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Practical use of NOAC in neurology practice

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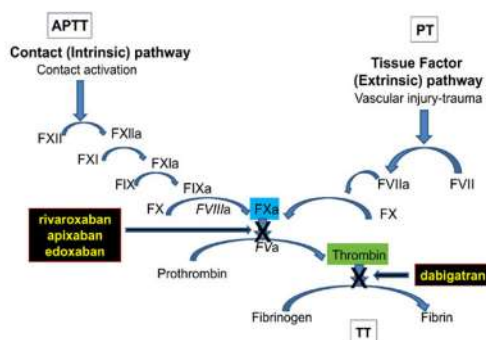
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Problems with oral VKA

- Narrow therapeutic range
- Needs regular blood tests for monitoring
- Various drug and food interactions
- Significant risk of bleeding

All bleeding: 10-17% per year
Major bleeding: 2-5% per year
Fatal bleeding: 0.5-1% per year
ICH: 0.2-0.4% per year



Terminology

NOAC

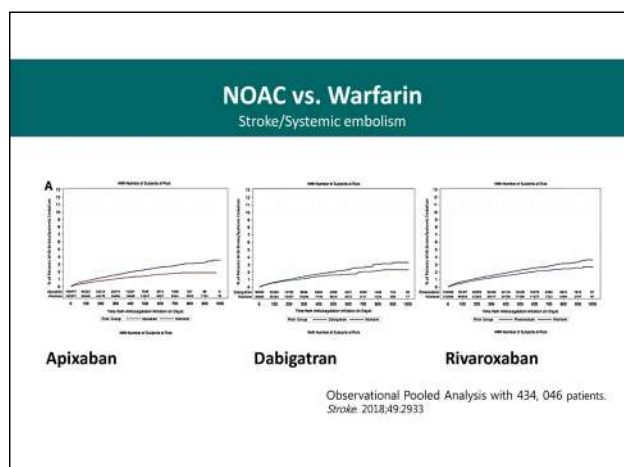
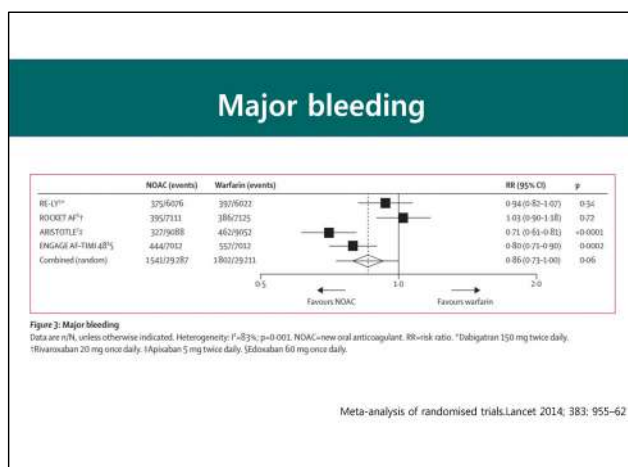
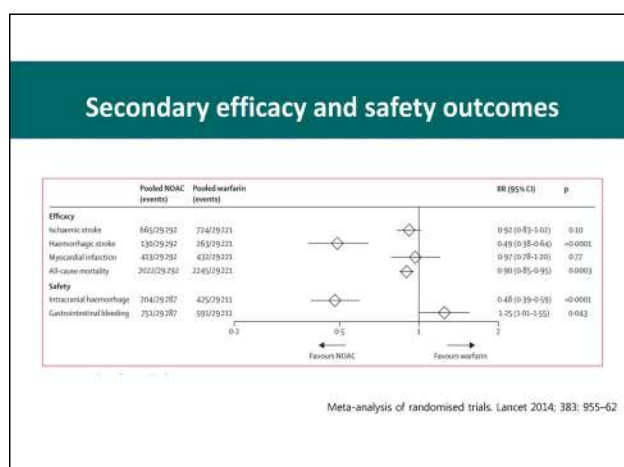
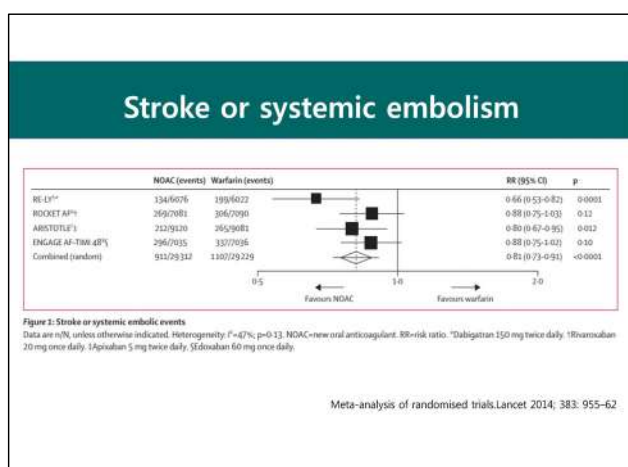
New Oral Anticoagulants
Novel Oral Anticoagulants
Non-Vitamin K-Dependent Direct Oral Anticoagulants

