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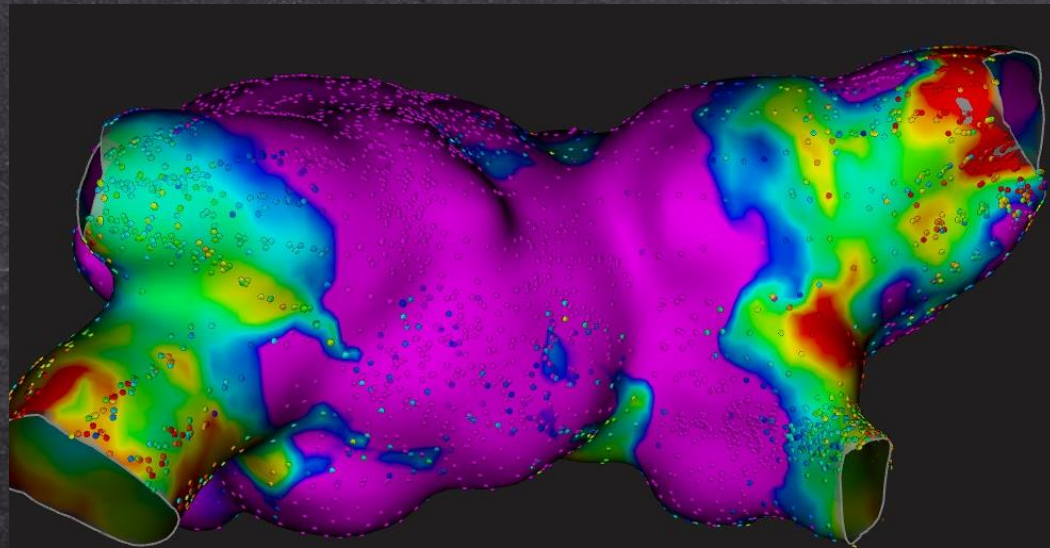
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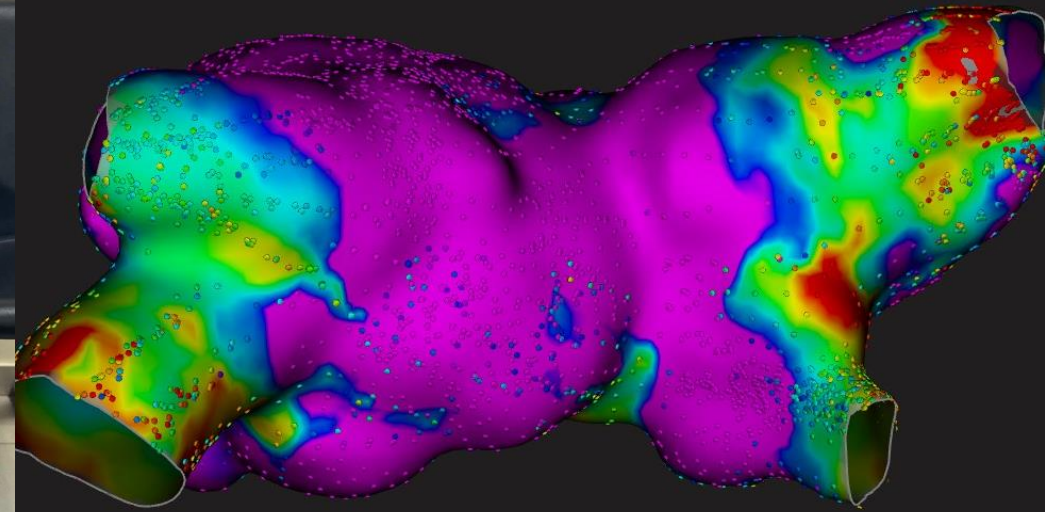


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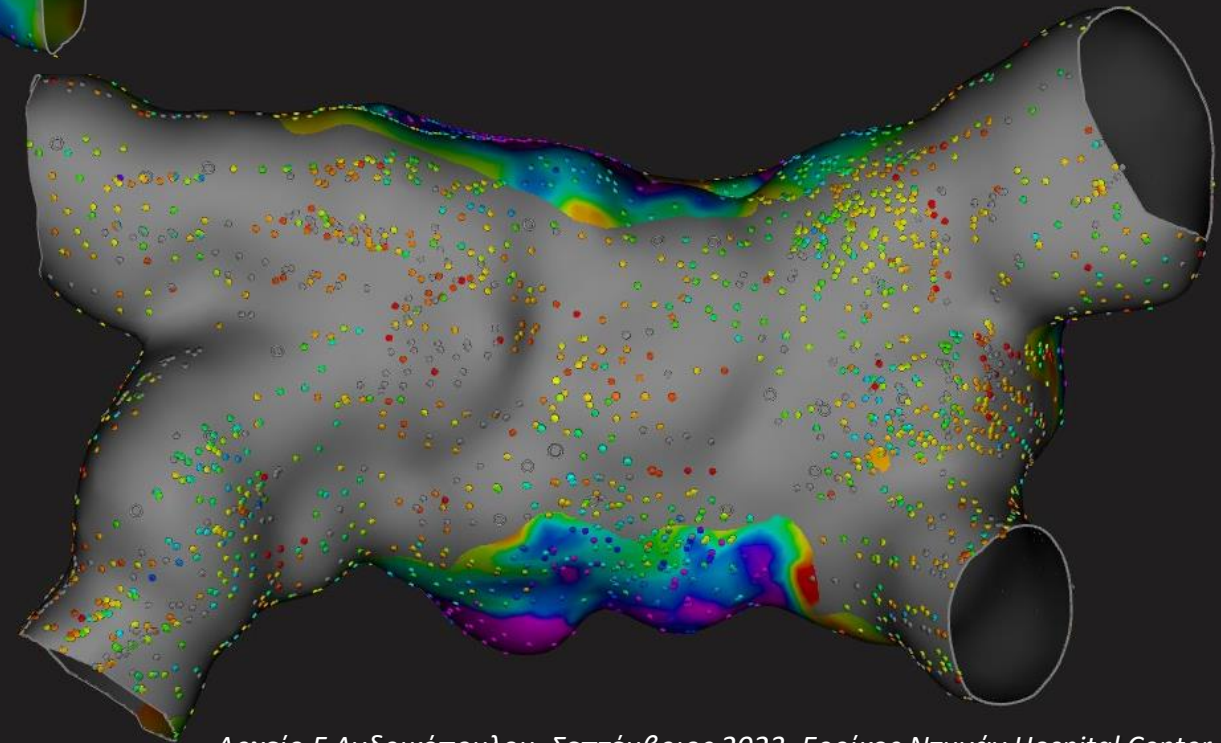
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# Repeat catheter ablation for recurrent atrial fibrillation: Electrophysiologic findings and clinical outcomes

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- ❖ 300 patients who underwent their first repeat AF ablations for symptomatic, recurrent AF
- ❖ All repeat ablations were performed using RF energy, 78% RF for 1<sup>st</sup> ablation
- ❖ 67% at SR before repeat ablation

