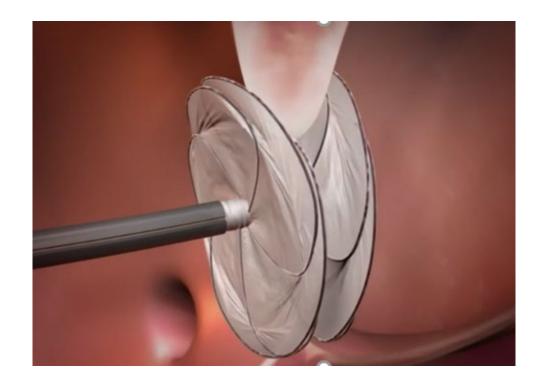


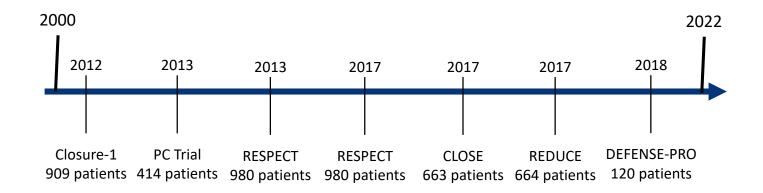
PFO closure







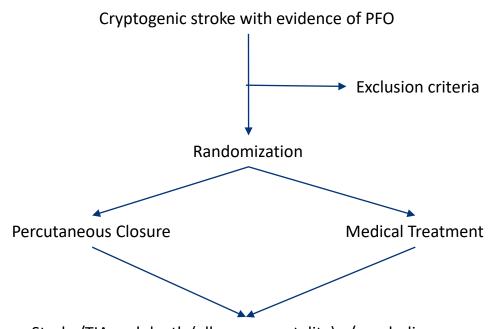
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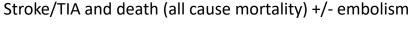






Study design initial trials



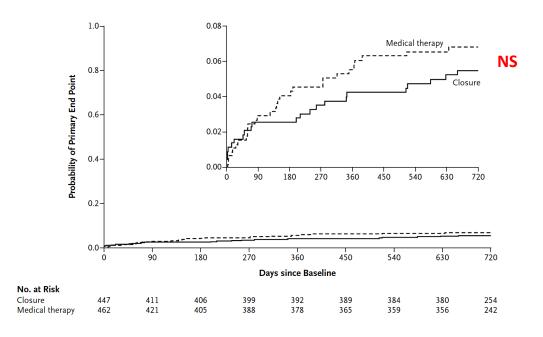






Closure-1

Closure not superior to medical therapy

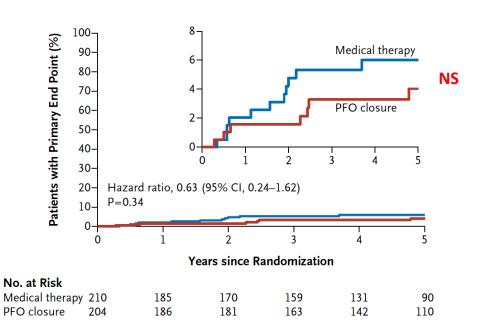






PC trial

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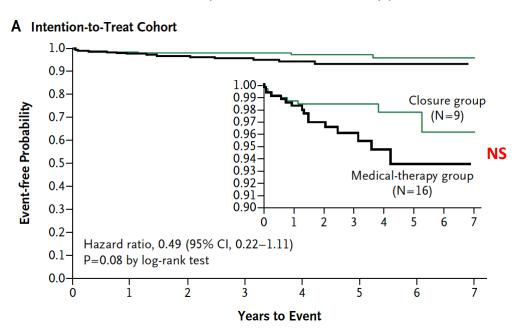






RESPECT trial (FU 2.6 y)

