

# MEDICAL DEVICE REW

## *a clinician's perspective*

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# OUTLINE

1. Who am I?
  - Clinician
  - Researcher
  - CADTH
2. What is CADTH?
3. Trans-catheter Aortic Valve Replacement
  - Medical device life-cycle milestones
4. RWE in TAVR – how it happened
5. RWE in TAVR– missed opportunities

# Who am I *A. clinician*

- Interventional cardiologist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center, University of Toronto, since 2008



- Clinical practice is restricted to coronary angiography and angioplasty, and TAVR
- TAVR since 2009, with ~150 cases annually (3<sup>rd</sup> largest in Canada)

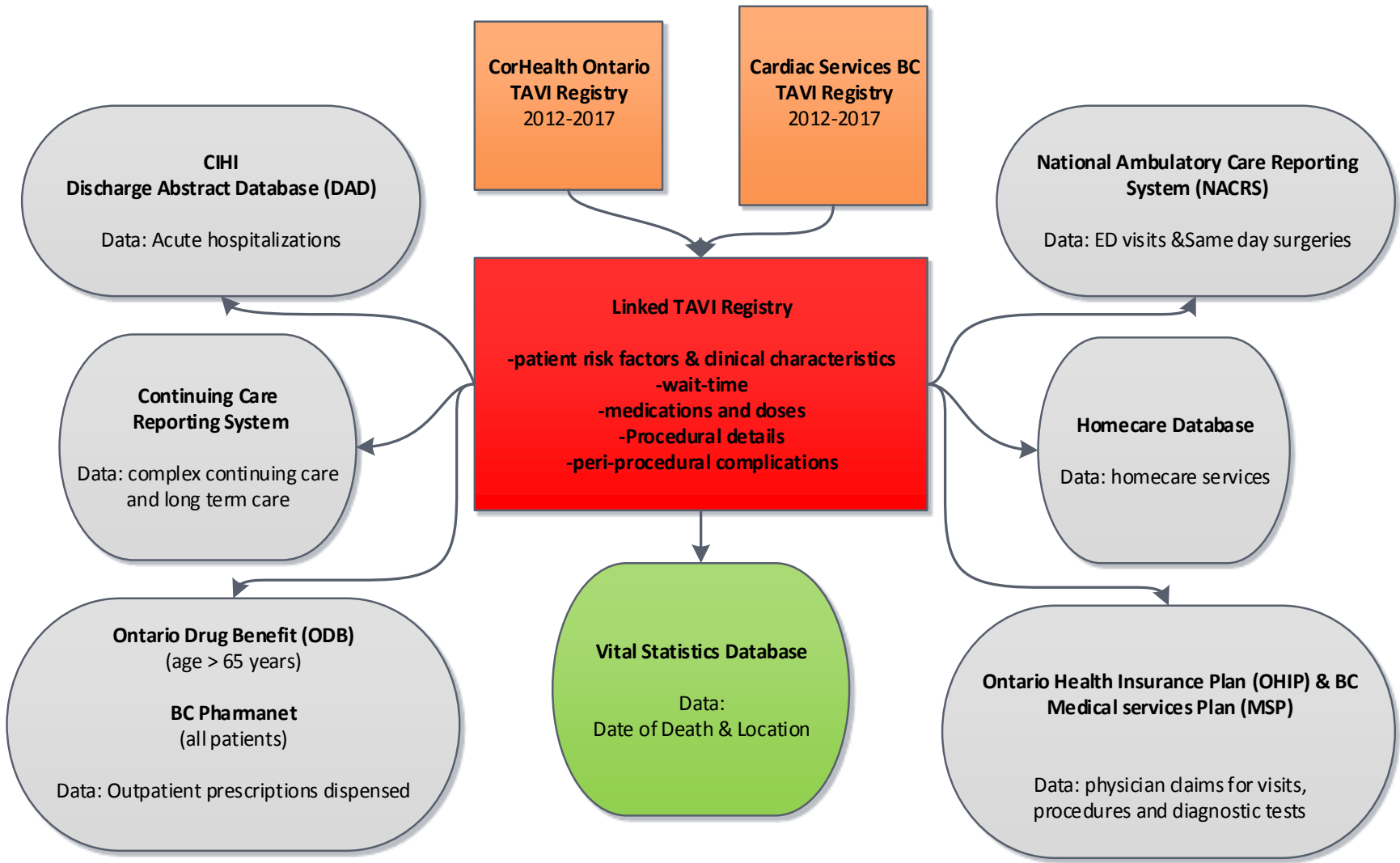
# Who am I: *B. researcher*

- Health service researcher at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences



- Expertise in administrative data for use in health technology assessment
  - Health outcomes
  - Health care costs
  - Integrating these data as inputs in decision analytic economic/policy models

# Who I am? *Real World Evidence*



**Who am I: c. CADTH VP**

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## DRUG REIMBURSEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- CADTH Common Drug Review (CDR)
- CADTH pan-Canadian Oncology Drug Review (pCODR)



## HEALTH TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

- Rapid Response Service
- Health Technology Assessment Service
- Optimal Use Service
- Environmental Scanning
- Horizon Scanning



## OTHER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Scientific Advice



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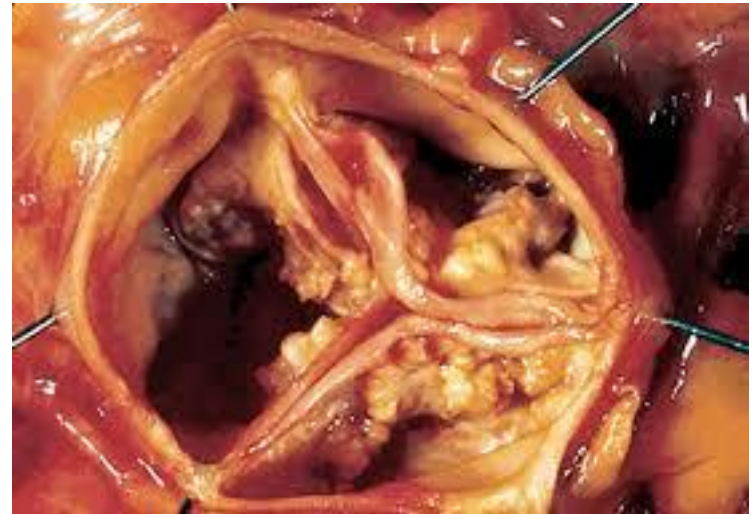
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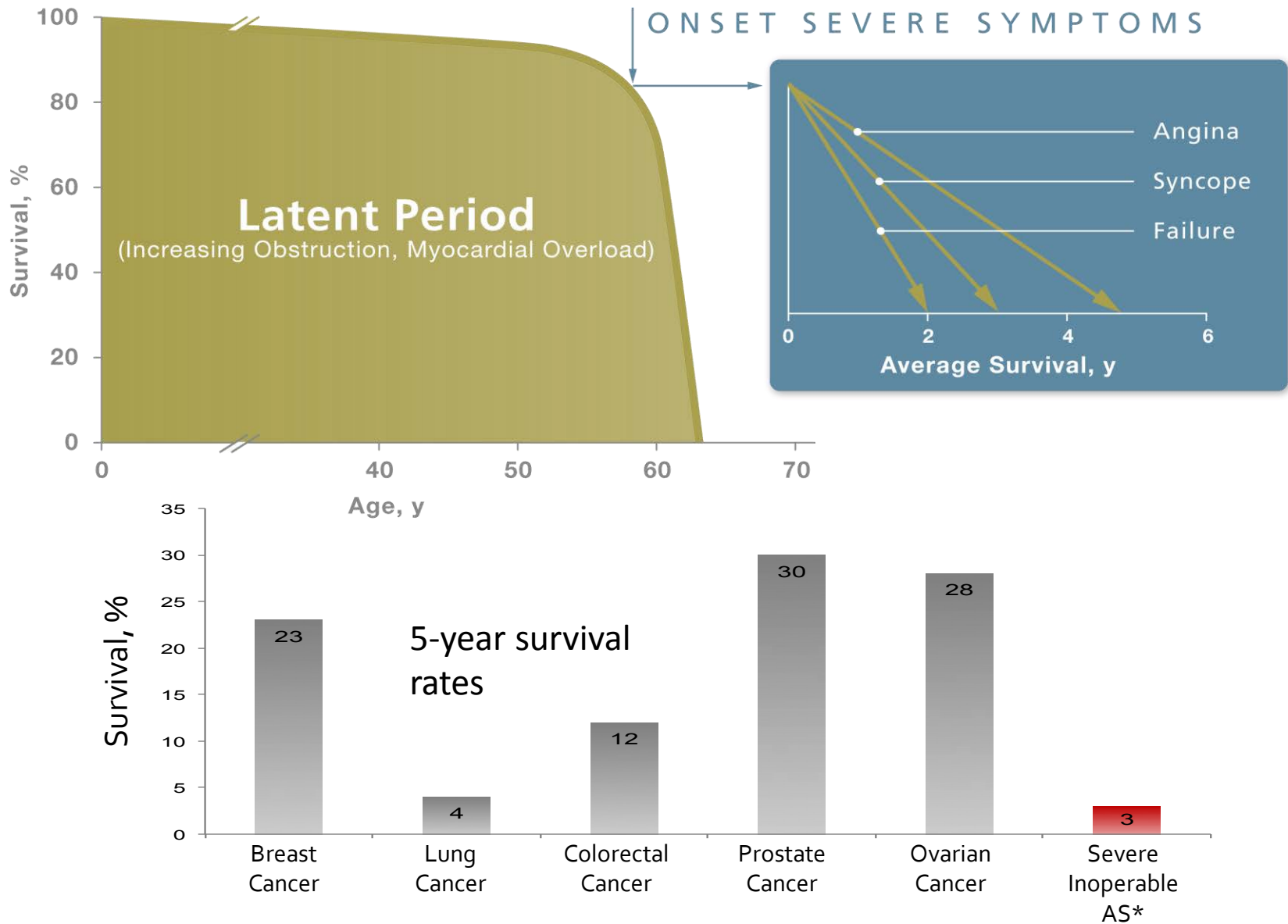
This strategic imperative remains a cornerstone of our work.



