



ACC Latin America  
Conference 2017



**MEXICO CITY**  
JUNE 22 – 24, 2017

**GLOBAL EXPERTS, LOCAL LEARNING**

# Disclosures:



ACC Latin America  
Conference 2017

**Advisor and Spekaer: Abbott, Boheinger, MSD, Pfizer, Menarini, Bayer, AstraZeneca, Merck, Servier.**

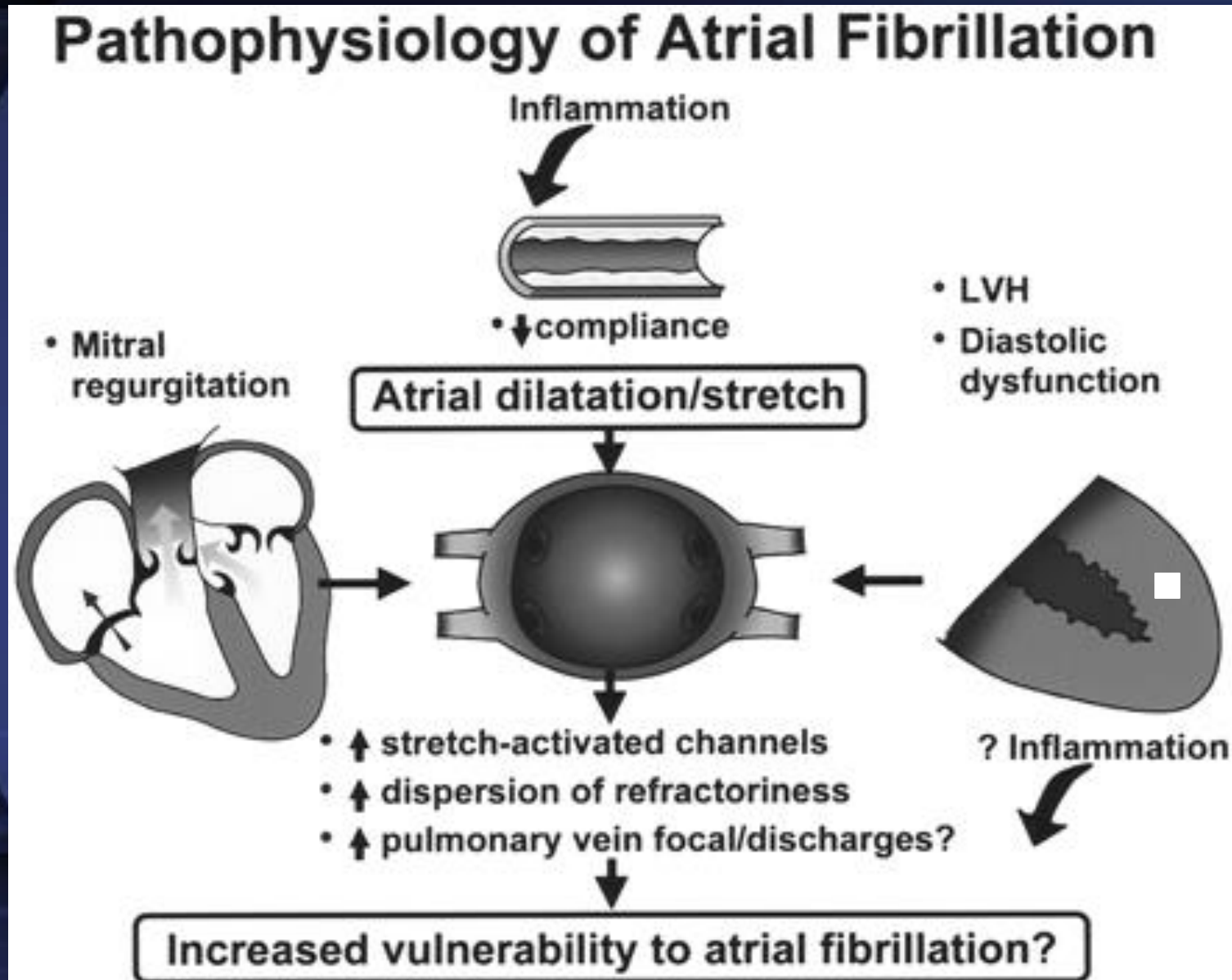
**No Diclosures for this presentation.**



## ATRIAL FIBRILATION

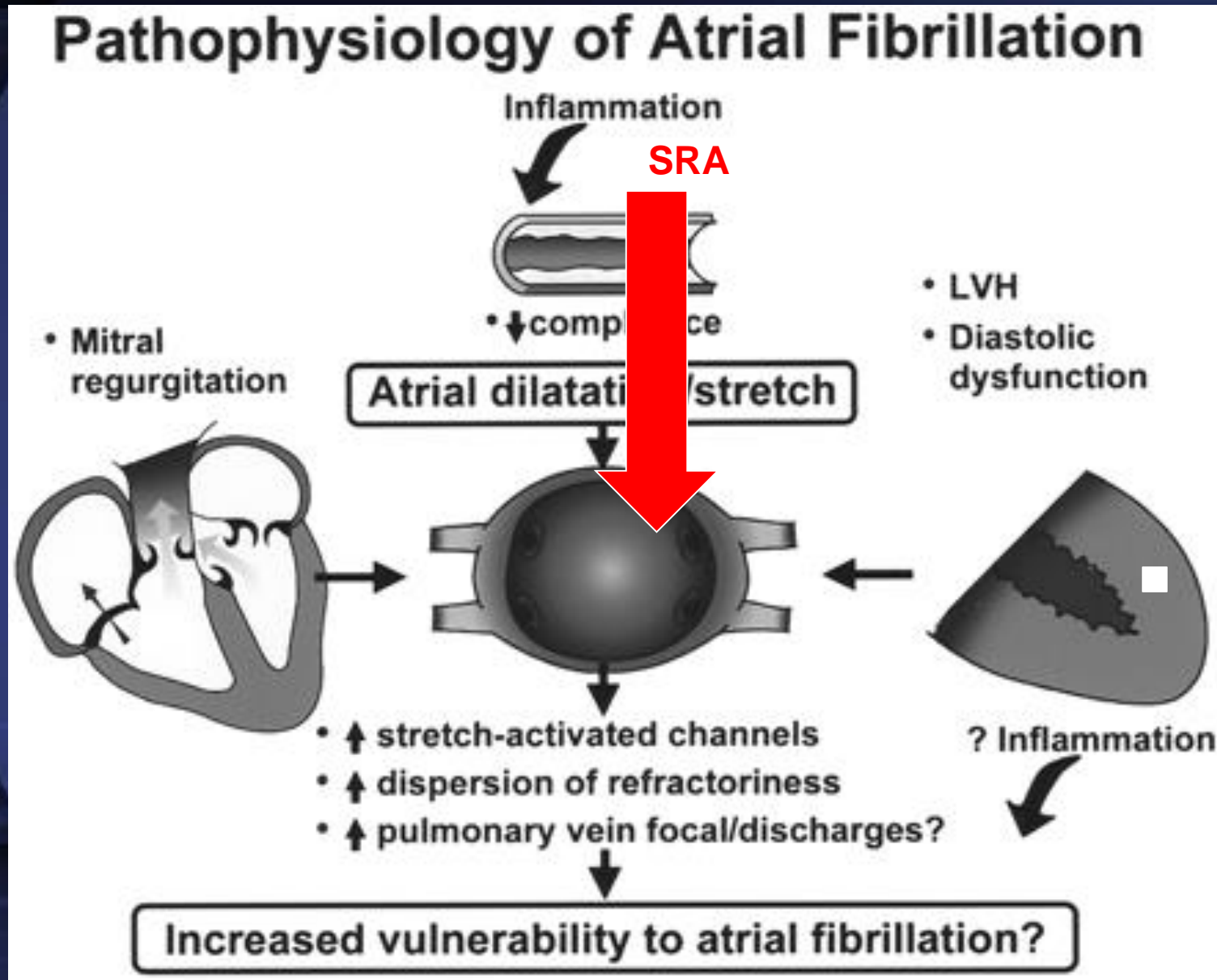
- Globally Atrial Fib. varies from 30-35 millions in the planet.
- Is the most common Arrhythmia in the world: increasingly aging population, more Hypertension, more HF, more diabetics.....
- Stroke is a devastating cosequence

