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Dopo mezz'ora circa





Si programma impianto PM DDD eseguito nella stessa giornata



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*Pz con FA transitoria dopo atropina e storia
TIA. Eseguito impianto PM ... come gestire il
caso ?*

- 1 ❤ Prosegue clopidogrel
- 2 ❤ ASA + clopidogrel
- 3 ❤ Anticoagulante sospendendo Clopidogrel
- 4 ❤ Anticoagulante e clopidogrel
- 5 ❤ Holter fra 1 mese e periodicamente per valutare se
FA “spontanea” e “silente”



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Come stratifichiamo il rischio tromboembolico ?



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$CHADS_2 = 4$

$CHA_2DS_2VASC = 5$

Stroke Risk Stratification in AF

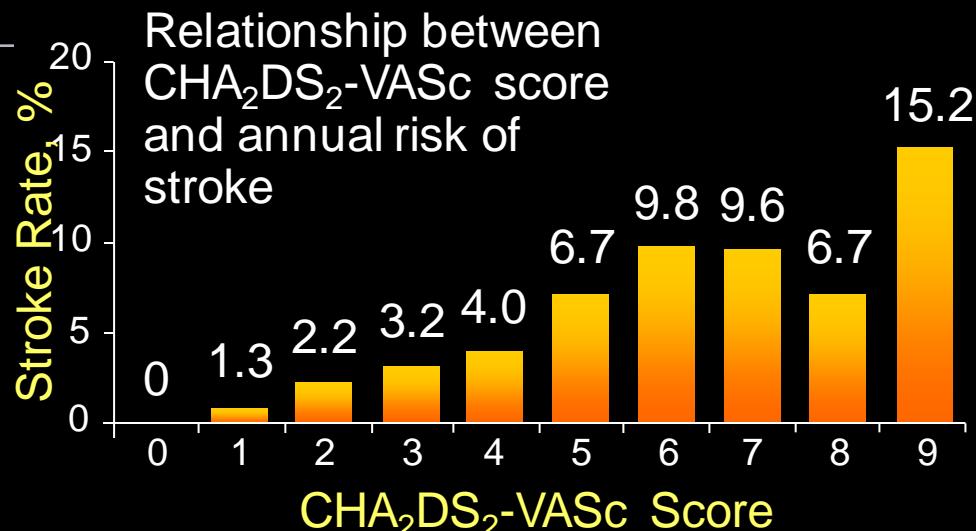
CHADS₂

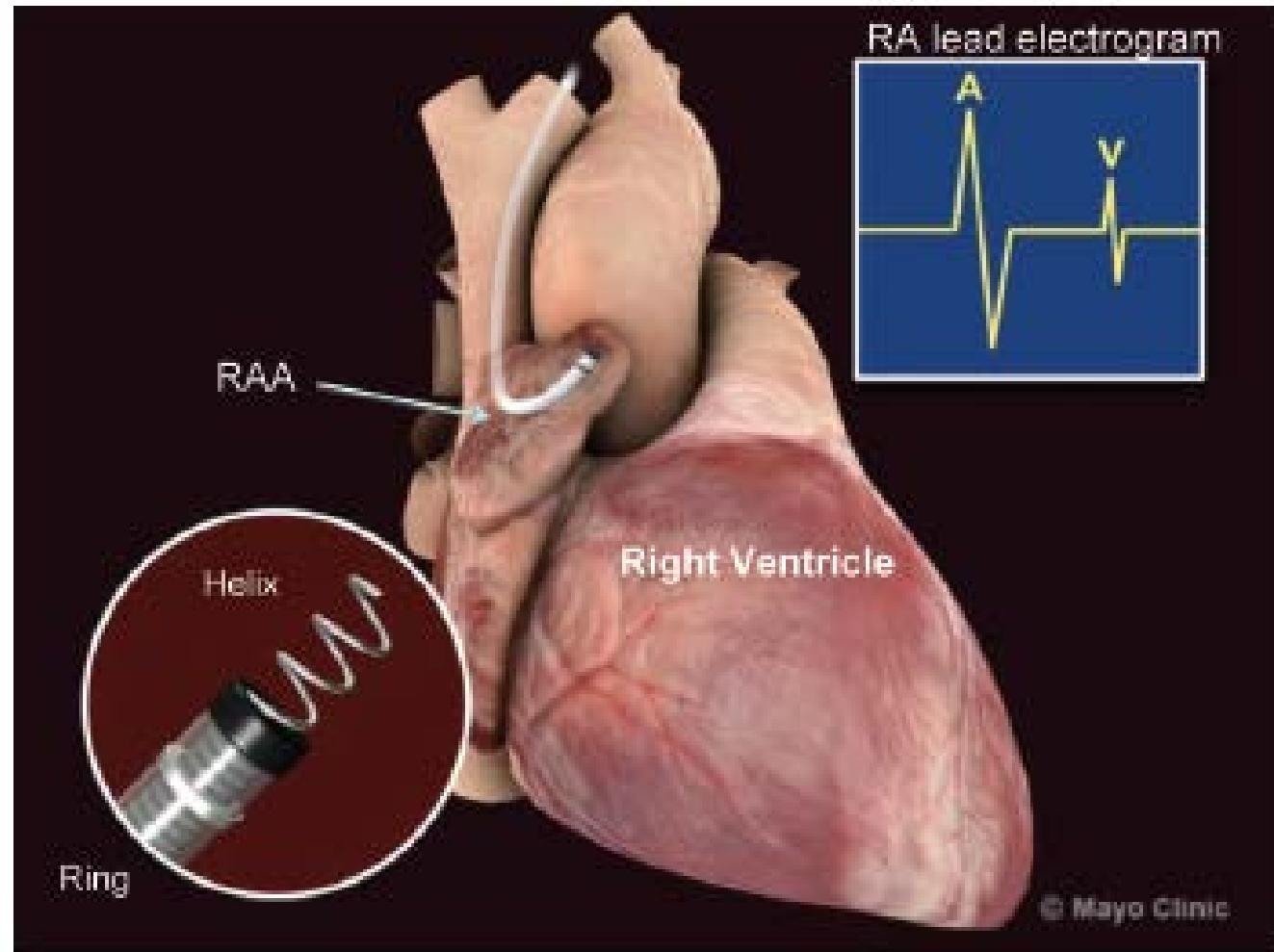
Risk Factor	Score
<u>C</u> ardiac failure	1
<u>H</u> TN	1
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<u>S</u> troke	2

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<u>V</u> asc dz (MI, PAD, aortic ath)	1
<u>A</u> ge 65-74 y	1
<u>S</u> ex <u>c</u> ategory (female)	1

Total Score (%)	Annual Risk of Stroke
0	1.9
1	2.8
2	4.0
3	5.9
4	8.5
5	12.5
6	18.2

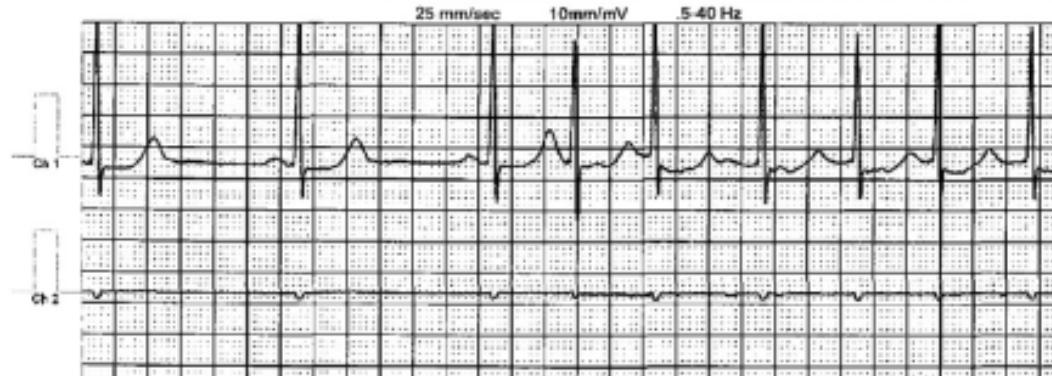




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Automatic Event	10/29/2010 00:41:55 CDT	
Preliminary Findings	HR 49 bpm	Activities: None Indicated
Sinus Bradycardia with Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter Onset		Symptoms: None Indicated

surface

**B**

atrial
ventricular
ventricular
markers

**C**

atrial
markers
ventricular



Episodi alta frequenza

Pagina 1

Periodo di raccolta dei dati: 30.11.10 10:56 - 30.11.11 9:52 (Ultimi 12 mesi)

Episodi alta frequenza atriale

Trigger episodi Cambio modo
Ritardo nella raccolta 30 sec
Freq. di riconosc. 175 min⁻¹
Durata riconoscimento Senza ritardo

Dati degli episodi

Episodi AFV 2
Cambi modo 159 (0.9 ore/giorno - 3.8%)
Episodi AFA 89
PVC singole 38,807
Serie PVC 1,889
Serie di PAC 929,217

Episodi alta frequenza ventricolare

Freq. di riconosc. 180 min⁻¹
Battiti per il riconoscimento 5 battiti
Battiti per la terminazione 5 battiti

Tipo	Data/Ora	Durata hh:mm:ss	Frequenze (min ⁻¹):			
			A. max	V. max	V. medio	Sensore
AFA	30.11.10 23:56	:03:20	317	163	121	50
AFA	01.12.10 17:16	52:32:20	>400	183	95	104
AFA	10.10.11 11:44	:05:12	>400	77	51	50
AFA	10.10.11 15:37	:19:50	>400	107	50	50