# Aortic Stenosis Background

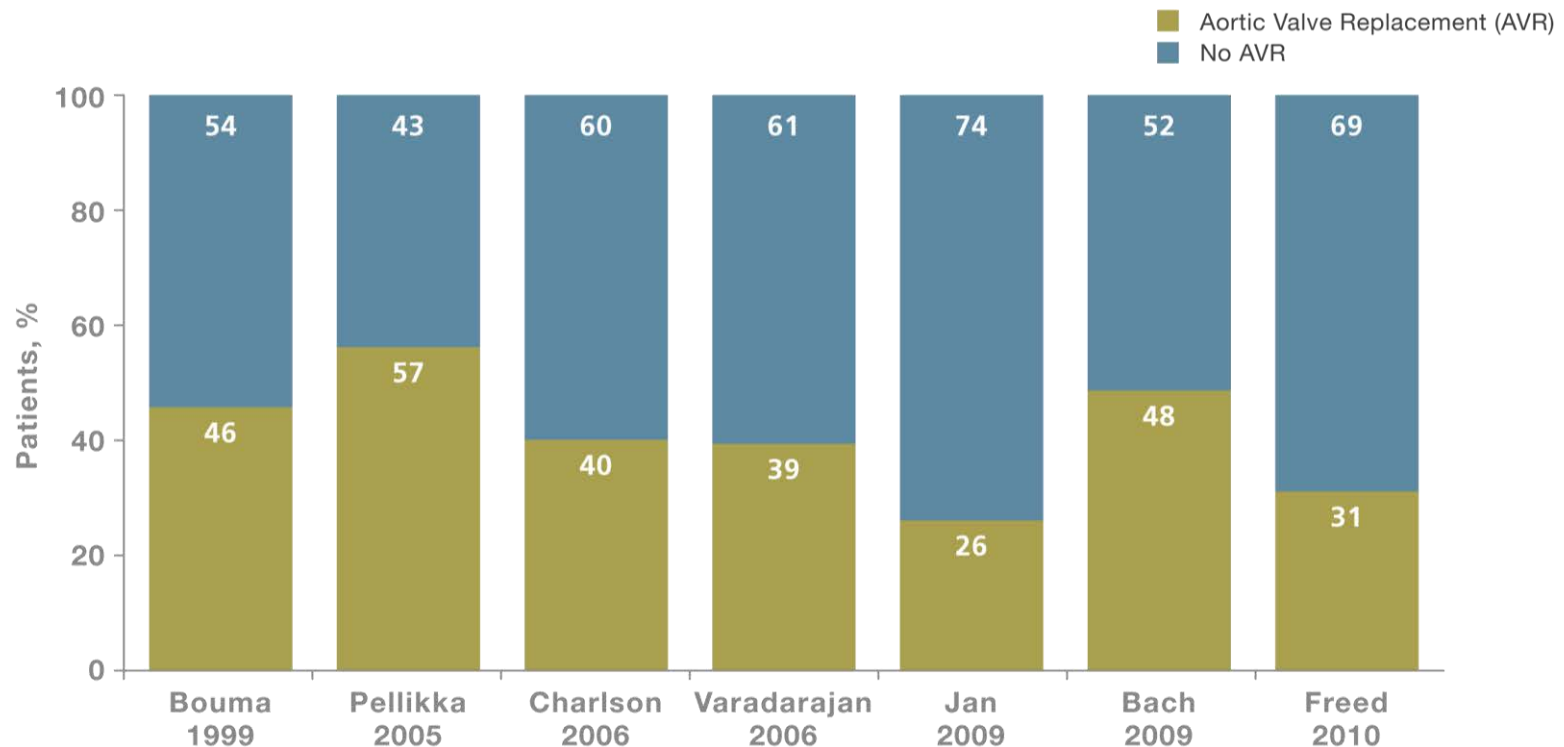
- Degenerative valve disease
  - Prevalence of 13.2% in patients >75 years
  - Next cardiovascular epidemic in developed countries
  - Severe aortic stenosis (AS) is the most common valvular condition that requires intervention





# Therapeutic Need

- Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement (SAVR)
  - Traditionally ~ 50% of AS patients ineligible due to excessive peri-operative risk

