

Straight to the Point of Care: DOACs from Hospital to Home

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Objectives

1. Review evidence-based strategies for the safe use of direct oral anticoagulants to prevent stroke, systemic thromboembolism, and minimize bleeding
2. Discuss best practices for ensuring optimal transitions of care across the healthcare continuum for patients prescribed anticoagulation

Direct Oral Anticoagulants

Nomenclature

- DOAC vs. NOAC vs. TSOAC
- Direct Thrombin Inhibitor
 - DabigaTran (Pradaxa®)
- Factor Xa Inhibitors
 - ApiXaban (Eliquis®)
 - BetriXaban (Bevyxxa®)
 - EdoXaban (Savaysa®)
 - RivaroXaban (Xarelto®)






DOAC Comparison

	Dabigatran	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Edoxaban
Target	Ila (Thrombin)	Xa	Xa	Xa
Administration	Do not crush	G, NG, but not J tube	Any feeding tube	G, NG, but not J tube
Drug-Drug Interactions	PPI's, potent CYP3A4 inducers & P-gp Inhibitors	Potent CYP3A4 inducers & P-gp inhibitors	Potent CYP3A4 inducers & P-gp Inhibitors	P-gp inhibitors
Indication Based Dosing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AF: 150 mg BID; if CrCl 15-30 mL/min: 75 mg BID VTE: 150 mg BID s/p 5-10 days parenteral lead-in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AF: 20 mg QD; if CrCl 15-50 mL/min: 15 mg QD VTE: 15 mg BID x 21 days then 20 mg QD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AF: 5 mg BID; if ≥2 of 3: 1) Age ≥80 y/o; 2) Weight ≤60 kg, 3) SCr ≥1.5 mg/dL: 2.5 mg BID VTE: 10 mg BID x 7 days then 5 mg BID 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AF: 60 mg QD; if CrCl 15-50 mL/min: 30 mg QD VTE: 60 mg QD s/p 5-10 days parenteral lead-in; if CrCl 15-50 mL/min or ≤60 kg: 30 mg QD
Clinical Pearls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot remove from original packaging Dyspepsia & gastritis very common side effects (35%) Greater GI bleed risk than warfarin & other DOACs 75 mg BID dose not studied in RE-LY trial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once daily dosing convenience Take with meals Safe in patients s/p gastric bypass surgery Preferred DOAC in obese & underweight patients Recent label update for hemodialysis patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 mg BID superior to warfarin for NVAf All-cause mortality benefit compared to warfarin in NVAf Lowest bleeding risk of all DOACs, warfarin, & even aspirin May be preferred DOAC in hemodialysis, but dosing controversial Avoid intentional under-dosing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once daily dosing convenience 60 mg dose superior to warfarin for NVAf Contraindicated in CrCl <15 mL/min or >95 mL/min Not covered by many insurance plans May be preferred DOAC in cancer associated thrombosis

P-gp inhibitors: amiodarone, azithromycin, captopril, clarithromycin, verapamil
 CYP 3A4 inhibitors: atazanavir, darunavir, clarithromycin, ketoconazole, ritonavir
 CYP 3A4 Inducers: carbamazepine, dexamethasone, fos/phenytoin, oxcarbazepine, phenobarbital, rifampin, St. John's wort

Guideline Excerpts

Panel	Condition	Recommendation
	<p>Atrial Fibrillation</p>	<p>Warfarin (IA), Dabigatran (IB), Rivaroxaban (IB), Apixaban (IB)</p>
	<p>Venous Thromboembolism</p>	<p>DOACs over VKA (2B)</p>
	<p>Valvular Heart Disease</p>	<p>DOACs over VKA (2C)</p>

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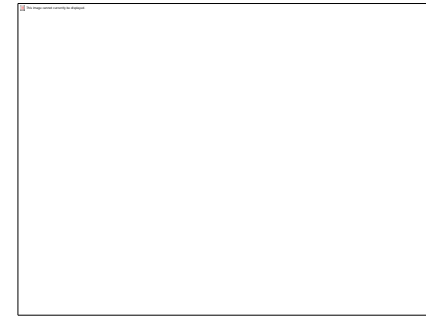
Special Populations

Condition	Eligibility
Mechanical prosthetic valve	Contraindicated
Mitral stenosis (moderate or severe)	Contraindicated
Aortic stenosis (mild, moderate, or severe)	Included in all RCTs except RE-LY
Following PCI w/ stent placement w/ DAPT	Preferred to triple therapy w/ VKA
Bioprosthetic valve	Acceptable if >3 months post-operatively
Transaortic Valve Replacement (TAVR)	RCTs underway, may also require DAPT

