



# Computer Assisted Vacuum Thrombectomy (CAVT) for ACUTE PULMONARY EMBOLISM: Generating the Evidence

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### Endovascular Therapy Research in PE



EXTRACT-PE TRIAL

 STRIKE-PE STUDY

 STORM-PE TRIAL

Penumbra-sponsored PE studies

STORM-PE Indigo vs AC alone (RCT)  
15+ other studies




### Computer Assisted Vacuum Thrombectomy



Lightning™ 12 aspiration catheter with Separator™ wire









Lightning Flash™ (16F catheter)


Penumbra ENGINE™ pump with Lightning Aspiration Tubing attached



**Objective:** Evaluate real-world long-term functional outcomes, safety, and performance of the Indigo® Aspiration System for the treatment of pulmonary embolism (PE)

ClinicalTrials.gov ID: NCT04798261

-  PI: John Moriarty, MD (UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, USA)
-  Up to 80 global sites
-  Up to 1500 patients with acute intermediate-risk or high-risk PE
-  Primary safety endpoint: Composite MAEs at 48 h
-  Primary performance endpoint: RV/LV change at 48 h
-  Secondary endpoints: QOL & functional outcomes at 90 d
-  Long-term follow-up to 1 year
-  Interim analysis of 300 patients through discharge



### Primary & Secondary Endpoints

**Primary performance endpoint\***

- Change in RV/LV ratio from baseline to 48 hours postprocedure

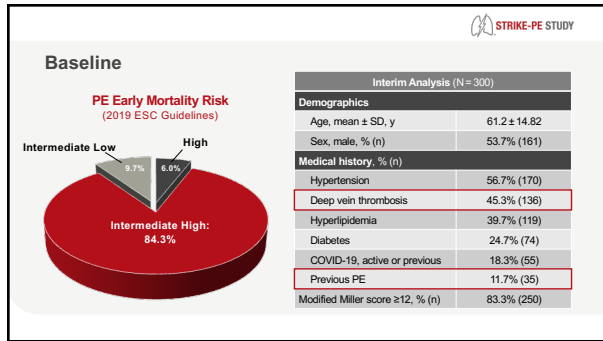
**Primary safety endpoint†**

- Composite of major adverse events (MAEs) within 48 hours:
  - Major bleeding
  - Device-related death
  - Device-related clinical deterioration
  - Device-related pulmonary vascular injury
  - Device-related cardiac injury

**Secondary endpoints**

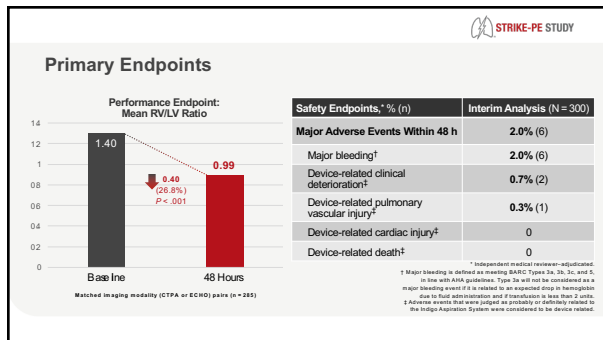
- Functional outcomes at 90 days
  - NYHA classification
  - 6-minute walk test (6MWT)
  - Borg dyspnea scale
- Quality of life at 90 days
  - Generic: EQ-SD-SL & EQ VAS
  - Disease-specific: PEmb-QoL
- Incidence of device-related SAEs‡
- Any-cause mortality within 30 days‡
- Symptomatic PE recurrence within 30 days‡

\* Per core lab or otherwise per physician.  
† Independent medical review adjudicated.



### Periprocedural Characteristics

Periprocedural Characteristics	Interim Analysis (N = 300) median [IQR] or % (n)
Symptom onset to admission time	41.0 h [14.0-104.5]
Symptom onset to puncture time	2.9 d [1.5-5.3]
Thrombectomy time	30.0 min <sup>†</sup> [21.0-44.0] <sup>†</sup>
Procedure time	62.0 min <sup>§</sup> [48.0-86.0] <sup>§</sup>
ICU length of stay after procedure	1.0 d <sup>†</sup> [0.0-2.0]
No ICU stay required	40.3% (121)
Hospital length of stay after procedure	5.0 d [4.0-7.0]

