

# Fermeture de l'auricule gauche dans la FA non valvulaire



CARDIOLOGIE

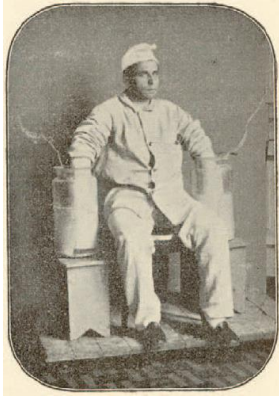
Guide pratique 2017  
« FA et anticoagulation »



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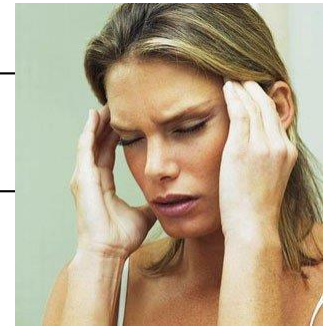
# 1<sup>er</sup> enregistrement de FA en 1906 - Einthoven



**DEUX EPIDEMIES DE MALADIES CARDIOVASCULAIRES SONT A NOS PORTES :  
la décompensation cardiaque et la FA (E. BRAUNWALD NEJM 1997)**

- ❖ Mortalité x2 indépendamment du risque de comorbidité cardiovasculaire
- ❖ Hospitalisation x2-3 ; la FA est l'arythmie la + exposée à une hospitalisation
- ❖ AVC x4.5 ; + des troubles cognitifs majeurs (micro-embols à l'IRM)
- ❖ Insuffisance cardiaque x3.5, tachycardiomyopathie
- ❖ Réduction de qualité de vie (QOL) vu les symptômes nombreux (fatigue, palpitation, dyspnée, ↓ tolérance à l'effort)

# Risque MAJEUR = AVC



**FIBRILLATION AURICULAIRE\***  
**ET AVC**

La fibrillation auriculaire provoque  
**UN AVC TOUTES LES 20 MINUTES<sup>1</sup>**

\*ou atriale

- La FA entraîne un risque d'AVC de 4-5x plus par rapport à un patient en RS<sup>1</sup>
- La FA est responsable d'1/3 des AVC<sup>2</sup>
- La FA est souvent asymptomatique
- L'absence de symptômes (pex. angor, dyspnée, palpitations) n'implique pas un faible risque d'AVC<sup>3</sup>

1. Wolf et al. *Stroke* 1991; 22: 983-8.

2. Hannon N et al. *Cerebrovasc Dis* 2010; 29: 43-9.

3. Flaker et al. *Am Heart J* 2005; 149: 657-63.



# RECONNAÎTRE L'AVC

Apparition brutale  
de l'un de ces signes, n'attendez pas



Trouble de la parole



Bouche de travers



Faiblesse de  
la moitié du corps

# Campagnes de prévention de la FA

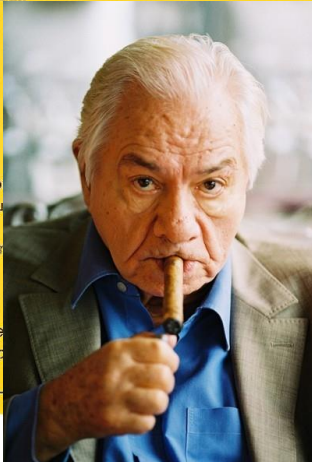
## La Semaine du Rythme Cardiaque est une initiative du Belgian Heart Rhythm Association

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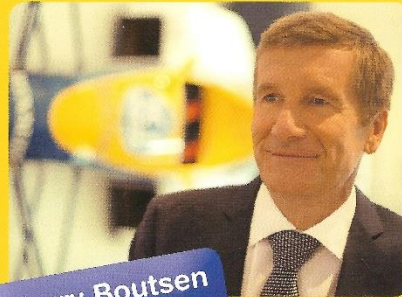
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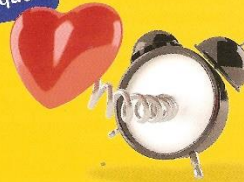
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Editeur responsable : Dr. Yves Vanhaverbeke

## Mon cœur en pole position!



**Thierry Boutsen**  
Champion automobile  
Parrain de la Semaine  
du Rythme Cardiaque



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# AVC

Accident Vasculaire Cérébral

Si vous constatez **BRUTALEMENT**

Déformation de  
la bouche

Trouble  
de la parole

Faiblesse  
d'un côté

C'est peut être un AVC ...

URGENCE

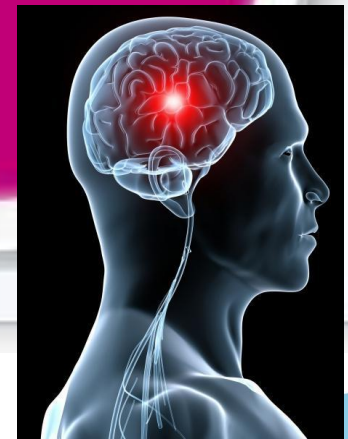
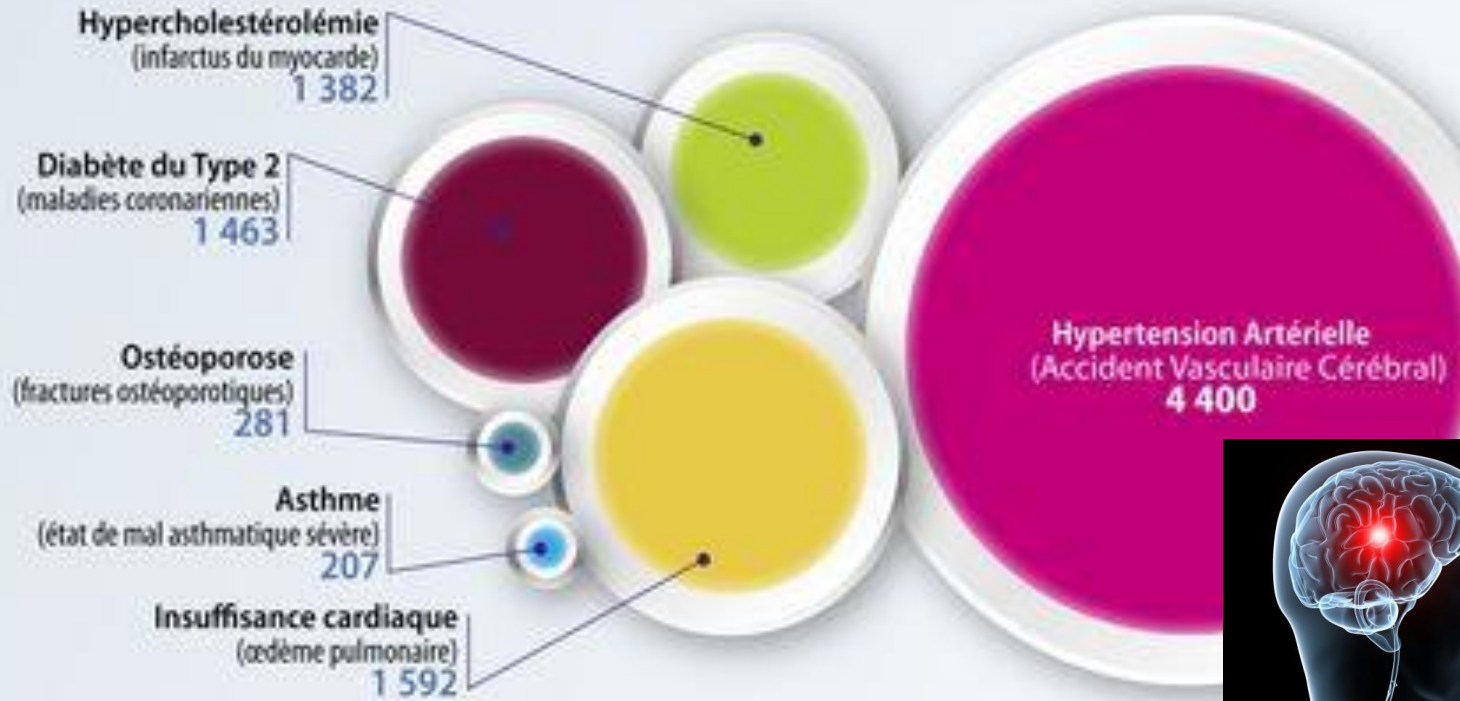
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et limiter les séquelles!

**FAITES IMMEDIATEMENT le 15**  
Chaque minute compte !



## LES COÛTS DES COMPLICATIONS PAR PATHOLOGIE (EN MILLIONS D'EUROS)

Dépenses de biens et services médicaux pour une année



Recours aux soins médicaux : EPMM (Etude permanente de la prescription médicale)  
Recours aux stratégies médicamenteuses supplémentaires : EPMM et SPM (Suivi du point au remboursement)  
Recours aux soins d'urgence (hospitalisation) : PMSI - MCO (Programme de médicalisation des systèmes d'information)

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CONTRASTE

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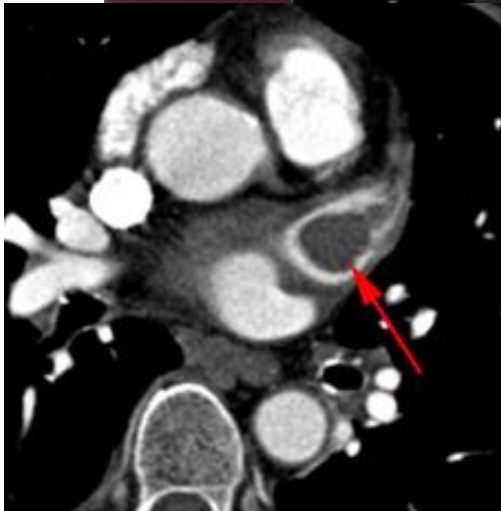
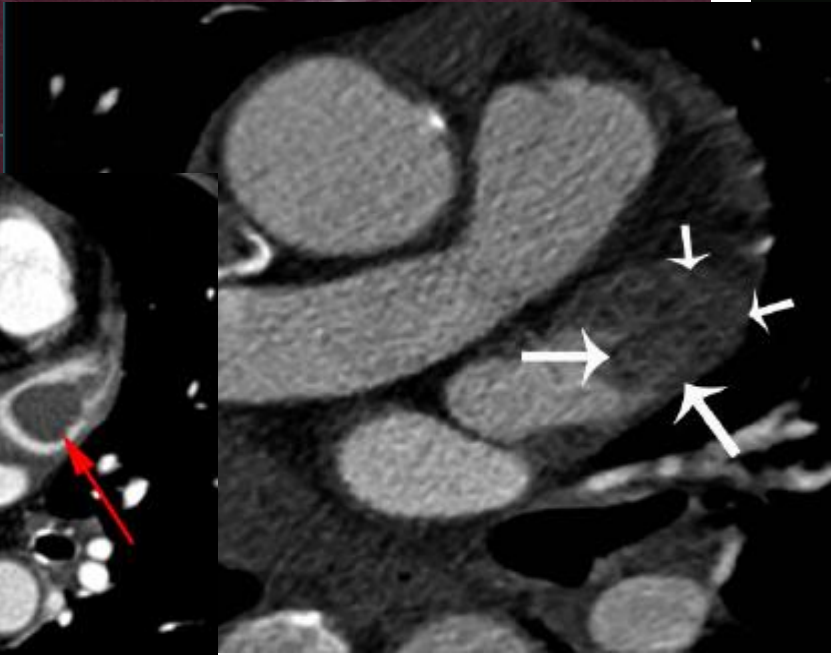
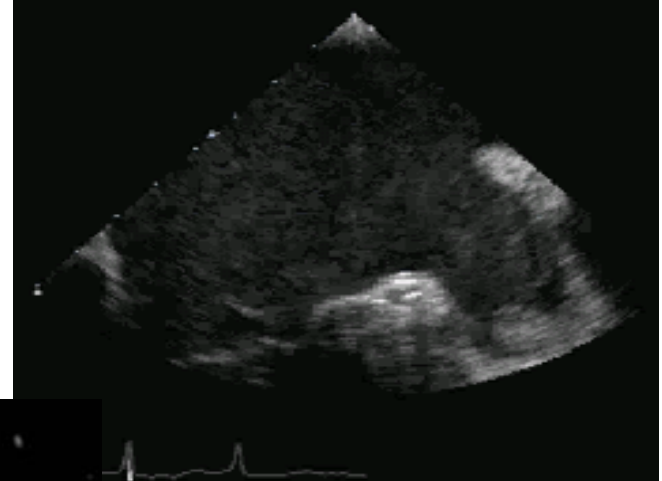
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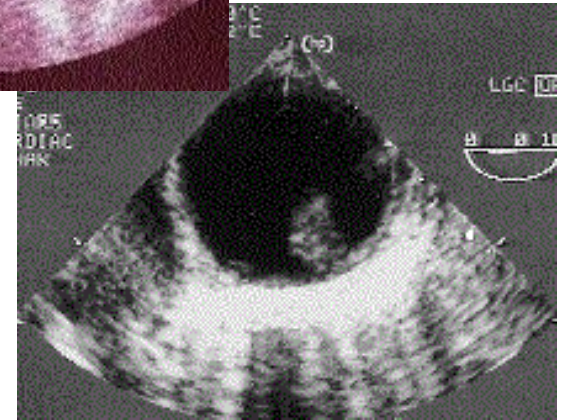


