

Is TAVR Now Indicated in Even Low Risk Aortic Valve Disease Patients



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Introduction

- >17,000 Cases are performed per year in US.
- TAVR is FDA approved for high and extreme surgical risk patients with symptomatic Aortic stenosis(AS)
- Studies on intermediate risk patients have been completed
- Ongoing trials on low/moderate risk surgical patients are enrolling subjects



FDA approved TAVR platforms

Balloon Expandable



Self – Expanding



TAVR valve in trials in US

Trials on low/moderate risk patients

Sapien 3

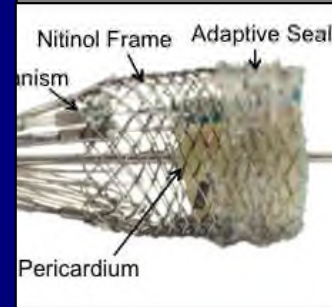


Evolute



Trials on extreme/high risk patients

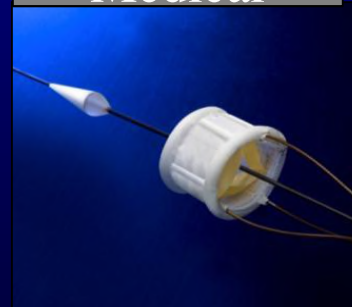
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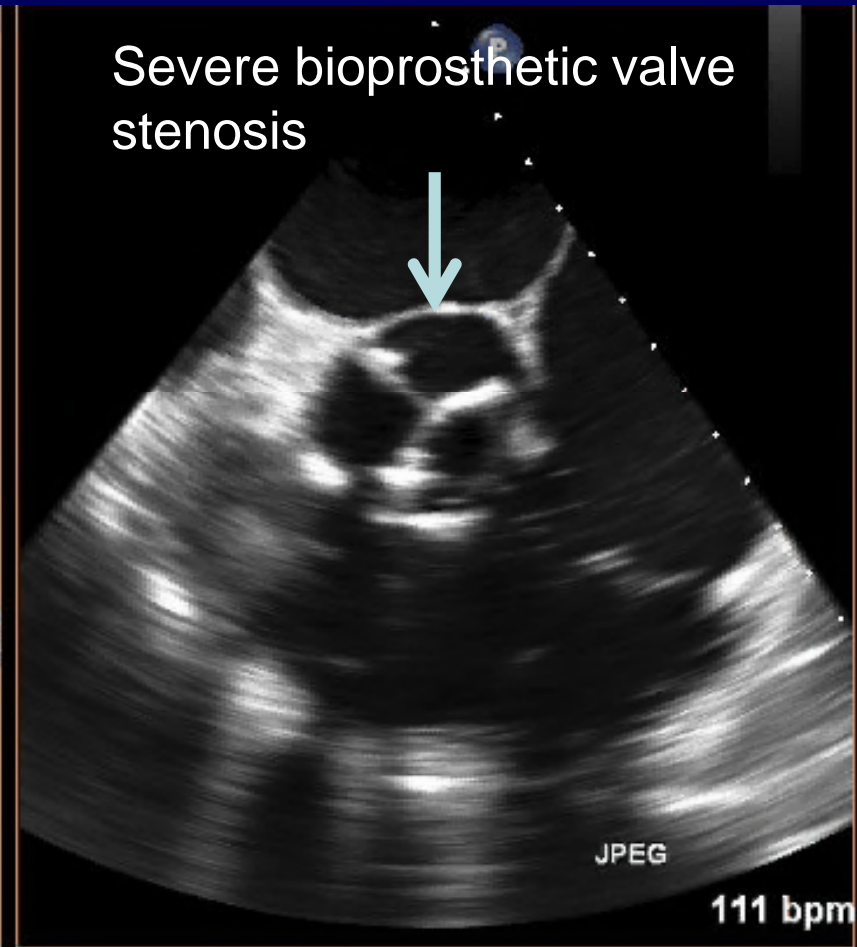
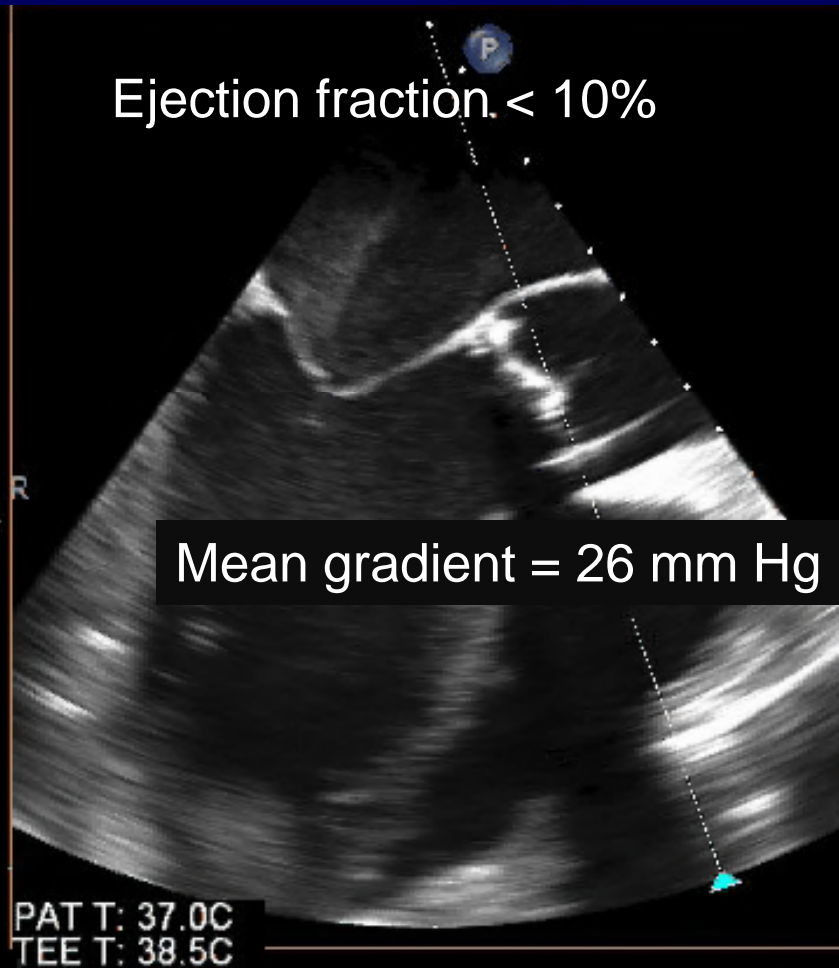
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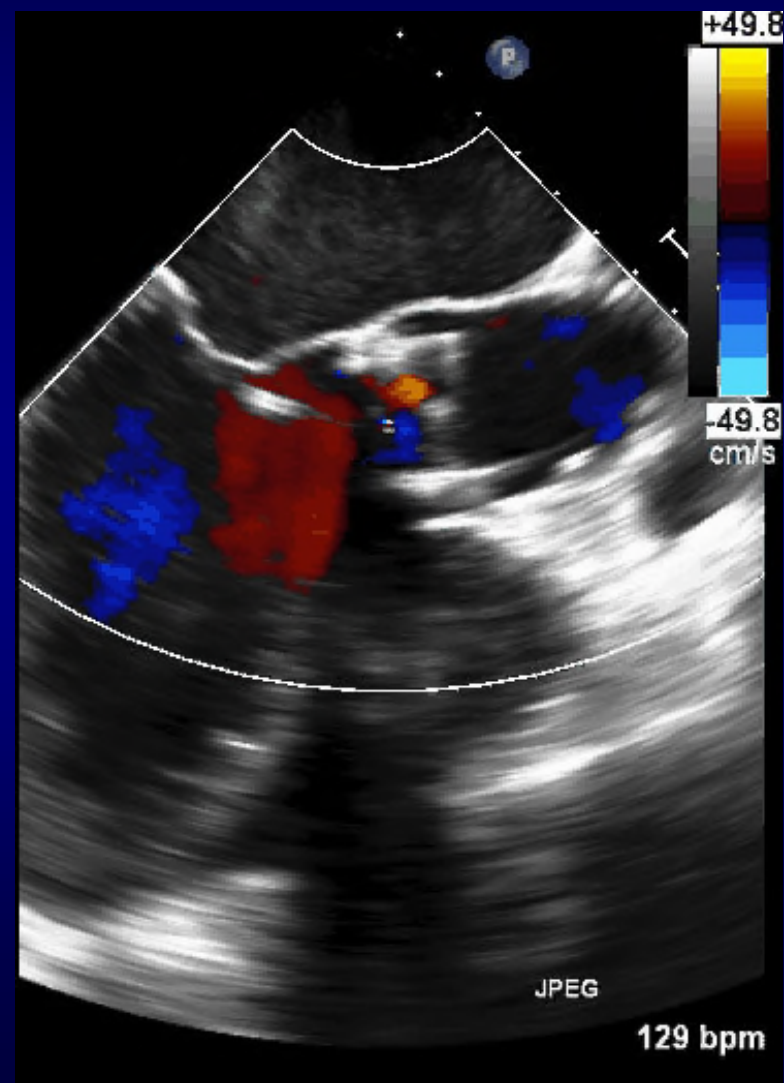
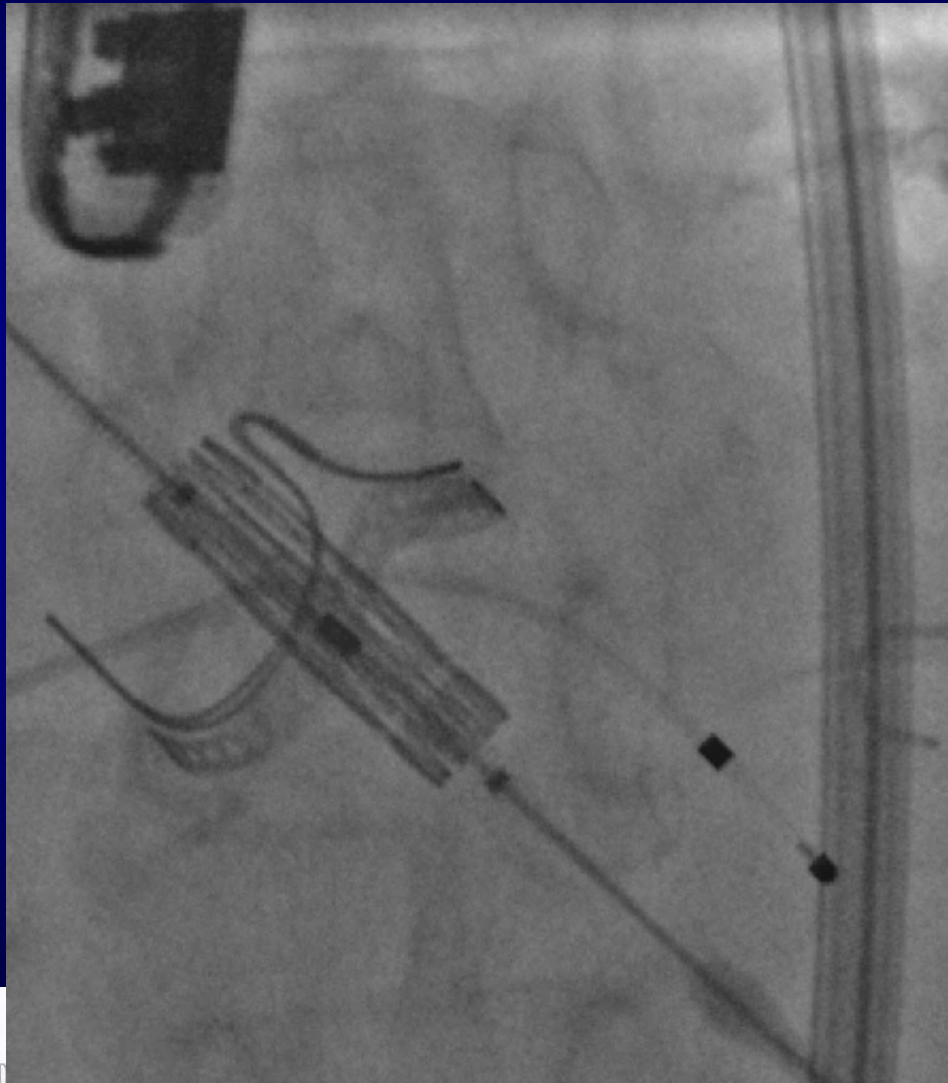
Direct Flow
Medical



