

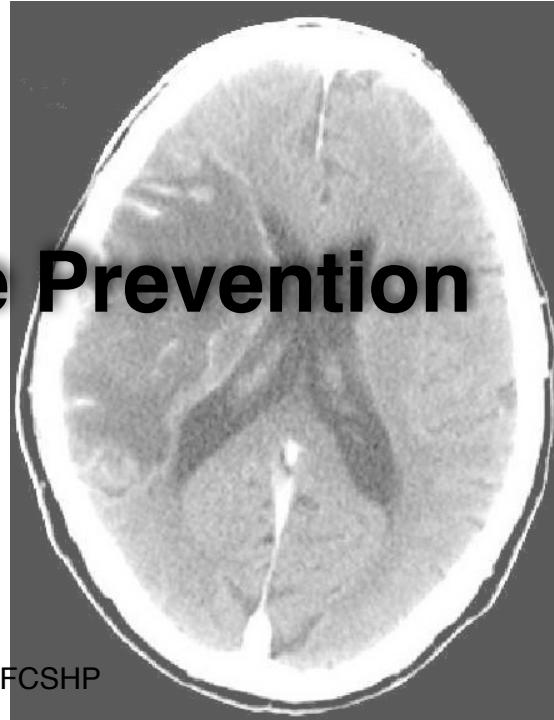
# **PHAR 451**

# **Ischemic Stroke Prevention**

# **Therapeutics**

# **(non-AF)**

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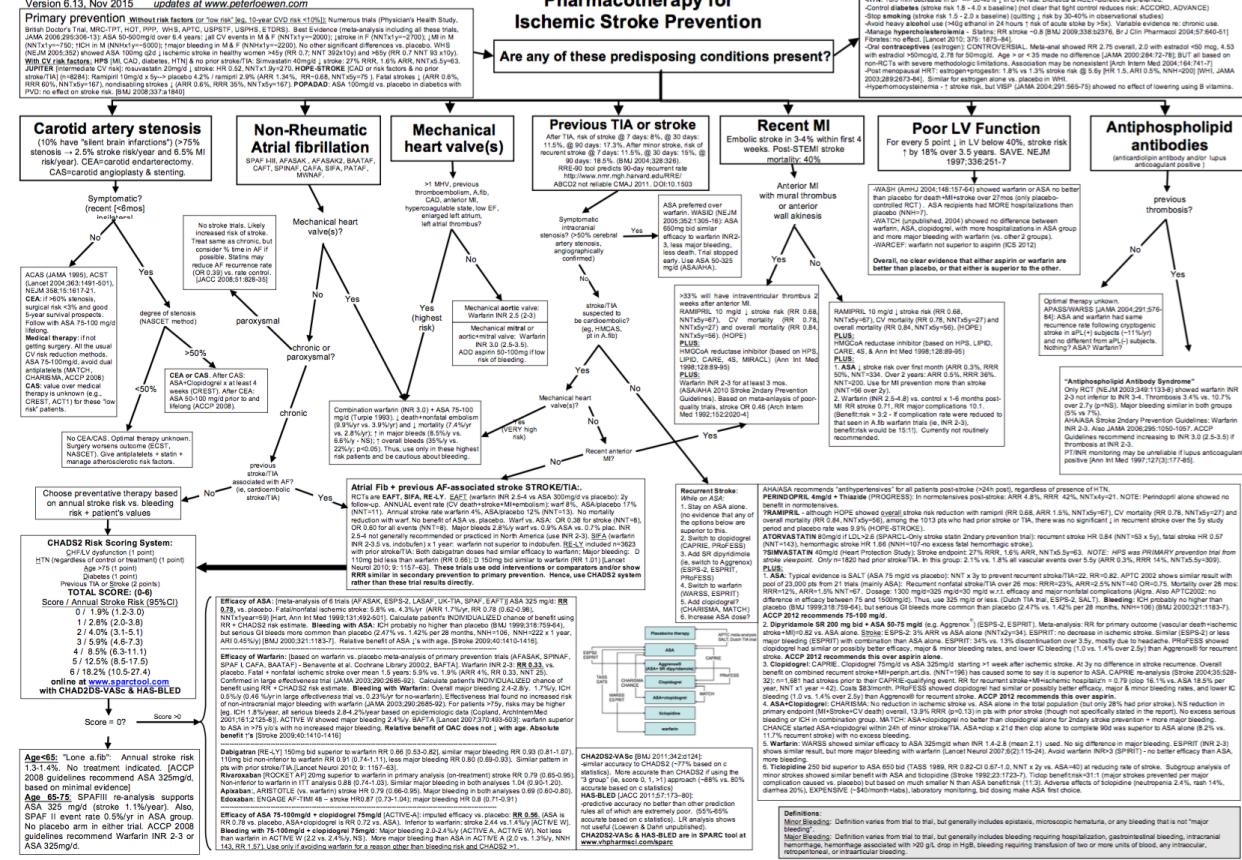


## **Objective**

After the session, and upon personal reflection & study, students will be able to:

**DESIGN and RATIONALIZE using EVIDENCE, a stroke prevention regimen in each of the following clinical scenarios:**

- Primary Stroke Prevention
- Atrial Fibrillation
- Secondary Stroke Prevention



## Case

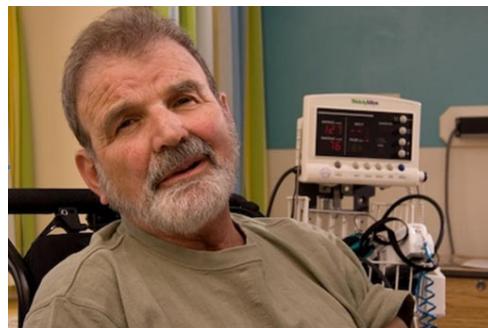
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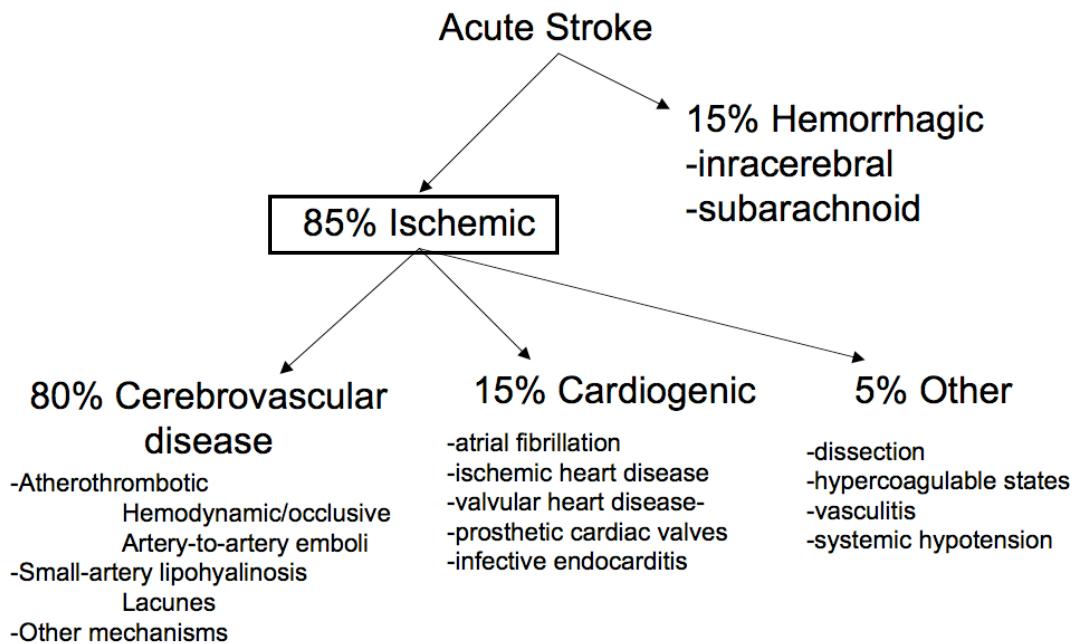
MFTA: HCTZ 25 mg/d

O/E: no residual neurologic deficit

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# Stroke Subtypes



## *Primary/Secondary Prevention*

# Modifiable Stroke Risk Factors

- Control HTN
- Stop smoking
- Control hyperlipidemia
- Get physically active
- Manage obesity
- Avoid binge drinking
- Glycemic control in diabetes?

## Stroke Risk Factors

HTN (OR 2.64)

cardiac causes [atrial fibrillation or flutter, previous myocardial infarction, rheumatic valvular disease, or prosthetic heart valve] (OR 2.38)

smoking (OR 2.09)

waist hip ratio (highest vs. lowest tertile OR 1.65)

regular physical activity (OR 0.69)

diabetes (1.36)

alcohol intake (OR 1.51 for >30 drinks/month or binge)

psychosocial stress (OR 1.3)

depression (OR 1.35)

INTERSTROKE. Lancet 2010; 376; 112–23.