# The new concept in AFib

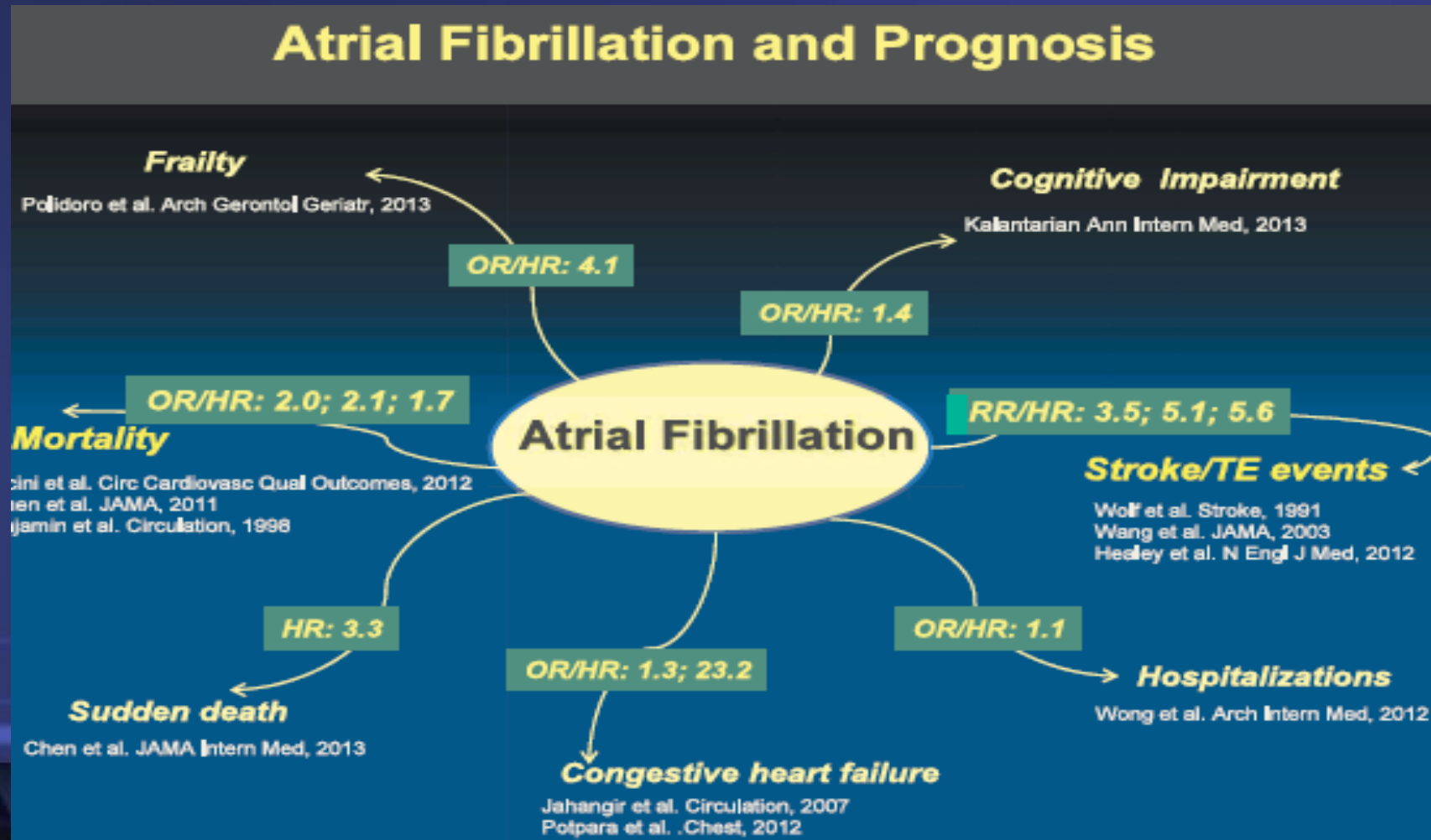




# The new concept in AFib



# ATRIAL FIB. IS A SISTEMIC DISEASE WITH SISTEMIC CONSEQUENCES

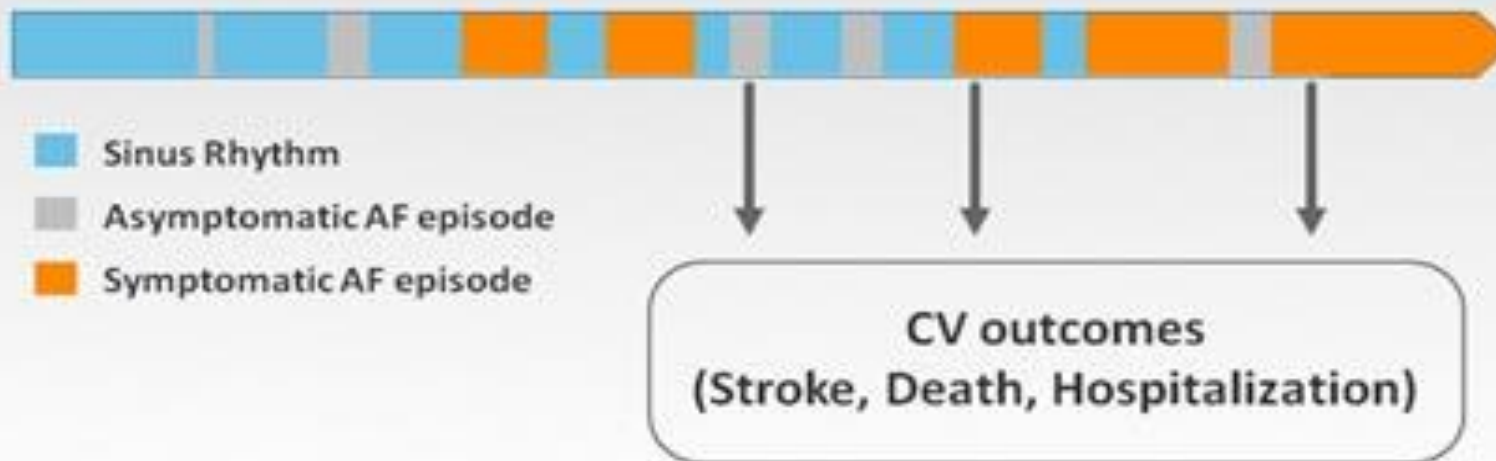


# ATRIAL FIB. IS A PROGRESSIVE DISEASE

## Progression of AF

From first onset to permanent

### From uncomplicated to significant comorbidities/consequences









ACC Latin America  
Conference 2017

# ATRIAL FIBRILATION:CONTEMPORARY MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

**Enrique Melgarejo R.,MD, FACC,FESC**

President Colombian Society of Cardiology

Emeritus Professor Military Hospital, Nueva Granada Univerity, Bogota,  
Colombia.

Member HRA.

Sody Award Jackso Memorial Hospital, U of Miami





ACC Latin America  
Conference 2017

# QUESTIONS DILEMMAS AND PROBLEMS IN MANEGMENT OF ATRIAL FIB 2017

STILL WE DON'T HAVE ANSWERS FOR THOSE...

Enrique Melgarejo R.,MD, FACC,FESC

President Colombian Society of Cardiology

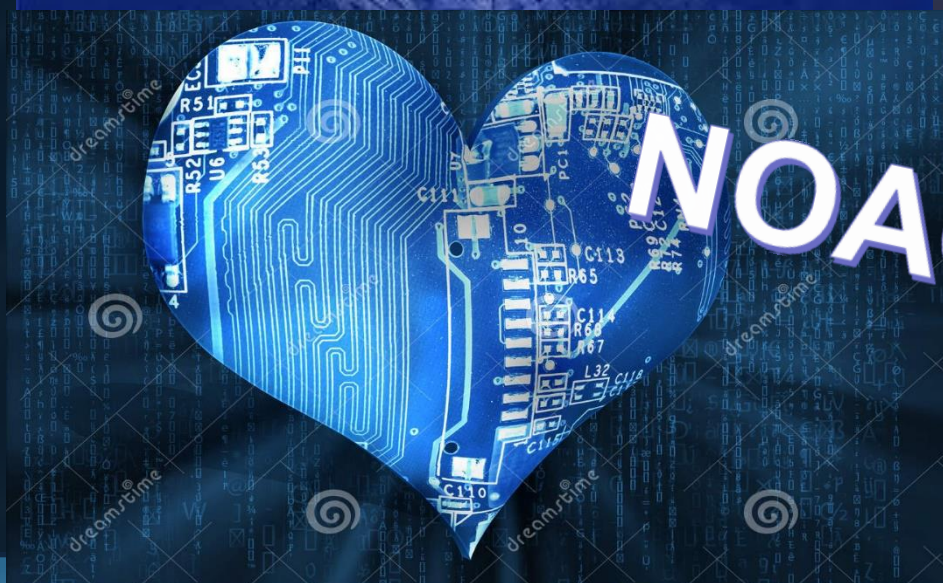
Emeritus Professor Military Hospital, Nueva Granada Univerity, Bogota, Colombia

Member HRA,

Sody Award Jackso Memorial Hospital, U of Miami



# ADVANCES



# NOACS





## **First question:**

### **Which is the meaning of “Non Valvular Atrial Fibrillation?”**

- Valvular AF refers to AF that occurs in the presence of mechanical prosthetic heart valves or moderate to severe mitral stenosis (usually of rheumatic origin).
- These patients were excluded from NOACs trials.

