

INTRODUCTION

Society for Vascular Surgery Clinical Practice Guideline
on the management of intermittent claudication:
Focused update

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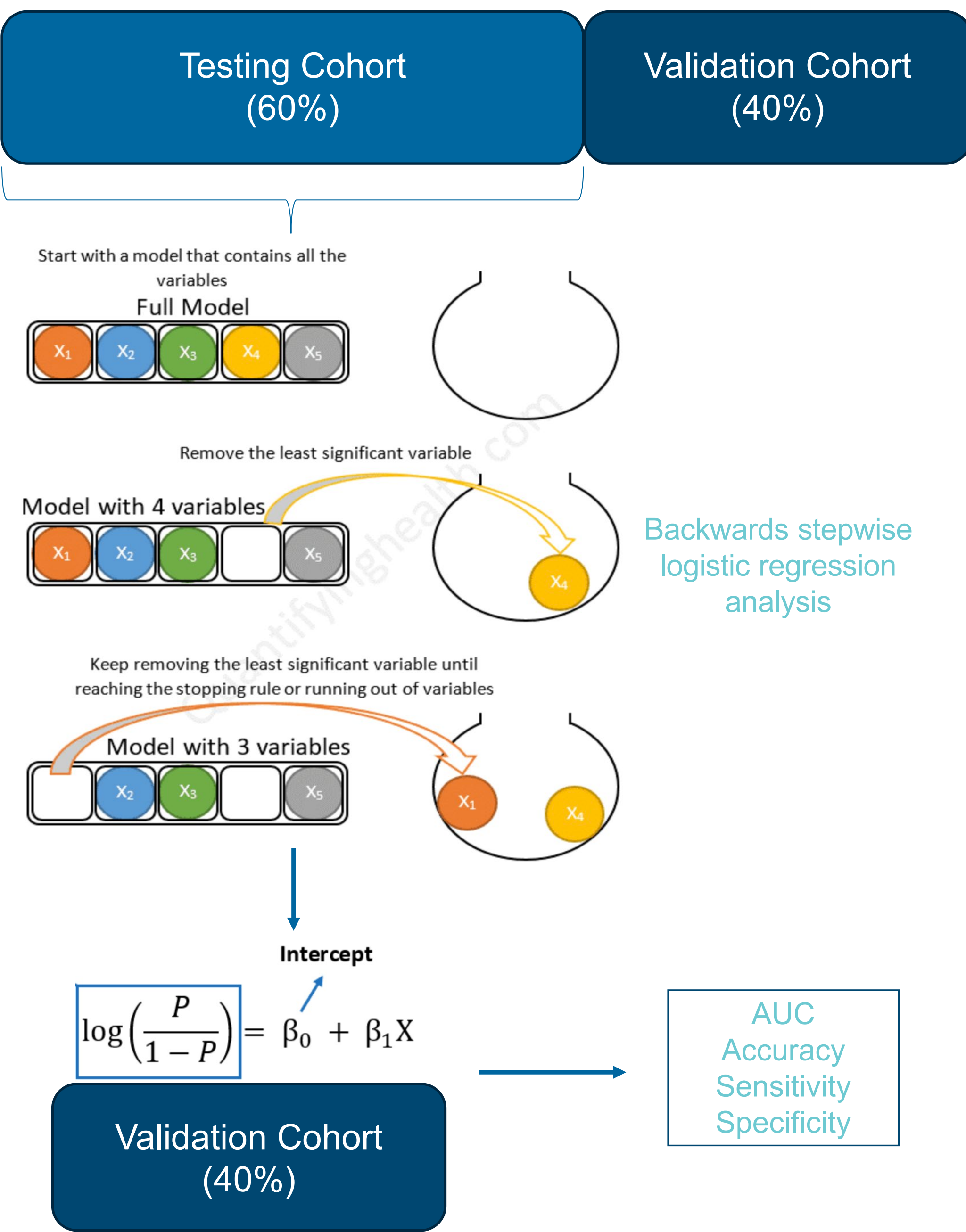
- “In patients being considered for revascularization for intermittent claudication, it is recommended to have shared decision-making conversations involving an assessment of individual risk factors known to influence risks and benefits”
 - Key comorbidities
 - Previous interventions
 - Disease Complexity
 - Procedural strategy
- Their importance/degree of impact on symptom relief remains unclear

