

# Comprehensive Review of the Sentinel Cerebral Embollic Protection Program

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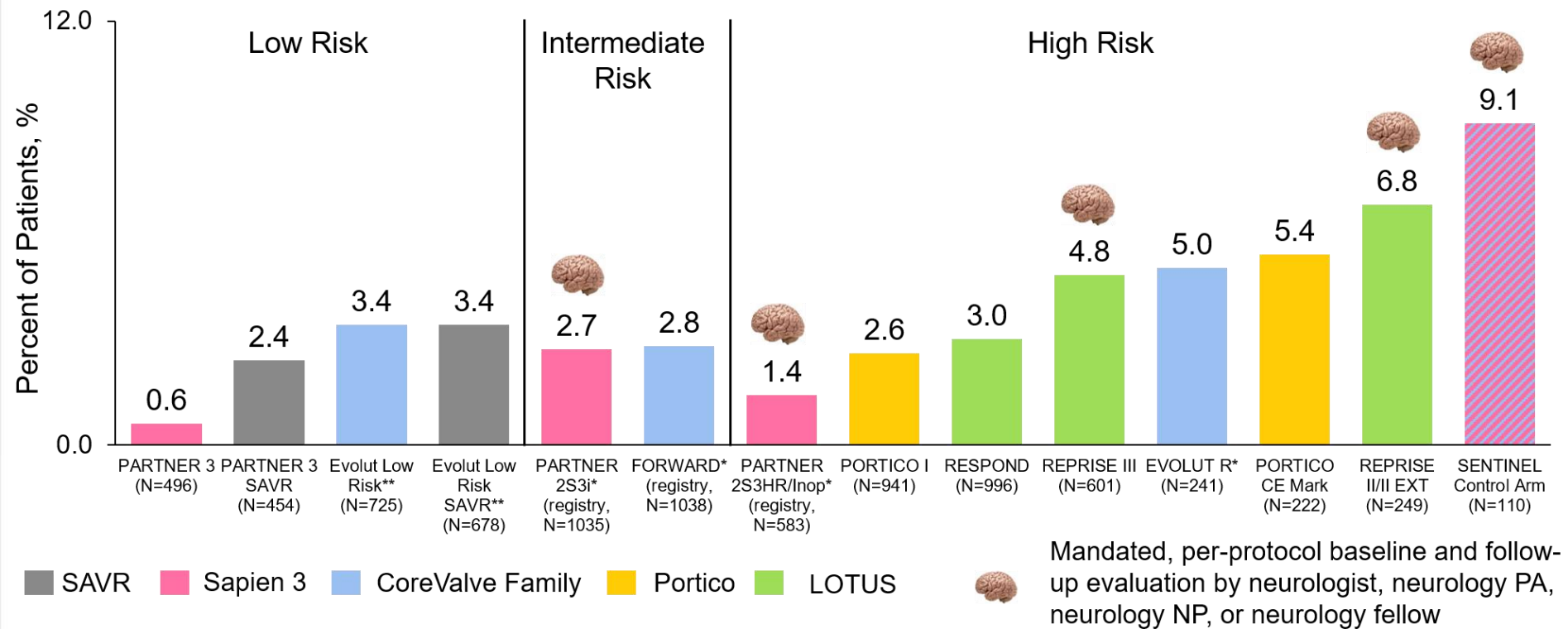
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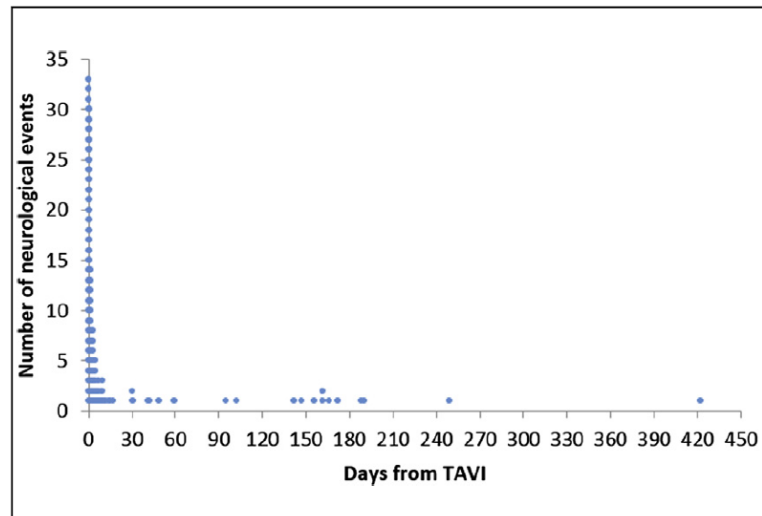
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# Stroke remains an issue in contemporary TAVR trials



\*Kaplan Meier estimates; \*\*Bayesian estimate; PA=physician assistant; NP=nurse practitioner; SENTINEL: Kapadia JACC 2017 (95% of patients were evaluated pre- and post-TAVR by neurologists, and stroke neurologists were on the CEC); Evolut Low Risk: Popma NEJM 2019 (<2% of TAVR patients received an embolic protection device); PARTNER 3: Mack NEJM 2019; PORTICO CE Mark: Linke, Circ Cardiovasc Interv 2018 (Supplement); ; PORTICO I: Sondergaard JACC 2018; EVOLUT R: Popma, JACC Cardiovasc Interv 2017; FORWARD: Grube, JACC 2017 (an embolic protection device was used in 4.1% of patients); PARTNER 2S3i: Thourani, Lancet 2016; PARTNER 2S3HR/Inop: Kodali Eur Heart J 2016; REPRISE II/II Ext: Meredith, EuroIntervention 2017; REPRISE III: Feldman JAMA 2018; RESPOND: Van Mieghem, JACC Cardiovasc Interv 2019; Results from different studies are not directly comparable. Information provided for educational purpose only.

# Most Stroke is Related to the Procedure



**FIGURE 1** Timing of Cerebrovascular Events

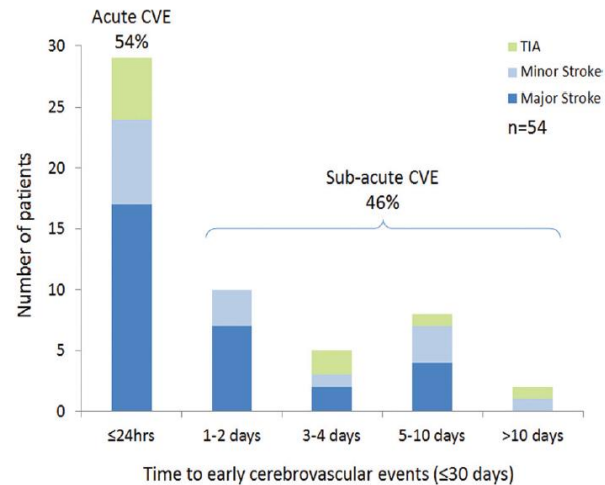
Number of days elapsed from the index procedure before the occurrence of a cerebrovascular event.

