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# Deceased Donor Evaluation

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**“May your choices reflect  
your *hopes*, not your *fears*”**

**- Nelson Mandela -**

# Outline

- **Recent PMK data & Thai registry data**
- **Standard donor vs ECD**
- **Donor AKI**
- **KDPI (Original vs Thai) & application**
- **EPTS**
- **Other donor factors**
- **What is PMK approach?**

# PMK 2025 profile data



| Variables                                     | 2025 Data                                     |
|---|---|
| New cases in 2025 (N)                         | 35 (adult 32, pediatric 3), ↑ from 25 in 2024 |
| Types of KT (N)                               | CDKT 31, LRKT 4 (pre-emptive 2)               |
| Recipient age (Y)                             | 47  |
| Mean donor KDPI                               | 59%   |
| Donor with KDPI >85%                          | 20%   |
| Expanded criteria donor                       | 48%   |
| Mean deceased donor age (Y)                   | 42.66   |
| Donor resuscitation (hypotension, CPR)        | 88%, 14.8%                                    |
| <b>Donor with terminal SCr. &gt;1.5 mg/dL</b> | <b>25.9%</b>                                  |
| Donor creatinine (terminal and best)          | 1.25, 0.73 mg/dL                              |
| Mean Recipient EPTS                           | 48%   |
| Recipient with PRA >50%                       | 3%  |
| <b>DGF rate</b>                               | <b>18%</b>                                    |

# PMK 2025 outcome data

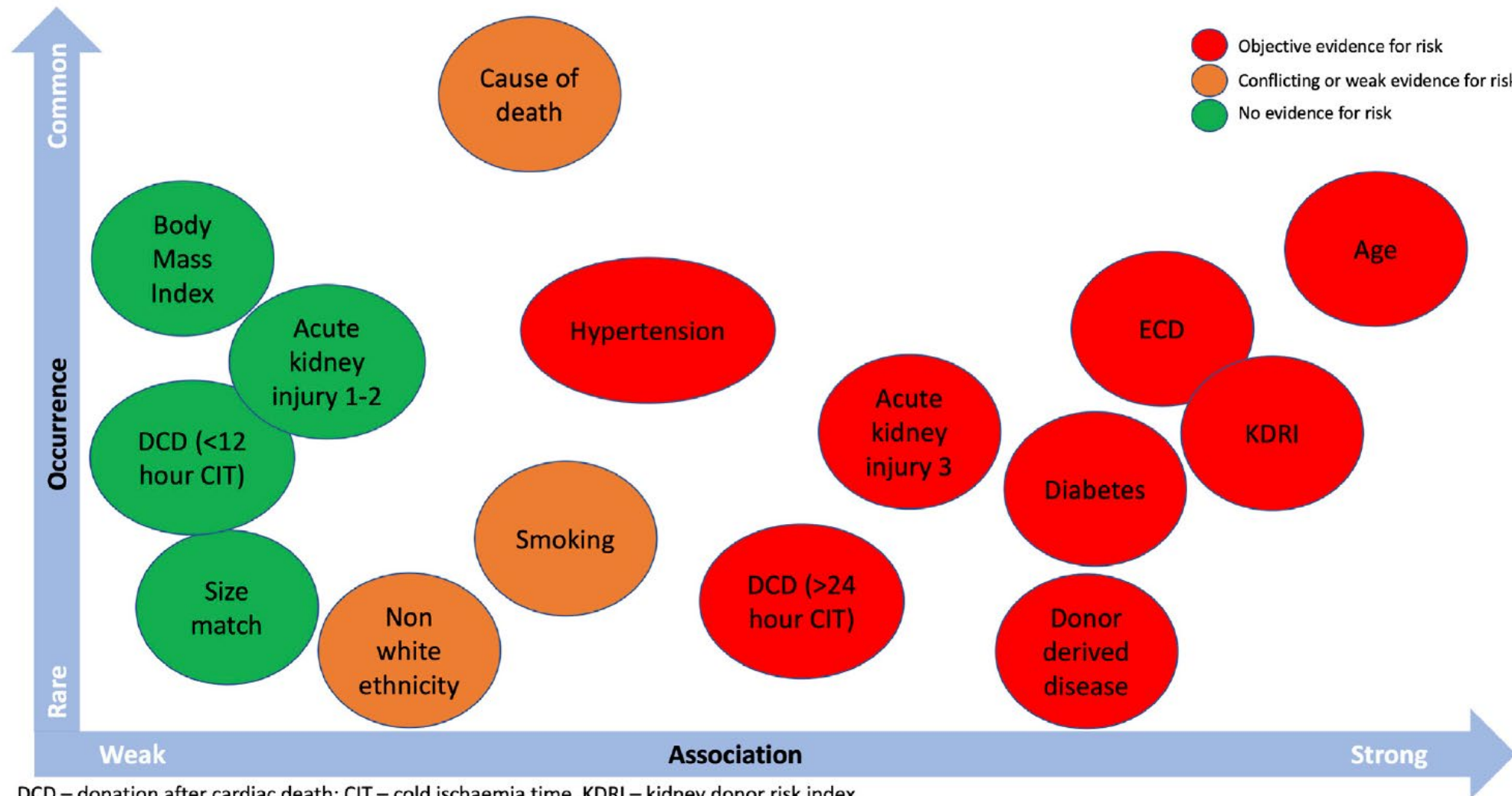
| Variables                           | 2025 Data                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mean length of stay                 | 23 days                       |
| Cases with length of stay > 14 days | 63%                           |
| Admission cost (baht)               | Mean 390,092 Total 12,873,044 |
| Rejection (Biopsy proven) rate      | 6%                            |
| Infection complication rate         | 51%                           |
| Surgical complication rate          | 27%                           |
| Readmission within 30 days rate     | 39%                           |