## PRIMARY PREVENTION

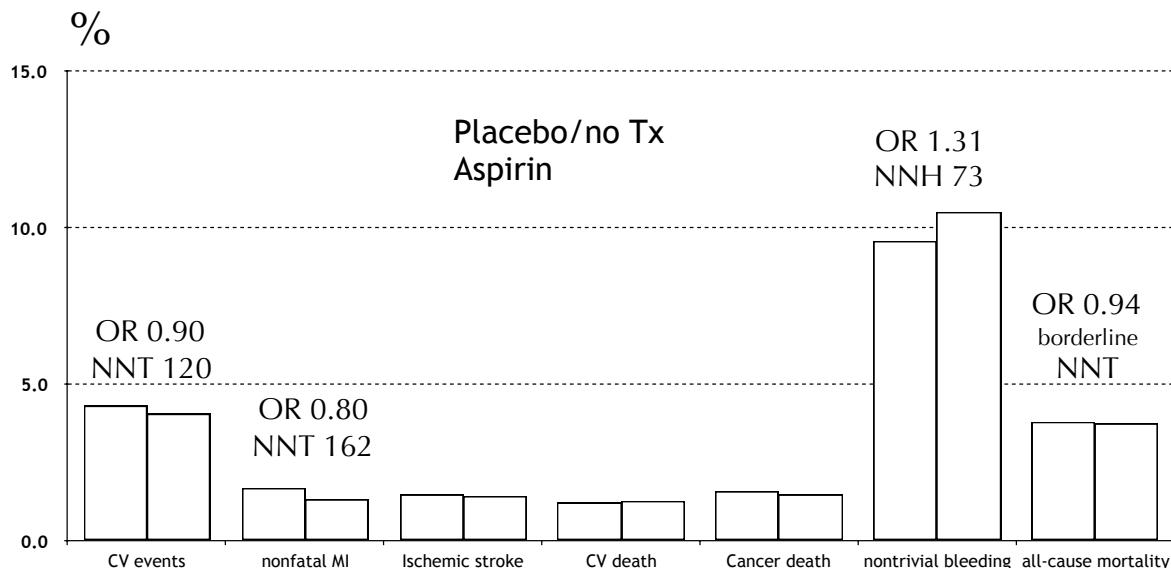
# Stroke Primary Prevention

What we do	In whom	Why?
treat HTN	everyone	40% stroke RRR
ASA?	people who have a CV indication for ASA	Berger JS et al. JAMA 2006;295:306-13
ramipril (perindopril?)	high CV risk pts, regardless of HTN	HOPE (EUROPA?)
statin	pts at sufficiently high CV risk (e.g. >10% 10-year CV risk)	HPS, CARDS, ASCOT-LLA, JUPITER, LIPID

## Primary Prevention Aspirin: primary prevention

N=9 trials. N=102,621

ASA 75mg - 162 mg/d, mean 6.0 years followup.



*Primary Prevention*

# Aspirin: Effects by gender

N=6 trials. 51,342 women, 44,114 men.  
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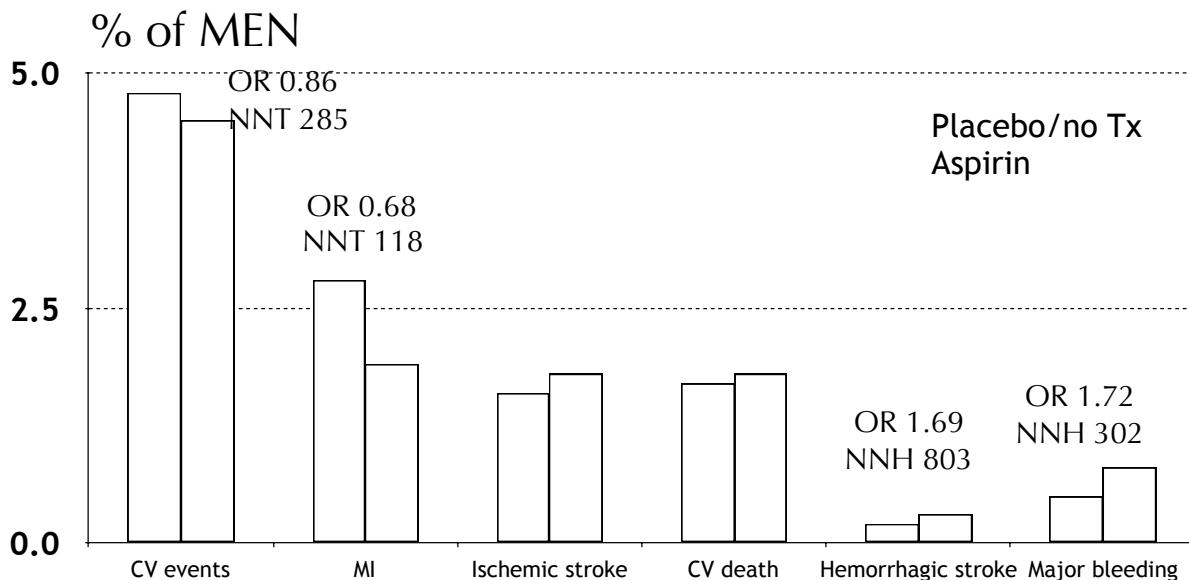


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## *Primary Prevention*

# Aspirin for Primary Stroke Prevention Bottom Lines

Prevents overall CV events in low-risk males & females

Your patient has a 1 in ~2000 chance of benefit for every year they take aspirin

Prevents stroke in females

Your patient has a 1 in ~2700 chance of benefit for every year they take aspirin

Prevents MI in males

Your patient has a 1 in ~750 chance of benefit for every year they take aspirin

Causes ICH in males

Your patient has a 1 in ~5000 chance of harm for every year they take aspirin

Causes major bleeding in males & females

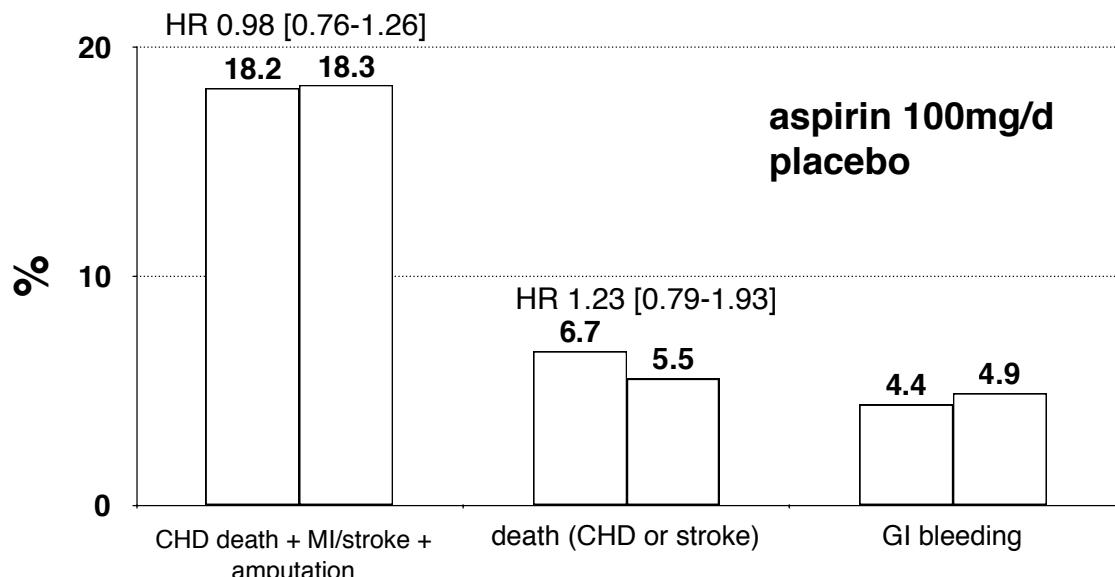
Your patient has a 1 in ~2200 chance of harm for every year they take aspirin

Berger JS et al. JAMA 2006;295:306-13

## *Primary Prevention*

# POPADAD

N=1276 Scots with DM1 or DM2, ABPI < 0.99 but no symptomatic CV disease. Median 6.7 years followup.

