

# The Window for Fibrinolysis



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## Management of acute myocardial infarction in patients presenting with persistent ST-segment elevation

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# Reperfusion Therapy: Fibrinolytic Therapy

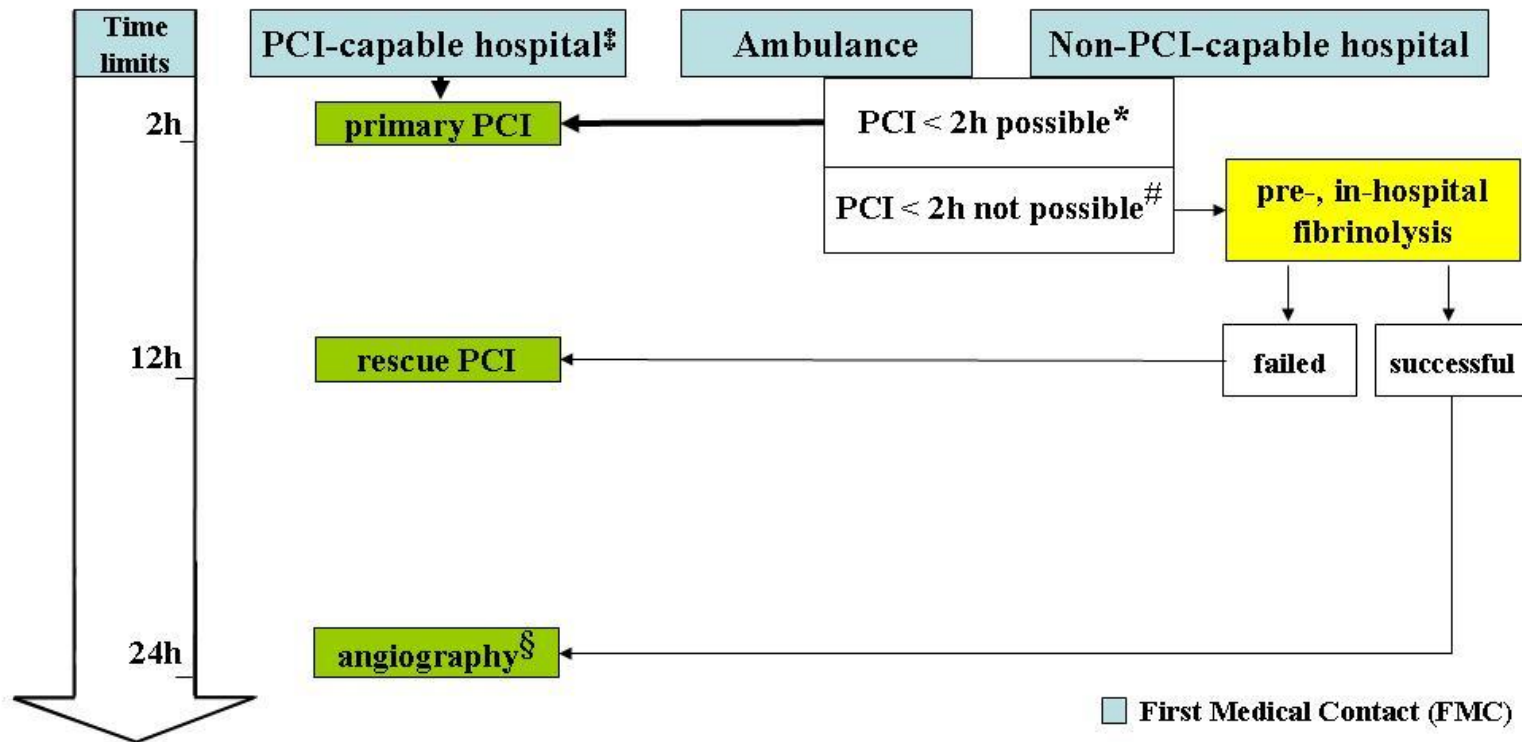
Recommendations	Class	LOE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ In the absence of contraindications and if primary PCI cannot be performed within the recommended time</li><li>■ A fibrin-specific agent should be given</li><li>■ Pre-hospital initiation of fibrinolytic therapy</li></ul>	<p>I</p> <p>I</p> <p>Ila</p>	<p>A</p> <p>B</p> <p>B</p>

# Reperfusion Therapy

Recommendations	Class	LOE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Indicated in all pts with chest pain/discomfort of &lt; 12 h and with persistent ST-segment elevation or (presumed) new LBBB</li></ul>	I	A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Should be considered if there is clinical and/or ECG evidence of ongoing ischaemia if symptoms started &gt; 12 h before</li></ul>	IIa	C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Reperfusion (PCI) in stable pts presenting &gt; 12 h to 24 h after symptom onset</li></ul>	IIIb	B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ PCI of totally occluded infarct artery in stable pts &gt; 24 h after symptom onset without signs of ischaemia</li></ul>	III	B

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## Reperfusion Strategies



\* Time FMC to first balloon inflation must be shorter than 90 min in patients presenting early (< 2 h after symptom onset), with large amount of viable myocardium and low risk of bleeding.

# If PCI is not possible < 2 h of FMC, start fibrinolytic therapy as soon as possible.

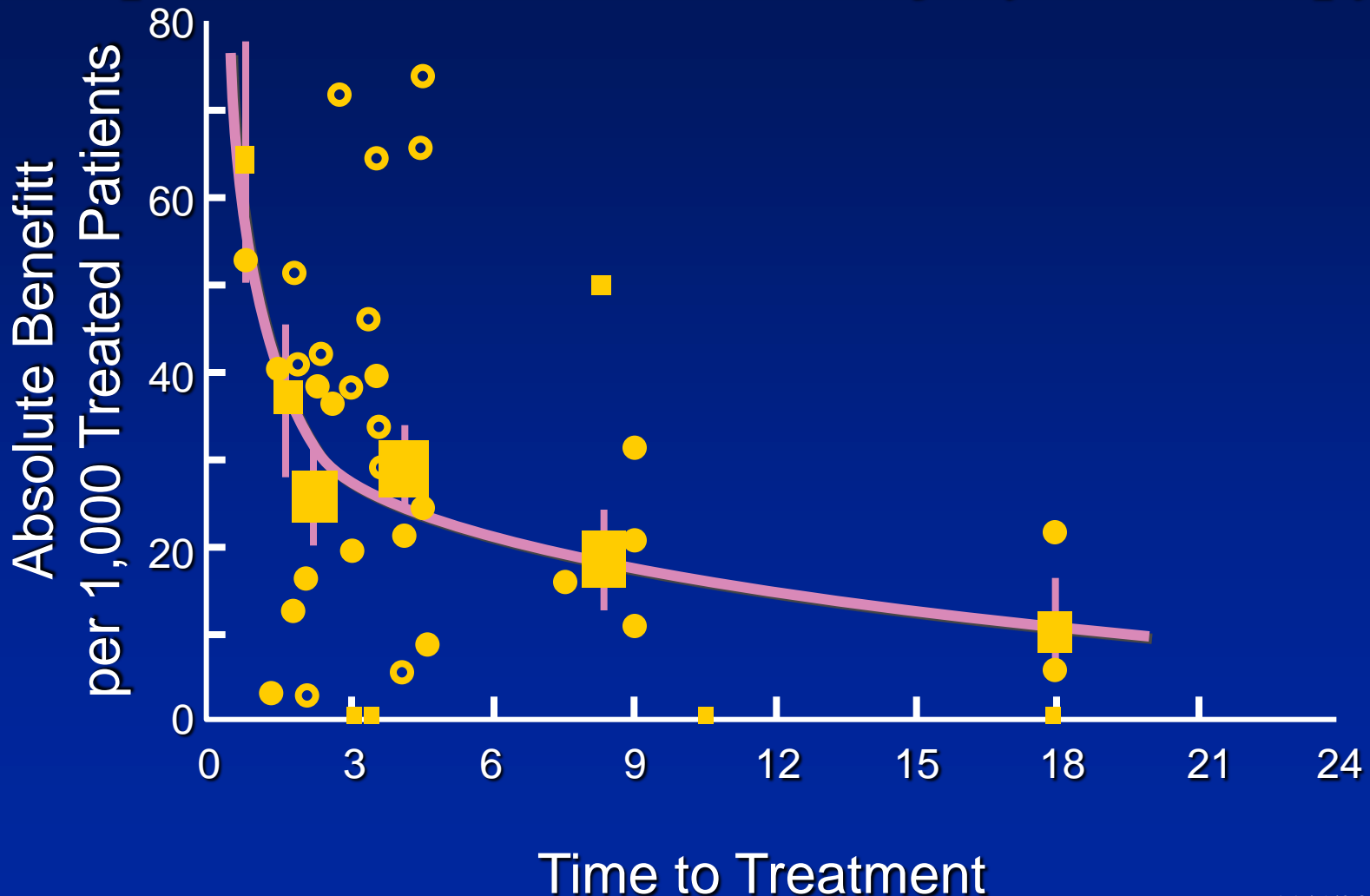
§ Not earlier than 3 h after start fibrinolysis

‡ 24/7 service

# The Importance of Time to Treatment

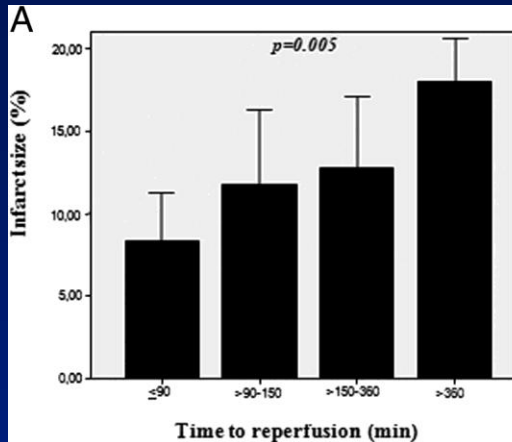
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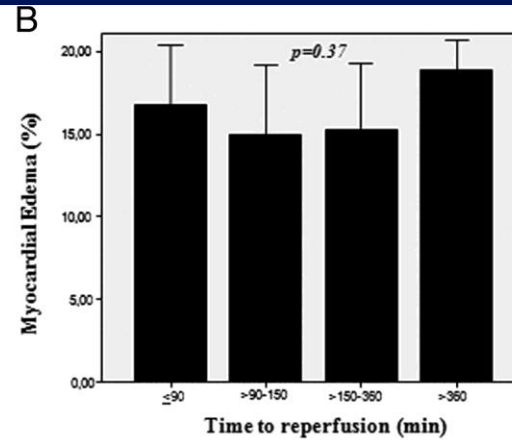


# Myocardial Reperfusion by PPCI assessed by CMR

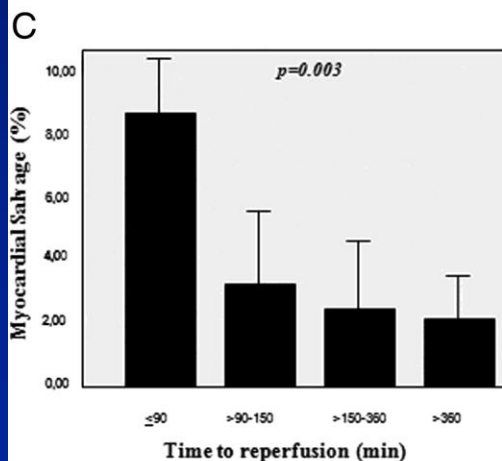
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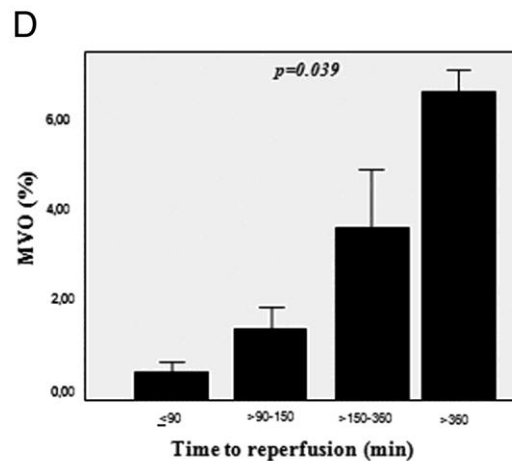
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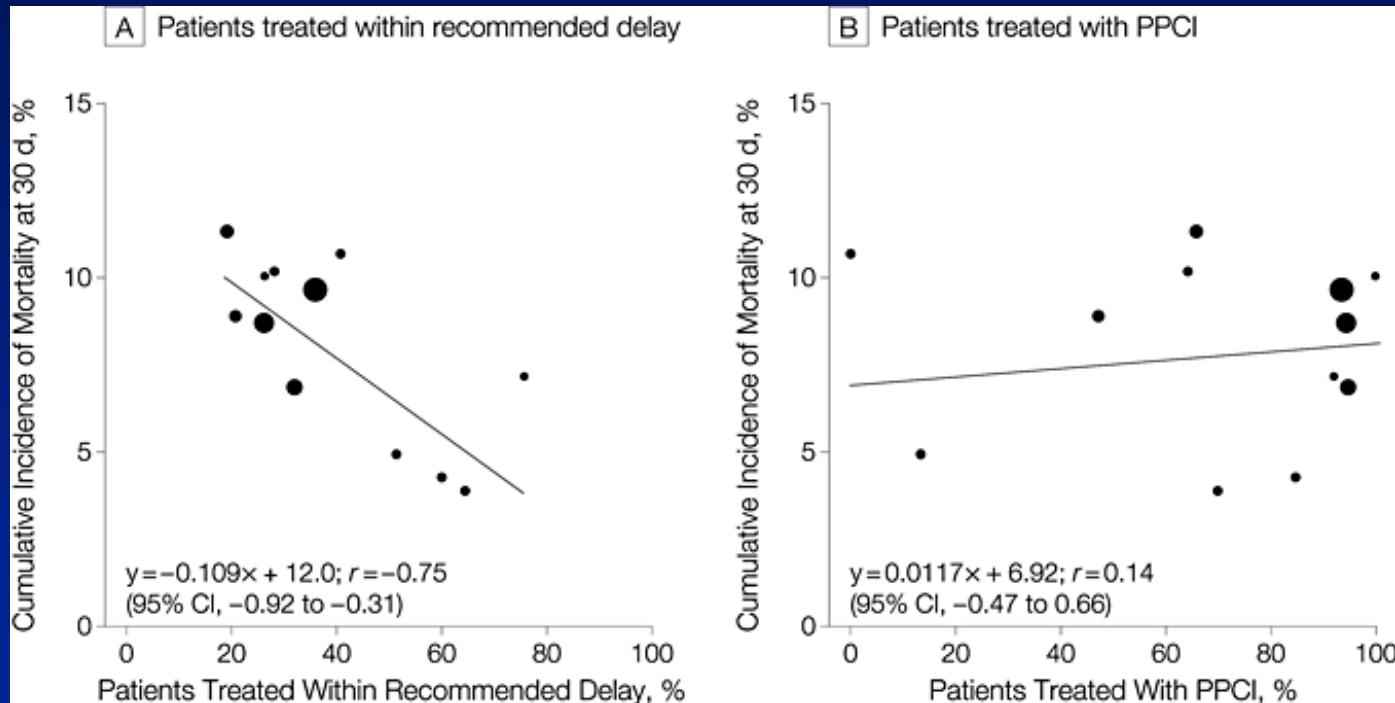


