

**A Randomized Trial to Compare  
Percutaneous Coronary Intervention  
between Massachusetts Hospitals With  
Cardiac Surgery On-Site and Community  
Hospitals Without Cardiac Surgery On-Site**

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- This study was funded by Massachusetts Hospitals without on-site cardiac surgery.
- There are no relevant RWI to disclose.

## **Background**

- **Emergency coronary artery bypass surgery (CABG) has become a rare event following percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), with a reported incidence of 0.1-0.4% in contemporary series.**
- **As data supporting primary PCI for patients with ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) have emerged, the need for timely access to the procedure has justified the expansion of emergency PCI to hospitals without on-site cardiac surgery, where reported outcomes have been favorable.**

## **Background**

- **Yet, controversy exists over the further expansion of non-emergency PCI to hospitals without on-site cardiac surgery, due to concern over the risk to benefit ratio in a setting where timely access to PCI is less important for optimal cardiovascular outcomes, which is reflected in the Class IIb recommendation in the 2011 PCI guidelines.**
- **MASS COMM was designed in 2006, with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MA-DPH), to provide evidence on which to base regulatory policy decisions about performing non-emergency PCI in hospitals without on-site cardiac surgery.**

## **Aim**

- **To determine the short-term safety and 12-month outcomes of PCI (excluding primary PCI for STEMI) performed at hospitals without in comparison to with on-site cardiac surgery in Massachusetts**

## MASS COMM Design

Patients undergoing  
coronary angiography  
at hospital without on-  
site cardiac surgery

Randomized 3:1  
Stratified by Diabetes

PCI at  
hospital  
without on-  
site surgery  
(n=10 sites)

PCI at  
hospital with  
on-site  
surgery  
(n=7 sites)

### *Exclusion Criteria*

- left ventricular ejection fraction < 20%
- target lesions with:
  - unprotected left main stenosis >50%
  - device other than balloon angioplasty prior to stent
  - saphenous vein graft location
  - vessel serving only viable myocardium

# Methods

## ■ *Design*

- prospective, multicenter, randomized, controlled non-inferiority trial

## ■ *Co-Primary End Points*

- composite of all-cause mortality, myocardial infarction (MI),\* repeat coronary revascularization or stroke (MACE) at 30-days (safety) and 12-months (effectiveness)

*\*Q wave or non-Q-wave; non-Q wave MI defined as CK  $\geq$  twice ULN plus elevated CK-MB or CK-MB  $\geq$  3 times normal*

## Methods

### ■ *Secondary Outcomes*

- included all-cause mortality, repeat revascularization, stroke, ischemia-driven target vessel and target lesion revascularization; Academic Research Consortium (ARC) defined definite or probable stent thrombosis; emergency CABG; emergency or urgent PCI; and major vascular complications

### ■ *Angiographic Subset*

- random sample of 10% of enrolled patients, CEC blinded to treatment assignment assessed lesion and procedure success, complete revascularization, and the proportion of lesions meeting PCI guidelines Class I or II recommendations for anatomic indications to perform PCI



# Statistical Methods

## ■ *Analysis*

- primary end points were compared for non-inferiority assessed via the Farrington-Manning test using relative risk non-inferiority margins of 1.5 and 1.3, respectively; P value of less than 0.05 on both end points required to determine non-inferiority overall; all other end points compared for differences

## ■ *Sample Size*

- 3,447 evaluable patients to yield 80% to 85% power for the 30-day safety end point (expected MACE 6-7%) and 85% to 88% power for the 12-month effectiveness end point (expected MACE 15-16%) for both arms

# Statistical Methods

## ■ *Analysis*

- Formal non-inferiority testing on an intent-to-treat basis (all randomized patients)
- Patients missing the 12-month follow-up visit -> 99% of records successfully linked to mortality data from state vital statistic records
- Multiple imputation used for patients with remaining missing information regarding MACE

## **Hospital and Operator Requirements for Participation in MASS COMM**

- ***Hospitals without on-site cardiac surgery***
  - Approval from MA-DPH
  - Formal PCI development program
  - Participation in MA-DPH special project for primary PCI
  - Signed Collaboration Agreement with on-site surgery hospital (24/7 back-up, patient arrival within 60 minutes)
  - Perform minimum 300 diagnostic procedures in each of previous 2 years; 36 primary PCI procedures/year
- ***All Operators***
  - Perform minimum 75 PCI procedures/year
  - ABIM Interventional Cardiology Board Certification

# Patient Randomization and Follow-up

Patients undergoing coronary angiography  
at hospital without on-site cardiac surgery  
n=3691

PCI at hospital without on-site surgery  
n=2774

PCI at hospital with on-site surgery  
n=917

n=68  
excluded

n=2706 (97.5%)  
30-day end point

n=886 (96.6%)  
30-day end point

n=31  
excluded

n=267  
excluded

n=2439 (87.9%)  
12-month end point

n=99  
excluded

n=787 (85.8%)  
12-month end point

## Baseline Characteristics

	<i>No On-Site Surgery (n 2774)</i>	<i>On-Site Surgery (n=917)</i>
<b>Age, years</b>	<b>64.7±11.8</b>	<b>64.2±11.8</b>
<b>Female Sex (%)</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>33.6</b>
<b>Caucasian (%)</b>	<b>91.1</b>	<b>92.9</b>
<b>Diabetes (%)</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>32.2</b>
<b>Current or Former Smoker (%)</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>60.5</b>
<b>Heart Failure (%)</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>Stroke (%)</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>PVD (%)</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>