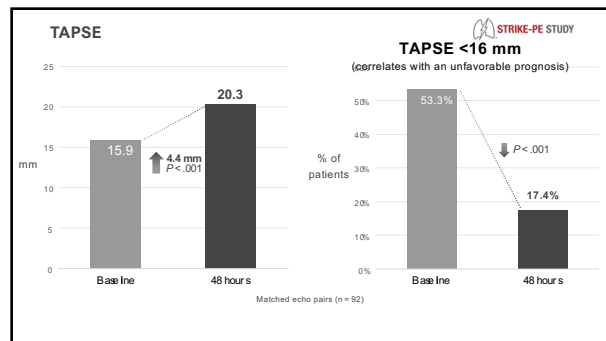
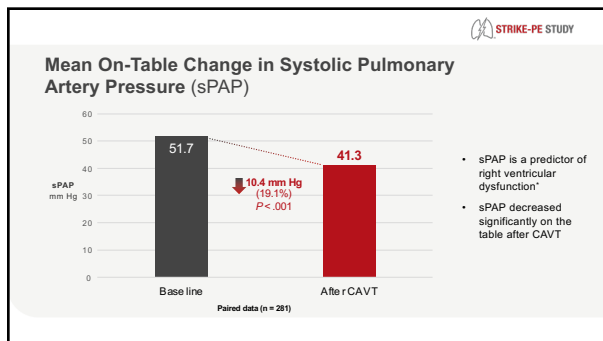


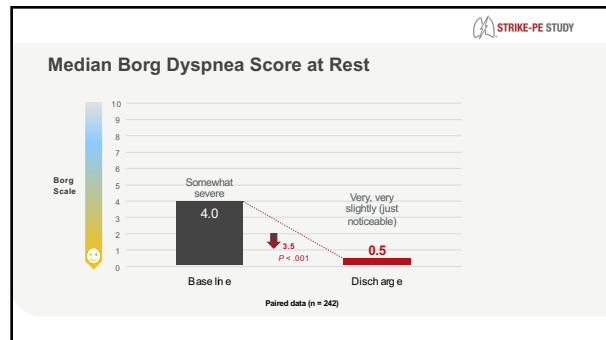
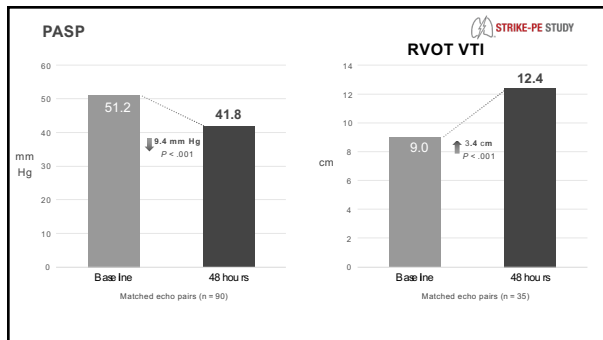
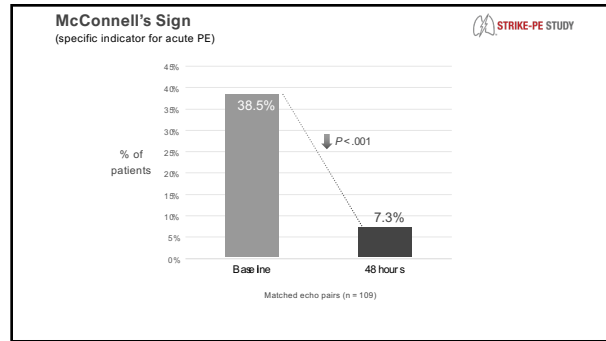
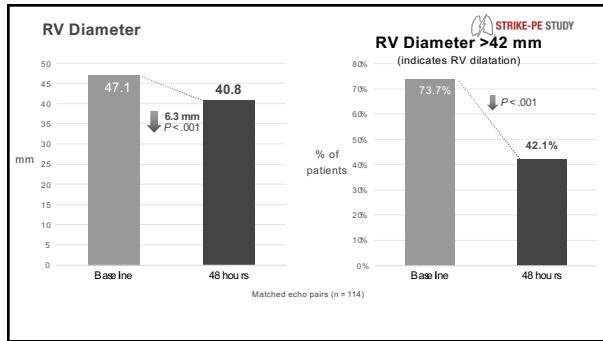
### Additional Safety Details

Secondary Safety Endpoints, % (n)	Interim Analysis (N = 300)
Device-related serious adverse events <sup>†</sup>	0.7% (2)
Any-cause mortality within 30 d	1.0% (3)
Recurrent PE within 30 d	0.7% (2)

Transfusion Details, % (n)	Interim Analysis (N = 300)
Major bleeding requiring transfusion	1.0% (3)
Device-related transfusion	0.3% (1)





**STRIKE-PE Interim Results Conclusion**

**Rapid, statistically significant improvements in RV/LV ratio and sPAP while maintaining safety**

- RV/LV ratio improvement:  $\downarrow 0.38$  (25.7%)
- sPAP improvement:  $\downarrow 8.9$  mm Hg (16.3%)
- Major adverse events within 48h: 2.7% (4)
- Thrombotomy time: 33.5 min

**Improvement in patients' functional capacity at 90 days**

NYHA: Returned to pre-PE event status

- 6-minute walk test:  $\uparrow 129$  m
- Borg scale:  $\downarrow 4.0$

**Improvement in both generic and disease-specific quality of life measures at 90 days**

- EQ-5D-5L dimensions: Improved
- EQ-5D-5L index value:  $\uparrow 0.23$
- EQ VAS:  $\uparrow 22.9$
- PEmb-QoL domains: Improved
- Overall PEmb-QoL:  $\downarrow 18.9$

In this interim analysis, treatment with CAVT is effective at relieving right heart strain, and patients show significant improvements in 90-day functional capacity and quality of life.

