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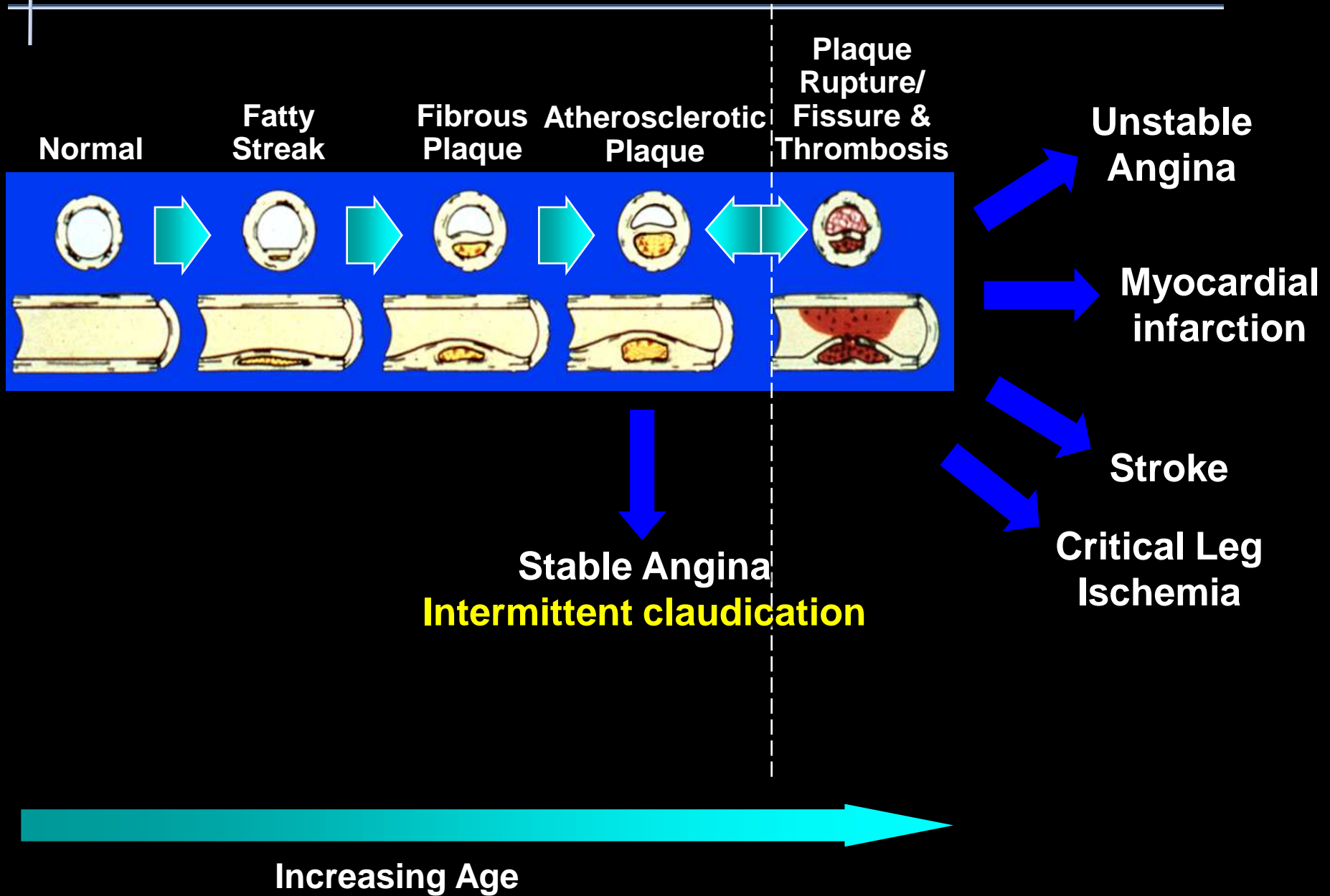
# Our patient .. and his wife

«Τρελάθηκες μωρέ;;  
Τι θες στην ηλικία σου και  
σταματάς μπροστά από το  
sex shop ;;; »



- ✓ 75yrs
- ✓ DM, HbA1c: 8.2%
- ✓ 110 pack-years
- ✓ LDL: 135mg/dl
- ✓ Left carotid stenosis 70%
- ✓ Stable angina pectoris

# Causes – atherosclerosis slide



# PAD demographics

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## Peripheral Arterial Disease Detection, Awareness, and Treatment in Primary Care

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**P**ERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE (PAD) is a highly prevalent atherosclerotic syndrome that affects approximately 8 to 12 million individuals in the United States and is associated with significant morbidity and mortality.<sup>1,4</sup> Because of its high prevalence, high rates of nonfatal cardiovascular ischemic events (myocardial infarction [MI], stroke, and other thromboembolic events), increased mortality, and diminution of quality of life, the consequences of PAD in US communities are significant.<sup>1-3</sup> A regional pilot study of community screening for PAD demonstrated that patient awareness of the PAD diagnosis was low and associated with low atherosclerosis risk factor, antiplatelet, and claudication treatment intensity.<sup>3</sup> There have been no national efforts in the United States to detect PAD in community-based office practice, to assess both physician and patient awareness of the diagnosis, or to assess the intensity of medical treatments. PAD has not emerged as a focus of public health ef-

**Context** Peripheral arterial disease (PAD) is a manifestation of systemic atherosclerosis that is common and is associated with an increased risk of death and ischemic events, yet may be underdiagnosed in primary care practice.

**Objective** To assess the feasibility of detecting PAD in primary care clinics, patient and physician awareness of PAD, and intensity of risk factor treatment and use of antiplatelet therapies in primary care clinics.

**Design and Setting** The PAD Awareness, Risk, and Treatment: New Resources for Survival (PARTNERS) program, a multicenter, cross-sectional study conducted at 27 sites in 25 cities and 350 primary care practices throughout the United States in June-October 1999.

**Patients** A total of 6979 patients aged 70 years or older or aged 50 through 69 years with history of cigarette smoking or diabetes were evaluated by history and by measurement of the ankle-brachial index (ABI). PAD was considered present if the ABI was 0.90 or less, if it was documented in the medical record, or if there was a history of limb revascularization. Cardiovascular disease (CVD) was defined as a history of atherosclerotic coronary, cerebral, or abdominal aortic aneurysmal disease.

**Main Outcome Measures** Frequency of detection of PAD; physician and patient awareness of PAD diagnosis; treatment intensity in PAD patients compared with treatment of other forms of CVD and with patients without clinical evidence of atherosclerosis.

**Results** PAD was detected in 1865 patients (29%); 825 of these (44%) had PAD only, without evidence of CVD. Overall, 13% had PAD only, 16% had PAD and CVD, 24% had CVD only, and 47% had neither PAD nor CVD (the reference group). There were 457 patients (55%) with newly diagnosed PAD only and 366 (35%) with PAD and CVD who were newly diagnosed during the survey. Eighty-three percent of patients with prior PAD were aware of their diagnosis, but only 49% of physicians were aware of this diagnosis. Among patients with PAD, claudication was distinctly uncommon (11%). Patients with PAD had similar atherosclerosis risk factor profiles compared with those who had CVD. Smoking behavior was more frequently treated in patients with new (53%) and prior PAD (51%) only than in those with CVD only (35%;  $P < .001$ ). Hypertension was treated less frequently in new (84%) and prior PAD (88%) only vs CVD only (95%;  $P < .001$ ) and hyperlipidemia was treated less frequently in new (44%) and prior PAD (56%) only vs CVD only (73%;  $P < .001$ ). Antiplatelet medications were prescribed less often in patients with new (33%) and prior PAD (54%) only vs CVD only (71%;  $P < .001$ ). Treatment intensity for diabetes and use of hormone replacement therapy in women were similar across all groups.

**Conclusions** Prevalence of PAD in primary care practices is high, yet physician awareness of the PAD diagnosis is relatively low. A simple ABI measurement identified a large number of patients with previously unrecognized PAD. Atherosclerosis risk factors were very prevalent in PAD patients, but these patients received less intensive treatment for lipid disorders and hypertension and were prescribed antiplatelet therapy less frequently than were patients with CVD. These results demonstrate that underdiagnosis of PAD in primary care practice may be a barrier to effective secondary prevention of the high ischemic cardiovascular risk associated with PAD.

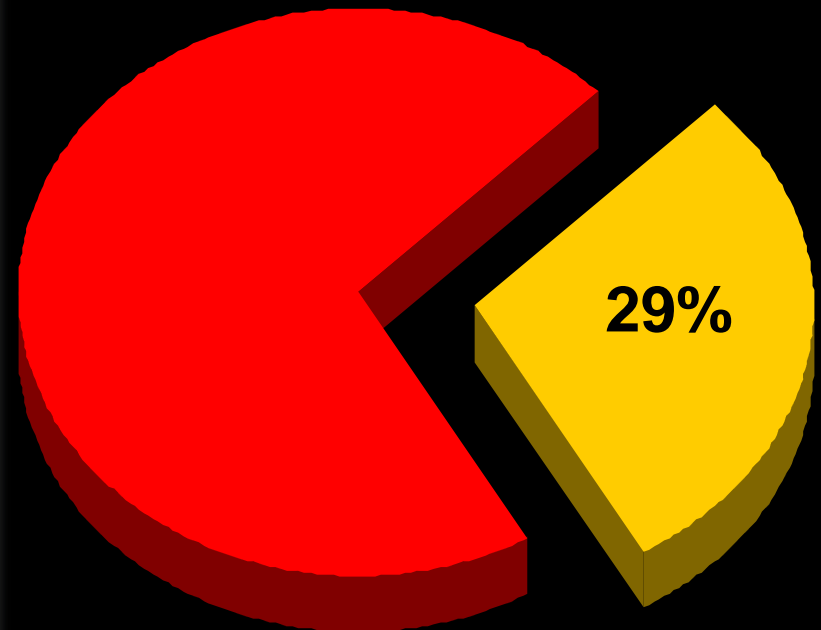
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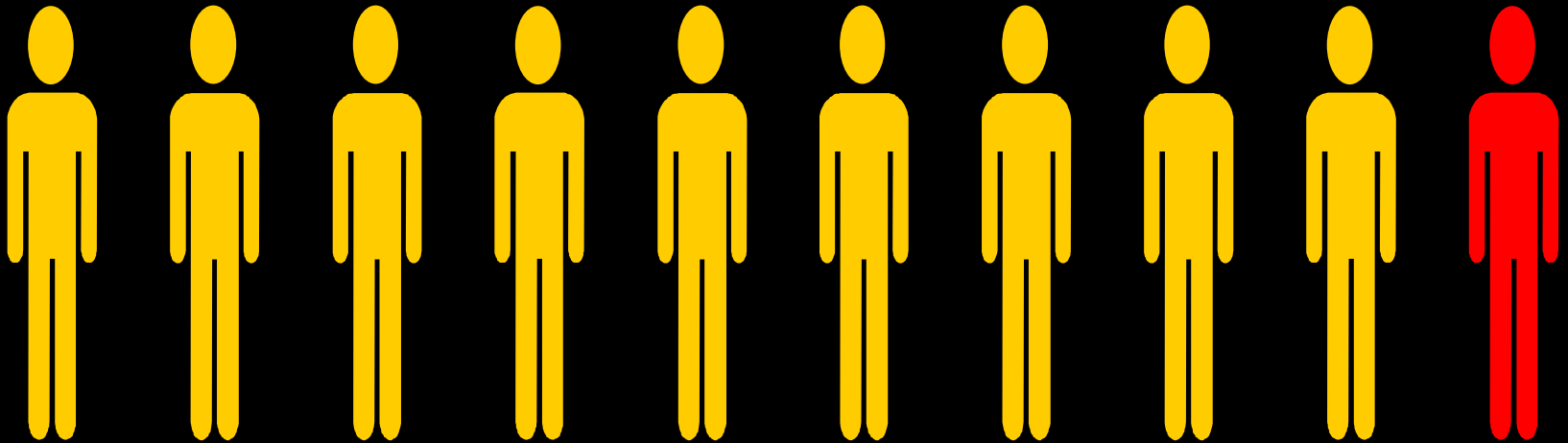
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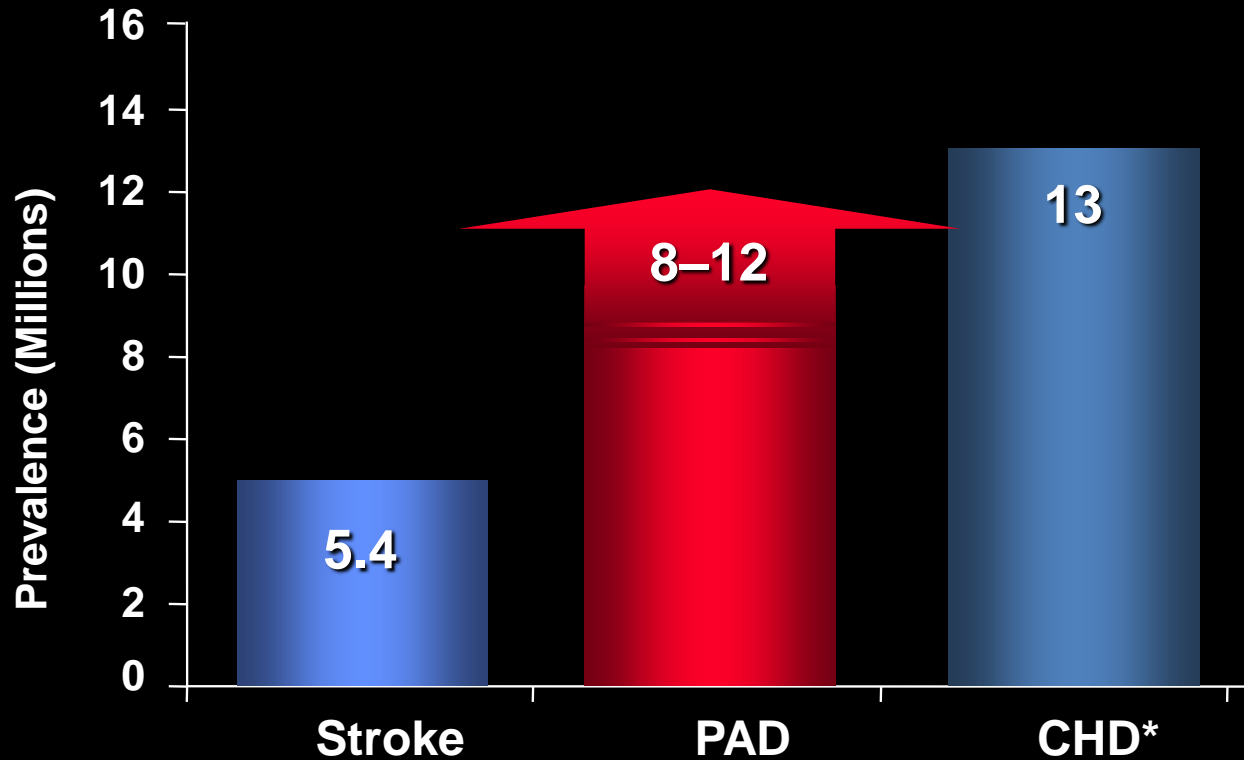


