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Risk Stratification in ACS (STEMI and NonSTEMI)

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Why should we risk stratify patients with ACS??

- Prognosis
- Management
 - invasive
 - non-invasive
- pharmacotherapy: anti-thrombotic ttt.
- Imaging.
- Discharge.



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Risk Assessment of Mortality, Cardiac events in **STEMI** Patients

Clinical parameters (Clinical examination, ECG, Biomarkers)

Combined Risk factors in certain Scores (TIMI risk score for STEMI, GRACE score)

Assessment before discharge

1. Clinical Risk Assessment

The risk stratification of STEMI patient is crucial. However all STEMI patients are undoubtedly in highly critical conditions.

1. Clinical Risk Assessment

- Extent of myocardial damage,
- the occurrence of successful reperfusion,
- the presence of clinical markers of high risk of further events including older age, fast heart rate, hypotension, Killip class >I, anterior MI, previous MI, elevated initial serum creatinine, history of heart failure, or peripheral arterial disease.

Killip Classification

- Killip class I → signs of heart failure
- Killip class II → Rales and diffuse wheezing in the lungs
- Killip Class III → acute pulmonary edema
- Killip Class IV → Cardiogenic Shock

1. ECG in risk assessment

- Anterior MI/ Persisting ST elevation
- Q waves in multiple leads
- RVMl
- High sum of ST elevation
- Reciprocal (anterior) ST depression
- Persisting ST depression
- Prolonged QT
- Conduction defects (RBBBB, LBBB) / heart block
- Sinus tachycardia/atrial fibrillation



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2. Scores for Risk Assessment

- The Global Registry of **Acute Coronary Events (GRACE) risk score is recommended for risk assessment and adjustment.**
- **TIMI** risk score in STEMI patients.



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ACS Risk Model

At Admission (in-hospital/to 6 months)

Age:

HR:

SBP:

Creat:

CHF:

At Discharge (to 6 months)


Cardiac arrest at admission

ST-segment deviation

Elevated cardiac enzymes/markers

Probability of	Death	Death or MI
In-hospital	<input type="text" value="--"/>	<input type="text" value="--"/>
To 6 months	<input type="text" value="--"/>	<input type="text" value="--"/>

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GRACE Calculator

AGE		Heart Rate		Systolic Blood Pressure		Creatinine (mg/dl)		Killip class (assessment of Cardiogenic shock)	
CATEGORIES	POINTS	CATEGORIES	POINTS	CATEGORIES	POINTS	CATEGORIES	POINTS	CATEGORIES	POINTS
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40-49	18	170-89	7	180-99	59	0.4-0.79	5	Class II	21
50-59	36	190-109	13	100-119	47	0.8-1.19	8	Class III	43
60-69	55	110-149	23	120-139	37	1.2-1.59	11	Class IV	64
70-79	73	150-199	38	140-159	28	1.6-1.99	14	Cardiac arrest at admission	43
≥80	91	>200	46	160-199	11	0.2-3.99	23	Elevated cardiac markers	15
-	-	-	-	>200	0	>4	31	ST-segment deviation	30



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TIMI RISK SCORE for STEMI

HISTORICAL	POINTS	RISK SCORE	30-DAY MORTALITY IN TIMI II (%)*
Age \geq 75	3	0	0.8
65-74	2	1	1.6
DM or HTN or angina	1	2	2.2
EXAM			
SBP < 100 mmHg	3	3	4.4
HR >100 bpm	2	4	7.3
Killip II-IV	2	5	12
Weight < 67 kg (150 lb)	1	6	16
PRESENTATION			
Anterior STE or LBBB	1	7	23
Time to Rx > 4 hrs	1	8	27
		>8	36

RISK SCORE = Total points (0 -14)

*Entry criteria: CP > 30 min, ST \uparrow , sx onset < 6hrs, fibrinolytic-eligible

3. Before discharge Risk Assessment

LVEF, severity of CAD and completeness of coronary revascularization, residual ischemia, occurrence of complications during hospitalization, and levels of metabolic risk markers, as well as renal function.