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Upcoming Indications

- Extended duration VTE prophylaxis
- Heparin induced thrombocytopenia
- Cancer associated thrombosis
- Transaortic valve replacement
- Coronary / peripheral artery disease
- Heart failure
- Reversal



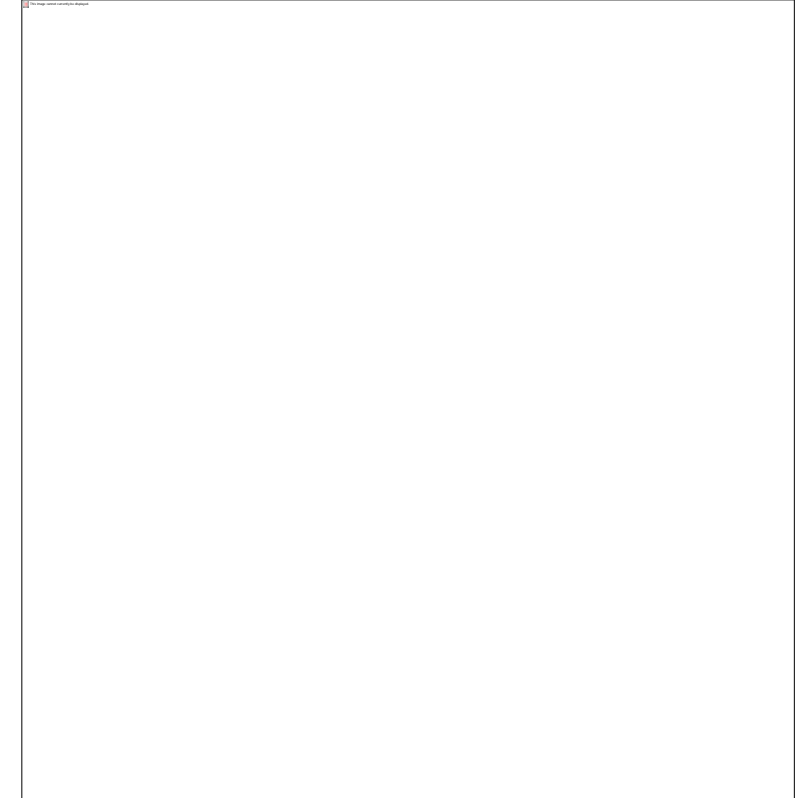
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- “Random events connected to highly variable actions without only a remote possibility of meeting implied expectations”
 - Roger Resar, MD
 - Agent of tremendous change and global innovation seeker
 - Senior Fellow, Institute for Healthcare Improvement
 - Assistant Professor of Medicine – Mayo Clinic



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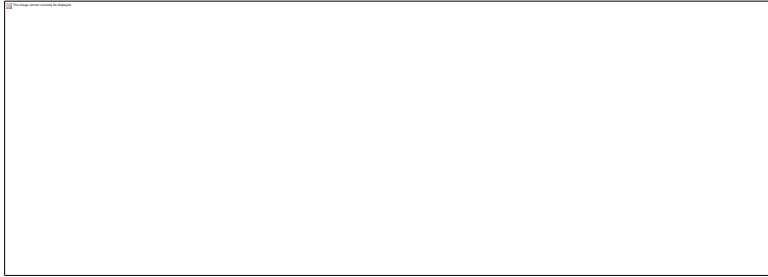
Transitions of Care

- “Continuity of patient care between different healthcare settings has been advocated for nearly 20 years, but little has been done to affect it. The study described here emphasizes the current lack of effort by healthcare providers in hospitals and nursing homes to find a workable solution”
- Rosenthal & Miller

