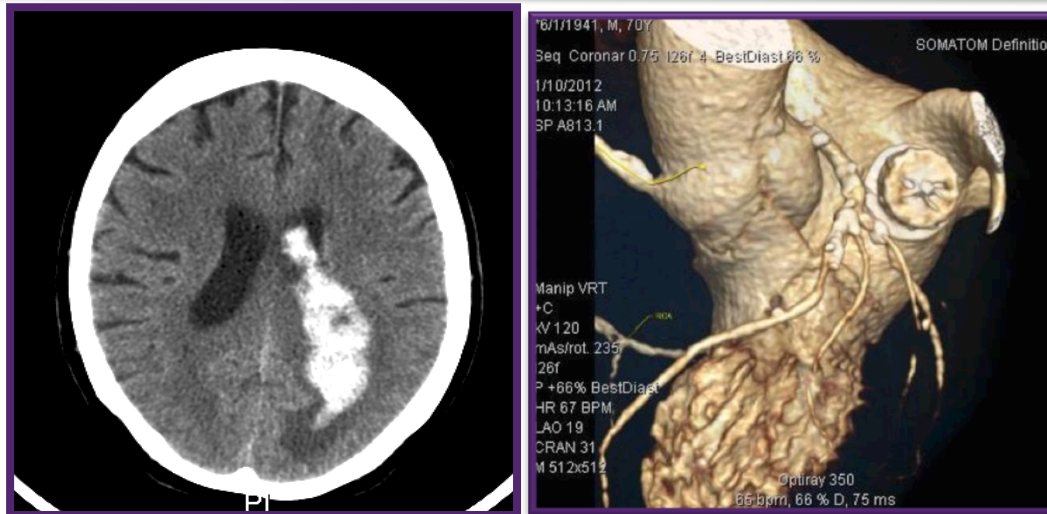




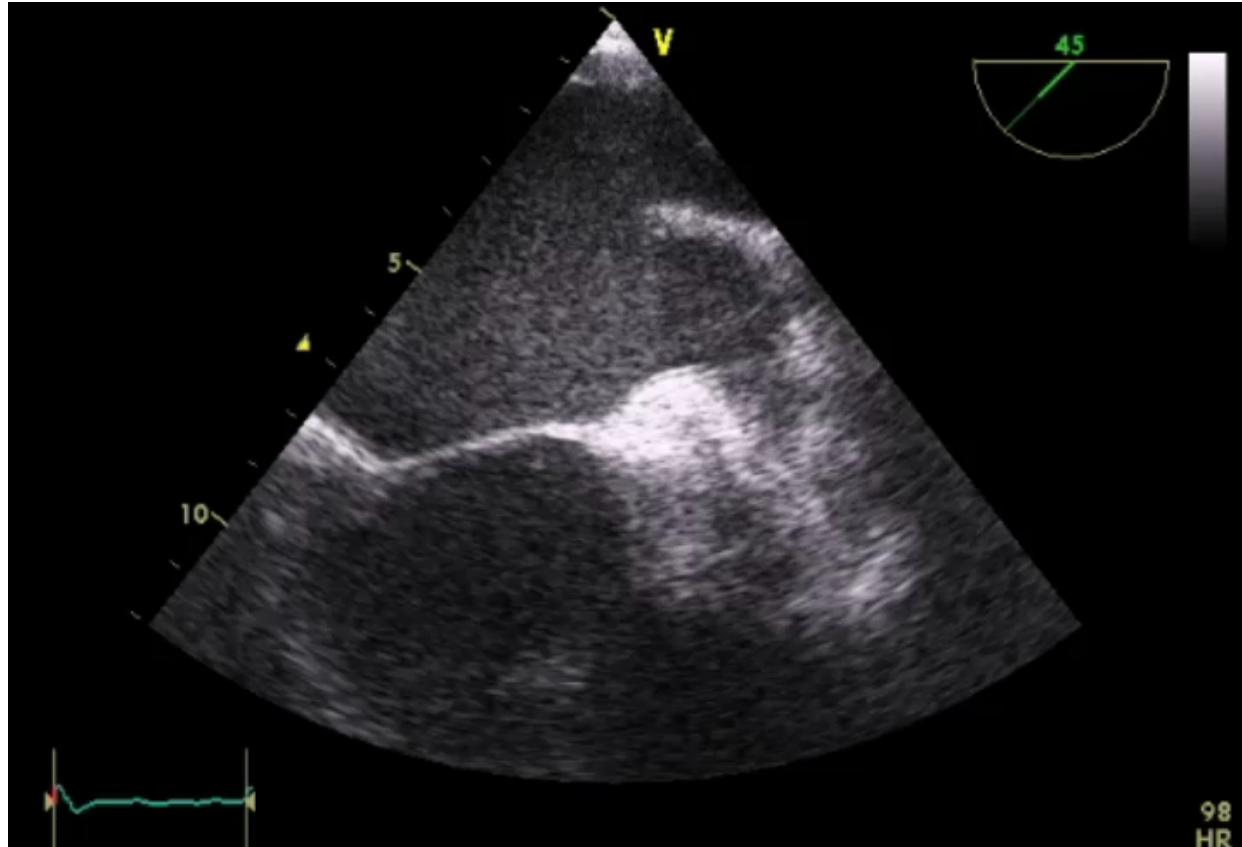
Aurikellukning ved atrieflimren og kontraindikation for AK-behandling