4. Imaging role in STEMI assessment

Summary of indications for imaging and stress testing in ST-elevation myocardial infarction patients



Recommendations	Class	Level
At presentation		
Emergency echocardiography is indicated in patients with cardiogenic shock and/or haemodynamic instability or suspected mechanical complications without delaying angiography.	I	C
Emergency echocardiography before coronary angiography should be considered if the diagnosis is uncertain.	IIa	C
Routine echocardiography that delays emergency angiography is not recommended.	III	C
Coronary CT angiography is not recommended.	III	C

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4. Imaging role in STEMI assessment

Summary of indications for imaging and stress testing in ST-elevation myocardial infarction patients (continued)



Recommendations	Class	Level
During hospital stay (after primary PCI)		
Routine echocardiography to assess resting LV and RV function, detect early post-MI mechanical complications, and exclude LV thrombus is recommended in all patients.	I	B
Emergency echocardiography is indicated in haemodynamically unstable patients.	I	C
When echocardiography is suboptimal/inconclusive, an alternative imaging method (CMR preferably) should be considered.	IIa	C
Either stress echo, CMR, SPECT, or PET may be used to assess myocardial ischaemia and viability, including in multivessel CAD.	IIb	C

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Recommendations	Class	Level
After discharge		
In patients with pre-discharge LVEF $\leq 40\%$, repeat echocardiography 6-12 weeks after MI, and after complete revascularization and optimal medical therapy, is recommended to assess the potential need for primary prevention ICD implantation.	I	C
When echo is suboptimal or inconclusive, alternative imaging methods (CMR preferably) should be considered to assess LV function.	IIa	C

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Logistical issues for hospital stay (continued)



Recommendations	Class	Level
Monitoring		
It is indicated that all STEMI patients have ECG monitoring for a minimum of 24 hours.	I	C
Length of stay in the CCU		
It is indicated that patients with successful reperfusion therapy and uncomplicated clinical course are kept in the CCU/ICCU for a minimum of 24 hours whenever possible, after which they may be moved to a step-down monitored bed for an additional 24-48 hours.	I	C
Hospital discharge		
Early discharge (within 48-72 hours) should be considered appropriate in selected low-risk patients if early rehabilitation and adequate follow-up are arranged.	IIa	A

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Risk Assessment of Mortality, Cardiac events in **Non STE ACS** Patients

Single Clinical parameters (Clinical examination, ECG, Biomarkers)

Combined Risk factors in certain Scores (TIMI risk score, GRACE score, Heart Score)

Acute risk Assessment



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Clinical Presentation

- **Age, diabetes and renal insufficiency**, the initial clinical presentation is highly predictive of early prognosis.
- **Chest pain at rest** carries a worse prognosis than symptoms elicited during physical exertion.



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Clinical Presentation

- In patients with intermittent symptoms, an **increasing number of episodes** preceding the index event also adversely affects prognosis.
- **Tachycardia, hypotension, heart failure and new mitral regurgitation** at presentation predict poor prognosis and call for **rapid diagnosis and management**



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Electrocardiogram

- **Patients with ST depression** have a worse prognosis than patients with a normal ECG.
- **The number of leads showing ST depression and the magnitude of ST depression** are indicative of the extent of



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Electrocardiogram

- **ST depression combined with transient ST elevation identifies a high-risk subgroup**, while associated T-wave inversion does not alter the prognostic value of ST depression.
- While **isolated T-wave inversion on admission has not been associated with worse prognosis compared with the absence of ECG abnormalities**, it frequently triggers a more rapid diagnosis and treatment.



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Biomarkers

- **The higher the high-sensitivity troponin levels** at presentation, the greater the risk of death.
- **Serum creatinine and estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)** should also be determined in all patients with NSTEMI-ACS because they affect prognosis and are key elements of the Global Registry of Acute Coronary Events (GRACE 2.0) risk calculation.



