

# Georgia Cardio Conference

---

## Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals

# RADIAL ACCESS

---

The latest fad  
or here to stay?

Yuri B. Pride, MD, FACC  
March 21, 2015



# Disclosures

---

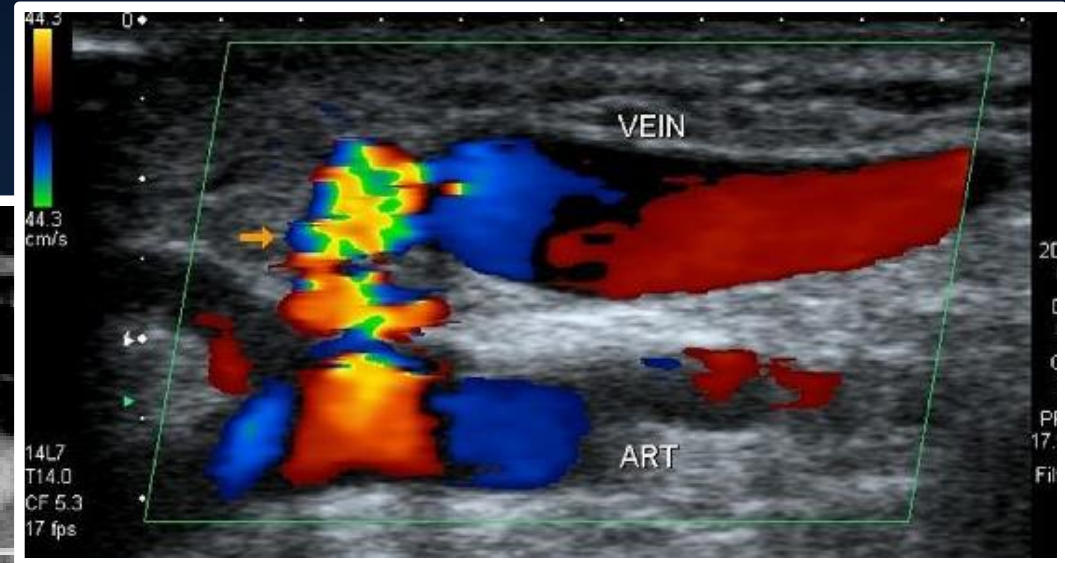
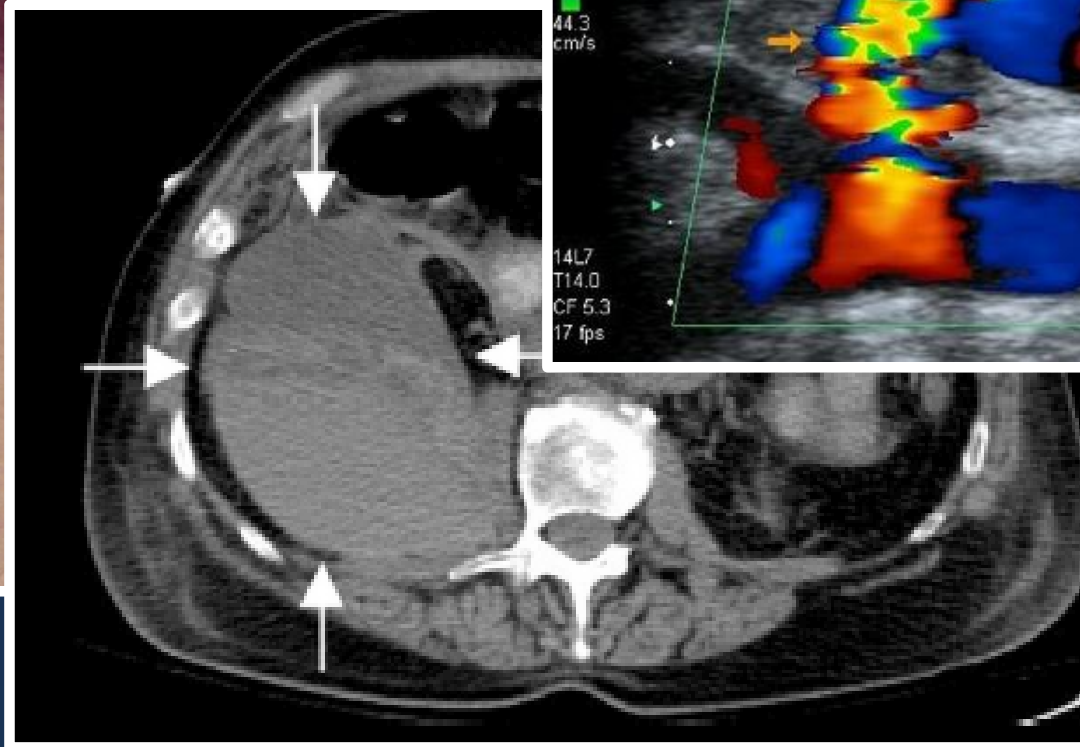
- No relevant disclosures
- Consultant
  - 2009-present, Boston Clinical Research Institute
    - Eli Lilly
    - Roche
    - Novo Nordisk
    - Astellas
  - 2012, Verathon, Inc.
- Legal malpractice consulting

# Outline

---

- Background of radial access
- Importance of hemorrhagic events
- Use of radial access in the US
- Studies comparing radial with femoral
  - Clinical outcomes and cost effectiveness
- Drawbacks
- Conclusions

