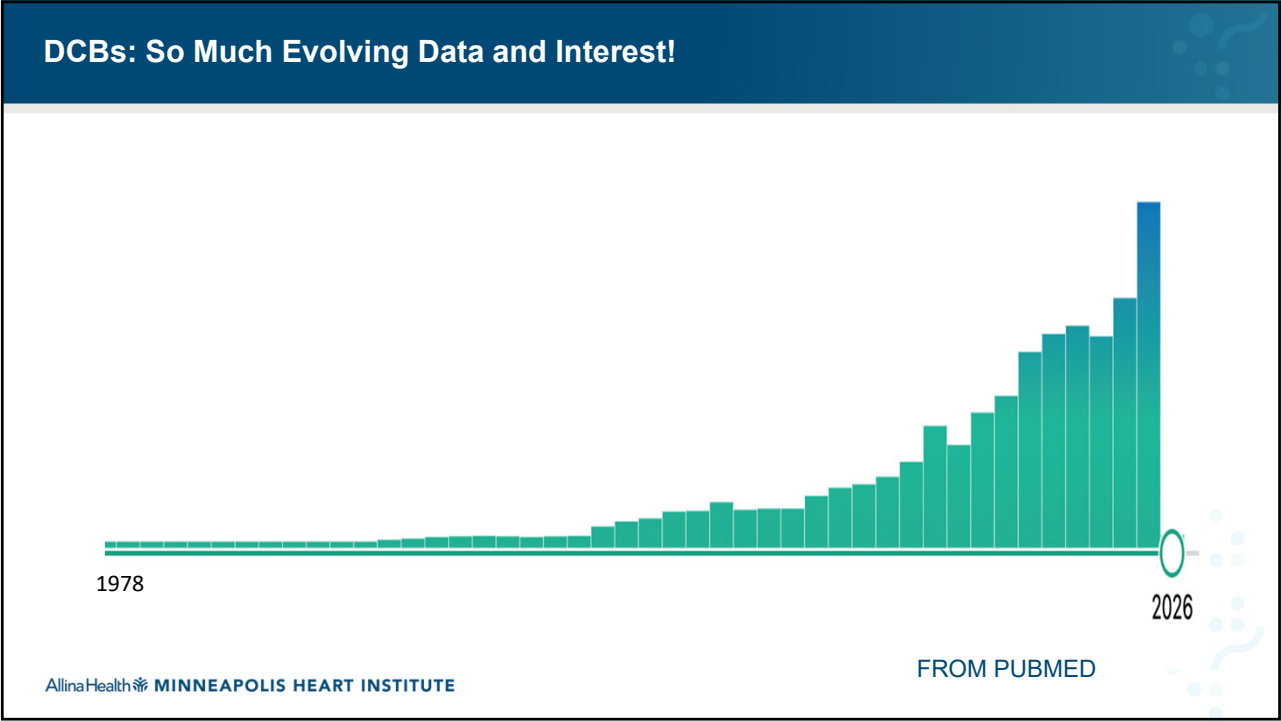




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Learning Objectives

- **Why** DCBs?
→ *Rationale and clinical need*
- **What** are DCBs and what is the evidence?
→ *Mechanism of action and pharmacology, clinical trial data and outcomes across CAD subsets*
- **When** should DCBs be used?
→ *Appropriate patient, lesion, and clinical scenario selection*
- **How** do we use them?
→ *Practical DCB-based strategies in Cath lab*
- **What's next** for DCBs?
→ *Limitations and future directions*

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Why DCBs?

- Let's review history!

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History of PCI

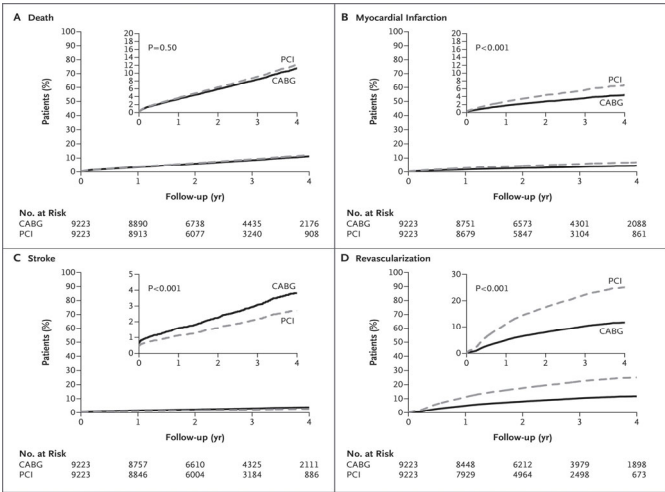
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• Palmaz-Schatz stent  
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• Reduced ISR & TLR"]; C --> D["Late 2000s  
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• Thinner struts  
• Everolimus / Zotarolimus  
• Improved outcomes & shorter DAPT"]; D --> E["Bioabsorbable Vascular Scaffolds (BVS)  
• Temporary scaffolds  
• Restore vasomotor & endothelial function  
• Reduce neoatherosclerosis  
• Shorter DAPT, preserves CABG option"]; E --> F["• Higher target lesion failure  
• Increased stent thrombosis  
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• High restenosis"]; C --> C1["• In-stent restenosis 20–30%  
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• Late & very late stent thrombosis"]; E --> E1["• Late stent loss  
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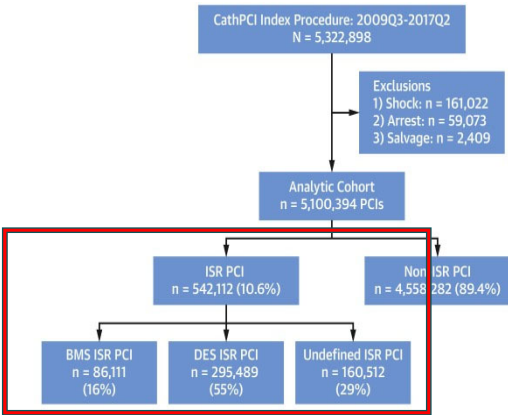
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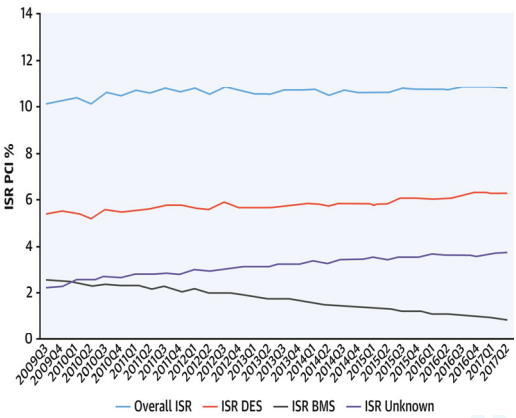
~10% of PCI in the US are for ISR

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Flow Chart of the Study Cohort

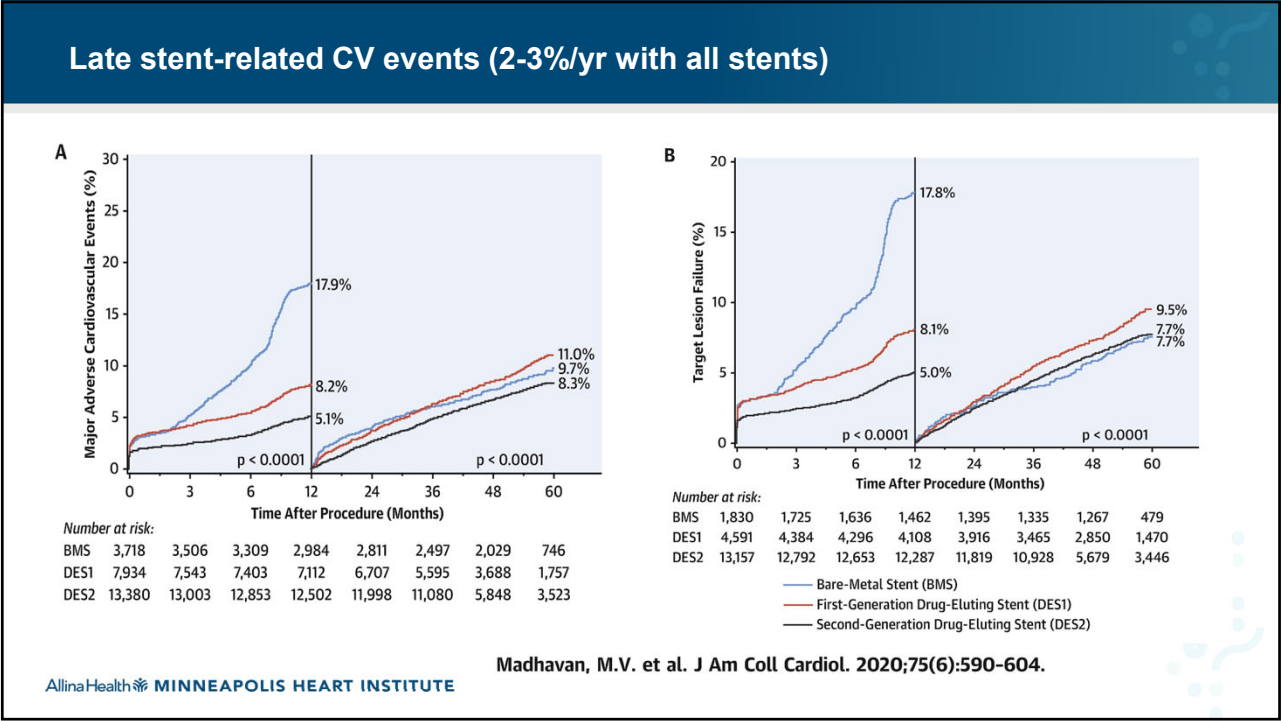


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Why DCBs?