# PAD: mostly asymptomatic

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# PAD Prevalence



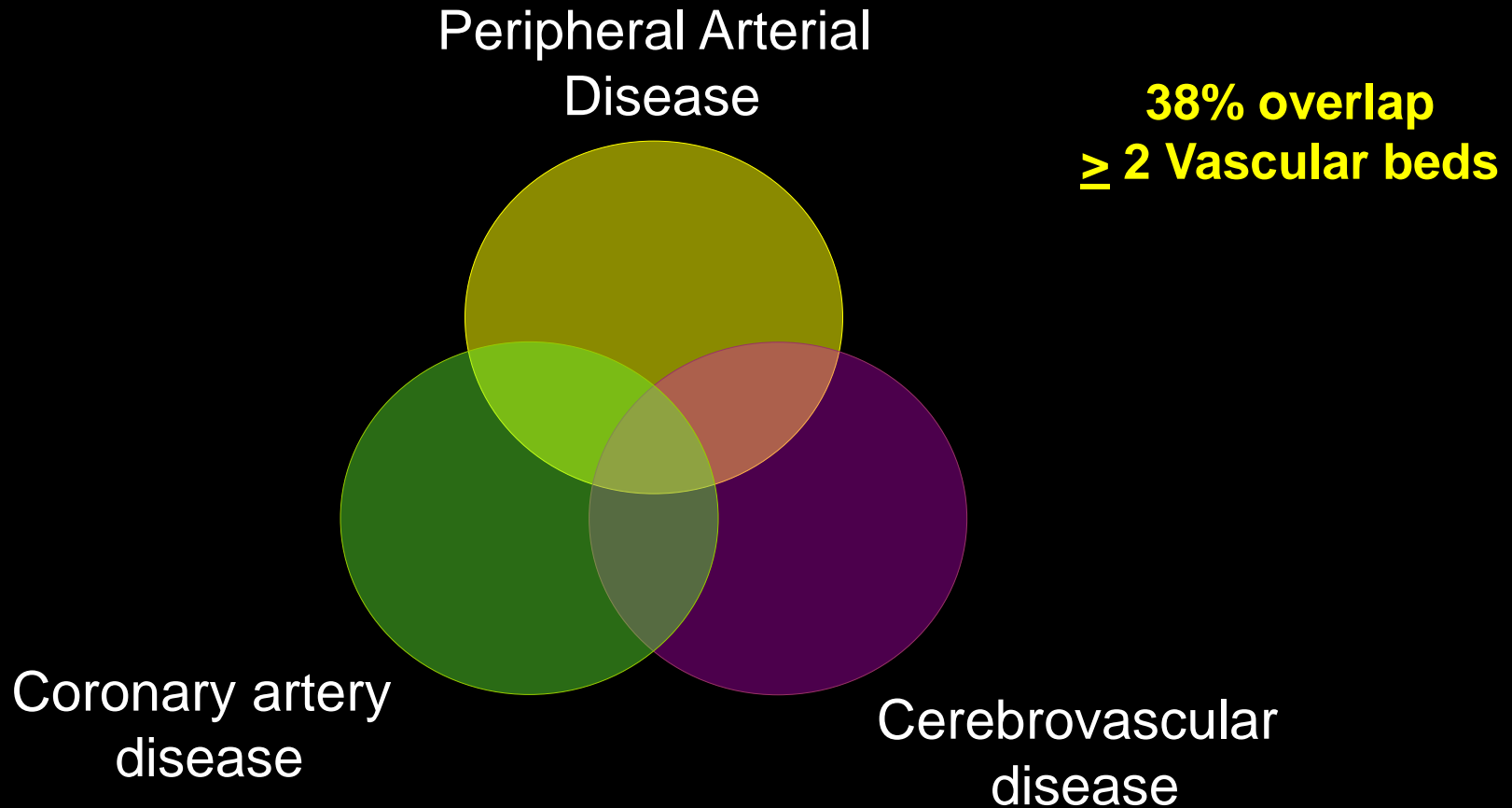
CHD = coronary heart disease. PAD = peripheral arterial disease.

\* Includes myocardial infarction and angina pectoris.

American Heart Association. *Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics—2005 Update*. 2005.

# PAD: **Overlap** with other atheromatous diseases

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# Vessels are a continuum



**Transient Ischemic Attack  
Ischemic Stroke**

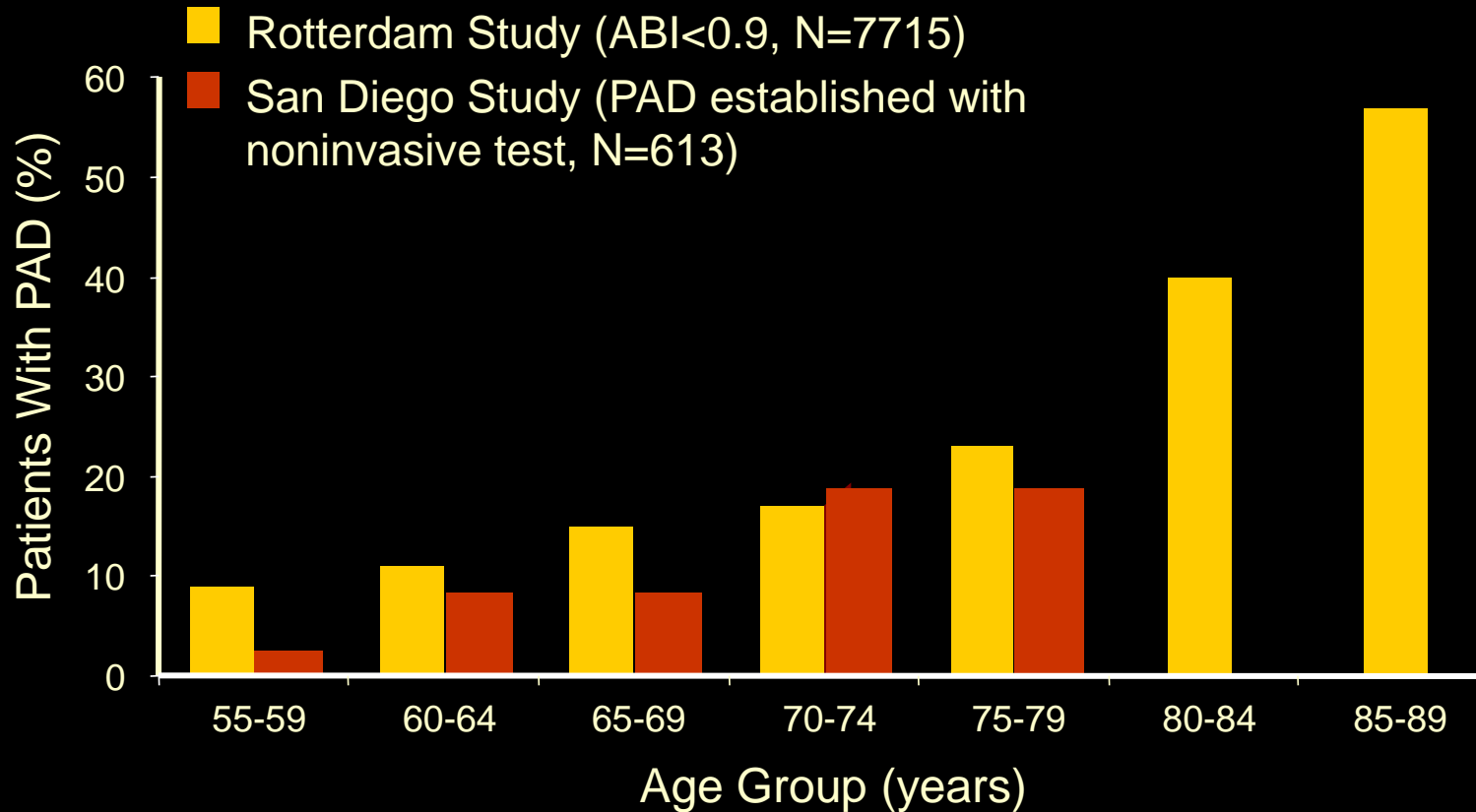
**Stable Angina Pectoris  
Acute Coronary Syndromes**

