

Study Title: SYNTAX Study: Synergy between PCI with TAXUS™ and Cardiac Surgery. A multicenter, randomized clinical trial comparing TAXUS™ PCI to CABG in patients amenable for revascularization treatment of 3-vessel disease, left main disease or left main in conjunction with one, two or three vessel disease.

Short Title: SYNTAX

Study Description: The purpose of the Syntax study is to determine if treatment with drug eluting stents, specifically the Express2™ Paclitaxel-eluting stent (Taxus stent) is as effective as heart surgery in patients with left main disease, patients with multi-vessel disease or left main and multi-vessel disease .

So far the treatment of choice is coronary artery bypass (CABG) surgery, which has been proven to be effective in the long term.

We are currently trying to assess the value of different treatments - angioplasty or surgery - for the blockages in the right and left side of the heart. Three different groups of patients will be included: in some patients open heart surgery is likely to be the best treatment, in others drug eluting stent angioplasty, while in another group of patients both treatments could be equally effective.

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