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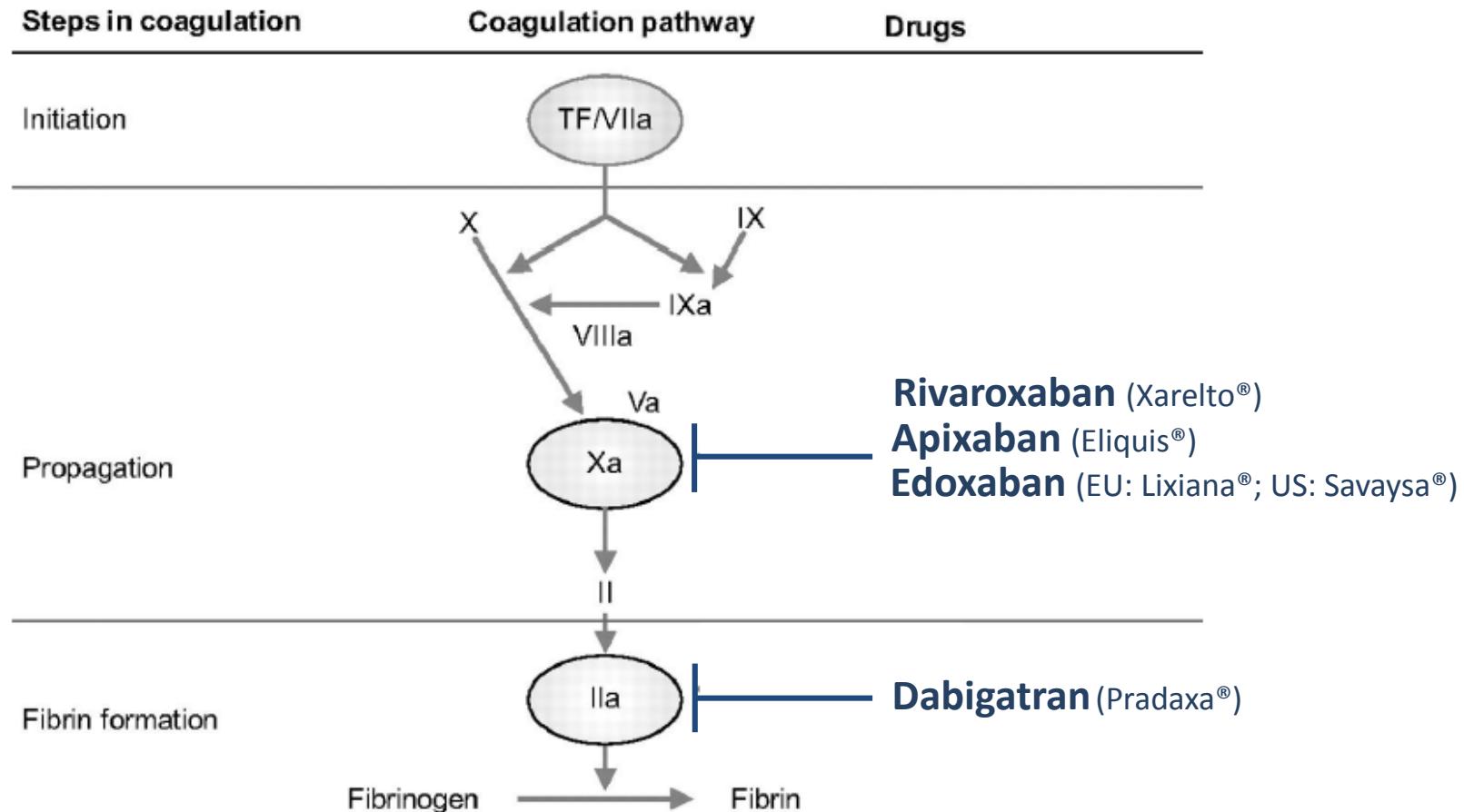
## **Nuovi anticoagulanti orali e procedure endoscopiche**



# **Objectives:**

1. Basics on NOACs
  - risk of GI bleeding related to NOACs
2. Management of NOACs for elective endoscopy procedures

# NOACs: mechanism of action



**DOACs**  
Direct Oral AntiCoagulants

# DOACs: Approved Indications

<b>DOAC</b>	<b>nv-AF</b>	<b>DVT/PE*</b>	<b>VTE prophylaxis^</b>
<b>Dabigatran – Pradaxa®</b> (110mg, 150mg) BID	110-150mg bid <sup>1</sup>	Heparin lead-in required 5-10 days 150 mg bid	110 bid
<b>Apixaban - Eliquis®</b> (2.5 mg, 5 mg) BID	2.5- 5 mg bid <sup>2</sup>	10mg bid from day 1 to 7 5 mg bid	2.5 mg bid
<b>Rivaraxoban - Xarelto®</b> (10 mg, 15mg, 20mg) QD	15–20 mg qd <sup>3</sup>	15 mg bid from day 1 to 21 20 mg qd	10 mg qd
<b>Edoxoban - Lixiana®</b> (30mg, 60mg) QD	30–60 mg qd <sup>4</sup>	Heparin lead-in required 5 days 60 mg qd	-----

^ Indications: orthopedic surgery (hip, knee replacement)

\* Extended risk reduction (recurrent DVT/PE) [150 mg bid/ 20mg qd/ 2.5mg bid]

<sup>1</sup> 110 mg if age ≥80; verapamil [dose to be individualized if age 75-80, CreatCL 30-49ml/min, high bleeding risk]

<sup>2</sup> 2.5mg if at least two criteria: age ≥80; weight < 60Kg; creatinine > 1.5mg/dL

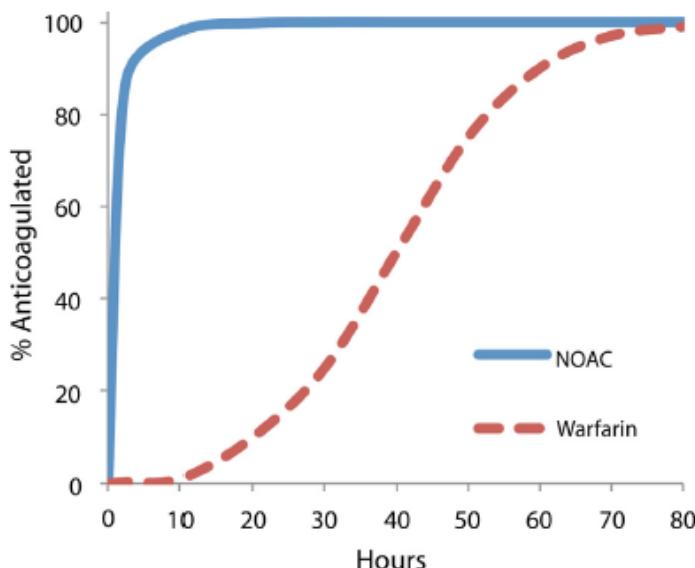
<sup>3</sup> 15mg if CreatCL 15-49ml/min

<sup>4</sup> 30mg if CreatCL 15-49ml/min, weight < 60Kg, inhibitor Pgp (cyclosporin, eritromicine, ketoconazole, dronedarone)

