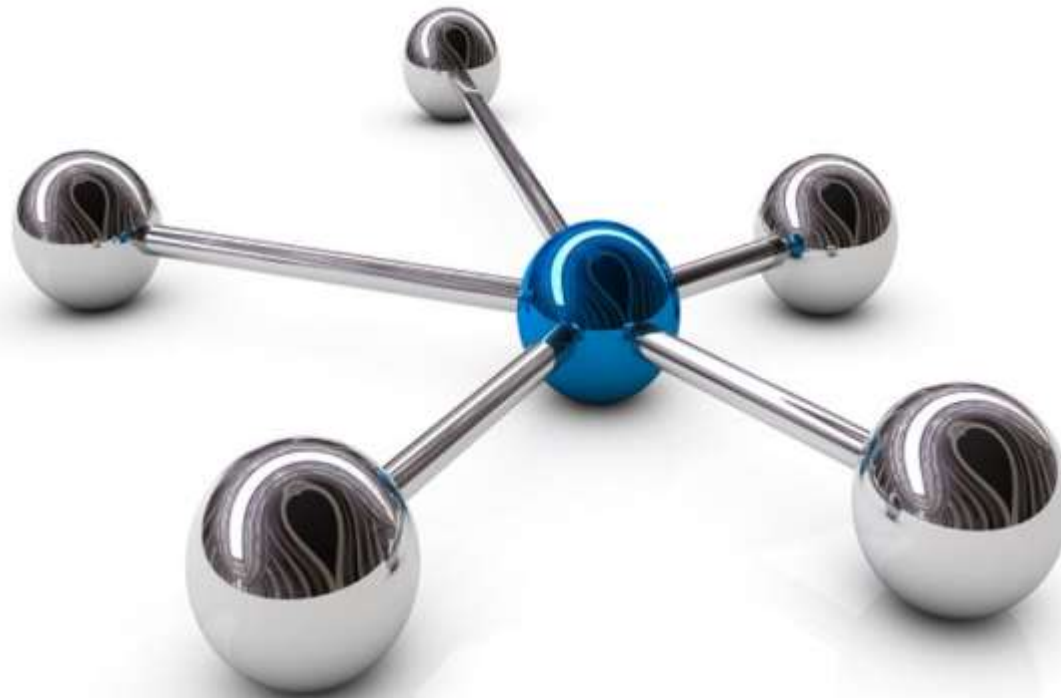




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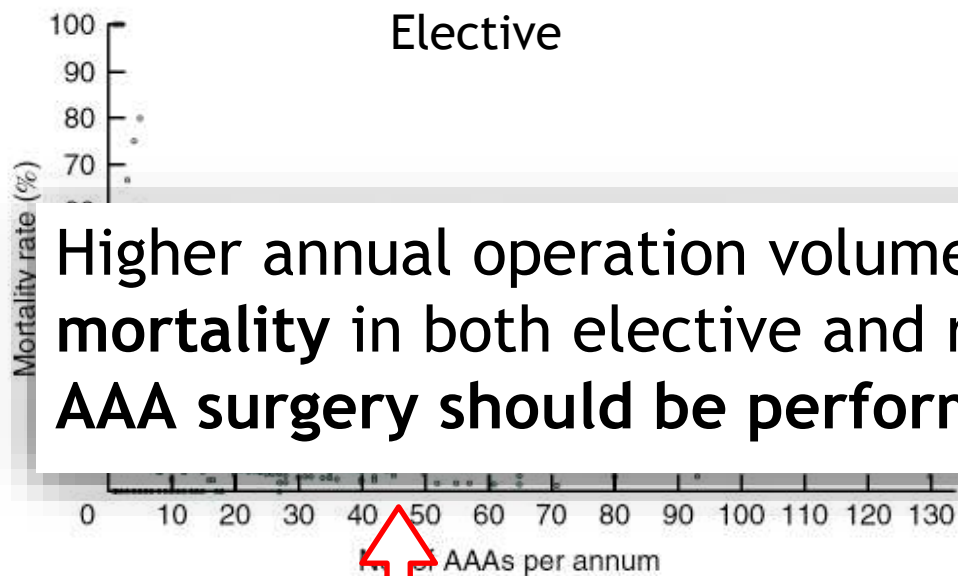
Meta-analysis

## Meta-analysis and systematic review of the relationship between volume and outcome in abdominal aortic aneurysm surgery

