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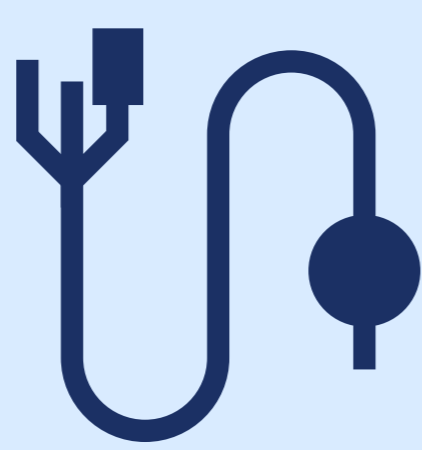
facts about Vascular Air Embolism (VAE)

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VAE is a preventable hospital-acquired condition that can result in serious harm, including death.^{1,2}

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Estimates of the frequency of VAE related to CVCs are reported to range³⁻⁷ from

0.1% to 2.0% per patient

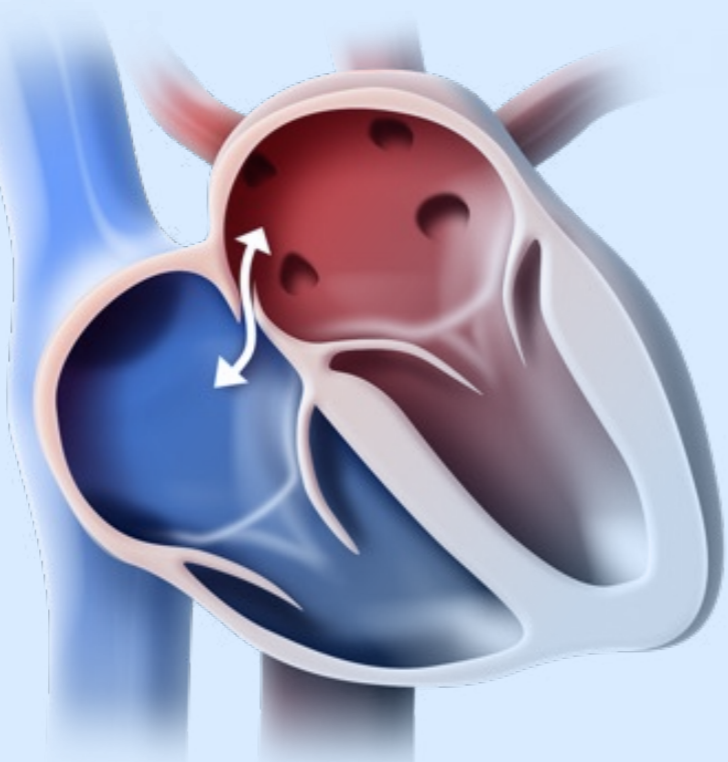
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Average VAE costs for the healthcare system per incident⁸⁻¹⁰

\$66,007

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A Patent Foramen Ovale is of special concern.

Percentage of adults affected with a PFO¹¹

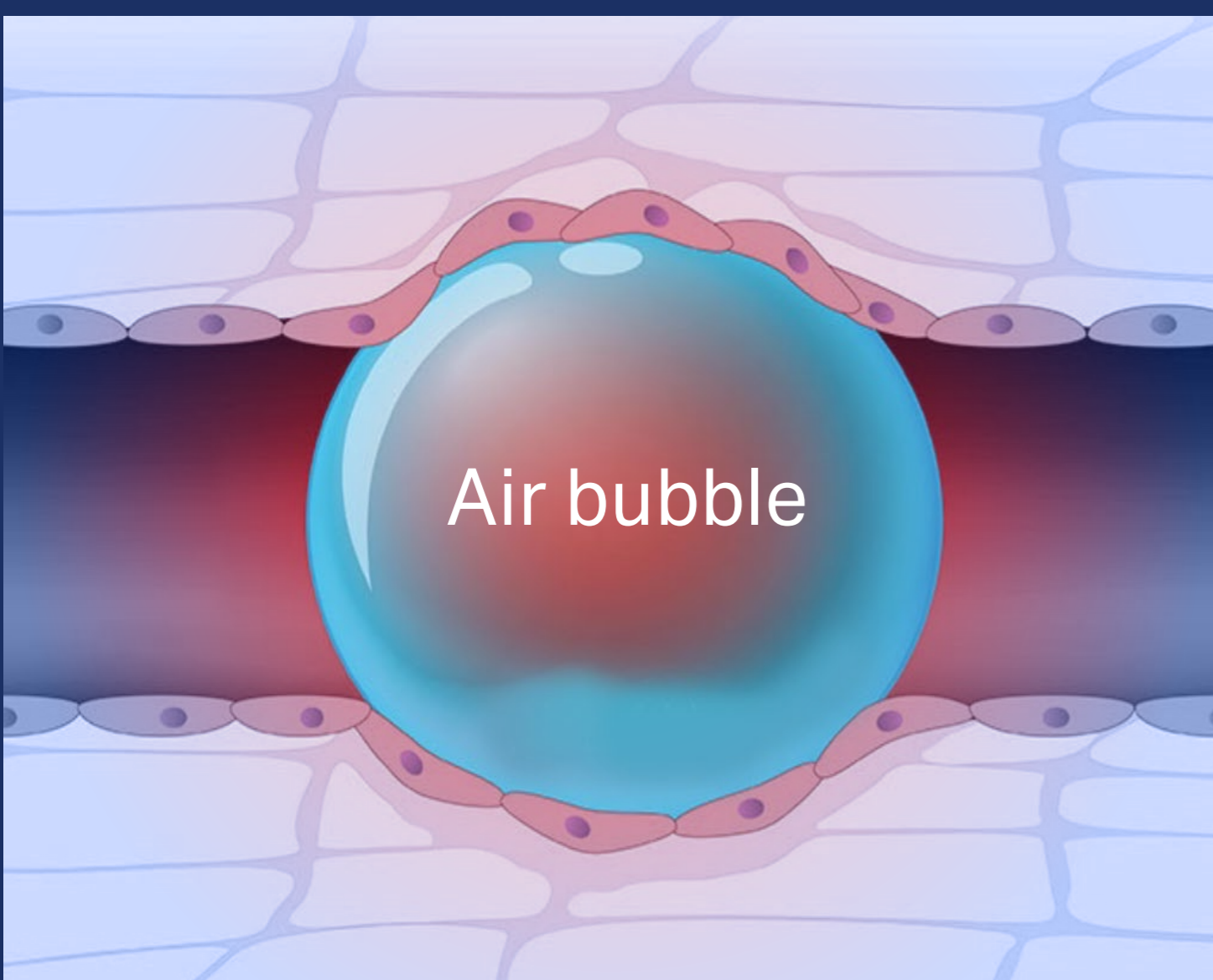
20% to 34%

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Mortality rates attributed to Venous Air Embolisms associated with CVCs range from¹²⁻¹⁴

23% to 50%



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