**Renovascular Hypertension  
Renal Failure**

**Claudication**

**Critical Limb Ischemia, Rest Pain,  
Gangrene, Amputation**

# PAD Prevalence by age

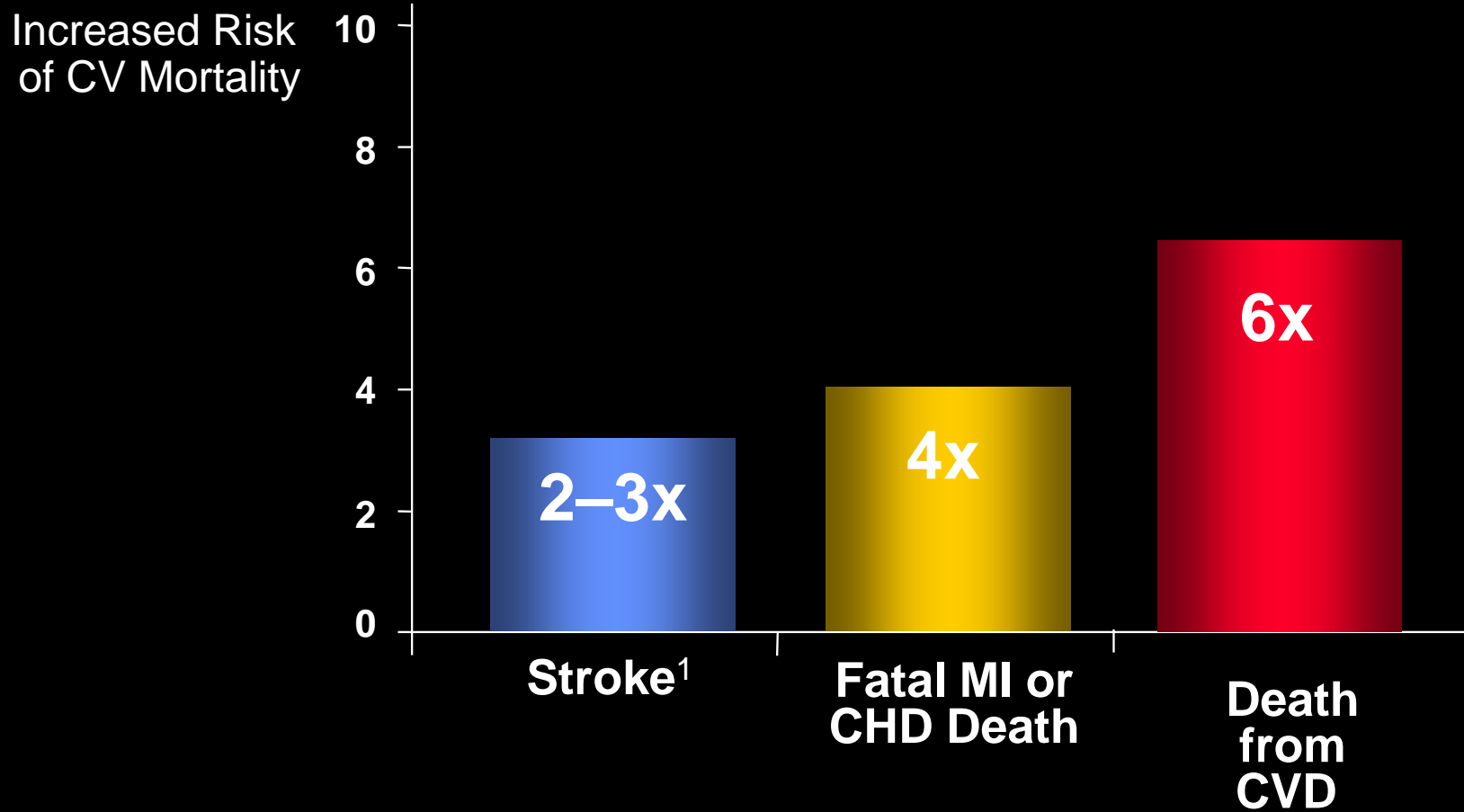


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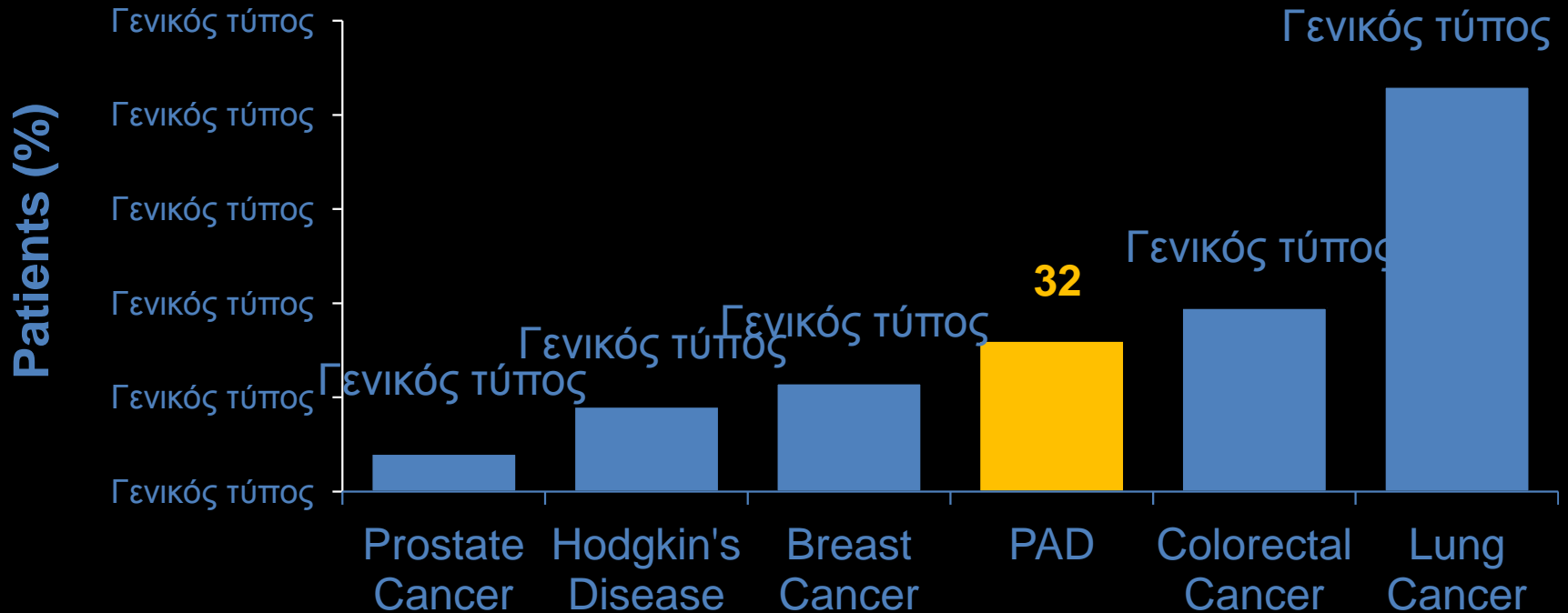
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# PAD & cardiovascular outcomes



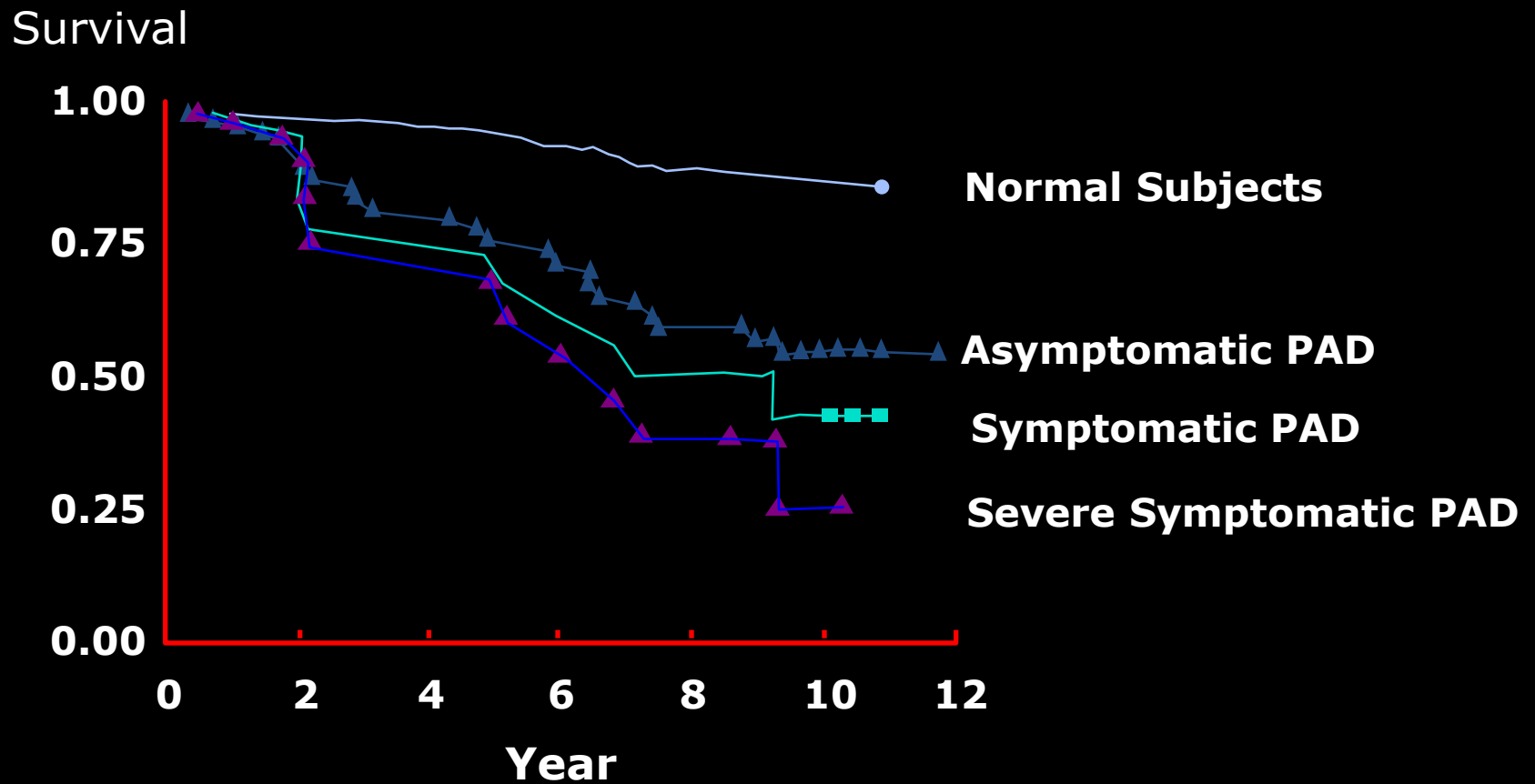
# PAD & 5-Year Mortality



\* American Cancer Society. Cancer Facts and Figures, 2000.

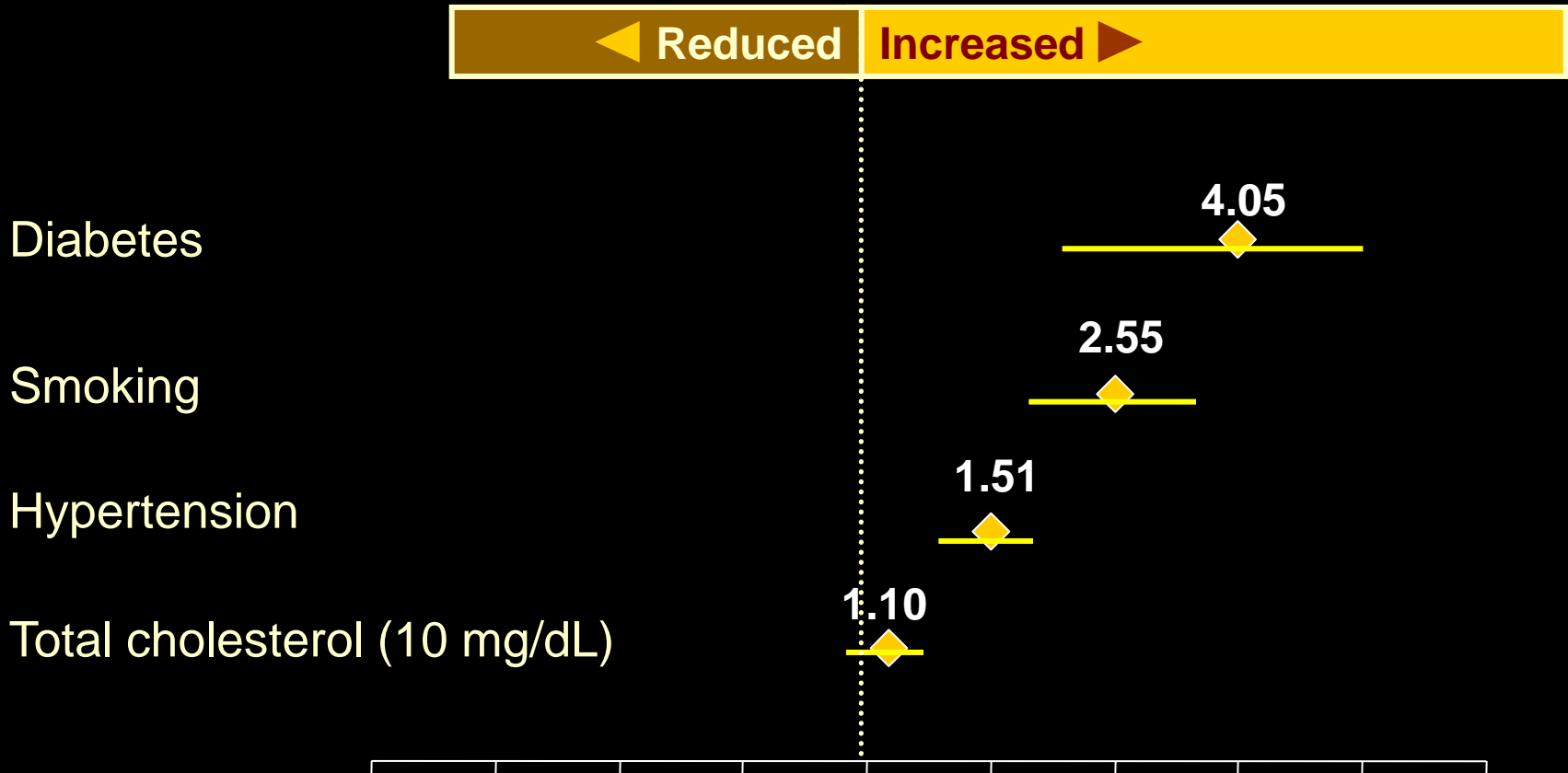
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# PAD severity and survival



# Risk Factors for PAD

Relative Risk vs the General Population



# Clinical examination

**Dorsalis Pedis**



**Popliteal Artery**



**Posterior Tibial**



**Femoral Pulse**

# Fontaine Classification

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## **Stage**

## **Clinical**

I	Asymptomatic
II	Intermittent claudication
III	Ischemic rest pain
IV	Ulceration or gangrene

# Ankle – Brachial Index (ABI)

## Using the ABI

Above 0.90	Normal
0.71 - 0.90	Mild impairment
0.41 - 0.70	Moderate impairment
0.00 - 0.40	Severe impairment

150 mm Hg  
Right Arm  
Pressure

160 mm Hg  
Left Arm  
Pressure

Right ABI  
 $80/160 = 0.50$

Left ABI  
 $90/160 = 0.56$

Pressure  
70 mm Hg PT  
80 mm Hg DP

Pressure  
90 mm Hg PT  
80 mm Hg DP

PT = posterior tibial; DP = dorsalis pedis.

# ABI vs Other Common Screening Tests

<b>Diagnostic Test</b>	<b>Sensitivity, %</b>	<b>Specificity, %</b>
Pap smear <sup>1</sup>	30 - 87	86 – 100
Fecal occult blood test <sup>2</sup>	37 - 78	87 – 98
Mammography <sup>3</sup>	75 - 90	90 – 95
<b>ABI <sup>4,5,6</sup></b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100</b>

