

# **International Perspectives on Stroke Triage, Diagnosis and Treatment**

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Episode 2: Diagnosis – Imaging and Resource Utilization



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# Imaging of Acute Ischemic Stroke

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# Objectives

- Understand evidence-based guidelines for imaging.
- Distinguish which imaging is proper based on assessment.
- Compare considerations in access to stroke diagnosis in various countries and regions of the world.
- Describe transfers and the mobile stroke unit.



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# Multimodal Imaging in AIS

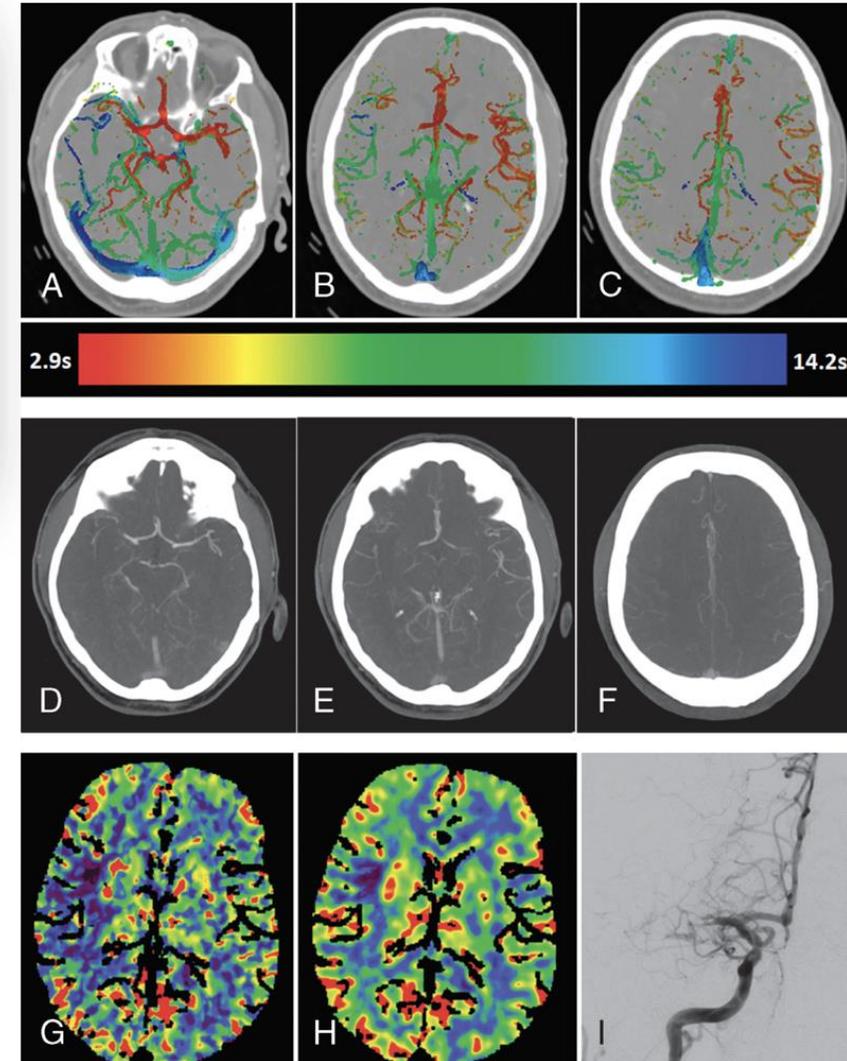
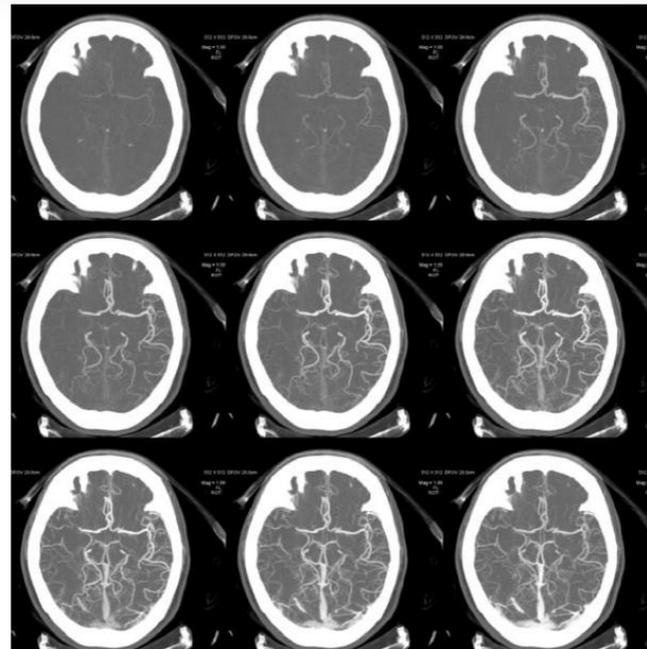
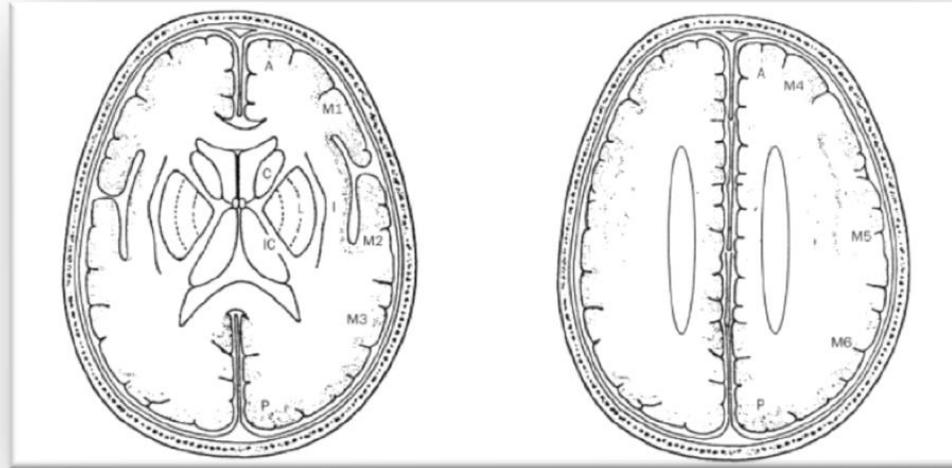
- Use what you have - acquisition, interpretation to implementation in decision-making
- Practice in era of precision stroke medicine
- Imaging is part of clinical examination
- Patterns, not size, are key
- Ischemia, blood flow and hemorrhage - stroke is a vascular event...depicted best on multimodal



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# Multimodal CT

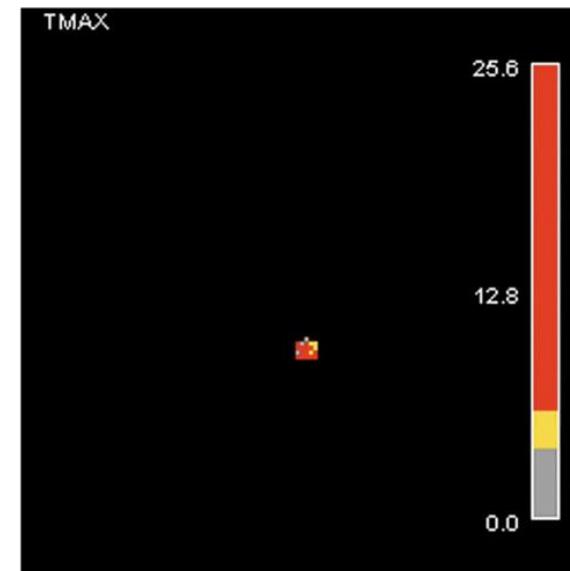
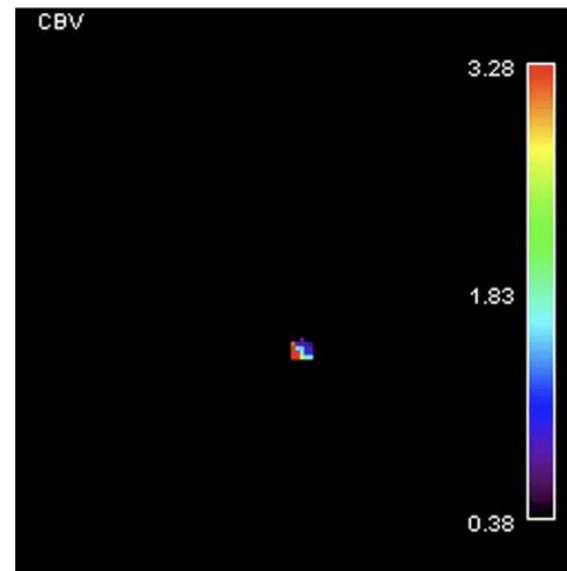
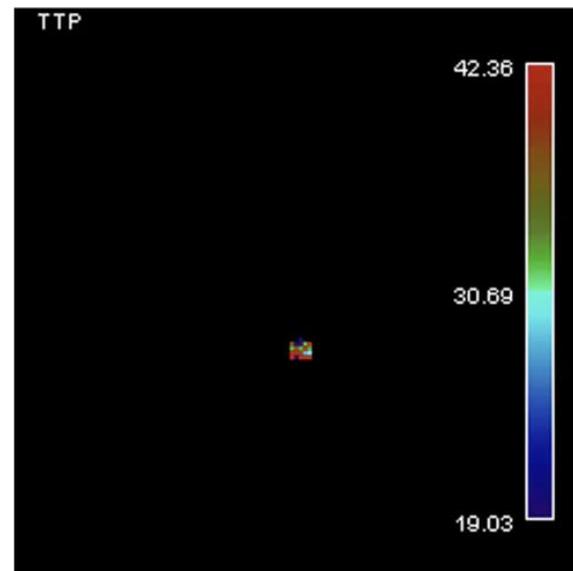
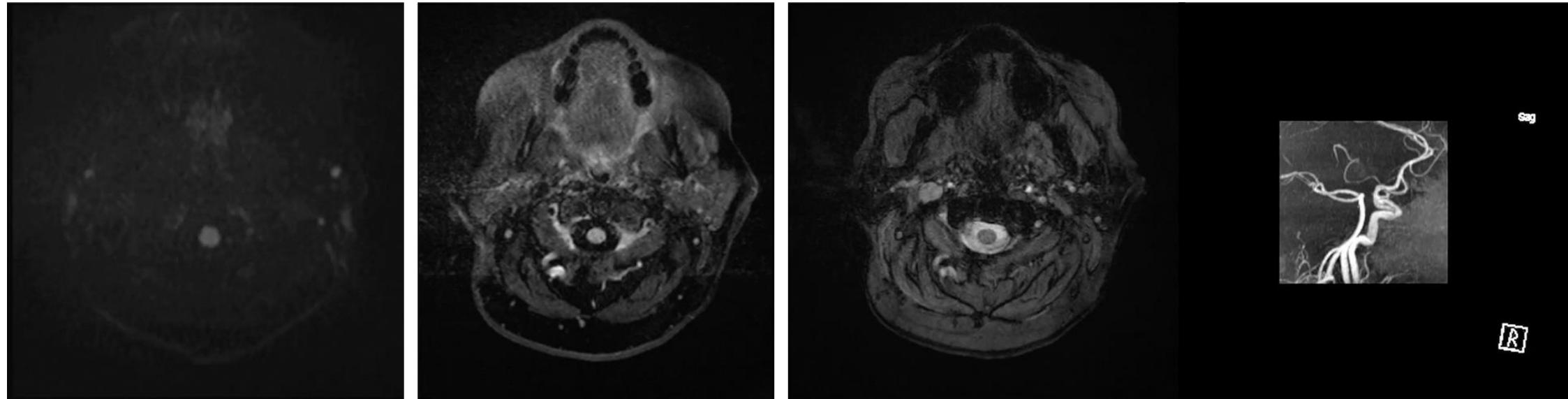




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# Multimodal MRI



# From Ideal to Real

- Evolution of precision medicine with imaging in AIS
- Math analogy
  - Defining variables - core size (x), penumbral extent (y)
  - Considering disparate definitions of core (x) and penumbra (y) - CT vs DWI, rCBF, Tmax thresholds
  - Expanding number of equation terms -  $x+y=\text{outcome}$
  - Refining probabilistic basis and estimates
  - Conditional terms - IF, OR, AND
  - Multivariate computations that vary for individuals across a population
  - “AI” - modernization, but black box, inevitably rooted in most important clinical questions and context...



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# Acute Stroke Imaging...

- Overview of current imaging modalities & strategies
- Role of multimodal CT and MRI, TCD, DSA
- From prototypical M1 MCAO to real-world care
- Case examples as snapshot of “acute stroke imaging” and perfusion



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# Imaging Selection for Thrombolysis & Thrombectomy

- Consensus on imaging for thrombolysis and thrombectomy for acute ischemic stroke:
- Use available resources and hone expertise
- Imaging modalities offer distinct perspectives
- Selection of patients is outdated



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# Disparities in Stroke Care

- Local, regional and global disparities in imaging resources
- Expertise varies widely, yet develops with practice and matters tremendously
- Diagnostic confidence is paramount, but also varies



# Decision-Making with Imaging

- Imaging is a component of the clinical evaluation
- Isolated results of any imaging study cannot be used to make clinically relevant decisions
- Imaging strategies as support tools
- Multimodal CT or MRI, direct thrombectomy
- Post-processing - semi-automated
- Interpretation and real-time implementation in routine clinical practice



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# Simplification of Stroke

- Protocols, guidelines and consensus statements are mere tools, not a guaranteed recipe for successful outcomes
- Acute ischemic stroke pathophysiology is complex and highly individualized (e.g. collaterals)
- Expertise matters
- Least common denominator of stroke imaging - from basic approaches (e.g. noncontrast CT) to more informative strategies (e.g. perfusion)



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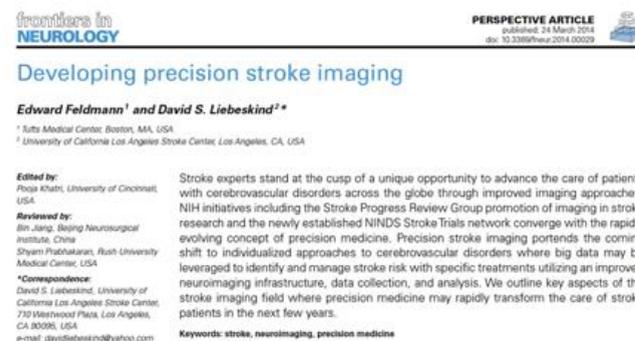
# Imagining...

- Imaging definitions vary
  - “penumbra” and “core”
  - Volumes of thresholded parameters (e.g. cc of rCBF<30%)
- Modalities depict different facets
  - Stenosis (CTA or MRA)
  - Collaterals (CTA or DSA)
- “secret sauce” of post-processing
- ASPECTS as the Rorschach test of acute stroke imaging



# Precision Medicine in Stroke Imaging

- Selecting imaging strategies for each individual patient, not about patient selection
- Imaging of phenotype in acute ischemic stroke
  - establishes a specific subtype diagnosis
  - provides insight on expected prognosis
  - informs medical decisions about selective treatments



## REVIEW

### Principles of precision medicine in stroke

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# Role of imaging in stroke?

- Is there hemorrhage?
- Location and extent of acute ischemia?
- Presence and site of vessel occlusion ?
- Collateral status ?
- Is there salvageable brain ?
- Is this a stroke mimic?

*Imaging is a triage & treatment selection tool*



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# Evidence for best imaging paradigm selection for LVO

None of the trials compared the effect of the selection of EVT candidates with and without advanced imaging selection

# Vessel Imaging

## AHA/ASA Guidelines: 2019 Update

2.2.3. Mechanical Thrombectomy Eligibility–Vessel Imaging	COR	LOE
<p><b>1. For patients who otherwise meet criteria for mechanical thrombectomy, noninvasive vessel imaging of the intracranial arteries is recommended during the initial imaging evaluation.</b></p>	I	A
<p><b>2. For patients with suspected LVO who have not had noninvasive vessel imaging as part of their initial imaging assessment for stroke, noninvasive vessel imaging should then be obtained as quickly as possible (eg, during alteplase infusion if feasible).</b></p>	I	A



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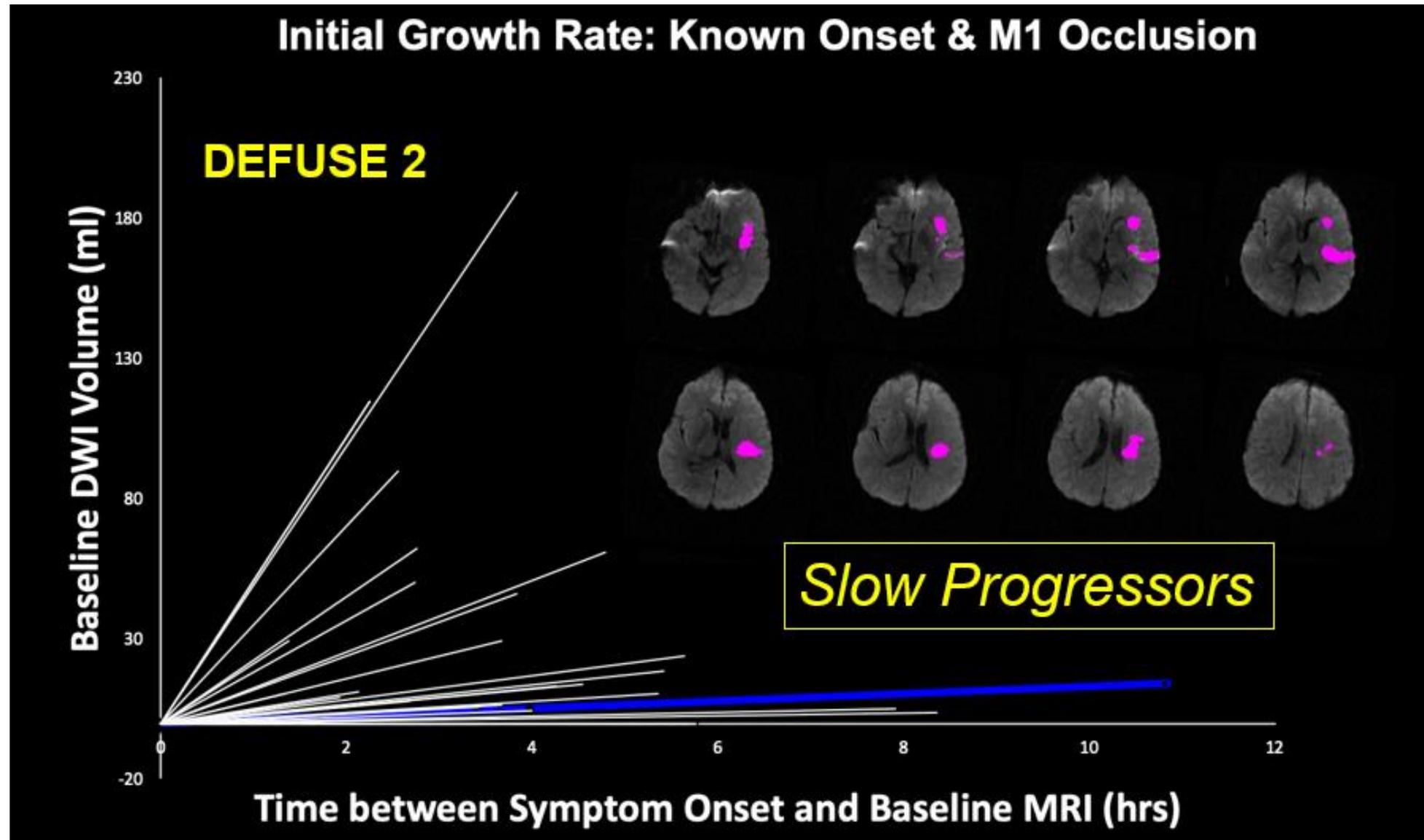
# Advanced imaging for extending treatment windows

## Premise

- Infarct growth is variable
- Many patients have salvageable tissue beyond standard treatment times
- Advanced imaging can identify these patients
- These may benefit from reperfusion treatments in delayed time period

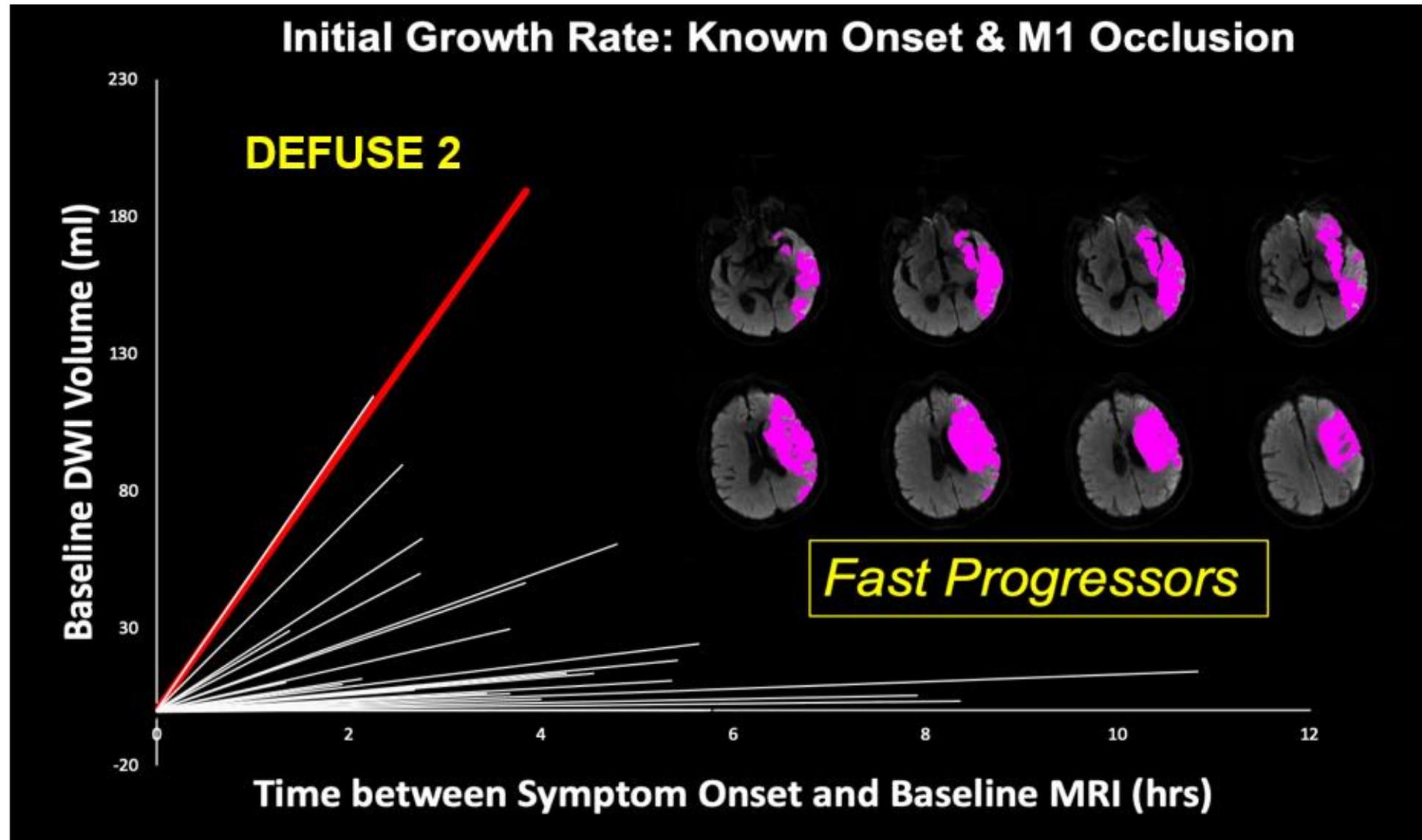


# Infarct growth rates are highly variable





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# Perfusion Imaging

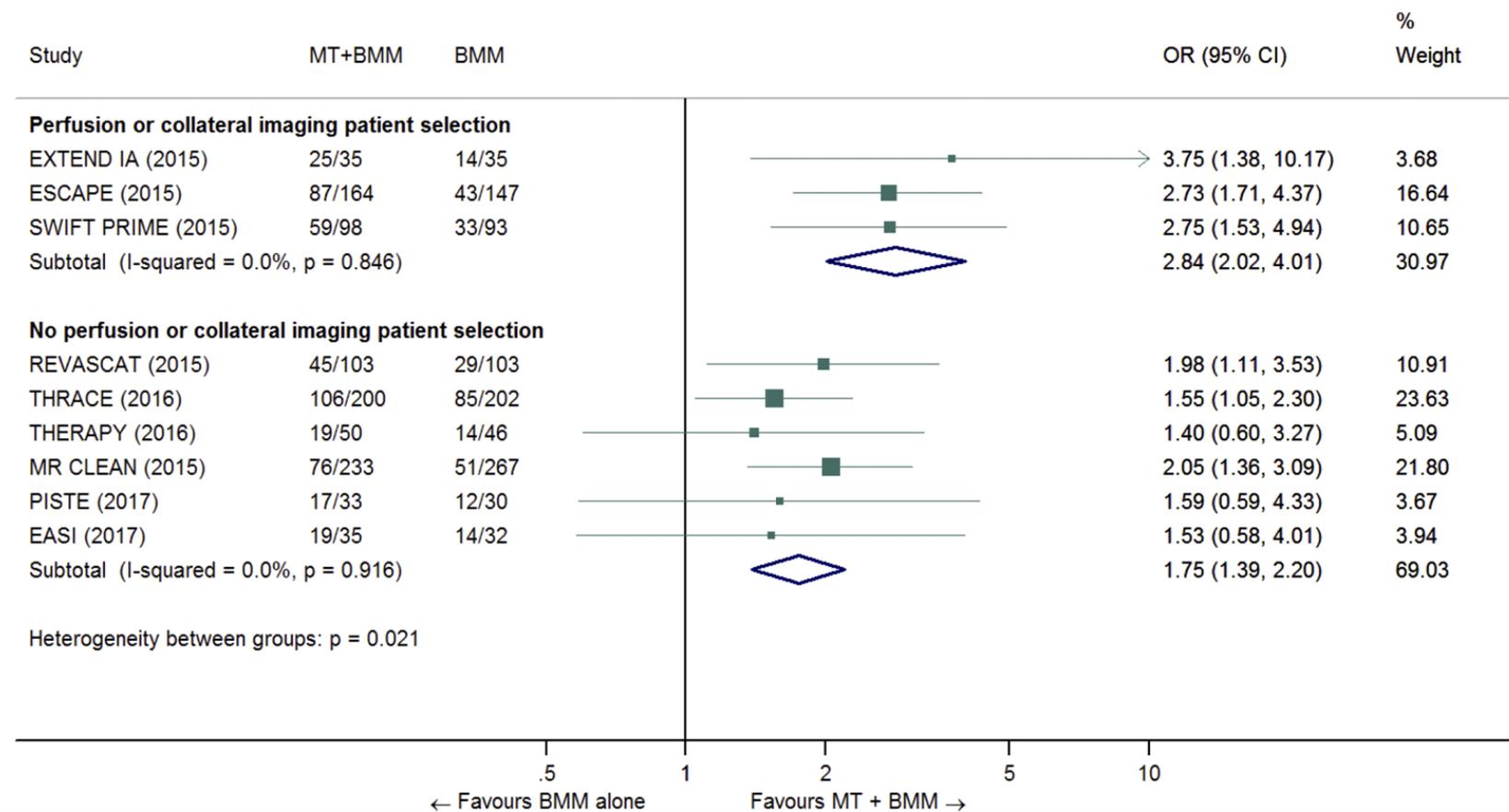
## AHA/ASA Guidelines: 2019 Update

### 2.2.4 Mechanical Thrombectomy Eligibility-Multimodal Imaging

Recommendations	COR	LOE
1. When selecting patients with AIS within 6 to 24 hours of last known normal who have LVO in the anterior circulation, obtaining CTP or DW-MRI, with or without MRI perfusion, is recommended to aid in patient selection for mechanical thrombectomy, but only when patients meet other eligibility criteria from one of the RCTs that showed benefit from mechanical thrombectomy in this extended time window.	I	A
2. When evaluating patients with AIS within 6 hours of last known normal with LVO and an Alberta Stroke Program Early Computed Tomography Score (ASPECTS) of $\geq 6$ , selection for mechanical thrombectomy based on CT and CTA or MRI and MRA is recommended in preference to performance of additional imaging such as perfusion studies.	I	B-NR

# Less than 6 hours : Higher benefit with use of advanced imaging

PICO 9: Benefit of MT according to advanced imaging patient selection: mRS 0-2



**ORs for functional independence - 2.84 (trials with advanced imaging)  
- 1.75 (trials without advanced imaging)**



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# Less than 6 hours: Advanced imaging for patient selection for LVO

- Patient selection with perfusion/collateral imaging does modify expected therapy effect.
- **BUT** - Advanced imaging may exclude patients who have the potential to respond favorably to reperfusion.
- EVT was clearly superior in trials in which only NCCT/CTA were required - MR CLEAN



# ESO/ESMINT Guidelines 2019

## Recommendations

- ▶ In adult patients with anterior circulation large vessel occlusion-related acute ischemic stroke presenting from 0 to 6 hours from time last known well, advanced imaging is not necessary for patient selection.

