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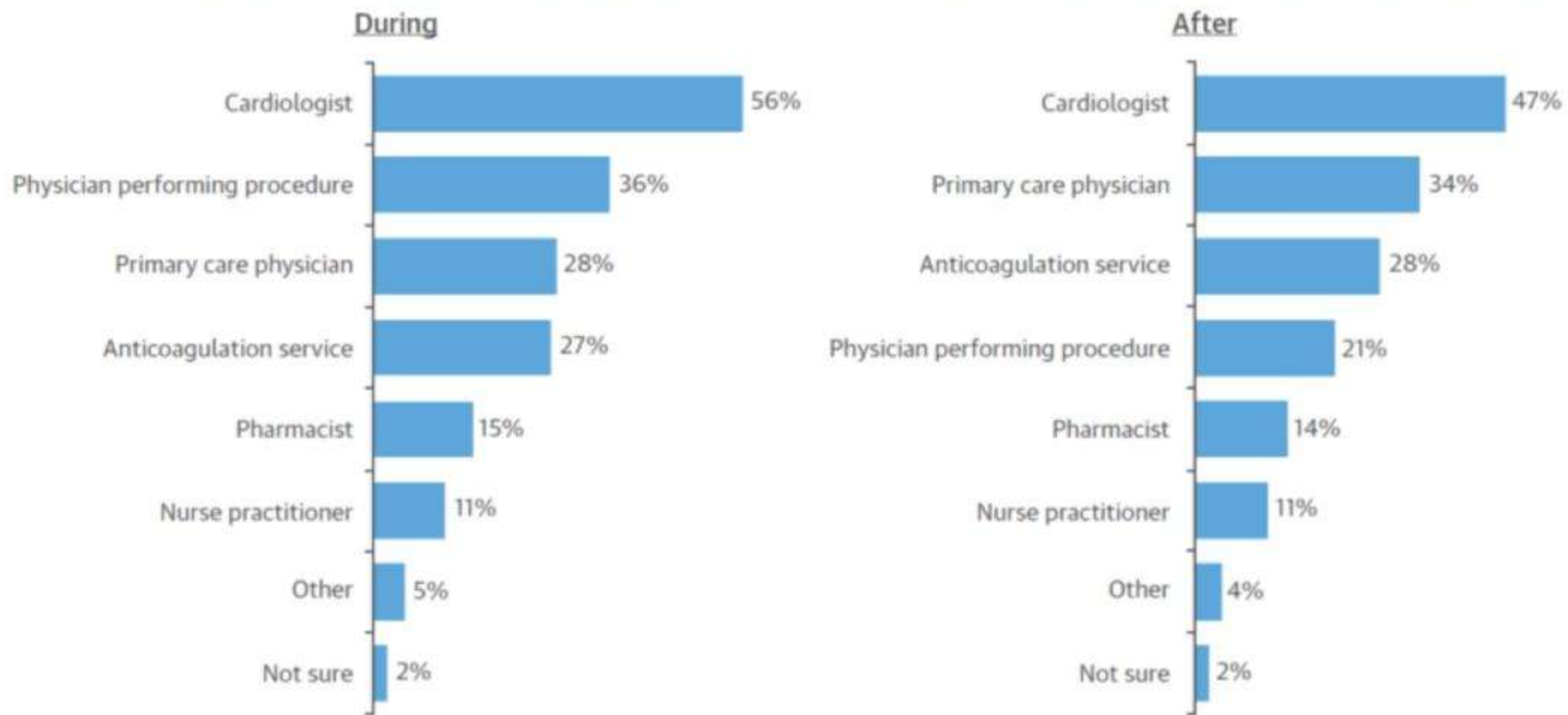
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# The problem

- 10-15% of patients on any long-term oral anticoagulation require surgery
- 20% undergo surgery that has an extremely low risk of bleeding
- 10% undergo surgery that has an extremely high risk of bleeding
- periprocedural **risk of bleeding** is about **double** the **risk of thrombotic** complications
- periprocedural **risk of stroke is tripled** in patients with AF
- periprocedural **risk of myocardial infarction is five times** higher in stented patients

# WHO MANAGES PERIPROCEDURAL ANTICOAGULATION



## *Percentage of Respondents Who Would Interrupt AC and Administer Parenteral AC in a Patient Who Is Not Low Risk for Stroke*

	General Cardiologists (n = 158)	Electrophysiologists (n = 163)	Interventional Cardiologists (n = 161)	Internists (n = 152)	Gastroenterologists (n = 160)	Orthopedic Surgeons (n = 153)
Dental cleaning	4%	9%	5%	29%	31%	29%
Cataract removal	9%	15%	9%	46%	40%	31%
Upper endoscopy	16%	21%	17%	37%	44%	39%
Dental extraction	16%	23%	14%	45%	39%	37%
Pacemaker or defibrillator replacement	15%	10%	15%	57%	56%	53%
Colonoscopy	23%	28%	19%	45%	46%	45%
Coronary angiography	18%	24%	16%	49%	53%	49%
Pacemaker or defibrillator implantation	17%	12%	17%	57%	59%	52%
Catheter ablation	27%	13%	24%	53%	53%	48%
Epidural injection for back pain relief	22%	36%	25%	53%	42%	41%

AC = anticoagulation; VKA = vitamin K antagonist.

# Periprocedural management of anticoagulation

## **BLEEDING RISK**

- Procedure dependent
- Patient dependent

## **BLEEDING CONSEQUENCES**



**THROMBOTIC RISK** or

**THROMBOEMBOLIC RISK**

# Periprocedural antithrombotic pathway

- Whether to interrupt
  - When to interrupt
  - Whether to bridge
    - How to bridge
- When and how to restart

# *Patient bleed factors*

- Recent bleeding event
- Bleed history in previous bridging
- Bleed history with similar procedure
- INR above the therapeutic range at the time of the procedure
- Qualitative or quantitative platelet abnormality
- Periprocedural aspirin

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### American Association of Neurological Surgeons

Procedure Name	Bleed Risk Level			
	Low	Intermediate	High	Uncertain
Craniotomy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laminectomy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discectomy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fusion, spinal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Endarterectomy, carotid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angiogram, cerebral	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stent, carotid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Embolization, intracranial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Embolization, spinal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Embolectomy, stroke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decompression, peripheral nerve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stimulation, deep brain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stimulation, spinal cord	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Craniectomy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VP (ventriculoperitoneal) shunt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lumbar puncture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pituitary surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

Procedure Name	Bleed Risk Level				
	Not clinically relevant	Low	Intermediate	High	Uncertain
Local anesthesia by infiltration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local anesthesia by inferior alveolar nerve blocks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dental extractions, simple or erupted, 1-3 teeth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Incision and drainage, intra-oral swellings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dental extractions (surgical), complex, >3 teeth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extractions, impacted teeth flap, bone removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dental implant surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bone grafting, alveolar ridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biopsy or excisions, oral soft tissue lesions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preprosthetic surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facial trauma repair by open techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corrective jaw or facial surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Excision, bone or large soft tissue pathology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## American Academy of Ophthalmology Procedure Name

