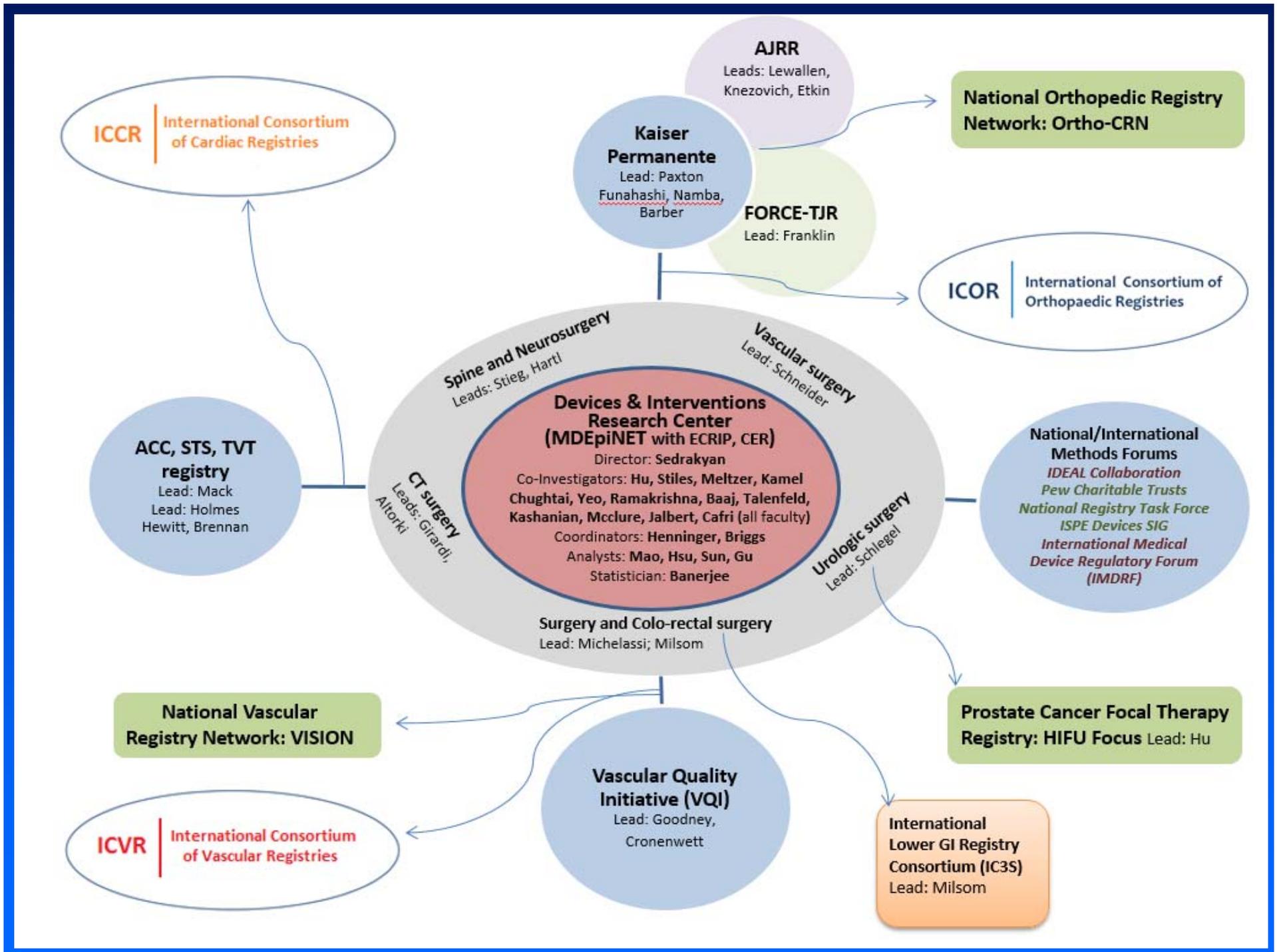


CREATING COORDINATED REGISTRY NETWORKS & UTILIZING ROUTINELY AVAILABLE DATA FOR DEVICE RESEARCH

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GRADE Evidence Levels

Observational studies	Quality of Evidence	RCTs
Very strong association	High	Well designed studies
Strong, consistent association with no or little confounding Dose-response	Moderate	Study flaws Inconsistent Indirect Sparse data Publication bias
Well-designed studies	Low	
Few/inconsistent studies	Very Low	

Power and Limits of Evidence Appraisal



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Appraisal of evidence base for introduction of new implants in hip and knee replacement: a systematic review of five widely used device technologies



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Most innovative orthopedic devices did not achieve expected improvements

ICOR | International Consortium
of Orthopaedic Registries

Started May 9-10, 2011 Meeting at FDA
Series of meetings in Europe and USA
2012-2013 Joint Congresses with ISAR
Major Update at AAOS 2014



American Joint Replacement Registry

Austrian Arthroplasty Register

>3,500,000 Patients Worldwide

Columbia University Hospital for Special Surgery

Kaiser Permanente

Mayo Clinic

New Zealand Joint Register

OrthoCarolina

Rush University Med. Ctr. Joint Registry

ScFCOT THA Registry

Scottish Arthroplasty Project

Virginia State Registry

Australian Orthopaedic Assoc. Registry

California Joint Replacement Registry

Italian Register of Orthopaedic Implants

Massachusetts General Hospital

New England Baptist Hospital Registry

Norwegian Arthroplasty Register

Portuguese Arthroplasty Register

Slovakian Arthroplasty Register

Swedish Hip and Knee Registers

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Evidence on revision from the literature

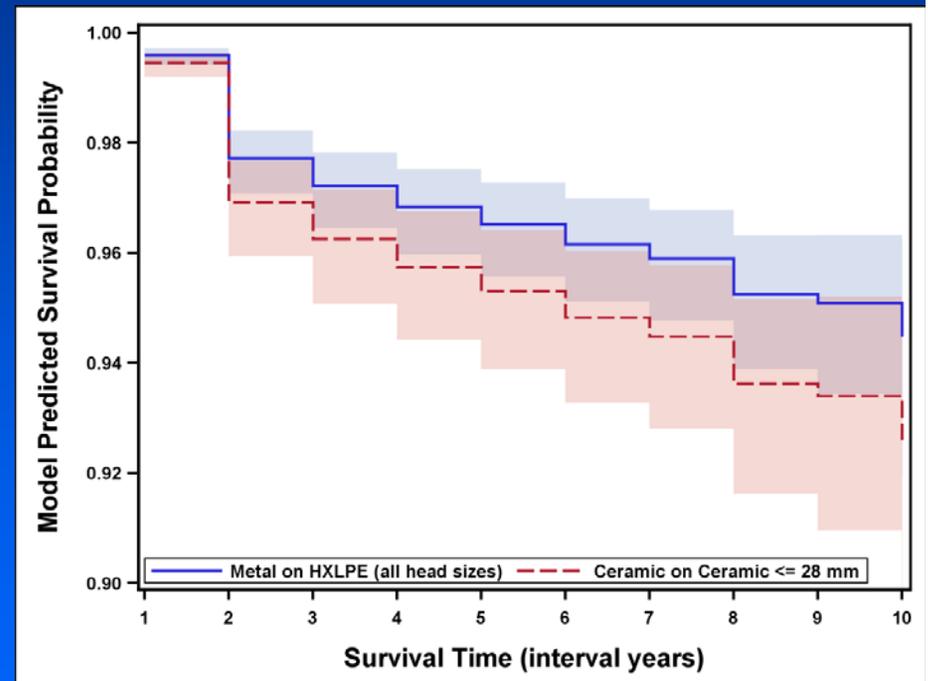
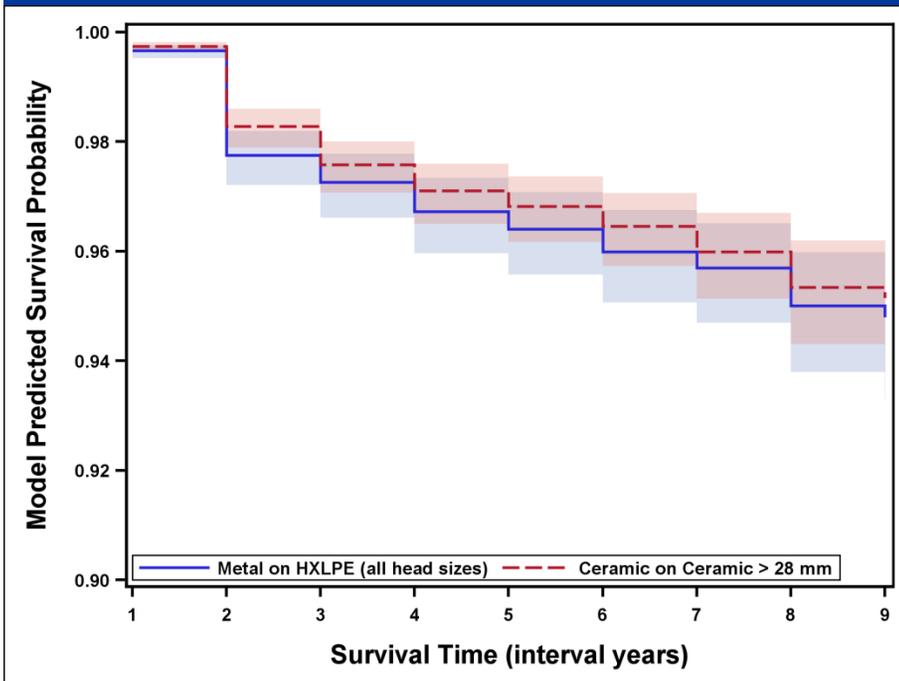
Study (year), country	Revision Surgery (reported dislocation)		
	C - C	M - P	C - P
Bascarevic et al (2010), Serbia	2/82 = 2.4% (1/82 = 1.2%)	2/75 = 2.7% (2/75 = 2.7%)	N/A
Capello et al (2008), D'Antonio et al (2005) (2 papers) USA	6/349 = 1.7%* (10/349 = 2.9%)	10/165 = 6.1%* (7/165 = 4.2%)	N/A
Capello et al (2008) (Addition of 4th system, Trident),	1/186 = 0.5%*	10/165 = 6.1%* (7/165 = 4.2%)	N/A

Hamilton et al (2009)
Kim et al (2009)
Lewis et al (2010), C
Lombardi et al (2009)
Poggie et al (2009)

bearing surfaces, thus corroborating the simulator testing results. Since the time of enrollment in this study, newer, highly cross-linked polyethylene bearings [8,9] have emerged on the market, and it remains to be seen how these new polyethylene liners will compare to ceramic bearings with regard to wear and debris-induced cortical erosion.

