

# Bale/Doneen Live Chat Session

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# Intention of the live chats

- New data and slides
- Discuss “hot” topics
- Case study
- Review upcoming meetings
- Open discussion for remaining

# New Studies??!!!: OMG!



Way too many to discuss. Will concentrate on a few.

# Red Flags



# Male Pattern Baldness is Associated with Increased Risk of Heart Attack

10,885 CAD-free pts.; 20 - 93 yo; 35 yr follow-up

Frontoparietal baldness (FPB) & crown top baldness (CTB) were associated with increased risk of heart attack.

After multiple adjustments both independently predicted risk in men; similar but less significant in women.

**40% increased with FPB**

**13% increased with CTB**

Christoffersen, M., et. al. (2014). Visible age-related signs and risk of ischemic heart disease in the general population: a prospective cohort study. *Circulation*, 129(9), 990-998.

# A. Frontoparietal baldness

## B. Crown top baldness



# I looked in the mirror! Help, Amy!!!



# Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS) Associated with Increased Risk of Subclinical ASVD: Background

Prevalence of PCOS 6-10%

PCOS is associated with obesity, IR, DM, and lipid abnormalities.

Some evidence connecting PCOS with subclinical CVD.

Calderon-Margalit, et. al. (2014). Prospective Association of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome With Coronary Artery Calcification and Carotid-Intima-Media Thickness: The Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults Women's Study. *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology*. doi: 10.1161/atvbaha.114.304136



# Polycystic Ovarian Disease Associated with Increased Risk of Subclinical ASVD

985 young women followed for 20 yrs.; baseline information on PCOS; at a mean follow-up age of 45yo, assessed for subclinical ASVD with CIMT and CAC.

PCOS defined as having both anovulation and hyperandrogenism.

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# Polycystic Ovarian Disease Associated with Increased Risk of Subclinical ASVD

Adjusted for: age, race, education, smoking, menopausal status, BMI, systolic BP, TG, and HOMA-IR.

Women with PCOS were ~ 3X more likely to have CAC  
OR- 2.70 (95% CI, 1.31–5.60)

Women with PCOS were significantly more likely to have increased bulb and internal carotid-IMT measurements.

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# Polycystic Ovarian Disease Associated with Increased Risk of Subclinical ASVD

Study suggests that women in their twenties with PCOS are at increased risk for the development of subclinical CVD.

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# BDM Thoughts

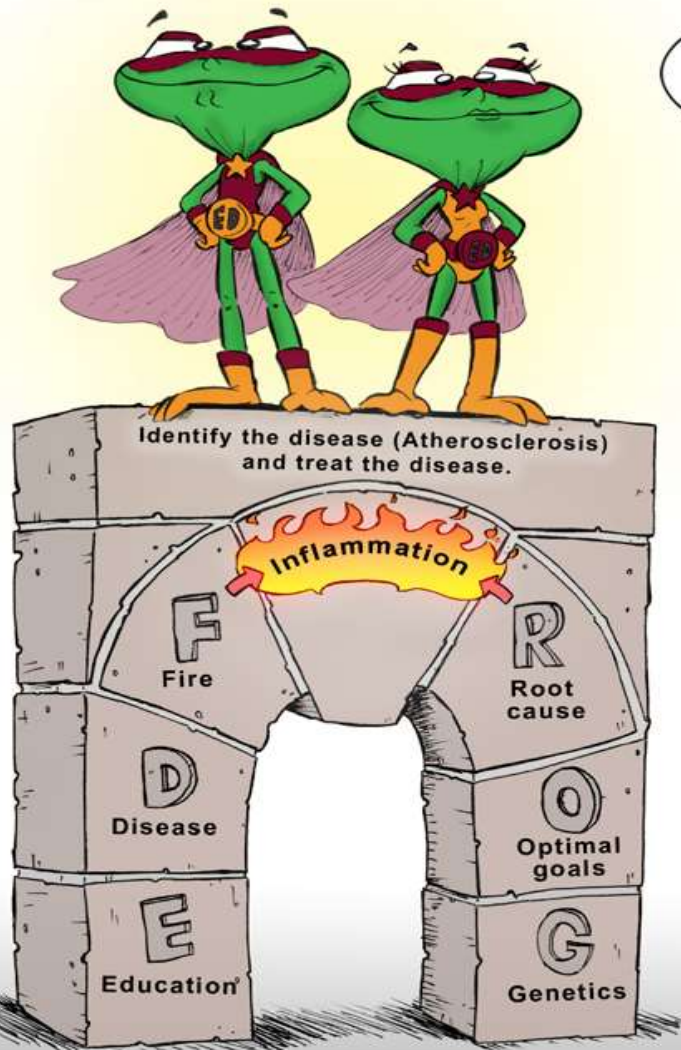
These young ladies need early assessment of arterial inflammation and potential root causes.

Optimal management should begin at an early age.

This certainly needs to include excellent oral hygiene and routine care in a dental practice.

# What's the difference?

## Bale/Doneen method



## Standard of Care



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# Left Sided Carotid Plaque Overall More Dangerous Than on Right Side: Background

ASVD disease in the carotid arteries is a major cause of ischemic cerebrovascular events.

Ischemic stroke is more often diagnosed in the left hemisphere than in the right.

This may be due to a higher prevalence, severity, or vulnerability of left carotid artery plaque.

Selwaness, M., et. al. (2014). Atherosclerotic Plaque in the Left Carotid Artery Is More Vulnerable Than in the Right. *Stroke*, 45(11), 3226-3230.

# Left Sided Carotid Plaque Overall More Dangerous Than on Right Side

1,414 stroke-free Rotterdam pts; at least one carotid plaque  $\geq 2.0$ mm; mean age 72yo; 47% female; MRI of carotids.

MRI determined: prevalence, stenosis, thickness and predominant component (ie, lipid core, intraplaque hemorrhage, calcification, or fibrous tissue).

Purpose: any significant differences by side.

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85% of pts had bilateral plaque.

If unilateral, left side was 2X as common as right.

No gender difference in left vs right unilateral plaque, but left sided pts were younger with mean age 68yo vs 71yo.

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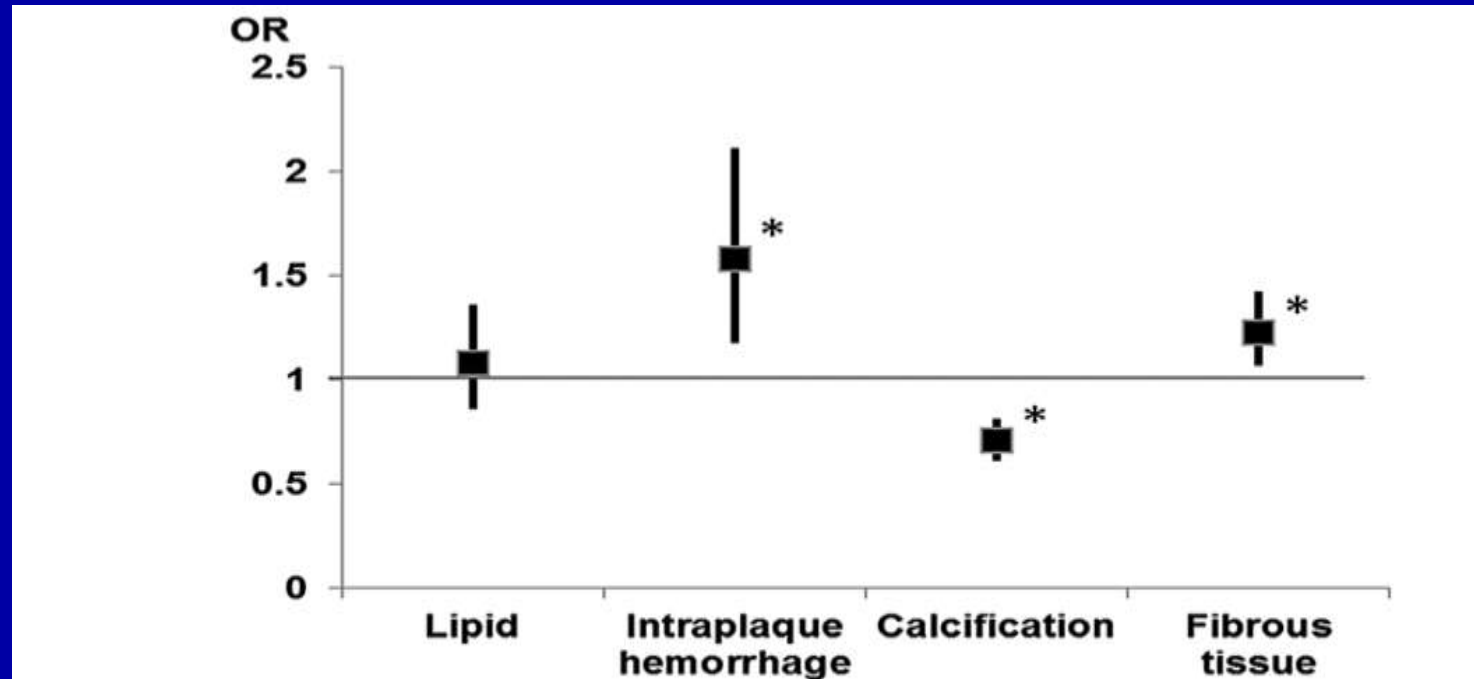
Thickness was greater in left vs right plaque.

No difference in plaque stenosis or calcification left vs right.

Lipid core and intraplaque hemorrhage were more frequent in left sided plaque.

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**Figure 2.** Overall odds ratios (ORs) for the predominance of a specific plaque component in the left carotid artery. The right carotid artery was used as the reference. \* $P < 0.05$  estimated adjusted for age, sex, and carotid wall thickness.

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Plaque prevalence, severity, and composition are not equally distributed among the left and right carotid arteries.

Left-sided plaques have a more vulnerable composition.

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# Left Sided Carotid Plaque Overall More Dangerous Than on Right Side: Mechanism?

Geometric factors: bifurcation angle; direct connection of the left carotid artery to the aortic arch.

Hemodynamic forces: left carotid artery exposed to potentially higher arterial pressures.

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# Left Sided Carotid Plaque Overall More Dangerous Than on Right Side

Differences found were relatively small and may not explain higher incidence of left hemisphere strokes.

In most people the left hemisphere is dominant for language processing facilitating recognition of an infarct.

Infarcts in the right hemisphere can result in occult cognitive deficit or apraxia.

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# Left Internal Carotid Stenosis Associated with Dementia

- Autopsy exam 112 dementia and 577 controls
- Left internal carotid stenosis ( $\geq 70\%$ ) was associated with dementia  
OR, 2.30 (95% CI, 1.14–4.74)  $p=0.02$  - after multivariate logistic regression models
- Right internal carotid stenosis showed non-significant trend  
OR, 1.96 (95% CI, 0.94–4.08)  $p=0.07$

Suemoto, C. K., et. al. (2011). Atherosclerosis and Dementia: A Cross-Sectional Study With Pathological Analysis of the Carotid Arteries. *Stroke*. doi: 10.1161/strokeaha.111.628156

# Illusion



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# Panorex: Left Carotid Calcification

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Courtesy Dr. Mike Rogers

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# Panorex: Left Carotid Plaque



Soft carotid plaque

Courtesy Dr. Mike Rogers

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# Left Internal Carotid Plaque with Thrombus

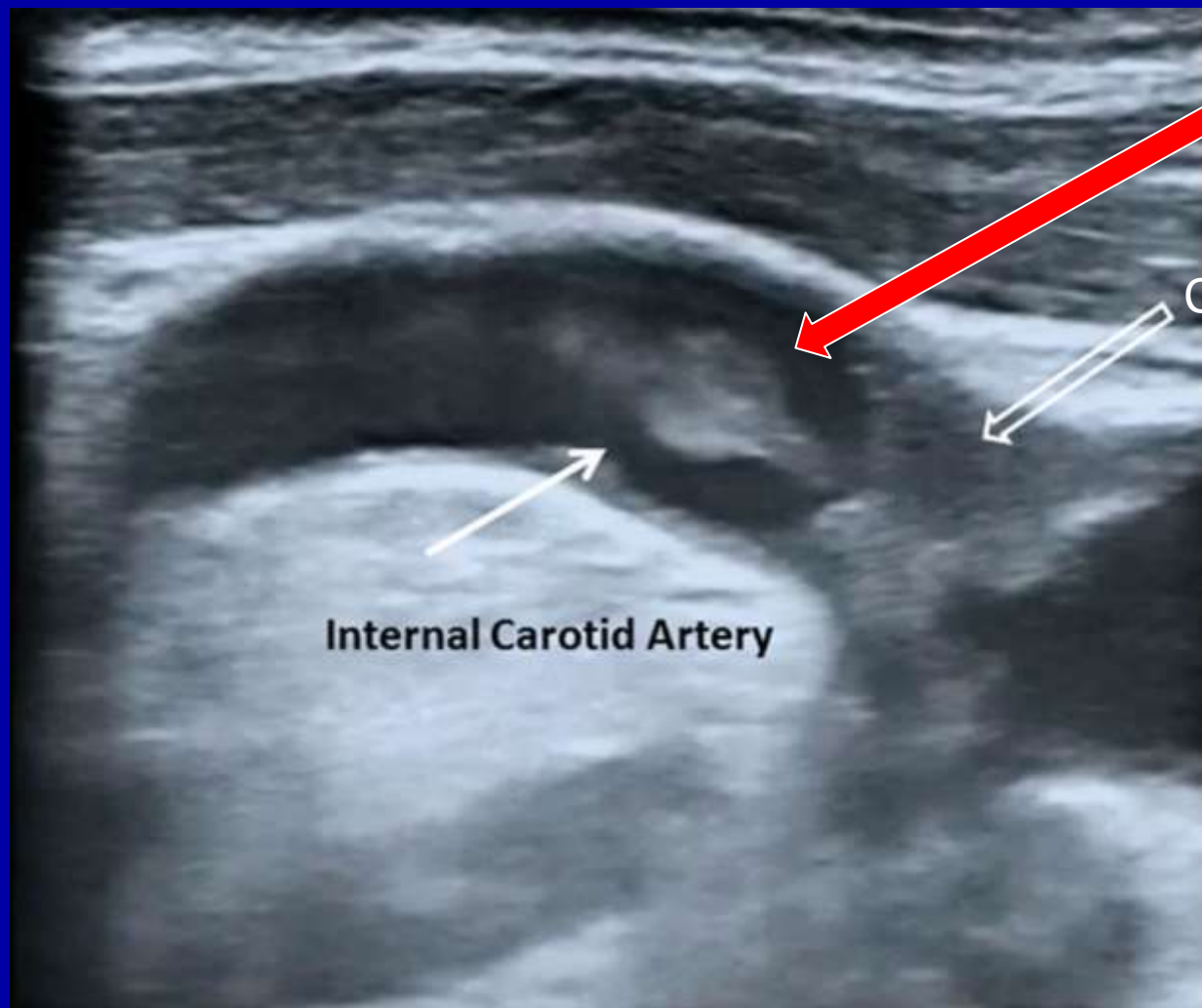
88 yo male with hx of left hemisphere TIA 1 mo. ago.

Admitted with B-cell lymphoma intestinal infiltration and perforation.

Four days after admission, aphasia and right hemiplegia; diagnosis of left middle cerebral artery stroke.

Delgado, M. G., et. al. (2013). Threatening Internal Carotid Artery Floating Thrombus: Left Middle Cerebral Artery Stroke in a Patient With Lymphoma. *Circulation*, 127(8), e463.

**Carotid duplex ultrasonography of a longitudinal section of the left internal carotid artery showed an atherosclerotic carotid plaque (black arrow) with a floating thrombus (white arrow).**



**Floating thrombus!**



# Left Internal Carotid Plaque with Thrombus

Anticoagulation treatment with low-molecular-weight heparin was initiated.

Neurological status remained unchanged.

The patient was discharged under anticoagulant treatment.

Later readmitted and died 24 hours later.

