

# Where Does Interventional Cardiologist Fit in Advancing Interventional Treatment of Stroke?

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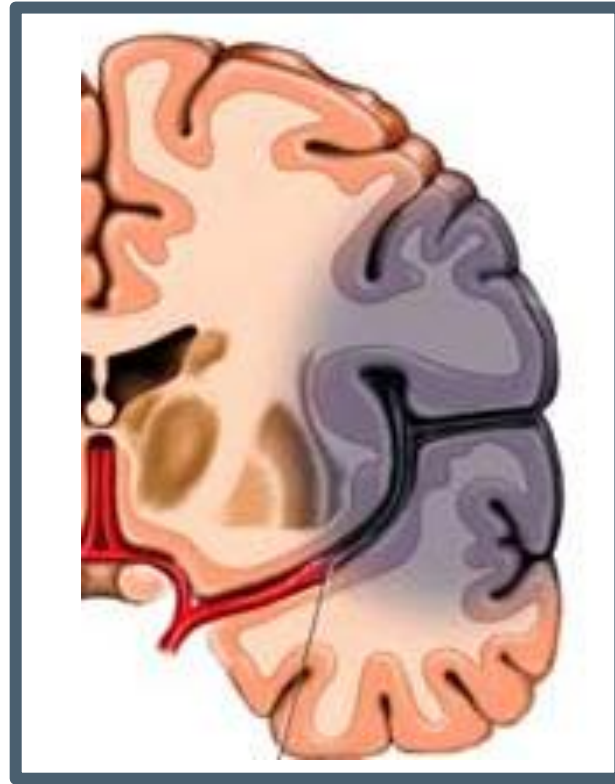
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# ICs in Stroke

1. **Natural**
2. (can) **Provide** (missing) **Volume**
3. **Progress/Innovation**

# Stroke: NOT a Primary Neuronal Disease

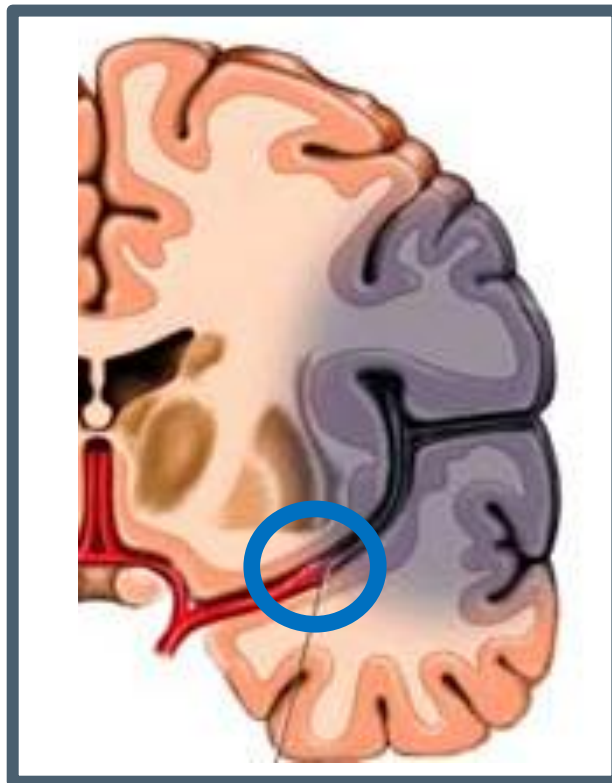


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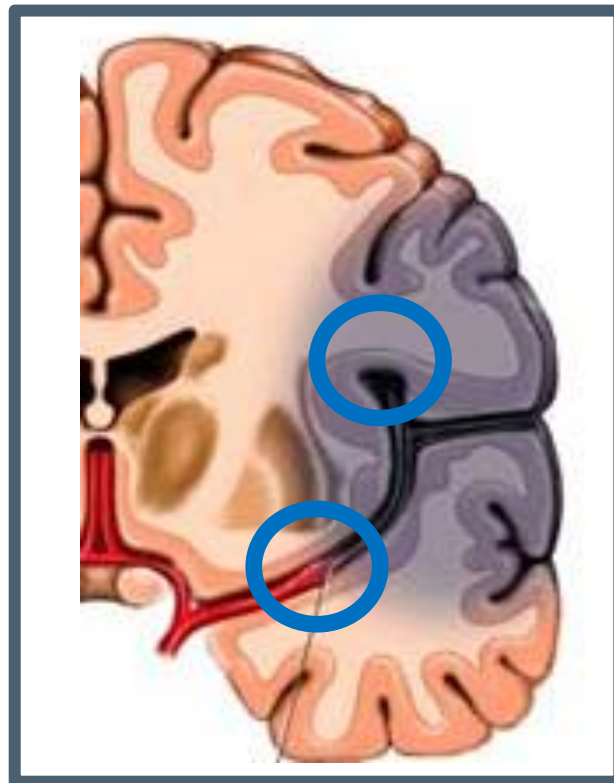


**LVO**

**>15-20%**

**V A S C U L A R D I S E A S E O F T H E B R A I N**

# Stroke: NOT a Primary Neuronal Disease



**LVO**  
**MeVO**

**>40-50%**

**V A S C U L A R D I S E A S E O F T H E B R A I N**

# Endovascular Stroke Treatment (EST)

## Today

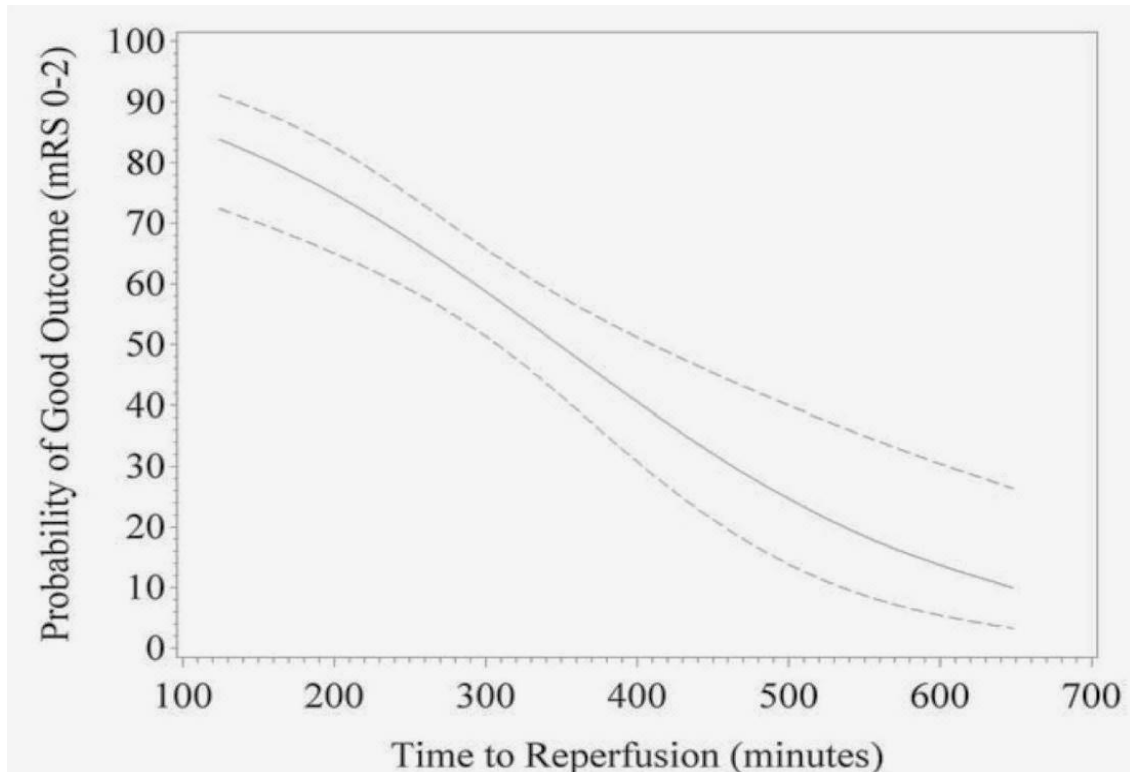
- An effective treatment that saves BRAINS (and Lives)  
is AVAILABLE

NNT to reduce disability is **2.6!**

NNT for functional independence is **5!**



# TIME is BRAIN



SWIFT-STAR

**EST** ≤2h

**90% chance  
of  
Good clinical  
outcome**

consistent data  
SWIFT-PRIME  
HERMES,  
Jahan JAMA 2019

# Public Health Urgency Created by the Success of Mechanical Thrombectomy Studies in Stroke



A new and different paradigm is needed to optimize outcome for AIS caused by large-vessel occlusion. Patients should be treated at the nearest neuro angiographic suite or cardiac catheterization laboratory to minimize delay.



