

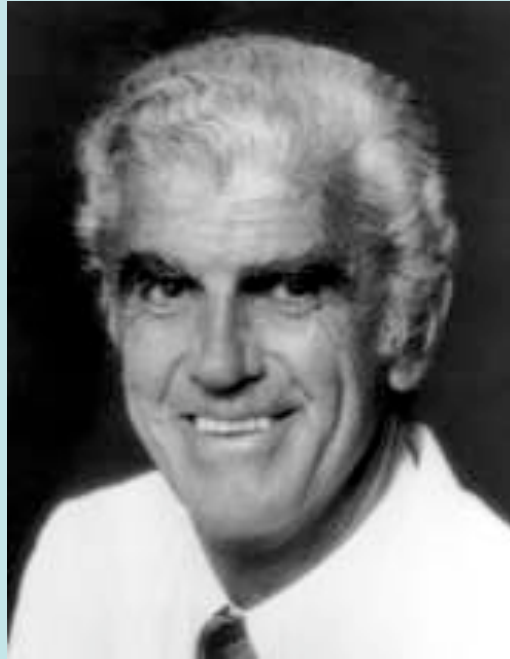
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Telfer B. Reynolds Lecture



"Pete"

Telfer B. Reynolds Lecture

Portal Hypertension Update 2016

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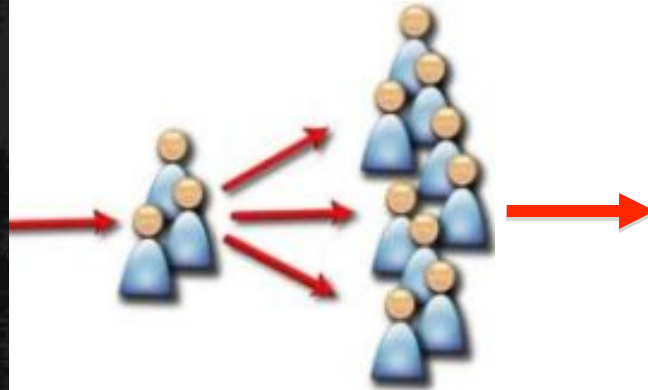
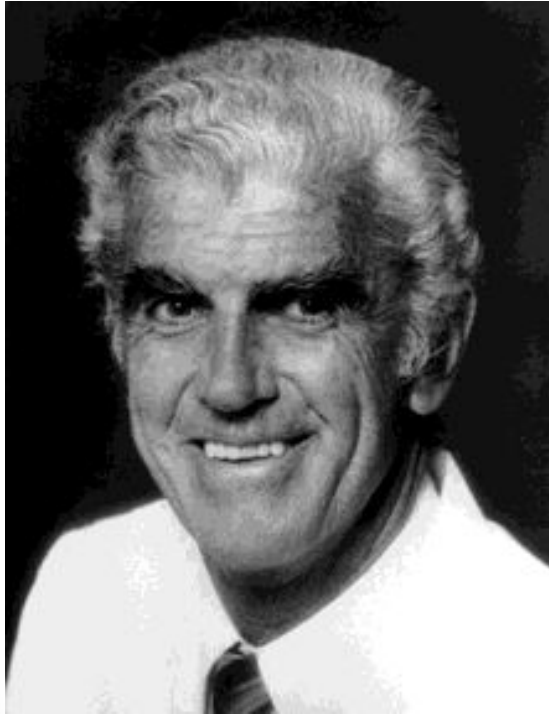
Update in Portal Hypertension Disclosures

- Nothing to disclose

Update in Portal Hypertension

Dr. Telfer B. Reynolds

Trained > 100 Hepatologists



“A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.”

Jackie
Robinson

Update in Portal Hypertension

Covered in SCSG's Best of DDW 2016, Best of AASLD 2015

- **Variceal bleeding**
 - Restrictive blood transfusions
 - TIPS
- **Hepatorenal syndrome**
 - Terlipressin
- **Infection- SBP**
- **Ascites**



1. PRACTICAL

2. NOW

3. FUTURE

Update in Portal Hypertension

Learning Objectives

Staging &
Prognosis

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Varices & Ascites
BB window
Early TIPS

What to do with
PVT?

Update in Portal Hypertension

Patient Objectives

How long have I
got, Doc?



Why do I need
that 'scopy &
blocker



Blood thinner &
Pain medicine?

Staging & Prognosis

Era of Personalized Medicine



Recognize cirrhosis

Risk stratification by stage of cirrhosis

Prevent hepatic decompensation

Individualized care

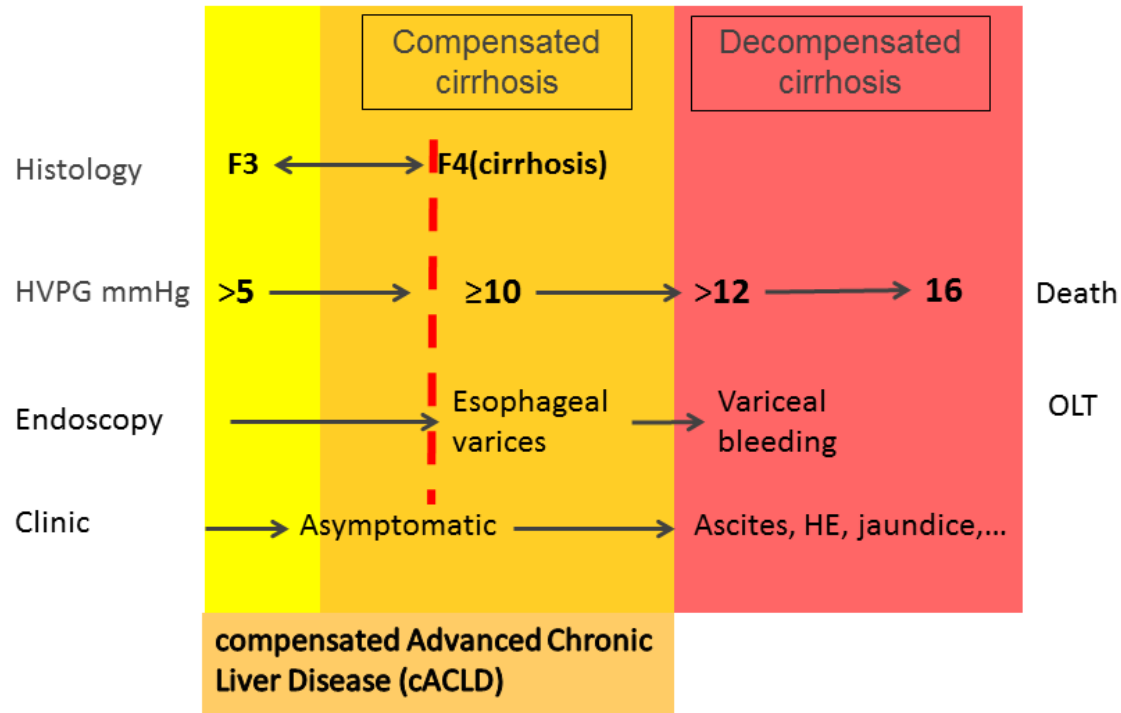
Value/Outcome based care

Staging

Before

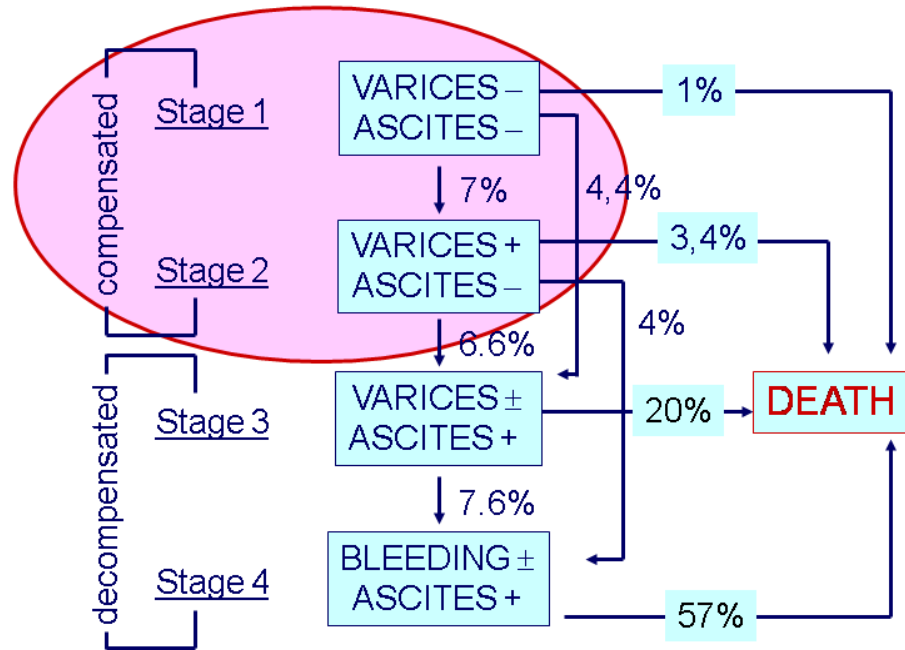
	← F1-F3 →		← F4 (Cirrhosis) →	
Histological				
Clinical	<i>Non-cirrhotic</i>	<i>Compensated</i>	<i>Compensated</i>	<i>Decompensated</i>
Symptoms	None	None (no varices)	None (varices present)	Ascites, VH, Encephalopathy
Sub-stage	-	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stages 3 and 4
Hemodynamic (HVPg, mmHg)		>6	>10	>12
Biological	Fibrogenesis and Angiogenesis	Scar and X-linking	Thick (acellular) scar and nodules	Insoluble scar