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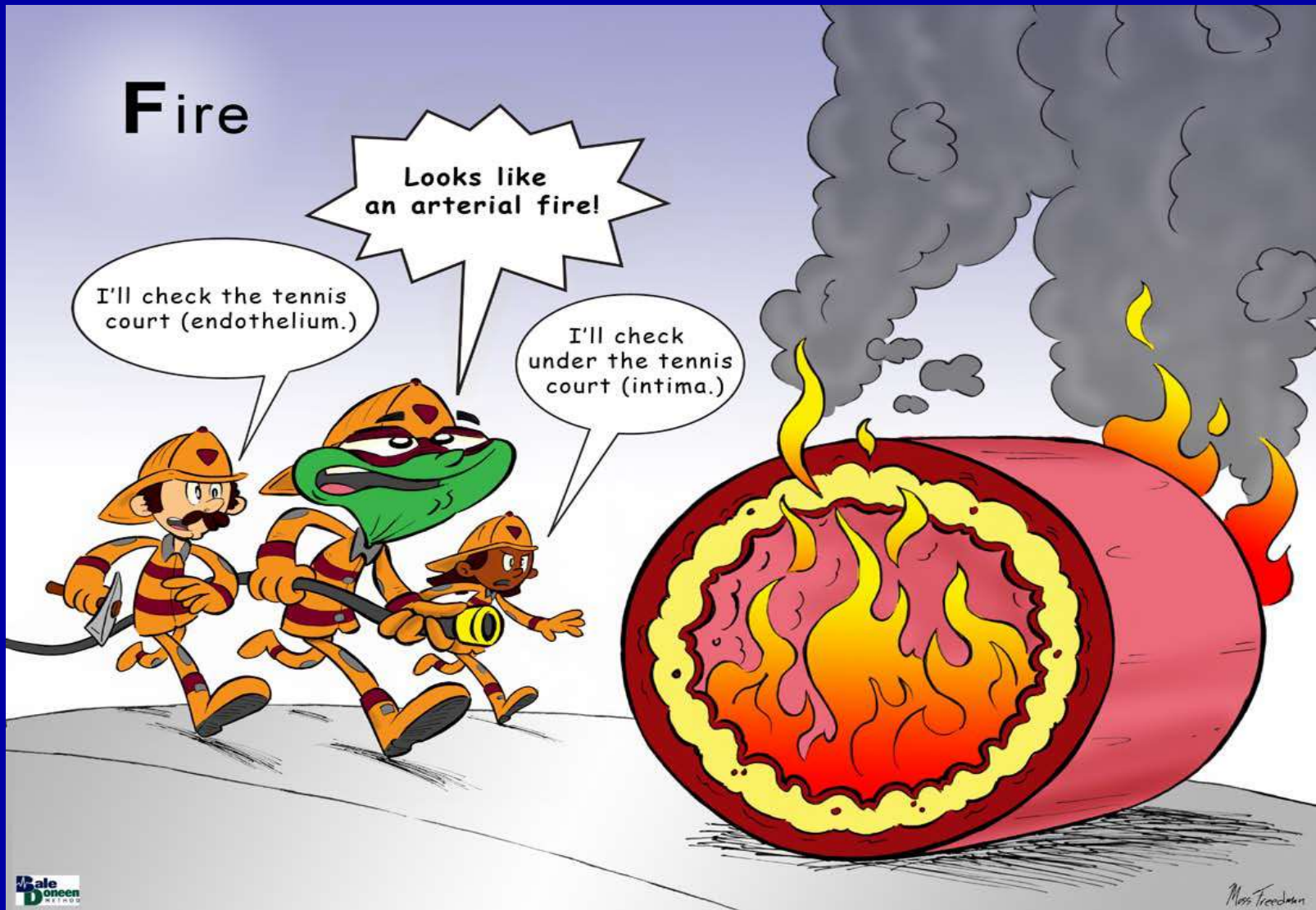
# BDM Thoughts

All carotid plaques must be considered dangerous regardless of 'side'.

Perhaps side does matter in terms of likelihood of events.

Inflammation is the ultimate determinant of risk!

# Inflammation



# 18FDG-PET-CT of Carotid Correlates with Event Risk: Background

High levels of glucose metabolism are seen in tissue with inflammatory activity.

Studies have documented the degree of plaque inflammation depicted by 18FDG uptake is significantly correlated with histopathologic findings.

18FDG-PET-CT can image inflammatory cell activity within the carotid plaque.

Müller, H. F. G., et. al. (2014). 18FDG-PET-CT: An Imaging Biomarker of High-Risk Carotid Plaques. Correlation to Symptoms and Microembolic Signals. *Stroke*. doi: 10.1161/strokeaha.114.006488

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# 18FDG-PET-CT of Carotid Correlates with Event Risk: Background

Unstable carotid plaque has a thin fibrous cap and contains large numbers of macrophages and T lymphocytes (inflammation).

Therefore, 18FDG-PET-CT should be able to differentiate which stenotic carotid plaques are generating cerebral symptoms and microemboli.

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# 18FDG-PET-CT of Carotid Correlates with Event Risk

Examined 123 stenotic carotid plaques derived from 110 pts; 60 symptomatic; 63 asymptomatic.

Target to background ratio (TBR) calculated with maximum uptake of carotid plaque and mean uptake of jugular veins.

Correlated findings with clinical symptoms and presence of microembolic signals (MES) detected by transcranial Doppler.

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TBR values were higher in symptomatic compared with asymptomatic ( $p < 0.0018$ ) and in MES+ compared with MES- plaques ( $p < 0.008$ ).

TBR also accurately identified MES+ plaques not only within the symptomatic (11/14, 79%) but also within the asymptomatic group (4/5, 80%).

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# 18FDG-PET-CT of Carotid Correlates with Event Risk

18FDG-PET-CT accurately detected high-risk carotid plaques.

Inflammatory activity within the carotid plaque was able to discriminate between symptomatic and asymptomatic plaques.

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# 18FDG-PET-CT of Carotid Correlates with Event Risk

Inflammation was predominant in the soft component of the plaque compared with the calcified one.

Calcification and inflammation rarely overlap.

Remember: a plaque classified as predominantly calcified may still have highly inflamed soft components.

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# 18FDG-PET-CT of Carotid Correlates with Event Risk

18FDG-PET-CT as imaging biomarker may be a useful tool in clinical practice.

It could become a part of the standard exam to select pts for intervention or for more aggressive medical treatment.

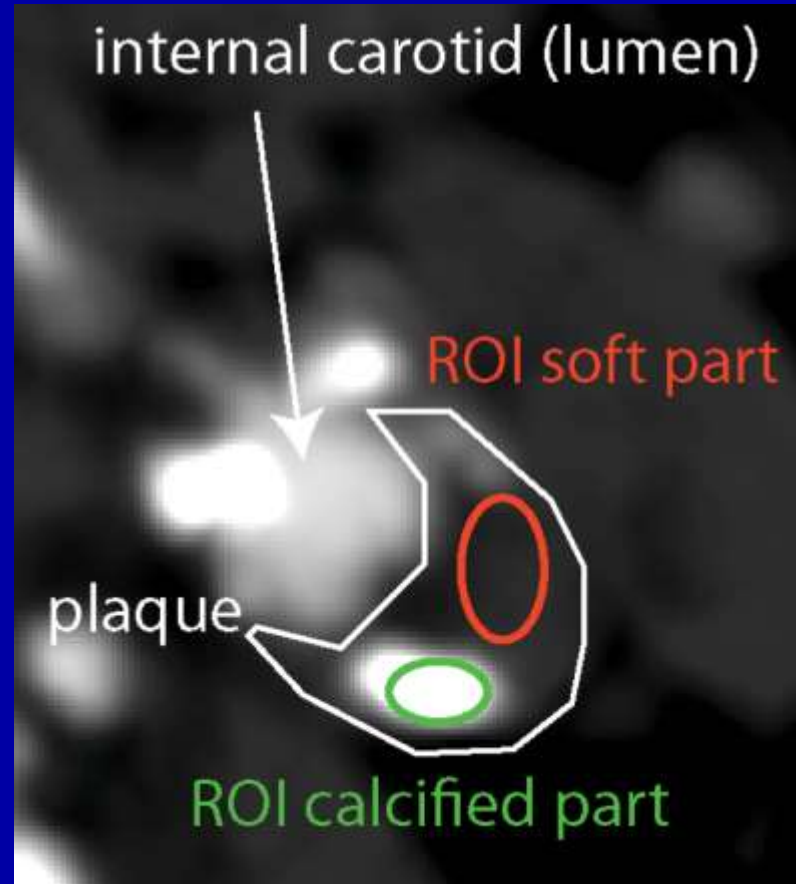
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# 18FDG-PET-CT of Carotid Correlates with Event Risk

Standardized uptake values (SUV) measurement in the region of interest (ROI) of the different plaque components.



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# BDM Thoughts

Superb study validating inflammation as the trigger of CV events.

Emphasizes the importance of monitoring inflammation in pts with plaque (asymptomatic lesions can be seeding damaging microemboli).

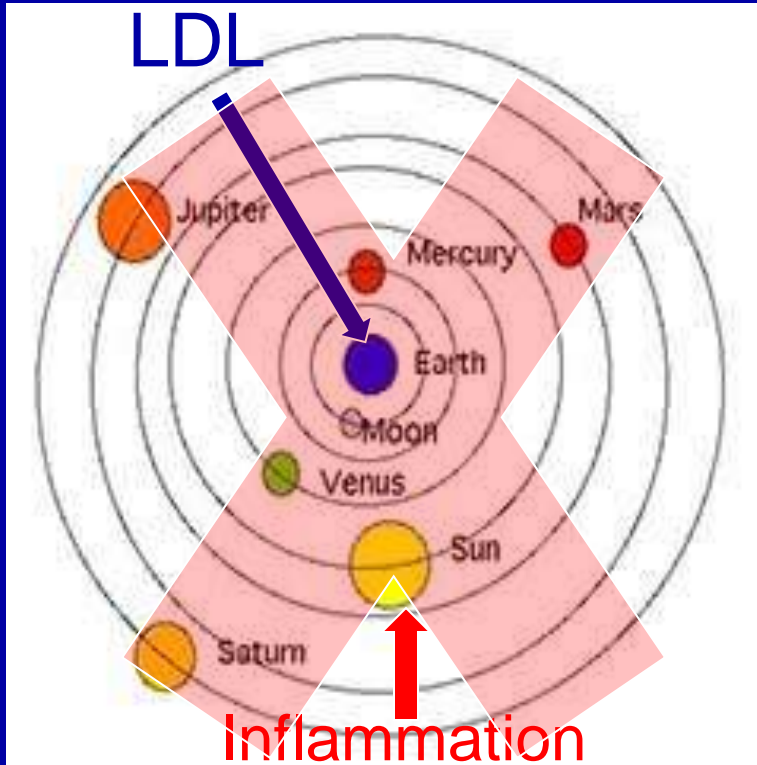
Fortunately, we have less expensive ways to detect inflammation in plaque than PET-CT.

# Inflammatory Message

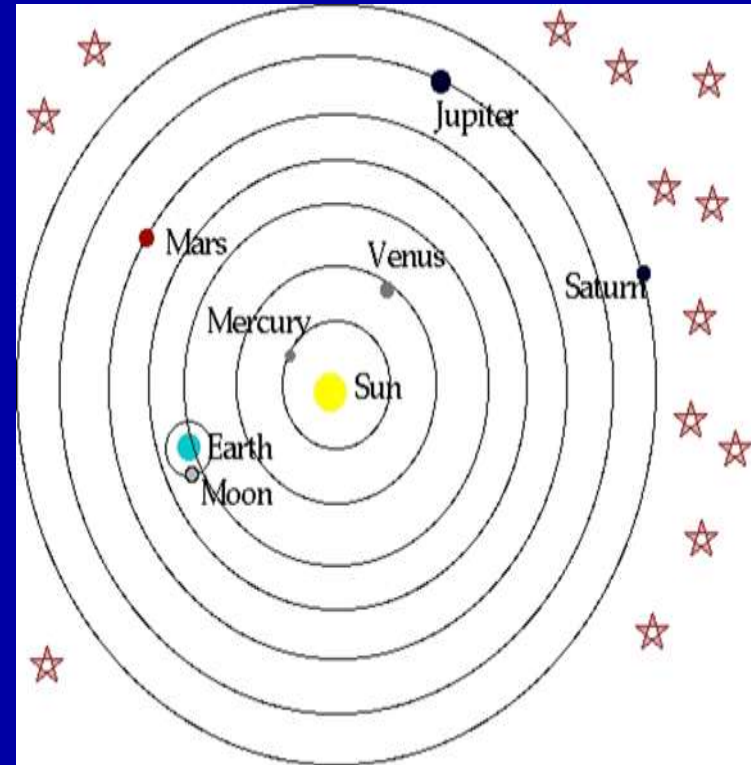




The Sun (inflammation) is at the center; not the Earth (lipids) . Many scientists for a long time thought it was the other way!



Standard of Care!  
antiquated



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True



False



# Carotid Inflammation Predicts Stroke Risk: Background

Microwave radiometry (MWR) noninvasively measures the temperature of carotid plaques.

This temperature (“fire”) reflects plaque inflammatory activity.

Higher inflammation is associated with plaque vulnerability.

Toutouzas, K., et. al. (2014). Incremental Predictive Value of Carotid Inflammation in Acute Ischemic Stroke. *Stroke*. doi: 10.1161/strokeaha.114.007526

# Carotid Inflammation Predicts Stroke Risk: Background

Hypothesized that in pts with acute ischemic stroke, culprit carotid arteries will exhibit higher temperature compared with the contralateral carotid arteries.

**“Carotids causing strokes are on fire!”\***

Toutouzas, K., et. al. (2014). Incremental Predictive Value of Carotid Inflammation in Acute Ischemic Stroke. *Stroke*. doi: 10.1161/strokeaha.114.007526

**\*BDM**

# Carotid Inflammation Predicts Stroke Risk

50 consecutive pts with acute ischemic stroke due to large artery ASVD; carotids evaluated with carotid ultrasound and MWR.

Three segments of 20 mm studied in each carotid artery; middle segment was bifurcation; segment with the highest plaque thickness was target for MWR.

Ipsilateral carotid artery was assigned as culprit.

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# Carotid Inflammation Predicts Stroke Risk

MWR measurements were performed in both culprit and non-culprit carotid arteries over the segments.

Temperature difference ( $\Delta T$ ) of each carotid artery was assigned as the temperature of the target segment minus the minimal temperature of each carotid.

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# Carotid Inflammation Predicts Stroke Risk

Culprit carotid arteries had higher  $\Delta T$  compared with asymptomatic carotid arteries.

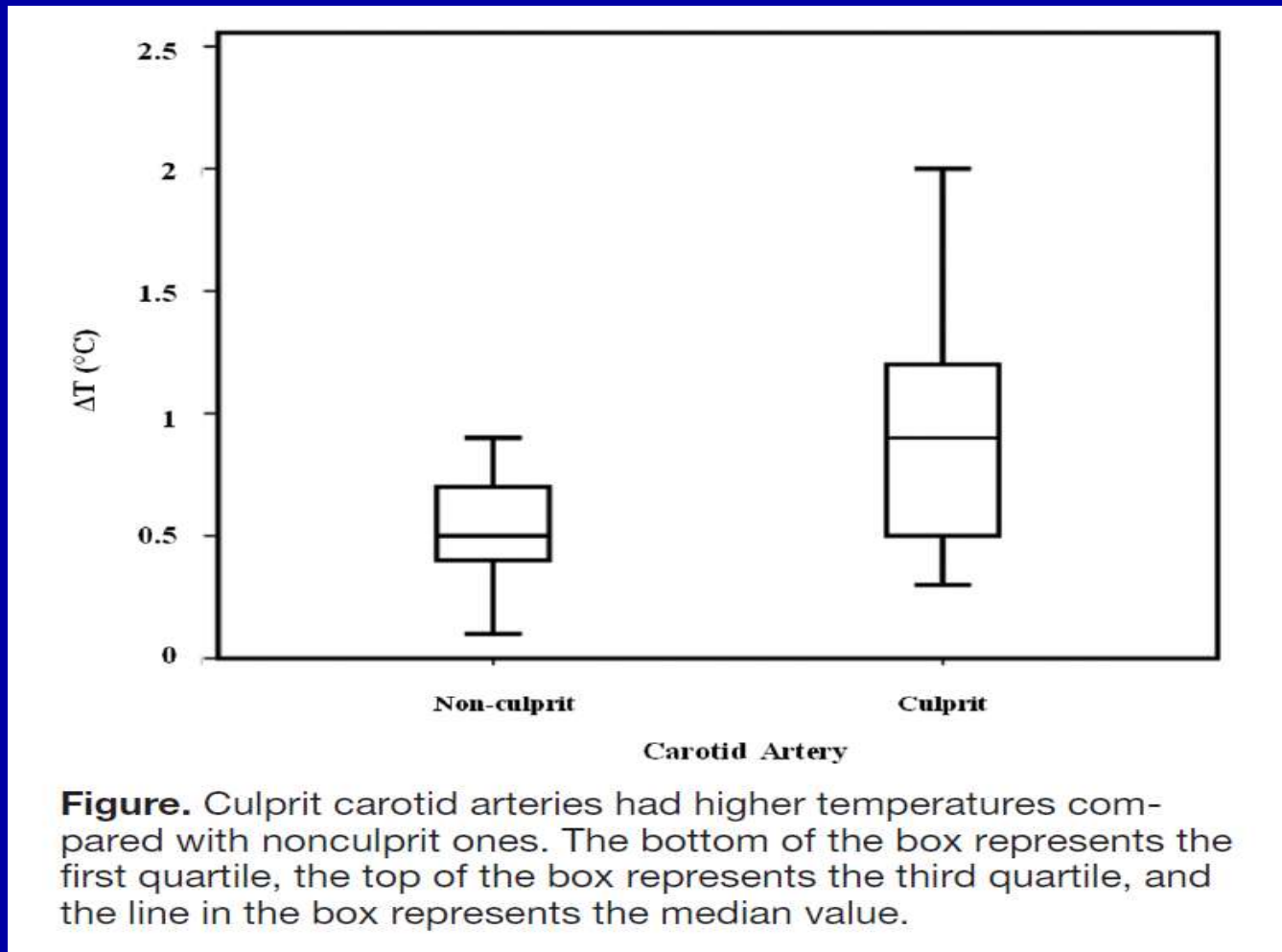
$0.93 \pm 0.58$  versus  $0.58 \pm 0.35^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $p < 0.001$

After adjustment for: sex, age, vascular risk factors, and max plaque thickness, the **chance of having a hotter culprit carotid were 6X greater!**

OR- 5.94 (95% CI, 1.56–22.63)  $p = 0.01$

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# Carotid Inflammation Predicts Stroke Risk

The findings with MWR regarding the inflammatory status of the culprit carotid artery are in accordance with the studies using 18FDG-PET-CT.