# Thai Transplant Registry Data 2025

| Variables   | 2025 Data (PMK data)                |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Recipient age (Y)                                   | 47 (47)                             |
| PRA $\geq$ 50%                                      | 4.8%                                |
| <b>Mean deceased donor age (Y)</b>                  | <b>39.7 (42.6)</b>                  |
| Cause of brain death                                | Head trauma 47.8%, Stroke 42.7%     |
| Donor creatinine (terminal, best)                   | 1.18 mg/dL, 0.78 mg/dL (1.25, 0.73) |
| <b>Donor with terminal creatinine &gt;1.5 mg/dL</b> | <b>22.2% (25.9)</b>                 |
| Donor resuscitation (hypotension, CPR)              | 76.5%, 16.4% (88, 14.8)             |
| <b>DGF rate</b>                                     | <b>13.6% (18)</b>                   |
| Serum creatinine at D/C (CDKT, LRKT)                | <b>1.99 mg/dL</b> , 1.2 mg/dL       |

# Donor characteristics and allograft outcomes



DCD – donation after cardiac death; CIT – cold ischaemia time, KDRI – kidney donor risk index

# Ideal deceased donor

**“Donor age 10-39 years with terminal SCr  $\leq 1.5$  mg/dL without U/D HT and not dying from stroke”  
+ non-cardiac death (brain death only)**



**Best outcome is expected from such donor  
but results in “long waiting time” if we only accept such criteria**

# Expanded criteria donor

- “**≥1.7-fold (↑70%) for graft failure compared with *ideal* donor**”
- **Age ≥60 y or 50-59 y with 2/3 of terminal SCr ≥1.5 mg/dL or U/D HT or death from stroke**

**How should we utilize the “expanded criteria donor”?**

# Expanded criteria donor: outcomes

- Inferior graft survival & patient survival (compared to SCD)
- ↑ Infection, perioperative complication, rejection, DGF
- Improve survival (comparing with waiting list) after certain period (3.5 y) esp. those with age >40 y, HT, DM, dialysis vintage > 3.7 y, low PRA, non-Hispanic
- ↑ **short-term** (33 w) mortality (comparing with waiting list)
- If combining pre-formed DSA or severe AKI worsening graft survival. Improve graft outcome if CIT <12 h

# ECDs: how should we utilize them?

- **ECD is not a contraindication!**
- Individualize is crucial: patient with DM, age > 40 y, long dialysis vintage, non-severe AKI
- Minimize other risks: CIT <12 h (if possible), low PRA or absence of pre-formed DSA is preferred
- Age is an essential factor (>65 y is concerning)
- Inform consent + advice is mandatory

**However, ECD or SCD is a dichotomize process which lacks detail**

# Donor AKI & outcomes

- ↑ DGF in most studies with ↑ hospital stays & cost
- Overall, no effect on graft survival, patient survival or long-term graft function (only short-term 3 months) regardless of stage. No association with rejection.
- BUT...in AKI stage 3 (esp. persistent) may result in ↓ graft survival HR 1.8 ± patient survival HR 2.2 (compared with recovered AKI)
- BUT...in high-risk group (KDPI >85%) AKI stage **2-3** results in increased death-censored graft loss HR 2.4

# Donor AKI: how to utilize

- **Donor AKI is not a contraindication!**
- **AKI stage 3 especially persistent AKI is concerning (significant patient and graft outcome)**
- **AKI stage 2-3 in high-risk patient (KDPI >80-85%) should be discussed with patient**
- **Most would discard if terminal SCr  $\geq 4$  mg/dL or oliguria  $\geq 24$  h**

# What is KDPI?

- Numerical indicator of quality of deceased donor graft quality relative to other recovered kidneys (last year)
- Kidney from Ben's KDPI is 70% = estimated risk of kidney allograft failure from Ben's kidney is higher than 69% of donated kidney in last year
- KDPI is derived from KDRI (Kidney Donor Risk Index), raw KDRI is calculated from **8(10) donor-only factors**<sup>1</sup> then scaled for “median donor” of last year data =  $\text{scaled KDRI} =$  relative risk of kidney failure which is then mapping as **percentile and calculated as KDPI**

\*Raw KDRI is a relative risk of post-transplant kidney failure compared to non-diabetes age 40 y

# KDPI approach/common pitfall

- KDPI is only accounted for *donor's factor* (independent of transplant procedure or candidate factor) and *fairly* predicts allograft failure with C-statistics  $\approx 0.6X$  and *should not be used as the sole indicator to accept or discard* the donated kidney
- Approved only in deceased donor & single kidney allograft
- Use only in **adult recipient** but valid for **pediatric donor kidney**
- KDPI alone cannot quantify a risk of graft failure in particular time window (only shift in graph of graft failure risk over time)
- If OPTN KDPI = use **terminal** SCr. Thai KDPI = use **best** SCr.
- Factor that is **already in KDPI** *should not be used to differentiate* the quality of donated kidney *with the same KDPI*

# Thai KDPI

Thai KDPI

Age :  Years

Height :  cm.