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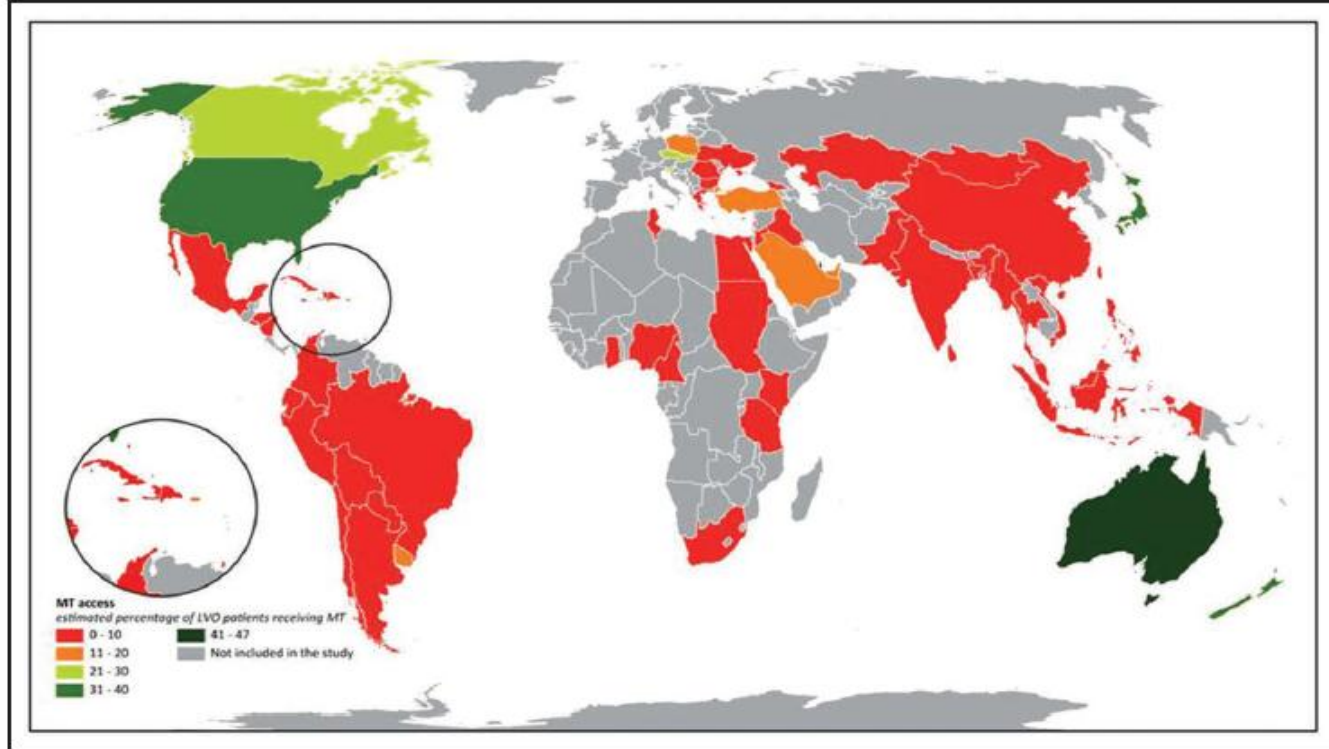
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- Most healthcare systems **FAIL to DELIVER**

# UNMET Global Need



**Figure 2. Map of global mechanical thrombectomy access rate.**

Estimated percentages of patients with large vessel occlusion (LVO) receiving mechanical thrombectomy (MT) are denoted by color.

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Training of interventional cardiologists should be individualized but meet a well-defined bar, and it should be based on the cardiologist's interest, experience, skill set, local multidisciplinary capabilities, and institutional commitment to collaboration. We envision stroke intervention performed successfully and efficiently by appropriately trained physicians from different specialties who are skilled in navigating and opening small arteries. Cardiologists and interested interventional radiologists must join in AIS treatment, and turf issues must not be allowed to interfere with the overarching public health benefits. Many barriers must be overcome



Nick Hopkins 1943–2024



# INRs

- mostly treat **YOUNG**
- mostly **OCCLUDE**  
(aneurysms)
- mostly **TF**

# ICs

- mostly treat **ELDERLY**
- mostly **OPEN**  
(arteries)
- mostly **TR**

# INRs

**“vs.”**

# ICs



# INRs

~~“vs.”~~

# ICs

# INRs AND ICs

**INRs**    **AND**    **ICs**

**COLLABORATION**

**INRs**   **AND**   **ICs**

**COLLABORATION**

**TRANSFER OF SKILLS**

(when working **TOGETHER**)

# NEUROPROTECTION

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$\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{3}$  STROKES

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**Carotid Artery Stenosis**

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ICs have experience in NEUROPROTECTED CAS  
(incl. Proximal Cerebral Protection)

**Cerebral  
Artery**

**≠**

**Coronary  
Artery**



Cerebral  
Artery

≠

Coronary  
Artery

EST

≠

pPCI

	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Acute Ischemic Stroke
Arterial wall composition	Typical three-layer wall Less prone to arterial rupture	Thinner and more fragile vessel wall Media and adventitia only one-third as thick as extracranial vessels of the same size Unsuitable for high-pressure balloon angioplasty or Balloon-expandable stent implantation
Causes of acute arterial occlusion	Ruptured atherosclerotic plaque and in situ thrombus	Distal embolus (most common) or local atherosclerotic plaque
Pathophysiology	Acute ischemia is caused by an acute arterial occlusion. The sooner the artery is reopened, the more ischemic tissue is saved, with less necrosis.	Acute ischemia is caused by acute arterial occlusion. The sooner the artery is reopened, the more tissue at the penumbra is saved, with less volume of ischemic core.
Interventional cardiologists in the workflow	Interventional cardiologists take a central position in the decisions.	Thrombectomy is an "appendix" to the stroke workflow. Neurologists command the workflow and decide for MT. Interventional cardiologists integrate the stroke team.
Examination that triggers the urgent percutaneous procedure	ECG showing ST-segment elevation	CT angiography showing LVO (after evaluation of standard CT images along with assessment of cerebral perfusion)
Knowledge of vascular anatomy before the procedure	ECG is used to guess the culprit artery Arterial anatomy is known only during the catheterization	CT angiography reveals the culprit vessel, the level of occlusion, the extent of occlusion. The carotid and aortic arch anatomy are usually known before the catheterization. This information aids in choosing the most appropriate materials and techniques beforehand.
Primary goals of recanalization	Recanalization as soon as possible ("time is muscle") Angiographic TIMI flow grade 3 result	Recanalization as soon as possible ("time is brain") Angiographic TIC1 grade 3 result
Techniques for arterial recanalization	Thrombus aspiration and balloon expandable stents.	Thrombus aspiration and/or stent retrievers; stent implantation is avoided
Anatomic and technical conditions for interventions	Coronary arteries move all the time, which increases the difficulty of the procedure (beating heart).	Cerebral arteries do not move, facilitating interventions and allowing the use of some techniques as a "roadmap." Interventional cardiologists must deeply dive into the study of cerebral vascular anatomy and acquire the same 3D comprehension of neurovascular anatomy as they have of coronary arteries.
Differences in the importance of small branches	Losing small branches (such as small side branches) generally does not affect the overall patient outcome.	Losing small branches (i.e., lenticulostriate branches, anterior choroidal artery) can cause a severe functional impact on the patient's life.
Backup surgical team	Cardiac surgeons are rarely contacted.	Neurosurgeons are rarely needed for MT complications but for complications observed with the use of thrombolytic agents.

