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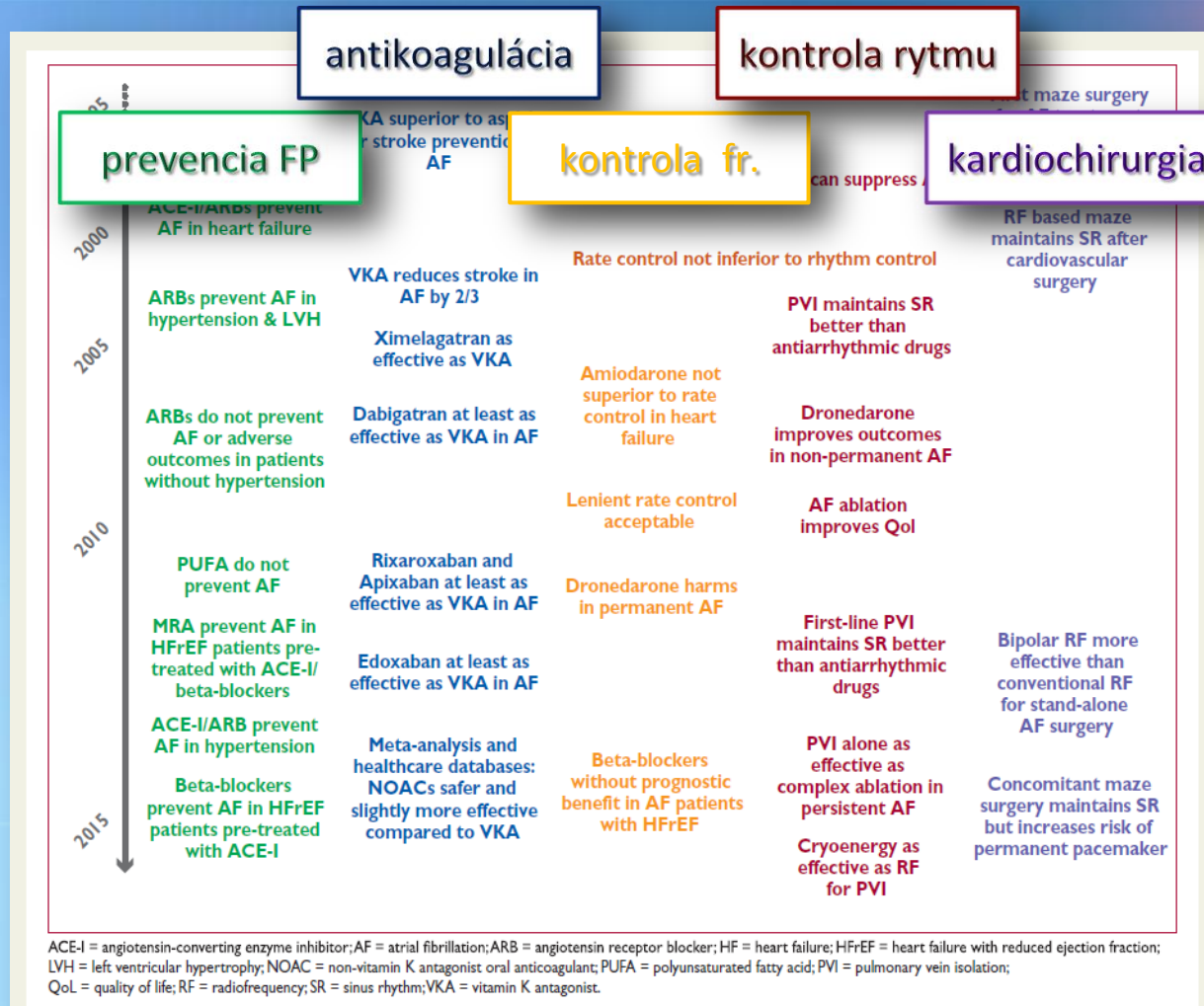
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# Timeline mílnikov EBM o FP



**Figure 1** Timeline of findings from landmark trials in atrial fibrillation management, including treatment of concomitant conditions and prevention (green), anticoagulation (blue), rate control therapy (orange), rhythm control therapy (red), and atrial fibrillation surgery (purple).

# Skríning fibrilácie predsiení

## Recommendations for screening for atrial fibrillation

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref <sup>c</sup>
> 65 rokov: pulz. fr., EKG	I	B	130, 134, 155
po TIA/NCMP: 72 h. EKG	I	B	27, 127
s KS/ICD ➔ AHRE	I	B	141, 156
po NCMP: dlhodobé EKG • ILR na detekciu silent FP	IIa	B	18, 128
systematický screening: • > 75 rokov • s vysokým TE rizikom	IIb	B	130, 135, 157

ECG = electrocardiogram; ICD = implantable cardioverter defibrillator;  
TIA = transient ischaemic attack.  
<sup>a</sup>Class of recommendation.  
<sup>b</sup>Level of evidence.  
<sup>c</sup>Reference(s) supporting recommendations.



# Pacienti s KS/ICD: AHRE

## AHRE → epizódy s vysokou frekvenciou predsiení (KS/ICD)

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- **AHRE ≠ FP**
- **AHRE ↑ riziko FP (5,6x)**
- **AHRE ↑ riziko NCMP (2,5x)**
- **klinický výskum (RKŠ):**
  - **ARTESiA, NOAH – AFNET 6**

Implanted pacemakers or defibrillators with an atrial lead allow continuous monitoring of atrial rhythm. Using this technology, patients with atrial high rate episodes (AHRE) can be identified. Depending on the risk profile of the population studied, such AHRE are

detected in 10–15% of pacemaker patients.<sup>141</sup> AHRE are associated with an increased risk of overt AF [hazard ratio (HR) 5.56; 95% confidence interval (CI) 3.78–8.17;  $P < 0.001$ ] and ischaemic stroke or systemic embolism (HR 2.49; 95% CI 1.28–4.85;  $P = 0.007$ ). The stroke risk in AHRE patients seems lower than the stroke risk in patients with diagnosed AF, and not all AHRE represent AF.<sup>142</sup> Strokes can occur without AHRE detected within 30 days before the event.<sup>143–147</sup> Consequently, it is unclear whether AHRE imply the same therapeutic requirements as overt AF,<sup>148</sup> and the benefit of anticoagulation in patients with AHRE is tested in ongoing clinical trials [e.g. dabigatran for the Reduction of Thrombo-Embolism in Patients With Device-Detected Sub-Clinical Atrial Fibrillation (ARTESiA) (NCT01938248) and Non vitamin K antagonist Oral anticoagulants in Patients With Sub-Clinical Atrial Fibrillation (NOAH-AFNET 6) (NCT02054053)].

It is recommended to interrogate pacemakers and ICDs on a regular basis for atrial high rate episodes (AHRE). Patients with AHRE should undergo further ECG monitoring to document AF before initiating AF therapy.

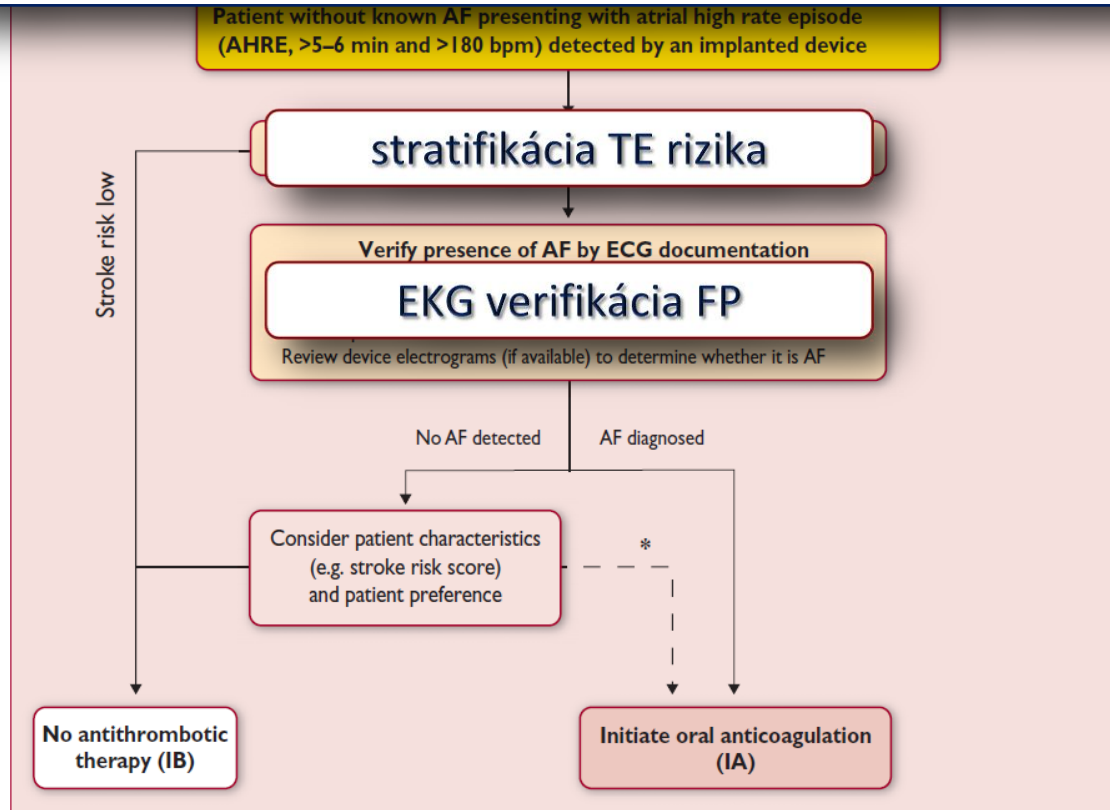
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B

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# AHRE ≠ FP

## AHRE ➔ epizódy s vysokou frekvenciou predsiení (KS/ICD)



AF = atrial fibrillation; AFNET = German Competence NETWORK on Atrial Fibrillation; AHRE = atrial high rate episodes; bpm = beats per minute; CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc = Congestive Heart failure, hypertension, Age  $\geq 75$  (doubled), Diabetes, Stroke (doubled), Vascular disease, Age 65-74, and Sex (female); ECG = electrocardiogram; EHRA = European Heart Rhythm Association.