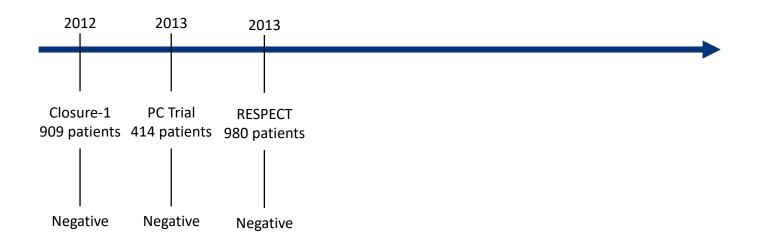
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Closure-1, PC and RESPECT

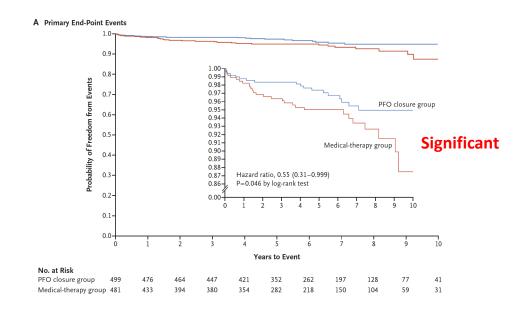
- High crossover between groups
- Failure to randomise those patients whose strokes were likely to have been caused by PFO
- Inconsistent use of anticoagulants in the medical therapy group
- STARFlex occluder concerns (residual defects and left-sided thrombus formation)





RESPECT trial extended FU (5.9 y)

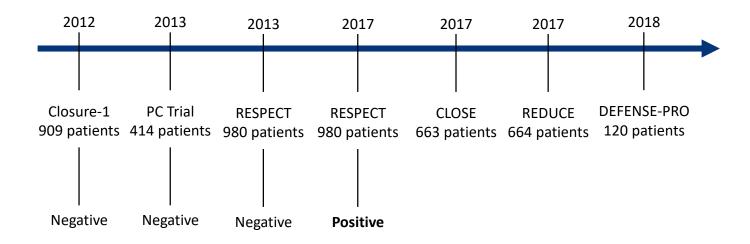
Reduction in ischaemic stroke NNT = 45







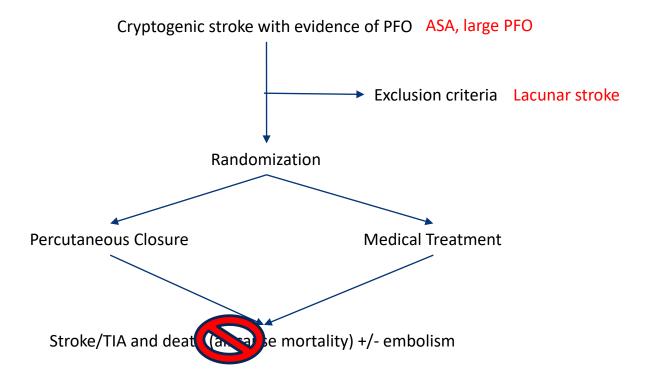
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Study design: recent trials