# Site de thrombus dans la FA





# Facteurs de risque embolique dans la FA ... à l'échocardiographie



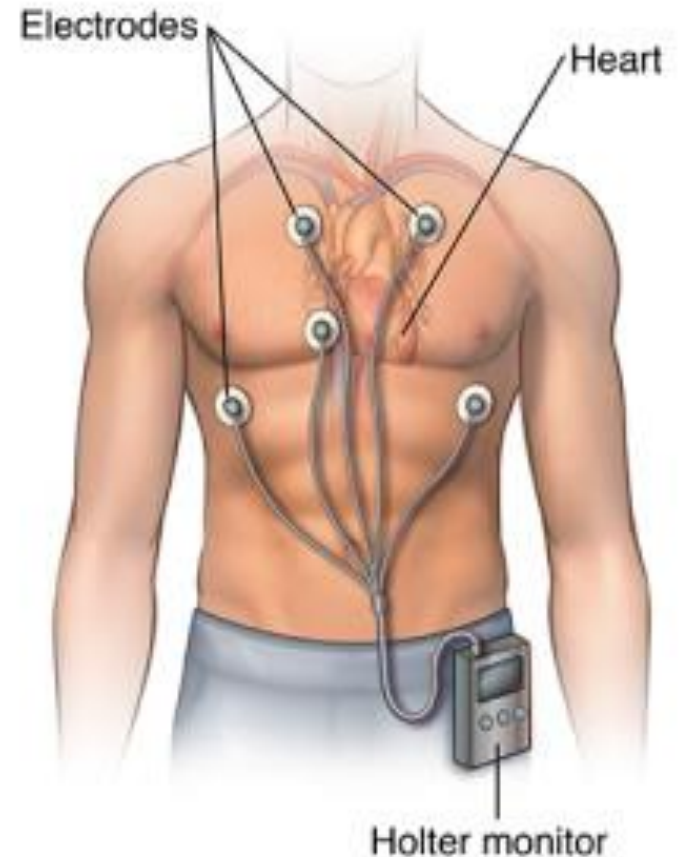
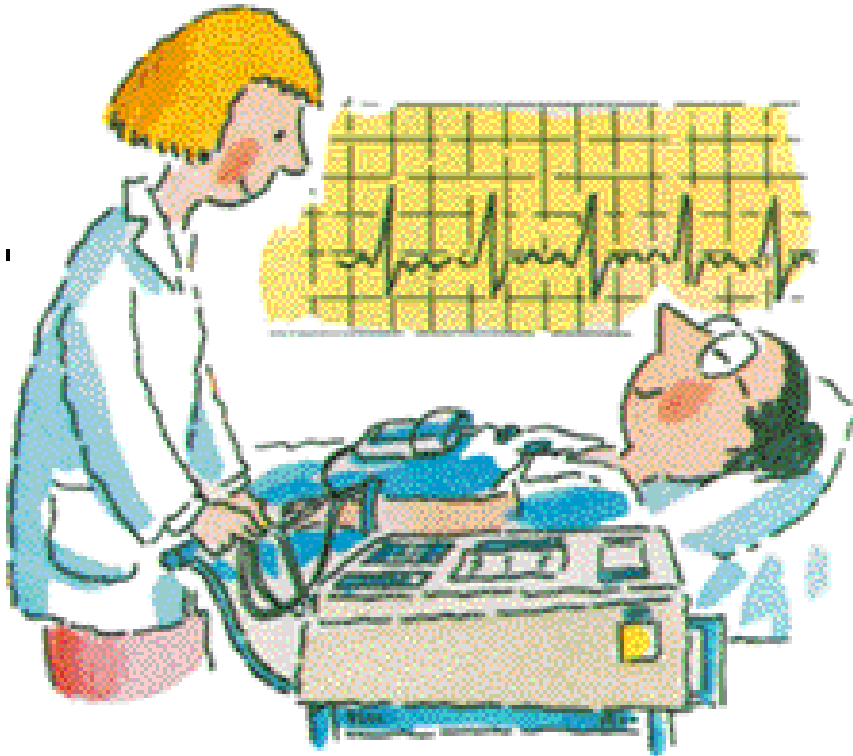
- Dilatation de l'O.G. > 45 mm
- Altération fonction VG - FE < 40%
- Présence thrombus (10%)
- Présence contraste spontané (35%) : agrégats de GR
- Plaques d'athérome aortique complexes

## Notion de FA « valvulaire »

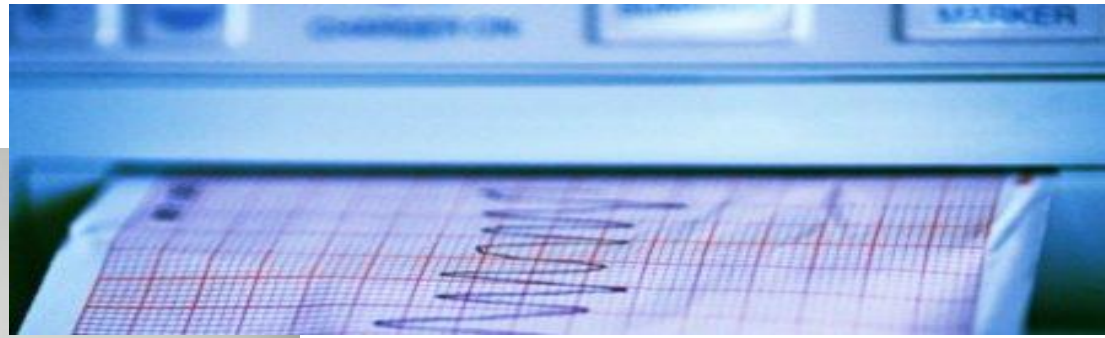
- Importance MAJEURE pour le type d'anticoagulation
  - FA « valvulaire » ... Sintrom®
  - FA « non valvulaire » ... NOAC ou Sintrom®
- FA « valvulaire » (référence de Caterina R, Camm J, Eur Heart J 2014)
  - ✓ Selon études ... restrictions différentes
  - ✓ OUI
    - ✓ **Prothèses mécaniques**
    - ✓ **Sténose mitrale « rhumatismale » modérée à sévère**
  - ✓ NON (pas de risque TE majoré des NOAC vs Warfarine)
    - ✓ **valvulopathies comme IM, IAo, RAo**
    - ✓ **Cardiomyopathie hypertrophique**
    - ✓ **Bioprothèse ou plastie valvulaire**



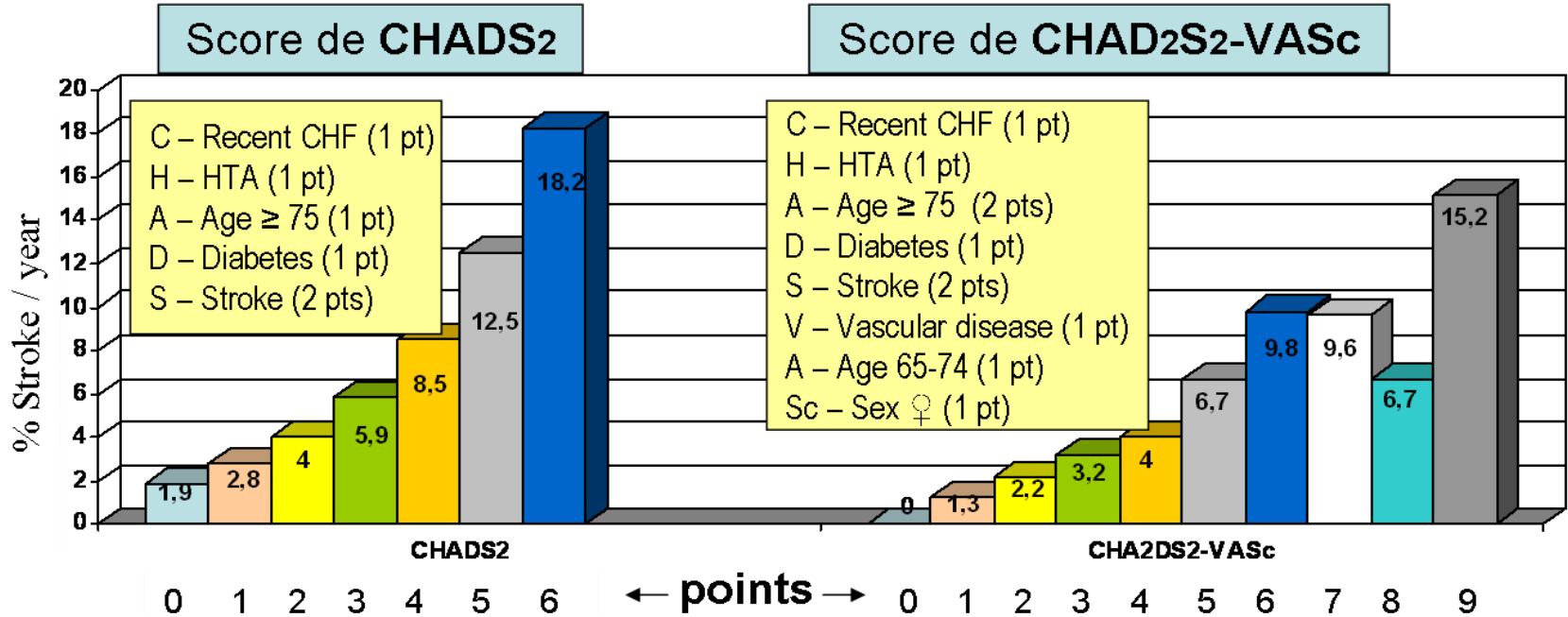
1. Arythmie auriculaire irrégulière à l'ECG 12-dérivations
2. Définition :
  - FA suffisamment longue pour enregistrer un tracé ECG
  - FA > 30 secondes (Holter, PM ou ICD, ...)