Confirms previous studies demonstrating inflammatory activity of plaque significantly interferes progression and destabilization of ASVD.

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# Carotid Inflammation Predicts Stroke Risk

Diagnostic algorithms to accurately assess ASVD inflammation will increase the accuracy of identifying vulnerable plaque.

A new simple noninvasive method, such as MWR, may be useful in primary and secondary prevention of stroke..

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# BDM Thoughts

Love this study that literally looks at heat; the  
F of EDFROG!!!!

Again helps confirm the 'sun' at the center of  
the ASVD solar system!!

Again, fortunately we have simple serum and  
urine biomarkers to detect 'fire'! 😊

# Fire in the Hole!!!

Hs-CRP  
Fibrinogen  
Lp-PLA2  
MPO  
F2 isoprostane  
MACR



# Root Causes of Disease

If we find disease, we need to know why it is there.



INFLAMMATION

atherosclerosis

Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Low Vit D

Inflammatory Diseases

Hyperlipidemia

Psychosocial issues

Lipo (a)

Insulin resistance

Infectious Diseases

Periodontal Disease

Dysfunctional HDL

New Root Causes yet to be discovered

Nicotine

Lifestyle

Lifestyle

MPO

Genetics

Genetics



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# Stress Alters Circulatory Nanoparticles- Proteins and mi-RNAs

Heat shock proteins (Hsp) and microRNA (miRNA) are biologically active nanoparticles (40–100 nm) released by cells .

Murine induced stress through the sympathetic nervous system modified Hsp and miRNA levels.

Beninson, L. A., et. al. (2014). Acute Stressor Exposure Modifies Plasma Exosome-Associated Heat Shock Protein 72 (Hsp72) and microRNA (miR-142-5p and miR-203). *PLoS One*, 9(9), e108748. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0108748

# What???: Epigenetics



**If they ask you anything you don't know, just say it's due to epigenetics.**

# Psychosocial Issues Alter Epigenetics Which Influence Arterial Inflammation

Psychological stress engenders a pro-inflammatory epigenetic signature, which increases risk for heart attack and stroke.

Hsp can mediate inflammation; miRNAs key regulators of gene expression.

Epigenetics may bridge the psycho-social environment with inflammation and risk for CVD.

Saban, K. L., et. al. (2014). Epigenetics and social context: implications for disparity in cardiovascular disease. *Aging Dis*, 5(5), 346-355.

# TG/HDL Ratio Most Predictive Lipid Measure for Recurrent Stroke: Background

Guidelines recommend LDL-C as the primary lipid target for recurrent stroke risk reduction.

However, evidence indicates other lipids are superior predictors of stroke.

If that is true they should be therapeutic targets to reduce stroke and recurrent stroke risk.

Park, J.-H., et. al. (2014). Nontraditional Serum Lipid Variables and Recurrent Stroke Risk. *Stroke*, 45(11), 3269-3274.



# TG/HDL Ratio Most Predictive Lipid Measure for Recurrent Stroke

3,385 recent ischemic stroke (IS) pts.; ~62% male; mean age ~ 66yo; 80% white; baseline lipids with TC/HDL & TG/HDL available; follow-up 2 yrs.

Primary outcome was recurrent IS. (n-272)

Secondary outcome: composite of all MACE. (n-564)

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# TG/HDL Ratio Most Predictive Lipid Measure for Recurrent Stroke

Recurrent stroke was highest in the upper quintile of TG/HDL ratio

HR- 1.68 (95%CI, 1.16-2.45)

MACE was highest in the upper quintile of TG/HDL & TC/HDL ratio

HR- 1.57 (95%CI, 1.21–2.03)

HR- 1.51 (95%CI, 1.17–1.95), respectively

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# TG/HDL Ratio Most Predictive Lipid Measure for Recurrent Stroke

After adjusting for multiple confounders and comparing upper quintile to lower quintile:

Upper quintile TG/HDL ratio had 56% increased risk of IS and 39% increased risk of MACE.

Lowest quintile  $\leq 1.93$

Highest quintile  $\geq 6.22$

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# TG/HDL Ratio Most Predictive Lipid Measure for Recurrent Stroke

After adjusting for multiple confounders and comparing upper quintile to lower quintile:

Upper quintile TC/HDL ratio had insignificant 35% increased risk of IS and a significant 45% increased risk of MACE.

Lowest quintile  $\leq 3.50$

Highest quintile  $\geq 5.98$

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# TG/HDL Ratio Most Predictive Lipid Measure for Recurrent Stroke

After adjusting for multiple confounders and comparing upper quintile to lower quintile:

LDL/HDL ratio showed no association with risk.

Non-HDL showed no association with risk.

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# TG/HDL Ratio Most Predictive Lipid Measure for Recurrent Stroke

Results suggest that TG/HDL ratio should be a target of therapy to reduce recurrent stroke.

In addition, data suggests in stroke victims TG/HDL and TC/HDL ratios should be targets of therapy to reduce MACE.

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# BDM Thoughts

- Results consistent with evidence that LDL-C does not predict stroke risk.
- Another study showing serious fallacy with current guidelines recommending LDL-C as primary lipid target of therapy.
- Results consistent with evidence that HDL-C is important in stroke risk as is TG (remnant cholesterol).
- Helps explain why stroke recidivism is shockingly high.
- Helps explain recent results reported in BARI-2D trial with rosiglitazone and stroke.
- Supports BDM goal for TC/HDL as  $<3.0$ ; TG/HDL goals of  $<3.5$  Whites;  $<3.0$  Hispanics;  $<2.0$  Blacks (IR = stroke risk).

# LDL-C Does Not Predict CV Risk!





# HDL is most predictive of stroke

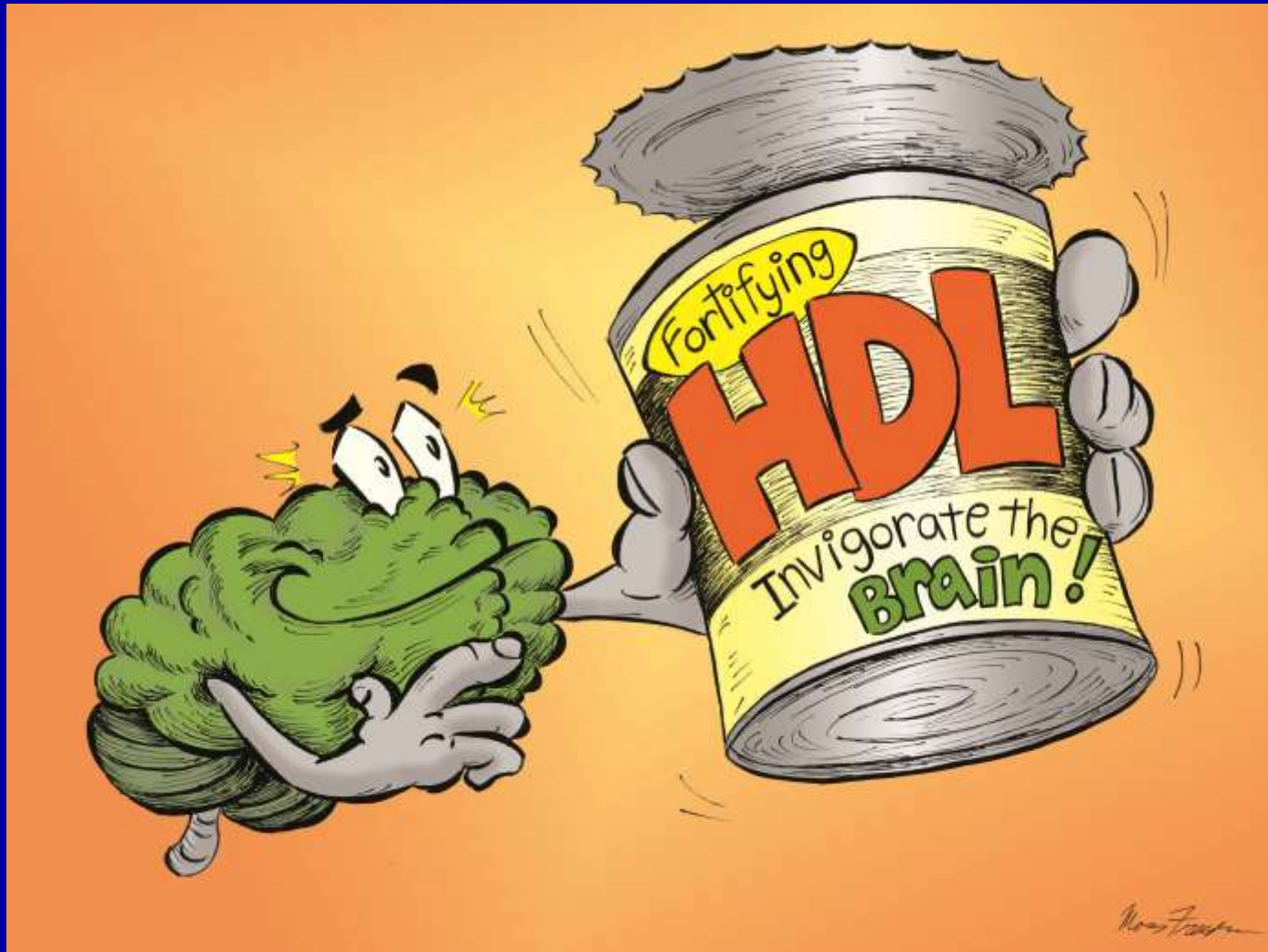
## Age- and gender-adjusted for all strokes (n=1111)

Variable	Relative risk/standard deviation	95% CI
ApoB/apoA-1	1.14	1.07-1.20
ApoB	1.03	0.97-1.10
ApoA-1	0.84	0.79-0.89
LDL/HDL	1.07	1.03-1.10
TC/HDL	1.08	1.05-1.12
LDL	0.98	0.92-1.05
Non-HDL	1.03	0.96-1.10
HDL cholesterol	0.81	0.77-0.86

The risk of stroke was calculated as a relative risk for 1 standard-deviation unit change (RR/SD). Subjects having the highest apoA-1 and lowest apoB values were used as the reference.

Walldius G et al. *J Intern Med* 3/2006; 259: 259-266.

# HDL is Brain Food



# HDL & atherosclerotic stroke risk

Each 1 mg/dL increase in HDL yields:

1.9% reduction in stroke risk

Tirschwell DL, et. Al. *Neurology* 2004;63:1868-75

# Elevated Remnant Cholesterol Causes Arterial Inflammation and CHD: Elevated LDL-C Does Not Cause Inflammation

- Remnant cholesterol is the cholesterol content of TG-rich lipoproteins composed of very low-density lipoproteins and IDL in the fasting state, and of these two lipoproteins together with chylomicron remnants in the non-fasting state.
- Remnant cholesterol and TG are two different types of fat and are components of the same lipoproteins, i.e. remnants, and levels of remnant cholesterol and TG are therefore highly correlated (R value=0.96).

Varbo, A., et. al. (2013). Elevated Remnant Cholesterol Causes Both Low-Grade Inflammation and Ischemic Heart Disease, While Elevated Low-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol Causes Ischemic Heart Disease without Inflammation. *Circulation*. doi: 10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.113.003008

# Elevated Remnant Cholesterol Causes Arterial Inflammation and CHD: Elevated LDL-C Does Not Cause Inflammation

- A significant causal relationship for CHD remained for remnant cholesterol in subjects without diabetes or obesity.
- The causal relationship for CHD with LDL-C in subjects without diabetes or obesity was not tested!!!

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# Elevated Remnant Cholesterol Causes Arterial Inflammation and CHD: Elevated LDL-C Does Not Cause Inflammation

- LDL particles need to be oxidized before they can be taken up by macrophages, while triglyceride-rich lipoproteins or remnants can be taken up by macrophages without oxidation.
- Residual risk of CHD even with low LDL may be partially explained by the association between non-fasting remnant cholesterol and low-grade inflammation.

Varbo, A., et. al. (2013). *Circulation*. doi: 10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.113.003008

# AHA 2013 Statistics

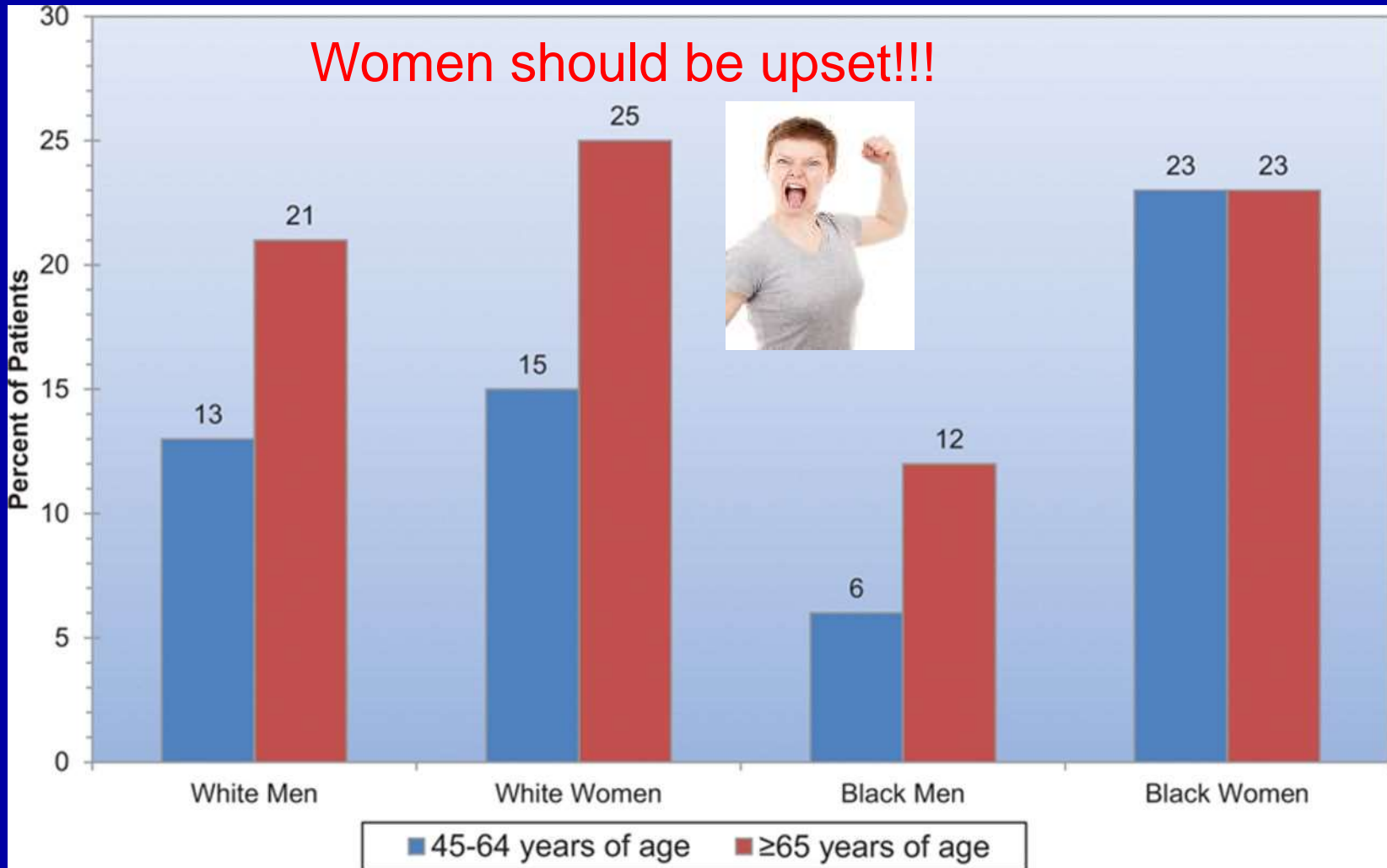


23% of strokes are recidivistic!

