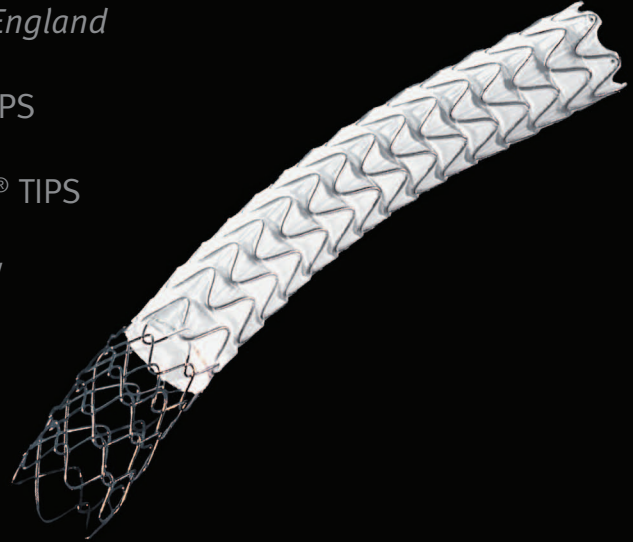


# Early TIPS for Variceal Bleeding

A recent study published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* compared early TIPS intervention with the GORE® VIATORR® TIPS Endoprosthesis to pharmacotherapy / endoscopic band ligation in high risk variceal bleeding patients.



## Survival and Control of Bleeding

“In these patients with cirrhosis who were hospitalized for acute variceal bleeding and at high risk for treatment failure, the early use of TIPS was associated with significant reductions in treatment failure and in mortality.”<sup>1</sup>

“The one year actuarial survival was 61% in the pharmacotherapy – EBL group versus 86% in the early – TIPS group (P < 0.001).”<sup>1</sup>

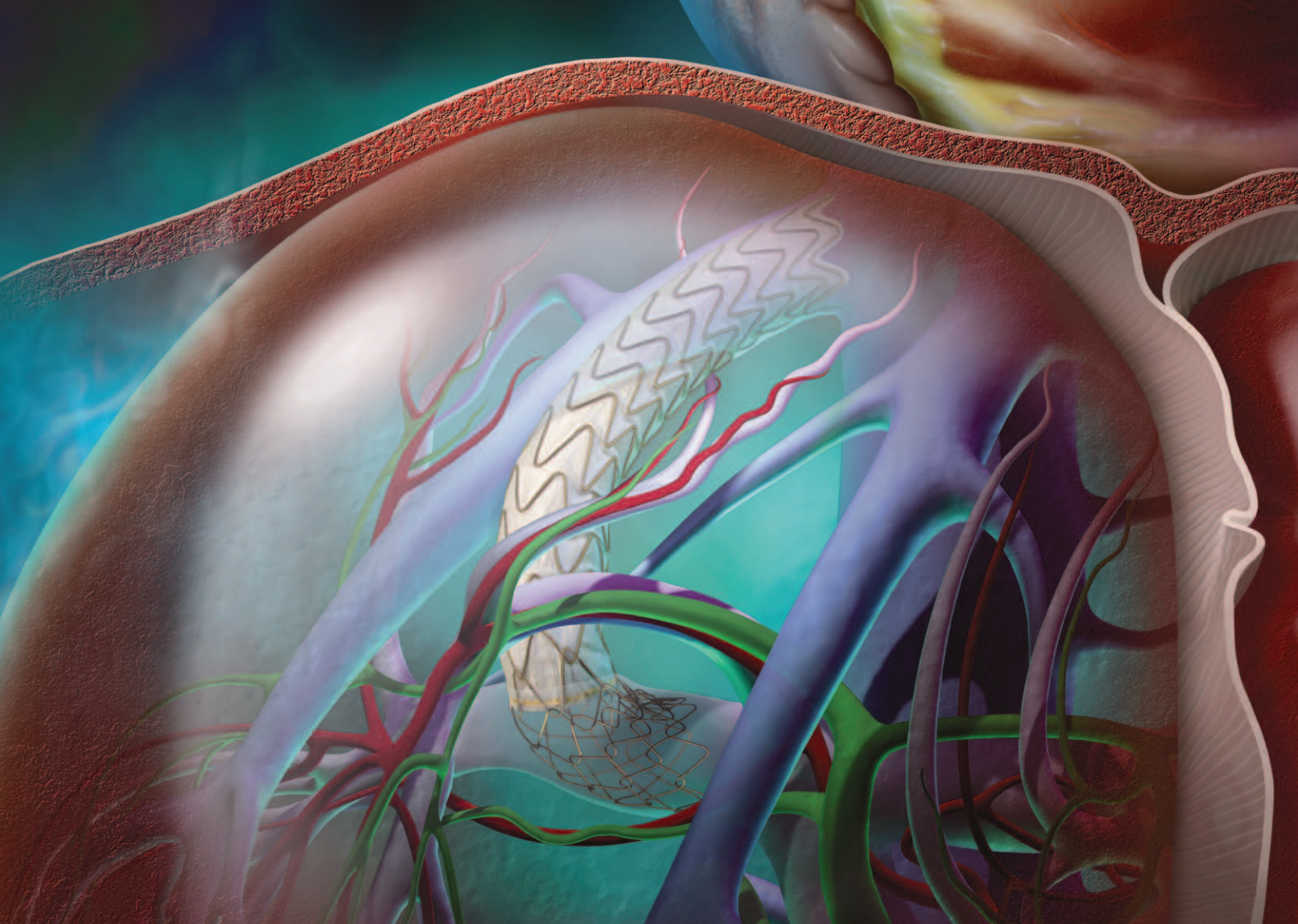
## ICU and Hospitalization Time

“The number of days in the intensive care unit and the percentage of time in the hospital during follow-up were significantly higher in the pharmacotherapy – EBL group than in the early-TIPS group.”<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> García-Pagán JC, Caca K, Bureau K, *et al*; Early TIPS Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt) Cooperative Study Group. Early use of TIPS in patients with cirrhosis and variceal bleeding. *New England Journal of Medicine* 2010;362(25):2370-2379.



## ▶ Early TIPS for Ascites

A new multi-center, randomized, prospective study will test the hypothesis that early intervention with the GORE® VIATORR® TIPS Endoprosthesis improves transplant-free survival compared to large volume paracentesis in patients with portal hypertension and difficult to treat ascites.

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**INDICATIONS FOR USE:** The GORE® VIATORR® TIPS Endoprosthesis is indicated for use in the *de novo* and revision treatment of portal hypertension and its complications such as variceal bleeding, gastropathy, refractory ascites, and / or hepatic hydrothorax. Refer to *Instructions for Use* at [goremedical.com](http://goremedical.com) for a complete description of all contraindications, warnings, precautions and adverse events. Rx Only

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