



# Gestione e frequenza delle complicanze in emergenza nel paziente in terapia anticoagulante: complicanza emorragica

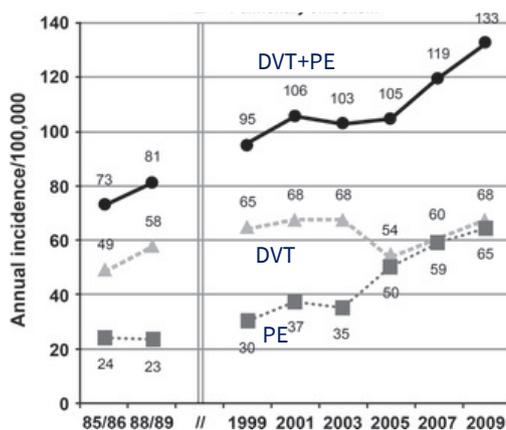
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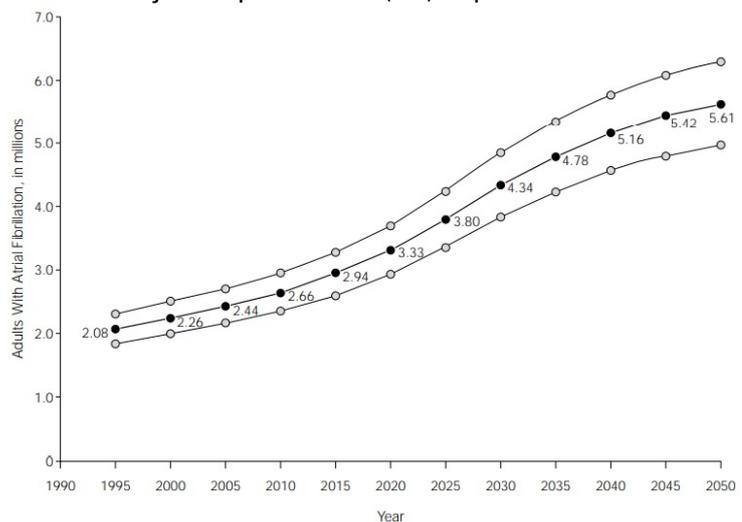
## Increasing number of patients with anticoagulant indication

Incidence (US) of patients with thromboembolism



Heit JA et al. J Thromb Thrombolysis. 2016 Jan;41(1):3-14.

Projected prevalence (US) of patients with AF



Go AS et al. JAMA. 2001 May 9;285(18):2370-5.

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## Anticoagulants: first cause of adverse drug events leading to ED visit

Table 2. US Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Adverse Drug Events (ADEs) by Drug Class, 2013-2014<sup>a</sup>

Drug Class	ED Visits for ADEs		ED Visits for ADEs Resulting in Hospitalization <sup>b</sup>	
	No. of Cases	National Estimate, % (95% CI) <sup>c</sup>	No. of Cases Hospitalized	National Estimate, % Hospitalized (95% CI) <sup>c</sup>
<b>Hematologic Agents</b>				
Anticoagulants	7211	17.6 (14.1-21.0)	3691	48.8 (42.0-55.5)
Vitamin K antagonists (warfarin)	6179	15.1 (12.3-17.9)	3156	48.5 (41.8-55.1)
Factor Xa inhibitors	580	1.4 (0.9-2.0)	300	50.4 (43.0-57.8)
Unfractionated and low-molecular-weight heparins	450	0.8 (0.6-1.1)	224	46.5 (38.7-54.4)
Direct thrombin inhibitors (oral)	173	0.5 (0.2-0.7)	107	63.8 (49.8-77.8)
Antiplatelets	2656	6.6 (4.7-8.5)	1312	44.4 (35.7-53.2)
Platelet P2Y <sub>12</sub> receptor antagonists <sup>d</sup>	1837	4.6 (3.0-6.2)	942	47.8 (37.7-57.9)
Aspirin with or without dipyridamole	1545	3.6 (2.2-5.0)	753	41.2 (32.6-49.8)

Shehab N et al. JAMA. 2016 Nov 22;316(20):2115-2125.

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## 2020 ACC Expert Consensus Decision Pathway on Management of Bleeding in Patients on Oral Anticoagulants

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ASSESS AND IDENTIFY  
SEVERITY OF BLEED

MANAGE AND CONTROL  
BLEED

DETERMINE WHETHER/WHEN  
TO RESTART ANTICOAGULATION

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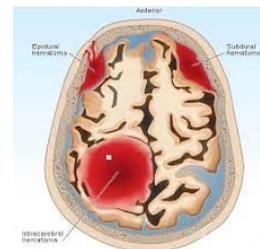
## 5.2. Defining Bleed Severity

If  $\geq 1$  of the following factors applies, the bleed is classified as major.

### Hemodynamic Instability



### Bleeding in a Critical Site



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## Hemodynamic Instability

### Heart rate and blood pressure

- increased heart rate
- systolic blood pressure <90 mm
- decrease in systolic blood pressure >40 mmHg
- orthostatic blood pressure changes (drop >20 mmHg)

### Surrogate markers

- urine output <0.5 mL/kg/h
- Increased serum lactate (>2 / 4 mM)

### Clinical signs/symptoms

- pallor, vasoconstriction
- confusion

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### Critical Site Bleeds

Bleeds that compromise the organ's function



Type of Bleed	Initial Signs and Symptoms	Potential Consequences of Bleed
Pericardial tamponade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shortness of breath, tachypnea, hypotension, paradoxical pulse, jugular venous distension, tachycardia, muffled heart sounds, rub</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cardiogenic shock</li><li>• Death</li></ul>
Airway: includes posterior epistaxis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Airway: hemoptysis, shortness of breath, hypoxia</li><li>• Posterior epistaxis: profuse epistaxis, hemoptysis, hypoxia, shortness of breath</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hypoxemic respiratory failure</li><li>• Death</li></ul>

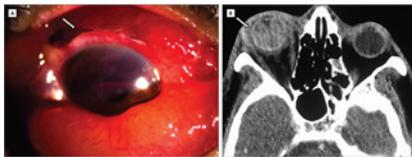
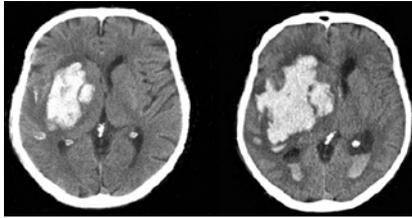
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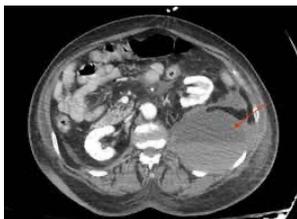
JAMA Ophthalmol. 2013;131(10):1313. doi:10.1001/jamaophthalmol.2013.4566