Limitations of Permanent Metallic Scaffolds

- Impaired vasomotion and late lumen enlargement
- Vascular inflammation, neoatherosclerosis, and risk of very late stent thrombosis
- Distal lesions limiting future bypass
- Bifurcation lesions with recurrent SB ostium restenosis

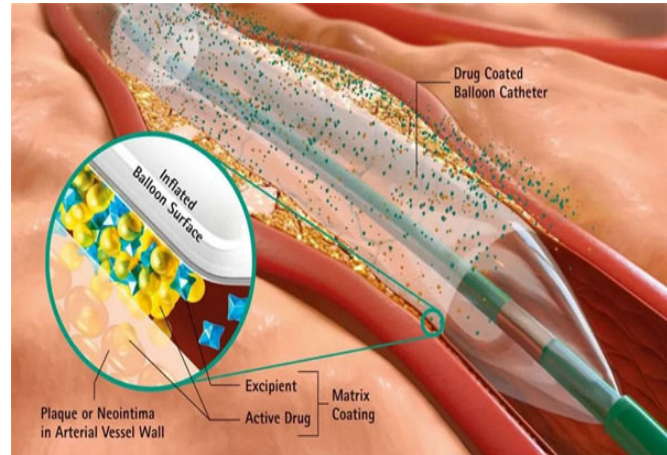
Growing interest in a “Leave Nothing Behind” strategy:
Deliver antiproliferative therapy while avoiding long-term limitations of metallic scaffolds

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What is DCB?

- SC Balloon + Antiproliferative Drug coating + Excipient for facilitating transfer from balloon to the vessel wall
- Drug transferred through single inflation
- Larger surface area with homogeneous drug-to-tissue transfer



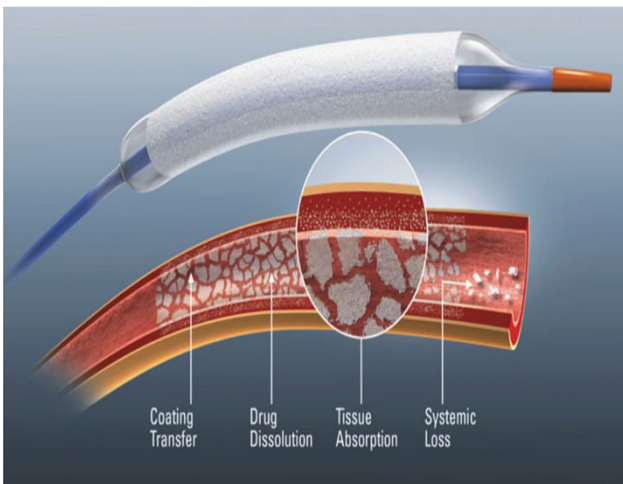
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DRUG DELIVERY MECHANISM

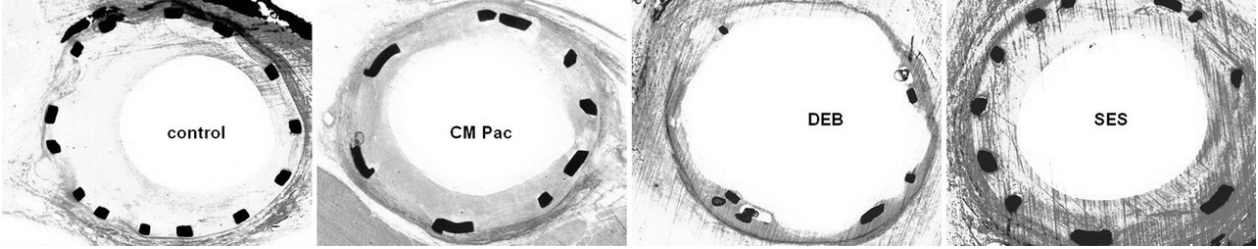
- Excipient: major role in influencing DCB pharmacokinetics
 - Drug retention on balloon during transit
 - Provides adhesion of the drug to the vessel wall
 - Promotes drug deposition in the tissue
 - Minimizing particulate release
- Excipient characteristics, drug formulation (crystal/amorphous), and coating technology strongly affects DCB performance.



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Neointima Inhibition: Comparison of Effectiveness of Non–Stent-based Local Drug Delivery and a DES in Porcine Coronary Arteries (2006)



control CM Pac DEB SES

At 4 weeks: Neointimal area significantly lower than all other groups

- Sustained drug release from a permanent polymer is not necessary for effective neointimal inhibition, rather sustained biological effect despite shorter inflation/exposure.
- The mode of drug delivery, rather than the stent itself, is the critical determinant of efficacy.

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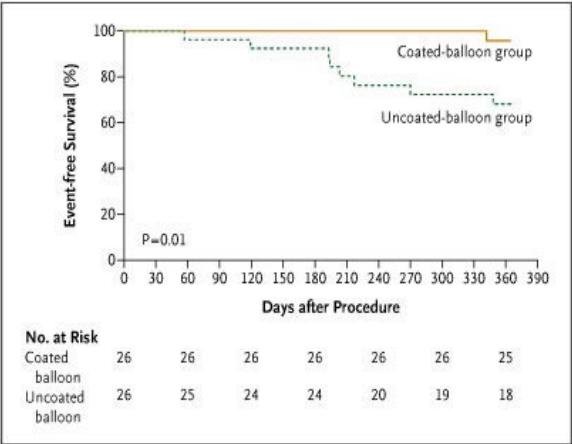
Speck U. Published Online: August 01, 2006 <https://doi.org/10.1148/radiol.2402051248>

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First In-Human Trial for coronary ISR (2006)

- 52 patients with ISR enrolled
- PCB vs uncoated balloon
- At 6 months, late luminal loss significantly lower in DCB group
- Lower 1 year MACE driven by lower TLR (none in 12 months f/u for DCB).

Thus, decreased events in recurrent ISR with PCB.



		Days after Procedure						
No. at Risk		0	30	60	90	120	150	180
Coated balloon	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	25
Uncoated balloon	26	25	24	24	20	19	18	

Scheller B, Hehrlein C, Bocksch MD, Rutsch W. *Treatment of Coronary In-Stent Restenosis with a Paclitaxel-Coated Balloon Catheter.*

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Antiproliferative drugs on DCBs

Paclitaxel

Cytotoxic
Irreversibly binds β -tubulin \rightarrow stabilizes microtubules \rightarrow inhibits mitosis
G2/M cell-cycle arrest
Promotes VSMC apoptosis & neointima inhibition
Hydrophobic and highly lipophilic \rightarrow rapid uptake, long retention
Tissue levels after single DCB inflation
Positive vessel remodeling

Sirolimus

Cytostatic
Binds FKBP12-rapamycin domain \rightarrow inhibits mTOR signaling
G1/S cell-cycle arrest
Causes reversible cytostasis
Less lipophilic \rightarrow shorter retention
Requires advanced excipients for sustained delivery (Phospholipid encapsulation and crystalline coating technologies)

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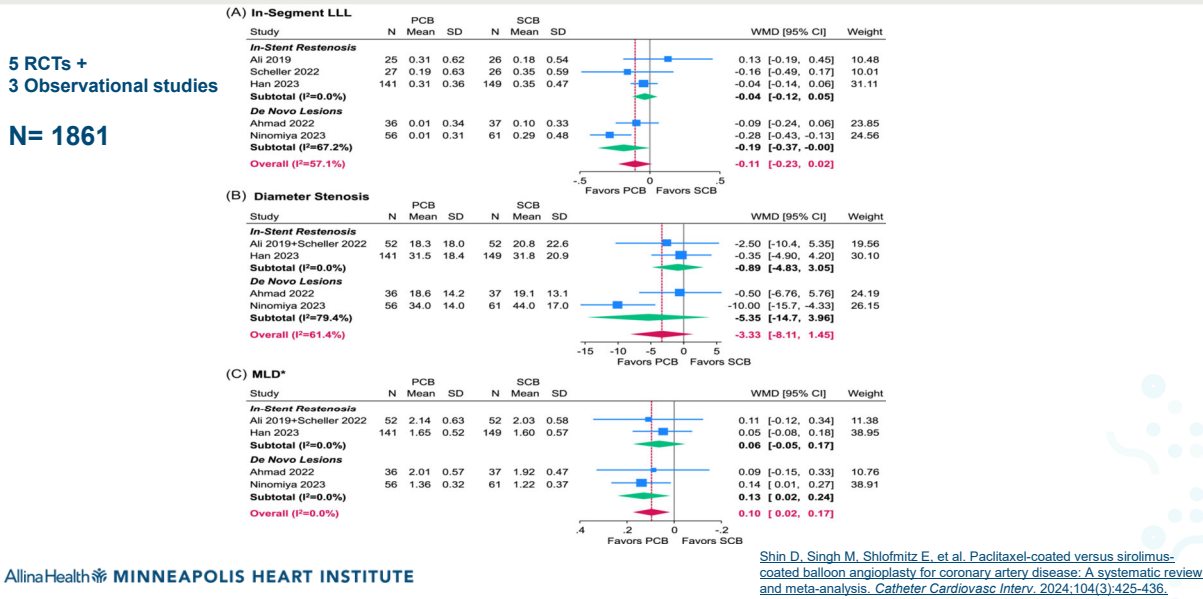
Drug Coated Balloons and Excipient