[Article published in JGIM](#)

**CLINICAL STUDY**

**Clinical, Functional, and Quality-of-Life Outcomes after Computer Assisted Vacuum Thrombectomy for Pulmonary Embolism: Interim Analysis of the STRIKE-PE Study**

John M. Moriarty, MB, BCH, Suhail Y. Dohad, MD, Brian J. Schiro, MD, Houman Tamaddon, MD, Robert E. Heithaus, MD, Elias A. Iliadis, MD, David J. Dexter II, MD, David M. Shavelle, MD, Silvio R.N. Leal, MD, Antonious S. Attallah, MD, Frances M. West, MD, W. Brent Keeling, MD, Andrew S.P. Sharp, MD, and Ido Weinberg, MD

*Clinical, Functional, and Quality of Life Outcomes After Computer Assisted Vacuum Thrombectomy for Pulmonary Embolism: Interim Analysis of the STRIKE-PE Study*

STRIKE-PE: Prospective, international, multicenter study to enroll 600 patients

Interim analysis of 150 patients  
92.7% with high-risk or intermediate-high-risk PE

Acute PE ≤14 days  
RV/LV ratio ≥0.9

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Primary outcomes	Improvements from baseline to 90 days (all P < .001)	
Change in RV/LV ratio at 48 h (effectiveness)	Δ 0.38 (25.7%) ↓	EQ VAS
Composite major adverse event rate (safety)	2.7% (4/150)	Overall PEm-QoL
		EQ-5D-5L index value
		Δ 4.0 ↓
		Δ 22.9 ↑
		Δ 18.9 ↑
		Δ 0.23 ↑

Moriarty et al. *JVIR*, 2024; 35:1154-1165e6 | Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology | **JVIR**

**New Technology: Lightning Flash™**

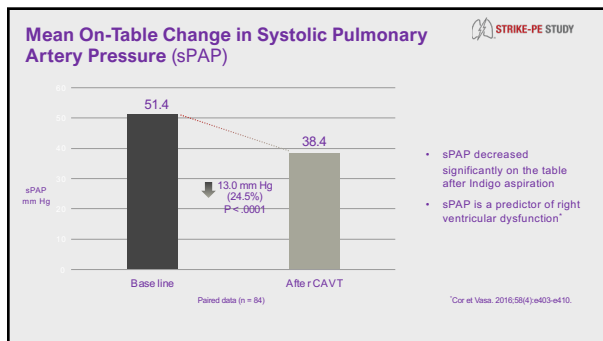
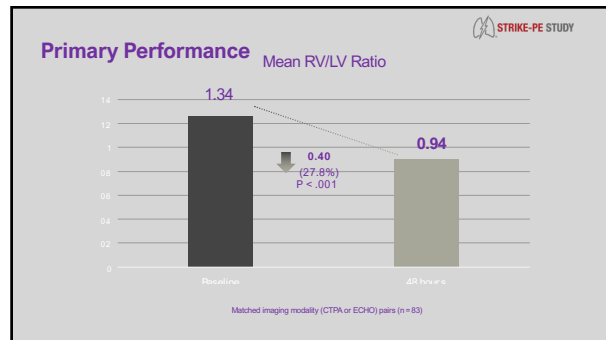
Periprocedural Characteristics; mean (SD), median [IQR], or % (n)	Lightning Flash (N = 86)
Thrombectomy time, min*	23 [19-35]
Primary endpoint: Percent reduction in RV/LV ratio, baseline to 48 h	27.8% (14.1%)†
Percent reduction in sPAP	24.5% (18.5%)
Reduction in Borg dyspnea scale score, baseline to discharge	3 [2-7]

\* First Indigo device insertion to last Indigo device removal. † N = 85. ‡ Access site hemorrhage.

**Safety Endpoints and Details**

Primary Safety Endpoints,* % (n)	FLASH (n = 86)
Major adverse events within 48 h	1.2% (1)
Secondary Safety Endpoints,* % (n)	
Device-related serious adverse events†	0%
Any-cause mortality within 30 d	0%
Recurrent PE within 30 d	0%
Transfusion Details,* % (n)	
Major bleeding requiring transfusion	0%
Device-related transfusion	0%

\* Independent medical review adjudicated. † Adverse events that were judged as probably or definitely related to the Indigo Aspiration System were considered to be device-related.



