



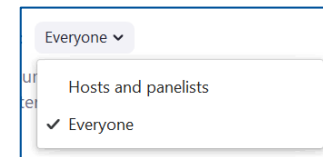
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Thromboprophylaxis in Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients

Telligen, IPRO, Alliant and Compass Joint HQIC Learning Event
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Today's Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Data Review
- Thromboprophylaxis in Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients
- Key Takeaways
- Q&A

Anticoagulant-Related Adverse Drug Events: Program Data Review

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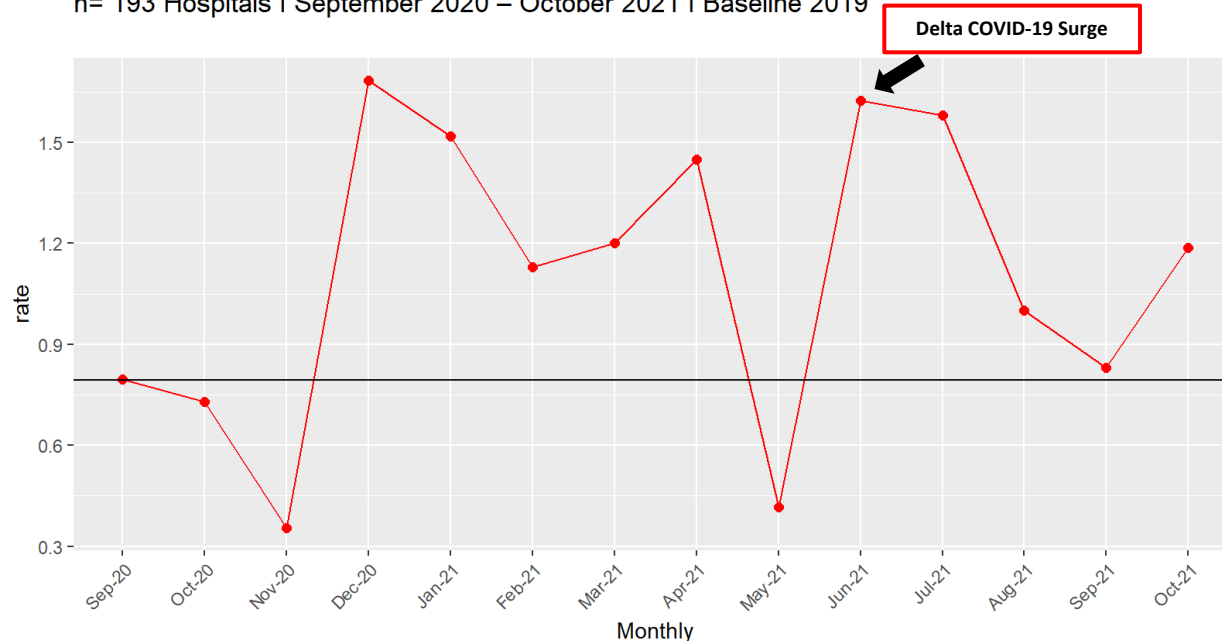
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Anticoagulant-Related ADEs – Telligen HQIC All Project Average (n=193 Hospitals)

Telligen HQIC Medicare FFS Anticoagulant Adverse Drug Event Rate per 1,000 Discharges
n= 193 Hospitals | September 2020 – October 2021 | Baseline 2019

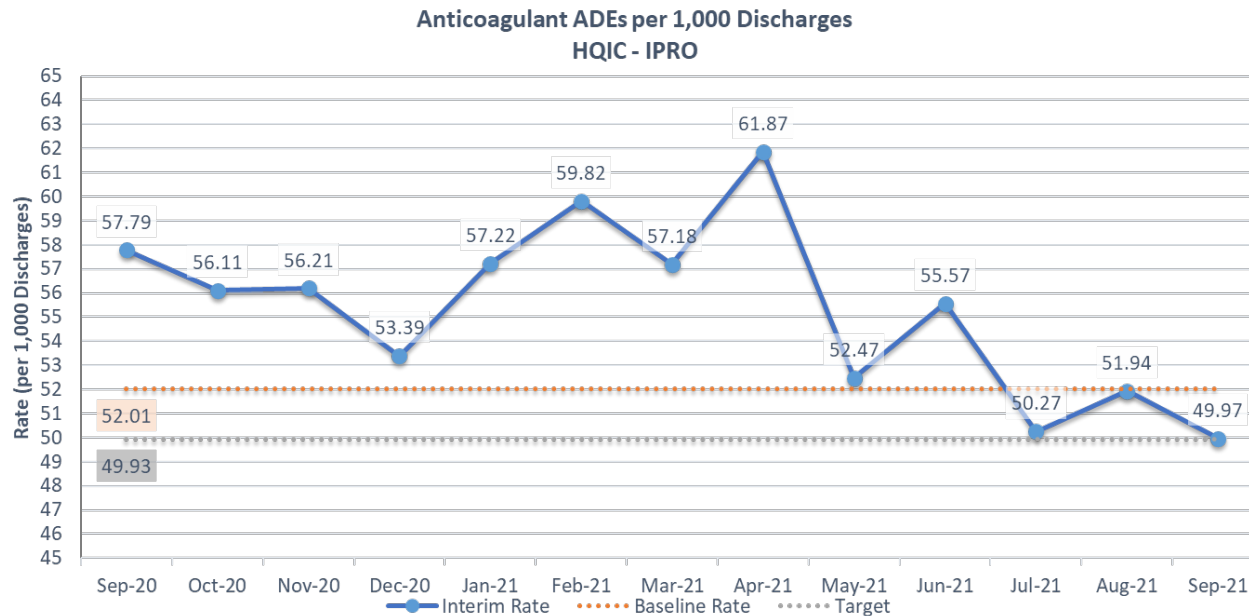


Question for Reflection:

Consider data trends across HQICs, what could be contributing to ADE rates?

← **Baseline Rate: 0.79**

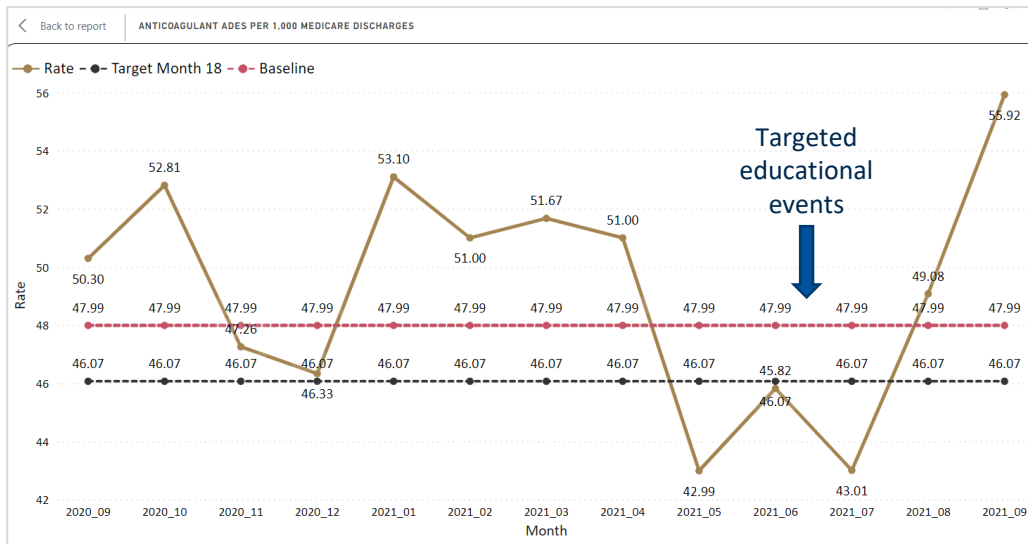
IPRO HQIC – Anticoagulant ADEs per 1000 Discharges



- Rates are trending down

- Hospitals Reporting = 271
- Critical Access: 140
 - Rural IPPS: 95
 - Urban Targeted: 36