FRANCE-2 Registry (n=3,191)<sup>1</sup>

- CVE most frequently occur day 0-1
- >50% are major strokes

## Stroke

Timing, Predictive Factors, and Prognostic Value of Cerebrovascular Events in a Large Cohort of Patients Undergoing Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation



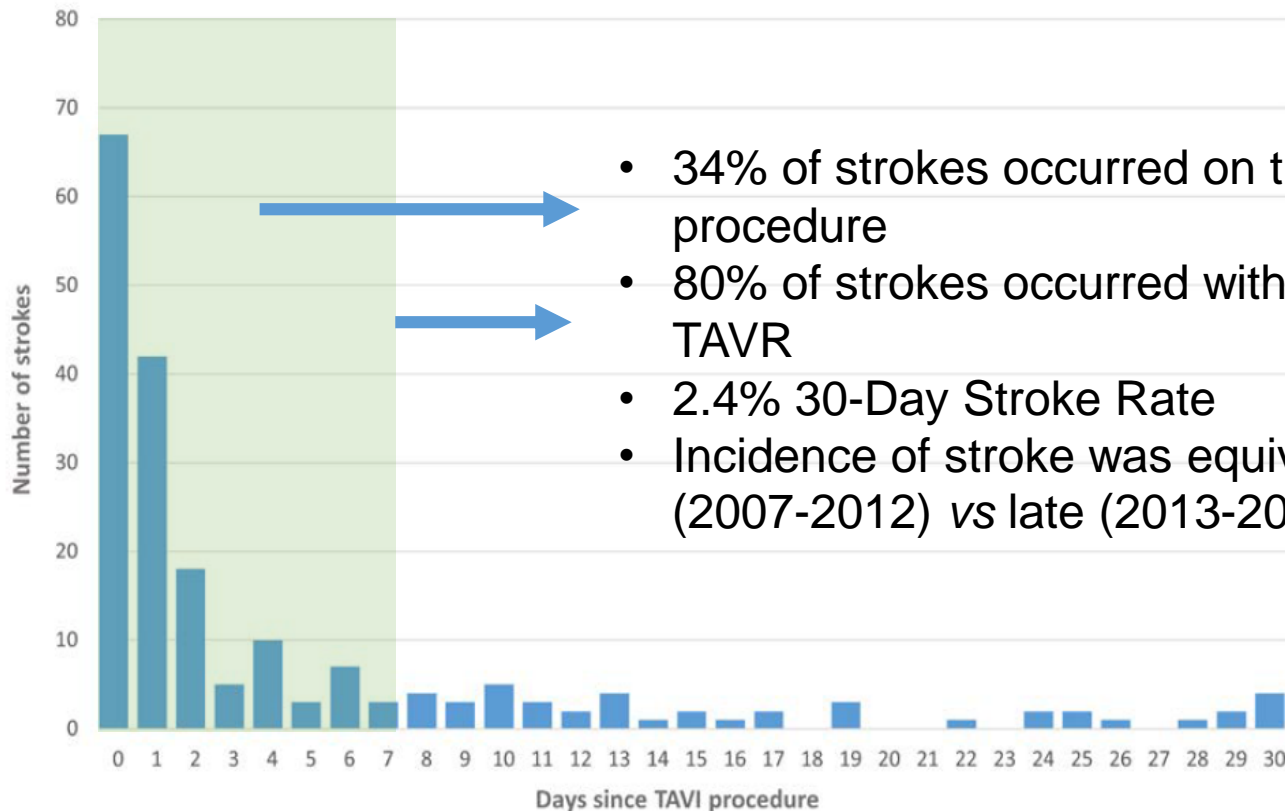
**Figure 2.** Timing of cerebrovascular events (CVEs) within 30 days after transcatheter aortic valve implantation. TIA indicates transient ischemic attack.

Multi-center cohort (n=1,061)<sup>2</sup>

- CVE most frequently occur day 0-1
- >50% are major strokes
- >95% of strokes are ischemic

# 80% of TAVR-Related Stroke Occurred in the First Week After TAVR


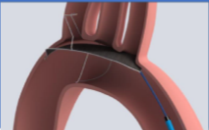


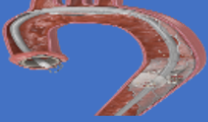
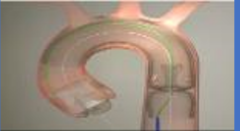
Timing of stroke in the first month after TAVI








- 34% of strokes occurred on the day of the TAVR procedure
- 80% of strokes occurred within the first week after TAVR
- 2.4% 30-Day Stroke Rate
- Incidence of stroke was equivalent in early (2007-2012) vs late (2013-2018) years

N=10982 patients undergoing TF-TAVR with Edwards' balloon-expandable valves or Medtronic self-expanding valves between 2007-2018 from 3 national registries and 7 local registries or prospective clinical trials

# Landscape of cerebral protection devices

Company and Product	Boston Scientific Sentinel CPS 	Keystone TriGuard 	Protembis ProtEmbo CPS 	ICS Emblok 	Filterlex Medical Filterlex 	Emboline Emboliner 
<b>EU Status</b>	CE Mark	CE Mark	FIM Q3'18	FIM Q3 2018 EU Feasibility study underway Q1 2019	Pre-clinical/prototype	CE Mark study FIM Q2 2018
<b>US Status</b>	FDA Clearance June 2017	Reflect II Trial underway, Q2 2019	No IDE yet	IDE planned for Q3'19	No IDE yet	No IDE yet
<b>Access</b>	6 Fr Right Radial	9Fr TF	6 Fr Left Radial	11Fr TF sheath	TF	6Fr TF
<b>Debris</b>	Captures and removes	Deflects downstream	Deflects downstream	Captures and removes	Dual deflector/capture system	Dual deflector/capture system
<b>Placement and interaction with TAVR devices</b>	Not in aortic arch	Sits in aortic arch. Devices must pass over and back across	Sits in aortic arch. Devices must pass over and back across	Sits in ascending aorta Devices must pass over and back across	Sits in aortic arch. Device must pass over and back across	Sits in aortic arch. Device must pass over and back across

# Landscape of cerebral protection devices continued

Company And Product	Transverse Medical PointGuard 	Edwards Embrella 	CardiOptis Embolisher 	Capricon 	TransAortic Capture System 
<b>EU Status</b>	No CE Mark	CE Mark	Pre-clinical/prototype	Pre-clinical/prototype	Pre-clinical/prototype
<b>US Status</b>	No IDE yet	No IDE planned	No IDE yet	No IDE yet	No IDE yet
<b>Access</b>	TF	Right Radial	TF	TF - no other data avail	TF – no other data avail
<b>Debris</b>	Deflects downstream	Deflects downstream	Captures and removes	Deflector? Capture system?	Deflector?
<b>Placement and interaction with TAVR devices</b>	Sits in aortic arch. Devices must pass over and back across	Sits in aortic arch. Devices must pass over and back across	Placed in in aortic arch; device must pass over and back across	Appears to sit in the arch. Device must pass over and back across	Sits in aortic arch. Device must pass over and back across