# Radial artery catheterization



YBP  
3/21/15

# Background

---

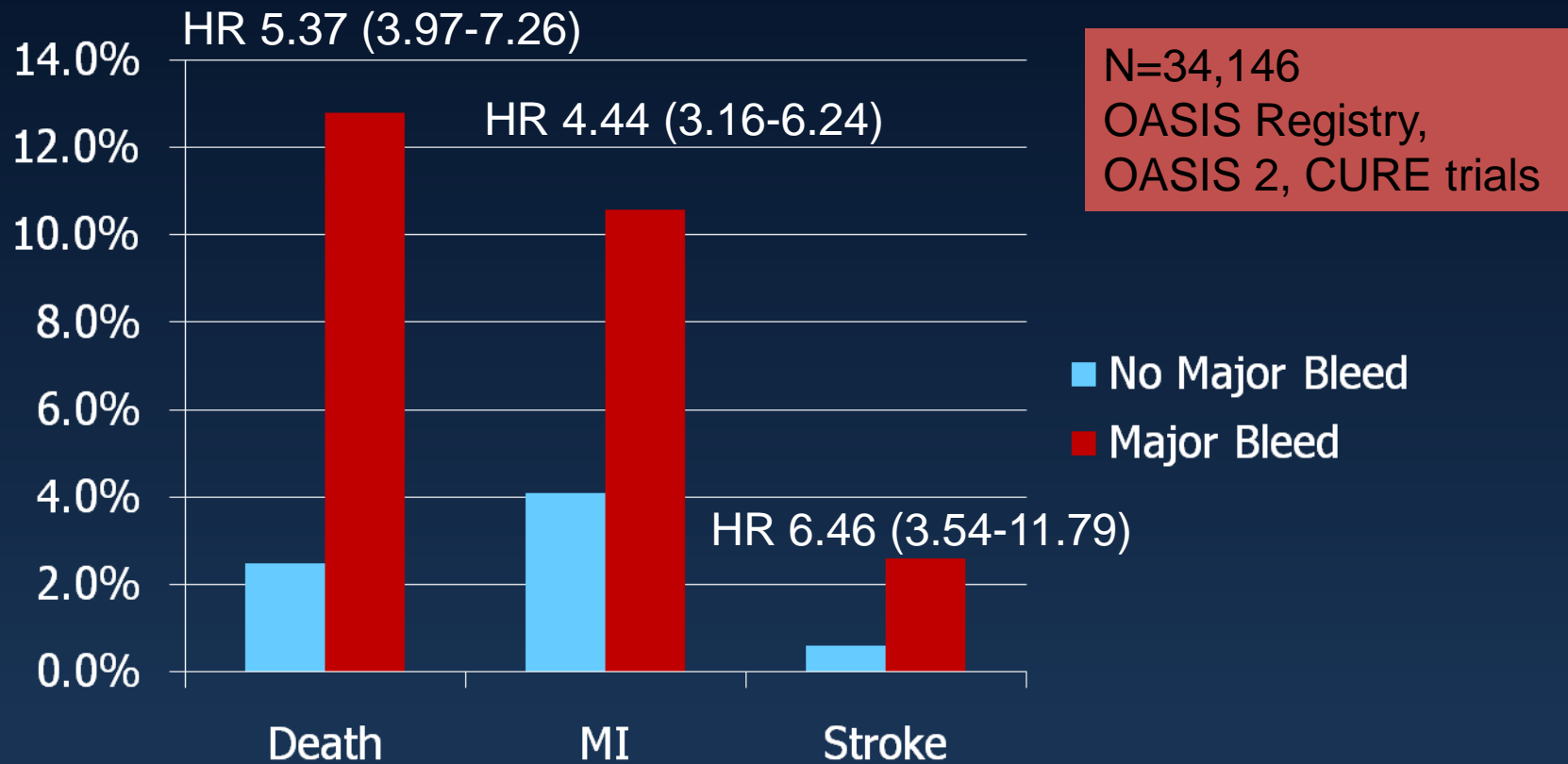
- Coronary angiography via a percutaneous femoral approach has been the standard
- As catheter size has decreased, the radial approach has become feasible
- First coronary angiogram via the radial approach was reported in 1989
- First PCI was performed in 1993

# Why radial?

---

- Therapies to improve outcomes among patients with CAD and ACS have improved significantly
- The rate of death, MI and stroke following CV procedures has sharply declined
- In addition, it has become clear that bleeding is associated with worse outcomes

# Bleeding and bad outcomes



# Bleeding and mortality

Author/Study (Ref. #)	Patients (n)	Patient Population	Frequency of Blood Transfusion (%)	Impact of Bleeding on Mortality [95% Confidence Interval]	p Value
Kinnaird et al. (1)	10,974	Unselected	5.4	30-day adjusted OR: 3.5 [1.9-6.7]	<0.0001
REPLACE-2 (2)	6,001	Elective and 'urgent' PCI	3.2	1-year adjusted OR: 2.66 [1.44-4.92]	0.002
Ndrepepa et al. (3)	5,348	Elective, ACS	4.0	1-year adjusted HR: 2.96 [1.96-4.48]	<0.0001
ACUITY (4)	13,819	ACS only	4.7	30-day OR: 7.55 [4.68-12.18]	<0.0001
Kim et al. (5)	6,799	Unselected	8.0	1-year RR: 2.03 (transfused patients)	0.0028
Doyle et al. (6)	17,901	Unselected	4.8	30-day adjusted HR: 9.96 [6.94-14.3]	<0.0001
GRACE registry (7)*	24,045	ACS	3.9	In-hospital adjusted OR: 1.64 [1.18-2.28]	<0.0001
Yatskar et al. (8)	6,656	Unselected	1.8	In-hospital adjusted OR: 3.59 [1.66-7.77] 1-year adjusted HR: 1.65 [1.01-2.70]	0.001 0.048

