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## Thromboembolic complications and anticoagulants: Traditional therapies and new proposals

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## Cancer-associated Thrombosis (CAT)

- ◆ Epidemiology
- ◆ Risk factors
- ◆ Mechanism
- ◆ Treatment of VTE and guidelines

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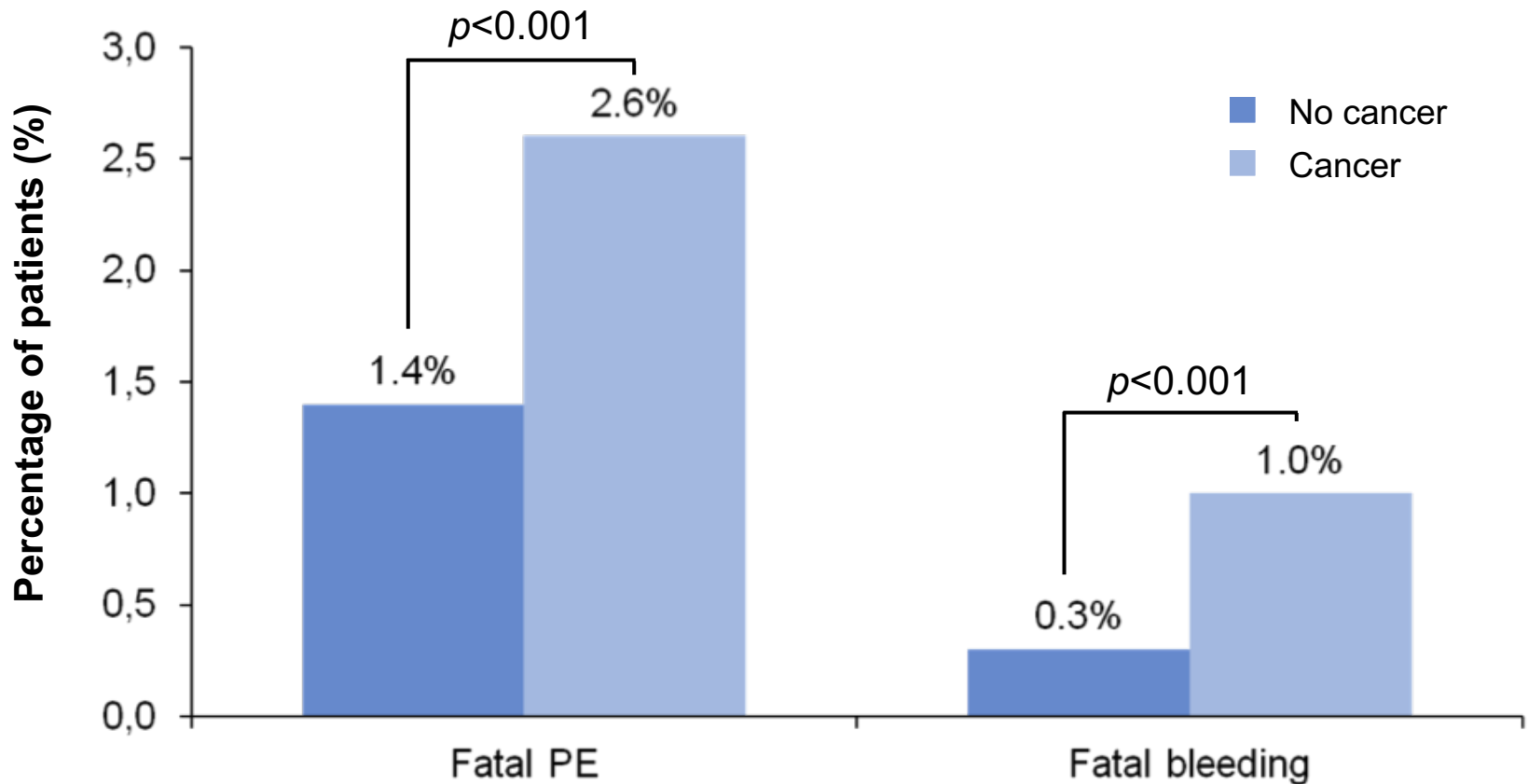


- ◆ Risk for VTE increased up to 4-7 fold in cancer<sup>1</sup>
  - 10-20% patients with cancer develop symptomatic VTE
  - 20% of all patients diagnosed with VTE have active cancer
  - Unusual site VTE
- ◆ “Idiopathic” VTE
  - 2-4 fold increased risk of cancer diagnosis within next 12 months
- ◆ Cancer patients with VTE have shorter life expectancy
  - VTE is second leading cause of death after cancer itself
  - More likely advanced/disseminated malignancy at diagnosis than in patients without VTE
  - 3-fold lower survival than in cancer patients without VTE

<sup>1</sup> Barsam SJ, Patel R, Arya R. B J Haem 2013;161:764-777; <sup>2</sup>Laporte S et al Circulation 2008;117:1711-1716



Higher rates of fatal PE and fatal bleeding in patients with cancer: data from the RIETE registry

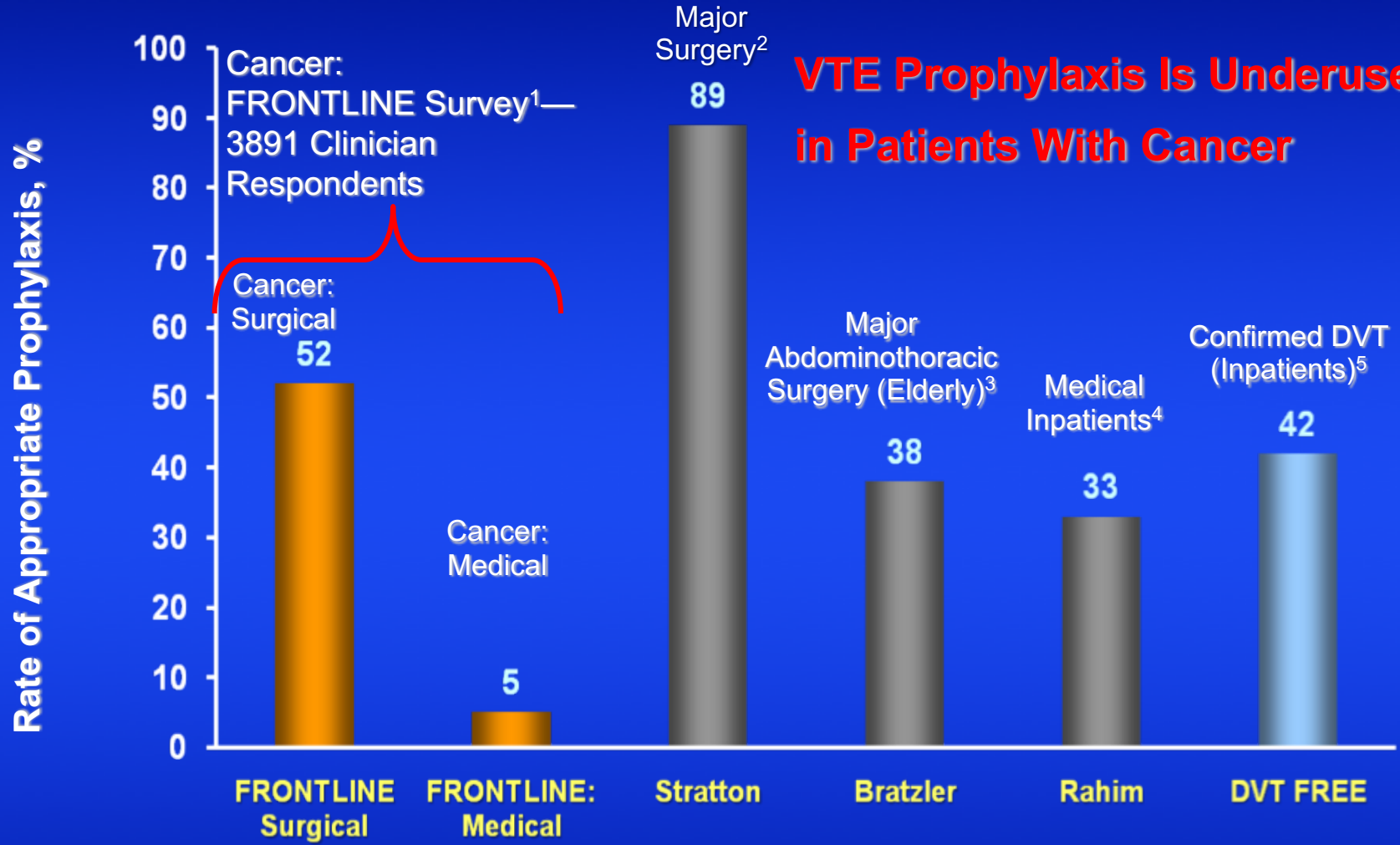


Risk of fatal PE or fatal bleeding in the RIETE registry<sup>1</sup>





## VTE Prophylaxis Is Underused in Patients With Cancer



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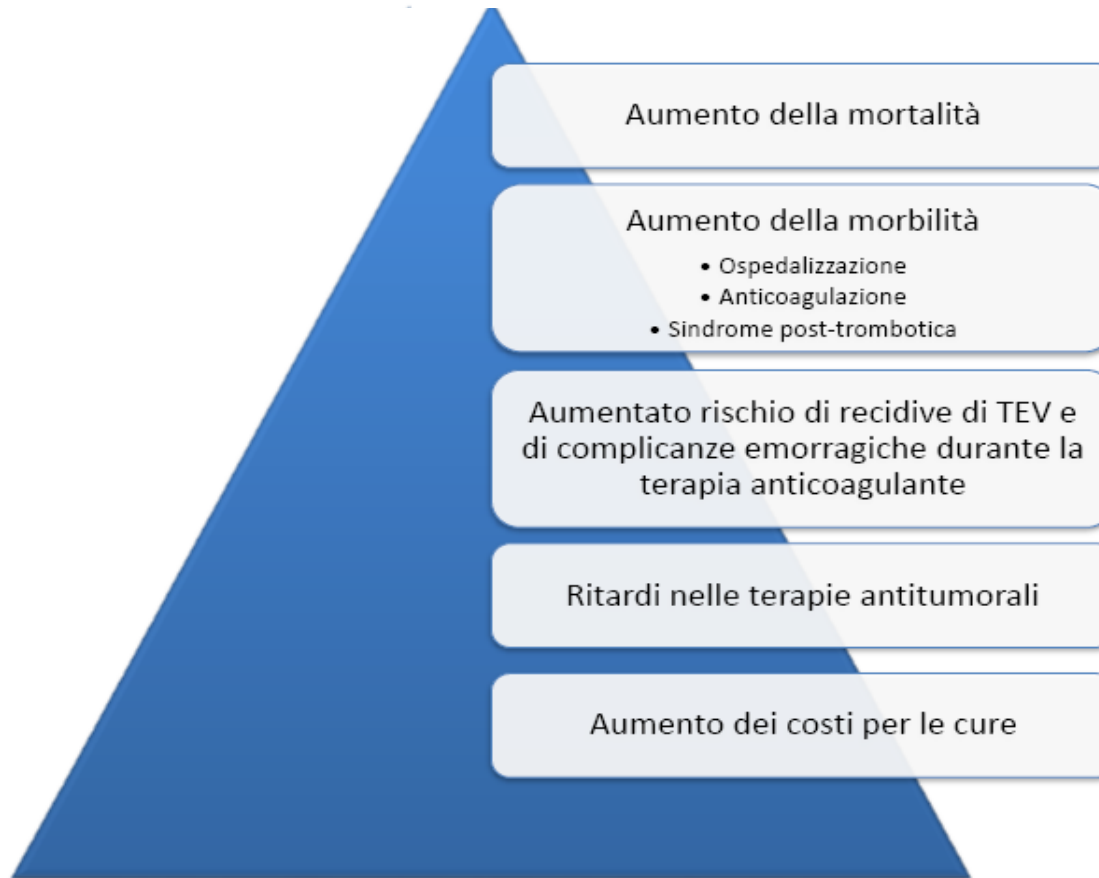
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## Conseguenze del TEV nel paziente oncologico



