

# Surgical Options for Aortic Valve Insufficiency in the Young

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# Spectrum of Aortic Valve Disease

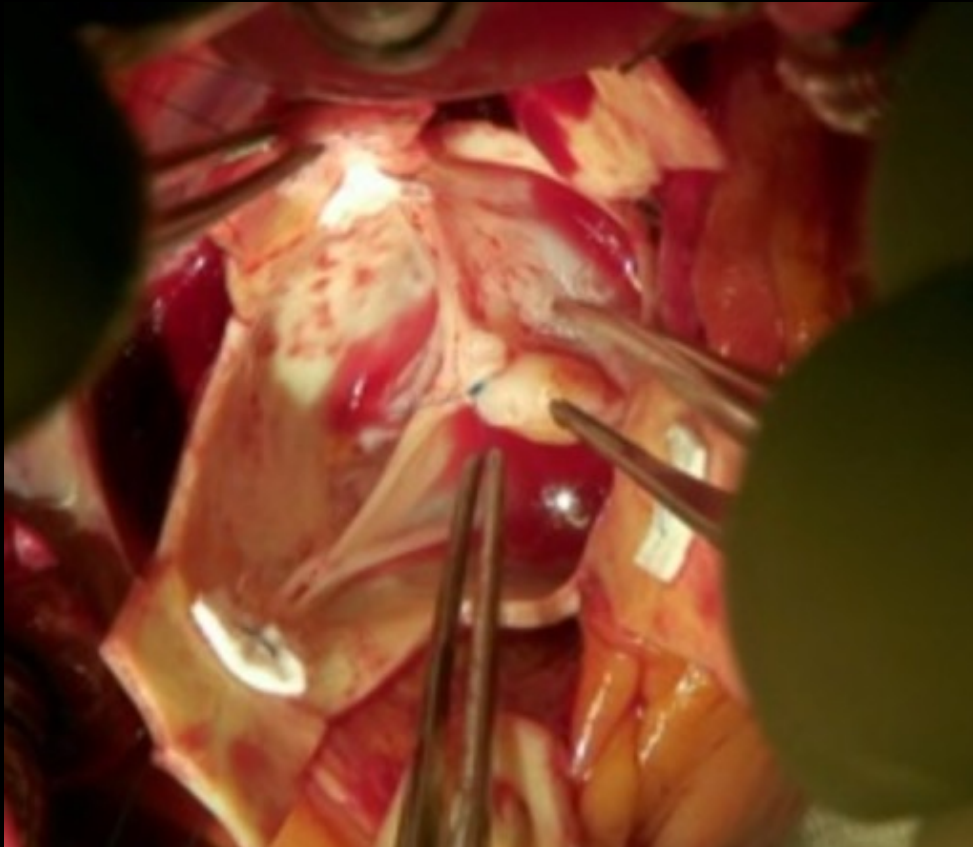


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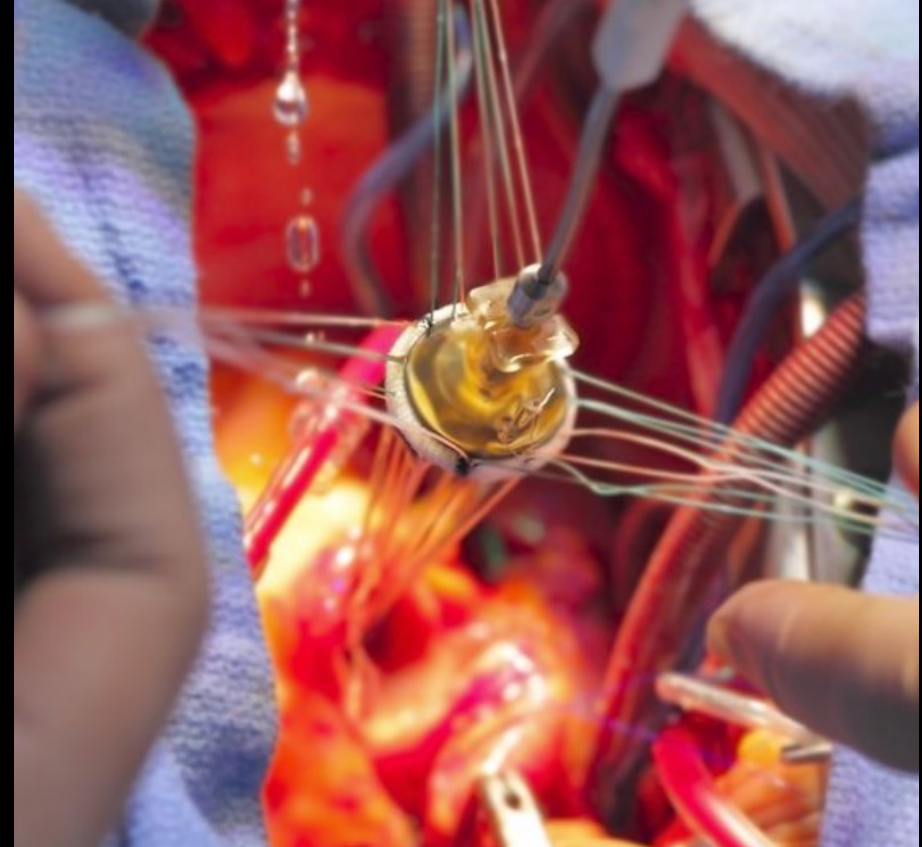
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AI becomes a significant phenotype







# Repair



# Replacement



# Mechanism of Disease is Key

AI Class	Type I Normal cusp motion with FAA dilatation or cusp perforation				Type II Cusp Prolapse	Type III Cusp Restriction
	Ia	Ib	Ic	Id		
Mechanism						
Repair Techniques (Primary)	STJ remodeling <i>Ascending aortic graft</i>	Aortic Valve sparing: <i>Reimplantation or Remodeling with SCA</i>	SCA	Patch Repair <i>Autologous or bovine pericardium</i>	Prolapse Repair <i>Plication Triangular resection Free margin Resuspension Patch</i>	Leaflet Repair <i>Shaving Decalcification Patch</i>
(Secondary)	SCA		STJ Annuloplasty	SCA	SCA	SCA



Freedom From Reoperation in Aortic Valve Sparing Surgery

						Freedom from Adverse Events		
1 <sup>st</sup> Author	Yr	N	BAV (%)	Mean or Median f/u (years)	Time	Reoperation	AR	TAV vs. BAV
Reimplantation								
David et al	2013	296	11%	6.9	5-yr	99.7%	98.3%	Ø Difference
					10-yr	97.8%	92.9%	
					15-yr	97.8%	89.4%	
Liebrich et al	2013	236	15%	4.5	5-yr	94%	94%	Ø Difference
					10-yr	87%	91%	
Kvitting et al	2013	233	27%	4.7	5-yr	98%	97.4%	Ø Difference
					10-yr	92.2%	95/3%	
Reimplantation ± Remodeling								
Lansac et al	2010	144	23%	2.2	3-yr	93.3%	87%	Ø Difference