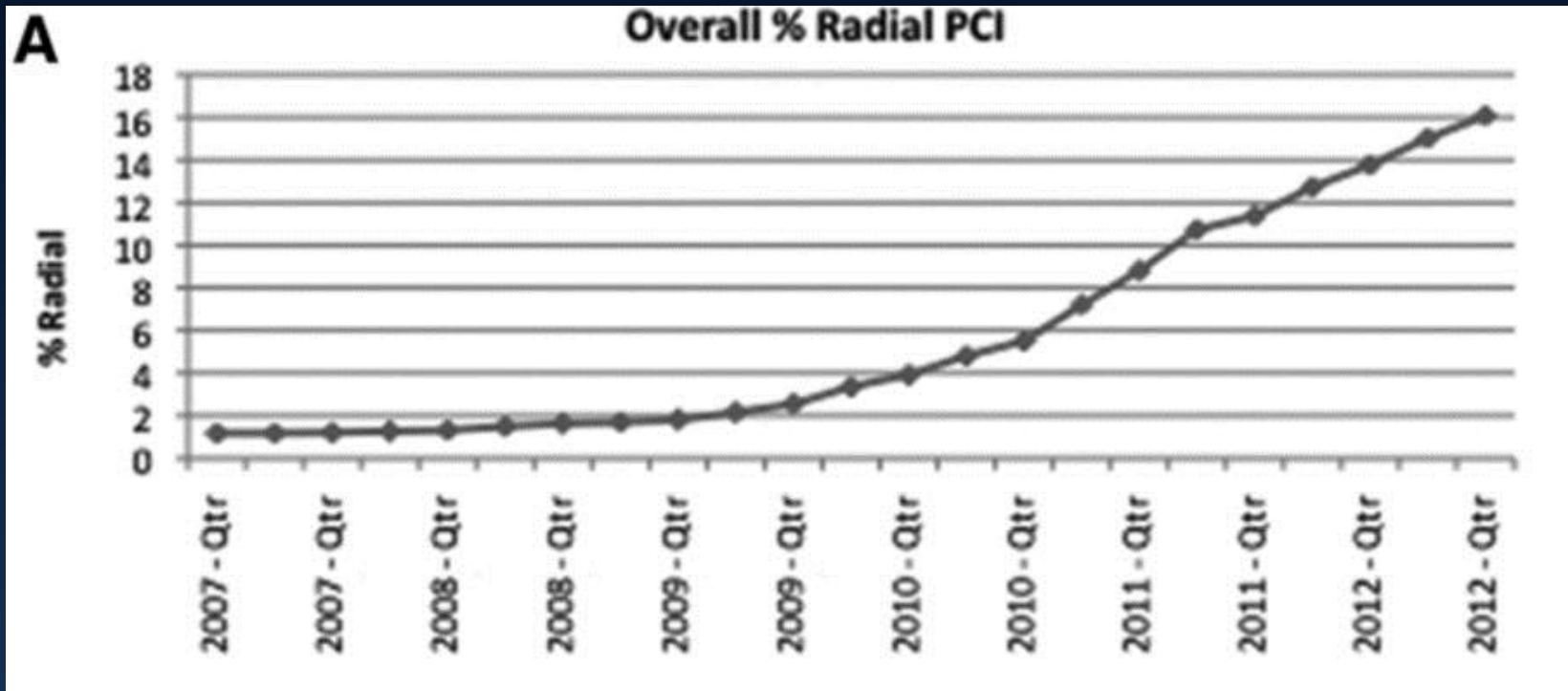


# Bleeding reduction strategies

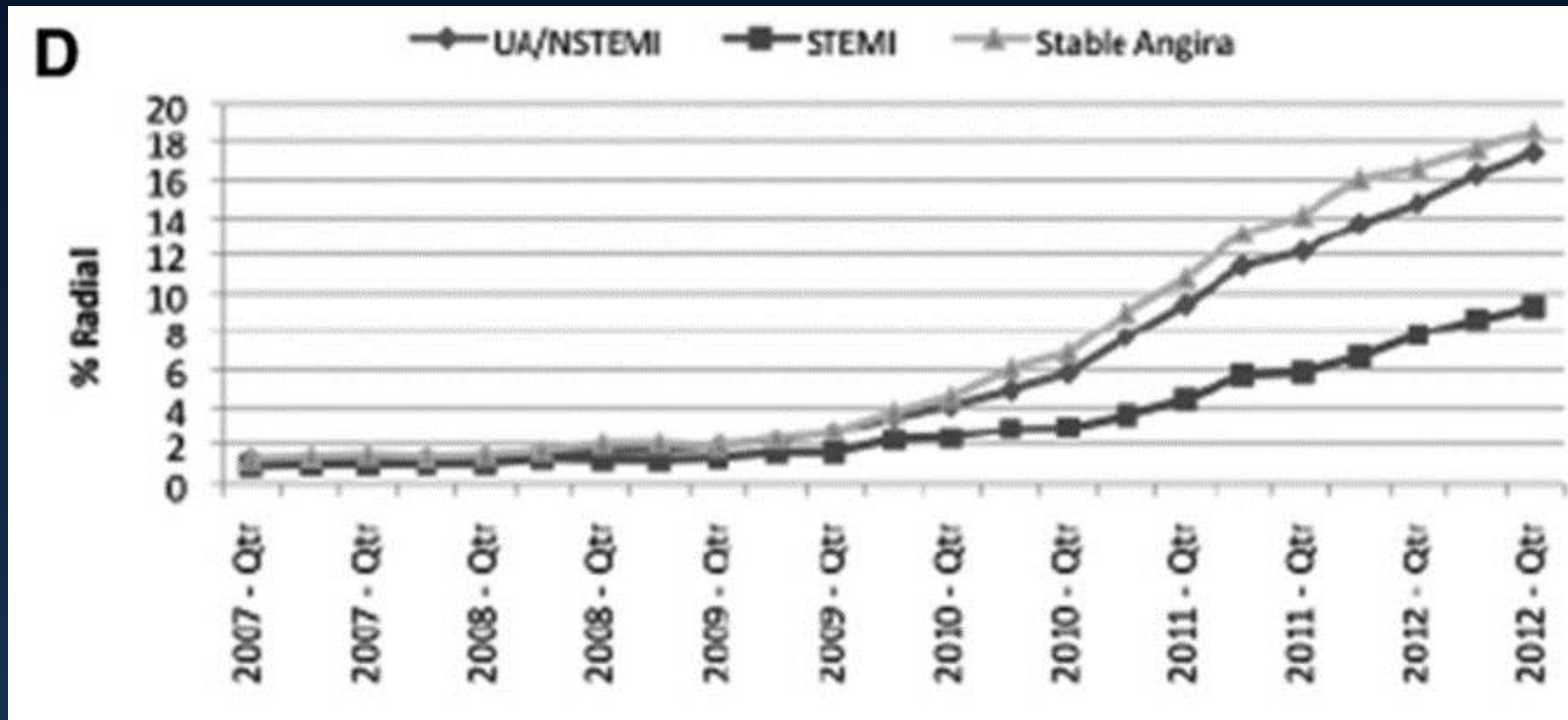
---

- Because of this, strategies to reduce bleeding have become more prominent
  - Lower heparin dosing during PCI
  - Less frequent use of GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors
  - Bivalirudin (Angiomax)
  - Femoral artery closure devices
  - Radial approach

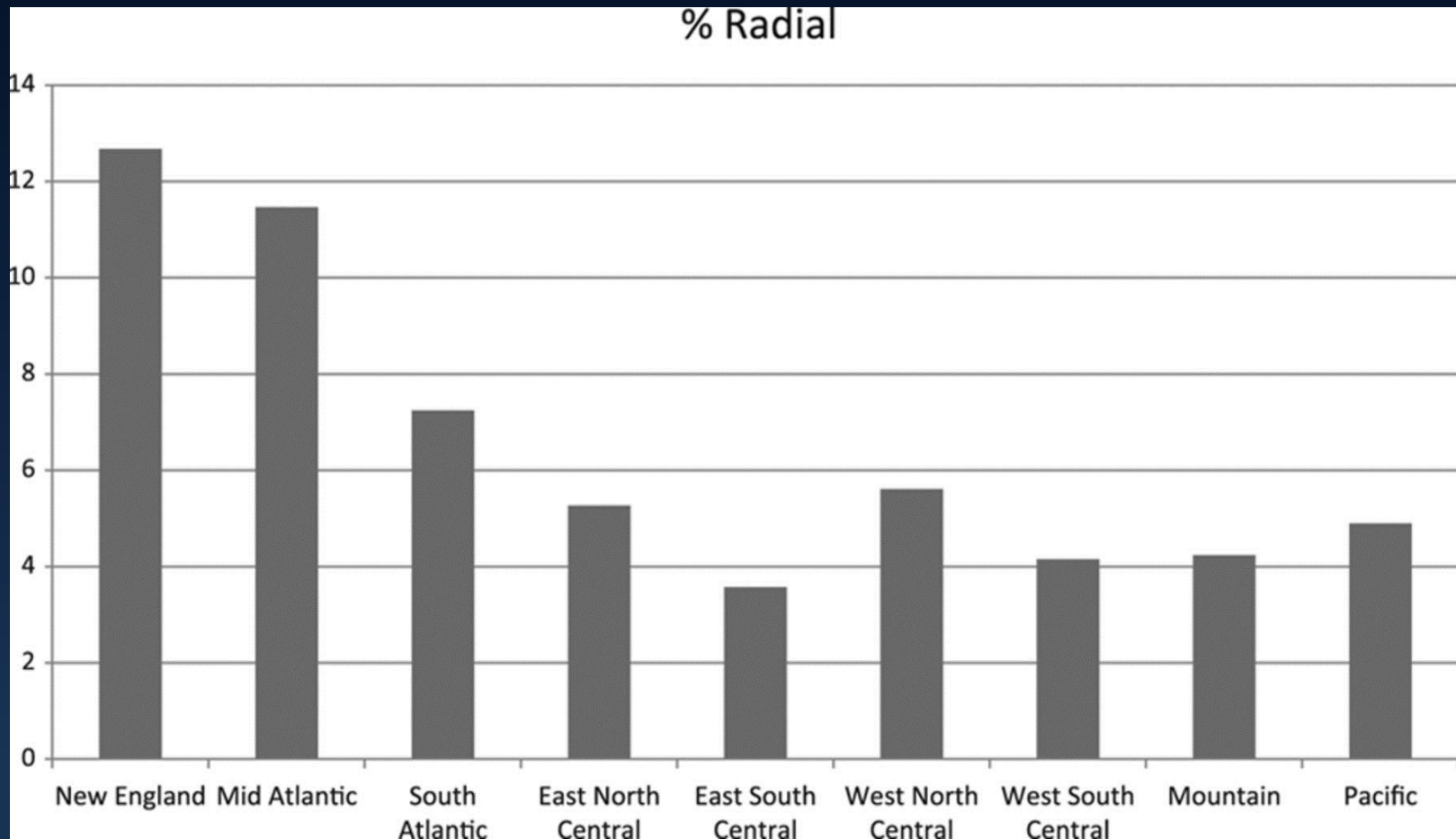
# Radial approach increasing



# Radial approach increasing



# Geographic variability



# Randomized studies

---

- Early small randomized studies demonstrated the feasibility of radial artery catheterization
- Most were small and single-center
- All demonstrated significant reductions in access site bleeding and improved patient satisfaction

