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# TECHNIQUE AND OUTCOMES OF PULMONARY ENDARTERECTOMY SURGERY. HOW TO SELECT THE RIGHT PATIENT?



PULMONARY ENDARTERECTOMY: THE PAVIA EXPERIENCE

# FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

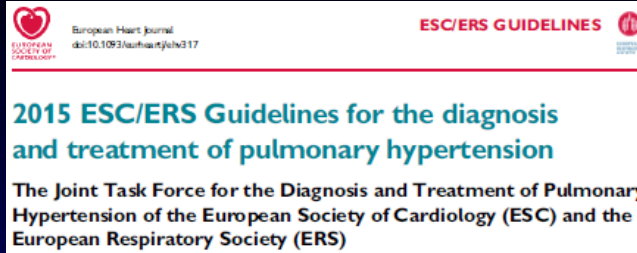
*Last three years*

*Actelion Pharmaceuticals Ltd*

*Bayer Healthcare*

*Merck Sharp Dohme*

# PULMONARY ENDARTERECTOMY: THE PAVIA EXPERIENCE



<b>I. Pulmonary arterial hypertension</b>
1.1 Idiopathic 1.2 Heritable 1.2.1 BMPR2 mutation 1.2.2 Other mutations 1.3 Drugs and toxins Induced 1.4 Associated with: 1.4.1 Connective tissue disease 1.4.2 Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection 1.4.3 Portal hypertension 1.4.4 Congenital heart disease (Table 6) 1.4.5 Schistosomiasis
<b>I'. Pulmonary veno-occlusive disease and/or pulmonary capillary haemangiomatosis</b>
I':1 Idiopathic I':2 Heritable I':2.1 EIF2AK4 mutation I':2.2 Other mutations I':3 Drugs, toxins and radiation Induced I':4 Associated with: I':4.1 Connective tissue disease I':4.2 HIV Infection
<b>I''. Persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn</b>
<b>2. Pulmonary hypertension due to left heart disease</b>
2.1 Left ventricular systolic dysfunction 2.2 Left ventricular diastolic dysfunction 2.3 Valvular disease 2.4 Congenital / acquired left heart inflow/outflow tract obstruction and congenital cardiomyopathies 2.5 Congenital /acquired pulmonary veins stenosis

<b>3. Pulmonary hypertension due to lung diseases and/or hypoxia</b>
3.1 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease 3.2 Interstitial lung disease 3.3 Other pulmonary diseases with mixed restrictive and obstructive pattern 3.4 Sleep-disordered breathing 3.5 Alveolar hypoventilation disorders 3.6 Chronic exposure to high altitude 3.7 Developmental lung diseases (Web Table III)
<b>4. Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension and other pulmonary artery obstructions</b>
4.1 Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension 4.2 Other pulmonary artery obstructions 4.2.1 Angiosarcoma 4.2.2 Other intravascular tumors 4.2.3 Arteritis 4.2.4 Congenital pulmonary arteries stenoses 4.2.5 Parasites (hydatidosis)
<b>5. Pulmonary hypertension with unclear and/or multifactorial mechanisms</b>
5.1 Haematological disorders: chronic haemolytic anaemia, myeloproliferative disorders, splenectomy 5.2 Systemic disorders, sarcoidosis, pulmonary histiocytosis, lymphangioleiomyomatosis 5.3 Metabolic disorders: glycogen storage disease, Gaucher disease, thyroid disorders 5.4 Others: pulmonary tumoral thrombotic microangiopathy, fibrosing mediastinitis, chronic renal failure (with/without dialysis), segmental pulmonary hypertension

4%

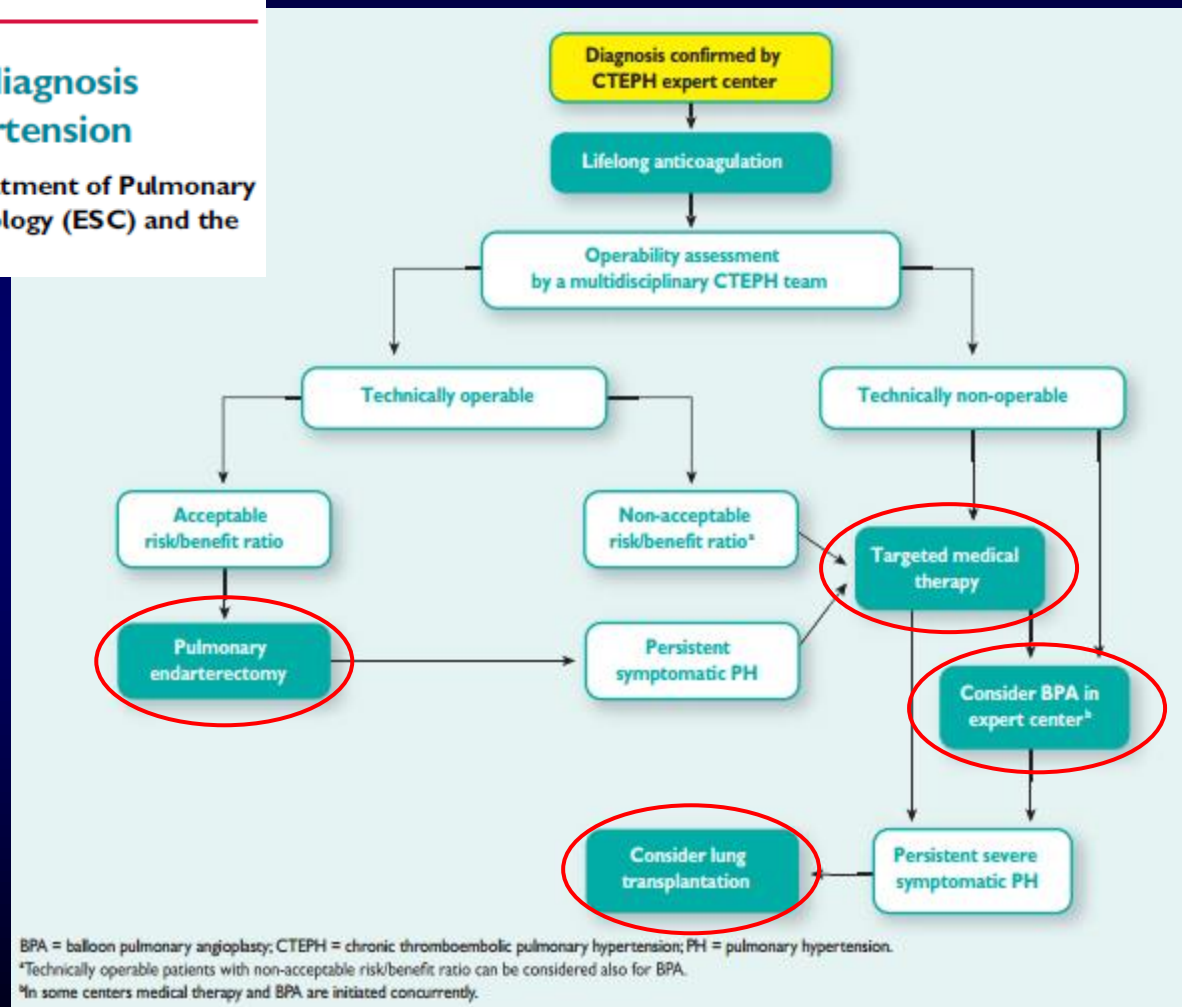
# INTRODUCTION

- *Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH)* represents the *only* type of pulmonary hypertension surgically treatable, in the majority of cases, without transplant
- This life-saving conservative surgery is called *pulmonary endarterectomy (PEA)*

# LT<sub>x</sub> IN THE GUIDELINES FOR CTEPH

## 2015 ESC/ERS Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary hypertension

The Joint Task Force for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Pulmonary Hypertension of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Respiratory Society (ERS)



# SURGICAL TREATMENT OF CTEPH

First HLTx for CTEPH

First PEA

First DLTx for CTEPH

Reverse right ventricular remodeling after pulmonary endarterectomy

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J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 2007;133:162-8

First PEA in patient listed for DLTx

First PEA in patient previously enrolled in RCT for inoperability



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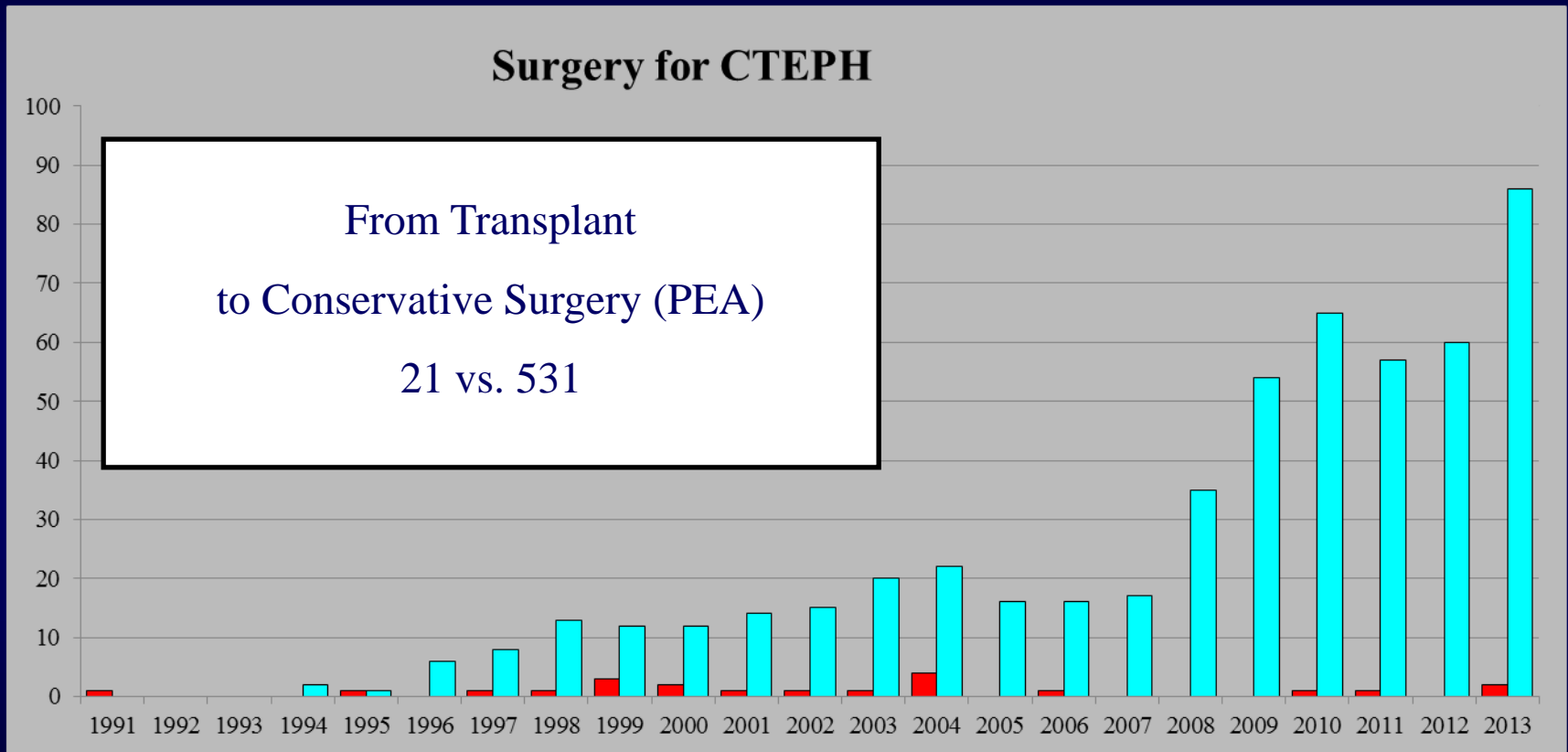
11-APR-1994

25-DEC-1995

28-JUL-2003

30-NOV-2009

# SURGICAL TREATMENT OF CTEPH



1991

22 yrs

2013



# SURGICAL TREATMENT OF CTEPH

Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension: From transplantation to distal pulmonary endarterectomy

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# SURGICAL TREATMENT OF CTEPH

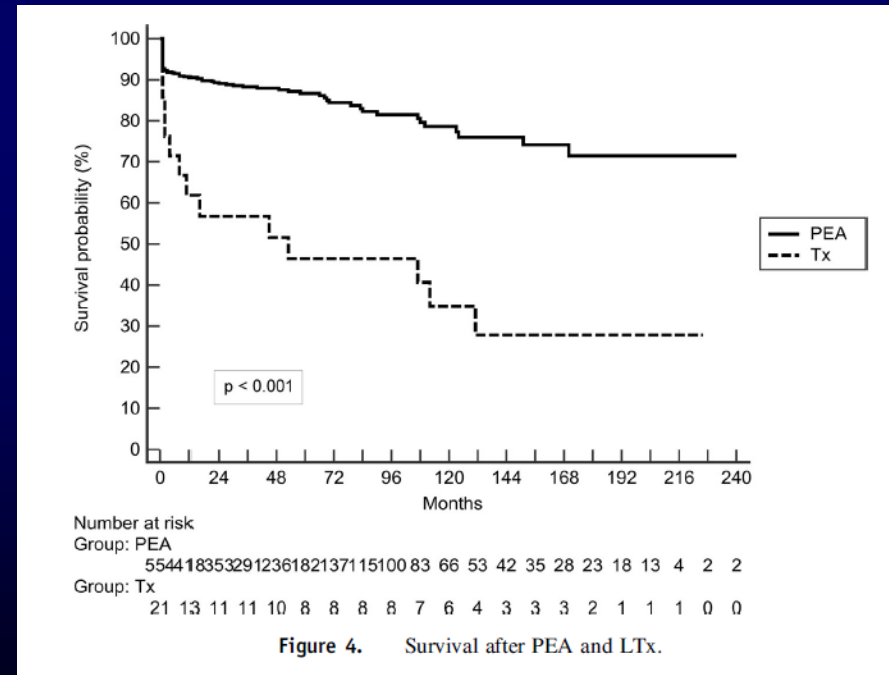
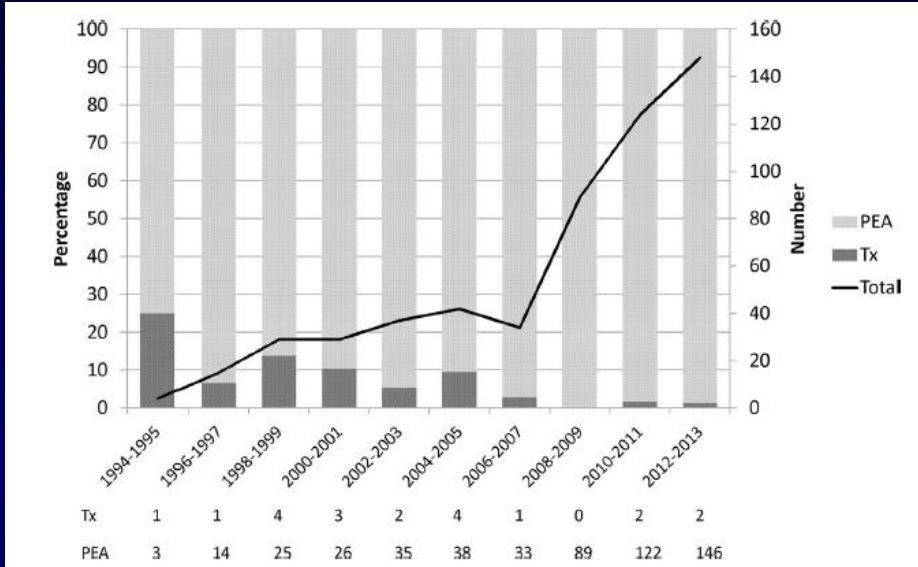
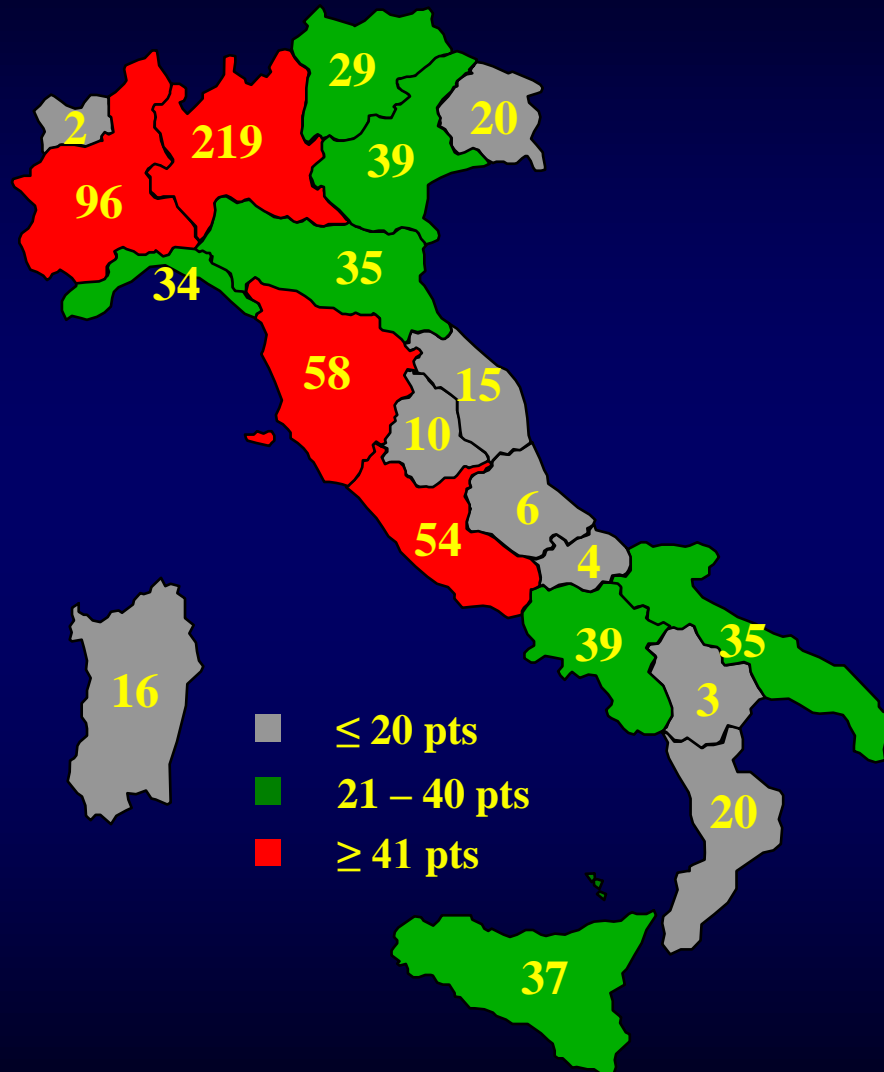