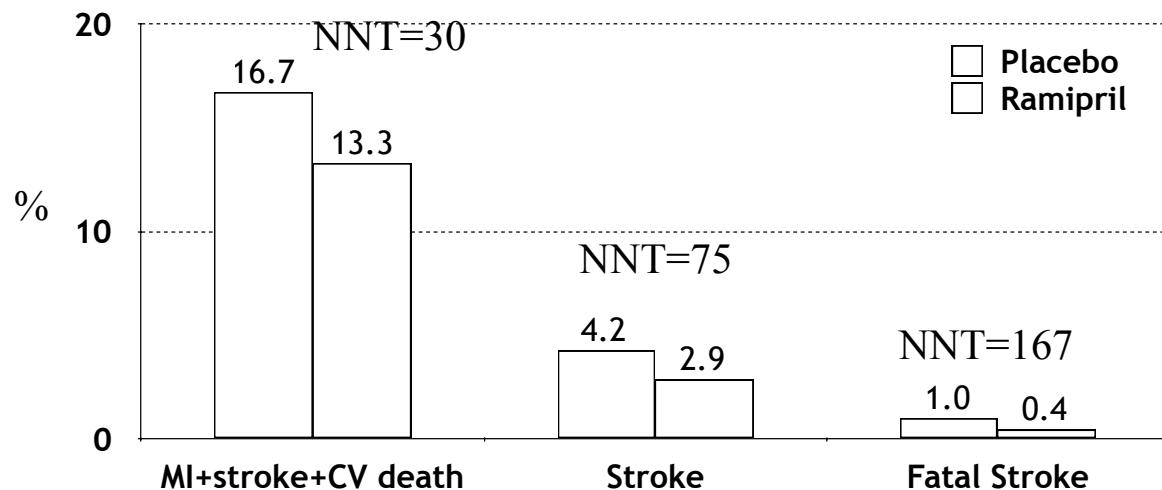


POPADAD. BMJ 2008;337:a1840

## *Primary Prevention*

### Ramipril - HOPE-STROKE

N=8284 pts with CAD, PVD, diabetes but no prior stroke/TIA treated x 4.5 years

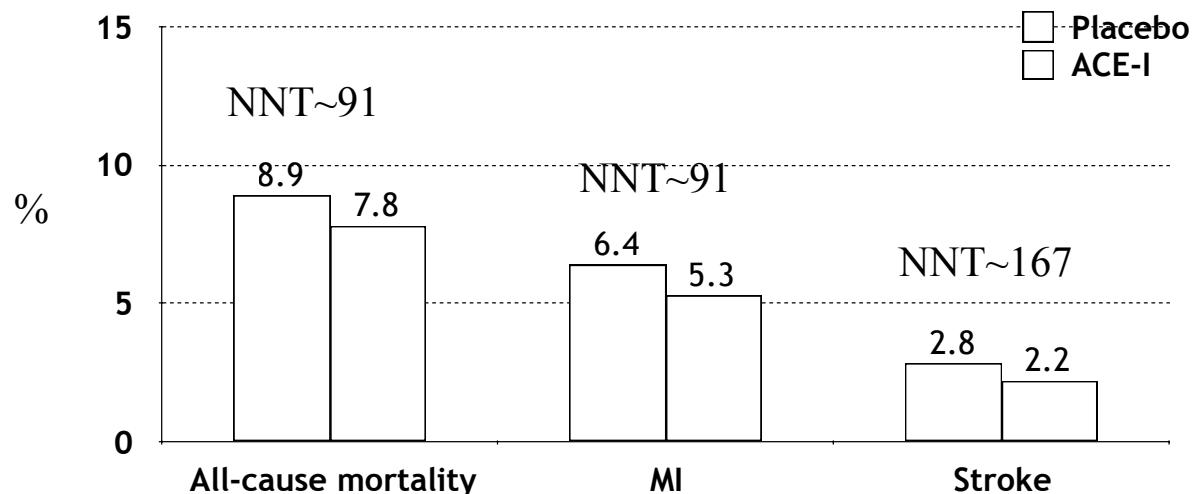


NEJM 2000;342;145-53 / BMJ 2002;324:1-5

## *Primary Prevention*

### All ACE-Is (R, T, & P)

N=3 trials (HOPE, PEACE, EUROPA - 29,805 pts) with CAD, PVD, diabetes but no prior stroke/TIA treated x 4.5 years



Lancet 2006; 368: 581-88

# Overall Efficacy of Statins

	RRR	NNT x ~5 years
Major coronary events	~30%	1°: 67** 2°: 27
Stroke	~20%	1°: 202** 2°: 45*
All-cause mortality	10-17%	1°: 142** 2°: 48

↑  
 Independent of  
 gender, HTN, DM2,  
 prior CAD, risk

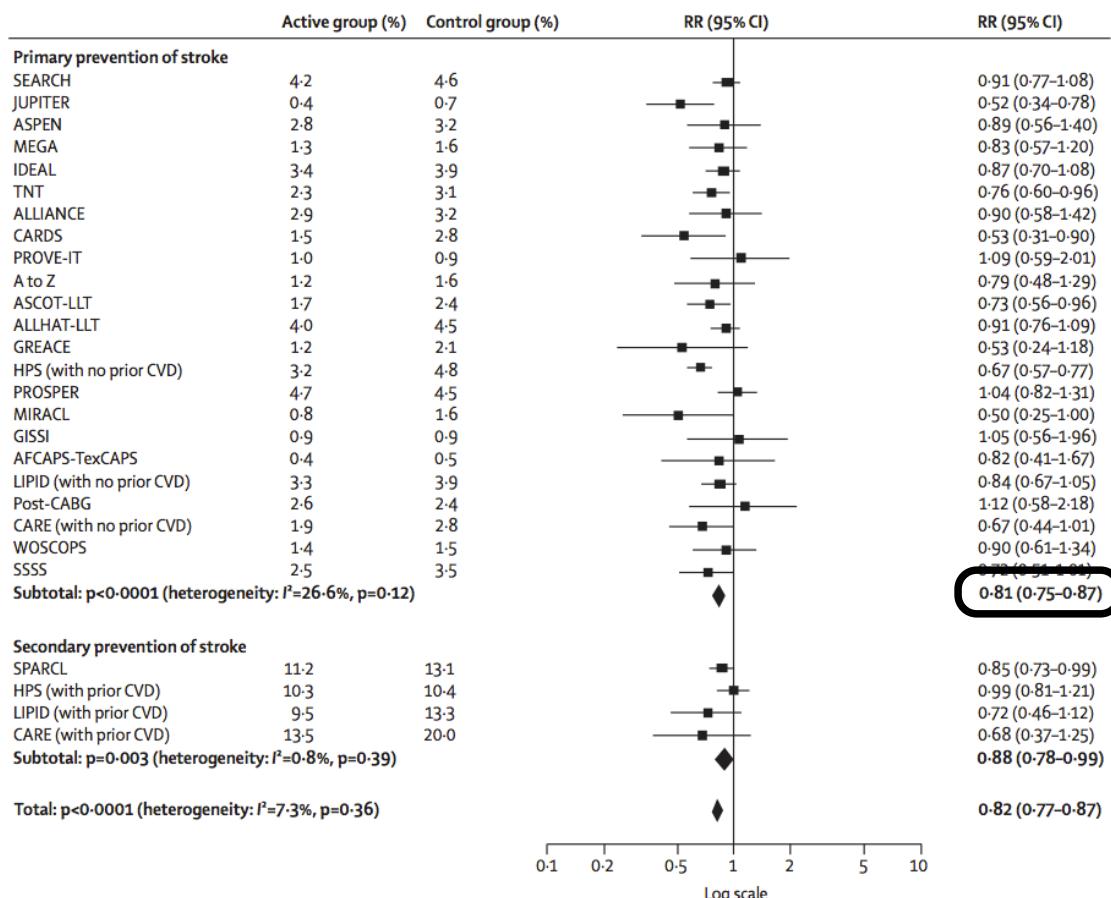
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Cheung et al. Br J Clin Pharmacol 2004;57:640-51

\*SPARCL. Atorvastatin 80mg/d. NEJM 2006;355:549-59.

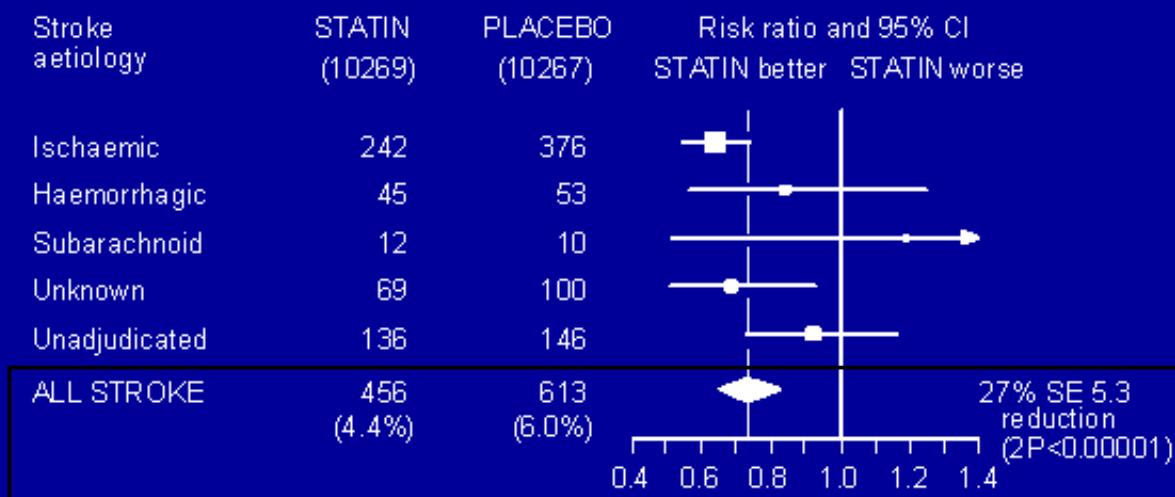
\*\* Brugts et al. BMJ 2009;338:b2376.

Tonelli M, et al. CMAJ 2011. DOI:10.1503 /cmaj.101280



## MRC/BHS Heart Protection Study

### SIMVASTATIN: STROKE by AETIOLOGY



NNT x 5.5y=63

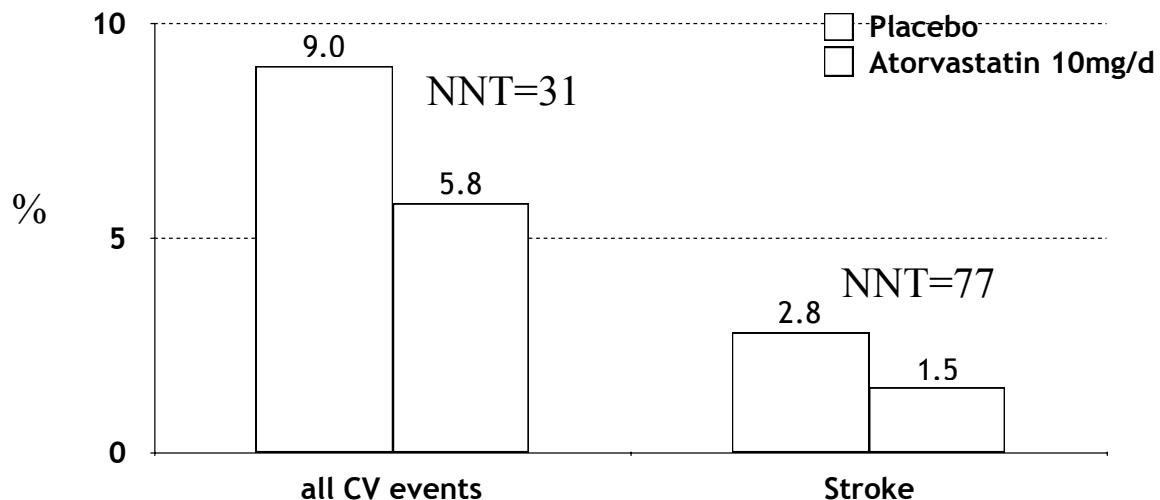
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HPS. Lancet 2002;360:7-22