Effect:	C-C >28 mm vs All head size Metal on HXLPE	C-C ≤ 28 mm vs All head size metal on HXLPE
	HR (95% LB-UB)	HR (95% LB-UB)
Time (reference: [0, 1) years)		
[1, 2) years	6.72 (5.07-8.92)	5.74 (4.2-7.8)
[2, 3) years	8.24 (6.16-11.01)	7.00 (5.11-9.59)
[3, 4) years	9.88 (7.37-13.24)	7.98 (5.82-10.95)
[4, 5) years	10.84 (8.08-14.55)	8.80 (6.40-12.08)
[5, 6) years	12.11 (9.00-16.30)	9.73 (7.07-13.40)
[6, 7) years	13.04 (9.64-17.63)	10.41 (7.54-14.36)
[7, 8) years	15.19 (11.12-20.75)	12.08 (8.67-16.83)
[8, 9) years	15.84 (11.29-22.21)	12.52 (8.65-18.11)
[9, 10) years	n/a	14.09 (9.10-21.81)
Female (reference: Male)	1.09 (0.93-1.28)	0.98 (0.81-1.19)
55-64 years (reference: 45-54 years)	0.80 (0.66-0.96)	0.89 (0.71-1.12)
Fixed Registry Effects ^a	-	-
Bearing Surface/Size	n/a	1.36 (1.09-1.68)
Bearing Surface/Size at Time [0, 2) ^b	0.77 (0.63-0.93)	n/a
Bearing Surface/Size at Time [2, 6) ^b	0.88 (0.74-1.05)	n/a
Bearing Surface/Size at Time [6, 9) ^b	0.93 (0.77-1.12)	n/a
Intercept Estimate (SE):	-5.69 (0.17)	-5.51 (0.19)

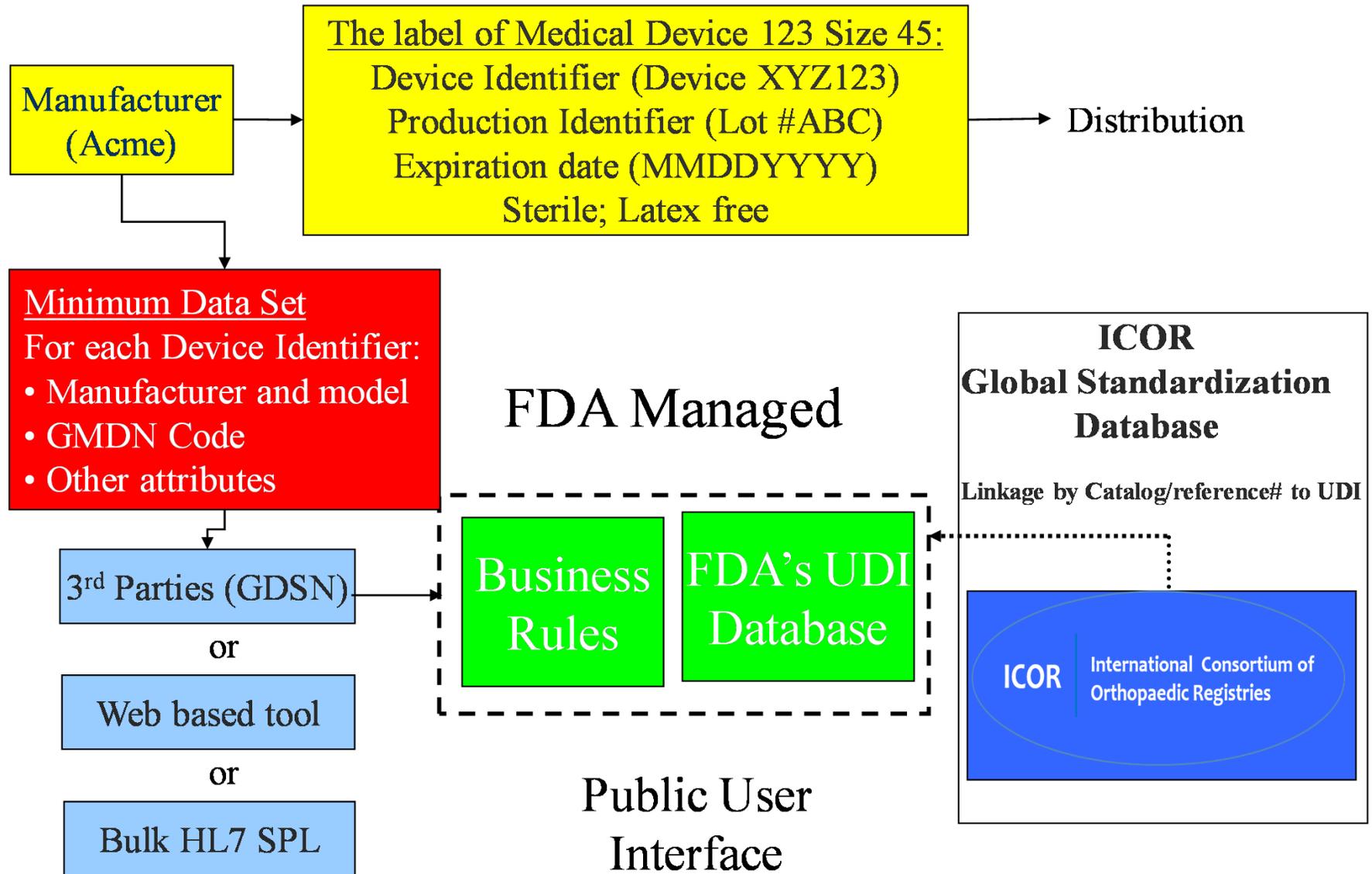
Ceramic on Ceramic Sizes ≤ 28 And > 28 mm vs Metal on HXLPE



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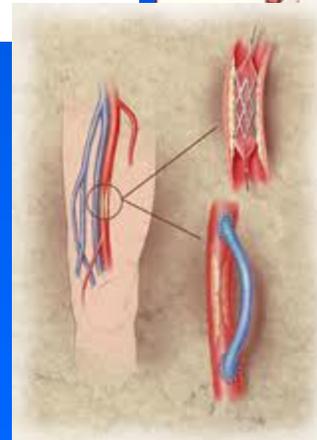
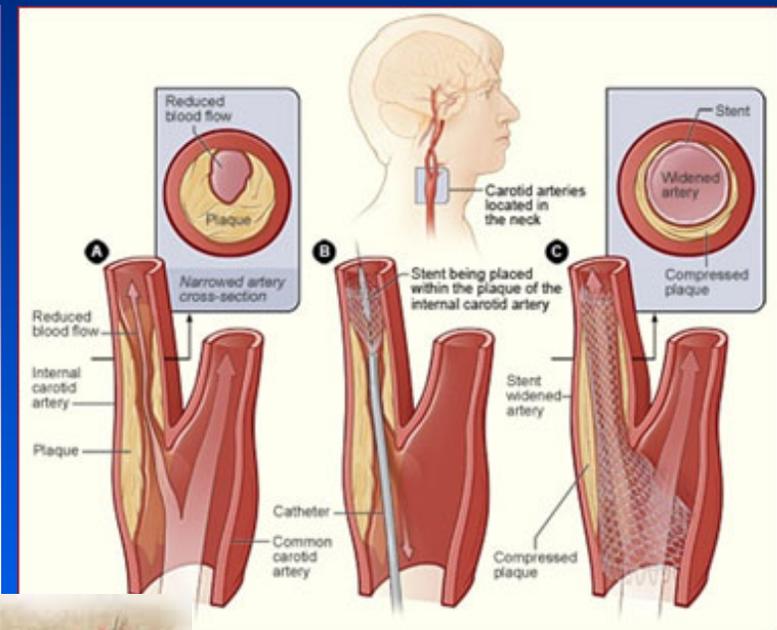
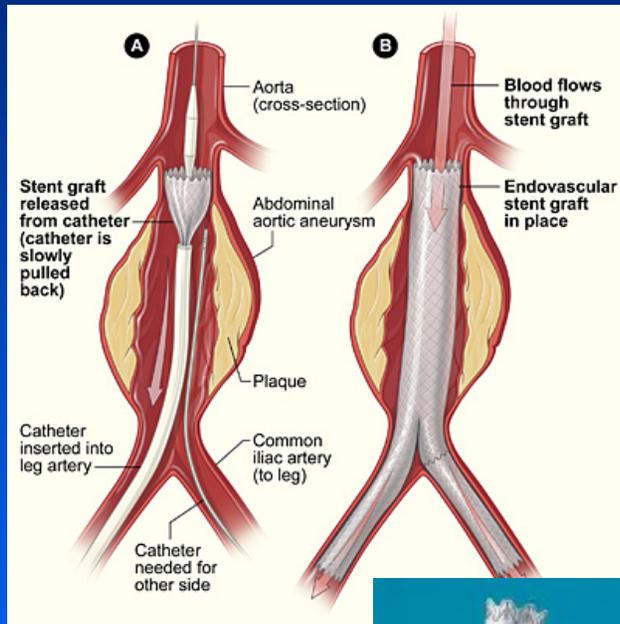
- Develop global, standardized classification system of hip and knee implantable devices and include all their clinical attributes and characteristics to advance the implementation of UDI and FDA post-market surveillance
- Key for ICOR future— more active surveillance and potentially device specific surveillance

