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Highlights from the podium

# Key Outcomes Overview

5-year Results for WATER II:

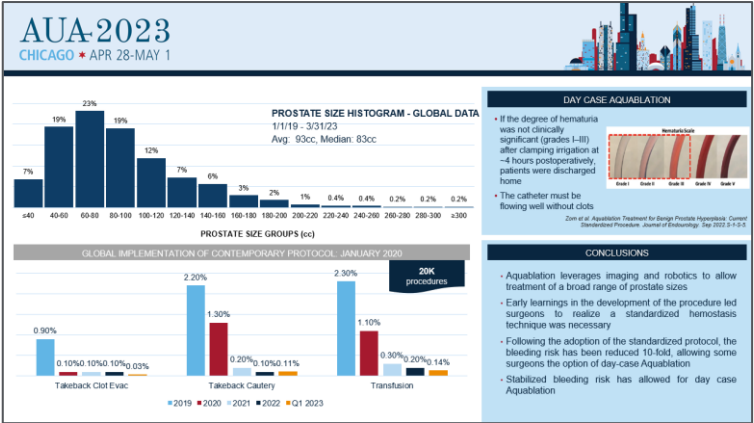
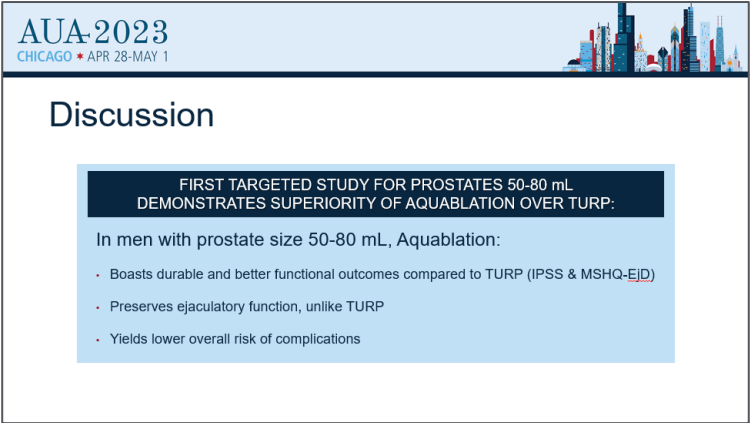
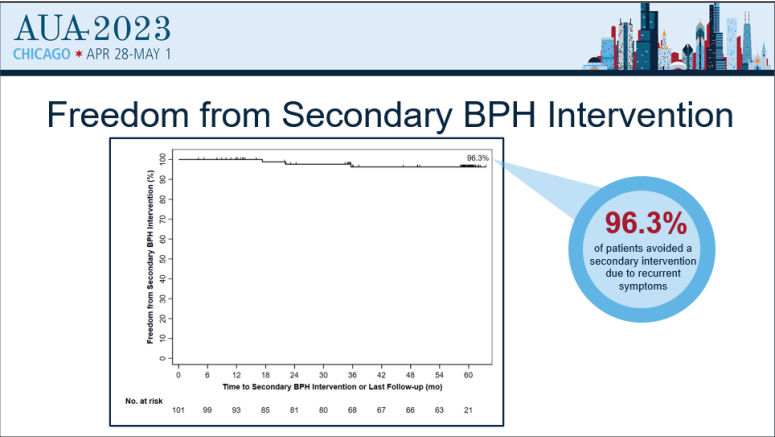
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WATER 50-80mL subset analysis:

Aquablation has better **long-term efficacy and safety outcomes than TURP** for the management of LUTS due to BPH in men with prostates 50-80 mL

Post-op bleeding risk reduction:

In analyzing 20k+ Aquablation procedures with standardized hemostasis protocol, **bleeding risk was reduced 10-fold**, allowing for day case Aquablation



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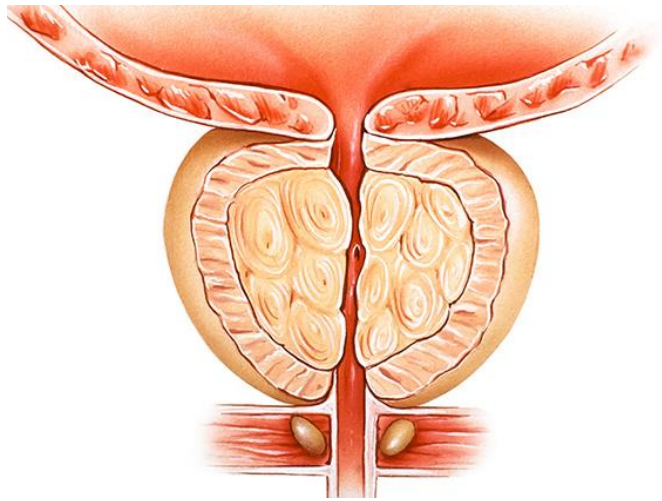
Aquablation Therapy vs Transurethral  
Resection of the Prostate: 5-Year  
Outcomes of the WATER Randomized  
Clinical Trial for Medium-Sized Prostates

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# Background



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- High quality evidence of **safety** and **efficacy** for robotic waterjet ablation therapy (Aquablation®) in management of BPH-associated LUTS
- Recommended in North American guidelines since 2019
  - 30-80 mL prostates (AUA 2019)
  - < 150 mL prostates (CUA 2022)
- Lack of long-term data (> 3 years) targeted for 50-80 mL prostates subgroup



# Objective

## WATER STUDY SUBGROUP ANALYSIS:

To compare the 5-year **safety** and **efficacy** of Aquablation vs. gold standard (TURP) for 50–80 mL prostates



# Methodology:

|                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>WATER STUDY DESIGN</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International, multi-center, double-blinded prospective randomized control trial</li><li>• Subset analysis of 96 men ages 45-80, moderate-to-severe LUTS with prostates 50–80 mL<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Randomized 2:1 to either Aquablation or TURP</li><li>• Follow up at 1, 3, 6, 12 months and then annually until 5-years</li></ul></li></ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>PRIMARY SAFETY ENDPOINT</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clavien-Dindo postoperative complications at 6 months<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade 1 persistent (CD1P)</li><li>• Grade 2 (CD2) or higher</li></ul></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>PRIMARY EFFICACY ENDPOINT</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduction of IPSS across 5-years</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>SECONDARY EFFICACY ENDPOINTS</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <math>\Delta</math> IPSS-QoL (quality of life)</li><li>• <math>\Delta</math> MSHQ-EjD (ejaculatory dysfunction)</li><li>• <math>\Delta</math> IIEF-5 (erectile function)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <math>\Delta</math> Qmax (peak flow rate)</li><li>• <math>\Delta</math> PVR (post-void residual)</li><li>• <math>\Delta</math> PSA</li><li>• <math>\Delta</math> Prostate size</li></ul> |



