



The ATLAS trial: Avoid Transvenous Leads in Appropriate Subjects

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Background

- ICDs prolong survival in individuals at high risk of VT/VF
- ICD-related complications occur in up to 3% of recipients
 - Some of which are fatal, and most related to the intra-cardiac lead
- S-ICD was developed to prevent lead-related complications
 - Superiority not yet clearly proven in a RCT
 - PRAETORIAN trial demonstrated non-inferiority for a composite outcome
 - Additional RCTs need to clarify S-ICD performance vs. TV-ICD:
 - Appropriate shock efficacy and inappropriate shocks

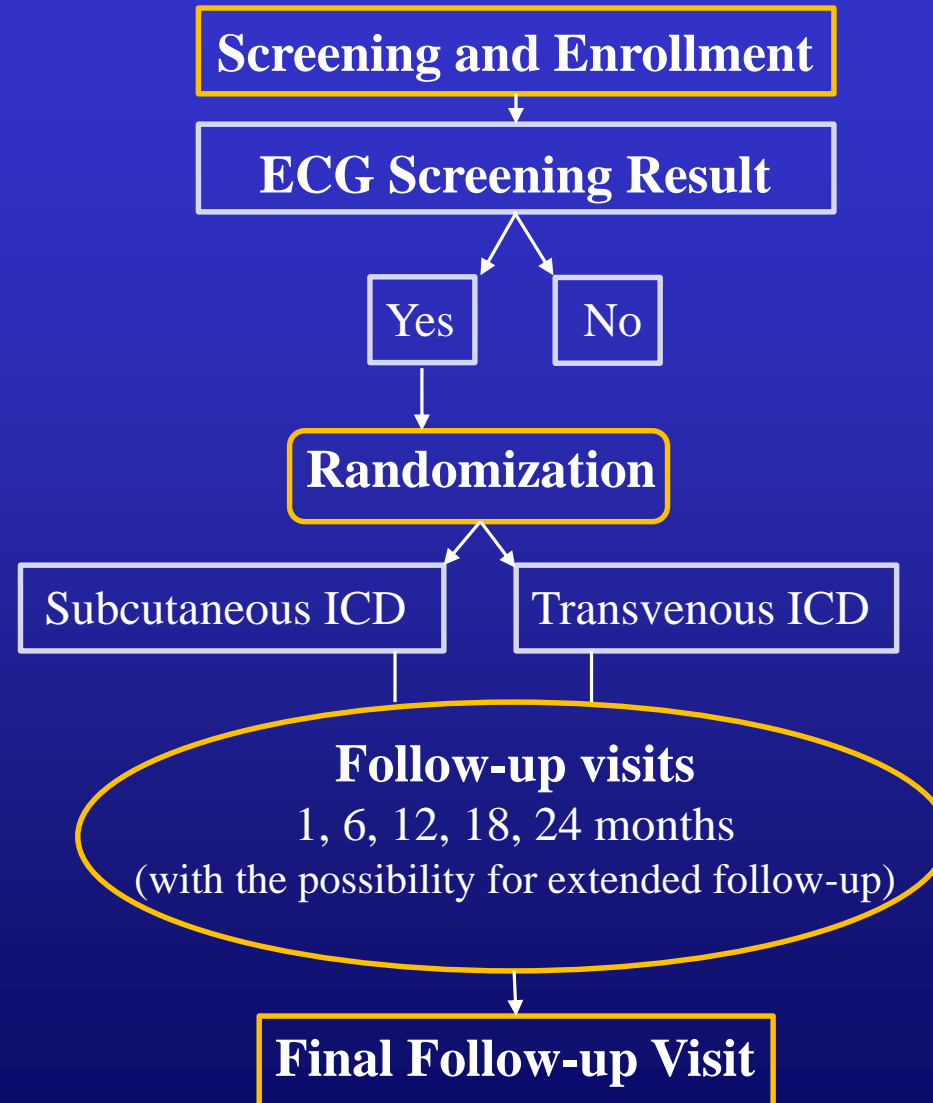
Primary Objective

To show that the use of an S-ICD reduces the rate of major lead-related complications, measured at 6-months following implant.