Staging Refinement



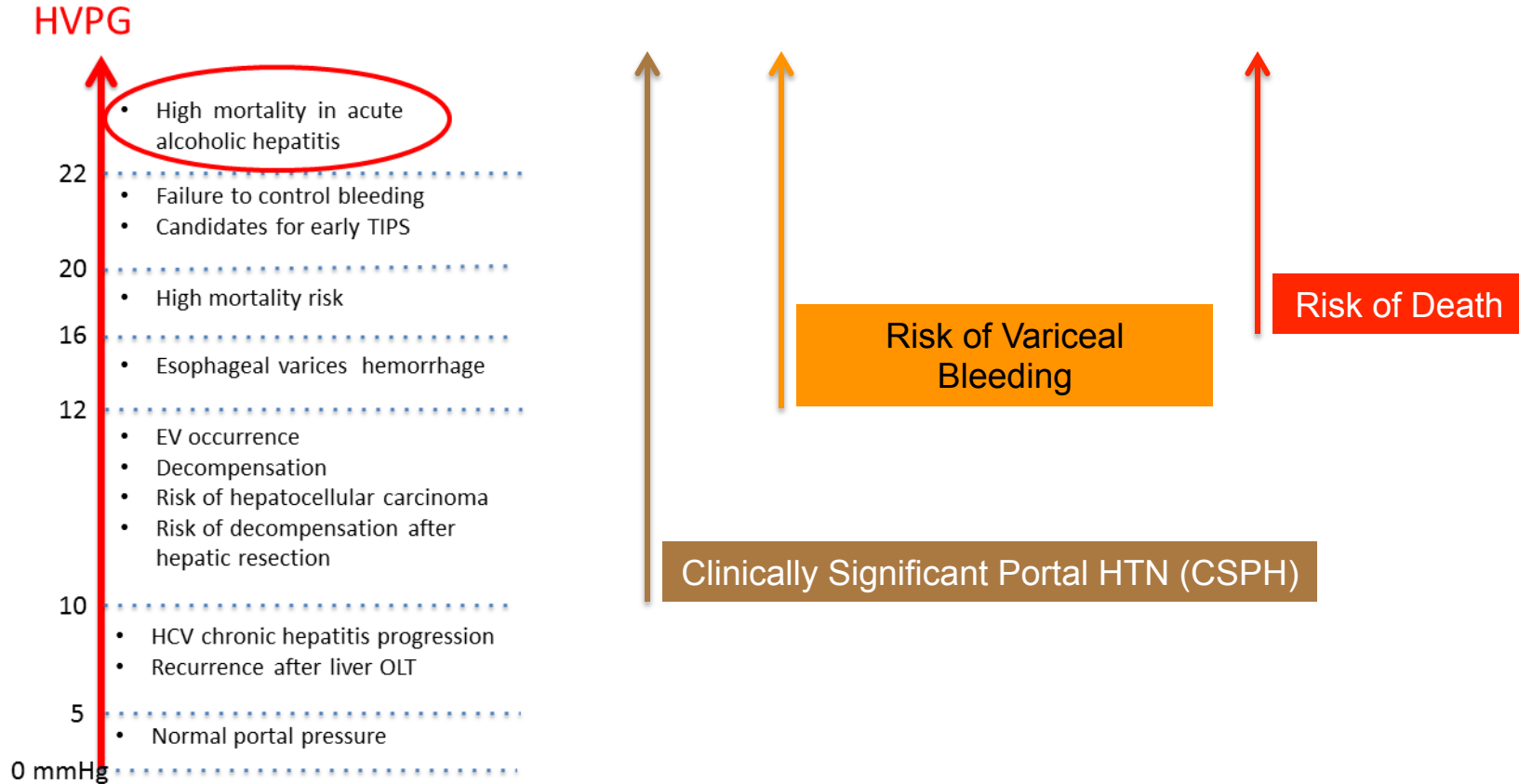
Prognosis

Defined by Decompensating Events



Prognosis

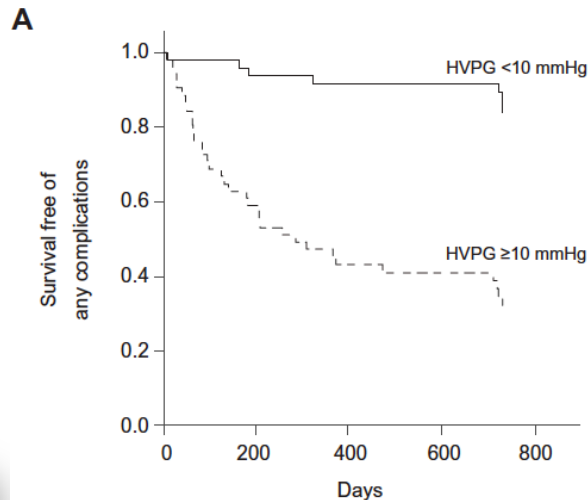
HVPG drives outcomes



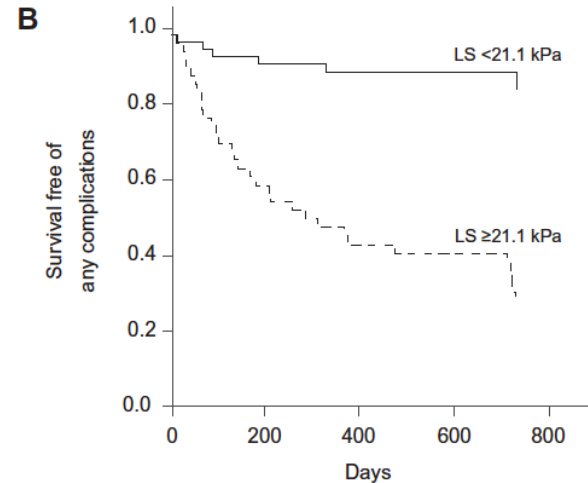
Prognosis

Transient Elastography (TE) → Liver Stiffness (LS)

- HVPG not universally available nor utilized
- However, HVPG changes not correlated to LS changes over time
- Data mainly from viral, ETOH disease



HVPG



TE

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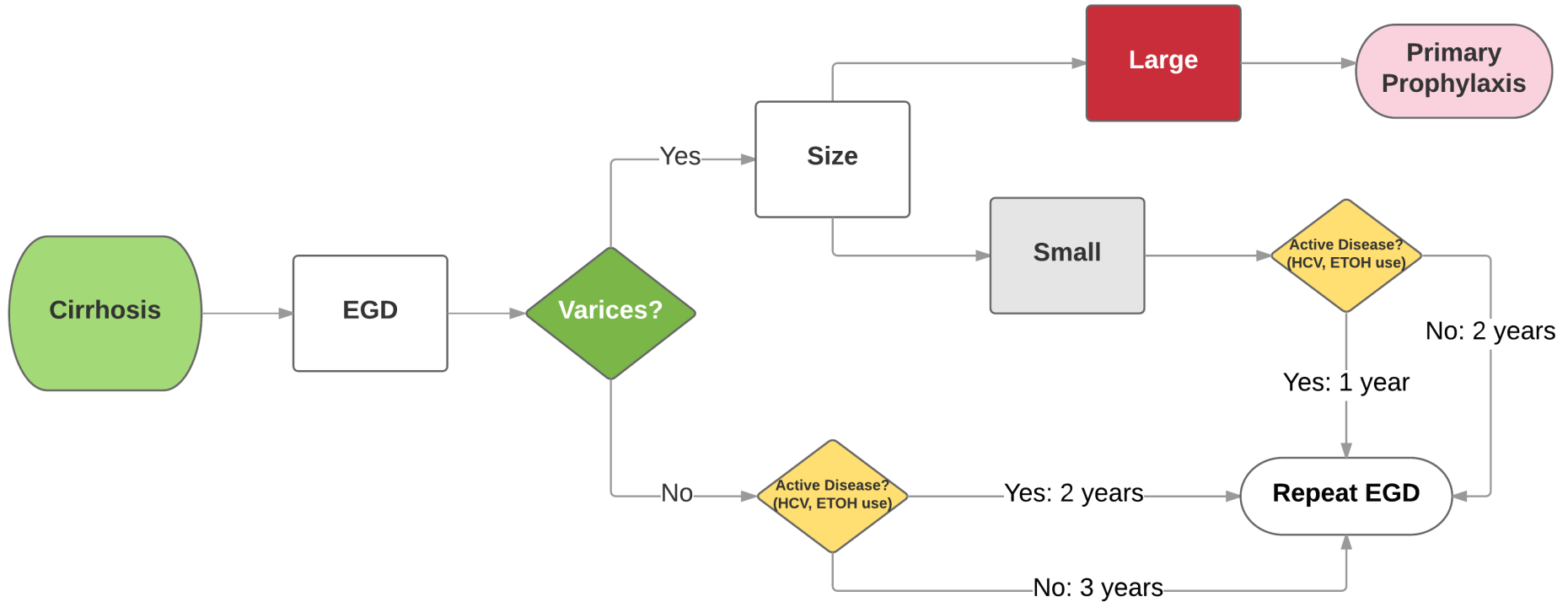
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Early TIPS