# Similar Baseline Characteristics

## PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

|                                     | Aquablation<br>n = 62            | TURP<br>n = 34 | P-Value |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Age (years)<br>Mean $\pm$ SD        | <b>67.9 <math>\pm</math> 6.8</b> | 66.4 $\pm$ 7.2 | 0.2893  |
| Body Mass Index<br>Mean $\pm$ SD    | <b>28.5 <math>\pm</math> 3.9</b> | 28.2 $\pm$ 4.5 | 0.7181  |
| Prostate Size (mL)<br>Mean $\pm$ SD | <b>66.4 <math>\pm</math> 9.2</b> | 61.7 $\pm$ 8.8 | 0.0181* |
| Obstructive<br>Median Lobe          | <b>67.7%</b>                     | 70.6%          | 0.8216  |
| PSA (ng/mL)<br>Mean $\pm$ SD        | <b>4.5 <math>\pm</math> 3.1</b>  | 3.9 $\pm$ 2.5  | 0.3709  |

## BASELINE QUESTIONNAIRE SCORES

|                               | Aquablation<br>n = 62            | TURP<br>n = 34 | P-Value |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| IPSS Score<br>Mean $\pm$ SD   | <b>23.3 <math>\pm</math> 6.0</b> | 20.9 $\pm$ 6.2 | 0.0667  |
| IPSS QoL<br>Mean $\pm$ SD     | <b>4.8 <math>\pm</math> 1.0</b>  | 4.8 $\pm$ 0.9  | 0.8330  |
| Sexually Active<br>(MSHQ-EjD) | <b>80.6%</b>                     | 85.3%          | 0.7807  |
| MSHQ-EjD<br>Mean $\pm$ SD     | <b>8.2 <math>\pm</math> 3.8</b>  | 8.1 $\pm$ 4.0  | 0.9102  |
| IIEF-5<br>Mean $\pm$ SD       | <b>16.1 <math>\pm</math> 7.0</b> | 13.3 $\pm$ 9.1 | 0.1325  |



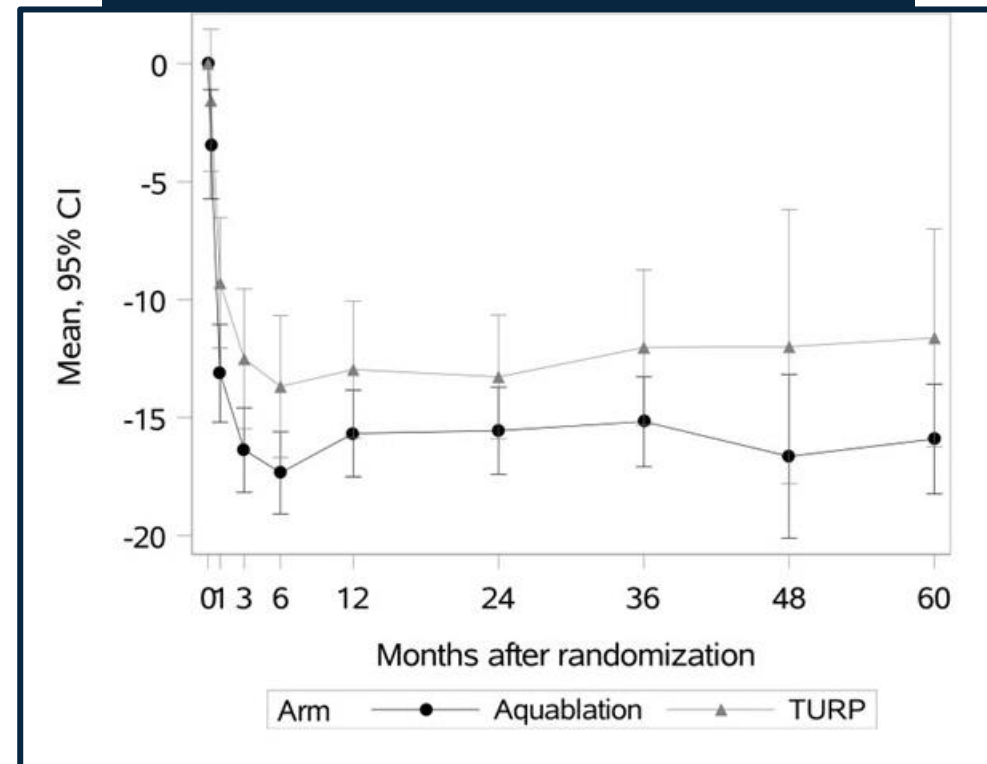


# Results: IPSS Score Reduction

|                | Aquablation<br>n = 62 | TURP<br>n = 34 | P-Value |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------|
| 1-Month Postop | -13.1                 | -9.3           | 0.0284  |
| Across 5-Years | -14.1                 | -10.8          | 0.0201* |

