



# **IN.PACT SFA Health Economic Study**

## ***DCB Cost-Effectiveness at 2 Year Follow-up***

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# Background

- Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty (PTA) of femoropopliteal disease achieves excellent initial success but is limited by high rates of restenosis
- Although bare metal and drug-eluting stents improve long-term patency, concerns remain about stent fracture and management of in-stent restenosis
- Recently, 2-year results of the IN.PACT SFA trial demonstrated that PTA using the IN.PACT Admiral drug-coated balloon (DCB) led to reduced rates of restenosis and clinically-driven target lesion revascularization compared with standard PTA
- The long-term cost-effectiveness of this approach is unknown

# Methods

- Prospective economic analysis alongside the IN.PACT SFA II trial
- Analytic perspective = US healthcare system
- Co-Primary endpoints
  - Total PAD-related healthcare costs (target limb only)
  - Incremental cost-effectiveness of DCB vs. standard PTA assessed in terms of cost per quality-adjusted life-year (QALY) gained

# Methods - Costs

- Costs for index procedure and subsequent target limb related care collected through 2 years of follow-up
  - *Resource-based accounting for revascularization procedures, medications, and outpatient vascular care*
  - *Other hospital costs based on hospital billing data → converted to costs using hospital and department-specific cost to charge ratios*
  - *Costs for treatment of PAD of the contralateral limb excluded*
- IN.PACT Admiral drug-coated balloons assigned a cost of \$1,375 based on the current average acquisition cost in the United States

# Methods - QALYs

- EQ-5D scores were collected prospectively at baseline, 1, 6, 12, and 24 month f/u
  - *Converted to utility weights using U.S. specific algorithm*
- QALYs calculated as time-weighted averages, assuming that transitions between health states occurred at the mid-point of each observation period

# Methods – Accounting for Differential Mortality

- 2-year mortality was significantly higher in the DCB group (10.7% vs. 0%,  $p=0.005$ ) of the IN.PACT SFA II trial (US phase)
- Detailed review of individual events suggests this difference is unlikely to be related to DCB treatment
- To avoid underestimation of both costs and QALYs for the DCB group, we used a decision-analytic Markov model to estimate 2-year event rates, costs, and QALYs under the assumption of no differential mortality between the DCB and PTA groups
  - *Model parameters with respect to event rates, relative risks, costs, and QALYs derived from the observed trial data*

# Methods – Cost Effectiveness

- Costs and QALYs discounted at a rate of 3% per year consistent with current US guidelines
- Incremental cost-effectiveness ratios calculated in standard fashion:

$$\text{ICER} = \frac{\text{2-year cost}_{\text{DCB}} - \text{2 year cost}_{\text{PTA}}}{\text{2-year QALYs}_{\text{DCB}} - \text{2-year QALYs}_{\text{PTA}}}$$

- Uncertainty around estimates assessed using probabilistic sensitivity analysis (1000 replicates)



# Baseline Patient Characteristics

|                      | DCB<br>(n=121) | PTA<br>(n=60) | p-value |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|---------|
| Age (years)          | 68.4 ± 8.8     | 68.2 ± 9.7    | 0.891   |
| Male (%)             | 63.6%          | 63.3%         | 0.968   |
| Diabetes (%)         | 47.9%          | 40.0%         | 0.313   |
| Current smoking (%)  | 32.2%          | 30.0%         | 0.761   |
| Rutherford class (%) |                |               |         |
| II                   | 41.3%          | 38.3%         | 0.357   |
| III                  | 51.2%          | 56.7%         |         |
| IV                   | 7.4%           | 3.3%          |         |
| V                    | 0.0%           | 1.7%          |         |

# Lesion Characteristics

|                           | DCB<br>(n=122*) | Standard PTA<br>(n=61*) | p-value |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Target lesion length (cm) | 8.5 ± 4.9       | 9.3 ± 5.6               | 0.322   |
| Total occlusion (%)       | 19.7%           | 16.4%                   | 0.591   |
| Ref. vessel diameter (mm) | 4.8 ± 0.9       | 4.7 ± 0.8               | 0.486   |
| Percent stenosis          | 79 ± 16         | 80 ± 13                 | 0.541   |

\* Number of lesions

# Index Resource Use and Cost

|                          | DCB<br>n=121  | Standard PTA<br>n=60 | p-value |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------|
| Standard PTA balloons    | 1.3 ± 0.5     | 2.3 ± 0.7            | <0.001  |
| Drug-coated balloons     | 1.4 ± 0.6     | 0.0 ± 0.0            | <0.001  |
| Provisional stenting (%) | 2.5%          | 13.3%                | 0.007   |
| Stents                   | 0.1 ± 0.3     | 0.2 ± 0.5            | 0.067   |
| Costs                    |               |                      |         |
| Index procedure          | \$5953 ± 2434 | \$4604 ± 2331        | <0.001  |
| Index hospitalization    | \$8293 ± 3230 | \$7164 ± 3325        | 0.03    |

