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# Fibrillation atriale

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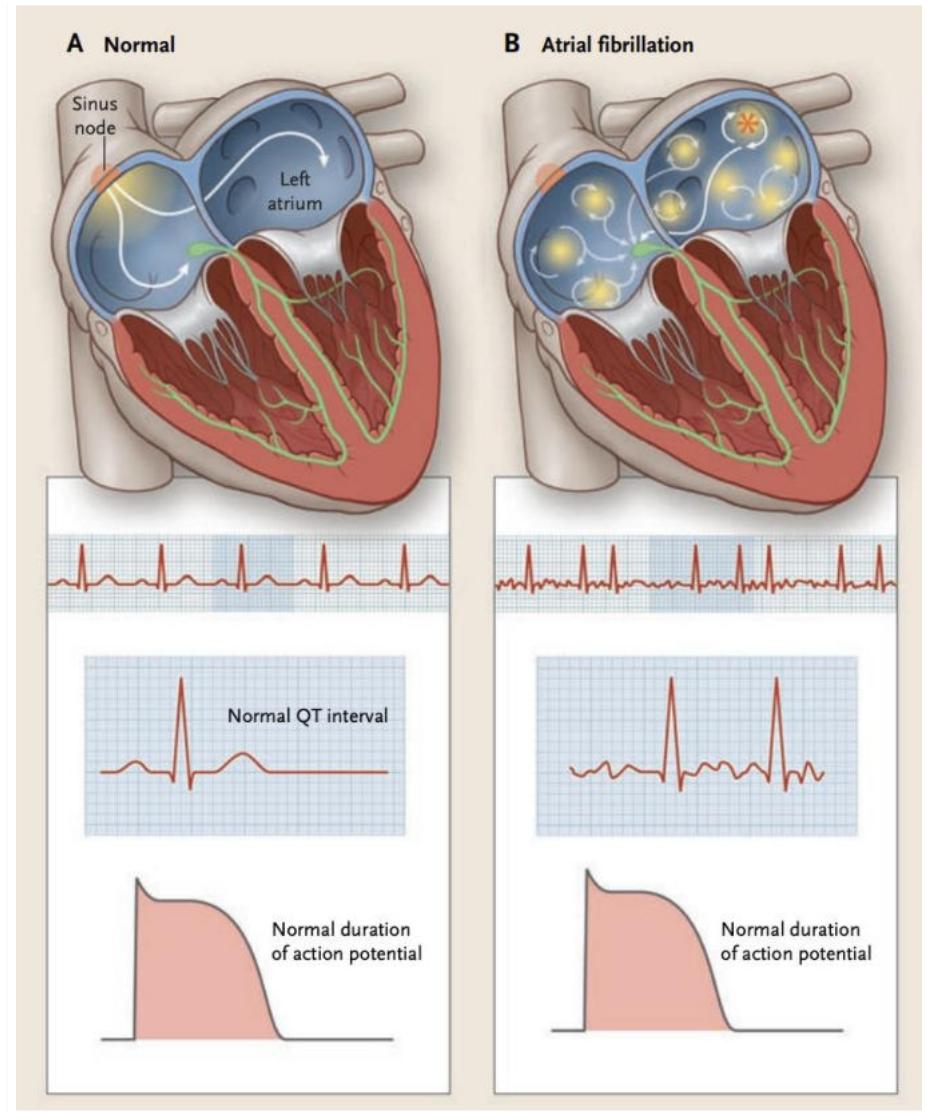
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# Atrial Fibrillation

- **Supraventricular arrhythmia** with :
  - Uncoordinated atrial electrical activation
  - Ineffective atrial contraction
- **ECG :**
  - Irregular R-R intervals
  - Absence of distinct repeating P waves and
  - Irregular atrial activations



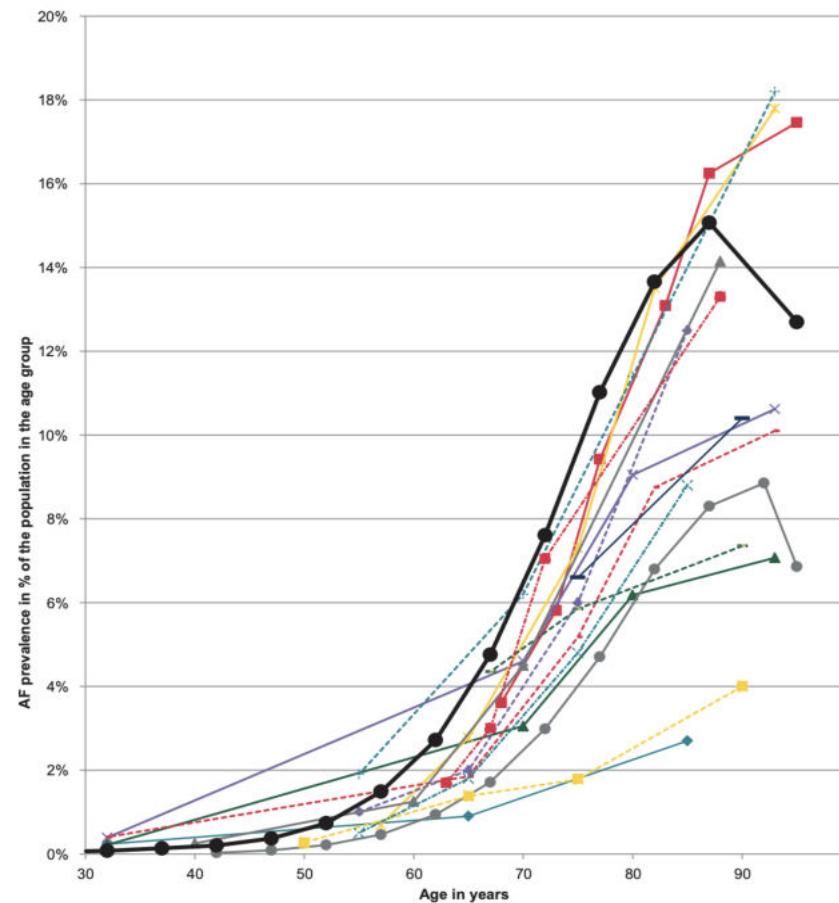
# AF is not just an electrocardiographic abnormality

AF-Related Outcome	Frequency in AF	Mechanism(s)
	1.5 - 3.5 fold increase	<p>Excess mortality related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HF, comorbidities</li><li>• Stroke</li></ul>
	20-30% of all ischaemic strokes, 10% of cryptogenic strokes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cardioembolic, or</li><li>• Related to comorbid vascular atherosclerosis</li></ul>
	In 20-30% of AF patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Excessive ventricular rate</li><li>• Irregular ventricular contractions</li><li>• A primary underlying cause of AF</li></ul>
	HR 1.4 / 1.6 (irrespective of stroke history)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brain white matter lesions, inflammation,</li><li>• Hypoperfusion,</li><li>• Micro-embolism</li></ul>

AF-Related Outcome	Frequency in AF	Mechanism(s)
	Depression in 16-20% (even suicidal ideation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Severe symptoms and decreased QoL</li><li>• Drug side effects</li></ul>
	>60% of patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Related to AF burden, comorbidities, psychological functioning and medication</li><li>• Distressed personality type</li></ul>
	10-40% annual hospitalization rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AF management, related to HF, MI or AF related symptoms</li><li>• Treatment-associated complications</li></ul>

# Epidemiology

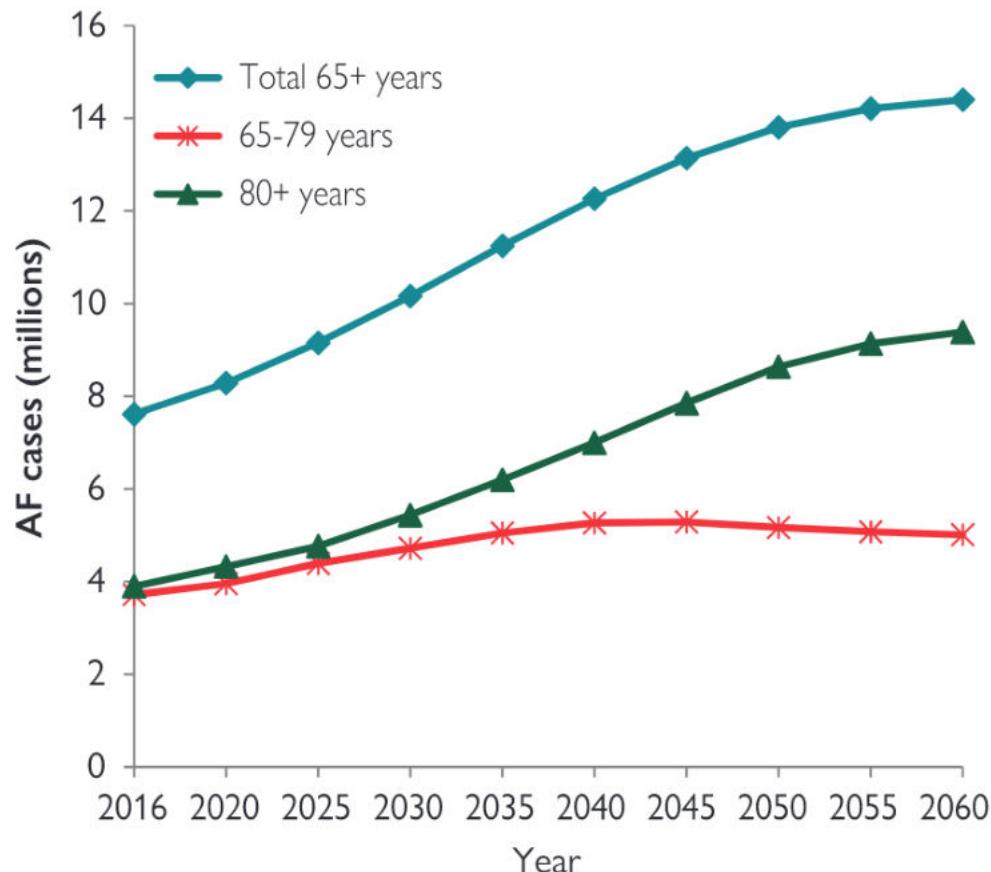
- Prevalence of AF around 2-4%
- Increases with age
- $\geq 80$  yo : 16%



Authors	Data source	Country	Study period
Ohsawa et al., 2005 [5]	Population-based survey	Japan	1980-2000
Piccini et al., 2012 [8]	5% sample of Medicare beneficiaries $\geq 65$ years	United States	1991-2007
Murphy et al., 2007 [9]	Data from primary care practices	Scotland	April 2001-March 2002
Majeed et al., 2001 [10]	Patients registered in 211 general practices	UK	1994-1998
Heeringa et al., 2006 [13]	Community-based cohort study	Nether-lands	1990-1993
Rietbroek et al., 2008 [14]	General Practice Research Database	UK	1993-2005
Miyasaka et al., 2006 [15]	Community-based cohort study	United States	1980-2000
Go et al., 2001 [16]	Cross-sectional study of adults enrolled in a large HMO	United States	July 1 1996-December 31 1997
Furberg et al., 1994 [17]	Random sample of Medicare recipients	United States	Not known
Naccarelli et al., 2009 [18]	Market scan/ Medicare databases	United States	July 1 2004-December 31, 2005
Jeong, 2005 [19]	Community-based cross-sectional study	Korea	April 2000-December 2000
Phillips et al., 1990 [20]	Community-based cohort study	United States	n.a.
Wolf et al., 1991 [21]	Population-based survey	United States	1948-1990
Lake et al., 1989 [22]	Population-based survey	Australia	1966-83
Bonhorst et al., 2010 [23]	Cross-sectional study of the Portuguese population	Portugal	n.a.
Wilke et al., 2012	Claims data of two mandatory insurance funds	Germany	2006 - 2008

# Projected AF prevalence

## Projected increase in AF prevalence among elderly in EU 2016-2060



## LIFETIME RISK for AF 1 in 3 individuals



of European ancestry  
at index age of 55 years  
37.0% (34.3% to 39.6%)

# Global Burden of CKD

- Prevalence of CKD around 9 %
- CKD prevalence increased 29.3% since 1990
- **Hypertension, diabetes, high BMI & diet high in sodium** main causes of CKD

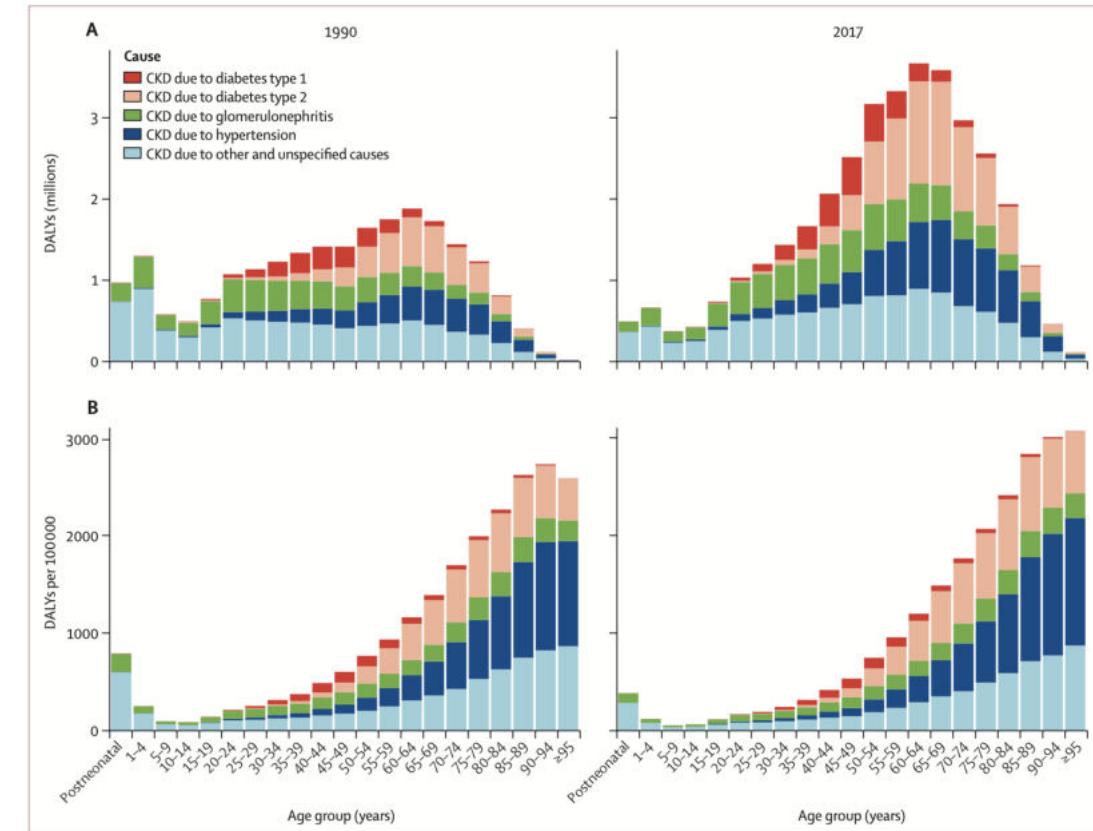
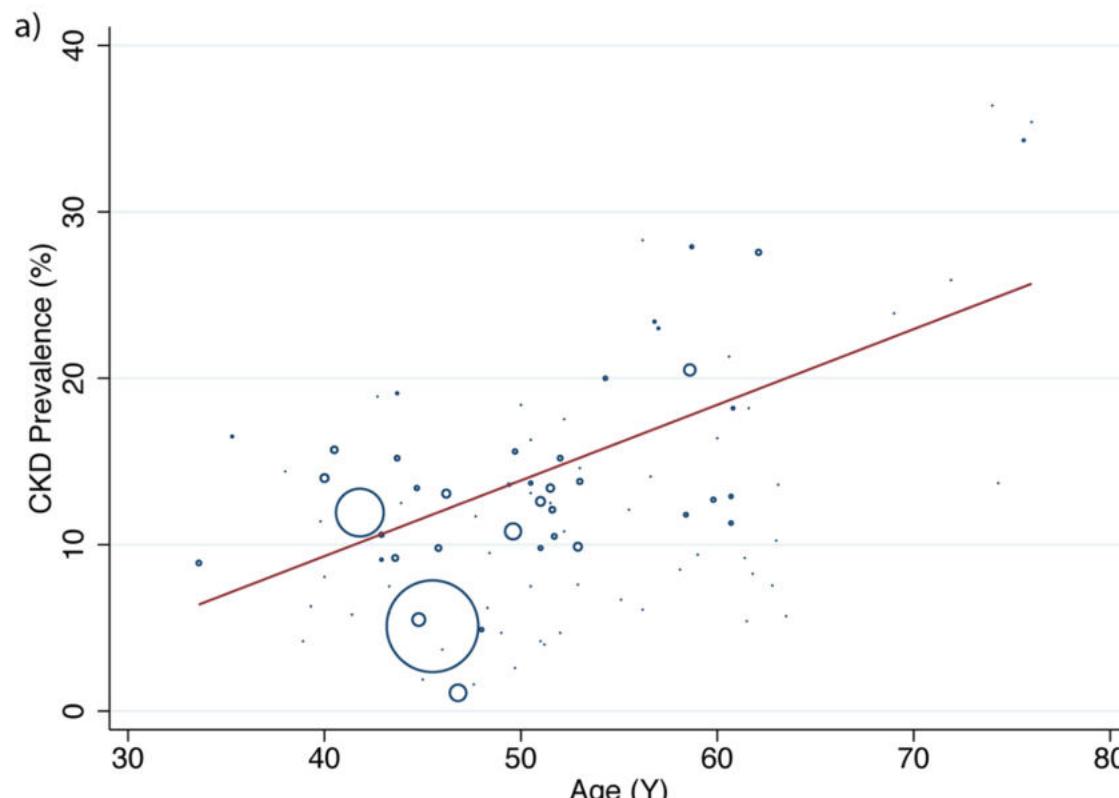


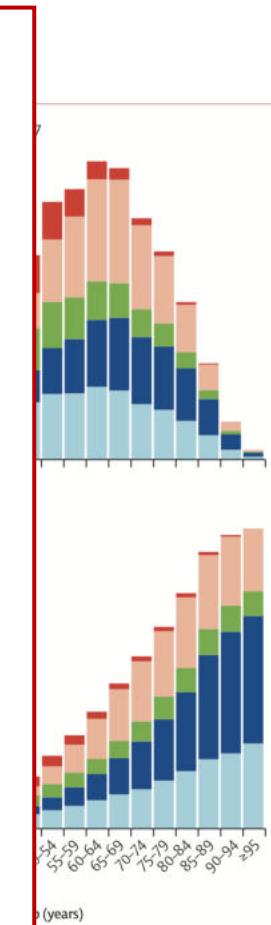
Figure 4: Number (A) and rate (B) of global DALYs for CKD by underlying cause in 1990 and 2017  
DALY=disability-adjusted life-year. CKD=chronic kidney disease.

