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L'aderenza delle Terapie Anticoagulanti: problemi e prospettive

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Impact of Medication Discontinuation on Mortality

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Background: Non-monotherapy is common, but the determination of the impact of medication discontinuation on mortality is not well defined. The objective of this study was to assess the impact of medication discontinuation on mortality in patients with acute myocardial infarction.

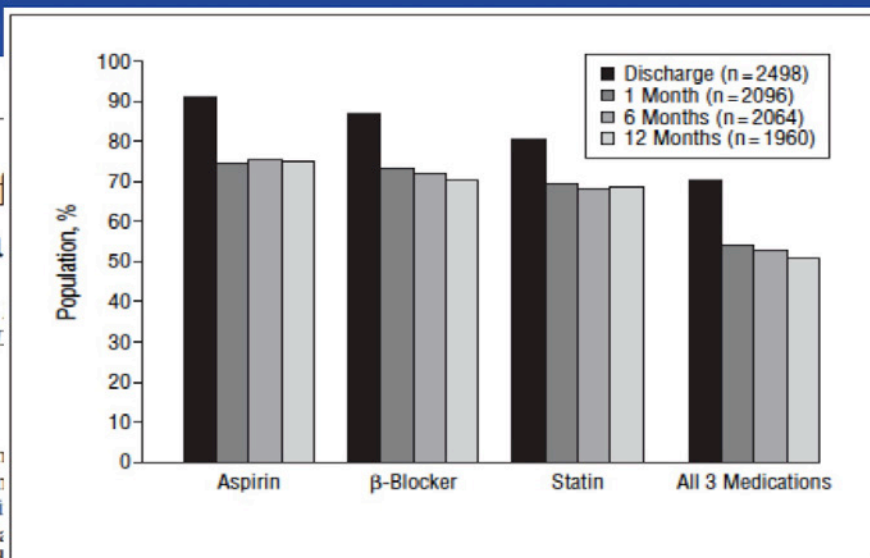


Figure 1. Rates of medication use for the entire cohort. $P < .001$ for trend for the 4 measurement periods (hospital discharge and 1, 6, and 12 months) for aspirin, β-blockers, statins, and all 3 medications.

Conclusion

Reid, MS;
Lipsfeld, MD, PhD

ns. The effect of medication discontinuation was (CI, 1.34-2.34) than for patients who discontinued 1 or more medications. Patients who discontinued 1 or more medications had a higher risk of mortality.

Arch Intern Med. 2006;166:1842-1847

Drugs don't work in patients who don't take them.

C. Everett Koop, M.D.

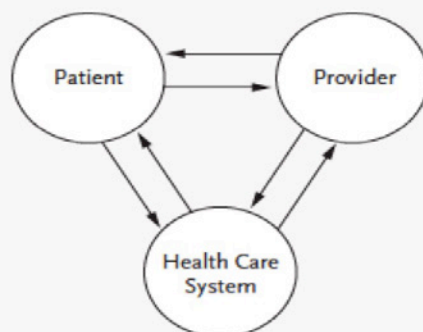
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Table 2. Major Predictors of Poor Adherence to Medication, According to Studies of Predictors.

Predictor	Study
Presence of psychological problems, particularly depression	van Servellen et al., ⁵¹ Ammassari et al., ⁵² Stilley et al. ⁵³
Presence of cognitive impairment	Stilley et al., ⁵³ Okuno et al. ⁵⁴
<u>Treatment of asymptomatic disease</u>	Sewitch et al., ⁵⁵
Inadequate follow-up or discharge planning	Sewitch et al., ⁵⁵ Lacro et al. ⁵⁶
Side effects of medication	van Servellen et al. ⁵¹
<u>Patient's lack of belief in benefit of treatment</u>	Okuno et al., ⁵⁴ Lacro et al. ⁵⁶
<u>Patient's lack of insight into the illness</u>	Lacro et al., ⁵⁶ Perkins ⁵⁷
<u>Poor provider-patient relationship</u>	Okuno et al., ⁵⁴ Lacro et al. ⁵⁶
Presence of barriers to care or medications	van Servellen et al., ⁵¹ Perkins ⁵⁷
Missed appointments	van Servellen et al., ⁵¹ Farley et al. ⁵⁸
Complexity of treatment	Ammassari et al. ⁵²
Cost of medication, copayment, or both	Balkrishnan, ⁵⁹ Ellis et al. ⁶⁰