DCB Platform	Drug	Drug Dose ($\mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^2$)	Excipient / Carrier	Company
Agent™ DCB	Paclitaxel	2.0	Acetyltributylcitrate	Boston Scientific
IN.PACT / Prevail	Paclitaxel	3.5	Urea	Medtronic
SeQuent Please NEO	Paclitaxel	3.0	Iopromide	B. Braun
Restore	Paclitaxel	3.0	Shellac	Cardionovum
Magic Touch	Sirolimus	1.27	Phospholipid	Concept Medical
Selution	Sirolimus	1.0	Cell-adherence technology	MedAlliance
SeQuent SCB	Sirolimus	4.0	BHT	B. Braun
BA9 BCB	Biolimus	3.0	Polyethylene oxide	Biosensors Europe
SirPlux Duo	Sirolimus + Paclitaxel	1.35 / 0.15	Biodegradable nanoparticle	Advanced NanoTherapies

2024 FDA approved

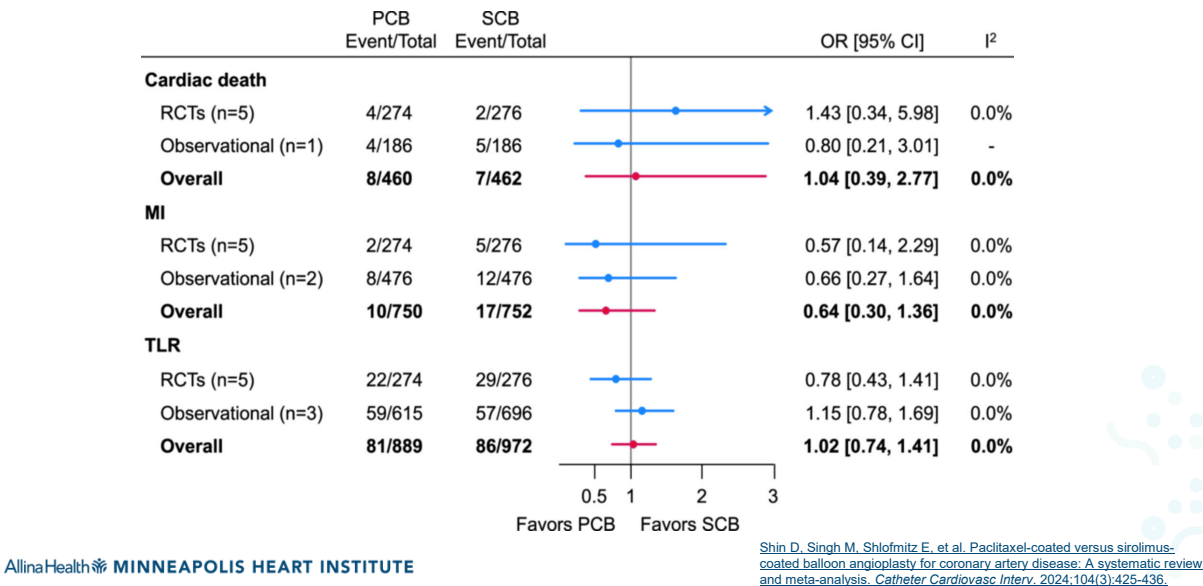
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ANGIOGRAPHIC OUTCOMES (6-9 months follow up)



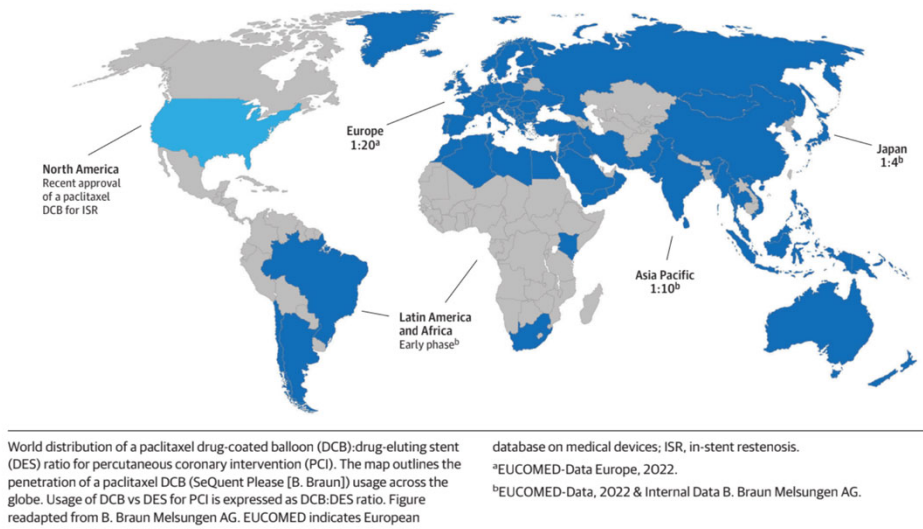
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CLINICAL OUTCOMES (9-12 months follow up)



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Worldwide DCB Use

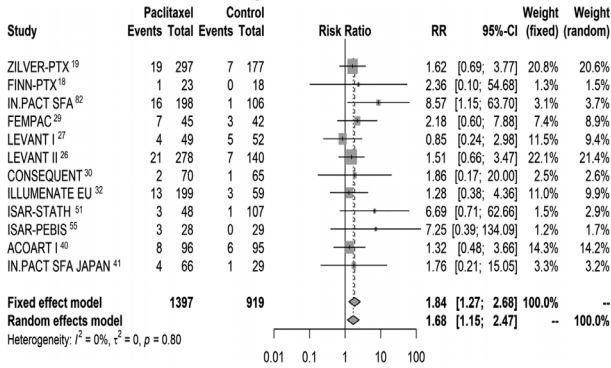


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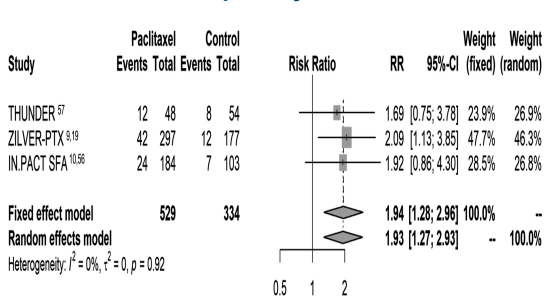
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Risk of Death Following Application of Paclitaxel-Coated Balloons and Stents in the Femoropopliteal Artery of the Leg

All Cause Death at 2 years



All Cause Death up to 5 years

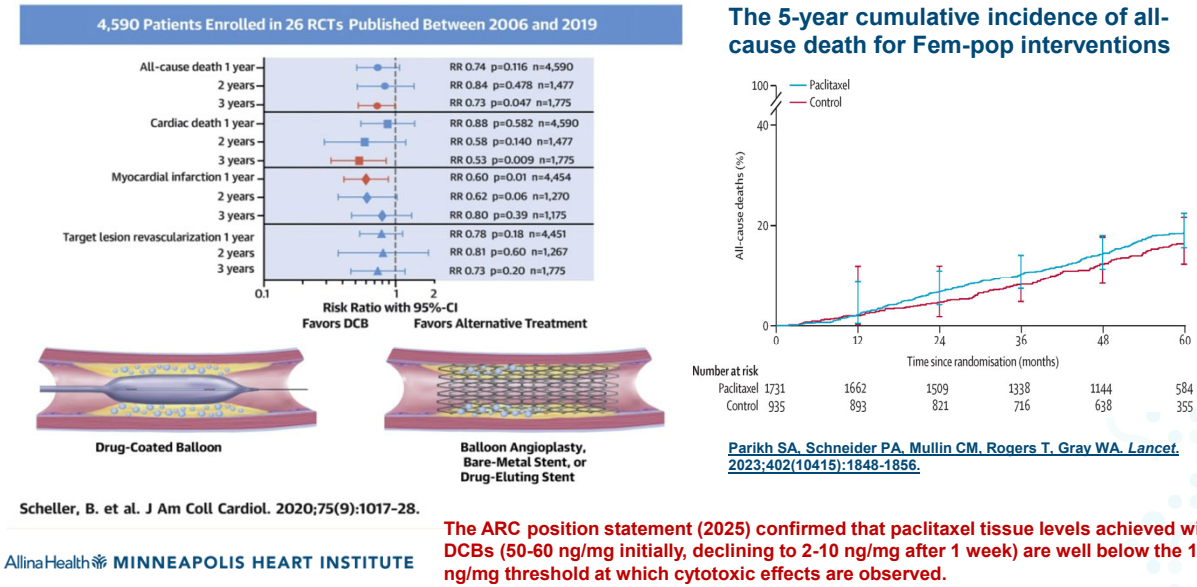


- Dose of Paclitaxel (>100mcg on Taxus stents)
- Crystalline paclitaxel formulation (longer t1/2)
- FDA issued letter of caution and convened a public advisory committee meeting in 2019

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Survival after PCI with Paclitaxel DCB for coronary ISR or de-novo lesions



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When and how should DCBs be used?