What to do with
PVT?

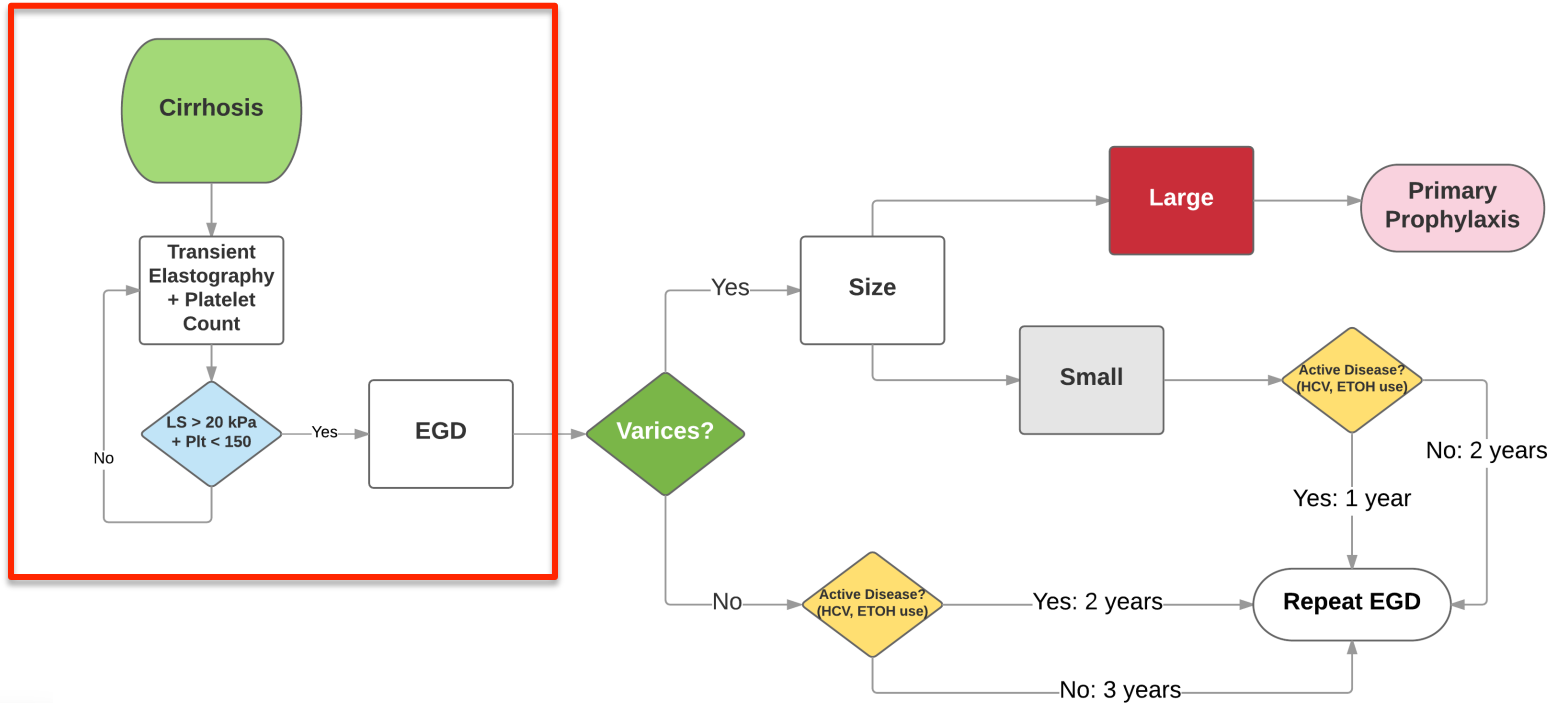
Esophageal Varices Screening

Current



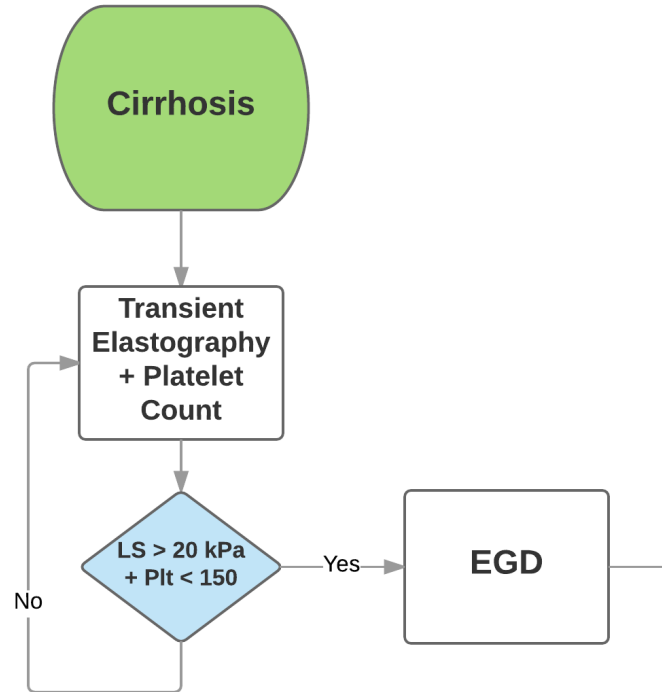
Esophageal Varices Screening

Potential Refinement- BAVENO VI



Esophageal Varices Screening

BAVENO VI



- LS < 20 kPa + Platelet > 150 may not need screening EGD
- Consensus
- Estimate ~ 20-25% screening EGDs could be circumvented

Esophageal Varices Screening

BAVENO criteria validation

Validation of the Baveno VI criteria to identify low risk cirrhotic patients not requiring endoscopic surveillance for varices

James B Maurice^{1,2}, Edgar Brodtkin¹, Frances Arnold¹, Annalan Navaratnam¹, Heidi Paine²,
Sabrina Khawar¹, Ameet Dhar², David Patch¹, James O'Beirne¹, Raj Mookerjee^{1,3},
Massimo Pinzani^{1,3}, Emmanouil Tsochatzis^{1,3}, Rachel H. Westbrook^{1,*}

- N= 102/310 met BAVENO criteria
- 11% had EV, 2% high risk EV
- NPV 0.98 ~ BAVENO correctly identified 98% of patients who could avoid screening EGD

Esophageal Varices Screening

AASLD 2016- #1707- BAVENO criteria validation

- N= 165 HBV, HCV → screening EGD
- 25% could have avoided EGD
- Modified criteria: LS < 25 or < 30 kPa and PLT > 125,000
 - Avoid 49% EGD

1707

Screening of oesophagogastric varices in virus-related compensated advanced chronic liver disease: Baveno VI criteria and beyond

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Esophageal Varices Screening

AASLD 2016- #85-BAVENO criteria refinement

- Validated Baveno- 2 cohorts in US + Italy (75/316- none had Ig EV)
- Retested in US cohort of N= 205, validated in Italian cohort of 111
- Added 7 unpublished study data to guide refinements to **LS \geq 21 + PLT $<$ 110,000, MELD \geq 7**