61 yr old male gasping for breath: history of aortic replacement in 2007. in Cardiogenic shock referred to evaluation of transplant/assist device

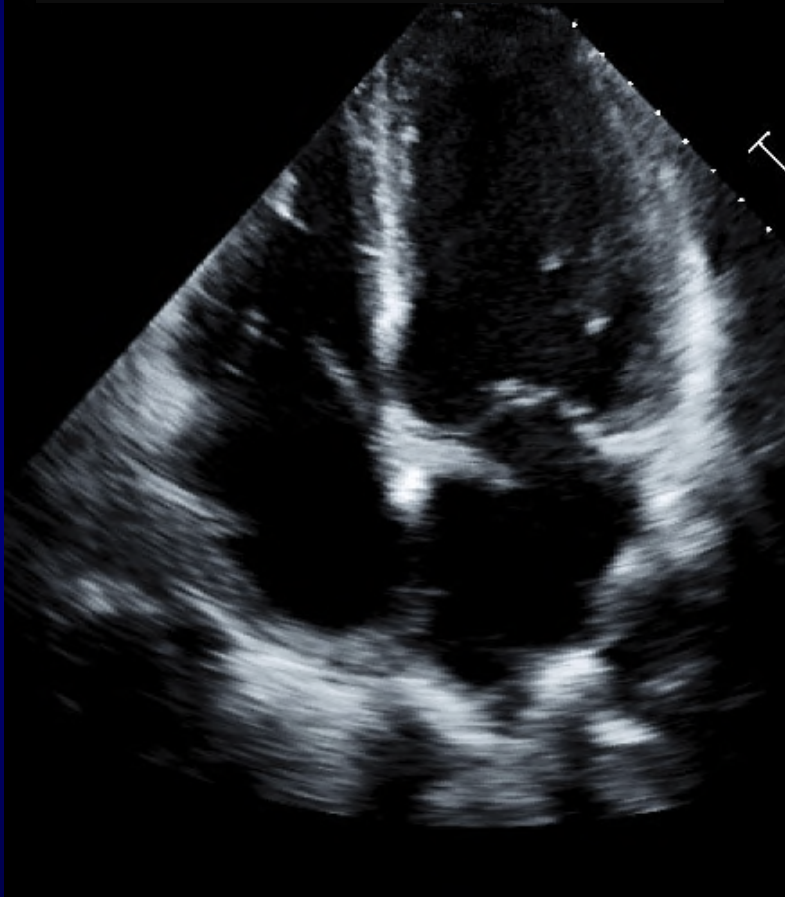


Urgent TAVR using a 26 mm SAPIEN 3 valve (no support)

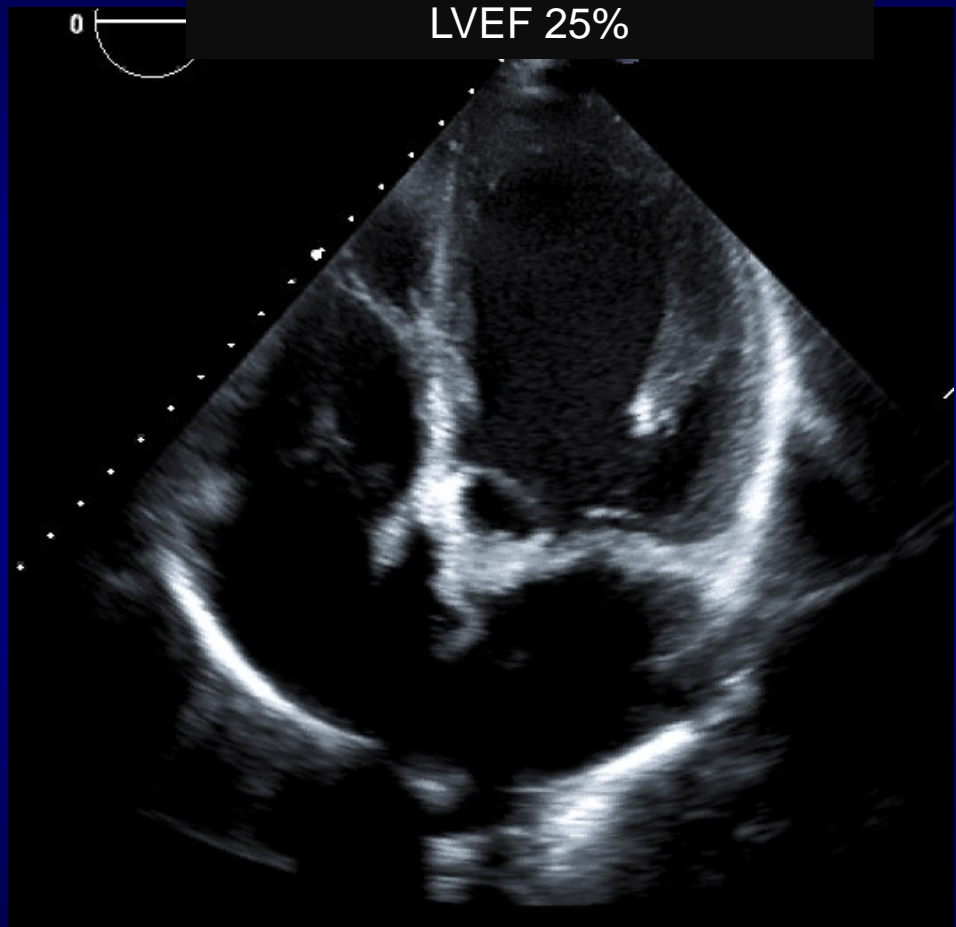


Discharged home in a week

Pre 4 chamber view
LVEF <10%



Day 4 4 chamber view
LVEF 25%



Clinical evidence supporting TAVR in intermediate risk patients

- Final results of the PARTNER II trial
- SAPIEN 3 TAVR Compared with Surgery in Intermediate-Risk Patients: Propensity score analysis
- 3 year data of the Corevalve Pivotal study



The PARTNER 2A Trial



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Transcatheter or Surgical Aortic-Valve Replacement in Intermediate-Risk Patients

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The PARTNER 2A Trial

Study Design

Symptomatic Severe Aortic Stenosis

ASSESSMENT by Heart Valve Team
Operable (STS \geq 4%)

Randomized Patients
n = 2032

Yes

ASSESSMENT:
Transfemoral Access

No

Transfemoral (TF)

Transapical (TA) / TransAortic (TAo)

1:1 Randomization (n = 1550)

1:1 Randomization (n = 482)

TF TAVR
(n = 775)

vs.

Surgical AVR
(n = 775)

TA/TAo TAVR
(n = 236)

vs.

Surgical AVR
(n = 246)

Primary Endpoint: All-Cause Mortality or Disabling Stroke at Two Years

PARTNER SAPIEN Platforms

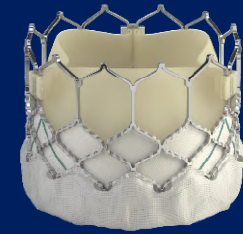
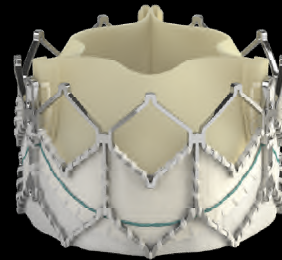
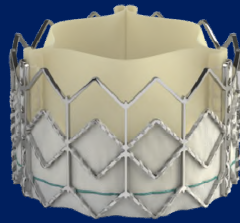
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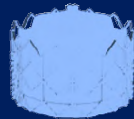
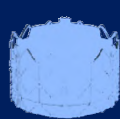
Valve Technology



Sheath Compatibility



Available Valve Sizes



23 mm

26 mm



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26mm

29mm*



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***First Implant Oct 30, 2012**