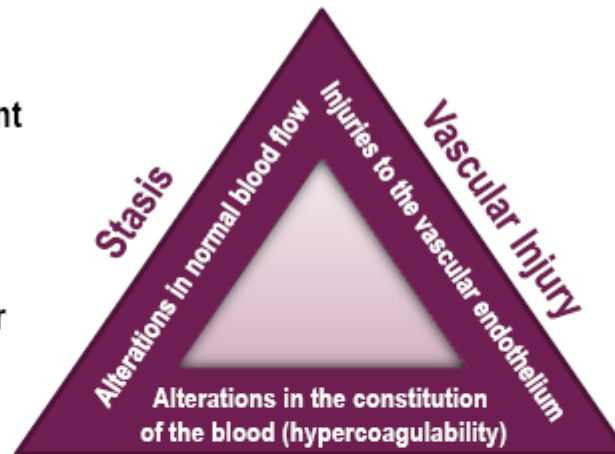
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## VIRCHOW'S TRIAD IN CANCER PATIENTS

- Prolonged bed rest – patient immobility
- Surgical procedures
- Extrinsic compression of blood vessels by tumour
- Increased blood viscosity



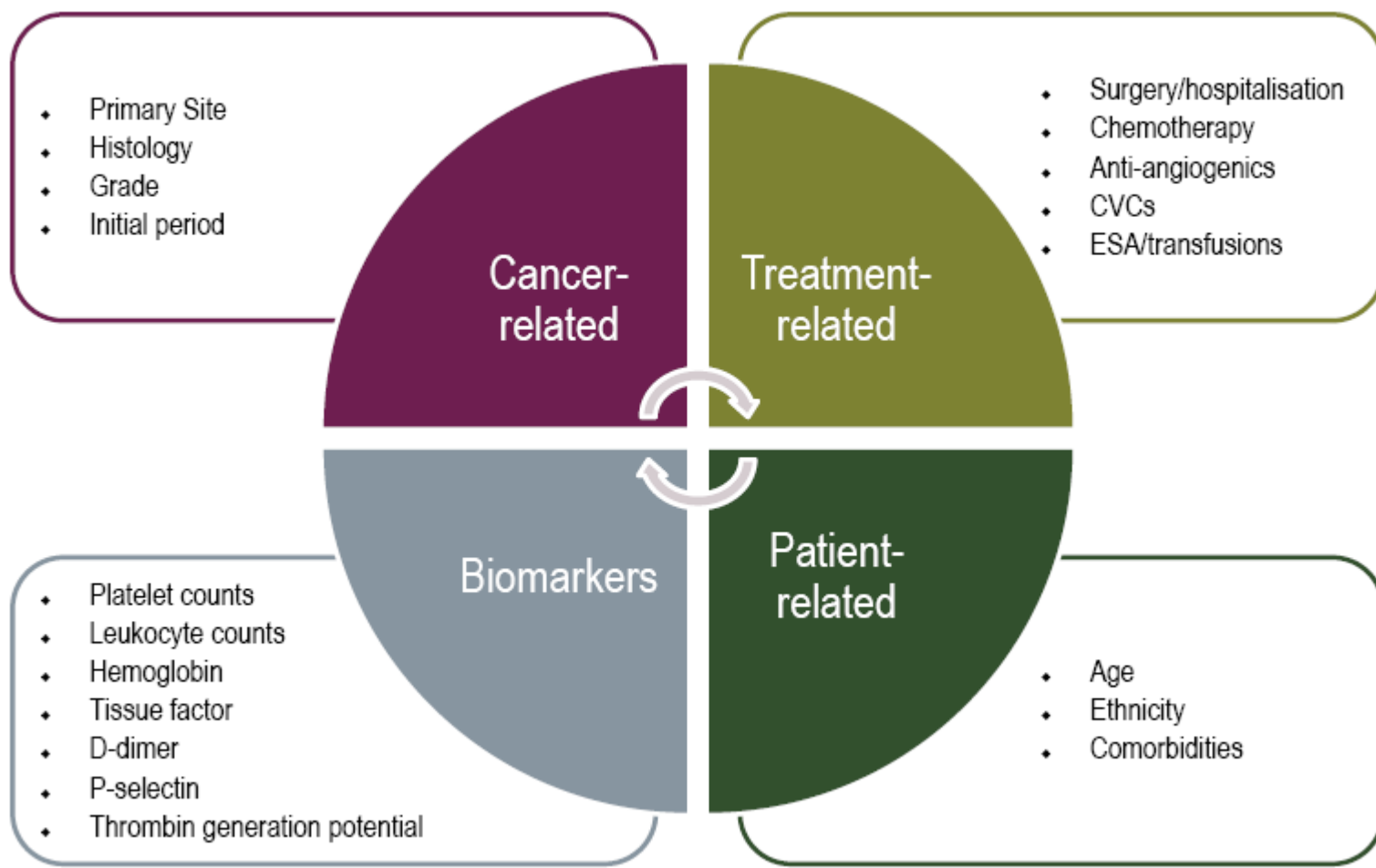
### Changed blood composition

- More procoagulation factors due to **hypoxia and/or inflammation**
- **Microparticles with Tissue Factor**
- Pro angiogenic factors
- Increase in overall platelet activity
- Decrease in anticoagulant activities
- Decrease in fibronolytic activity

- Direct invasion by tumour
- Prolonged use of CVC
- Endothelial damage by chemotherapy
- Effect of tumour cytokines on vascular endothelium

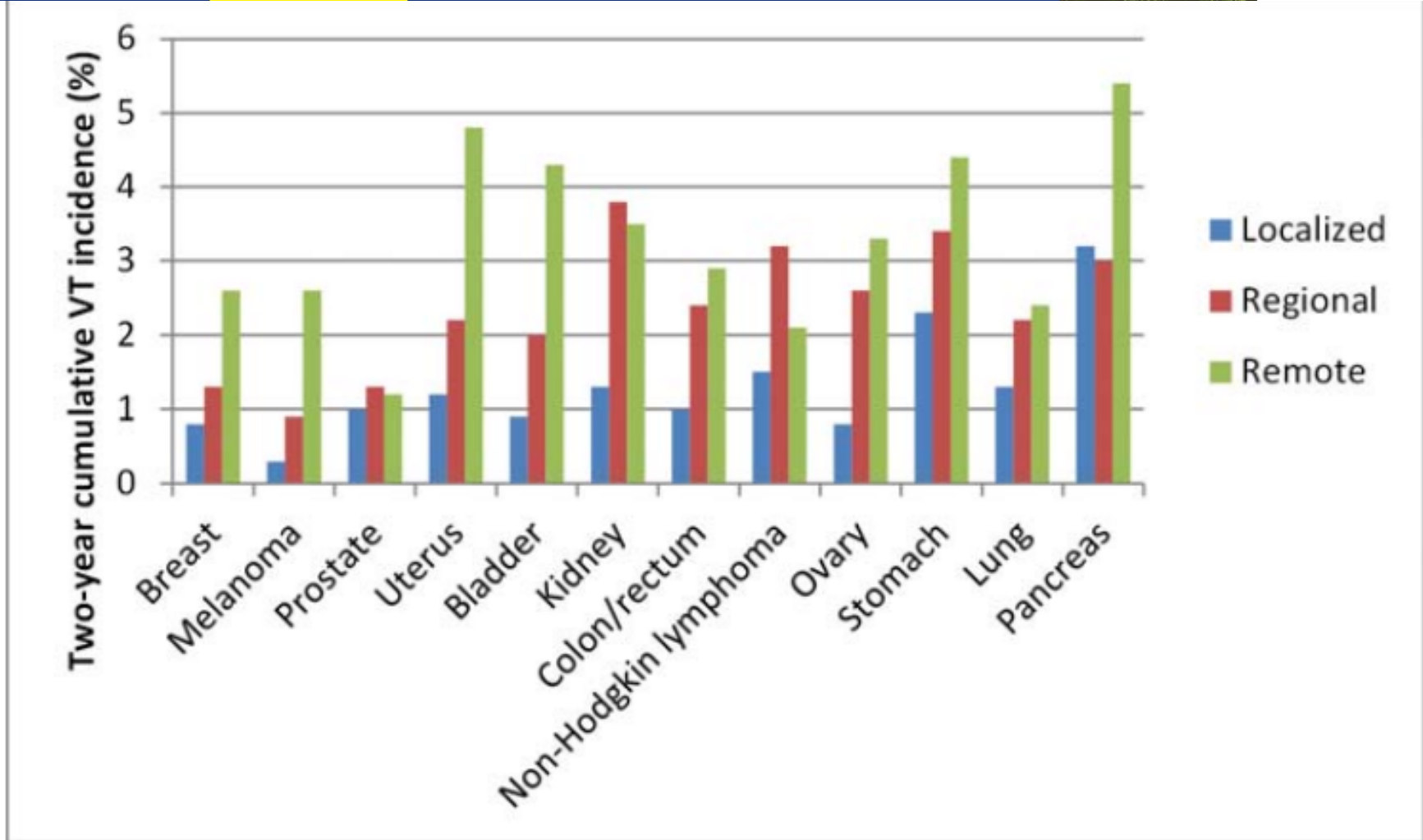
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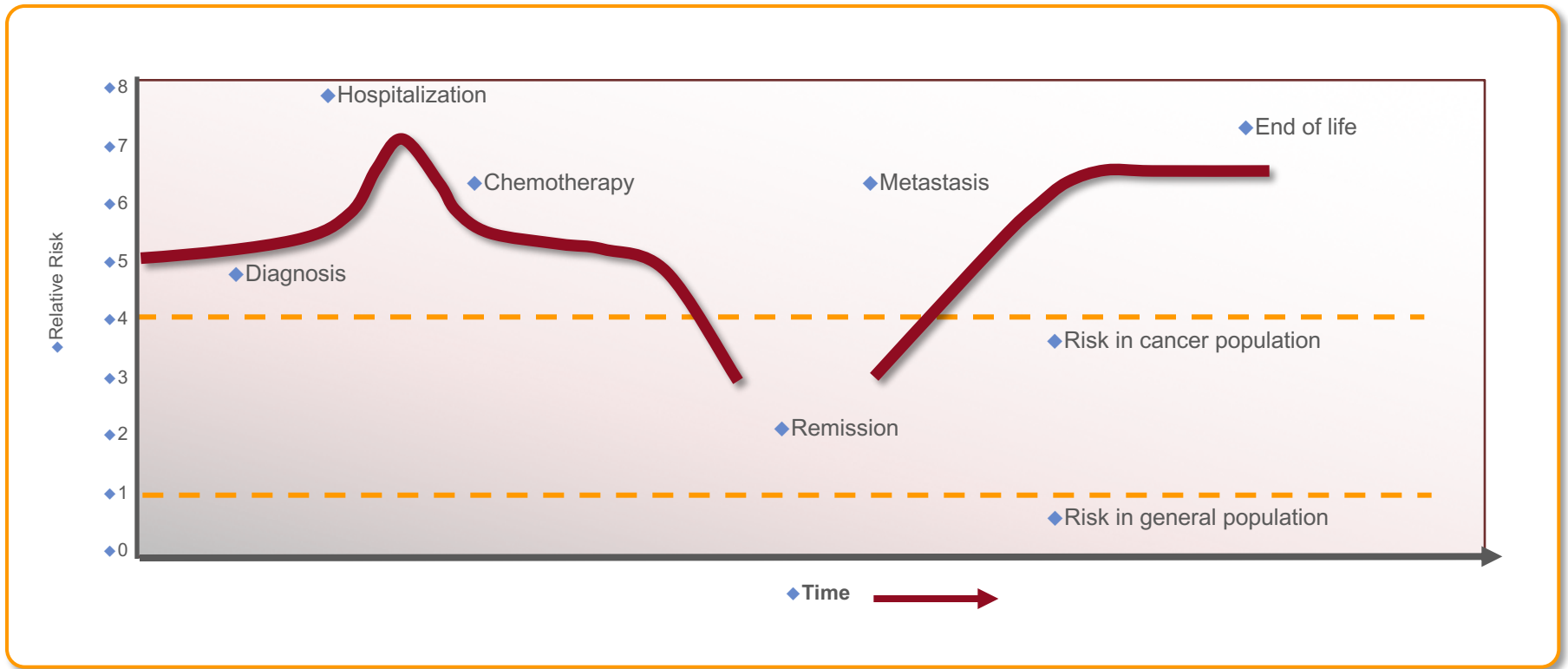
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**Tipo e stadio di malattia come fattori di rischio**

