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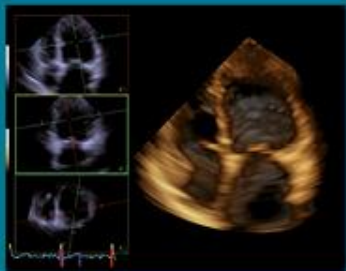
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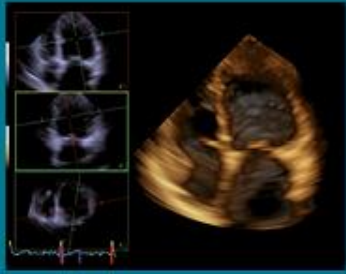
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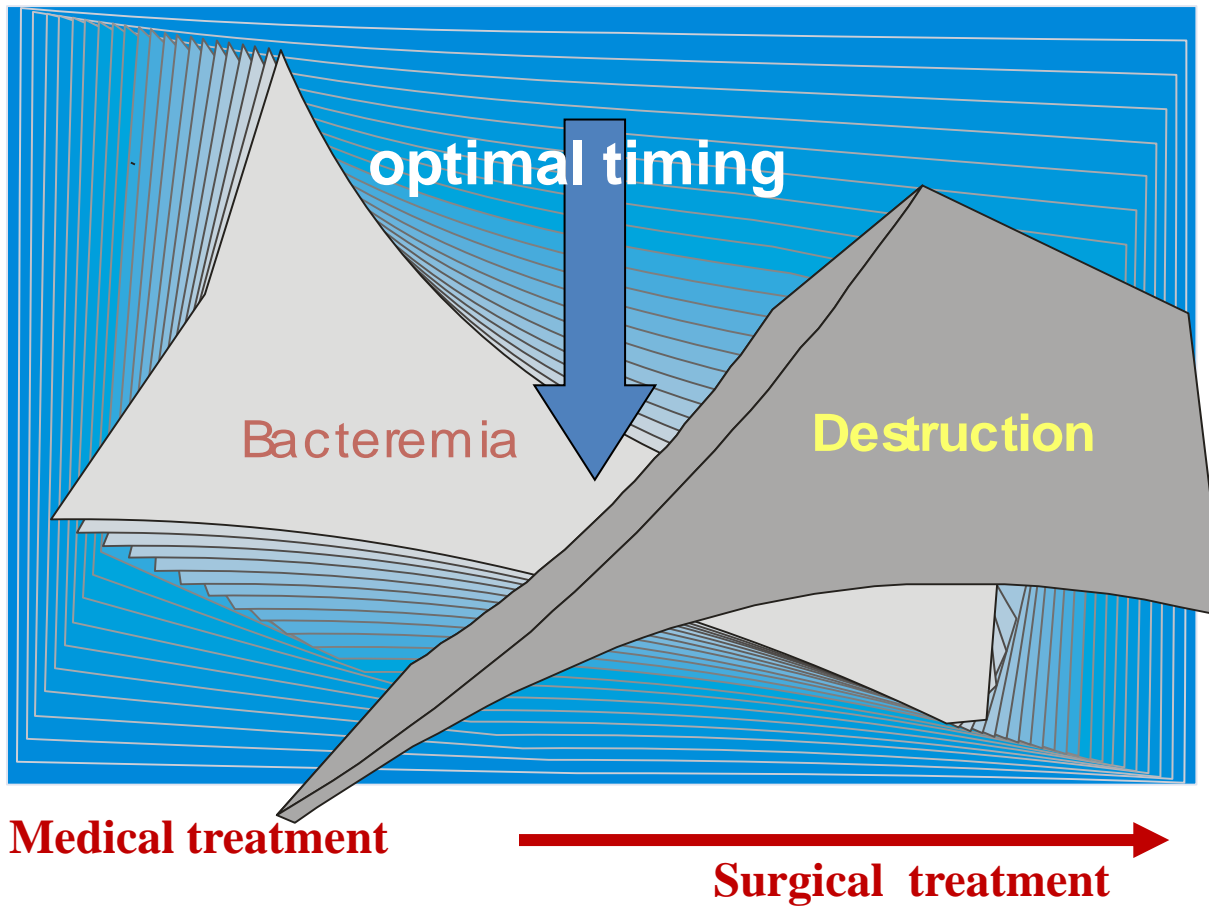
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Optimal Timing of Surgery: Destructive IE



Surgery in infective endocarditis

- ♥ Major changes over the last 3 decades
 - 1970s/1980s: defer surgery to allow healing
 - Increasing role of early surgery: 20% --> > 50%
- ♥ Perioperative mortality no higher and persisting or recurrent infection no more frequent with early surgery
- ♥ “Cancer” surgery (wide excision margins)
- ♥ Repair easier when performed early
- ♥ >15 observational studies (case selection bias):
 - Single centre, retrospective, small numbers
 - Virulent organisms/complications over-represented
 - Elderly/comorbid cases under-represented
 - Surgery only available to early survivors
 - 5 recent propensity matched studies with conflicting results

Infective Endocarditis: The Right Time for Surgery



WHO?