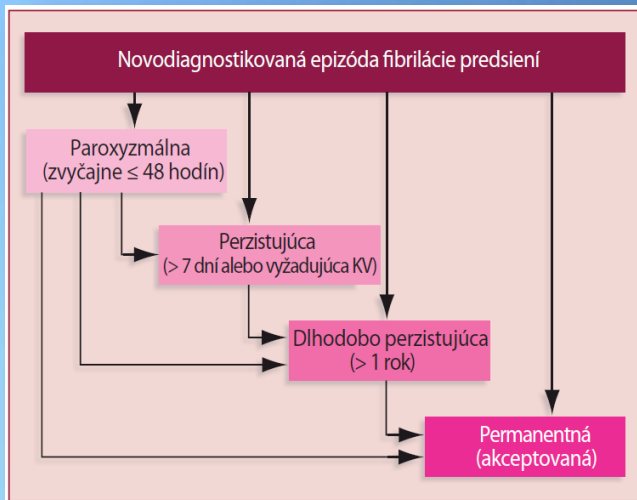
\*In rare individual circumstances, oral anticoagulation may be considered in patients with AHRE, but without diagnosed AF. This clearly needs discussion with the patient and careful evaluation of perceived benefit and risk.

\*Adapted from the report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> AFNET/EHRA consensus conference.<sup>150</sup>

**Figure 3** Management of AHRE detected by an implanted device. Adapted from the report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> AFNET/EHRA consensus conference.<sup>150</sup>



# Klasifikácia fibrilácie predsiení



**Table 5** Patterns of atrial fibrillation

AF pattern	Definition
First diagnosed AF	AF that has not been diagnosed before, irrespective of the duration of the arrhythmia or the presence and severity of AF-related symptoms.
Paroxysmal AF	<b>spontánne terminujúca FP ≤ 48 hod.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>niektoré parox. FP môžu pokračovať až 7 dní</li> </ul> <b>FP terminovaná kardioverziou &lt; 7 dní</b>
Persistent AF	<b>FP trvá &gt; 7 dní, vrátane epizód terminovaných kardioverziou &gt; 7 dní</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>farmakologicky alebo EKV</li> </ul>
Long-standing persistent AF	Continuous AF lasting for ≥1 year when it is decided to adopt a rhythm control strategy.
Permanent AF	AF that is accepted by the patient (and physician). Hence, rhythm control interventions are, by definition, not pursued in patients with permanent AF. Should a rhythm control strategy be adopted, the arrhythmia would be re-classified as 'long-standing persistent AF'.

# Symptomatológia FP (EHRA)

## Klasifikácia symptómov spojených s FP (podľa EHRA)

<i>EHRA I</i>	Žiadne symptómy
<i>EHRA II</i>	Mierne symptómy: bežné
<i>EHRA III</i>	Závažné symptómy: bežné
<i>EHRA IV</i>	<u>Invalidizujúce symptómy</u>

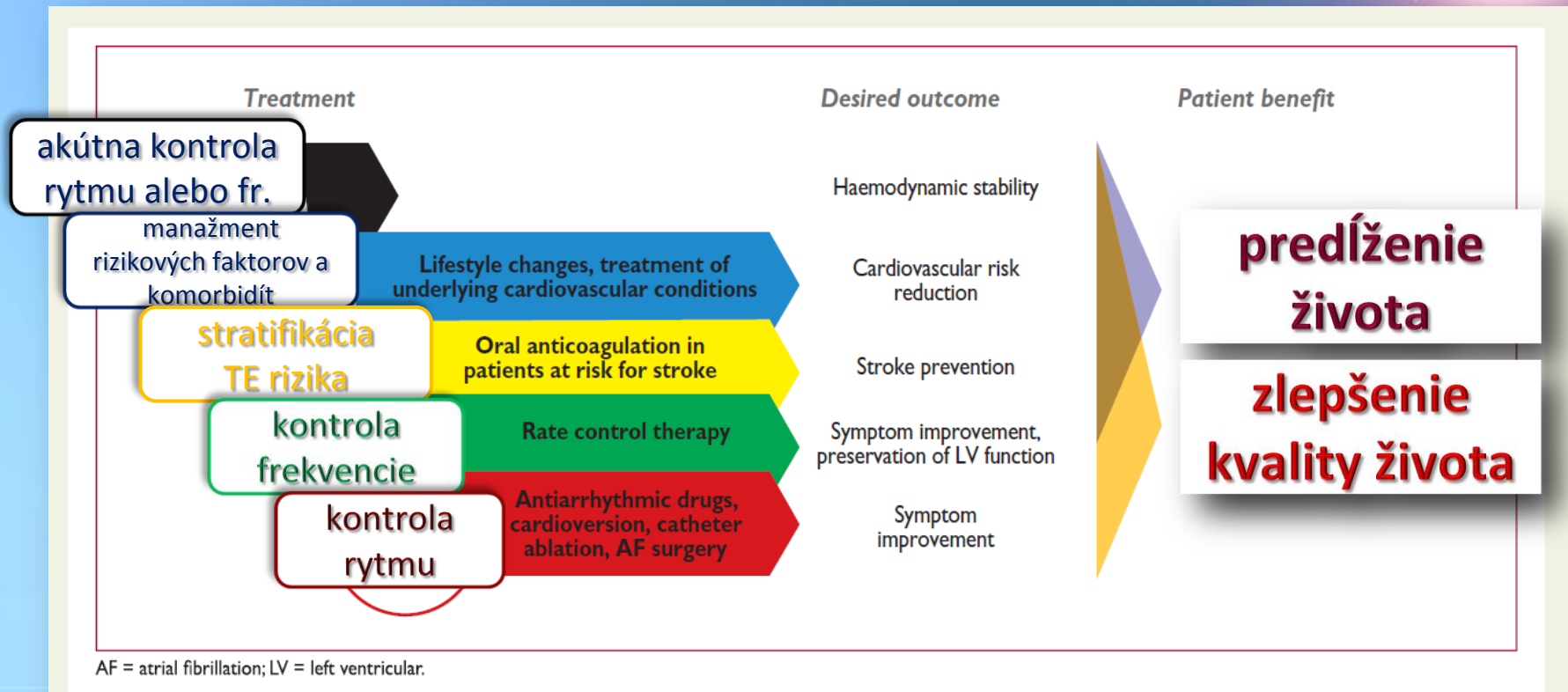
**Table 7** Modified European Heart Rhythm Association symptom scale (modified from Wynn et al. <sup>199</sup>)

Modified EHRA score	Symptoms	Description
1	None	AF does not cause any symptoms
2a	Mild	Normal daily activity not affected by symptoms related to AF <sup>a</sup>
2b	Moderate	Normal daily activity not affected by symptoms related to AF, but patient troubled by symptoms <sup>a</sup>
3	Severe	Normal daily activity affected by symptoms related to AF
4	Disabling	Normal daily activity discontinued

### Recommendation on use of the modified European Heart Rhythm Association symptom scale

Recommendation	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref <sup>c</sup>
Use of the modified EHRA symptom scale is recommended in clinical practice and research studies to quantify AF-related symptoms.	I	C	192, 199

# Manažment pacienta s FP (2016)



**Figure 5** Acute and chronic management of atrial fibrillation patients, desired cardiovascular outcomes, and patient benefits. Adapted from the report on the 4th AFNET/EHRA consensus conference.<sup>76</sup>

# FP a srdcové zlyhávanie

## Management of patients presenting acutely with AF and heart failure

Acute management      Chronic management

Cardiovert if unstable

Anticoagulate according to stroke risk

Normalise fluid balance with diuretics to improve symptoms

Control rate: Initial rate target <110 bpm; stricter if persistent HF/AF symptoms

Inhibit the renin–angiotensin–aldosterone system<sup>a</sup>

Early consideration of rhythm control

Advanced HF therapies, including devices<sup>a</sup>

Treatment of other cardiovascular disease, especially ischaemia and hypertension

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; AF = atrial fibrillation; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ARNI = angiotensin receptor neprilysin inhibition; bpm = beats per minute; HF = heart failure.