\*Repeated measures ANOVA

CHANGES IN IPSS SCORE OVER 5 YEARS

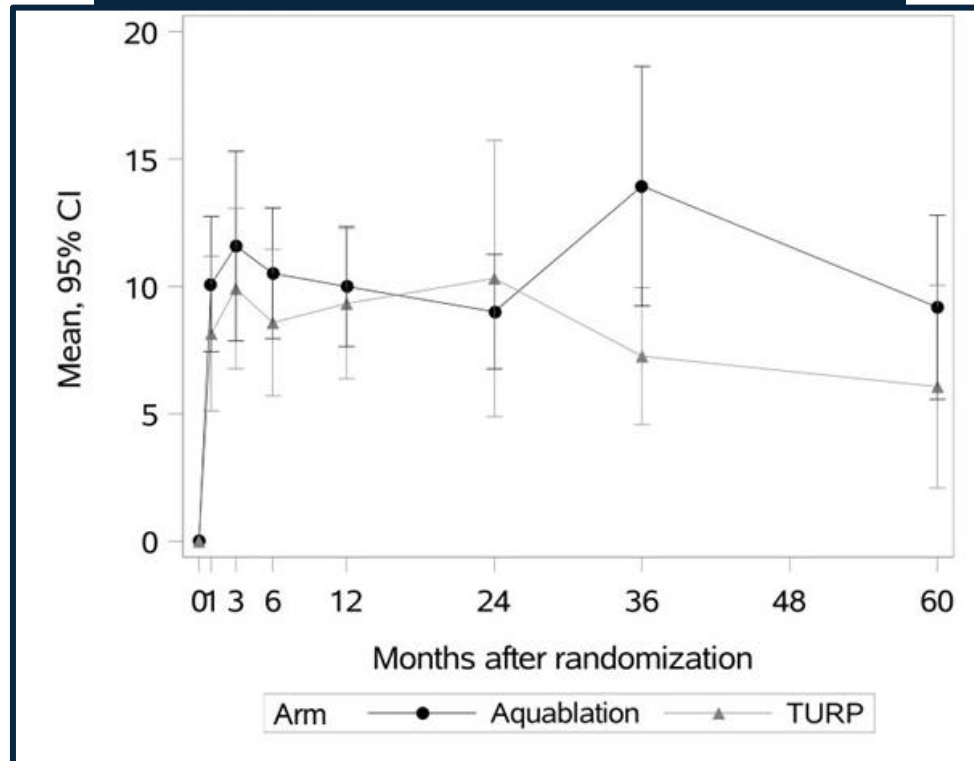




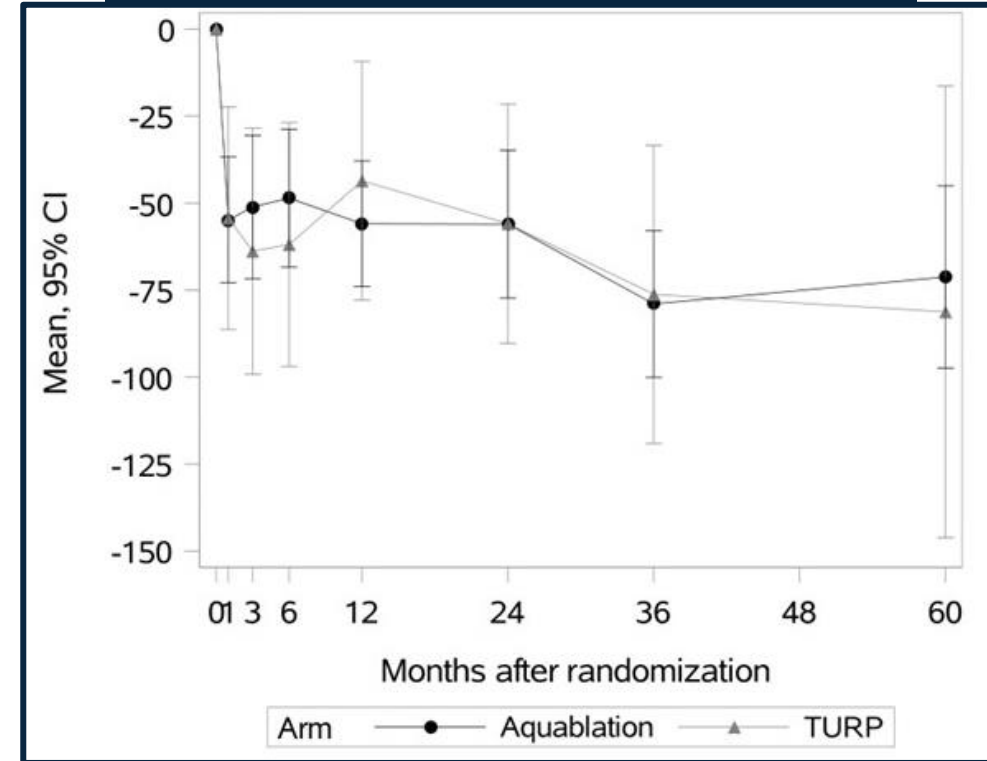


# Results: $Q_{\max}$ and PVR

CHANGES IN  $Q_{\max}$  OVER 5 YEARS



CHANGES IN PVR OVER 5 YEARS

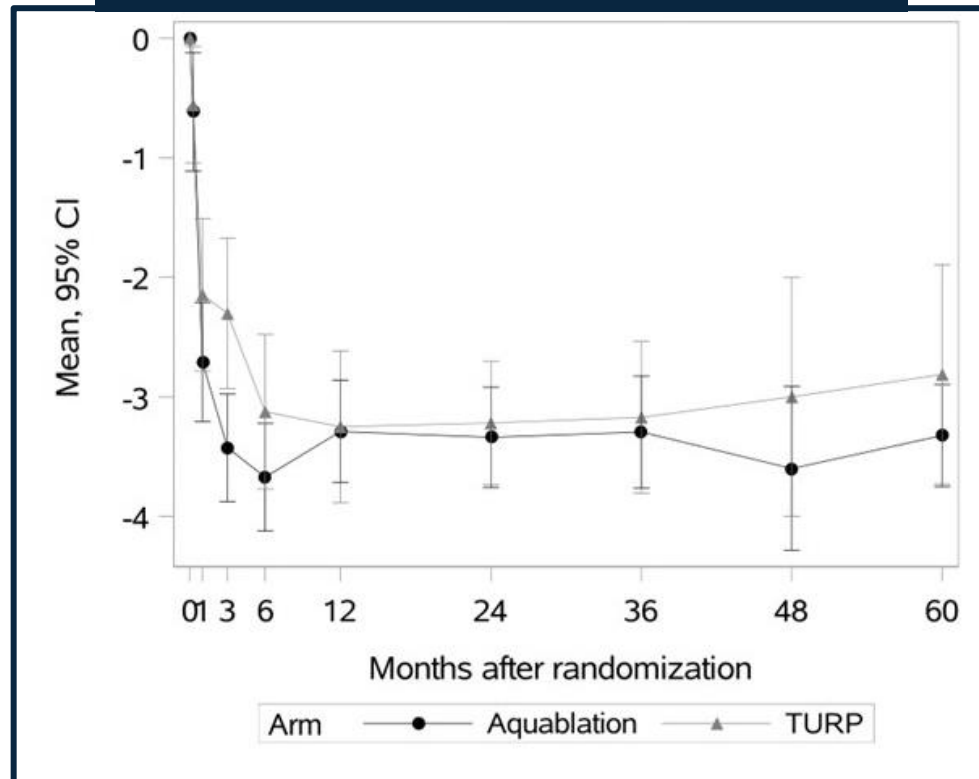


- No statistically significant difference,  $p > 0.05$



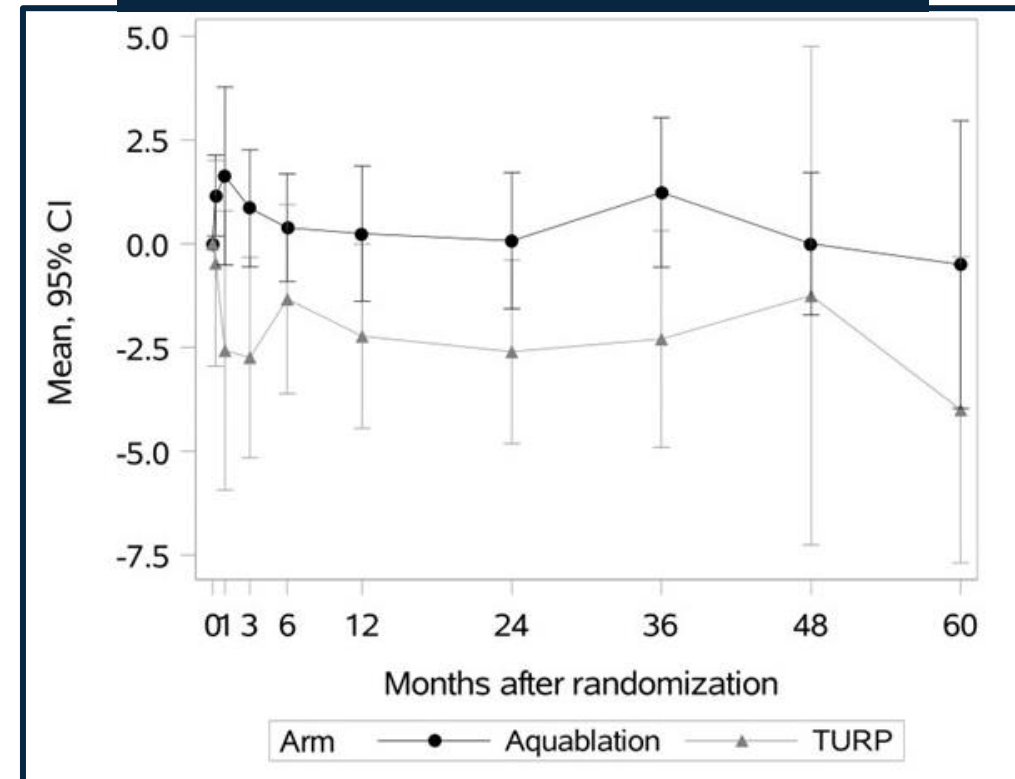
# Results: IPSS-QoL and MSHQ-EjD

CHANGES IN IPSS-QOL OVER 5 YEARS



- No statistically significant difference,  $p > 0.05$

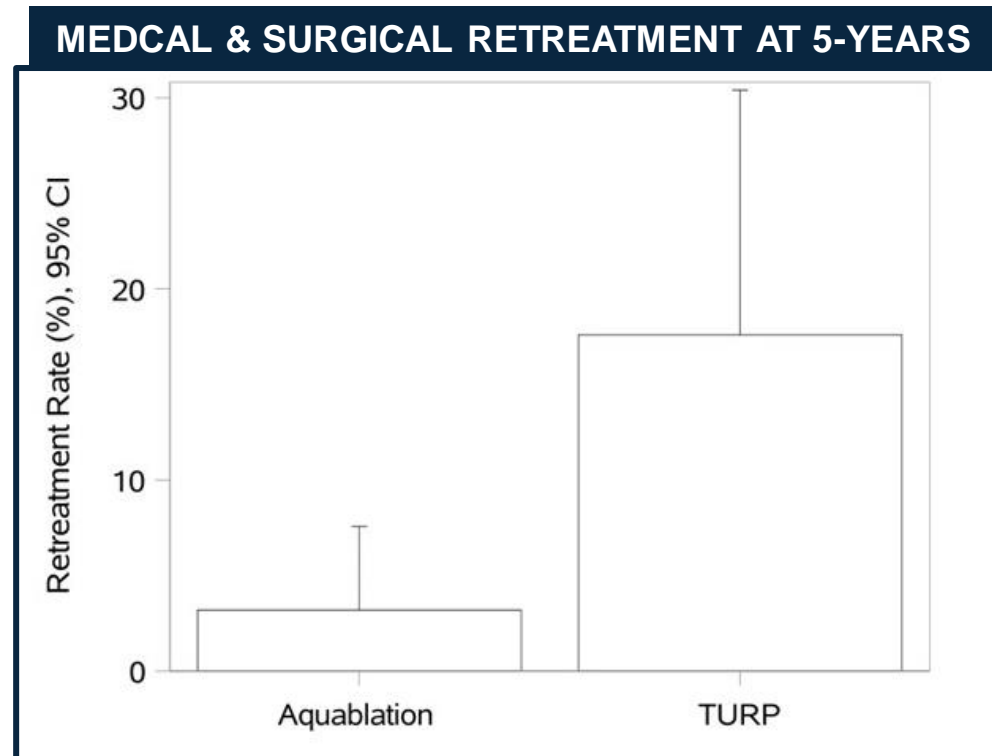
CHANGES IN MSHQ-EJD OVER 5 YEARS



- Across 5-years: 0.6 (Aquablation) vs -2.1 (TURP),  $p = 0.01$



# Results: Retreatment Rate



- Risk difference= -14.4%; 95% CI [-2.29, -30.4],  $p=0.015$



# Results: 6-Month Complications

|                                         | Aquablation<br>n = 62 | TURP<br>n = 34 | Risk Difference<br>(95% CO) | P-value |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| CD1P events and<br>CD2 or higher events | <b>21.0%</b>          | 44.1%          | -23.1%<br>[-29.9,-15.5]     | 0.018   |

- Significantly lower risk of CD1P and CD2 or higher events with Aquablation
- Among recorded complications:
  - Ejaculatory dysfunction: -21.0% risk difference in the Aquablation arm (95% CI: -32.5 to -10.7%)
  - Erectile dysfunction: 0 events
  - Bleeding rates: No significant difference



# Discussion

**FIRST TARGETED STUDY FOR PROSTATES 50-80 mL  
DEMONSTRATES SUPERIORITY OF AQUABLATION OVER TURP:**

In men with prostate size 50-80 mL, Aquablation:

- Boasts durable and better functional outcomes compared to TURP (IPSS & MSHQ-EjD)
- Preserves ejaculatory function, unlike TURP
- Yields lower overall risk of complications



# Discussion

## STUDY MERITS

- International and multicentric data