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Poor provider–patient communication
 Patient has a poor understanding of the disease
 Patient has a poor understanding of the benefits and risks of treatment
 Patient has a poor understanding of the proper use of the medication
 Physician prescribes overly complex regimen



Patient's interaction with the health care system
 Poor access or missed clinic appointments
 Poor treatment by clinic staff
 Poor access to medications
 Switching to a different formulary
 Inability of patient to access pharmacy
 High medication costs

Physician's interaction with the health care system
 Poor knowledge of drug costs
 Poor knowledge of insurance coverage of different formularies
 Low level of job satisfaction

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Table 3. Strategies for Improving Adherence to a Medication Regimen.*

- Identify poor adherence
 - Look for markers of nonadherence: missed appointments ("no-shows"), lack of response to medication, missed refills
 - Ask about barriers to adherence without being confrontational
- Emphasize the value of the regimen and the effect of adherence
- Elicit patient's feelings about his or her ability to follow the regimen, and if necessary, design supports to promote adherence
- Provide simple, clear instructions and simplify the regimen as much as possible
- Encourage the use of a medication-taking system
- Listen to the patient, and customize the regimen in accordance with the patient's wishes
- Obtain the help from family members, friends, and community services when needed
- Reinforce desirable behavior and results when appropriate
- Consider more "forgiving" medications when adherence appears unlikely†
 - Medications with long half-lives
 - Depot (extended-release) medications
 - Transdermal medications

Problemi

- VKA

- DOACs



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first FU: 1 month

Follow-up: GP; anticoagulant clinic; initiator of therapy; ...

- Checks:
 1. Adherence (remaining pills; NOAC card; ...);
 2. Thrombo-embolic events;
 3. Bleeding events;
 4. Other side effects;
 5. Co-medications and over-the-counter drugs.
 6. Need for blood sampling?

1 month?
3 months
max. 6 months

In case of problems: contacts initiator of treatment.

- Else:
 - fills out anticoagulation card
 - sets date/place for next follow-up: interval depends on patient factors like renal function.



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Table 3 Checklist during follow-up contacts of AF patients on anticoagulation^a

	Interval	Comments
1. Adherence	Each visit	Instruct patient to bring NOAC card and remaining medication: make note and assess average adherence Re-educate on importance of strict intake schedule Inform about adherence aids (special boxes, smartphone applications, etc.)
2. Thromboembolism	Each visit	Systemic circulation (TIA, stroke, and peripheral) Pulmonary circulation
3. Bleeding	Each visit	'Nuisance' bleeding preventive measures possible? (PPI, haemorrhoidectomy, etc.) Motivate patient to diligently continue anticoagulation Bleeding with impact on quality of life or with risk: prevention possible? Need for revision of anticoagulation indication or dose?
4. Other side effects	Each visit	Carefully assess relation with NOAC: decide for continuation (and motivate), temporary cessation (with bridging), or change of anticoagulant drug
5. Co-medications	Each visit	Prescription drugs; over-the-counter drugs, especially aspirin and NSAID (see 'Drug-drug interactions and pharmacokinetics of non-vitamin K antagonist anticoagulants' section) Careful interval history: also temporary use can be risky!
6. Blood sampling	Yearly 6-monthly x-monthly On indication	Haemoglobin, renal and liver function ≥ 75–80 years (especially if on dabigatran or edoxaban), or frail ^b If renal function ≤ 60 mL/min: recheck interval = CrCl/10 If intercurrent condition that may impact renal or hepatic function

TIA, transient ischaemic attack; PPI, proton pump inhibitor; CrCl, creatinine clearance (preferably measured by the Cockcroft method).

