

Stroke after TAVR - Impact on Clinical Outcome and Patient Reported Quality of Life (QoL): The Michigan Structural Heart Consortium (MISHC) Experience

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Stroke following TAVR

- Reported incidence 1-4%
- Majority recognized in first 48 hours after TAVR
- Associated with worse clinical outcomes
- Impact on patient reported quality of life (QoL) not well elucidated
- Evaluated the incidence, risk factors and comparative outcomes, including patient reported QoL in real world practice from the Michigan Structural Heart Consortium (MISHC)

What is MISHC?

- Statewide Collaborative Quality Initiative in Michigan
 - Providers
 - Health Care Systems
 - Supported by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
 - Improve quality and outcomes of patients undergoing TAVR
- Data entered in the TCT database forwarded to MISHC
 - Institutional data abstractors trained by MISHC in database and definitions
 - Audited by annual chart review
 - Data complete and accurate

MISHC

- Thirty-one TAVR institutions in Michigan
- Urban, suburban and rural
- Community hospitals to quaternary referral centers
- TAVR data is organized
- Comparative reports delivered to care teams and healthcare systems
- Data and outcomes shared in unblinded fashion at in-person meetings
- Quality Improvement goals set by collaborative
- Best practices shared



Methods

- 18,633 TAVR patients in Michigan between 1/2016 and 1/2024
- Evaluated demographic, clinical, and procedural characteristics
- QoL measured by the Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire (KCCQ) at baseline, 30-days and 1-year post-TAVR
- Comparisons between stroke and non-stroke groups including mean change in KCCQ
- Inverse Probability of Treatment Weighting (IPTW) was applied to adjust for confounding variables

Results: Baseline Characteristics

Variable	Overall N = 18,633	Unweighted				IPT Weights		
		Post-Procedure Stroke?			p	Post-Procedure Stroke?		p
		No N = 18,301	Yes N = 332			No Weighted N = 314	Yes Weighted N = 332	
Age (mean (SD))	78.76 (8.55)	78.73 (8.57)	80.30 (7.69)	0.001	0.166	80.33 (7.40)	80.30 (7.69)	0.953
Race (%)								0.806
White	17,517 (94.0)	17,212 (94.0)	305 (91.9)			291.1 (92.7)	305.0 (91.9)	
Black	837 (4.5)	815 (4.5)	22 (6.6)			18.1 (5.7)	22.0 (6.6)	
Other/Multi-Racial	279 (1.5)	274 (1.5)	5 (1.5)			4.8 (1.5)	5.0 (1.5)	
Sex = Female (%)	8,392 (45.0)	8,214 (44.9)	178 (53.6)	0.002		164.7 (52.4)	178.0 (53.6)	0.673
Currently on Dialysis = Yes (%)	607 (3.3)	597 (3.3)	10 (3.0)	0.922		10.4 (3.3)	10.0 (3.0)	0.758
Heart Failure in Last Year = Yes (%)	1,928 (10.3)	1,905 (10.4)	23 (6.9)	0.048		21.9 (7.0)	23.0 (6.9)	0.979
Afib/Flutter = Yes (%)	6,975 (37.4)	6,843 (37.4)	132 (39.8)	0.409		123.3 (39.3)	132.0 (39.8)	0.860
Hx Aortic Valve Balloon Valvoplasty = Yes (%)	845 (4.5)	829 (4.5)	16 (4.8)	0.906		15.2 (4.8)	16.0 (4.8)	0.984
Carotid Stenosis = Yes (%)	3,572 (19.2)	3,495 (19.1)	77 (23.2)	0.071		71.5 (22.8)	77.0 (23.2)	0.858
Conduction Defect = Yes (%)	7,795 (41.8)	7,657 (41.8)	138 (41.6)	0.965		130.3 (41.5)	138.0 (41.6)	0.980
Cerebrovascular Accident = Yes (%)	2,180 (11.7)	2,130 (11.6)	50 (15.1)	0.066		43.6 (13.9)	50.0 (15.1)	0.545
Diabetes = Yes (%)	7,454 (40.0)	7,314 (40.0)	140 (42.2)	0.450		129.7 (41.3)	140.0 (42.2)	0.756
MI = Yes (%)	4,102 (22.0)	4,024 (22.0)	78 (23.5)	0.555		70.7 (22.5)	78.0 (23.5)	0.679
PAD = Yes (%)	5,432 (29.2)	5,305 (29.0)	127 (38.3)	<0.001		119.4 (38.0)	127.0 (38.3)	0.930
TIA = Yes (%)	1,640 (8.8)	1,602 (8.8)	38 (11.4)	0.106		33.0 (10.5)	38.0 (11.4)	0.587
CABG = Yes (%)	3,252 (17.5)	3,197 (17.5)	55 (16.6)	0.721		53.5 (17.0)	55.0 (16.6)	0.823
Hypertension = Yes (%)	17,018 (91.3)	16,716 (91.3)	302 (91.0)	0.887		286.3 (91.2)	302.0 (91.0)	0.897
Chronic Lung Disease = Yes (%)	6,838 (36.7)	6,704 (36.6)	134 (40.4)	0.180		123.0 (39.2)	134.0 (40.4)	0.667
Hostile Chest = Yes (%)	604 (3.2)	594 (3.2)	10 (3.0)	0.935		10.1 (3.2)	10.0 (3.0)	0.837