Quality of evidence: **Moderate** ⊕⊕⊕; strength of recommendation: **Weak** ↓?

- ▶ In adult patients with anterior circulation large vessel occlusion-related acute ischemic stroke presenting beyond 6 hours from time last known well, advanced imaging selection is necessary.

Quality of evidence: **Moderate** ⊕⊕⊕; strength of recommendation: **Strong** ↑↑



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# Role of perfusion in extended window thrombolysis (4.5-9 hours and Wake up stroke)

Extending thrombolysis to 4.5-9 h and wake-up stroke using perfusion imaging: a systematic review and meta-analysis of individual patient data

*Bruce C V Campbell\*, Henry Ma\*, Peter A Ringleb\*, Mark W Parsons, Leonid Churilov, Martin Bendszus, Christopher R Levi, Chung Hsu, Timothy J Kleinig, Marc Fatar, Didier Leys, Carlos Molina, Tissa Wijeratne, Sami Curtze, Helen M Dewey, P Alan Barber, Kenneth S Butcher, Deidre A De Silva, Christopher F Bladin, Nawaf Yassi, Johannes A R Pfaff, Gagan Sharma, Andrew Bivard, Patricia M Desmond, Stefan Schwab, Peter D Schellinger, Bernard Yan, Peter J Mitchell, Joaquín Serena, Danilo Toni, Vincent Thijs, Werner Hacke†, Stephen M Davis†, Geoffrey A Donnan†, on behalf of the EXTEND, ECASS-4, and EPITHET Investigators‡*

- *Excellent outcome (mRS 0-1) 36% in alteplase group vs 29% in placebo group*
- *Trials were before EVT as standard of care*
- *Perfusion may extend time window for thrombolysis if EVT not available/ineligible*

# Collateral Imaging - Data

- **ESCAPE** - ASPECTS 6 plus good/intermediate collaterals on multiphase CTA up to 12 hours
- **Secondary analyses MR CLEAN and IMS III**- supporting role of collaterals in identifying patients likely or unlikely to benefit from EVT
- **HERMES collaboration** - no significant modification of treatment effect by collateral grade (p interaction= 0.30)

# Collateral Imaging

## AHA/ASA Guidelines: 2019 Update

<b>13. It may be reasonable to incorporate collateral flow status into clinical decision making in some candidates to determine eligibility for mechanical thrombectomy.</b>	<b>IIb</b>	<b>C-LD</b>
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# MRI in acute stroke

## AHA/ASA Guidelines: 2019 Update

3. In patients with AIS who awake with stroke symptoms or have unclear time of onset > 4.5 hours from last known well or at baseline state, MRI to identify diffusion-positive FLAIR-negative lesions can be useful for selecting those who can benefit from IV alteplase administration within 4.5 hours of stroke symptom recognition.

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WAKE-UP trial

IV tPA guided by imaging selection of FLAIR-DWI mismatch had better outcomes (53.3% vs 41.8%)

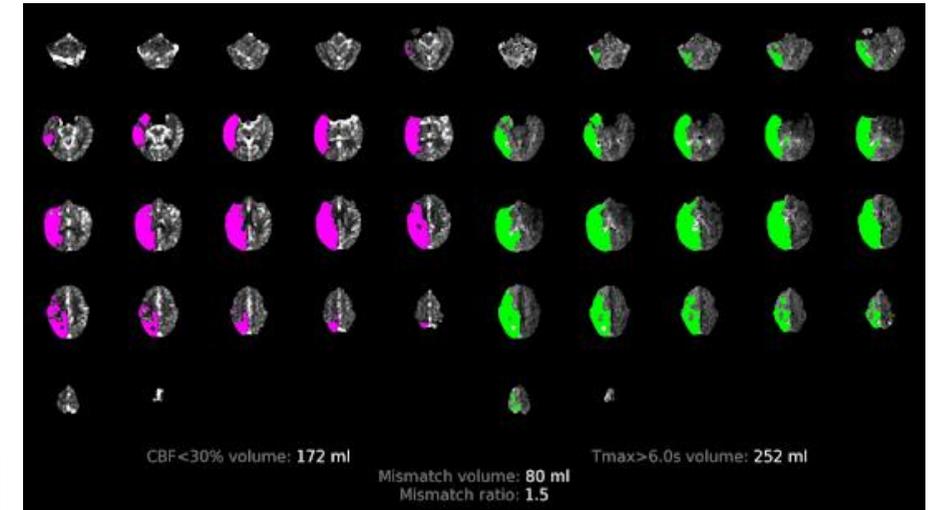
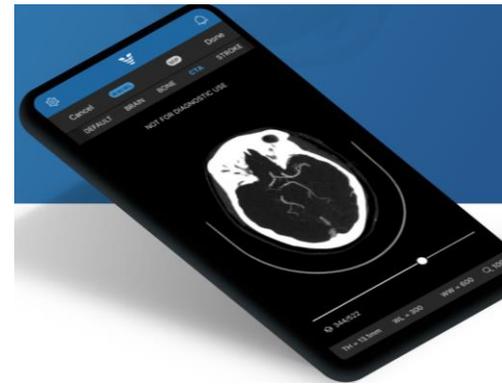
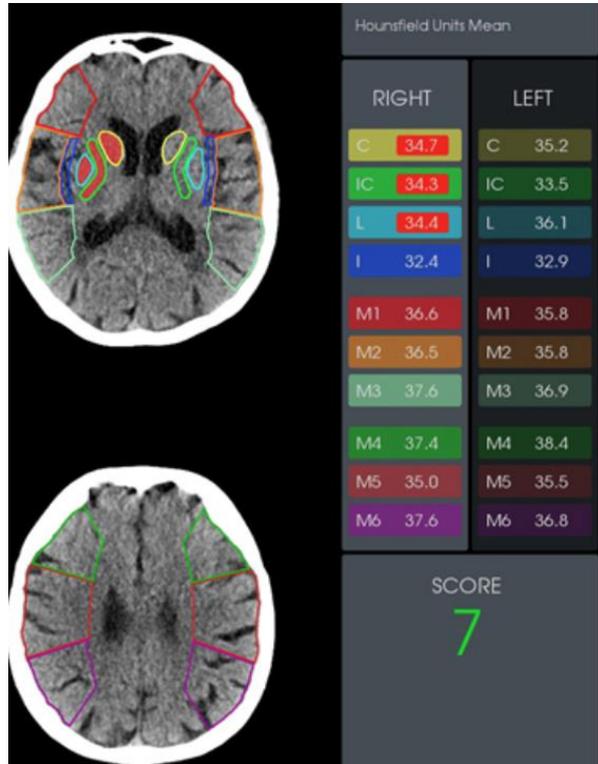
Rate of sICH higher (2% vs 0.4%)

# AHA/ASA 2019 Update

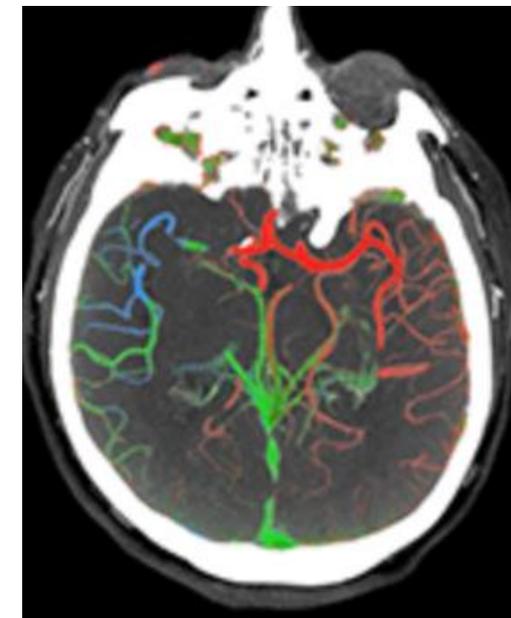
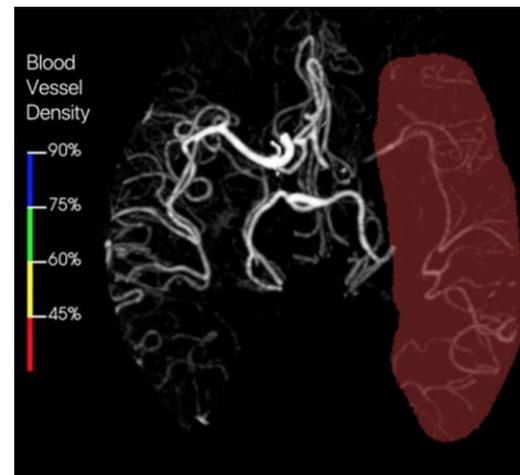
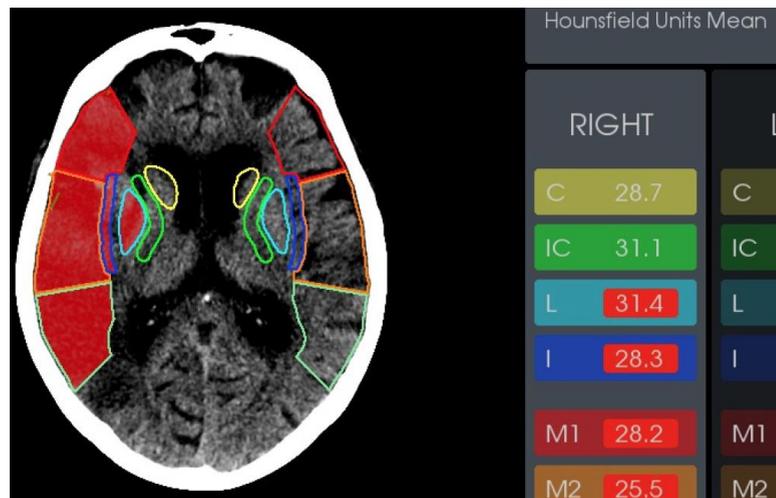
2.2.1. Initial Imaging	COR	LOE	New, Revised, or Unchanged
1. All patients with suspected acute stroke should receive emergency brain imaging evaluation on first arrival to a hospital before initiating any specific therapy to treat AIS.	I	A	Recommendation reworded for clarity from 2013 AIS Guidelines. COR and LOE unchanged. See Table XCV in <a href="#">online Data Supplement 1</a> for original wording.
2. Systems should be established so that brain imaging studies can be performed as quickly as possible in patients who may be candidates for IV fibrinolysis or mechanical thrombectomy or both.	I	B-NR	New recommendation.
2.2.2. IV Alteplase Eligibility (Continued)	COR	LOE	New, Revised, or Unchanged
2. In patients eligible for IV alteplase, because benefit of therapy is time dependent, treatment should be initiated as quickly as possible and not delayed for additional multimodal neuroimaging, such as CT and MRI perfusion imaging.	I	B-NR	New recommendation.

*Advanced imaging should NOT delay IV thrombolysis or door-to-groin puncture times*

# Artificial Intelligence: *Man vs machine*

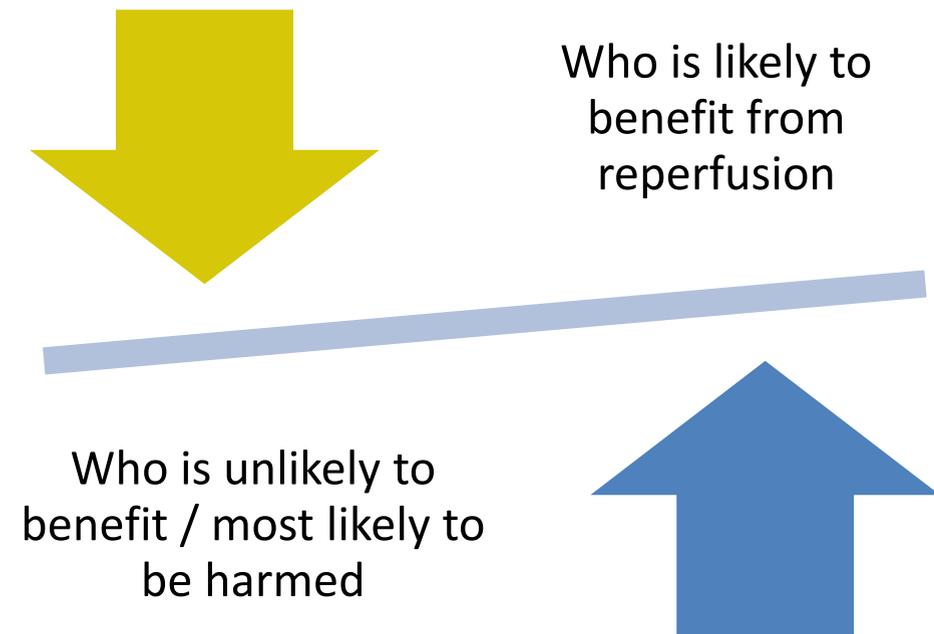
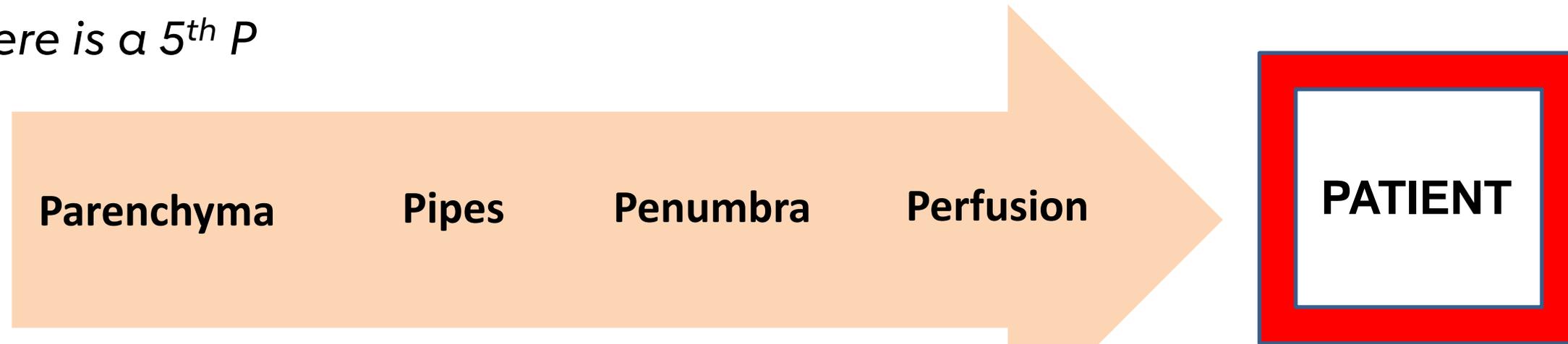


Automated ASPECTS  
Automated LVO detection  
Automated perfusion  
Automated collaterals



# The "Art" and "Science"

4Ps – there is a 5<sup>th</sup> P



# Which imaging paradigm is better for "Code Stroke"?

Depends on multiple factors....

- Local/Institutional preferences and resources
- Timing of stroke – early/late/wake up
- Create OUR best systems of care (from the 911 call to rehabilitation)
- Fast streamlined imaging workflows
- Radiology plays an integral part

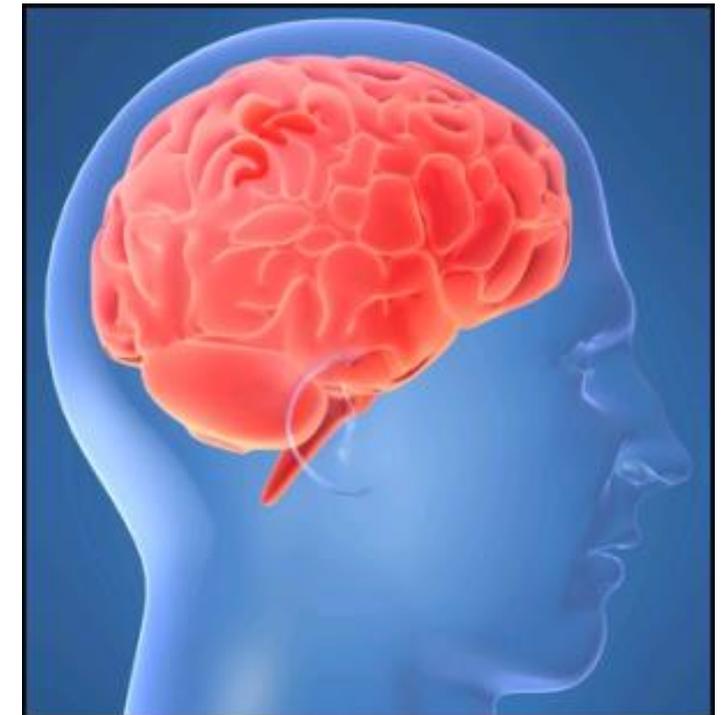


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# Conclusion

- Changing landscape
- Imaging is critical for diagnosis (CT remains the workhorse)
- Institutions will have to adopt efficient workflows
- The clock is always ticking .....





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## Inhabitants

7.5M

## Stroke Incidence

187.4 cases por 100.000 hab

14.000/year

### Optimal:

23 Stroke Units  
8 CSC

### Optimal:

2520 iv tPA / year  
700 EVT / year

### Ideal:

1125-1500 EVT/ year

### ESO Target for Centers:

3 stroke units / 1.000.000

1 comprehensive SC / 1.000.000

### ESO Target for Treatments:

Rate of iv.tPA: 18%

Rate of EVT: 5%

### Ideal target:

150-200 EVT / 1M hab

Check for updates

Original research article

## Access to and delivery of acute ischaemic stroke treatments: A survey of national scientific societies and stroke experts in 44 European countries

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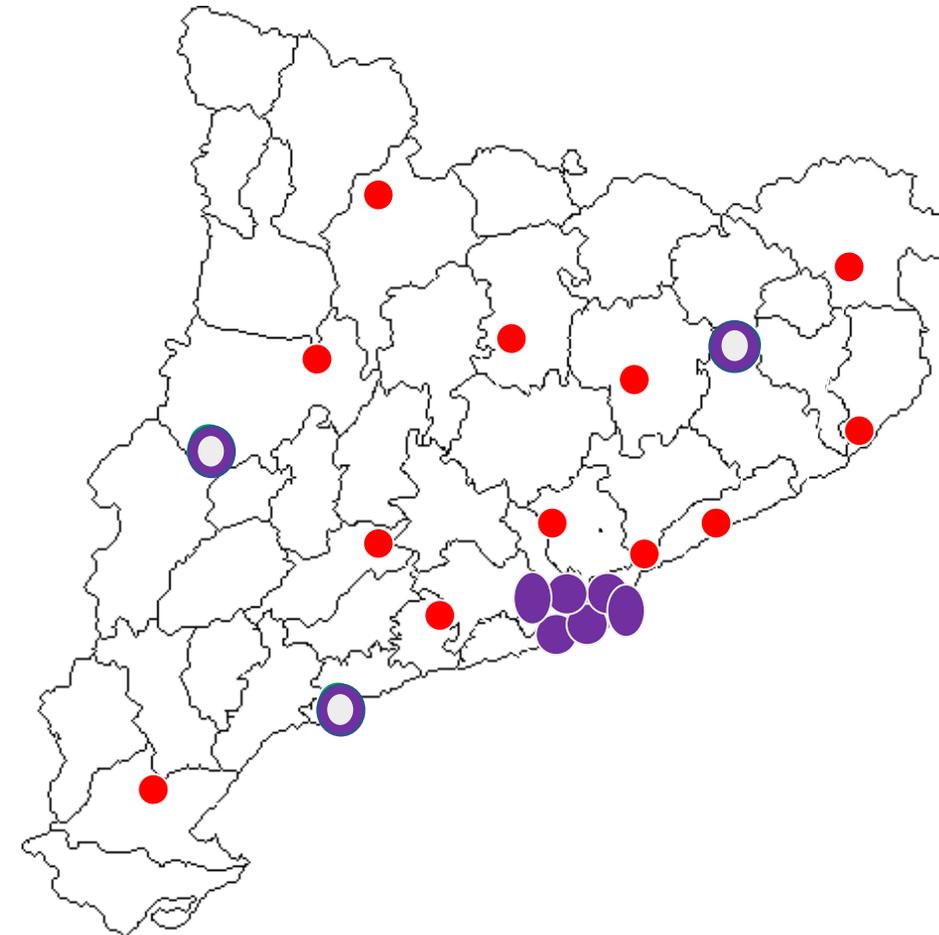
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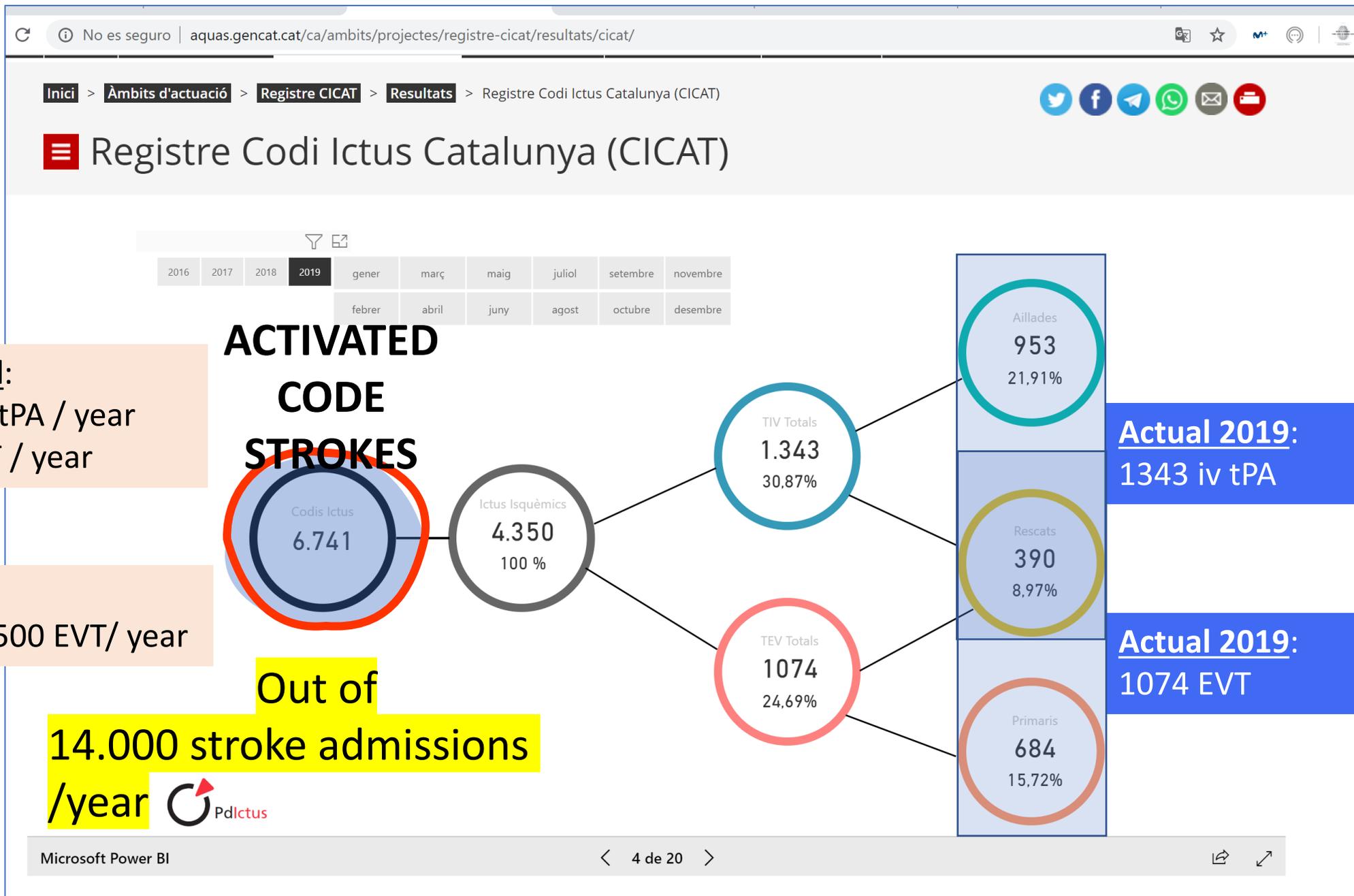
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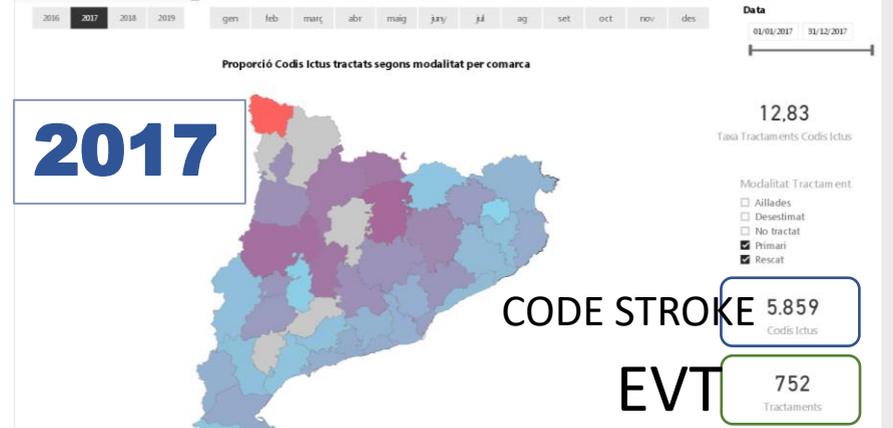
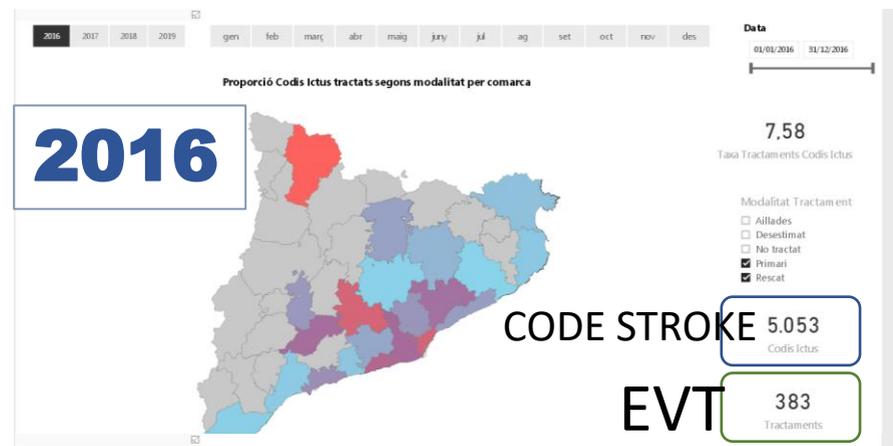
26 Stroke Units  
6 Comprehensive Stroke Centers  
+ 3 TEV ready centers