Primary Endpoint

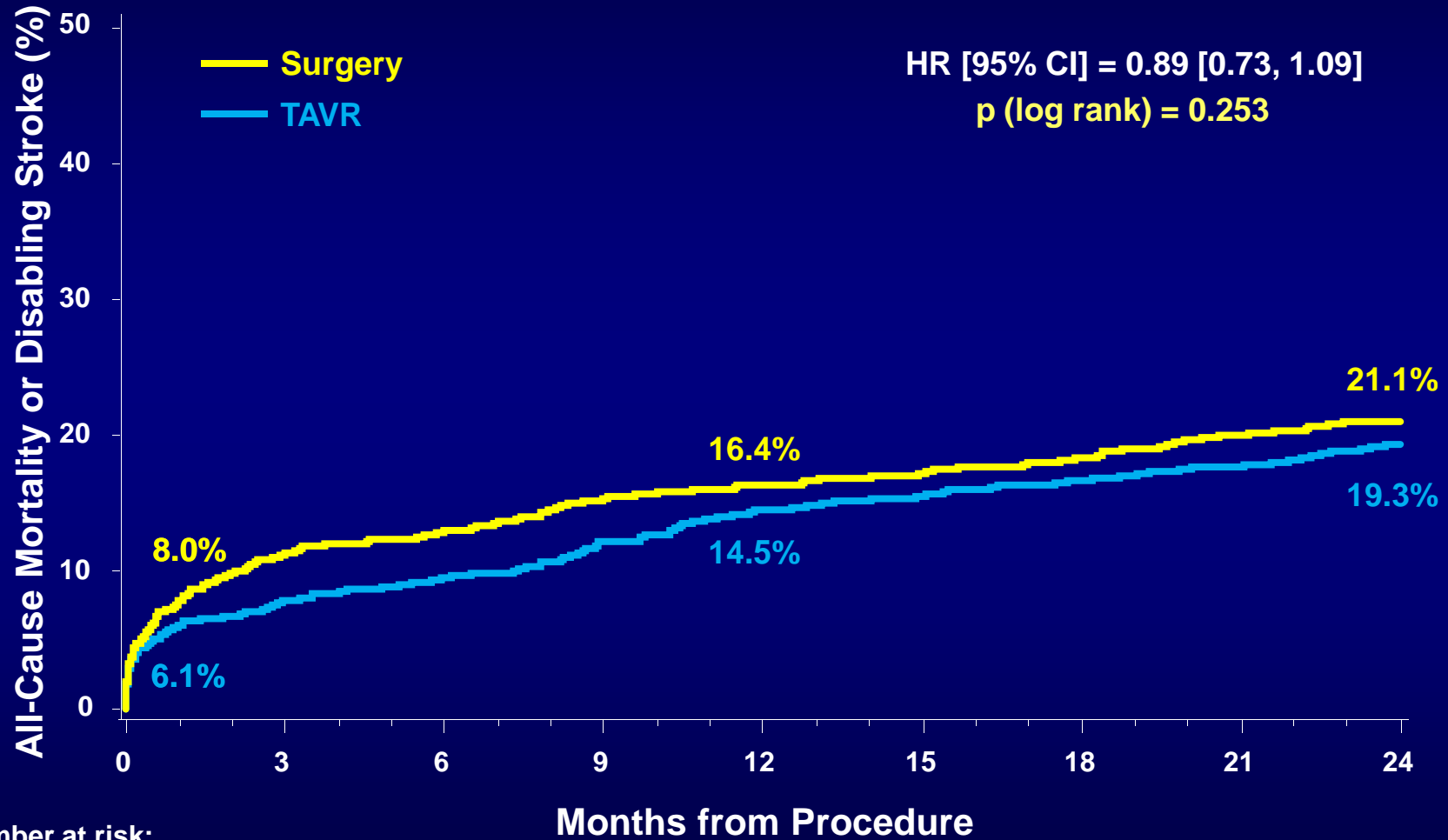
- Non-hierarchical composite of *all-cause mortality or disabling stroke* at two years*
- Intention-to-treat population is the primary analysis;
 - As-Treated (AT) population also a pre-specified, powered analysis
 - Transfemoral (TF) subgroup pre-specified
- All patients followed for at least 2 years
- Event rates by Kaplan-Meier estimates



Disabling stroke = CEC adjudicated stroke by a neurologist with a modified Rankin score of 2 or greater at 30 or 90-day evaluation

Primary Endpoint (ITT)

All-Cause Mortality or Disabling Stroke



Number at risk:

Surgery 1021

TAVR 1011

838

918

812

901

783

870

770

842

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811

717

801

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774

Primary Endpoint (ITT)

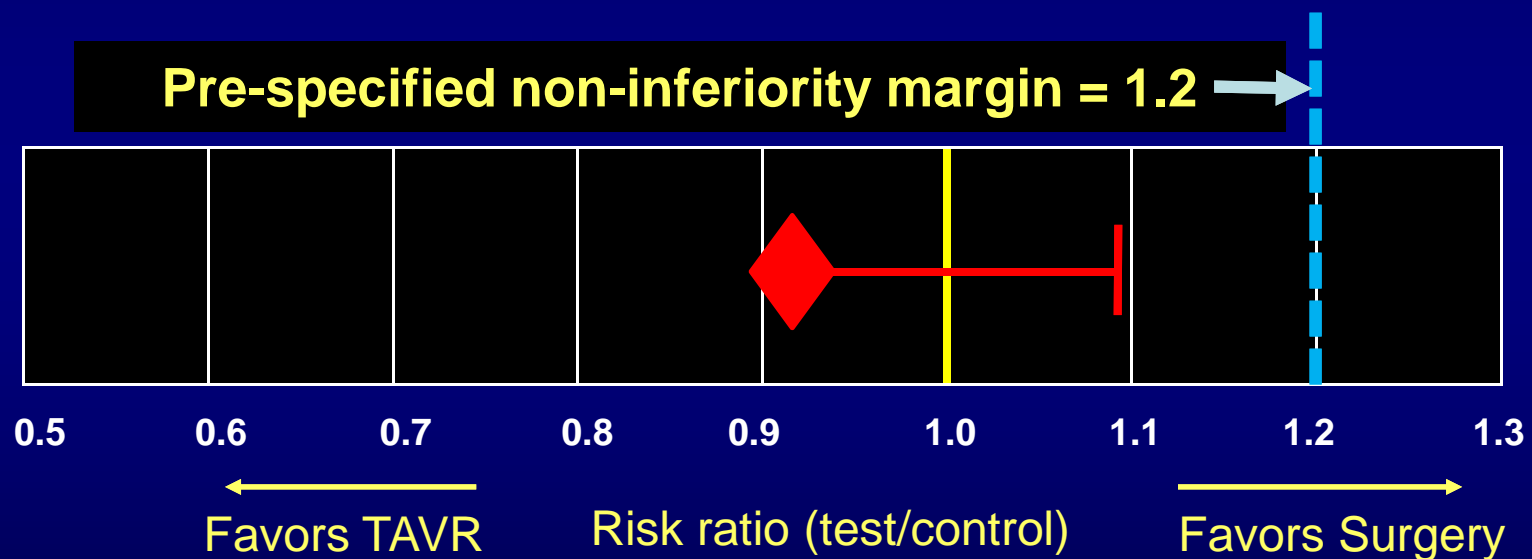
All-cause Mortality or Disabling Stroke

TAVR
n = 1011
19.3%

SAVR
n = 1021
21.1%

Relative Risk Ratio 0.92
Upper 1-sided 97.5%CI 1.09

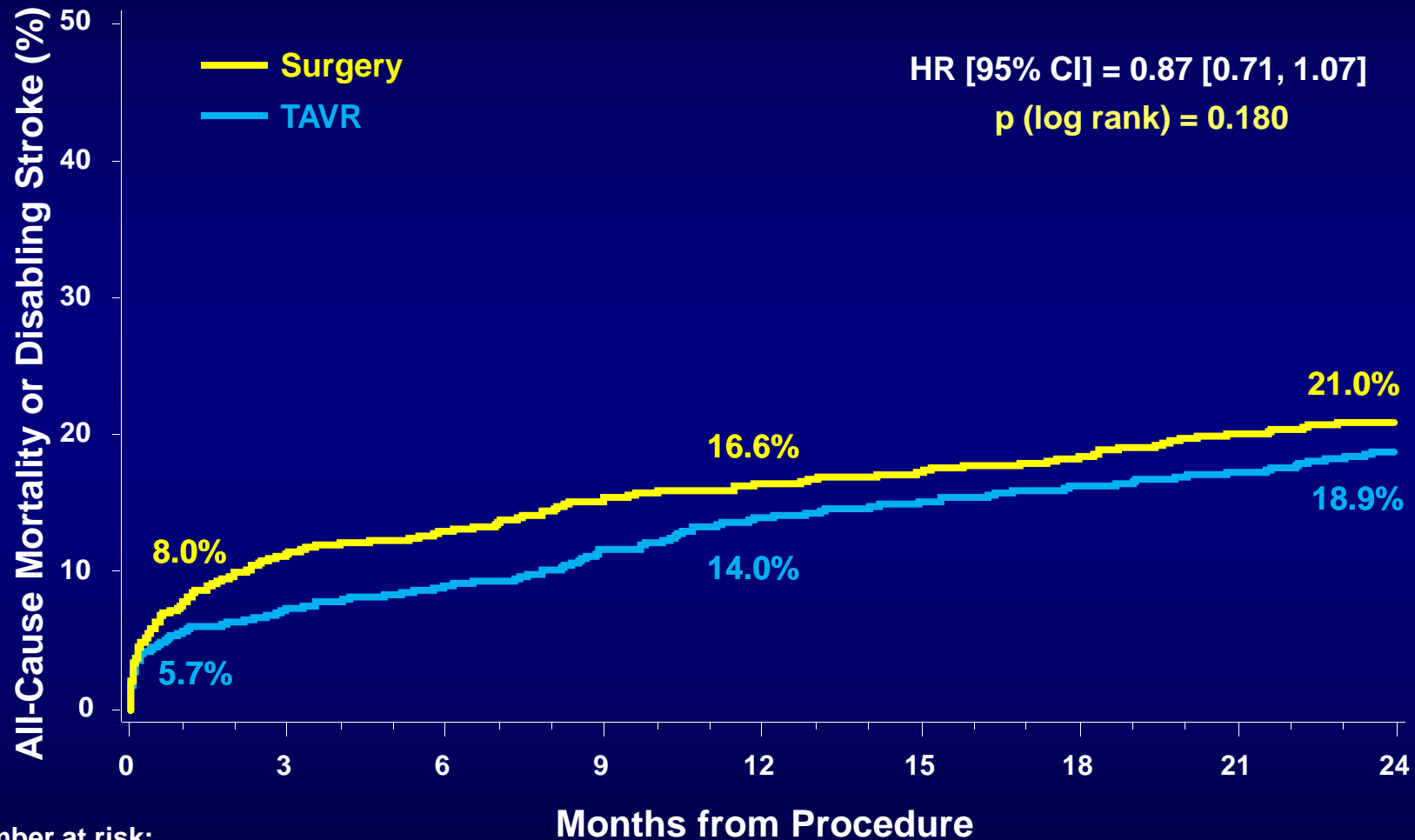
Non-Inferiority
p-value = 0.001



Primary Non-Inferiority Endpoint Met

Primary Endpoint (AT)

All-Cause Mortality or Disabling Stroke



Number at risk:

Months from Procedure

Surgery 944

826

807

779

766

743

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694

TAVR 994

917

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825

811

801

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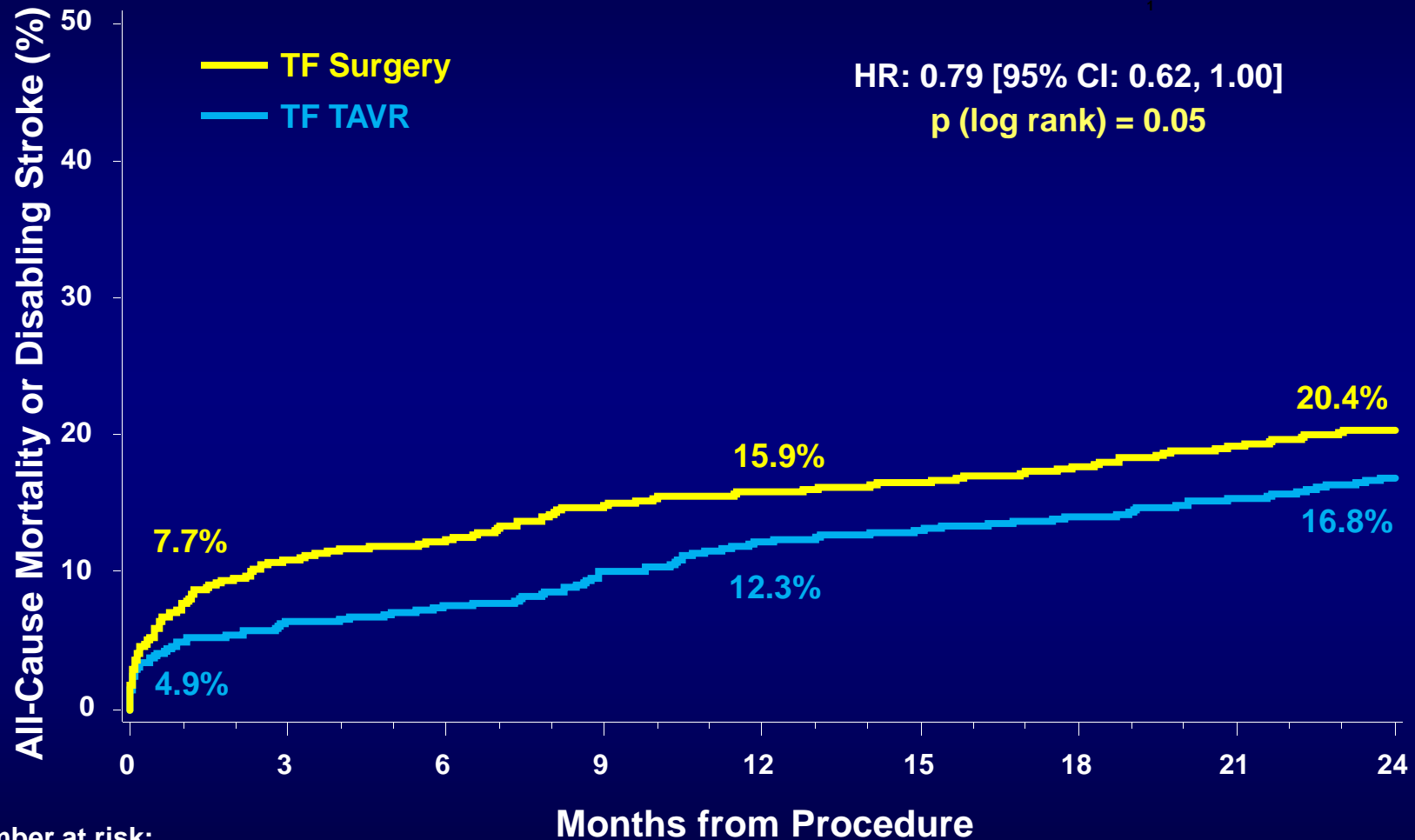
Primary Endpoint Subgroup Analysis (ITT)

Subgroup	TAVR (%) n = 1011	AVR (%) n = 1021	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	HR (95% CI)	p-value for interaction
Overall	19.3	21.1		0.89 [0.73-1.09]	
Age	18.0	19.5		0.90 [0.69-1.17]	0.96
< 85	21.5	23.6		0.89 [0.65-1.20]	
Sex	16.9	20.3		0.81 [0.59-1.10]	0.37
Female	21.4	21.7		0.96 [0.74-1.25]	
STS Score	15.8	18.4		0.84 [0.61-1.16]	0.60
≤ 5	22.4	23.1		0.94 [0.73-1.21]	
LV Ejection Fraction	19.1	21.5		0.84 [0.56-1.25]	0.27
≤ 55	20.1	18.0		1.11 [0.81-1.53]	
Mod or Severe Mitral Regurgitation	17.8	20.3		0.85 [0.67-1.08]	0.53
No	25.9	24.4		1.00 [0.64-1.57]	
Previous CABG	20.6	22.2		0.91 [0.73-1.13]	0.69
No	15.3	18.0		0.82 [0.53-1.27]	
Peripheral Vascular Disease	18.2	20.7		0.85 [0.67-1.09]	0.47
No	22.3	22.0		0.99 [0.71-1.40]	
15 Foot Walk Test	17.7	20.9		0.82 [0.62-1.09]	0.43
≤ 7 secs	20.7	20.8		0.97 [0.71-1.31]	
Access Route	16.8	20.4		0.79 [0.62-1.00]	0.06
Transfemoral	27.7	23.4		1.21 [0.84-1.74]	



TF Primary Endpoint (ITT)

All-cause Mortality or Disabling Stroke



Number at risk:

Months from Procedure

TF Surgery 775

643

628

604

595

577

569

557

538

TF TAVR 775

718

709

685

663

652

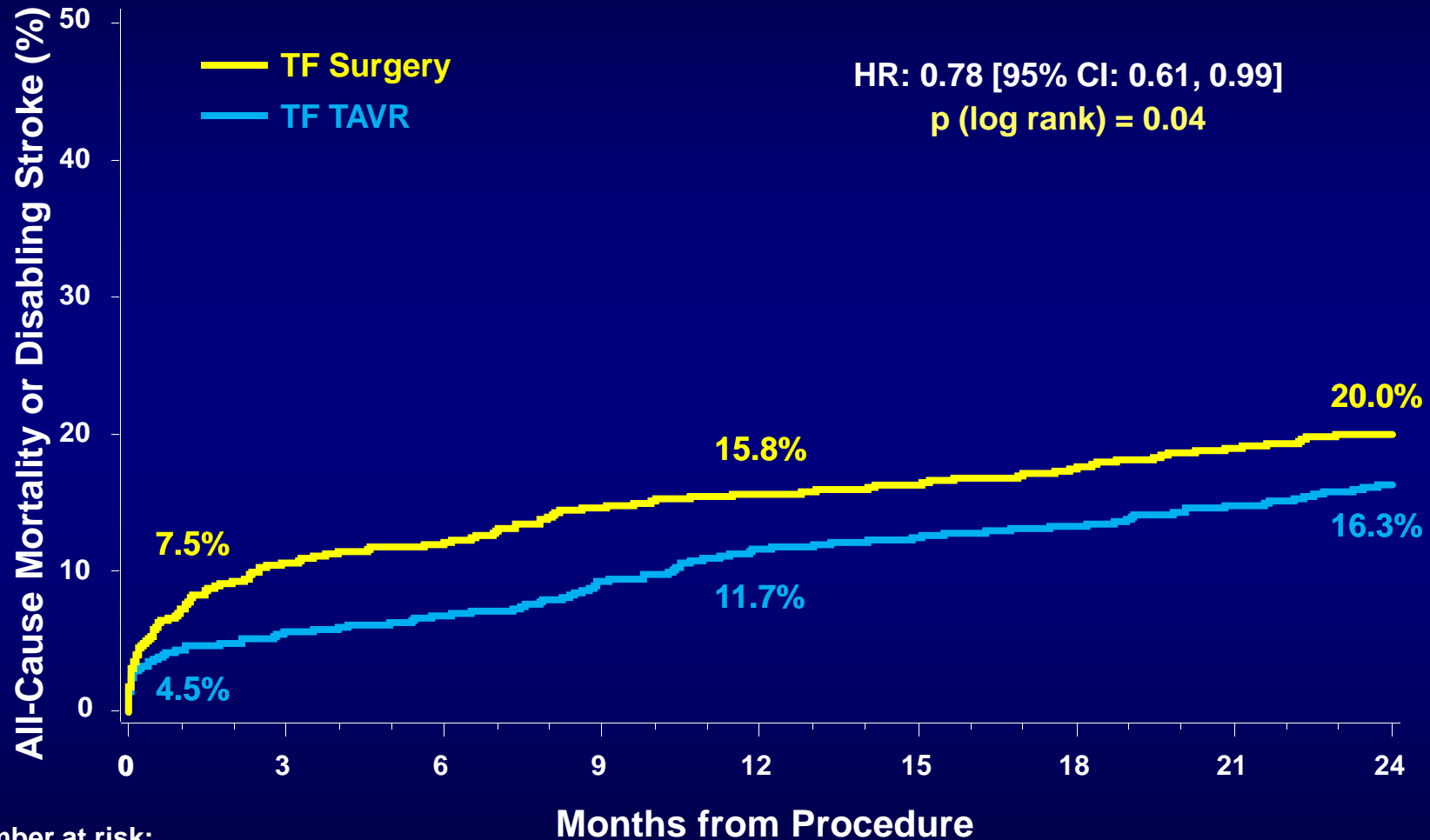
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TF Primary Endpoint (AT)

All-Cause Mortality or Disabling Stroke



Number at risk:

TF Surgery 722

TF TAVR 762

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Other Clinical Endpoints (ITT)