# DOACs: Pharmacodynamic/Kinetic properties

- Faster onset and offset of action than VKAs
- More predictable pharmacodynamic/kinetic properties than VKAs

## Onset of action:

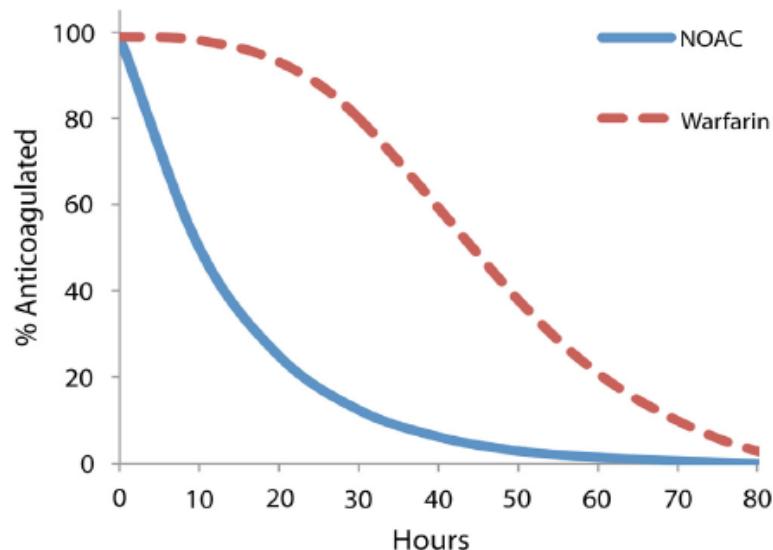


Anticoagulant activity reached:

DOACs: 1-3 hours (single dose)

VKAs: days (multiple doses)

## Offset of action:



Anticoagulant activity restored:

DOACs: within 24-48 hours after withdrawal

VKAs: days

# DOACs vs. VKAs: Pros and Cons

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Is the risk of GI bleeding with DOACs higher than with warfarin?

## Major GI bleeding risk of DOACs vs. VKAs: nvAF trials

	Dabigatran		Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Edoxaban	
Study	RE-LY		ROCKET-AF	ARISTOTLE	ENGAGE AF-TIMI 48	
Dose	110mg bid	150mg bid	20mg	5mg bid	30mg	60mg
<b>Risk for major GI bleeding</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>+50%</b>	<b>+61%</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>-33%</b>	<b>+23%</b>
HR (95% CI)		1.49 (1.21-1.84)	1.61 (1.30-1.99)	0.89 (0.70-1.15)	0.67 (0.53-0.83)	1.23 (1.02-1.50)

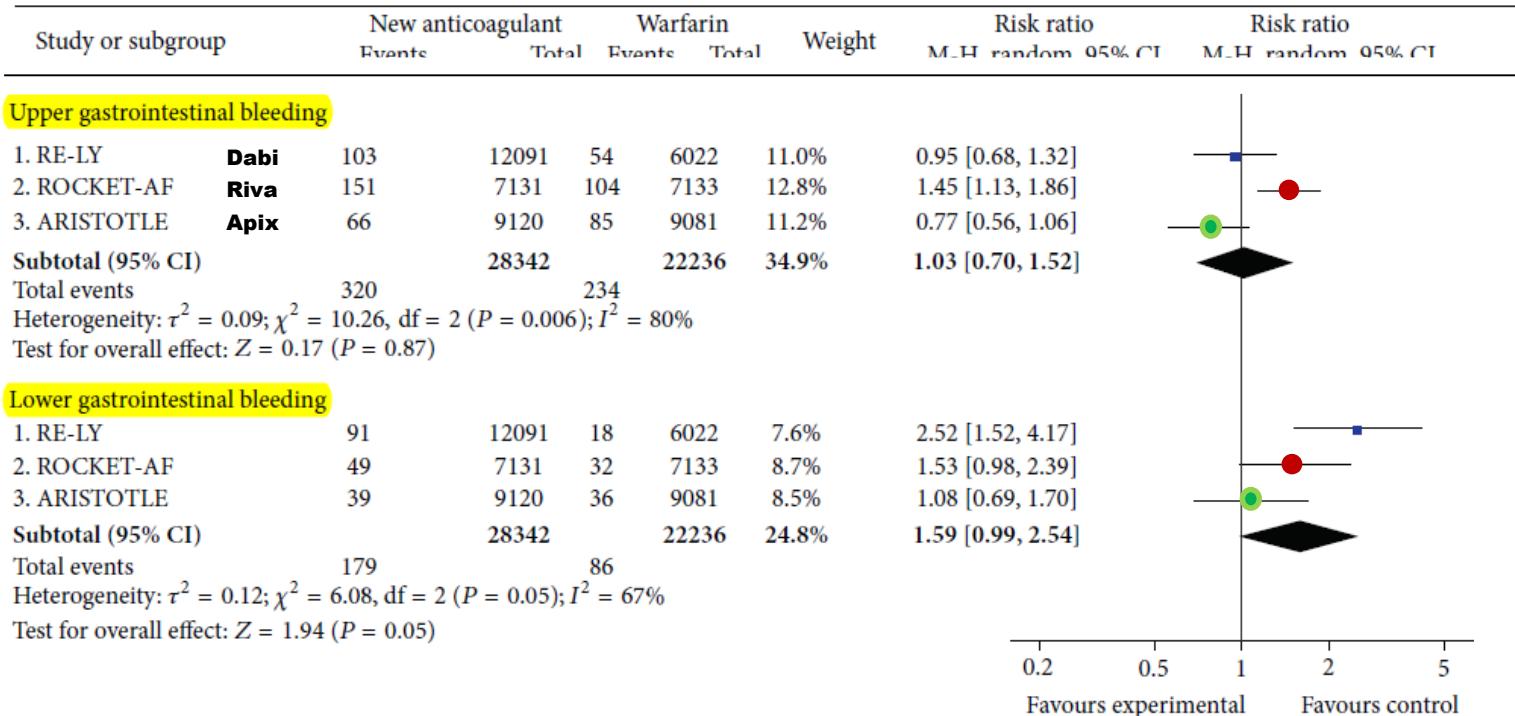
Connolly SJ, NEJM 2009;361:1139-51

Patel MR, NEJM 2011;365:883-91

Granger CB, NEJM 2011;365:981-92

Giugliano RP, NEJM 2013; 369, 2093-2104

# Major GI bleeding risk of DOACs vs. VKAs: nvAF trials



Gomes-Outes A, Thrombosis 2013; 2013:640723

Rivaroxaban: increased risk of **upper** GI bleeding  
 Dabigatran: increased risk of **lower** GI bleeding  
 Apixaban GI bleeding **not increased**

# **GI bleeding risk of DOACs vs. VKAs in the *real-world*: summary of evidence**

- Conflicting data from population-based cohort studies
- Dabigatran and risk of major GI bleeding versus warfarin:
  - downsized in most real-world studies from US, albeit consistently reported in patients >75 years
  - not reported in European studies(DE 110mg off-label)
- Rivaroxaban and risk of major GI bleeding versus warfarin:
  - confirmed in most real world studies, especially in elderly
- Published post-marketing data regarding major GI bleeding with edoxaban not yet available