Still needs more refinement

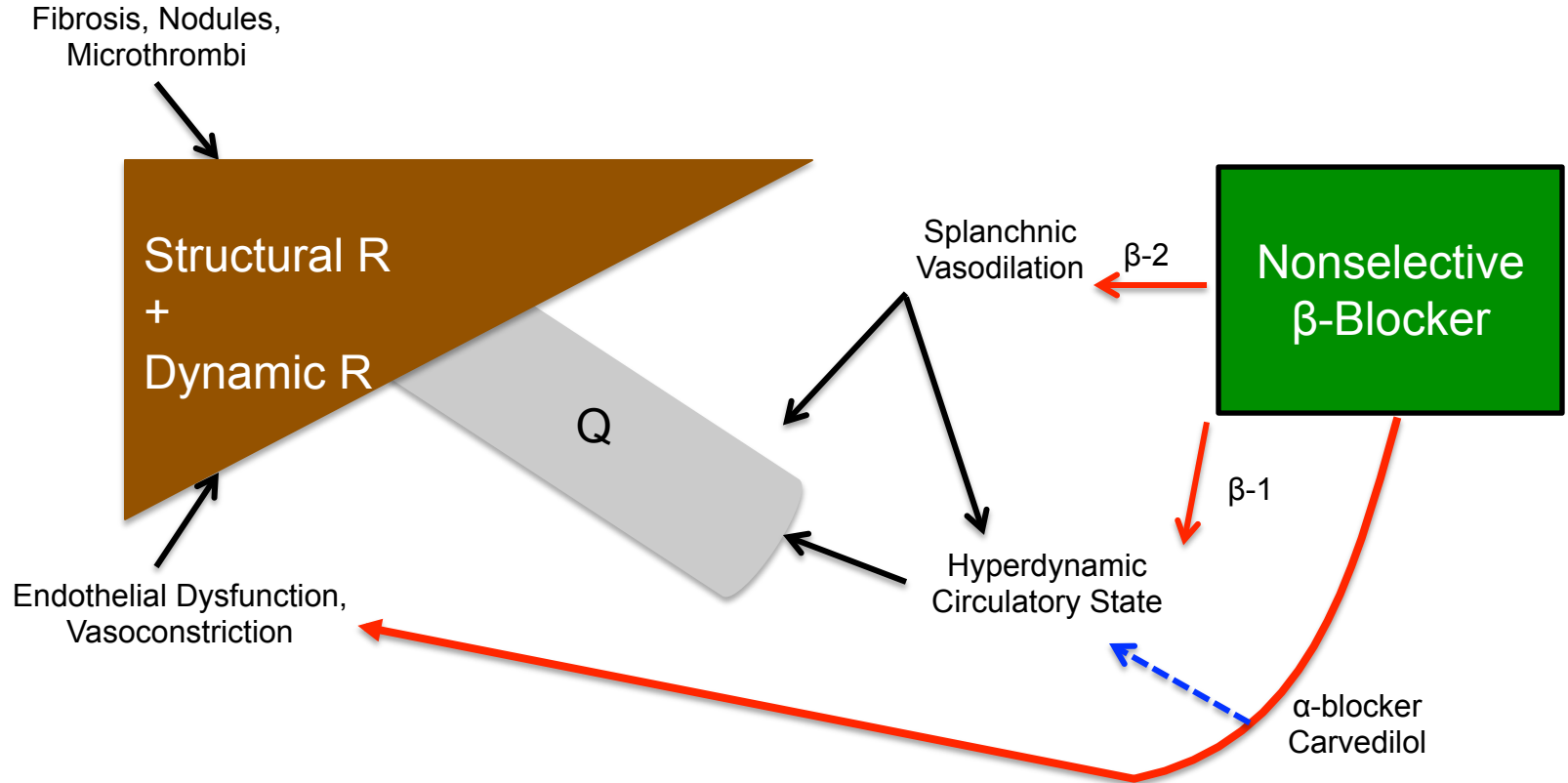
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Validating and refining non-invasive Baveno criteria for ruling out high-risk varices

Laura Turco^{1,2}, Parastoo Jangouk^{1,2}, de Oliveira Ana^{1,2}, Filippo Schepis³, Erica Villa³, Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao^{1,2}; ¹Digestive Diseases, VA-CT Healthcare System, West Haven, CT; ²Digestive Diseases, Yale University, New Haven, CT; ³Gastroenterology, Policlinico di Modena - Italy, Modena, Italy

Portal Hypertension Pathophysiology

$$\text{Pressure} = \text{Flow} \times \text{Resistance}$$



Beta-Blocker Prophylaxis

Evolution

AASLD PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Prevention and Management of Gastroesophageal Varices and Variceal Hemorrhage in Cirrhosis

Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao,¹ Arun J. Sanyal,² Norman D. Grace,³ William Carey,⁴ and the Practice Guidelines Committee of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, the Practice Parameters Committee of the American College of Gastroenterology

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AASLD PRACTICE GUIDELINE

Introduction to the Revised American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases Practice Guideline Management of Adult Patients With Ascites Due to Cirrhosis 2012

Bruce A. Runyon



2007

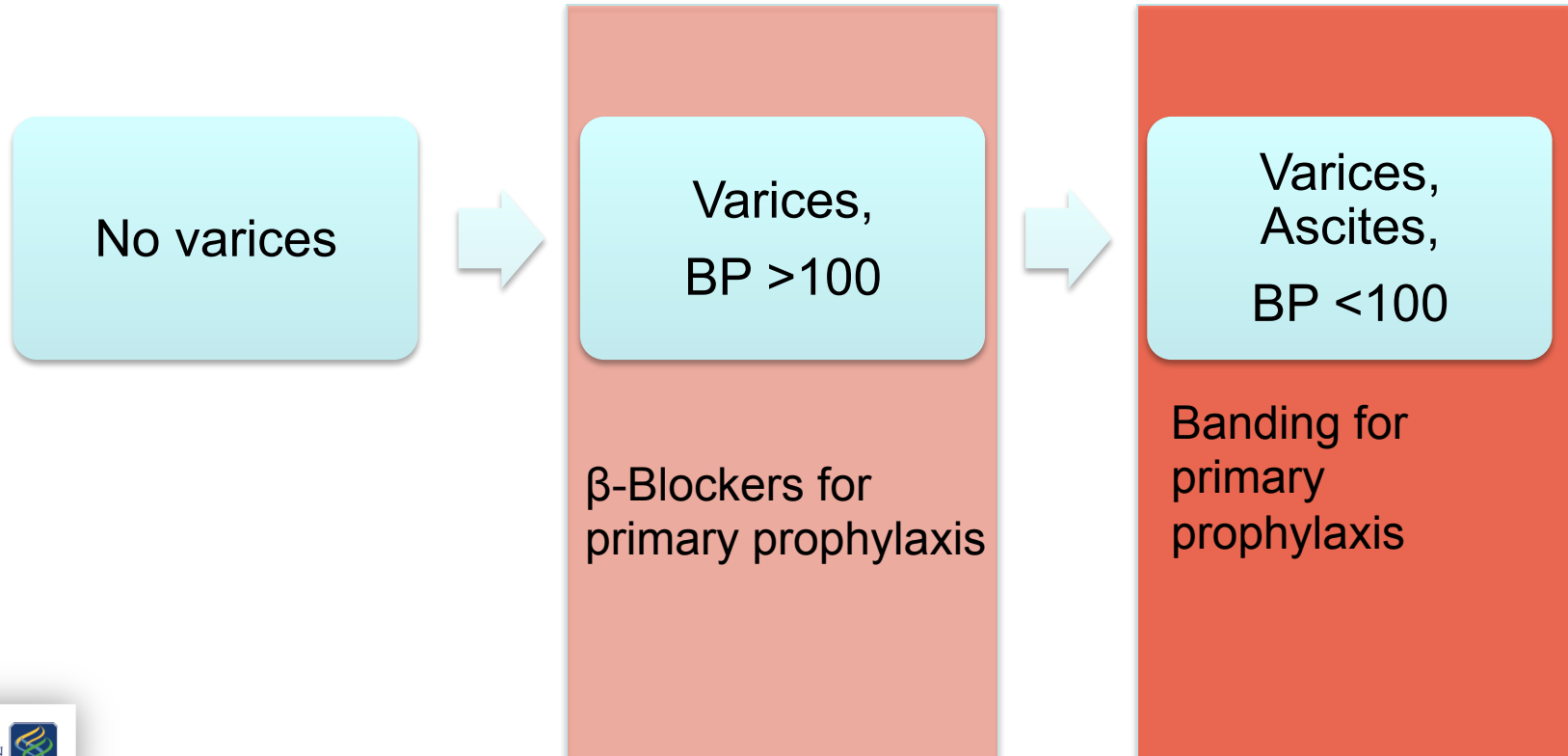
BB for ALL:
Primary Prophylaxis
Secondary Prophylaxis