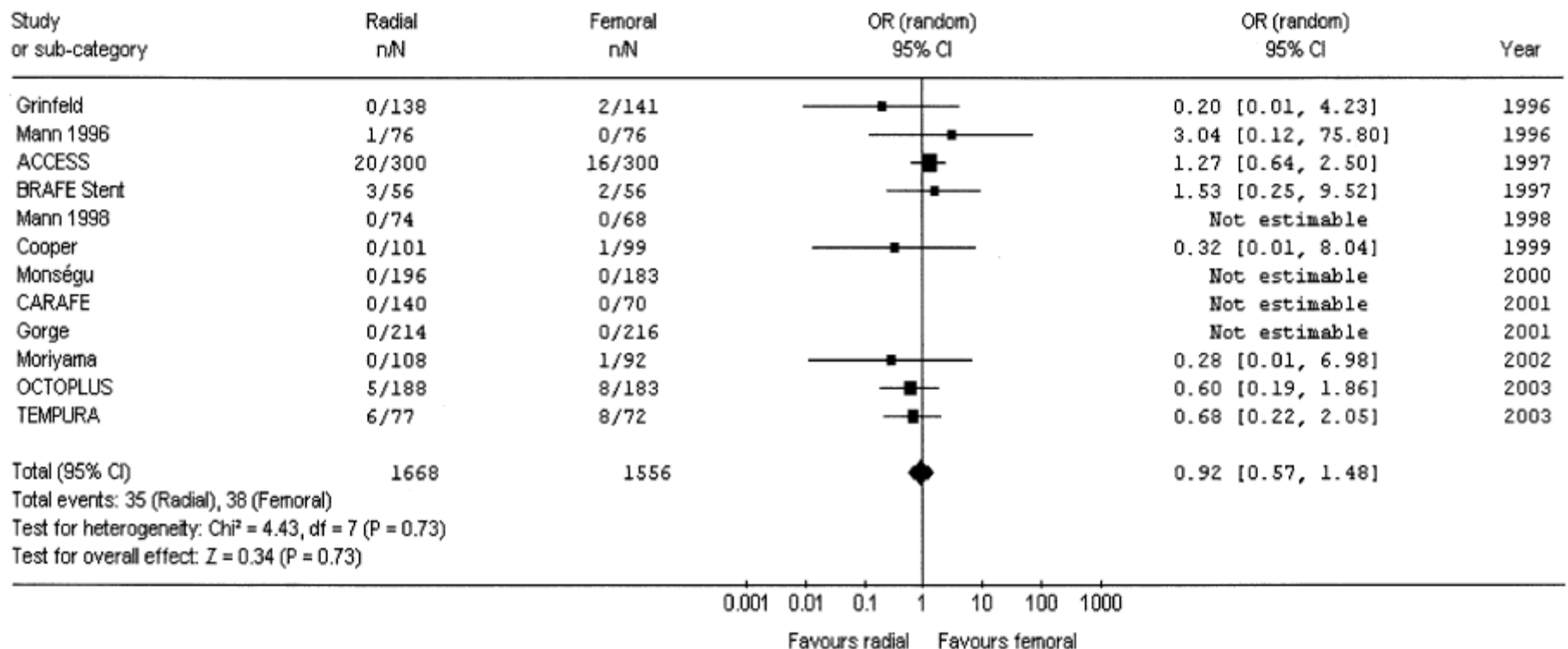
# Meta analysis of small studies

---

- 12 RCTs from 1994-2003
  - 7 were diagnostic only
  - 5 included patients undergoing PCI
  - Only 2 included patients with ACS
- Total of 3,224 patients

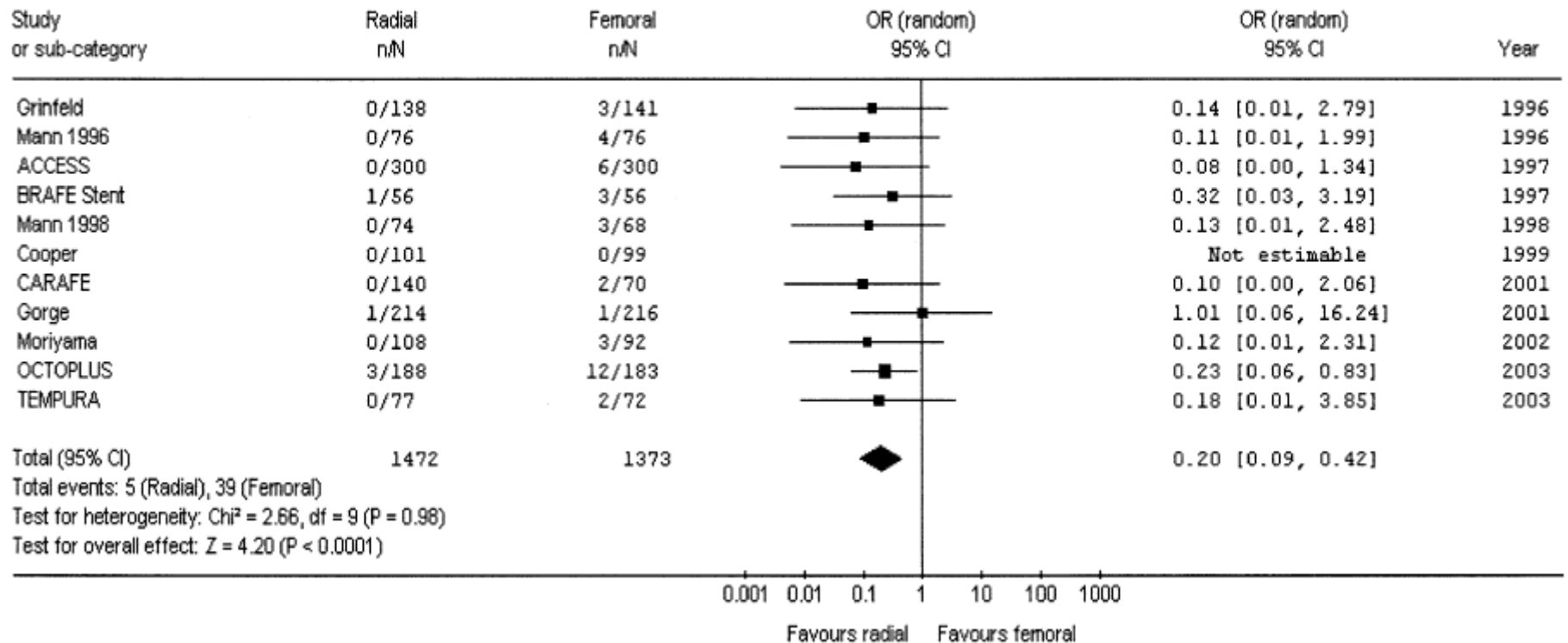
# Major adverse CV events

Comparison: Radial vs Femoral approach  
Outcome: MACE



# Access site complications

Comparison: Radial vs Femoral approach  
 Outcome: Entry site complications





# Secondary endpoints

---

- Longer fluoroscopy time for radial
  - 8.9 minutes vs. 7.8 minutes,  $p < 0.001$
- Mean hospital stay shorter for radial
  - 1.8 days vs. 2.4 days,  $p < 0.001$
- Total hospital charge lower for radial