Timp et al, Blood 2013





## TVE risk and cancer natural history



## THERAPY AS RISK FACTOR FOR VTE

### Endothelial Damage

**Mechanical injury to endothelium**  
*5-FU, contrast media*

**Apoptosis of endothelial cells**  
*VEGF antagonists*

**Induction of hypersensitivity reaction**  
*Drug-eluting stents*

**Proteolysis of endothelial cell contact**  
*Tissue plasminogen activator*

**Expression of pro-inflammatory mediators**  
*Cis-platinum*

**Expression of tissue factor**  
*Rapamycin*

**Decreased expression of anticoagulation mediators**  
*COX-2 inhibitors*

**Expression of pro-coagulation mediators**  
*Thalidomide, sildenafil*

### Platelets

**Increased platelet adhesion**  
*Tissue plasminogen activator*

**Aggregation of platelets**  
*Erythropoietin, nanoparticles*

**Increased platelet reactivity**  
*Ciclosporin*

**Autoantibodies against platelet factors**  
*Heparin*

### Red Blood Cells

**Phosphatidylserine exposure**  
*Phenylhydrazine*

### White Blood Cells

**Increased adhesion molecules**  
*All-trans retinoic acid, interferon- $\alpha$*

### Coagulation System

**Increased coagulation factors**  
*Hormone replacement therapy*

**Antiphospholipid antibodies**  
*IVIg*

**Decreased anticoagulation factors**  
*L-asparaginase, sildenafil*

**Decreased fibrinolysis**  
*Corticosteroids, erythropoietin*

### Blood Flow

**Vasoconstriction**  
*SSRIs, ephedra*

**Blood stasis**  
*IVIg, erythropoietin*

**Fig. 2** A list of the different mechanisms through which drugs can cause thrombosis. Examples of drugs for each mechanism are listed in italics. *5-FU* 5-fluorouracil, *COX-2* cyclo-oxygenase-2, *IVIg* intravenous

immunoglobulin, *SSRI* selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor, *VEGF* vascular endothelial growth factor



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## Risk Stratification



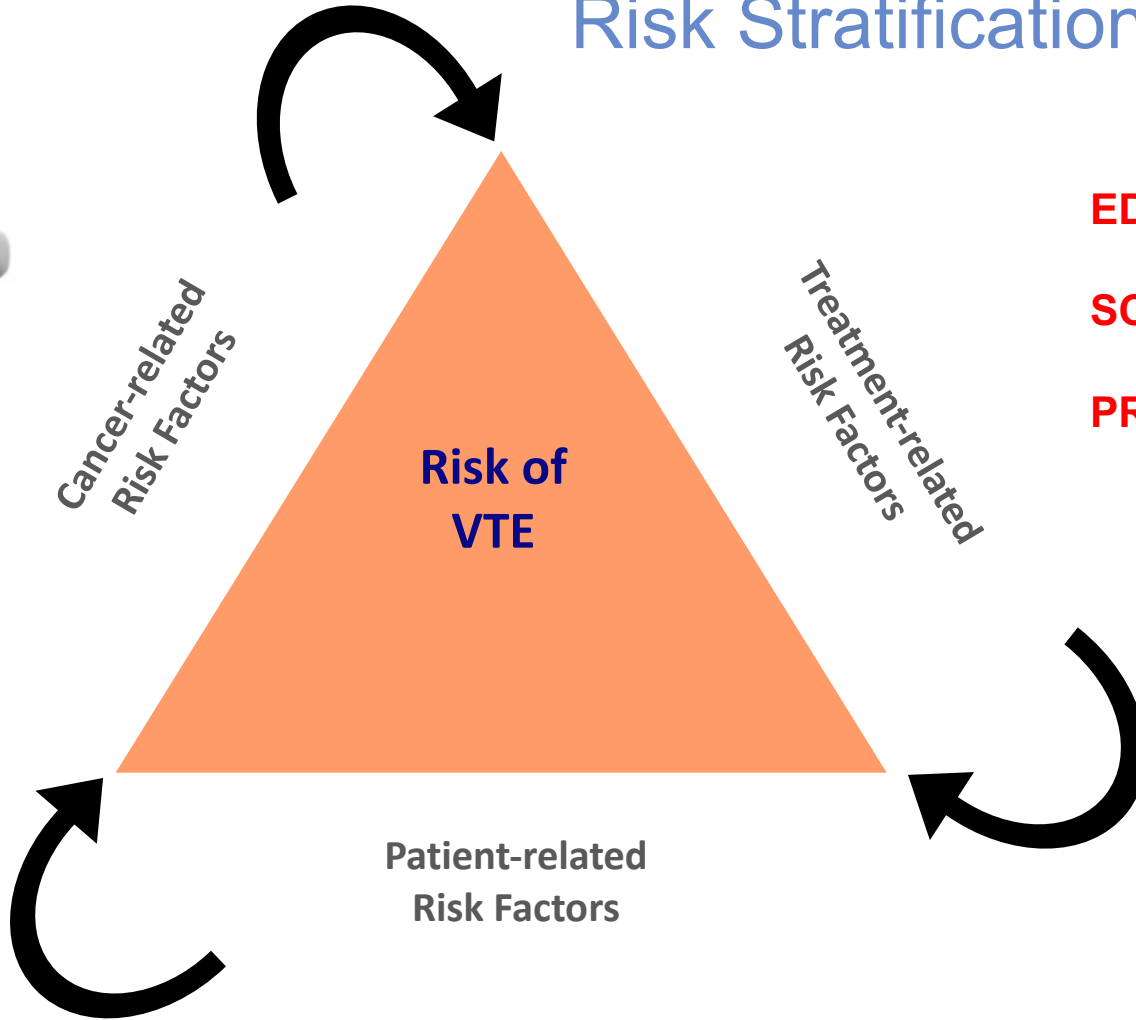
*Cancer-related  
Risk Factors*

*Treatment-related  
Risk Factors*

**Risk of  
VTE**

**Patient-related  
Risk Factors**

**EDUCATION**  
**SCREENING**  
**PROPHYLAXIS**



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## Modello di Rischio Clinico per il TEV associato a chemioterapia basato su fattori di rischio pretrattamento

### *Lo score di Khorana*

FATTORI DI RISCHIO	SCORE
1. Sede del cancro	
a) Rischio Molto Alto (stomaco, pancreas)	2
b) Rischio Alto (polmone, linfoma, ginecologico, vescica, testicolo)	1
2. Piastrine $\geq 50000/\text{mm}^3$	1
3. Emoglobina $< 10 \text{ g/dL}$ o utilizzo di Fattori di Crescita Eritrocitari	1
4. Leucociti $> 11000 /\text{mm}^3$	1
5. BMI $\geq 35 \text{ kg/m}^2$	1

Low risk	score 0	VTE Risk 0,8-0,3%
Intermediate risk	score 1-2	VTE Risk 1,8-2%
High risk	score $\geq 3$	VTE Risk 7,1-6,7%

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ORIGINAL REPORT

## Risk of Recurrent Venous Thromboembolism and Mortality in Patients With Cancer Incidentally Diagnosed With Pulmonary Embolism: A Comparison With Symptomatic Patients

Paul L. den Exter, José Hoogjer, Olaf M. Dekkers, and Menno V. Huisman

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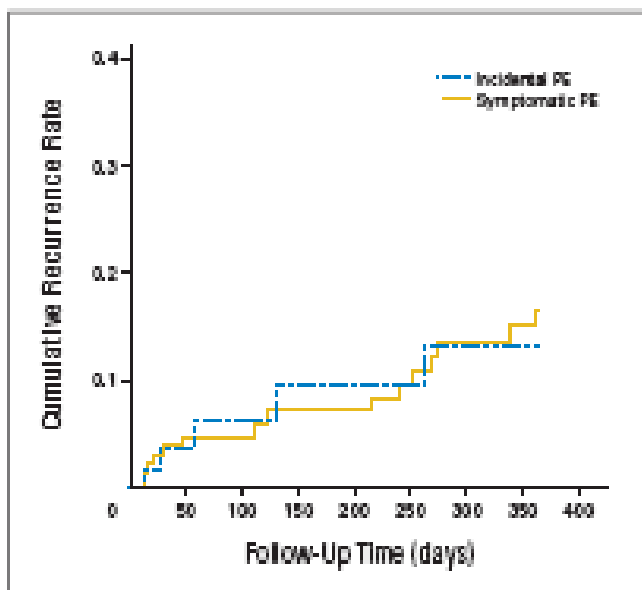


Fig 1. Cumulative risk of recurrent venous thromboembolism for patients with cancer with incidental versus symptomatic pulmonary embolism (PE);  $P = .771$ .