^aFor frequency of visits: see Figure 2.

^bFrailty is defined as three or more criteria of unintentional weight loss, self-reported exhaustion, weakness assessed by handgrip test, slow walking speed, or low physical activity.³⁴


On online frailty calculator can be found at <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2318/10/57> under Additional Files.



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Adherence and outcomes to direct oral

Patient Characteristics	All n = 2882	Dabigatran n = 2096 (72.7%)	Rivaroxaban n = 571 (19.8%)	Apixaban n = 215 (7.5%)	p
Adherence					
Mean (SD) pill count per dispensed supply	38.1 (20.9)	38.2 (20.8)	38.2 (22.0)	36.4 (18.7)	<0.01
Proportion of Days Covered (mean + SD)	0.85 (0.19)	0.84 (0.20)	0.86 (0.18)	0.89 (0.14)	<0.01
PDC < 80% n (%)	796 (27.6%)	604 (28.8%)	143 (25.0%)	49 (22.8%)	0.05

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Borne et al. *BMC Cardiovascular Disorders* (2017) 17:236

	Rivaroxaban		Dabigatran		Apixaban	
3 Months						
PDC, ^a mean (SD)	0.84	(0.24)	0.77	(0.28)	0.82	(0.26)
≥ 0.80, n (%)	2,521	(73.0)	783	(62.0)	354	(70.2)
0.50-0.79, n (%)	424	(12.3)	202	(16.0)	67	(13.3)
< 0.50, n (%)	510	(14.8)	279	(22.1)	83	(16.5)
Gaps,^b n (%)						
≥ 15 days	336	(9.7)	170	(13.5)	72	(14.3)
≥ 30 days	123	(3.6)	61	(4.8)	33	(6.6)
≥ 60 days	18	(0.5)	8	(0.6)	7	(1.4)
Switch,^c n (%)						
Other OAC	198	(5.7)	179	(14.2)	32	(6.4)
Antiplatelet	59	(1.7)	31	(2.5)	6	(1.2)
6 Months						
PDC, ^a mean (SD)	0.75	(0.31)	0.67	(0.33)	0.75	(0.29)
≥ 0.80, n (%)	1,711	(63.5)	561	(53.6)	201	(61.9)
0.50-0.79, n (%)	429	(15.9)	173	(16.5)	63	(19.4)
< 0.50, n (%)	554	(20.6)	312	(29.8)	61	(18.8)
Gaps,^b n (%)						
≥ 15 days	483	(17.9)	268	(25.6)	102	(31.4)
≥ 30 days	252	(9.4)	128	(12.2)	62	(19.1)
≥ 60 days	84	(3.1)	51	(4.9)	19	(5.9)
Switch,^c n (%)						
Other OAC	224	(8.3)	195	(18.6)	30	(6.7)
Antiplatelet	67	(2.5)	40	(3.8)	8	(2.5)
9 Months						
PDC, ^a mean (SD)	0.70	(0.34)	0.62	(0.35)	0.71	(0.32)
≥ 0.80, n (%)	838	(55.0)	309	(46.7)	63	(56.8)
0.50-0.79, n (%)	229	(15.0)	97	(14.7)	21	(18.9)
< 0.50, n (%)	457	(30.0)	256	(38.7)	27	(24.3)
Gaps,^b n (%)						
≥ 15 days	366	(24.0)	225	(34.0)	45	(40.5)
≥ 30 days	220	(14.4)	124	(18.7)	27	(7.3)
≥ 60 days	106	(7.0)	60	(9.1)	14	(12.6)
Switch,^c n (%)						
Other OAC	153	(10.0)	129	(19.5)	12	(10.8)
Antiplatelet	48	(3.2)	29	(4.4)	4	(3.6)