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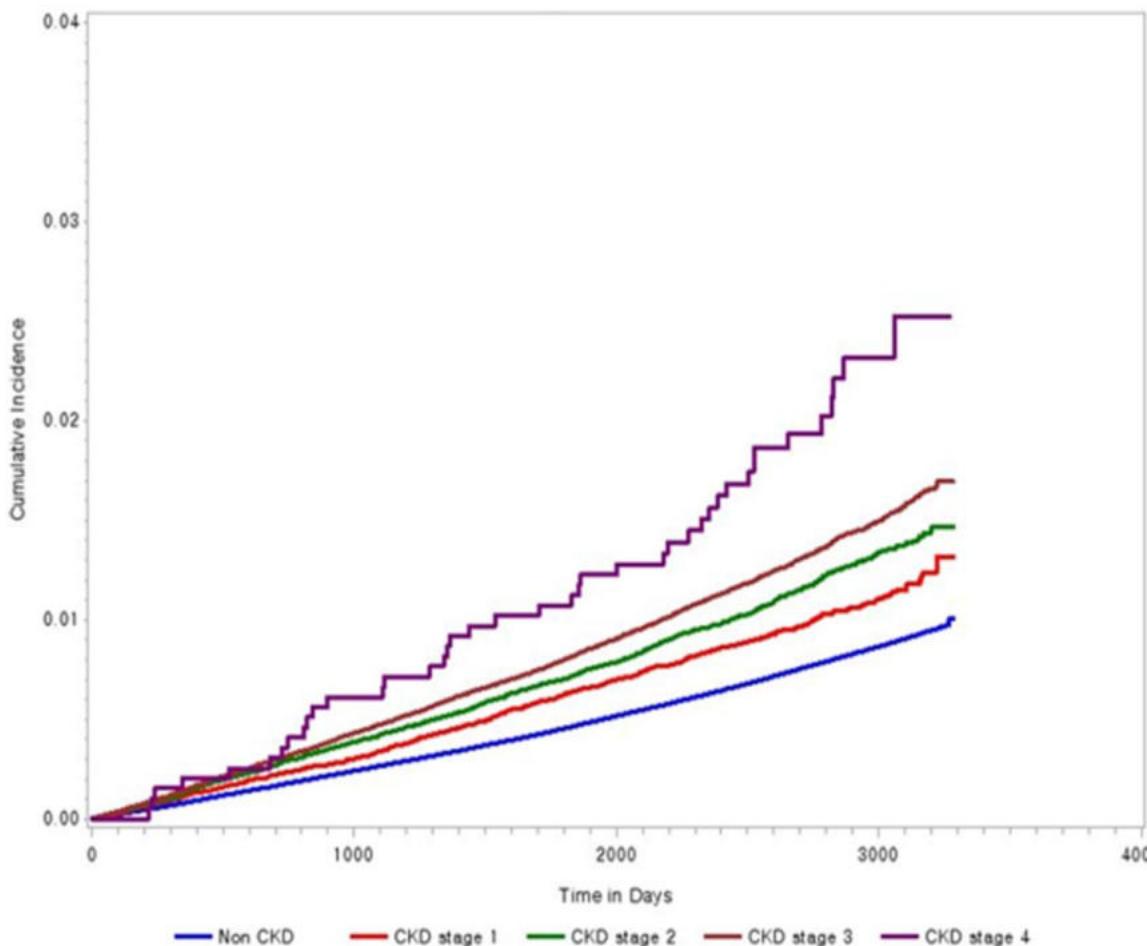
- Prevalence
- CKD prevalence
- Hyper-tension high incidence



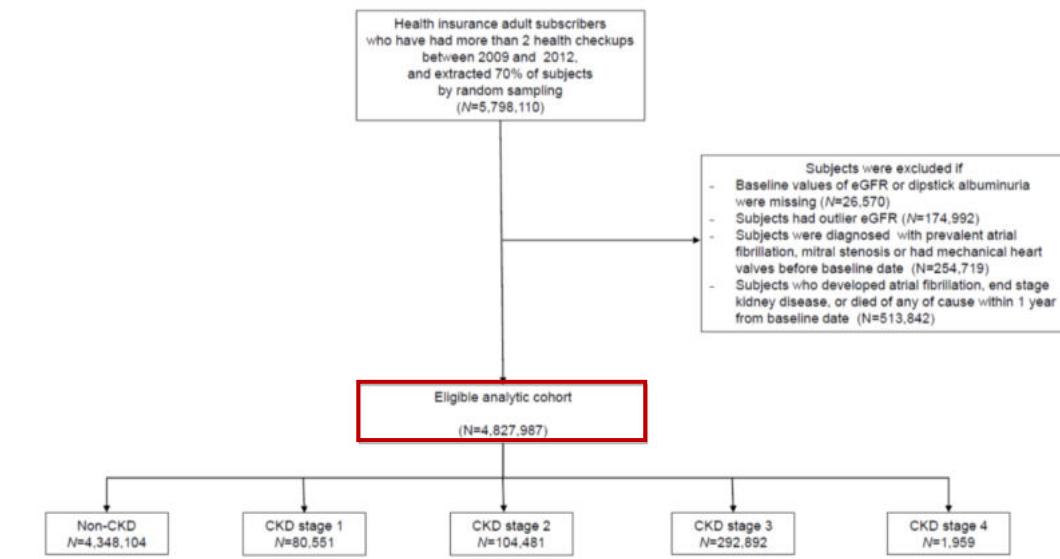
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# Incident AF according to the CKD Stage



Adjusted with age, body mass index, smoking, drinking, systolic/diastolic blood pressure and comorbidities.



CKD Stages (KDIGO)	Hazard ratio (95% CI)
Stage 1	1.77 (1.69-1.85)
Stage 2	1.85 (1.80-1.91)
Stage 3	1.99 (1.95-2.04)
Stage 4	4.04 (3.07-5.33)

# Bidirectional Relationship

Study (year) (reference)	Population	n	Groups	Follow-up (years)	Finding(s)
Guo et al. (2019) <sup>18</sup>	Chinese adults	88 312	CKD vs. non-CKD	NA	Increased prevalence of AF by four-fold in CKD; dose-response relation between incident AF and worsening CKD
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Marcos et al. (2017) <sup>28</sup>	Population-based cohort, enriched by those with albuminuria	8265	Creatinine, eGFR, cystatin C and urine albumin excretion as continuous variables	9.8	No association between incidence of AF and markers of renal function (creatinine, eGFR, and cystatin C); dose-response relation between incident AF and urine albumin excretion
Laukkonen et al. (2016) <sup>23</sup>	Population-based cohort	1840	eGFR ≥90 vs. eGFR 60–89 vs. eGFR 15–59; macroalbuminuria vs. no albuminuria	3.7	eGFR 15–59 was associated with a 2.7-fold increased risk of incident AF (reference eGFR ≥90); higher incidence of AF with macroalbuminuria
Alonso et al. (2011) <sup>25</sup>	Population-based cohort	10 328	eGFR ≥90 vs. eGFR 60–80 vs. eGFR 30–59 vs. eGFR 15–29; macroalbuminuria vs. microalbuminuria vs. no albuminuria	10.1	Dose-response relation between incident AF and worsening eGFR; risk of incident AF increased even with mild renal dysfunction; eGFR 15–29 was associated with 3.2-fold increased risk of incident AF (reference eGFR ≥90); higher incidence of AF with albuminuria
Deo et al. (2010) <sup>29</sup>	Ambulatory elderly patients	4663	Cystatin C quartiles; eGFR ≥60 vs. eGFR <60	7.4	No association between incidence or prevalence of AF and eGFR; two highest quartiles of cystatin C levels were each associated with a 1.5-fold increased risk of incident AF (reference Quartile 1); no association between prevalence of AF and cystatin C levels
Iguchi et al. (2008) <sup>24</sup>	Population-based cohort	41 417	eGFR tertiles	NA	Higher prevalence of AF with decreasing eGFR tertiles; OR 1.91 (95% CI of 1.54–2.38) in the lowest tertile compared to the highest tertile
Bansal et al. (2016) <sup>27</sup>	CKD without AF and ESRD	3091	Incident AF vs. no incident AF	5.9	Incident AF in CKD was associated with a 3.2-fold increased risk of developing ESRD requiring RRT or kidney transplant
Bansal et al. (2013) <sup>19</sup>	eGFR <60 without AF and ESRD	206 229	Incident AF vs. no incident AF; eGFR 45–59 vs. eGFR 30–44 vs. eGFR 15–29 vs. eGFR <15; dipstick albuminuria	5.1	Incident AF in CKD was associated with a 1.7-fold increased risk of developing ESRD requiring RRT or kidney transplant; dose-response relation between incident AF and both worsening eGFR and albuminuria
Watanabe et al. (2009) <sup>26</sup>	Population-based cohort	235 818	Incident AF vs. no incident AF; eGFR ≥60 vs. eGFR 30–59 vs. eGFR <30	5.9	Incident AF was associated with a three-fold increased risk developing CKD; higher incidence of AF with worsening eGFR

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**CKD Prevalence in AF is around 65%**

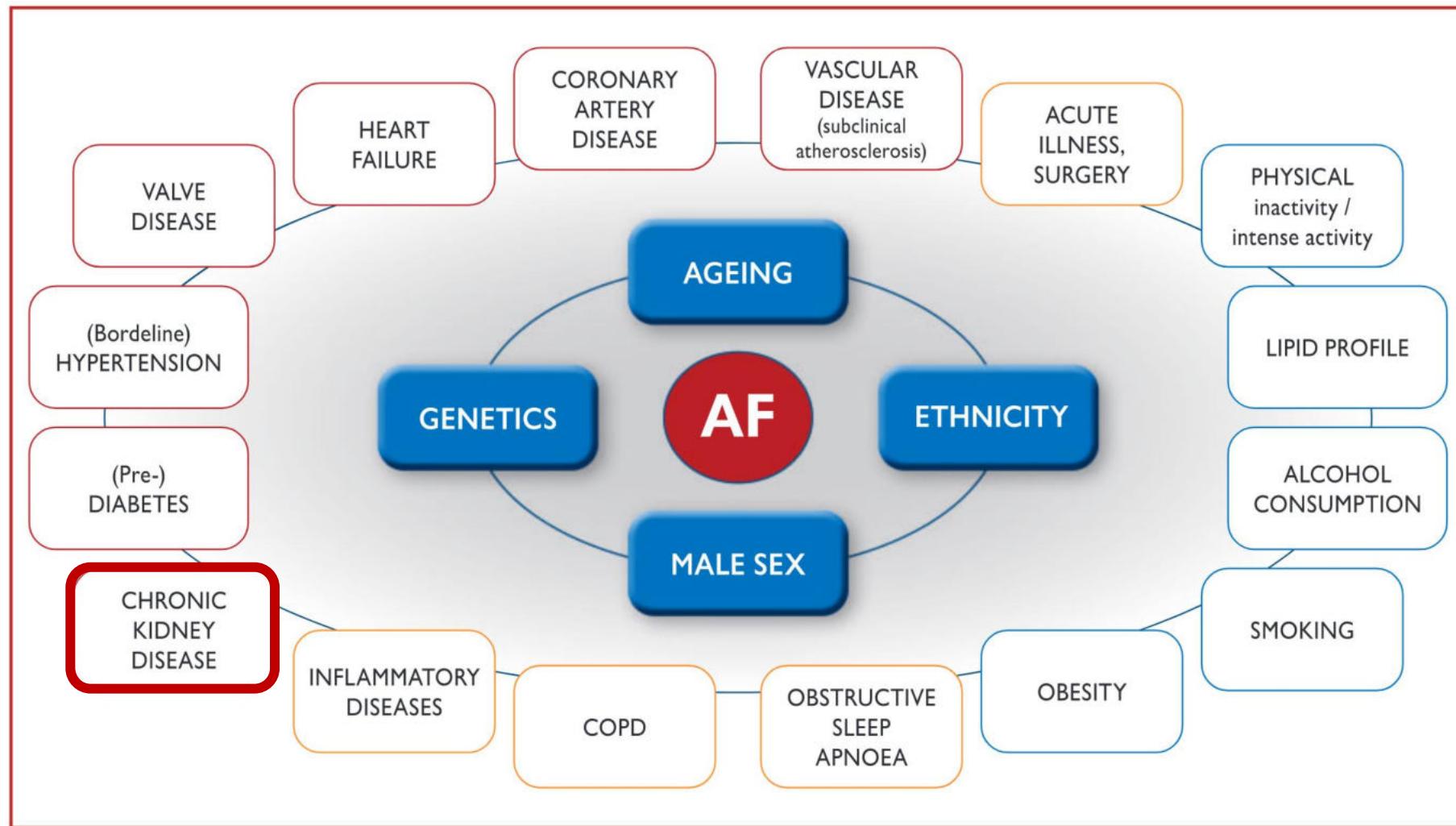
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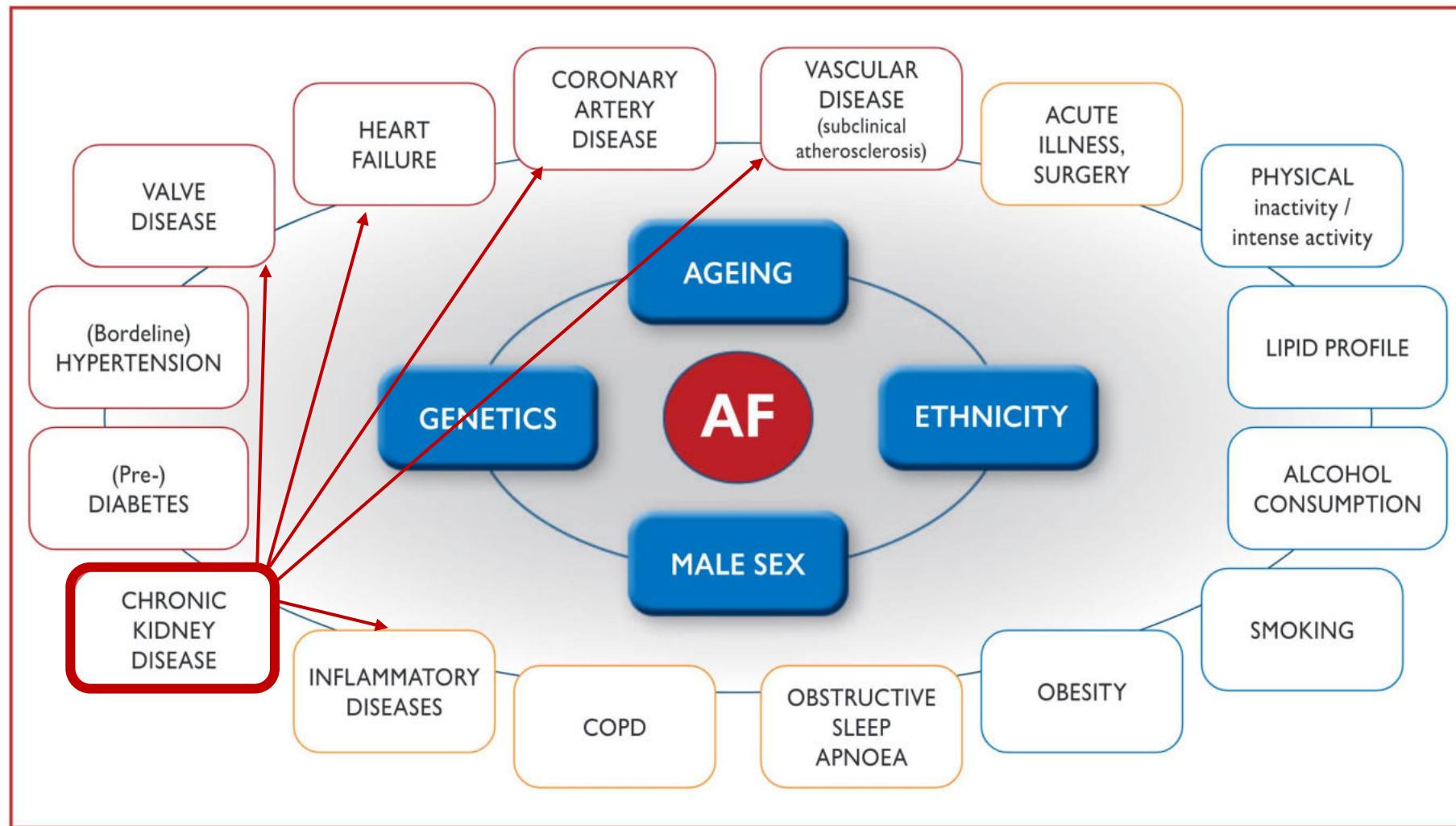
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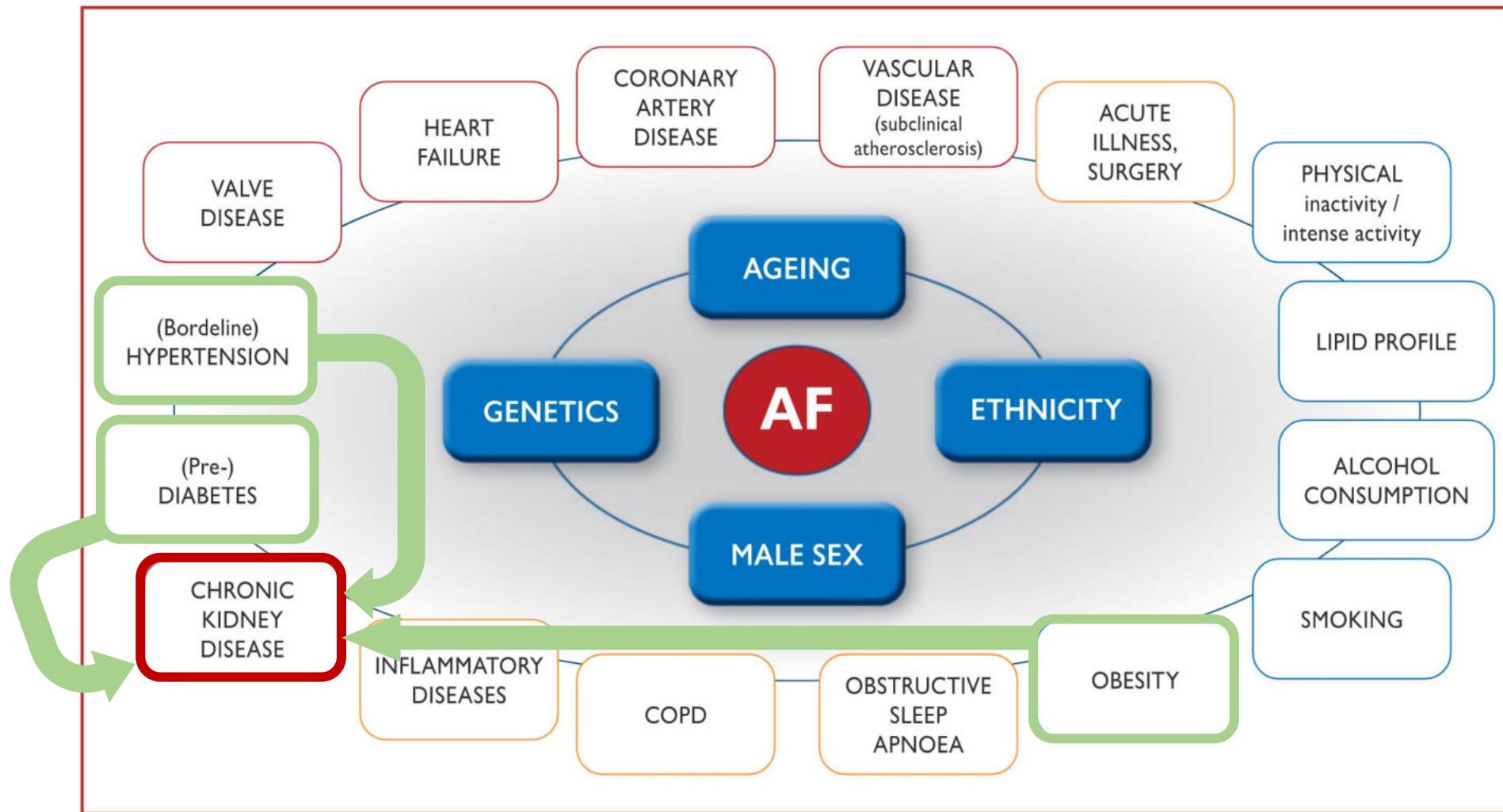
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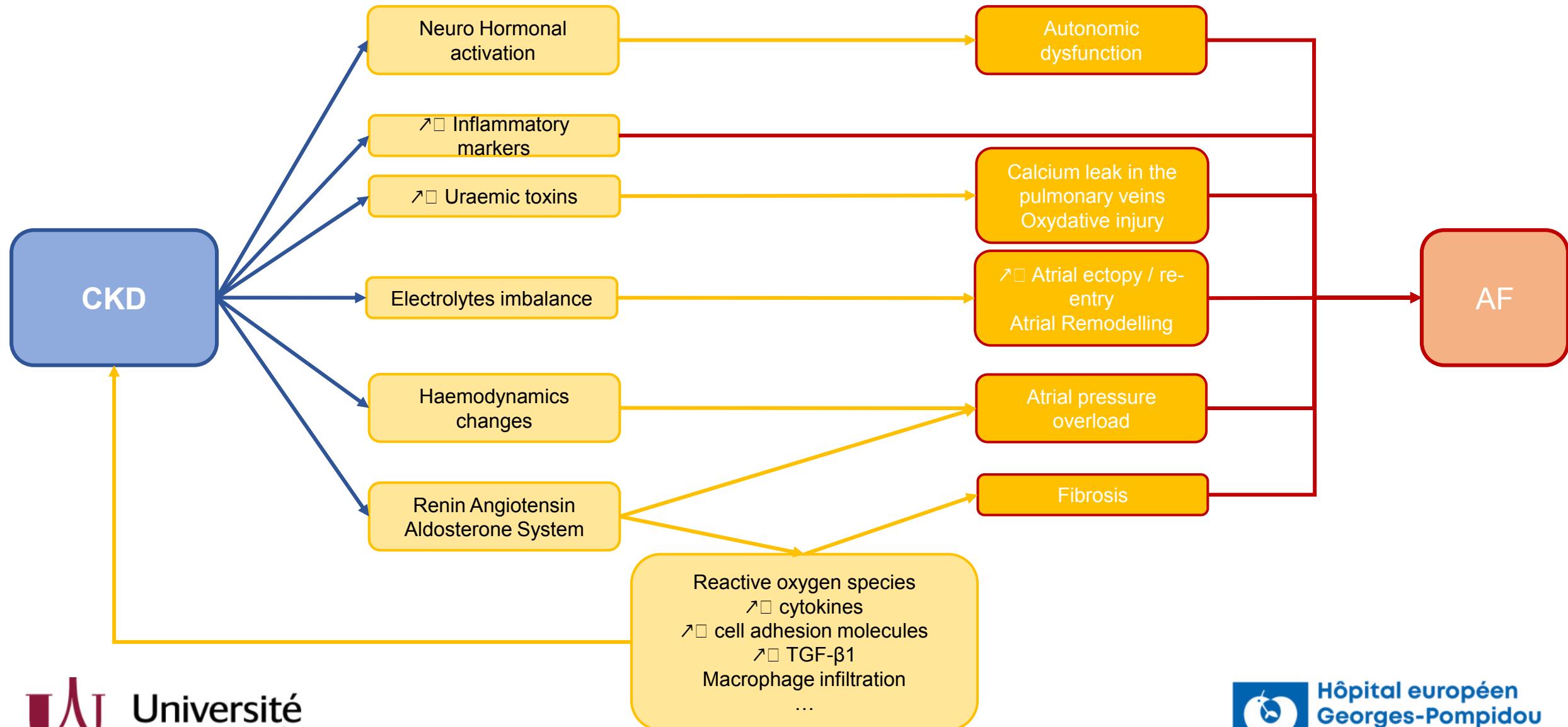
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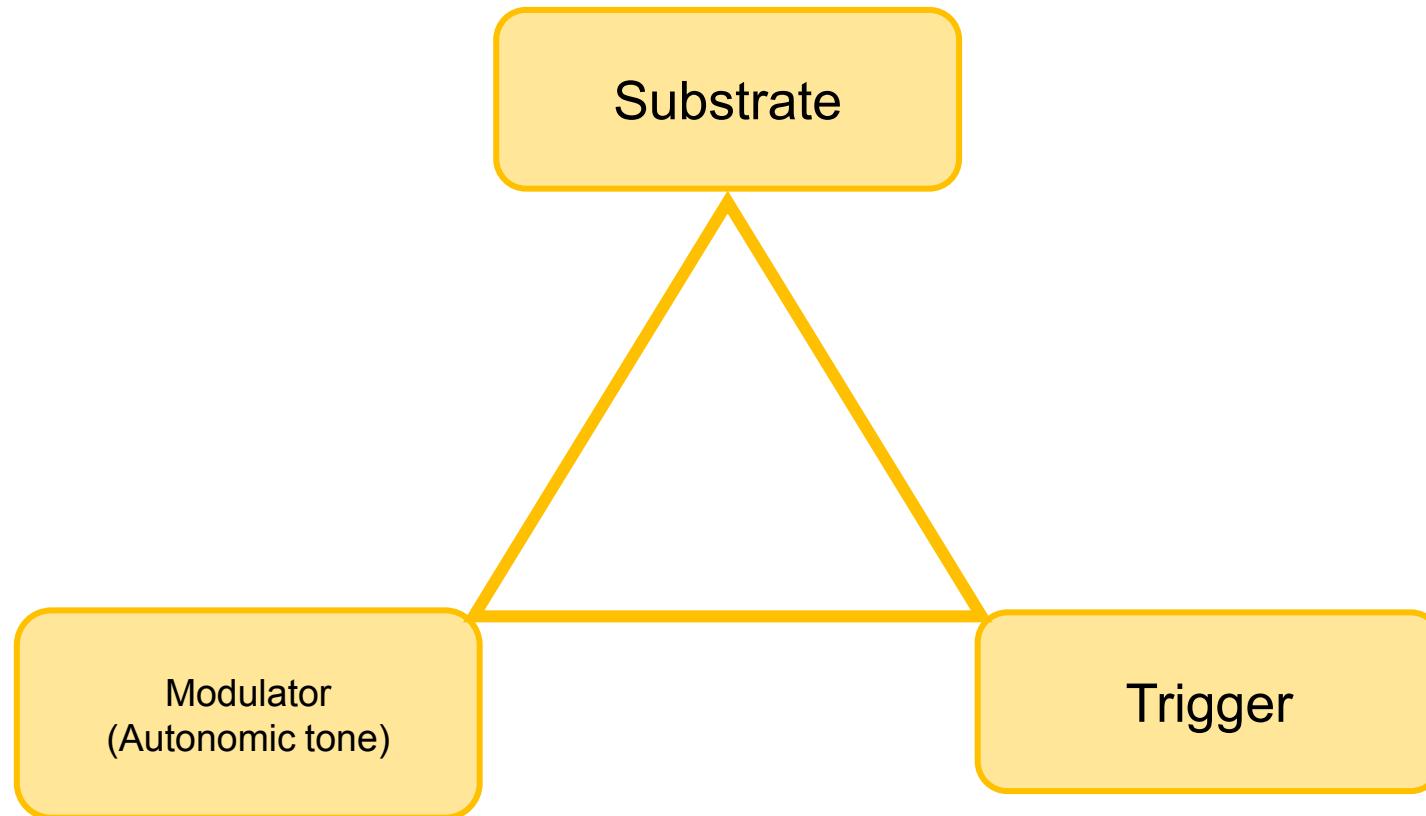