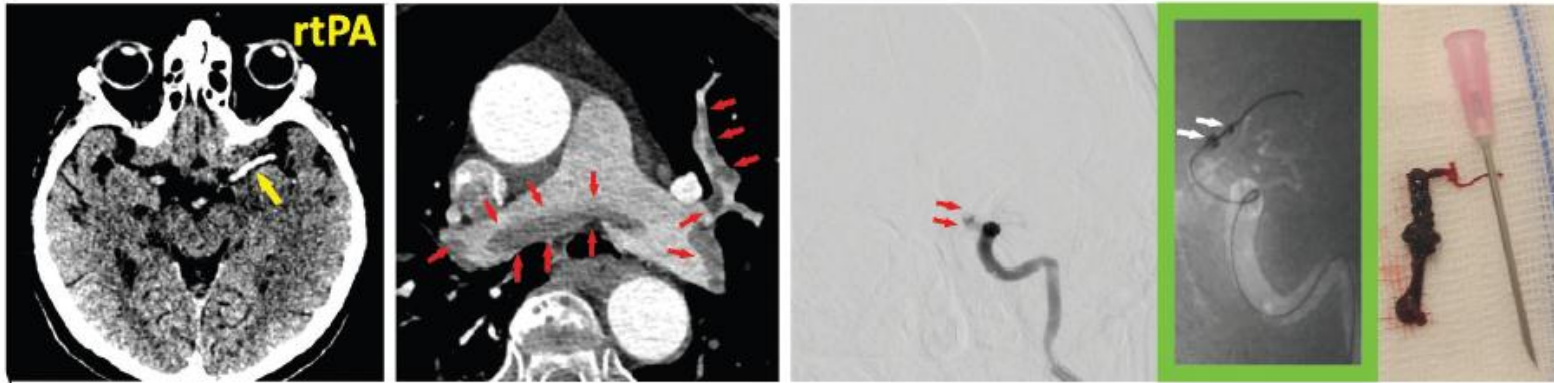
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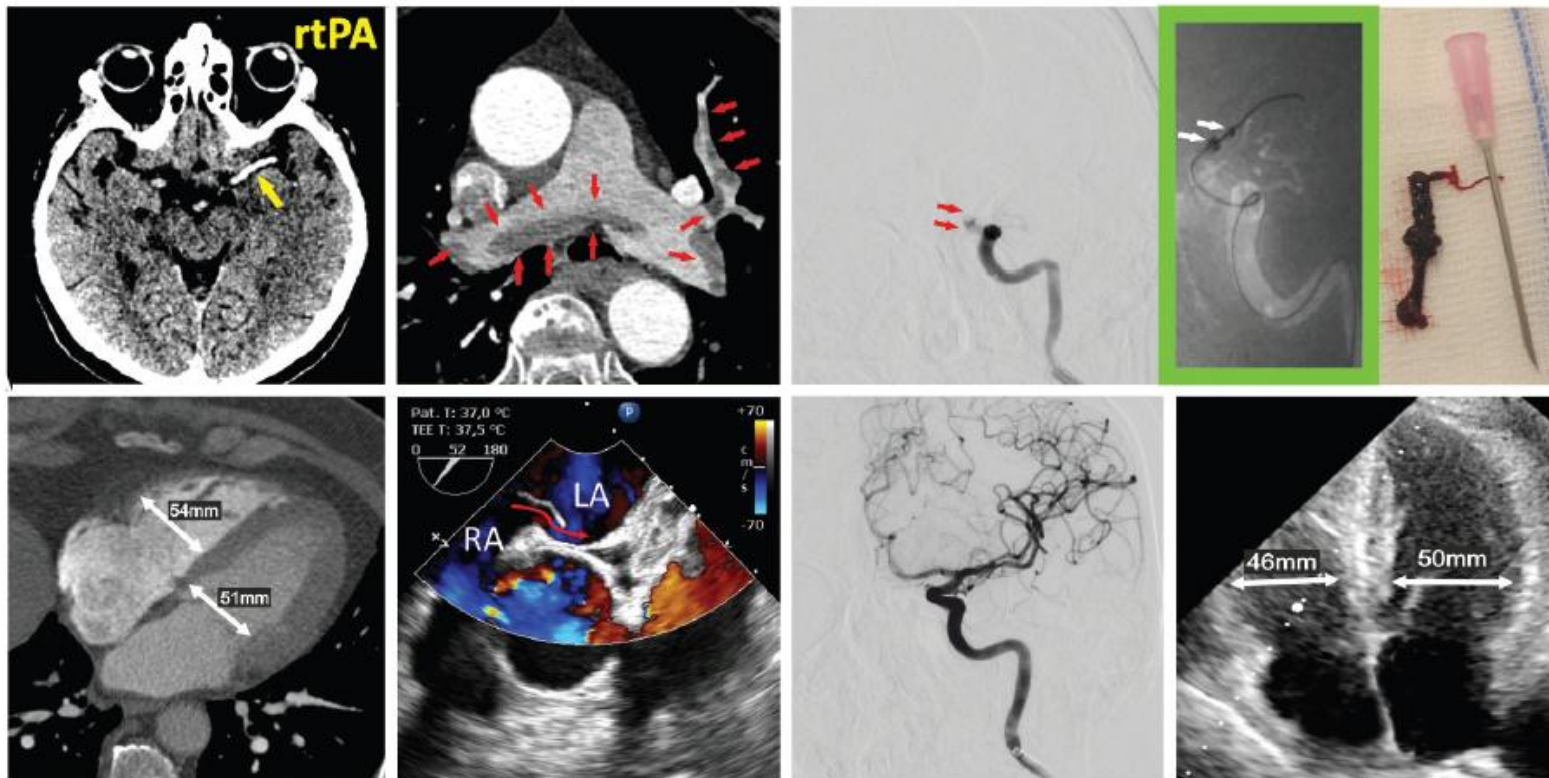
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# First-pass effect



Tekieli et al. *Pol Heart J* 2021



Cardiology cathlab-managed acute ischemic stroke in a 74-year-old man with massive pulmonary embolism and PFO

Tekieli et al. *Pol Heart J* 2021

# CARDIAC CAUSES OF STROKE

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## INTEGRATED CARE





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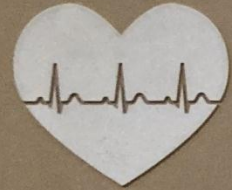
SPECIAL ARTICLE

# Integrated care for optimizing the management of stroke and associated heart disease: a position paper of the European Society of Cardiology Council on Stroke

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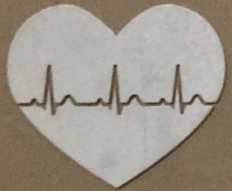


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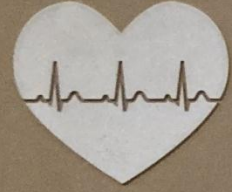


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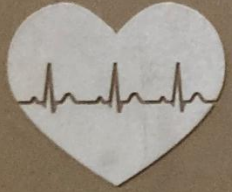


