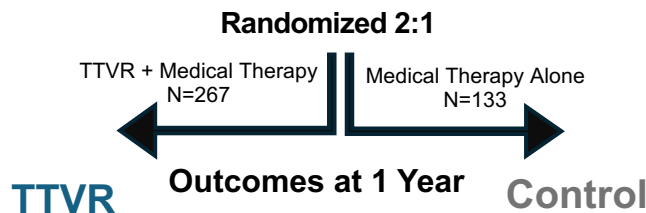
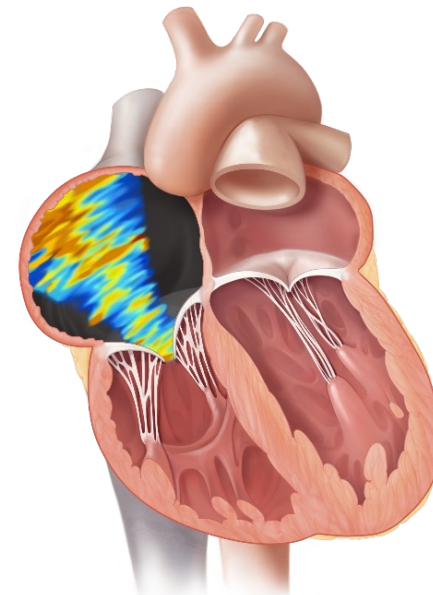
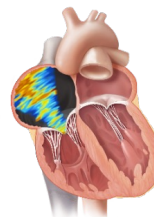
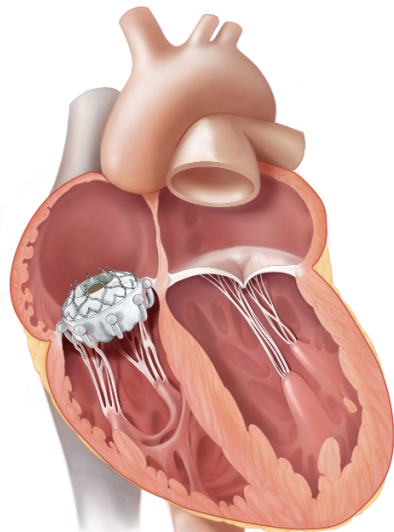


No. at Risk	0	1 Mo	6 Mo	1 Yr
Valve replacement	259	229	198	176
Control	133	116	100	79

### Adverse Events



# TTVR and RV Mechanics

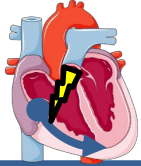


↓↓↓↓	TR Grade	↓
↓↓	Venous Congestion	—
↓↓	RV Size	—
↓↓	Preload-dependent RV Systolic Function	—
↓	RV-PA Coupling	—
↑	Forward Flow	—

# TTVR and Conduction Risk



## NOCD+ population characteristics



Hyperdynamic RV longitudinal function

iRVEDV < 120 mL/m<sup>2</sup> in 1 out of 2 patients



Type IIIB TV in 1 out of 2 patients



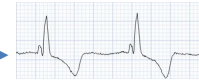
WBC peak over 13G/L in 1 out of 2 patients post-procedurally

TTVR for severe and symptomatic TR

44.3% NOCD

13.8% PPI in naïve-pacemaker patients

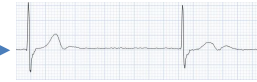
41.9% RBBB



19.4% CAVB



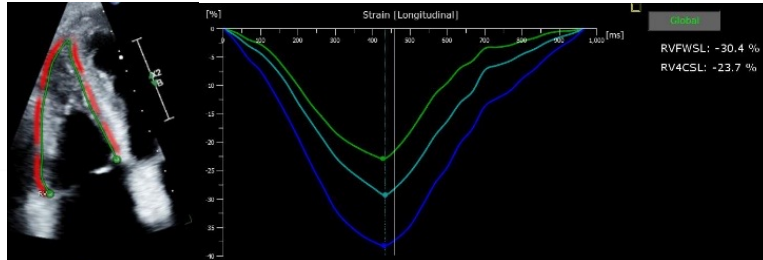
16.1% Slow aFib



## Independent predictors for NOCD after TTVR

Model 1: all study population (n=70)

aRVFWLS ≥ 29%



Model 2: post-TTVR CCTA assessment (n=43)

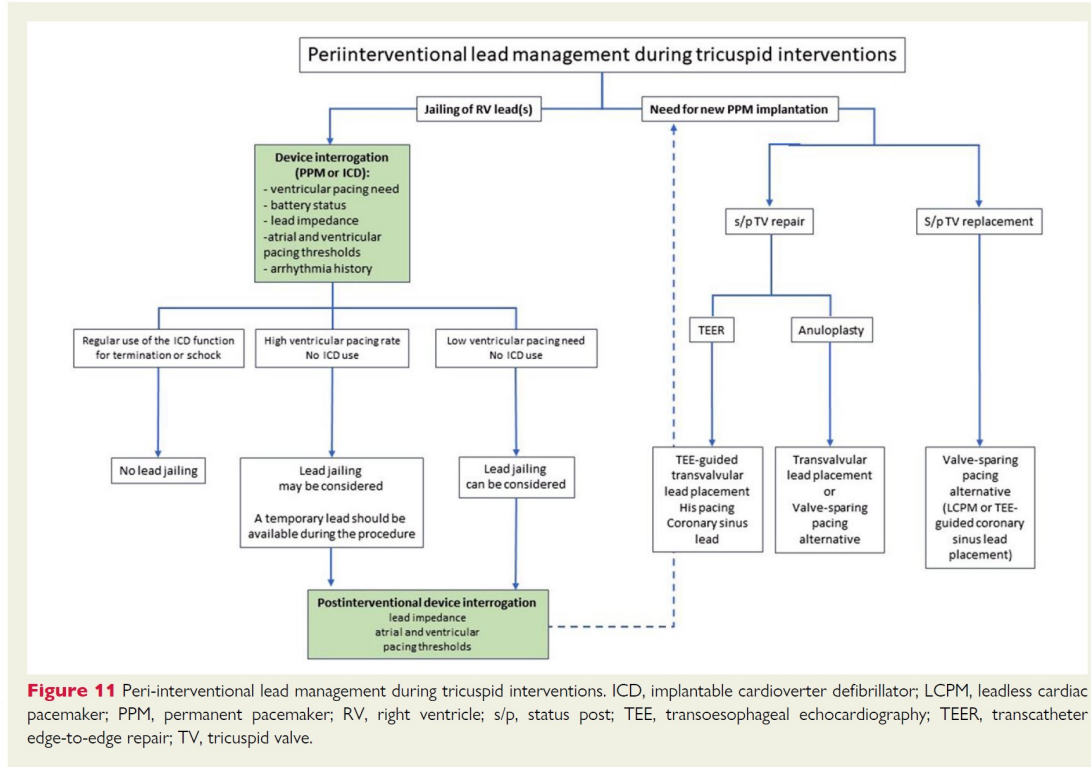
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Anchor in MS