WHEN?

Guidelines on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of infective endocarditis (new version 2009)

The Task Force on the Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Infective Endocarditis of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

Endorsed by the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) and by the International Society of Chemotherapy (ISC) for Infection and Cancer

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Guidelines of the ESC Task Force on IE

Recommendations: indications for surgery			
A - HEART FAILURE			
Aortic or mitral IE with severe acute regurgitation or valve obstruction causing pulmonary oedema or cardiogenic shock			
Aortic or mitral IE with fistula into a cardiac chamber or pericardium causing pulmonary oedema or shock			
Aortic or mitral IE with severe acute regurgitation or valve obstruction causing heart failure or echocardiographic signs of poor haemodynamics (pulmonary hypertension)			B
Aortic or mitral IE with severe acute regurgitation or valve obstruction	Elective	IIa	B
B - UNCOMPLICATED COURSE			
Large vegetations (> 10 mm)	Urgent	I	B
Large vegetations (> 10 mm) with other predictors of complicated course (persistent infection, abscess)	Urgent	I	B
Large vegetations (> 10 mm) with other predictors of complicated course (persistent infection, abscess)	Urgent/elective	I	B
Large vegetations (> 10 mm) following one or more embolic episodes despite medical therapy	Urgent	I	B
Large vegetations (> 10 mm) with large vegetations (> 10 mm) and other predictors of complicated course (persistent infection, abscess)	Urgent	I	C
Large vegetations (> 10 mm) with large vegetations (> 10 mm) and other predictors of complicated course (persistent infection, abscess)	Urgent	IIb	C

Emergency: <24 hours
Urgent: within a few days
Elective: >1-2 weeks of antibiotic therapy

Early Surgery versus Conventional Treatment for Infective Endocarditis

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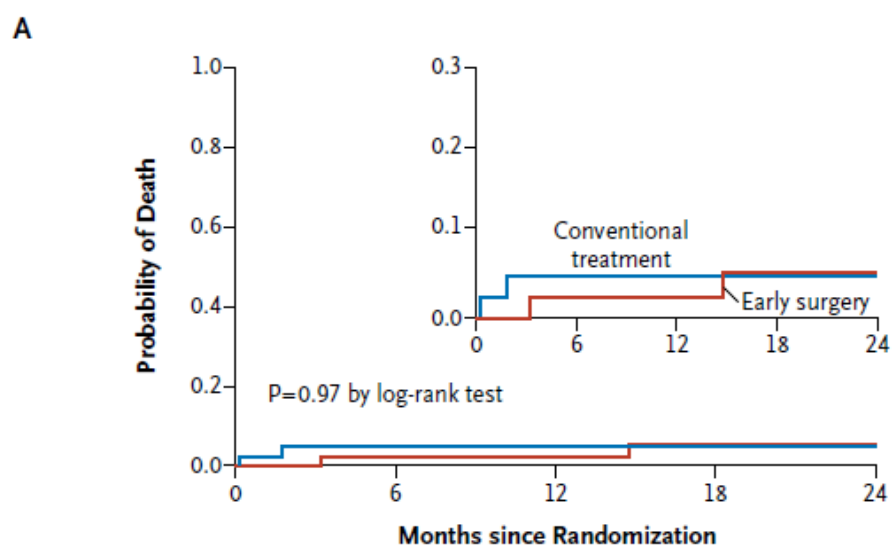


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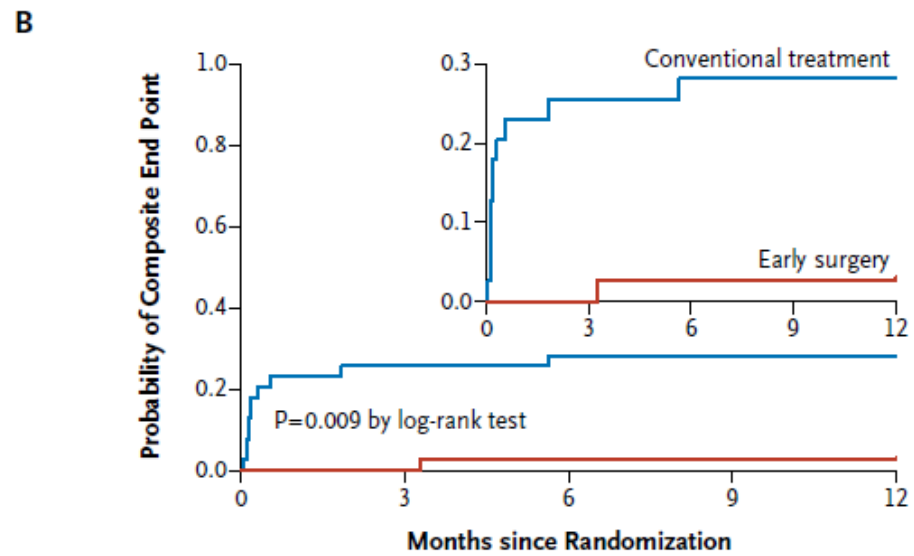
- Inclusion Criteria: Left sided IE, severe valve disease (predominantly MR/AR), large vegetations >1cm
- Exclusion criteria: IE with CHF, >7 days since diagnosis
- Mean age 47 yrs, 67% male, *Staph. aureus* 12%, mean vegetation size 12mm
- Early surgery (<48 hrs, n=37) vs. conventional therapy (AHA guidelines, n=39) (surgery during hospitalisation, n=27; during FU, n=3)
- Antibiotic therapy matched, MV repair more frequent in delayed surgical group
- Primary end-point: in-hospital death and/or major embolic event (imaging confirmed) within 6/52 of randomisation (silent emboli excluded)