# SENTINEL Cerebral Protection System (CPS)



- Two independent filters capture & remove embolic material
- Polyurethane filter, pore size = 140  $\mu\text{m}$
- Standard right trans-radial sheath access (6F)
- One size accommodates most vessel sizes; fits ~90% of anatomies
- Deflectable compound-curve catheter facilitates cannulation of LCC
- Minimal profile in aortic arch (little interaction with other devices)

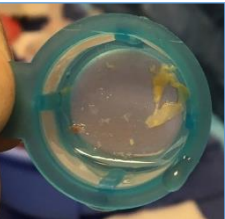




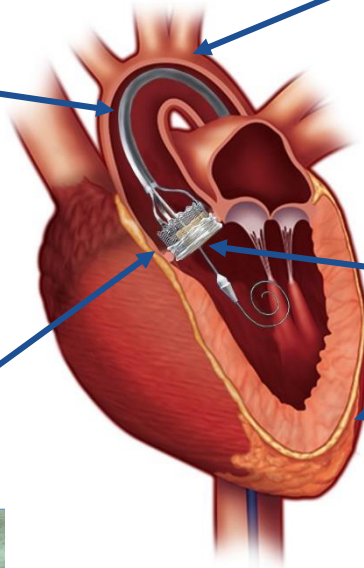
# Sources of Debris During TAVR



ASCENDING ARCH  
Arterial wall, calcific  
and atherosclerotic  
material



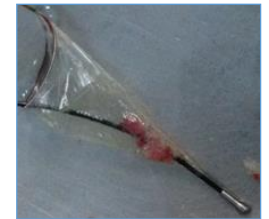
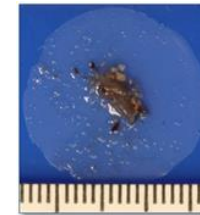
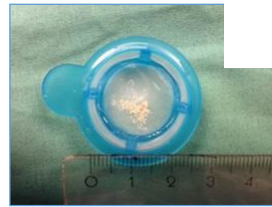
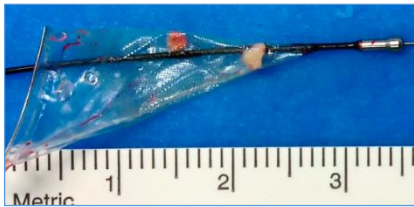
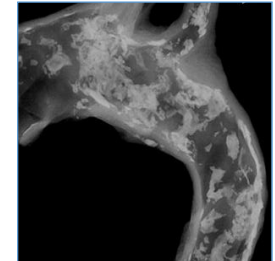
STENOTIC VALVE  
Leaflet tissue and  
calcific deposits



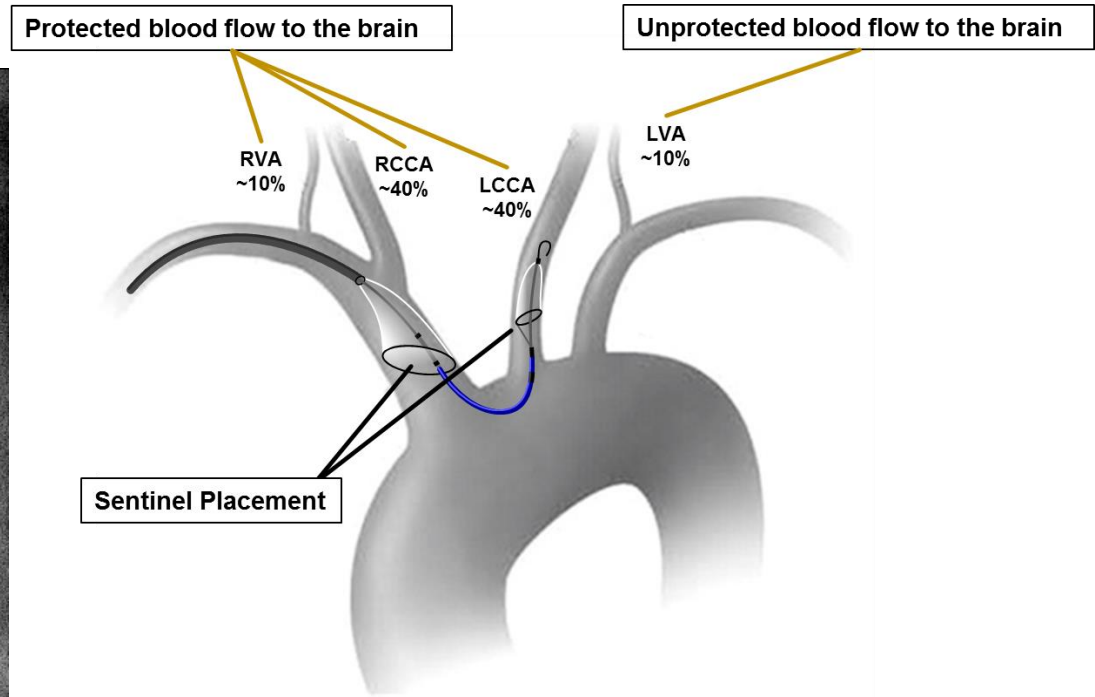
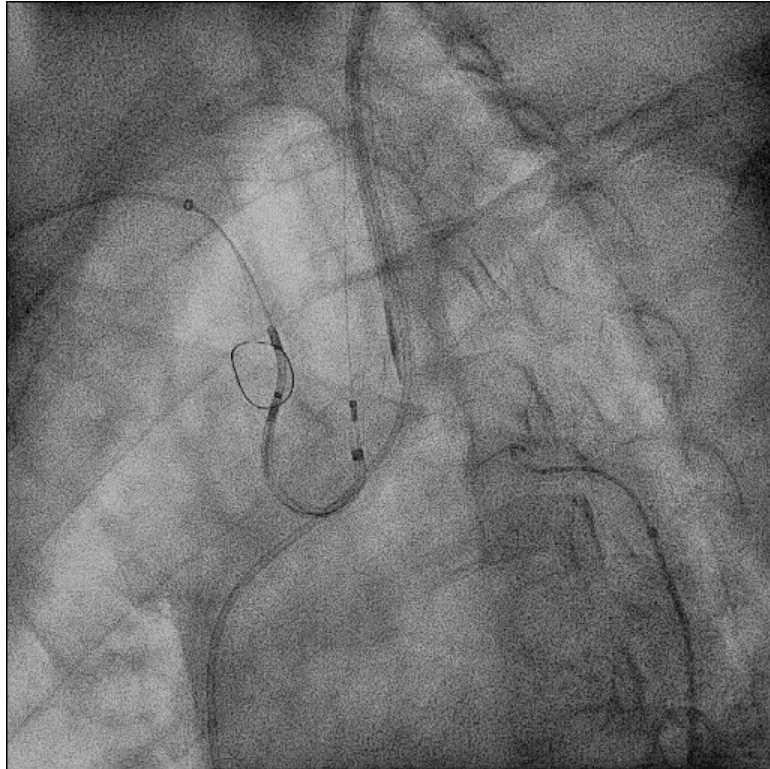
TRANSVERSE ARCH  
Arterial wall, calcific  
and atherosclerotic  
material

