

# **ICD Sottocutaneo: Oggi “Alternativa”... Domani “Scelta Obbligata”?**



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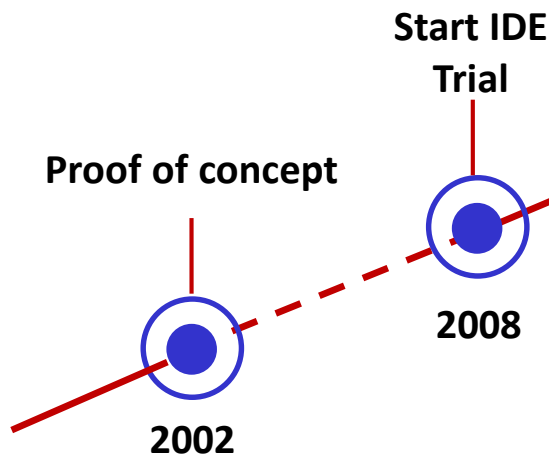


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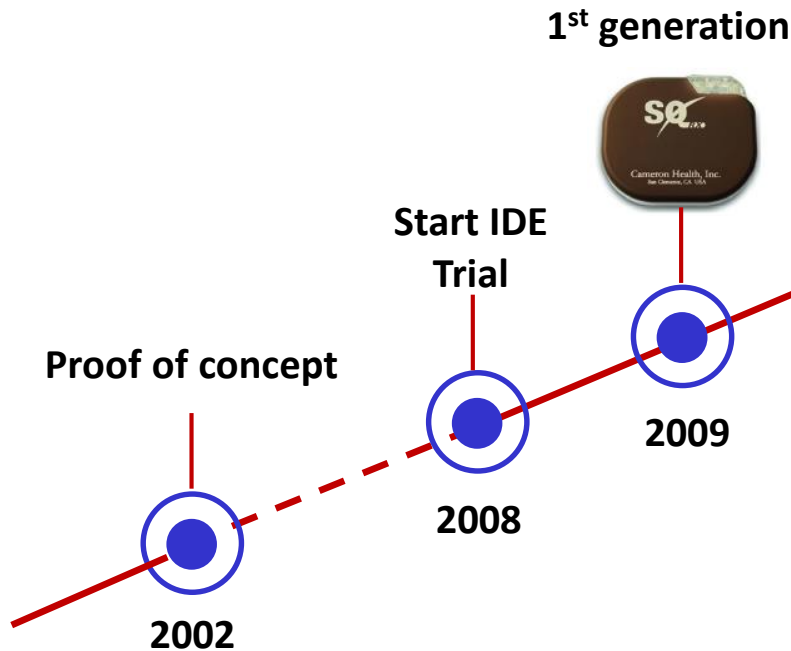
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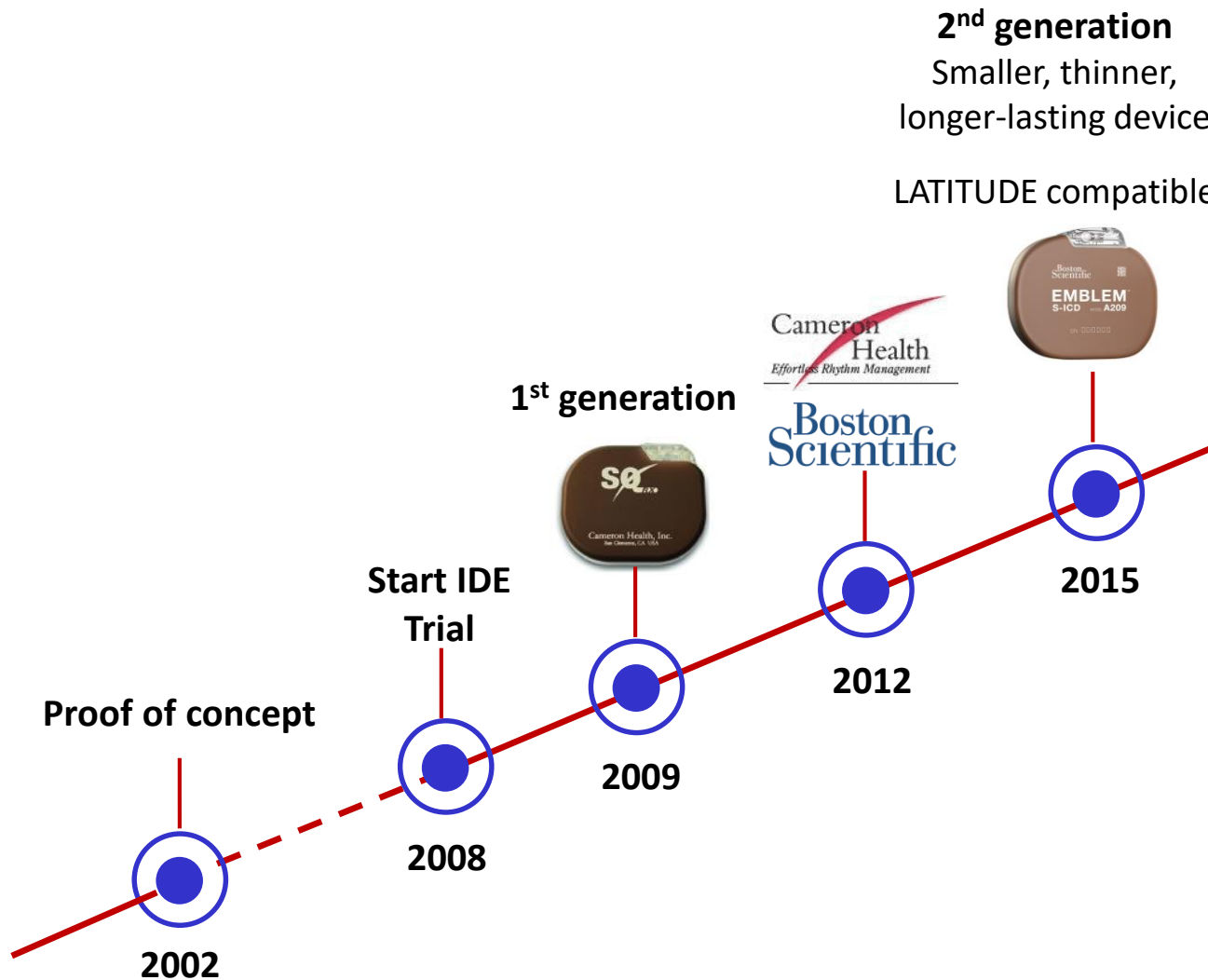
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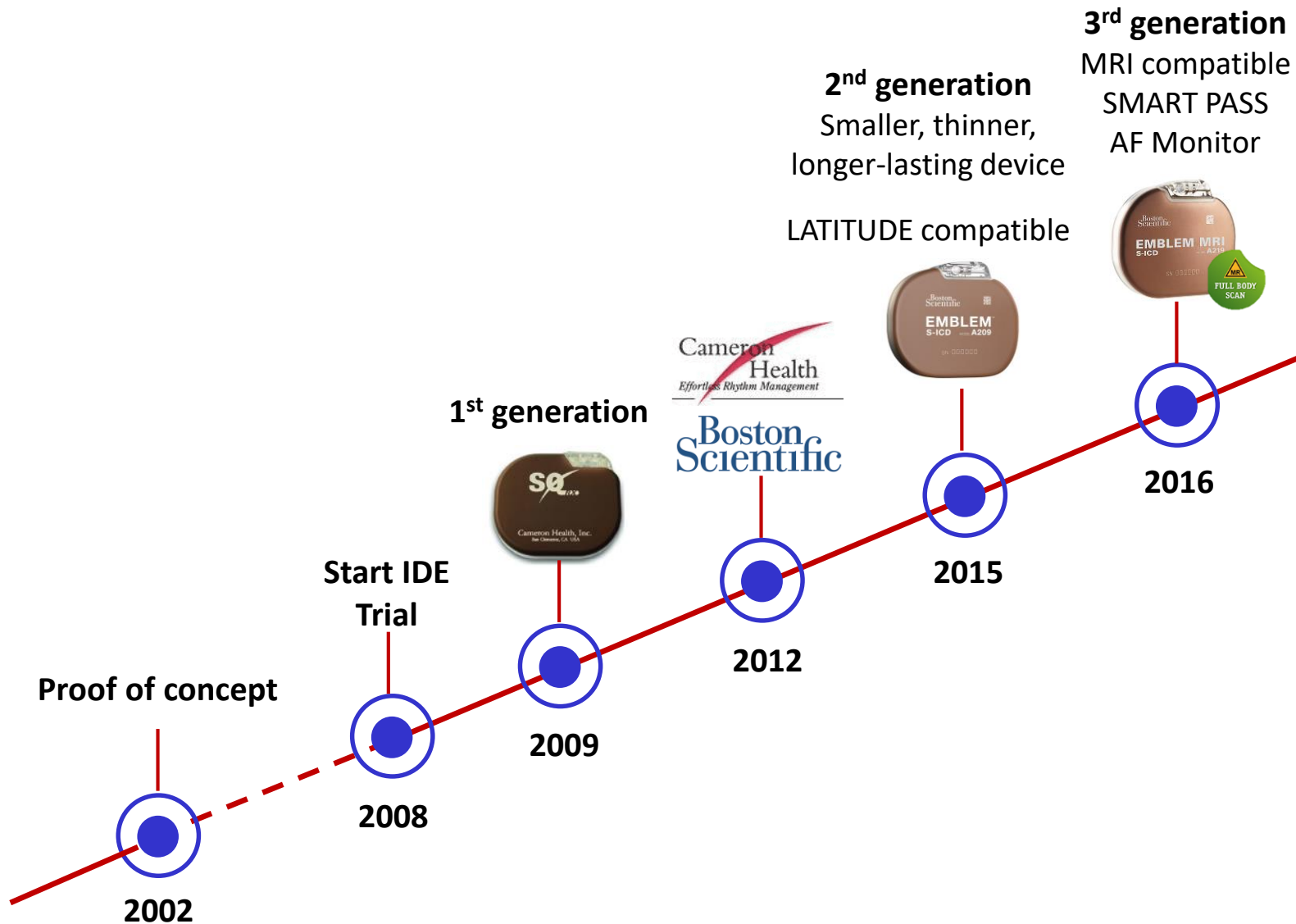
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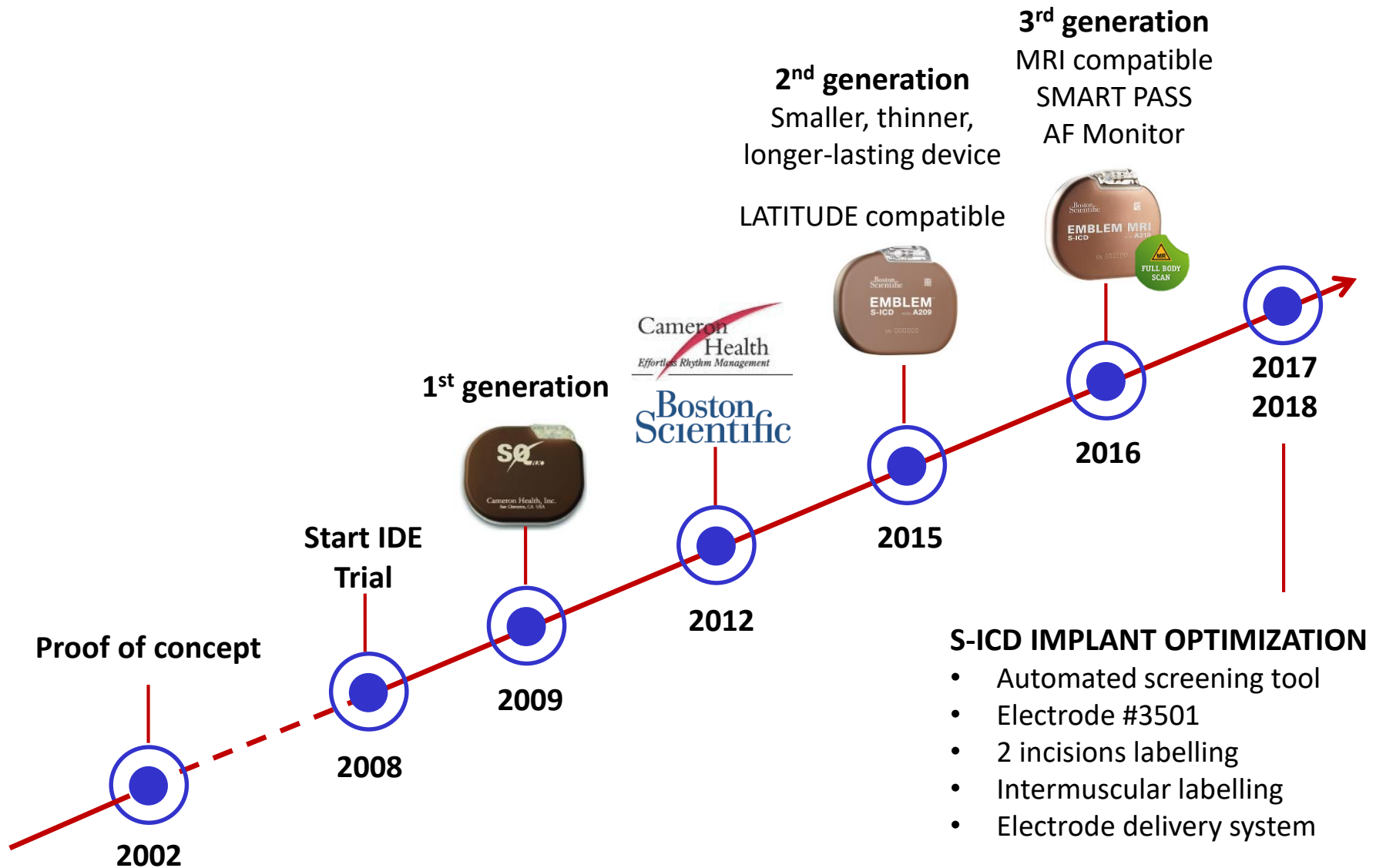
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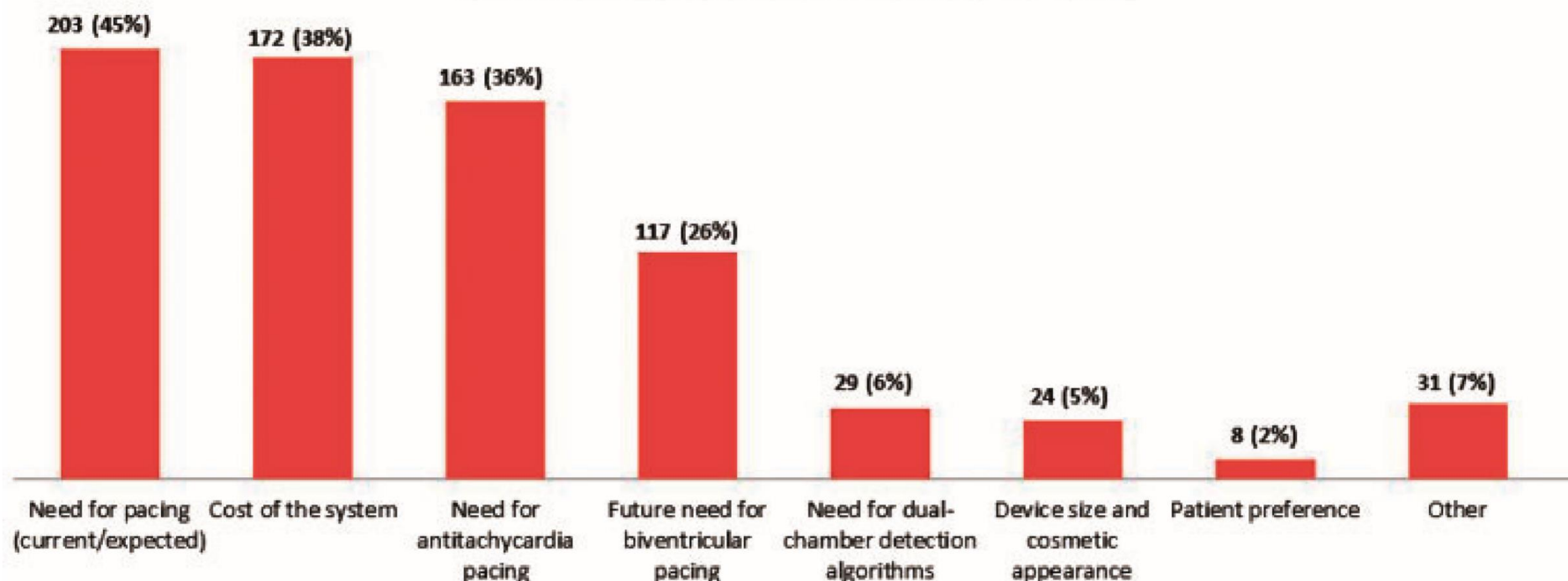
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**CLINICAL RESEARCH**