Figure 4. Survival after PEA and LTx.

# PATIENTS' REFERRAL



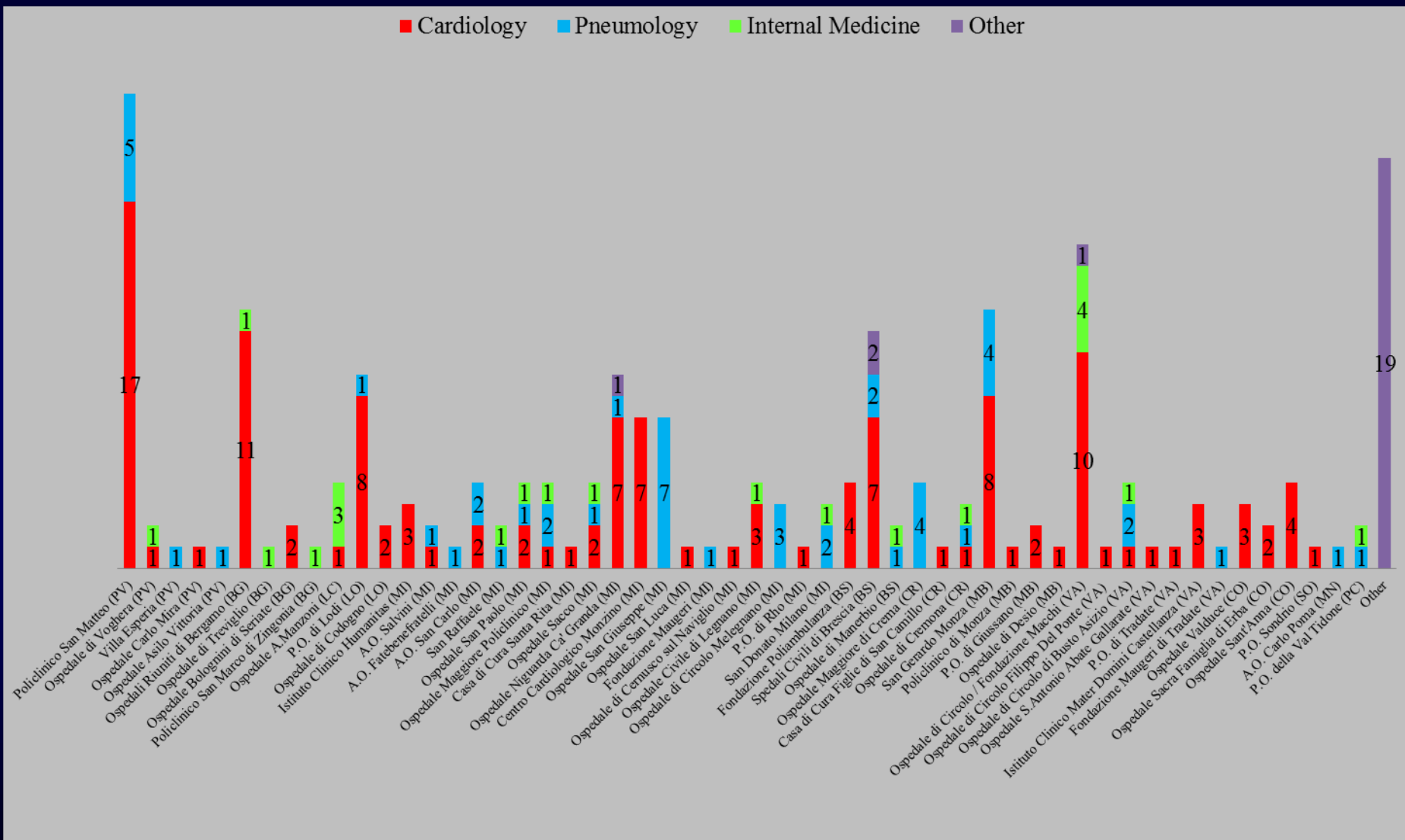
FROM 4/1994 TO 3/2017  
780 PEAs

## Pts coming from outside Italy

- Albania	1
- Greece	1
- Israel	1
- Kosovo	1
- Romania	2
- Russia	1
- Uganda	1
- U.S.A.	1

# PATIENTS' REFERRAL FROM LOMBARDIA

## FROM 4/1994 TO 3/2017 - 219 PEAs



# INDICATIONS FOR SURGERY

- The indications for the *surgical treatment* of these patients are based on

**CLINIC**

**HEMODYNAMIC**

- The indications for the *type of surgery* are based on

**ANATOMY**

# CLINIC

- *CTEPH* patients *must be* in *NYHA functional class III or IV* before being *evaluated for PEA!*
- *Since 2003* we have performed *PEA* in *NYHA functional class II* patients, given the *natural history of CTEPH* ...and the *good results of PEA...*

# INDICATIONS FOR SURGERY

## NYHA FUNCTIONAL CLASS

### ACQUIRED CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

(J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 2011;141:702-10)

#### Surgical management and outcome of patients with chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension: results from an international prospective registry

Eckhard Mayer, MD,<sup>a</sup> David Jenkins, FRCS,<sup>b</sup> Jaroslav J. Jaap Kloek, MD,<sup>c</sup> Bart Meyns, MD,<sup>f</sup> Lars Bo Ilkjaer, MD,<sup>g</sup> Irene Lang, MD,<sup>h</sup> Joanna Pepke-Zaba, MD,<sup>b</sup> Gerald Sir

#### Study Design

This prospective registry was designed to include newly diagnosed ( $\leq 6$  months) consecutive patients with CTEPH in participating centers in Europe and Canada, from February 2007 to January 2009. The registry proto-

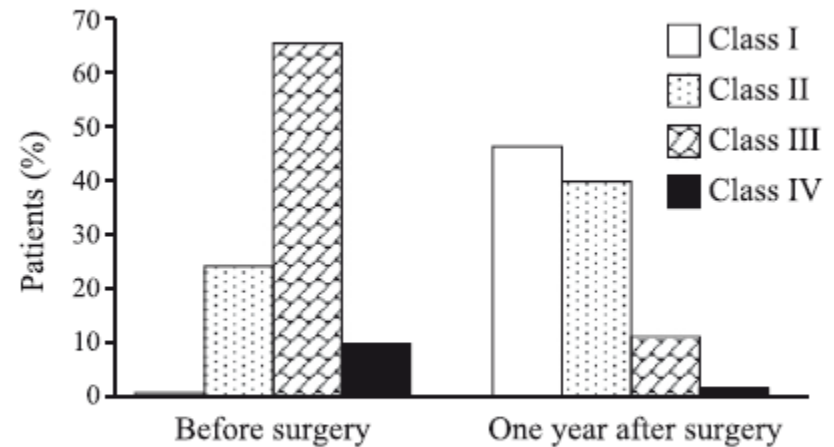


FIGURE 1. NYHA functional class before surgery and within 1 year after surgery (n = 221).

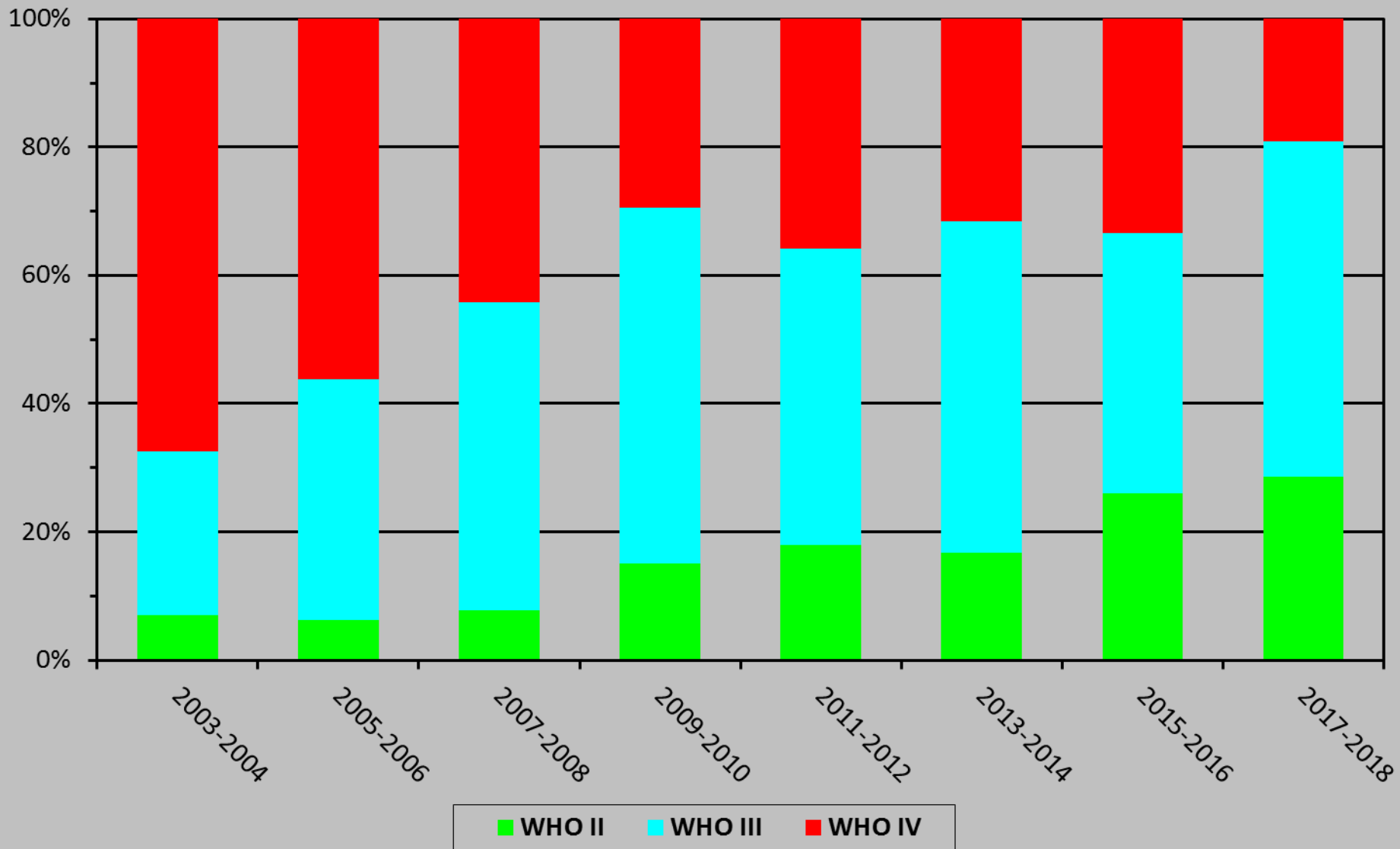
# NYHA CLASS DISTRIBUTION

## 2007-2008

	INTERNATIONAL REGISTRY	PAVIA
II	25%	5%
III	65%	50%
IV	10%	45%



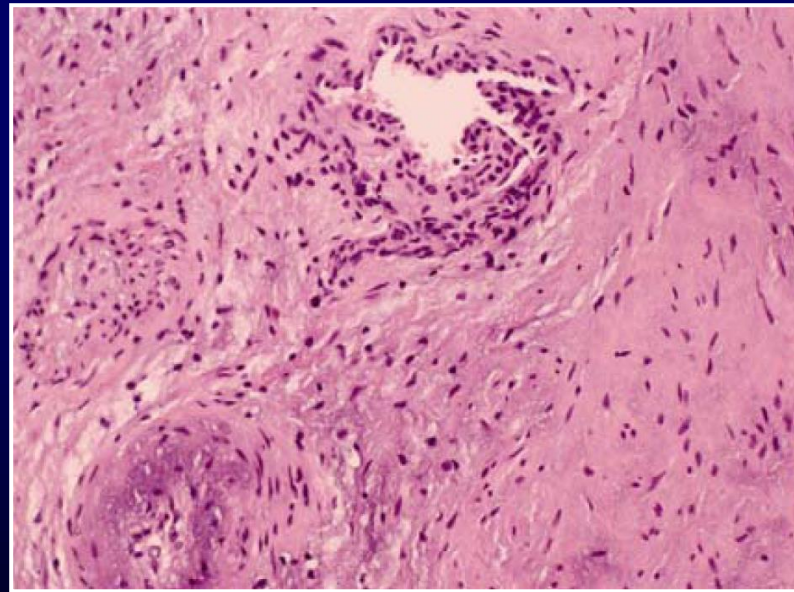
# WHO CLASS DISTRIBUTION



# PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

## ACCORDING TO THE LENGTH OF THE DISEASE

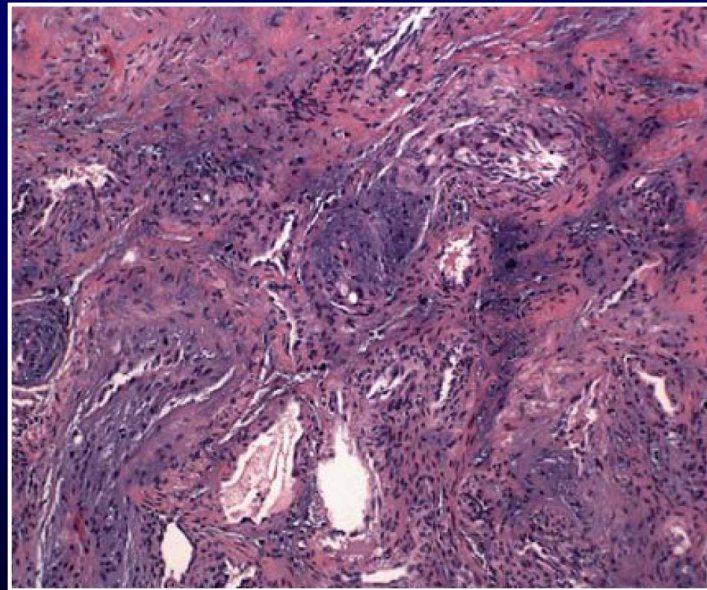
1. Hypertensive remodeling of the patent pulmonary vascular bed (*Eisenmenger-like*) due to volume and pressure overload



# PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

## ACCORDING TO THE LENGTH OF THE DISEASE

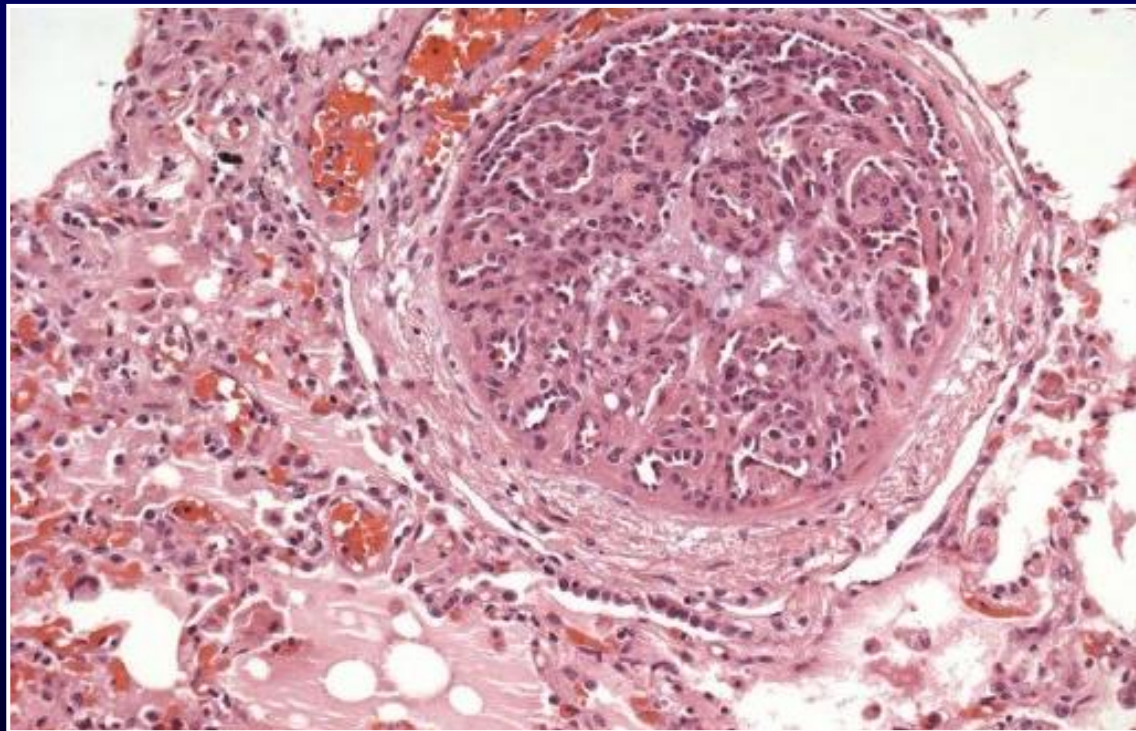
2. Chronic arteriopathy of the obstructed branches with *calcifications* and possible *retraction* of the distal vessels



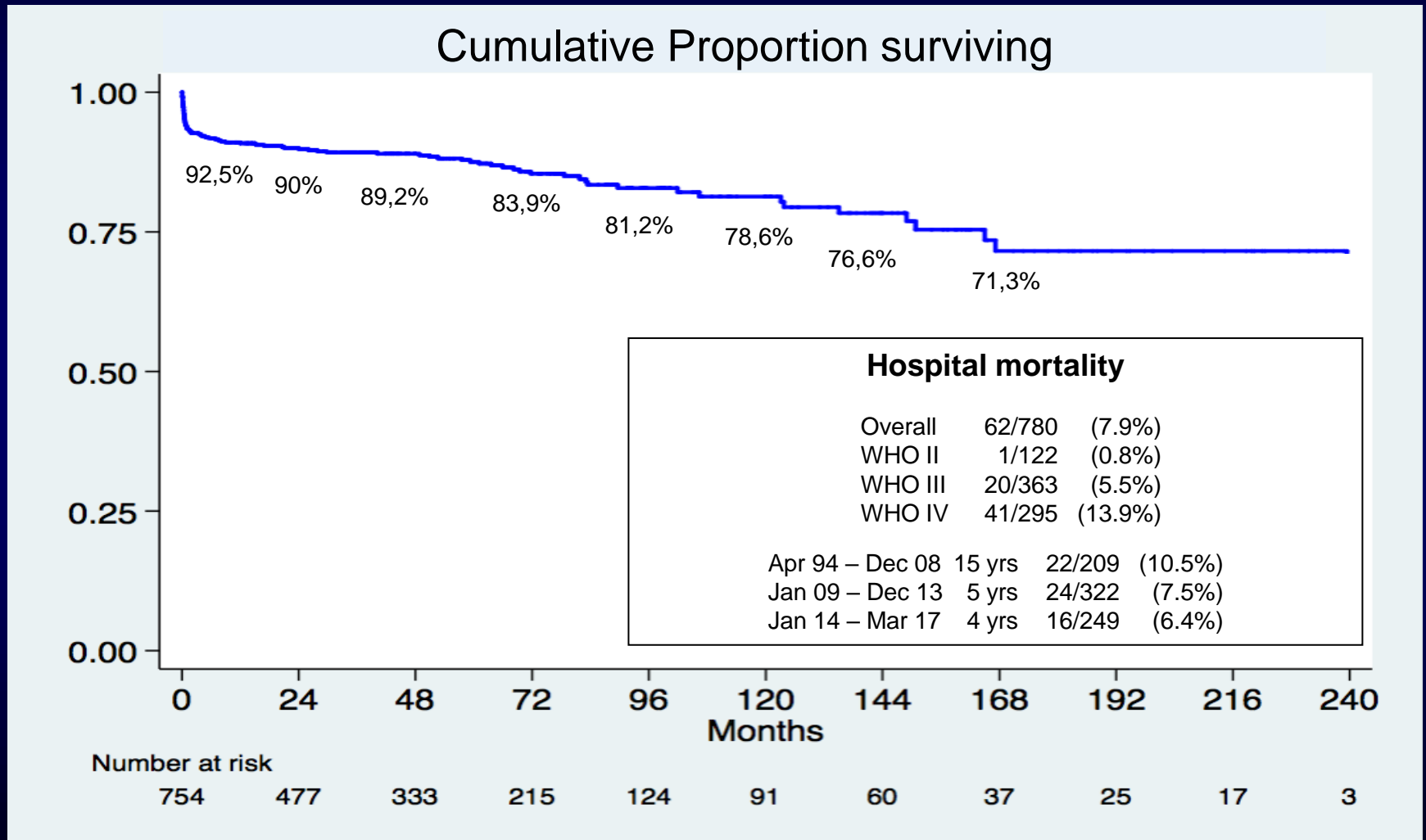
# PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

## ACCORDING TO THE LENGTH OF THE DISEASE

3. *Plexiform lesions* stemming from the capillary bed



# CUMULATIVE PROPORTION SURVIVING OF 780 PEAs



# CLINIC

- Full anticoagulation for *at least 3 months*



# INDICATIONS FOR SURGERY

## THREE MONTHS OF ANTICOAGULATION THERAPY

### ACQUIRED CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

#### **Surgical management and outcome of patients with chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension: Results from an international prospective registry**

Eckhard Mayer, MD,<sup>a</sup> David Jenkins, FRCS,<sup>b</sup> Jaroslav Lindner, MD,<sup>c</sup> Andrea D'Armini, MD,<sup>d</sup> Jaap Kloek, MD,<sup>e</sup> Bart Meyns, MD,<sup>f</sup> Lars Bo Ilkjaer, MD,<sup>g</sup> Walter Klepetko, MD,<sup>h</sup> Marion Delcroix, MD,<sup>f</sup> Irene Lang, MD,<sup>h</sup> Joanna Pepke-Zaba, MD,<sup>b</sup> Gerald Simonneau, MD,<sup>i</sup> and Philippe Dartevelle, MD<sup>j</sup>

(J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 2011;141:702-10)

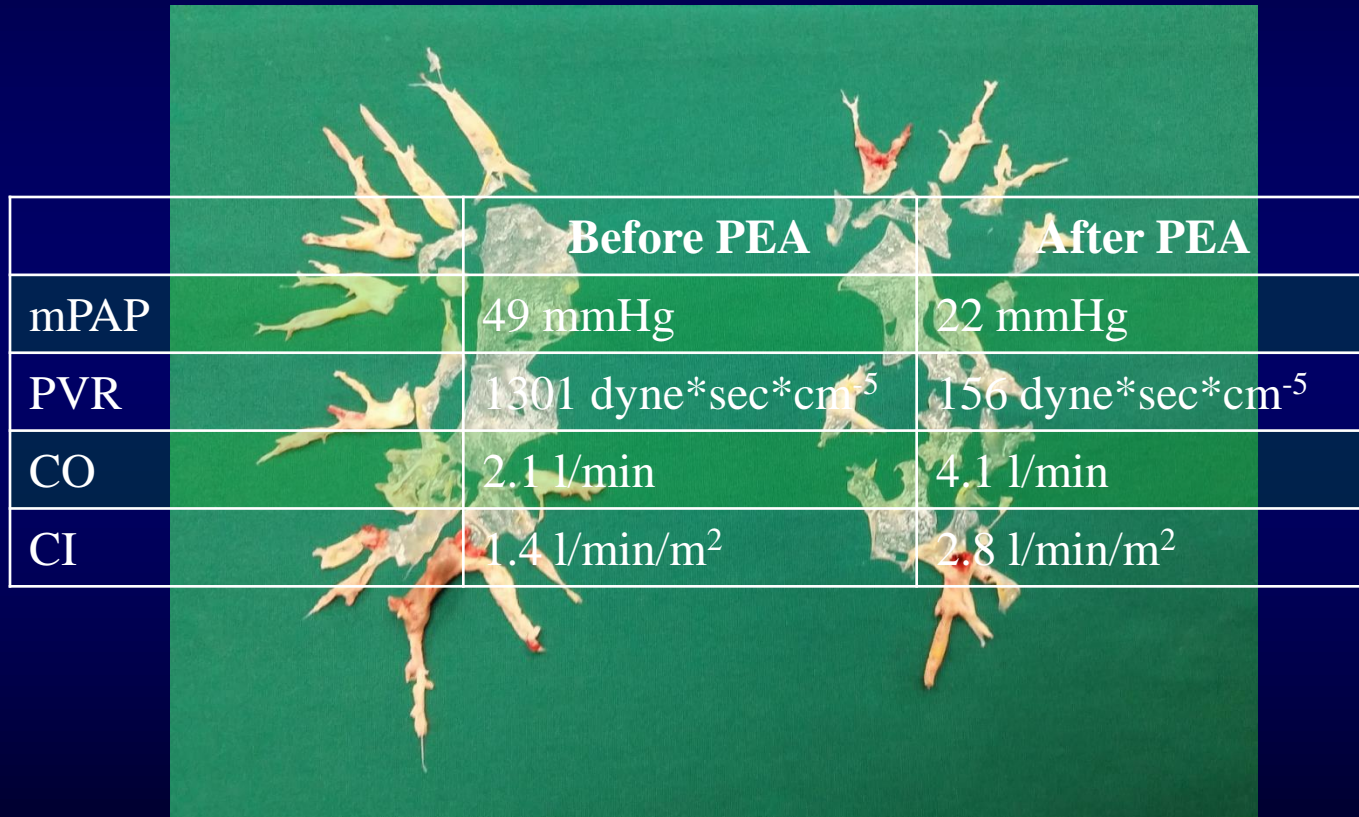
#### **Inclusion Criteria**

At all participating institutions, the diagnosis of CTEPH was established according to clinical guidelines valid at study initiation<sup>11</sup> and within 6 months of inclusion in the registry. To qualify for inclusion, patients were to be 18 years or older and to have established pulmonary hypertension as confirmed by mean pulmonary artery pressure (mPAP) 25 mm Hg or greater at rest or 30 mm Hg or greater after exercise and pulmonary capillary wedge pressure 15 mm Hg or less during a right heart catheterization. CTEPH was to be confirmed as the cause of pulmonary hypertension by abnormalities in ventilation/perfusion scan (including at least 1 mismatched segmental perfusion defect), computed tomography (CT) scan, or pulmonary angiography. Abnormal CT scan/pulmonary angiography demonstrated proximal lesions (webs, bands, and narrowed vessels). Before diagnosis, patients were required to have at least 3 months of anticoagulation therapy and no PAH-specific treatment.