TAVR DEVICES  
Foreign material

NATIVE HEART  
Myocardium



# SENTINEL CPS Filters >90% of Blood Flow to Brain



Zhao M, et al. *AJNR* 2007

# SENTINEL CPS leads the way with clinical evidence for embolic protection in TAVR

Study	Principal Investigator	Location	# Patients	Trial Type	Procedure	Data
<b>First in Man</b>	Prof. Christoph Naber	3 centers in Brazil & Germany	40	Registry	TAVR (CoreValve & Sapien)	EuroIntervention March 2012
<b>MISTRAL-I</b>	Dr. Nicolas Van Mieghem	Rotterdam, Netherlands	40	Registry	TAVR (CoreValve & Sapien)	Circulation October 2013
<b>CLEAN-TAVI</b>	Prof. Axel Linke	Leipzig University, Germany	100	Randomized	TAVR (CoreValve)	JAMA August 2016
<b>MISTRAL-C</b>	Dr. Nicolas Van Mieghem	4 centers in Netherlands	74	Randomized	TAVR (Sapien 3)	Eurointervention June 2016
<b>SENTINEL-H</b>	Prof. Christoph Naber	10 centers in Europe	220	Registry	TAVR (All-comers)	Presented at EuroPCR 2016
<b>SENTINEL IDE</b>	Dr. Susheel Kodali, Dr. Samir Kapadia Prof. Axel Linke	17 centers in USA & 2 in Germany	363	Randomized	TAVR (Sapien XT, Sapien 3, CoreValve, EvolutR)	JACC Jan 2017
<b>SENTINEL-Ulm</b>	Prof. Jochen Wöhrle	University of Ulm	560	Registry Propensity- Score Matched	TAVR (All-comers)	JACC: CVInt 2017
<b>Patient-level Meta-analysis</b>	PD Dr. Julia Seeger	19 centers world-wide	1306	Propensity – score matched	TAVR (All-comers)	European Heart Journal 2019

## Consistent “Real-World” Single Center Experience

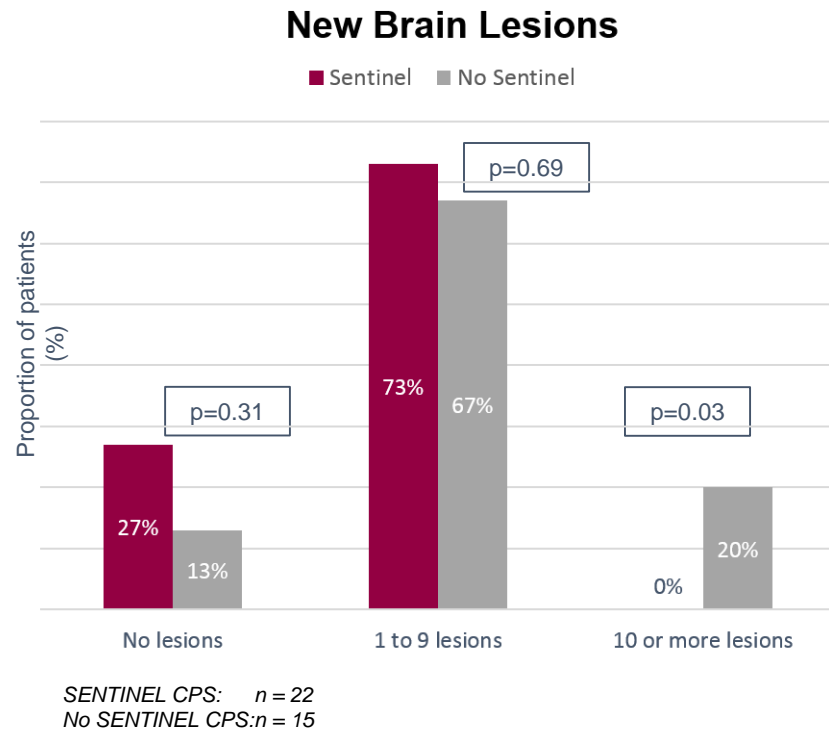
- SENTINEL CPS in real-world practice is consistently associated with a reduction in clinically assessed neurological events.
- Data from more than 2,000 TAVR patients across three independent centers show reproducible results.

Study Center • Total N • Timing	Unprotected TAVR Patients Neurological Event Rate % (n/N)	SENTINEL TAVR Patients Neurological Event Rate % (n/N)	Relative Risk Reduction (RRR)	Number-needed-to-treat (NNT) to avoid one event	Notes
Ulm University <sup>1</sup> • N=560 • May 2017	4.6% (13/280)	1.4% (4/280)	70%	21	Propensity-score-matched All-stroke at 7-days
Erasmus and University Med Centers in Rotterdam and Groningen <sup>2</sup> • N=1047 • June 2018	5.4% (32/589)	1.4% (7/485)	74%	25	All-stroke + TIA at 3-days
	3.6% (21/589)	0.8% (4/485)	78%	36	Disabling stroke at 3-days
Cedars Sinai <sup>3</sup> • N=618 • Sep 2018	4.9% (8/162)	1.1% (5/456)	78%	26	All-stroke at 7-days

<sup>1</sup>Seeger J, et al. *JACC Cardiovasc Interv.* 2017 Nov 27;10(22):2297-2303; <sup>2</sup>Van Mieghem N, presented at TVT 2018, manuscript in preparation; <sup>3</sup>Chakravarty T, presented at TCT 2018, manuscript in preparation

# When SENTINEL is used, twice as many patients had no new lesions and zero patients had 10 or more lesions

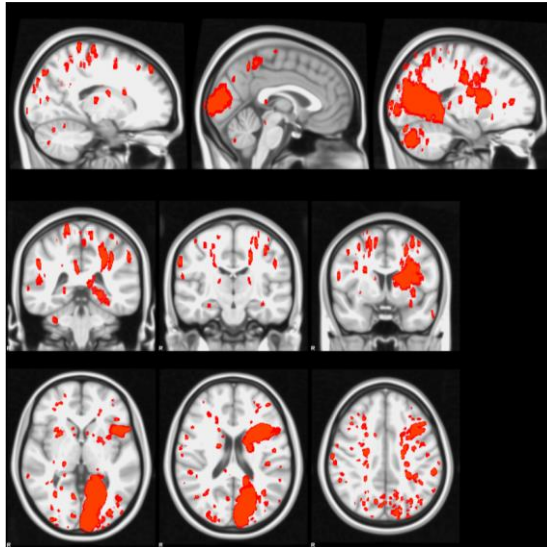
- In **MISTRAL-C**, twice as many SENTINEL CPS-protected patients had zero new lesions vs patients not protected with SENTINEL CPS (27% vs 13%).
- When SENTINEL CPS was NOT used, 20% of patients had 10 or more lesions compared to 0% when SENTINEL CPS was used.



