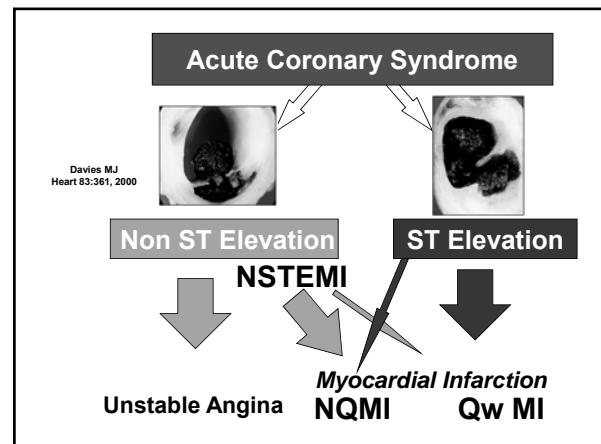


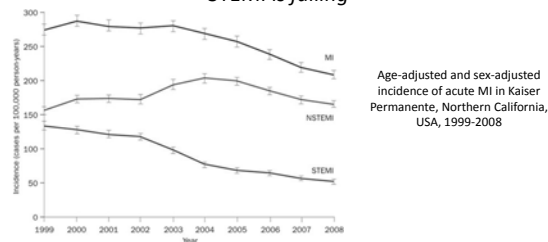
Pathophysiology of Acute Coronary Syndromes and Potential Pharmacologic Interventions

4. Downstream from thrombus myocardial ischemia/necrosis (Beta-blockers, Nitrates etc)
3. Activation of clotting cascade - Thrombin (Heparin/LMWH/Bivalirudin)
2. Platelet adhesion/activation/aggregation (ASA, clopidogrel IIb/IIIa inhibitors)
1. Plaque rupture, Cholesterol content, Inflammation (hs-CRP) (Statins, ACEI)



Epidemiology of ACS

With changes in definition and improvements in therapy, proportion of NSTEMI is *rising* while that of STEMI is *falling*



Yeh RW, et al, *N Engl J Med*. 2010.

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2014 ACC/AHA NSTEMI/ACS Guidelines

Risk Assessment Dependent on Contingent Probabilities

Diagnosis

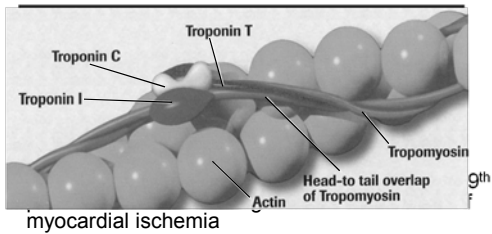
- **Likelihood of obstructive CAD as cause of symptoms**
 - Dominated by acute findings
 - Examination
 - Symptoms
 - Markers
 - Traditional risk factors are of limited utility
- **Does this patient have symptoms due to acute ischemia from obstructive CAD?**

Prognosis

- **Risk of bad outcome**
 - Dominated by acute findings
 - Older age very important
 - Hemodynamic abnormalities critical
 - ECG, markers
- **What is the likelihood of death, MI, heart failure?**

Amsterdam EA. 2014 AHA/ACC guideline for the management of patients with non-ST-elevation acute coronary syndromes. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2014;64:e139-228.

