Fig. 2: Six-month mortality among patients with an acute coronary syndrome, by electrocardiogram result at time of presentation. Although patients with ST-segment depression (ST↓) have a better early (5-day) survival than those with ST-segment elevation (ST↑), their long-term outlook is as bad, if not worse. In this study patients at lowest risk were those with T-wave inversion alone. [Adapted, with permission, from Savonitto et al, JAMA 1999;281:707-13. Copyrighted 1999, American Medical Association.]