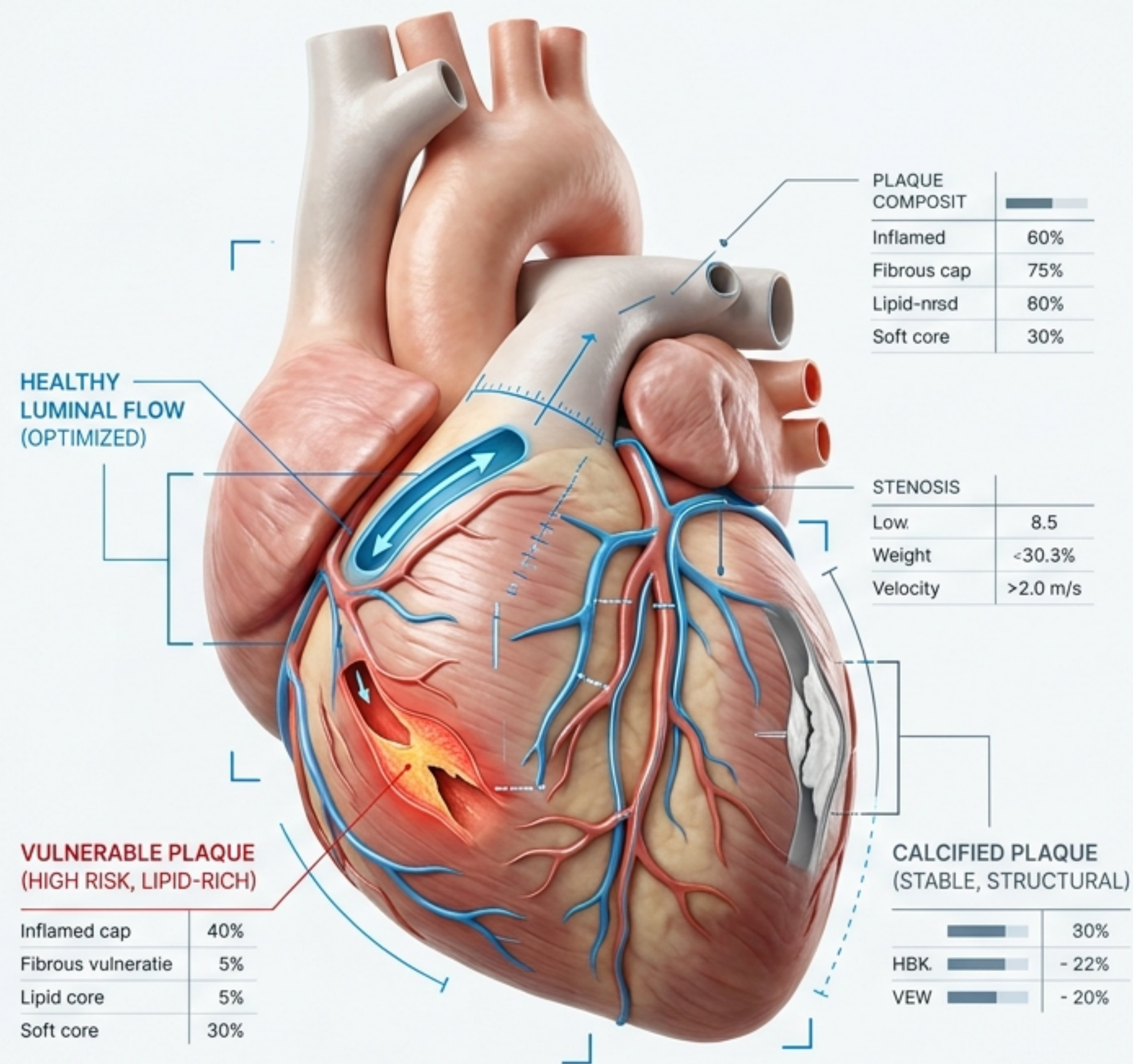


The Future of Heart Disease Management

How Artificial Intelligence & Hyper-Imaging are shifting cardiology from reactive treatments to preventive cures.

Based on Peer-Reviewed Medical Literature.

