2014 HOSPITAL AUTHORITY CONVENTION

Endovascular Intervention for Acute Ischaemic Stroke in Hong Kong West Cluster

– Past and Future

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Overview

What we have been doing?
 (Roles of EVT before "best evidences")

Best evidences and its implications

What are we going to?
 (How to make it work?)

PAST

Background

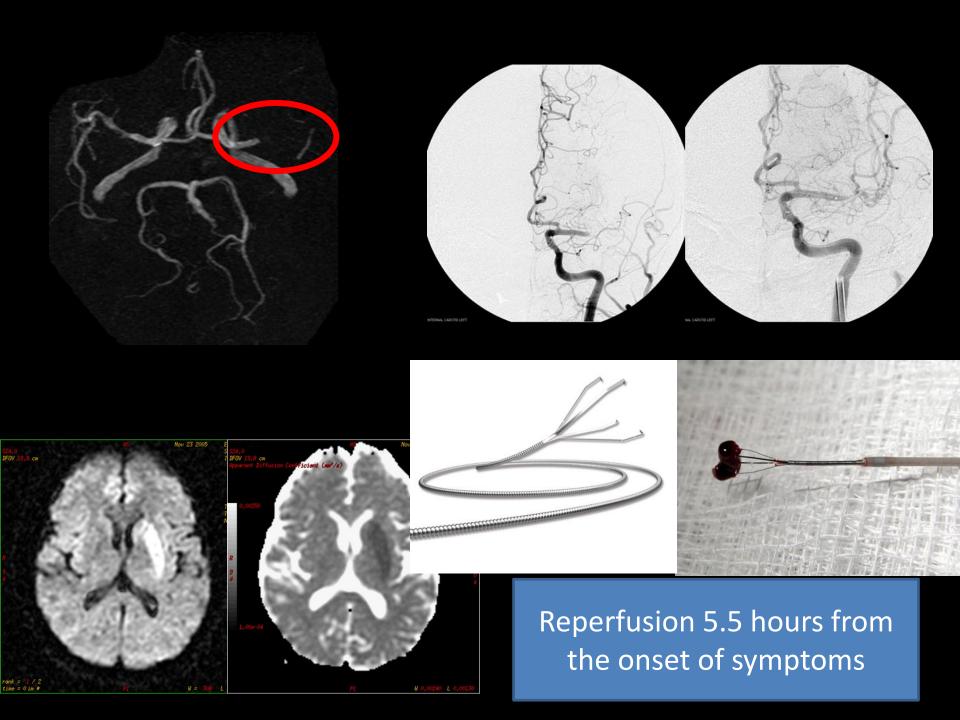
 Endovascular treatment (EVT) for acute ischaemic stroke (AIS) is NOT a regular service