- Study design (RCT)
- Large sample size to detect superiority in efficacy
- Long-term outcomes

## LIMITATIONS

- Blinding up to three years
- Follow up at years 4 and 5 related to COVID-19



# Conclusions

- Aquablation has better long-term efficacy and safety outcomes than TURP for the management of LUTS due to BPH in men with prostates 50-80 mL
- Our study further supports adoption of Aquablation over TURP for a subset of men having 50-80 mL prostates and interested in preserving ejaculatory function



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## Aquablation for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia in Large Prostates (80-150mL): FINAL 5-Year Results

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# Introduction & Objective

FINAL 5-YEAR DATA FROM THE WATER II CLINICAL TRIAL:

Aquablation therapy in large prostates (80-150mL)  
for lower urinary tract symptoms due to BPH



# Methods: Study Design

|                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>OBJECTIVE</b>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prospective, multi-center, international trial</li><li>• 101 men with moderate-to severe BPH symptoms and prostates 80–150mL</li></ul>                          |
| <b>PRIMARY<br/>SAFETY<br/>ENDPOINT</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Occurrence or persistence CD Grade 1, Grade 2 or higher at 3 months</li><li>• Measured against an objective performance criteria (OPC) with 80% power</li></ul> |
| <b>PRIMARY<br/>EFFICACY<br/>ENDPOINT</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduction in IPSS score at 3 months</li><li>• Measured against an objective performance criteria (OPC) with 99% power</li></ul>                                 |