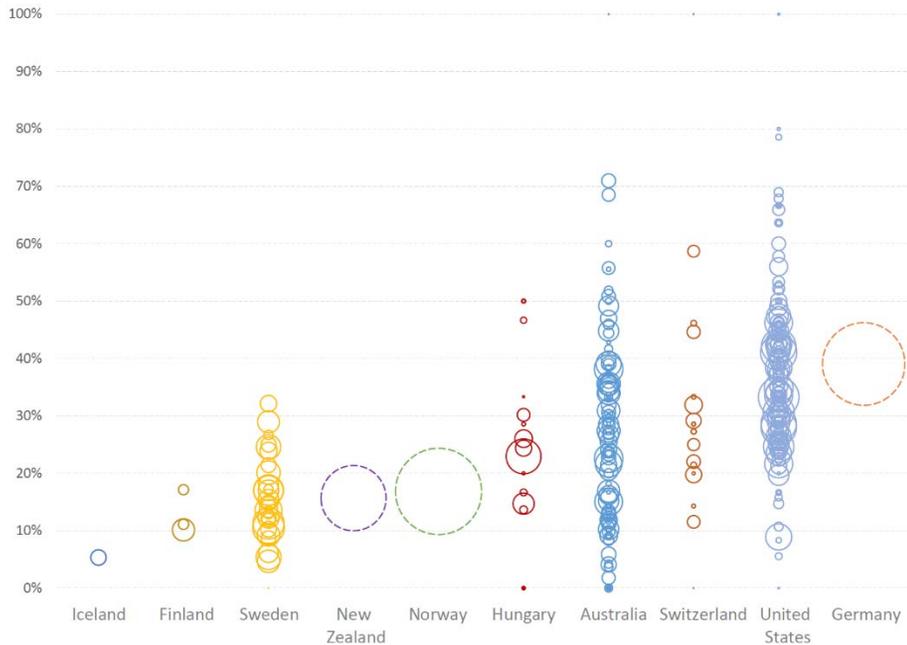
FDA's UDI Database



International Consortium of Vascular Registries (ICVR)

Started in late 2014





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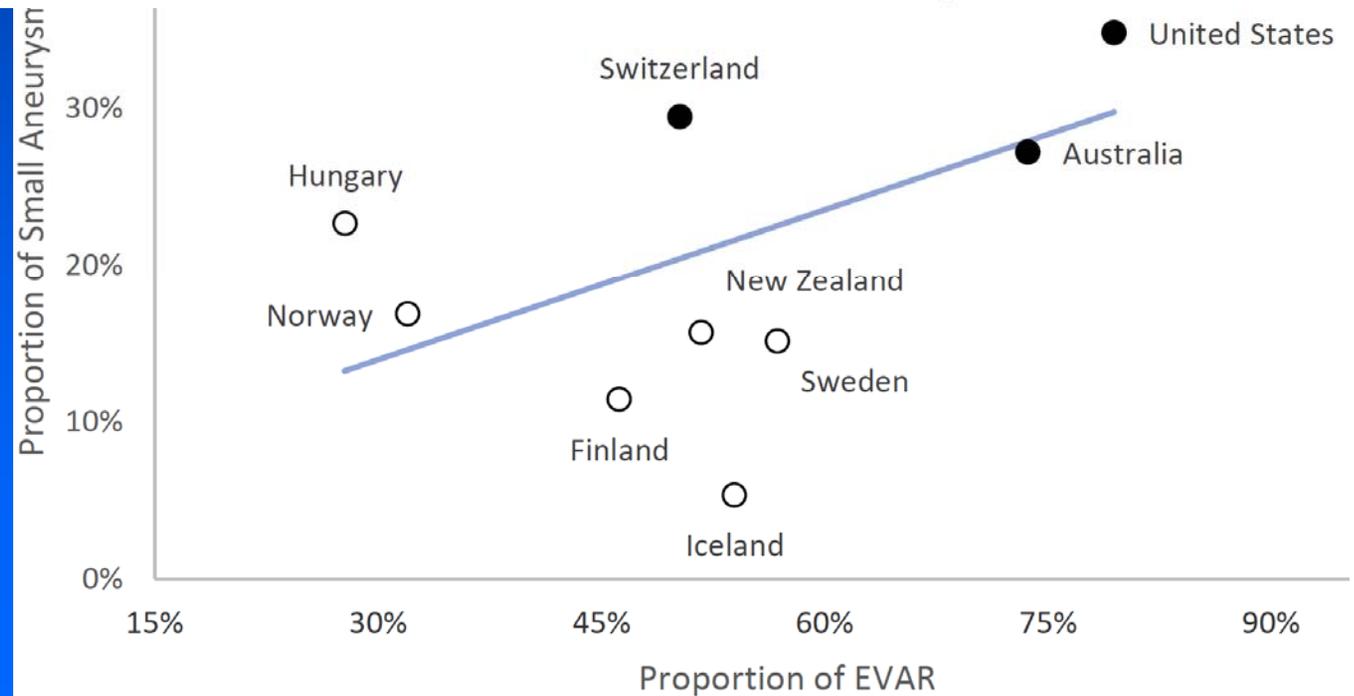
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ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

Variations in Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Care: International Consortium of Vascular Registries

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COORDINATED REGSITRY NETWORK (CRN) SOLUTIONS IN OTHROPEDIC & VASCULAR AREAS WOMEN'S HEALTH DEVICES (NEW)

- Our focus is to provide timely information on performance of specific medical devices for decision making by patients, physicians, regulators and all other stakeholders
- Approach is to facilitate and/or leverage national investments in registries and other relevant data systems (dual purposing) to create *'National Medical Device Evaluation System on a fairly immediate basis, greatly minimizing the cost or development resources needed'*

CRN Is Realistic

Having few national registries, and none collecting detailed device information we need to integrate relevant data

- Major 'Quality and safety' registries initiated by professional societies, states, healthcare systems, NIH/AHRQ, other
- CMS claims including Part A,B,C,D
- Commercial claims
- PCORI CDRNs
- All payer State databases
- Comprehensive EHRs

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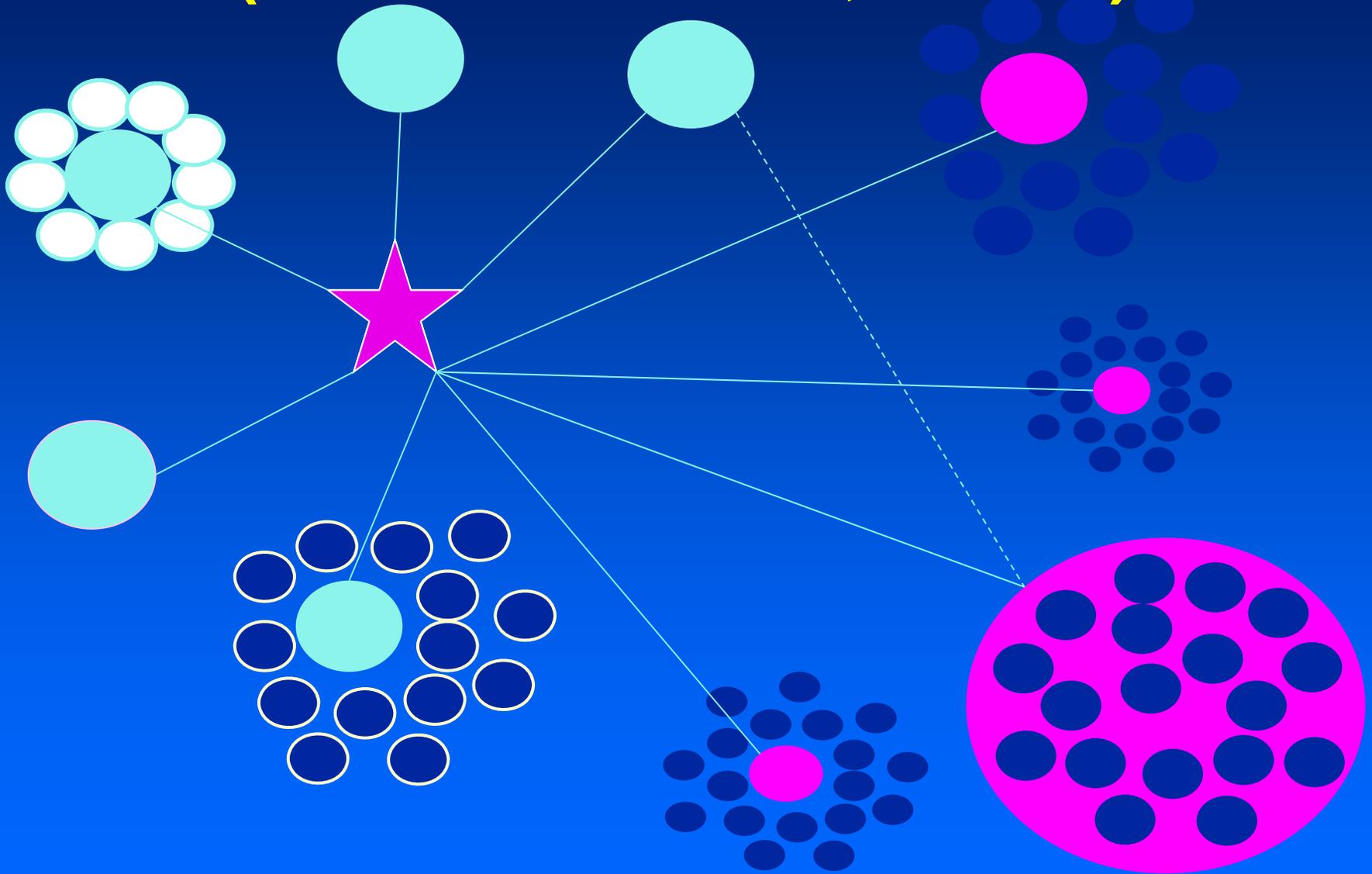
The International Consortium of Orthopedic Registries' USA Collaboration (ICOR-USA) aims to develop a US national device surveillance network in the orthopedic device space. ICOR-USA is a collaborative effort between the FDA's MDEpiNet-Weill Cornell Medicine Science and Infrastructure Center, and orthopedic registries such as the American Joint Replacement Registry, Kaiser Permanente's Total Joint Replacement Registry, the FORCE-TJR project, and HealthEast.