Anticoagulant ADEs per 1,000 Discharges - Alliant HQIC

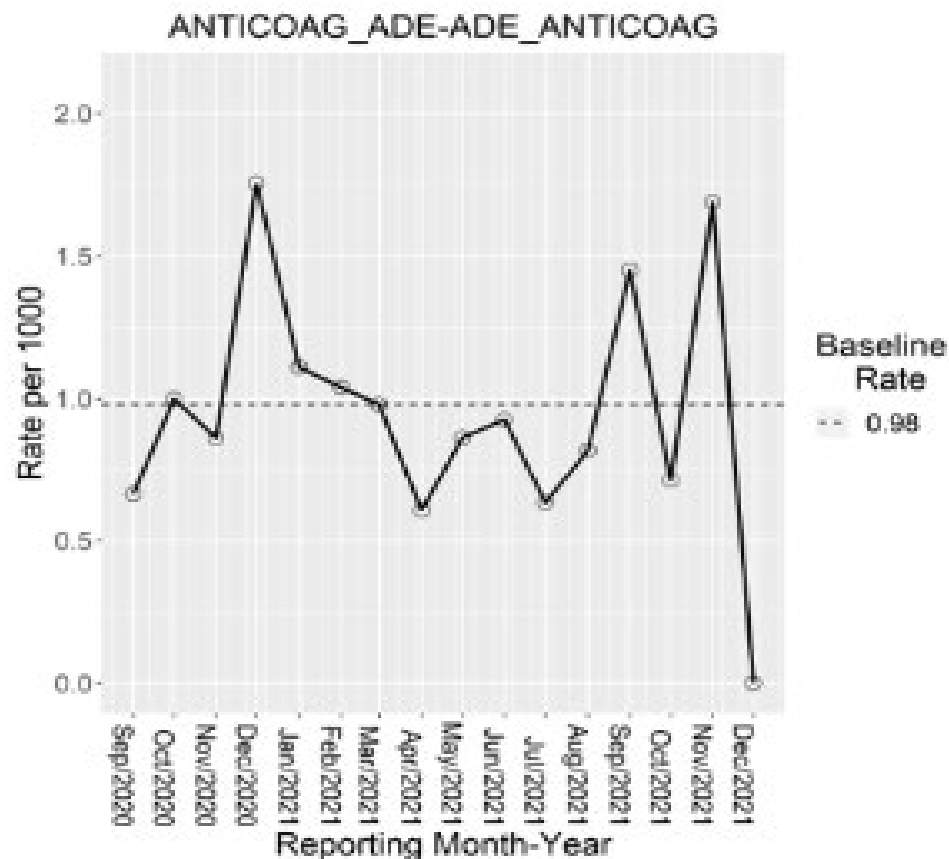


- Overall downward trend until July 2021
- Increased rates in Aug and Sep 2021
- Most likely attributed to COVID surge of hospital patients

N = 147/150 (98%) hospitals

Source: CMS Claims (Power BI)

Anticoagulant-Related ADEs – IHC/Compass HQIC All Project Average (n= 277 Hospitals)



Anticoagulant Related ADE

Data Source: Statewide Database

Thromboprophylaxis in Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients

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Welcome and Introduction of Today's Guest Speaker



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Today's Objectives

- Understand the thrombotic risk in hospitalized COVID-19 patients
- Review the randomized trial data in this population, both in critical and noncritical care settings
- Formulate an evidence-based algorithm for optimal thromboprophylaxis in high risk hospitalized COVID-19 patients

The Management of Inpatient COVID-19 Associated Coagulopathy

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Introduction

1. Implications of COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2

- In US over 76 million cases and 903,000 deaths
- Coagulopathy established in hospitalized patients, esp venous thromboembolism
- Microvascular thrombosis has been implicated in progression to ARDS
- Thrombotic complications associated with up to 60% of deaths, esp in patients with CV disease
 - Autopsy series reveal high incidence of unsuspected VTE or pulmonary arterial thrombosis

2. Hospitalized medical patients, including those with pneumonia/sepsis, are at moderate venous thromboembolism (VTE) risk (~1.5%)

- A subset of these patients (~25%) are at high risk of thrombosis post-discharge

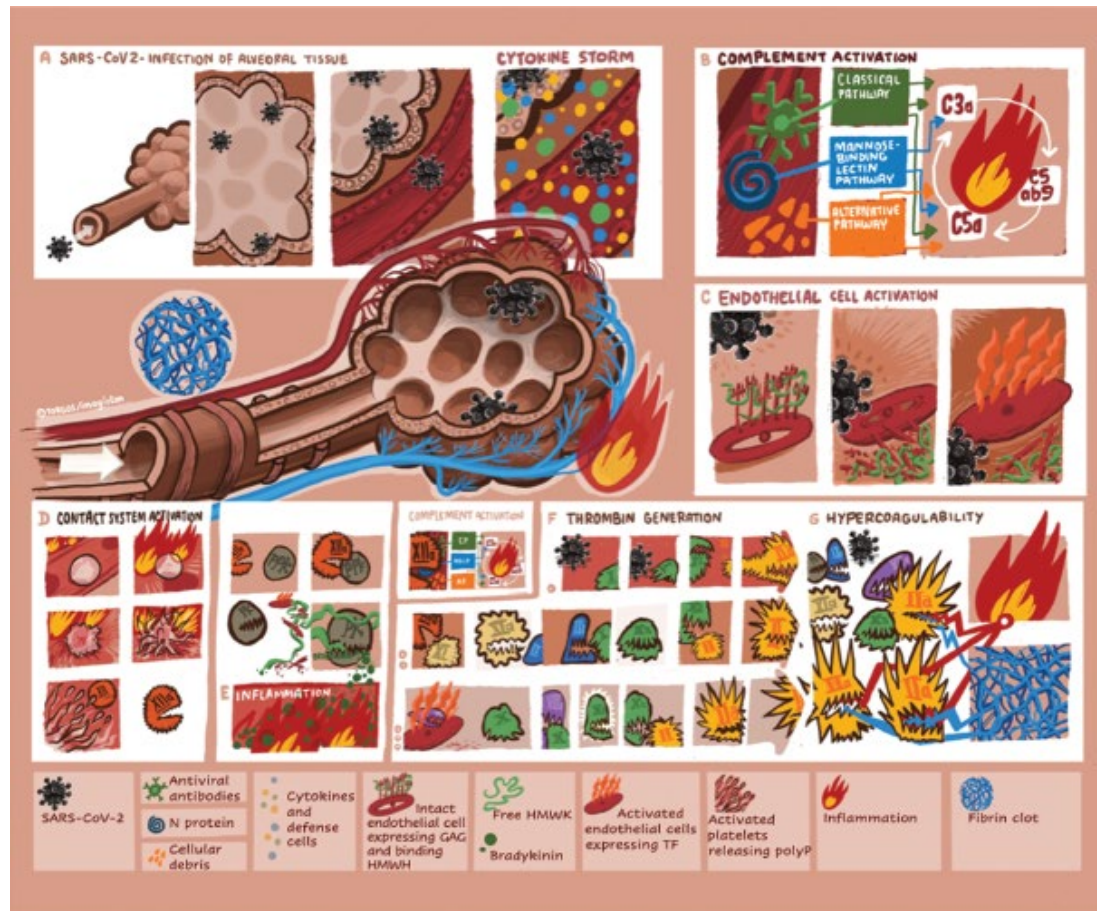
3. Previous experience with viral pneumonias/ARDS (SARS, MERS, H1N1) show a 18-fold increased risk for VTE

- Early empiric therapeutic anticoagulation (AC) reduces hospital-based complications such as thrombosis and mortality by 71% and 14%, respectively

WHO COVID Dashboard 2022
Spyropoulos AC Thromb Haemost 2017
Obi AT J Vasc Surg 2018
Wichmann D et al Ann Intern Med 2020

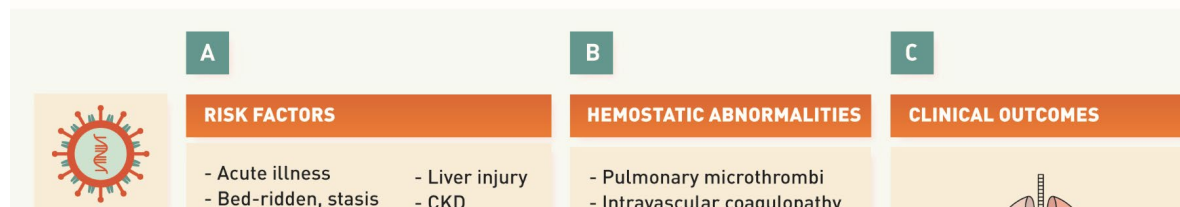
Berger J et al Lancet 2021
Paranjpe I et al JACC 2020

Coagulopathy and cytokine storm in SARS-CoV2 pneumonia: Thromboinflammation



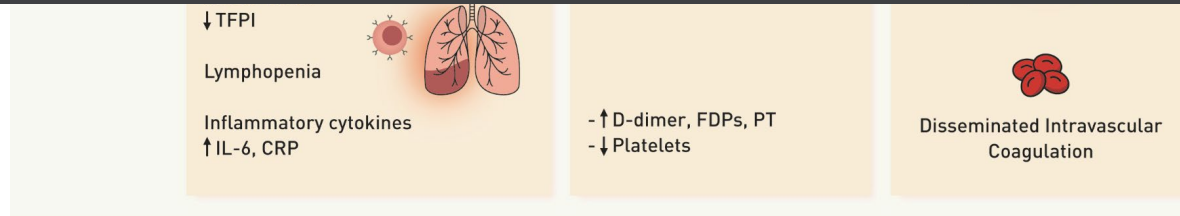
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Risk factors for Thrombosis in Sars-CoV-2