1. In stent restenosis
2. Denovo disease : small vessels, bifurcations, diffuse disease
3. Chronic total occlusions
4. Acute coronary syndrome
5. Diabetics
6. High bleeding risk patients

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INDICATIONS

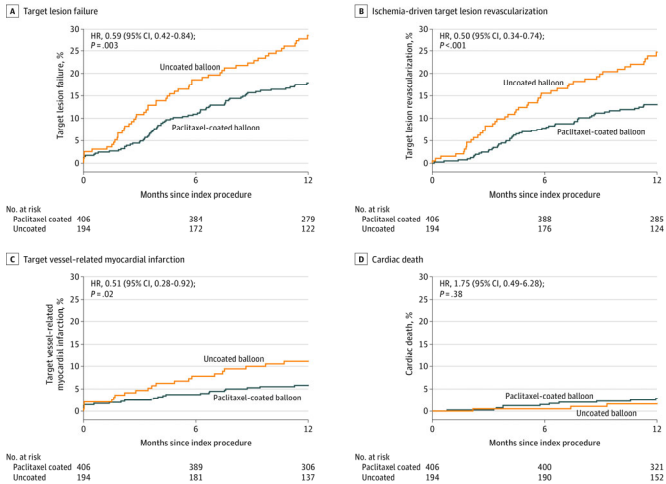
1. IN-STENT RESTENOSIS

- Strongest evidence
- Multiple trials
- Superior to POBA and comparable with DES

AGENT-IDE TRIAL (JAMA 2024):

600 patients with ISR
PCB vs uncoated balloon
Lesion length <26 mm and RVD 2-4 mm)
40 centers across the US (2021-2022)
Primary end point of 1-year TLF (composite of B,C,D)
RRR for TLF : 41% (NNT =9 pts)

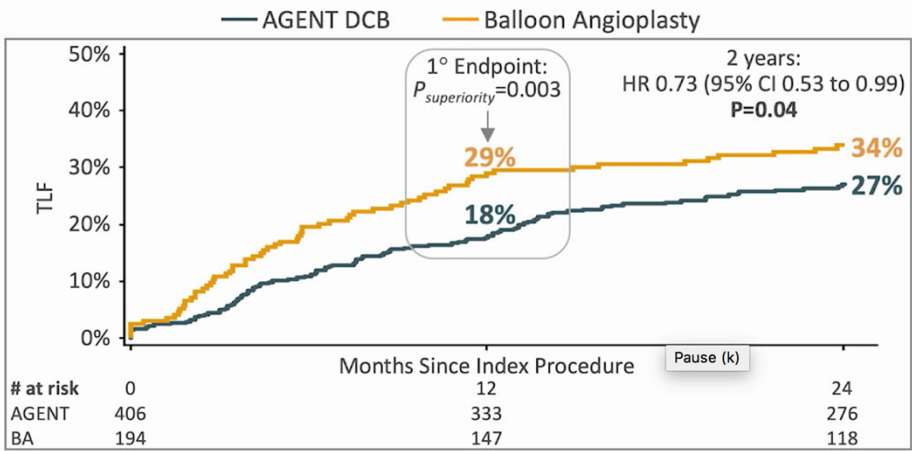
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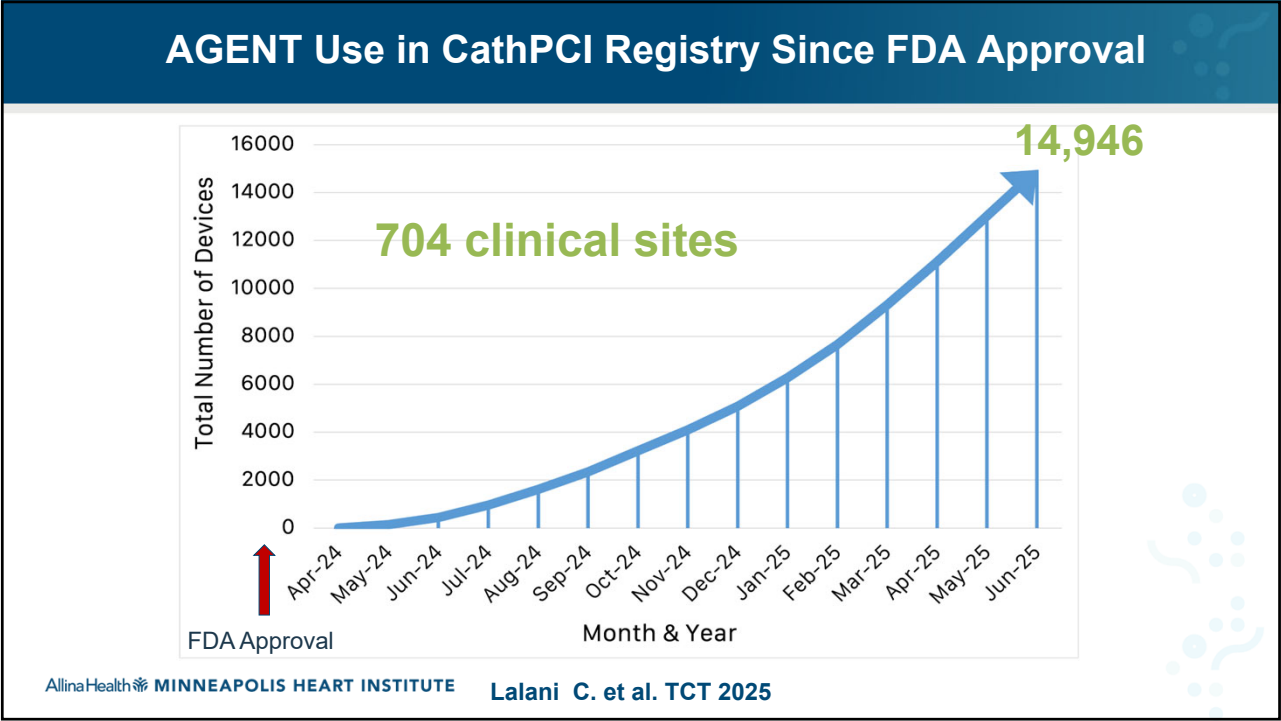
AGENT IDE: TLF - 2 years



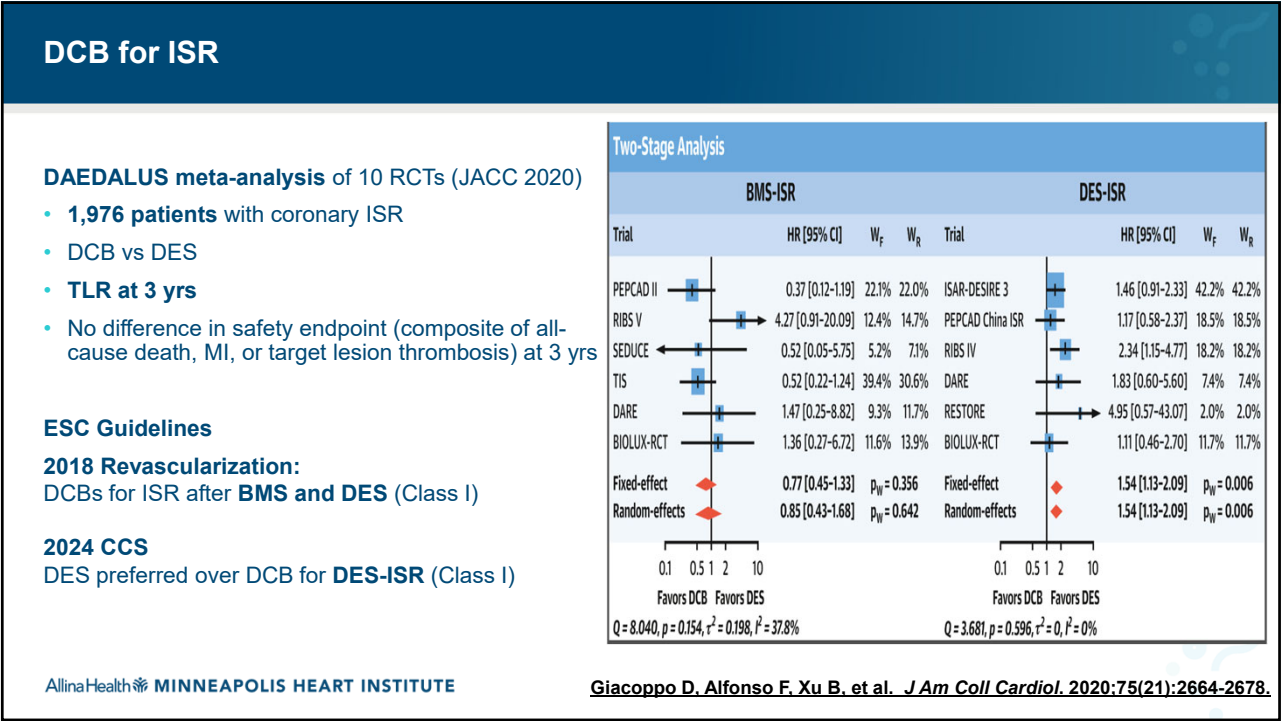
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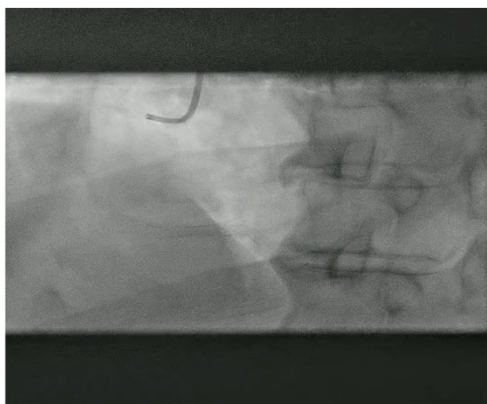
DCB ARC Position statement on Indications for ISR