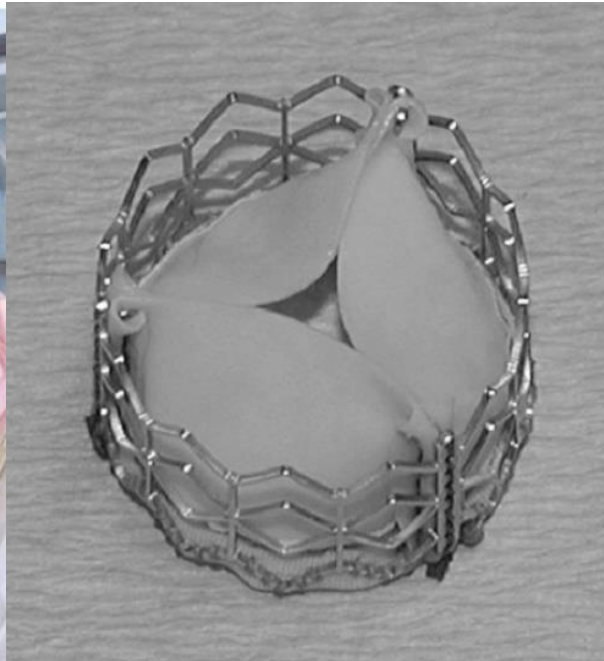




# **Percutaneous Transcatheter Implantation of an Aortic Valve Prosthesis for Calcific Aortic Stenosis**

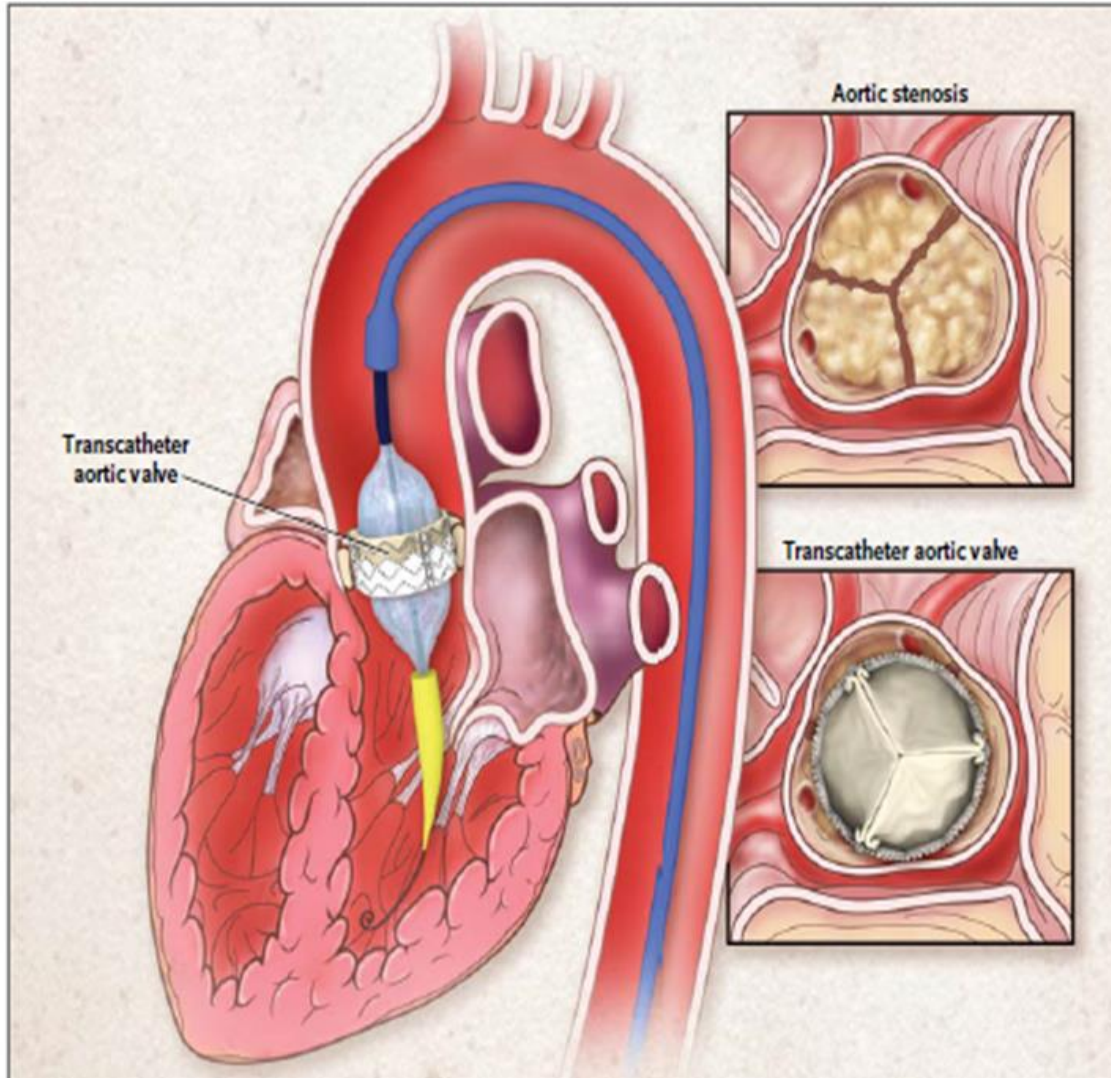
## **First Human Case Description**

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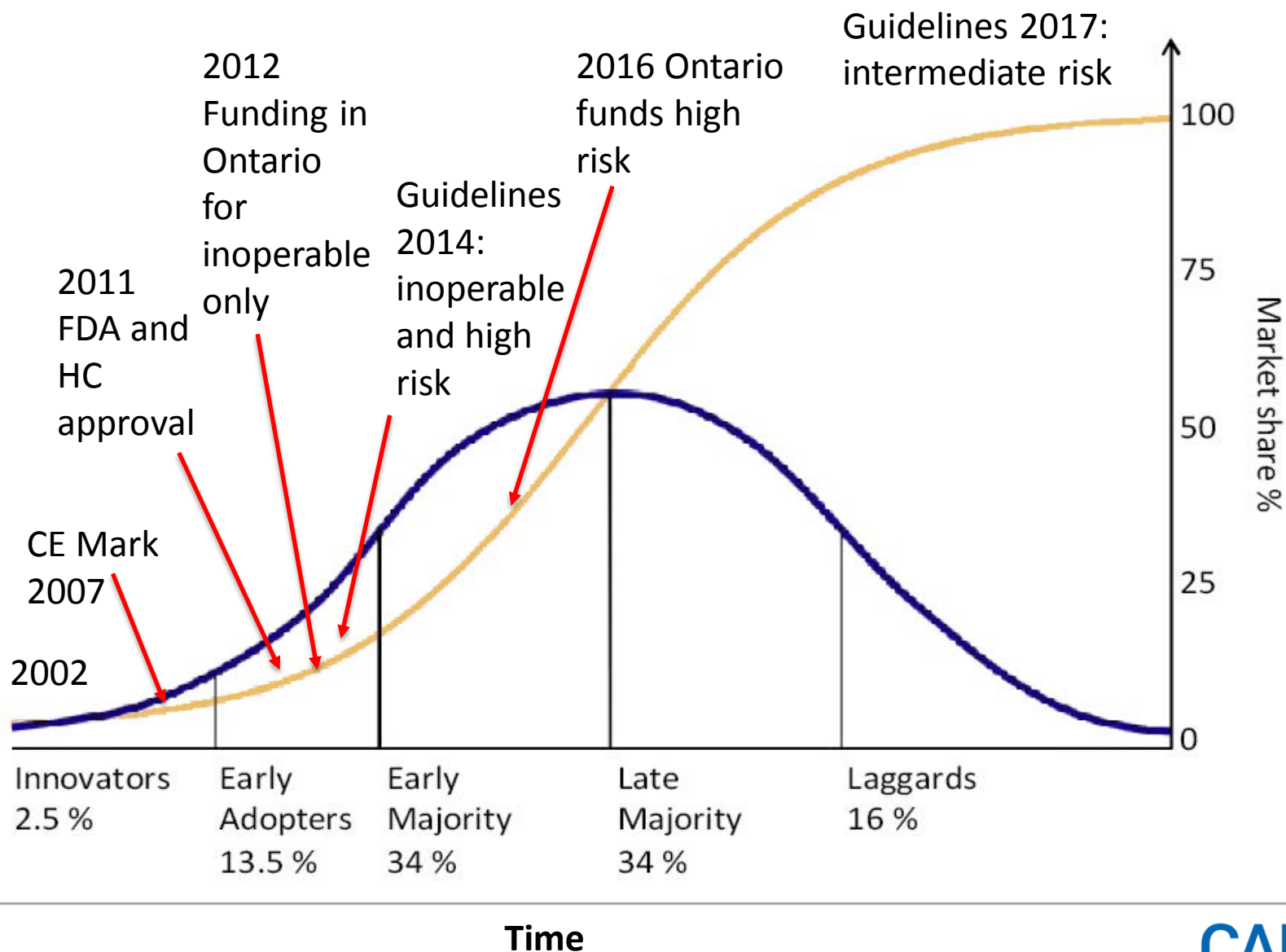
# TAVR



