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Advances in CT cardiac Imaging:

Innovation in Care



Innovation Health Services

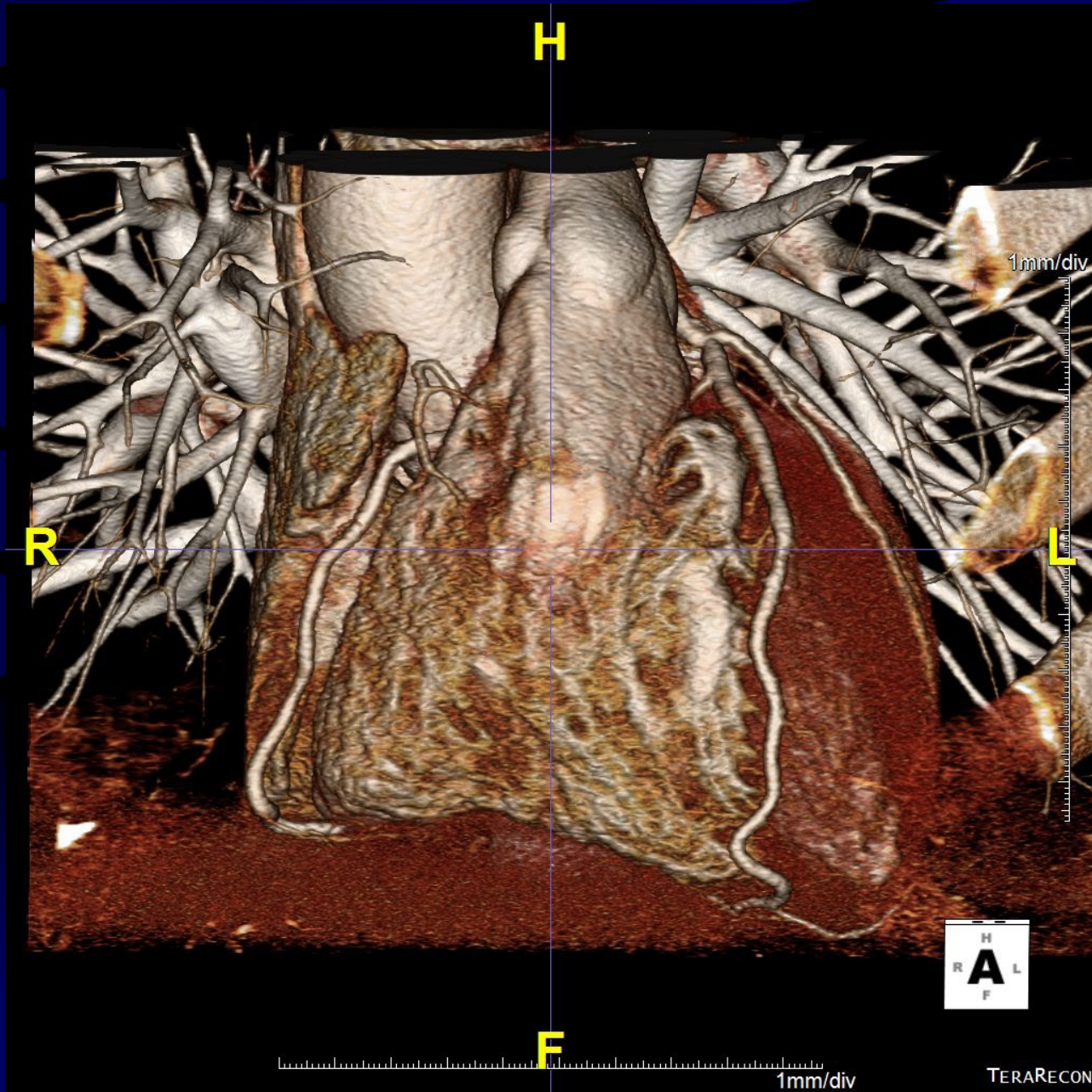
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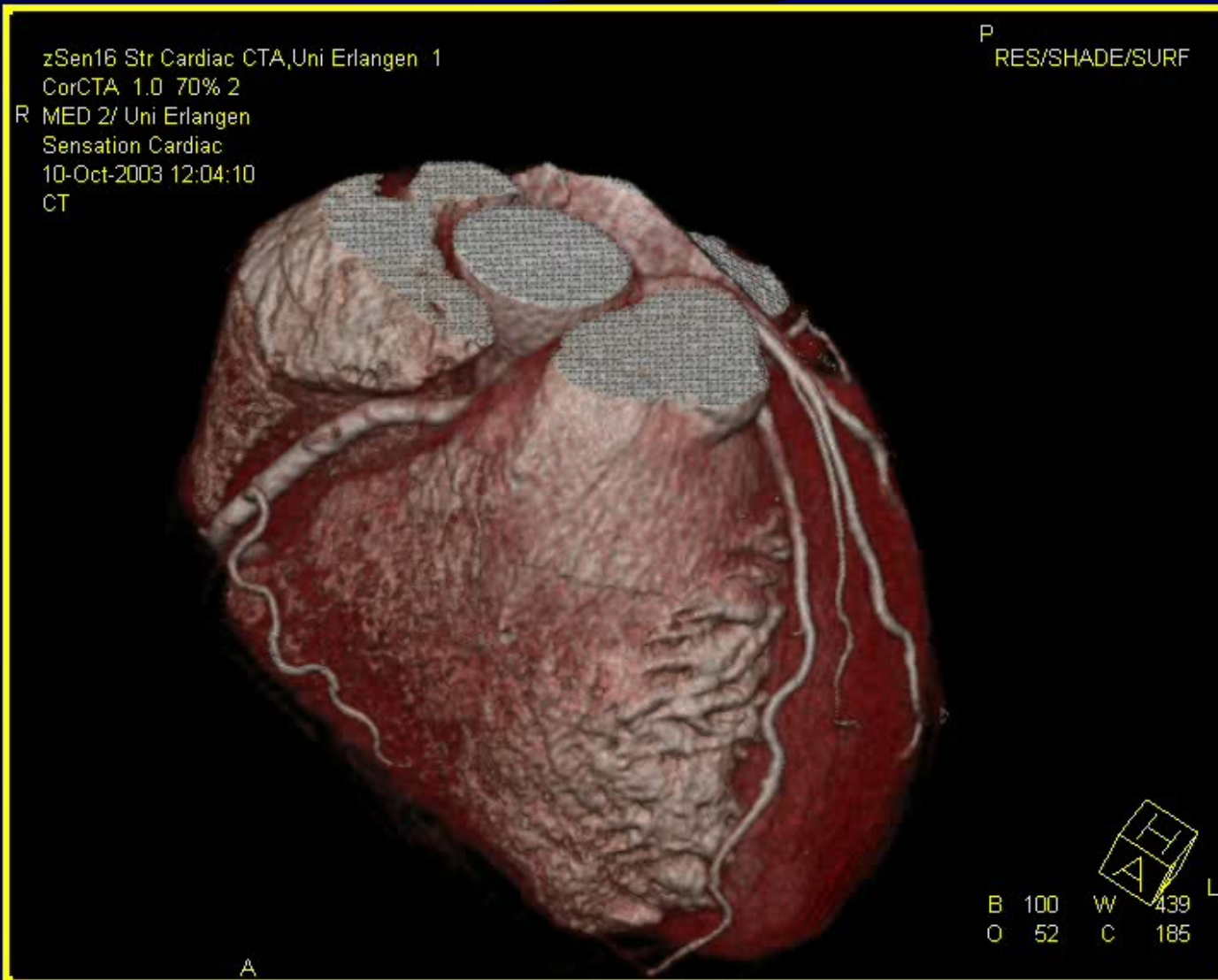
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Medical Director, Cardiac Imaging Sentara Heart

CT Heart and great vessels with contrast



Normal Cardiac CT has 100 % NPV



ACC Chest Pain Guidelines 2021

Stable Chest Pain + No Known CAD

Clinical risk assessment
(1)

Intermediate/high risk

CCTA*
(1)

Stress testing:*
Stress CMR
Stress PET
Stress SPECT
Stress echocardiography
(1)
Exercise ECG
(2a)

"CCTA preferable in those <65 years of age and not on optimal preventive therapies"

