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*Virtual*

**AorticLab Embrace  
Transcatheter Antiembolic Filter**

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# TAVR growth

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## **US TAVR Cases Pass a Quarter Million, Surpassing Surgery: Key Trends**

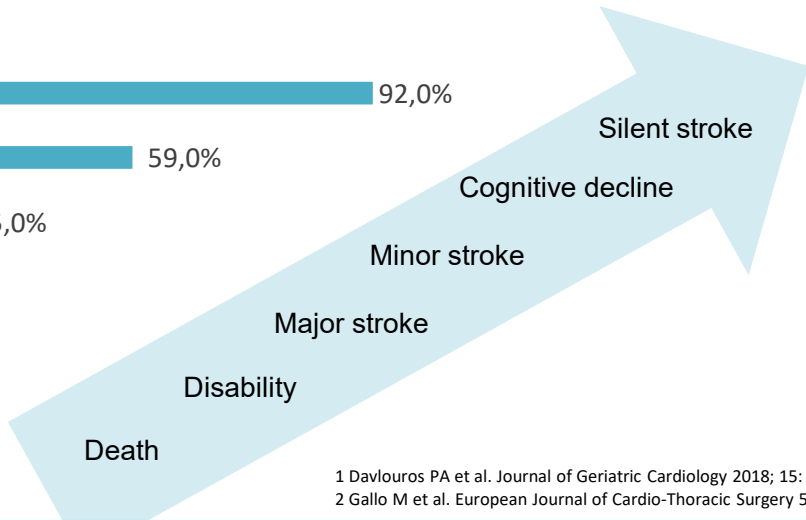
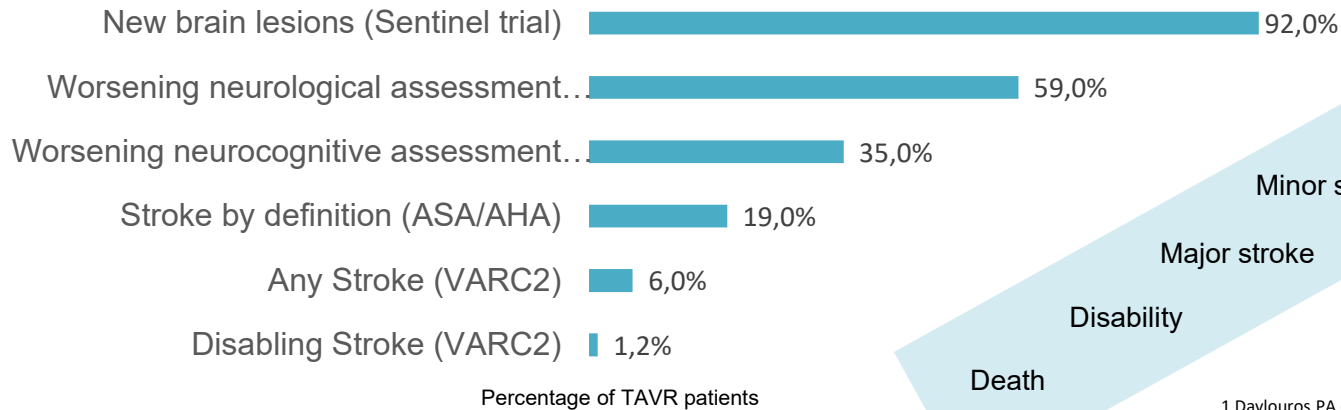
Nine years of TVT Registry data show deaths are down, but pacemakers, stroke, and racial/ethnic disparities merit attention.

TAVR is growing fast, beating SAVR in numbers, but still presents subclinical results, as stroke, that need attention.

# The TAVR procedure carries an inherent risk of stroke

Stroke is confined mainly in the periprocedural and 30-day period following TAVR and it is one of the most feared complications of TAVR because of its associated severe disability and high mortality<sup>1</sup>

During TAVR cerebrovascular accidents can occur at any time<sup>2</sup>

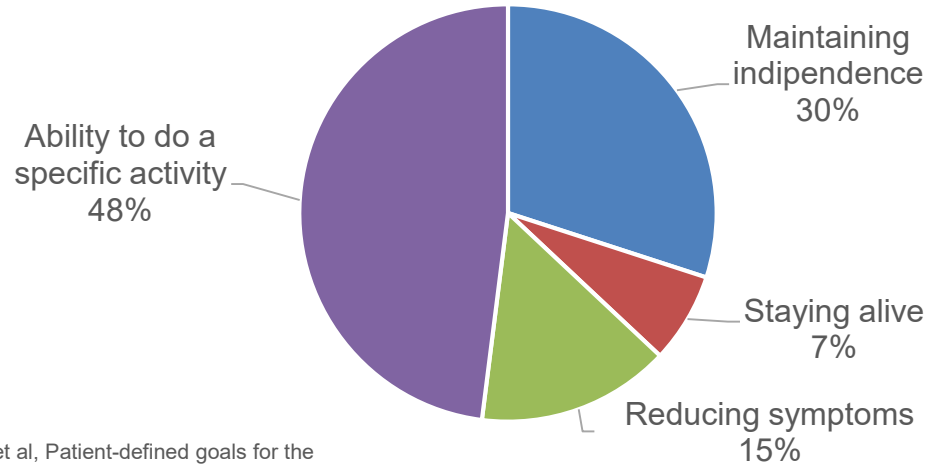


1 Davlouros PA et al. Journal of Geriatric Cardiology 2018; 15: 95-104;  
2 Gallo M et al. European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery 53; 2018: 1118-26;

# TAVR patients' goals

For TAVR patients is better to stay independent and active than alive.