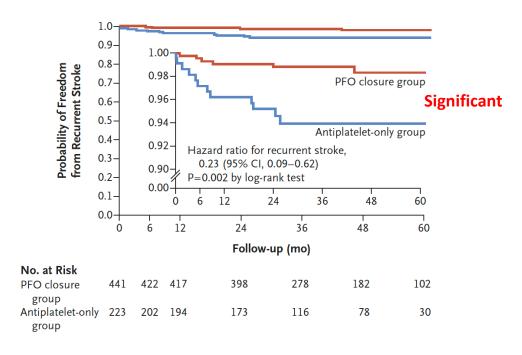






REDUCE trial

Reduction in ischaemic stroke NNT = 25

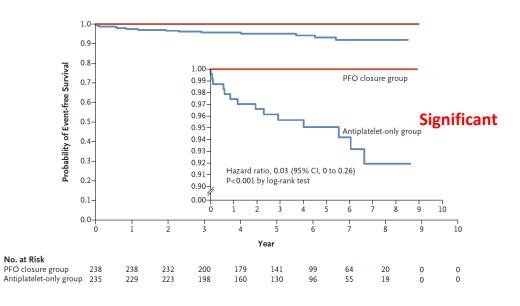






CLOSE trial

Reduction in ischaemic stroke NNT = 17

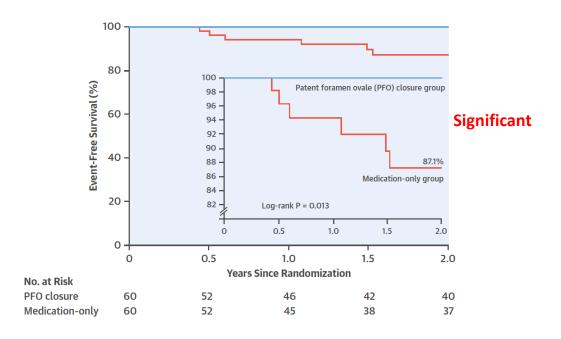






Defense Pro Trial

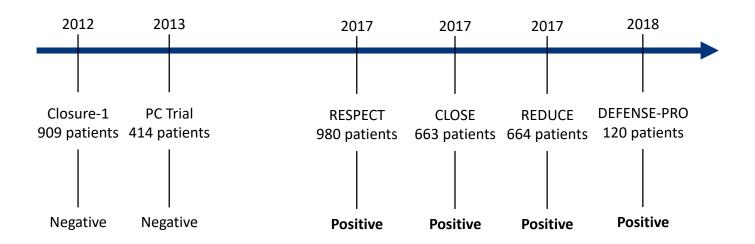
Reduction in stroke, vascular death and major bleeding NNT=8







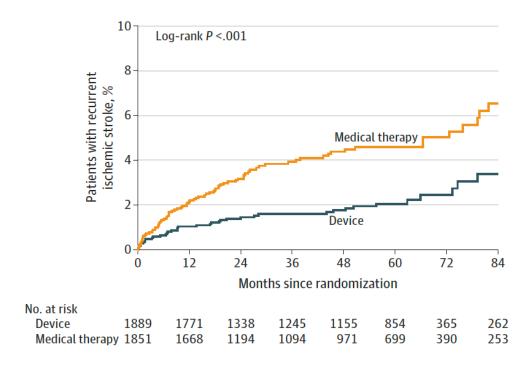
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Pooled Individual Patient Data





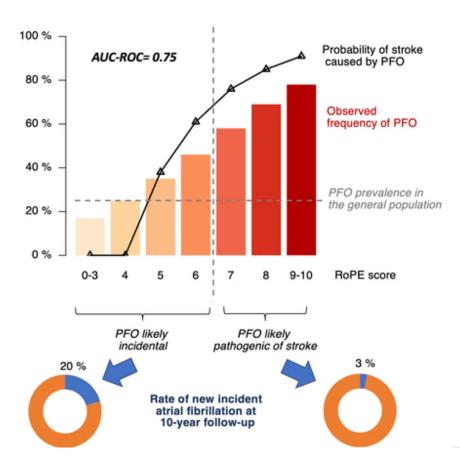


RoPE score (Risk of Paradoxical Embolism)

Table 4	RoPE score calculator		
Characteristic		Points	RoPE score
No history of hypertension		1	
No history of diabetes		1	
No history of	stroke or TIA	1	
Nonsmoker		1	
Cortical infarct on imaging		1	
Age, y			
18-29		5	
30-39		4	
40-49		3	
50-59		2	
60-69		1	
≥70		0	
Total score (s	um of individual points)		
hypertensio	core (a patient <30 y with no n, no diabetes, no history of A, nonsmoker, and cortical infarct)		10
hypertensio	ore (a patient ≥70 y with n, diabetes, prior stroke, current l no cortical infarct)		0