## SCORES DE RISQUE THROMBO-EMBOLIQUE ET DE SAIGNEMENTS

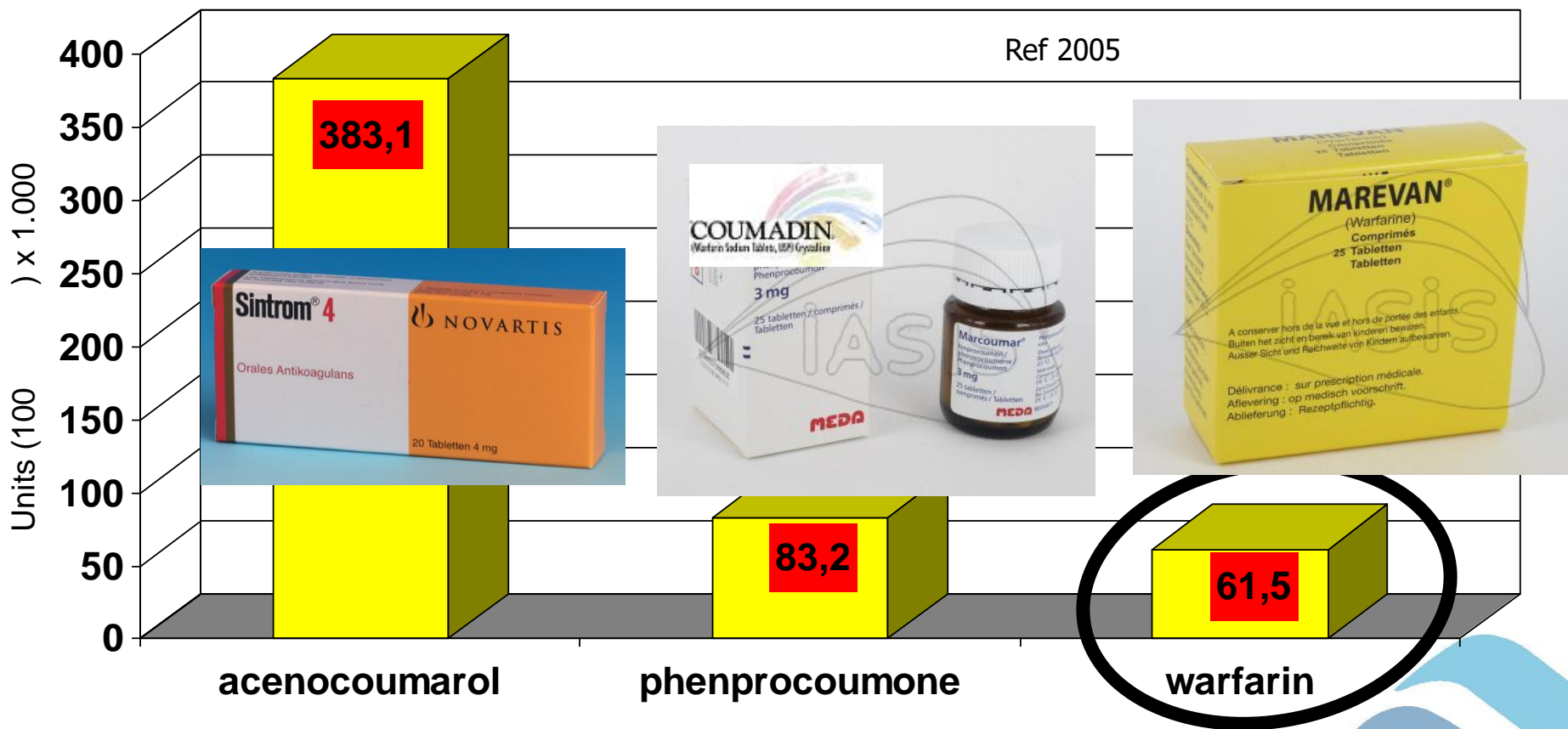


**HAS-BLED**  
Bleeding risk score



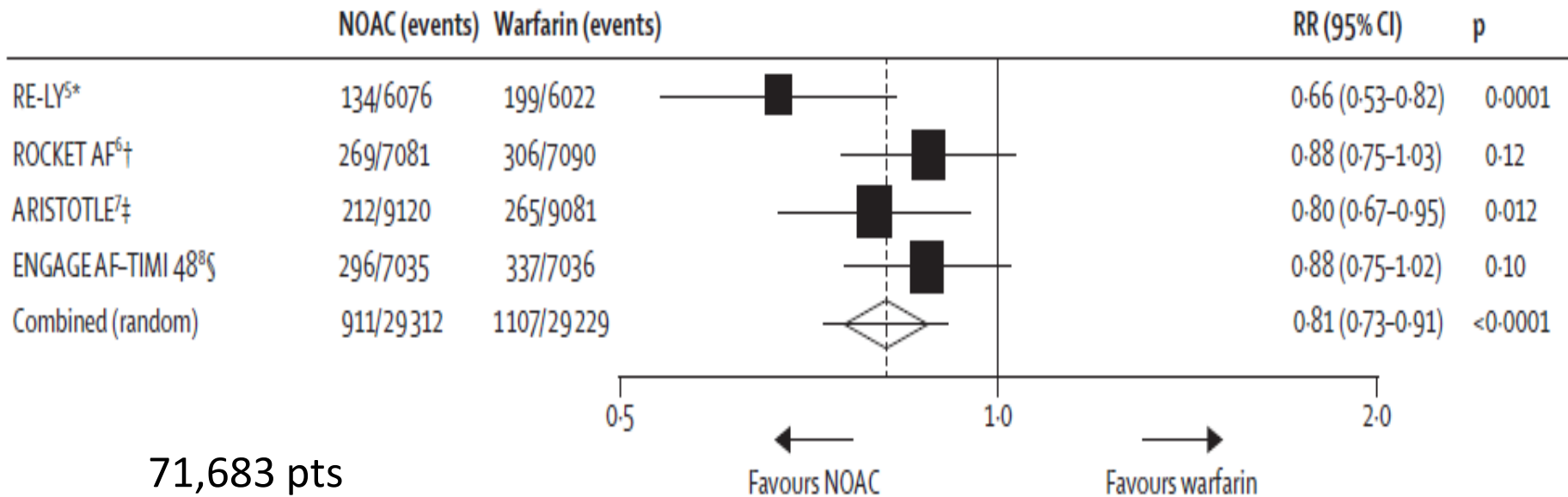
- H - HTA (Systolic HTA > 160 mmHg) (1 pt)
- A - Abnormal renal or liver function (1-2 pts)
- S - Stroke (1 pt)
- B - Bleeding (1 pt)
- L - Labile INRs (1 pt)
- E - Elderly (Age > 65 years) (1 pt)
- D - Drugs or alcohol (1-2 pts)

# Anticoagulants AVK en Belgique ... < 2010





# Comparison of the efficacy and safety of new oral anticoagulants with warfarin in patients with atrial fibrillation: a meta-analysis of randomised trials



## „Absolute“ Contraindication for Long-Term OAC

- ➔ „Untreatable“ source of
  - Intracranial/intraspinal bleeding (eg diffuse amyloid angiopathy)
  - severe gastroint. (diffuse angiodysplasia) or urogenital bleeding
- ➔ Severe side effects under vit-k-antagonists + contraindication for NOAC (severe renal insufficiency)

## „Relative“ Contraindication for Long-Term OAC

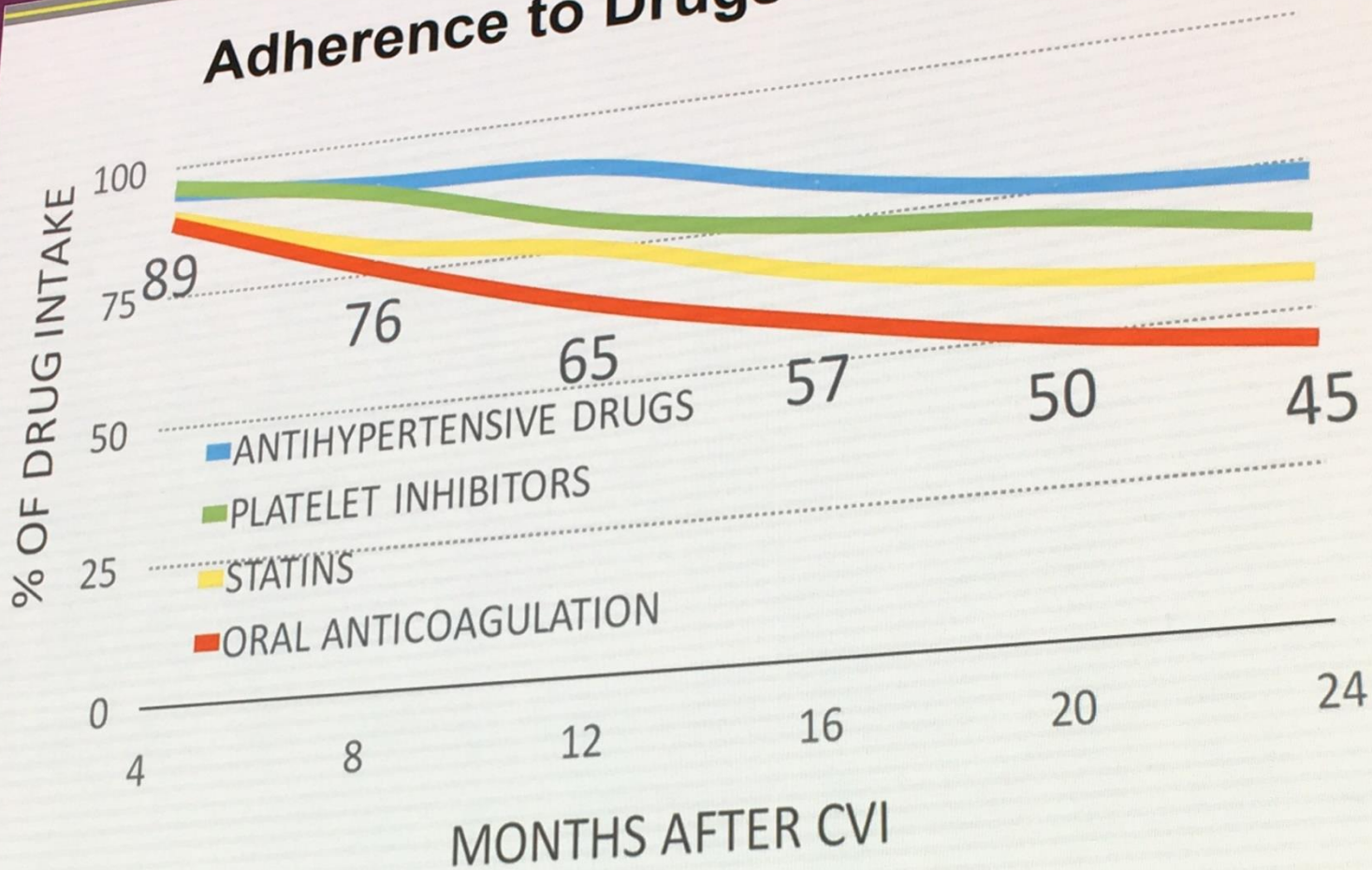
➔ With or without significant bleeding event

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- incomplete causal treatment options (rec. gastric ulcer disease, inflammatory bowel disease, cancer)
- renal insufficiency, pts. on hemodialysis
- recurrent falling with injuries and significant bleeding
- Rec. need for triple therapy in severe CAD



# Adherence to Drugs after Stroke



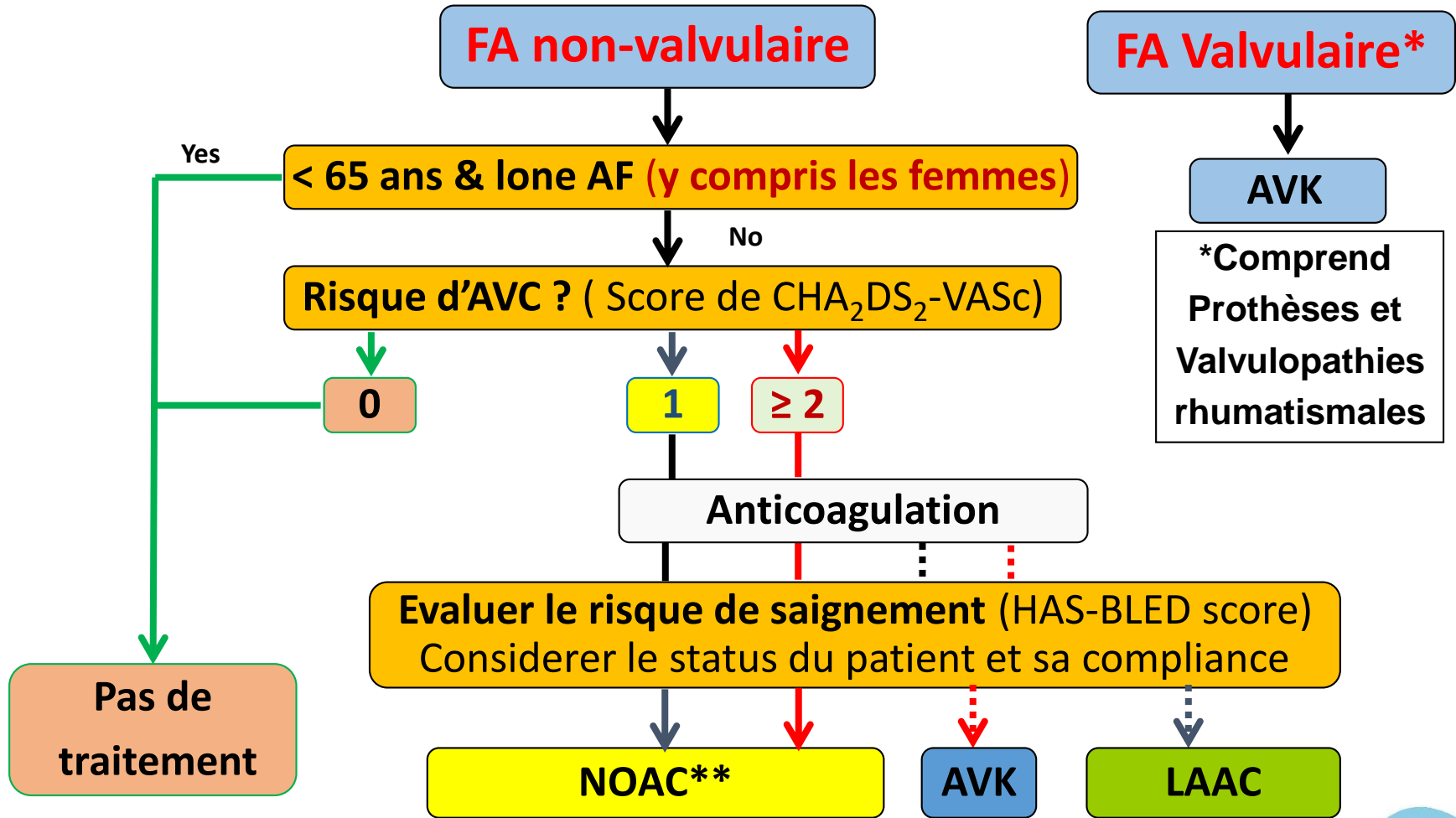
# The New Oral Anticoagulants Reduce the Risk of Stroke...