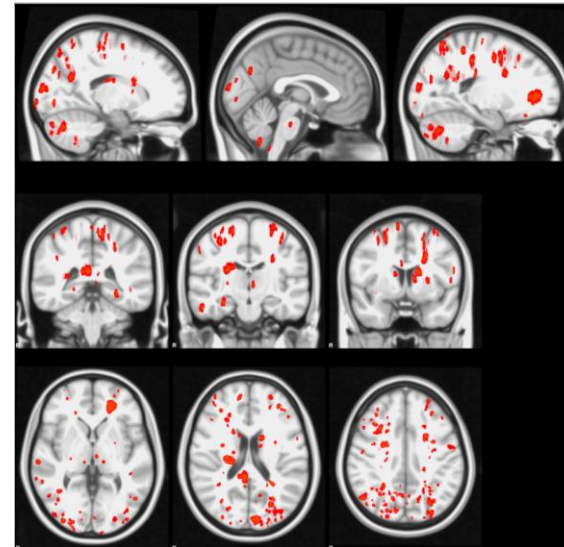


# CLEAN-TAVI: Effective protection

Control group (no filters)



Test group (filters)



Representative slices from each of the orthogonal planes showing new lesions at 2d from each arm of the CLEAN-TAVI randomized trial which evaluated use of the SENTINEL™ Cerebral Protection System in TAVR.

# Protection offers consistent reductions in new lesion volumes

1. **MISTRAL-C<sup>1</sup> - 65 patients RCT in 5 Dutch Centers**
  - PI: Dr Van Mieghem
  - 3T MRI assessment at baseline & 2-5 days
  - **52% reduction** in new lesion volume in whole brain

2. **CLEAN-TAVI<sup>2</sup> – 100 Patients RCT in Single Center**
  - PI: Prof Linke
  - 3T MRI assessment at baseline, 2 days, 7 days
  - **41% reduction** in new lesion volume in whole brain

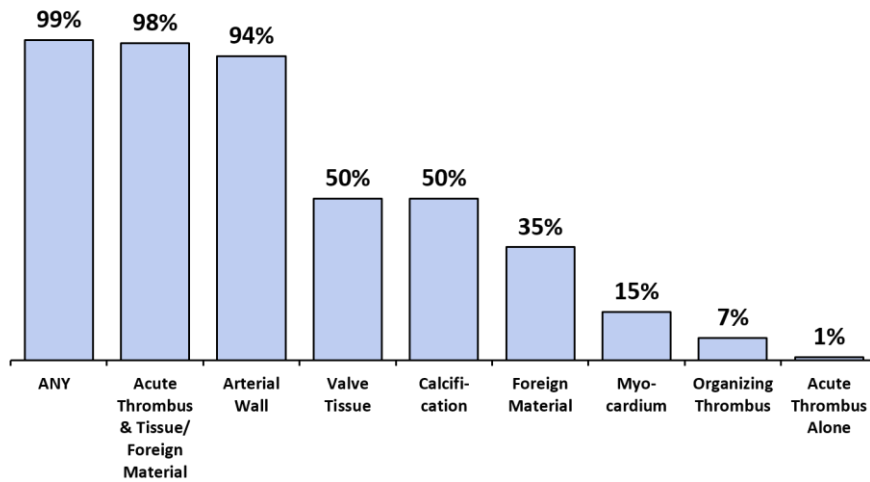
3. **SENTINEL<sup>3</sup> –363 patients RCT in 17 USA & 2 German centers**
  - Co-PIs: Drs Kodali, Kapadia & Linke
  - 3T MRI assessment at baseline, 2-7 days
  - **42% reduction** in new lesion volume in whole brain

1. Van Mieghem N, et al. *EuroIntervention* 2016;12:499-507
2. Haussig, S, et al. *JAMA*. 2016;316(6):592-601
3. Kapadia, et al. *JACC*. doi: 10.1016/j.jacc.2016.10.023

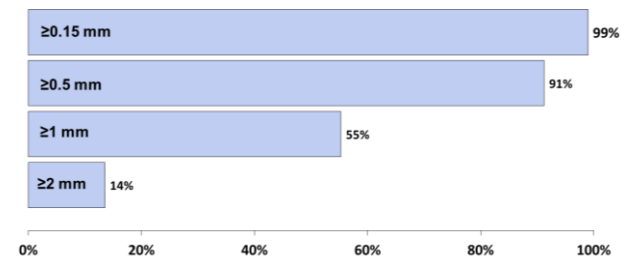


# Debris Captured in 99% of TAVR Patients in the SENTINEL IDE

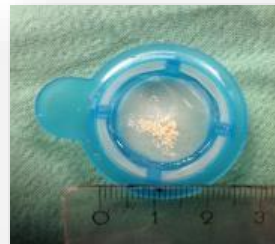
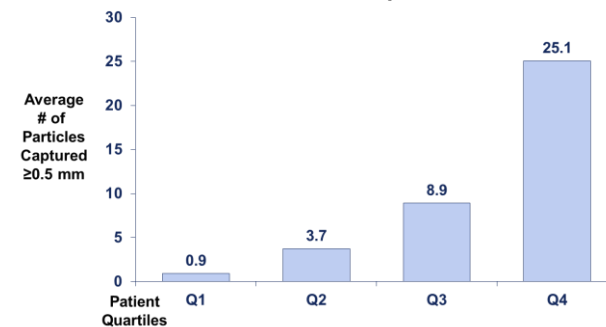
Patients with Captured Debris (%)



Percent of Patients with at Least One Particle of Given Size

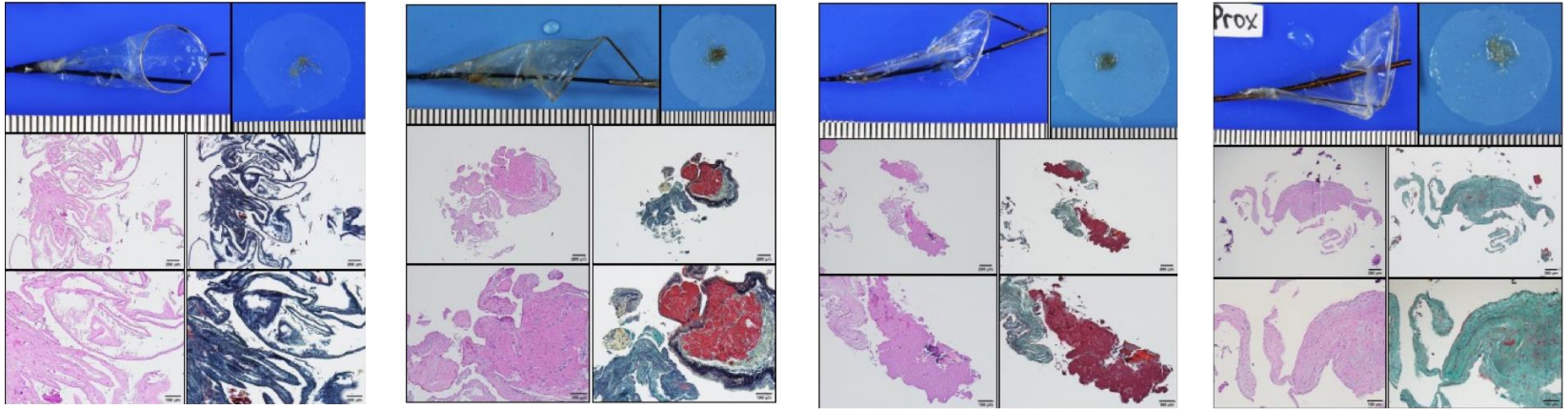


1 in 4 Patients had an average of 25 Particles  $\geq 0.5$  mm in Size Captured and Removed