<sup>a</sup>In patients with heart failure and reduced ejection fraction. Also consider combined ARNI in patients able to tolerate an ACE inhibitor or ARB with ongoing symptoms.

<sup>\*</sup>Adapted from Kotecha and Piccini.<sup>218</sup>

**Figure 4** Initial management of newly diagnosed concomitant heart failure and AF. Adapted from Kotecha and Piccini.<sup>218</sup>

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**Atrial fibrillation in heart failure:  
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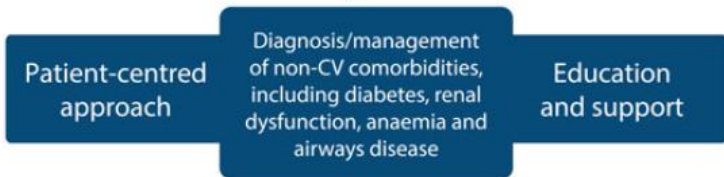
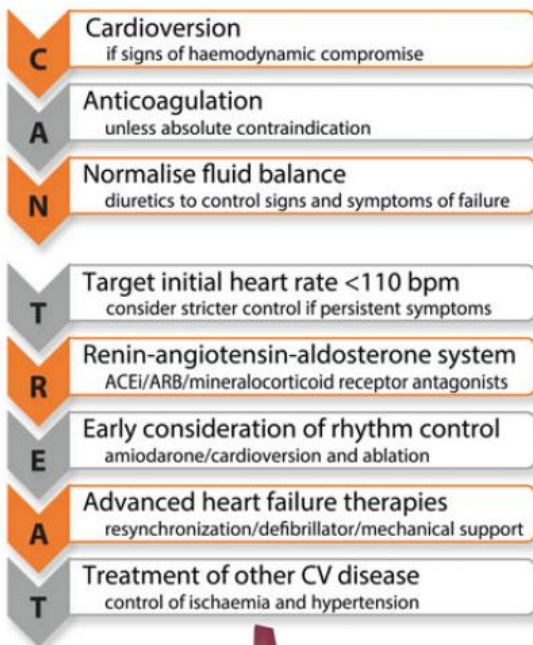
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# FP a srdcové zlyhávanie

## CAN-TREAT HF<sub>rEF</sub>+AF

Management of newly diagnosed  
concomitant heart failure with reduced  
ejection fraction and atrial fibrillation



**kardioverzia**

**antikoagulácia**

**th. kongescie**

**kontrola prevodu**

**blokáda RAAS**

**kontrola rytmu**

**liečba SZ**

**th. základného KVO**

# Praktický postup vyš. pacienta s FP

## Recommendations for diagnostic workup of atrial fibrillation patients

**EKG dokumentácia FP**

**klinické vyšetrenie**

**ECHO KG vyšetrenie**

**EKG monitorovanie**

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref <sup>c</sup>
ECG documentation is required to establish the diagnosis of AF.	I	B	349
A full cardiovascular evaluation, including an accurate history, careful clinical examination, and assessment of concomitant conditions, is recommended in all AF patients.	I	C	
Transthoracic echocardiography is recommended in all AF patients to guide management.	I	C	339
Long-term ECG monitoring should be considered in selected patients to assess the adequacy of rate control in symptomatic patients and to relate symptoms with AF episodes.	IIa	C	

# Stratifikácia rizika: TE vs. krvácanie

## CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc

prediction of stroke and

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref <sup>c</sup>
The CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score is recommended for stroke risk prediction in patients with AF.	I	A	368, 371, 386
Bleeding risk scores should be considered in AF patients on oral anticoagulation to identify modifiable risk factors for major bleeding.	IIa	B	384, 386, 387, 389–392
Biomarkers such as high-sensitivity troponin and natriuretic peptide may be considered to further refine stroke and bleeding risk in AF patients.	IIb	B	380–382, 387, 393



# Indikácia antikoagulačnej th. pri FP

indikovaná  
antikoagulačná  
liečba (IA)

9



2

• zvaž. OAK (IIaB)


1

• bez liečby

0

## Riziková stratifikácia $CHA_2DS_2-VAS_c$

Rizikový faktor	Skóre
C	1
H	1
A <sub>2</sub>	2
D	1
S <sub>2</sub>	2
V	1
A	1
S <sub>c</sub>	1



prvá epizóda  
fibrilácia predsiení

paroxysmálna  
fibrilácia predsiení

perzistujúca  
fibrilácia predsiení

permanentná  
fibrilácia predsiení



# Indikácia antikoagulačnej th. pri FP

indikovaná  
antikoagulačná  
liečba (IA)

9



3

• zvaž. OAK (IIaB)

2

• bez liečby


1

• pre ženy neexistuje

0

## Riziková stratifikácia $CHA_2DS_2-VAS_c$

Rizikový faktor	Skóre
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H	1
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V	1
A	1
S <sub>c</sub>	1



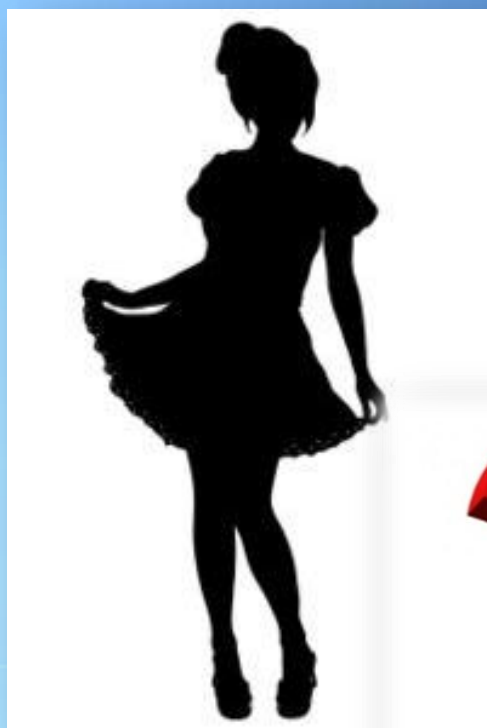
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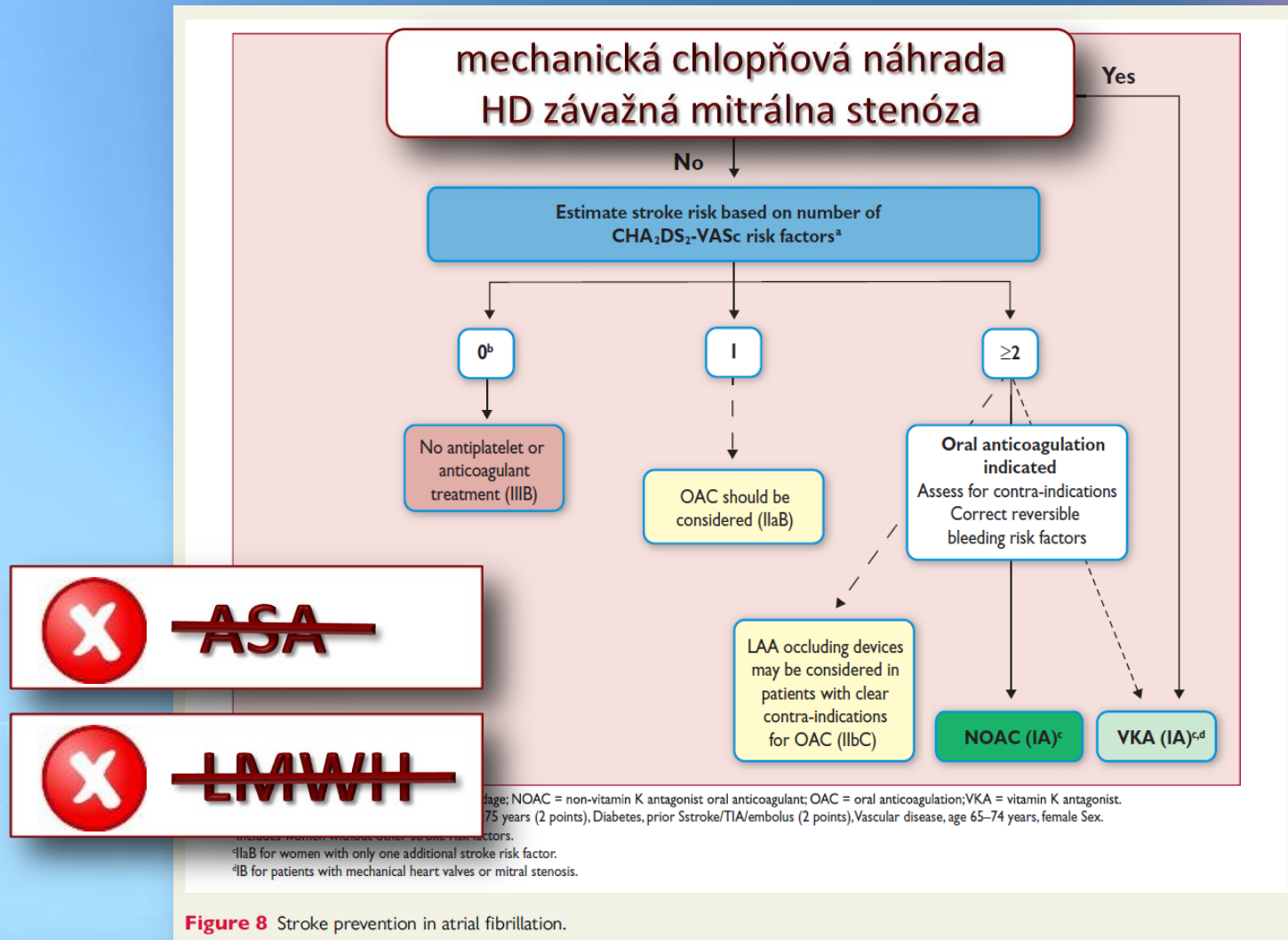
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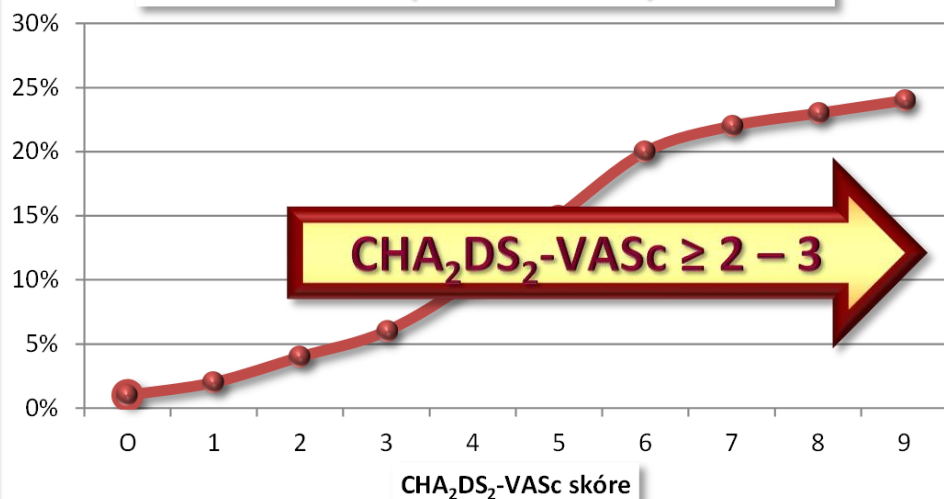
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<b>C</b>	<i>srdcové zlyhanie</i>	1
<b>H</b>	<i>hypertenzia</i>	1
<b>A<sub>2</sub></b>	<i>vek nad 75 rokov</i>	2
<b>D</b>	<i>diabetes mellitus</i>	1
<b>S<sub>2</sub></b>	<i>st. p. CMP alebo TIA</i>	2
<b>V</b>	<i>vaskulárne ochorenie</i>	1
<b>A</b>	<i>vek 65 – 74 rokov</i>	1
<b>S<sub>c</sub></b>	<i>ženské pohlavie</i>	1