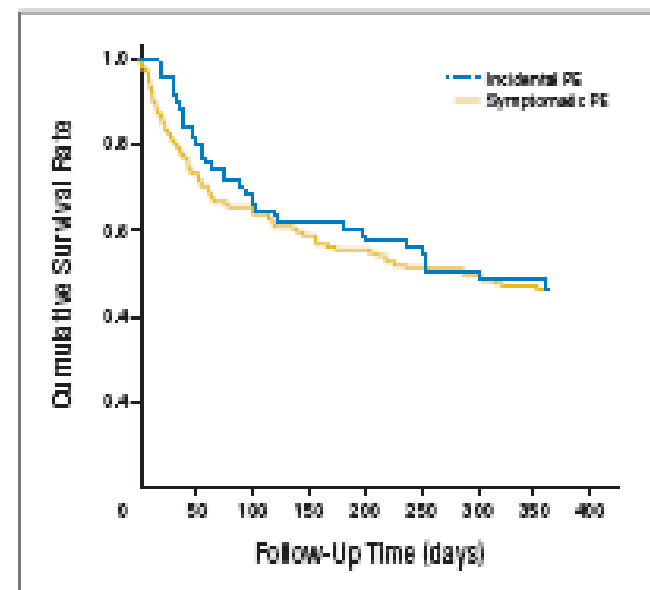


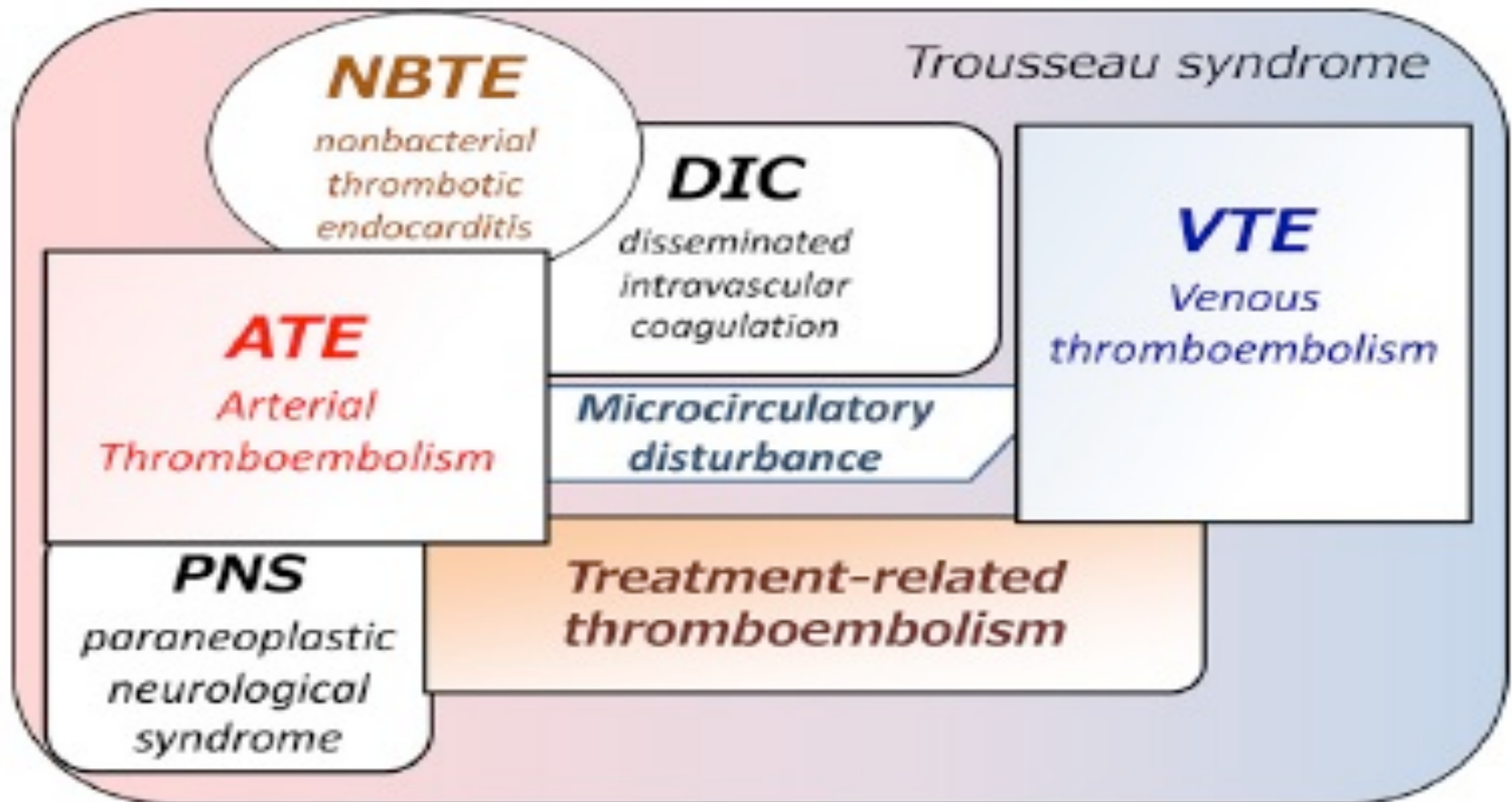
Fig 2. Kaplan-Meier cumulative survival curve until overall death for patients with cancer with incidental versus symptomatic pulmonary embolism (PE);  $P = .701$ .

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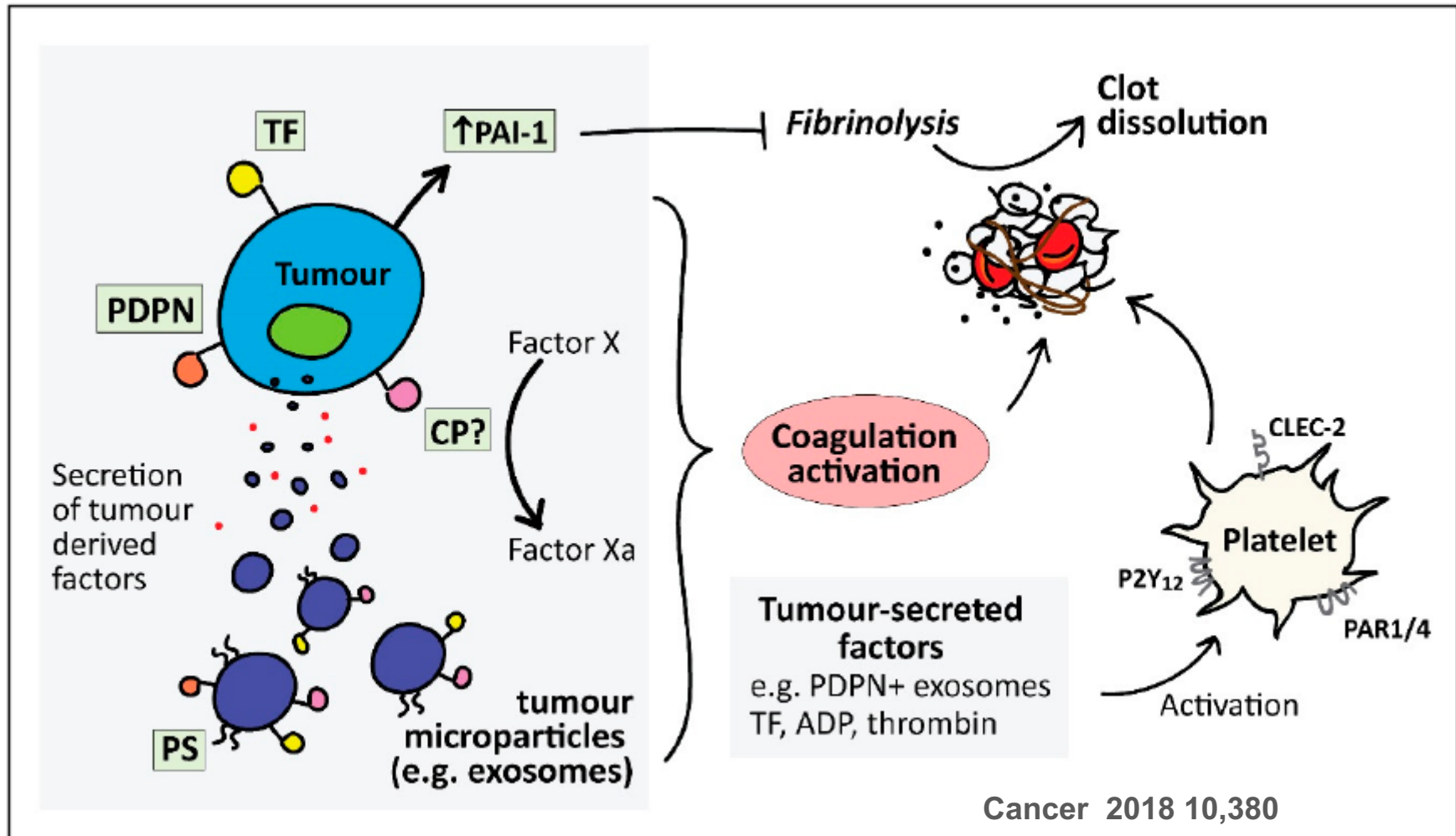