Graham DJ, Circulation 2015; 131: 157-164  
Hernandez I, JAMA Intern Med 2015; 175: 18-24

Chang HY, BMJ 2015; 350: h 1585  
Abraham NS, BMJ 2015; 350: h 18571585  
Graham DJ, JAMA Circulation 2016; 176: 1662-1671  
Yao X, J Am Heart Assoc 2016; 13: 5

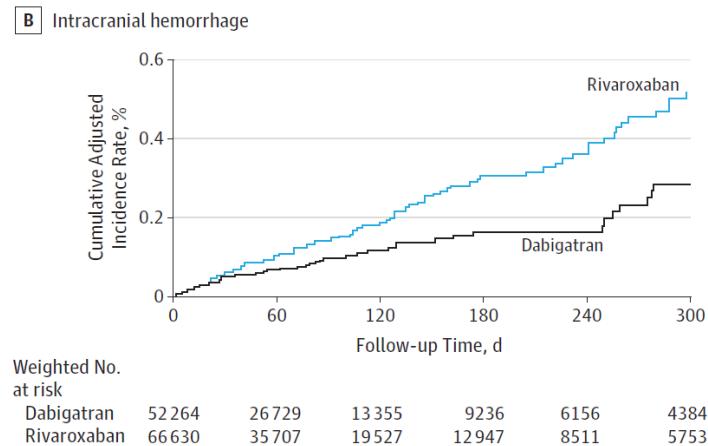
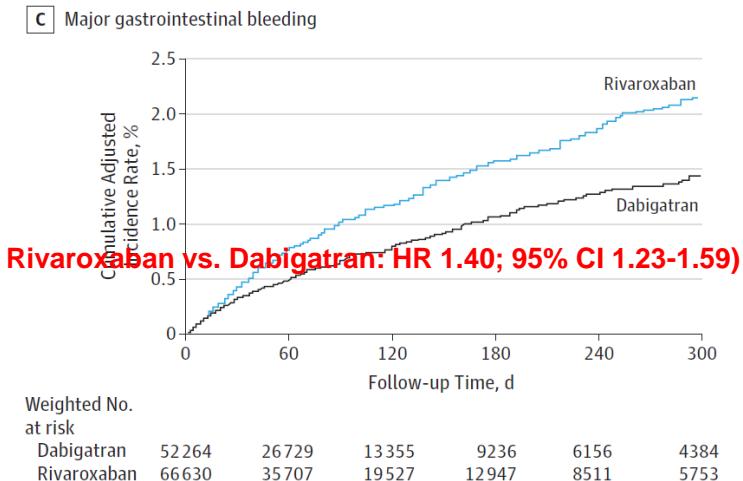
# GI Bleeding in the real-world: *head to head studies*

JAMA Intern Med. 2016 Nov 1;176(11):1662-1671. doi: 10.1001/jamainternmed.2016.5954.

## Stroke, Bleeding, and Mortality Risks in Elderly Medicare Beneficiaries Treated With Dabigatran or Rivaroxaban for Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation.

Graham DJ<sup>1</sup>, Reichman ME<sup>1</sup>, Wernecke M<sup>2</sup>, Hsueh YH<sup>3</sup>, Izem R<sup>3</sup>, Southworth MR<sup>4</sup>, Wei Y<sup>2</sup>, Liao J<sup>2</sup>, Goulding MR<sup>1</sup>, Mott K<sup>1</sup>, Chilarige Y<sup>2</sup>, MacCurdy TE<sup>5</sup>, Worrall C<sup>6</sup>, Kelman JA<sup>6</sup>.

Patients with nvAF, age  $\geq 65$ , new users, included in Medicare database  
Dabigatran: n=15.524 ; Rivaroxaban n= 66.651  
Propensity-score matching



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Gastroenterology. 2016 Dec 30. pii: S0016-5085(16)35532-9. doi: 10.1053/j.gastro.2016.12.018. [Epub ahead of print]

## Gastrointestinal Safety of Direct Oral Anticoagulants: A Large Population-Based Study.

Abraham NS<sup>1</sup>, Noseworthy PA<sup>2</sup>, Yao X<sup>3</sup>, Sangaralingham LR<sup>3</sup>, Shah ND<sup>4</sup>.

Patients with nvAF, included in OptimumLab Data Wharehouse: DE=17.426 ; Rivaroxaban = 19.201; Apixaban = 6.576  
Propensity-score matching

### Major GI Bleeding

<b>Rivaroxaban vs. Dabigatran</b> (n= 15787, matched 1:1)	1.20 [1.01-1.45]
<b>Apixaban vs. dabigatran</b> (n= 6542, matched 1:1)	0.39 [0.27-0.58]
<b>Apixaban vs. rivaroxaban</b> (n= 6565, matched 1:1)	0.39 [0.22-0.49]