- Majority are awake
- Fully percutaneous
- Median Length of hospital stay
  - 2 days



# Life Cycle of TAVR



# RWE in TAVR: how it happened

- Pre-regulatory
  - None
  - Regulatory approval delayed till publication of landmark PARTNERs trials

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# RWE in TAVR: how it happened

- Pre-regulatory programs had initiated with foundation funds
- 10 programs in Ontario
- First in 2007

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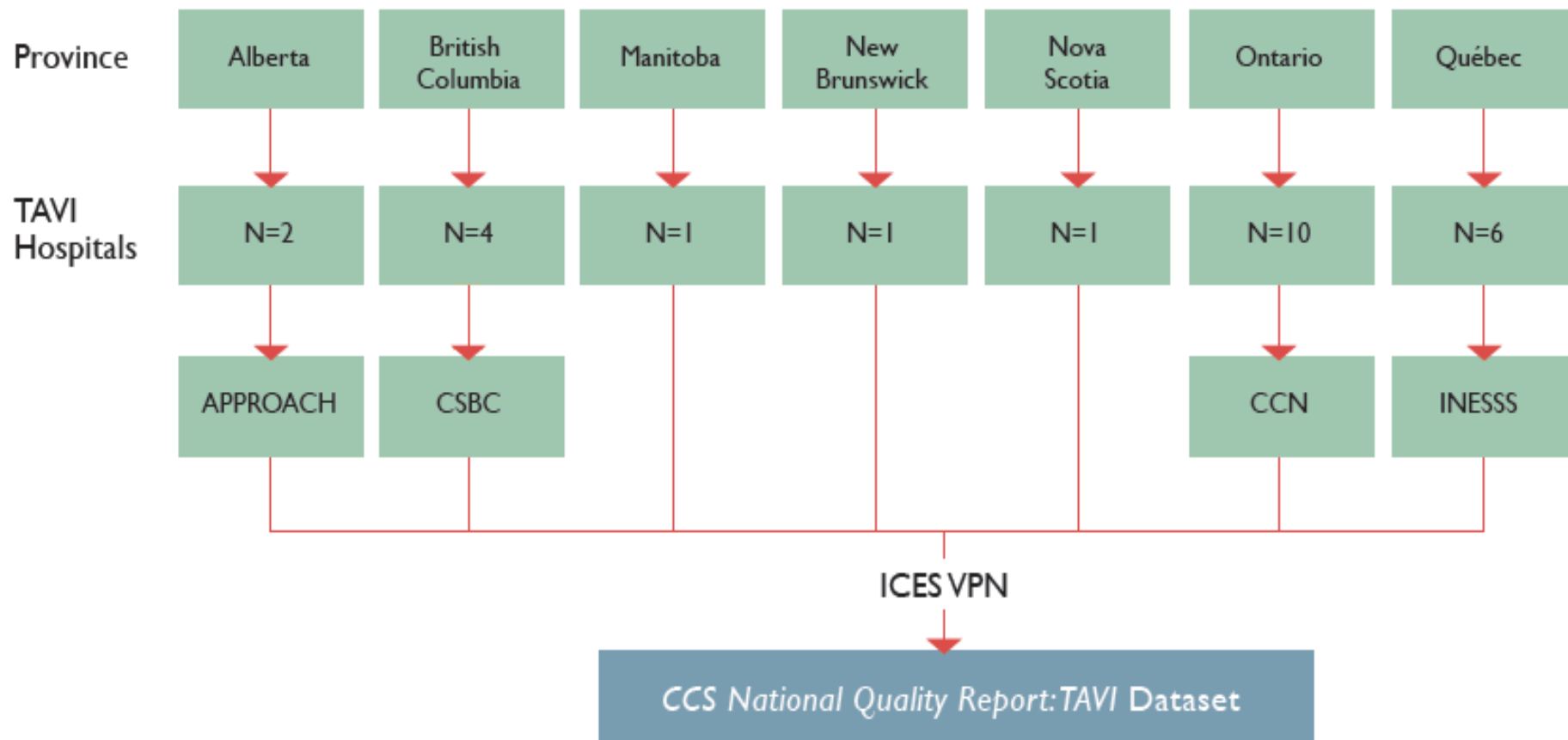
- Post-Regulatory
  - Funding 2012
    - No RWE used in decision
    - Mandated that precondition for funding would be mandatory data entry into clinical registry to be held by CorHealth Ontario (CCN)
    - However,
      - No clear a priori objective for data
      - No direction on data elements
      - No funding for data collection

# RWE in TAVR: how it happened

- Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) developed quality indicators for TAVR



# RWE in TAVR: as it happened



# RWE Data in TAVR: findings

- Data quality:

	Ontario	Québec	British Columbia	Alberta - Calgary Site	Alberta - Edmonton Site	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia
Heart Team Recommendation	●	■	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Wait time 1	■	●	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Wait time 2	■	●	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Total wait time	◆	●	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
STS score	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Quality of life pre and 1-year post	●	●	■	●	◆	●	■	●
30-day mortality	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	■	◆	◆
1-year mortality	◆	■	◆	◆	◆	■	◆	◆
In-hospital stroke	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
30-day readmission	◆	●	◆	■	◆	■	◆	◆
1-year readmission	◆	●	◆	■	◆	■	◆	◆