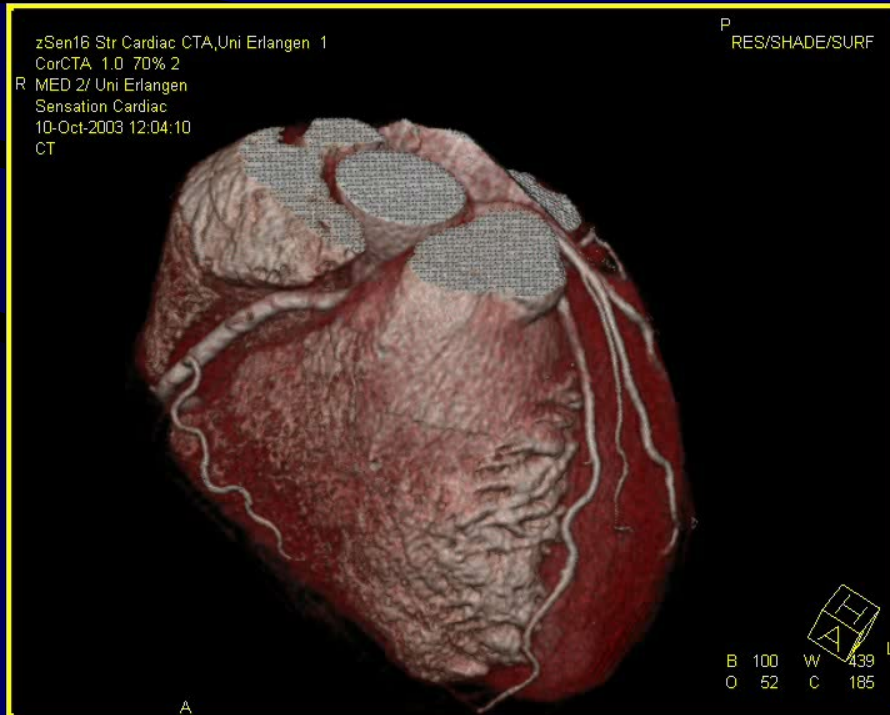
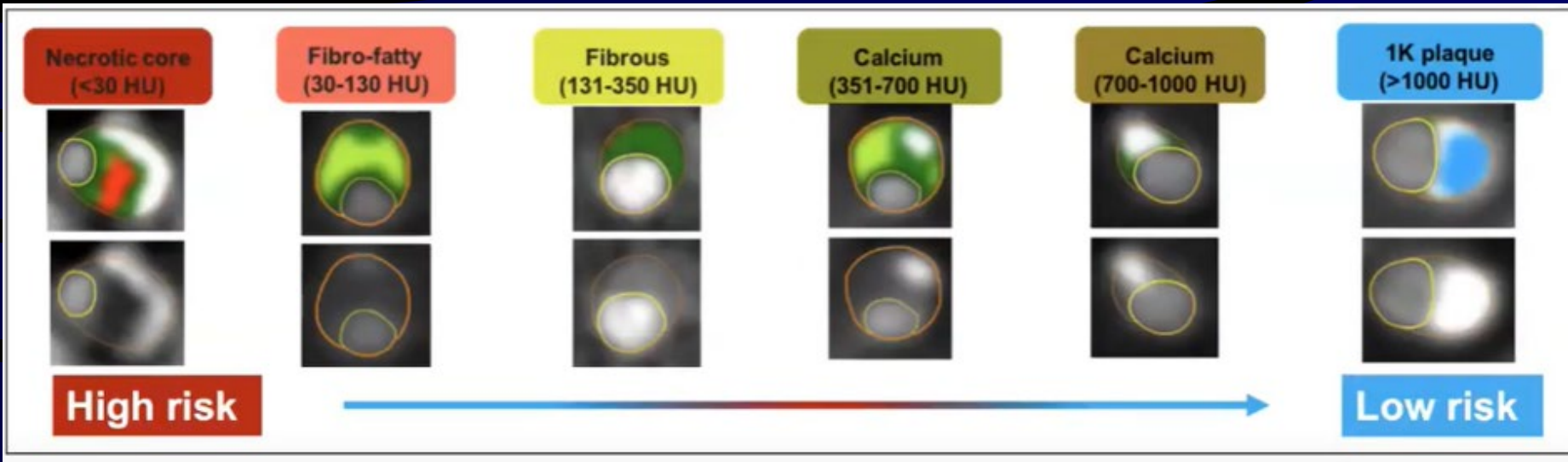
"Stress testing favored in those >65 years of age (with a higher likelihood of ischemia)"

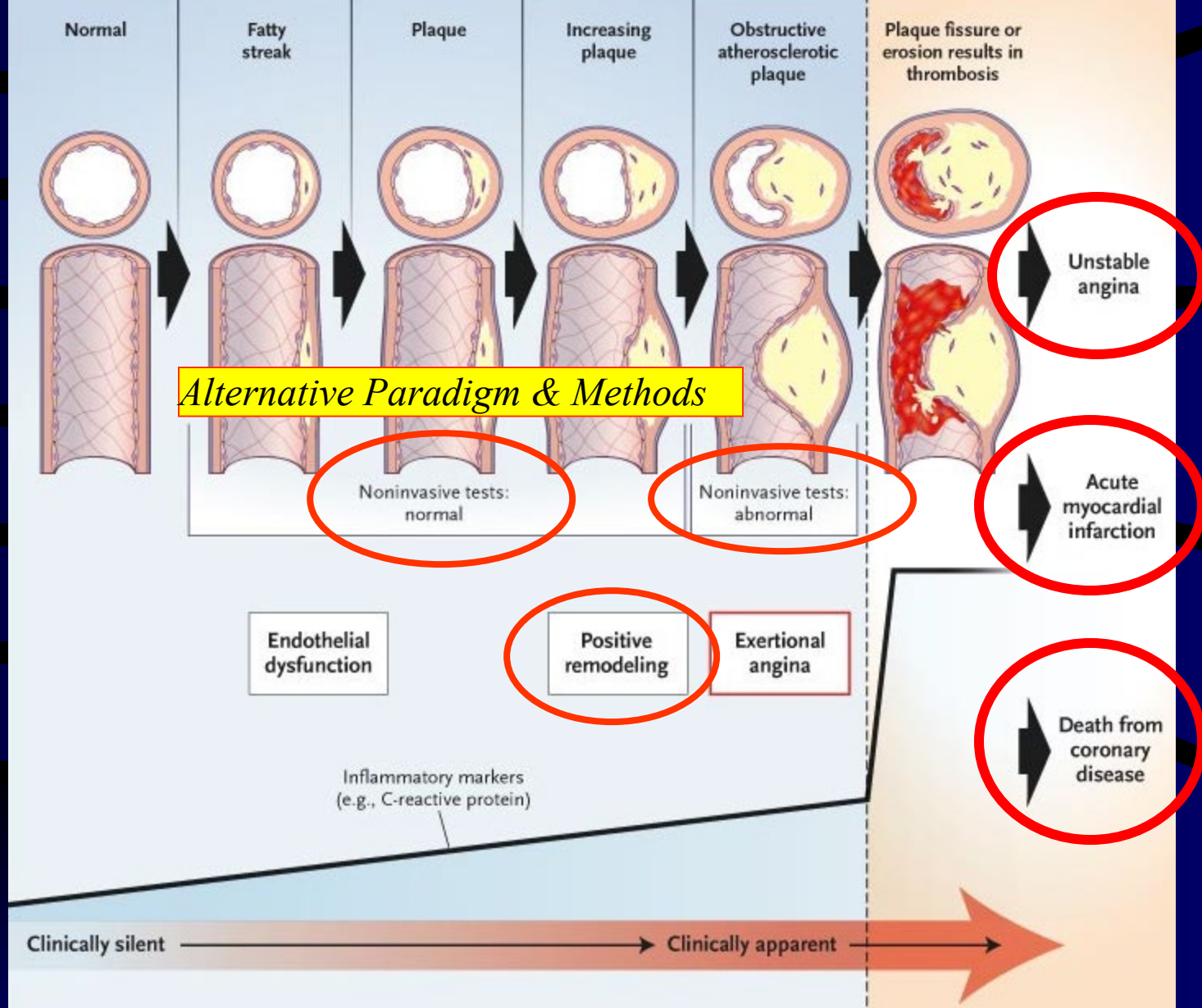
Favors use of CCTA

- Rule out obstructive CAD
- Detect nonobstructive CAD
- High-quality imaging and expert interpretation routinely available
- Age <65 y
- Prior functional study inconclusive
- Anomalous coronary arteries
- Require evaluation of aorta or pulmonary arteries

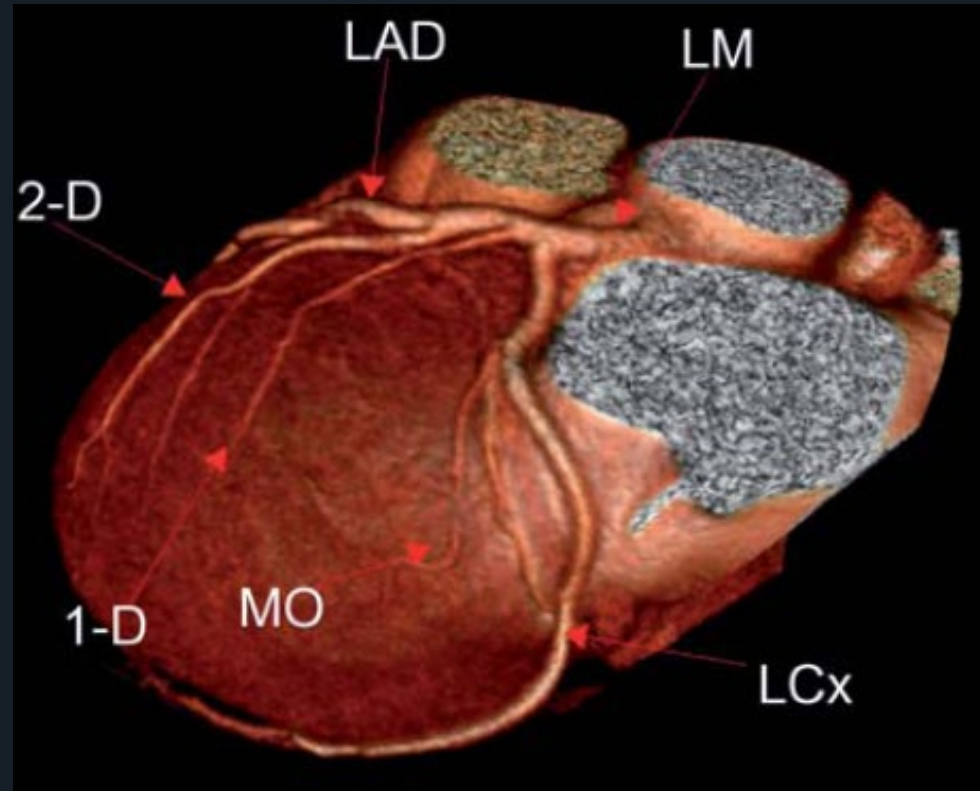
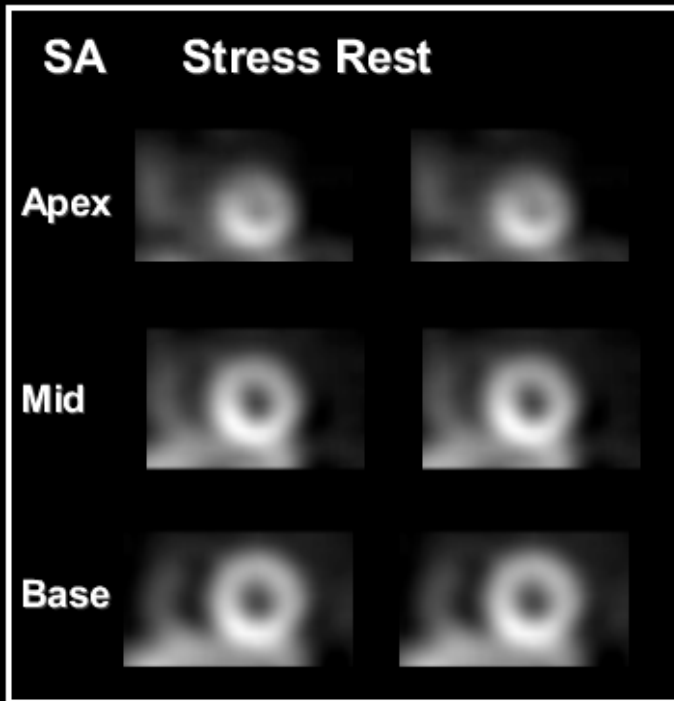
Favors use of stress imaging

