

Practical treatment approach for patients with PE

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The spectrum of clinical presentation of PE

PE-related shock

Mild clinical symptoms



The spectrum of clinical outcome of PE

>30%

Mortality

1%



Practical treatment approach for patients with PE

- Which treatment?
- Which management?

Treatment for VTE

Goals of acute treatment

Reduce mortality
Reduce early recurrences

Goals of long-term treatment

Complete treatment of acute VTE
Reduce recurrences

Goals of extended treatment

Reduce recurrences in high risk pts



Initial treatment

Long-term treatment

Extended treatment

≥ 5 days

at least 3 months

indefinite

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LMWH/Fonda
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Initial Treatment for HD stable PE

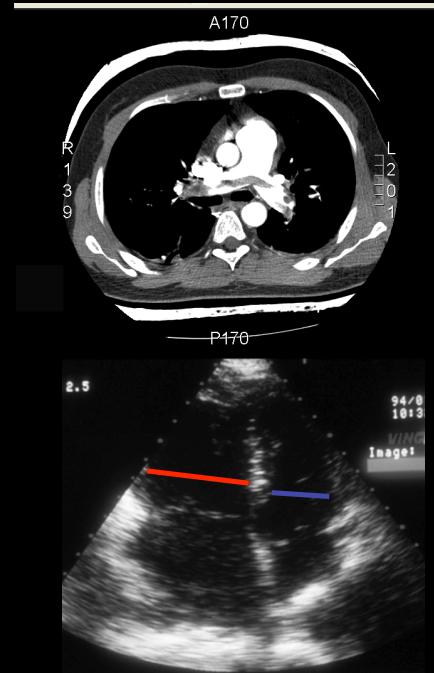
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Thrombolysis
Interventional/Surgery
Active bleeding
Recent trauma/surgery
Dialysis

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Acute treatment

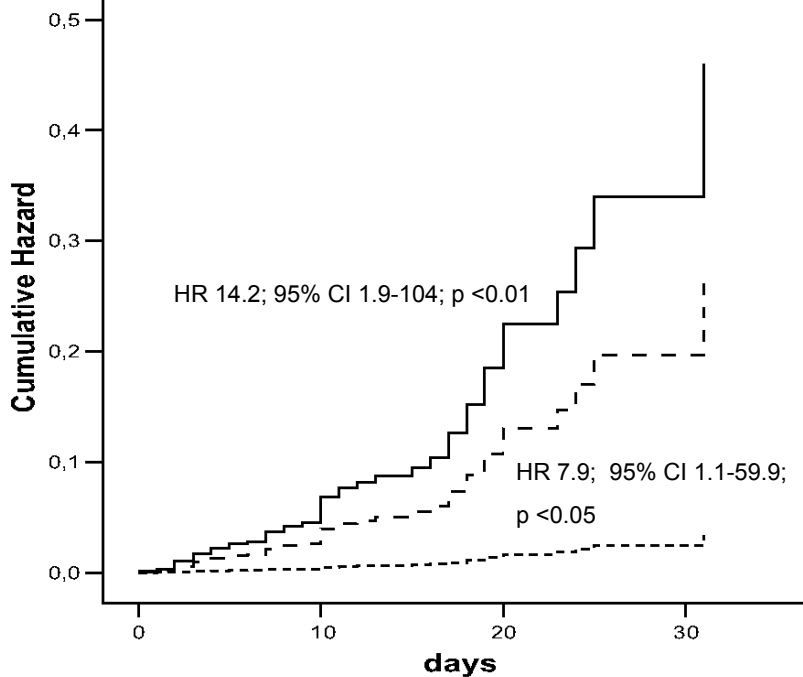
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Acute PE: RV dysfunction and injury & in-hospital outcome



Becattini et al,
Chest 2013

PEITHO: efficacy outcome (within 7 days)

	Tenecteplase (n=506)		Placebo (n=499)		P value
	n	(%)	n	(%)	
All-cause mortality within 7 days	6	(1.2)	9	(1.8)	0.43
Hemodynamic collapse within 7 days	8	(1.6)	25	(5.0)	0.002
Need for CPR	1		5		
Hypotension / blood pressure drop	8		18		
Catecholamines	3		14		
Resulted in death	1		6		

Meyer G, N Eng J Med 2014

PEITHO: safety outcomes (within 7 days)

	Tenecteplase (n=506)		Placebo (n=499)		P value
	n	(%)	n	(%)	
Non-intracranial bleeding					
Major	32	(6.3)	6	(1.5)	<0.001
Minor	165	(32.6)	43	(8.6)	<0.001
Strokes by day 7					
Hemorrhagic	10		1		