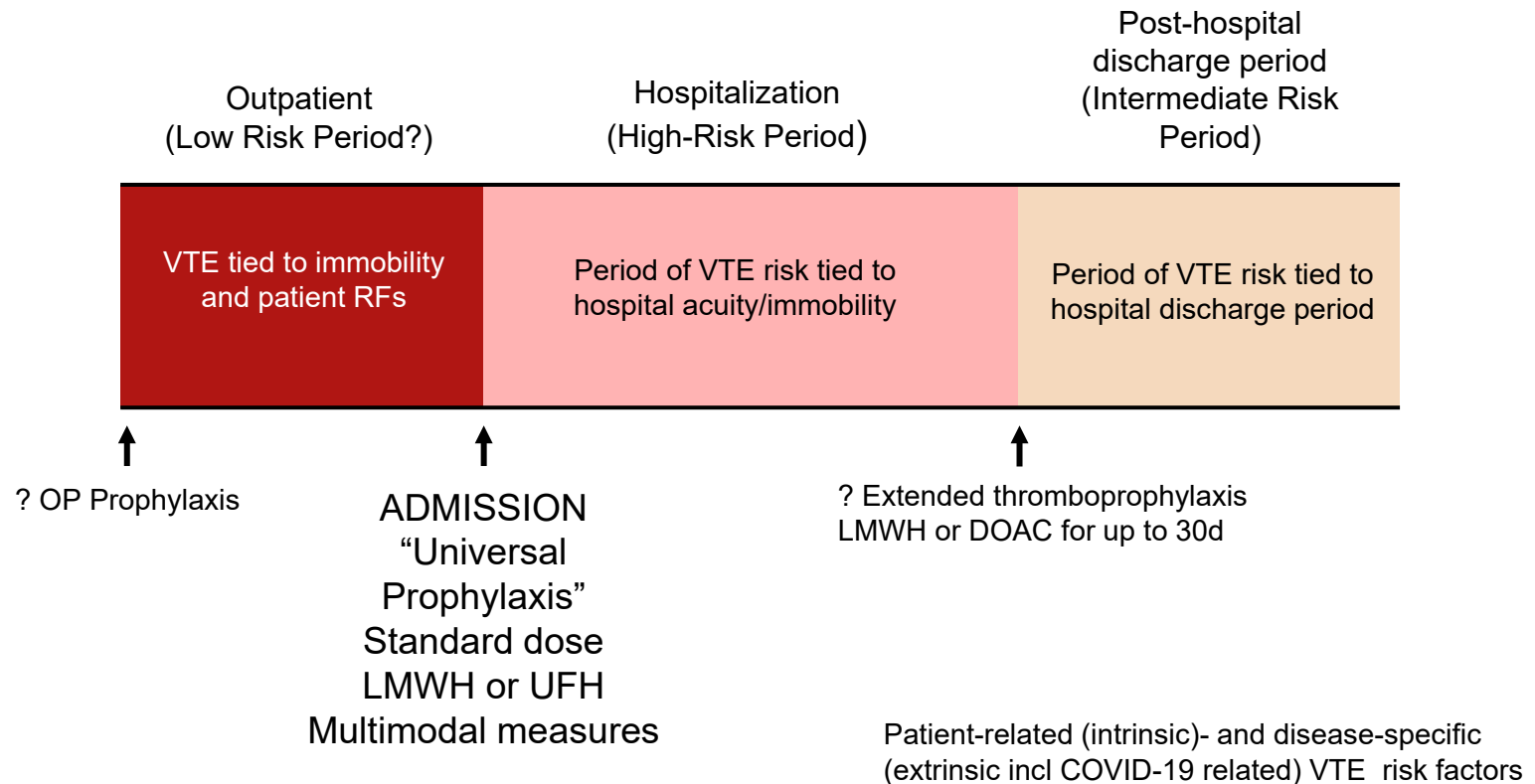
Elevated D-dimer > 4X - 6X ULN as independent predictor of VTE + mortality (OR 2.1, 95% CI 1.61 – 2.74) and D-dimer > 6X ULN (OR: 5.28, 95% CI: 4.46-6.25) in multivariate analysis of 9,407 hospitalized COVID patients from a multihospital health system in NY

Cohen SL et al J Thromb Haemost 2021

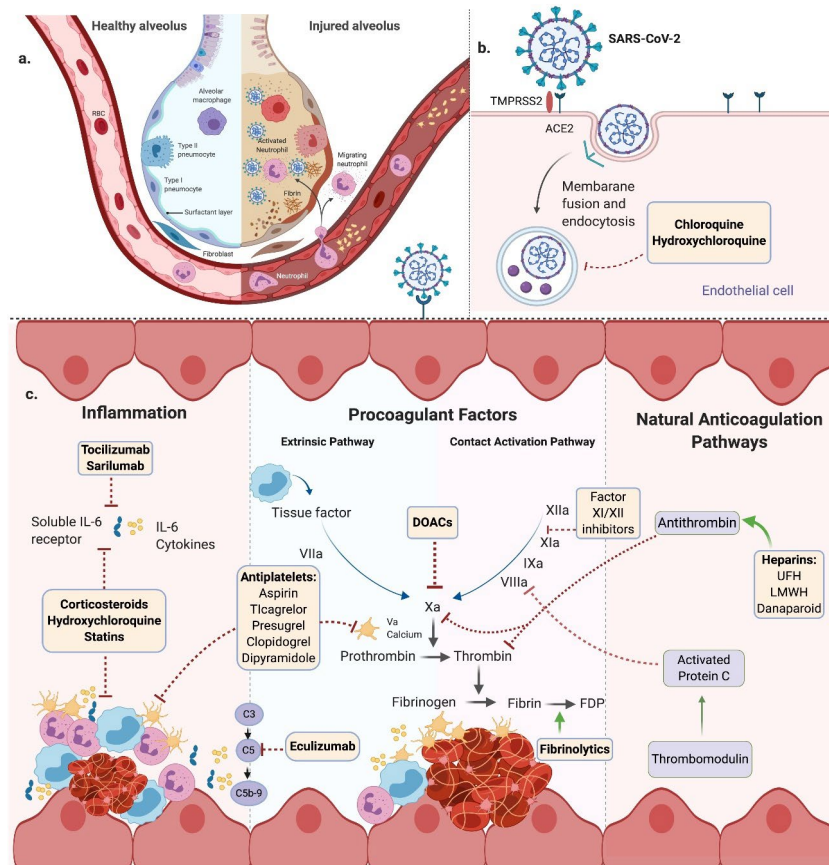


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Periods of Thrombotic Risk for COVID-19 Patients



Antithrombotic Strategies for COVID-19 Coagulopathy



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Unusual nature of thrombotic complications in hospitalized and critically ill COVID-19 patients

1. High prevalence of thrombotic complications in hospitalized and critically ill COVID-19 patients

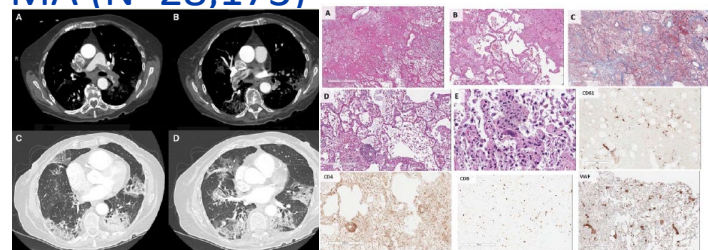
a. VTE – later reports 2.9% to 6.2%: time bias; pooled MA (N=28,173)

- LE U/S screening: 14.1% (95% CI: 11.6 -16.9)
- No LE U/S screening: 9.5% (95% CI: 7.5 -11.7)

b. Pulmonary Embolism (PE): 20% - 42%

- 3 fold higher risk compared to historical matched controls

c. Arterial Thromboembolism (ATE) – initial reports 3.7%, later reports lower



2. Unusual nature of thrombosis in COVID-19 patients

a. Thromboinflammation/in situ pulmonary microthrombi/megakaryocytes

3. “Breakthrough thrombosis” despite standard thromboprophylaxis

Spyropoulos AC and Weitz J Circulation 2020

Summary of US and International Guidance on Anticoagulant Dosing in Patients Hospitalized With COVID-19

VTE prophylaxis	ACC ¹	ASH ²	CHEST ³	ISTH ⁴	NIH ⁵	WHO ⁶
Ward patients	Prophylactic dose	Prophylactic dose	Prophylactic dose	Prophylactic dose	Prophylactic dose	Prophylactic dose
ICU patients	Prophylactic dose	Prophylactic dose	Prophylactic dose	Prophylactic/ intermediate* dose	Prophylactic dose	Prophylactic dose
Post-discharge thromboprophylaxis	Dependent on patient type		Inpatient prophylaxis only	14-30 days	Inpatient prophylaxis only	
VTE treatment						
Confirmed VTE		Therapeutic dose	Therapeutic dose	Therapeutic dose	Therapeutic dose	
Length of therapy			3 months	3 months		

*Intermediate LMWH can be considered in high-risk patients. ACC: American College of Cardiology; ASH: American Society of Hematology; CHEST: American College of Chest Physicians; COVID-19: coronavirus disease 2019; ICU: intensive care unit; ISTH: International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis; NIH: National Institutes of Health; VTE: venous thromboembolism; WHO: World Health Organization.