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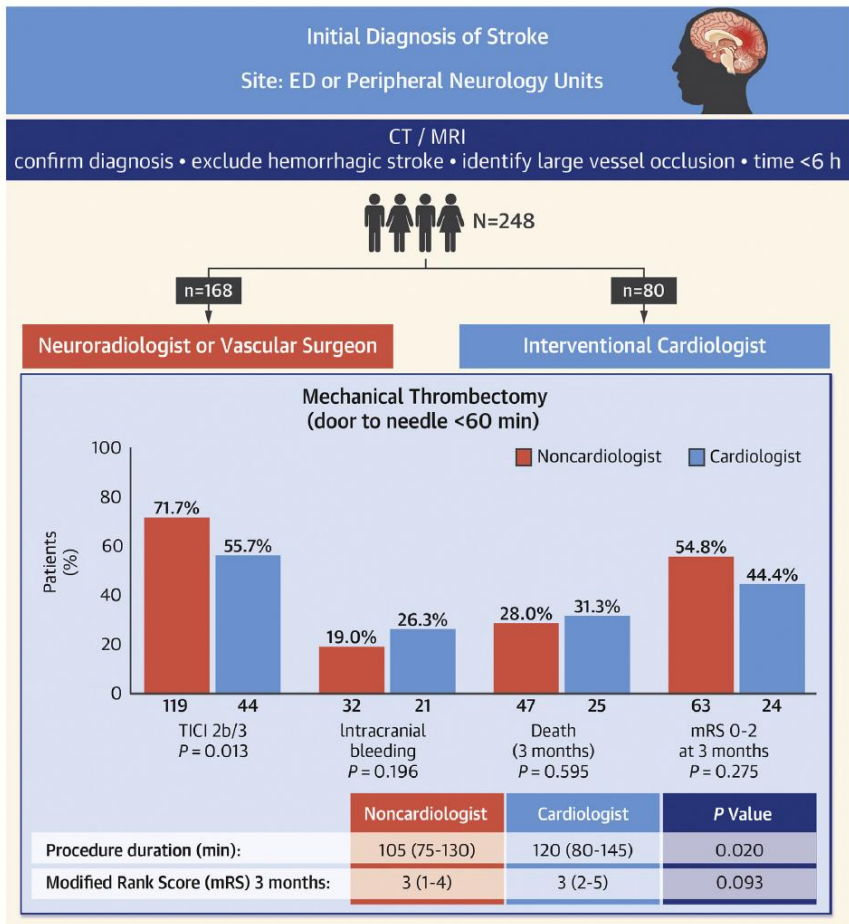


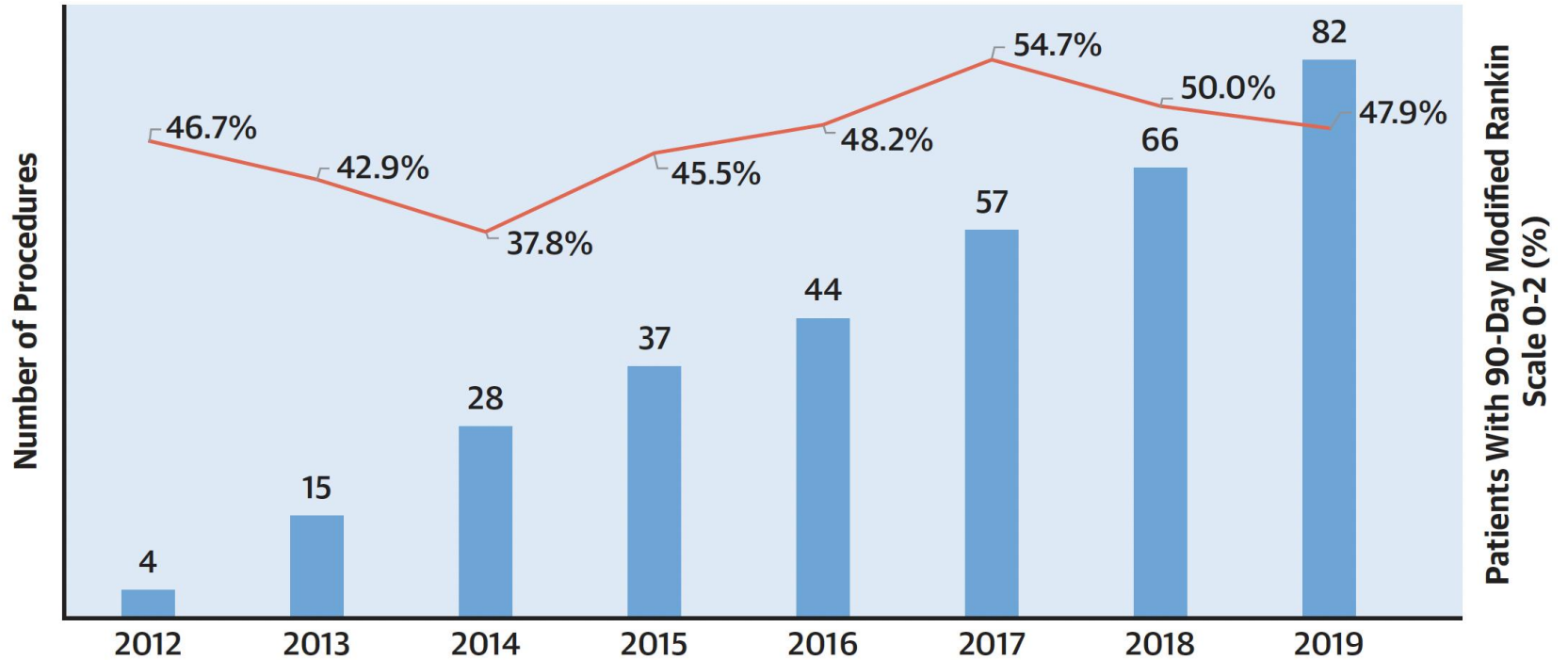
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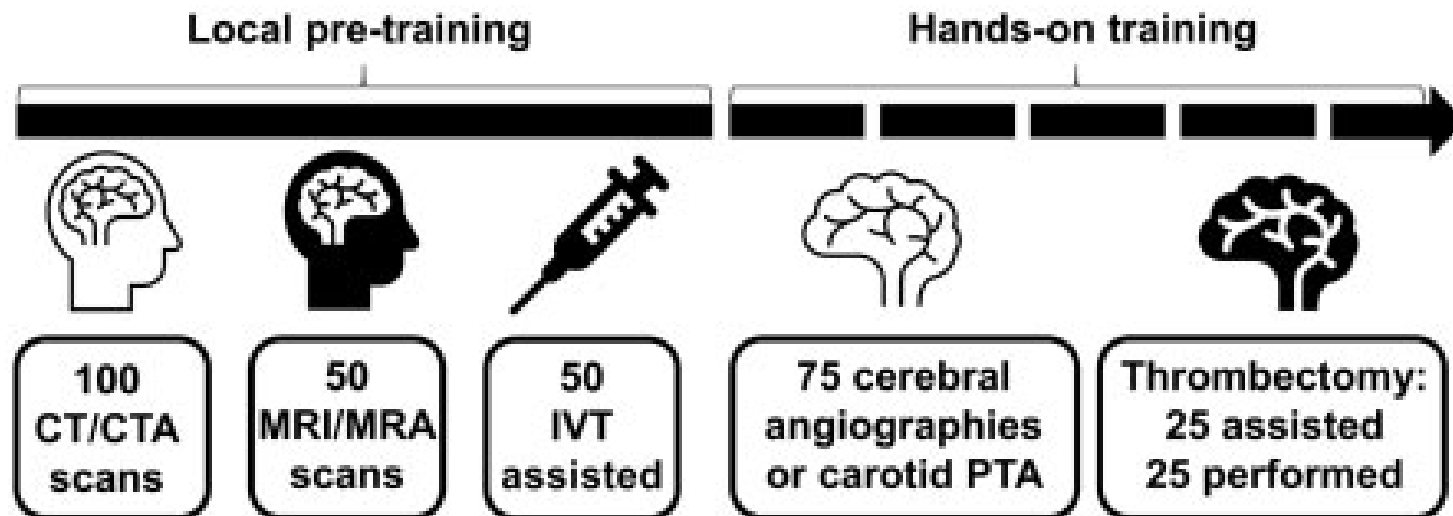


Sulzhenko, J. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol Interv. 2021;14(7):785-92.