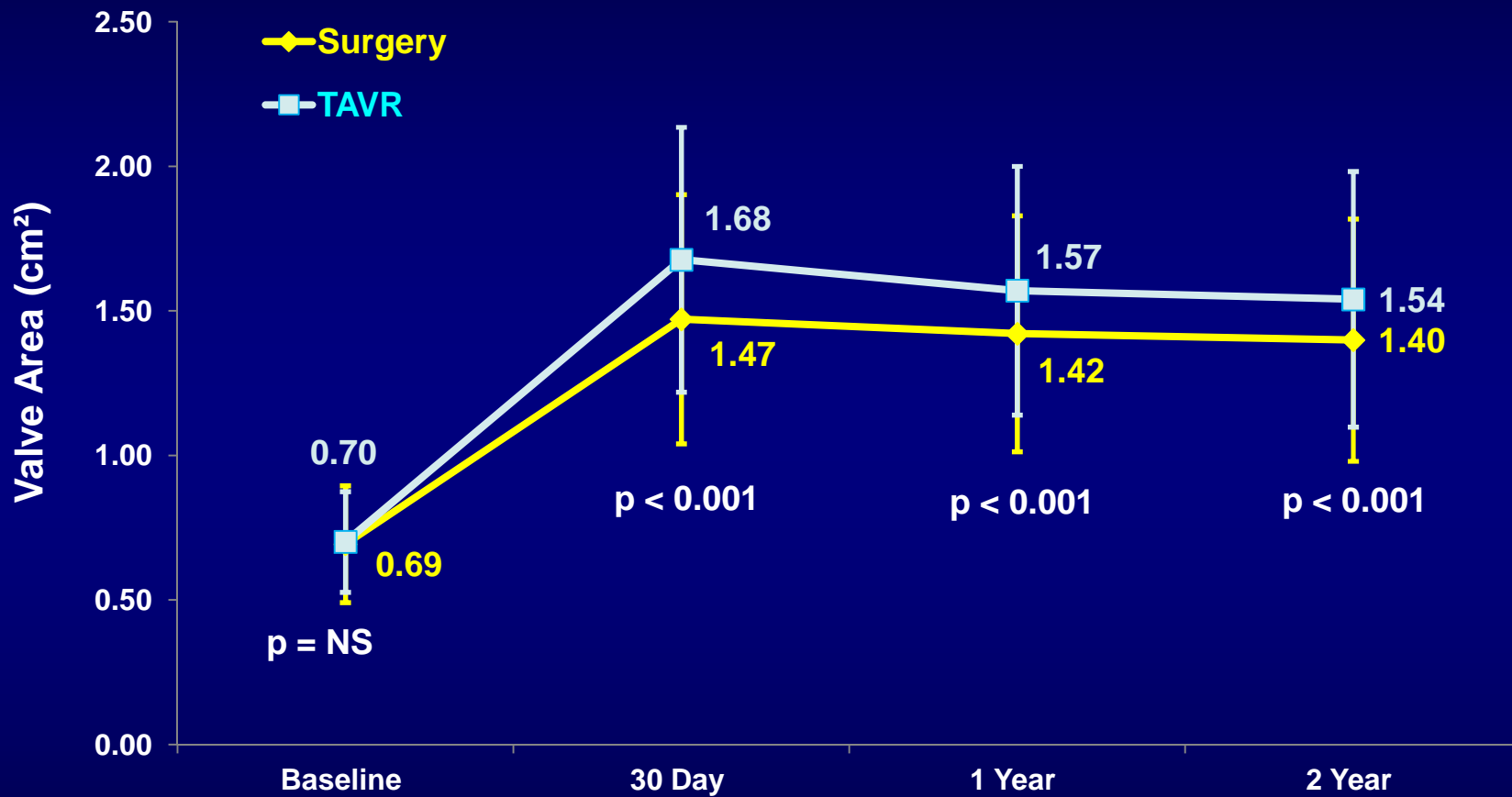
At 30 Days and 2 Years

Events (%)	30 Days			2 Years		
	TAVR (n = 1011)	Surgery (n = 1021)	p-value*	TAVR (n = 1011)	Surgery (n = 1021)	p-value*
Rehospitalization	6.5	6.5	0.99	19.6	17.3	0.22
MI	1.2	1.9	0.22	3.6	4.1	0.56
Major Vascular Complications	7.9	5.0	0.008	8.6	5.5	0.006
Life-Threatening / Disabling Bleeding	10.4	43.4	<0.001	17.3	47.0	<0.001
AKI (Stage III)	1.3	3.1	0.006	3.8	6.2	0.02
New Atrial Fibrillation	9.1	26.4	<0.001	11.3	27.3	<0.001
New Permanent Pacemaker	8.5	6.9	0.17	11.8	10.3	0.29
Re-intervention	0.4	0.0	0.05	1.4	0.6	0.09
Endocarditis	0.0	0.0	NA	1.2	0.7	0.22



Echocardiography Findings (VI)

Aortic Valve Area



No. of Echos

Surgery

861

727

590

488



TAVR

899

829

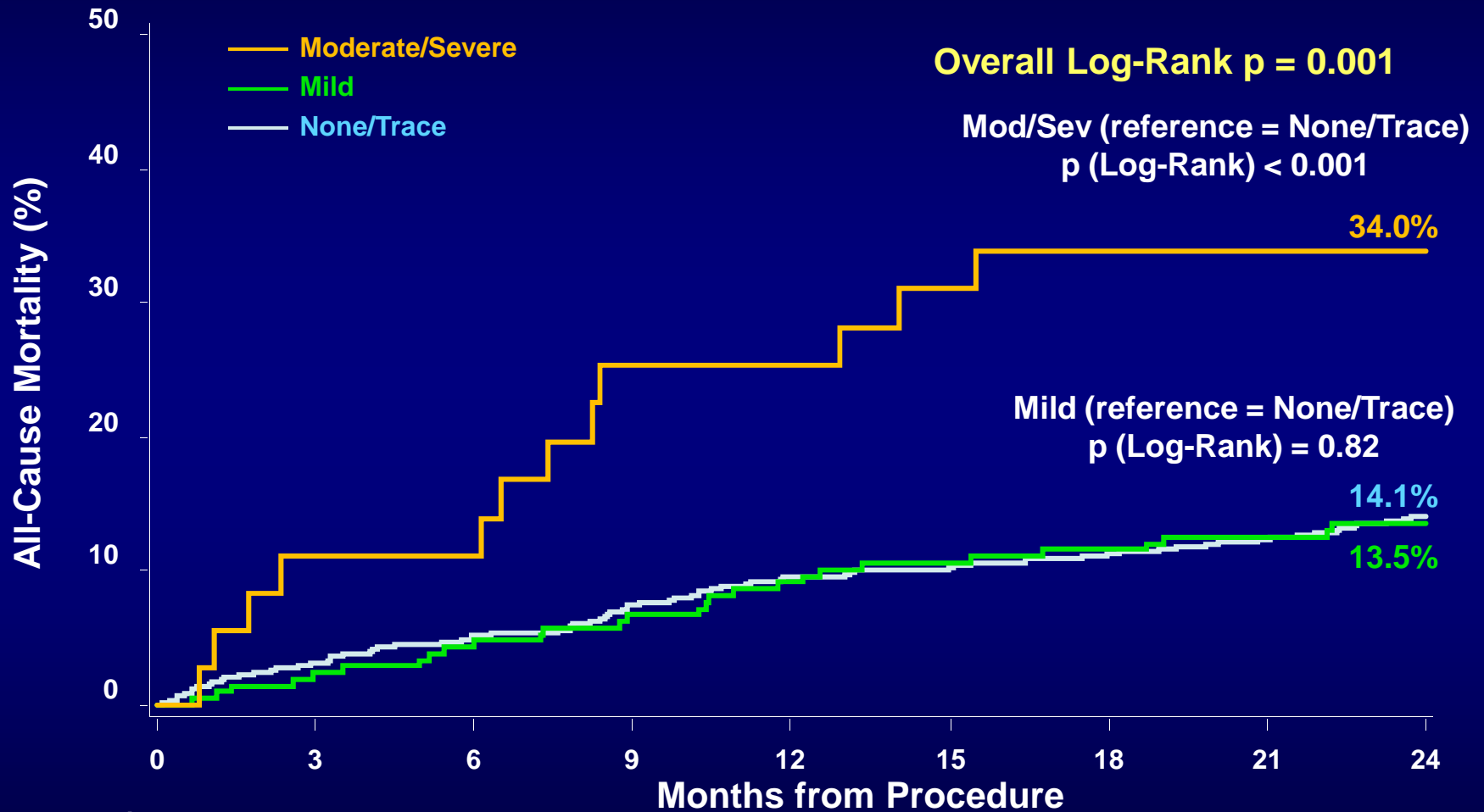
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Error bars represent ± Standard Deviation

Severity of PVR at 30 Days and All-cause Mortality at 2 Years (VI)



Number at risk:

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Moderate/Sev	36	32	32	26	26	24	22	22	21
Mild	210	204	199	194	188	184	182	180	175
None/Trace	701	678	664	647	628	621	612	605	585

The PARTNER 2A Trial

Conclusions (1)

In intermediate-risk patients with symptomatic severe aortic stenosis, results from the PARTNER 2A trial demonstrated that...

- TAVR using SAPIEN XT and surgery were similar (non-inferior) for the primary endpoint (all-cause mortality or disabling stroke) at 2 years.
- In the **transfemoral subgroup** (76% of patients), TAVR using SAPIEN XT significantly reduced all-cause mortality or disabling stroke vs. surgery (ITT: $p = 0.05$, AT: $p = 0.04$).



The PARTNER 2A Trial

Conclusions (2)

- Other clinical outcomes:
 - TAVR reduced AKI, severe bleeding, new AF, and LOS
 - Surgery reduced vascular complications and PVR
- The SAPIEN XT valve significantly increased echo AVA compared to surgery.
- In the SAPIEN XT TAVR cohort, moderate or severe PVR, but not mild PVR, was associated with increased mortality at 2 years.



SAPIEN 3 TAVR Compared with Surgery in Intermediate-Risk Patients: A Propensity Score Analysis