Validation of RoPE score





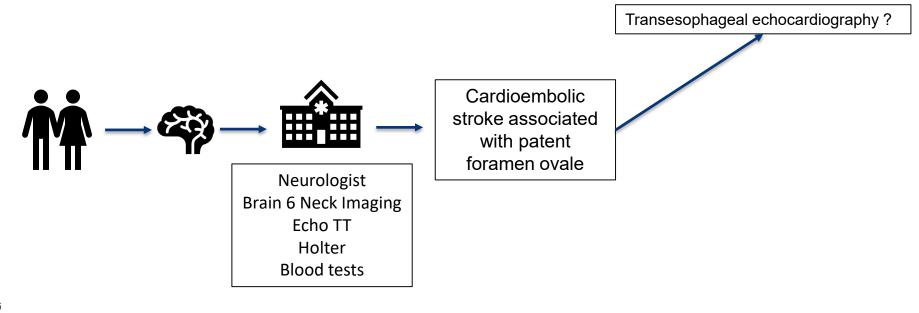


PASCAL (PFO-Associated Stroke Causal Likelihood)

		RoPE Score	RoPE Score	
Risk source	Features	Low ^b < 7	High ^b ≥ 7	
Very high	A PFO and a straddling thrombus	Definite	Definite	
High	 Concomitant pulmonary embolism or deep venous thrombosis preceding an index infarct combined with either (2a) a PFO and an atrial septal aneurysm or (2b) a large-shunt PFO 	Probable	Highly probable	
Medium	Either (1) a PFO and an atrial septal aneurysm or (2) a large-shunt PFO	Possible	Probable	
Low	A small-shunt PFO without an atrial septal aneurysm	Unlikely	Possible	



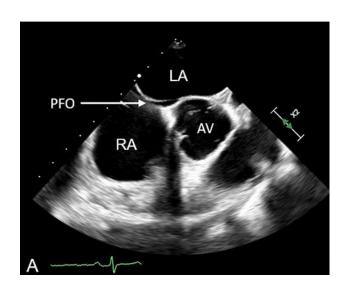
Points still unclear







Transesophageal echocardiography

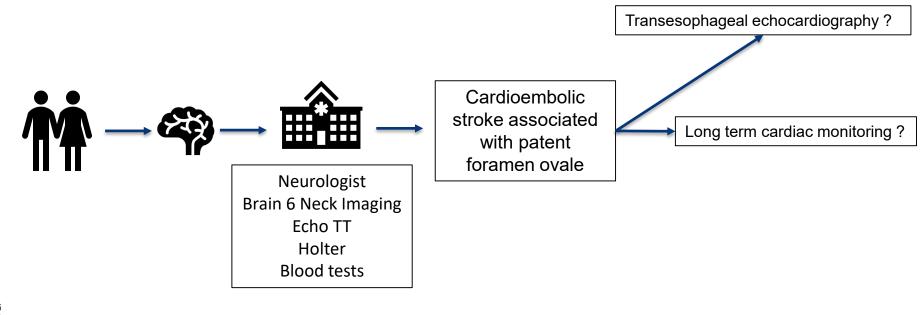


- Atrial septal defect
- Atrial myxoma, Fibroelastoma
- Aortic arch atheroma,
- Small aortic or mitral valvular vegetations





Points still unclear







Afib detection

CRYSTA - AF (6 M)

The NEW ENGLAND IOURNAL of MEDICINE

Cryptogenic Stroke and Underlying Atrial Fibrillation

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ECG monitoring with an ICM was superior to conventional follow-up for detecting atrial fibrillation after cryptogenic stroke. (Funded by Medtronic; CRYSTAL AF ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT00924638.)