Episodi alta frequenza**Pagina 2**

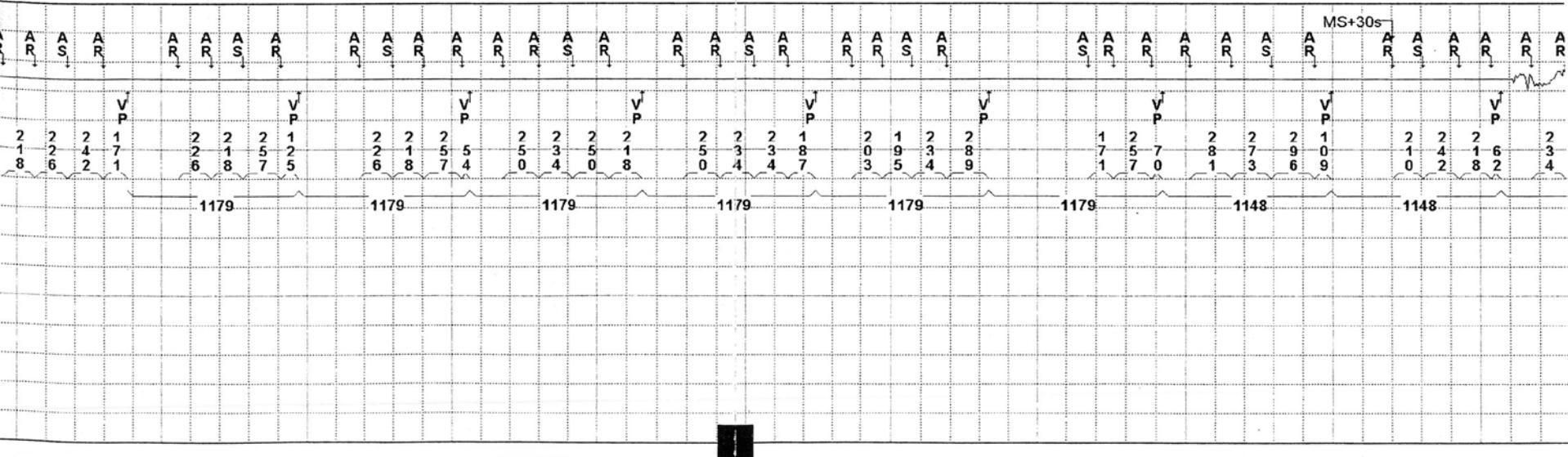
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AFA	10.10.11 15:57	:57:38	>400	101	56	50
AFA	10.10.11 16:55	:59:02	>400	107	61	104
AFA	19.10.11 0:46	:34	293	115	106	111
AFA	19.10.11 0:49	:38	362	105	103	100
AFA	19.10.11 0:49	7:15:22	>400	110	53	93
AFA	19.10.11 8:12	3:02:40	>400	104	60	98
AFA	23.10.11 23:30	:35	305	74	55	50
AFA	24.10.11 21:05	:02:25	305	85	53	53
AFA	18.11.11 9:48	5:27:36	>400	96	64	54
AFA	28.11.11 1:03	:09:08	400	76	51	51
AFA	28.11.11 1:13	8:42:21	>400	97	53	51

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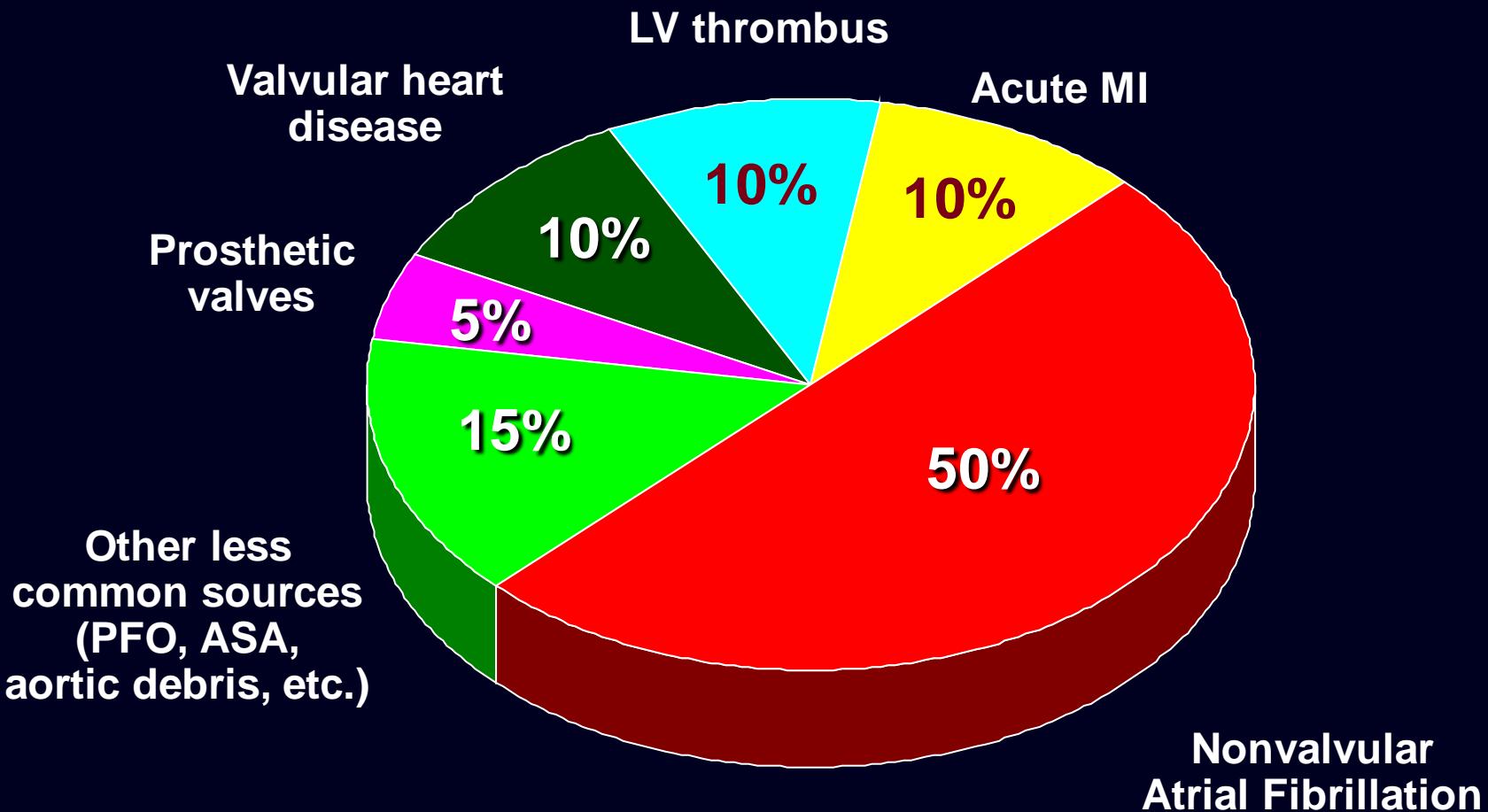
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1 9:48

25.0 mm/sec



Sources of Cardioembolism



Cerebral Embolism Task Force, Arch. Neurol 1986; 43: 71-84

Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation Is More Prevalent than Persistent Atrial Fibrillation in Acute Stroke and Transient Ischemic Attack Patients

T. Rizos, A. Wagner, E. Jenetzky, P.A. et al

692 patients with ischemic Stroke (in 69%) or TIA (in 31%)

- **History of AF in 19.7% (parox AF: 47.1%, pers-permanent AF: 52.9%)**
- **New AF diagnosed in Emerg Dept in 3.8% (parox AF: 61.5%)**
- **New AF diagnosed with monitoring during a 3-month follow up in 5.2% (parox AF: 62.6%)**ù

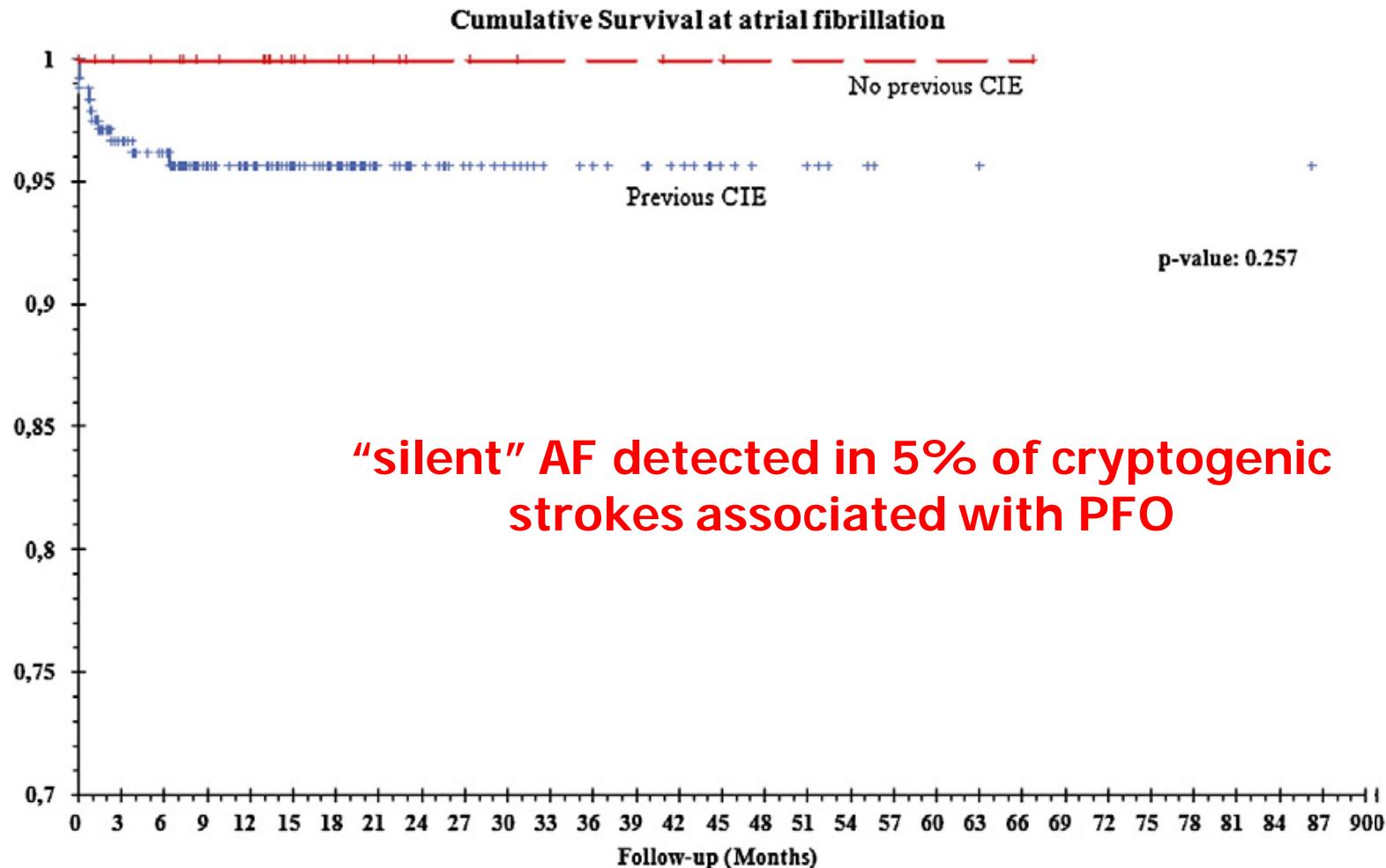
→ **Paroxysmal AF occurs more often than persistent-permanent AF in stroke/TIA patients.**

→ **As effective stroke prevention is available for AF, it is important to develop and evaluate sensitive methods for detecting parox AF**

Role of atrial fibrillation after transcatheter closure of patent foramen ovale in patients with or without cryptogenic stroke

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International Journal of Cardiology 146 (2011) 17–21





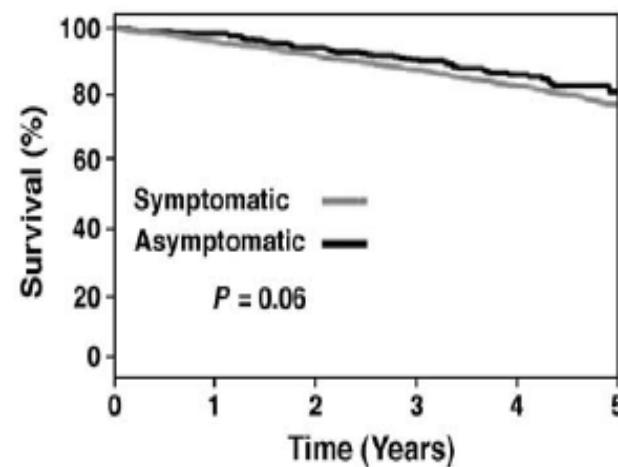
silent AF can be a
silent killer !