Every 4 minutes someone dies from a stroke

Go, A. S., et. al. (2013). Heart disease and stroke statistics--2013 update: a report from the American Heart Association. *Circulation*, 127(1), e6-e245.

# Proportion of patients with recurrent stroke within 5 years after first stroke.



Go A et al. Circulation 2014;129:e28-e292



# Insulin Resistance Significantly Increases Ischemic Stroke Risk in Non-diabetic Adults

- 1509 multiethnic group free from stroke and DM; followed 8.5 yrs.
- Those in **top quartile of IR were 3X greater risk** for ischemic stroke
- Independent of traditional risk factors and metabolic syndrome

*Arch Neurol.* 10/2010;67:1177-1178, 1195-1200

# Pioglitazone Improved CAD via Reducing TG/HDL

- Post hoc analysis 360 subjects in PERISCOPE
- Improved TG/HDL independently predicted change in total atheroma volume  $p=0.02$
- adjusted for: sex, BP, history of PCI, hypercholesterolemia, **metformin** use, baseline HbA<sub>1c</sub>, and baseline apoA-1.

Nicholls, S. J., et. al. (2011). Lowering the Triglyceride/High-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol Ratio Is Associated With the Beneficial Impact of Pioglitazone on Progression of Coronary Atherosclerosis in Diabetic Patients: Insights From the PERISCOPE (Pioglitazone Effect on Regression of Intravascular Sonographic Coronary Obstruction Prospective Evaluation) Study. *J Am Coll Cardiol*, 57(2), 153-159.

# Rosiglitazone Reduced Stroke Risk 64%

Data from BARI-2D; 748 pts on rosi; 1,363 not on TZD rx;  
follow-up 4.5 yrs.; evaluated difference in CV outcomes

**Stroke HR 0.36 (95% CI 0.16 to 0.86)**

Composite death, MI, and stroke HR 0.72 (95% (CI), 0.55  
to 0.93)

MI HR 0.77 (95% CI, 0.54 to 1.10)

Bach, R. G., et. al. (2013). Rosiglitazone and Outcomes for Patients with Diabetes and Coronary Artery Disease in the Bypass Angioplasty Revascularization Investigation 2 Diabetes (BARI 2D) Trial. *Circulation*. doi: 10.1161/circulationaha.112.000678

TG/HDL > 3.5 = IR in  
Caucasians

Ethnicity is Important

Dr. Gerald Reaven 1/2001

McLaughlin, Reaven, et.al., *Am J Cardiol.*  
8/1/2005;96:399-404

# TG/HDL Ratio in Ethnic Groups

Mexican Americans:  $\geq 3.0$

Non-Hispanic Blacks:  $\geq 2.0$

Chaoyang Li, Earl S. Ford, Yuan-Xiang Meng, Ali H Mokdad, Gerald Reaven  
*Cardiovascular Diabetology* 2/28/2008, 7:4 doi:10.1186/1475-2840-7-4

# A1c Misses ~Half of Patients with Pre-diabetes

501 pts screened for pre-diabetes with 75 gram OGTT; also had A1c drawn.

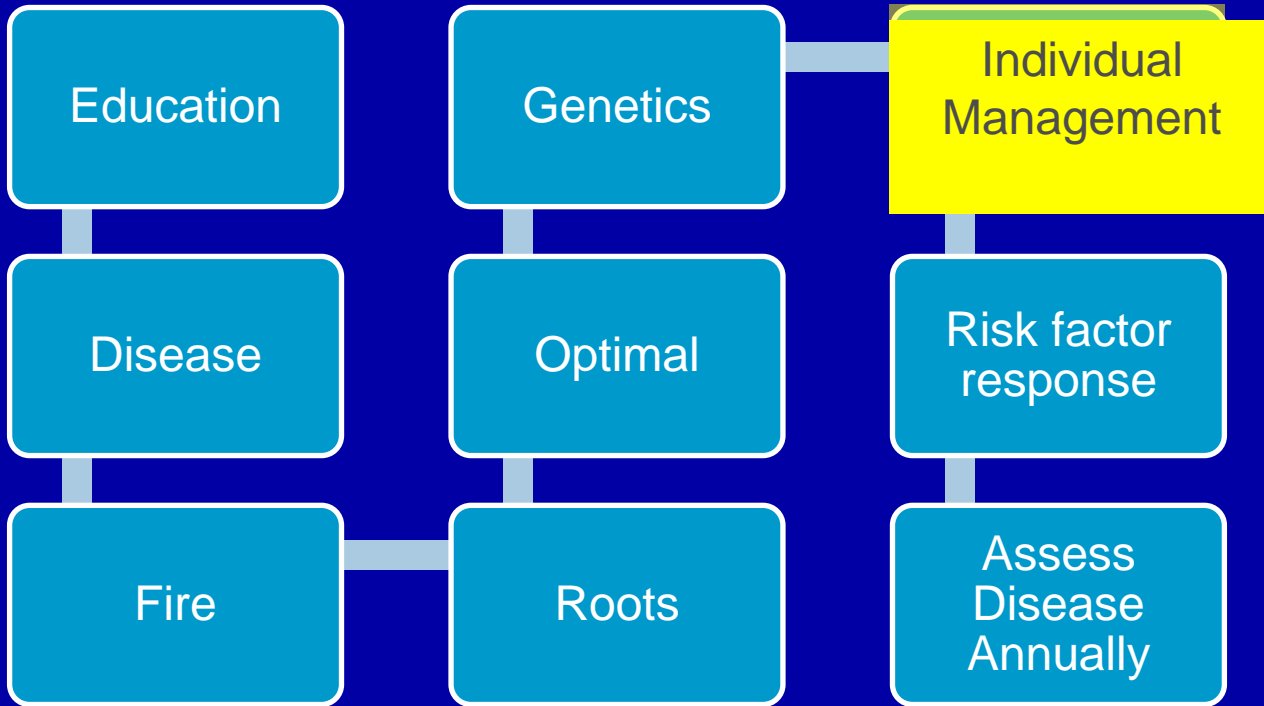
193 pts had IFG and or IGT

A1c missed 90 of the pre-diabetics



Chilelli, N. C., et. al. (2014). Screening with HbA1c identifies only one in two individuals with diagnosis of prediabetes at oral glucose tolerance test: findings in a real-world Caucasian population. *Acta Diabetol*, 51(5), 875-882.

# EDFROG IRA



# RAAS Plus Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole May Kill People

1,027 sudden death cases in  $\geq 66$ yo pts on RAAS med; occurring within 7 days of exposure to an antibiotic; matched to 3,733 controls (sudden death; on RAAS, but no antibiotic).

Antibiotics were: co-trimoxazole, amoxicillin, ciprofloxacin, norfloxacin, or nitrofurantoin.

Amoxicillin was reference antibiotic.

Fralick, M., et. al. (2014). *Co-trimoxazole and sudden death in patients receiving inhibitors of renin-angiotensin system: population based study* BMJ 2014;349:g6196 doi: 10.1136/bmj.g6196.



# RAAS Plus Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole Maybe Deadly

Co-trimoxazole associated with increased risk  
OR-1.38 (95% CI, 1.09 to 1.76)

Ciprofloxacin was also associated with risk  
OR- 1.29 (95% CI, 1.03 to 1.62)

No increased risk with norfloxacin or nitrofurantoin.

Fralick, M., et. al. (2014). *Co-trimoxazole and sudden death in patients receiving inhibitors of renin-angiotensin system: population based study* BMJ 2014;349:g6196 doi: 10.1136/bmj.g6196.

# RAAS Plus Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole Maybe Deadly

Trimethoprim has structural and pharmacologic similarities to amiloride.

Trimethoprim blocks the epithelial sodium channel (ENaC) in the distal nephron, impairing renal potassium elimination.

~80% of pts receiving co-trimoxazole develop increases in serum potassium concentrations of at least 0.36 mEq/L and 6% develop frank hyperkalemia.

Fralick, M., et. al. (2014). *Co-trimoxazole and sudden death in patients receiving inhibitors of renin-angiotensin system: population based study* BMJ 2014;349:g6196 doi: 10.1136/bmj.g6196.

# RAAS Plus Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole Maybe Deadly

Suggest when clinically appropriate, clinicians either choose alternate antibiotics or limit the dose and duration of co-trimoxazole treatment.

When co-trimoxazole is prescribed, close monitoring of serum potassium is advisable in susceptible pts.

Fralick, M., et. al. (2014). *Co-trimoxazole and sudden death in patients receiving inhibitors of renin-angiotensin system: population based study* BMJ 2014;349:g6196 doi: 10.1136/bmj.g6196.

# BDM Thoughts

Reinforces previous warning.

Also makes you wonder about ciprofloxacin.

Remember to monitor K<sup>+</sup> closely when initiating therapy with amiloride.

# Amiloride: K<sup>+</sup> Sparing Diuretic

Inhibits of Na<sup>+</sup> reabsorption at the distal convoluted tubule, cortical collecting tubule and collecting duct.

This decreases the net negative potential of the tubular lumen reducing both K<sup>+</sup> & H<sup>-</sup> secretion and subsequent excretion.

It is not an aldosterone antagonist and its effects are seen even in the absence of aldosterone.

Usual dose is 5-10mg; may go up to 20mg; comes in 5 mg tablets.

Anna J. Stears, et. al. *Hypertension*. 5/2012;59:934-942

# Potassium Extremely Important in Cardiac Arrhythmias and Sudden Cardiac Death

Incidence of ventricular tachycardia is 3X higher in MI pts with low 'normal' potassium than in pts with a high 'normal' serum potassium.

In pts with known CAD, it is beneficial to maintain plasma potassium levels in the upper normal range.

**(4.5-5.0)**

Kjeldsen, K. (2010). Hypokalemia and sudden cardiac death. *Exp Clin Cardiol*, 15(4), e96-99.

# Want More from Amiloride!!!



# Amloride Did Not Cause Any Impairment in Glucose Tolerance

- Two double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover studies; total 78 pts.; outcome was change in 2hr. GTT after 4 wks. rx with Hctz or amloride
- Thiazide diuretic significantly impaired glucose tolerance; no impairment was seen with K-sparing diuretic
- Substitution or addition of amloride may be the solution to preventing thiazide-induced diabetes mellitus

Anna J. Stears, et. al. *Hypertension*. 5/2012;59:934-942





# Cases !!!



## 9/2014: 82 yo Caucasian Male

- Known CAD/CT angio; subclinical carotid and femoral ASVD.
- Been plugged into BDM since 2009; cold arteries for several years.
- Routine follow-up labs drawn 9/11/2014.

- Current meds: (no changes in several years)

Niaspan – 1500 mg

Fish oil - 1 gram

Actos - 45 mg

vit D3 - 5,000 IU

CoQ10 - 200 mg

ASA - 81 mg

Indapamide - 1.25 mg

Dark choc. - 7 grams

Dexilant

Magnesium - 200mg

9/2014: 82 yo Caucasian Male  
Routine follow-up labs drawn 9/11/2014.

Nurse gets results on 9/18:



“This patient is  
in trouble! You  
better call him!”

	09	10	11	12	13	5/14	9/11/14
TC	202	152	251	209	205	188	185
TG	59	54	71	65	50	74	58
HDL	97	73	90	90	80	85	89
LDL	93	68	147	106	115	88	84
<b>TC/HDL</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>hsCRP</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>24.5</b>
<b>MACR</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>		<b>15.6</b>	<b>35.6</b>
<b>PLAC2</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>MPO</b>	<b>1847</b>	<b>221</b>			<b>138</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>283</b>
<b>F2 isopros</b>	<b>1.82</b>	<b>1.08</b>			<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>0.27</b>
<b>Pro-BNP</b>	<b>55</b>		<b>35</b>			<b>64</b>	<b>220</b>
	No Niacin Lifestyle issues	GI Issue fever					9/18 call Tooth Ache!

# 9/2014: 82 yo Caucasian Male

We have  
your  
results  
back.



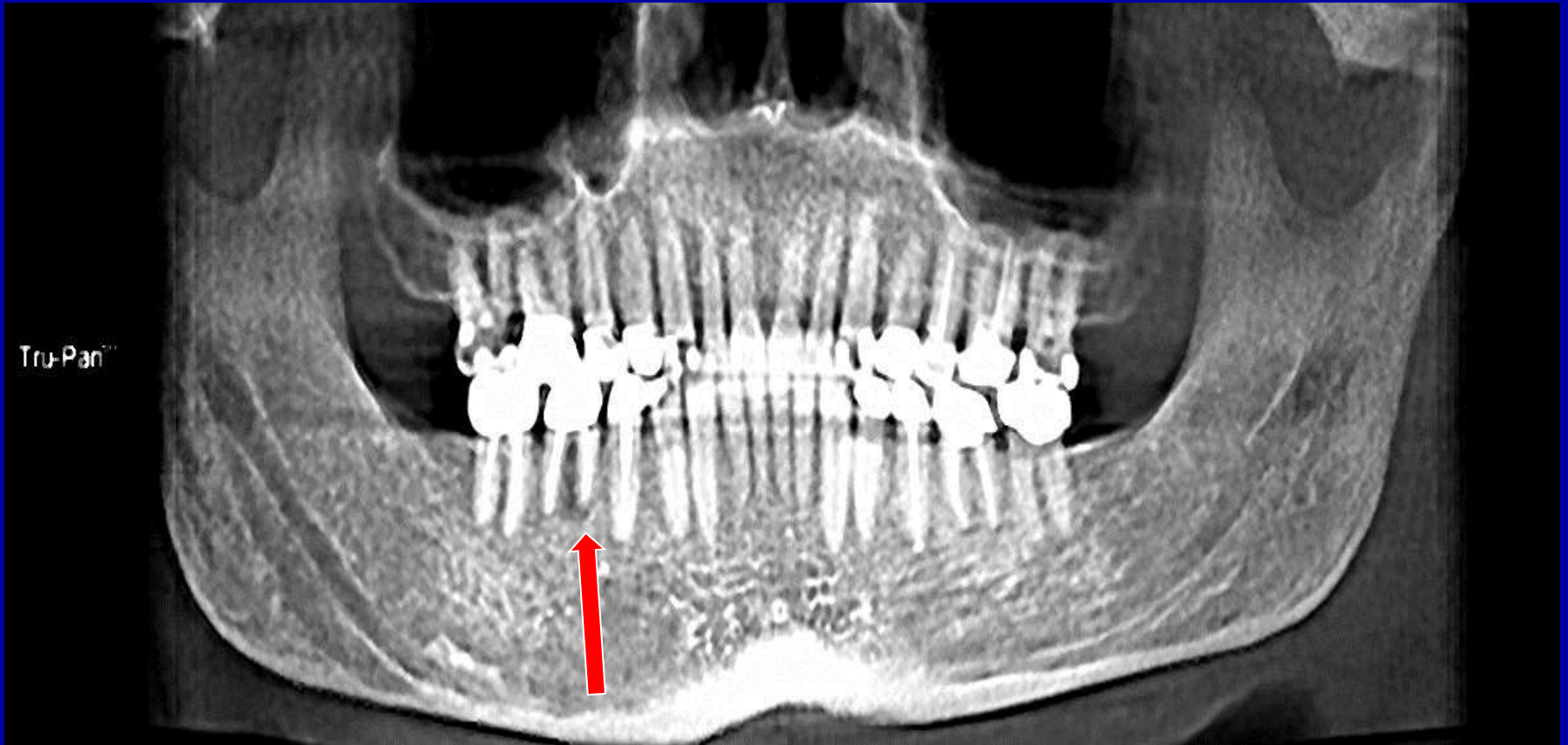
“ I bet you do not  
like my results. I  
have a molar that  
is hurting and the  
gum tissue around  
it seems swollen.”