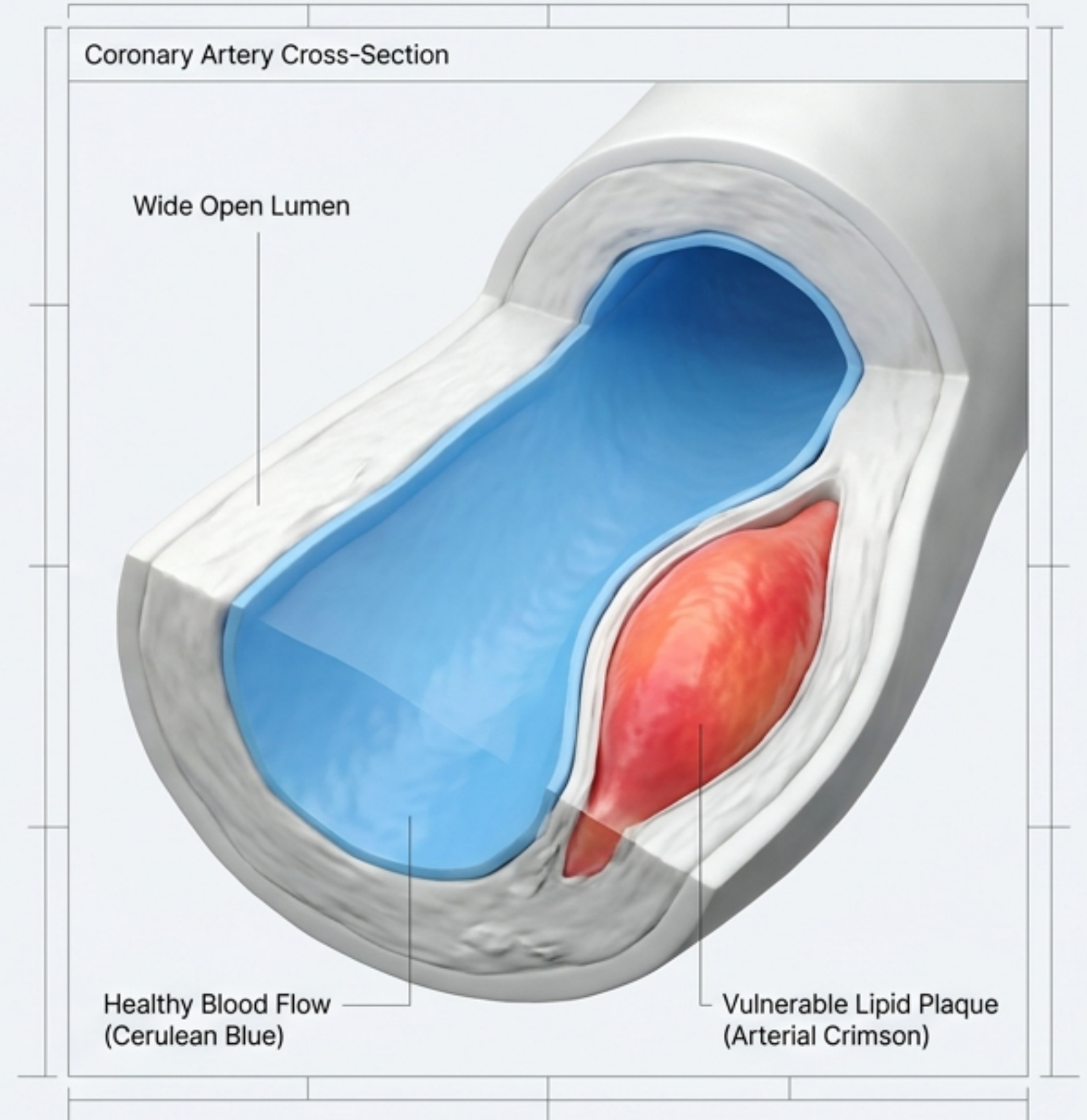


70-75%

The Fatal Flaw in Traditional Cardiology

Autopsy and angiographic studies demonstrate that 70-75% of myocardial infarctions occur in vessels with less than 50% stenosis prior to the event.

Traditional cardiology waits for severe obstruction. Because most heart attacks happen in arteries with excellent blood flow, standard stress tests miss the silent killers entirely.