Asymptomatic atrial fibrillation: Demographic features and prognostic information from the Atrial Fibrillation Follow-up Investigation of Rhythm Management (AFFIRM) study

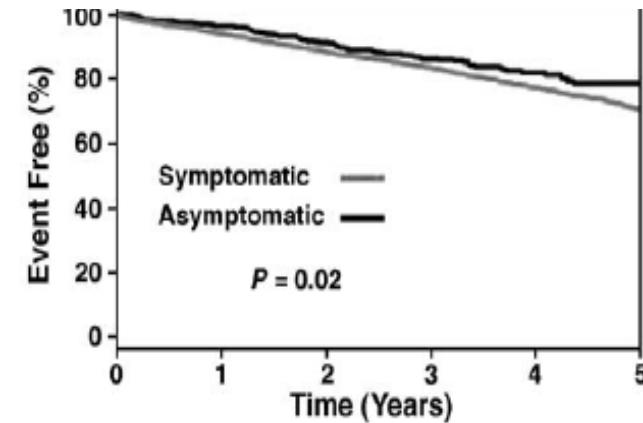
[Am Heart J 2005;149:657-63.]

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Numbers of Deaths
Symptomatic: 0(0%) 149(4%) 294(8%) 424(13%) 535(17%) 598(23%)
Asymptomatic: 0(0%) 9(2%) 29(6%) 43(10%) 54(14%) 60(19%)

Primary end point: all cause of mortality.



Numbers of Events
Symptomatic: 0(0%) 215(6%) 411(12%) 563(17%) 701(23%) 774(29%)
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Death, disabling stroke or anoxic encephalopathy, major central nervous system hemorrhage, or cardiac arrest.

Cox model adjusted for differences at baseline: no differences in outcome (mortality; stroke) between symptomatic and asymptomatic pts



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Potential Stroke Risk Reduction for Individuals

Factor	Risk reduction with treatment
Hypertension	30% - 40%
Smoking	50% within 1 year, baseline after 5 years
Diabetes	44% reduction in hypertensive diabetics with tight blood pressure control
Hyperlipidaemia	20-30% with statins in patients with known coronary heart disease
Atrial fibrillation (non-valvular)	68% (warfarin) 21% (aspirin)

Now that many risk factors are established, greater emphasis should be placed on identifying high stroke-risk patient populations for intensive risk-factor modification and antithrombotic treatment.

Reference:

Goldstein et al. Circulation 2001; 103: 163-182.

Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation

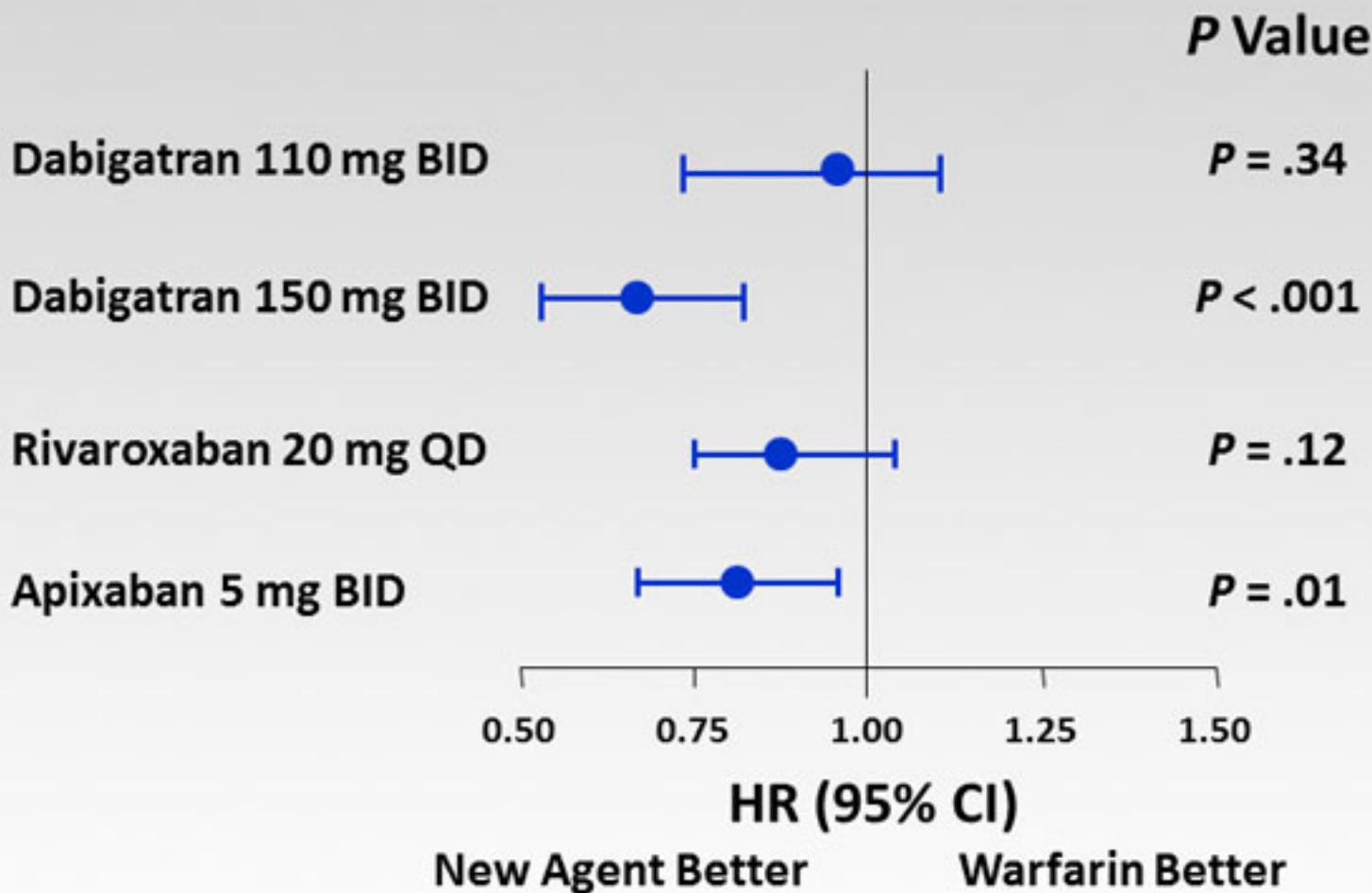
... A NEW PERSPECTIVE ...

Treatment	Stroke Risk (%/year)
No Therapy	4.5
ASA	3.7
ASA + Clopidogrel	2.8
Warfarin	1.7
Dabigatran 110	1.5
Dabigatran 150	1.1

76%



Recent Oral Anticoagulation Trials: Stroke or Systemic Embolism



Connolly SJ, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2009;361:1139–1151.

Patel MR, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2011;365:883–891.

Granger C, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2011;365:981–992.

- It is important to detect silent AF, BUT how to detect it ?

Prolonged Rhythm Monitoring for the Detection of Occult Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation in Ischemic Stroke of Unknown Cause

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Circulation 2011; 124:477-486

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Study, Year	Study Population	Mean Age, y	Detection Methods	Eligible Patients After Excluding Established AF, n	Patients Diagnosed With New AF, n	Detection Rate of New AF, %
Shafqat et al, 2004 ⁴¹	Stroke	67	Ambulatory ECG (24 h)	210	5	2.4
Yu et al, 2009 ⁴²	Stroke	75	Ambulatory ECG (24 h)	96	9	9.4
Douen et al, 2008 ⁴³	Stroke	NM	Inpatient serial ECG (72 h)+ambulatory ECG (72 h)	144	20	13.9
Koudstaal et al, 1986 ⁴⁶	TIA	61	Ambulatory ECG (24 h)	96	1	1.0
Shaer et al, 2004 ⁴⁷	Stroke/TIA	67	Ambulatory ECG (24 h)	404	9	2.2
Alhadramy et al, 2010 ⁴⁸	Stroke/TIA	65	Ambulatory ECG (24 h)	413	11	2.7
Vivanco Hidalgo et al, 2009 ⁴⁹	Stroke/TIA	79	Inpatient continuous ECG (55 h)	465	16	3.4
Sposato et al, 2011 ⁵⁰	Stroke/TIA	67	Inpatient continuous ECG (5 d)	155	21	13.5
Rem et al, 1985 ⁵¹	Stroke/TIA	66	Inpatient continuous ECG (48 h)+ambulatory ECG (24 h)	171	6	3.5
Stahrenberg et al, 2010 ⁵²	Stroke/TIA	68	Ambulatory ECG (7 d)	220	28	12.7
Lazarro et al, 2011 ⁵⁹	Stroke/TIA	63	Inpatient continuous ECG (48 h)+ambulatory ECG (24 h)	133	8	6.0
Combined				2507	134	5.3

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Dion et al, 2010 ⁴⁵	Stroke	49	Cryptogenic stroke + negative 24-h ECG	Implantable loop recorder (14.5 mo)	24	0	0
Jabaudon et al, 2004 ⁵³	Stroke/TIA	67	Negative 24-h ECG	Ambulatory ECG (7 d)	88	5	5.7
Rizos et al, 2010 ⁵⁴	Stroke/TIA	72	Age >60 y	Inpatient continuous ECG (48 h) + ambulatory ECG (24 h)	136	29	21.3
Gaillard et al, 2010 ⁵⁵	Stroke/TIA	64	Negative 24-h ECG	Ambulatory ECG (transtelephonic) (30 d)	98	9	9.2
Tayal et al, 2008 ⁵⁶	Stroke/TIA	66	Negative 24-h ECG	Ambulatory ECG (MCOT) (21 d)	56	3	5.3*
Eliovich et al, 2009 ⁵⁷	Stroke/TIA	68	Cryptogenic only	Automatic event recorder (30 d)	20	4	20
Barthelemy et al, 2003 ⁵⁸	Stroke/TIA	64	Cryptogenic stroke + negative 24-h ECG	Automatic event recorder (4 d)	28	4	14.3
Combined					532	58	10.9

AF indicates atrial fibrillation; TIA, transient ischemic attack; and MCOT, mobile cardiac outpatient telemetry.