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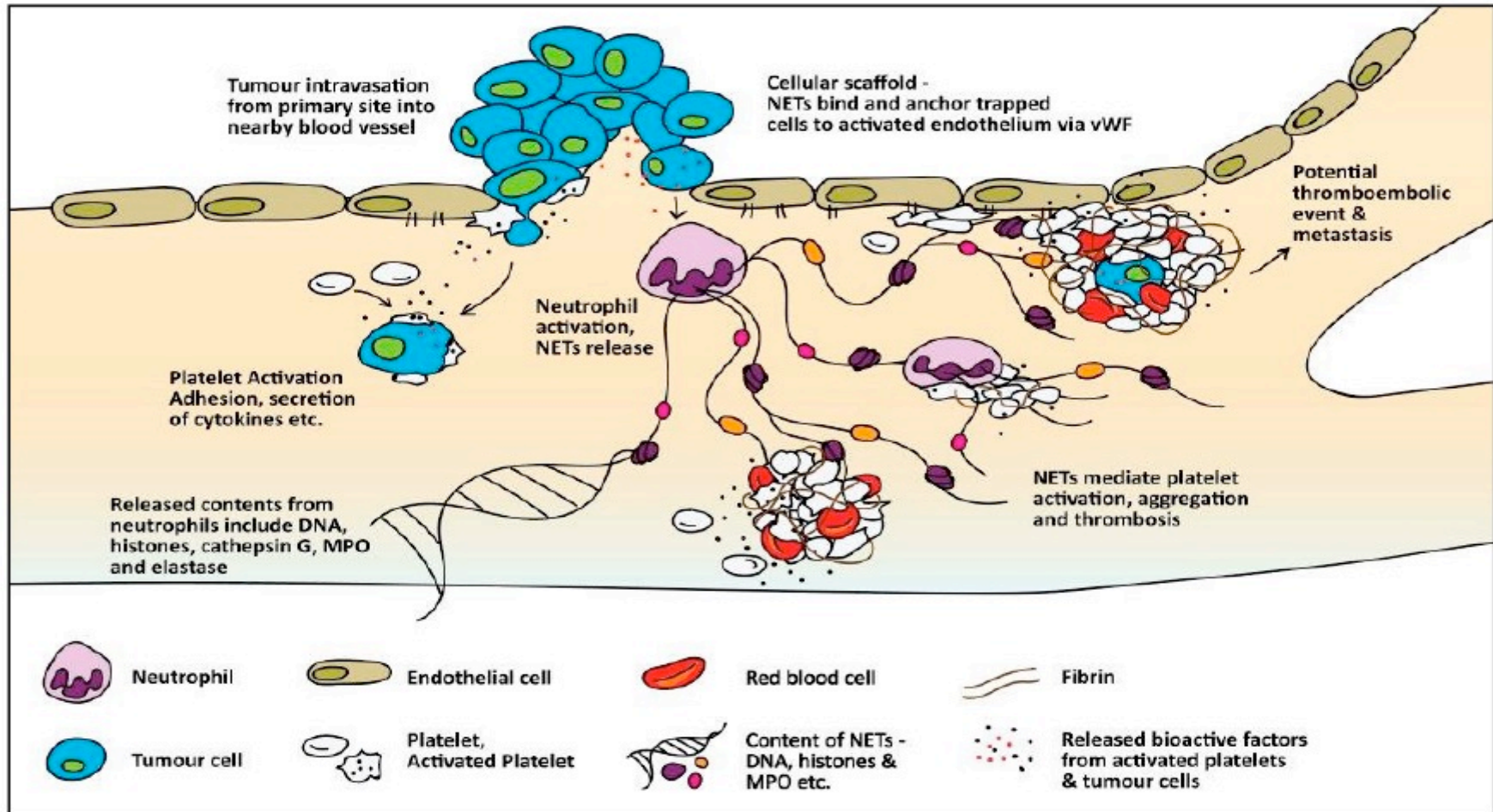


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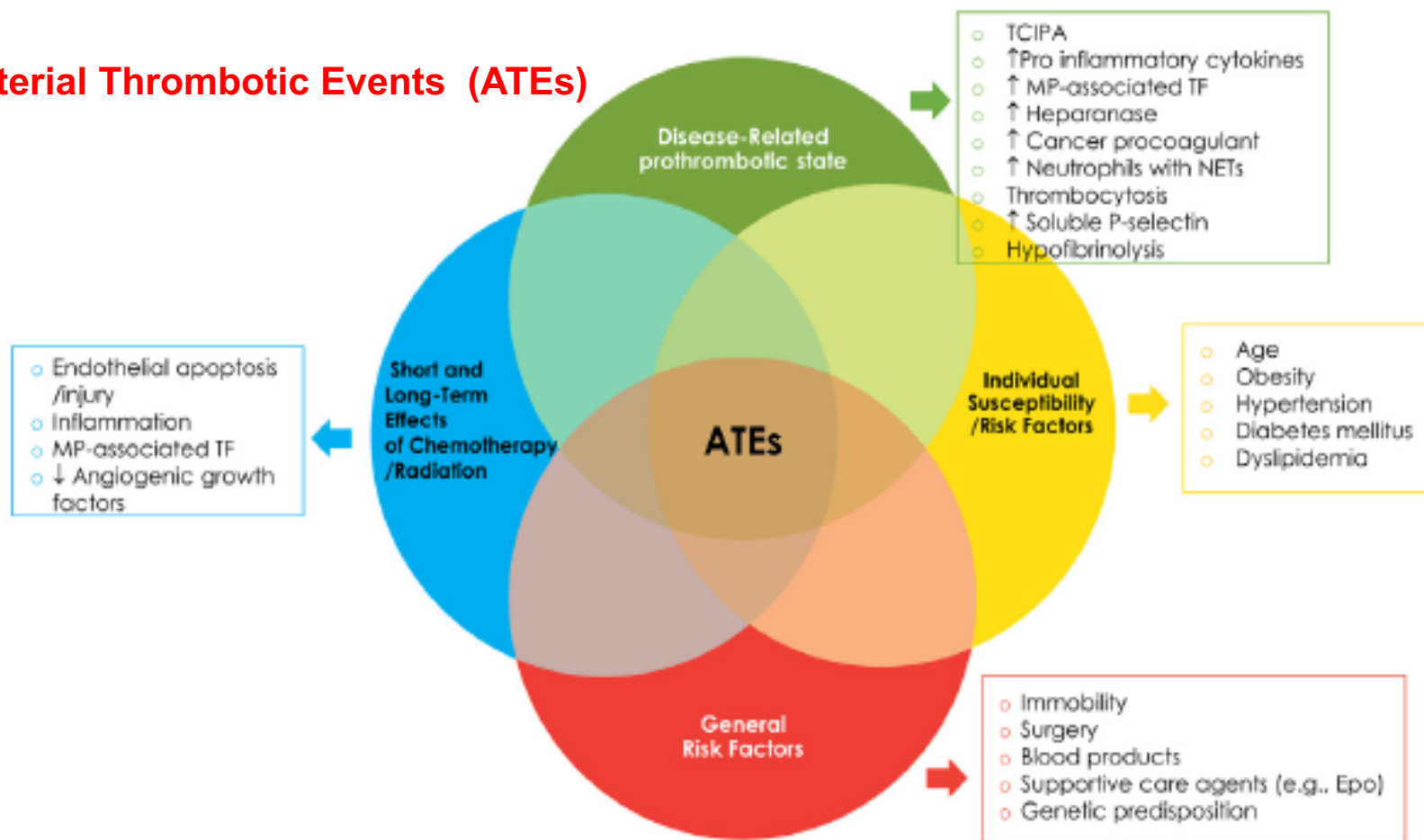


## CAT AND ITS MECHANISM (Indirect mechanism)





## Arterial Thrombotic Events (ATEs)





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## Optimising treatment of VTE in the cancer patients

Treatment



- ↓ Recurrent VTE
- ↓ Bleeding
- ↑ Quality of life

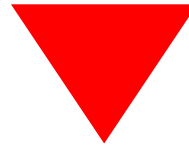
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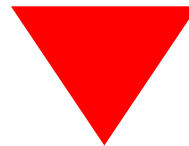


## OPEN QUESTIONS

◆ CHOICE OF LONG TERM AND EXTENDED  
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◆ DURATION OF ANTICOAGULANT THERAPY



◆ MANAGEMENT OF RECURRENT VTE ON  
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# PERCHE' NO AL TRATTAMENTO DELLA TVP CON FARMACI ANTI-VK?

# LIMITI TERAPIA ANTI-VK (WARFARINA)

Factors That May Increase  
Warfarin in the Oncology

Potential Warfarin/Anticancer Drug Interactions

## Increase INR

Patient characteristics

Elderly age

Debilitation

Low body weight

Patient adherence co

Adrenal steroid inhibitor

Aminoglutethimide<sup>20</sup>

Alkylating agent

Cyclophosphamide<sup>a,18</sup>

Antimetabolite

Difficoltà a garantire il giusto range terapeutico e controllare il rischio di sanguinamento

Infection

Nausea, vomiting

Steatorrhea

Dietary status

Inconsistency of oral i

Low albumin levels

Malabsorption

Undernourishment

Vitamin-K deficiency

Hormone/hormone modifier

Androgen<sup>9</sup> (17-alkylated androgen)

Antiandrogen

Bicalutamide<sup>27</sup>

Flutamide<sup>28</sup>

Nilutamide<sup>25</sup>

Antiestrogen

Tamoxifen<sup>30</sup>

Toremifene<sup>31</sup>

Progestin<sup>32</sup>



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## *Cochrane metanalysis*

# Anticoagulation for the long-term treatment of venous thromboembolism in patients with cancer (Review)

*For the long-term treatment of VTE in patients with cancer, LMWH compared with VKA provided no statistically significant survival benefit but a statistically and patient important reduction in VTE.*

*The findings did not exclude a beneficial or harmful effect of LMWH compared with VKA in terms of bleeding outcomes or thrombocytopenia.*



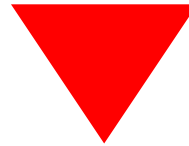
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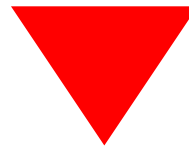


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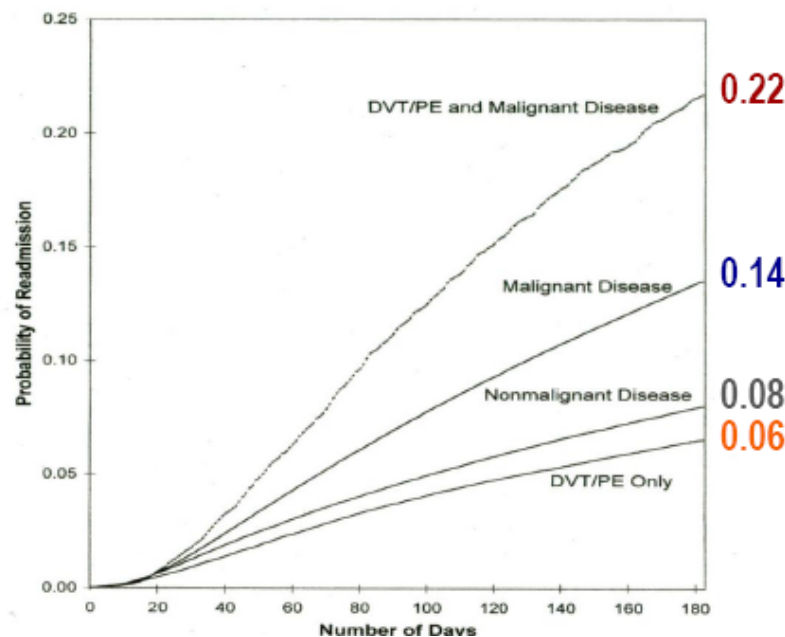