I think you  
better get it  
checked now!!!







# They got it out!!



Copyright Bale/Doneen Paradigm

	9/11/14	10/2/14
TC	185	
TG	58	
HDL	89	
LDL	84	
<b>TC/HDL</b>	<b>2.1</b>	
<b>hsCRP</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>MACR</b>	<b>35.6</b>	<b>7.7</b>
<b>PLAC2</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>MPO</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>F2 isopros</b>	<b>0.27</b>	
<b>Pro-BNP</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>41</b>
	9/18 Tooth Ache!	9/24 Tooth extract.

# Close call !!!



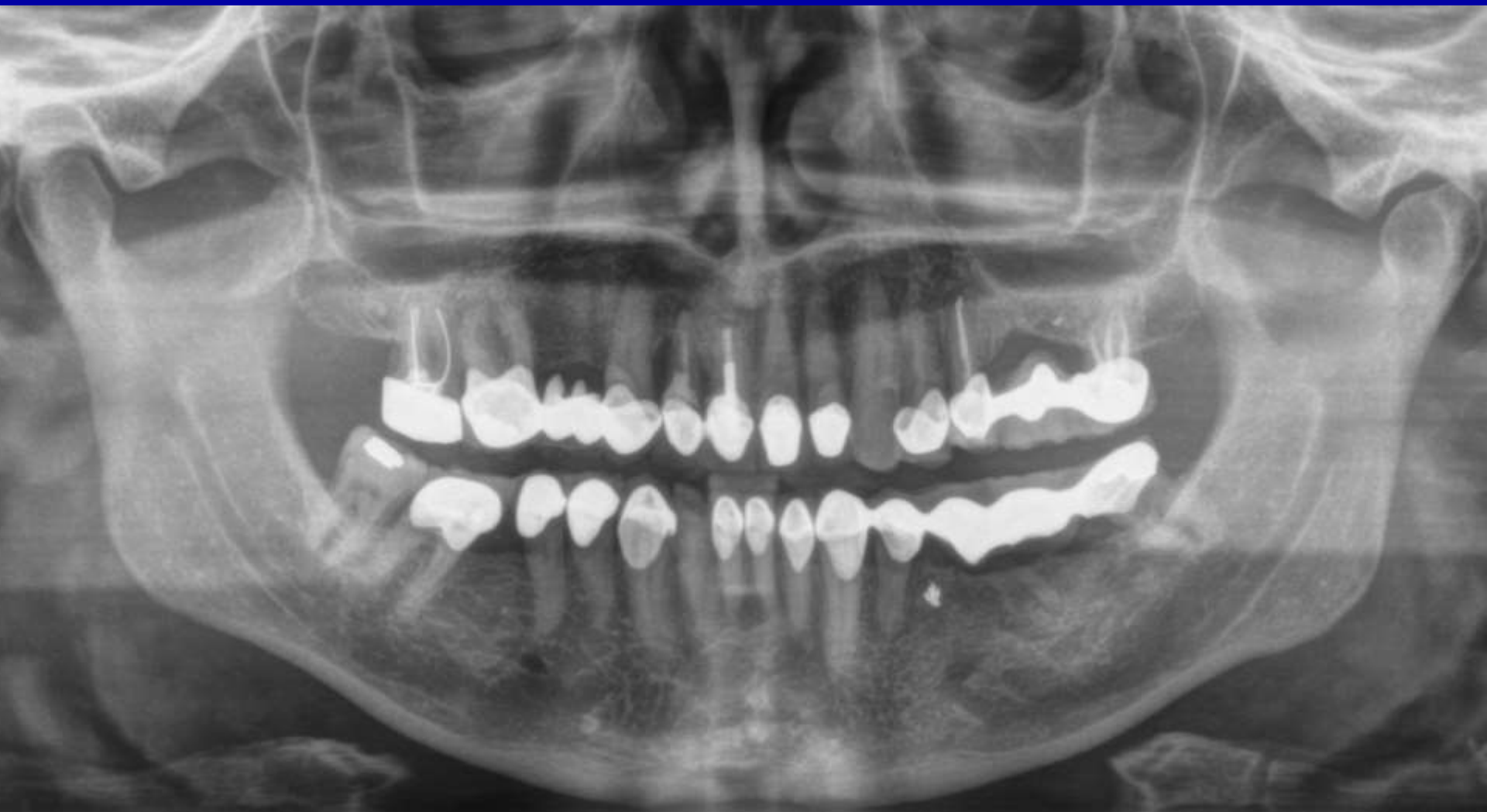
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# New Patient Requiring Extensive Restorative Care

- **Medical** issues affecting dental decisions:
- 65 y.o. male, 5,9", 190 lbs, waist 38"
- Presents for extensive dental restorative care
- Has history of periodontal disease but current disease is stable (no bleeding on periodontal chart)
- Has a structural fracture of upper right front tooth that cannot be saved.
- Two stents placed at 54 years old. No evidence of advanced lipid testing.
- No evidence by history that he is doing anything differently now than he was before stent placement.
- Concern as a dental provider is how inflamed is he and is he stable enough for us to begin invasive work?









Asked for Any  
Current Labs

Recommended  
collecting a more  
comprehensive  
collection of  
information

	5/15/2014 0845		
<b>CHEMISTRY PANELS</b>			
Sodium	140		
Potassium	4.0		
Chloride	100		
Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	32		!
Anion Gap	8		
Glucose	93 *		
Blood Urea Nitroge...	23		!
Creatinine	0.69		
Calcium	9.8		
Protein Total	6.5		
Albumin	4.3		
Globulin	2.2		
Albumin/Globulin R...	2.0		
Alkaline Phosphata...	79		
Aspartate Aminotra...	32		
Alanine Aminotrans...	39		
Bilirubin Total	0.7		
GFR Non African Am...	115		
GFR African American	139 *		
<b>ENDOCRINE</b>			
Free FT3	3.5		
Free FT4	1.3		
TSH	1.72		
<b>LIPIDS</b>			
Cholesterol	155 *		
Triglycerides	103 *		
HDL Cholesterol	50 *		
LDL Cholesterol, C...	84 *		
Non-HDL Choleste...	105		
Cholesterol/HDL Ratio	3.1 *		
<b>TUMOR MARKERS</b>			
PSA			



# Current Meds

Prescriptions	Vitamins
Atorvastatin 40 mg PM	Multi vitamin & minerals AM
Zetia 10 mg PM	Fish oil 1000mg pm
Allopurinol 300mg AM	Saw Palmetto+ 160 mg AM
Indapamide (Lozol) 2.5 mg AM	Coenzyme Q10 100 mg AM
Pot Citrate Er tabs 10 MEQ AM & PM 23.08	DMAE 500mg AM
Fluticasone (as needed) AM – 1 SPRAY	Alpha Lipoic Acid 100 mg AM
Montelukast 10 mg AM	Biotin 5 mg AM
	B12 1000mcg AM
	Slo Niacin 500mg AM

# Periodontal Chart

Exam Date: 10/9/2014

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
MOB																
PD	3 3 2 3 3 3					3 3 3	9 7 7	3 3 3 3 3		4 3 4 4 3 3	3 3 4 3 3 3					3 3 4
GM																
CAL	3 3 2 3 3 3					3 3 3	9 7 7	4 3 3 3 3 3		4 3 4 4 3 3	3 3 4 3 3 3				3 3 4	
MGJ																
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GM																
CAL	14 3 4 4 3 3					3 3 4	11 3 6	5 3 4 4 3 3		3 3 3 3 3 3	3 3 3 3 3 3				5 3 3	
MGJ																
Tooth	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

Fractured tooth

	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
MOB																
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GM																
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MGJ																
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MGJ																
Tooth	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17

## Summary Information

Date	Bleeding		Suppuration		Furcation		Mobility	PD > Alert		CAL < 0		CAL 1-3		CAL 4-5		CAL 6+	
	Teeth	Sites	Teeth	Sites	Teeth	Sites	Teeth	Teeth	Sites	Teeth	Sites	Teeth	Sites	Teeth	Sites	Teeth	Sites
10/9/2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	0	0	23	102	18	30	2	6

# Desired Information

- Oral DNA
- Cone Beam Image
- Inflammatory Biomarkers to determine stability
- Advanced Lipids
- Bale/Doneen Method Info

# Oral DNA Pending

# Cone Beam Image Report

**Images provided:** Cone Beam CT images in the bone window. Axial, coronal and sagittal planes. FOV:

**Clinical Info:** Implant analysis requested. Relevant History: Implants planned Client Notes: Implants planned

**Diagnostic Objectives:**

1. Implant Planned
2. Rule Out Pathology

**Findings:**

**Maxilla:** no abnormalities detected

**Sinuses:** no abnormalities detected, the right and left osteomeatal complexes were patent.

**Nasal Cavity:** a mild deviation the nasal septum was noted.

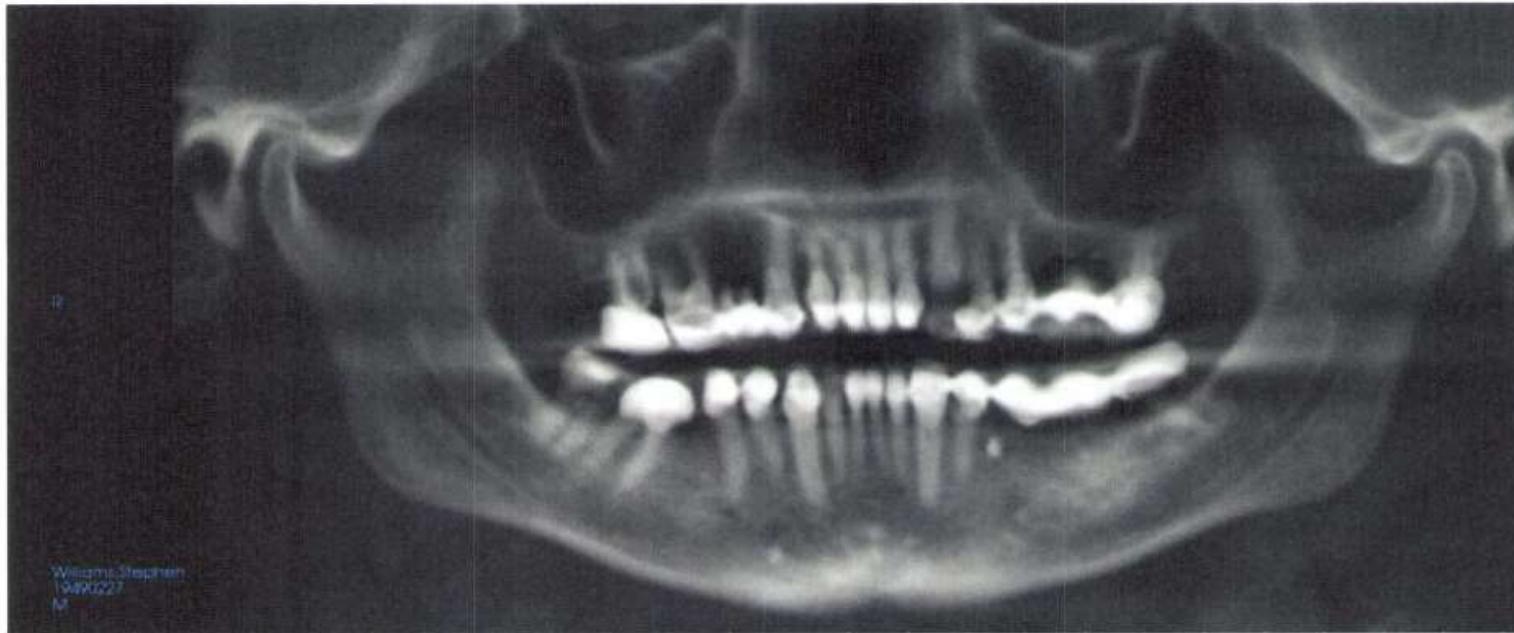
**Mandible:** no abnormalities detected

**Air Space:** no abnormalities detected

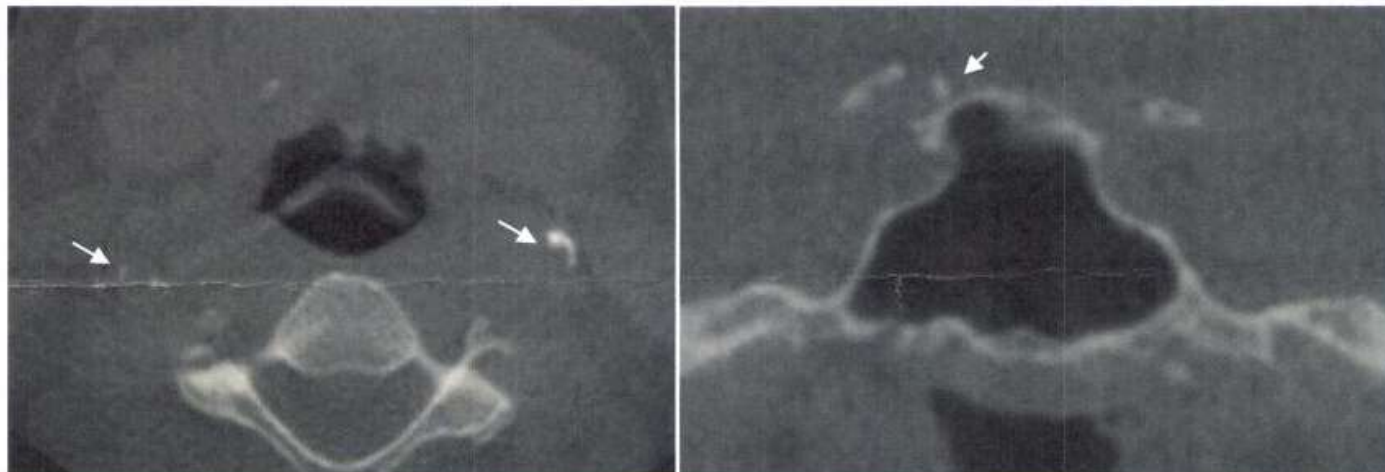
**TMJs:** no abnormalities detected

**Other findings:** 1) Curvilinear areas of increased density were noted lateral to the pituitary fossa and within the lower neck in areas anatomically associated with the carotid arteries; these areas appear to be consistent with calcification carotid artery. 2) sclerosis and small osteophytes were noted C-1 C-2 cervical vertebra. 3) An ovoid area of increased density was noted in the midline of the middle cranial fossa in an area associated with the pineal gland. The area appears consistent with calcification of the pineal gland. The  
**Dental findings:** cross-sections illustrating several dental findings have been provided below.

