

## Intra-Operative Therapeutic Heparin Is Safe For The Treatment of Blunt Thoracic Aortic Injury With Concomitant Solid Organ Injury and/or Traumatic Brain Injury



Intra-Op

Henarin

3 (7%) No

Heparin

7 (9.1%)

Grade 4

**Overall Mortality = 29%** 

Aorta related mortality = 2.6%

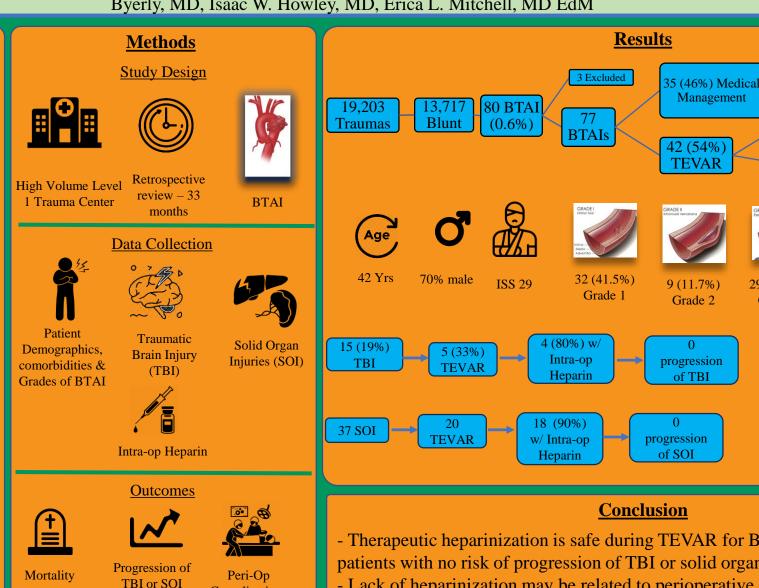
29 (37.7%)

Grade 3

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## **Objective**

- BTAI is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death in blunt trauma
- TEVAR is now the recommended treatment modality for operative **BTAI**
- Patients requiring TEVAR often also have solid organ injuries or traumatic brain injuries and have competing priorities
- SVS guidelines recommend (Level 2C evidence) use of 'Low dose' heparin during TEVARs for BTAI
- Safety of heparinization in polytrauma patients hasn't been established



Complications

- Therapeutic heparinization is safe during TEVAR for BTAI even in polytrauma patients with no risk of progression of TBI or solid organ injuries
- Lack of heparinization may be related to perioperative stroke