**Δ Initial Cost = \$1,129**

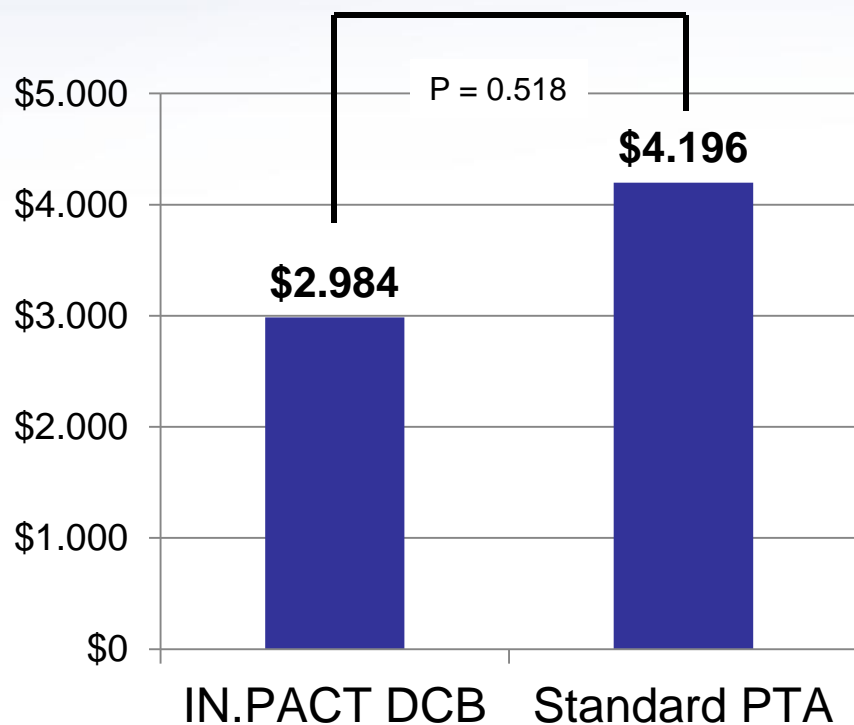
# 2-Year Outcomes (Unadjusted)

|                                | DCB<br>n=121 | Standard PTA<br>n=60 | p-value* |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------|
| <b>Proportion of Patients</b>  |              |                      |          |
| Target Lesion Revasc.          | 5.8%         | 21.7%                | 0.001    |
| Target Limb Revasc.            | 9.9%         | 30.0%                | <0.001   |
| <b>Events per 100 patients</b> |              |                      |          |
| Target Lesion Revasc.          | 12.4 ± 77.0  | 28.3 ± 61.3          | 0.002    |
| Target Limb Revasc.            | 20.7 ± 99.9  | 41.7 ± 78.7          | <0.001   |