MVO



Time to reperfusion from sympton onset: ≤90 90-150 150-360 <360 min

# 30-Day Mortality of STEMI Patients by % Treated Within Recommended Delays and % Receiving Reperfusion With PPCI

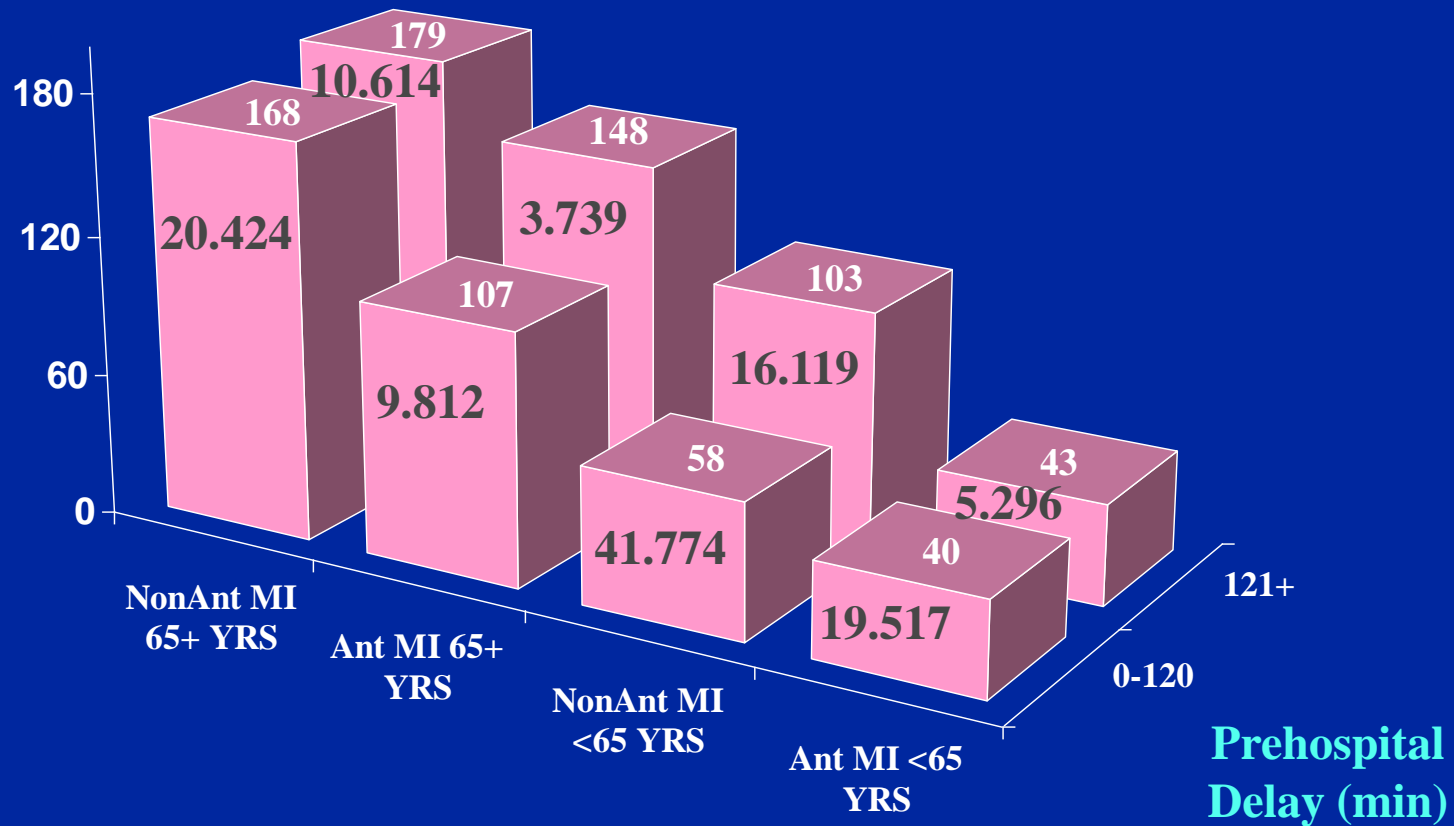


Lambert, L. et al. JAMA 2010;303:2148-2155.

# PCI vs. Lysis: Importance of *Presentation Delay* and *Baseline Characteristics*

## Data from NRM1 2,3 and 4 Registries

PCI Related Delay (DB-DN) Where  
PCI and Fibrinolytic Mortality Are Equal (Min)



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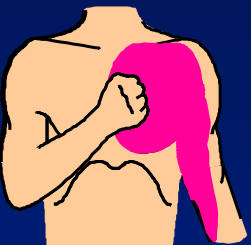
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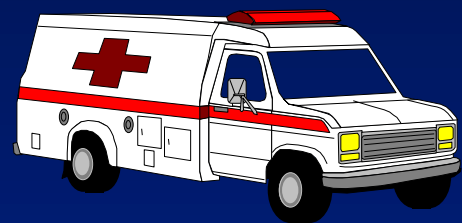
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# Transport of Patients with STEMI and Initial Reperfusion Treatment



**Call 9-1-1  
Call fast**



Onset of symptoms of STEMI

9-1-1 EMS dispatch

EMS on scene

- Encourage 12-lead ECGs
- Consider pre-hospital fibrinolytic if capable and EMS-to-needle within 30 min

Hospital fibrinolysis:  
Door-to-needle ≤ 30 min

Not PCI capable

EMS triage plan

PCI capable

Inter-hospital transfer

## GOALS

5 min	8 min	EMS Transport	
Patient	EMS	Pre-hospital fibrinolysis EMS-to-needle ≤ 30 min	EMS transport EMS-to-balloon ≤ 90 min
Dispatch 1 min			Patient self-transport Hospital door-to-balloon ≤ 90 min

“Golden Hour” = 1<sup>st</sup> 60 min

Total ischaemic time: within 120 min

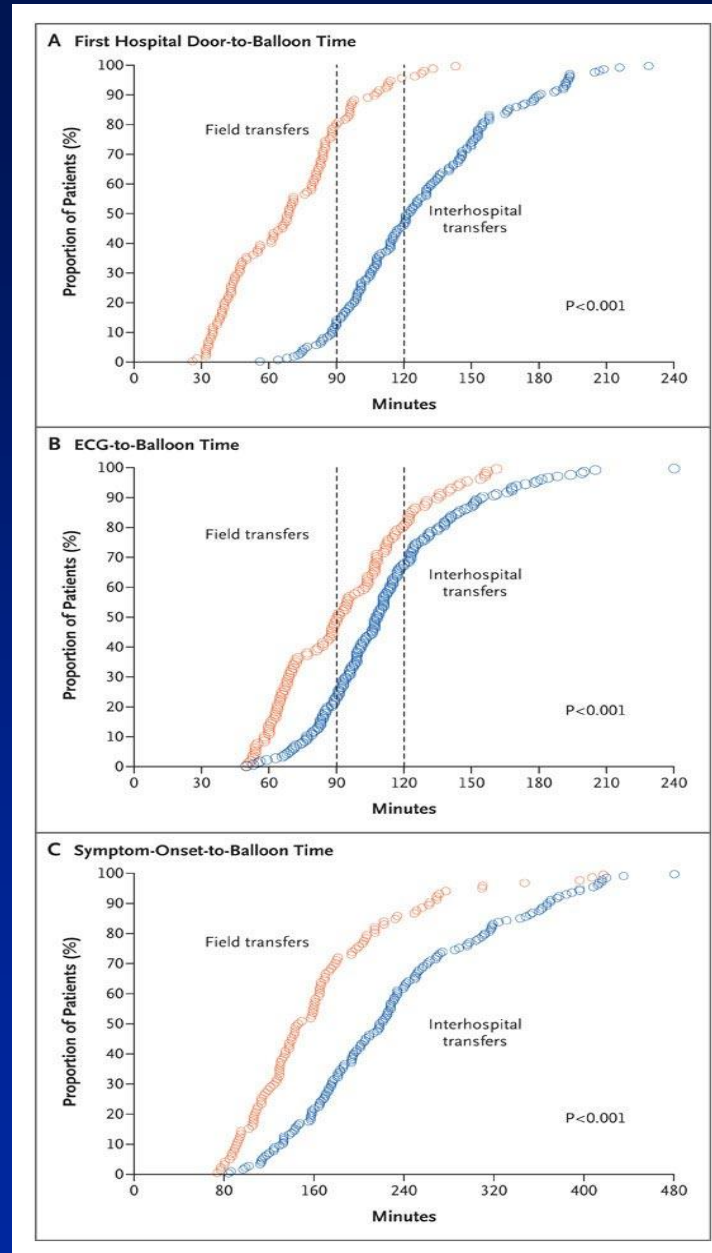
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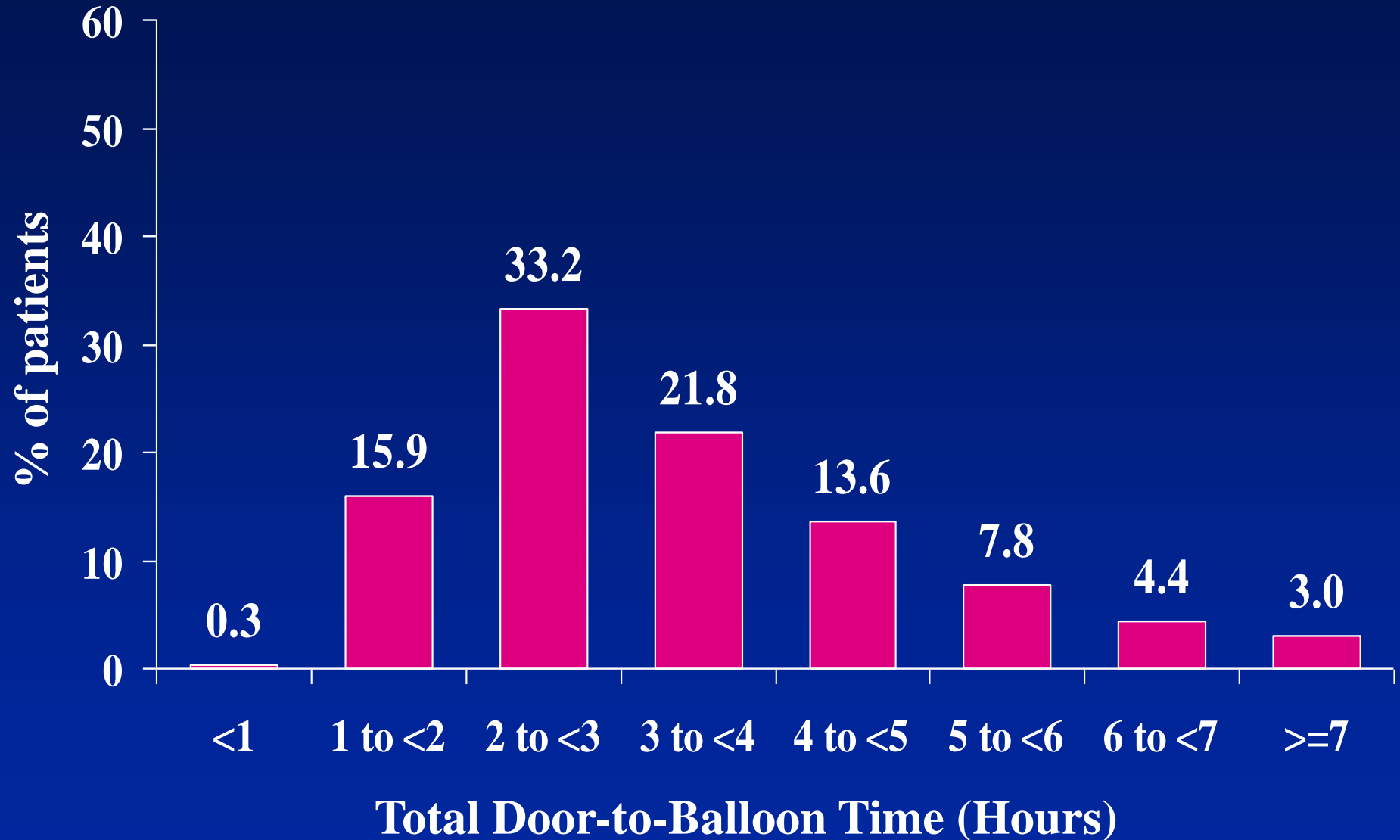