Diagnostic Criteria for MI

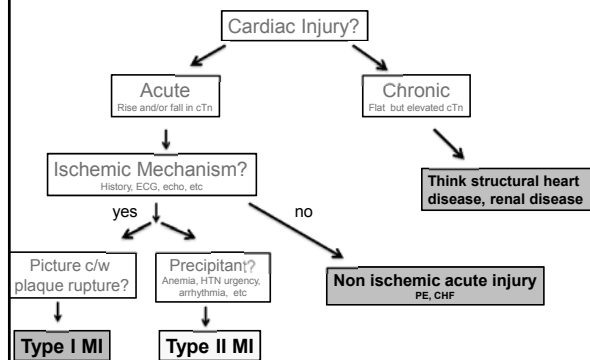


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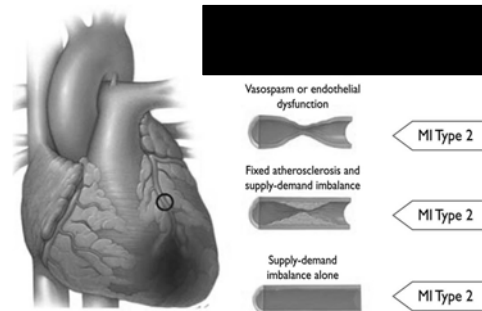
Non-ACS ↑ of Cardiac Troponins in Hospitalized Patients

- Pulmonary embolism
- Congestive Heart Failure
- Sepsis
- Renal Failure
- Chronic CAD
- LVH

What is an MI in 2016?

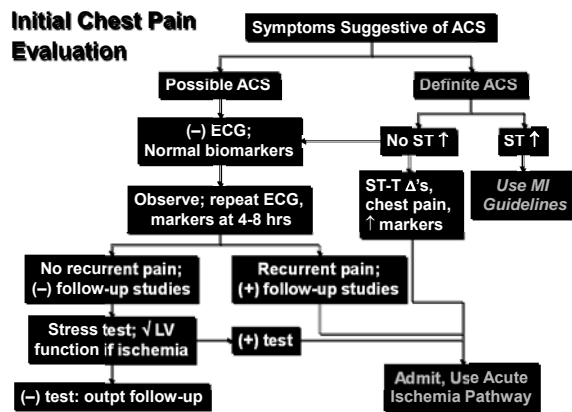


Differentiating Type 1 vs. Type 2



Thygesen et al. EHJ 2012; 33: 2551-2567.

Initial Chest Pain Evaluation



Diagnostic Options in Chest Pain Patient

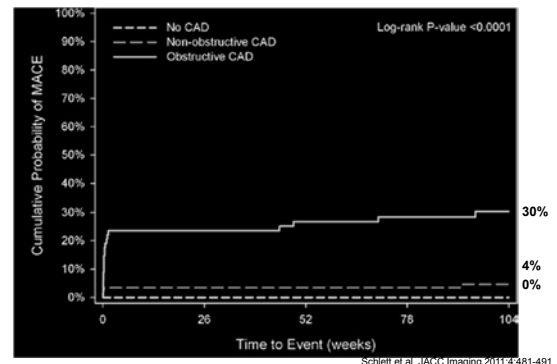
- ETT
- Perfusion imaging
 - Staged stress/rest
- Stress/Dobutamine echo
- CTA

Summary of RCTs of Cardiac CTA in ED

Study	Sites	TIMI score	No.	LOS (h)	30-day MACE (%)	Cost (\$)
CT-STAT	16	0-4	699	2.9 vs. 6.3*	0.8 vs. 0.4	2137 vs. 3458*
ACRIN-PA	5	0-2	1370	18 vs. 24.8*	1 vs. 1	N/A
ROMICAT II	9	Low/Int Risk	985	23.2 vs. 30.8*	0.4 vs. 1.2	2101 vs. 2566* (ED) 4026 vs. 3874 (Total)

*P<0.05

Prognostic Value of Normal CCTA



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Antiplatelet Therapy for ACS

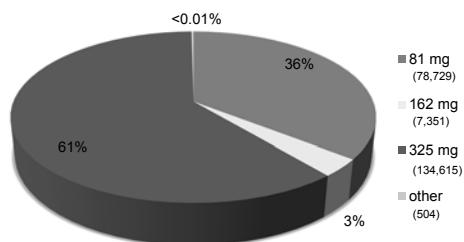


Non-enteric-coated, chewable aspirin (162 mg to 325 mg) should be given to all patients with NSTEMI-ACS without contraindications as soon as possible after presentation



It is reasonable to use 81 mg of aspirin per day in preference to higher maintenance doses after primary PCI.