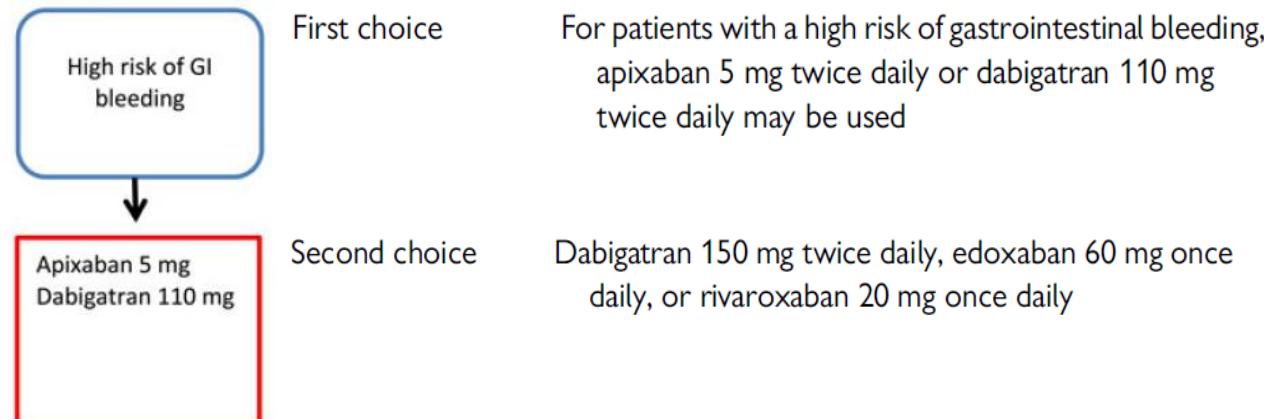


**Prevention**

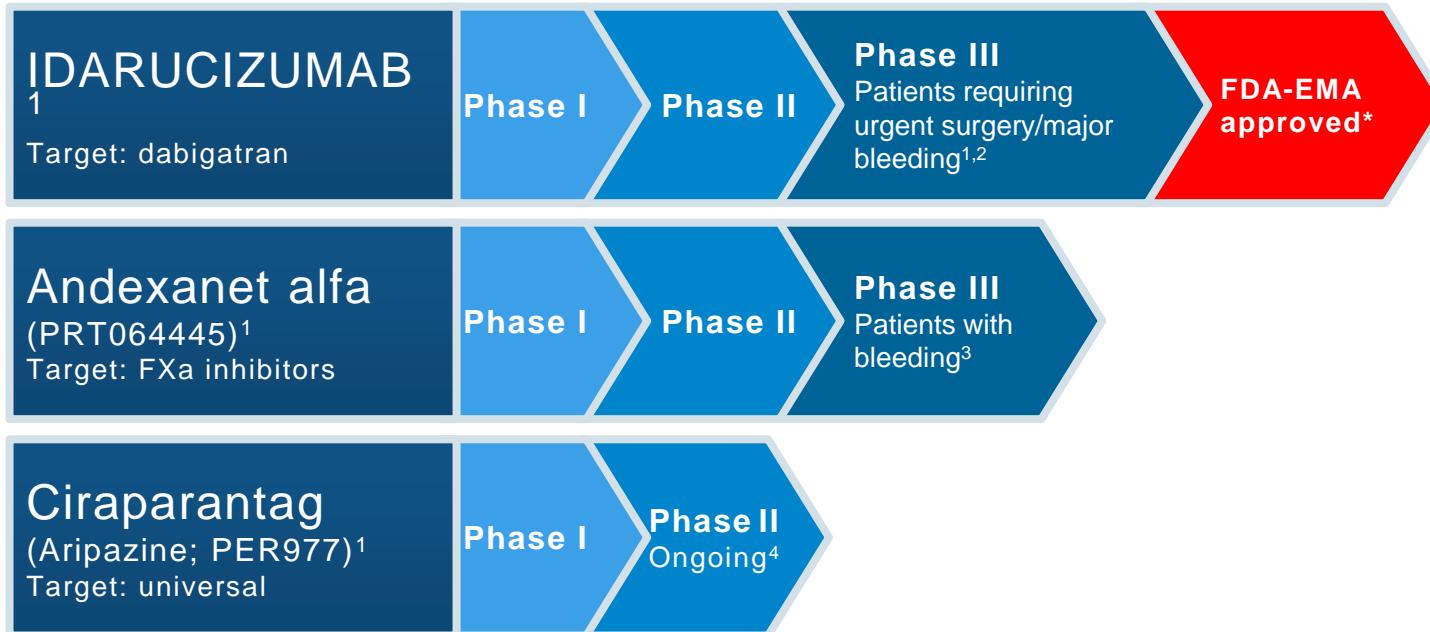
## **Choosing a particular oral anticoagulant and dose for stroke prevention in individual patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation: part 2**

Hans-Christoph Diener<sup>1\*</sup>, James Aisenberg<sup>2</sup>, Jack Ansell<sup>3</sup>, Dan Atar<sup>4</sup>,  
Günter Breithardt<sup>5</sup>, John Eikelboom<sup>6</sup>, Michael D. Ezekowitz<sup>7,8,9</sup>,  
Christopher B. Granger<sup>10</sup>, Jonathan L. Halperin<sup>11</sup>, Stefan H. Hohnloser<sup>12</sup>,  
Elaine M. Hylek<sup>13</sup>, Paulus Kirchhof<sup>14,15</sup>, Deirdre A. Lane<sup>16</sup>, Freek W.A. Verheugt<sup>17</sup>,  
Roland Veltkamp<sup>18</sup>, and Gregory Y.H. Lip<sup>19,20</sup>

### **Patients with a high risk of gastrointestinal bleeding**



# DOAC specific antidotes:



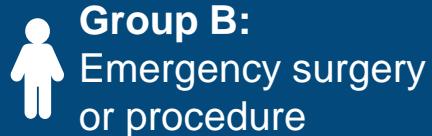
**Indications:** 1) need for urgent surgery 2) uncontrolled, life-threatening bleeding.

**1.** Pollack et al. N Engl J Med 2015; **2.** Pollack et al. Thromb Haemost 2015; **3.** Connolly et al. N Engl J Med 2016; **4.** ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02207257

# RE-VERSE AD™:

Pollack et al. N Engl J Med 2015

AHA Meeting, New Orleans 2016



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# NOACs Guidelines for GI Endoscopy

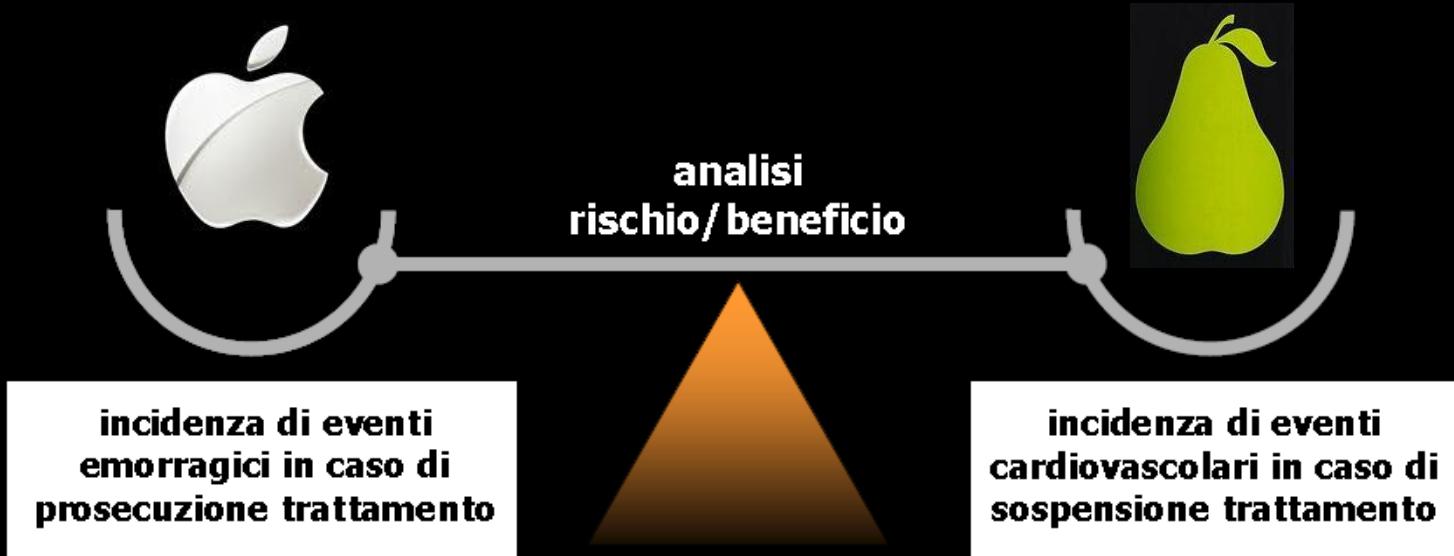


Endoscopy in patients on antiplatelet or anticoagulant therapy, including direct anticoagulants: British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) and European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) guidelines  
**(Veitch A et al., Gut 2016, Endoscopy 2016)**



The management of antithrombotic agents in patients undergoing GI endoscopy  
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# Scelta decisionale:



## Evento emorragico GI:

- In genere controllabile
- Outcome spesso favorevole
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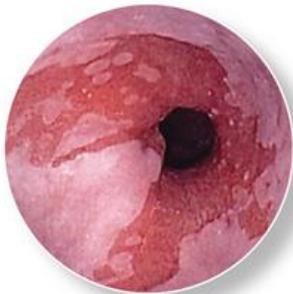
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# Case scenario 1



