

Risk Stratification and Outcome Analysis Following Cardiac Surgery: Validation of scoring systems and implications for quality assurance

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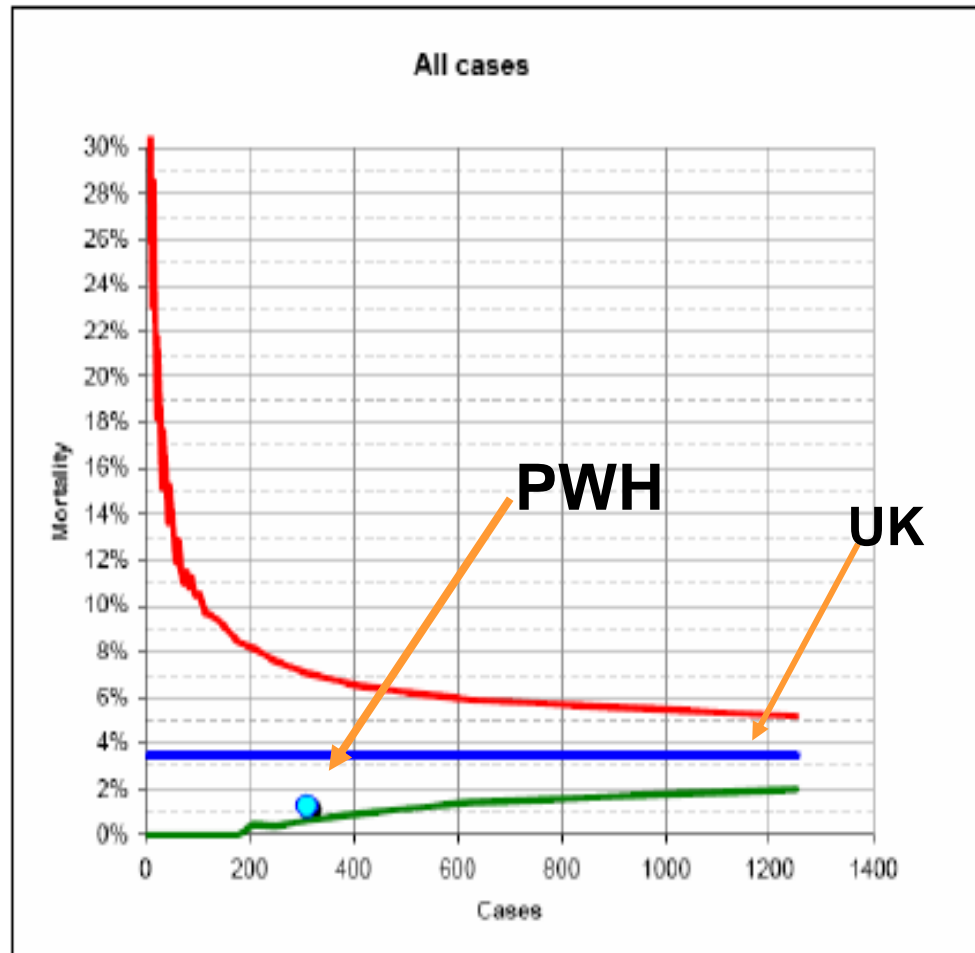


Ideal Surgical Practice

- Accurate reporting of morbidity and mortality
- Validated local risk-stratification models
- Ability to compare outcome with international standards
- Quality assurance program

Patient Outcomes: Non-Risk Adjusted

Funnel Plot, PWH Mortality, UK Alert Lines.



What is 'Risk Stratification' ?

- **Risk Stratification** is a method of predicting outcomes based upon severity of illness and co-morbidity of the patient population

How : 'Risk Stratification (Scoring)' ?

- Define Quantifiable Variables in Subset
 - Age, LV Function
- Determine Contribution to 'Risk' Event
 - Death
- Assess Effect of Combinations of Variables
 - Additive and Logistic
- Generate "Predictive Score"
 - 'probability' not 'certainty'

EuroSCORE: 1999 (European System for Cardiac Operative Risk Evaluation)



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European system for cardiac operative risk evaluation (*EuroSCORE*)[☆]

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128 Hospitals
20,000 patients
97 Risk Factors



EuroSCORE

- Additive
 - 13 clinical factors
- Logistic
 - Same 13 clinical factors
 - ? More Accurate

$$\text{Predicted mortality} = \frac{e^{(\beta_0 + \sum \beta_i X_i)}}{1 + e^{(\beta_0 + \sum \beta_i X_i)}}$$

where

e is the natural logarithm = 2.718281828...

β_0 is the constant of the logistic regression equation = -4.789594

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Bayes Tables: United Kingdom Data

The simple (5-factor) CABG Bayes score

	r ¹	n ¹	p ^{II}	odds ^b	LR ^v	weight ^u	
OVERALL	835	33,392	2.5%	0.026	NA	-36.63	
Age	<56 years old	84	6,626	1.3%	0.013	0.501	-6.92
	56-60 years old	70	5,250	1.3%	0.014	0.527	-6.41
	61-65 years old	134	6,670	2.0%	0.021	0.799	-2.24
	66-70 years old	183	6,730	2.7%	0.028	1.090	0.86
	71-75 years old	195	4,952	3.9%	0.041	1.598	4.69
Body Surface Area	>75 years old	153	2,325	6.6%	0.070	2.747	10.10
	<1.7 m2	118	2,941	4.0%	0.042	1.630	4.88
	1.70-1.89 m2	201	6,979	2.9%	0.030	1.156	1.45
	1.90-2.39 m2	355	16,490	2.2%	0.022	0.858	-1.53
	>2.39 m2	39	2,284	1.7%	0.017	0.677	-3.90
Ejection fraction	Good EF	317	19,652	1.6%	0.016	0.639	-4.480
	Fair EF	248	8,410	2.9%	0.030	1.185	1.70
	Poor EF	185	2,044	9.1%	0.100	3.880	13.56
Priority	Elective	374	21,098	1.8%	0.018	0.704	-3.52
	Urgent	247	8,142	3.0%	0.031	1.220	1.99
	Emergency	126	914	13.8%	0.160	6.235	18.30
Prior ops	None	679	29,278	2.3%	0.024	0.926	-0.77
	One or more	87	1,335	6.5%	0.070	2.718	10.00

The complex (9-factor) CABG Bayes score

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	>2.39 m2	38	2,280	1.7%	0.017	0.661	-4.14
Diabetes	No	162	5,055	3.2%	0.033	1.291	2.55
	Yes	559	23,486	2.4%	0.024	0.951	-0.51
HT	No	310	14,776	2.1%	0.021	0.836	-1.80
	Yes	462	15,773	2.9%	0.030	1.177	1.63
LMS	No	418	19,431	2.2%	0.022	0.857	-1.54
	Yes	138	3,919	3.5%	0.036	1.423	3.53
Ejection fraction	Good	317	19,652	1.6%	0.016	0.639	-4.47
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Renal disease	Dialysis	12	138	8.7%	0.095	3.713	13.12
	Elevated creatinine	85	1,071	7.9%	0.086	3.361	12.12
	None	463	21,778	2.1%	0.022	0.847	-1.66
	None	679	29,278	2.3%	0.024	0.926	-0.77
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Aim of Study

- To validate internationally recognized risk-scoring systems :
 - EuroSCORE
 - Additive
 - Logistic
 - Complex Bayesfor the local population undergoing cardiac surgery in PWH
- To allow continuous quality assurance

Validating Scoring System

- Study of all cardiac surgical patients in consecutive 24 months
- Data entered into commercially available computerized system
- Allow 'Real-time' data access and automatic data transfer to *analysis module*
- Audit trail for data collection and validation

Demographics

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Date of birth	<input type="text" value="dd / mm / yyyy"/>
Gender	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female


Initial database entry

Admission details

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Date of admission	<input type="text" value="dd / mm / yyyy"/>
Date of operation	<input type="text" value="dd / mm / yyyy"/>
Admission category	<input type="radio"/> HA <input type="radio"/> Private
Mode of admission	<input type="radio"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="radio"/> Planned inpatient transfer
Angina status pre-surgery	<input type="radio"/> No angina <input type="radio"/> No limitation of physical activity <input type="radio"/> Slight limitation of ordinary activity <input type="radio"/> Marked limitation of ordinary physical activity <input type="radio"/> Symptoms at rest or minimal activity
Dyspnoea status pre-surgery	<input type="radio"/> No limitation of physical activity <input type="radio"/> Slight limitation of ordinary activity <input type="radio"/> Marked limitation of ordinary physical activity <input type="radio"/> Symptoms at rest or minimal activity
Congestive cardiac failure	<input type="radio"/> Never <input type="radio"/> Now <input type="radio"/> In past
Symptom status	<input type="radio"/> Stable <input type="radio"/> Unstable / recent deter'n
Number of previous MIs	<input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Two or more <input type="radio"/> One <input type="radio"/> Unknown
Interval between surgery and last MI	<input type="radio"/> MI <6 hours <input type="radio"/> MI 31-90 days <input type="radio"/> MI 6-24 hours <input type="radio"/> MI >90 days <input type="radio"/> MI 1-30 days



Logistic Euroscore : Calculator

Patient-related factors			Cardiac-related factors		
Age (years)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Unstable angina ⁶	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Gender	<input type="text" value="Select"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	LV function	<input type="text" value="Select"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Chronic pulmonary disease ¹	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Recent MI ⁷	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Extracardiac arteriopathy ²	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Pulmonary hypertension ⁸	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Neurological dysfunction ³	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Operation-related factors		
Previous Cardiac Surgery	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Emergency ⁹	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Creatinine > 200 µmol/L	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Other than isolated CABG	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Active endocarditis ⁴	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Surgery on thoracic aorta	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Critical preoperative state ⁵	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Post infarct septal rupture	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
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EuroSCORE			<input type="text" value="0"/>		
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Validating Scoring System

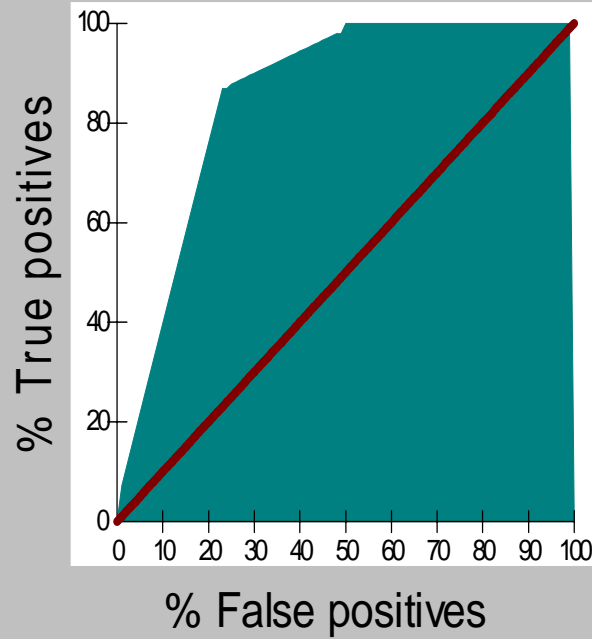
- Data from 612 patients was entered
- Allow calculation of
 - *Additive and logistic EuroSCORE*
 - *Complex Bayes*
- Predictive accuracy for local population was assessed using Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve

Direct Comparison of Risk Scoring Systems: *Testing*

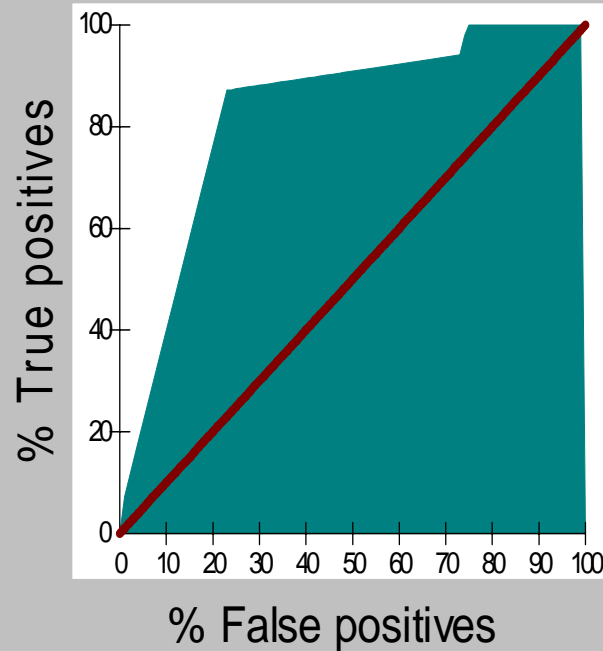
- Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curves
 - Area represents probability that risk predictor accurately discriminates between death and survival
 - Area of 1 = Perfect Discrimination
 - Area <0.5 = No Discrimination
 - Area >0.7 = Validity in Predictive Accuracy

EuroSCORE

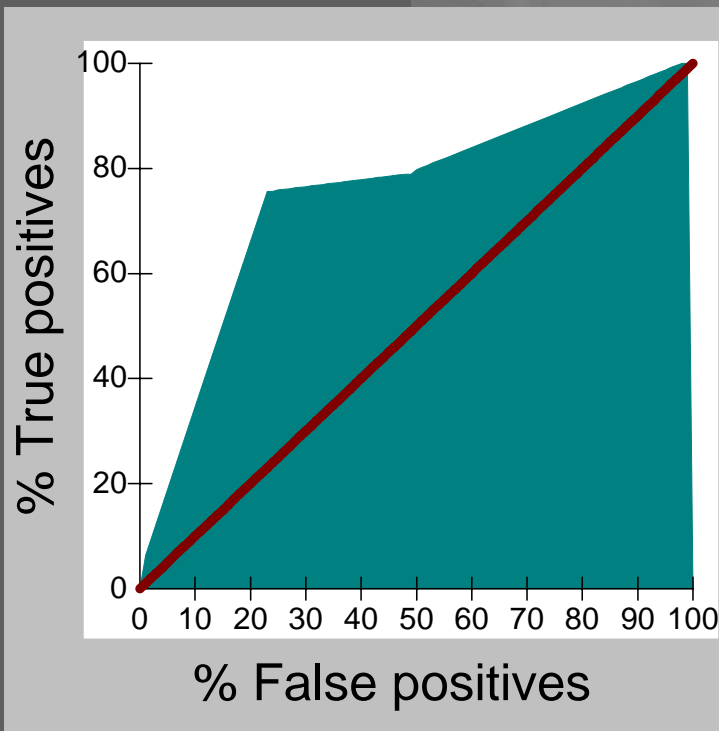
Additive:
0.834



Logistic:
0.805



**Complex Bayes:
0.775**



Performance Trends Over Time

Risk Adjusted Trends

- Risk-Adjusted *CUSUM* (cumulative events over time)
- Variable Life Adjusted Display Charts (*VLAD*)

$$\frac{\delta_p}{(1-\delta_p)}$$

Initially two hypotheses must be set: the first is H_0 , which is the outcome rate that we wish to test. This could be set to the level of current practice. The second, alternative hypothesis, H_A defines the deviation from H_0 to be detected. Either increases in the outcome rate or decreases in the outcome rate may be detected; a doubling in the outcome rate would set, a halving in the outcome rate or any other suitable differences may be chosen. There is an odds ratio associated with each of these hypotheses; the odds ratio associated with H_0 is denoted OR_0 , and the odds ratio associated with H_A is OR_A . Using our previous notation:

$$OR_0 = \frac{\delta_0}{\delta_p} \text{ and } OR_A = \frac{\delta_A}{\delta_p}$$

where

δ_0 is the probability of the adverse outcome under H_0

δ_A is the probability of the adverse outcome under H_A

If H_A is set such that a doubling in the rate is to be examined, δ_A is clearly 2; if H_A is intended to look for halving in the rate, δ_A is 0.5. The method repeatedly tests H_0 against H_A . Under H_0 the odds on an adverse outcome for an individual patient, O_{p0} are:

$$O_{p0} = \frac{OR_0 \cdot \delta_p}{(1-\delta_p)}$$

The corresponding probability of an adverse outcome for this same patient is:

$$\delta_{p0} = \frac{OR_0 \cdot \delta_p}{[1-\delta_p + (OR_0 \cdot \delta_p)]}$$

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Performance Trends Over Time

- Risk-Adjusted Outcome Trend

Plotting cumulative risk

This plot always has an upward trend and illustrates the cumulative risk over the operative sequence. Application and extension of this method can be used to calculate the cumulative risk associated with any group of patients using any suitable risk score. The following equation describes this approach:

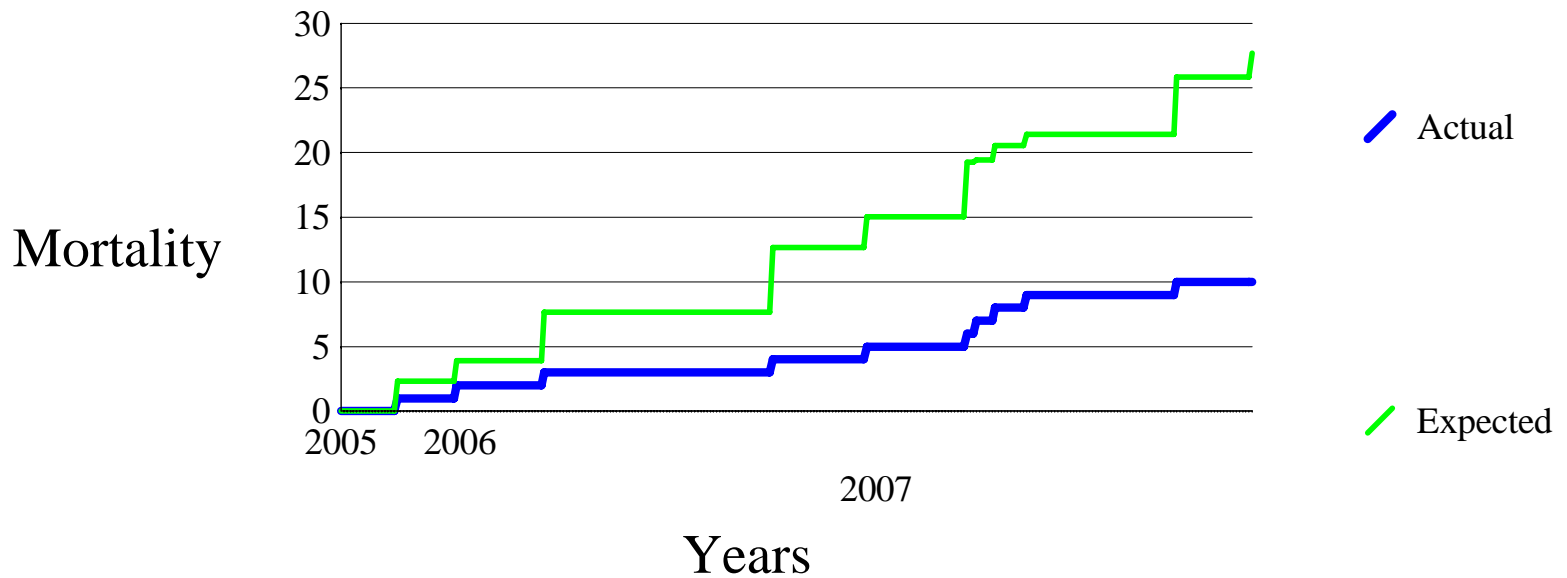
$$\rho_n = \sum_{p=1}^{p=n} \delta_p$$

where

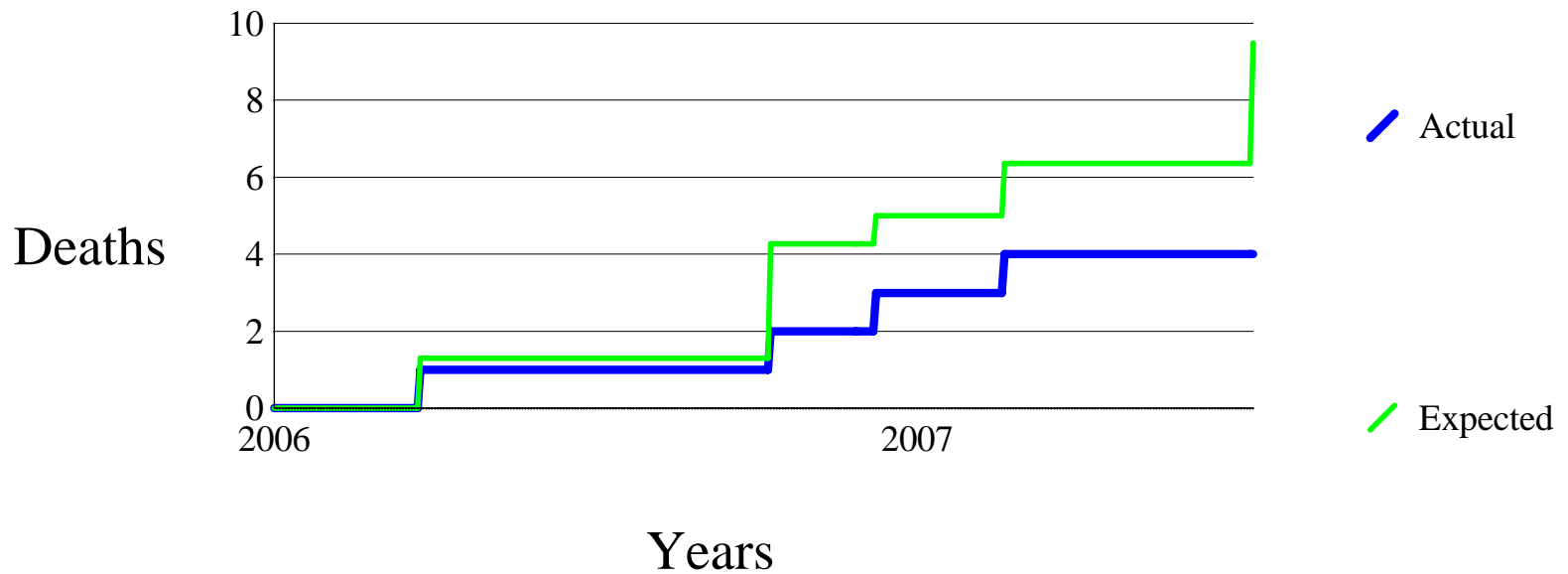
- p is the number of operations in the sequence
- δ_p is the predicted outcome rate for the patient at operation number p
- ρ_n is the cumulative risk when the operative sequence is n