Best Cr :  mg/dL

eGFR: 116.55133388676337 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

Female  Male

CVA  DM  HT  Adrenaline

**0.12748663608675986**  
**12 %**

<https://www.thai-kdpi-epts.org/kdpi-cr>

- Validated models from Thai population and compared with US model
- Detailed model<sup>1</sup> modestly superior to US model (0.69 & 0.64 for DCGS and PS vs 0.55 & 0.58 for C-statistics)
- Simpler model<sup>2</sup> equally predicted outcome (0.55-0.6) comparing with US model

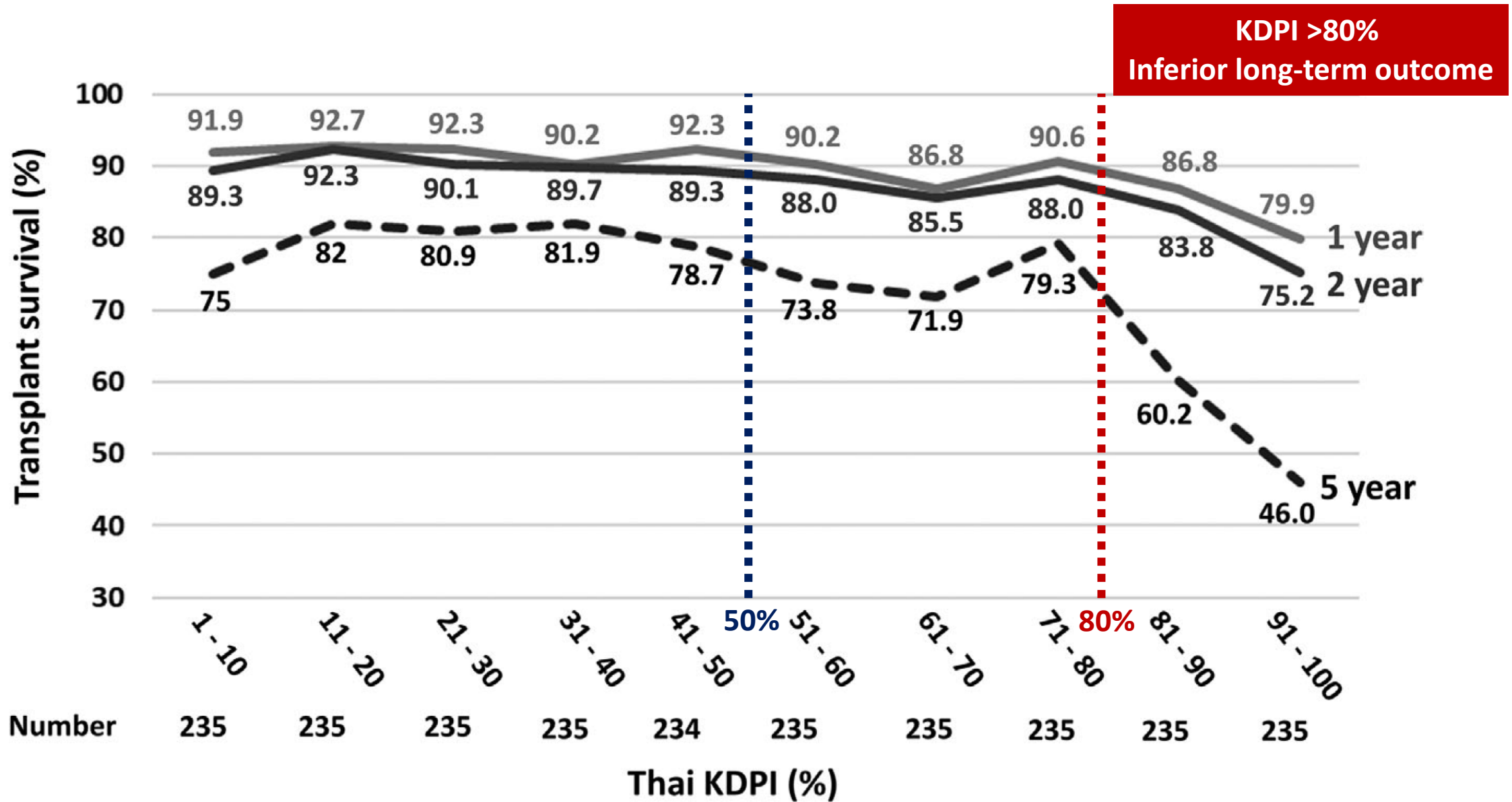
**Despite local validation, accuracy is *fairly* acceptable**