\* Event counts compared by Wilcoxon test

# Follow-up Costs Through 2 Years

$\Delta$  Follow-up Cost = - \$1,212/patient

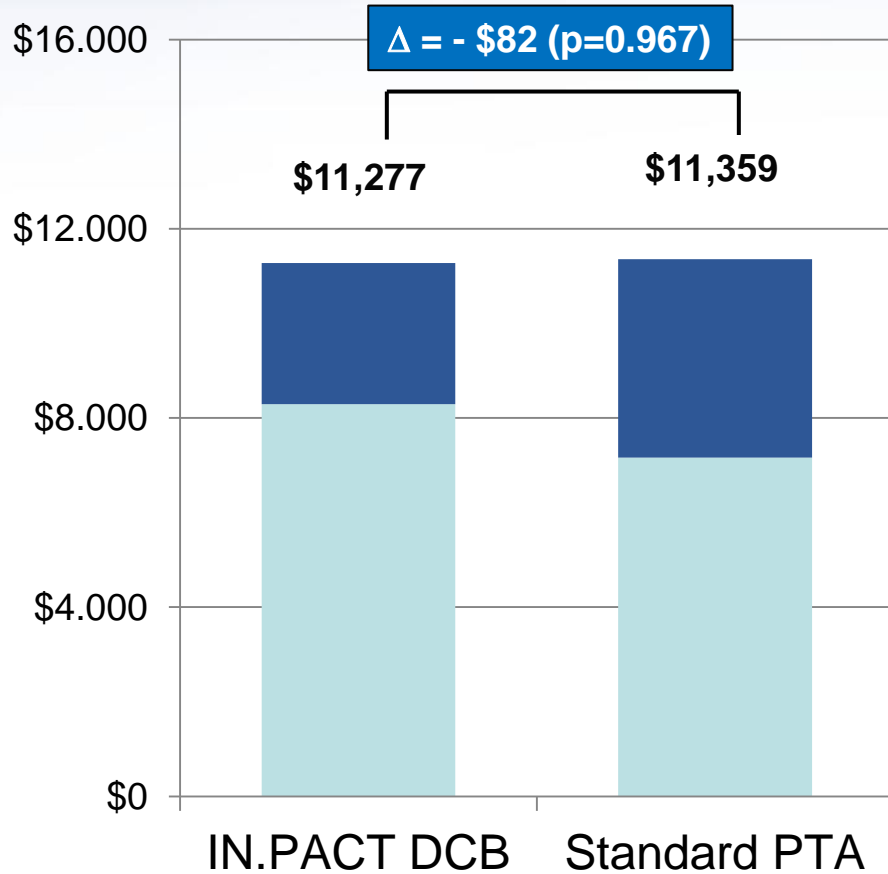


| F/U Cost Components      | DCB     | PTA     | p-value |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Inpatient Physician Fees | \$208   | \$368   | 0.31    |
| Antiplatelet Medications | \$605   | \$670   | 0.59    |
| Hospitalization Costs    | \$2,171 | \$3,158 | 0.56    |