Nanda et al Ann Intern Med 2000;132:810-9

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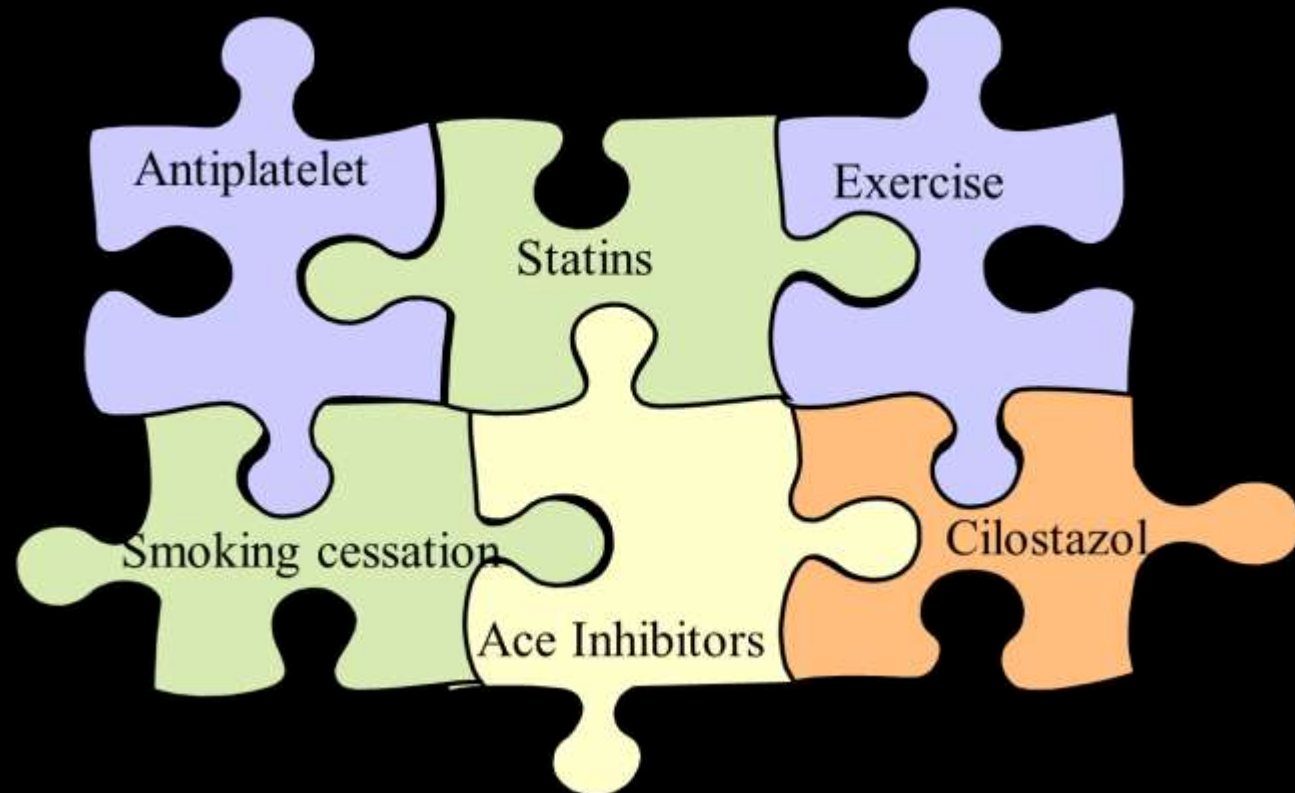
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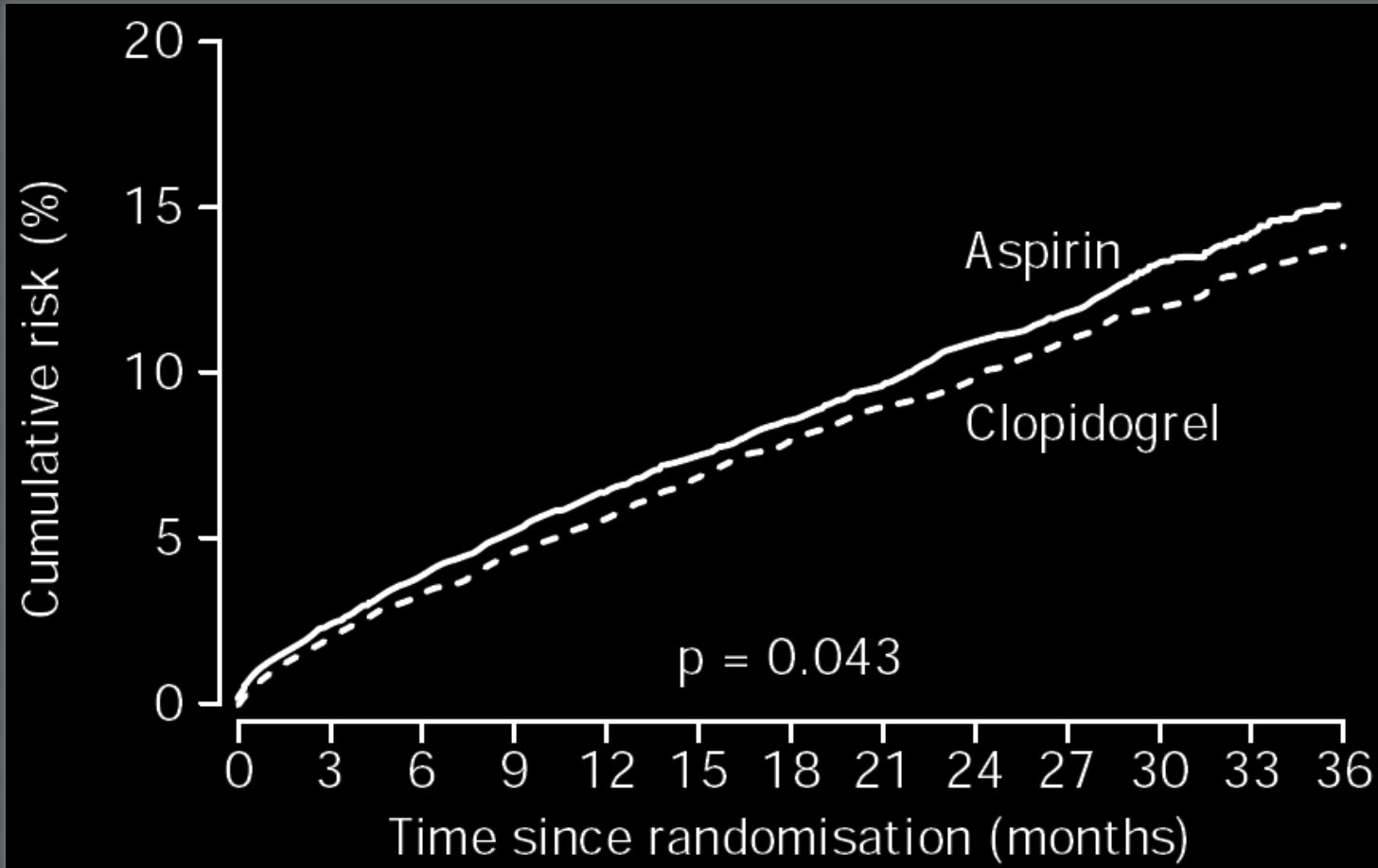
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# Goals of treatment

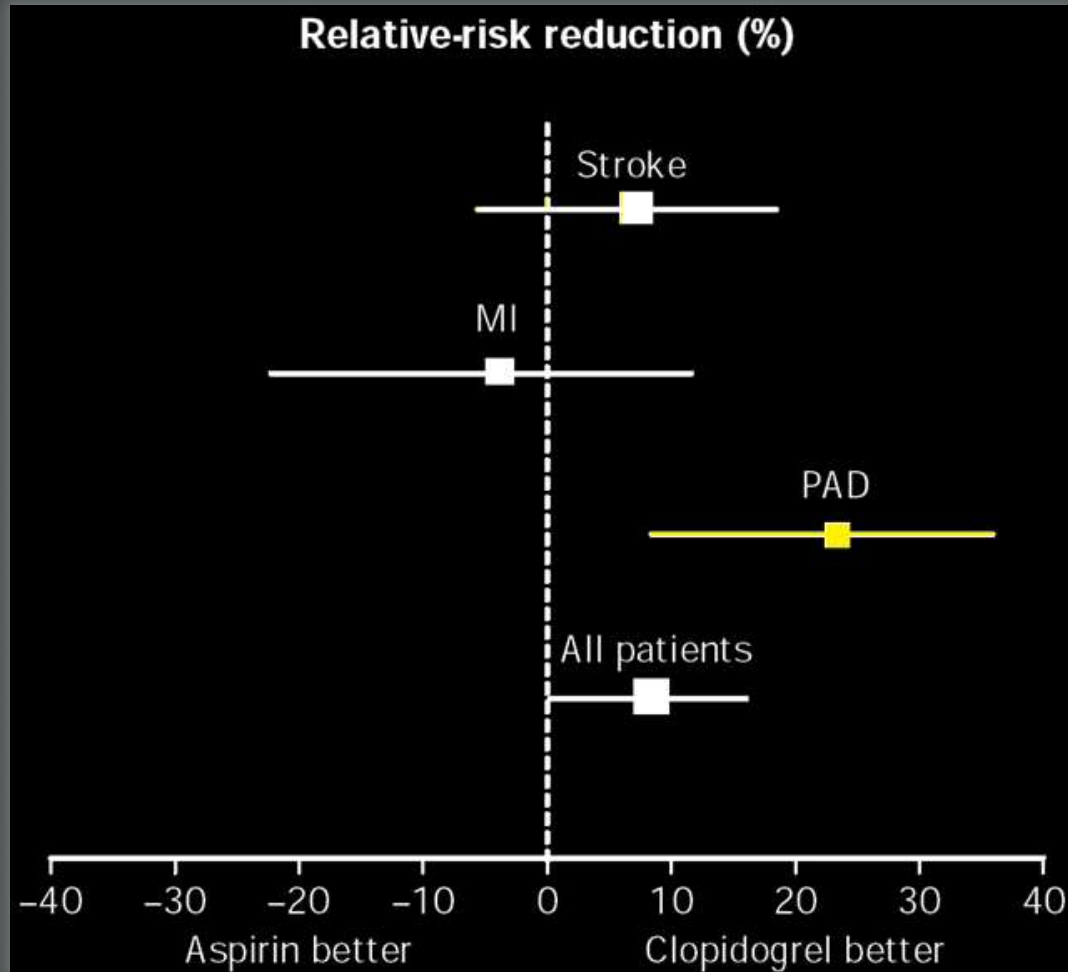
- ✓ Treat co-existing diseases
- ✓ Reduce cardiovascular risk
- ✓ Improve walking ability