- **Imaging + optimal lesion prep essential!!**
- DCB first approach, particularly for pts with multiple prior stents, ISR in small vessels or bifurcation stents.
- Additional DES layer reserved if DCB fails.
- Repeat DES suitable for DES ISR in large vessels or if failure d/t late neo-atherosclerosis

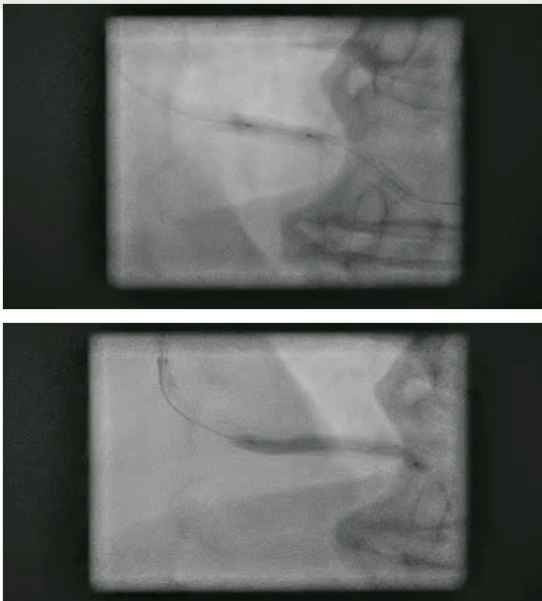
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Case: 64 yoM h/o dRCA PCI (2 layers of DES), recurrent ISR treated with POBA/DCB, abnormal PET w/ inferior ischemia due to persistent angina while on 3 antianginals

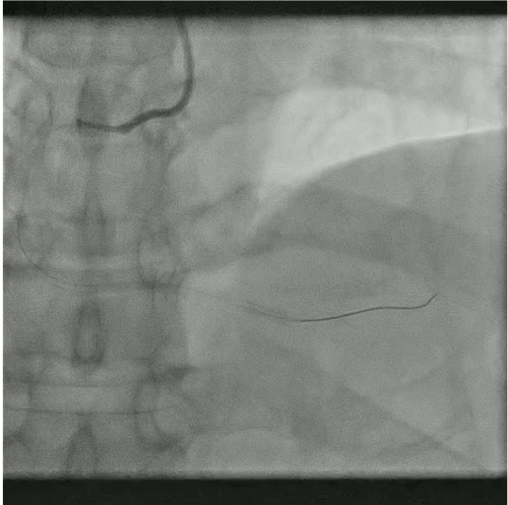



IVUS > cutting balloon 3.5 x 12 mm unable to cross >
Guideliner > NC f/b scoring 3 x 12mm > cutting > DCB
3.5 x 30mm for 66 sec
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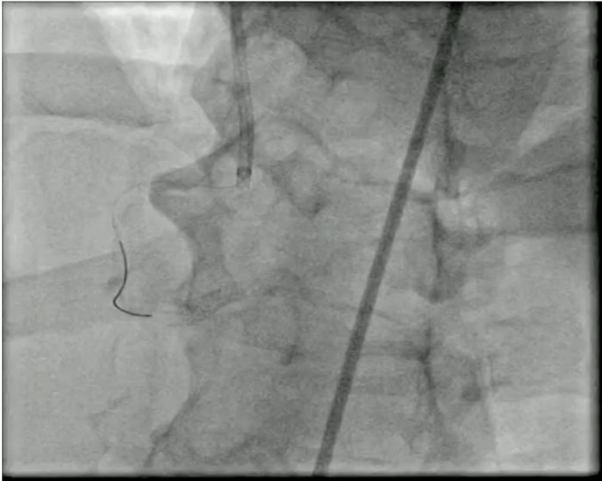
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Final angio following DCB



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Angio after 6 weeks




3 month f/u visit recently: no complaints

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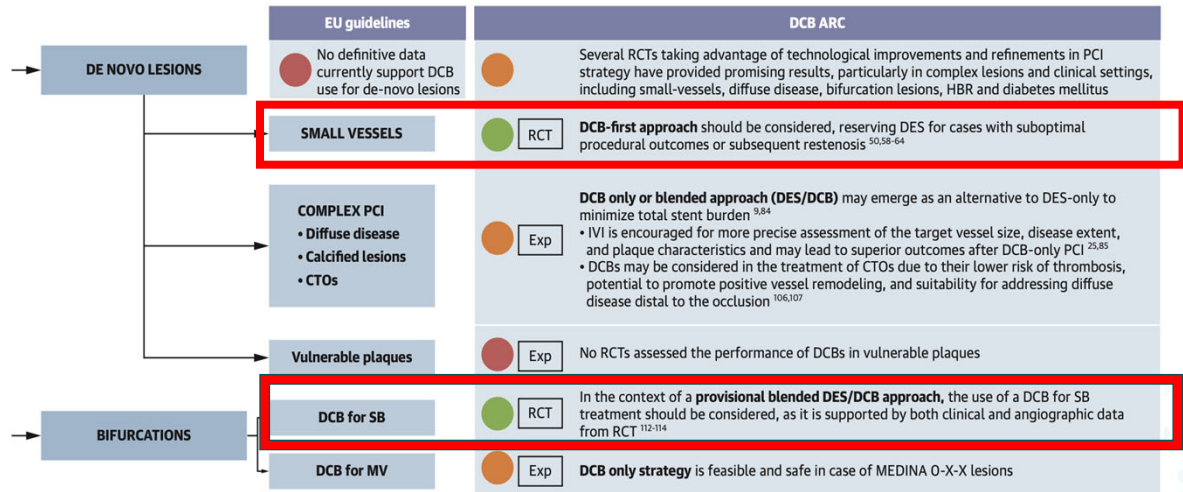
FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- AGENT IDE (Active)
- PREVAIL GLOBAL (Medtronic): Recruiting
- MAGICAL ISR (MagicTouch Sirolimus- Coated Balloon): Recruiting

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2. DE NOVO LESIONS

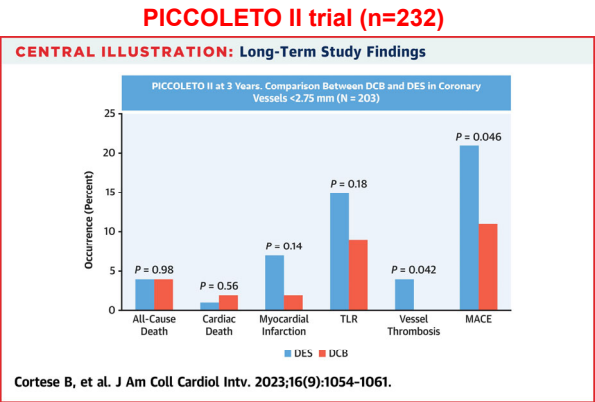


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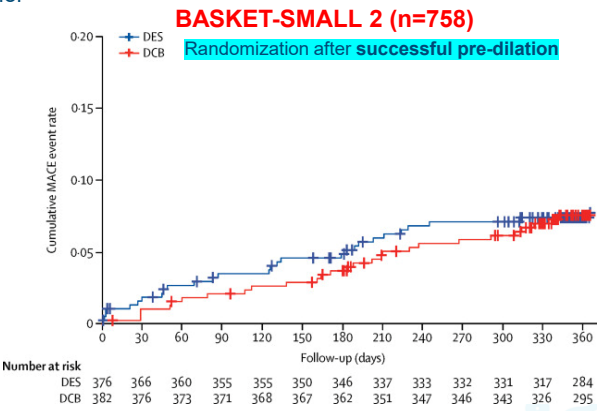
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2a. De novo Small Vessel Disease (SVD)

- Higher risk of ISR
- RVD <2.75mm used in most RCTs
- DCB vs newer gen DES
- 3 year follow ups: efficacy & safety comparable or superior