Secondary Objectives

1. To show that the S-ICD has a similar risk of inappropriate shocks
2. To show that the S-ICD has a similar risk of failed appropriate ICD shock and/or arrhythmic death
3. To show that the S-ICD reduces all-cause ICD/lead-related re-operation

ATLAS Trial Design



All patients had a study echocardiogram prior to implant and 6 months post-implant

Standardized device programming as per MADIT-RIT

Investigator Sponsored Trial with funding from Boston Scientific

Inclusion Criteria

Patient must satisfy any ONE of the following two criteria:

1. Patient is $\geq 18 - 60$ years old AND has a standard indication for ICD;

OR

2. Patient is ≥ 18 years old AND has any one of the following present:

- An inherited arrhythmia syndrome (i.e. Long QT, Brugada, ARVC, hypertrophic or dilated cardiomyopathy, early repolarization syndrome, etc.)
- Prior pacemaker or ICD removal for infection
- Need for hemodialysis
- Prior heart valve surgery (repair or replacement)
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (with FEV1 < 1.5 L)

Exclusion Criteria

- Mechanical tricuspid valve
- Fontan repair
- Presence of an intra-cardiac shunt
- Known lack of upper extremity venous access
- Need for cardiac pacing for bradycardia indication
- Clinical indication for biventricular pacing
- PR interval > 240 msec.
- Patients with permanent pacemaker

Primary Outcome

Composite of major peri-operative, lead-related complications measured at 6 months, including:

- Hemothorax or pneumothorax
- Cardiac perforation, tamponade, pericardial effusion or pericarditis
- Lead dislodgement or loss of pacing/sensing requiring revision
- New moderate-severe or severe tricuspid insufficiency (3+ or 4+)
- Ipsilateral upper extremity deep venous thrombosis

A secondary 6-month safety composite includes the above plus:

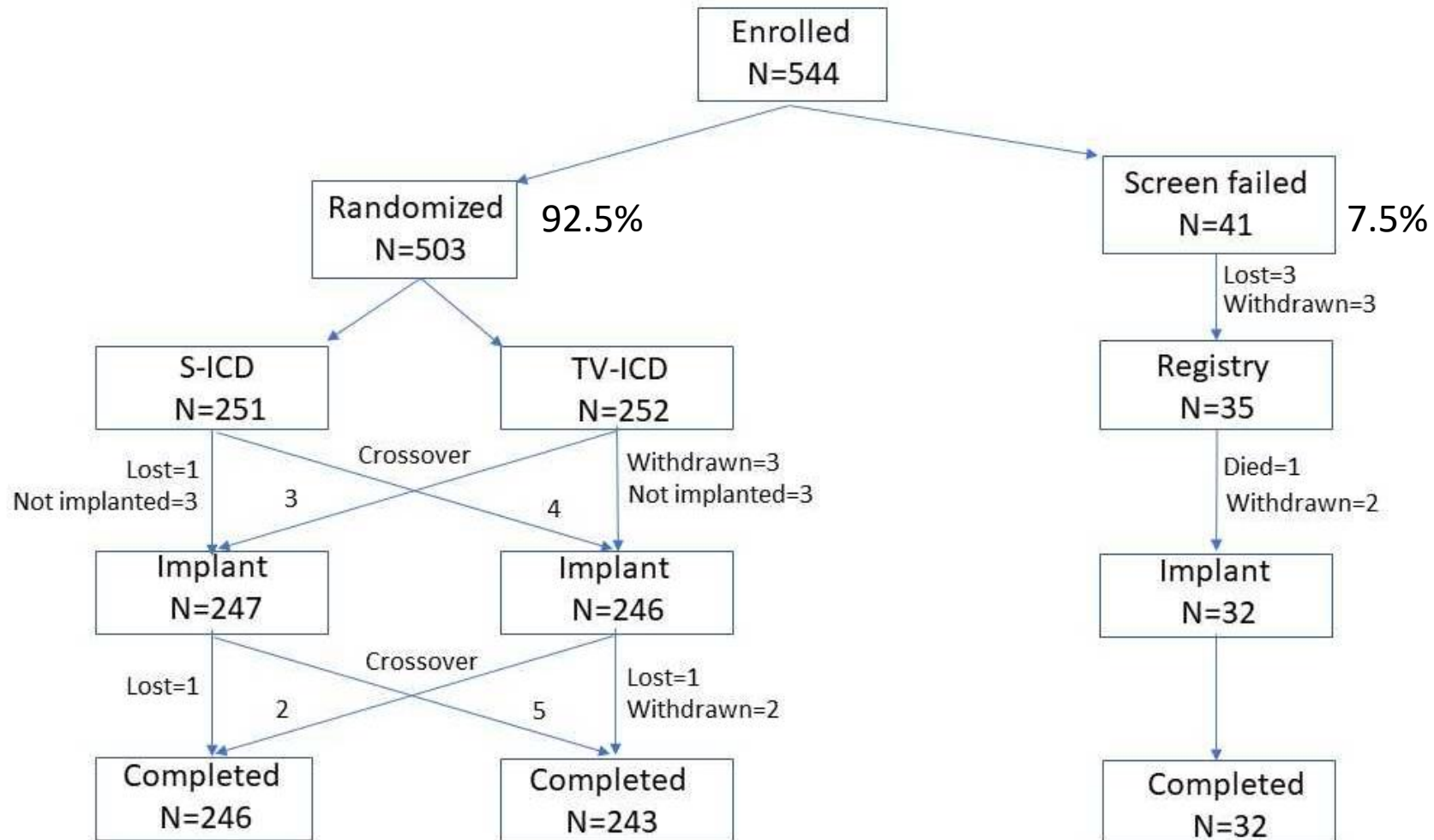
- Device-related infection requiring surgical revision
- Significant wound hematoma (requiring evacuation or interruption of OAC)
- Myocardial infarction, Stroke or Death