**Optimal:**  
2520 iv tPA / year  
700 EVT / year

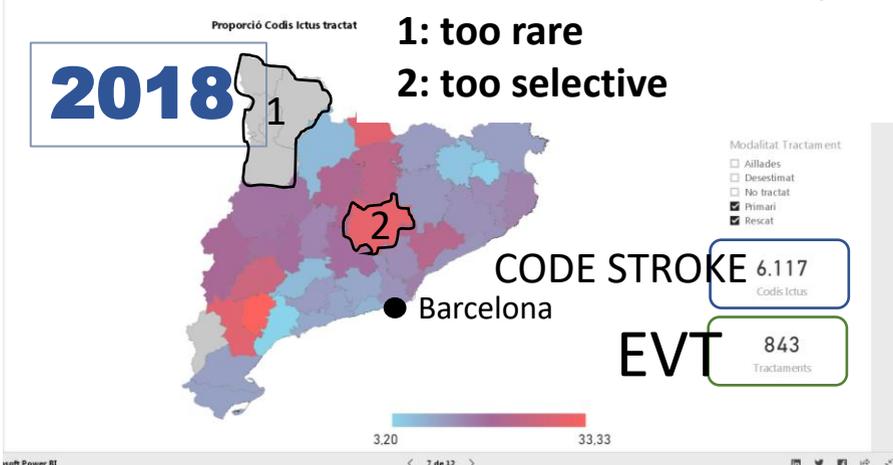
**Ideal:**  
1125-1500 EVT/ year



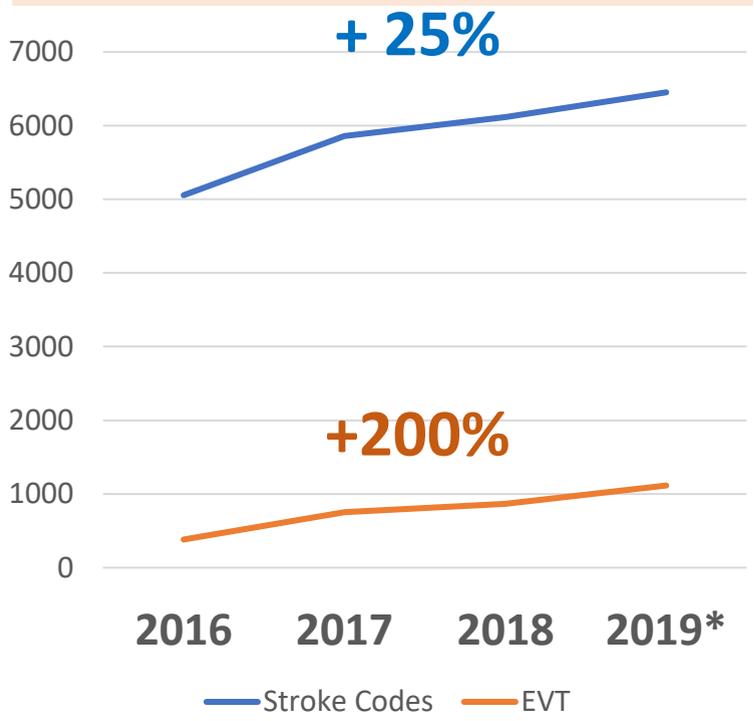




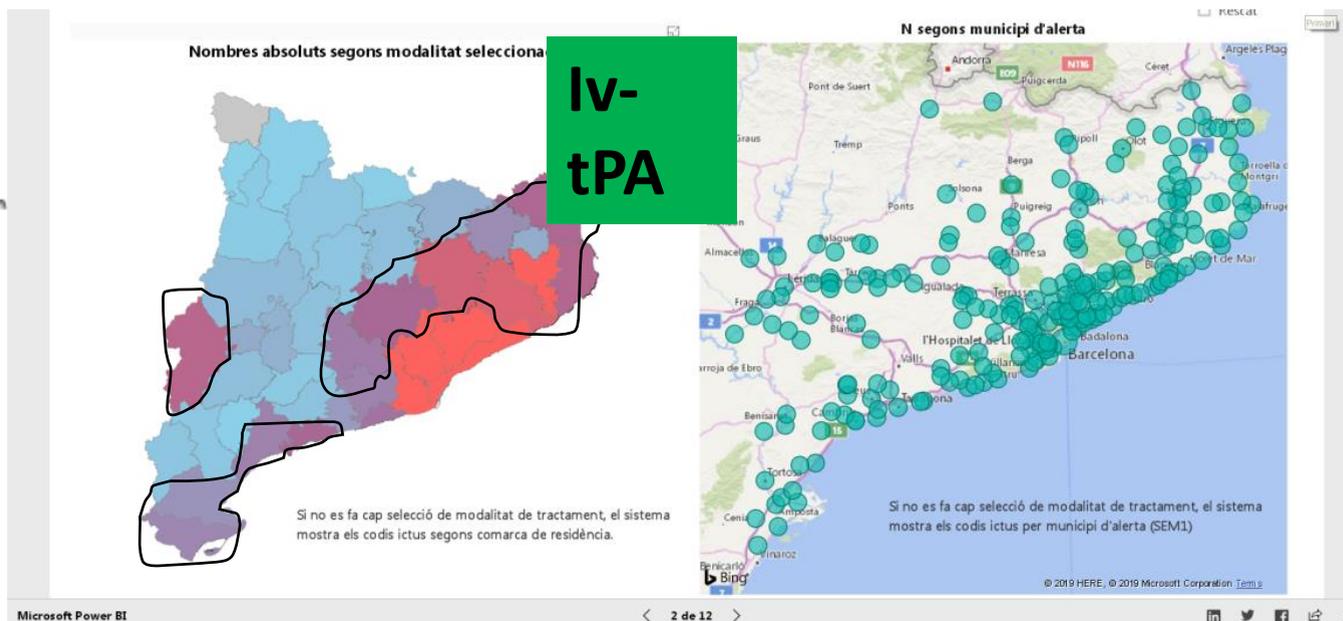
**Stroke Code activation by EMS**



**# EVT / #STROKE CODE ACTIVATED (per regions)**

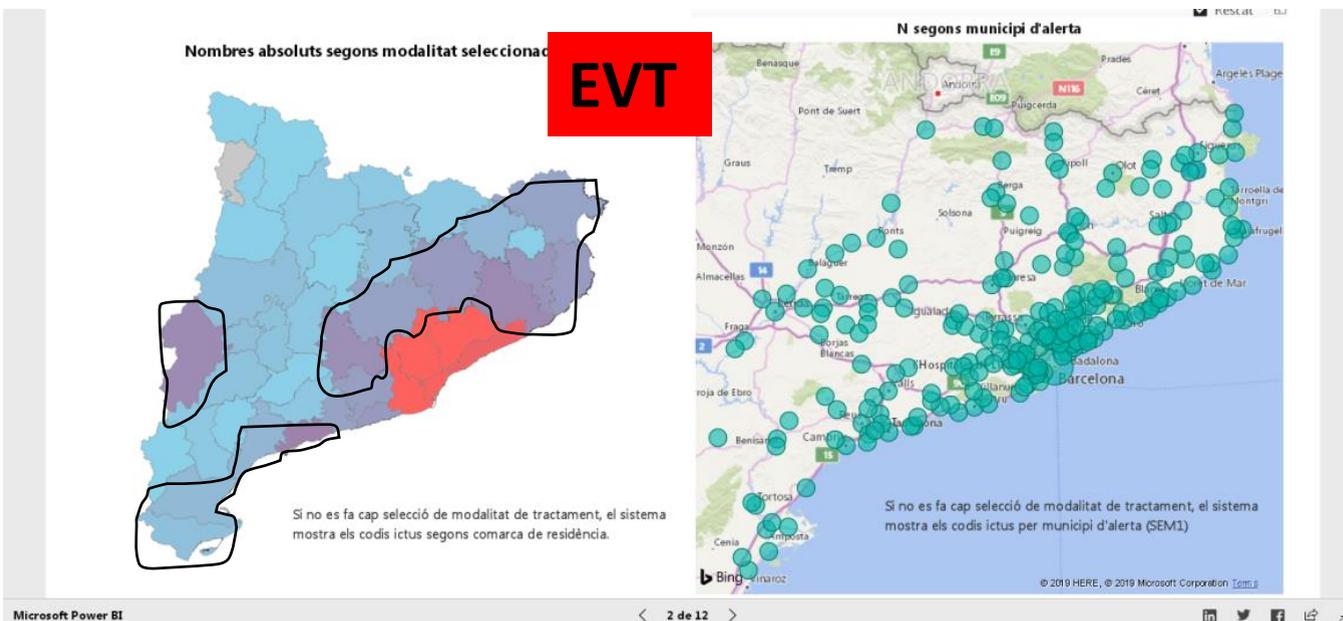


- Geographical spread of EVT
- Increase in absolute number of SC
- Increase in absolute number of EVT
- Uneven activation of stroke codes



**iv-tPA treatments**  
**According to onset location**  
**(absolute numbers)**

 **Town of initial alert**

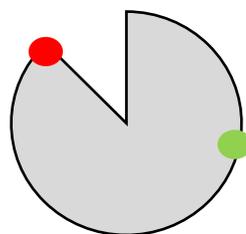


**EVT**  
**According to onset location**  
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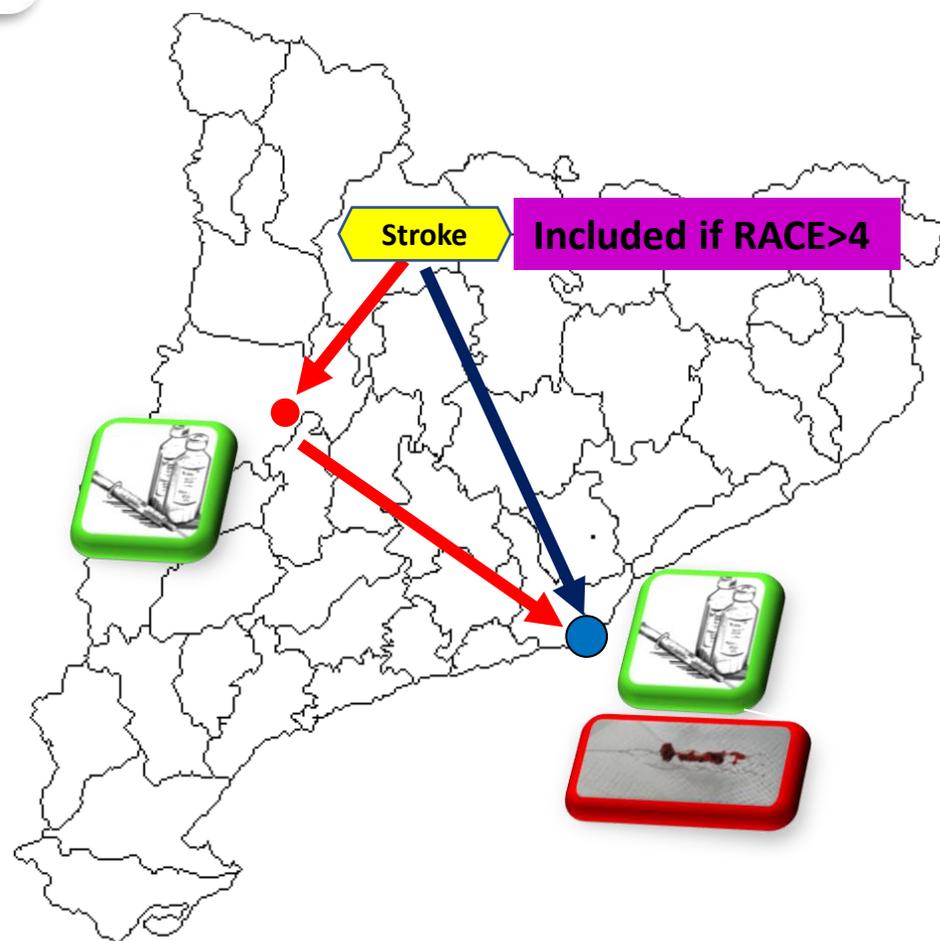
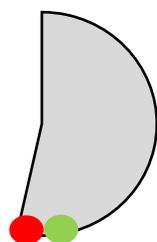
**In specific areas: Better Access to iv-tPA than to EVT**



Option A



Option B

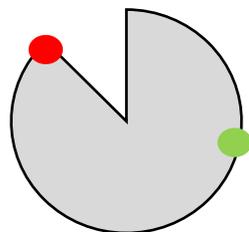


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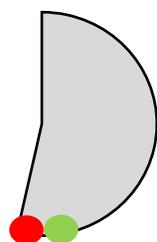
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Option A



Option B



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Final results Q4 - 2020

Traditional approach:

From now **only ONE** transfer option will be applied for all patients presenting with the RACECAT inclusion criteria

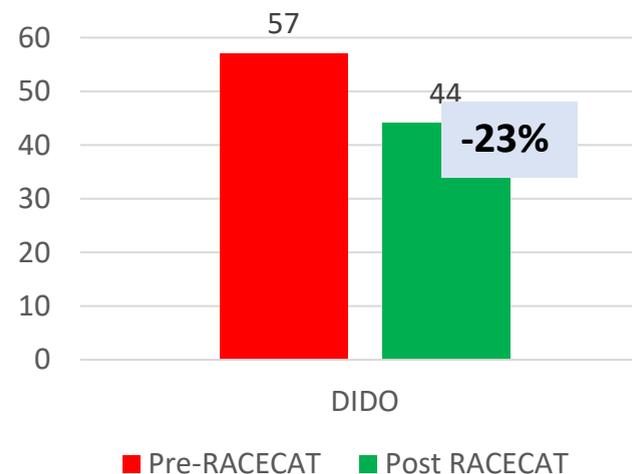
# Implications of the RACECAT Study Primary Stroke Centers



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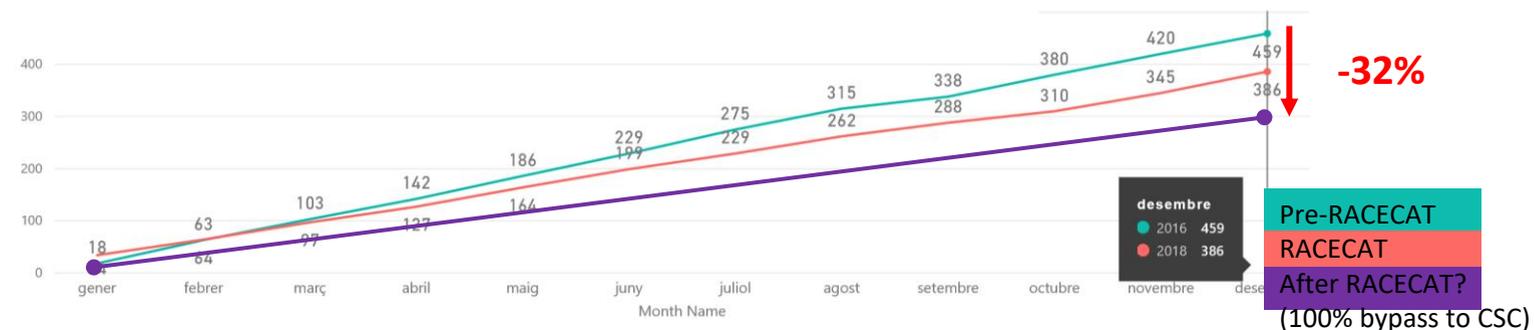
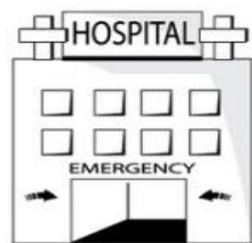


## Door-in Door-out time\* at Primary Stroke Center

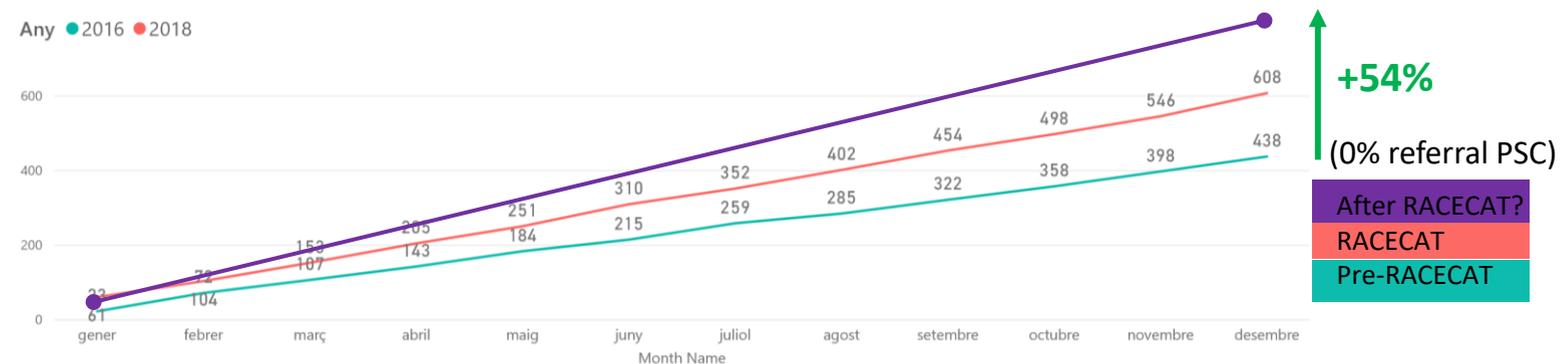
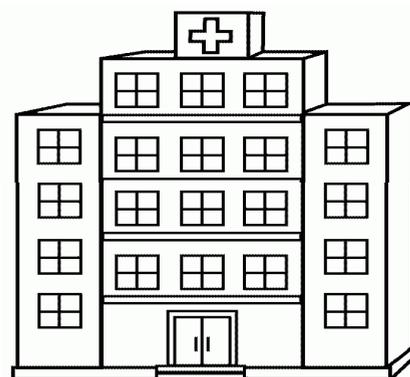


**2019**

## iv-tPA in Primary Stroke Centers 2016 Vs 2018 (50% bypass to CSC)



## iv-tPA in Comprehensive Stroke Centers 2016 Vs 2018 (50% referral to PSC)

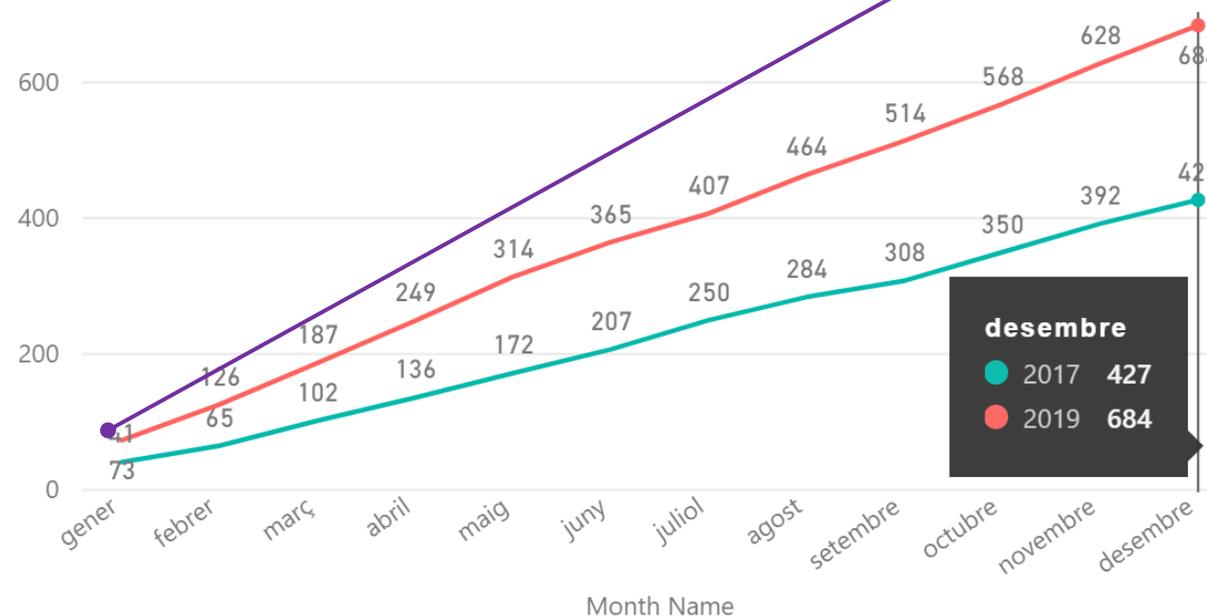


## EVT in Comprehensive Stroke Centers 2017 Vs 2019 (50% bypass to CSC)



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Any ● 2017 ● 2019



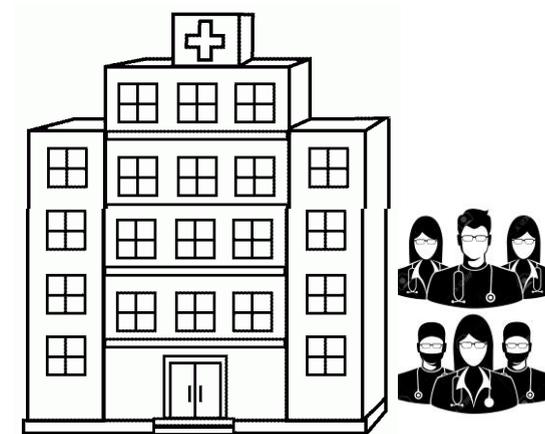
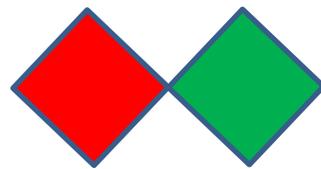
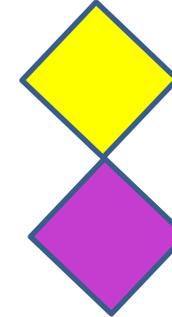
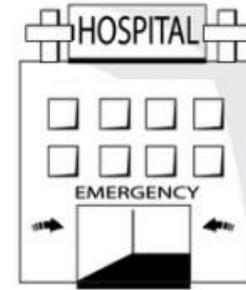
+XX%  
(100% by-pass to CSC)

After RACECAT?  
RACECAT  
Pre-RACECAT

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● 2017 427  
● 2019 684

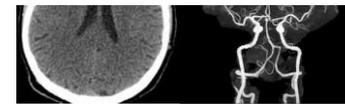
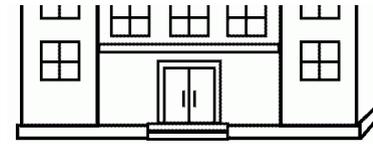
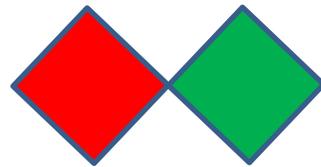
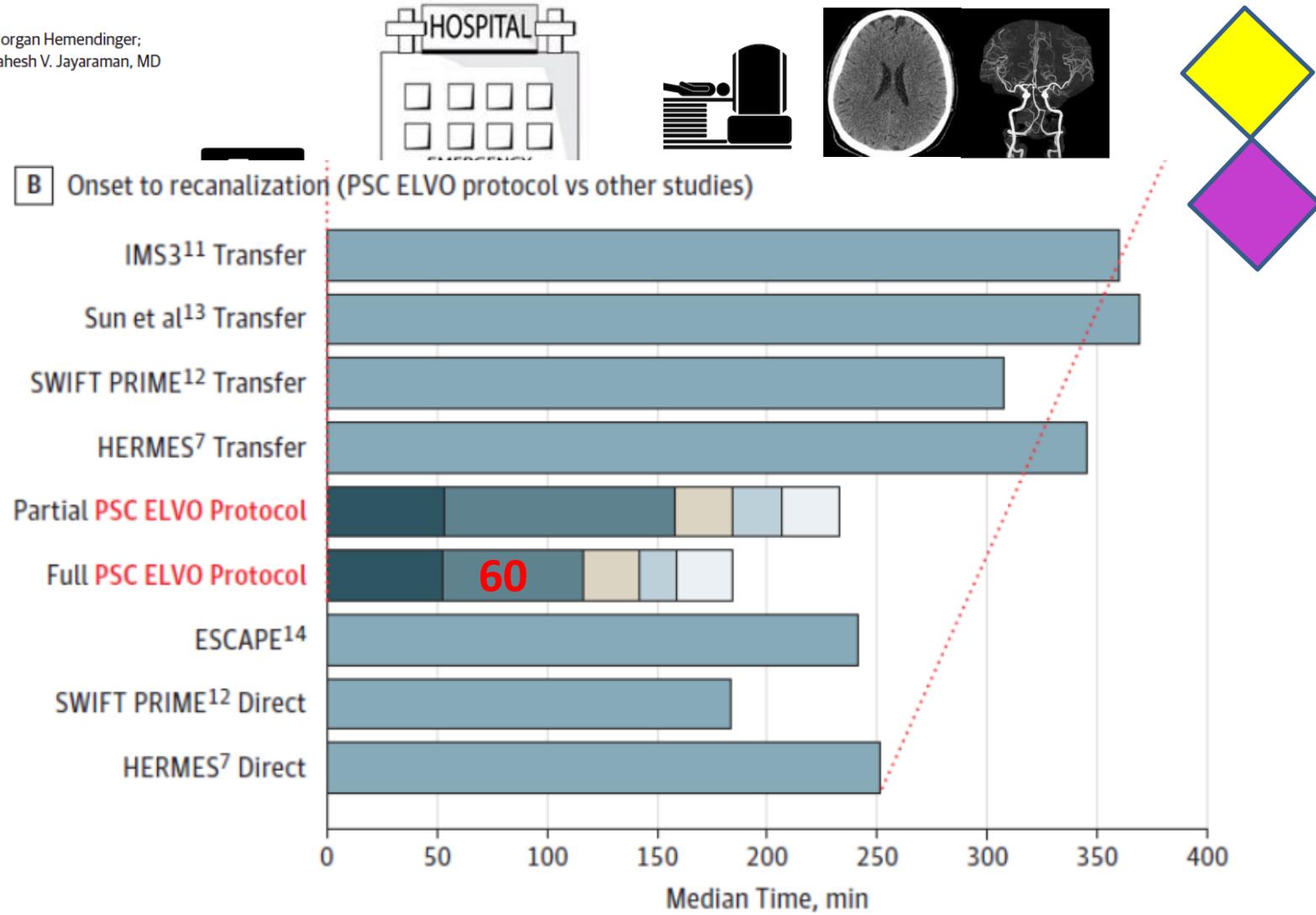
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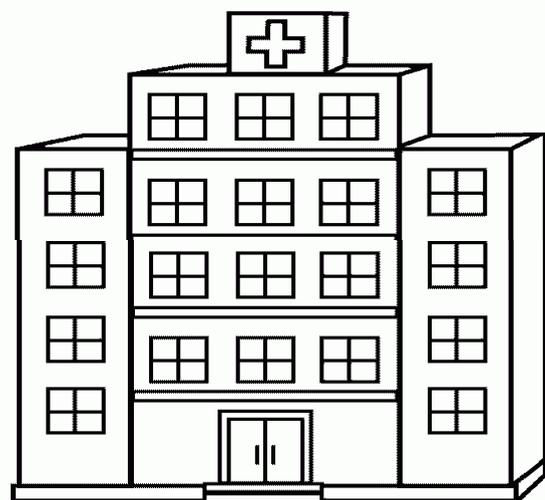
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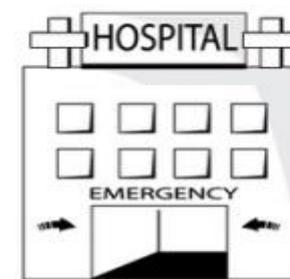
## Should CT Angiography be a Routine Component of Acute Stroke Imaging?