† 6 X Afib Detection

EMBRACE (30 D)

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Atrial Fibrillation in Patients with Cryptogenic Stroke

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5 X Afib Detection





Conclusions: Benefit – risk of PFO closure

The Benefit

Annualized incidence of stroke

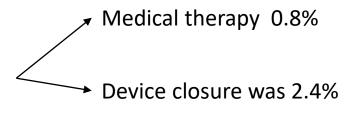
Medical therapy 1.09%

Device closure was 0.47%



The Risk

Incidence of atrial fibrillation FU 57 months (> 45 days)



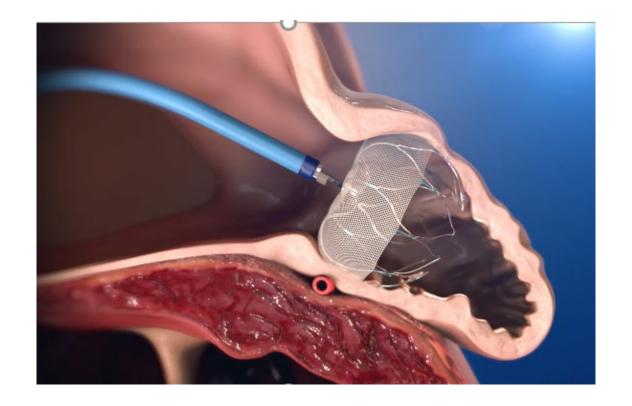


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LAA Closure







ESC guidelines

Recommendations for occlusion or exclusion of the LAA			
LAA occlusion may be considered for stroke prevention in patients with AF and contraindications for long-term anticoagulant treatment (e.g. intracranial bleeding without a reversible cause). 448,449,481,482	IIb	В	ESC 2020
Surgical occlusion or exclusion of the LAA may be considered for stroke prevention in patients with AF undergoing cardiac surgery. 459,483	IIb	С	0





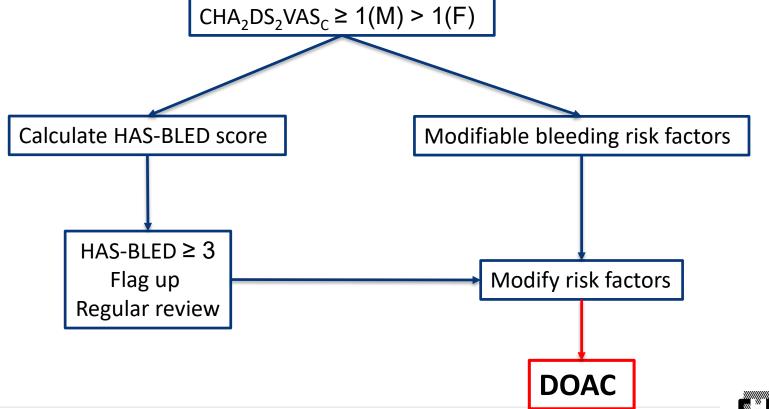
Rational of LAA closure

- Studies have reported that the LAA is the source of thrombus in about 90% of nonvalvular AF and 57% of valvular AF
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Atrial Fibrillation: OAC







Bleeding Score: HAS-BLED

Table 10 Clinical risk factors in the HAS-BLED score 395

Risk facto	rs and definitions	Points awarded
н	Uncontrolled hypertension SBP >160 mmHg	1
Α	Abnormal renal and/or hepatic function Dialysis, transplant, serum creatinine >200 μ mol/L, cirrhosis, bilirubin > \times 2 upper limit of normal, AST/ALT/ALP >3 \times upper limit of normal	1 point for each
S	Stroke Previous ischaemic or haemorrhagic ^a stroke	1
В	Bleeding history or predisposition Previous major haemorrhage or anaemia or severe thrombocytopenia	1
L	Labile INR ^b TTR <60% in patient receiving VKA	1
E	Elderly Aged >65 years or extreme frailty	1
D	Drugs or excessive alcohol drinking Concomitant use of antiplatelet or NSAID; and/or excessive ^c alcohol per week	1 point for each
Maximum	score	9