Randomized Trials of Escalated/Treatment dose Heparin vs SOC Heparin in Hospitalized COVID 19 patients (N=20)

Study Acronym or PI	Study design	Population ¹	Intervention	Control	Primary outcome (time frame)
COVID-HEP	Randomized, open-label, multicenter,	1) Non-ICU patients with D-dimer >1000 µg/L or 2)	Therapeutic LMWH or UFH	Prophylactic LMWH or UFH (augmented	Composite outcome of arterial or venous thrombosis, DIC and all-cause mortality (30 days)

Trial designs:

1. LMWH/Heparin as an add-on treatment approach in reducing severity/morbidity of COVID-19 pneumonia
2. LMWH/Heparin as a classic antithrombotic agent in reducing TE complications/mortality from thrombosis

CORIMMUNO-COAG	Randomized, open-label, multicenter, clinical trial	Non-ICU patients requiring oxygen (group 1) or ICU patients requiring mechanical ventilation (group 2)	Therapeutic LMWH or UFH	Prophylactic LMWH or UFH	Group 1: survival without ventilation (14 days) or group 2: ventilator free survival (28 days)
ACOVACT	Randomized, multifactorial, adaptive, open-label, multicenter, platform trial	Non-ICU and ICU patients	Rivaroxaban 5 mg twice daily	Local standard thromboprophylaxis	Sustained improvement (>48h) of one point on the World Health Organization Scale (29 days)
Perepu et al.	Randomized, open-label, multicenter, clinical trial	Non-ICU and ICU patients with modified ISTH DIC score ≥3	Intermediate-dose LMWH	BMI-adjusted prophylactic dose LMWH	All-cause mortality (30 days)

Tritchler T et al JTH 2020

INSPIRATION Randomized Trial: *Intermediate vs Standard-dose Heparin in ICU COVID Pts*

Table 2. Primary, Secondary, and Exploratory Outcomes Within 30 Days of Enrollment in the Prespecified Primary Analysis in a Study of the Effect of Intermediate- vs Standard-Dose Prophylactic Anticoagulation Among Patients With COVID-19 Admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

Outcome	No. (%)		Absolute difference (95% CI), %	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P value
	Intermediate dose (n = 276)	Standard dose (n = 286)			
Primary outcome					
Composite of adjudicated acute venous thromboembolism, arterial thrombosis, treatment with extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, or all-cause mortality ^a	126 (45.7)	126 (44.1)	1.5 (−6.6 to 9.8)	1.06 (0.76 to 1.48)	.70
Secondary outcomes					
All-cause mortality	119 (43.1)	117 (40.9)	2.2 (−5.9 to 10.3)	1.09 (0.78 to 1.53)	.50
Adjudicated venous thromboembolism	9 (3.3)	10 (3.5)	−0.2 (−3.2 to 2.7)	0.93 (0.37 to 2.32)	.87
Ventilator-free days, median (IQR) ^b	30 (3 to 30)	30 (1 to 30)	0 (0 to 0)	NA	.50 ^c
Safety outcomes					
Major bleeding ^c	7 (2.5)	4 (1.4)	1.1 (−1.1 to 3.4)	1.83 (0.53 to 5.93)	.33

Inspiration Investigators JAMA 2021

ACTION Trial: Efficacy Outcomes (N=615)

Therapeutic AC (Rivaroxaban 20mg)* vs SOC prophylaxis

Efficacy Outcome	Therapeutic (N=310)	Prophylactic (N=304)	Effect Measure	Effect (95% CI)
Composite thromboembolic outcome*	23/310 (7.4%)	30/304 (9.9%)	Relative Risk	0.75 (0.45–1.26)
Myocardial infarction	13/310 (4.2%)	14/304 (4.6%)	Relative Risk	0.91 (0.44–1.91)
Venous thromboembolism [†]	11/310 (3.5%)	18/304 (5.9%)	Relative Risk	0.60 (0.29–1.25)
Deep vein thrombosis	5/310 (1.6%)	5/304 (1.6%)	Relative Risk	0.98 (0.29–3.35)
Pulmonary embolism	7/310 (2.3%)	13/304 (4.3%)	Relative Risk	0.53 (0.21–1.31)
Stroke	1/310 (0.3%)	0/304 (0.0%)	---	---
Major adverse limb event	0/310 (0.0%)	1/304 (0.3%)	---	---
Composite thrombotic outcome and all-cause mortality	46/310 (14.8%)	44/304 (14.5%)	Relative Risk	1.03 (0.70–1.50)
All-cause mortality	35/310 (11.3%)	23/304 (7.6%)	Relative Risk	1.49 (0.90–2.46)

*Composite thromboembolic outcome is defined as any venous thromboembolism, myocardial infarction, stroke, systemic embolism and major adverse events of the extremities.

[†]One patient had one episode of deep vein thrombosis, followed six days later by a pulmonary embolism.

*Rivaroxaban Inpatient +30 days PostDdischarge

RAPID Trial: Moderately III

Outcomes	No (%) of patients		Odds ratio or geometric mean ratio (95% CI)	P value
	Therapeutic heparin (n=228)	Prophylactic heparin (n=237)		
Primary outcome				
Primary composite outcome*	37 (16.2)	52 (21.9)	0.69 (0.43 to 1.10)	0.12
Secondary outcomes				
Death from any cause	4 (1.8)	18 (7.6)	0.22 (0.07 to 0.65)	0.006
Invasive mechanical ventilation	11 (4.8)	16 (6.8)	0.70 (0.32 to 1.55)	0.38
Any mechanical ventilation†	21 (9.2)	26 (11.0)	0.82 (0.45 to 1.51)	0.53
ICU admission	33 (14.5)	42 (17.7)	0.79 (0.48 to 1.29)	0.34
Death or any mechanical ventilation	23 (10.1)	38 (16.0)	0.59 (0.34 to 1.02)	0.06
Death or ICU admission	36 (15.8)	50 (21.1)	0.70 (0.44 to 1.13)	0.14
Mean (SD) ventilator-free days	26.5 (5.6)	24.7 (8.5)	1.77 (1.02 to 3.08)	0.042
Mean (SD) organ support-free days	25.8 (6.2)	24.1 (8.8)	1.41 (0.90 to 2.21)	0.13
Mean (SD) ICU-free days	26.0 (6.1)	24.2 (8.8)	1.51 (0.94 to 2.41)	0.087
Mean (SD) hospital-free days	19.8 (7.3)	18.4 (9.2)	1.09 (0.79 to 1.50)	0.59
Renal replacement therapy‡	2 (0.9)	5 (2.1)	0.41 (0.08 to 2.15)	0.29
Thromboembolism§:				
Venous	2 (0.9)	6 (2.5)	0.34 (0.07 to 1.71)	0.19
Arterial	0 (0.0)	1 (0.4)	-	-
Bleeding:				
ISTH major bleeding¶	2 (0.9)	4 (1.7)	0.52 (0.09 to 2.85)	0.69
Red blood cell transfusion (≥ 1 unit)	3 (1.3)	9 (3.8)	0.34 (0.09 to 1.27)	0.14
Transfusion of other blood components or products**	1 (0.4)	0 (0.0)	-	-
Heparin induced thrombocytopenia	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	-	-
Geometric mean (SD) D-dimer ratio (D-dimer×ULN)††	1.9 (0.7)	2.4 (0.9)	0.88 (0.78 to 0.99)	0.032

Scholzberg M et al BMJ 2021; 375:n2400

Multiplatform Randomized Trials: Critically Ill

ATTACC, ACTIV-IVa, REMAP-CAP

Table 2. Primary and Secondary Outcomes.

Outcome	Therapeutic-Dose Anticoagulation (N = 536)	Usual-Care Thromboprophylaxis (N = 567)	Adjusted Difference in Risk (95% Credible Interval)	Adjusted Odds Ratio (95% Credible Interval)*	Probability of Superiority	Probability of Futility	Probability of Inferiority
	<i>median no. (IQR)</i>		<i>percentage points</i>		%	%	%
Organ support–free days up to day 21 †‡	1 (–1 to 16)	4 (–1 to 16)	—	0.83 (0.67 to 1.03)	5.0	99.9	95.0
	<i>no. of patients/total no. (%)</i>						
Survival to hospital discharge‡	335/534 (62.7)	364/564 (64.5)	–4.1 (–10.7 to 2.4)	0.84 (0.64 to 1.11)	10.8	99.6	89.2
Major thrombotic events or death§	213/531 (40.1)	230/560 (41.1)	1.0 (–5.6 to 7.4)	1.04 (0.79 to 1.35)	40.3	—	59.7
Major thrombotic events¶	34/530 (6.4)	58/559 (10.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Death in hospital	199/534 (37.3)	200/564 (35.5)	—	—	—	—	—
Any thrombotic events or death§	217/531 (40.9)	232/560 (41.4)	1.5 (–4.9 to 8.0)	1.06 (0.81 to 1.38)	33.4	—	66.6
Any thrombotic events	38/530 (7.2)	62/559 (11.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Death in hospital	199/534 (37.3)	200/564 (35.5)	—	—	—	—	—
Major bleeding§	20/529 (3.8)	13/562 (2.3)	1.1 (–0.6 to 4.4)	1.48 (0.75 to 3.04)	12.8	—	87.2

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Multiplatform Randomized Trials: Non-Critically Ill

ATTACC, ACTIV-IVa, REMAP-CAP

Table 2. Primary Outcome of Organ Support-Free Days.*

Variable	Therapeutic-Dose Anticoagulation no. of patients/total no. (%)	Usual-Care Thromboprophylaxis no. of patients/total no. (%)	Adjusted Difference in Risk (95% Credible Interval) [†] percentage points	Adjusted Odds Ratio (95% Credible Interval) [‡]	Probability of Superiority of Therapeutic-Dose Anticoagulation %
Patients with moderate disease					
Overall group [§]	939/1171 (80.2)	801/1048 (76.4)	4.0 (0.5 to 7.2)	1.27 (1.03–1.58)	98.6
D-dimer cohort [¶]					
High level	264/339 (77.9)	210/291 (72.2)	5.1 (0.0 to 9.9)	1.31 (1.00–1.76)	97.3
Low level	463/570 (81.2)	403/505 (79.8)	3.0 (–1.2 to 6.3)	1.22 (0.93–1.57)	92.9
Unknown level	212/262 (80.9)	188/252 (74.6)	4.9 (0.00 to 9.9)	1.32 (1.00–1.86)	97.3

