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# Comparison of a Precision Care Strategy With Usual Testing To Guide Management Of Stable Patients With Suspected Coronary Artery Disease

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# Background

- New onset stable chest pain is a common problem and requires performance of approximately 4 million tests annually in the US alone
- All clinical practice guidelines (AHA/ACC, ESC, NICE) agree on evaluation goals for such patients, and propose similar strategies to accomplish them. These goals are to:
  - Reduce unnecessary testing by risk stratification and deferred testing
  - Improve diagnostic yield of testing and catheterization
  - Reduce complications and costs by serving as an efficient gatekeeper to invasive testing
  - Optimize preventive medical treatment



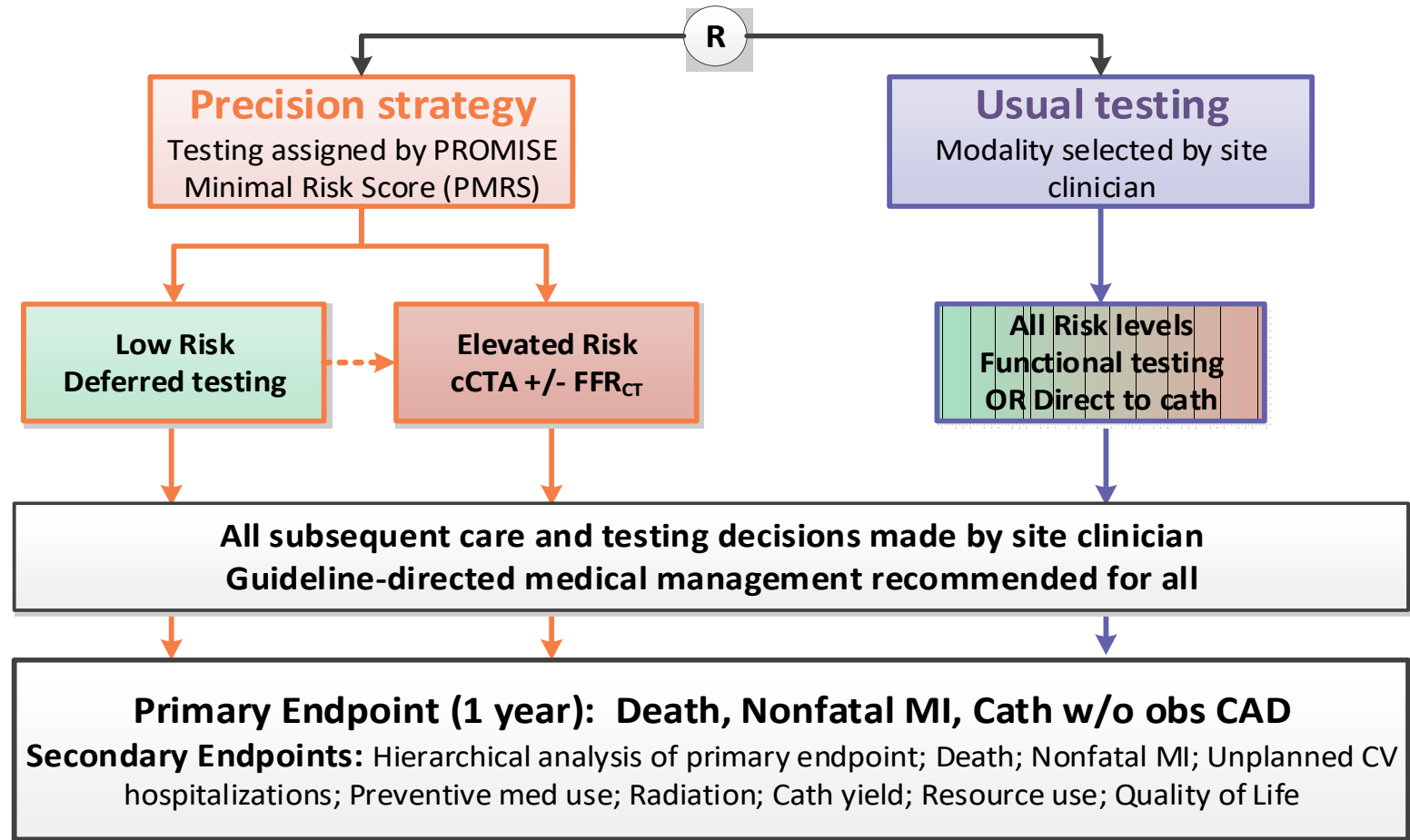
# Need for Evidence and Hypothesis

- Randomized trial-level evidence is needed to determine the best care pathway to accomplish these consensus goals
  - Prospective validation of a pre-test probability assessment to guide decision making regarding deferral vs immediate testing
  - Prospective evaluation of the safety of deferred testing in symptomatic patients
  - Once a patient is determined to need testing, randomized trial evidence comparing cCTA with selective FFR<sub>CT</sub> versus other modalities as first test
- **PRECISE Hypothesis**
  - In stable, symptomatic patients with suspected CAD, a **Precision Strategy** care pathway incorporating a set of actions based on Guideline recommendations will improve outcomes compared to **Usual Testing**