♂62 yr, nv-AF

apixaban 5mg bid (morning dose taken)

EGDS for BE surveillance (Praga C2M3) at 9.00am

## Question time:



Multiple biopsies taken

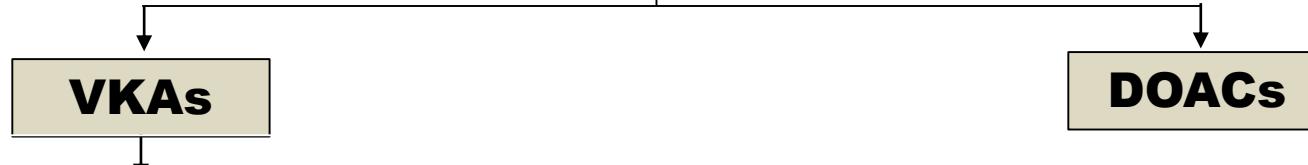


Procedure rescheduled  
with NOAC interruption

# Anticoagulants interruption for low-risk procedures

EGD, colonoscopy  $\pm$  biopsy  
(DA) enteroscopy  $\pm$  biopsy

ERCP without sphincterotomy  
EUS without FNA  
Barrett ablation  
Argon Plasma Coagulation (APC)



**Warfarin should be continued, but it should be ensured that the international normalised ratio (INR) does not exceed the therapeutic range:**

ASGE Guidelines. Gastrointest Endosc 2009  
BSG Guidelines. Gut 2008

Biopsies on DOACs?



NO safety data

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**DOACs**

***EHRA recommends to discontinue DOACs 24h before endoscopic biopsies***

***ASGE suggests continuing DOACs in patients undergoing low-risk procedures***

***BSG/ ESGE suggest omitting the morning dose of DOACs on the day of the procedure***

EHRA Guidelines, Europace 2013

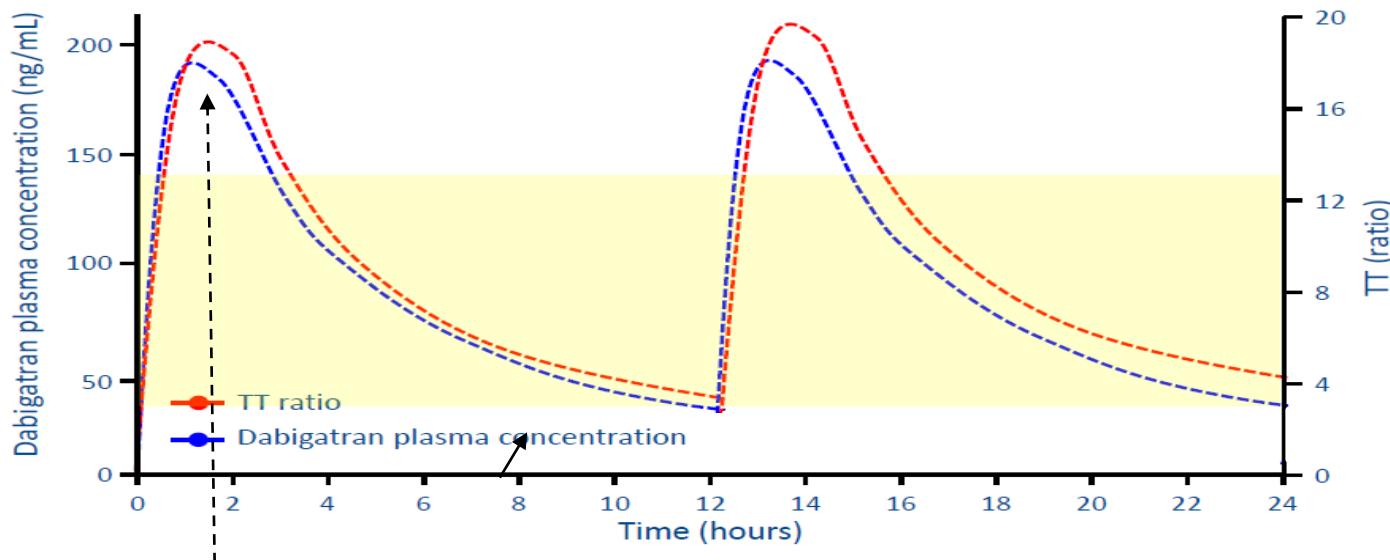
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Veitch A, Gut 2016, *in press*

# DOACs pharmacodynamics

## Dabigatran plasma concentration and effect on coagulation

Gong IY et al. Can J Cardiol 2013; S24-S33



**Peak** = highest anticoagulation activity = highest risk of bleeding  
dabigatran ~2h after ingestion (1-4h for other DOACs)

**A relevant bleeding risk is possible for biopsies performed at peak level**  
**Bleeding risk is minimized at trough level**

Guidelines



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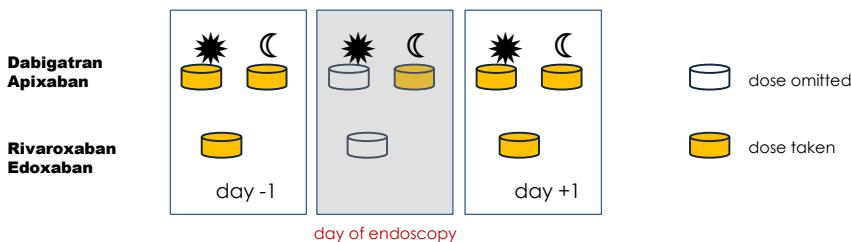
Gut 2016; 65: 374-89

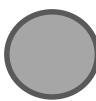
# Management DOACs for elective endoscopy:

## Low-risk procedures:

- Diagnostic endoscopy, including mucosal biopsy
- Diagnostic push and device assisted enteroscopy
- Diagnostic EUS without FNA
- ERCP + stent placement or biliary dilation without sphincterotomy
- Argon Plasma Coagulation
- Barrett's ablation
- Enteral stent deployment (controversial)

- **Omit the morning dose of DOAC on the day of the procedure**
- **Continue DOAC after the procedure (same evening for dabigatran and apixaban)**





## Case scenario 2



♂75 yr., nv-AF, previous stroke, hypertension  
CHADS<sub>2</sub> 5, CrCl 65ml/min,  
Rivaroxaban 20mg od  
ERCP for CBD stone