# Antikoagulačná liečba FP



# Stratifikácia TE rizika pri FP (2016)

Riziko NCMP pri fibrilácii predsiení



- CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc ≥ 2-3 → antikoagulačná liečba
- NOAK by mali byť preferované pred warfarinom

Riziková stratifikácia CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc

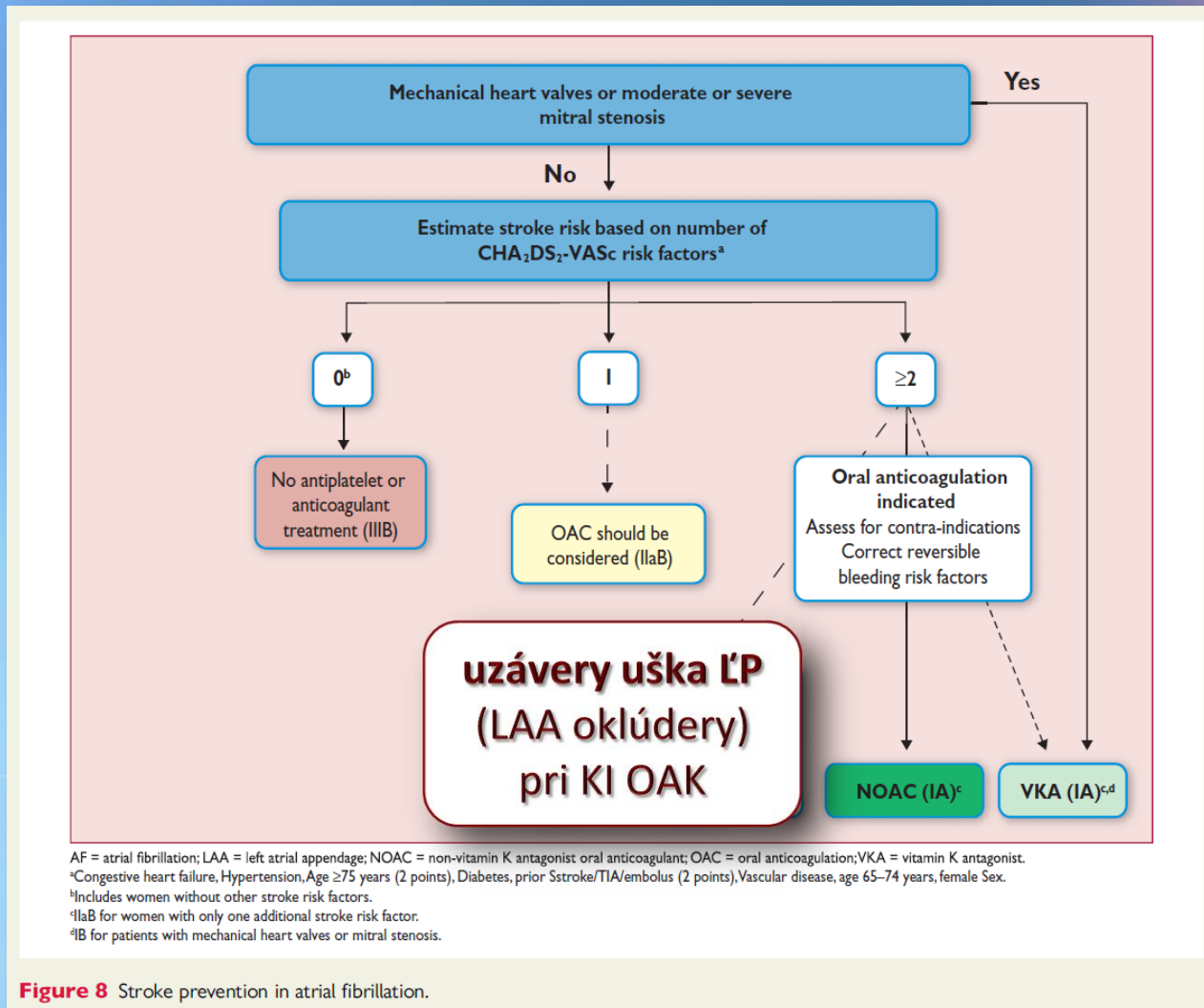
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<b>A</b>	vek 65 – 74 rokov	1
<b>S<sub>c</sub></b>	ženské pohlavie	1

# 2016 ESC o FP: Antikoagulačná liečba

## Recommendations for stroke prevention in patients with atrial fibrillation

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref <sup>c</sup>
• <b>OAK u mužov s CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc ≥ 2</b>	I	A	38, 318–321, 354, 404
• <b>OAK u žien s CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc ≥ 3</b>	I	A	38, 318–321, 354, 404
• <b>OAK u mužov s CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc = 1</b>	IIa	B	371, 375–377
• <b>OAK u žien s CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc = 2</b>	IIa	B	371, 376, 377
• <b>VKA: mech. chlopňové náhrady, mitr. stenóza</b>	I	B	274, 435–440
• <b>pri OAK sa odporúča preferovať NOAK</b>	I	A	39, 318–321, 404
When patients are treated with a vitamin K antagonist, time in therapeutic range (TTR) should be kept as high as possible and closely monitored.	I	A	395, 432, 441–444
AF patients already on treatment with a vitamin K antagonist may be considered for NOAC treatment if TTR is not well controlled despite good adherence, or if patient preference without contra-indications to NOAC (e.g. prosthetic valve).	IIb	A	39, 318, 319, 404, 408
Combinations of oral anticoagulants and platelet inhibitors increase bleeding risk and should be avoided in AF patients without another indication for platelet inhibition.	III (harm)	B	429, 445
In male or female AF patients without additional stroke risk factors, anticoagulant or antiplatelet therapy is not recommended for stroke prevention.	III (harm)	B	368, 371, 376, 377
• <b>antiagregačná th. sa NEodporúča</b>	III (harm)	A	38, 429, 430
NOACs (apixaban, dabigatran, edoxaban, and rivaroxaban) are not recommended in patients with mechanical heart valves (Level of evidence B) or moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis (Level of evidence C).	III (harm)	B C	318–321, 400, 404