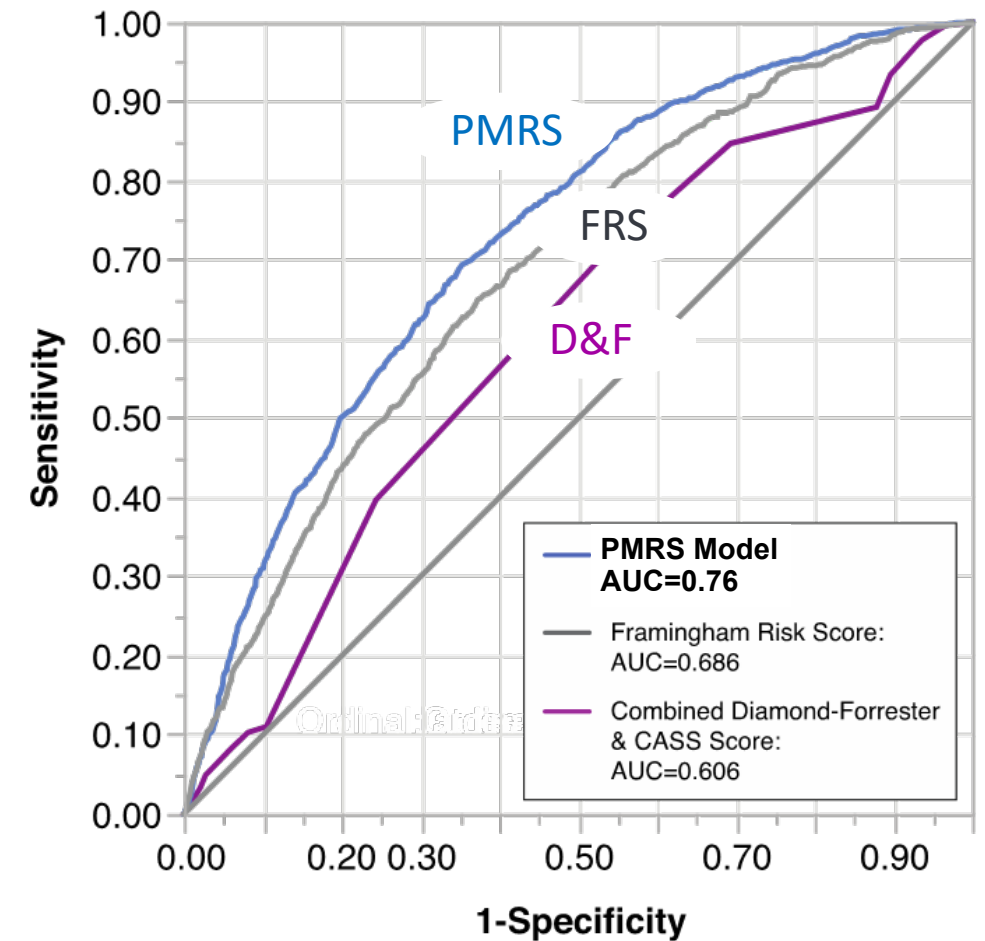
Non-acute chest pain or equivalent patients requiring testing for suspected CAD  
No history of obstructive CAD or CAD testing <1 year: N=2103

Randomization stratified by PROMISE Minimal Risk Score  
and preferred first test if usual care



## Identification of Patients With Stable Chest Pain Deriving Minimal Value From Noninvasive Testing The PROMISE Minimal-Risk Tool, A Secondary Analysis of a Randomized Clinical Trial

- Using 4,631 PROMISE cCTA pts, we modeled Minimal Risk: 27% w/o CAC, plaque or events
- Result: 10 clinical variables predicted Minimal Risk
- Validated in SCOT-Heart, Dan-NICAD (n=3,439)
- Combined in all 3 cohorts: C stat 0.76



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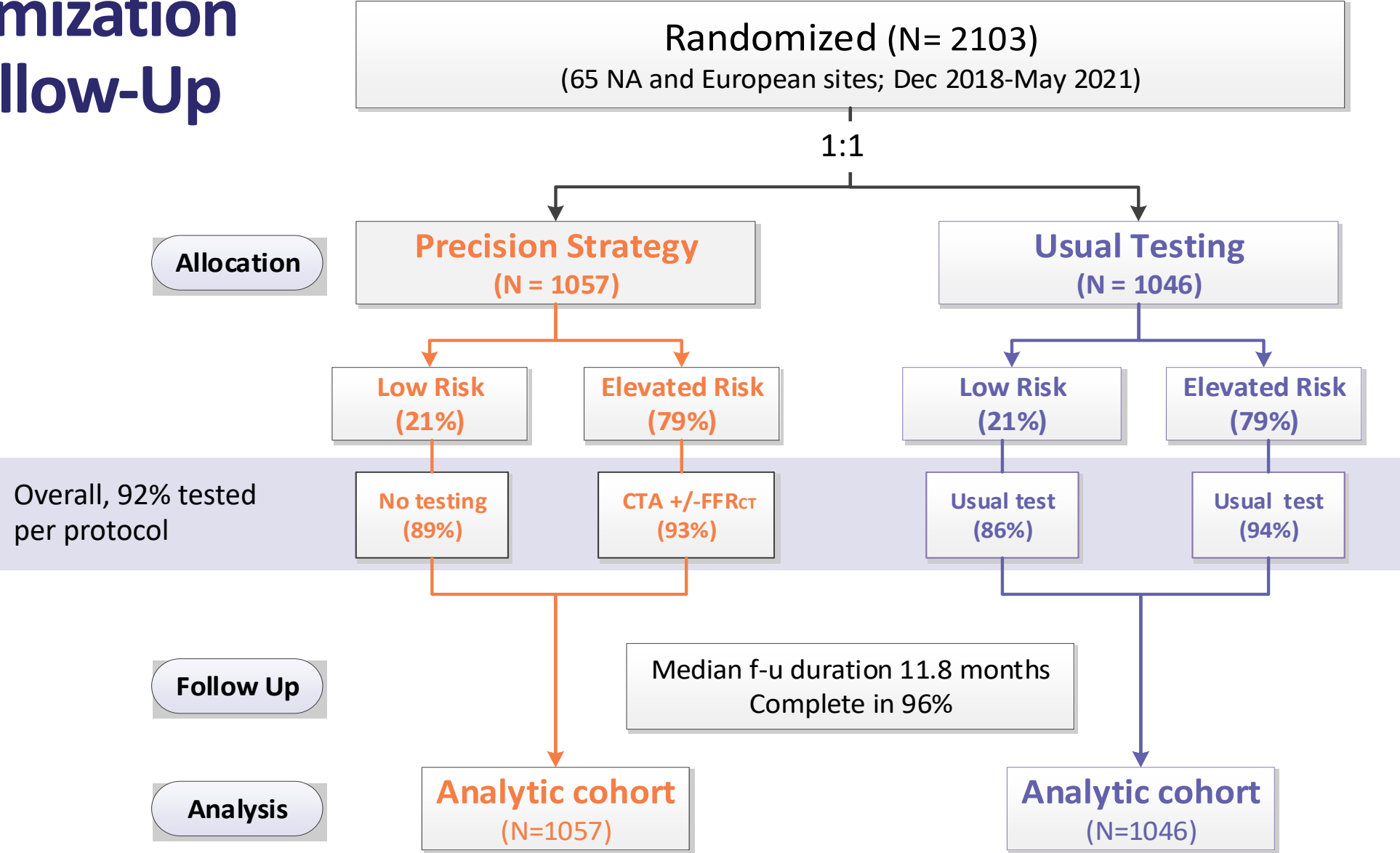