*These rates of detection correspond to episodes of paroxysmal AF lasting >30 seconds. In addition, there was a 23% detection rate of paroxysmal AF episodes lasting <30 seconds.

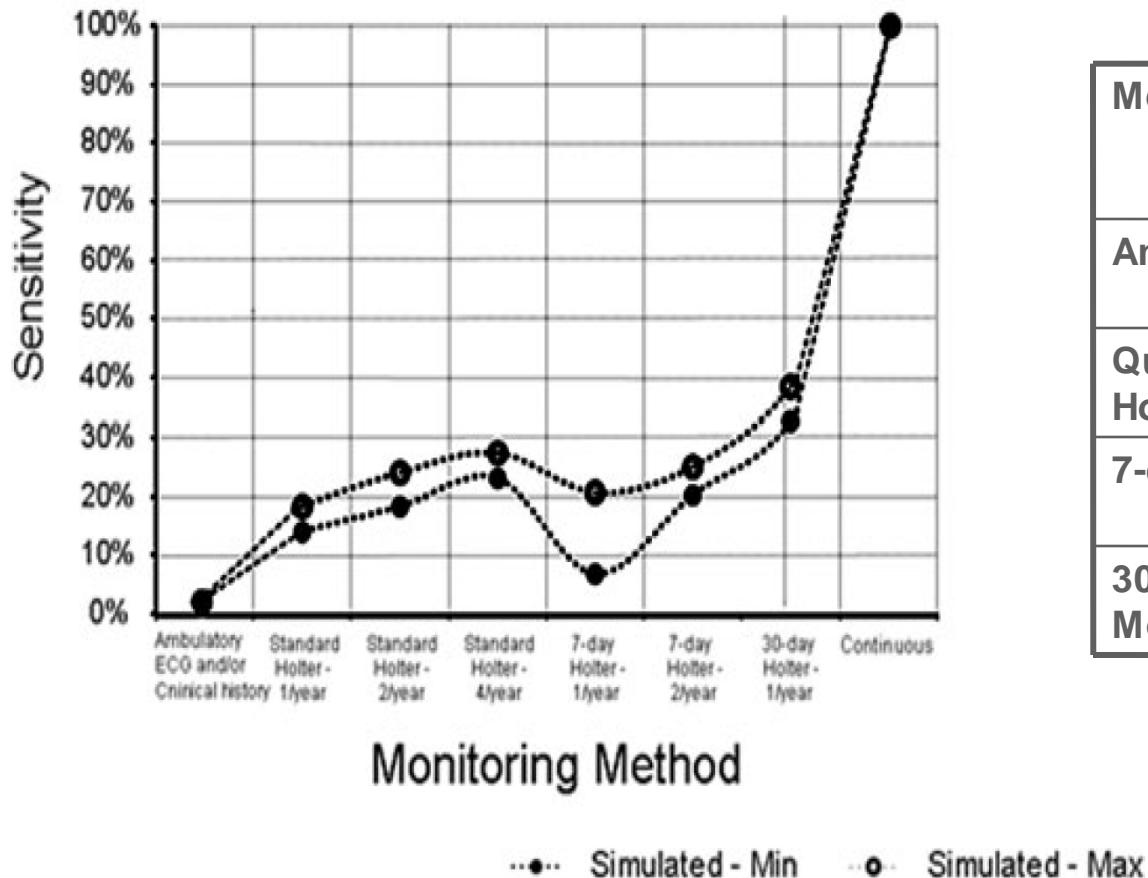
AF Monitoring Options

Technology	Storage	Continuous	Electrodes	Comments
ECG	< 1 minute	Yes	10 on skin	
Holter	24 – 48 hours	Yes	3 on skin	
Event recorder	7 – 28 days	No	3 on skin	Only symptomatic events
Transtelephonic ECG monitoring	Minutes/day	No	On skin	Discontinuous
External loop recorder	7 – 28 days	Yes	On wrist or 2-3 on skin	
Mobile cardiac outpatient monitoring	Continuous, (<28 days)	Yes	3 on skin	Direct transmission
Insertable loop recorder	Continuous	Yes	Under skin	Implanted
Pacemaker, ICD	Continuous	Yes	Implanted	Implanted, PM/ICD pt.

Different monitoring methods to detect AF : variable sensitivity

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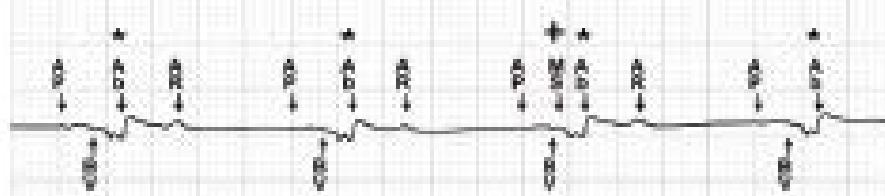
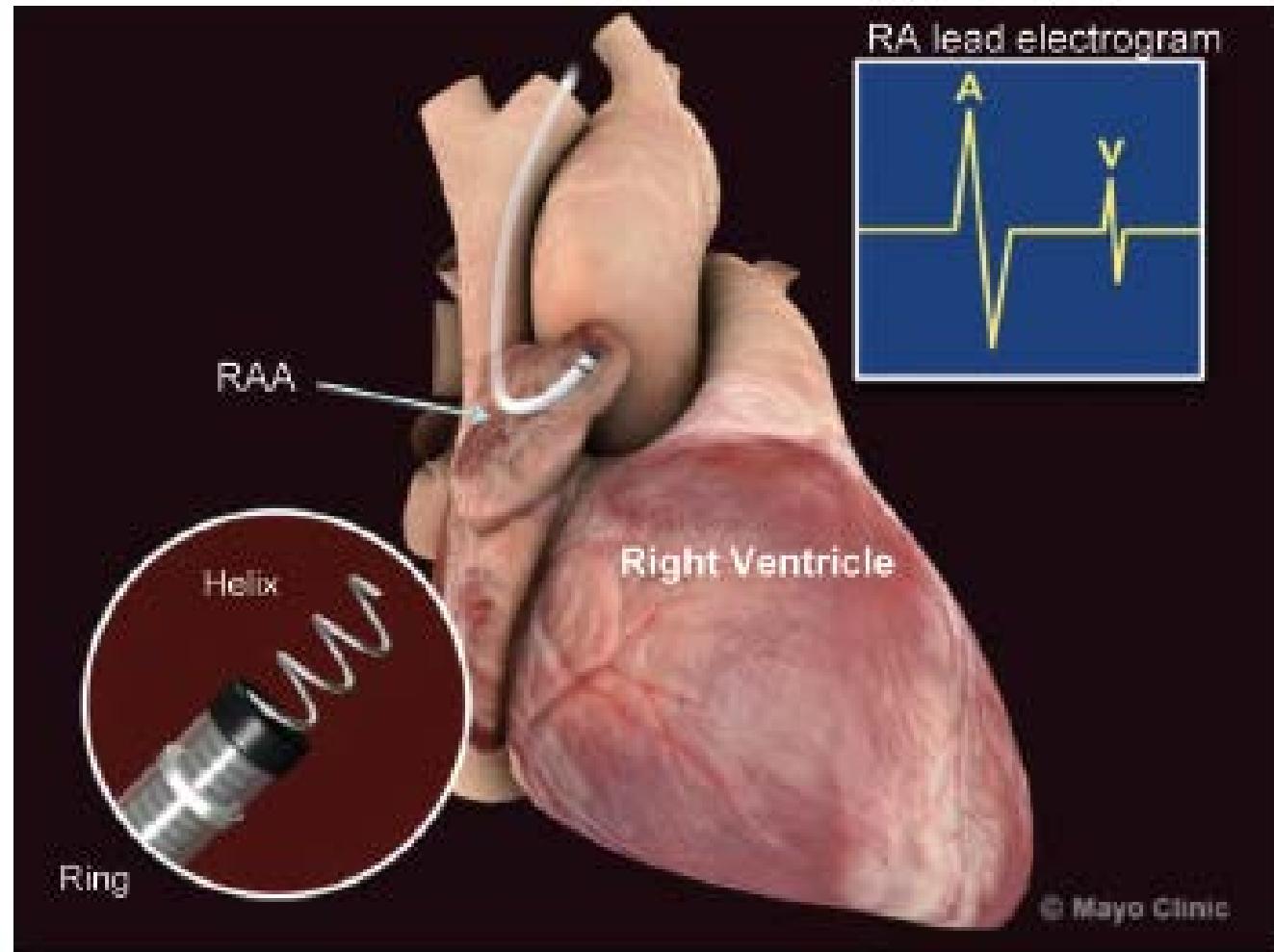
Endpoint: 24 hours of AF



SENSITIVITY

Method	Ziegler 2006	Botto 2009
Annual Holter	31.3%	31%
Quarterly Holter	54.2%	53%
7-day Monitor	48.9%	48%
30-day Monitor	64.6%	65%