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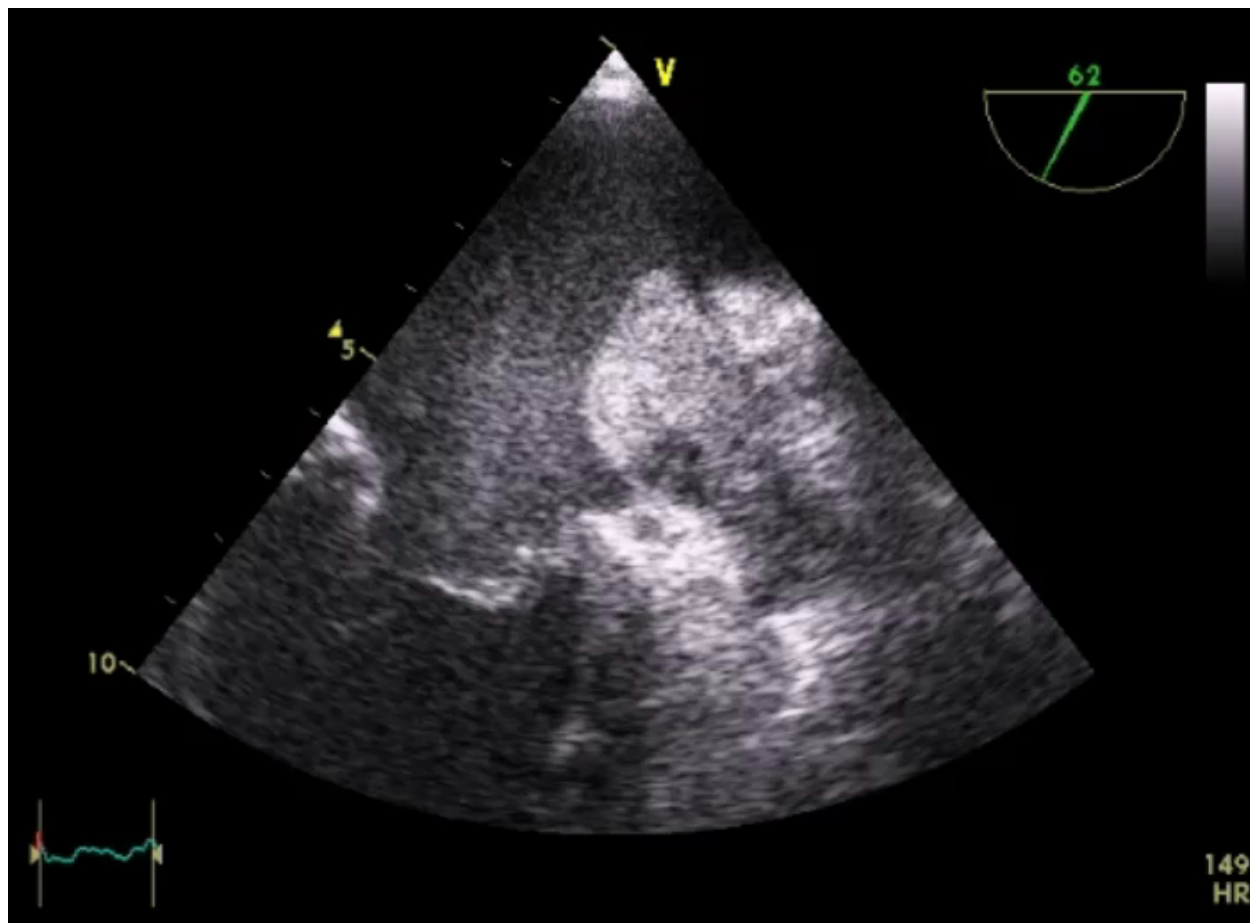


Stroke ved AF er et strukturelt problem





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N(OAC) ved AF, en delikat balance