Vanja Douglas, MD<sup>1</sup>, Michel Shamy, MD, MA, FRCPC<sup>2</sup>,  
and Pratik Bhattacharya, MD, MPH<sup>3</sup>



Stroke team available 24/7  
CTA available 24/7

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Stroke team not present  
Many Spoke Sites are not CTA capable (24/7)  
Spoke sites may not have enough volume to keep CT  
techs skills

## FOCUSED UPDATES IN CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE

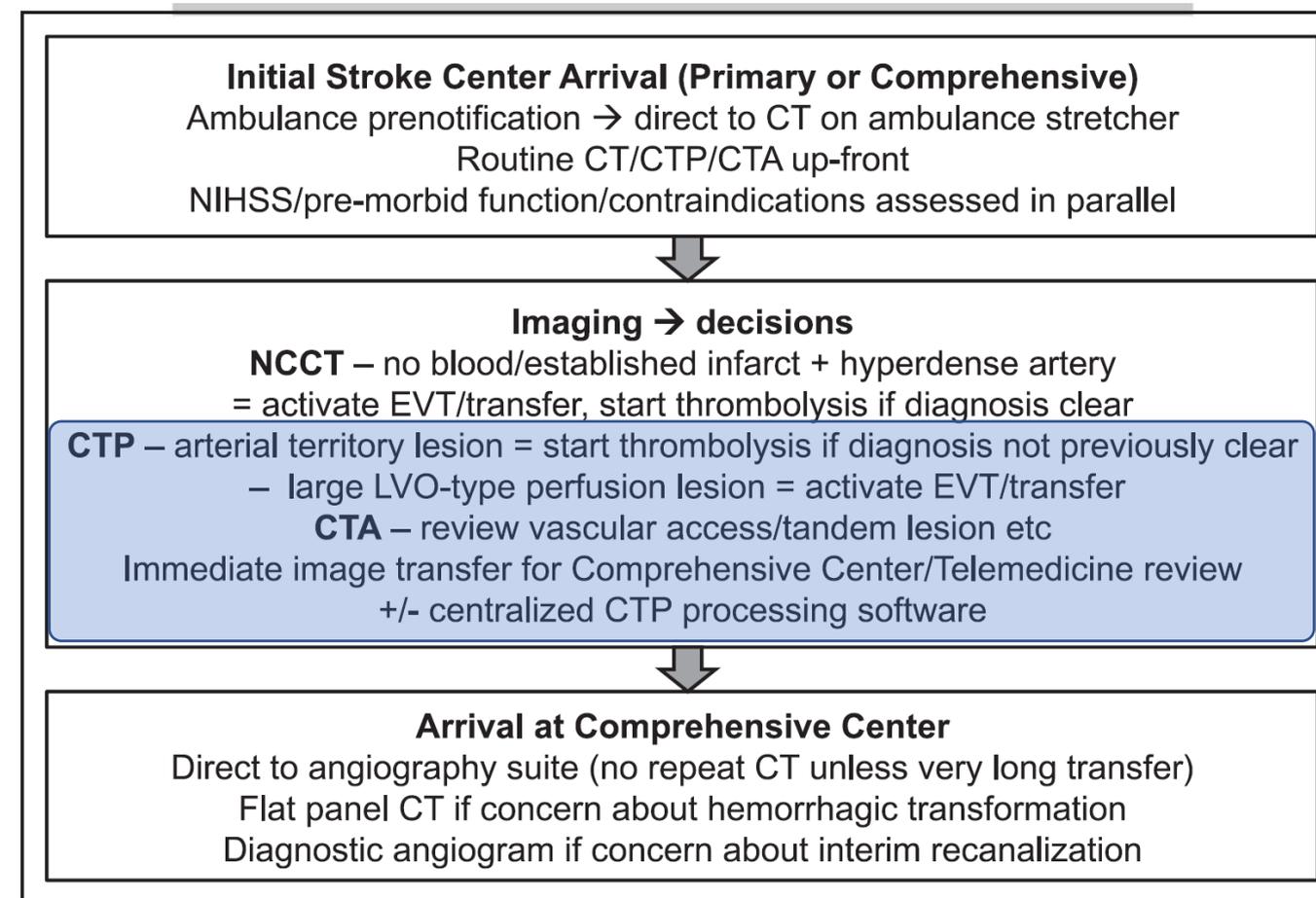
# Optimal Imaging at the Primary Stroke Center

Bruce C.V. Campbell , MBBS (Hons), BMedSc, PhD, FRACP

**Table 1. Aims of Imaging at Primary Stroke Centers**

Fast, accurate diagnosis
requires immediate radiology or neurology interpretation of imaging on-site or via telemedicine ± artificial intelligence decision assistance and team notification
Maximize eligibility for intravenous thrombolysis
requires CTP to treat >4.5 h based on current evidence
CTP abnormalities may increase confidence to treat mild stroke
Maximize eligibility for endovascular thrombectomy
requires CTP to treat >6 h based on current evidence
patients with noncontrast CT ASPECTS 0–5 may have relatively small CTP core and benefit from reperfusion
Minimize futile transfers to reduce cost and social dislocation
only transfer patients who at least meet eligibility criteria pretransport
Streamline the path to reperfusion
minimize the need for repeat imaging
ensure images accessible to receiving center
facilitate referral and decision-making at the comprehensive center

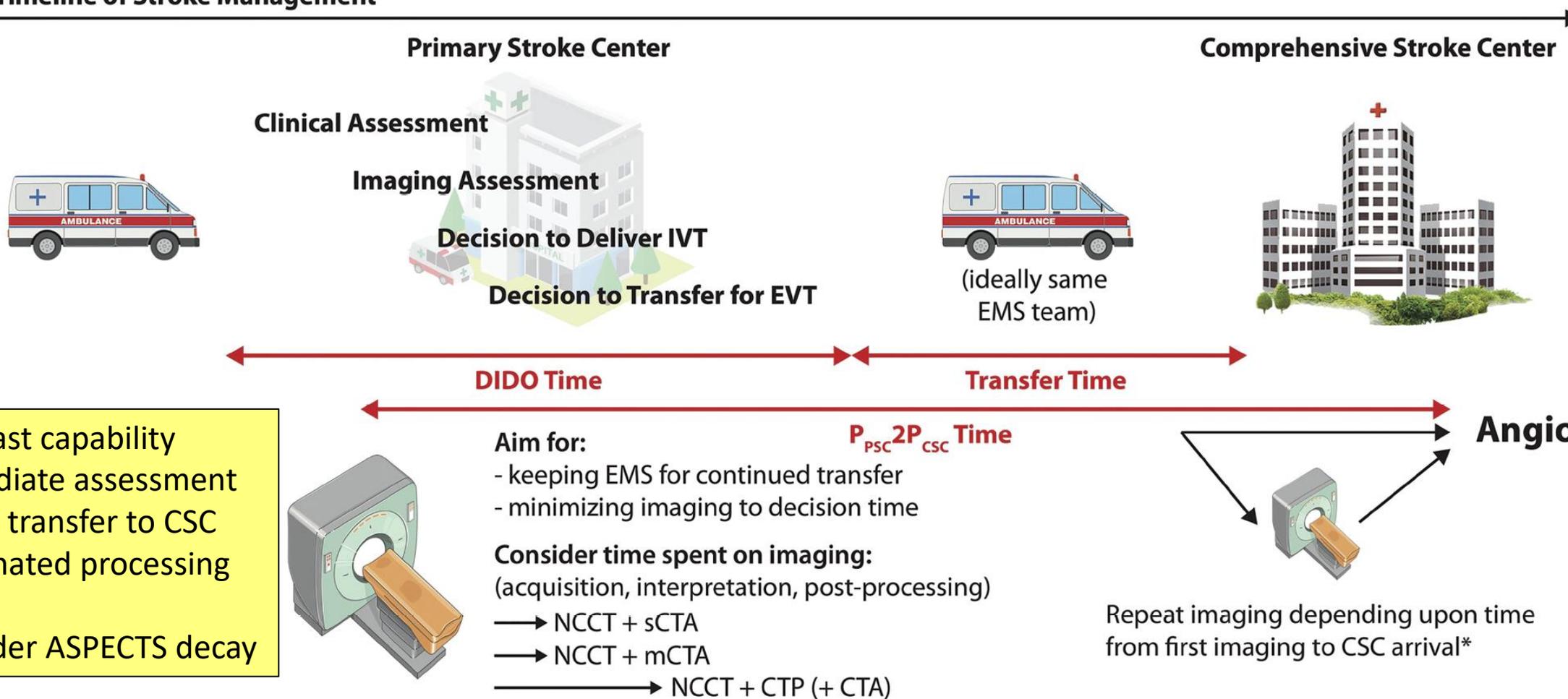
ASPECTS indicates Alberta Stroke Program Early CT Score; CT, computed tomography; and CTP, computed tomographic perfusion.



# Imaging of Patients with Suspected Large-Vessel Occlusion at Primary Stroke Centers: Available Modalities and a Suggested Approach

M.A. Almekhlafi, W.G. Kunz, B.K. Menon, R.A. McTaggart, M.V. Jayaraman, B.W. Baxter, D. Heck, D. Frei, C.P. Derdeyn, T. Takagi, A.H. Aamodt, I.M.R. Fragata, M.D. Hill, A.M. Demchuk, and M. Goyal

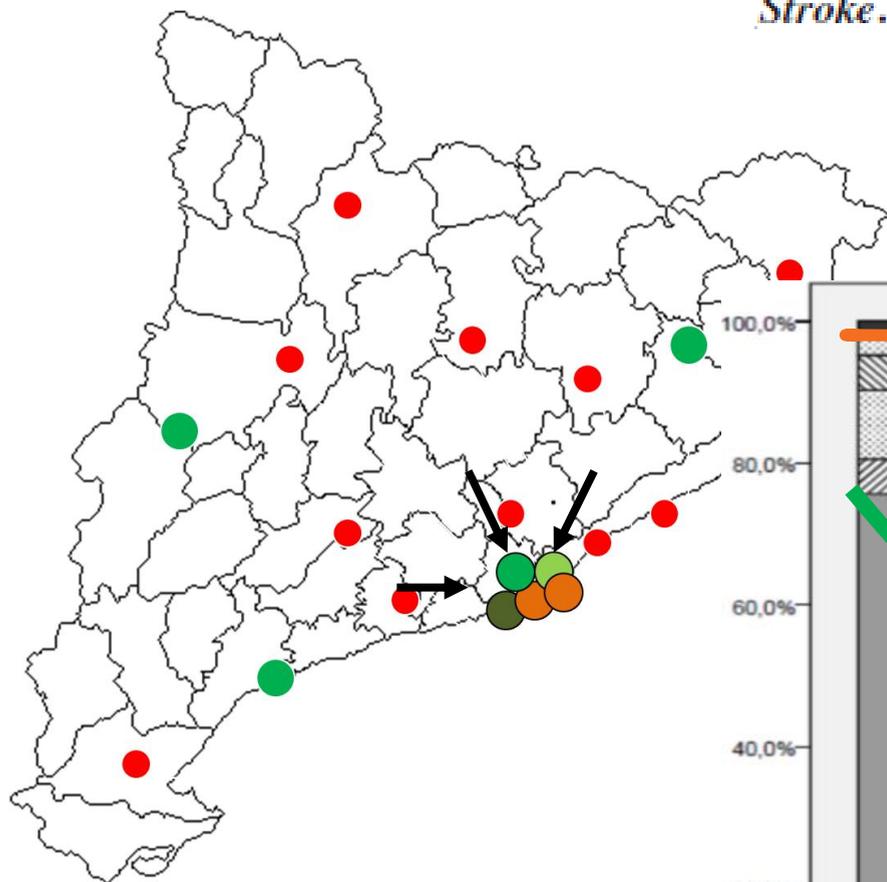
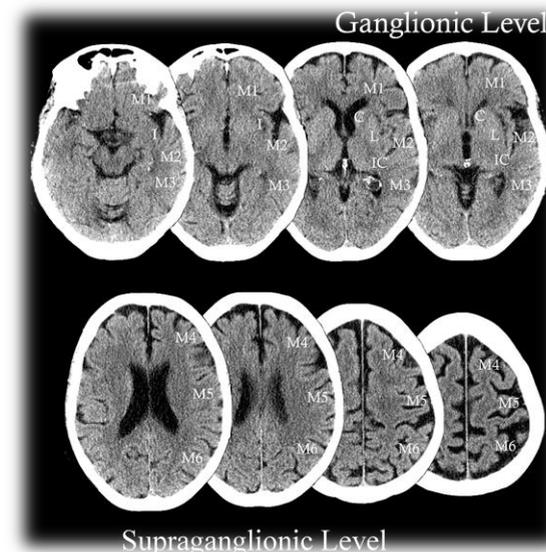
## Timeline of Stroke Management



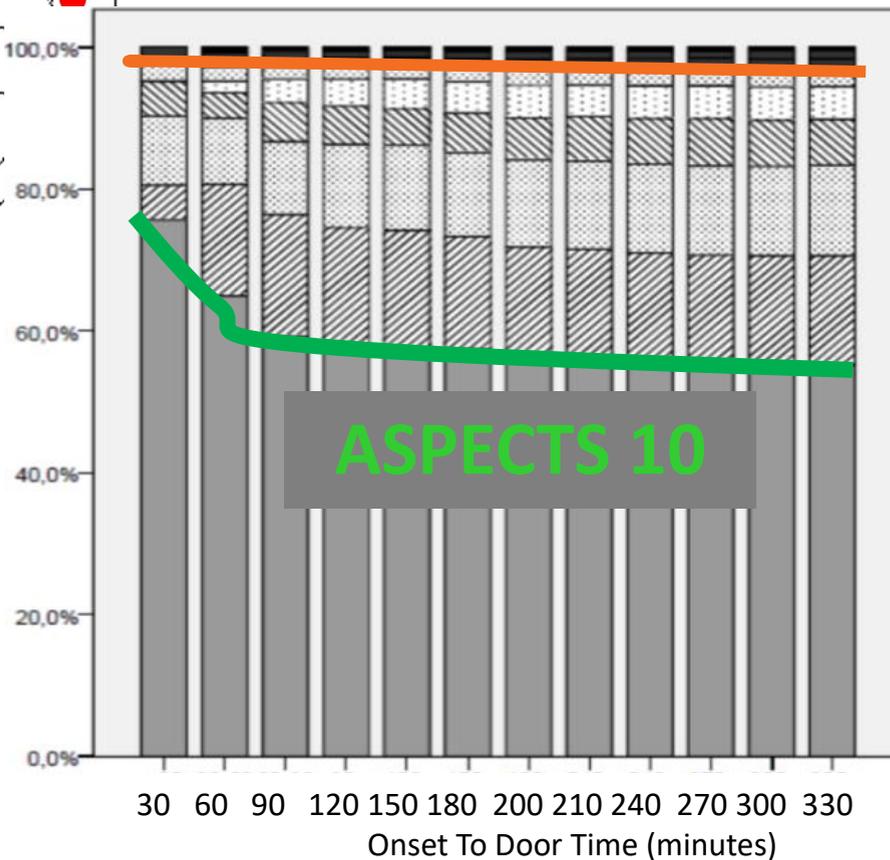
## Predictors of Endovascular Treatment Among Stroke Codes Activated Within 6 Hours From Symptom Onset

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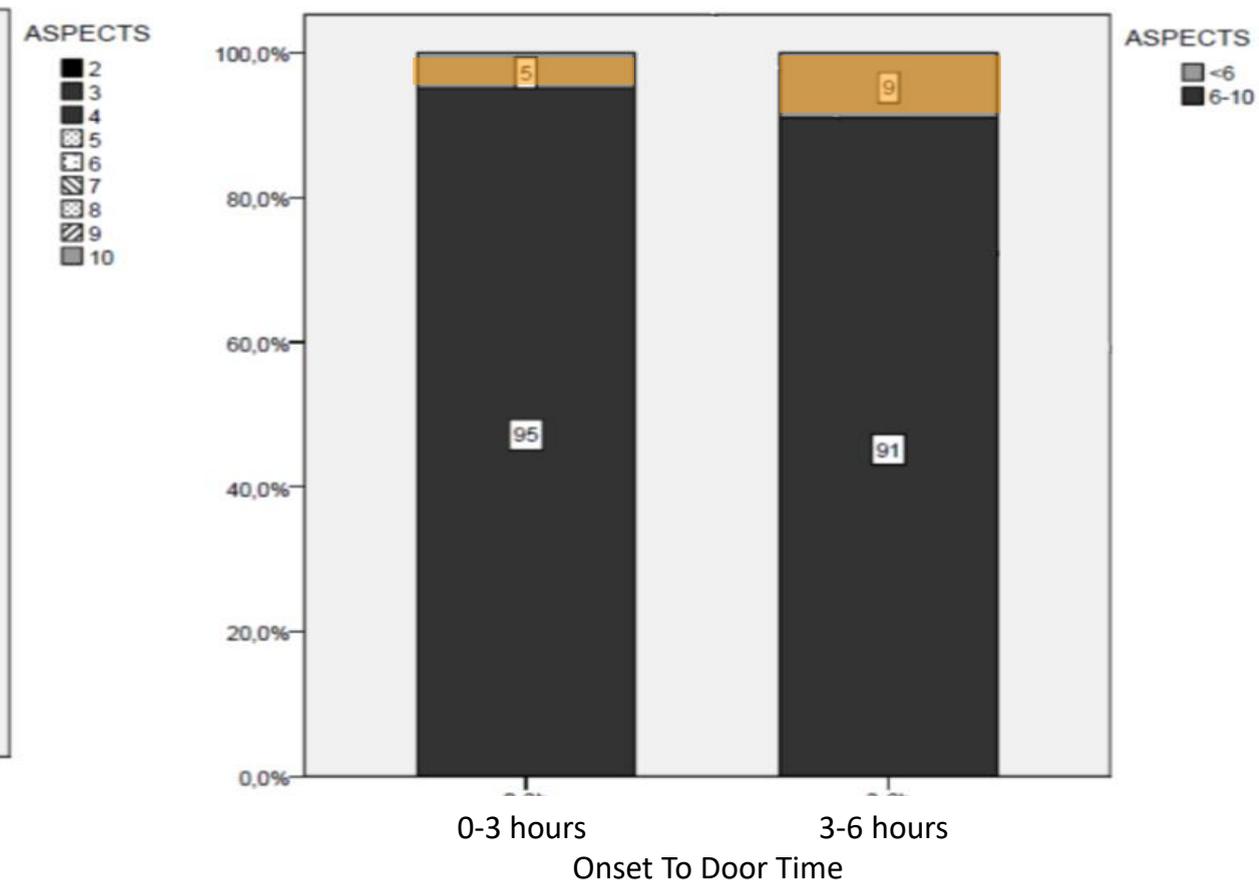
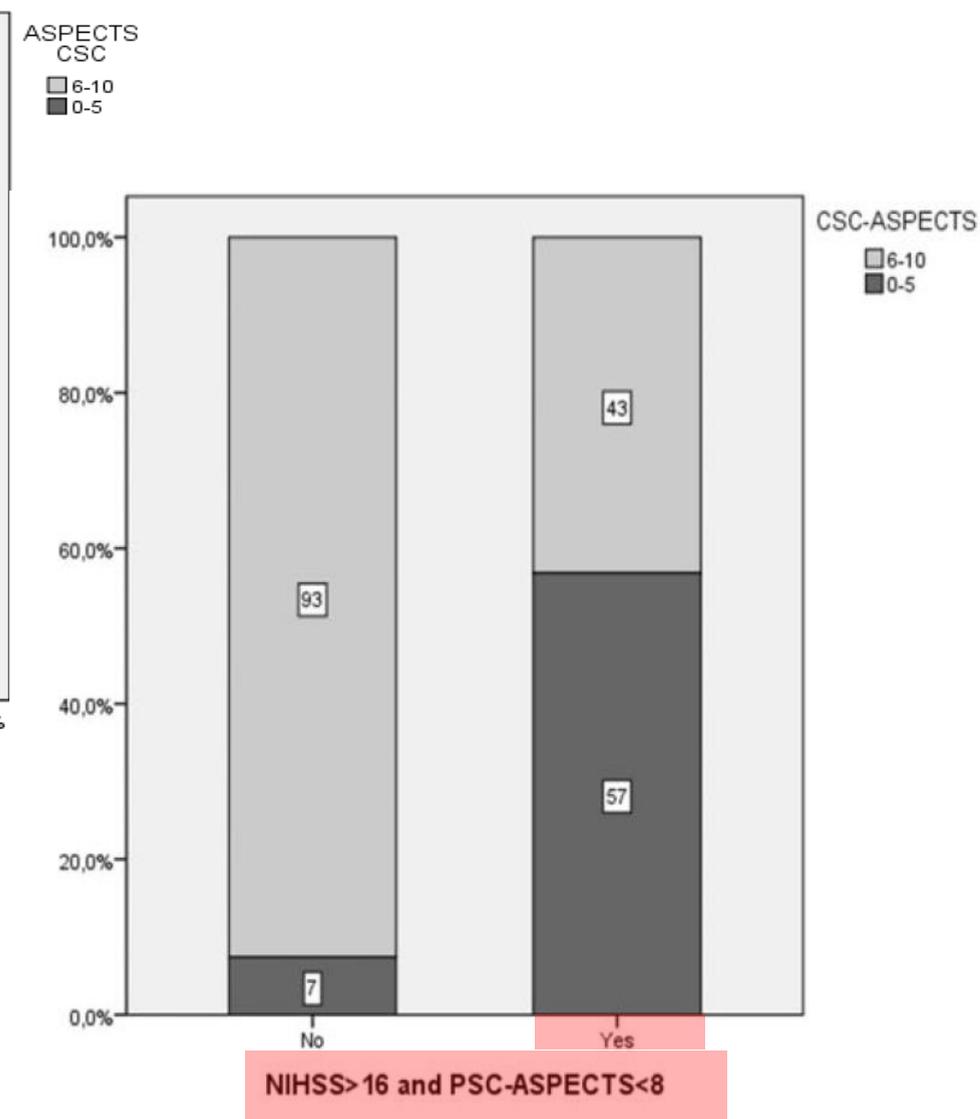
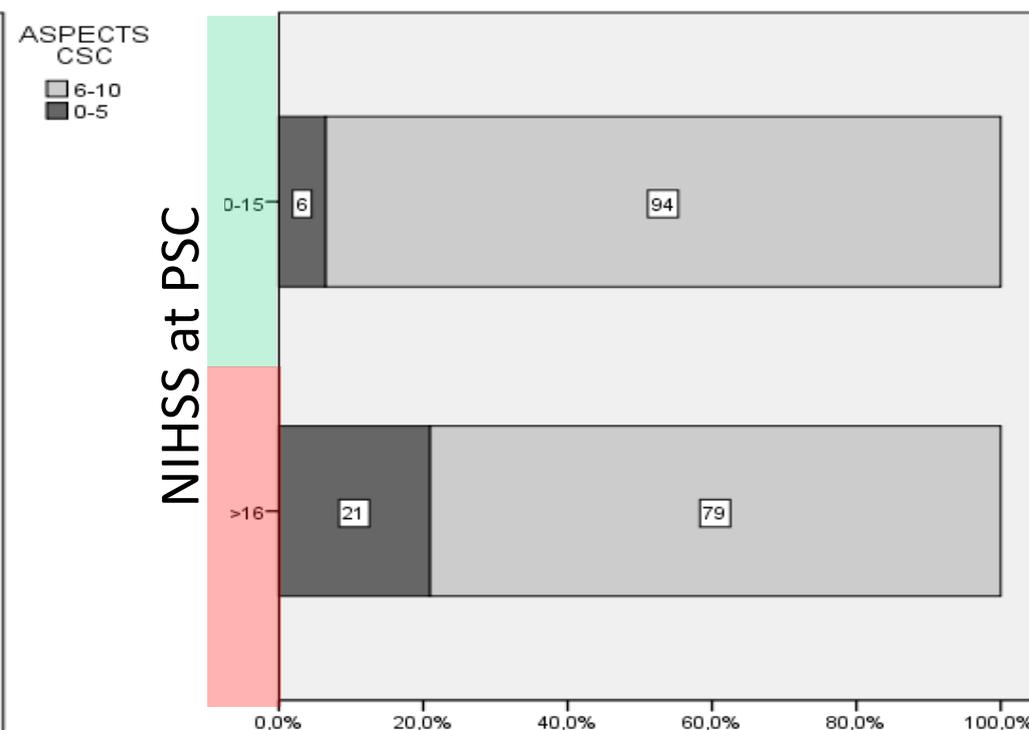
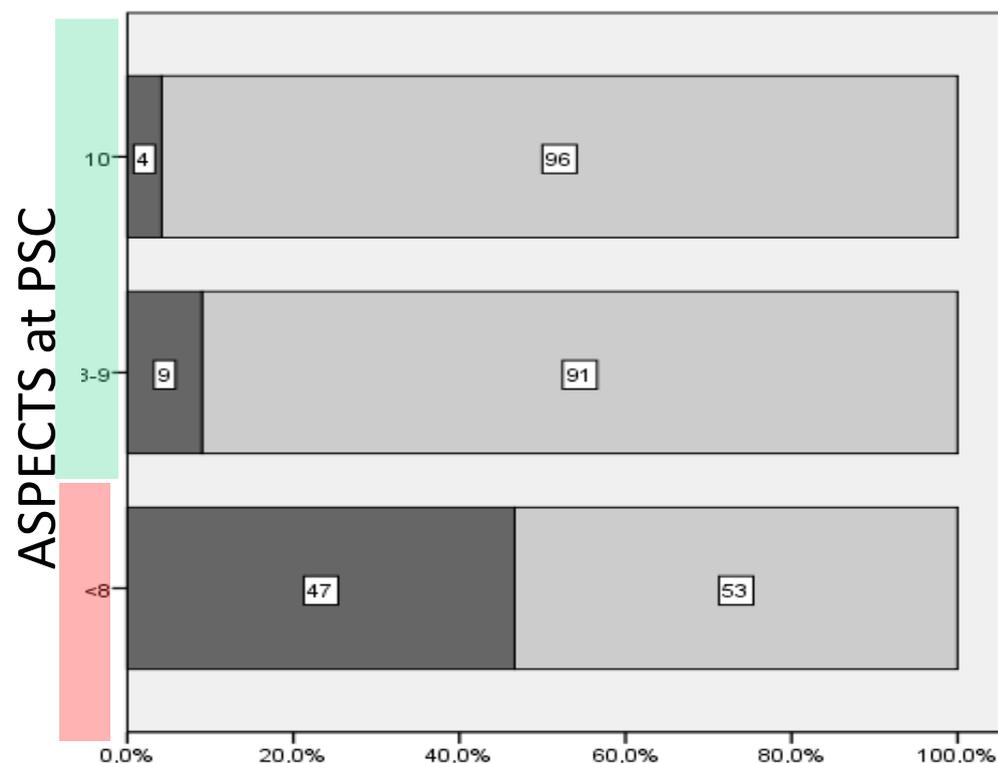


Figure 2. ASPECTS score according time from onset to admission. Perfect ASPECTS score decreased over time, the rate of ASPECTS  $\geq 6$  did not significantly decrease.