Type of Bleed	Initial Signs and Symptoms	Potential Consequences of Bleed
<b>ICH:</b> includes intraparenchymal, subdural, epidural, and subarachnoid hemorrhages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unusually intense headache, emesis, reduced or loss of consciousness, vision changes, numbness, weakness, aphasia, ataxia, vertigo, seizures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stupor or coma</li> <li>Permanent neurological deficit</li> <li>Death</li> </ul>
<b>Other central nervous system hemorrhage:</b> includes intraocular, intra- or extra-axial spinal hemorrhages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Intraocular:</b> monocular eye pain, vision changes, blindness</li> <li><b>Spinal:</b> back pain, bilateral extremity weakness or numbness, bowel or bladder dysfunction, respiratory failure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Intraocular:</b> permanent vision loss</li> <li><b>Spinal:</b> permanent disability, paraplegia, quadriplegia, death</li> </ul>

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<b>Hemothorax, intra-abdominal bleeding, and retroperitoneal hemorrhage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Hemothorax:</b> tachypnea, tachycardia, hypotension, decreased breath sounds</li> <li><b>Intra-abdominal (non-GI):</b> abdominal pain, distension, hypotension, tachycardia</li> <li><b>Retroperitoneal hemorrhage:</b> back/flank/hip pain, tachycardia, hypotension</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Hemothorax:</b> respiratory failure</li> <li><b>Retroperitoneal hemorrhage:</b> femoral neuropathy</li> <li><b>All:</b> hypovolemic shock, death</li> </ul>
<b>Extremity bleeds:</b> includes intramuscular and intra-articular bleeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Intramuscular:</b> pain, swelling, pallor, paresthesia, weakness, diminished pulse</li> <li><b>Intra-articular:</b> joint pain, swelling, decreased range of motion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Intramuscular:</b> compartment syndrome, paralysis, limb loss</li> <li><b>Intra-articular:</b> irreversible joint damage</li> </ul>

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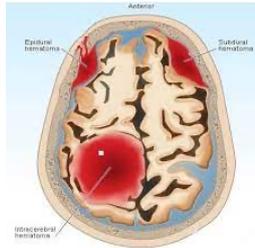
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Overt Bleeding With Hemoglobin Drop  $\geq 2$  g/dL or Administration of  $\geq 2$  Units of Packed RBCs



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## Anticoagulant Reversal Strategies in the Emergency Department Setting: Recommendations of a Multidisciplinary Expert Panel



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### LIFE-THREATENING BLEED

Composite of BARC Type 3a & 3b definitions:

- Hemoglobin drop  $\geq 5$  g/dL from a recent (premorbid) known value (provided hemoglobin drop is related to bleed) PLUS transfusion OR
- Uncontrolled bleeding requiring procedural intervention (e.g., Interventional Radiology, endoscopic, surgical)\* OR
- Hemodynamic instability: bleeding requiring intravenous vasoactive agents

\*Excluding dental/nasal/skin/hemorrhoid

### CRITICAL SITES

- Brain\*
- Eye\*\*
- Spine
- Airway
- Pericardium
- Aorta
- Closed space with concern for compartment syndrome