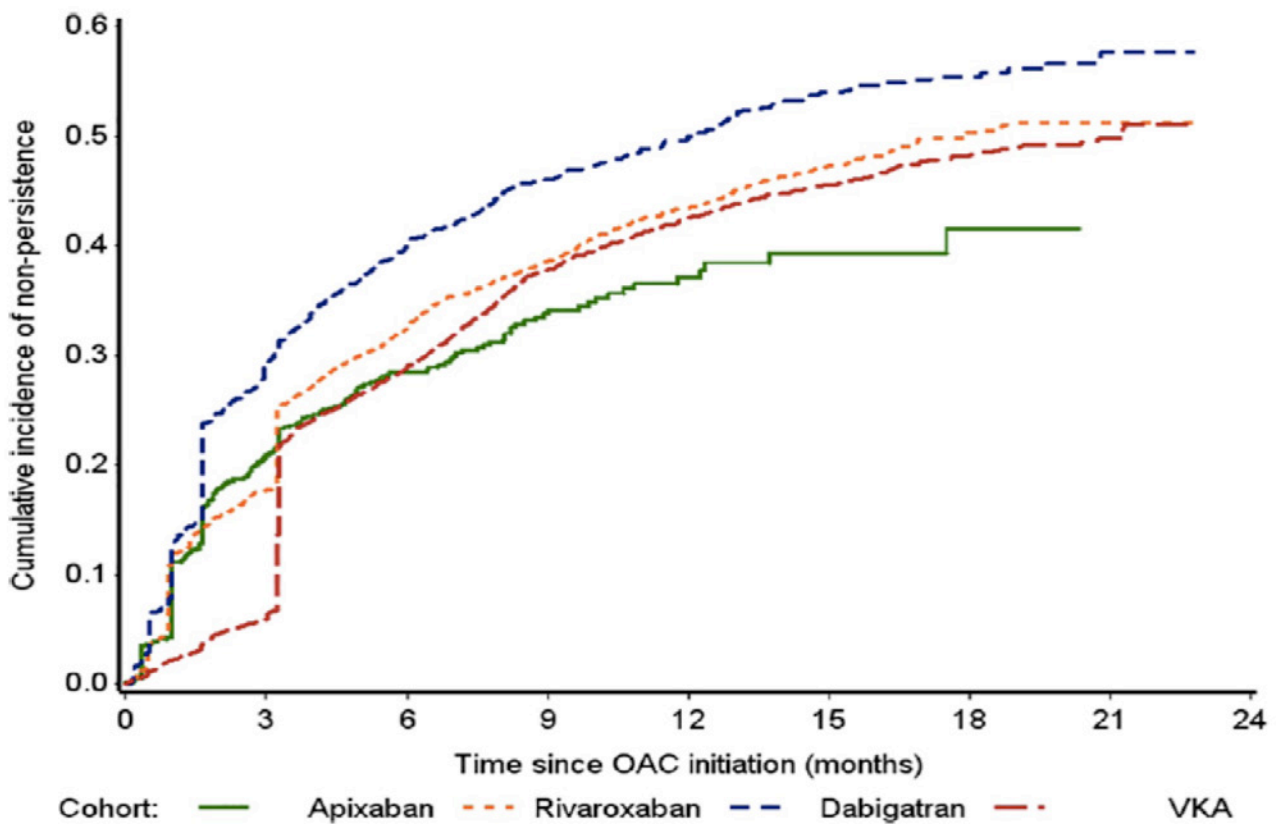
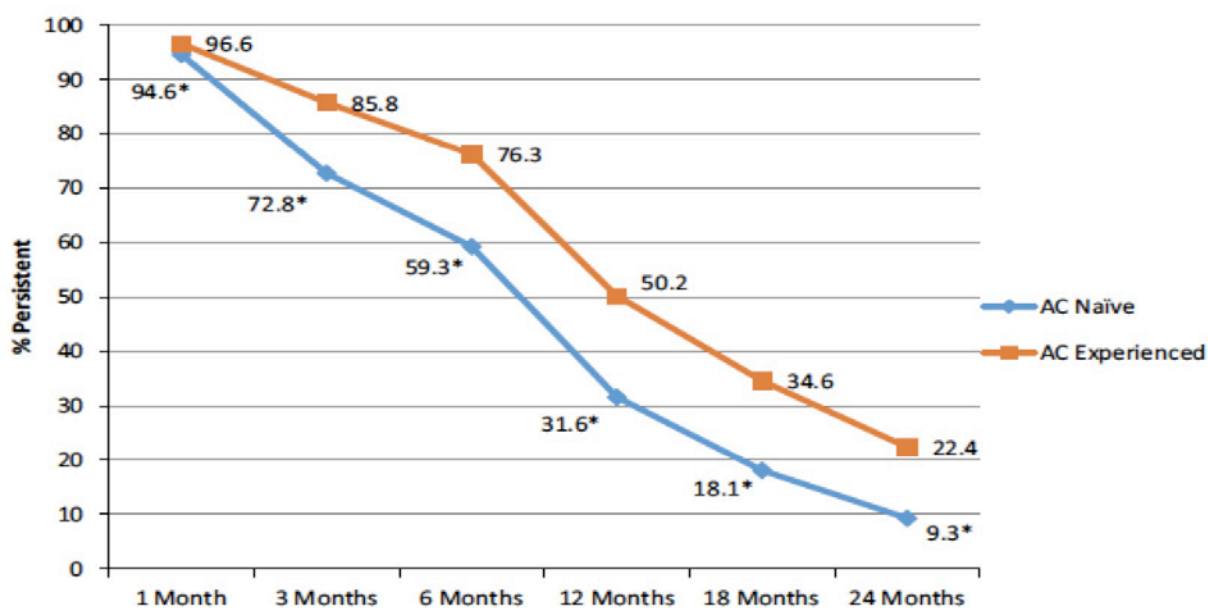