Table 3. Secondary Outcomes among All Patients with Moderate Disease.*

Outcome	Therapeutic-Dose Anticoagulation no. of patients/total no. (%)	Usual-Care Thromboprophylaxis no. of patients/total no. (%)	Adjusted Difference in Risk (95% Credible Interval) [†] percentage points	Adjusted Odds Ratio (95% Credible Interval) [‡]	Probability of Effect of Therapeutic-Dose Anticoagulation %
Survival until hospital discharge	1085/1171 (92.7)	962/1048 (91.8)	1.3 (–1.1 to 3.2)	1.21 (0.87 to 1.68) [§]	87.1 [¶]
Survival without organ support at 28 days	932/1175 (79.3)	789/1046 (75.4)	4.5 (0.9 to 7.7)	1.30 (1.05 to 1.61)	99.1 [¶]
Progression to intubation or death ^{**}	129/1181 (10.9)	127/1050 (12.1)	–1.9 (–4.1 to 0.7)	0.82 (0.63 to 1.07)	92.2 [¶]
Major thrombotic event or death	94/1180 (8.0)	104/1046 (9.9)	–2.6 (–4.4 to –0.2)	0.72 (0.53 to 0.98)	98.0 [¶]
Major thrombotic event	13/1180 (1.1)	22/1046 (2.1)			
Death in hospital	86/1180 (7.3)	86/1046 (8.2)			
Major bleeding	22/1180 (1.9)	9/1047 (0.9)	0.7 (–0.1 to 2.3)	1.80 (0.90 to 3.74)	95.5 ^{††}

Usual care thromboprophylaxis: 71.7% low dose; 26.5% intermediate dose

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HEP-COVID Trial

Multicenter, pragmatic, randomized, pseudo-blinded active control trial

Screening
Phase Up to 72hrs

Pseudo-blinded
Treatment Phase In-Hospital

Post-treatment
Phase¶

Inclusion criteria:

1. Age ≥ 18 yrs
2. COVID-19 positive
3. Hospitalized with need for suppl O₂
4. DD > 4 X ULN OR SIC score of 4 or more

Randomization

Stratum1
Subjects in
ICU

Stratum 2
Subjects not
in ICU

Enoxaparin
1mg/kg SQ BID*

SOC Px or
intermediate dose
heparin**

Enoxaparin
1mg/kg SQ BID*

SOC Px or
intermediate dose
heparin**

Day 30
follow-
up

*For CrCl ≥ 30 ml/min
(For CrCl > 15 ml/min to 29ml/min
use Enoxaparin 0.5mg/kg SQ BID)

**UFH up to 22,500IU/D, enoxaparin 30mg
or 40mg QD or BID, dalteparin up to 5000IU/D

¶ Post-discharge thromboprophylaxis at investigator
discretion

SOC = local institutional standard prophylaxis

§ Assuming 20% drop-out rate (actual rate ~5%)

Executive Committee
Independent Data Safety Monitoring Board
Patient and Investigator blinded to study drug
Local adjudication with central quality oversight

Day 10 + 4 or hospital D/C
screening LE Compression Ultrasound

Sample size §	Control	RRR	Power for superiority	2 sided α
308	42%	40%	80%	5%

Primary analysis: mITT population and
PP population

Goldin M et al Thromb Haemost 2021

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Primary Efficacy Outcomes at 30-Days Post Randomization *mITT Population (N=253)*

Outcome	Therapeutic Dose (N=129)	Standard Dose (N=124)	RR (95% CI)	P Value†
	Number (percent)			
Primary efficacy outcome				
Composite VTE, ATE, ACM	37/129 (28.7)	52/124 (41.9)	0.68 (0.49-0.96)	0.0273
Non-ICU Stratum	14/84 (16.7)	31/86 (36.1)	0.46 (0.27-0.81)	0.0042
ICU Stratum	23/45 (51.1)	21/38 (55.3)	0.92 (0.62-1.39)	
VTE+ATE	14/129 (10.9)	36/124 (29.0)	0.37 (0.21-0.66)	0.0003
ACM	25/129 (19.4)	31/124 (25.0)	0.78 (0.49-1.23)	

Spyropoulos AC, Goldin M et al JAMA Intern Med 2021 Oct 7

Secondary Efficacy Outcomes at 30-Days Post Randomization *mITT Population (N=253)*

Outcome	Therapeutic Dose (N=129)	Standard Dose (N=124)	RR (95% CI)	P Value†
	Number (percent)			
Secondary efficacy outcomes				
Primary Efficacy Outcome at Day 14	30/129 (23.3)	45/124 (36.3)	0.64 (0.43-0.95)	0.0232
Progression to ARDS	11/127 (8.7)	6/121 (5.0)	1.75 (0.67-4.58)	
Rehospitalization	1/129 (0.8)	3/124 (2.4)	0.32 (0.03-3.03)	
Need for intubation	17/122 (13.9)	21/121 (17.4)	0.80 (0.45-1.45)	
Need for ECMO	1/129 (0.8)	1/124 (0.8)	0.96 (0.06-15.2)	
Non-fatal cardiac arrest	0/129 (0.0)	2/124 (1.6)	0.19 (0.01-3.97)	
Acute Kidney Injury	17/129 (13.2)	12/124 (9.7)	1.36 (0.68-2.73)	
New Onset Atrial Fibrillation	4/129 (3.1)	5/124 (4.0)	0.77 (0.21-2.80)	

Principal Safety Outcome at 30-Days Post Randomization *mITT Population (N=253)*

Outcome	Therapeutic Dose (N=129)	Standard Dose (N=124)	RR (95% CI)	P Value†
	Number (percent)			
In non-ICU population using therapeutic-dose LMWH, NNT of 5 to prevent one major TE event and death and NNH of ~2000 to incur one MB				
Non-ICU Stratum	2/84 (2.38)	2/86 (2.33)	1.02 (0.15-7.10)	
ICU Stratum	4/45 (8.9)	0/38 (0.0)	7.62 (0.42-137.03)	

*ISTH Definition

Spyropoulos AC, Goldin M et al JAMA Intern Med 2021 Oct 7

Mechanisms of the Dampening of COVID-19 Coagulopathy by LMWH

What have we learned from the randomized trial data of anticoagulation in hospitalized COVID-19 patients?

1. Pleiotropic/anti-inflammatory effects of therapeutic dose LMWH/Heparin only helpful “early” in the course of disease (non-ICU or ward setting) before hyper-inflammatory state/cytokine storm
 - In critically ill patients – too late
 - Heparins possibly beneficial in reducing microvascular thrombosis/intravascular coagulopathy
 - Very elevated D-dimer exquisite biomarker for poor outcomes YET modifiable disease in non-ICU patients “just in time” paradigm
 - Use optimal (i.e. therapeutic) doses of heparins for thromboprophylaxis in these thrombotic patient groups
2. Small molecule DOACs do not have pleiotropic/anti-inflammatory effects – likely inferior to heparins IP
3. Populations studied and trial designs?
 - Mortality or disease severity too high a bar?
 - Traditional antithrombotic trial design best chance of success (prevent macrovessel TE disease)
4. Better clarity once a WHO prospective meta-analysis and a Bayesian network meta-analysis (INVENT network) completed

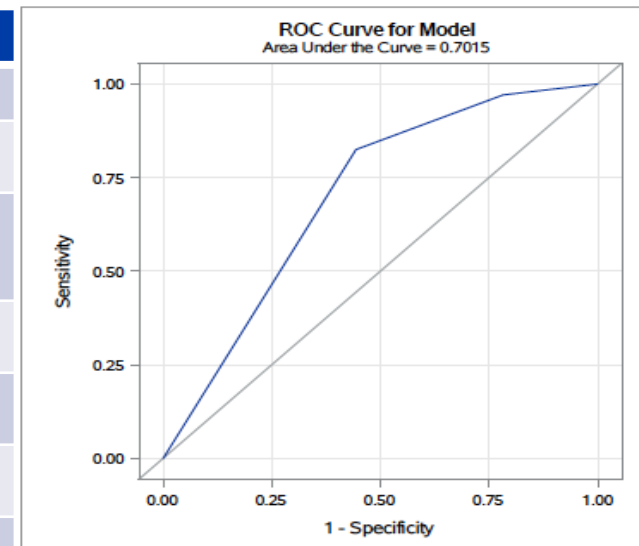
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Validation of IMPROVE-DD for VTE in Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients (N= 9407)

Table of IMPROVE_DD by vte

IMPROVE_DD	vte		
	No	Yes	Total
0-1, Low Risk	1988 99.60	8 0.40	1996
2-3, Moderate Risk	3093 98.72	40 1.28	3133
4-12, High Risk	4052 94.72	226 5.28	4278
Total	9133	274	9407

Factor	Points
Previous VTE	3
Known thrombophilia	2
Current lower-limb paralysis	2
Current cancer	2
Immobilized \geq 7 days	1
ICU or CCU stay	1
Age > 60 years	1
D-dimer $\geq 2 \times$ ULN	2



High Rates of Post-Discharge Thrombosis and Death in COVID-19 Patients

Ongoing prospective registry (CORE-19)¹

11,249 consecutive hospitalized patients with COVID-19 from March 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020