\*Does not include microbleeds or hemorrhagic transformation

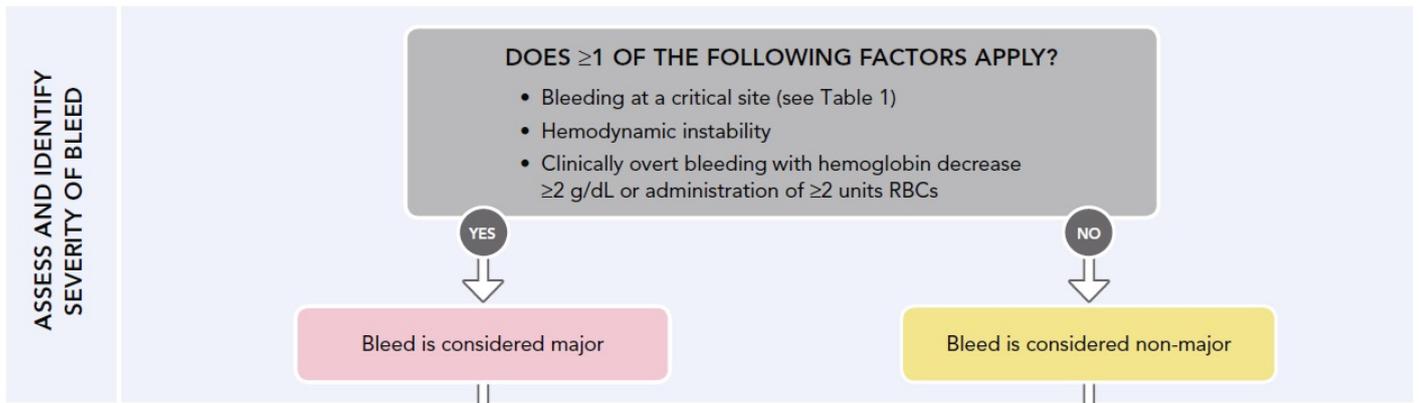
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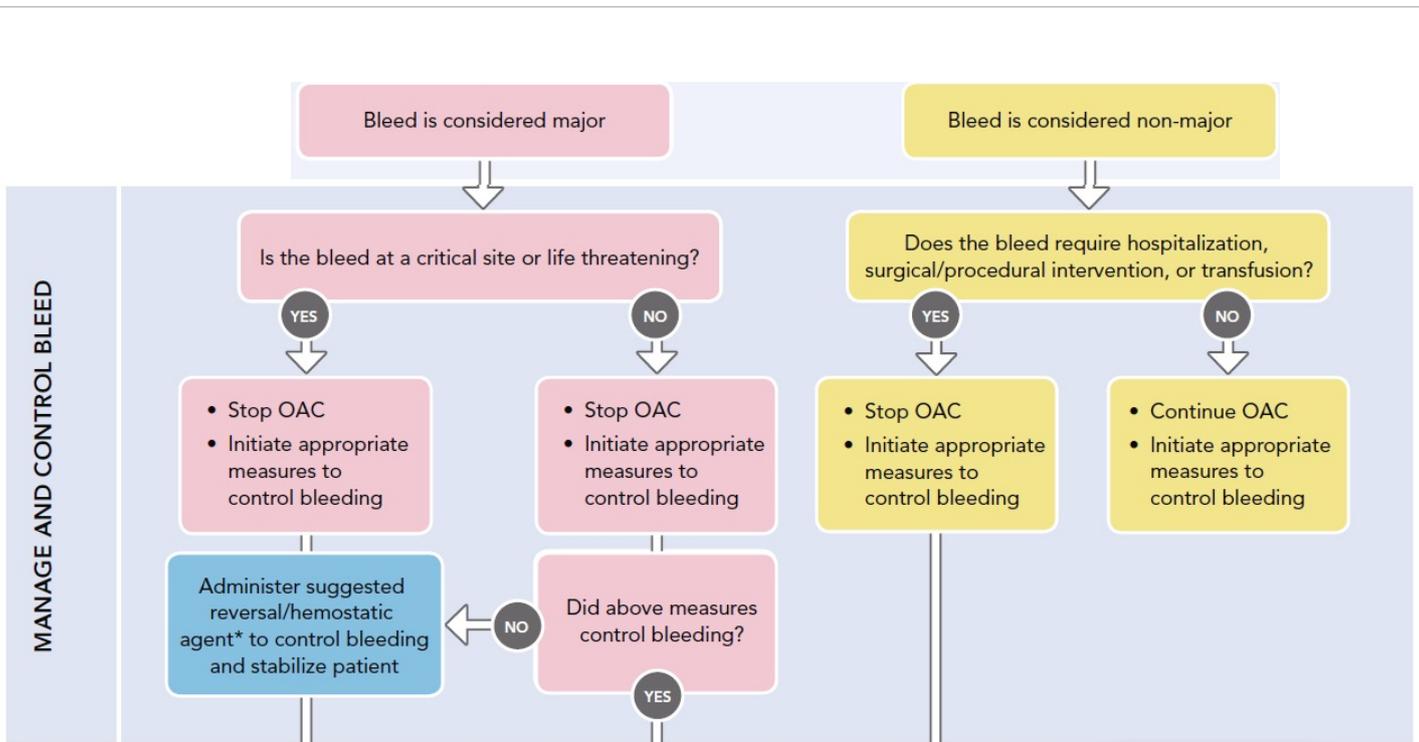
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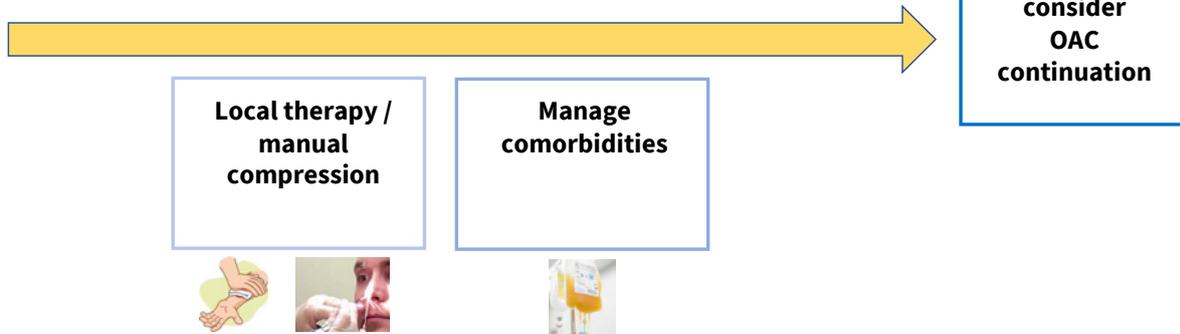
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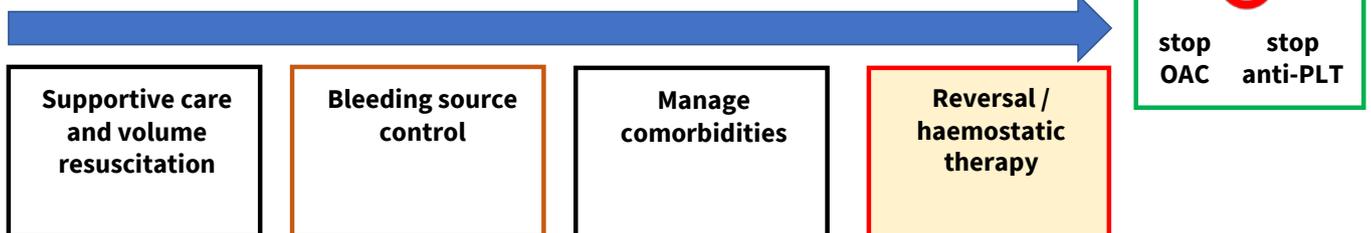
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**non-major AND  
DOES NOT REQUIRE hospitalization, surgical/procedural intervention,  
or transfusion**



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**major, critical site/life-threatening  
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major, non-critical/life-threatening but uncontrolled**



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**Supportive care  
and volume  
resuscitation**

(Oxygen)  
Cristalloids  
Packed red cells



  
**stop OAC**    **stop anti-PLT**

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### Transfusions



- RBC**
- A restrictive (rather than liberal) RBC transfusion strategy improves survival and reduces the risk of recurrent bleeding.
  - Patients with symptomatic anemia or active bleeding should receive RBC transfusions to maintain a hemoglobin  $\geq 7$  g/dL.
  - In patients with underlying **coronary artery disease**, particularly those with acute coronary syndromes, the current guidelines recommend a target hemoglobin  $\geq 8$  g/dL.



- PLT**
- PLTs should be transfused to maintain a platelet count  $\geq 50 \times 10^9/L$  and cryoprecipitate to maintain a **fibrinogen  $> 100$  mg/dL**.
  - “The writing committee does not support routine administration of platelets for patients who are bleeding and on antiplatelet agents, although this can be considered in specific cases, particularly after other measures such as reversal of OAC have failed.”