*DCGS; dead-censored graft survival, PS; patient survival*

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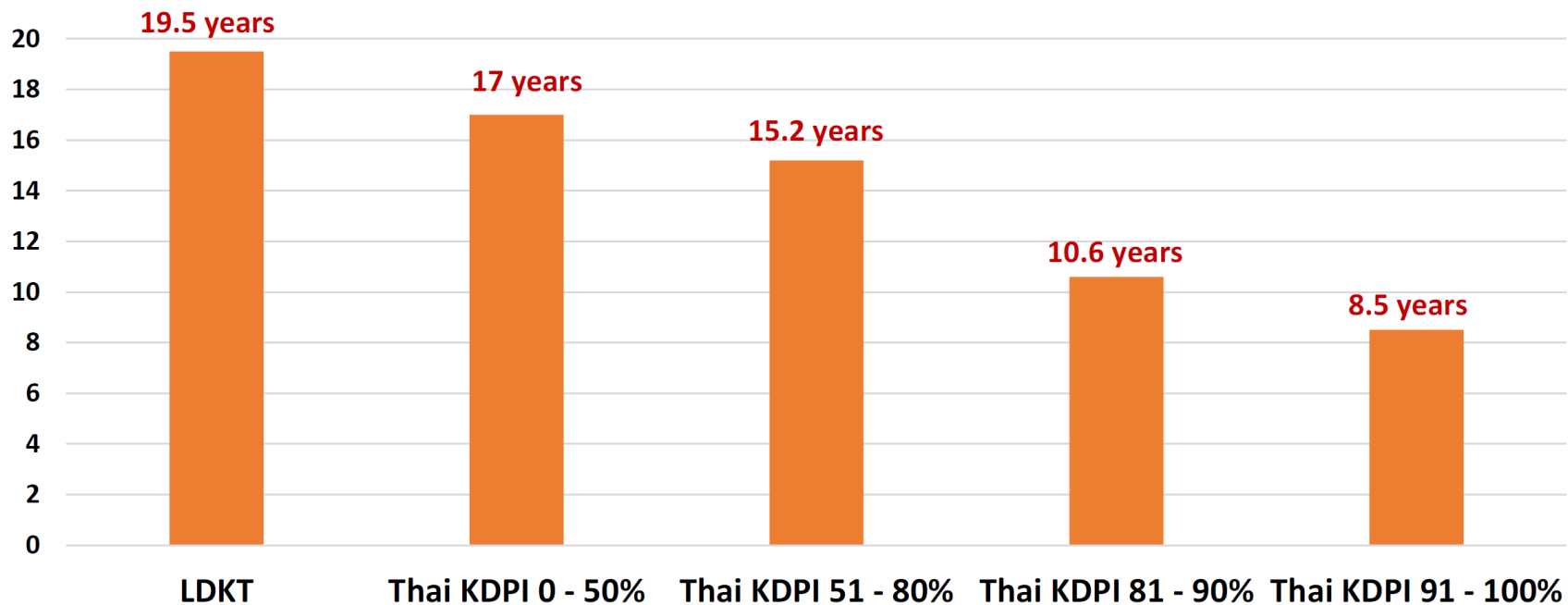
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# Thai KDPI and outcomes



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## Estimated Graft Half Lives (Years): Thai Transplant Registry 2001 - 2019



## Incidence of DGF According to Thai KDPI

| Thai KDPI | DGF rate |
|-----------|----------|
| 1-50%     | 35.3%    |
| 81-90%    | 43.3%    |
| 91-100%   | 50.7%    |

# EPTS: recipient side

Thai EPTS

Age :  
34 Years

Weight :  
67 kg.

DM  HCV

2.1129815353472057  
11 %

Reset

Back KDPI with eGFR KDPI with Cr

<https://www.thai-kdpi-epts.org/kdpi-cr>

- Estimated post-transplant survival (EPTS)
- Estimation of *candidate's survival* after receiving kidney allograft
- Utilizing of “candidate parameters” to calculate *raw* EPTS ( $\uparrow$  EPTS  $\alpha$   $\uparrow$  mortality)
- 11% EPTS = candidate's *raw* EPTS is higher than 11% of entire candidate in recent year
- **OPTN** EPTS uses Age, Diabetes status, Prior SOT, and Duration of dialysis (for simplicity)
- **Thai** EPTS uses Age, Weight, Diabetes status, HCV status

**However, currently Thai EPTS are not used in national allocation system**

# Matching KDPI & EPTS

- Currently, Thai national allocation system **does not** utilize KDPI & EPTS for ranking candidates
- Due to data of KDPI & EPTS should be updated annually but updated data is lacked in Thailand
- From OPTN, if donor's **KDPI is  $\leq 20\%$**  then candidates with **EPTS  $\leq 20\%$  are prioritized first** to emphasize on concept of “longevity matching” (good kidney should go to those who is expected to survive longer)
- We (PMK) may use EPTS data for **counseling** or selecting candidate from **“in-house donor”**

# Other factors to be considered

- Infection (donor)
- Kidney lesion (cyst, obstruction, mass)
- Surgical problems (vascular/trauma)
- Expected cold ischemic time
- Recipients (immune & non-immune)
- Team

# Infection

- **Systemic chronic infection**
- **Systemic active (acute) infection**
- **Urinary tract infection**