# Nefarmakologická prevencia TE



# Stratifikácia rizika: TE vs. krvácanie

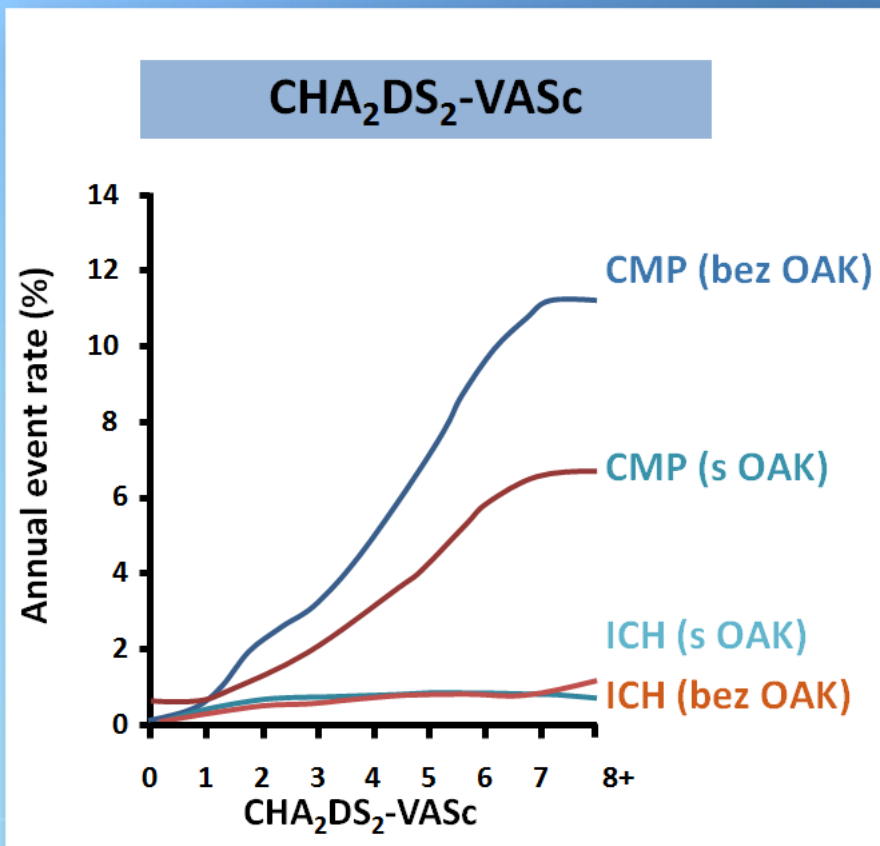
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**identifikácia modifikovateľných rizikových faktorov krvácania**



# Reálne riziko TE vs. krvácanie



Kohorta 159 013 švédskych pacientov liečených antikoagulanciami sledovaných 1.5 ± 1.1 roku (2005–2008)



# Rizikové faktory krvácania

- HAS-BLED score
- HEMORR2HAGES score
- ATRIA score
- ORBIT score
- ABC bleeding score

• hypertenzia

• labilné INR

• ko-medikácia

• exces alkoholu

• anémia

• renálne funkcie

• hepatálne funkcie

## nemodifikovateľné RF

- vek
- anamnéza krvácania
- prekonaná NCMP
- CHOO, dialýza
- onkologické ochorenie
- genetické faktory

**Table 12** Modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors for bleeding in anticoagulated patients based on bleeding risk scores

### • modifikovateľné RF

Hypertension (especially when systolic blood pressure is >160 mmHg)<sup>abc</sup>

Labile INR or time in therapeutic range <60% in patients on vitamin K antagonists

Medication predisposing to bleeding, such as antiplatelet drugs and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs<sup>ad</sup>

Excess alcohol (>8 drinks/week)<sup>ab</sup>

### • relat. modifikovateľné RF

Anaemia<sup>bcd</sup>

Impaired renal function<sup>abc,d</sup>

Impaired liver function<sup>ab</sup>

Reduced platelet count or function<sup>b</sup>

Age<sup>e</sup> (>65 years)<sup>a</sup> (≥75 years)<sup>bcd</sup>

History of major bleeding<sup>abc,d</sup>

Previous stroke<sup>ab</sup>

Dialysis-dependent kidney disease or renal transplant<sup>ac</sup>

Cirrhotic liver disease<sup>a</sup>

Malignancy<sup>b</sup>

Genetic factors<sup>b</sup>

### Biomarker-based bleeding risk factors

High-sensitivity troponin<sup>e</sup>

Growth differentiation factor-15<sup>e</sup>

Serum creatinine/estimated CrCl<sup>e</sup>



# Kedy kontrolovať renálne funkcie ?

- ako často kontrolovať renálne parametre

ChOO  
I – II. št.

eGRF > 60 ml/min.

min. **1x / 12 mesiacov**

ChOO  
III. št.

eGRF = 30 - 59 ml/min.

min. **1x / 6 mesiacov**

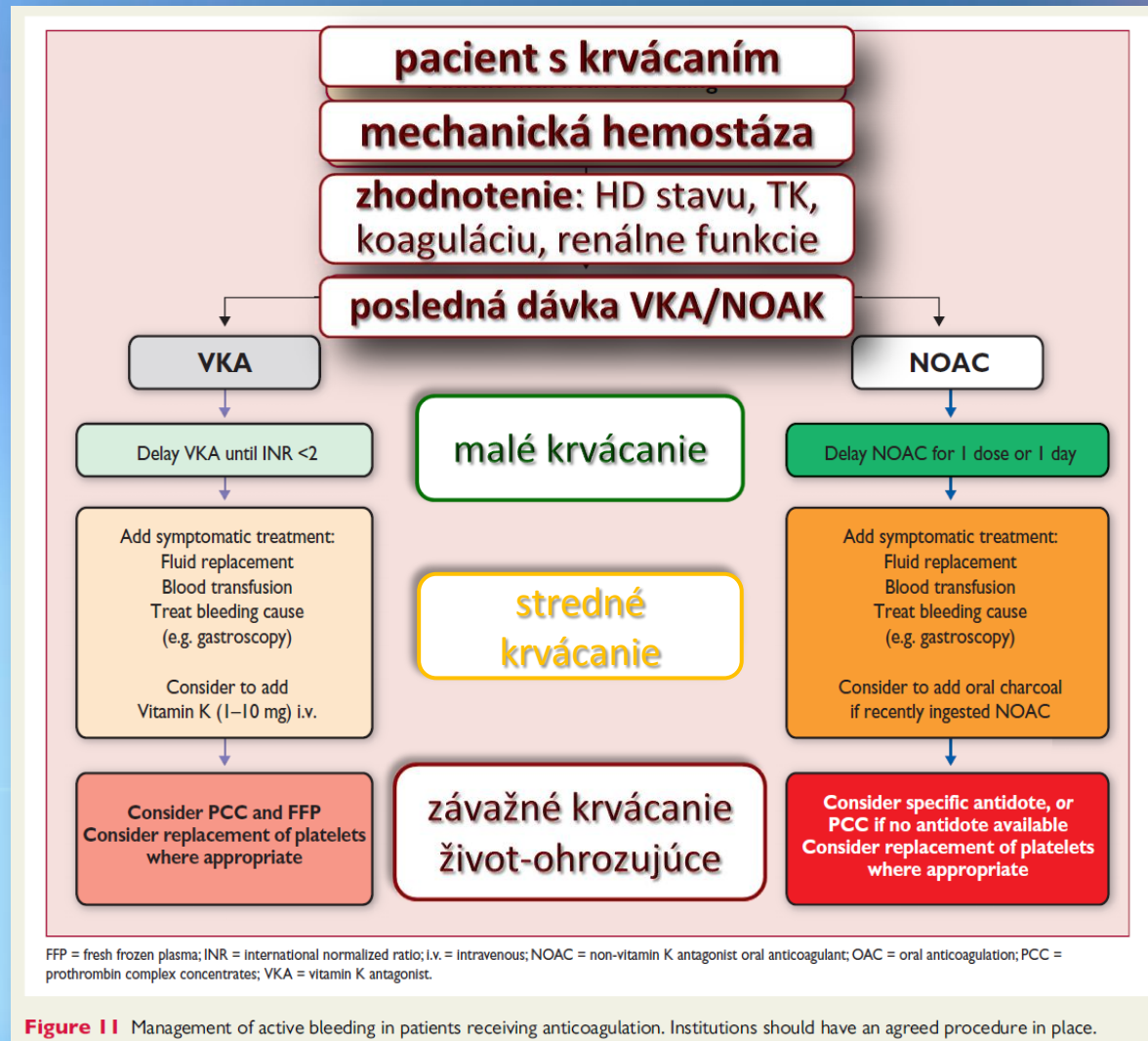
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eGRF < 30 ml/min.