Procedure Name	Bleed Risk Level				
	Very Low	Low	Intermediate	High	Uncertain
Intravitreal injection with a pharmacologic agent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cataract Surgery with Intraocular Lens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
After-cataract laser surgery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complex cataract surgery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Closure of tear duct opening	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trabeculoplasty by laser surgery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revision of eyelashes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treatment of extensive or progressive retinopathy, photocoagulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Destruction of localized lesion of retina, photocoagulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revision of iris	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
pars plana vitrectomy (particularly in diabetics)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Orbital surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
certain eyelid procedures such as blepharoplasty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Interventional Section Leadership Council of the American College of Cardiology

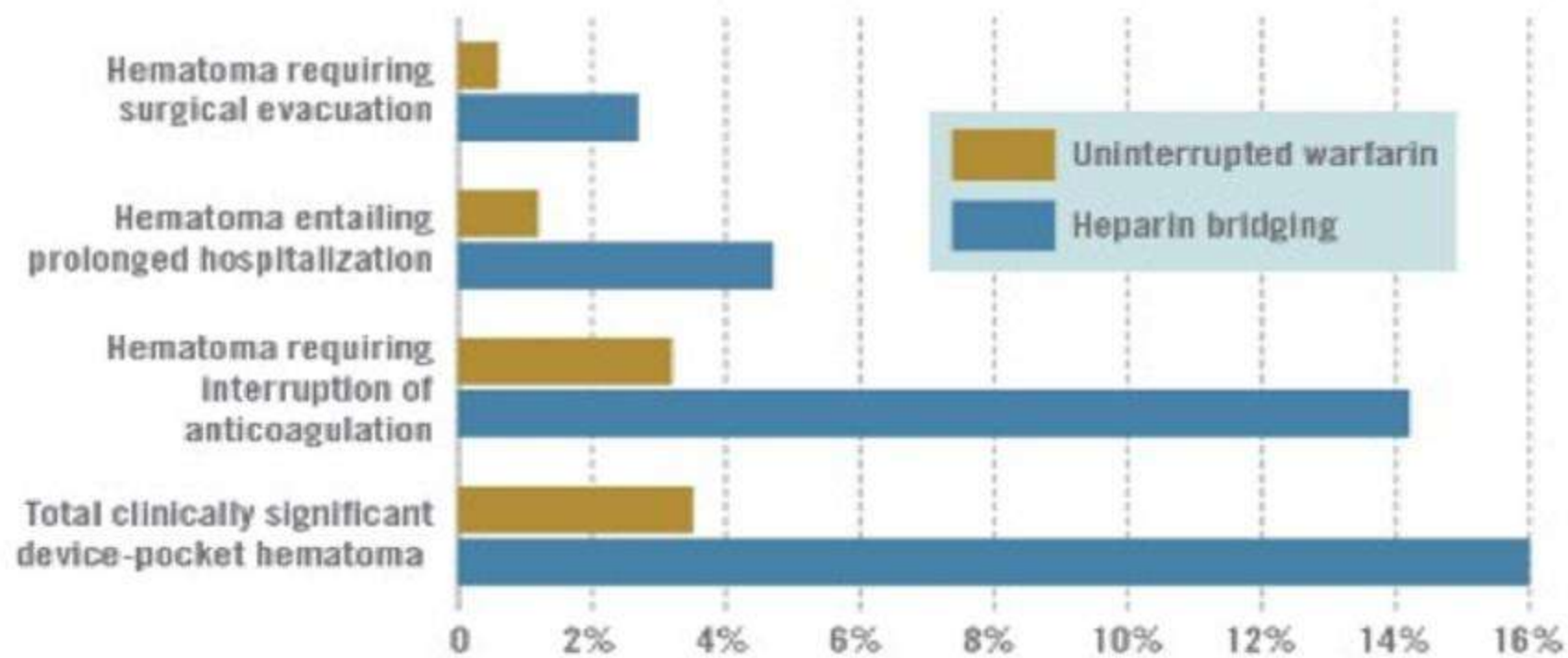
Procedure Name	Bleed Risk Level			
	Low	Intermediate	High	Uncertain
Coronary angiography, transradial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coronary angiography, transfemoral*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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TAVR (transaortic valve replacement)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valvuloplasty, aortic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pericardiocentesis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mitral valve repair, percutaneous (MitraClip procedure)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right heart catheterization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ablation, structural VT (ventricular tachycardia)*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ablation, PVC (premature ventricular complex)*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ablation, atrial fibrillation*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ablation, atrial flutter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implant or generator replacement, CIED (cardiac implantable electronic device)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implant, subcutaneous ICD (implantable cardioverter defibrillator)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

# *Patients thrombosis factor*

- *Metallic valve (especially mitral valve)*
- *Recent pulmonary embolism (<3mo)*
- *Prior ischemic stroke, TIA, or systematic embolism (especially <3mo)*
- *Cancer*
- *CHA2DS2-VASc score >4*

*Continuing anticoagulation does not mean excessive bleeding*

### **BRUISE CONTROL: Incidence of primary results**



**Note:** Based on data for 681 subjects.

**Source:** Dr. Birnie

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**CONSIDERATIONS**

## WHEN TO INTERRUPT

INR measurement 5-7 days prior to procedure?

Supratherapeutic

Goal level  
(2.0 to 2.5 or 2.0 to 3.0)

Subtherapeutic

**GUIDANCE**

Discontinue  $\geq 5$  days before procedure depending on current INR, time to procedure, and desired INR for procedure; recheck INR 24 hours before procedure.

Discontinue 5 days before procedure depending on current INR, time to procedure and desired INR for procedure; recheck INR 24 hours before procedure.

Discontinue 3-4 days before procedure; recheck INR 24 hours before procedure if a normal INR is desired.

Intermediate haemorrhagic risk      High haemorrhagic risk

## WHEN TO INTERRUPT

CONSIDERATIONS



Measure CrCl

GUIDANCE

CrCl <15	<b>Discontinue</b> No data; consider dTT and/or $\geq 96$ hrs.
15-29	$\geq 72$ hrs
30-49	$\geq 48$ hrs
50-79	$\geq 36$ hrs
$\geq 80$	$\geq 24$ hrs

CrCl <15	<b>Discontinue</b> No data; consider anti Xa level and/or $\geq 48$ hrs.
15-29	$\geq 36$ hrs
$\geq 30$	$\geq 24$ hrs

CrCl <15	<b>Discontinue</b> No data; consider dTT.
15-29	$\geq 120$
30-49	$\geq 96$ hrs
50-79	$\geq 72$ hrs
$\geq 80$	$\geq 48$ hrs

CrCl <30	<b>Discontinue</b> No data; consider anti Xa level and/or $\geq 72$ hrs.
$\geq 30$	$\geq 48$ hrs

Insufficient data on best practices. Interrupt at least as long as determined by CrCl (Table 2) and possibly longer.

Use clinical judgment.