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Biomarkers

- **B-type natriuretic peptide, N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide** and midregional pro-A-type natriuretic peptide) provide prognostic information on top of cardiac troponin.
- **C-reactive protein and novel biomarkers such as midregional pro-adrenomedullin, growth differentiation factor 15 and copeptin.**



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TIMI Risk Score

Antman EM, et al. JAMA 2000; 284: pp. 835-842

- **The TIMI (Thrombolysis In Myocardial Ischemia) risk score** identifies seven independent risk factors; their sum correlates directly with death or recurrent ischemic events.
- It identifies high-risk patients who **can derive benefit from an early invasive strategy and more intensive antithrombotic therapy**. This risk score also predicts the severity of angiographic findings, including the extent

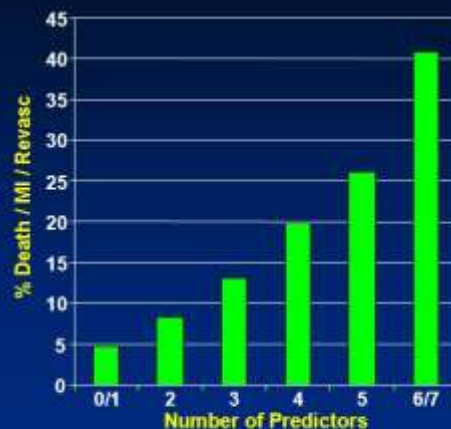
TIMI Risk Score for UA/NSTEMI

- Age >65 years
- 3 or more CAD risk factors
 - HTN, DM, Hyperlipidemia, smoking, + family hx
- Prior CAD (cath stenosis>50%)
- ASA in last 7 days
- 2 or more anginal events in last 24 hours
- ST deviation on admission ECG
- Elevated cardiac markers (troponin/CK-MB)

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TIMI Risk Score for UA/NSTEMI: 7 Independent Predictors

1. Age ≥ 65 y
2. ≥ 3 CAD risk factors (high cholesterol, family history, hypertension, diabetes, smoking)
3. Prior coronary stenosis $\geq 50\%$
4. Aspirin in last 7 days
5. ≥ 2 anginal events ≤ 24 h
6. ST-segment deviation
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Mortality in hospital and at 6 months according to the GRACE risk score

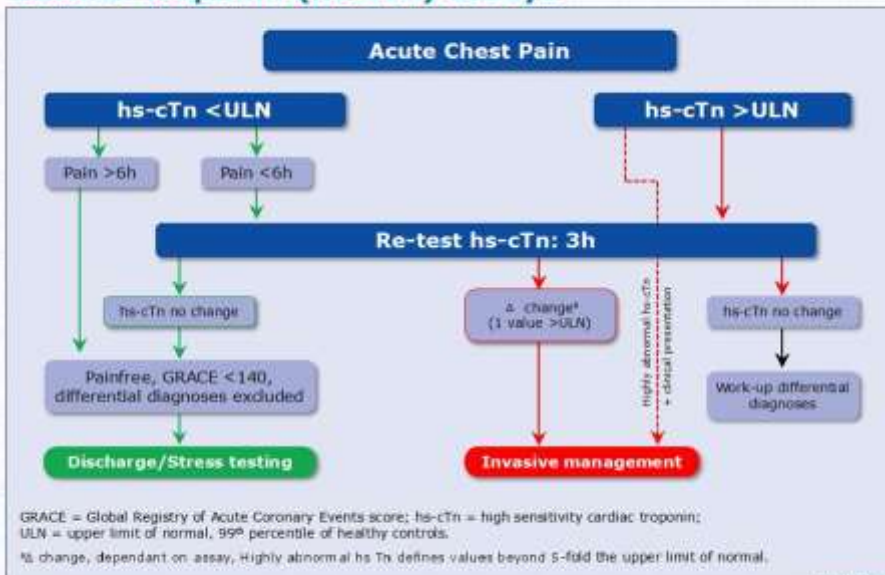
Risk category (tertile)	GRACE risk score	In-hospital death (%)
Low	≤ 108	< 1
Intermediate	109-140	1-3
High	> 140	> 3
Risk category (tertile)	GRACE risk score	Post-discharge to 6-month death (%)
Low	≤ 88	< 3
Intermediate	89-118	3-8
High	> 118	> 8

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0h/3h diagnostic algorithm using high-sensitivity cardiac troponin (hs-cTn) assays



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Recommended unit and duration of cardiac rhythm monitoring after established NSTEMI-ACS diagnosis

Clinical Presentation	Unit	Rhythm monitoring
Unstable angina	Regular ward or discharge	None
NSTEMI at low risk for cardiac arrhythmias ^a	Intermediate care unit or coronary care unit	≤24h
NSTEMI at intermediate to high risk for cardiac arrhythmias ^b	Intensive/coronary care units or intermediate care unit	>24h

^a If none of the following criteria: haemodynamically unstable, major arrhythmias, LVEF <40%, failed reperfusion, additional critical coronary stenoses of major vessels or complications related to percutaneous revascularization.