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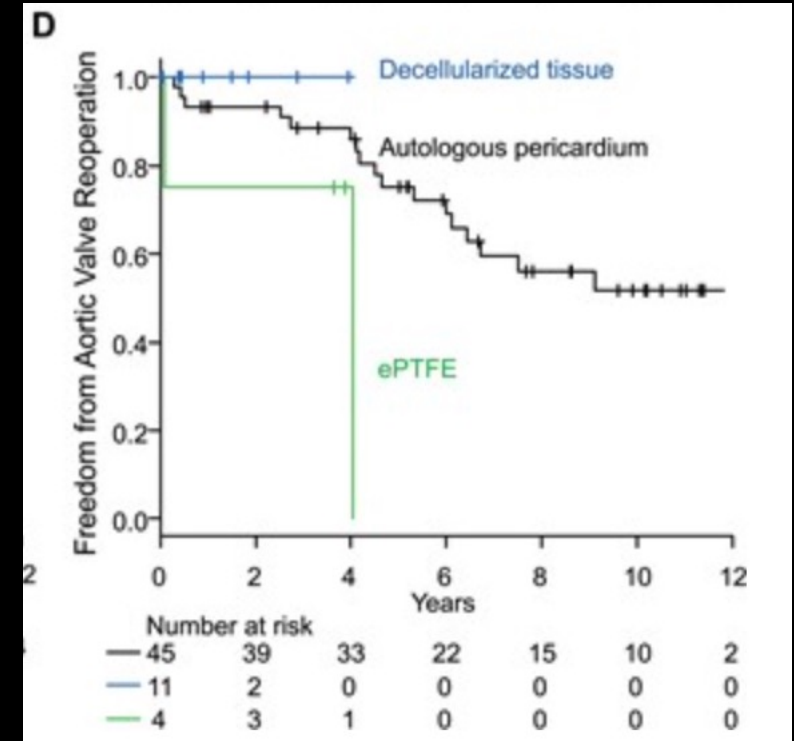
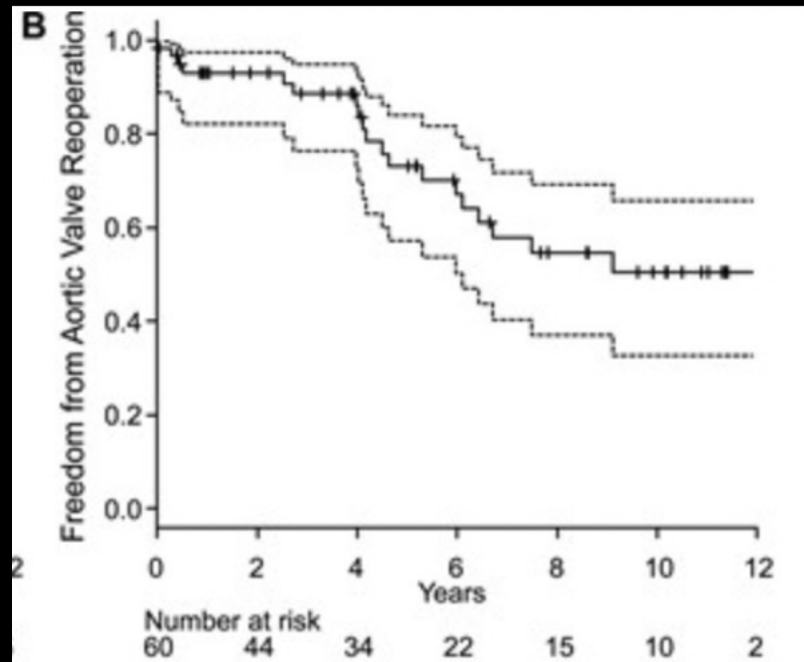
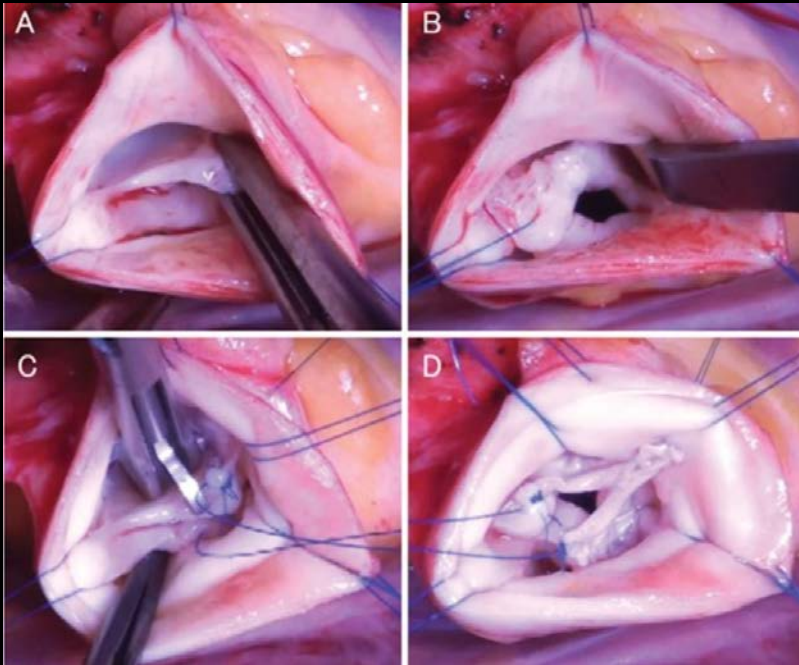
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# Pediatric Aortic Valve Repair Techniques