## SECOND QUESTION: IS IT POSSIBLE TO USE NOACS IN:

	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 <sup>a</sup>	✓ (except for the first 3 months post-operatively)	
Mitral valve repair <sup>a</sup>	✓ (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)	



**THIRD QUESTION:  
IS ATRIAL FIB. A PREVENTIVE  
DISEASE?**

**YES!**

**BECAUSE THERE ARE RISK FACTORS!**

## Cardiovascular and other conditions independently associated with atrial fibrillation (1)

Characteristic/comorbidity	Association with AF
Genetic predisposition (based on multiple common gene variants associated with AF)	HR range 0.4–3.2
Older age 50–59 years 60–69 years 70–79 years 80–89 years	HR: 1.00 (reference) 4.98 (95% CI 3.49–7.10) 7.35 (95% CI 5.28–10.2) 9.33 (95% CI 6.68–13.0)
Hypertension (treated) vs. none	HR 1.32 (95% CI 1.08–1.60)
Heart failure vs. none	HR 1.43 (95% CI 0.85–2.40)
Valvular heart disease vs. none	RR 2.42 (95% CI 1.62–3.60)
Myocardial infarction vs. none	HR 1.46 (95% CI 1.07–1.98)
Thyroid dysfunction Hypothyroidism Subclinical hyperthyroidism Overt hyperthyroidism	(reference: euthyroid) HR 1.23 (95% CI 0.77–1.97) RR 1.31 (95% CI 1.19–1.44) RR 1.42 (95% CI 1.22–1.63)
Obesity (body mass index) None (<25 kg/m <sup>2</sup> ) Overweight (25–30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> ) Obese (≥31 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	HR: 1.00 (reference) 1.13 (95% CI 0.87–1.46) 1.37 (95% CI 1.05–1.78)
Diabetes mellitus vs. none	HR 1.25 (95% CI 0.98–1.60)