Distribution of Aspirin Dosing at Discharge



Hall L, Das S. AHA 2012

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Anti-Ischemic Therapy



Patients with UA/NSTEMI with ongoing ischemic discomfort should receive sublingual NTG (0.4 mg) every 5 min for a total of 3 doses, after which assessment should be made about the need for intravenous NTG, if not contraindicated.



Intravenous NTG is indicated in the first 48 h after UA/NSTEMI for treatment of persistent ischemia, heart failure (HF), or hypertension.

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Beta Blockers

- **β-blocker therapy**
 - **Initiate oral therapy within first 24 h unless HF, low-output state, increased risk for cardiogenic shock, or relative contraindications (I, A)**
 - **IV therapy may be harmful with contraindications to beta blockade, signs of HF or low-output state, or other risk factors for cardiogenic shock (III, A)**

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ACE/ARB



An ACE inhibitor should be administered orally within the first 24 h to NSTEMACS patients with pulmonary congestion or LV ejection fraction (LVEF) ≤ 40%, in the absence of hypotension (SBP < 100 mm Hg or < 30 mm Hg below baseline) or known contraindications.



An angiotensin receptor blocker should be administered to UA/NSTEMI patients who are intolerant of ACE inhibitors and have either clinical or radiological signs of HF or LVEF ≤ 40%.

Aldosterone Antagonists



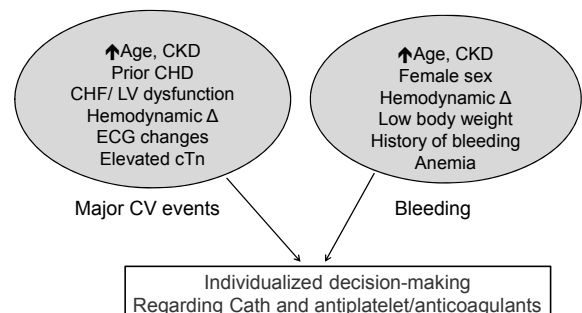
Long-term aldosterone antagonist if:

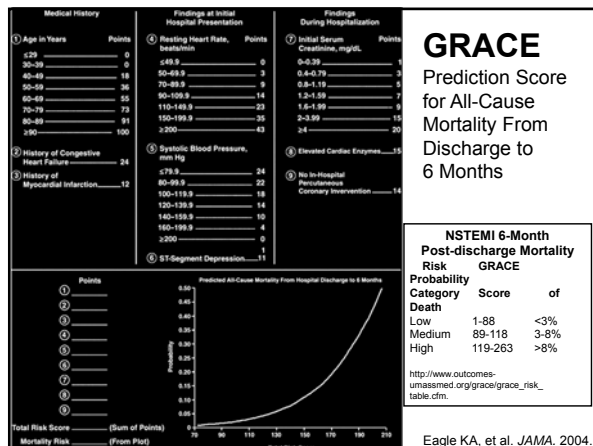
- no significant renal dysfunction (eGFR > 30 ml/min) or hyperkalemia (potassium ≤ 5 mEq/L)
- therapeutic doses of an ACE inhibitor
- LVEF ≤ 40%
- either symptomatic HF or diabetes mellitus

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6. Determine whether clopidogrel should be loaded.
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Balancing risk of ischemia vs risk of bleeding





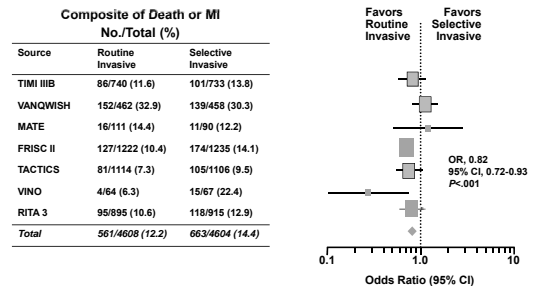
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Early Invasive versus Early Conservative Management of ACS