2012

BB for MOST
Consider discontinue BB in
refractory ascites,
hypotension, azotemia

Beta-Blocker Window

Dr. Runyon's view on Beta-Blockers and ascites—"there's a window"



Beta-Blocker Window

Leon Schiff State-of-the-Art: Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao, AASLD 2015

Expanding consensus in portal hypertension Report of the Baveno VI Consensus Workshop: Stratifying risk and individualizing care for portal hypertension

Roberto de Franchis*, on behalf of the Baveno VI Faculty†

Department of Biomedical and Clinical Sciences, University of Milan, Gastroenterology Unit, Luigi Sacco University Hospital, Milan, Italy

“Non-selective beta-blockers should be **reduced/discontinued** in patients with refractory ascites who develop:

- Systolic blood pressure < 90 mm Hg
- Hyponatremia (<130 mEq/L)
- Acute kidney injury (Ascites Club definition)
 - Increase in creatinine ≥ 0.3 mg/dL or > 50% from baseline in 48 hours

Beta-Blocker Window

Beta-Blocker window Narrows

No varices

Varices,
Ascites

- BP >90 and
- Sodium \geq 130
- No AKI

β -Blockers for
primary prophylaxis

Varices,
Ascites

- BP <90
- Sodium < 130
- AKI

Banding for
primary
prophylaxis

Beta-Blocker Window

Beta blockers in cirrhosis: The window re-opens

Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao^{1,2,*}

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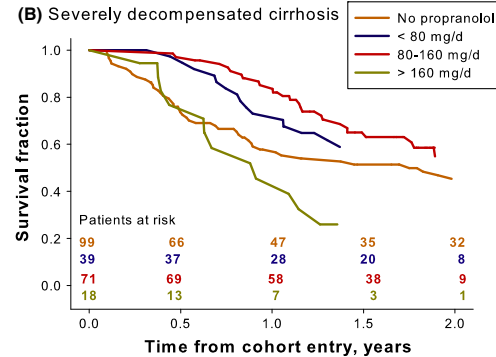
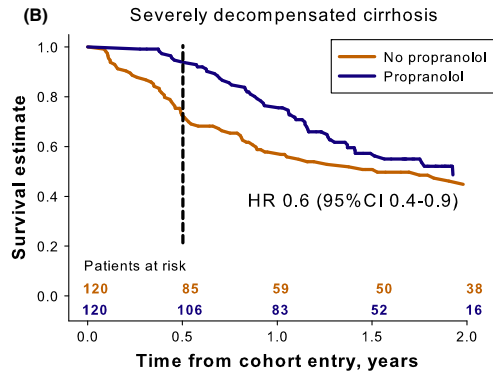
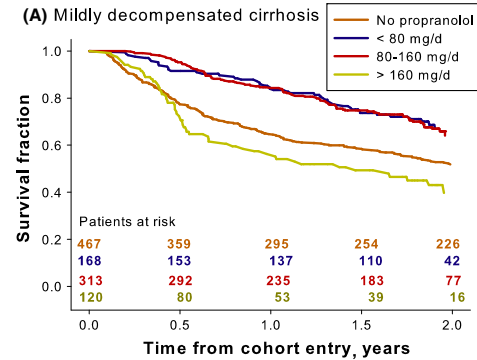
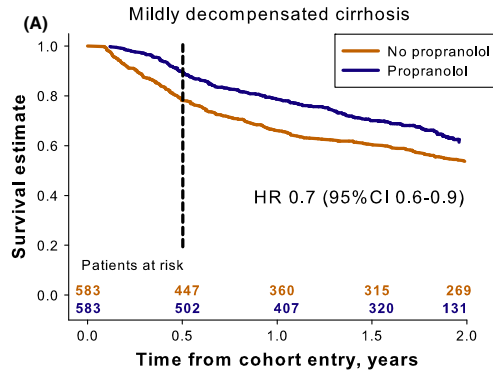
	n	Main characteristic used for grouping cirrhotic patients	% with refractory ascites	% Child-Pugh C No BB vs. BB	Baseline MELD No BB vs. BB	Baseline MAP No BB vs. BB	Follow-up (months)	Adjusted hazard ratio for mortality associated with BB (confidence interval)*
Sersté <i>et al.</i>	151	Refractory ascites	151	61% vs. 74%	18.8 vs. 18.9	123 vs. 103	8	2.61 (1.63-4.19)
Mandorfer <i>et al.</i>	182	Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis	n.s.	53% vs. 67%	20.0 vs. 21.6	83 vs. 77	~9.6 (147 person yr)	1.64 (1.1-2.3)
Leithead <i>et al.</i>	322 (208 matched)	Ascites on transplant list	117 (76 matched)	n.s.	16 vs. 17**	89 vs. 86†	2.4 (72 d)	0.35 (0.14-0.86)
Bossen <i>et al.</i>	1188	Ascites in RCT of satavaptan/placebo	588	28% vs. 24%	11 vs. 12	85 vs. 83	12 (52 wk)	1.02 (0.74-1.40)
Mookerjee <i>et al.</i>	349	Acute-on-chronic liver failure	n.s.	n.s.	29 vs. 27	79 vs. 78	1 (28 d)	0.60 (0.36-0.98)

Key= Blood pressure for β -Blocker patients to derive survival benefit (Compensatory Cardiac Reserve)



Beta-Blocker Window

Low-dose Beta-Blockers



Beta-Blocker Window

Low-dose Beta-Blockers

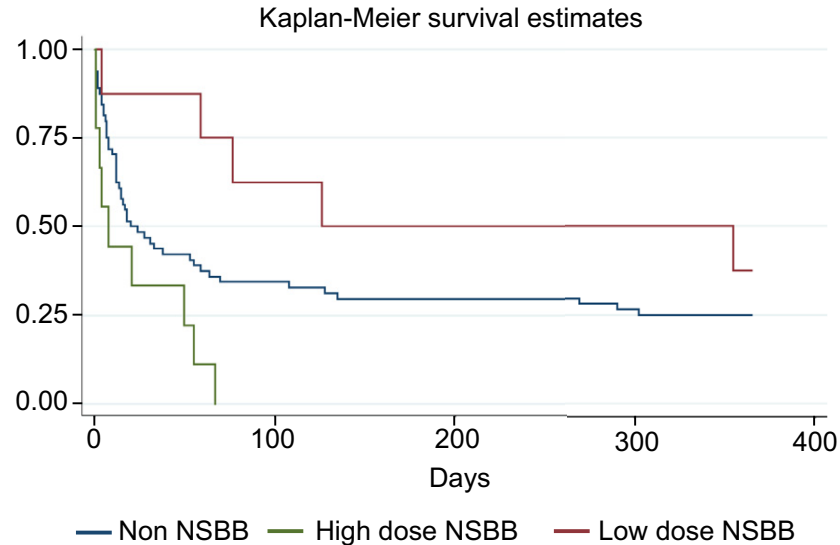


Fig. 1. Survival after first episode of spontaneous bacterial peritonitis stratified by the dose of non-selective beta blockers. (This figure appears in colour on the web.)

Beta-Blocker Window

Controversy Continues at AASLD 2016

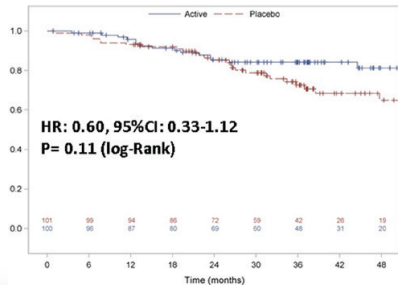
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Preventing the decompensation of cirrhosis with β -blockers in patients with clinically significant portal hypertension. A multicenter double-blind placebo-controlled randomized clinical trial.