RA-CUSUM 2005-2007

Logistic EuroSCORE: 612pts



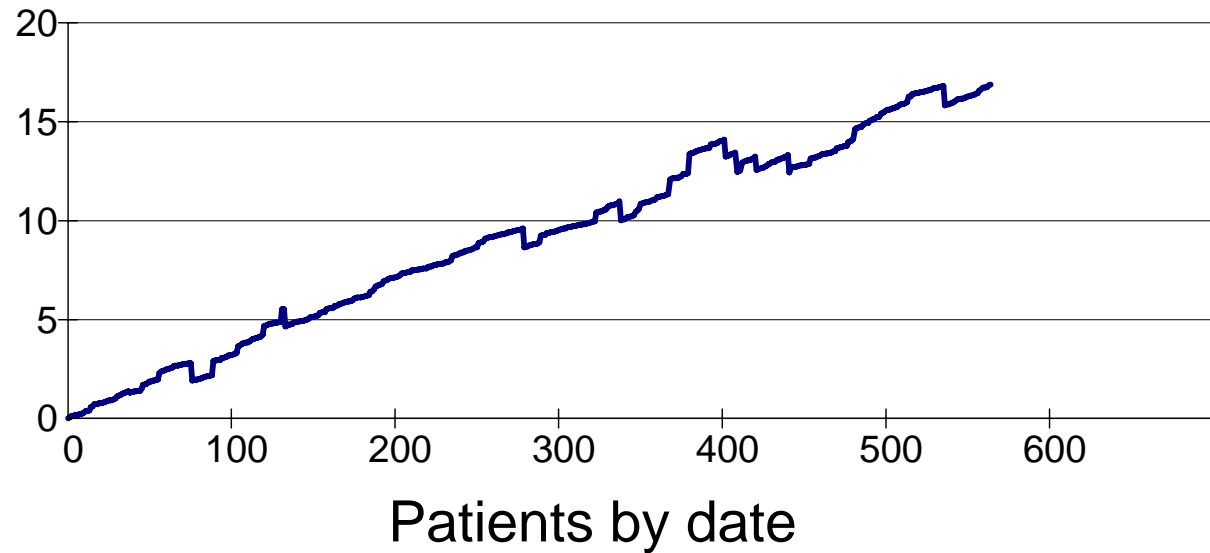
RA-CUSUM for Isolated CABG Complex Bayes



RA-Trends 2005-2007

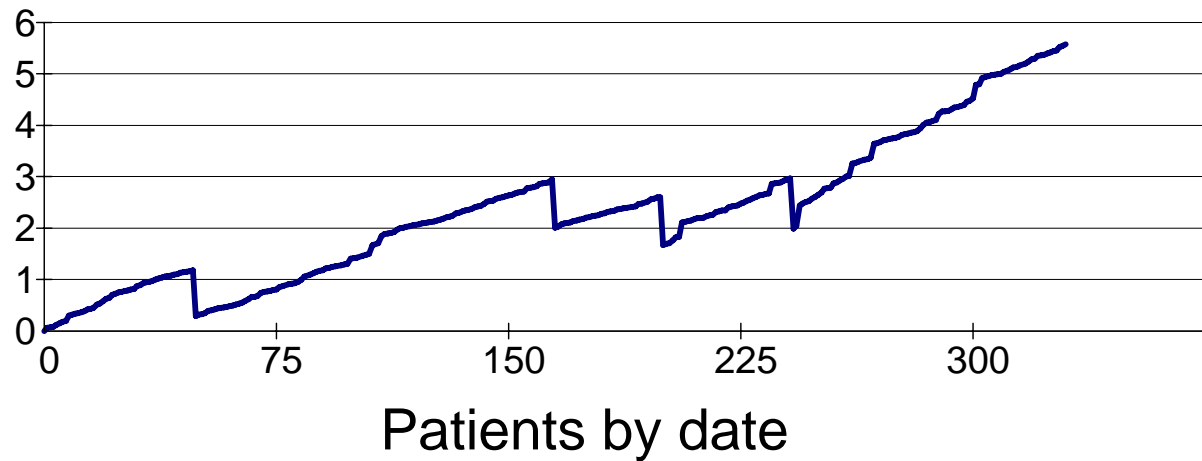
Logistic EuroSCORE

Mortality

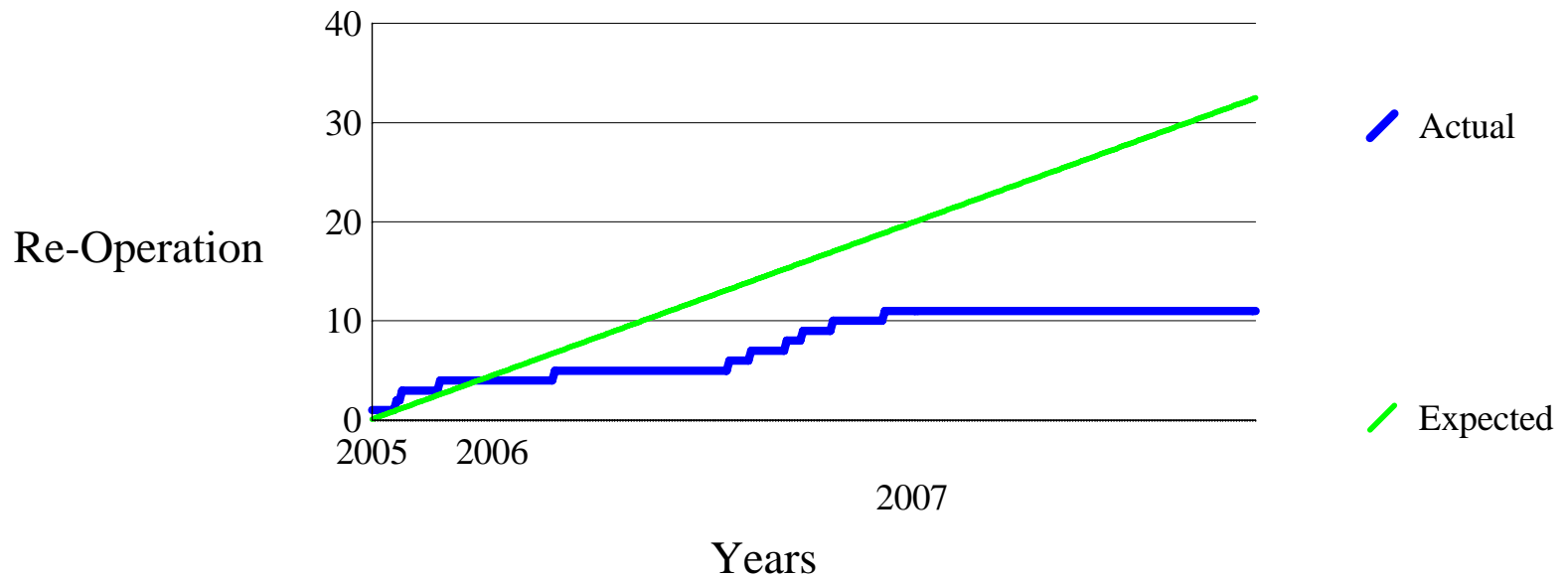


RA-Trends CABG 2 years Logistic EuroSCORE

Mortality



Re-operation for bleeding vs 5%

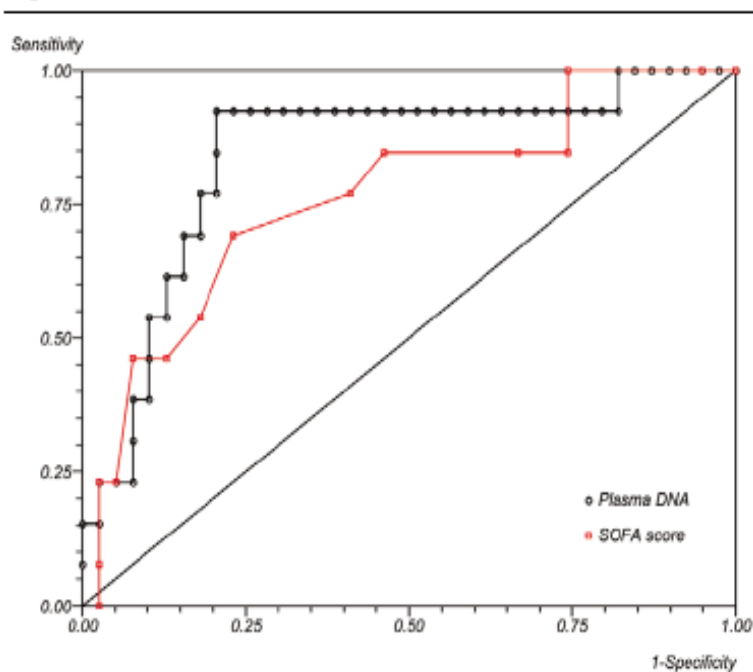


Research

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Plasma DNA concentration as a predictor of mortality and sepsis in critically ill patientsAndrew Rhodes¹, Stephen J Wort¹, Helen Thomas², Paul Collinson² and E David Bennett¹

Figure 2



Receiver operating characteristic curves for plasma DNA and the Sepsis-related Organ Failure Assessment (SOFA) score to predict intensive care outcome. The area under the curve for plasma DNA is 0.84 (95% confidence interval, 0.71–0.97) and that for the SOFA score is 0.76 (95% confidence interval, 0.61–0.92).