DOAC

Direct-acting Oral Anticoagulants
Direct Oral Anticoagulants

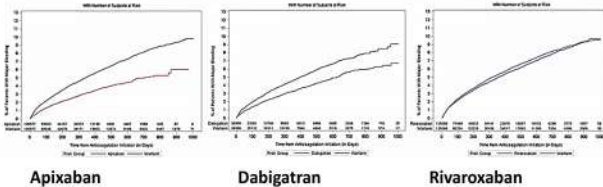
	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban *	Rivaroxaban
Action	Direct thrombin inhibitor	Activated factor Xa (FXa) inhibitor	Activated factor Xa (FXa) inhibitor	Activated factor Xa (FXa) inhibitor
Dose	150 mg BID 110 mg BID	5 mg BID 2.5 mg BID	60 mg QD 30 mg QD 15 mg QD	20 mg QD 15 mg QD
Phase III clinical trial	RE-LY ¹	ARISTOTLE ² AVERROES ³	ENGAGE-AF ⁴	ROCKET-AF ⁵

	Xarelto Dabigatran	Pradaxa Apixaban	Eliquis Edoxaban	Loxiana Rivaroxaban
administration	QD With food	bid	bid	QD
formulation	tablet	capsule	tablet	tablet
CYP metabolism	extensive	None	extensive	<4%
Renal elimination	35%	80%	25%	50%
Protein binding	92-95%	35%	87%	40-59%
Half life	9-13 hrs	14-17 hrs	8-15 hrs	9-10 hrs
Tmax	2.5-4 hrs	2-3 hrs	3-4 hrs	1-2 hrs
bioavailability	60-100 %	6-7 %	50-60 %	62%
transporter	P-gp/BCRP	P-gp	P-gp/BCRP	P-gp
GI tolerability	No problem	Dyspepsia 5-10%	No problem	No problem



NOAC vs. Warfarin

Major Bleeding



Apixaban

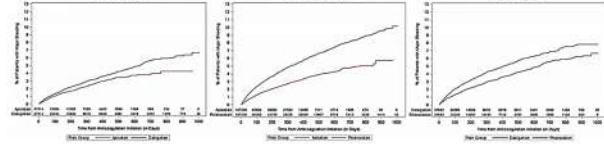
Dabigatran

Rivaroxaban

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NOAC vs. NOAC

Stroke/Systemic embolism



Apixaban vs. Dabigatran

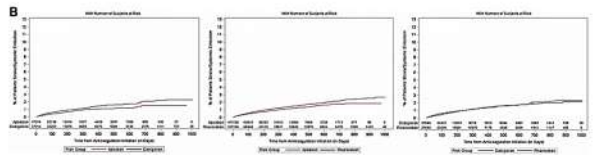
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Indication for use

- Stroke prevention in non-valvular atrial fibrillation
- Treatment of DVT and PE
- Prevention of recurrent DVT and PE
- Prevention of thromboembolism after total hip replacement



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ESC GUIDELINES

2016 ESC Guidelines for the management of atrial fibrillation developed in collaboration with EACTS

The Task Force for the management of atrial fibrillation of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

Developed with the special contribution of the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA) of the ESC

Endorsed by the European Stroke Organisation (ESO)

Kirchhof P, et al. 2016 ESC Guidelines for the management of AF. EHJ
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NOACs – The New Standard of Care

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
When oral anticoagulation is initiated in a patient with AF who is eligible for a NOAC (a pixaban, dabigatran, edoxaban, or rivaroxaban), a NOAC is recommended in preference to a Vitamin K antagonist.	I	A
Antiplatelet monotherapy is not recommended for stroke prevention in AF patients, regardless of stroke risk.	III (harm)	A