Càndid Villanueva^{1,2}, Agustín Albillos², Joan Genescà², Juan

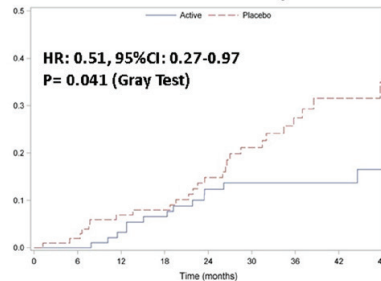
A

PROBABILITY OF SURVIVAL WITHOUT DECOMPENSATION



B

PROBABILITY OF DECOMPENSATION OR DEATH (NON-LIVER RELATED DEATH AS COMPETING EVENT)



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The comparison of long-term survival in cirrhotic patients with significant ascites and esophageal varices according to the treatment modality between endoscopic variceal ligation and non-selective beta-blockers

Jeong-Ju Yoo¹, Sang Gyune Kim¹, Young Seok Kim¹, Soung Won Jeong¹, Jae Young Jang¹, Sae Hwan Lee¹, Hong Soo Kim¹, Young Don Kim², Gab Jin Cheon², Boo Sung Kim¹; ¹Soonchunhyang University School of Medicine, Seoul, Korea (the Republic of); ²Gangneung Asan Hospital, Gangneung, Korea (the Republic of)

- N=269 with moderate ascites + EV
- Rx- BB vs. EBL vs. Observation
- BB- HR 1.98

Beta-Blocker Window

2017: the Window is OPEN

No varices



Varices,
Ascites

- SBP > 90 and
- Sodium \geq 130
- No AKI

β -Blockers for
primary prophylaxis



Varices,
Ascites

- SBP < 90
- Sodium < 130
- AKI

Banding for
primary
prophylaxis

Beta- Blocker Prophylaxis

Right Now, Real-World

Use low doses of β - Blockers

- Propranolol < 160 mg/d
- Nadolol < 80 mg/d
- Careful with Carvedilol impact on BP
 - Only primary prophylaxis

Hold β - Blockers

- SBP or AKI especially in refractory ascites
- Consider restart after stabilization

Acute Variceal Bleeding

Early TIPS

- High-risk patients may benefit from early TIPS (< 72 hours)
- Decreased re-bleeding
- Improved survival

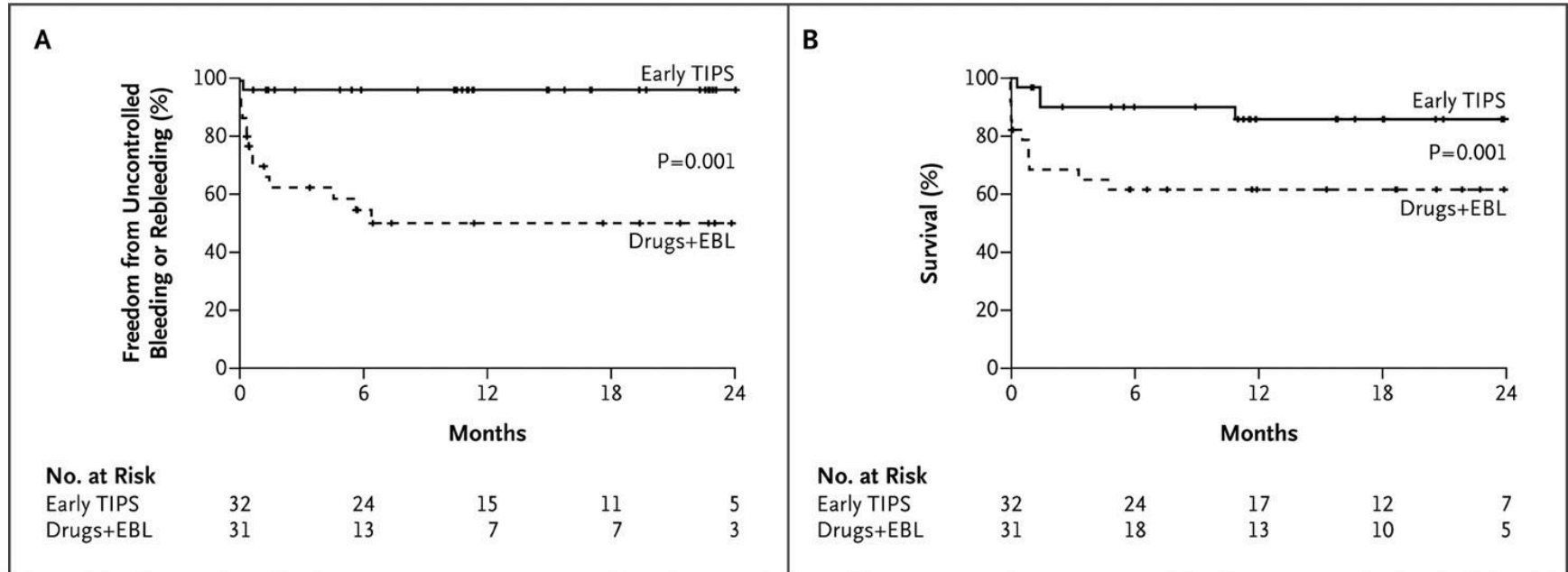
- TIPS complications
 - Hepatic failure
 - Heart failure
 - Hepatic encephalopathy
- Pulling the trigger?

Acute Variceal Bleeding

Early TIPS- Prospective RCT

Free of Bleeding

Survival



Acute Variceal Bleeding

Early TIPS- Key Selection Criteria

- **Inclusion**

- CTP C (10-13)
- CTP B with active EVB @ initial EGD

- Randomized to standard care vs. TIPS

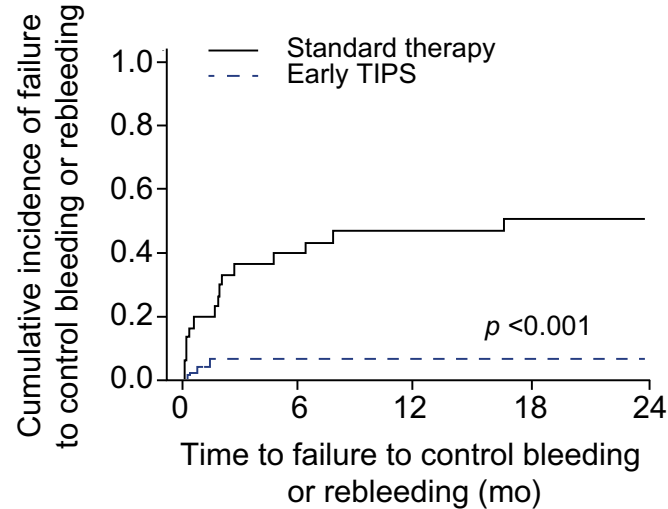
- **Exclusion**

- CTP C (14,15)
 - CTP B without active EVB
- < 20% admitted for EVB included in study
 - N= 63 enrolled in 3 years
 - F/U 16 mo

Acute Variceal Bleeding

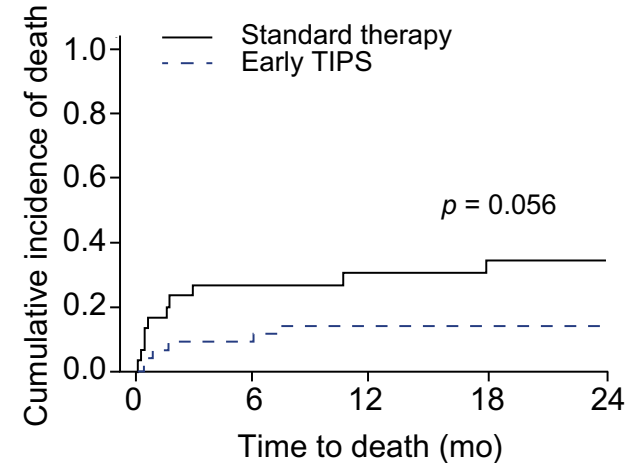
Early TIPS- Positive Retrospective Data

Rebleeding



At risk					
TIPS	45	26	16	14	12
Drugs + EBL	30	15	11	8	5

Death

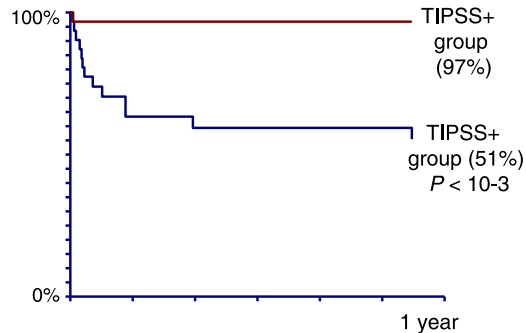


At risk					
TIPS	45	30	20	16	14
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Acute Variceal Bleeding

Early TIPS- Negative Retrospective Data

Free of Bleeding

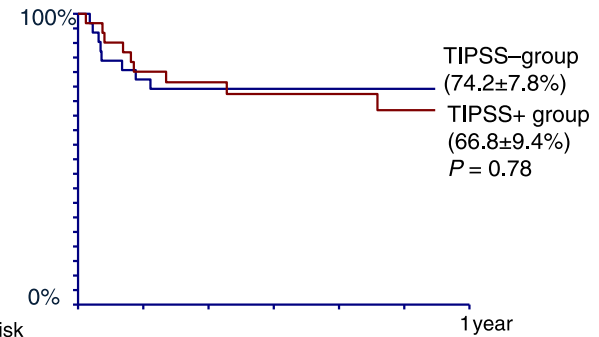


N° at risk

TIPSS – group	31	18	16	15	15	15	15
TIPSS + group	31	23	20	13	11	11	11

Figure 2 | One-year probability of remaining free of rebleeding in case of variceal bleeding in TIPSS+ and TIPSS– group.