The FDA's new post-market surveillance vision highlights the importance of national registries and linkages with detailed datasets such as billing or administrative claims data and other routinely collected electronic data for the creation of a national system for post-market surveillance. Total joint replacement is the fastest growing elective device based surgery in the nation, if not in the world, with over 1.2 million hip and knee replacements performed annually in the U.S. With the aging of the baby boomer generation, higher rates of osteoarthritis diagnoses, innovative treatment options, and the growing demand for improved mobility and quality of life, procedure volumes are projected to reach 3 million annually in the next two decades. The performance of thousands of hip and knee devices is the most critical device safety issue in the U.S. today.

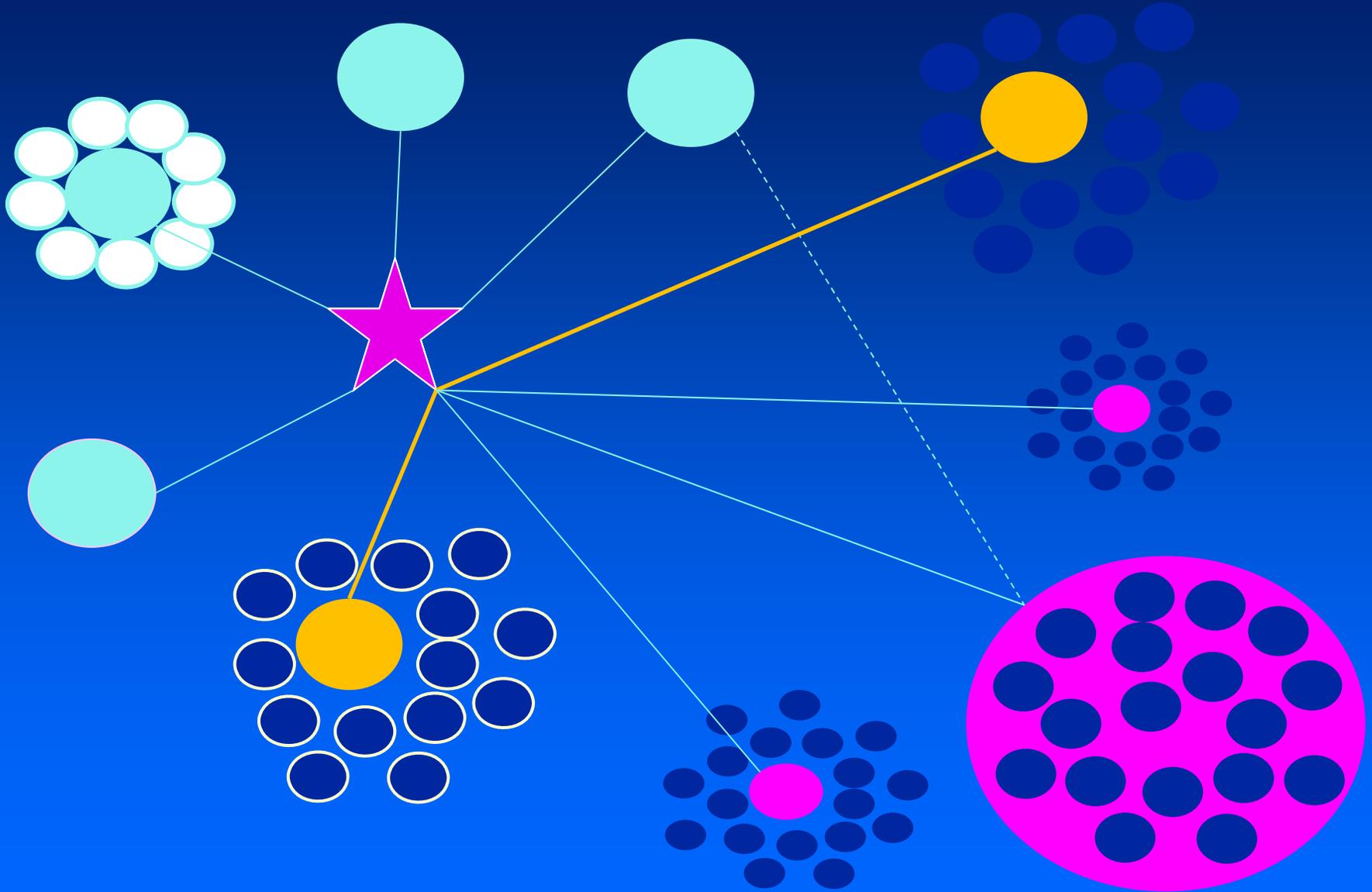
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By harmonizing and linking clinical registry information from diverse registries in the orthopedic setting, we aim to share knowledge about best practices for data collection, linkages with claims and other data systems, analytics, and dissemination. Moreover, the collaboration and demonstration of the value of registries will strengthen support from stakeholders. The consortium can serve as a basis for fulfillment of pre- and post-approval requirements related to orthopedic devices.