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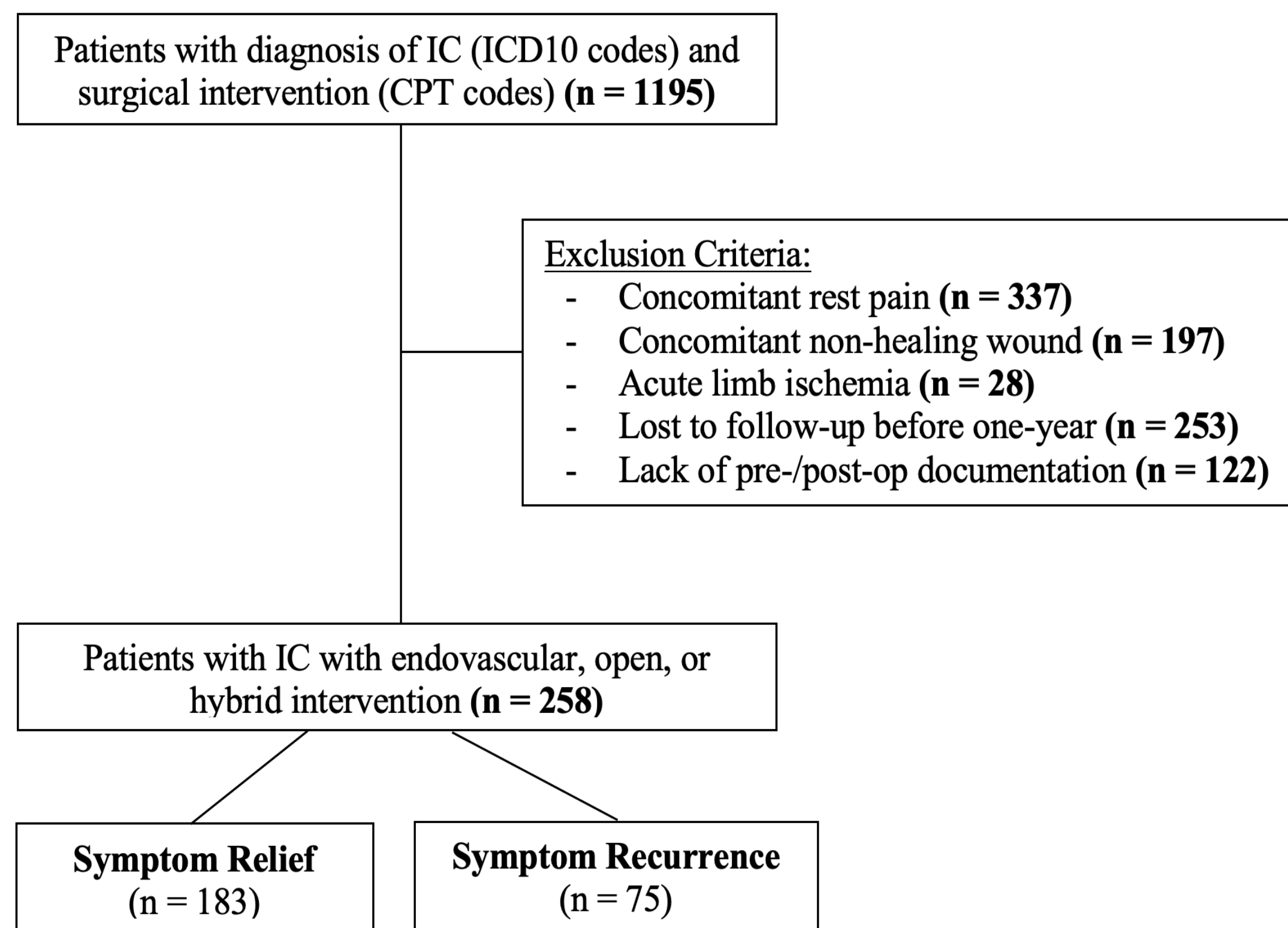
Development of a comprehensive predictive model to identify claudicants most likely to benefit from intervention