**PARENTERAL BRIDGING NOT INDICATED FOR DOACS.**

## Discontinuation of DOAC for patients undergoing interventional spine and pain procedures

Drug	Half-life	Recommended Interval Between Stoppage of Drug and Pain Procedure (5 Half-lives)*	Recommended Interval Between Procedure and Resumption of Drug†
Dabigatran	12–17 h 28 h (renal disease)	4 d 5–6 d (patients with renal disease)	24 h
Rivaroxaban	9–13 h	65 h (3 d)	24 h
Apixaban	15.2 ± 8.5 h	75 h (3 d)	24 h
Edoxaban	9–14 h	70 h (3 d)	24 h

# To bridge or not to bridge (VKA)

- **The BRIDGE Trial:**

- Arterial thromboembolism met the preset criterion for noninferiority
- Major bleeding rates were nearly tripled among those who were bridge

*N Engl J Med.* 2015;373:823–833

- **ORBIT-AF Registry Study:**

- More bleeding with bridging (5% vs 1,3%)
- The incidence of a composite end point (MI, stroke, SE, major bleeding, hospitalization, or death within 30 days) was higher in bridged than nonbridged patients (13% versus 6.3%)

*Circulation.* 2015;131:488–494

- **RE-LY analysis:**

- Bridging was associated with more major bleeding (OR,4.62,  $P<0.001$ )

*Thromb Haemost.* 2015;113:625–632



# WHETHER TO BRIDGE



## Assess patient thrombotic risk definitions:

**Low:** CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc 1-4 (annualized stroke risk <5%), no prior TE

**Moderate:** CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc 5-6 (annualized stroke risk 5-10%) or prior TE more than 3 months previously

**High:** CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc 7+ (annualized stroke risk >10%) or prior TE within 3 months



## 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, INR above therapeutic range; prior bleed from previous bridging

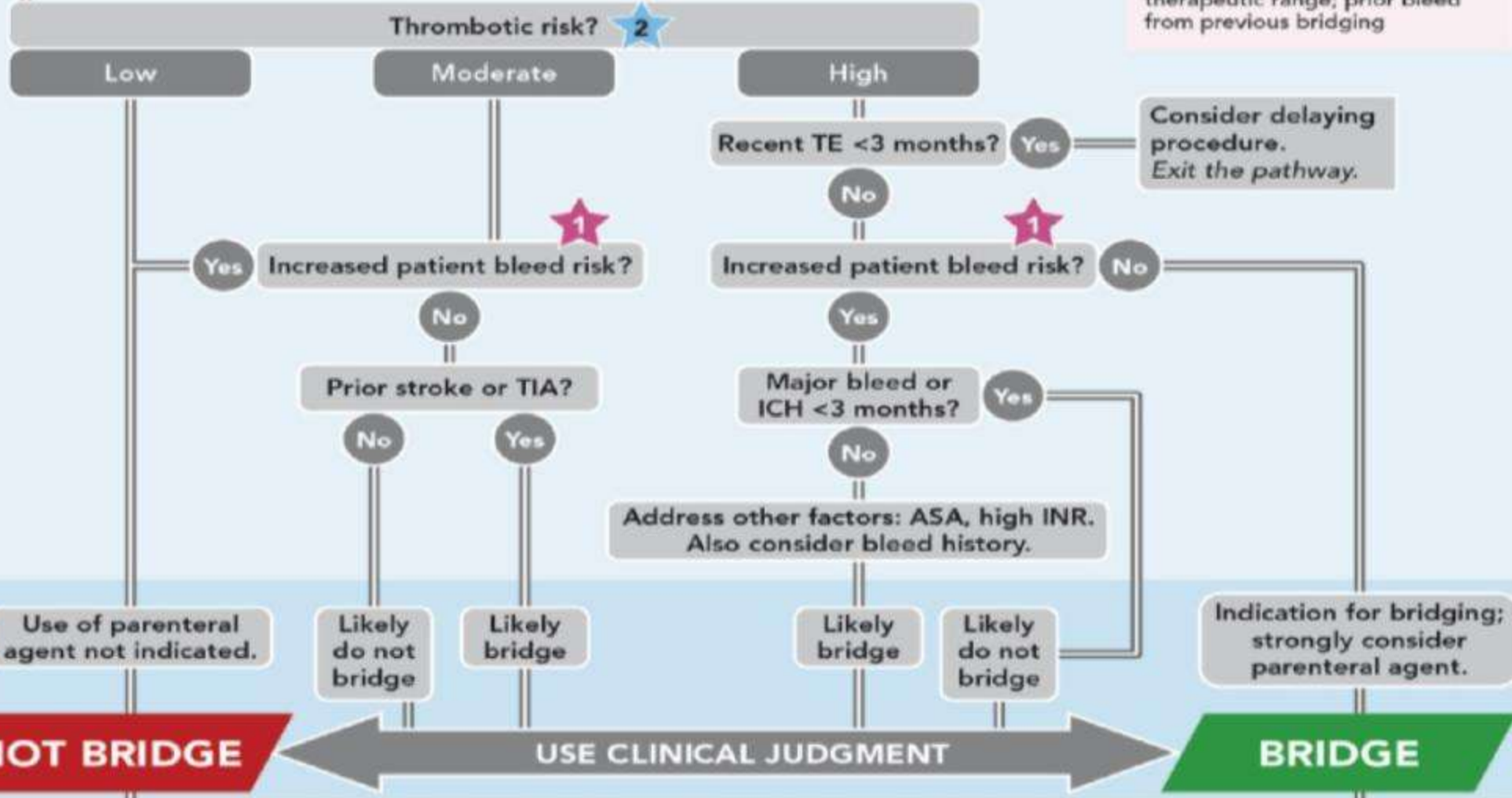
Type of anticoagulant?

