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# Pourquoi et comment mettre en place un parcours de soins de l'embolie pulmonaire ?

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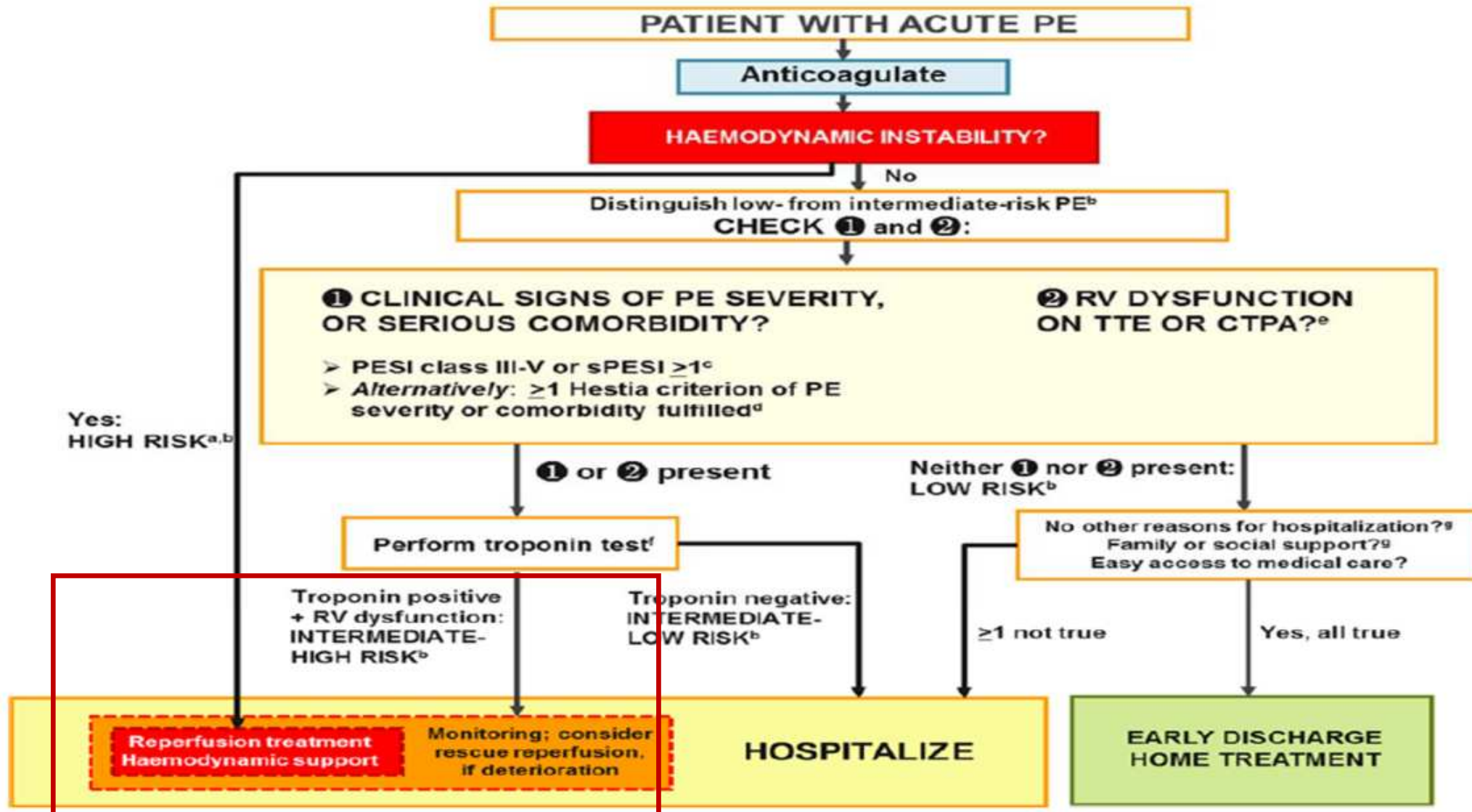
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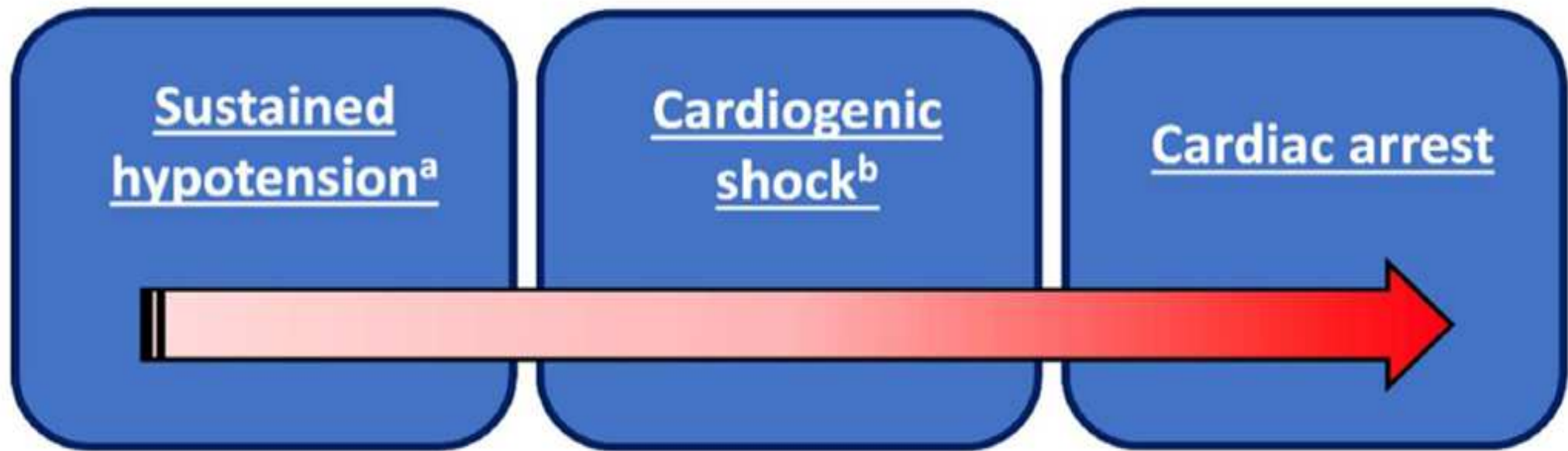
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# Risk-adjusted management strategy for acute PE