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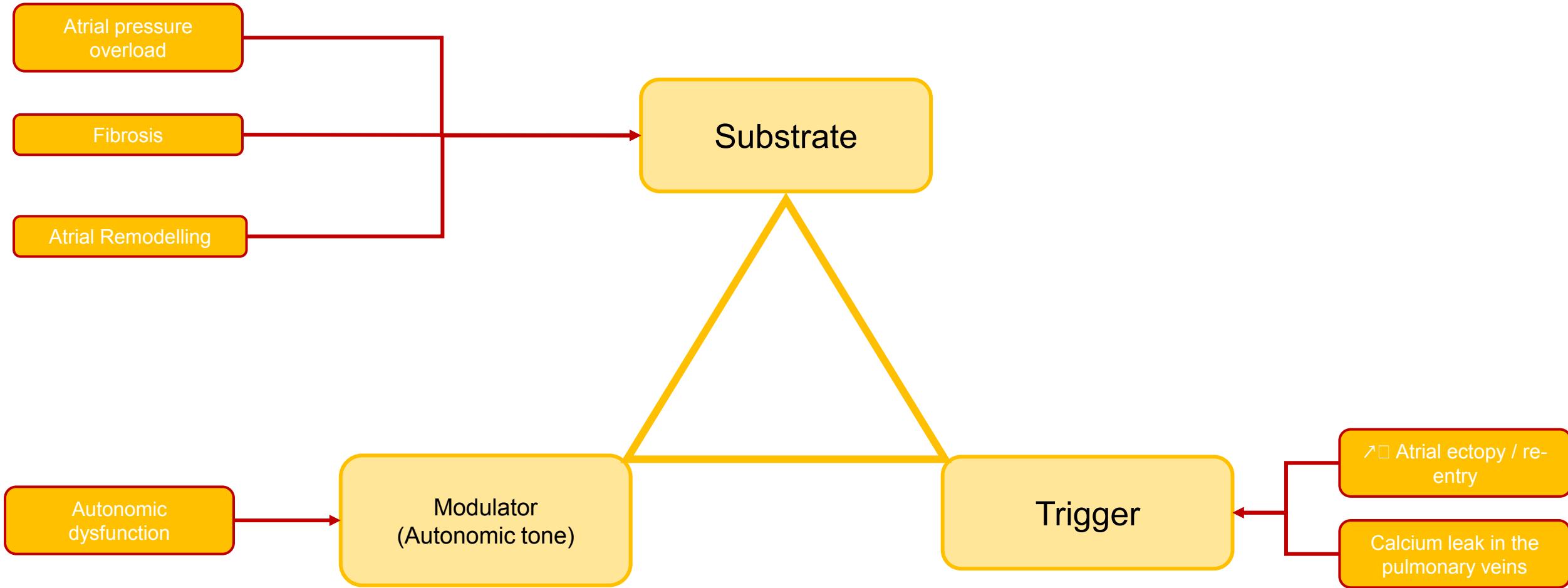


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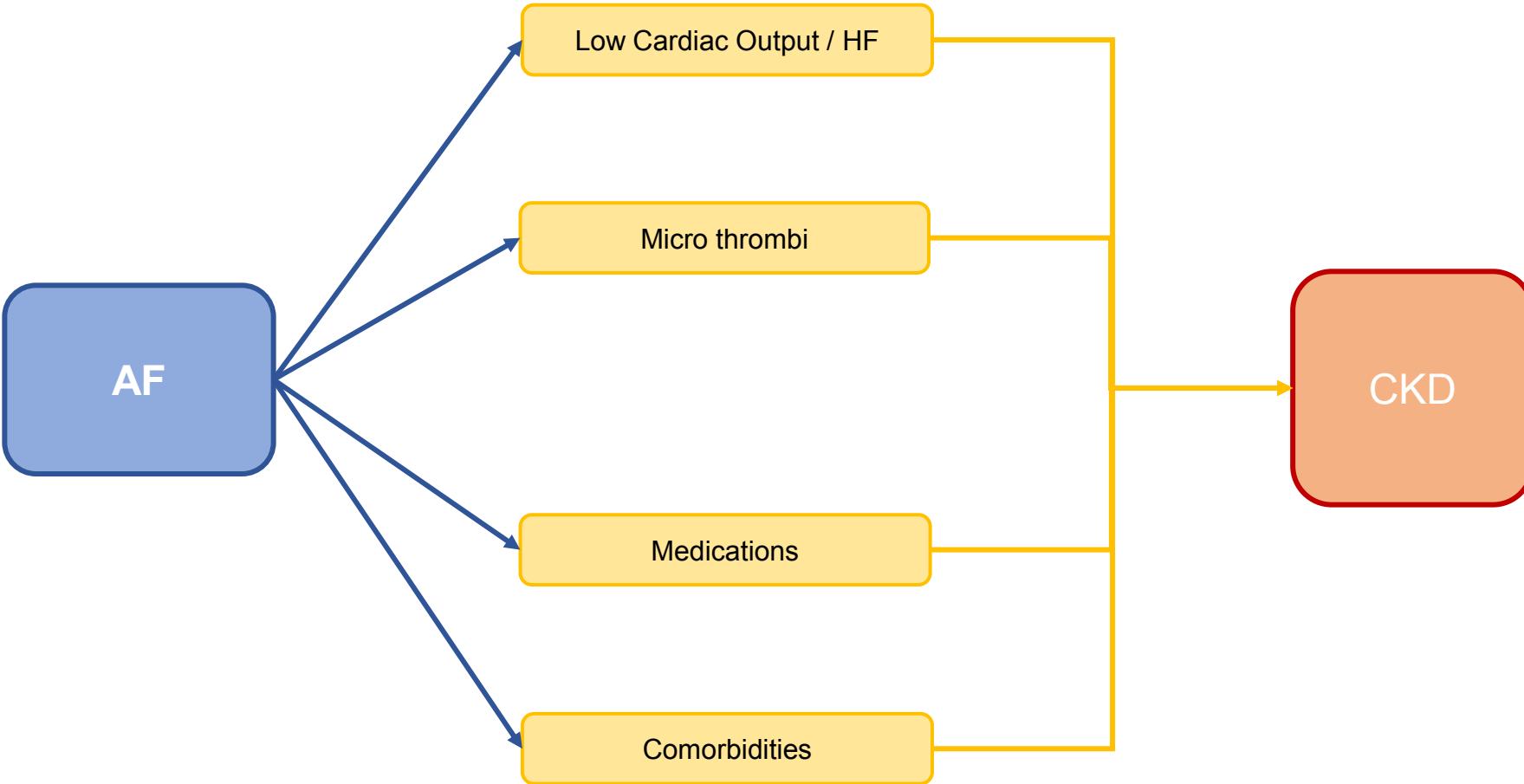
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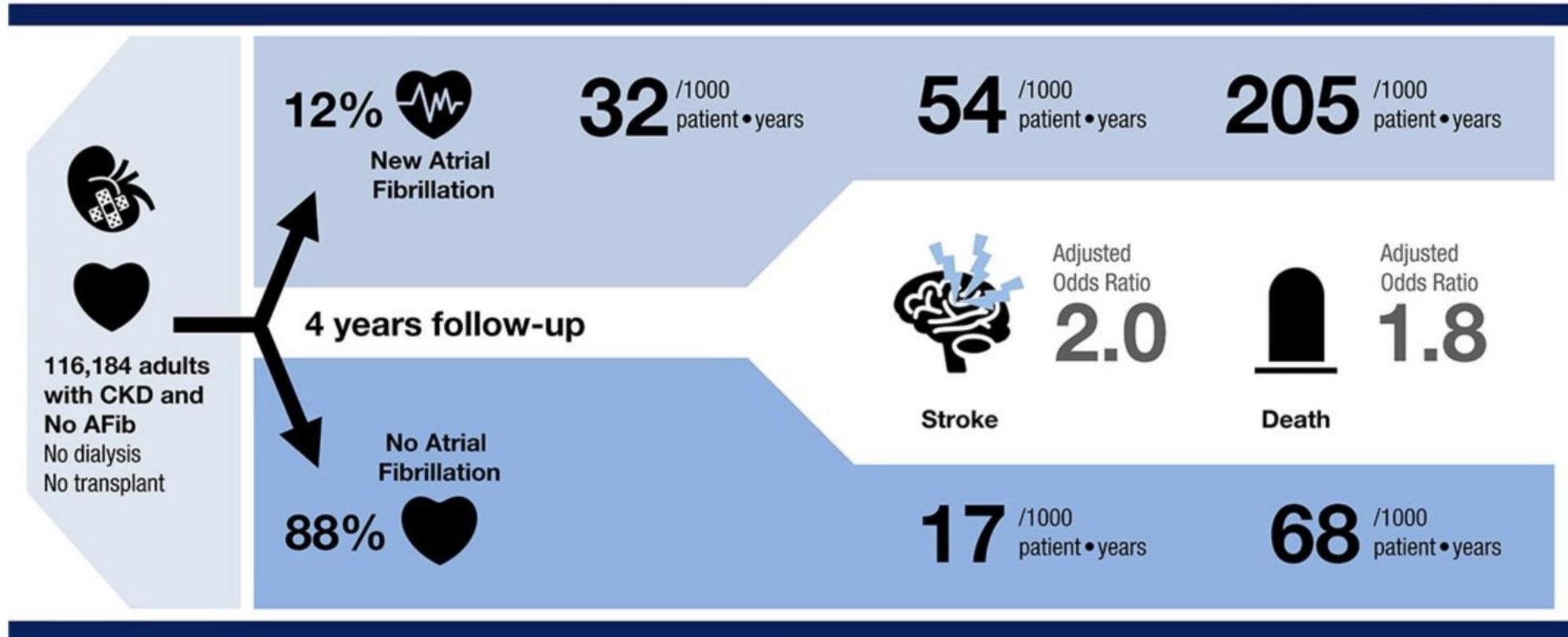
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# Is AF dangerous in CKD?

## Incident Atrial Fibrillation and the Risk of Stroke in Adults with Chronic Kidney Disease The Stockholm CREATinine Measurements (SCREAM) Project

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# Is AF+CKD dangerous?

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## Chronic kidney disease and atrial fibrillation: A dangerous combination

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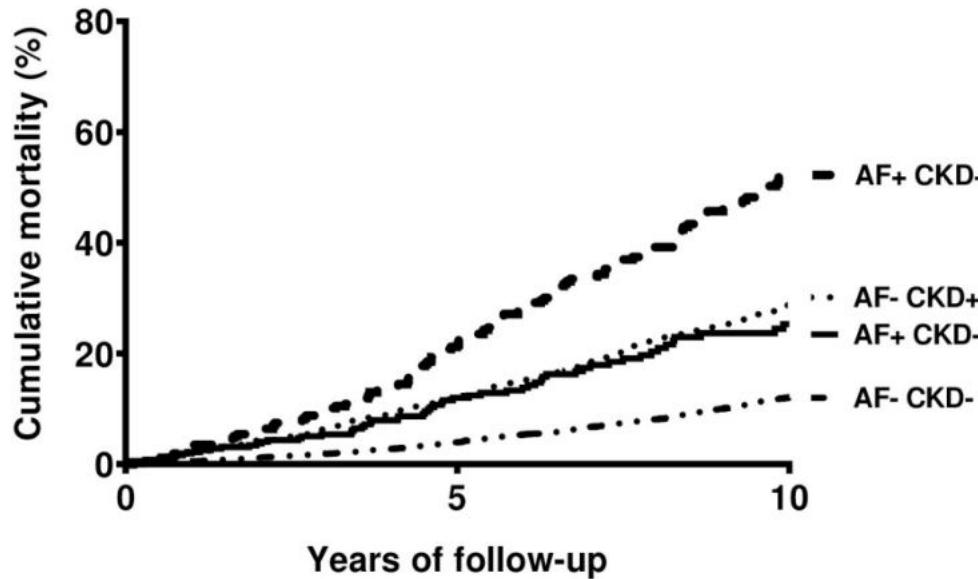


Table 2. Combination of atrial fibrillation and chronic kidney disease and risk of bleeding, ischemic stroke and mortality.

Atrial fibrillation	Chronic kidney disease	Number of events	IR	Crude HR (95%CI)	*Adjusted HR (95%CI)
<b>BLEEDING</b>					
No	No	N = 9,268	211	2.6	1 (ref)
Yes	No	N = 374	18	7.7	2.7 (1.7–4.4)
No	Yes	N = 2,427	116	5.7	2.1 (1.7–2.7)
Yes	Yes	N = 325	37	17.2	6.1 (4.3–8.7)
3.0 (2.0–4.4)					
<b>ISCHEMIC STROKE</b>					
No	No	N = 9,268	233	2.9	1 (ref)
Yes	No	N = 374	19	8.0	2.7 (1.7–4.4)
No	Yes	N = 2,427	123	6.1	2.1 (1.7–2.6)
Yes	Yes	N = 325	46	21.3	7.3 (5.3–10.0)
4.2 (3.0–6.0)					
<b>MORTALITY</b>					
No	No	N = 9,268	1,189	14.5	1 (ref)
Yes	No	N = 374	75	30.7	2.5 (2.0–3.1)
No	Yes	N = 2,427	747	35.8	2.6 (2.4–2.8)
Yes	Yes	N = 325	192	81.7	6.5 (5.6–7.6)
2.2 (1.9–2.6)					

Abbreviations: IR, incidence rate per 1000 person-years; HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval.

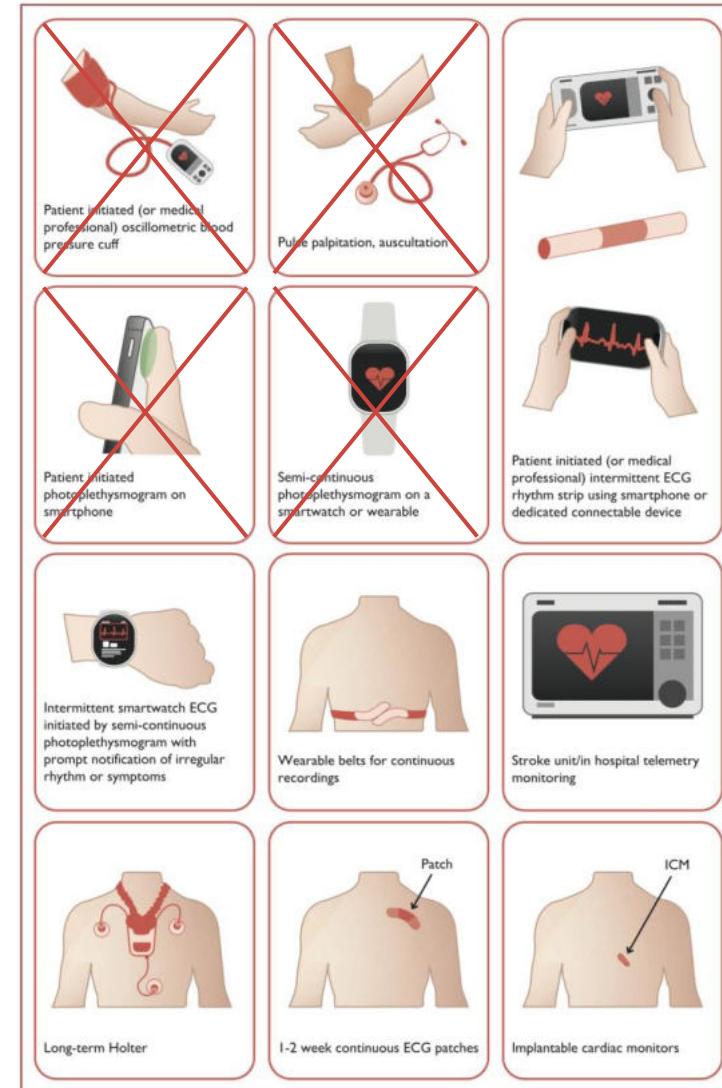
Notes:

\*Adjusted: Hazard ratio adjusted for age, sex, body mass index, hypertension, stroke, myocardial infarction, peripheral arterial disease, heart failure, diabetes mellitus, use of anticoagulant drugs (vitamin K antagonists and direct oral anticoagulants), antiplatelet agents and hemoglobin levels.