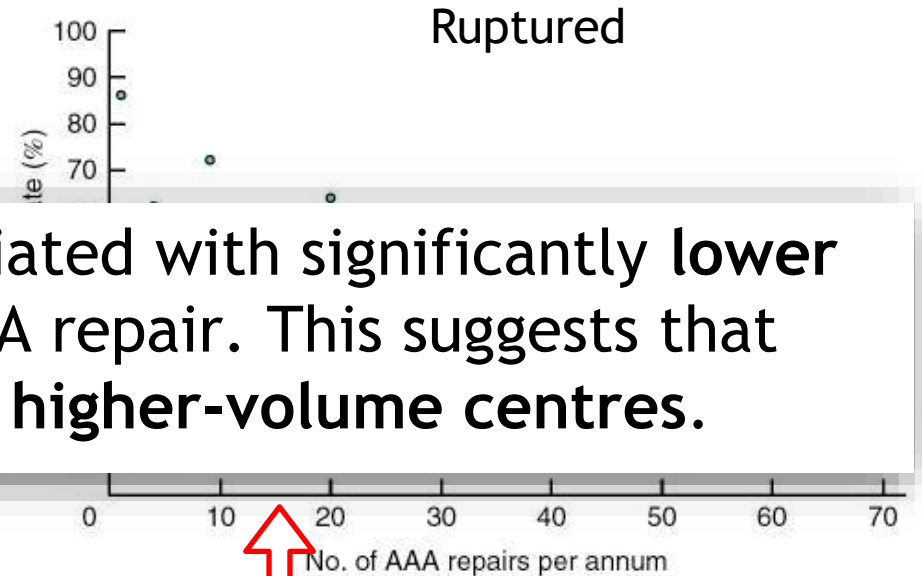
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45 eAAAs per annum



15 rAAAs per annum

Higher annual operation volumes are associated with significantly lower mortality in both elective and ruptured AAA repair. This suggests that AAA surgery should be performed only at higher-volume centres.

# European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS) 2019 Clinical Practice Guidelines on the Management of Abdominal Aorto-iliac Artery Aneurysms

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Recommendation 3	Class	Level
Abdominal aortic aneurysm repair should only be considered in centres with a minimum yearly caseload of 30 repairs.	Ila	C

# The Catalan experience

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## Assumpte

Reordenació de l'angiologia i cirurgia vascular d'alta especialització.  
Serveis-àrees d'alta especialització.

## Ambit d'aplicació

Servei Català de la Salut (C)  
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Sistema d'Emergències Mèdiques de Catalunya.

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## Annexos

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## Assumpte

Modificació de la Instrucció 09/2014, Reordenació de l'angiologia i cirurgia vascular d'alta especialització