# Clinical and neuroimaging criteria to improve the workflow in transfers for endovascular treatment evaluation

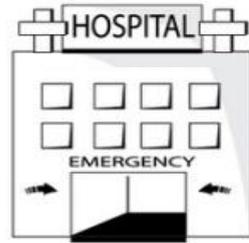
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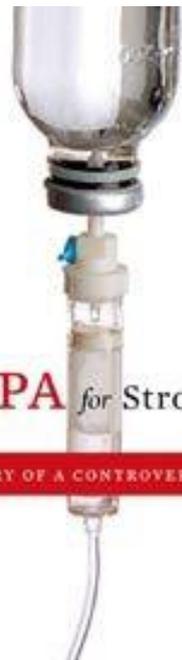
## Successful Reperfusion With Intravenous Thrombolysis Preceding Mechanical Thrombectomy in Large-Vessel Occlusions

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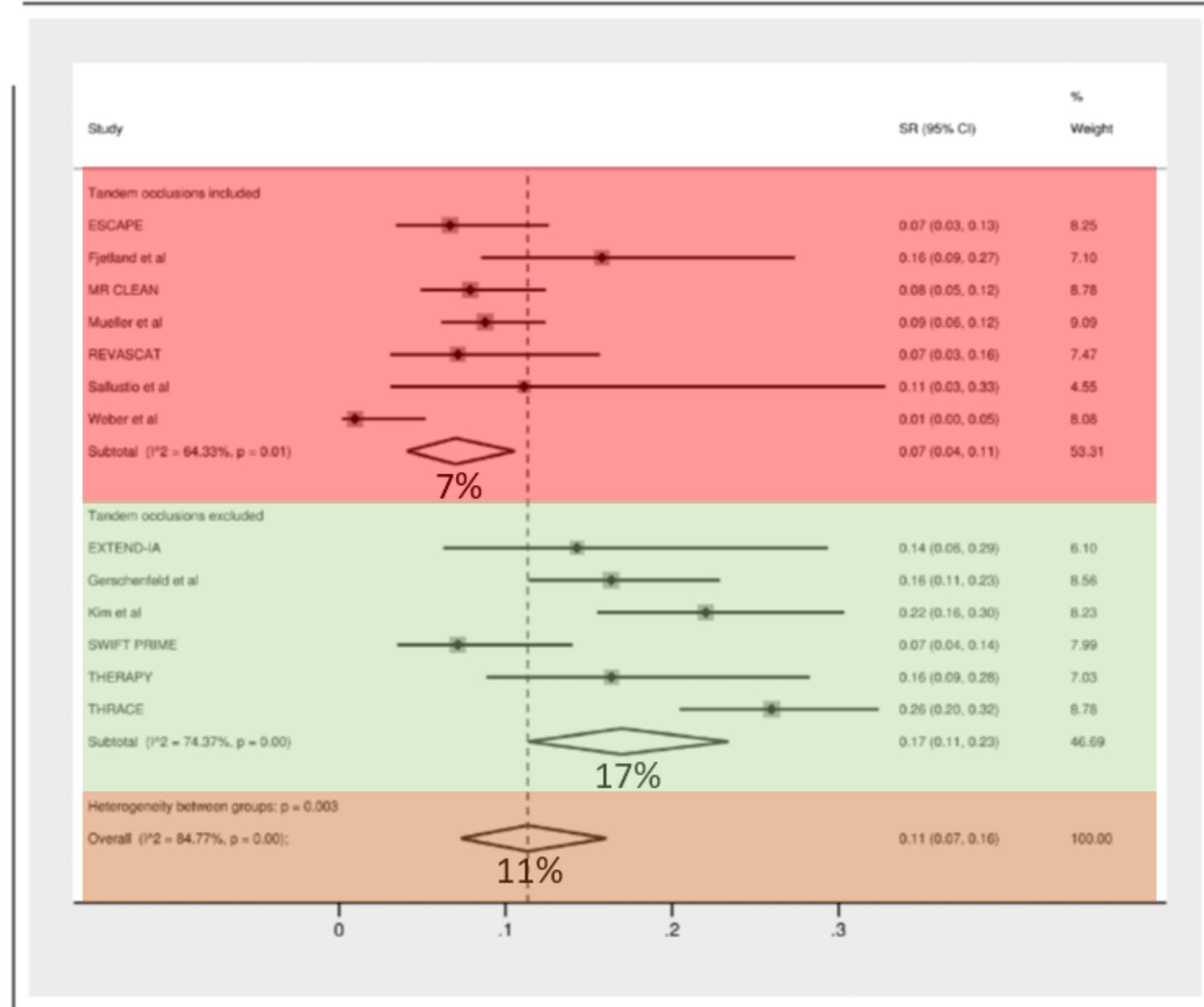


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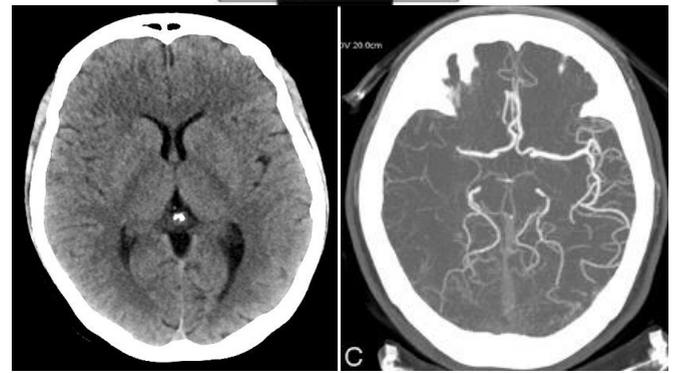
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THE STORY OF A CONTROVERSIAL DRUG

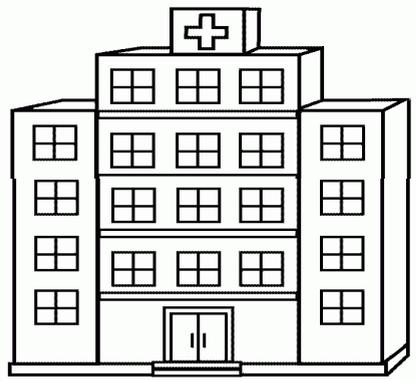
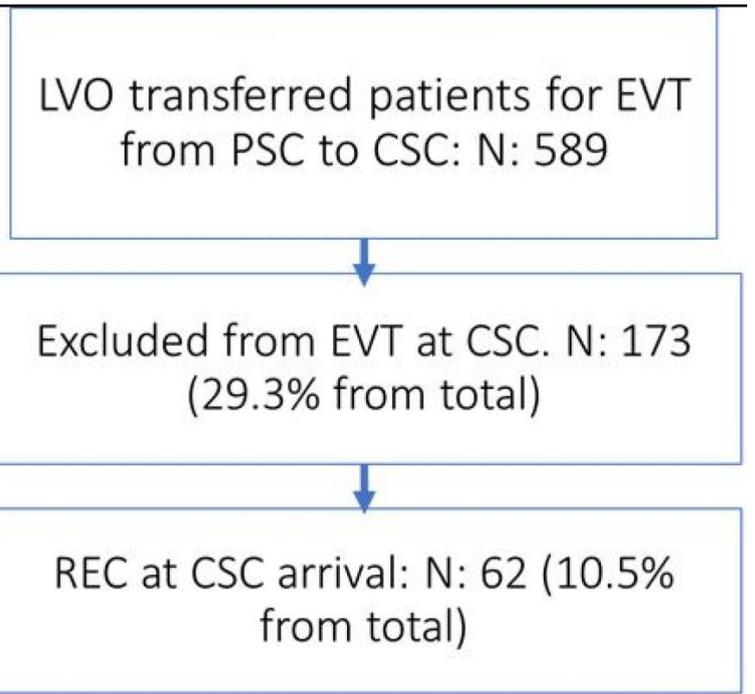


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589 patients with documented LVO+



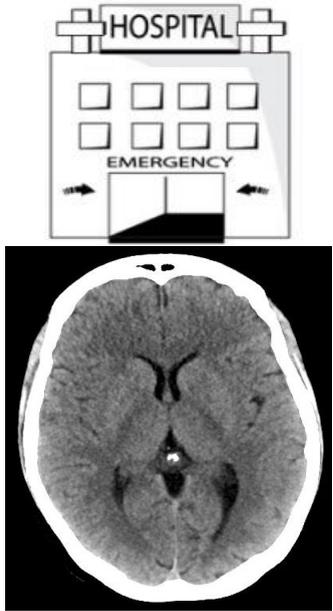
CSC

	Overall (n:589)	REC patients (n:62)	Non-REC patients (n:527)	p value
Female Gender (%)	257 (43.6)	23 (37.0)	234 (44.4)	0.27
Age mean (±SD)	70.4 (13.4)	68,5 (13.0)	70.7 (13.4)	0.21
RACE scale median (IQR)	7 (5-8)	5 (2-7)	7 (5-8)	<b>0.049</b>
Baseline NIHSS median (IQR)	17 (10-21)	11 (7-19)	17 (11-21)	<b>&lt;0.01</b>
TICA occlusion at PSC (%)	67 (11.3)	4 (6.4)	63 (11.9)	0.19
MCA M1 occlusion at PSC (%)	369 (62.6)	26 (41.9)	343 (65.0)	0.28
MCA M2 occlusion at PSC (%)	101 (17.1)	17 (27.4)	84 (15.9)	<b>0.023</b>
Basilar Occlusion at PSC (%)	51 (8.6)	6 (9.6)	45 (8.5)	0.76
rtPA treatment at PSC (%)	371 (62.9)	51 (82.2)	320 (60.7)	<b>&lt;0.01</b>
Symptoms onset to neurologic exam mean minutes (±SD)	125 (90-166)	123 (84-155)	125 (90-169)	0.74
Symptoms onset to vascular imaging mean minutes (±SD)	131 (101-156)	121 (89-156)	132 (106-157)	0.17
NIHSS at CSC admission (IQR)	15 (12-19)	8 (6-10)	16 (13-19)	<b>p&lt;0.01</b>
C. improvement at CSC (%). N Valid: 466	92 (15.6)	20 (55.5)	36 (17.5)	<b>p&lt;0.01</b>
24-h NIHSS median (IQR)	10 (3-17)	4 (1-10)	10 (4-18)	<b>&lt;0.01</b>

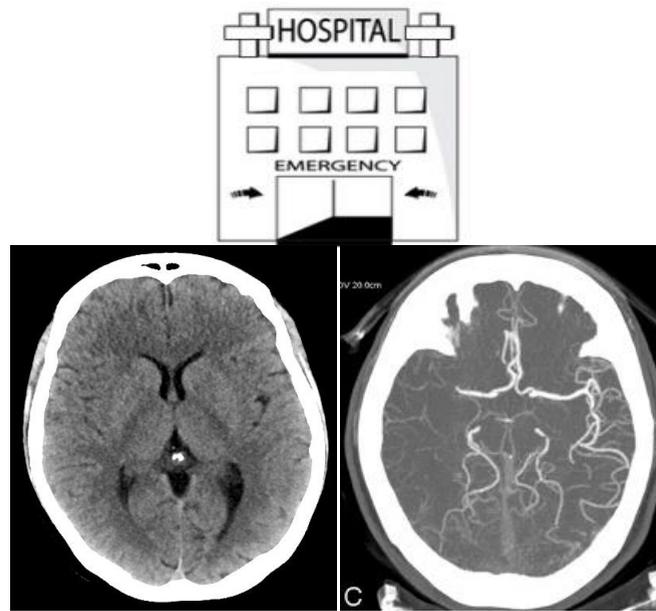
**In multivariate analysis:  
only tPA-treatment was associated with  
Recanalization at CSC  
(p= 0.003, OR:4.65, 95%CI: 1.73-12.4)**

# Catalan Stroke Network

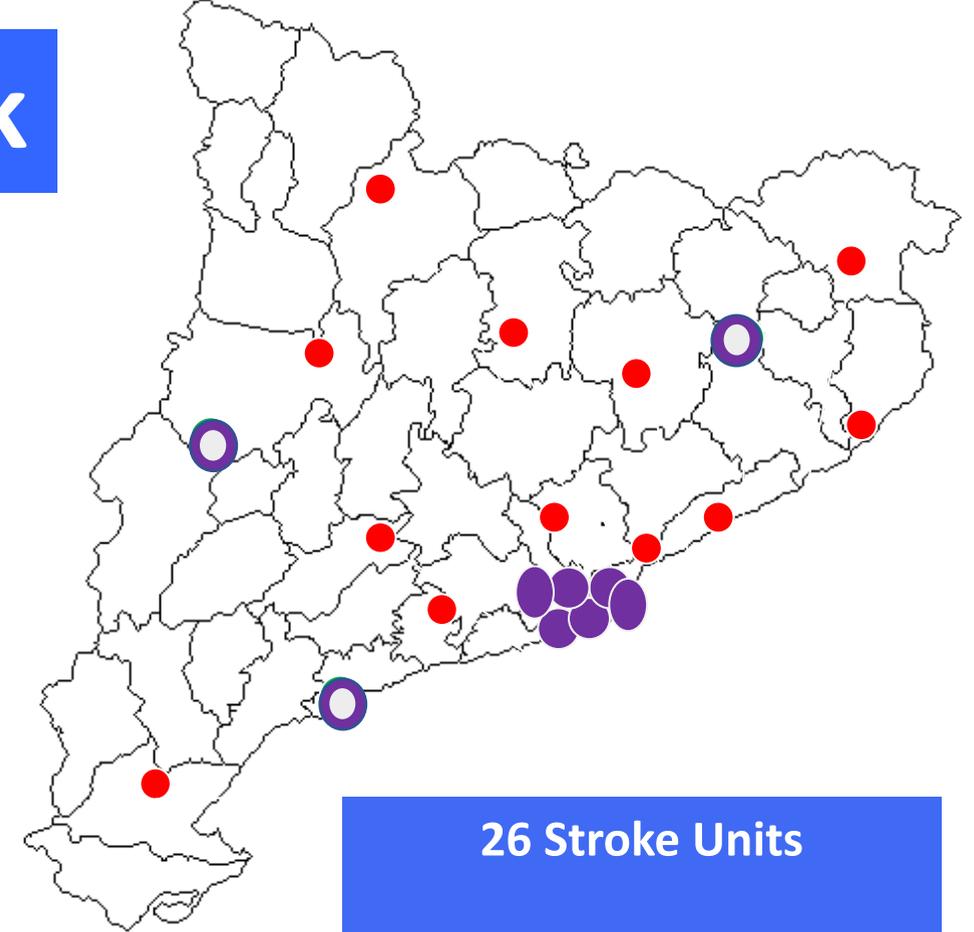
2016-2020  
**Primary Stroke Center**  
5792 ischemic stroke patients



2408 (41.6%)



3384 (58.4%)



26 Stroke Units

20 Primary SC

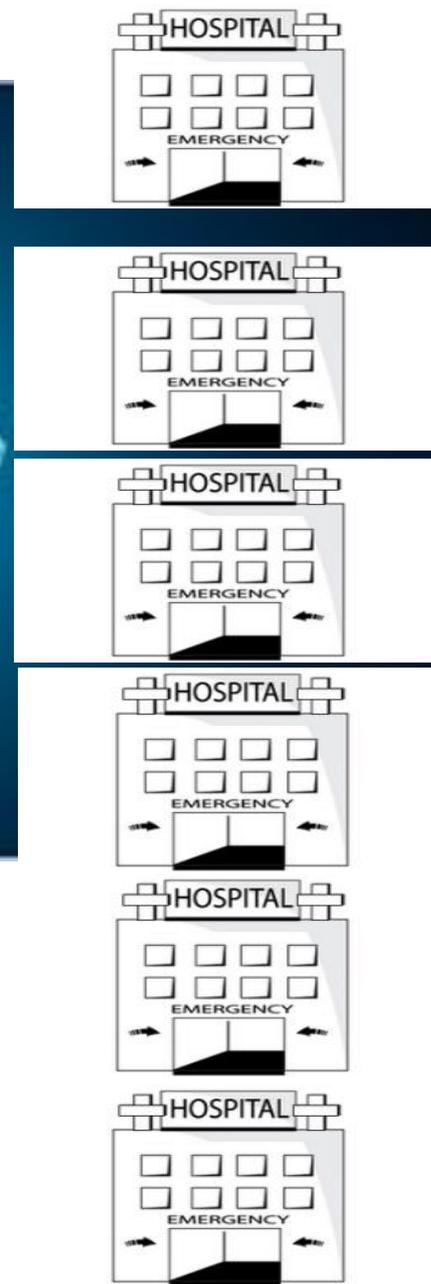
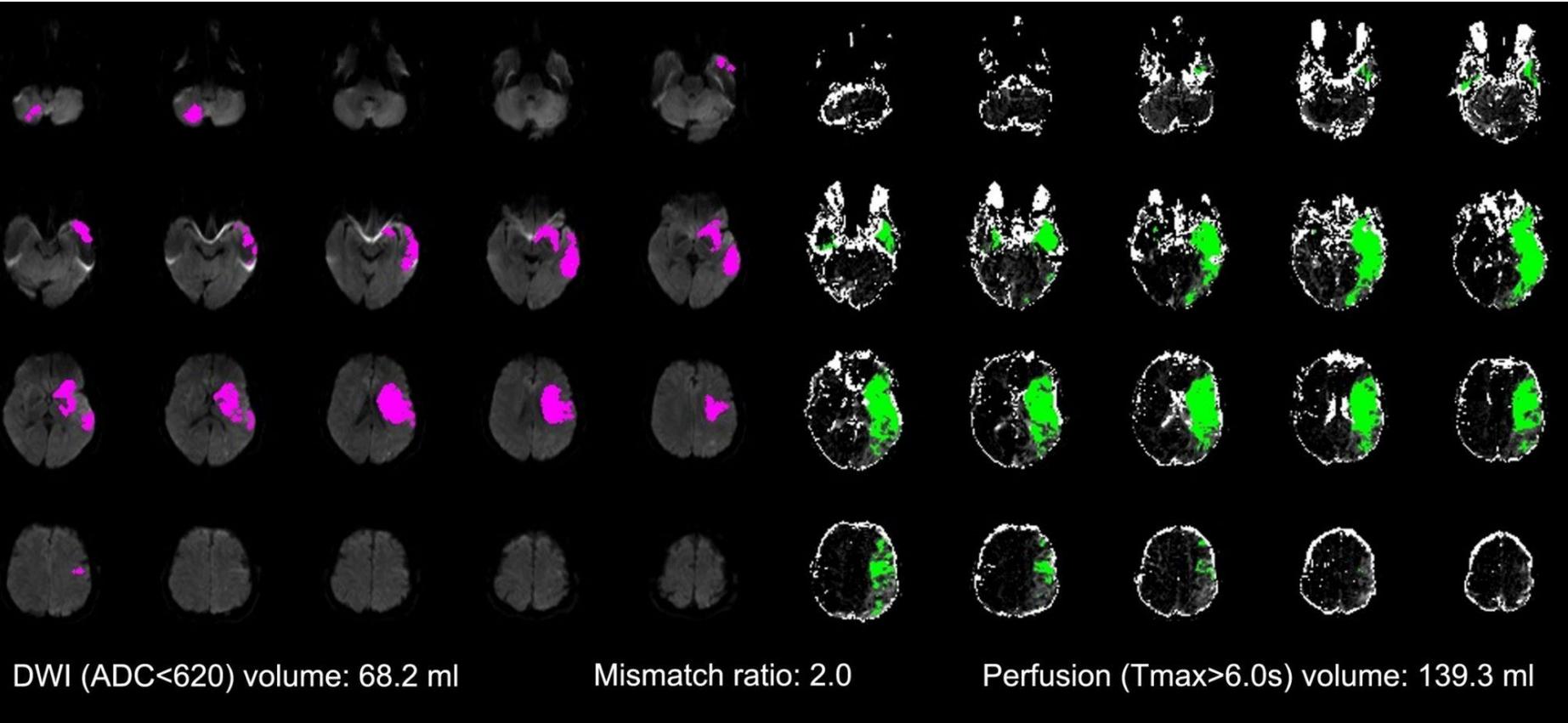
## Impact of vascular imaging at PSC on:

- Workflow times ( DIDO, symptom-to-groin...)
- Futile transfers
- % EVT
- Outcome



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# ADVANCED IMAGING ?



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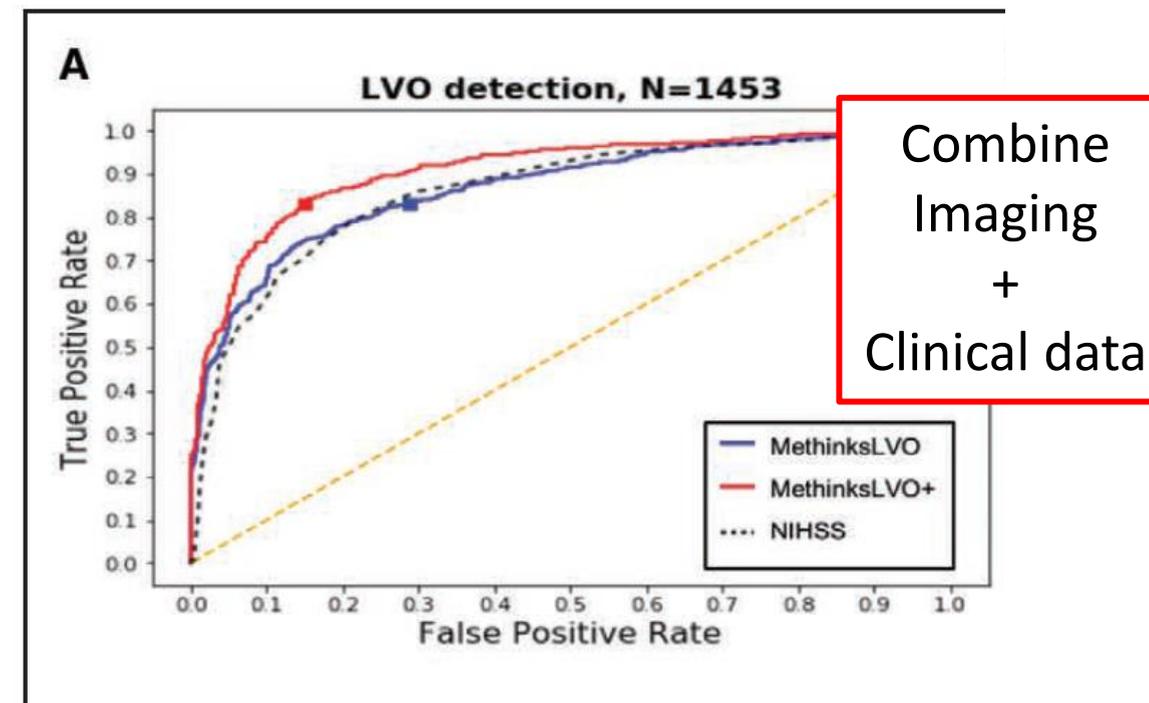
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**BRIEF REPORT**

# Deep Learning Based Software to Identify Large Vessel Occlusion on Noncontrast Computed Tomography

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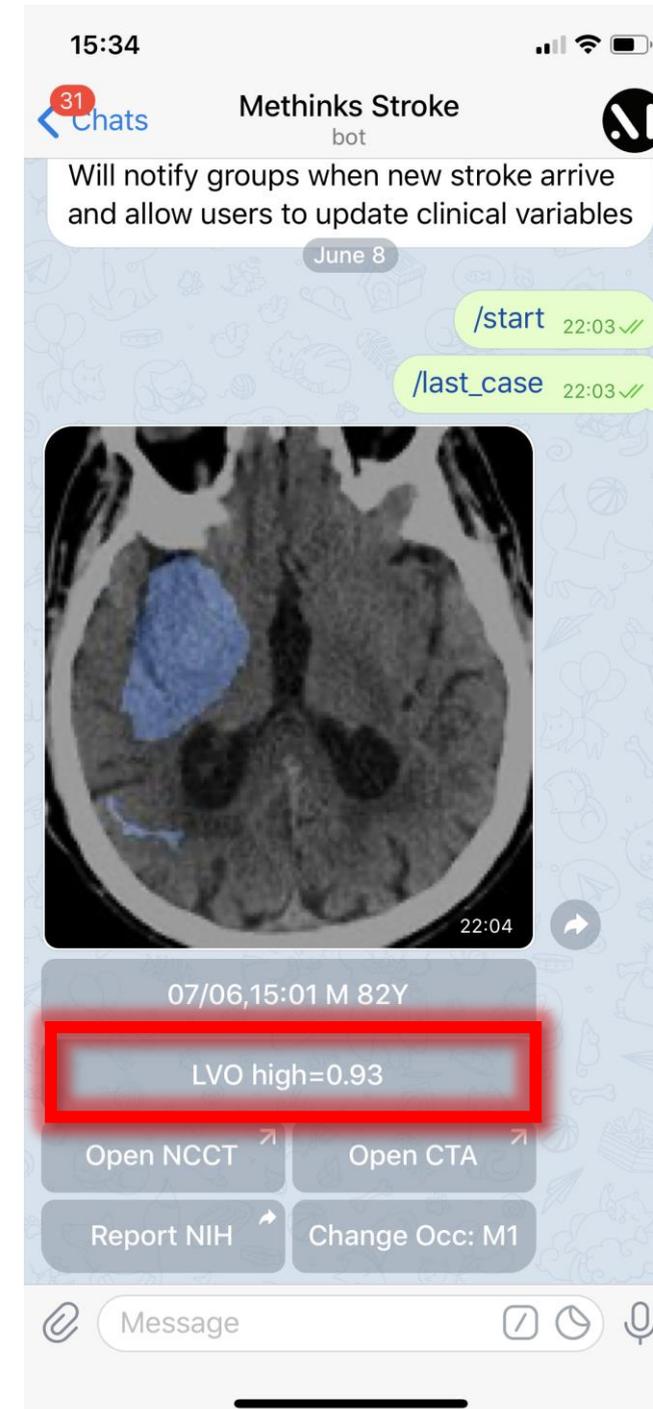
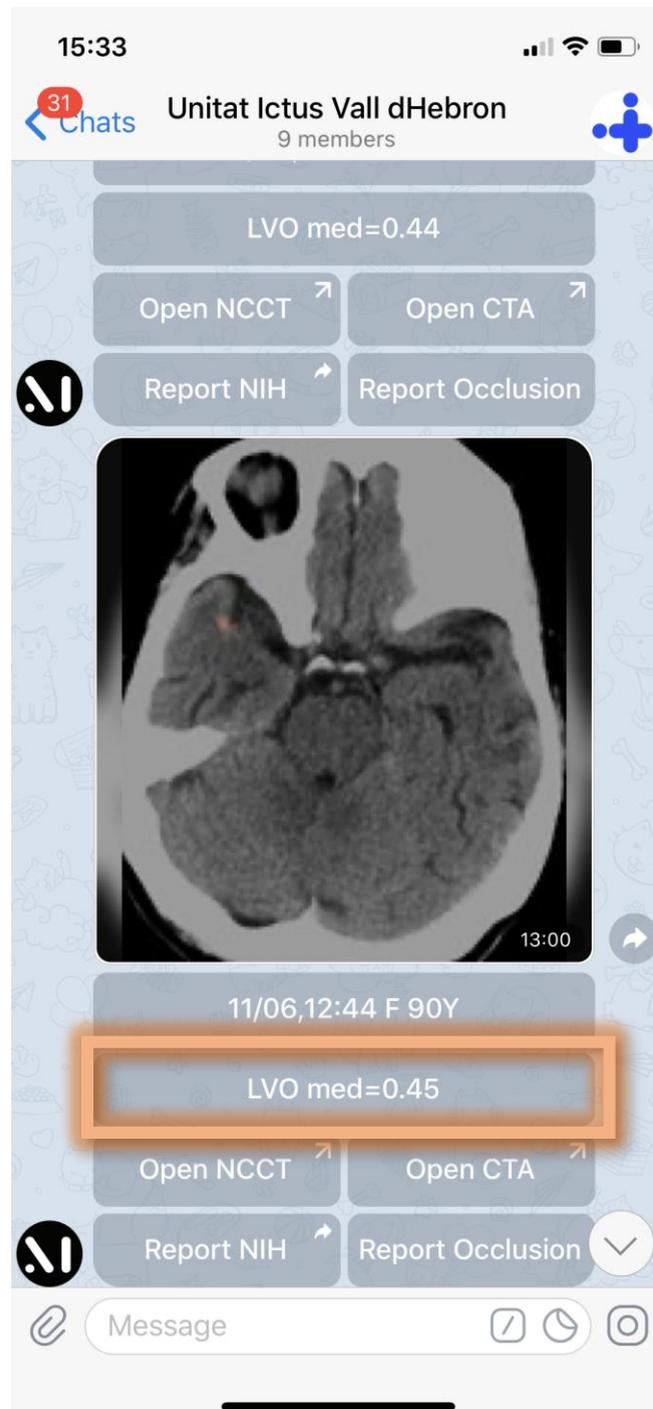
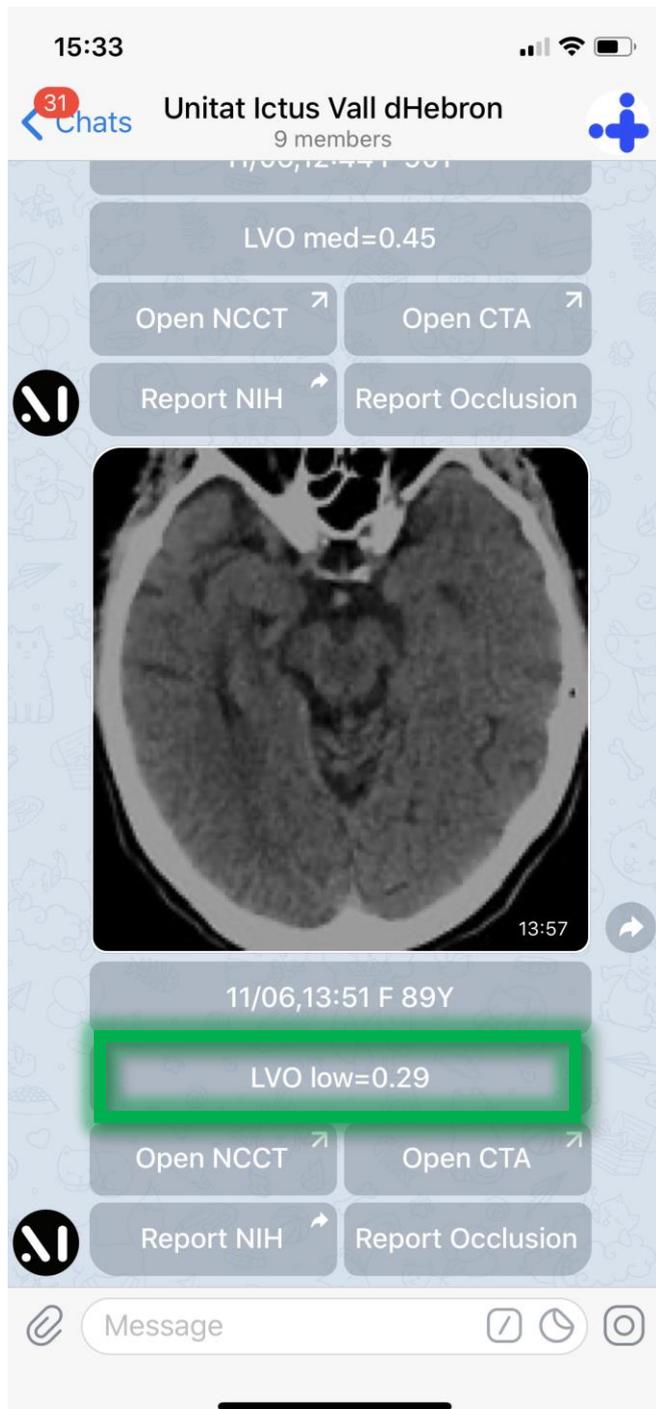
**Table 2. Performance of Methinks Software in Detecting LVO for the Indicated Vessel Occlusion Locations**