- Ischemia-guided management
- High-quality imaging and expert interpretation routinely available
- Age ≥65 y
- Prior CCTA inconclusive
- Suspect scar (especially if PET or stress CMR available)
- Suspect coronary microvascular dysfunction (when PET or CMR available)





Stress imaging has been insensitive for early atherosclerosis, relying on hemodynamic obstruction (>70% stenosis)



What happens when we move from insensitive stress tests to Cardiac CT?



Increase in *appropriate* cath & PCI/CABG

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Coronary CT Angiography and 5-Year Risk of Myocardial Infarction

The SCOT-HEART Investigators*

ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

Although coronary computed tomographic angiography (CTA) improves diagnostic certainty in the assessment of patients with stable chest pain, its effect on 5-year clinical outcomes is unknown.

METHODS

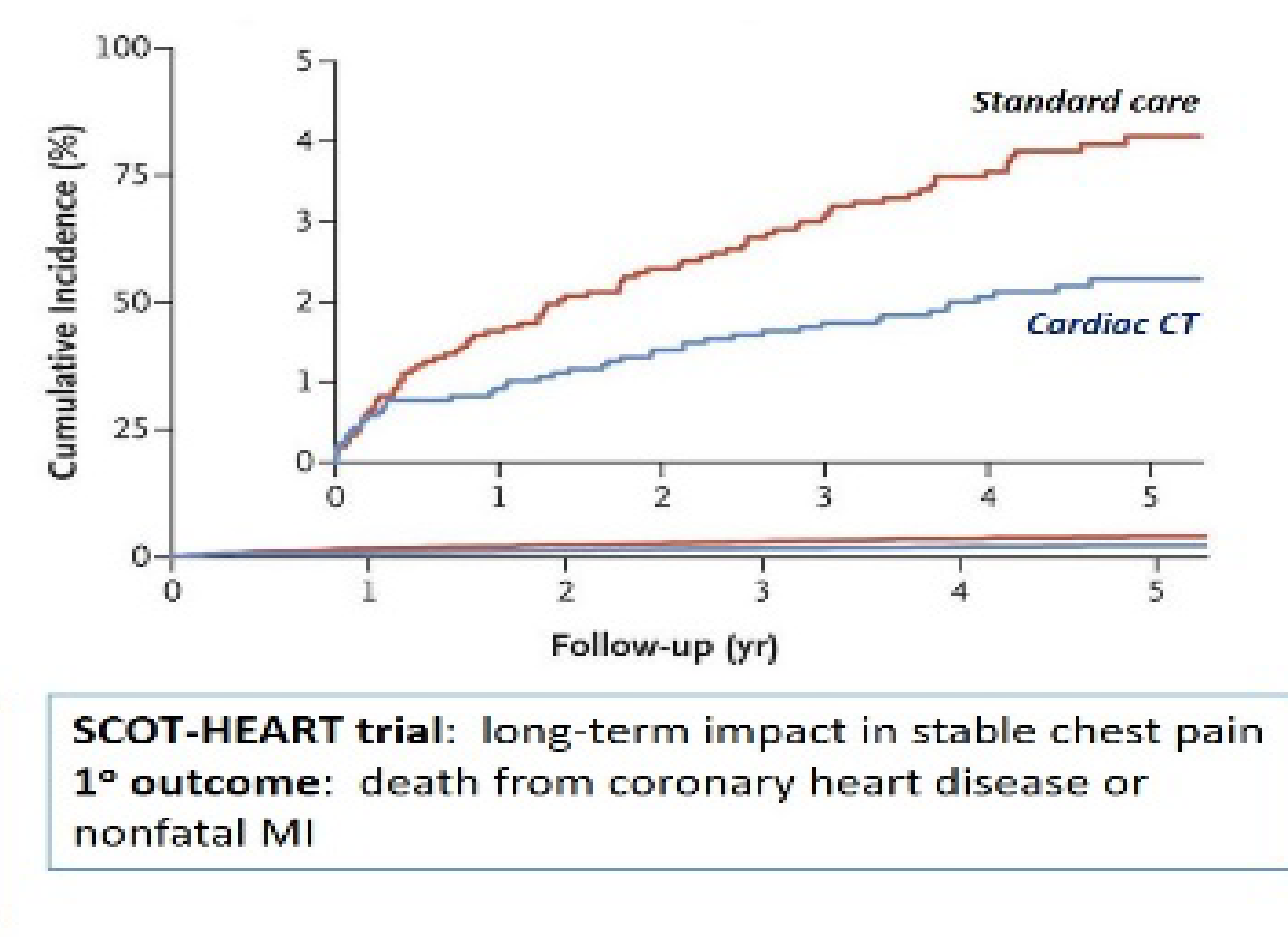
In an open-label, multicenter, parallel-group trial, we randomly assigned 4146 patients with stable chest pain who had been referred to a cardiology clinic for evaluation to standard care plus CTA (2073 patients) or to standard care alone (2073 patients). Investigations, treatments, and clinical outcomes were assessed over 3 to 7 years of follow-up. The primary end point was death from coronary heart disease or nonfatal myocardial infarction at 5 years.

RESULTS

The median duration of follow-up was 4.8 years, which yielded 20,254 patient-years of follow-up. The 5-year rate of the primary end point was lower in the CTA group than in the standard-care group (2.3% [48 patients] vs. 3.9% [81 patients]; hazard ratio, 0.59; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.41 to 0.84; $P=0.004$). Although the rates of invasive coronary angiography and coronary revascularization were higher in the CTA group than in the standard-care group in the first few months of follow-up, overall rates were similar at 5 years: invasive coronary angiography was performed in 491 patients in the CTA group and in 502 patients in the standard-care group (hazard ratio, 1.00; 95% CI, 0.88 to 1.13), and coronary revascularization was performed in 279 patients in the CTA group and in 267 in the standard-care group (hazard ratio, 1.07; 95% CI, 0.91 to 1.27). However, more preventive therapies were initiated in patients in the CTA group (odds ratio, 1.40; 95% CI, 1.19 to 1.65), as were more antianginal therapies (odds ratio, 1.27; 95% CI, 1.05 to 1.54). There were no significant between-group differences in the rates of cardiovascular or noncardiovascular deaths or deaths from any cause.

NEJM Aug 2018

Death or MI after Coronary CT vs Stress Testing



During the first year after randomization, more patients in the CCTA group underwent coronary revascularization (246 versus 208)

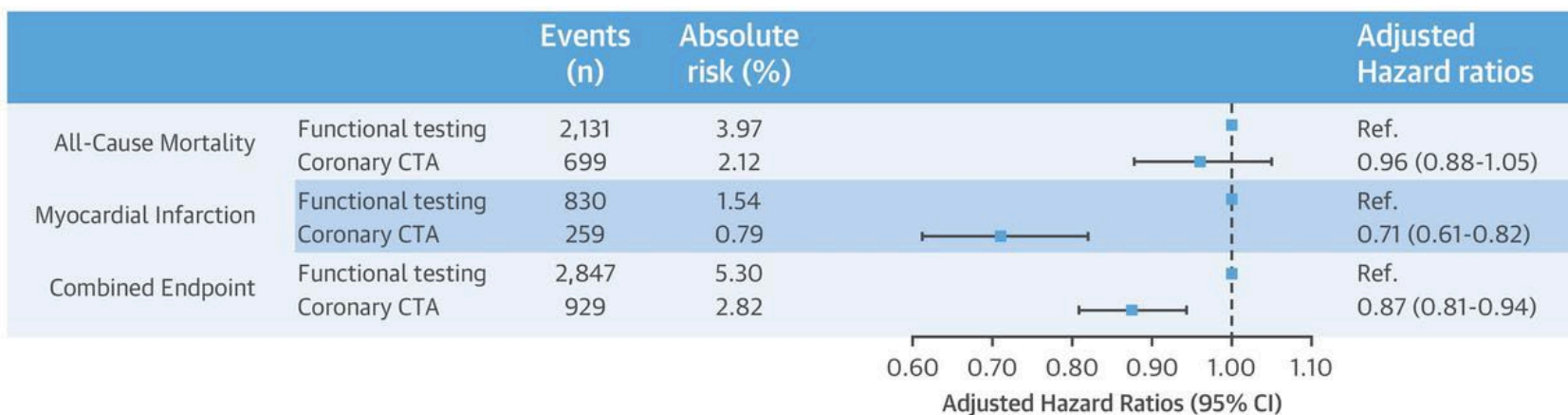
Increased coronary revascularizations

Danish Registry

Total of 86,705 patients underwent either older stress testing (n = 53,744, mean age 57, 49% males) or coronary CTA (n = 32,961, mean age 57 years, 45% males) followed for a median of 3.6 years.

interval: 0.61 to 0.82).