*** All clinical and ICD events centrally-adjudicated by a committee of experts**

CONSORT Diagram

mean centre implant volume before ATLAS of **17.1 ± 15.3 S-ICD cases**

mean Follow-up of **2.5 ± 1.1 years**



Baseline Characteristics

	Registry	Randomized	S-ICD	TV-ICD
N	35	503	251	252
Age (years) - mean (SD)	48 (13.7)	49 (11.5)	48 (11.9)	50 (11.1)
Male - n (%)	24 (68.6)	373 (74.2)	191 (76.1)	182 (72.2)
Previous cardiac arrest – n (%)	4 (11.4)	113 (22.5)	59 (23.5)	54 (21.4)
Sustained ventricular tachycardia – n (%)	5 (14.3)	46 (9.1)	23 (9.2)	23 (9.1)
Heart failure – n (%)	15 (42.9)	243 (48.3)	126 (50.2)	117 (46.4)
Previous stroke – n (%)	1 (2.9)	18 (3.6)	9 (3.6)	9 (3.6)
Diabetes – n (%)	6 (17.1)	98 (19.5)	49 (19.5)	49 (19.4)
Beta Blocker (other than Sotalol) – n (%)	28 (80.0)	395 (78.5)	197 (78.5)	198 (78.6)
Sotalol – n (%)	0 (0.0)	5 (1.0)	3 (1.2)	2 (0.8)
Amiodarone – n (%)	1 (2.9)	25 (5.0)	13 (5.2)	12 (4.8)
Other Antiarrhythmic Therapy – n (%)	2 (5.7)	16 (3.2)	8 (3.2)	8 (3.2)

* Self-reported ethnicity: Caucasian 83.9%, Asian 6.4%, Black 2.8%, Indigenous 1.4%, Latino 1.2%