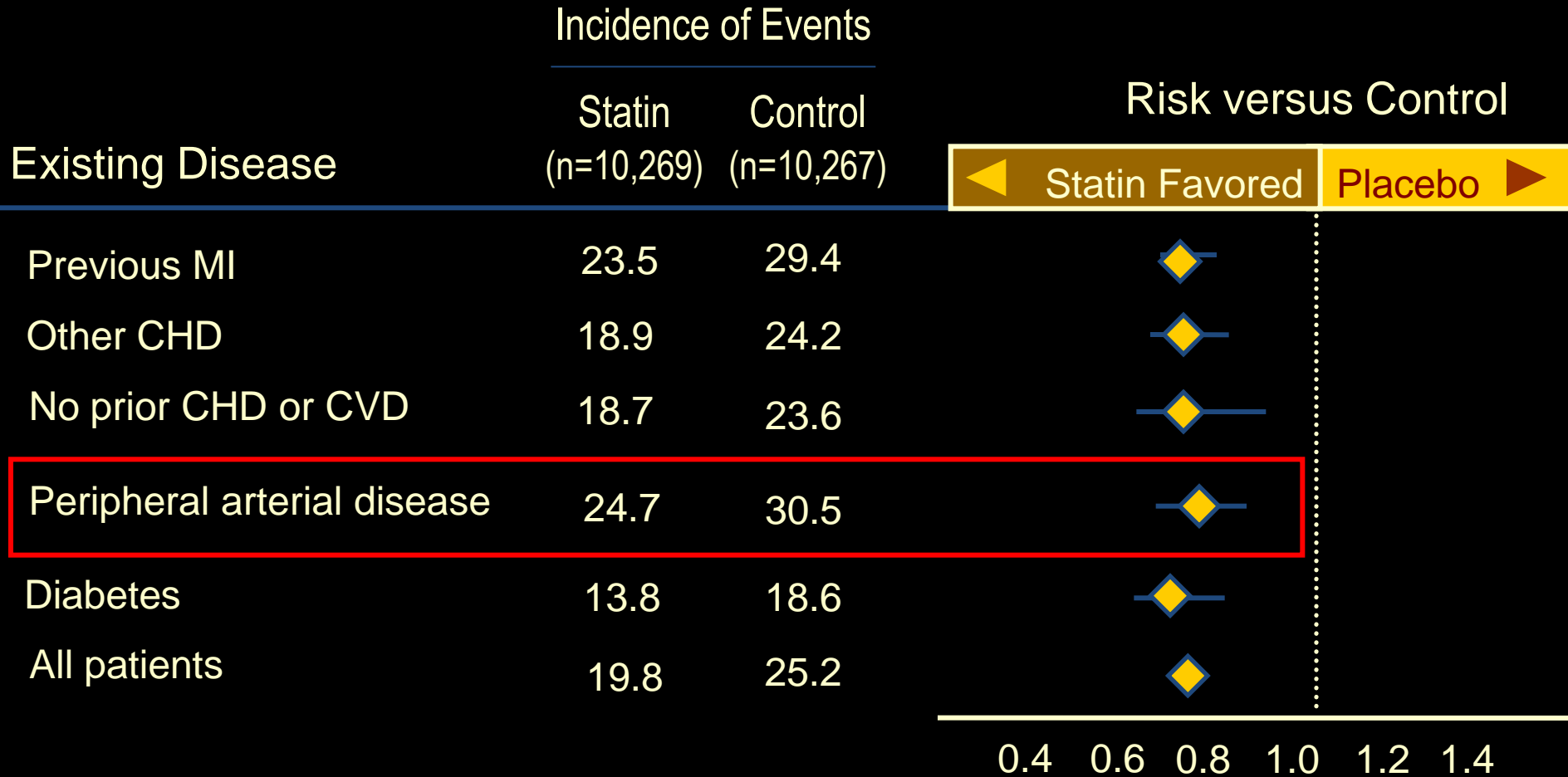
# CAPRIE: Clopidogrel vs. aspirin



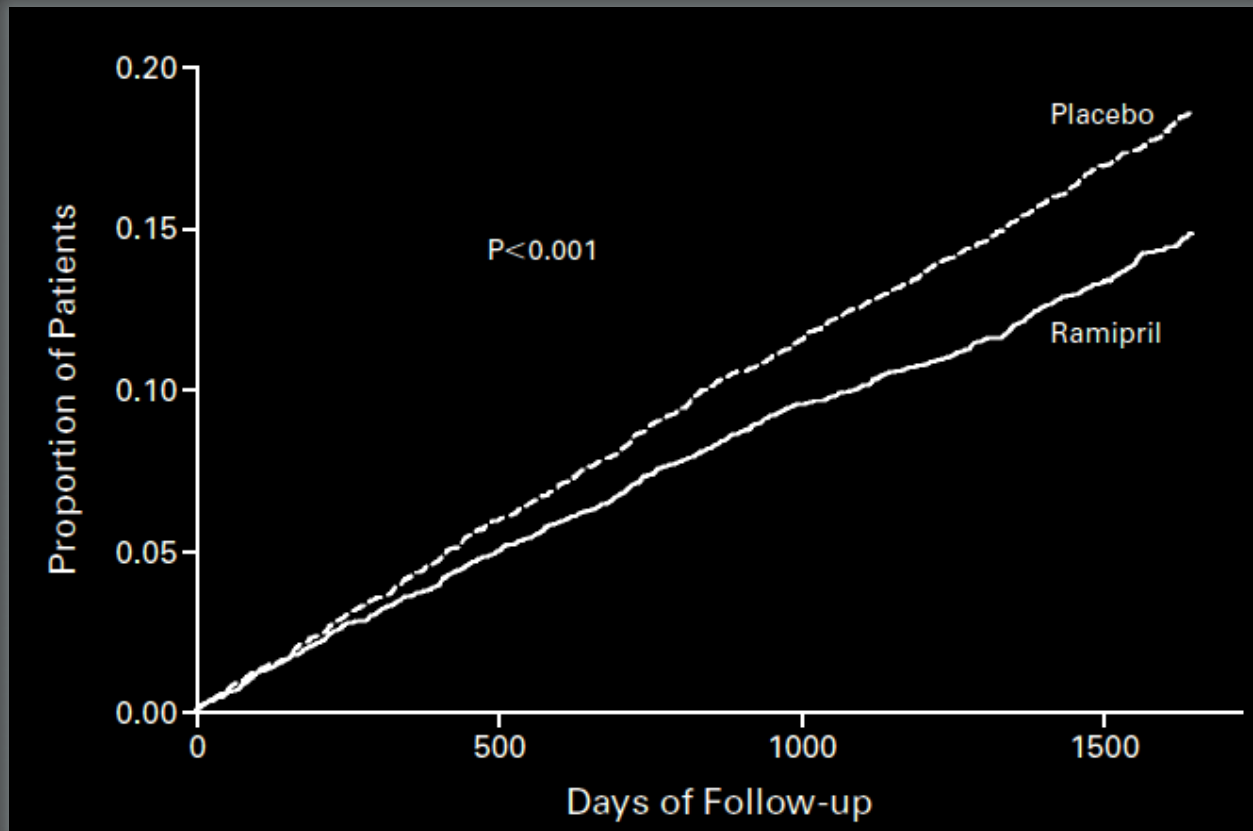
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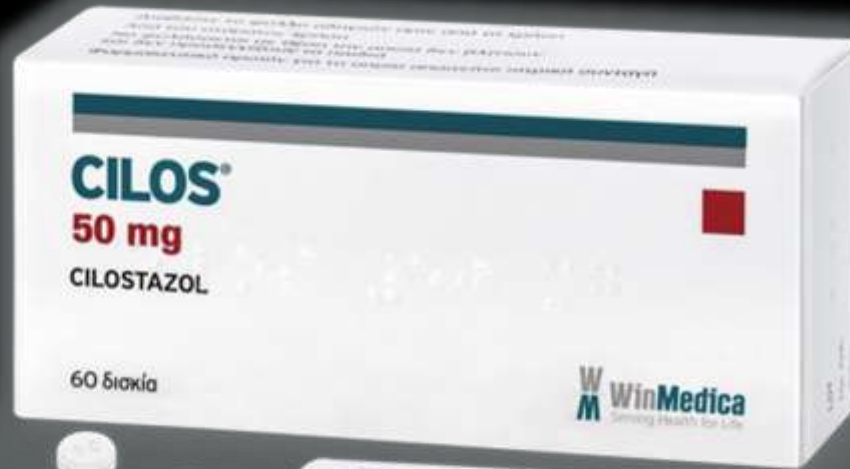
# Statins and PAD outcome



# ACE inhibitors and PAD outcome



# Cilostazol



# Cilostazol for intermittent claudication (Review)

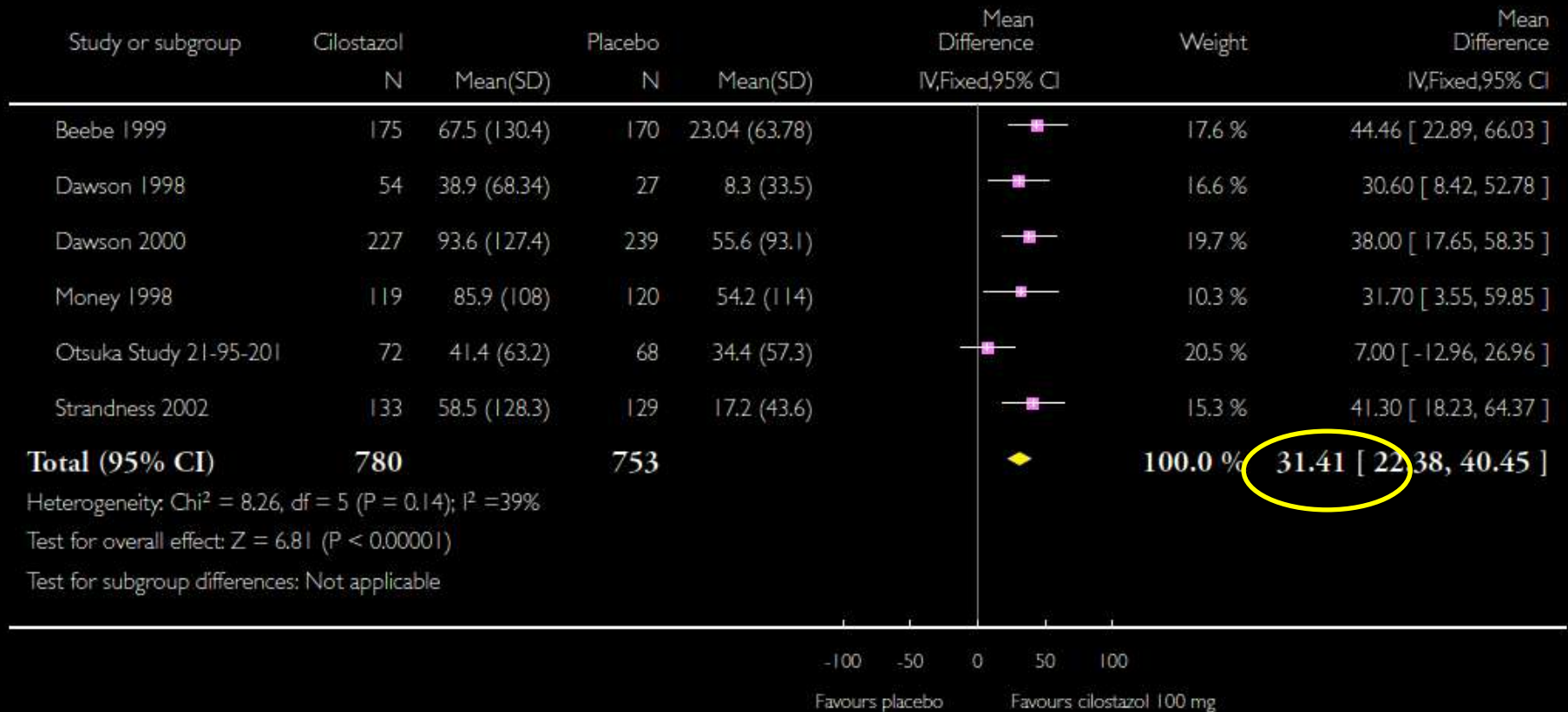
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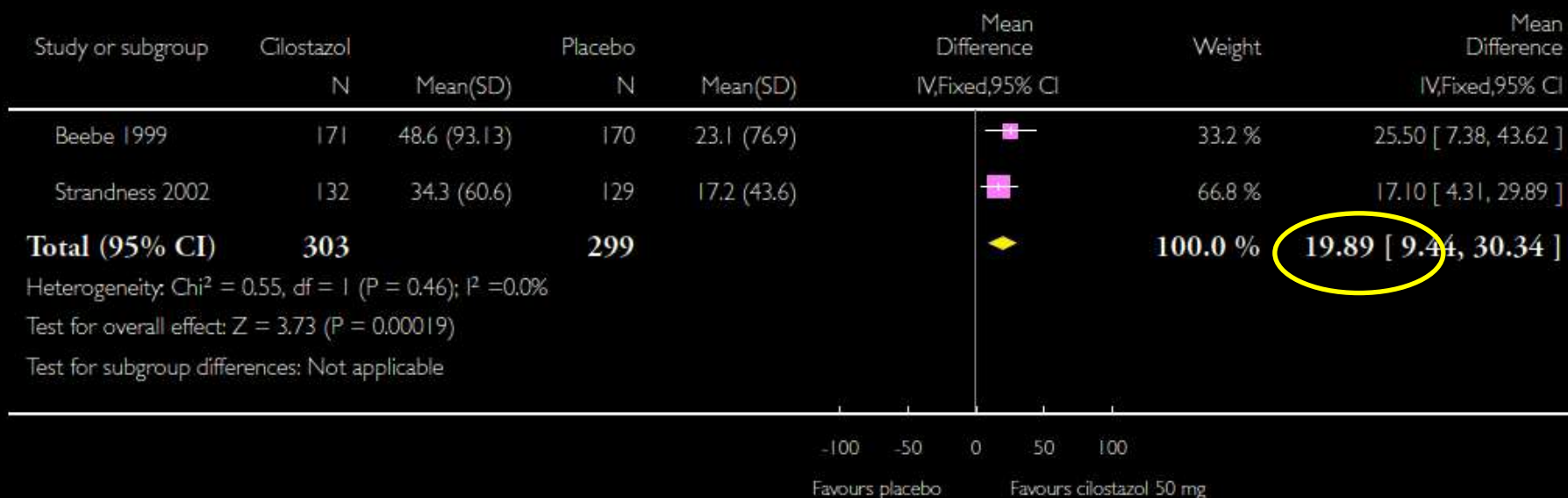
# Cilos 100mg x2 & Initial Claudication Distance

Outcome: I ICD cilostazol 100 mg twice daily versus placebo



# Cilos 50mg x2 & Initial Claudication Distance

Outcome: 2 ICD cilostazol 50 mg twice daily versus placebo



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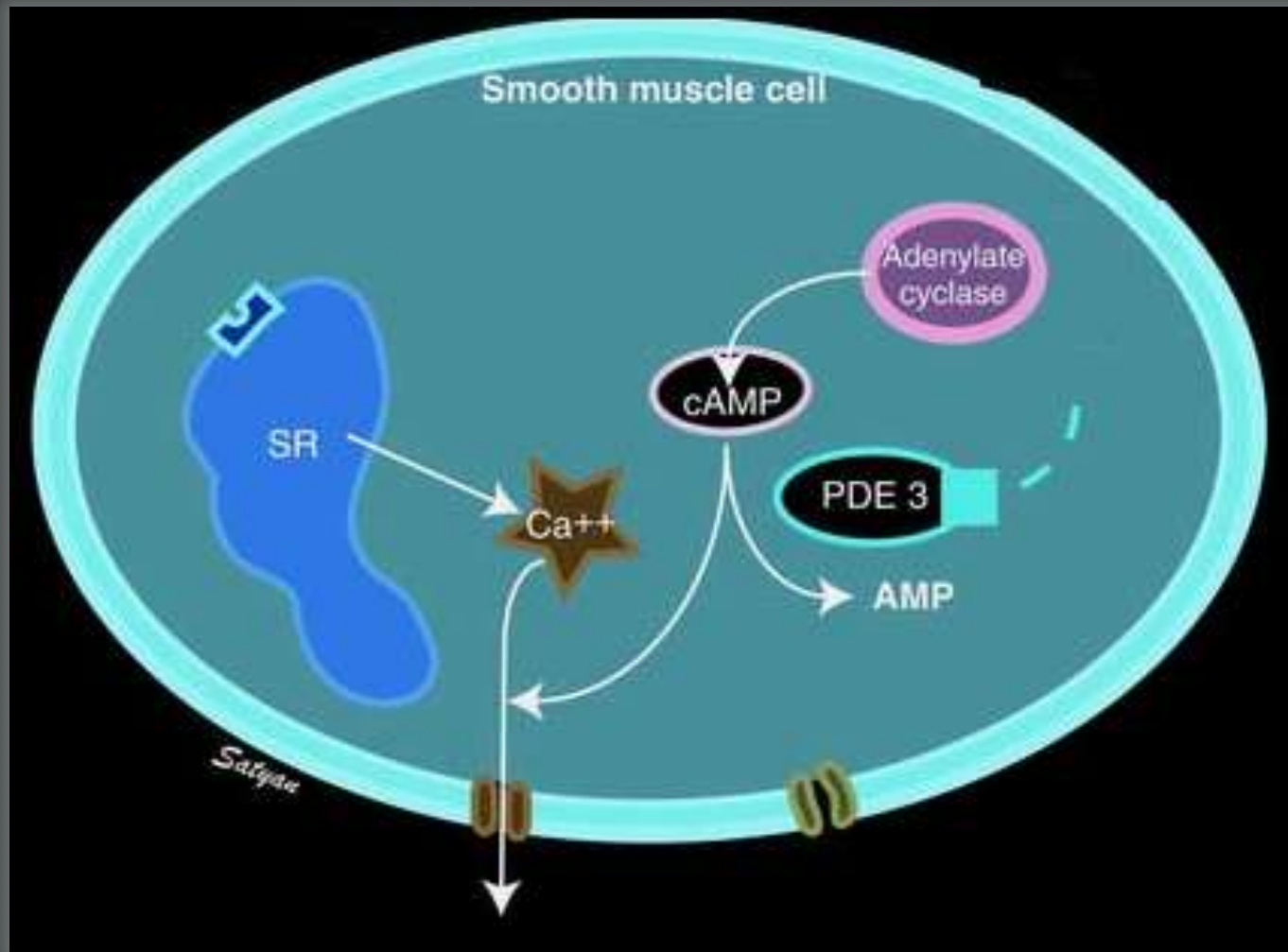
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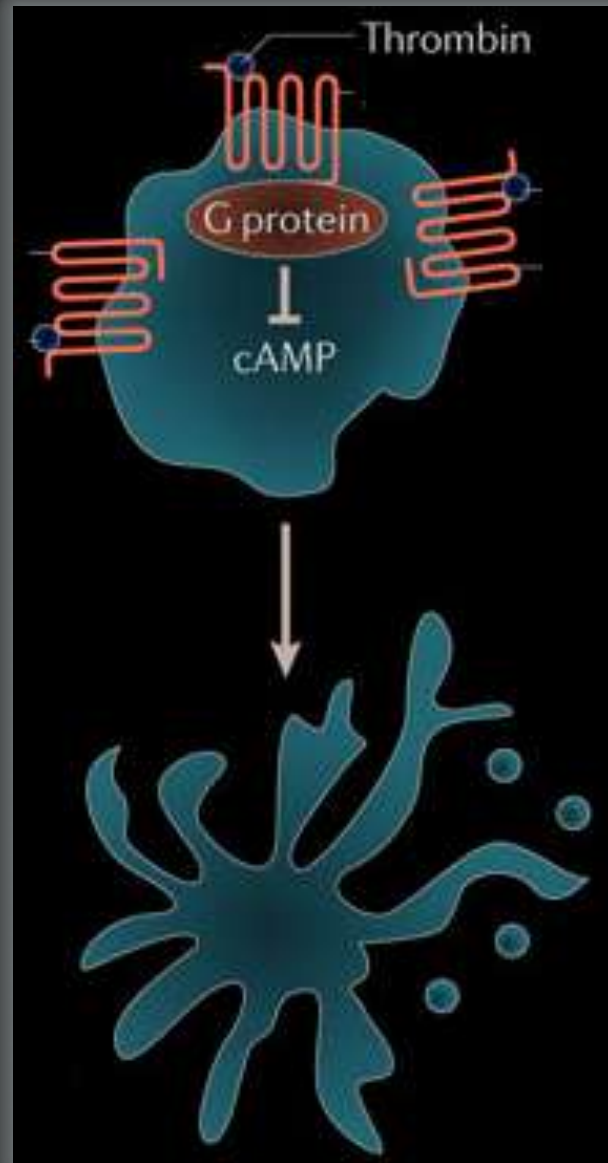