## Atorvastatin - CARDS

N=2,838 DM2 pts with no CVD and normal cholesterol levels

Duration = 3.9 years

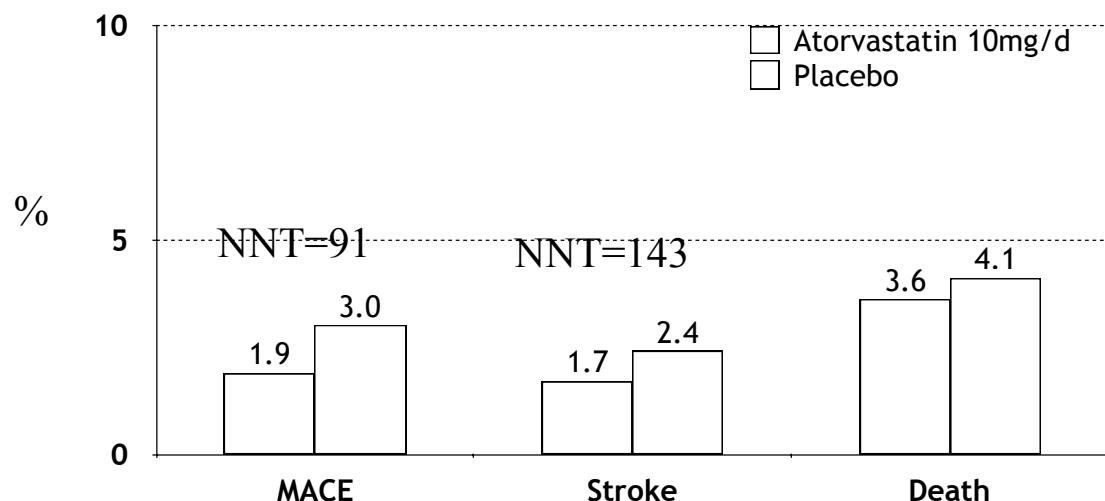


CARDS. Lancet 2004;364:685-96

## Atorvastatin - ASCOT-LLA

N=10,305 hypertensives with  $\geq 3$  other CV risk factors,  
Normal cholesterol, and NO CAD.

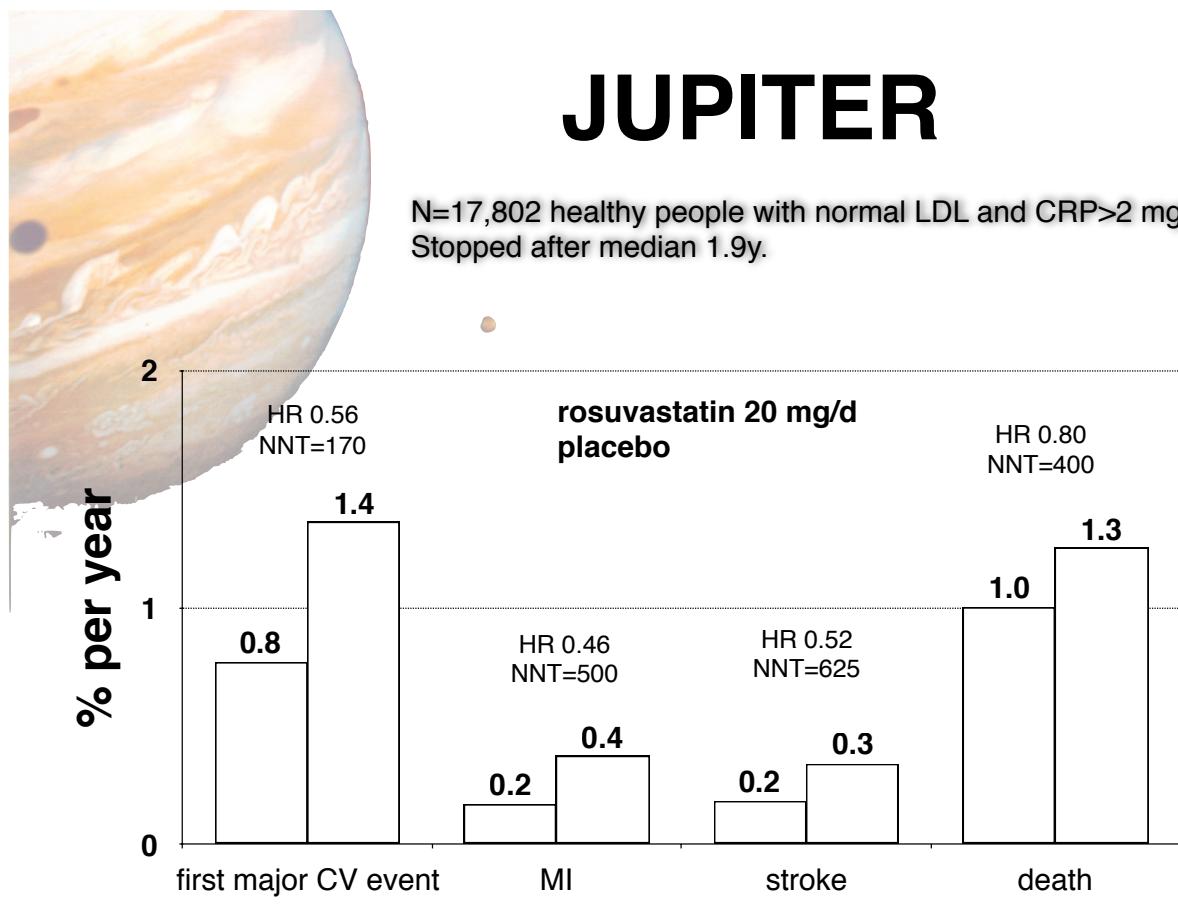
Duration = 3.3 years



ASCOT-LLA. Lancet 2003;361:1149-58

## JUPITER

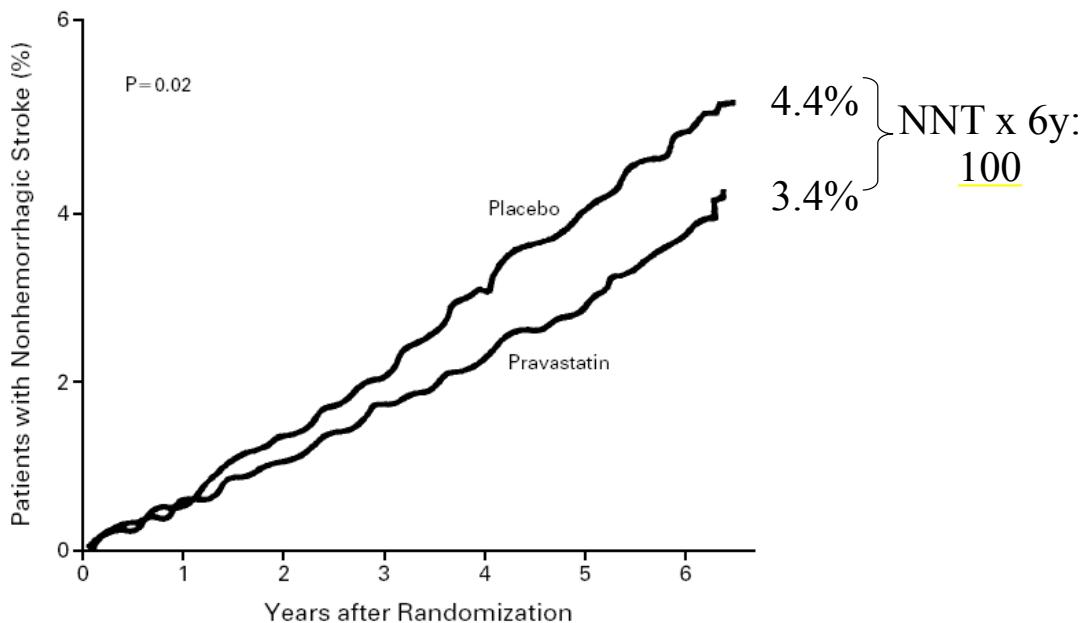
N=17,802 healthy people with normal LDL and CRP>2 mg/L.  
Stopped after median 1.9y.