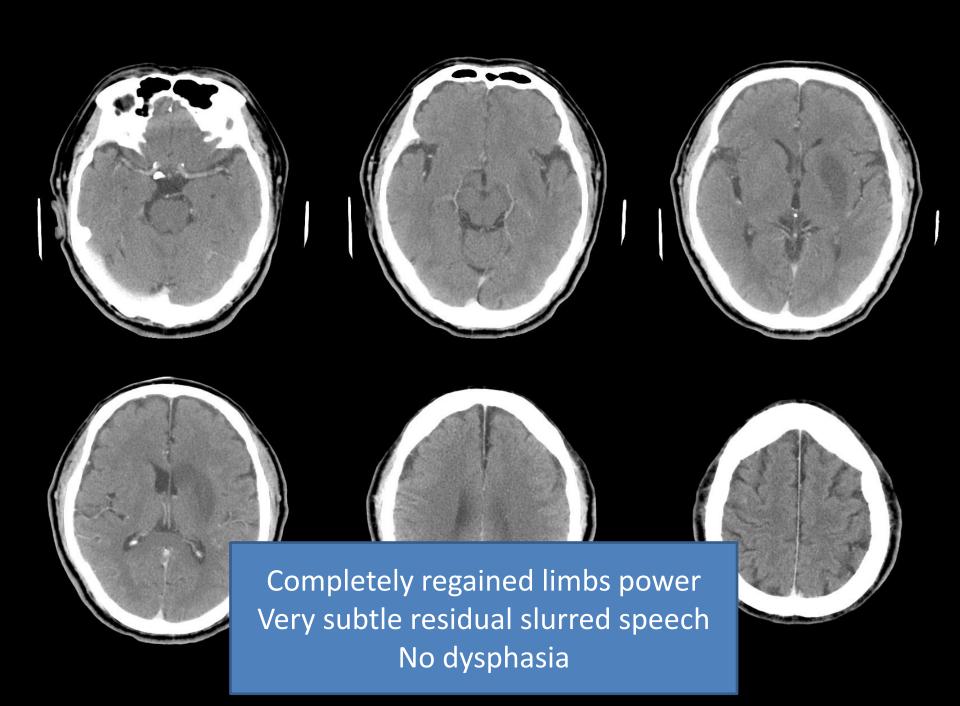
- Mutli-disciplinary team
 - Neurologists, Neurosurgeons and Interventional Neuroradiologists

 1st EVT for AIS in 2005 with a off-label use device

2005 55/ M

Sudden onset right side weakness and dysphasia





Indications for endovascular treatment

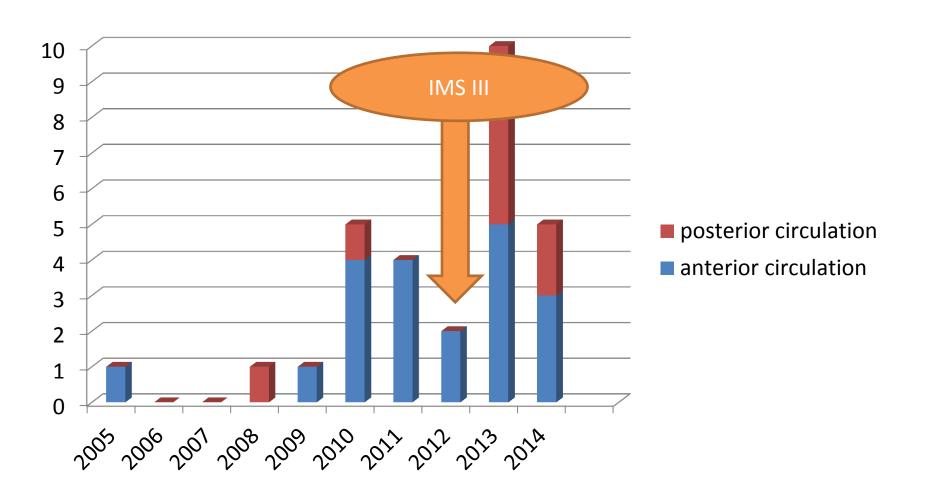
= Contraindicated to IV rt-PA



Contraindications to IV rt-PA

- Major surgery in recent 14 days
- Gastrointestinal or urinary tract haemorrhage in previous 21 days
- Use of anti-coagulant
- Head injury or prior stroke in previous 3 months
- Myocardial infarction in previous 3 months

Number of endovascular treatment for acute ischaemic stroke



WELCOME

phase III, randomized, multi-center, open label, 900 subject clinical trial that will examine whether a combined intravenous (IV) and intra-arterial (IA) approach to recanalization is superior to standard IV rt-PA (Activase®) alone when initiated within three hours of acute ischemic stroke onset.



IMPORTANT STUDY ANNOUNCEMENT:

The DSMB recommends that enrollment into the IMS-III study be put on hold, effective immediately. Subject follow-up should continue. The DSMB noted that there are no serious safety concerns. The study investigative team should remain blinded at this time. NINDS concurs with the IMS-III DSMB recommendations.