*Sudden death and ICDS*

# The Italian subcutaneous implantable cardioverter-defibrillator survey: S-ICD, why not?

## Unsuitability of S-ICD: Why not? (n=448)





# Reasons Not To Implant a S-ICD

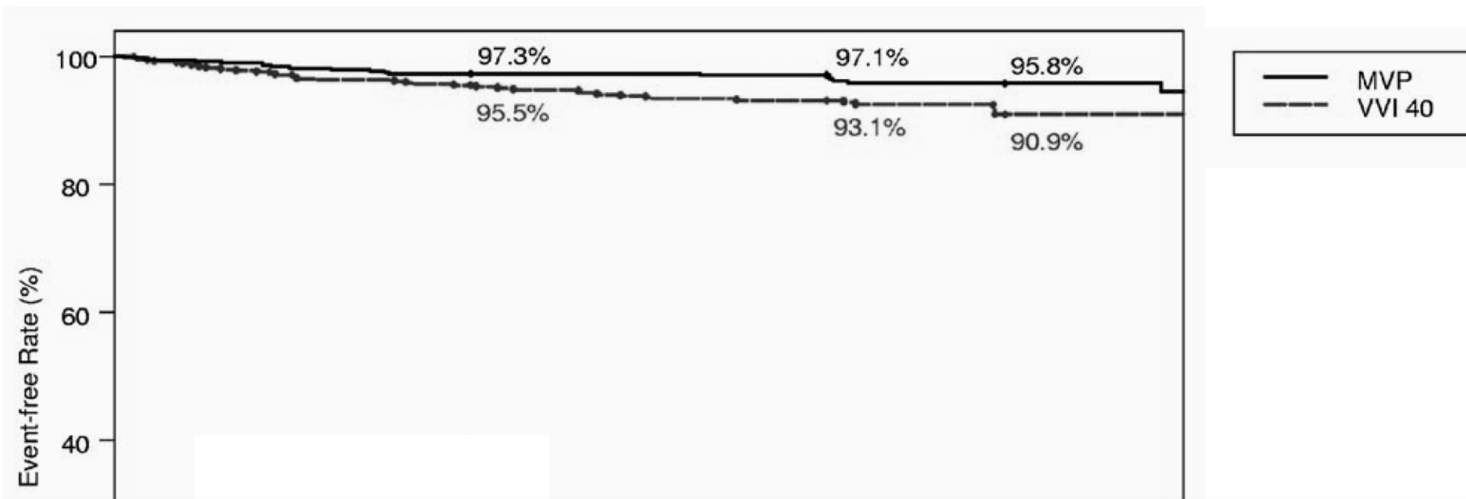
**Pacing  
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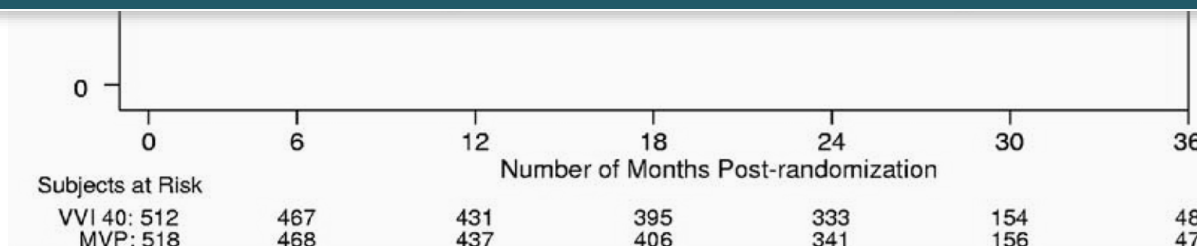
# Development of Pacing Need in ICD Patients

MVP Trial - 1030 ICD Candidates Without Pacing Indication

MVP 60 bpm vs. VVI 40 bpm



PM Need in 5.5% of patients over 3 years follow-up



# Anti-Brady Pacing Need in ICD patients

Study	Percentage
MVP Trial	5.5%
SCD-HeFT Trial	3.0%

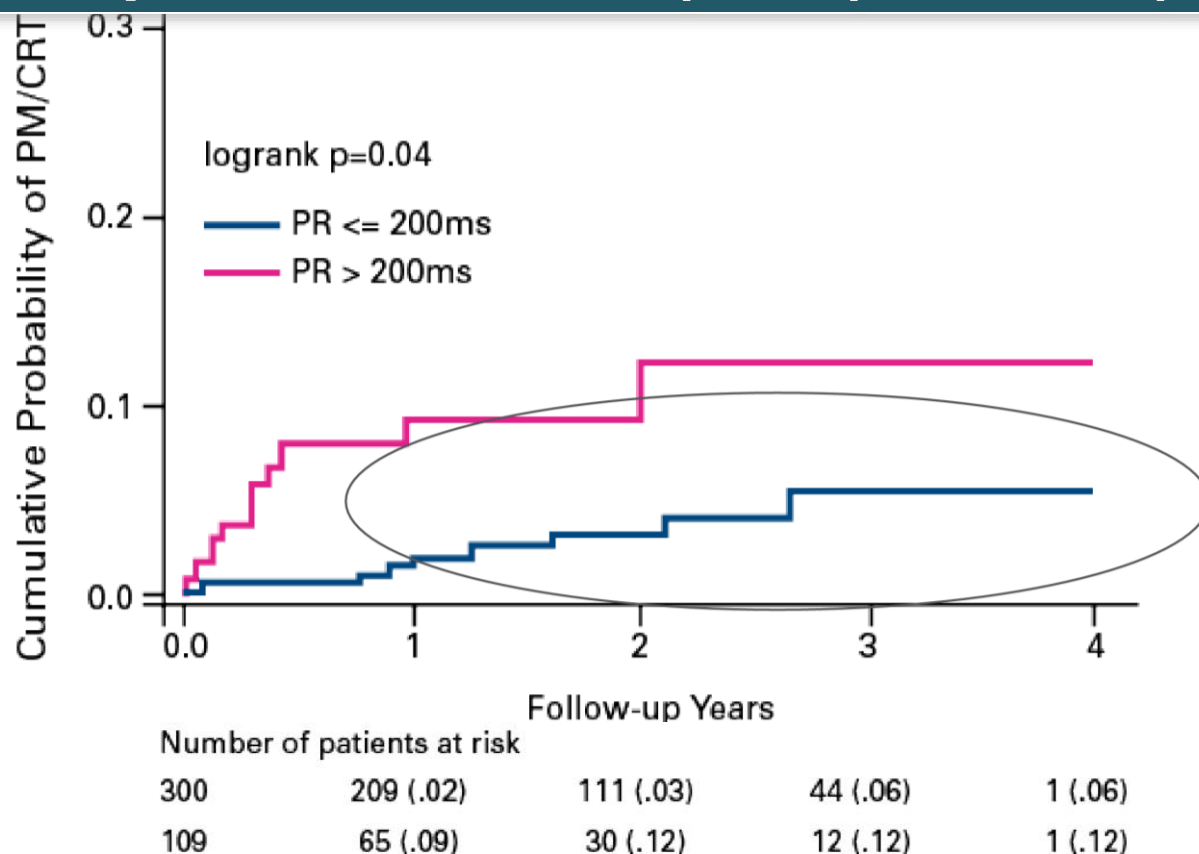
**Does PM need in  $\approx 6\%$   
justify transvenous lead in 100%?**

<b>MADIT II</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
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# Prediction of Anti-Brady Pacing Need

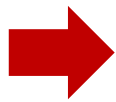

MADIT II Trial – Conventional Arm (458 pts, 20 months FU)

5.2% implanted with PM (4.1%) or CRT (1.1%)





# Prediction of Anti-Brady Pacing Need

## Implantable Loop Recorder (ILR) Registry 521 Patients - 3.5 years Follow-up



Variable	OR (95% CI)
Age (10 years)	1.04 (0.75 – 1.35)
Gender	0.55 (0.12 – 1.09)
Valvular heart disease	3.12 (0.61 – 15.86)
PR/PQ Interval (10 ms)	1.09 (0.97 – 1.21)
QRS Interval (10 ms)	1.34 (1.11 – 1.58)
Q waves	2.58 (0.45 – 14.80)