# The Real World

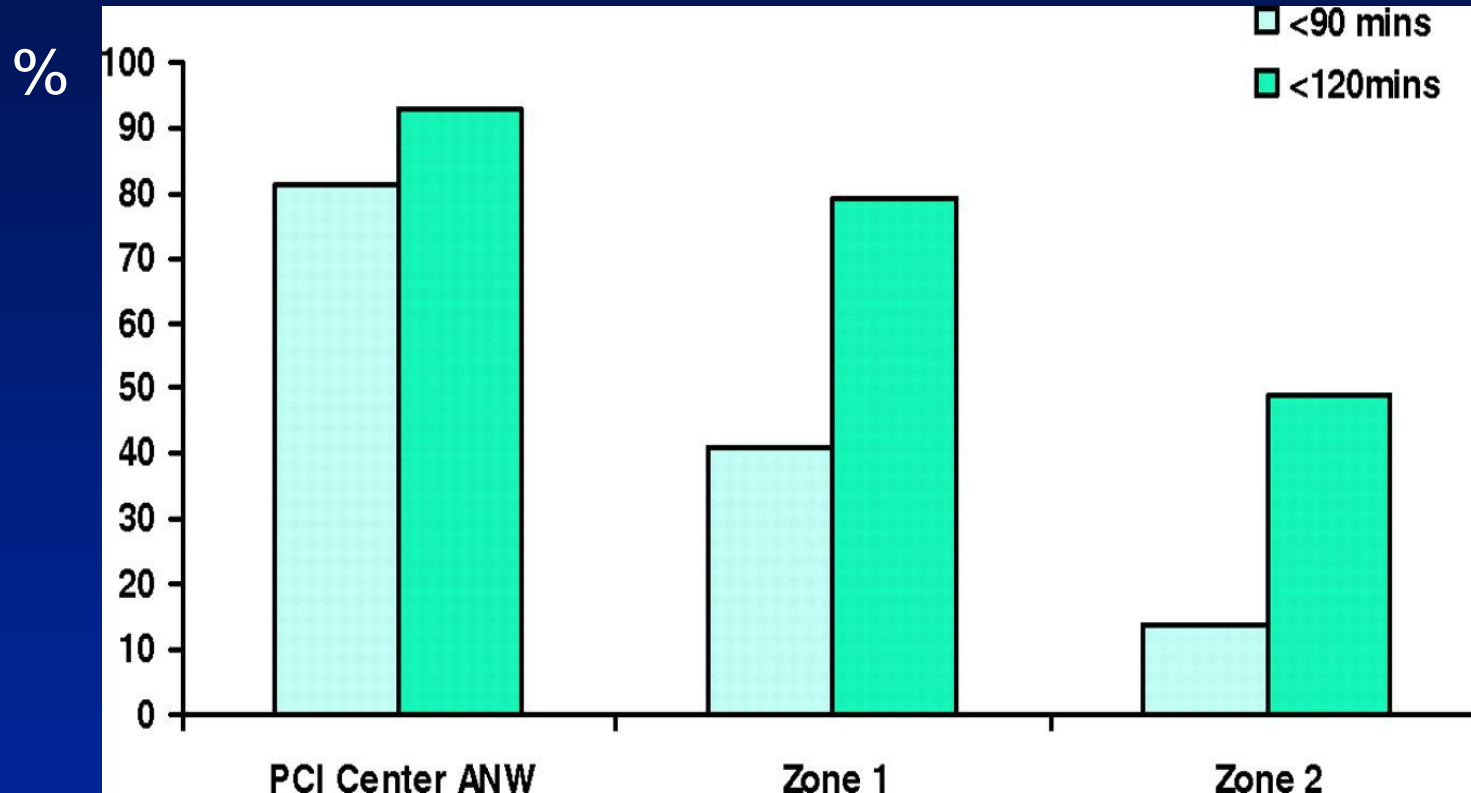
# Cumulative Time-to-Balloon Intervals in OTTAWA



# Time delays in Transfer Patients for Primary PCI



# MINNESOTA Study: First Door-to-Balloon

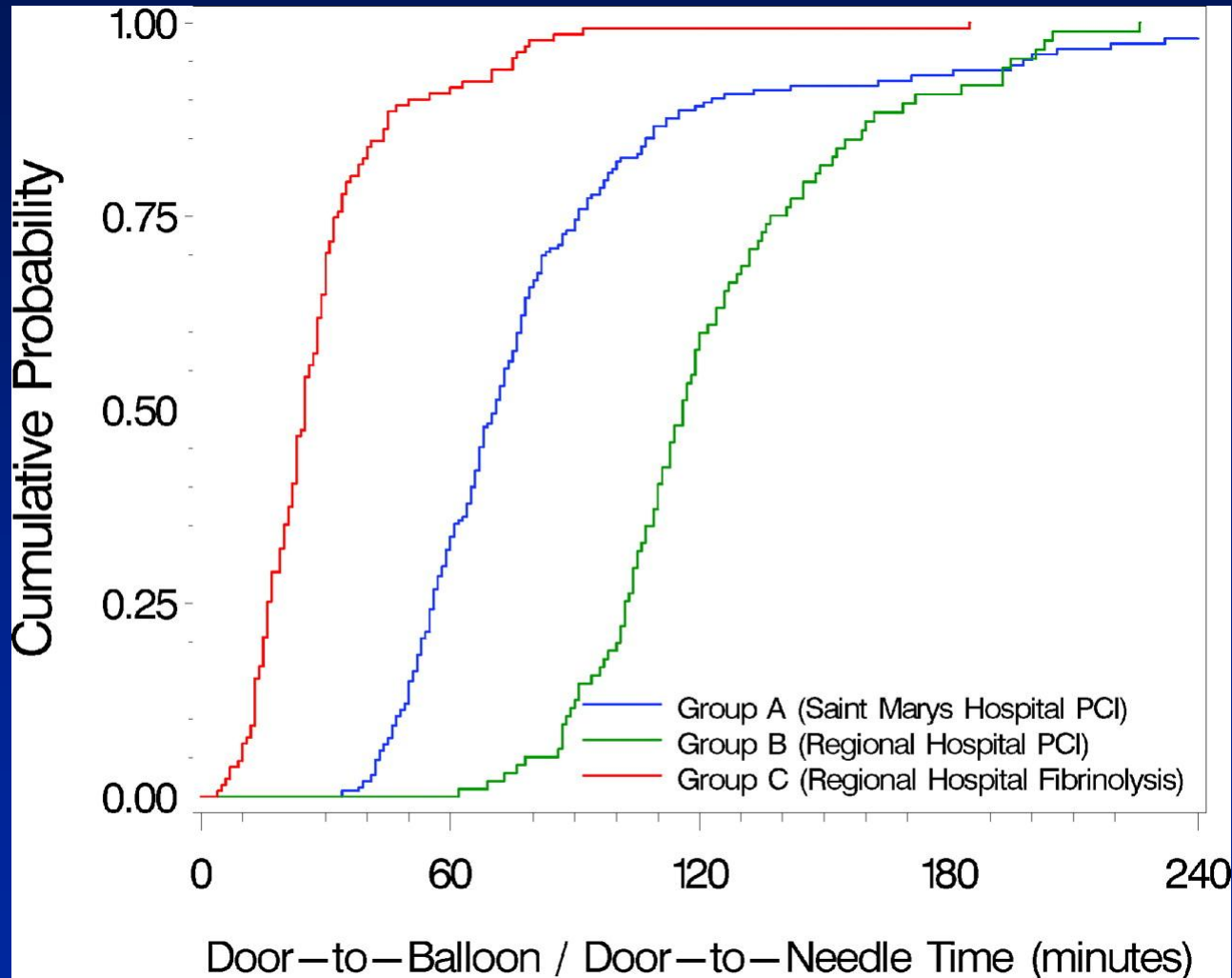


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**Zone 1 : < 60 miles**

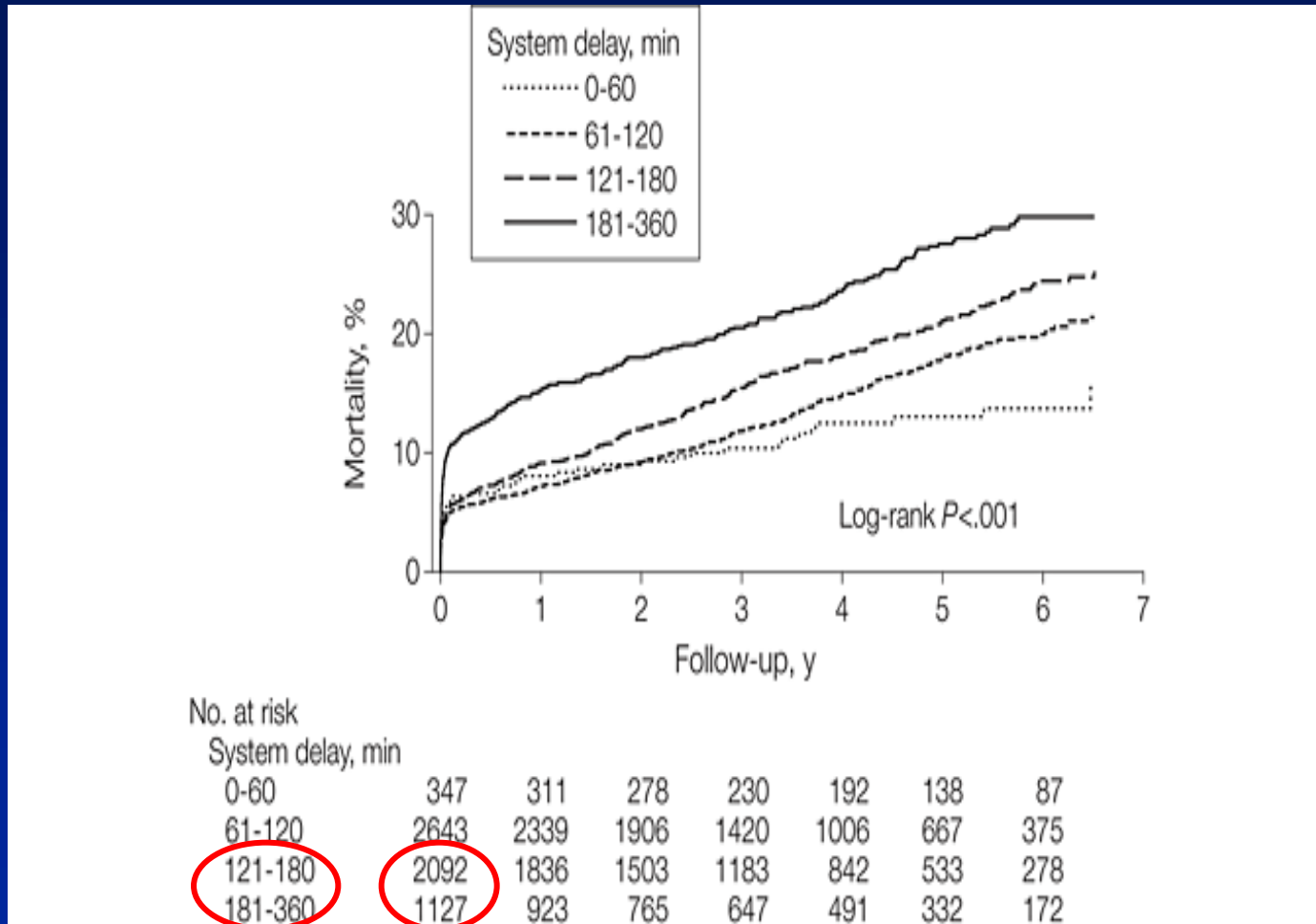
**Zone 2 : 60-210 miles**

# MAYO STUDY : Door-to-balloon and door-to-needle times for group A (PCI-hospital), group B (regional hospital transfer for PCI), and group C (regional hospital fibrinolysis)



Ting, H. H. et al. *Circulation* 2007;116:729-736

# Mortality Estimates for 6209 Danish Patients With STEMI Treated With Primary PCI



# Two Different Strategies

- **Facilitated PCI:** pharmacological reperfusion treatment delivered prior to a **planned PCI** in order to bridge the PCI-related time delay
- **Pharmacoinvasive strategy:** intravenous fibrinolytic treatment, followed by coronary angiography on an urgent basis if lytic therapy failed (rescue PCI) or later to determine long-term treatment (PCI, CABG, medical).