# Trial Endpoints and Statistical Analysis

- **Composite primary endpoint: All-cause death, nonfatal MI, or cath w/o obstructive CAD**
  - Composite defines *net clinical effectiveness* (efficacy and safety) for this low-risk population
  - Catheterization without obstructive CAD was defined as the absence of any positive invasive FFR/iFR or any QCA-measured stenosis  $\geq 50\%$  in epicardial vessel  $\geq 2\text{mm}$  diameter
  - Lower rates of cath w/o obs CAD associated w better QOL, fewer complications, lower costs
- All primary endpoint events were adjudicated by blinded Clinical Events Committee
- Statistical analysis
  - Sample size of 2100 provided  $\geq 90\%$  power to detect a 35% reduction in primary endpoint
  - All comparisons performed as Intention To Treat with time-to-event analysis, using log rank testing. Cox proportional hazards adjusted for age, sex, CAD risk equivalent, and intended test type at randomization
- The statistical team had full access to the complete data base and performed all analyses independently of the trial sponsor



# Randomization and Follow-Up



# Baseline Characteristics

		Precision Strategy (N=1057)	Usual Testing (N=1046)
Demographics	Age — yr	58.0 ± 11.5	58.9 ± 11.6
	Women	508 (48%)	539 (52%)
	Racial or ethnic minority group	165 (16%)	171 (16%)
Risk factors	≥1 major CV risk factor	990 (94%)	985 (94%)
	Hypertension	642 (61%)	606 (58%)
	Diabetes mellitus	176 (17%)	197 (19%)
	Dyslipidemia	668 (63%)	681 (65%)
	Family history of premature CAD	404 (38%)	395 (38%)
	Current or past tobacco use	544 (52%)	554 (53%)
Risk scores	Updated D-F pretest probability	16.0 (10.0, 26.0)	16.0 (10.0, 26.0)
	ASCVD 10-year	7.92 (3.4, 15.7)	8.22 (3.3, 17.2)
Primary symptom	Chest pain	870 (82%)	876 (84%)
Anginal type	Typical angina (cardiac)	249 (24%)	257 (25%)