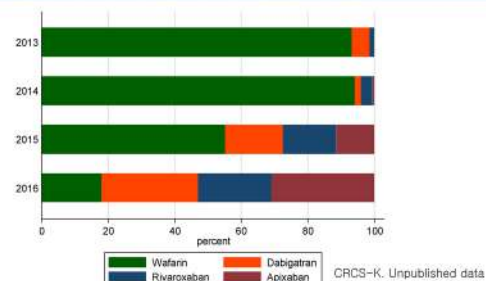
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Current US guidelines

- For patients with AF and an elevated CHA₂DS₂-VASc score of 2 or greater in men or 3 or greater in women, oral anticoagulants are recommended. (Class I, LOE A)
- NOACs (dabigatran, rivaroxaban, apixaban, and edoxaban) are recommended over warfarin** in NOAC-eligible patients with AF (except with moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis or a mechanical heart valve) (Class I, LOE A)

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Also a new standard of care in Korea



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- NVAF
 - TIA, ischemic stroke, or thromboembolism
 - ≥75 years
 - 2 out of 6 risk factors (CHF, HTN, DM, Vascular disease, 65-74, Woman)
- Prevention of DVT or PE
 - Provoked: Upto 6 months
 - Idiopathic: indefinite (2019.2)
- Hip or Knee replacement

Table 1 Valvular indications and contraindications for NOAC therapy in AF patients

	Eligible	Contra-indicated
Mechanical prosthetic valve		✓
Moderate to severe mitral stenosis (usually of rheumatic origin)		✓
Mild to moderate other native valvular disease	✓	
Severe aortic stenosis	✓	
Bioprosthetic valve*	Limited data. Most will undergo intervention ✓ (except for the first 3 months post-operatively)	
Mitral valve repair*	✓ (except for the first 3-6 months post-operatively)	
PTAV and TAVI	✓ (but no prospective data, may require combination with single or double antiplatelets, consider bleeding risk)	
Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	✓ (but no prospective data)	

PTAV, percutaneous transcatheter aortic valve deployment; TAVI, transcatheter aortic valve implantation.
American guidelines do not recommend NOAC in patients with biological heart valves or after valve repair.

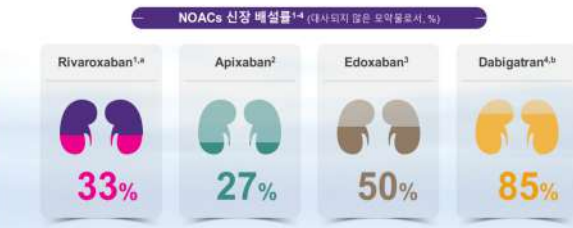
Initiation of anticoagulation

- Establish indication for anticoagulation
- Baseline blood works
 - Hemoglobin, renal and liver function, coagulation panel
- Choose anticoagulant and correct dose
- Decide on need for proton pump inhibitor

Checklist during follow-up

- Adherence
- Thromboembolism
- Bleeding
- Co-medications
- Blood sampling
 - Yearly: patients other than below
 - 6-monthly ≥ 75 years
 - X-monthly. If renal function CrCl < 60 mL/min: recheck interval = CrCl/10
- Assess for optimal NOAC and correct dosing

Renal Excretion Rates of NOACs



Please note this information is based on the respective prescribing information of products and is not intended as a head-to-head comparison. Therefore it should be carefully interpreted.
¹ Rivaroxaban¹ Summary of Product Characteristics as approved by the European Commission. Available at: http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/ViewDocument.aspx?document_id=210546
² Apixaban² Summary of Product Characteristics as approved by the European Commission. Available at: http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/ViewDocument.aspx?document_id=210546
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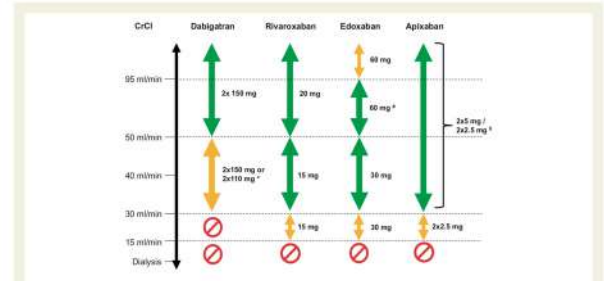