# TTVR and Conduction Risk



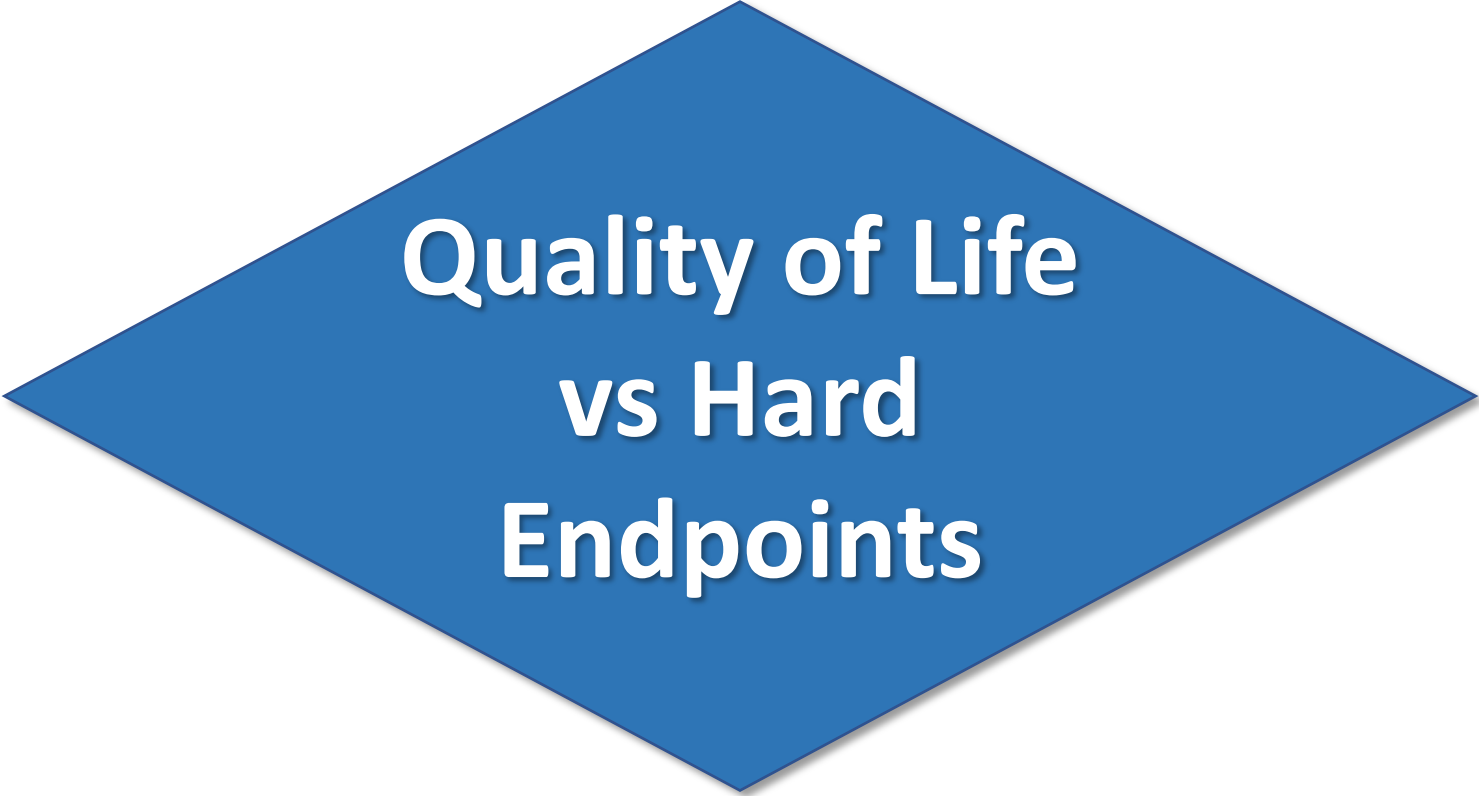
- Lead dysfunction can result from jailing by TTVR (~6% in Triscend II study)
- Lead extraction should be considered if feasible prior to TTVR
- Electrophysiologist should be part of the heart team

# Clinical Trial Regrets



- Primary endpoint at one year
- Allowing cross-over at one year
- Lumping heterogeneous populations into one trial without prespecified sub-group analyses
- Lack of registries in important subgroups that were excluded to understand limits of therapy

**Not the end of the story for TTVI...**



**Quality of Life  
vs Hard  
Endpoints**

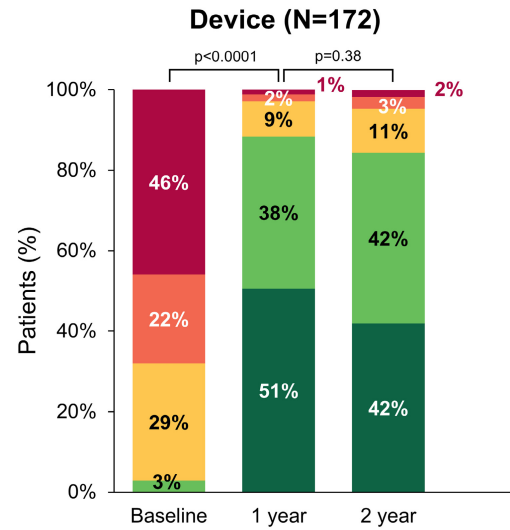
# Impact of TTVR I QoL vs. Hard Endpoints