Forebygge Stroke
CHA₂DS₂-VASc

Undgå Blødning
HAS-BLED



Phillippe Petit; Twin Towers Walk; 1974

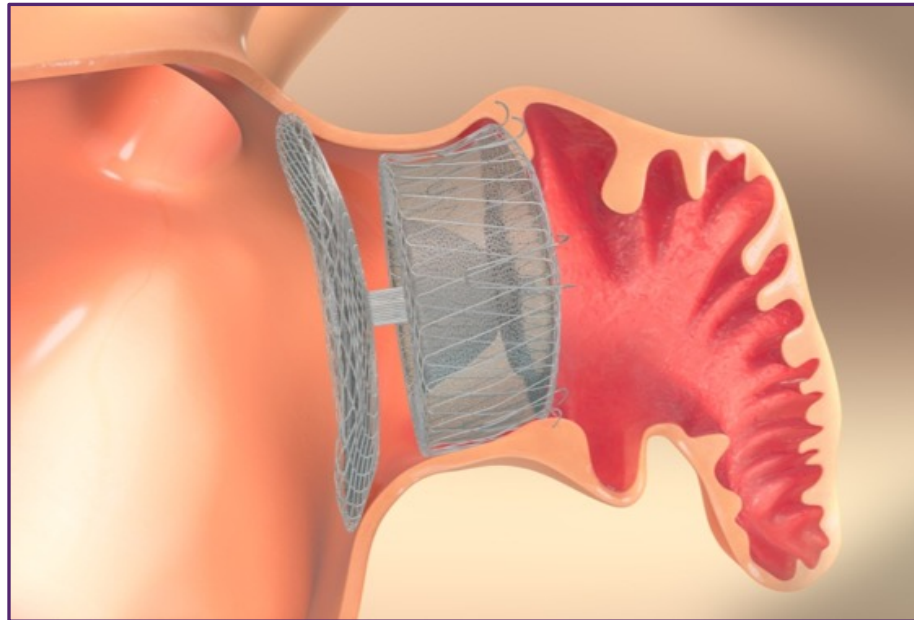


N(OAC) ved AF; problemer

- Alvorlig blødning (5% per year)
- Samtidig behandling med thrombocyt hæmmere
 - Warfarin+ASA: 7-8%
 - Warfarin+ASA+clopidogrel: 15%
- Interaktioner
- Fluktuerende nyrefunktion
- Afbrydelser (kirurgi, tandlæge etc.)
- Compliance
 - INR, 35% af tiden udenfor terapeutisk interval
 - NOACS 20-25% er stoppet efter 2 år
- Underanvendelse



LAAO, løsningen på et strukturelt problem



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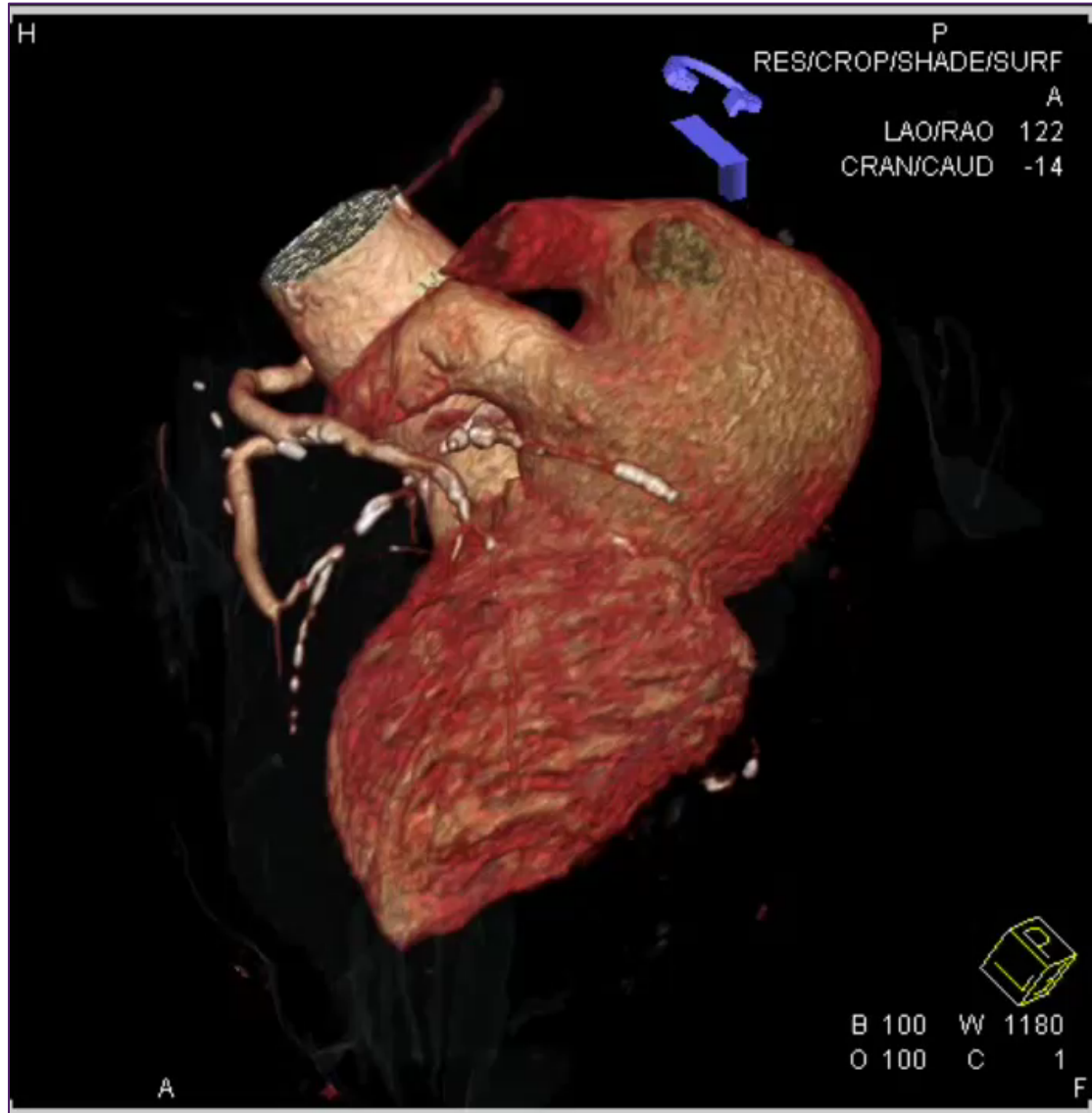


