





# Endovascular treatment of AIS - what's new? Where are we going?

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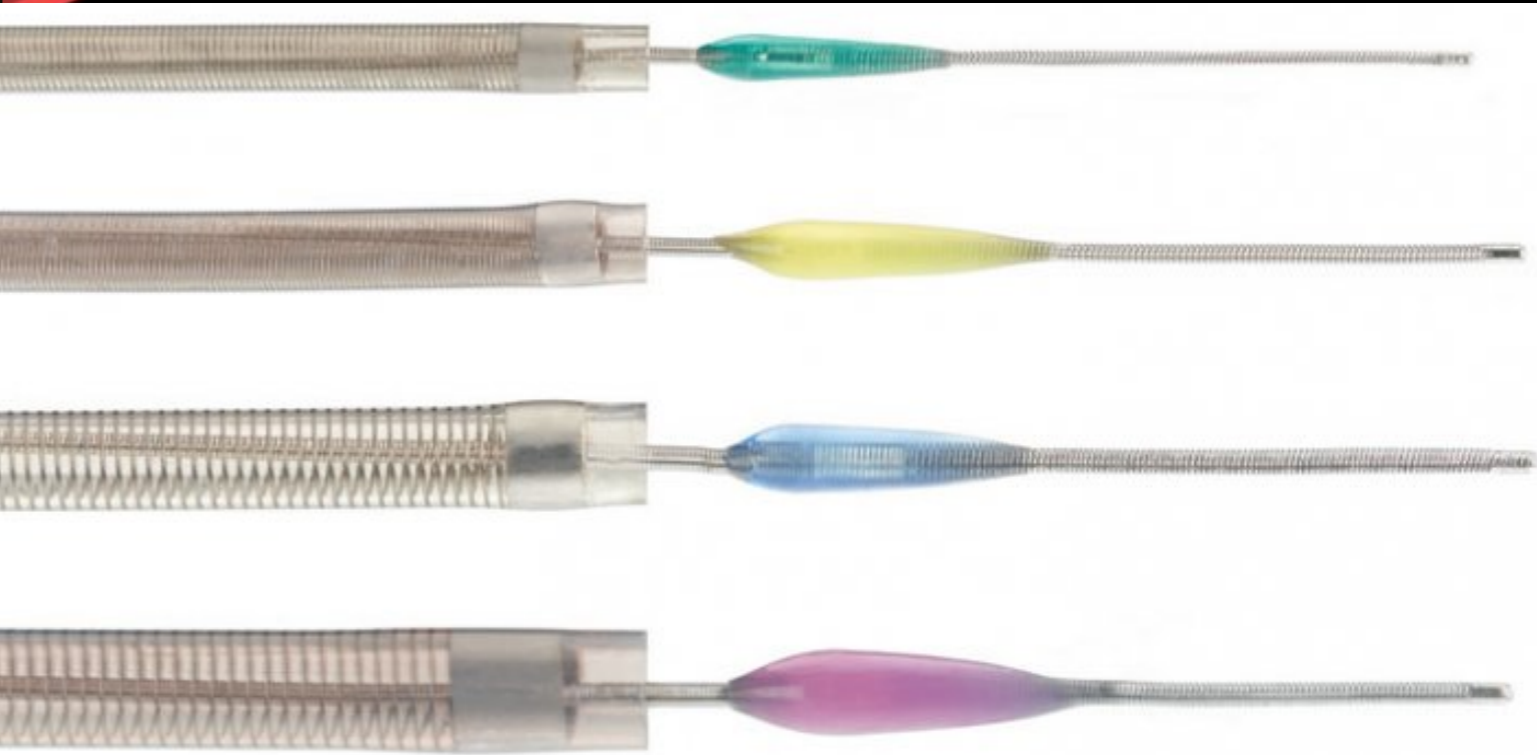
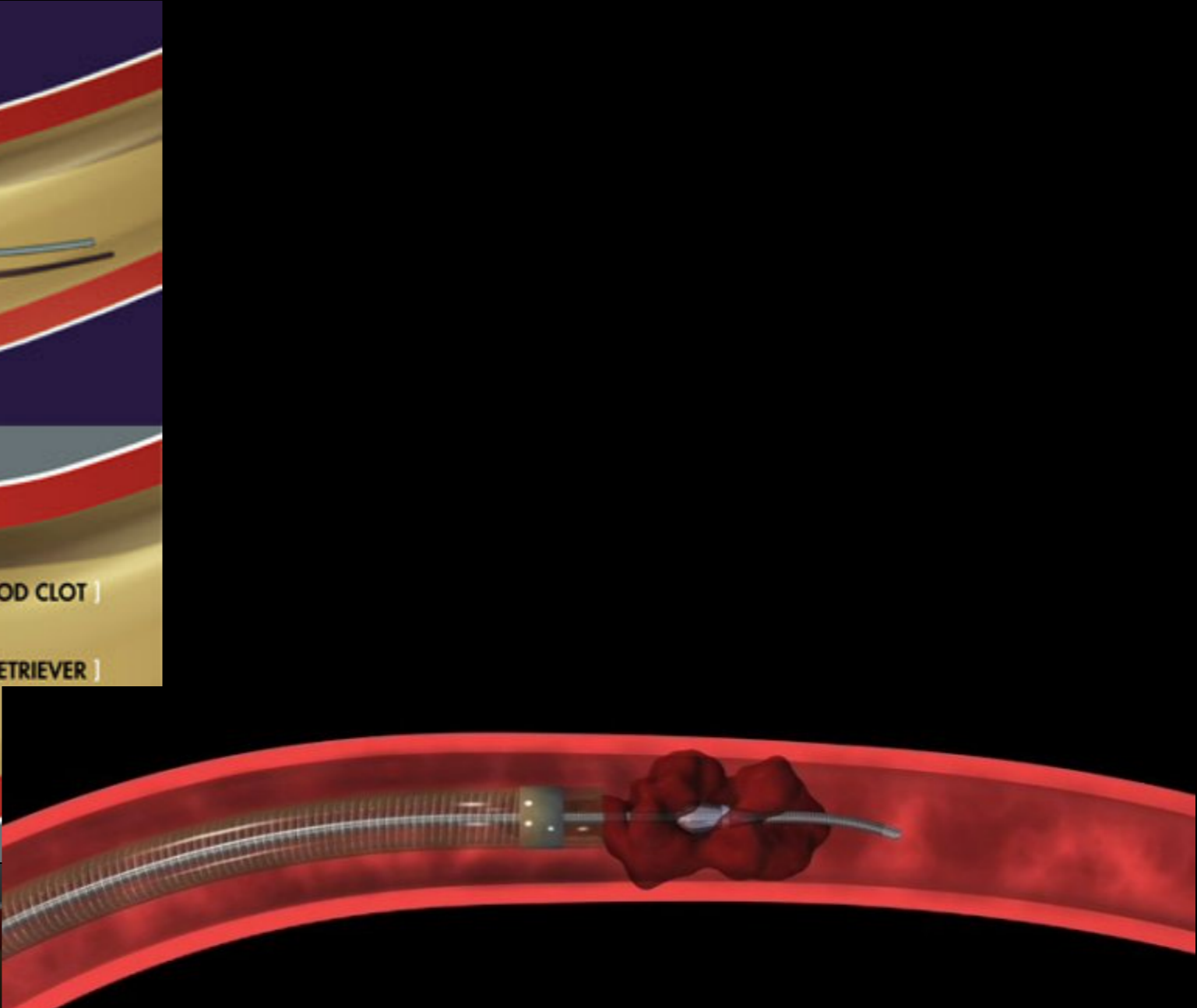