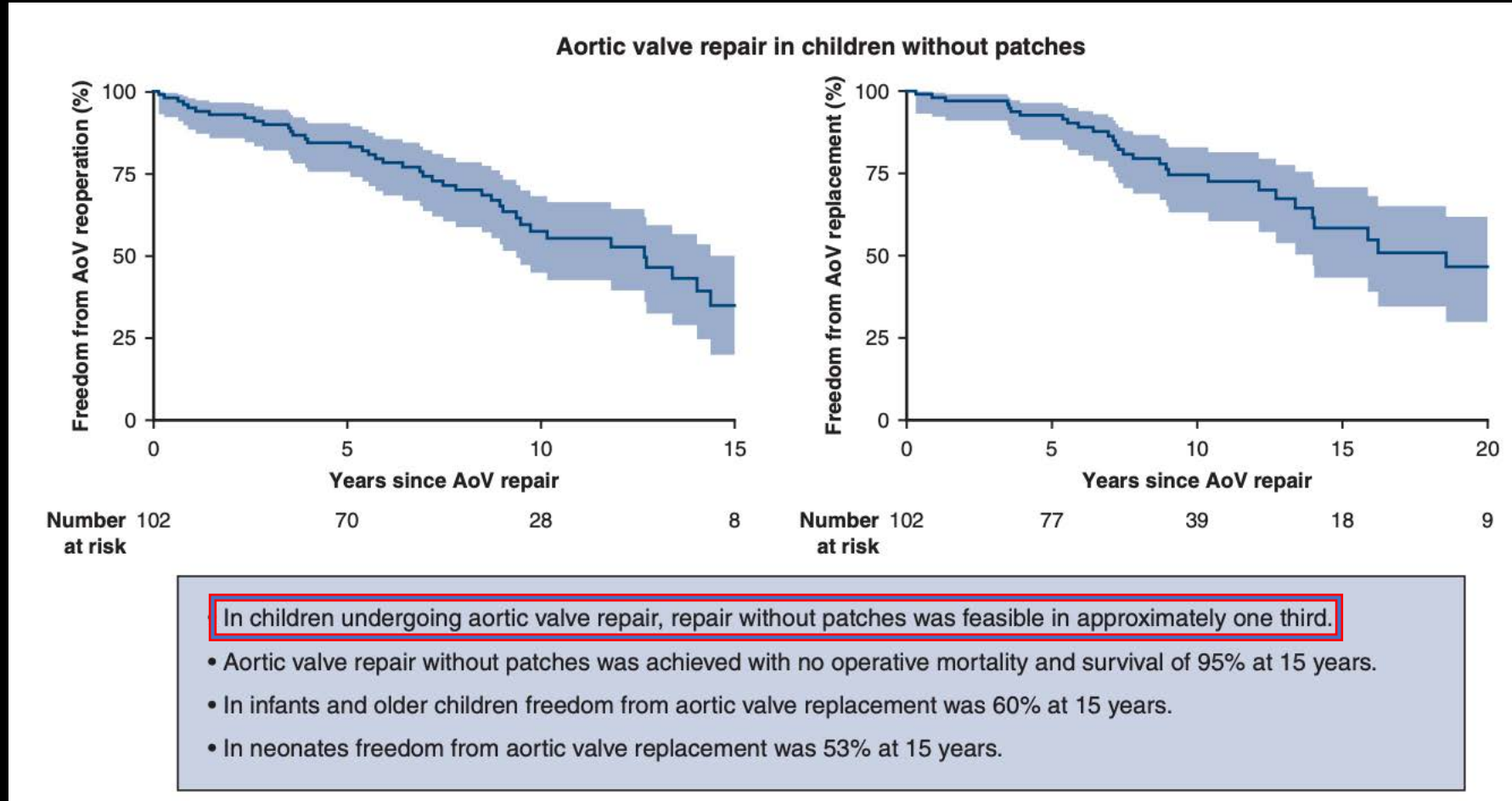
**N=60**

**Median age 13 (1 to 18)**

**37% AI, 45% mixed**



# Repair Without Patch Promising



# Relative Contraindications to Valve Repair

Significant calcification of annulus and cusps

Multiple fenestrations of cusp tissue

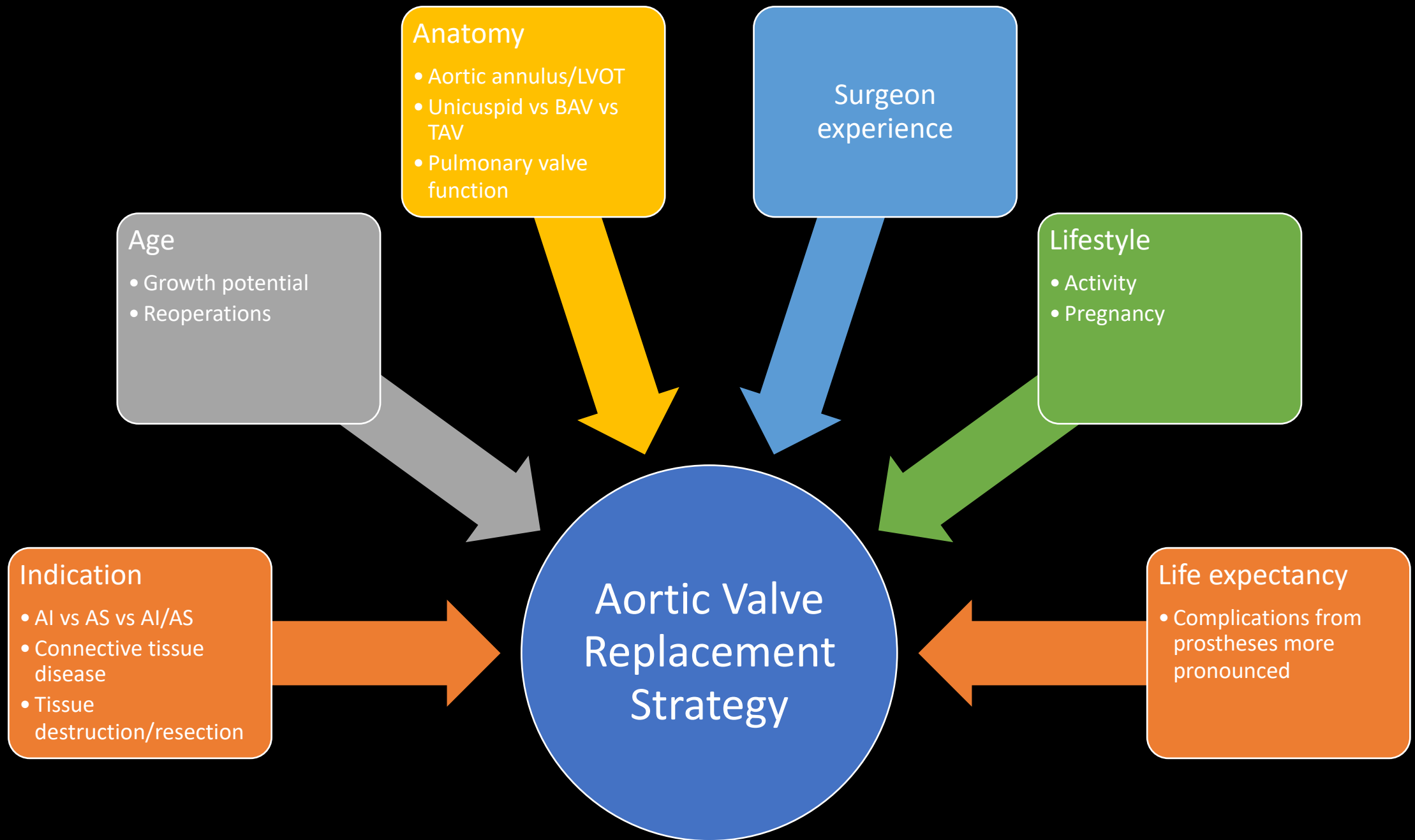
Severe free margin thickening

Multiple leaflet prolapse

A deficiency of sinus wall tissue immediately adjacent to the line of leaflet insertion

WHY? – Because durability limited!

If DURABLE Repair Cannot be Achieved...