**Stroke is a major factor in these outcomes.**



Source: Coylewright M., et al, Patient-defined goals for the treatment of severe aortic stenosis: a qualitative analysis

# AorticLab solution



**The transcatheter total body antiembolic system**

# EMBRACE

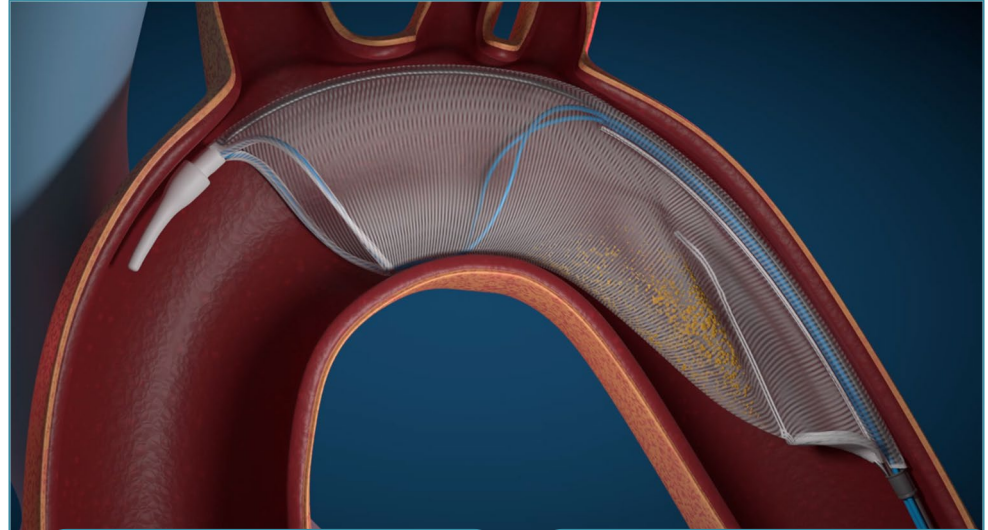
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# EMBRACE – The transcatheter antiembolic filter

**EMBRACE** has been designed to protect cerebral and peripheral vessels

**EMBRACE** unique design is compatible with **ALL delivery systems**

**EMBRACE will make TAVR procedures more safe in term of cerebral strokes, kidney and peripheral adverse events**



**Pigtail** for TAVR procedures integrated in the **EMBRACE** delivery

**EMBRACE** is deployed in the ascending aorta in less than 5 minutes and perfectly **fits with** the aortic wall

**EMBRACE** has the following unique quality:  
≤ 70µm mesh pore  
Compatibility with 12 Fr introducer for all sizes



# EMBRACE In-Vitro test

## Debris capture ability test

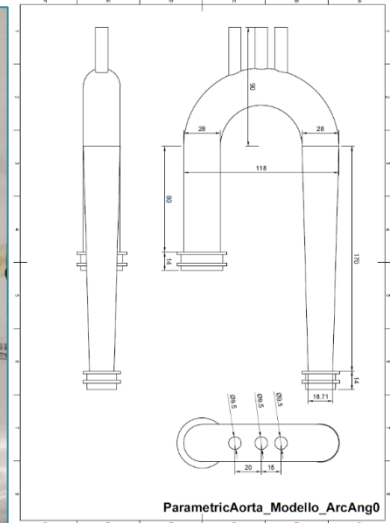
>150 $\mu$ m particles captured during  
In-Vitro TAVR procedures

EMBRACE	Cerebral branches protection	Systemic protection
Mean $\pm$ SD	99 $\pm$ 1%	84 $\pm$ 8%