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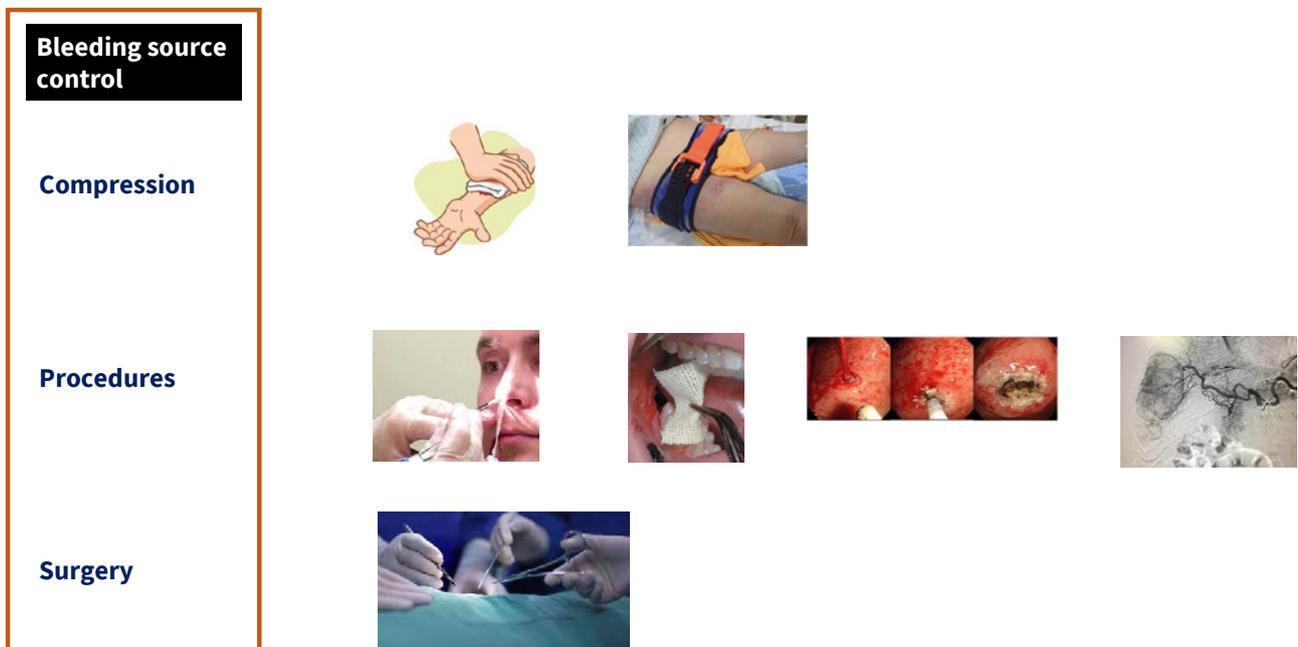
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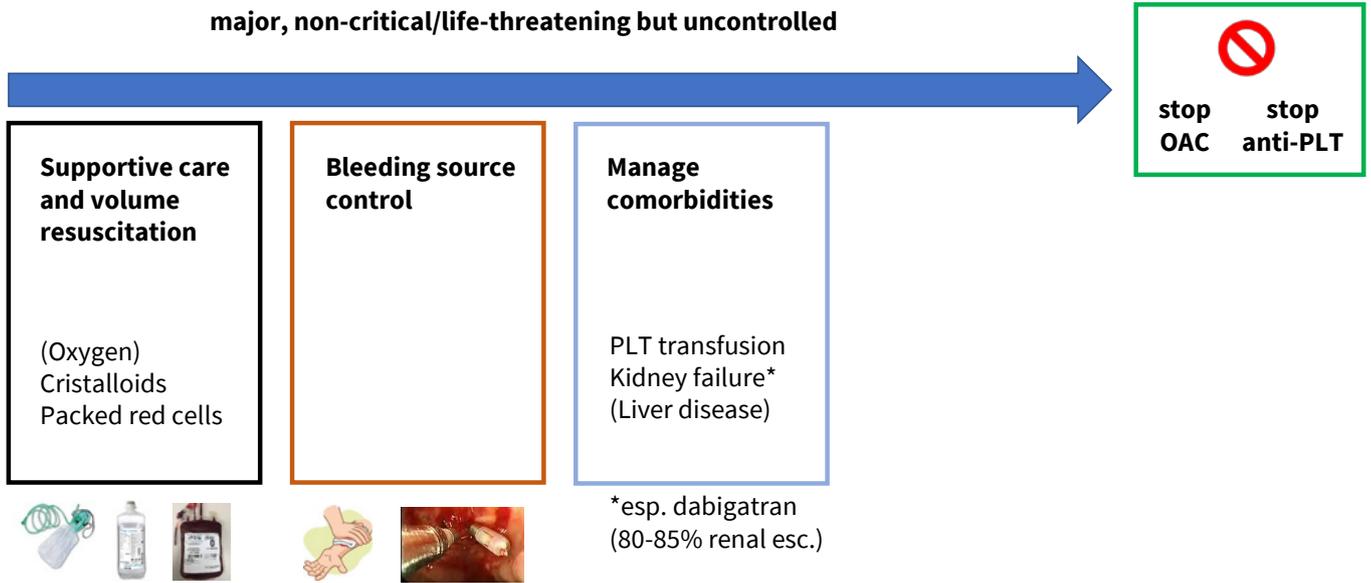