Stable clinical outcomes when acute stroke thrombectomy program is started in experienced cardiology cath lab in close cooperation with neurologists and radiologists.

# TRAINING

# Interdisciplinary management of acute ischaemic stroke: Current evidence training requirements for endovascular stroke treatment: Position Paper from the ESC Council on Stroke and the European Association for Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions with the support of the European Board of Neurointervention



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In contrast to elective procedures, MT is a procedure that cannot be “arranged” for training in a desired time and location. Operator experience in CAS en route to MT should be recognized and result in a shorter pathway to becoming certified in MT [19, 33]. In light of recent evidence showing no excess complications in MTs performed by cardiologists (and those with CAS experience in particular) [34–37]) the presently suggested unrealistic “first operator” MT delivery requirements including 50 prior MTs [22] should be replaced or suspended.



# Simulator Training

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# Guidelines

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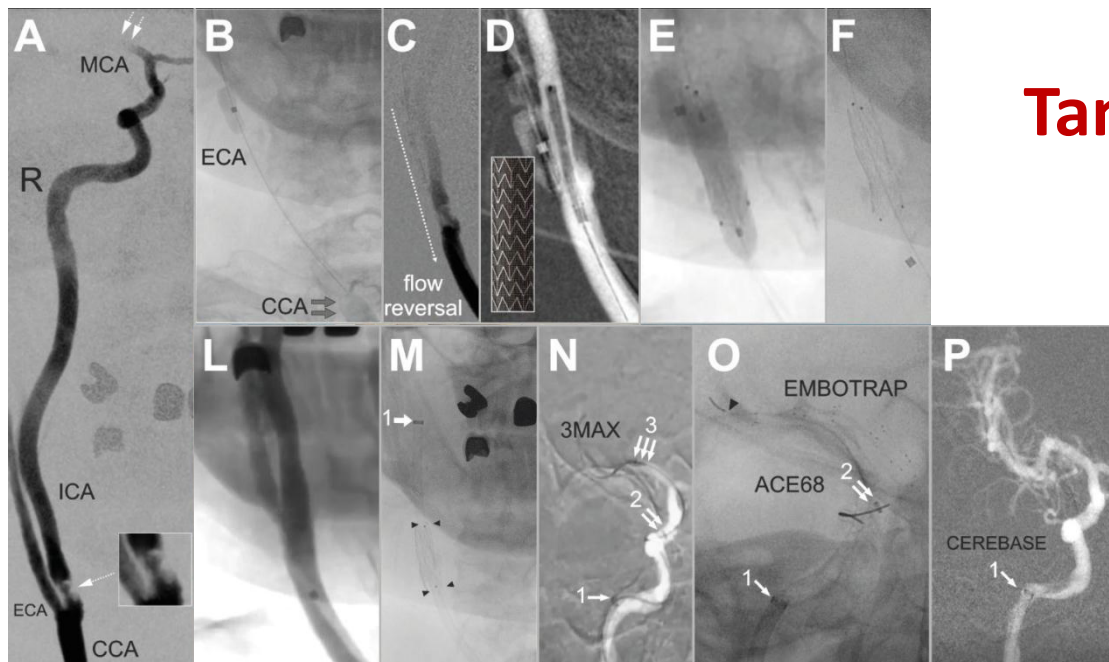
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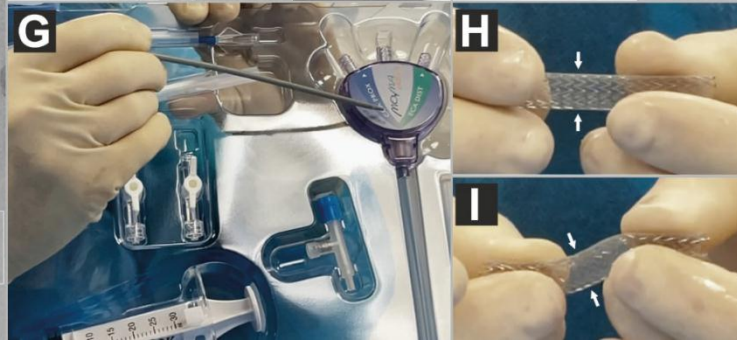
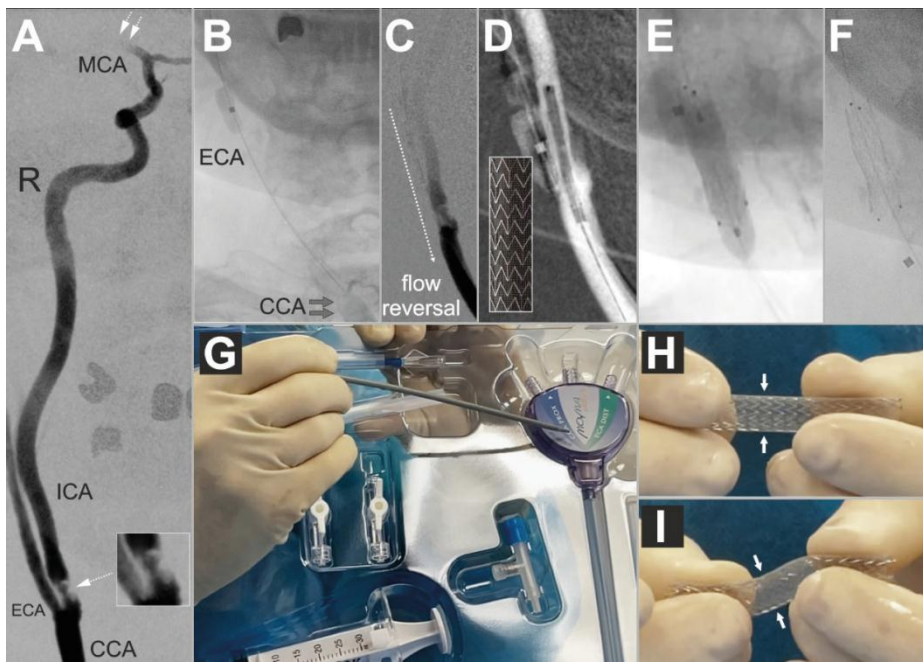


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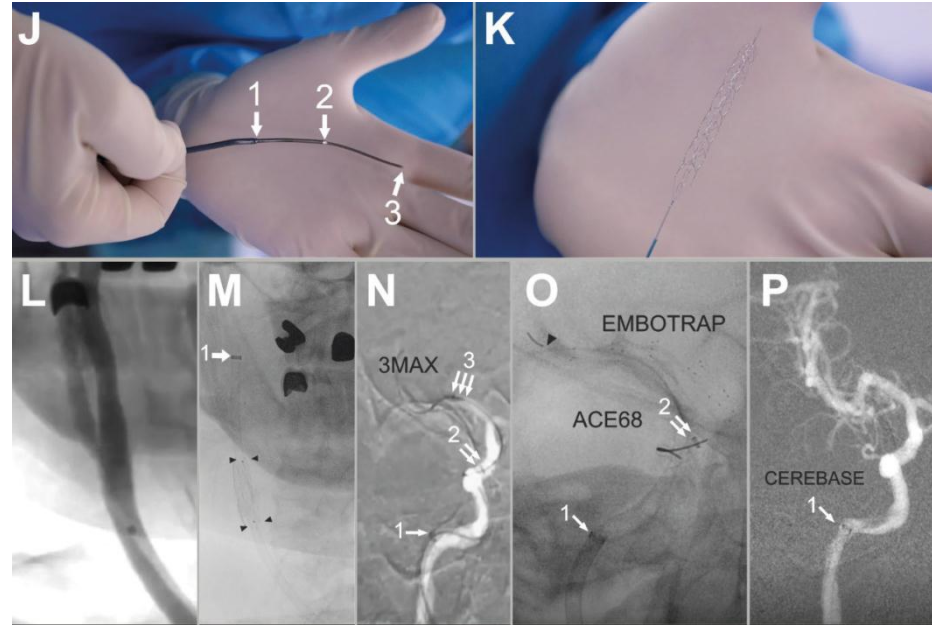