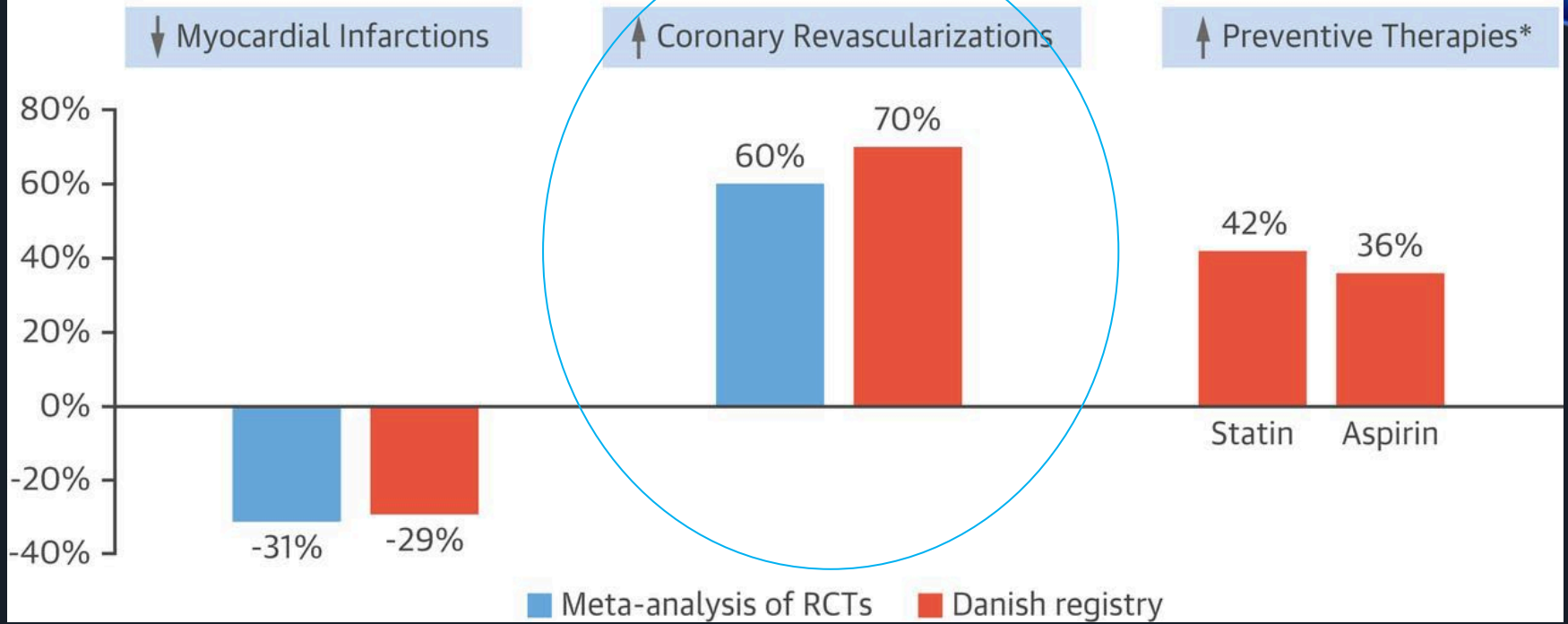
CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Long-Term Risks of All-Cause Mortality and MI



Jørgensen, M.E. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2017;69(14):1761-70.

Mads E. Jørgensen et al. JACC 2017;69:1761-1770

Coronary CTA vs Functional Testing



Subclinical Coronary Atherosclerosis and Risk for Myocardial Infarction in a Danish Cohort

A Prospective Observational Cohort Study

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Background: Coronary atherosclerosis may develop at an early age and remain latent for many years.

Objective: To define characteristics of subclinical coronary atherosclerosis associated with the development of myocardial infarction.

Design: Prospective observational cohort study.

Setting: Copenhagen General Population Study, Denmark.

Participants: 9533 asymptomatic persons aged 40 years or older without known ischemic heart disease.

Measurements: Subclinical coronary atherosclerosis was assessed with coronary computed tomography angiography conducted blinded to treatment and outcomes. Coronary atherosclerosis was characterized according to luminal obstruction (nonobstructive or obstructive [$\geq 50\%$ luminal stenosis]) and extent (nonextensive or extensive [one third or more of the coronary tree]). The primary outcome was myocardial infarction, and the secondary outcome was a composite of death or myocardial infarction.

Results: A total of 5114 (54%) persons had no subclinical coronary atherosclerosis, 3483 (36%) had nonobstructive disease, and 936 (10%) had obstructive disease. Within a median

follow-up of 3.5 years died and 71 had infarction was in relative risk, 9.15 [CI, 3.53 to 16.5] risk, 8.28 [CI, 3.7 to 18.1] risk, 3.15 [CI, 2.0 to 5.0] risk.

Limitation: Mo-

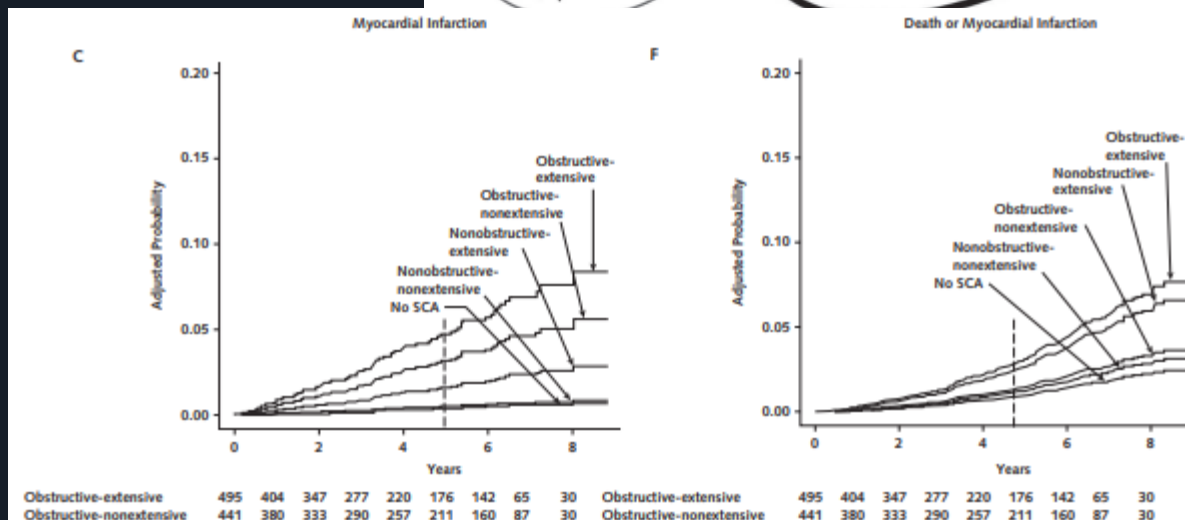
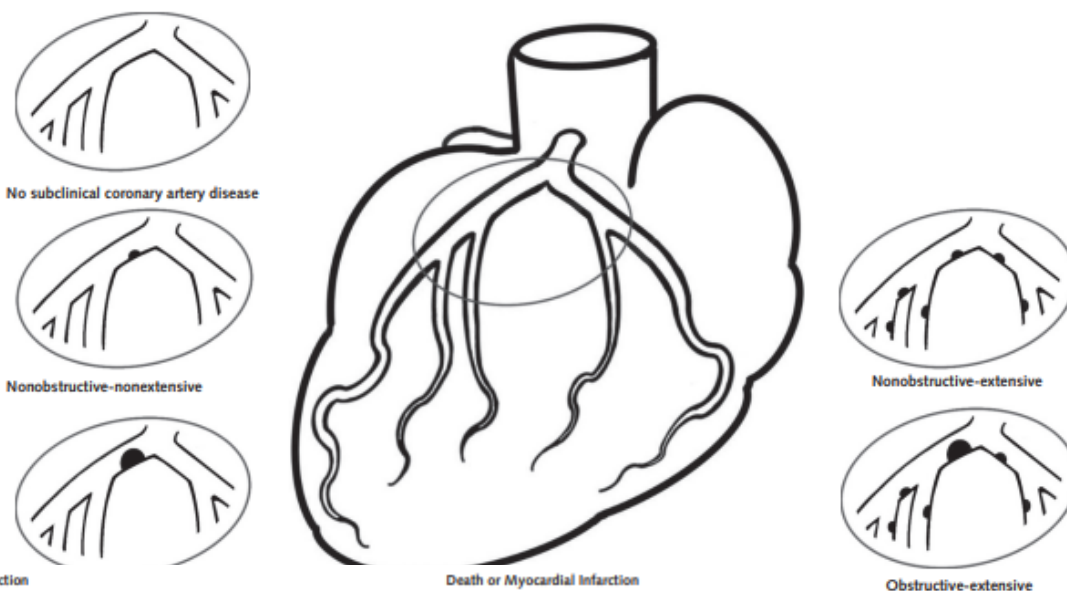
Conclusion: In