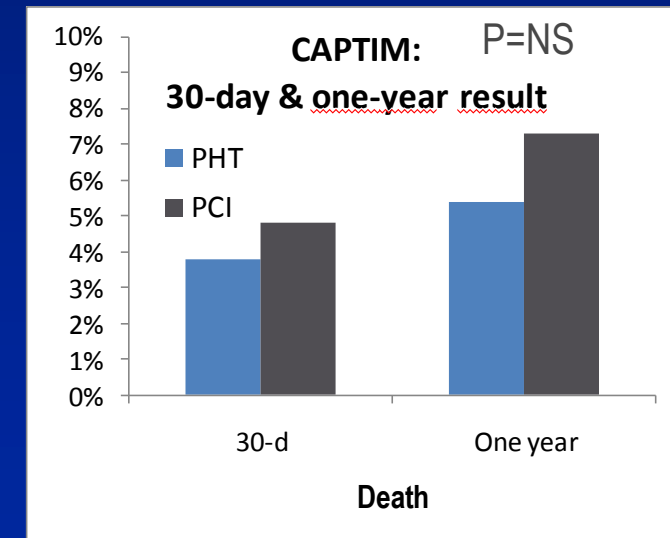
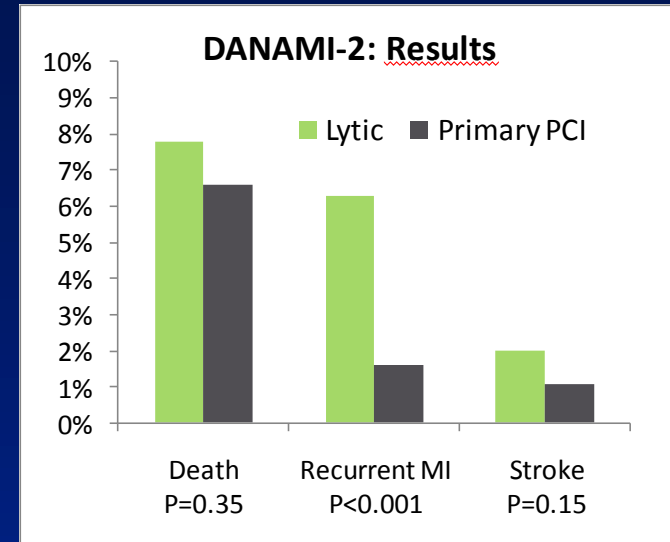
# A Conservative vs Invasive Transfer Approach

**DANAMI-2:**  
benefits of PPCI even in transfer patients

Rescue PCI: 1.8%  
Any Revasc: 17%

**CAPTIM:**  
lower mortality with PHT up to 5 years

Rescue PCI: 26%  
Any Revasc: 72%



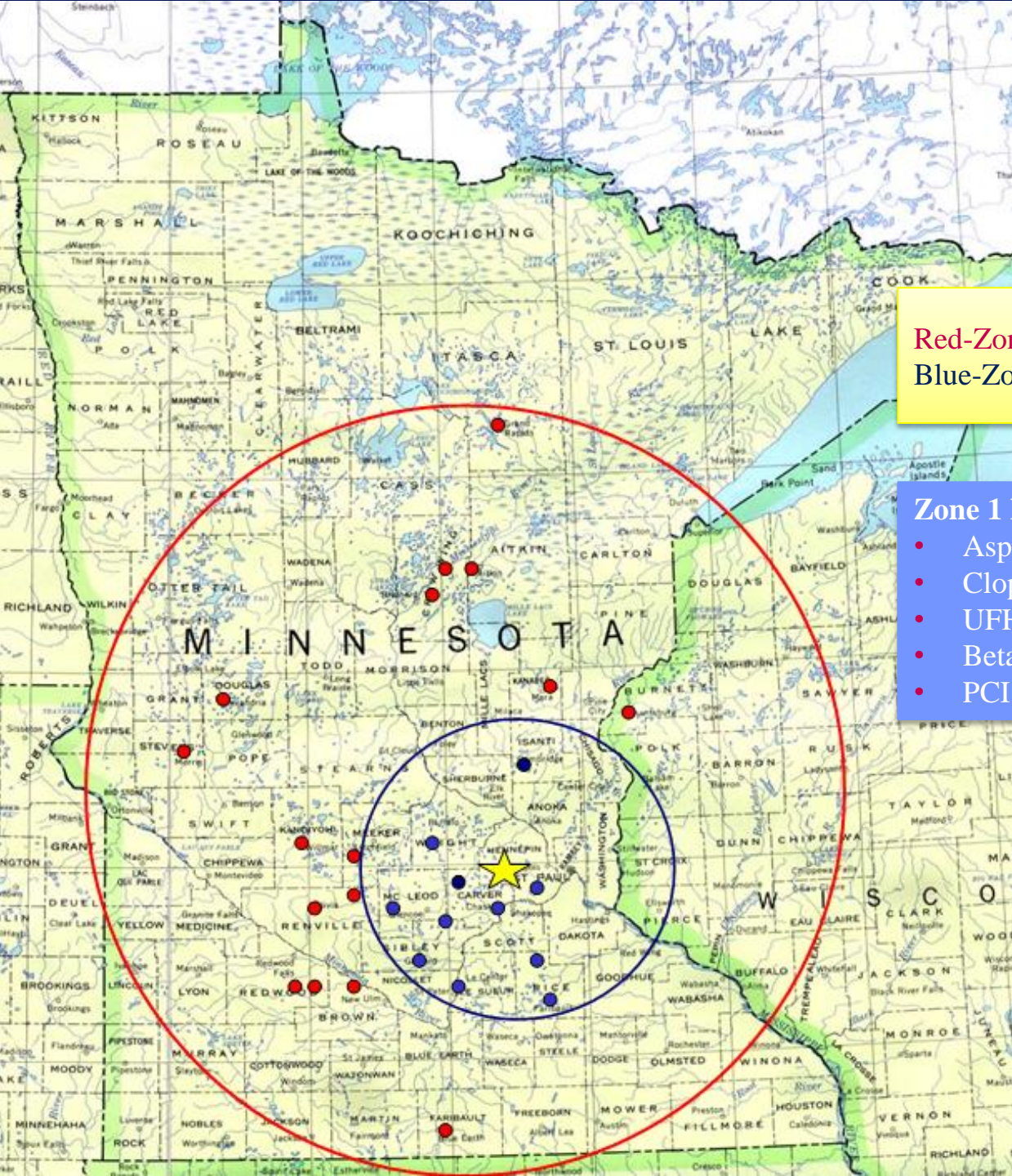
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# Comparison of key results from DANAMI-2 and CAPTIM

Results	DANAMI-2 Trial		CAPTIM Trial	
	In-hospital fibrinolysis ( <i>n</i> = 562)	Transfer to PPCI ( <i>n</i> = 567)	Prehospital fibrinolysis ( <i>n</i> = 419)	Transfer to PPCI ( <i>n</i> = 419)
Median age (years)	<b>64</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>
Median time to fibrinolysis (min)	<b>169</b>		<b>107</b>	
Median time to PCI (min)		<b>224</b>		<b>190</b>
Rescue PCI (%)	<b>1.8</b>		<b>26</b>	
Reinfarction (%)	<b>6.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Elective revascularization‡ (%)	<b>17</b>		<b>72</b>	
30-day all-cause mortality (%)	<b>8.5</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.8</b>
All-cause mortality at follow-up* (%)	<b>33.3</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>12.6</b>
Cardiac mortality at follow-up* (%)	<b>16.4</b>	<b>12.8</b>		

\*In the first 30-days. ‡Follow-up was 5 years in the CAPTIM Trial and 7.8 years in the DANAMI-2 Trial. Abbreviations: CAPTIM, comparison of primary angioplasty and pre-hospital fibrinolysis in acute myocardial infarction; DANAMI, Danish Acute Myocardial Infarction; NA, not applicable; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention; PPCI, primary percutaneous coronary intervention.



Red-Zone II (90-120mins)  
Blue-Zone I (<90 mins)

- Zone 1 Protocol
- Aspirin 325 mg
  - Clopidogrel 600mg
  - UFH
  - Beta-blocker
  - PCI

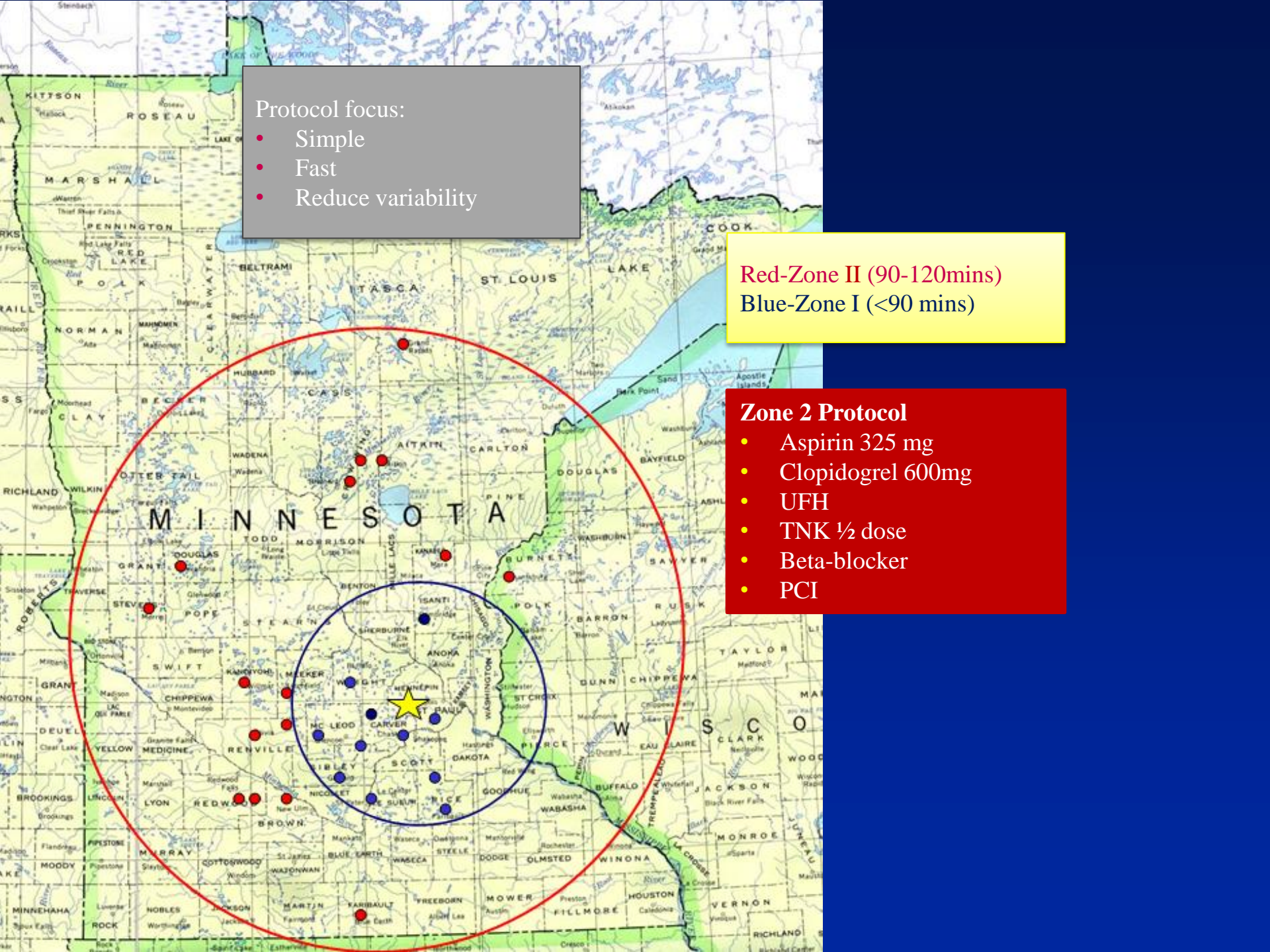
Protocol focus:

- Simple
- Fast
- Reduce variability

Red-Zone II (90-120mins)  
Blue-Zone I (<90 mins)

**Zone 2 Protocol**

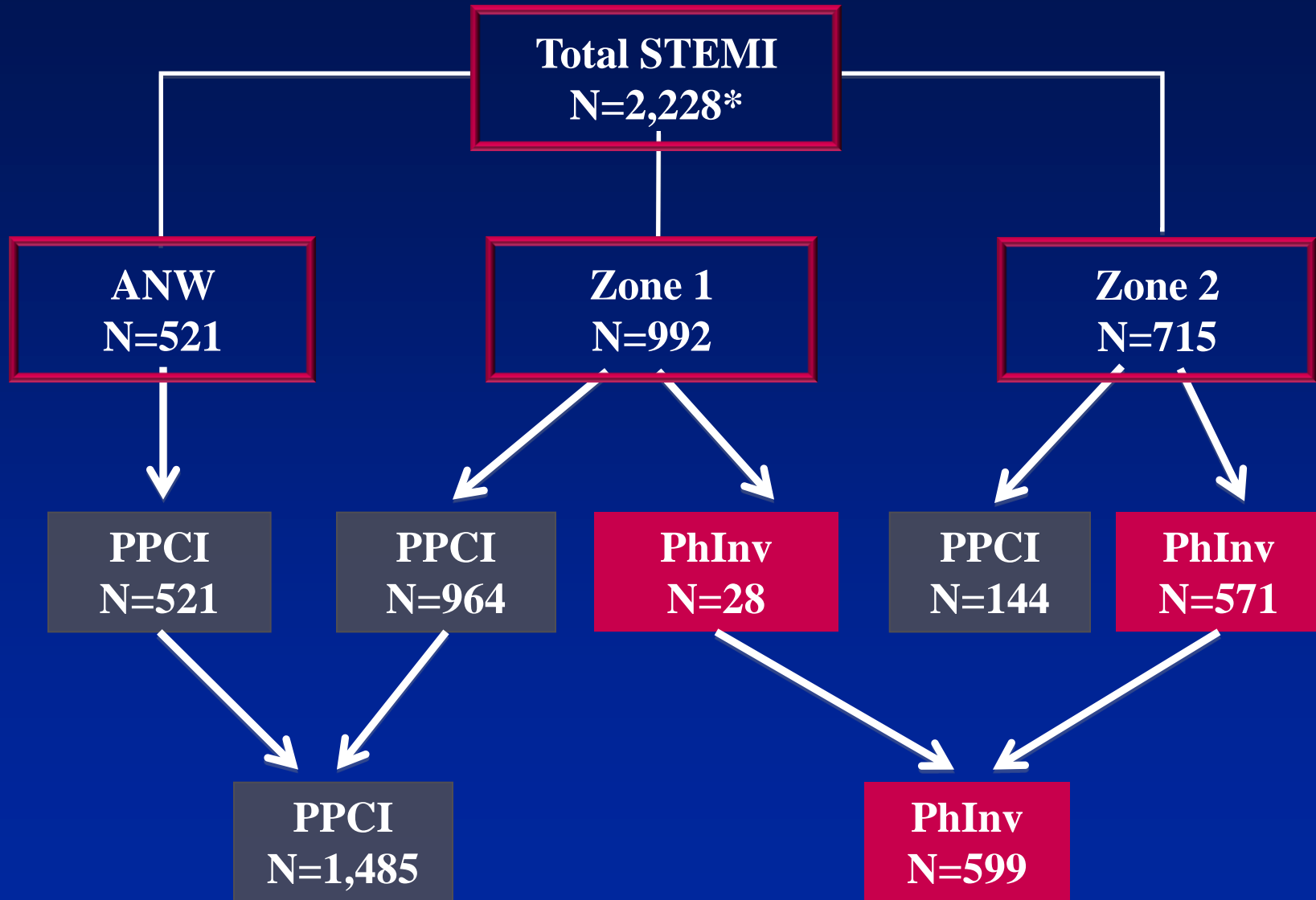
- Aspirin 325 mg
- Clopidogrel 600mg
- UFH
- TNK ½ dose
- Beta-blocker
- PCI