Baseline Cardiac Conditions

	Registry	Randomized	S-ICD	TV-ICD
Coronary artery disease - n (%)	11(31.4)	183 (36.4)	87 (34.7)	96 (38.1)
Dilated cardiomyopathy - n (%)	7 (20.0)	116 (23.1)	56 (22.3)	60 (23.8)
Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy - n (%)	10 (28.6)	93 (18.5)	45 (17.9)	48 (19.0)
Idiopathic ventricular fibrillation - n (%)	4 (11.4)	84 (16.7)	47 (18.7)	37 (14.7)
Right ventricular cardiomyopathy - n (%)	1 (2.9)	21 (4.2)	11 (4.4)	10 (4.0)
Brugada syndrome - n (%)	2 (5.7)	12 (2.4)	5 (2.0)	7 (2.8)
Long QT syndrome - n (%)	1 (2.9)	7 (1.4)	4 (1.6)	3 (1.2)
Catecholaminergic polymorphic - n (%)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.4)	1 (0.4)	1 (0.4)
Valvular heart disease - n (%)	0 (0.0)	5 (1.0)	4 (1.6)	1 (0.6)
Congenital heart disease - n (%)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.2)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.4)

Primary Outcome

	S-ICD	TV-ICD	OR (CI)	P-value
Composite Primary Outcome – n (%)	1 (0.4)	12 (4.8)	0.08 (0.00- 0.55)	0.003
Hemothorax or pneumothorax – n (%)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.8)	0.41 (0.00- 3.48)	0.25
Cardiac perforation, tamponade, pericardial effusion or pericarditis – n (%)	1 (0.4)	4 (1.6)	0.25 (0.01- 2.54)	0.38
Lead dislodgement or loss of sensing or pacing requiring revision – n (%)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.8)	0.41 (0.00- 3.48)	0.25
New moderate-severe or severe tricuspid insufficiency – n (%)	0 (0.0)	3 (1.2)	0.26 (0.00- 1.72)	0.13
Ipsilateral upper extremity deep venous thrombosis – n (%)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.4)	1.00 (0.00-19.08)	0.50

* No difference with per-protocol analysis; no significant sub-group interactions

Secondary Safety Outcome

	S-ICD	TV-ICD	CI
Secondary Safety 6-month composite – n (%)	11 (4.4)	14 (5.6)	0.78 (0.35- 1.75)
Device-related infection requiring surgery – n (%)	2 (0.8)	1 (0.4)	2.01 (0.10-119.4)
ICD wound hematoma – n (%)	3 (1.2)	1 (0.4)	3.03 (0.24-160.0)
Myocardial Infarction – n (%)	2 (0.8)	0 (0.0)	2.43 (0.29- I)
Stroke or transient ischemic attack – n (%)	1 (0.4)	0 (0.0)	1.00 (0.05- I)
Death – n (%)	3 (1.2%)	0 (0.0)	3.89 (0.59-I)

Inappropriate Shocks

	S-ICD	TV-ICD	OR (CI)
N	251	252	
Any inappropriate shock – n (%)	16 (6.4)	7 (2.8)	2.38 (0.96- 5.90)
T-wave oversensing – n (%)	6	0	
Atrial arrhythmia – n (%)	2	5	
Electromagnetic Interference – n (%)*	5	2	
Myopotentials **	3	0	
Any inappropriate shock – rate/yr.	2.7% per yr.	1.2% per yr.	HR = 2.37 (0.98- 5.77)