HR = hazard ratio; RR = risk ratio

Continued on next slide



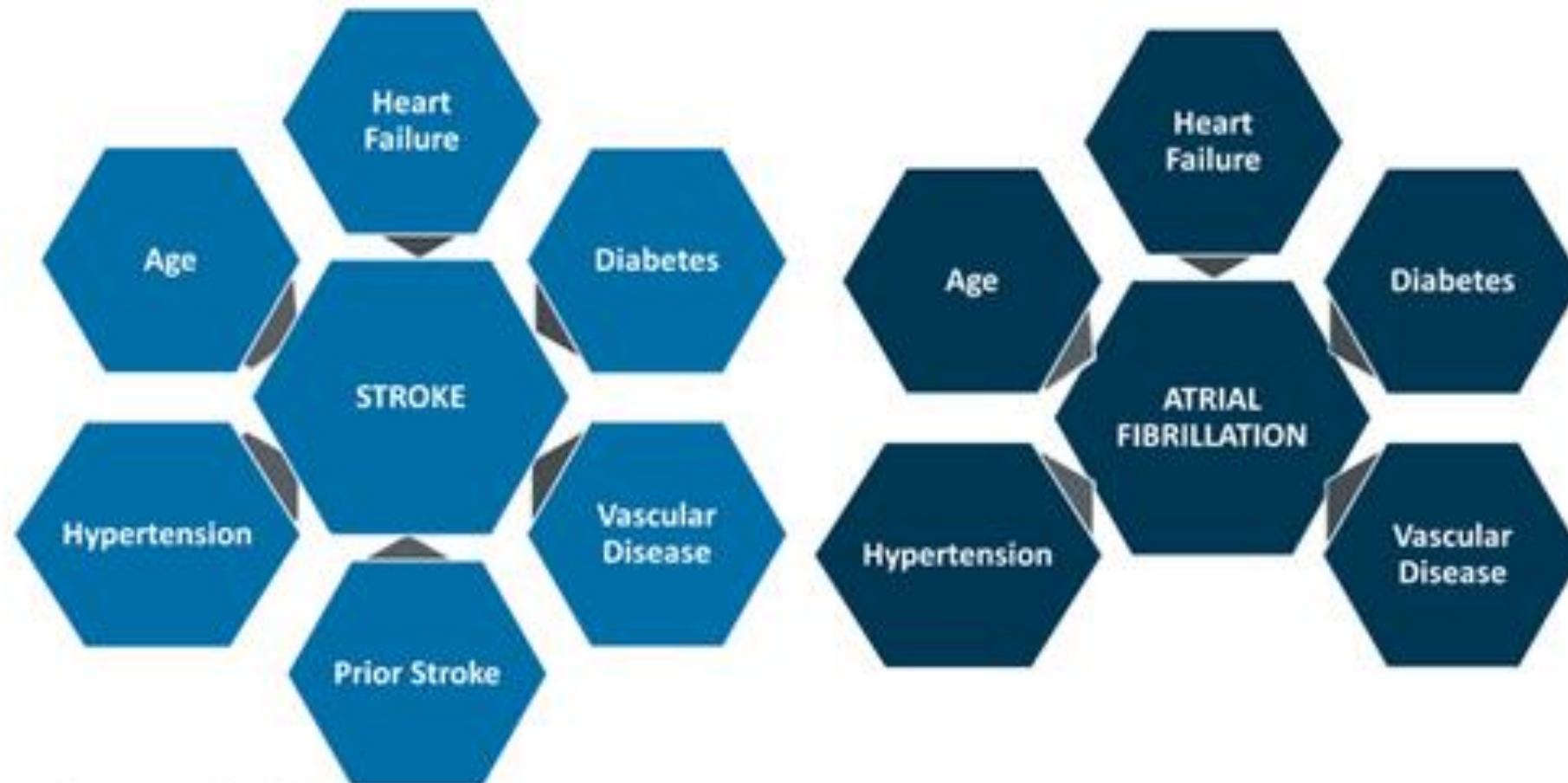
## Cardiovascular and other conditions independently associated with atrial fibrillation (2)

Characteristic/comorbidity	Association with AF
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease FEV1 $\geq 80\%$ FEV1 60–80% FEV1 $< 60\%$	RR: 1.00 (reference) 1.28 (95% CI 0.79–2.06) 2.53 (95% CI 1.45–4.42)
Obstructive sleep apnoea vs. none	HR 2.18 (95% CI 1.34–3.54)
Chronic kidney disease None Stage 1 or 2 Stage 3 Stage 4 or 5	OR: 1.00 (reference) 2.67 (95% CI 2.04–3.48) 1.68 (95% CI 1.26–2.24) 3.52 (95% CI 1.73–7.15)
Smoking Never Former Current	HR: 1.00 (reference) 1.32 (95% CI 1.10–1.57) 2.05 (95% CI 1.71–2.47)
Alcohol consumption None 1– 6 drinks/week 7–14 drinks/week 15–21 drinks/week >21 drinks/week	RR: 1.00 (reference) 1.01 (95% CI 0.94–1.09) 1.07 (95% CI 0.98–1.17) 1.14 (95% CI 1.01–1.28) 1.39 (95% CI 1.22–1.58)
Habitual vigorous exercise Non-exercisers <1 day/week 1–2 days/week 3–4 days/week 5–7 days/week	RR: 1.00 (reference) 0.90 (95% CI 0.68–1.20) 1.09 (95% CI 0.95–1.26) 1.04 (95% CI 0.91–1.19) 1.20 (95% CI 1.02–1.41)



# Risk Factors for Stroke and AF

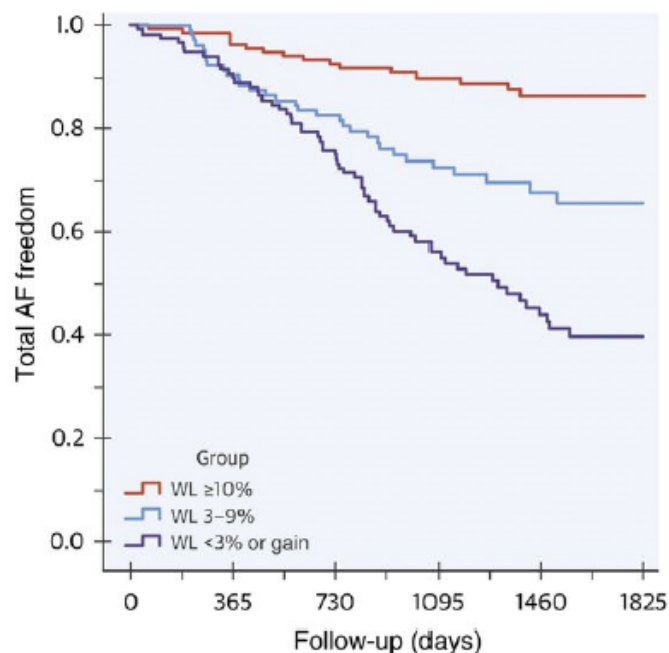
- The risk factors for stroke in AF are very similar to the risk factors that lead to the development of AF



# IT IS CRUCIAL TO CONTROL THE RISK FACTORS.

**NOT ONLY ABLATION AND DRUGS!**

## Benefits of Weight Loss, Fitness, and Intensive Risk Factors Management in AF



Pathak et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2015

[www.escardio.org/guidelines](http://www.escardio.org/guidelines)

**LEGACY** - Sustained weight loss in obese patients with symptomatic AF is associated with:

1. A dose-dependent effect on long-term freedom from AF (6-fold)
2. A reduction in LA volume and LVH
3. Lower BP & lipids
4. Improved glycaemic control
5. A reduction in hsCRP

European Heart Journal - doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehw 210





