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Summary of trials discussed during episode

Trial	Number of patients enrolled	Last known well to treatment (hours)		Stroke severity (NIHSS)	Imagining selection	Patients achieving functional independence (Modified Rankin Score ≤2)
		t-PA	MT			
IMS III (2013)[1]	656	<3	<3	≥10	Evidence of vessel occlusion not required for enrolment; CT-A performed at centres in which this investigation was part of routine work up	No difference
MR CLEAN (2015)[2]	500	≤ 4.5	≤ 6	>1	Evidence of vessel occlusion	32.6% in MT arm v 19.1% control (p<0.01)
EXTEND-IA (2015)[3]	70	≤ 4.5	≤ 6	No lower limit	Evidence of vessel occlusion and perfusion imagining demonstrating core <70ml and salvageable penumbra	71% in MT arm v 40% in control (p=0.01)
SWIFT-PRIME (2015)[4]	196	≤3.5	≤6	≥6	Evidence of vessel occlusion	60% in MT arm v 35% in control (p<0.001)
ESCAPE (2015)[5]	316	≤4.5	≤12	>5	Evidence of vessel occlusion	53% v 29.3%
REVASCAT (2015)[6]	206	≤4.5	≤8	>5	Evidence of vessel	43.7% v 28.2% [adjusted OR 2.1 (95%CI 1.1 - 4.0)]
DAWN (2018)[6]	206	6 – 24 hours from last known well	≥10 in subgroup A (>80 years old) and B (<80 years old) ≥20 in subgroup C (<80 years old)		Evidence of vessel occlusion and a mismatch between clinical deficit (NIHSS) and infarct volume using advanced stroke imaging. Group A volume <21ml, Group B <31ml, Group C 31-51ml	49% in MT group v 13% in control (pp of superiority >0.999)
DEFUSE III (2018)[7]	182	6 – 16 hours from last known well	>5		Evidence of vessel occlusion, infarct size <70ml, penumbra >15ml and ratio of penumbra:core >1.8using RAPID software	45% in MT arm v 17% in control (p<0.001)

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