# AF Diagnosis

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
<p>ECG documentation is required to establish the diagnosis of AF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A standard 12-lead ECG recording or a single-lead ECG tracing of <math>\geq 30</math> s showing heart rhythm with no discernible repeating P waves and irregular RR intervals (when atrioventricular conduction is not impaired) is diagnostic of clinical AF.<sup>6</sup></li></ul>	I	B

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# AF Screening

Recommendation	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
Opportunistic screening for AF by pulse taking or ECG rhythm strip is recommended in patients $\geq 65$ years of age. <small>188,211,223,225</small>	I	B
Systematic ECG screening should be considered to detect AF in individuals aged $\geq 75$ years, or those at high risk of stroke. <small>212,224,227</small>	IIa	B

## AF SCREENING

### RISKS

- Abnormal results may cause anxiety
- ECG misinterpretation results may lead to overdiagnosis and overtreatment
- ECG may detect other abnormalities (true or false positives) that may lead to invasive tests and treatments that have the potential for serious harm (e.g., angiography / revascularisation with bleeding, contrast-induced nephropathy and allergic reactions to the contrast)

### BENEFITS

**Prevention of:**

- Stroke/SE using OAC in patients at risk
- Subsequent onset of symptoms

**Prevention/reversal of:**

- Electrical/mechanical atrial remodelling
- AF-related haemodynamic derangements
- Atrial and ventricular tachycardia-induced cardiomyopathy

**Prevention/reduction of:**

- AF-related morbidity; hospitalization; mortality

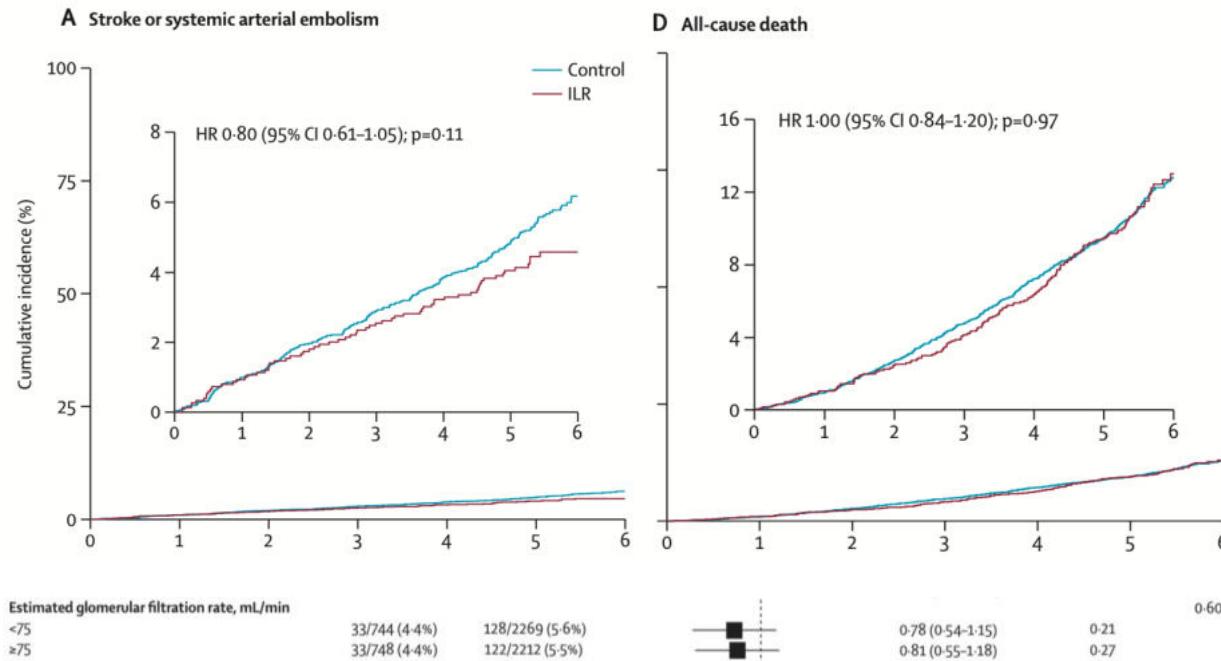
**Reduction of:**

- The outcomes associated with conditions / diseases associated with AF that are discovered and treated as a consequence of the examinations prompted by AF detection

# AF Screening

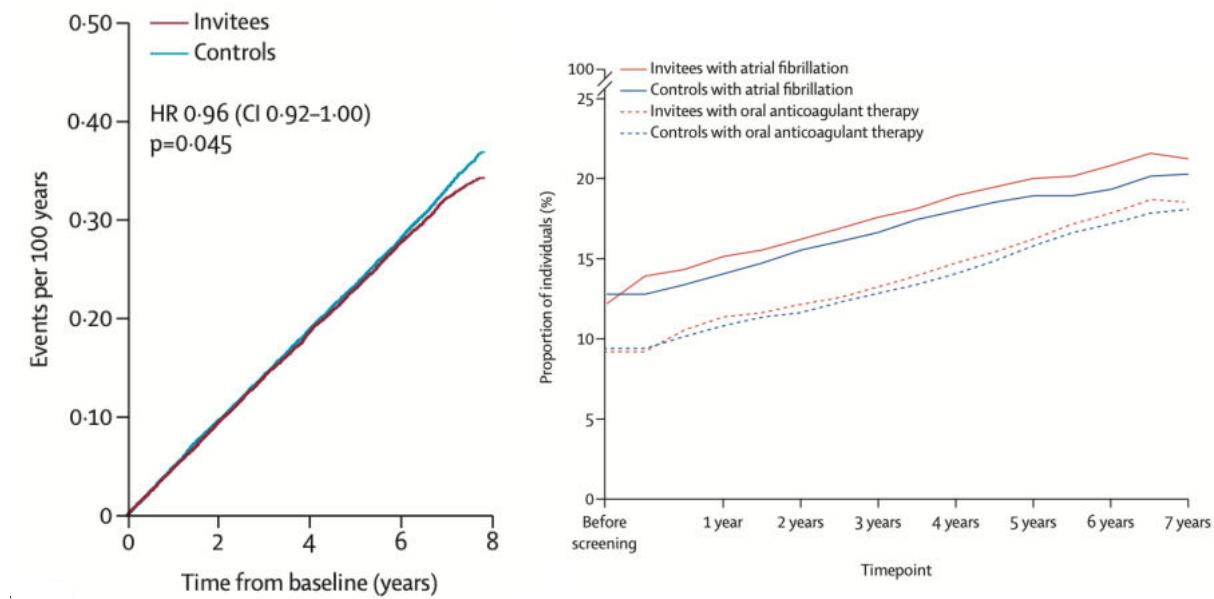
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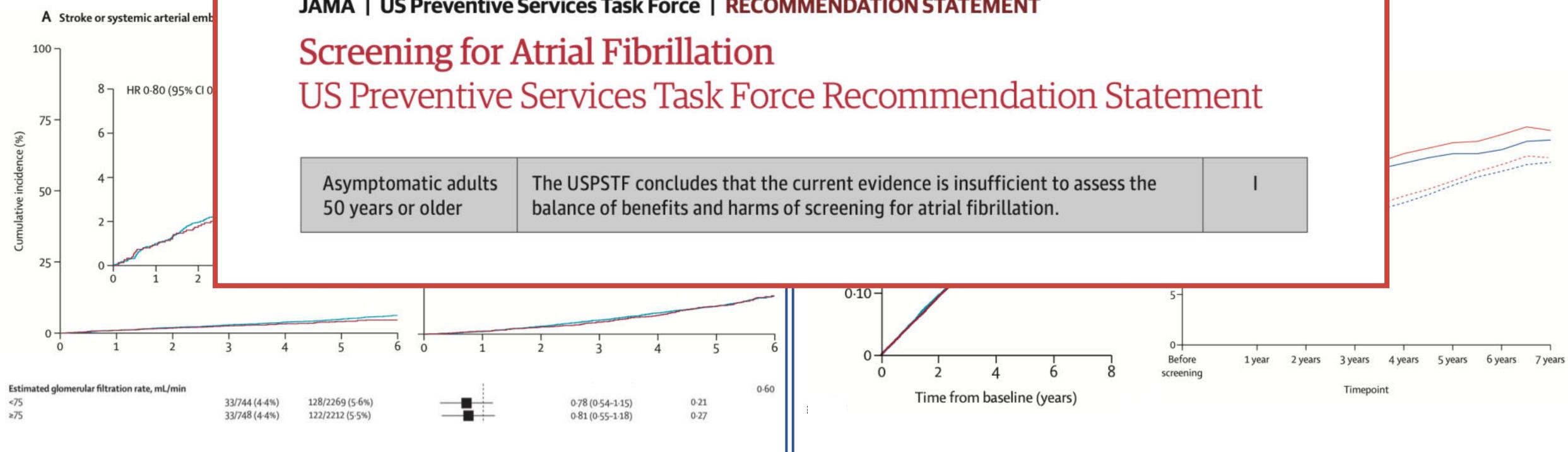


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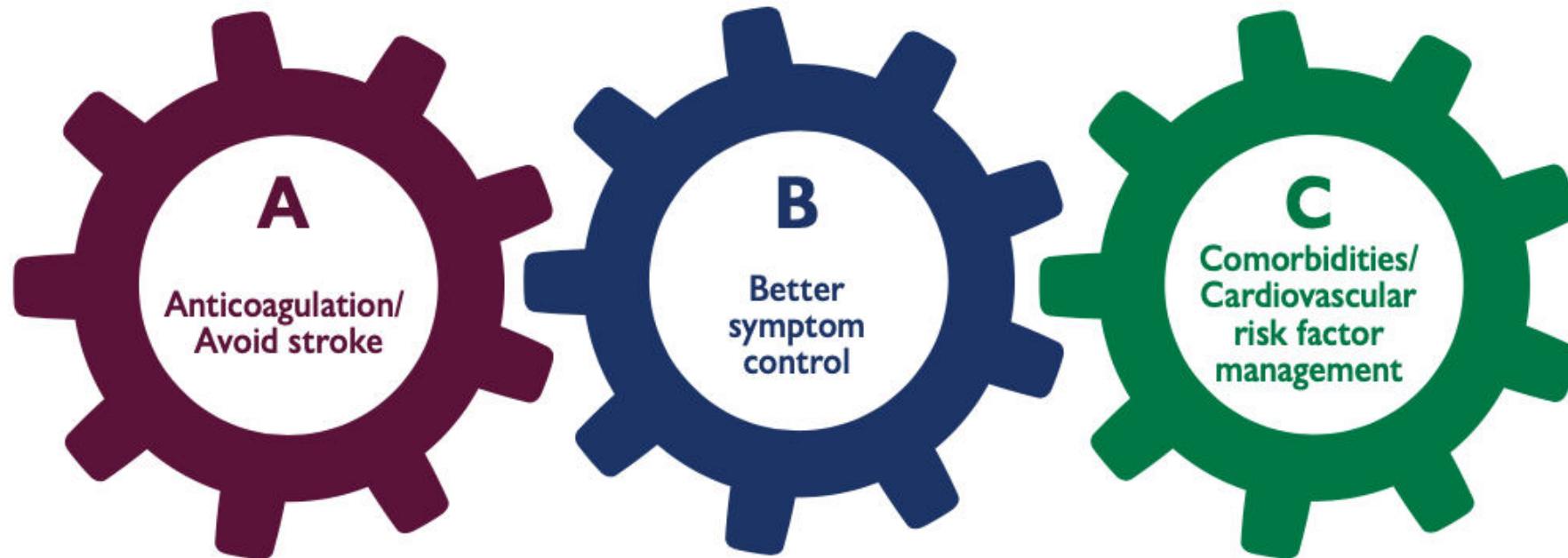
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# AF Treatment

## Treat AF: The ABC pathway



# AF Treatment

## Management of Adults with Newly Diagnosed Atrial Fibrillation with and Without Chronic Kidney Disease

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### Methods



115,564 incident atrial fibrillation (AF) cases, along with AF medications and procedures were identified at two integrated health care delivery systems



AF medications (rate control medications, antiarrhythmic medications and anticoagulation), and AF-related procedures were identified from electronic health records



Baseline eGFR was calculated from at least 2 outpatient serum creatinine measures separated by  $\geq 90$  days

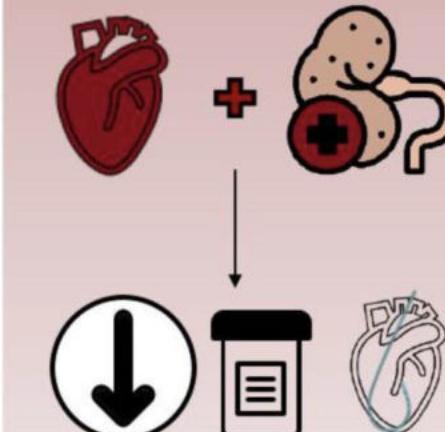
### Results

- Compared to those with  $eGFR > 60 \text{ ml/min}/1.73 \text{ m}^2$ , patients with  $eGFR 30-44$  (adjusted hazard ratio [aHR] 0.91, 95%CI:0.99-0.93), 15-29 (aHR 0.78, 95%CI:0.75-0.82) and  $< 15 \text{ ml/min}/1.73 \text{ m}^2$  (HR 0.64, 95%CI:0.58-0.70) had lower use of any AF therapy.
- In particular, AF patients with  $eGFR 15-29 \text{ ml/min}/1.73 \text{ m}^2$  had lower adjusted use of rate control agents, warfarin, and DOACs compared with  $eGFR \geq 60 \text{ ml/min}/1.73 \text{ m}^2$



### Conclusion

- In adults with newly diagnosed AF, CKD severity was associated with lower receipt of rate control agents, anticoagulation and AF procedures.
- Data on efficacy and safety of AF therapies in CKD patients are needed to inform management strategies.





# Stroke Risk

CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score Risk factors and definitions		
	Points awarded	Comment
<b>C</b>	<b>Congestive heart failure</b> Clinical HF, or objective evidence of moderate to severe LV dysfunction, or HCM	1 Recent decompensated HF irrespective of LVEF (thus incorporating HFrEF or HFpEF), or the presence (even if asymptomatic) of moderate-severe LV systolic impairment on cardiac imaging. <sup>335</sup> ; HCM confers a high stroke risk <sup>336</sup> and OAC is beneficial for stroke reduction. <sup>337</sup>
<b>H</b>	<b>Hypertension</b> or on antihypertensive therapy	1 History of hypertension may result in vascular changes that predispose to stroke, and a well-controlled BP today may not be well-controlled over time. <sup>324</sup> Uncontrolled BP - the optimal BP target associated with the lowest risk of ischaemic stroke, death, and other cardiovascular outcomes is 120 - 129/<80 mmHg. <sup>338</sup>
<b>A</b>	<b>Age 75 years or older</b>	2 Age is a powerful driver of stroke risk, and most population cohorts show that the risk rises from age 65 years upwards. <sup>339</sup> Age-related risk is a continuum, but for reasons of simplicity and practicality, 1 point is given for age 65 - 74 years and 2 points for age $\geq$ 75 years.
<b>D</b>	<b>Diabetes mellitus</b> Treatment with oral hypoglycaemic drugs and/or insulin or fasting blood glucose >125 mg/dL (7 mmol/L)	1 Diabetes mellitus is a well-established risk factor for stroke, and more recently stroke risk has been related to duration of diabetes mellitus (the longer the duration of diabetes mellitus, the higher the risk of thromboembolism <sup>340</sup> ) and presence of diabetic target organ damage, e.g. retinopathy. <sup>341</sup> Both type 1 and type 2 diabetes mellitus confer broadly similar thromboembolic risk in AF, although the risk may be slightly higher in patients aged <65 years with type 2 diabetes mellitus compared to patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus. <sup>342</sup>
<b>S</b>	<b>Stroke</b> Previous stroke, TIA, or thromboembolism	2 Previous stroke, systemic embolism, or TIA confers a particularly high risk of ischaemic stroke, hence weighted 2 points. Although excluded from RCTs, AF patients with ICH (including haemorrhagic stroke) are at very high risk of subsequent ischaemic stroke, and recent observational studies suggest that such patients would benefit from oral anticoagulation. <sup>343 - 345</sup>
<b>V</b>	<b>Vascular disease</b> Angiographically significant CAD, previous myocardial infarction, PAD, or aortic plaque	1 Vascular disease (PAD or myocardial infarction) confers a 17 - 22% excess risk, particularly in Asian patients. <sup>346 - 348</sup> Angiographically significant CAD is also an independent risk factor for ischaemic stroke among AF patients (adjusted incidence rate ratio 1.29, 95% CI 1.08 - 1.53). <sup>349</sup> Complex aortic plaque on the descending aorta, as an indicator of significant vascular disease, is also a strong predictor of ischaemic stroke. <sup>350</sup>
<b>A</b>	<b>Age 65 - 74 years</b>	1 See above. Recent data from Asia suggest that the risk of stroke may rise from age 50 - 55 years upwards and that a modified CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score may be used in Asian patients. <sup>351,352</sup>
<b>Sc</b>	<b>Sex category (female)</b>	1 A stroke risk modifier rather than a risk factor. <sup>353</sup>
<b>Maximum score</b>		<b>9</b>

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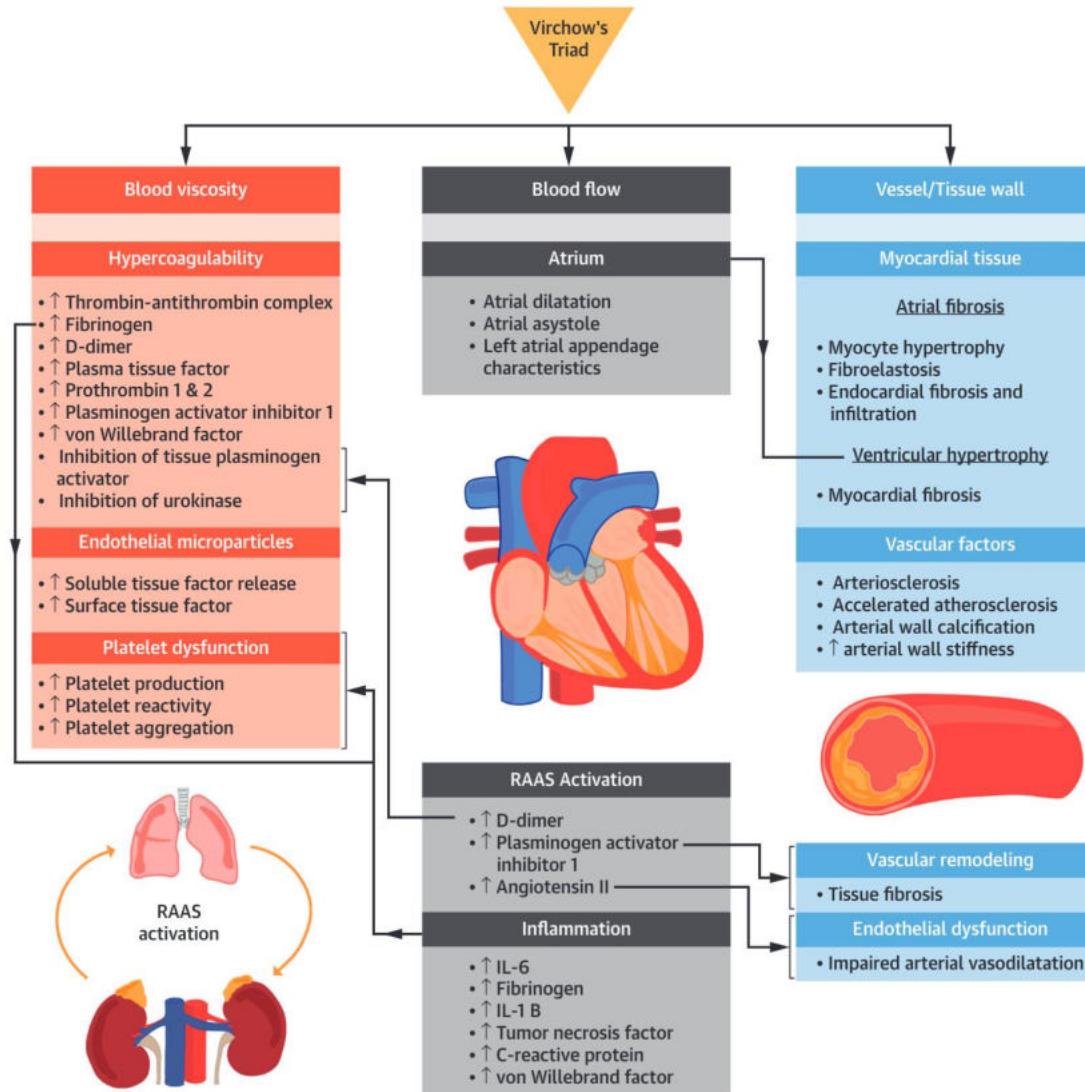


