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## Practical use of NOAC in neurology practice

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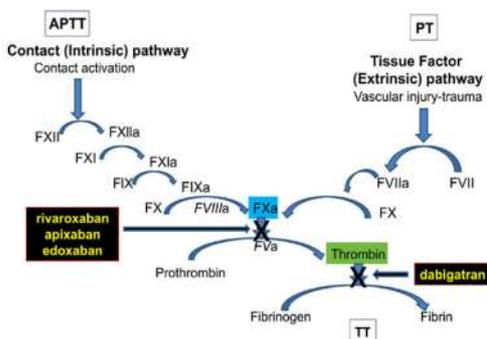
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### Problems with oral VKA

- 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**

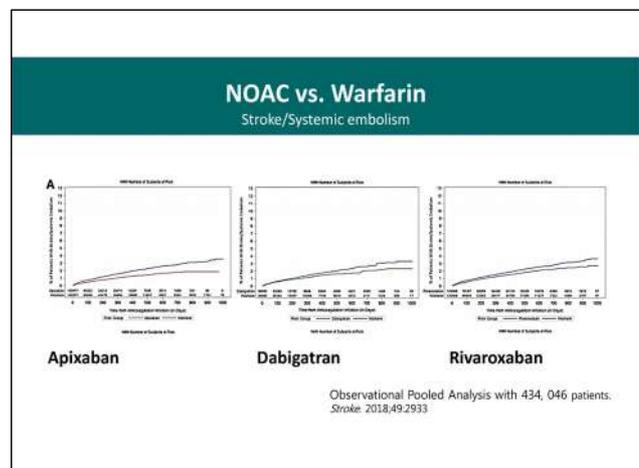
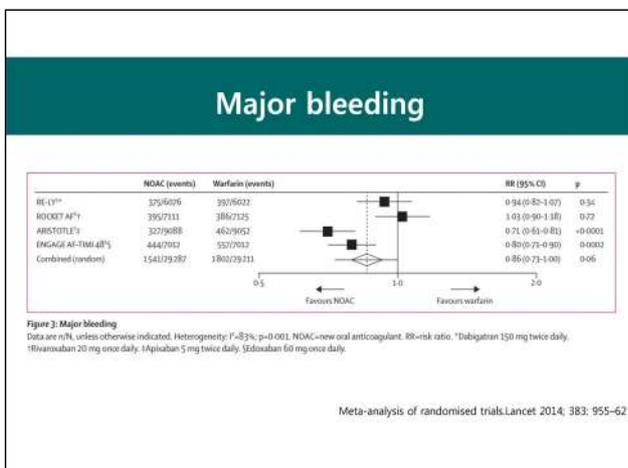
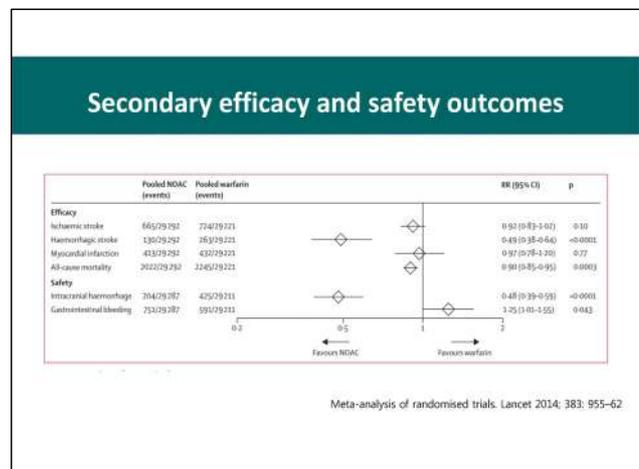
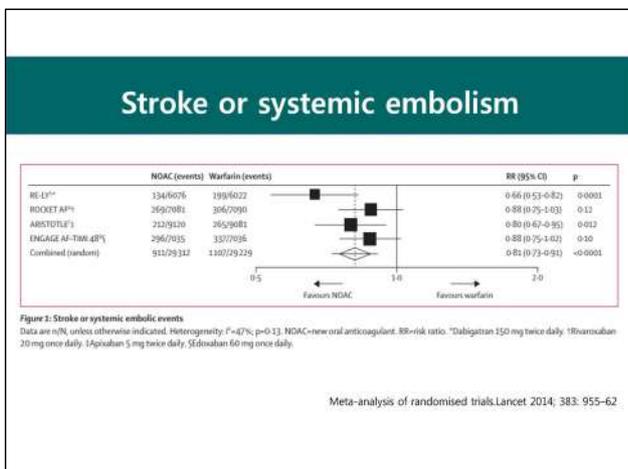
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Non-Vitamin K-Dependent Direct Oral Anticoagulants