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## 1. Exposició de motius

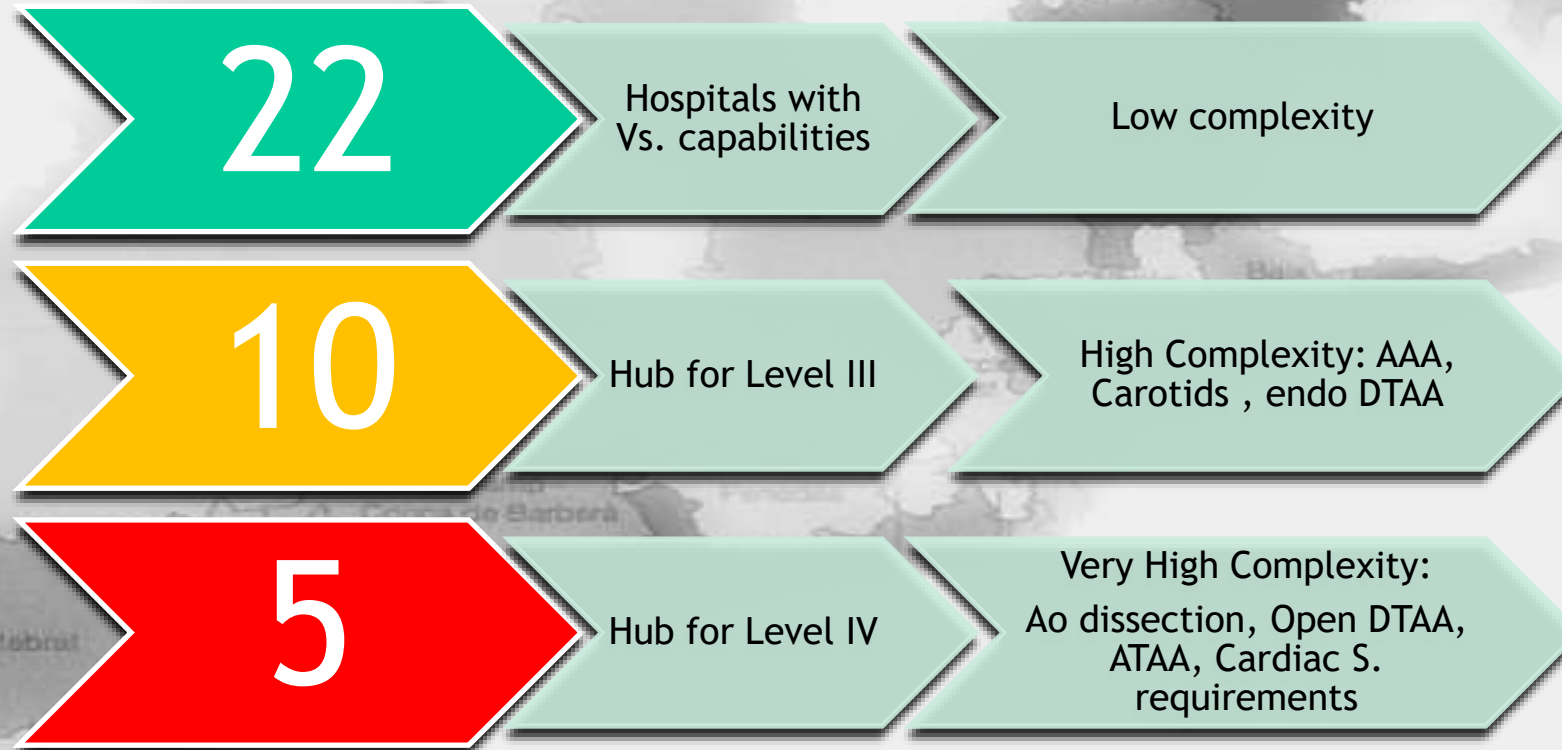
Mitjançant la Instrucció 09/2014, es va establir la Reordenació d'angiologia i cirurgia vascular d'alta especialització. Serveis-àrees d'alta especialització.

AAA repair should only be performed in hospitals performing at least 30 elective cases per annum, whether by open repair or EVAR

Centralization was completed at the beginning of 2015

...necessari adequar el títol de la...  
...tingut actualitzat, que inclou...  
...vascular, així com millorar i...  
...ó dels procediments inclosos...  
...alització, establerta per la...  
...Així mateix, cal modificar...  
...III de la Instrucció per tal de...  
...rmules de col·laboració entre...  
...centres per a la configuració d'unitats d'alta...  
...especialització multihospitalàries

7 543 825 inhabitants and a density of 234 inhabitants/km<sup>2</sup>







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# Objectives

- To analyze the impact of centralization
  - in-hospital mortality
  - length of stay (LoS) in urgent repair of rAAA
- Secondary endpoints include
  - In-hospital Mortality and LoS associated to rAAA repair in **high volume centers**