# Histopathology of captured debris



Valve tissue

Myocardium and valve tissue

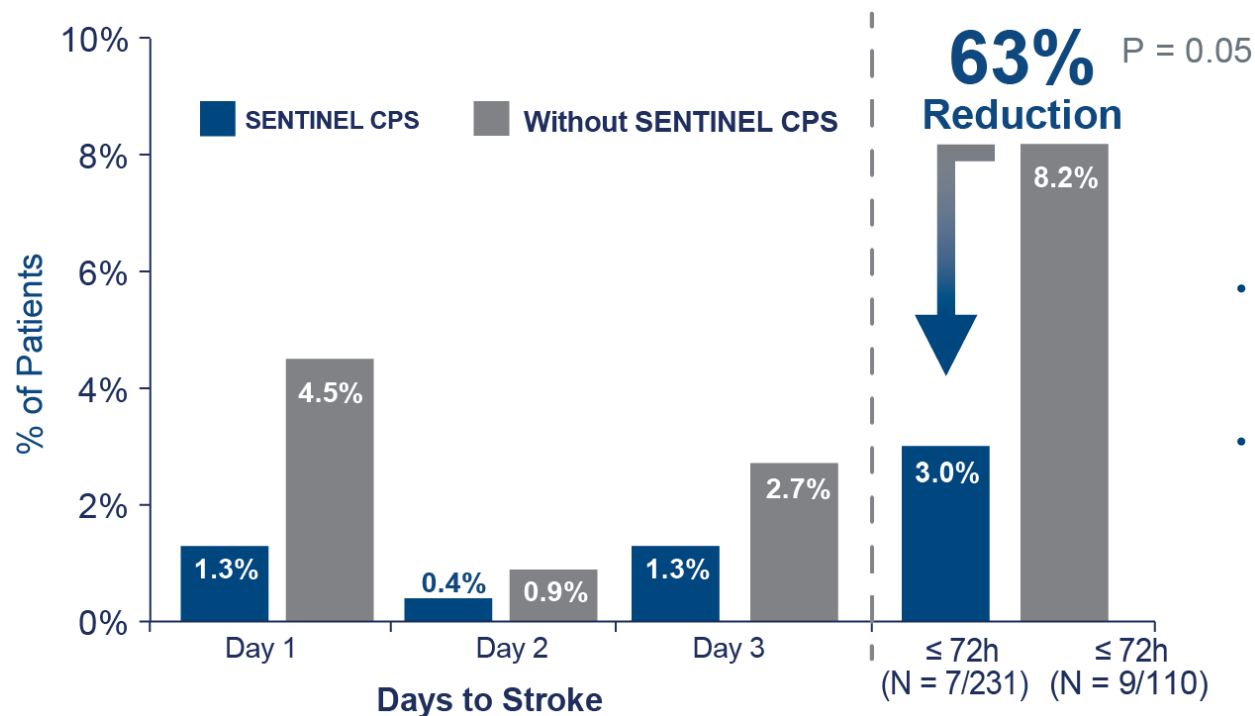
Acute thrombus with  
tissue and some  
calcification

Arterial wall

top – left: Gross images of the distal filter  
 top – right: debris collected by the cell strainer  
 mid/bottom – left: scanned images of H&E-stained slides  
 mid/bottom – right: scanned images of Movat pentachrome-stained slides

# SENTINEL IDE Trial – Peri-procedural Stroke Reduction

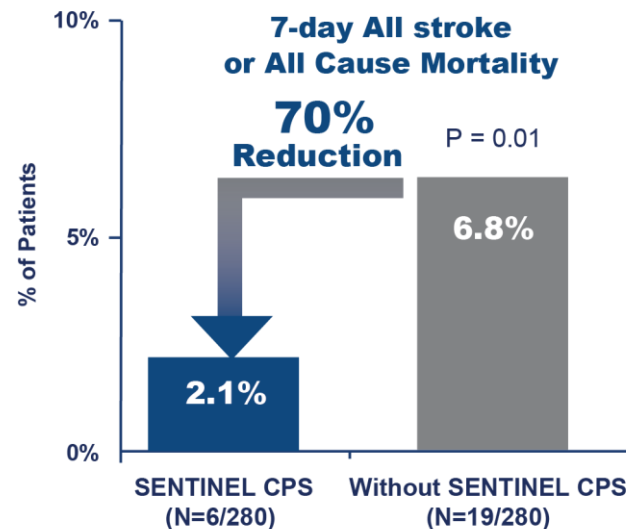
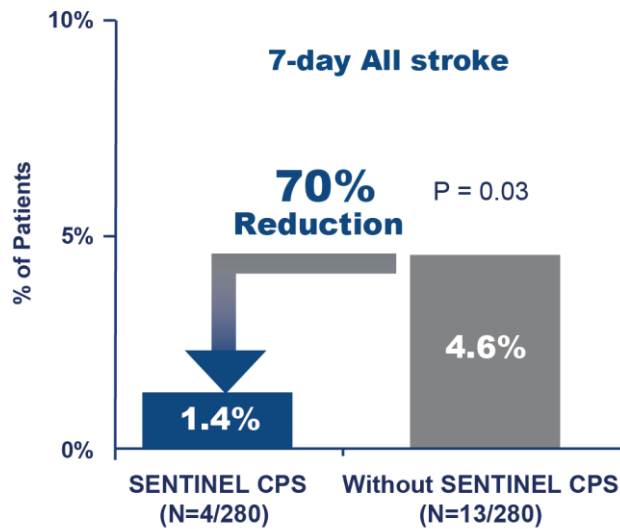
- 63% peri-procedural ( $\leq 72$  hours) stroke reduction with SENTINEL™ CPS.



- 95% of SENTINEL CPS patients were evaluated by neurologists
- Clinical Events Committee included 2 stroke neurologists

# Independent Real-World All-Comers Study Shows Significant Peri-Procedural (7 day) Stroke Reduction

- SENTINEL-all-comers Study of Cerebral Embolic Protection demonstrated a 7-day 70% reduction in stroke, and stroke or death, in 560 patient prospective propensity-score matched all-comers study.