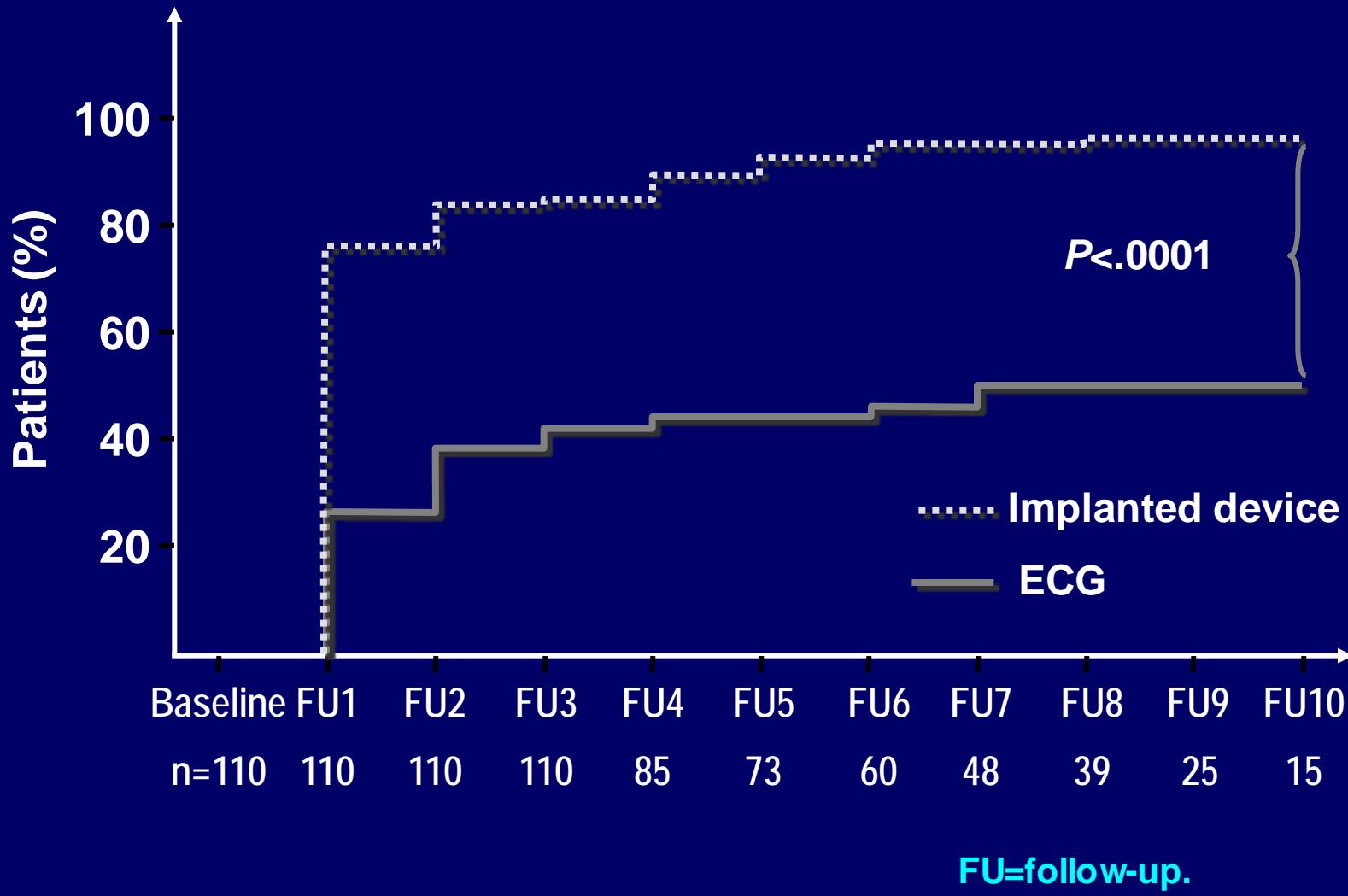
Botto ,Boriani et al. JCE. 2009;20:241-248
Ziegler et al. Heart Rhythm. 2006; 3: 1445-1452



Detection of Recurrent AF

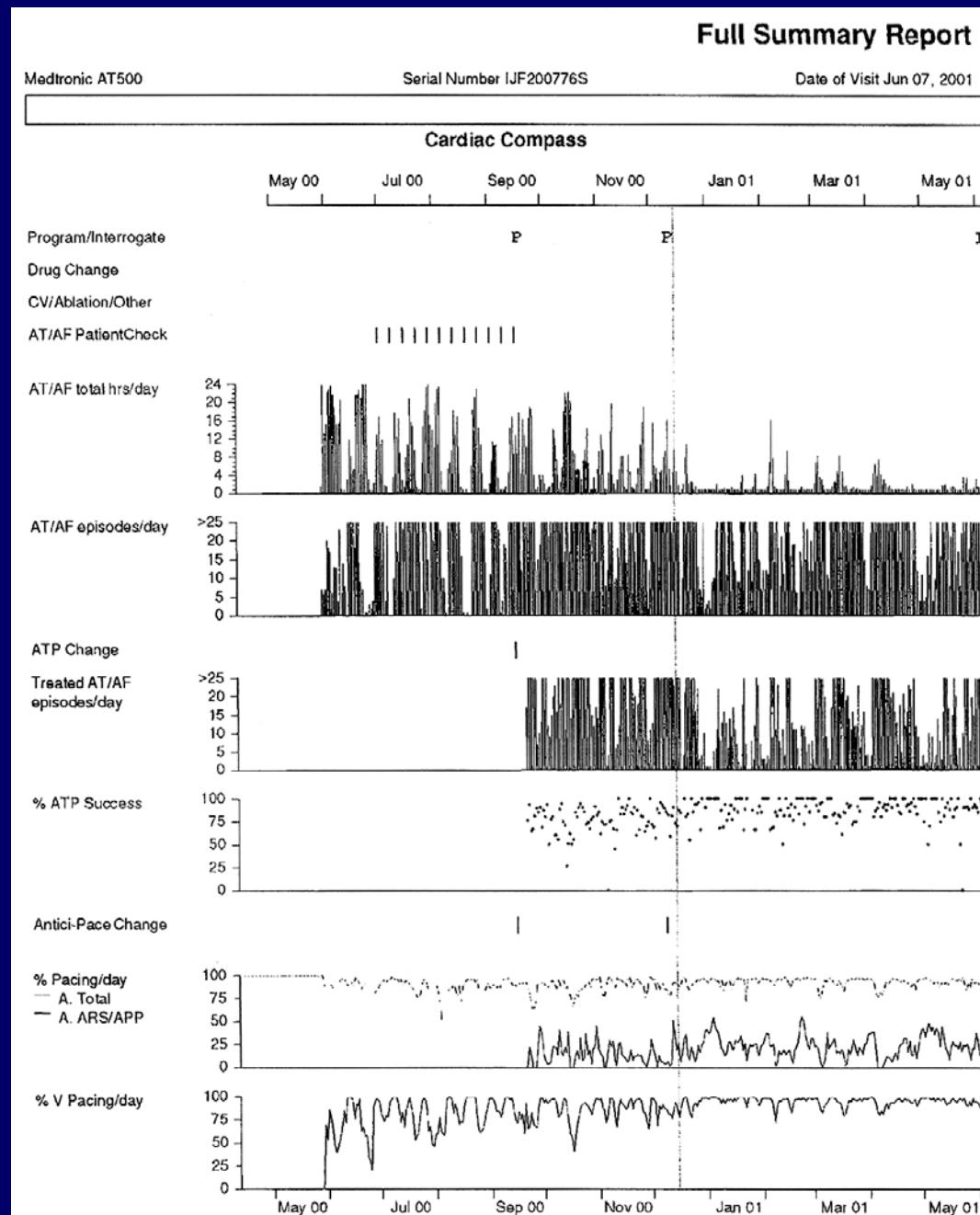
Electrocardiographic vs Implanted Device Recording

The issue of “silent AF”



Israel et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2004;43:47-52.

AF monitoring with devices: Cardiac Compass



How to interpret device diagnostics on AF?

What AF duration or amount of AF burden
is clinically significant ?

1.30 seconds

2.5-6 min

3.1 hour

4.6 hours

5.24 hours

Guidelines for the management of atrial fibrillation

The Task Force for the Management of Atrial Fibrillation of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

Any arrhythmia that has the ECG characteristics of AF and lasts sufficiently long for a 12-lead ECG to be recorded, or at least 30 s on a rhythm strip, should be considered as Atrial Fibrillation.

How to interpret device diagnostics on AF?

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- 30 seconds NO!
- 5-6 min
- 1 hour
- 6 hours
- 24 hours

Subclinical Atrial Fibrillation and the Risk of Stroke

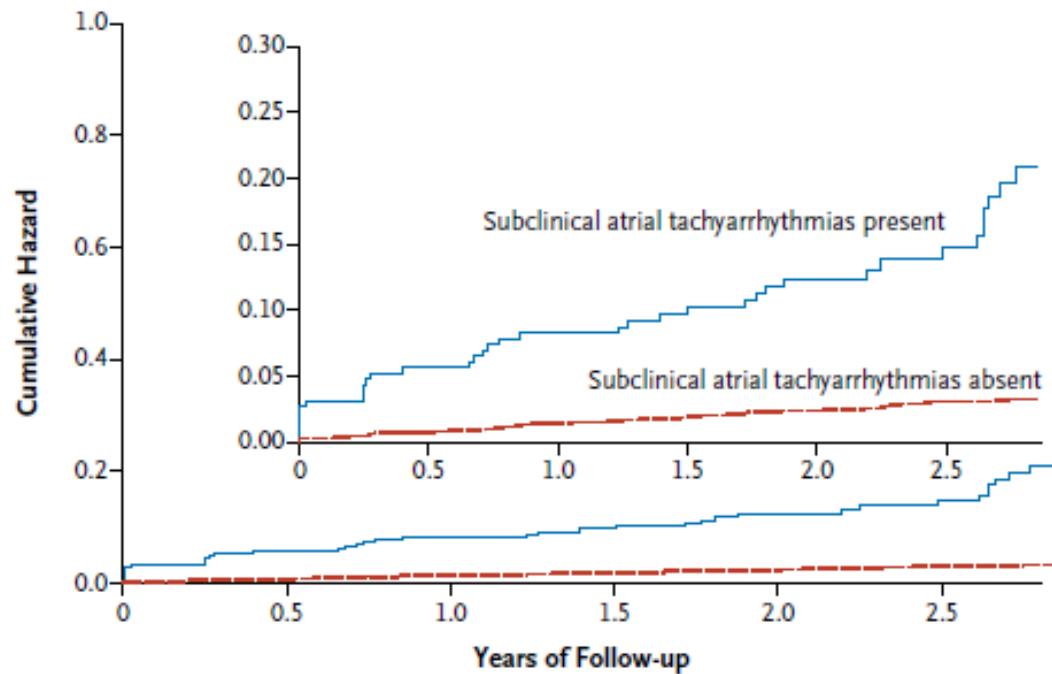
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Device detected subclinical atrial tachy predict clinical arrhythmias
HR 5.56 (3.78–8.17), P<0.001