- Addition of 'genetic' predictors of outcome following complications

Association Between the TNF-2 Allele and a Better Survival in Cardiogenic Shock*

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Conclusion

- We have validated the discriminatory ability of internationally recognized scoring systems in cardiac surgical patients in HK population

Conclusion

- Continuous “Real-time” monitoring in risk-adjusted manner
- Quality assurance program to monitor outcomes with internationally published standards

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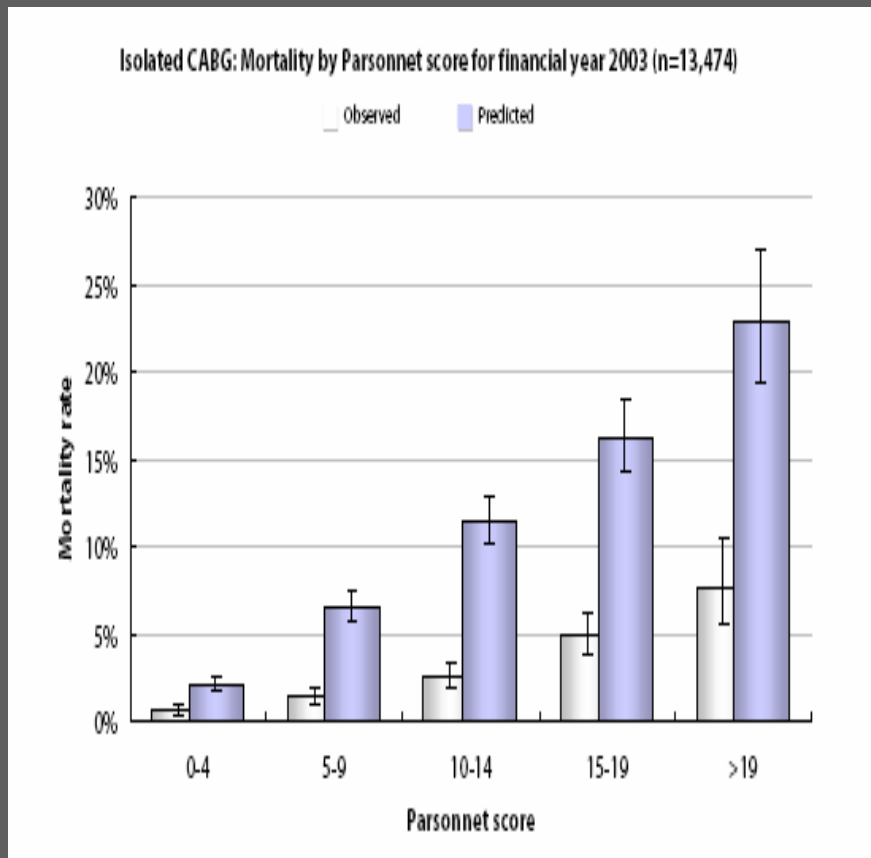


Parsonnet: Circulation 1989

	Factor	Definition	Score	
Patient-related factors	Gender	Female	1	
	Morbid obesity	Body Mass Index >35	3	
	Diabetes	Any history of diabetes regardless of duration or treatment. Latent diabetes of pregnancy excluded	3	
	Hypertension	A history of blood pressure greater than 140/90mmHg on two occasions, or lower if on medication	3	
	LV dysfunction	Good (50%)		0
		Fair (30-49%)		2
		Poor (<30%)		4
	Age	70-74 years old		7
		75-79 years old		12
		> 80 years old		20
	Re-operation	Second operation		5
		Third (or more)		10
	Intra aortic balloon pump	Prior to surgery. Do NOT include IABP's inserted prophylactically just prior to surgery because these represent post-operative support.		2
	Left ventricular aneurysm	Aneurysmectomy		5
	Recently failed intervention	Within 24 hours of operation		10
		>24 hours; operation on same admission		5
	Renal	Dialysis dependency		10
Catastrophic states	e.g.s acute structural defect, cardiogenic shock, acute renal failure		10-50	
Other rare circumstances	e.g.s paraplegia, pacemaker dependency, congenital heart disease in adults, severe asthma		2-10	
Surgery-related factors	Mitral valve surgery	Systolic PA pressure <60 mmHg	5	
		Systolic PA pressure ≥60 mmHg	8	
	Aortic valve surgery	AV pressure gradient ≤120 mmHg	5	
		AV pressure gradient > 120 mmHg	7	
	CABG at the time of valve surgery		2	

- Score Mortality%
- 0-4 1
- 5-9 5
- 10-14 9
- 15-19 17
- >19 31

Parsonnet Score



- Outdated (1985)
- 16 Variables
- Use of Subjective Indices
- Poor prediction in 'High Risk'
- 'Over-Predicts' for Today's Population

Validation of the EuroSCORE model in Australia[☆]

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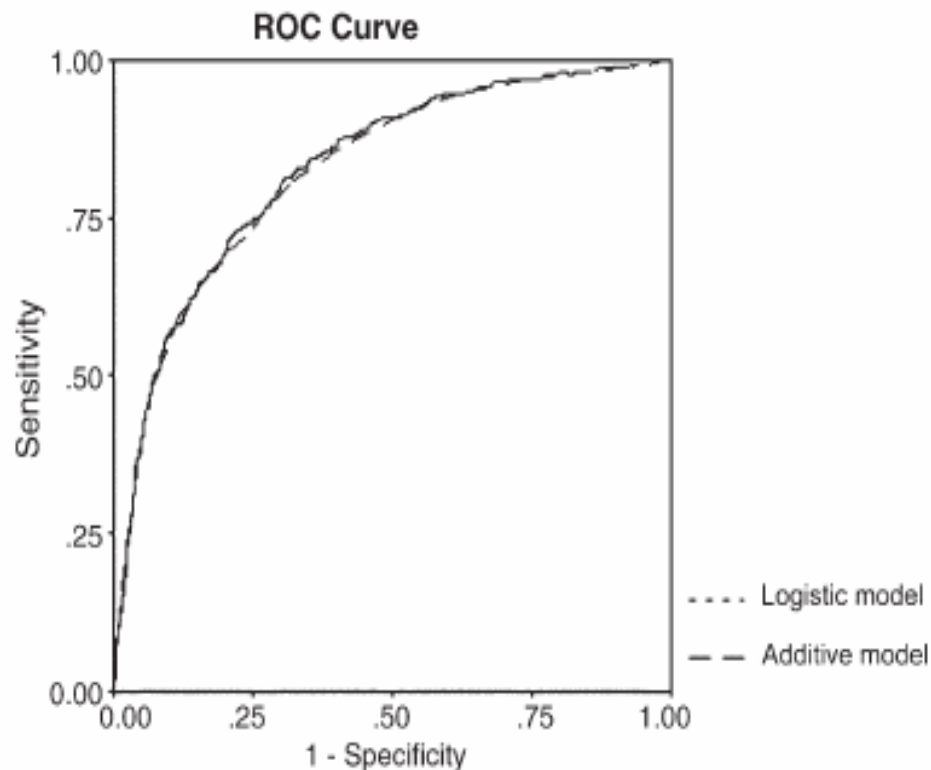
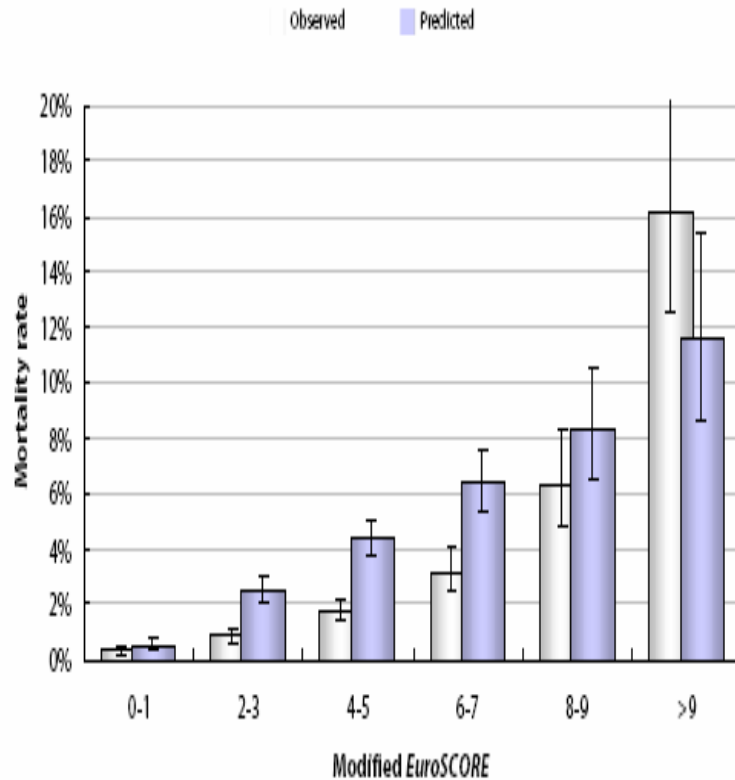


Fig. 1. Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves. Area under the curve is 0.83 for the additive and logistic EuroSCORE models when applied to the entire study cohort.



Euroscore: Additive

Isolated CABG: Mortality by modified EuroSCORE for financial year 2003 (n=17,158)



- Simple additive risk scoring
- 13 clinical factors
- More accurate than Parsonnet
- Least accurate for 'High Risk' Groups

Euroscore : Logistic Component

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- Same 13 Components
- More Accurate
 - High Risk Groups
- Over-Predicts Risk in This Group