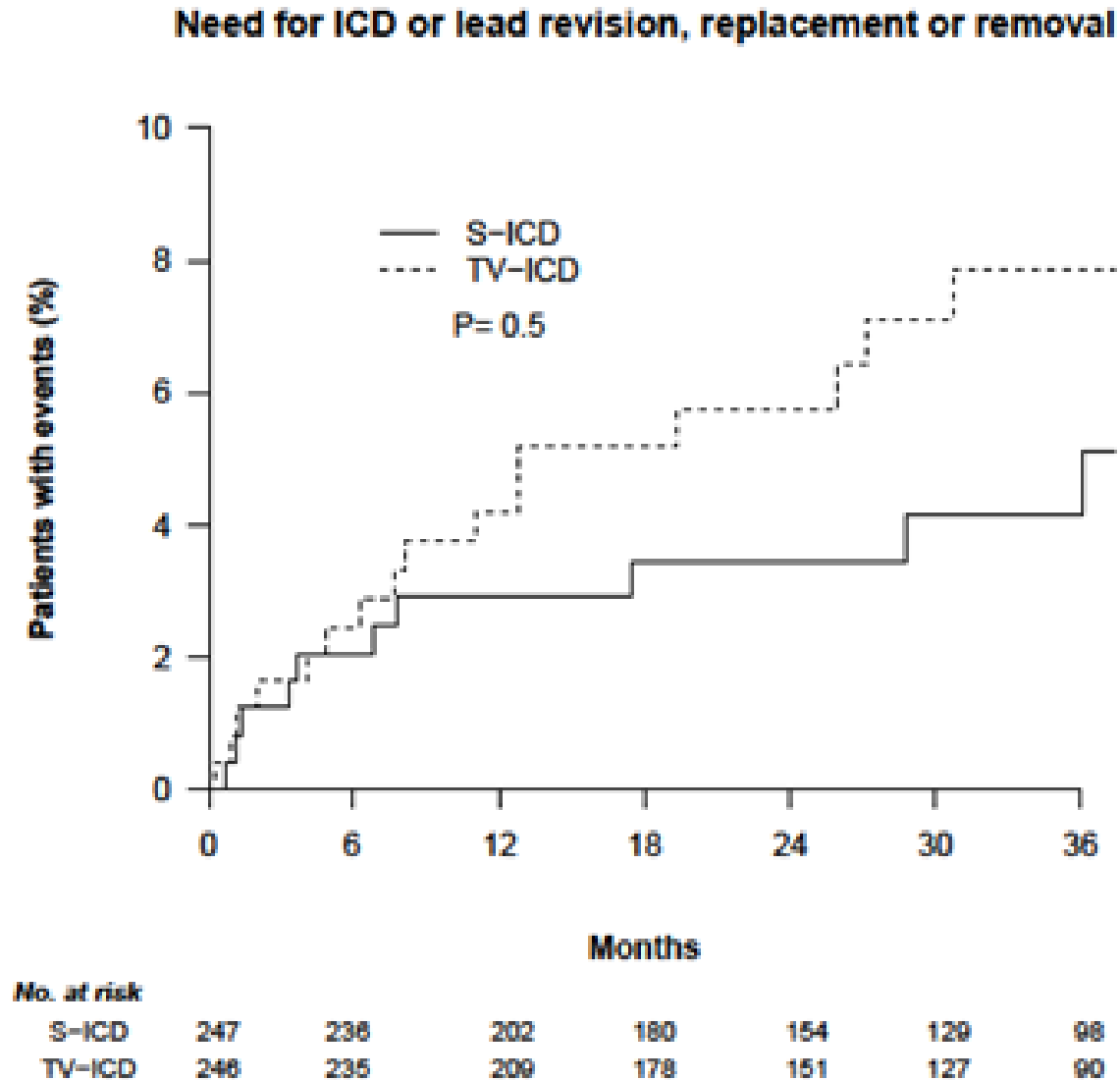
* 4 cases in S-ICD and 2 cases in TV-ICD arm due to T.E.N.S., one case each in S-ICD due to LVAD

** No lead fractures due to advisory

ICD Effectiveness

	S-ICD	TV-ICD	HR (CI)
Failed first shock or arrhythmic death %/yr.	1.7	1.1	1.47; 95% CI, 0.56-3.87
Failed first shock - %/yr.	1.4	0.8	1.64; 95% CI, 0.54-5.03
Arrhythmic death - %/yr.	0.3	0.5	0.68; 95% CI, 0.11-4.08
All-cause mortality - %/yr.	0.8	0.8	1.02; 95% CI, 0.30-3.52
Heart failure hospitalization - %/yr.	3.6	5.2	0.69; 95% CI, 0.30-1.62

All-Cause Re-Operation for ICD or Lead



Conclusions

- S-ICD reduces the rate of major, lead-related complications by 92%
- No significant reduction in ICD performance with S-ICD
 - Inappropriate shocks and appropriate shock success
 - Additional, longer-term data give additional precision
- The S-ICD can be considered an alternative to the TV-ICD
 - Particularly when prevention of lead-related complications is desired

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