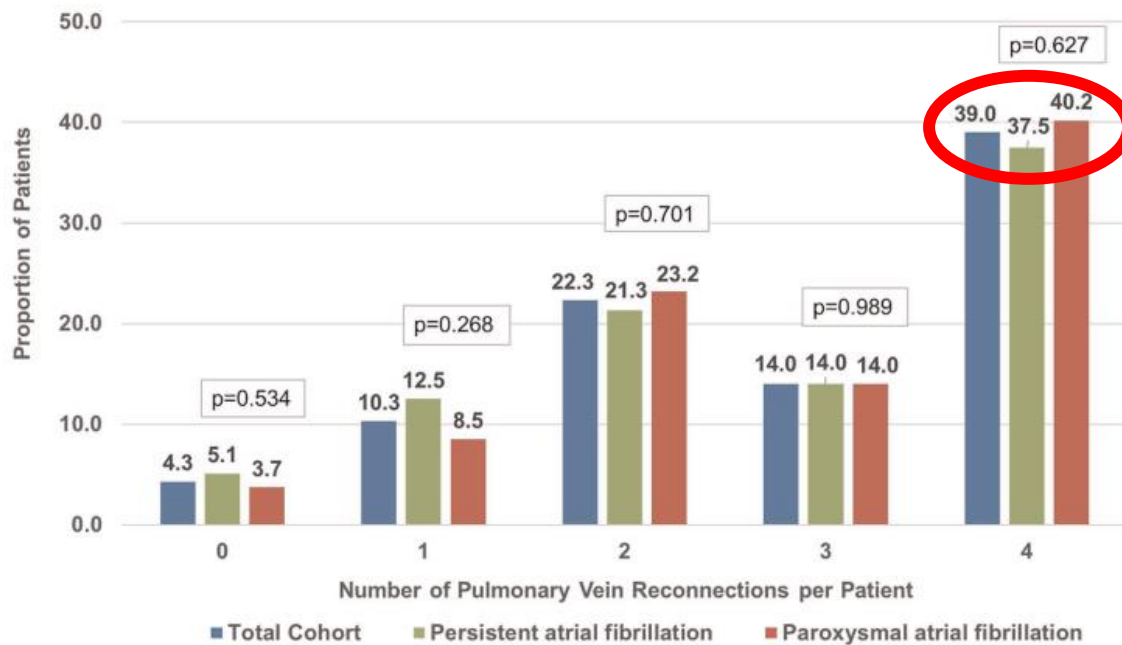


FIGURE 1 Number of pulmonary vein reconnections per patient discovered during repeat ablation for all patients and stratified by persistent versus paroxysmal atrial fibrillation at presentation for repeat ablation

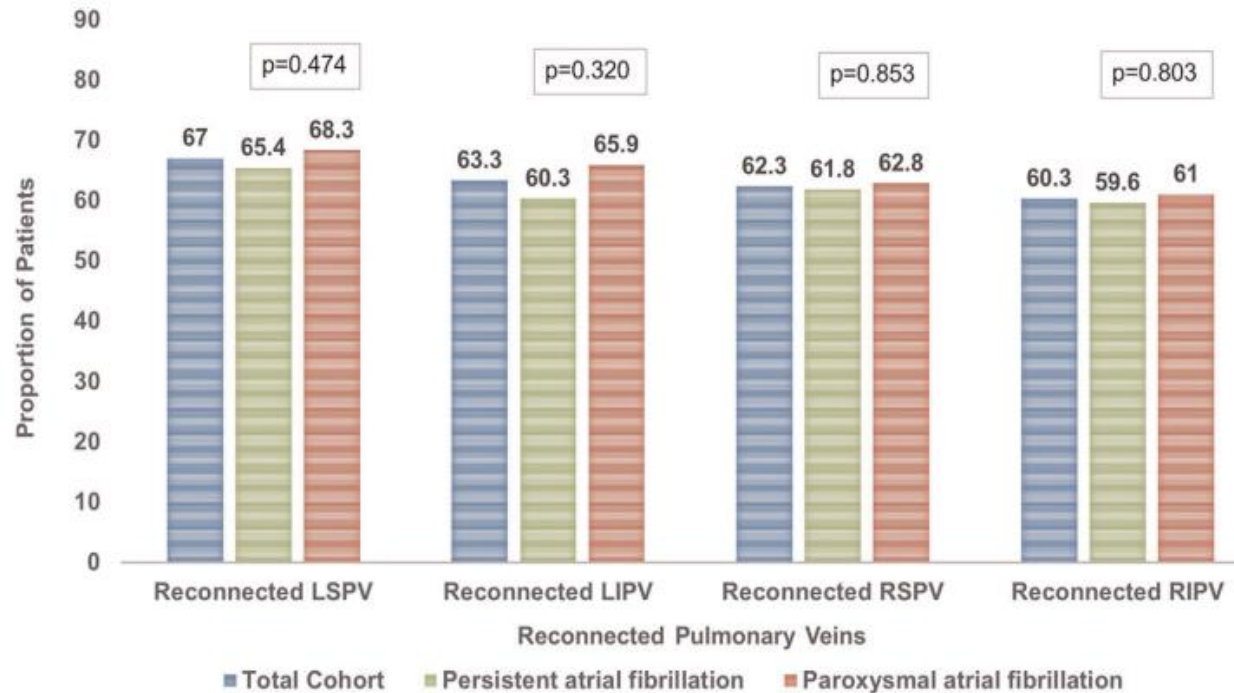
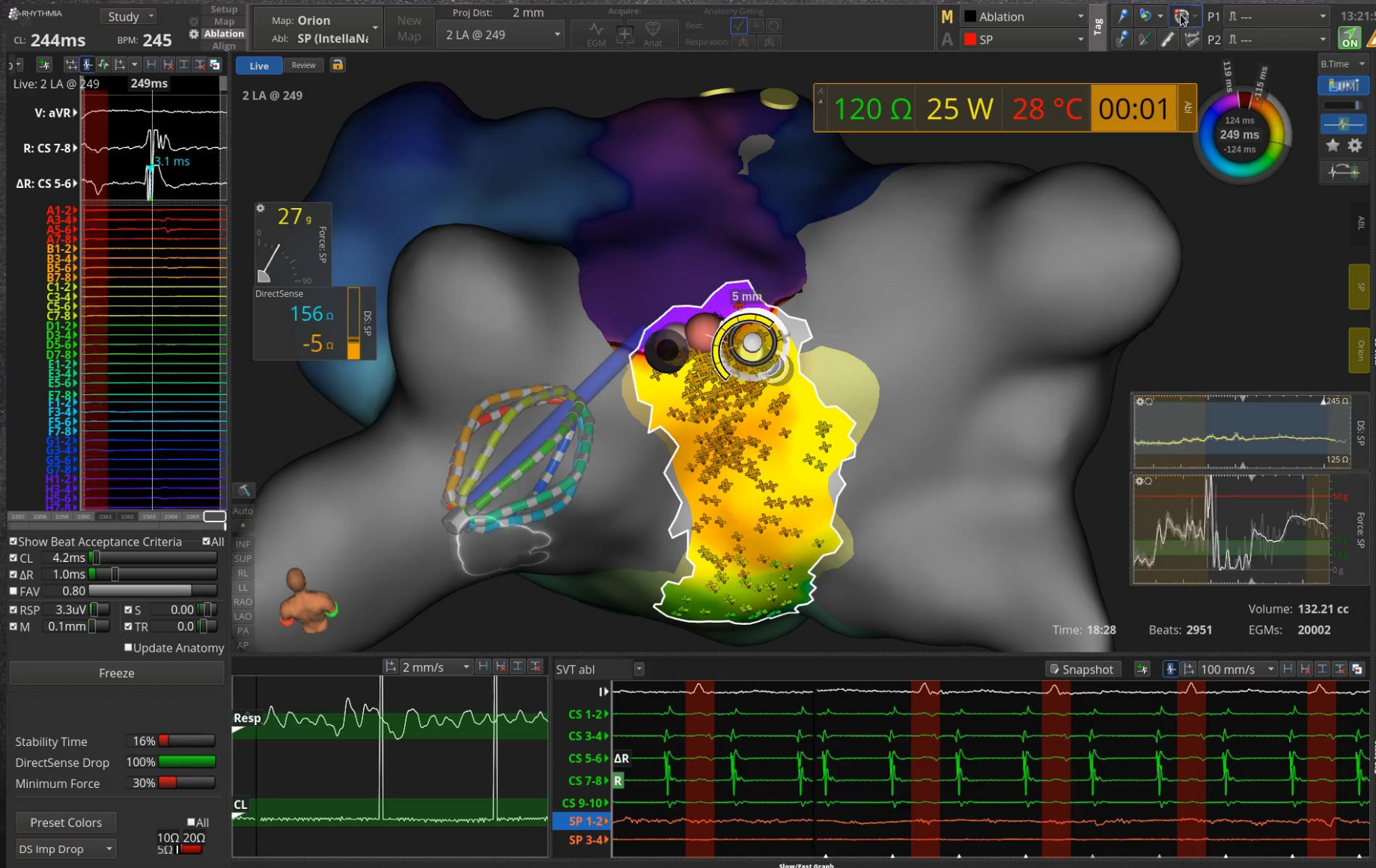