# INDICATIONS FOR SURGERY

## THREE MONTHS OF ANTICOAGULATION THERAPY



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# HEMODYNAMIC

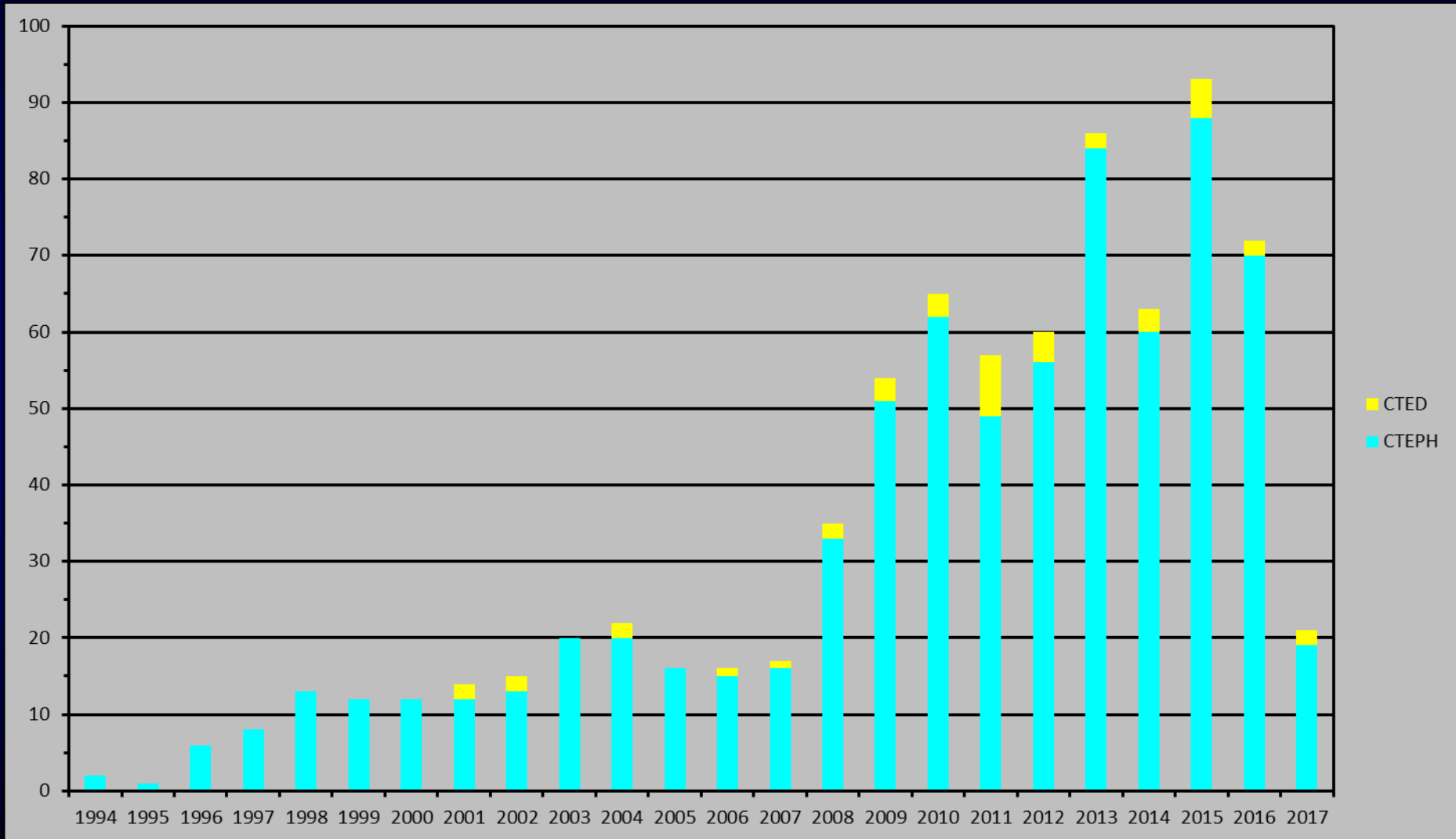
- Pulmonary hypertension (mPAP  $\geq$  25 mmHg)
- Causing low cardiac output



- Resulting in calculated pulmonary vascular resistances (PVR)  $>$  *300 dyne\*sec\*cm<sup>-5</sup>*

# CTEPH & CTED PATIENTS

738 & 42 → 780 PEAs



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**CLINIC**

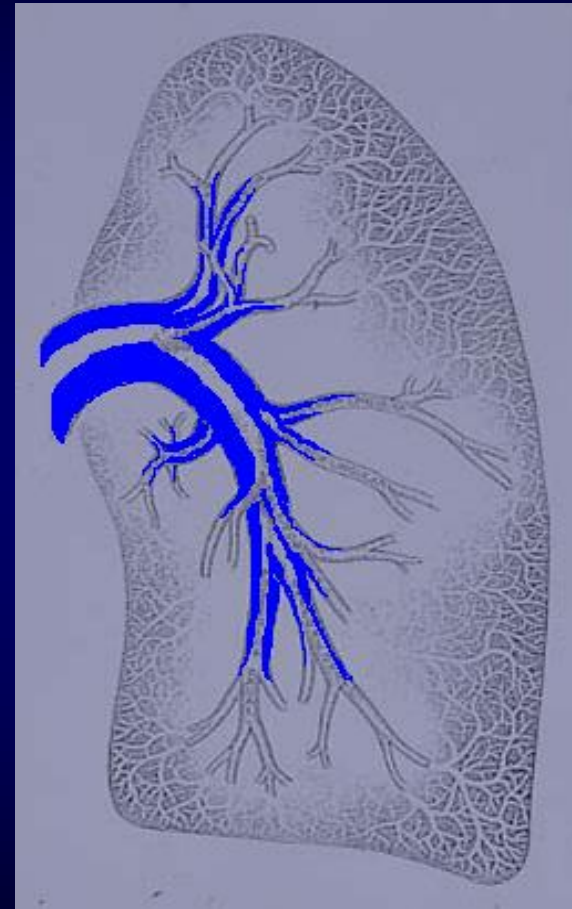
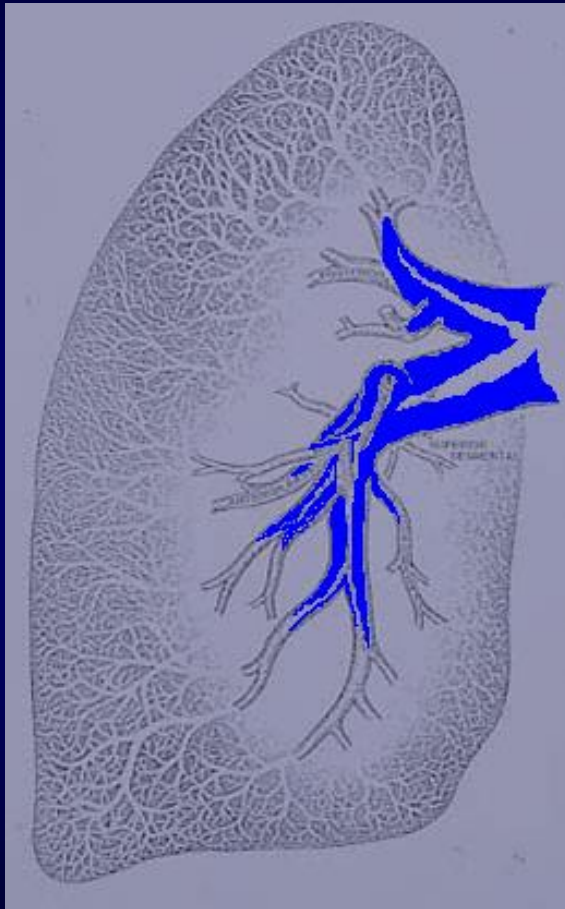
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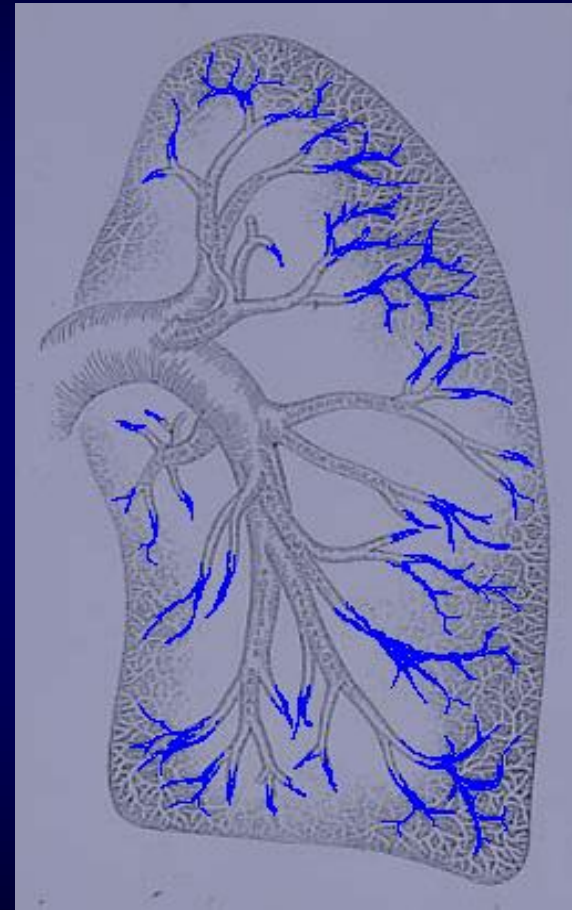
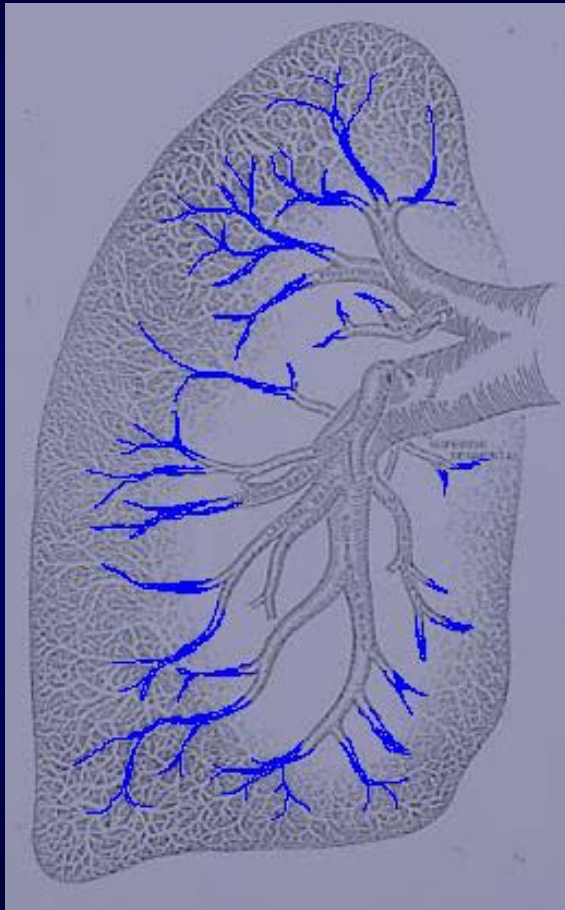
**PULMONARY ENDARTERECTOMY: THE PAVIA EXPERIENCE**

# **PROXIMAL LESIONS**



**PULMONARY ENDARTERECTOMY: THE PAVIA EXPERIENCE**

# **DISTAL LESIONS**





# EVOLVING SURGICAL TECHNIQUE

Morsolini et al

Acquired Cardiovascular Disease

## **Evolving surgical techniques for pulmonary endarterectomy according to the changing features of chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension patients during 17-year single-center experience**

Marco Morsolini, MD,<sup>a,b</sup> Salvatore Nicolardi, MD,<sup>a,b</sup> Elisa Milanesi, MD,<sup>c</sup> Eleonora Sarchi, MD,<sup>d</sup> Gabriella Mattiucci, MD,<sup>a</sup> Catherine Klersy, MD, MSc,<sup>e</sup> and Andrea Maria D'Armini, MD<sup>a</sup>

(J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 2012;144:100-7)

# SURGICAL TREATMENT

	Original San Diego protocol	Pavia protocol
Aortic clamp	Yes	No
Cardioplegia	Yes	No
Hypothermia	Deep (18°C)	Moderate (24°C)
Circulatory arrest	A single (20 minutes) period of circulatory arrest for each side (with a maximum of a third)	Intermittent short periods of circulatory arrest ( $\approx$ 7-10 minutes) followed by short re-perfusion periods ( $\approx$ 5-7 minutes)
Total arrest time	Maximum 60 minutes	Maximum 180 minutes

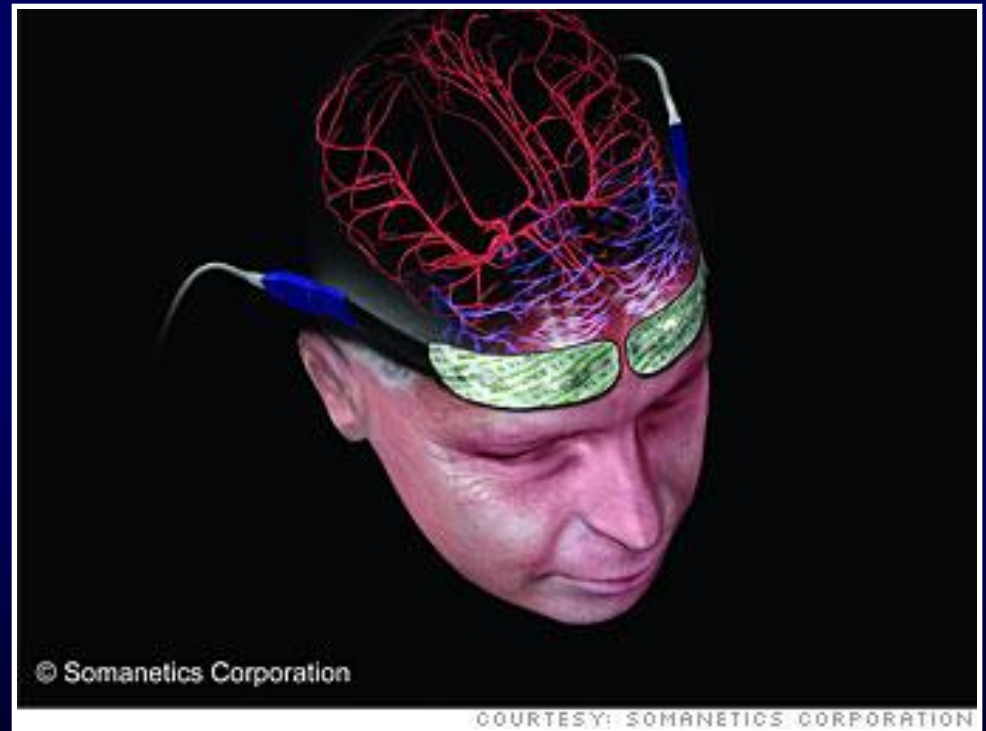
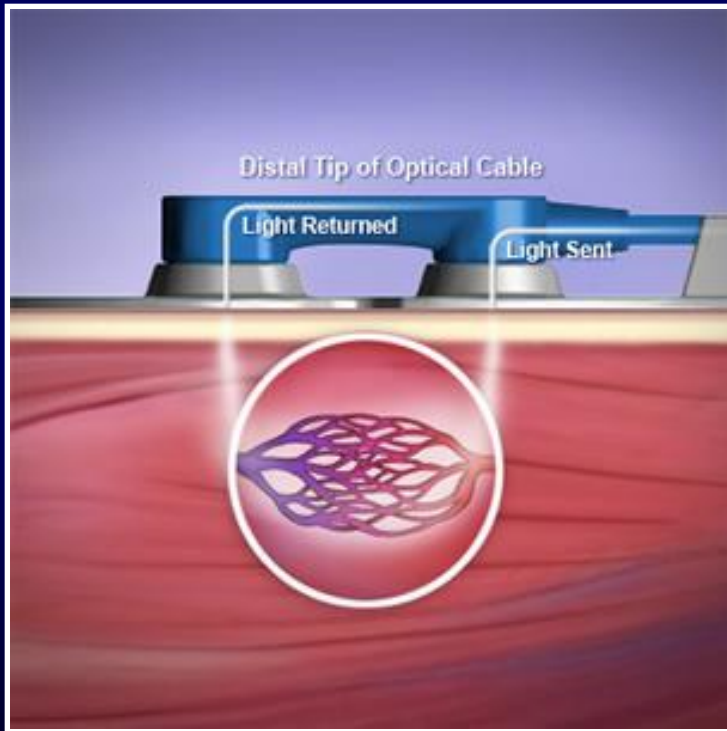
*LESS INVASIVE SURGERY*