... But they have continued bleeding and discontinuation over time

Study	Treatment	Major Bleeding	Hemorrhagic Stroke	Discontinuation in the study
RE-LY <sup>17</sup>	Dabigatran (110mg)	2.71 %	0.12 %	20.7 %
	Dabigatran (150mg)	3.11 %	0.10 %	21.2 %
	Warfarin	3.36 %	0.38 %	16.6 %
ROCKET-AF <sup>18</sup>	Rivaroxaban	3.6 %	0.5%	23.7%
	Warfarin	3.4 %	0.7 %	22.2 %
ARISTOLE <sup>3</sup>	Apixaban	2.13 %	0.24 %	25.3 %
	Warfarin	3.09 %	0.47 %	nc

This chart is not based on a head-to-head trial and is not intended to suggest head-to-head comparisons of the separate trials or the therapies under study.

# Recommandations de l'ESC en 2012 (upgrade)



**\*\*NOAC ... à la place des AVK (INR 2-3) chez la plupart des patients ?**



## Recommendations for LAA closure/occlusion/excision

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref <sup>c</sup>
Interventional, percutaneous LAA closure may be considered in patients with a high stroke risk and contraindications for long-term oral anticoagulation.	IIb	B	115, 118
Surgical excision of the LAA may be considered in patients undergoing open heart surgery.	IIb	C	



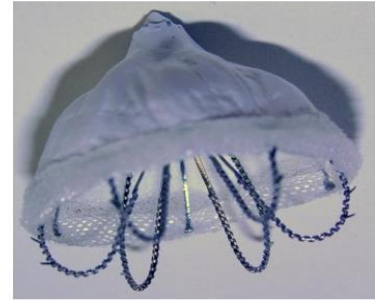
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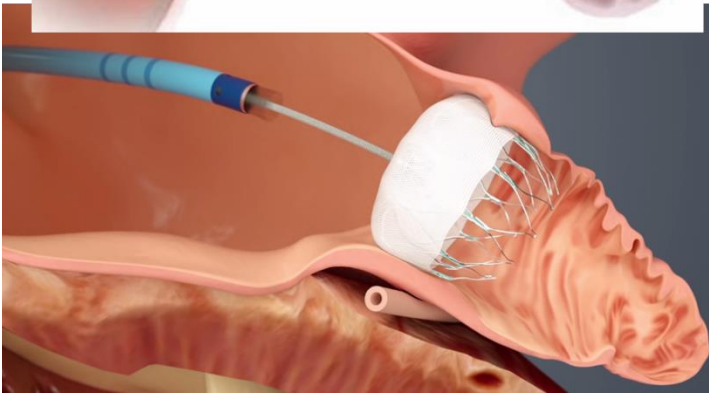
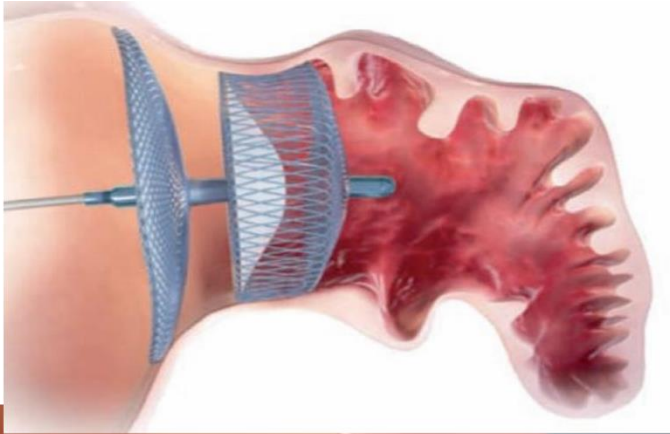
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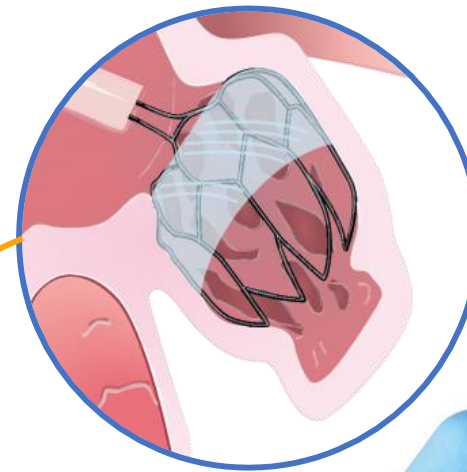
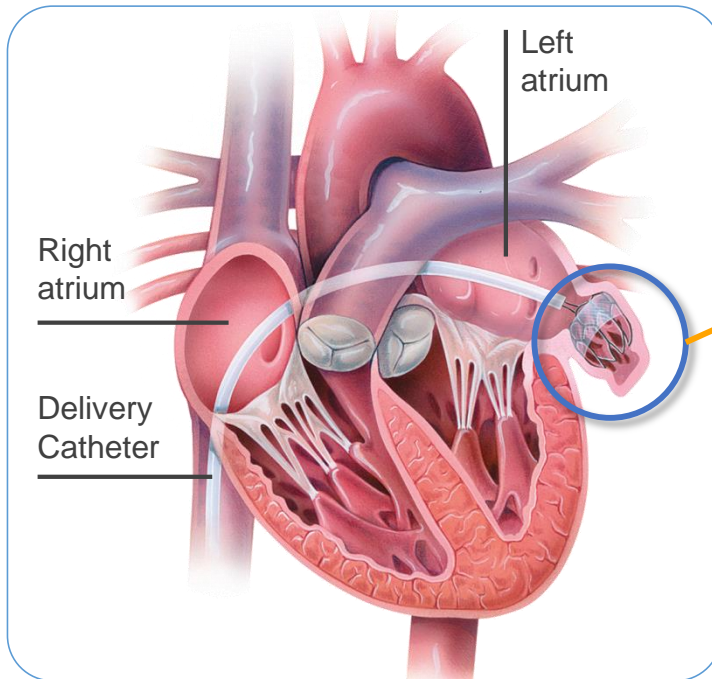
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# The WATCHMAN™ Technology

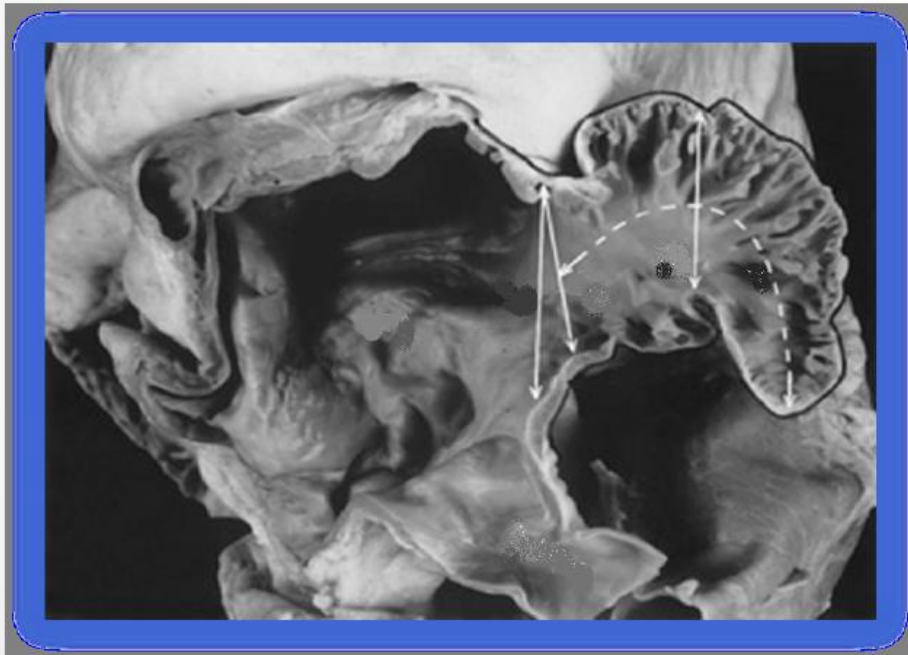


**Left Atrial Appendage**  
with **WATCHMAN™** device implanted

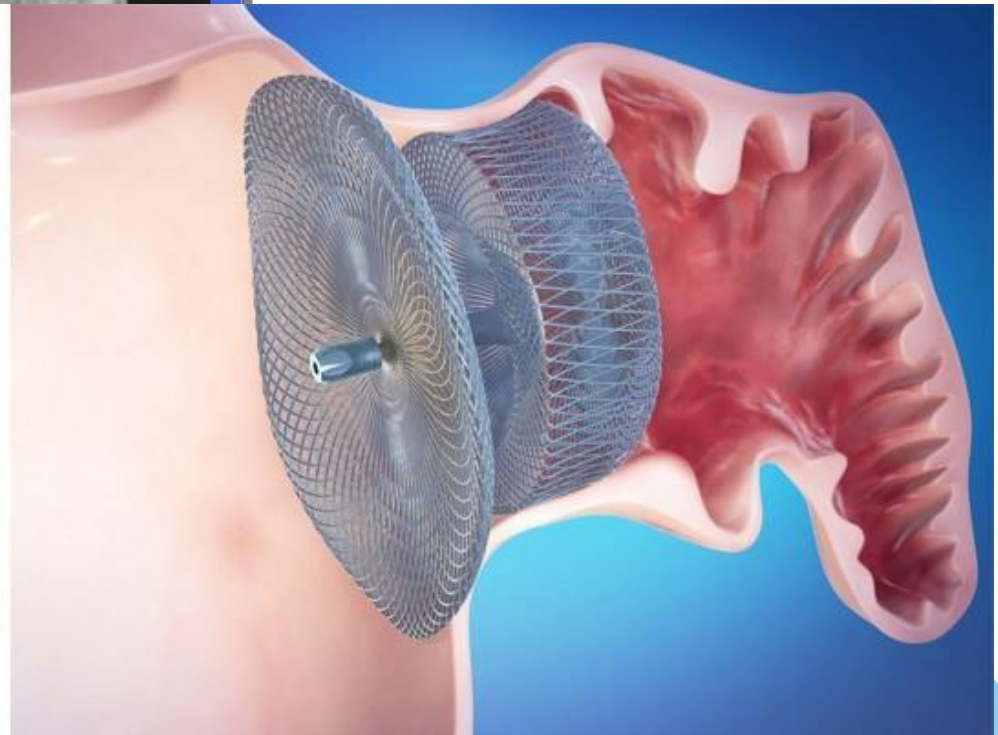
- Implanted via a transeptal approach
- The delivery catheter is capable of recapturing the device if necessary
- CE marked in 2005
- Self-expanding nitinol frame with fixation anchors and a permeable fabric cover
- Designed to be permanently implanted at or slightly distal to the opening of the LAA to trap potential emboli before they exit the LAA