- Early Conservative Strategy (*Ischemia-guided, selective invasive*)
 - Angiography reserved for:
 - Angina at rest or with minimal activity
 - Dynamic ST changes on resting ECG
 - Positive exercise test
 - Above should occur on aggressive medical tx
- Early Invasive Strategy
 - Routine angiography

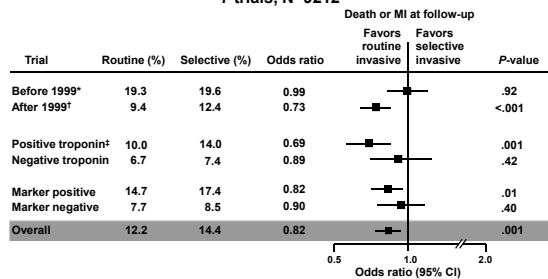
Routine vs Selective Invasive Strategies in ACS



Mehta S, et al. JAMA. 2005;293:2908-2917.

Invasive Management of UA/NSTEMI Meta-analysis: Subgroups

7 trials, N=9212



*TIMI 3b, VANQWISH, MATE; †FRISC II, TACTICS, VINO, RITA 3;

‡Data by troponin status available only in FRISC II, TACTICS, RITA 3, UA, unstable angina.

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Who to Refer for Early Invasive Therapy? ACC/AHA Guidelines

- Highest risk patients with:
 - ECG changes, known CAD, positive biomarkers
 - CHF, VT, hypotension during initial presentation
- Intermediate risk patients:
 - Diabetics, elderly
 - Multiple risk factors
- Conservative approach most appropriate for lowest risk patients

When to cath?

- As soon as possible!
- In most circumstances, not a medical emergency
- On the otherhand, there is no benefit to “cooling off” the patient prior to cath

DETERMINE WHETHER THE PATIENT IS AN APPROPRIATE DES CANDIDATE

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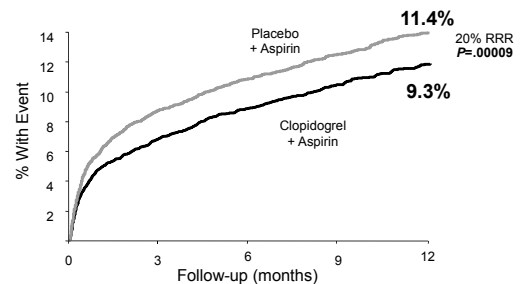
P2Y₁₂ Inhibitor Basic Pharmacology

	Clopidogrel	Prasugrel	Ticagrelor
Class	Thienopyridine	Thienopyridine	Triazolopyrimidine
Reversibility	Irreversible	Irreversible	Reversible
Activation	Prodrug, limited by metabolism	Prodrug, not limited by metabolism	Active drug
Onset of Effect [^]	2-4 hours	30 minutes	30 minutes
Duration of Effect	3-10 days	5-10 days	3-4 days
Withdrawal before major surgery	5 days	7 days	5 days

[^] 50% inhibition of platelet aggregation

Hamm CW, et al. Eur Heart J. 2011.

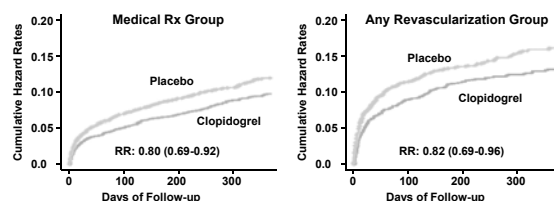
CURE Trial: Primary Composite Endpoint*



*= MI/Stroke/CV Death, patients with NSTEMI-ACS; clopidogrel vs. placebo

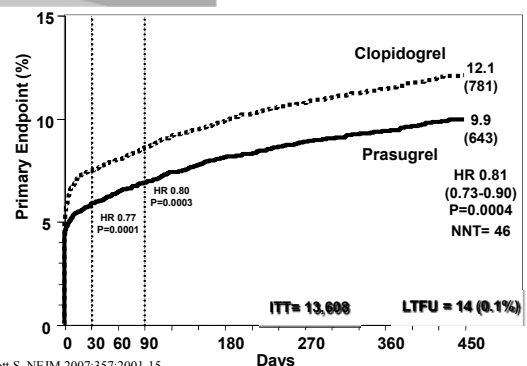
Yusuf S, et al. N Engl J Med. 2001.