# CEREBRAL PROTECTION STRATEGY

## NIRS MONITORING

Near-InfraRed Spectroscopy

Clinical application

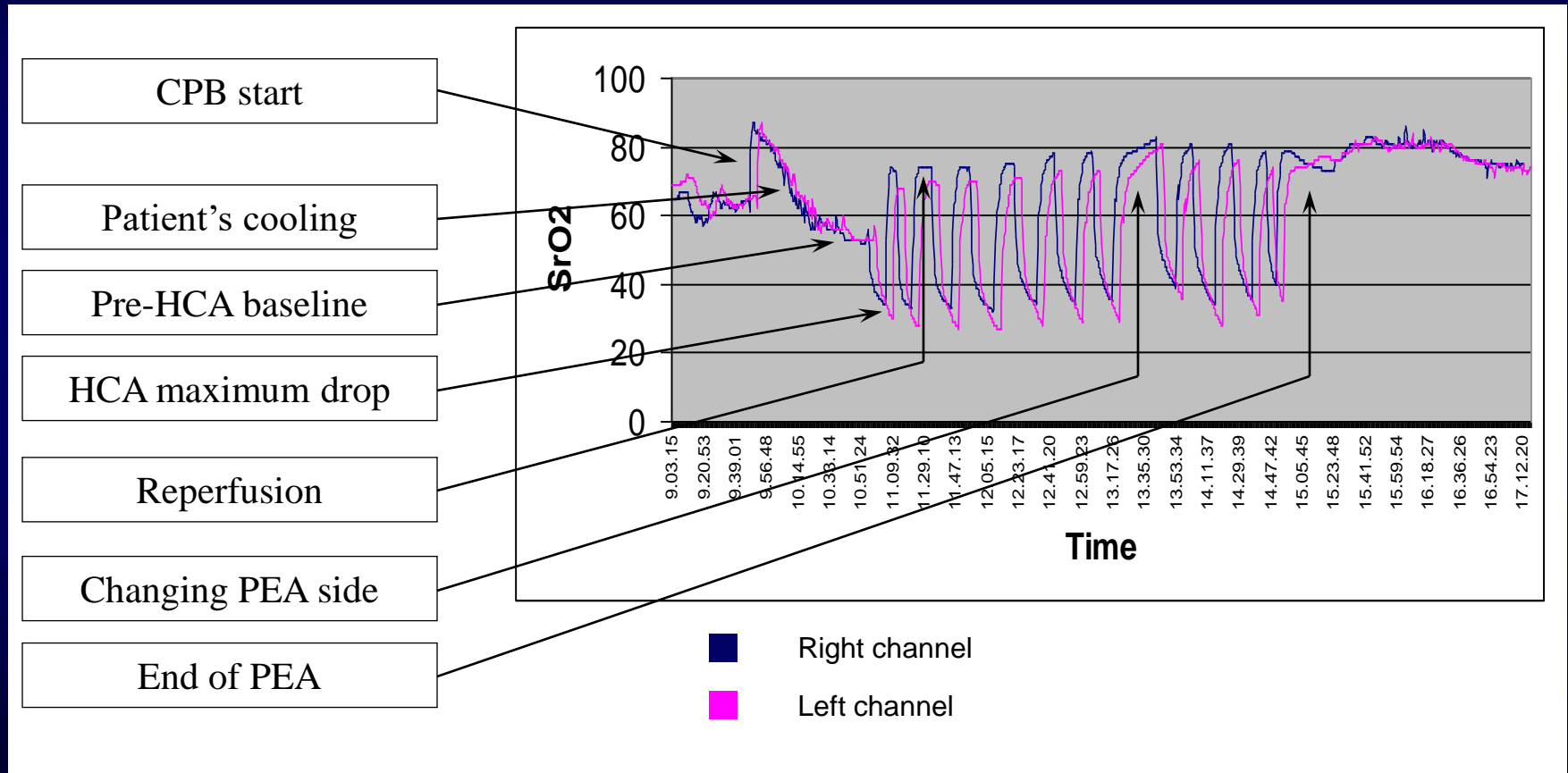


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# CEREBRAL PROTECTION STRATEGY

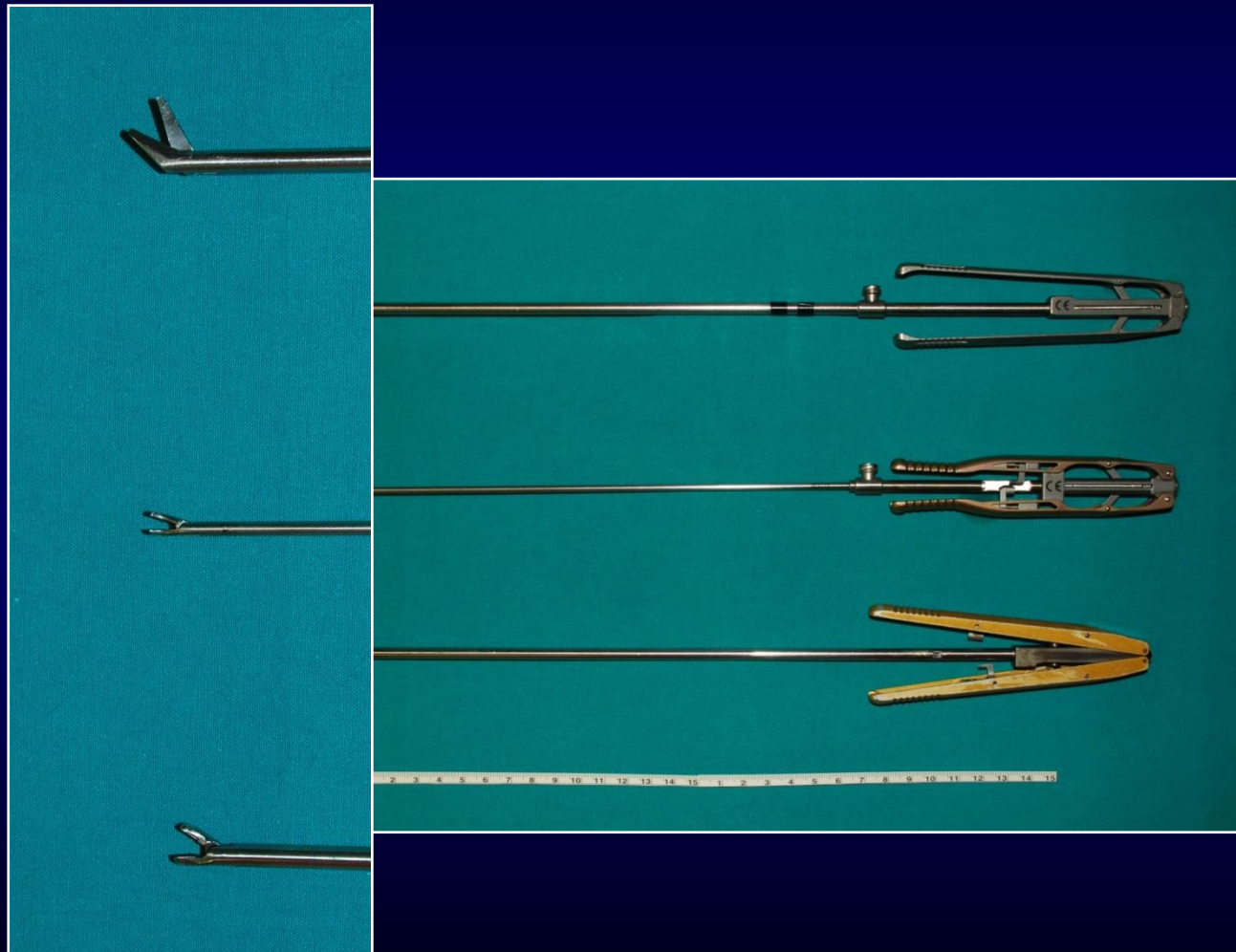
## NIRS MONITORING

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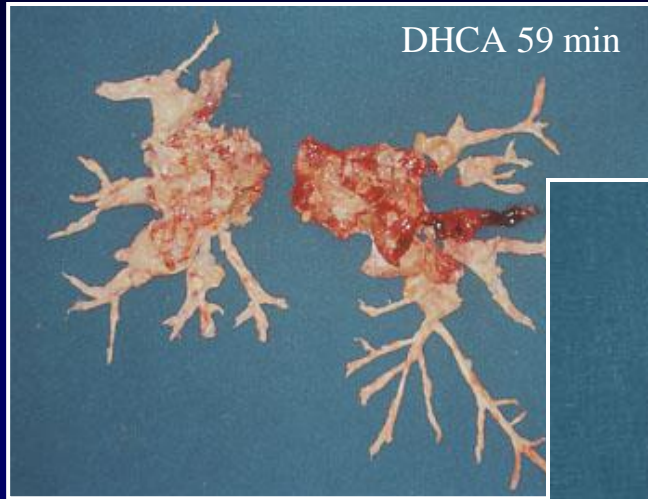


# SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS

Derived from minimally-invasive cardiac surgery



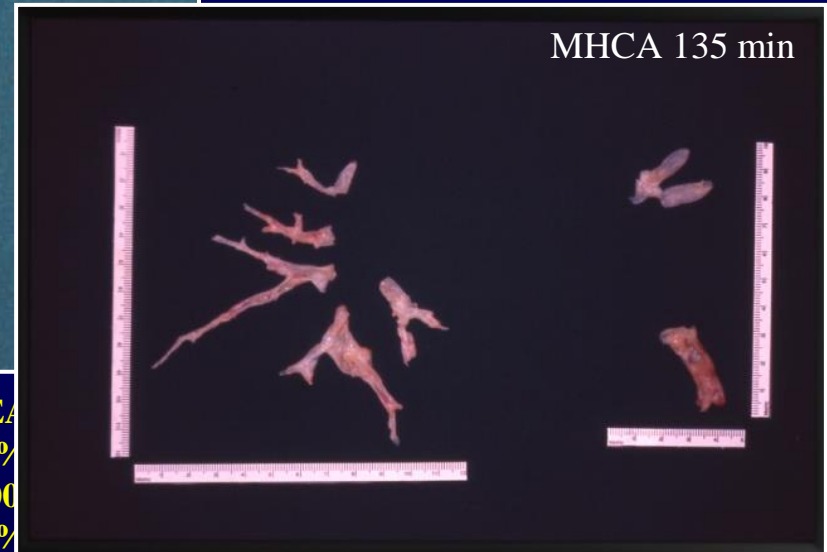
# JAMIESON TYPE I vs. TYPE II vs. TYPE III



**L.M.E.L. - 65 yrs M - Oct 2004 - PEA**  
mPAP 39 → 19 (-51%)  
CO 4.4 → 5.4 (+23%)  
PVR 665 → 222 (-66%)



**G.A.C. - 52 yrs F - Jul 2003 - PEA**  
mPAP 48 → 27 (-44%)  
CO 2.1 → 4.2 (+100%)  
PVR 1638 → 381 (-77%)



**B.A. - 43 yrs F - May 2009 - PEA #233**  
mPAP 49 → 19 (-61%)  
CO 3.3 → 5.0 (+52%)  
PVR 1067 → 224 (-79%)

DHCA, deep hypothermic circulatory arrest;

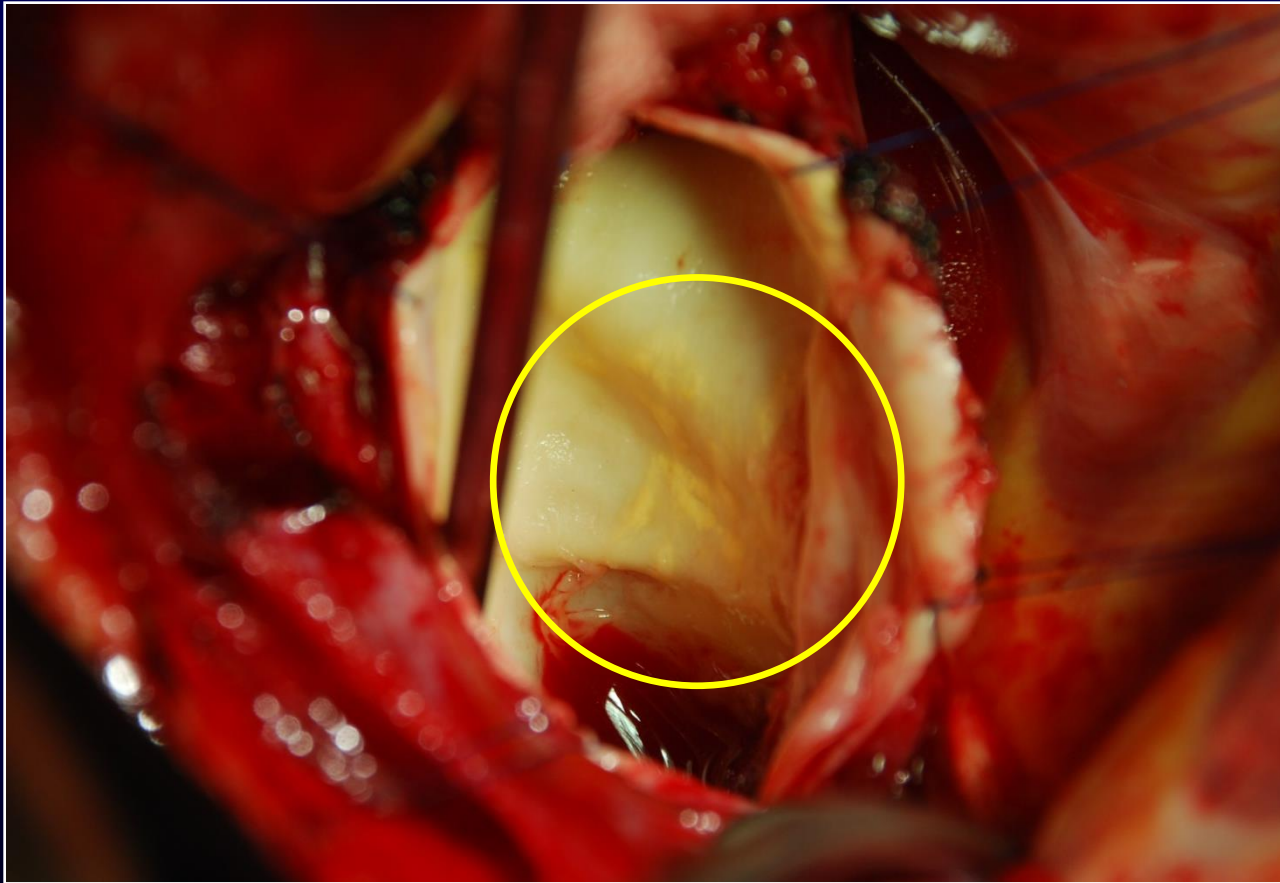
MHCA, moderate hypothermic circulatory arrest.