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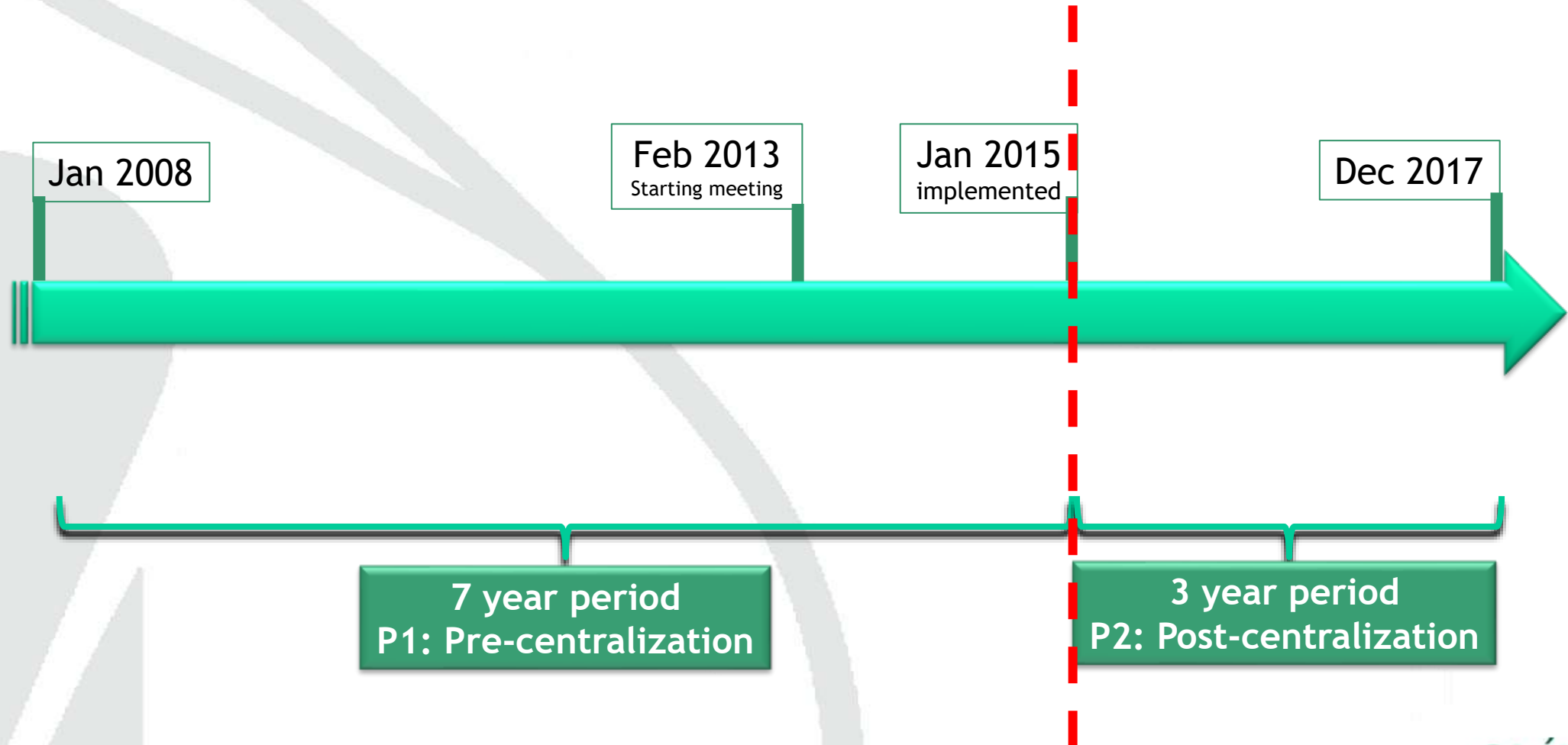
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