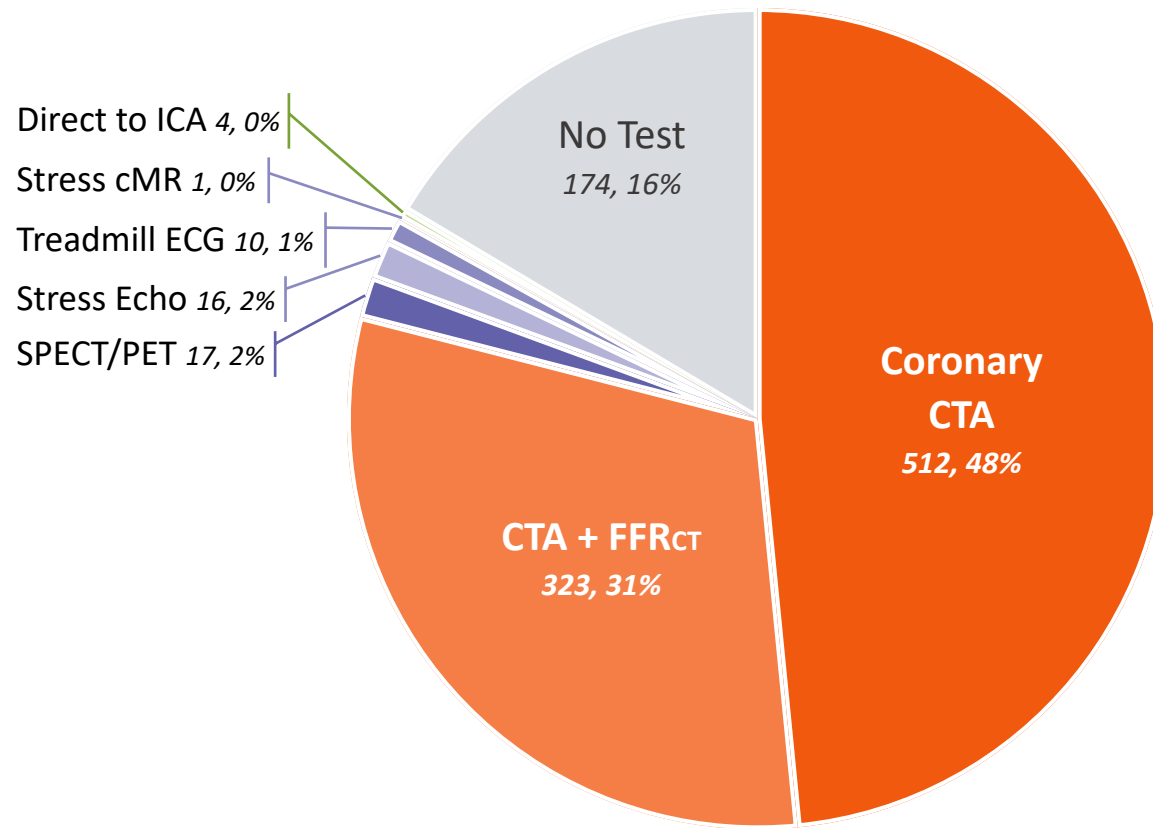




# Initial Diagnostic Test Performed

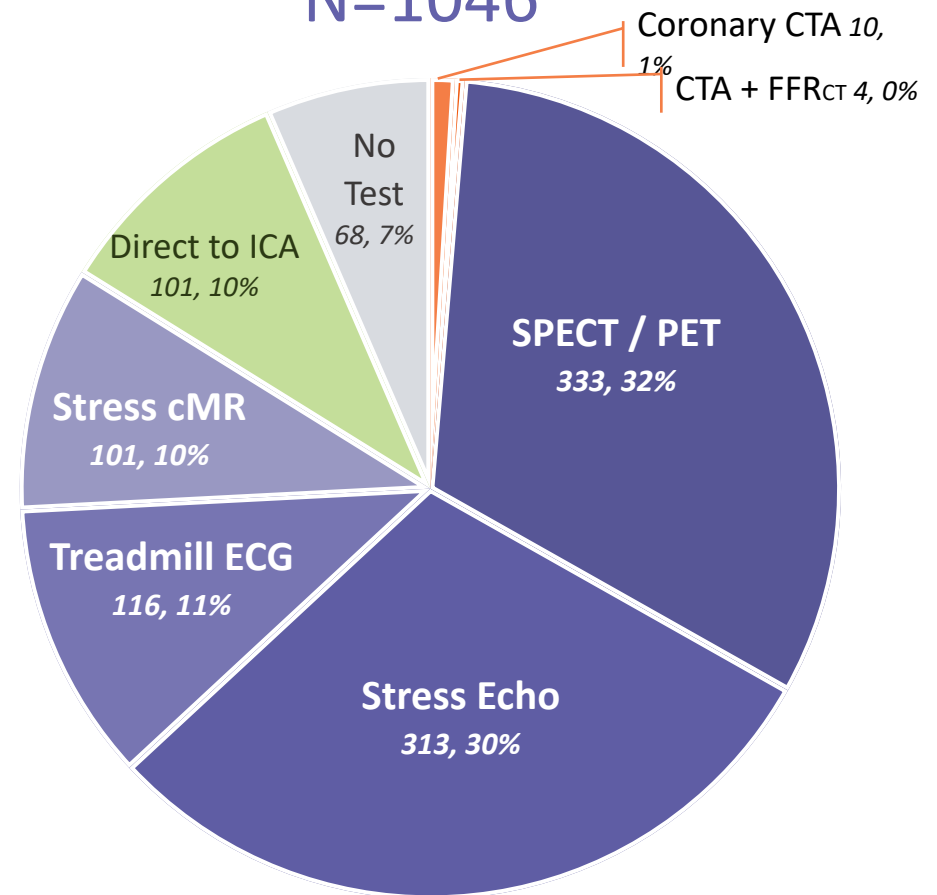
## Precision Strategy

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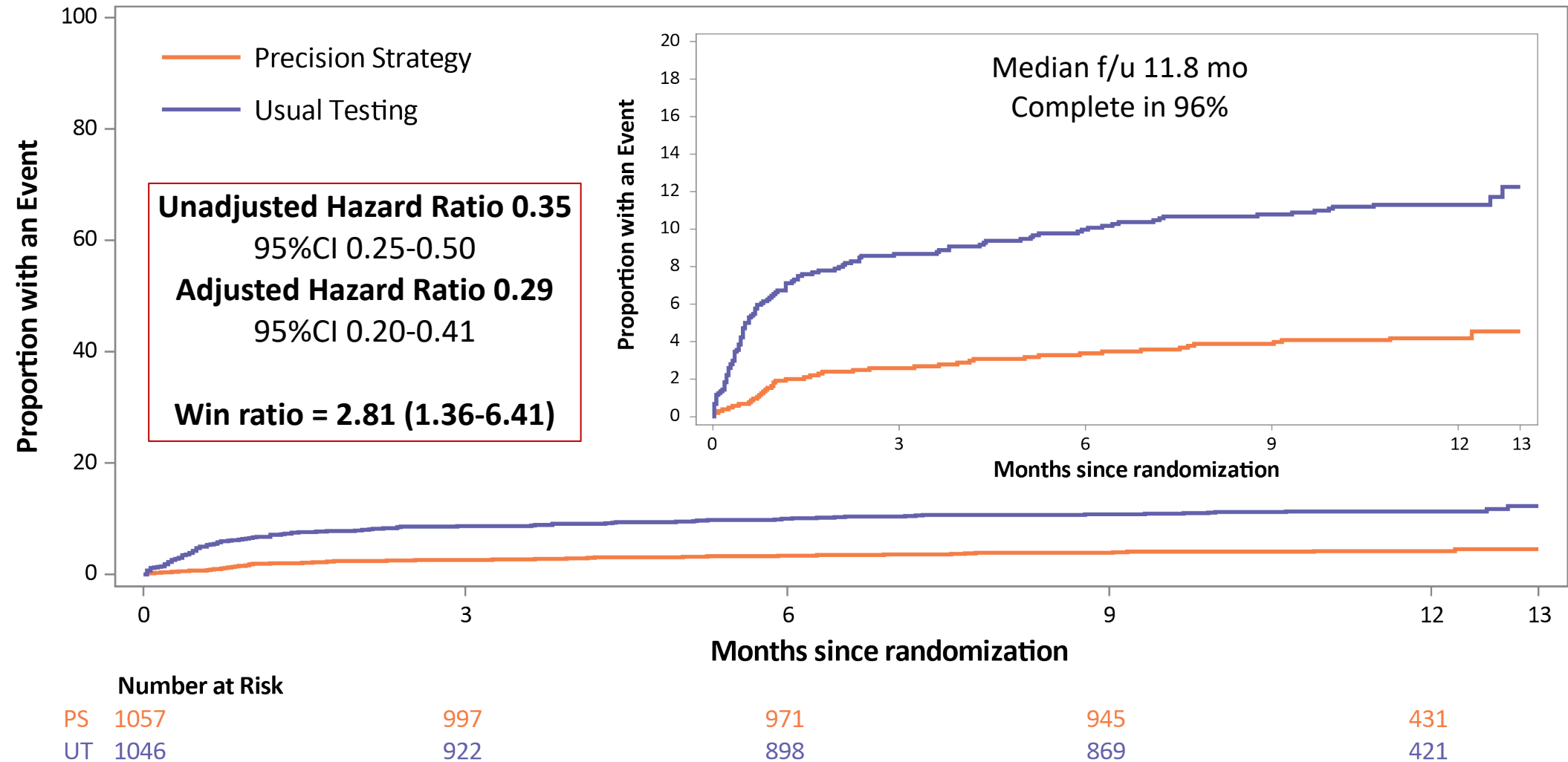