Comparison of 19 pre-operative risk stratification models in open-heart surgery

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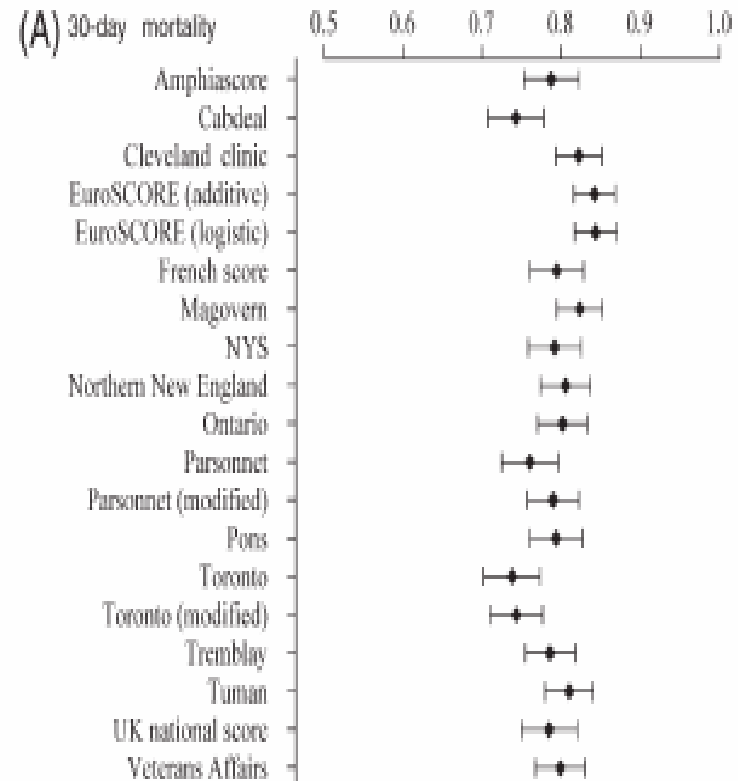
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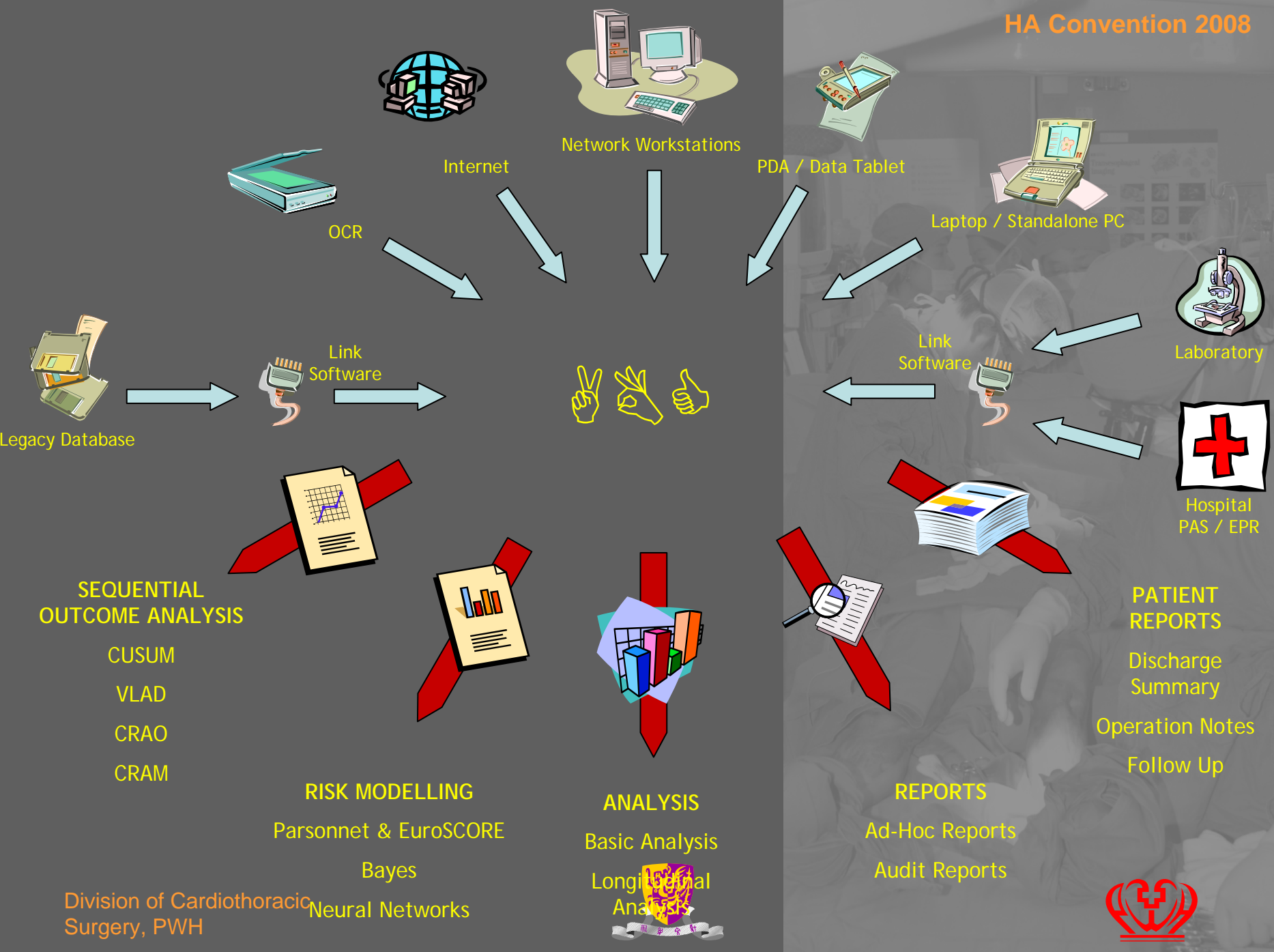
Table 1 Synopsis of original data of 19 risk score algorithms

	Region	Year of data collection	Year of publication	Number of patients (centers)	Risk variables	ROC area
Amphiascore ²³	Netherlands	1997-2001	2003	7282 (1)	8	0.84
Cabdeal ^{10,24}	Finland	1990-1991	1996	386 (1)	7	0.71
Cleveland clinic ²⁵	USA	1986-1988	1992	5051 (1)	13	N/A
EuroSCORE (add.) ²⁶	Europe	1995	1999	13 302 (128)	17	0.79
EuroSCORE (log.) ²⁷	Europe	1995	2003	13 302 (128)	17	0.79
French score ²⁸	France	1993	1995	7181 (42)	13	0.75
Magovern ²⁹	USA	1991-1992	1996	1567 (1)	18	0.86
NYS ^{3,30}	USA	1998	2001	18 814 (33)	14	0.79
NNE ¹¹	USA	1996-1998	1999	7290 (N/A)	8	N/A
Ontario ³¹	Canada	1991-1993	1995	6213 (9)	6	0.75
Parsonnet ³²	USA	1982-1987	1989	3500 (1)	16	N/A
Parsonnet (mod.) ³³	France	1992-1993	1997	6649 (42)	41	0.70
Pons ³⁴	Spain	1994	1997	1309 (7)	11	N/A
Toronto ^{3,35}	Canada	1993-1996	1999	7491 (2)	9	0.78
Toronto (mod.) ³⁶	Canada	1996-1997	2000	1904 (1)	9	N/A
Tremblay ³⁷	Canada	1989-1990	1993	2029 (1)	8	N/A
Tuman ³⁸	USA	N/A	1992	3156 (1)	10	N/A
UK national score ^{3,5}	UK	1995-1996	1998	1774 (2)	19	0.75
Veterans Affairs ^{3,39}	USA	1987-1990	1993	12 712 (43)	10	N/A

Add, additive; log, logistic; mod, modified; NNE, Northern New England; N/A, not available. Cleveland Clinic risk score algorithm is also known as Higgins score, NNE as American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association (ACA/AHA) score, and Ontario as Provincial Adult Cardiac Care Network (PACCN) score.

*Algorithms developed for CABG-only surgery.





SEQUENTIAL OUTCOME ANALYSIS

- CUSUM
- VLAD
- CRAO
- CRAM

RISK MODELLING

- Parsonnet & EuroSCORE
- Bayes

ANALYSIS

- Basic Analysis
- Longitudinal Analysis

REPORTS

- Ad-Hoc Reports
- Audit Reports

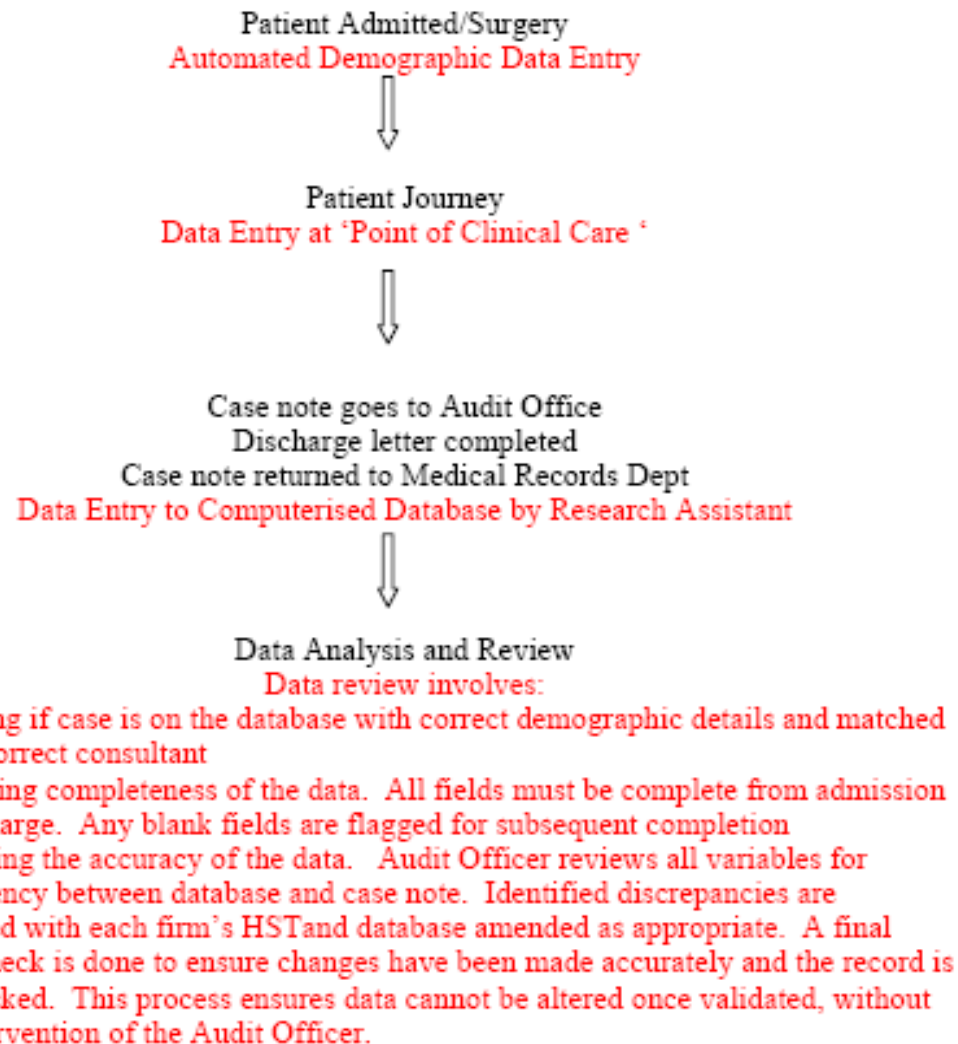
PATIENT REPORTS

- Discharge Summary
- Operation Notes
- Follow Up



The Audit Trail

The primary outcome is in-hospital death.



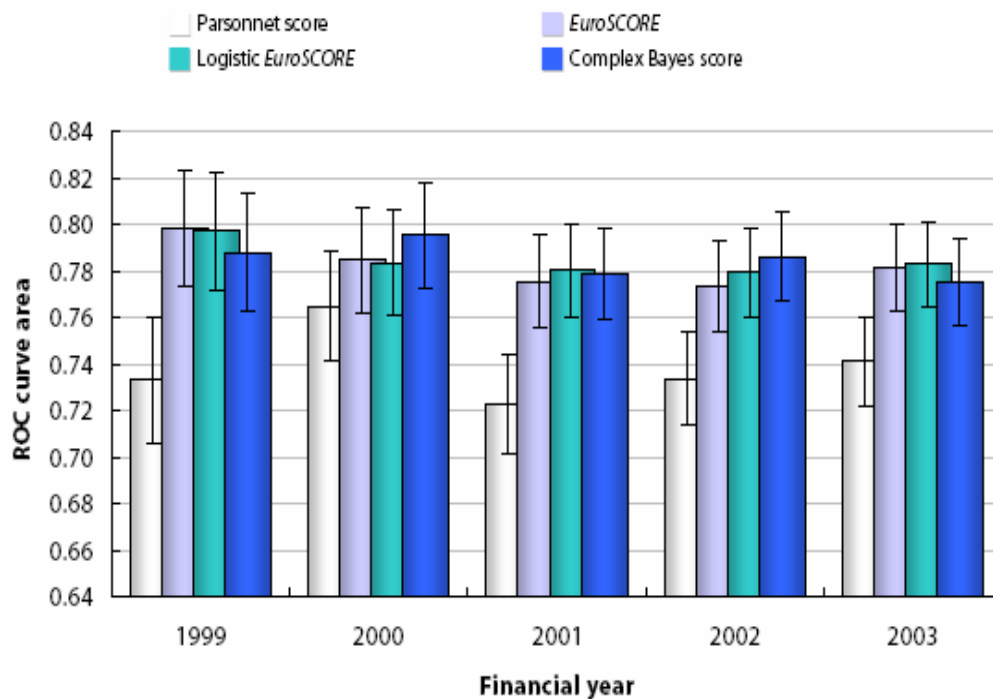
The above process is completed for all adult cardiac surgery cases. The process ensures that the data on the database is complete and accurate, hence ensuring validated quality data.