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Amulet



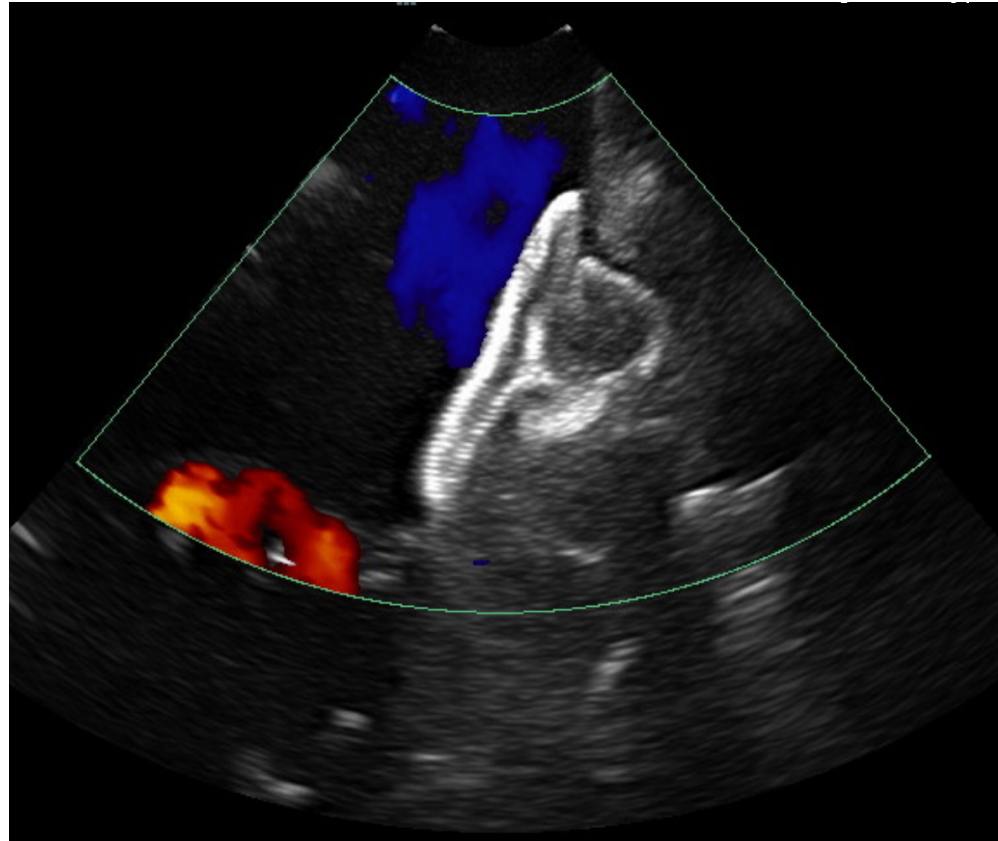
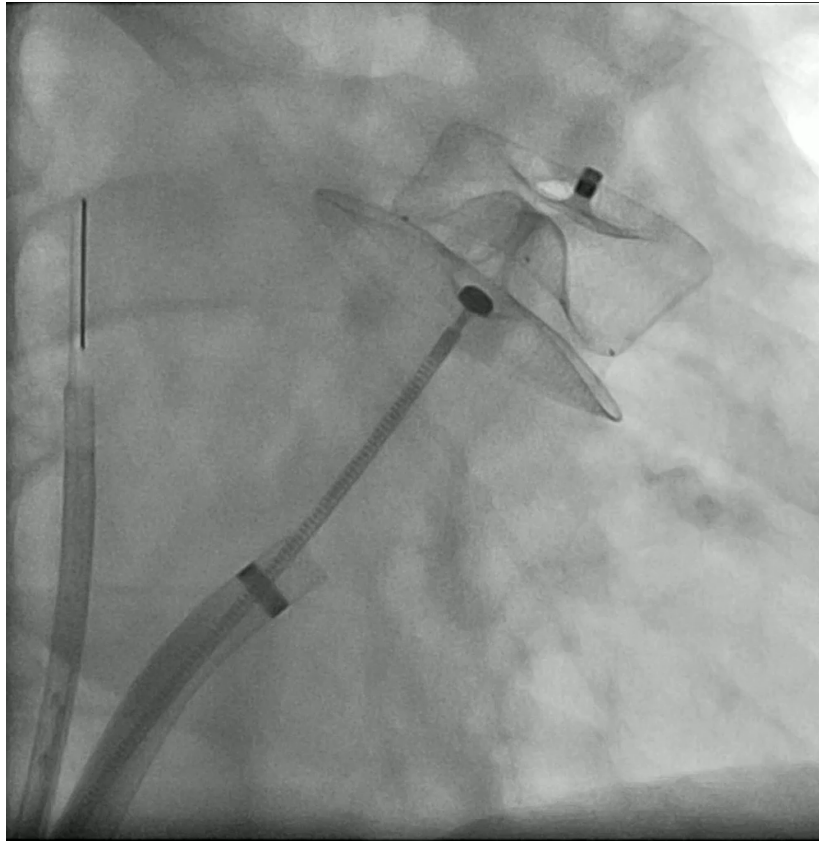