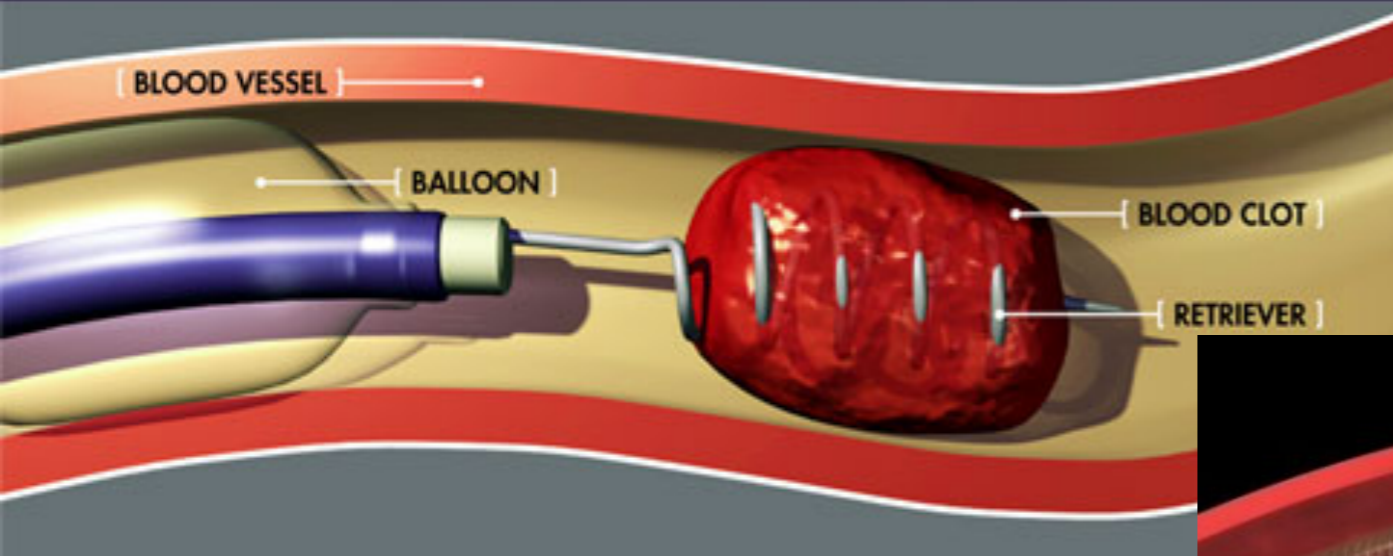
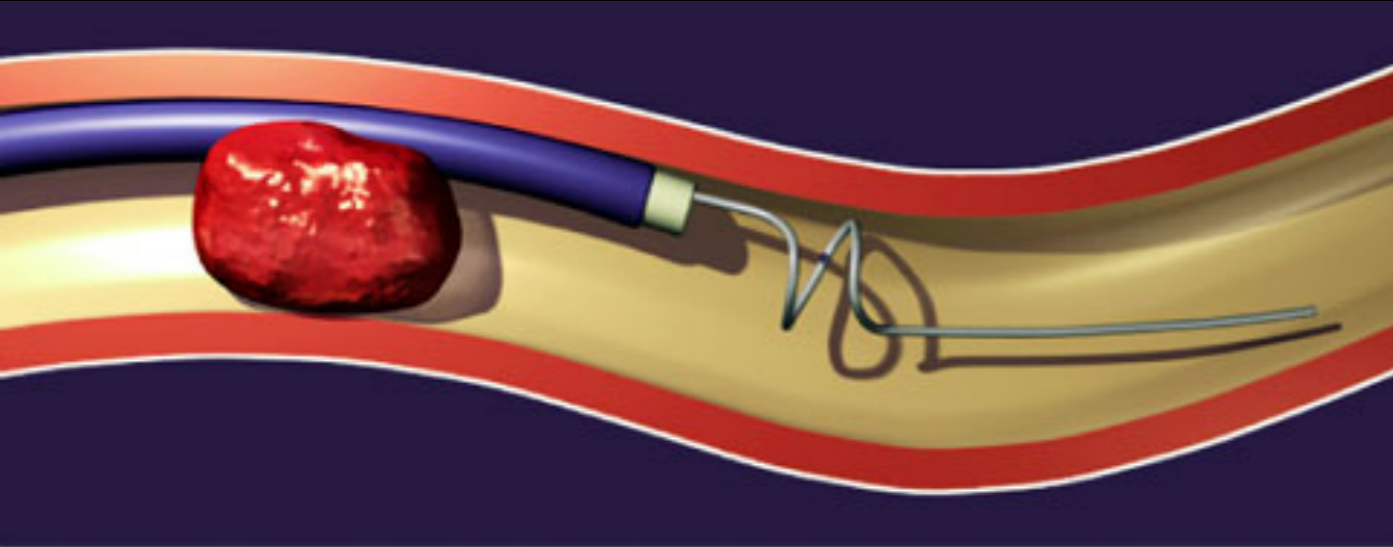
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***For Many Strokes, There's an  
Effective Treatment. Why Aren't  
Some Doctors Offering It?***