# FIRST DILEMMA

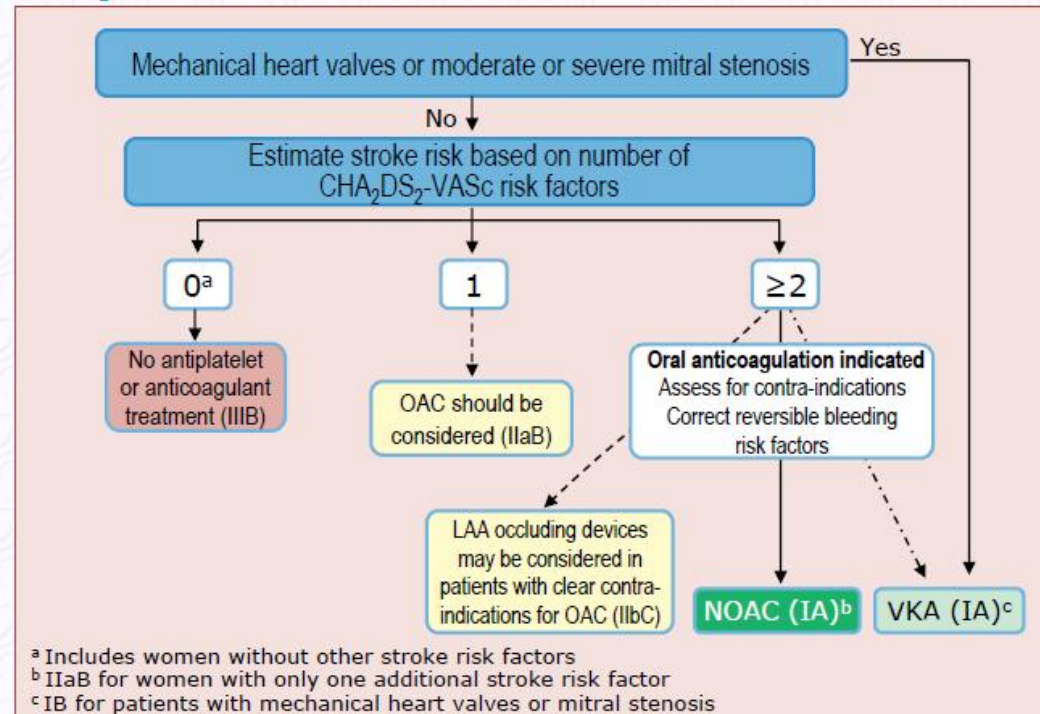


*the fear persist!*

Trombosis vs. hemorragia.

# DILEMMA

## Stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation





## Biomarkers and risk in AF

Journal of the American College of Cardiology  
© 2013 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation  
Published by Elsevier Inc.

Vol. 61, No. 22, 2013  
ISSN: 0735-1097/\$36.00  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jacc.2012.11.052>

### N-Terminal Pro-B-Type Natriuretic Peptide for Risk Assessment in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation

Journal of the American College of Cardiology  
© 2014 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation  
Published by Elsevier Inc.

Vol. 63, No. 1, 2014  
ISSN: 0735-1097/\$36.00  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jacc.2013.07.093>

### High-Sensitivity Troponin T and Risk Stratification in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation During Treatment With Apixaban or Warfarin

**Circulation**  
JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION



### Growth Differentiation Factor 15, a Marker of Oxidative Stress and Inflammation, for Risk Assessment in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation

Circulating biomarkers and incident ischemic stroke in the Framingham Offspring Study

Neurology. 2016 Aug 24. [Epub ahead of print]

## Biomarker risk scores in AF



European Heart Journal  
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehv476

**CLINICAL RESEARCH**  
*Atrial fibrillation*

### The ORBIT bleeding score: a simple bedside score to assess bleeding risk in atrial fibrillation



European Heart Journal  
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehw014

**CLINICAL RESEARCH**  
*Atrial fibrillation*

### The ABC (age, biomarkers, clinical history) stroke risk score: a biomarker-based risk score for predicting stroke in atrial fibrillation



European Heart Journal  
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehw077

**CLINICAL RESEARCH**  
*Prevention and epidemiology*

### Comparison of the ATRIA, CHADS<sub>2</sub>, and CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc stroke risk scores in predicting ischaemic stroke in a large Swedish cohort

THE LANCET

Lancet. 2016;387:2302-11

The novel biomarker-based ABC (age, biomarkers, clinical history)-bleeding risk score for patients with atrial fibrillation: a derivation and validation study

## Performance and Validation of a Novel Biomarker-Based Stroke Risk Score for Atrial Fibrillation

- 8356 patients with 16,137 person-years of follow-up in anticoagulated patients with AF in the RE-LY study.
- ABC risk score, which incorporates age, biomarkers (hs-cTn and NT-proBNP), and clinical history of prior stroke.
- The biomarker-based ABC stroke score is an improved decision-making tool for patients with AF, specially for  $\text{CHA}_2\text{DS}_2\text{VASc}$  score  $\leq 2$ .



# Effectiveness and Safety of Standard-Dose Nonvitamin K Antagonist Oral Anticoagulants and Warfarin Among Patients With Atrial Fibrillation With a Single Stroke Risk Factor A Nationwide Cohort Study

Gregory Y. H. Lip, MD; Flemming Skjath, MSc, PhD; Peter Brannum Nielsen, MSc, PhD;  
Jette Nordstrøm Kjældgaard, BSc; Torben Bjerregaard Larsen, MD, PhD

**RESULTS** Of 14 020 participants, 5151 (36.7%) were women, and the median age for participants was 66.5 years. For the principal effectiveness end point of ischemic stroke/systemic embolism, no significant differences of the NOACs compared with treatment with warfarin across strata were evident. For the end point of "any bleeding," this was significantly lower for treatment with apixaban (hazard ratio [HR], 0.35; 95% CI, 0.17-0.72) and dabigatran (HR, 0.48; 95% CI, 0.30-0.77) compared with warfarin in the main analysis, and was not significantly different for treatment with rivaroxaban vs warfarin (HR, 0.84; 95% CI, 0.49-1.44). There was broad consistency across most subgroups in the sensitivity analyses and whether 1- or 2.5-year follow-up periods were analyzed. However, falsification end points generally did not falsify, indicating the possible presence of residual confounding across these comparisons, presumably related to selective prescribing and unobserved covariates.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** In this Danish cohort study of patients with atrial fibrillation and a single stroke risk factor, there was no difference between NOACs compared with treatment with warfarin in terms of the risk of having an ischemic stroke/systemic embolism. For "any bleeding," this was lower for treatment with apixaban and dabigatran compared with warfarin. These data do not allow for a definitive statement of the comparative effectiveness or safety of NOACs because of the possible residual confounding that was unmasked with falsification outcomes.

# PROBLEMS in AF 2017

- There is evidence of underuse of anticoagulants for AF after 10 years of DOACs.
- Inconsistent approach to cardiovascular risk factors
- Inadequate treatment for concomitant comorbidities.
- In Real Life studies, DOACs are used in sub-therapeutic doses
- **Anticoagulation is used thinking in preventing bleeding complications more than in preventing thromboembolism.** Stroke is “God’s design”; bleeding is a medical complication”!