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- pri každej akútnej zmene klinického stavu

# Manažment aktívneho krvácania



# 2016 ESC o FP: kontrola frekvencie

## Akútna kontrola komorovej frekvencie FP

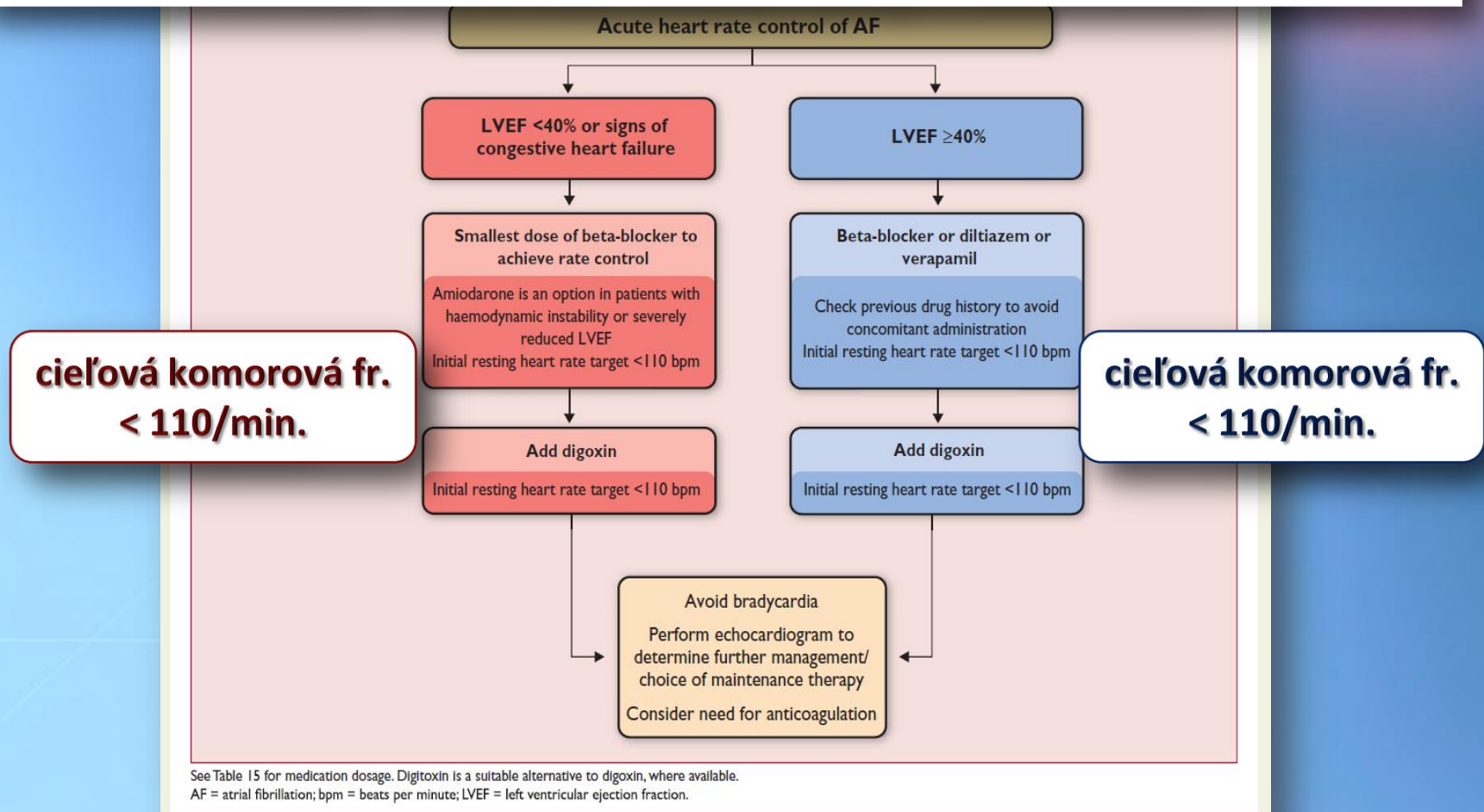


Figure 14 Acute heart rate control in patients with atrial fibrillation.

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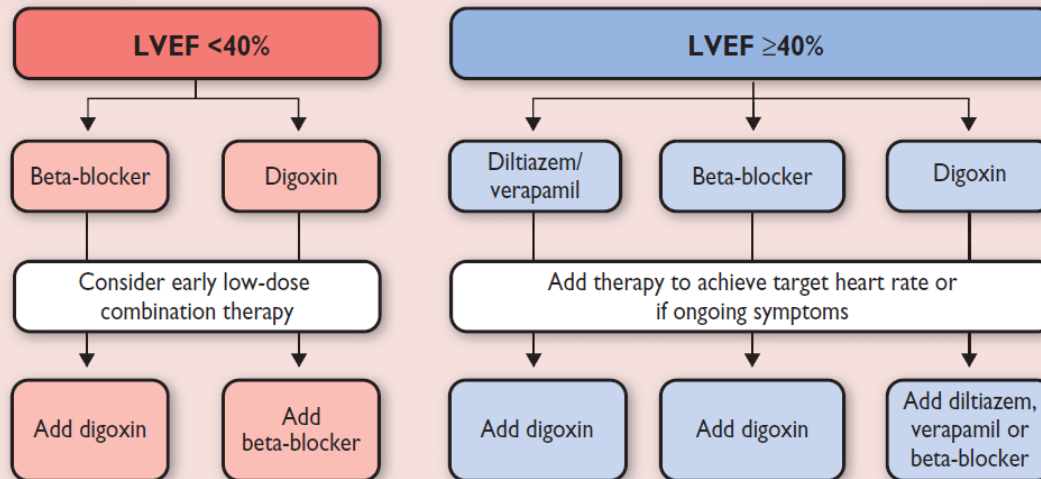
## Dlhodobá kontrola komorovej frekvencie FP

Long-term heart rate control of AF

cieľová komorová fr.  
< 110/min.

Perform echocardiogram (IC)  
Choose initial rate control therapy (IB) and combination therapy if required (IIaC)  
Target initial resting heart rate <110 bpm (IIaB), avoiding bradycardia

cieľová komorová fr.  
< 110/min.

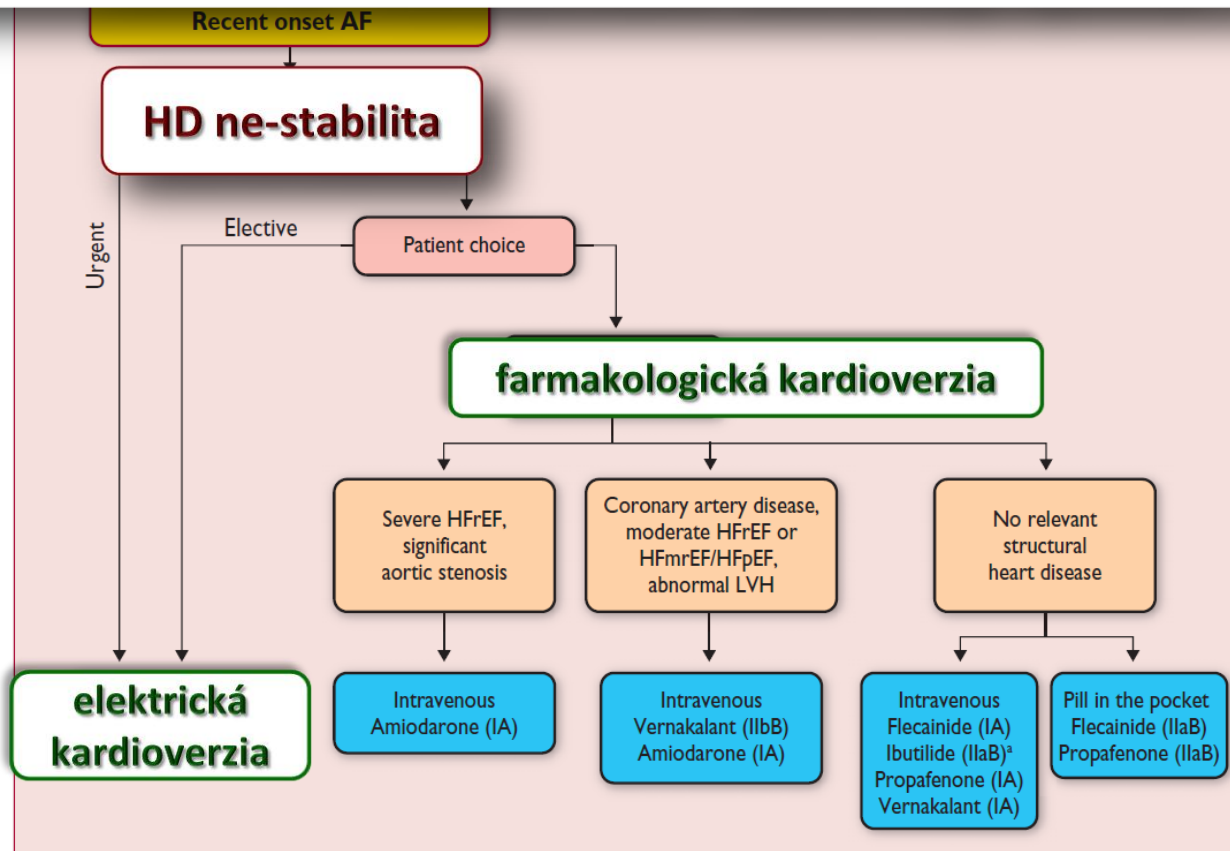


See Table 15 for medication dosage. Digitoxin is a suitable alternative to digoxin, where available.  
AF = atrial fibrillation; bpm = beats per minute; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction.