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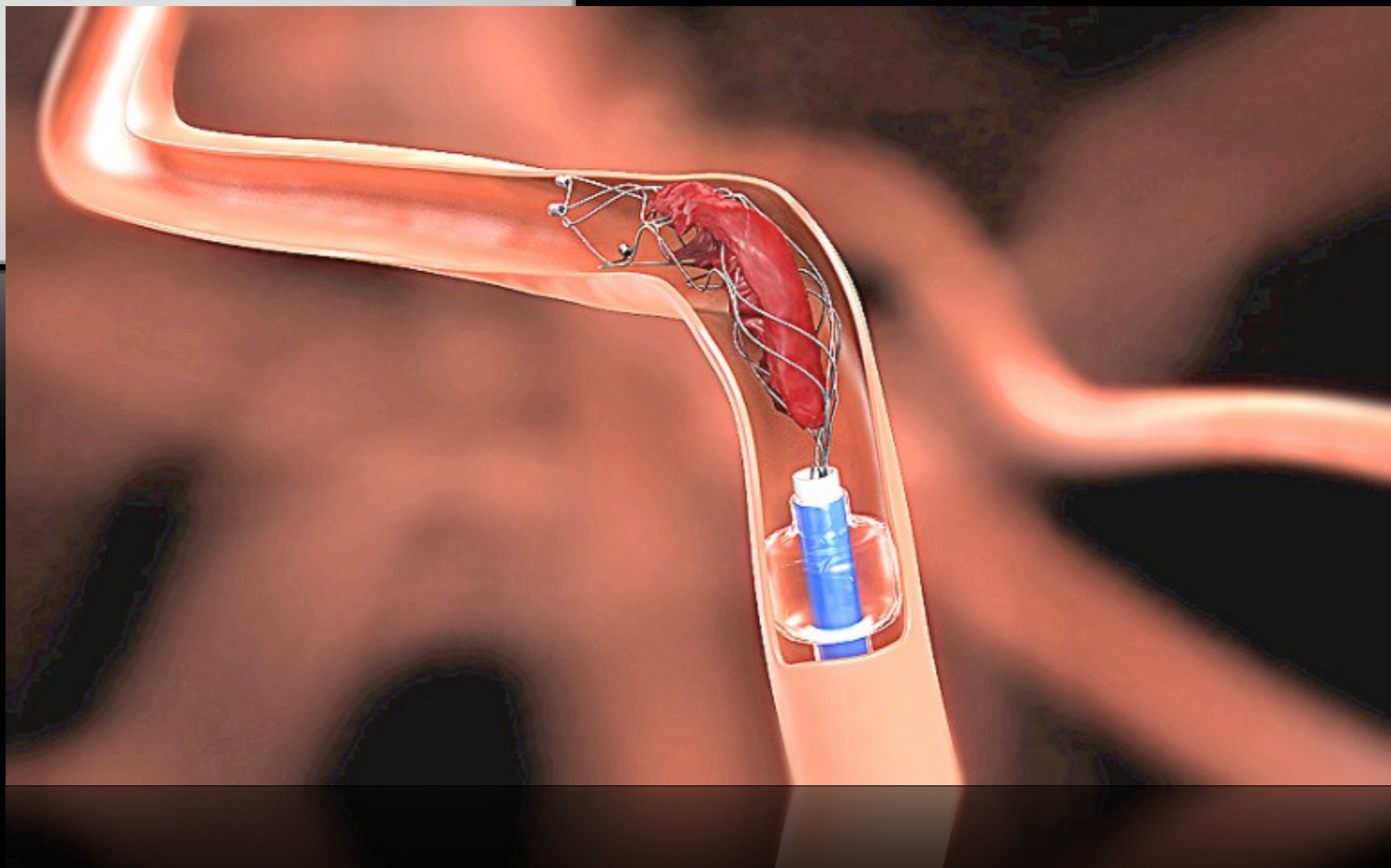
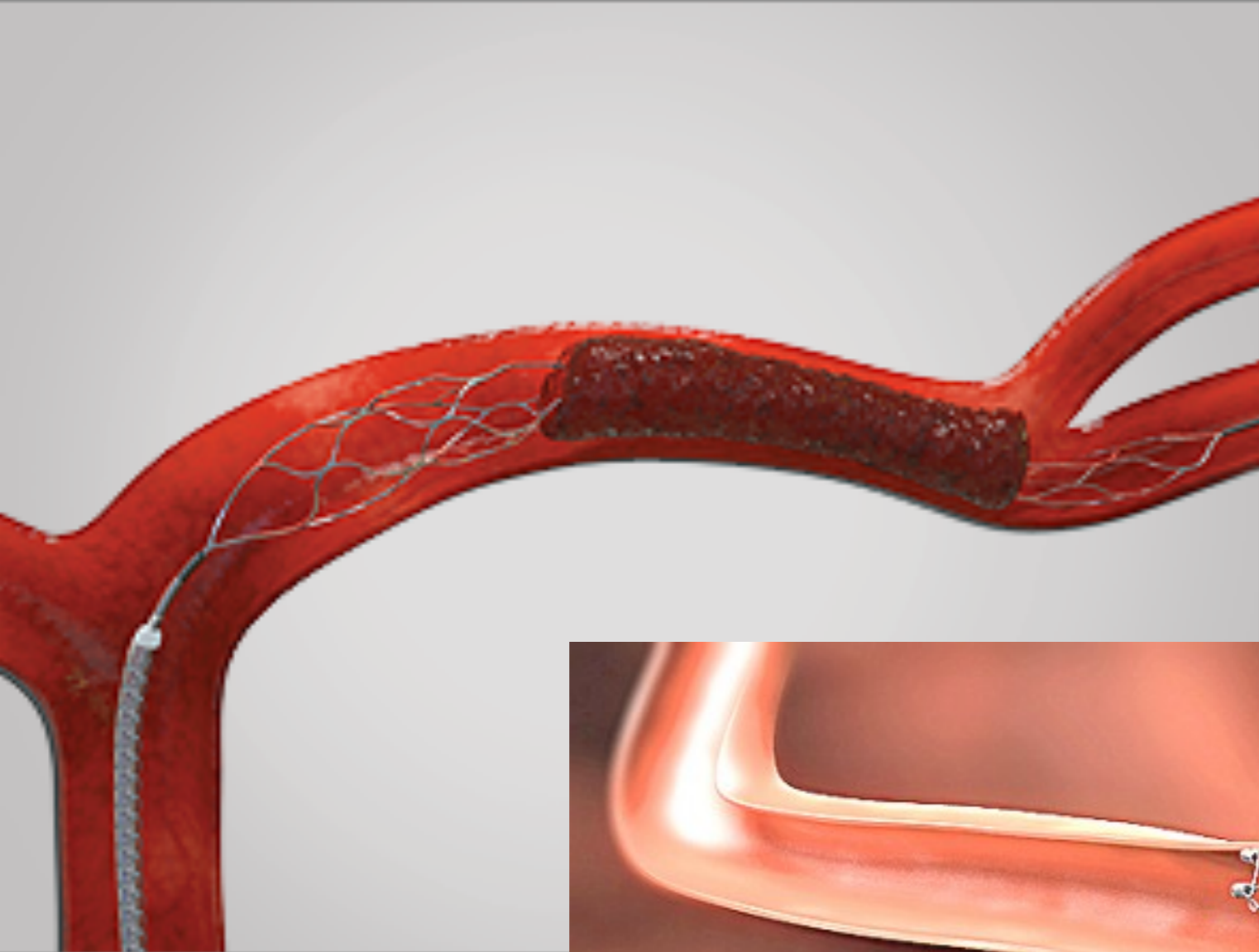