***Fear to anticoagulation persist!***

**ANOTHER PROBLEM:  
ARE ALL NOACS THE SAME?**



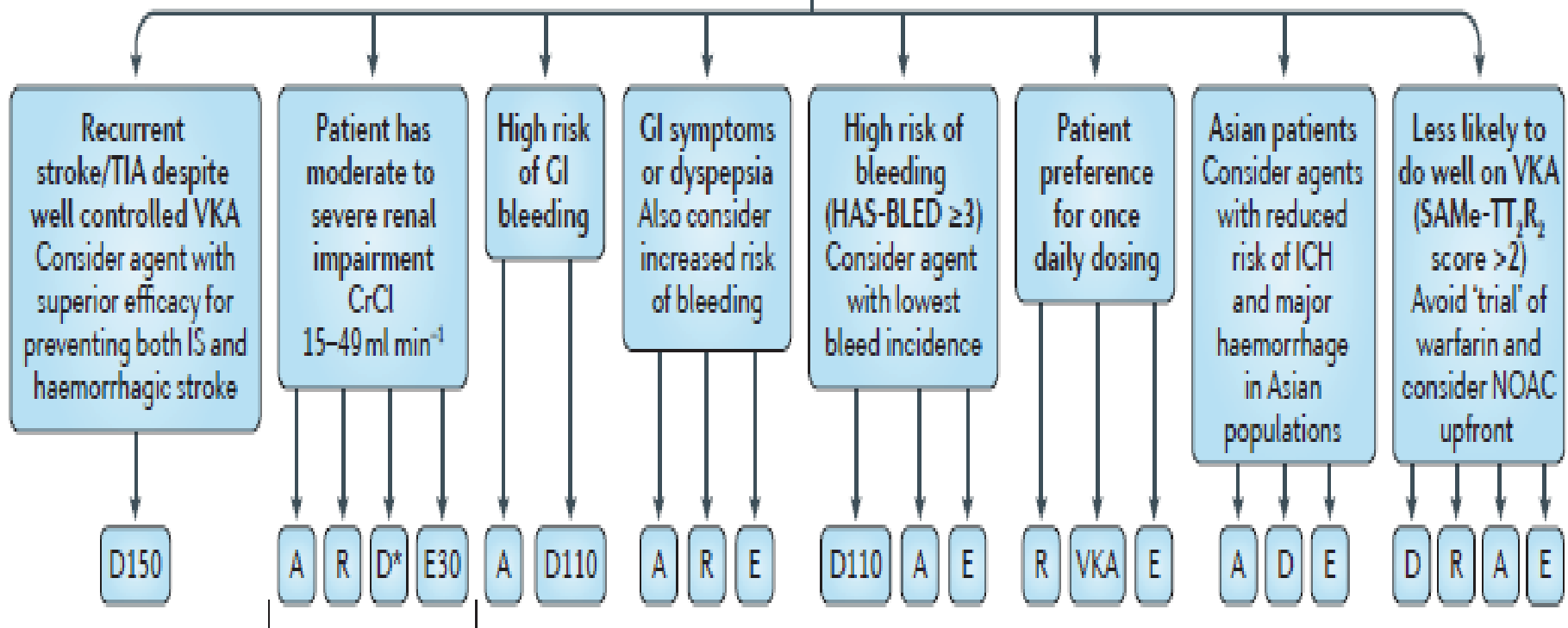
All NOACs are equal, but some  
are more equal than others....

Dr Puneet Kakar MRCP LLM MSc

Consultant Stroke physician

Epsom general hospital

Choose the OAC drug considering the patient profile and/or preferences



If CrCl < 15 ml min⁻¹, use VKA



# Question:

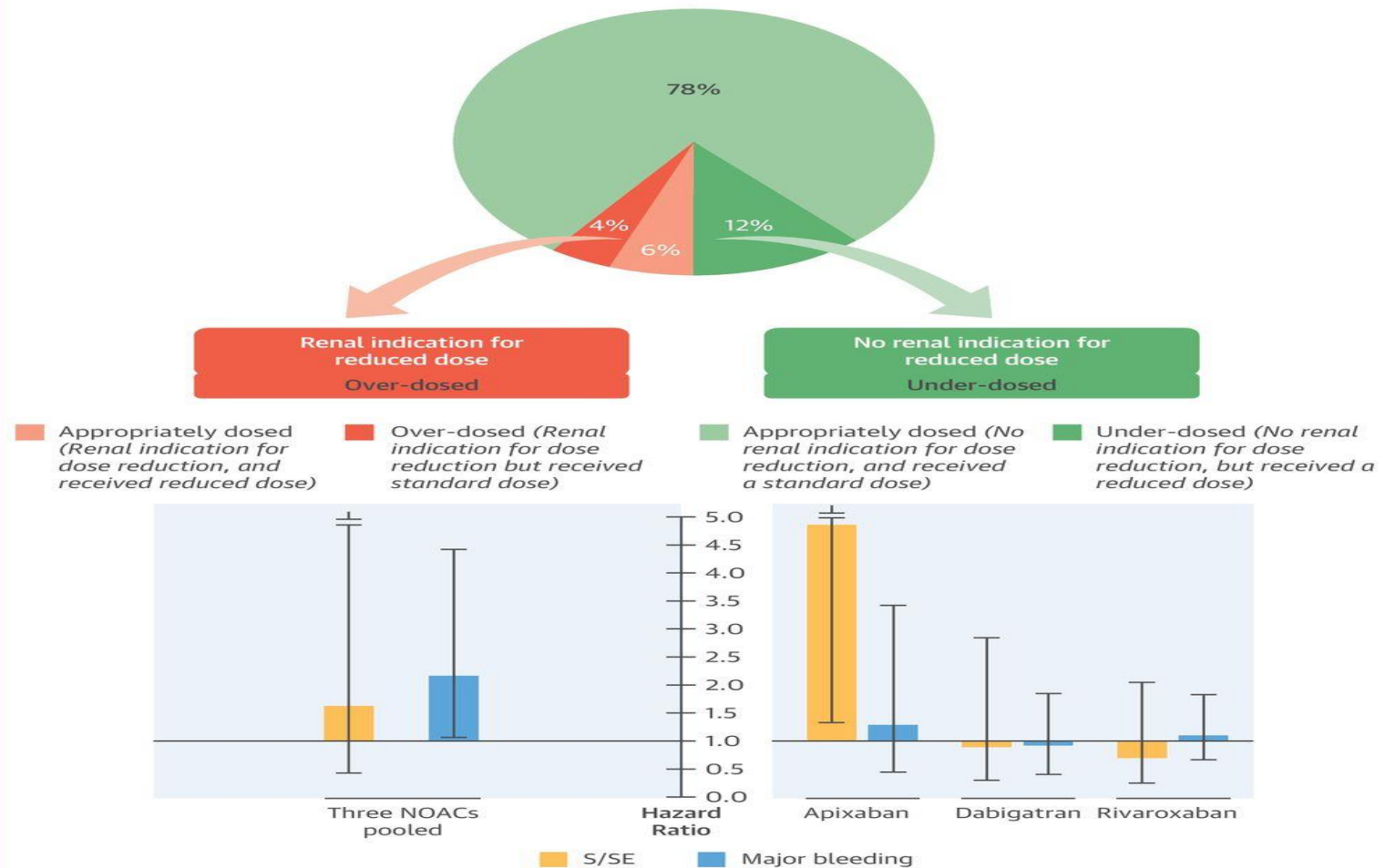
## how to adjust the dosis of DOACS in CKD?