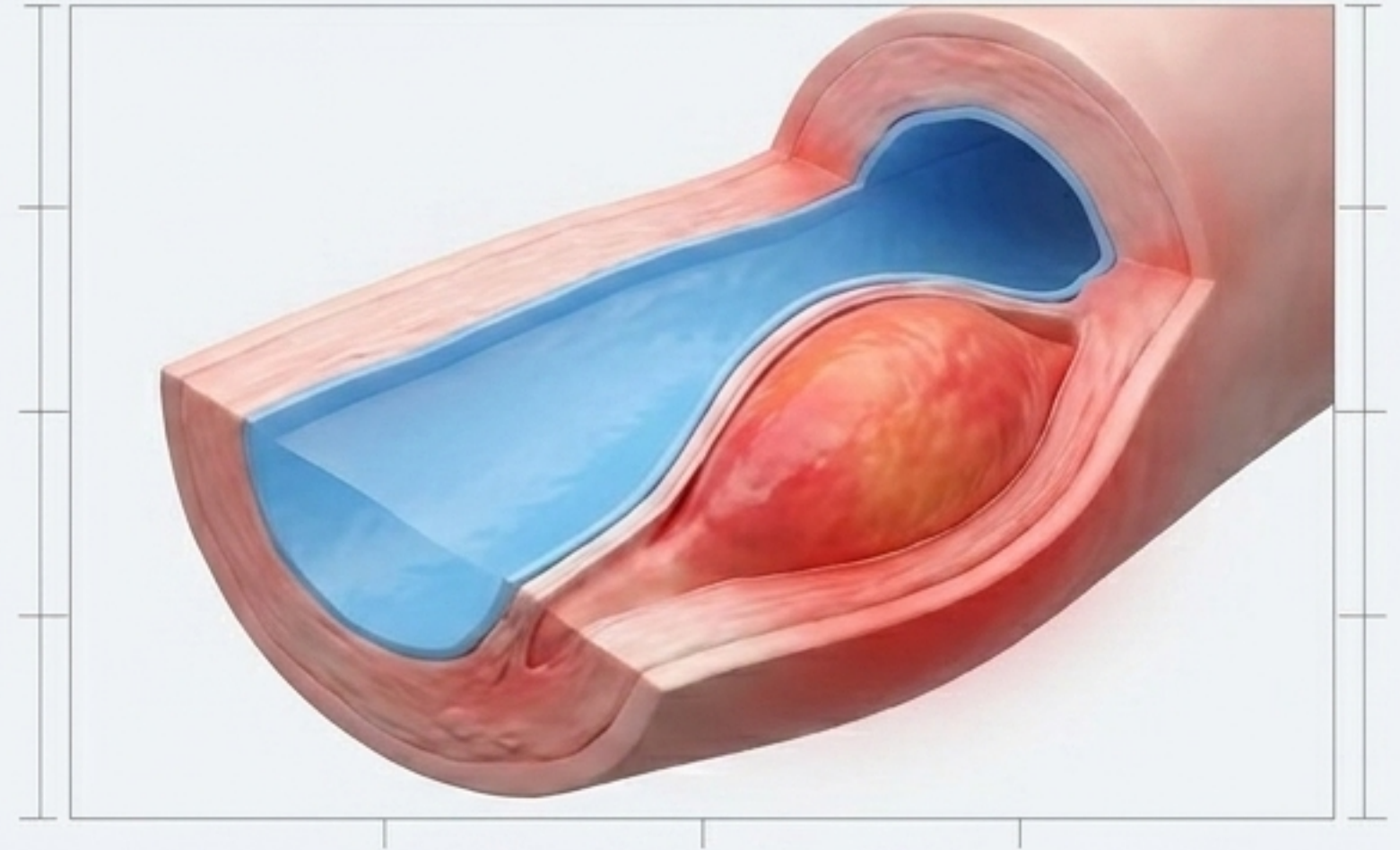


The Plumbing Problem (Outdated)



Focusing entirely on luminal obstruction—waiting for the pipe to clog.

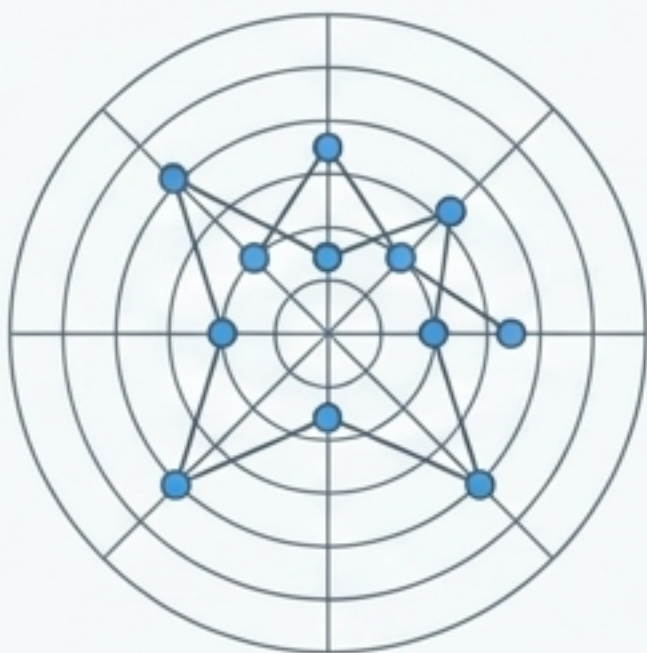
The Inflammatory Volcano (Reality)



Atherosclerosis is a chronic inflammatory disease of the arterial wall. The primary danger isn't the slow clog; it's the sudden rupture of unstable, lipid-rich pockets hidden within the intima.