# RWE in TAVR: findings

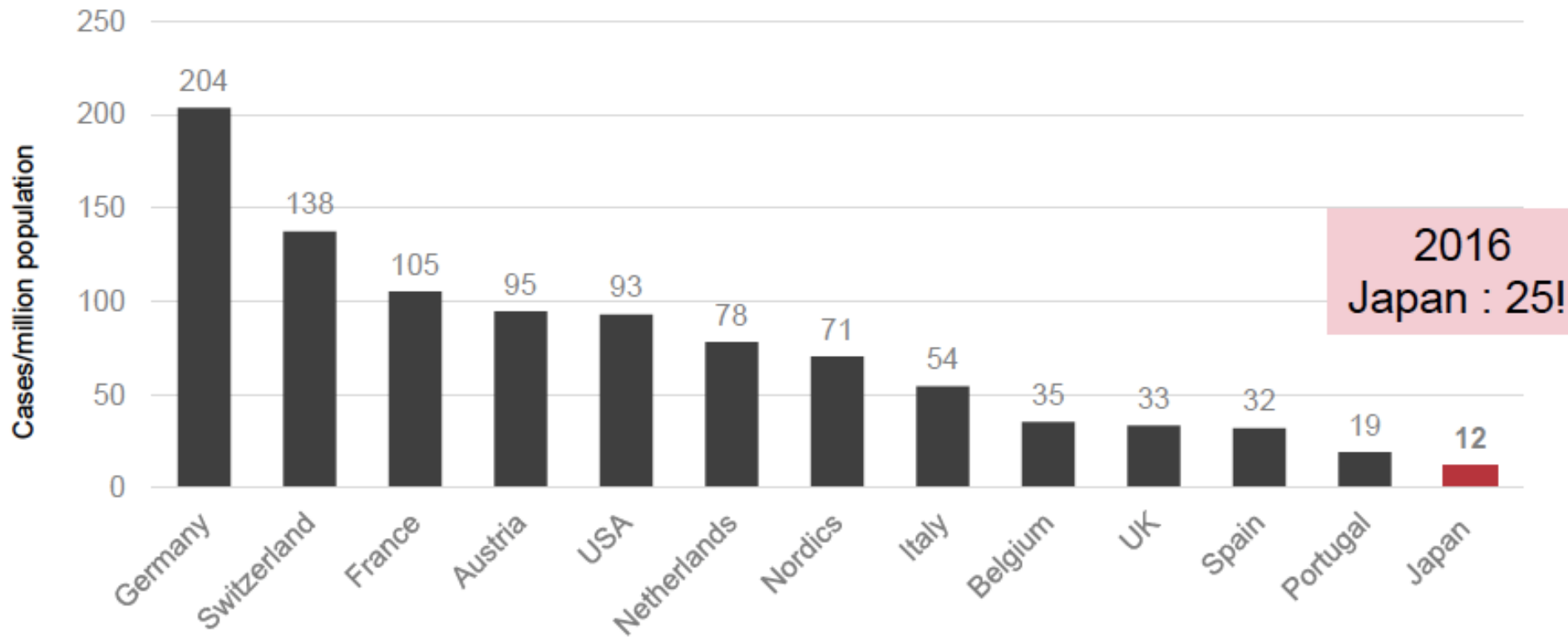
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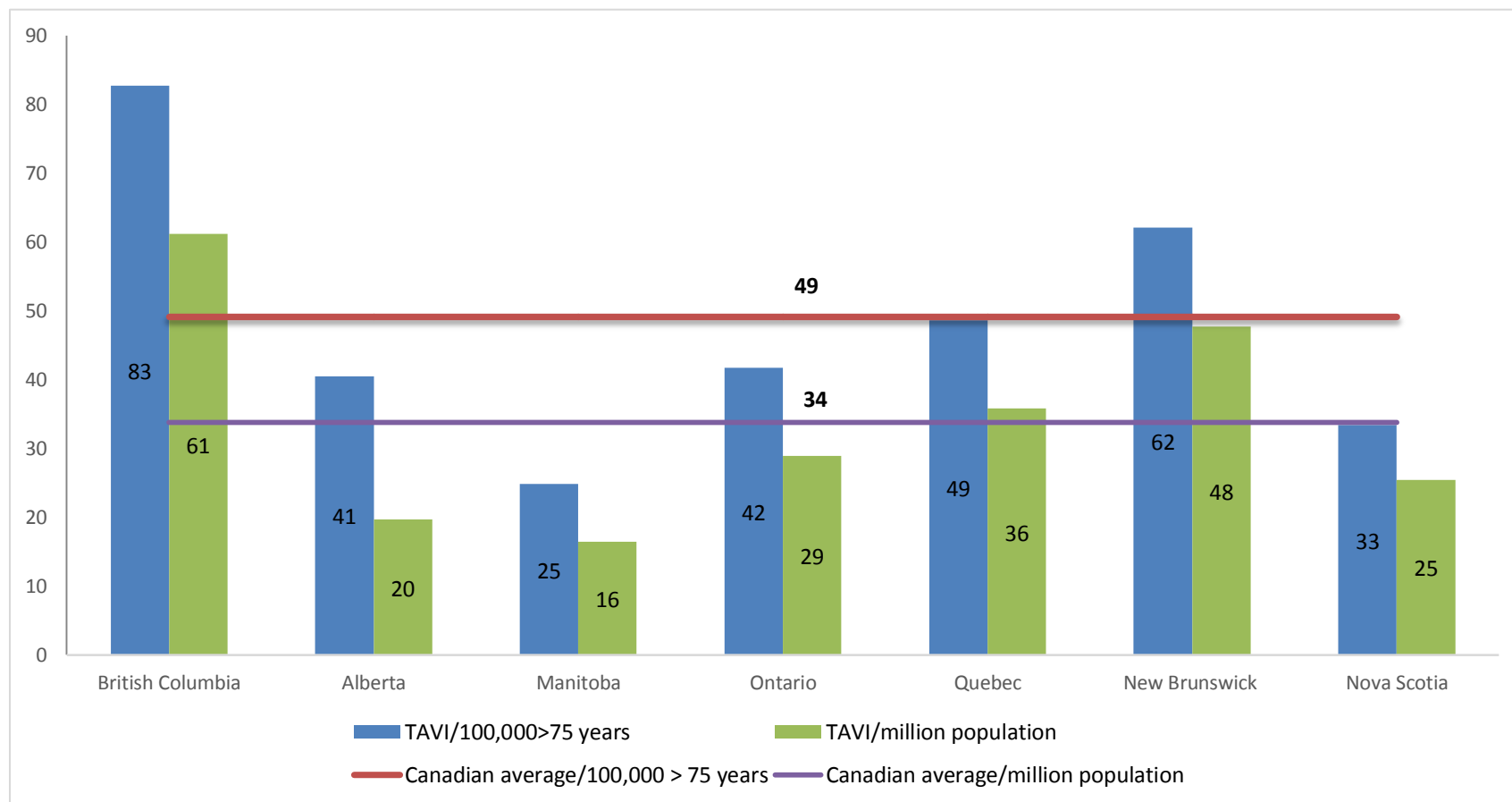
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## Procedures / million inhabitants in 2015

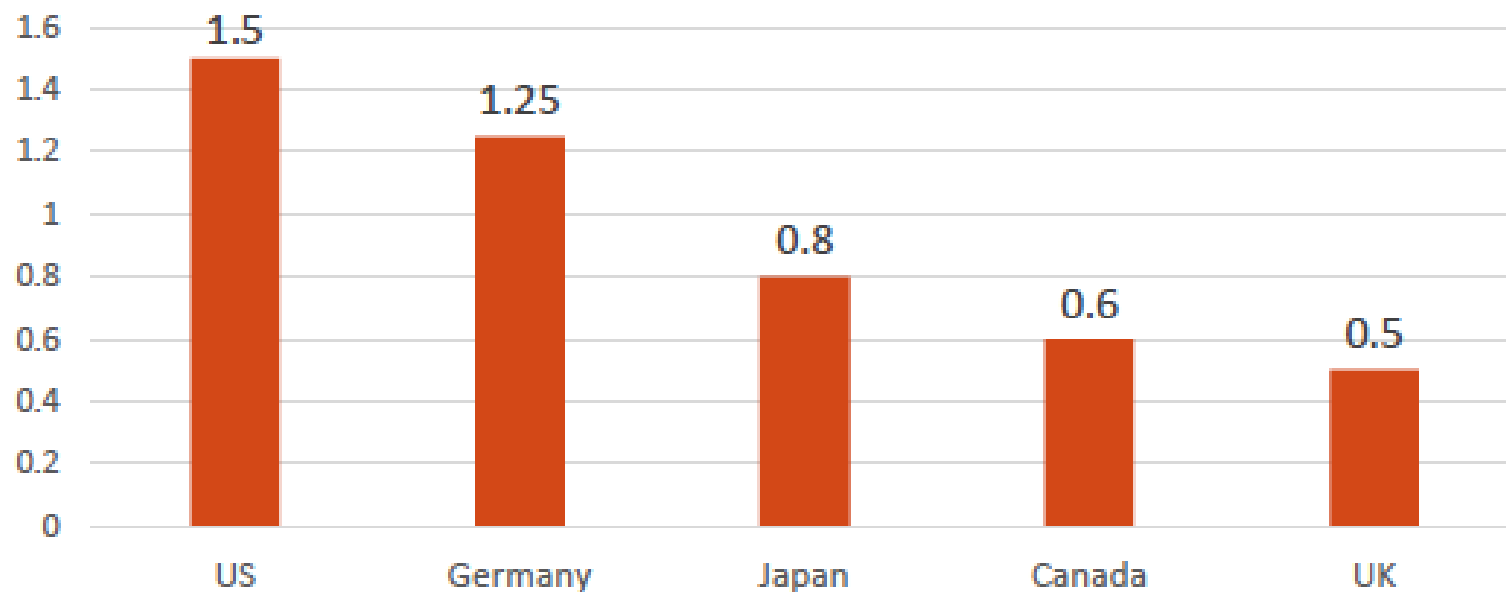


# Canada

- April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013- March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014: 1,136 cases