JUPITER. N Engl J Med 2008;359:2195-207

## LIPID-STROKE: Pravastatin

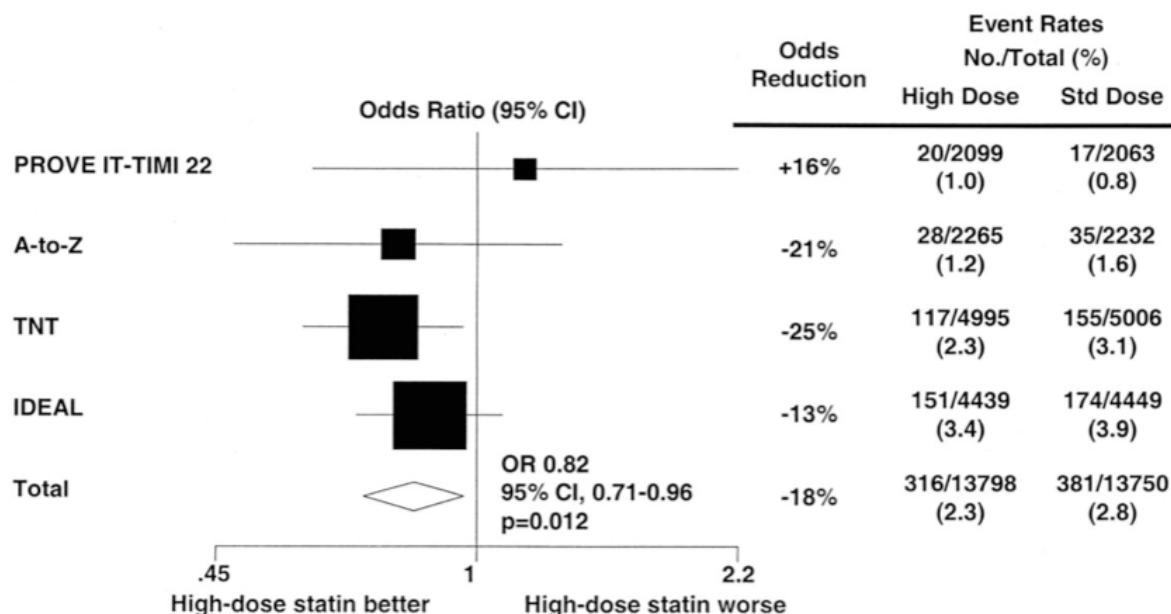
N=9,000 pts post-MI treated with pravastatin 40mg/d



White et al. NEJM 2000;343:317-26

## “Intensive” Statin Therapy

### Stroke



Cannon et al. JACC 2006;48:438-45

**Bottom line on primary prevention (non-AF)**

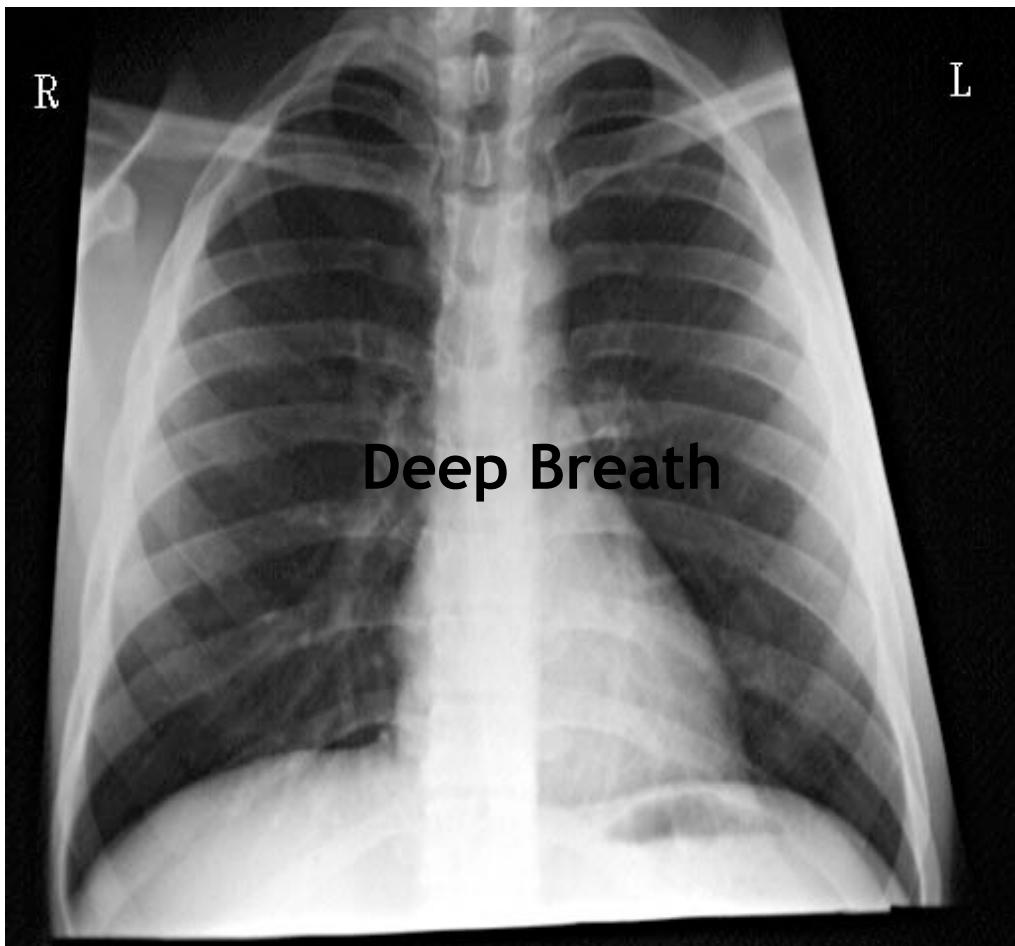
Risk factor modification (especially HTN)

Role for antithrombotic therapy?

Ramipril in high risk pts (regardless of HTN)

Other ACE-Is? ARBs?: TRANSCEND, ONTARGET

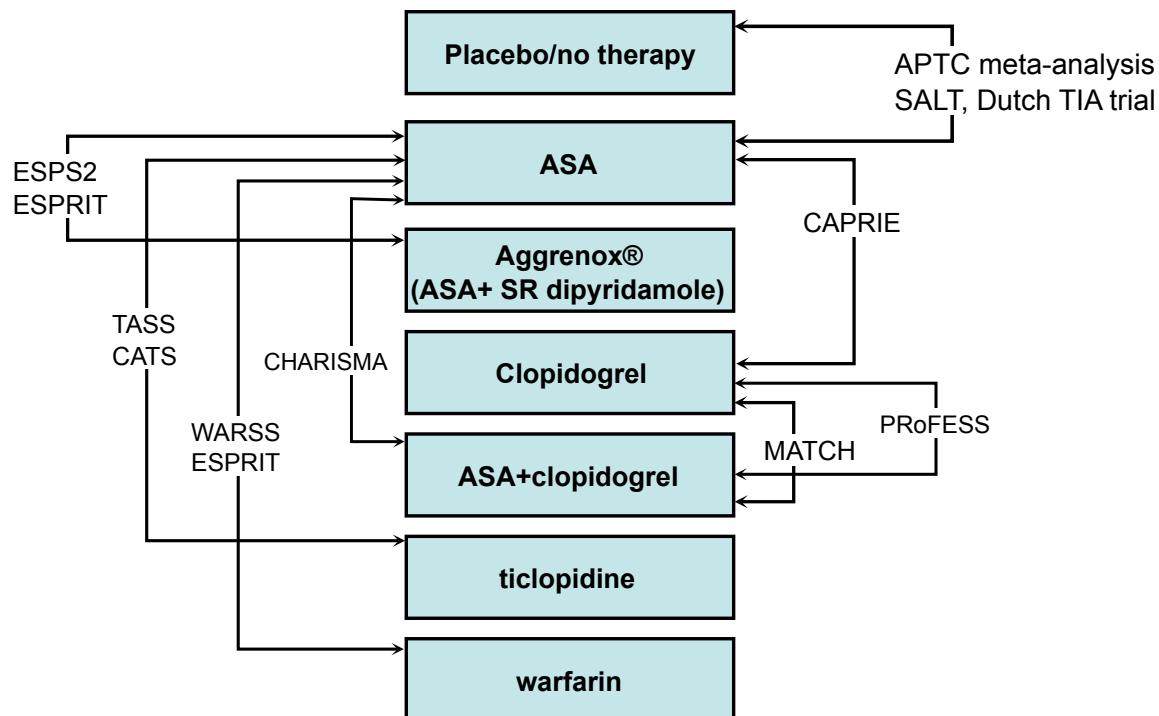
Statin (simva, prava, atorva) in high risk pts  
especially those with CAD  
regardless of baseline cholesterol levels



# Stroke Secondary Prevention

What we do	In whom	Why?
treat HTN	everyone	40% stroke RRR
ASA	everyone	CAST, IST
clopidogrel	intolerant to ASA	CAPRIE
ASA+dipyridamole?	stroke on ASA or clopidogrel?	ESPS2
perindopril+indapamide (ramipril?)	ischemic stroke, regardless of HTN	PROGRESS (HOPE)
statin	all (non-AF) ischemic stroke patients	SPARCL, HPS

## Antithrombotics for Secondary Stroke Prevention in NSR



# Antithrombotic Therapies

The GOLD STANDARD:

ASA (ATTC 2009)

Stuff that's BETTER than ASA:

ASA+Dipyridamole SR (ESPS-2, ESPRIT)

Ticlopidine (TASS)

Stuff that's SIMILAR to ASA:

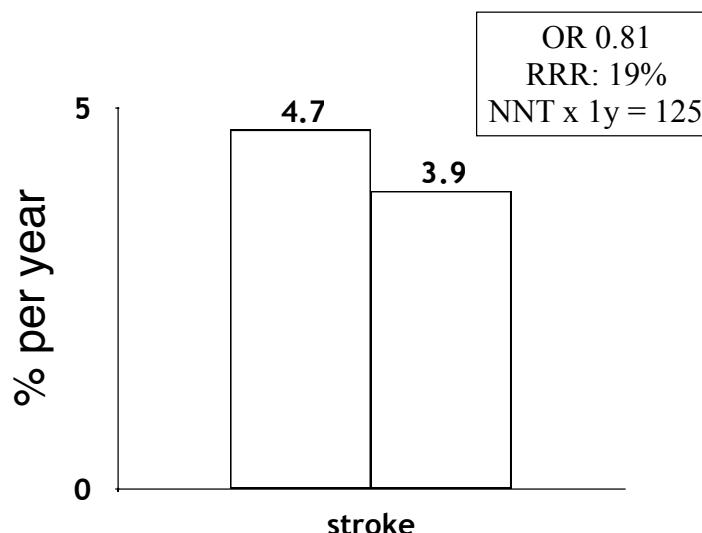
Clopidogrel (CAPRIE)