View the NINDS staement here:

http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/clinical_trials/IMS-III.htm

STROKE

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MANAGEMENT OF

PI: Joseph P. Broderick, MD Sponsor: NIH/NINDS

Clinical Coordinating Center: University of Cincinnati Study Number: U01 - NS52220

WHAT'S NEW...

LEARN MORE...

Full report to be presented in ISC Feb 2013

Results of QMH

- From 2005 to present
- N = 30
- Good angiographic outcome = 22/30 (73.3%)
 - → Perfusion of half or greater of vascular distribution of the occluded artery to full perfusion

The modified Rankin Scale (mRS)

- · A global measure of handicap
 - · Combines: impairment, disability, dependency
 - · Widely used in stroke trials, well accepted

effect

No significant **Disability** No residual despite symptoms

Slight disability

Moderate disability

Moderately severe disability

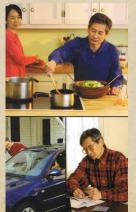
Severe disability

Deceased

Unfavorable outcome Favorable outcome









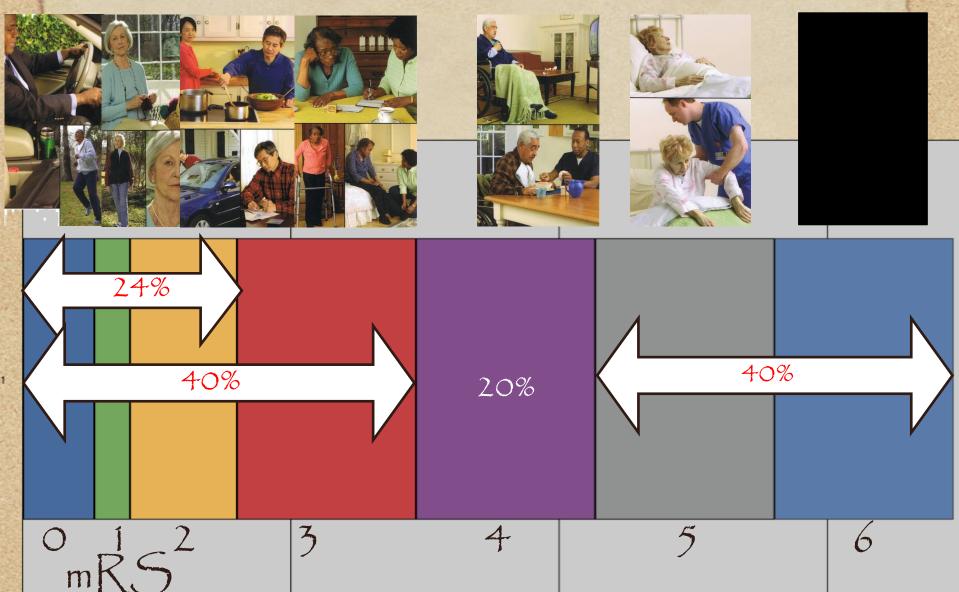






Successful Recanalization Rate: 73.3%

Favorable outcome Unfavorable outcome



Best evidences

• IMS III (NEJM 2013)

MR RESCUE (NEJM 2013)

SYNTHESIS EXP (NEJM 2013)

No superior role of EVT identified over IV rt-PA on AIS

- PubMed search 'Endovascular treatment acute ischaemic stroke'
 - 371 hits

- WHY?
 - Weakness in IMS III, MR RESCUE and SYNTHESIS
 EXP
 - New device

Criticism of IMS III and SYNTHESIS EXP

- Occlusion of a major vessel is not an inclusion criteria
- Small proportion of usage of 2nd generation thrombectomy device, i.e. Stentriever
- No evaluation of the salvageable brain with perfusion
- Inclusion of low NIHSS in SYNTHESIS EXP