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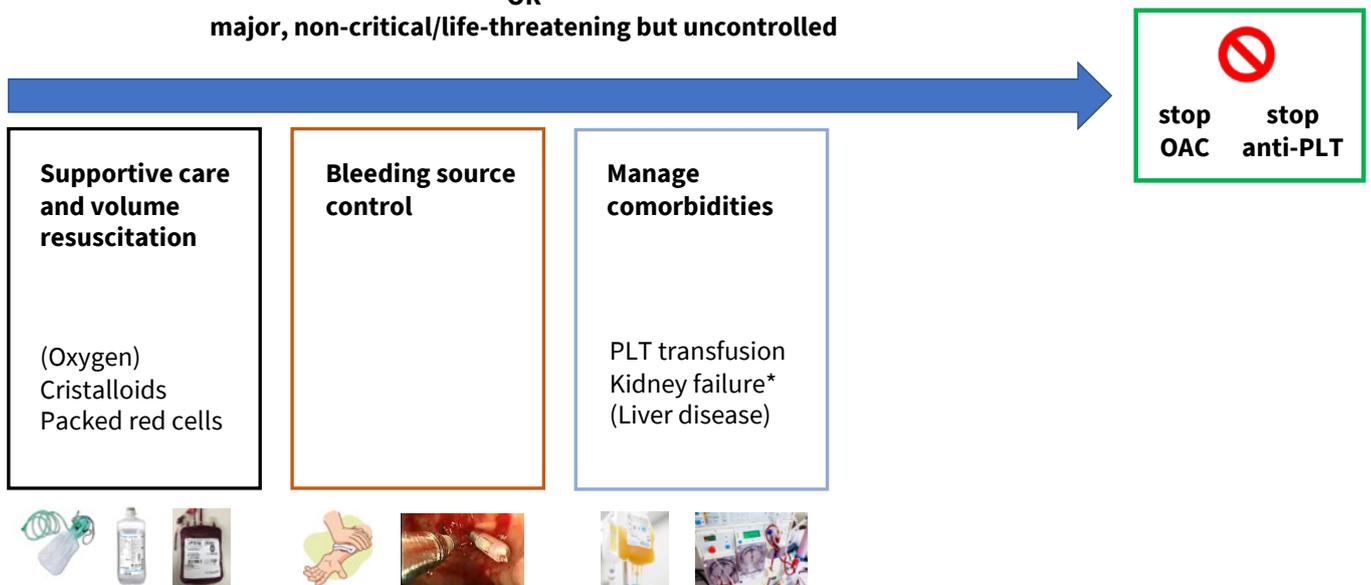
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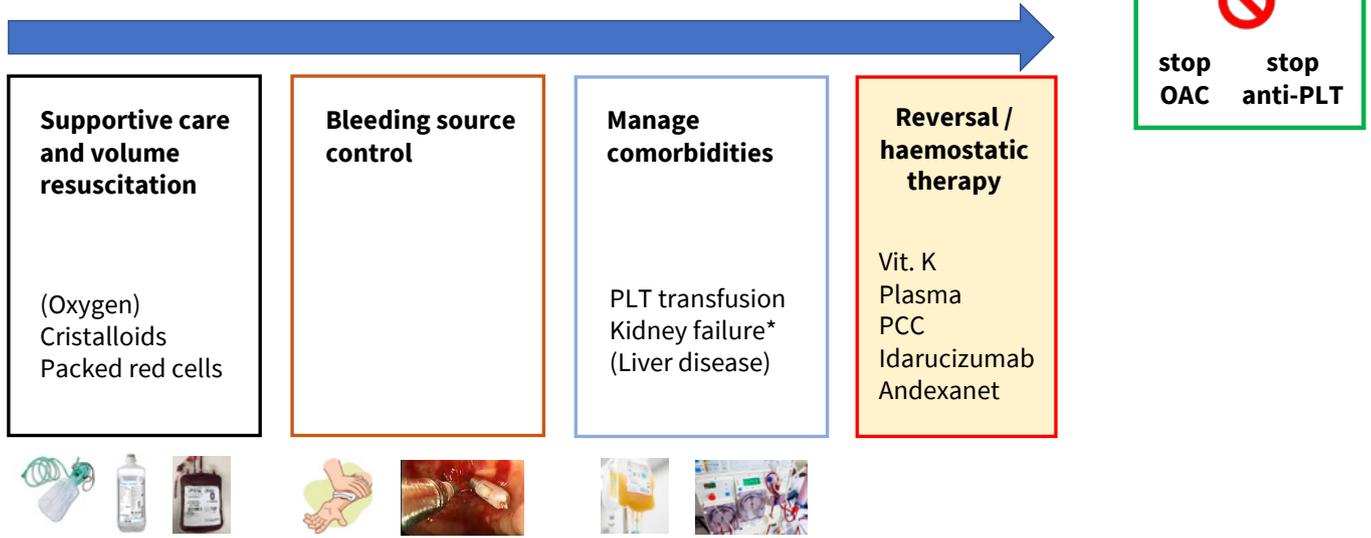


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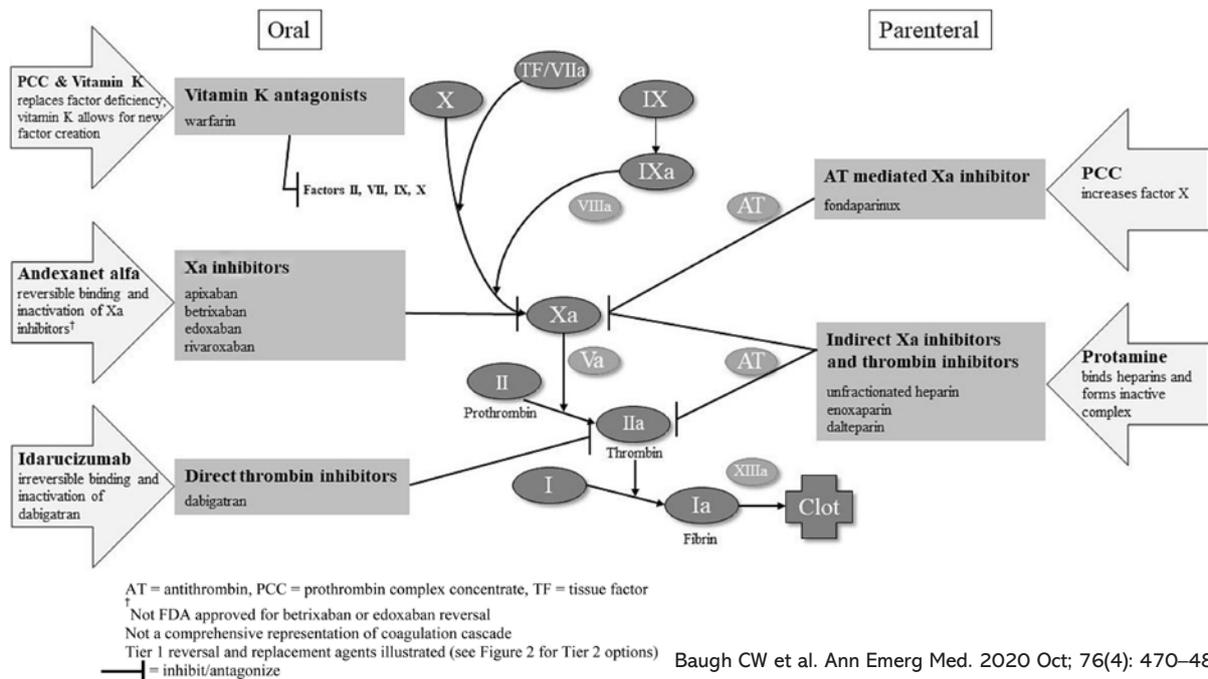
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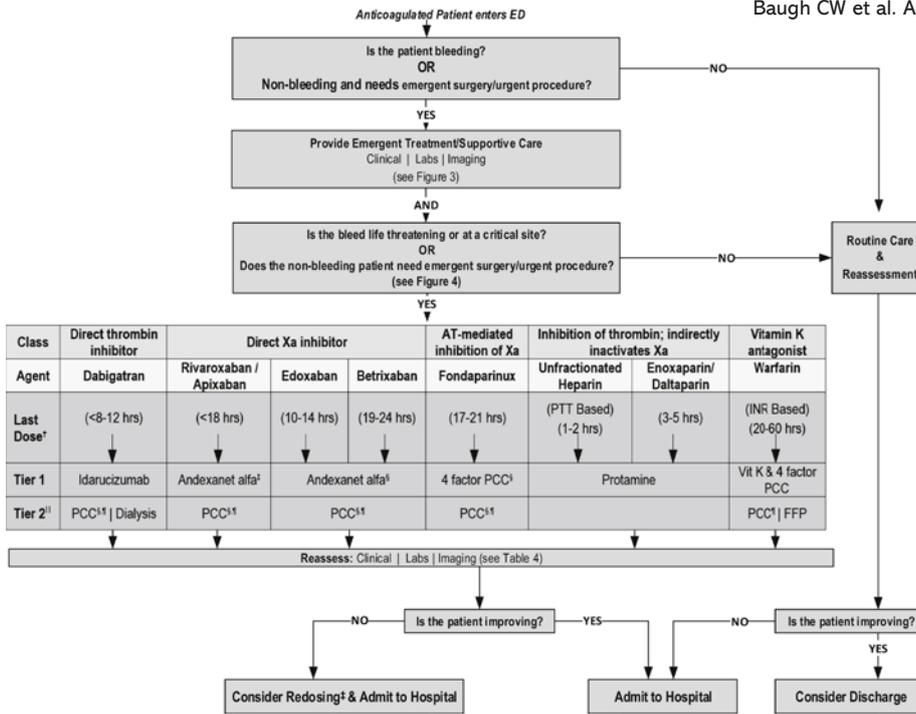