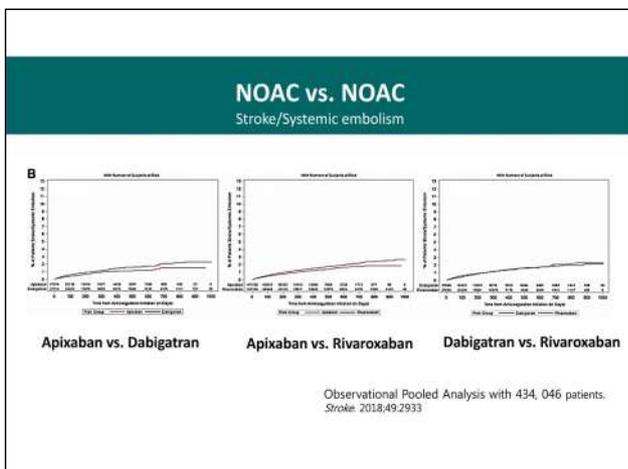
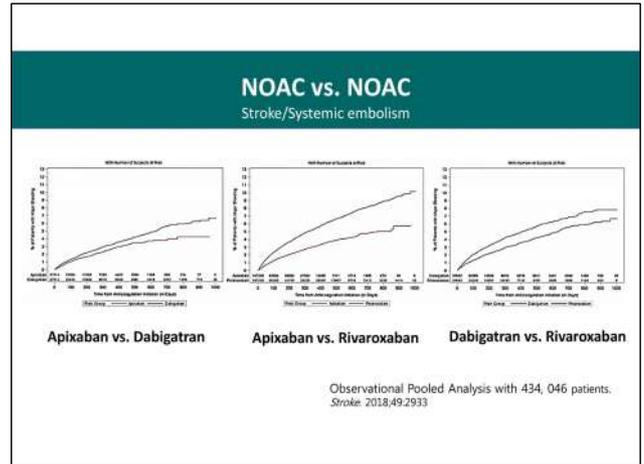
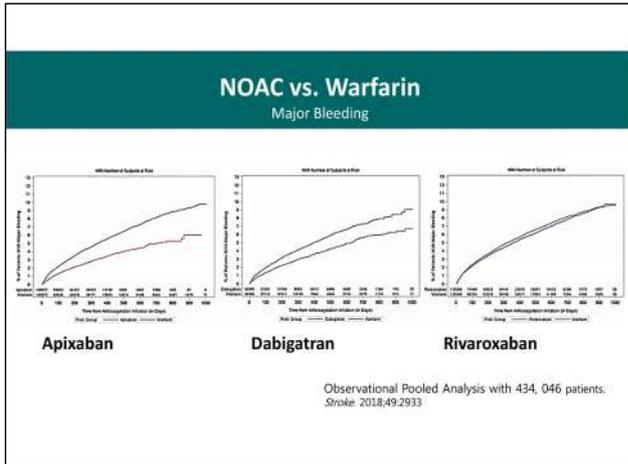
**DOAC**

Direct-acting Oral Anticoagulants  
Direct Oral Anticoagulants

	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban *	Rivaroxaban
<b>Action</b>	Direct thrombin inhibitor	Activated factor Xa (FXa) inhibitor	Activated factor Xa (FXa) inhibitor	Activated factor Xa (FXa) inhibitor
<b>Dose</b>	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
<b>Phase III clinical trial</b>	RE-LY <sup>1</sup>	ARISTOTLE <sup>2</sup> AVERROES <sup>3</sup>	ENGAGE-AF <sup>4</sup>	ROCKET-AF <sup>5</sup>