**Consultation with ID (or hepatologist if Hepatitis virus) is crucial**

# Infection in donor

| Infection           | Accept  | Conditions                                    |
|---------------------|---------|---|
| HIV                 | X       | -   |
| HCV                 | ✓       | Consult GI + DAAs afterward                   |
| HBV                 | Depends | Discard if HBeAg positive/Acute HBV infection |
| Syphilis (latent)*  | ✓       | Consult ID + Penicillin course + serial tests |
| CMV (IgM+)          | ✓       | False positive (confirm with ID)              |
| Septicemia**        | Depends | Accept if controlled sepsis + Consult ID      |
| Active tuberculosis | X       | Confirm with pulmonologist (CXR findings)     |
| UTI**               | Depends | Accept if uncomplicate UTI + Consult ID       |
| Rabie/Prion         | X       | -   |
| Meningoencephalitis | X       | -   |

\*Check previous treatment in donor, Ceftriaxone for peri-operative prophylaxis. Penicillin within 1 week post op (2-3 doses)

\*\*Check U/C & H/C + repeat culture @PMK, ATB 7 days post-operative, If MDR ± Colistin/Aminoglycoside

# Kidney lesions

| Lesions            | Accept  | Conditions   |
|--------------------|---------|--|
| Contusion/hematoma | X       | Confirmed by gross examination   |
| Vascular stenosis  | X       | Confirmed by gross examination + consult Vascular Surgeon  |
| Vascular trauma    | X       | Confirmed by gross examination + consult Vascular Surgeon  |
| Cysts              | Depends | Discard if Bosniak $\geq 3$ ( $\pm 2$ ), or ADPKD  |
| Obstruction        | Depends | Mild hydronephrosis is possible in polyuria state (Donor's central DI) + should be grossly confirmed + consult Urologist |
| Stones             | Depends | If removable or insignificantly small + consult Urologist  |
| Mass               | Depends | Confirmed by gross examination & frozen section + consult Urologist  |
| Small kidney size  | X       | Confirmed by gross examination only ( <i>not imaging</i> )   |

# Miscellaneous

| Lesions                | Accept  | Conditions  |
|------------------------|---------|---|
| Proteinuria            | Depends | Check baseline (if possible), false high UPCR in AKI (repeat if possible) or stress related (esp. normal serum albumin, no edema, and no significant clinical features of kidney disease) and <b>no significant long-term outcome if mild-moderate</b> <sup>3,5</sup><br><b>Concerning</b> if donor is <u>diabetic + proteinuria</u> <sup>2</sup> |
| Hematuria              | Depends | Mostly lower urinary tract trauma (catheter related), <b>Concerning</b> if persistent and correlate with proteinuria (GN) or KUB system trauma  |
| Cancer                 | X       | -   |
| Chronic lesion from Bx | X       | If glomerulosclerosis $\geq 20\%$ or moderate-severe IFTA <sup>1</sup>  |
| IVDU                   | Depends | Gross examination of vascular abnormalities +/- GN associated with IVDU   |

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# What is our (PMK) approach?



## Absolute contraindication

| Conditions     | Details  |
|----------------|--|
| Infections     | - <b><i>HIV, TB (active), Uncontrolled</i></b> septicemia, <b><i>Complicated</i></b> UTI, Rabies, Prion, Meningoencephalitis, <b>HBV with HBeAg+</b>   |
| Cancer         | - Any confirmed or <b>suspicious malignancy</b> (pre-cancerous as well)  |
| Kidney lesion  | - <b>Cyst</b> (Bosniak $\geq 3$ )<br>- <b>Highly suspicious mass</b> (confirmed by gross examination +/- frozen and discussed with urologist)<br>- <b>Traumatic lesion</b> of KUB or renovascular (confirmed with urologist)   |
| Kidney disease | - <b>Evidence of CKD</b> (presence of abnormal baseline SCr, small size from gross examination, glomerulosclerosis $\geq 20\%$ or moderate-severe IFTA)<br>- <b>Proteinuria</b> from GN (plus hematuria + clinical feature)<br>- <b>Severe AKI; persistent</b> stage 3, SCr $\geq 4$ mg/dL or oliguria $\geq 24$ h |
| Miscellaneous  | - <b>CIT</b> $>24$ h, <b>Age</b> $\geq 65$ y   |

# What is our (PMK) approach?



## Case-by-Case evaluation

| Conditions     | Details  |
|----------------|--|
| Infections     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>HBsAg positive</b> (HBeAg negative) check Recipient Anti-HBc if &gt;100 mIU/mL= accept but entecavir (+ consult GI) if Anti-HbC &lt;100 mIU/mL consider HBIG + entecavir (+ consult GI)</li></ul>   |
| Kidney lesion  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Cyst Bosniak 2/2F discuss</b> with patient + Urologist</li><li>- <b>Renal stone</b>; consult urologist and accept if <b><i>small non-obstructive</i></b> stone</li></ul>  |
| Kidney disease | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>AKI if <i>partial or complete</i></b> recovery; even stage 3 is not associated with significant DGF rate esp. in standard criteria donor. <b>Marginal</b> (high KDPI or ECD) if <b>moderate to severe</b> AKI may need to be discussed in detail.</li></ul>   |
| Miscellaneous  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>60-65 y (old donor)</b> if evidence of minimal kidney fibrosis (histology) and ± avoid young recipient (&lt; 40-50 y)</li><li>- <b>ECD</b> is acceptable if recipient age &lt;50 y and non-severe AKI</li><li>- <b>Donor with diabetes</b> is acceptable if no signs of DKD and recipient age is &gt;40-45 y</li><li>- <b>High KDPI (&gt;80-85%)</b> if non-severe or severe but non-persistent AKI</li></ul> |