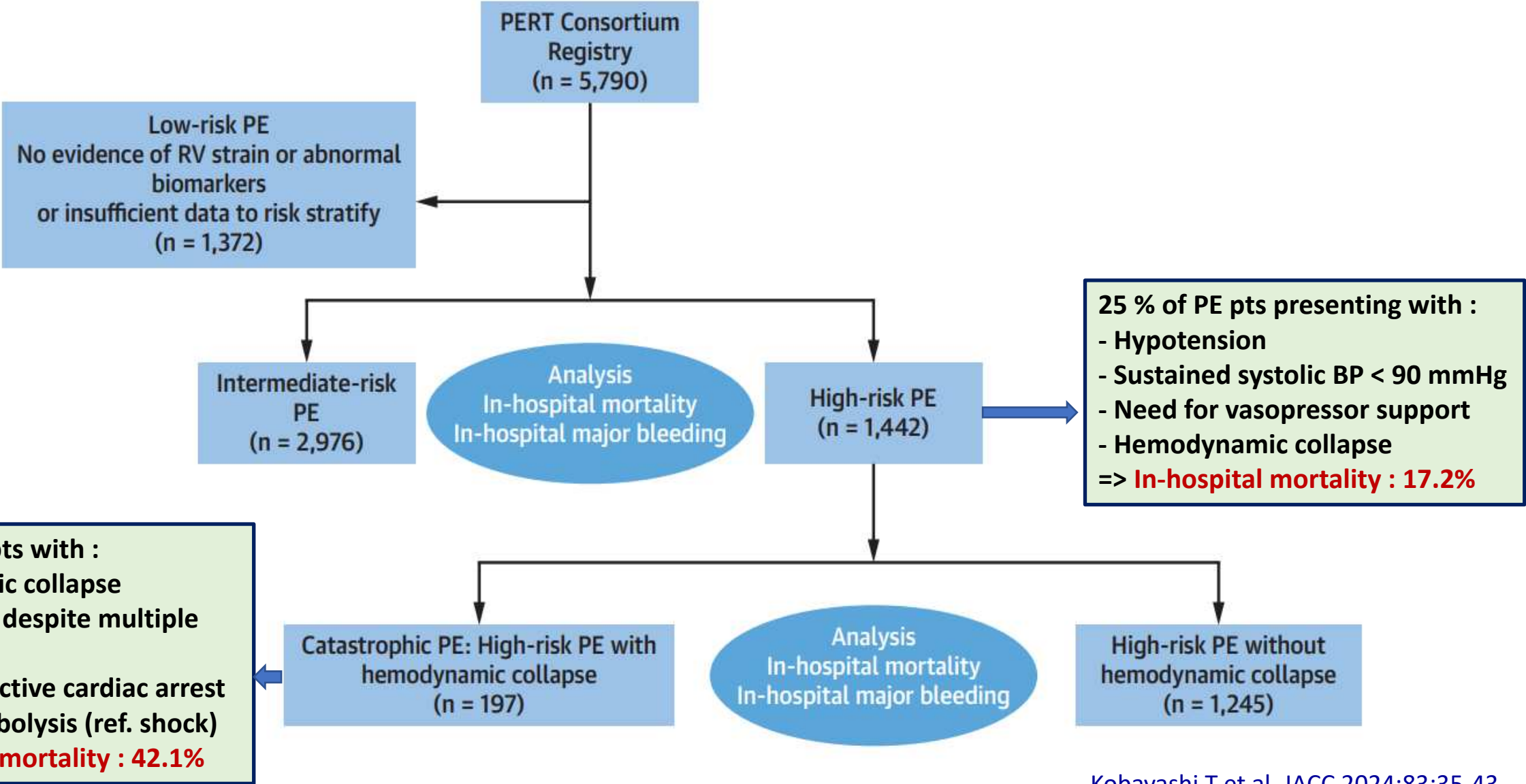
**Les limites de cette stratification**

# High-risk PE : a wide spectrum of clinical conditions



**In-hospital mortality increases with clinical severity**  
**30% mortality = average mortality**

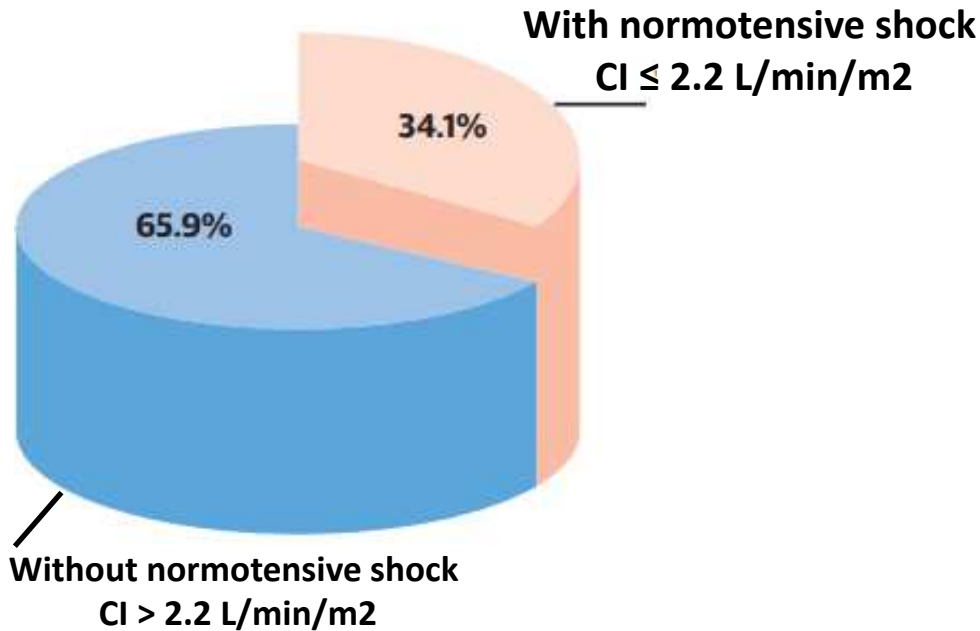
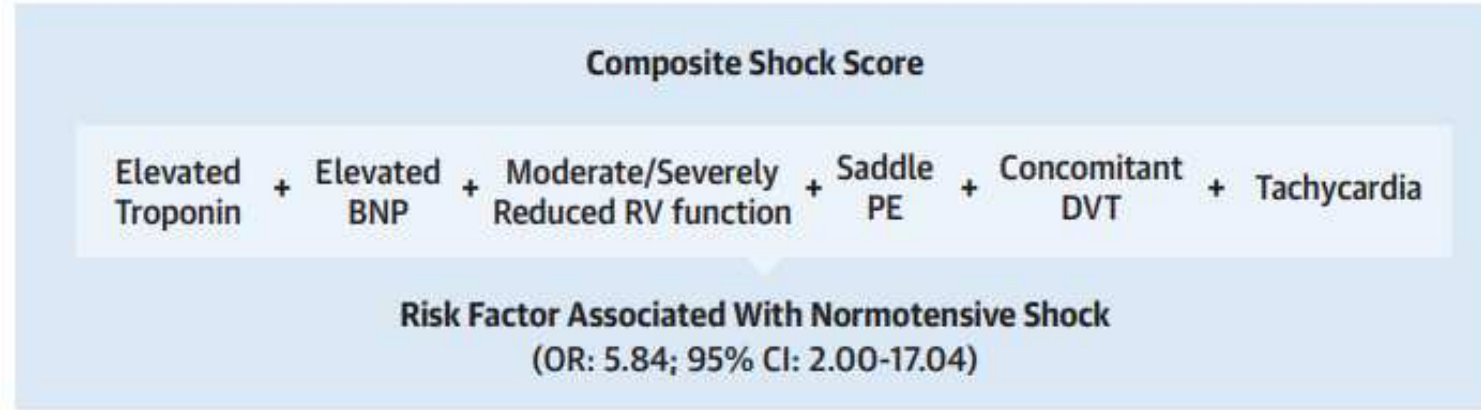
# Outcomes of Pts with high-risk PE