A Risk of Clinical Atrial Tachyarrhythmias

Episodes of subclinical AT/AF (> 6 min, ≥ 190/m) were almost 8 times as common as episodes of clinical AF



No. at Risk

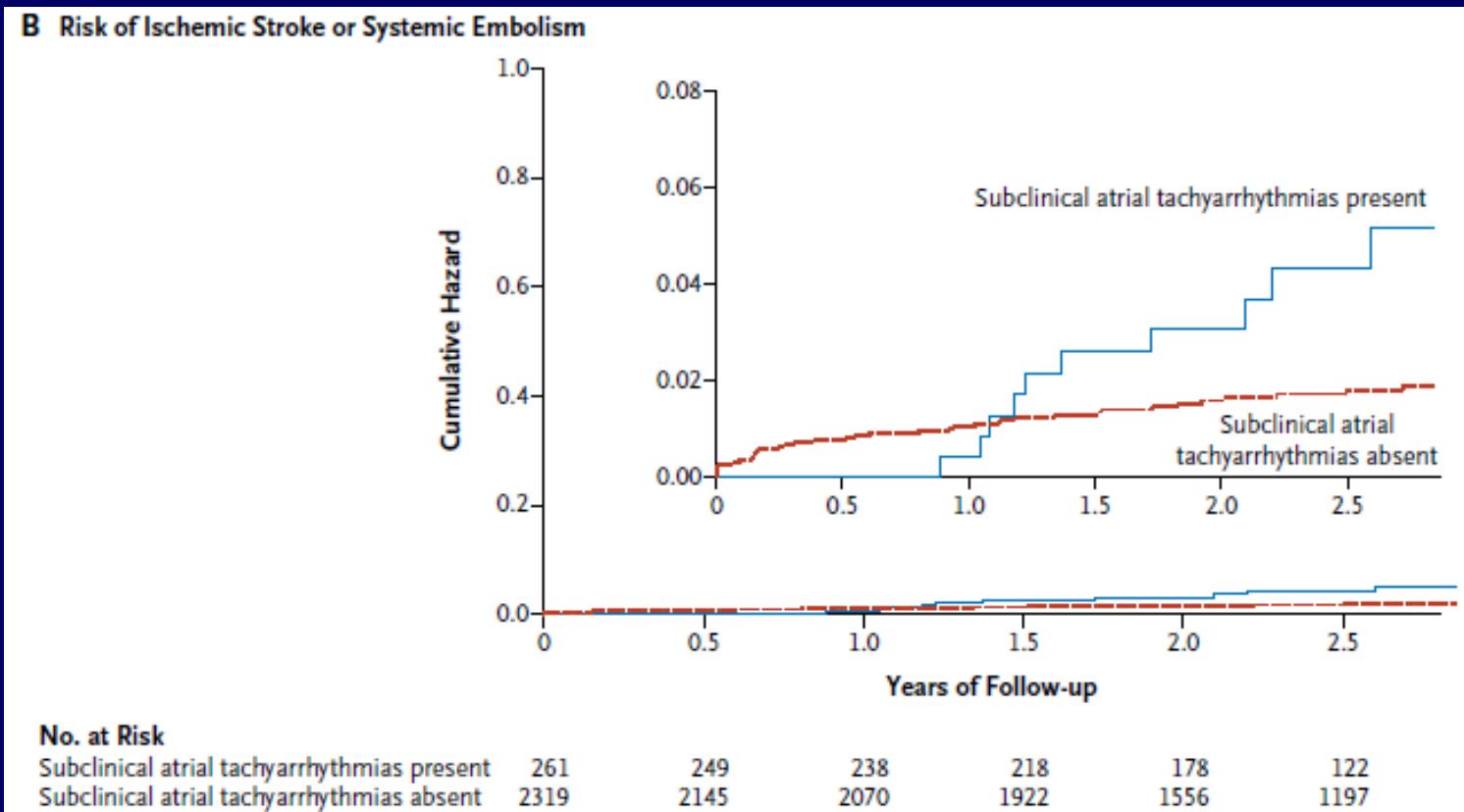
Subclinical atrial tachyarrhythmias present	261	236	222	205	160	110
Subclinical atrial tachyarrhythmias absent	2319	2146	2064	1911	1544	1176

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Device detected subclinical atrial tachy predict stroke/ syst embolism
HR 2.49 (1.28–4.85), P=0.007



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Population attributable risk of Stroke/Syst Emb associated with AT/AF = 13%

Table 3. Risk of Ischemic Stroke or Systemic Embolism after the 3-Month Visit, According to Baseline CHADS₂ Score and According to Whether Subclinical Atrial Tachyarrhythmias Were or Were Not Detected between Enrollment and the 3-Month Visit.

CHADS ₂ Score	No. of Patients	Subclinical Atrial Tachyarrhythmias between Enrollment and 3 Months				Hazard Ratio for Ischemic Stroke or Systemic Embolism with Subclinical Atrial Tachyarrhythmias (95% CI)*	
		Present		Absent			
	no. of patients	no. of events	%/yr	no. of patients	no. of events	%/yr	
1	600	68	1.13	532	4	0.75	2.11 (0.23–18.9)
2	1129	119	1.04	1010	18	0.18	1.83 (0.62–5.40)
>2	848	72	8.48	776	18	0.24	3.93 (1.55–9.95)

* The P value for trend is 0.35.

The conundrum of AF burden.

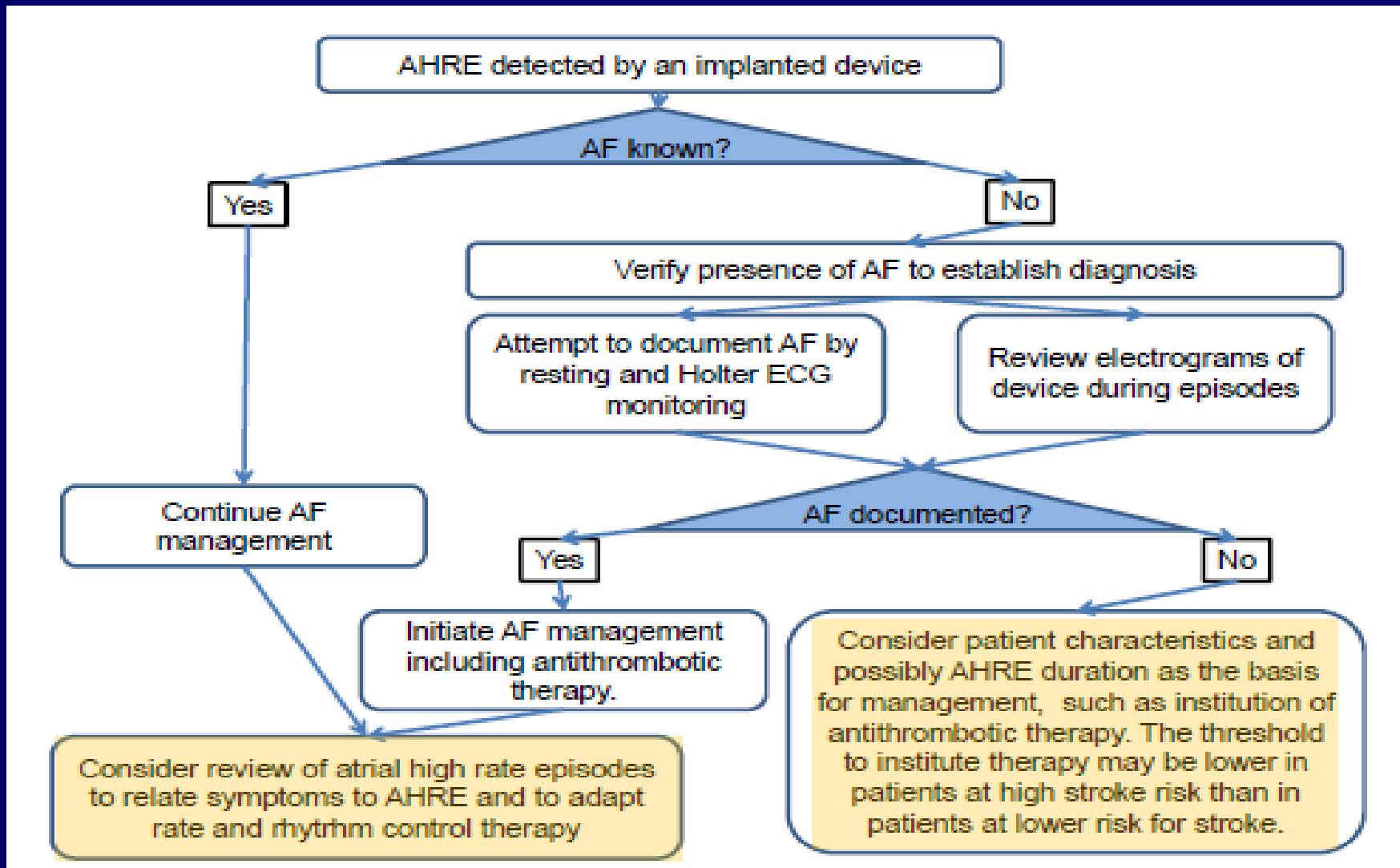
The term “AF burden” has been proposed as the total amount of time spent in AF per monitored time period...

Mainly driven by the technical accuracy of AF detection, a duration of > 5-6 min has been associated with stroke and death....

There is a clear need to unify the definitions of AHRE across device manufacturers,...

Comprehensive risk reduction in patients with atrial fibrillation:
Emerging diagnostic and therapeutic options. A report from the 3rd
AFNET/EHRA consensus conference

P. Kirchhof et al. Europace 2012;14:8-27



AF-related stroke risk and decision making

Is it possible to improve antithrombotic prescription on the basis of DEVICE-DETECTED AF BURDEN ?