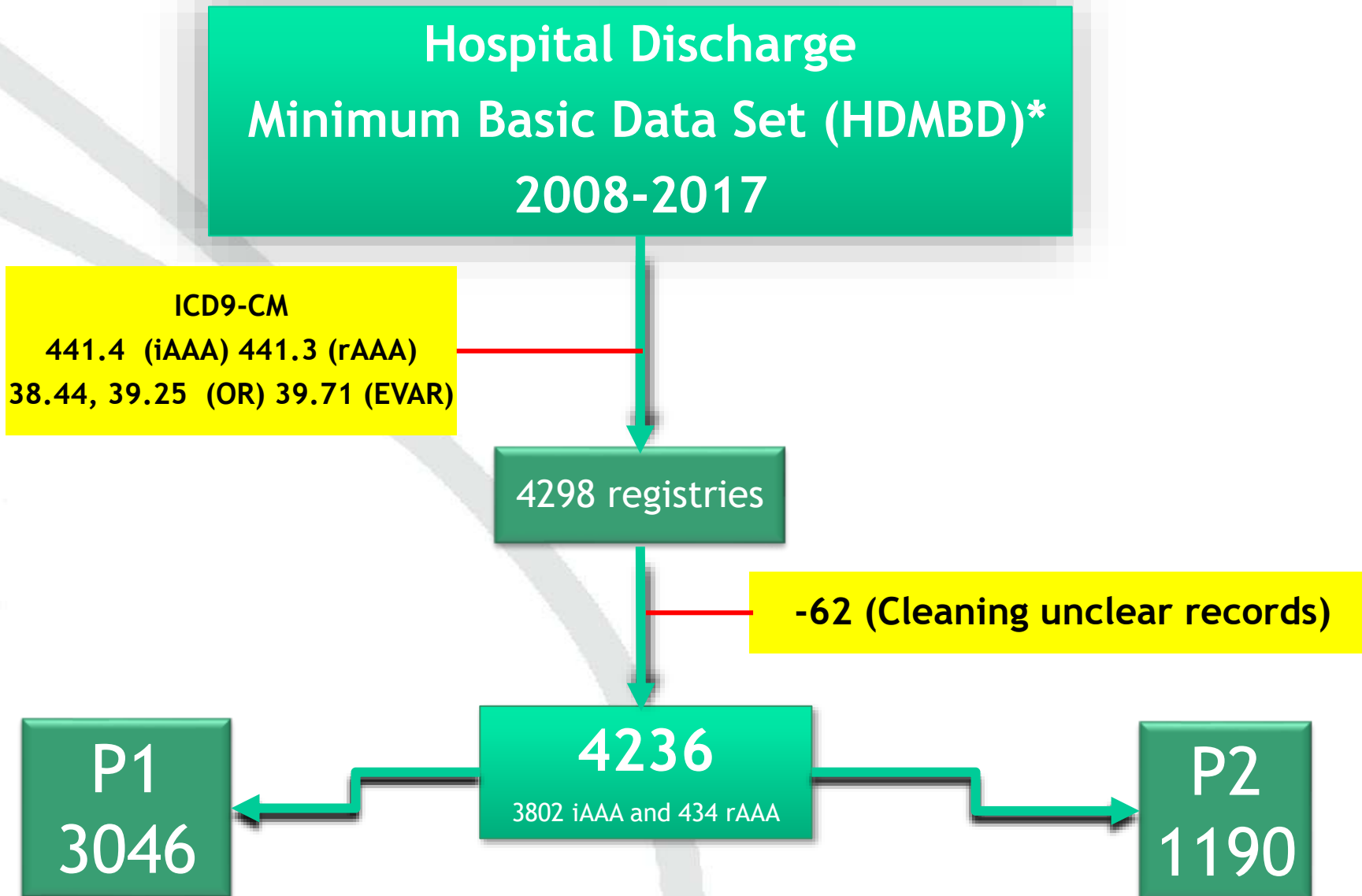
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# Centralization time-line