# TRICKS AND TIPS

The correct arterial dissection plane

Yellow-fibro-lipid plaques included into the removed cast





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The correct arterial dissection plane

Yellow-fibro-lipid plaques included into the removed cast



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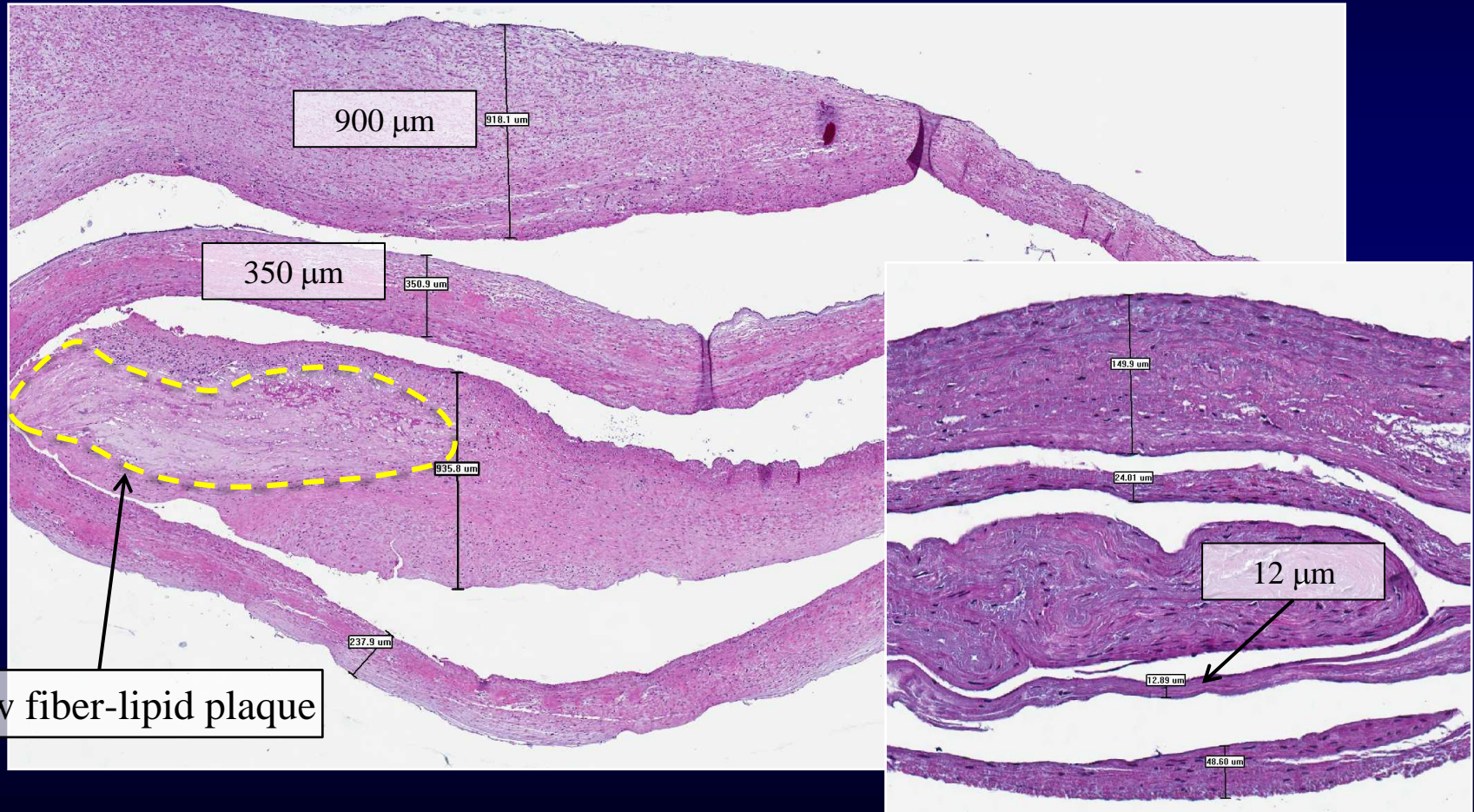
Proximal dissection for the clearance of distal obstructions





# TRICKS AND TIPS

Proximal dissection for the clearance of distal obstructions



Yellow fiber-lipid plaque

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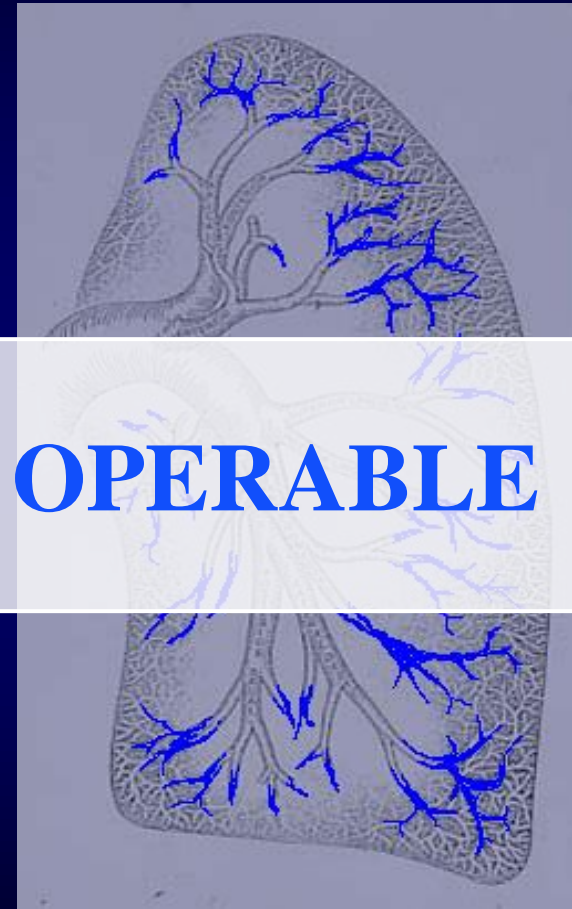


Sample





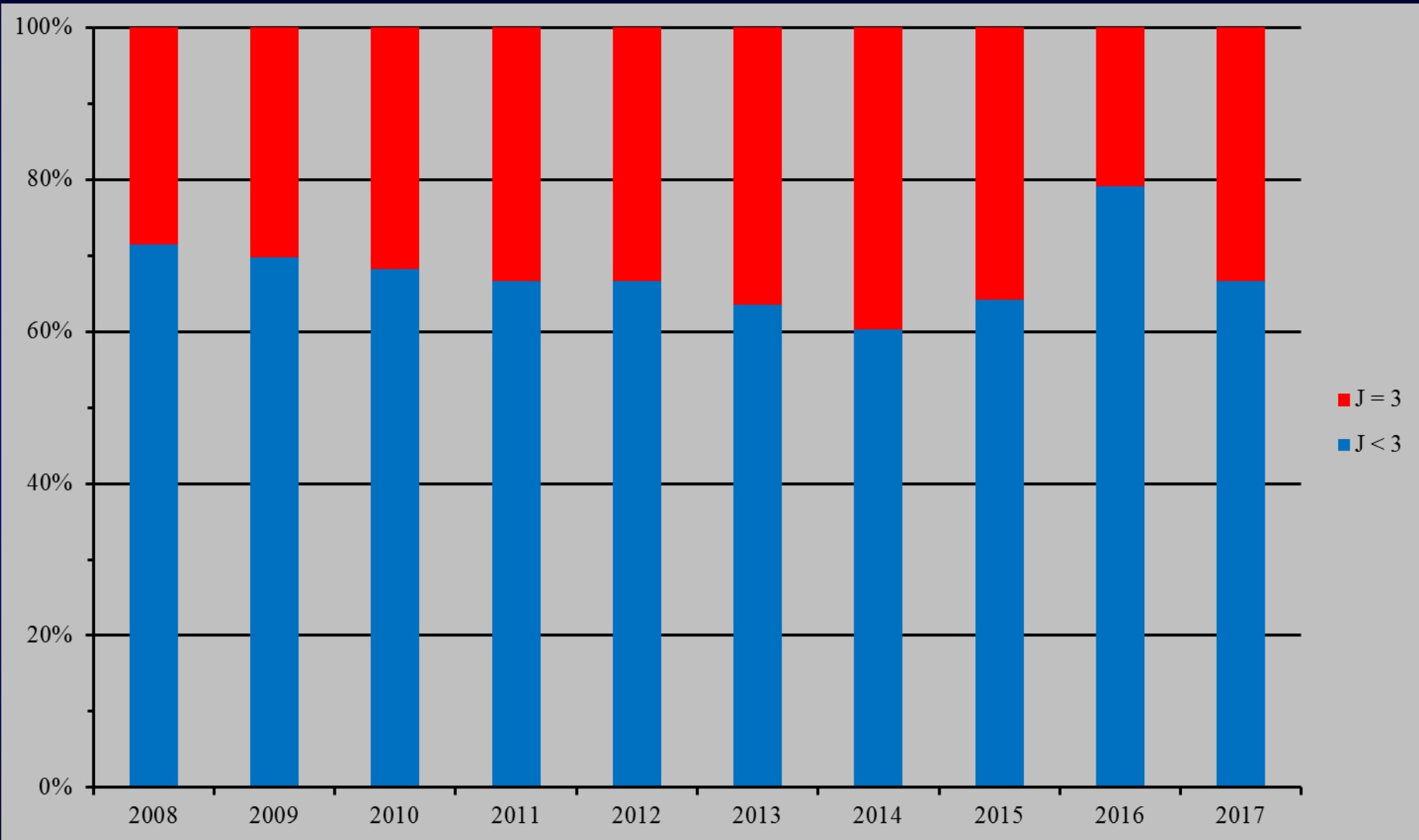
# DISTAL LESIONS



**CURRENTLY OPERABLE**

**PULMONARY ENDARTERECTOMY: THE PAVIA EXPERIENCE**

**JAMIESON TYPE III**



# DISTAL LESIONS

D'Armini et al

Acquired Cardiovascular Disease

## **Pulmonary endarterectomy for distal chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension**

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Catherine Klersy, MD, MSc,<sup>d</sup> and Roberto Dore, MD<sup>c</sup>

(J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 2014;148:1005-12)

# DISTAL LESIONS

TABLE 2. Intraoperative comparison and early postoperative outcome

	Proximal	Distal	<i>P</i> value
Bilateral PEA (n)	192 (86.9)	95 (86.4)	1.000
Associated procedures (n)	38 (17.2)	19 (17.3)	1.000
Total CPB time (min)	338 ± 81 (327-348)	361 ± 64 (349-373)	<b>.005</b>
Hypothermia (°C)	24.0 ± 0.9 (23.9-24.1)	23.7 ± 1.0 (23.5-23.8)	<b>.003</b>
Total HCA time (min)	84 ± 32 (80-89)	102 ± 28 (97-107)	<b>&lt;.001</b>
PaO <sub>2</sub> /Fio <sub>2</sub> 6 h	284 ± 91 (271-296)	280 ± 112 (259-301)	.758
MV duration (d)	2 (1-3)	2 (1-4)	.565
ICU stay (d)	4 (3-7)	4 (3-8)	.962
Postoperative hospital stay (d)	13 (10-16)	13 (11-17)	.541

	Risk	Risk difference (95% CI)	<i>P</i> value
Univariate analysis			
Hospital mortality		1.8 (-4.2 to 7.9)	.647
Proximal	6.3%		
Distal	8.1%		
Lung reperfusion edema		-0.5 (-4.4 to 3.4)	1.000
Proximal	3.2%		
Distal	2.7%		
Tracheostomy		-1.9 (-7.8 to 3.9)	.662
Proximal	8.3%		
Distal	6.4%		
Neurologic event		-4.7 (-10.6 to 1.1)	.209
Proximal	10.2%		
transient 13/22			
permanent 9/22			
Distal	5.5%		
transient 5/6			
permanent 1/6			

Bold values indicate significance (*P* < .05). *CI*, Confidence interval; *CPB*, cardiopulmonary bypass; *HCA*, hypothermic circulatory arrest; *ICU*, intensive care unit; *MV*, mechanical ventilation; *PaO<sub>2</sub>/Fio<sub>2</sub>*, 6 h, partial pressure of oxygen in arterial blood/fraction of inspired oxygen ratio 6 hours after admission to ICU; *PEA*, pulmonary endarterectomy.



# DISTAL LESIONS

TABLE 3. Hemodynamic time course after pulmonary endarterectomy

	Proximal	Distal
Mean pulmonary arterial pressure (mm Hg)		
Preoperative	44 ± 10	46 ± 11
At discharge	22 ± 7	24 ± 6
3-mo follow-up	24 ± 9	25 ± 7
12-mo follow-up	23 ± 7	24 ± 8
<i>P</i> value*	<.001	<.001
PVR (dyne·s·cm <sup>-5</sup> )		
Preoperative	876 ± 392	926 ± 337
At discharge	251 ± 146	295 ± 161
3-mo follow-up	270 ± 175	300 ± 139
12-mo follow-up	243 ± 115	300 ± 224
<i>P</i> value*	<.001	<.001
Cardiac output (L/min)		
Preoperative	3.9 ± 1.3	3.7 ± 1.2
At discharge	5.0 ± 1.2	4.7 ± 1.2
3-mo follow-up	5.2 ± 1.1	5.0 ± 1.2
12-mo follow-up	5.0 ± 1.1	4.7 ± 1.0
<i>P</i> value*	<.001	<.001

*PVR*, Pulmonary vascular resistance. \*Each time point versus preoperative. Test of interaction: *P* = .975 (mean pulmonary arterial pressure); *P* = .777 (*PVR*); *P* = .825 (cardiac output).

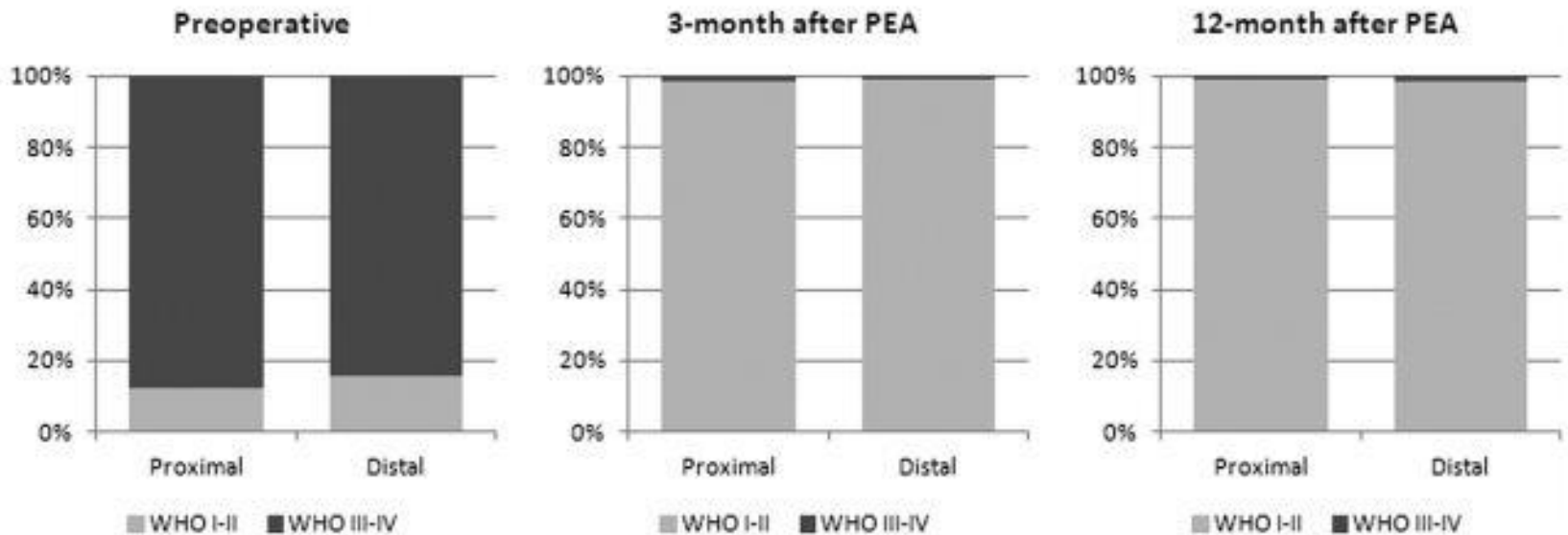
# DISTAL LESIONS

**TABLE 4. Partial pressure of oxygen in arterial blood, modified Bruce exercise test, and 6-minute walking distance time course after pulmonary endarterectomy**

	Proximal	Distal
Arterial partial pressure of oxygen (mm Hg)		
Preoperative	65 ± 12	66 ± 11
3-mo follow-up	82 ± 13	80 ± 11
12-mo follow-up	80 ± 11	80 ± 11
<i>P</i> value*	<.001	<.001
Modified Bruce exercise test (m)		
Preoperative	51 (0-143)	52 (0-102)
3-mo follow-up	495 (182-658)	435 (143-586)
12-mo follow-up	520 (261-709)	474 (225-620)
<i>P</i> value*	<.001	<.001
6-min walking distance (m)		
Preoperative	277 ± 118	289 ± 112
3-mo follow-up	391 ± 118	398 ± 107
12-mo follow-up	389 ± 118	396 ± 112
<i>P</i> value*	<.001	<.001