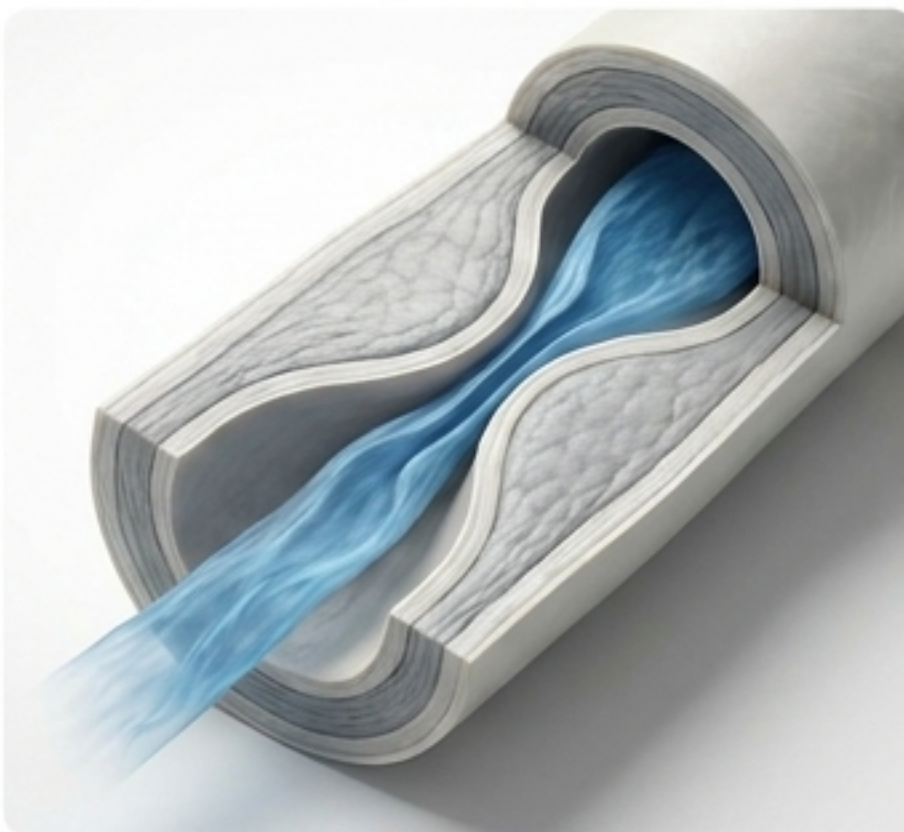
Why Current Tools Fall Short

Blood Panels & Calculators



Relies on population-level risk, not precise individual anatomy. Misses significant subclinical disease in patients with normal profiles.

Stress Tests & Angiograms



Only detects disease after it produces hemodynamically significant stenosis. Completely blind to early-stage, non-obstructive rupture risks.

Calcium Scores (CACs)



Identifies stable, calcified plaque but is blind to soft, non-calcified plaque. A score of zero does not exclude the presence of lipid-rich, rupture-prone lesions.

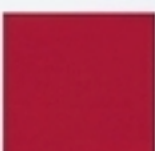
Enter AI-QCT: Visualizing the Unseen



Artificial Intelligence Quantitative Coronary Tomography (AI-QCT) fundamentally shifts diagnostic capability. By applying deep-learning neural networks to high-resolution scans, AI-QCT analyzes the heart at the voxel (3D pixel) level.

It doesn't just see the blockage—it sees the precise composition of the plaque inside the arterial wall.

Visualizing the Unseen

	CACS (Basic)	Standard CCTA (Better)	AI-QCT (Best)
 Calcified Plaque	 High	 High	 High
 Non-Calcified Plaque	 None	 Qualitative / Limited	 Quantitative / High
 Low-Density Rupture-Prone Plaque	 None	 Variable	 High
 Total Plaque Volume	 None	 Indirect Estimate	 Precise (mm ³)