^b If one or more of the above criteria are present.



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The HEART Score for Chest Pain Patients in the ED		
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highly Suspicious Moderately Suspicious Slightly or Non-Suspicious 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 points 1 point 0 points
ECG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant ST-Depression Nonspecific Repolarization Normal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 points 1 point 0 points
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 65 years > 45 - < 65 years ≤ 45 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 points 1 point 0 points
Risk Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 3 Risk Factors or History of CAD 1 or 2 Risk Factors No Risk Factors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 points 1 point 0 points
Troponin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 3 x Normal Limit > 1 - < 3 x Normal Limit ≤ Normal Limit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 points 1 point 0 points
Risk Factors: DM, current or recent (<one month) smoker, HTN, HLP, family history of CAD, & obesity		
Score 0 – 3: 2.5% MACE over next 6 weeks → Discharge Home		
Score 4 – 6: 20.3% MACE over next 6 weeks → Admit for Clinical Observation		
Score 7 – 10: 72.7% MACE over next 6 weeks → Early Invasive Strategies		

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Risk criteria mandating invasive strategy in NSTEMI-ACS

Very-high-risk criteria

- Haemodynamic instability or cardiogenic shock
- Recurrent or ongoing chest pain refractory to medical treatment
- Life-threatening arrhythmias or cardiac arrest
- Mechanical complications of myocardial infarction
- Acute heart failure
- Recurrent dynamic ST-T wave changes, particularly with intermittent ST-elevation

High-risk criteria

- Rise or fall in cardiac troponin compatible with myocardial infarction
- Dynamic ST- or T-wave changes (symptomatic or silent)
- GRACE score >140

Intermediate-risk criteria

- Diabetes mellitus
- Renal insufficiency (eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m²)
- LVEF <40% or congestive heart failure
- Early post-infarction angina
- Prior percutaneous coronary intervention
- Prior coronary artery bypass surgery
- GRACE risk score >109 and <140