# Endovascular Treatment for Acute Ischemic Stroke — Still Unproven

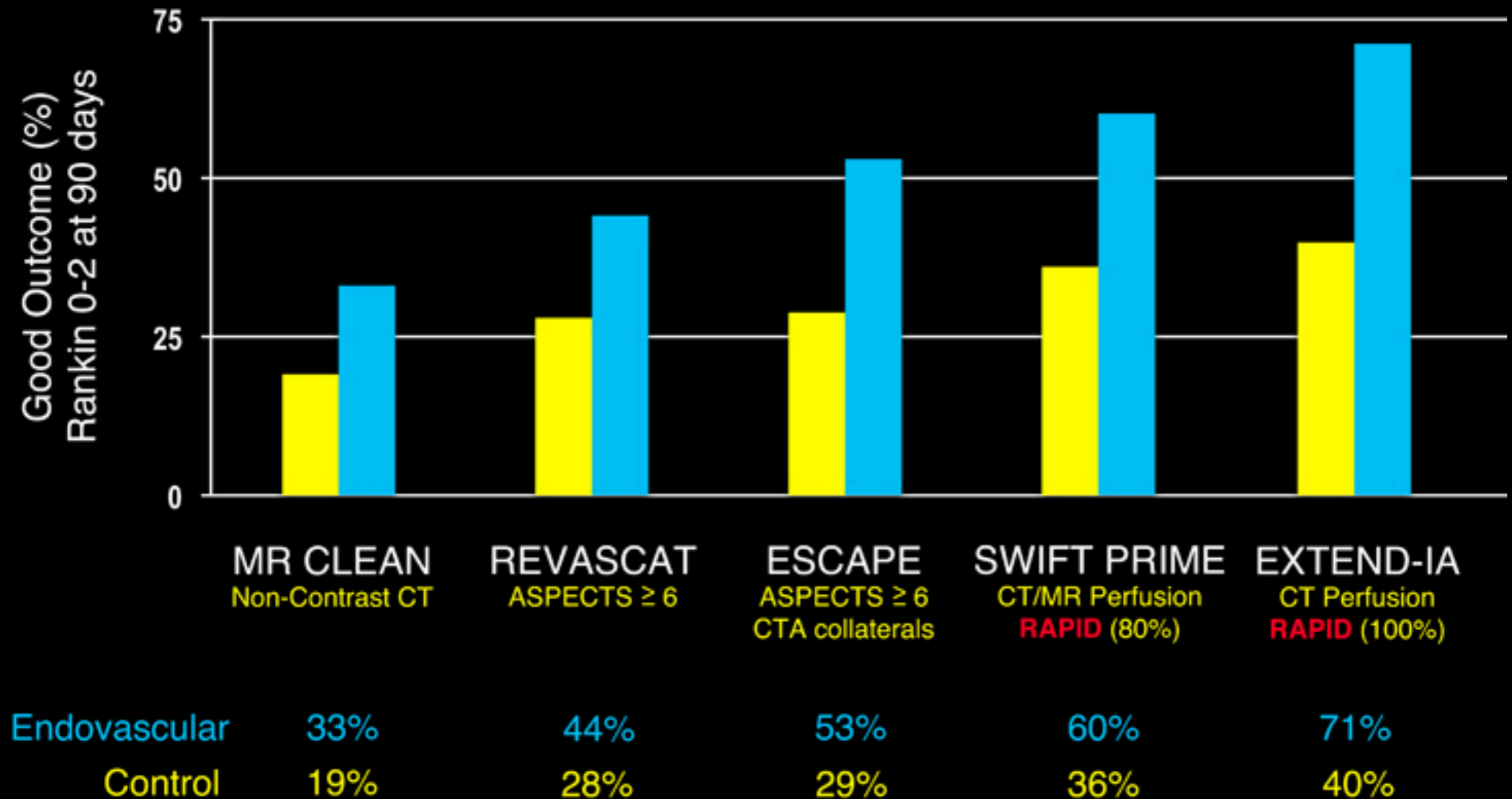
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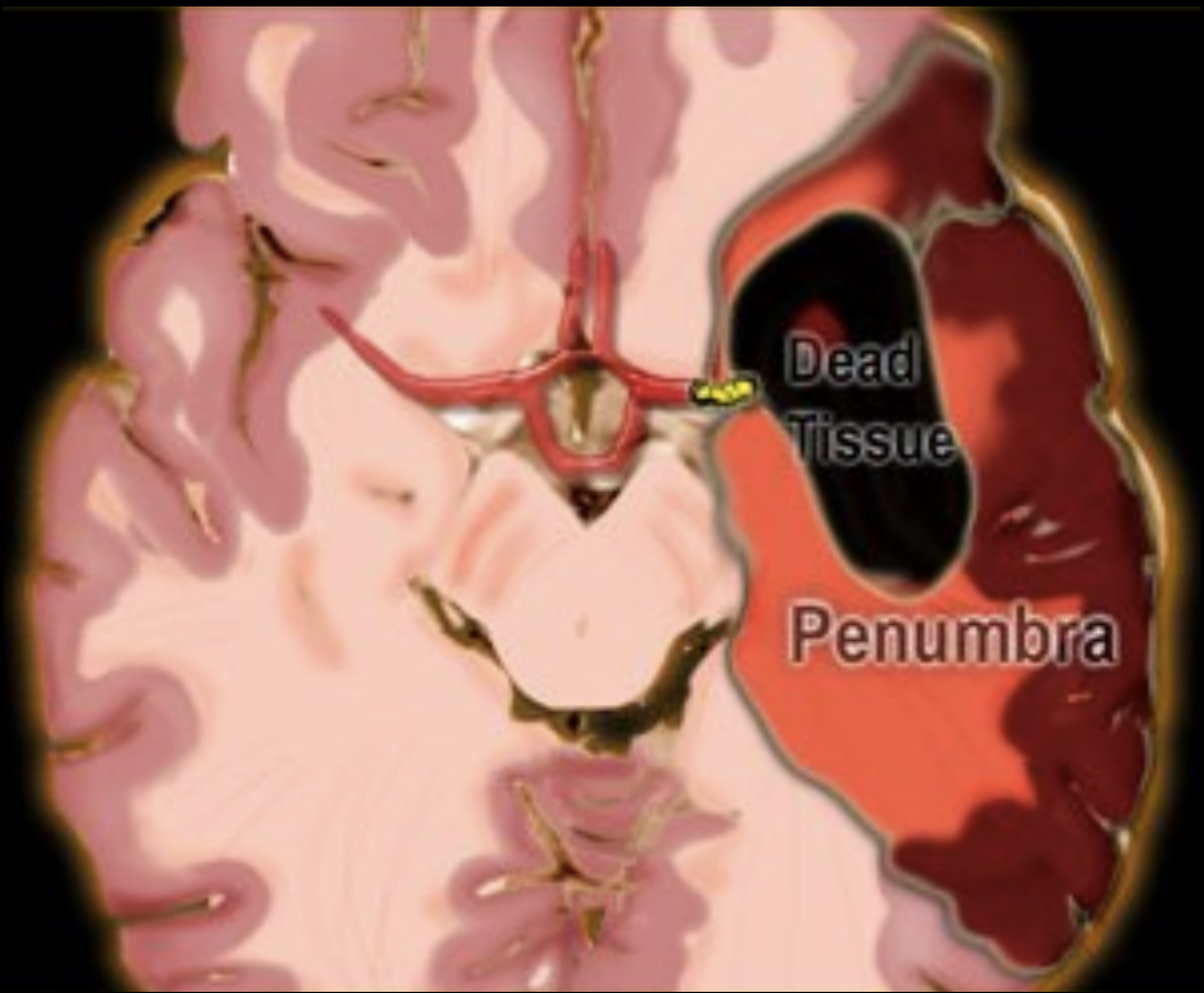
**Table 1.** Key Features and Results of Trials Comparing Endovascular Procedures with Medical Treatment for Acute Ischemic Stroke.\*