Figure 4 Use of non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulants according to renal function. *2 x 150 mg in patients at high risk of bleeding (per SmPC). **Other dose reduction criteria may apply (weight ≤60 kg, concomitant potent P-gp inhibitor therapy). †2 x 2.5 mg only if at least two out of three fulfilled: age ≥80 years, body weight ≤60 kg, creatinine ≥1.5 mg/dL (133 μmol/L). Orange arrows indicate cautionary use (dabigatran in moderate renal insufficiency, FXa inhibitors in severe renal insufficiency, edoxaban in 'supranormal' renal function); see text for details.

Creatinine Clearance calculation

- The Cockcroft–Gault method
- $CrCl = (140 - \text{age}) \times \text{weight (in kg)} \times [0.85 \text{ if female}] / 72 \times \text{serum creatinine (in mg/dL)}$

Creatinine Clearance (Cockcroft-Gault Equation)

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

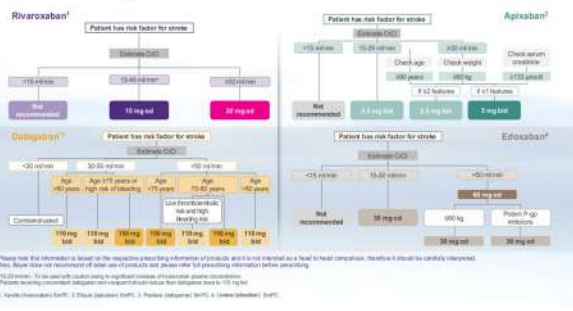
Age: years

Weight: kg

Serum Creatinine: mg/dL

Calculated Creatinine Clearance: mL/min

NOAC Dosing Guide



Possible drug-drug interactions – Effect on NOAC plasma levels part 1

	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
Atorvastatin	P-gp/ CYP3A4		no effect	no effect
Digoxin	P-gp		no effect	no effect
Verapamil	P-gp/ wk CYP3A4		+53% (slow release)	
Diltiazem	P-gp/ wk CYP3A4			
Quinidine	P-gp		+80%	+50%
Amiodarone	P-gp			
Dronedarone	P-gp/CYP3A4			
Ketoconazole, Itraconazole, voriconazole, posaconazole	P-gp and BCRP/ CYP3A4			

Red – contraindicated, orange – reduce dose, yellow – consider dose reduction if another yellow factor present; hatching – no data available; recommendation made from pharmacokinetic considerations.

Possible drug-drug interactions – Effect on NOAC plasma levels part 2

	Interaction	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
Fluconazole	CYP3A4	no data	no data	no data	+42%
Cyclosporin; tacrolimus	P-gp	no data	no data	no data	+50%
Gentamicin; erythromycin	P-gp/ CYP3A4	+15–20%	no data	no data	+30–54%
HIV protease inhibitors	P-gp and BCRP/ CYP3A4	no data	strong increase	no data	up to +153%
Rifampicin; St John's wort; carbamazepine; phenytoin; phenobarbital	P-gp and BCRP/ CYP3A4/CYP2D2	-66%	-54%	-35%	up to -50%
Antacids	GI absorption	-12–30%	no data	no effect	no effect

Red – contraindicated, orange – reduce dose, yellow – consider dose reduction if another yellow factor present; hatching – no data available; recommendation made from pharmacokinetic considerations.

Switching between anticoagulant regimens

VKA to NOAC	INR < 2: immediate INR 2-3: 1-2 days INR > 3: 3-5 days
Parenteral anticoagulant to NOAC	Start when UFH discontinued (10-20). May be longer in patients with renal impairment Start when next dose would have been given
NOAC to VKA	Administer concurrently until INR in appropriate range Measure INR just before next intake of NOAC Re-test 24h after last dose of NOAC Monitor INR in first month until stable values (2.0-3.0) achieved
NOAC to parenteral anticoagulant	Initiate when next dose of NOAC is due
NOAC to NOAC	Initiate when next dose is due except where higher plasma concentrations expected (e.g. renal impairment)
Aspirin or dual-aspirin to NOAC	Switch accordingly; unless combination therapy needed