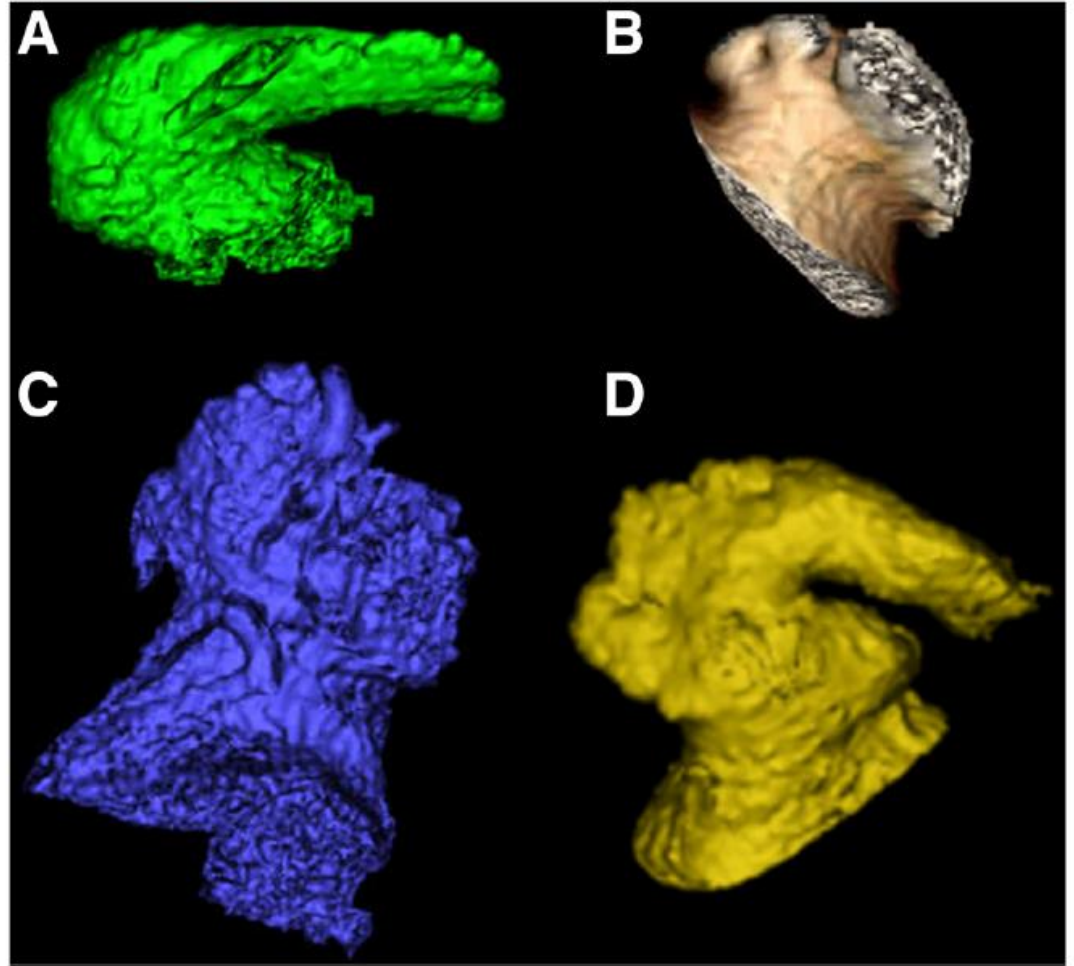
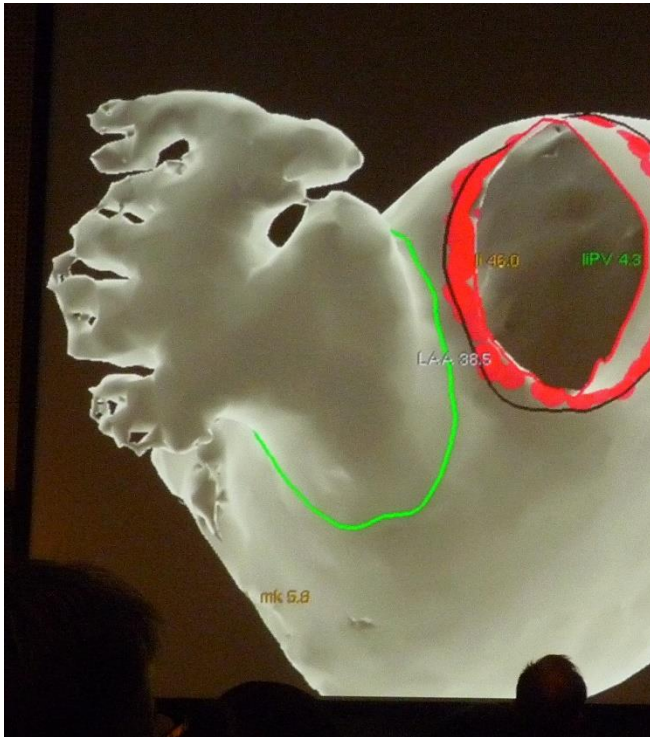


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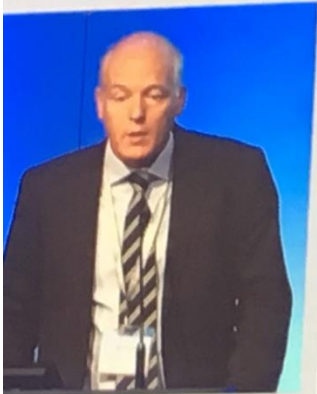
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**Fig. 2** Volume rendered cardiac CT angiography images demonstrating chicken wing (a), cauliflower (b), cactus (c), and windsock (d) morphologies

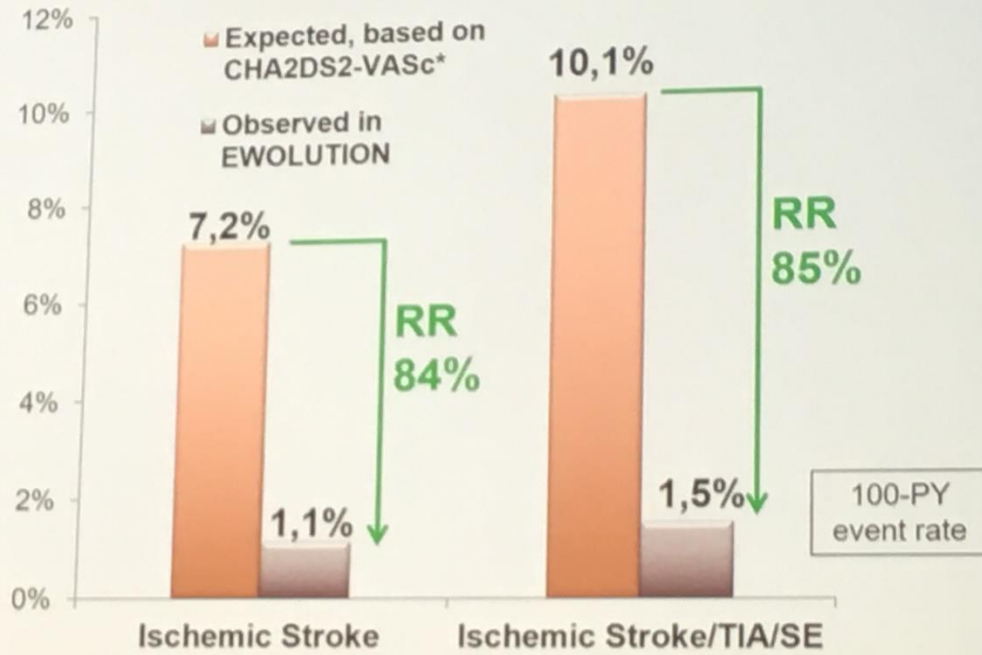




Lucas Boersma  
update on EWOLUTION



## EWOLUTION – Annual Stroke Rate



**EWOLUTION**  
A study in 14,000 patients by Janssen, et al.

\*Effectiveness in stroke reduction vs. estimated in the absence of therapy for comparable CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc scores based on Friberg et al. EHJ 2012

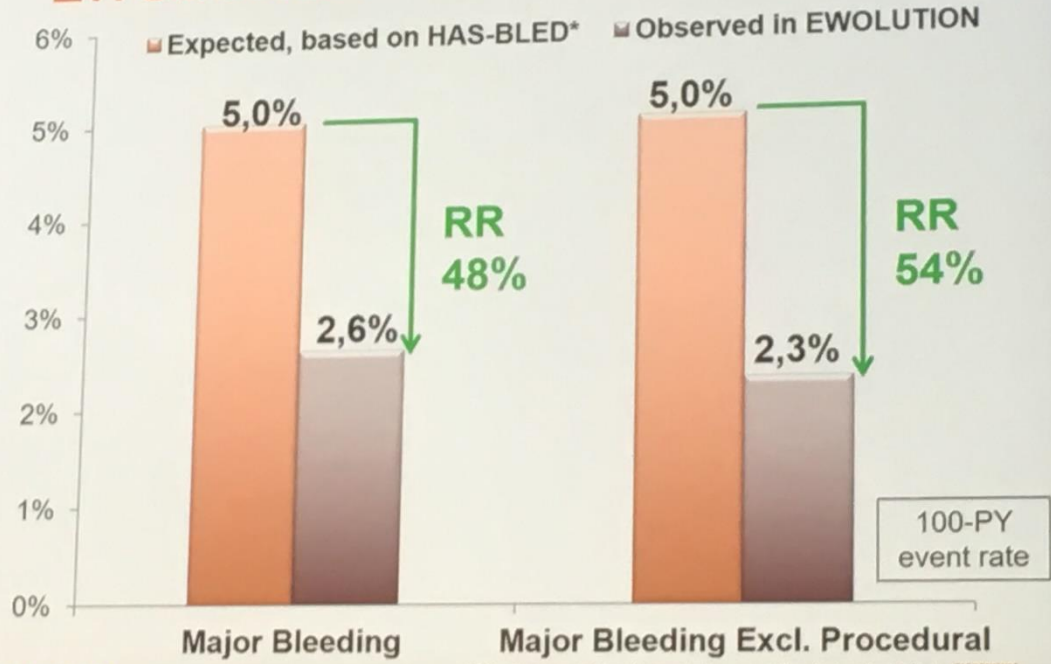
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## EWOLUTION – Annual Bleeding Rate



**EWOLUTION**  
A study on the efficacy and safety of dabigatran in patients with atrial fibrillation

\*Effectiveness in bleeding reduction vs. estimated under VKA therapy for comparable HAS-BLED scores based on Lip et al. **STANTONIUS**

# Alternative aux NOAC (AVK) : dispositifs de fermeture (occlusion) de l'auricule gauche

Les prestations 180272-180283 et 180294-180305 ne peuvent faire l'objet d'une intervention de l'assurance obligatoire que si elles sont effectuées dans **l'établissement hospitalier** qui répond aux critères suivants et qui a conclu la convention F-ACL-003 avec le Comité de l'assurance :

- agrément de soins cardiologiques B2-B3
- expérience de 50 procédures de novo structurelles gauches ou procédures d'ablation gauche, dont 25 par ponction par voie transseptale, par an
- coordinateur, échographiste spécialisé, Heart Team et fonctionnement 24h/24h, salle hybride avec ETO, biologie avec TCA sur place
- présence lors de la procédure : un interventionnel, un échographiste, un anesthésiste, deux infirmières
- concertation multidisciplinaire (Heart Team) concernant la pose d'indication et l'intervention de fermeture d'auricule sur le site hospitalier



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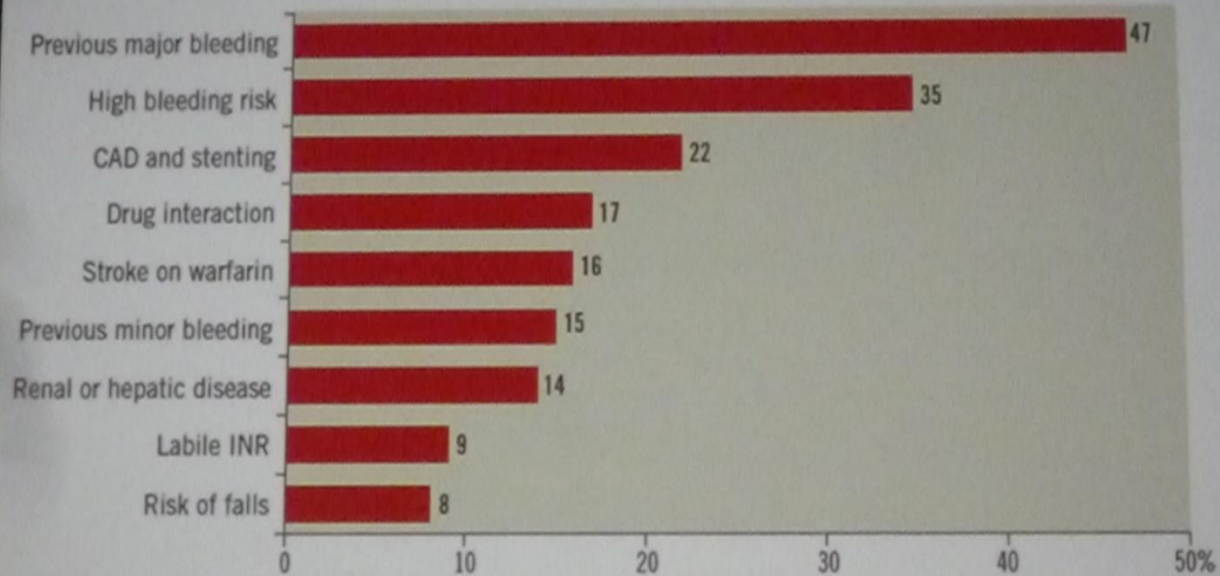
Les prestations 180272-180283 et 180294-180305 ne peuvent faire l'objet d'une intervention de l'assurance obligatoire que si le **bénéficiaire** répond aux critères suivants :

