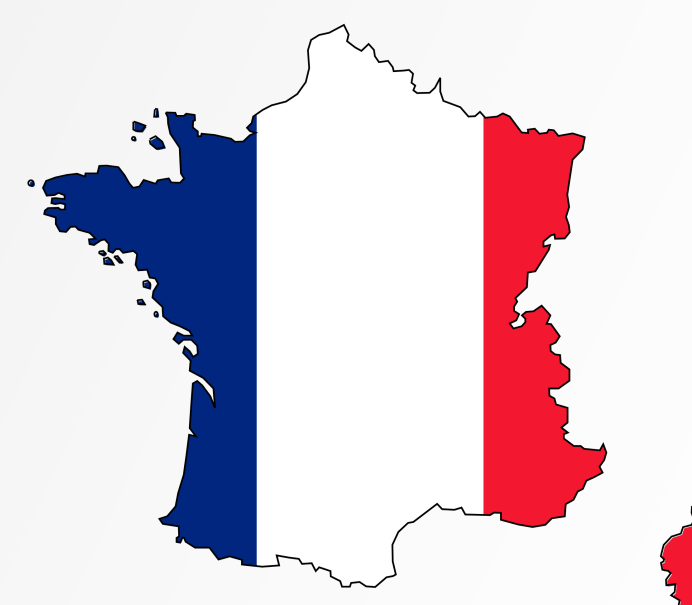


Patients with Severe Community Acquired Pneumonia

CAPE-COD

Does early hydrocortisone treatment reduce the 28-day mortality rate among patients admitted to an intensive care unit (ICU) for severe community-acquired pneumonia? (excluding septic shock patients)

MULTICENTER - DOUBLE-BLINDED - RANDOMIZED



31 centers

HYDROCORTISONE

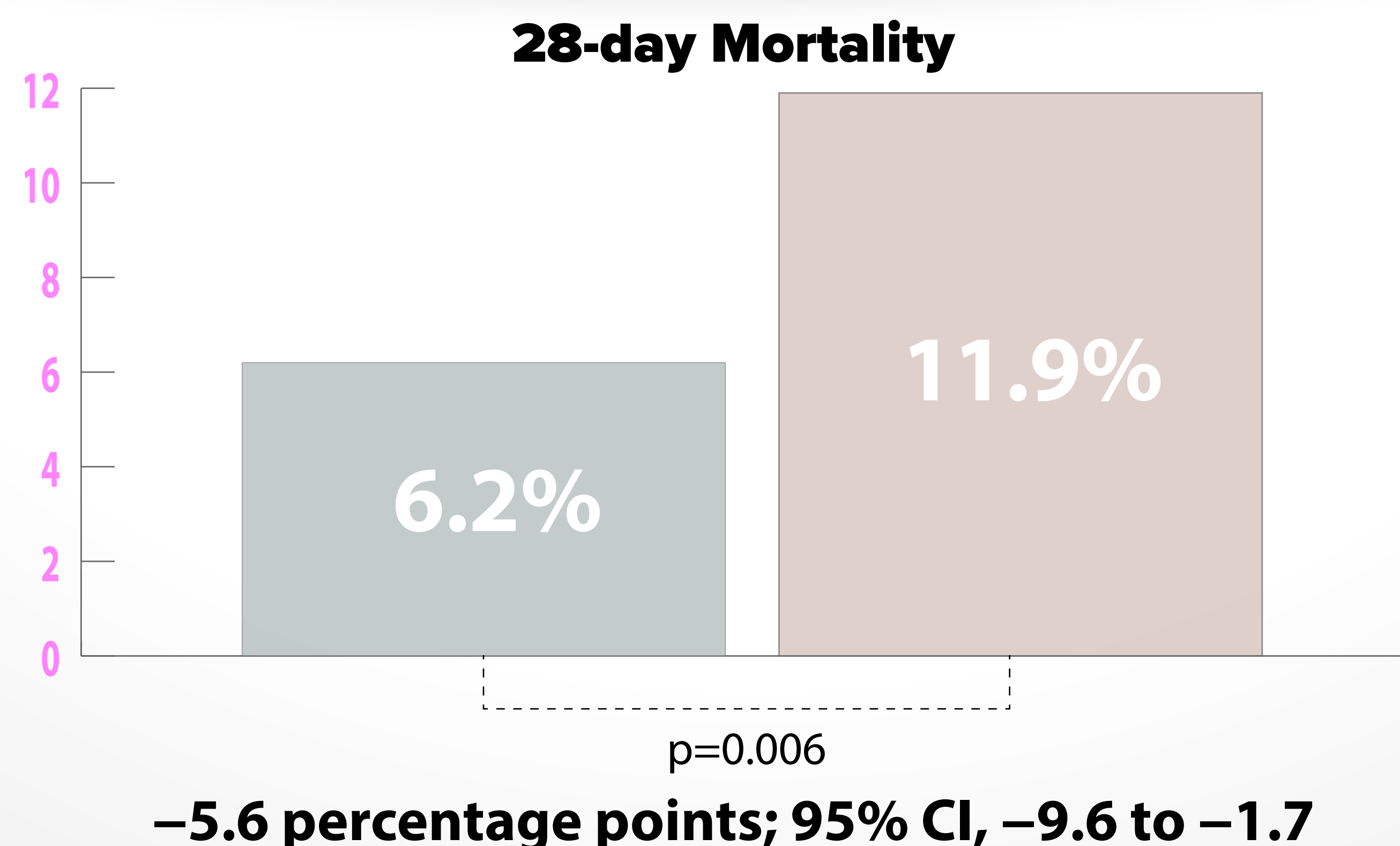
Intravenous hydrocortisone (200 mg daily for either 4 or 8 days as determined by clinical improvement, followed by tapering for a total of 8 or 14 days) + standard therapy, including antibiotics and supportive care.

400 PATIENTS

PLACEBO

Placebo+ standard therapy, including antibiotics and supportive care.

395 PATIENTS



ICU patients with severe community-acquired pneumonia who were treated with hydrocortisone experienced a lower risk of death by day 28 compared to those given a placebo