# Larger meta analysis

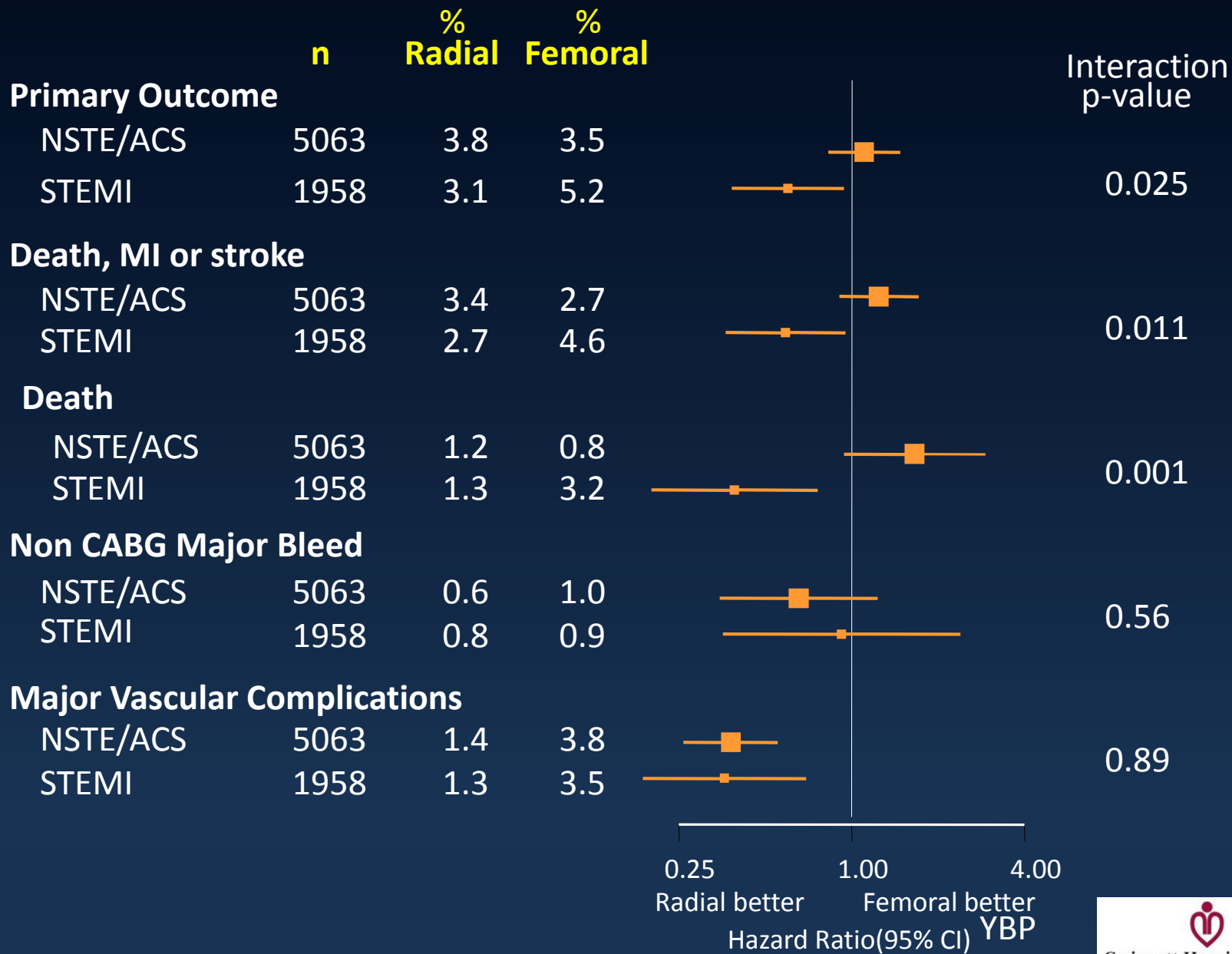
- 23 studies from 1993-2007
- Major bleeding
  - Radial 0.5% vs. Femoral 2.3%,  $p < 0.001$
  - Odds ratio 0.27 (95% CI 0.16-0.45)
- Trend toward lower death, MI and stroke
  - Odds ratio 0.71 (95% CI 0.49-1.01),  $p = 0.058$
- No significant difference in mortality
  - Odds ratio 0.74 (95% CI 0.42-1.30),  $p = 0.29$

# RIVAL study (STEMI and NSTEMI)

	<b>Radial</b> (n=3507) %	<b>Femoral</b> (n=3514) %	<b>HR</b>	<b>95% CI</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Primary Outcome</b>					
Death, MI, Stroke, Non-CABG Major Bleed	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.0</b>	0.92	0.72-1.17	0.50
<b>Secondary Outcomes</b>					
Death, MI, Stroke	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	0.98	0.77-1.28	0.90
Non-CABG Major Bleeding	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	0.73	0.43-1.23	0.23

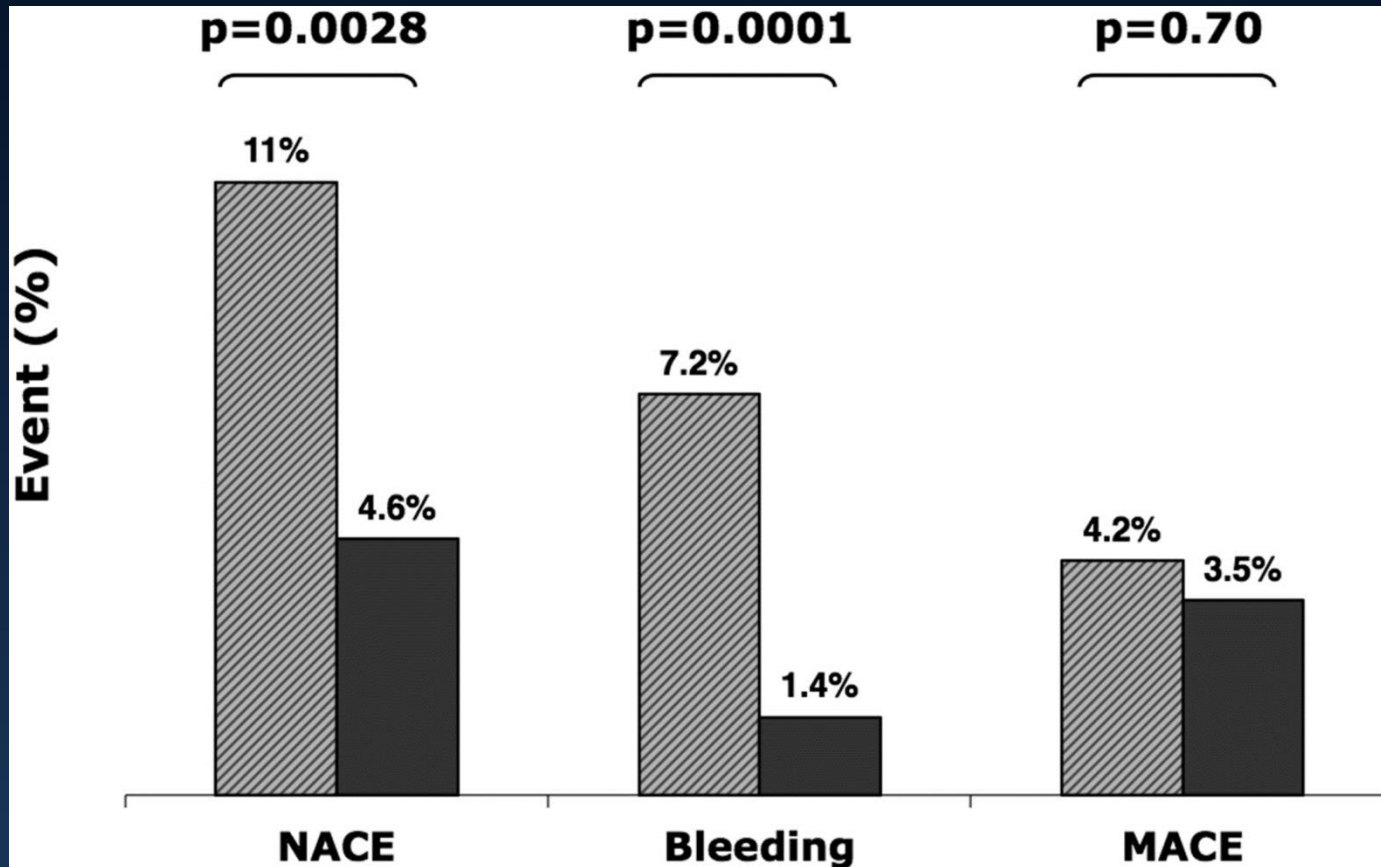
# RIVAL study (STEMI and NSTEMI)