# Options for AVR



TISSUE VALVES:  
Sizes available: 19mm-29mm



HOMOGRAFTS:  
Sizes available: 7mm-32mm



OZAKI:  
Sizes available: no limits

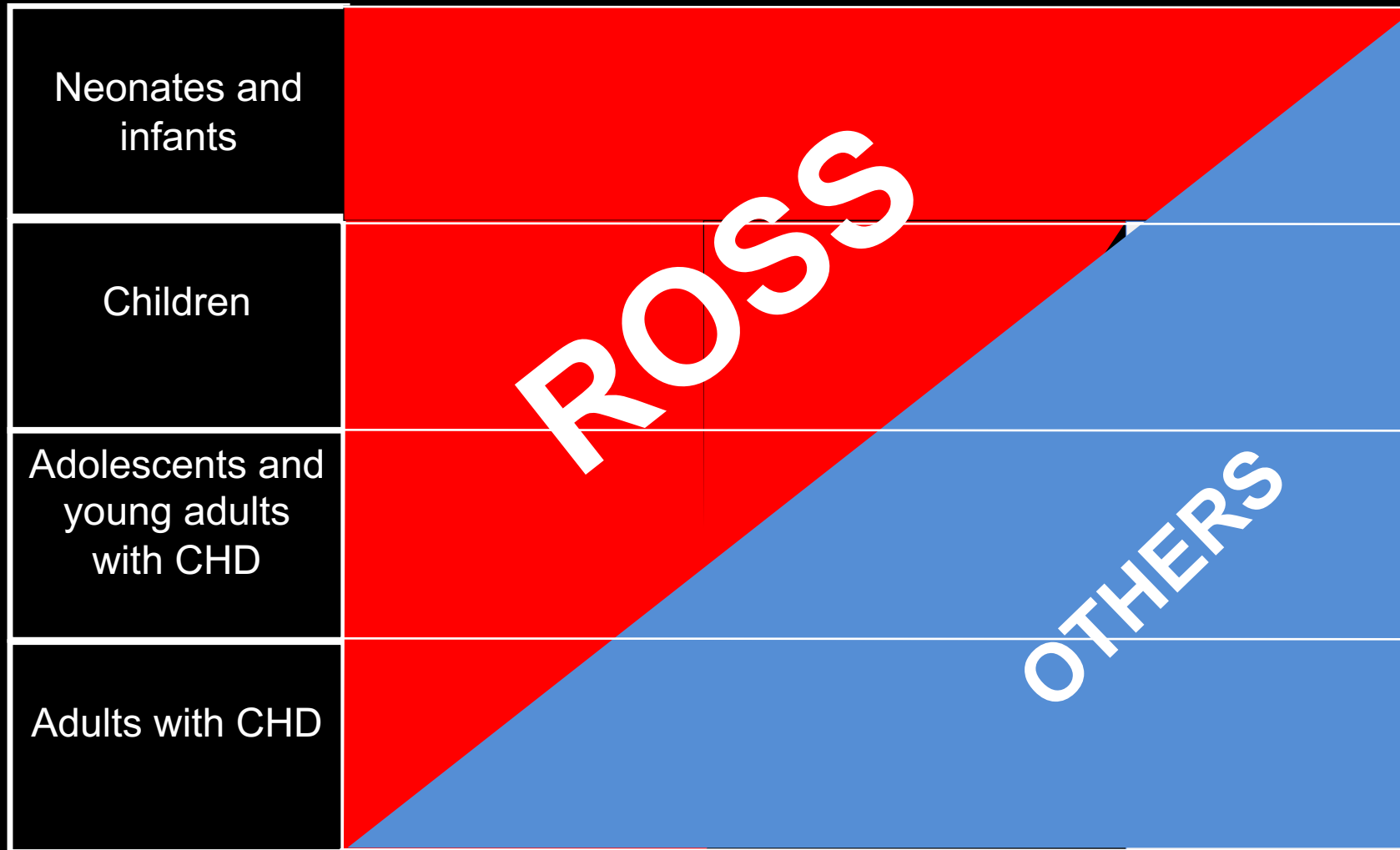


MECHANICAL VALVES:  
Sizes available: 15mm-27mm



ROSS PROCEDURE:  
Sizes available: no limits

# AVR Strategies in CHD: The Preponderance of the Ross Procedure



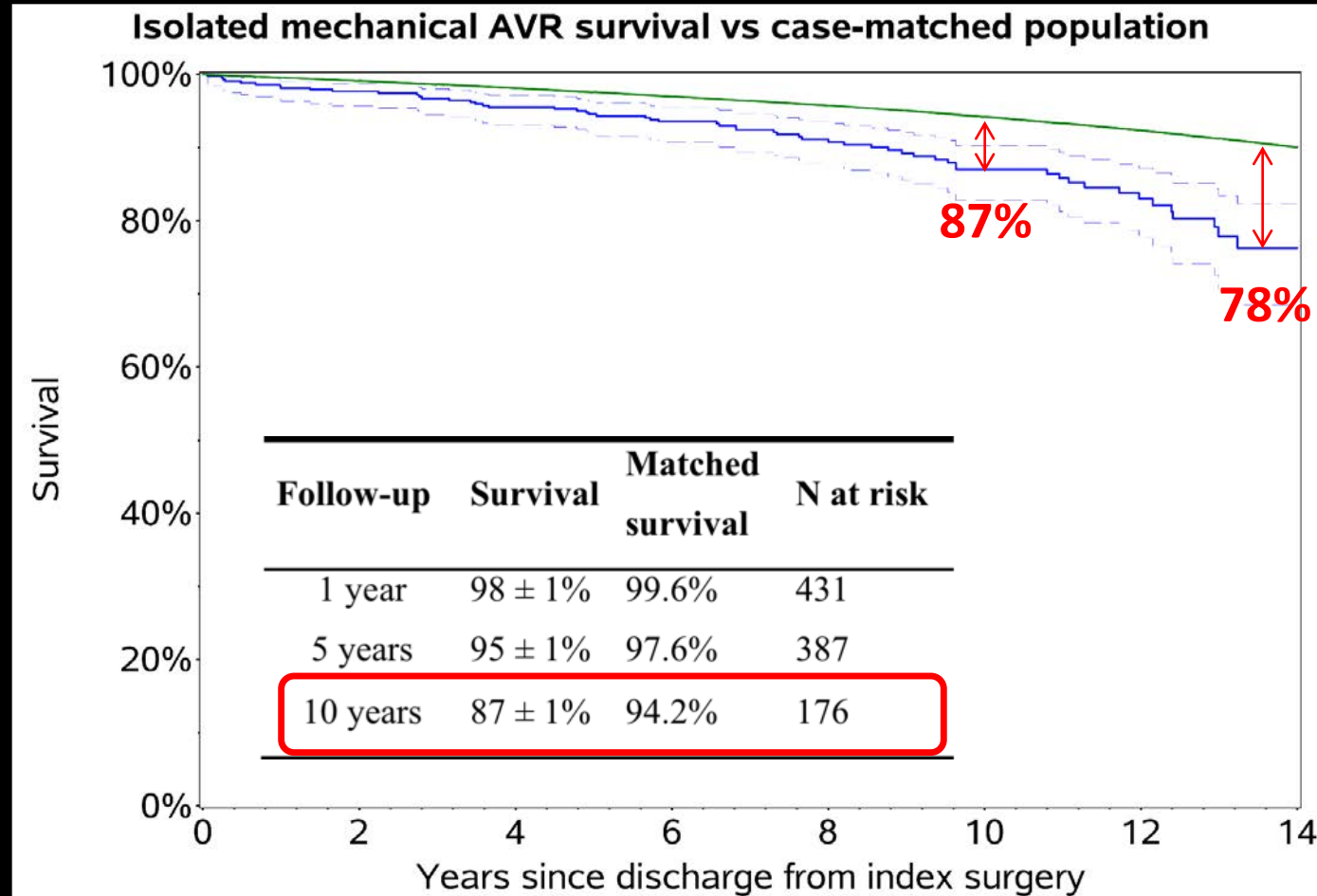


# Mechanical Prostheses in the Young

- Smallest one 15mm (Can an adult-sized prosthesis be implanted?)
  - Annular enlargement techniques
- Significant mortality:
  - Operative mortality: 2-13%
  - Constant attrition: 75-88% survival at 15 years
- Anticoagulation:
  - Challenging / compliance
  - 0.3–0.7 TE events per 100 patient-years < adult but constant attrition
  - Pregnancy – only 28% good maternal and fetal outcome in UK
- Long-lasting ... in theory:
  - Freedom from AVR: 55–90% at 15 years!
  - Patient-prosthesis mismatch
  - Pannus formation
  - Endocarditis