Bleeding risk

 Table 9
 Risk factors for bleeding with OAC and antiplatelet therapy

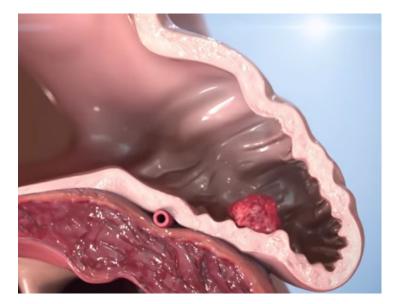
Non-modifiable	Potentially modifiable	Modifiable	Biomarkers
Age >65 years	Extreme frailty \pm excessive risk of	Hypertension/elevated SBP	GDF-15
Previous major bleeding	falls ^a	Concomitant antiplatelet/NSAID	Cystatin C/CKD-EPI
Severe renal impairment (on dialysis or renal	Anaemia	Excessive alcohol intake	cTnT-hs
transplant)	Reduced platelet count or function	Non-adherence to OAC	von Willebrand factor (+
Severe hepatic dysfunction (cirrhosis)	Renal impairment with CrCl <60	Hazardous hobbies/occupations	other coagulation markers)
Malignancy	mL/min	Bridging therapy with heparin	
Genetic factors (e.g. CYP 2C9 polymor-	VKA management strategy ^b	INR control (target 2.0 - 3.0), target	
phisms)		TTR >70% ^c	
Previous stroke, small-vessel disease, etc.		Appropriate choice of OAC and	
Diabetes mellitus		correct dosing ^d	
Cognitive impairment/dementia			

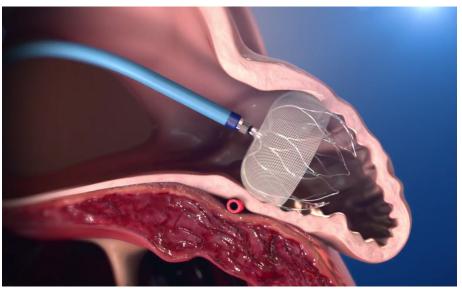
A high bleeding risk score should not lead to withholding OAC, as the net clinical benefit of OAC is even greater amongst such patients.





What is the indication for the left atrial appendage (LAAC) closure?

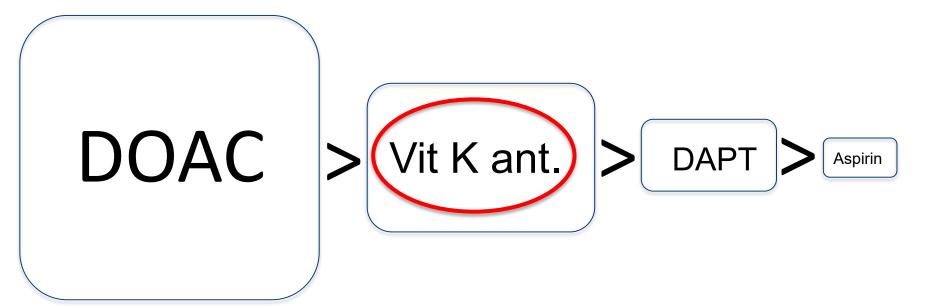








Anticoagulation in Atrial Firbrillation



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Edoxaban (ENGAGE AF TIMI 48)

Rivaroxaban (ROCKET-AF)