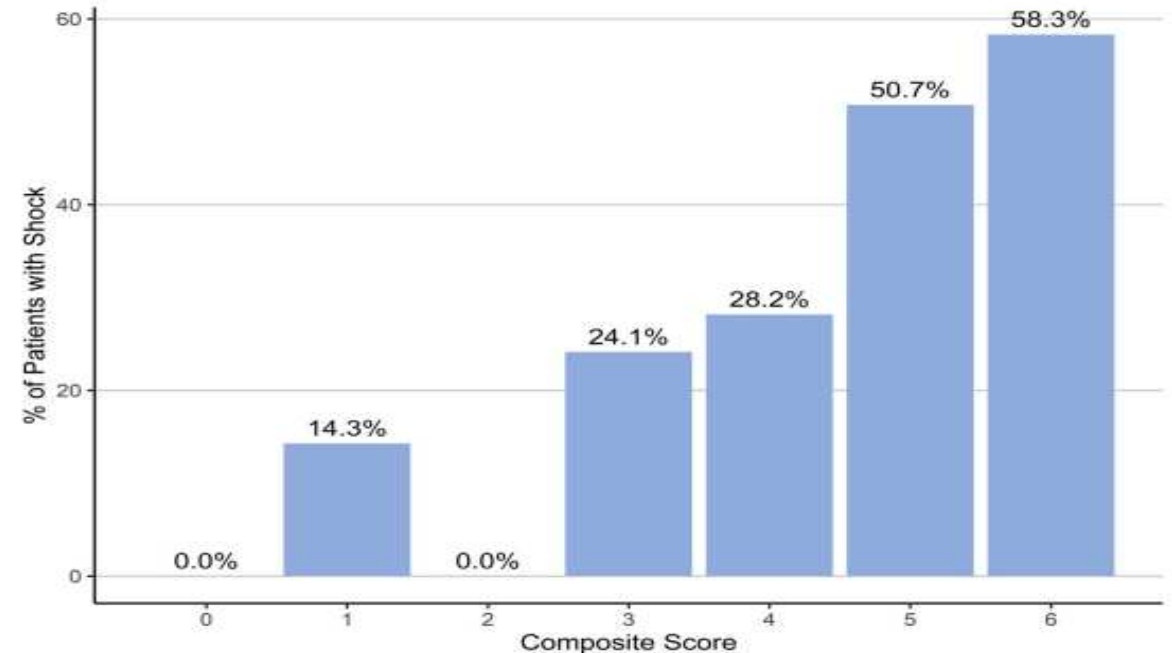


# Intermediate-risk PE with normotensive shock

Normotensive shock in Pts with intermediate-risk PE from the FLASH registry



Proportion of Pts with normotensive shock by Composite Shock Score



# Parcours de soins dans l'EP => PERT (Pulmonary embolism response team)

## Why is PERT activation needed in HR/IHR PE ?

### PE : a clinical and logistic quandary

PEs mandate urgent intervention,

Multiple specialties may diagnose and treat PE (lack of consensus agreement),

PE treatment based on low level of evidence,

Increasing advanced therapeutic alternatives.

### Rationale for PERT : rapid response system

Integrative multidisciplinary approach :

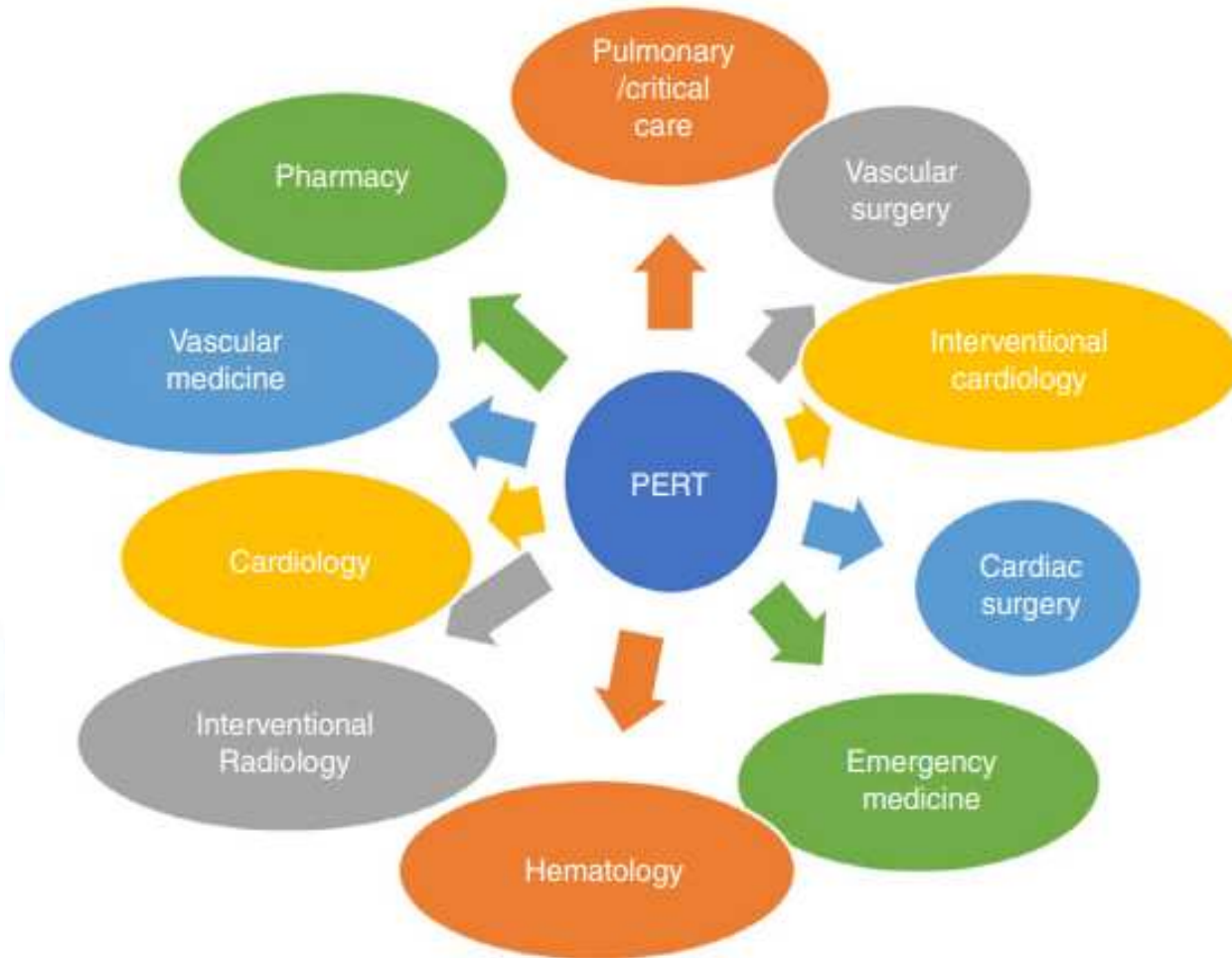
protocolized response to prevent CP arrest and death,

- identification of patients at risk,
- criteria to trigger the rapid response system,
- means to quickly notify and activate the response team.

**Heart-team approach optimizing pt management & promoting “shared decision-making”**



# PERT implementation



**Definition of PERT according  
PERT Consortium Guidelines**

**PERT = institutionally based multidisciplinary team that must meet the following criteria:**

- 1. rapidly assess and provide TTT for pts with PE**
- 2. full range of medical, surgical and endovascular therapies**
- 3. appropriate FUP of pts**
- 4. evaluate data regarding the effectiveness of TTT rendered**

**Activation with a single contact to a central call service  
=> Conference call or virtual meeting**

Rivera-Lebron B et al. Clin Appl Thromb Hemost 2019;25:1-16.  
Rosovsky R et al. Res Pract Thromb Haemost. 2019;3:315-330.