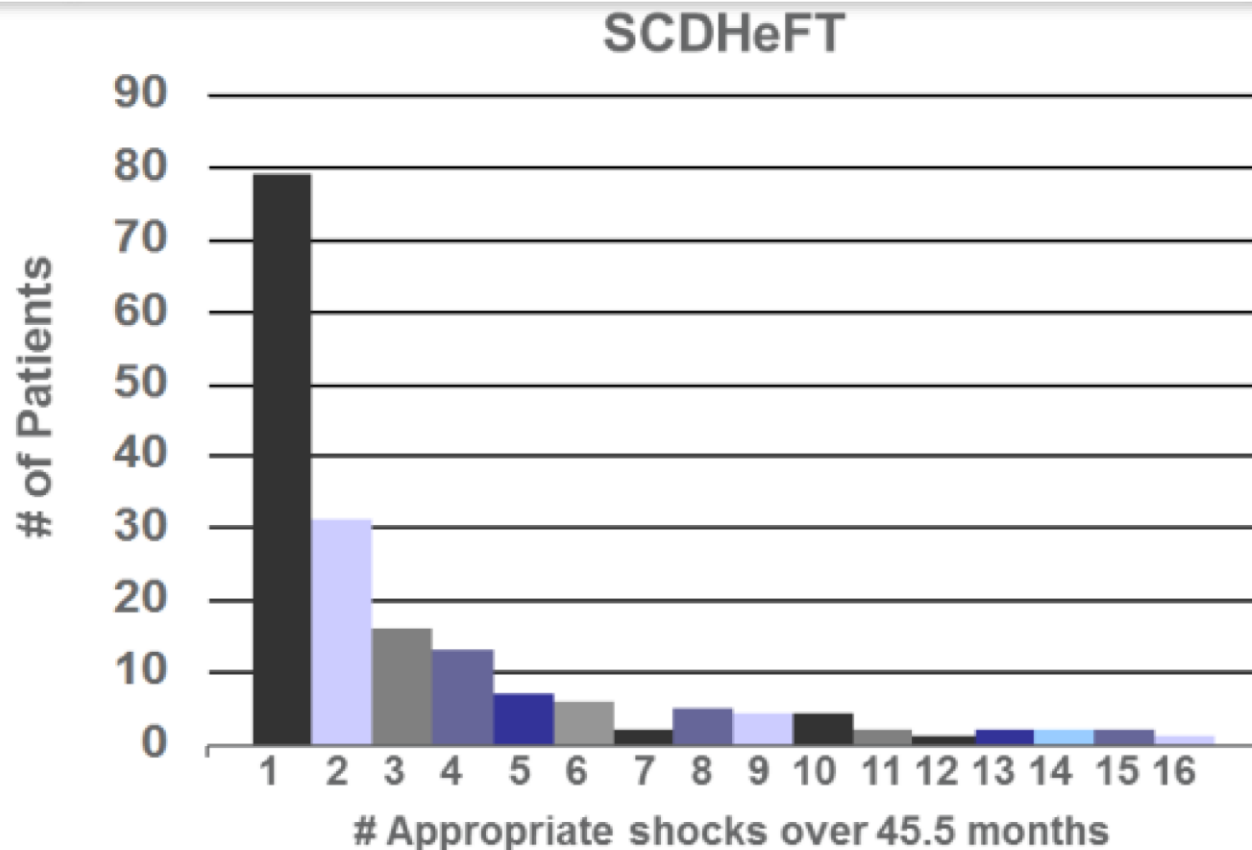
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**ATP  
Need**

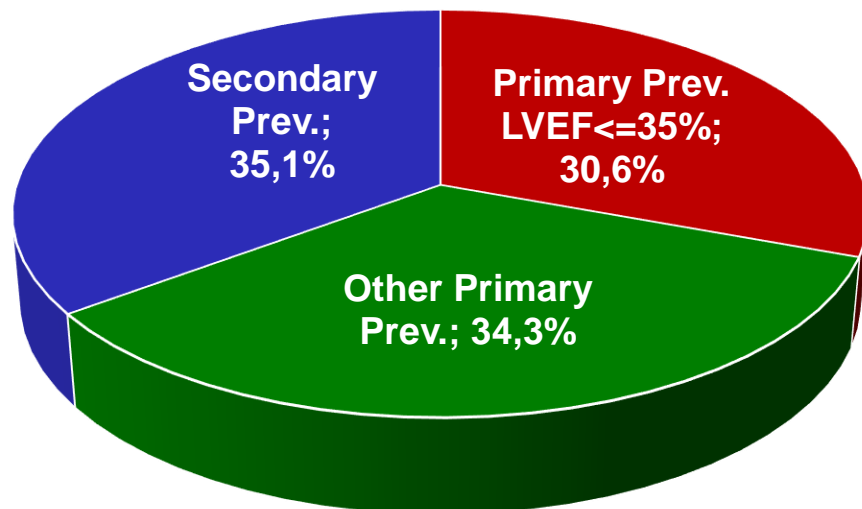


# Monomorphic VT in ICD Recipients

15% of pts had monomorphic VT (mVT) but only 1.8%/year risk of more than one mVT episode



# EFFORTLESS Registry – 985 Patients



Variable	Mean / Percent
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Average Age	48 ± 17
Male	72%
LVEF	43% ± 18%
QRS width, msec	106 ± 25
BMI	27 ± 6

Primary Cardiac Disease	Percentage
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Non-Ischaemic	38.5%
ARVC	3.5%
Congenital	2.1%
Dilated	9.3%
HCM	11.7%
Ischaemic	31.1%
Inherited	18.6%
Idiopathic VF	6.0%
Valvular Disease	2.3%
Other	2.2%
CHF	1.2%



# **EFFORTLESS – Appropriate Therapy VT/VF**

<b>Rhythm</b>	<b>Patient</b>	<b>Episode</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Shock Conversion</b>	<b>≥1 Shock Conversion</b>
<b>MVT</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>90.5% (86/95)</b>	<b>98.9% (94/95)</b>
<b>PVT/VF</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>86.6% (84/97)</b>	<b>95.9% (93/97)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>88.5% (170/192)</b>	<b>97.4% (187/192)</b>

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**Reliable VT/VF therapy by S-ICD shock  
Regardless of aetiology, indication, LVEF**

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**50% of all episodes were sustained MVT**  
**2.2% of patients had >1 treated MVT episode**

# **EFFORTLESS – Indications to Device Change**

**Reason**

**Patients  
N = 985**

**Pacing**

**ATP**

**5 (0.5%)**

**Biv Pacing**

**4 (0.4%)**

**Bradycardia**

**1 (0.1%)**

**Improved LV Function**

**No longer ICD  
indication**

**2 (0.2%)**

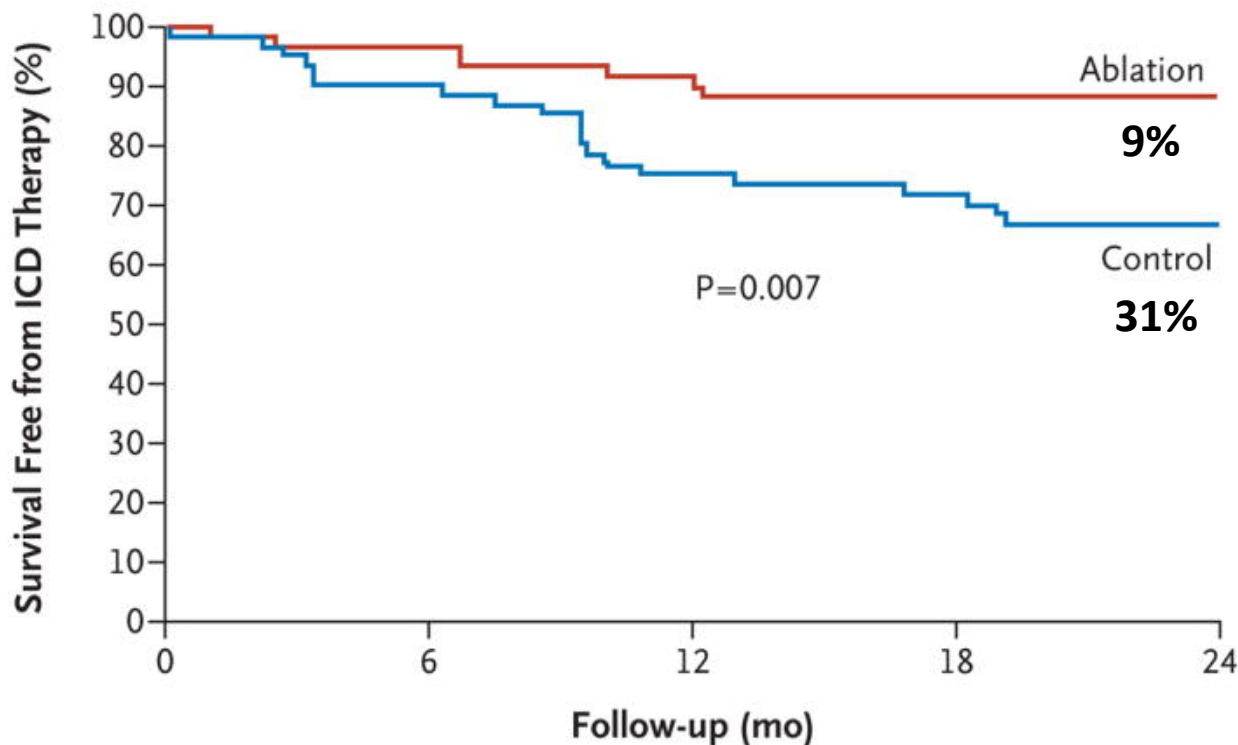
**Programmability for VT < 170 bpm**

**1 (0.1%)**

**Through average follow-up of 3.1 years only 1% of patients changed to transvenous ICD for pacing**

# VT Ablation in Secondary Prevention

- SMASH VT Trial randomized 128 ICD pts with spontaneous or inducible VT/VF to catheter ablation vs. conventional therapy
- During follow-up ICD therapy (ATP or shock) for VT/VF was needed in only 15% of ablation pts compared to 33% of control pts