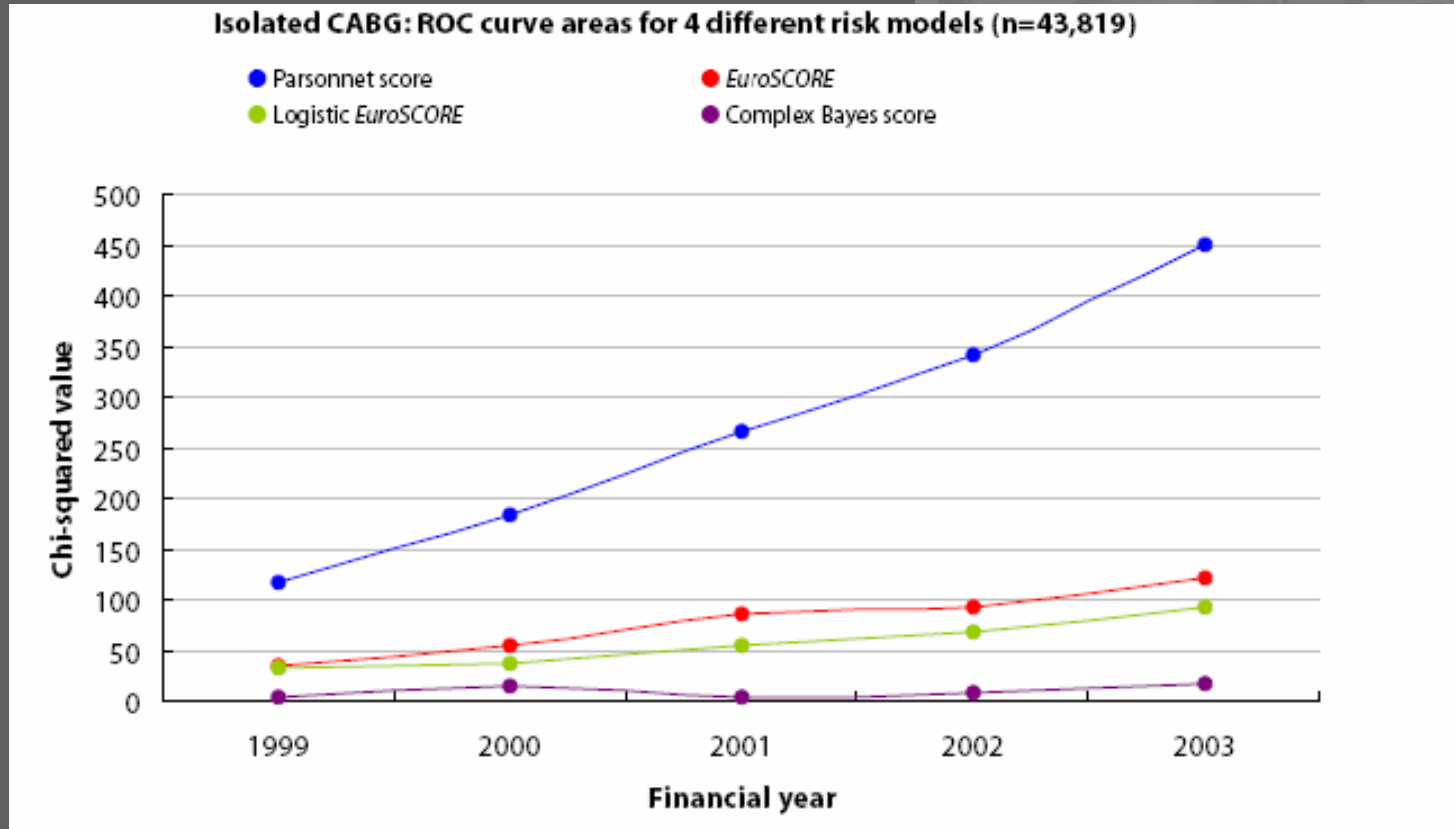
Summary

ROC curve areas

Isolated CABG: Calibration plot chi-squared values for 4 different risk models
(n=43,822)

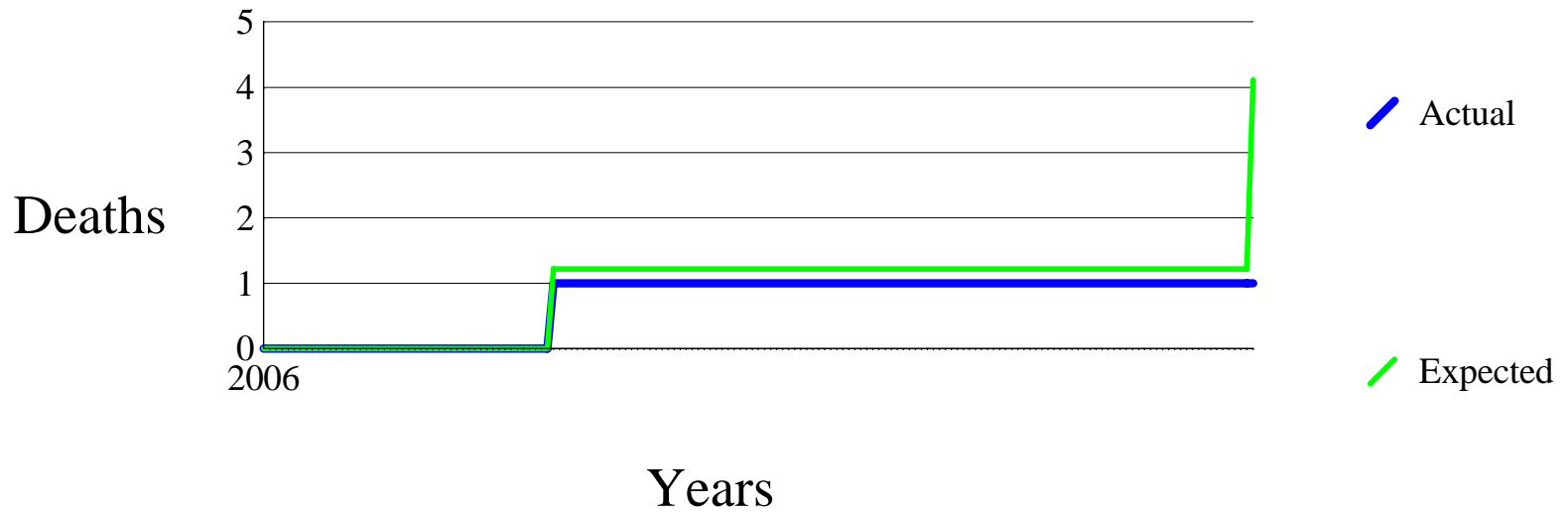


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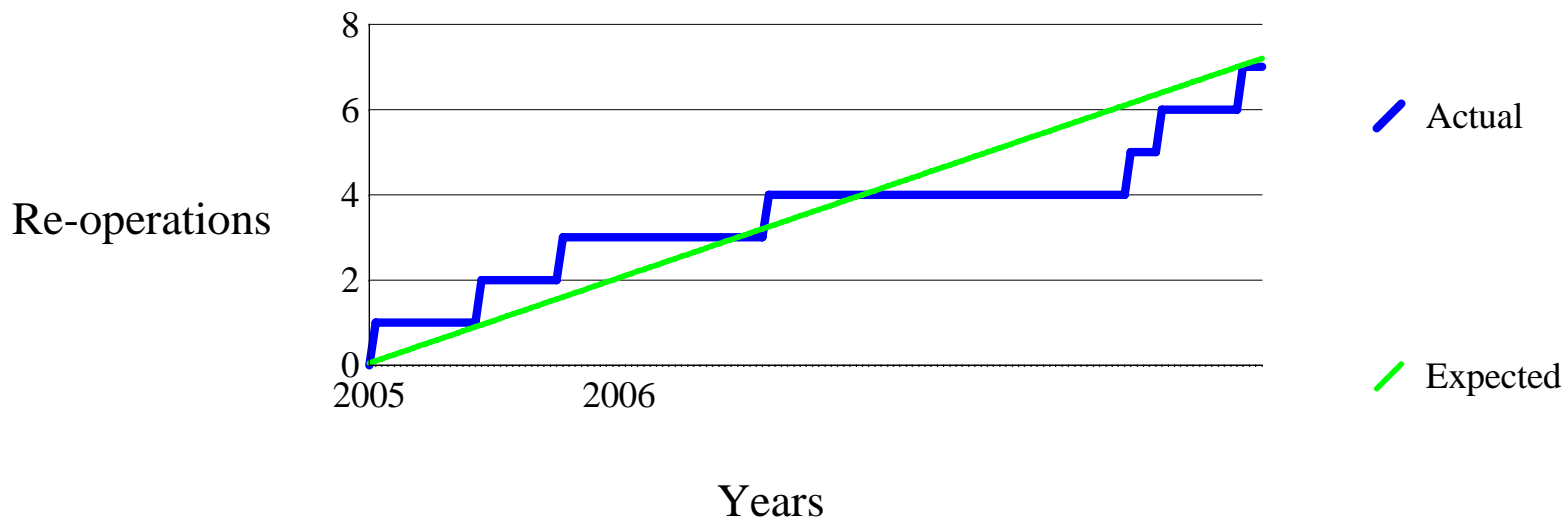