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# Cilostazol: mechanism of action (smooth muscle)



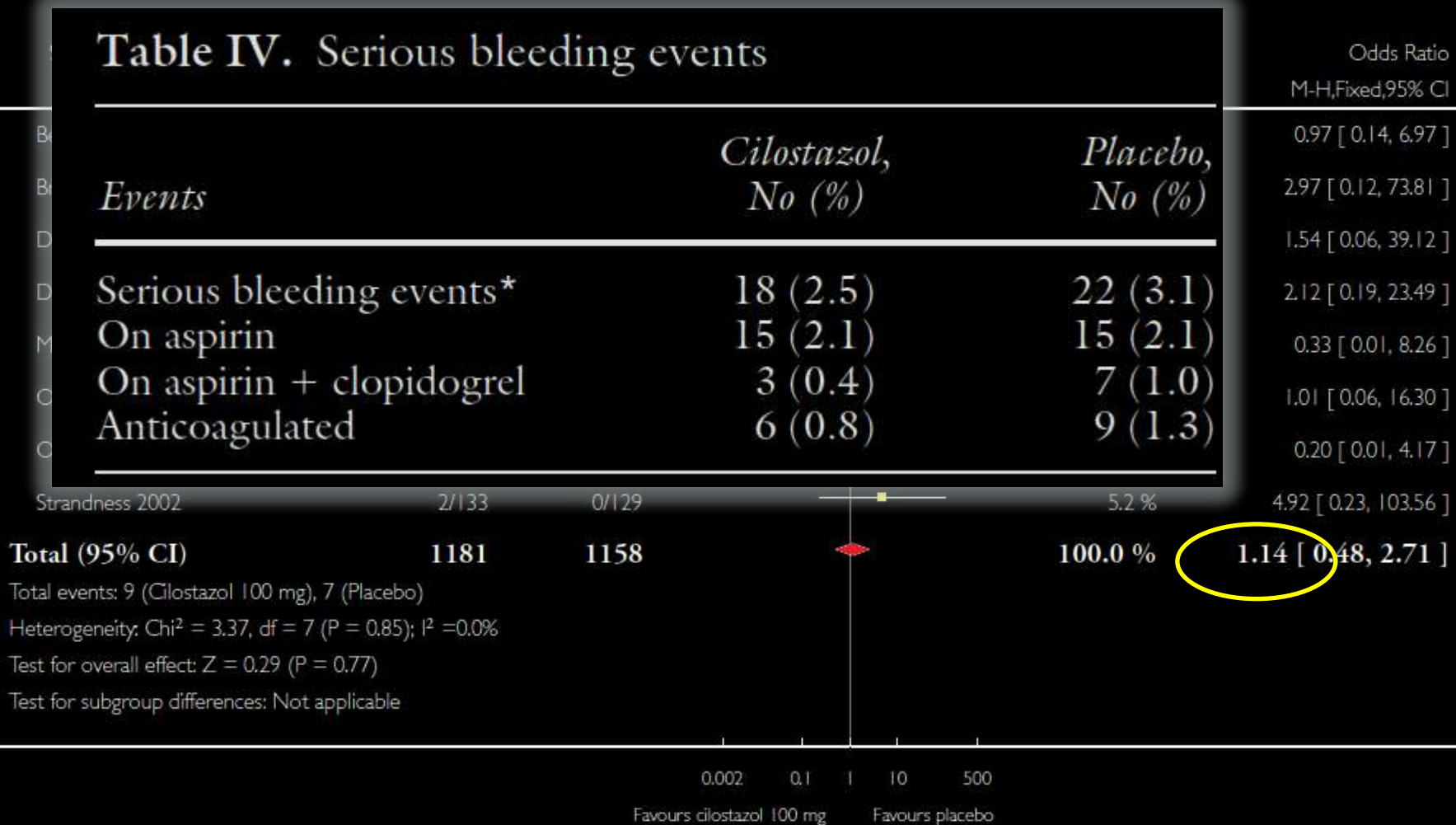
# Cilostazol: mechanism of action (platelet)



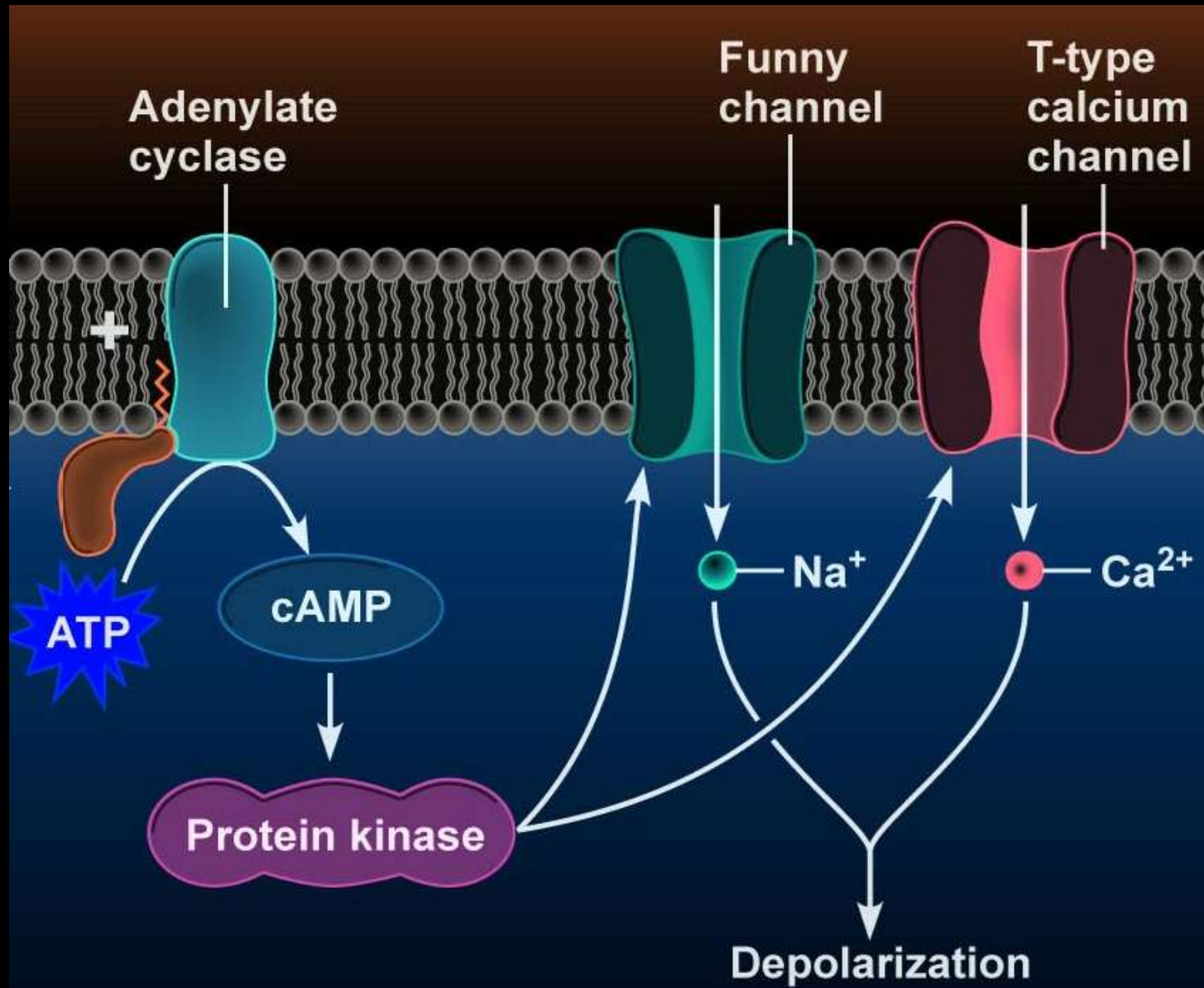
# Cilostazol: safety profile

Outcome: All-cause mortality cilostazol 100 mg twice daily versus placebo

**Table IV. Serious bleeding events**



# Cilostazol: mechanism of action (heart muscle)



# Cilostazol for intermittent claudication (Review)

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# ACCF/AHA Practice Guidelines

## Management of Patients With Peripheral Artery Disease (Compilation of 2005 and 2011 ACCF/AHA Guideline Recommendations)

A Report of the American College of Cardiology Foundation/American  
Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines

**“ Cilostazol (100 mg orally 2 times per day) is indicated as an effective therapy to improve symptoms and increase walking distance in patients with lower extremity PAD and intermittent claudication (in the absence of heart failure). ”**

**(Level of Evidence: A)**

# Cilostazol: dose & contraindications

- ✓ Heart failure
- ✓ Recent (<6months) myocardial infarction coronary intervention
- ✓ Double or triple antithrombotic treatment
- ✓ Bleeding tendency
- ✓ Severe renal failure (GFR<25ml/min)
- ✓ Hepatic failure
- ✓ History of dangerous arrhythmias



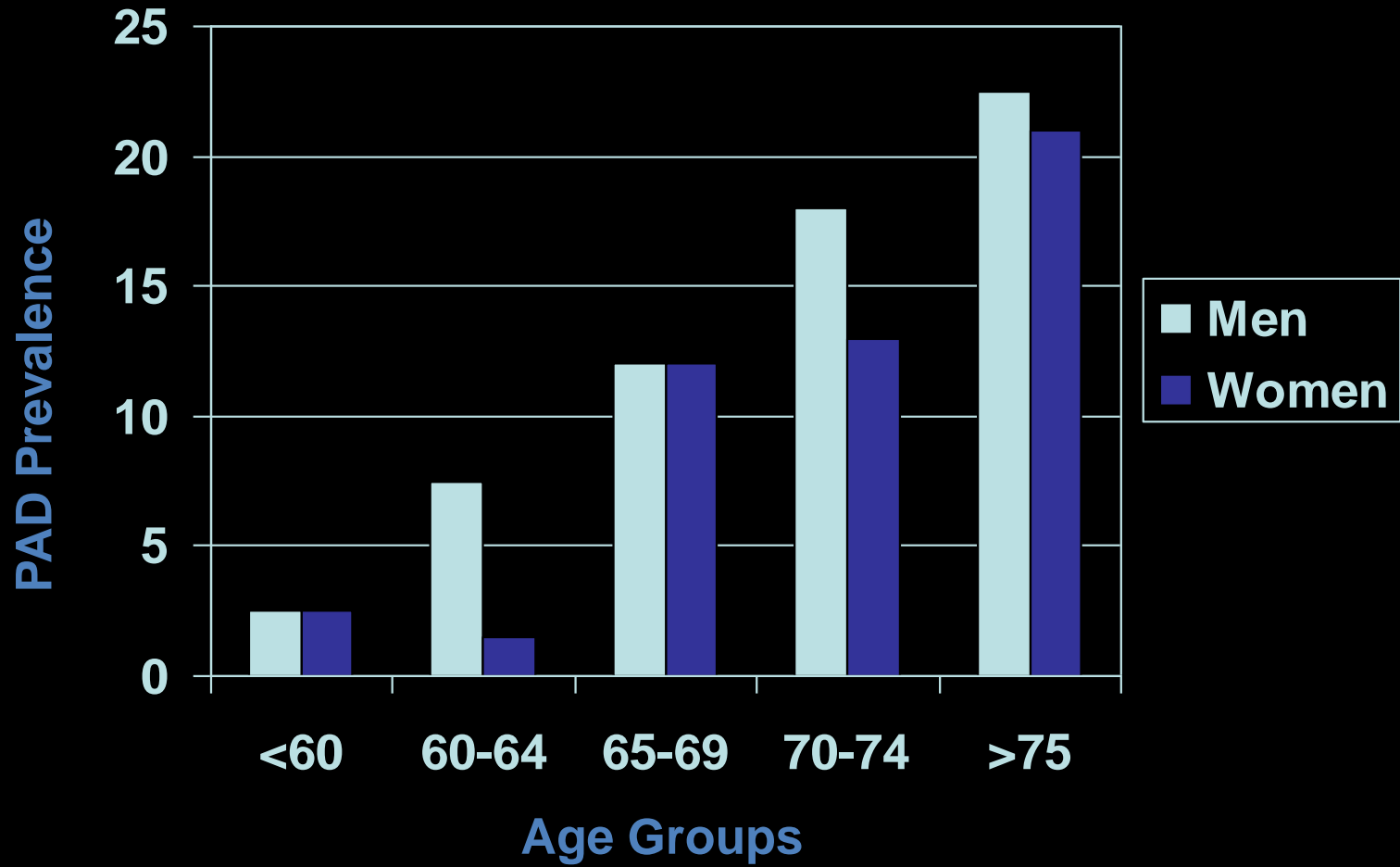
# Take-home messages

- ✓ PAD is all around – **look for it**, and **treat it** !
- ✓ **Cilostazol increases walking capacity** in PAD patients.
- ✓ Side effects are **mild** and **easily treatable**.