# Time to reperfusion segments (min)

	PCI Hosp	Zone 1 (<60 miles)	Zone 2 (60-210 miles)	P value
Symptoms to hospital	103 (60, 232)	88 (47, 195)	88 (44,185)	0.008/ 0.002
In door – out door	NA	49 (36, 67)	61 (48, 83)	
Door to fibrinolytic	NA	NA	29	
Transport	NA	22 (16, 31)	35 (26, 48)	
Door to balloon	64 (44, 84)	95 (81, 117)	121 (101, 151)	<0.001/ <0.001
Total reperfusion	171 (118, 318)	195 (142, 305)	218 (165, 329)	<0.001/ <0.001

# Patients presenting between 2003 and 2009



\*Excluding no culprits. Patients presented between 2003 and 2009

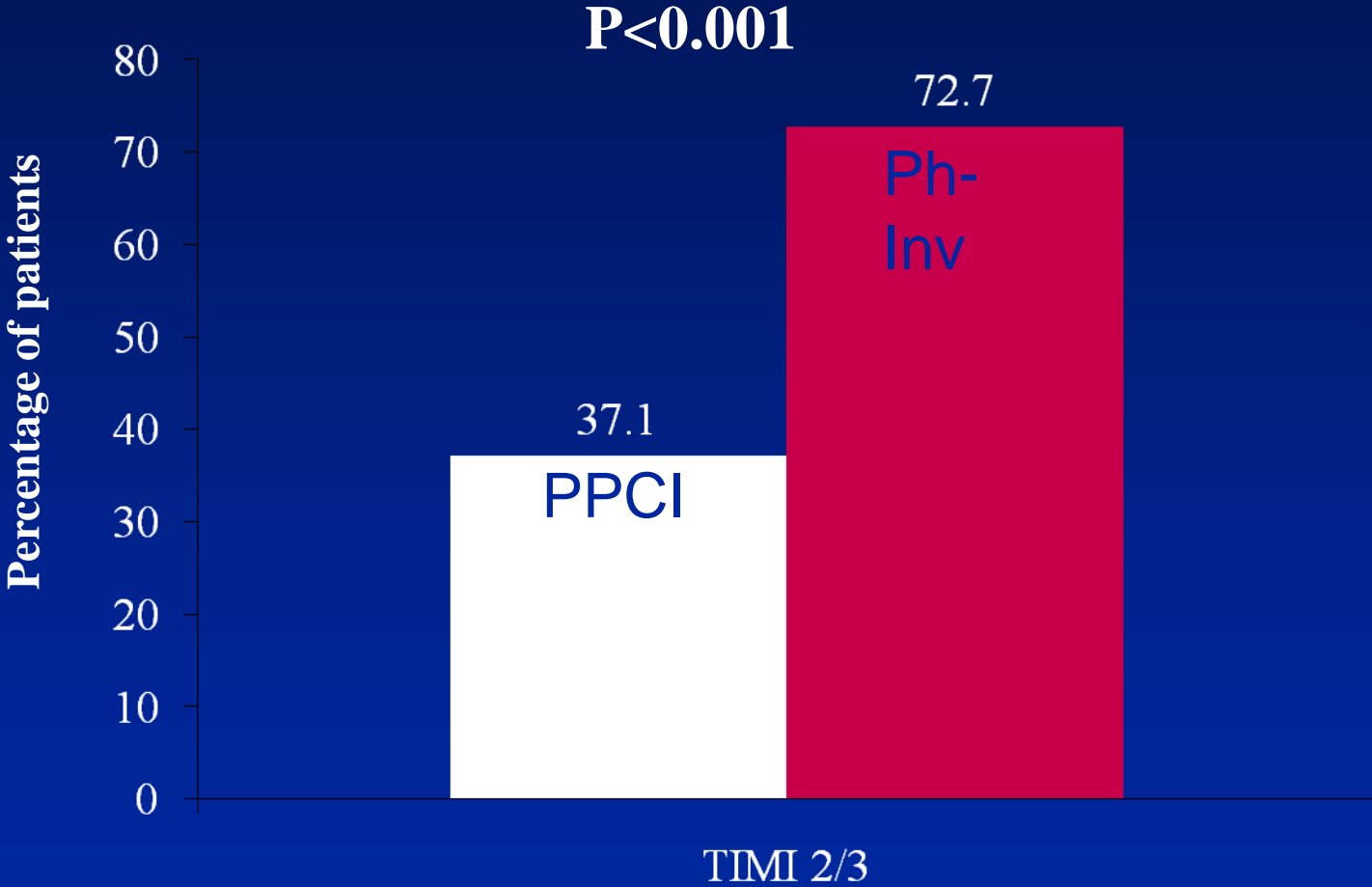
# Baseline characteristics

	PPCI	Ph-Inv	P value
Age	62.4 ± 14.1	63.3 ± 13.2	0.18
Patients ≥ 75 yrs	343 (23.1)	138 (24.0)	0.98
Male	1088 (73.3)	452 (75.5)	0.30
Hyperlipidaemia	820 (57.1)	327 (56.8)	0.88
Hypertension	850 (57.6)	329 (55.1)	0.29
Diabetes	233 (15.8)	101 (16.9)	0.53
Current smoking	593 (40.3)	242 (40.7)	0.87
History of MI	276 (18.7)	114 (10.0)	0.84
History of CABG	91 (6.2)	33 (5.5)	0.58
History of PCI	297 (20.1)	107 (17.9)	0.24

# Clinical characteristics

	<b>PPCI</b>	<b>Ph-Inv</b>	<b>P value</b>
Cardiogenic shock before PCI	155 (10.4)	49 (8.2)	0.12
Cardiac arrest before PCI	137 (9.2)	39 (6.5)	0.044
Out of hosp cardiac arrest	79 (5.3)	24 (4.0)	0.21
Anterior MI	499 (33.8)	211 (35.4)	0.48
Killip Class 2-4	223 (15.0)	86 (14.4)	0.70
LBBB	38 (2.6)	9 (1.5)	0.14

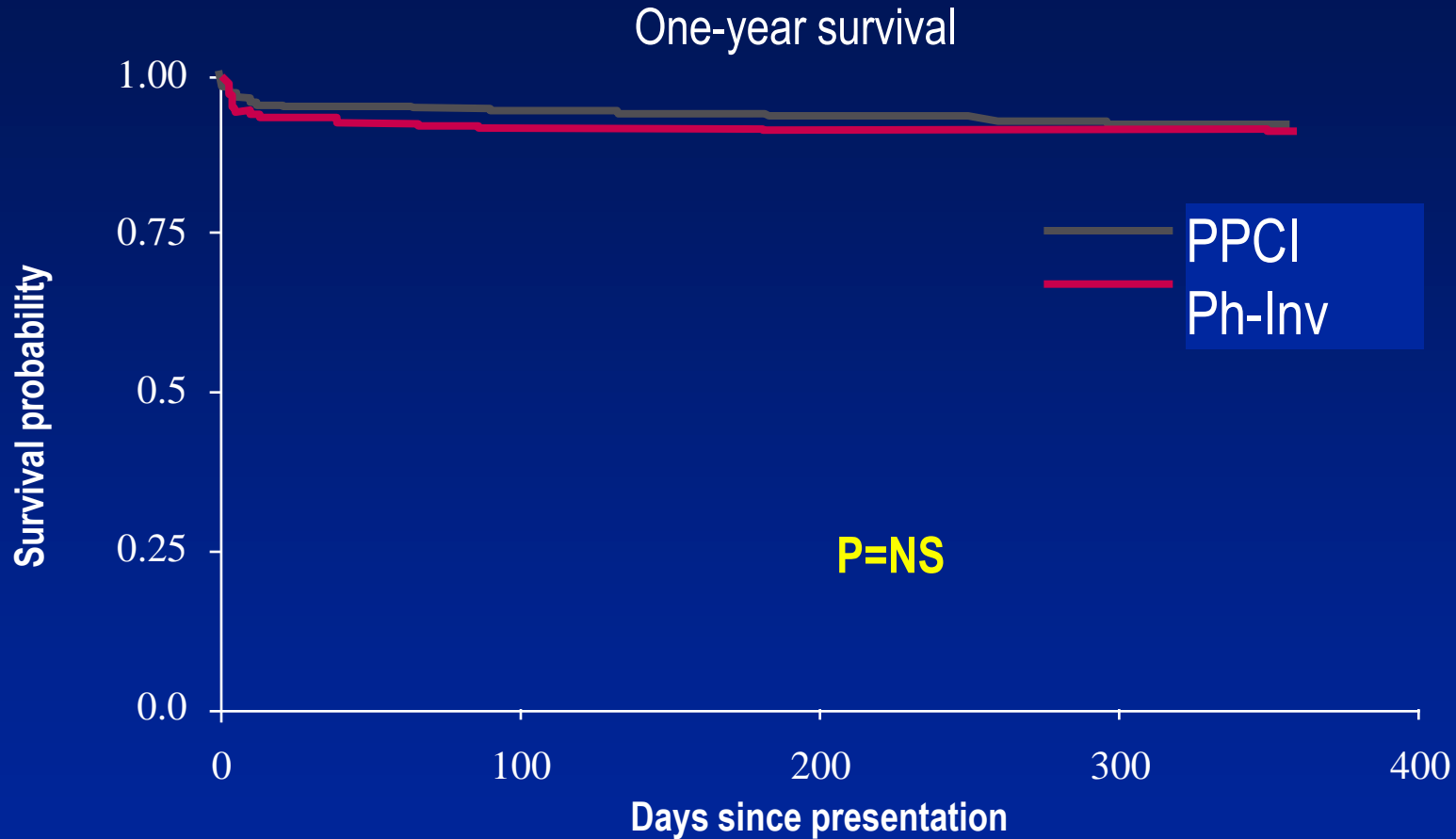
# Pre-PCI patency



# Results

	<b>PCI Hosp PPCI N=496</b>	<b>Zone 1 (&lt;60) PPCI N=1,005</b>	<b>Zone 2 (60-210) Ph-Inv N=606</b>	<b>P value PCI Hosp vs. Zone 2</b>
<b>D2B time</b>	64 (44, 84)	95 (81, 117)	123 (102, 151)	<0.0001
<b>Mortality hospital</b>	5.0%	4.4%	5.5%	0.76
<b>Mortality 30 day</b>	5.7%	5.2%	5.8%	0.93
<b>Re-ischaemia 30 days</b>	3.0%	0.9%	1.0%	0.014
<b>Major Bleeding</b>	1.4%	0.7%	1.2%	0.71
<b>Stroke 30 days</b>	1.2%	0.5%	1.0%	0.73

# Kaplan-Meier survival



# Strategic Reperfusion Early After MI

Patients presenting with STEMI <3 hrs from onset of symptoms  
that cannot reliably undergo primary PCI <60 min

**Group A**

**Group B**

<75 years: TNK  
Routine ASA

≥ 75 years:  
1/2TNK  
Routine ASA

ASA,  
No lytic

Clopidogrel:  
LD 300 mg + 75 mg QD  
Enoxaparin:  
30 mg IV + 1 mg/kg SC Q12h

Clopidogrel: 75 mg QD  
Enoxaparin:  
0.75mg/kg SC Q12h

Antiplatelet and  
anticoagulation  
treatment according  
to local standards

ECG at 90 min: ST resolution ≥ 50%  
**YES** **NO**

Diagnostic angiography  
+ PCI / stent, if  
indicated > 6 hrs / < 24  
hrs

Rescue angiography  
+ PCI / stent  
immediately

Standard  
angiography +  
PCI / stent  
immediately

Ambulance → hospital → Cath lab

Ambulance → cath lab

# 2009 ACC/AHA New or Modified Recommendations for Triage and Transfer for PCI

- **Class IIa** . It is reasonable for high-risk patients who receive fibrinolytic therapy as primary reperfusion therapy at a non-PCI-capable facility to be transferred as soon as possible to a PCI-capable facility where PCI can be performed either when needed or as a pharmacoinvasive strategy. Consideration should be given to initiating a preparatory antithrombotic (anticoagulant plus antiplatelet) regimen before and during patient transfer to the catheterization laboratory. (*Level of Evidence: B*)

# 2009 ACC/AHA New or Modified Recommendations for Triage and Transfer for PCI

- **Class IIb** . Patients who are not at high risk who receive fibrinolytic therapy as primary reperfusion therapy at a non-PCI-capable facility may be considered for transfer as soon as possible to a PCI-capable facility where PCI can be performed either when needed or as a pharmacoinvasive strategy. Consideration should be given to initiating a preparatory antithrombotic (anticoagulant plus antiplatelet) regimen before and during patient transfer to the catheterization laboratory. *(Level of Evidence: C)*

# Polls at the TCT Website (October 12,2010)

## POLL

Which therapy for STEMI patients would you like to learn more about?

Pharmacologic therapy  
20%

Aspiration thrombectomy  
38%

Out-of-hospital reperfusion  
12%

DES as standard of care  
30%

## POLL

Fibrinolytic therapy should be given to STEMI patients with:

Transfer delays up to 60 min  
22%

Transfer delays up to 90 min  
31%

Transfer delays up to 120 min  
32%

Always  
6%

Never  
9%

## POLL

Which strategies would you like to compare for STEMI patients?