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ESC Guidelines: clinical management

PE without shock or hypotension (intermediate or low risk) ^c		
Reperfusion treatment		
Routine use of primary systemic thrombolysis <u>is not recommended</u> in patients without shock or hypotension.	III	B
<u>Close monitoring</u> is recommended in patients with intermediate-high-risk PE to permit early detection of haemodynamic decompensation and timely initiation of rescue reperfusion therapy.	I	B
Thrombolytic therapy <u>should be considered</u> for patients with intermediate-high-risk PE and clinical signs of haemodynamic decompensation.	IIa	B
Surgical pulmonary embolectomy may be considered in intermediate-high-risk patients, if the anticipated risk of bleeding under thrombolytic treatment is high. ^f	IIb	C
Percutaneous catheter-directed treatment may be considered in intermediate-high-risk patients, if the anticipated risk of bleeding under thrombolytic treatment is high. ^f	IIb	B

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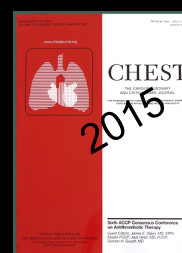
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→ Deteriorating to HD unstable



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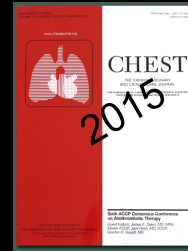
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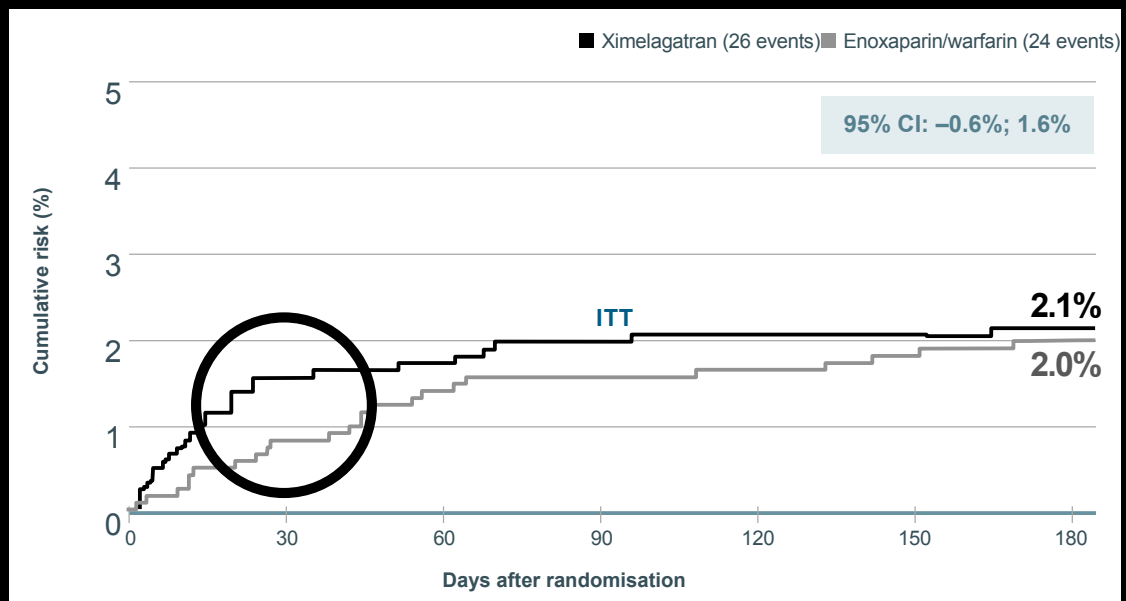
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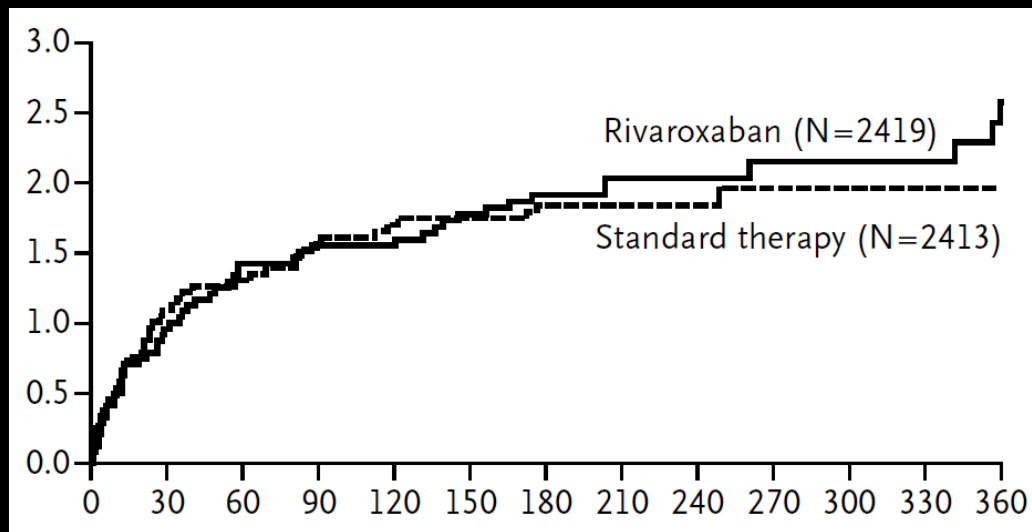
Treatment for PE & DVT