# Stroke Risk

Most commonly studied clinical risk factors (a systematic review) <sup>324</sup>	Positive studies/All studies	Other clinical risk factors <sup>325</sup>	Imaging biomarkers <sup>291,326–328</sup>	Blood/urine biomarkers <sup>329–332</sup>
<b>Stroke/TIA/systemic embolism</b>	15/16	Impaired renal function/ CKD	Echocardiography	Cardiac troponin T and I Natriuretic peptides
<b>Hypertension</b>	11/20	OSA	LA dilatation	Cystatin C
<b>Ageing (per decade)</b>	9/13	HCM	Spontaneous contrast or thrombus in LA	Proteinuria
<b>Structural heart disease</b>	9/13	Amyloidosis in degenerative cerebral and heart diseases	Low LAA velocities	CrCl/eGFR
<b>Diabetes mellitus</b>	9/14	Hyperlipidaemia	Complex aortic plaque	CRP
<b>Vascular disease</b>	6/17	Smoking	Cerebral imaging	IL-6
<b>CHF/LV dysfunction</b>	7/18	Metabolic syndrome <sup>333</sup>	Small-vessel disease	GDF-15
<b>Sex category (female)</b>	8/22	Malignancy		von Willebrand factor
				D-dimer



# Stroke Risk in patients with AF + CKD





# Bleeding Risk

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

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For bleeding risk assessment, a formal structured risk-score-based bleeding risk assessment is recommended to help identify non-modifiable and address modifiable bleeding risk factors in all AF patients, and to identify patients potentially at high risk of bleeding who should be scheduled for early and more frequent clinical review and follow-up.<sup>388,395,404,406</sup>



For a formal risk-score-based assessment of bleeding risk, the HAS-BLED score should be considered to help address modifiable bleeding risk factors, and to identify patients at high risk of bleeding (HAS-BLED score ≥3) for early and more frequent clinical review and follow-up.<sup>388,395,404,406</sup>





# Bleeding Risk in patients with AF + CKD

## The Risk of Major Hemorrhage with CKD

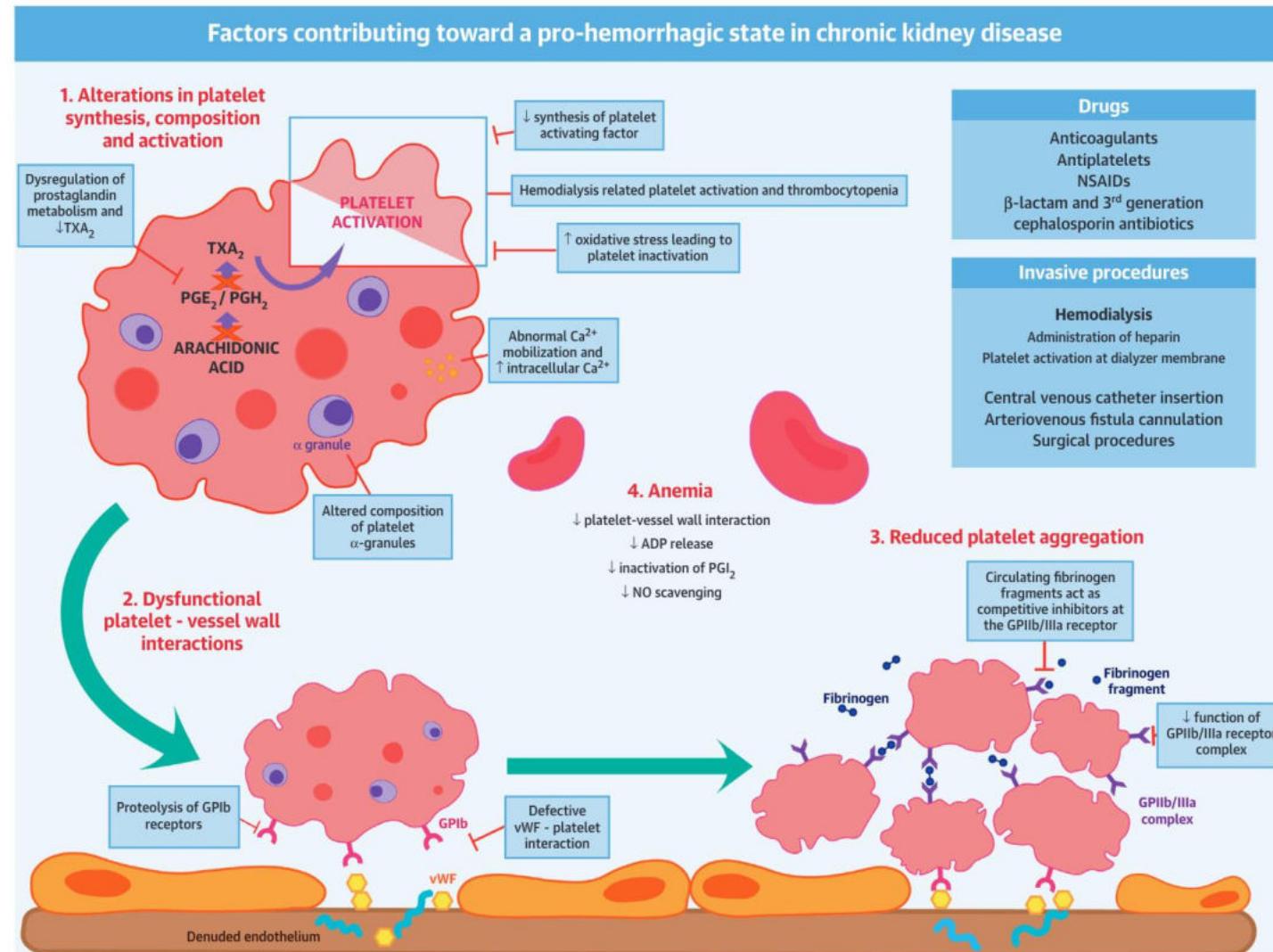
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**Table 2.** Association of eGFR and urine ACR with hemorrhage when examined as a continuous variable

Cohort and Variable	Unadjusted RR (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>	Adjusted RR (95% CI)	P Value
Total cohort			
eGFR, ml/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	0.73 (0.72 to 0.74)	0.91 (0.89 to 0.92) <sup>b</sup>	<0.001
Urine ACR, mg/g	1.02 (1.01 to 1.02)	1.02 (1.01 to 1.02) <sup>c</sup>	<0.001
Age ≥66 yr old			
eGFR, ml/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	0.81 (0.80 to 0.83)	0.91 (0.89 to 0.93) <sup>b,d</sup>	<0.001
Urine ACR, mg/g	1.02 (1.02 to 1.03)	1.02 (1.01 to 1.02) <sup>c,d</sup>	<0.001



# Bleeding Risk in patients with AF + CKD





# Should we anticoagulate ?

## Warfarin in Atrial Fibrillation Patients with Moderate Chronic Kidney Disease

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Table 3. Effect of adjusted-dose warfarin in patients with stage 3 CKD<sup>a</sup>

	Adjusted-Dose Warfarin			Fixed, Low-Dose Warfarin + Aspirin			Relative Risk Reduction <sup>c</sup> (%) (95% CI); P
	n	No. of Events	2-year Rate (%)	n	No. of Events	2-year Rate (%)	
<b>Ischemic stroke/systemic embolism<sup>b</sup></b>							
eGFR ≥60 ml/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	242	5	5.1	259	16	8.5	67 (10, 88); P = 0.02
Stage 3 CKD	267	6	2.9	249	23	14.1	76 (42, 90); P <0.01
<b>All major bleeds</b>							
eGFR ≥60 ml/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	242	5	6.3	259	7	6.3	21 (-151, 75); P = 0.69
Stage 3 CKD	267	5	2.5	249	6	3.6	24 (-150, 77); P = 0.65
<b>Deaths</b>							
eGFR ≥60 ml/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	242	10	7.9	259	15	10.1	26 (-64, 67); P = 0.45
Stage 3 CKD	267	21	13.7	249	22	17.7	15 (-55, 53); P = 0.60

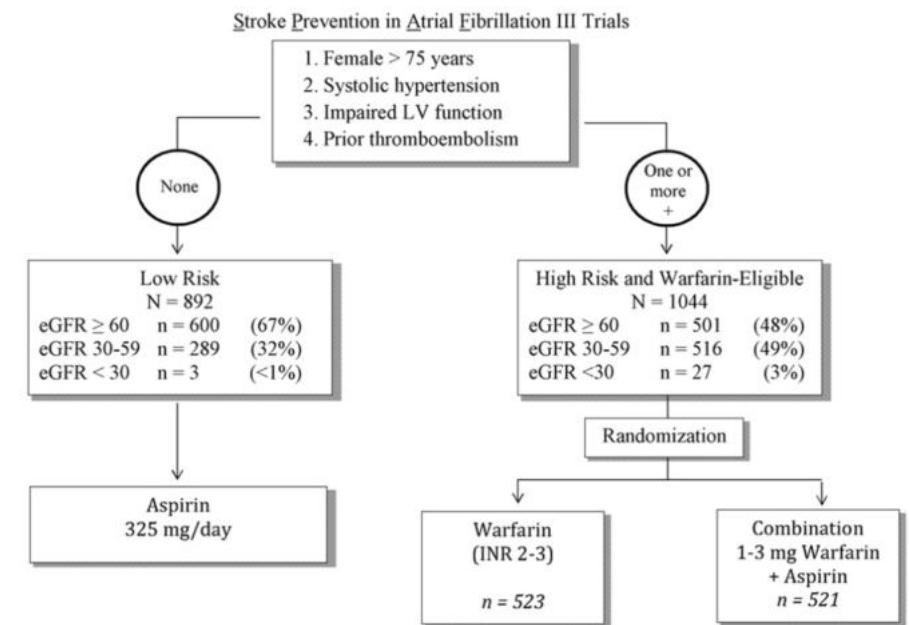
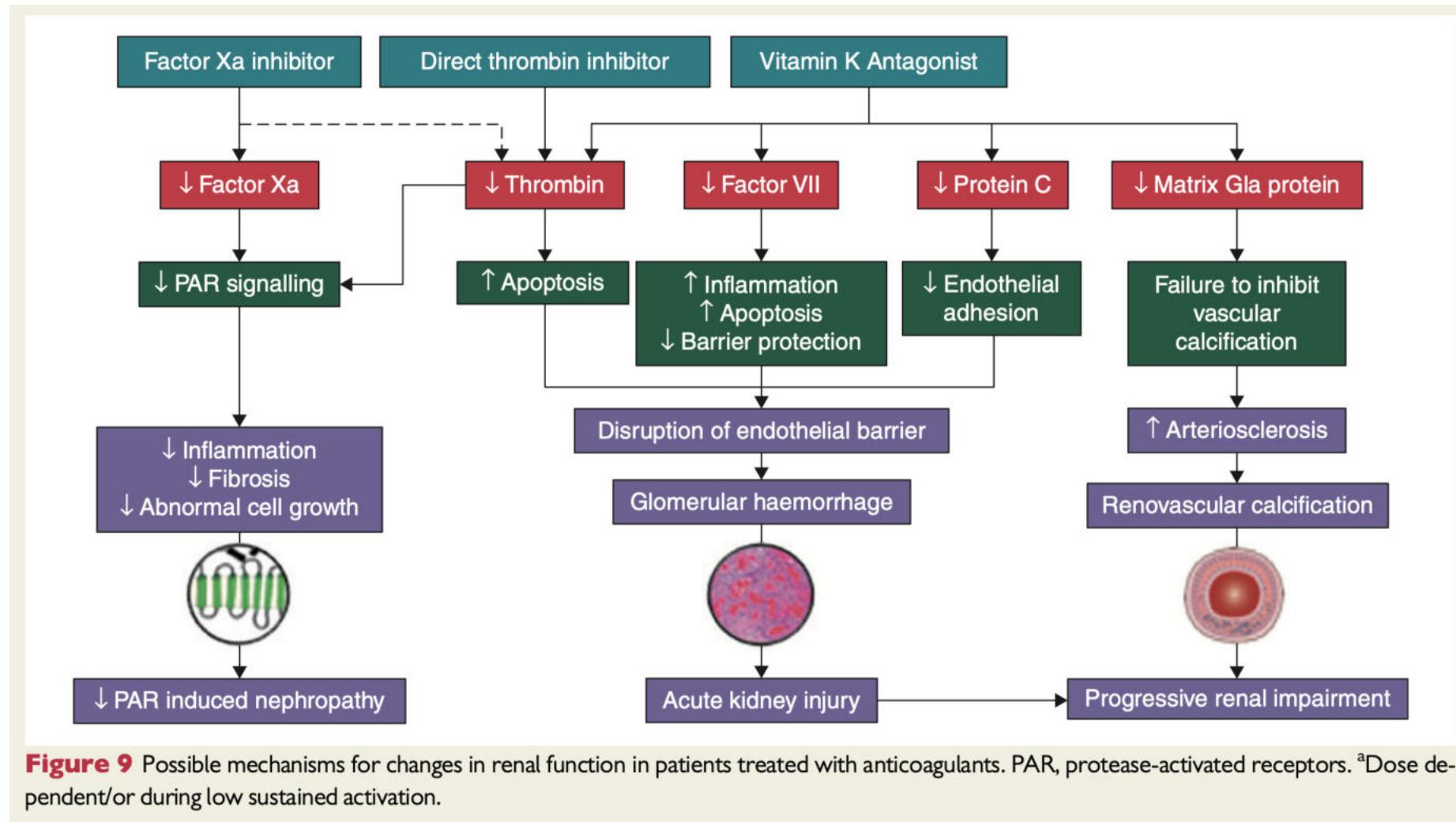


Figure 1. | Design of the Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation (SPAF) III trials. LV, left ventricular.



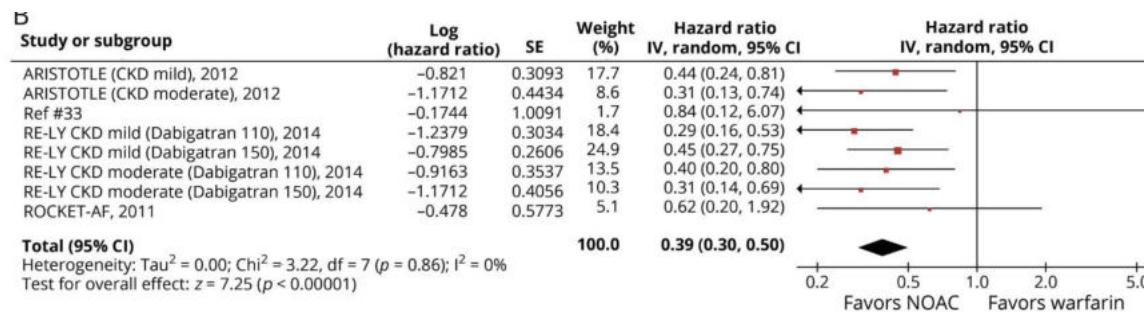
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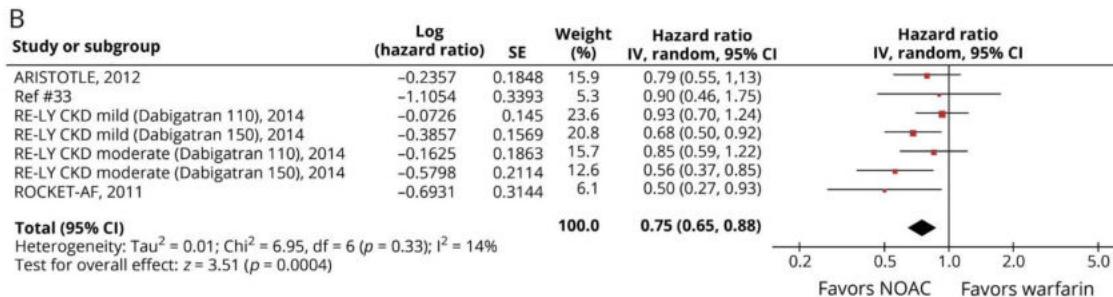


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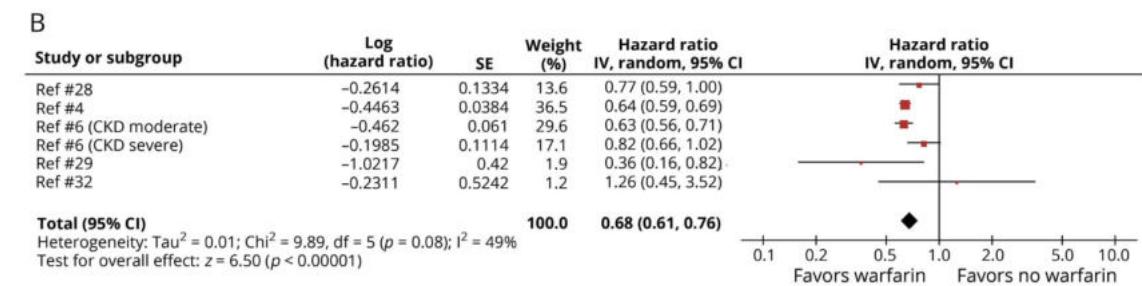
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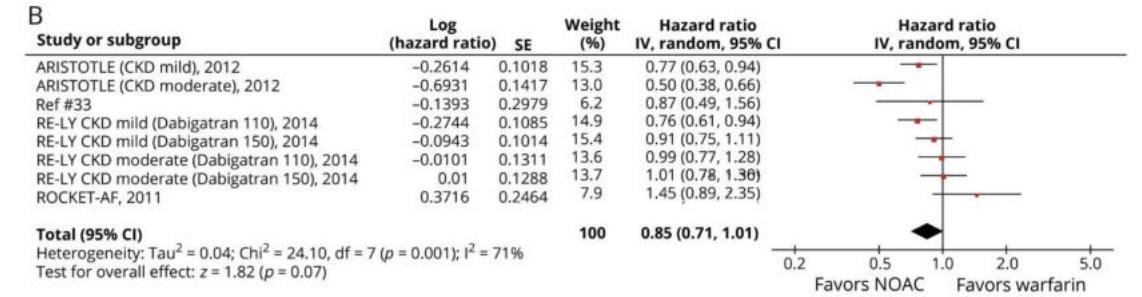
**Figure 2** Primary analyses on the risk of stroke/systemic embolism



**Figure 3** Primary analyses on the risk of mortality



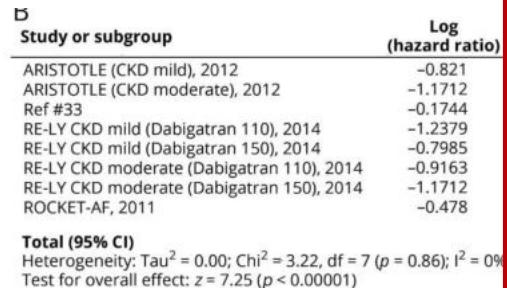
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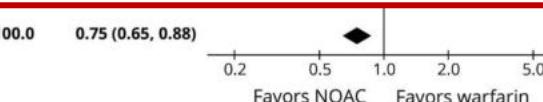
## Efficacy and Safety of Oral Anticoagulants for Atrial Fibrillation Patients With Chronic Kidney Disease: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