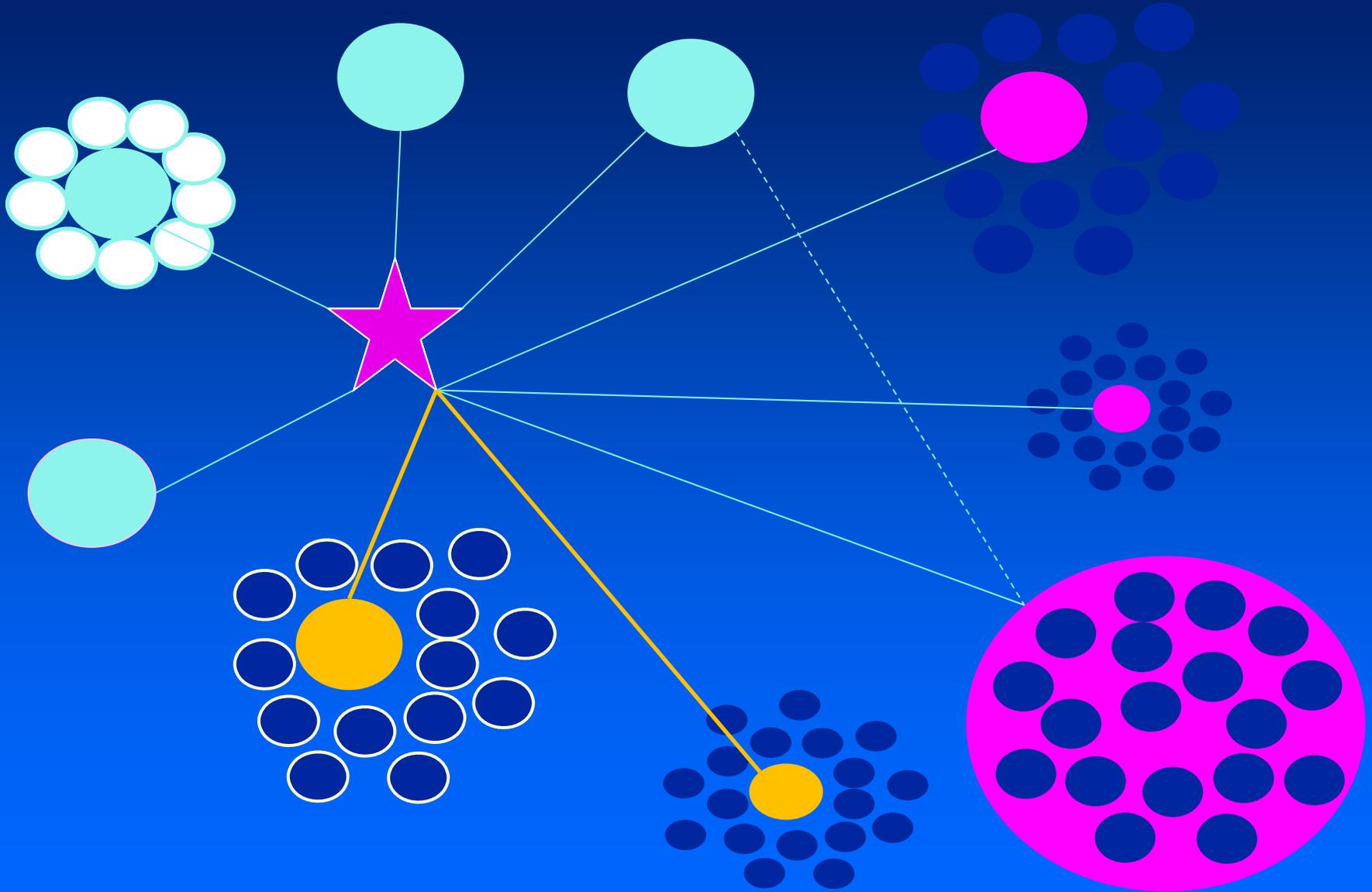
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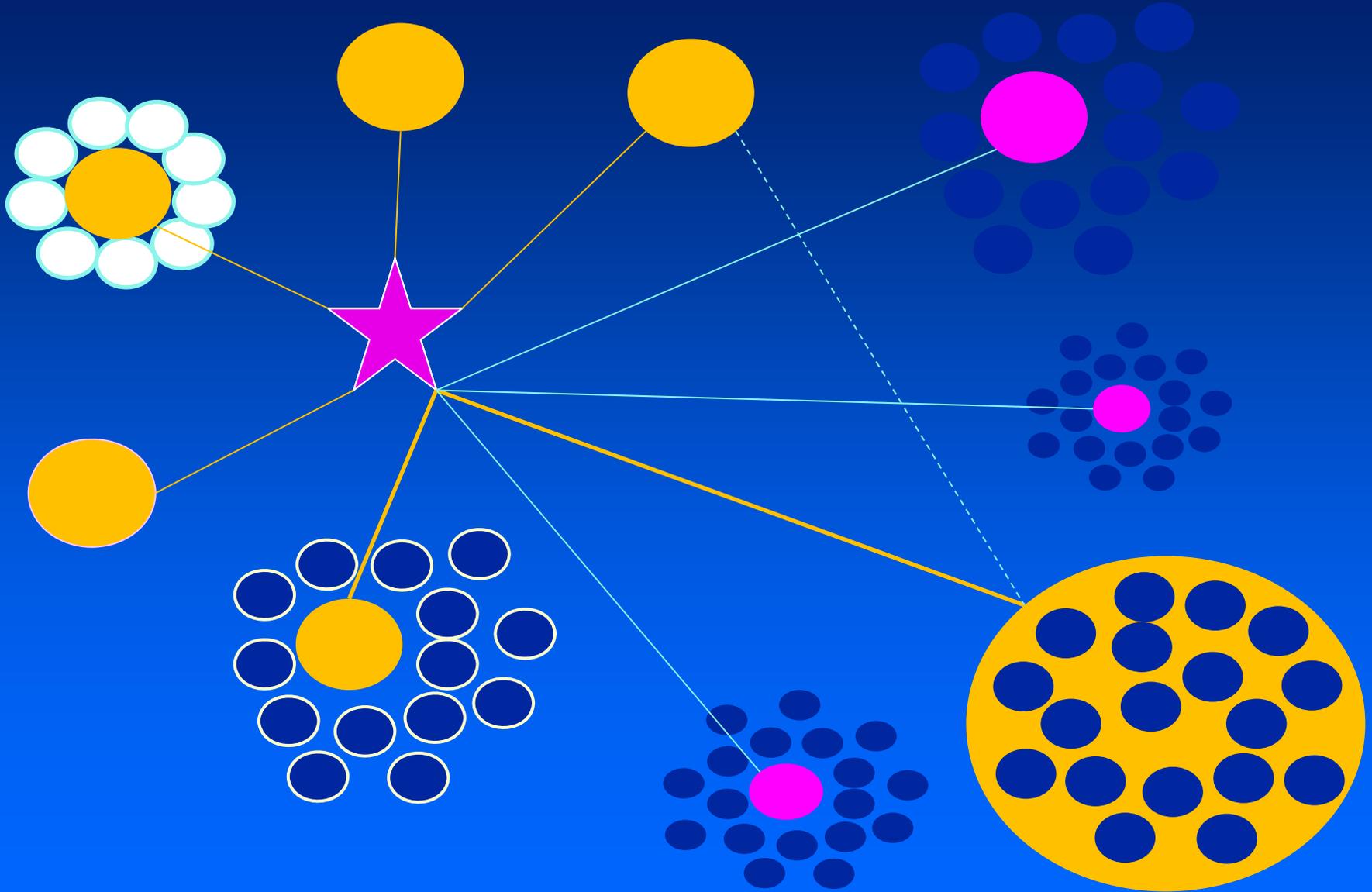
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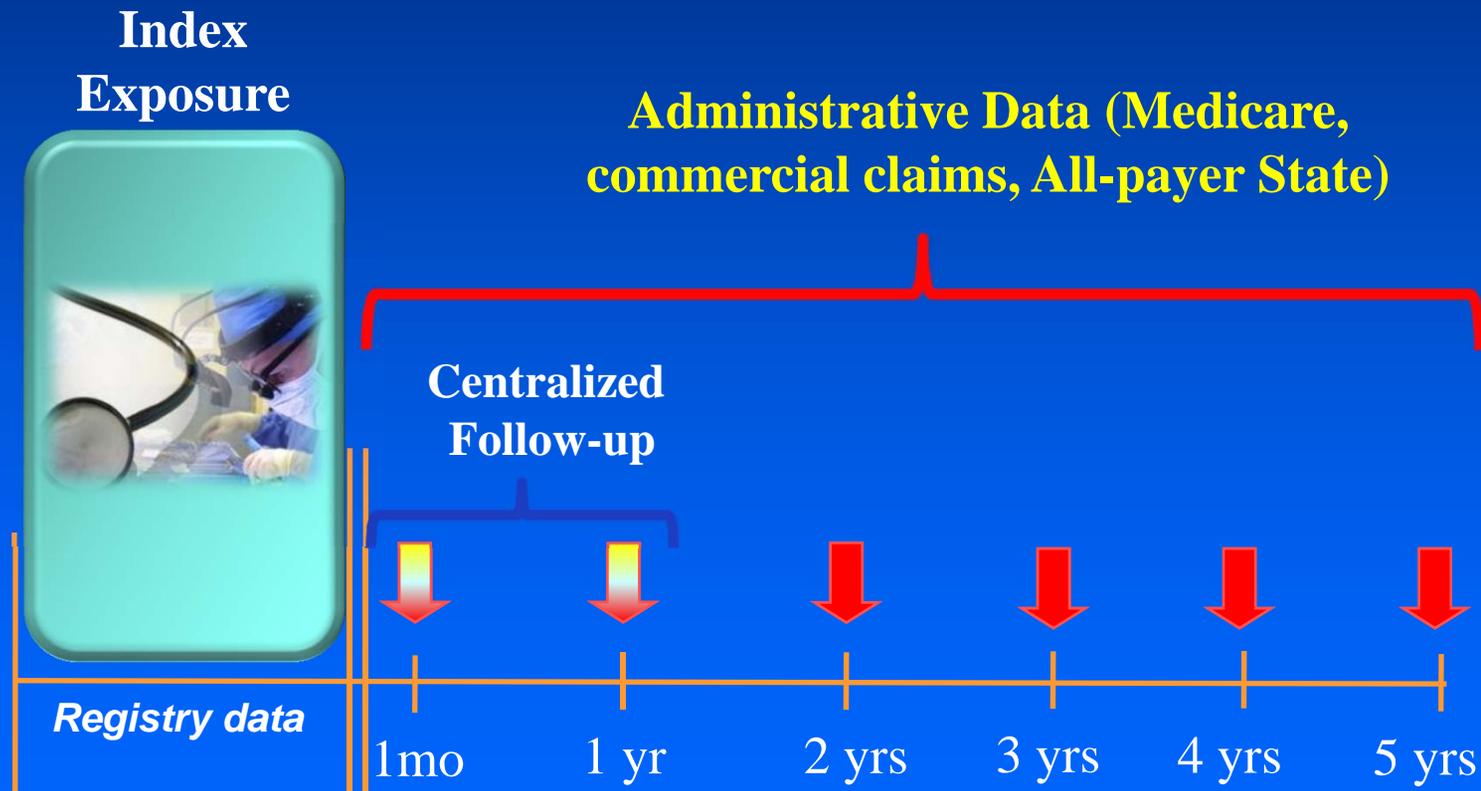
The Vascular Implant Surveillance and Interventional Outcomes Network (VISION) Initiative aims to develop a US national device surveillance network in the vascular device space. VISION is a collaborative effort between the FDA's MDEpiNet-Weill Cornell Medicine Science and Infrastructure Center, and vascular registries such as the Vascular Quality Initiative and the NYC Coordinated Data Registry Network.

The FDA's new post-market surveillance vision highlights the importance of national registries and linkages with detailed datasets such as billing or administrative claims data and other routinely collected electronic data for the creation of a national system for post-market surveillance. Vascular implants are of particular importance, as vascular disease is a common, progressively debilitating disease with a high prevalence in older Americans, and vascular devices are used in millions of Americans annually.

