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eTable 1. Presenting signs and symptoms

	Intended Surgery	Medical Management	p-value
Abrupt onset pain	3713/4395 (84.5%)	305/395 (77.2%)	< 0.001
Severe or worst/ever pain	3365/3667 (91.8%)	267/303 (88.1%)	0.029
Chest pain	4111/4826 (85.2%)	315/430 (73.3%)	< 0.001
Head or neck pain	1104/3941 (28.0%)	72/369 (19.5%)	< 0.001
Back pain	1833/4118 (44.5%)	188/403 (46.7%)	0.410
Abdominal pain	1006/4001(25.1%)	119/387 (30.7%)	0.016
Syncope	739/4192 (17.6%)	78/398 (19.6%)	0.326
Presenting hypotensive	746/4725 (15.8%)	71/447 (15.9%)	0.958
Presenting shock	494/4725 (10.5%)	46/447 (10.3%)	0.914
Presenting AI§	1150/3617 (31.8%)	71/375 (18.9%)	< 0.001
Pulse deficits present	964/2775 (34.7%)	88/293 (30.0%)	0.107
Pericardial friction rub	67/3827 (1.8%)	3/400 (0.8%)	0.136
Ischemic peripheral neuropathy	253/4069 (6.2%)	10/407 (2.5%)	0.002
Ischemic spinal cord damage	47/4020 (1.2%)	7/399 (1.8%)	0.310
Signs of CVA	369/4260 (8.7%)	45/413 (10.9%)	0.127
Ischemic lower extremity	499/4122 (12.1%)	36/409 (8.8%)	0.048
Coma/altered consciousness	395/4170 (9.5%)	80/415 (19.3%)	< 0.001
Congestive heart failure	311/4197 (7.4%)	44/415 (10.6%)	0.020

§AI: aortic insufficiency, ||CVA: cerebrovascular accident

eTable 2. Imaging studies

	Intended Surgery	Medical Management	p-value
CXR‡			
Normal	873/2762 (31.6%)	61/322 (18.9%)	< 0.001
Widening mediastinum	1073/2037(52.7%)	153/282 (54.3%)	0.618
Abnormal aortic contour	812/1946(41.7%)	121/268 (45.1%)	0.287
Displacement/calcification of ao.	100/1894 (5.3%)	22/255 (8.6%)	0.030
Pleural effusion > minor	217/1962 (11.1%)	54/267 (20.2%)	< 0.001
ECG			
Normal	1437/3774 (38.1%)	90/374 (24.1%)	< 0.001
Ischemia	439/2619 (16.8%)	48/312 (15.4%)	0.537
Infarction, new Qs/ST elevation	264/2633 (10.0%)	23/310 (7.4%)	0.143
Infarction, old Qs	137/2575 (5.3%)	33/310 (10.6%)	< 0.001
Non-specific ST-T changes	1200/2695 (44.5%)	166/321 (51.7%)	0.014
LVH	597/2631 (22.7%)	67/307 (21.8%)	0.731
Diagnostic imaging			
True IMH#	213/4382 (4.9%)	44/402 (10.9%)	< 0.001
Site of most proximal extent			
Root	2266/4017 (56.4%)	180/376 (47.9%)	0.001
STJ**	439/4017 (10.9%)	31/376 (8.2%)	0.107
Ascending	1196/4017 (29.8%)	132/376 (35.1%)	0.031
Arch	76/4017 (1.9%)	26/376 (6.9%)	< 0.001
Site of most distal extent			
Ascending	450/3472 (13.0%)	52/329 (15.8%)	0.145
Arch	620/3472(17.9%)	57/329 (17.3%)	0.810
LSC††	128/3472 (3.7%)	12/329 (3.6%)	0.971
Descending	731/3472 (21.1%)	77/329 (23.4%)	0.319
Abdominal	848/3472(24.4%)	99/329 (30.1%)	0.023
False lumen thrombosis			
Patent	1701/2359(72.1%)	117/236 (49.6%)	< 0.001
Partial	430/2359 (18.2%)	72/236 (30.5%)	< 0.001
Complete	228/2359 (9.7%)	47/236 (19.9%)	< 0.001