**Figure 2** Primary analyses on the risk of stroke/systemic embolism.



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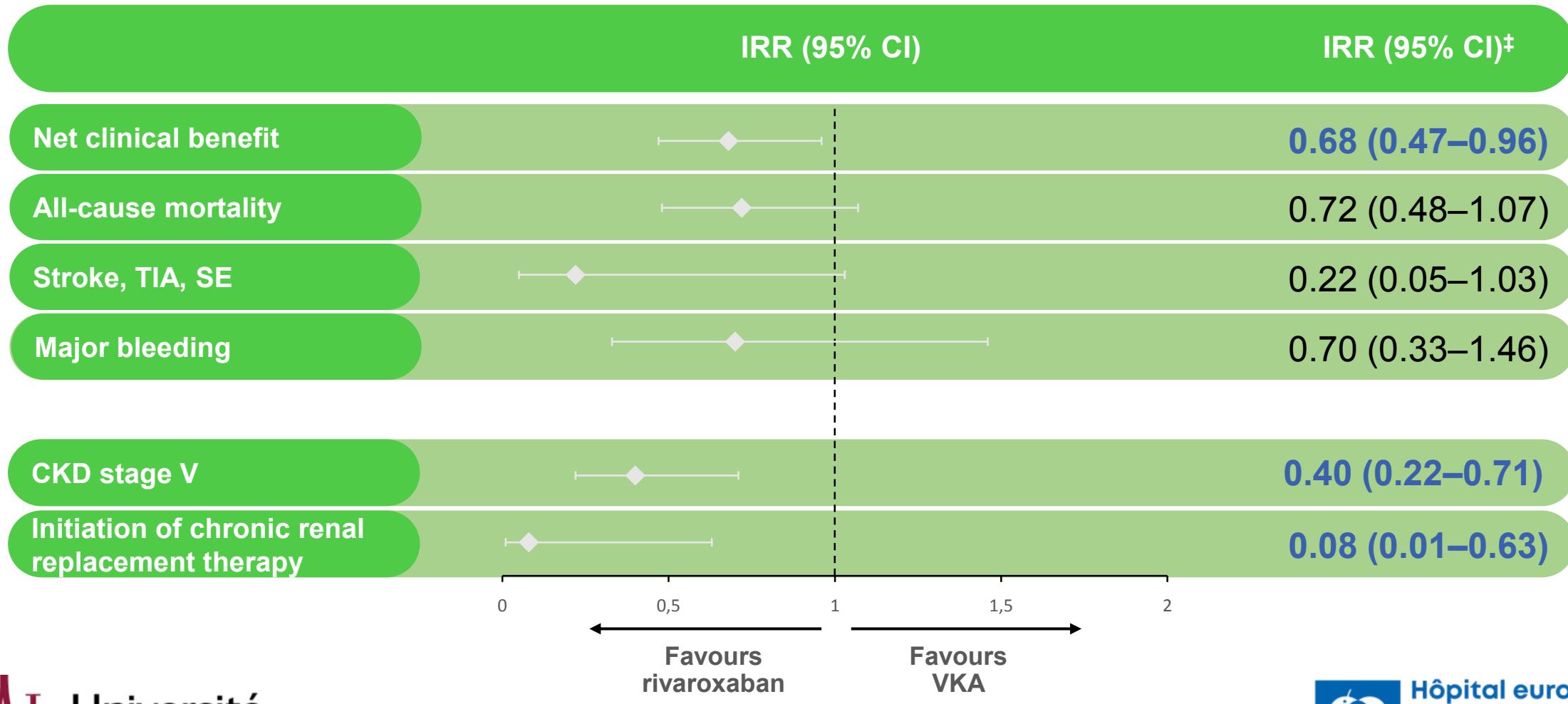
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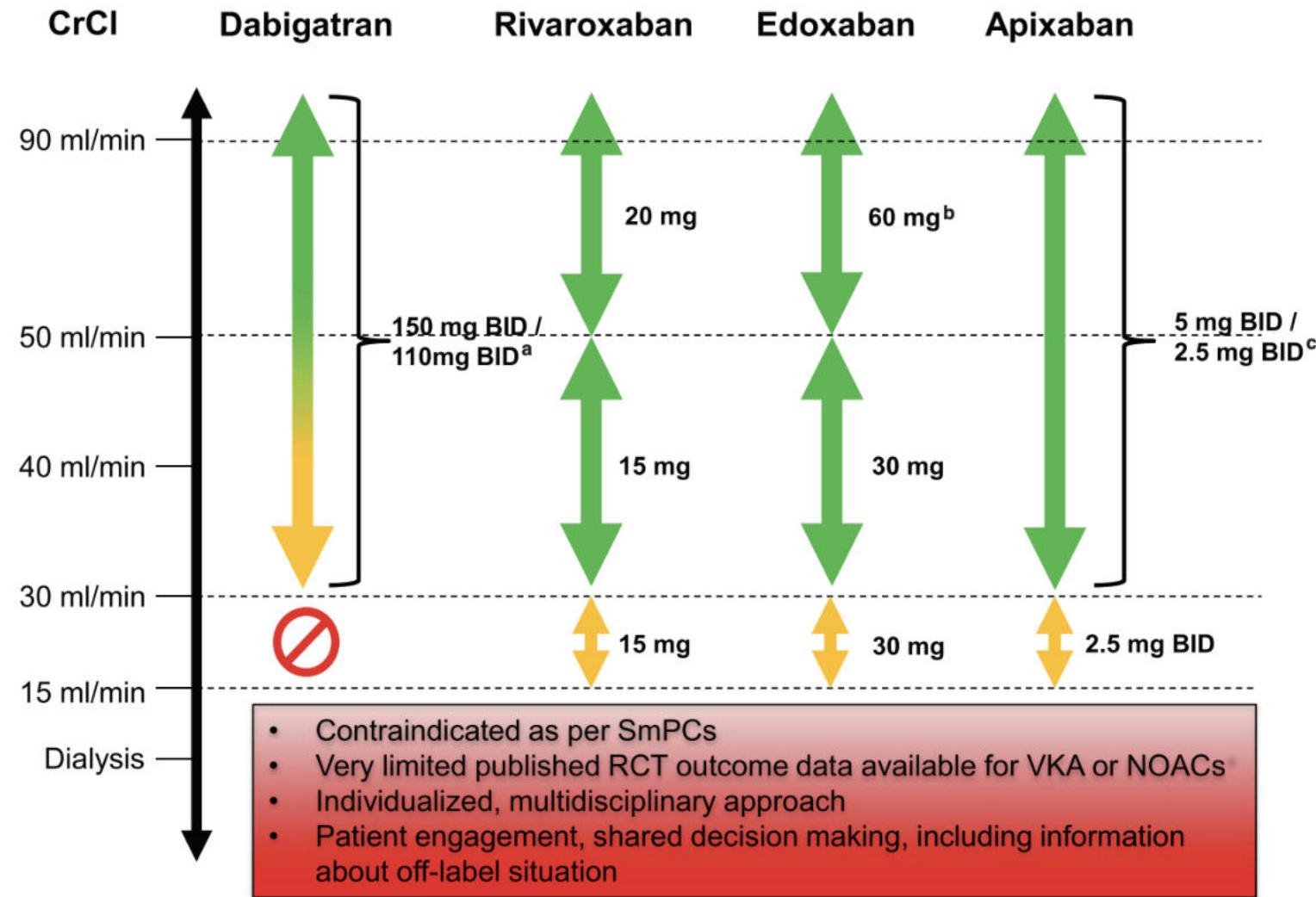
# New datas

- Incidence Risk Ratios and 95% Confidence Intervals After 1 Year of Follow-up\*





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## Circulation

### ACC/AHA/HRS GUIDELINE

#### **2019 AHA/ACC/HRS Focused Update of the 2014 AHA/ACC/HRS Guideline for the Management of Patients With Atrial Fibrillation**

**A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Clinical Practice Guidelines and the Heart Rhythm Society**

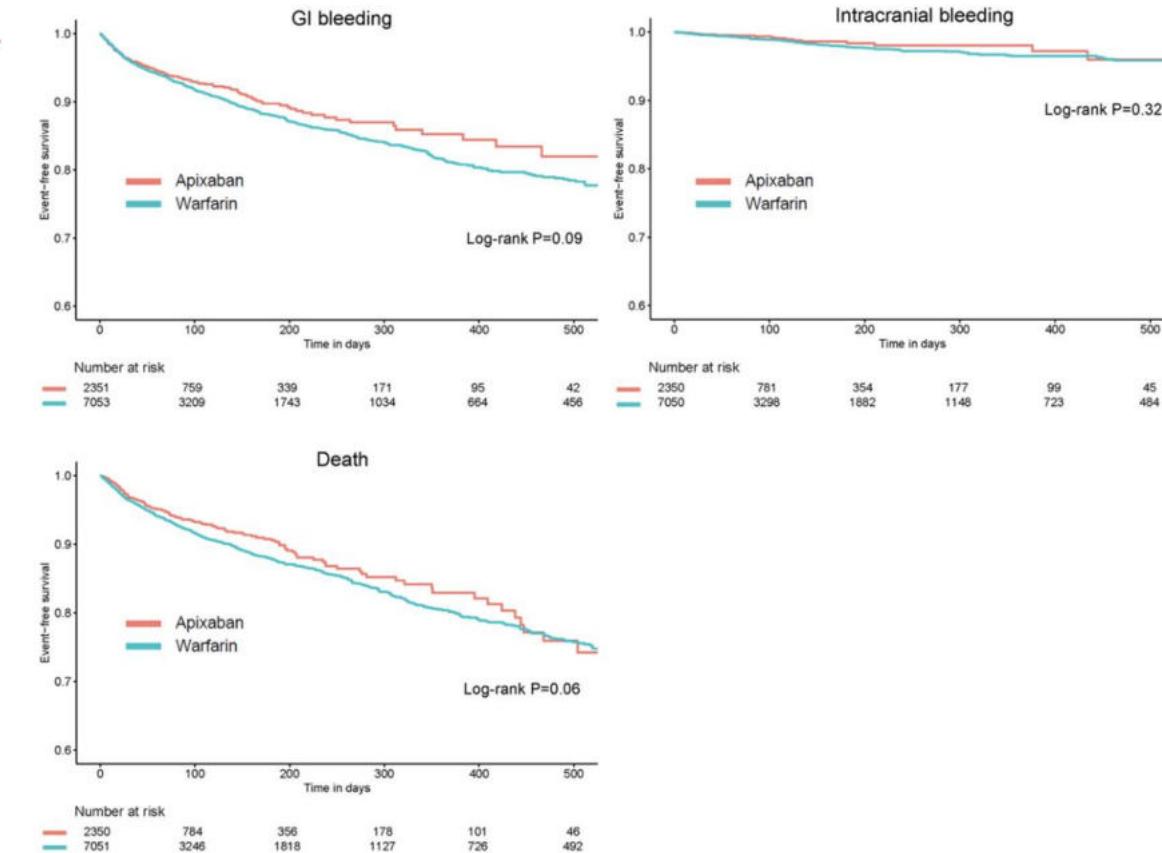
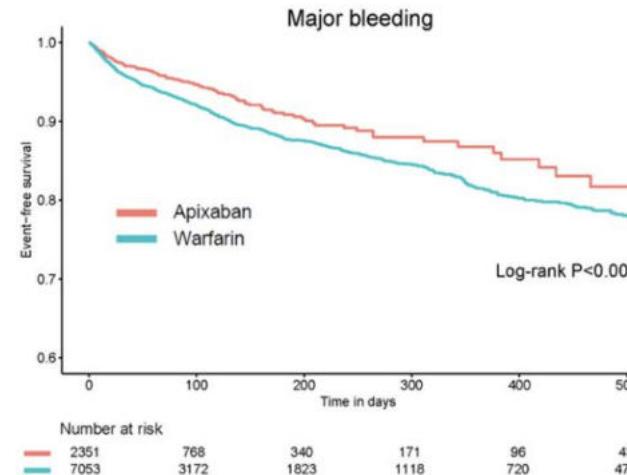
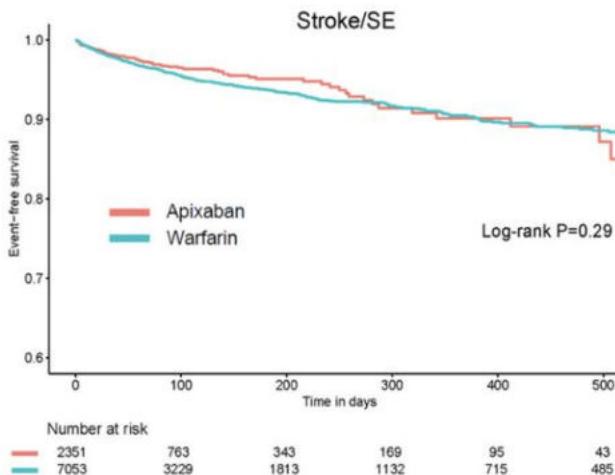
IIb	B-NR	<p>13. For patients with AF who have a CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score of 2 or greater in men or 3 or greater in women and who have end-stage chronic kidney disease (CKD; creatinine clearance [CrCl] &lt;15 mL/min) or are on dialysis, it might be reasonable to prescribe warfarin (INR 2.0 to 3.0) or apixaban for oral anticoagulation <small>S4.1.1-26, S4.1.1-29, S4.1.1-30</small></p> <p><b>MODIFIED:</b> New evidence has been added. LOE was updated from B to B-NR. (Section 4.1. in the 2014 AF Guideline)</p>
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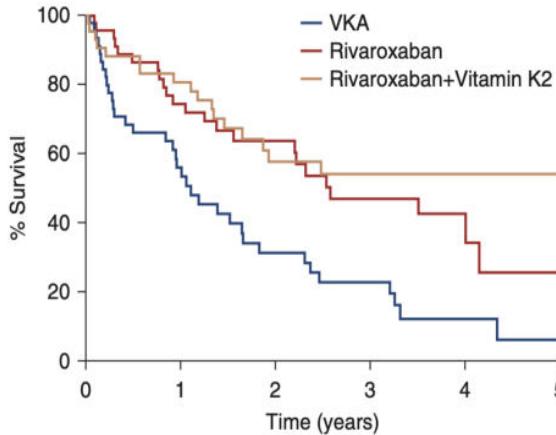




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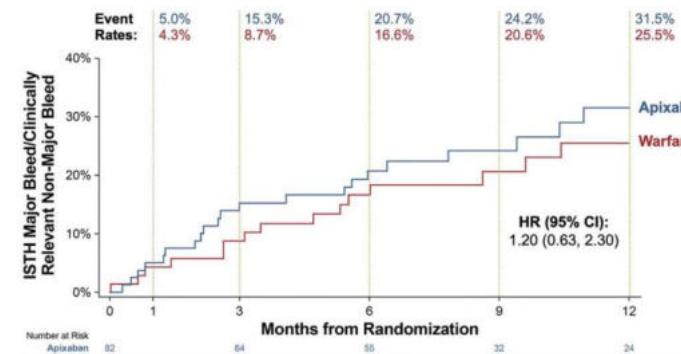
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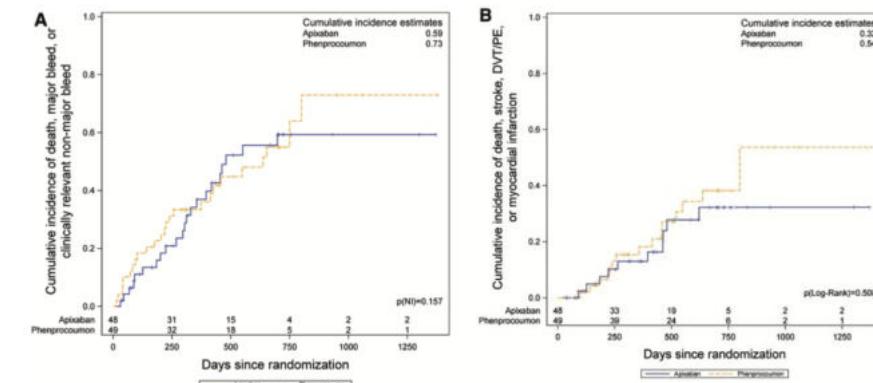
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# Left Atrial Appendage Closure

## 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).<sup>448,449,481,482</sup>

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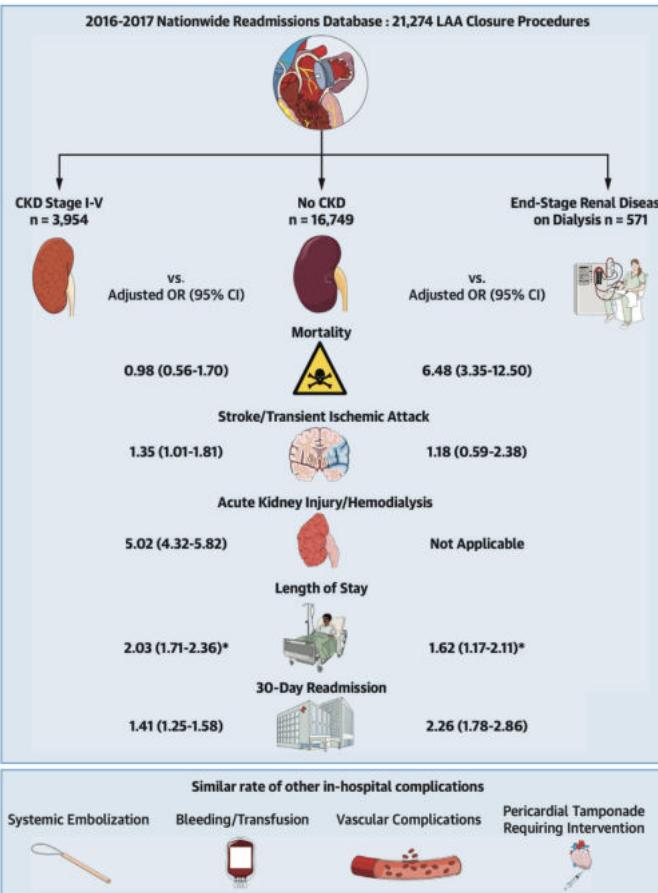
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# LAAC in CKD / ERSD

## The Association of Chronic Kidney Disease With Outcomes Following Percutaneous Left Atrial Appendage Closure

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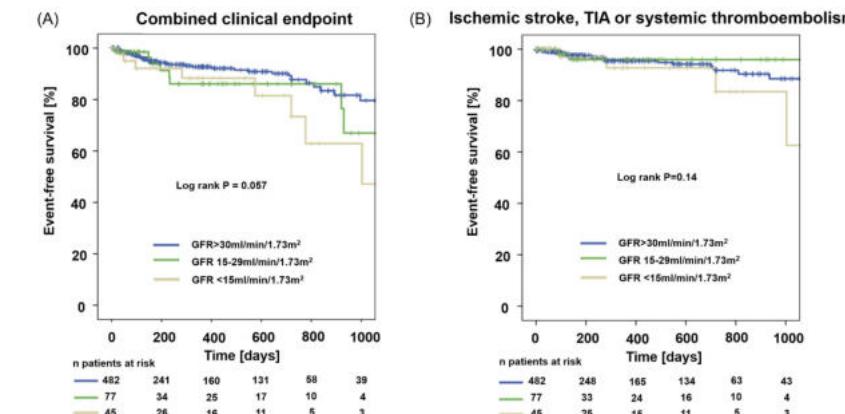
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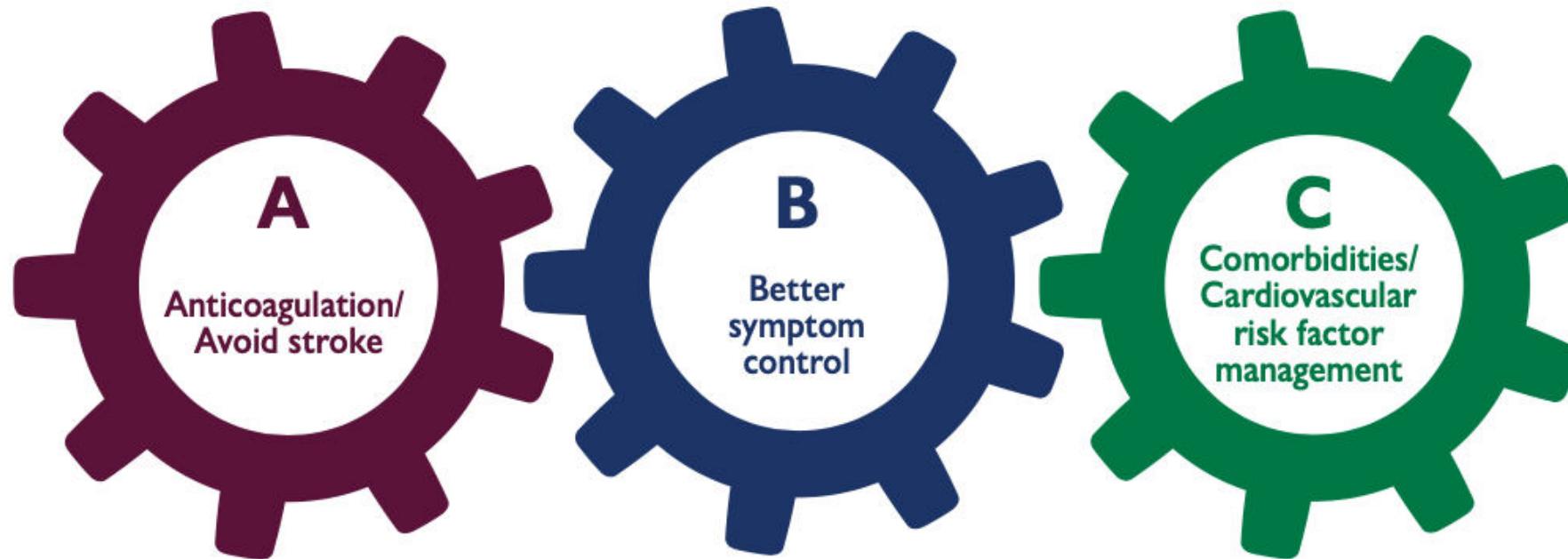
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# AF Treatment

## Treat AF: The ABC pathway





# Rhythm Control or Rate Control ?

AF pattern	Definition
<b>First diagnosed</b>	AF not diagnosed before, irrespective of its duration or the presence/severity of AF-related symptoms.
<b>Paroxysmal</b>	AF that terminates spontaneously or with intervention within 7 days of onset.
<b>Persistent</b>	AF that is continuously sustained beyond 7 days, including episodes terminated by cardioversion (drugs or electrical cardioversion) after $\geq 7$ days
<b>Long-standing persistent</b>	Continuous AF of $>12$ months' duration when decided to adopt a rhythm control strategy.
<b>Permanent</b>	AF that is accepted by the patient and physician, and no further attempts to restore/maintain sinus rhythm will be undertaken. Permanent AF represents a therapeutic attitude of the patient and physician rather than an inherent pathophysiological attribute of AF, and the term should not be used in the context of a rhythm control strategy with antiarrhythmic drug therapy or AF ablation. Should a rhythm control strategy be adopted, the arrhythmia would be re-classified as 'long-standing persistent AF'.