## Usual Testing

N=1046



# Primary Endpoint: Death, MI, or Cath w/o Obstructive CAD



# Primary Endpoint Events

	Precision Strategy (N=1057)	Usual Testing (N=1046)	Adjusted Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P-Value
Primary endpoint composite	44 (4.2%)	118 (11.3%)	0.29 (0.20-0.41)	<0.001
Death or MI	18 (1.7%)	12 (1.1%)	1.57 (0.76-3.27)	
All cause death	5 (0.5%)	7 (0.7%)	0.74 (0.24-2.35)	
Nonfatal MI	13 (1.2%)	5 (0.5%)	2.67 (0.94-7.52)	
ICA w/o obstructive CAD	27 (2.6%)	107 (10.2%)	0.18 (0.12-0.30)	

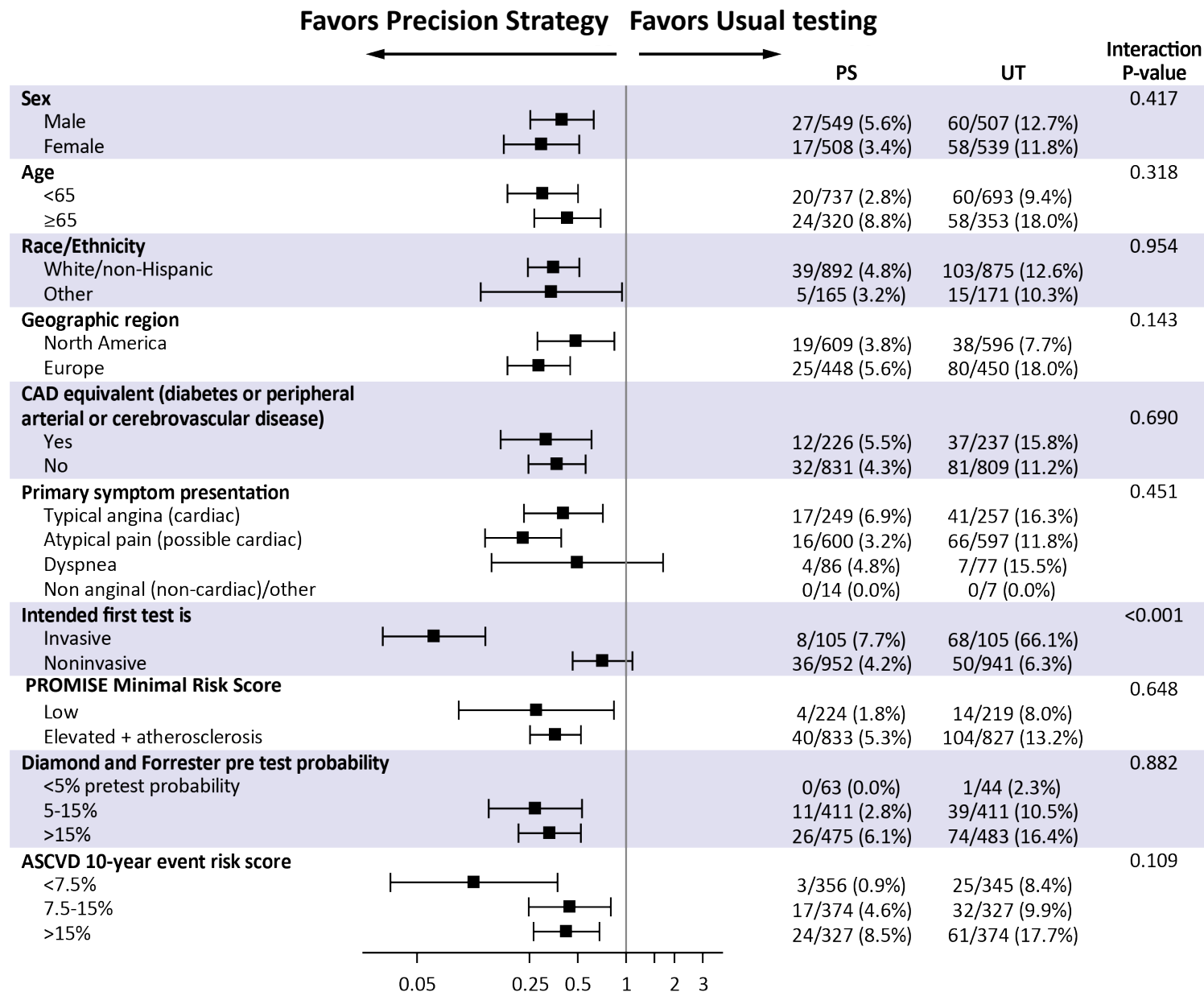
There were no death or MI events in the Precision Strategy participants assigned to deferred testing.

Notes: Deaths include one participant with a fatal MI.