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Vascular CRN (Co-PI, Phil Goodney, VQI)



Key Points for Discussion

- Even with optimistic expectations about registry and related data maturity our efforts should be scaled up to create appropriately-targeted CRNs that are powerful enough to address particular device-related questions (e.g. outlier performance)
- For effective CRN seamless access to key national data sources must be achieved and stakeholder alignment and support is critical
 - The process has to be inexpensive and not burdensome to justify data quality sacrifices made compared to direct data collection
- Sufficient device and clinical outcome data will always be a challenge and we have to be able to make decisions based on CRN data

Claims as Adjunct System/Model For Infrastructure Investment Examples



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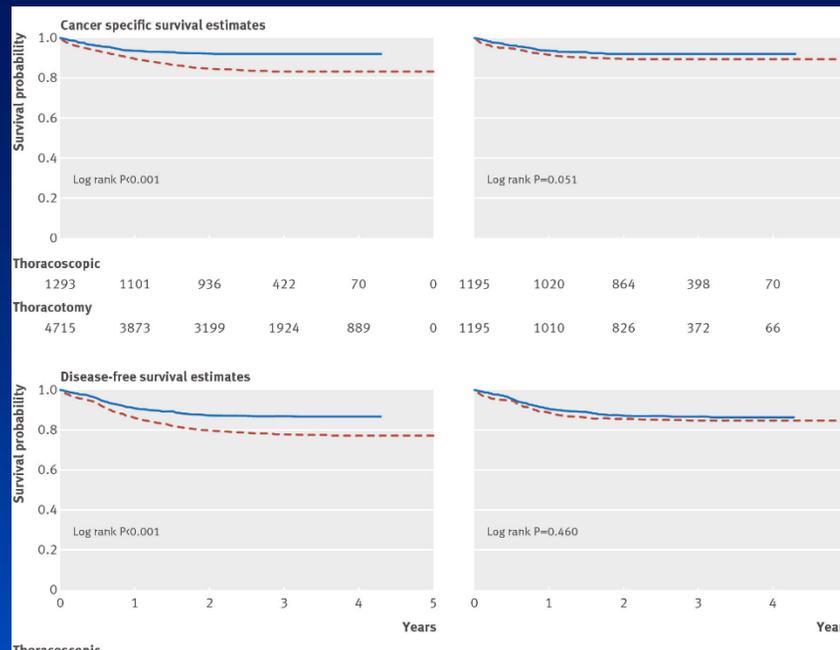
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Long term survival with thoracoscopic versus open lobectomy: propensity matched comparative analysis using SEER-Medicare database

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In-hospital outcomes	Propensity matched cohort		P value
	Thoracoscopy (n=1195)	Thoracotomy (n=1195)	
Mean (SD) nodes examined	19.9 (27.5)	17.6 (26)	0.0327
Median (interquartile range) nodes examined	10 (5-18)	9 (5-15)	0.0004
≥12 nodes examined, No (%)	398/1072 (37.1)	317/1090 (29.1)	<0.0001
Mean (SD) length of stay	6.6 (6)	8.7 (6.6)	<0.0001
Median (interquartile range) length of stay	5 (3-8)	7 (5-10)	<0.0001
In-hospital mortality, No (%)	25 (2.1)	43 (3.6)	0.0290
Complications, No (%):			
Arrhythmia	229 (19.2)	265 (22.2)	0.0690
Pneumonia	74 (6.2)	100 (8.4)	0.0423
Atelectasis	125 (10.5)	176 (14.7)	0.0013
Ventilation	32 (2.7)	48 (4.0)	0.07
Sepsis	16 (1.3)	32 (2.7)	0.0209
No significant differences were observed for thorax, pulmonary edema, empyema, renal failure, accidental puncture, or bleeding.			



	Events (%)		Hazard ratio (95% CI)	Hazard ratio (95% CI)
	Thoracoscopy	Thoracotomy		
All patients				
Overall survival	357 (27.6)	1849 (39.2)		0.74 (0.66 to 0.83)
Cancer specific survival	96 (7.4)	720 (15.3)		0.47 (0.37 to 0.60)
Disease-free survival	159 (12.3)	965 (20.5)		0.58 (0.49 to 0.69)
Propensity matched cohort				
Overall survival	339 (28.3)	371 (31.1)		0.90 (0.78 to 1.04)
Cancer specific survival	90 (7.5)	120 (10.0)		0.74 (0.56 to 0.97)
Disease-free survival	149 (12.5)	171 (14.3)		0.86 (0.69 to 1.07)

Example in Urology

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Use and risks of surgical mesh for pelvic organ prolapse surgery in women in New York state: population based cohort study

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ABSTRACT

OBJECTIVE

To assess the use of mesh in pelvic organ prolapse surgery, and compare short term outcomes between procedures using and not using mesh.

DESIGN

All inclusive, population based cohort study.

SETTING

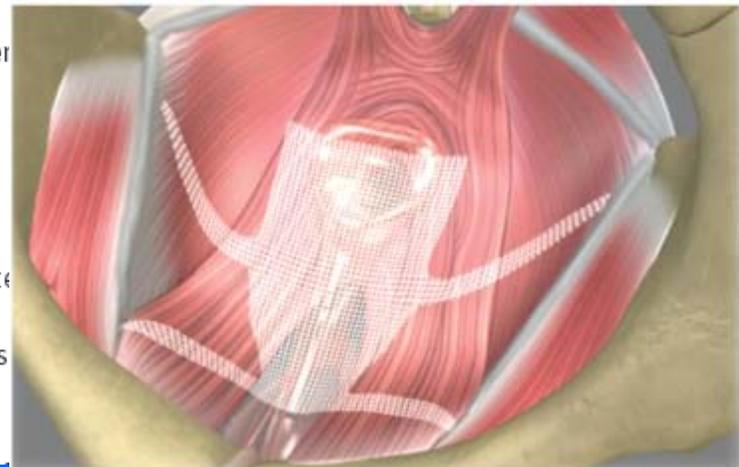
Statewide surgical care captured in the New York Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System

PARTICIPANTS

Women who underwent prolapse repair procedures in New York state from 2008 to 2011.

MAIN OUTCOMES MEASURES

within 90 days (mesh 7.5% v no mesh 5.6%, risk ratio 1.33 (95% confidence interval 1.18 to 1.51)), compared



Analyses

- Safety events/complications within 90 days and re-intervention within 1 year were determined before and after propensity score matching
- Propensity score matching was used to adjust for differences in baseline characteristics between mesh and no-mesh groups
- Kaplan-Meier curves were constructed to determine freedom from re-intervention within 1 year following procedure. Cox proportional hazard model was used to assess the differences in risks of re-intervention between groups

Table 2 | 90 day safety events and one year follow-up of reintervention following POP surgery with or without mesh, placed between 2008 and 2011 in New York state

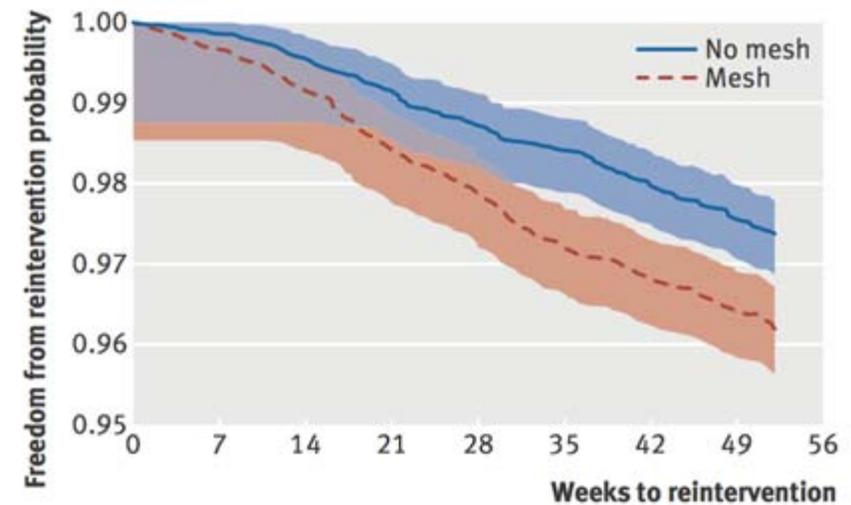
	Before propensity score matching			After propensity score matching*		
	Mesh (n=7338)	No mesh (n=20 653)	Risk ratio (95% CI)	Mesh (n=7295)	No mesh (n=7295)	Risk ratio (95% CI)
90 day safety						
Medical complications	186 (2.5)	451 (2.2)	1.16 (0.98 to 1.37)	185 (2.5)	173 (2.4)	1.07 (0.87 to 1.31)
Bleeding	110 (1.5)	316 (1.5)	0.98 (0.79 to 1.22)	110 (1.5)	97 (1.3)	1.13 (0.87 to 1.49)
Urinary tract infection	249 (3.4)	662 (3.2)	1.06 (0.92 to 1.22)	247 (3.4)	229 (3.1)	1.08 (0.90 to 1.29)
Urinary retention	551 (7.5)	1106 (5.4)	1.40 (1.27 to 1.55)‡	554 (7.5)	408 (5.6)	1.33 (1.18 to 1.51)‡
Bladder injury	59 (0.8)	93 (0.5)	1.79 (1.29 to 2.47)‡	59 (0.8)	42 (0.6)	1.40 (0.95 to 2.09)
Other surgical complications	172 (2.3)	436 (2.1)	1.10 (0.93 to 1.31)	170 (2.3)	147 (2.0)	1.16 (0.93 to 1.44)
Inpatient readmission	392 (5.3)	1042 (5.0)	1.06 (0.95 to 1.19)	390 (5.3)	365 (5.0)	1.07 (0.93 to 1.23)
Emergency room readmission	633 (8.6)	1997 (9.7)	0.89 (0.82 to 0.97)	631 (8.6)	601 (8.2)	1.05 (0.94 to 1.17)
One year follow-up						
Reintervention†	241 (3.3)	419 (2.0)	1.66 (1.41 to 1.94)‡	240 (3.3)	164 (2.2)	1.47 (1.21 to 1.79)‡
Reintervention with mesh	53 (0.7)	104 (0.5)	—	53 (0.7)	42 (0.6)	—

Data are no (%) of events unless stated otherwise.

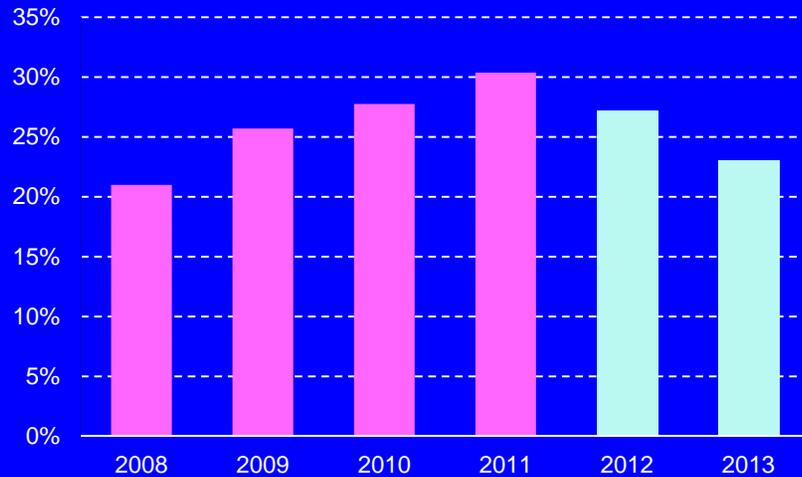
*Risk ratios and P values calculated using the stratified Mantel-Haenszel test.