Facilitated PCI (Y/N)  
22%

Thrombolysis vs. primary PCI  
20%

DES vs. BMS  
39%

Heparin vs. Bivalirudin  
19%

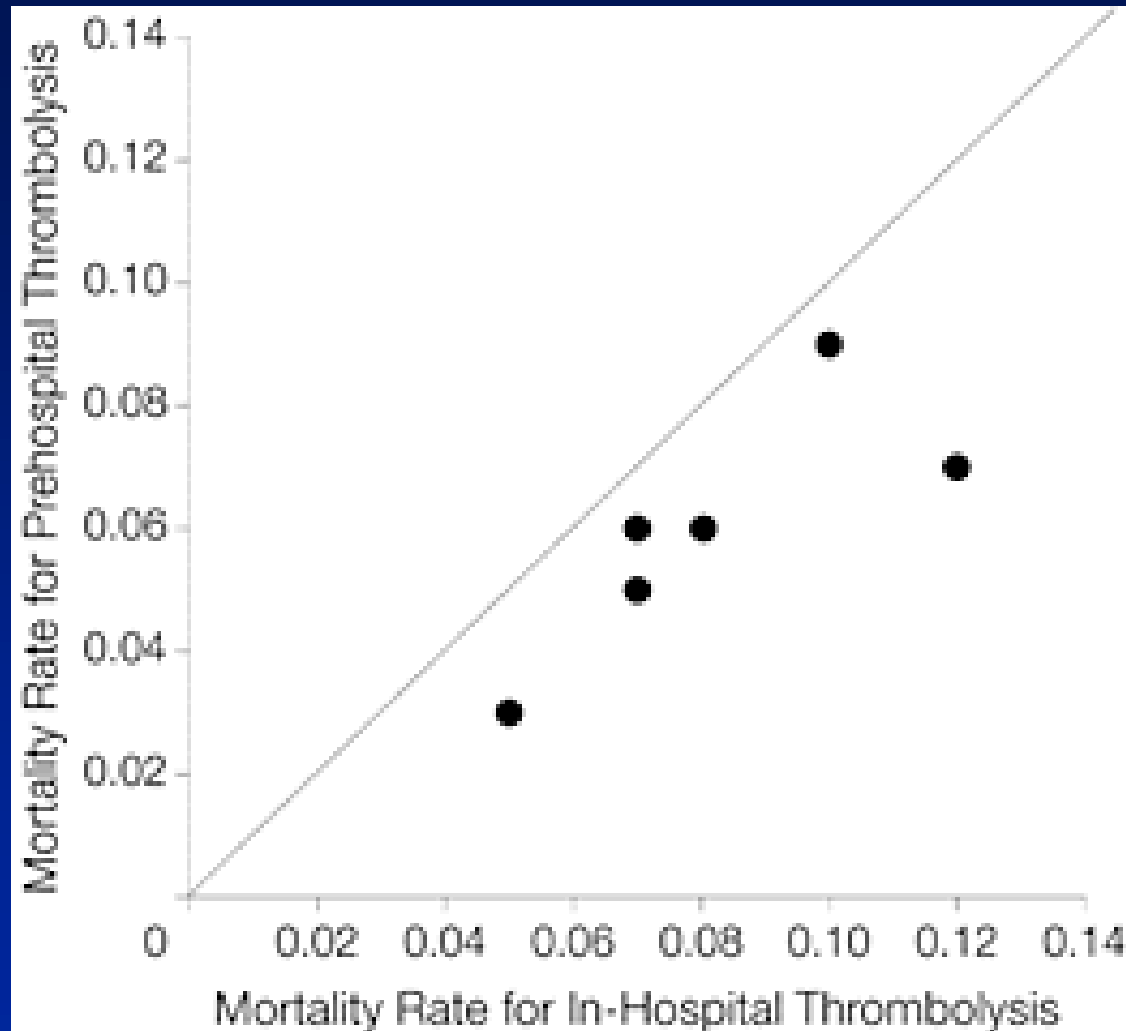
# **Conclusions**

## **The Window for Fibrinolysis**

- **“Outside the window of primary PCI”**
- **Whether it should be given up to 12h after onset of infarction is debatable (if primary PCI is not available)**
- **Inter-hospital transport of STEMI patients for primary PCI remains major issue**



# Mortality Rates in Control and Treatment Groups for Each Prehospital Thrombolytic Trial



Morrison, L. J. et al. JAMA 2000;283:2686-2692.

# Recommended Logistics

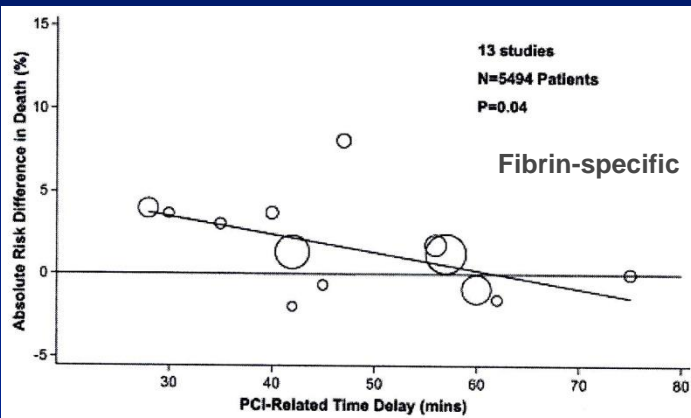
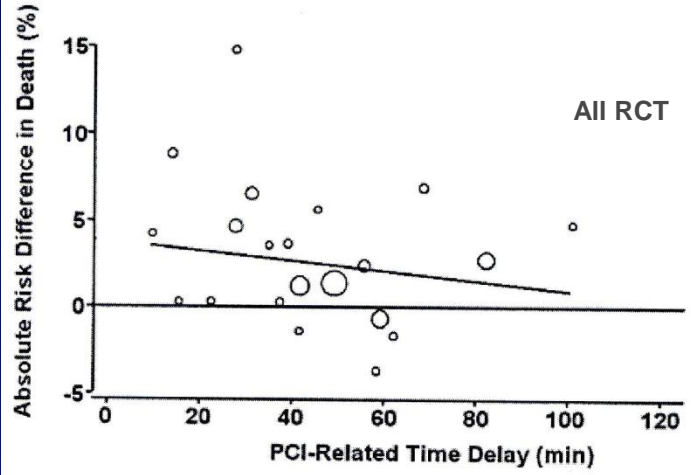
- **Pre-hospital triage/care:**
  - EMS
    - unique telephone number
    - tele-consultation
  - Ambulance
    - 12-ECG recorder/defibrillator
    - staff able to provide basic and advanced life support
- **Networks:**
  - implementation of a network of hospitals with different levels of technology connected by an efficient ambulance service using the same protocol
- **Targets:**
  - < 10 min ECG transmission
  - < 5 min tele-consultation
  - < 120 min to first balloon inflation
  - < 30 min start fibrinolytic therapy

# Importance of *PCI-related Delay* Data from Randomized Trials

Betriu and Masotti

Mortality equipose: 110 min

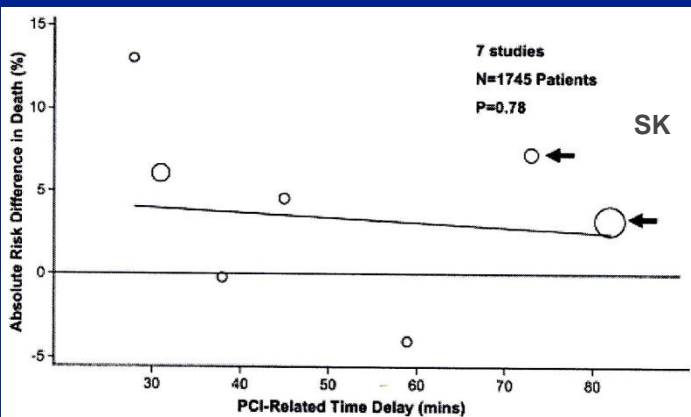
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Nallomothu, Antman and Bates

Mortality equipose : 62 min

Am J Cardiol 2004;94:772-774

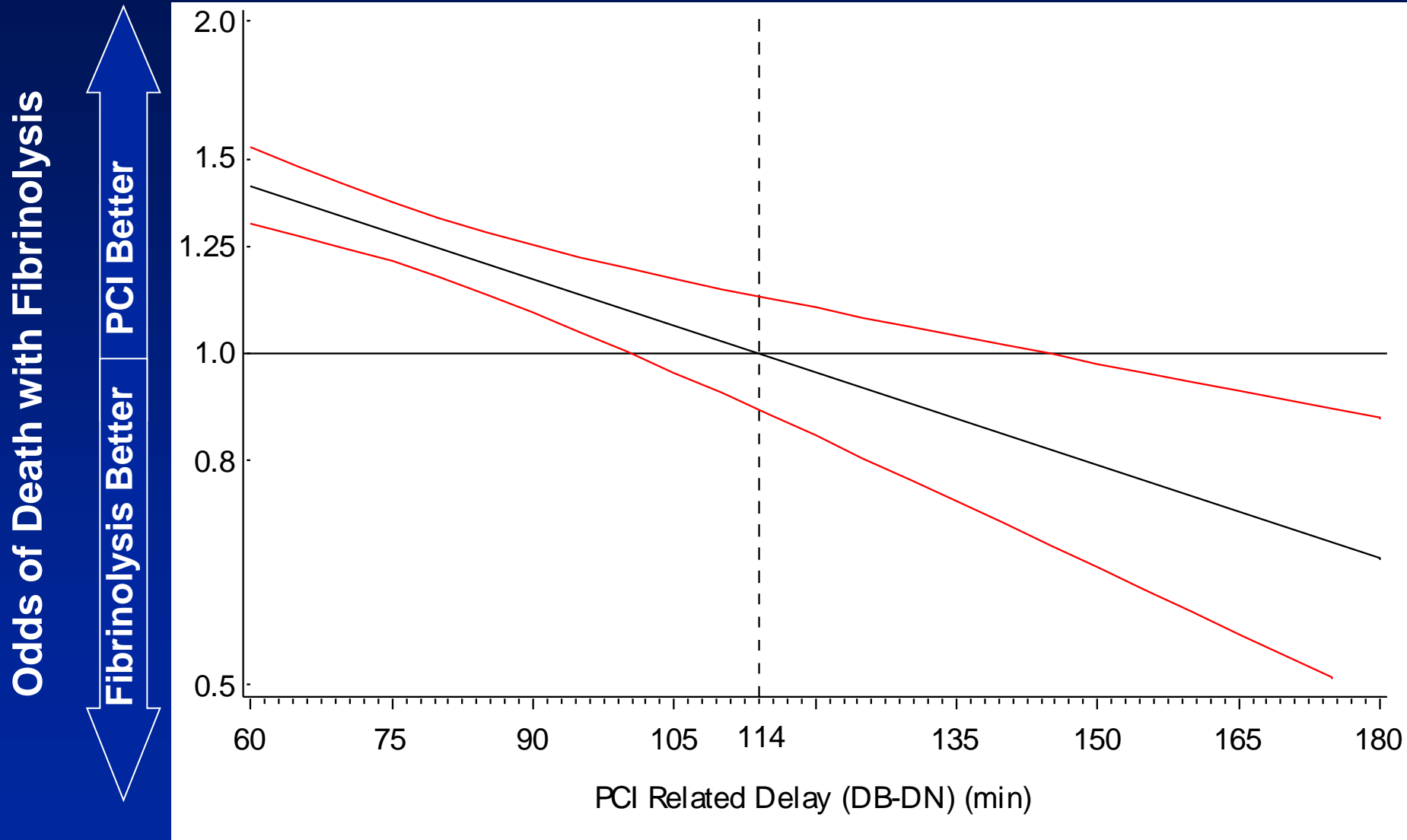


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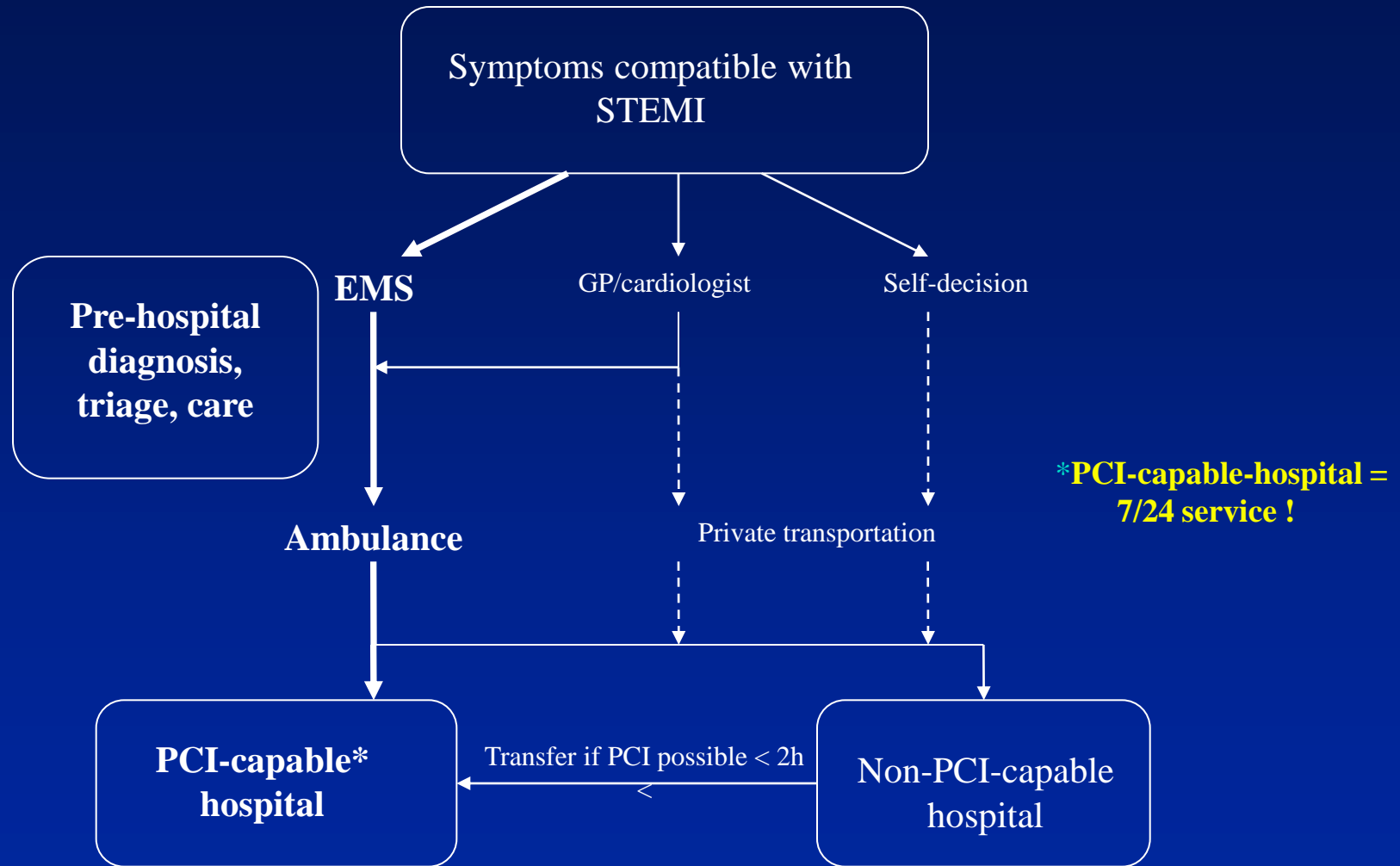
Mortality equipose : >170 min