METHODOLOGY

- ICD-10 code: claudication
- CPT codes: open/endo intervention
- Years: 2015 - 2022
- Exclusion: CLTI, ALI, no one-year follow-up



RESULTS



	Symptom Resolution (n = 182)	Symptom Recurrence (n = 76)	P-value
Demographics			
Age (years)	66.88 ± .72	67.87 ± 0.94	.40
Gender (Female)	65 (35.5%)	29 (38.7%)	.63
Race (Black)	56 (30.6%)	33 (44.0%)	.04
Co-Morbidities			
HTN	173 (94.5%)	73 (97.3%)	.33
HLD	157 (85.8%)	63 (84.0%)	.71
CAD	134 (73.2%)	59 (78.7%)	.36
COPD	34 (18.6%)	22 (29.3%)	.06
ESRD	6 (3.3%)	7 (9.3%)	.04
Modified Frailty Index (>2)	86 (47.0%)	47 (62.7%)	.02

Table 1. Basic demographics and co-morbidities

	Symptom Resolution (n = 182)	Symptom Recurrence (n = 76)	P-value
Disease Severity			
ABI (ipsilateral)	.70 ± .02	.66 ± .03	.25
TASC (C/D)	28 (36.8%)	53 (29.1%)	.19
Intervention Details			
Time to Intervention (>6 month)	94 (51.4%)	36 (48.0%)	.62
Prior Intervention	21 (11.5%)	19 (25.3%)	<.01
Intervention Type			
Endo	127 (69.8%)	66 (86.8%)	
Open	24 (13.2%)	4 (5.3%)	
Hybrid	31 (17.0%)	6 (7.9%)	.02
# Arteries Treated			
1	137 (75.3%)	57 (75.0%)	
2	40 (22.0%)	16 (21.1%)	
3	5 (2.7%)	3 (3.9%)	.87