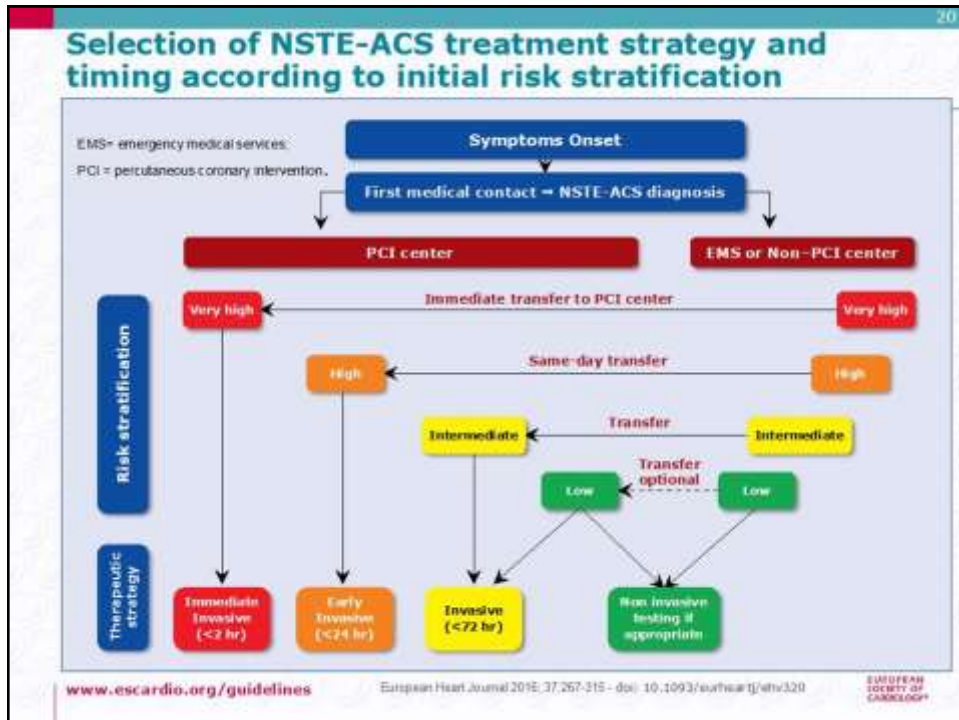
Low-risk criteria

- Any characteristics not mentioned above

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Bleeding Risk Score

TIMI and GUSTO Bleeding Definitions Developed for Trials of Thrombolytics

TIMI

Major	ICH Hb drop ≥ 5 g/dL Hct drop $\geq 15\%$
Minor	Bleeding: Hb drop ≥ 3 g/dL; Hct drop $\geq 10\%$ No observed blood loss: Hb drop ≥ 4 g/dL; Hct drop $\geq 12\%$
Minimal	Any clinically overt sign of hemorrhage associated with Hb drop < 3 g/dL or Hct drop $< 9\%$

GUSTO

Severe	ICH; bleeding that causes hemodynamic compromise and requires intervention
Moderate	Bleeding requiring transfusion but does not lead to hemodynamic instability
Mild	Bleeding that does not meet criteria for severe or moderate bleeding



Chesebro JH, et al. *Circulation*. 1987;76:142-154.^[2]

GUSTO Investigators. *N Engl J Med*. 1993;329:673-682.^[3]



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CRUSADE score of in-Hospital major bleeding

Predictor	Score	Predictor	Score	Predictor	Score
Baseline haematocrit, %		Heart rate (b.p.m.)		Prior vascular disease	
< 31	9	≤ 70	0	No	0
31-33.9	7	71-80	1	Yes	6
34-36.9	3	81-90	3	Diabetes mellitus	
37-39.9	2	91-100	6	No	0
≥ 40	0	101-110	8	Yes	6
Creatinine clearance, mL/min		111-120	10	Systemic blood pressure, mmHg	
≤ 15	39	≥ 121	11	≤ 90	10
> 15-30	35	Male	0	91-100	8
> 30-60	28	Female	8	101-120	5
> 60-90	17	Sex		121-180	1
> 90-120	7	Male	0	181-200	3
> 120	0	Female	8	≥ 201	5
		Signs of CHF at presentation			
		No	0		
		Yes	7		

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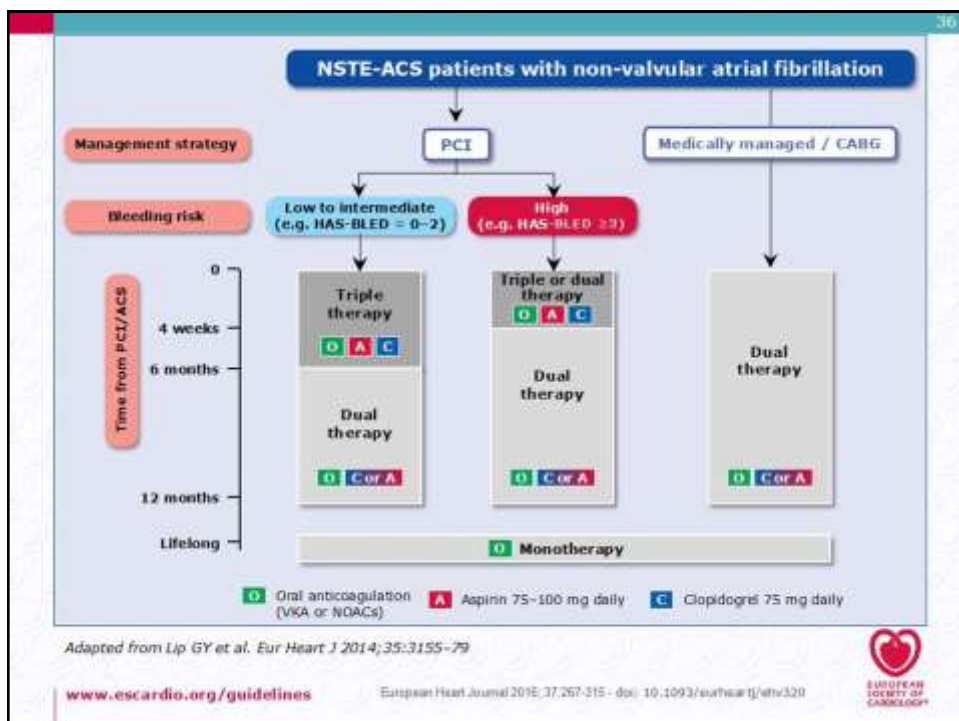
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Letter	Clinical Characteristic	Points
H	Hypertension	1
A	Abnormal Liver or Renal Function	1 or 2
S	Stroke	1
B	Bleeding	1
L	Labile INR	1
E	Elderly (age > 65)	1
D	Drugs or Alcohol	1 or 2
Maximum Score		9