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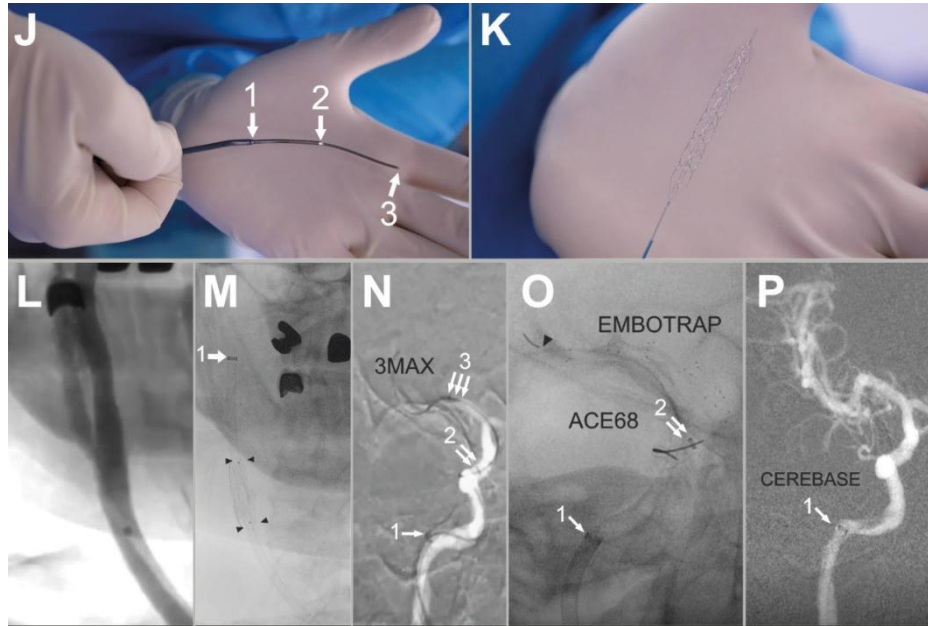
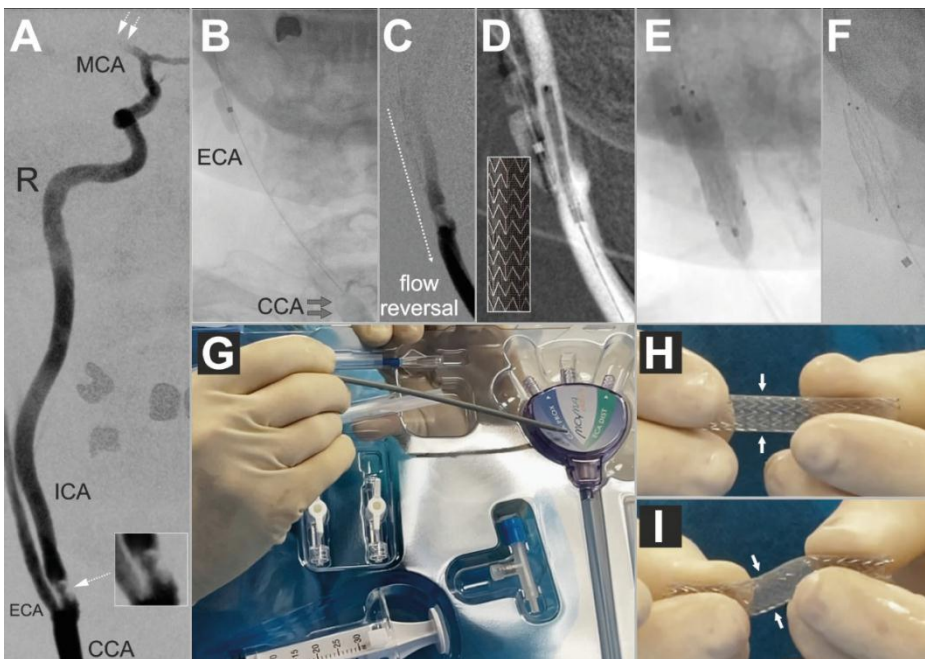