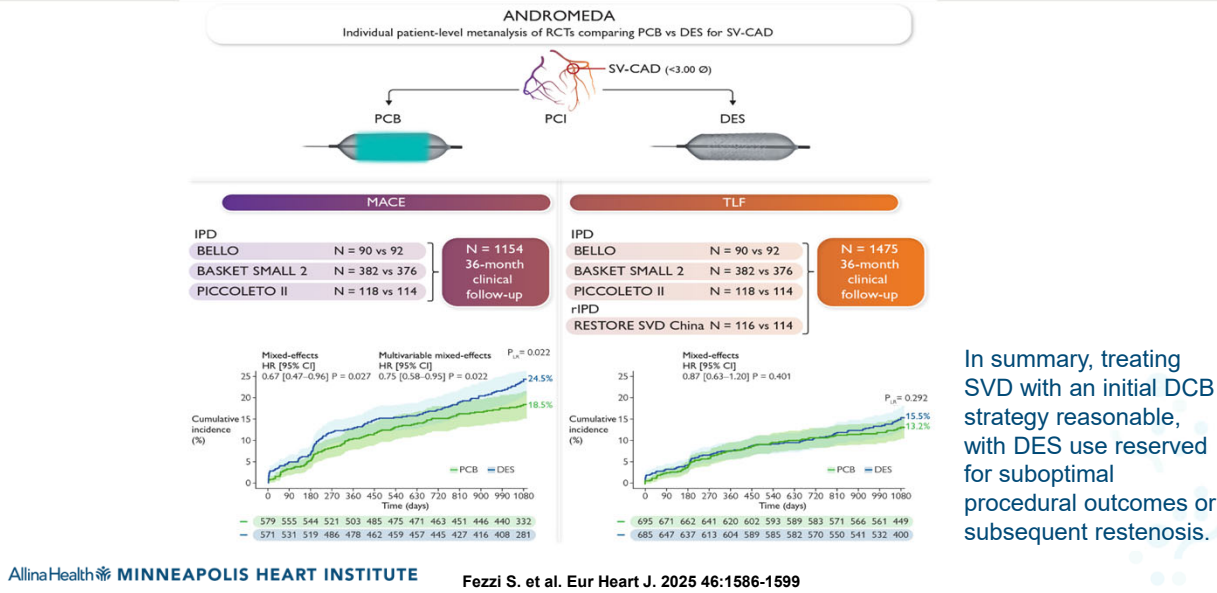
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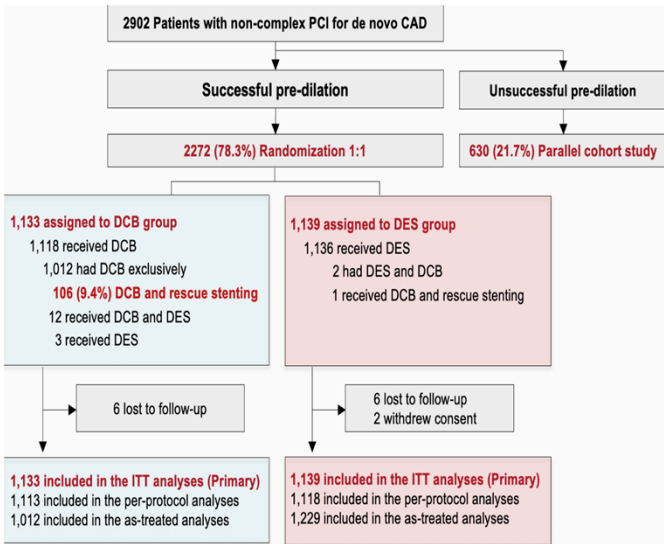


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2b. DENOVO large vessels

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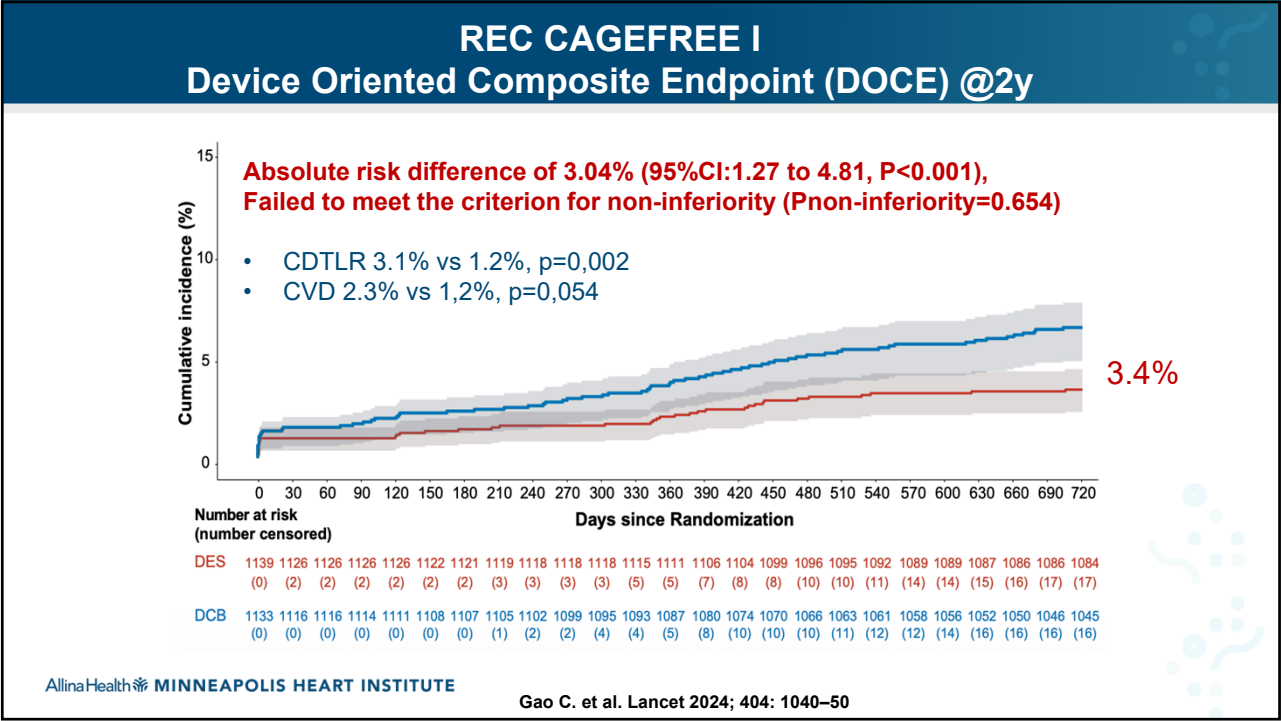
- Chinese open-label, randomized non-inferiority trial
- 2,272 patients irrespective of vessel diameter
- After successful lesion preparation, 1:1 randomized to the **Swide PCB** (balloon coated with a mixture of paclitaxel and iopromide) with rescue stenting VS **Intended 2nd gen SES**