Fig 3. Cumulative incidence of OAC non-persistence.



AC Naïve (N)	29,148	22,432	18,268	9,743	5,591	2,870
AC Experienced (N)	34,064	30,269	26,891	17,707	12,203	7,885

Prospettive

- VKA

- DOACs

Cardiovascular Perspective

Reimagining Anticoagulation Clinics in the Era of Direct Oral Anticoagulants

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Abstract—Anticoagulation clinics were initially developed to provide safe and effective care for warfarin-treated patients with atrial fibrillation, venous thromboembolism, and mechanical valve replacement. Traditionally, these patients required ongoing laboratory monitoring and warfarin dose adjustment by expert providers. With the introduction of direct oral anticoagulants (dabigatran, rivaroxaban, apixaban, and edoxaban), many have questioned the need for anticoagulation clinic. However, we think that the growing number of oral anticoagulant choices creates an urgent need for expanding the traditional role of the anticoagulation clinic. We outline 3 key purposes that a reimagined anticoagulation clinic

Circ Cardiovasc Qual Outcomes. 2016;9:182-185.

1. Nuovi modelli organizzativi

2. Nuovi modelli di servizi

Modelli organizzativi

- **GP-based**
- **Nurse-based**
- **Pharmacist-based**
- **Junior doctor/Resident-based**

Perché i Centri Emostasi hanno ridotto ...

Visite in PS

Ospedalizzazioni

Episodi tromboembolici

Episodi emorragici

Rudd KM et al. Pharmacotherapy 2010

Anticoagulation clinic: 3 finalità ...