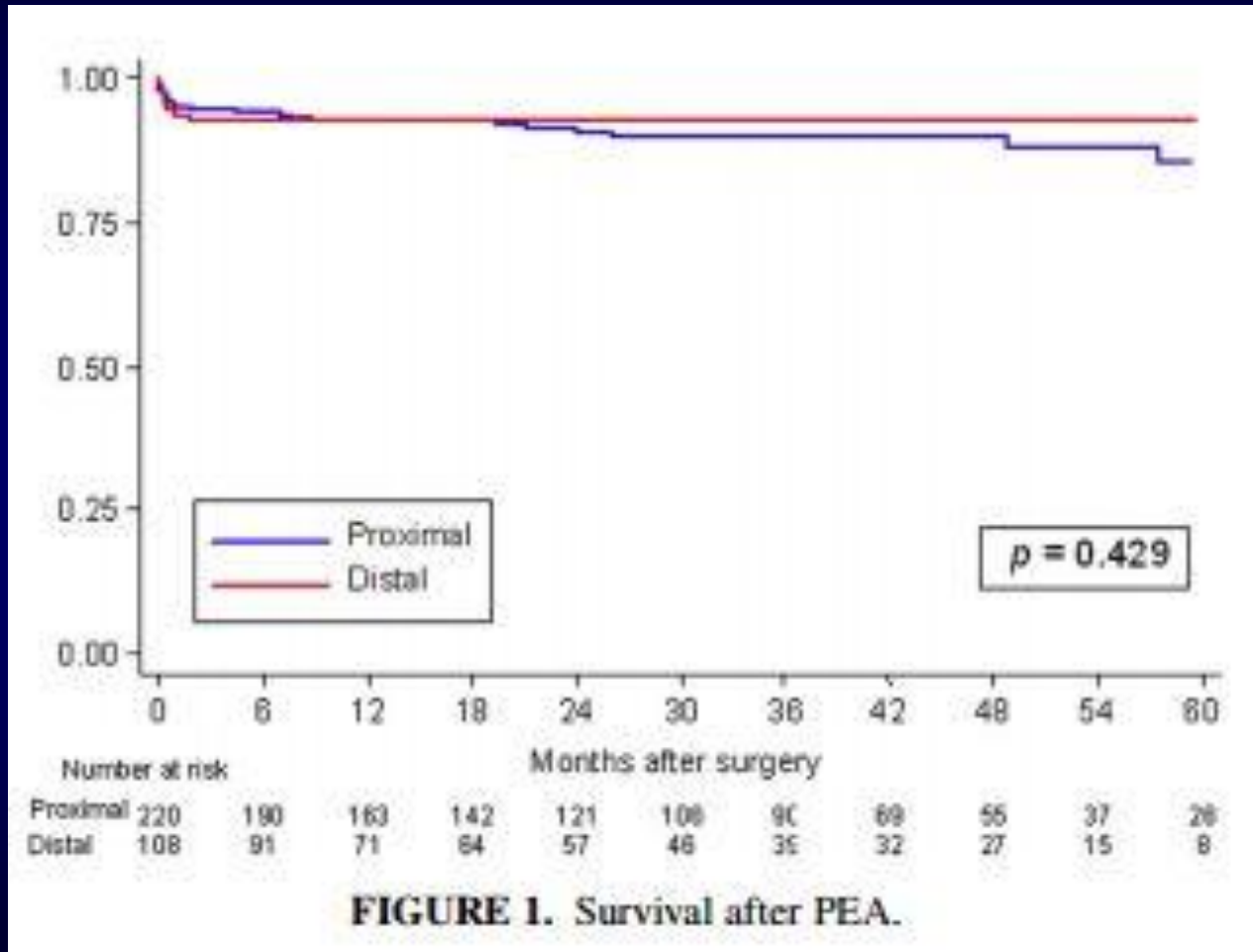
\*Each time point versus preoperative. Test of interaction: *P* = .317 (partial pressure of oxygen in arterial blood); *P* = .205 (modified Bruce exercise test); *P* = .962 (6-min walking distance).

# DISTAL LESIONS



**FIGURE E2.** WHO functional class changes after PEA.  $P < .001$  at each time point versus preoperative. Test of interaction:  $P = .327$ . PEA, Pulmonary endarterectomy; WHO, World Health Organization.

# DISTAL LESIONS



# PEA SPECIMEN





# PEA EXPERT CENTER



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ESC/ERS GUIDELINES



## Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary hypertension

**The Task Force for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Pulmonary Hypertension of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Respiratory Society (ERS), endorsed by the International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT)**

A centre can be considered to have sufficient expertise in this field if it performs at least 20 PEA operations per year with a mortality rate  $<10\%$ .

# PEA CENTER EXPERT BETTER DEFINITION

## Surgical management and outcome of patients with chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension: Results from an international prospective registry

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TABLE 4. Center expertise and surgical management

	Average no. of PEAs per year			Combined
	1-10	11-50	>50	
No. of centers performing PEA, n (%)	6 (35.3%)	8 (47.1%)	3 (17.6%)	17*
No. of patients, n (%)	54 (14.0%)	191 (49.5%)	141 (36.5%)	386*
Change in PVR from diagnosis to end of intensive care, dyn.s.cm <sup>-5</sup> , median (range), n	-476 NS (-1760 to 80) n = 43	-476† (-2256 to 22) n = 144	-400‡ (-2261 to 554) n = 65	-457 (-2261 to 554) n = 252
Death, n (%)§				
In-hospital	4 (7.4%) NS	9 (4.7%) NS	5 (3.5%)§	18 (4.7%)
1 y after PEA	6 (11.1%) NS	14 (7.3%) NS	7 (5.0%)§	27 (7.0%)

NS, Not significant; PEA, pulmonary endarterectomy; PVR, pulmonary vascular resistance. \*Two patients underwent operations in 2 nonparticipating centers performing > 50 PEAs per year and < 10 PEAs per year, respectively. NS compared with ‡ (Wilcoxon 2-sample test) or § (Fisher's exact test). †P < .05 compared with ‡ (Wilcoxon 2-sample test).

## Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary Hypertension

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bility assessment by a CTEPH team (Fig. 2). Because the operability assessment remains complex, we recommend that only an experienced CTEPH team should determine that a case of CTEPH is inoperable. Furthermore, recognizing the subjective nature of the operability assessment process, we encourage a re-evaluation of operability by a second experienced CTEPH center, whenever feasible, in cases initially deemed inoperable. In cases of operable CTEPH, medical



# PEA EXPERT CENTER

## PROPOSED DEFINITION

- In most recent guidelines
  - no definition of PEA expert center*
  - no suggestion of second opinion*

# **REFERENCE**

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David Jenkins<sup>1</sup>, Michael Madani<sup>2</sup>, Elie Fadel<sup>3</sup>, Andrea Maria D'Armini<sup>4</sup> and Eckhard Mayer<sup>5</sup>

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TABLE 2 Characteristics of an expert centre

Extensive experience with cardiothoracic surgery, including procedures requiring DHCA  
Excellent pulmonary and cardiac services  
Emphasis on pulmonary hypertension  
Expert diagnostic imaging  
Experienced multidisciplinary team comprising surgeons, radiologists, anaesthetists, intensivists, nurses, perfusionists, respiratory therapists and interventionalists, including specialists experienced in BPA

DHCA: deep hypothermic circulatory arrest; BPA: balloon pulmonary angioplasty. Data from [12].

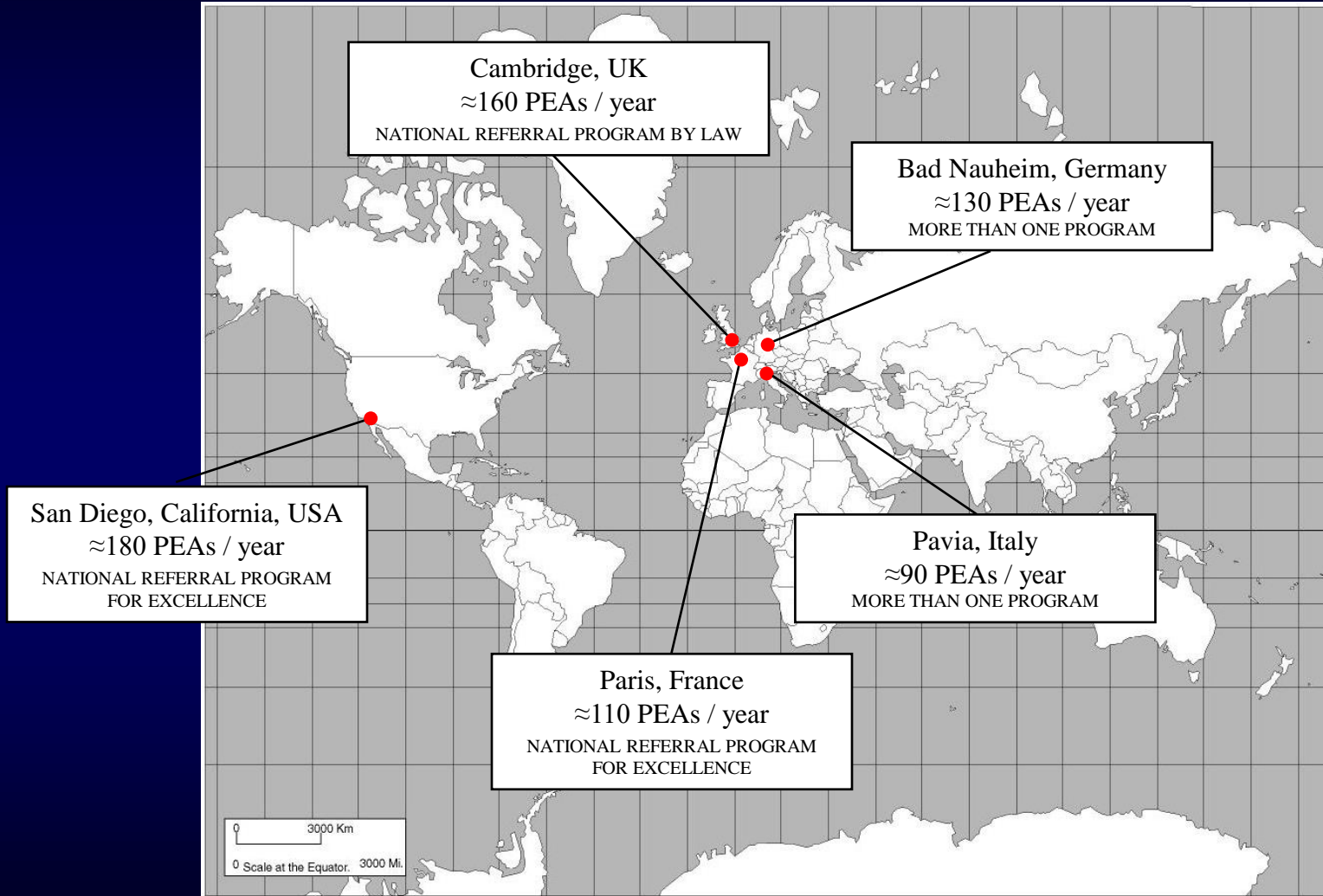
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TABLE 3 Proposed identification criteria of expert or high-quality centres

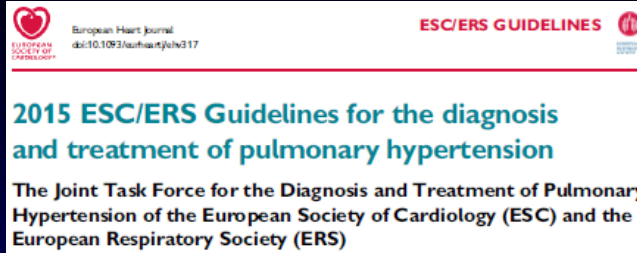
Level of expertise	Criteria		
I	30-day or in-hospital mortality <5%		
II	30-day or in-hospital mortality <5%	<b>plus</b> $\geq 50$ procedures-year <sup>-1</sup>	
III	30-day or in-hospital mortality <5%	<b>plus</b> $\geq 50$ procedures-year <sup>-1</sup>	<b>plus</b> ability to perform segmental endarterectomy/operate on distal disease <b>plus</b> ability to provide PEA, BPA and medical therapy

PEA: pulmonary endarterectomy; BPA: balloon pulmonary angioplasty.

# MAIN WORLD PEA CENTERS



# PULMONARY ENDARTERECTOMY: THE PAVIA EXPERIENCE



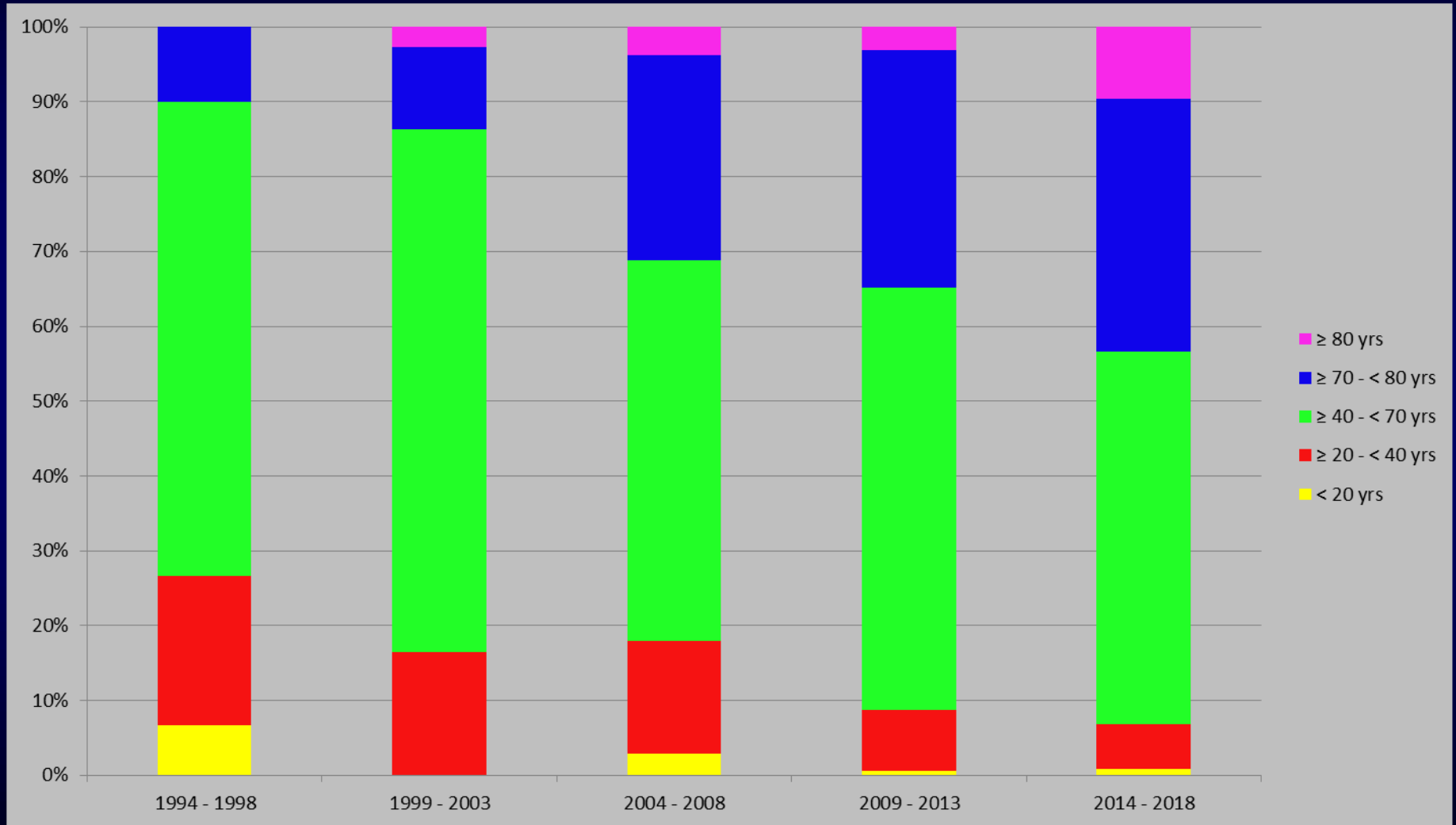
<b>I. Pulmonary arterial hypertension</b>
1.1 Idiopathic 1.2 Heritable 1.2.1 BMPR2 mutation 1.2.2 Other mutations 1.3 Drugs and toxins Induced 1.4 Associated with: 1.4.1 Connective tissue disease 1.4.2 Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection 1.4.3 Portal hypertension 1.4.4 Congenital heart disease (Table 6) 1.4.5 Schistosomiasis
<b>I'. Pulmonary veno-occlusive disease and/or pulmonary capillary haemangiomatosis</b>
I'.1 Idiopathic I'.2 Heritable I'.2.1 EIF2AK4 mutation I'.2.2 Other mutations I'.3 Drugs, toxins and radiation Induced I'.4 Associated with: I'.4.1 Connective tissue disease I'.4.2 HIV Infection
<b>I''. Persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn</b>
<b>2. Pulmonary hypertension due to left heart disease</b>
2.1 Left ventricular systolic dysfunction 2.2 Left ventricular diastolic dysfunction 2.3 Valvular disease 2.4 Congenital / acquired left heart inflow/outflow tract obstruction and congenital cardiomyopathies 2.5 Congenital /acquired pulmonary veins stenosis