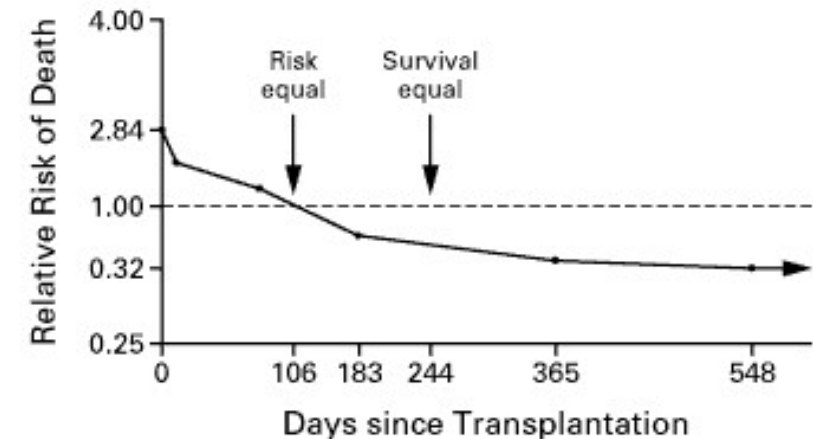
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**Thank you for your attention**

# Survival benefit of transplant across subgroup

| GROUP  | RELATIVE RISK<br>18 Mo AFTER<br>TRANSPLANTATION<br>(95% CI)† | P VALUE | TIME AT WHICH   | TIME AT WHICH  | PROJECTED YEARS OF<br>LIFE (IN REFERENCE<br>GROUP) WITHOUT<br>TRANSPLANTATION‡ | PROJECTED YEARS<br>OF LIFE WITH<br>TRANSPLANTATION‡ |
|--|--|---------|---|--|--|---|
|  |  |         | RISK OF DEATH<br>EQUALS THAT<br>IN REFERENCE<br>GROUP | LIKELIHOOD OF<br>SURVIVAL EQUALS<br>THAT IN REFERENCE<br>GROUP |  |   |
|  |  |         | days after<br>transplantation                         |  |  |   |
| All recipients of first<br>cadaveric transplants | 0.32 (0.30–0.35)   | <0.001  | 106   | 244  | 10   | 20  |
| Age  |  |         |   |  |  |   |
| 0–19 yr  | 0.33 (0.12–0.87)   | 0.03    | 3   | 5  | 26   | 39  |
| 20–39 yr   | 0.24 (0.20–0.29)   | <0.001  | 11  | 57   | 14   | 31  |
| 40–59 yr   | 0.33 (0.29–0.37)   | <0.001  | 95  | 251  | 11   | 22  |
| 60–74 yr   | 0.39 (0.33–0.47)   | <0.001  | 148   | 369  | 6  | 10  |
| Sex  |  |         |   |  |  |   |
| Male   | 0.34 (0.30–0.38)   | <0.001  | 110   | 255  | 10   | 19  |
| Female   | 0.30 (0.26–0.34)   | <0.001  | 94  | 220  | 11   | 23  |
| Race   |  |         |   |  |  |   |
| Native American                                  | 0.50 (0.27–0.96)   | 0.04    | 123   | 304  | 9  | 14  |
| Asian  | 0.43 (0.25–0.75)   | 0.003   | 161   | 673  | 15   | 23  |
| Black  | 0.52 (0.44–0.62)   | <0.001  | 109   | 305  | 13   | 19  |
| White  | 0.28 (0.25–0.30)   | <0.001  | 100   | 220  | 9  | 19  |
| Cause of end-stage renal<br>disease              |  |         |   |  |  |   |
| Diabetes   | 0.27 (0.24–0.30)   | <0.001  | 57  | 146  | 8  | 19  |
| Glomerulonephritis                               | 0.39 (0.31–0.48)   | <0.001  | 130   | 360  | 11   | 18  |
| Other  | 0.38 (0.33–0.43)   | <0.001  | 137   | 353  | 12   | 20  |
| Age and diabetes status                          |  |         |   |  |  |   |
| 20–39 yr, no diabetes                            | 0.38 (0.28–0.50)   | <0.001  | 14  | 220  | 20   | 31  |
| 20–39 yr, diabetes                               | 0.18 (0.14–0.23)   | <0.001  | 10  | 35   | 8  | 25  |
| 40–59 yr, no diabetes                            | 0.38 (0.33–0.43)   | <0.001  | 126   | 356  | 12   | 19  |
| 40–59 yr, diabetes                               | 0.27 (0.23–0.32)   | <0.001  | 66  | 181  | 8  | 22  |
| 60–74 yr, no diabetes                            | 0.37 (0.30–0.46)   | <0.001  | 159   | 442  | 7  | 12  |
| 60–74 yr, diabetes                               | 0.46 (0.34–0.61)   | <0.001  | 89  | 247  | 5  | 8   |