Early Surgery versus Conventional Treatment for Infective Endocarditis



No. at Risk	0	6	12	18	24
Early surgery	37	36	33	28	21
Conventional treatment	39	37	31	27	23



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12
Early surgery	37	37	36	34	33
Conventional treatment	39	29	28	25	24

NB: **DEATH**

- All primary end points in conventional treatment group occurred **before** surgery
- Inclusion of secondary endpoints (CHF, recurrent IE, hospitalisation) widened benefits

DEATH/EMBOLISM

Native-Valve Infective Endocarditis — When Does It Require Surgery?

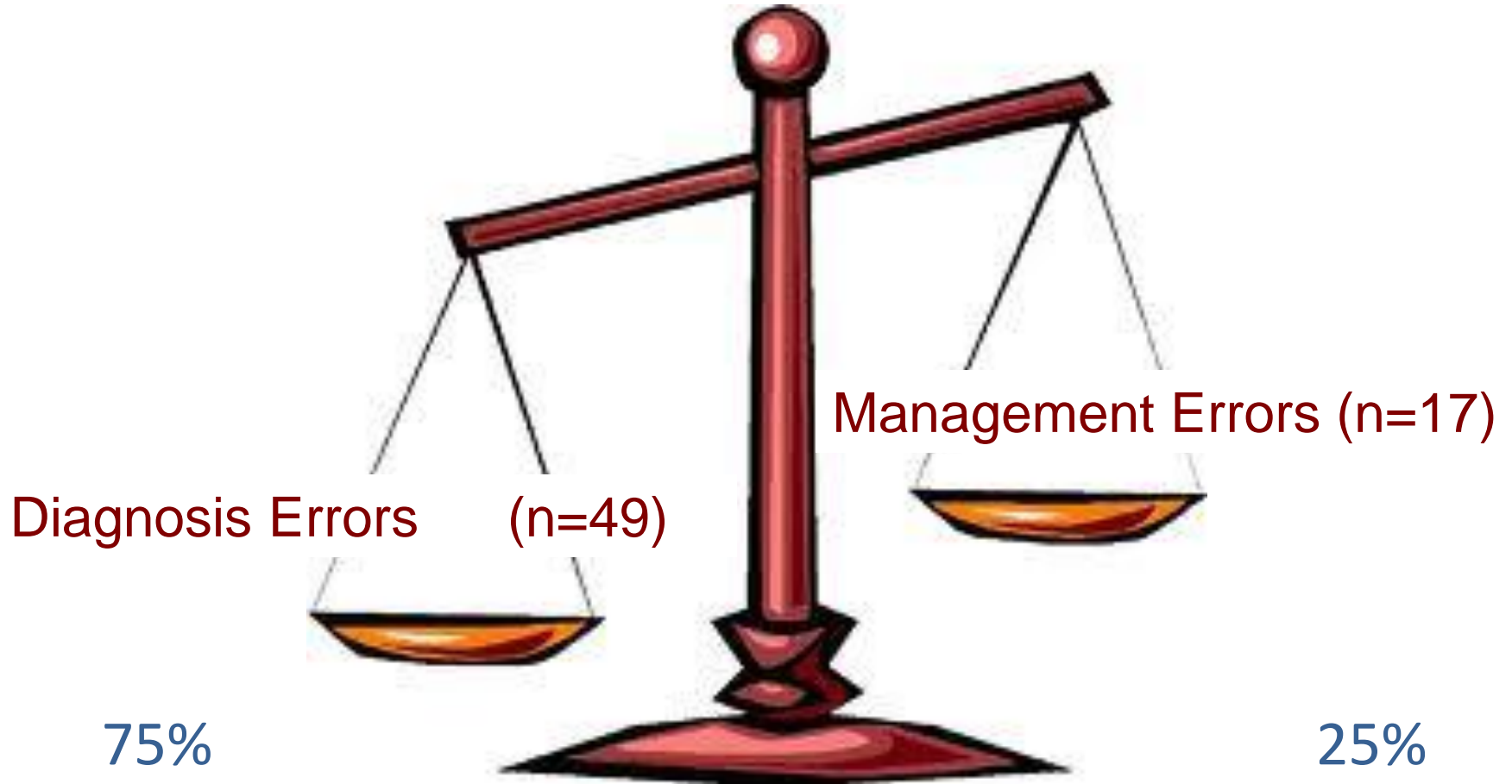
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The work of Kang and colleagues provides data to help define sensitivity to prescribed antibiotics. Because it is randomized studies to difficult to identify patients who might benefit from early surgery, we would argue that early referral to medical centers with the necessary cardiac surgical experience and resources is warranted for all patients with left-sided, native-valve infective endocarditis who have important valve dysfunction, large vegetations, or invasive disease beyond the cusps or leaflets — not just for those patients with urgent indications. The underscores the po tis is a dangerous fits of timely surg with large vegetati function, even if t heart failure, outw surgery in patients with active infection. In this