Drug Name	Study	Excretion	Dosages and renal adjustment
<b>Dabigatran</b>	RE-LY 75	Mostly renal	CrCl > 30 ml/min : 150 mg orally twice daily CrCl 15- 30 ml/min : 110 mg orally twice daily CrCl < 15 ml/min : Avoid
<b>Rivaroxaban</b>	ROCKET AF[57]	Partially renal	CrCl > 50 ml/min : 20 mg orally once daily CrCl 15 - 50 ml/min : 15 mg orally once daily CrCl < 15 ml/min : Avoid
<b>Apixaban</b>	ARISTOTLE[59] AVERROES[58]	Partially renal	Recommended dose: 5 mg orally twice daily No dose adjustment required in patients with mild, moderate, or severe renal impairment alone In patients with at least 2 of the following: - age ≥80 years - body weight ≤60 kg - serum creatinine ≥1.5 mg/dL The recommended dose is 2.5 mg orally twice daily CrCl < 15 ml/min : Avoid

# PROBLEM: AF, RENAL FUNCTION AND DOSIS ADJUSTMENT FOR DOACS

- ▶ Among the 1,473 patients with a renal indication for dose reduction, 43.0% were potentially overdosed. These patients were associated with a higher risk of major bleeding (hazard ratio [HR], 2.19; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.07-4.46), but no significant difference in stroke. Among the 13,392 patients without a renal indication for dose reduction, 13.3% were potentially underdosed.
- ▶ The apixaban underdosed patients were associated with a higher risk of stroke (HR, 4.87; 95% CI, 1.30-18.26), but no significant difference in bleeding. The rivaroxaban and dabigatran underdosed patients were not associated with any stroke.

# **CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Prevalence and Impact of Inappropriate NOAC Dosing**



Yao, X. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2017;69(23):2779-90.

# WHETHER TO INTERRUPT DOAC THERAPY

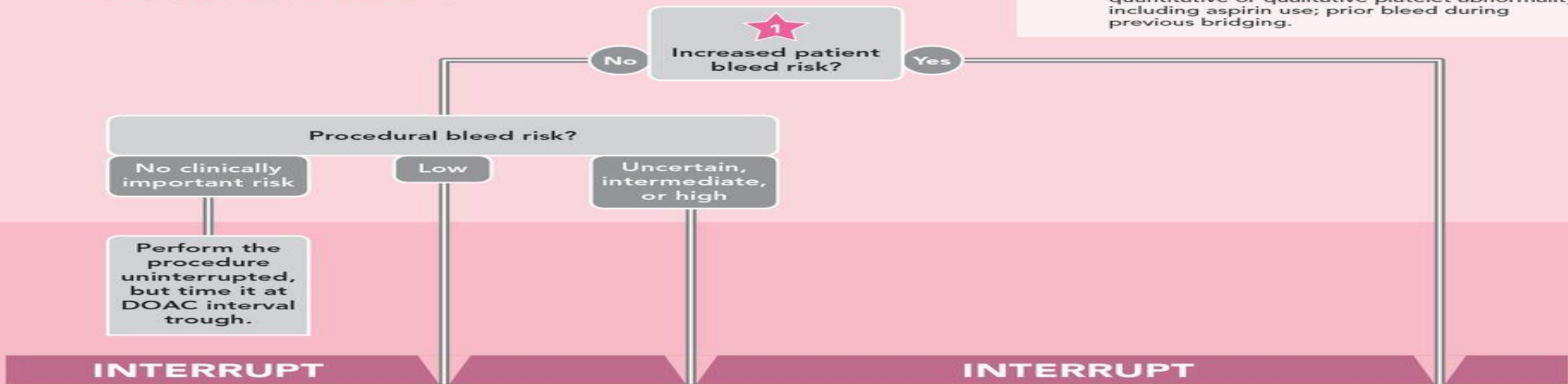
**1** **Assess patient bleed risk checklist**  
Bleed risk considered increased if any 1 of the following: major bleed or ICH <3 months; quantitative or qualitative platelet abnormality, including aspirin use; prior bleed during previous bridging.

CONSIDERATIONS

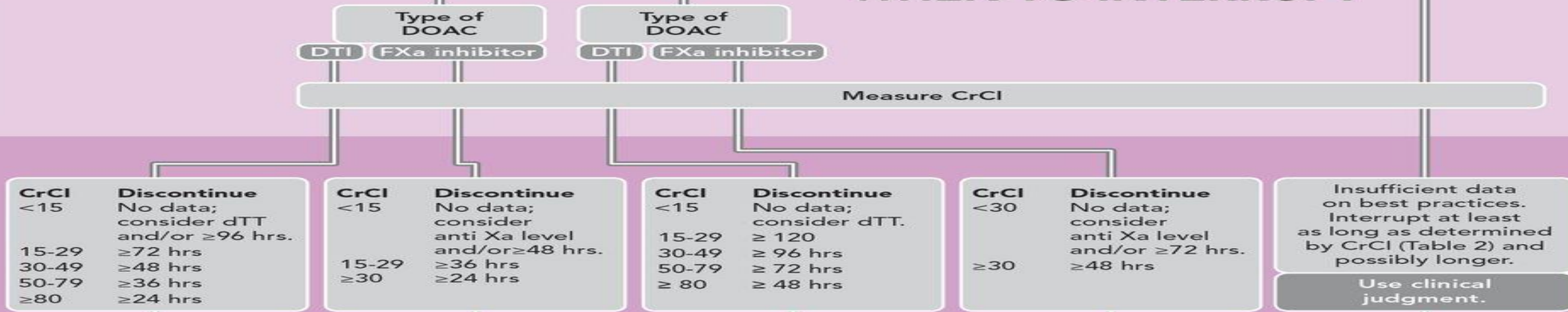
GUIDANCE

CONSIDERATIONS

GUIDANCE



## WHEN TO INTERRUPT



**PARENTERAL BRIDGING NOT INDICATED FOR DOACS.**  
Perform the procedure

CrCl — creatinine clearance  
DTI — direct thrombin inhibitor (dabigatran)  
dTT — dilute thrombin time assay

FXa inhibitor — Factor Xa inhibitor (apixaban, edoxaban, rivaroxaban)  
ICH — intracranial hemorrhage



## **ABLATION: A SOLUTION FOR ANTIARRHYTHMIC USE?**

### **Pulmonary Vein Isolation With Versus Without Continued Antiarrhythmic Drug Treatment in Subjects With Recurrent Atrial Fibrillation (POWDER-AF)**

Arrhythmias occurred in 2.7% (n=2) patients who continued antiarrhythmic drug therapy, compared with 21.9% (n=16) of those who discontinued therapy ( $P<0.001$ ).