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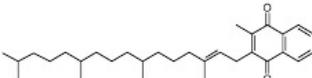
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VKA (warfarin and other coumarins)

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- Administer 4F-PCC:
  - INR 2 to <4, 25 units/kg
  - INR 4-6, 35 units/kg
  - INR >6, 50 units/kg
 Or low fixed-dose option
  - 1000 units for any non-intracranial major bleed
  - 1500 units for ICH
- If 4F-PCC is not available, use plasma 10-15 mL/kg (1)

• If patient is on a VKA, give 5-10 mg IV vitamin K



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### Clinical Objectives

Drug	Exclude Clinically Relevant* Drug Levels		Determine Whether On-Therapy or Above On-Therapy Levels Are Present	
	Suggested Test	Interpretation	Suggested Test	Interpretation
Dabigatran	TT, aPTT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal TT excludes clinically relevant* levels.</li> <li>Prolonged TT does not discriminate between clinically significant and insignificant levels.</li> <li>Normal aPTT usually excludes clinically relevant* levels if a sensitive reagent is used.</li> </ul>	aPTT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prolonged aPTT suggests that on-therapy or above on-therapy levels are present.</li> <li>Normal aPTT may not exclude on-therapy levels, particularly if a relatively insensitive aPTT reagent is used.</li> </ul>
Apixaban	UFH or LMWH anti-FXa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal PT and aPTT do not exclude clinically relevant* levels.</li> <li>UFH or LMWH anti-FXa below the lower limit of quantitation probably excludes clinically relevant* levels.</li> </ul>	PT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prolonged PT suggests that on-therapy or above on-therapy levels are present.</li> <li>Normal PT may not exclude on-therapy or above on-therapy levels, particularly if a relatively insensitive PT reagent is used.</li> </ul>
Betrixaban, edoxaban, or rivaroxaban	UFH or LMWH anti-FXa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal PT and aPTT does not exclude clinically relevant* levels.</li> <li>UFH or LMWH anti-FXa below the lower limit of quantitation probably excludes clinically relevant* levels.</li> </ul>	PT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prolonged PT suggests that on-therapy or above on-therapy levels are present.</li> <li>Normal PT may not exclude on-therapy levels, particularly if a relatively insensitive PT reagent is used.</li> </ul>

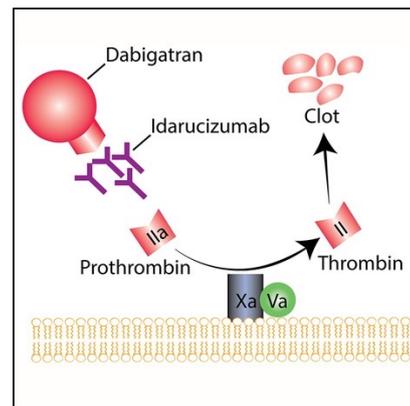
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DTI (dabigatran)

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- Administer 5g idarucizumab IV<sup>†</sup>
- If idarucizumab is not available, administer PCC or aPCC<sup>‡</sup>
- Consider activated charcoal for known recent ingestion (within 2-4 h)