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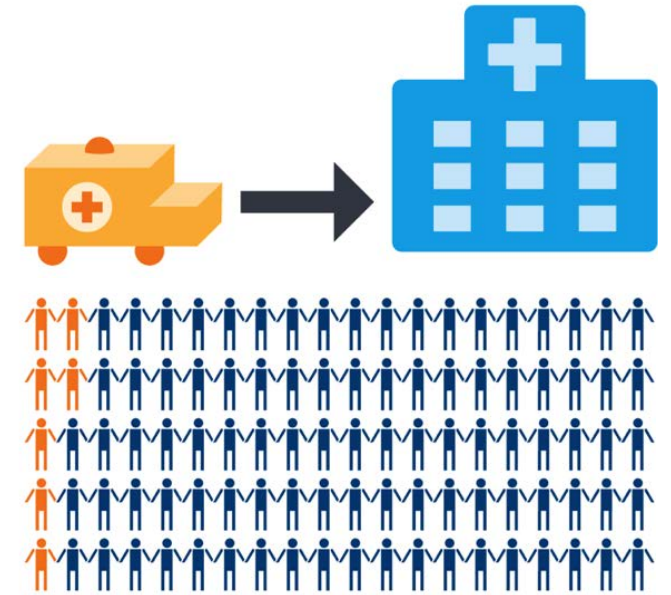
Gaps in Care



Adverse drug events during transitions of care are attributable to **medication changes**



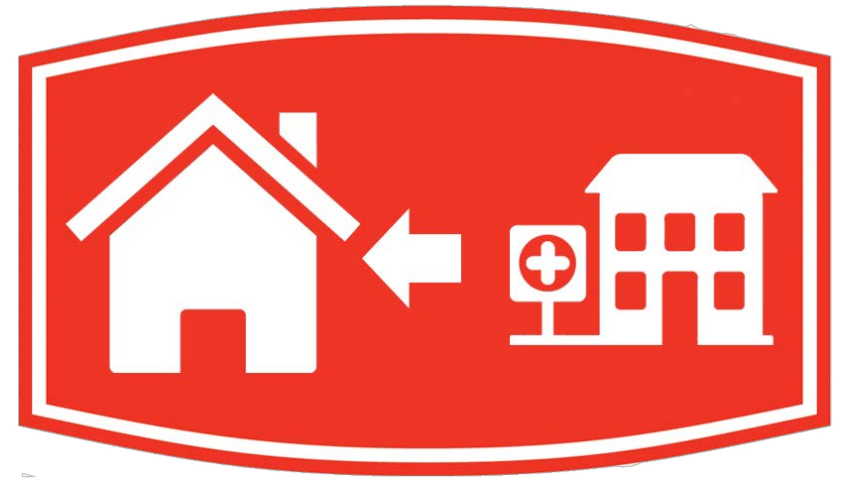
Patients discharged from the hospital have at least 1 unintentional **medication discrepancy**



7% of all discharged patients end up in the emergency department **within 30 days**

Vitamin K Antagonists

- “Warfarin implicated in 33.3% of all emergency hospitalizations due to an adverse effect”
 1. Delayed onset of action
 2. Variable dosing regimen
 3. Education & compliance
 4. Monitoring & follow-up required
 5. Drug / diet / disease interactions



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Direct Oral Anticoagulants

- “Safer bridge from hospital to home?”
 1. Immediate acting
 2. One size fits *most* dosing
 3. Education & compliance
 4. Minimal monitoring & follow-up
 5. Limited drug interactions



DOAC Checklist

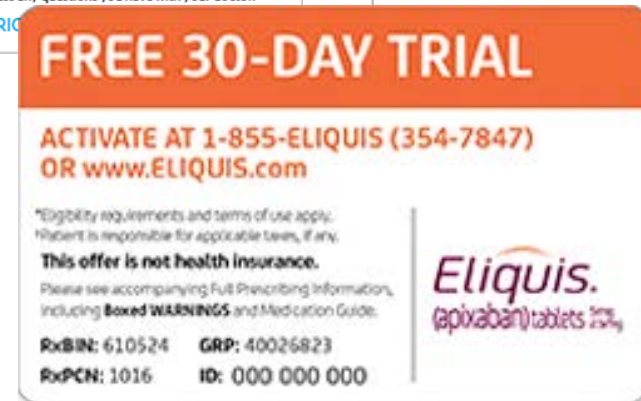
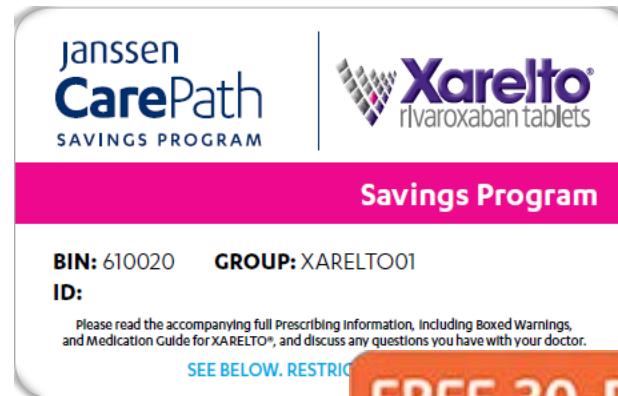
1. Affordability