## HOW COMMON IS RECURRENT VTE IN PATIENTS WITH CANCER?

### Medicare hospital discharge data

- 46,848 cases with DVT/PE
- 1,211,944 admissions for malignancy
- 8,177,634 admissions for nonmalignant disease

Cumulative probability  
of re-admission with  
DVT/PE within 183 days  
of initial hospitalisation



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## Guidelines: Treatment CAT

- International academic institutions consider low-molecular-weight heparins (LMWH) as the preferred option for the treatment of cancer-associated VTE

	Long-term treatment	Treatment duration
<b>AIOM</b> ( <i>Italian association of medical oncology</i> )	LMWH	3 to 6 months then LMWH until cancer resolution
<b>NCCN</b> ( <i>US national Comprehensive Cancer Network</i> )	LMWH or VKA	3 to 6 months for DVT; 6 to 12 month for PE
<b>ASCO</b> ( <i>American Society of Clinical Oncology</i> )	LMWH	At least 6 months
<b>INCa</b> ( <i>Institut National du Cancer</i> ) and International	LMWH	3 to 6 months then VKA or LMWH until cancer resolution
<b>ACCP</b> ( <i>American College of Chest Physicians</i> )	LMWH	3 to 6 months then VKA or LMWH until cancer resolution

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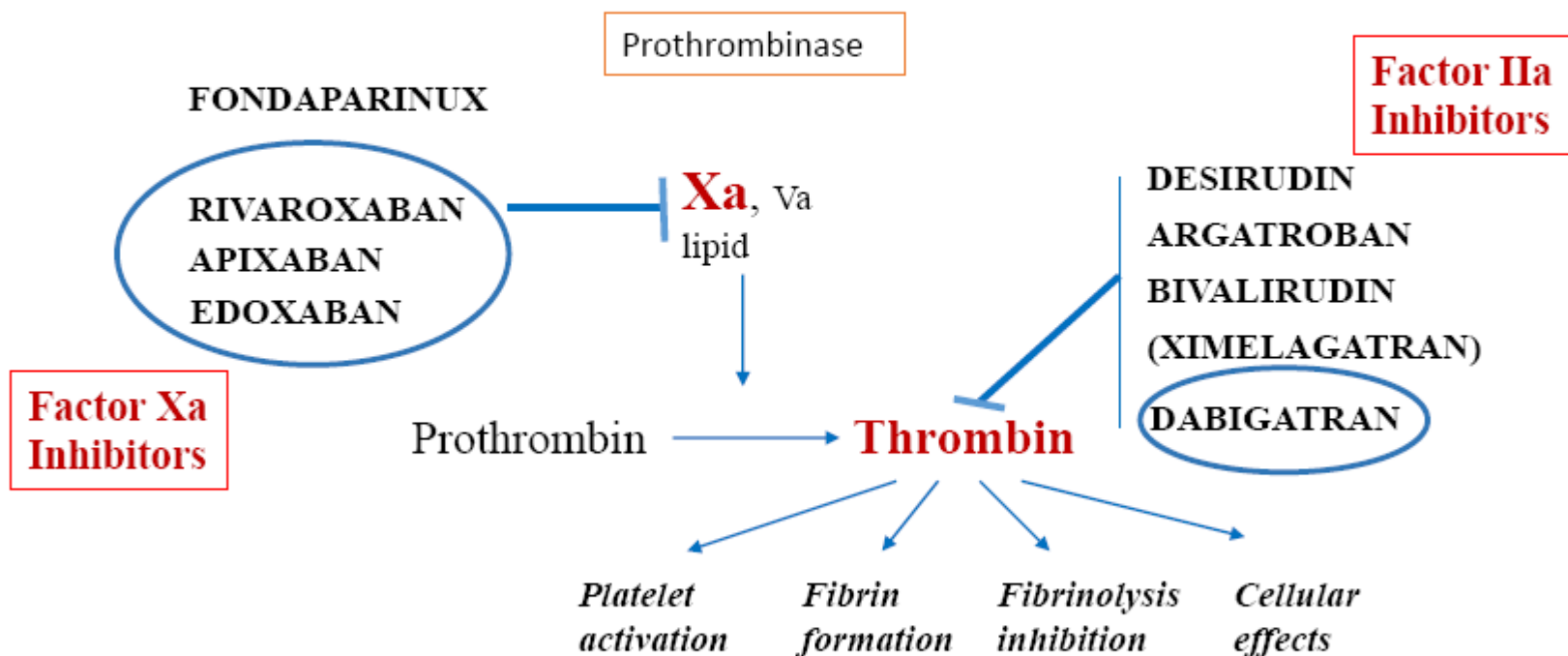
Negli ultimi anni abbiamo a disposizione nuovi farmaci: gli anticoagulanti orali diretti (DOA)

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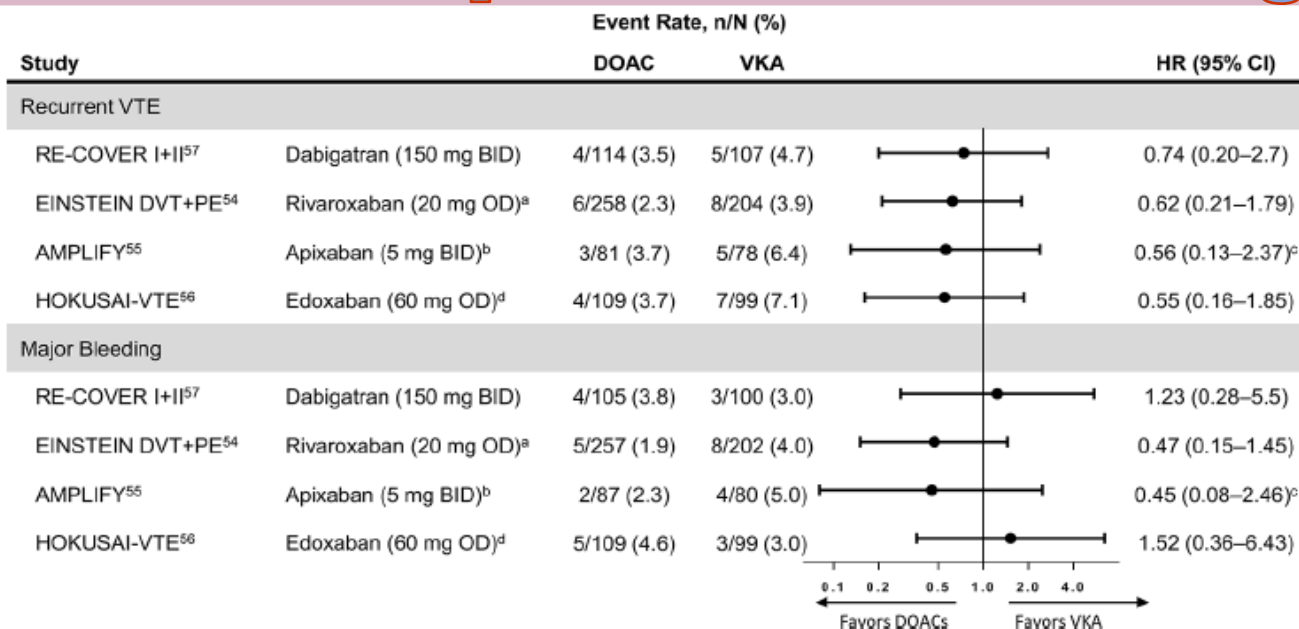


## Direct Oral Anticoagulants (DOACs)





# I DOACs nei pazienti oncologici



**Figure 2** Forest plot of the HRs for DOACs vs warfarin for (A) new or recurrent VTE and (B) major bleeding based on the published subanalyses of the patients with active cancer at baseline included in the major DOAC phase 3 clinical trials for VTE. BID, two times per day; DOAC, direct oral anticoagulant; OD, one time per day; VKA, vitamin K antagonist; VTE, venous thromboembolism. <sup>a</sup>Rivaroxaban 15mg BID for the first 21 days followed by 20 mg OD. <sup>b</sup>Apixaban 10 mg BID for 7 days followed by 5 mg BID. <sup>c</sup>Relative risk. <sup>d</sup>Patients with a creatinine clearance of 30 to 50 mL/min, a bodyweight of <60 kg or who were receiving concomitant treatment with select P-glycoprotein inhibitors received edoxaban 30 mg OD.

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## Choice of Long-Term (First 3 Months) and Extended (No Scheduled Stop Date) Anticoagulation

		ACCP recommendation	Grade of recommendation
<b>2016 CHEST guidelines</b> 	<b>Proxymal DVT or PE</b>	Long-term (3 months)	1B
	<b>DVT or PE and NO CANCER</b>	NOACs over VKA	2B
	<b>DVT or PE with CANCER</b>	LMWH over VKA and NOACs	2C
	<b>DVT or PE in extended therapy</b>	No need to change the coiche of anticoagulant after the first 3 months	2C

*“...In patients with VTE and cancer who are not treated with LMWH, we do not have a preference for either an NOAC or VKA...”*