#### Idarucizumab

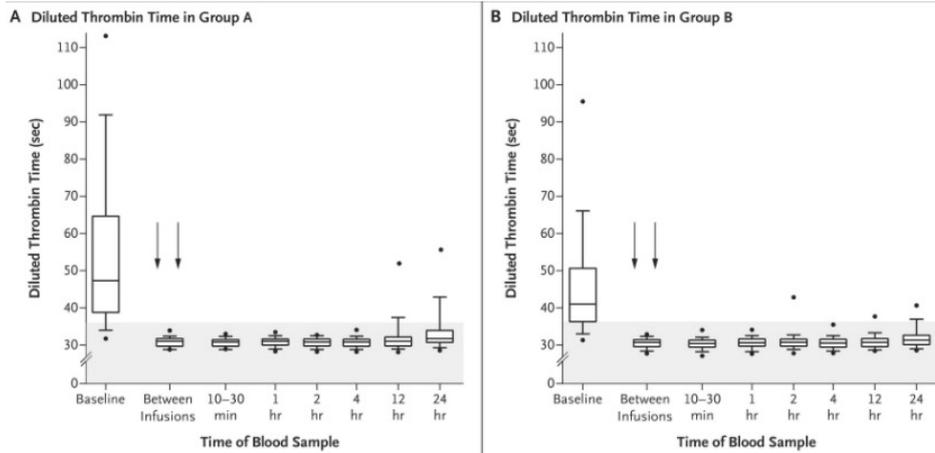
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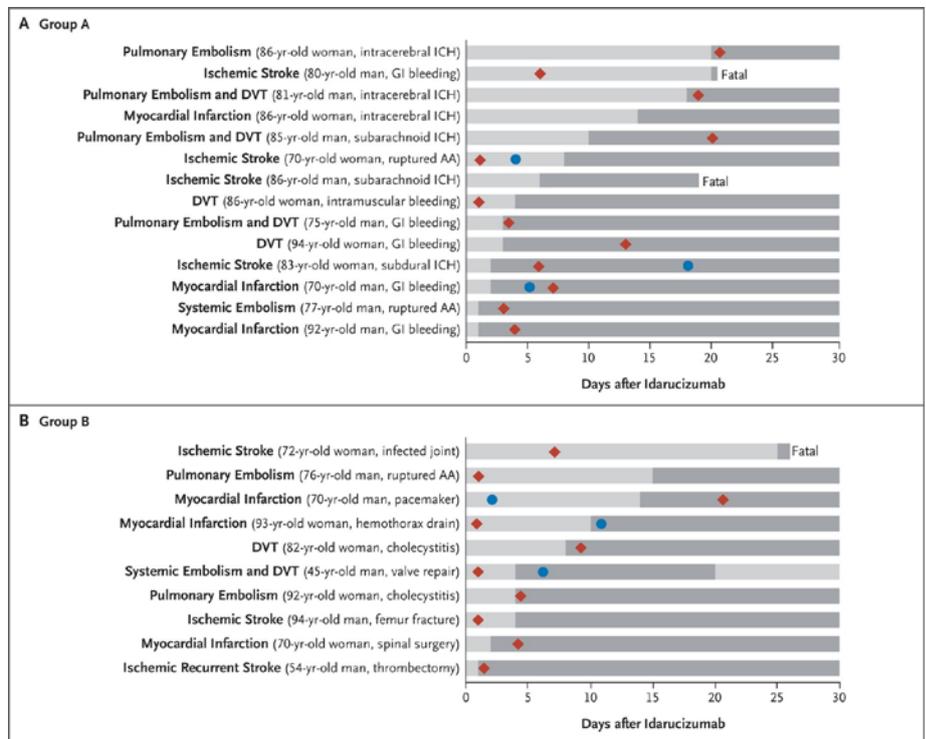
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### Thrombotic events

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90 days 6.8%

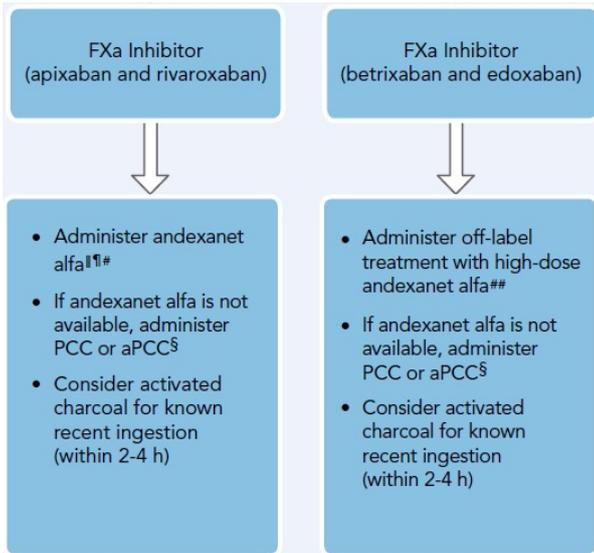
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### Andexanet Alfa Versus Usual Care in factor-Xa-inhibitor related ICH

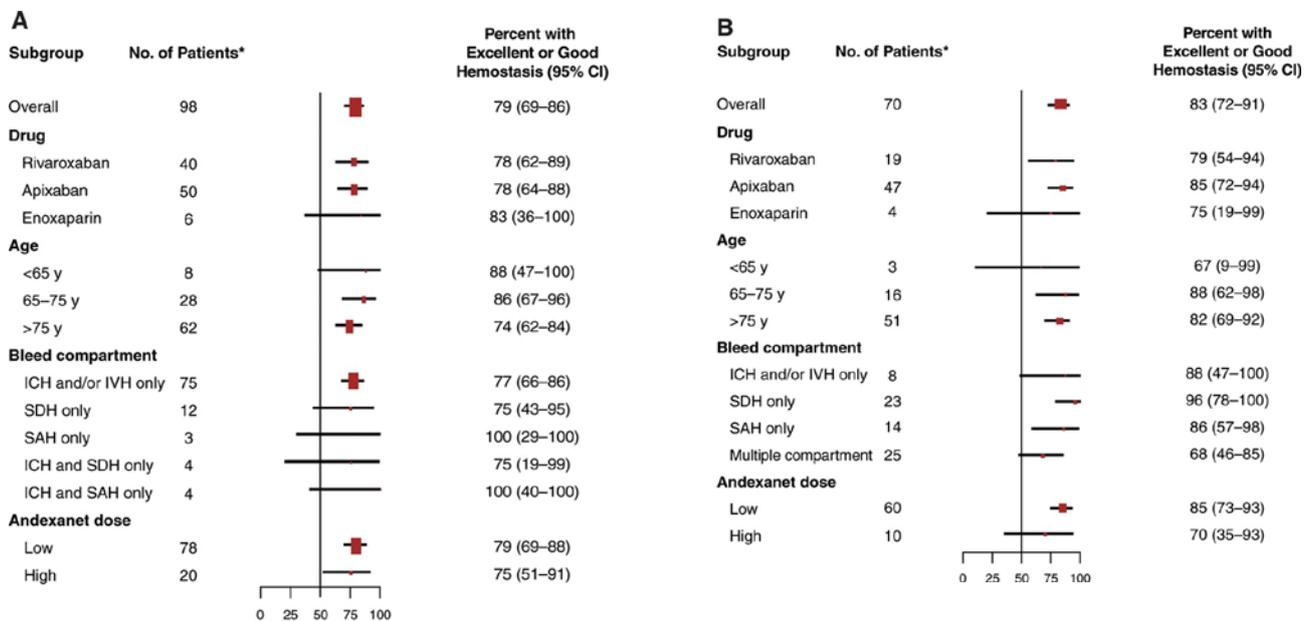
#### Hematoma expansion and clinical outcomes