Trial	No. of Patients and Sites	Enrollment Period	Key Patient Characteristics	Test Treatment†
IMS III <sup>7</sup>	656 Patients enrolled (target, 900) at 58 sites	2006–2012	NIHSS score, $\geq 10$ ¶; anterior or posterior circulation; 92% of 306 patients who underwent baseline CT angiography had large-artery occlusions	IV t-PA followed by endovascular therapy
SYNTHESIS Expansion <sup>8</sup>	362 Patients enrolled at 24 sites	2008–2012	No limit on NIHSS score; anterior or posterior circulation; no data on percentage of patients with large-artery occlusions	Endovascular therapy
MR RESCUE <sup>9</sup>	127 Patients enrolled at 22 sites but analysis restricted to 118 patients	2004–2011	NIHSS score, 6–29; large-vessel occlusion involving anterior circulation (ICA, M1, M2) required; 58% had favorable penumbral pattern	Endovascular therapy; 43.8% of patients in this group also initially received IV t-PA



## RANDOMIZED ENDOVASCULAR TRIAL RESULTS

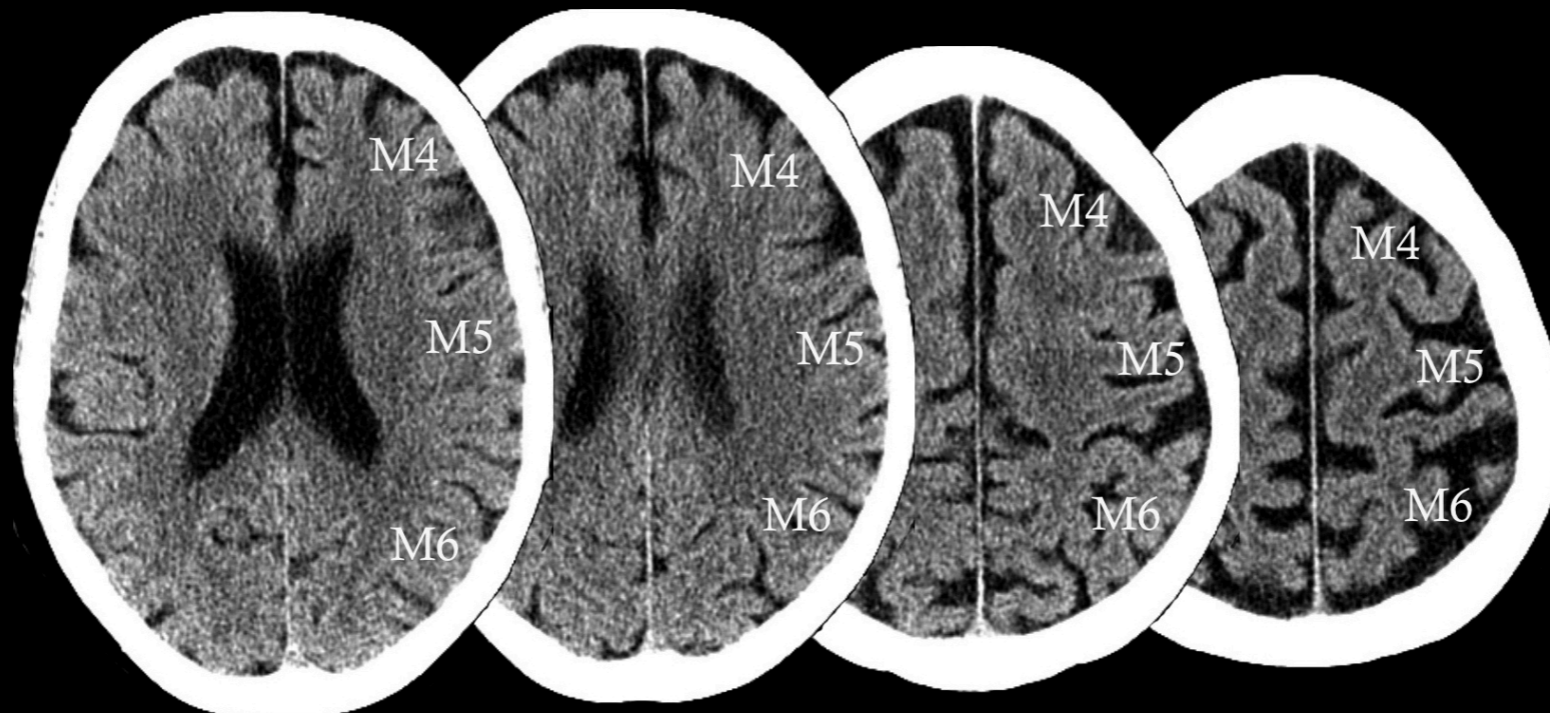
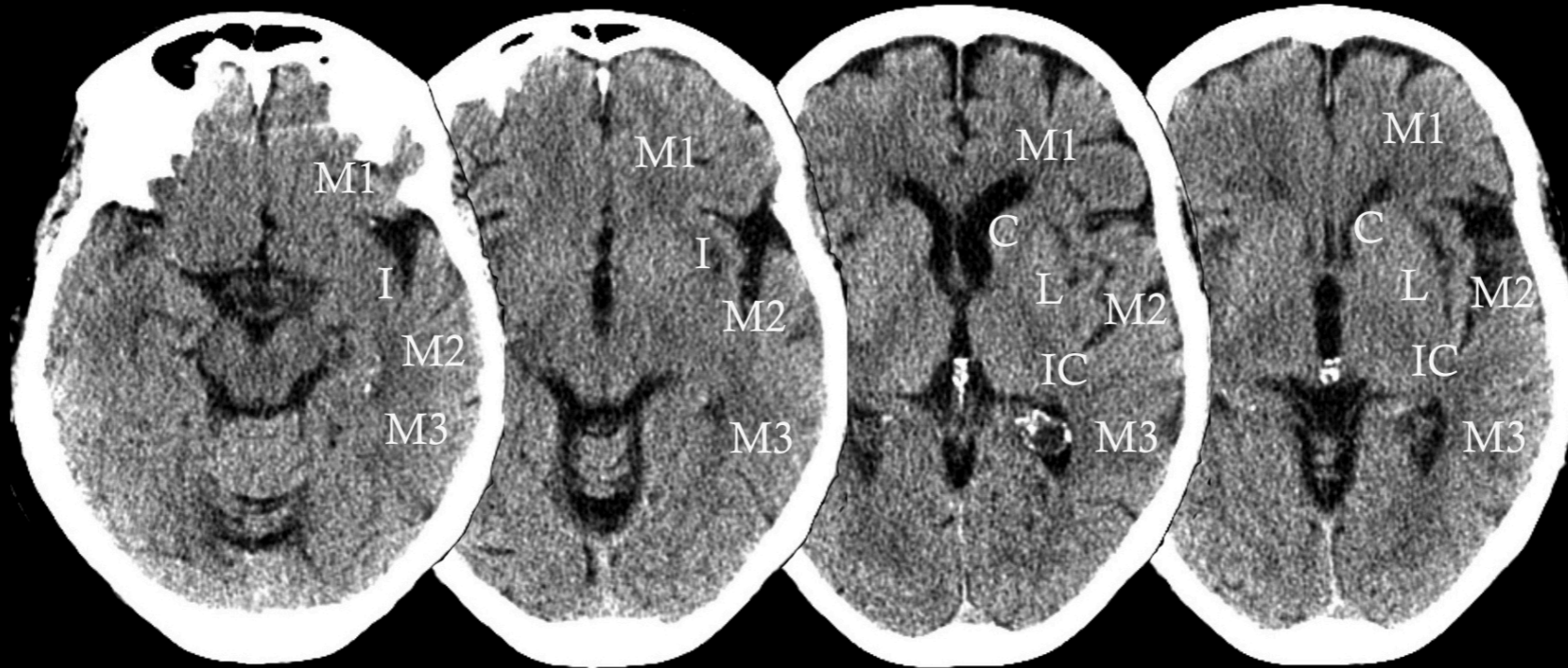