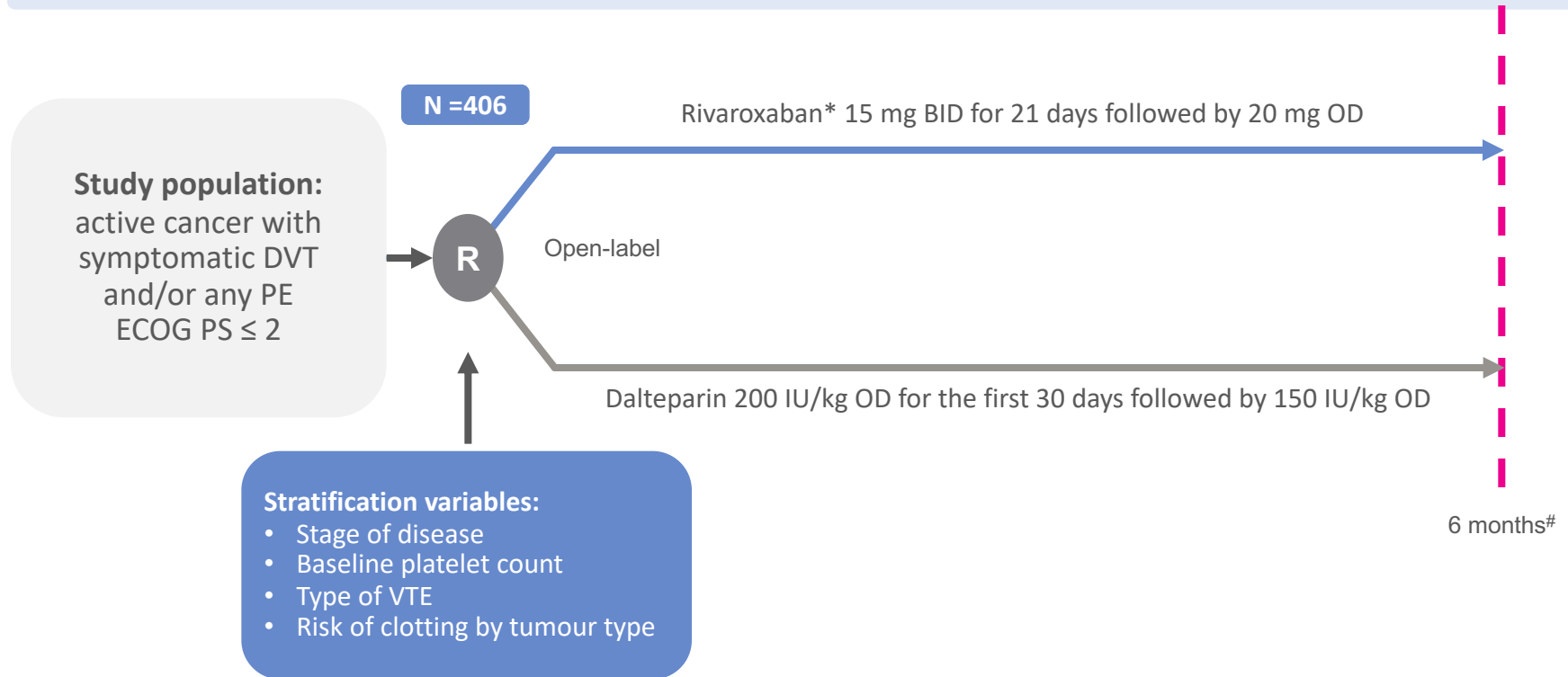
*“...In the absence of direct comparisons between NOACs, and no convincing indirect evidence that one NOAC is superior to another, we do not have a preference for one NOAC over another NOAC...”*

**Current Guidelines**



## Select-D: Phase III Study Comparing Rivaroxaban versus Dalteparin for the Treatment of Cancer Associated Thrombosis

**Study design:** Prospective, randomized, open-label, multicentre pilot phase III study



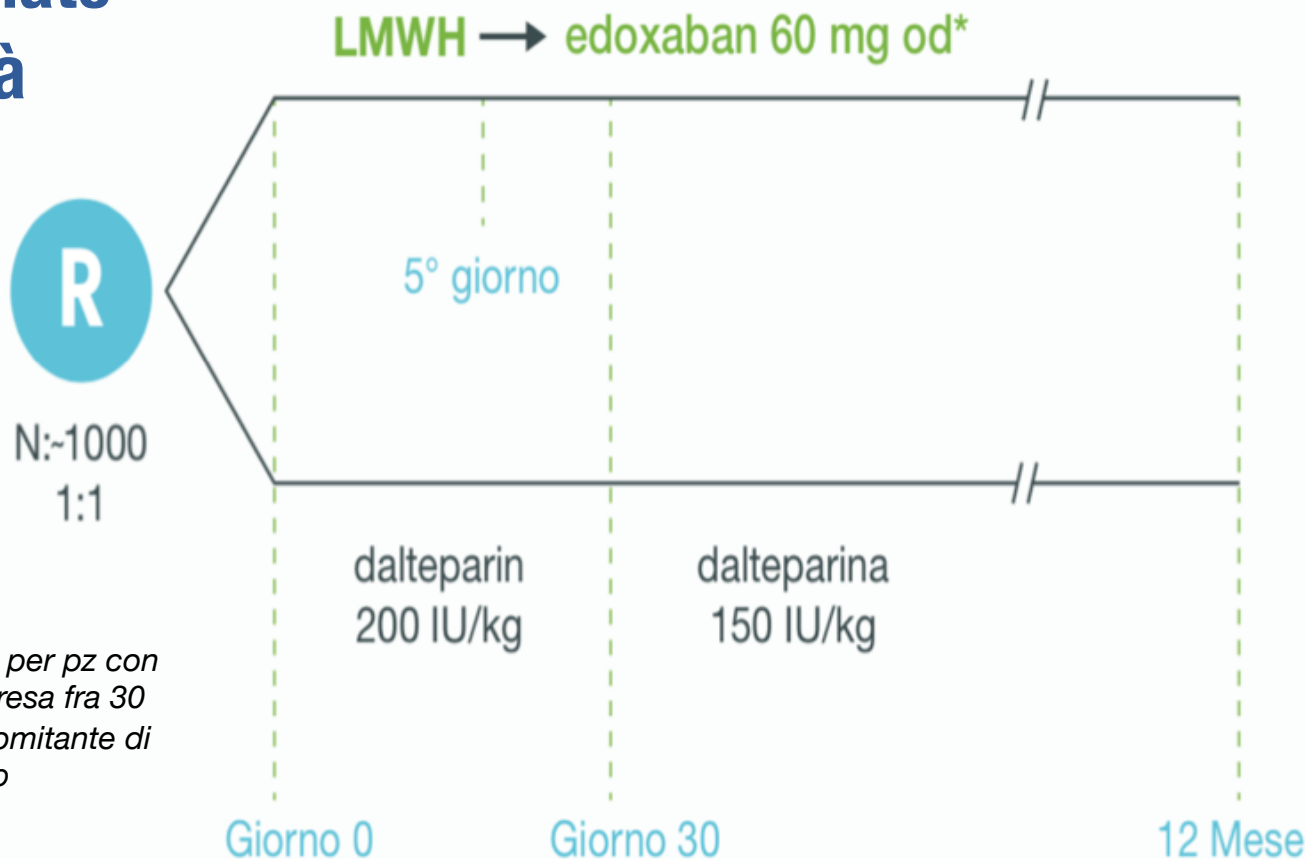
\*For patients with CrCl 30–49 ml/min dosing recommendations as in rivaroxaban SmPC; #The second randomization phase for extended treatment of VTE from 6 to 12 months for patients with PE as an index event or patients with Residual DVT at 5 month assessment was closed due to low recruitment. Sample size reduced from 530 to 400 patients for main trial comparison (95% CI for VTE recurrence +/-4.5%)



## HOKUSAI CANCER

# TEV Confermato da obiettività

1050 pz  
randomizzati e  
stratificati per  
rischio di  
sanguinamento e  
necessità di  
riduzione del  
dosaggio\*



\* Aggiustamento a 30 mg per pz con peso < 60 kg, ClCr compresa fra 30 e 50 mL/min, e uso concomitante di potenti inibitori della p-Gp

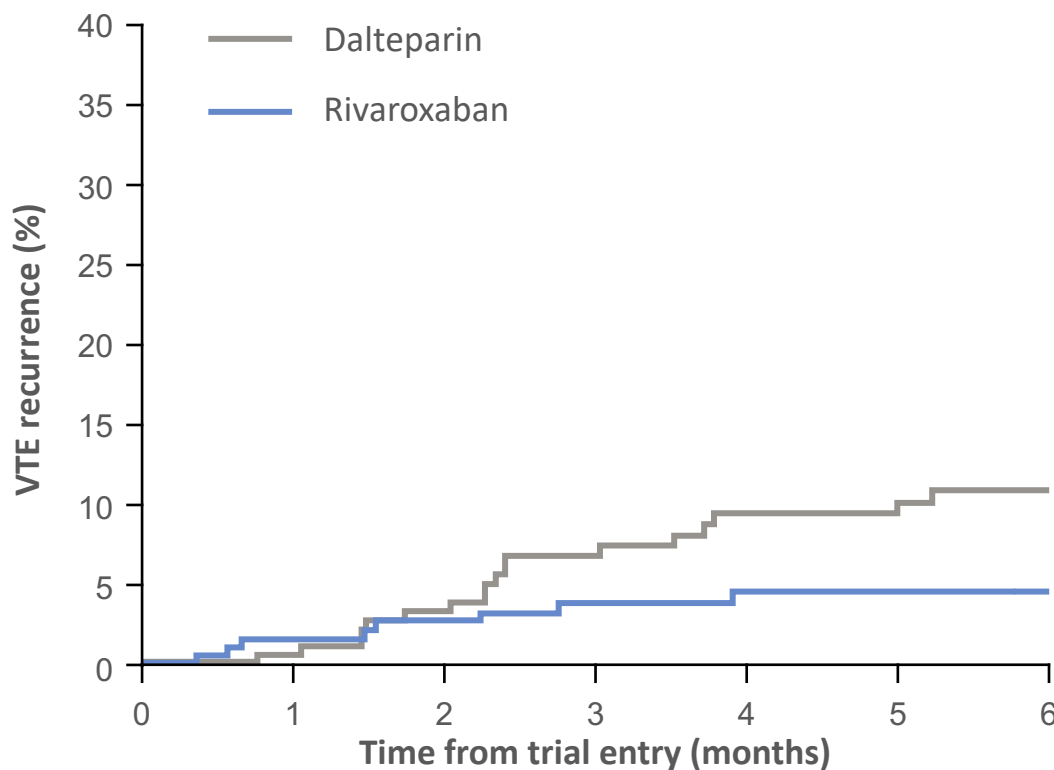
HOKUSAI CANCER Phase III Study Comparing Edoxavan versus Dalteparin for the Treatment of Cancer Associated Thrombosis

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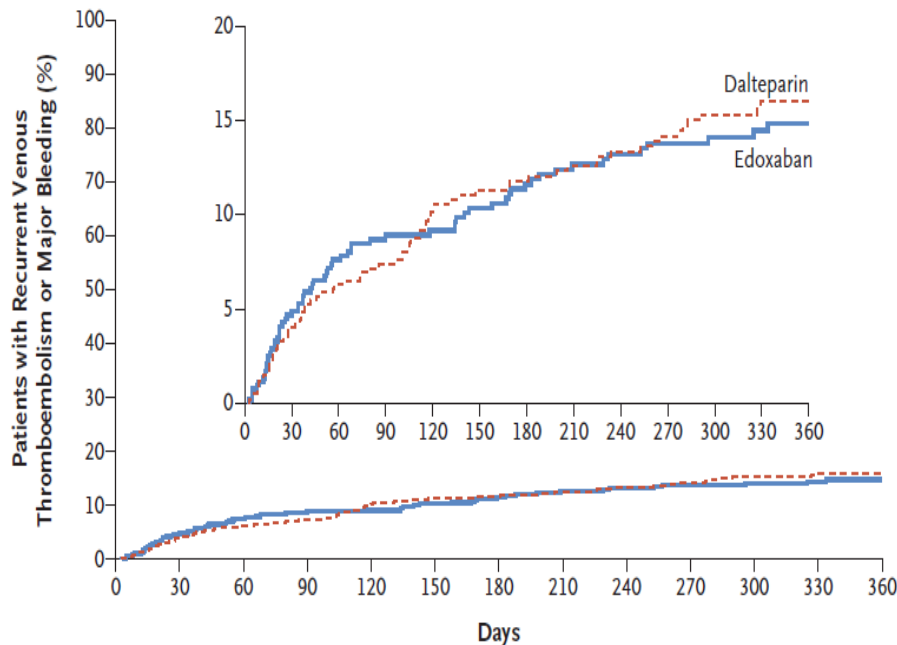
## Lower Incidence of VTE Recurrence Events with Rivaroxaban Versus Dalteparin