Isolated CABG

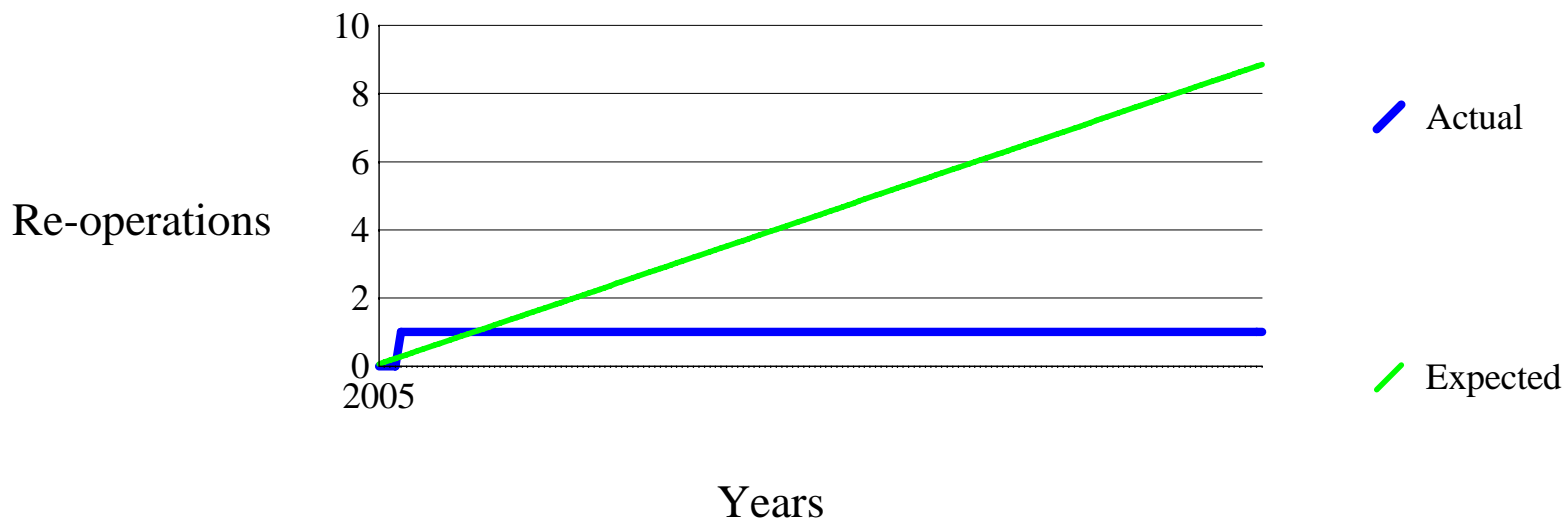
Patient status at discharge (CABG, Logistic Euroscore)



Re-operation Based on 144 Cases Firm A (vs UK 5%)



Re-operation Based on 166 Cases Firm B (vs UK 5%)



Risk Comparison

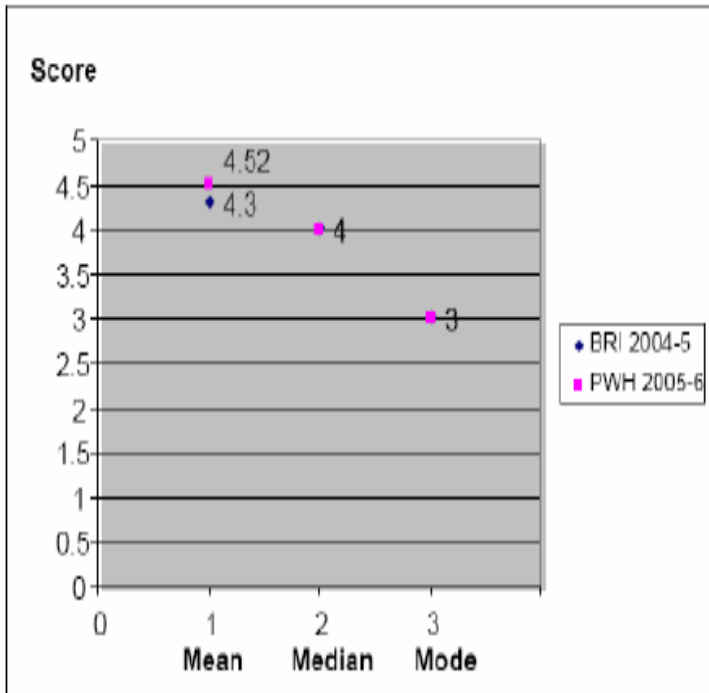
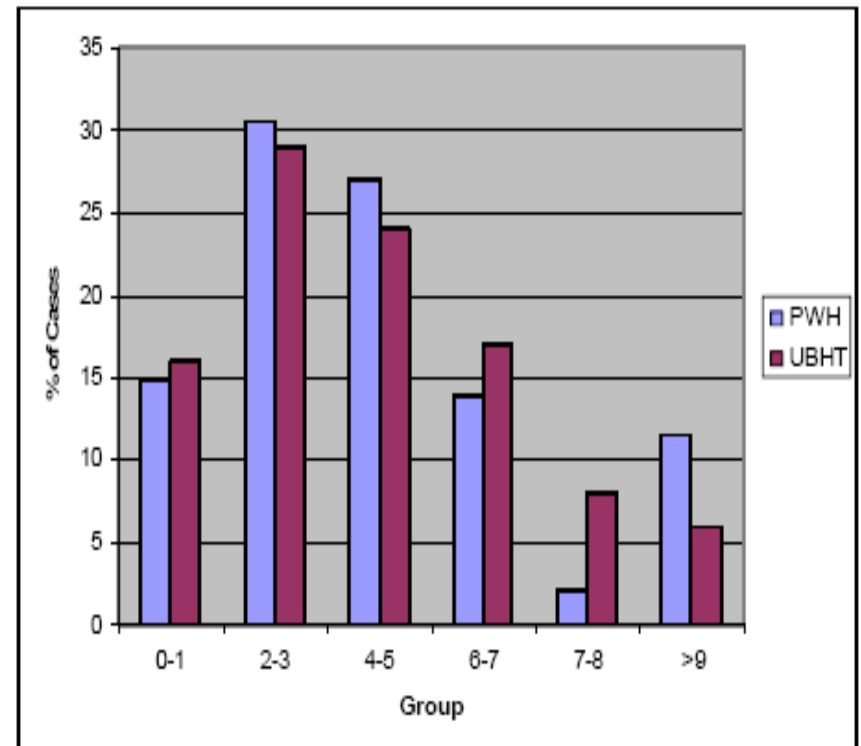


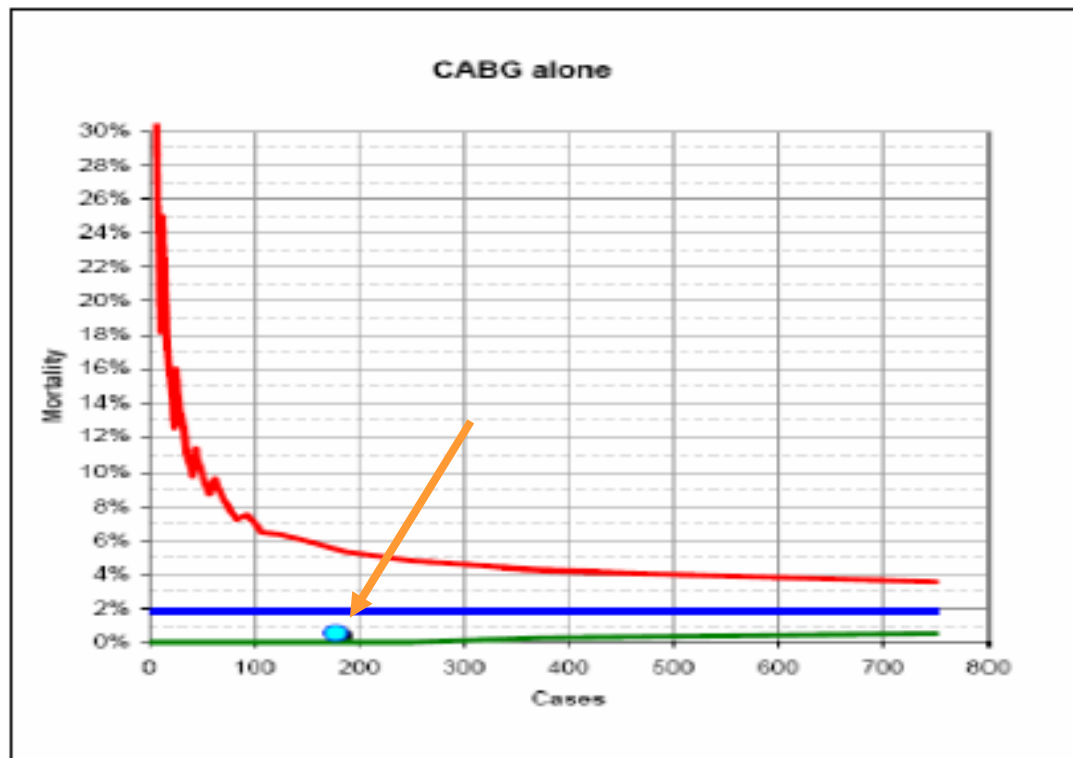
Figure 12. Case distribution within EuroSCORE Groups (%).



From these comparisons we can see that despite case-mix differences, the overall risk-profiles are very similar. (The Median and Mode were identical values).

CABG Outcome

Figure 23. Funnel Plot of crude CABG mortality.

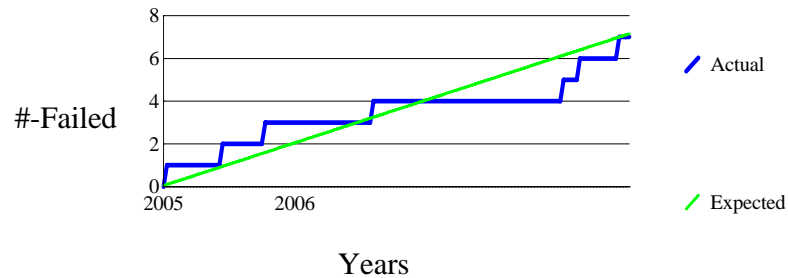


PWH data blue 'dot', UK alert lines (see Figure 6 *explanatory note*).

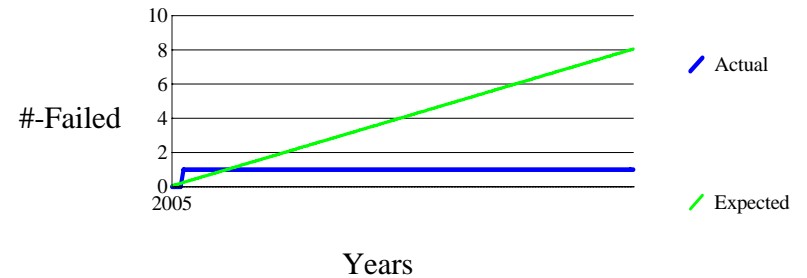
Risk Models	Total no. of patients	H-L statistic (<i>P</i> -value)	ROC area (95% CI)
Parsonnet	4439	94.9 (<0.001)	0.73 (0.68–0.77)
EuroSCORE	4654	37.6 (<0.001)	0.76 (0.72–0.80)
ACC/AHA	4753	130.8(<0.001)	0.76 (0.72–0.81)
UK Bayes	5471	82.1 (<0.001)	0.77 (0.74–0.81)
Simple Bayes	5471	23.7 (0.004)	0.76 (0.72–0.79)
Complex Bayes	5471	42.9 (<0.001)	0.76 (0.73–0.80)