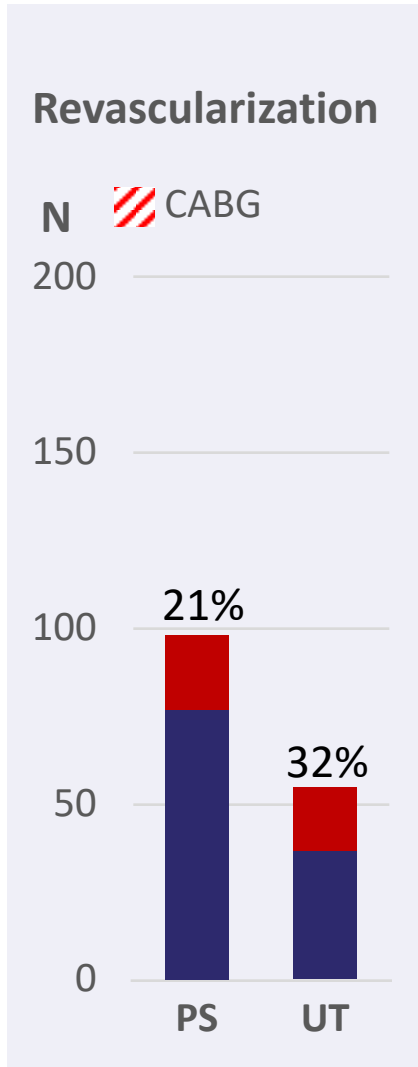
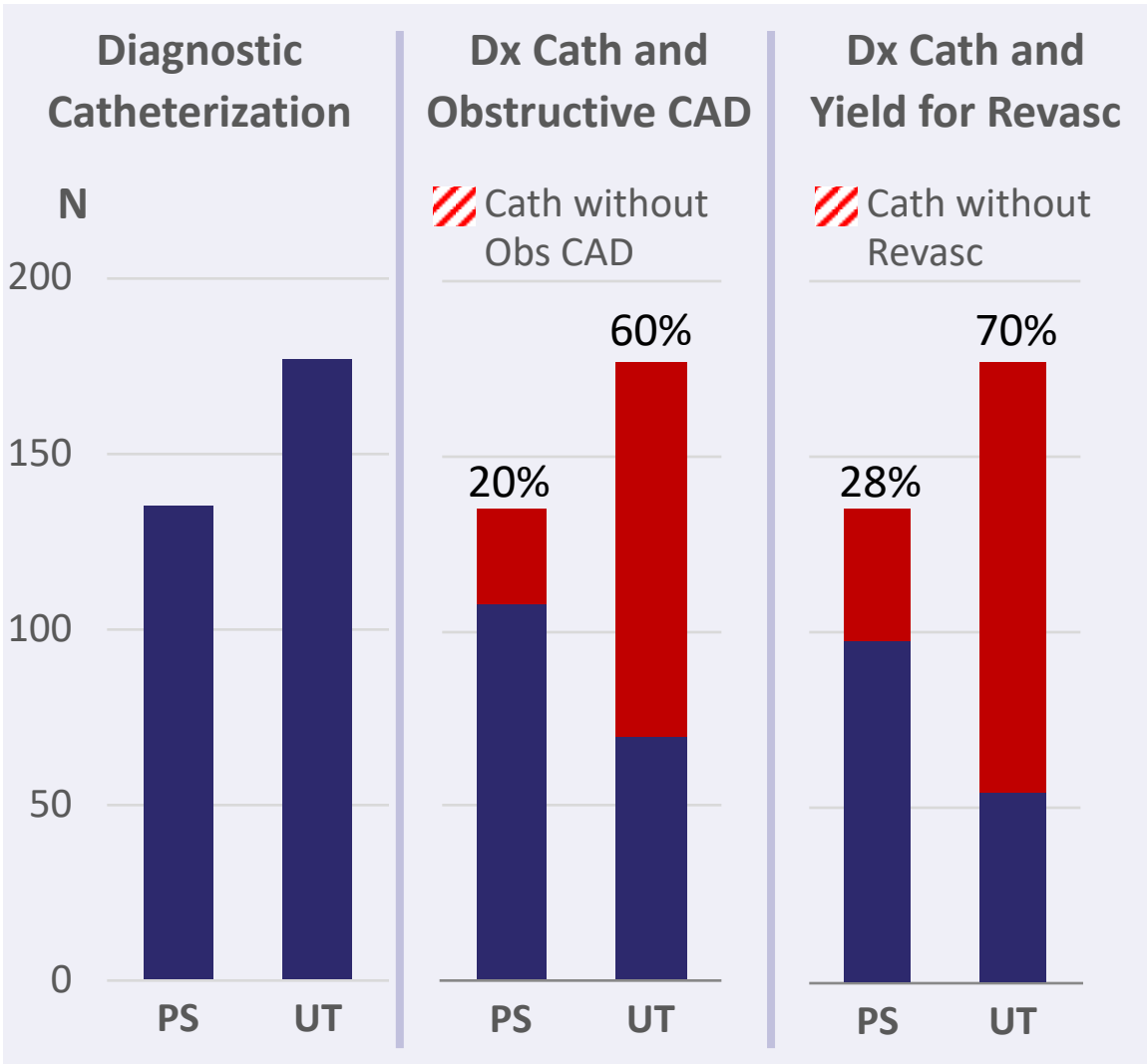
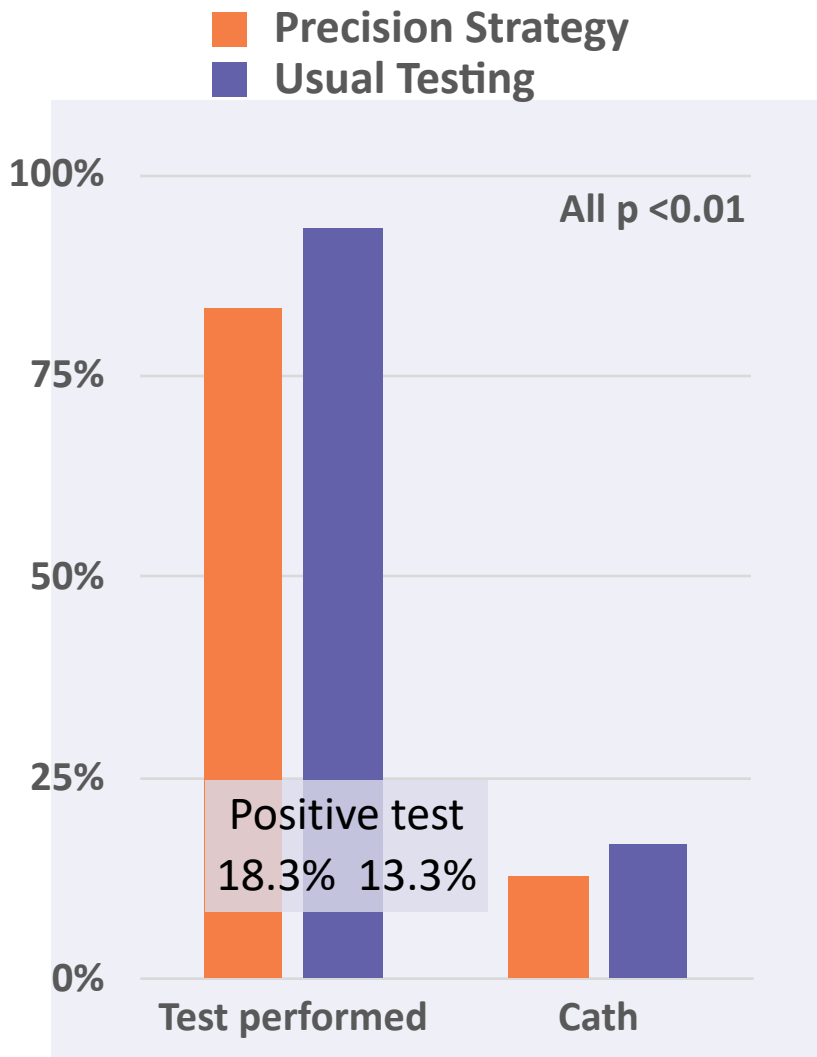
One MI on the day of randomization was determined by CEC to have preceded study entry and was excluded.