Dead  
Tissue

Penumbra

## Ganglionic Level

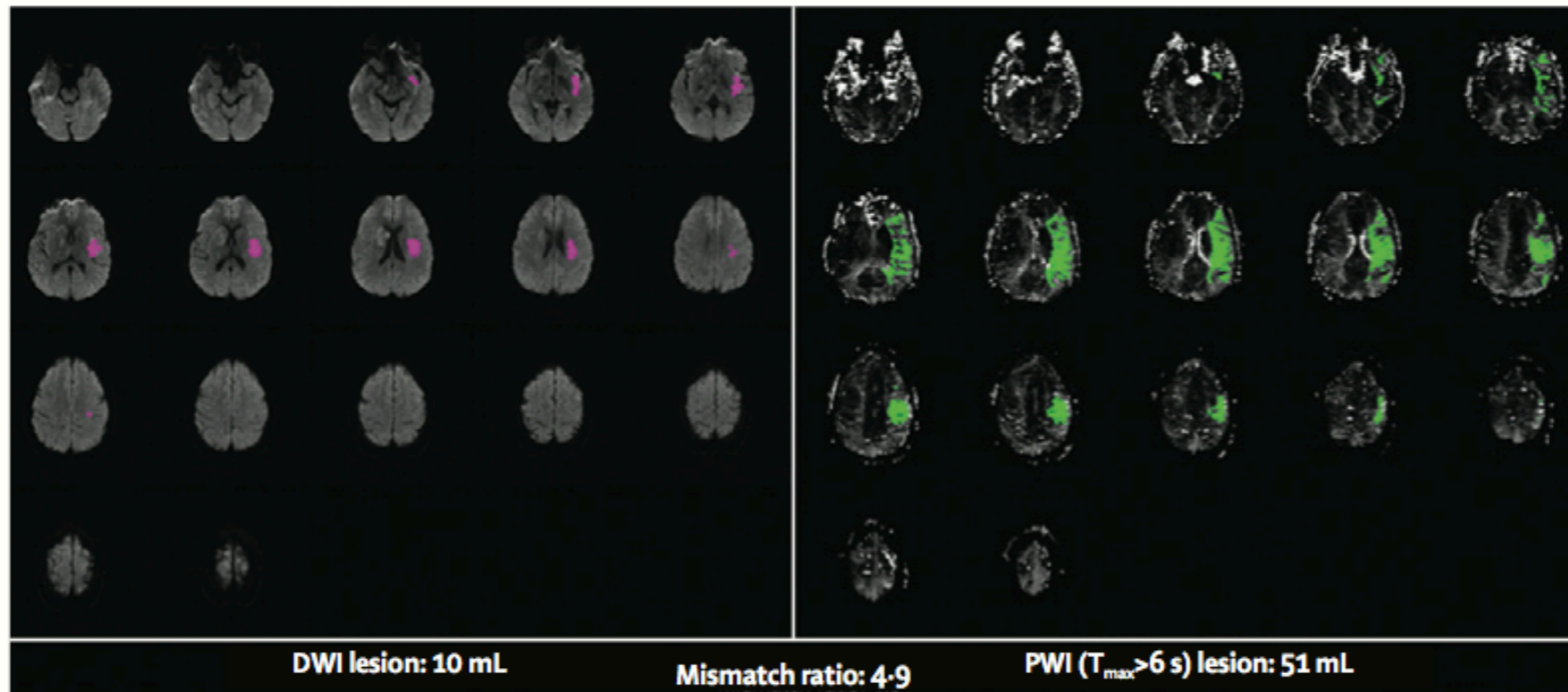
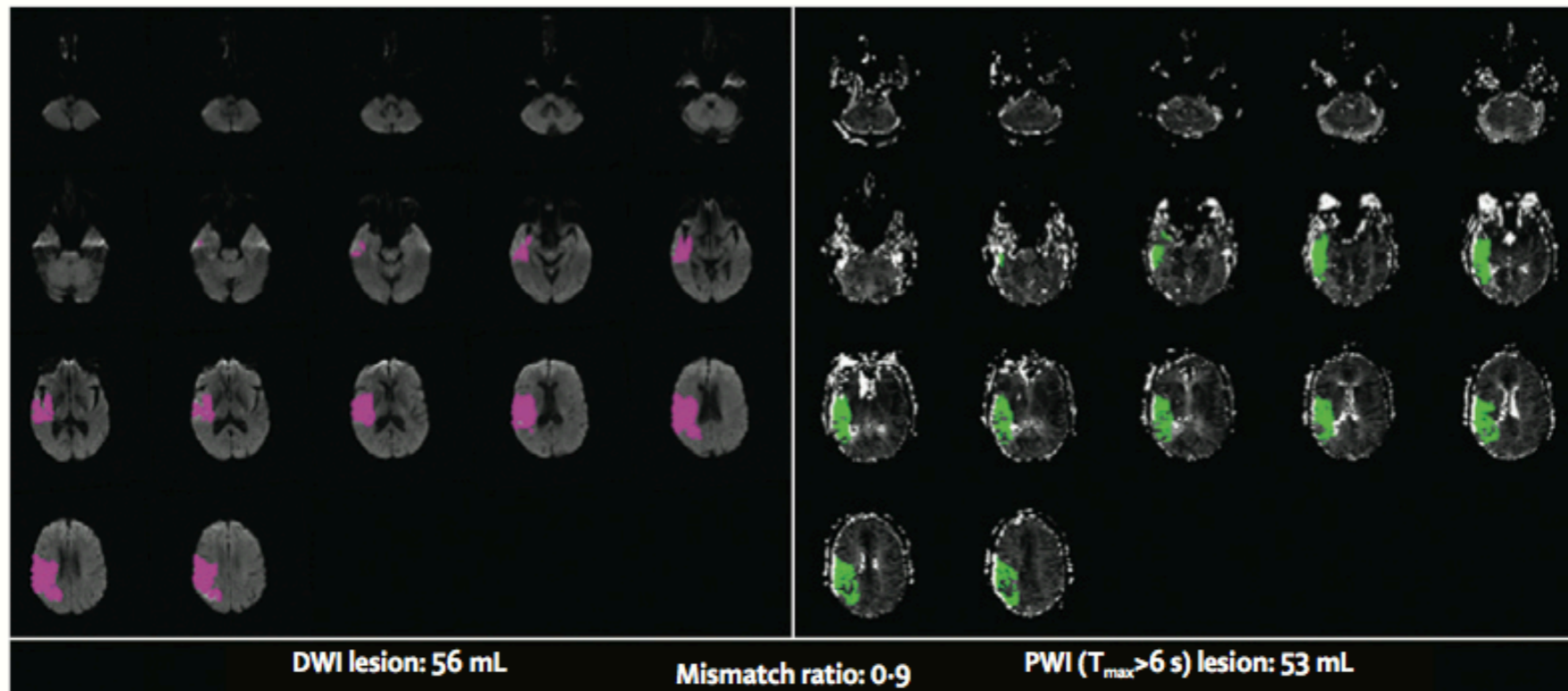