# Baseline Demographics

| BASELINE DEMOGRAPHICS     | AQUABLATION (N=101) |      | MEDICATION USAGE         | AQUABLATION (N=101) |              |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
|                           | MEAN                | SD   |                          | N                   | %            |
| Age, years                | 67.5                | 6.6  | Anticoagulant            | 4                   | 4.0%         |
| Prostate volume, mL       | 107.4               | 22.1 | Antiplatelet (NSAID)     | 21                  | 20.8%        |
| Middle Lobe, %            | 83.2                | -    | Aspirin ( $\leq 100$ mg) | 18                  | 17.8%        |
| IPSS, points              | 23.2                | 6.3  | <b>Any of the Above</b>  | <b>43</b>           | <b>42.6%</b> |
| Qmax, mL/sec              | 8.7                 | 3.4  | Alpha Blocker            | 41                  | 40.6%        |
| PVR, mL                   | 131                 | 125  | 5-ARI                    | 4                   | 4.0%         |
| MSHQ-EjD, range 0-15      | 8.1                 | 3.9  | Alpha Blocker/5-ARI      | 29                  | 28.7%        |
| IIEF-5 (SHIM), range 0-25 | 15.1                | 7.4  | <b>Any of the Above</b>  | <b>74</b>           | <b>73.3%</b> |



# Procedure & Safety Data

## OPERATIVE DATA

|                                       |          |
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| Mean volume, mL                       | 107 (20) |
| TRUS insertion to final catheter, min | 55 (19)  |
| Mean resection time, min              | 8 (3)    |

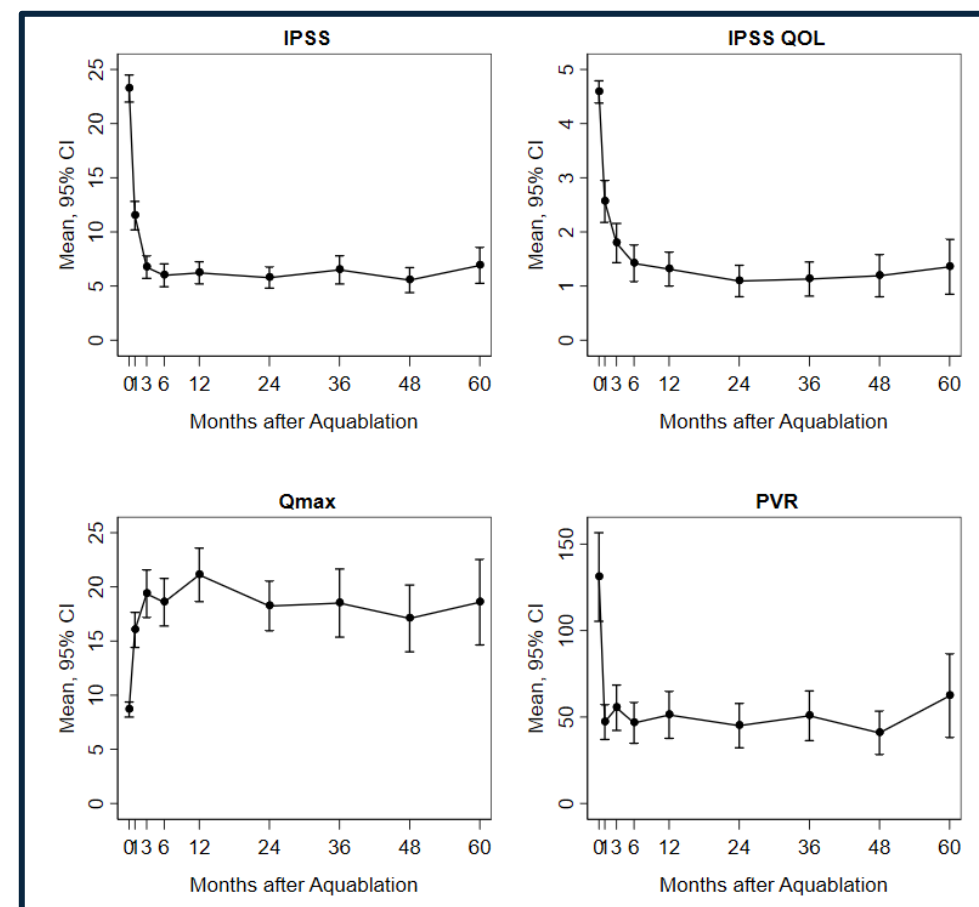
## IRREVERSIBLE COMPLICATIONS

|                                        |     |
|----------------------------------------|-----|
| Stress Incontinence (pad-use)          | 0%  |
| Urge Incontinence (pad-use, non-trans) | 2%  |
| Erectile Dysfunction                   | 0%  |
| Ejaculatory Dysfunction                | 15% |