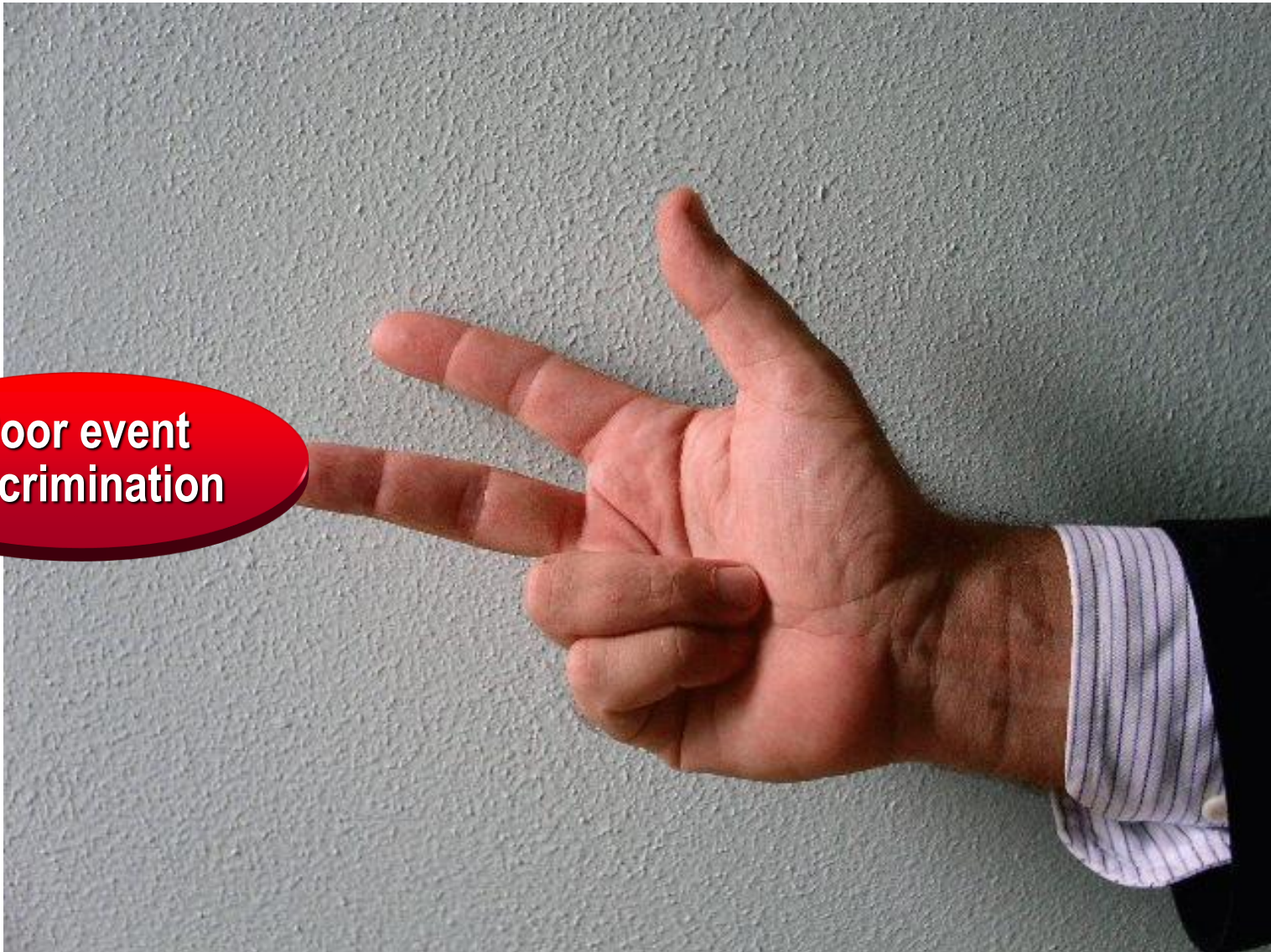
# Catheter Ablation for Sustained MVT

## Catheter ablation for the treatment of sustained monomorphic ventricular tachycardia

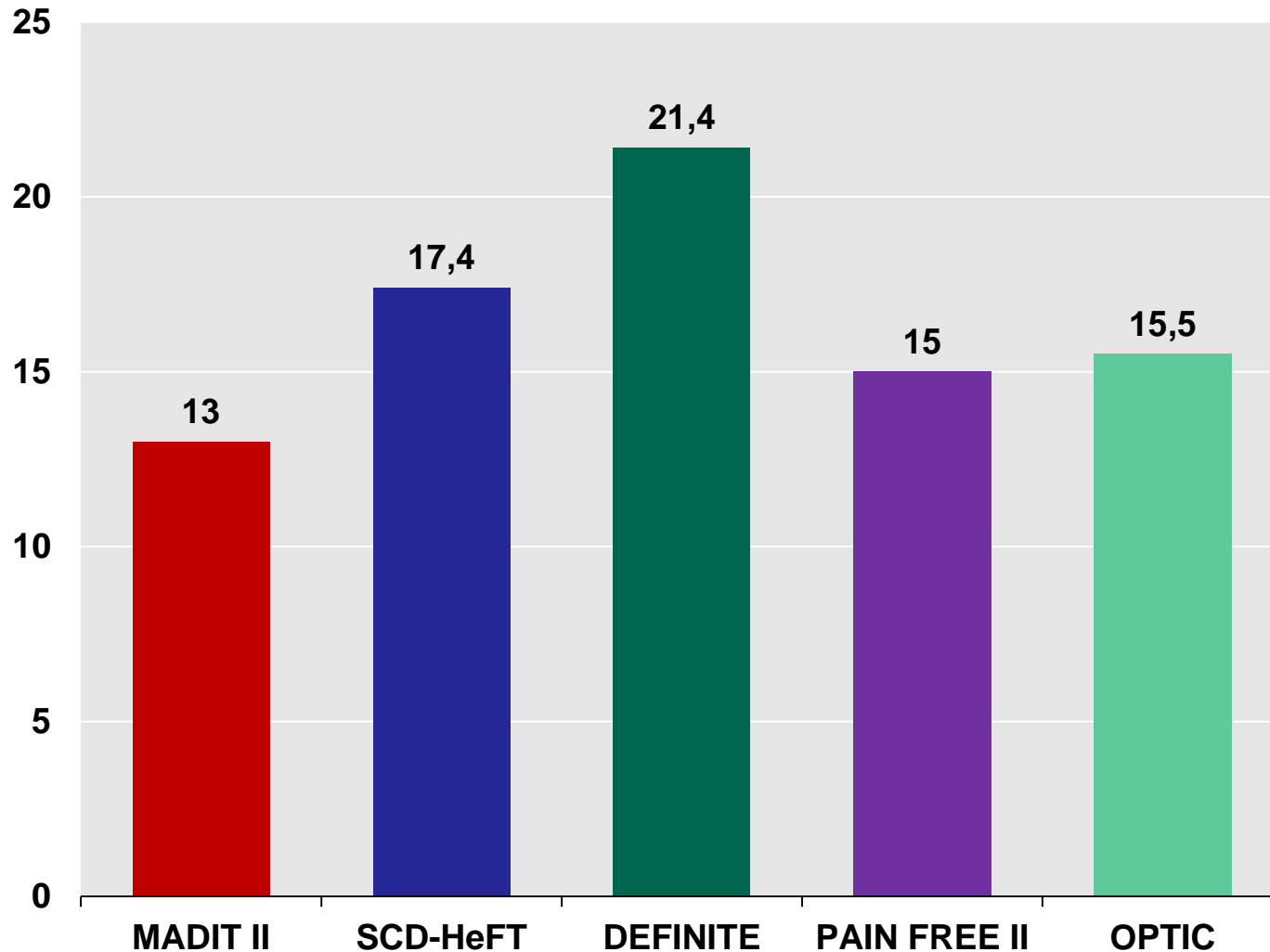
Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
Urgent catheter ablation is recommended in patients with scar-related heart disease presenting with incessant VT or electrical storm.	<b>I</b>	<b>B</b>
Catheter ablation is recommended in patients with ischaemic heart disease and recurrent ICD shocks due to sustained VT.	<b>I</b>	<b>B</b>
Catheter ablation should be considered after a first episode of sustained VT in patients with ischaemic heart disease and an ICD.	<b>IIa</b>	<b>B</b>

# Reasons Not To Implant a S-ICD

Poor event  
discrimination



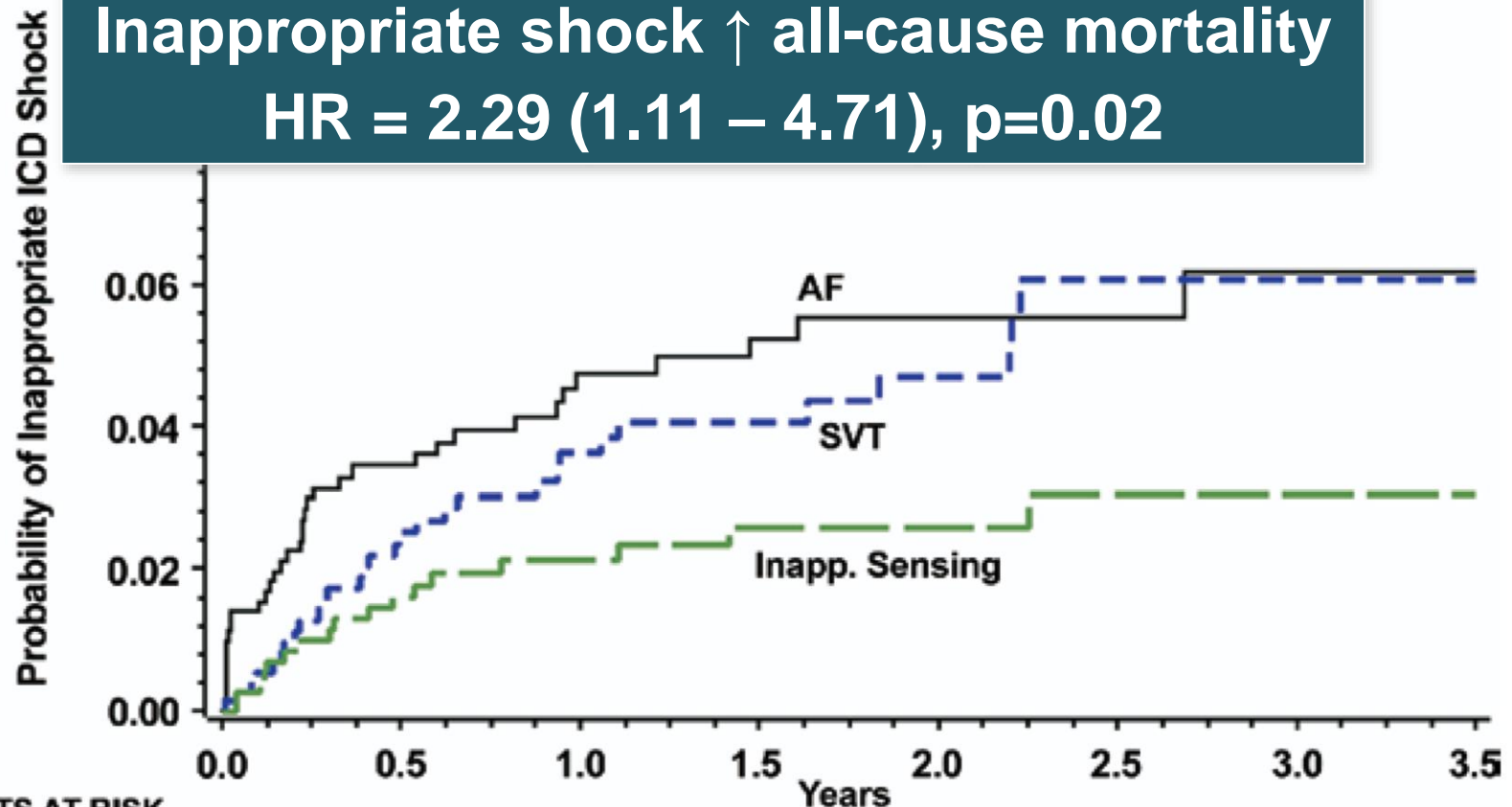
# Inappropriate Shocks in TV- ICD





# Effects of TV-ICD Inappropriate Shocks

Inappropriate shock  $\uparrow$  all-cause mortality  
 $HR = 2.29 (1.11 - 4.71), p=0.02$

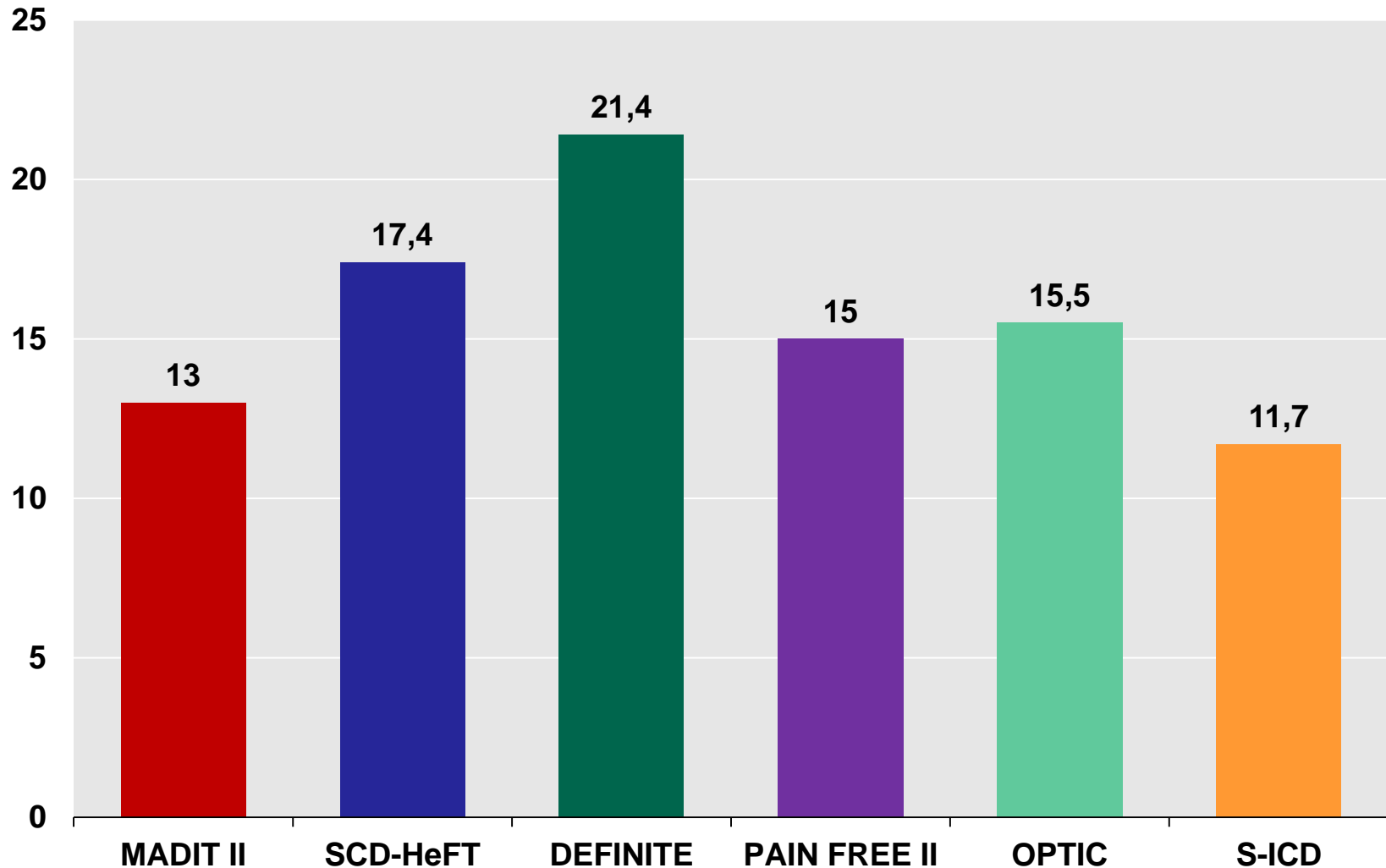


## PATIENTS AT RISK

AF	719	462 (0.047)	242 (0.055)	94 (0.062)
SVT	719	464 (0.036)	241 (0.047)	92 (0.061)
Inapp. Sensing	719	474 (0.021)	251 (0.026)	98 (0.031)