<b>3. Pulmonary hypertension due to lung diseases and/or hypoxia</b>
3.1 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease 3.2 Interstitial lung disease 3.3 Other pulmonary diseases with mixed restrictive and obstructive pattern 3.4 Sleep-disordered breathing 3.5 Alveolar hypoventilation disorders 3.6 Chronic exposure to high altitude 3.7 Developmental lung diseases (Web Table III)
<b>4. Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension and other pulmonary artery obstructions</b>
4.1 Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension 4.2 Other pulmonary artery obstructions 4.2.1 Angiosarcoma 4.2.2 Other intravascular tumors 4.2.3 Arteritis 4.2.4 Congenital pulmonary arteries stenoses 4.2.5 Parasites (hydatidosis)
<b>5. Pulmonary hypertension with unclear and/or multifactorial mechanisms</b>
5.1 Haematological disorders: chronic haemolytic anaemia, myeloproliferative disorders, splenectomy 5.2 Systemic disorders, sarcoidosis, pulmonary histiocytosis, lymphangioleiomyomatosis 5.3 Metabolic disorders: glycogen storage disease, Gaucher disease, thyroid disorders 5.4 Others: pulmonary tumoral thrombotic microangiopathy, fibrosing mediastinitis, chronic renal failure (with/without dialysis), segmental pulmonary hypertension

4%

# PULMONARY ENDARTERECTOMY: THE PAVIA EXPERIENCE

## AGE OF 780 PEAs



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# ELDERLY PATIENTS

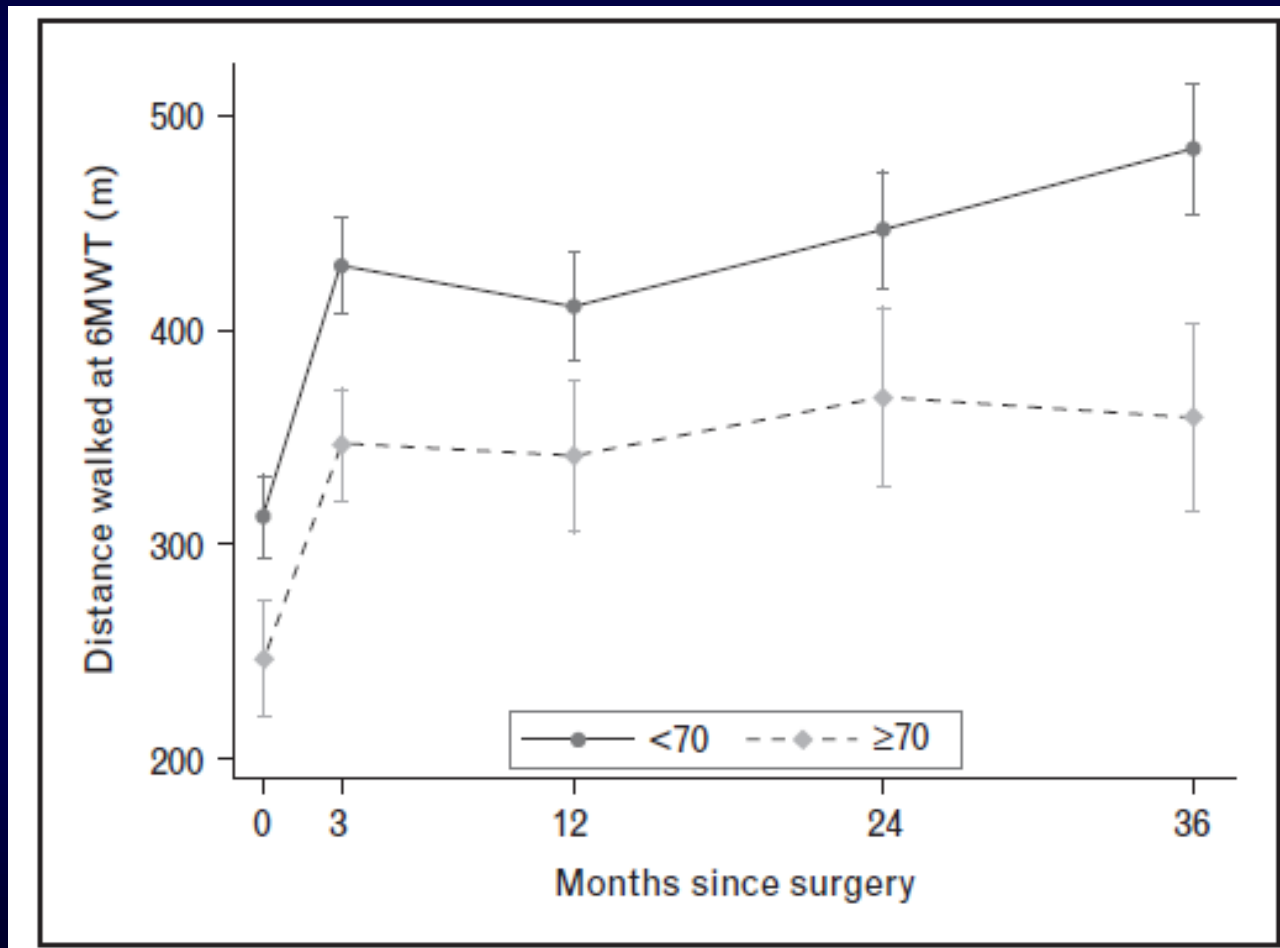
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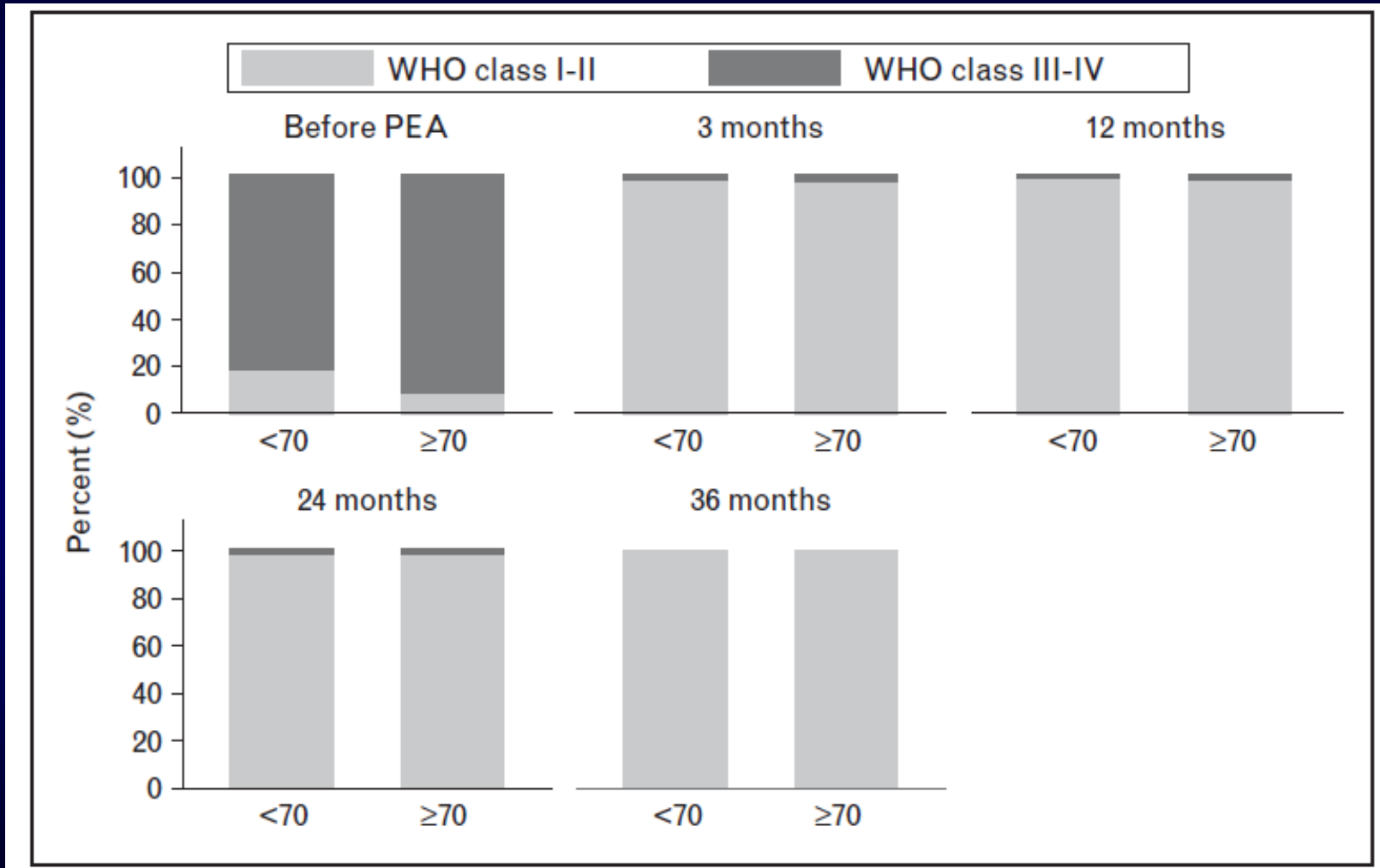


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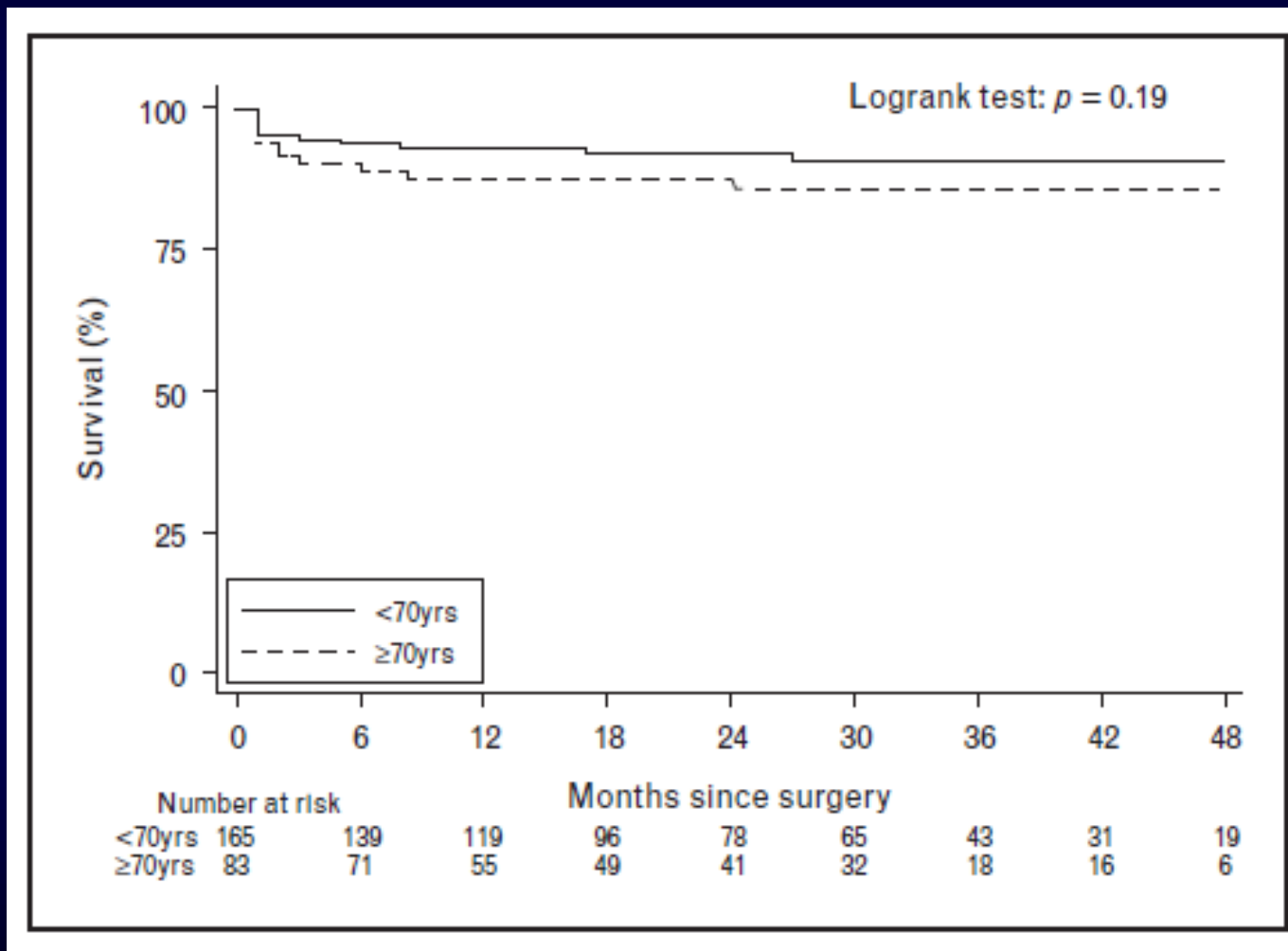
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# BENEFiT STUDY

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# BALLOON PULMONARY ANGIOPLASTY

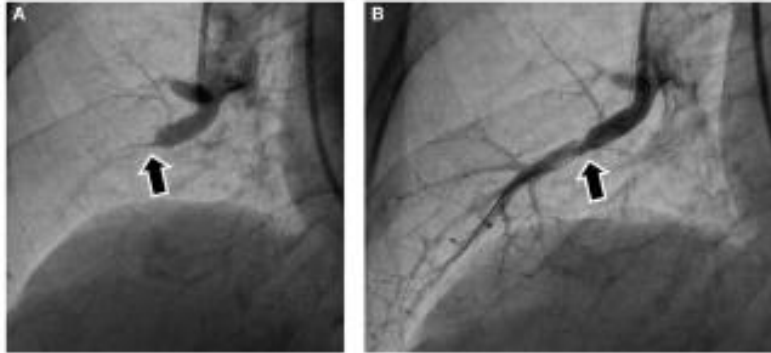


FIGURE 2 | Pulmonary angiography before and after balloon pulmonary angioplasty (BPA). (A) Subtotal obstruction was noted in the pulmonary angiography before BPA (arrow). (B) Pulmonary

angiography after BPA showed blood flow to the peripheral arteries after balloon dilatation. The arrow indicates the same site as the arrow in (A).



- An option for **INOPERABLE** pts, **HIGH SURGICAL RISK** pts, **REFUSED PEA** pts, **POST-PEA** pts
- Important to performed BPA in expert Centre able to offer all options to the pts and with a high volume pts
- **BPA program** started in **Pavia** on **February 2017**: to date **3 pts treated** out of a total of **8 pts evaluated and ready** for BPA



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# PRIMARY PULMONARY ARTERY SARCOMA

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Acquired Cardiovascular Disease

## Surgical treatment of primary pulmonary artery sarcoma

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# OTHER TYPE OF OBSTRUCTIONS: primary pulmonary artery sarcoma

Bilateral PEA + pulmonary valve replacement  
(Carpentier Edwards 21)



# CTEPH & PAS PATIENTS

780 & 28 → 808 PEAs