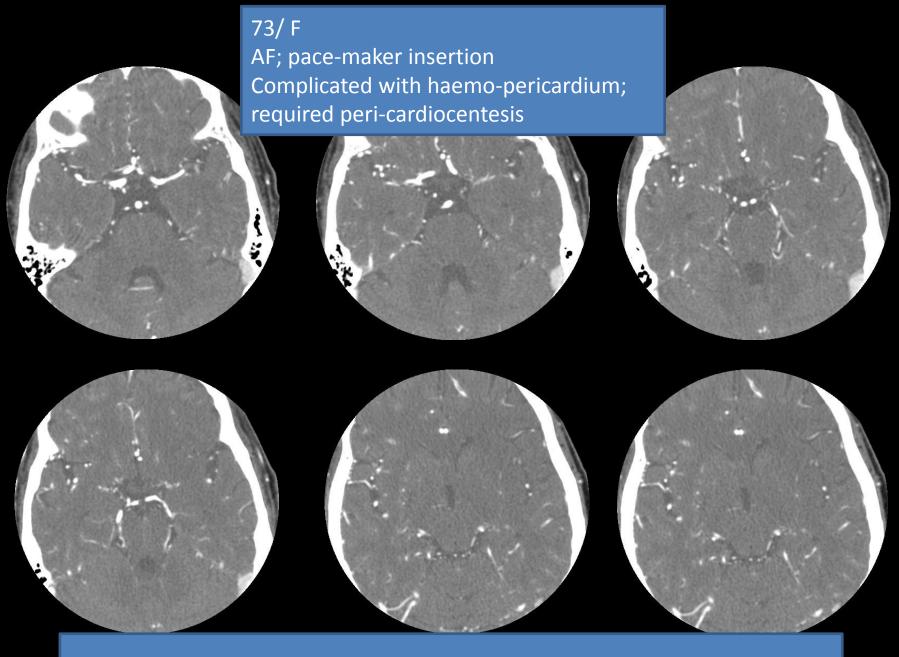
Criticism of MR RESCUE

Small number of patients (≤30 in each group)

Usage of 1st generation thrombectomy device

Criteria for Successful revascularization

1. Large vessel(s) occlusion



11:30 Sudden onset of right side weakness and aphasia





Successful reperfusion **9.5 hours**after symptoms onset
Complete recovery of symptoms