- Prior authorization
- Out-of-pocket costs
- Co-pay assistance

2. Prescribing

- Appropriate indication
- Optimal DOAC selection
- Correct regimen

– Dose, frequency, duration, adjustments



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DOAC Checklist

3. Monitoring

- Creatinine checks
- Documentation
- Periodic follow-up

4. Patient counseling

- Adherence, risk of non-compliance
- Avoiding NSAIDs, etc.
- Bleeding triage techniques
 - Lifeline to call with questions

DIRECT ORAL ANTICOAGULANT (DOAC) MONITORING CHECKLIST	
HEALTH STATUS SINCE LAST ASSESSMENT	
Any new relevant medical problems, ED visits/hospitalizations?	Y / N
Any embolic events (stroke / TIA / systemic embolism)?	Y / N
A ADHERENCE WITH DOAC THERAPY	
1 or more missed doses in an average week?	Y / N
• If yes, number of missed doses	_____
B BLEEDING RISK ASSESSMENT NB: a YES to any of the following requires individualized assessment & does not imply that DOAC should be discontinued	
Severe epistaxis? Hemoptysis?	Y / N
Excessive or unusual bruising / hematomas?	Y / N
GIB / melena / BRBPR / hematemesis?	Y / N
Hematuria? Abnormal vaginal bleeding?	Y / N
Concerning daily headache or subdural hematoma symptoms?	Y / N
Decreasing hemoglobin or new anemia?	Y / N
• Latest hemoglobin:	_____
EtOH overuse?	Y / N
Falls, presyncope, syncope, or seizures?	Y / N
Uncontrolled hypertension?	Y / N
C CREATININE CLEARANCE / RENAL FUNCTION	
Latest eGFR / creatinine:	____/____
• Is eGFR less than 50ml/min?	Y / N
If YES, calculate CrCl (see back)	_____
Any recent dehydrating illness or medications added/changed? i.e. diuretics	Y / N
D DRUG INTERACTIONS (review all concomitant medications)	
ASA / other antiplatelets?	Y / N
NSAID?	Y / N
Other drug interactions? (Review med list / OTCs; see back)	Y / N
E EXAMINATION	
Blood pressure:	____/____
• Elevated BP? (sBP greater than 160 mmHg)	Y / N

Take Home Points

- DOACs offer at least as efficacious, if not safer and more convenient anticoagulation than warfarin
- More data is still needed to establish the safety and efficacy for DOACs beyond traditional indications
- Any phase of care change represents a vulnerable gap in care where preventable errors are prone
- Anticoagulation increases risk of harm across care settings, though DOACs may help streamline care continuum

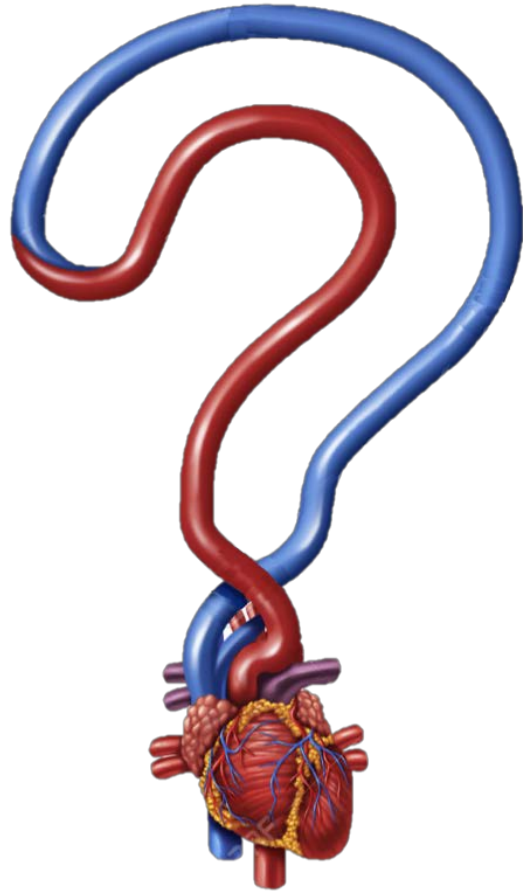
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