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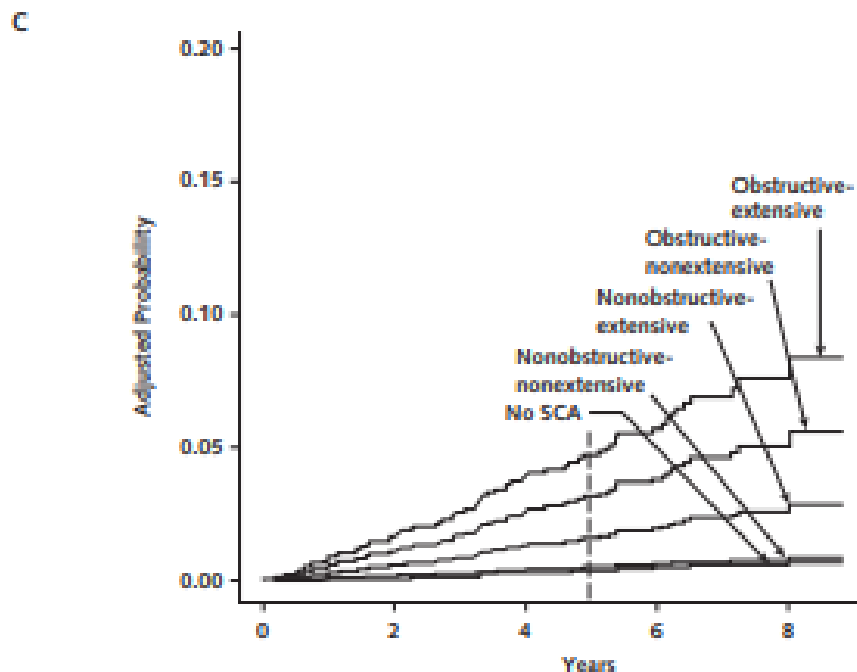
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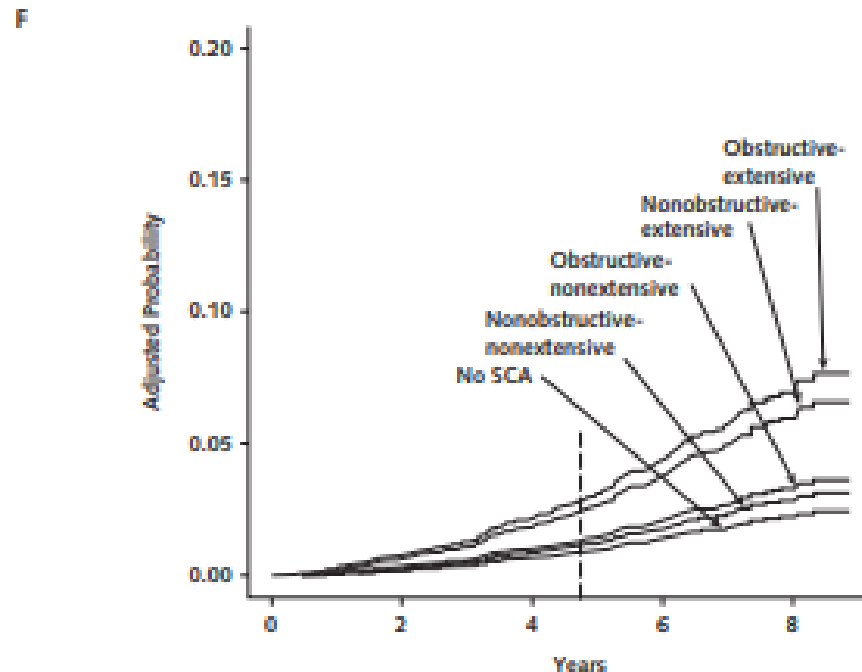
Figure 1. Illustration of combined subclinical coronary atherosclerosis groups by coronary computed tomography angiography.



Myocardial Infarction



Death or Myocardial Infarction



Obstructive-extensive	495	404	347	277	220	176	142	65	30
Obstructive-nonextensive	441	380	333	290	257	211	160	87	30
Nonobstructive-extensive	509	376	291	235	189	156	134	79	30
Nonobstructive-nonextensive	2974	2266	1857	1540	1316	1083	895	570	243
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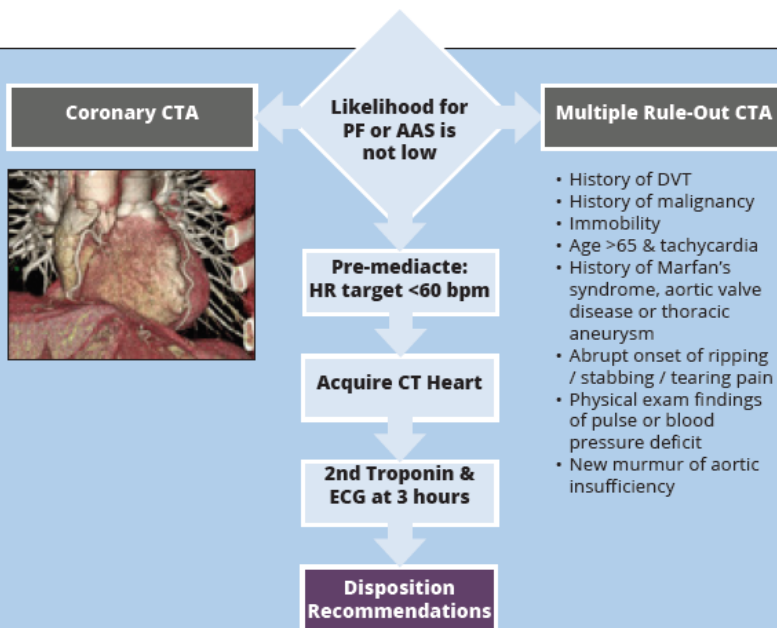
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Scholars predict coronary CTA will become the routine colonoscopy of the heart for those over 40, or 30-40 with high risk



Early Rapid Assessment by CT Heart

	Likelihood of myocardial infarction (MI)				
	LOW				HIGH
I. Clinical setting Symptoms and vital signs					
II. Electro-cardiogram (ECG)	Normal ECG	ST depression (mild)	ST depression	ST depression	ST elevation
III. Troponin level at 0h		-	-/+	+	++ +++
Pre-test risk for ACS	Low-intermediate risk		Intermediate	High risk	
	Heart CT Pathway		Observe	Cath Lab	



CATCH Study

JACC: CARDIOVASCULAR IMAGING

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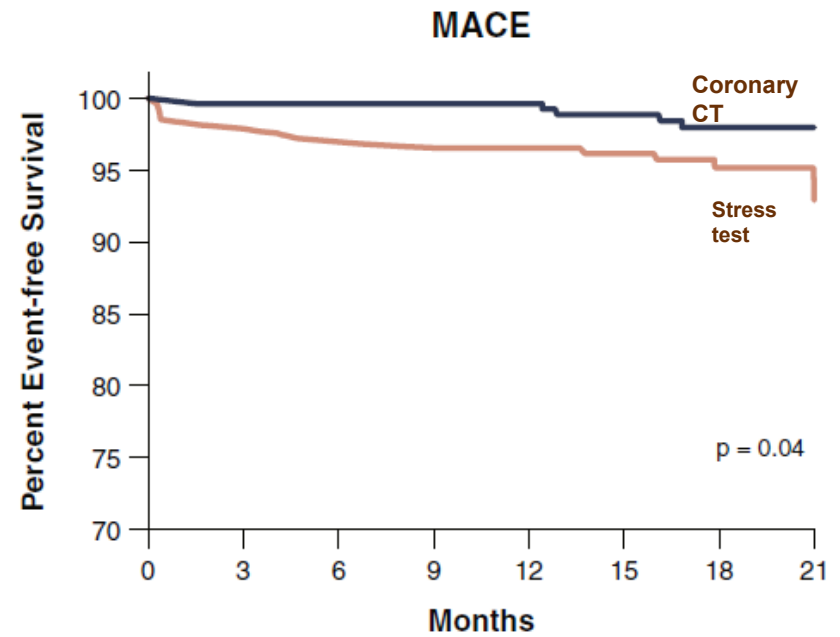
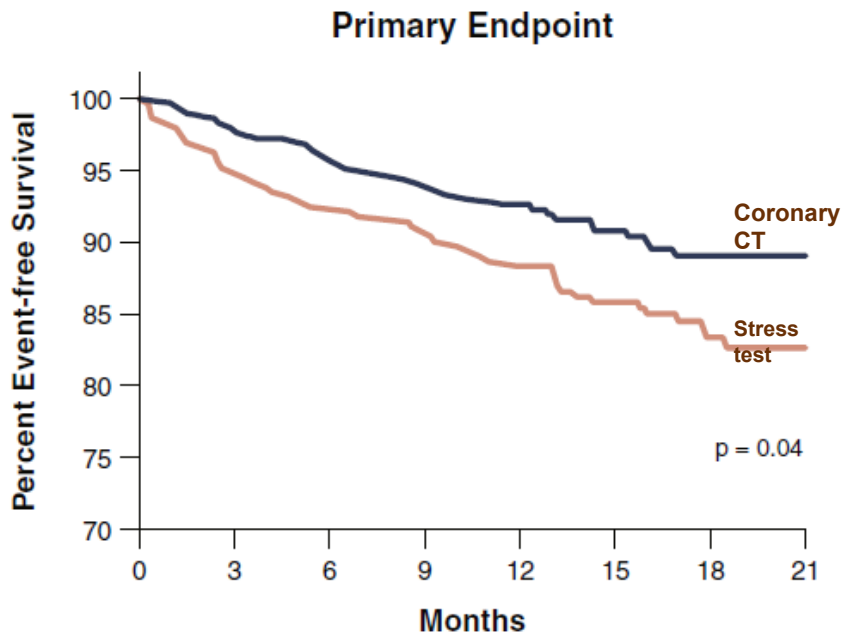
Long-Term Clinical Impact of Coronary CT Angiography in Patients With Recent Acute-Onset Chest Pain