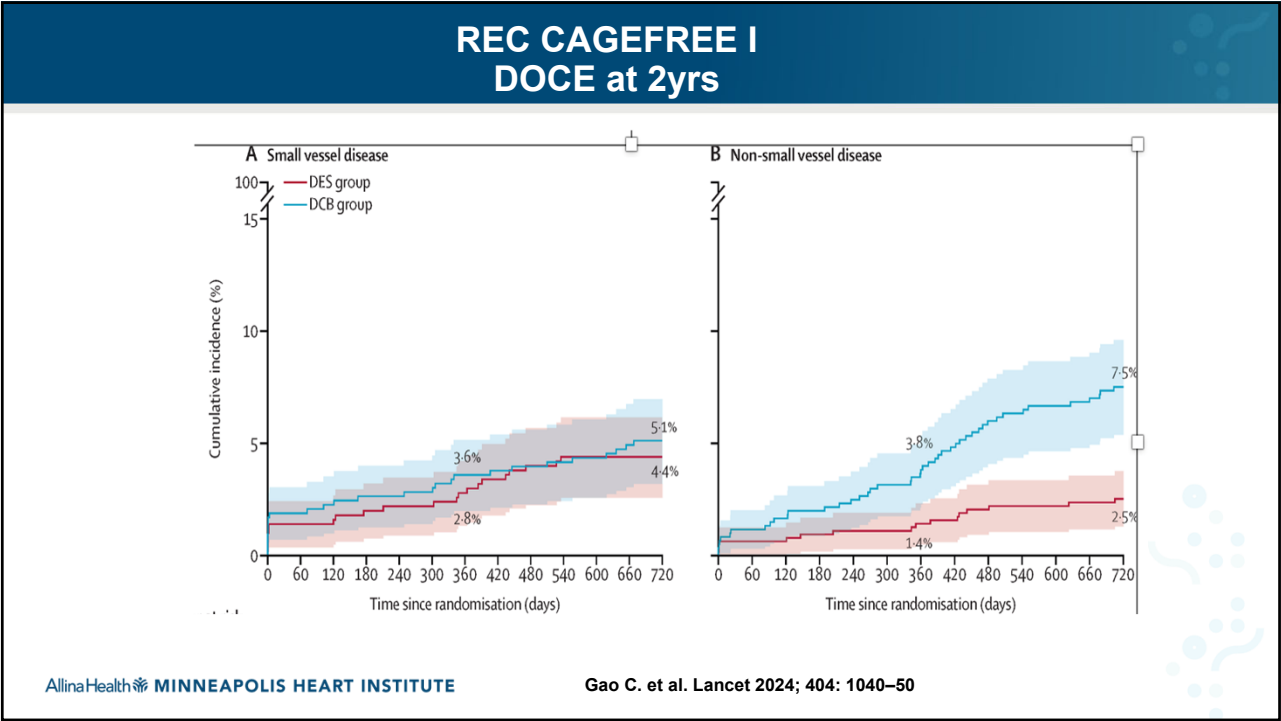
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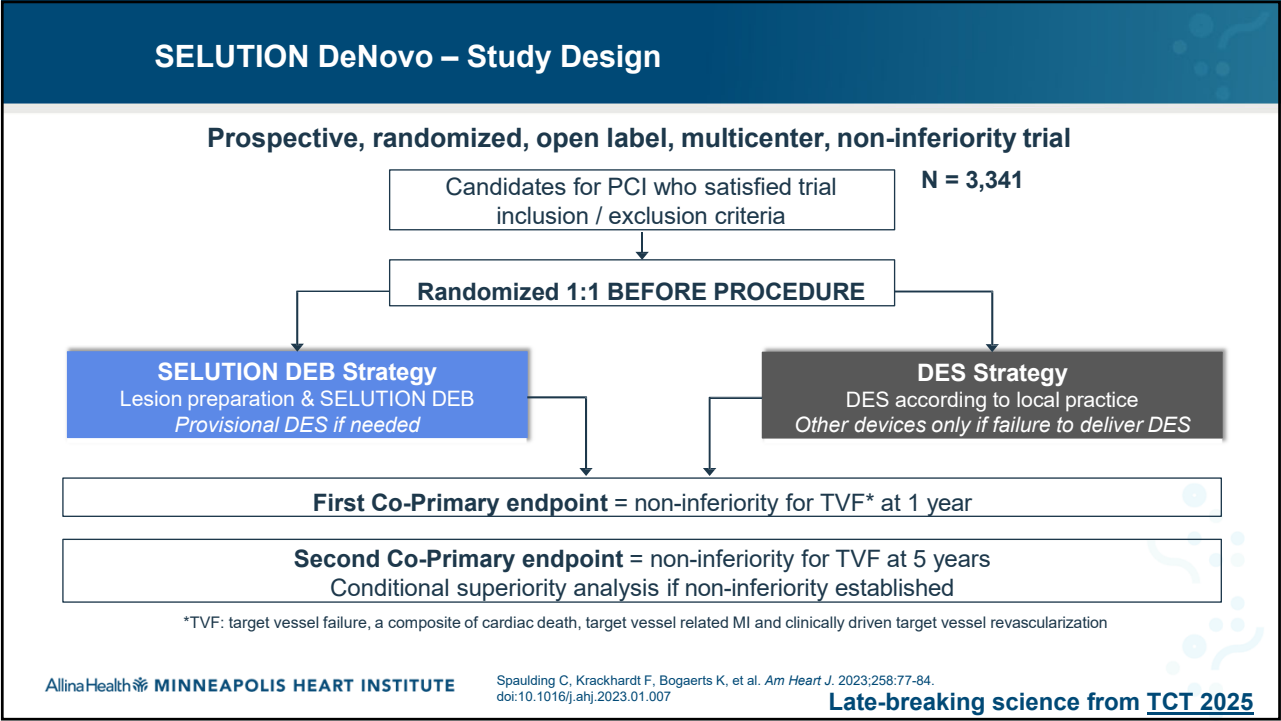
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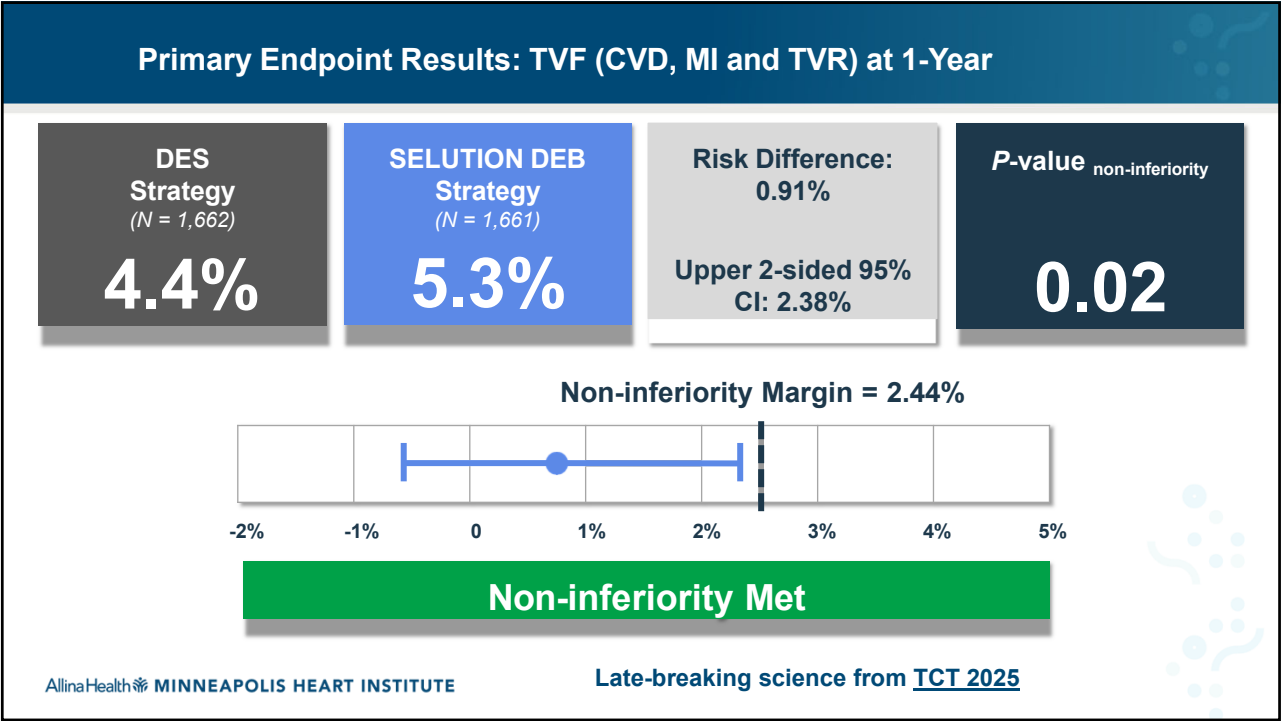
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2b. DENOVO large vessels

Emerging data is promising but long-term outcomes needed

- **SELUTION DeNovo** 5 yr results
- **TRANSFORM II trial** : SEB (Magictouch)
Enrollment completed last yr, results pending
- **AGENT DCB STANCE**: Safety and Effectiveness of PCB vs DES for de Novo Coronary Lesions (NCT06959524): recruiting

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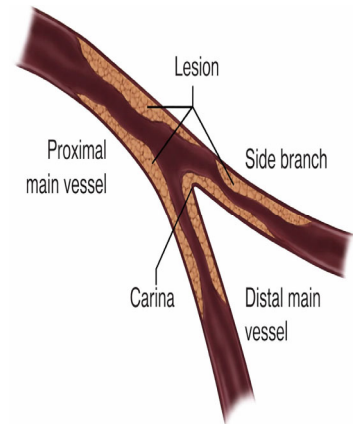
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2c. Bifurcations

- **Avoids carina shift**
- Studies support DCB use for SB in the context of provisional MV stenting
- Limited evidence on timing and sequence for DCB use in bifurcation PCI, and LM bifurcation (concern with KBI, and DCB use after DES of MV)

Technical tips:

- Sequential DCB inflations instead of kissing balloons to prevent drug loss.
- Treat SB before MV stenting if feasible.
- Adequate lesion prep (<30% residual stenosis) required for DCB success.



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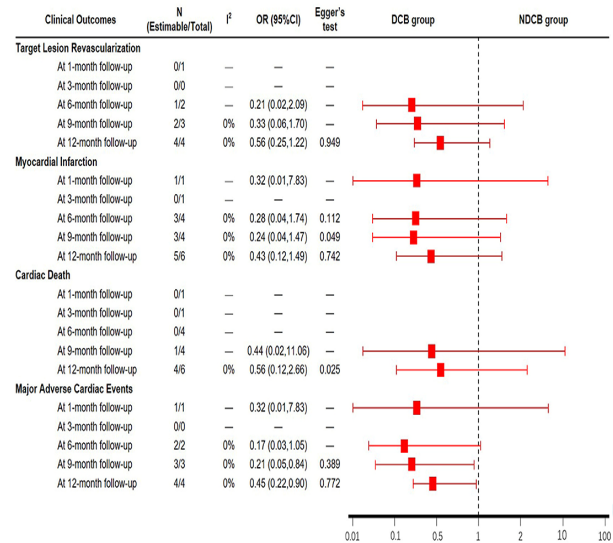
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2c. Bifurcations

Key Trials & Evidence

- **DCB-BIF (landmark RCT, 784 pts, JACC 2024):**
 - SB DCB vs SB NC balloon after MV stenting
 - Reduced 1-year MACE (7.2% vs 12.5%, p=0.013)
- **Meta-analysis in 2021 by Zhen et al (5RCTs, 5 observational studies, 934 pts)**
 - DCB vs NCB (SB protection in de novo bifurcation
 - Lower MACE (TLR, MI and CD) at 9 and 12-mon f/u.
 - Angiographic outcomes with DCB: Less LLL, diameter stenosis(DS) and Binary restenosis (DS of at least 50%) and the higher MLD

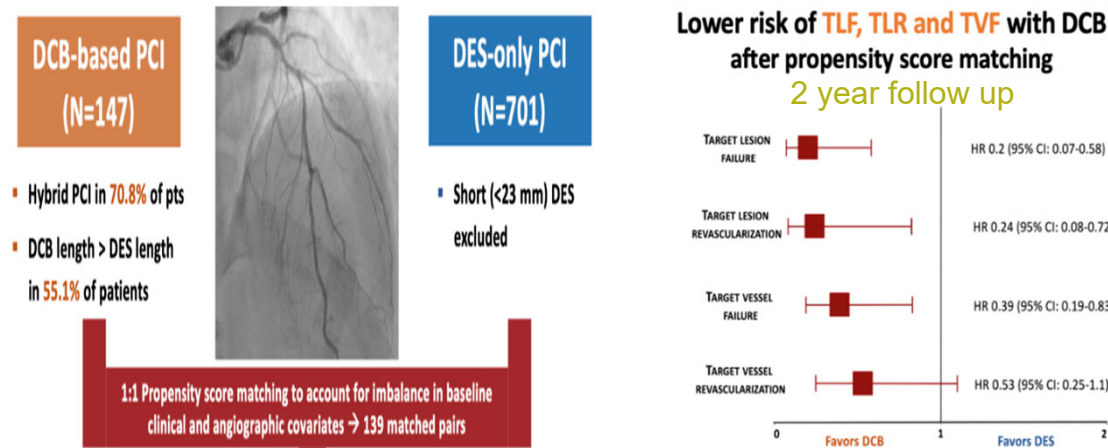


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2c. Diffuse disease (Observational data mostly)