CURE: Primary Outcome by Type of Intervention

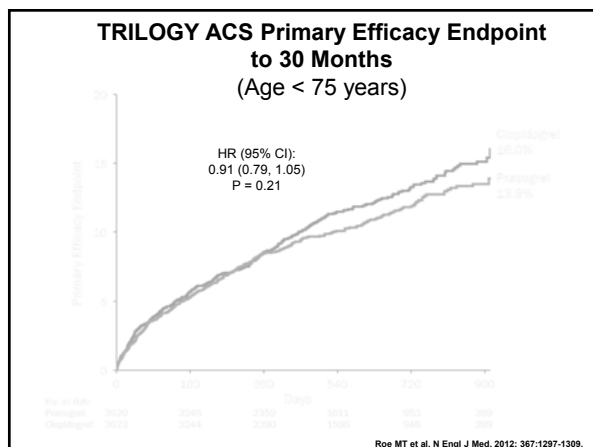
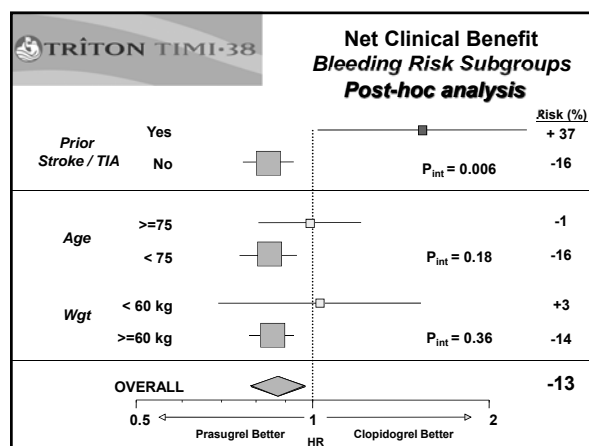
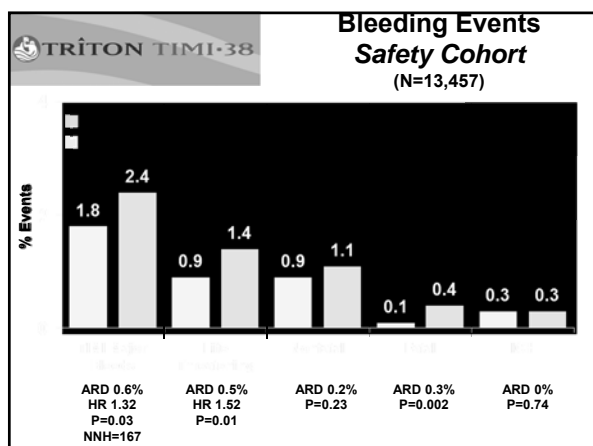


Fox KAA, et al. Circulation. 2004;110:1202-1208.

TRITON-TIMI-38 Primary Endpoint CV Death, MI, Stroke



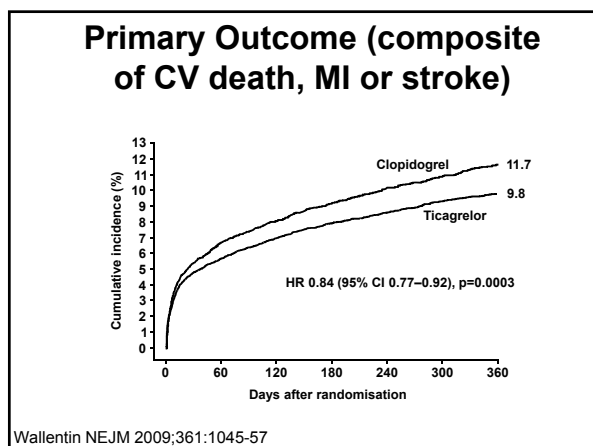
Wiviott S. NEJM 2007;357:2001-15



Conclusion

Prasugrel a reasonable option for invasively managed ACS patients, but

1. Expensive
2. Longer half life, so wait longer for surgical procedures
3. More bleeding
4. Avoid in prior stroke/TIA
5. Caution in elderly, low body weight (use lower dose)