Data - Arrhythmia Episodes

VT/VF AT/AF SVT

View Monitored > 0 sec

Type	ATP Seq	Shocks	Success	Date	Time hh:mm	Duration hh:mm:ss	Avg bpm A/V	Max V bpm	EGM
AT/AF				18-Feb-2009	21:45	01:06:12	351/115	154	EGM
AT/AF				18-Feb-2009	21:07	37:46	353/104	300	EGM
AT/AF				18-Feb-2009	19:15	01:51:53	364/119	167	EGM
AT/AF				18-Feb-2009	19:09	:05:38	326/134	162	EGM
AT/AF				18-Feb-2009	18:40	:28:52	341/132	167	EGM

#423: Plot EGM Text Previous Next

Episode #423: 18-Feb-2009 21:45:40

Episode Summary

Initial Type: AT/AF Monitor (spontaneous)
Duration: 1.1 hr
A/V Max Rate: 500 bpm/154 bpm
A. Median: 316 bpm (190 ms)
Activity at onset: Active, Sensor = 67 bpm

Parameter Settings Zones A. Interval (Rate)
AT/AF Monitor 1 AT/AF 350 ms (171 bpm)

EGM EGM EGM Sensitivity

Flashback Print... Close



Clinical Service Patient Report - ANGELS of AF - versione 1.0

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Informazioni di riferimento Clinical Service per il paziente (implante più recente)

ID paziente: ML160307

ID reportistica: IT029 0120

Data inclusione: 16/03/2007

Modello: Concerto AT

Ultimo N° di serie: PVU6019865

Data ultimo imp.: 16-mar-07

Numero di Implanti: 1

Numero di FU: 3

Data Ultimo FU: 12-nov-07

Caratteristiche cliniche associate al rischio tromboembolico

Aritmie atriali pre-implante:

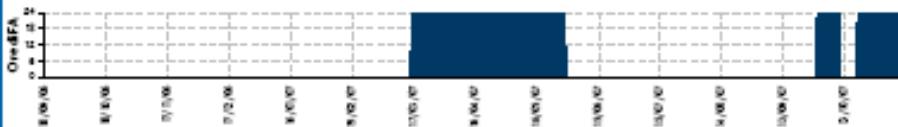
Sì (Persistente)

Cardioversioni atriali pre-implante: No

Aritmie atriali durante il FU:

Sì (da CRF cliniche)

Sì (glicomate device con AA>= 6 ore ved. cardiaz compreso)



Età del paziente al primo impianto: 61

Età del paziente ad oggi: 62

Storia di scompenso cardiaco: Sì

Frazione di eiezione al basale (%): 20

Stenosi mitralica: N.D.

Chirurgia valvolare: No

Precedente evento tromboembolico: No

Precedente infarto: No

Arteropatia coronarica: No

Ipertensione: N.D.

Diabete: No

Stratificazione del rischio tromboembolico

Grado di rischio per il paziente secondo la regola ACCP: Alto Rischio

Grado di rischio per il paziente secondo la regola CHADS2: 1

Indicazioni a terapia antitrombotica secondo il rischio embolico e storia di terapia

Terapia antitrombotica indicata secondo il rischio embolico	Anticoagulante	
Terapia antitrombotica secondo le schede di raccolta dati Clinical Service	Storia di terapia antitrombotica	Nessuno
	Terapia all'ultimo follow-up disponibile	Nessuno

PRA1B - Tracciamento delle scelte cliniche intraprese (per favore, compilare i seguenti campi)

1. Terapia antitrombotica effettivamente seguita dal paziente prima di questa visita:

 terapia anticoagulante terapia antiaggregante nessuna

2. Terapia antitrombotica prescritta/indicata dopo questa visita:

 terapia anticoagulante terapia antiaggregante nessuna

3. Se viene prescritta/indicata una nuova terapia, specificare se:

 direttamente da me attraverso una lettera al cardiologo o al medico curante

4. Se viene prescritta una terapia differente da quella indicata dalle linee guida, per favore specificare i motivi

Questo report ed i documenti che lo accompagnano hanno scopo puramente informativo.

Le informazioni sullo stato di salute possono cambiare anche rapidamente, perciò dovrebbe verificare eventuali necessità di aggiornamento delle informazioni.

Le informazioni presenti su questo report, infatti, non possono sostituire al rapporto medico-paziente.

Medtronic non si propone alcuna attività di tipo medico né fornisce consigli medici: ogni decisione medico-terapeutica rimane affidata ai suoi giudizi medici ed alle sue diagnosi.

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Patient Report to Physicians

- Patient data
- AT/AF history and recurrences
- Thromboembolic risk
 - CHADS2 and ACCP
- Anticoagulant therapy

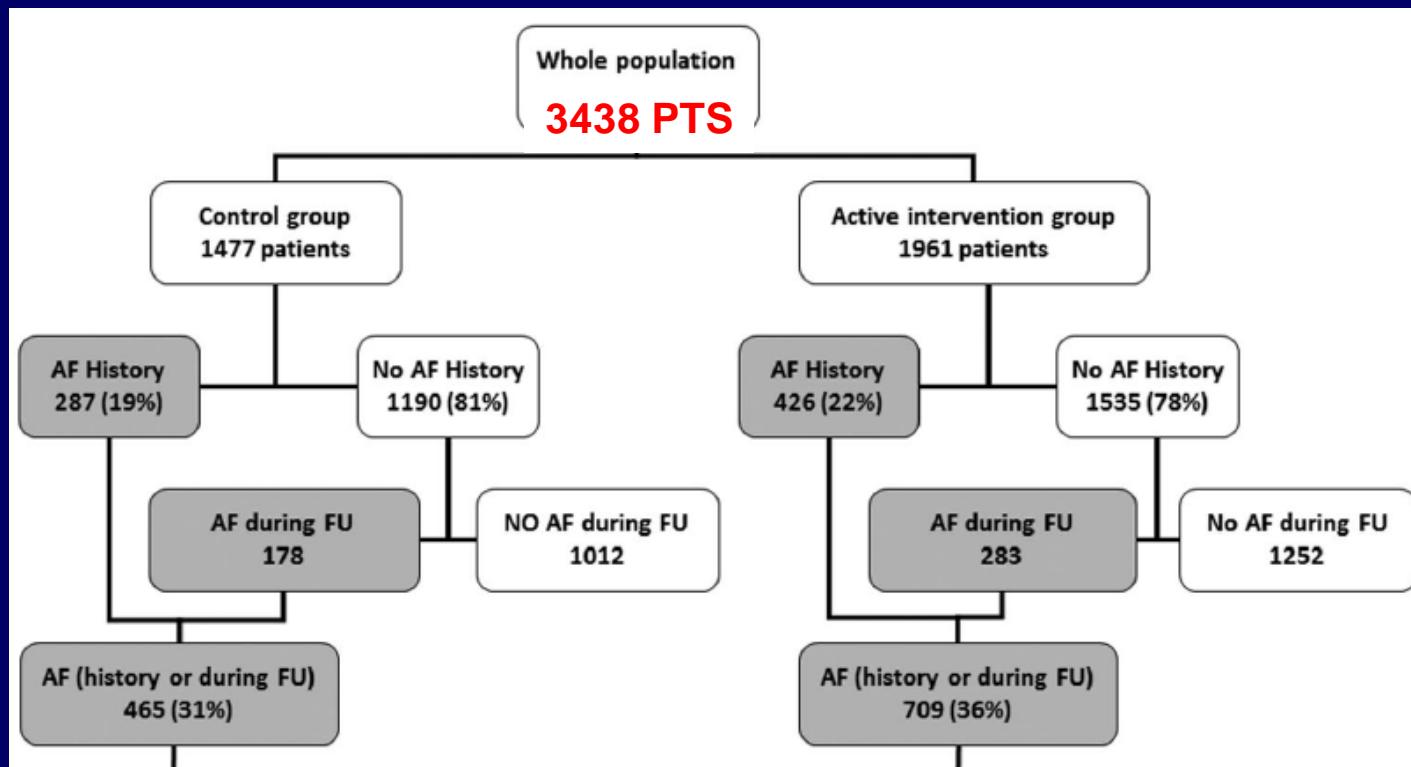
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In Angels of AF arm (46% pts on OAC at baseline) reports on AF burden (AF/AT > 171/m ≥ 6 hrs) + CHADS/ ACCP risk triggered institution of OAC in 10.5 % and APL tx in 1% of pts

