

## New oral anticoagulant and antiplatelet drugs

Implications for Endoscopy

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August 05, 2014 Appointment:


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Phone: (780) 735-6837  
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Re:  
151/14 - 19 ammi  
Edmonton, AB  
TSY 287  
DOB: April 11, 1937  
AHC: 116637400  
Phone: (780) 478-2009  
Cell: (780) -

Dear Dr. Sadowski,

Thank you for your consultation of this above named patient whom you have seen before. Was diagnosed with Carcinoma of the rectum, a right hemicolectomy with primary anastomosis was done last November 2013. I would like to ask for your kind care for a follow up or post operative colonoscopy for her which is due on November 2014. I am referring this patient for your kind assessment and management. If you require any further information regarding this patient please contact me at 780-478-2995.

Sincerely,



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Name: 15174 - 19 street  
 Edmonton, AB T5Y2R7

Chart No: 15181  
 P#91Reg: 11663-7400  
 Gender: Female DOB: APR 11, 1937

**Allergies:**  
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**Problems:**

Problem Type	Severity	Status	Start Date	End Date
not listed last every 3years for 3y		Active	26-03-2014	
CT Scan done on Nov 22, 2014 an		Active	26-03-2014	
Proteinuria/BSD		Active	01-01-2013	
Appendicitomy		Active	01-01-2013	
TransILLUMINA		Active	01-01-2013	
Hypertension		Active	27-08-2012	
Hypoferridemia		Active	27-08-2012	
Hypochlorhydria		Active	27-08-2012	
Chronic pain disorder, not otherwise		Active	27-08-2012	
Anxiety		Active	27-08-2012	
Complete heart failure 2 TO IAM		Active	27-08-2012	
ECHO AUG 2012 EF SPUNALD RV DYSFANAR		Active	27-08-2012	

**Active Medications**

Drug	Dosage	Last Prescribed
BIOPROCTOL 1.5MG per oral bid 3 months		Jun 12, 2014
XALERTO 20 MG QD FOR 3 MONTHS		Jun 12, 2014
TYLENOL 4 QID PRN		Jun 12, 2014
gabap CHANCE 600 1000 qds		Jun 12, 2014
ADONIR 200 2 puff BID as		Jun 12, 2014
OMEPRAZOLE 20 MG po bid 3 months		Jun 12, 2014
Salbutamol Sulfate 100mcg inhalation qd prn 3 months		Jun 12, 2014
NORXOIC 4mg QDCE 1000ab		Jun 12, 2014
albuter 15-15 mg tid for 3 months		Jun 12, 2014
LABIX 40mg BID 3Mths		Jun 12, 2014
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**Case**

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**Learning objectives**

- Management of NOACS in the setting of elective endoscopy
- Management of platelet inhibitors in the setting of elective endoscopy

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### VIT K antagonists (coumadin/warfarin)

- Advantages:
  - Wide range of approved indications: DVT/PE, AF, mechanical heart valves, AMI
  - Reversible with Vit K and plasma, PCC's
- Disadvantages:
  - Monitoring required
  - Levels affected by dietary factors and other drugs
  - Narrow therapeutic window
  - Slow onset and offset

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### New Oral Anticoagulants

- Monitoring not required
- Stable anticoagulation levels
- Reversal not uniformly possible
- Agents:
  - Dabigatran (Pradaxa)
  - Riveroxaban (Xaralto)
  - Apixaban (Eliquis)
  - Coming soon:
    - Edoxaban (Lixiana -Japan) , Savaysa -US/Europe)

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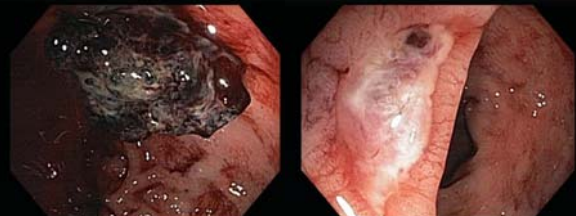
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### Case: 6 days post-polypectomy



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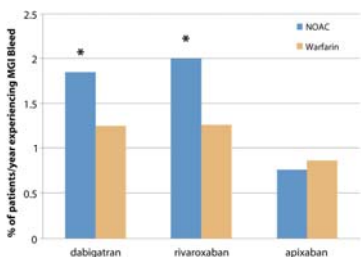
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## NOACs and GI Bleeding



\* Statistically significant increased rate of gastrointestinal bleeding compared to warfarin

The rate of major GI bleeding in the 3 pivotal novel oral anticoagulant trials

Gastrointestinal Endoscopy 2013;78:p227 - 239

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## Bleeding vs. Thrombosis

	Low Procedural Bleeding Risk	High Procedural Bleeding Risk
Low risk of Thrombosis or Embolism	May continue anti-thrombotic agents	Stop anti-thrombotic agents
High Risk of Thrombosis or Embolism	Continue anti-thrombotic agents	Stop anti-thrombotic agents (consider bridge therapy)