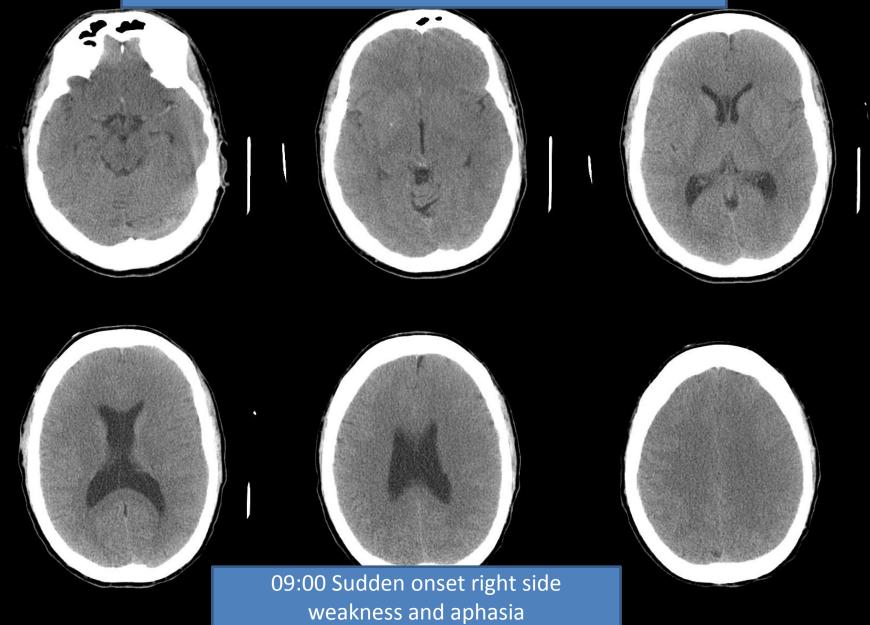
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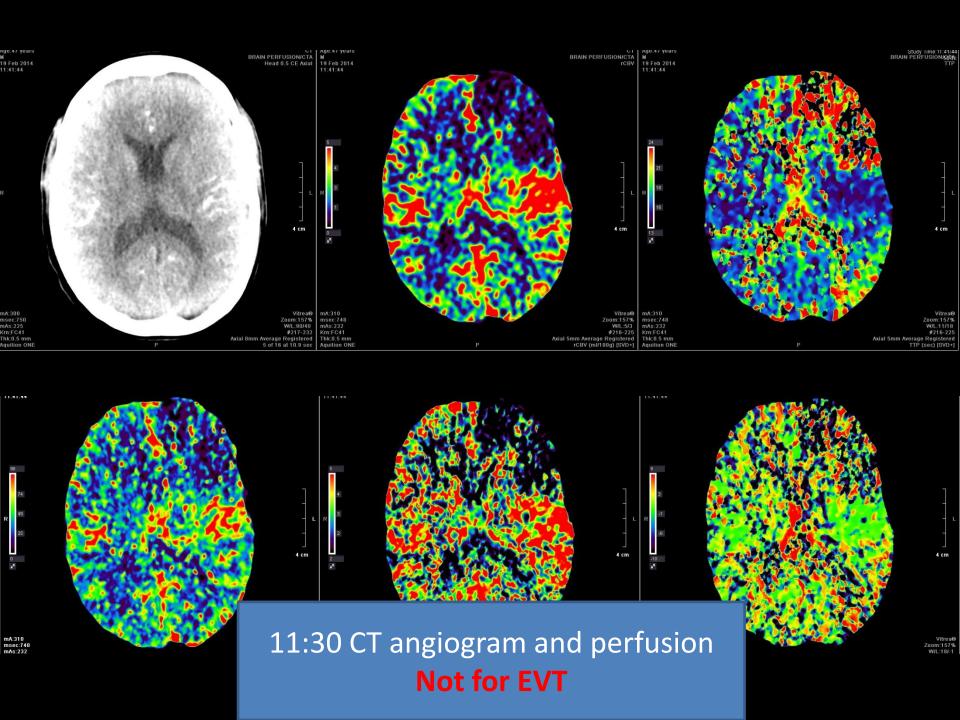
2. Small area of infarct (avoid large reperfusion hemorrhage)