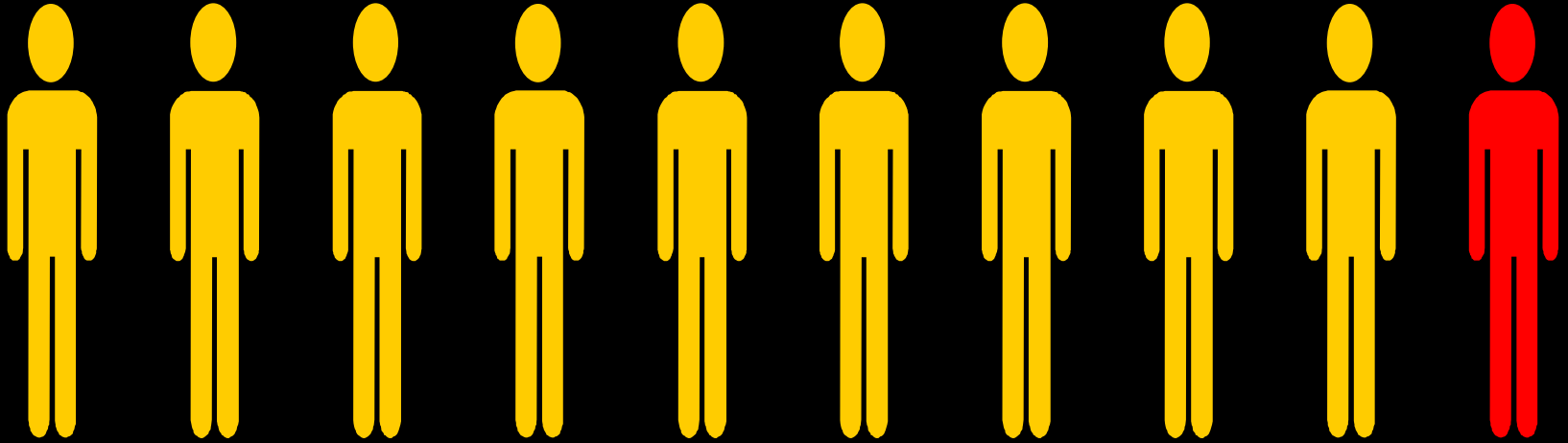


# Peripheral Arterial Disease Prevalence by age

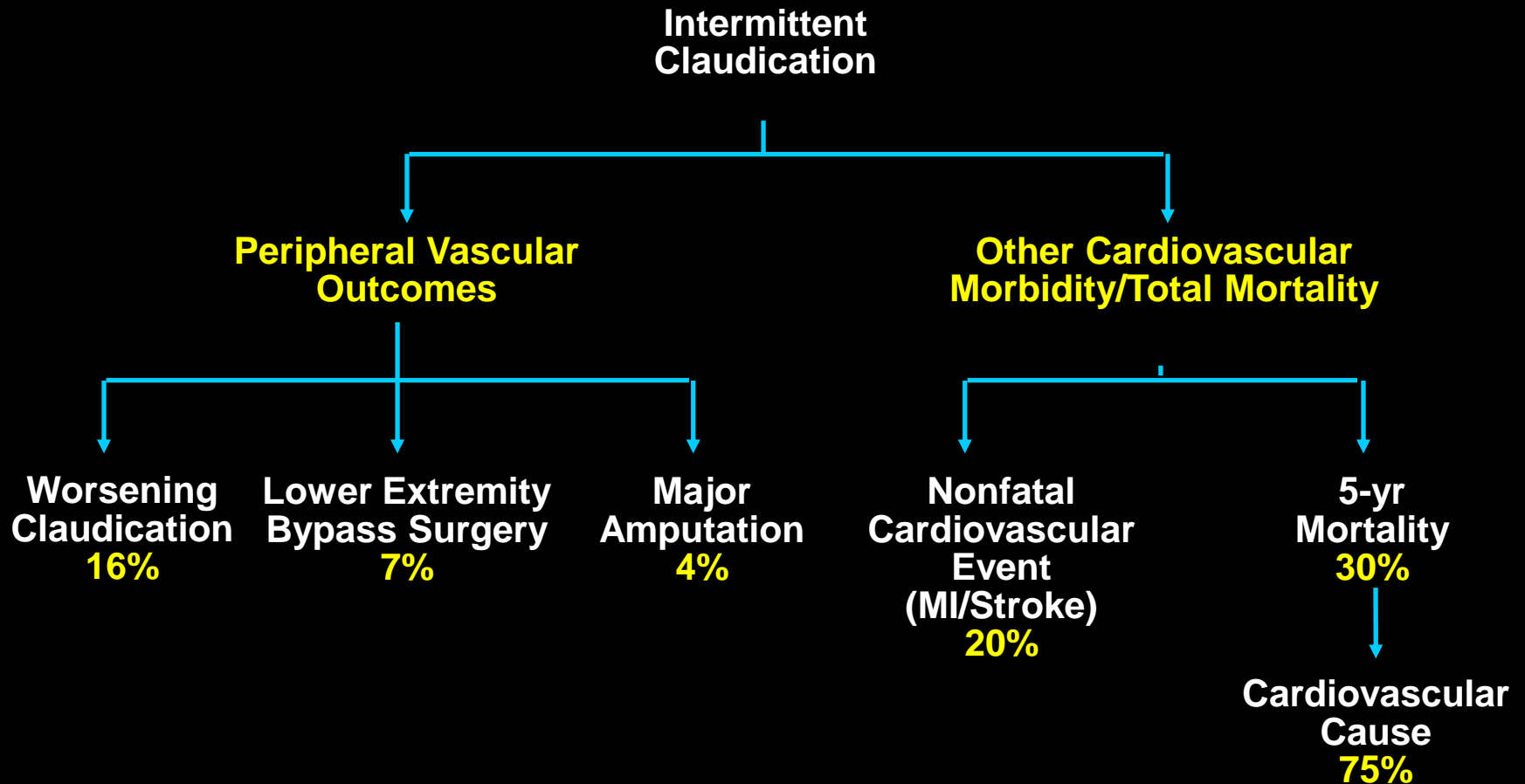


# PAD: mostly asymptomatic

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# PAD and clinical outcome



# Classification of Peripheral Arterial Disease

FONTAINE		RUTHERFORD		
Stage	Clinical	Grade	Category	Clinical
I	Asymptomatic	0	0	Asymptomatic
IIa	Mild claudication	I	1	Mild claudication
IIb	Moderate–severe claudication	I	2	Moderate claudication
		I	3	Severe claudication
III	Ischemic rest pain	II	4	Ischemic rest pain
IV	Ulceration or gangrene	III	5	Minor tissue loss
		IV	6	Ulceration or gangrene

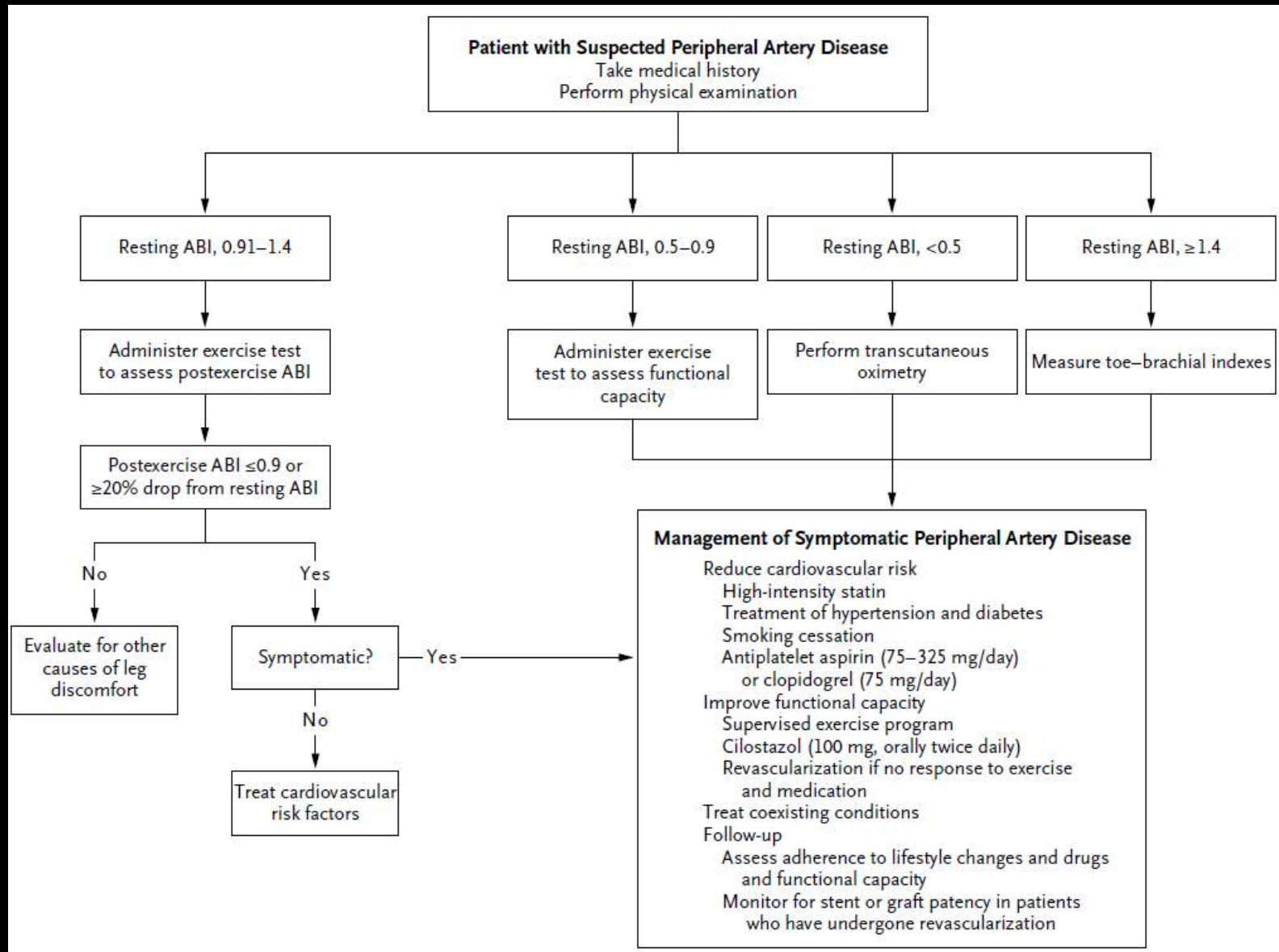
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$$\text{ABI} = \frac{\text{Ankle systolic pressure}}{\text{Brachial systolic pressure}}$$

- Ankle and brachial systolic pressures taken using a hand-held Doppler instrument
- Supine, after ~10 minutes rest

<b>Normal</b>	<b>ABI</b>	<b>0.90-1.30</b>	
<b>PAD</b>	<b>ABI</b>		<b>&lt;0.90</b>
<b>Rest pain/ulceration</b>	<b>ABI</b>	<b>&lt;0.40</b>	
<b>Non-compressible</b>	<b>ABI</b>	<b>&gt;1.30</b>	

# Diagnostic approach



# Ποιος Διαγιγνώσκει την ΠΑΝ;

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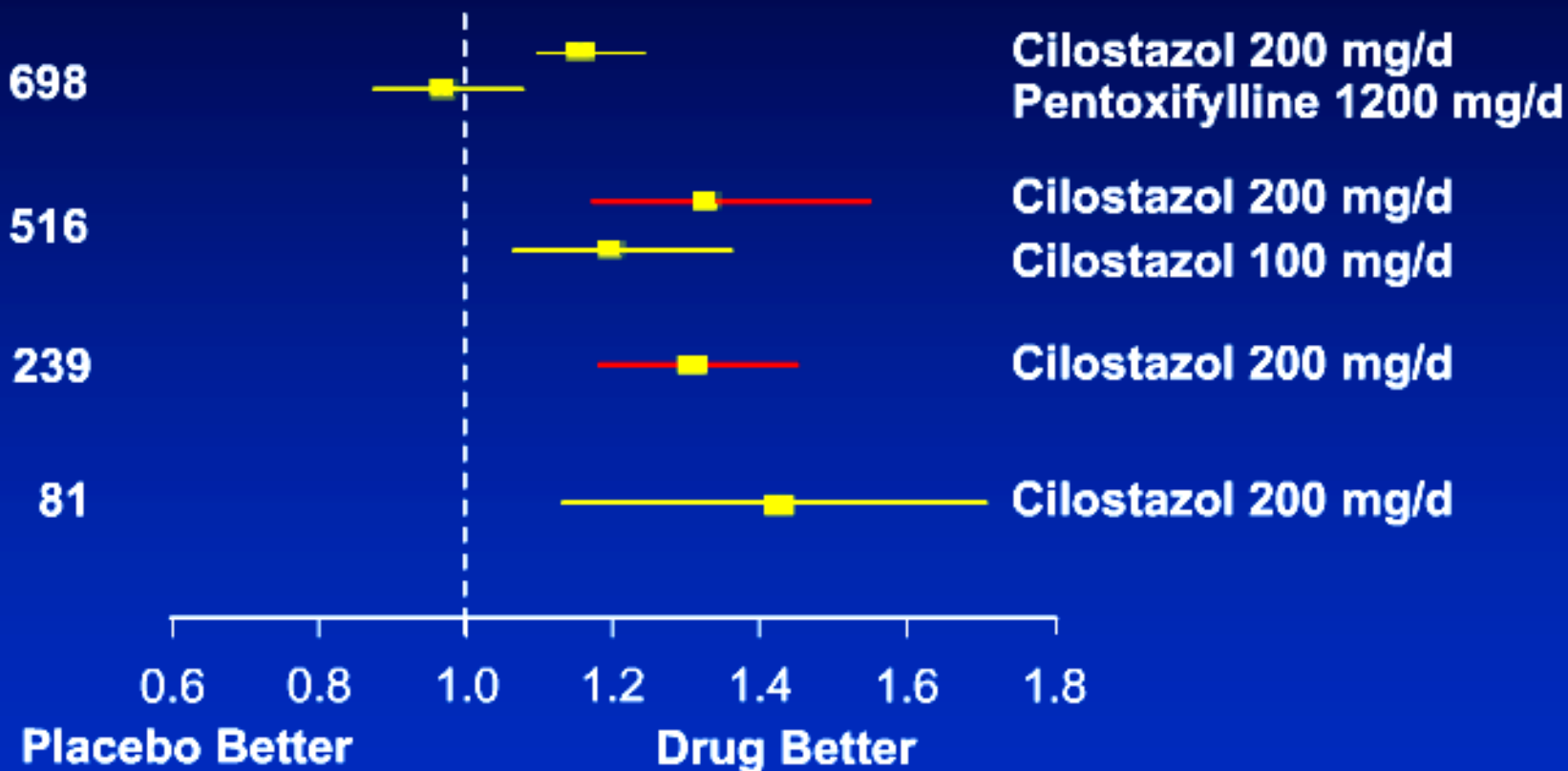
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# Segmental Pressures/ Pulse Volume Recordings