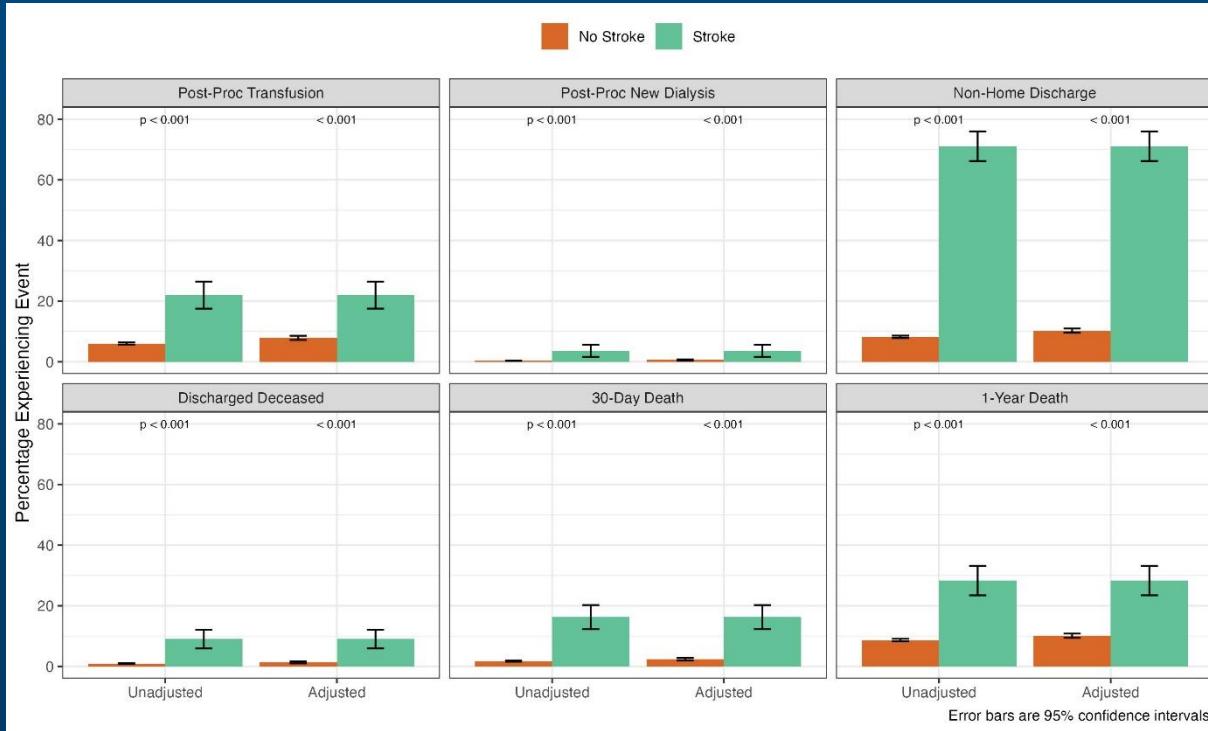
Results: NYHA Class, STS PROM, Heart Team Risk