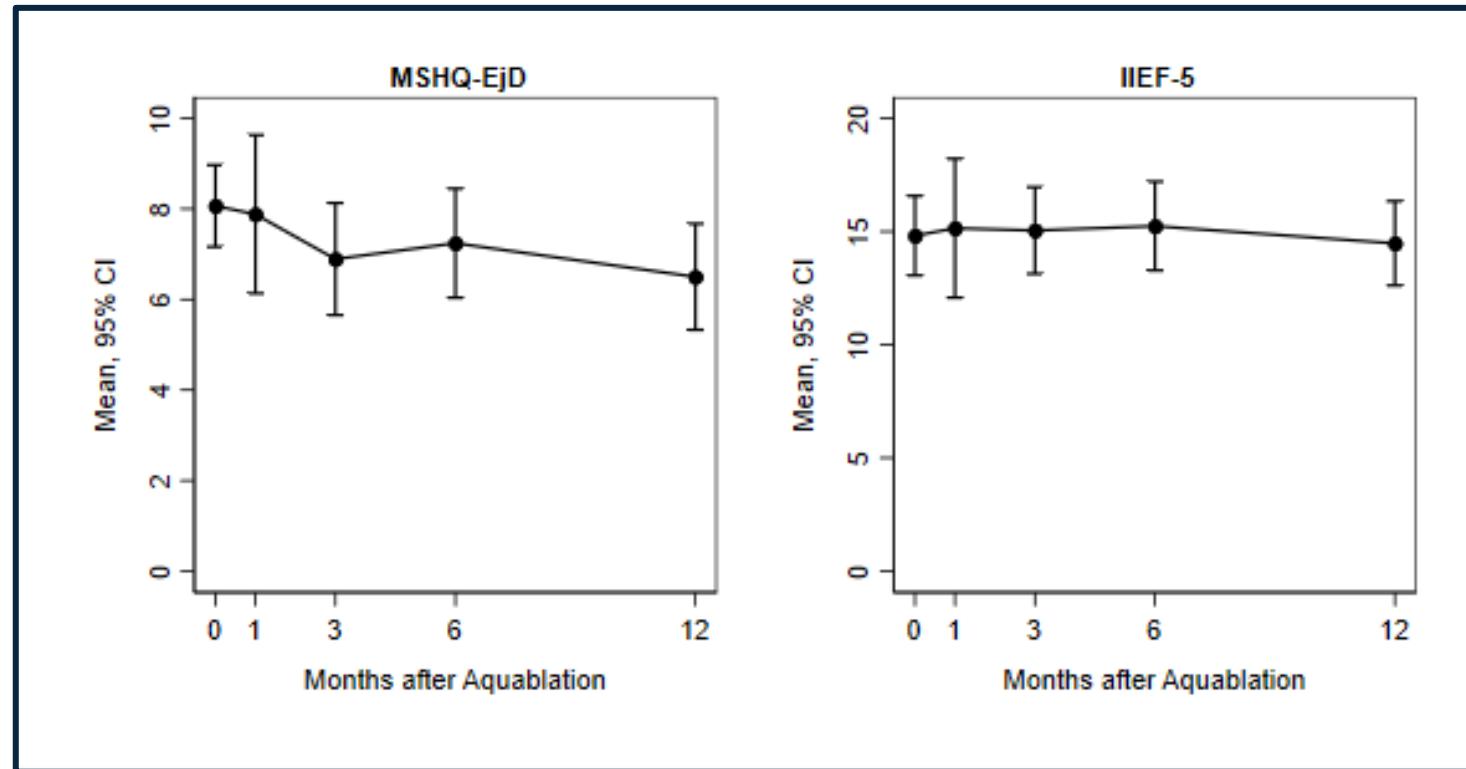
# 5-Year Efficacy Results

| AQUABLATION 5Y Cohort      |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| IPSS improvement           | 15.9, $p < 0.0001$ |
| IPSS baseline (SD)         | 22.6 (6.4)         |
| IPSS at 60-months (SD)     | 6.8 (4.6)          |
| Qmax improvement           | 9.2, $p < 0.0001$  |
| Qmax baseline, mL/sec (SD) | 8.6 (3.4)          |
| Qmax 60-mo, mL/sec (SD)    | 17.1 (9.8)         |





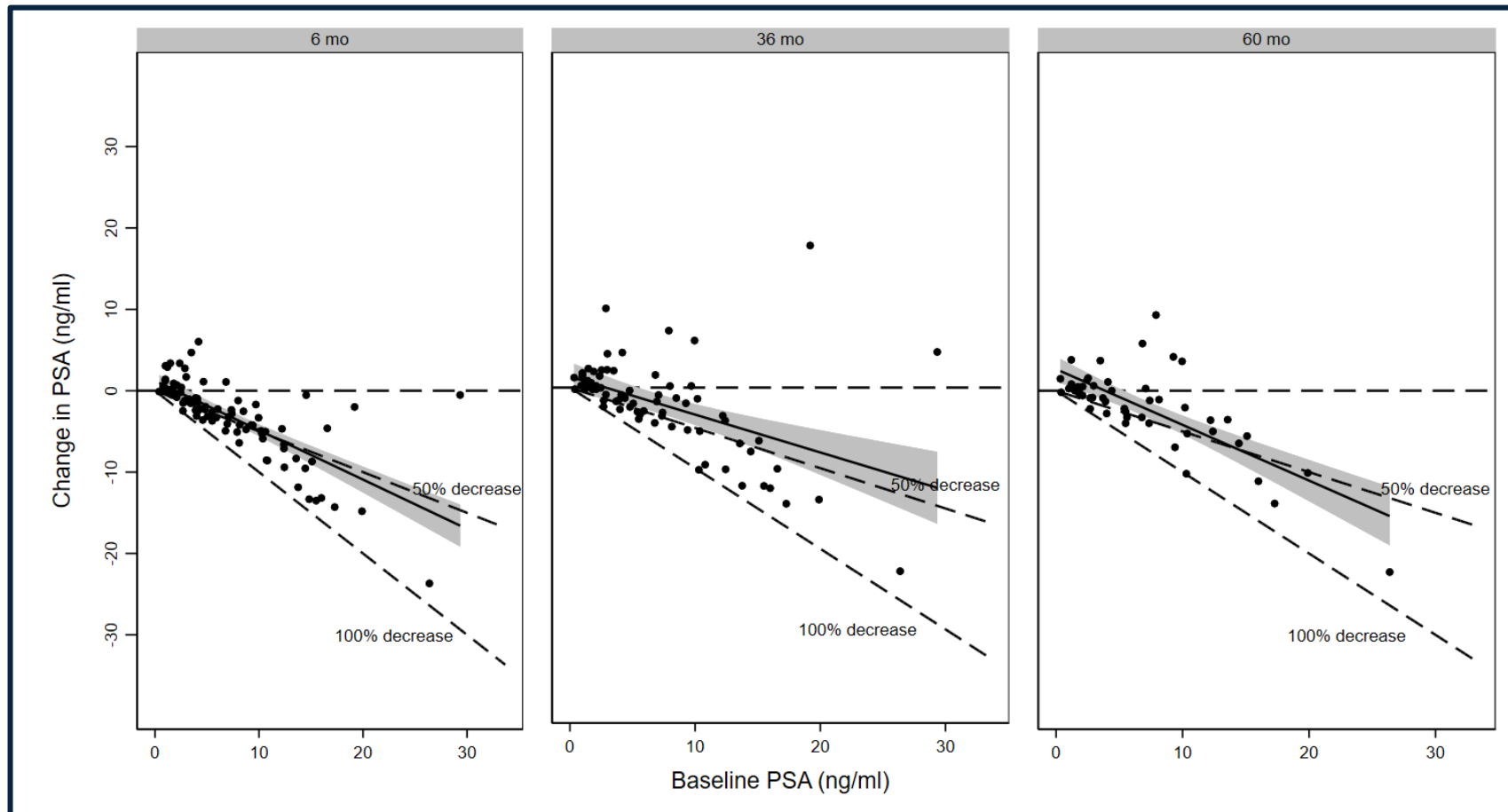
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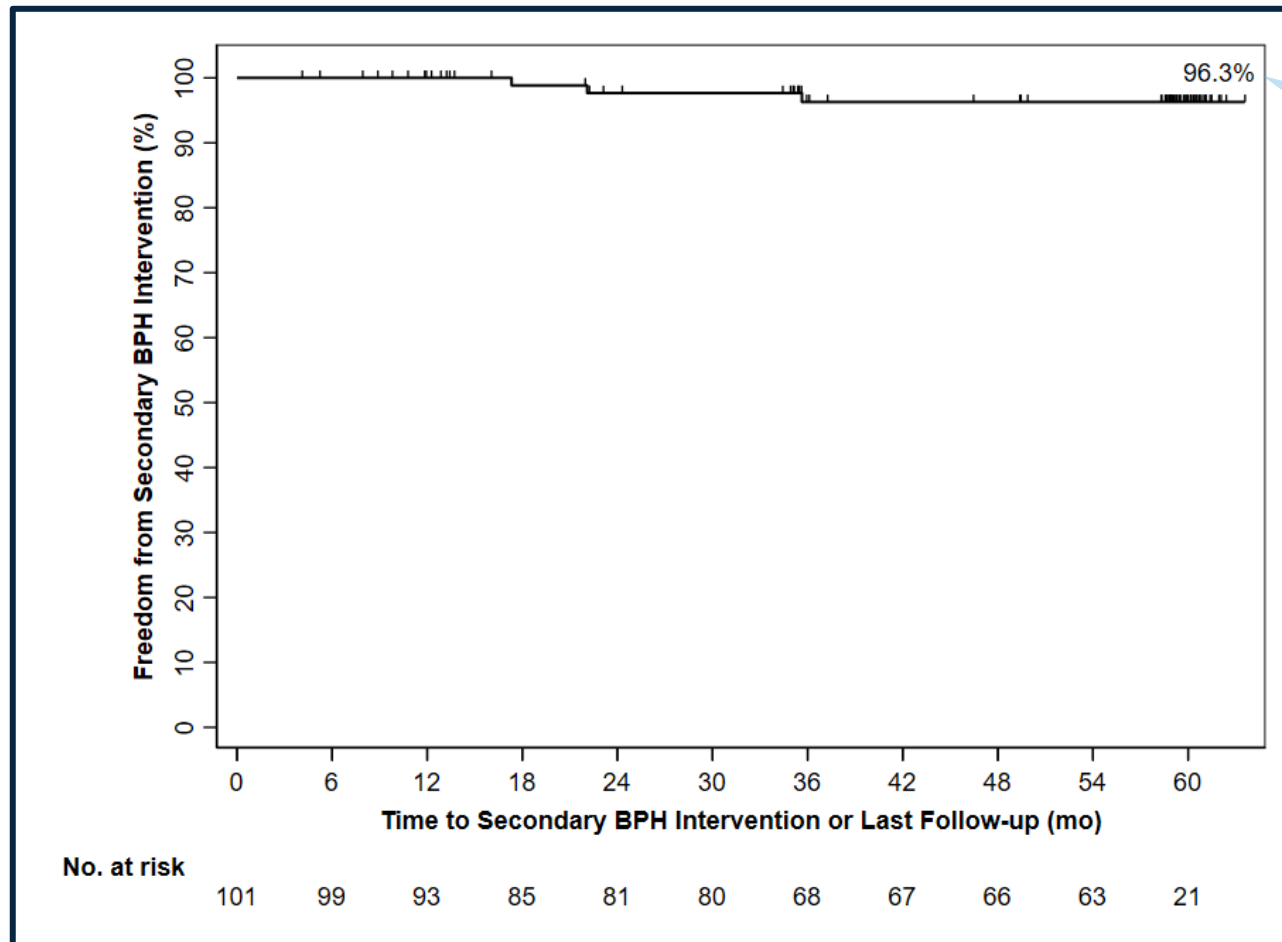