Favors Rate Control			
AFFIRM	NEJM, 2002	RCT	Mortality
RACE	NEJM, 2002	RCT	Mortality
STAF	JACC, 2003	RCT	Mortality, , Morbidity, QoL
HOT CAFE	CHEST, 2004	RCT	Mortality
AF CHF	NEJM, 2008	RCT	Mortality

Favors Rythm Control			
Dorian	Am Heart J, 2002	RCT	QoL
CAFE II	HEART, 2009	RCT	QoL / LVEF
RECORD AF	Circ, 2014	Obs	QoL
Sethi	PLoSOne, 2017	Meta A	QoL / LVEF
Purmah	Europace, 2018	Obs	Mortality
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# Rhythm Control vs Rate Control

## Early rhythm control vs. rate control in atrial fibrillation: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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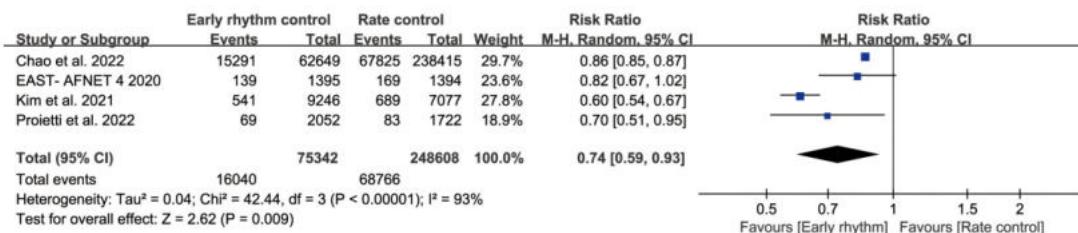


FIGURE 4  
Forest plot showing risk of heart failure hospitalization between early rhythm group and rate group.

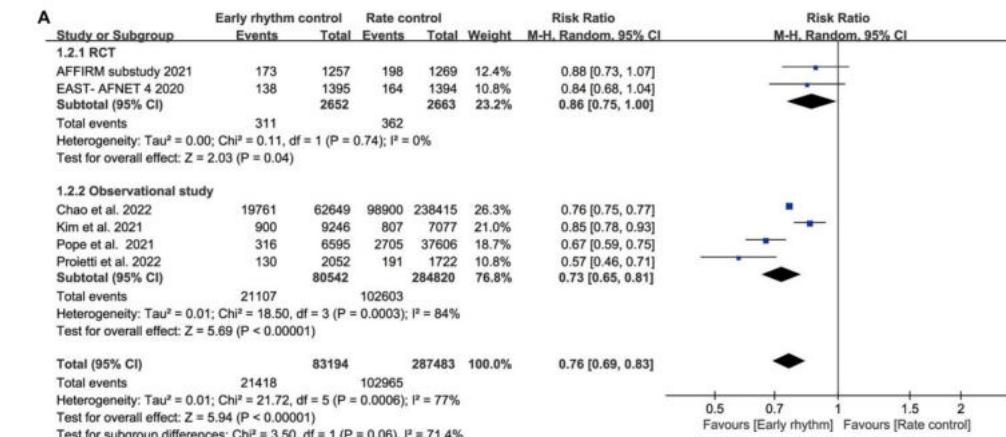


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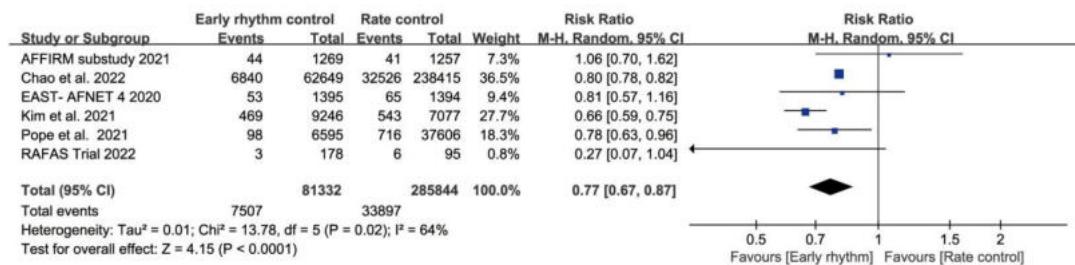


FIGURE 3  
Forest plot showing risk of stroke between early rhythm group and rate group.



# How to control the Rhythm ?

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## Catheter Ablation Versus Antiarrhythmic Drugs for Atrial Fibrillation

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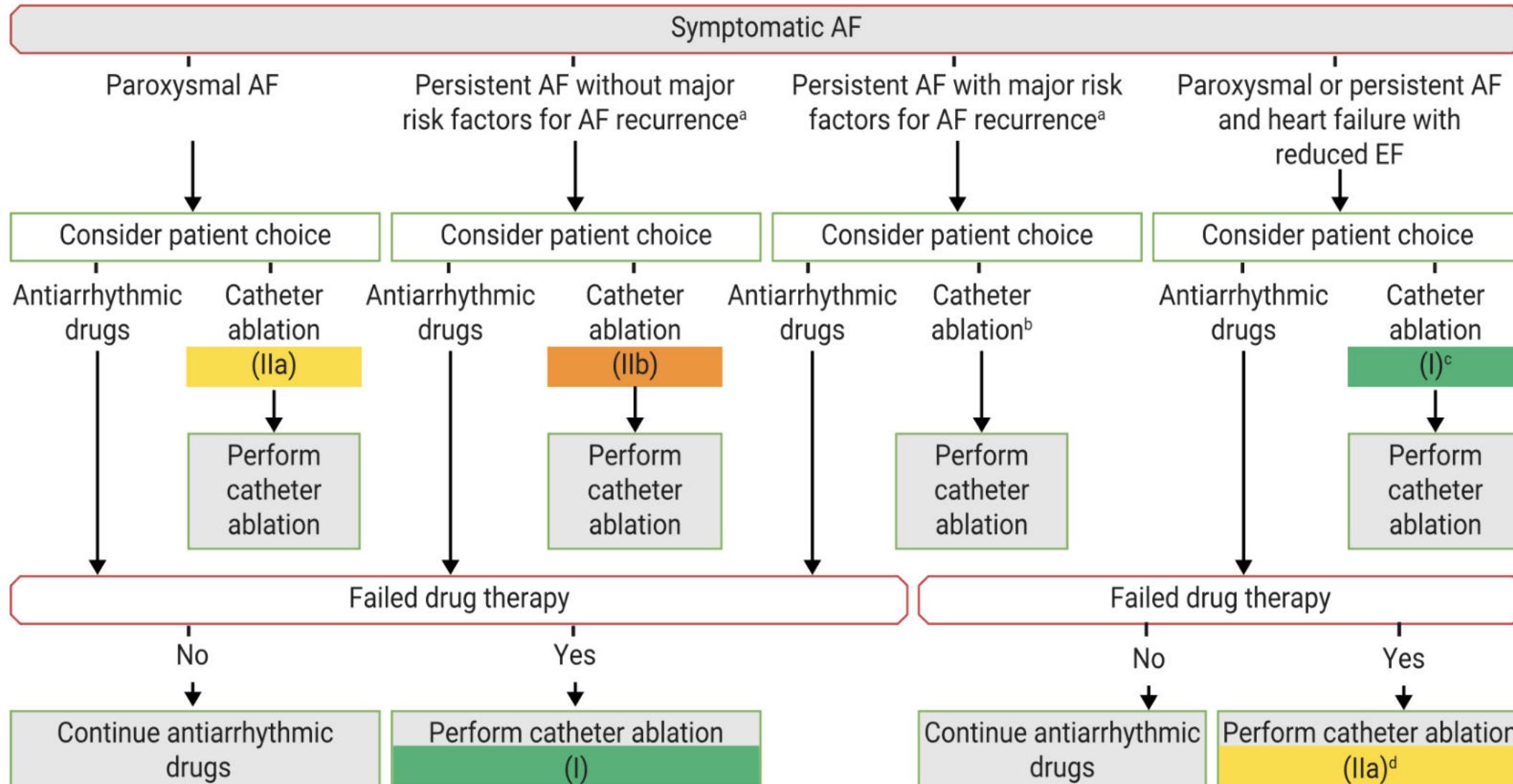
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# Rhythm Control





# Catheter Ablation for first line therapy ?

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## Assessment of Catheter Ablation or Antiarrhythmic Drugs for First-line Therapy of Atrial Fibrillation A Meta-analysis of Randomized Clinical Trials

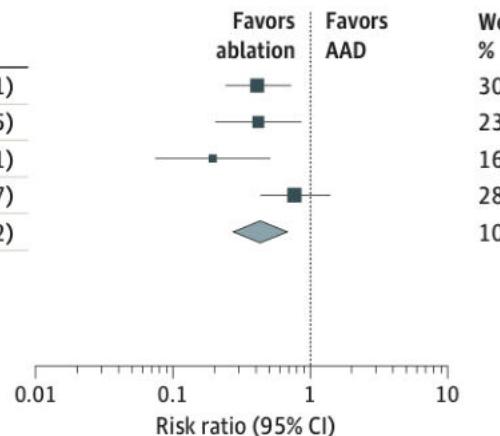
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### A Symptomatic atrial arrhythmia recurrence

Study	Ablation		Drug therapy		Risk ratio (95% CI)	Favors ablation	Favors AAD	Weight, %
	Events	Total	Events	Total				
EARLY AF <sup>21</sup>	17	154	39	149	0.42 (0.25-0.71)	■	■	30.5
MANTRA-PAF <sup>18</sup>	10	146	24	148	0.42 (0.21-0.85)	■	■	23.8
RAAFT-1 <sup>17</sup>	4	32	22	35	0.20 (0.08-0.51)	■	■	16.9
RAAFT-2 <sup>19</sup>	16	66	19	61	0.78 (0.44-1.37)	■	■	28.8
Total (95% CI)		398		393	0.44 (0.27-0.72)			100.0
Total events	47		104					

Heterogeneity:  $\tau^2 = 0.13$ ;  $\chi^2 = 6.56$ ;  $P = .09$ ;  $I^2 = 54\%$

Total overall effect:  $z = 3.27$ ;  $P = .001$

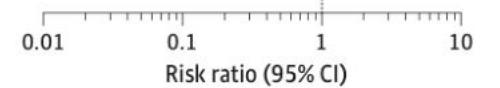


### B Hospitalization

Study	Ablation		Drug therapy		Risk ratio (95% CI)	Favors ablation	Favors AAD	Weight, %
	Events	Total	Events	Total				
MANTRA-PAF <sup>18</sup>	0	146	2	148	0.20 (0.01-4.19)	•	•	2.8
RAAFT-1 <sup>17</sup>	3	32	19	35	0.17 (0.06-0.53)	■	■	20.7
STOP-AF <sup>22</sup>	13	104	32	99	0.39 (0.22-0.69)	■	■	76.4
Total (95% CI)		282		282	0.32 (0.19-0.53)			100.0
Total events	16		53					

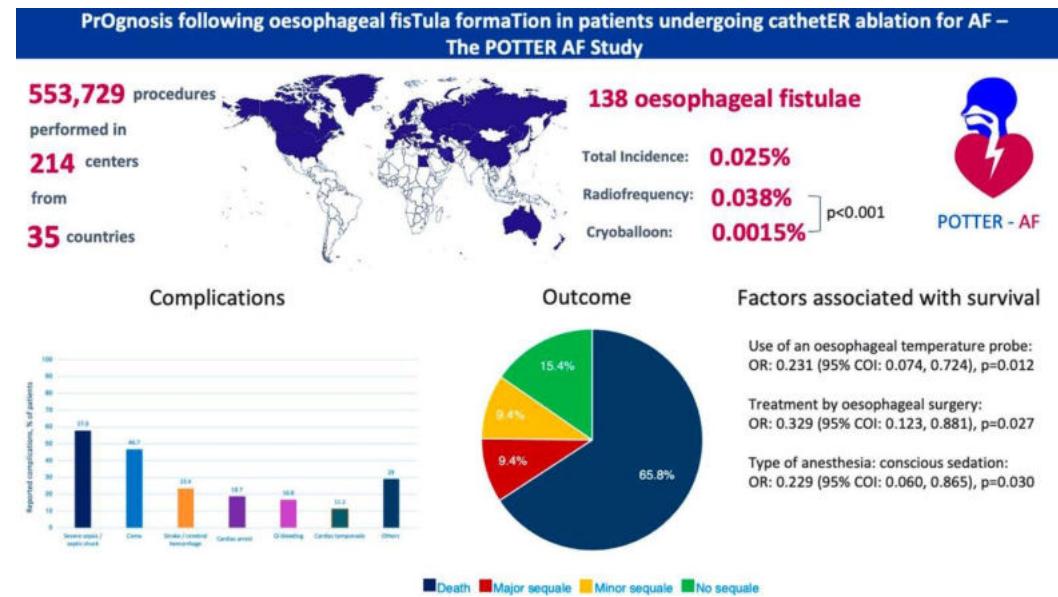
Heterogeneity:  $\tau^2 = 0.00$ ;  $\chi^2 = 1.70$ ;  $P = .43$ ;  $I^2 = 0\%$

Total overall effect:  $z = 4.37$ ;  $P < .001$



# AF Ablation : Complications

Complication severity	Complication type	Complication rate Catheter ablation
Life-threatening complications	Periprocedural death	<0.1%
	Oesophageal perforation/fistula	<0.5%
	Periprocedural thromboembolic event	<1.0%
	Cardiac tamponade	≈1%
Severe complications	Pulmonary vein stenosis	<1.0%
	Persistent phrenic nerve palsy	<1.0%
	Vascular complications	2-4%
	Conversion to sternotomy	N/A
	Pneumothorax	N/A





# AF ablation and Renal Function

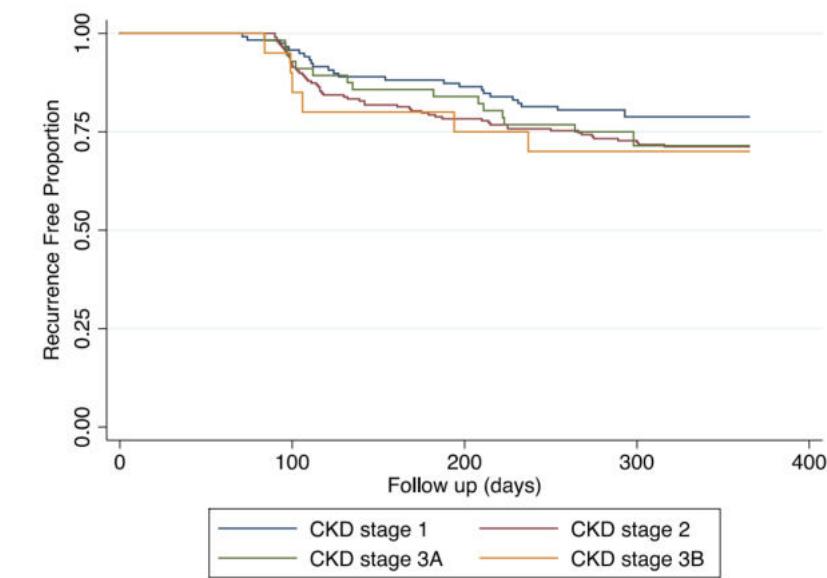
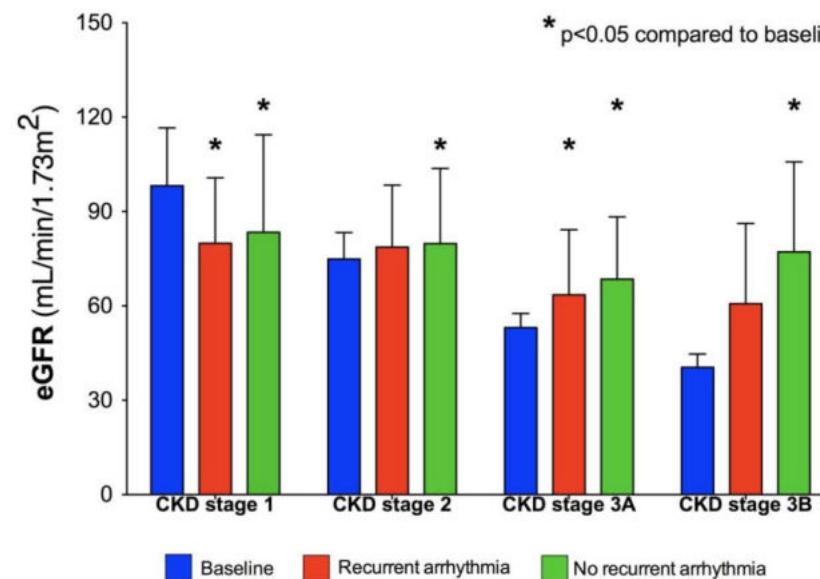
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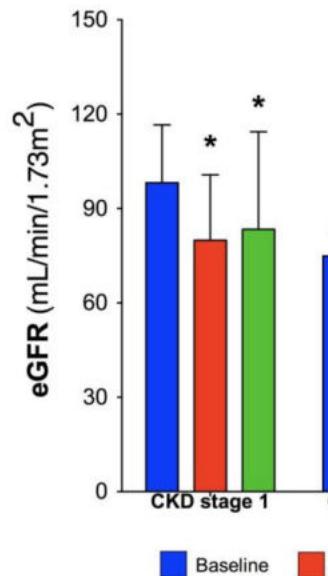
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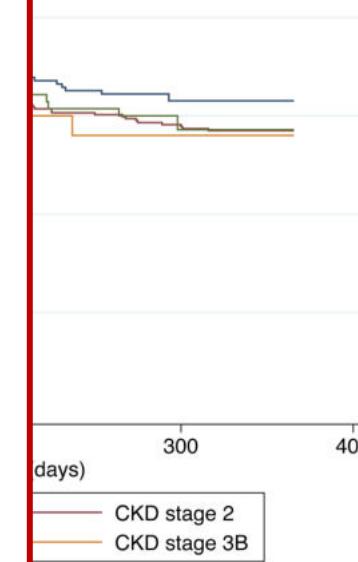
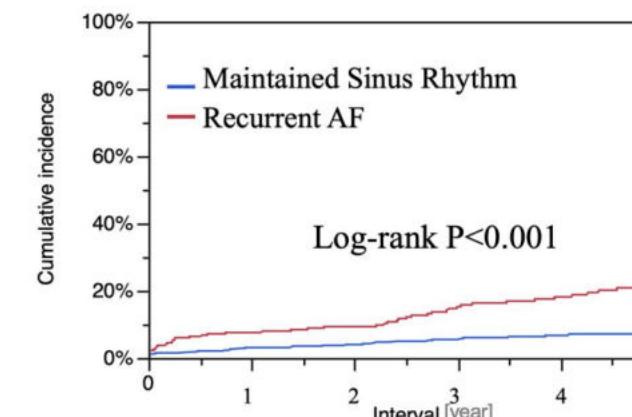
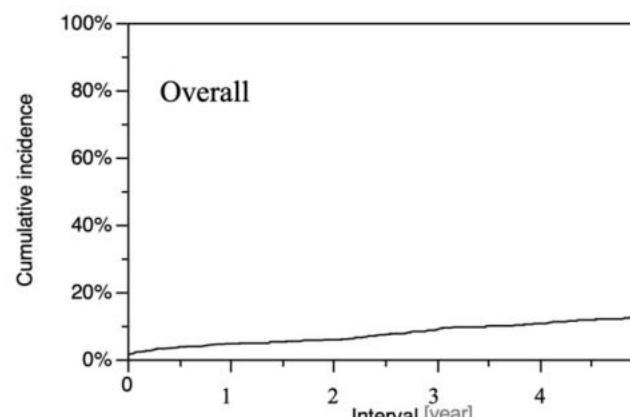
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## Renal function and outcomes in atrial fibrillation patients after catheter ablation

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30-Day complications after AF ablation.