### Question time:



No doses in the 48 hours before



No doses in the 96 hours before

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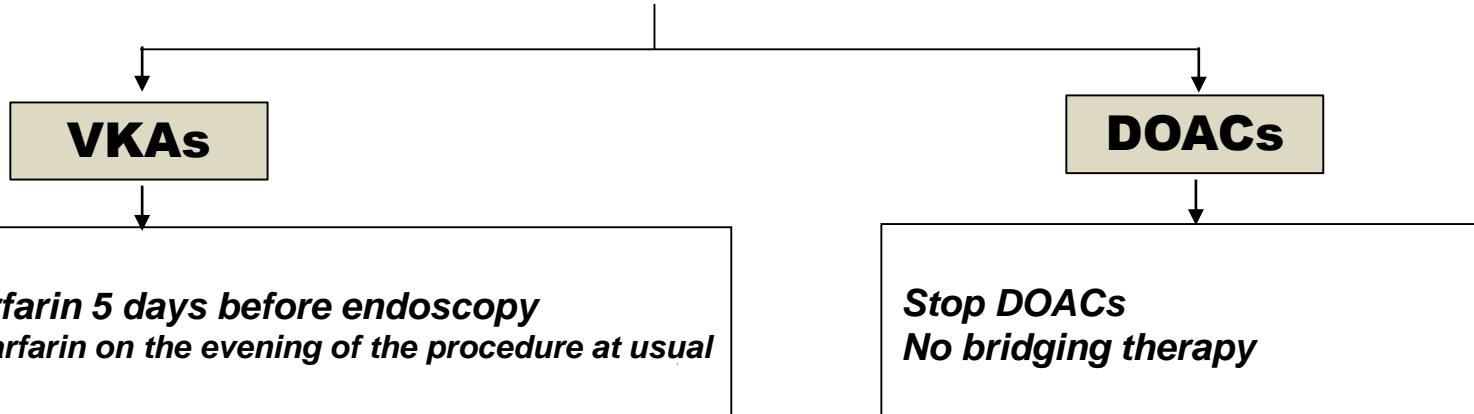


Bridging therapy with LMWH



No bridging

# Anticoagulants interruption for high-risk procedures



## Bridging therapy with LMWH in high-risk conditions:

- Mechanical valve in mitralic position
- Mechanical valve in any position and recent (<6 months) stroke or TIA
- AF and recent stroke or TIA
- AF and CHADS<sub>2</sub> 5-6
- AF and rheumatic valvular heart disease
- Recent VTE (<3 months)
- Trombophilia syndromes

ASGE Guidelines. Gastrointest Endosc 2009; 70; 1060-70

BSG Guidelines. Gut 2008; 57: 1322-29



# Considerations on heparin-bridging therapy in patients on DOACs :

- Most DOACs patients, by indication, are not at high-risk for TE events
- Heparin bridging is useless in warfarin pts not at high-risk for TE events (BRIDGE study)

Douketis JD, New Engl J Med 2015

- DOACs have rapid onset and offset of action
- Bridging was harmful in Dresden (rivaroxaban) and Canadian (dabigatran) registries

Beyern Westendorf J, Blood 2014

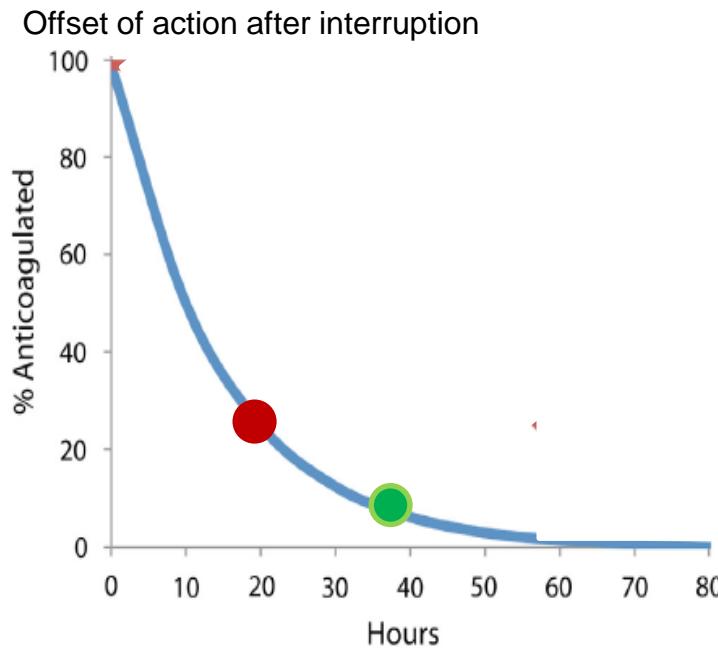
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- $t_{1/2}$  half-life is significantly prolonged in case of renal impairment only for dabigatran, that has a dominant (80%) renal excretion

# DOAC interruption according to renal function (EHRA Guidelines):

	Dabigatran	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Edoxaban
<b>Renal Clearance %</b>	80%	35%	25%	50%
<b>Elimination half-life <math>t_{1/2}</math></b>	<b>12-14h</b> (normal renal function)	<b>6-12h</b>	<b>8-12h</b>	<b>9-12h</b>
CrCl $\geq$ 80ml/min	$\geq$ 48h	$\geq$ 48h	$\geq$ 48h	No data
CrCl 50-80ml/min	$\geq$ 72h	$\geq$ 48h	$\geq$ 48h	No data
CrCl 30-50ml/min	$\geq$ 96h	$\geq$ 48h	$\geq$ 48h	No data
CrCl $\leq$ 30ml/min	Not indicated	$\geq$ 48h	$\geq$ 48h	No data

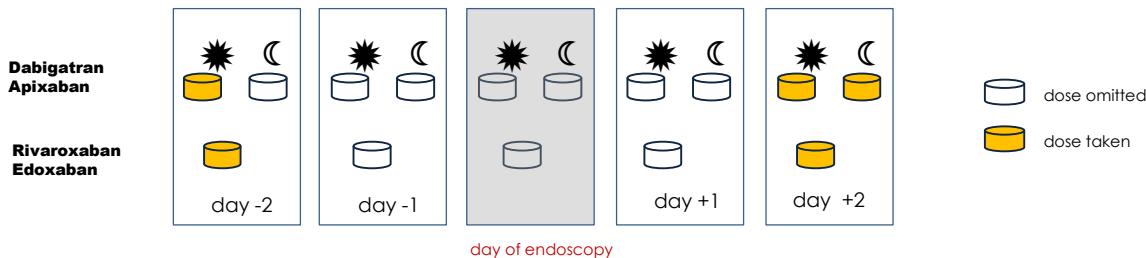
EHRA Guidelines, Europace 2013; 15: 625-651

# Management DOACs for elective endoscopy:

## High-risk procedures:

- Polypectomy
- All other operative procedures non included in low-risk category

- Evaluation of CrCl within 1-4 weeks [Dabigatran]
- Stop DOACs
- NO bridging therapy
- **Last dose intake >48 hours prior the procedure**
- **DOAC resumption 48 hours after the procedure**



Consider:

- last dose intake 72-96 hours prior the procedure for patients on dabigatran with renal impairment (CrCl 30-50mL/min)
- resumption after 72-96 hours for procedures with significant risk of delayed bleeding (large EMR, ESD)

# The management of antithrombotic agents for patients undergoing GI endoscopy

Prepared by: ASGE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

TABLE 6. Periprocedural management of dabigatran (Pradaxa)<sup>53</sup>

Creatinine clearance (mL/min)	Time to onset of action (h)	Half-life (h)	Timing of discontinuation before procedure	
			Moderate procedural bleeding risk (2-3 half-lives)	High procedural bleeding risk (4-5 half-lives)
>80	1.25-3	13 (11-22)	1-1.5 days	2-3 days
50-80	1.25-3	15 (12-34)	1-2 days	2-3 days
30-49	1.25-3	18 (13-23)	1.5-2 days	3-4 days
≤29	1.25-3	27 (22-35)	2-3 days	4-6 days