Præ-procedure CT





LAAO; udføres i LA vejledt af ICE





Protect-AF, proof-of-concept

AF, CHADS2 2.2/2.3, tolererer OAC

	Intervention group		Control group		Rate ratio (intervention/ control [95% CrI])	Posterior probabilities	
	Events/ patient- years	Observed rate (events per 100 patient-years [95% CrI])	Events/ patient- years	Observed rate (events per 100 patient-years [95% CrI])		Non-inferiority	Superiority
ITT population*							
Primary efficacy†	21/694.1	3.0 (1.9-4.5)	18/370.8	4.9 (2.8-7.1)	0.62 (0.35-1.25)	>99.9%	90.0%
Ischaemic stroke	15/694.6	2.2 (1.2-3.5)	6/372.3	1.6 (0.6-3.0)	1.34 (0.60-4.29)	71.8%	20.1%
Cardiovascular/ unexplained death	5/708.4	0.7 (0.2-1.5)	10/374.9	2.7 (1.2-4.4)	0.26 (0.08-0.77)	>99.9%	99.3%
Haemorrhagic stroke	1/708.4	0.1 (0.0-0.5)	6/373.4	1.6 (0.6-3.1)	0.09 (0.00-0.45)	>99.9%	99.8%
Systemic embolism	2/707.8	0.3 (0.0-0.8)	0/374.9	0
All stroke	16/694.6	2.3 (1.3-3.6)	12/370.8	3.2 (1.6-5.2)	0.71 (0.35-1.64)	99.3%	76.9%
All-cause mortality	21/708.4	3.0 (1.9-4.5)	18/374.9	4.8 (2.8-7.1)	0.62 (0.34-1.24)	>99.9%	90.7%
Primary safety‡	49/658.8	7.4 (5.5-9.7)	16/364.2	4.4 (2.5-6.7)	1.69 (1.01-3.19)

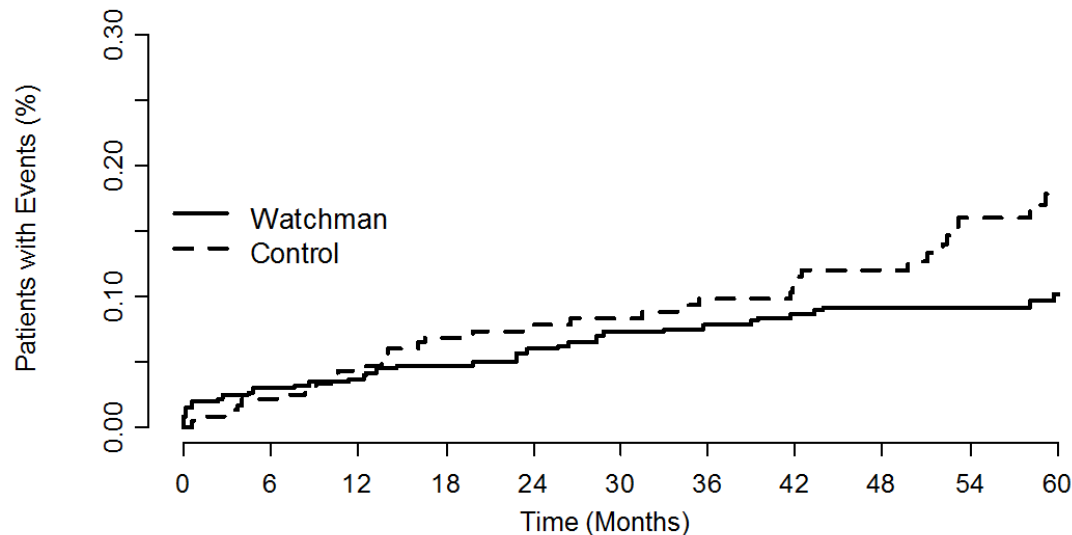
Serious pericardial effusion
Major bleeding
Device embolization
Procedure-related stroke