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Main Litigation Cause



Medicolegal Case Vignette (1)

- 43 year old
- Fit and Well
- Day 1 A&E

Fever, night sweats

CRP 64

Malaria screen , sent home

Medicolegal Case Vignette (1)

- Day 3 GP:
 - Fever, headaches, Temp 38C
 - Heart murmur noted
 - Blood tests suggested infection – no blood cultures
 - Prescribed clarithromycin
 - Started to feel better

Medicolegal Case Vignette (1)

Day 150 ENT:

- Headaches
- CT head → ? Sinusitis, deviated septum, operated
- Neurology headache due to tension headaches
- Recurrent fever / night sweats
- Multiple courses of antibiotics “seems to clear things”
- Symptoms recurred as soon as he stopped them

Medicolegal Case Vignette (1)

- Day 360 A&E:
 - Headache, temperature 38C, back pain
 - Blood tests suggested infection – no blood cultures
 - CT sinuses again (no sinusitis)
 - Intravenous antibiotics
 - Blurring of vision → ophthalmology ? Panuveitis / posterior uveieitis
 - Discharged home on antibiotics

Medicolegal Case Vignette (1)

Day 390 A&E:

- 18 months of fever, night sweats
- Weight loss
- Headaches
- 20 courses of antibiotics with partial improvement
- Pansystolic murmur
- Echo : mitral regurgitation, vegetation
- Negative blood cultures
- Valve surgery