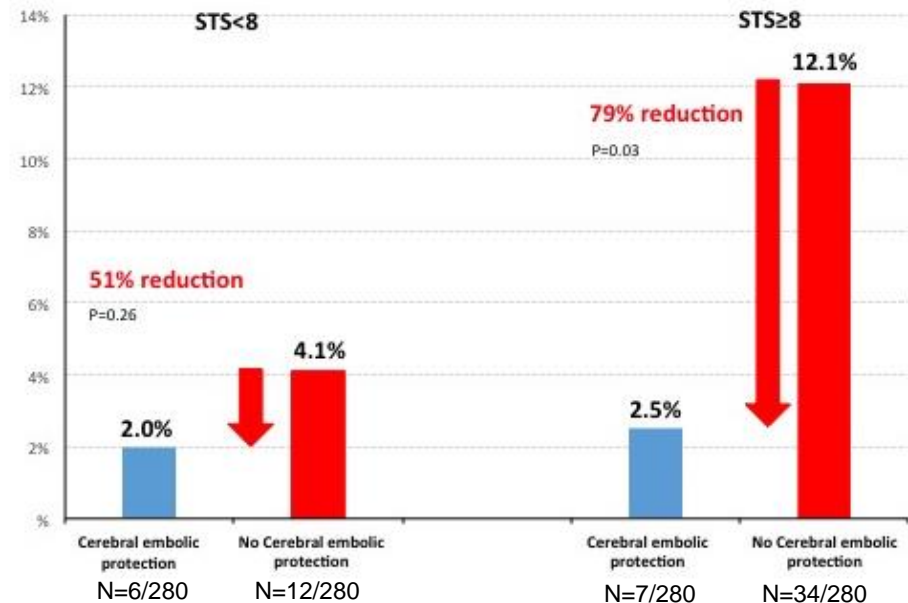


Number-needed-to-treat (NNT) = 22 patients to reduce one stroke or death with cerebral embolic protection

# Sub-group analysis demonstrates embolic protection system (SENTINEL CPS) is the only independent predictor of being stroke-free

- By multivariable analysis, use of SENTINEL CPS was the only independent predictor of being stroke-free.

	P value	Stroke	Mortality and stroke
Gender		0.387	0.640
Diabetes mellitus		0.421	0.224
Valve calcification (mod/sev)		0.412	0.867
Atrial fibrillation		0.437	0.864
STS score (<8 vs. ≥8)		0.572	<b>0.021</b>
Embolic protection system		<b>0.044</b>	<b>0.028</b>

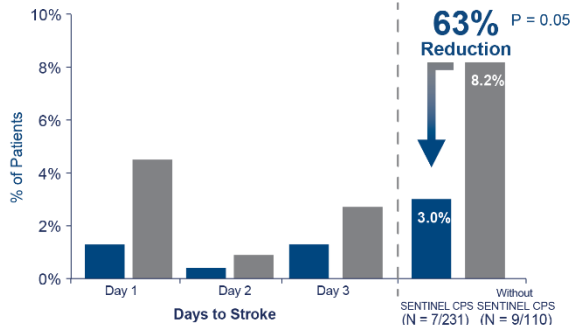


# Findings from the SENTINEL IDE Trial Together with Real World Outcomes from Demonstrate Consistent Reductions in Stroke

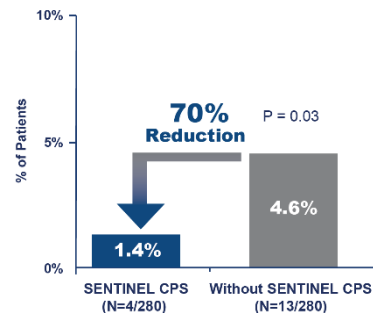
ARR ~ 3-5%  
(Absolute Risk Reduction)

NNT ~ 20-30  
(Number Needed to Treat to avoid one event)

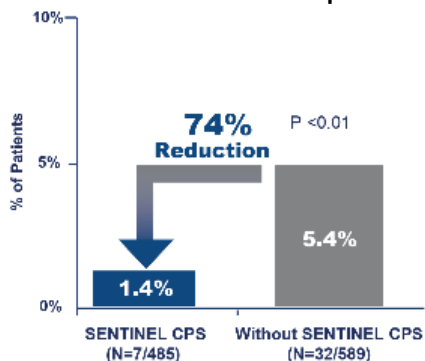
**SENTINEL IDE Trial<sup>1</sup>**  
All stroke at ≤ 72 hours post-TAVR



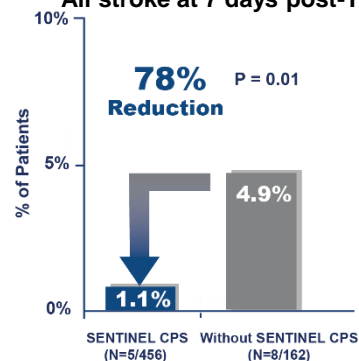
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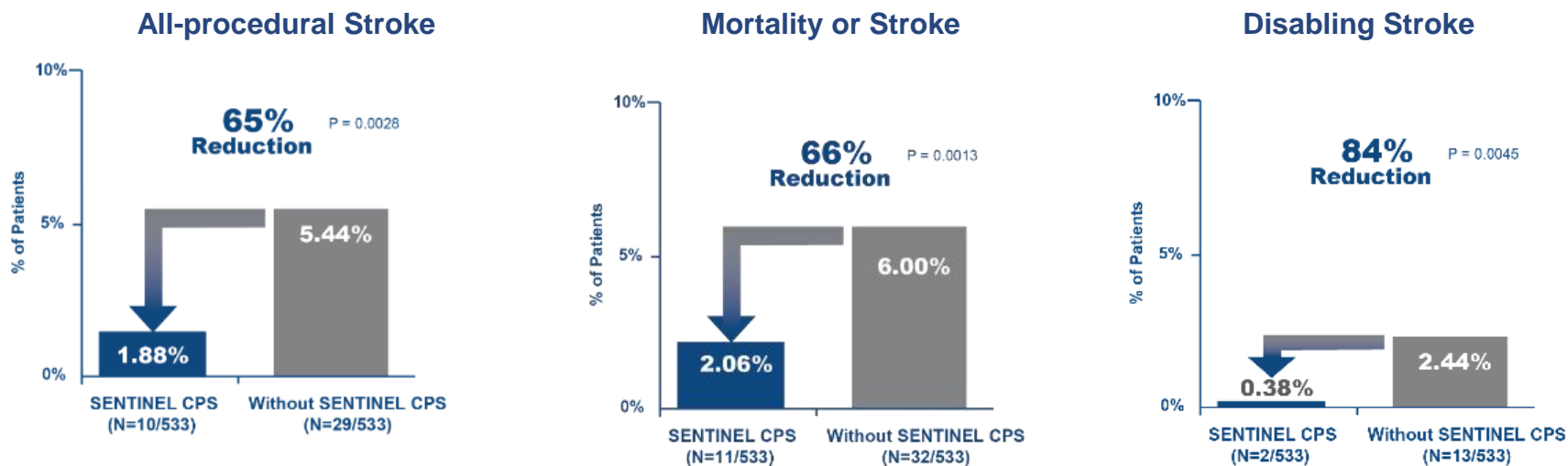
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**Cedars Sinai Medical Center<sup>4</sup>**  
All stroke at 7 days post-TAVR