1. **Selezionare il migliore AC (TAO/DOAC) al dosaggio ottimale**
2. **Minimizzare il rischio emorragico**
(fattori di rischio, farmaci concomitanti, funzione renale/epatica, gestione periprocedurale)
3. **Incoraggiare l'aderenza alla terapia**

Pros

(anticoagulation clinic)

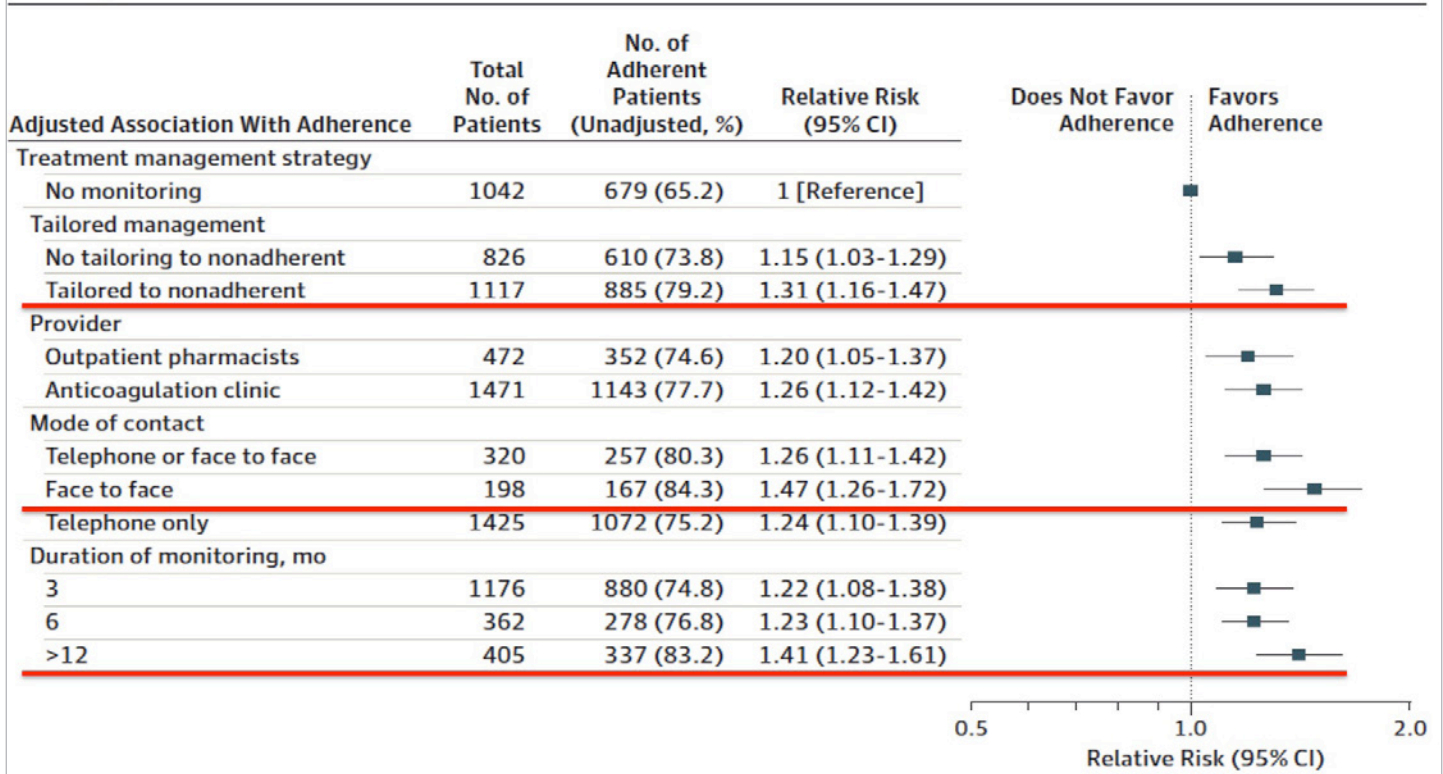


Più tempo a disposizione per i pazienti +
Risposte più rapide e precise =
Aumenta l'aderenza

Controllo esami ematici (20% IR in FA) =
Meno emorragie

Centralizzazione delle sospensioni =
Minimizzazione dei rischi e meno 'lavoro' per MMG, cardiologo, anestesista, chirurgo, etc.

Figure 3. Forest Plot Showing Association Between Various Monitoring Strategies and Patient Adherence to Dabigatran



Nostra esperienza ...