Major bleeding
Intracranial bleeding



Protect-AF, 4-års data, primary endpoint

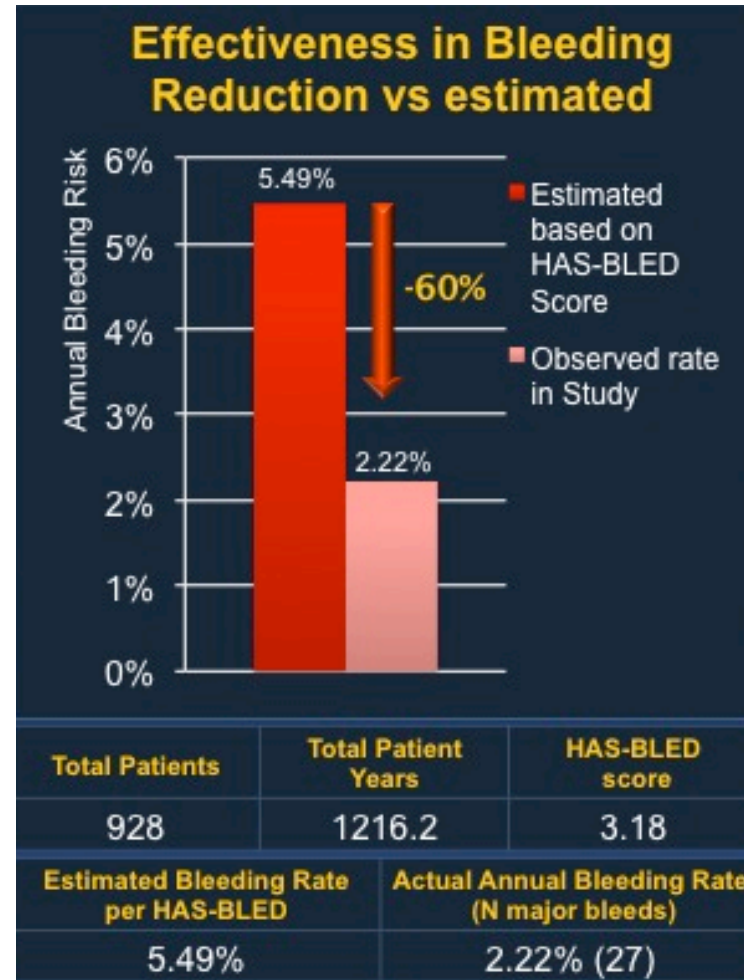
Analysis	Watchman Group (n = 463)		Warfarin Group (n = 244)		Hazard Ratio (Watchman/Warfarin) (95% CI)	P Value
	Events/ Patient-Years	Observed Rate (Events per 100 Patient-Years) (95% CI)	Events/ Patient- Years	Observed Rate (Events per 100 Patient-Years) (95% CI)		
Primary Efficacy Outcomes						
Intention-to-treat	39/1720.2	2.3 (1.7,3.1)	34/900.8	3.8 (2.7,5.3)	0.61 (0.38, 0.97)	0.0348
Post-procedure	33/1710.1	1.9 (1.4,2.7)	34/900.8	3.8 (2.7,5.3)	0.52 (0.32,0.84)	0.0072



No. at Risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
Watchman	463	398	382	370	360	345	337	327	317	285	196
Control	244	230	218	210	200	188	173	159	147	121	87



Multicenter ACP erfaring



LAA occlusion vs. standard care in patients with atrial fibrillation and intracerebral hemorrhage

A propensity score matched follow-up study

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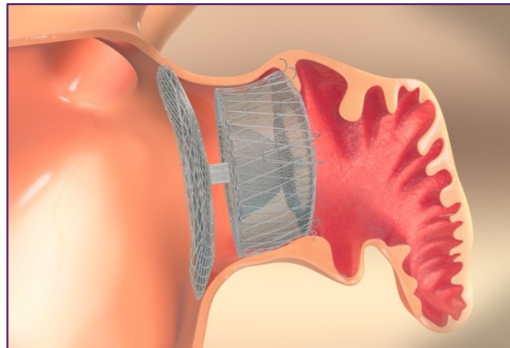
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- Patients with **atrial fibrillation (AF)** and an **intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH)** have a high risk of both ischemic stroke and recurrent ICH.
- There is **no consensus** on **how to treat** AF post-ICH and such patients are **often left without anticoagulation** due to the fear of recurrent serious bleedings.
- Transcatheter left atrial appendage occlusion (**LAAO**) **might** be of potential clinical **benefit** in this patient group.
- The **aim** of this study was to **compare** the clinical outcome of **LAAO** versus **standard medical care** in patients with AF and a prior ICH.
- This was done in a **propensity score matched** follow-up trial with the LAAO and standard care groups matched according to stroke and bleeding risks (CHA₂DS₂-VASc and HAS-BLED scores).