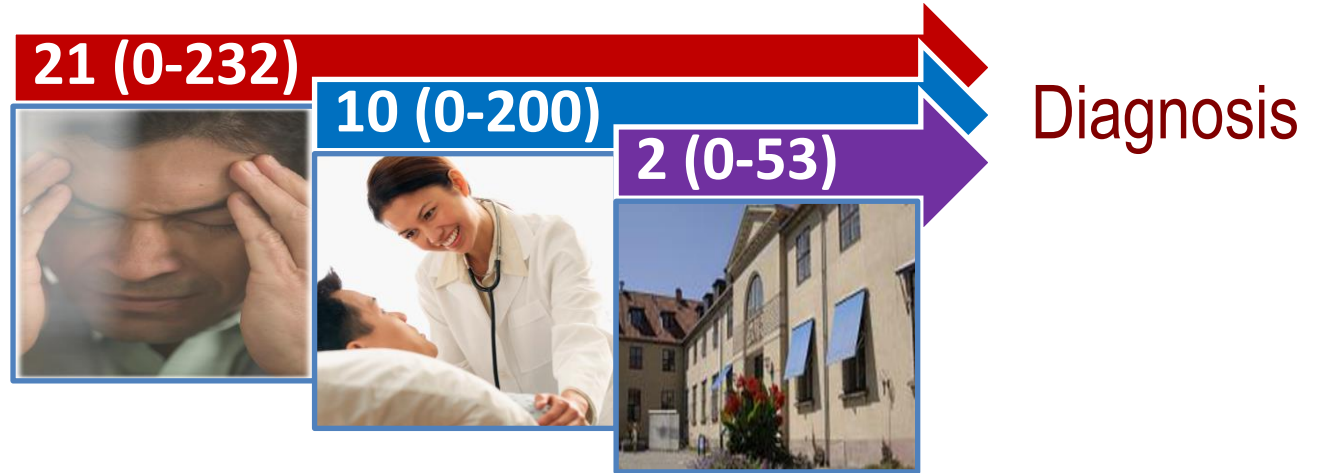
Contemporary diagnosis of IE

Keystones

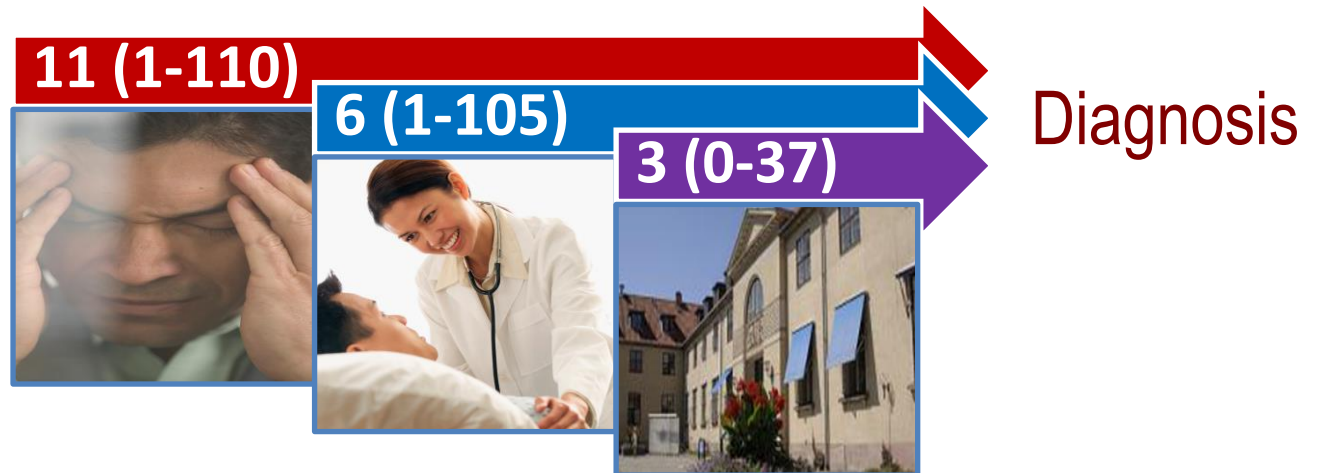
- Appropriate clinical suspicion
- Microbiology
 - ✎ Polymerase chain reaction
 - ✎ Other new diagnostic tools
 - ✎ Pathological techniques
- Imaging
- Inflammatory markers

Diagnostic Delay – Days, median (range)

All IE patients



Staph Aureus
IE patients



Infective Endocarditis – A Dangerous Disease



- In-hospital mortality 15-20%
- One year mortality 30-40%
- Non-fatal complications
 - Acute stroke 15%
 - CHF 30%
 - Thromboembolic events >20%
- Valve surgery 50%

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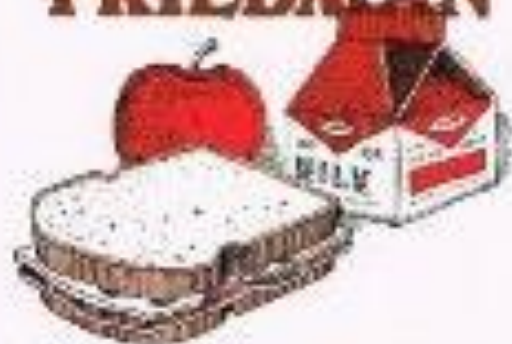
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THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH

**MILTON
FRIEDMAN**



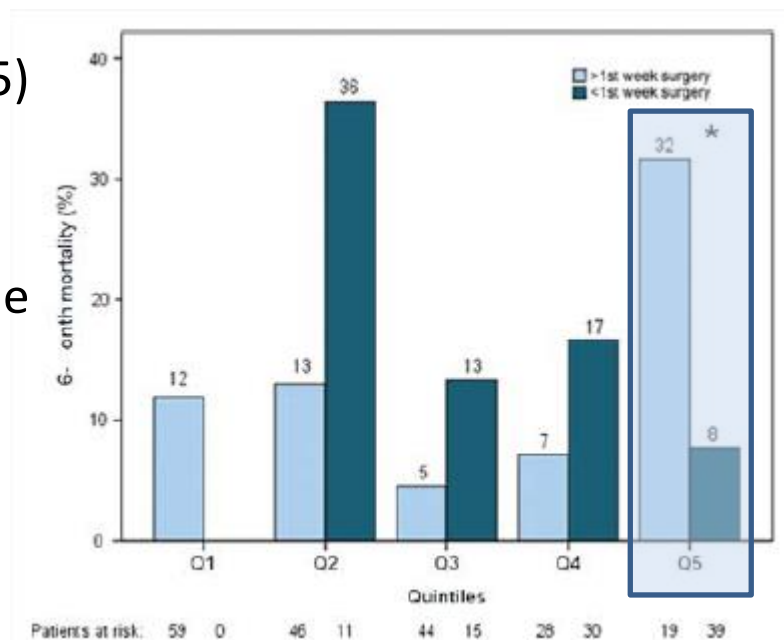
ESSAYS ON PUBLIC POLICY

Including Milton Friedman's *Playboy* interview



The timing of surgery influences mortality and morbidity in adults with severe complicated infective endocarditis: a propensity analysis

- 291 pts, surgery for IE, early (<1/52, n=95) vs. late (>1/52, n=191)
- 6/12 mortality by propensity analysis
- Benefits of early surgery in sickest quintile
 - Younger
 - More *Staphylococcus aureus*
 - Congestive heart failure
 - Large vegetations



“Surgery performed very early improves survival in severe complicated IE.....
.....but is associated with higher risk of relapse and prosthetic dehiscence.”