THRIVE TREATMENT



Fiessinger J-N et al. JAMA 2005;293:681-689

Rivaroxaban for PE



Einstein PE Investigators. N Eng J Med 2012

NOACs for Treatment of PE

Study	Primary endpoint	Event, % (n/N)		HR*/RR [†] (95%CI)
		NOAC	Warfarin	
RECOVER I & II (index PE)	VTE/VTE-related death	2.9 (23/795)	3.1 (25/807)	0.93 (0.53–1.64)
EINSTEIN-PE	Recurrent VTE	2.1% (50/2419)	1.8% (44/2413)	1.12* (0.75–1.68)
AMPLIFY (Index PE)	Recurrent VTE / VTE-related death	2.3% (21/900)	2.6% (23/886)	0.90[†] (0.50–1.61)
HOKUSAI (Index PE)	Recurrent VTE	2.8% (47/1650)	3.9% (65/1669)	0.73* (0.50–1.06)
HOKUSAI (Severe PE) (ProBNP ≥500 pg/mL)	Recurrent VTE	3.3% (15/454)	6.2% (30/485)	0.52* (0.28–0.98)

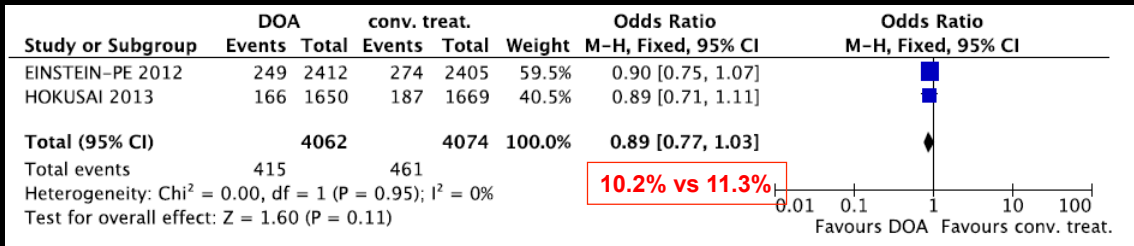
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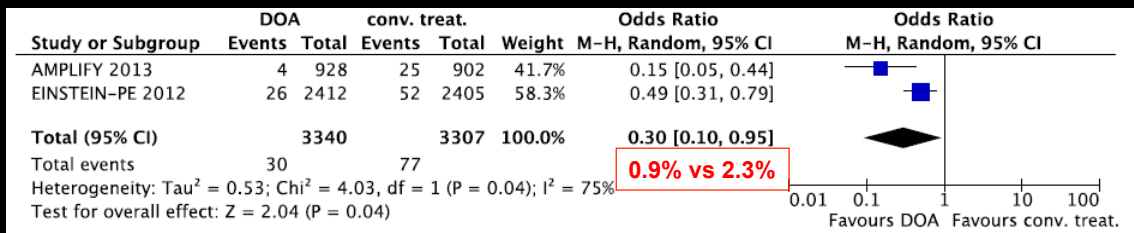
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NOAC for PE: meta-analysis

Clinically Relevant Bleeding



Major Bleeding



Vedovati et al. Int J Cardiol 2014

PE: ESC model for risk stratification



Classification of patients with acute PE based on early mortality risk

Early mortality risk		Risk parameters and scores			
		Shock or hypotension	PESI Class III-V or sPESI > I ^a	Signs of RV dysfunction on an imaging test ^b	Cardiac laboratory biomarkers ^c
High		+	(+) ^d	+	(+) ^d
Intermediate	Intermediate-high	-	+	Both positive	
	Intermediate-low	-	+	Either one (or none) positive ^e	
Low		-	-	Assessment optional; if assessed, both negative ^e	