Warfarin (WARSS)

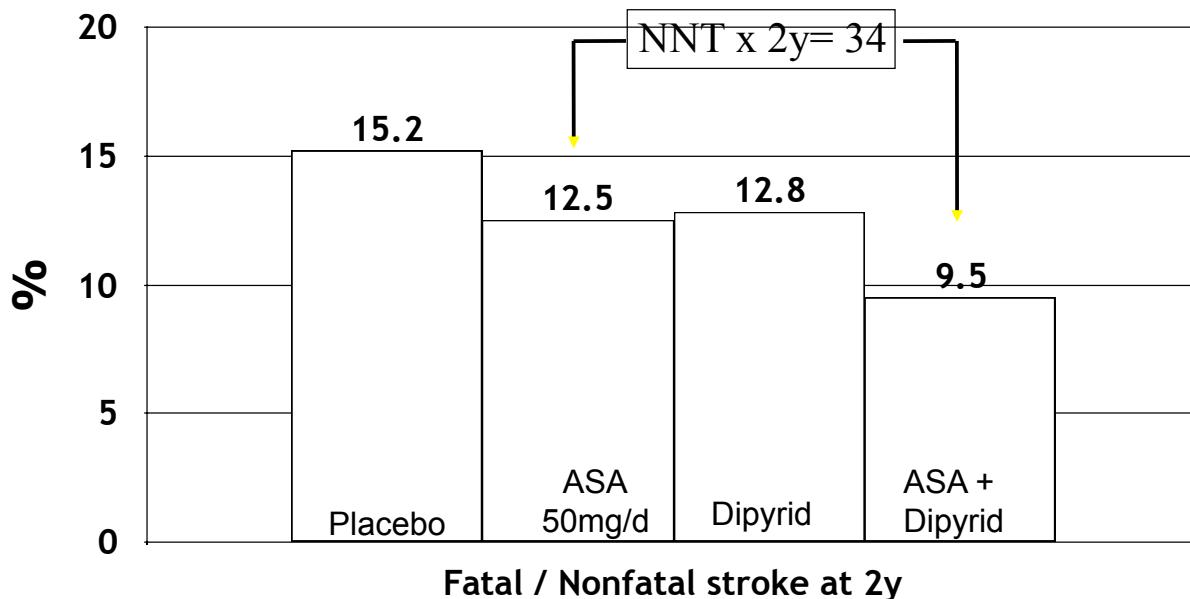
Clopidogrel + ASA (MATCH, CHARISMA)

## Efficacy of ASA: The Gold Standard

N=16 secondary prevention trials, 43,000 person-years followup.



## Stuff that's BETTER THAN aspirin: ASA + SR dipyridamole: ESPS-2

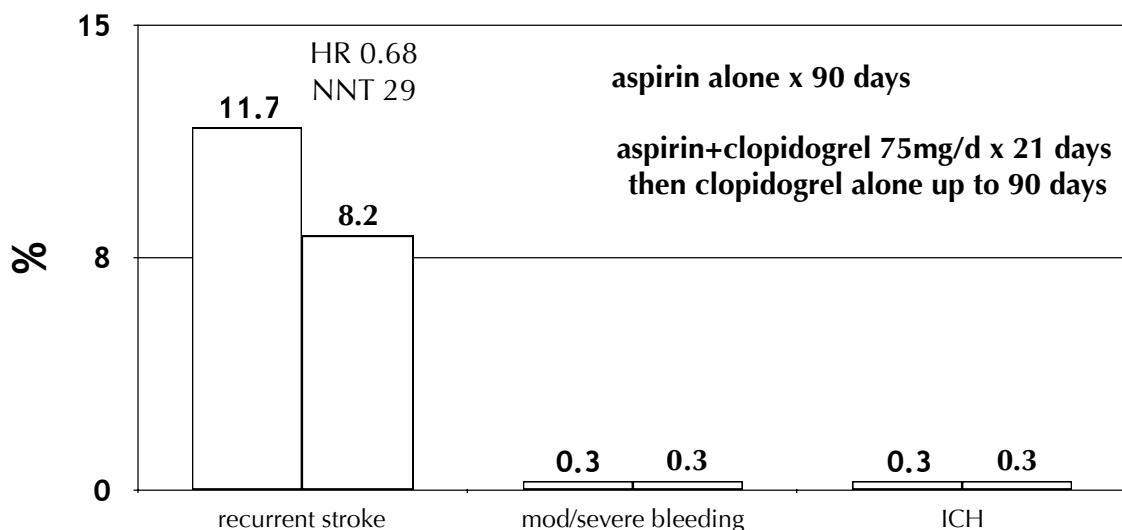


ESPS-2, Thromb Res 1998;92:S1-S6

## Stuff that's the better than aspirin Clopidogrel + ASA: CHANCE

N=5170 patients in China within 24h of minor ischemic stroke/TIA. All taking aspirin 75-300mg/d.

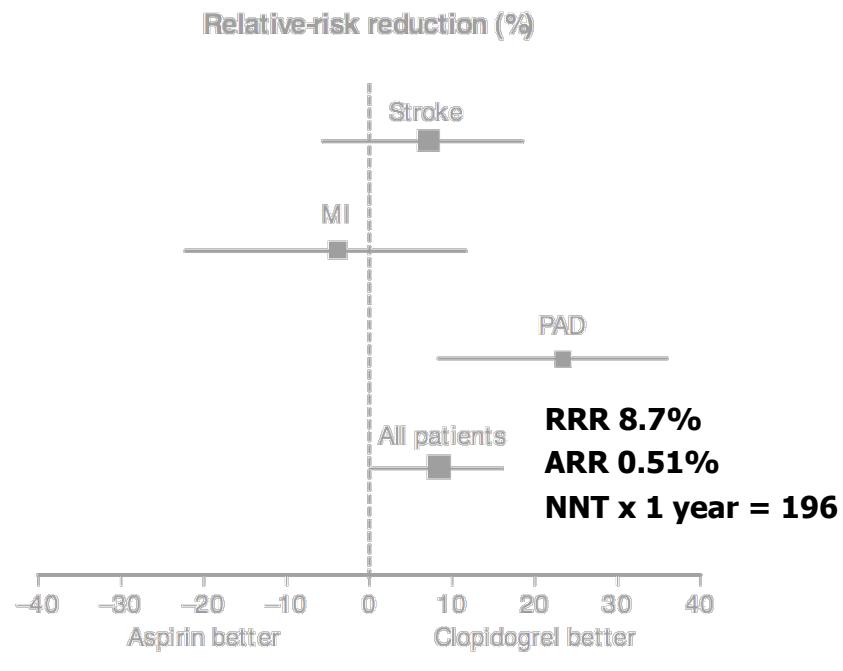
90 days followup.



CHANCE. New Engl J Med 2013;369:11–9.

## *Secondary Prevention*

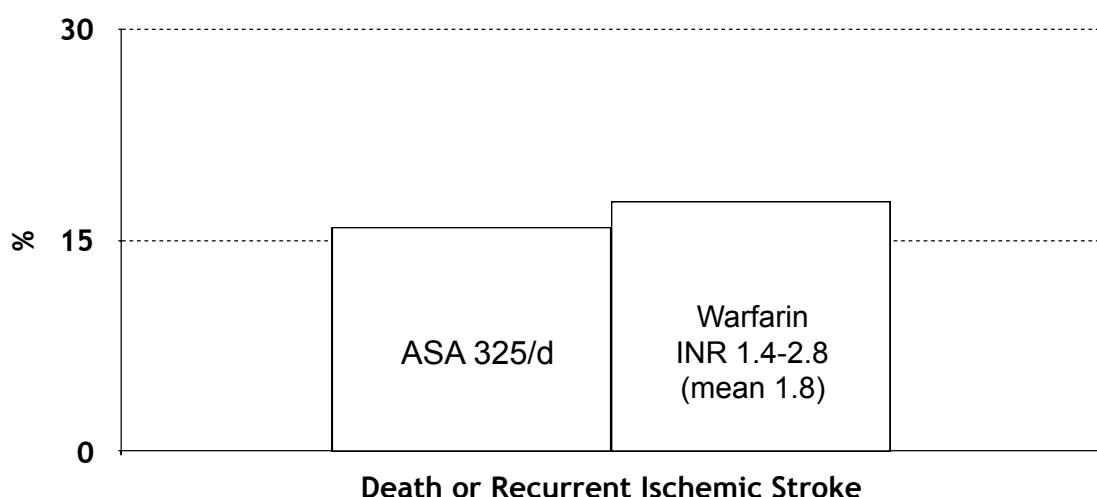
# Stuff that's the SAME AS aspirin: Clopidogrel: CAPRIE



## *Secondary Prevention*

# Stuff that's the SAME AS aspirin: Warfarin: WARSS

N=2206 stroke survivors treated for 2 years.