DOAC

VKA

CONSIDERATIONS

GUIDANCE



**DO NOT BRIDGE**

USE CLINICAL JUDGMENT

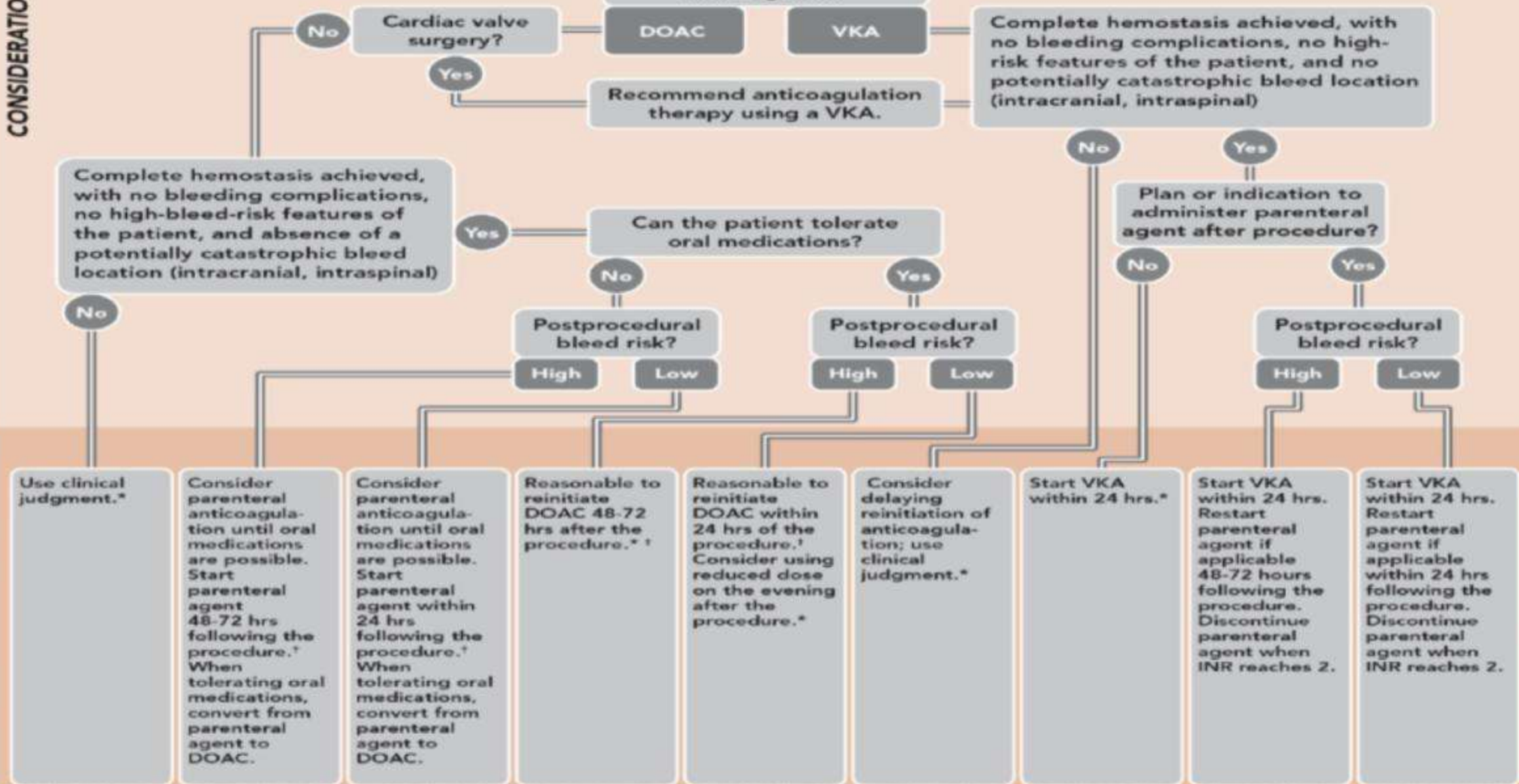
**BRIDGE**

# How to bridge

Start UFH when the INR is  $<2$  or after omitting 2-3 doses of the OAC if the INR is not measured. Discontinue  $>4$  hours prior to the procedure and if the aPTT is the normal range.\*

Start LMWH when the INR is  $<2$  or after omitting 2-3 doses of the OAC if the INR is not measured. Discontinue  $>12-24$  hours prior to the procedure based on renal function and whether you are administering it once daily or q12 hours.