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# PCI vs. Lysis: Importance of *PCI-related Delay* in NRMII 2,3,4 Registries



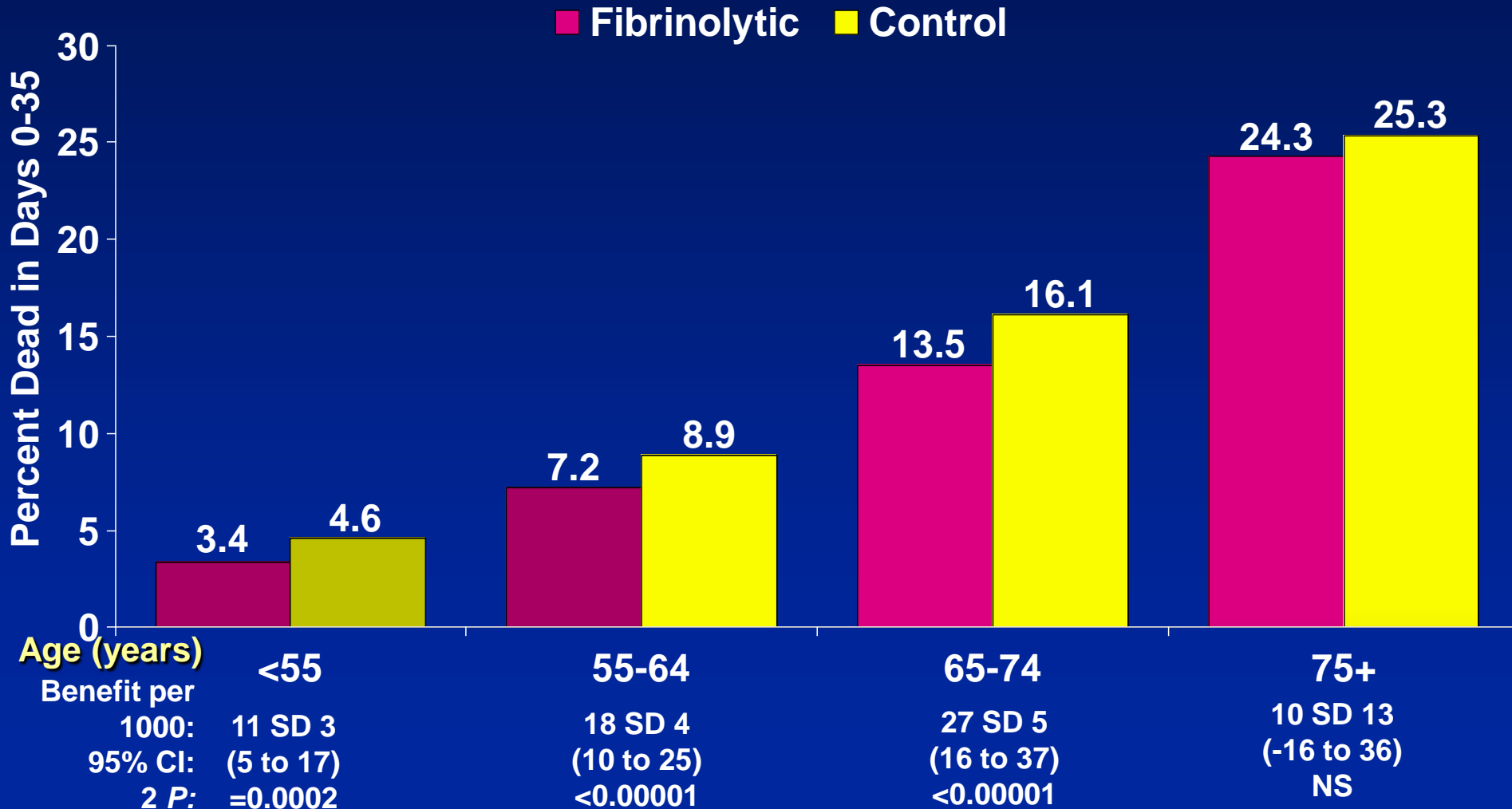
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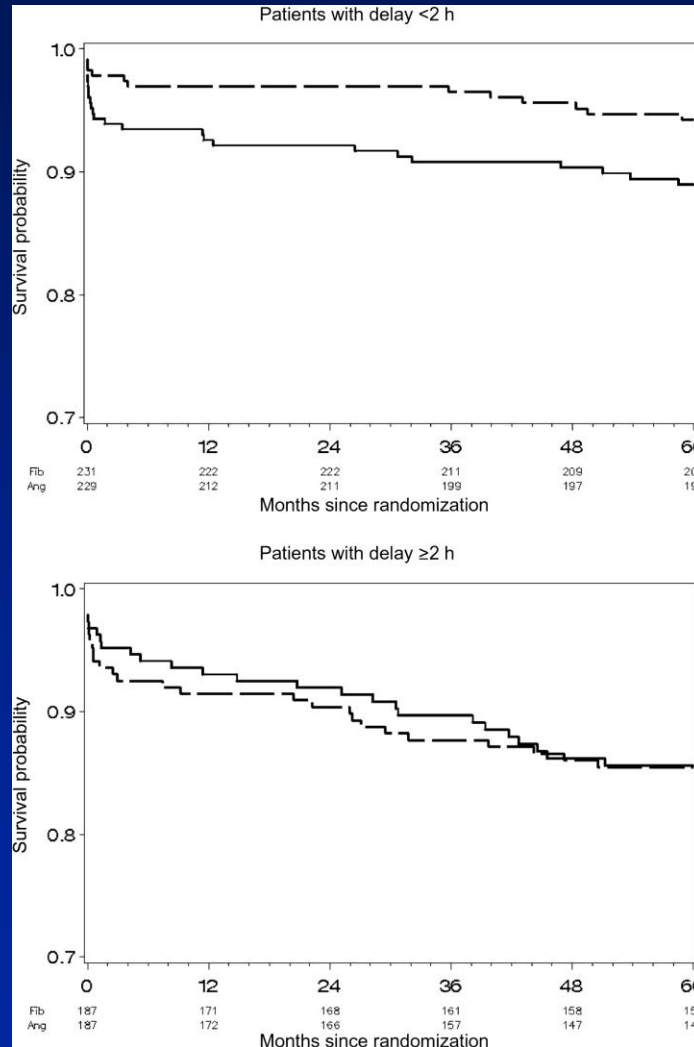
EMS: Emergency Medical System; STEMI: Acute ST-segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction; GP: General Practitioner; PCI: percutaneous coronary intervention

Thick arrows: preferred patient flow; dotted line: to be avoided

# Mortality and the Use of Fibrinolytics According to Age



# CAPTIM: 5 Year Survival Prehospital Thrombolysis vs Primary PCI

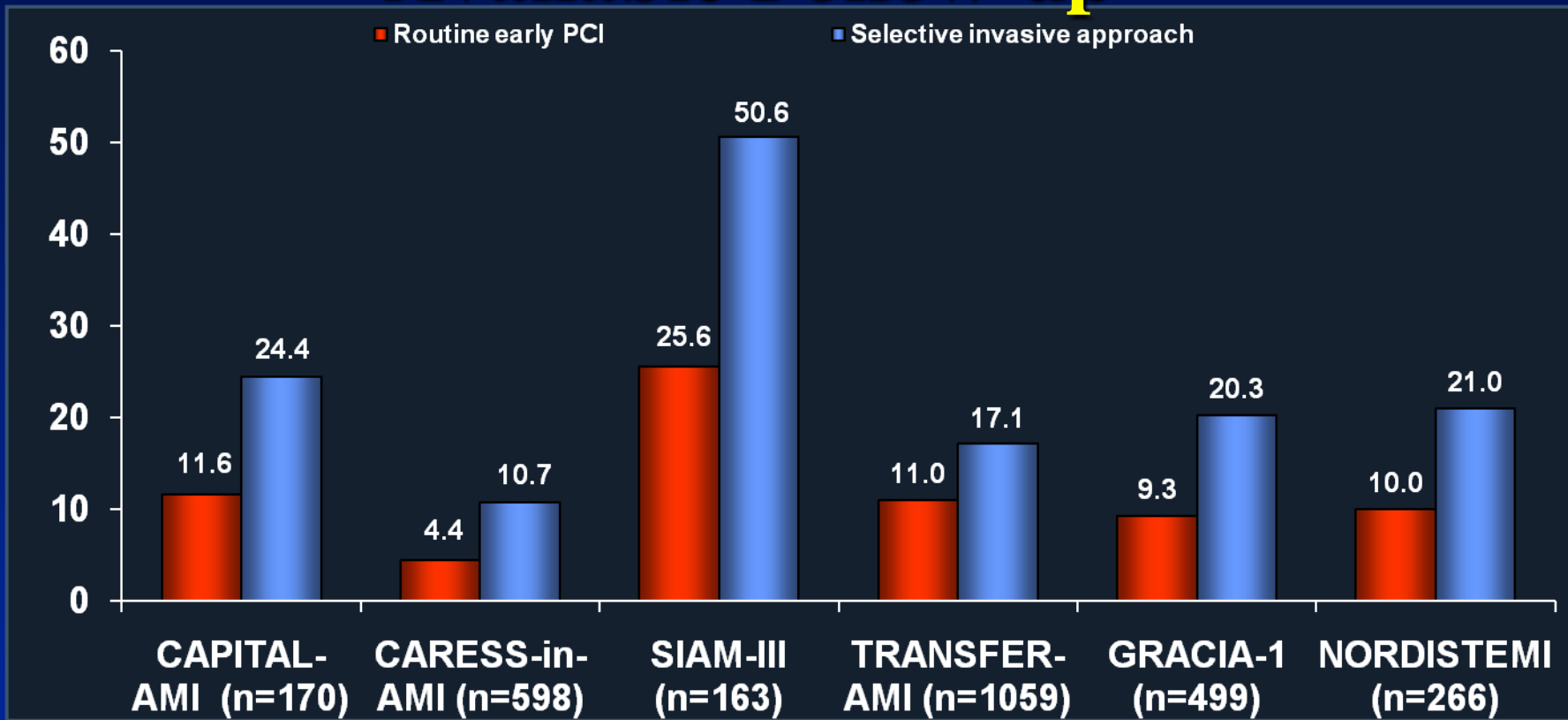


<2 hrs

HR 0.50 (95% CI, 0.25–0.97);  
P = 0.04

>2 hrs

# Rate of Ischemic Events at the Available Follow-up



Time from Fibrinolysis to Routine Early PCI (hr)

1.6

2.3

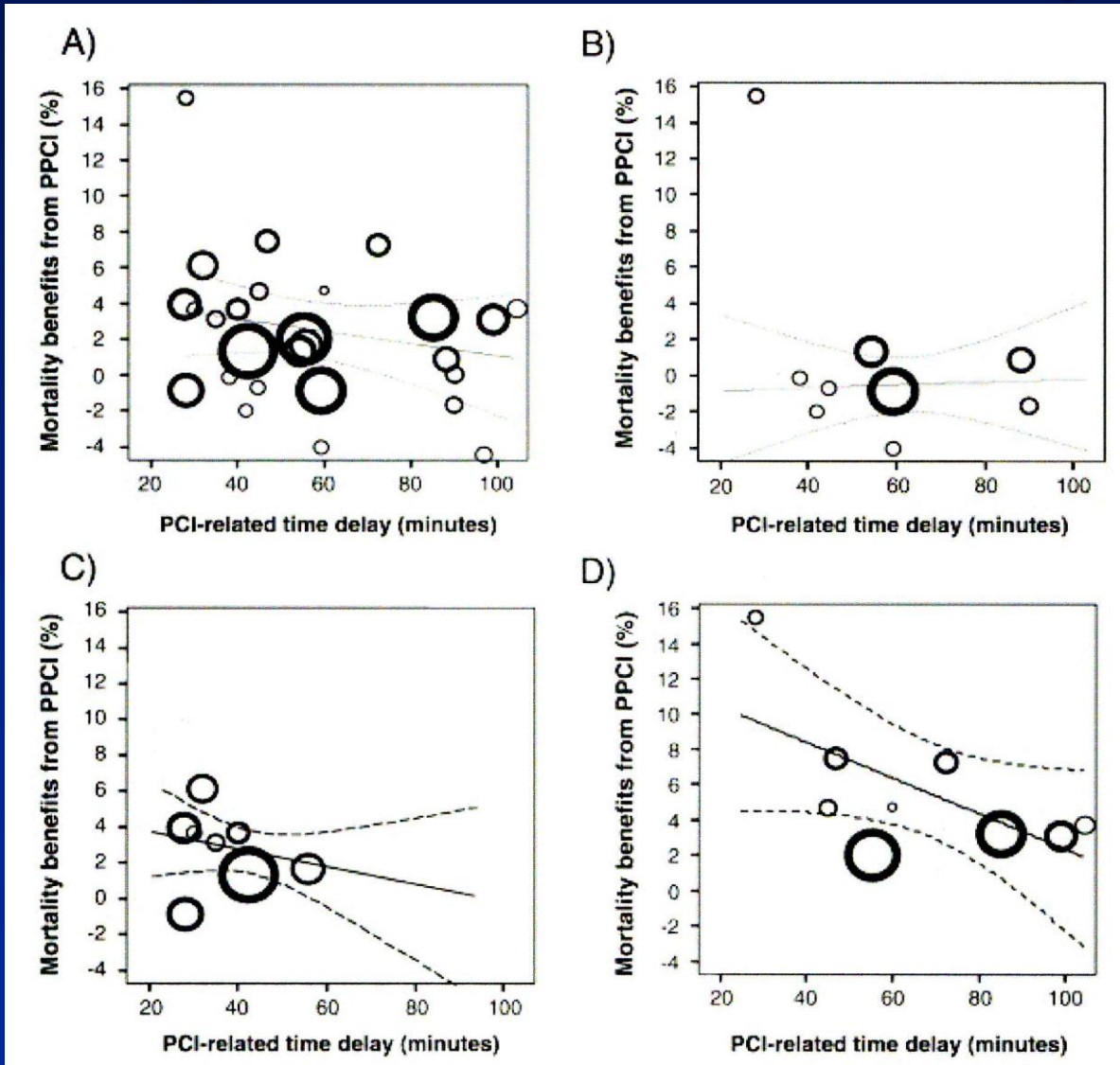
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3.9