Prosthetic Valve IE

- ♥ Most dangerous < 12 months after valve replacement
 - *Staphylococcus*
 - Severe lesions (abscess, prosthetic dehiscence)
 - Redo surgery
 - Lower mortality than medical treatment alone
 - Usually required (urgent indication)
 - Often technically difficult
- ♥ Medical treatment may be sufficient if
 - late infection > 12 months
 - sensitive organism (streptococci, HACEK)
 - no perivalvular infection



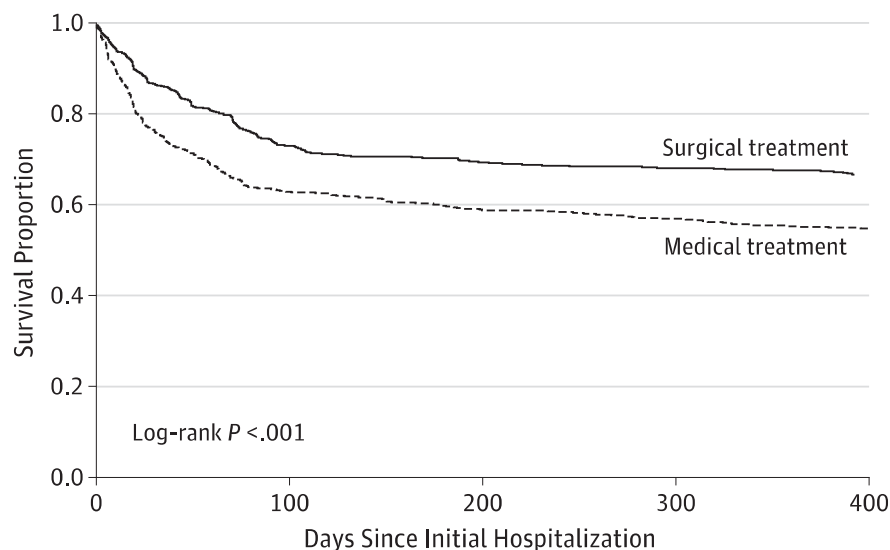
Original Investigation

In-Hospital and 1-Year Mortality in Patients Undergoing Early Surgery for Prosthetic Valve Endocarditis

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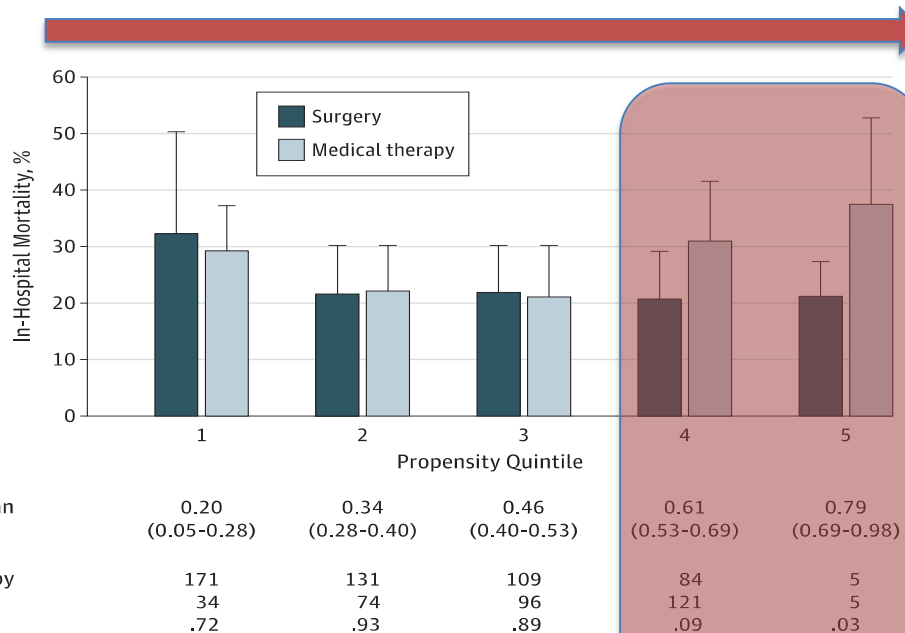


- 1025 patients, worldwide registry
 - 490 early surgery
 - 535 medical therapy
- Analyses
 - Unadjusted outcomes
 - Correction for survival bias
 - Quintiles of disease severity