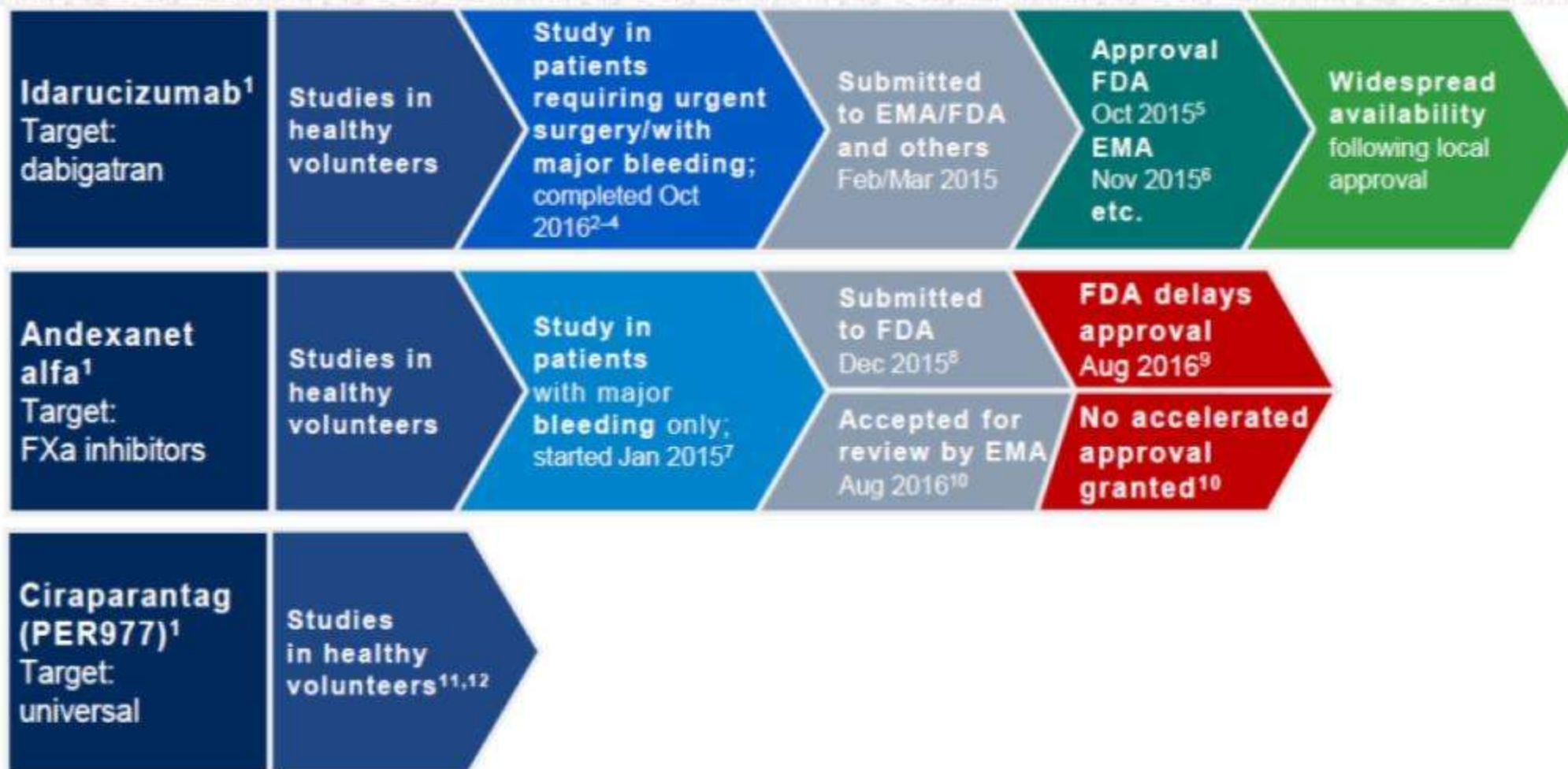
# HOW TO RESTART ANTICOAGULATION



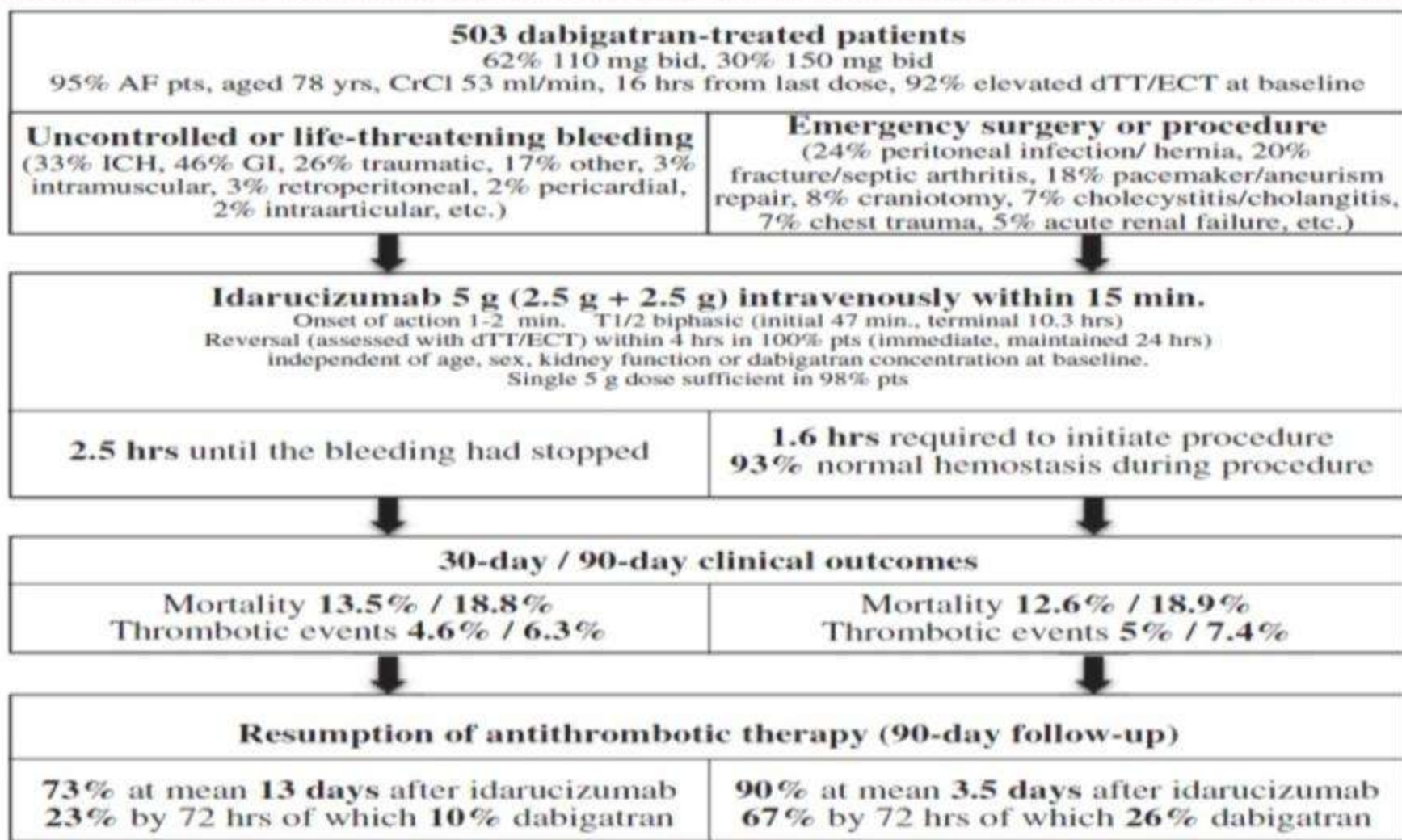
# Post procedural timing of reinitiation

- ✓ In most situations, a VKA can be restarted **in the first 24 hours** after the procedure at the patient's usual therapeutic dose
- ✓ Following procedures with low postprocedural bleed risk where TI is indicated, it is reasonable to **resume DOAC therapy at full dose on the day following the procedure**
- ✓ Following high postprocedural bleed-risk procedures, it is reasonable to **wait at least 48 to 72 hours** before resuming DOAC therapy at full dose if complete hemostasis has been achieved.

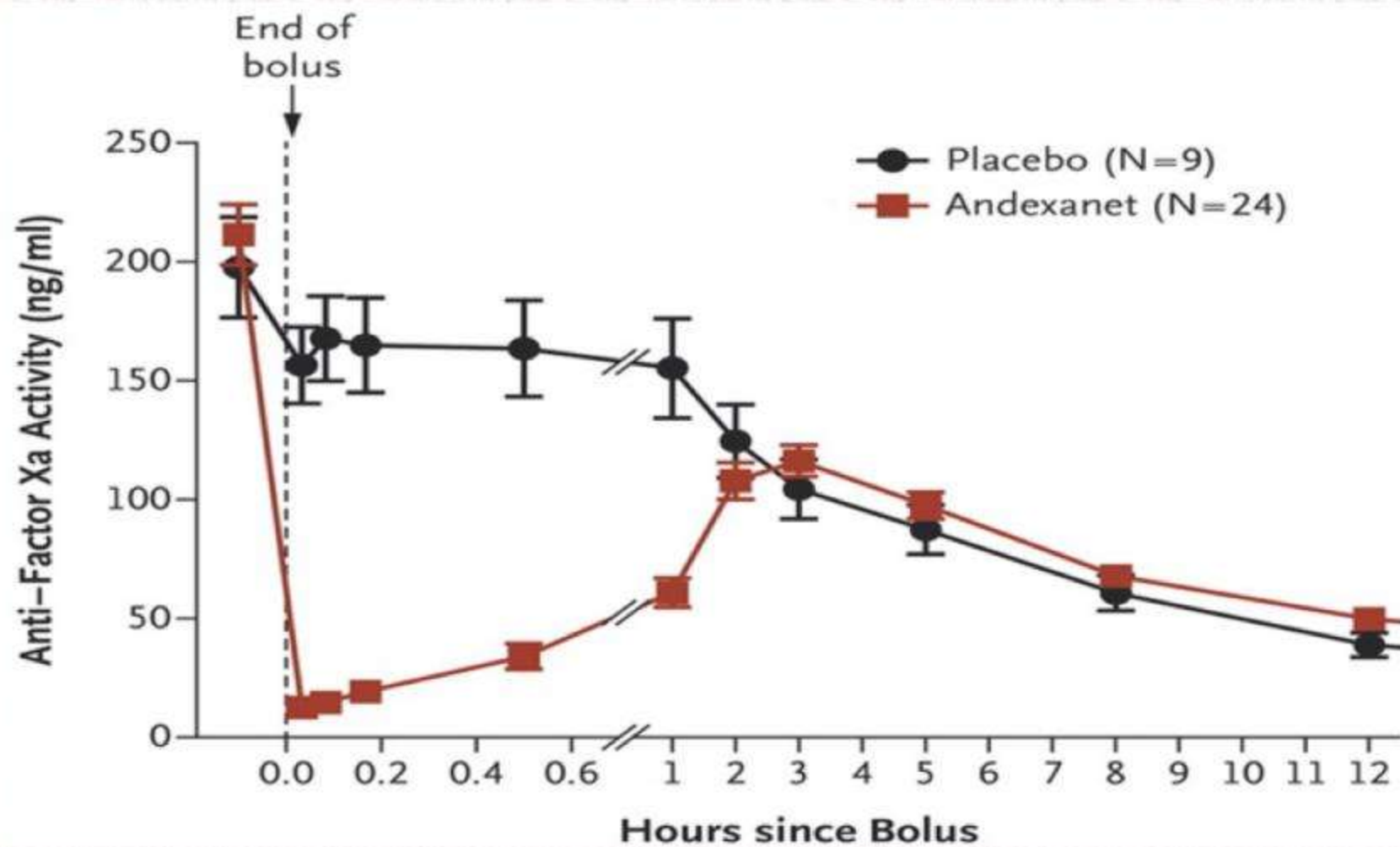
# DOAC reversal agents



# RE-VERSE AD study



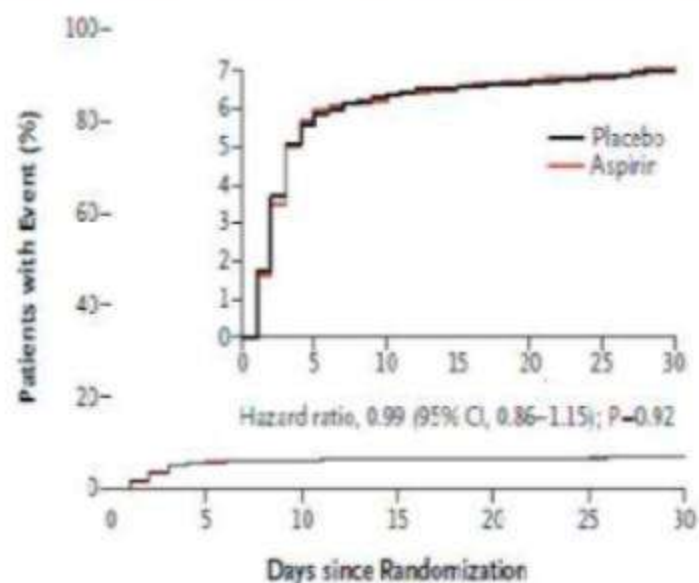
## Andexanet Alfa for Acute Major Bleeding Associated with Factor Xa Inhibitors