	MethinksLVO		MethinksLVO+	
	True Positive	False Negative	True Positive	False Negative
ICA	146 (82%)	30 (17%)	153 (86%)	23 (13%)
MCA-M1	422 (27%)	59 (12%)	417 (86%)	64 (13%)
MCA-M2	96 (76%)	29 (23%)	92 (73%)	33 (26%)
Basilar	14 (51%)	13 (48%)	19 (70%)	8 (29%)
Other	7 (50%)	7 (50%)	3 (21%)	11 (78%)

Data are N (%). ICA indicates internal carotid artery; LVO, large vessel occlusion; and MCA, middle cerebral artery.



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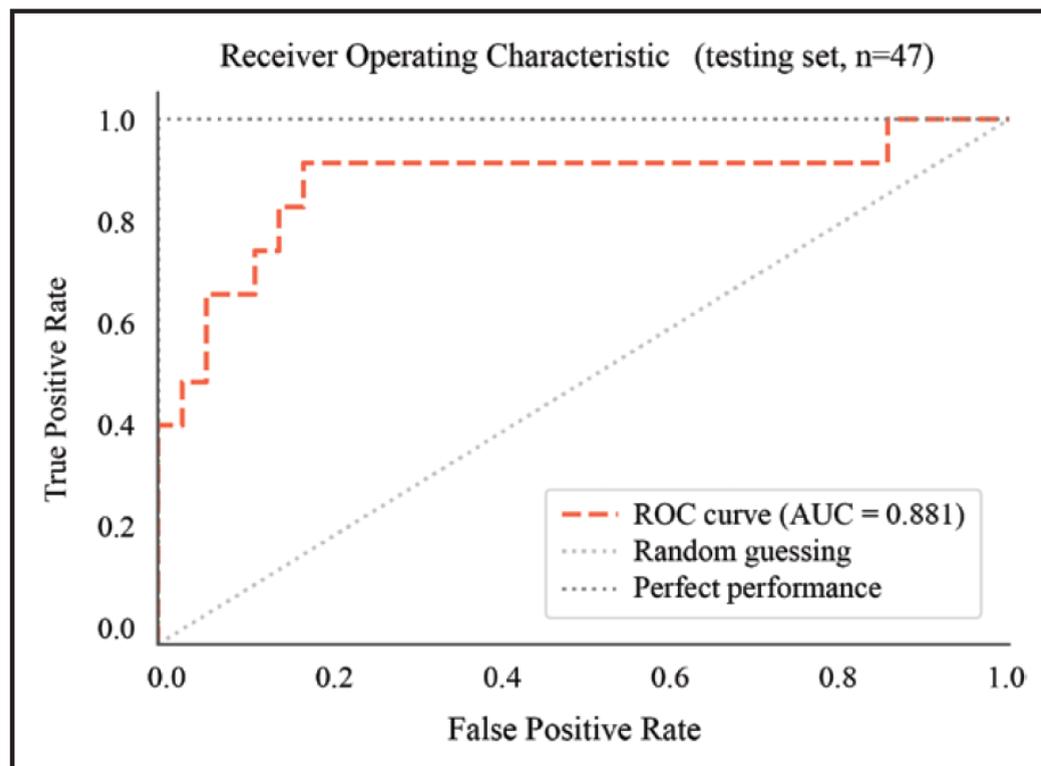
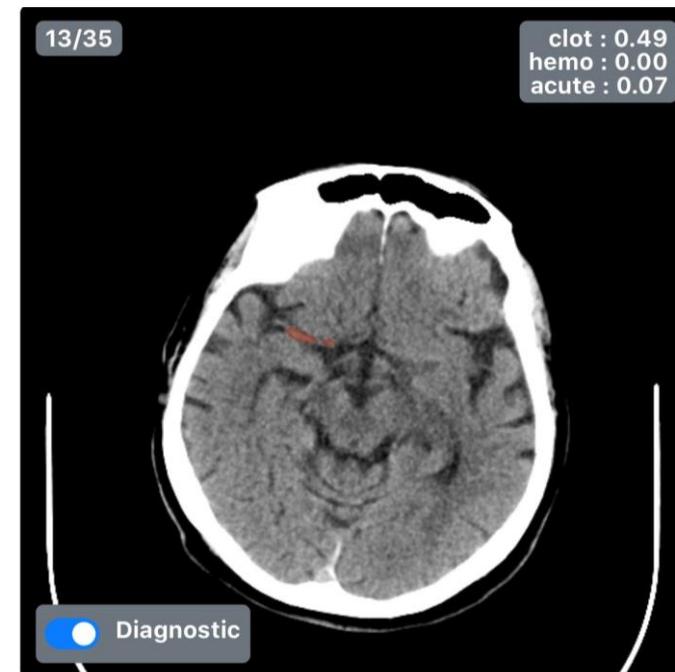


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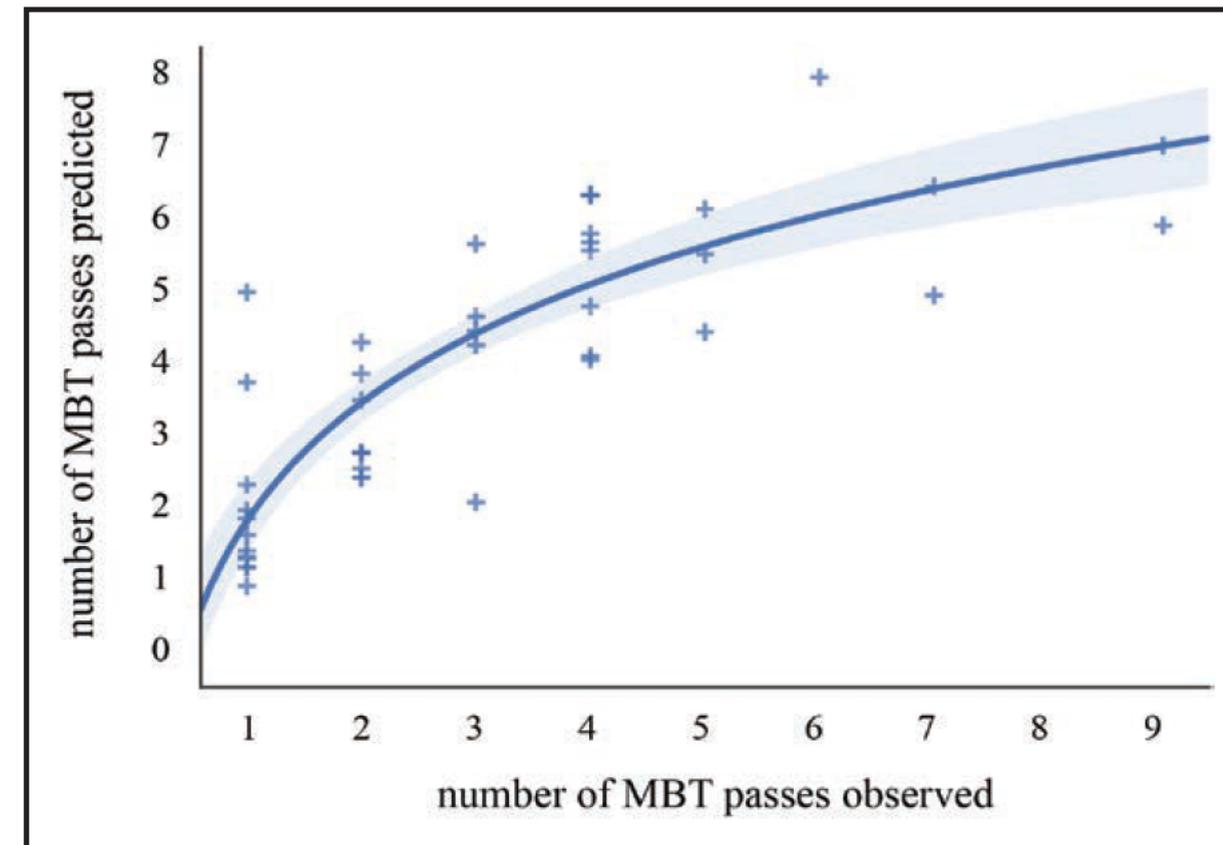


# Clot-Based Radiomics Predict a Mechanical Thrombectomy Strategy for Successful Recanalization in Acute Ischemic Stroke

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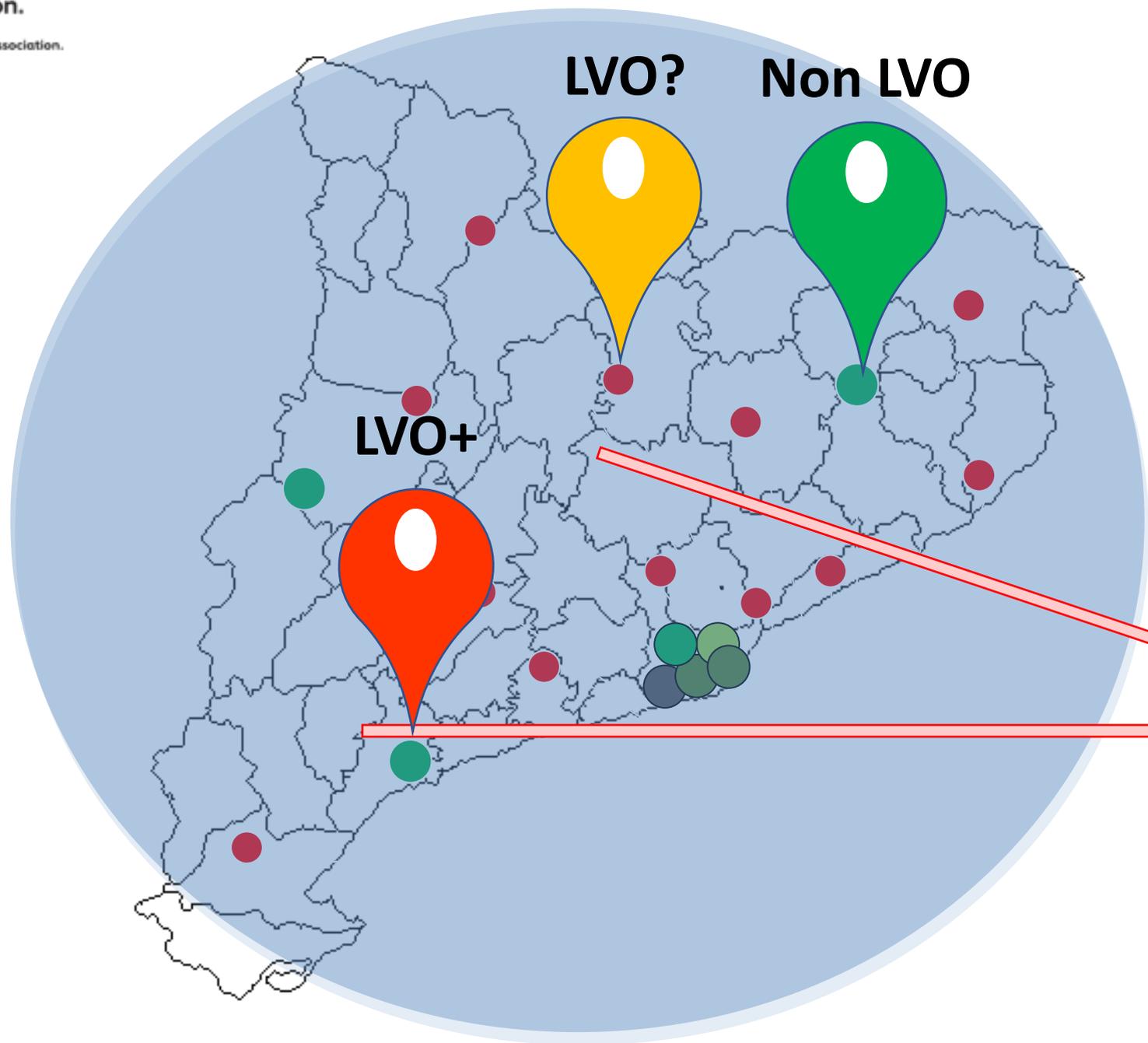
**Figure 2.** Receiver operating characteristic curve (ROC)-area under the curve (AUC) for the identification of patients with first-attempt recanalization with the direct aspiration first pass technique strategy in the validation cohort.



**Figure 3.** Number of passages with a mechanical thrombectomy (MTB) device predicted and observed.



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# **Diagnosis – Imaging and Resource Utilization for Stroke Patients in Asia**

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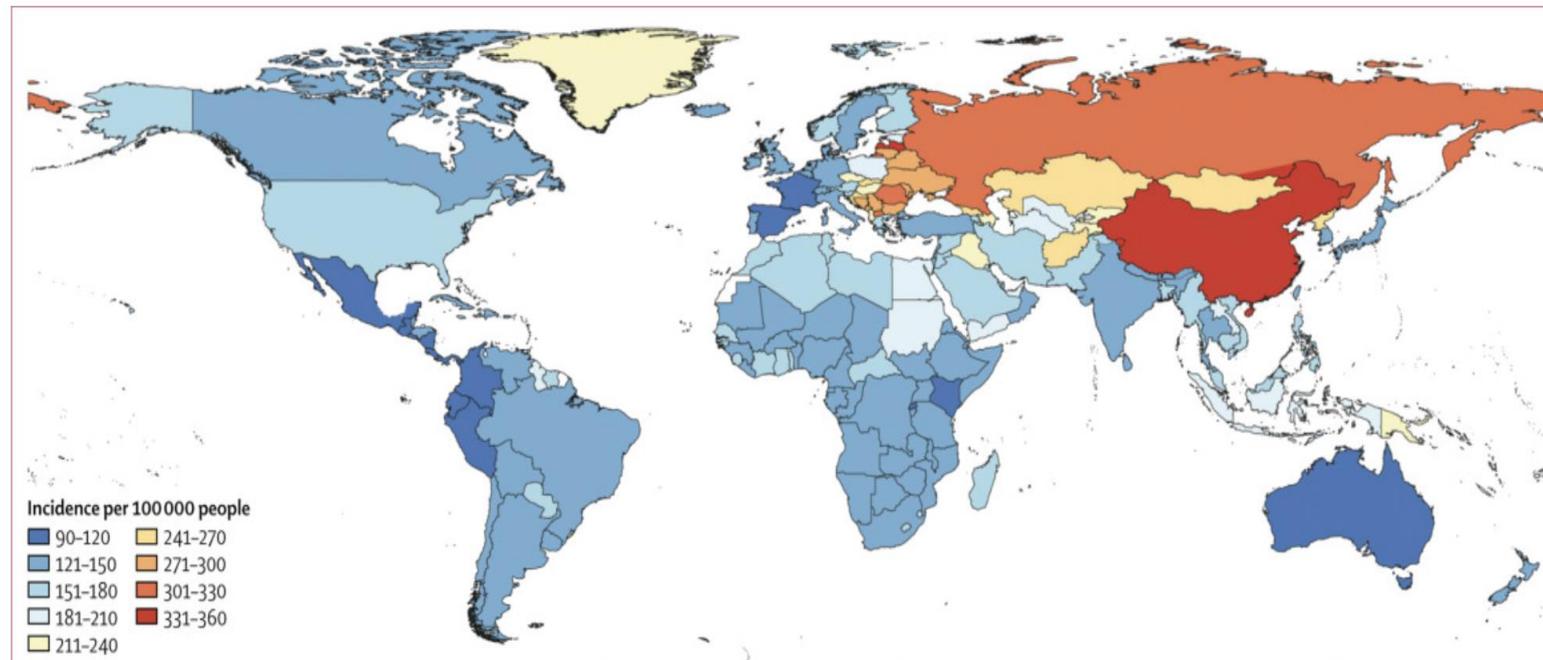
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# Outline

- Stroke 'ecosystem' in Asia: disparities between the East and the West
- Stroke etiology in Asia
- The what, where and when of the imaging scan: Etiology-based, accessible, prioritized, interpretable (and transmissible)



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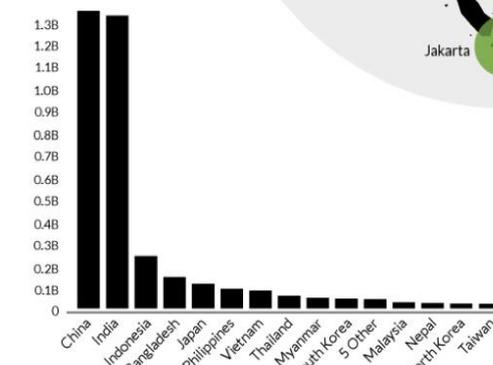
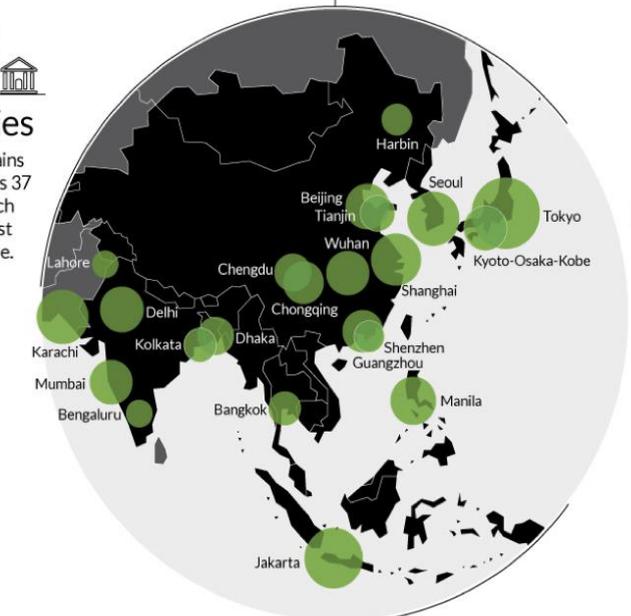
## SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

More than half of the people on Earth live within this circle



### Megacities

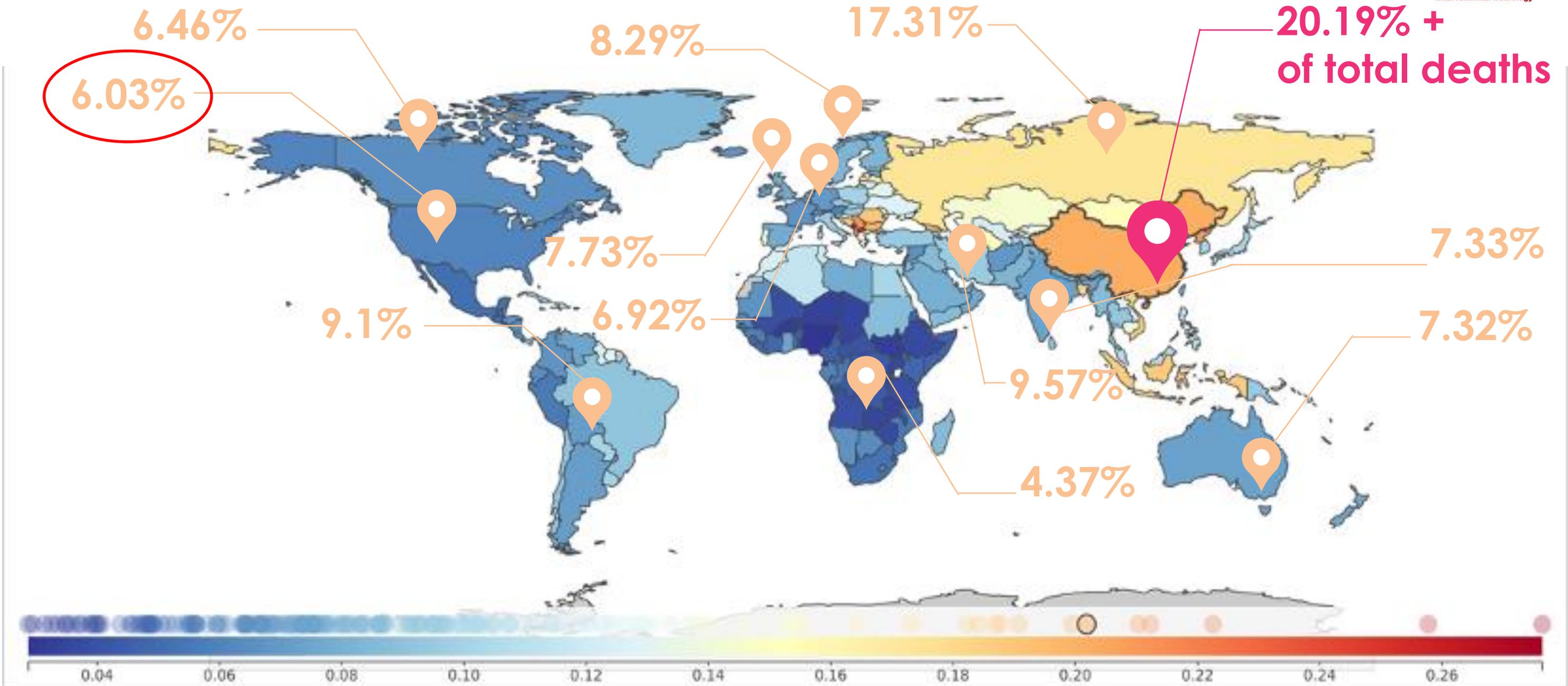
This circle contains 22 of the world's 37 megacities, which each hold at least 10 million people.



These 19 countries represent more than half of the world's population.

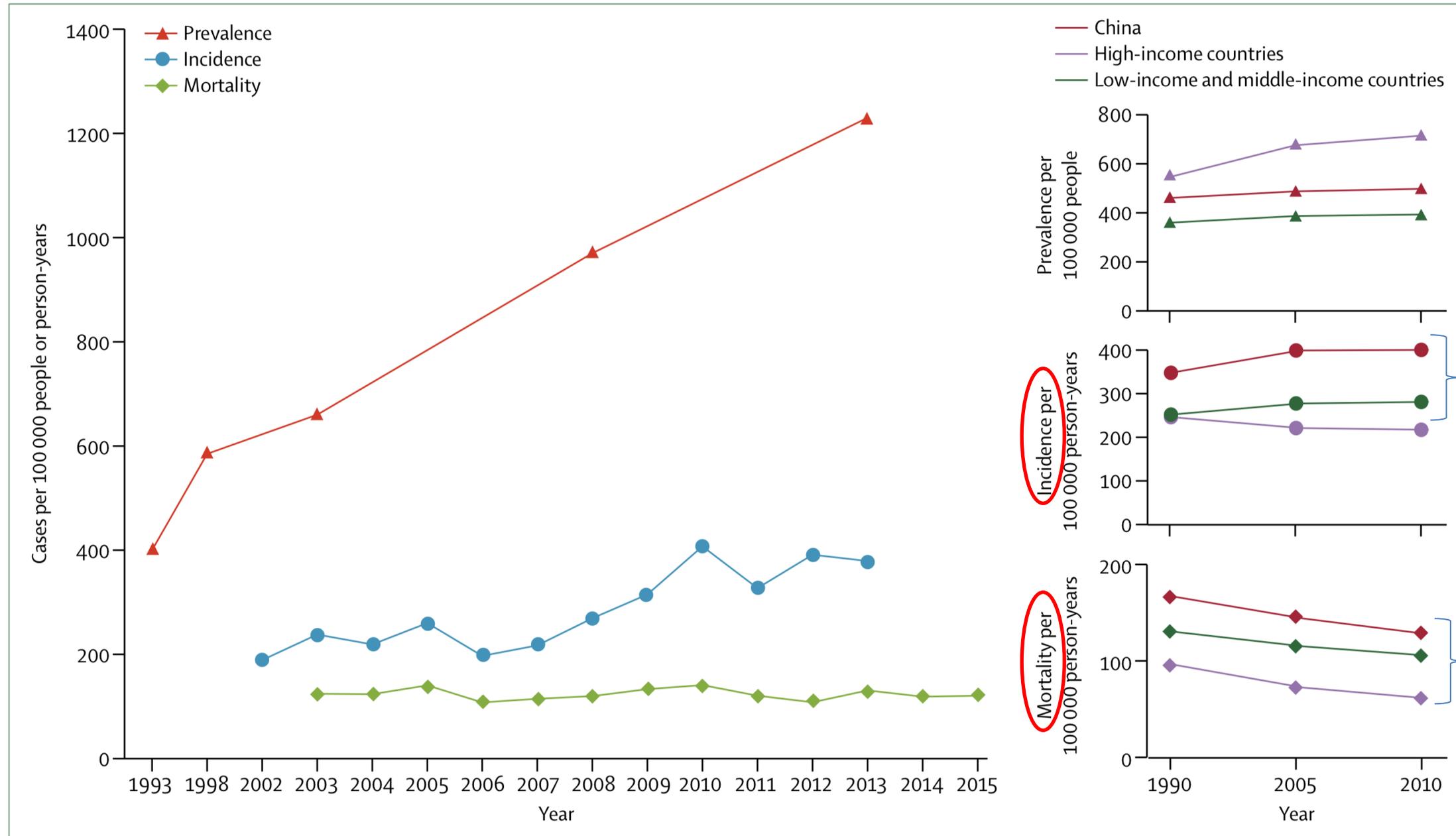
= 3,777,580,230

# MORTALITY due to STROKE alone





# Stroke in China



## Dimensions of Stroke Disparity

- Race/ethnicity (Ethnic minorities vs White)
- Sex (Females disadvantaged)
- Age (Elderly vs young patients)
- Stroke disability
- **Socioeconomic status (per capita income)**
- **Geographic location (Urban vs Rural)**

## Socioeconomic status is critical:

- Low/middle-income countries bear > 80% of the global stroke burden despite about 20% of the total economic resources.
- Stroke occurs 15 years of age earlier: at the peak of their productive lives.
- Because of low health literacy, improving socioeconomic status is associated with increases in stroke risk and mortality.