# Mechanical AVR Lowers Survival

450 young  
adults

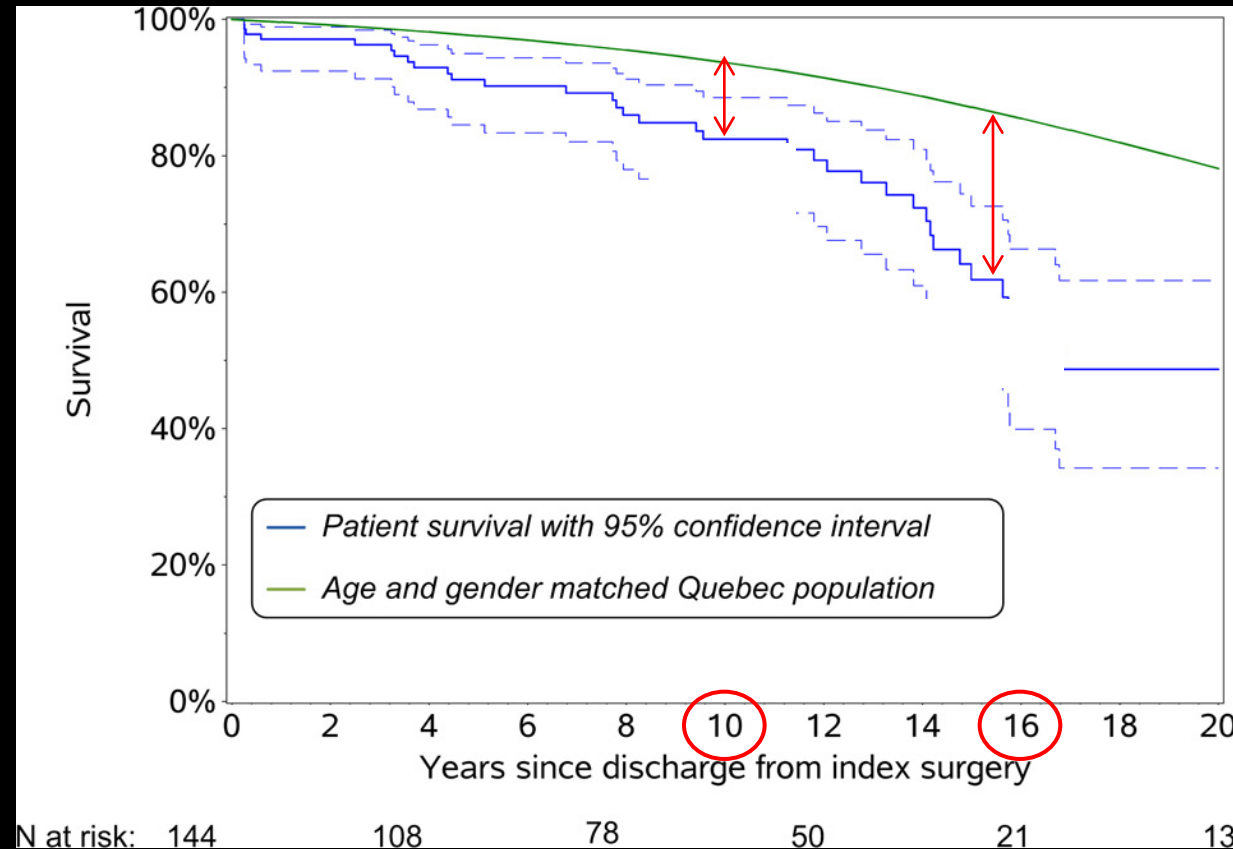


# Tissue Prostheses in the Young

- Smallest one 19mm
- Early failures/calcifications
  - SVD >> adults
  - Inversely related to patient age and prosthesis size
    - Karamlou circulation 2005, Alsoufi EJCTS 2009,...
    - Freedom from AV reoperation: 35% at 10 years; 15% at 15 years
- Valve-in-valve now available
  - Durability unknown, gradients higher
- No meds (baby ASA)
- Indications?
  - Teenage females
  - Poor compliance with anticoagulation

# Tissue AVR Lowers Survival

144 adults



~ 80% at 10 yrs

~ 60% at 15 yrs

In young adults, the problem of early bioprosthetic valve degeneration is well known

## Mortality and Reoperation Risk After Bioprosthetic Aortic Valve Replacement in Young Adults With Congenital Heart Disease

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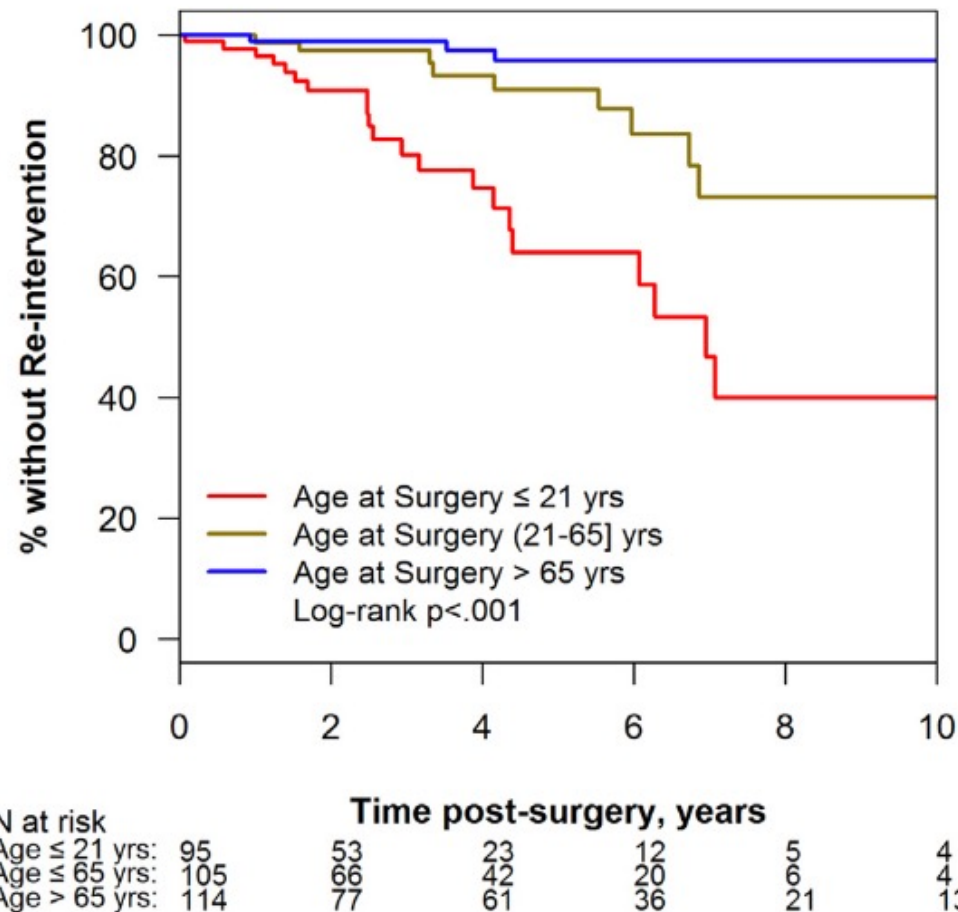
**2000-2014**

**95 patients <21 yrs**

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Bioprosthetic valve



Internal  
diameter

External  
diameter

Mechanical valve



Internal  
diameter

External  
diameter

**We need a valve that:**

- 1) Is durable**
- 2) Grows**
- 3) No anticoagulation needed**
- 4) Has outstanding hemodynamics**

# Congenital aortic and truncal valve reconstruction using the Ozaki technique: Short-term clinical results

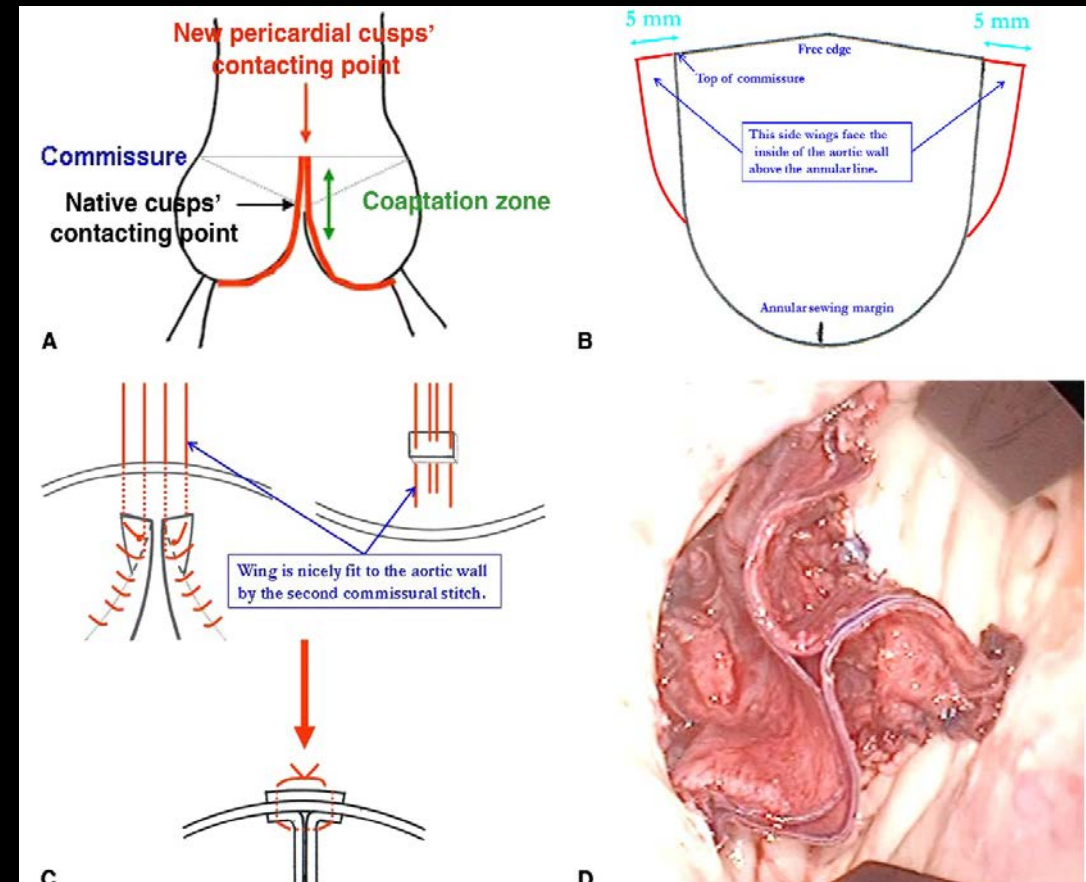


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**57 Ozaki patients; median follow-up 8 mos**