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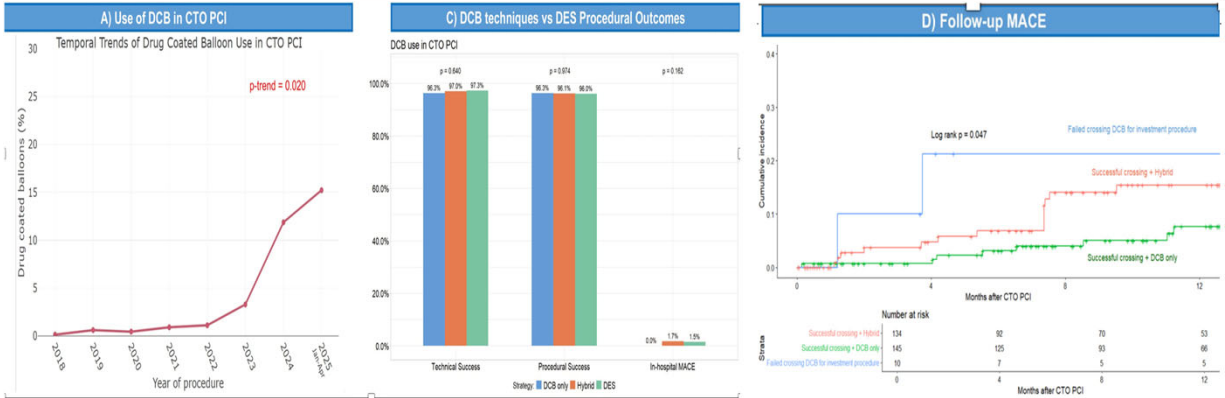
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- **Another HYPER Study (Italy, 2024), N=106**
- DeNovo diffuse ds w/ Hybrid strategy
- 1 yr improved angiographic outcomes

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3. Chronic total occlusions (CTO)

PROGRESS-CTO Registry: Impact of Drug-Coated Balloon use in CTO PCI
Among 13,874 Patients in 2018 to 2025 **DCB=454**

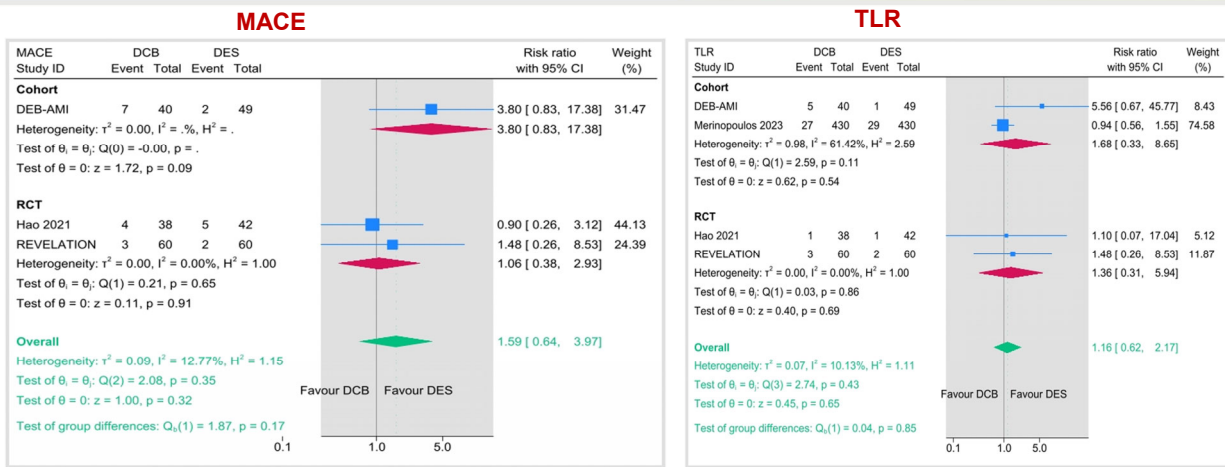


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AllinaHealth MINNEAPOLIS HEART INSTITUTE The Co-CTO trial (NCT04881812) will be the first RCT exploring a hybrid strategy.

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4. Acute Myocardial Infarction



Also, no significant diff in MI, cardiac death and follow up angiographic outcomes.

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5. CLINICAL CONDITIONS

➤ DIABETES MELLITUS

- Associated with diffuse disease, restenosis, and impaired healing after DES
- Trials and registries show **comparable TLR and MACE**

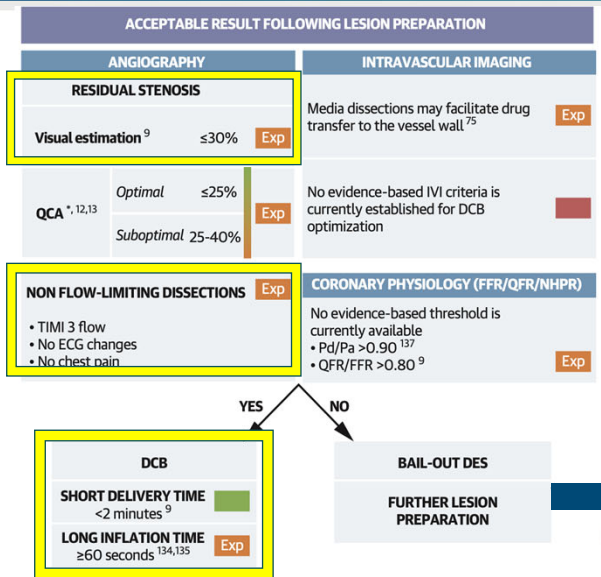
➤ HIGH BLEEDING RISK

- DCB PCI allows **shorter DAPT (1 month but not specifically studied)**
- **DEBUT Trial** (DCB superior to BMS in HBR pts)
- **Similar ischemic outcomes vs DES** with reduced bleeding exposure

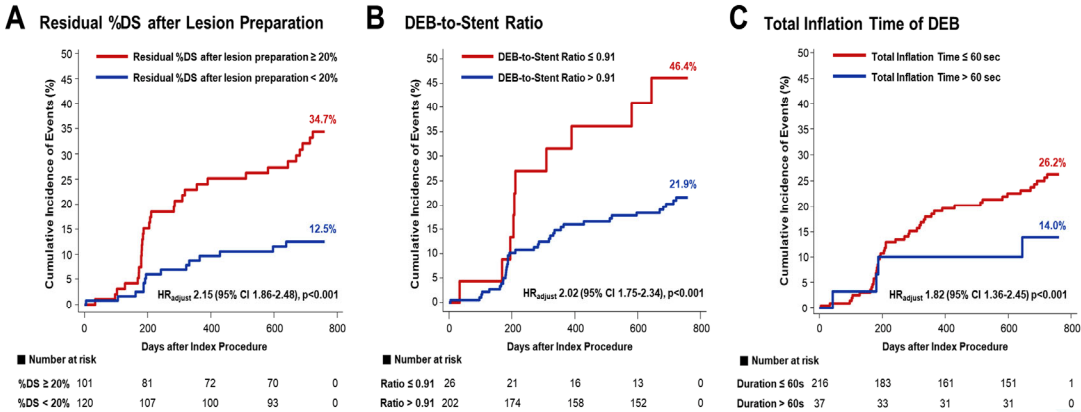
DCB-ARC (Lesion prep for DCB success)

OPTIMAL LESION PREP BEFORE DCB

- Standard balloon 1:1 distal RVD
- Long inflations (>30 sec) recommended
- Intravascular imaging for plaque morphology and sizing.
- Specialty balloons recommended to improve lesion prep.
- Calcium debulking in case of mod-severe calcified lesions. Expert Panel Consensus



Cumulative Incidence of TLF according to procedure related factors



N-256
DES ISR pts treated with DEB
4 centers in Korea

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REIMBURSEMENT FOR DCBs

AGENT DCB - U.S. Medicare Updates

OPPS (Outpatient):

- **Transitional Pass-Through (TPT)** (Effective Jan 1, 2025)
- Separate device reimbursement for coronary DCBs as innovative Rx

Effective January 1, 2026, U.S. CMS has updated the APC assignment to **Level 3**
For **CPT 0913T** for DCB PCI procedures under the OPPS.

IPPS (Inpatient):

New Technology Add-on Payment (NTAP) (Effective Oct 1, 2025)

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Take-Home Messages

- DCBs are not just POBA with drug.
- **Optimal Lesion prep is critical!!**
- **NOT A CLASS EFFECT:** study design and device specifics
- Strong evidence for ISR (& even DeNovo SVD) and data is encouraging for other indications.
- More data on long term outcomes needed for expanding indications.

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