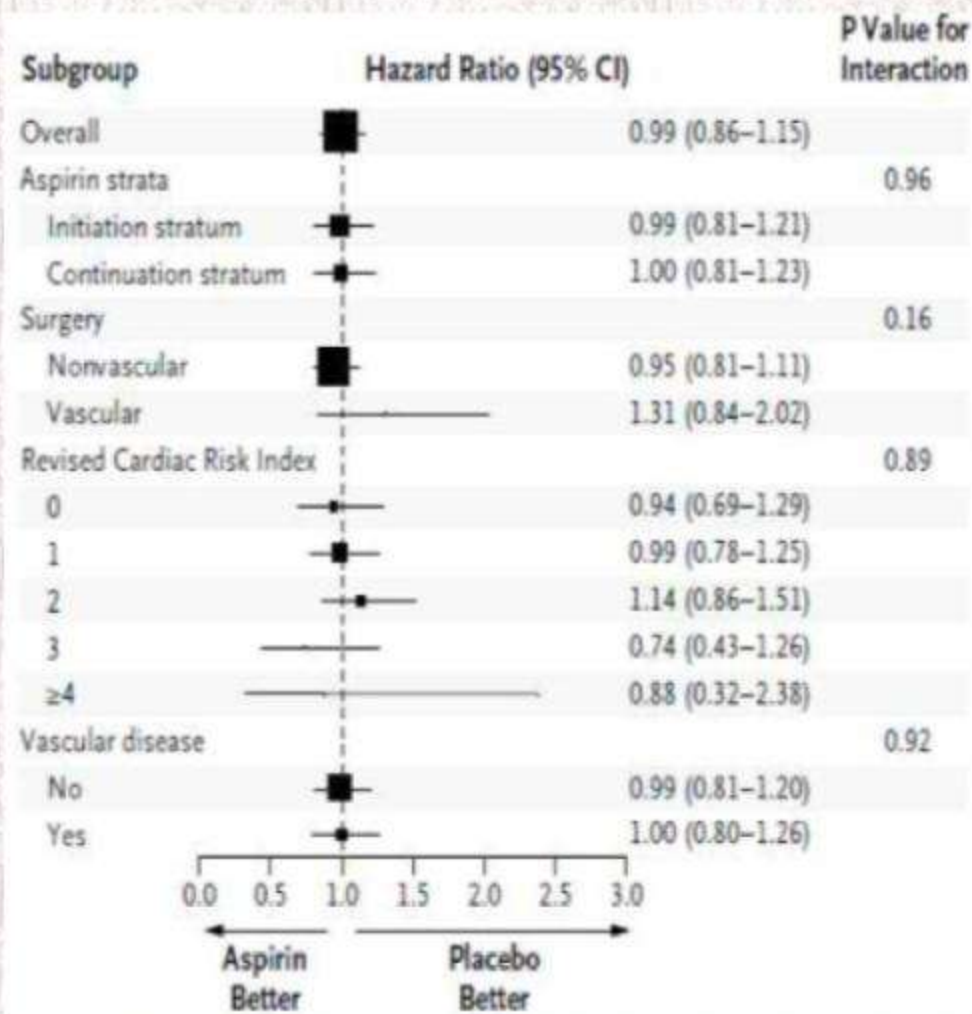
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# Periprocedural aspirin (POISE 2 study)



No. at Risk							
Placebo	5012	4724	4696	4680	4669	4652	4652
Aspirin	4958	4713	4678	4665	4660	4653	4643



**Table 3. Absolute Increase in the Risk of a Composite of Life-Threatening or Major Bleeding with Aspirin Therapy, Starting on Each of the First 10 Postoperative Days until 30 Days after Surgery.\***

Day at Start of Risk Analysis	Aspirin†	Placebo†	Absolute Increase in Risk with Aspirin	P Value
	<i>no./total no. (%)</i>		<i>percentage points</i>	
Day of surgery	311/4953 (6.3)	254/4978 (5.1)	1.2	0.01
Day 1 after surgery	191/4832 (4.0)	129/4852 (2.7)	1.3	<0.001
Day 2 after surgery	138/4779 (2.9)	92/4813 (1.9)	1.0	0.002
Day 3 after surgery	102/4741 (2.2)	59/4777 (1.2)	1.0	<0.001
Day 4 after surgery	73/4710 (1.6)	33/4748 (0.7)	0.9	<0.001
Day 5 after surgery	59/4693 (1.3)	27/4739 (0.6)	0.7	<0.001
Day 6 after surgery	43/4674 (0.9)	25/4736 (0.5)	0.4	0.03
Day 7 after surgery	39/4667 (0.8)	22/4731 (0.5)	0.3	0.03
Day 8 after surgery	20/2623 (0.8)	14/2662 (0.5)	0.3	0.29
Day 9 after surgery	15/2617 (0.6)	14/2660 (0.5)	0.1	0.82
Day 10 after surgery	14/2614 (0.5)	12/2657 (0.5)	0.0	0.67

# ESC recommendations on peri-operative aspirin use

Recommendations	Class	Level
Continuation of aspirin in patients previously treated with aspirin may be considered in the peri-operative period (based on risk of bleeding and thrombosis).	IIb	B
Discontinuation of aspirin in patients previously treated with that drug should be considered in patients in whom haemostasis is anticipated to be difficult to control during surgery.	IIa	B