Eur Heart J 2014

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Edoxaban for PE: efficacy

	Edoxaban (N=4118)	Warfarin (N=4122)	Hazard ratio (95% CI)
First recurrent VTE - no. (%)			
Subgroup severe PE (RV dysfunction ProBNP) n/N (%)	15/454 (3.3)	30/485 (6.2)	0.52 (0.28 to 0.98)

Hokusai Investigators. N Eng J Med 2013

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Cancer patients
Stage IIIb renal failure

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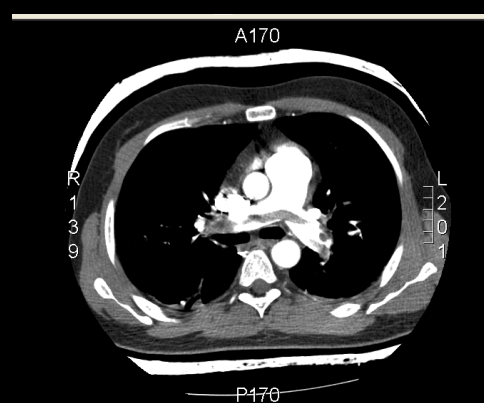
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Hospital admission?

ICU?

Internal Medicine?

Cardiology?



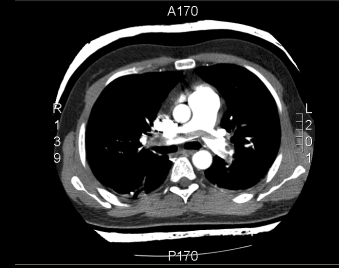
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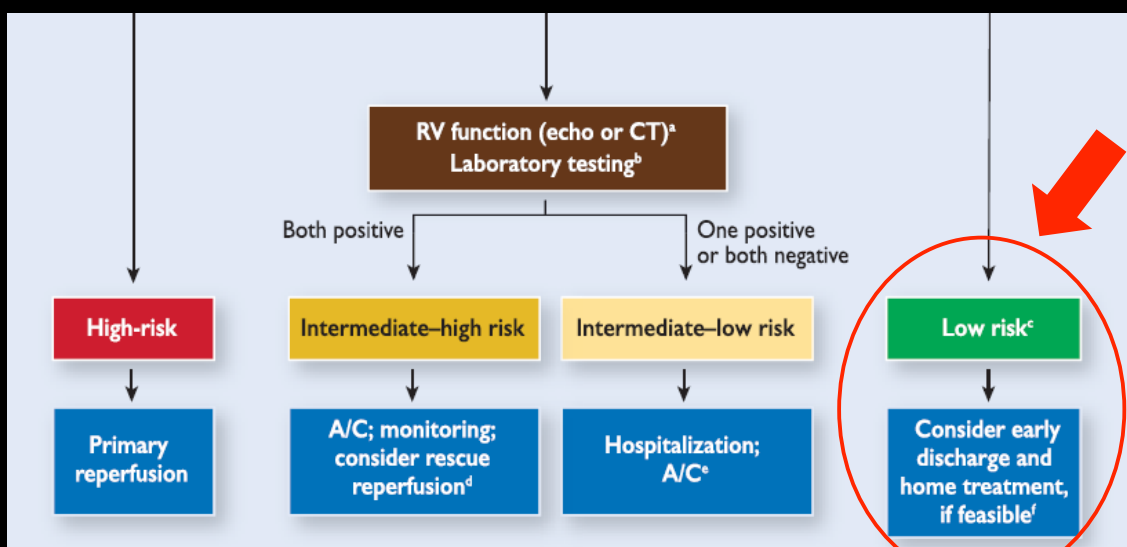
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Hospital admission?



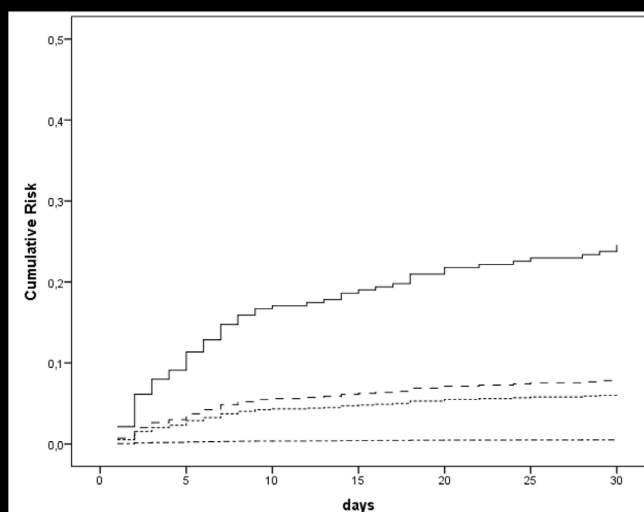
Treatment for pulmonary embolism



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2014 ESC model... in clinical practice