- **Study population:**
 - **LAAO:** Nordic LAAO patients, treated between 2009-2015. n=172
(*Sweden:* Gothenburg, Stockholm and Lund; *Finland:* Tampere, Turku and Helsinki, *Denmark:* Copenhagen and Aarhus)
 - ACP and Amplatzer Amulet devices (St. Jude Medical) used for LAAO
 - **Standard care:** Danish ICH patients with atrial fibrillation who survived at least 180 days after admission with ICH between 2005-2014. n=787
- **Design:** Propensity-score matched follow-up study
 - Used to balance stroke and bleeding risks in the two patient groups
 - Matched CHA₂DS₂-VASc, HAS-BLED scores and each separate risk factor for stroke and bleeding
- **Primary endpoint:** Composite clinical outcome
 - All cause mortality
 - Acute ischemic stroke
 - Major bleeding*

*intracranial hemorrhage, hospitalization needed, Hb-decrease >2 g/dL or requiring blood transfusion

- Amplatzer Cardiac Plug (ACP) or Amplatzer Amulet (n=176)
- Procedural success 97.7% (172/176)
- Periprocedural complications 4.0% (7/176)
 - 1 ICH (full spontaneous recovery), 1 hematemesis, 3 vascular access site bleedings
 - 1 device migration, 1 pericardial effusion
 - No mortality
- Includes learning-curve of new implanters



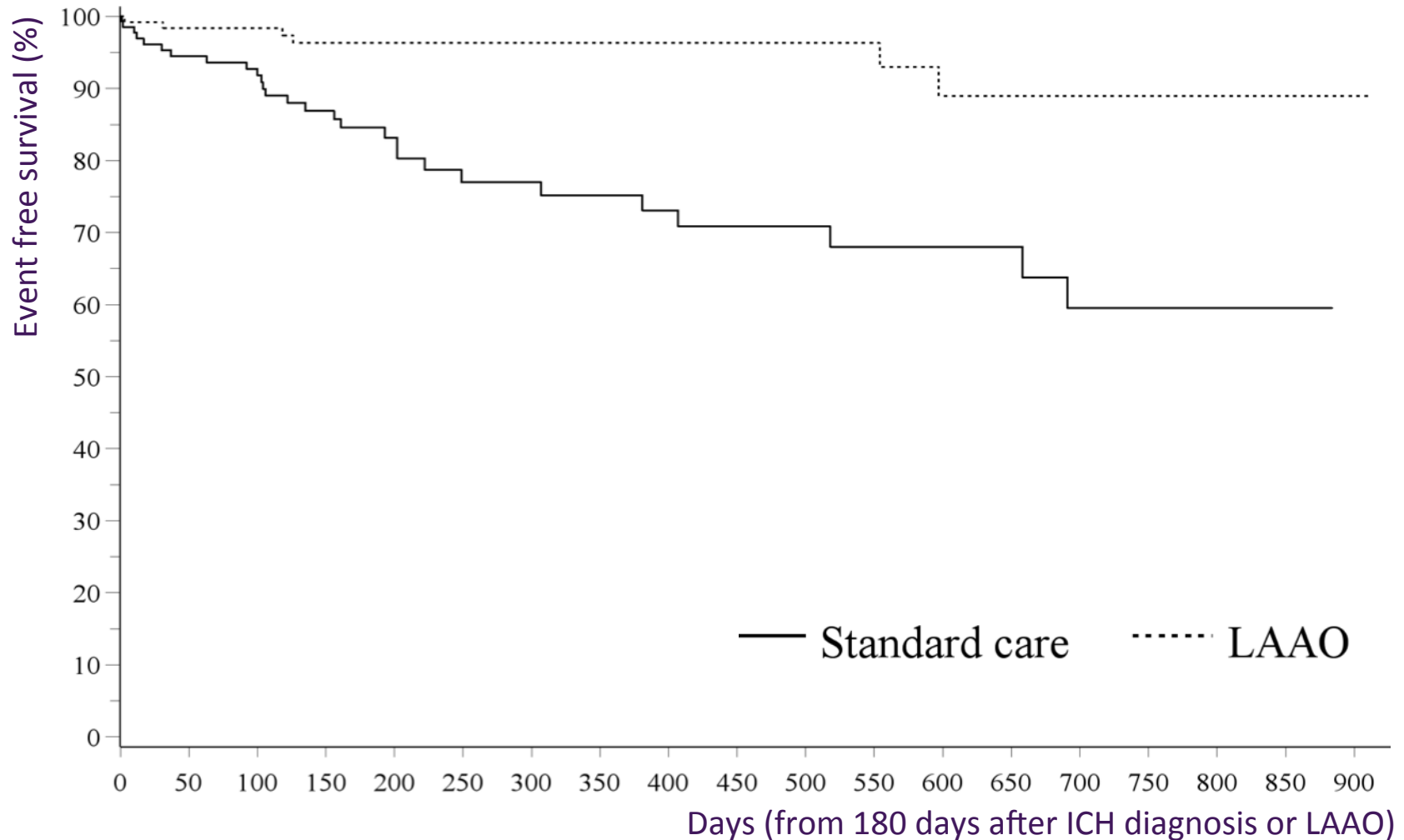
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Characteristics (propensity score matched patients)	Standard care (n=147)	LAAO (n=147)
Age, mean (SD)	73.3 (9.1)	71.9 (8.7)
Gender (male) n (%)	97 (66.0)	96 (65.0)
CHA₂DS₂-VASc mean (SD)	4.0 (1.5)	3.9 (1.5)
HAS-BLED mean (SD)	4.2 (0.8)	4.2 (0.8)
Antithrombotic treatment	(during follow-up)	(at latest follow-up)
Warfarin	20%	0%
NOAC	23%	0%
Platelet inhibitors	37%	71%
No treatment	44%	29%