	<b>Radial</b> (n=3507)	<b>Femoral</b> (n=3514)	<b>P</b>
Access site Cross-over (%)	<b>7.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<0.0001
PCI Procedure duration (min)	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	0.62
Fluoroscopy time (min)	<b>9.3</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<0.0001
Persistent pain at access site >2 weeks (%)	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>	0.22
Patient prefers assigned access site for next procedure (%)	<b>90</b>	<b>49</b>	<0.0001

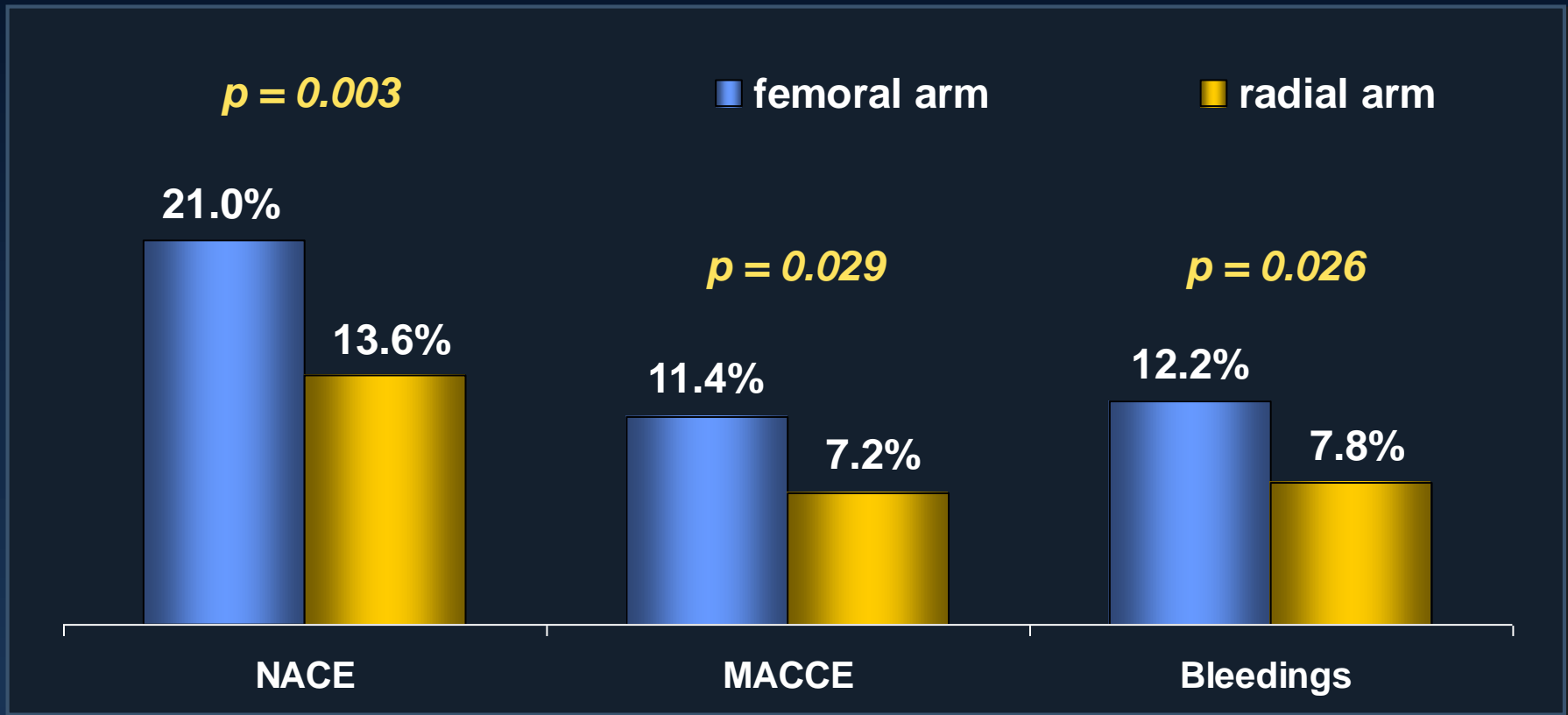


3/21/15

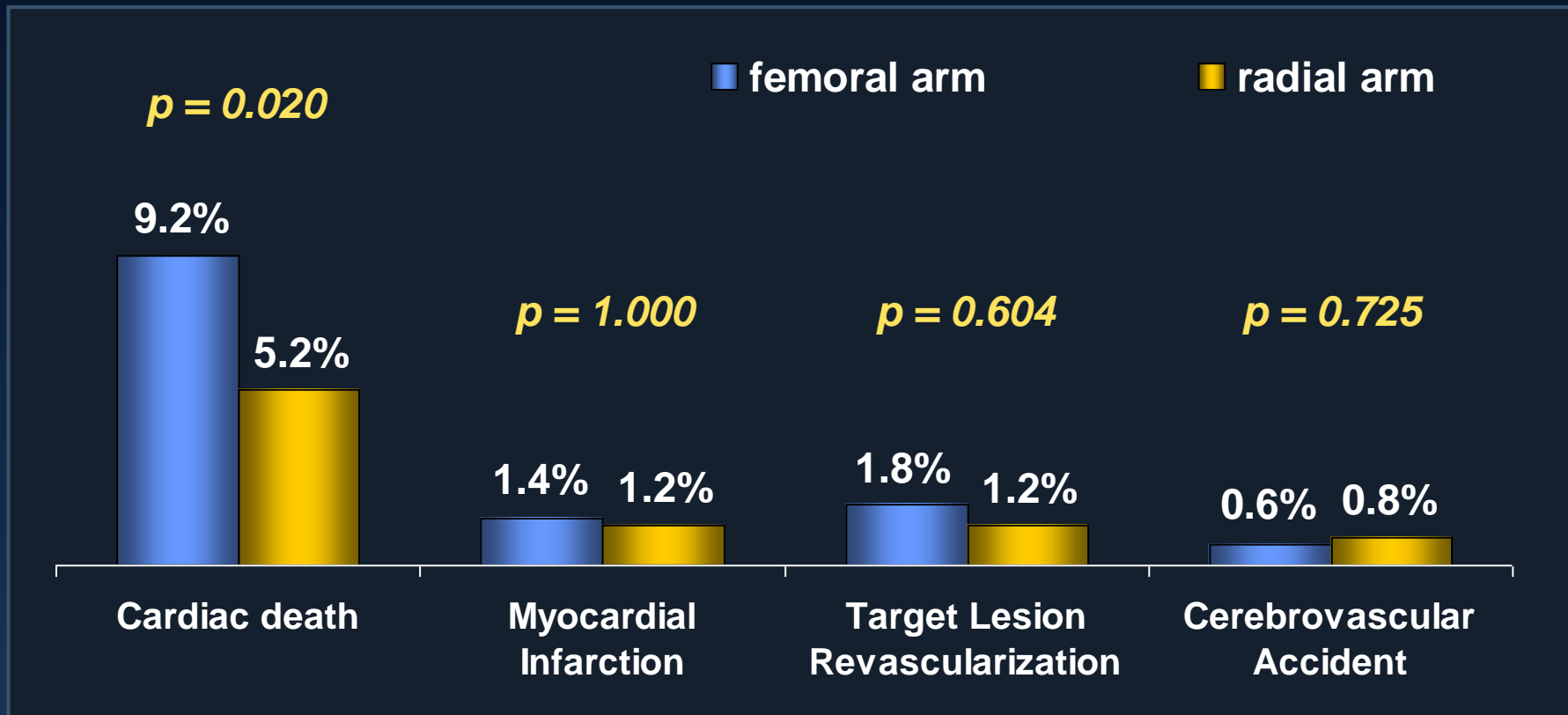
# STEMI-RADIAL



# RIFLE (STEMI only)



# RIFLE (STEMI only)





# MATRIX (all ACS)

End point	Radial (n=4,197), %	Femoral (n=4,207), %	p-value