Variable	Unweighted				IPT Weights			
	Overall N = 18,633	Post-Procedure Stroke?			Post-Procedure Stroke?			p
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NYHA Class w/in 2 Weeks (%)								
I	329 (1.8)	321 (1.8)	8 (2.4)	0.113	5.7 (1.8)	8.0 (2.4)		0.785
II	4,724 (25.4)	4,640 (25.4)	84 (25.3)		78.5 (25.0)	84.0 (25.3)		
III	11,716 (62.9)	11,521 (63.0)	195 (58.7)		190.6 (60.7)	195.0 (58.7)		
IV	1,864 (10.0)	1,819 (9.9)	45 (13.6)		39.1 (12.5)	45.0 (13.6)		
Baseline KCCQ (mean (SD))	49.58 (24.18)	49.65 (24.19)	45.97 (23.12)	0.006	46.09 (22.78)	45.97 (23.12)		0.928
STS Risk (%)				0.008				0.893
< 3	6,525 (35.0)	6,431 (35.1)	94 (28.3)		87.5 (27.9)	94.0 (28.3)		
3-8	9,280 (49.8)	9,108 (49.8)	172 (51.8)		166.6 (53.1)	172.0 (51.8)		
> 8	2,828 (15.2)	2,762 (15.1)	66 (19.9)		59.9 (19.1)	66.0 (19.9)		
Heart Team Risk for SAVR (%)				0.001				0.980
Low Risk	2,701 (14.5)	2,671 (14.6)	30 (9.0)		29.7 (9.4)	30.0 (9.0)		
Intermediate Risk	6,203 (33.3)	6,109 (33.4)	94 (28.3)		91.2 (29.0)	94.0 (28.3)		
High Risk	7,132 (38.3)	6,975 (38.1)	157 (47.3)		145.8 (46.4)	157.0 (47.3)		
Extreme Risk	2,597 (13.9)	2,546 (13.9)	51 (15.4)		47.3 (15.1)	51.0 (15.4)		

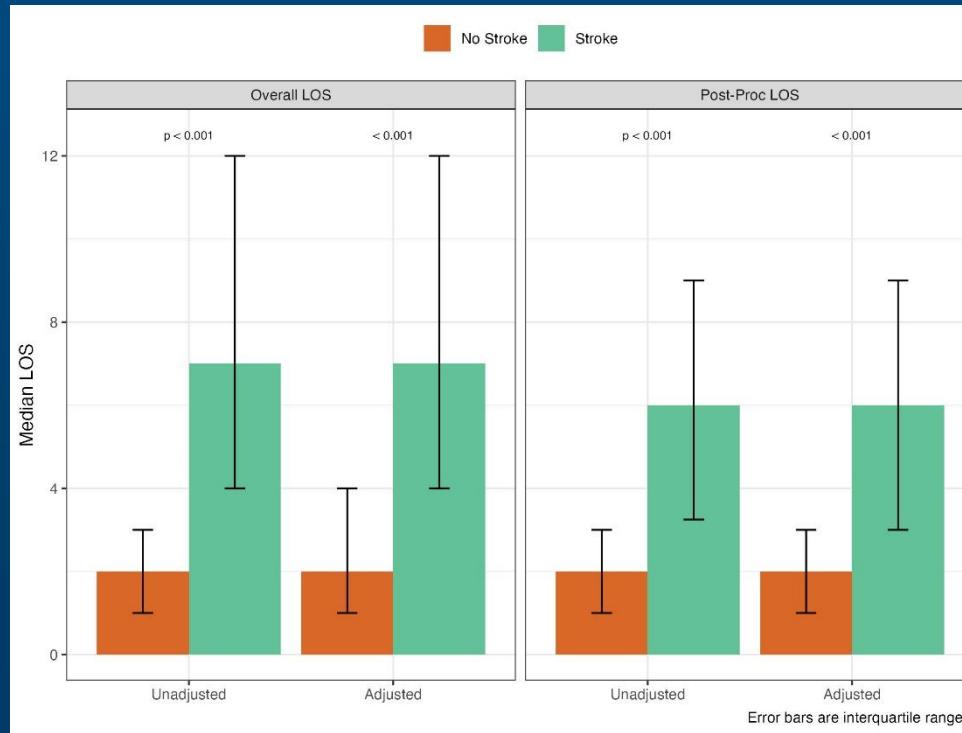
Results: Cardiac Status, Procedural Characteristics