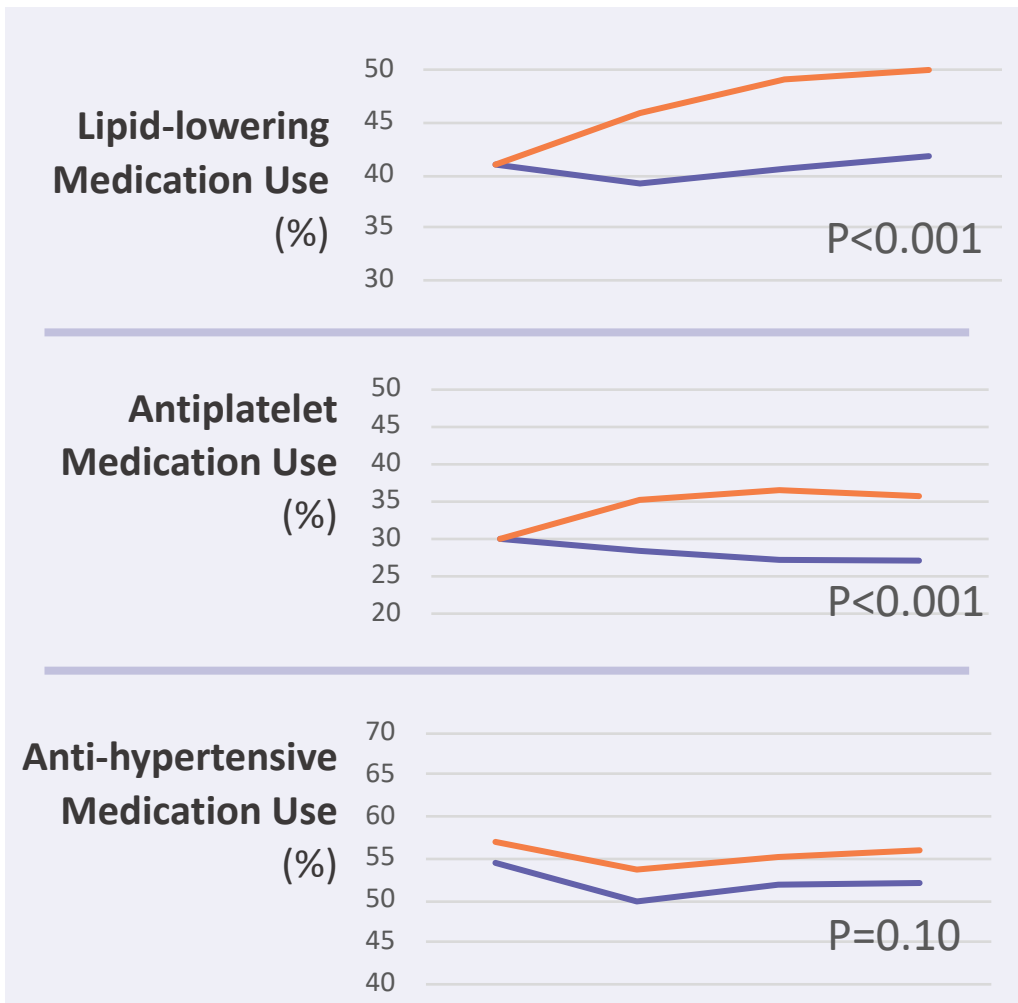
## Primary Endpoint: Subgroup Analysis



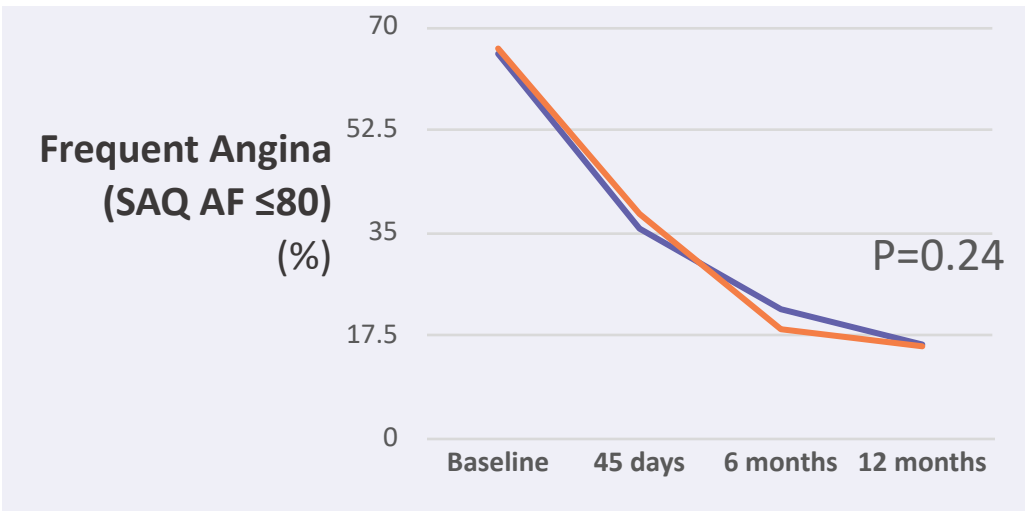
# Secondary Effectiveness Endpoints



# Secondary Effectiveness Endpoints, continued



— Precision Strategy — Usual Testing



# Limitations

- The Precision Strategy care pathway includes several actions reflective of real-world decision-making: risk stratification, deferred testing, and use of cCTA with selective FFR<sub>CT</sub> as the initial test. The separate effects of each action cannot be determined
- PRECISE's pragmatic trial design precludes evaluation of different Usual Testing choices or close monitoring of the trial's recommendations to use Optimal Medical Treatment
- PRECISE does not address outcomes beyond the trial duration of 12 months
- Detailed results of outcomes in low risk participants and costs/resource use will be reported separately