TABLE 7. Periprocedural management of apixaban (Eliquis)<sup>54</sup>

Creatinine clearance (mL/min)	Time to onset of action (h)	Timing of discontinuation before high-risk endoscopic procedure (day)
>60	1-3	1 or 2
30-59	1-3	3
15-29	1-3	4

TABLE 9. Periprocedural management of edoxaban (Savaysa)<sup>55</sup>

Creatinine clearance (mL/min)	Time to onset of action (h)	Half-life (h)	Timing of discontinuation before high-risk procedure (h)
>60	1-2	8.6	At least 24
30-60	1-2	9.4	At least 24
15-30	1-2	16.9	At least 24
≤15	1-2	No data	No data

TABLE 8. Periprocedural management of rivaroxaban (Xarelto)<sup>56</sup>

Creatinine clearance (mL/min)	Time to onset of action (h)	Timing of discontinuation before high-risk endoscopic procedure (day)
>90	2-4	≥1
60-90	2-4	2
30-59	2-4	3
15-29	2-4	4



## **Management DOACs for outpatient routine procedures:**

### **The Management of Anticoagulants in the Periendoscopic Period for Patients with Atrial Fibrillation: A Decision Analysis**

Lauren B. Gerson, MD, MSc, George Triadafilopoulos, MD, Brian F. Gage, MD, MSc

Am J Med 2004; 116: 451-9

Hold warfarin strategy cost effective for screening colonoscopy, assuming that polyps would be removed in 35% of examinations

- **Colonoscopy = high probability of operative procedure = HR procedure**
- **Upper GI endoscopy = low probability of operative procedure = LR procedure**

# **Periendoscopic management of DOACS: *real-life data***

## **Periendoscopic Management of Direct Oral Anticoagulants: A Prospective Cohort Study**

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## **Methods:**

- Observational study
- Patients: All consecutive in- and outpatients on DOACs for any therapeutic indication scheduled for elective GI endoscopy, either diagnostic or therapeutic
- Data collection:
  - bespoke database, accessed by site specific, password protected website
  - demographic and clinical data (risk stratification)
  - data on DOAC management (interruption, resumption, timing)
  - early (intraprocedural) AEs
  - delayed (30-days) AEs

## **Study aim:**

- To assess outcomes (bleeding and TE risk) of GI endoscopies in patients on DOACs:
  - major bleeding [IHTS criteria]
- To provide a «snapshot» of DOAC management in the real-world
- To evaluate bleeding outcomes for procedures performed according to ESGE guidelines (validation)

## Preliminary results:

Feb 2017: 324 patients (mean age  $74.7 \pm 10.8$ ; 87% nvAF, 13% DVT/PE)  
199 LR, 125 HR procedures

[69 snare polypectomies, 27 EMR (26 colon, 1 gastric), 10 biliary sphincterotomy, 8 EUS-FNA, 3 ESD (2 gastric, 1 colon), 7 mixed indications]

1. ESGE Guideline adherence in HR: 71%
2. Bridging with LWMH: 18% pre-procedure, 11% post-procedure
3. Intraprocedural bleeding (haemostasis required):

	LR procedures	HR procedures
<b>Overall</b>	0.7%	8.2%
<b>ESGE guidelines</b>	0%	6.9%

4. 30 days-AEs: 16 [7 major bleeding, 7 minor bleeding, 1 TIA, 1 haematuria]

	LR procedures	HR procedures
<b>Overall</b>	0%	4.8%
<b>ESGE guidelines</b>	0%	7.6%

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## GI Bleeding in the real-world: *head to head studies*

[Gastroenterology](#), 2016 Dec 30, pii: S0016-5085(16)35532-9. doi: 10.1053/j.gastro.2016.12.018. [Epub ahead of print]

### Gastrointestinal Safety of Direct Oral Anticoagulants: A Large Population-Based Study.

Abraham NS<sup>1</sup>, Noseworthy PA<sup>2</sup>, Yao X<sup>3</sup>, Sangaralingham LR<sup>3</sup>, Shah ND<sup>4</sup>.

Patients with nvAF, included in OptimumLab Data Warehouse: DE=17.426 ; Rivaroxaban = 19.201; Apixaban = 6.576)  
Propensity-score matching

#### Major GI Bleeding

<b>Rivaroxaban vs. Dabigatran</b> (n= 15787, matched 1:1)	1.20 [1.01-1.45]
<b>Apixaban vs. dabigatran</b> (n= 6542, matched 1:1)	0.39 [0.27-0.58]
<b>Apixaban vs. rivaroxaban</b> (n= 6565, matched 1:1)	0.39 [0.22-0.49]

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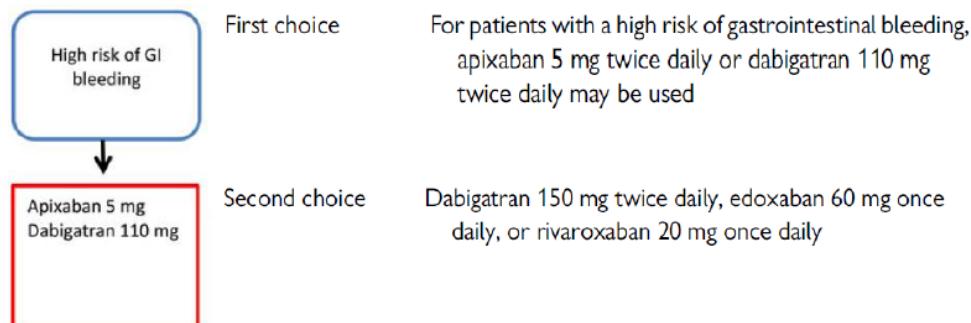
REVIEW

**Prevention**

## Choosing a particular oral anticoagulant and dose for stroke prevention in individual patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation: part 2

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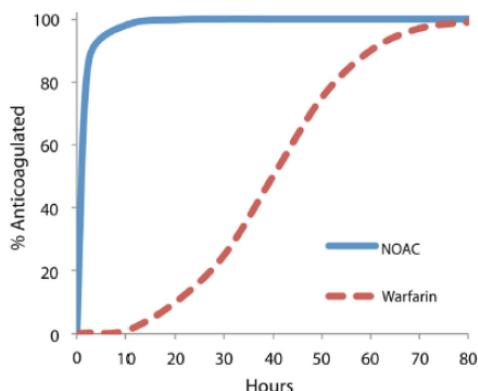
### Patients with a high risk of gastrointestinal bleeding



## DOACs: Pharmacodynamic/Kinetic properties

- Faster onset and offset of action than VKAs
- More predictable pharmacodynamic/kinetic properties than VKAs

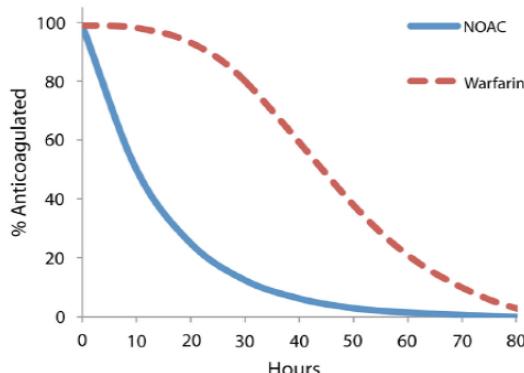
### Onset of action:



Anticoagulant activity reached:

DOACs: 1-3 hours (single dose)  
VKAs: days (multiple doses)

### Offset of action:



Anticoagulant activity restored:

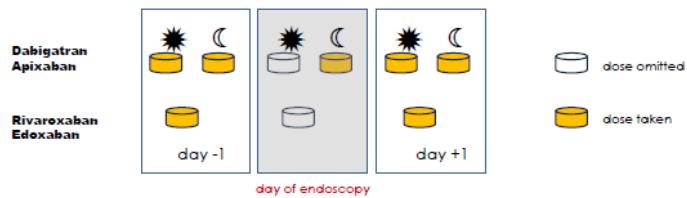
DOACs: within 24-48 hours after withdrawal  
VKAs: days

## Management DOACs for elective endoscopy:

### Low-risk procedures:

- Diagnostic endoscopy, including mucosal biopsy
- Diagnostic push and device assisted enteroscopy
- Diagnostic EUS without FNA
- ERCP + stent placement or biliary dilation without sphincterotomy
- Argon Plasma Coagulation
- Barrett's ablation
- Enteral stent deployment (controversial)

- **Omit the morning dose of DOAC on the day of the procedure**
- **Continue DOAC after the procedure (same evening for dabigatran and apixaban)**



## DOAC interruption according to renal function (EHRA Guidelines):

	Dabigatran	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Edoxaban
Renal Clearance %	80%	35%	25%	50%
Elimination half-life $t_{1/2}$	12-14h (normal renal function)	6-12h	8-12h	9-12h
CrCl $\geq$ 80ml/min	$\geq$ 48h	$\geq$ 48h	$\geq$ 48h	No data
CrCl 50-80ml/min	$\geq$ 72h	$\geq$ 48h	$\geq$ 48h	No data
CrCl 30-50ml/min	$\geq$ 96h	$\geq$ 48h	$\geq$ 48h	No data
CrCl $\leq$ 30ml/min	Not indicated	$\geq$ 48h	$\geq$ 48h	No data

EHRA Guidelines, Europace 2013; 15: 625-651

## Management DOACs for elective endoscopy:

### High-risk procedures:

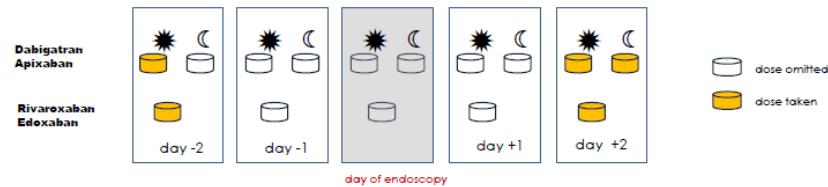
- Polypectomy
- All other operative procedures non included in low-risk category

- Evaluation of CrCl within 1-4 weeks [Dabigatran]

- Stop DOACs

- NO bridging therapy

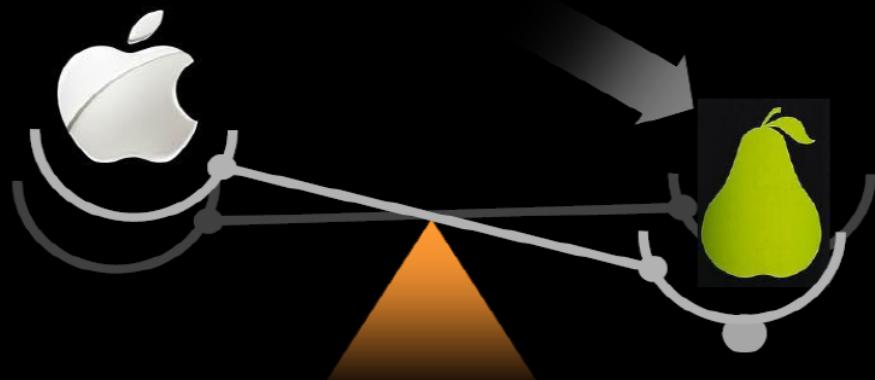
- **Last dose intake >48 hours prior the procedure**
- **DOAC resumption 48 hours after the procedure**



### Consider:

- last dose intake 72-96 hours prior the procedure for patients on dabigatran with renal impairment (CrCl 30-50mL/min)
- resumption after 72-96 hours for procedures with significant risk of delayed bleeding (large EMR, ESD)

## Scelta decisionale:



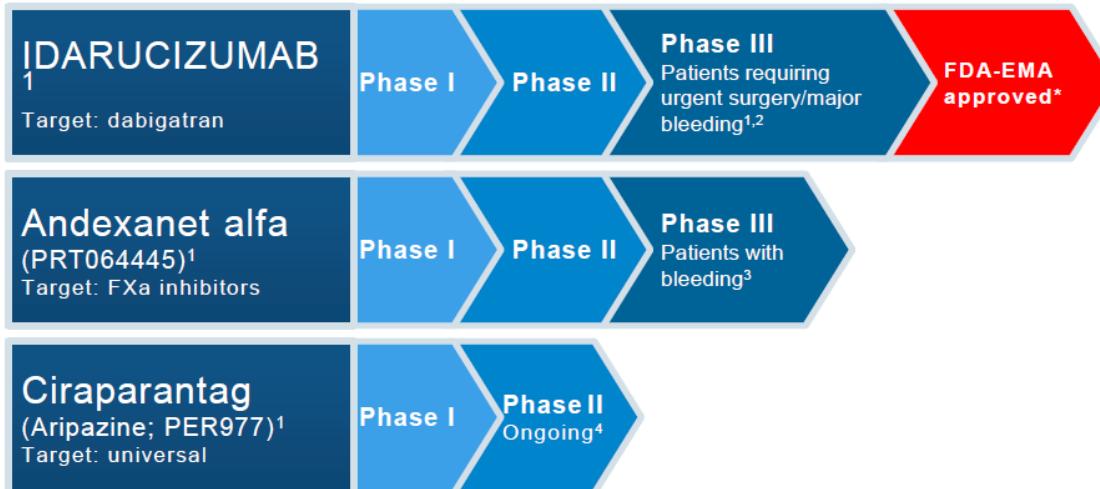
### Evento emorragico GI:

- In genere controllabile
- Outcome spesso favorevole
- Esiti in genere assenti

### Evento trombotico CV:

- Non sempre controllabile
- Outcome spesso sfavorevole
- Esiti talvolta permanenti

## DOAC specific antidotes:



Indications: 1) need for urgent surgery 2) uncontrolled, life-threatening bleeding.

## **Management DOACs for outpatient routine procedures:**

### **The Management of Anticoagulants in the Periendoscopic Period for Patients with Atrial Fibrillation: A Decision Analysis**

Lauren B. Gerson, MD, MSc, George Triadafilopoulos, MD, Brian F. Gage, MD, MSc

Am J Med 2004; 116: 451-9

Hold warfarin strategy cost effective for screening colonoscopy, assuming that polyps would be removed in 35% of examinations

- **Colonoscopy = high probability of operative procedure = HR procedure**
- **Upper GI endoscopy = low probability of operative procedure = LR procedure**

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