## Baseline Characteristics

	<i>No On-Site Surgery</i> <i>(n 2774)</i>	<i>On-Site Surgery</i> <i>(n=917)</i>
Prior PCI (%)	29.0	27.3
Prior CABG (%)	5.4	7.0
Prior MI (%)*	24.1	20.2
Indication for PCI (%)		
NSTEMI	19.0	17.1
Unstable Angina	44.8	46.8
Stable Angina	27.0	28.1
LVEF (%)	55.4±10.3	56.0±9.7

\*P=0.015

## Angiographic Characteristics – Site Reported

	<i>No On-Site Surgery (n=2774 patients, 4053 lesions)</i>	<i>On-Site Surgery (n=917 patients, 1294 lesions)</i>
# vessels treated	1.17±0.40	1.17±0.41
# lesions treated	1.47±0.77	1.43±0.70
Ref. vessel diameter (mm)*	2.99±0.56	2.92±0.49
Lesion length (mm)	15.12±8.73	14.84±7.95
Pre % stenosis	85.66±11.03	85.22±10.84
Final % stenosis**	2.46±12.04	1.51±9.68

## Procedural Characteristics – Site Reported

	<i>No On-Site Surgery (n=2774 patients, 4053 lesions)</i>	<i>On-Site Surgery (n=917 patients, 1294 lesions)</i>
<b>Pre-TIMI 3 flow (%)*</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>87.9</b>
<b>Final TIMI 3 flow (%)</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>98.6</b>
<b>Type of stent (%)*</b>		
Bare Metal	32.6	24.6
Drug-eluting	63.7	69.3
Both	2.2	1.5
<b>Staged Procedure (%)</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>0.22</b>

\*P<0.001



## MACE at 30-Days (Safety)

	<i>No On-Site Surgery (n=2774)</i>	<i>On-Site Surgery (n=917)</i>	<i>Relative Risk 95% CI</i>	<i>P Value</i>
<b>MACE (%)</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>1.00 (1.22)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Components of 30-day endpoint (%)</b>				
Death	0.7	0.3	1.96 (0.58-6.64)	0.44
Myocardial Infarction	6.5	6.5	1.01 (0.76-1.35)	1.00
Repeat Revascularization	2.7	3.5	0.77 (0.51-1.17)	0.25
Stroke	0.4	0.1	3.93 (0.51-30.21)	0.21

## MACE at 12-Months (Effectiveness)

	<i>No On-Site Surgery (n=2774)</i>	<i>On-Site Surgery (n=917)</i>	<i>Relative Risk 95% CI</i>	<i>p Value</i>
<b>MACE (%)</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>0.98 (1.13)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Components of 12-month endpoint (%)</b>				
Death	2.3	2.4	0.95 (0.57-1.60)	0.89
Myocardial Infarction	8.6	7.8	1.10 (0.84-1.45)	0.55
Repeat Revascularization	8.5	9.9	0.86 (0.67-1.11)	0.24
Stroke	1.0	0.8	1.24 (0.51-3.04)	0.83

## Secondary End Points

	<i>No On-Site Surgery (n 2774)</i>	<i>On-Site Surgery (n=917)</i>	<i>Relative Risk 95% CI</i>	<i>P Value</i>
<b>Target-lesion revascularization (%)<sup>+</sup></b>				
<b>At 30 days</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.98 (0.51-1.88)</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>At 12 months</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1.00 (0.70-1.43)</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Target-vessel revascularization (%)<sup>+</sup></b>				
<b>At 30 days</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.03 (0.56-1.92)</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>At 12 months</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>1.05 (0.75-1.48)</b>	<b>0.86</b>
<b>Stent thrombosis (%)</b>				
<b>At 30 days</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.75 (0.31-1.81)</b>	<b>0.48</b>
<b>At 12 months</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.55 (0.30-1.02)</b>	<b>0.07</b>
<b>Major vascular complications at 30 days</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.04 (0.56-1.92)</b>	<b>1.00</b>