## The TRILUMINATE Pivotal Trial

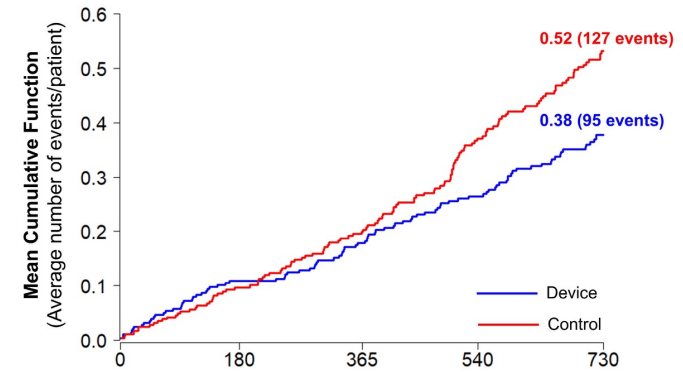
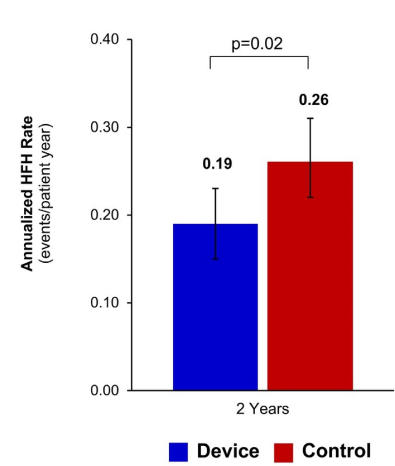
At 2-years TR reduction in the T-TEER group proved stable.

And: **NOW AT 2-YEARS** a **significant** reduction of HFH was observed

### Stable TR Reduction



### Significant Reduction of HF Hospitalizations at 2y



At risk

Time Point (Days)	Device	Control
0	285	287
180	265	261
365	253	247
540	238	226
730	205	190

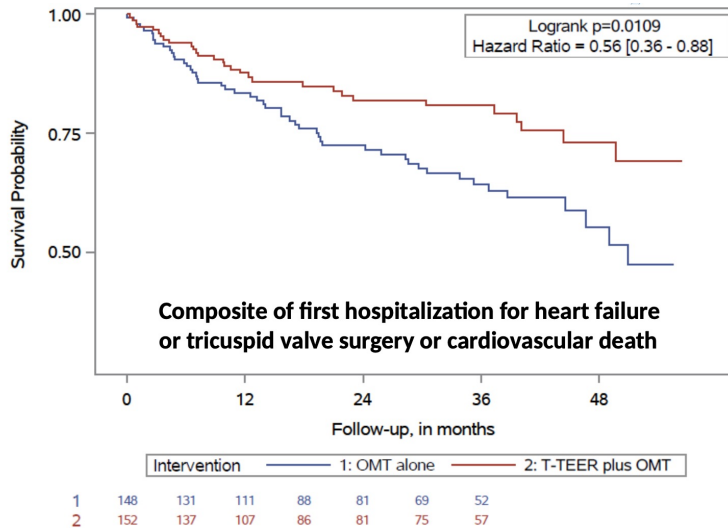
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The Tri.Fr Randomized Clinical Trial

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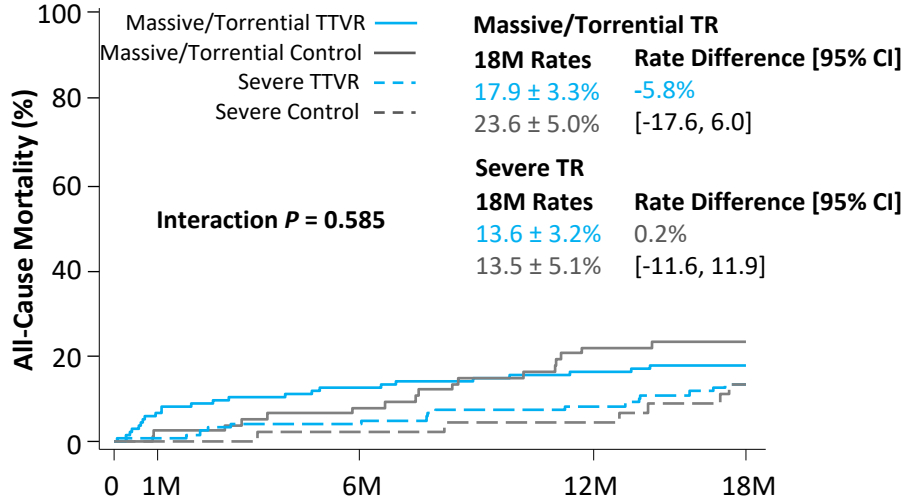
Also in Tri.Fr, **NOW AT 2-YEARS**, in the T-TEER group a **significant reduction of Heart Failure hospitalizations** was observed



- 44% reduction of composite EP
- T-TEER induced a ≈50% reduction of HF-hospitalizations at 2-years

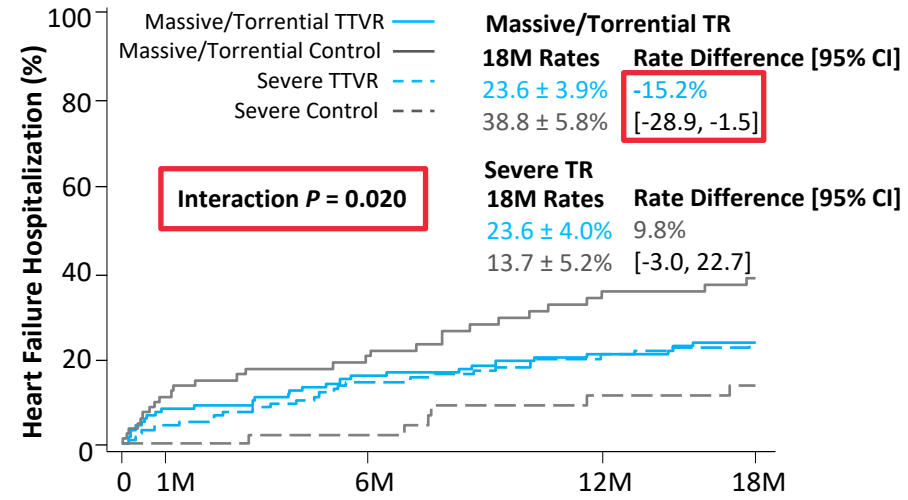
# Impact of TTVR | QoL vs. Hard Endpoints