FIGURE 2 Anatomic distribution of pulmonary vein reconnections discovered during repeat ablation

**“During repeat ablation, at least one PV reconnection was found in 257 (85.6%) patients, while 159 (53%) had three to four reconnections”**

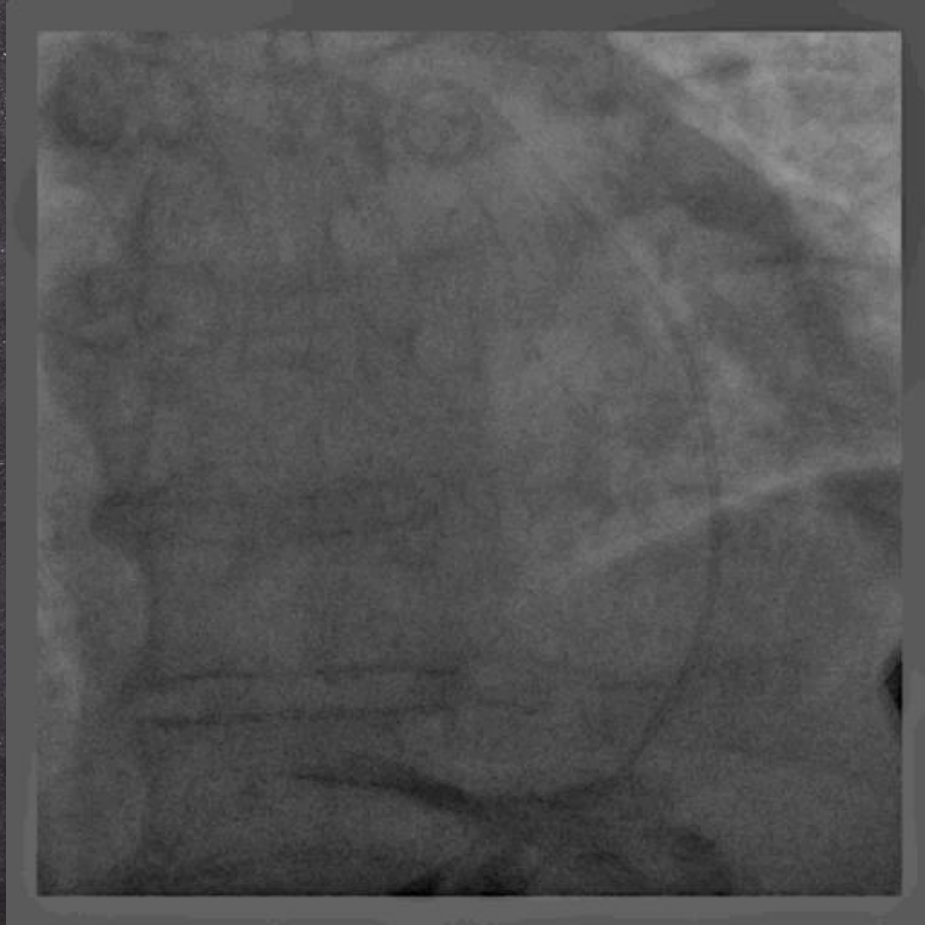
# Roof-dependent flutter 7 χρόνια μετά από επέμβαση κρυοκατάλυσης εμμένουσας κοιλιακής μαρμαρυγής



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Γυναίκα 72 ετών με πολλαπλές κρίσεις ΚΜ, παρουσιάζει πτώση της ΑΠ (80/30 mmHg) αμέσως μετά την απομόνωση της LSPV



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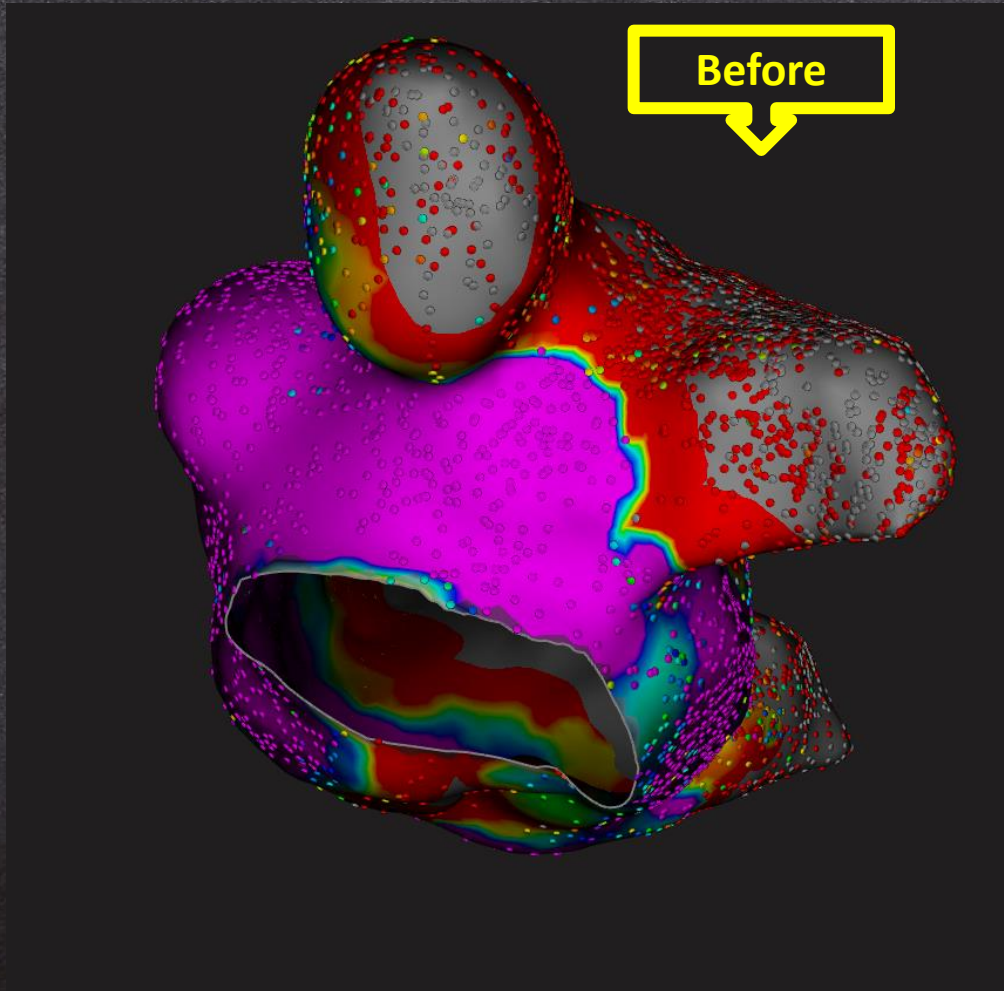
*Risk and complications of atrial fibrillation therapy*