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High-risk Procedures	Low Risk Procedures
Polypectomy	Diagnostic (EGD, colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy) including biopsy
Biliary or pancreatic sphincterotomy	ERCP without sphincterotomy
Pneumatic or bougie dilation	EUS without FNA
PEG placement	Enteroscopy and diagnostic balloon-assisted enteroscopy
Therapeutic balloon-assisted enteroscopy	Capsule endoscopy
EUS with FNA	Enteral stent deployment (without dilation)
Endoscopic hemostasis	
Tumor ablation by any technique	
Cystogastrostomy	
Treatment of varices	Management of antithrombotic agents for endoscopic procedures GIE 2009

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## NOACs: Pharmacokinetics

	Dabigatran	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Edoxaban
Target	Thrombin	Fxa	Fxa	Fxa
Half-life (h)	12-17	9-13	9-14	9-11
Dosing	110 – 150 mg bid	10-30 mg od	2.5-5 mg bid	15-30 mg od
Peak plasma conc.	2-3 h	2-4 h	1-3 h	1-3 h
Plasma protein binding	34-35%	92-95%	87%	40-59%
Renal elimination	80%	66%	25%	35%

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### Suggested Management of Anti-thrombotic Agents Prior to Screening-Related Colonoscopy

Anti-thrombotic Agent	Recommended Interval between last dose and procedure	Recommended Interval between procedure and next dose	If therapeutic intervention performed*
<b>Anticoagulant agent</b>			
Warfarin (Coumadin)	5 d	<24 hr	<24 hr
Low-Molecular weight heparin	24 hr	<24 hr	48 hr
Pradax (dabigatran)	48 hr GFR ≥60 5 d GFR <60	1 d	48 hr
<i>Primarily renal excretion Assessment of creatinine clearance essential</i>			
Xarelto (rivaroxaban)	24-48 hr	1 d	48 hr
Eliquis (apixaban)	24-48 hr	1 d	48 hr
<b>Antiplatelet agent</b>			
Aspirin	continue		N/A
Plavix (clopidogrel)	5 d	1 d	1 d
Effient (Prasugrel)	5 d	1-2 d	1-2 d**
Brinto (Ticagrelor)	5 d	1-2 d	1-2 d**
Aggrenox (dipyridamole/ASA)	7-10 d (consider starting ASA bridge)	1 d	1 d

GFR creatinine clearance in ml/min.  
\*Restarting anticoagulation is dependent on endoscopic intervention performed during procedure. Use caution when large polyps have been removed with endoscopy. NOACs produce full anti-coagulation within a few hours of restarting the drug.  
\*\*Restarting Prasugrel and Ticagrelor should be approached cautiously after polypectomy. Both drugs achieve full anti-platelet effect in 4 hours.

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## Risks of Thromboembolism

- **Low**
  - AF with CHADS<sub>2</sub> Score 0-1
  - Bioprosthetic valve or mechanical mitral valve
  - Previous DVT
- **Intermediate**
  - AF CHADS<sub>2</sub> score 2-3
  - DVT/PE in last 3-6 months
- **High –? Use bridging?**
  - Recent CVA/TIA
  - AF with CHADS<sub>2</sub> 4-6
  - DVT/PE in last 3 months
  - Mechanical Mitral Valve
  - Severe/multiple thrombophilic abnormalities
  - Recent placement of coronary stent

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## Anti-platelet agents - perendoscopic management:

Agent (ADH Inhibitors)	Stop when?	Restart when?	Time to maximal platelet inhibition
Aspirin	Continue for all procedures	-	
Aspirin/dipyridamol (Aggrenox)	7-10 d ?start ASA?	1 d	7 days
Clopidogrel (Plavix)	5 d	1 d	3-5 days (consider loading dose 600 mg)
Prasugrel (Effient)	7 d	1-2 d	4 hours
Ticagrelor (Brilinta)	5 d	1-2 d	4 hours

Adapted from Baron T, NEJM 2013

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## Anti Platelet agents: Clinical Caveats

- Continue ASA even in high risk procedures
- Most patients are on dual antiplatelet therapy for a drug eluting stents
- Exercise caution in discontinuing therapy:
  - Within 6 weeks of bare metal stent insertion
  - Within 3-6 months of drug eluting stent insertion
  - Consider delay of procedure?

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## Summary

- NOACs need to be managed cautiously in the setting of elective endoscopy
- Clear communication in the referral letter is essential
- Use caution in discontinuing NOACs and newer antiplatelet agents in patients at high risk for thrombosis

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- Discussion and Questions

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