## All-Cause Mortality



At risk		Visit				
<u>Mass/Torr</u>		0	1M	6M	12M	18M
TTVR	137	125		117	111	108
Control	83	75		67	53	51
<u>Severe</u>		0	1M	6M	12M	18M
TTVR	122	120		114	106	99
Control	50	48		45	43	38

## Heart Failure Hospitalization



At risk		Visit				
<u>Mass/Torr</u>		0	1M	6M	12M	18M
TTVR	137	114		99	92	86
Control	83	68		56	41	38
<u>Severe</u>		0	1M	6M	12M	18M
TTVR	122	115		99	85	80
Control	50	48		44	38	33

# Impact of TTVR I QoL vs. Hard Endpoints

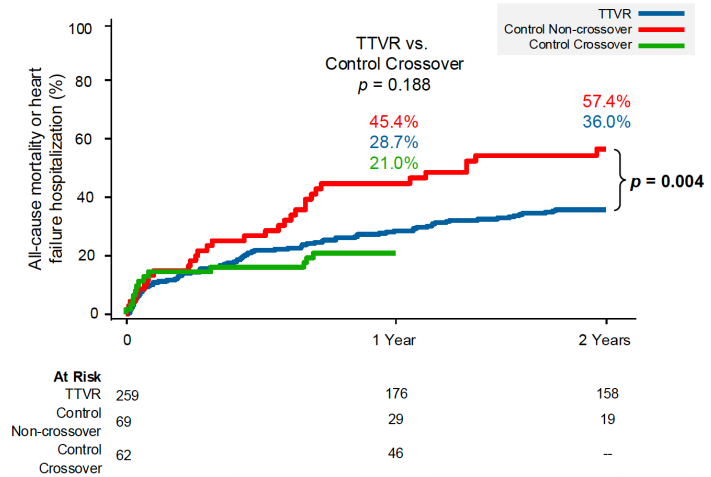
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**TRISCEND II**

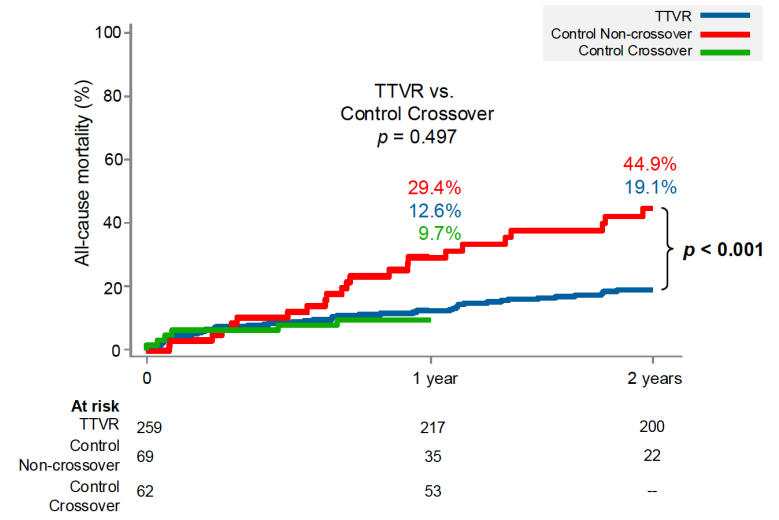
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And also in TRISCEND II, **NOW AT 2-YEARS**, in the TTVR group (albeit limited by cross-over design) a **signal of significantly reduced mortality emerged**

Composite (Mort / HF Hosp)



Heart Failure hospitalizations



# Crossroads of TR Therapy

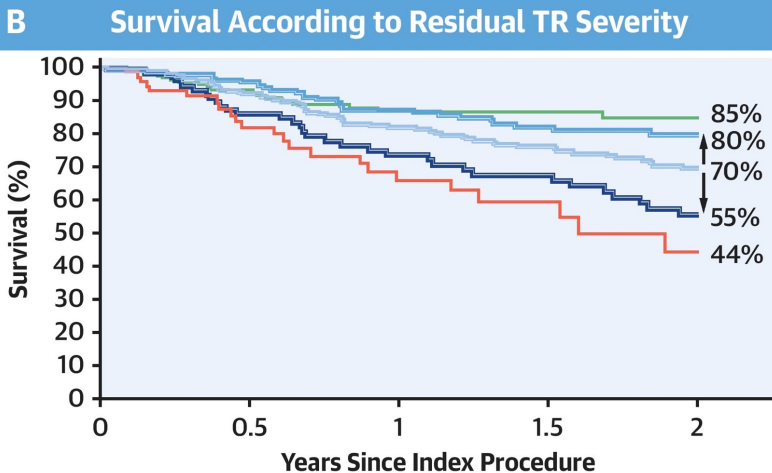


**How and  
Who to  
Treat?**

# The Promise of TR Abolition I Less TR is Better

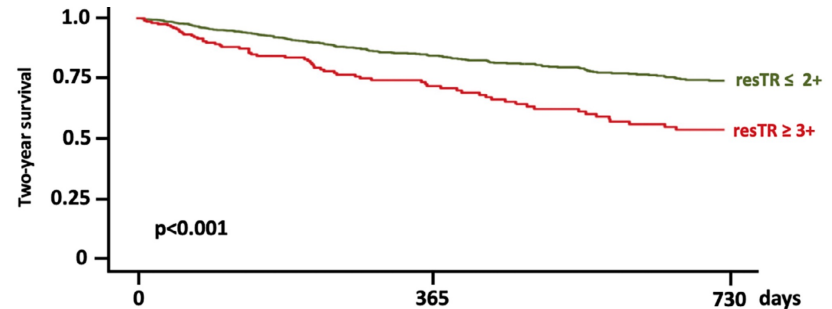
**Consistent Data: Less TR post-procedure means better (soft+hard) outcomes**