# Inappropriate Shocks in TV- ICD and S-ICD



# EFFORTLESS - Inappropriate Therapy

Type	First Year		Total FU (avg 3.1 yrs)	
	Patients (%)	Episode	Patients (%)	Episode
Oversensing, Cardiac	52 (5.3%)	109	76 (7.7%)	173
Oversensing, Non-cardiac	15 (1.5%)	19	22 (2.2%)	31

**Inappropriate shock for:**

- Oversensing = 9.9%
- AF/SVT = 2.3%



**Reduced by high rate programming**

# Subcutaneous Versus Transvenous Implantable Defibrillator Therapy

## A Meta-Analysis of Case-Control Studies



Author	Study Design	# of Patients	Patient Population	Study Duration
			Single tertiary center, St	21 ± 10 (S-ICD)

**Over 6,400 patients were included in analysis, comparing lead and non-lead complications, infections, and inappropriate shocks**

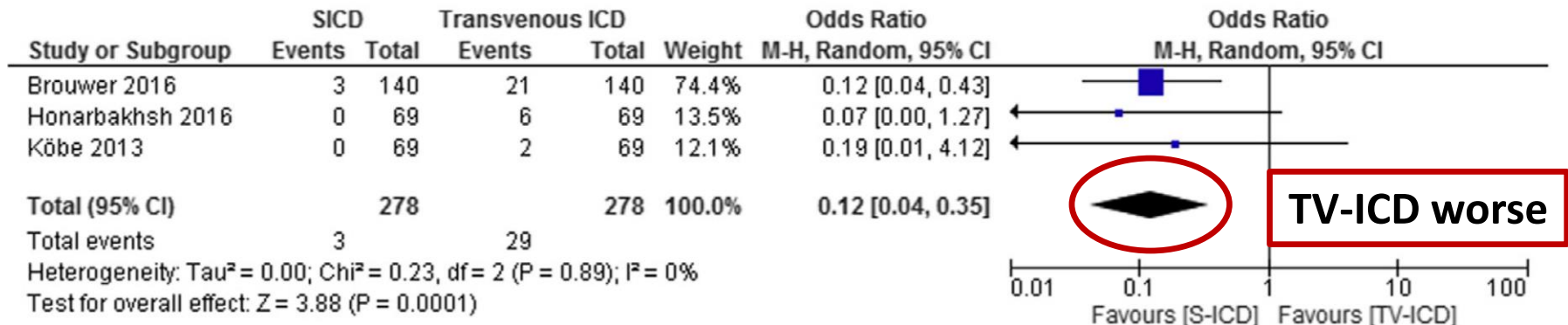
et al.	matched case-control study	140 TV-ICD	Medical Center, Netherlands	5 years
	Retrospective, case-control,			

**No significant difference in Inappropriate Shock Rates  
S-ICD (8.3%) vs. TV-ICD (9.5%),  $p = 0.60$**

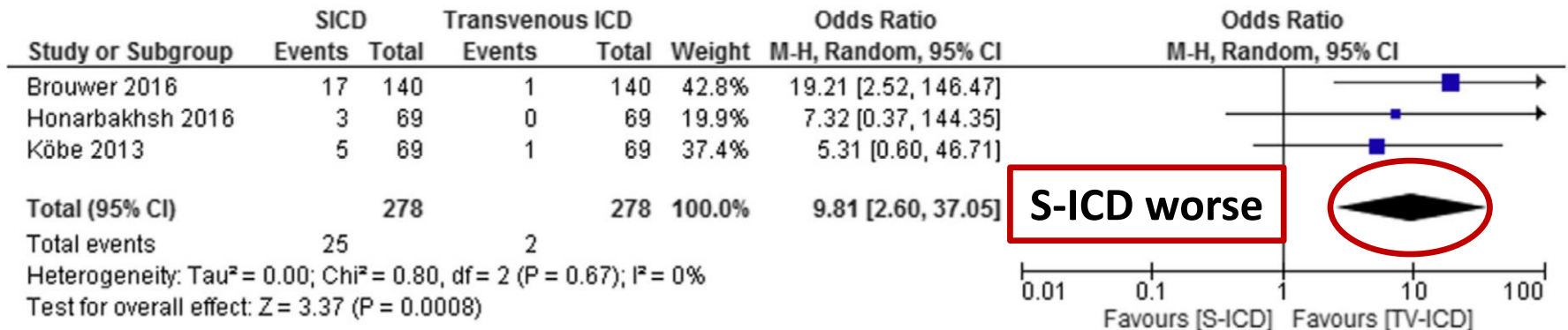
et al.	matched to dialysis status, gender, and age	91 TV-ICD	University Hospital, Camden, NJ	180 days
Köbe, et al.	Sex- and age-matched case- control prospective study	69 S-ICD, 69 TV-ICD	University Hospitals of Düsseldorf, Munich, and Münster	217 ± 130 days

# Inappropriate Shocks – S-ICD vs. TV-ICD

## Inappropriate Shocks due to SVT



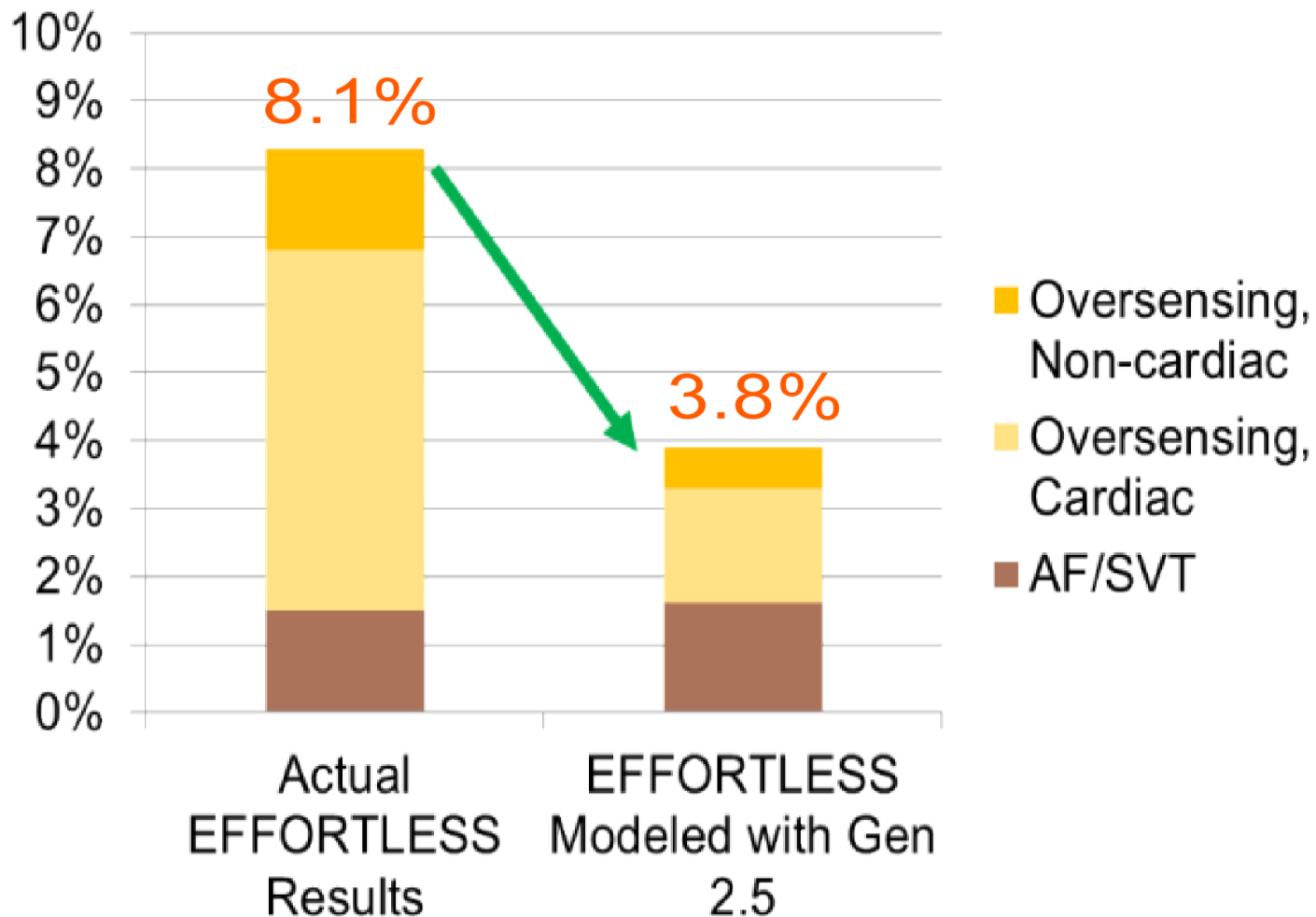
## Inappropriate Shocks due to oversensing



# SmartPass Algorithm to Avoid T Wave Oversensing



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# Reasons Not To Implant a S-ICD

**Size**





# Bulky Subcutaneous ICD



# Reasons Not To Implant a S-ICD

**S-ICD™ System**



**Mass = 145 g**  
**Volume = 69.9 cm<sup>3</sup>**

**EMBLEM™ S-ICD System**



**Mass = 130 g**  
**Volume = 59.5 cm<sup>3</sup>**

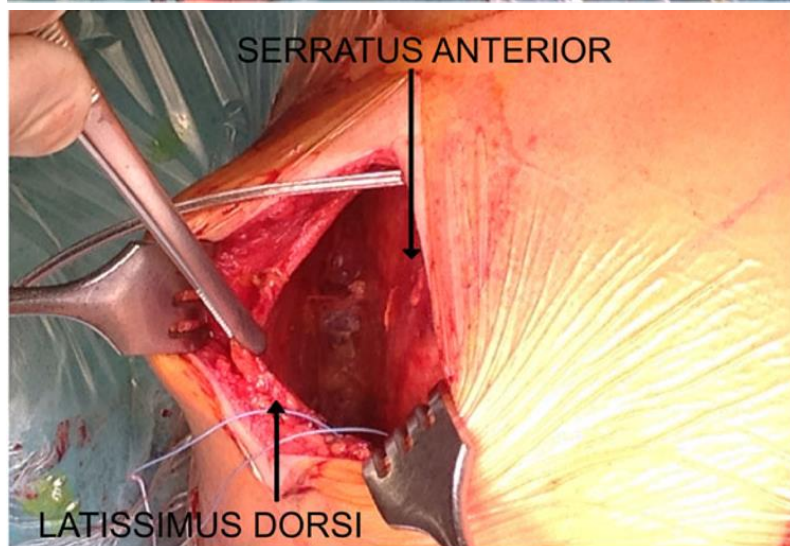
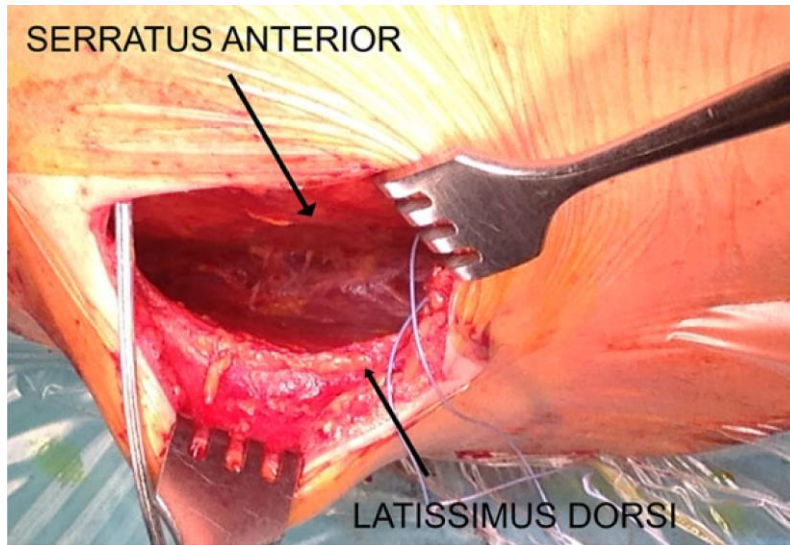
**Single Chamber ICD**