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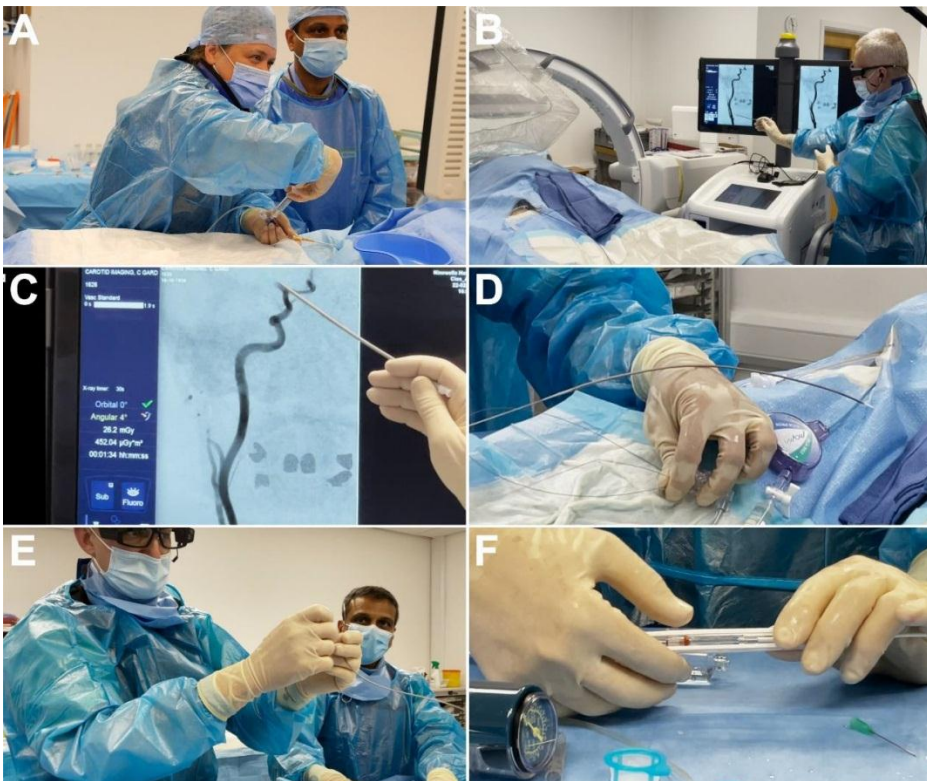
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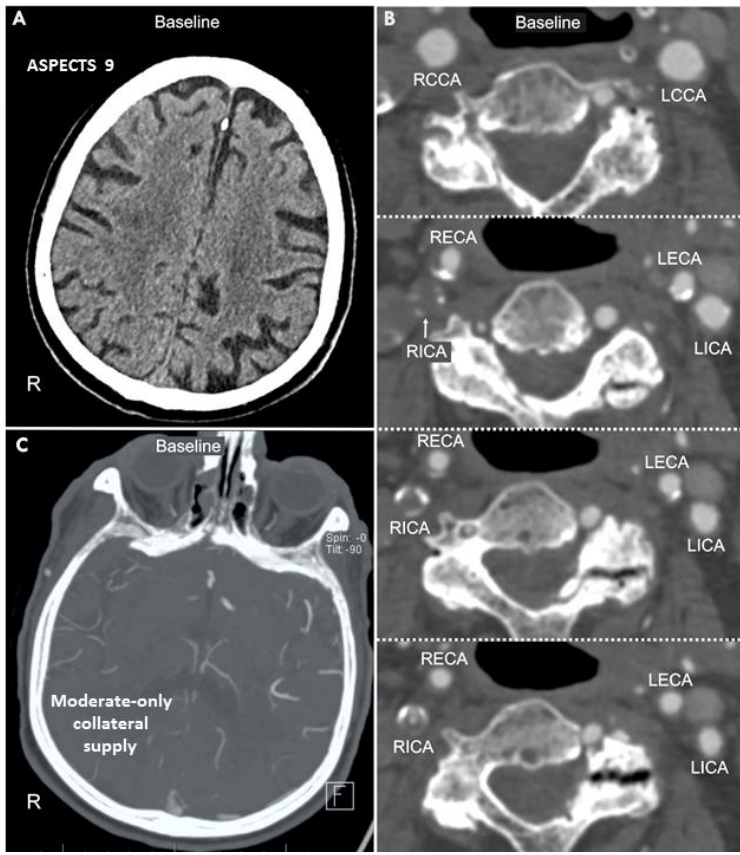
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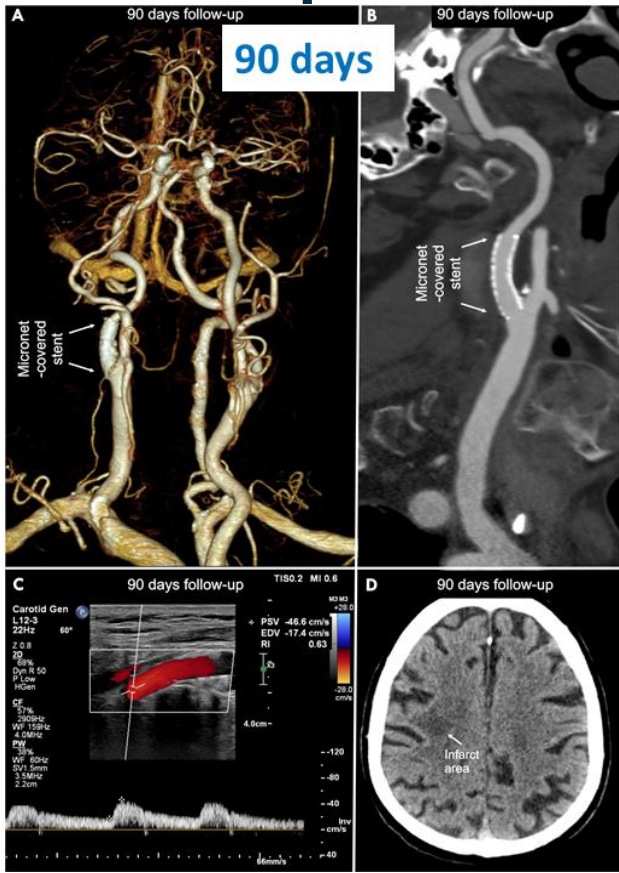
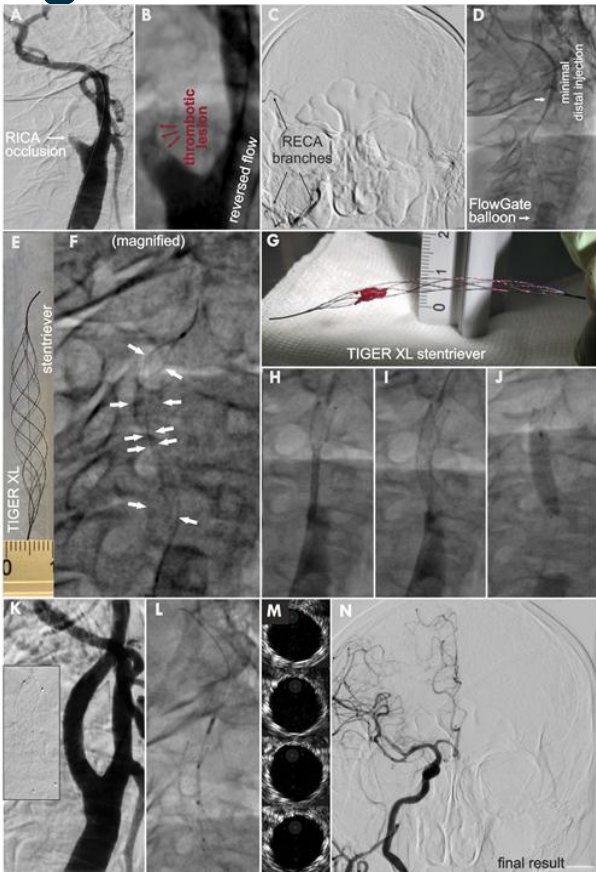