## TRIGISTRY



— No/Mild Residual TR  
 — Moderate Residual TR  
 — Severe Residual TR  
 — Mild to Moderate Residual TR  
 — Moderate to Severe Residual TR

## EuroTR Registry

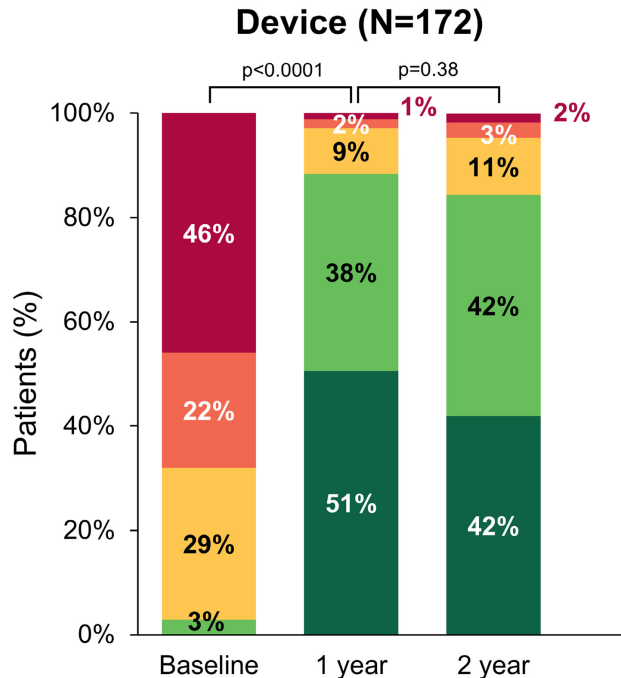


resTR ≤ 2+	1060 (100)	483 (46)	227 (21)
resTR ≥ 3+	226 (100)	88 (39)	42 (19)

# The Promise of TR Abolition I TR after T-TEER

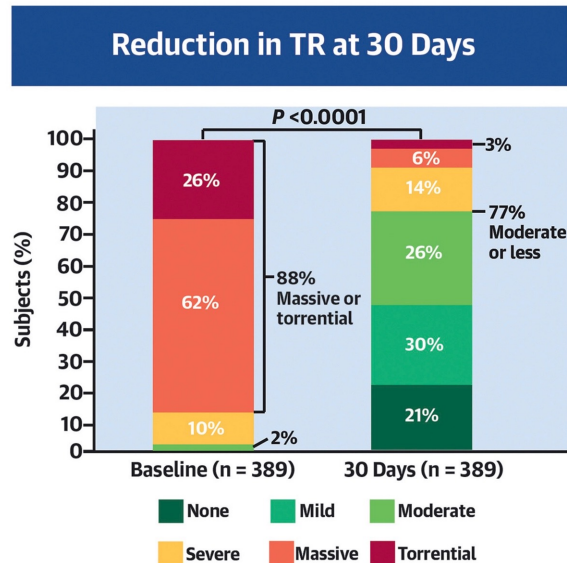
A relevant portion of patients ( $\approx 10\%$ - $20\%$ ) after T-TEER still has relevant TR