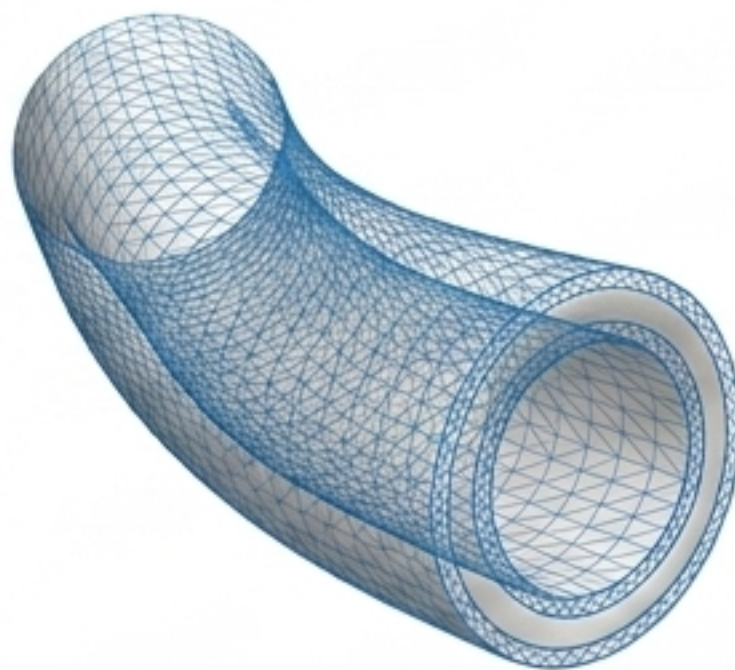
AI-QCT is the only modality that provides a precise, quantifiable volume (mm³) of the highly dangerous, low-density plaque responsible for acute coronary syndromes.

How the AI Actually Works



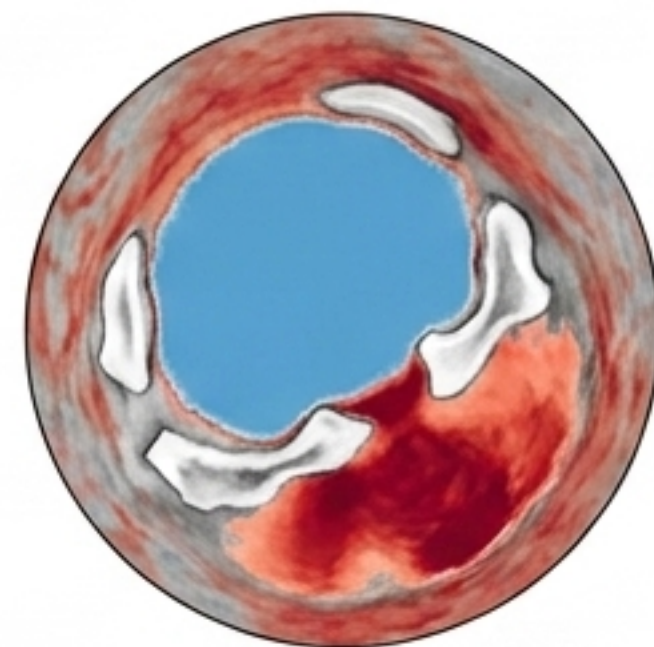
Step 1: Acquisition

High-resolution CCTA captures the temporal and spatial geometry of the heart.



Step 2: Automated Segmentation

Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) automatically identify the vessel wall and lumen geometry.



Step 3: Tissue Classification

Algorithms classify plaque components according to Hounsfield unit attenuation, differentiating lipid-rich, fibrous, and calcified tissue.