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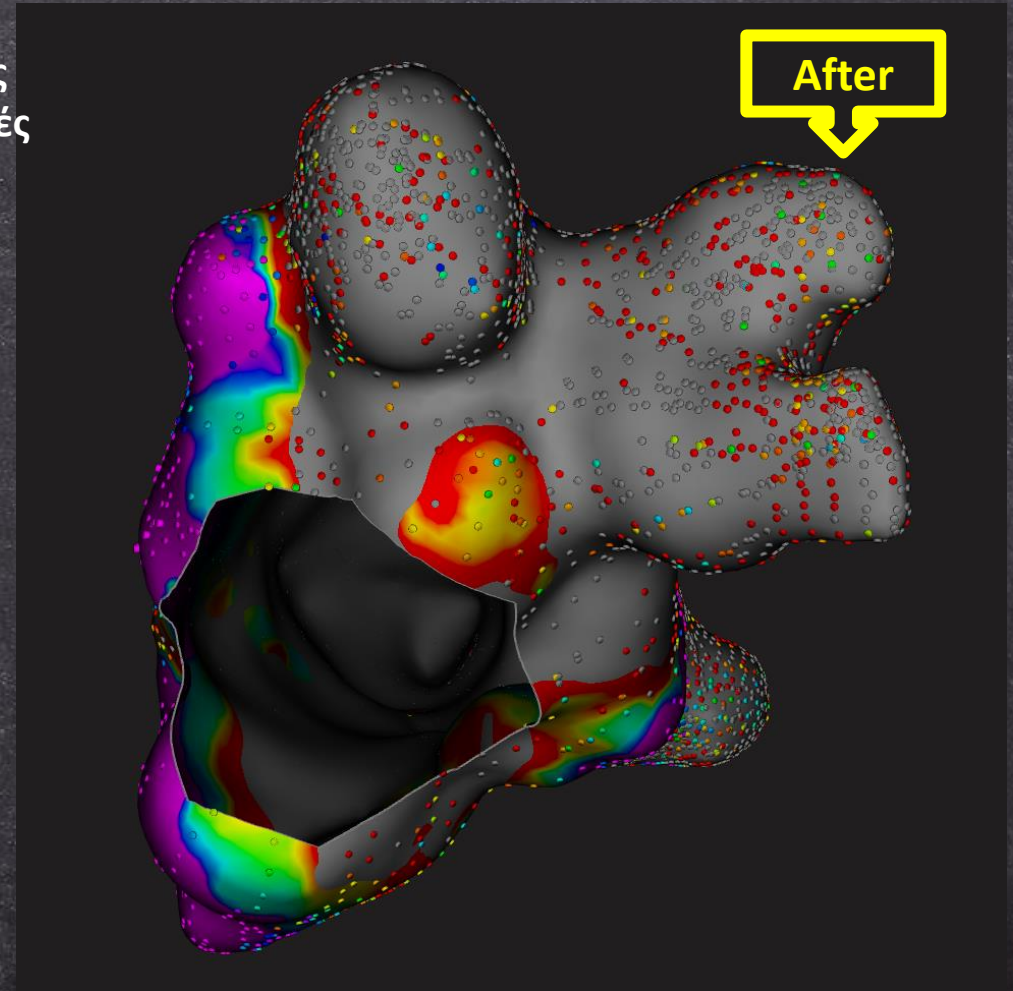
**Catheter ablation**

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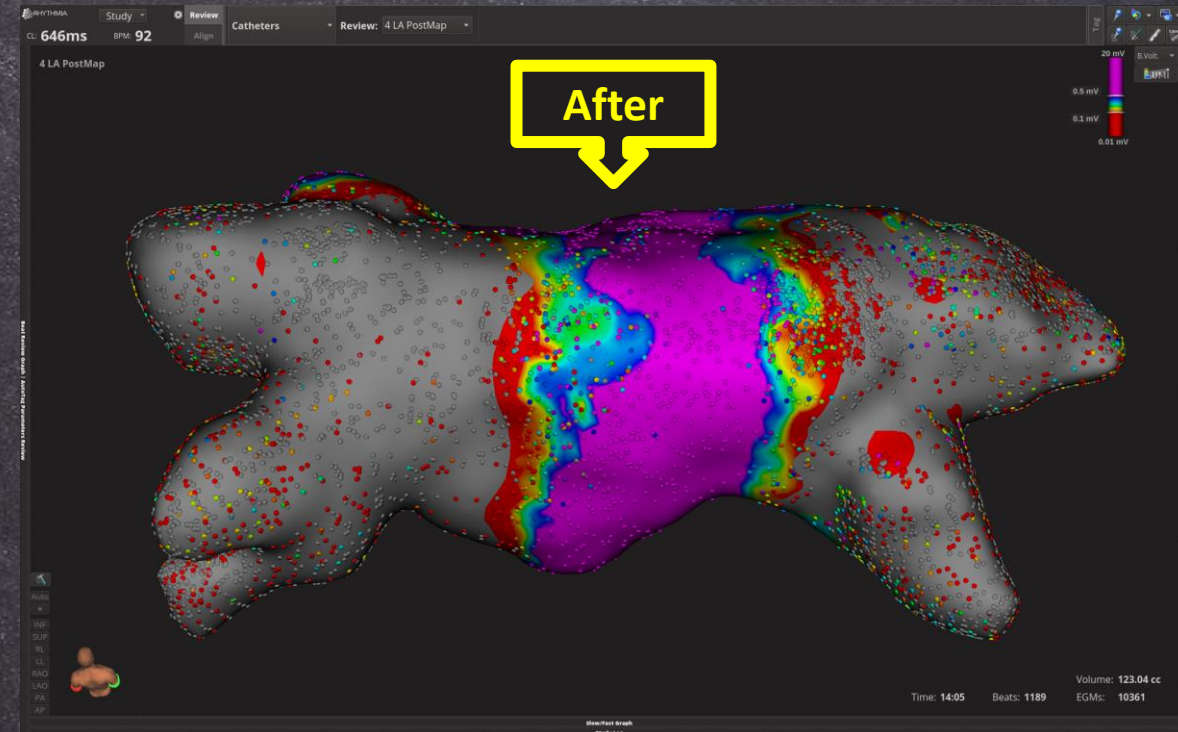
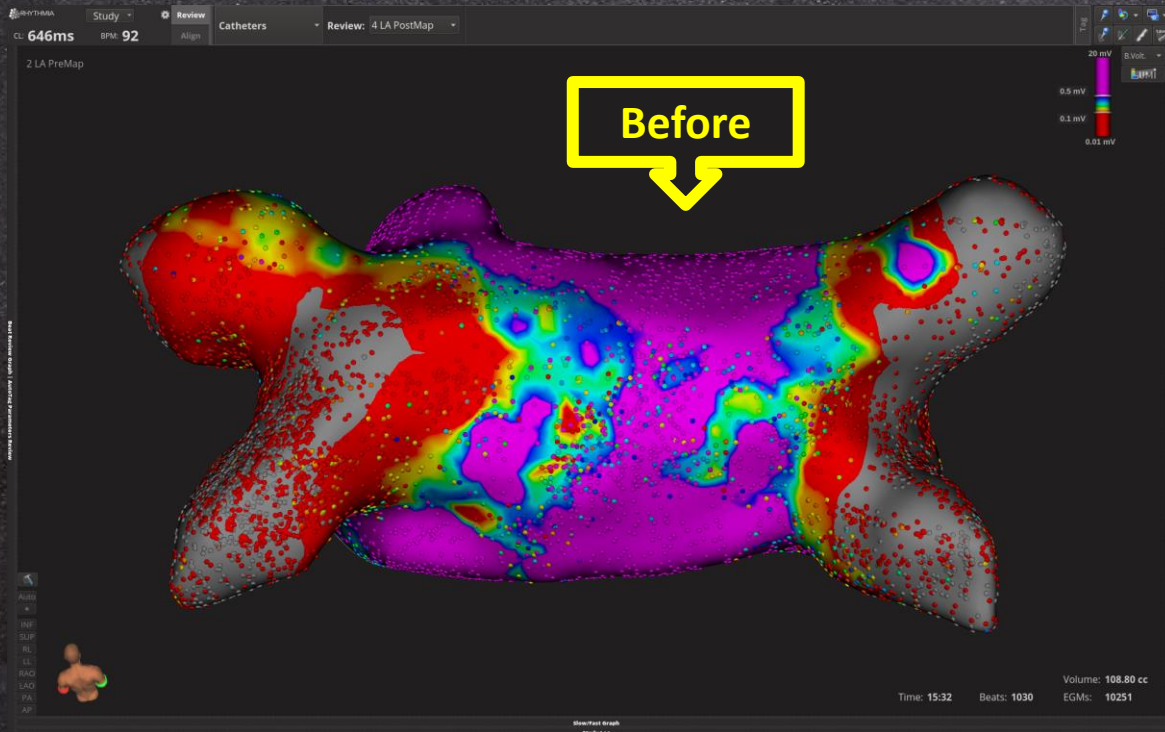
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# Randomized Controlled Trial for Pulsed Field Ablation versus Standard of Care Thermal Ablation for Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation

## Primary Results of the *ADVENT* Trial

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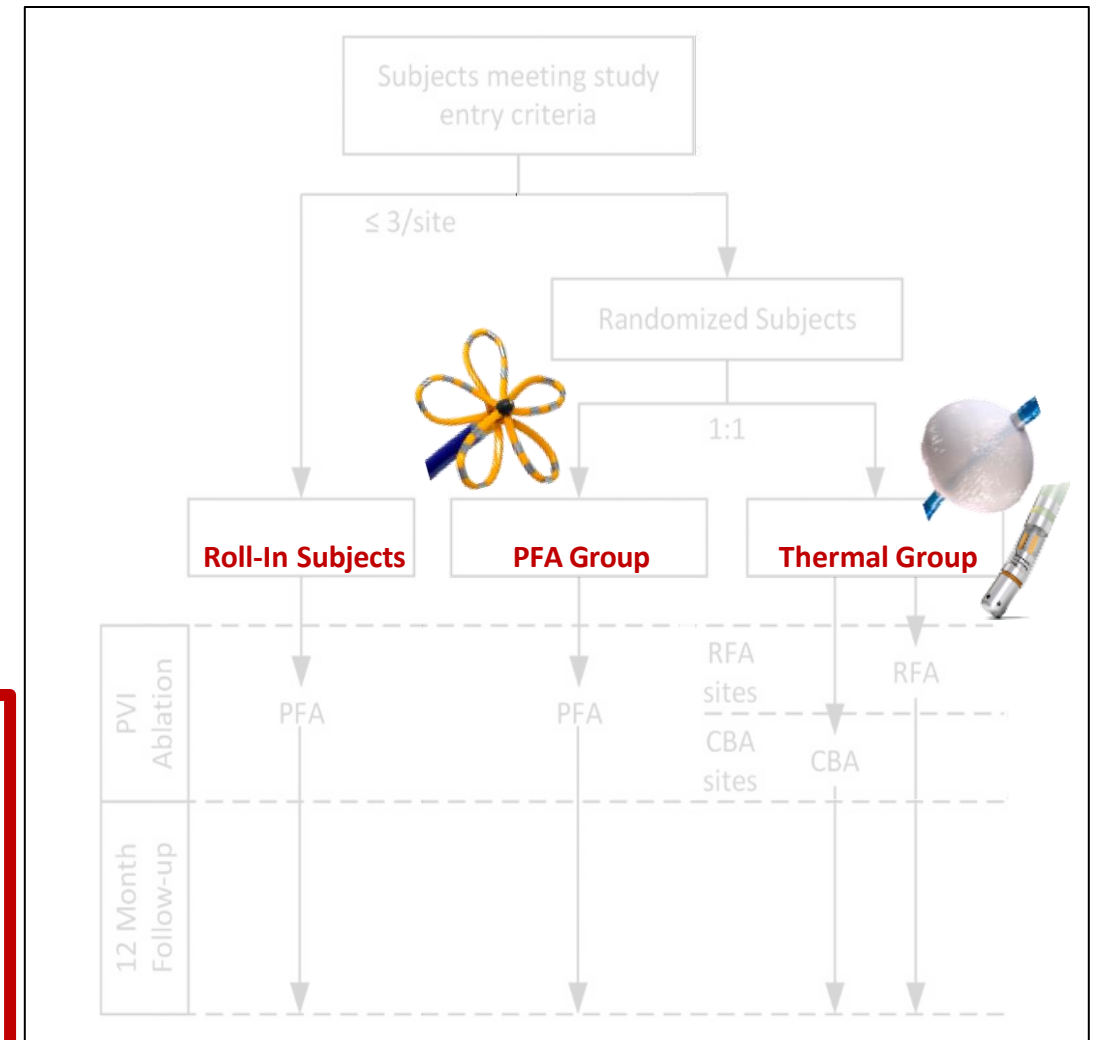
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# ADVENT: Study Design

- Multicenter, prospective, **single-blind, non-inferiority**, randomized controlled trial
  - **Objective:** Compare the effectiveness and safety of **PFA** to standard-of-care, **thermal ablation** using either force-sensing RF or cryoballoon ablation
  - **Indication:** Drug-refractory (Class I-IV) paroxysmal AF
    - Randomized 1:1 PFA to thermal
    - Each center was assigned to either RF or Cryo as their control
- **Follow-up Duration: 12 months**
  - **Follow-up Efficacy Assessments:**
    - 72-hr Holter at 6 and 12 months
    - Trans-telephonic ECG monitoring: Weekly & for Symptoms



# Study Design - Endpoints

Effectiveness	Safety
<p><b>Primary Endpoint</b> Treatment success required both <b>acute procedural</b> and <b>chronic success</b> which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Freedom from documented <b>AF, AFL, or AT ≥30s</b></li><li>○ Freedom from <b>repeat ablation</b> for AF, AFL, or AT at any time</li><li>○ Freedom from <b>cardioversion</b> for AF, AFL, or AT</li><li>○ Freedom from use of <b>Class I or III AAD</b> after the blanking period <i>or</i> amiodarone at any time</li></ul> <p>Tested for <b>non-inferiority</b> to thermal ablation</p>	<p><b>Primary Endpoint</b> Composite of defined device- or procedure-related serious adverse events (<b>SAEs</b>) <b>occurring within 7 days</b> of the primary procedure and SAEs (<b>PV stenosis and atrio-esophageal fistula</b>) <b>out to 12 months</b></p> <p>Tested for <b>non-inferiority</b> to thermal ablation</p>
<p><b>Secondary Endpoint</b> Same as primary but tested for <b>superiority</b> to thermal ablation</p>	<p><b>Secondary Endpoint</b> Change in aggregate <b>PV cross-sectional area</b> between baseline and 3 months compared between randomization groups</p> <p>Tested for <b>superiority</b> of PFA to thermal ablation</p>