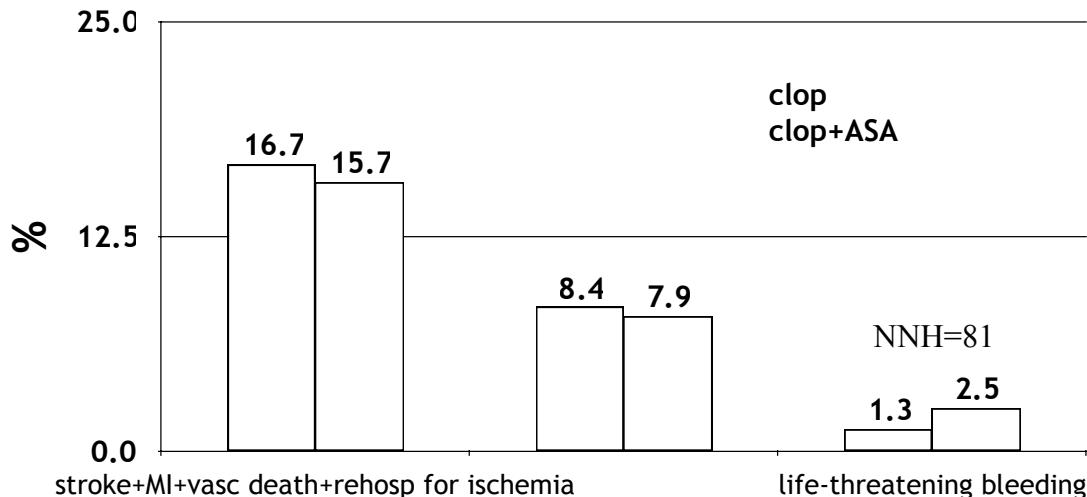


WARSS. NEJM 2001;345:1444-51

## *Secondary Prevention*

# Stuff that's the SAME AS aspirin Clopidogrel + ASA: MATCH

N=7,599 with recent ischemic stroke/TIA+1 additional risk factor + already on clopidogrel. Average follow-up 18 mos.



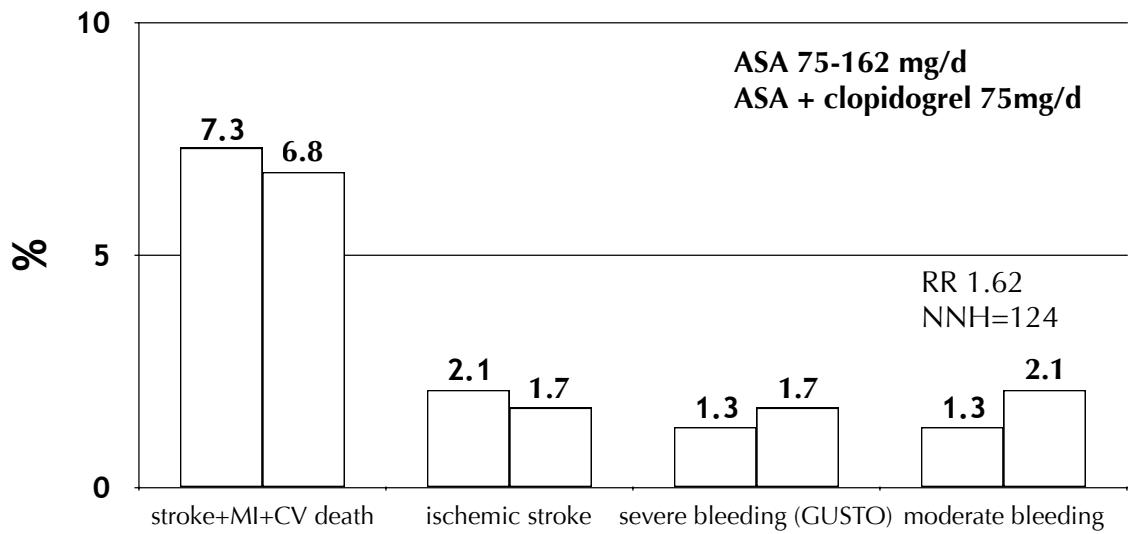
MATCH. Lancet 2004; 364: 331-37

## *Primary/Secondary Prevention*

# Stuff that's the SAME AS aspirin Clopidogrel + ASA: CHARISMA

N=15,603 with prior ischemic stroke OR CAD OR PAD OR at high risk for CV events (2 major or 3 minor or 1 major + 2 minor risk factors).

Median 28 months followup



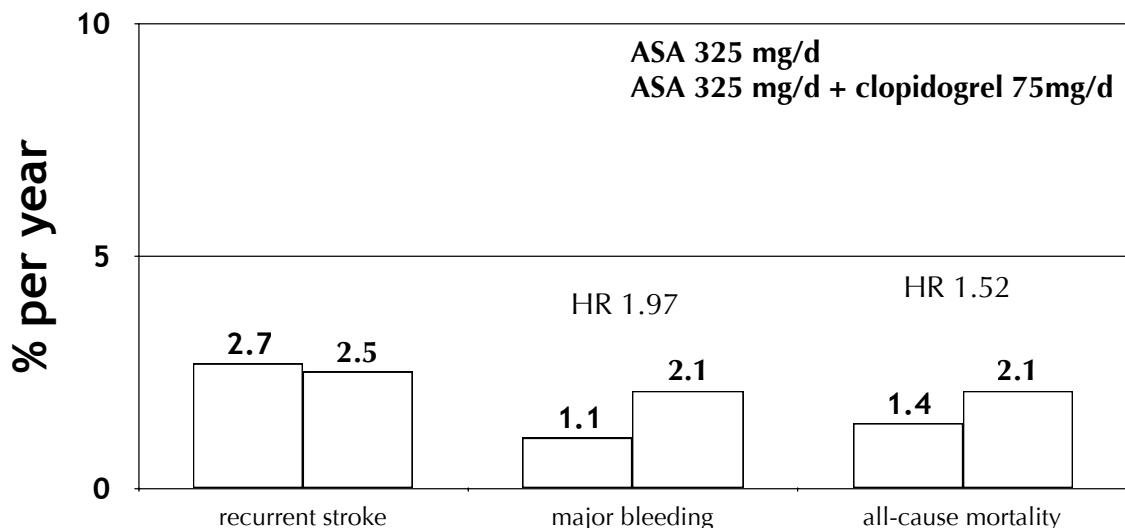
CHARISMA. NEJM 2006;354 (12MAR06)

*Primary/Secondary Prevention*

## Stuff that's the SAME AS aspirin Clopidogrel + ASA: SPS3

N=3020 patients with recent symptomatic lacunar infarcts identified by MRI.

Mean 3.4 years followup

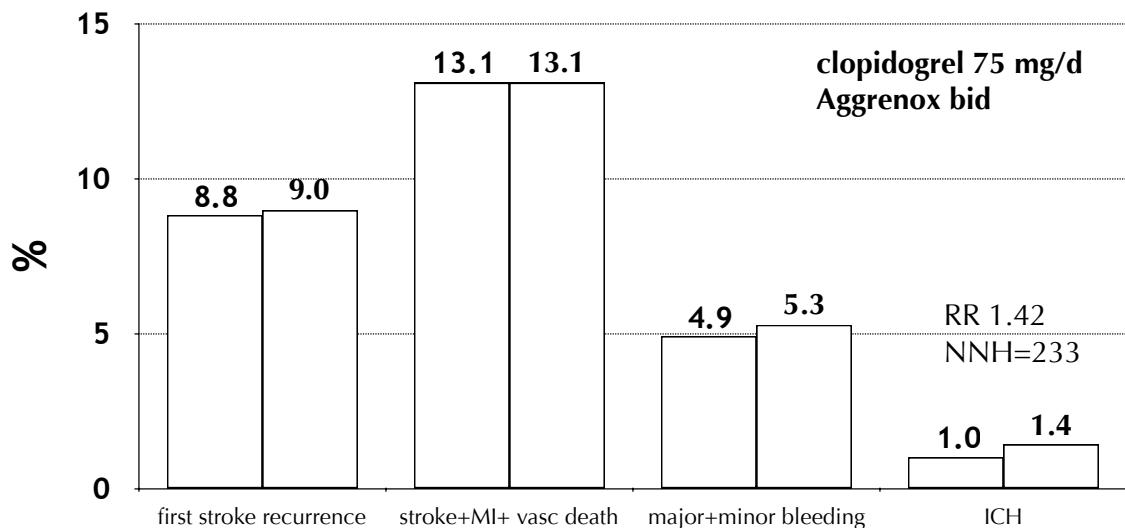


SPS3. N Engl J Med 2012;367:817-25.

*Secondary Prevention*

## PRoFESS: Clopidogrel vs. Aggrenox

N=20,332 with prior ischemic stroke + >1 risk factor (DM2, HTN, Smoker, obesity, CAD, hyperlipidemia). Average follow-up 2.5y.