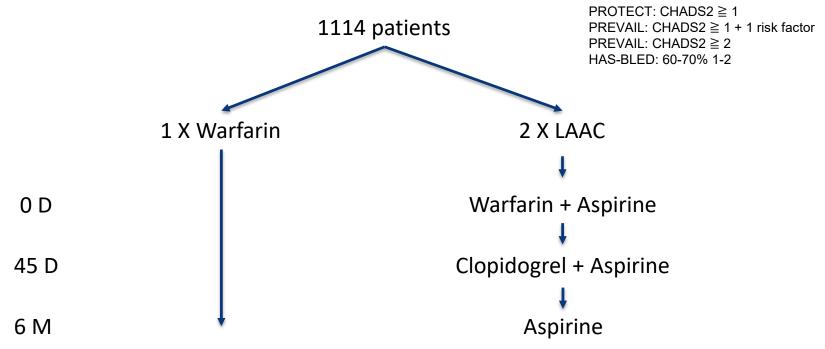
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Aspirine + clopidogrel (ACTIVE W + A)





PROTECT AF + PREVAIL

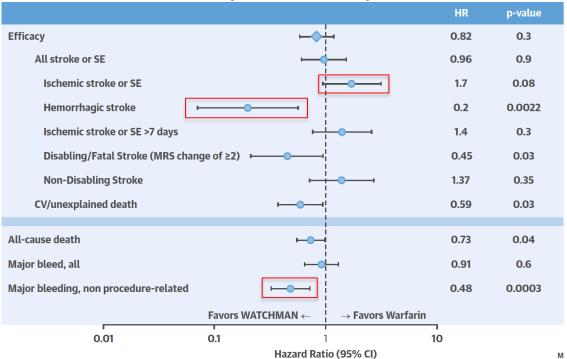






PROTECT AF and PREVAIL

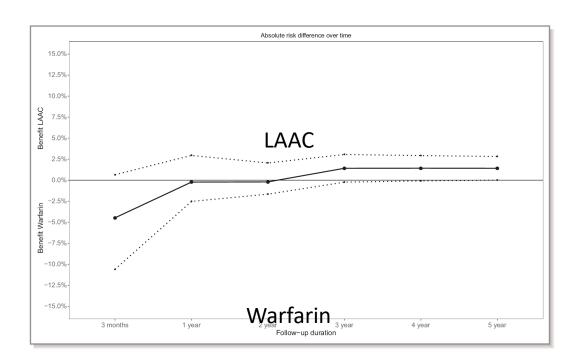
5 years follow-up







Net Clinical Benefit



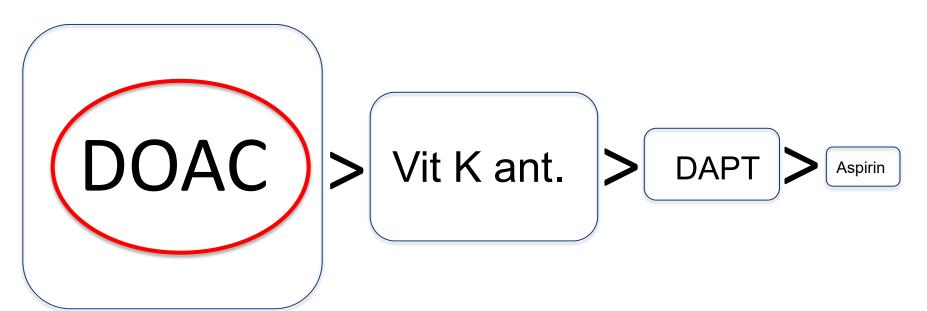
Outcomes

- All death events irrespective of cause
- Ischemic stroke
- · Intracranial hemorrhage
- Major extracranial bleeding and the
- · major procedural complication
- · Pericardial effusion





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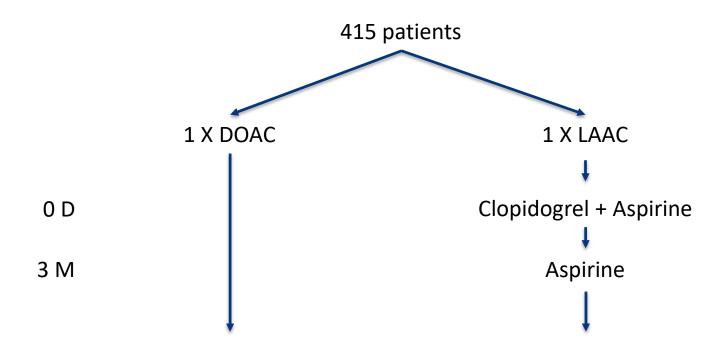
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PRAGUE - 17