# PERT and interhospital transfer of Pts with acute PE

**Potential triggers for interhospital transfer**  
ideally discussed on individual case-by-case basis

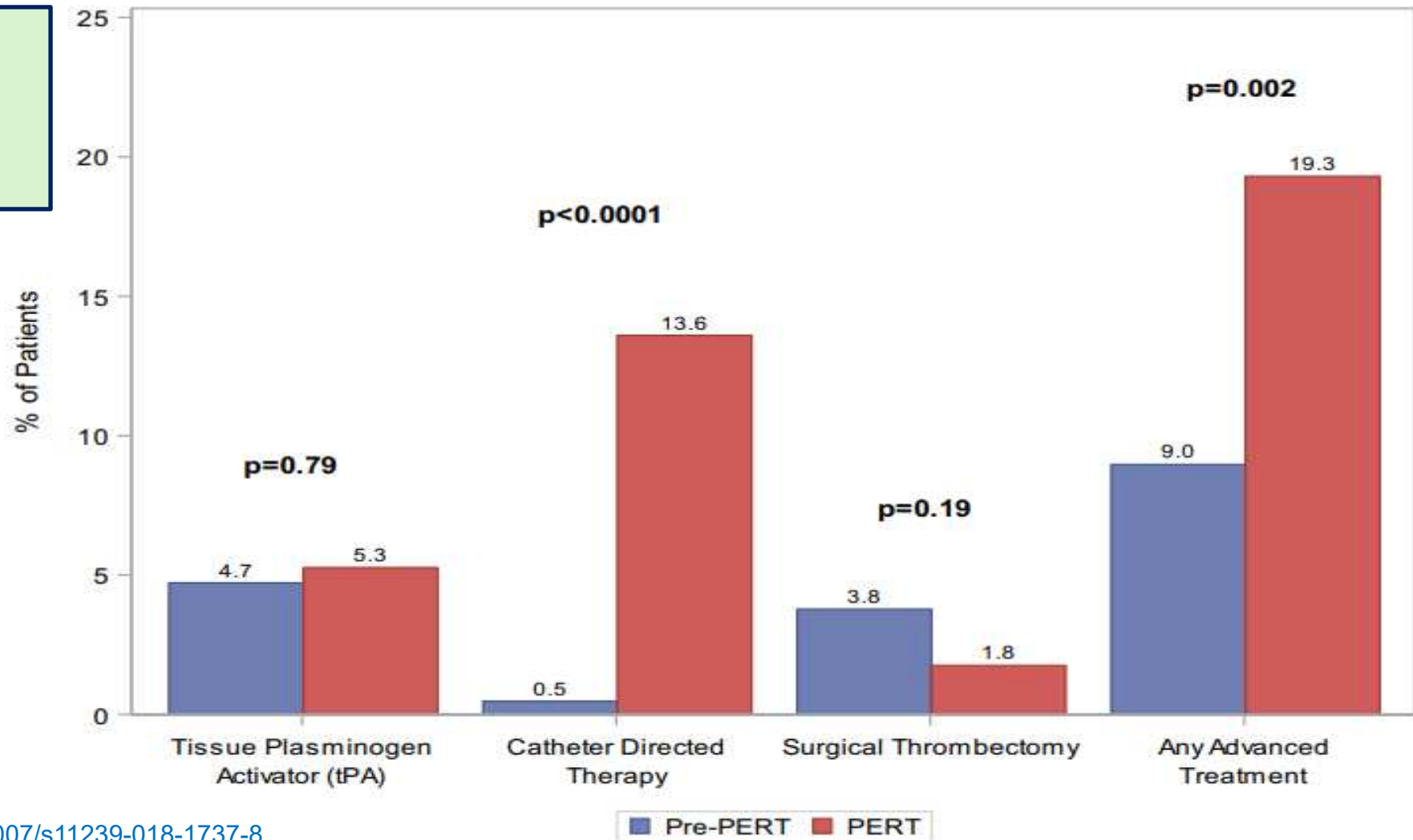
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# Changes in treatment after creation of a PERT : a 10-year analysis

**Use of advanced treatments pre-PERT and post-PERT.**

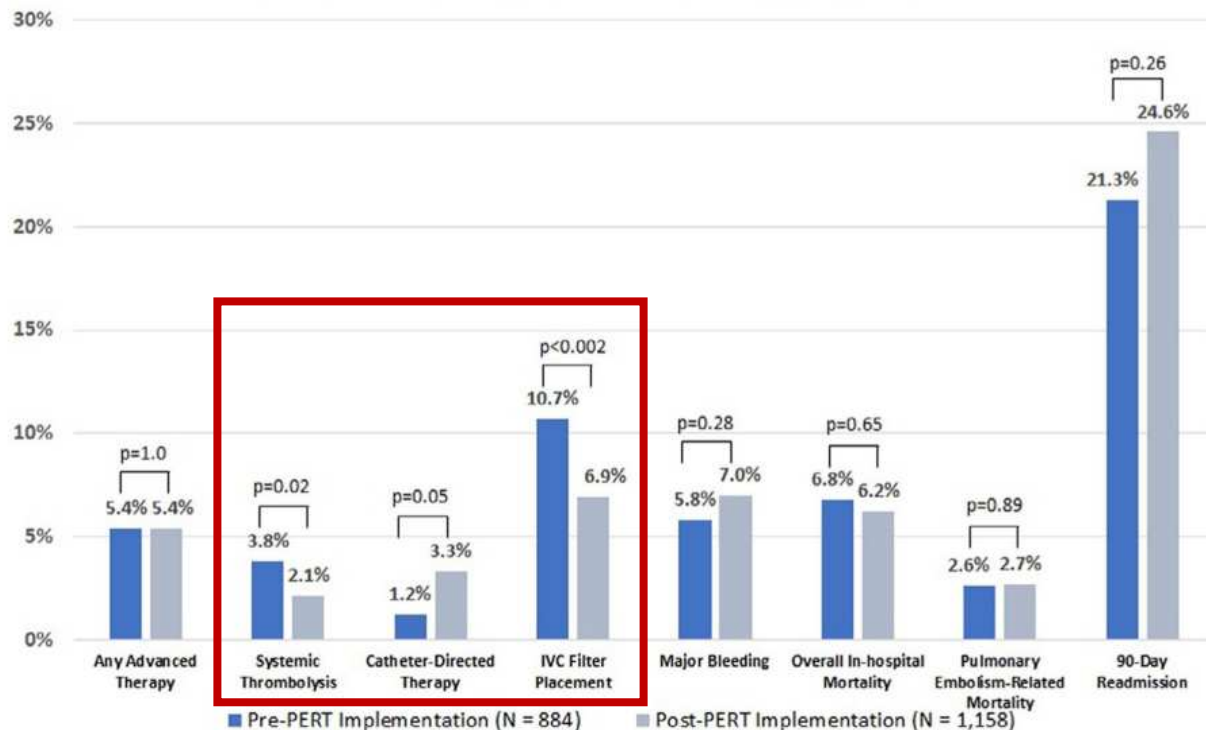
**Implementation of a PERT increases the use of advanced therapies, especially CDT, for pts with high- & intermediate-high risk PE, with no associated change in bleeding or mortality**