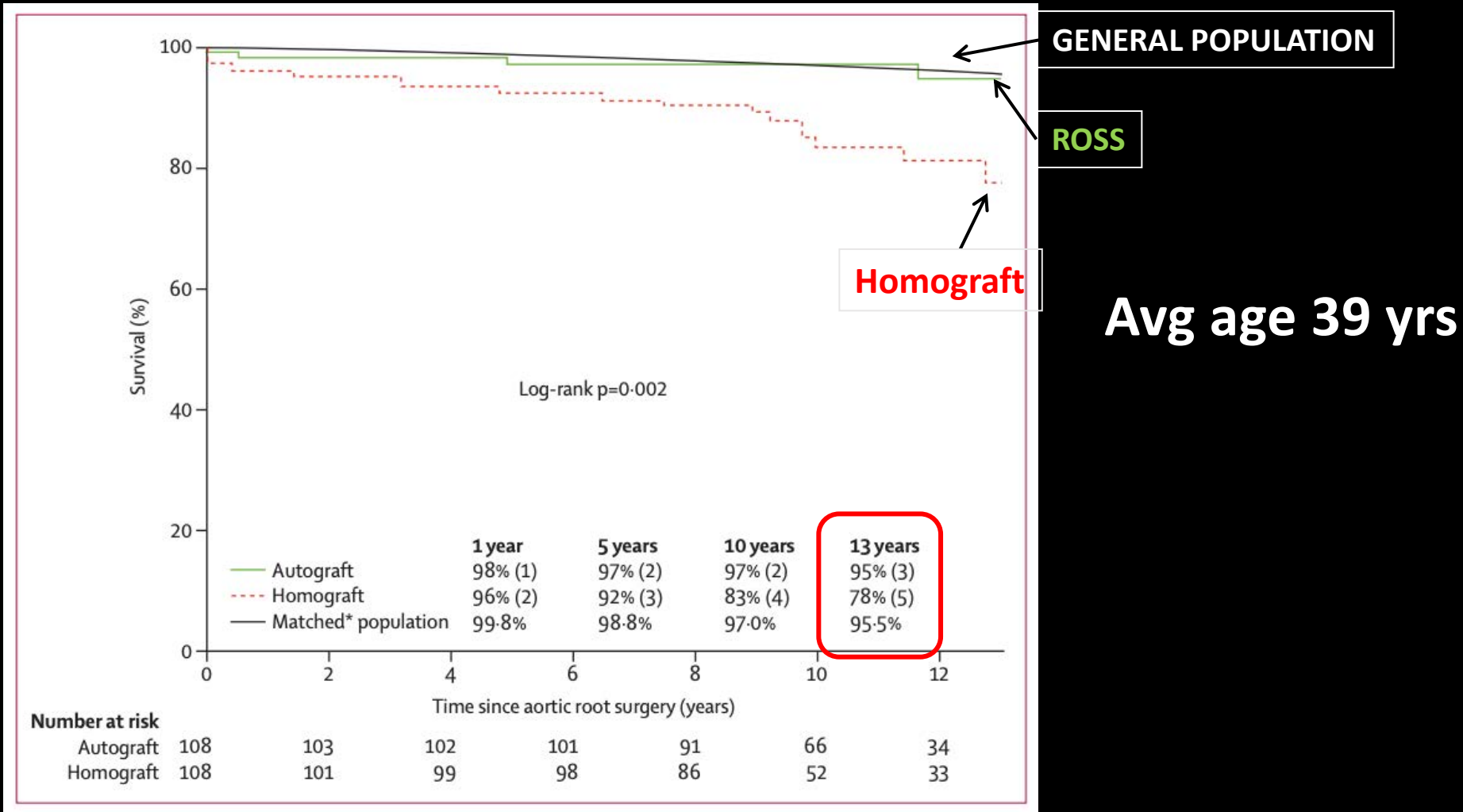
**Freedom from at least mod AR 88% at 2 yrs**  
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**Reduced leaflet mobility -> ~50% of patients on coumadin + ASA**



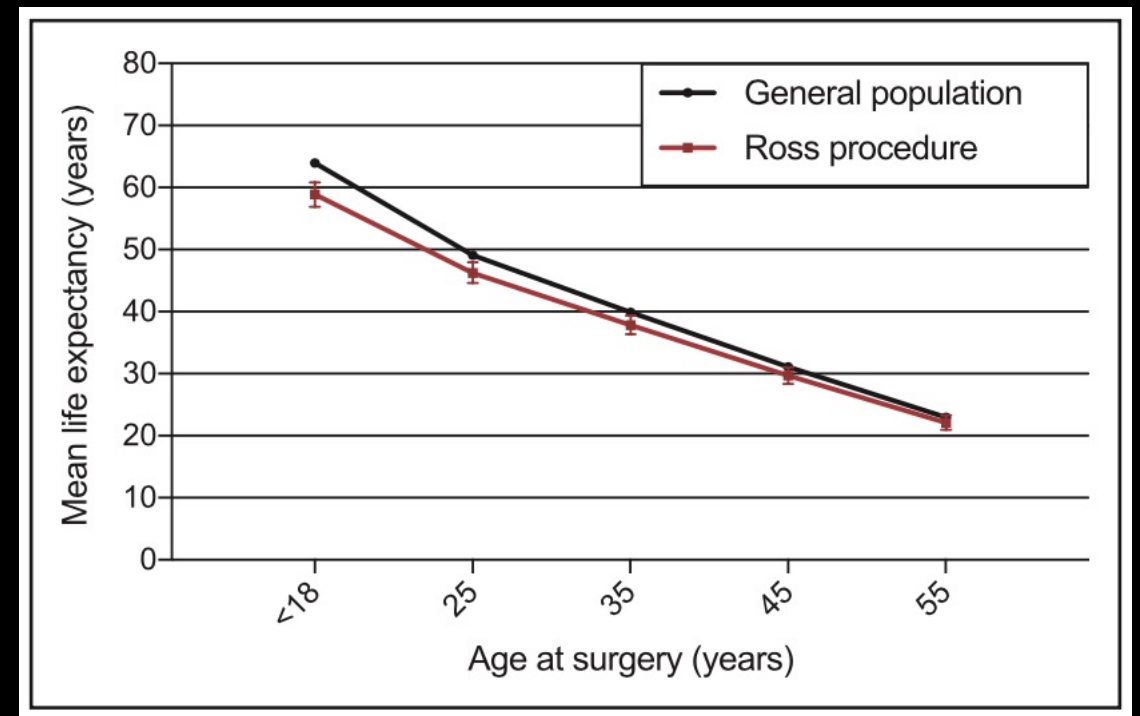
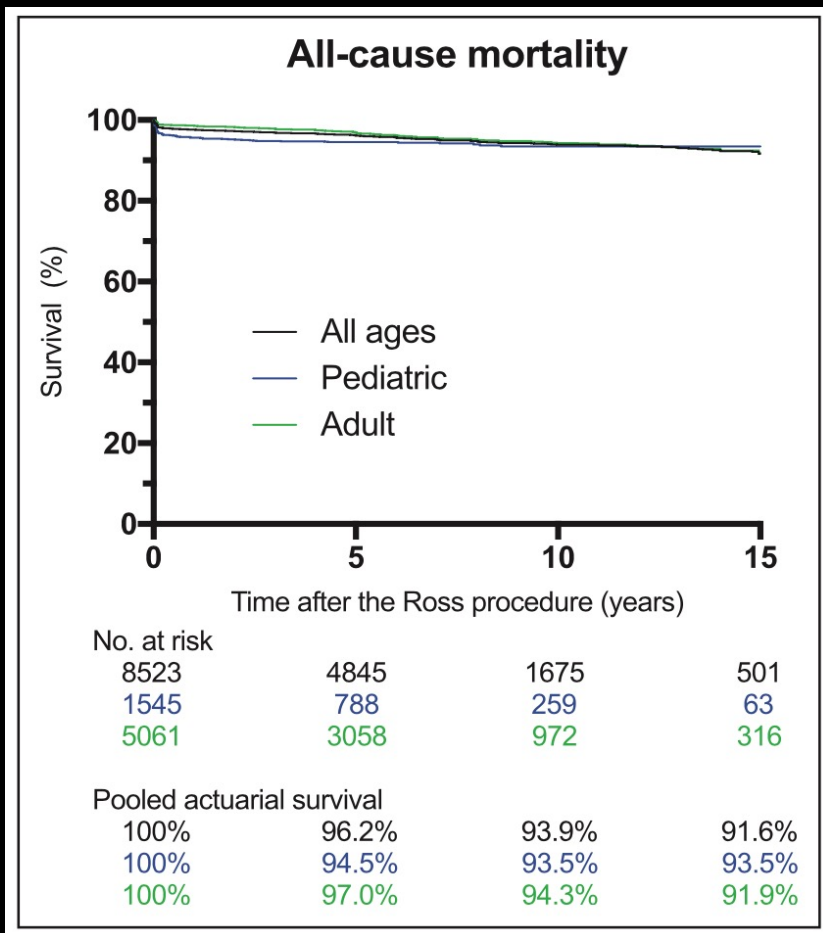
# The Ross Advantage: Survival