# Comparison in efficacy of catheter ablation for elderly versus non-elderly patients with persistent atrial fibrillation

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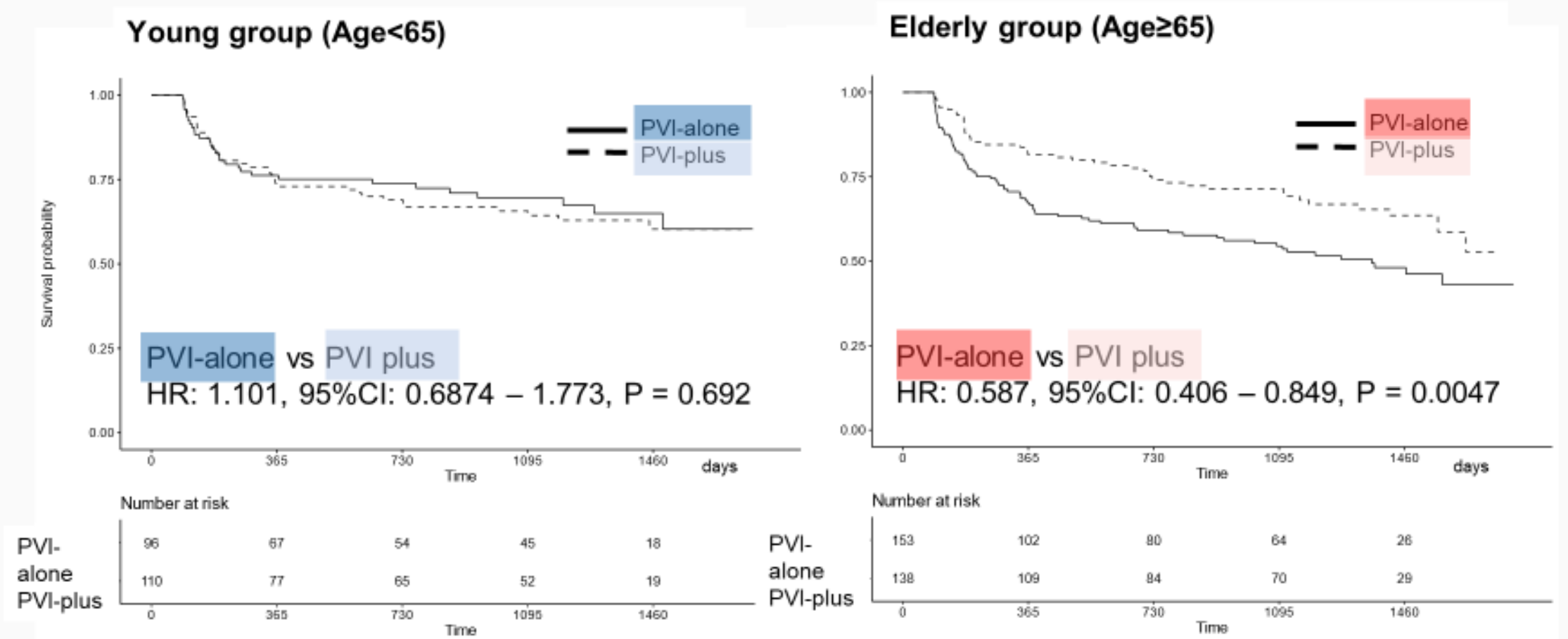
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# Primary endpoint (AF recurrence)



**P for interaction 0.0411**

HR: hazard ratio, CI: confidence interval

- There were no fatal complications in this study.

# CASTLE-HTx

## Catheter Ablation versus Medical Therapy to Treat Atrial Fibrillation in End-stage Heart Failure

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Amsterdam, August 27<sup>th</sup> 2023

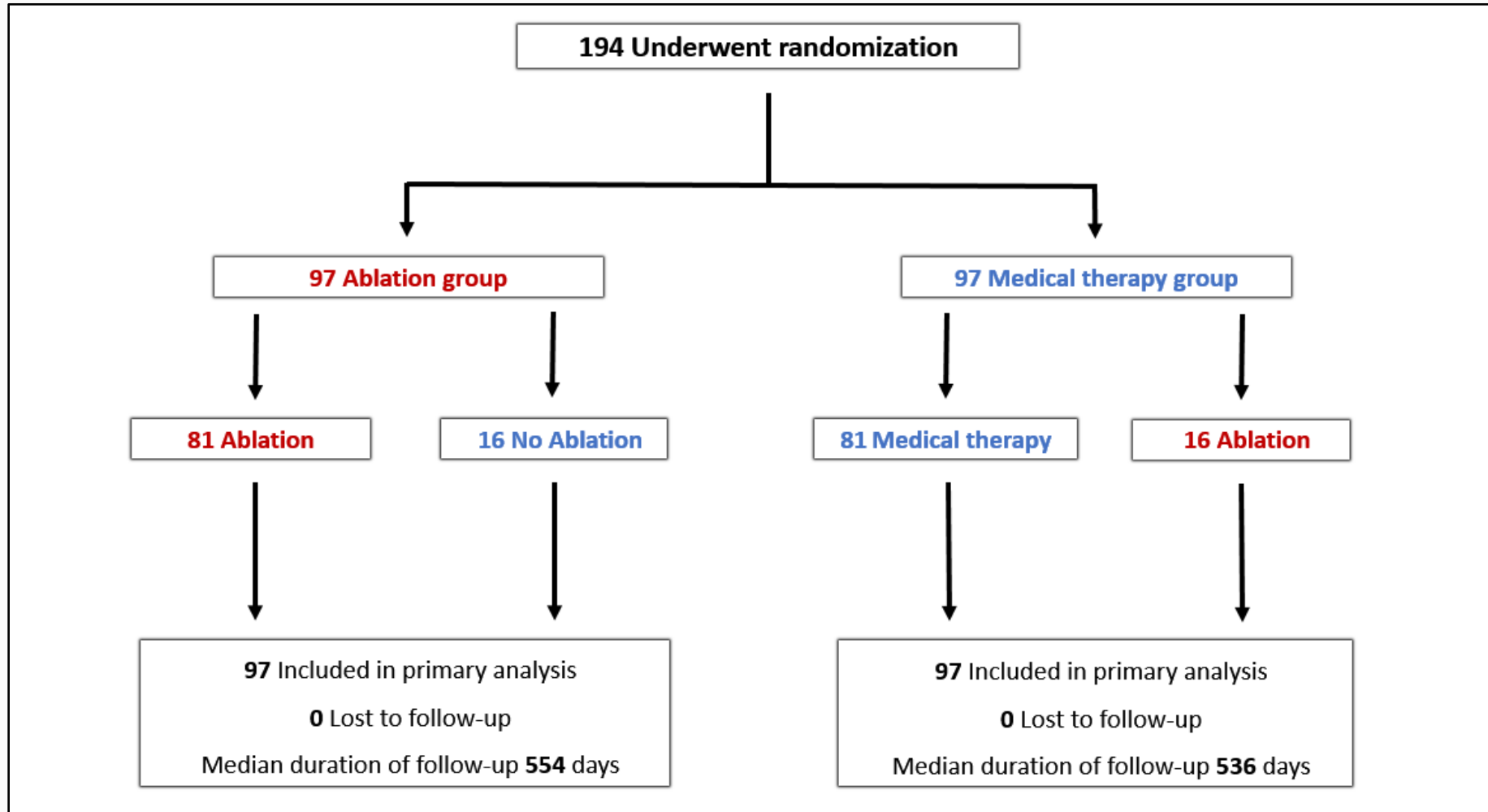
# Hypothesis

**Catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation is superior to medical treatment in patients with end-stage heart failure in terms of mortality, need for LVAD implantation, and urgent heart transplantation**