16.7

2.7

# Impact of PCI-related delay on Mortality Benefit from Primary PCI



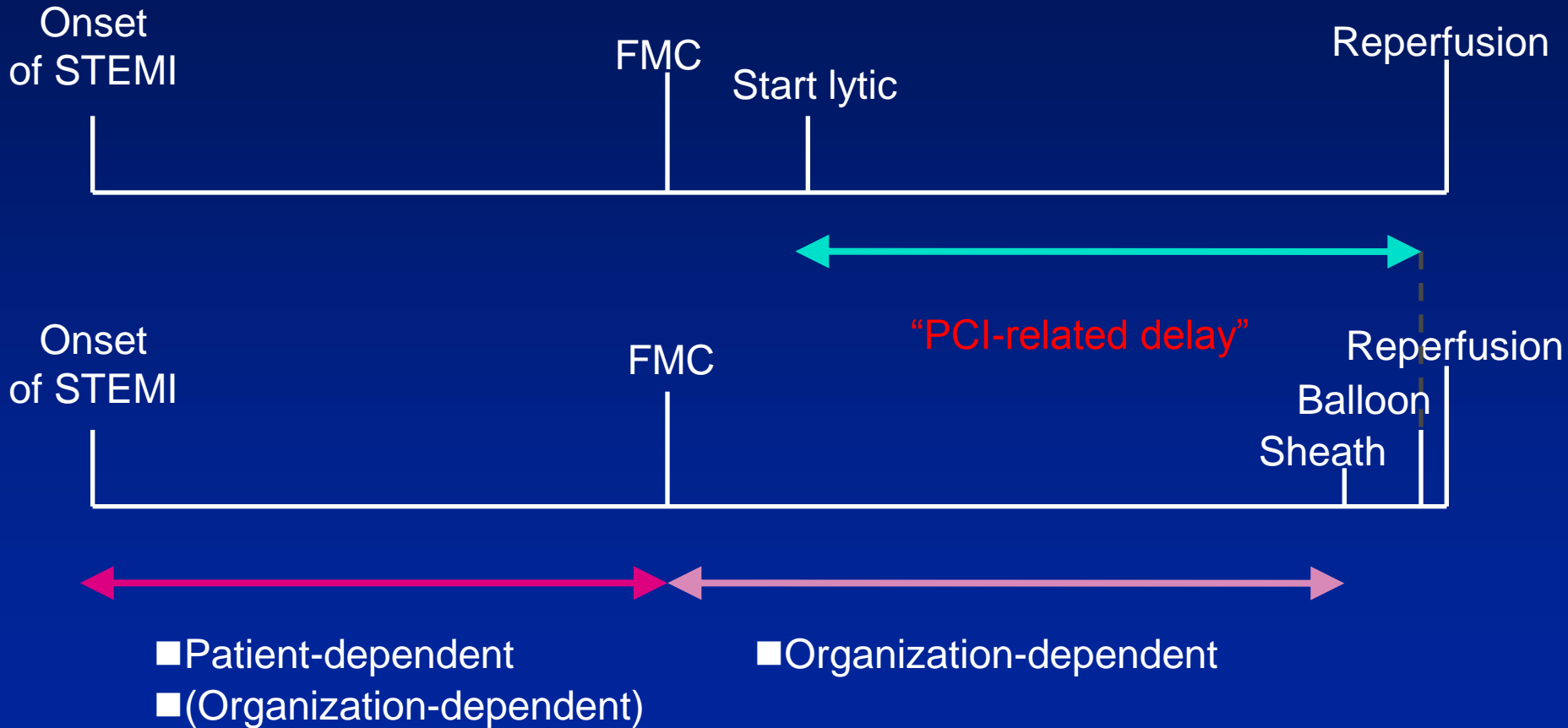
All patients  
180 min

Low risk  
no relationship

Medium risk  
92 min

High risk  
131 min

# Reperfusion Therapy: Important Time Lines



FMC: First Medical Contact or  
**First Diagnostic ECG**

# Polls at the TCT Website

## POLL

Which therapy for STEMI patients would you like to learn more about?

Pharmacologic therapy  
20%

Aspiration thrombectomy  
38%

Out-of-hospital reperfusion  
12%

DES as standard of care  
30%

## POLL

Fibrinolytic therapy should be given to STEMI patients with:

Transfer delays up to 60 min  
22%

Transfer delays up to 90 min  
31%

Transfer delays up to 120 min  
32%

Always  
6%

Never  
9%

## POLL

Which strategies would you like to compare for STEMI patients?

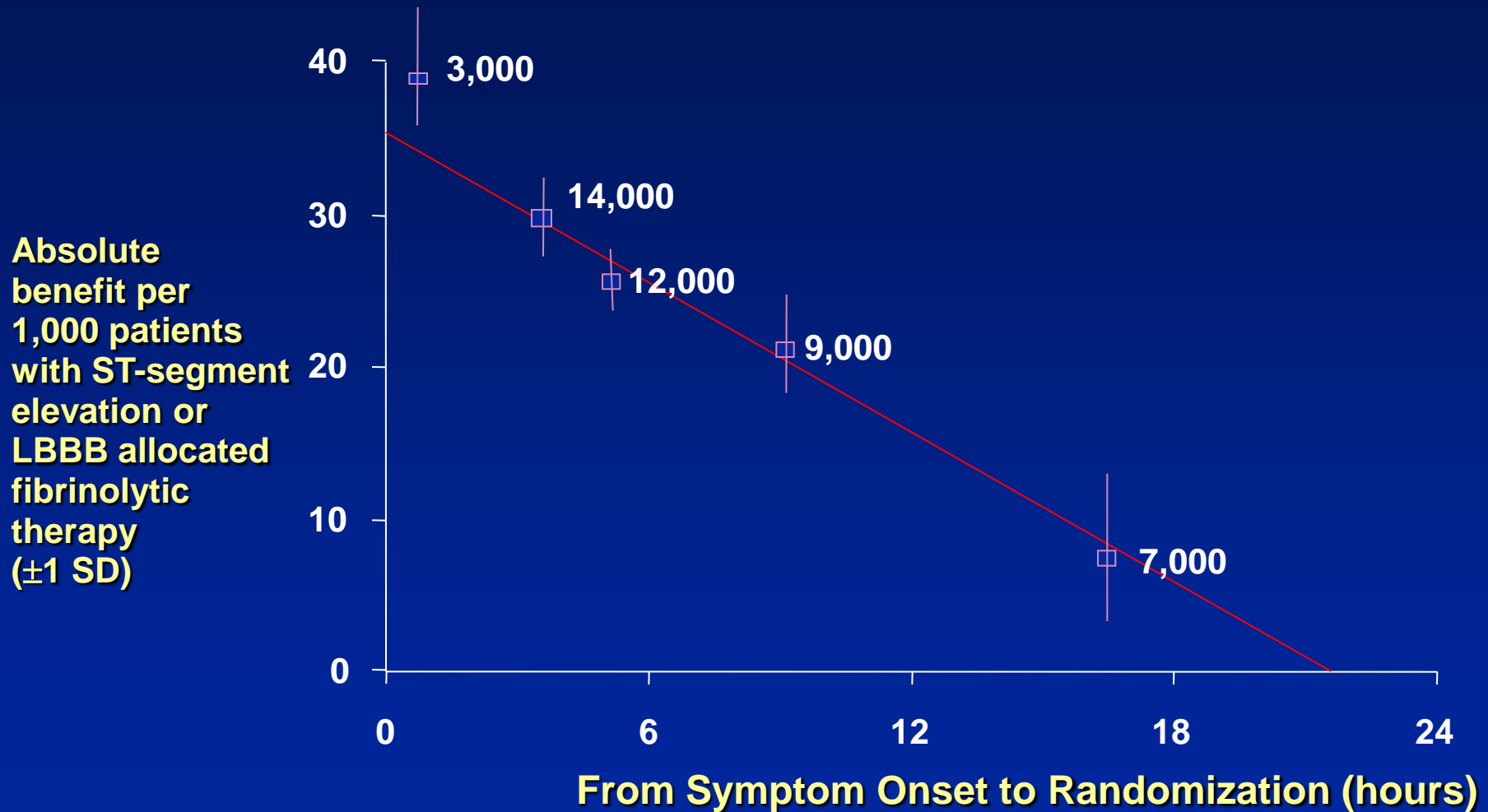
Facilitated PCI (Y/N)  
22%

Thrombolysis vs. primary PCI  
20%

DES vs. BMS  
39%

Heparin vs. Bivalirudin  
19%

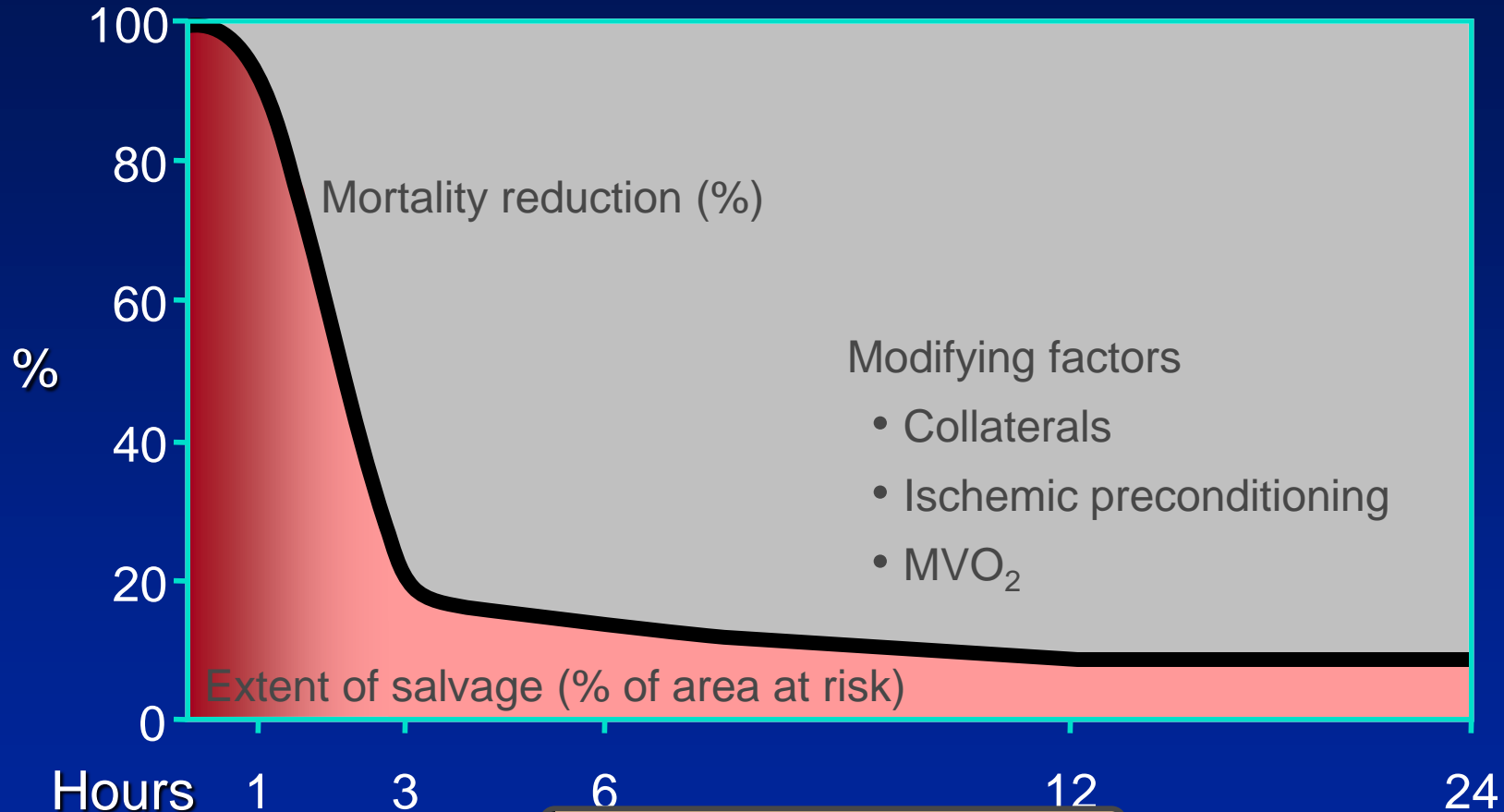
# Absolute Reduction in 35-Day Mortality Versus Delay From Symptom Onset to Randomization in Patients With ST-Segment Elevation or LBBB



Fibrinolytic Therapy Trialists' (FTT) Collaborative Group. *Lancet*. 1994;343:311-322.

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# Relationship Between Myocardial Salvage and Survival



Treatment objectives

Time to treatment is critical

Opening the IRA (PCI > lysis)