- FA non-valvulaire et score de CHA2DS2-VASc  $\geq 2$
- ET une des contre-indications formelles et permanentes aux anticoagulants (validée par l'équipe multidisciplinaire) (documentation et preuves à garder dans le dossier du patient) :
  - antécédents d'hémorragie spontanée majeure selon les critères BARC3
  - antécédents d'hémorragie cérébrale de tout type
  - hémorragie mineure spontanée et répétitive, considérée comme significative de façon clinique par l'équipe multidisciplinaire
  - insuffisance rénale grave (eGFR < 15 ml/min)
  - récurrence d'AVC ou d'AIT sous anticoagulants

# BARC (Bleeding Academic Research Consortium) (Mehran R. Circulation 2011 ; 123 : 2736-47)

- Type 3 : **hémorragie active sévère**
  - 3A : hémorragie active avec baisse d'hémoglobine de 3-5 g/dl nécessitant une transfusion,
  - 3B : hémorragie active avec baisse d'hémoglobine de  $\geq 5$  g/dl (avec preuve que la chute d'Hb est due aux saignements) ; tamponade cardiaque ; hémorragie nécessitant un traitement vasoactif ou une chirurgie (excepté dents, peau, nasal, hémorroïdes)
  - 3C : hémorragie intracrânienne (excepté microbleeds ou transformation hémorragique, inclus hémorragie intraspinale) ; autres catégories confirmées par autopsies ou imagerie ou ponction lombaire ; saignement intraoculaire avec atteinte de la vision

## Indications for LAAO





# Clinical Adverse Events

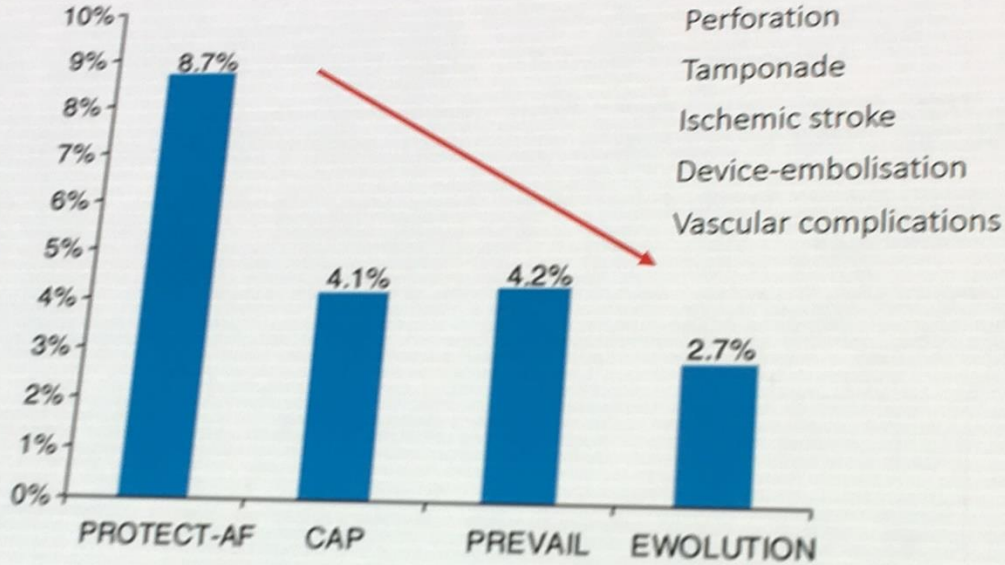
## Major Device- or Procedure-related Events

	PROTECT AF n (%) N=463	CAP n (%) N=566	PREVAIL n (%) N=269	CAP2 n (%) N=579
Pericardial effusion with cardiac tamponade	13 (2.8)	7 (1.2)	4 (1.5)	8 (1.2)
Device embolism	3 (0.6)	1 (0.2)	2 (0.7)	0 (0.0)
Ischemic stroke	7 (1.5)	1 (0.2)	2 (0.7)	5 (0.9)
- related to device thrombus	2 (0.4)	1 (0.2)	1 (0.4)	3 (0.5)
- related to air embolism	3 (0.6)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
- related to procedure (excluding air embolism)	2 (0.4)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.4)	2 (0.3)
Systemic embolism	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.4)	2 (0.3)
Pericardial effusion - no intervention required	4 (0.9)	5 (0.9)	0 (0.0)	3 (0.5)
Cardiac perforation	7 (1.5)	1 (0.2)	1 (0.4)	3 (0.5)
Major bleeding requiring transfusion	1 (0.2)	5 (0.9)	2 (0.7)	4 (0.7)
Device thrombus	2 (0.4)	1 (0.2)	1 (0.4)	5 (0.9)

**Note:** Adverse events not listed include hematoma, arterio-venous fistula, arrhythmia, pseudoaneurysm, airway trauma, transient ischemic attack, chest pain, and infection.

# LAA occlusion in the NOAC environment

Complication rates



Boersma et al., Eur Heart J 2016

**Table 2 Summary of data for left atrial appendage occlusion**

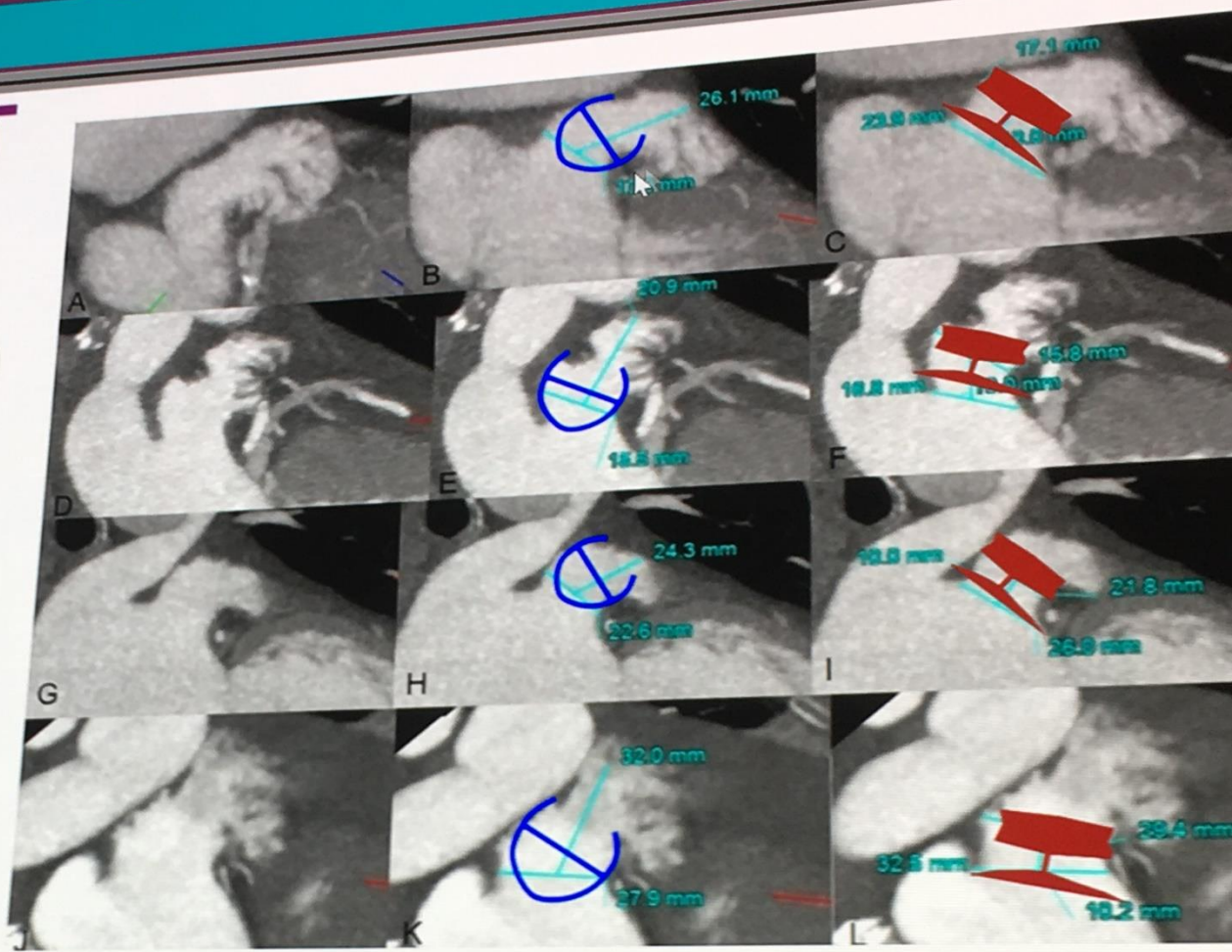
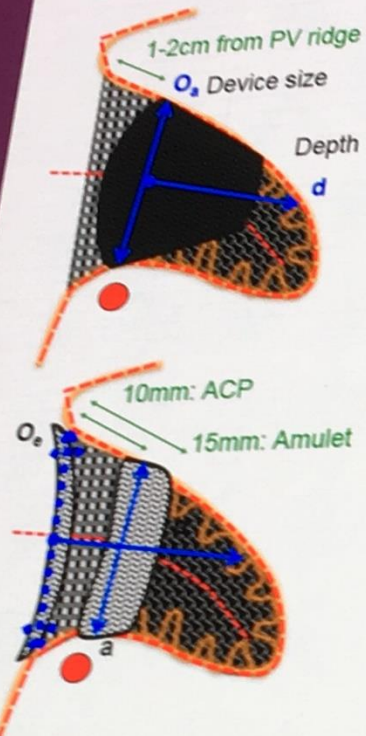
	PROTECT-AF <sup>[46]</sup>	CAP <sup>[43]</sup>	ASAP <sup>[42]</sup>	EWOLUTION <sup>[49]</sup>	ACP <sup>[50]</sup>
Patients (n)	463	460	150	1021	1047
Follow-up	4 yr	16 mo	14 mo	30 d	13 mo
CHADS-score	2.2	2.4	2.8	2.8	n.a.
CHA2DS2-Vasc score	n.a.	n.a.	4.4	4.5	4.5
Procedural success	88.00%	95.00%	94.70%	98.50%	97.30%
Procedural stroke	1.30%	0	0.70%	n.a.	0.90%
Pericardial effusion	4.80%	2.20%	1.30%	0.50%	1.20%
Device embolization	0.60%	0	1.30%	0.20%	n.a.
Major bleeding	3.50%	n.a.	n.a.	1.60%	1.50%
Long-term stroke	2.30%	1.50%	0.70%	0.30%	2.30%

**Table 3 Different aspects of left atrial appendage occlusion**

Pro	Contra
Non-inferiority to oral anticoagulation	Evaluation of other atherothrombotic sources
Alternative in patients with contraindication for anticoagulation	Unknown hemodynamic impact
Cost-effective	Postprocedural medical treatment not well defined
Reduced cumulative bleeding events during follow-up	No comparison between different devices
Good results in real-world registries	Undefined impact of residual leaks



# Role of MSCT

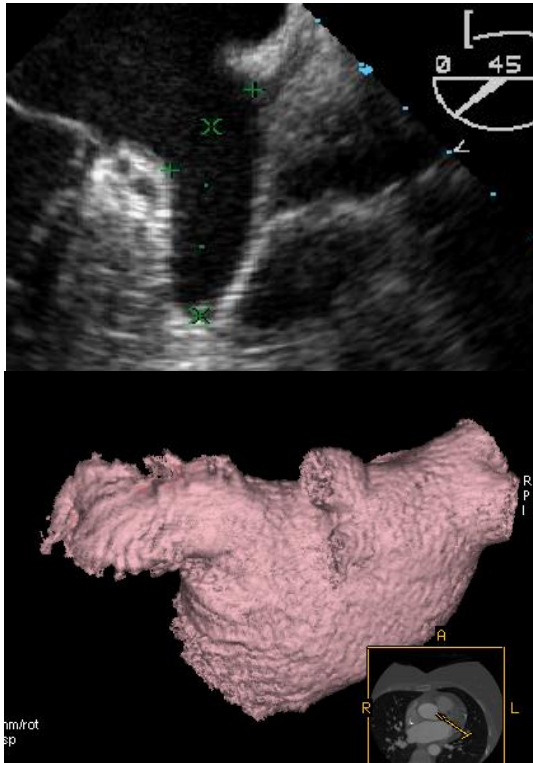


Jacqueline Saw, LAA and PFO closure 2017

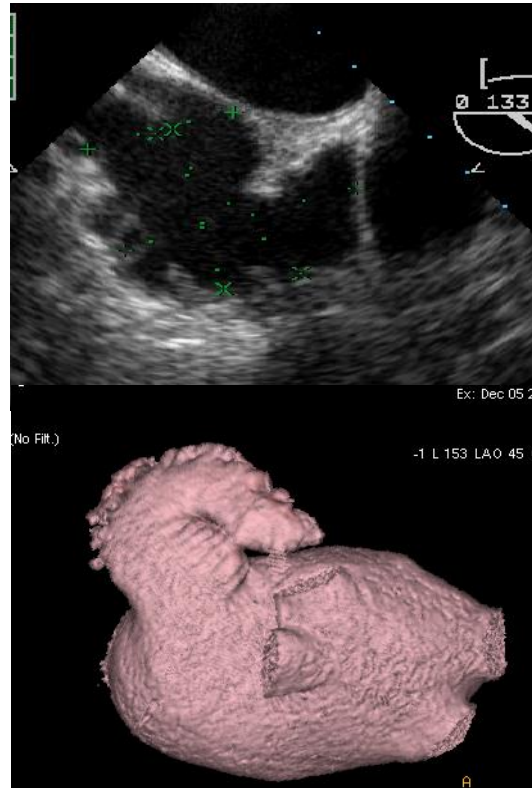
## 2. Baseline Echo Assessment

### a. Morphology - Categorize by LAA Type

The **Wind Sock Type** LAA is an anatomy in which one dominant lobe of sufficient length is the primary structure.