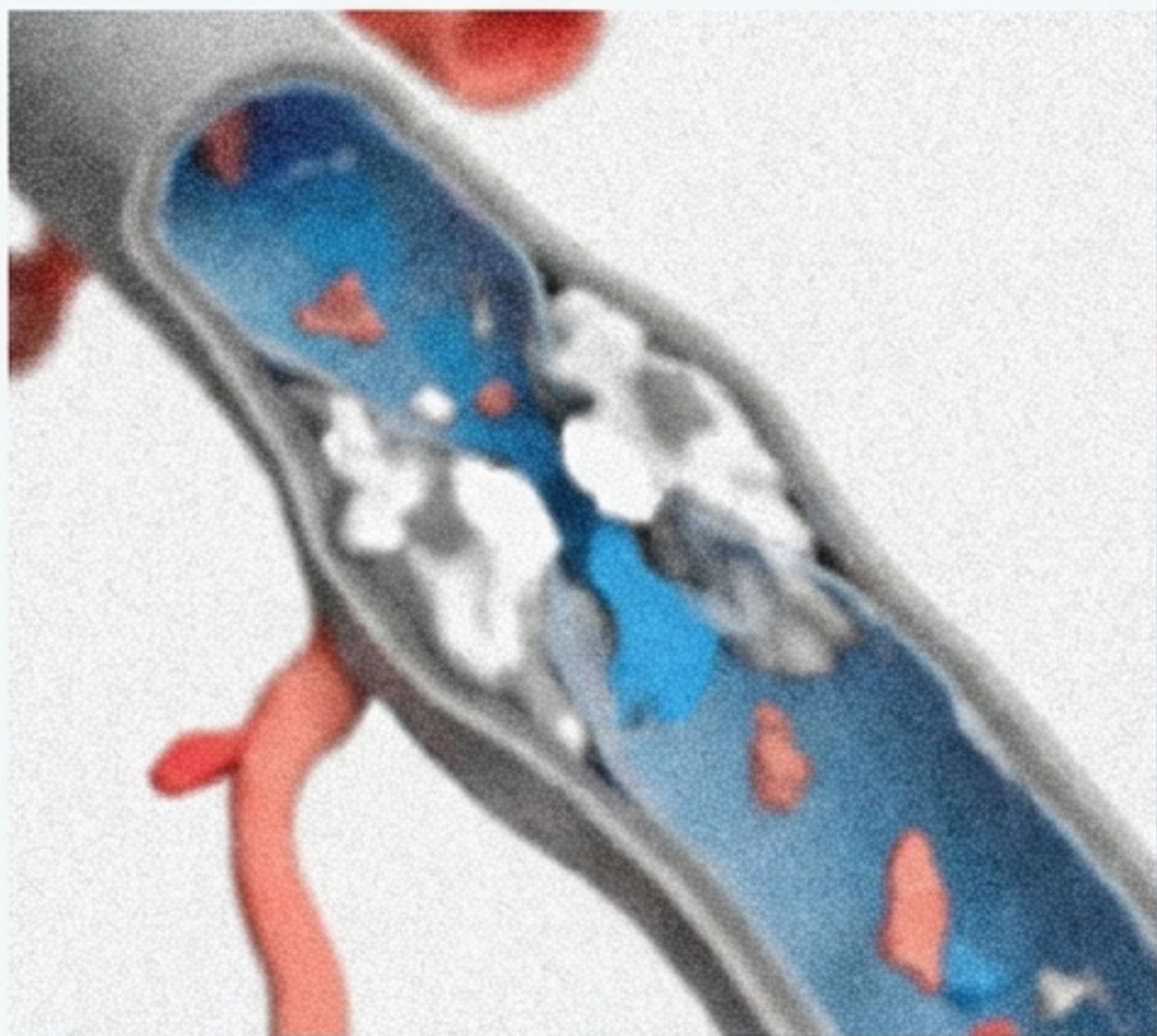
AI-derived ischemia indices provide a non-invasive correlate to invasive fractional flow reserve (FFR).

Better Data = Better AI (The PCCT Hardware Leap)

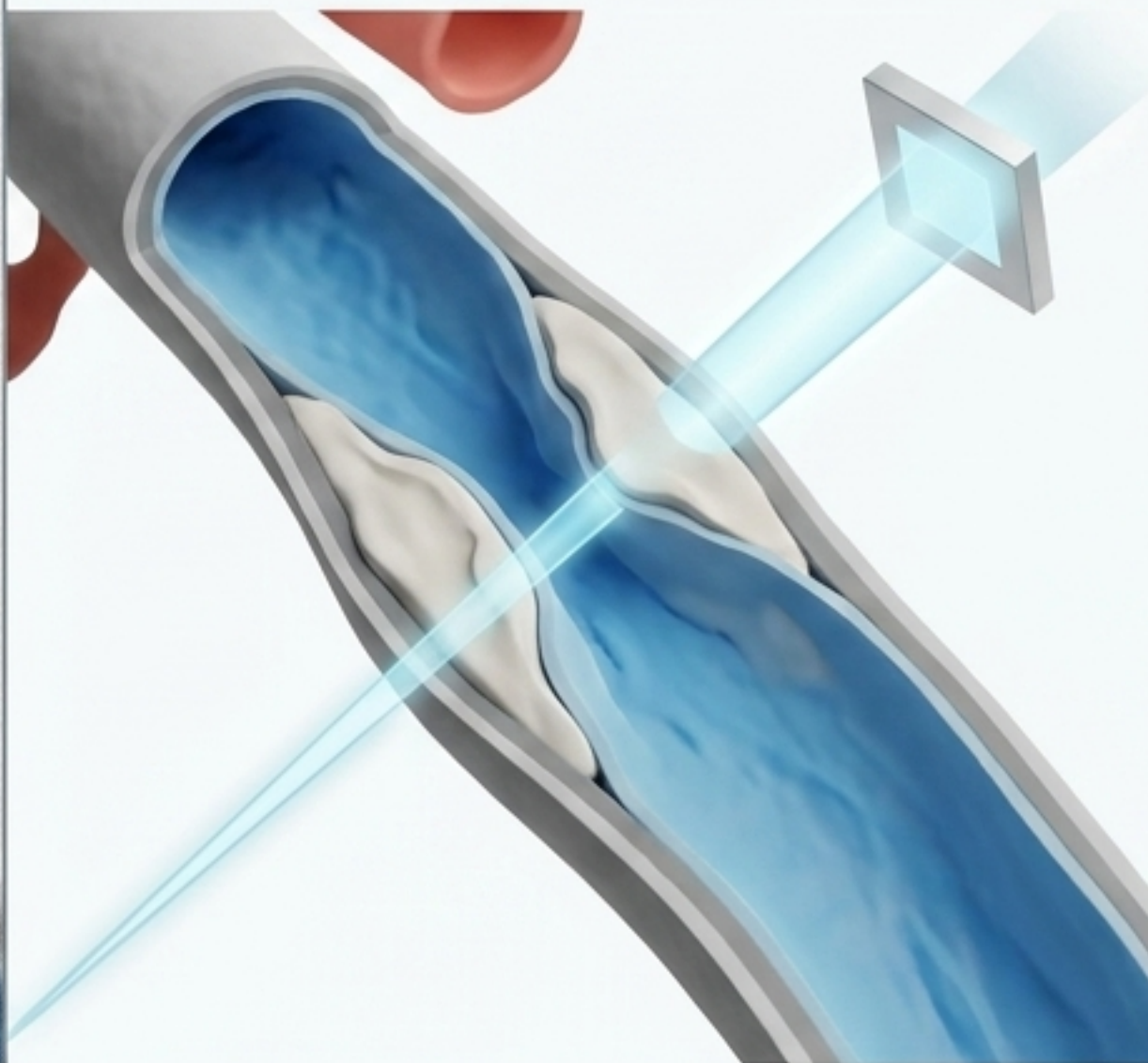
Photon-Counting CT (PCCT) directly converts X-ray photons into electrical signals, eliminating electronic noise. →