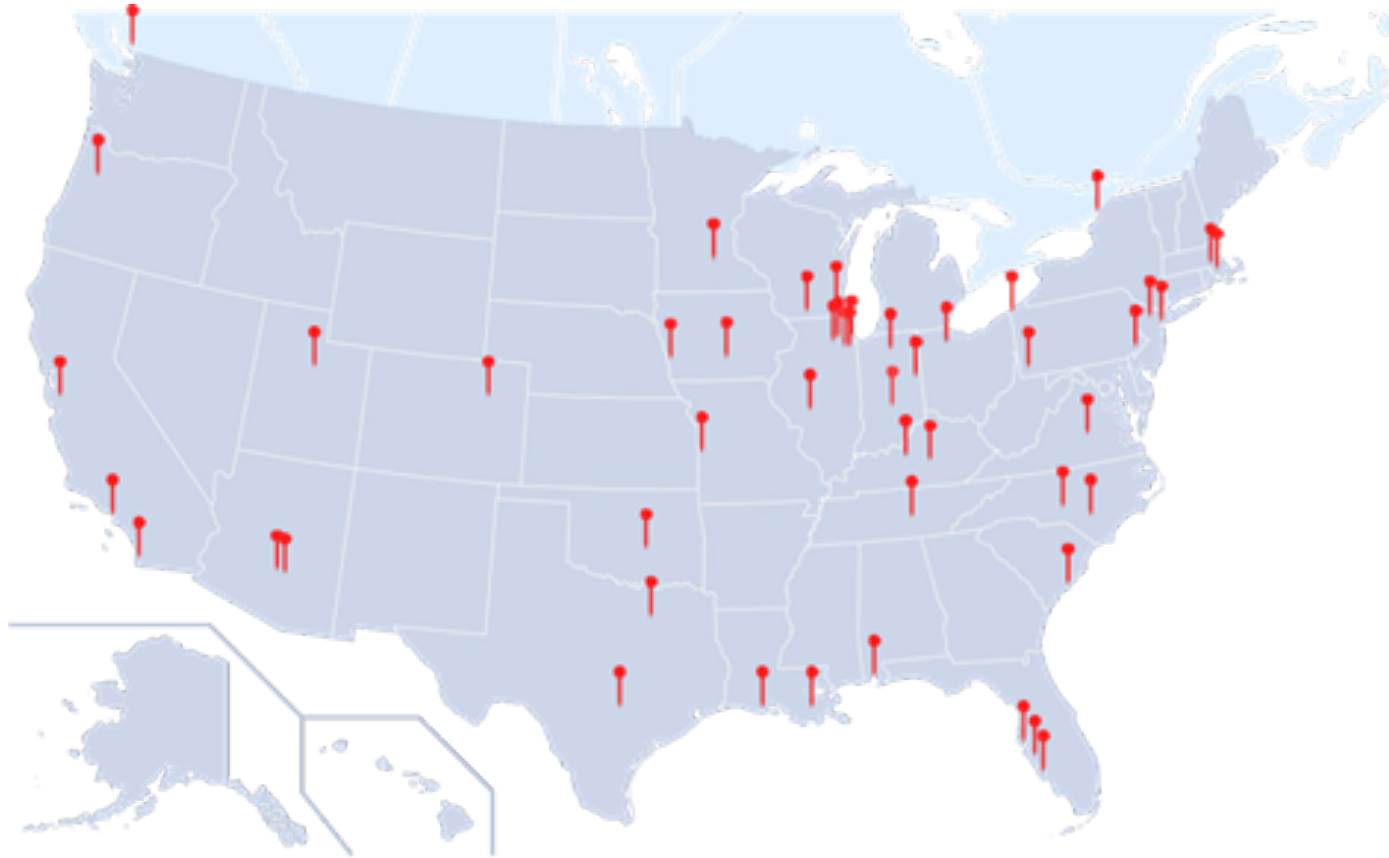
# PRECISE Summary and Conclusion

- **PRECISE demonstrates the net clinical effectiveness of the Precision Strategy with a 70% reduction of the composite of death, non-fatal MI or catheterization without obstructive CAD, compared to Usual Testing at 1 year**
- PRECISE addresses critical knowledge gaps in the evaluation of symptomatic, low-intermediate risk patients with suspected CAD, by defining and testing a specific care pathway concordant with Guideline recommendations
  - Outcomes were improved using deferred testing for quantitatively-determined minimal-risk patients and cCTA with selective  $\text{FFR}_{\text{CT}}$  in all others
- The Precision Strategy is a preferred approach in evaluating patients with stable symptoms and suspected coronary artery disease





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