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	Overall N = 18,633	Post-Procedure Stroke?			Post-Procedure Stroke?		
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LVEF (%)				0.698			0.765
Normal	14,852 (79.7)	14,580 (79.7)	272 (81.9)		257.2 (81.9)	272.0 (81.9)	
Mild Dysfunction	1,675 (9.0)	1,650 (9.0)	25 (7.5)		25.0 (8.0)	25.0 (7.5)	
Moderate Dysfunction	1,162 (6.2)	1,143 (6.2)	19 (5.7)		17.9 (5.7)	19.0 (5.7)	
Severe	886 (4.8)	870 (4.8)	16 (4.8)		13.5 (4.3)	16.0 (4.8)	
Not Documented	58 (0.3)	58 (0.3)	0 (0.0)		0.4 (0.1)	0.0 (0.0)	
Aortic Stenosis = Yes (%)	17,333 (93.0)	17,027 (93.0)	306 (92.2)	0.611	291.6 (92.9)	306.0 (92.2)	0.629
Aortic Regurgitation = Yes (%)	368 (2.0)	364 (2.0)	4 (1.2)	0.413	4.0 (1.3)	4.0 (1.2)	0.922
Pre-Procedure Anticoagulant = Yes (%)	2,573 (13.8)	2,524 (13.8)	49 (14.8)	0.670	45.9 (14.6)	49.0 (14.8)	0.940
Pre-Procedure Inotropes = Yes (%)	184 (1.0)	182 (1.0)	2 (0.6)	0.663	2.2 (0.7)	2.0 (0.6)	0.849
Intra-Procedure Inotropes = Yes (%)	7,447 (40.0)	7,297 (39.9)	150 (45.2)	0.057	136.1 (43.3)	150.0 (45.2)	0.505
Procedure Status = Urgent/Emergent/Salvage (%)	1,423 (7.6)	1,385 (7.6)	38 (11.4)	0.011	29.8 (9.5)	38.0 (11.4)	0.241
Embolic Protection = Yes (%)	5,459 (29.3)	5,364 (29.3)	95 (28.6)	0.830	92.0 (29.3)	95.0 (28.6)	0.783
Non-Femoral Access = Nonfemoral Access (%)	820 (4.4)	790 (4.3)	30 (9.0)	<0.001	25.4 (8.1)	30.0 (9.0)	0.543
Valve-in-Valve Procedure = Yes (%)	1,491 (8.0)	1,469 (8.0)	22 (6.6)	0.407	21.1 (6.7)	22.0 (6.6)	0.944

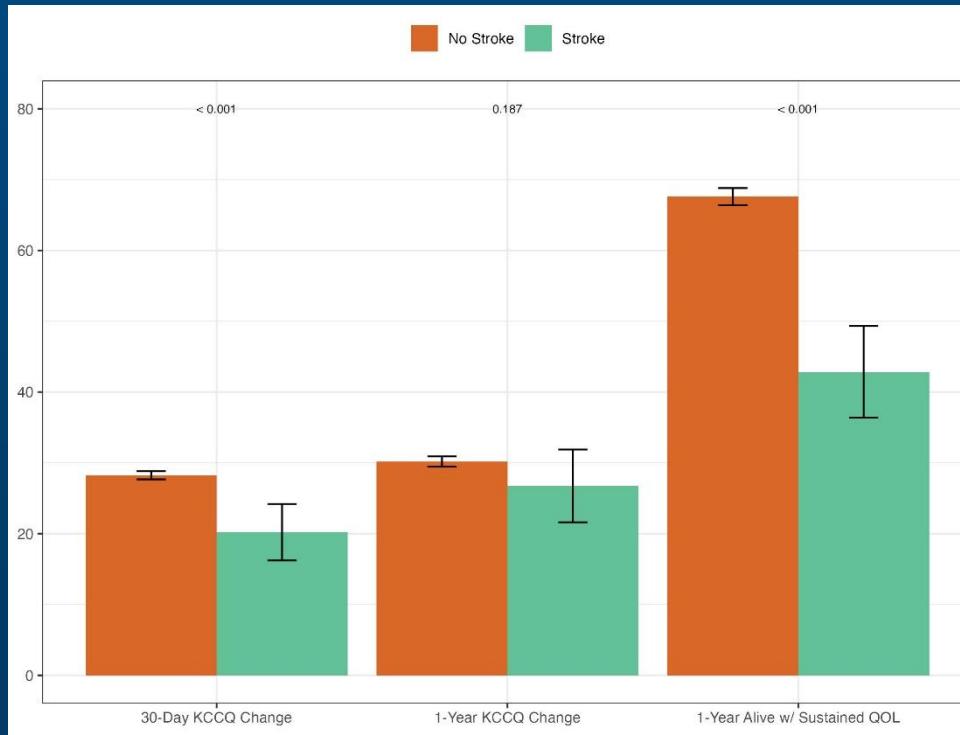
Results: Clinical Outcomes (Unadjusted and Adjusted)



Results: Length of Stay (LOS)



Results: QoL and Alive with Sustained QoL after TAVR



Conclusions

- Stroke after TAVR is not uncommon (1.78%)
- Stroke patients
 - Older
 - Female
 - History of heart failure in last year
 - Peripheral arterial disease
 - More likely to be high or extreme risk for SAVR with STS PROM > 8
 - More likely urgent or emergent status
 - More likely alternative access
 - Lower baseline KCCQ summary score

Conclusions

- Stroke after TAVR associated with
 - Increased risk of death at discharge, 30 days and one-year after TAVR
 - Increased risk of transfusion
 - Increased risk of new dialysis
 - Increased length of hospital stay
 - Increased risk of not discharged to home
- Patient reported Quality of Life
 - Lower at 30 days in those that suffered stroke
- Patients who suffered a stroke after TAVR were much less likely to be alive with a sustained QoL at one year post TAVR
- Continued research designed to avoid stroke after TAVR are needed