The following are selected images from the volume illustrating major findings



Reconstructed panoramic radiograph



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## INFLAMMATION

	In Range	Out of Range	Flag**	Relative Risk	Reference Range	Units	Previous Result	Date
Myeloperoxidase <sup>(6)</sup>	276			LOW	<420	pmol/L		
<p>Based on a recent study of a high risk population, defined as stable patients without acute coronary syndrome who underwent elective diagnostic coronary angiography<sup>1</sup>, Cleveland Heart Lab has defined the following cut-offs for MPO: A cut-off of &lt;420 pmol/L defines an "apparently healthy" population at low risk for a cardiovascular event, 420-479 pmol/L defines a population at intermediate risk for a cardiovascular event, and &gt;=480 pmol/L defines a high risk population based on the 97.5%ile." (Reference: 1Tang et al. Am J Cardiol. 111:465-70, 2013).</p>								
Lp-PLA <sub>2</sub> (The PLAC <sup>®</sup> Test)	146			LOW	≤ 200	ng/mL		
High-sensitivity CRP	0.8			LOW	<1.0	mg/L		
Microalbumin/Creatinine ratio	See Below				<30.0	mg/g		
<p>Microalbumin in patient's urine sample is below assay detection; therefore, the Microalbumin/Creatinine ratio cannot be calculated. Persistent Microalbumin/Creatinine ratios of 30-300 mg/g has been shown to be an early indicator of diabetic nephropathy (1). A 3-fold increase in CVD has been found in men with Microalbumin/Creatinine ratios &gt;=3.9 mg/g and in women with values &gt;=7.5 mg/g in the Framingham Heart Study (2). (References: 1. Diabetes Care 2011;34:533A, 2. Aronov et al. Circulation 2006;112:968).</p>								
Microalbumin	<3.0					mg/L		
Creatinine, Urine	70.4				20.0-300.0	mg/dL		
OxLDL	34			LOW	<60	U/L		
<p>Based on a recent study of an 'apparently healthy' and non-metabolic syndrome population<sup>1</sup>, the following cut-offs have been defined for OxLDL: A cut-off of &lt;60 U/L defines a population with a low relative risk of developing metabolic syndrome, a range of 60 to 69 U/L defines a population with a moderate relative risk (2.8 fold) and &gt;=70 U/L defines a population with a high relative risk (3.5-fold). (Reference: 1-Holvoet et al. JAMA. 2006; 299: 2287-2293.)</p>								
F <sub>2</sub> -Isoprostane/Creatinine Ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	0.57			LOW	<0.86	ng/mg		
F <sub>2</sub> -Isoprostane	0.40					ng/mL		
Creatinine, Urine	70.4				20.0-300.0	mg/dL		
Homocysteine	7.7				<15.0	umol/L		

## LIPIDS

	In Range	Out of Range	Flag**	Relative Risk	Reference Range	Units	Previous Result	Date
Lp(a)		131		HIGH	<30	mg/dL		

	In Range	Out of Range	Flag**	Relative Risk	Reference Range	Units	Previous Result	Date
<b>NMR LIPOPROFILE</b>								
LDL Particle Number <sup>(LIPO)</sup>		1463		HIGH	<1000	nmol/L		
LDL Cholesterol, Calculated <sup>(LIPO)</sup>	75			LOW	<100	mg/dL		
LDL-C is inaccurate if patient is nonfasting.								
HDL-C <sup>(LIPO)</sup>	56			LOW	≥40	mg/dL		
Triglycerides <sup>(LIPO)</sup>		227		HIGH	<150	mg/dL		
Cholesterol, Total <sup>(LIPO)</sup>	176			LOW	<200	mg/dL		
HDL-Particle Number <sup>(LIPO)</sup>	49.7			LOW	≥30.5	umol/L		
Small LDL-Particle Number <sup>(LIPO)</sup>		1084		HIGH	≤527	nmol/L		
LDL Size <sup>(LIPO)</sup>		20.1		HIGH	> 20.5	nm		
Large VLDL-P <sup>(LIPO)</sup>		11.0		HIGH	≤2.7	nmol/L		
Large HDL-P <sup>(LIPO)</sup>		3.3		HIGH	≥4.8	umol/L		
VLDL Size <sup>(LIPO)</sup>		54.1		HIGH	≤46.6	nm		
Small LDL-P, LDL Particle Size, Large HDL-P, Large VLDL-P VLDL Size, HDL Size, HDL Particle, and LP-IR Score have been validated by LipoScience but not cleared by US FDA; the clinical utility of these test results has not been fully established.								
HDL Size <sup>(LIPO)</sup>		8.6		HIGH	≥9.2	nm		
LP-IR Score <sup>(LIPO)</sup>		81		HIGH	≤45			

<b>METABOLIC</b>								
	In Range	Out of Range	Flag**	Relative Risk	Reference/ Optimal Range	Units	Previous Result	Date
OxLDL	34			LOW	<60	U/L		
Based on a recent study of an 'apparently healthy' and non-metabolic syndrome population-1, the following cut-offs have been defined for OxLDL: A cut-off of <80 U/L defines a population with a low relative risk of developing metabolic syndrome, a range of 80 to 89 U/L defines a population with a moderate relative risk (2.8 fold) and ≥70 U/L defines a population with a high relative risk (3.5-fold). (Reference: 1-Holvoet et al. JAMA. 2008; 299: 2287-2293.)								
Fructosamine (CCF)	228							
Reference range: 170 to 285 Unit: umol/L (NOTE) INTERPRETIVE INFORMATION: Fructosamine Variations in levels of serum proteins (albumin and immunoglobulins) may affect fructosamine results. Test performed by: ARUP Labs, 500 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, UT, 84108, unless otherwise specified.								
Cystatin C	0.74				0.47-1.09	mg/L		

### VITAMINS/SUPPLEMENTS

	In Range	Out of Range	Flag**	Relative Risk	Reference Range	Units	Previous Result	Date
Coenzyme Q10 <sup>(1)</sup>	3.02			LOW		ug/mL		
Population reference range: 0.36 to 1.69 ug/mL. Studies have suggested that serum levels of Coenzyme Q10 at > 2.0 ug/mL show an anti-hypertensive effect.								
Vitamin D, 25-Hydroxy by LC-MS/MS <sup>(4)</sup>	42.1			LOW	30.0-80.0	ng/mL		
Incidence of 25-OH Vitamin D toxicity increases when total Vitamin D is above 100 ng/mL and the majority of individuals with toxicity have total Vitamin D levels at > 150 ng/mL. (Reference: Jones G Am J Clin Nutr 2008;88:582S).								

### FATTY ACIDS

	In Range	Out of Range	Flag**	Relative Risk	Optimal	Units	Previous Result	Date
OmegaCheck™ (Whole Blood: EPA+DPA+DHA) <sup>(3)</sup>	6.4			LOW	≥5.5	% by wt		
The risk categories for OmegaCheck are based on the top (75th percentile) and bottom (25th percentile) quartiles of the CHL reference population. Consumption of foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids or supplements containing omega-3 fatty acids (EPA, DHA or DPA) may increase omega-3 fatty acid levels measured by OmegaCheck, and decrease the risk of sudden death due to cardiovascular disease.* The totality of the scientific evidence demonstrates that when consumption of fish oils is limited to 3 g/day or less of EPA and DHA, there is no significant risk for increased bleeding time beyond the normal range. A daily dosage of 1 gram of EPA and DHA lowers the circulating triglycerides by about 7-10% within 2 to 3 weeks. *Albart CM et al. N Engl J Med. 2001; 346: 1113-1118.								
Arachidonic Acid/EPA Ratio		7.7	H		<5.0			
Omega-6/Omega-3 Ratio		5.2	H		<4.5			
Omega-3 total	6.4					% by wt		
EPA		1.5	L		>2.0	% by wt		
DPA	1.5				>1.0	% by wt		
DHA		3.4	L		>4.0	% by wt		
Omega-6 total	33.00					% by wt		
Cleveland HeartLab measures a number of omega-6 fatty acids with AA and LA being the two most abundant forms reported.								
Arachidonic Acid		11.5	H		<9.0	% by wt		
Linoleic Acid	18.1				<20.0	% by wt		

### GENOTYPING

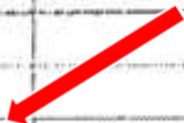
	Genotype	Risk	Interpretation
MTHFR <sup>(2)</sup>	677TT, 1298AA	HIGH	This patient displays the homozygous mutation at position 677 (TT) and no mutation at position 1298 (AA) of MTHFR. Homozygous mutations at 677 (TT) and no mutation at position 1298 (AA) are associated with greatly decreased MTHFR activity, high levels of homocysteine and increased risk for coronary artery disease and venous thrombosis, particularly in the setting of low folate status.

\*\*Flags: H = Out of Range High; L = Out of Range Low; CH = Critical High; CL = Critical Low



## OUT OF RANGE RESULTS SUMMARY

	Result	Flag <sup>ns</sup>	Relative Risk	Reference/Optimal Range	Units	Previous Result	Date
<b>LIPIDS</b>							
Lp(a)	131		HIGH	<30	mg/dL		
LDL Particle Number	1463		HIGH	<1000	nmol/L		
Triglycerides	227		HIGH	<150	mg/dL		
Small LDL-Particle Number	1084		HIGH	≤527	nmol/L		
LDL Size	20.1		HIGH	> 20.5	nm		
Large VLDL-P	11.0		HIGH	≤2.7	nmol/L		
Large HDL-P	3.3		HIGH	≥4.8	umol/L		
VLDL Size	54.1		HIGH	≤46.6	nm		
HDL Size	8.6		HIGH	≥9.2	nm		
LP-IR Score	81		HIGH	≤45			
<b>FATTY ACIDS</b>							
Arachidonic Acid/EPA Ratio	7.7	H		<5.0			
Omega-6/Omega-3 Ratio	5.2	H		<4.5			
EPA	1.5	L		>2.0	% by wt		
DHA	3.4	L		>4.0	% by wt		
Arachidonic Acid	11.5	H		<9.0	% by wt		

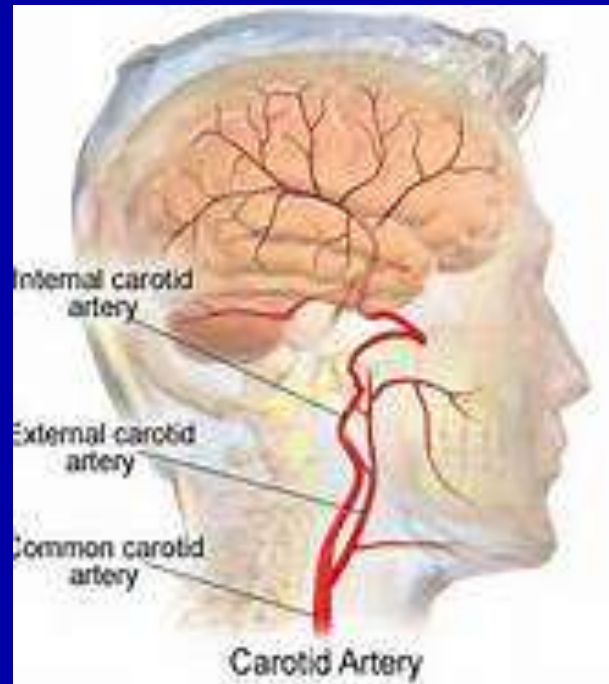




# Discussion

- Inflammation ok
- Lifestyle – diet, sleep, exercise
- Lipid Management – multiple adjustments on BD Method
  
- Ok to start dental treatment and work with medical team on CVD management

# The carotid arteries serve as a window to systemic atherosclerosis



Willeit, K., et. al. (Sept 12, 2013). Carotid Atherosclerosis and Incident Atrial Fibrillation. *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology*. doi: 10.1161/atvbaha.113.302272

# IMT of Carotid (CIMT) American Heart Association

safe, non-invasive, inexpensive, valid and  
reliable



AHA Expert Panel Statement of Prevention V  
Conference – Circulation 2000



# Root Causes of Disease

If we find disease, we need to know why it is there.



atherosclerosis

Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Low Vit D

Inflammatory Diseases

Hyperlipidemia

Pyychosocial issues

Lipo (a)

Insulin resistance

Infectious Diseases

Periodontal Disease

Dysfunctional HDL

New Root Causes yet to be discovered

Nicotine

Lifestyle

Lifestyle

Genetics

MPO

Genetics



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# Gout Increases the Likelihood of New Onset Diabetes

35,339 gout pts; 72% men; mean age 63 yo; gender, age, BMI matched with 5 non-gout pts; investigated incidence of new onset DM over 1000 person-years.

Adjusted for: smoking, alcohol, physician visits, comorbidities and medication use.

Rho, Y. H., et. al. (2014). Independent impact of gout on the risk of diabetes mellitus among women and men: a population-based, BMI-matched cohort study. *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*. doi: 10.1136/annrheumdis-2014-205827

# Gout is Associated with Increased CV Risk

5,926 subjects; 25 to 74 yo; followed 16 yrs.

For each 59.48- $\mu\text{mol/L}$  increase in uric acid level, **ischemic heart disease mortality increased 17% in men and 30% in women.**

Adjusted for: age, race, BMI, smoking, alcohol, cholesterol, BP, DM and diuretic use.

Fang, J., & Alderman, M. H. (2000). Serum uric acid and cardiovascular mortality: The nhanes i epidemiologic follow-up study, 1971-1992. *JAMA*, 283(18), 2404-2410.

TG/HDL > 3.5 = IR in  
Caucasians

Ethnicity is Important

Needs OGTT to define beta cell function loss

Dr. Gerald Reaven 1/2001

McLaughlin, Reaven, et.al., *Am J Cardiol.*  
8/1/2005;96:399-404

# Who is the Worst Hombre?



# Lipo (a) Causes Heart Attacks

**Copenhagen Data:** >41,000 subjects over 13 years, 2800 MI's

Looked at risk of MI from lipo (a) levels by assessing the levels genetically

Consistent increase in MI risk with higher lipo (a) levels

Risk starts around 40-50 mg/L; each doubling of the level increases the risk about 20%

***Dr Pia R Kamstrup, PR, et. Al., JAMA 6/10/09***

# Lipo (a) Continues to Drive CV Risk Despite Statin Therapy

Baseline and on-statin Lp(a) concentrations were associated with residual risk of CVD independent of other risk factors, including LDL cholesterol.

Khera, A. V., et. al. (2014). *Circulation*, 129(6), 635-642.

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# European Atherosclerosis Society

- Recommend screening for lipo (a)
- Treat if levels over 50 mg/dL
- Advise 1 to 3 g of niacin daily

Would d/c Zetia and increase a good OTC niacin (Endur-acin)

Nordestgaard, B. G., et. al. (2010). Lipoprotein(a) as a cardiovascular risk factor: current status. *Eur Heart J*. doi: 10.1093/eurheartj/ehq386

# Ezetimibe Yields Paradoxical Results with CIMT: Possible Mechanisms

- Ezetimibe predominately inhibits the scavenger receptor B1, involved in intracellular translocation of cholesterol
- This receptor binds to the ligand apoprotein A1, the principal apoprotein component of HDL-C in the process of reverse cholesterol transport
- Ezetimibe is also known to cause transcriptional down-regulation of key lipid transport proteins including the ATP binding cassette transporter (ABCA1) and SRB1.

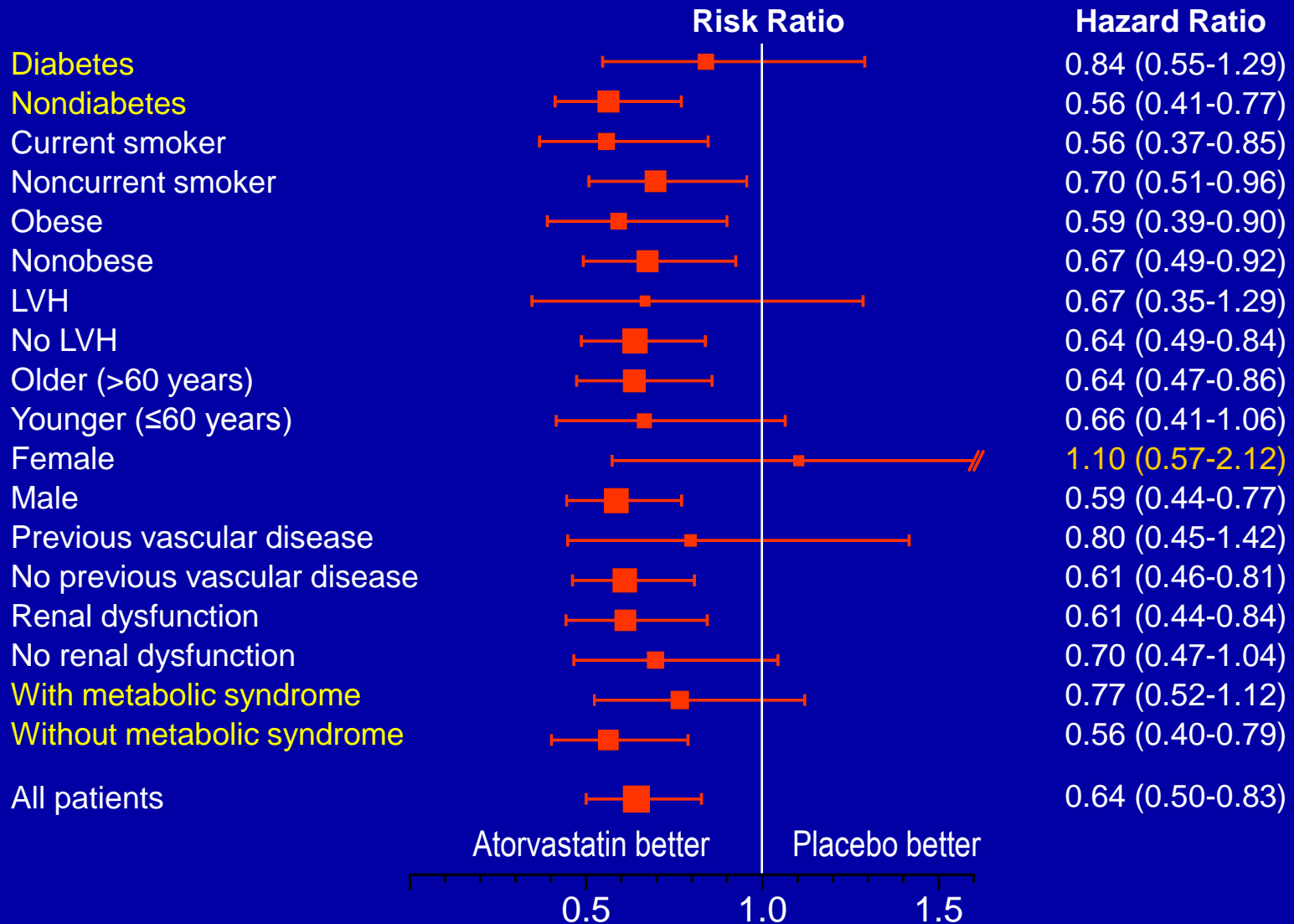
Taylor, A. J., et. al. *European Heart Journal*  
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehs105

# Ezetimibe Yields Paradoxical Results with CIMT: Possible Mechanisms

- Recent studies also suggest that the effect on the lipid particle profile is an absolute or relative increase in the proportion of small dense LDL-C.
- Endothelial function: 8 of 11 trials showed blunting of improvement combined with statin; 2 largest trials showed no effect as mono-rx despite LDL reduction = statin

Taylor, A. J., et. al. *European Heart Journal*  
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehs105

# ASCOT Pre-specified Subgroups: Primary End Point



Area of squares is proportional to the amount of statistical information

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# Atorvastatin Increases Insulin Resistance

- Randomized, blinded, placebo-controlled; 213 subjects; placebo or atorva 10,20,40,80mg; two months
- Atorva significantly increased fasting insulin (mean changes: 25%, 42%, 31%, and 45%, respectively) and A1c (2%, 5%, 5%, and 5%, respectively); compared baseline  $p < 0.05$  or placebo ( $p = 0.009$  for insulin and  $p = 0.008$  for A1c)

Would switch to Crestor, if KIF6 +, could consider pravastatin.