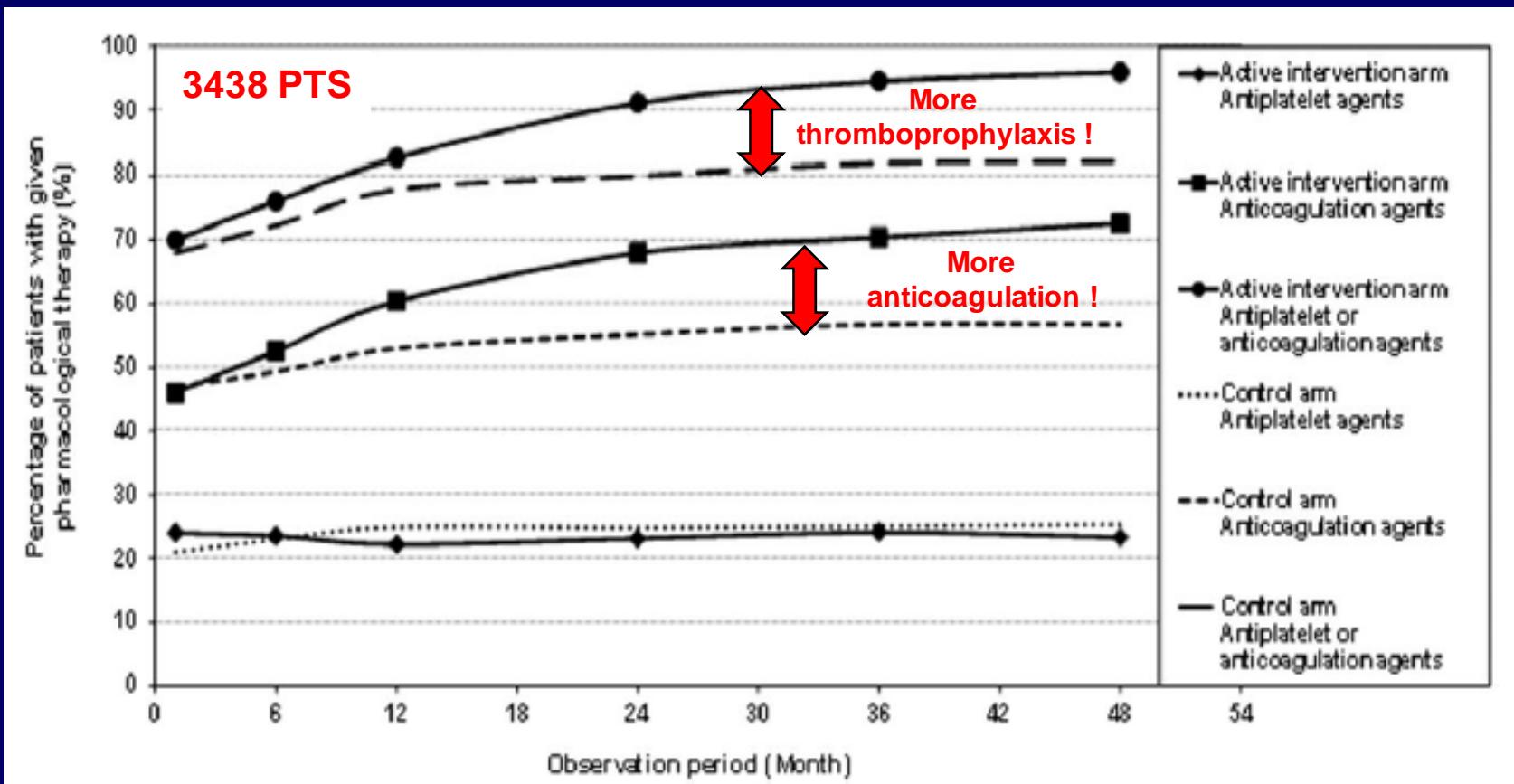
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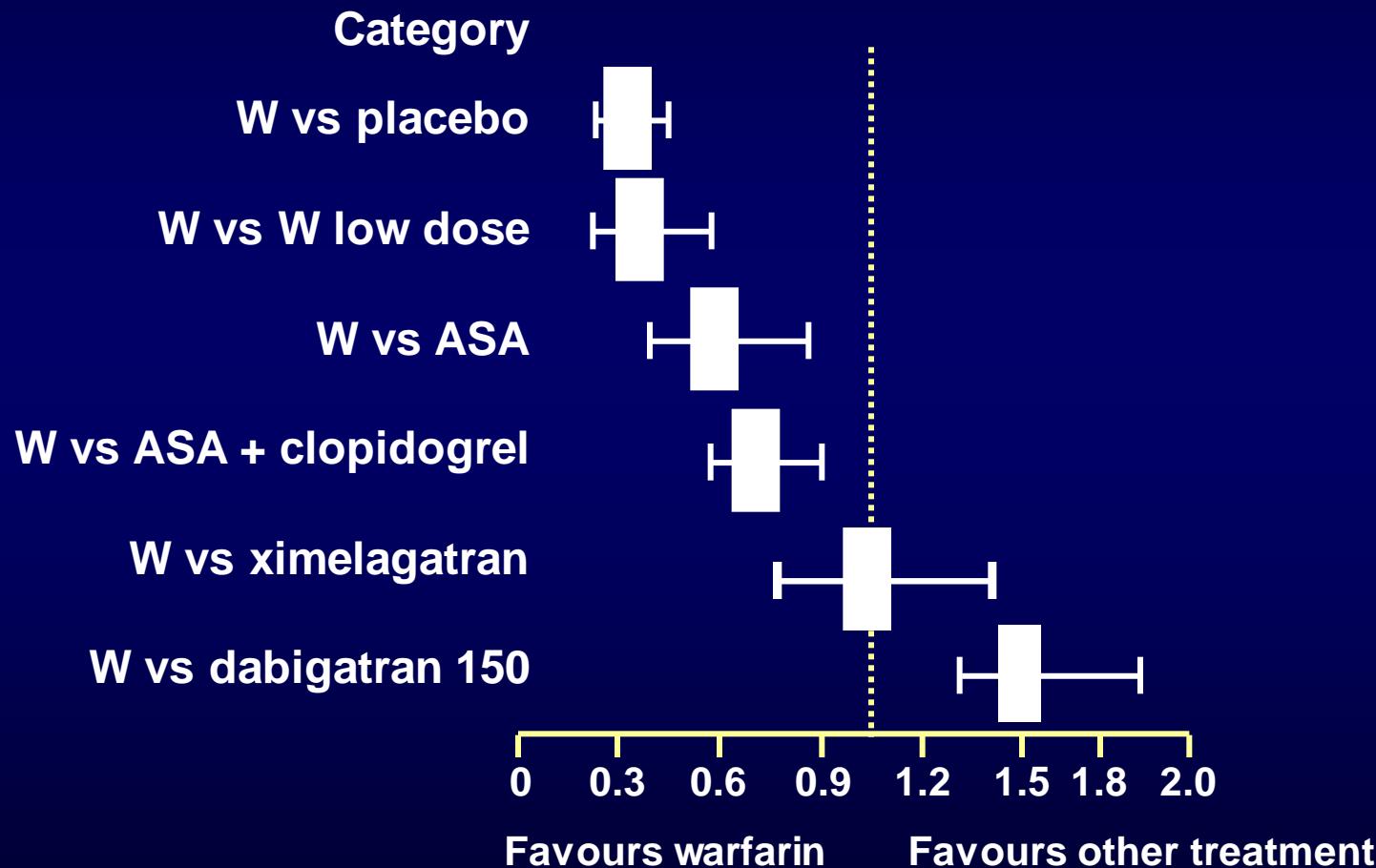
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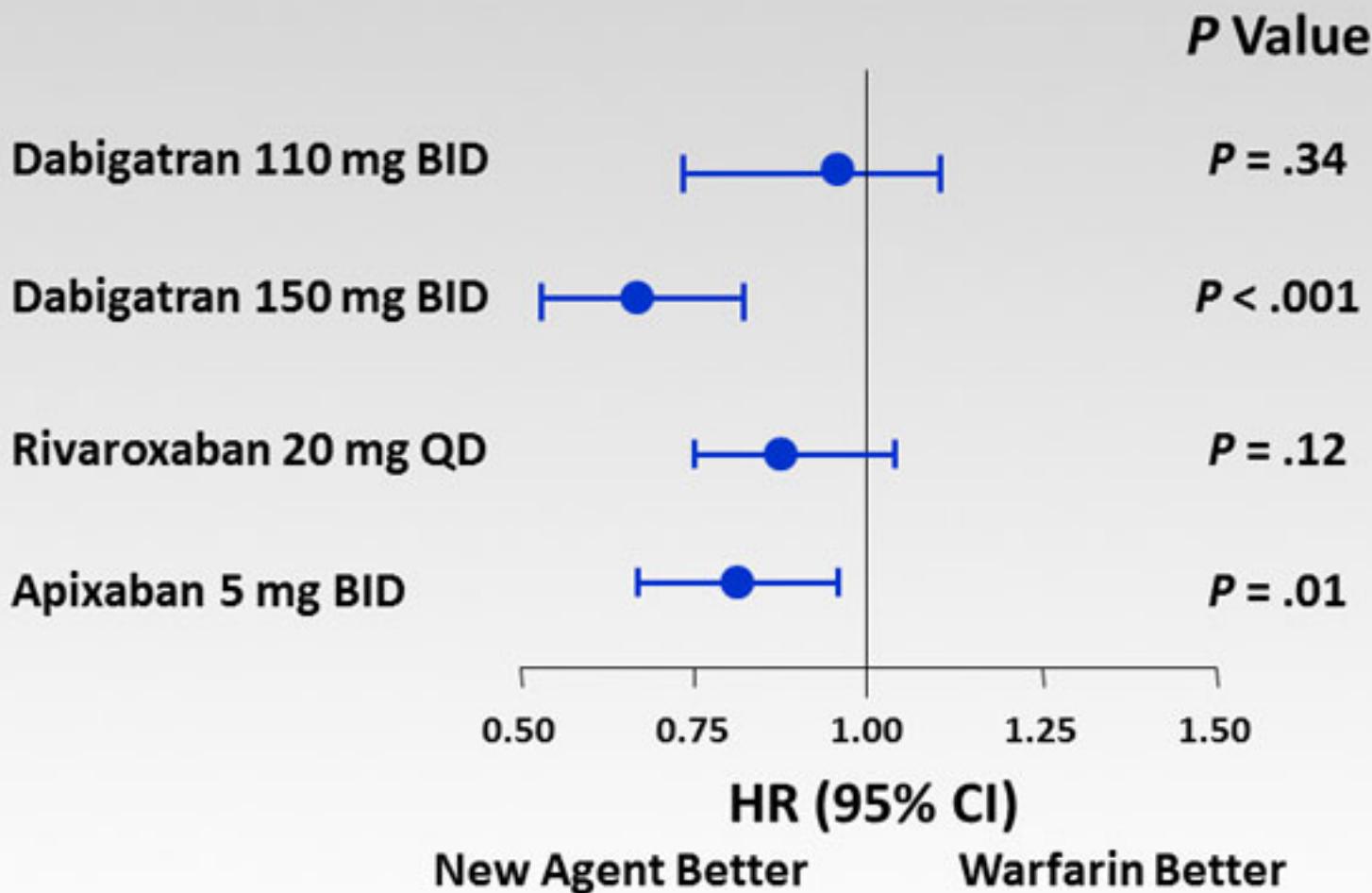
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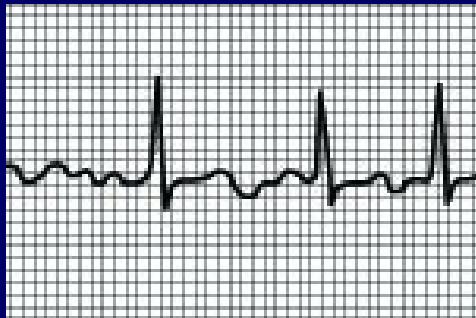
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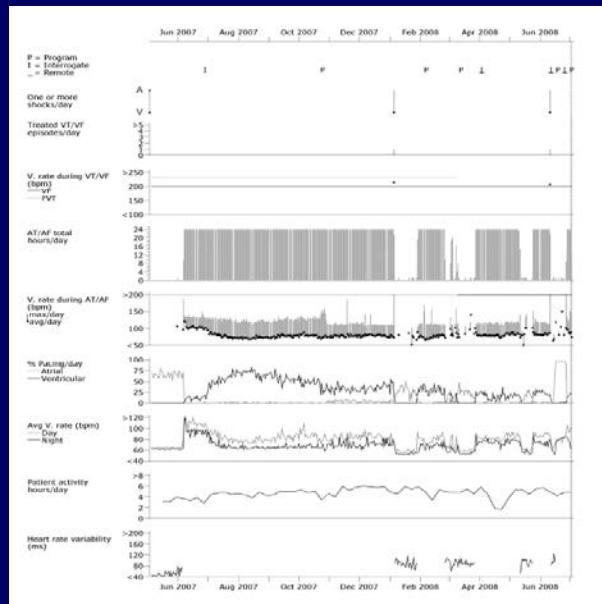


Pacemaker



ICD

Diagnostics data on AF burden



New perspective

Detection of AF burden (> 5 min) through implanted devices as signpost for AF-related stroke risk and basis for appropriate decision-making both in secondary and primary prevention

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