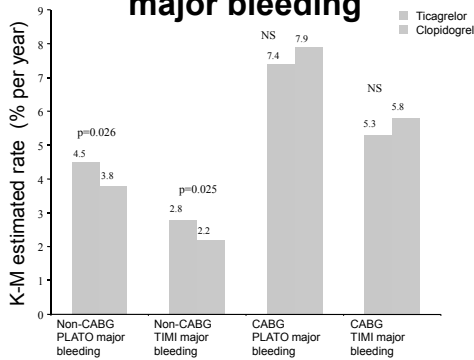


PLATO: Major efficacy endpoints

	Ticagrelor (n=9,333)	Clopidogrel (n=9,291)	HR for (95% CI)	p value†
Primary objective, n (%)				
CV death + MI + stroke	864 (9.8)	1,014 (11.7)	0.84 (0.77-0.92)	<0.001
Secondary objectives, n (%)				
Myocardial infarction	504 (5.8)	593 (6.9)	0.84 (0.75-0.95)	0.005
CV death	353 (4.0)	442 (5.1)	0.79 (0.69-0.91)	0.001
Stroke	125 (1.5)	106 (1.3)	1.17 (0.91-1.52)	0.22
Stent thrombosis, n (%)				
Definite	71 (1.3)	106 (1.9)	0.67 (0.50-0.91)	0.009
Total death	399 (4.5)	506 (5.9)	0.78 (0.69-0.89)	<0.001

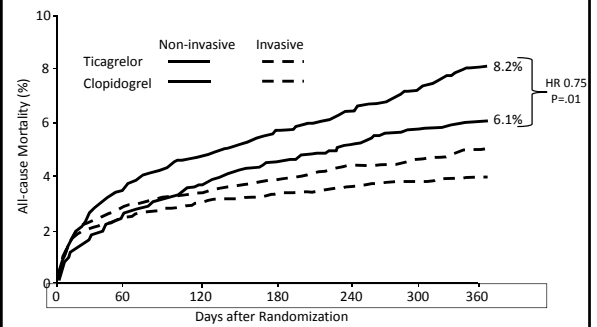
Wallentin NEJM 2009;361:1045-57

Non-CABG and CABG-related major bleeding



Wallentin NEJM 2009;361:1045-57

PLATO: Medical Therapy Subgroup



James SK, et al. BMJ. 2011.

Other Findings

All patients	Ticagrelor (n=9,235)	Clopidogrel (n=9,186)	p value*
Dyspnea, %			
Any	13.8	7.8	<0.001
With discontinuation of study treatment	0.9	0.1	<0.001
7 day Holter Results			
Ventricular pauses ≥3 seconds, %	5.8	3.6	0.01
Ventricular pauses ≥5 seconds, %	2.0	1.2	0.10

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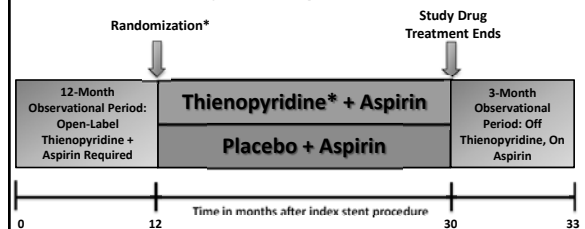
Ticagrelor attractive option for both invasively and conservatively managed ACS patients.

1. Mortality benefit unique, but has not yet been validated
2. Expensive
3. More bleeding
4. Functional half-life similar to clopidogrel
5. Requires low dose (81 mg) ASA

Post-Discharge Antiplatelet Therapy

How Long and How Strong?