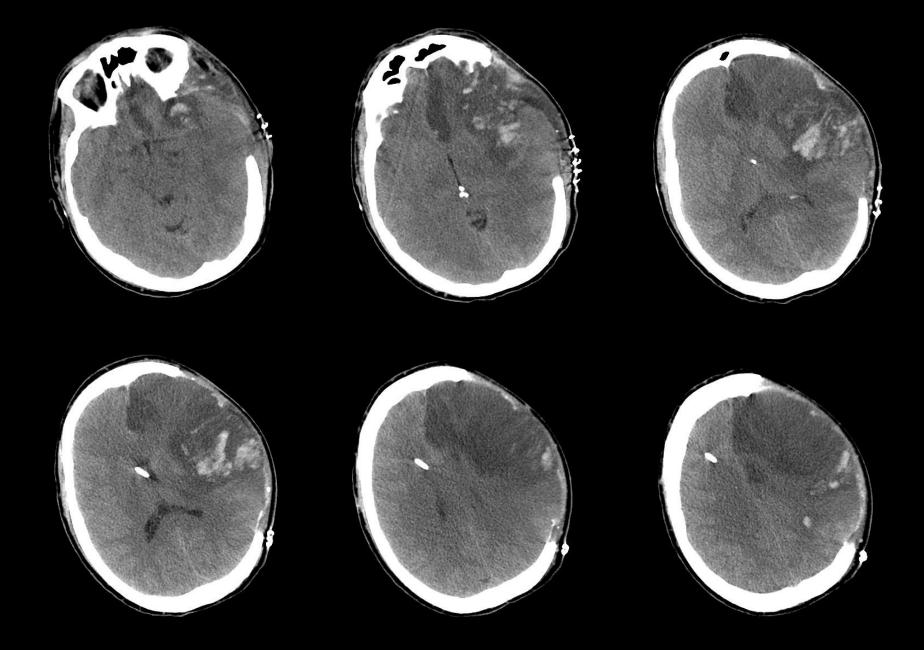
3. Significant area of penumbra

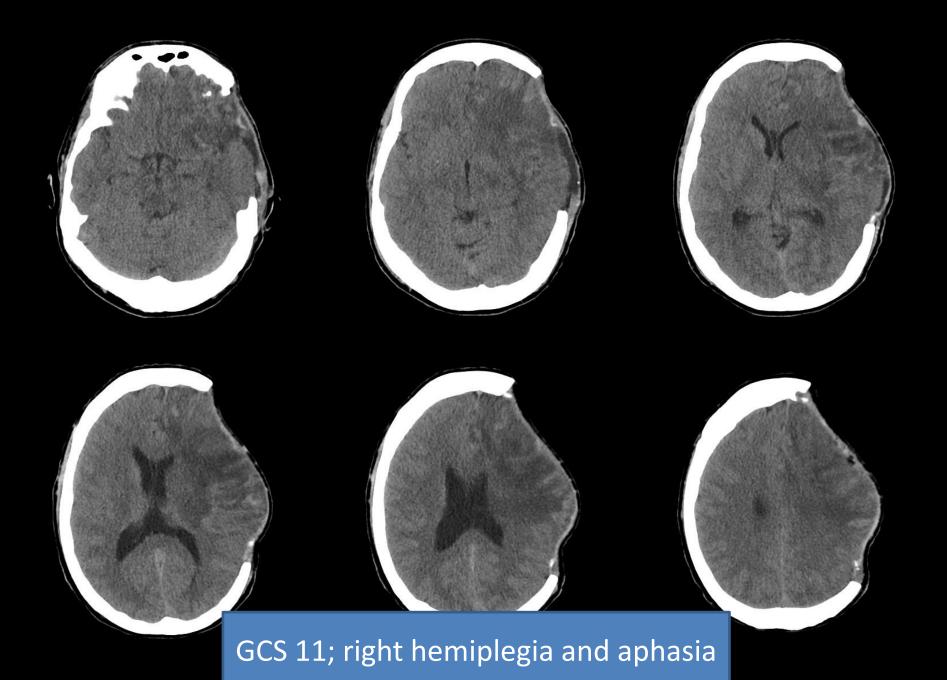
47/M; Caucasian History of DVT; previously on Warfarin











Results from QMH

- EVT for anterior circulation AIS
- N = 20
- Favourable outcome at 90 days = 6 (30%)
- Median time to puncture = 6.75 (2.5-8) hours
- Median time to recanalization = 8.63 (3.5-12)
 hours

Time is 'Brain" but is not absolute!

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4. Timing: within 6 hours from the onset of symptom

Future of EVT for Ant. Circulation AIS

- Better patient selection
 - Large vessel occlusion
 - Present of significant penumbra with absent/ little infarct core
- Expand the indications
 - Outside therapeutic window of IV rt-PA (Within 6 hours upon assessment)
 - Failed IV rt-PA
- Prospective study

Summary

- EVT for AIS has its role
 - Contra-indications for IV rt-PA

- Better patient selection (advance imaging) + latest-advance device (Stentriever) + previous experiences
 - → Better angiographic outcome
 - → Better clinical outcome

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