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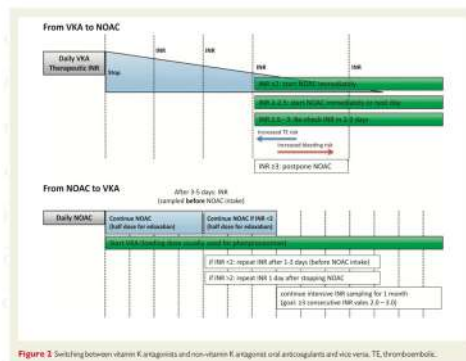
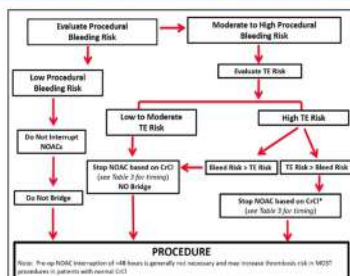


Figure 2 Switching between vitamin K antagonists and non-vitamin K antagonists oral anticoagulants and vice versa. TE, thromboembolic.

Periprocedural management



Note: Pre-op NOAC interruption of all bleeds is generally not necessary and may increase thrombotic risk in ACS.

AHA statement. Circulation. 2017;135

Bleeding Risk Classification

- Minor
 - Dental
 - Implant positioning
 - Cataract or glaucoma
 - Endoscopy w/o biopsy
 - Superficial surgery
- Low
 - Endoscopy w biopsy
 - Prostate or bladder biopsy
 - Cardiac catheterization
- High
 - Cardiovascular surgery
 - Intra-abdominal/Pelvic surgery
 - Major orthopedic surgery
 - Neurosurgery

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Peri-procedural Thromboembolic Risk

- Low
 - CHA₂DS₂VASc ≤ 1
 - No Stroke/TIA, VTE within 3 months
 - Heterozygous Factor V Leiden
 - Heterozygous PT gene mutation
- High
 - CHA₂DS₂VASc > 2
 - Stroke/TIA, VTE within 3 months
 - Protein C or S deficiency
 - Antithrombin deficiency
 - Antiphospholipid syndrome

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Table 11 Timing of last non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulant intake before start of an elective intervention

Dabigatran		Apixaban - Edoxaban - Rivaroxaban	
No important bleeding risk and/or adequate local haemostasis possible: perform at trough level (i.e. 12 h or 24 h after last intake)			
Low risk	High risk	Low risk	High risk
CrCl ≥80 mL/min	≥24h	≥24h	≥48h
CrCl 50-79 mL/min	≥24h	≥24h	≥48h
CrCl 30-49 mL/min	≥24h	≥24h	≥48h
CrCl 15-29 mL/min	Not indicated	≥24h	≥48h
CrCl <15 mL/min	No official indication for use		
No bridging with LMWH/UFH			
Resume full dose of NOAC ≥24h post-low bleeding risk interventions and 48 (-72)h post-high-bleeding risk interventions (see also Figure 8)			
Patients undergoing a planned intervention should receive a written note indicating the anticipated date and time of their intervention, and the date and time of the last intake of their NOAC (and any other medication)			

Low risk, with a low frequency of bleeding and/or minor impact of a bleeding; high risk, with a high frequency of bleeding and/or important clinical impact. See also Table 12

Low risk: with a low frequency of bleeding and/or minor impact of a bleeding; high risk: with a high frequency of bleeding and/or important clinical impact. See also Table 12. CrCl, creatinine clearance; LMWH, low molecular weight heparin; UFH, unfractionated heparin.

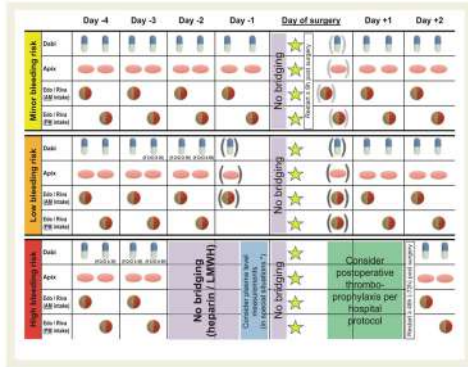
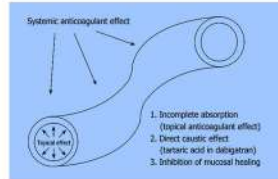


Figure 1. Adjusted Incidence of Hospitalization for Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) Tract Bleeding by Individual Oral Anticoagulants*