Site of intimal tear			
Root	279/2569 (10.9%)	9/247 (3.6%)	< 0.001
Ascending	1311/2569 (51.0%)	101/247 (40.9%)	0.002
Arch	182/2569 (7.1%)	28/247 (11.3%)	0.015
Descending	59/2569 (2.3%)	9/247 (3.6%)	0.188
Vessel involvement			
Right renal	326/4516 (7.2%)	32/415 (7.7%)	0.712
Left renal	541/4516(12.0%)	50/415 (12.0%)	0.967
Celiac	200/464 (43.1%)	10/18 (55.6%)	0.296
Mesenteric	250/474 (52.7%)	9/19 (47.4%)	0.646
Complete abdominal	171/4516 (3.8%)	21/415 (5.1%)	0.199
Arch	1379/2809(47.4%)	118/304 (38.8%)	0.004
LSC	352/583 (60.4%)	20/31 (64.5%)	0.646
LCC‡‡	35/583 (59.2%)	18/31 (58.1%)	0.902
Brachiocephalic	490/598 (81.9%)	25/32 (78.1%)	0.586
Right coronary	138/923 (15.0%)	5/64 (7.8%)	0.117
Left coronary	53/910 (5.8%)	1/63 (1.6%)	0.250
Aortic regurgitation	1674/3201 (55.4%)	118/296 (39.9%)	< 0.001
Pericardial effusion	1508/3355 (44.9%)	140/359 (39.0%)	0.031
Periaortic hematoma	552/2787 (19.8%)	61/329 (18.5%)	0.585

§CXR: chest x-ray, ||LVH: left ventricular hypertrophy, #IMH: intramural hematoma, **STJ: Sino tubular junction , ††LSC: left subclavian, ‡‡LCC: left common carotid

eTable 3. Key Differences Between Surgically Managed Patients and Those who Died Waiting

	Surgical Management Died Awaiting Surgery		p-value	
N= 5131	5080 (99%)	51 (1%)		
Age (mean \pm SD)	60.3±14.1	60.3±14.1 64.3±14.7		
Asian race	216/4622 (4.7%) 4/45 (11.1%)		.043	
Pulse deficits present	949/2749 (34.5%)	15/26 (57.7%)	0.014	
Coma/altered consciousness	384/4130 (9.3%)	11/40 (27.5%)	< 0.001	
EKG Ischemia	430/2594 (16.6%)	9/25 (36.0%)	0.010	
Right renal involvement	316/4470 (7.1%)	10/46 (21.7%)	< 0.001	
Left renal involvement	530/4470 (11.9%)	11/46 (23.9%)	0.012	
Complete abdominal involvement	163/4470 (3.6%)	8/46 (17.4%)	< 0.001	
Pre procedure complications				
Stroke	183/4347 (4.2%)	5/28 (17.9%)	< 0.001	
Myocardial infarction	138/2094 (6.6%)	5/16 (31.3%)	< 0.001	
Mesenteric ischemia/infarction	111/4406 (2.5%)	8/30 (26.7%)	< 0.001	
Acute renal failure	316/4406 (7.2%)	10/32 (31.3%)	< 0.001	
Hypotension	860/4429 (19.4%)	25/37 (67.6%)	< 0.001	
Cardiac tamponade	556/4451 (12.5%)	13/33 (39.4%)	< 0.001	
Limb ischemia	445/4416 (10.1%)	12/29 (41.4%)	< 0.001	
Time to death	71 hours	8.9 hours	-	

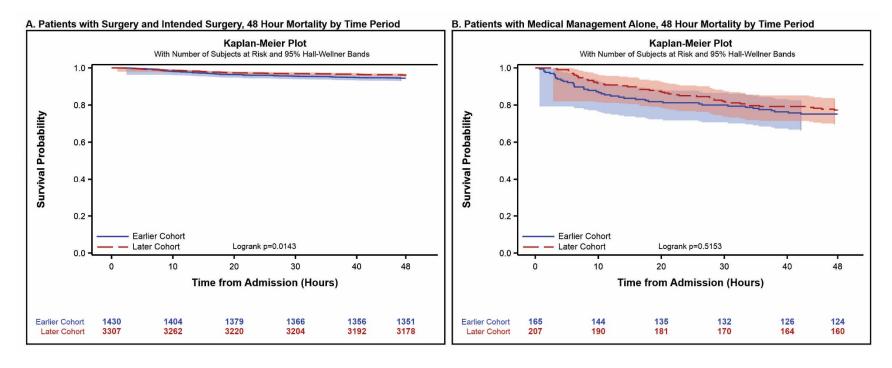
eTable 4. Cox Proportional Hazard Analysis for Patients Who Died Awaiting Surgery

	Hazard Ratio	95% Confidence Interval		# volue
	Hazard Rauo	Lower	Upper	p-value
Presenting hypotension	18.74	2.12	165.80	0.008
Presenting shock	14.17	1.24	162.60	0.033
Pre-procedure myocardial infarction	11.25	2.69	47.03	0.001
Age	1.08	1.01	1.15	0.031

eFigure 1. Survival Between Early and Later Years Separated by Management Type.

Part A. Kaplan-Meier analysis of 48 hour survival in surgical patients and patients who died awaiting surgery, first 11.5 years versus second 11.5 years of the registry.

Part B. Kaplan-Meier analysis of 48 hour survival in medically managed patients, first 11.5 years versus second 11.5 years of the registry.



eFigure 2. Time to Surgery.

Cumulative Incidence of Surgery Over Time Within the First 48 Hours Following Admission Among Patients who Ultimately Received Surgery.