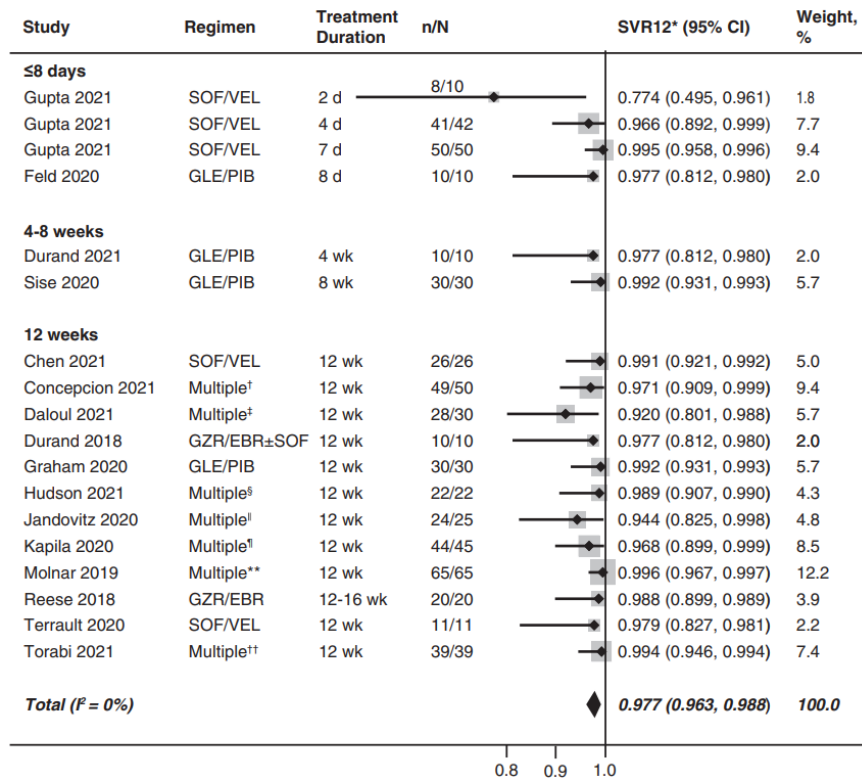
**By >3 months, survival ↑**

# Original KDRI reference donor criteria

- The reference donor (**KDRI = 1.00**) had the following characteristics:
- **40-year-old**, non-African American race
- Serum creatinine **1.0 mg/dL**
- **Non-hypertensive, Non-diabetic**
- Cause of death **other than** cerebrovascular accident, height 170 cm, weight more than or equal to 80 kg
- **Brain dead** donor (not donation after cardiac death)
- **HCV negative**

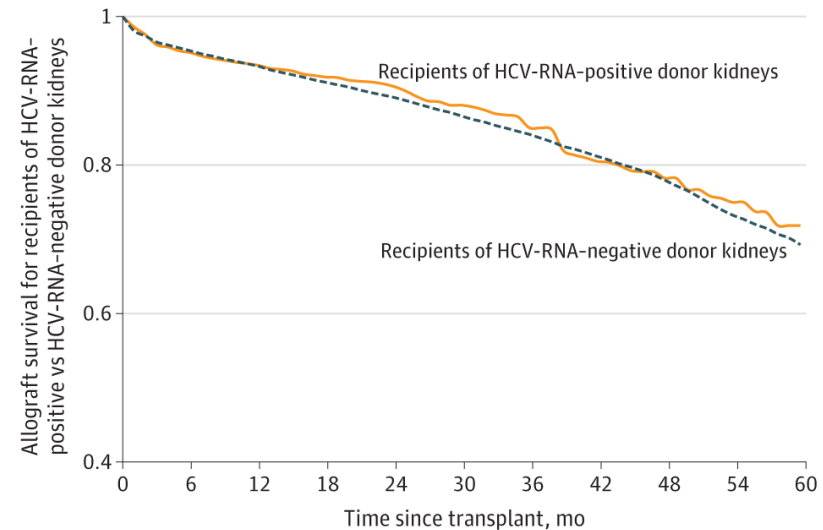
# HCV infected donor is not that awful

## Kidney Transplantation From Hepatitis C Virus–Infected Donors to Uninfected Recipients: A Systematic Review for the KDIGO 2022 Hepatitis C Clinical Practice Guideline Update



HCV- KTR who received HCV+ allograft achieved **SVR12 97.7%**

## Five-Year Allograft Survival for Recipients of Kidney Transplants From Hepatitis C Virus Infected vs Uninfected Deceased Donors in the Direct-Acting Antiviral Therapy Era



- Large cohort of 45,827 deceased donors and 75,905 KTR (multicenter)
- **No significant difference in 5-year allograft survival** for recipients of HCV positive vs HCV negative donor kidneys (72% vs 69%)

**We recommend that kidneys from HCV-infected donors be considered regardless of HCV status of potential kidney transplant recipients (1C).**