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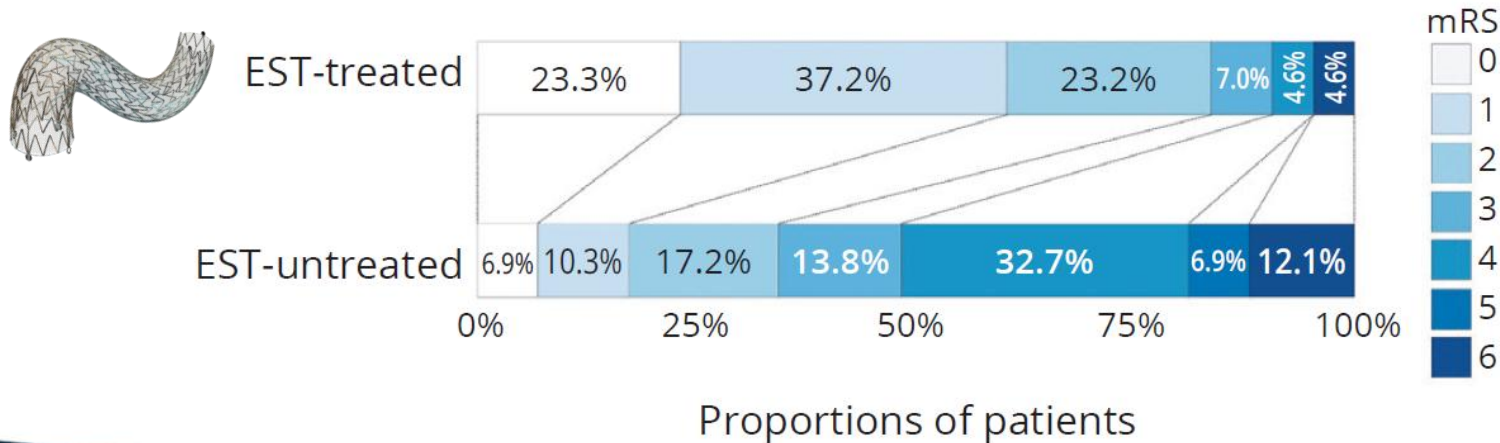
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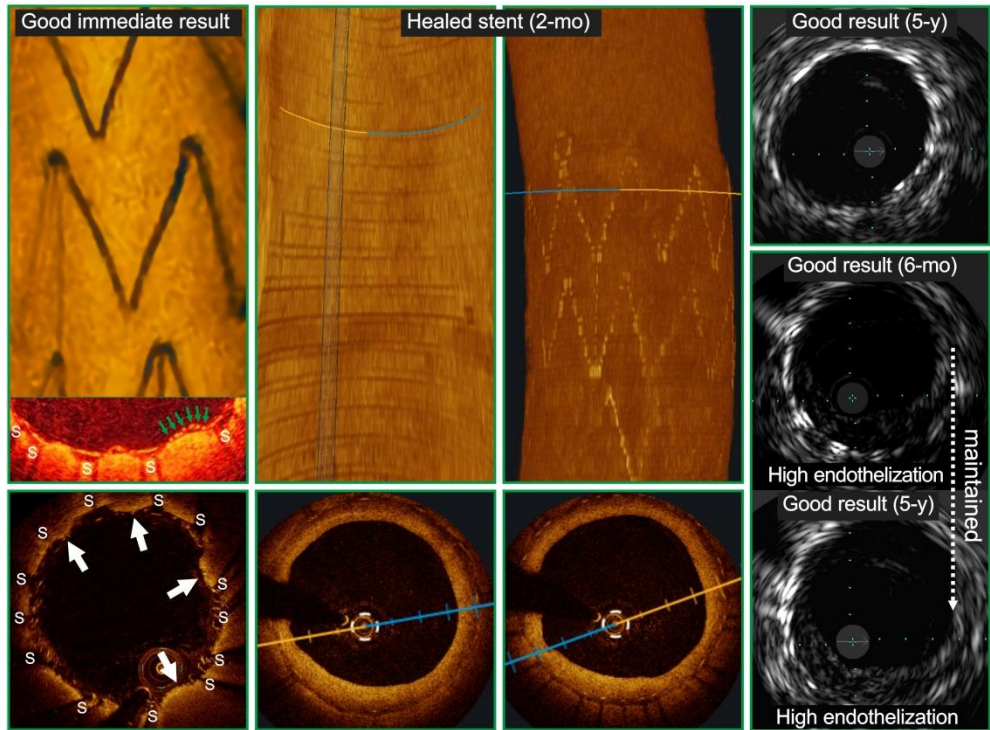
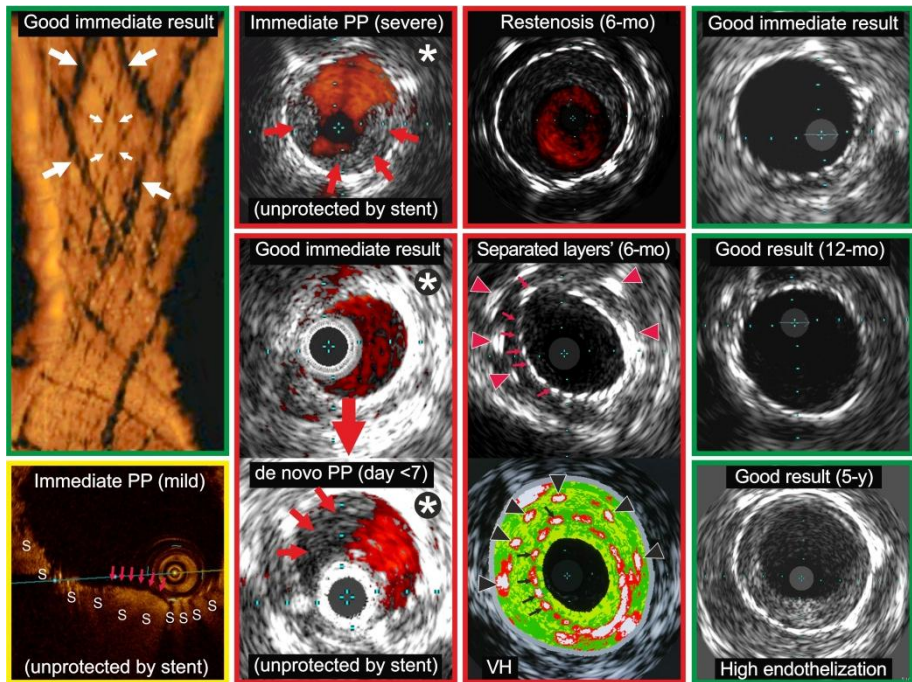
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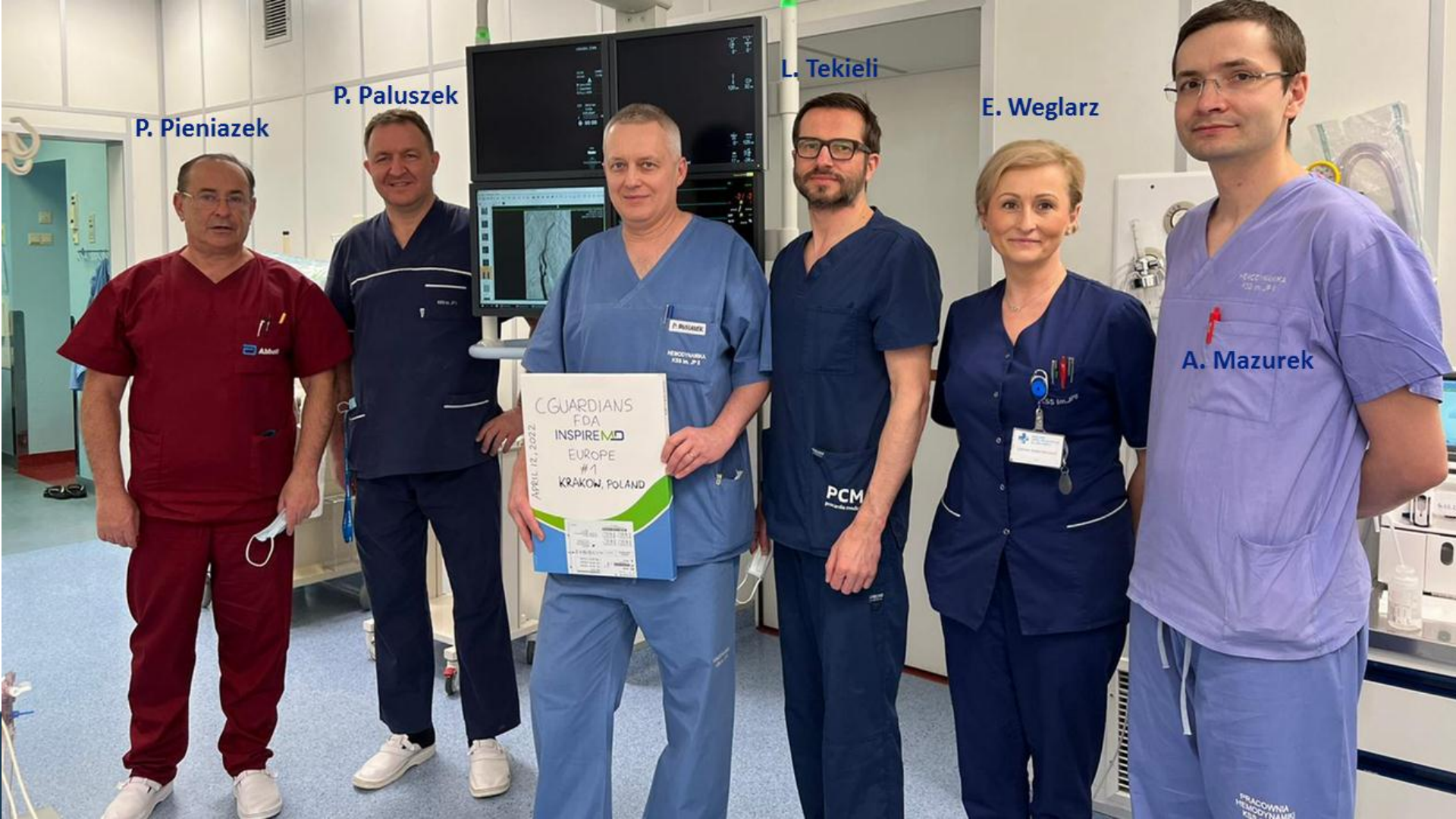
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