The Ross is the ONLY AVR procedure that demonstrates long term survival equal to the general population in adults



# The Ross Procedure: A Systematic Review, Meta-Analysis, and Microsimulation

**99 publications; 6,892 adults, 2,743 children  
2000-2017**

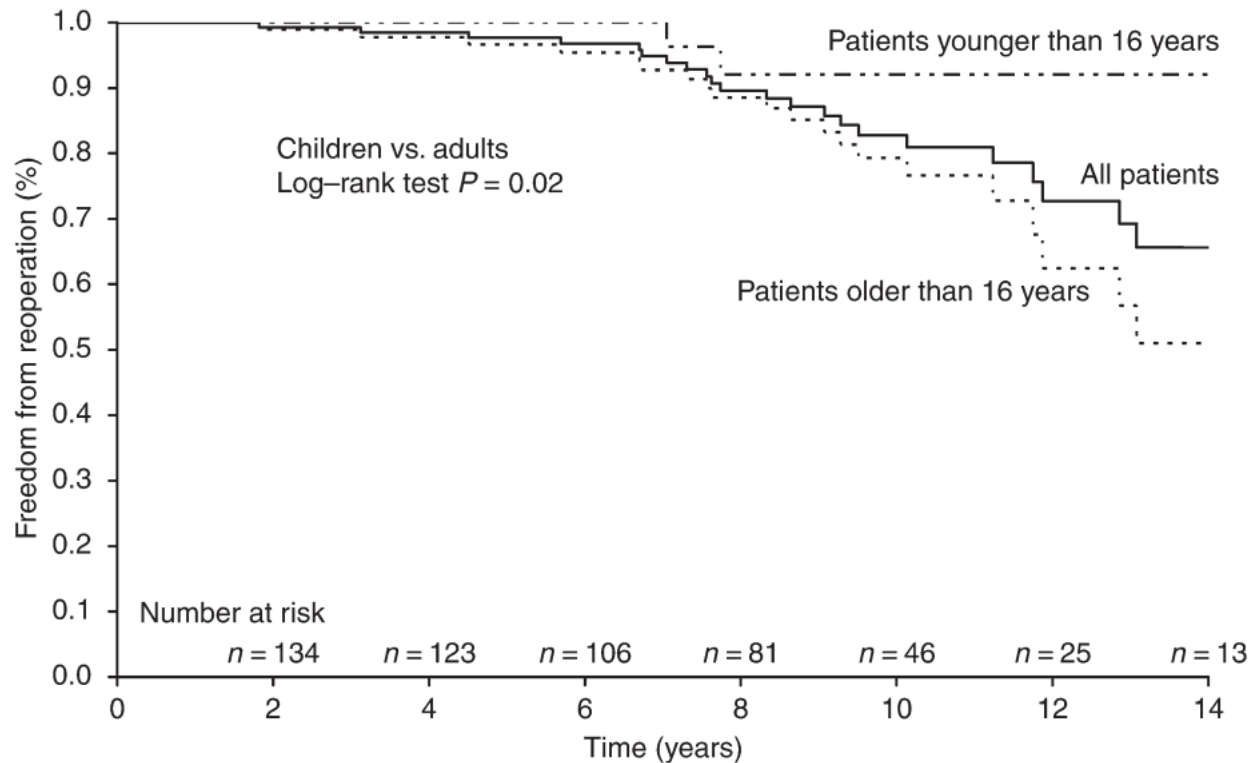




# The Ross operation: a Trojan horse?<sup>†</sup>

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**“Although survival of the Rotterdam autograft cohort is excellent, over time a worrisome increase in reoperation rate is observed.”**

**69% freedom from reop at 13 yrs**



# The indication for which you do a Ross matters

ROSS	NL Ao diameter	Big Aorta diameter
NL Annulus AS	+ + Best	+ - Intermediate
Big Annulus AI	- + Intermediate	- - Worst

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# Factors impacting long-term pulmonary autograft durability after the Ross procedure

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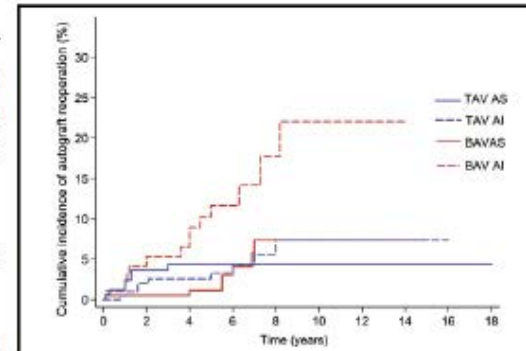
## ABSTRACT

**Objective:** Although the Ross procedure provides excellent long-term survival and a high quality of life, its use has been limited to relatively few centers. In this study, we evaluated long-term Ross procedure results in adults to assess the predictors of pulmonary autograft durability.

**Methods:** Between 1998 and 2015, 793 consecutive adult patients underwent the Ross procedure. The total root replacement technique was used in all patients.

**Results:** The early mortality rate was 2.9%. The mean follow-up duration was  $6.5 \pm 3.2$  years, and the 10-year survival rate was 90.4%. Longitudinal mixed-effects ordinal regression identified a combination of bicuspid aortic valve and aortic insufficiency (odds ratio, 2.19;  $P < .001$ ) as predictors for progression of autograft valve insufficiency at follow-up. The cumulative incidence of autograft reoperations at 10 years was 8.6%. Competing risk regression identified bicuspid aortic valve insufficiency as the independent predictor of autograft reoperation (subdistribution hazard ratio, 2.16;  $P = .030$ ). Moreover, patients with bicuspid aortic valve and aortic insufficiency had greater increases in annulus ( $P < .001$ ), sinus ( $P < .001$ ), and ascending aorta ( $P < .001$ ) diameters over time.