Dual Antiplatelet Therapy (DAPT) Study: Design

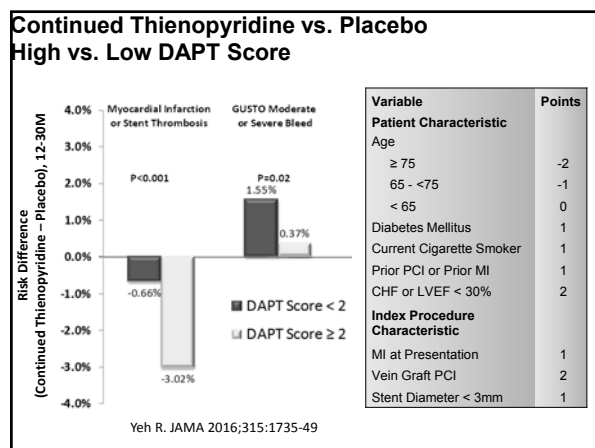
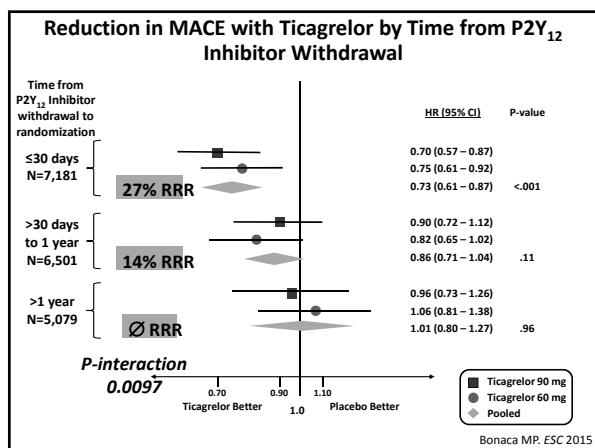
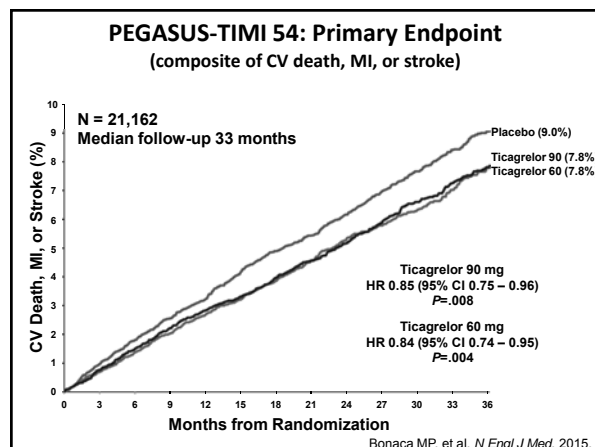
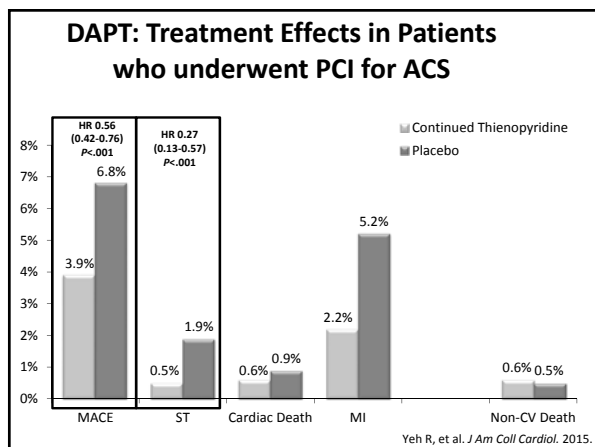
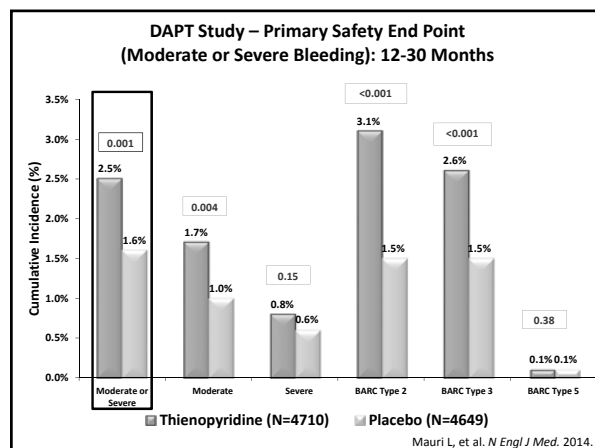
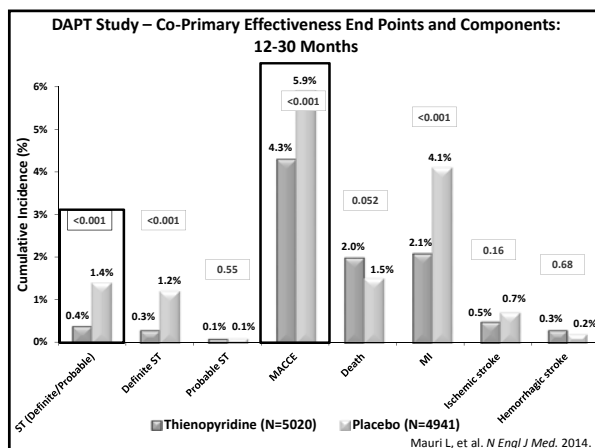