Table 2. Severity of disease and intervention details

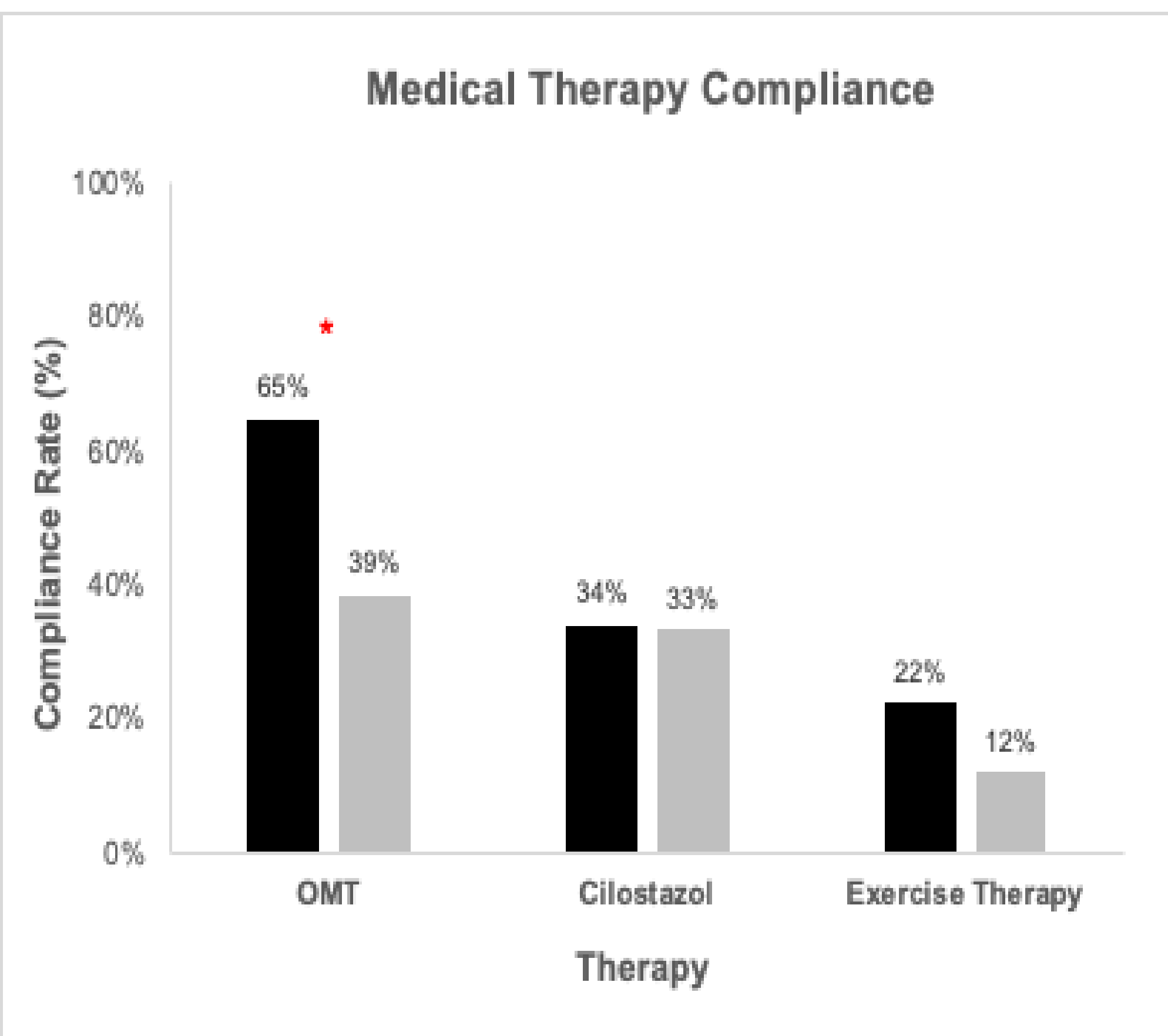


Figure 2. Pre-op rates of medication adherence

	Symptom Resolution (n = 182)	Symptom Recurrence (n = 76)	P-value
Intervention Location			
Iliac	77 (42.1%)	25 (33.3%)	.19
CFA	47 (25.7%)	17 (22.7%)	.61
Femoropopliteal	102 (55.7%)	51 (68.0%)	.07
Tibial	7 (3.8%)	4 (5.3%)	.59
Devices			
POBA	124 (67.8%)	55 (73.3%)	.38
DCB	54 (29.5%)	28 (37.3%)	.22
Stent	96 (52.5%)	43 (57.3%)	.48
Atherectomy	37 (20.2%)	22 (29.3%)	.113

Table 3. Intervention location and type

CONCLUSIONS

Table IV. Multivariable Logistic Regression of Factors Affecting One-Year Symptom Relief

	Covariate	Beta	Odds Ratio	P-value
×	End Stage Renal Disease	-1.91	0.15	0.03
×	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	-0.63	0.54	0.20
✓	Optimal Medical Therapy (ASA/statin/smoking cessation)	1.02	2.77	0.02
✓	Exercise Therapy	1.54	4.64	0.02
×	5-Item Modified Frailty Index (>2)	-0.60	0.55	0.18
×	TASC Grade (C/D)	-0.66	0.52	0.19
×	History of Prior Intervention	-0.88	0.42	0.09
✓	Intervention Type (Open)	1.07	2.93	<0.01
✓	Intervention Location (Iliac)	0.90	2.45	0.07
×	Greater than Two Arteries Treated	-1.13	0.32	0.03