**Conclusions:** For patients undergoing the Ross procedure, a combination of bicuspid aortic valves and aortic insufficiency is the main risk factor for late autograft dilatation and dysfunction. (J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 2018; ■:1-8)



Cumulative incidence of autograft reoperation depends on valve anatomy and hemodynamics.

## Central Message

Combination of bicuspid aortic valve and aortic insufficiency is the risk factor for late autograft dilatation and dysfunction.

## Perspective

The use of the Ross procedure has been limited to relatively few centers. This study showed that patients with bicuspid aortic valves and aortic insufficiency have higher risks of autograft dysfunction and reoperation. These results are useful for selecting patients for the Ross procedure.

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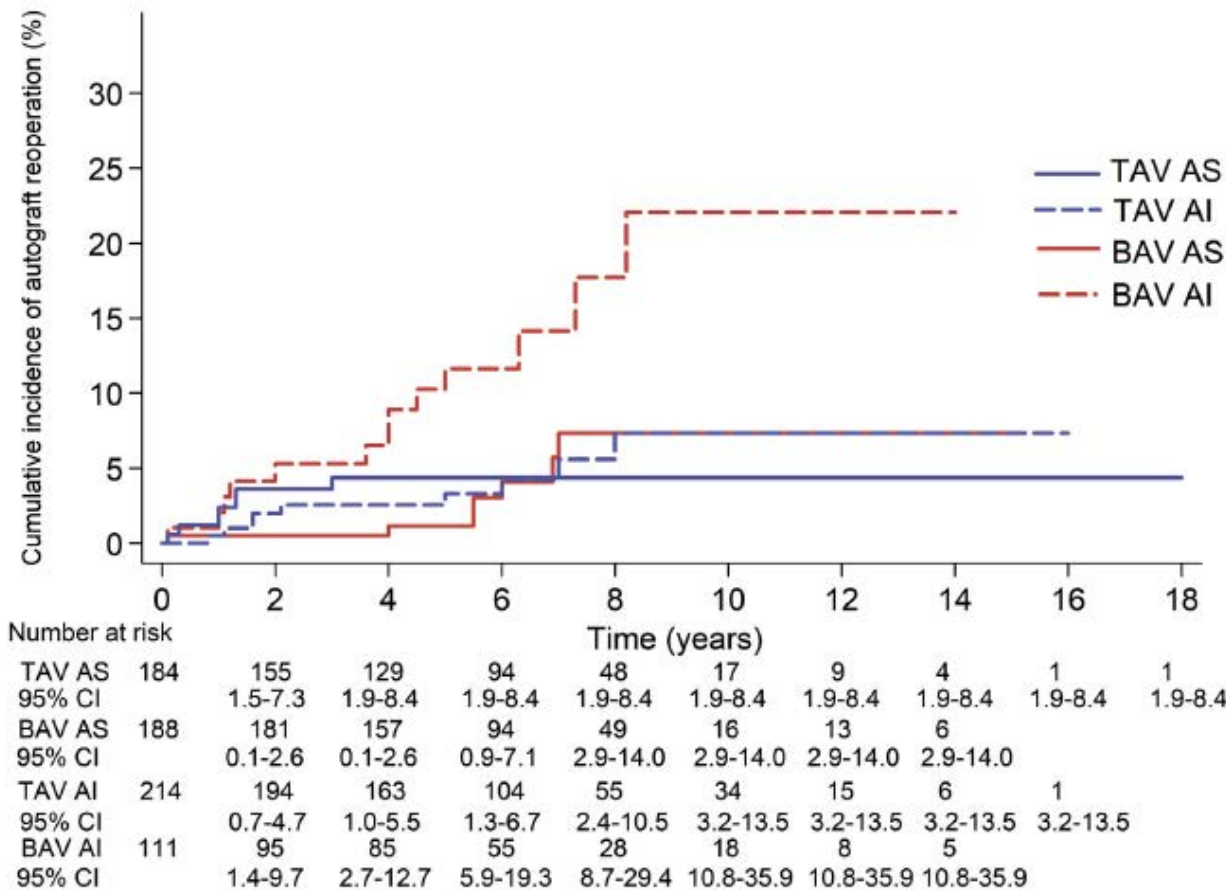
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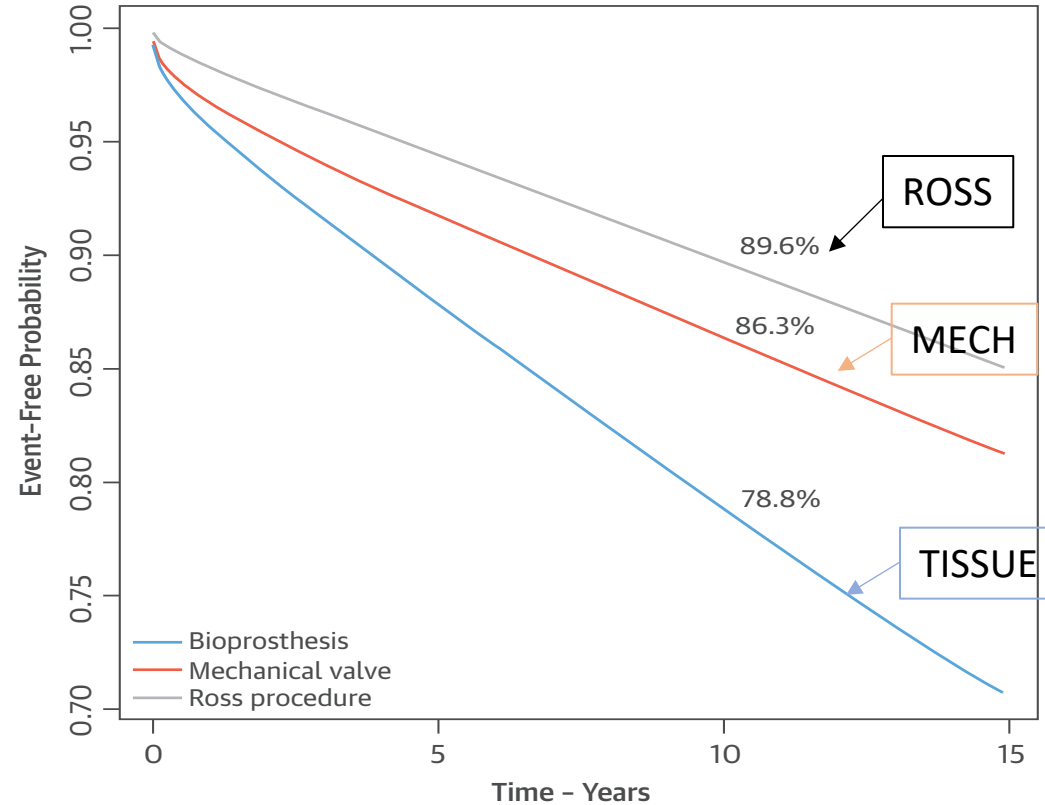
# Survival Free from Reoperation

## Aortic Valve Replacement and the Ross Operation in Children and Young Adults



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- UK National Registry
- 2000-2012
- 1501 patients
- ~1% per yr reop rate for AS
- ~2% per yr reop rate for AI





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AV Repair +/-  
aortic  
replacement

OR

Supported Ross

# Current Needs

- Better informed indications for intervention / guidelines
- Better biomaterials for valve repair
- Better valve prostheses (durable, growth, no anticoagulation)
- More rapid approval of new devices



# Take Home Points

- Valve repair best option in AI
  - IF: Durable repair feasible (i.e. favorable morphology)
- Ross is a “gold standard” option, especially in AS
  - IF: Surgeon is experienced and Center is experienced
  - In AI: Adjunctive techniques to support autograft helpful
- Ozaki reserved for very limited circumstances, for example, when Ross not possible (i.e. Truncus)
- Mechanical AVR or Tissue AVR as a third option

# Thank You!

# Dimensions of Native Aortic Valve