Survival



N° at risk

TIPSS – group	31	25	23	22	21	21	21
TIPSS + group	31	25	19	17	14	12	12

Figure 3 | One-year survival in patients with cirrhosis and variceal bleeding: comparison between TIPSS+ and TIPSS– groups.

Acute Variceal Bleeding

AASLD 2016- Mixed Larger Retrospective Data

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Early-TIPS improves survival in high-risk variceal bleeders. Results of a Multicenter Variceal Bleeding Observational Study

Virginia Hernandez-Gea¹, Bogdan Procopet², Álvaro Giráldez³,

- N= 671/2168 from 34 centers
 - 434 CTP C (10-13), 237 CTP A/B
 - TIPS & management per center policy
- 82 early TIPS vs. 589 EBL

Acute Variceal Bleeding

AASLD 2016- Child C Benefit

Free of Bleeding

- 6 weeks
 - 93% TIPS vs. 81% EBL
- 1 year
 - 87% TIPS vs. 68% EBL
- P= 0.02

Survival

- Overall
 - 1 year- 70% TIPS vs. 62% EBL
 - P= 0.08
- CTP C (10-13)
 - 1 year- 66% vs. 53%
 - P= 0.034

Acute Variceal Bleeding

Early TIPS- Who to Consider Now

CTP C (10-13)
MELD < 18

**Younger patients
(< 65 years old)**

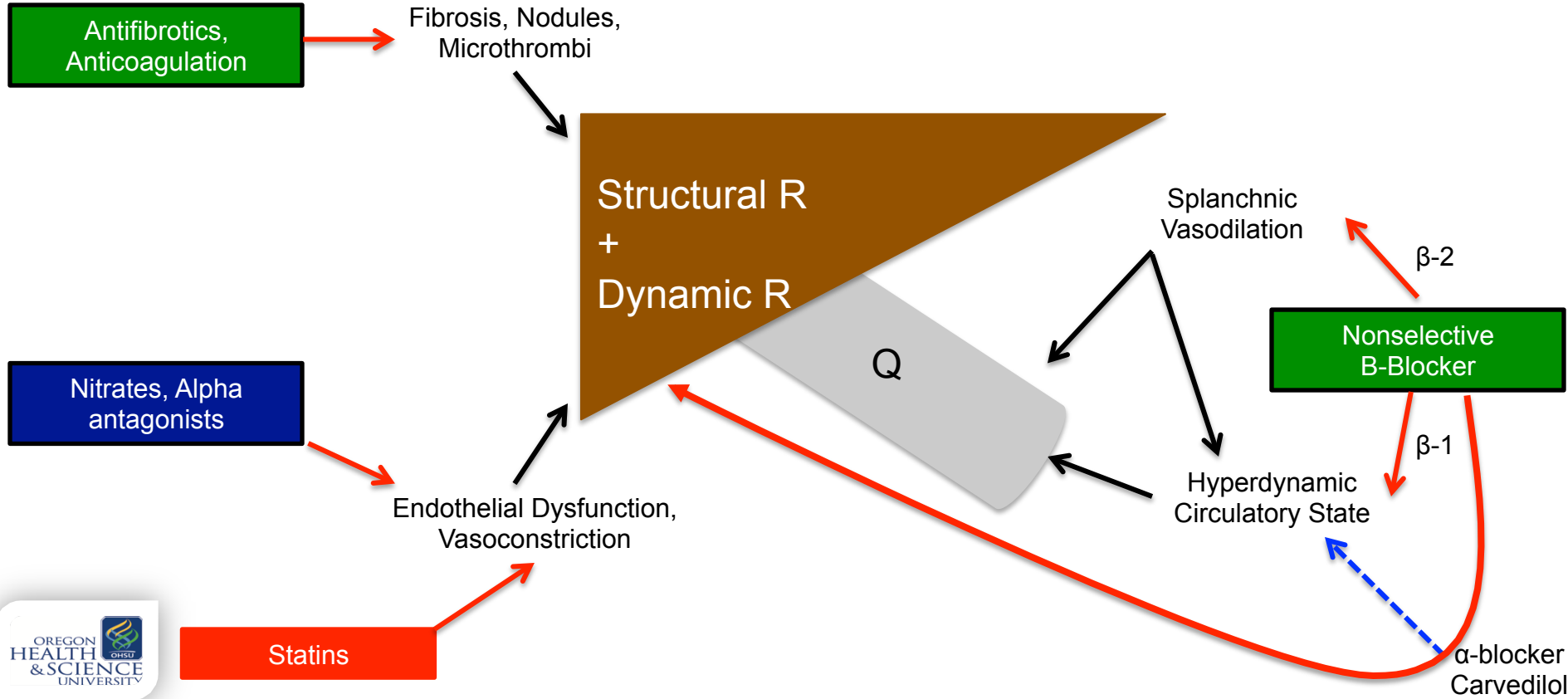
**No previous hepatic
encephalopathy**

No TIPS contraindications:

- Cardiac disease
- Infection
- HCC

Portal Hypertension Pathophysiology

$$\text{Pressure} = \text{Flow} \times \text{Resistance}$$



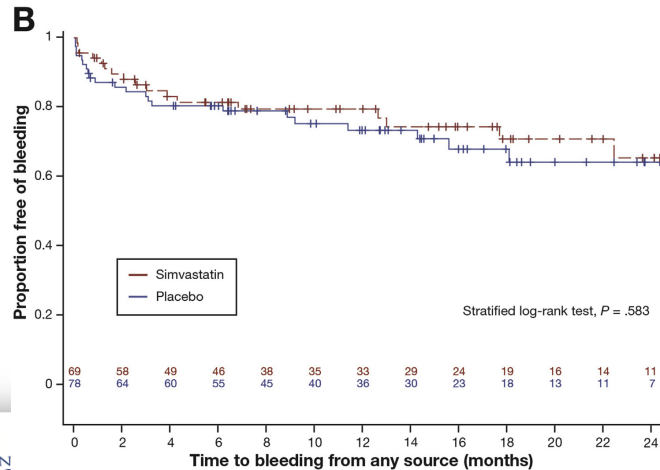
Simvastatin

Rebleeding Prevention

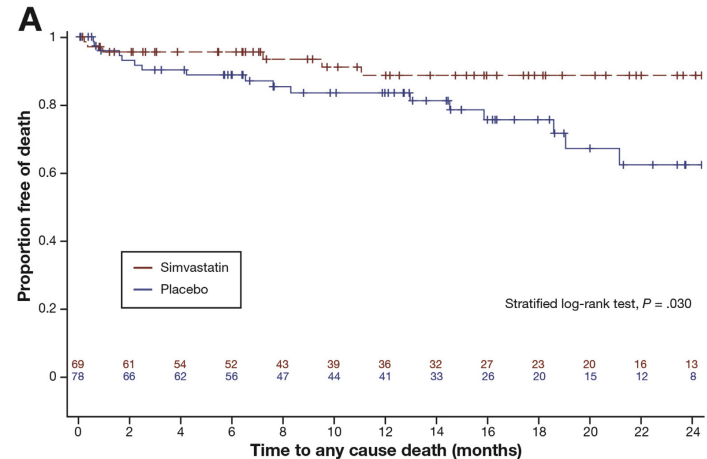
Addition of Simvastatin to Standard Therapy for the Prevention of Variceal Rebleeding Does Not Reduce Rebleeding but Increases Survival in Patients With Cirrhosis

Juan G. Abraldes,^{1,*} Candid Villanueva,^{2,*} Carles Aracil,³ Juan Turnes,⁴

Rebleeding



Survival



Simvastatin

Primary Prophylaxis- AASLD 2016

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Addition of simvastatin to carvedilol does not improve hemodynamic response in cirrhotics with varices without prior bleed: Preliminary results of an open label RCT

Rajan V, Ashok Choudhary, Ankur Jindal, Guresh Kumar, Shiv K. Sarin; Hepatology, Institute of liver and biliary sciences, Delhi, India

- Open-label RCT
 - N= 220 (97 data available)
 - Simvastatin + Carvedilol
- HVPG reduction nor EVB no difference
- Final results awaited

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Hemodynamic Effects Of Carvedilol Plus Simvastatin In Cirrhosis With Portal Hypertension And No-Response To β -Blockers: A Double-Blind Randomized Trial

Edilmar Alvarado-Tapias¹, Alba Ardèvol^{1,2}, Oana Pavel¹, Rosa Montañés¹, Marianne Murzi¹, Elida Oblitas Susanibar¹, Maria Poca^{1,2}, Xavier Torras^{1,2}, Càndid Villanueva^{1,2}; ¹Hospital de la santa creu i sant pau, Barcelona, Spain; ²Centro de Investigación biomédica en red en Enfermedades Hepáticas y Digestivas, Barcelona, Spain

- RCT. N=87
- BB + Simvastatin or placebo
 - Carvedilol for IV propranolol NR
 - Nadolol for responders
- HVPG baseline & 1 mo after
- Simvastatin potentiated HVPG reduction

Update in Portal Hypertension

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Varices & Ascites
BB window
Early TIPS

What to do with
PVT?