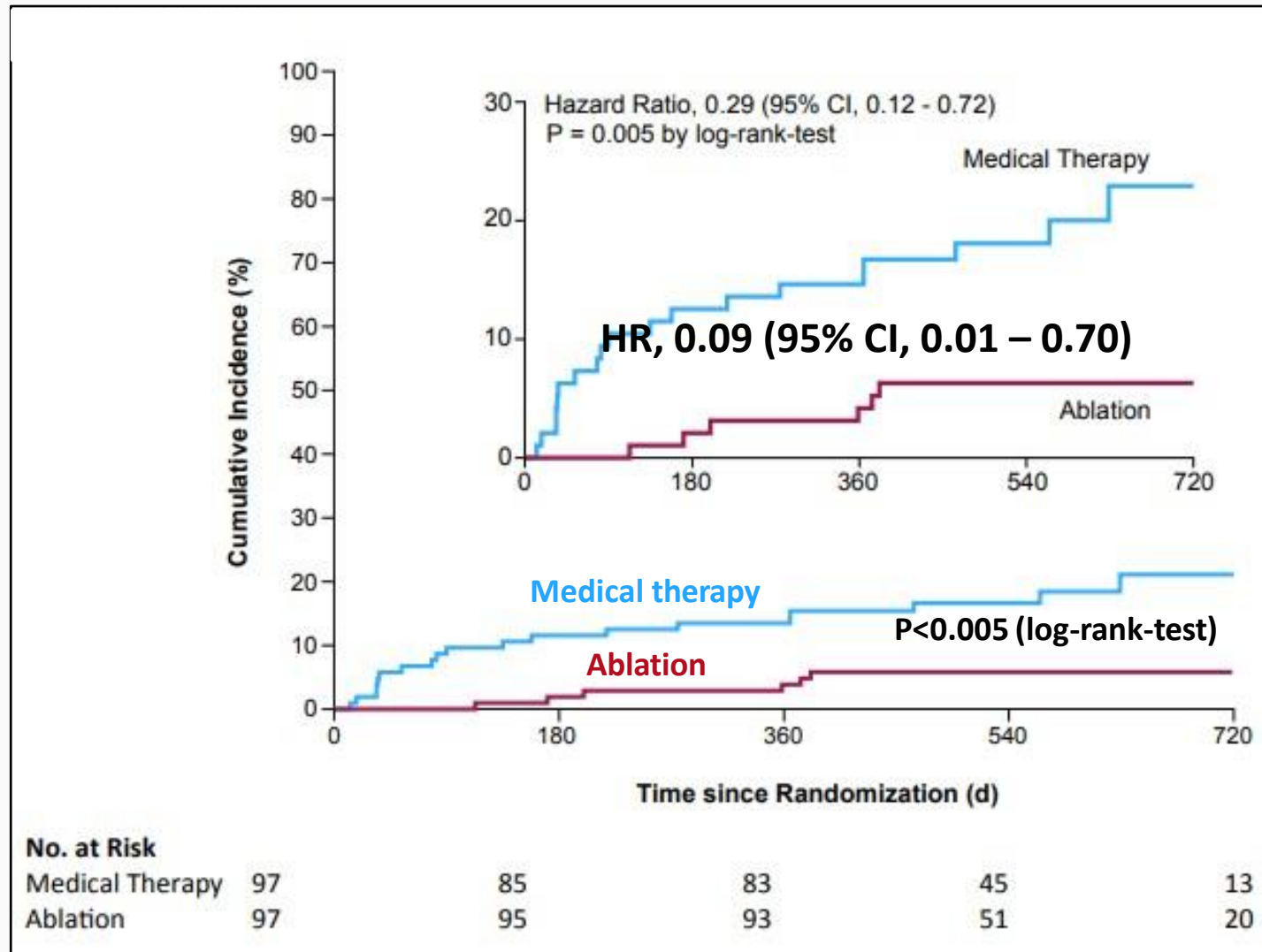
# Early termination by May 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

- **Approximately one year after enrollment was completed the DSMB recommended immediate cessation of the protocol-mandated medical-therapy arm**
- **We now report outcomes until May 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**