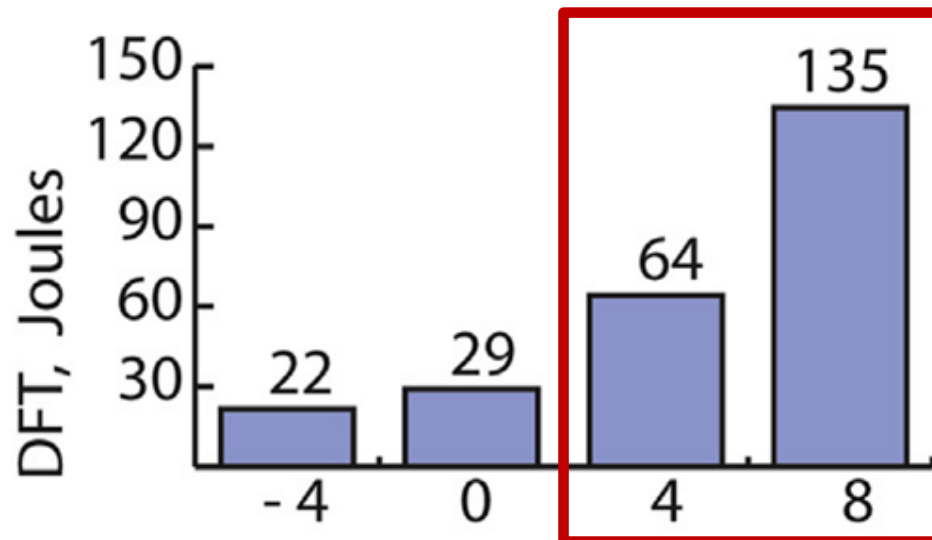
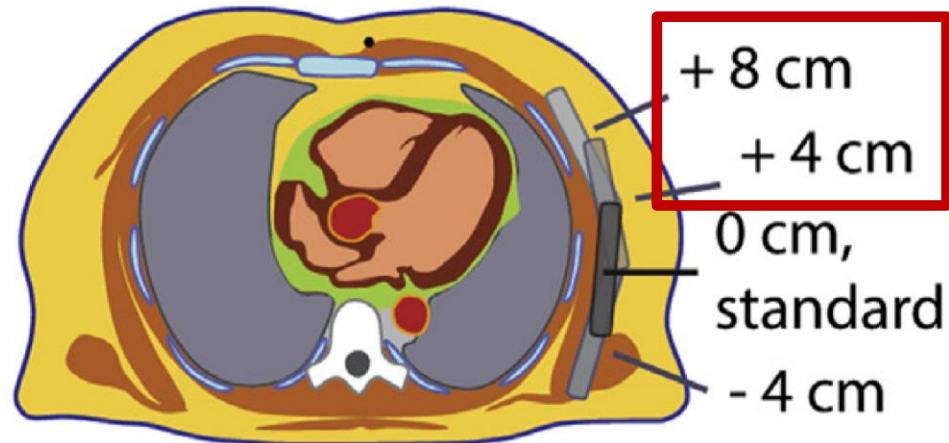
**Mass = 72 g**  
**Volume = 30.5 cm<sup>3</sup>**



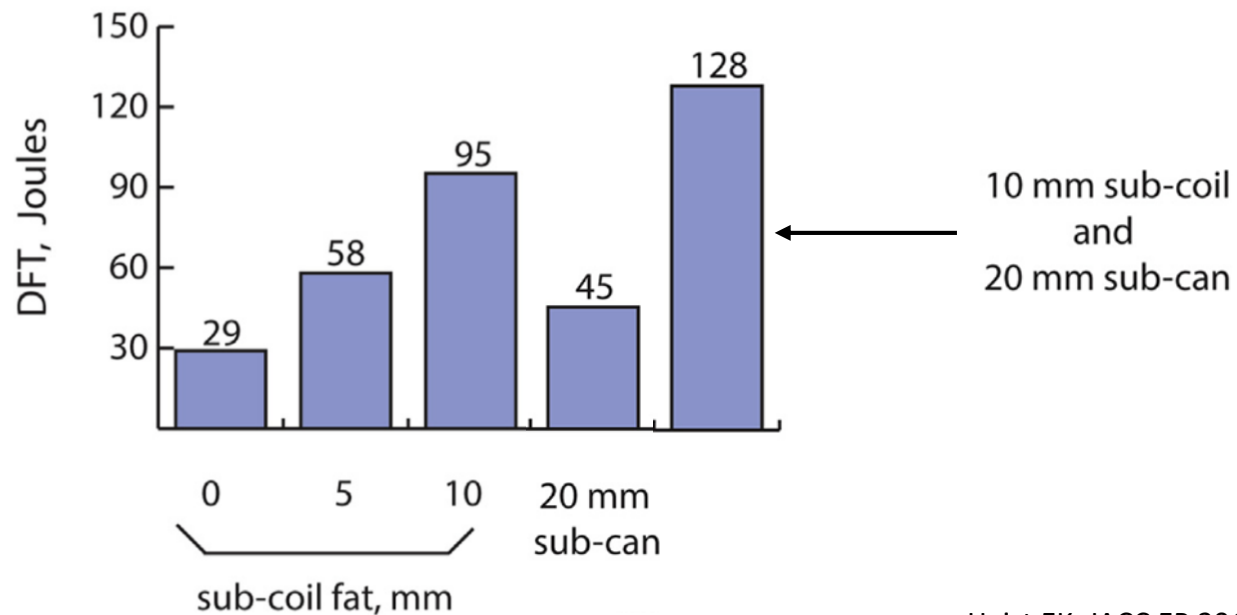
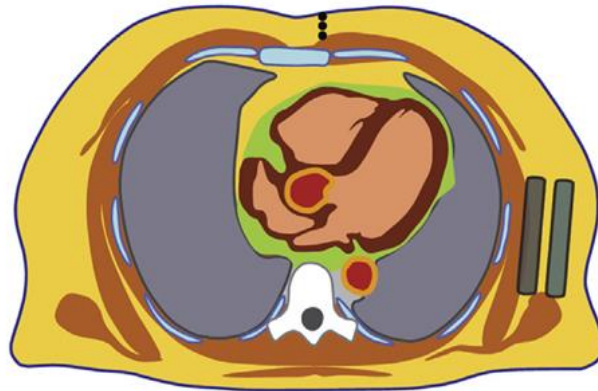
# Intermuscular S-ICD Implantation



# Determinants of S-ICD Shock Efficacy



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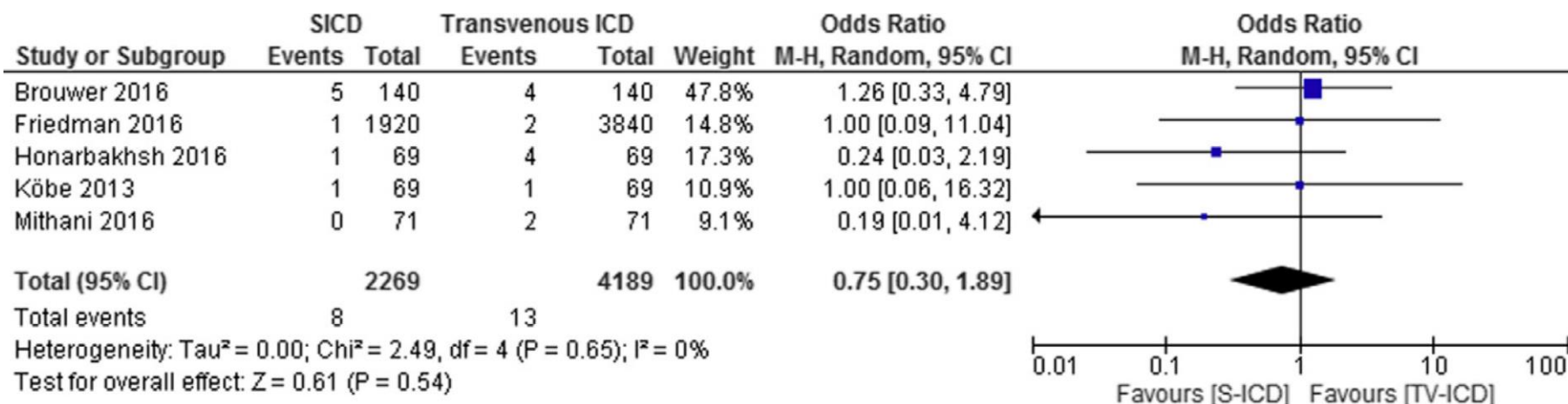


# Infections Leading to S-ICD Explant

Study	EFFORTLESS <sup>1</sup>	IDE <sup>2</sup>	US Post-approval <sup>3</sup>
Explants/pts	24/998 2.4%	4/304 1.3%	8/1643 0.5%
Re-implants	12/998 1.2%		

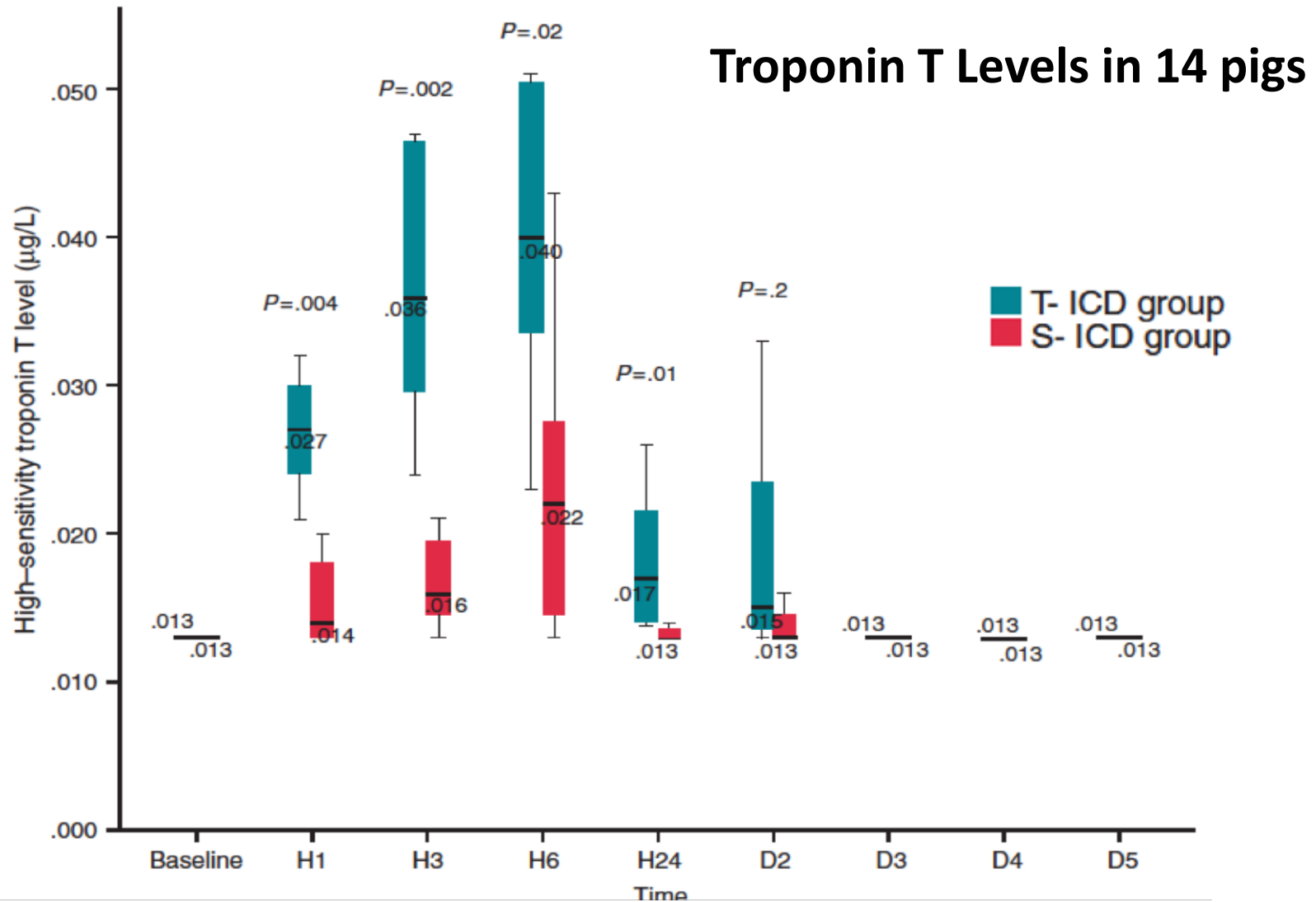
**No mortality nor serious adverse events during explantation of the S-ICD system**