# PSA





# Freedom from Secondary BPH Intervention



**96.3%**

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# Conclusions

- 2<sup>nd</sup> prospective, FDA study confirming Aquablation 5-year outcomes
- Efficacy summary:
  - IPSS, QoL, Qmax, and PVR demonstrated immediate and sustained large improvements
  - 96.3% of patients avoided a secondary intervention due to recurrent symptoms
- At 5-years of prospective follow-up, the Aquablation procedure was shown to be safe, effective, and durable in men with large prostates (80-150mL)



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# 5-year WATER II outcomes for large prostates (80-150mL)

- **Background**

- Prospective, multi-center, international trial
- 101 men with moderate-to severe BPH symptoms and prostates 80–150mL

- **Outcomes**

- IPSS, QoL, Qmax, and PVR demonstrated immediate and sustained large improvements
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- At 5-years of prospective follow-up, the Aquablation procedure was shown to be safe, effective, and durable in men with large prostates (80-150mL)



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## Aquablation Postoperative Bleeding Risk Reduction

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# Introduction & Objective

## CONTEMPORARY HEMOSTASIS PROTOCOL RESULTS

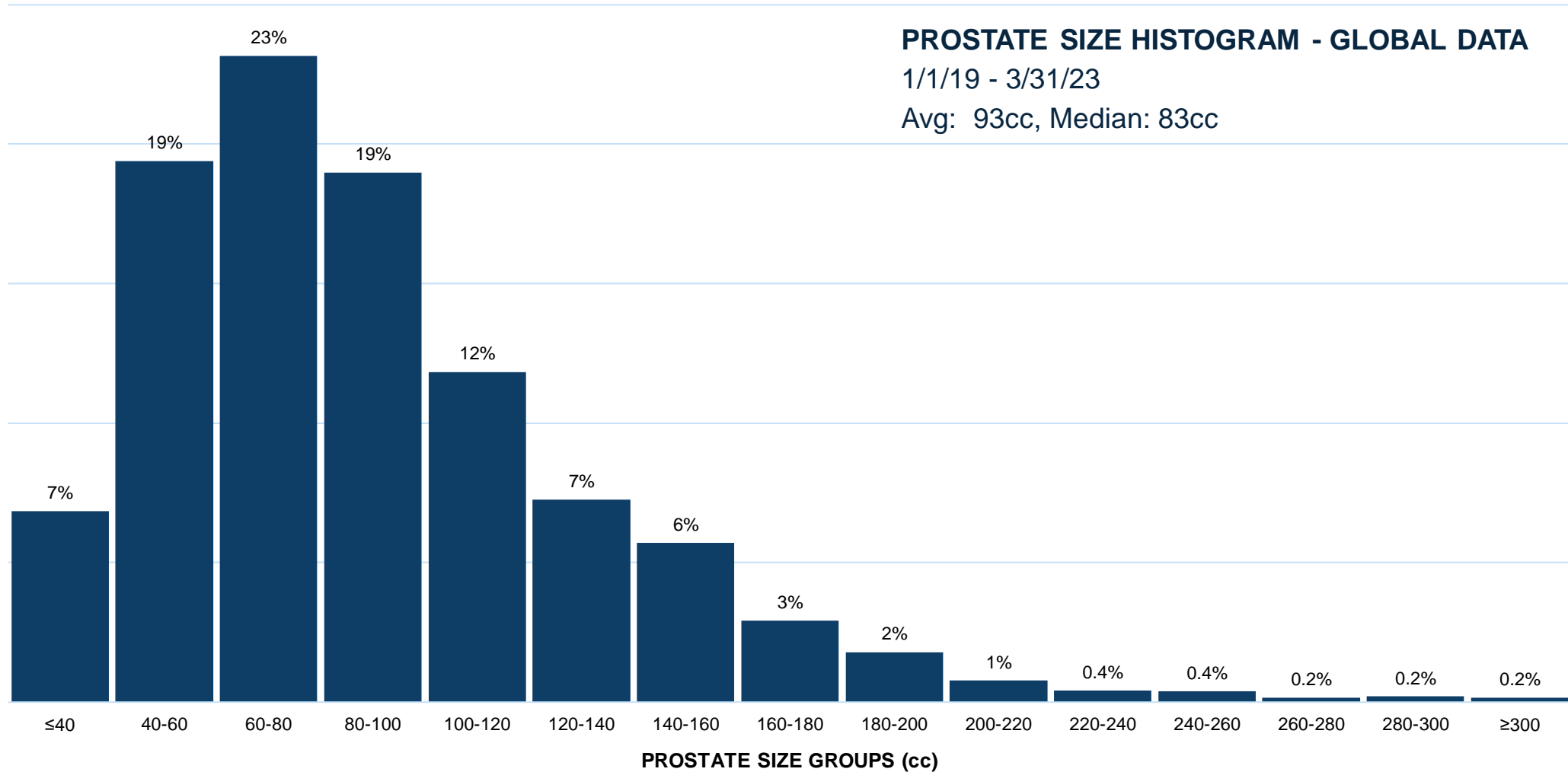
- Aquablation was originally studied in two FDA clinical trials from 2015-2017 (WATER in prostates  $\leq 80\text{mL}$ , WATER II in prostates  $\geq 80\text{mL}$ )
- Aquablation was granted approval by FDA in December of 2017
- Since approval, commercial users have adopted a refined focal cautery approach for hemostasis