- Complete follow-up in 4906 patients

Post-discharge prophylaxis: LMWH, direct oral anticoagulants (rivaroxaban/apixaban) or baby aspirin

Results:

- All-cause mortality rate - 4.83%
- Overall VTE rate - 1.55% (PE –0.85%)
- ATE rate - 1.71%
- Major bleeding rate - 1.73%
- Rehospitalization rate - 15.5%

Predictors of Post-Discharge Thrombosis and Death: Advanced age, cardiovascular risk factors, CKD, IMPROVE–DD VTE score ≥ 4 , and ICU stay

- In multivariate analysis, post-discharge extended thromboprophylaxis decreased thrombosis and ACM by 46% (OR 0.54, 95% CI 0.47 - 0.81, $p = .003$)

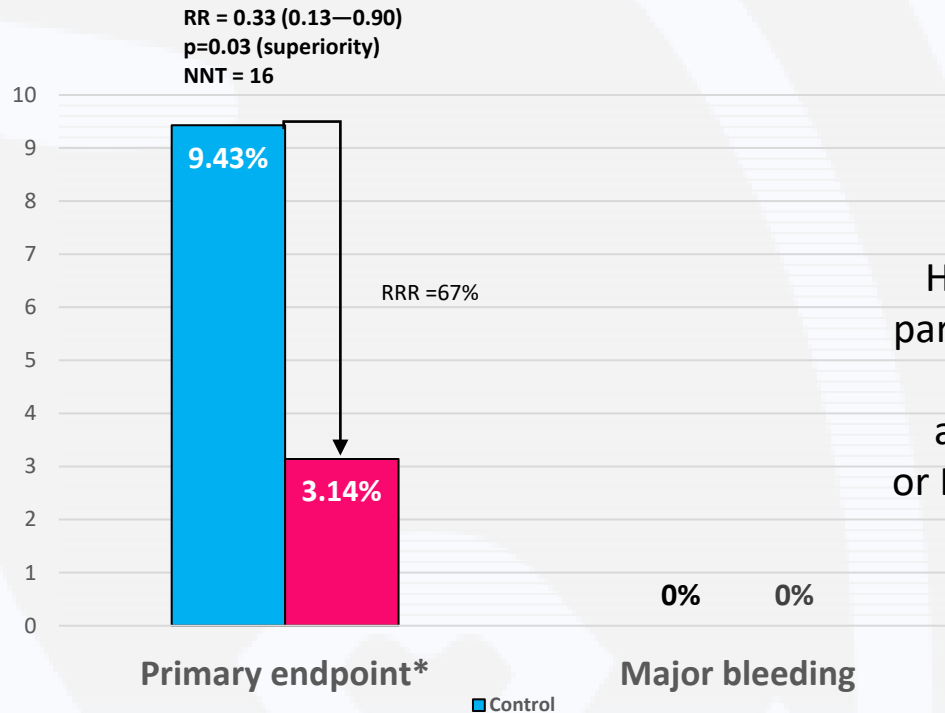
Study (N)	Patients receiving post-discharge anticoagulation n (%)	Patients with VTE, n (%)	Type of VTE, (n)
Giannis (4907) ¹	12.7	76 (1.55)	DVT (44), PE (42)
Roberts (1877) ²	0	9 (0.5)	DVT (2), PE (7)
Engelen (102) ³	8 (8)	1 (0.98)	Asymptomatic DVT (1)
Patell (163) ⁴	13 (8)	1 (0.6)	PE (1)

ATE: arterial thromboembolism; COVID-19: coronavirus disease 2019; DVT: deep vein thrombosis; LMWH: low molecular weight heparin; NR: not reported; PE: pulmonary embolism; VTE: venous thromboembolism.

1. Giannis D et al *Blood* 2021. 2. Roberts LN, et al. *Blood*. 2020;136:1347-1350. 3. Engelen MM, et al. Presented at: International Society on Thrombosis and Hemostasis 2020 Congress; July 12-14, 2020; LB/CO01.3. 4. Patell R, et al. *Blood*. 2020;136:1342-1346.

MICHELLE Trial: Post-discharge thromboprophylaxis*

Primary efficacy and safety outcomes (N=320)

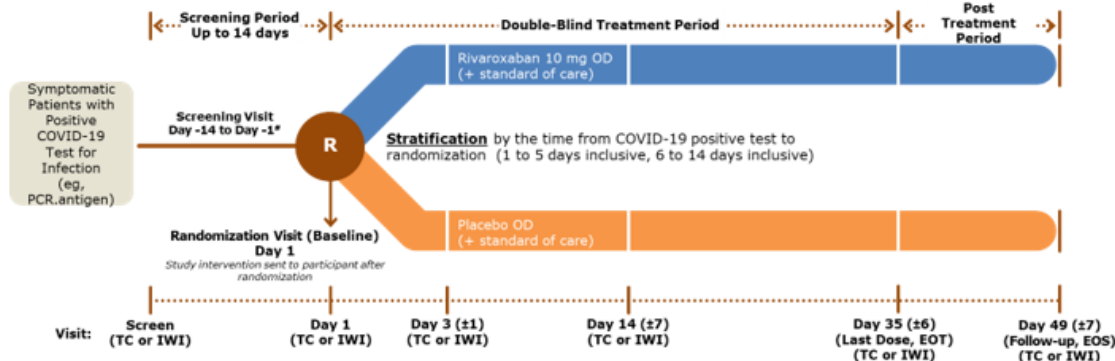


*Composite of composite of symptomatic VTE, VTE-related death, asymptomatic VTE (Doppler and AngioCT scan) and symptomatic ATE, MI, non-hemorrhagic stroke, (MALE), and cardiovascular death at day 35.

Inclusion criteria:
Hospitalized COVID-19 with
parenteral thromboprophylaxis
AND
an IMPROVE VTE score ≥ 4
or IMPROVE VTE score 2-3 and
DD > 2XULN

Role of Primary Thromboprophylaxis in Outpatient Settings?

1. OVID Trial [NCT04400799]: enoxaparin 40mg QD or Pb, N=1000
2. NIH ACTIVE IVb [NCT04498273]: apixaban 2.5 or 5mg BID or ASA or Pb, N= 7000
3. PREVENT-HD (Janssen-sponsored) [NCT04508023] N= 4000 - 5000
 - Reduction of VTE, ATE, ACM, hospitalization using rivaroxaban 10mg QD in high risk COVID-19 outpatients



Presence of at least 1 additional risk factor:

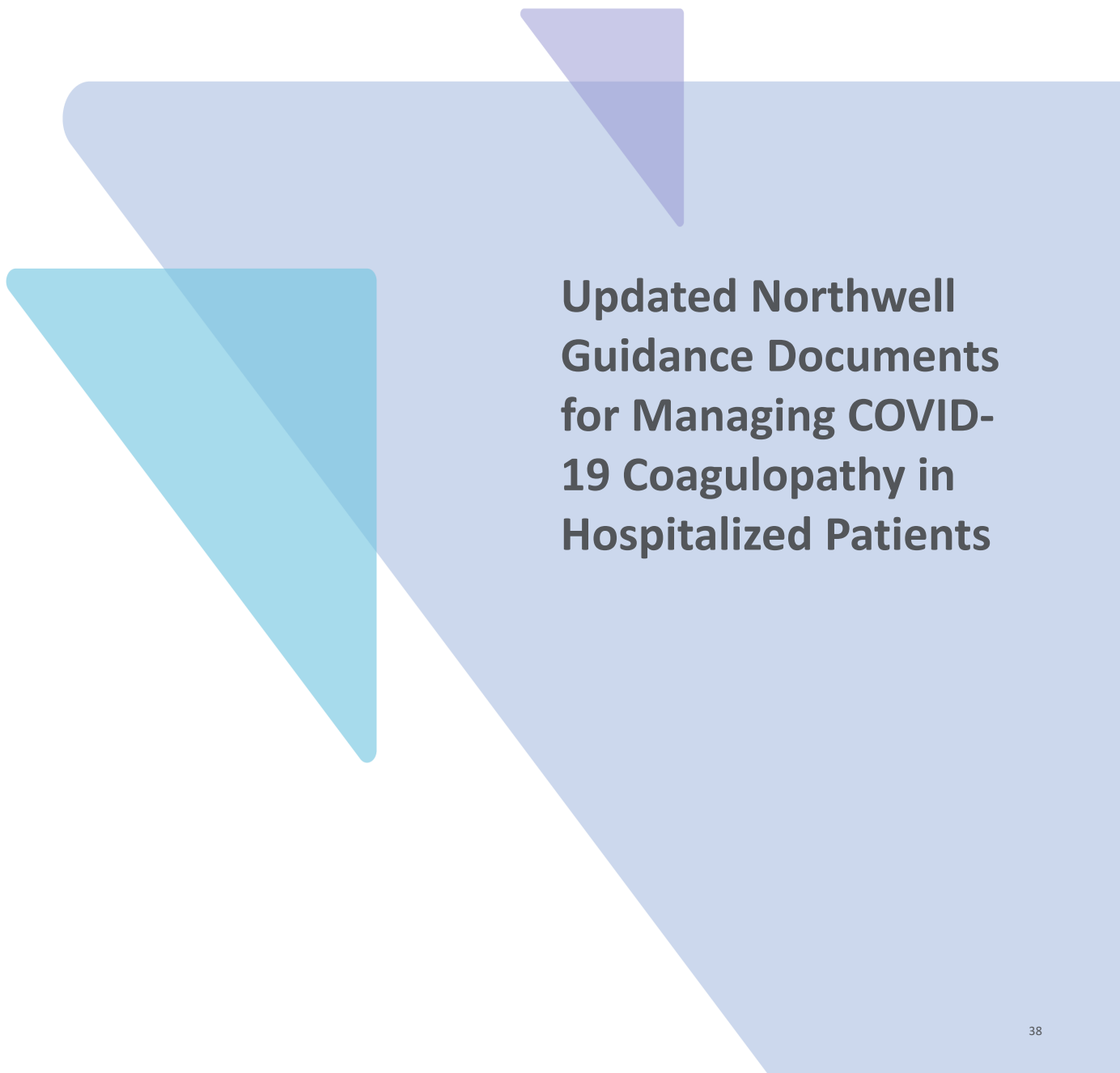
Age ≥60 years
Prior history of VTE
History of thrombophilia
History of CAD
History of PAD
History of cerebrovascular disease or ischemic stroke
History of cancer (other than basal cell carcinoma)
History of diabetes requiring medication
History of heart failure
Body Mass Index ≥35 kg/m²
D-dimer > upper limit of normal for local laboratory