The **Chicken Wing Type** LAA is an anatomy whose main feature is a sharp bend in the dominant lobe of the LAA anatomy at some distance from the perceived LAA ostium.



The **Broccoli Type** LAA is an anatomy whose main feature is an LAA that has limited overall length with more complex internal characteristics.





## 2. Baseline Echo Assessment

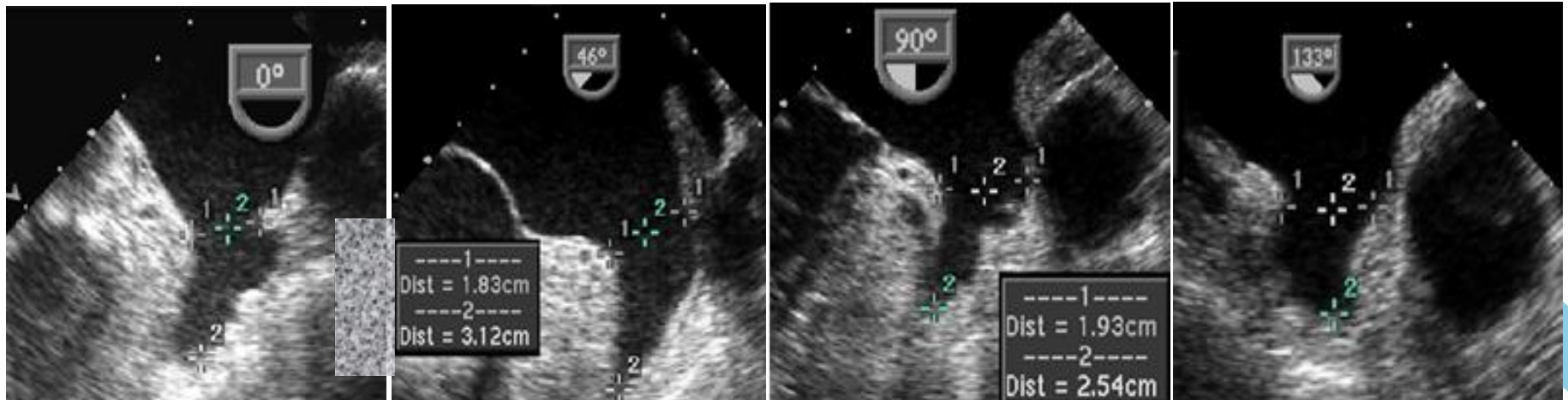
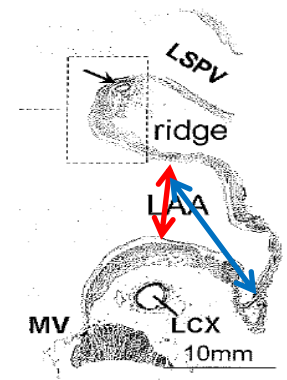
### ***b. LAA Assessment – Ostial and length dimensions***

Assess the following through multiple imaging planes (0 - 135 deg sweep):

- *LAA size /shape, number of lobes in LAA and location of lobes to ostium*

Record LAA ostium and LAA length measurements (0 - 135 deg sweep):

- Measure the **LAA ostium** at approximately these angles:
  - at 0°      measure from coronary artery marker to a point 2 cm from tip of the “limbus”
  - at 45°      } measure from top of the MV annulus to a point 2 cm from tip of the “limbus”
  - at 90°      }
  - at 135°     }
- Measure the approximate **LAA usable length** from the ostium line to the apex of the LAA

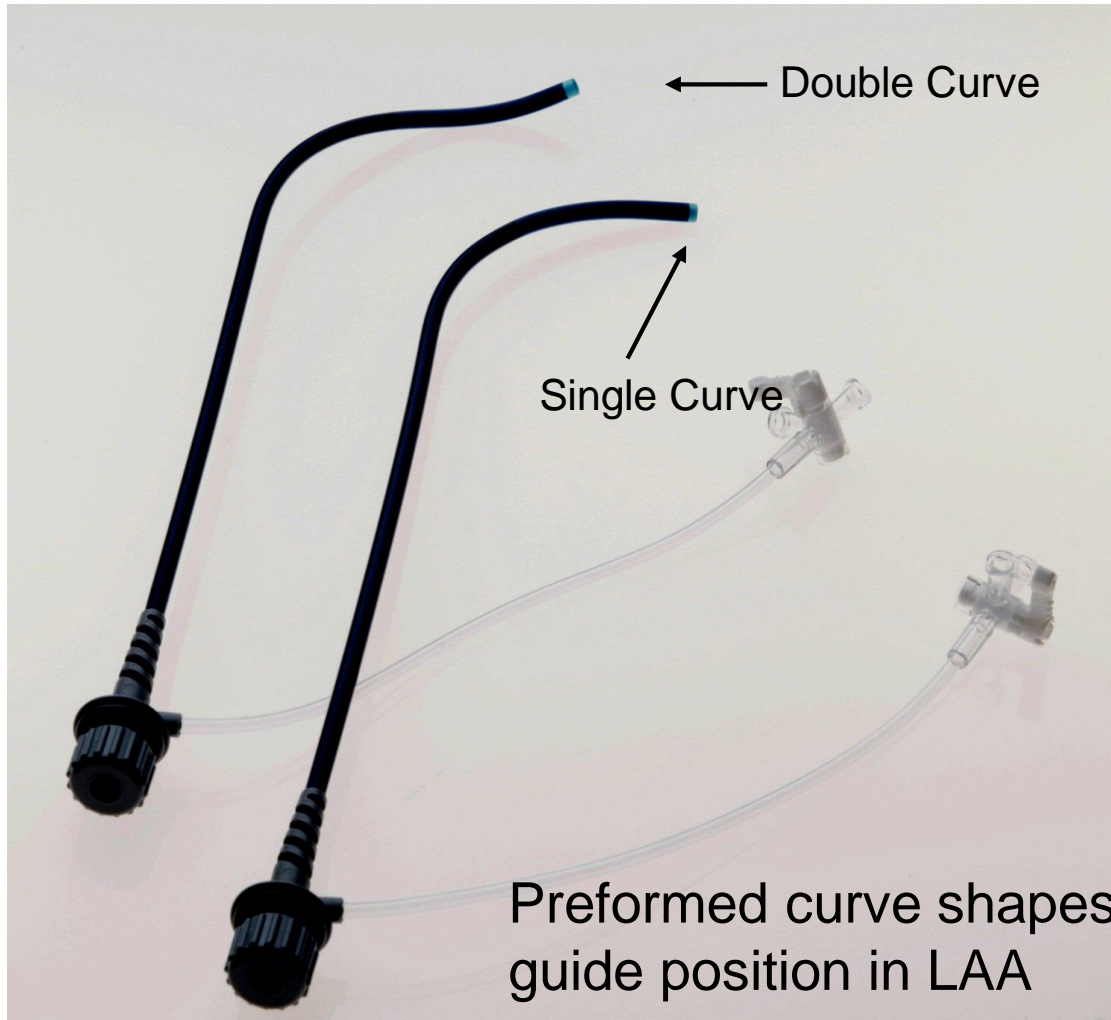






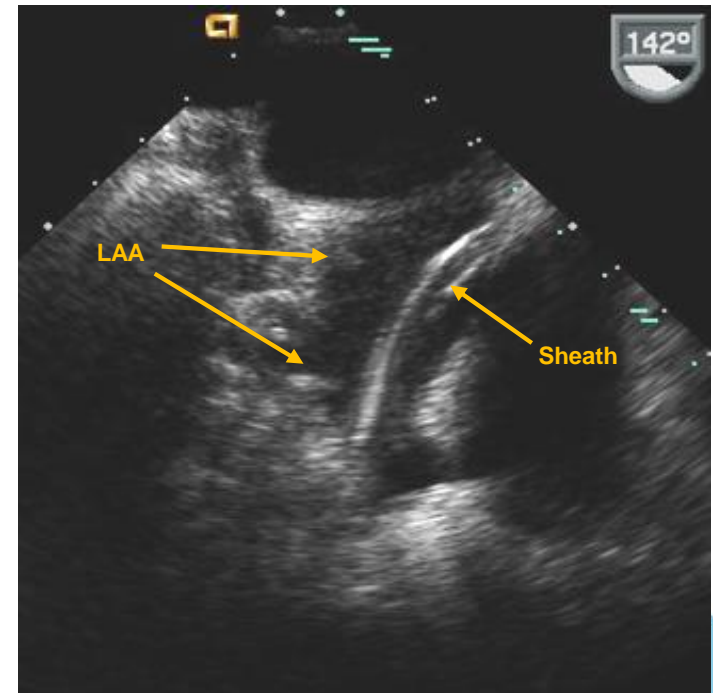
# 1. WATCHMAN LAA Closure System Components

## ***WATCHMAN Access System***



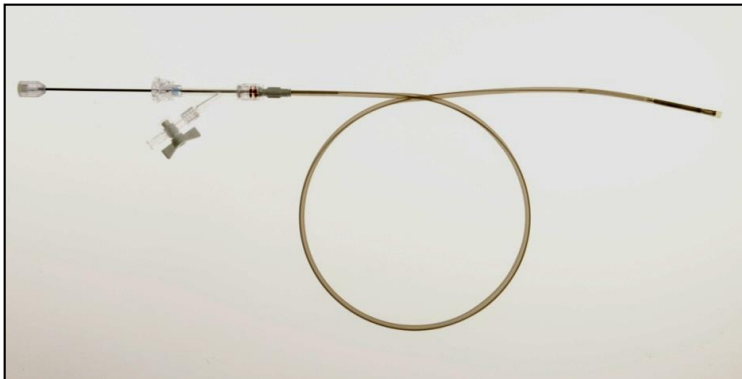
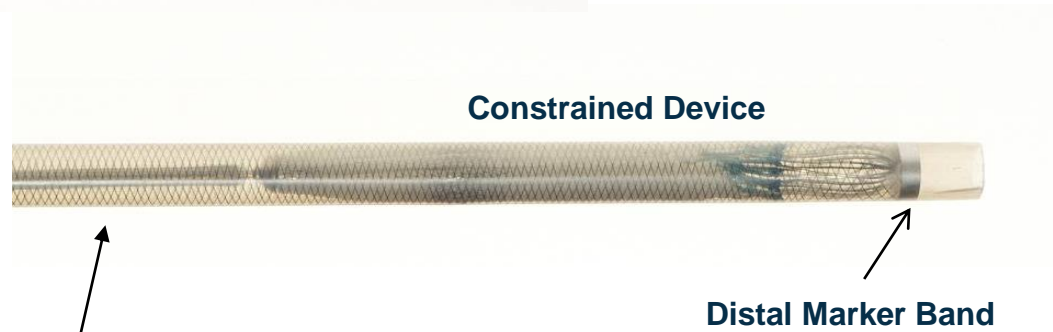
## **Transseptal Access System**

- Double, Single, Anterior Curves
- 14F O.D. (4.7 mm), 12F I.D.
- 75 cm working length



# 1. WATCHMAN LAA Closure System Components

## ***WATCHMAN Delivery System***



12F O.D. (compatible with all 5 device sizes)



# Baseline TEE Imaging

## 1 Assess the following through multiple imaging planes - 0°- 135°sweep

LAA size/shape, number of lobes in LAA and location of lobes to ostium

Confirm the absence of thrombus (use Color Doppler and echo contrast as necessary)

## 2 Record LAA ostium and LAA length measurements - 0°- 135°sweep

Measure the LAA ostium at approximately these angles

at 0° Measure from coronary artery marker to a point 2cm from tip of the "limbus"

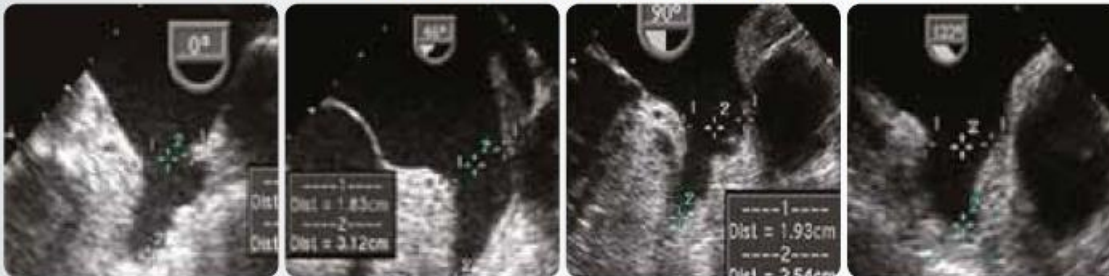
at 45° Measure from top of the MV annulus to a point 2cm from tip of the "limbus"

at 90° Measure from top of the MV annulus to a point 2cm from tip of the "limbus"

at 135° Measure from top of the MV annulus to a point 2cm from tip of the "limbus"

Measure approximate LAA useable length in above angles

Measure from the ostium line to the apex of the LAA



Max LAA Ostium	Recommended Device Size
17 – 19	21 mm
20 – 22	24 mm
23 – 25	27 mm
26 – 28	30 mm
29 – 31	33 mm

Measured maximum LAA ostium width must be >17mm and/or <32mm to accommodate available device sizes.