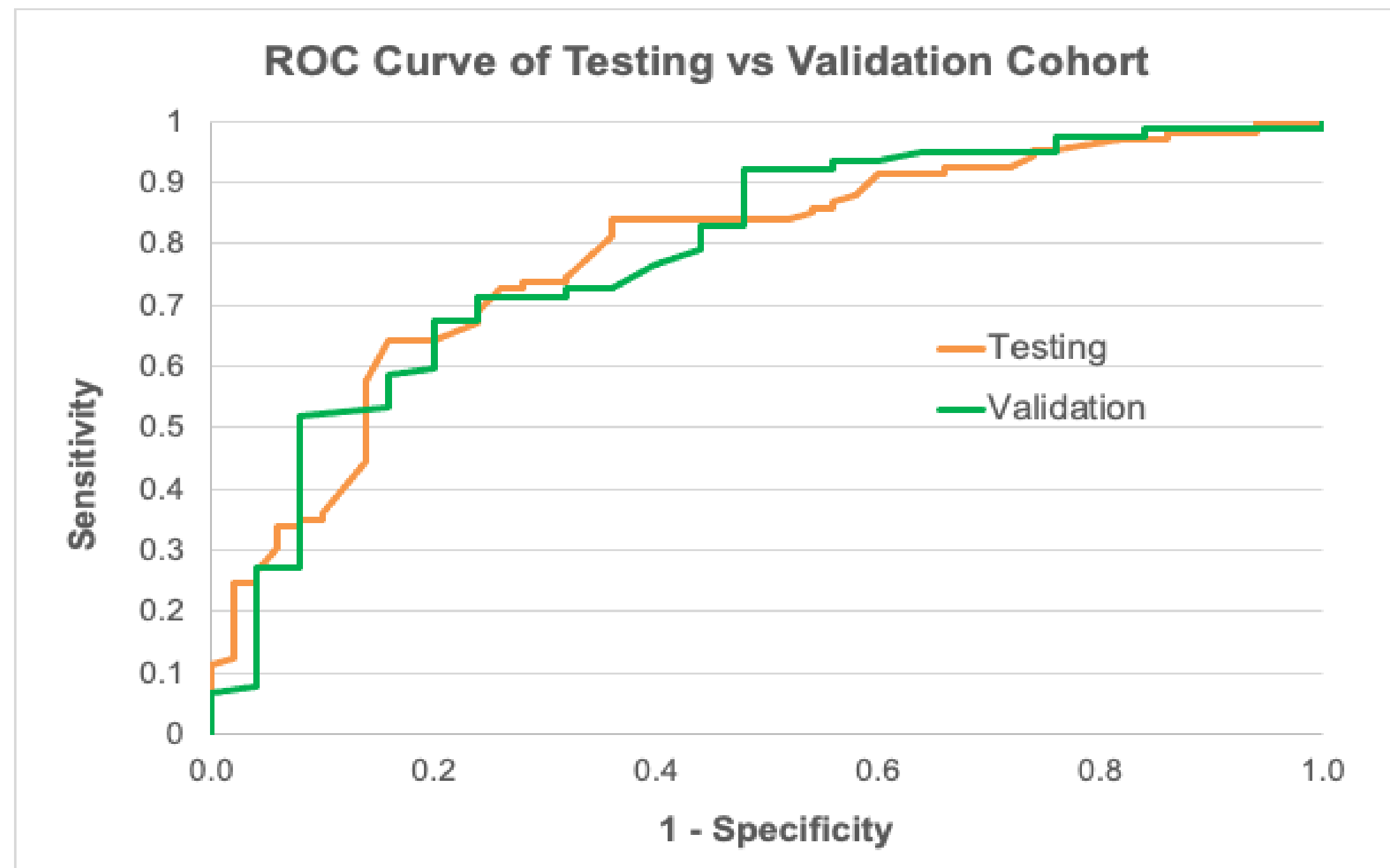


Figure 3. ROC Analysis of Testing vs Validation Cohort

Claudication Calculator

End Stage Renal Disease (Dialysis Dependence)
● Yes ○ No

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
● Yes ○ No

Optimal Medical Therapy (ASA/statin/smoking cessation)
● Yes ○ No

Exercise Therapy Participation
● Yes ○ No

5-Item Modified Frailty Index >2
● >2 ○ ≤2

TASC Grade
● C or D ○ A or B

History of Intervention
● Yes ○ No

Anticipated Intervention Type
● Open ○ Endovascular

Planned Intervention Location
● Aorticiliac ○ Femoropopliteal

Anticipated Number of Arteries Treated
● >2 ○ ≤2

Probability of Symptom Resolution at 1-Year
78.6 %

Consider Intervention

In consideration of the benefit and risk factors in this calculator, you may consider pursuing surgical intervention with this patient, after thorough discussion and optimal medical and exercise therapy.

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Figure 4. Interactable Calculator for symptom relief

CONCLUSIONS

- Successful development of an acceptable, internally validated predictive model of symptom relief
- Limitations
 - Small sample size (poor follow-up and documentation)
 - Lack of QoL survey instruments, response bias
 - Lack of external validation
- Future work: incorporation of PROMs, future studies with external validation of future patient cohorts