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SAPIEN Platforms in PARTNER

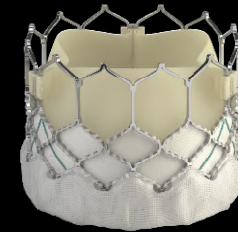
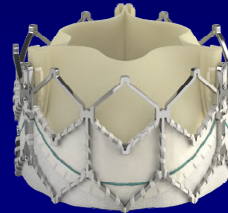
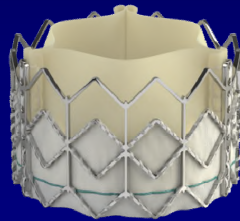
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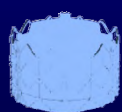
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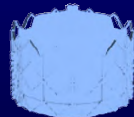
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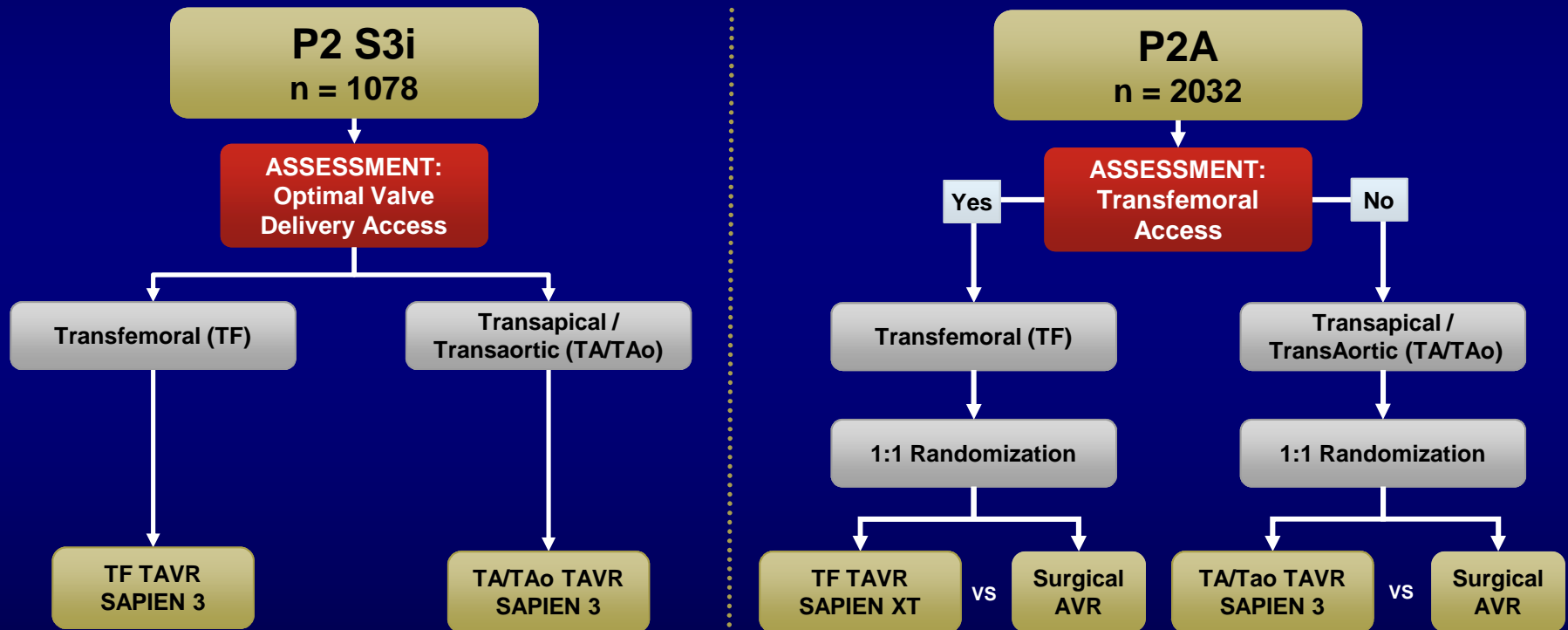
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The PARTNER 2A and S3i Trials

Study Design

Intermediate Risk Symptomatic Severe Aortic Stenosis

Intermediate Risk ASSESSMENT by Heart Valve Team

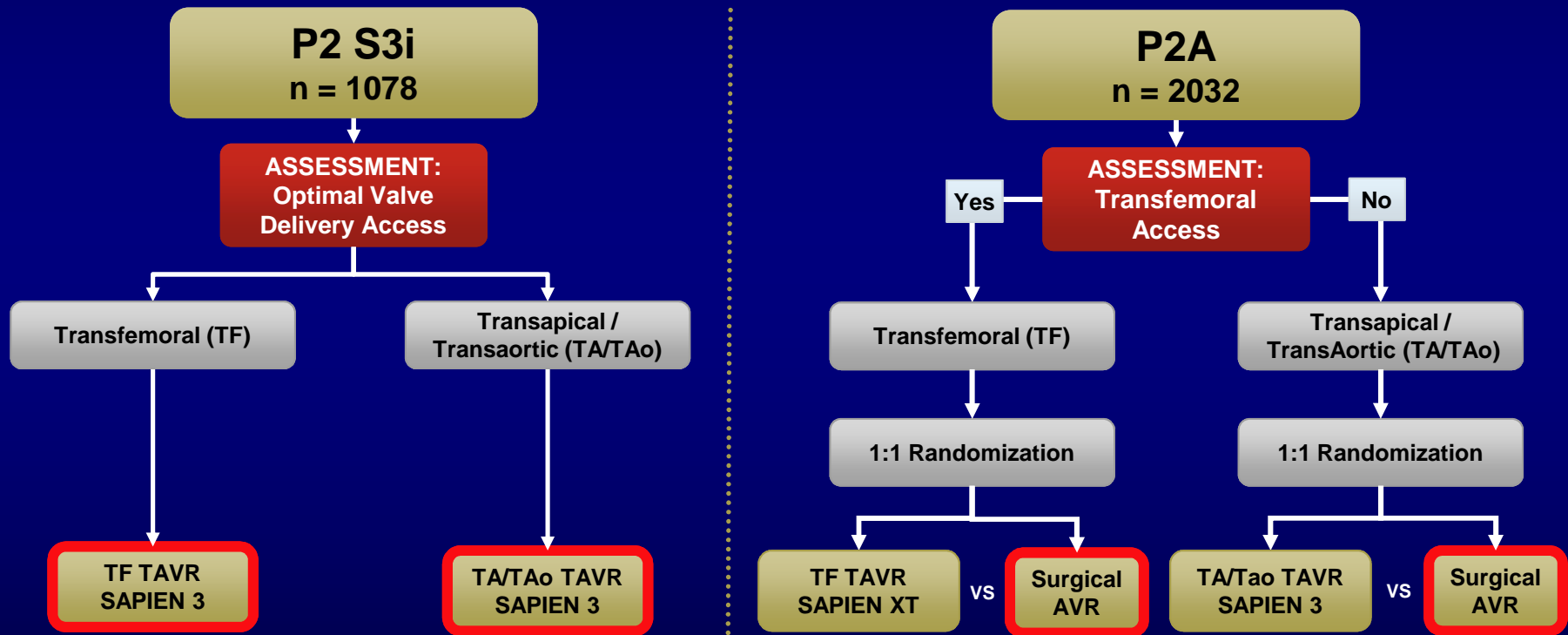


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Primary Endpoint: All-Cause Mortality, All Stroke, or Mod/Sev AR at One Year
(Non-inferiority Propensity Score Analysis)

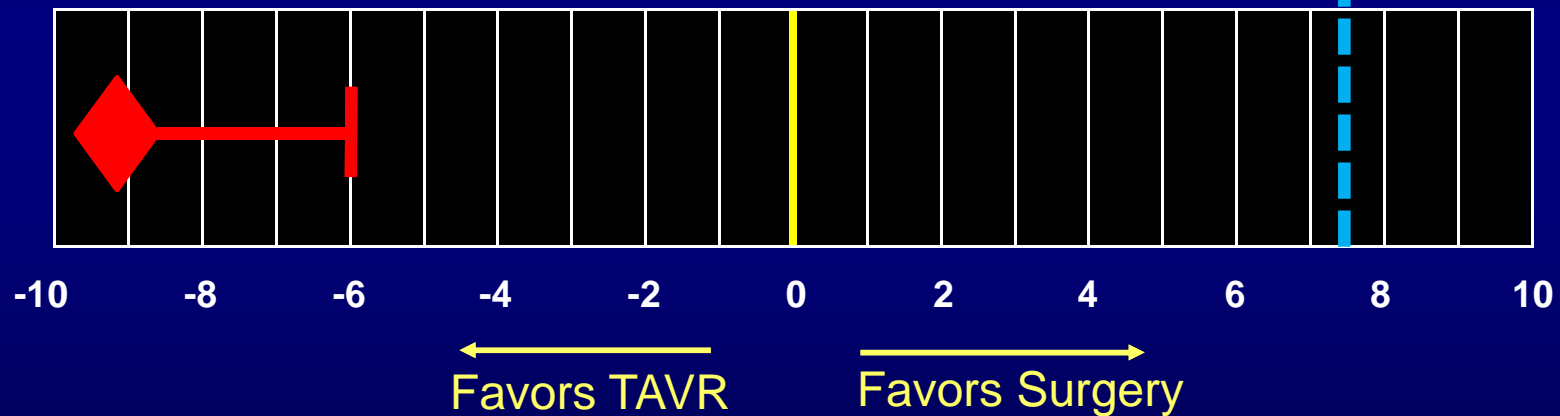
Primary Endpoint - Non-inferiority

Death, Stroke, or AR \geq Mod at 1 Year (VI)

Weighted Difference -9.2%
Upper 1-sided 95% CI -6.0%

Non-Inferiority
p-value < 0.001

Pre-specified non-inferiority margin = 7.5%



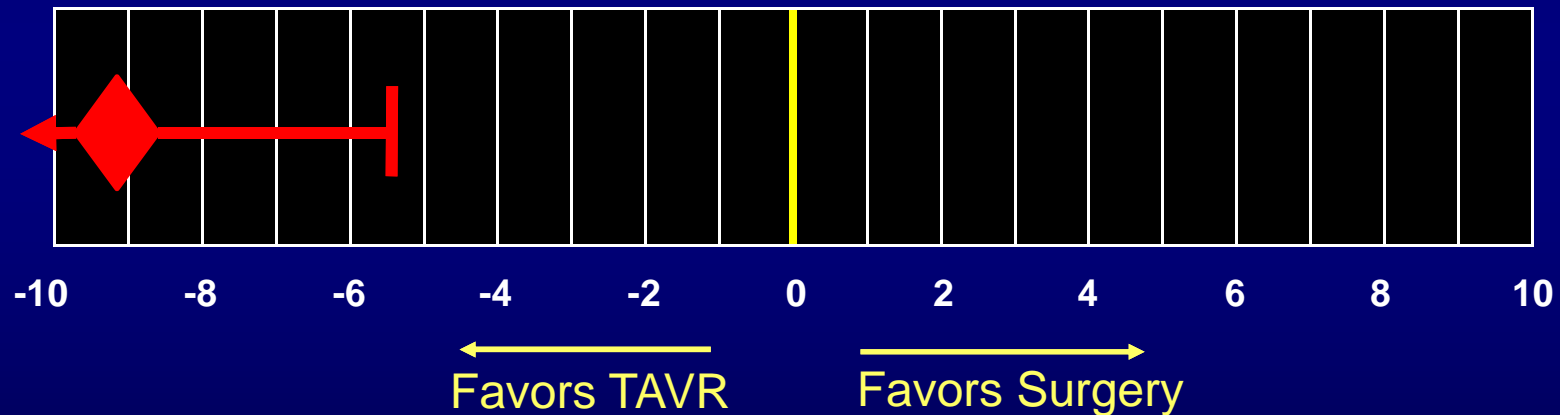
Primary Non-Inferiority Endpoint Met

Primary Endpoint - Superiority

Death, Stroke, or AR \geq Mod at 1 Year (VI)