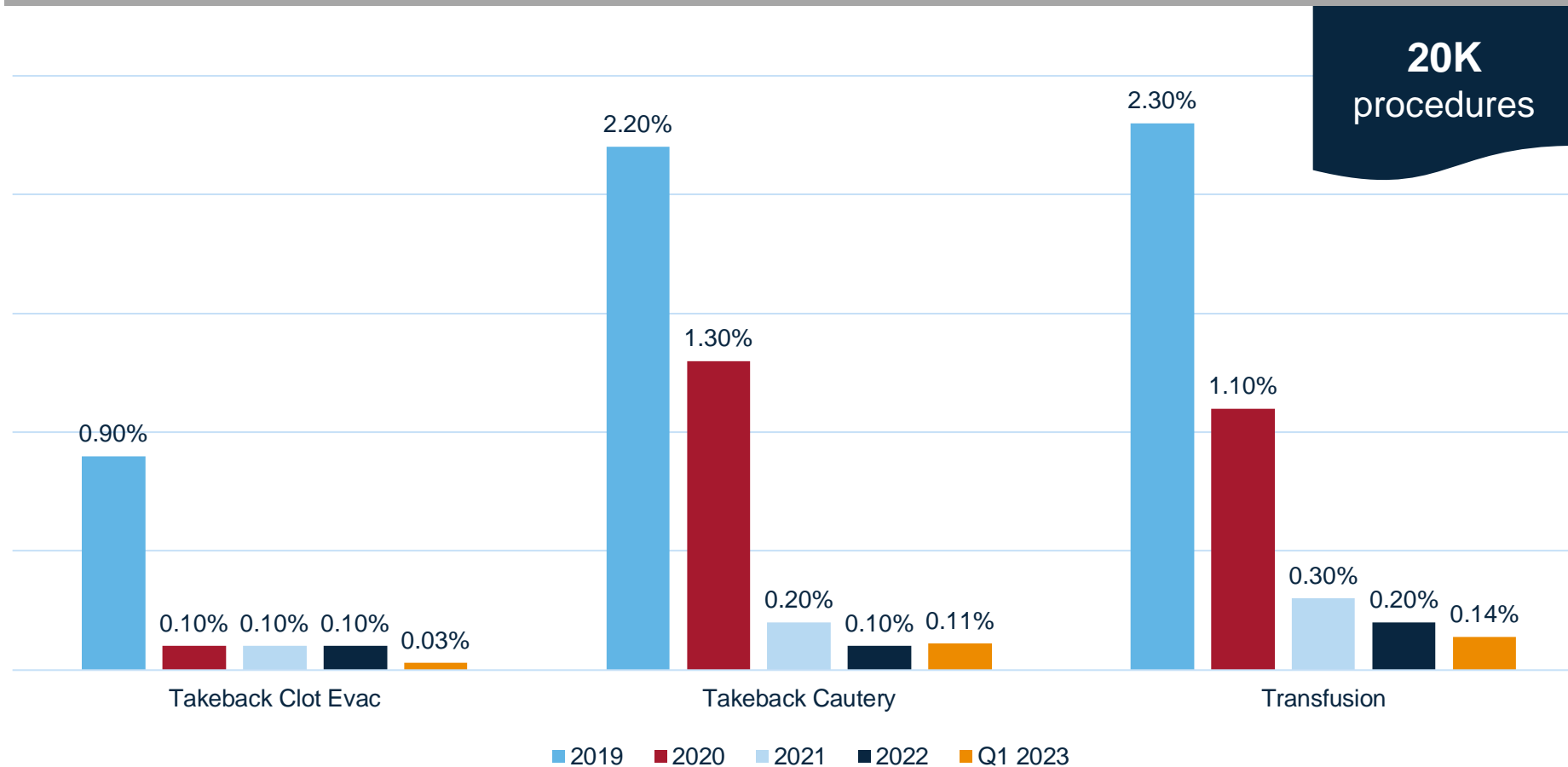
# Methods: Study Design

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>OBJECTIVE</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consecutive, commercial patients undergoing Aquablation from Asia, Europe, and North America</li><li>• Evaluation period last four years</li></ul> |
| <b>PRIMARY OUTCOME</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Risk of transfusion</li><li>• Risk of takeback for fulguration</li><li>• Risk of takeback for clot evacuation</li></ul>                            |





## GLOBAL IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTEMPORARY PROTOCOL: JANUARY 2020

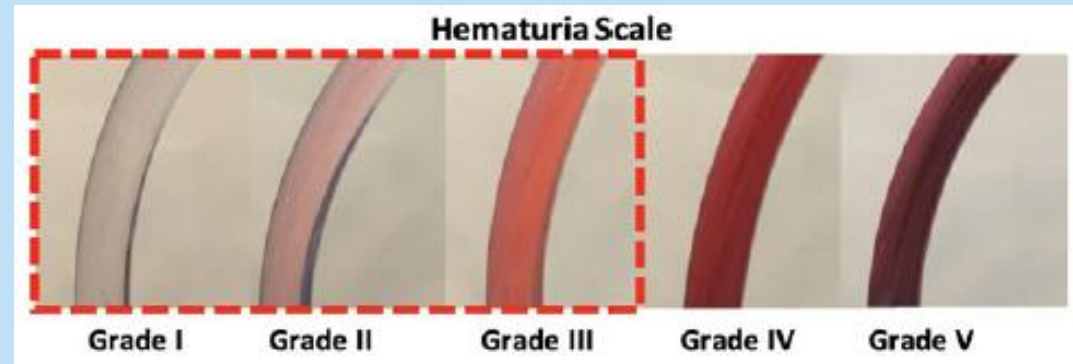




# Discussion

## DAY CASE AQUABLATION

- If the degree of hematuria was not clinically significant (grades I–III) after clamping irrigation at ~4 hours postoperatively, patients were discharged home
- The catheter must be flowing well without clots





# Conclusions

- Aquablation leverages imaging and robotics to allow treatment of a broad range of prostate sizes
- Early learnings in the development of the procedure led surgeons to realize a standardized hemostasis technique was necessary
- Following the adoption of the standardized protocol, the bleeding risk has been reduced 10-fold, allowing some surgeons the option of day-case Aquablation
- Stabilized bleeding risk has allowed for day case Aquablation