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Results Before nurse monitoring, INR values were out of range 20.4% of the time; after nurse monitoring they were out of range 19.2% of the time ($P = .115$); the time between sequential INR readings also did not differ before and after implementation of nurse monitoring (23.9 vs 21.6 days, $P = .789$).

Conclusion Nurse-led monitoring of INR is as effective as traditional physician monitoring. Advantages of nurse-led monitoring might include freeing family physicians to see more patients or to spend less time at work. It might also represent potential cost savings.

examined.

Intervention Implementation of nurse-led monitoring in a primary care network in place of standard family physician INR monitoring.

EDITOR'S KEY POINTS

- Given warfarin's narrow therapeutic index, it requires extensive monitoring through measurement of the international

Can Fam Physician 2012;58:e465-71

Neth Heart J (2014) 22:297-300
DOI 10.1007/s12471-014-0529-9

SHORT COMMUNICATION

Practical introduction of novel oral anticoagulants through an anticoagulation nurse. The Leeuwarden model

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PER QUALI PAZIENTI?

PAZIENTI SELEZIONATI DAL PERSONALE MEDICO:

- Che non necessitano di valutare la durata della terapia
- **STABILI ALLE VISITE PRECEDENTI:**
 - Esami ematochimici nella norma
 - Non note necessità di procedure/interventi

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Sanguinamenti		
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Necessità di sospensione		
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AST/GOT		ALT/GPT
Anni compiuti	Peso	
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L'Infermiere Referente:		

Cons

(anticoagulation clinic nurse-based)



Normativo: impossibilità prescrittiva

Formativo: non completa indipendenza

Culturale: ‘Voglio il dottore !’

Organizzativo: Visita DOAC-based

Modelli di servizi



Insufficiente: prescription clinics

Medication safety clinics

Anticoagulante

Antiarritmico (e.g. amiodarone)

Diuretico (e.g. antialdosteronico)

Polifarmaco terapia
(e.g. diuretico, antiipertensivo, FANS)

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Rates of Hyperkalemia after Publication of the Randomized Aldactone Evaluation Study

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ABSTRACT

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BACKGROUND

The Randomized Aldactone Evaluation Study (RALES) demonstrated that spironolactone significantly improves outcomes in patients with severe heart failure. Use of angiotensin-converting-enzyme (ACE) inhibitors is also indicated in these patients. How-

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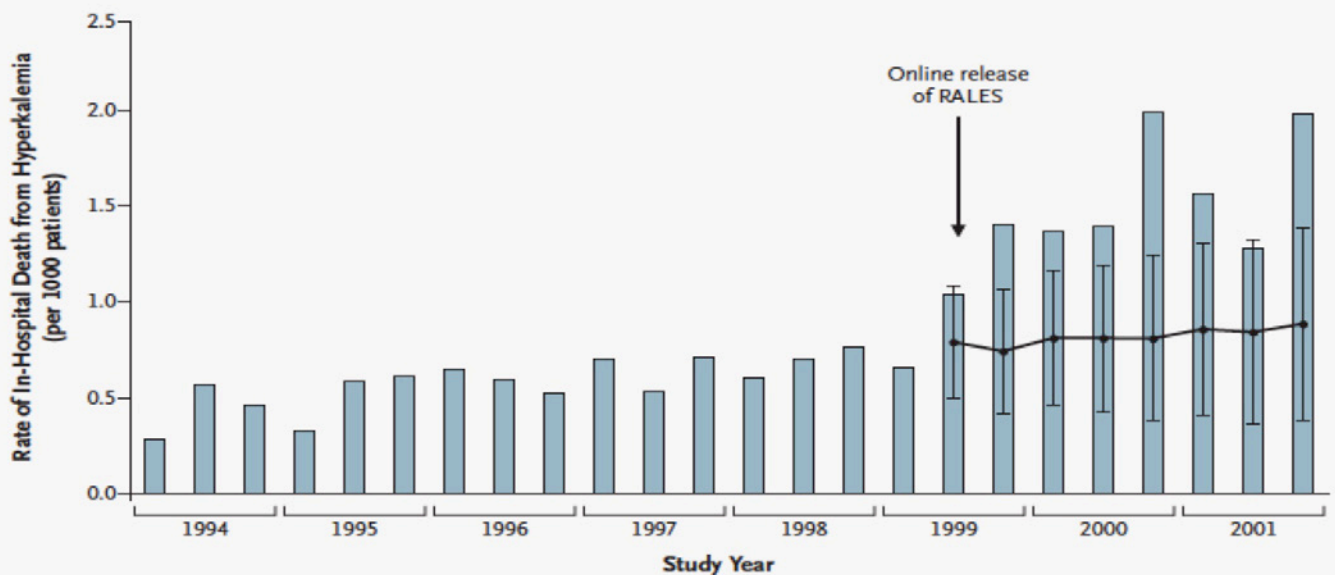