Weighted Difference -9.2%
Upper 2-sided 95.0% CI -5.4%

Superiority Testing
p-value < 0.001



Superiority Achieved



Superiority Analysis

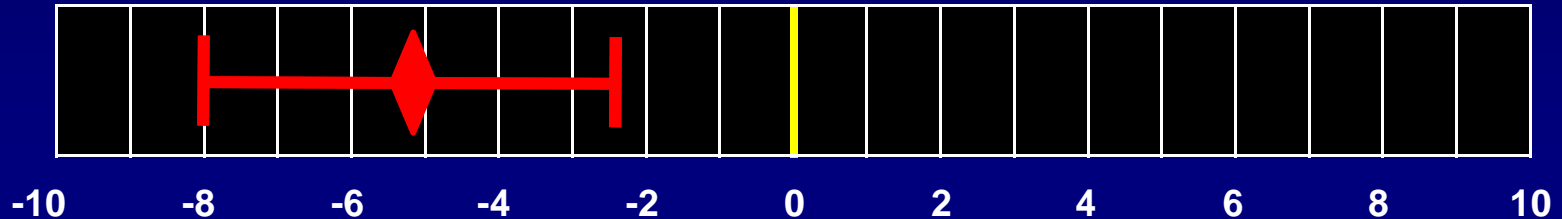
Components of Primary Endpoint (VI)

← Favors TAVR Favors Surgery →

Mortality

Weighted Difference -5.2%
Upper 2-sided 95% CI -2.4%

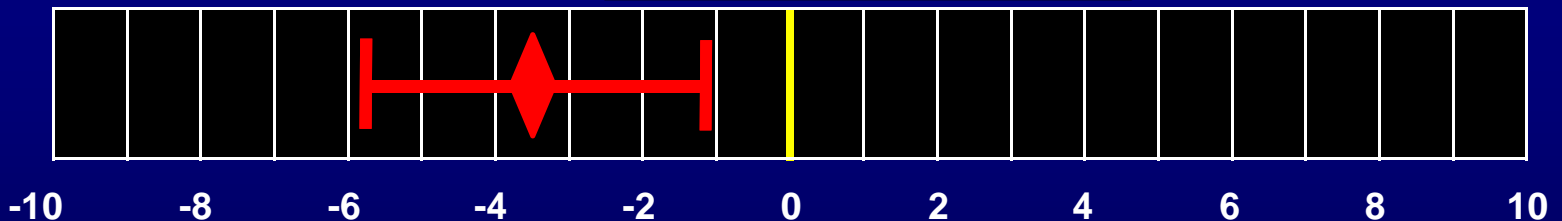
Superiority Testing
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Stroke

Weighted Difference -3.5%
Upper 2-sided 95% CI -1.1%

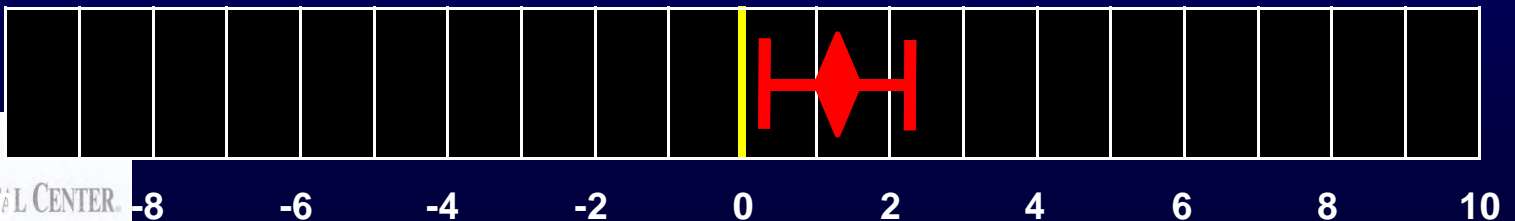
Superiority Testing
p-value = 0.004



AR ≥ Moderate

Weighted Difference +1.2%
Lower 2-sided 95% CI +0.2%

Superiority Testing
p-value = 0.0149



The PARTNER 2A and S3i Trials

Conclusions

- A propensity score analysis comparing SAPIEN 3 TAVR with surgery from PARTNER 2A in intermediate-risk patients at 1 year demonstrated:
 - Superiority of SAPIEN 3 TAVR for the primary endpoint, all-cause mortality, and all stroke
 - Superiority of surgery for AR \geq moderate



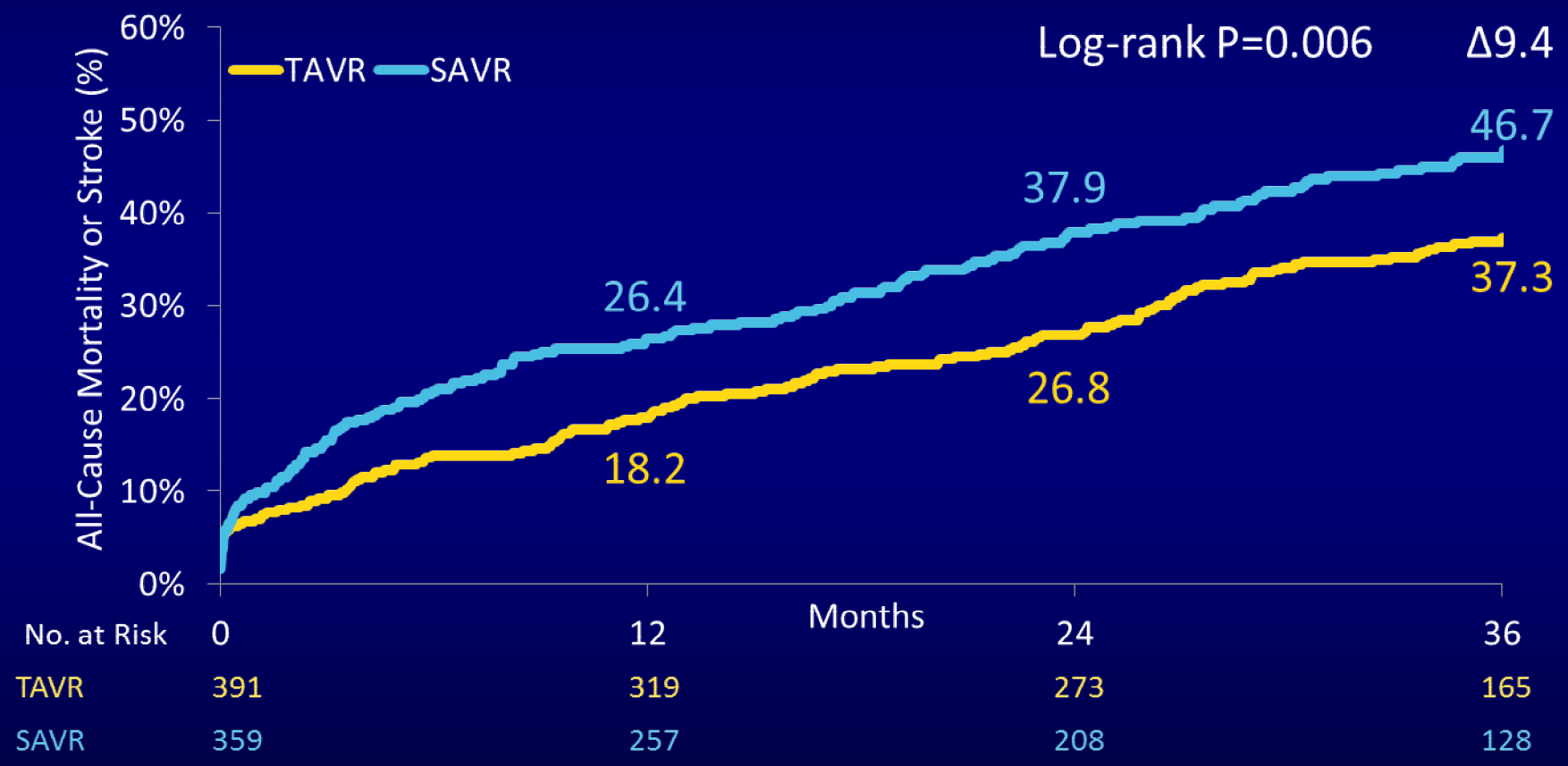
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High risk patients: 3 year follow up of Core valve study (TAVR versus SAVR) All-Cause Mortality or Stroke

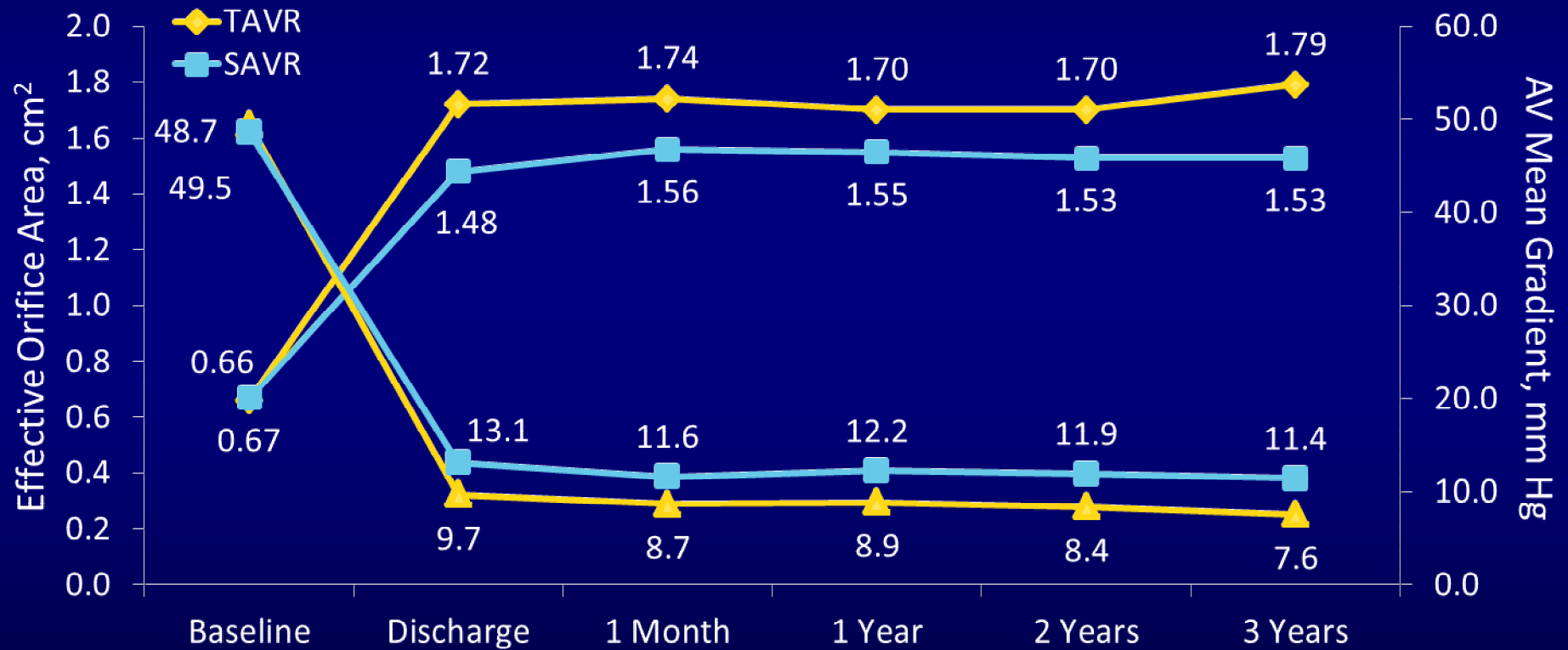
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Core Valve Hemodynamics*