MACE	8.8	10.3	0.031
Net adverse clinical events	9.8	11.7	0.009
All-cause mortality	1.6	2.2	0.045
MI	7.2	7.9	0.20
Stroke	0.4	0.4	0.20
BARC 3 or 5 bleeding	1.6	2.3	0.013

# SAFE-PCI

---

- Women are frequently underrepresented in randomized studies
- Women have higher rates of access site bleeding in femoral cases
- Women have smaller radial arteries
- Randomized 1,787 women at 60 US sites to radial vs. femoral approach

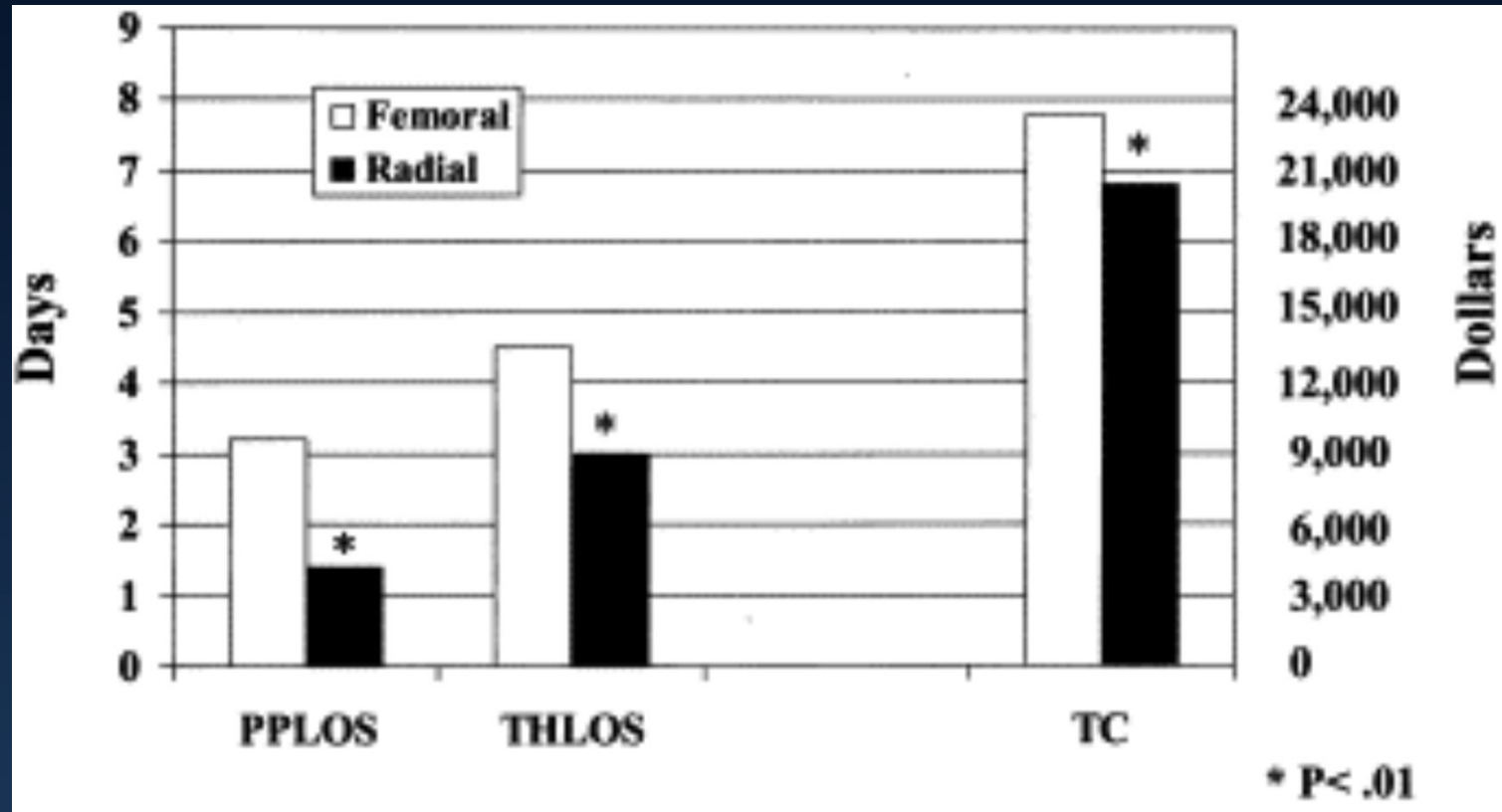
# SAFE-PCI

	Radial (N=290)	Femoral (N=291)	P
Procedure duration (min)	51.6 ± 32.3	49.9 ± 30.5	0.46
Total radiation dose (mGy)	1604 ± 1394	1472 ± 1274	0.26
Total contrast volume (mL)	152.7 ± 76.9	165.6 ± 82.7	0.03
Patient prefers assigned access site for next procedure	71.9%	23.5%	<0.01