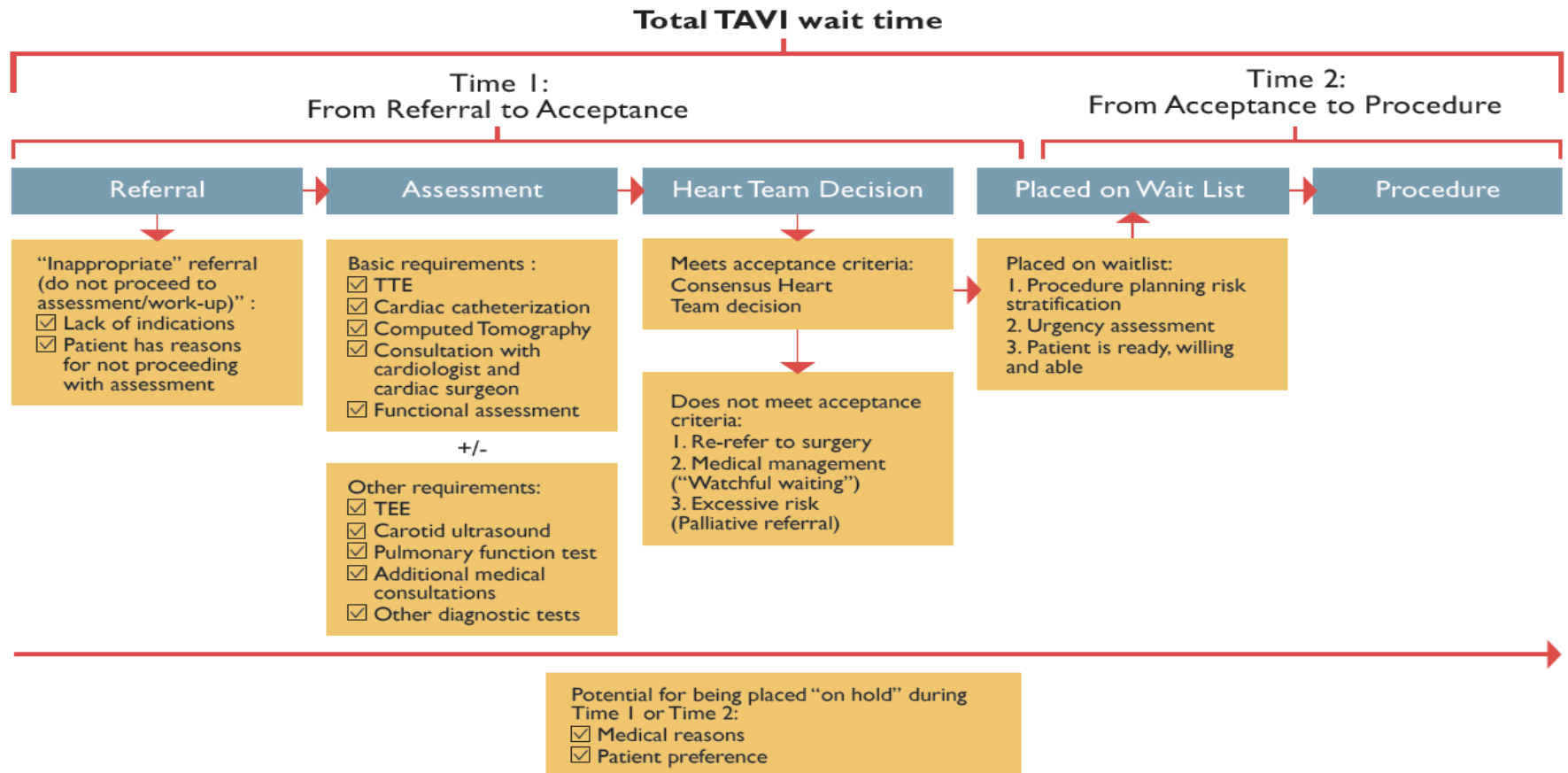


## Valve Centers/Million Population



# RWE: Access

- Exponentially increasing demand with limited capacity

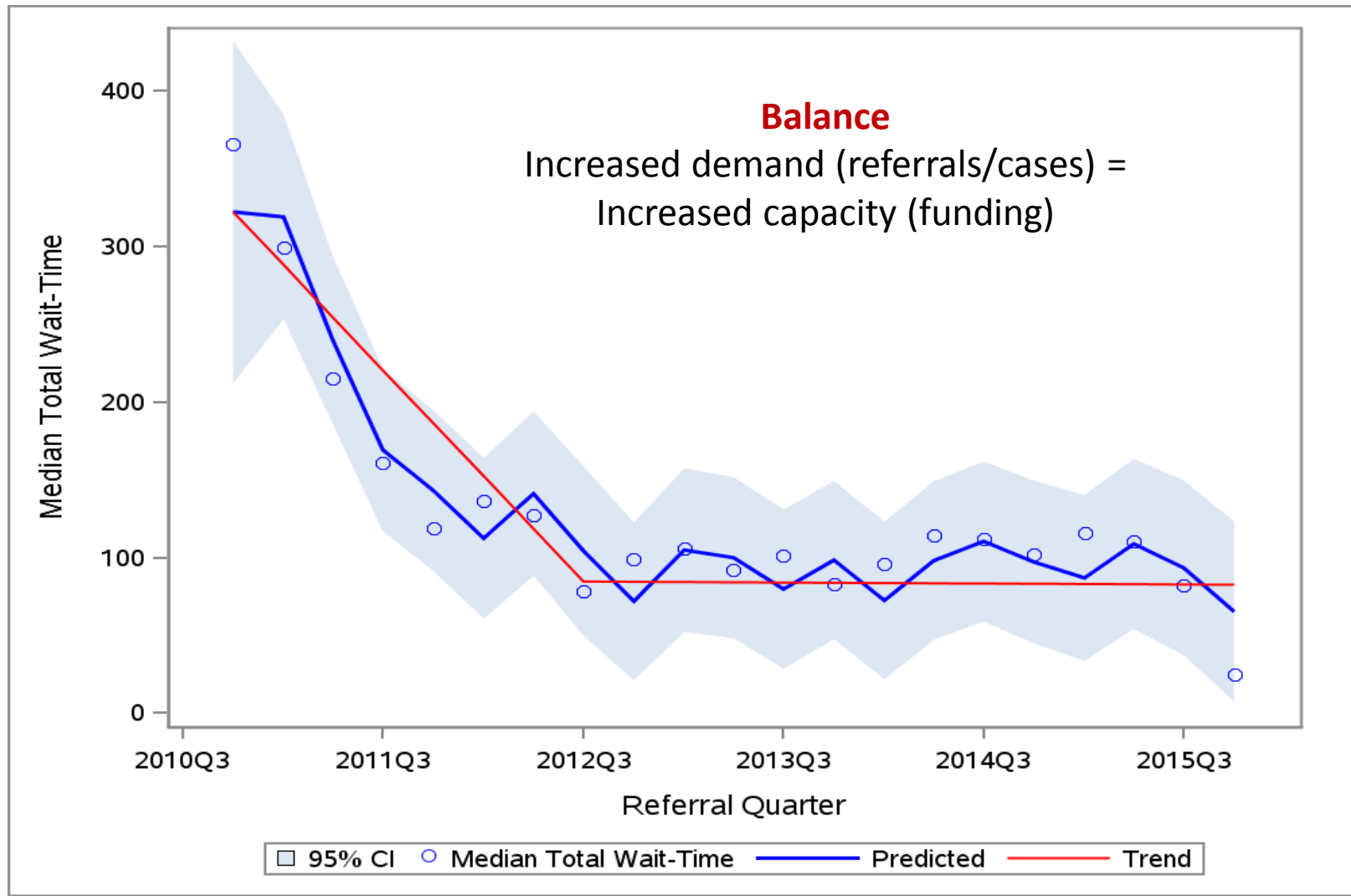


# RWE: Wait-times

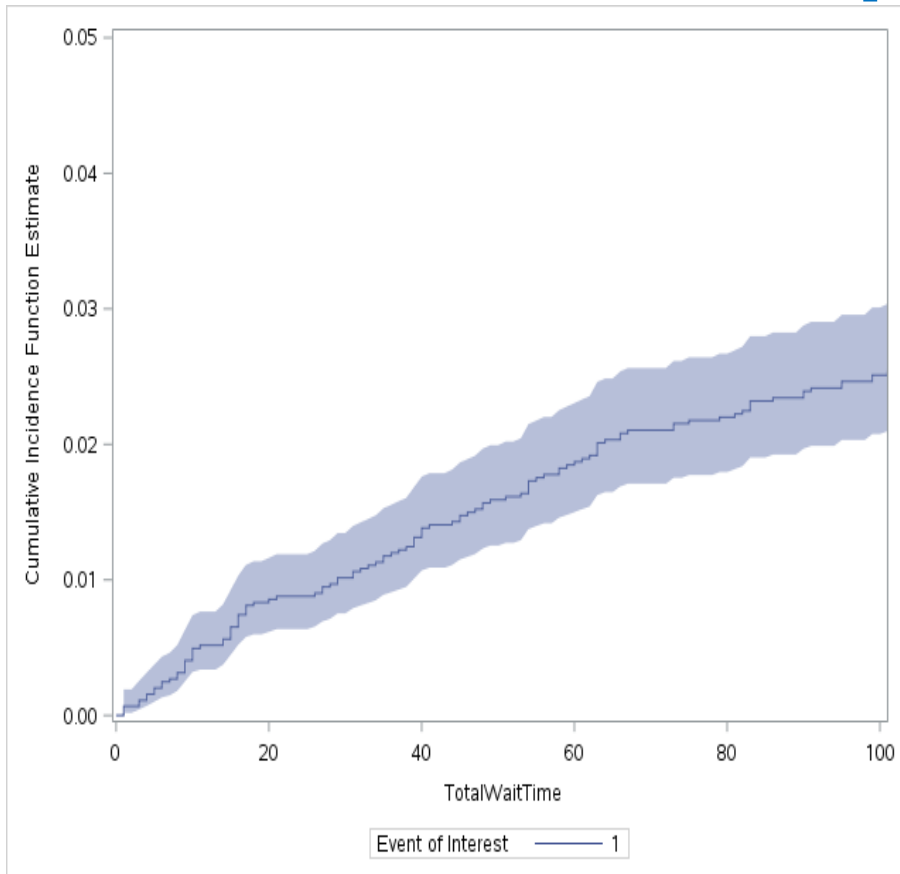
TAVI WAIT TIME					
	Ontario (N=396)	Québec (N=294)	British Columbia (N=270)	Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia (N=162)	Canada (N=1,122)
Total Wait Time (median and IQR, days)	105 (58-183)	n/a	91 (57-139)	145 (79-219)	106 (59-172)
Missing data (%)	0.2	100	0	0	26.3

- Canadian Wait-Time Alliance:
  - Maximum recommended wait-times for surgical aortic valve replacement
    - 14 days for urgent cases
    - 42 days for elective cases