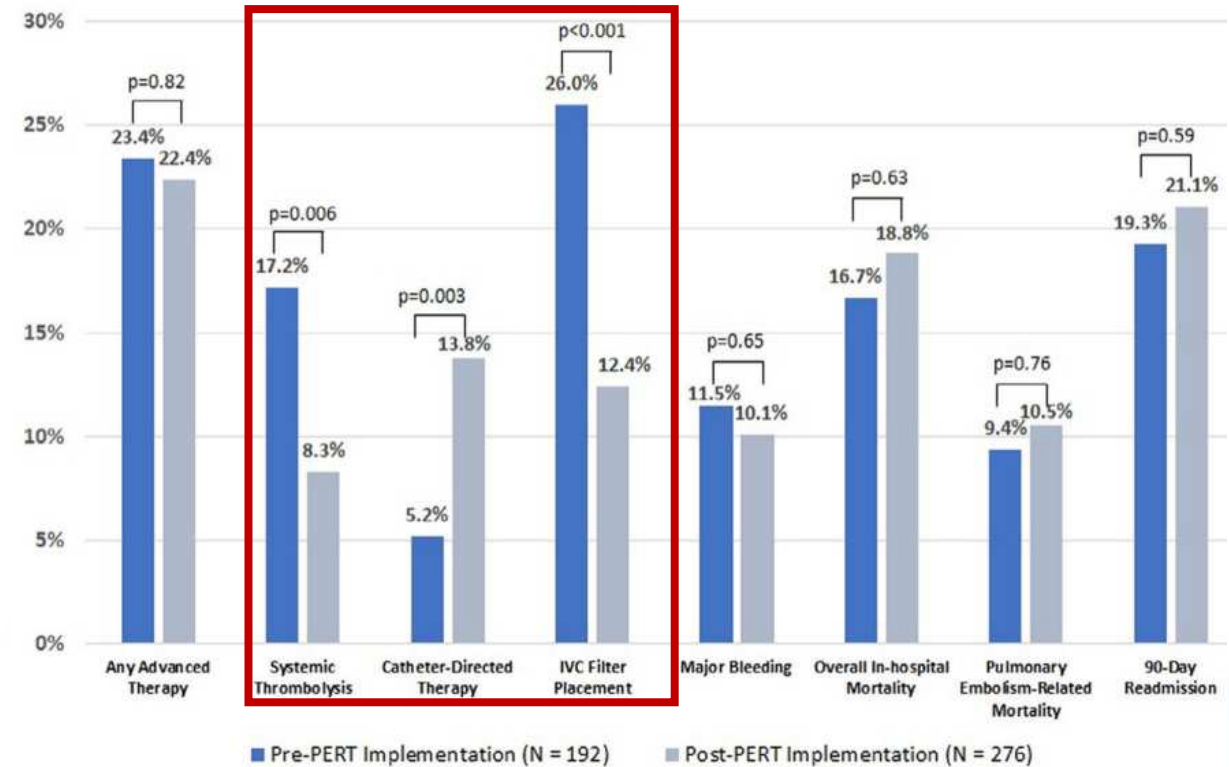
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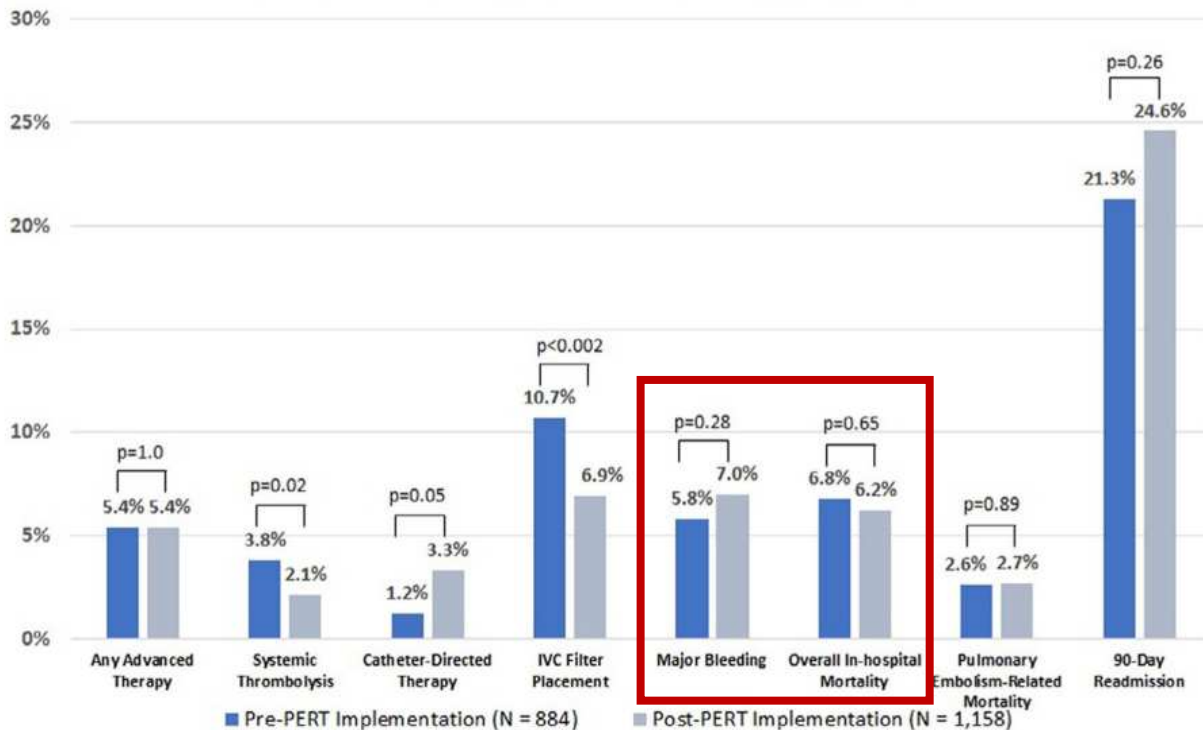




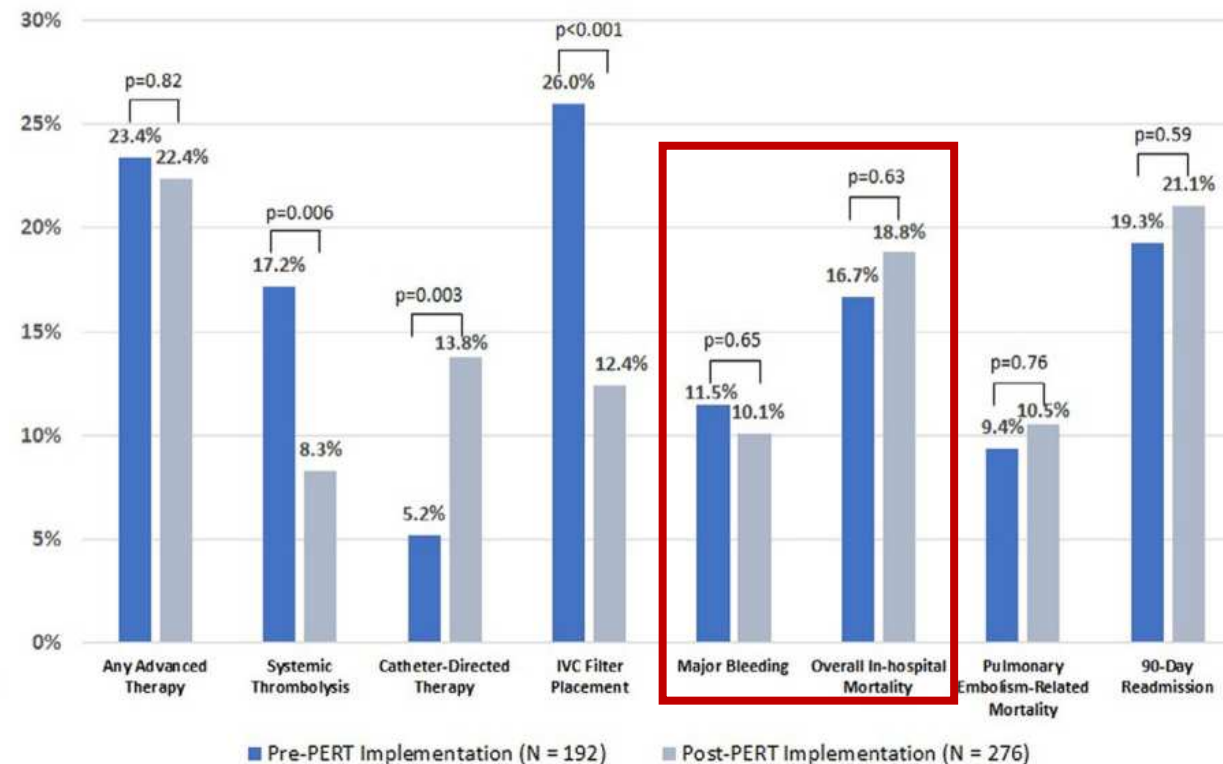
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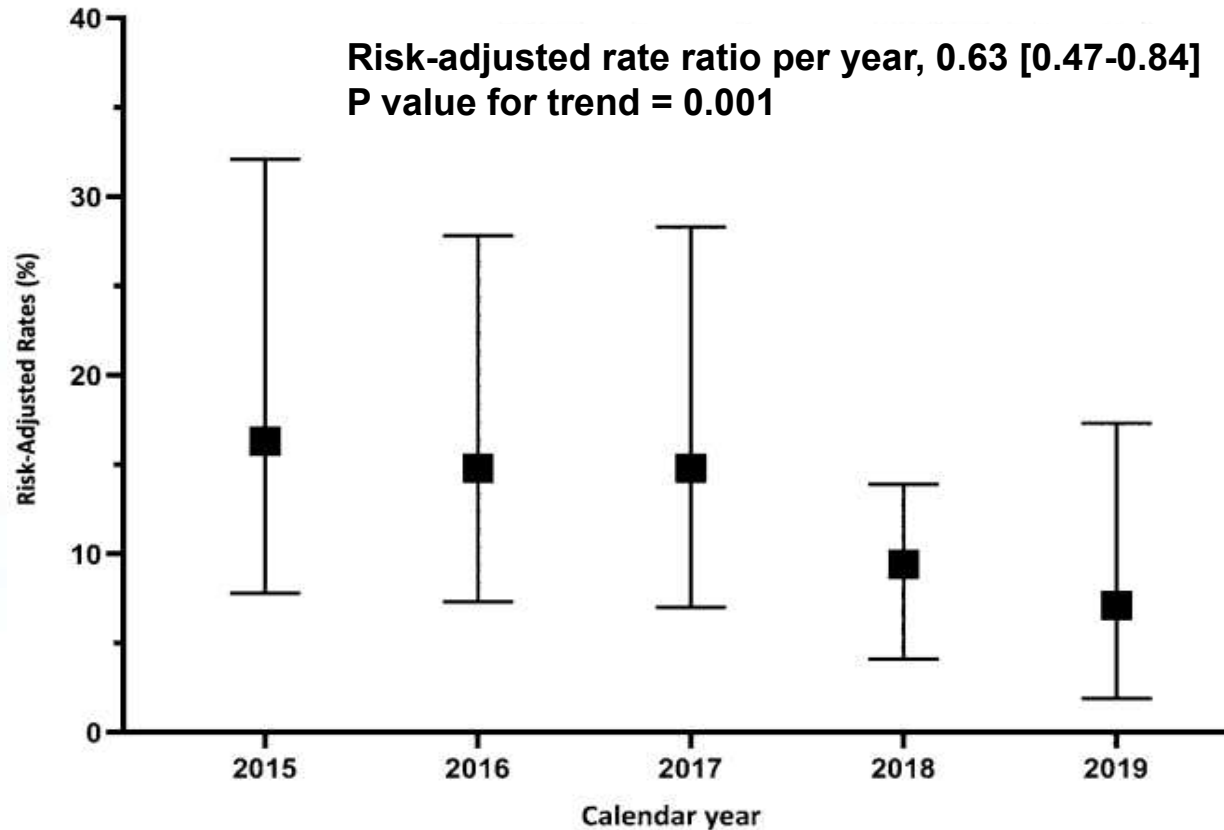