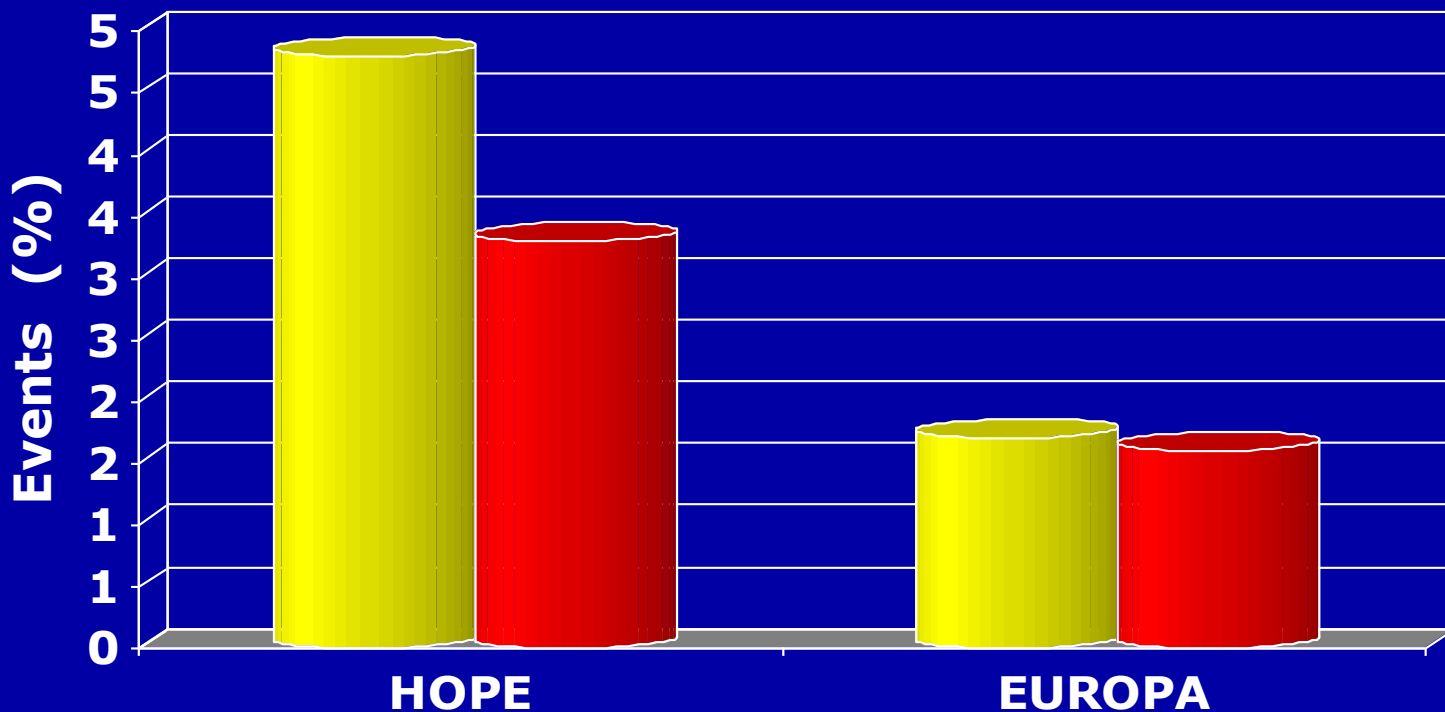
Koh, K. et al., *J Am Coll Cardiol* 9/2010;55:1209-16

# Stroke results

HOPE (ramipril) 32%

EUROPA (perindipril): NS 6%

■ Placebo ■ ACE inhibitor

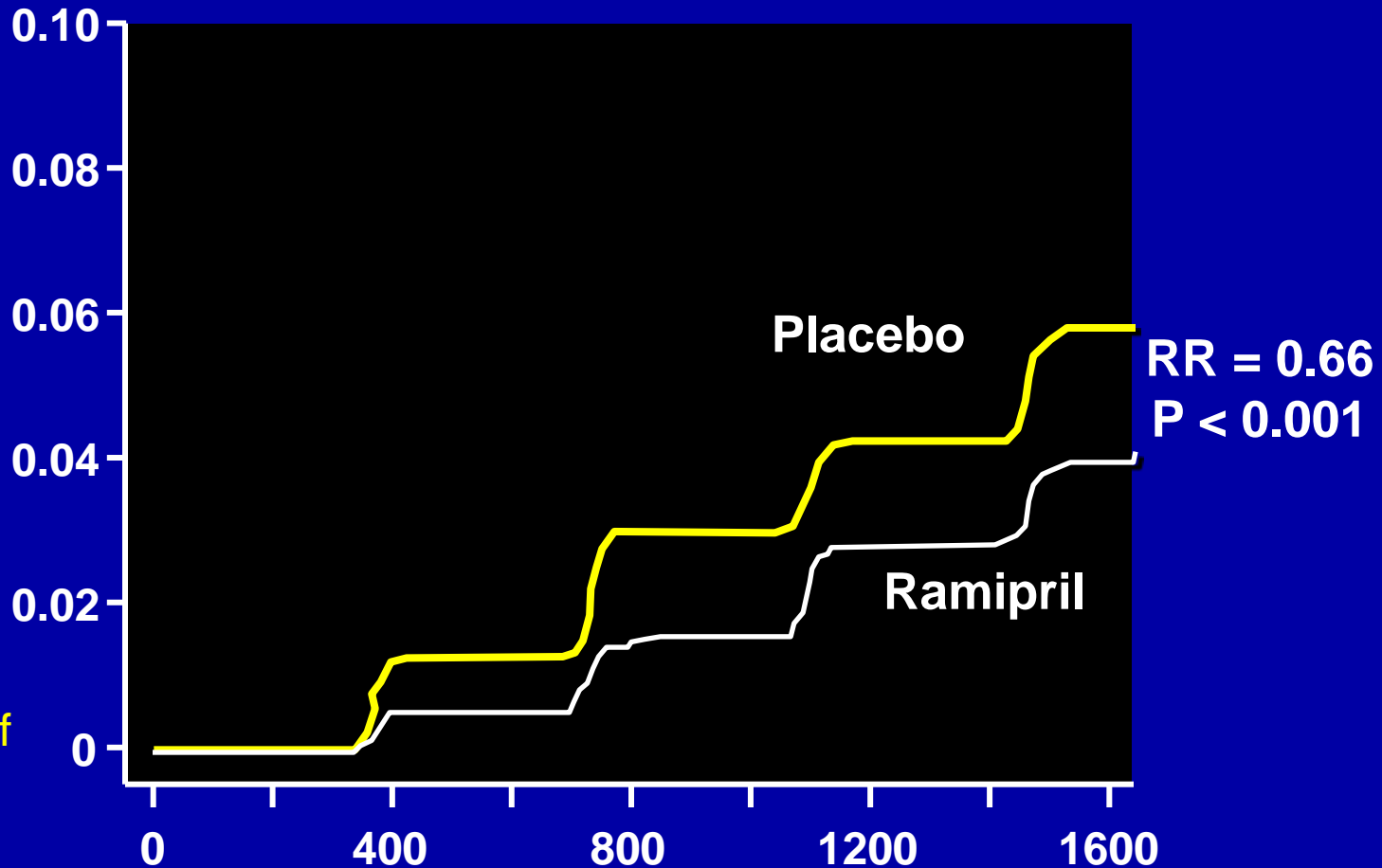


HOPE NNT 4.5yrs to prevent one major CV event = 26  
EUROPA NNT 4 yrs. to prevent one major CV event = 50

# HOPE: Ramipril and the Risk of Type 2 Diabetes

**Cumulative Risk for Self-Reported Diabetes**

This persisted in 2.6 yr. extension of HOPE-TOO\*



Yusuf S et al. JAMA 2001;286:1882-85

**Days of Follow-up**

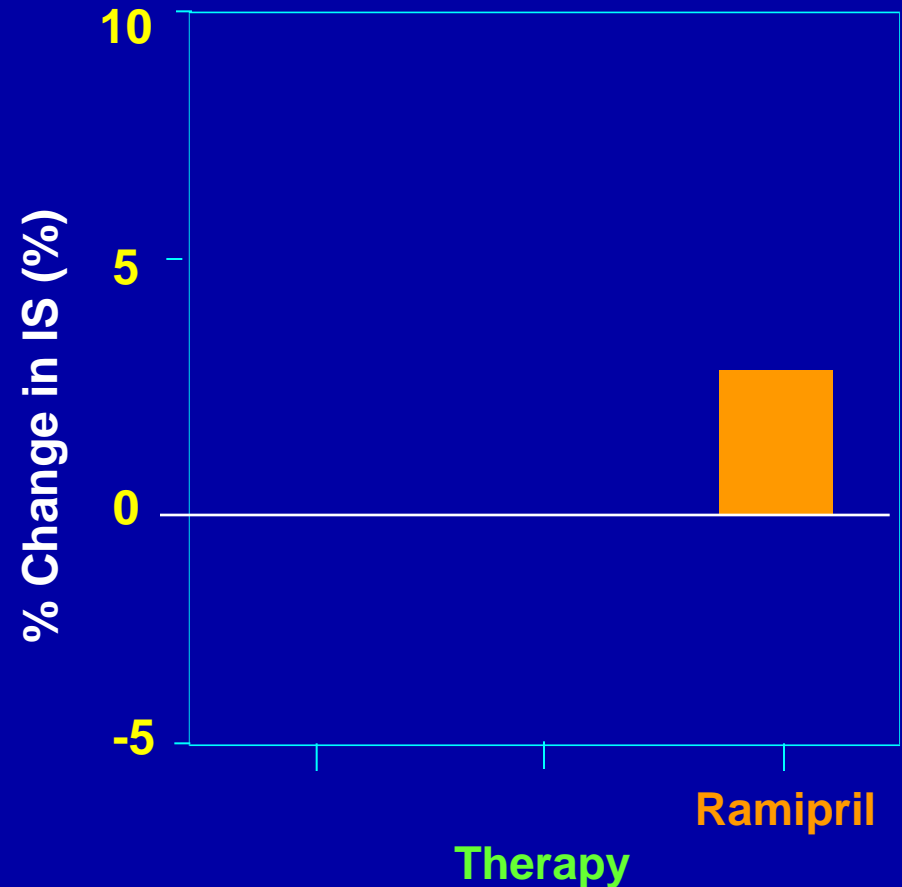
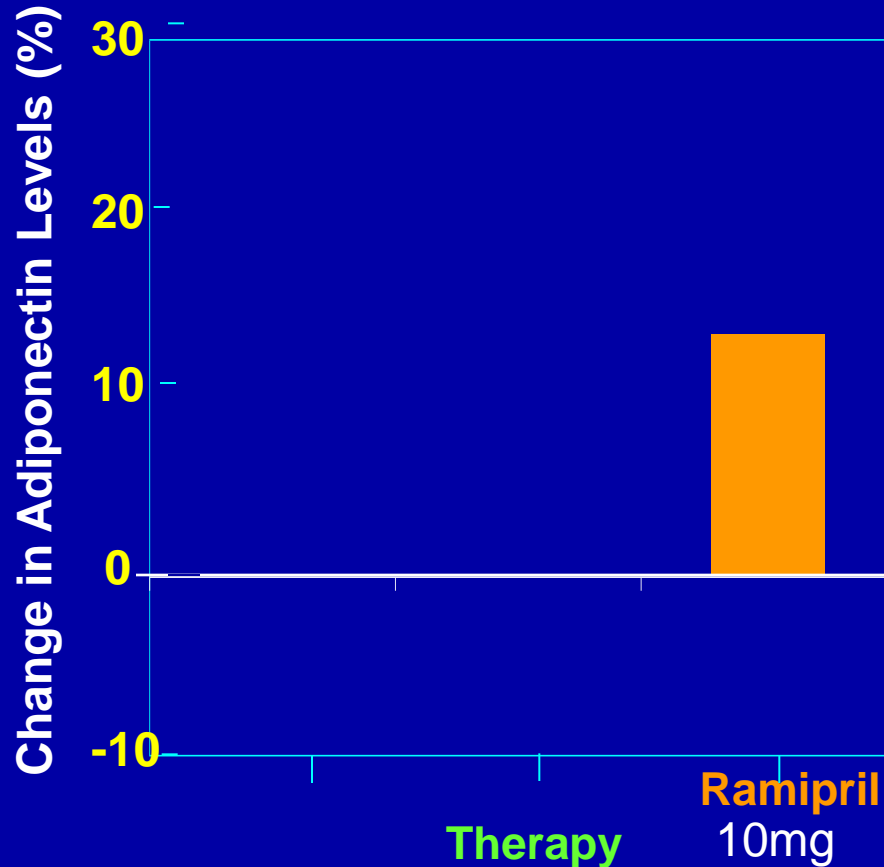
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\* *Circulation*.8/2005;112:1339-1346.

# Percent Change in Adiponectin Levels and Percent Change in Insulin Sensitivity

50 pts. With DM



KK Koh, et. Al., Hypertension 2005 5;(): Posted on May 17, 2005

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# The Direct Effects of the ACE Inhibitors, on Isolated Human Pancreatic Islets

- RAS molecules are present in human islets and their expression is sensitive to glucose concentration
- ACE inhibitors protect human islets from glucotoxicity

Lupi, R. et al., *Eur J Endocrinol* 2006;154:355-61.

# Potassium Extremely Important in Cardiac Arrhythmias and Sudden Cardiac Death

Incidence of ventricular tachycardia is 3X higher in MI pts with low 'normal' potassium than in pts with a high 'normal' serum potassium.

In pts with known CAD, it is beneficial to maintain plasma potassium levels in the upper normal range.

**4.6-5.0**

Kjeldsen, K. (2010). Hypokalemia and sudden cardiac death. *Exp Clin Cardiol*, 15(4), e96-99.

# Foods High in K+

- Sweet Potato – 1 cup cooked – 950 mg potassium
- Butternut squash – 1 cup cooked – 582 mg potassium
- Figs – 4 large – 541 mg potassium
- Cantaloupe – 1 cup – 494 mg potassium
- Lentils – 1/2 cup cooked – 475 mg potassium
- Avocado – 1/2 medium – 439 mg potassium
- Bananas – 1 medium – 422 mg potassium
- Spinach – 2 cups raw – 334 mg potassium
- Blackberries – 1 cup 282 mg potassium
- Strawberries – 1 cup 252 mg potassium
- Almonds – 1 ounce raw – 198 mg potassium

# Amiloride: K<sup>+</sup> Sparing Diuretic

Inhibits of Na<sup>+</sup> reabsorption at the distal convoluted tubule, cortical collecting tubule and collecting duct.

This decreases the net negative potential of the tubular lumen reducing both K<sup>+</sup> & H<sup>-</sup> secretion and subsequent excretion.

It is not an aldosterone antagonist and its effects are seen even in the absence of aldosterone.