†Effect measure presented is hazard ratio, P value obtained using the Cox proportional hazard model.

‡P<0.05.



Mesh Use in POP Repair



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Table Number of providers stopping use of mesh or decreasing use by over 50% in 2012 and 2013 years when compared to year 2011.

	Total providers	Stopped using mesh		Mesh use decrease >50%	
		2012	2013*	2012	2013*
Overall	88	9(10.2%)	22(25.0%)	24(27.3%)	40(45.5%)
Hospital Volume					
Low	57	8(14.0%)	21(36.8%)	22(38.6%)	34(59.6%)
Medium	18	1(5.6%)	1(5.6%)	1(5.6%)	5(27.8%)
High	13	0(0.0%)	0(0.0%)	1(7.7%)	1(7.7%)
Teaching Status					
Teaching	32	1(3.1%)	4(12.5%)	4(12.5%)	11(34.4%)
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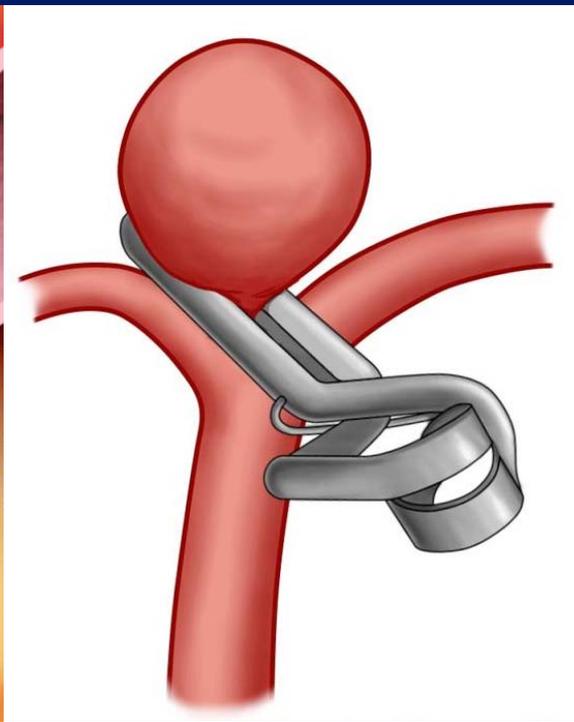
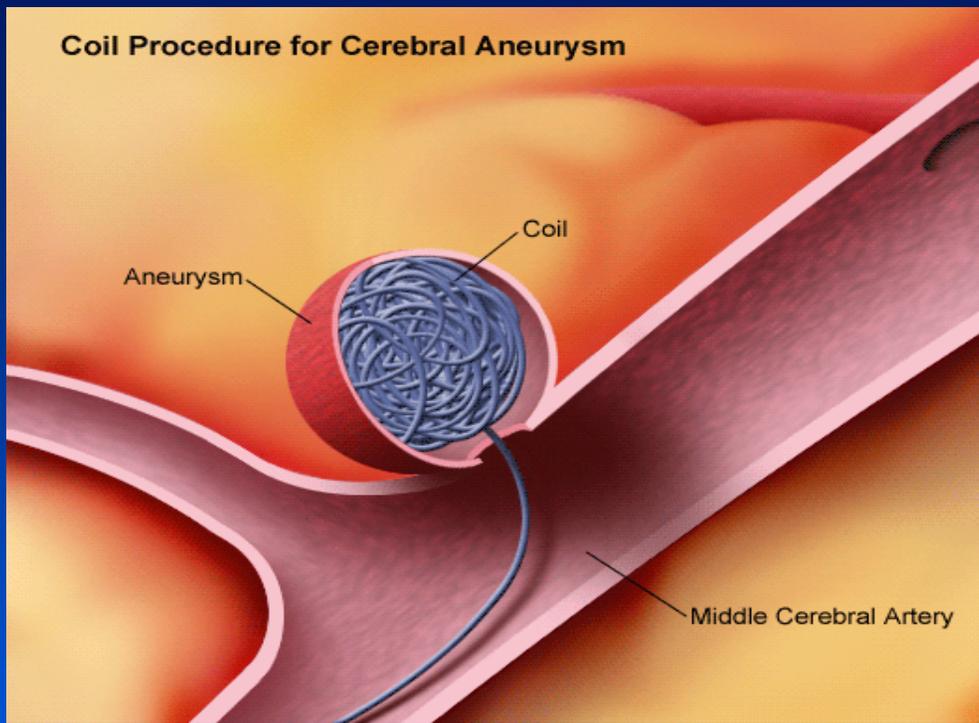
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Clipping and Coiling of Unruptured Intracranial Aneurysms Among Medicare Beneficiaries, 2000 to 2010

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Abstract

Background and Purpose—Endovascular coiling therapy is increasingly popular for obliteration of unruptured intracranial aneurysms, but older patients face higher procedural risks and shorter periods during which an untreated aneurysm may rupture causing subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH). We assessed trends in clipping and coiling of unruptured intracranial aneurysms, outcomes after clipping and coiling of unruptured intracranial aneurysms, and in SAH among Medicare beneficiaries.



Risks of clipping/coiling must be balanced against risk of procedures

Annual rupture risk 0.5-1.0%

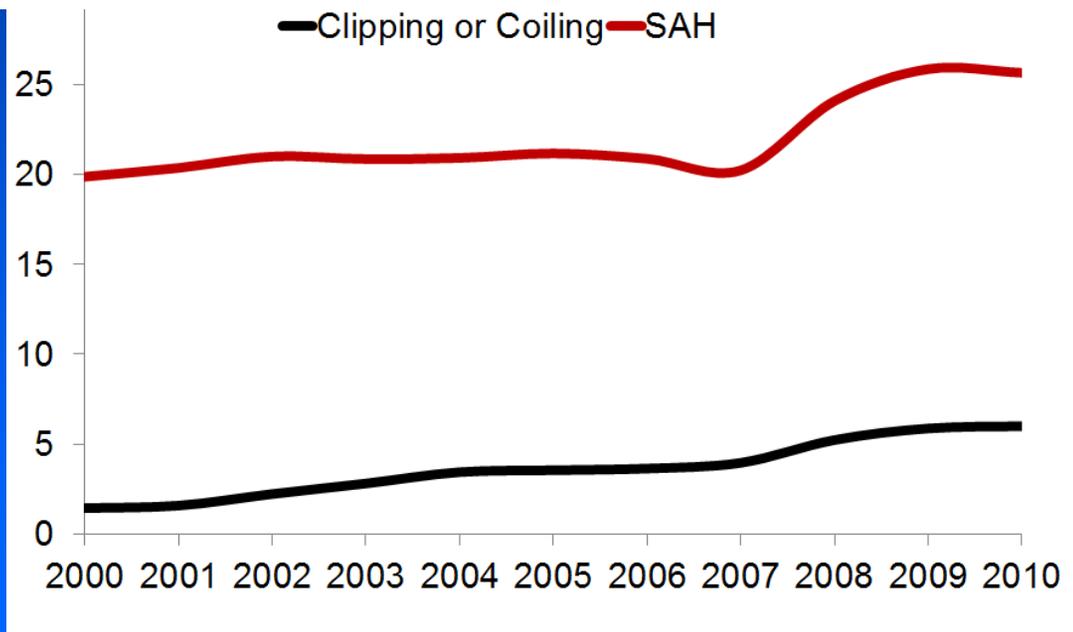
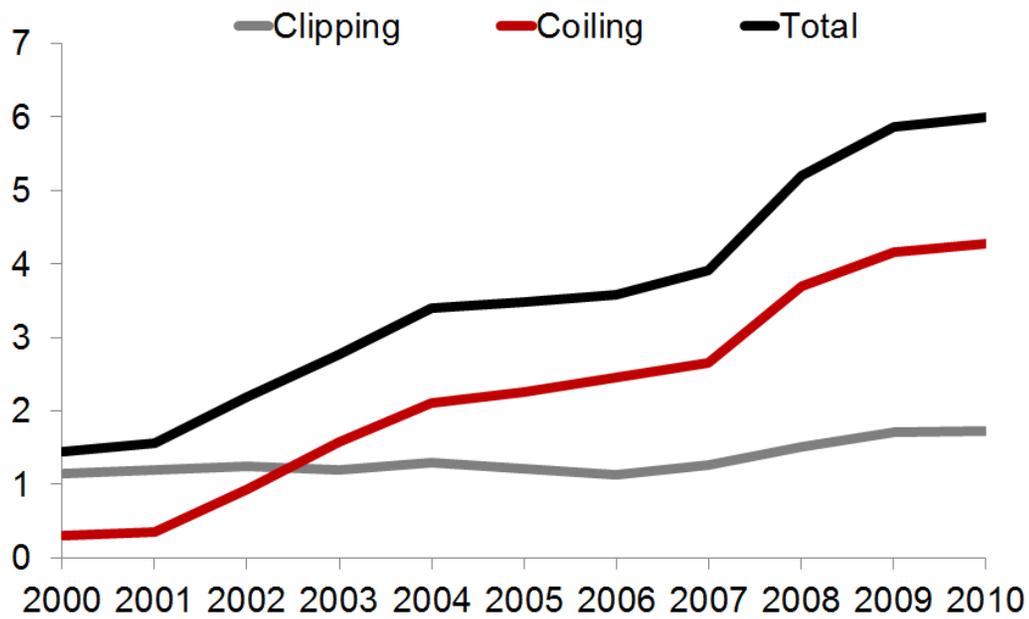
50-80% of aneurisms do not rupture