Note: The maximum LAA ostium and LAA length measurements determine device size selection.

# ECHO GUIDED TS PUNCTURE – BICAVAL VIEW

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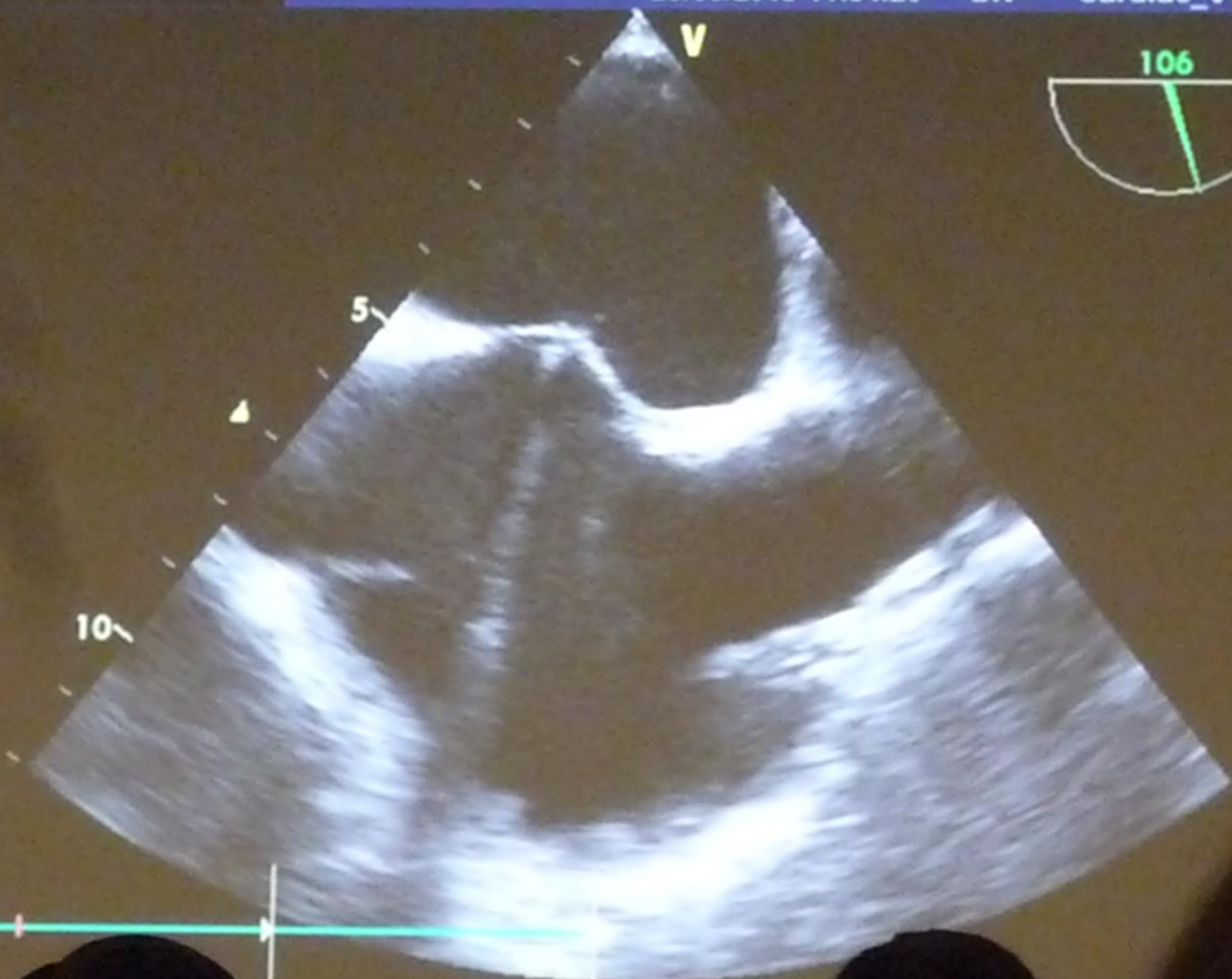
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# Intra-Op TEE Imaging

## Assessing Device Release Criteria

(recommend using both bicaval and short axis views)

**Correct**



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widest diameter measured

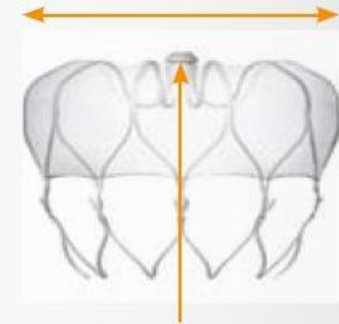
**Incorrect**



figure 5  
unable to completely  
visualize borders of device



figure 6  
device not measured at  
widest point across



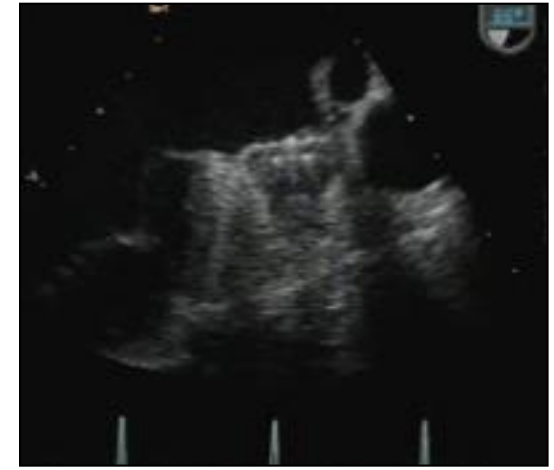
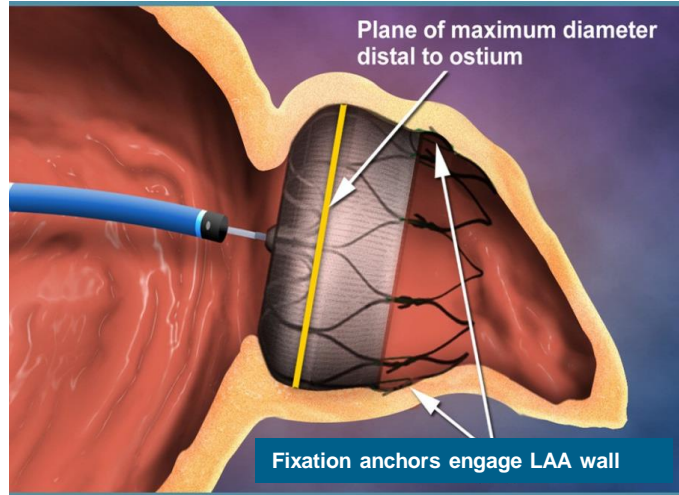
"threaded insert"  
must be visible when  
measuring on echo to ensure  
device was measured at  
widest cross-section  
in all angles

**TABLE 1: WATCHMAN LAA CLOSURE DEVICE DIAMETER**

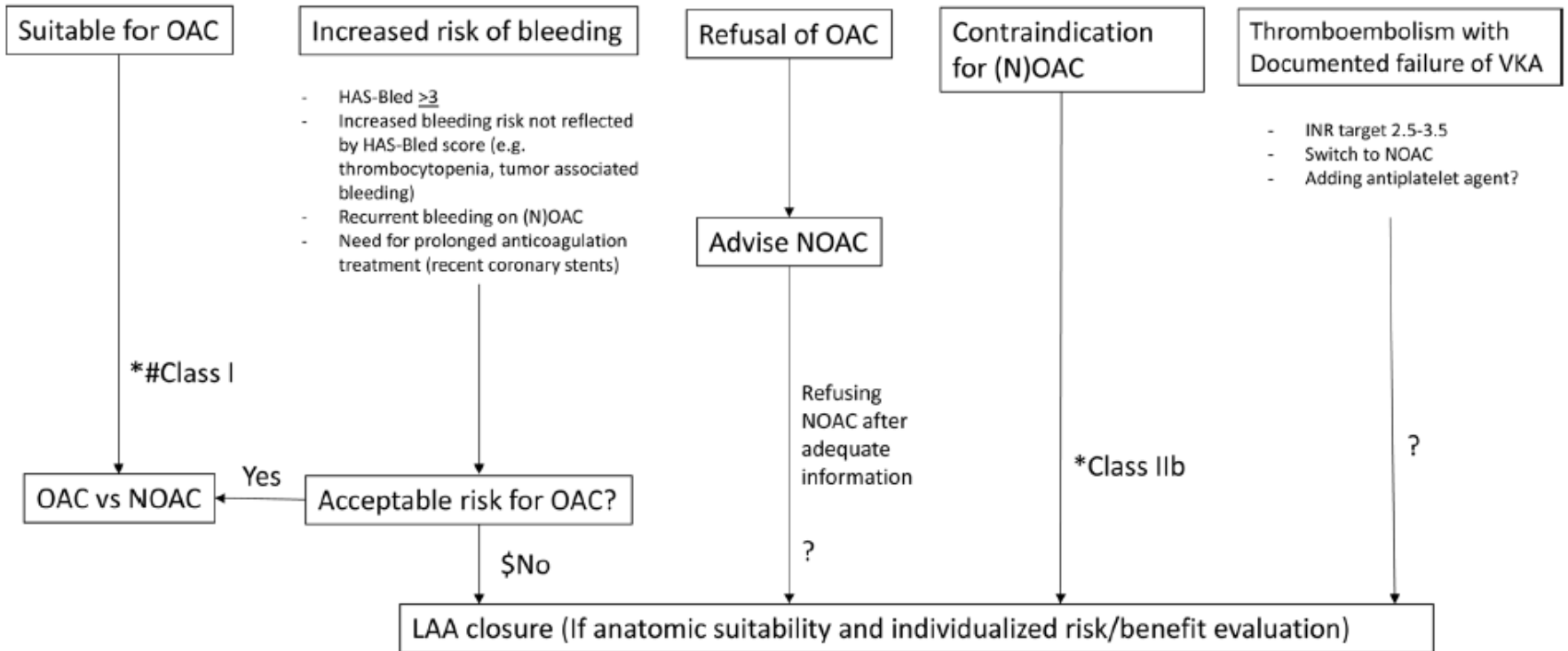
Original Device Diameter	Deployed Diameter
21 mm	16.8 mm – 19.3 mm
24 mm	19.2 mm – 22.1 mm
27 mm	21.6 mm – 24.8 mm
30 mm	24.0 mm – 27.6 mm
33 mm	26.4 mm – 30.4 mm



### 3. Procedure Echo Assessment *i. Device Position – OPTIMAL POSITION*



Non-valvular atrial fibrillation with increased thromboembolic risk (CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc  $\geq 2$ )



## The Challenges

- ✓ Fragile structure
- ✓ LAA Thrombus
- ✓ Highly variable anatomy
- ✓ No fluoroscopic landmark
- ✓ Device sizing and selection
- ✓ Optimal transeptal puncture
- ✓ Device positioning

## The Complications

- ✓ Perforation
- ✓ Tamponade
- ✓ Stroke
- ✓ Malposition
- ✓ Embolisation