Usual dose is 5-10mg; may go up to 20mg; comes in 5 mg tablets.

Anna J. Stears, et. al. *Hypertension*. 5/2012;59:934-942

# Amloride Did Not Cause Any Impairment in Glucose Tolerance

- Two double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover studies; total 78 pts.; outcome was change in 2hr. GTT after 4 wks. rx with Hctz or amloride
- Thiazide diuretic significantly impaired glucose tolerance; no impairment was seen with K-sparing diuretic
- Substitution or addition of amloride may be the solution to preventing thiazide-induced diabetes mellitus

Anna J. Stears, et. al. *Hypertension*. 5/2012;59:934-942

# Lifestyle to Prevent Myocardial Infarction (MI) in Men

20,721 healthy men 45-79 yo; followed **11 yrs.**; 1,361 incident cases of MI.

Evaluated impact of **diet**, moderate **alcohol**, no **smoking**, **physical activity** and **waist** on risk of MI.

Akesson, A., et. al. (2014). Low-Risk Diet and Lifestyle Habits in the Primary Prevention of Myocardial Infarction in Men: A Population-Based Prospective Cohort Study. *J Am Coll Cardiol*, 64(13), 1299-1306.

# Lifestyle to Prevent Heart Attacks

Having all 5 factors optimized compared with none:

RR of MI -0.14 (95% CI: 0.04 to 0.43)

Optimization of these healthy behaviors could prevent  
79% (95% CI: 34% to 93%) of the MIs in men!

Akesson, A., et. al. (2014). *J Am Coll Cardiol*, 64(13), 1299-1306.

# Lifestyle Has Huge Impact on Stroke Risk

23,927 subjects; followed 12.7 yrs.; 195 women (73% IS) and 356 (78% IS) men had incident stroke.

Evaluated impact of obesity, smoking, alcohol consumption, diet, and physical inactivity on stroke risk.

38% of strokes were estimated as preventable with adherence to a healthy lifestyle.

Tikk, K., et. al. (2014). Primary Preventive Potential for Stroke by Avoidance of Major Lifestyle Risk Factors: The European Prospective Investigation Into Cancer and Nutrition-Heidelberg Cohort. *Stroke*, 45(7), 2041-2046.



# Exercise to Prevent Diabetes

Burning an extra 500 kcal/wk can reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes by 6%.

Helmrich SP, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 1991; 325:147-152

# Improving Fitness Level Reduces Type 2 DM Incidence up to 70%

- 4,187 healthy men; fitness assessed 4X over 7 yrs. (1979-1985)
- HR for DM comparing lowest to highest fitness trend quartile, after adjustment for: age, initial fitness, BMI, syst BP, smoking, alcohol and Famhx DM  
0.33 (95% CI- 0.21-0.50)

Sawasa, S. S., PhD, et. al. Diabetes Care 6/2010, Vol. 33, No. 6:1353-1357

# Interval Training: Beneficial for Metabolic Syndrome (MS)

- 32 MS subjects; three groups: interval training (IT), continuous moderate exercise (CME) or control
- IT: warm up 10 mins. at 70% MHR , four 4-min. sessions 90% MHR, with 3 min. recovery periods at 70% MHR, 5 min. cool-down, 3X/wk for 16 wks
- CME 45 mins. at 70% MHR, 3X/wk for 16 wks
- IT > **insulin sensitivity**; **HDL** levels increased **25%**; lower **FBG**; decrease **waist**

Tjonnas AE, Lee SJ, Rogonmo O, et al. *Circulation*. 8/1/2008;doi:10.1161/circulationaha.108.772822.

# Lifestyle to Prevent Heart Attacks: diet

Healthy foods included: fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts, reduced-fat dairy products, whole grains, and fish.



Unhealthy foods included: red and processed meat, fried potatoes, solid fats, full-fat cheese, white bread, refined cereals, and various sweets.

Akesson, A., et. al. (2014). *J Am Coll Cardiol*, 64(13), 1299-1306.

# Cinnamon Reduces Glucose and Improves Lipids

- Meta-analysis of 10 RCTs; 543 diabetic pts; cinnamon 120 mg/d to 6 g/d for 4 to 18 wks
- Cinnamon showed statistically significant decrease in levels of fasting plasma glucose, TC, LDL-C, TG and increased HDL-C.

Allen, R. W., et. al. (2013). Cinnamon Use in Type 2 Diabetes: An Updated Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. *Ann Fam Med*, 11(5), 452-459.

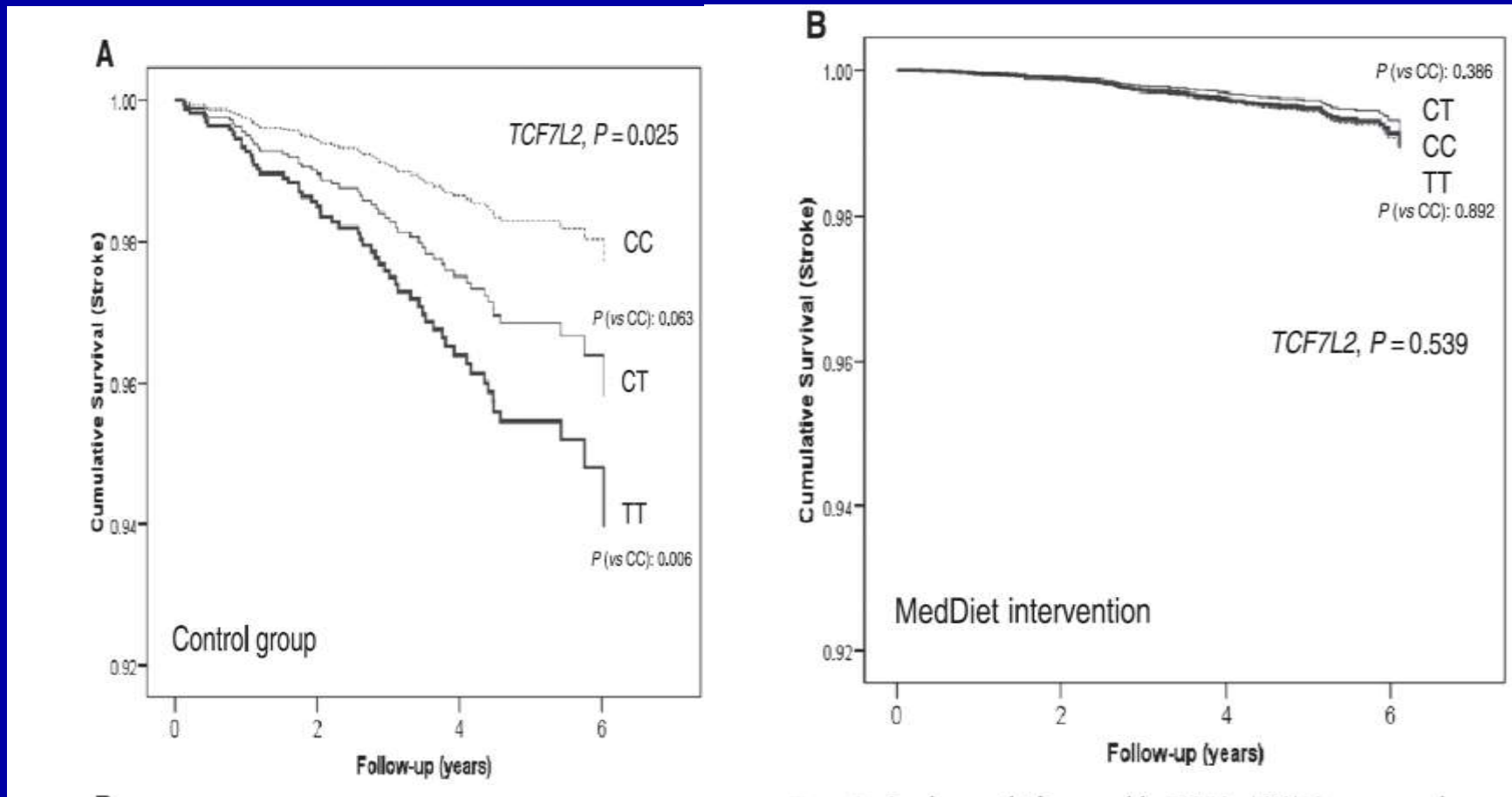
# Mediterranean Diet (MD) Modulates Glycemic and Stroke Risk Generated by TCF7L2 Gene

- 7,018 pts. all genotyped for TCF7L2; 14.2% were (+)-TT; randomized 3 dietary arms (2- MD); followed 4.8 yrs; end points glycemic levels, lipids and CV events
- Homozygotes (TT) on MD had significant improvement in fasting glucose (FG) and lipids; the MD also negated their increased stroke risk

Corella, D., et. al. (2013). Mediterranean Diet Reduces the Adverse Effect of the TCF7L2-rs7903146 Polymorphism on Cardiovascular Risk Factors and Stroke Incidence: A randomized controlled trial in a high-cardiovascular-risk population.

*Diabetes Care.* doi: 10.2337/dc13-0955

# Mediterranean Diet Mitigates Stroke Risk Generated by TCF7L2 Gene



Cumulative stroke free-survival by TCF7L2-rs7903146 genotypes in the control group (A) (n = 2,291) and in the MedDiet intervention groups (B) (n = 4,827).

Corella, D. et al. (2013). *Diabetes Care*. doi: 10.2337/dc13-0955

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# EPA and DHA levels

## Predictability of risk for ACS

Analyzed whole blood of 94 ACS patients and 94 age-gender matched controls

Omega 3 associations with ACS were made (adjusted for smoking, BMI, DM, lipids, hx MI or revascularization)

EPA and DHA content was 29% lower in ACS group vs control ( $1.7 \pm 1.9\%$  vs  $2.4 \pm 1.4\%$ ,  $p < 0.0001$ )

Low blood levels of EPA and DHA is an independent predictor of increased risk for ACS

*W. Harris, K. Read, et al. Am J. Cardiology 8.31.2007;99:154-158*

# Fish Consumption Reduces Stroke Risk

- RR for CVD with long chain omega 3 fatty acids measured as circulating biomarkers and self reported dietary exposures were 1.04 (95%CI-0.90 to 1.20) and 0.90 (0.80 to 1.01), respectively
- The beneficial effect of fish intake on cerebrovascular risk is likely mediated through the interplay of a wide range of nutrients abundant in fish.
- The lack of assoc. with risk reduction for long chain omega 3 fatty acids was consistent in primary or secondary prevention
- Findings suggest that single nutrients may have limited effects on chronic disease outside of their original food sources.

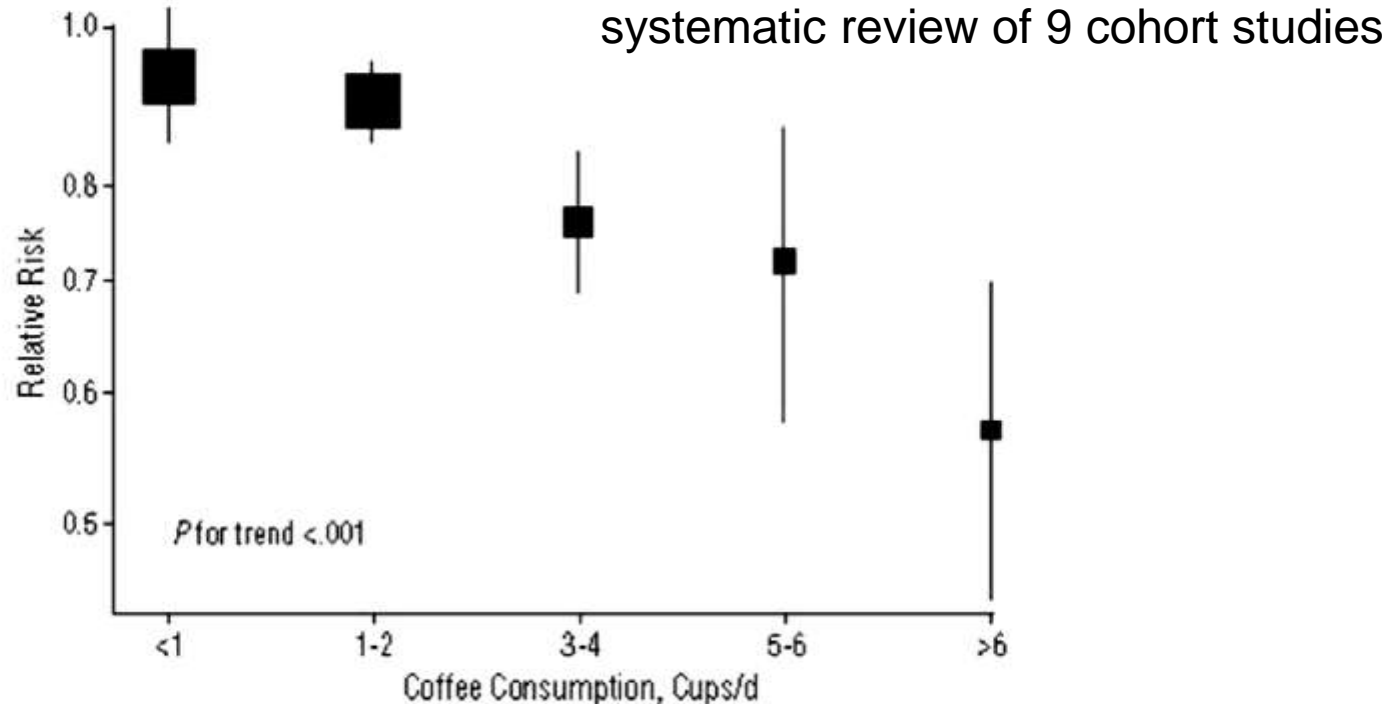
Chowdhury, R., et. al., *BMJ* 10/30/2012;345:e6698 doi: 10.1136/bmj.e6698

# Dark Chocolate Mitigates the Negative Arterial Effects of Hyperglycemia

- 12 healthy young adults; mean age 28; treated with 100mg dark flavanol rich dark chocolate & flavanol free white chocolate for 3 days with 7 day wash out in-between.
- At end of each treatment phase subjects underwent OGTT and endothelial function and oxidative tests were performed.

Grassi, D., et. al. *Hypertension*. 8/2012;60:00-00  
DOI: 10.1161/HYPERTENSIONAHA.112.193995

# Coffee can Reduce Risk DM



The Relationship Between Coffee Consumption and Subsequent Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in Different Categories of Coffee Consumption

O'Keefe, J. H., Lavie, C. J. (2013). Effects of Habitual Coffee Consumption on Cardiometabolic Disease, Cardiovascular Health, and All-cause Mortality. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* doi: 10.1016/j.jacc.2013.06.035

# Coffee May Increase the Risk of DM ?!

1,180 stage 1 BP non-DM pts; 18-45 yo; 639 CYP1A2 (caffeine) genotyping; followed 6 yrs.

58% were slow metabolizers of caffeine

24% developed pre-diabetes defined by FBG

Dr Lucio Mos 'results from the HARVEST study' presented at ESC Congress Sept. 2, 2014

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# Coffee May Increase the Risk of DM ?!

The risk of prediabetes associated with coffee intake was increased only in slow caffeine metabolizers.

HR for >3 cups/d -2.78 (95% CI, 1.32-5.88) p=0.0076

Carriers of the slow \*1F allele (slow caffeine metabolizers) should abstain from drinking caffeinated coffee.

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# Take Back to the Trenches

- Consider genetic testing for all patients
- Tests to arguably get on everyone:  
9p21, apo E, KIF6
- Tests that are useful in certain patients:  
4q25, CYP2C19, Hp
- If testing for MTHFR, realize the 'high risk' genotype (*TT*) is actually 'low risk' for CVD

# Upcoming Presentations





# My Last Chat of 2014

Congratulations Again to Dr. Amy Lynn Doneen!!!!



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# Upcoming Presentations

- 11/14/14 - Brad speaking all day at DISH meeting – Brentwood, TN.
- 11/17/14- Amy giving Key Note Address at 2nd International Conference on Nursing & Healthcare -Chicago, Ill.
- 12/1/14 - Brad speaking at NY Dental Society Meeting – NY,NY.
- 1/9-10/15- Amy and Brad giving BDM training at TT SON.
- 2/13/15- Brad speaking at Second Annual Private Wealth Summit – Phoenix, AR
- 2/20-21/15- BDM Preceptorship in LV, NV.

# Getting Close to Announcing a CEO for IOA!!



501c3 status

Mission: to advance the science of arteriology to the point every person has the opportunity to live out their life free of significant arterial disease.

# Open for Discussion