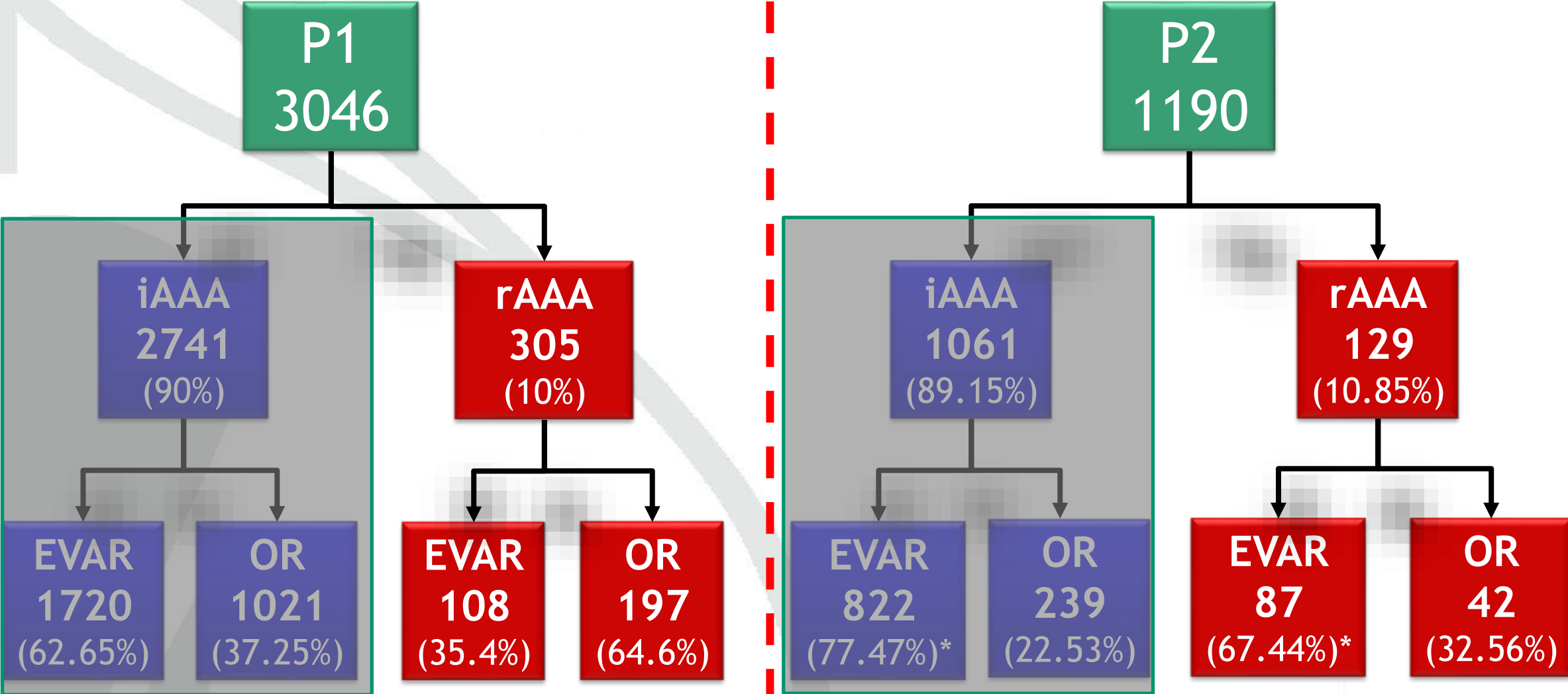


# Flow chart



\*<http://catsalut.gencat.cat/ca/proveidors-professionals/registres-catalegs/registres/cmbd/>