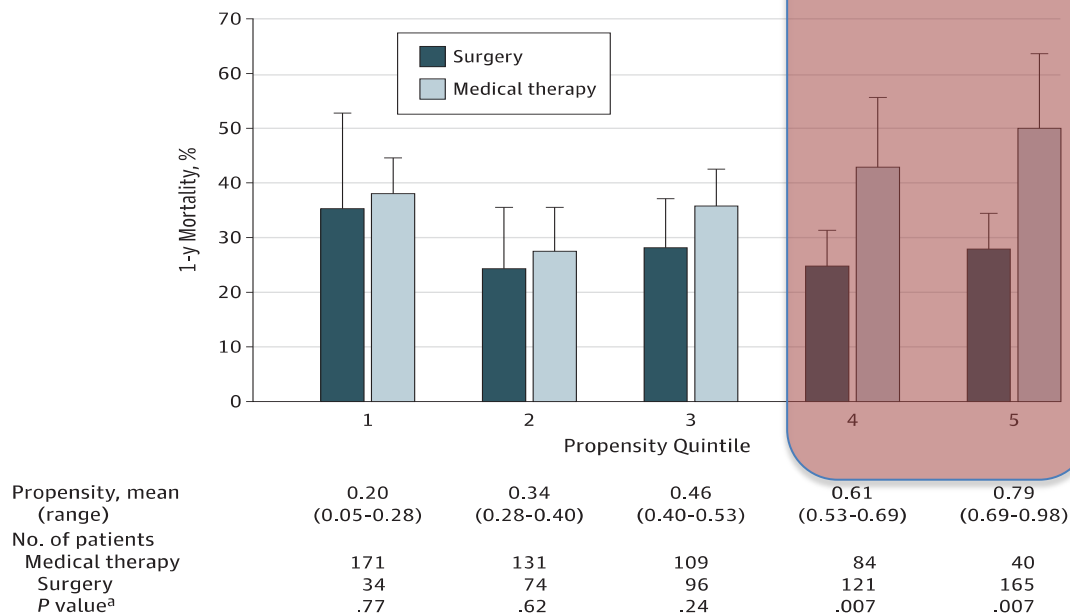


No. at risk	0	100	200	300	400
Surgery	490	287	255	239	
Medical therapy	535	275	250	224	

IN-HOSPITAL MORTALITY

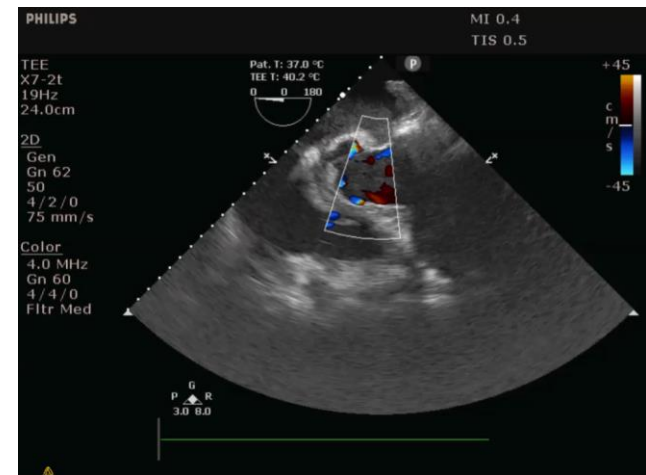
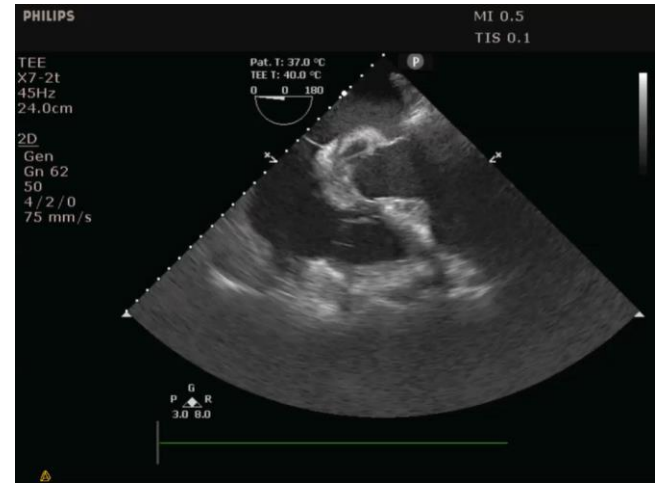