**Figure 15** Long-term heart rate control in patients with atrial fibrillation.

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## Akútny manažment kontroly rytmu



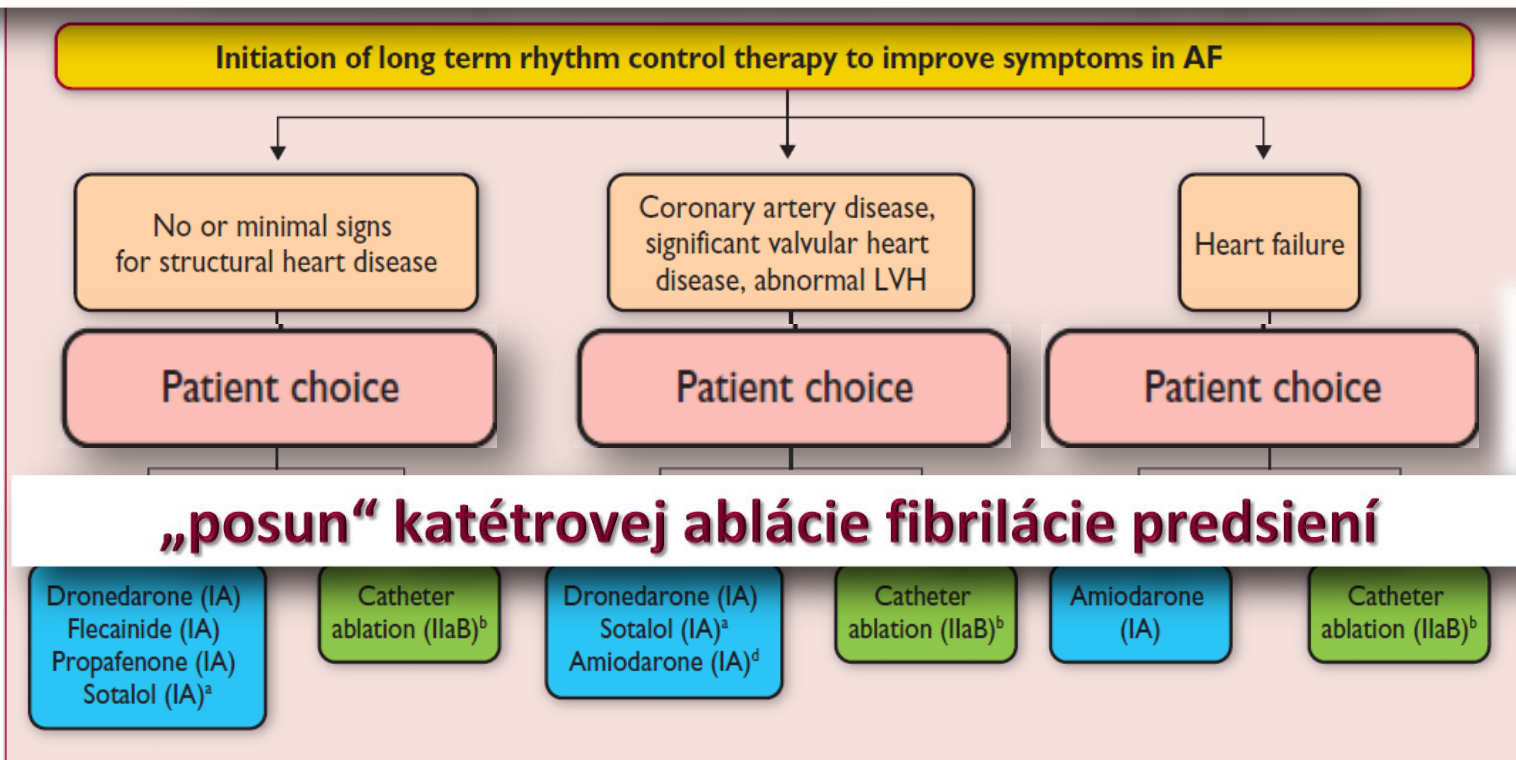
AF = atrial fibrillation; HFrEF = heart failure with mid-range ejection fraction; HFmrEF = heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; HFpEF = heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; LVH = left ventricular hypertrophy.

\*Ibutilide should not be used in patients with long QT interval.

Figure 16 Rhythm control management of recent onset atrial fibrillation.

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## Dlhodobý manažment kontroly rytmu



AF = atrial fibrillation; HF = heart failure; LVH = left ventricular hypertrophy;

<sup>a</sup>Sotalol requires careful evaluation of proarrhythmic risk.

<sup>b</sup>Catheter ablation should isolate pulmonary veins and can be performed using radiofrequency or cryoballoon catheters.

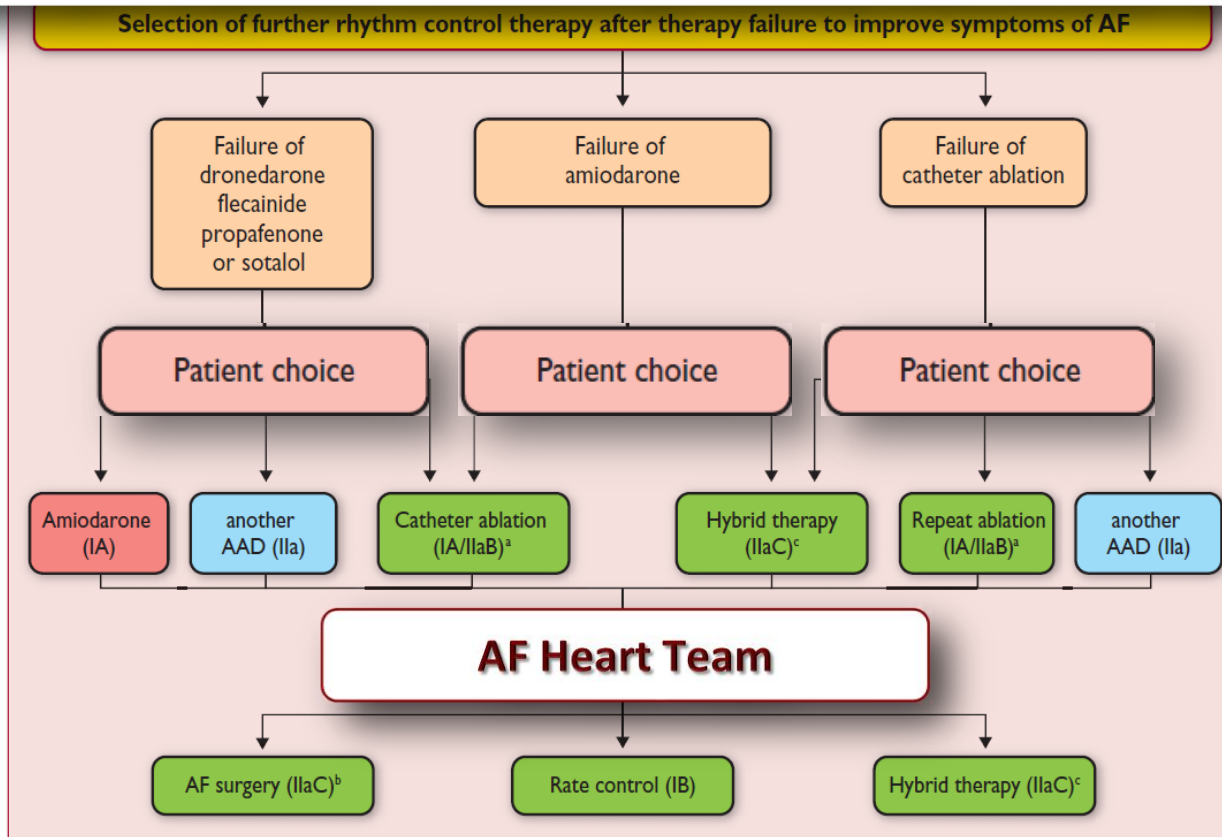
<sup>c</sup>Catheter ablation as a first-line therapy is usually reserved for heart failure patients with tachycardiomyopathy.