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Risk scores validated for dual antiplatelet therapy duration decision-making



	PRECISE-DAPT score	DAPT score
Time of use	At the time of coronary stenting	After 12 months of an eventful DAPT
DAPT duration strategies assessed	Short DAPT (3-6 months) vs. Standard/long DAPT (12-24 months)	Standard DAPT (12 months) vs. Long DAPT (30 months)
Score calculation	HB ≥ 211.6 11 10.5 ≤ 10 WBC ≥ 5 0 10 12 14 16 18 ≥ 20 Age ≤ 50 60 70 80 ≥ 90 CrCl ≥ 100 80 60 40 20 0 Prior Bleeding No Yes Score Points 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30	Age ≥ 75 -2 pt 65 to <75 -1 pt <65 0 pt Cigarette smoking +1 pt Diabetes mellitus +1 pt MI at presentation +1 pt Prior PCI or prior MI +1 pt Paclitaxel-eluting stent +1 pt Stent diameter <3 mm +1 pt CHF or LVEF <30% +2 pt Vein graft stent +2 pt
Score range	0 to 100 points	-2 to 10 points
Decision making cut-off suggested	Score ≥ 25 \Rightarrow Short DAPT Score <25 \Rightarrow Standard/long DAPT	Score ≥ 2 \Rightarrow Long DAPT Score <2 \Rightarrow Standard DAPT
Calculator	www.precisedaptscore.com	www.daptstudy.org

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2017 ESC Focused Update on DAPT in Coronary Artery Disease, developed in collaboration with EACTS (European Heart Journal 2017; 38(13):2092-2099/eurl/ehaj/ahj419)

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	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p value
Age (for each increase of 10 years)	1.34 (1.11-1.48)	0.005
Previous bleeding	4.14 (1.22-14.02)	0.023
White-blood-cell count (for each increase of 10^3 cells per μ L)	1.06 (0.99-1.13)	0.078
Haemoglobin at baseline (for each increase of 1 g/dL)	0.67 (0.53-0.84)	0.001
Creatinine clearance (for each increase of 10 mL/min)	0.90 (0.82-0.99)	0.004

Age was truncated above 90 years and below 50 years. Haemoglobin at baseline was truncated above 12 g/dL and below 10 g/dL. Creatinine clearance was truncated above 100 mL/min. White-blood-cell count was truncated above 20×10^3 cells per μ L and below 5×10^3 cells per μ L.

Table 1: Multivariable analysis for out-of-hospital Thrombosis in Myocardial Infarction major or minor bleeding, study stratified with backward selection at an α level of 0.1



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Table 3

DAPT Score Factors for Calculation www.daptstudy.org/for-clinicians/score_calculator.htm	
Variable	Points
Age ≥ 75 y	-2
Age 65 to <75 y	-1
Age <65 y	0
Current cigarette smoker	1
Diabetes mellitus	1
MI at presentation	1
Prior PCI or prior MI	1
Stent diameter <3 mm	1
Paclitaxel-eluting stent	1
CHF or LVEF <30%	2
Saphenous vein graft PCI	2

Source: Levine GN, Bates ER, Bittl JA, et al. "2016 ACC/AHA Guideline Focused Update on Duration of Dual Antiplatelet Therapy in Patients With Coronary Artery Disease: A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Clinical Practice Guidelines." *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2016.



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Take home message

- ACS are responsible for a high **morbidity** and **mortality** worldwide.
- Risk stratification for those patients including **clinical**, **lab** and **biomarkers** and **combined risk score** is crucial.
- This will help to identify patients at **high risk** who benefit from **early invasive strategy** and **intense antithrombotic ttt**.
- Risk stratification is important to **identify patients at risk of bleeding** in whom antithrombotic ttt should be tailored.
- Timing of **discharge** and **future strategy** can be planned.



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