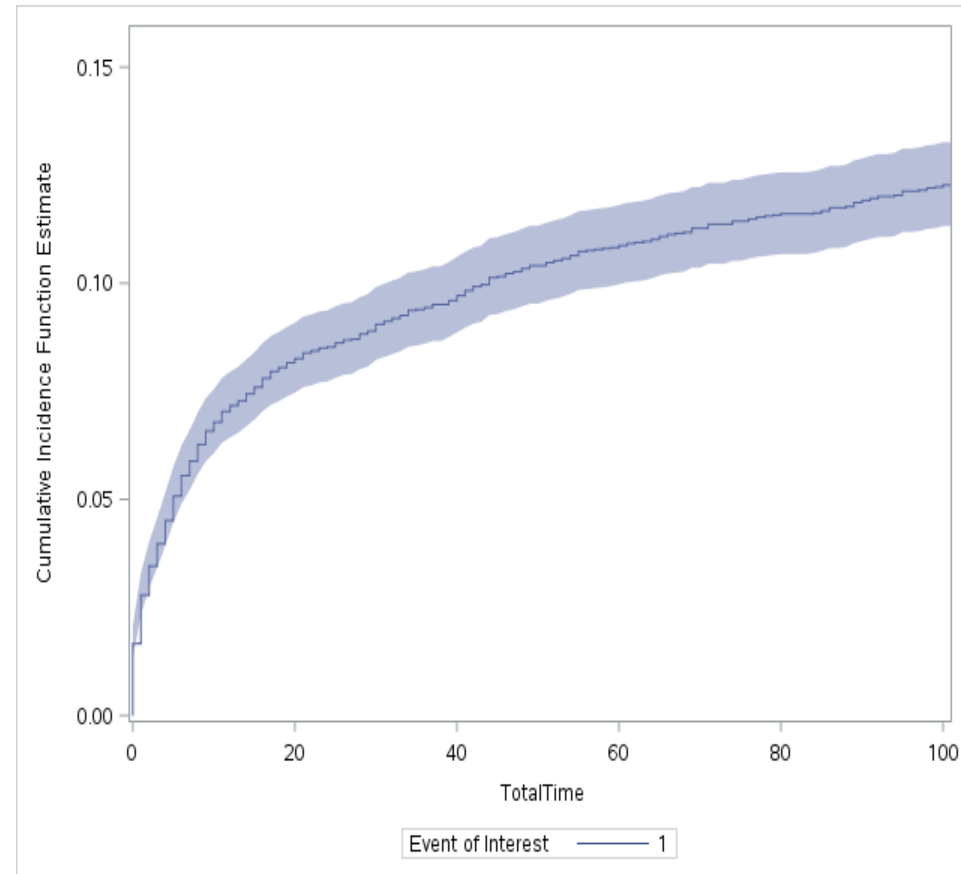
# Wait-times



# Wait-time consequences

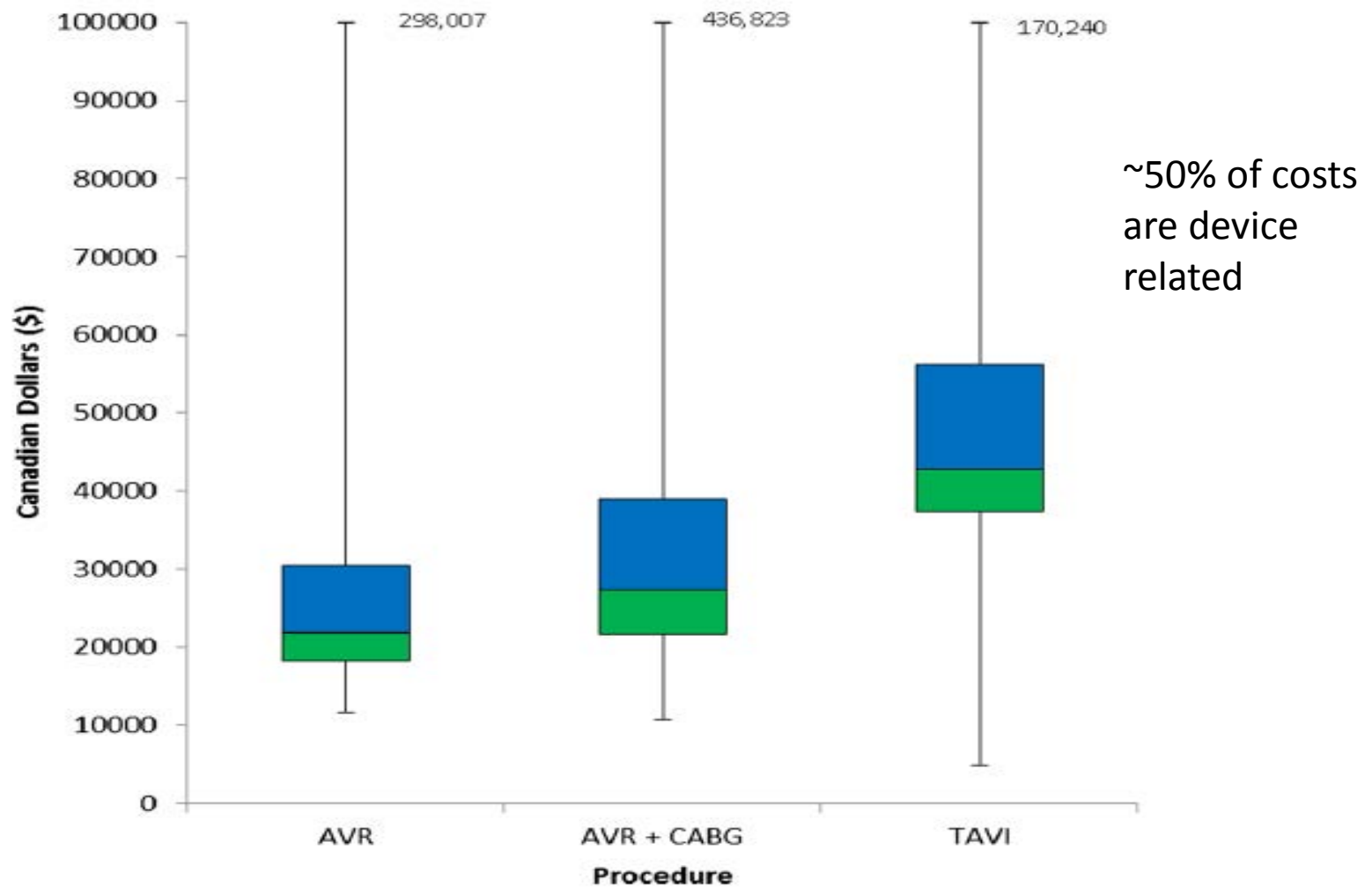


Wait-time mortality: ~4.5%



Wait-time hospitalization for heart failure: ~15%

# Canada





# Modifiable Drivers of Costs

Factor	Rate Ratio	P-value
Non-transfemoral	1.31 (1.18-1.45)	<0.001
Length of stay >3 days	1.42 (1.14-1.78)	<0.001
Long ICU stay >4 days	1.30 (1.2-1.41)	<0.001

# RWE in TAVR

- Limited impact on regulatory and reimbursement process
- Substantial insights into implementation and dissemination

# RWE in TAVR – missed opportunities

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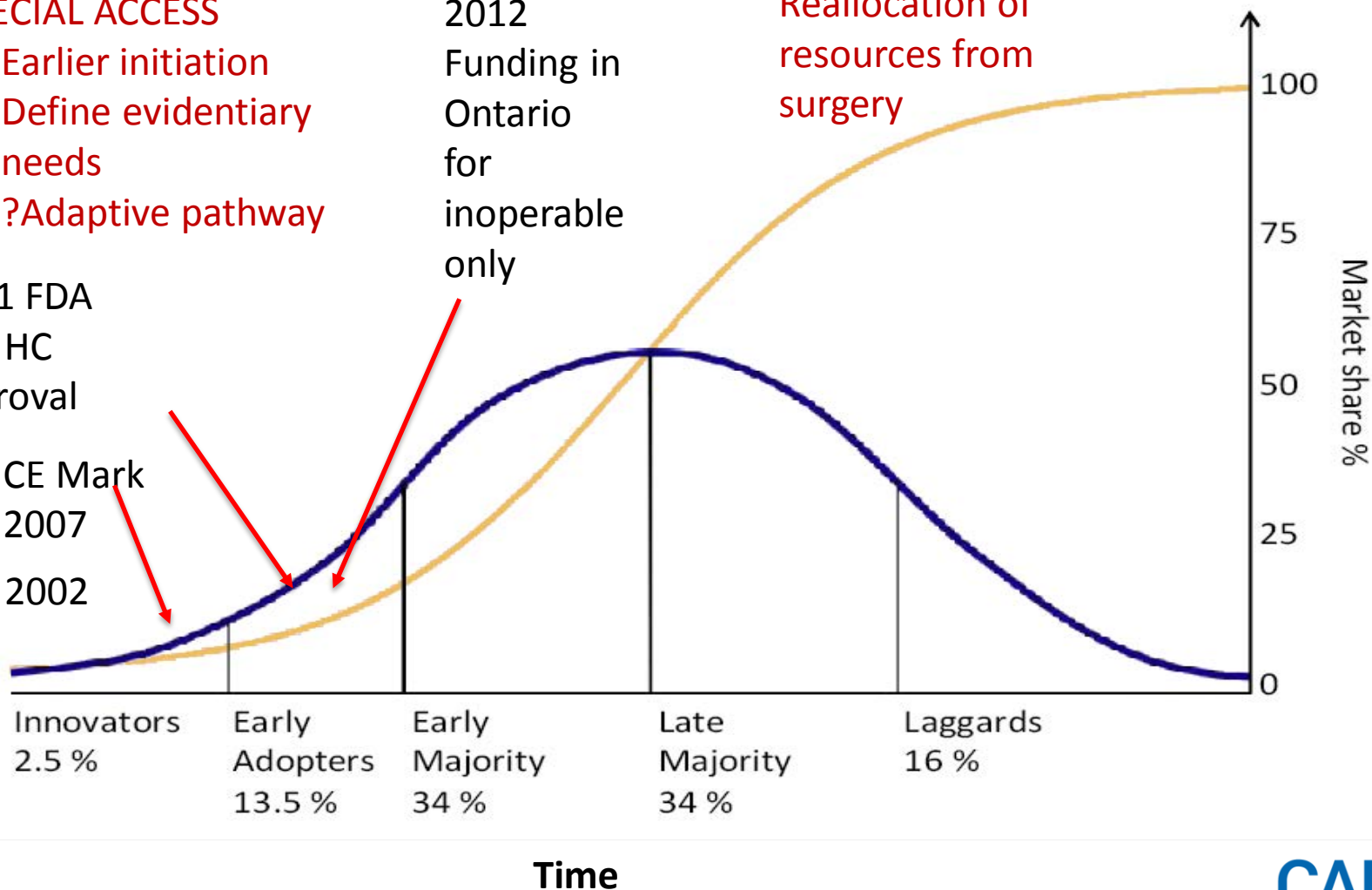
- Earlier initiation
- Define evidentiary needs
- ?Adaptive pathway

2011 FDA  
and HC  
approval

CE Mark  
2007  
2002

2012  
Funding in  
Ontario  
for  
inoperable  
only

Dis-investment?  
Reallocation of  
resources from  
surgery



# Conclusions

- In rapidly changing landscape, early engagement to define the objectives of RWE collection is critical
- RWE is resource intensive
  - Prone to poor quality if front line health care providers are not convinced as to its utility
- Iterative re-evaluations of regulatory and reimbursement decisions, informed by RWE will potentially facilitate **earlier**, and **more efficient** dissemination and greater access

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