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NOAC and GI Bleeding

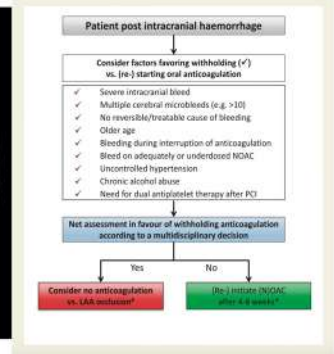
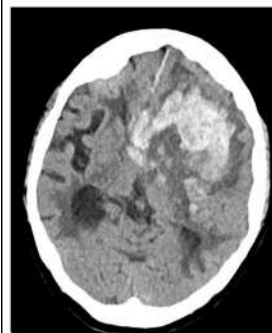
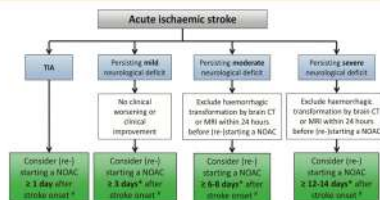


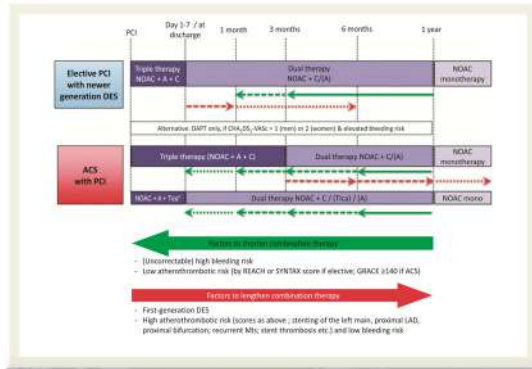
- Risk factors
 - Dabigatran, rivaroxaban
 - Concomitant ulcerogenic drugs
 - ASA, NSAID, steroid
 - Older age
 - Renal impairment
 - H.pylori infection

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Clinical Challenges

- Patients with atrial fibrillation
 - Acute stroke setting
 - Concomitant atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
 - Carotid or intracranial stenting
 - Following Intracerebral hemorrhage
 - Frail patients (CKD, hepatic dysfunction, low body weight..)
 - Cost
- Cancer-associated thromboembolism
- Antiphospholipid syndrome





Atrial fibrillation and Malignancy

- Choose anticoagulant
 - Current standard of care: VKA (LMWH).
 - NOACs: Available data scarce, but encouraging
 - Consider patient preference (VKA vs. NOAC)
- Protect the patient
 - Gastric protection (PPI/H2 blockers)
 - Beware of drug-drug interactions
 - Dose reduction/treatment interruption (if platelets <50k, renal dysfunction, bleeding, ...)

To prevent thrombosis in patients with antiphospholipid syndrome, is rivaroxaban non-inferior to vitamin K antagonists (VKA)?

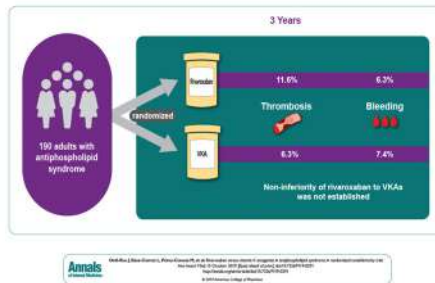
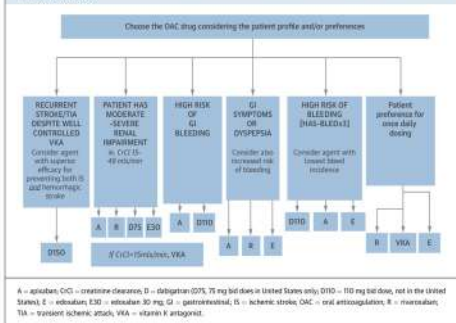


FIGURE 1 Selecting the Optimal Oral Anticoagulant for Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation: Some Suggestions for Initial Treatment Options



Summary

- NOAC became a new standard care in preventing stroke in patients with AF.
- Type and dose of NOAC can be selected according to patient's characteristics and renal function.
- Risk of both thromboembolism and bleeding should be assessed in patients undergoing surgical procedures.
- Risk of GIB is increased with use of certain NOACs, and it might be ameliorated with concomitant administration of H2B or PPI.