	Earth	E Asia & Pac WB	Europe & Cen Asia WB	Latin Am & Caribbean WB	N America	MENA WB	S Asia WB	Sub-Sah Africa WB
Ischemic heart disease	1	3	1	1	1	1	4	8
Stroke	2	1	2	2	3	3	7	9
Lower respiratory infect	3	4	6	3	7	4	3	1



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# Geographic location is a determinant

# In 2017

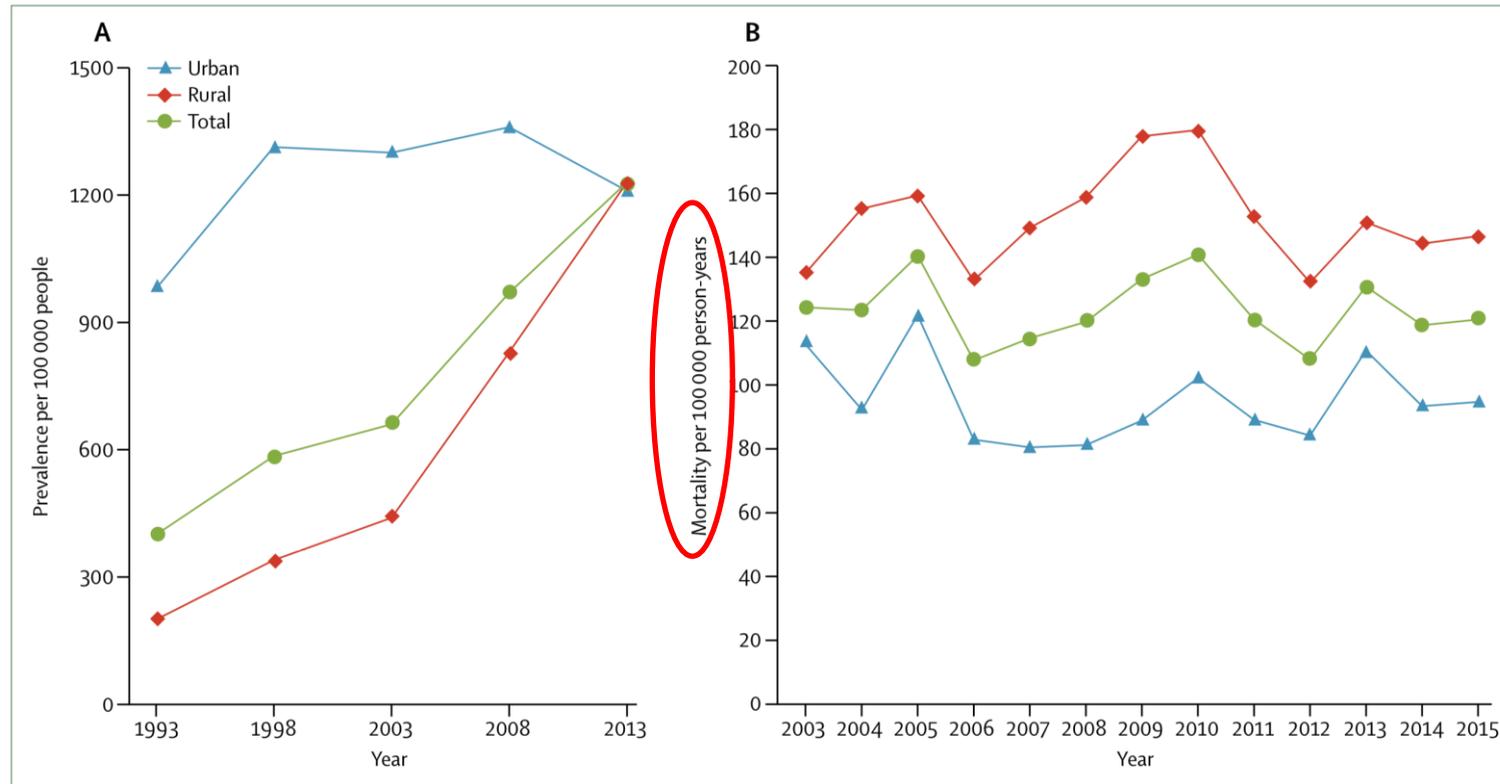


Figure 2: Prevalence and mortality of stroke in urban and rural areas of China

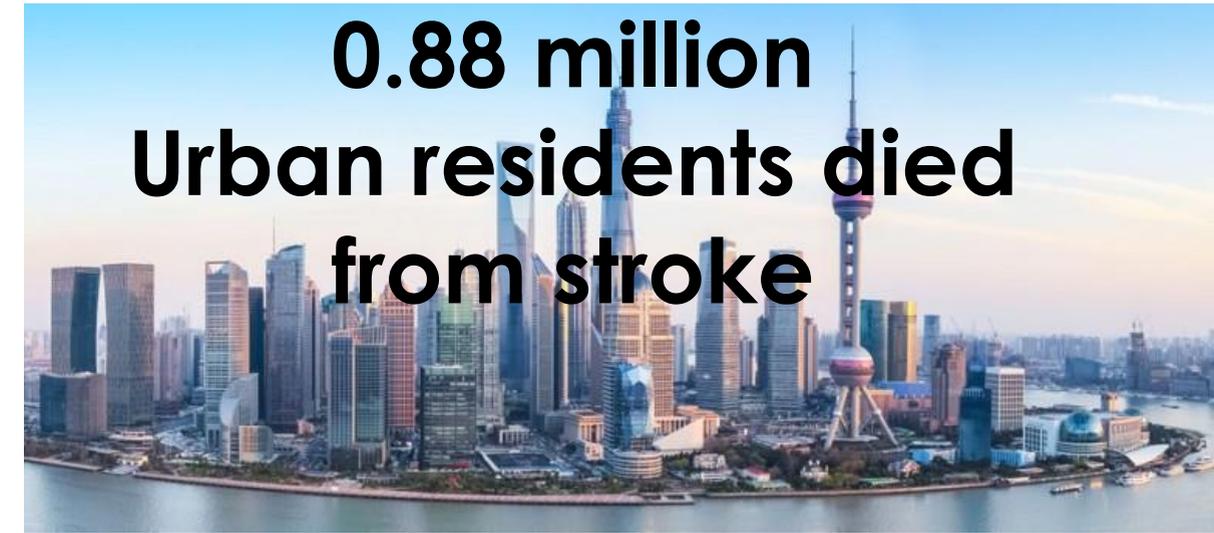
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Disparities occur in risk factor control, acute care, and rehabilitation even within the same country



Endovascular Thrombectomy with or without Intravenous Alteplase in Acute Stroke

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**0.88 million Urban residents died from stroke**



**1.08 million Rural residents died from stroke**



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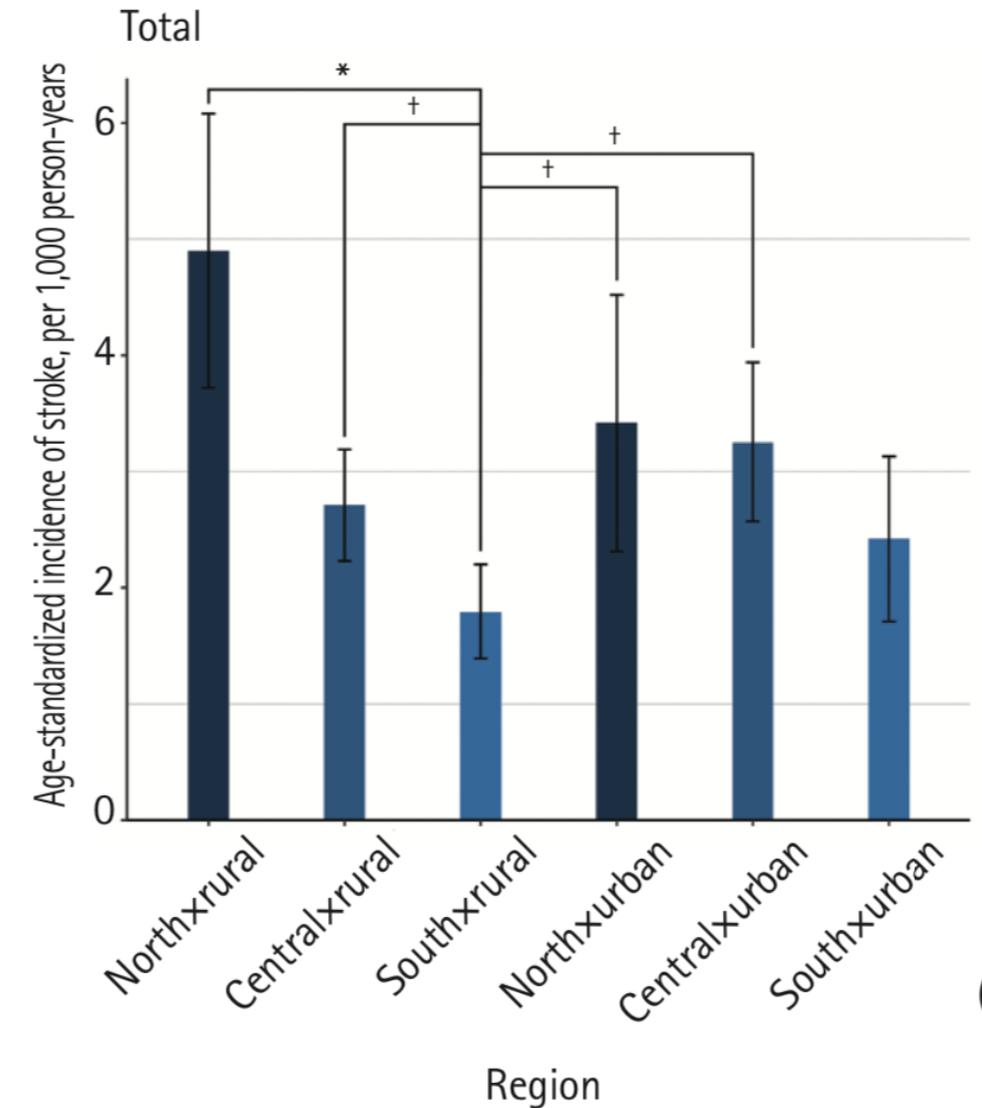
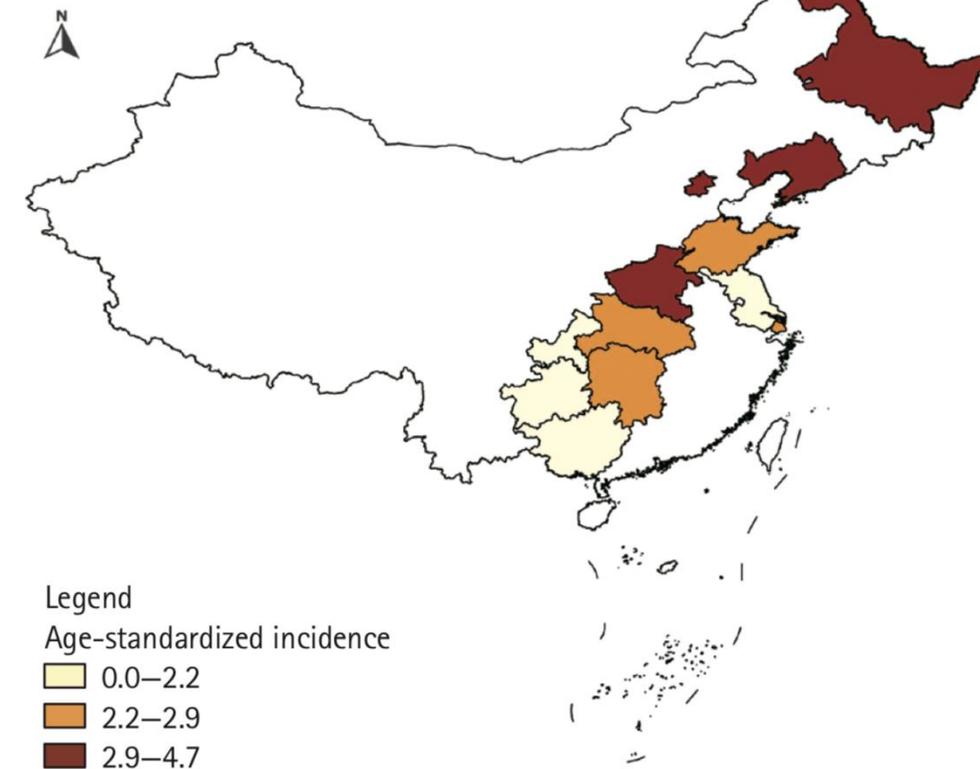
# Geographic Variations of Stroke Incidence in Chinese Communities: An 18-Year Prospective Cohort Study from 1997 to 2015

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Overall age-standardized incidence



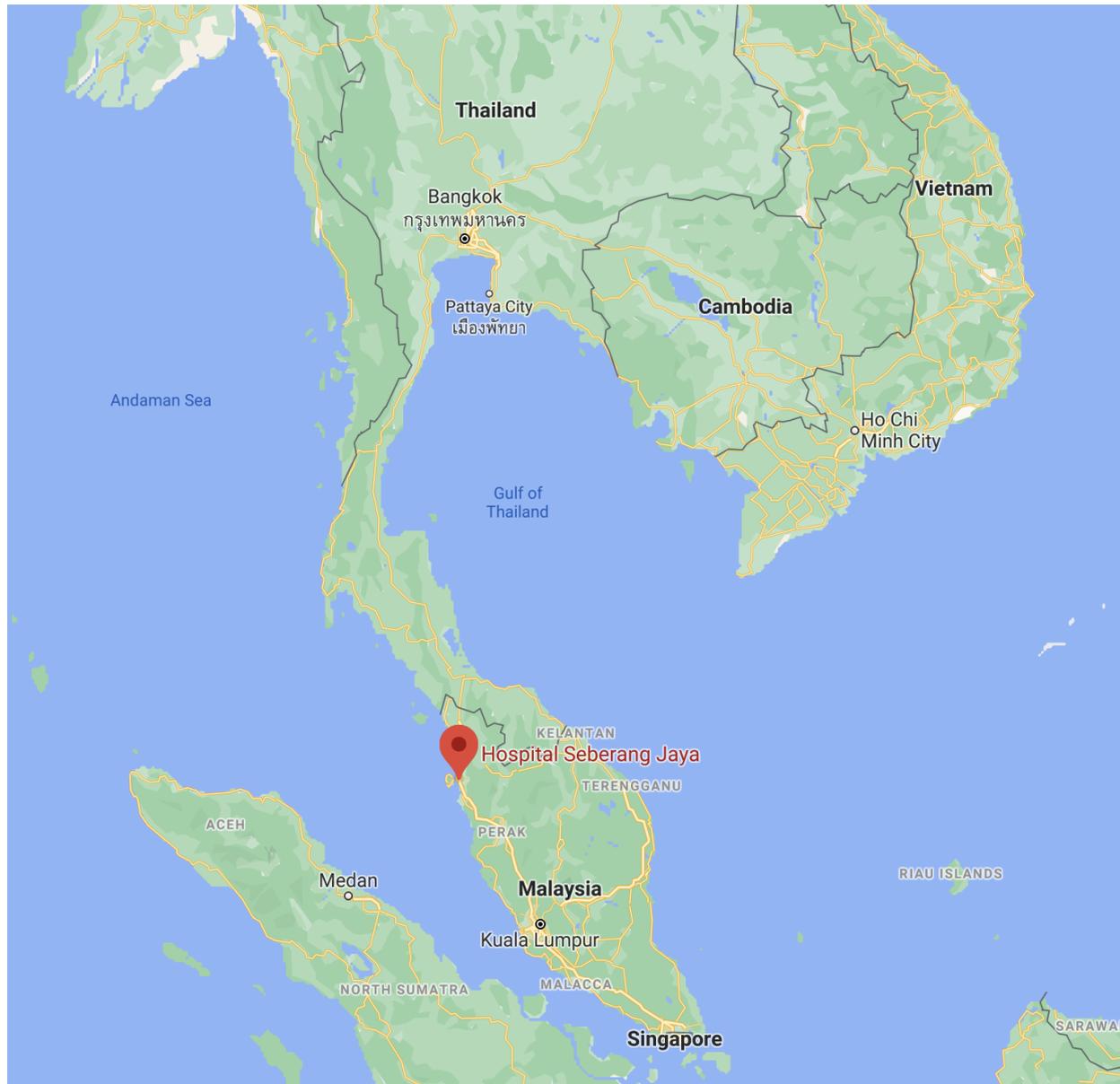


### 1.1. Prehospital Systems

- Failed translation of evidence-based stroke prevention and treatment into global impact
- Guidelines are from data of high income countries
- Developing countries have different risk factors, pathophysiology and management opportunities.

1.1. Prehospital Systems	COR	LOE
1. Public health leaders, along with medical professionals and others, should design and implement public education programs focused on stroke systems and the need to seek emergency care (by calling 9-1-1) in a rapid manner. These programs should be sustained over time and designed to reach racially/ethnically, age, and sex diverse populations.	I	B-NR
2. Such educational programs should be designed to specifically target the public, physicians, hospital personnel, and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel to increase use of the 9-1-1 EMS system, to decrease stroke onset to emergency department (ED) arrival times, and to increase timely use of thrombolysis and thrombectomy.	I	C-EO
Early stroke symptom recognition is essential for seeking timely care. Unfortunately, knowledge of stroke warning signs and risk factors in the United States remains poor. Blacks and Hispanics particularly have lower stroke awareness than the general population and are at increased risk of prehospital delays in seeking care. <sup>20</sup> These factors may contribute to the disparities in stroke outcomes. Available evidence suggests that public awareness interventions are variably effective by age, sex, and racial/ethnic minority status. <sup>21</sup> Thus, stroke education campaigns should be designed in a targeted manner to optimize their effectiveness. <sup>21</sup>		
3. Activation of the 9-1-1 system by patients or other members of the public is strongly recommended. 9-1-1 dispatchers should make stroke a priority dispatch, and transport times should be minimized.	I	B-NR

# Socio-demographics and clinical characteristics affecting pre-hospital delays in acute stroke patients: A 6-year registry study from a Malaysian stroke hospital



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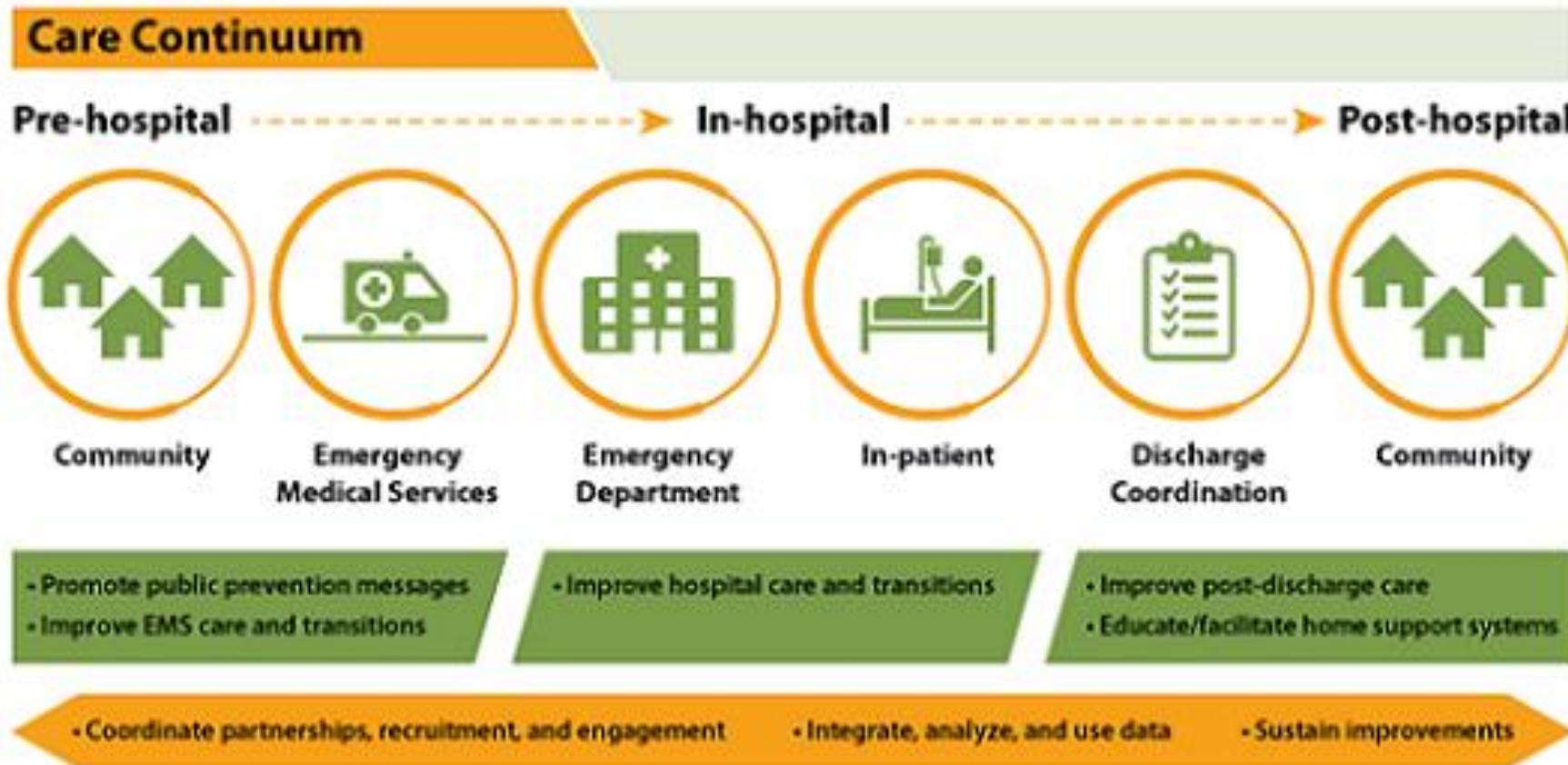
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*September 2020*

Characteristics	Arrival at hospital		OR	95% CI	p-value
	≥ 3 hours n (%)	< 3 hours n (%)			
<b>Stroke severity</b>					
None to mild stroke	296 (71.3)	119 (28.7)	1		
Moderate stroke	167 (65)	90 (35)	0.8	0.6-1.1	0.085
Moderate to severe stroke	21 (55.3)	17 (44.7)	0.5	0.3-0.9	0.042
Severe stroke	24 (61.5)	15 (38.5)	0.6	0.3-1.3	0.203
<b>Mode of transport</b>					
Own transport	195 (42.5)	264 (57.5)	1		
Ambulance	45 (23.1)	150 (76.9)	0.4	0.3-0.6	<0.001

# Understand the Ecosystem of Stroke

## Engage the stakeholders



- Stroke patients and families
- Healthcare providers/care-givers
- Government and Policy makers
- Tax payers/insurance/reimbursement scheme
- Implementation partners
- Regional and international stroke advocacy and professional bodies



MT2020

- 1 Govt support and state regulations
- 2 Improve the EMS (ambulance, etc.) services
- 3 Implement guidelines and protocols for triage to MT
- 4 Improving awareness among healthcare practitioners for stroke diagnosis and triage
- 5 Training more physicians for MT
- 6 Payment schemes for MT
- 7 More MT capable centers
- 8 Create hub and spoke mechanisms for stroke centers
- 9 Improving patient awareness about stroke symptoms

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# SVIN announces 'Stroke: Mission thrombectomy 2020'

*An initiative to reduce disability from stroke worldwide*

SOCIETY OF VASCULAR AND INTERVENTIONAL NEUROLOGY



PRINT E-MAIL

New York -- Nov.21, 2016 -- The Society of Vascular and Interventional Neurology (SVIN) announced the launch of Mission Thrombectomy 2020, an initiative to enhance global efforts to improve stroke care worldwide by increasing the rate of stroke thrombectomy for eligible patients from less than 100,000 procedures today to 202,000 annually by 2020 and thereby reducing global stroke disability. Stroke Thrombectomy, also known as Mechanical Thrombectomy, is the new highly effective standard of care that reverses paralysis from stroke in over 60% of patients if done by experts within 6 hours of stroke symptoms. The initiative was unveiled at the SVIN 9th Annual Meeting and 4th Annual Stroke Center Workshop, which took place from November 16-19, 2016 in Brooklyn, New York.