Figure 3. Rate of In-Hospital Death Associated with Hyperkalemia among Patients Recently Hospitalized for Heart Failure Who Were Receiving ACE Inhibitors.

Each bar shows the rate of in-hospital death associated with hyperkalemia per 1000 patients during one four-month interval. The line beginning in the second interval of 1999 shows projected death rates derived from interventional ARIMA models, with I bars representing the 95 percent confidence intervals.

Online release of RALES is also indicated in these patients. (D.)

Table 1. Observed Laboratory Testing of Potassium and Creatinine Levels Among Patients Initiating Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonist Therapy for Heart Failure

	No. (%) of Patients (N = 10 443)
Preinitiation testing (120 d before drug initiation)	
Appropriate ^a	9564 (91.6)
None	879 (8.4)
Early postinitiation testing (1-10 d after drug initiation)	
Appropriate ^b	1384 (13.3)
Any	4661 (44.6)
None	5782 (55.4)
Extended postinitiation testing (11-90 d after drug initiation)	
Appropriate ^c	3122 (29.9)
Any	8115 (77.7)
None	2328 (22.3)
Received all appropriate testing	756 (7.2)
No preinitiation or postinitiation testing	280 (2.7)

^a Defined by the presence of at least 1 laboratory claim (or hospitalization) within 120 days before drug initiation.

^b Defined by the presence of 2 laboratory claims (or hospitalizations or 1 laboratory claim plus hospital discharge within 3 days before initial outpatient prescription fill) within 10 days after drug initiation.

^c Defined by the presence of 3 laboratory claims (or hospitalizations) within 11 to 90 days after drug initiation.

RESEARCH LI

Consistent
Initiation of
Therapy in

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Antagonist

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Bleeding Risk with Dabigatran in the Frail Elderly

TO THE EDITOR: Since July 1, 2011, the thrombin inhibitor dabigatran has been available in New Zealand for stroke prevention in patients with atrial fibrillation. There are no restrictions on prescribing, and access is free to patients through

government funding. Approximately 7000 patients started treatment in the first 2 months.

Concerns from hematologists led to an audit of bleeding events that was initiated in collaboration with the Haematology Society of Australia

Table 1. Details of Episodes of Bleeding in 44 Patients Taking Dabigatran.*

Patient No.	Age yr	Sex	Weight kg	Daily Dose† mg	Site of Bleeding	Degree of Renal Impairment‡	Required Blood Products§
1	65	M	129	300	Mucosal	Severe	No
2¶	71	M	NA	300	Hematuria	Moderate	No
3	77	M	60	300	Rectal	Moderate	Yes
4	78	F	NA	220	Rectal	Moderate	No
5	40	M	94	220	Rectal	Mild	Yes
6	65	F	79	300	Postoperative	Mild	Yes
7	71	M	75	300	Hematuria	Mild	No
8	74	M	100	220	Hematuria	Mild	No
9	75	F	NA	220	Rectal	Mild	Yes

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PATIENT-CENTERED CARE



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”I may not speak, but I have much to say”

The ‘Angel’ Pietro

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