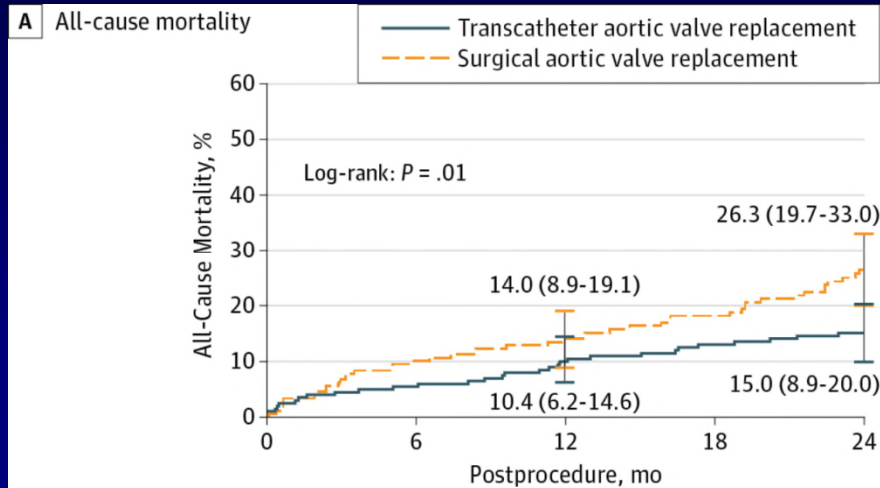
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TAVR had significantly better valve performance vs SAVR at all follow-ups ($P < 0.001$)



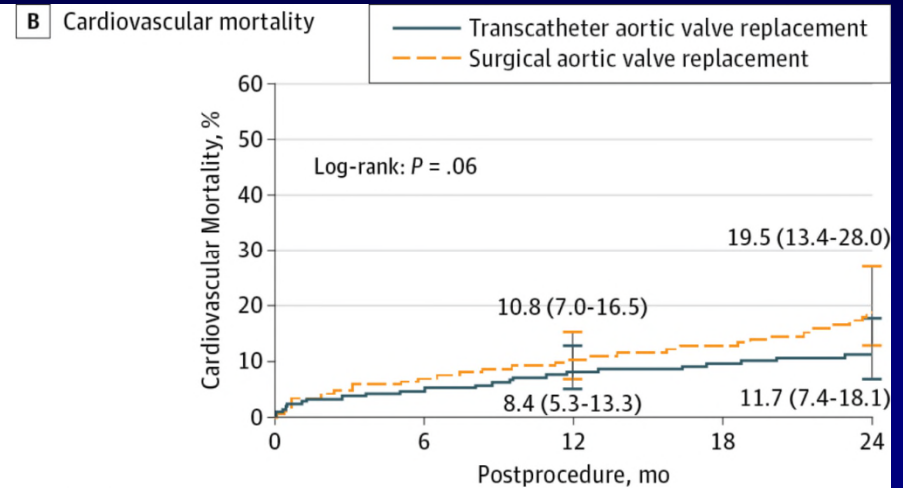
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Outcomes in the Randomized CoreValve US Pivotal High-risk Trial in Patients With a Society of Thoracic Surgeons Risk Score of 7% or Less



No. at risk

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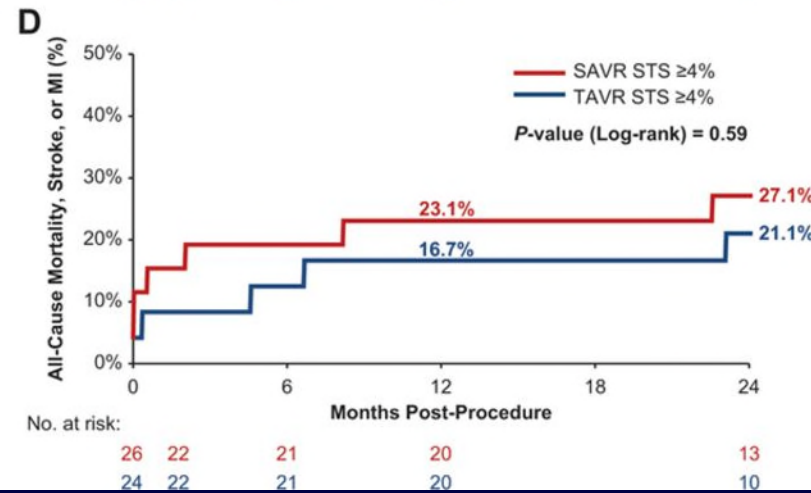
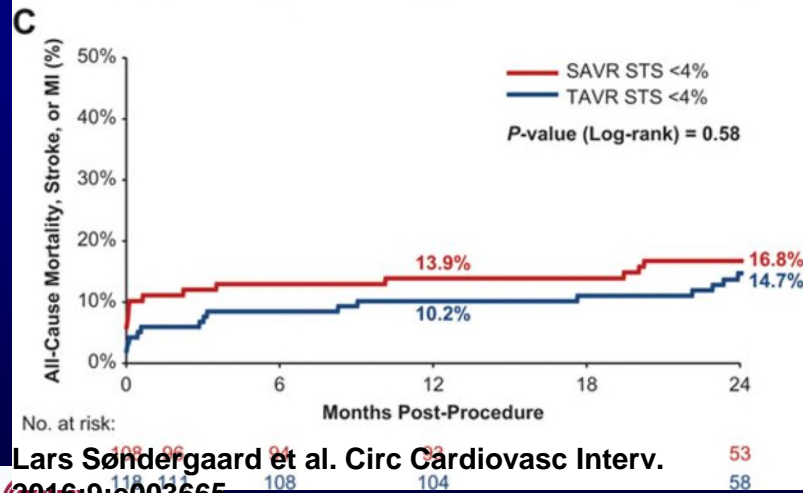
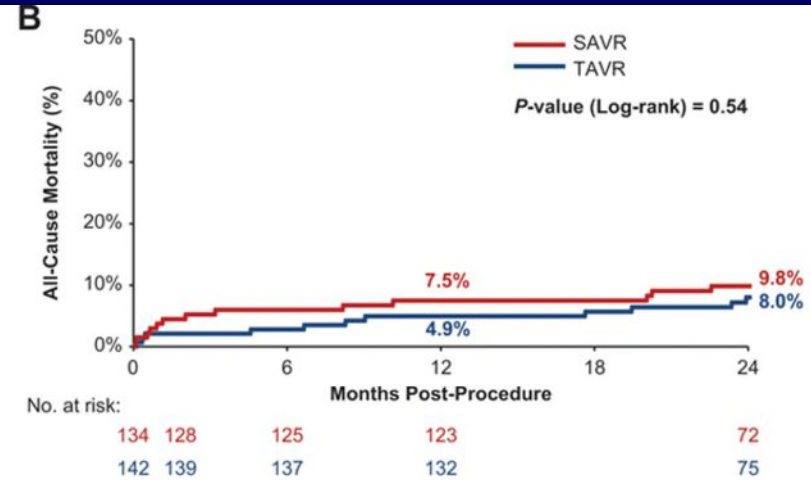
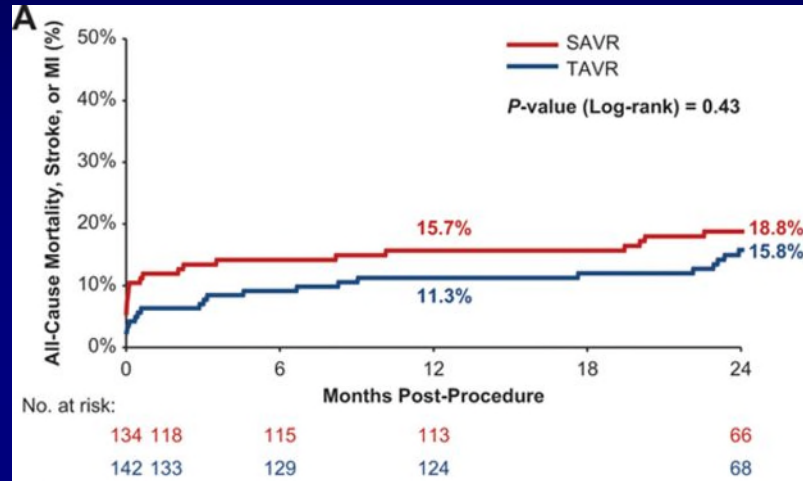
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Two-Year Outcomes in Patients With Severe Aortic Valve Stenosis Randomized to Transcatheter Versus Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement

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Kaplan–Meier curves depicting (A) a composite rate of all-cause mortality, all stroke, and myocardial infarction (MI); (B) all-cause mortality; (C) composite rate of all-cause mortality, all stroke, and MI in transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) and surgical aortic valve replacement (SAVR) patients with Society of Thoracic Surgeons Predicted Risk of Mortality (STS-PROM) <4%; and (D) composite rate of all-cause mortality, stroke, and MI in TAVR and SAVR patients with STS-PROM ≥4%.



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Summary: Transcatheter aortic valve replacement

- TAVR is preferred treatment option of high and intermediate surgical risk patients
- Evidence of durability of the valve
- Continued improvements in technology will minimize the paravalvular AI, heart block, and stroke rates
- Further research of cerebral protection and valve thrombosis are ongoing

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Conclusions: Status in US

- TAVR is FDA approved for extreme/high surgical risk patients
- FDA has expanded the of indication for **intermediate risk patients** using the SAPIEN 3 valve
- In the real world intermediate risk patients are being treated with TAVR
 - Ongoing registries
 - Indication creep: physician preference
- Ongoing trials are evaluating the role of TAVR in low/moderate risk patients



Ongoing low risk TAVR trials

- PARTNER 3: Low risk patients with AS
- Low risk study using the EvoluteR valve



Do We really need these low risk studies

- Other than for reimbursement it is probably not necessary to do these large scale studies
- There is significant indication creep already in US and Europe for intermediate and low risk patients
- The boundary between low risk and intermediate risk is very blurry



Future

- Cardiac surgeons will **have to consult** interventional cardiologist prior to offering surgery to **any** patient with aortic stenosis