The Randomized Controlled CATCH Trial

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CATCH Study



Number of Patients at Risk

—	285	279	273	267	262	232	159	40
—	291	276	269	265	257	229	143	39

Number of Patients at Risk

—	285	284	283	283	282	254	173	37
—	291	285	283	282	281	256	160	44

— Coronary CTA-guided — Standard Care

Endpoint: cardiac death, MI, hospitalization for unstable angina, late symptom-driven revascularization, & readmission for chest pain



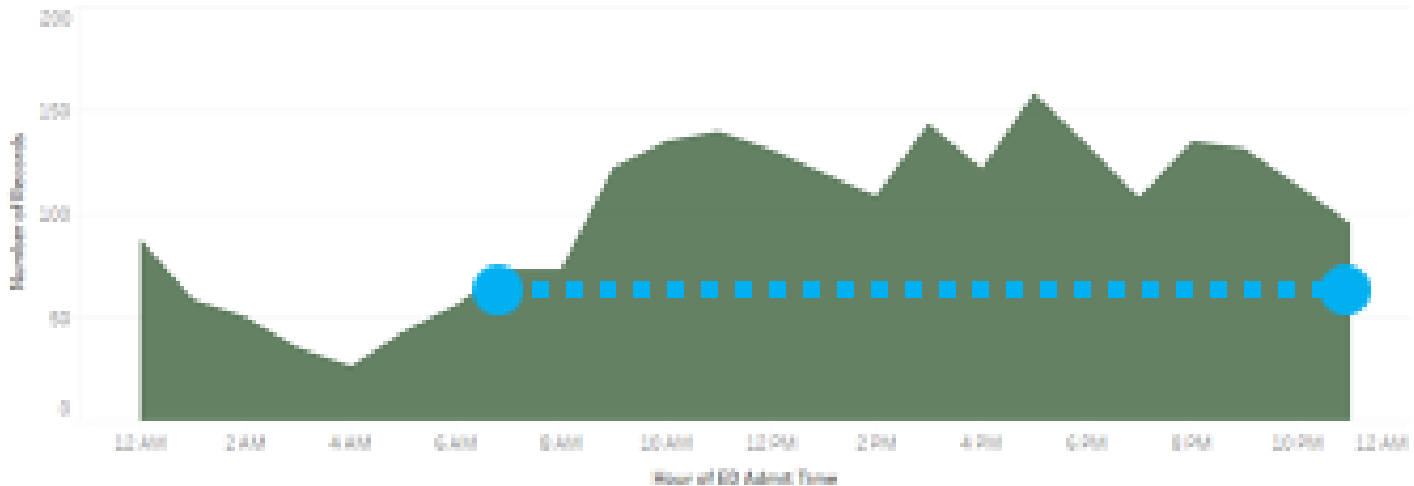
Economic Value of Cardiac CT in ED

	CT-STAT	ROMICAT2	ACRIN-PA	BEACON	CT-compare
	699	985	1370	500	562
Comparator	SPECT MPI	Usual care	Usual care	Usual care (hs-TnT)	XECG
ACS rate	1.8%	2.5%	1%	8%	4.2%
Cath rate	≈	≈	≈	≈	↑2x
Revascularization	≈	≈	≈	≈	≈
Hospital admission		↓40%	↓35%	≈	
Length of stay		↓25%	↓27%	≈	↓34%
Downstream testing				↓62%	
Costs	↓38% (ED)	≈ (hospital)		↓34%	↓19%
Adverse events	≈	≈	≈	≈	≈

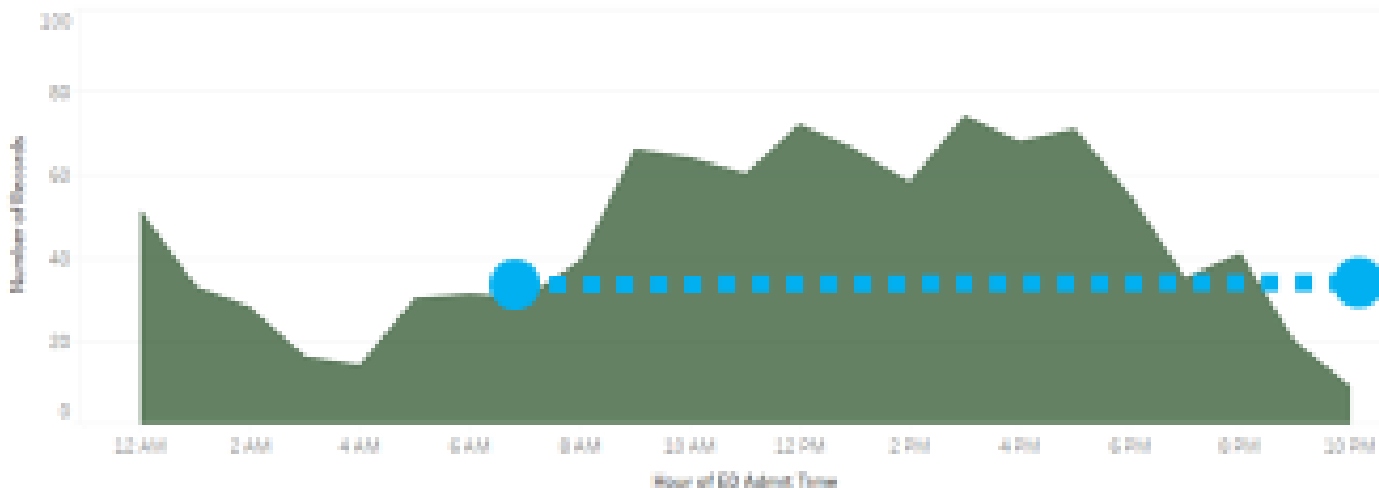
Time distribution of SNGH chest pain presentations

IHS service 0700-2300 serves >90%,
minimizing costs

Missing ED Times replaced by "Admit Time"



ED Times Only



NIH

PROMISE trial Economic Substudy: Estimation of Initial Chest Pain Testing Costs

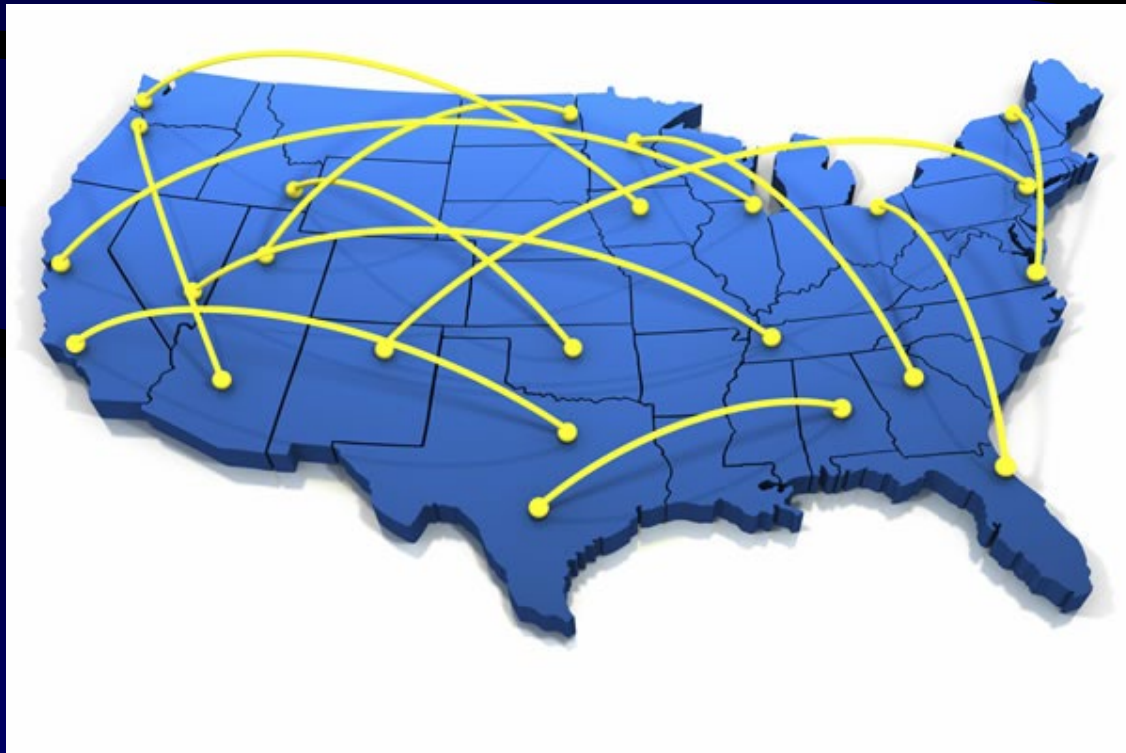
<i>Dx Test</i>	<i>Mean Cost*</i>	<i>MD Fees**</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Coronary CTA</i>	<i>\$285</i>	<i>\$119</i>	<i>\$404</i>
<i>Echo w/ exercise stress</i>	<i>\$428</i>	<i>\$86</i>	<i>\$ 514</i>
<i>Echo w/ pharmacologic stress</i>	<i>\$415</i>	<i>\$86</i>	<i>\$ 501</i>
<i>ECG-only nonimaging stress</i>	<i>\$137</i>	<i>\$37</i>	<i>\$174</i>
<i>Nuclear w/ exercise stress</i>	<i>\$829</i>	<i>\$117</i>	<i>\$ 946</i>
<i>Nuclear w/ pharmacologic stress</i>	<i>\$1015</i>	<i>\$117</i>	<i>\$ 1132</i>