## Pressure drop

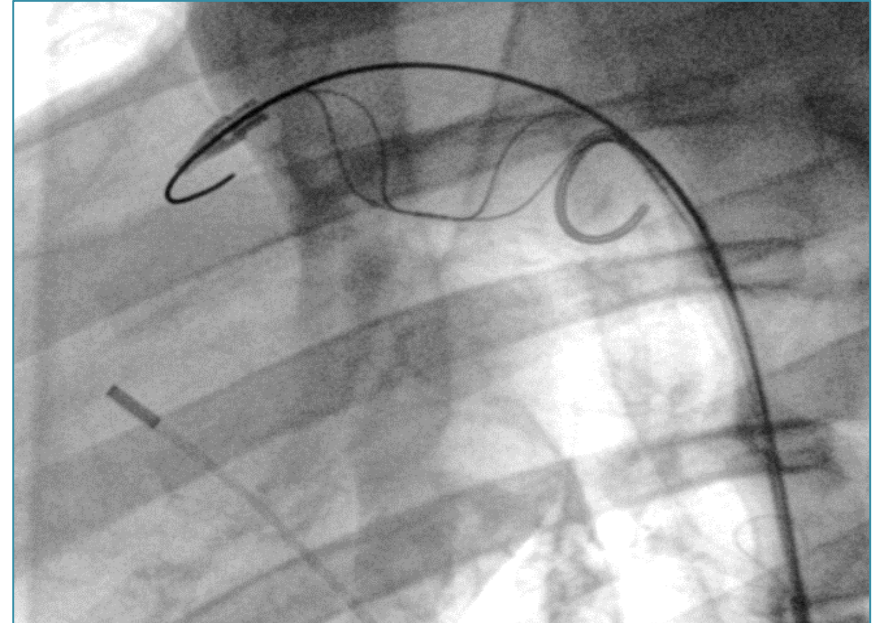
The  $\Delta p$  calculated through EMBRACE filter in the  
In-Vitro test is **6.6 mmHg** @4,5 l/min cardiac output



# EMBRACE Usability test



Cardiologists perform EMBRACE In-Vivo test



EMBRACE In-Vivo test positioning

# Not simply another EPD...

EPD	TAF	Sentinel	Triguard3	Protembo	Pointguard	Emblok	Emboliner	Captis
Cerebral protection		Not all branches covered						
Systemic protection								
Debris removal								
Stability								
Filter pore size (µm)	70	140	115x145	60	?	125	170	115x145

- **Timing device preparation:** within 3 minutes

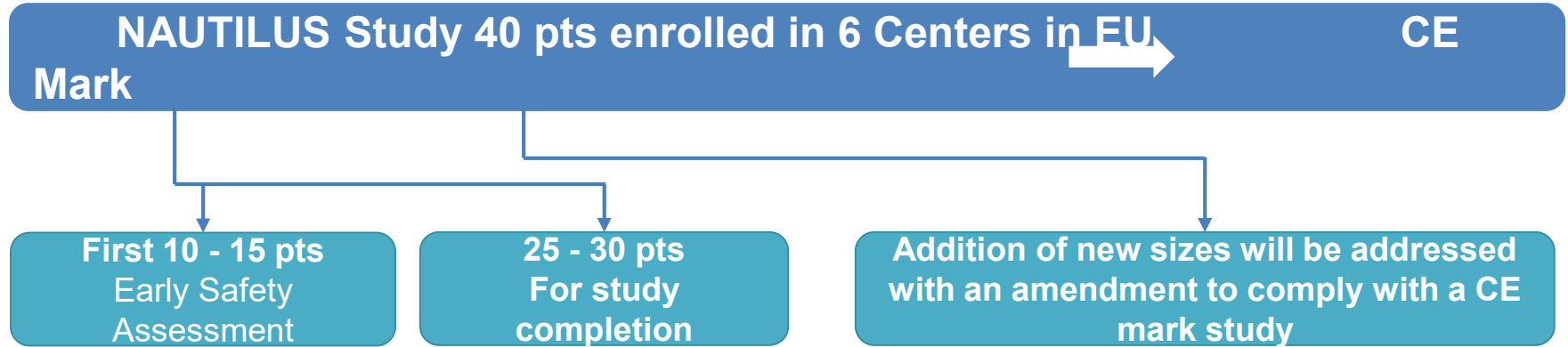
TAF procedural data\*:

- **Timing device deployment and positioning:** within 2 minutes

- **Timing device retrieve:** within 2 minutes

\* Data from preclinical in-vivo tests

# EMBRACE Clinical trial – Nautilus Study



# Nautilus study endpoints

<b>Performance Endpoints:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Technical Success</b> [Time Frame: immediately after procedure] defined as successful placement, insertion and removal of the EMBRACE System</li><li>• <b>Debris capture</b> post-TAVR by the EMBRACE System with gross and histopathological evaluation including particle size and composition</li><li>• <b>EMBRACE System Usability</b>, graded by the Investigator with a 5-point Likert scale</li></ul>
<b>Clinical Benefit Endpoints:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Brain imaging (DW-MRI):</b> Acute cerebral embolic burden reduction after TAVR, defined as number and volume of new cerebral lesions in all cerebral territories assessed by DW-MRI [Timeframe: within 2-5 days after procedure vs. baseline].</li><li>• <b>Neurocognitive:</b> Neurocognitive protection assessed by NIHSS, Montreal Cognitive Assessment and mRS [Timeframe: 2-7 days and 30-days vs. baseline].</li></ul>

# The essentials to remember

## Stroke is one of the most feared complications of TAVR

Emboic protection devices act as a **mechanical barrier** to prevent emboli to reach cerebral vasculature

**EMBRACE** filter positioned in the aortic arch captures the debris released during the TAVR procedure with a dimension over 70 $\mu$ m

**EMBRACE** demonstrates to be quickly and easily deployed, compatible with different aortic arch geometries, stable during TAVR procedures and with a low thrombosis risk

**Patients with lower risk profile and longer life expectancy, submitted to TAVR procedure, need to be protected from stroke**