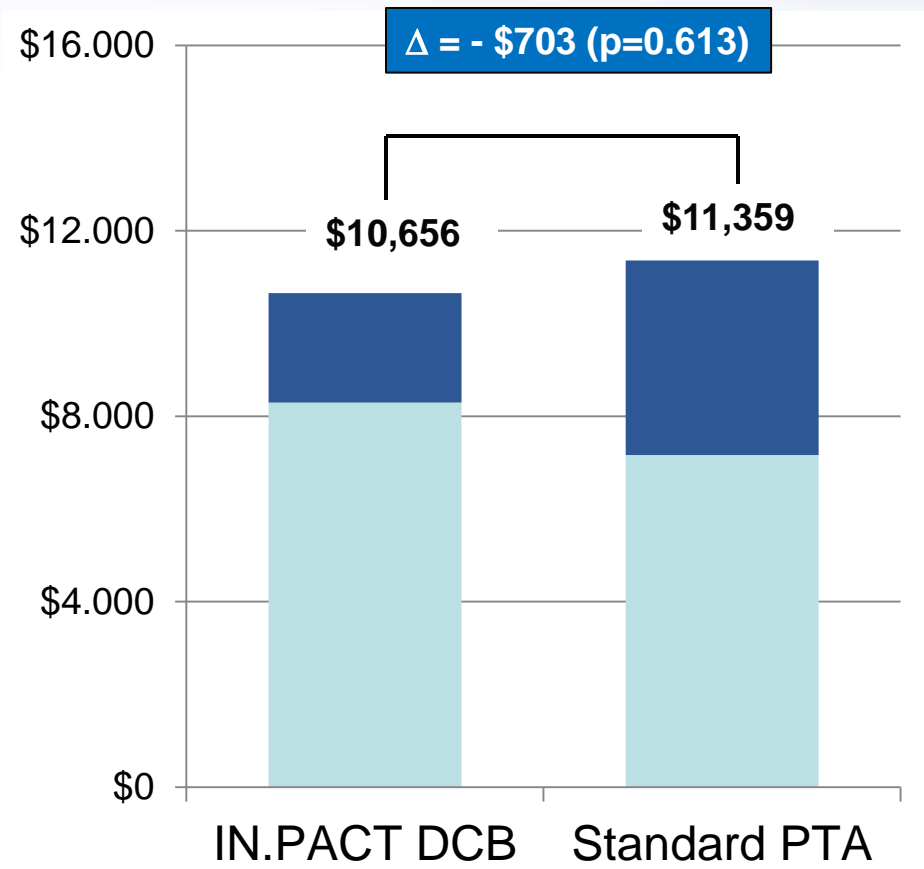
# Total Costs Through 2 Years\*

Index  
Follow-up

### Observed

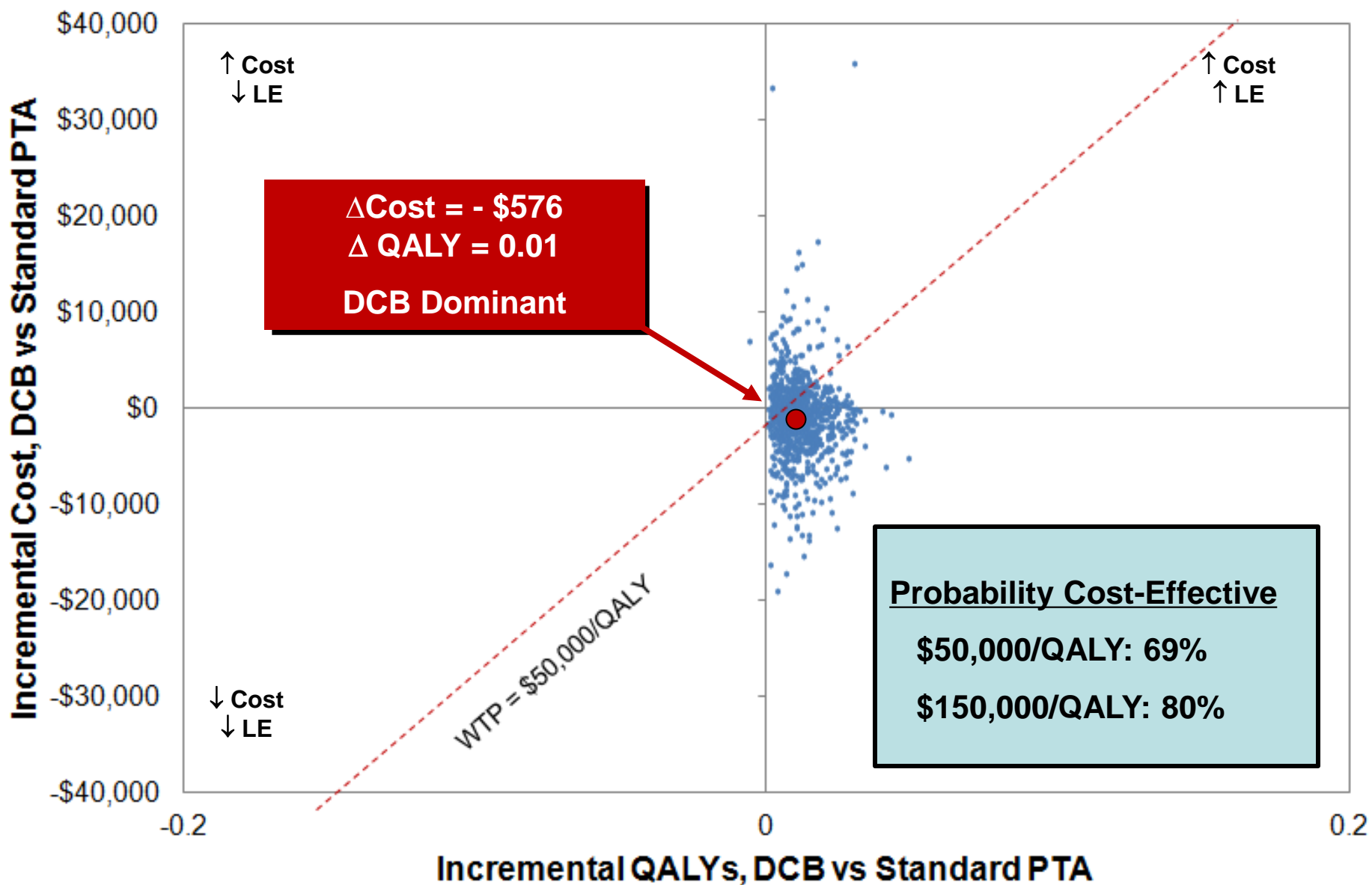


### Winsorized



\* Winsorized— costs for 1 extreme outlier reduced to next highest value

# Cost-Effectiveness: Modeled Results



# Summary

- Index hospitalization costs were ~\$1100/pt higher in patients treated with DCB, driven primarily by the cost of the DCB itself
- Over the 2-yr follow-up period, PAD related costs were ~\$1200/pt less with DCB than standard PTA— driven mainly by fewer target limb revascularization procedures. As a result, total 2 year costs were similar for the 2 groups
- QOL was improved modestly with DCB as well, although there were no significant differences at the end of 2-year f/u
- Assuming that there is no difference in long-term mortality between DCB and standard PTA, formal cost-effectiveness analysis demonstrates that DCB is an economically dominant strategy and has a high probability of being economically attractive (ICER <\$50,000/QALY) compared with standard PTA



# Conclusions

- For patients similar to those enrolled in the IN.PACT SFA II trial, the IN.PACT Admiral DCB appears to be economically attractive (i.e., cost-effective) compared with standard PTA based on accepted U.S. standards