Noise vs. Clarity

Conventional CT (Noise)



PCCT (Clarity)



PCCT Benefits

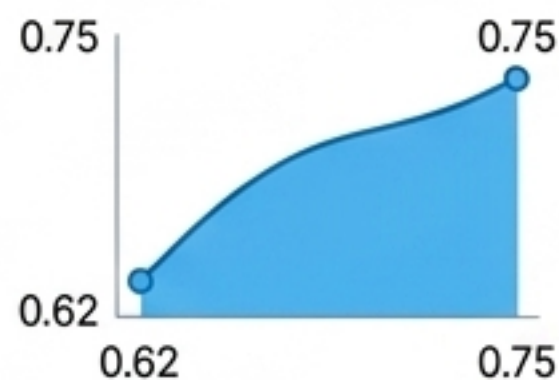
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1. Higher spatial resolution with lower radiation.
2. Drastic reduction in calcium blooming artifacts.
3. Expands imaging eligibility to patients with high heart rates, heavy calcification, or elevated BMI.

The Evidence: Landmark Clinical Trials

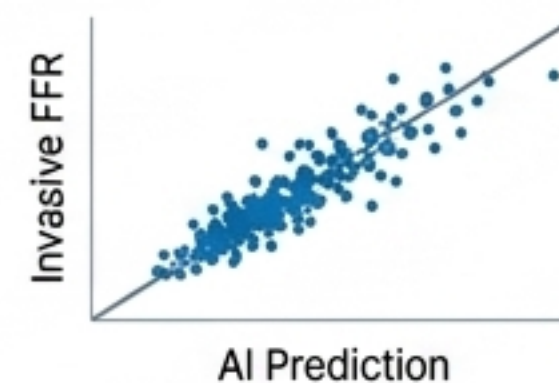
CONFIRM2 Registry

6,550 patients. AUC for predicting Major Adverse Cardiac Events (MACE) improved from 0.62 to 0.75 ($p < 0.001$).



CREDENCE Trial

513 patients. Proved high diagnostic concordance with invasive surgical flow-tests (FFR).



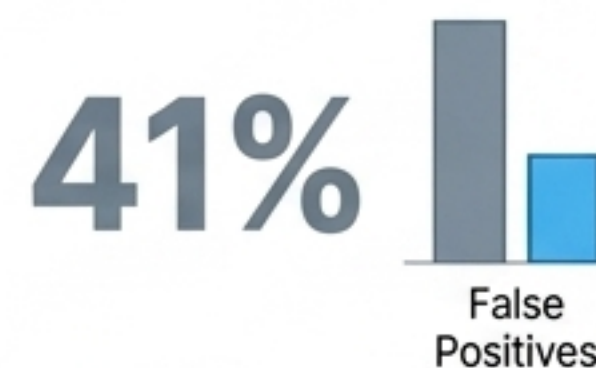
CERTAIN Study

AI-QCT significantly improved diagnostic certainty, leading to more appropriate medical therapy and preventing downstream testing.