## TRILUMINATE PIVOTAL



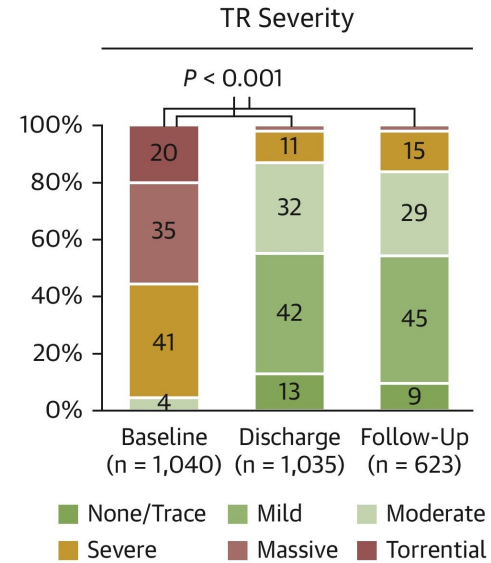
Kar S et al. Circulation. 2025

## bRIGHT Registry



Lurz P et al. JACC. 2024

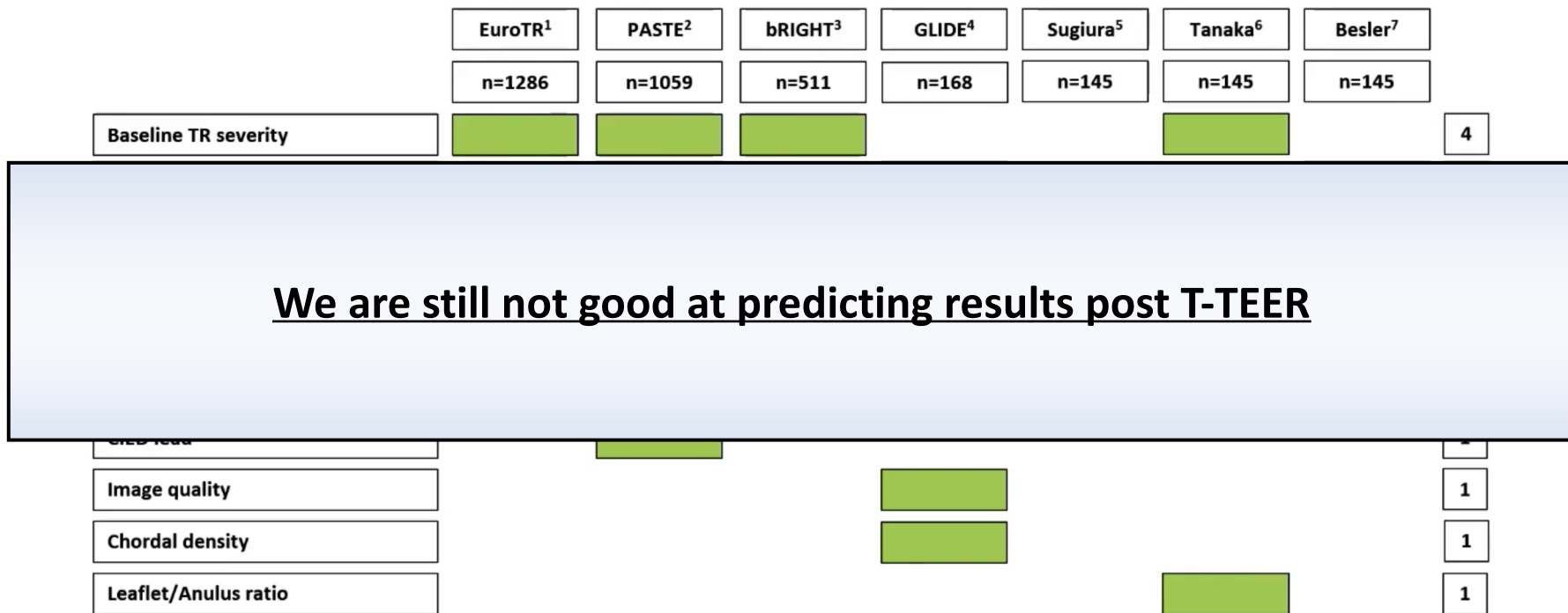
## PASTE Registry



Wild M et al. JACC. 2025

# The Promise of TR Abolition I

## Predictors of residual TR following T-TEER

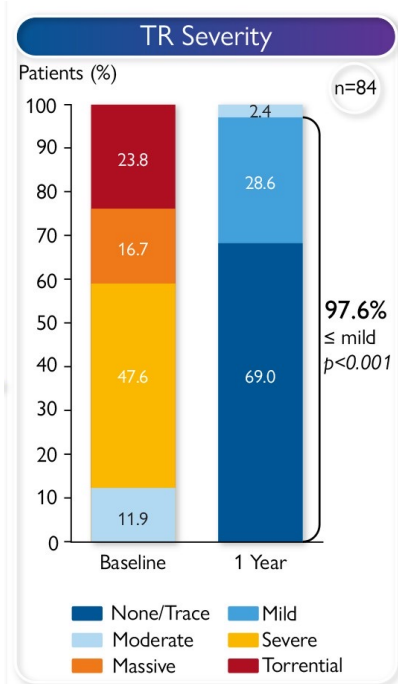


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# The Promise of TR Abolition I *TR after TTVR*

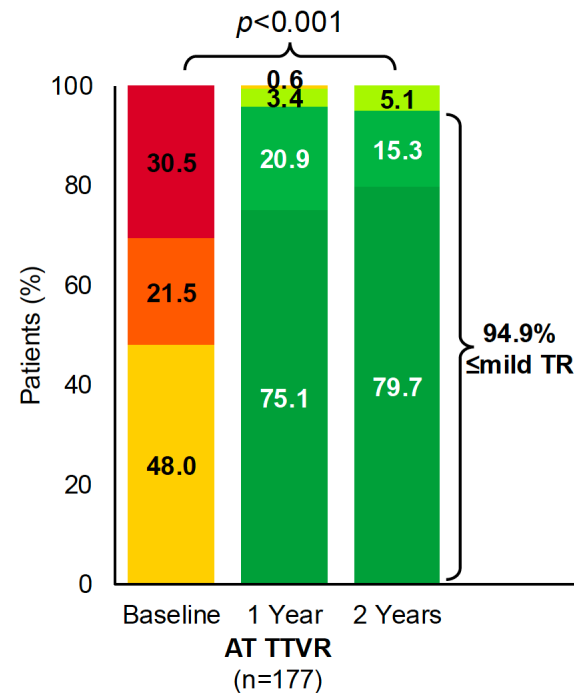
In contrast to T-TEER, TTVR shows consistent near-elimination of TR

TRISCEND I

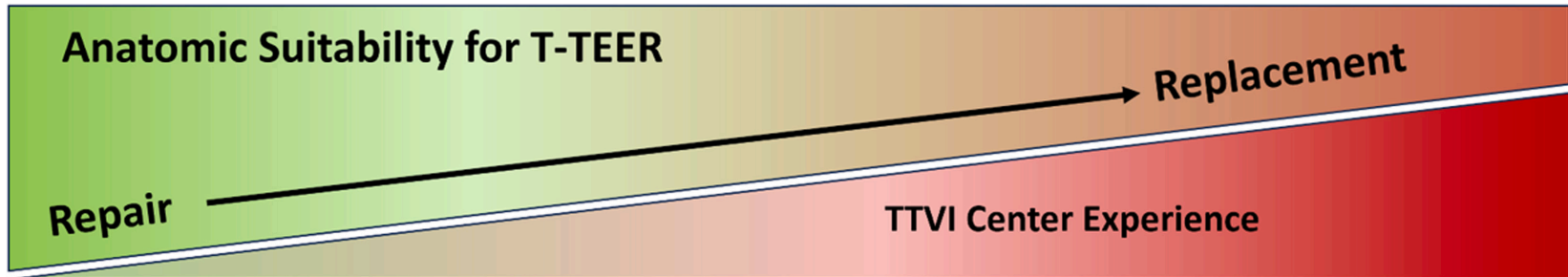


95 % ≤ mild TR

TRISCEND II



# The Promise of TR Abolition I T-TEER vs. TTVR feasibility



Favorable anatomy for T-TEER	Feasible Anatomy for T-TEER	Unfavorable anatomy for T-TEER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small septolateral gap <math>\leq 7</math> mm</li> <li>• Anteroseptal or central jet location</li> <li>• Confined prolapse or flail</li> <li>• Bileaflet or Trileaflet morphology</li> <li>• TR &lt;torrential</li> <li>• Leaflet-to-annulus ratio &lt;1.06</li> <li>• Low tethering height</li> <li>• Low RA Volume</li> <li>• No CIED lead</li> <li>• Good TEE imaging of leaflets from multiple views</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Septolateral gap &gt;7 but <math>\leq 8.5</math> mm</li> <li>• Posteroseptal jet location</li> <li>• Complex leaflet morphology (&gt;3)</li> <li>• Incidental CIED (i.e., without leaflet impingement)</li> <li>• CIED-related TR (if <math>\downarrow</math>TR to optimal or acceptable level is possible)</li> <li>• Acceptable TEE imaging of leaflets from multiple views and/or good 3D ICE imaging</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large septolateral gap &gt;10-15 mm</li> <li>• Anterior-posterior commissural jet location</li> <li>• Leaflet thickening/shortening/perforation</li> <li>• Dense chordae w/ marked leaflet tethering or immobility</li> <li>• CIED-related TR with &lt;1 grade reduction likely</li> <li>• Torrential TR (EROA &gt;1.5 cm<sup>2</sup>)</li> <li>• Poor leaflet visualization by any echocardiographic modality</li> </ul>

# The Promise of TR Abolition | T-TEER vs. TTVR feasibility

Anatomic Suitability for T-TEER

Replacement

**BUT**

It is not just anatomy & imaging ... *feasibility* of TTVR also means:

- Can the patient tolerate life-long OAC?
- Is the patient frail, at HBR, or preferring the less invasive/less risky approach?