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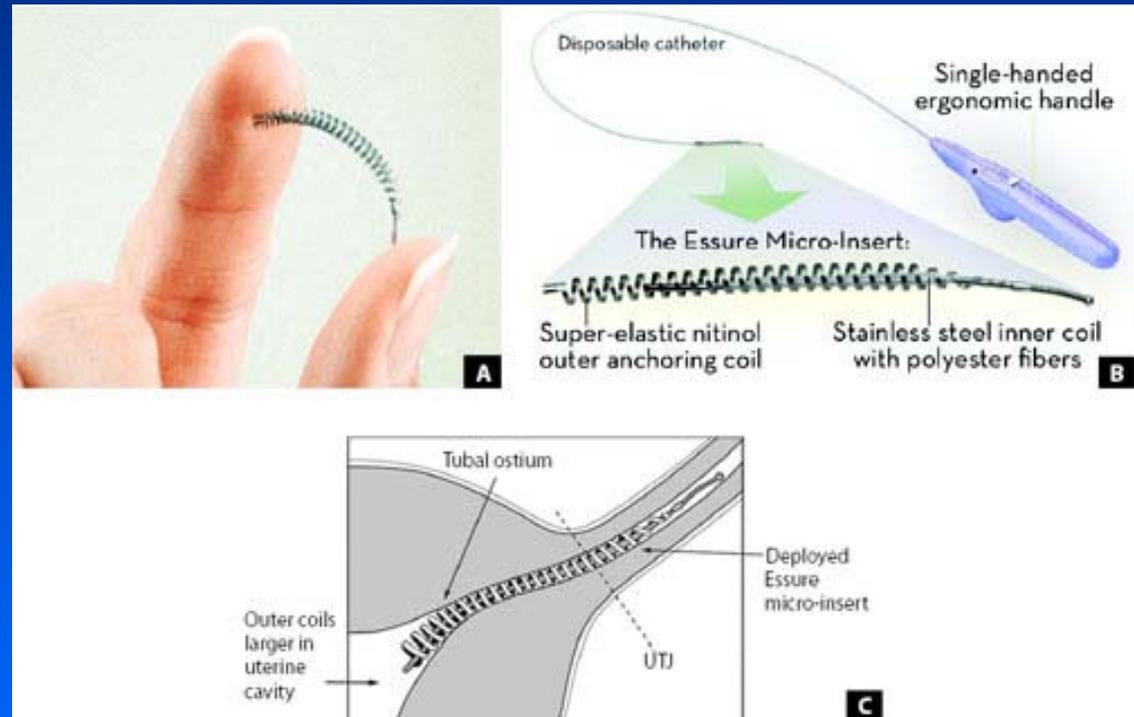
Outcomes	2001-2003 N=1134	2004-2007 N=1539	2008-2010 N=1684	P for trend
In-hospital mortality	2.6% (2.1-3.0)	1.5% (1.1-1.9)	1.5% (1.2-1.9)	0.076
In-hospital complications	28.9% (27.6-30.3)	26.4% (25.1-27.8)	25.0% (23.7-26.3)	0.024
30-day mortality	3.2% (2.1-4.2)	1.9% (1.2-2.6)	1.6% (1.0-2.2)	0.007
30-day readmissions	18.8% (16.5-21.2)	16.6% (14.7-18.5)	14.5 (12.8-16.2)	0.003

Outcomes	2001-2003 N=977	2004-2007 N=2962	2008-2010 N=4003	P for trend
In-hospital mortality	1.5% (1.3-1.8)	0.8% (0.6-1.0)	0.7% (0.5-0.9)	0.048
In-hospital complications	17.7% (16.9-18.5)	16.4% (15.6-17.2)	13.8% (13.1-14.6)	<0.001
30-day mortality	1.9% (1.1-2.8)	1.4% (1.0-1.8)	1.5% (1.1-1.8)	0.440
30-day readmissions	13.0% (10.9-15.2)	11.8% (10.6-13)	11.0% (10.0-12.0)	0.068



Essure Warning/Labeling Change

- Essure was approved November 4, 2002 and acquired by Bayer
- **October 2013:** patient labeling updated to include risks of chronic pain and device migration
- Over 10,000 adverse events reported up to date



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Safety and efficacy of hysteroscopic sterilization compared with laparoscopic sterilization: an observational cohort study

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ABSTRACT

OBJECTIVE

To compare the safety and efficacy of hysteroscopic sterilization with the “Essure” device with laparoscopic sterilization in a large, all-inclusive, state cohort.

DESIGN

Population based cohort study.

SETTINGS

Outpatient interventional setting in New York State.

PARTICIPANTS

Women undergoing interval sterilization procedure, including hysteroscopic sterilization with Essure device and laparoscopic surgery, between 2005 and 2013.

higher risk of unintended pregnancy (odds ratio 0.84 (95% CI 0.63 to 1.12)) but was associated with a substantially increased risk of reoperation (odds ratio 10.16 (7.47 to 13.81)) compared with laparoscopic sterilization.

CONCLUSIONS

Patients undergoing hysteroscopic sterilization have a similar risk of unintended pregnancy but a more than 10-fold higher risk of undergoing reoperation compared with patients undergoing laparoscopic sterilization. Benefits and risks of both procedures should be discussed with patients for informed decisions making.

Use of Essure

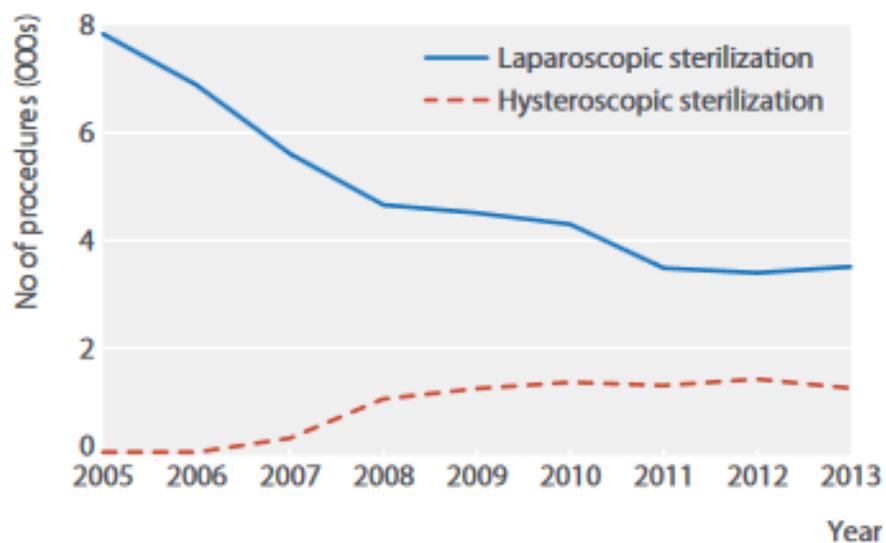
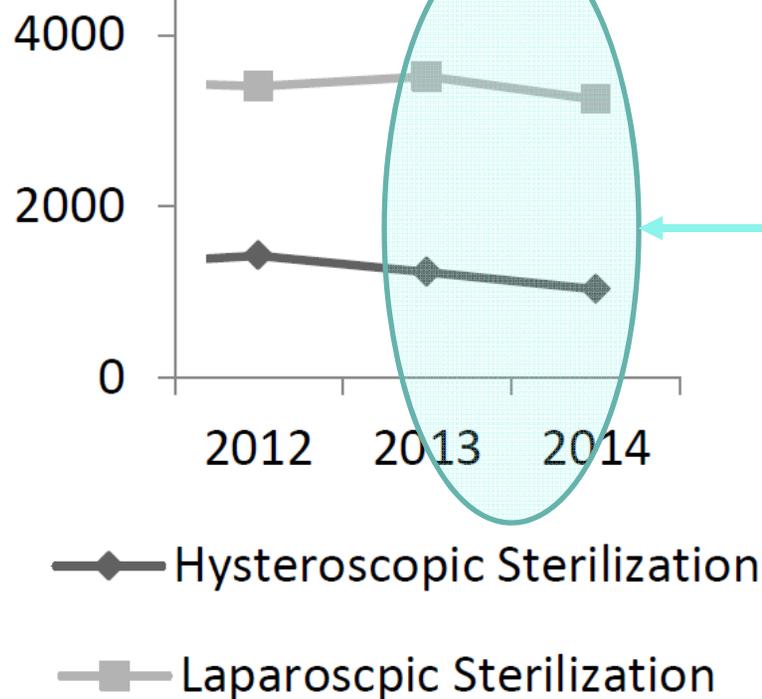


Fig 1 | Number of hysteroscopic sterilization and laparoscopic sterilization procedures between 2005 and 2013 in New York State



40% reduction in 14 months

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A man diagnosed with prostate cancer currently has a wide spectrum of treatment choices ranging from proton beam and intensity-modulated radiation therapy to robotic-assisted radical prostatectomy and active surveillance.¹ The latest medical device, high-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU), has some appealing features for patients and urologists. Technically, it is relatively straightforward to insert a transrectal HIFU probe that generates ultrasound waves that thermally ablate prostate tissue. HIFU may be used for focal therapy or for partial or total prostate gland ablation. Partial gland ablation is used to treat biopsy-positive areas, suspicious areas on multiparametric magnetic resonance imaging (mp-MRI), or both. However, HIFU failed to gain US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval twice in the past 3 years for prostate cancer indication because of the inabil-

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- Facilitate registry cohesion
- Assist FDA with pre-post market balance initiative and national/international post-market science plan
- Serve as scalable network for other devices

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