## Supraganglionic Level

**A**

Diffusion-weighted MRI

Perfusion-weighted MRI

**B**

## **AHA/ASA Guideline**

# **2015 AHA/ASA Focused Update of the 2013 Guidelines for the Early Management of Patients With Acute Ischemic Stroke Regarding Endovascular Treatment**

**Patients With Acute Ischemic Stroke Regarding Endovascular Treatment**

**Endorsed by AANS, CNS, ASN, SVIN**



# Door-to-Needle Times for Tissue Plasminogen Activator Administration and Clinical Outcomes in Acute Ischemic Stroke Before and After a Quality Improvement Initiative

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Advance hospital notification by EMS  
Rapid triage protocol and stroke notification  
Single call activation system  
Stroke tools



Rapid acquisition/interpretation of imaging

Rapid lab testing

Mix tPA ahead of time

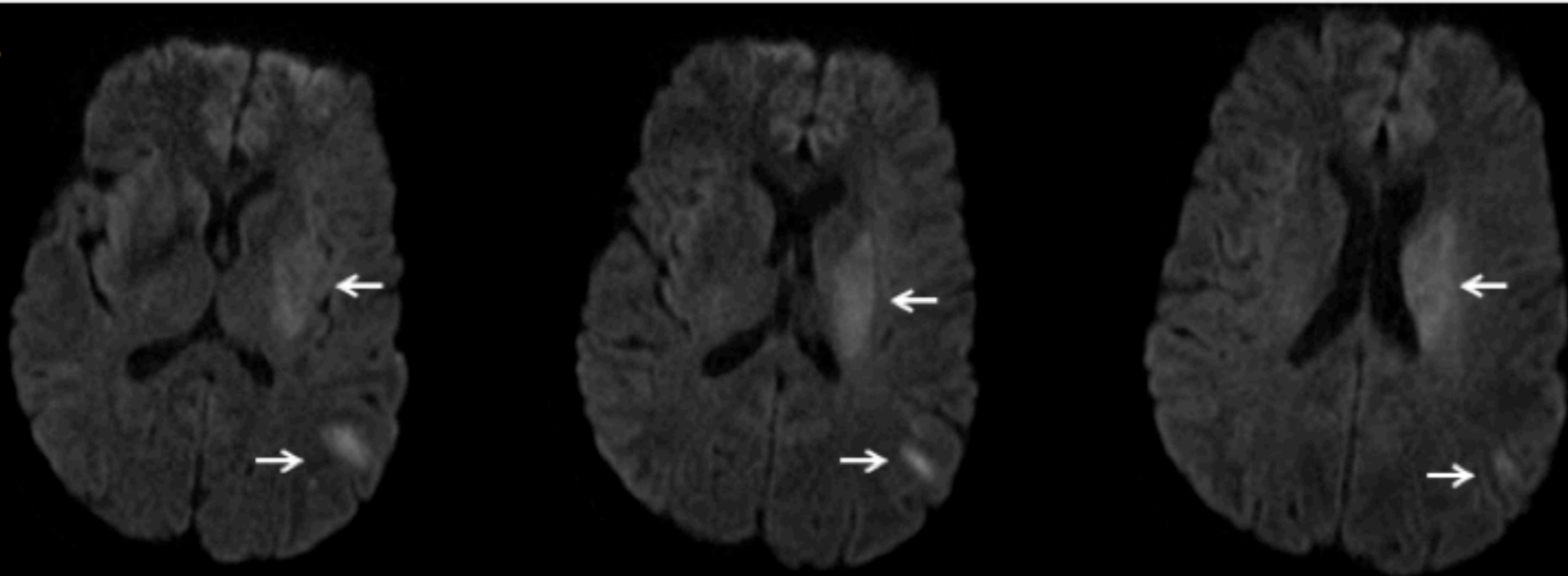
Rapid access to IV tPA

Team-based approach

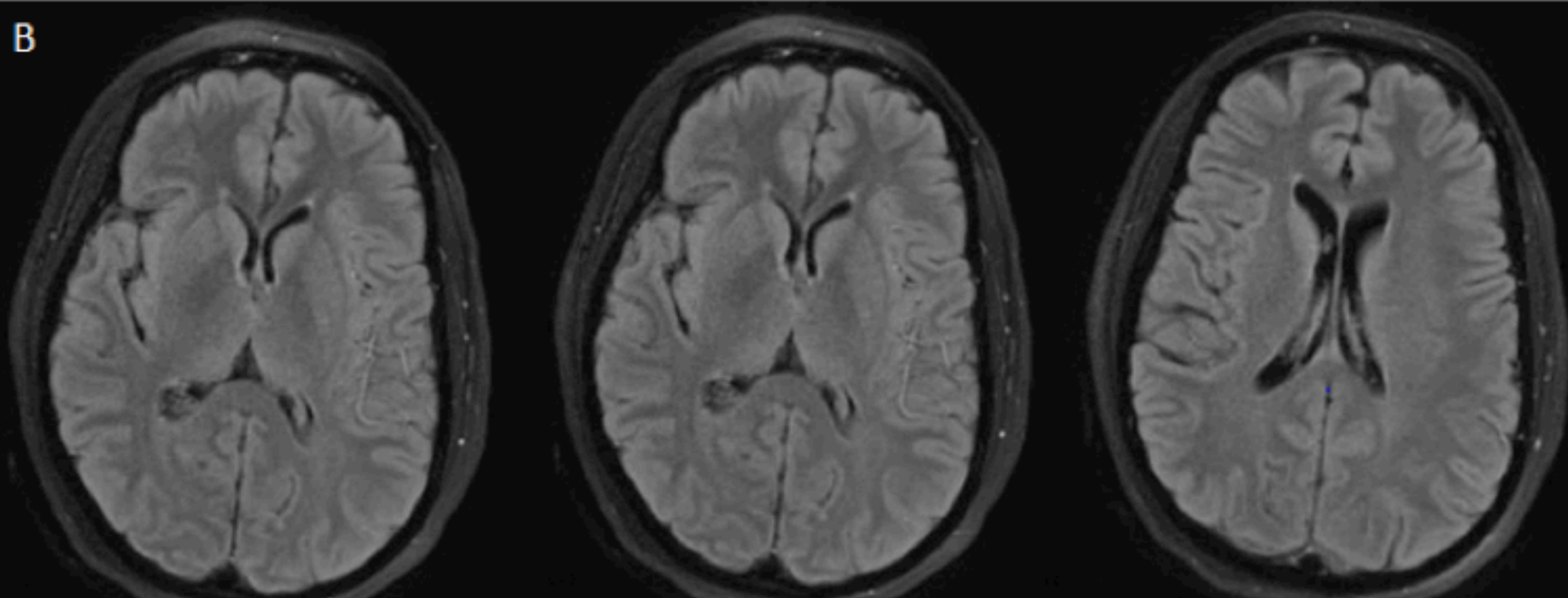
Prompt data feedback



A



B





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# IV Alteplase in MR-Selected Patients With Stroke of Unknown Onset is Safe and Feasible:

## Results of the Multicenter MR WITNESS Trial (NCT01282242)

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Presenting on behalf of my Co-PIs Drs. Wu, Warach, Latour, Song and all the MR WITNESS Trial Investigators

WAKE-UP

ECASS-4

EXTEND

I WITNESS

DAWN

POSITIVE



# “DAWN”

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Thrombectomy 6 to 24 Hours after Stroke  