ONE YEAR MORTALITY

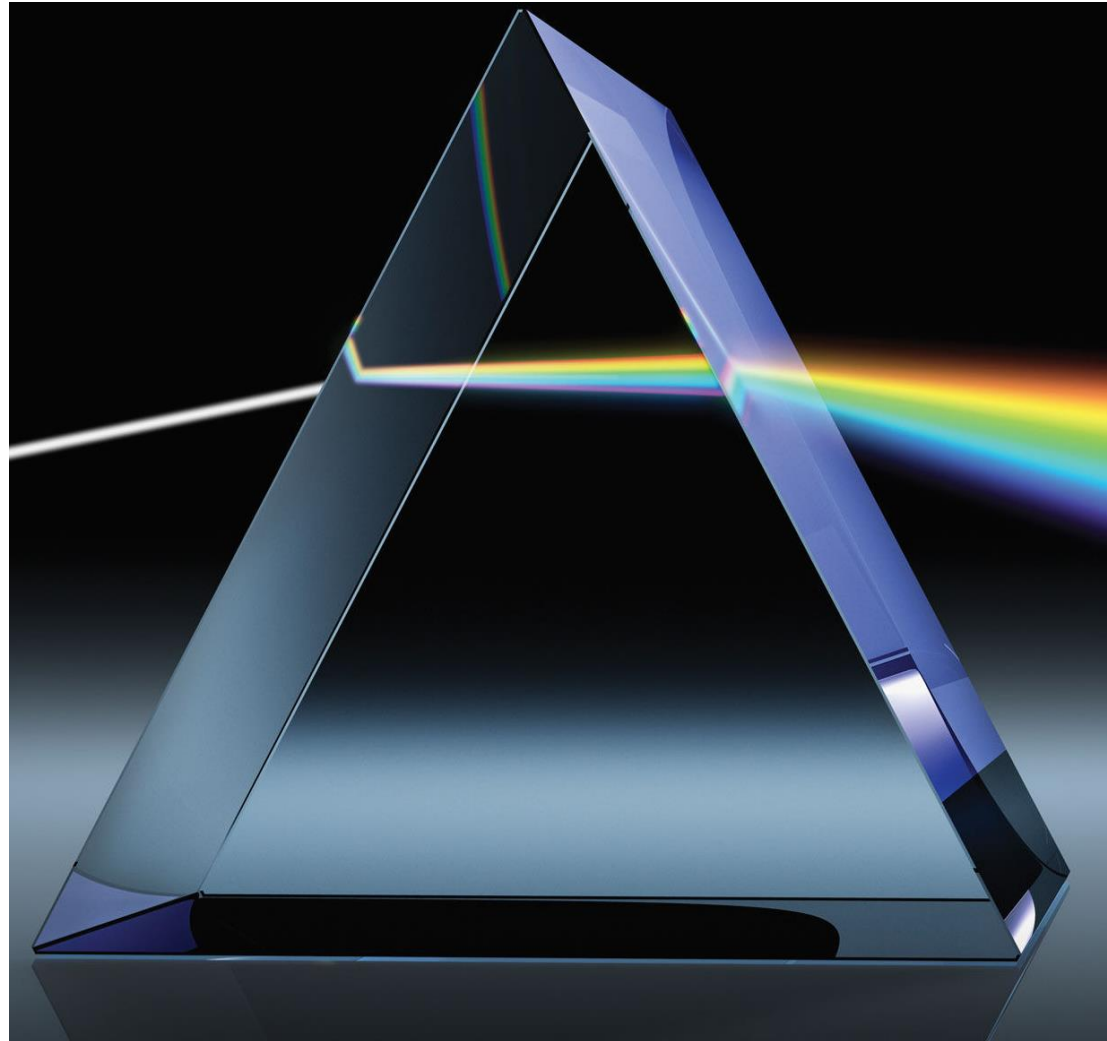


A Typical Upper Quintile Patient?

- 59 year old male
- Bioprosthetic AVR & CABG x3 2002
- September 2014: admission with CHF – no echocardiogram
- October 2014: readmission with CHF & left cerebral infarct
- TOE: severe AR with root abscess

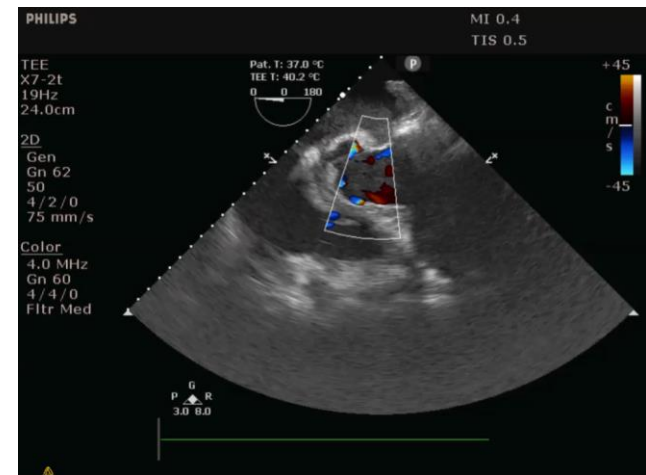
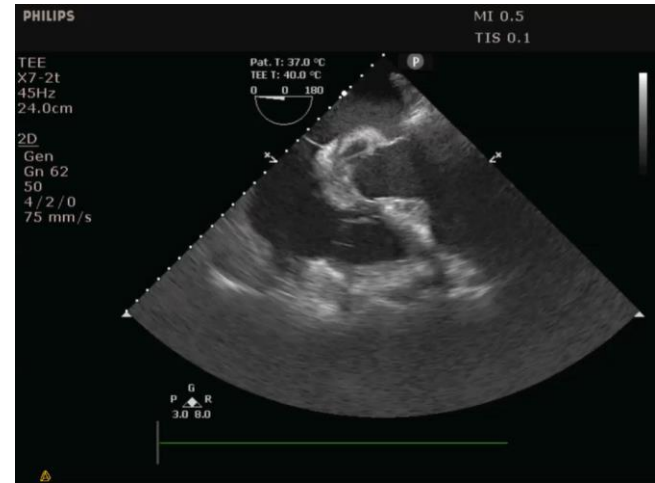


THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY



A Typical Upper Quintile Patient?

- 59 year old male
- Unemployed
- Bioprosthetic AVR & CABG x3 2002
- Morbid obesity (190kgs)
- Chronic leg oedema
- Turned down for gastric banding
- Immobile
- Sleeps in chair



Conclusions

- The available evidence supports a role for early surgery in IE, especially in the sickest patients
- ESC guidelines endorse this approach and provide recommended timelines
- In reality, these may be difficult to meet
 - Delayed diagnosis
 - Surgical dogma
 - Organisational issues
- In the real world, IE patients are frequently complex and a careful tailored approach is often required
- Efforts should be focussed on speedier diagnosis, access to expert advice, early transfer to a surgical centre and improved models of IE healthcare delivery