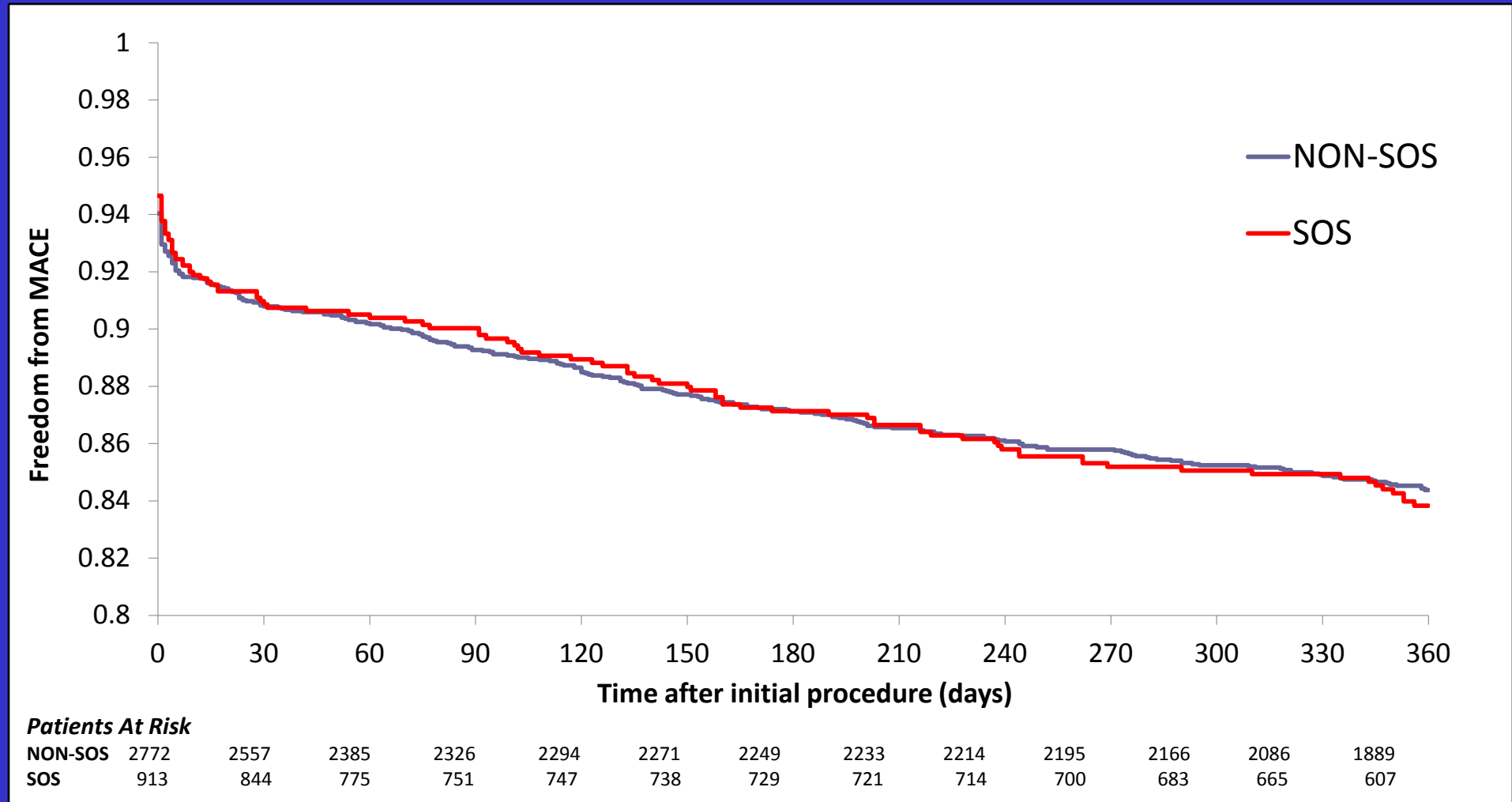
<sup>+</sup>Ischemia-driven

## Procedural Characteristics in the Angiographic Cohort\*

	<i>No On-Site Surgery (n=289 patients, 392 lesions)</i>	<i>On-Site Surgery (n=87 patients, 106 lesions)</i>	<i>Relative Risk 95% CI</i>	<i>P Value</i>
<b>Lesion success (%)</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>0.98 (0.95- 1.02)</b>	<b>0.59</b>
<b>Procedural success (%)</b>	<b>81.3</b>	<b>74.7</b>	<b>1.09 (0.95- 1.24)</b>	<b>0.22</b>
<b>Complete revascularization (%)</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>1.01 (0.83- 1.23)</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Met indication criteria for PCI (%)</b>	<b>94.1</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>1.03 (0.97- 1.10)</b>	<b>0.37</b>

\*Adjudicated by CEC blinded to treatment group

# Kaplan-Meier Curves for Freedom from MACE within 12-Months Post PCI Procedure



## Summary

*In patients treated with non-emergency PCI performed in hospitals without in comparison to with on-site cardiac surgery in Massachusetts:*

- PCI was non-inferior with respect to MACE at 30-days (safety).
- PCI was non-inferior with respect to MACE at 12-months (effectiveness).
- There were no significant differences in all-cause mortality, MI, repeat revascularization, or stroke at 30-days or 12-months.

## **Limitations**

- **While data were available in 97% of subjects at 30- days, data were not available for the 12-month follow-up visit in 13% of subjects.**
- **While the study inclusion criteria were broad, certain clinical and anatomic subsets were excluded, and thus, the findings in this study should not be extrapolated to these subgroups.**
- **The study was powered to detect non-inferiority regarding the two co-primary composite end points but not the individual components, such as mortality or stroke.**

## **Conclusions**

- **These data suggest that performance of PCI at hospitals without on-site cardiac surgery but with established programs and requisite hospital and operator procedural volume, may be considered an acceptable option for patients presenting to such hospitals for care.**



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