with a Mismatch between Deficit and Infarct

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Thrombectomy for Stroke at 6 to 16 Hours  
with Selection by Perfusion Imaging





# **Interhospital Transfer Prior to Thrombectomy is Associated with Delayed Treatment and Worse Outcome in the STRATIS Registry**

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**Bypass analysis:**

**tPA delay 12 minutes, ET 91 minutes sooner**

11. Exam:

**Look for Obvious Asymmetry**

**Normal**

**Right**

**Left**

Facial Smile/Grimace:

☐

☐ Droop

☐ Droop

Grip:

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☐ Weak

☐ Weak

Arm Strength:

☐

☐ Drifts Down

☐ Drifts Down

Speech:

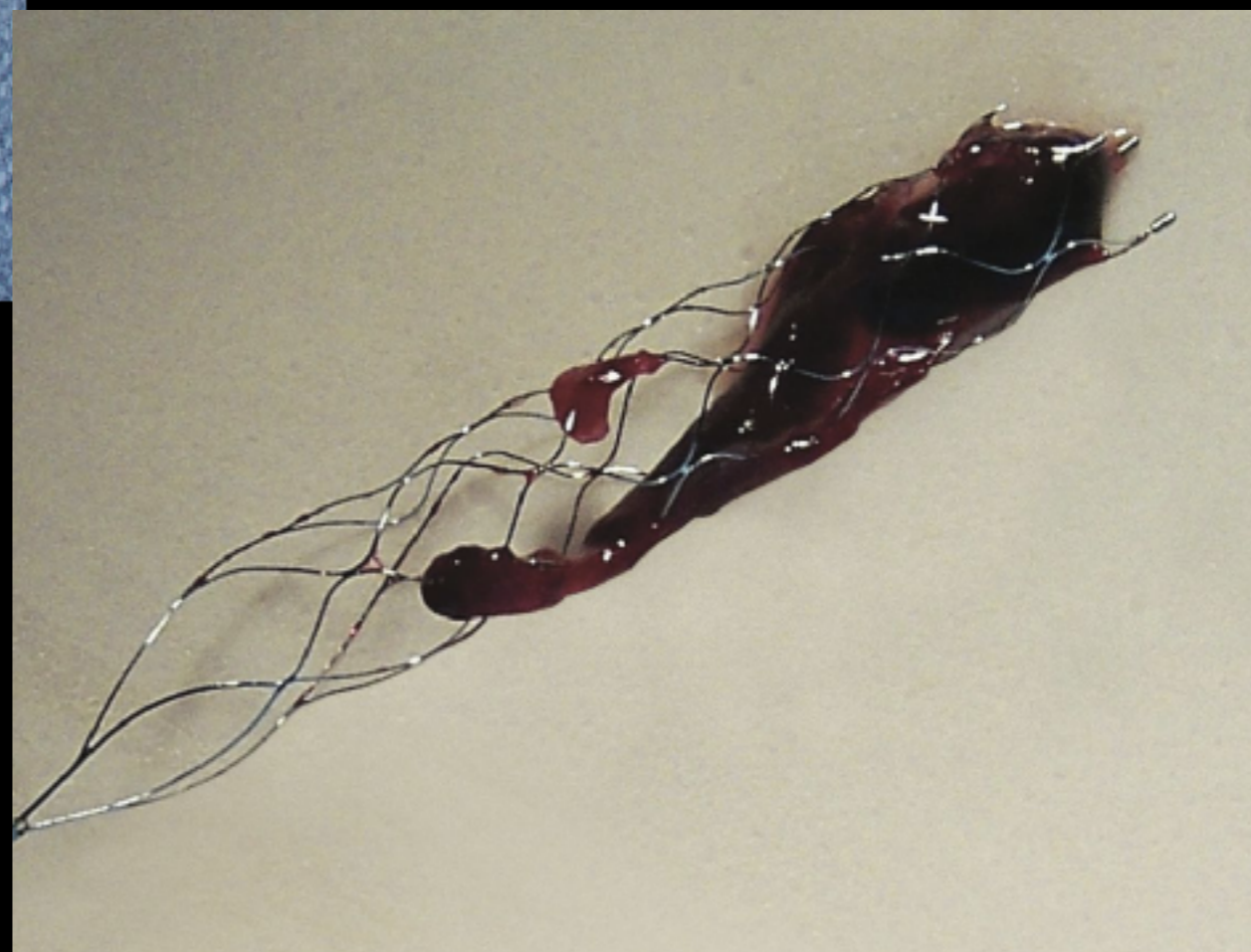
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☐ Abnormal

Based on exam, patient has only unilateral (not both sides) weakness:

Los Angeles Motor Scale - 8 components

South Carolina R.A.C.E. Stroke Scale - 17 components



## Original Contributions

Improved door-to-needle times and neurologic outcomes when intravenous tissue plasminogen activator is administered by emergency physicians with advanced neuroscience training☆☆☆

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**Neuro ED**  
**DTN 35 from 83**  
**Discharge NIHSS lower**  
**More patients go home**

Integrated approach improves outcomes

Watch the data for wake up strokes

Watch the data for transfer strategies



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