**based on costs in Premier database*











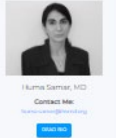










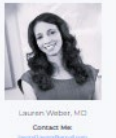




















***based on Medicare Fee Schedule*

How to Provide cardiac CT 24/7 with
few local imagers?

Unlock efficiencies by interstate
telecardiology

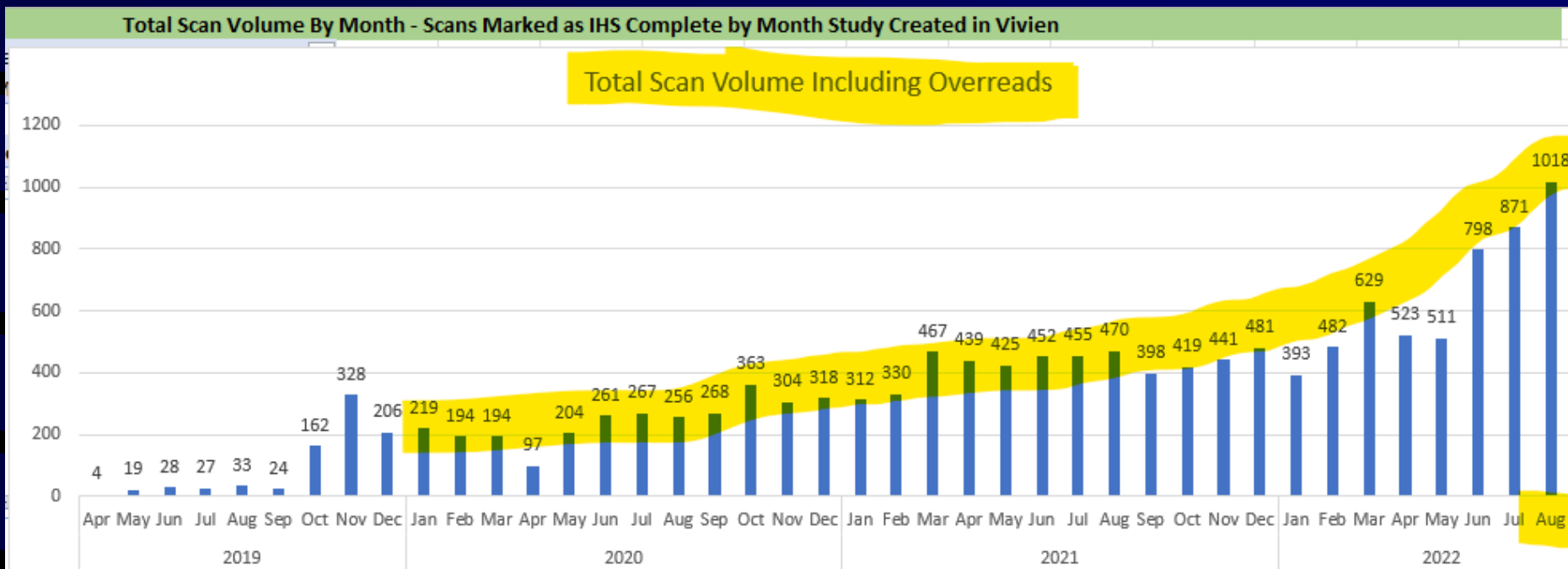


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IHS metrics: Growth (300%), Speed 35 min to ED, High Accuracy



Cardiovascular Summit

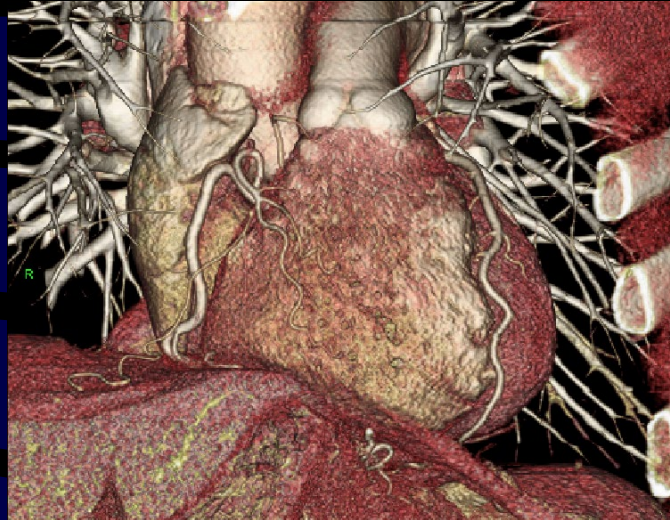
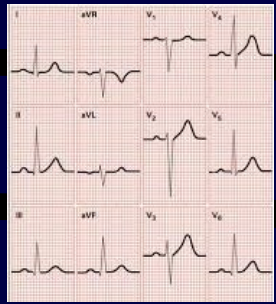
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VIRTUAL

How we implemented...



Cardiologists, Cardiac Radiologists, and Systems Engineers
across North America collaborated to design a complex
national system of care for the vulnerable

Patient (Hospital) Experience

Imager Experience

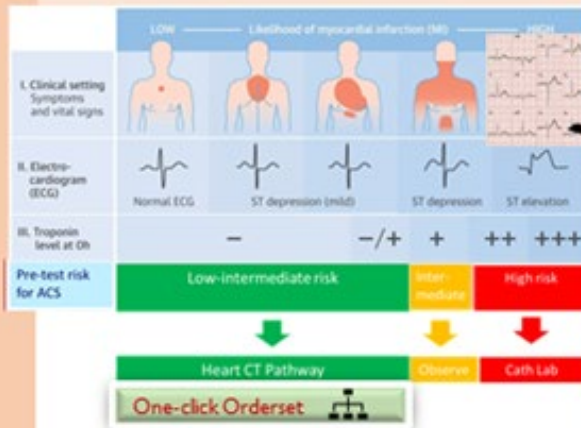
IHS Orchestrators Experience



ED Doctors & PA Experience

ED Nurses

CT Technologists & lab technician



Beta-blockers, anxiolytics

- HR 55-60 → 12.5-25 mg
- HR 60-65 → 25-50 mg
- HR 65-70 → 50-100 mg
- HR 70-80 → 100-150 mg
- HR > 80 → 100-200 mg

Redose with 25-50 mg after 30 min if needed.

CT tech: on App Scan Complete, HR

Lab technician: on App 2nd troponin at 3.5 hours

RN on App 2nd EKG

Likelihood for AAS or PE is low

Likelihood for AAS or PE is not low

CT Multiple rule out

- History of DVT, PE, or cancer
- Immobility
- Age > 65 & tachycardia
- Abrupt ripping/tearing/tearing pain
- BP difference between arms
- New murmur of aortic regurgitation
- History of Aortic valve disease, aneurysms, or Marfan's

Two Color reports printed for PCPs with clear recommendation, MD picture & bio

Patient-level reports with hyperlinks to multimedia and color images (emailed)

DICOM HL7 part 20 CDA / MRRT -> can auto-generate worklist items

API to EPIC: FHIR, Redox, Mulesoft

Mobile App

Web Interface

Dashboards / Analytics



ED triggers secure texts EKG for QA: Imager responds "OK to Scan", "Scan reported"

CT Visualization Vessel-walk Cardiac CT (with low latency) to structured report (DICOM->HL7): Terracon links for remote desktop, backed up by Terra cloud and Nuance DICOM transfers

CMR Visualization Heart IT cloud server hyperlink backed up by Terra cloud and Nuance DICOM transfers

Hyperlinks to EMRs / PACS for old studies & labs office 365 EKGs for QA (on App and Web interface)

Swipe to display instant availability

- 0700-1700 Available to read locally
- 0700-1700 Available to read for network
- 0700-1700 Not Available for diagnostic backup
- 0700-1700 Not Available for surge scans

Diagnostic Backup request/respond (AAS, ACHD, LVAD, EP):

Call to EDs direct from App & Web interface

- embedded voice dialing (masked phone numbers)
- Shared worklog excel; teaching scans Onedrive
- Shift scheduling Outlook calendar office 365
- Two-factor authentication Duo, multiple
- Secure-text HIPPA compliant QiiqSoft, Ring Central, OhMD, Twilio
- Telemedicine license & credentialing management

Receipt of global upload and electronic payments Web-based uploader Port 443 encrypted