Institution Use of CUSUM Charts

Re-operation Based on 143 Cases



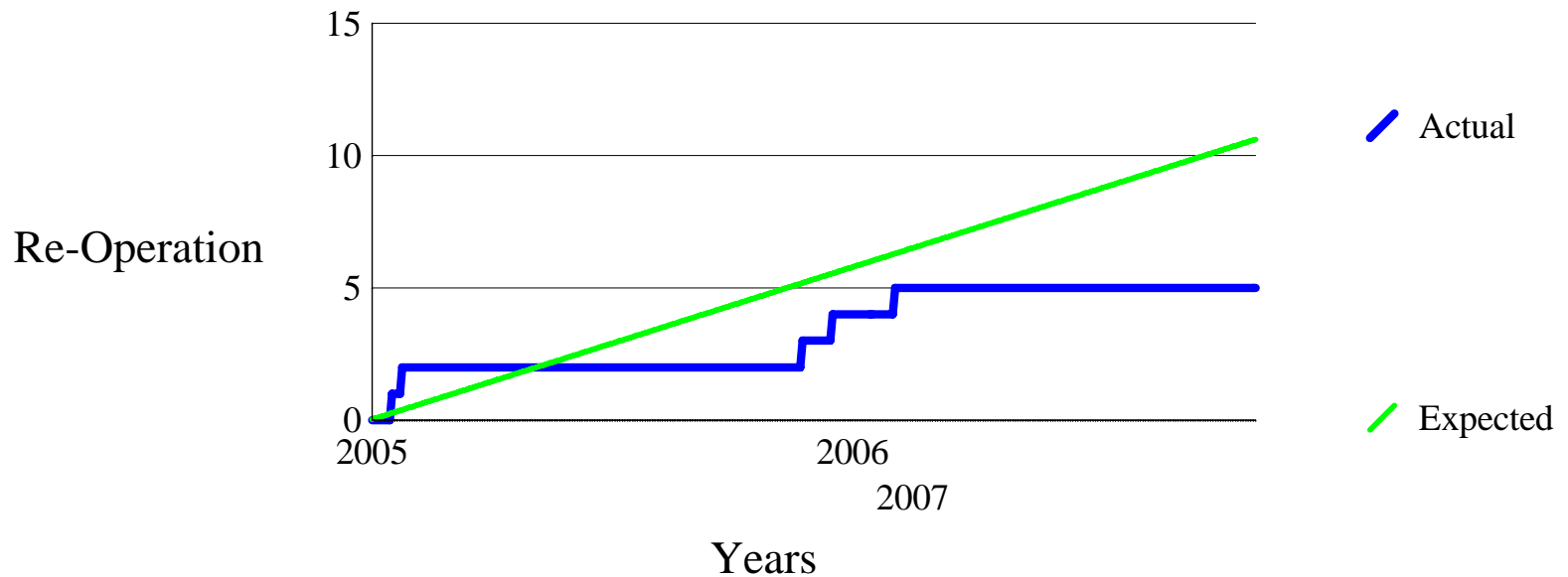
Re-operation Based on 161 Cases



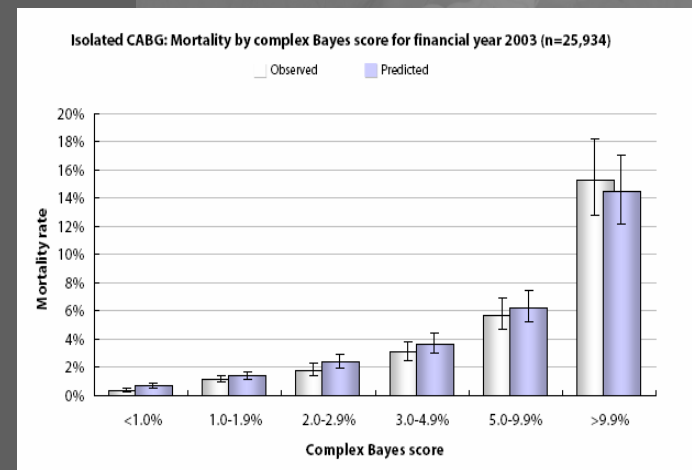
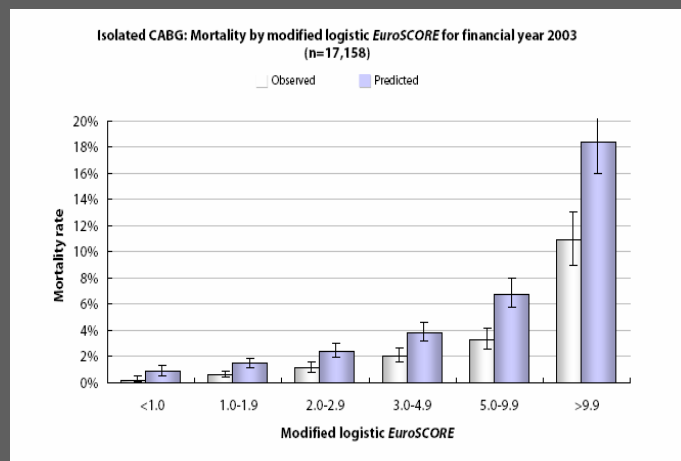
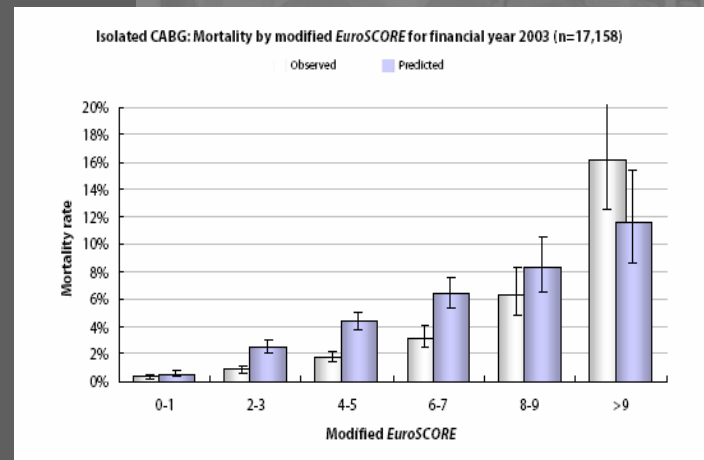
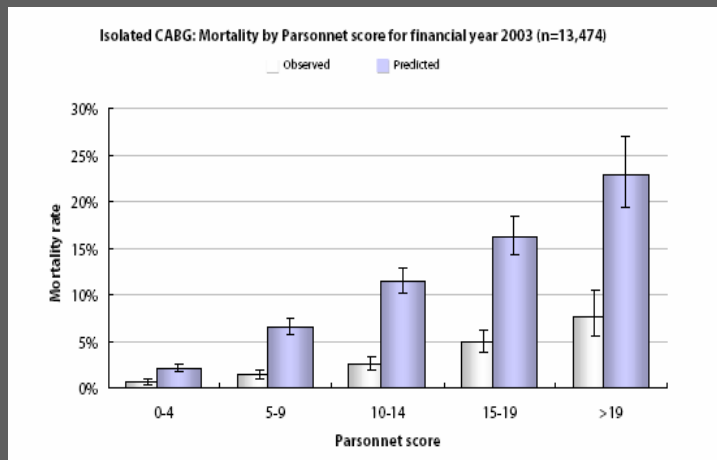
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• Sample Size	143	161
• Minimum Answer	0	0
• Maximum Answer	15	23
• Mean	3.77	5.15
• Median	3	4.5
• Mode	2	5
• Sum	528	783
• Standard Deviation	2.74	4.26
• 25th Percentile	2	2
• 50th Percentile		4.5
• 75th Percentile		6.75



Reoperation for bleeding All CABG vs 3 %



Summary



Composite Quality Measurements

The STS Composite Quality Measurement Methodology



Executive Summary

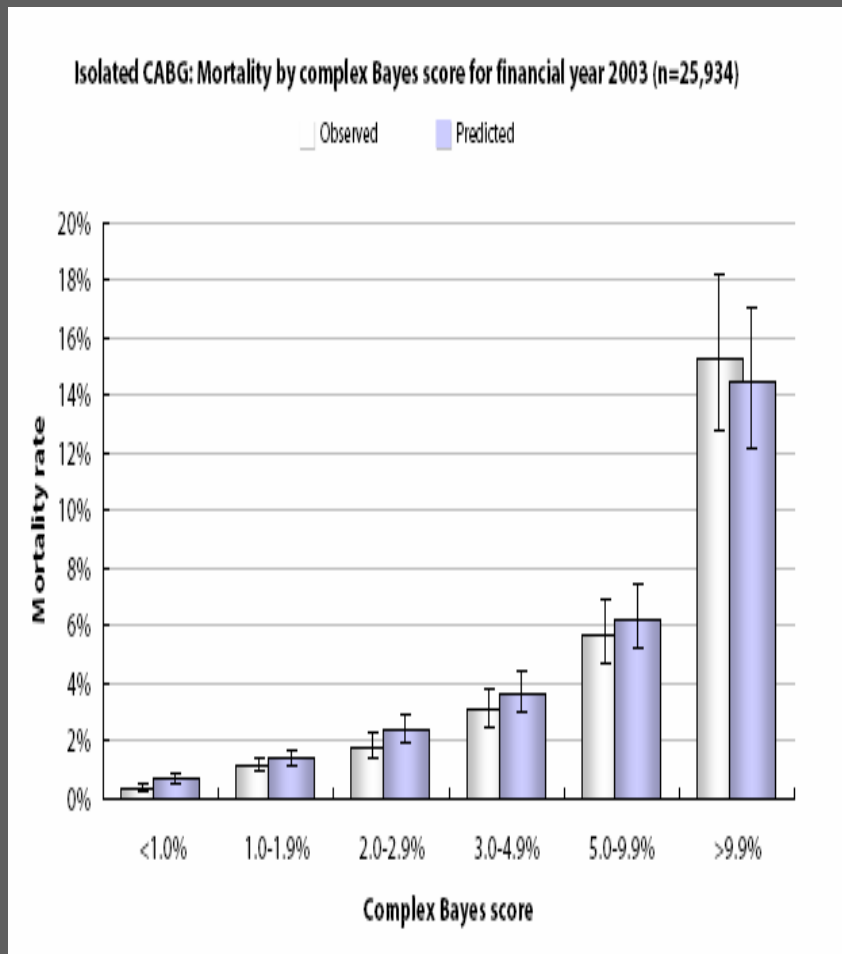
BACKGROUND

Cardiothoracic surgery has a long and distinguished history of critical self-examination to improve the quality of patient care. Twenty years ago our profession was challenged by an unprecedented call for accountability. Recognizing our responsibility to our patients and our profession, STS embarked on one of the most extensive voluntary clinical data collection initiatives in healthcare, the development of the STS National Adult Cardiac Surgery Database (NCD). This Database is now among the largest and most respected clinical data registries in the world, and studies based upon it have substantially advanced patient care, research, and quality initiatives. Because of the early development and continuing evolution of this outstanding Database, it has become the national gold standard for cardiothoracic surgery and has established clearly-defined benchmarks for clinical comparisons. Such information has become the cornerstone of quality assessment in cardiothoracic surgery.

Our profession is now at a similar critical juncture as it was 20 years ago. Once again we are faced with a call for greater accountability, but now this attention is directed to the entire medical profession, not just one specialty or particular high-profile procedure. Furthermore, there is now widespread consensus that the keystone of

- Pre-Operative Medical Care
- Operative care
- Risk-Adjusted Mortality
- Risk-Adjusted Morbidity

Complex Bayes Analysis: Summary



- Complex Bayes very accurate
- Even in 'High Risk' Group