The freedom from atrial fibrillation in the patients after PVI without drugs was 78%, which confirms a good outcome with cardiac ablation, but by adding drugs, you can reach up to 97% freedom from atrial fibrillation.

In addition, patients who continued AAD had a lower occurrence of repeat ablation (1.3%) vs those who stopped therapy (17.1%; odds ratio [OR] 0.06, 95% CI 0.001–0.46)

## Anticoagulation, atrial fibrillation, and chronic kidney disease—whose side are you on?

Gunnar Henrik Heine

Correspondence information about the author Gunnar Henrik Heine

- Whether to initiate oral anticoagulant therapy in advanced chronic kidney disease patients with atrial fibrillation remains debatable. Although randomized trial data are lacking, observational studies yield controversial results. Keskar and colleagues analyzed data from a Canadian health care system and found that in **elderly chronic kidney disease patients with atrial fibrillation, oral anticoagulant therapy did not prevent ischemic strokes, induced hemorrhages, but prolonged life. These paradoxical findings emphasize the dire need for an adequately powered randomized trial.**

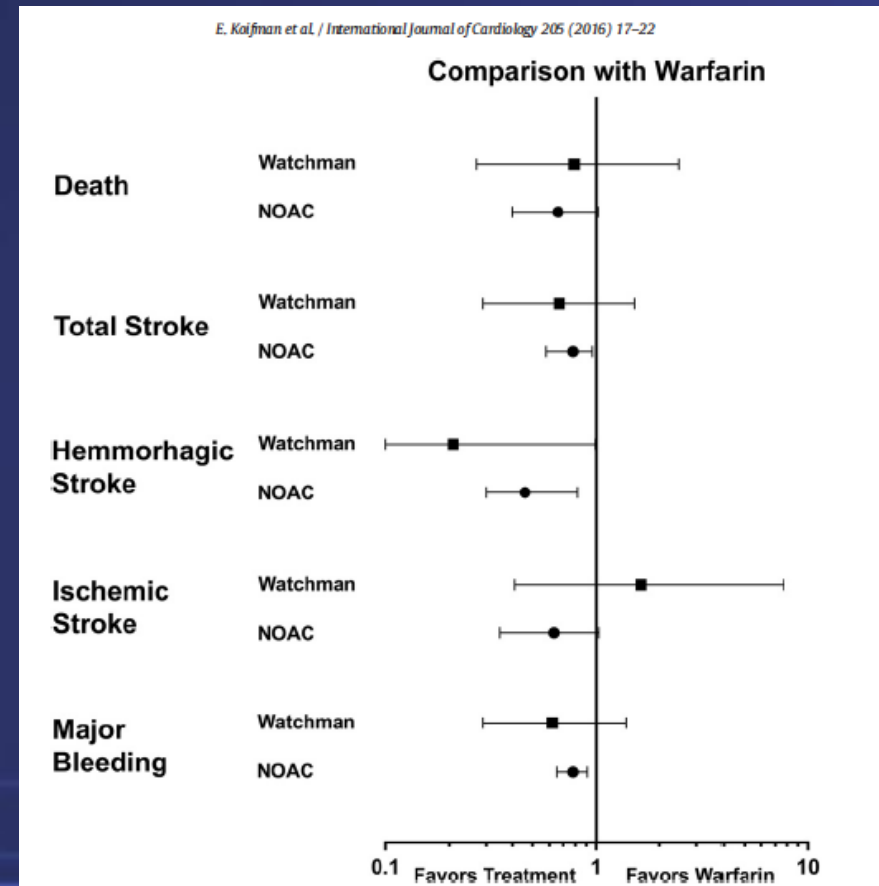
# **Does Left Atrial Appendage (LAA) occlusion prevent stroke?**

- **Left atrial thrombus on echo always in the LAA**
- **Results with device closure of the LAA mixed**

## Comparison of Watchman device with new oral anti-coagulants in patients with atrial fibrillation: A network meta-analysis☆



E. Kalfman et al. / *International Journal of Cardiology* 205 (2016) 17–22





# **Do NOACs Prevent Stroke**

## **in Rheumatic AF?**

- Rheumatic disease common in low-middle income countries
- ‘Global’ trials excluded rheumatic patients



# THE PROBLEM WITH EVIDENCE: DELAYED OR NO ANTICOAGULATION... RESULT: DEMENTIA!

- ▶ Patients prescribed aspirin and clopidogrel 3 years or more after their initial diagnosis had a more than threefold increase in the risk of dementia (hazard ratio [HR] 3.39, 95% CI 2.4–4.65;  $P < 0.0001$ ).
- ▶ Similarly, delays in warfarin therapy were associated with a two-and-a-half times greater risk of developing dementia (HR 2.55, 95% CI 1.59–4.09;  $P < 0.0001$ ).

Dementia rates increase with delays in initiation of anticoagulation treatment for atrial fibrillation. Heart Rhythm Society 2017 Scientific Sessions. May 12, 2017; Chicago, IL. Abstract C-AB30-03

# Implications of AF

---

- How to manage patients with HF, valvular disease, hypertension?
  - AF is present in up to 90% of participants in hypertension trials<sup>[a]</sup>
  - In patients with hypertension, ACEis and ARBs may reduce AF or its progression
  - If you knew the patient already had AF, it may change how hypertension is treated
- Patients may present with HF and silent AF
  - Treatment with  $\beta$ -blocker,

# Conclusions

- 1) All Risk Factors for CAD and Stroke are the same for AF corresponding to >85%
- 2) Focus on primary prevention and management of traditional cardiovascular risk factors.
- 3) The importance for detect AF as early as possible
- 4) Sub-use and sub-dosis: a problem of Real World.
- 5) CKD and DOACs need attention,
- 6) Anticoagulation in Afib. is the hallmark regardless of other management.
- 7) Atrial fib. induces stroke, HF, dementia and detrimental quality of life..



# **A Fibrillation**

- Requires apply all known and developing

**MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

A dramatic landscape photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sun is a bright, glowing orb positioned just above the horizon line, which divides the image roughly in half. The sky is filled with a dense layer of small, white, puffy clouds that catch the low light, creating a shimmering, textured effect. The colors in the sky range from deep blues and purples at the top to warm oranges and yellows near the horizon. The lower half of the image shows a calm body of water, likely a lake or a wide river, which perfectly reflects the sun and the intricate cloud patterns above. The reflection of the sun is a bright, elongated streak of light on the water's surface. The overall mood is serene yet powerful, capturing a moment of natural beauty and transition.

**MEN WERE NOT BORN TO DIE,  
BUT TO INNOVATE**

**A ARENDT**