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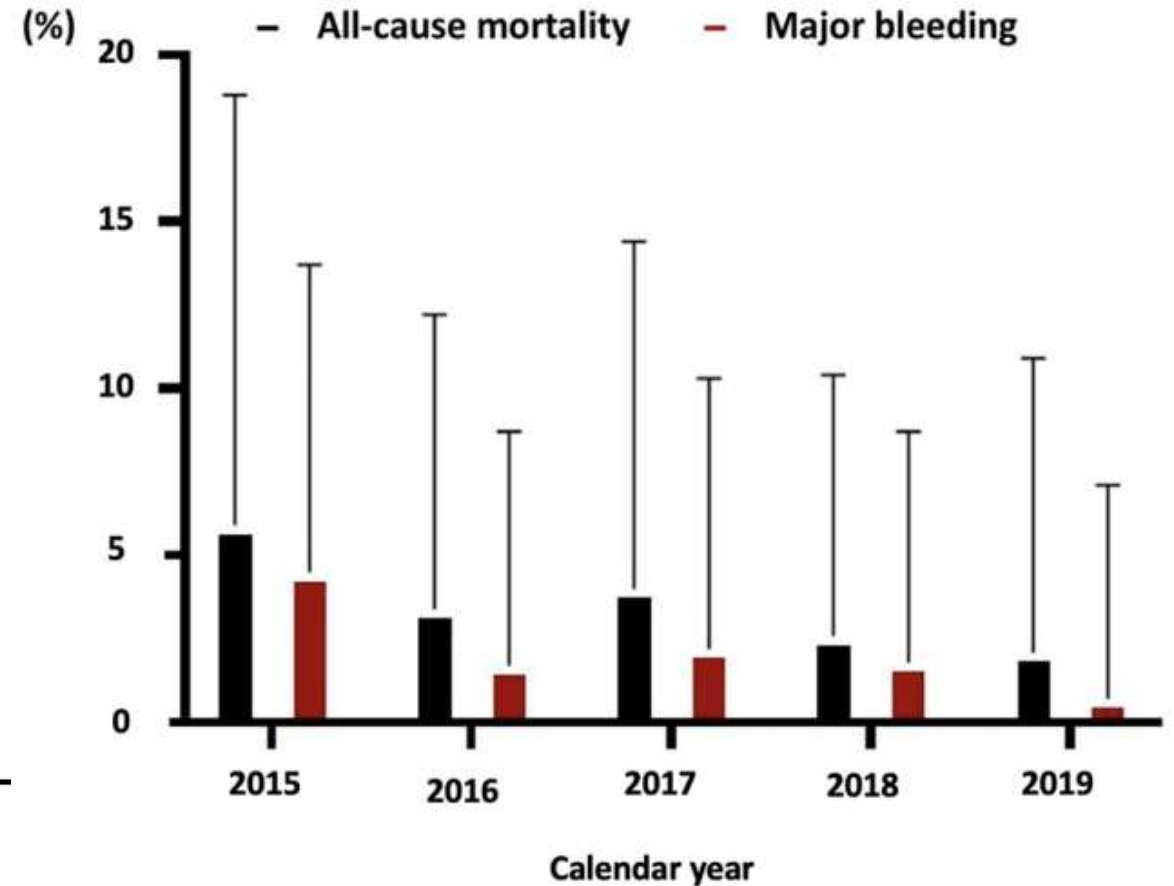


# Temporal changes in PE outcomes following PERT implementation

**425 pts with acute PE managed by the multidisciplinary PERT from 2015 to 2019**



Adjusted temporal trends in composite outcomes at 30 days.  
PE-related death, major bleeding, recurrent VTE, & rehospitalization



All-cause mortality : risk-adjusted rate 0.84 [0.58-1.21]; p=0.36 for trend  
Major bleeding : risk-adjusted rate 0.61 [0.58-1.21]; p=0.04 for trend

# Temporal changes in PE outcomes following PERT implementation

## Trends in outcomes included in the primary composite end-point at 30 days and 6 months

Outcome	Risk-Adjusted Rates (% , 95%CI)*					Risk-Adjusted Rate ratio per year (95% CI)**	p value for trend**
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
<i>30 days</i>							
Primary outcome	16.3 (7.8–32.1)	14.8 (7.3–27.8)	14.8 (7.0–28.3)	9.4 (4.1–13.9)	7.1 (1.9 (17.3)	0.63 (0.47–0.84)	0.001
All-cause death	9.2 (3.1–23.5)	4.4 (1.2–13.2)	5.3 (1.4–12.2)	2.2 (0.3–8.9)	1.9 (0.1–9.3)	0.73 (0.51–1.03)	0.07
Major bleeding	6.4 (2.1–18.5)	7.2 (2.6–17.3)	6.0 (1.8–16.3)	2.1 (0.3–8.3)	5.5 (1.4–15.5)	0.71 (0.52–0.96)	0.02
Recurrent VTE	1.4 (0.06–11.9)	1.5 (0.1–10.6)	0.6 (0.01–8.2)	0 (0–3.2)	0 (0–2.1)	0.50 (0.20–1.22)	0.12
Hospital readmission	18.6 (8.2–37.9)	10.3 (4.1–23.2)	11.3 (4.4–25.8)	6.3 (2.0–16.6)	4.0 (0.2–13.7)	0.78 (0.57–1.07)	0.12
<i>6 months</i>							
Primary outcome	15.8 (5.9–39.2)	14.5 (5.6–35.2)	15.7 (6.0–38.4)	10.1 (3.7–26.6)	9.5 (2.9–27.3)	0.37 (0.19–0.71)	0.02
All-cause death	14.6 (7.8–24.5)	11.4 (6.4–19.8)	15.2 (3.7–24.8)	12.5 (6.9–20.9)	8.2 (3.3–17.0)	0.57 (0.49–0.66)	<0.001
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Recurrent VTE	2.9 (0.4–10.4)	5.5 (1.8–12.5)	2.4 (0.3–8.8)	1.0 (0.02–5.8)	0 (0–4.6)	1.0 (0.02–5.6)	0.63
Hospital readmission	19.2 (9.1–40.7)	12.4 (5.1–26.9)	12.6 (5.0–28.3)	6.7 (2.1–17.6)	6.5 (1.6–19.7)	0.80 (0.58–1.11)	0.19