Portal Vein Thrombosis (PVT)

What Not to Miss

Life Threatening:
Mesenteric Vein Thrombosis ~ Dead Gut

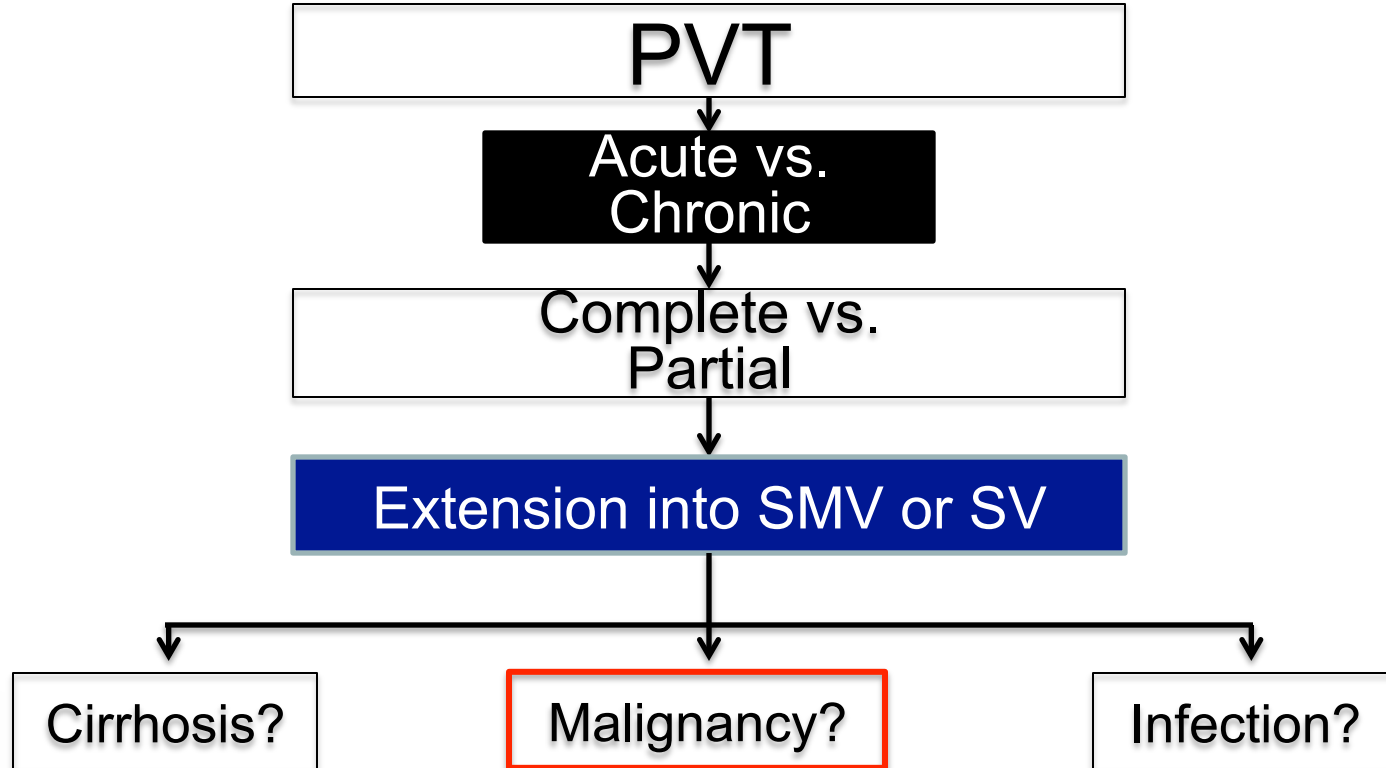
Poor prognosis:
HCC extension into PVT

Impact on Transplant
Candidacy

Prothrombotic State

Portal Vein Thrombosis (PVT)

Making the Diagnosis



Portal Vein Thrombosis (PVT)

Management Goals

Recanalization

- Prevent ischemia, infarction
- Prevent progression to chronic PVT → Variceal bleeding
- Maintain liver transplant candidacy
- Prevent recurrence

Portal Vein Thrombosis (PVT)

Who to Anticoagulate?

Yes

- Acute PVT
 - No cirrhosis
 - Cirrhosis
- Prothrombotic state

No

If anticoagulation will increase complications/risk:

- High risk of bleeding

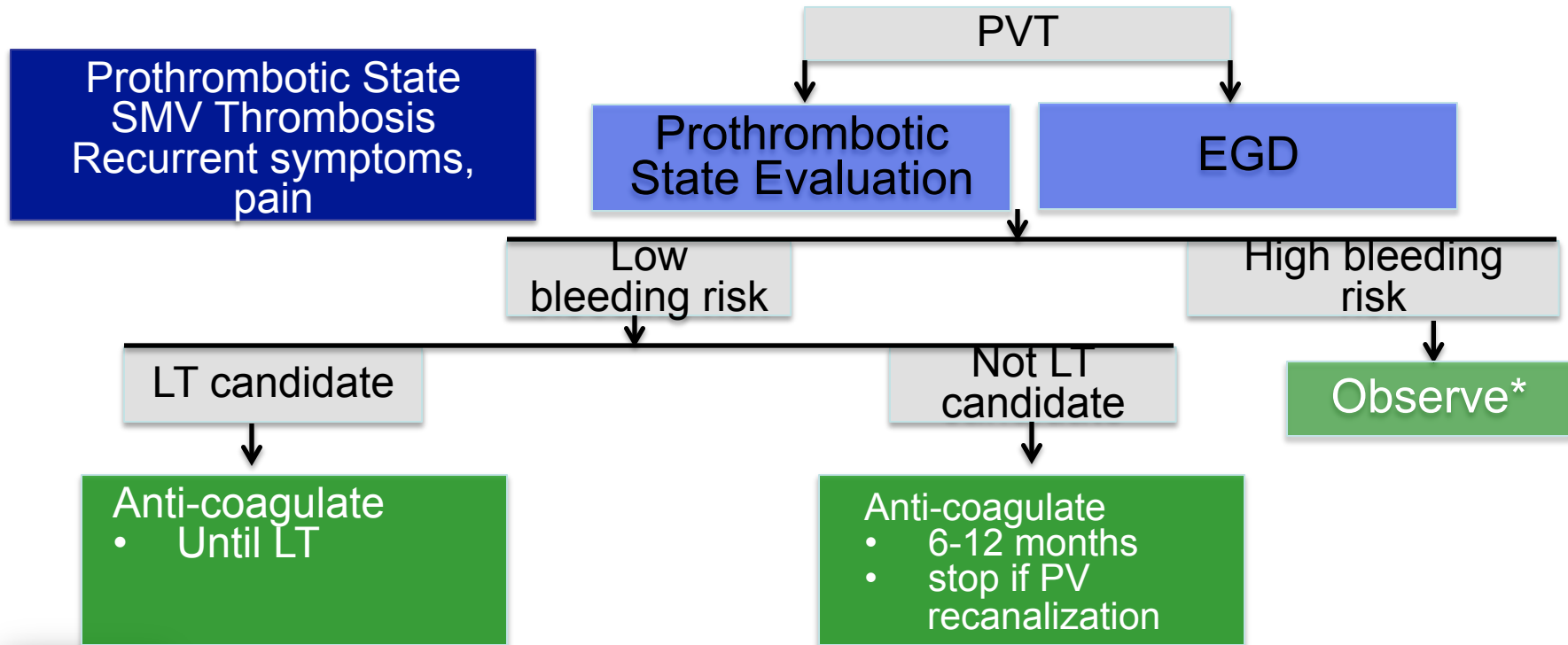
If anticoagulation won't make a difference:

- Underlying poor prognosis

? Chronic PVT with cavernous transformation

Portal Vein Thrombosis (PVT)

Portal Vein Thrombosis (PVT)—**Cirrhosis**



*Unless you consult a hematologist (Anticoagulation will be recommended)

Take Aways

HVPG Drives Outcomes
& LS < 20 + Plt > 150- EGD can be avoided

Beta-Blocker Window is Still Open

Early TIPS, Simvastatin need Refinement

PVT- Algorithmic Approach



Give thanks. Give life.