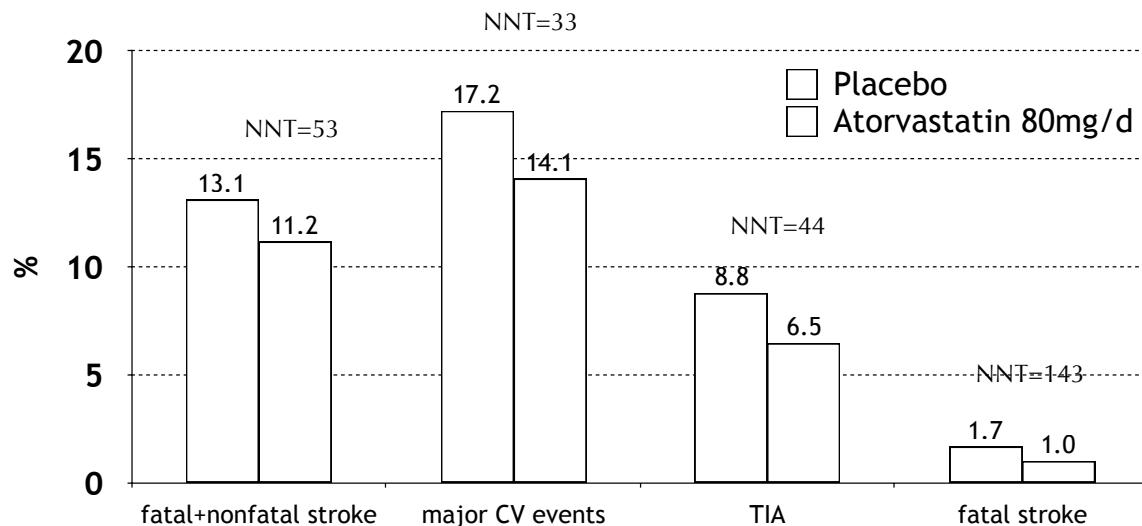


PRoFESS. NEJM 2008;359

## *Secondary Prevention*

### **SPARCL: Atorvastatin**

N=4731 pts with prior stroke/TIA, normal LDL, no CAD  
Treated x 4.9 years

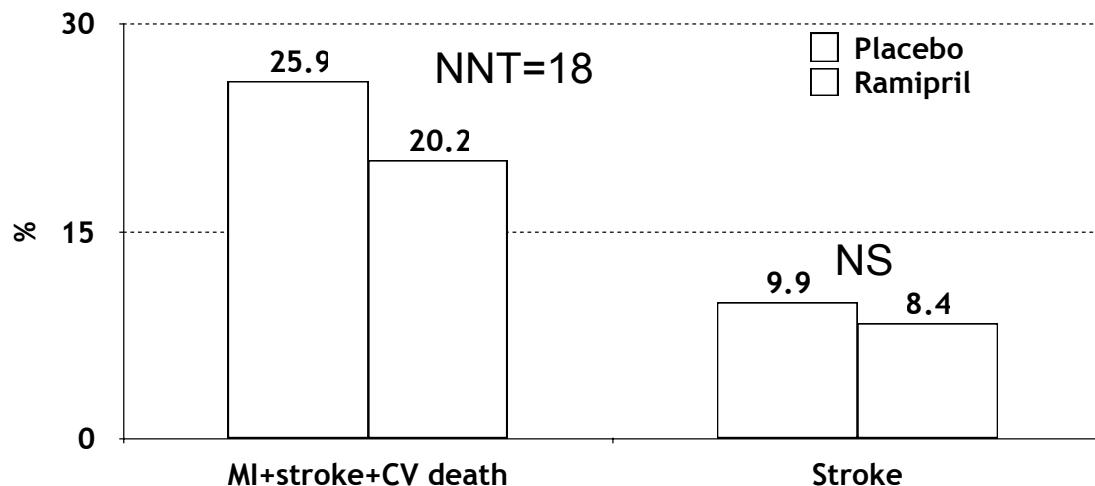


SPARCL. Lancet 2006;355:549-59

## *Secondary Prevention*

### **HOPE: Ramipril**

N=1013 pts with prior stroke/TIA treated x 4.5 years

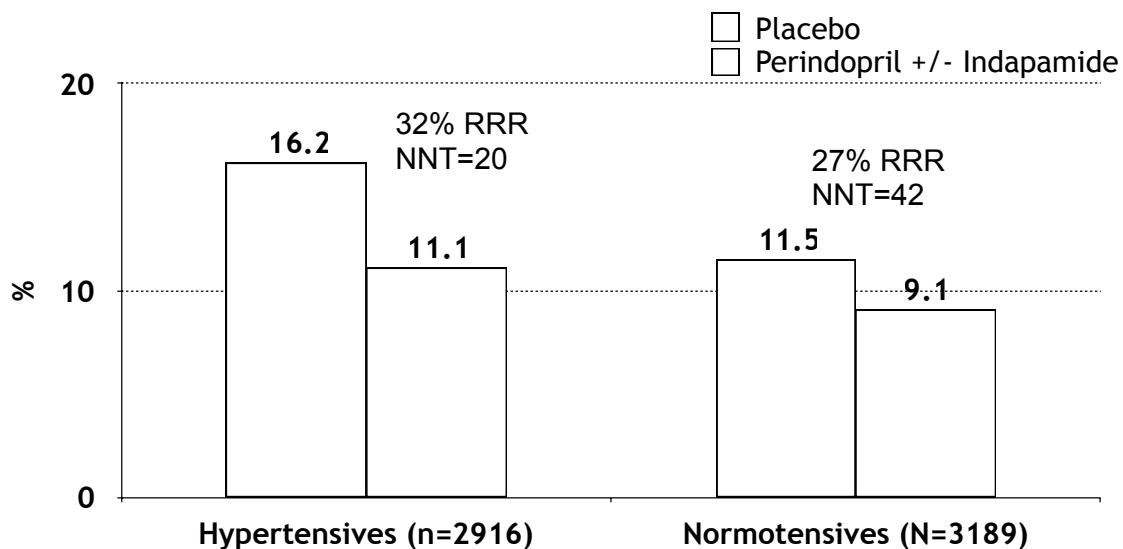


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### Perindopril +/- Indapamide

N= 6105 stroke/TIA survivors treated x 4 years.

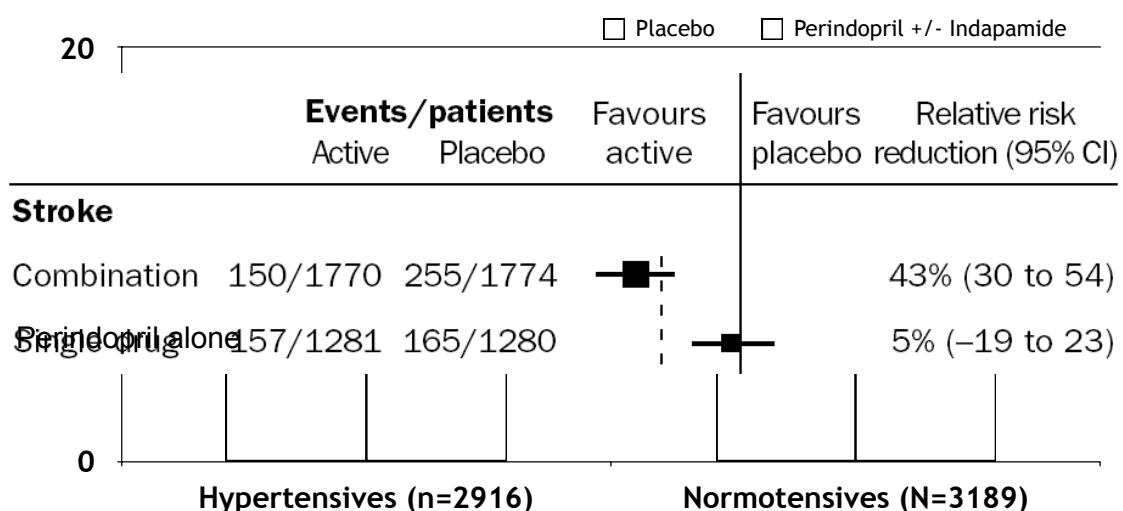


PROGRESS. Lancet 2001;358:1033-41

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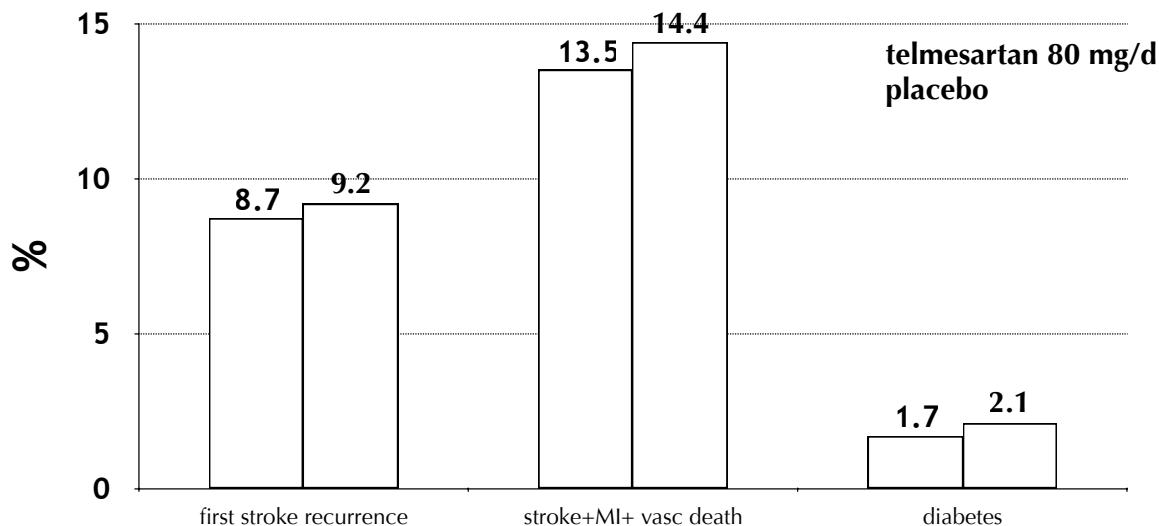


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PRoFESS. NEJM 2008;359

## *Secondary Prevention*

### **Bottom line on secondary prevention in NSR**

Modify risk factors

Antithrombotic Therapy

1st line: ASA 80-325 mg/d

2nd line: ASA+dipyridamole OR clopidogrel alone

3rd line: ASA+clopidogrel ?

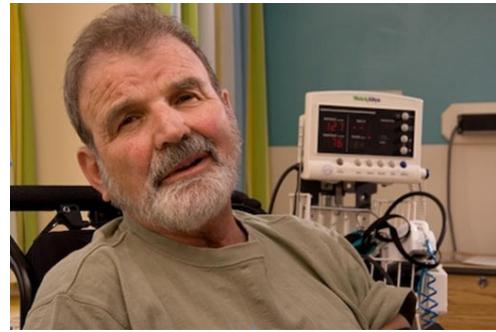
Anytime anticoagulation required: warfarin INR 2-3

Ramipril or Perindopril+Thiazide, regardless of BP

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