

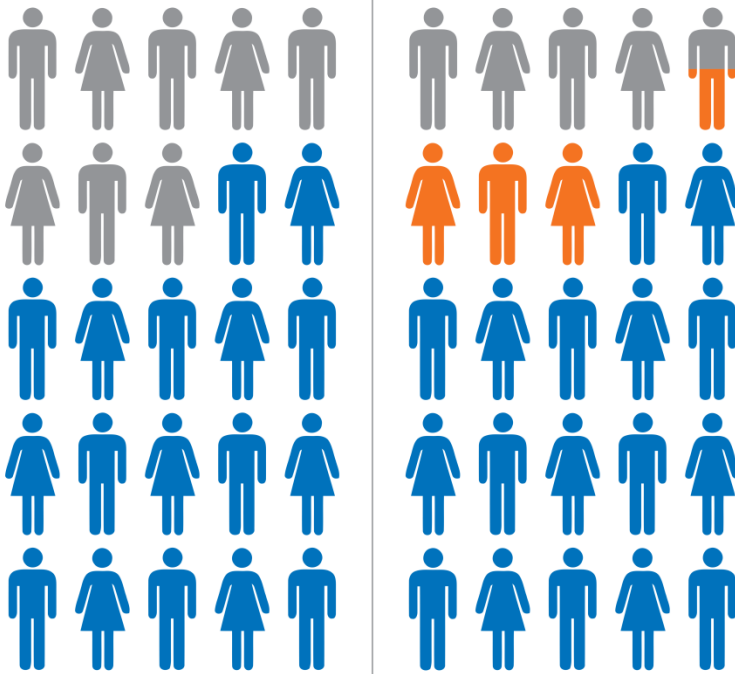
Want to Improve 5-Year Survival? Check the Meds...

Antiplatelet (AP) and statin medications are an important component to treatment, but a third of eligible post-op VQI patients leave the hospital without these medications. **Those patients on AP and statins had a 14% absolute survival benefit and 40% adjusted improved survival.**

Survival by Discharge Medications

No AP or statin

AP & Statin



- For every 25 patients treated, discharge on an antiplatelet agent and statin medication is associated with 3.5 additional patients alive at 5 years!

- VQI participation is highly associated with improvement in medication use

Conclusion:

Medical management is associated with improved survival after a number of vascular procedures. Importantly, VQI participation improves the use of medical management, demonstrating that involvement in an organized quality effort can affect patient outcomes.

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