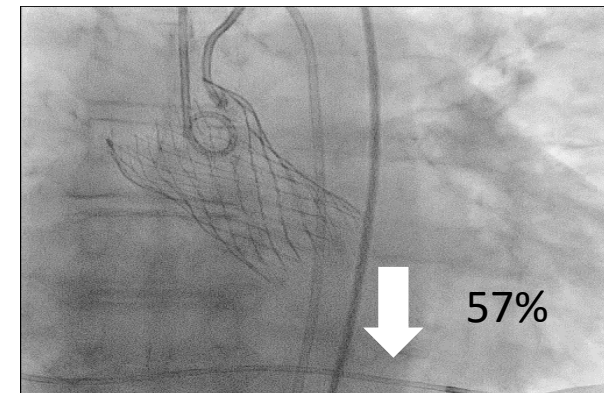
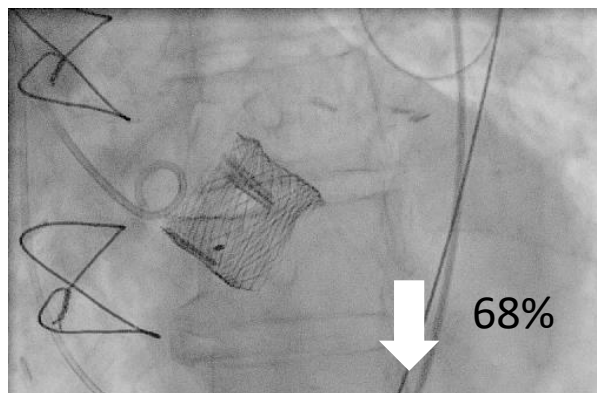
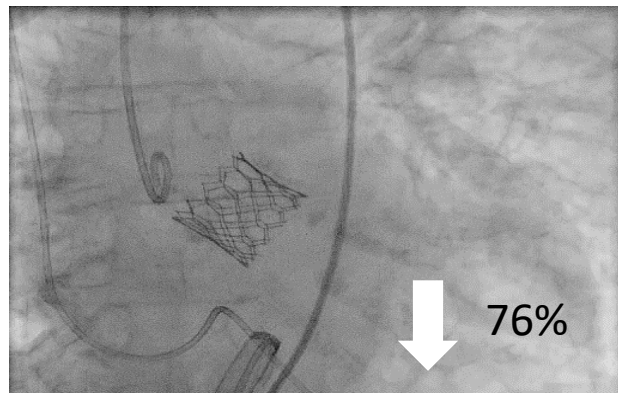
# Largest Patient-level Pooled Propensity-Matched Analysis to Date Demonstrates Reductions in Peri-procedural ( $\leq 72$ h) Stroke, Mortality or Stroke and Disabling Stroke with Routine SENTINEL CPS Use



- Patient level meta-analysis demonstrates a reduction in -related ( $\leq 72$  h) stroke with SENTINEL CPS, using VARC-2 criteria.
- Analysis was based on **n=1306** patients with severe aortic stenosis from the SENTINEL IDE RCT Trial (n=363), CLEAN-TAVI RCT (n=100) and SENTINEL all-comers study (n=843).
- Data were propensity score-matched for valve type, STS score, A-fib, gender, diabetes mellitus, CAD and PVD.



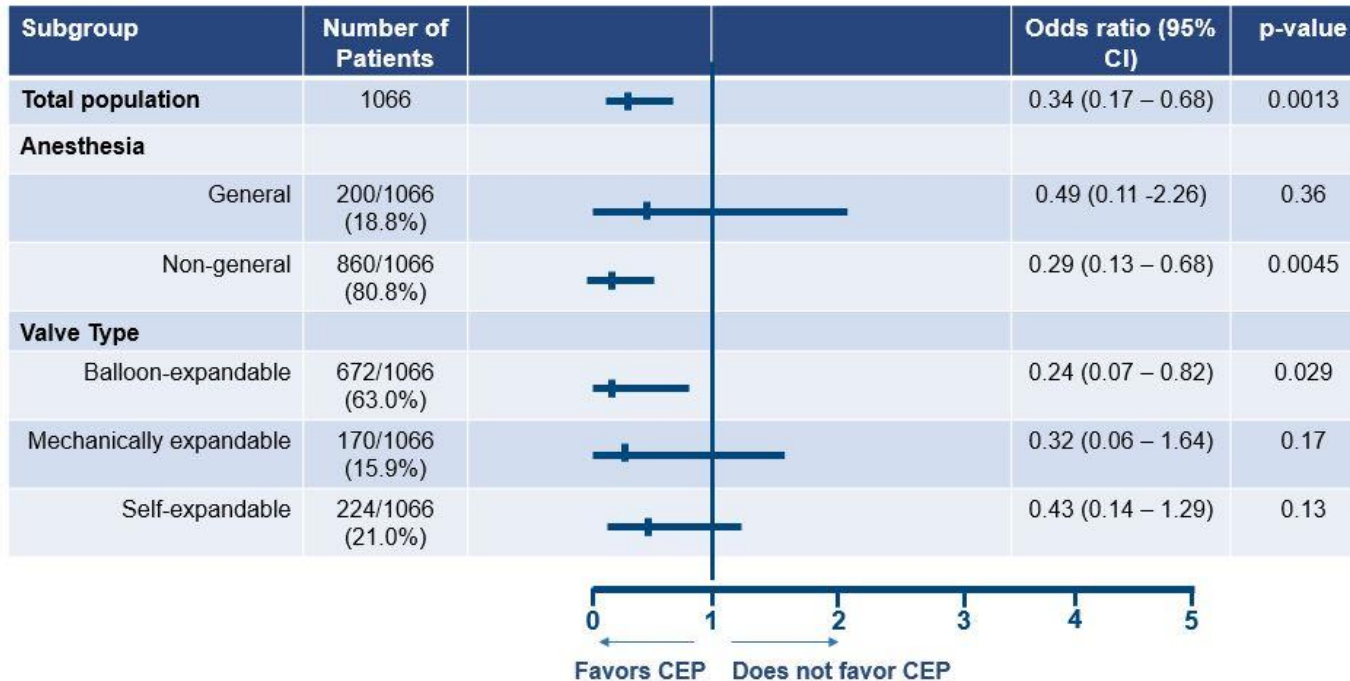
# Reductions in Stroke Favor Routine SENTINEL CPS Use in TAVR Regardless of Valve Type



- Data were propensity score-matched for valve type, STS score, A-fib, gender, diabetes mellitus, CAD and PVD.
- Patient level meta-analysis based on n=1306 TAVI patients with severe aortic stenosis from the SENTINEL IDE Trial (n=363), CLEAN-TAVI (n=100) and SENTINEL Ulm (n=843).

# Largest Stroke Meta-Analysis to Date with SENTINEL CPS Favors Cerebral Embolic Protection Among Sub Groups

- Patient level meta-analysis demonstrates a 66% reduction in TAVR-related ( $\leq 72$  h) mortality or stroke,  $p = 0.0013$  with SENTINEL CPS.



- Analysis was based on **n=1306** patients with severe AS from the SENTINEL IDE Trial (n=363), CLEAN-TAVI (n=100) and SENTINEL Ulm (n=843).
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# Summary

- Largest body of evidence for the Sentinel CPS
- Imaging data from 3 RCTs on Sentinel CPS in TAVR showed a 41-52% reduction in new lesion volume on cMRI
- Histopathological analysis reveal debris captured in 99% of filters with 55% of debris being larger than 1mm
- Data of one randomized trial (SENTINEL-IDE) showed a strong trend towards a lower periprocedural stroke rate within 72 hours after TAVR
- Several large registries as well as a patient level-meta analysis based on 1306 patients demonstrated a significant benefit with use of Sentinel CPS in TAVR patients compared to unprotected procedures with a NNT of 22 to avoid one stroke.