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





- ### 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)

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### NOACs – The New Standard of Care

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
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 CHA2 DS2 -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

Year	Warfarin (%)	Dabigatran (%)	Rivaroxaban (%)	Apixaban (%)
2013	95	5	0	0
2014	90	10	0	0
2015	55	15	10	20
2016	20	25	30	25
2017	15	30	35	20
2018	20	15	40	25

CRCS-K. Unpublished data

### 심평원 급여 기준

- 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	✓	
	Limited data. Most will undergo intervention	
Bioprosthetic valve*	✓	
	(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 transluminal aortic valvuloplasty; TAVI, transcatheter aortic valve implantation.  
\*American guidelines do not recommend NOAC in patients with biological heart valves or other 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

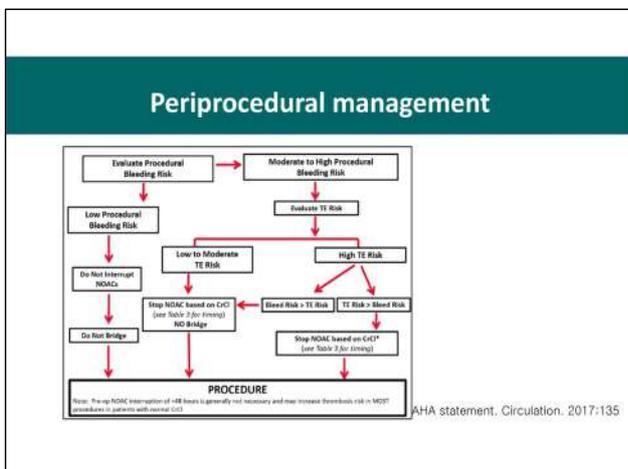
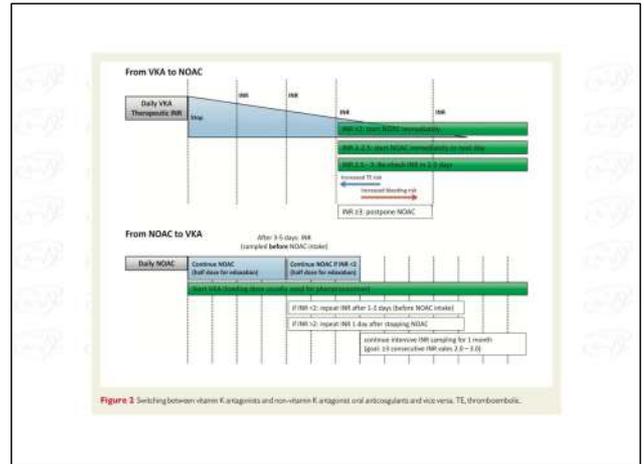
- Adherence
- Thromboembolism
- Bleeding
- Co-medications
- Blood sampling
  - Yearly: patients other than below
  - 6-monthly >= 75 years
  - X-monthly. If renal function CrCl < 60 mL/min: recheck interval = CrCl/10
- Assess for optimal NOAC and correct dosing



### Switching between anticoagulant regimens

VKA to NOAC	INR < 2.0: immediate INR 2.0-2.5: immediate or next day INR > 2.5: Use INR and VKA half-life to estimate time to INR < 2.5
Parenteral anticoagulant to NOAC: Subcutaneous unfractionated heparin (UFH) Low molecular weight heparin (LMWH)	Start once UFH discontinued (21-24). May be longer in patients with renal impairment Start when next dose would have been given
NOAC to VKA	Administer concomitantly 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-agent to NOAC	Switch accordingly; unless combination therapy needed

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### Bleeding Risk Classification

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dental</li> <li>Implant positioning</li> <li>Cataract or glaucoma</li> <li>Endoscopy w/o biopsy</li> <li>Superficial surgery</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Endoscopy w biopsy</li> <li>Prostate or bladder biopsy</li> <li>Cardiac catheterization</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cardiovascular surgery</li> <li>Intra-abdominal/Pelvic surgery</li> <li>Major orthopedic surgery</li> <li>Neurosurgery</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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### Peri-procedural Thromboembolic Risk