- Low RA Volume
- No CIED lead
- Good TEE imaging of leaflets from multiple views

- Acceptable TEE imaging of leaflets from multiple views and/or good 3D ICE imaging

- likely
- Torrential TR (EROA >1.5 cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Poor leaflet visualization by any echocardiographic modality

# ***Tricuspid Valve Therapies: The Future?***

*Anatomic and clinical considerations for device therapies...*

## **Leaflet Technologies**

- **Mobile leaflets**
- **Good quality imaging**
- **Minimal tethering**
- **Small gaps**
- **No excessive chords**
- **Procedural safety**

## **Replacement**

- **Annular size not excessively large**
- **RV function**
- **Pacemaker risk**
- **IVC location**
- **Ability to tolerate AC**

***Etiology of TR will Impact Anatomic Considerations***

# Tricuspid Valve Intervention I Who is too sick?

## Defining “Cohort C” in Tricuspid Regurgitation



**HAVE ONE FOOT  
IN THE GRAVE**

- The early years of TAVR focused on defining not only on *who to treat* but also *who not to treat*
- Defining “cohort C” in TR is not so simple
  - Patients often present late in disease state with extreme frailty and multiple comorbidities
  - Many patients present with “end-stage” liver and kidney disease - however, removing volume load may reverse those conditions
  - Often unknown whether improving cardiac output with TAVR will help reverse clinical deterioration
- There remains a lot to learn and mistakes will be made

# Tricuspid Valve Intervention I Who is too sick?

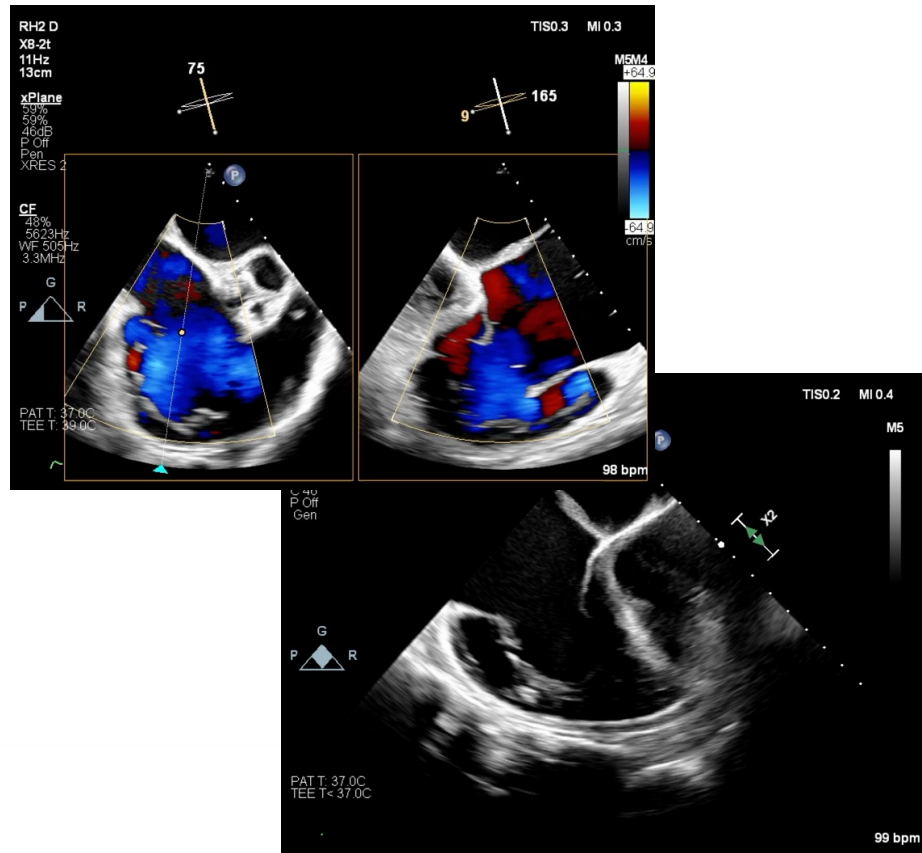
84-year-old male admitted to the hospital with altered mental status and lethargy.

Multiple recent hospital admissions for decompensated cirrhosis with hepatic encephalopathy.

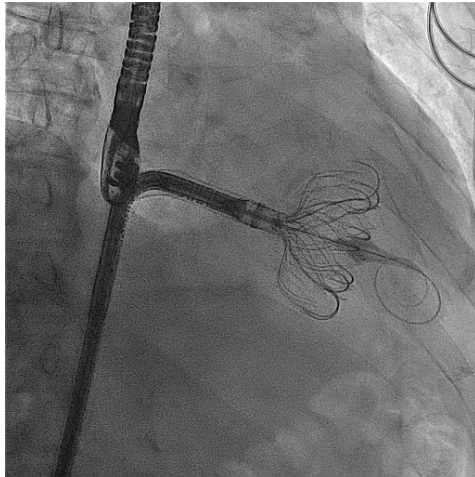
Labs notable for Plt 69, sCr 1.94, T.bili 10.3, Albumin 3.2, ntnroBNP 5338, Lactate 6.5