# Procedure Distribution



\*EVAR/OR increased after centralization P<.001



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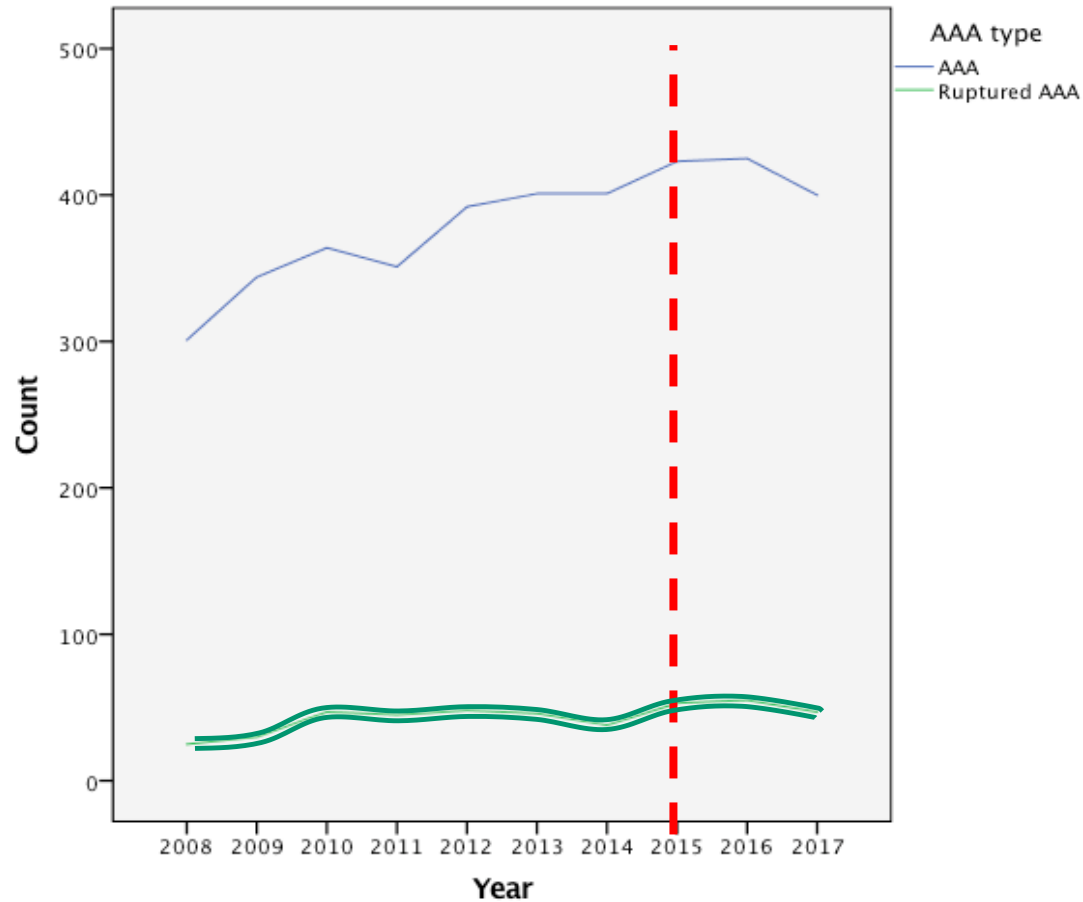
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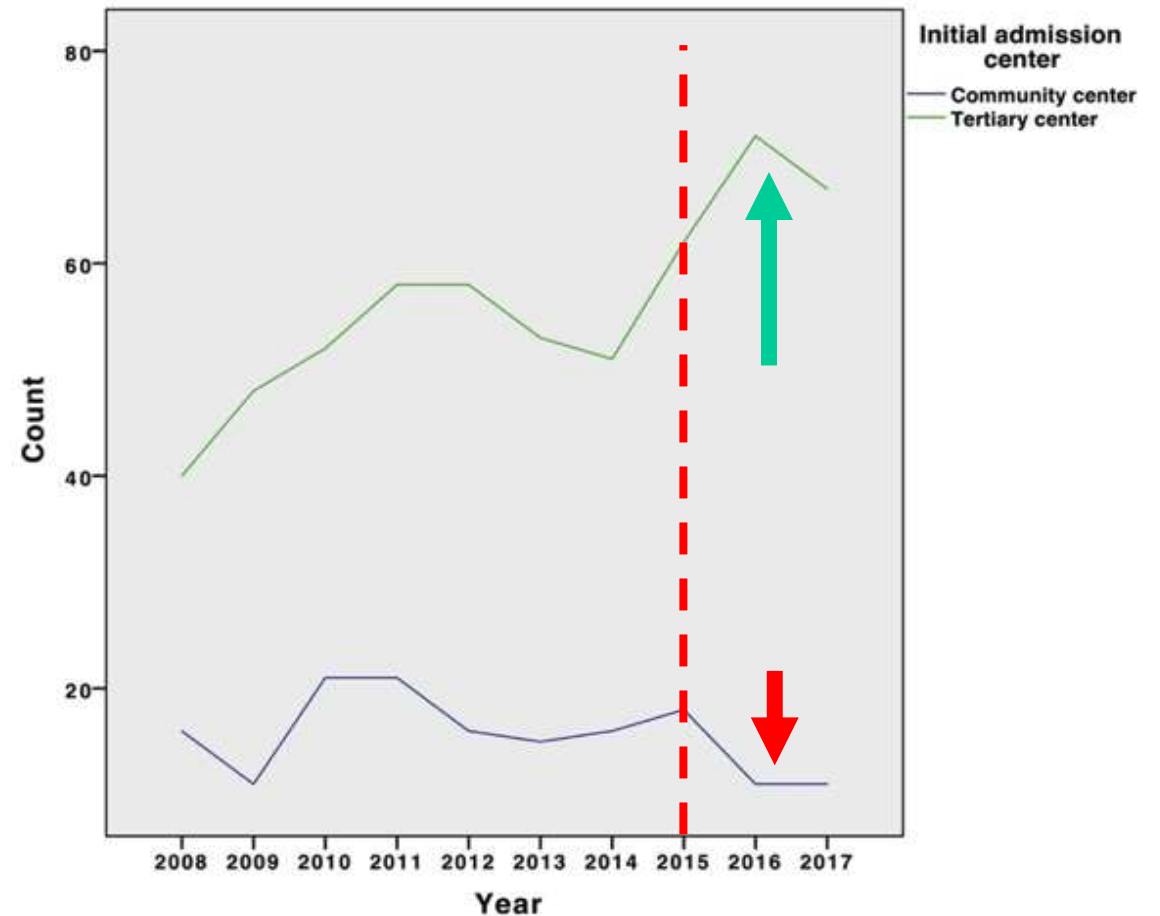
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# rAAA trends over 10 year-period