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>VASc &lt;=1</li> <li>No Stroke/TIA, VTE within 3 months</li> <li>Heterozygous Factor V Leiden</li> <li>Heterozygous PT gene mutation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>VASc &gt; 2</li> <li>Stroke/TIA, VTE within 3 months</li> <li>Protein C or S deficiency</li> <li>Antithrombin deficiency</li> <li>Antiphospholipid syndrome</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**Table 11** Timing of last non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulant intake before start of an elective intervention

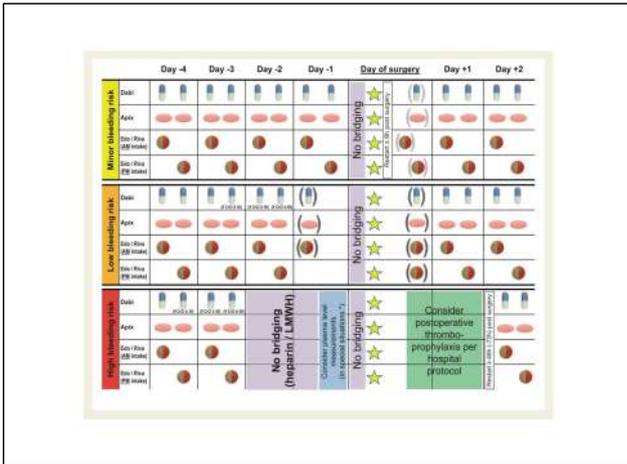
	Dabigatran		Apixaban – Edoxaban – Rivaroxaban	
	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	High risk
CrCl ≥80 mL/min	≥24h	≥24h	≥24h	≥48h
CrCl 50-79 mL/min	≥24h	≥24h	≥24h	≥48h
CrCl 30-49 mL/min	≥48h	≥24h	≥24h	≥48h
CrCl 15-29 mL/min	Not indicated	Not indicated	≥24h	≥48h
CrCl <15 mL/min	No official indication for use			

**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)

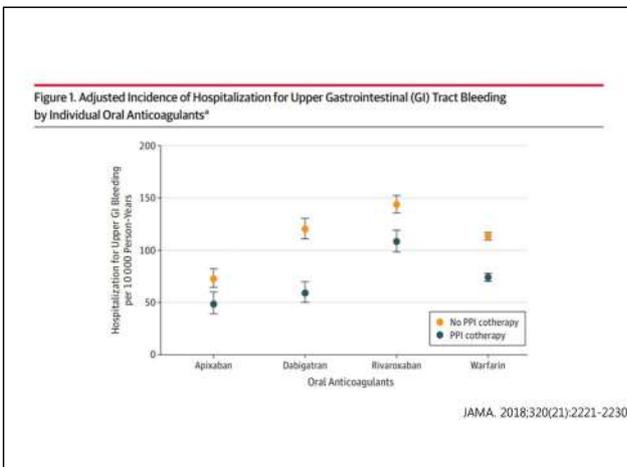
Low risk, with a low frequency of bleeding and/or minor impact of a bleeding; high risk, with a high frequency of bleeding and/or important clinical impact. See also Table 12. CrCl, creatinine clearance; LMWH, low molecular-weight heparin; UFH, unfractionated heparin.



## NOAC and GI Bleeding

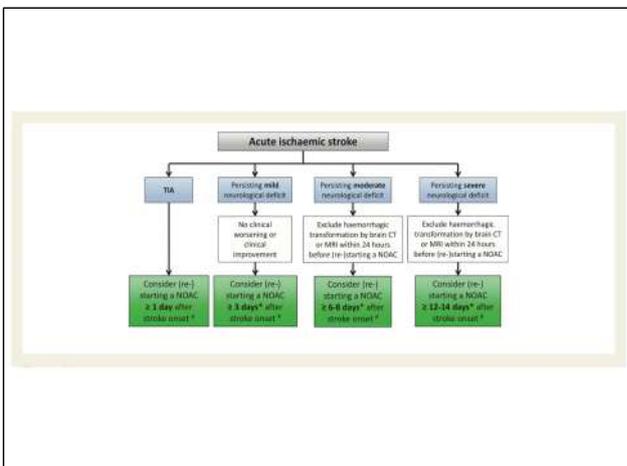
- Risk factors
  - Dabigatran, rivaroxaban
  - Concomitant ulcerogenic drugs
    - ASA, NSAID, steroid
  - Older age
  - Renal impairment
  - H.pylori infection