Tag teaching cases for anonymization and transfer for machine-learning curated dataset licensing to AI algorithm developers

Transfer to CT-FFR for intermediate lesions

Second look using AI-assisted algorithm for AAS, PE & lung over-read (Envoy, Nuance)

Milestone Locks

- Door to EKG
- Pathway orderSet to HR < 70, to CT scan, to 2nd tropEKG
- TAT Turn-around-time for reports
- Door to Discharge

Number of Available imagers 0700-1700: 12-35

Daytime minutes covered 0700-1700

Minutes of imager Availability without a scan (logged by app swipes)

On Call coverage 1700-2300 Time zone dispersion (West coast & Hawaii imagers for EST hospitals)

Progress Bars per imager for Diagnostic backup (mentor points) and surge reads

Surges outstripping capacity -> surge payments to doctors

IHS Push/text notifications

- 1700-2300 On Call primary for network
- 1700-2300 On Call backup for network
- 1700-2300 Diagnostic Backup requested
- 1700-2300 Surges reading needed

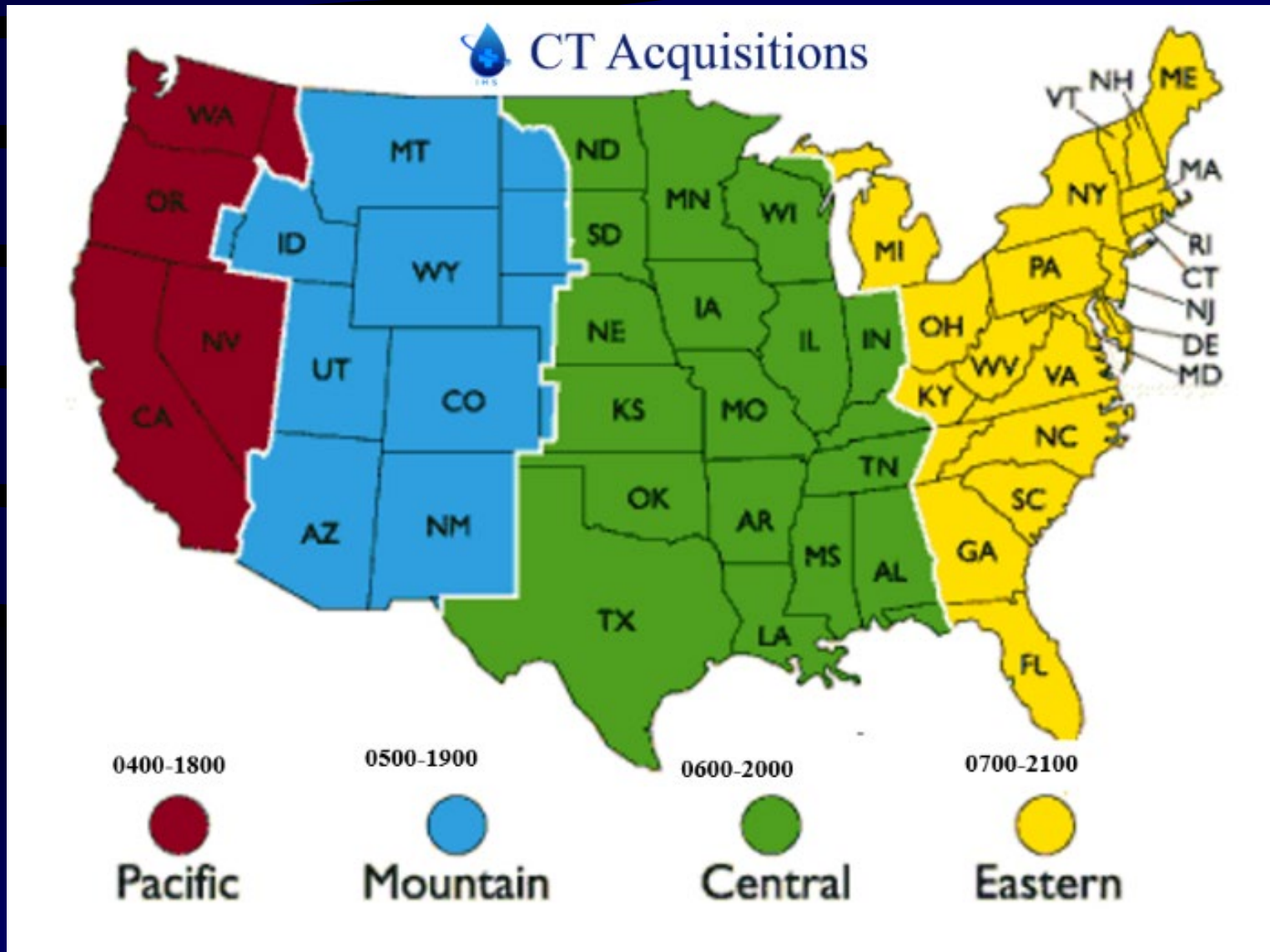


- **Number of CT heart acquisitions/ Number of scan sites**
- **Scan complexity**
 - CT heart vs CT triple-rule out
 - EP vs TAVR/AHF/ACHD/Aortic
- **Evening scans per time zone**
- **Scan quality** (improves speed of interpretation and cognitive load - based on HR and scanner model)
- **Minutes from scan to report**
- **Minutes with no imager available** **Number of Uploads for elective reads**

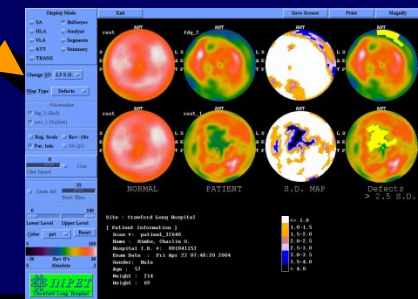
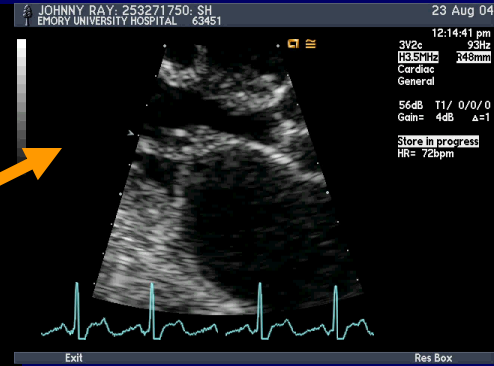
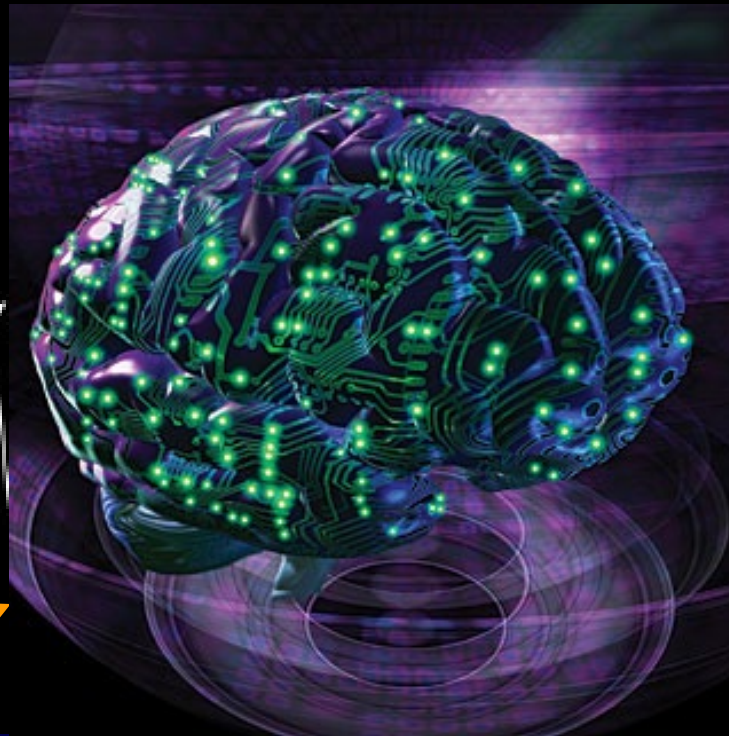
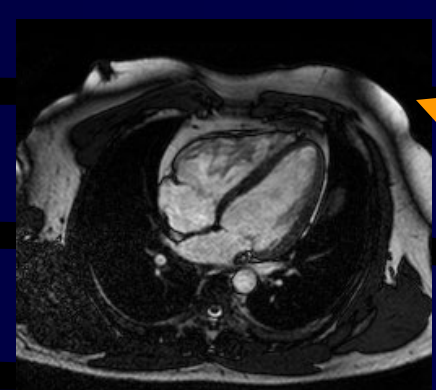
How we implemented

- recruit cardiologists and radiologists from **both coasts**, allowing for time-zone based balancing of workloads, founded with a physician-based culture of **service**, care for the vulnerable, and **co-ownership**
- collaboration between radiologists and cardiologists by **instant videoconferences for life-threatening cases**, and **weekly scheduled case videoconferences**
- transfer CT and MRI datasets to cloud servers with GPUs enabled for 3D visualization software for instant collaborative review
- custom smartphone applications to ping available doctors with specific expertise, like **acute aortic syndromes and adult congenital heart disease**
- **browser-based** to increase portability and flexibility of the work to maximize providers
- real-time database coordinates end-to-end workflow including triage by life-threatening priority, contacts, worktype, technologist feedback, imager scheduling, report generation, and electronic filing of final results

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