<sup>d</sup>Amiodarone is a second-choice therapy in many patients because of its extracardiac side-effects.

**Figure 17** Initiation of long term rhythm control therapy in symptomatic patients with atrial fibrillation.

# 2016 ESC o FP: kontrola rytmu

## Postup po zlyhaní iniciálnej liečby kontroly rytmu FP



AAD = antiarrhythmic drug; AF = atrial fibrillation; PVI = pulmonary vein isolation.

<sup>a</sup>catheter ablation should target PVI. IA for paroxysmal AF; IIaB for persistent and long-standing persistent AF.

<sup>b</sup>AF surgery may be PVI (e.g. in paroxysmal AF) or maze surgery (e.g. in therapy-refractory or persistent and long-standing persistent AF).

<sup>c</sup>Hybrid therapy involves combination of antiarrhythmic drugs, catheter ablation, and/or AF surgery.

**Figure 20** Choice of rhythm control therapy following treatment failure.



# Čo ROBIŤ a čo NE-ROBIŤ

## 16. To do and not to do messages from the Guidelines

Recommendations	Class*	Level <sup>b</sup>
<b>Recommendations for diagnosis and screening of AF</b>		
ECG documentation is required to establish the diagnosis of AF.	I	B
Opportunistic screening for AF is recommended by pulse taking or ECG rhythm strip in patients >65 years of age.	I	B
In patients with TIA or ischaemic stroke, screening for AF is recommended by short-term ECG recording followed by continuous ECG monitoring for at least 72 hours.	I	B
It is recommended to interrogate pacemakers and ICDs on a regular basis for atrial high rate episodes (AHRE). Patients with AHRE should undergo further ECG monitoring to document AF before initiating AF therapy.	I	B
<b>Recommendations for general management of AF</b>		
Tailored patient education is recommended in all phases of AF management to support patients' perception of AF and to improve management.	I	C
A full cardiovascular evaluation, including an accurate history, careful clinical examination, and assessment of concomitant conditions, is recommended in all AF patients.	I	C
Use of the modified EHRA symptom scale is recommended in clinical practice and research studies to quantify AF-related symptoms.	I	C
Trans thoracic echocardiography is recommended in all AF patients to guide management.	I	C
The assessment of kidney function by serum creatinine or creatinine clearance is recommended in all AF patients to detect kidney disease and to support correct dosing of AF therapy.	I	A
<b>Recommendations for stroke prevention in AF</b>		
The CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score is recommended for stroke risk prediction in patients with AF.	I	A
Oral anticoagulation therapy to prevent thromboembolism is recommended for all male AF patients with a CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score of 1 or more.	I	A
Oral anticoagulation therapy to prevent thromboembolism is recommended in all female AF patients with a CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score of 3 or more.	I	A
When oral anticoagulation is initiated in a patient with AF who is eligible for a non-vitamin-K-antagonist oral anticoagulant (apixaban, dabigatran, edoxaban, or rivaroxaban), a NOAC is recommended in preference to a Vitamin K antagonist.	I	A
Vitamin K antagonist therapy (INR 2.0–3.0 or higher) is recommended for stroke prevention in AF patients with moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis or mechanical heart valves.	I	B
NOACs (apixaban, dabigatran, edoxaban, and rivaroxaban) are not recommended in patients with mechanical heart valves (Level of evidence B) or moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis (Level of evidence C).	III (harm)	B C
When patients are treated with a vitamin K antagonist, time in therapeutic range (TTR) should be kept as high as possible and closely monitored.	I	A
Combinations of oral anticoagulants and platelet inhibitors increase bleeding risk and should be avoided in AF patients without another indication for platelet inhibition.	III (harm)	B
In male or female AF patients without additional stroke risk factors, anticoagulant or antiplatelet therapy is not recommended for stroke prevention.	III (harm)	B
Antiplatelet monotherapy is not recommended for stroke prevention in AF patients, regardless of stroke risk.	III (harm)	A
After surgical occlusion or exclusion of the left atrial appendage, it is recommended to continue anticoagulation in at-risk patients with AF for stroke prevention.	I	B
Genetic testing before the initiation of vitamin K antagonist therapy is not recommended.	III (no benefit)	B
In AF patients with severe active bleeding events, it is recommended to interrupt oral anticoagulation therapy until the underlying cause is resolved.	I	C
NOACs should be avoided in pregnancy and in women planning a pregnancy.	III (harm)	C
For patients with atrial flutter, antithrombotic therapy is recommended according to the same risk profile used for AF.	I	B
Management of typical atrial flutter with ablation of the cavotricuspid isthmus is recommended for patients failing antiarrhythmic drug therapy or as first-line treatment considering patient preference.	I	B
Lifelong oral anticoagulation to prevent stroke is recommended in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy patients who develop AF.	I	B
Anticoagulation with heparin or low-molecular-weight heparin immediately after ischaemic stroke is not recommended in AF patients.	III (harm)	A
Systemic thrombolysis with a recombinant tissue plasminogen activator is not recommended if the INR is above 1.7 (or, for patients on dabigatran, if activated partial thromboplastin time is outside the normal range).	III (harm)	C
After TIA or stroke, combination therapy of OAC and an antiplatelet is not recommended.	III (harm)	B

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Recommendations	Class*	Level <sup>b</sup>
<b>Recommendations for rate control of AF</b>		
Beta-blockers, digoxin, diltiazem, or verapamil are recommended to control heart rate in AF patients with LVEF ≥40%.	I	B
Beta-blockers and/or digoxin are recommended to control heart rate in AF patients with LVEF <40%.	I	B
In patients with permanent AF (i.e. where no attempt to restore sinus rhythm is planned), antiarrhythmic drugs should not routinely be used for rate control.	III (harm)	A
<b>Recommendations for rhythm control of AF</b>		
Rhythm control therapy is indicated for symptom improvement in patients with AF.	I	B
Cardioversion of AF (either electrical or pharmacological) is recommended in symptomatic patients with persistent or long-standing persistent AF as part of rhythm control therapy.	I	B
In patients with no history of ischaemic or structural heart disease, flecainide, propafenone, or vernakalant are recommended for pharmacological cardioversion of new-onset AF.	I	A
In patients with ischaemic and/or structural heart disease, amiodarone is recommended for cardioversion of AF.	I	A
For cardioversion of AF/atrial flutter, effective anticoagulation is recommended for a minimum of 3 weeks before cardioversion.	I	B
Transoesophageal echocardiography (TOE) is recommended to exclude cardiac thrombus as an alternative to preprocedural anticoagulation when early cardioversion is planned.	I	B
The choice of antiarrhythmic drug needs to be carefully evaluated, taking into account the presence of comorbidities, cardiovascular risk and potential for serious proarrhythmia, extracardiac toxic effects, patient preferences, and symptom burden.	I	A
Dronedarone, flecainide, propafenone, or sotalol are recommended for prevention of recurrent symptomatic AF in patients with normal left ventricular function and without pathological left ventricular hypertrophy.	I	A
Dronedarone is recommended for prevention of recurrent symptomatic AF in patients with stable coronary artery disease, and without heart failure.	I	A
Amiodarone is recommended for prevention of recurrent symptomatic AF in patients with heart failure.	I	B
Antiarrhythmic drug therapy is not recommended in patients with prolonged QT interval (> 0.5 s) or with significant sinoatrial node disease or atrioventricular node dysfunction who do not have a functioning permanent pacemaker.	III (harm)	C
Catheter ablation of symptomatic paroxysmal AF is recommended to improve AF symptoms in patients who have symptomatic recurrences of AF on antiarrhythmic drug therapy (amiodarone, dronedarone, flecainide, propafenone, sotalol) and who prefer further rhythm control therapy, when performed by an electrophysiologist who has received appropriate training and is performing the procedure in an experienced centre.	I	A
ACE-Is or ARBs are not recommended for the secondary prevention of paroxysmal AF in patients with little or no underlying heart disease.	III (no benefit)	B
Moderate regular physical activity is recommended to prevent AF, while athletes should be counselled that long-lasting, more intense sports participation can promote AF.	I	A

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; AF = atrial fibrillation; AHRE = atrial high rate episodes; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc = Congestive Heart Failure, hypertension, Age ≥ 75 (doubled), Diabetes, Stroke (doubled), Vascular disease, Age 65–74, and Sex (female); ECG = electrocardiogram; EHRA = European Heart Rhythm Association; ICD = implantable cardioverter defibrillator; INR = international normalized ratio; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction; LVH = left ventricular hypertrophy; NOAC = non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulant; TTR = time in therapeutic range; VAC = ventricular arrhythmia; TOE = transoesophageal echocardiography; TTR = time in therapeutic range.

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- (5) Propose lifestyle changes to all suitable AF patients to make their management more effective.
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