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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



**Patient post intracranial haemorrhage**

Consider factors favoring withholding (✓) vs. (re-) starting oral anticoagulation

- ✓ Severe intracranial bleed
- ✓ Multiple cerebral microbleeds (e.g. >10)
- ✓ No reversible/treatable cause of bleeding
- ✓ Older age
- ✓ Bleeding during interruption of anticoagulation
- ✓ Bleed on adequately or underdosed NOAC
- ✓ Uncontrolled hypertension
- ✓ Chronic alcohol abuse
- ✓ Need for dual antiplatelet therapy after PCI

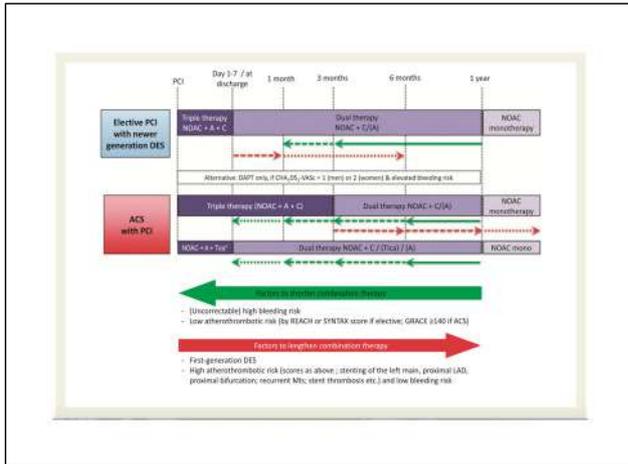
Net assessment in favour of withholding anticoagulation according to a multidisciplinary decision

Yes

Consider no anticoagulation vs. LAA treatment\*

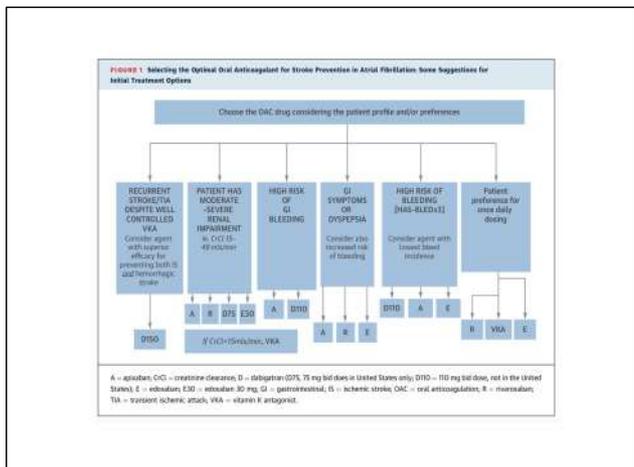
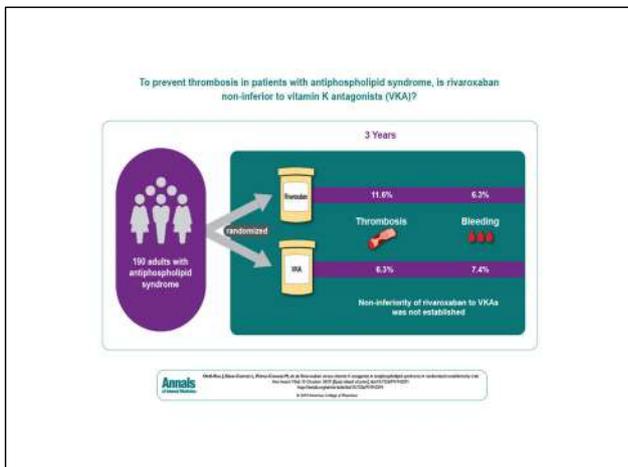
No

(Re-) start NOAC after 2-8 weeks\*



## 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, ...)



## 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.