Outcome at 6 months	Rivaroxaban (n=203)	Dalteparin (n=203)
VTE recurrence, % (95% CI)	4 (2–9)	11 (7–16)

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No. at Risk

Edoxaban	522	472	429	407	388	360	345	328	310	295	270	237	161
Dalteparin	524	485	449	420	385	364	352	340	324	313	276	241	171

ENDPOINT PRIMARIO  
COMPOSITO recidiva di  
TEV o sanguinamento  
maggiore

**Edoxaban  
(522)**

**Dalteparina  
(524)**

**HR (95% CI)**

67 (12.8%) 71 (13.5%)  
(0.70, 1.36)  $P = 0.006$

0.97

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# CHOOSING AMONGST THE DOACs



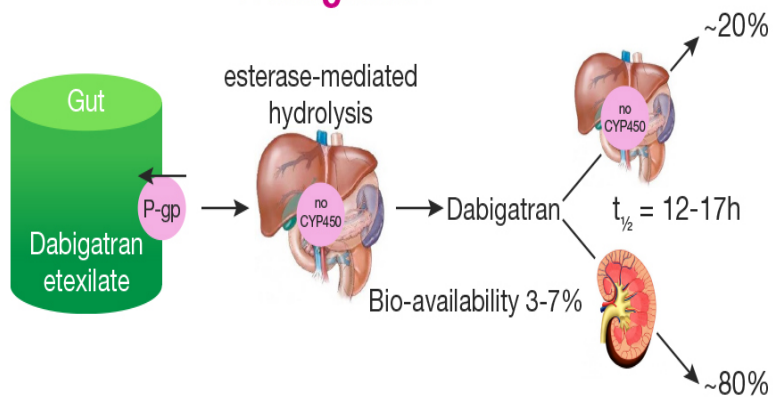


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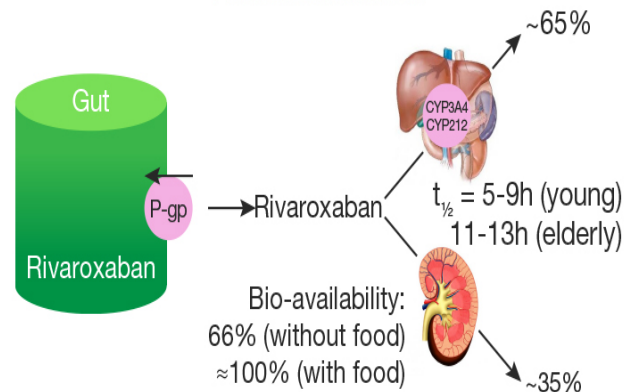
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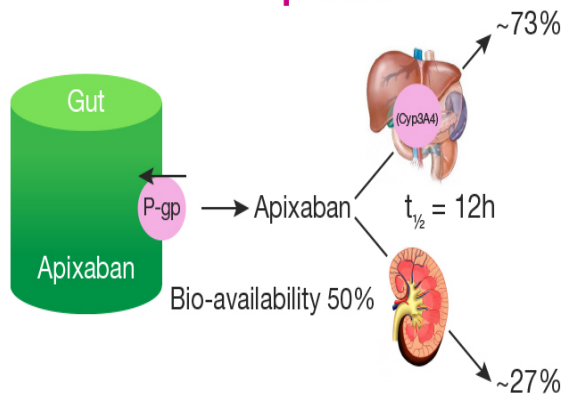
## Dabigatran



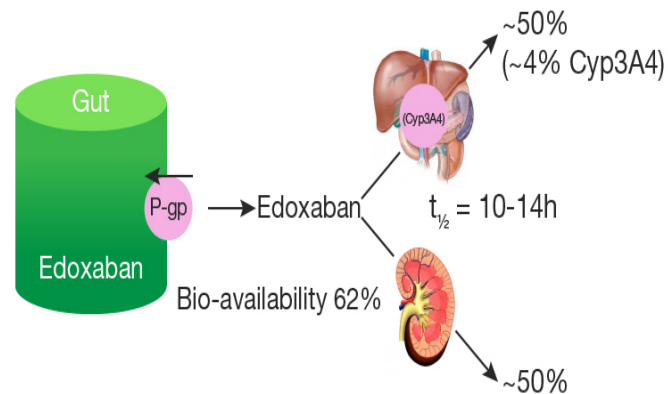
## Rivaroxaban



## Apixaban



## Edoxaban



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**Table 3.** Currently ongoing studies on DOACs for the treatment of VTE in patients with cancer (ClinicalTrials.gov.) [54].

Title, Trial Number	Study design	PHASE	Condition	Study drug	Comparator
CONKO_011/AIO-SUP-0115/Ass.: Rivaroxaban in the Treatment of Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) in Cancer Patients – a Randomized Phase III Study (NCT02583191)	RCT	III	VTE	Rivaroxaban	LMWH
A Non-interventional Study on Xarelto for Treatment of Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) and Prevention of Recurrent VTE in Patients With Active Cancer (COSIMO) (NCT027426239)	Prospective, cohort	III	DVT and PE	Rivaroxaban	-
Apixaban for the Treatment of Venous Thromboembolism in Patients With Cancer (CARAVAGGIO) NCT03045406	RCT	III	VTE	Apixaban	LMWH
Rivaroxaban Utilization for Treatment and Prevention of Thromboembolism in Cancer Patients: Experience at a Comprehensive Cancer Center (NCT02502396)	Retrospective Cohort	Not Applicable	DVT of the Lower and Upper Extremities  PE  NVAF	Rivaroxaban	
Cancer Associated Thrombosis, a Pilot Treatment Study Using Rivaroxaban (CASTA-DIVA) (NCT02746185)	rct	III	VTE	rivaroxaban	LMWH
Direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs) vs LMWH+/_warfarin for VTE in cancer: a randomized effectiveness trial (CANVAS Trial) (NCT02744092)	RCT	Not Applicable	Cumulative VTE recurrence	Apixaban Dabigatran Edoxaban Rivaroxaban	LMWH alone or with warfarin
A Study of Dabigatran Etxilate as Primary Treatment of Malignancy Associated Venous Thromboembolism (NCT03240120)	RCT	III	VTE	Dabigatran etexilate	Tinzaparin
A Randomized Phase II Study to Compare the Safety and Efficacy of Dalteparin vs. Rivaroxaban for Cancer-associated Venous Thromboembolism (PRIORITY) NCT03139487	RCT	II		Rivaroxaban	Dalteparin
Apixaban as Treatment of Venous Thrombosis in Patients With Cancer: The CAP Study (CAP) (NCT02581176)	Single Group Assignment	IV		Apixaban	-

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## Edoxaban già in Linee Guida

Le Linee Guida NCCN hanno recepito i risultati dell'Hokusai VTE Cancer, e raccomandano l'uso di edoxaban per il trattamento del TEV in pazienti oncologici

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## RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES

# Role of direct oral anticoagulants in the treatment of cancer-associated venous thromboembolism: guidance from the SSC of the ISTH

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### Guidance statement

- 1 We recommend individualized treatment regimens after shared decision-making with patients.
- 2 We suggest the use of specific DOACs for cancer patients with an acute diagnosis of VTE, a low risk of bleeding, and no drug–drug interactions with current systemic therapy. LMWHs constitute an acceptable alternative. Currently, edoxaban and rivaroxaban are the only DOACs that have been compared with LMWH in RCTs in cancer populations. A final treatment recommendation should be



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## Take Home Messages

THROMBOSIS AND CANCER



Why did this occur? **CANCER-THROMBOSIS**

What is the influence in patient's prognosis? **POOR PROGNOSIS**

What is the optimal management of this patient? **LMWH**

Should this patient be managed differently if this were an incidental finding? **NO**

Could this have been prevented? **MAYBE**



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## Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis and Treatment in Patients With Cancer: American Society of Clinical Oncology Clinical Practice Guideline Update 2014

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### THE BOTTOM LINE

#### Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis and Treatment in Patients with Cancer: American Society of Clinical Oncology Clinical Practice Guideline Update

##### Interventions

- Pharmacologic anticoagulation

##### Target Audience

- Medical oncologists, surgical oncologists, hospitalists, oncology nurses

##### Key Recommendations

- Most hospitalized patients with active cancer require thromboprophylaxis throughout hospitalization. Data are inadequate to support routine thromboprophylaxis in patients admitted for minor procedures or short chemotherapy infusion.
- Routine thromboprophylaxis is not recommended for ambulatory patients with cancer. It may be considered for highly select high-risk patients.
- Patients with multiple myeloma receiving antiangiogenesis agents with chemotherapy and/or dexamethasone should receive prophylaxis with either low-molecular weight heparin (LMWH) or low-dose aspirin to prevent venous thromboembolism (VTE).
- Patients undergoing major cancer surgery should receive prophylaxis starting before surgery and continuing for at least 7 to 10 days.
- Extending postoperative prophylaxis up to 4 weeks should be considered in those undergoing major abdominal or pelvic surgery with high-risk features.
- LMWH is recommended for the initial 5 to 10 days of treatment of established deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism as well as for long-term secondary prophylaxis for at least 6 months.
- Use of novel oral anticoagulants is not currently recommended for patients with malignancy and VTE.
- Anticoagulation should not be used to extend survival of patients with cancer in the absence of other indications.

Patients with cancer should be periodically assessed for VTE risk.

Oncology professionals should educate patients about the signs and symptoms of VTE.

##### Methods

- An update committee was convened to determine whether previous recommendations remain valid based on an updated review of evidence from the medical literature.

##### Additional Information

- This guideline is published in *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, Data Supplements, including evidence tables, and clinical tools and resources can be found at [www.asco.org/guidelines/vte](http://www.asco.org/guidelines/vte).

- PATIENTS WITH CANCER SHOULD BE PERIODICALLY ASSESSED FOR VTE RISK
- ONCOLOGY PROFESSIONAL SHOULD EDUCATE PATIENTS ABOUT SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF VTE

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