Enrolled: Subjects treated with FDA-approved DES or BMS. Subjects on oral anticoagulant therapy or with life expectancy < 3 years excluded.

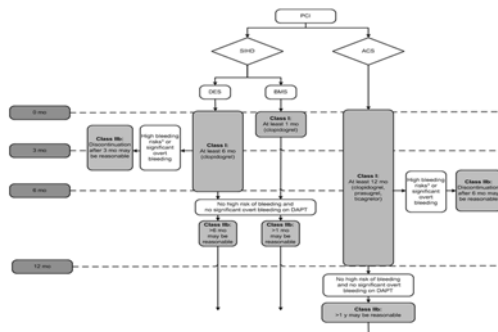
Randomized: Free from MI, stroke, repeat revascularization, and moderate or severe bleeding, and adherent with thienopyridine (80% to 120% of doses taken and no interruption > 14 days).

*Clopidogrel or prasugrel

Mauri, Kereiakes et al AHJ 2010; 160(6): 1035-1041



Treatment Algorithm for Duration of P2Y₁₂ Inhibitor Therapy in Patients Treated With PCI

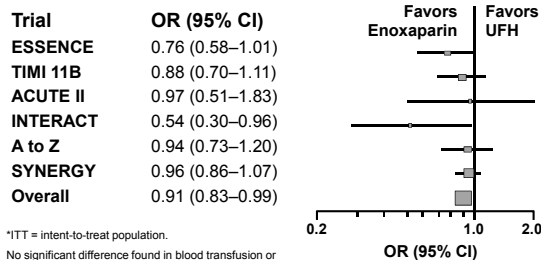


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Enoxaparin vs Unfractionated Heparin in UA/NSTEMI: A Systematic Overview (N=21,946) Death or MI at 30 Days (ITT*)



*ITT = intent-to-treat population.

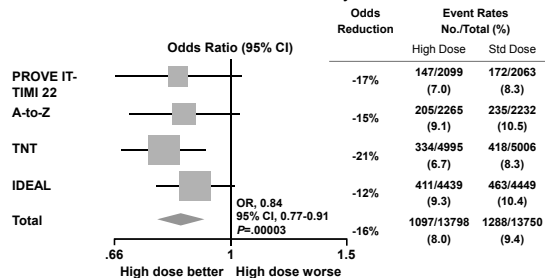
No significant difference found in blood transfusion or major bleeding at 7 days after randomization in overall safety population or in population of patients receiving no prerandomization antithrombin therapy.

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CV Outcomes Trials Comparing Intensive vs Moderate Statin Therapy Reduction in Risk of Coronary Death or MI



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