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ACTIVE IVB Randomized Trial: COVID-19 Outpatients

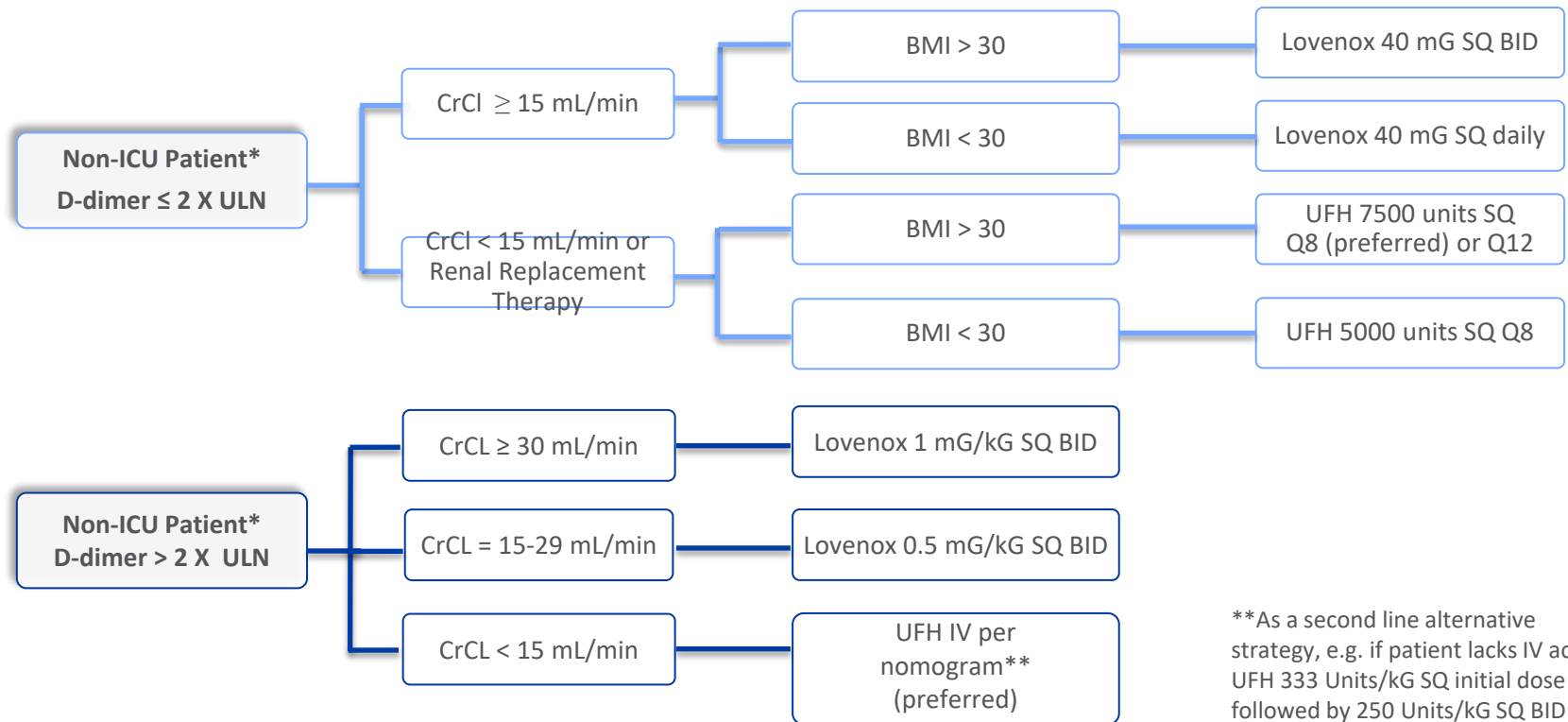
	No. (%)			
	Aspirin (81 mg once daily) (n = 144)	Apixaban (2.5 mg twice daily) (n = 135)	Apixaban (5 mg twice daily) (n = 143) ^a	Placebo (n = 136) ^a
Suspected outcomes				
Composite primary end point ^b	1 (0.7)	1 (0.7)	2 (1.4)	1 (0.7)
Risk difference (in percentage points) vs placebo (95% CI)	0.0 (-3.4 to 3.2)	0.0 (-3.4 to 3.4)	0.7 (-2.8 to 4.3)	
Components of primary end point				
Cardiopulmonary hospitalizations	0	1 (0.7)	2 (1.4)	1 (0.7)
Deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism	1 (0.7)	0	0	0
Myocardial infarction, stroke or other arterial embolism	0	0	0	0
Death	0	0	0	0
Any acute medical event ^c	6 (4.2)	8 (5.9)	13 (9.1)	7 (5.2)
Risk difference (in percentage points) vs placebo (95% CI)	-1.0 (-6.6 to 4.3)	0.8 (-5.1 to 6.7)	4.0 (-2.4 to 10.4)	
Adjudicated hemorrhagic events ^f				
Major bleeding	0	0	0	0
Clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding	0	1 (0.7)	1 (0.7)	0

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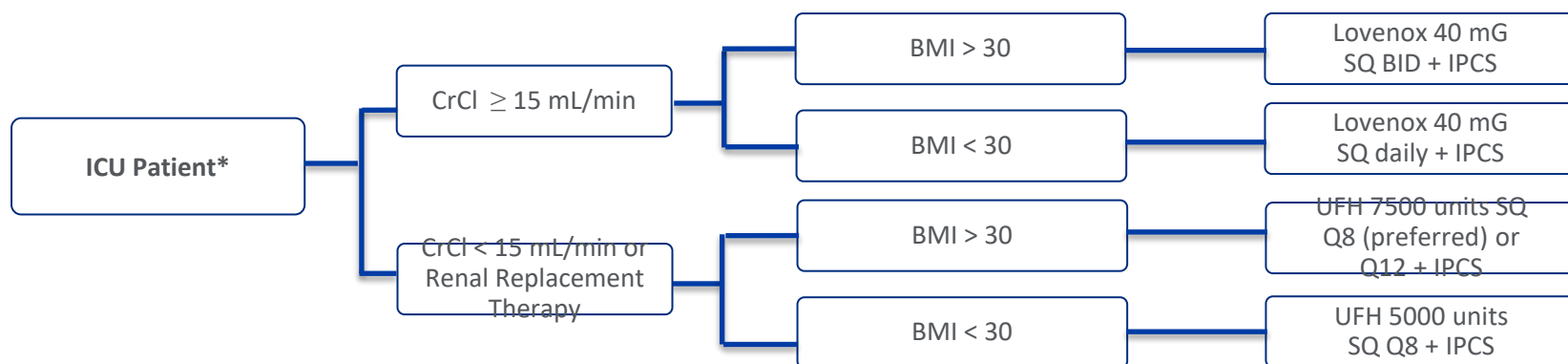
Updated Northwell Guidance Documents for Managing COVID- 19 Coagulopathy in Hospitalized Patients

VTE Prophylaxis for Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients Receiving non-ICU level of care*



**As a second line alternative strategy, e.g. if patient lacks IV access, UFH 333 Units/kg SQ initial dose followed by 250 Units/kg SQ BID

VTE Prophylaxis for Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients Receiving ICU level of care*