# SAFE-PCI

	<b>Radial (N=893)</b>	<b>Femoral (N=894)</b>	<b>OR (95% CI)</b>	<b>P</b>
BARC 2, 3, 5 bleeding or Vasc Complications	0.6%	1.7%	0.3 (0.1-0.9)	0.03
Access site crossover	6.7%	1.9%	3.7 (2.1-6.4)	<0.001

# Reduction in length of stay, cost



# Cost effectiveness

---

- Radial PCI reduces costs via two main mechanisms
  - Shorter hospital stay
  - Lower bleeding event rate
- Radial access reduces the cost per PCI by \$800-\$1,300 depending on the study
  - Over 1,200 PCIs and 2,100 catheterizations without PCI performed at GMC per year

# So what are the downsides?

---

- Higher crossover rate
  - 4-7% based on randomized studies
  - Note that crossover rate from femoral to radial was about 2% in randomized studies
  
- Increased radiation exposure
  - Seen predominantly in older studies and the gap is diminishing

# So what are the downsides?

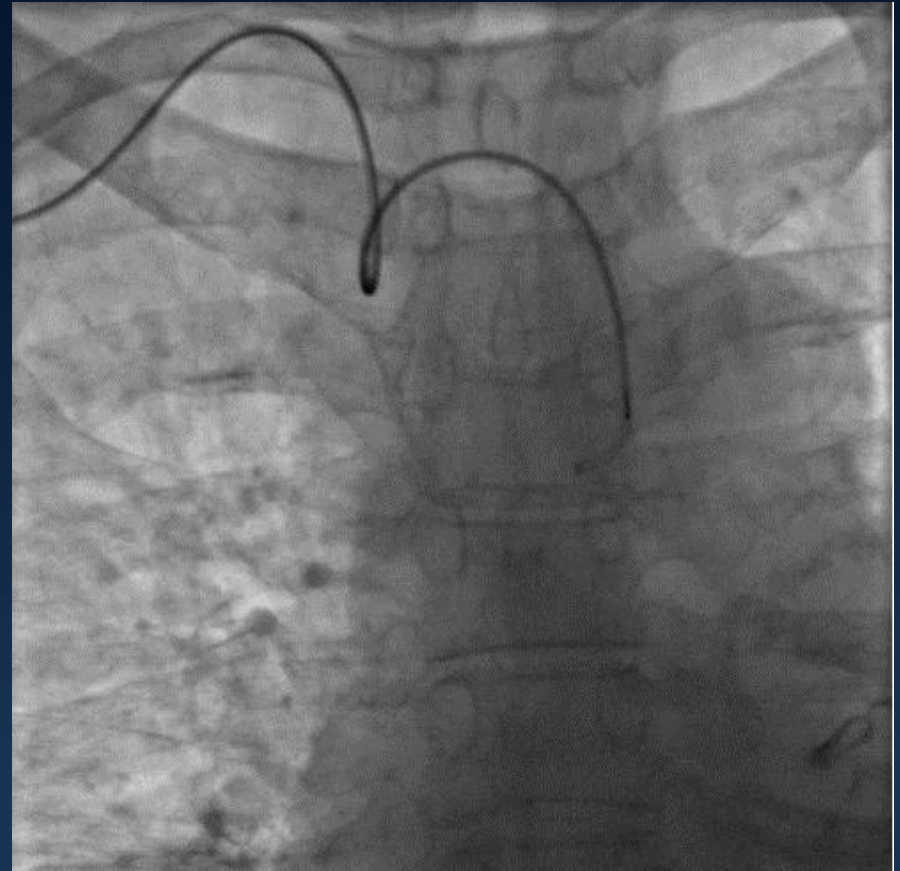
---

- Radial artery occlusion
  - Symptomatic in about 2-3%
  - Rarely long-term consequences
  - Unknown consequences for subsequent access or use as a bypass conduit
- Steep learning curve for operators, staff
  - Spasm, anatomic differences
  - Different setup



# Learning curve

---



YBP  
3/21/15

# Learning curve

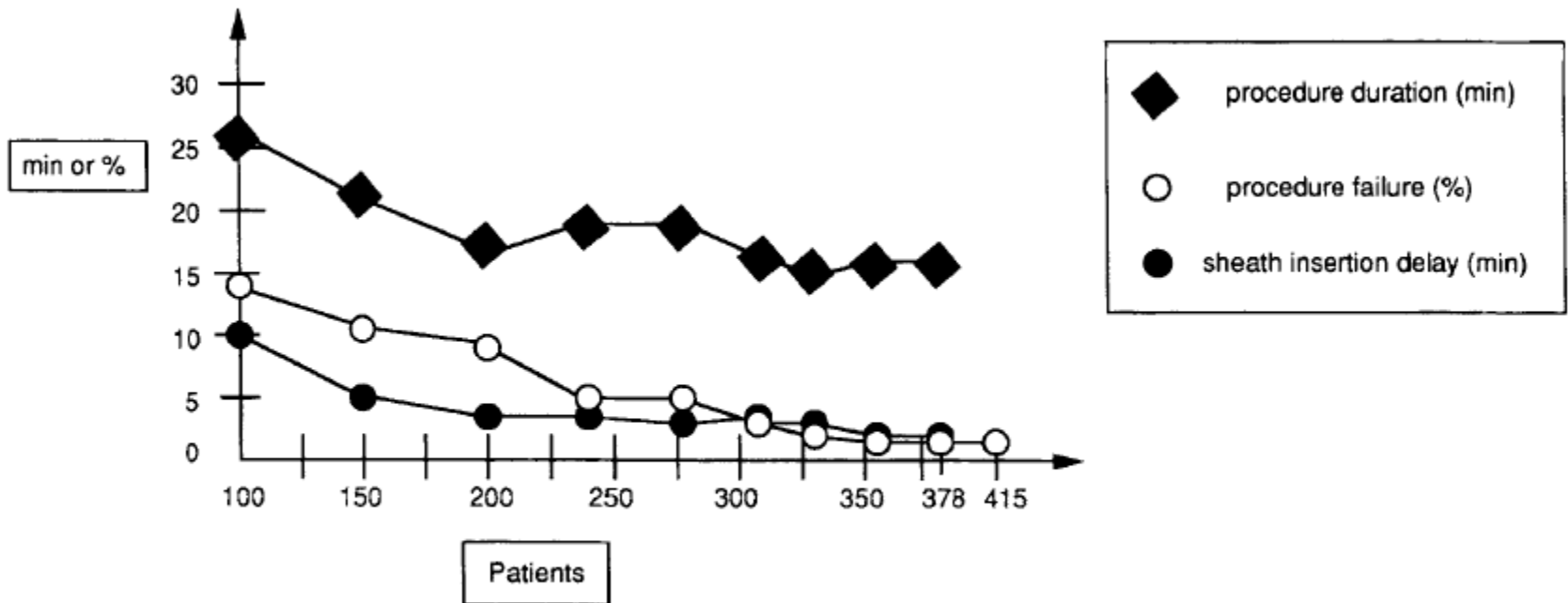


Fig. 5. Learning curve procedure failure rate, sheath insertion delay, and procedure duration.

# Conclusions

---

- Radial artery catheterization is preferred by patients
- Radial artery catheterization reduces bleeding events and may improve mortality among STEMI patients and patients at high risk of bleeding
- Radial artery catheterization reduces hospital costs

# Fad or here to stay?

---



YBP  
3/21/15