Indirect comparison of ANNEXA 4 and RETRACE II	Andexanet Alfa N = 85	Usual Care N = 97 (PCC N=74)
<b>ICH expansion &gt;35%</b>	<b>13 %</b>	<b>36 %</b>
	RR 0.40 (95%CI: 0.20-0.78); p=0.005	
<b>Inhospital Mortality</b>	<b>17 %</b>	<b>21 %</b>
	HR 0.49 (95%CI: 0.24-1.04); p=0.06	

In fXi-related ICH, andexanet alfa was associated with a lower rate of hematoma expansion. This radiological benefit however did not translate into improved clinical outcomes.

Huttner et al. Stroke. 2021 Oct 14;STROKEAHA121034572. Online ahead of print.

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## Tranexamic acid



Traumatic haemorrhage  
Obstetric/gynecologic haemorrhage

1 g i.v. + 1 g/8h



Ear  
Mouth  
Nose  
Throat  
Dental  
(Bronchial)

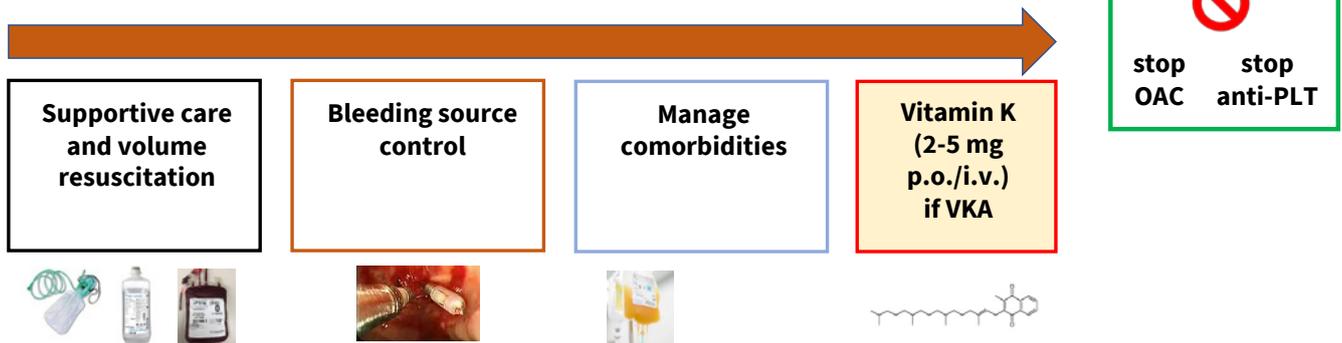
local / nebulized  
(i.v.)



Gastrointestinal  
Other

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**non-major**  
**BUT REQUIRES surgical/procedural intervention, transfusion or hospitalization**



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### Estimated Drug Half-Life Based on CrCl

CrCl, mL/min	Dabigatran					Apixaban, Betrixaban, Edoxaban, or Rivaroxaban		
	≥80	50-79	30-49	15-29	<15	≥30	15-29	<15
Estimated drug half-life, h	13	15	18	27	30 (off dialysis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apixaban, edoxaban, rivaroxaban: 6-15</li> <li>Betrixaban: 19-27</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apixaban: 17</li> <li>Edoxaban: 17</li> <li>Rivaroxaban: 9</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apixaban: 17 (off dialysis)</li> <li>Edoxaban: 10-17 (off dialysis)</li> <li>Rivaroxaban: 13 (off dialysis)</li> </ul>

CrCl = creatinine clearance.

### Suggested Duration for Withholding DOAC Based on Bleed Risk

CrCl, mL/min	Dabigatran					Apixaban, Betrixaban, Edoxaban, or Rivaroxaban		
	≥80	50-79	30-49	15-29	<15	≥30	15-29	<15
Low	≥24 h	≥36 h	≥48 h	≥72 h	No data. Consider measuring dTT and/or withholding ≥96 h.	≥24 h	≥36 h	No data. Consider measuring agent-specific anti-Xa level and/or withholding ≥48 h.
Uncertain, intermediate, or high	≥48 h	≥72 h	≥96 h	≥120 h	No data. Consider measuring dTT.	48 h	No data. Consider measuring agent-specific anti-Xa level and/or withholding ≥72 h.	

Note: The duration for withholding is based upon the estimated DOAC half-life withholding times of 2 to 3 half-lives for low procedural bleeding risk and 4 to 5 drug half-lives for uncertain, intermediate, or high procedural bleeding risk (50-58).

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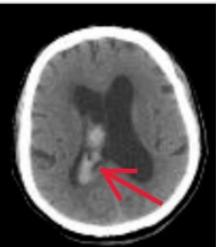
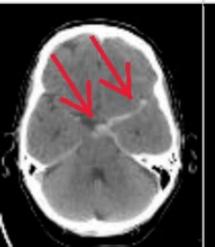
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	<b>Intraparenchymal</b>	<b>Intraventricular</b>	<b>Subarachnoid</b>	<b>Subdural</b>	<b>Epidural</b>
<b>Location</b>	Inside of the brain	Inside of the ventricle	Between the arachnoid and the pia mater	Between the Dura and the arachnoid	Between the dura and the skull
<b>Imaging</b>					
<b>Mechanism</b>	High blood pressure, trauma, arteriovenous malformation, tumor, etc	Can be associated with both intraparenchymal and subarachnoid hemorrhages	Rupture of aneurysms or arteriovenous malformations or trauma	Trauma	Trauma or after surgery
<b>Source</b>	Arterial or venous	Arterial or venous	Predominantly arterial	Venous (bridging veins)	Arterial
<b>Shape</b>	Typically rounded	Conforms to ventricular shape	Tracks along the sulci and fissures	Crescent	Lentiform
<b>Presentation</b>	Acute (sudden onset of headache, nausea, vomiting)	Acute (sudden onset of headache, nausea, vomiting)	Acute (worst headache of life)	May be insidious (worsening headache)	Acute (skull fracture and altered mental status)

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