# A multidisciplinary pulmonary embolism response team (PERT) – first experience from a single center in Germany



Prospective single-center cohort study  
2019 → 2022



**PERT era:**  
Patients with confirmed PE with a PERT decision (n=88)



**Pre-PERT era:**  
Matched patients without PERT before 2019 (n=88)



## PERT activation from

- Emergency Unit (33.3%)
- ICU (30.0%)
- CPU (21.3%)



## PERT composition

- Cardiology (100.0%)
- Cardiovascular surgery (98.6%)
- Radiology (95.9%)
- Anaesthesiology (87.8%)



## Mortality:

PERT associated with lower all-cause mortality (OR 0.37 [95%CI 0.15-0.84]; p=0.018), but not PE-related death (OR, 0.57 [95%CI 0.22-1.146; p=0.241])



## Pre-PERT- vs. PERT-Population

All-cause mortality (31.8% vs. 14.8%)

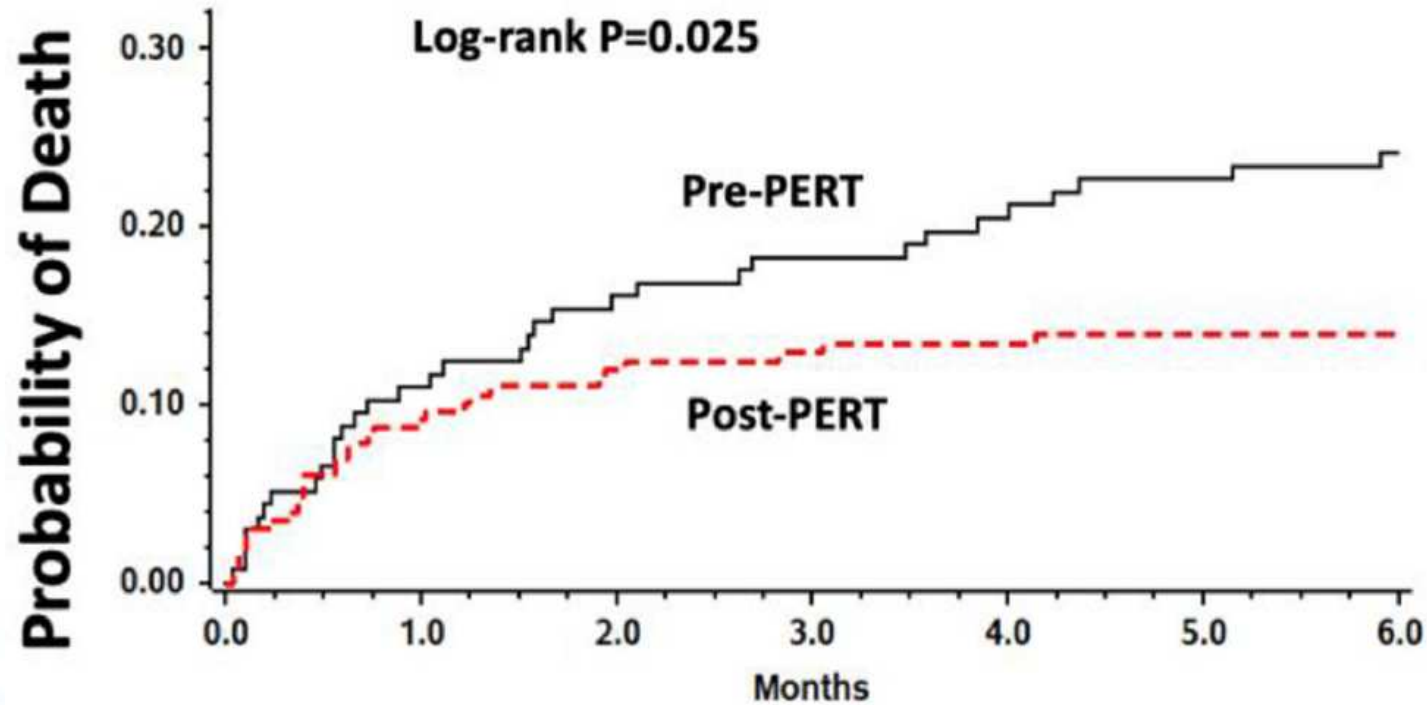
Severe bleeding complications (13.8% vs. 1.1%)

## Implementing PERT

⇒ less systemic lysis or surgical embolectomy.

⇒ reduced bleeding complications, and decreased all-cause and PE-related mortality.

# Impact of PERT in high-risk PE



- Reduced length of stay following PERT implementation (9.1 vs. 6.5 days, P=0.007).
- **Time from triage to diagnosis of PE independently predictive of mortality, (reduced by 5% for each hour earlier the diagnosis was made)**

Parameters	HR	95% CI		p-Value
Adjusted Mortality at 1 Month After PE Diagnosis	1.11	0.55	2.26	0.766
Adjust Mortality from 1 to 6 Months After PE Diagnosis	0.42	0.19	0.95	0.037

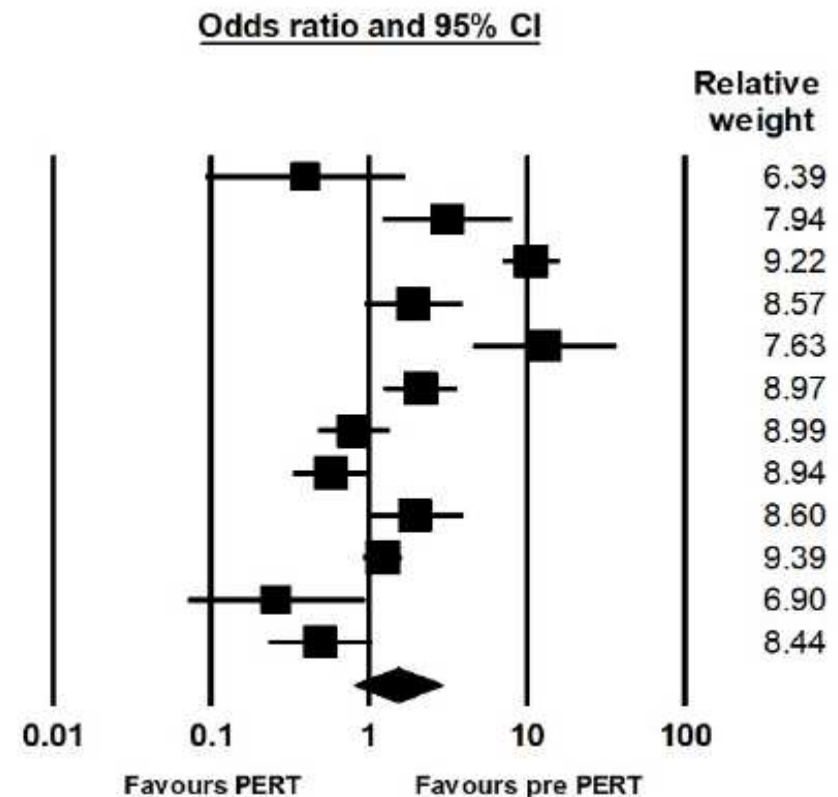
# PERT - Evidence of benefits?