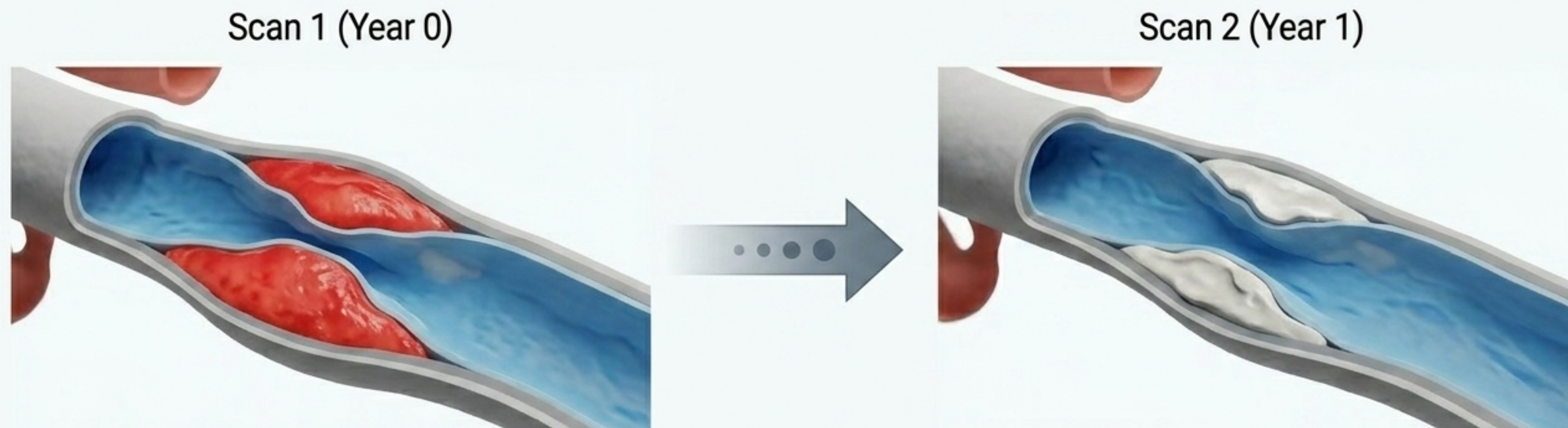
PROMISE / PACIFIC-1

Evaluated thousands of patients, proving AI exceeds expert human readers and reclassified 41% of stenoses, drastically reducing false positives.



The New Reality: Watching the Disease Reverse

We no longer have to guess if a drug, diet, or exercise regimen is working.



By quantifying **precise plaque volume (mm^3)**, **AI-QCT** enables **longitudinal treat-to-target monitoring**. We can track disease regression in real-time, adjusting therapies until the biological danger is neutralized.

The Systemic Impact



The Patient Impact

- Objective assessment of personal disease progression.
- Earlier targeted intervention.
- Avoidance of unnecessary invasive surgeries.
- Precise feedback on lifestyle and medical therapy.



The Health System Impact

- Massive reduction in downstream costs associated with sudden acute coronary events.
- Optimized value-based care.
- Shifting clinical focus from episodic emergencies to predictive medicine.

The Biological Paradigm Shift

From: Reactive symptom management to Preventive longitudinal monitoring

Reactive symptom •
management



• Preventive longitudinal
monitoring

Obsessing over •
Luminal Stenosis (Clogs)



• Quantifying Plaque
Composition (Biology)

Qualitative visual •
guesses



• Quantitative AI Voxel
Analysis (mm³)

Population-based •
risk scores



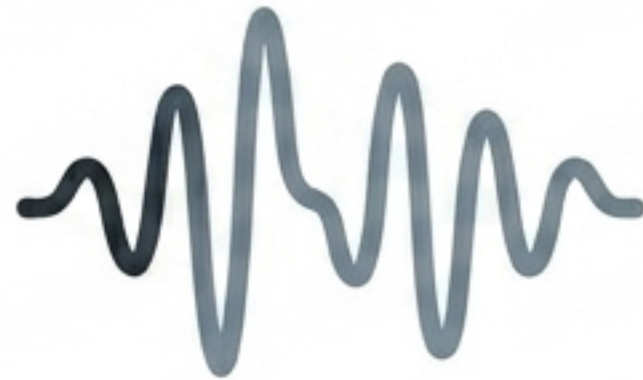
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Heart Models

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