906 patients with acute symptomatic objectively confirmed PE



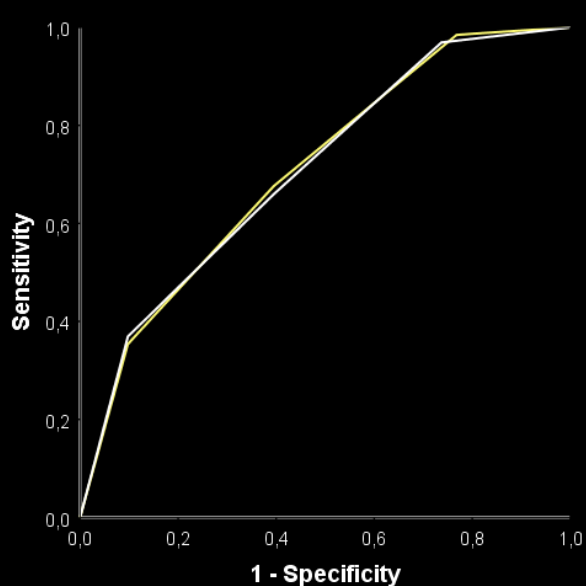
30-day Mortality based on risk

High ———
Intermediate high - - - - -
Intermediate low
Low -

Becattini et al, *submitted*

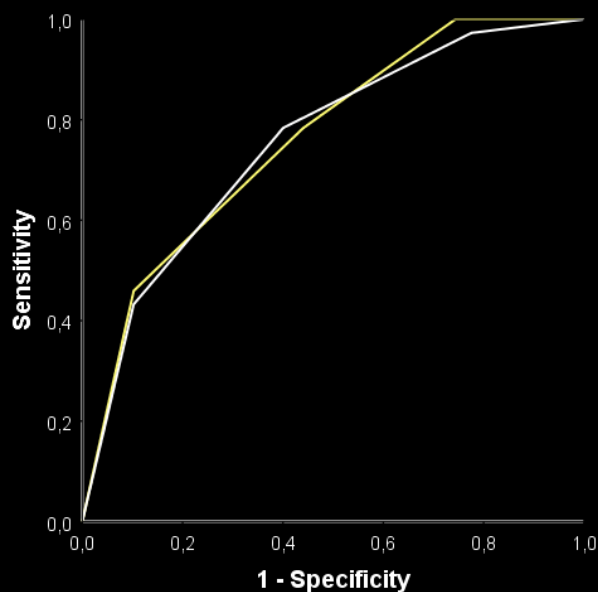
2014 vs. 2008-ESC model: accuracy

Death at 30 day



2014 ESC model ———

Death due to PE



2008 ESC model ———

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Acute pulmonary embolism: the PESI score

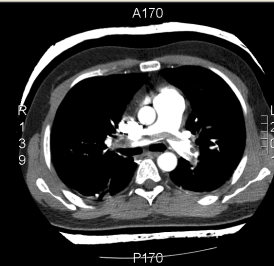
	Original PESI
Age >80	Age in years
Male sex	+10
History of cancer	+30
History of heart failure	+10
History of chronic lung disease	+10
Heart rate ≥ 110 bpm	+20
Systolic blood pressure < 100mmHg	+30
Respiratory rate ≥ 30 apm	+20
Temperature < 36°C	+20
Altered mental status	+60
Arterial oxyhemoglobin saturation <90%	+20

Arch Intern Med 2006

Hospital admission for acute PE

The HESTIA Criteria

- ✓ Is the patient HD unstable?
- ✓ Is thrombolysis/embolectomy necessary?
- ✓ Active bleeding or high risk for?
- ✓ Oxygen supply necessary >24h?
- ✓ PE diagnosed during anticoagulation?
- ✓ Severe pain requiring i.v. therapy?
- ✓ Medical or social reason?
- ✓ Creatinine clearance <30ml/min
- ✓ Severe liver impairment
- ✓ Pregnancy
- ✓ History of HIT



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- ✓ Thrombolysis to be used in deteriorating stable patients
- ✓ NOACs and conventional therapy for the large majority of PE patients
- ✓ Obtaining information on RVD is easy (diagnostic CT); this should encourage to claim for RVD assessment in every patient, particularly in candidates to home treatment/ short hospital stay.