Median follow-up time: 166 days (25%/75% quartile: 70/458 days)

Median time from ICH to LAAO: 189 days (25-4533 days)

Combined endpoint (n = 294)



Clinical outcome	Standard care (n=147)	LAO (n=147)
Ischemic stroke/major bleeding/mortality		
Events	28	6
Event rate (events/1000 patient years) (95% CI)	278.9 (229.3 - 339.2)	47.9 (40.2-57.1)
Ischemic stroke		
Events	5	2
Event rate (events/1000 patient years) (95%)	48.6 (40.1-59.0)	15.5 (13.0-18.4)
Major bleeding		
Events	9	4
Event rate (events/1000 patient years) (95%)	88.3 (72.7-107.2)	31.7 (26.6-37.7)
ICH	3	1
Mortality		
Events	23	2
Event rate (events/1000 patient years) (95%)	216.9 (179.3-262.4)	15.4 (13.0-18.3)

Clinical outcome HR by Cox-regression analysis n = 147 in each PS-matched patient group	LAO vs. Standard care Hazard ratio (95% CI)	Relative risk reduction (%)
Ischemic stroke/major bleeding/mortality	0.19 (0.08-0.46)*	81%
Ischemic stroke	0.35 (0.07-1.79)	65%
Major bleeding	0.39 (0.12-1.28)	61%
ICH	0.29 (0.03-2.82)	71%
Mortality	0.08 (0.02-0.32)*	92%

*p<0.05

OAC-treated standard care patients

ICH patients with AF treated either by standard medical care or LAAO.

All standard care patients **started oral anticoagulant** within 180 days after ICH

Characteristics (propensity score matched patients)	Standard care, OAC (n=103)	LAAO (n=103)
Age, mean (SD)	74.8 (9.0)	72.9 (9.6)
Gender (male) n (%)	64 (62.1)	64 (62.1)
CHA₂DS₂-VASc mean (SD)	4.0 (1.5)	3.8 (1.5)
HAS-BLED mean (SD)	4.2 (0.7)	4.1 (0.7)
Antithrombotic treatment	(during follow-up)	(at latest follow-up)
Warfarin	72%	0%
NOAC	100%	0%
Platelet inhibitors	18%	65%
No treatment	0%	35%

OAC-treated standard care patients

ICH patients with AF treated either by standard medical care or LAAO.
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Clinical outcome HR by Cox-regression analysis n = 103 in each PS-matched patient group	LAAO vs. Standard care Hazard ratio (95%CI)	Relative risk reduction (%)
Ischemic stroke/major bleeding/mortality	0.26 (0.09-0.80)*	74%
Ischemic stroke	0.32 (0.06-1.56)	68%
Major bleeding	0.66 (0.11-3.94)	34%
ICH	0.51 (0.05-5.65)	49%
Mortality	0.28 (0.06-1.36)	72%

- These study data suggests transcatheter LAAO to be a beneficial stroke prevention strategy in patients with atrial fibrillation and prior intracerebral hemorrhage
- The results should be confirmed in a randomized clinical trial
- A Nordic randomized clinical LAAO trial (STROKECLOSE) will start recruiting in 2016



STROKECLOSE

- Prevention of Stroke by Left Atrial Appendage Closure in AF Patients after Intracerebral Hemorrhage.
A Multicenter Randomized Clinical Trial.
- Nordic trial; LAAO tested against medical therapy 2:1
N=750; FU 2 years
- Medical therapy: OAC; NOAC; anti-platelets or none
- Investigator driven; Karolinska Trial Alliance
- Recruiting will start SEP 2016



Hvornår skal LAAO overvejes?

Transkateter LAA lukning:

AF med betydende stroke risiko (CHA₂DS₂-VASc score ≥ 2) og

Kontraindikation for OAC (typisk tidligere alvorlig blødning) eller

Høj risiko for blødning (HAS-BLED score $\geq 3/4/5$) eller

Manglende compliance overfor OAC eller

Stroke til trods for OAC (hvis vaskular årsag usandsynlig)

Langtids indikation for triple antithrombotisk terapi



STROKECLOSE

Thank you for your attention!