# S-ICD vs. TV-ICD Infection Rates



**Infection rate with S-ICD was low at 0.35% and similar to TV-ICD with 2 out of 5 studies favoring S-ICD**

# Are High Energy Shocks (80 J) Dangerous?





# Reasons Not To Implant a S-ICD



**Costs**

# Common cardiologist reaction to cost issues



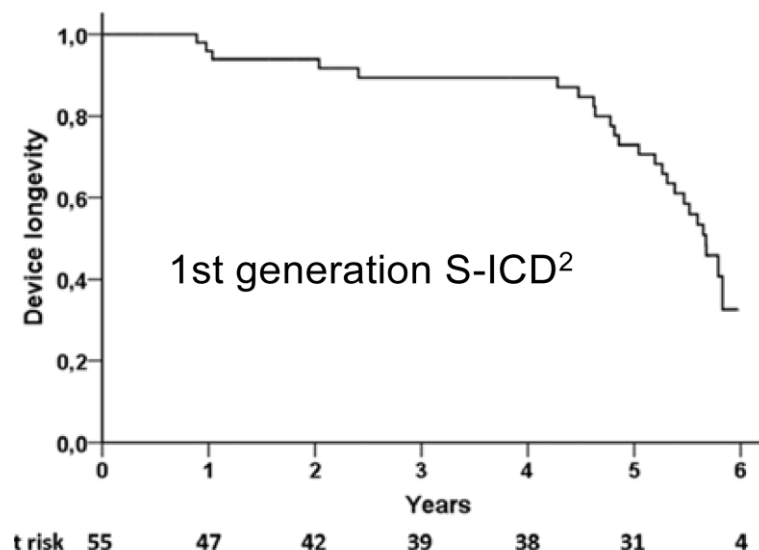


# Improving S-ICD Longevity



## 1<sup>st</sup> Generation S-ICD

- A. 55 pts CE mark cohort, FU 5.8 yrs  
Median time to ERI = 5.0 yrs
- B. 118 pts Dutch cohort, FU 6 yrs  
Median time to ERI = 5.7 yrs



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation EMBLEM S-ICD



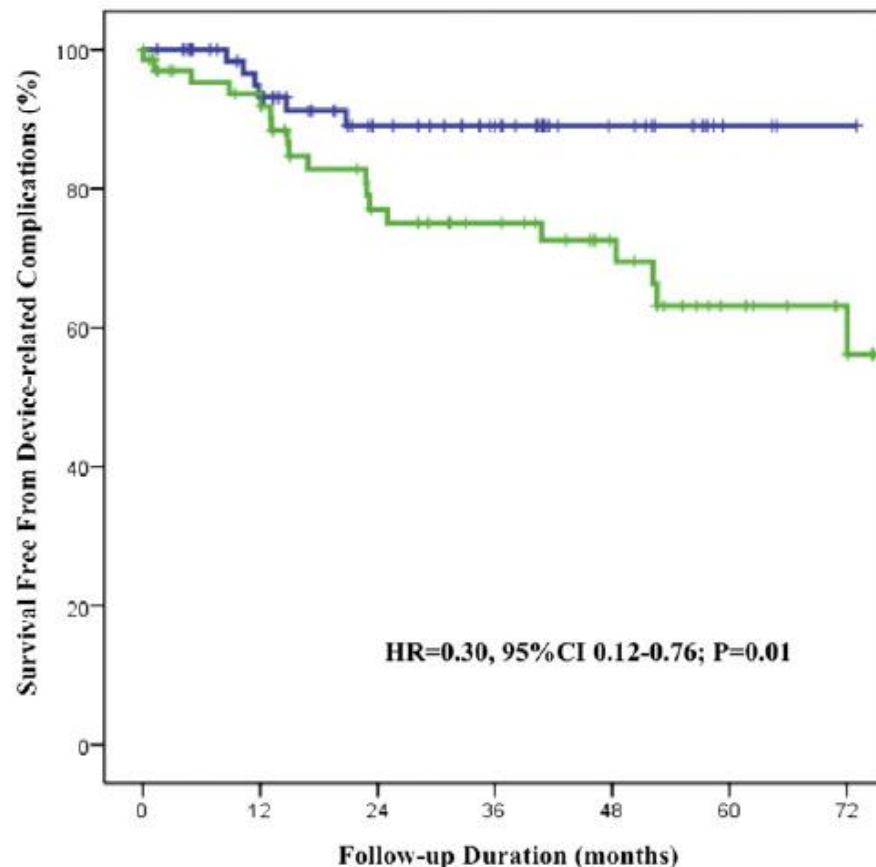
- Longevity by labelling = 7.3 yrs
- Projection by Latitude = 8.7 yrs

Bardy M et. al. NEJM 2010

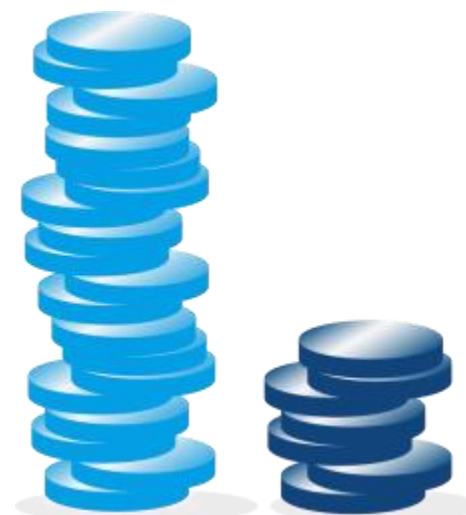
Theuns et al. Circ Arrhythm Electrophysiol 2015

Quast et al. HRS 2017

# S-ICD May Reduce Costs of Complications



N at Risk	0	12	24	36	48	60	72
S-ICD	69	54	36	28	15	3	1
TV-ICD	69	55	39	33	24	14	9



The cost to treat device-related complications was

**2.5x HIGHER<sup>1</sup>**  
with a **TV-ICD** than with an **S-ICD**.

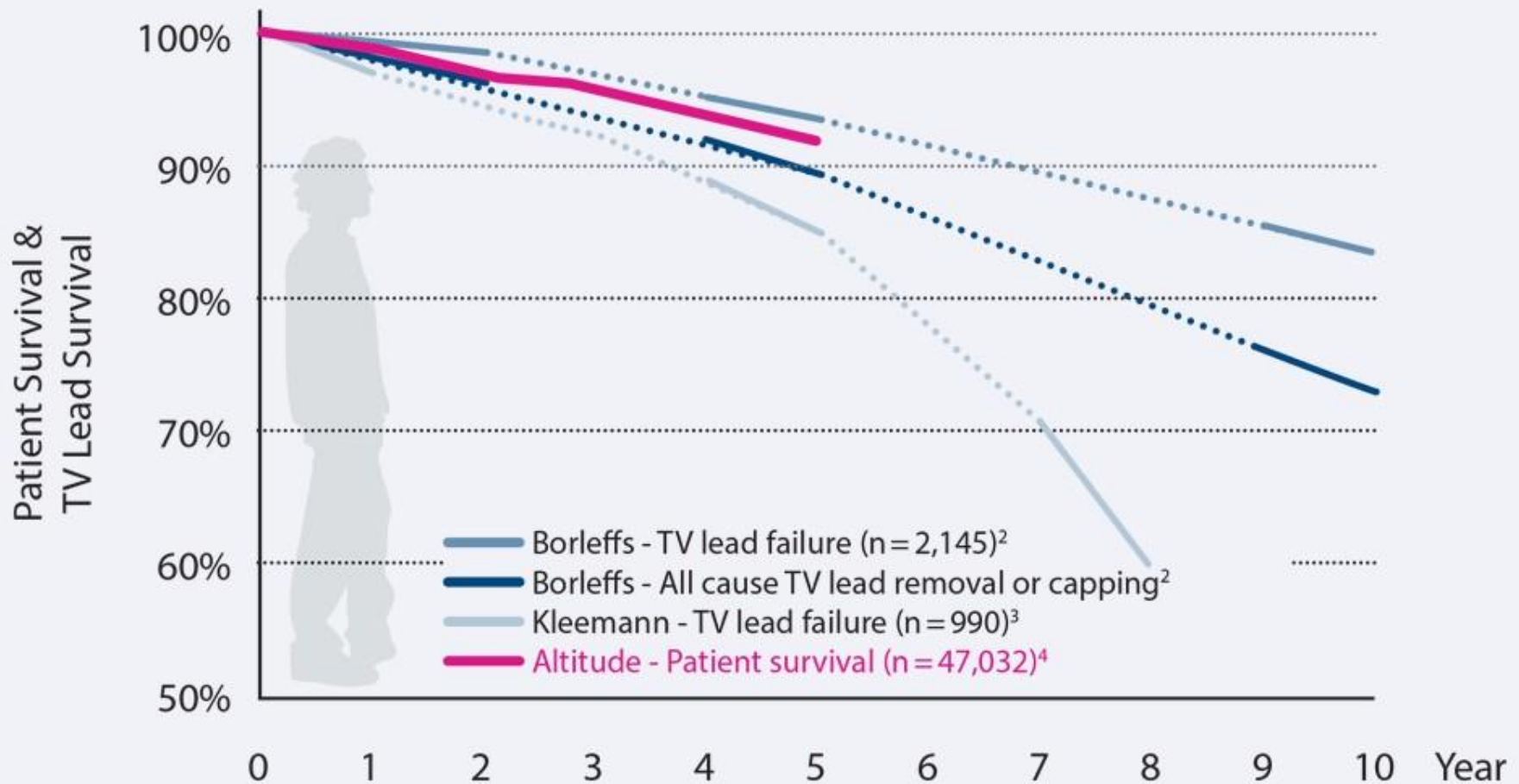
# Take Home Messages

- **S-ICD is a safe and effective defibrillating device with rates of inappropriate therapies comparable to conventional TV-ICD**
- **Anti-bradycardia and anti-tachycardia pacing are probably less needed than commonly perceived but they still prevent S-ICD spread**
- **Selection of appropriate candidates, adequate screening and optimized programming remain crucial to increase S-ICD technology yield**