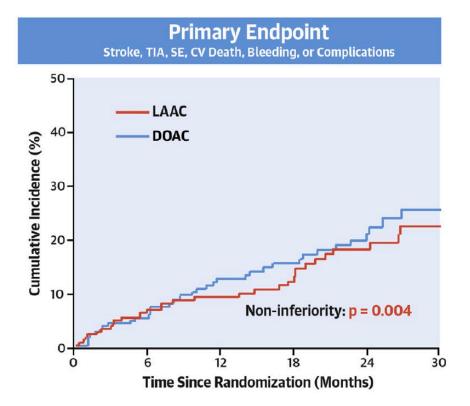
PRAGUE-17 results

• 402 High-Risk AF Pts → Randomized

 $CHA_2DS_2-VASc = 4.7 \pm 1.5$

 $HAS-BLED = 3.1 \pm 0.9$

• Follow-up: 20.8 ± 10.8 mo (695 pt-year)

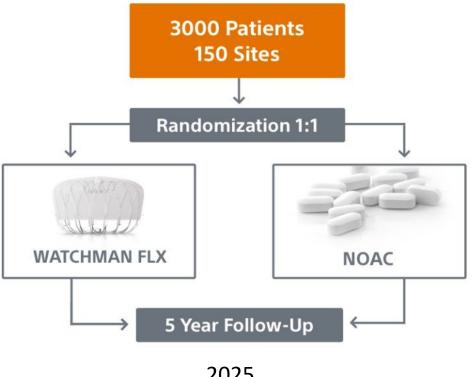








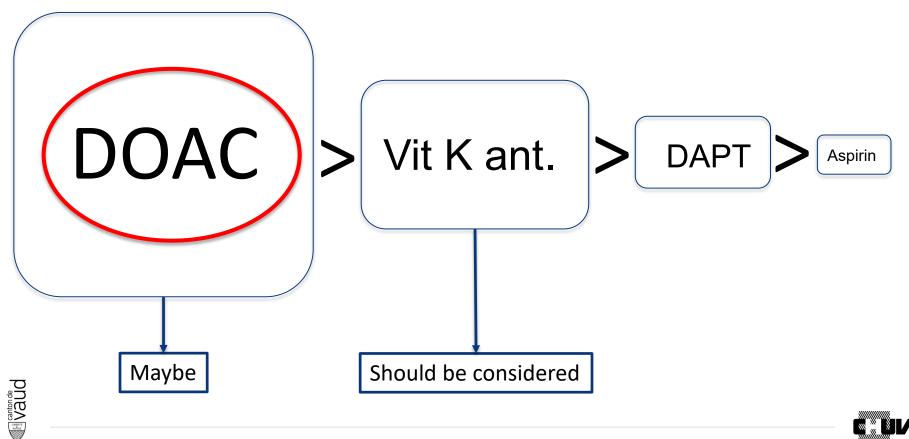
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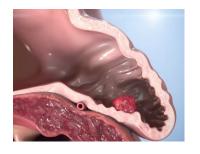


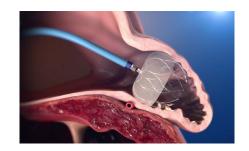
Anticoagulation in Atrial Firbrillation





Absolute contraindications to oral anticoagulants





- Severe thrombocytopenia <50 platelets/lL,
- Recent high-risk bleeding event
 - Intracranial haemorrhage (ICH)
 - > GI bleeding such angiodysplasia
- Iterative DAPT
- Renal failure with contraindication to DOAC