Tripodi P, et al. Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg. 2020



Fierro A, et al, Ann Vasc Surg 2020



# Mortality and LoS

## Before centralization

			N of procedures	Mortality		Length of stay		
				N of deaths	p	days	SD	p
rAAA	Surgery	OR	197	119 (60.4%)	<b>&lt;.001</b>	19.43	31.71	.916
		EVAR	108	42 (38.9%)		19.06	25.28	
	Center	Low Volume	22	13 (59.1%)	.539	21.41	47.74	.729
		High Volume	283	148 (52.3%)		19.13	27.77	

**52.8%**

**19.25 days**

# Mortality Comparison

Before centralization	After centralization	P
N= 305	N=129	
161 (52.8%)	48 (37.2%)	.003

# Mortality Comparison

## Type of repair

Repair	Before centralization (SD)	After centralization (SD)	p
EVAR	42 (38.9%)	25 (28.7%)	.138
OR	119 (60.4%)	23 (54.8%)	.499

# LoS Comparison

Before centralization (SD)	After centralization (SD)	P
19.30 (29.55)	17.49 (30.22)	.563



# LoS Comparison

## Type of repair

	Before centralization (SD)	After centralization (SD)	P
EVAR	19.06 (25.28)	16.83 (23.15)	.526
OR	19.43 (31.71)	18.86 (41.52)	.920

# Impact in High Volumen Centers

Mortality			Length of stay		
Before centralization	After centralization	p	Before centralization (SD)	After centralization (SD)	P
148 (52.3%)	47 (37.0%)	.004	19.13 (27.77)	17.72 (30.4)	.643



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# Summary

- Centralization significantly improved in-hospital mortality after rAAA repair

**52.8% vs 37.2%,  $p < .003$**

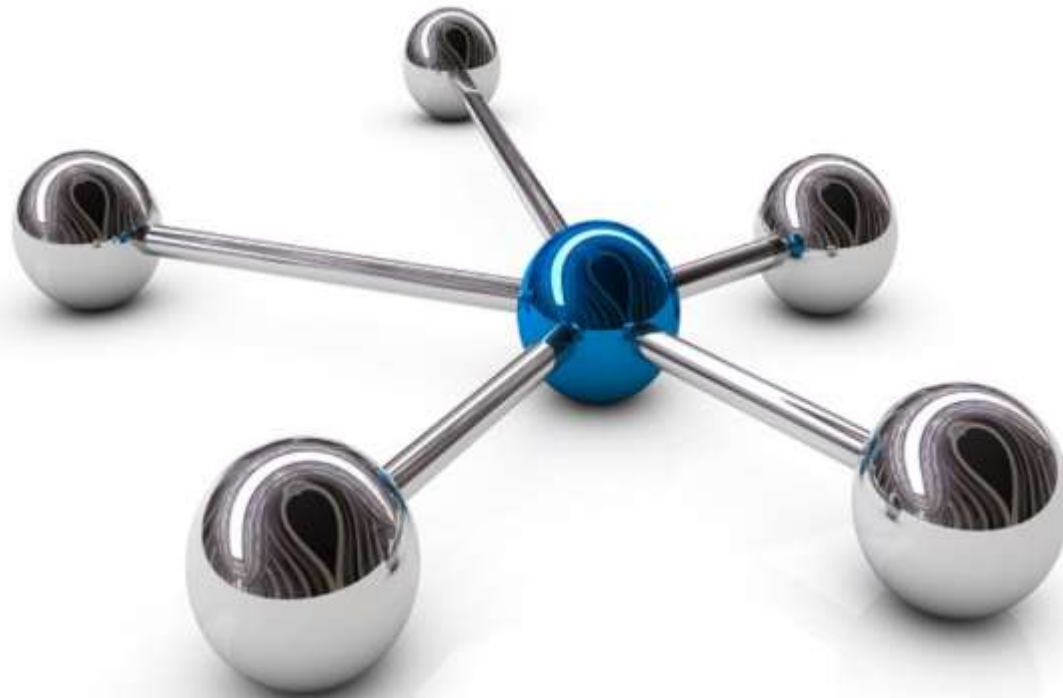
- Even in high volumen centres, centralization significantly improved in-hospital mortality after rAAA repair

**52.3% vs 37.0%,  $p < .004$**

- After centralization, LoS improved, bot not significantly
- These results support the hypothesis that rAAA management have better outcomes after centralization.



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