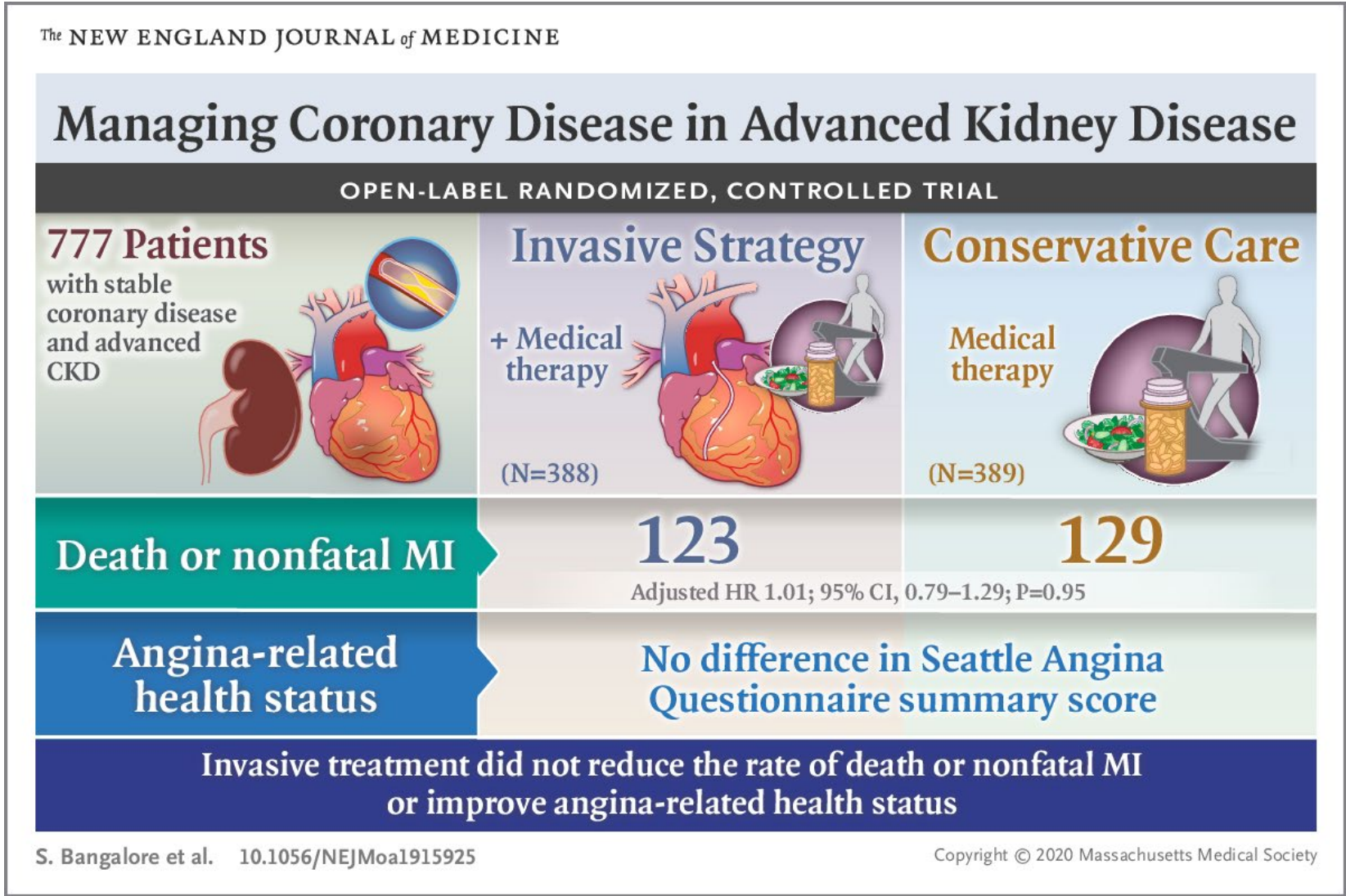
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# To CAG or not to CAG, that is the question

25% Asian  
 Median age 63 y  
**57% diabetes**  
 Median EF 58%  
 ESRD 53% (HD 83%)  
 , vintage 2 y  
 CCS grade 1-2  
 NYHA 1-2


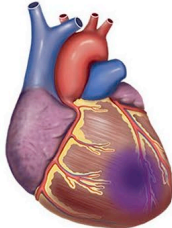
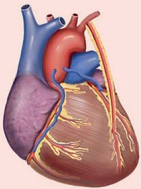
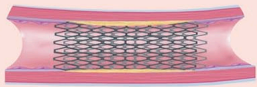
**Moderate-severe ischemia from  
 Non-invasive testing**

Exclude **left main stenosis >50%**  
 (if available data)  
**LVEF < 35%**  
**Recent ACS** in 2 month  
 Severe valvular disease



# To CAG or not to CAG, that is the question

## Kidney Transplant List Status and Outcomes in the ISCHEMIA-CKD Trial

| Study Population   | Intervention  | Primary Outcome  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| 777 randomized participants of ISCHEMIA-CKD  | Invasive Strategy (n = 94)  | <br>RIP | <br>or |
| ↓<br>194 participants who were on the kidney transplant wait list at randomization | Guideline Directed Medical Therapy + Coronary Angiography<br> or  |  |   |
|  | Conservative Strategy (n = 100)<br>Guideline Directed Medical Therapy   | 29%  | 0.91 (0.54-1.54)  |
|  |   | 30%  |   |