30-Day complications	Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Status			<i>p</i>
	All patients (N=21,091)	CKD (N=1,593)	No CKD (N=19,498)	
All-cause hospitalization [any admission in Inpatient Admissions file between t+1 and t+30 days after ablation]	1,868 (8.9%)	209 (12.9%)	1,659 (8.5%)	<0.001
Vascular complication [ICD-9 codes: 998.11, 998.12, 998.2, 39.31, 39.41, 39.49, 39.52, 39.53, 39.56, 39.57, 39.58, 39.59, 39.79]	463 (2.2%)	38 (2.4%)	425 (2.2%)	0.59
Blood Transfusion [ICD-9 codes: 99.03, 99.04 and CPT-4 code: 36430]	115 (0.55%)	26 (1.63%)	89 (0.46%)	<0.001
Hematoma or hemorrhage [ICD-9 codes: 998.11, 998.12]	376 (1.8%)	32 (2.0%)	344 (1.8%)	0.48
Perforation or tamponade [ICD-9 codes: 37.0, 423.0, 423.3, 423.9]	656 (3.1%)	51 (3.2%)	605 (3.1%)	0.83
Pneumothorax or hemothorax [ICD-9 code: 340.4, 512.0, 512.1, 511.8, 512.8]	29 (0.14%)	4 (0.25%)	25 (0.13%)	0.27
Stroke or transient ischemic attack [ICD-9 codes: 434.0x, 434.1x, 434.9x, 435.9]	27 (0.13%)	2 (0.13%)	25 (0.13%)	1.00
Pacemaker implantation [ICD-9 codes: 00.50, 00.52, 00.53, 37.71, 37.72, 37.73, 37.74, 37.75, 37.76, 37.77, 37.78, 37.79, 37.81, 37.82, 37.83, 37.84, 37.85, 37.86, 37.87, 37.88, 37.89]	124 (0.59%)	16 (1.0%)	108 (0.55%)	0.02
Implantable cardioverter defibrillator implantation [ICD-9 codes: 37.94, 37.95, 37.96, 37.97, 37.98, 00.51, 00.54]	16 (0.08%)	2 (0.13%)	14 (0.07%)	0.34
Heart failure [ICD-9 codes: 398.91, 402.01, 402.11, 402.91, 404.01, 404.03, 404.11, 404.13, 404.91, 404.93, 425.0, 425.1, 425.2, 425.3, 425.4, 425.5, 425.7, 425.8, 425.9, 428.0, 428.1, 428.20, 428.21, 428.22, 428.23, 428.30, 428.31, 428.32, 428.33, 428.40, 428.41, 428.42, 428.43, 428.9, 429.3]	116 (0.55%)	34 (2.1%)	82 (0.4%)	<0.001
In-hospital Death [Discharge Status file codes: 20, 21]	7 (0.03%)	1 (0.06%)	6 (0.03%)	0.42

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## Association of Kidney Function With Risk of Adverse Effects of Therapies for Atrial Fibrillation

**Table 2.** Frequency of adverse effects within 12 months after AF pharmacotherapy initiation in patients with incident AF stratified by CKD status (defined as eGFR <60 ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) at baseline

Newly initiated therapy for atrial fibrillation within 1 yr after index date*	Adverse effects within 12 mo of therapy initiation (unless otherwise specified)	Patients with CKD	Patients without CKD	<i>P</i> value
Rate control medication (n = 32,873)	N at risk	8128	24,745	
Bradycardia (<50 bpm), n = 5104	1375 (16.9%)	3729 (15.1%)	<0.001	
Hypotension (SBP < 90 mm Hg), n = 3467	1004 (12.4%)	2463 (10.0%)	<0.001	
Complete heart block, n = 743	231 (2.8%)	512 (2.1%)	<0.001	
Pacemaker, n = 609	169 (2.1%)	440 (1.8%)	0.08	
Overall having at least 1 AE, n = 8379	2345 (28.9%)	6034 (24.4%)	<0.001	
Antiarrhythmic medication (n = 12,972)	N at risk	3572	9400	
Tachycardia (HR > 110 bpm), n = 598	163 (4.6%)	435 (4.6%)	0.88	
Torsades de pointes, n = 140	50 (1.4%)	90 (1.0%)	0.03	
Liver injury or liver failure, n = 13	3 (0.08%)	10 (0.11%)	0.72	
Hyper or hypothyroidism, n = 924	351 (9.8%)	573 (6.1%)	<0.001	
Amiodarone lung toxicity, n = 89	29 (0.81%)	60 (0.64%)	0.28	
ECG measure: prolonged QRS ≥ 120 ms, n = 1225	382 (10.7%)	843 (9.0%)	0.03	
ECG measure: prolonged QTc > 450 ms, n = 1105	257 (7.2%)	848 (9.0%)	0.001	
Overall: having at least 1 AE, n = 3329	987 (27.63%)	2342 (24.91%)	0.002	
Warfarin (n = 37,325)	N at risk	12,929	24,396	
Major bleeding	538 (4.16%)	604 (2.48%)	<0.001	
DOAC (n = 12,990)	N at risk	2940	10050	
Major bleeding	91 (3.10%)	165 (1.64%)	<0.001	
AF procedure (i.e., catheter ablation, cardioversion, or combination of pacemaker and atrioventricular node ablation) <sup>a</sup>	N at risk	1320	4933	
Cardiac tamponade	1 (0.08%)	1 (0.02%)	0.3	
Hemoptysis	3 (0.2%)	2 (0.04%)	0.03	
Hemothorax	0	1 (0.02%)	0.6	
Retroperitoneal bleeding	5 (0.4%)	17 (0.3%)	0.8	
Cardiac perforation	1 (0.08%)	3 (0.06%)	0.8	
Pneumothorax	0	1 (0.02%)	0.6	
Pericardial effusion	7 (0.5%)	14 (0.3%)	0.17	
Pulmonary vein stenosis	0	0		
Atrial esophageal fistula	0	0		
Pseudaneurysm	0	2 (0.04%)	0.46	
Phrenic nerve injury	0	0		
Esophageal ulcer	1 (0.08%)	0	0.05	
Overall with ≥1 procedure-related adverse effect	18 (1.4%)	40 (0.81%)	0.08	

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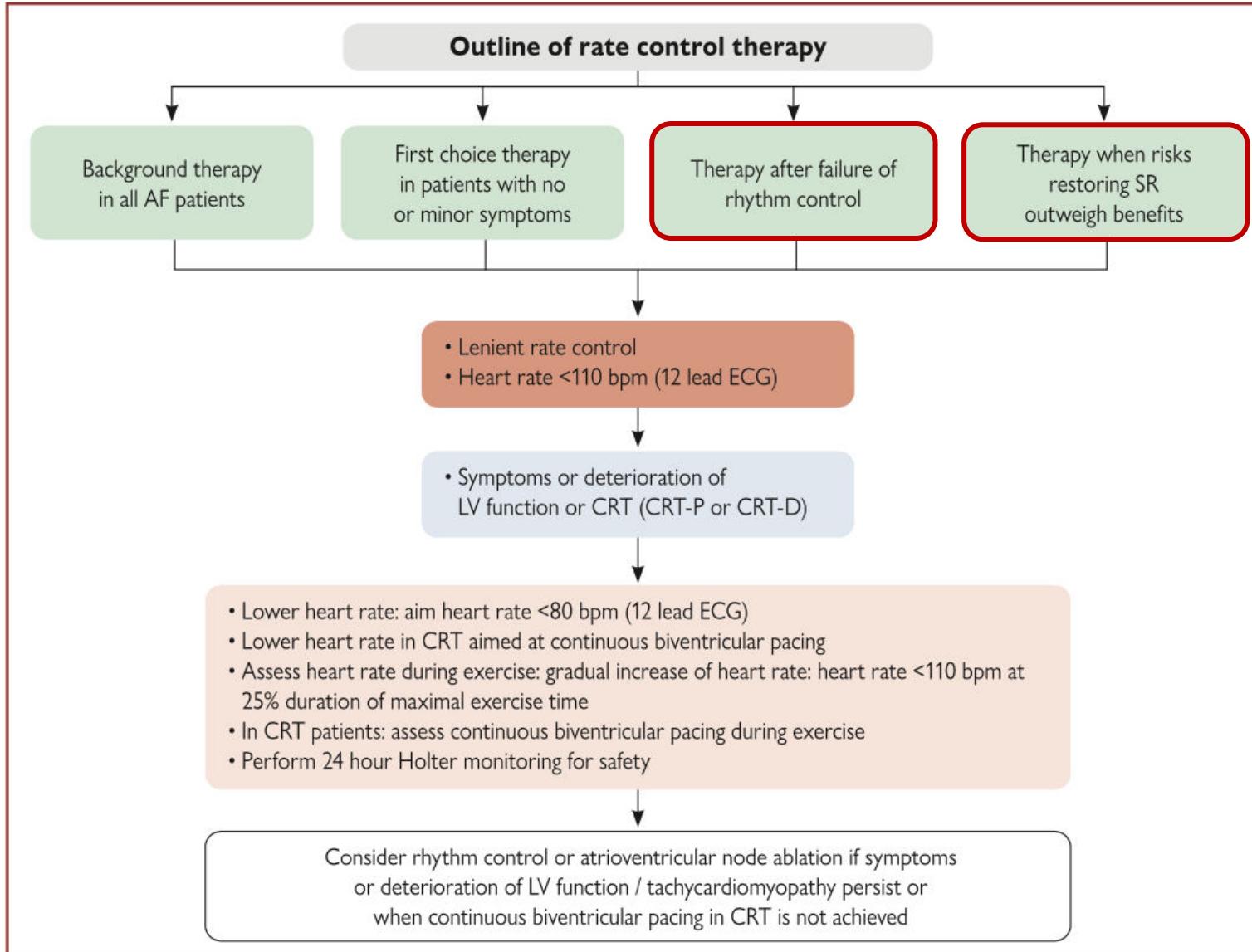
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# If Rhythm Control Failed

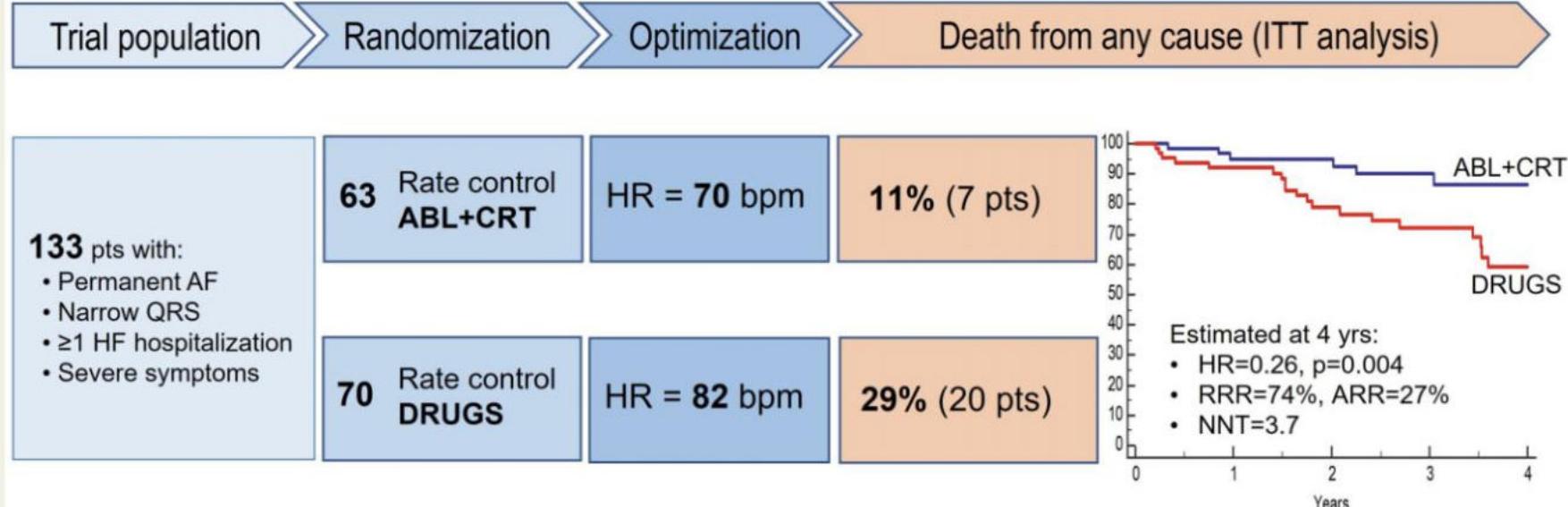




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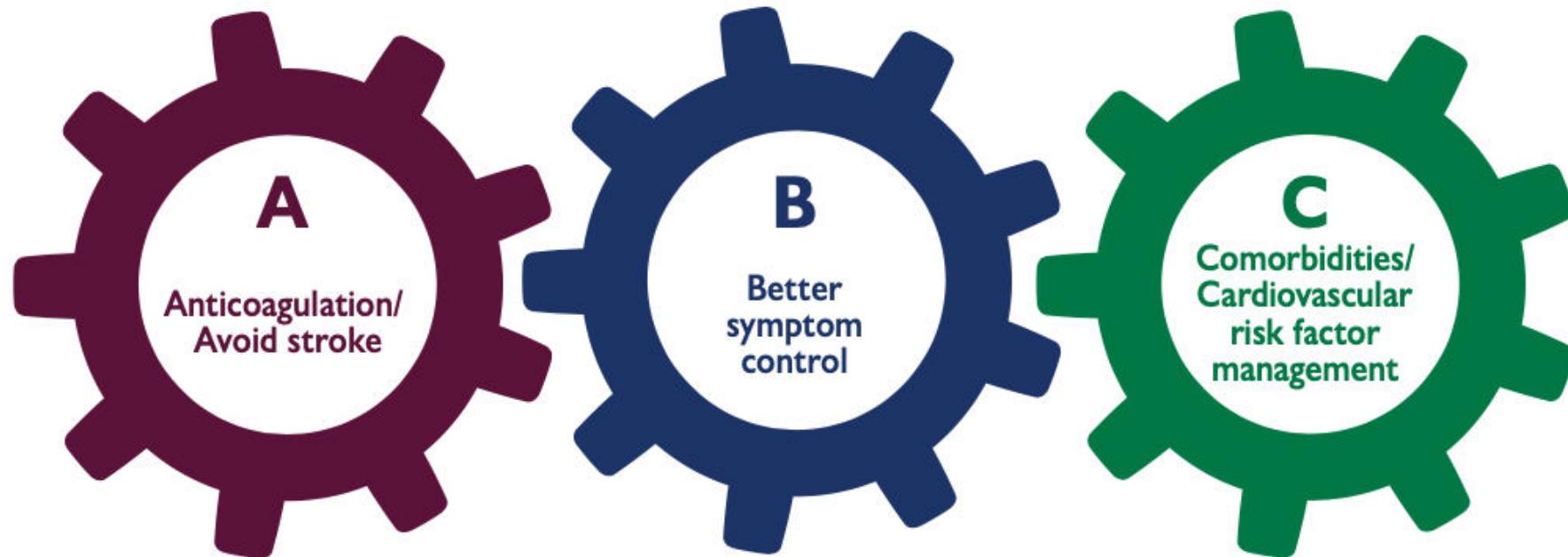
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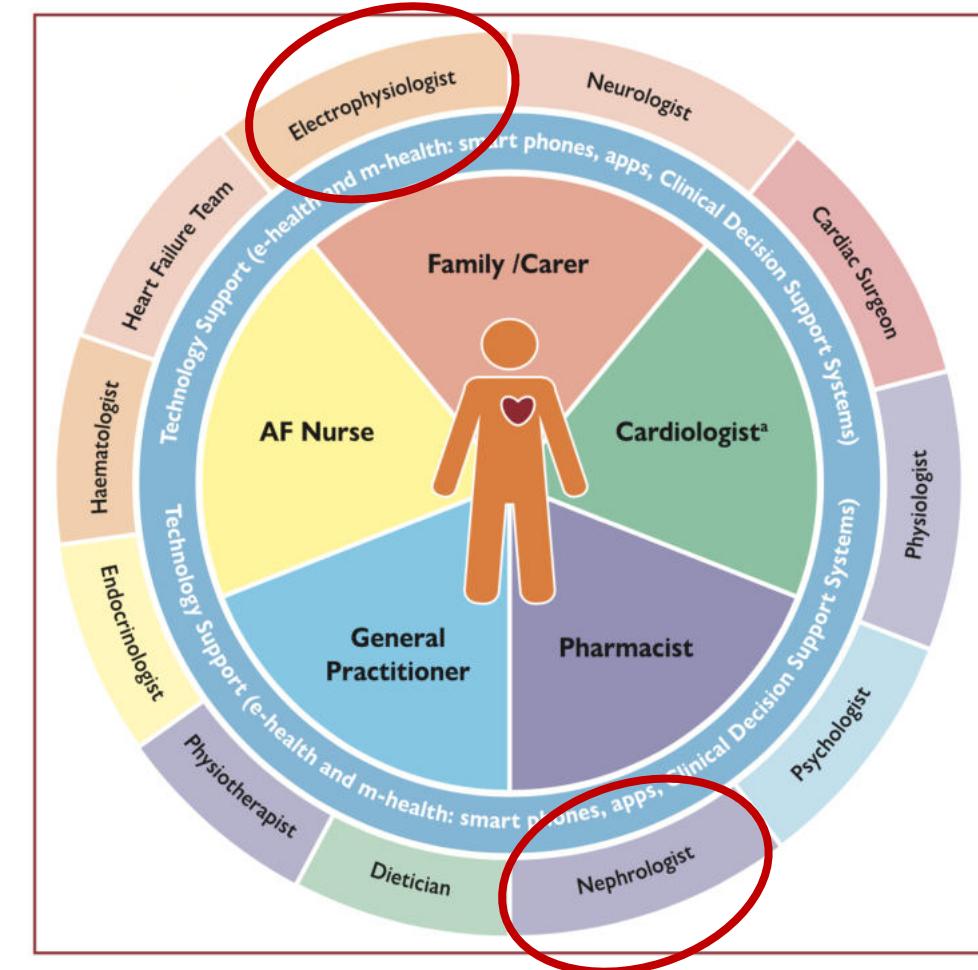


# AF Treatment

## Treat AF: The ABC pathway



# Multidisciplinary Management



# Take Home Messages

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- AF & CKD = Frequent and Dangerous association
- Patients with CKD are under treated
- NOACs are safe & efficient in CKD
- Rhythm Control > Rate Control especially in CKD
- Catheter Ablation seems to be safe in patients with CKD

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