## A systematic review and meta-analysis

13 observational studies, 12,586 pts, 60% pts from the pre-PERT period and 40% pts from the PERT period

### All-cause mortality

Study name	Statistics for each study				Mortality / Total	
	Odds ratio	Lower limit	Upper limit	p-Value	PERT	Pre_PERT
2019 Chaudhury	0.39	0.09	1.70	0.211	2 / 57	29 / 343
2019 Rosovsky	3.12	1.22	7.97	0.017	19 / 228	6 / 212
2020 Carroll	10.63	7.10	15.93	0.000	72 / 165	60 / 884
2020 Jen	1.90	0.94	3.86	0.075	23 / 144	14 / 154
2020 Melamed	13.00	4.58	36.93	0.000	15 / 87	5 / 317
2020 Myc	2.12	1.24	3.62	0.006	33 / 120	36 / 237
2021 Annabathula	0.80	0.47	1.36	0.408	29 / 214	37 / 226
2021 Wright	0.57	0.33	0.99	0.048	32 / 231	30 / 137
2023 Ardeshta	1.96	0.98	3.92	0.058	24 / 156	14 / 168
2023 Hussein	1.22	0.92	1.62	0.167	64 / 819	284 / 4371
2024 Russell	0.26	0.07	0.93	0.039	3 / 133	12 / 146
2024 Sagoschen	0.49	0.23	1.04	0.065	13 / 88	23 / 88
Pooled	1.52	0.80	2.89	0.200		





# PERT - Evidence of benefits?

## A scoping review and meta-analysis

**22 original studies and 4 surveys**



### Literature search

- 26 studies
- Mostly from the US
- In total 9,823 patients with PE
- 9 studies with pre-PERT era as control arm



### Patients with PE

- Mean age 60 years
- 48.7% females
- 23.5% malignancies
- 74.5% intermediate-risk PE
- 16% high-risk PE



### PERT

- approx. 30% of patients with PE evaluated by PERT
- 6.5 specialties in average involved in PERT (range 2-10)
- cardiologists and surgeons included in all PERT cases

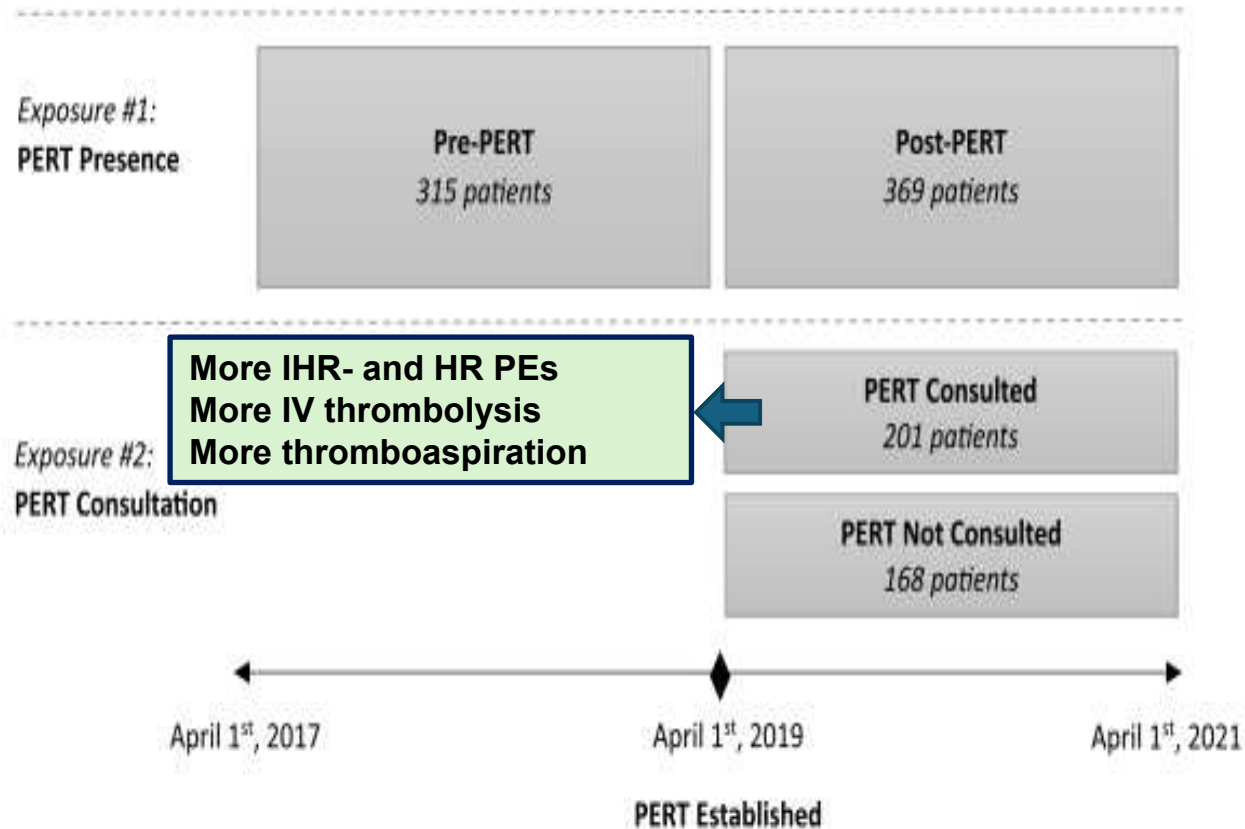


### Outcomes

- Mortality  
RR 0.89 (0.67,1.19)
- Mortality in higher-risk PE  
RR 0.71 (0.45,1.12)
- length of hospital stay  
MD -1.6 days (-3.3,-0.3)
- Use of advanced therapies  
RR 2.7 (95% CI 1.3,5.5)

# Reduced mortality is associated with PERT consultation not with the presence of PERT

**Retrospective cohort study**  
(N=684; 315 pre-PERT pts & 367 post-PERT pts)



	PERT PRESENT	PERT CONSULTED
<b>30 Day mortality</b>		
Odds ratio	1.06	0.34
95% Confidence Interval	0.70, 0.162	0.18, 0.61
p-value	0.8	<b>&lt;0.001*</b>
<b>Hospital length-of-stay</b>		
Beta	-0.19	-5.4
95% CI	-2.5, 2.1	-8.2, -2.5
p-value	0.9	<b>&lt;0.001*</b>
<b>Time to therapeutic anticoagulation</b>		
Odds ratio	0.15	-0.25
95% CI	-0.03, 0.33	-0.49, -0.01
p-value	0.10	<b>0.041*</b>
<b>Active bleeding</b>		
Odds ratio	0.99	0.28
95% CI	0.51, 1.90	0.09, 0.76
p-value	>0.9	<b>0.011*</b>

# Take-home message

## Parcours de soins de l'EP = mise en place d'un PERT

**PERT concept** = novel-team approach optimizing pt management & promoting “shared decision-making”

### **PERT theoretical advantages :**

Input from a variety of clinicians

Improving timelines & coordination of care

Increasing access to advanced therapies when appropriate

Potential clinical benefits of PERT implementation remain to be established

Consultation of PERT, rather than the existence of PERT may benefit selected pts with acute intermediate or high-risk PE without a concomitant increase in advanced therapies.

Large prospective studies are needed further to explore the impact of PERTs on clinical outcomes.