## *Patients with coronary stents*

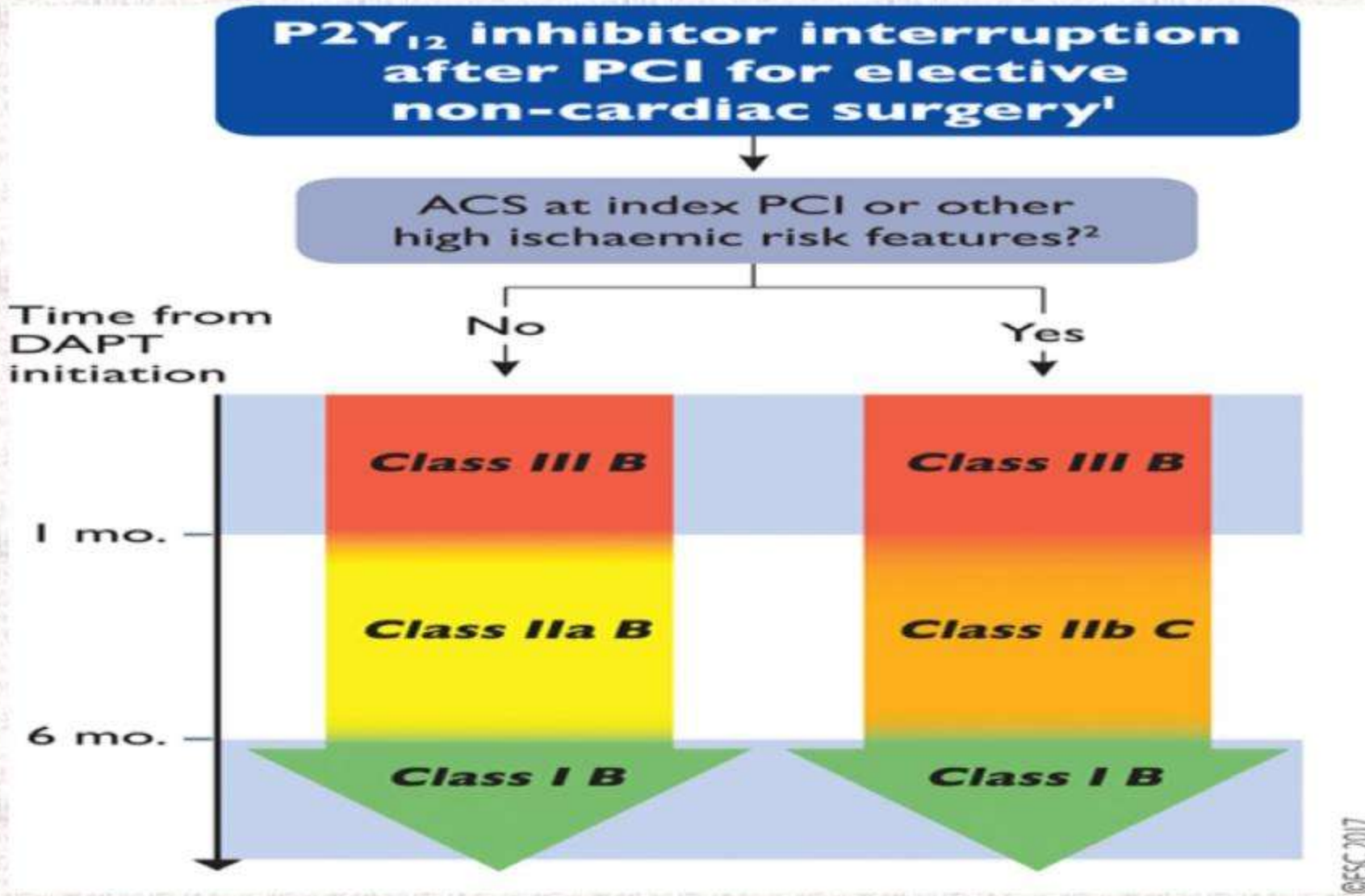
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Class<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Level<sup>b</sup></b>
It is recommended to continue aspirin peri-operatively if the bleeding risk allows, and to resume the recommended antiplatelet therapy as soon as possible post-operatively. <sup>232–236</sup>	<b>I</b>	<b>B</b>

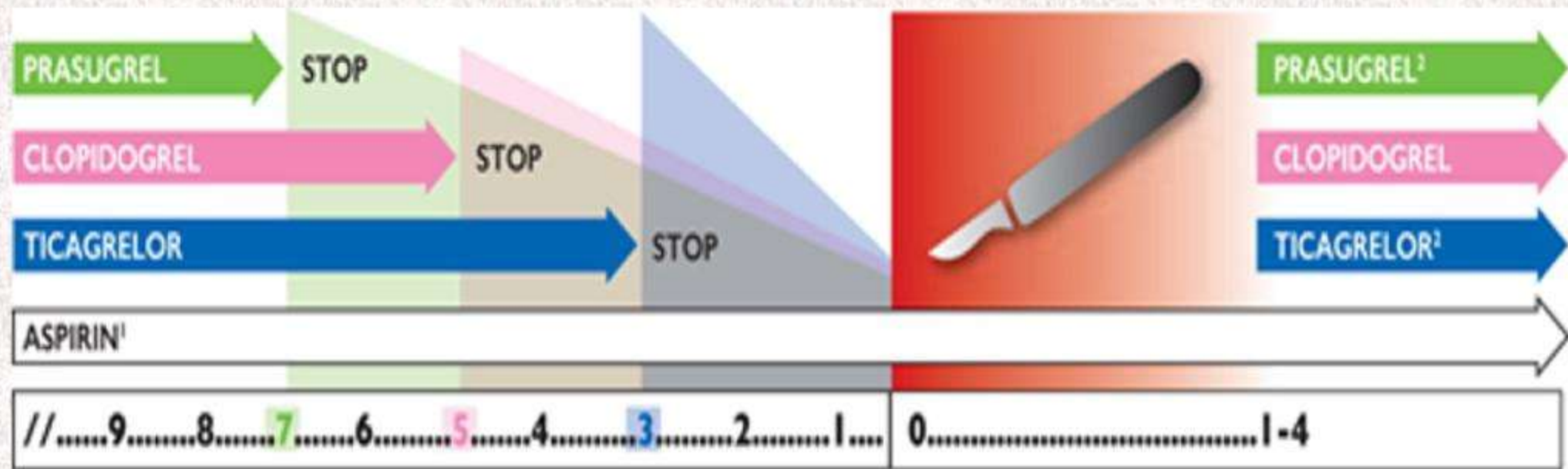
# Possible exceptions

- intracranial procedures
- transurethral prostatectomy
  - intraocular procedures
- operations with extremely high bleeding risk

# Risk Factors Associated With Adverse Cardiac Events


	n	Myocardial Infarction	Myocardial Infarction OR (95% CI)	Cardiac Death	Cardiac Death OR (95% CI)	All-Cause Mortality	All-Cause Mortality OR (95% CI)
Timing of surgery*							
≤1 month	635	46 (7.2)	15.84 (9.12-27.50)	31 (5.0)	13.71 (7.13-26.35)	57 (9.0)	4.42 (3.11-6.28)
>1-12 months	3,668	18 (0.5)		13 (0.4)		80 (2.1)	
ACS†							
ACS	2,291	50 (2.2)	3.64 (1.89-7.01)	32 (1.5)	5.14 (2.00-13.23)	76 (3.3)	1.41 (0.96-2.05)
SAP	2,012	11 (0.5)		5 (0.2)		43 (2.1)	
Emergency surgery							
Acute	1,123	42 (4.5)	5.58 (3.31-9.38)	28 (3.2)	4.92 (2.65-9.13)	93 (10.1)	6.44 (4.47-9.27)
Elective	3,180	22 (0.7)		16 (0.5)		44 (1.4)	
Stent generation							
First	2,594	36 (0.6)	0.84 (0.51-1.39)	25 (1.0)	0.75 (0.41-1.37)	69 (2.7)	0.66 (0.47-0.92)
Second	1,709	28 (1.6)		19 (1.1)		68 (4.0)	
Stent length							
>20 mm	2,269	37 (1.6)	0.81 (0.49-1.34)	28 (1.2)	0.64 (0.34-1.18)	79 (3.5)	0.81 (0.58-1.15)
≤20 mm	2,034	27 (1.3)		16 (0.8)		58 (2.8)	
No. of stents							
>1	1,729	24 (1.4)	1.12 (0.67-1.87)	23 (1.3)	0.62 (0.34-1.12)	61 (3.5)	0.83 (0.59-1.17)
1	2,574	40 (1.6)		21 (0.9)		76 (3.0)	
Age							
>70 yrs	1,789	26 (1.5)	0.96 (0.58-1.59)	25 (1.5)	1.88 (1.04-3.44)	88 (4.9)	2.60 (1.82-3.70)
≤70 yrs	2,514	38 (1.5)		19 (0.7)		49 (1.9)	
Sex							
Female	1,265	13 (1.0)	0.61 (0.33-1.12)	11 (0.9)	0.80 (0.41-1.60)	47 (3.7)	1.26 (0.88-1.81)
Male	2,987	51 (1.7)		33 (1.1)		90 (3.0)	