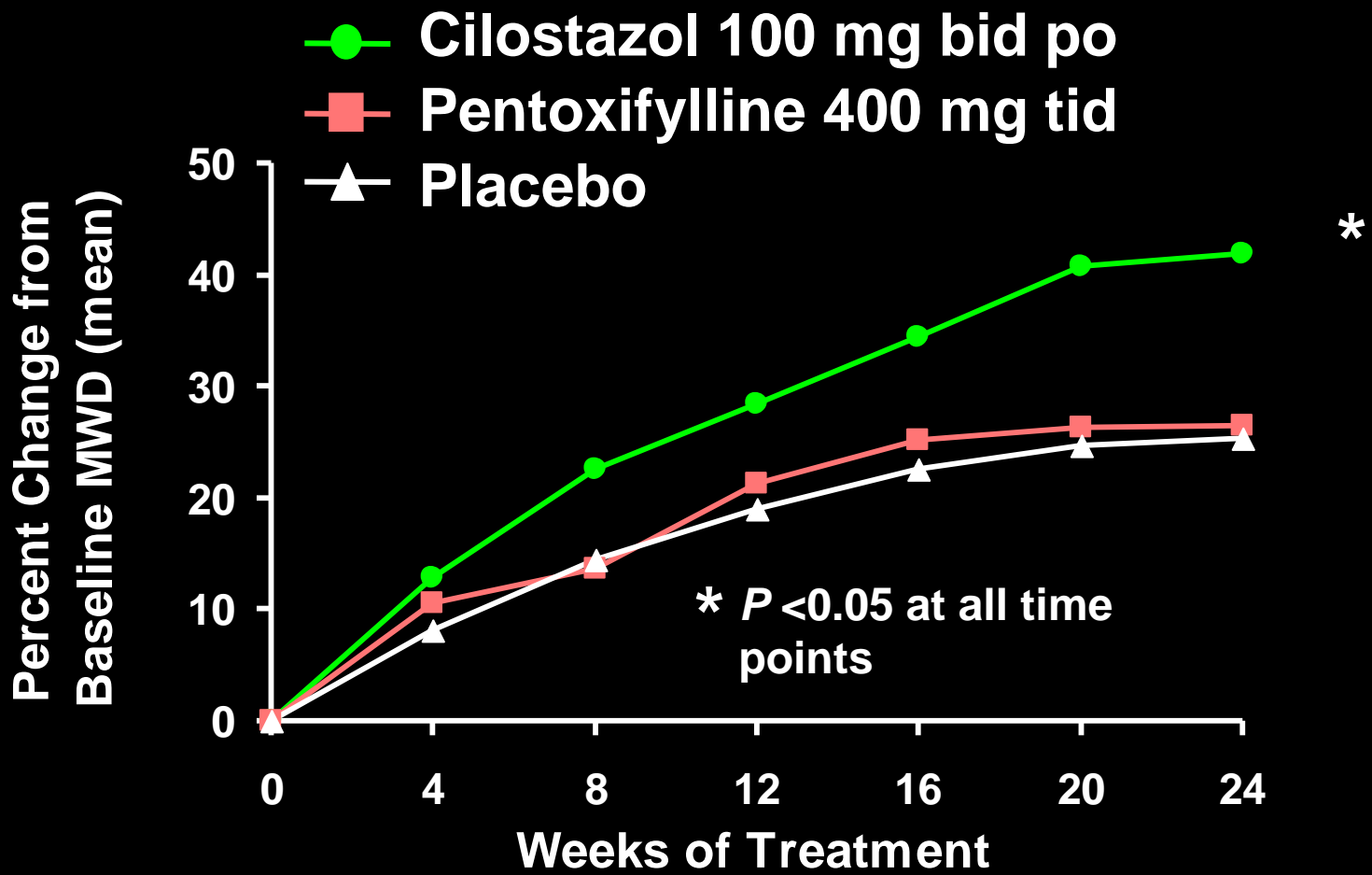


# Effect of Cilos on walking distance in patients with intermittent Claudication

No. of Patients



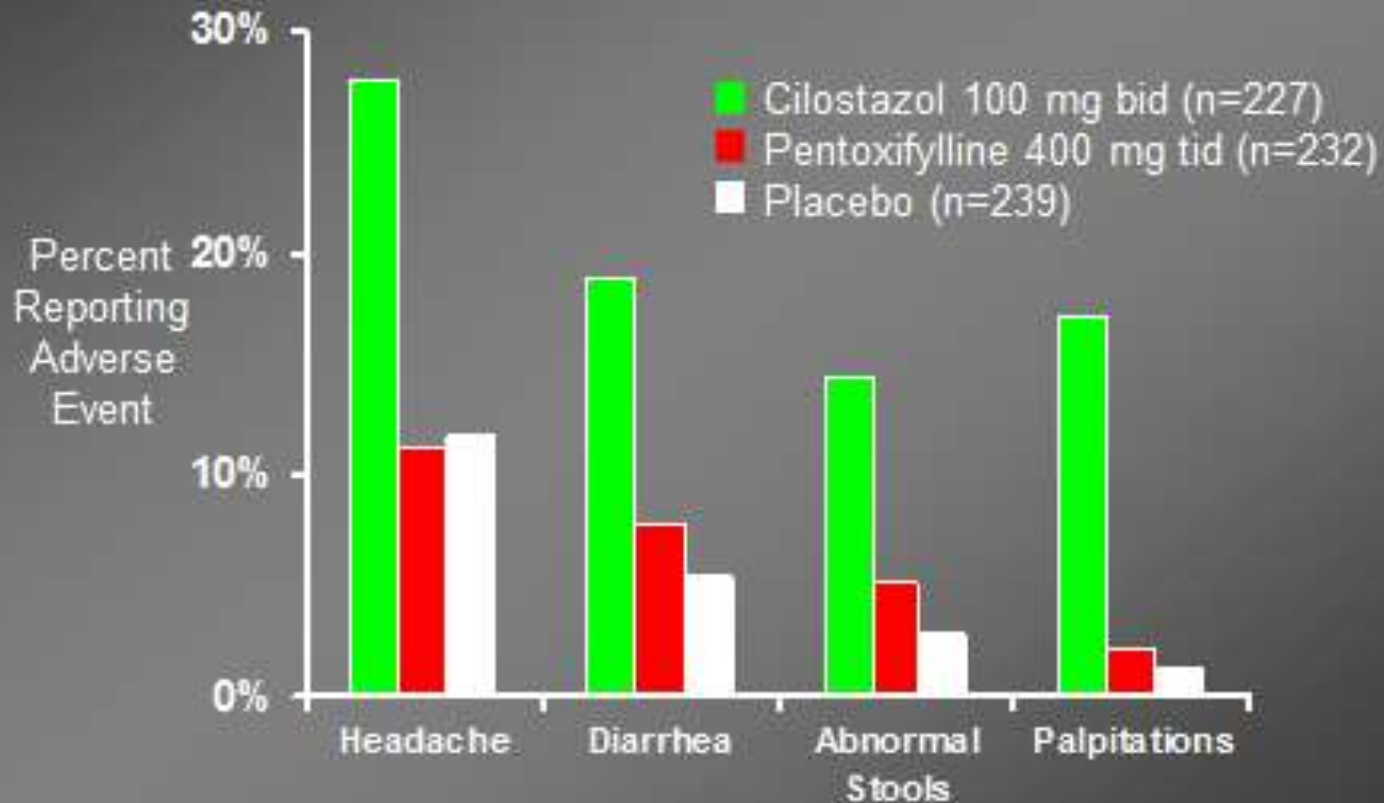
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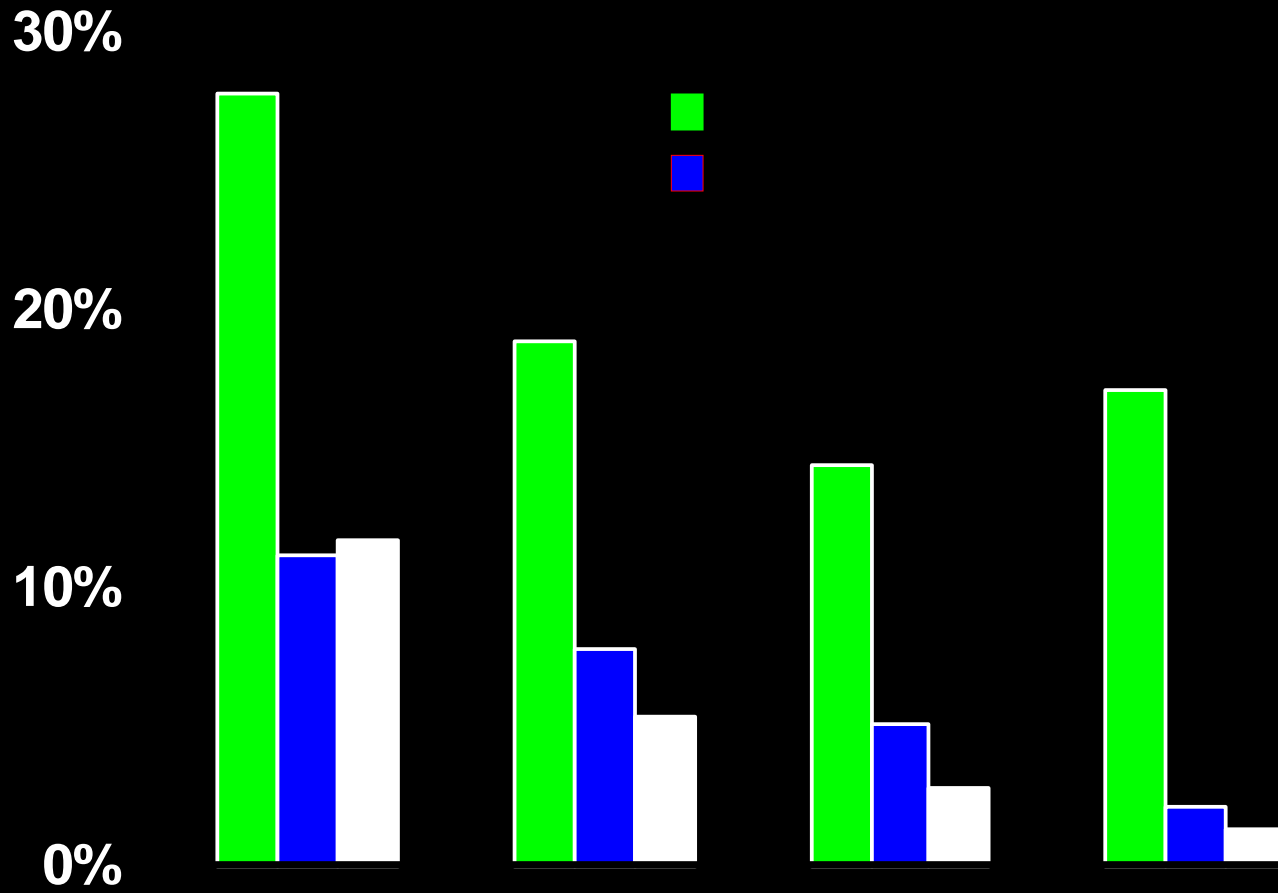
Dawson, et al. Am. J. Med., 2000.

# Most Common Adverse Event

## Most Common Adverse Event



# Most Common Adverse Event



# Drugs to improve walking ability



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# Pentoxifylline for intermittent claudication (Review)

Salhiyyah K, Forster R, Senanayake E, Abdel-Hadi M, Booth A, Michaels JA

## Authors' conclusions

Given the generally poor quality of published studies and the large degree of heterogeneity evident in interventions and in results, the overall benefit of pentoxifylline for patients with Fontaine class II intermittent claudication remains uncertain. Pentoxifylline was shown to be generally well tolerated.

Based on total available evidence, high-quality data are currently insufficient to reveal the benefits of pentoxifylline for intermittent claudication.



# Pentoxifylline for PAD ?

## Πληροφορίες Φαρμάκου

### Βασικές

Εμπορική Ονομασία	██████████ CON.R.TAB 400MG/TAB BTx20(BLIST2x10)
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Συσκευασία	BTx20(BLIST2x10)
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Τύπος Φαρμάκου	Υπόλοιπο

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# Effect of Drug Therapy on Walking Distance