Echo shows torrential TR

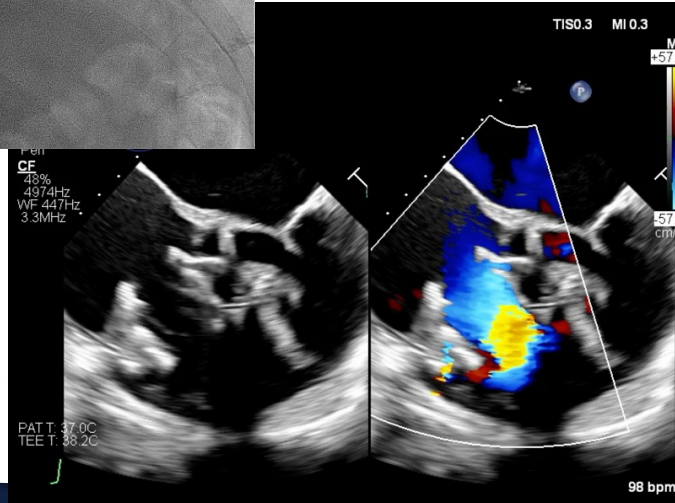
Patient extremely frail and bed bound



# Tricuspid Valve Intervention I Who is too sick?



Underwent TTVR  
with 56mm Evoque



## 6 Month Follow up

- Increased exercise tolerance with NYHA Class I symptoms – 6MWT increased to 393m at 6 months
- Ascites and edema resolved and patient off diuretic therapy.
- On eliquis (low dose 2.5 mg BID) for anticoagulation
- Nt-proBNP 628 (normal)
- Echo:
  - RV size moderately increased
  - RV function mildly reduced
  - Well functioning TTVR

# Tricuspid Valve Intervention I Who is too well?

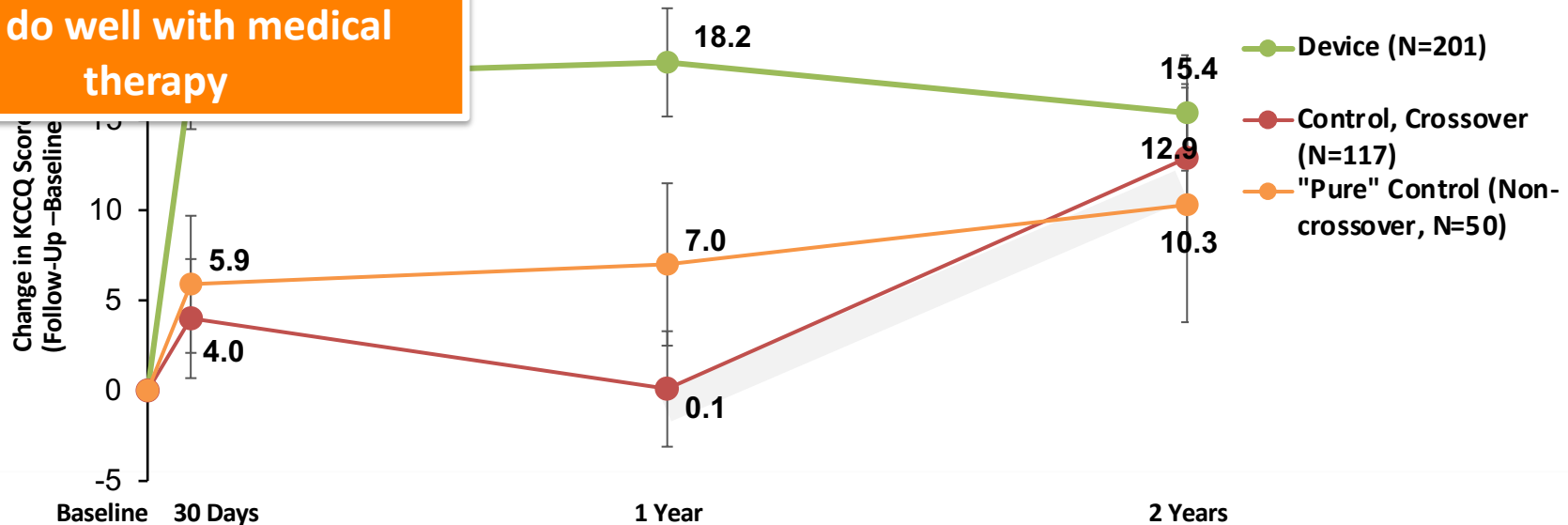
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## Health Status Through 2 Years

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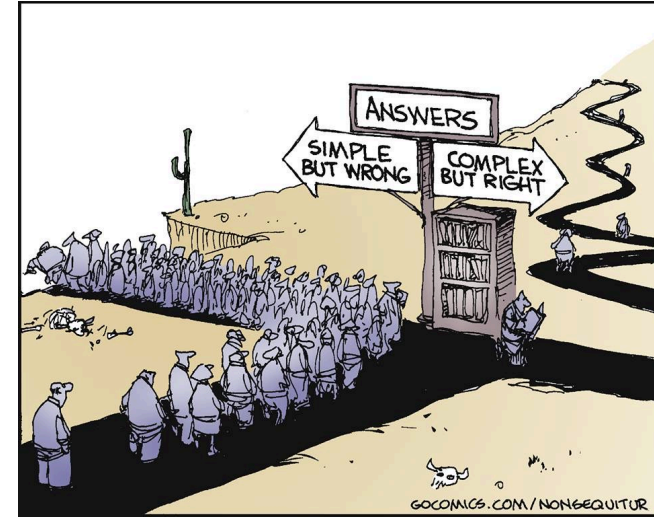
Need to identify those patients that do well with medical therapy



Control eligible for crossover after 1-year follow-up visit

# Tricuspid Valve at the Crossroads: Promising Path Ahead

- Multiple studies have demonstrated that TR is prevalent and has a significant clinical impact
- Undertreatment due to high surgical risk has created an unmet need and led to the development of new therapies
- Initial data has demonstrated clinical effectiveness and improvement in QOL endpoints



Stay tuned for an exciting  
journey

# Tricuspid Valve at the Crossroads: Promising Path Ahead

- Longer term follow-up has demonstrated a potential impact on hard clinical endpoints including mortality with treatment of tricuspid regurgitation, especially when it is massive/torrential
- Heart teams now have to carefully decide who to treat and how to treat based on clinical and anatomic features

# *Thank you!*

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