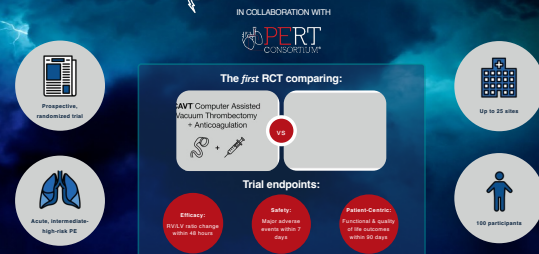
**HOW CAN WE ADVANCE THE SCIENCE AND CREATE LEVEL ONE EVIDENCE FOR COMPUTER ASSISTED VACUUM THROMBECTOMY FOR ACUTE PULMONARY EMBOLISM?**



**STORM-PE**

A Prospective, Multicenter, Randomized Controlled Trial Evaluating Anticoagulation Alone vs Anticoagulation plus Mechanical Aspiration with the Indigo® Aspiration System for the Treatment of Intermediate High Risk Pulmonary Embolism

STRIKE-PE STUDY



**STORM-PE TRIAL**

IN COLLABORATION WITH PERT CONSORTIUM

The first RCT comparing:

IAVT Computer Assisted Vacuum Thrombectomy + Anticoagulation vs AC

**Trial endpoints:**

- Efficiency:** RVLV ratio change within 48 hours
- Safety:** Major adverse events within 7 days
- Patient Center:** Functional & QoL quality of life outcomes within 90 days

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**Study Design**



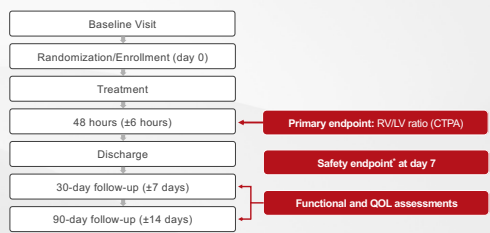
Intermediate-high-risk patients  
1:1 randomization

**Indigo + AC** vs **AC alone**



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**Protocol Timeline**



- Baseline Visit
- Randomization/Enrollment (day 0)
- Treatment
- 48 hours (±6 hours) → **Primary endpoint: RVLV ratio (CTPA)**
- Discharge → **Safety endpoint\* at day 7**
- 30-day follow-up (±7 days) → **Functional and QoL assessments**
- 90-day follow-up (±14 days) → **Functional and QoL assessments**

\* Composite of clinical deterioration requiring escalation of care, PE-related mortality, symptomatic recurrent PE, or major bleeding

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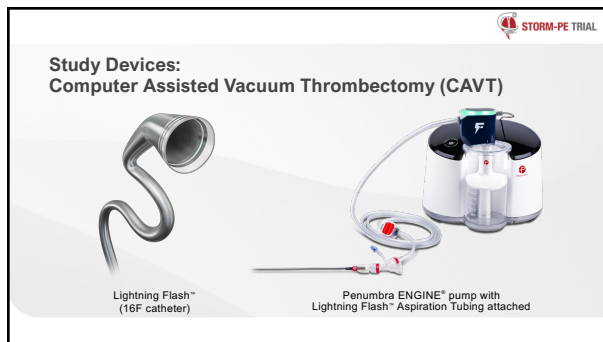
**Wearable Device Substudy**

- 24/7 data collection as participants go through their daily routines at work and at home
- Data collected include the following:
  - Heart rate
  - Respiratory rate
  - O<sub>2</sub> saturation via pulse oximetry (SpO<sub>2</sub>)
  - Sleep
  - Steps taken and distance travelled
  - Intensity minutes (exercise)
- Data will provide insight into participants' recovery and exercise after PE



Venue® Sq smartwatch by Garmin®  
Provided free to participants

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- Significance of STORM-PE Trial**
- Generate evidence-based insights into safety and efficacy of two current PE treatment approaches and reinforce findings of previous single-arm studies
  - Provide robust level 1 evidence on whether mechanical aspiration thrombectomy with anticoagulation vs anticoagulation alone offers:
    - Superior efficacy in reducing right heart strain
    - Enhanced overall patient recovery
  - Potential to influence PE treatment guidelines, optimize therapeutic strategies, and improve patient outcomes

- Summary**
- ⚡ First randomized, level 1 data comparing mechanical aspiration thrombectomy to anticoagulation alone
  - ⚡ Advance our understanding of best treatment options for intermediate high-risk PE patients
  - ⚡ Preliminary Flash data for STRIKE-PE is promising regarding efficacy and safety

**Thank you!**