# Treatment

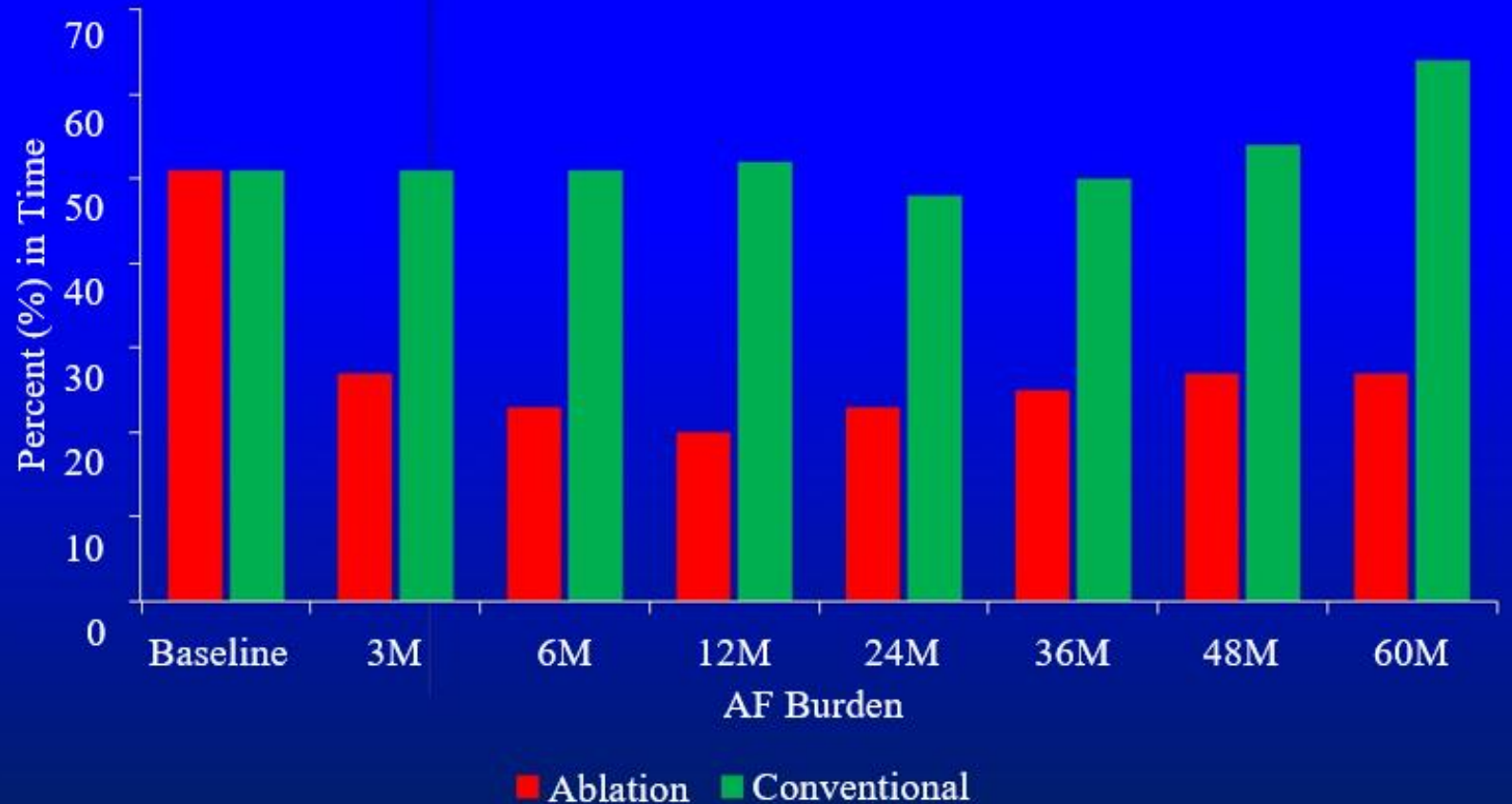


# Death from any cause



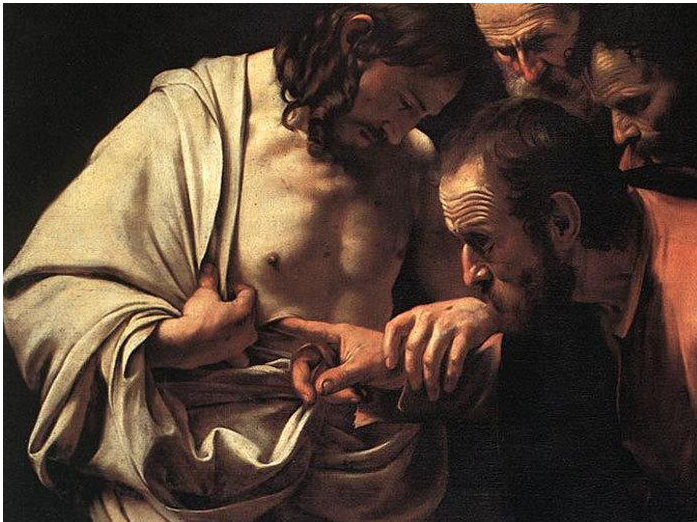
Catheter Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation with Heart Failure

*AF Burden Derived from Memory of Implanted Devices*



«Άπιστος Θωμάς»

Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio  
(1571–1610)



# Effect of Outcome Measures on the Apparent Efficacy of Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation: Why “Success” is an Inappropriate Term

## 200 patients with symptomatic AF, refractory to antiarrhythmic drugs (AADs)

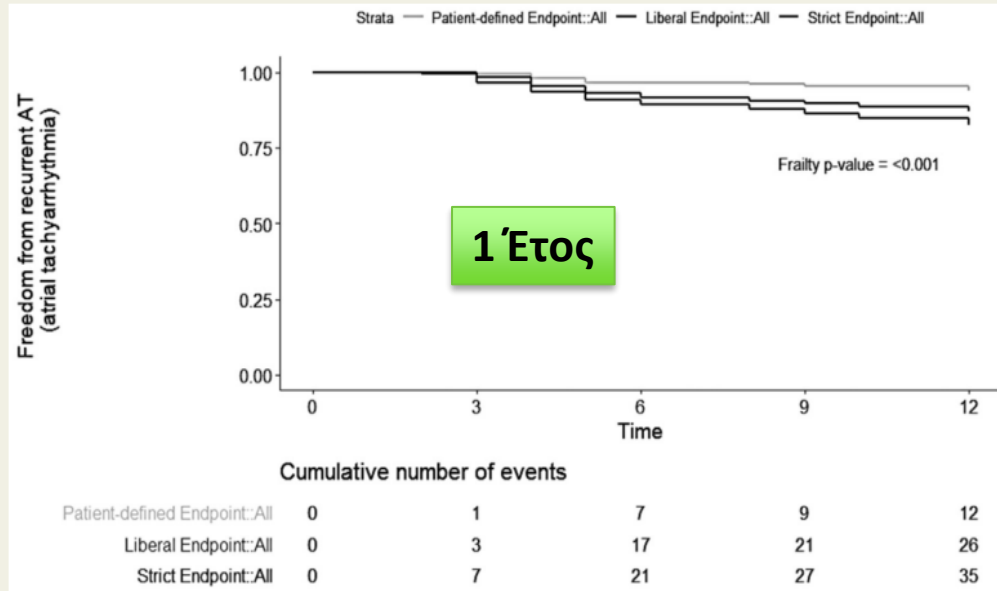
1. **‘Strict Endpoint’**: patients were considered to have a recurrence with any symptomatic or documented recurrence for  $\geq 30$  seconds with no blanking period, and off their AADs
2. **‘Liberal Endpoint’**: only documented recurrences after the blanking period, either on or off AADs were counted
3. **‘Patient-defined Outcome endpoint’** which was the same as the Liberal endpoint but allowed for up to two recurrences and one repeat ablation or DCCV during follow-up

We also surveyed 50 patients on the waiting list for an AF ablation and asked them key questions regarding what they would consider to be a successful result for them

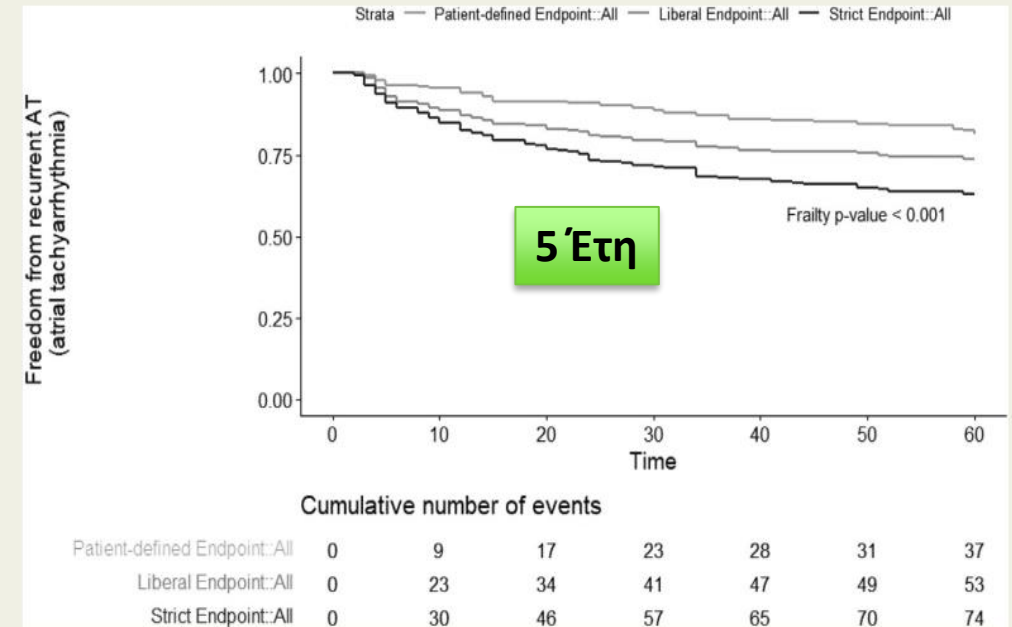


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Freedom from recurrence of atrial tachyarrhythmias (AT) at 5 years was **62%** for the Strict Endpoint, **73%** for the Liberal Endpoint, and **80%** for the Patient-defined Outcome endpoint (p,0.001).



**Figure 1** The survival free from atrial tachyarrhythmia recurrence according to the three definitions of success: Strict Outcome, Liberal Outcome and Patient-defined Outcome out to one year.



**Figure 2** The survival free from atrial tachyarrhythmia recurrence according to the three definitions of success: Strict Outcome, Liberal Outcome and Patient-defined Outcome out to 5 years.

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## Results

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**9<sup>ο</sup>**  
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