Minimal delay for P2Y<sub>12</sub> interruption

Days after surgery

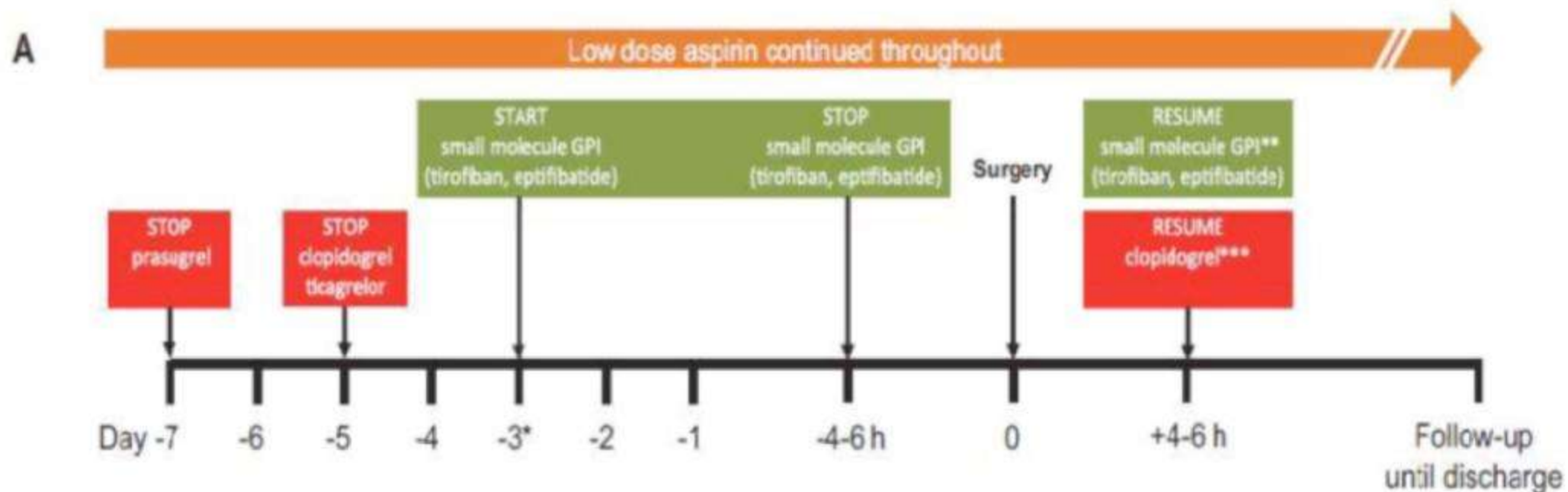
 = Expected average platelet function recovery

1 Decision to stop aspirin throughout surgery should be made on a single case basis taking into account the surgical bleeding risk.

2 In patients not requiring OAC.



# Bridging therapy 1

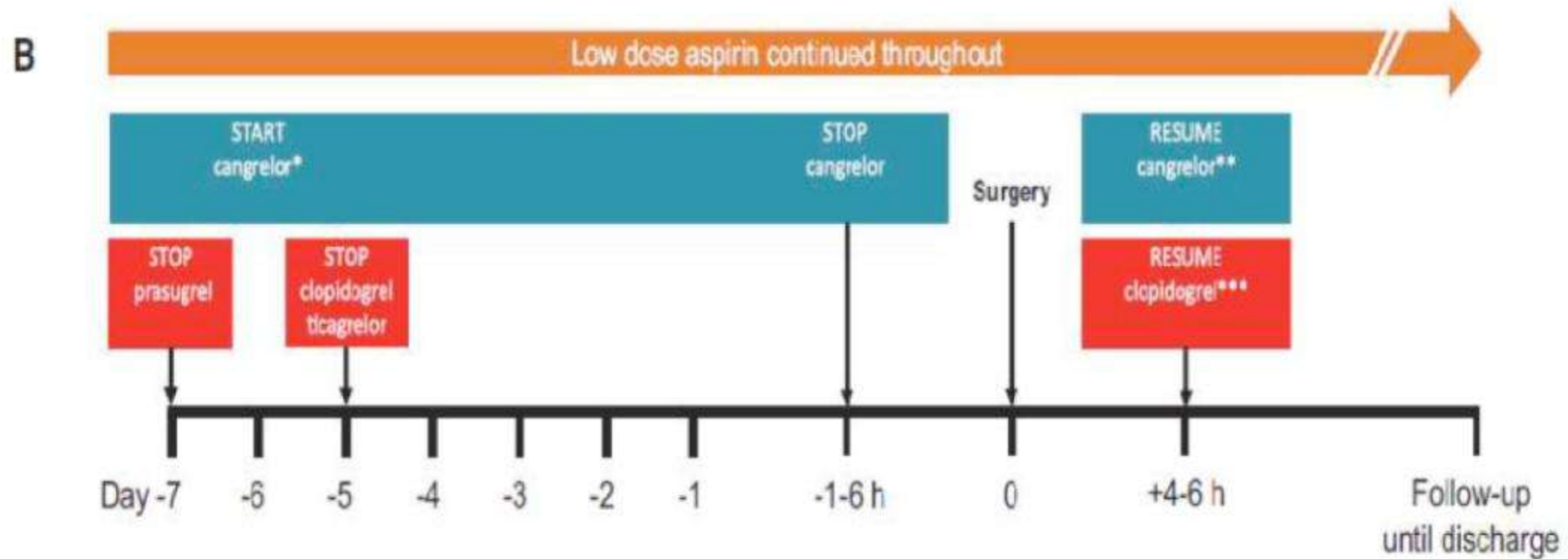


\*Tirofiban: 0.1 mcg/Kg/min; If creatinine clearance <50 mL/min, adjust to 0.05 mcg/Kg/min. Eptifibatide: 2.0 mcg/Kg/min; If creatinine clearance is <50 mL/min, adjust to 1.0 mcg/Kg/min.

\*\*If oral administration not possible

\*\*\*With 300-600 mg loading dose, as soon as oral administration possible. Prasugrel or ticagrelor discouraged

# Bridging therapy 2



\*Initiate within 72 hours from P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitor discontinuation at a dose of 0.75 µg/Kg/min for a minimum of 48 hours and a maximum of 7 days.

\*\*If oral administration not possible

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# Conclusions

- peri-procedural management of patients treated with antithrombotic/antiplatelet therapy is challenging
- there are areas in the periprocedural management of AC where clinical evidence is clear-cut
- there are others where guidance needs to be tempered by clinical judgment
- it makes sense to develop consistently applied clinical pathways with standardized institutional protocols
- coordination among specialties, pharmacists, nursing, and other health professionals has great potential for enhancement of care