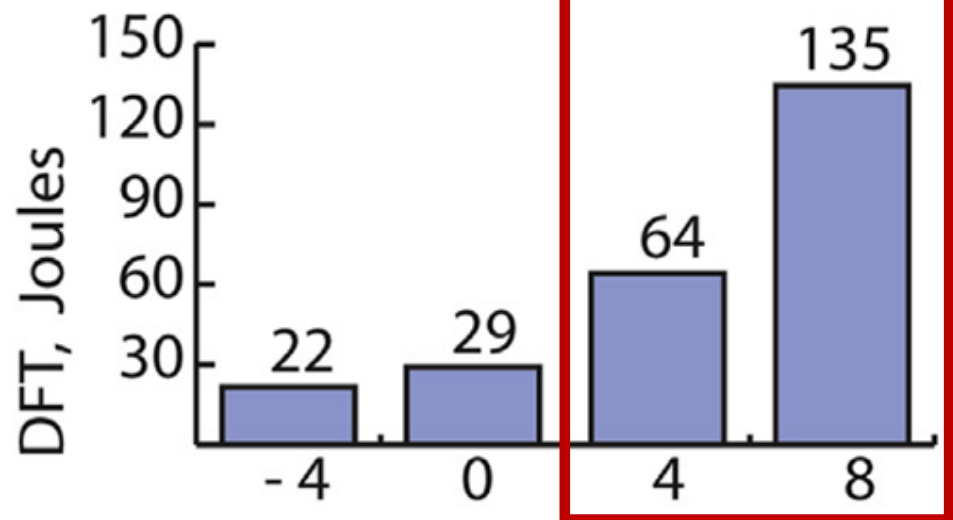
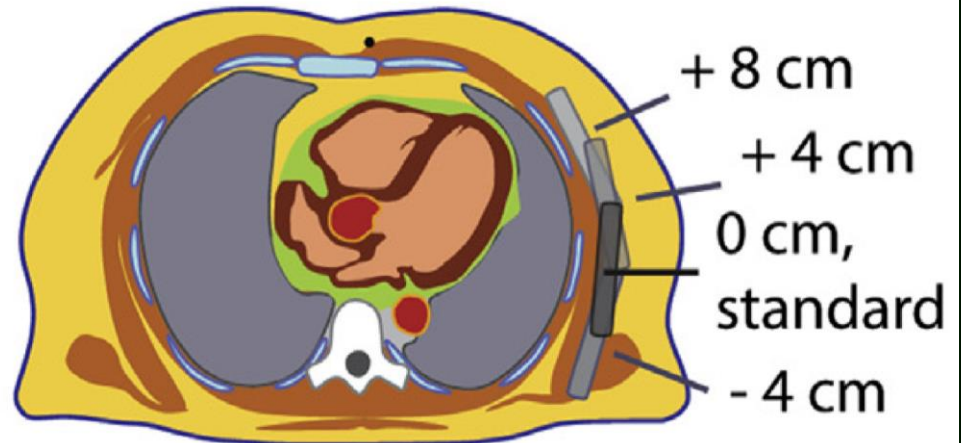
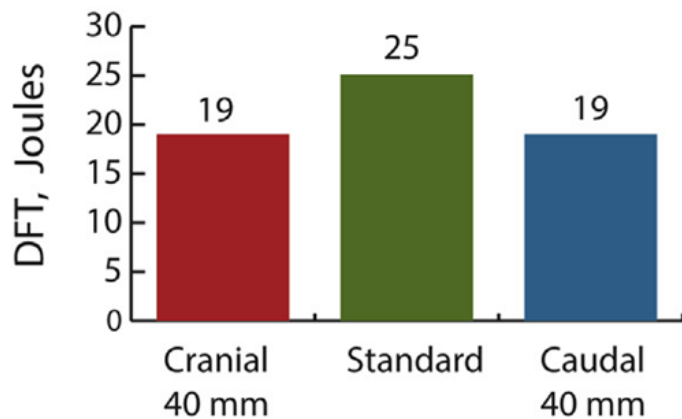
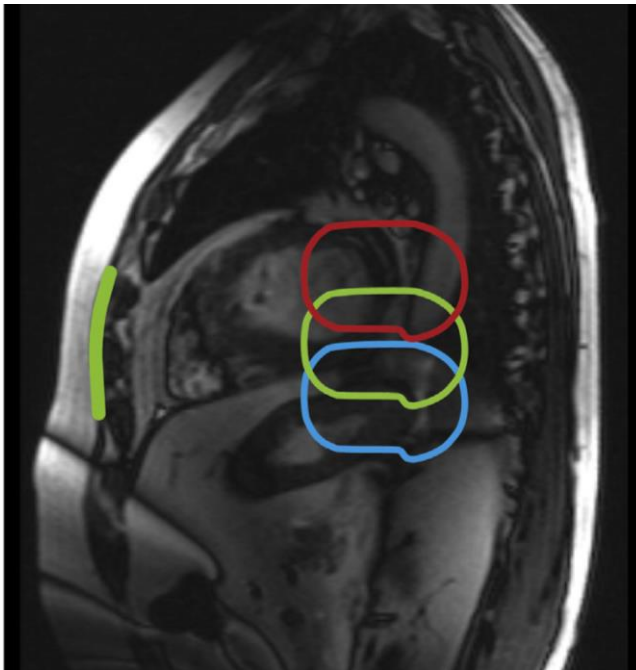
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# Transvenous Lead Survival



**Patients live longer than their transvenous system**

# Determinants of S-ICD Shock Efficacy





# Find the Outlier

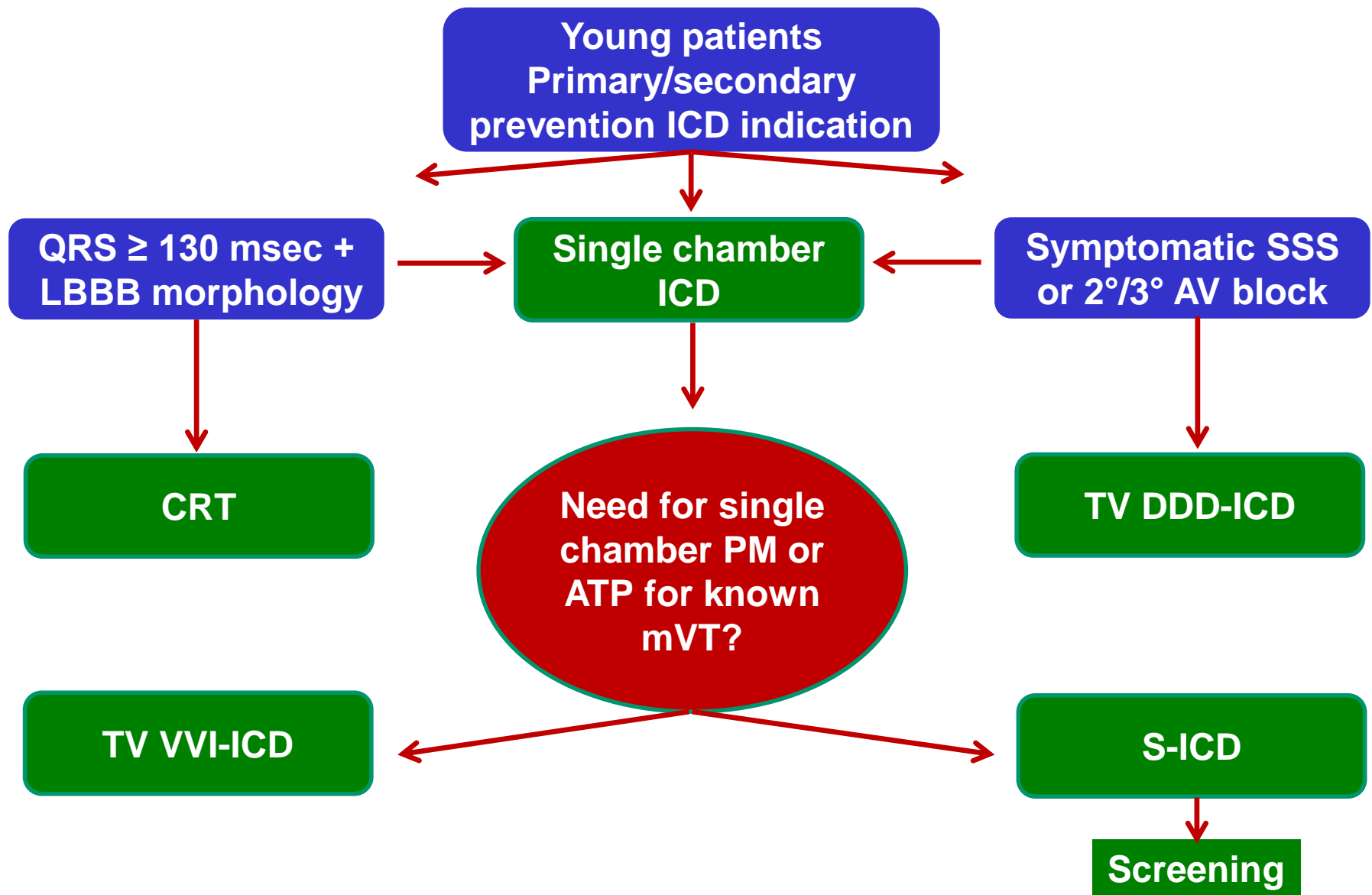


**Leadless  
Pacing**

**S-ICD**

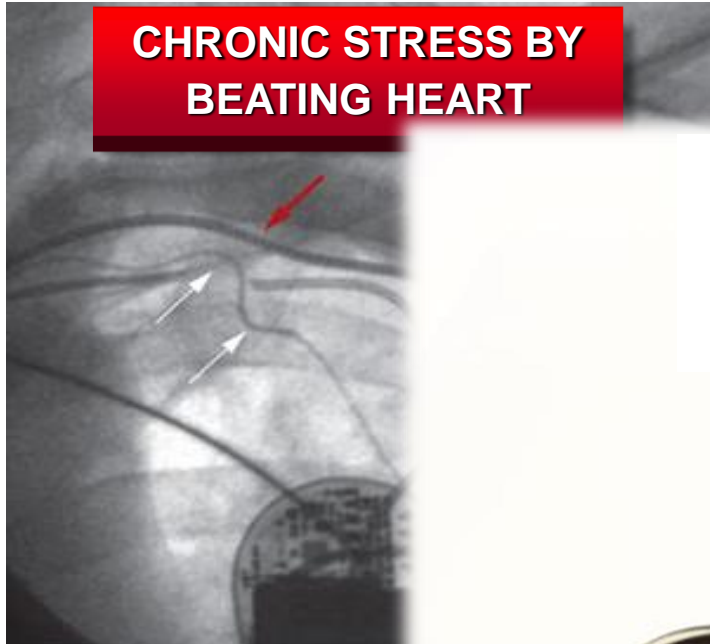
**Life-Vest**

# Selection of S-ICD Candidates



# Lead as The Weakest Link of an ICD

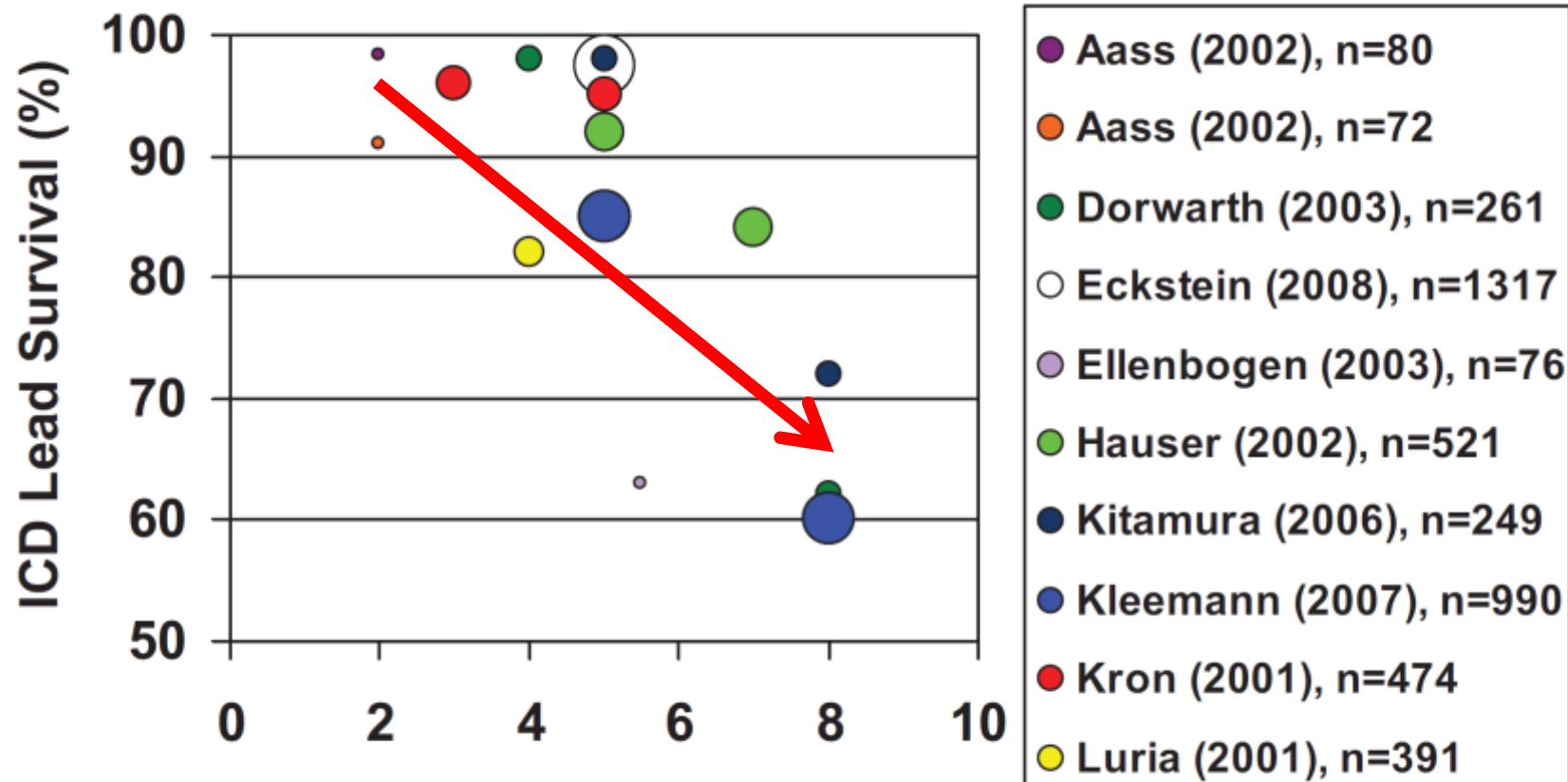
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# ICD Lead Performance



**≈ 20-30% ICD transvenous lead fail by 10 yrs**