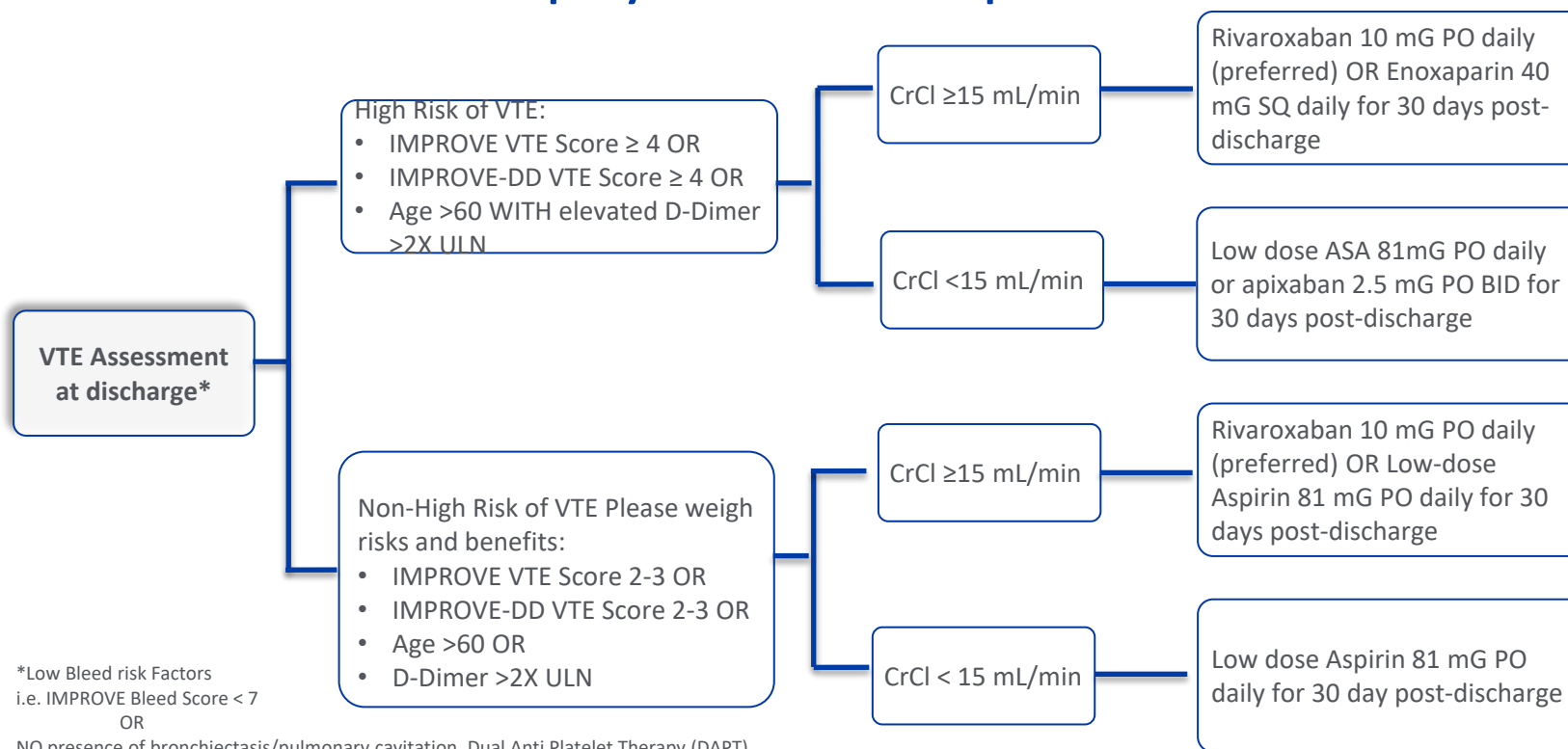


IPCS= intermittent pneumatic compression stockings

*ICU level of care include patients receiving:

- high-flow nasal cannula OR
- noninvasive positive pressure ventilation OR
- vasoactive infusion OR
- mechanical ventilation

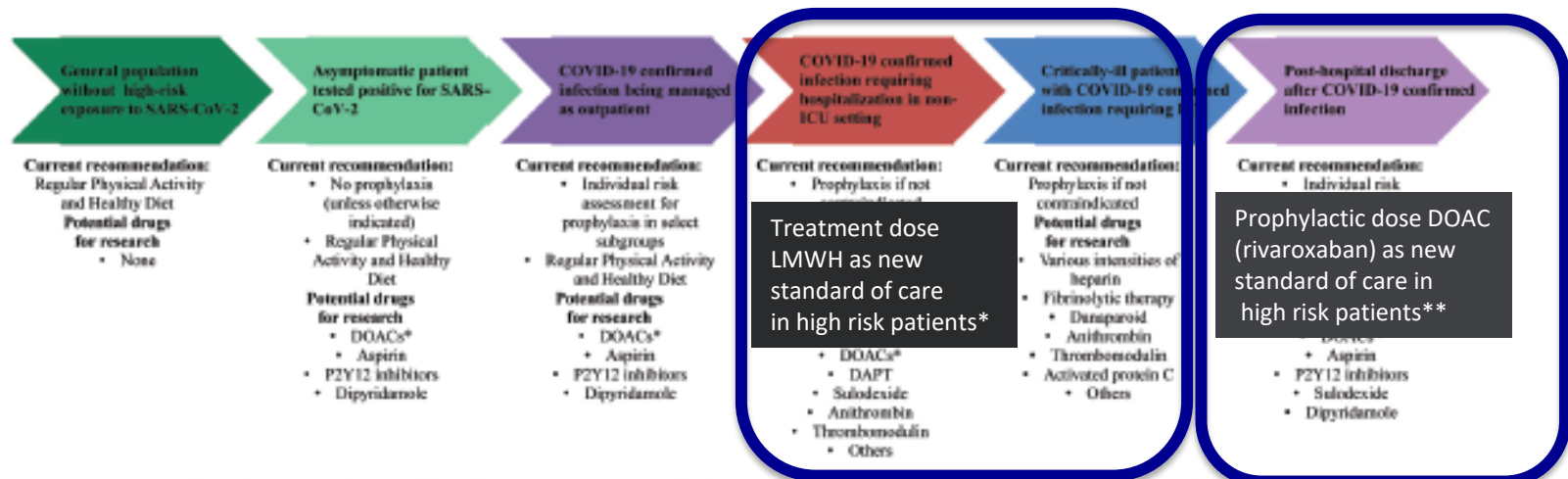
Extended VTE Prophylaxis of Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients



*Low Bleed risk Factors
i.e. IMPROVE Bleed Score < 7
OR

NO presence of bronchiectasis/pulmonary cavitation, Dual Anti Platelet Therapy (DAPT), active cancer with high bleeding risk (such as gastrointestinal cancer, GU cancer, neurologic and brain cancer), history of recent bleed (within 3 months), active gastroduodenal ulcer

Conclusions: Future Antithrombotic Strategies in COVID-19



*Standard or low dose. COVID-19: coronavirus disease 2019. DAPT: dual antiplatelet therapy. DOAC: direct oral anticoagulant.

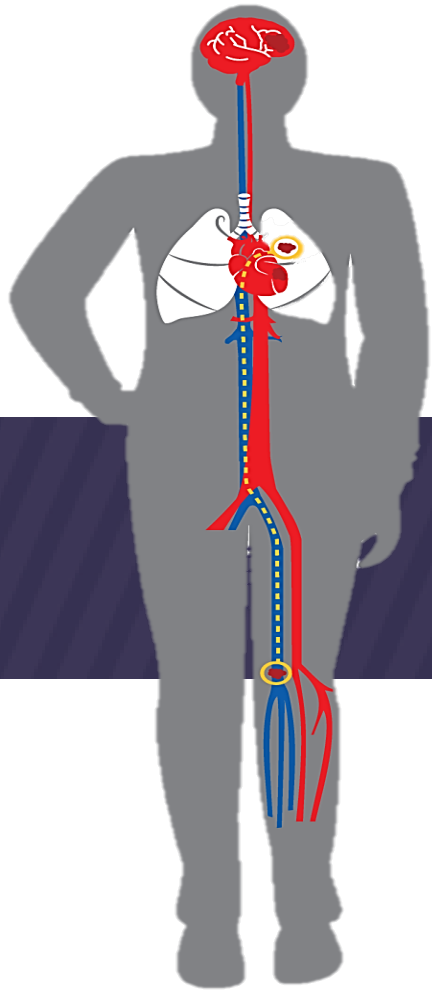
*DD based strategy, +/- O2 requirements

(2022 NIH Guidelines, 2022 ASH Guidelines, 2022 ISTH Guidelines)

**IMPROVE VTE or IMPROVE-DD VTE score ≥ 4 or score of 2-3 with DD $> 2X$ ULN

(2021 ASH Guidelines, 2022 ISTH Guidelines)

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Interactive Discussion: Speakers, Panelists, Attendees

- What challenges might you anticipate for smaller hospitals implementing a thromboprophylaxis protocol for their high-risk COVID-19 patients?
- What additional sources do you recommend for learning more about this topic?

Please Submit Additional Questions in Chat!

Key Takeaways

- In this randomized clinical trial, therapeutic-dose LMWH reduced major thromboembolism and death compared with institutional standard heparin thromboprophylaxis among inpatients with COVID-19 with very elevated D-dimer levels
- The treatment effect was not seen in ICU patients
- Low-molecular-weight heparin is a relatively accessible and cost-effective treatment
- Positive outcomes have also been seen in high-risk COVID-19 inpatients who receive post-discharge anticoagulant therapy using Direct Oral Anticoagulants (DOACs)(ex. Rivaroxaban)

Tools & Resources

From Today's Speaker:

- Article - *Efficacy and Safety of Therapeutic-Dose Heparin vs Standard Prophylactic or Intermediate-Dose Heparins for Thromboprophylaxis in High-risk Hospitalized Patients With COVID-19*
- National Institutes of Health guidelines
- American Society of Hematology guidelines

Additional Resources:

- HQIC Anticoagulant ADEs Change Path - *coming soon*

Register for the Next HQIC Collaborative Event!

Save the Date!

Adverse Drug Events Webinar:

Exploring Strategies to Prevent Opioid Morbidity and
Mortality

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

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