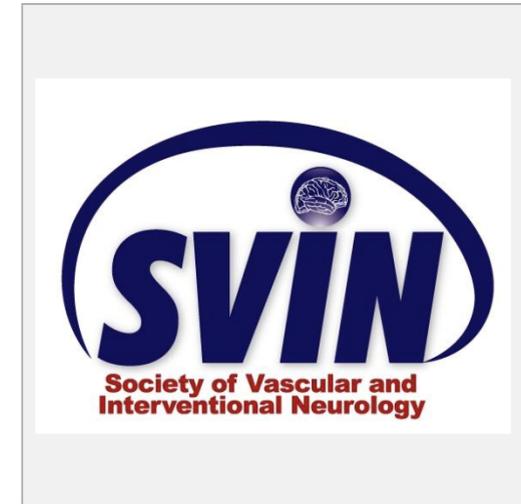


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# Atherosclerotic vs non-atherosclerotic vasculopathy



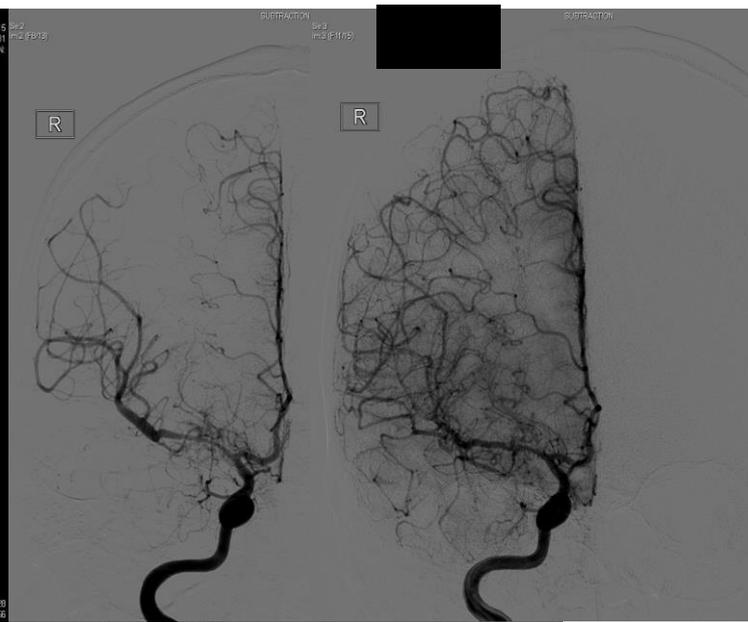
**Atherosclerosis**



Moyamoya Syndrome  
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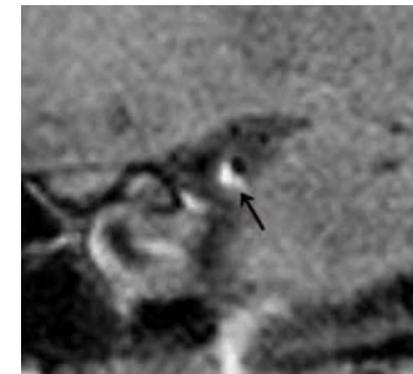
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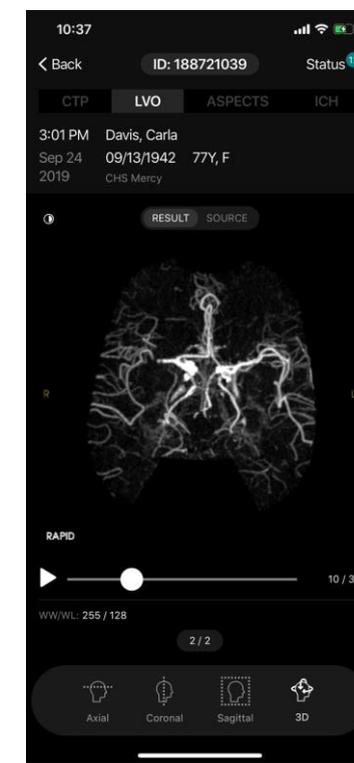
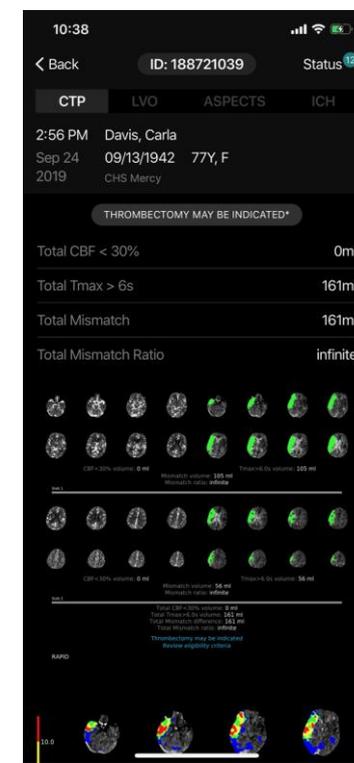
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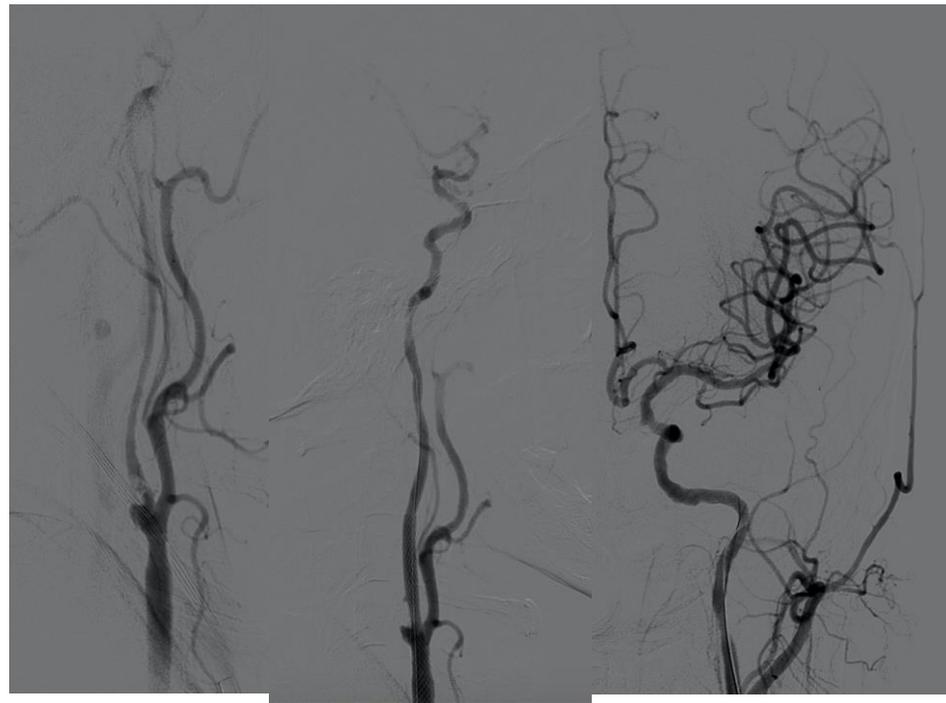
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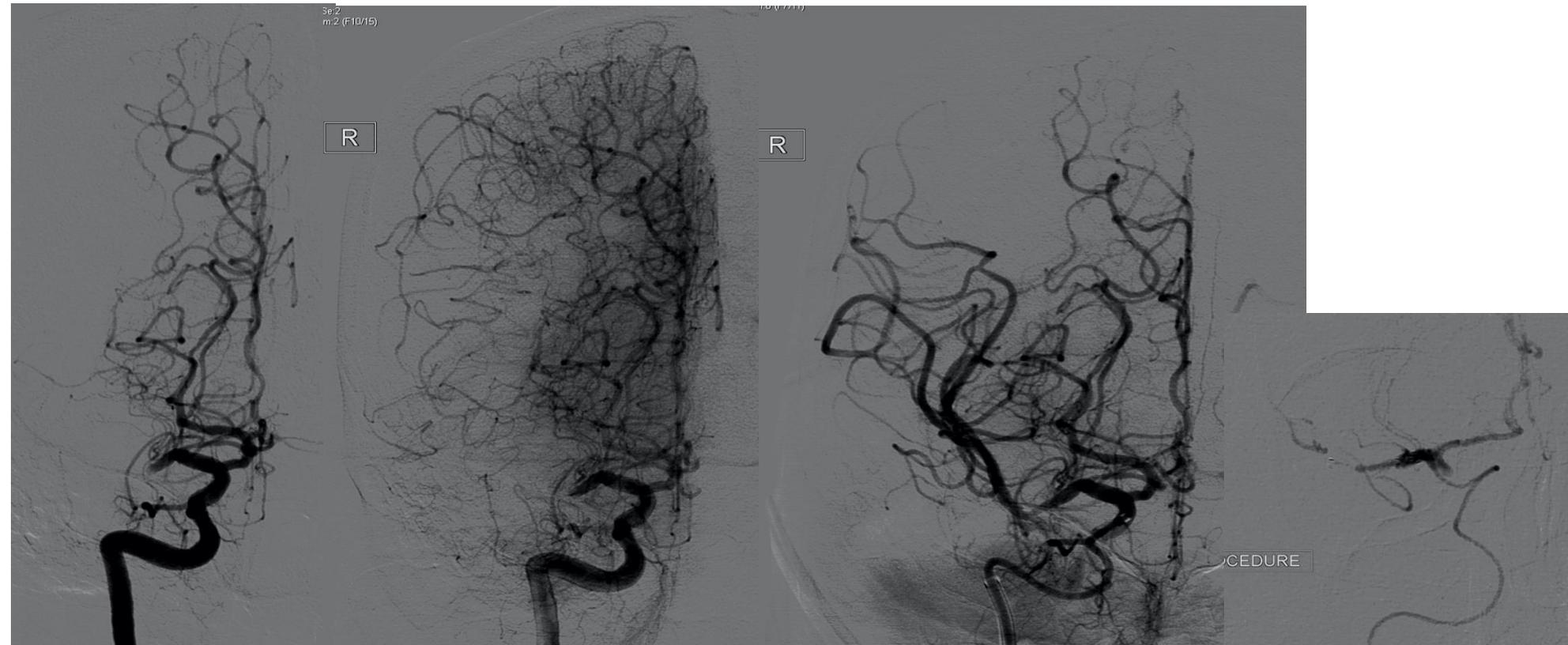
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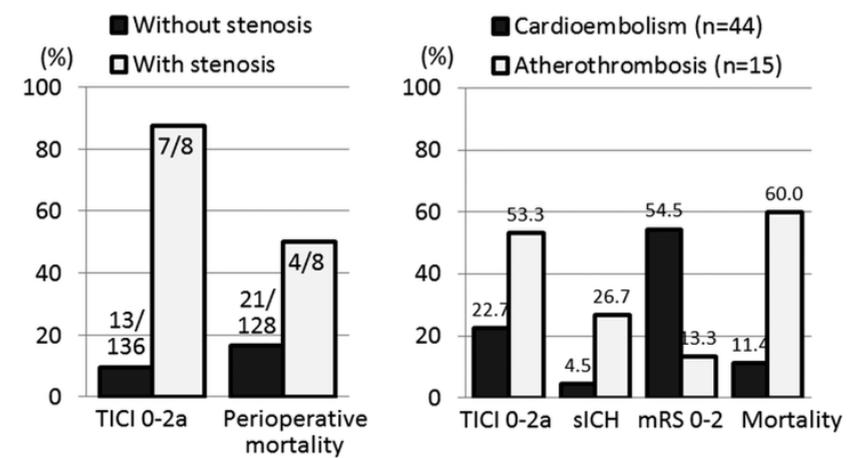
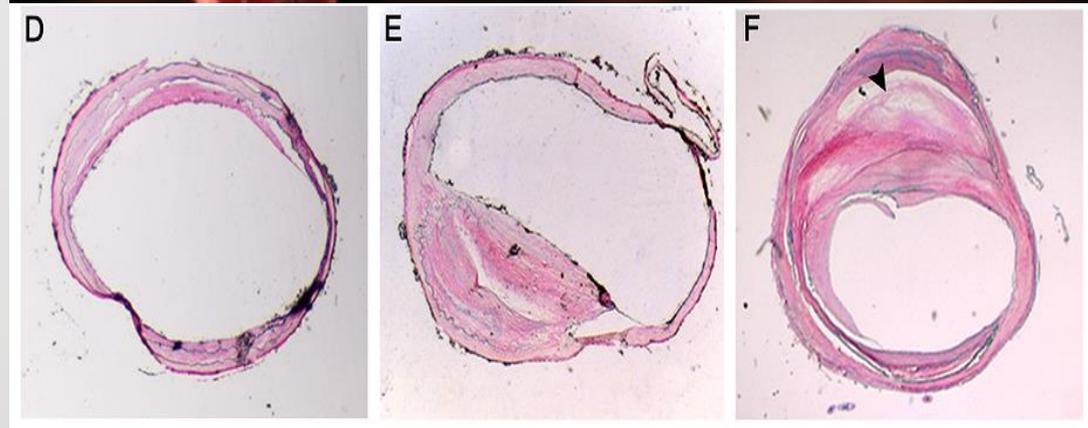
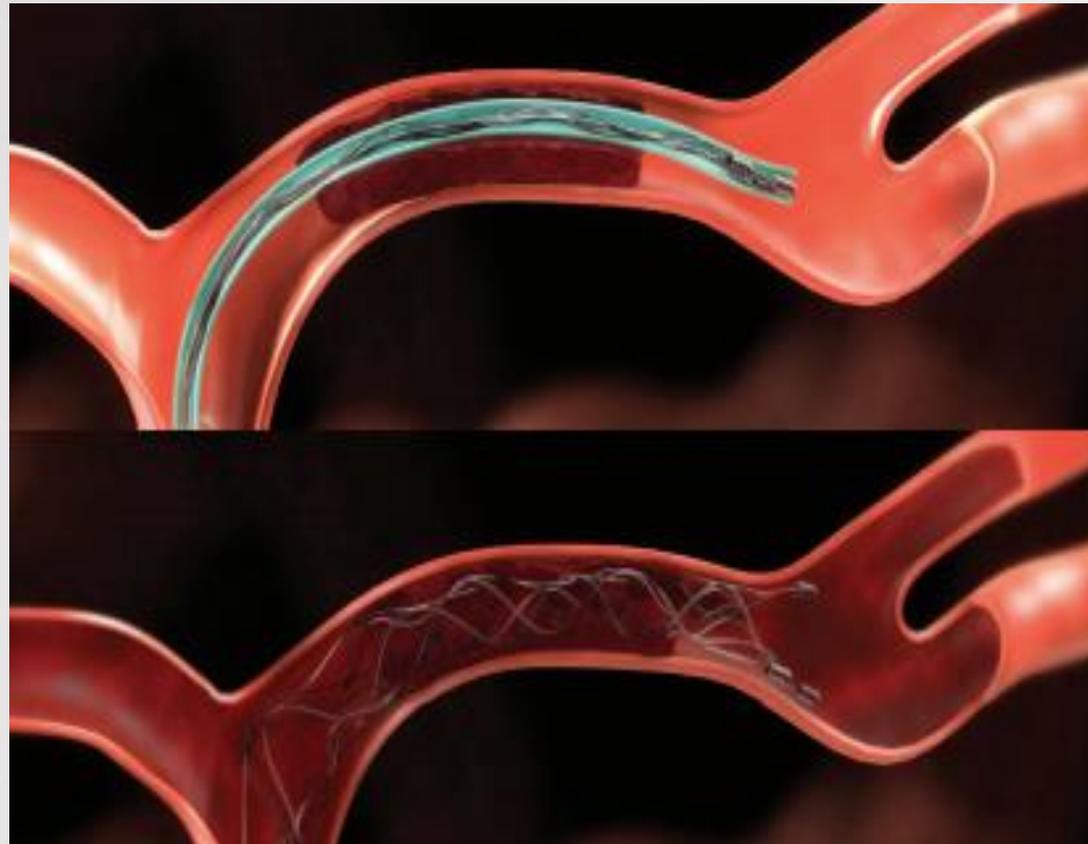
## Emboli from proximal ICA



## Intrinsic thrombosis of ICAD



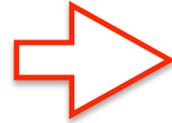
# Stent retriever (or too deep an aspiration) may lead to endarterectomy



**Figure 2.** Vascular and clinical outcomes after acute thrombectomy using stent retrievers according to stroke causes. **Right,** The Solitaire was used for all patients (based on results of Reference 39). **Left,** Stent retrievers, mainly the Solitaire, were primarily used for all but 1 cardioembolic patient and 61.5% of atherothrombotic patients. All atherothrombotic patients underwent additional endovascular therapy using other devices (based on results of Reference 40). Thrombolysis in cerebral ischemia (TICI) scale of 0 to 2a indicates unsuccessful recanalization. sICH indicates symptomatic intracerebral hemorrhage.

# An etiology-based imaging test in a green channel: priority in terms of accessibility, interpretation (and transmission)

**Pre-hospital Identification**



**Pre-hospital Notification**



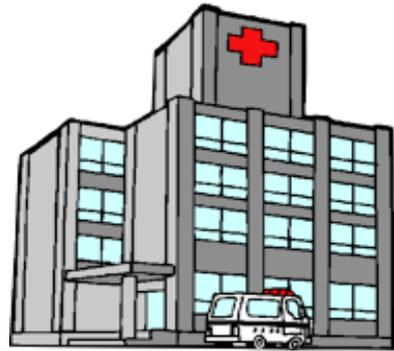
**Be ready before patient arrival**



 <p><b>FACE</b> Ask the person to <b>smile</b>. Does one side droop?</p>	 <p><b>ARMS</b> Ask the person to <b>raise both arms</b>. Does one arm drift downwards?</p>	 <p><b>SPEECH</b> Ask the person to <b>repeat a simple sentence</b>. Are the words slurred?</p>	 <p><b>TIME</b> If the person shows any of these symptoms, call <b>911</b> immediately.</p>
<p><b>Learning the signs of a stroke can HELP SAVE LIVES</b></p>			



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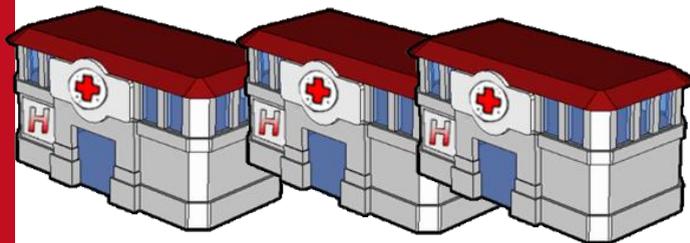
HUB



Without on-site visit



Medical consultations are beyond hospital boundary



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*Sustainable Development Goal #6*

## Clean Water and Sanitation

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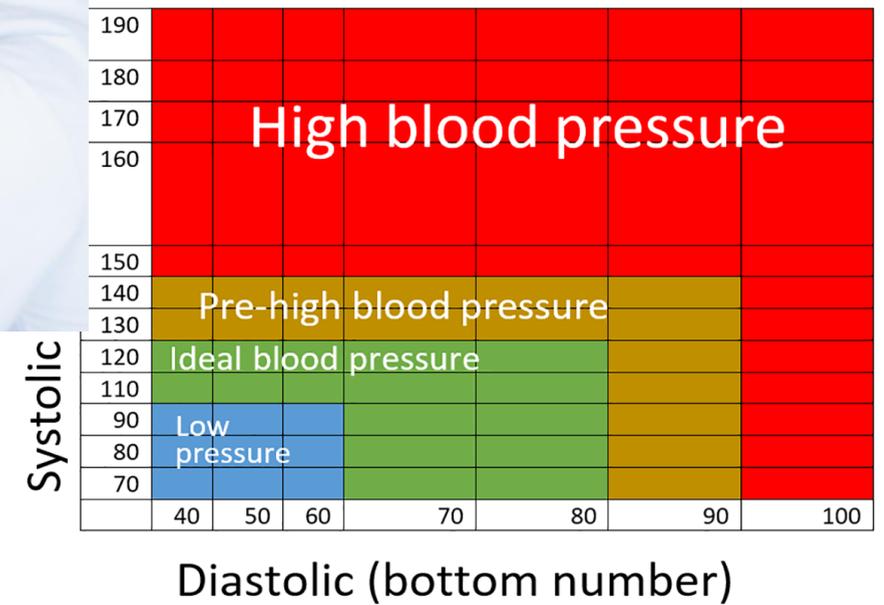
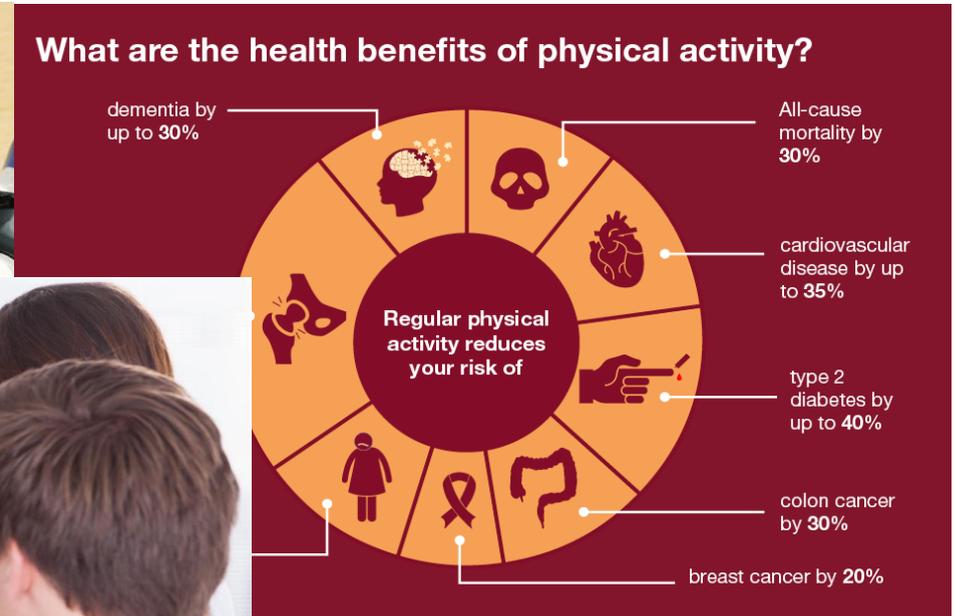
A simple SMS message can be a good reminder for drug compliance!



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# A precious opportunity for training and education



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卒中急救地图

卒中地图



The way to the nearest stroke center

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Live conference broadcast and procedure demonstration

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神经介入在线 >

临床病史及影像分析

患者，男性，49岁，因“发作性头晕伴言语不清20天”入院。

病后就诊当地医院，头颅MRI（2019-11-17）：DWI未见新近梗死（图1A-D）。MRA：右椎动脉优势，基底动脉中段显影差，考虑重度狭窄；右后交通动脉开放（图1E，F）。

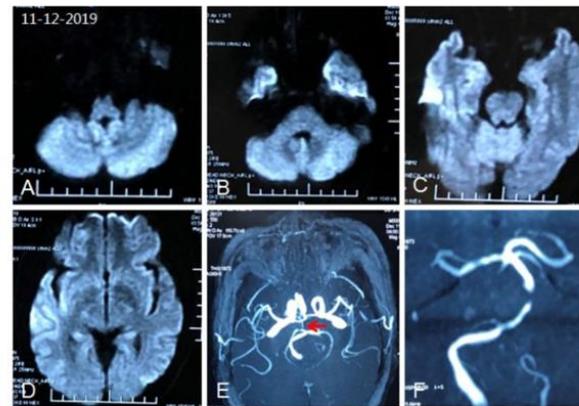


图1

DSA（2019-11-17）：右颈总动脉造影显示右后交通动脉开放，基底动脉尖和双侧大脑后动脉经其代偿显影，左颈内动脉造影未见明显异常（图2A-B）。右椎动脉优势，基底动脉中下段重度狭窄；左椎动脉V4段以远未

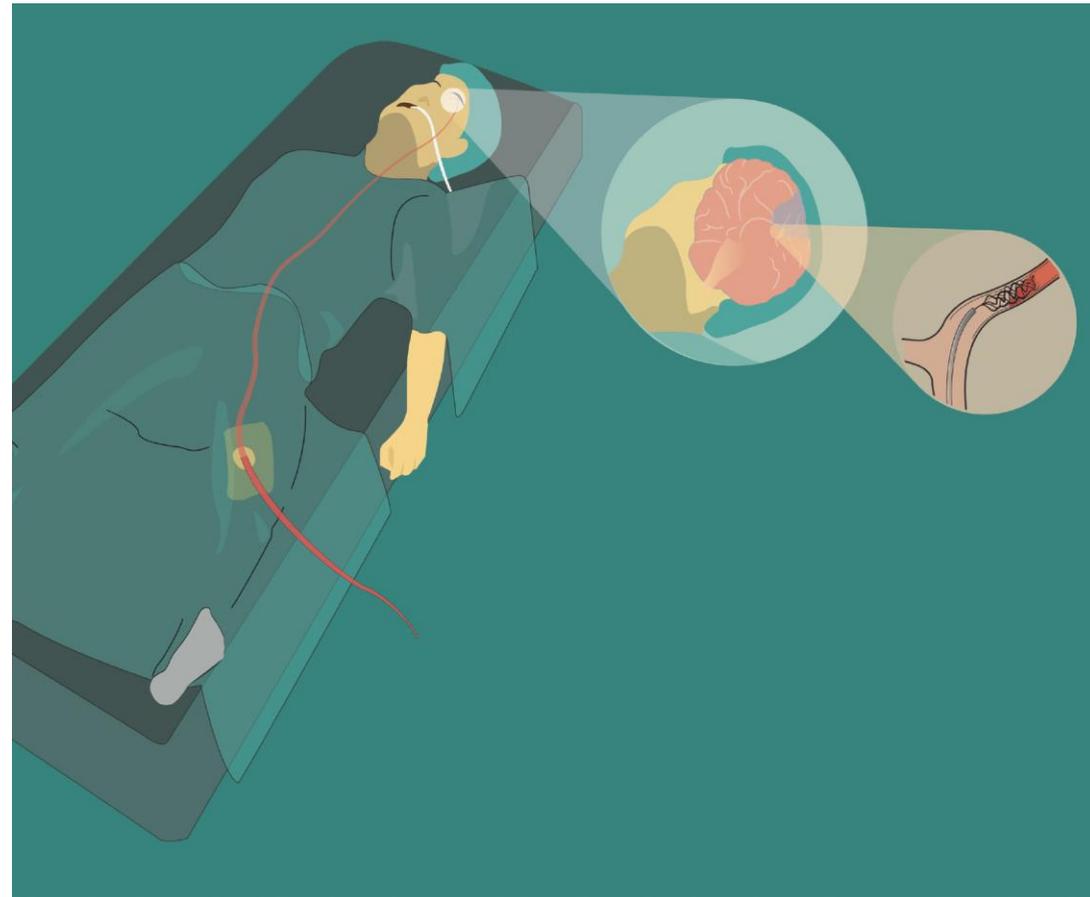
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Government and hospital investment



# STROKE MECHANICAL THROMBECTOMY

Building thrombectomy systems of care in your region; Why and How?

A White Paper



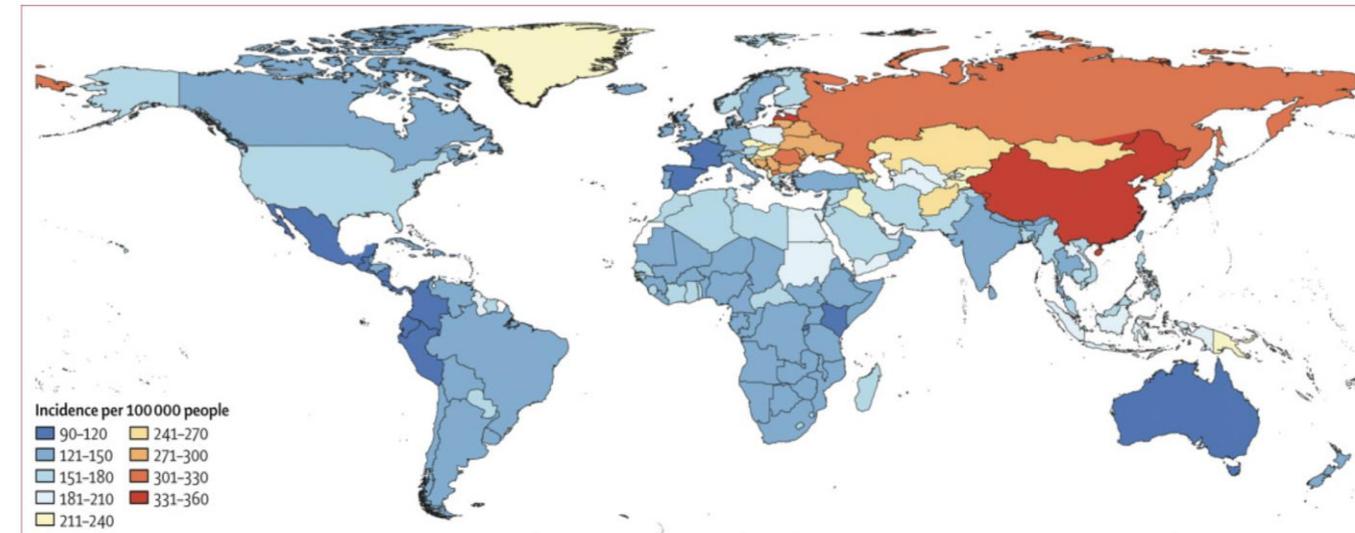
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# Take Home Message

- A concerted effort to strive for health equity
- Understand local stroke ecosystem, and identify regional disparities
- Incorporate an accessible imaging test (a multimodal CT scan) in a well-rehearsed triage process
- A priority: Availability and Interpretation.
- Establish evidence-based, uniform, protocol-driven stroke care across the country, guided by time metrics
- Novel solutions for physical and geographic barriers: Mobile apps and broadband





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*Audience Q & A*

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