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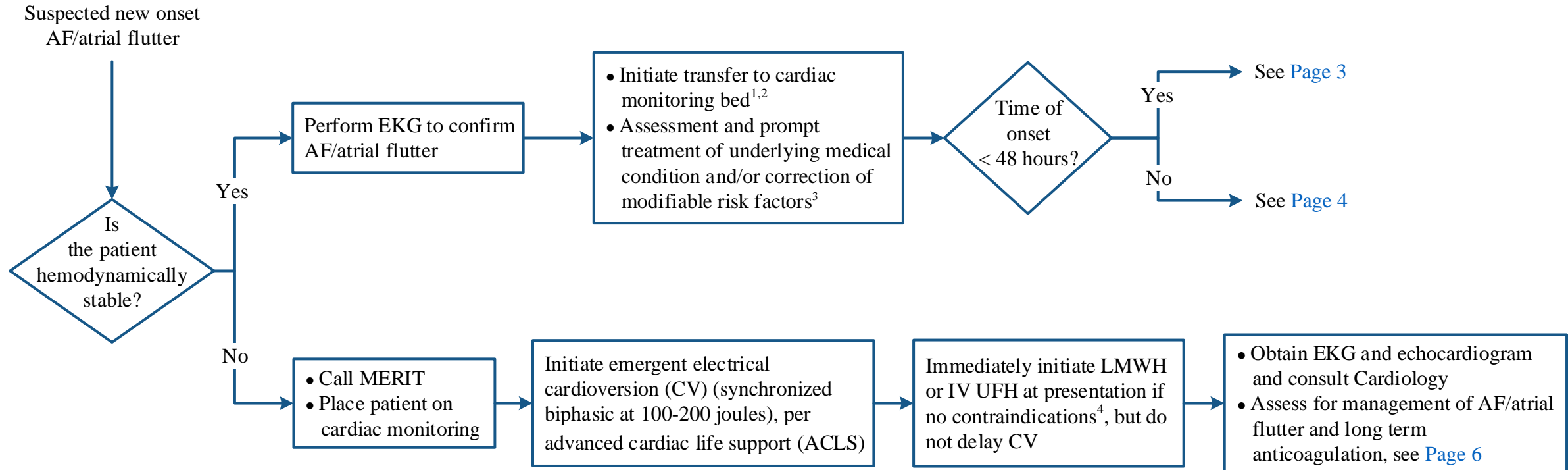
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PATIENT PRESENTATION

ASSESSMENT



LMWH = low molecular weight heparin
 UFH = unfractionated heparin

¹ Refer to Cardiac Monitoring Admission and Discharge Policy (MD Anderson Institutional Policy # CLN0511)
² Transfer to cardiac monitoring may not be necessary for newly-diagnosed, rate controlled asymptomatic patients in the outpatient setting
³ See [Appendix A](#) for Risk Factors for the Development of New-Onset AF/Atrial Flutter
⁴ See [Appendix B](#) for Contraindications to Anticoagulation Therapy

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PRESENTATION

- Hemodynamically stable and
- Onset < 48 hours and
- Ongoing AF/atrial flutter

RISKS

Is
 CHA₂DS₂-VASc¹
 score ≥ 2?

Yes

No

- Pharmacologic² CV
- Anticoagulation with LMWH, IV UFH, or DOAC³ if no contraindications⁴, followed by long term anticoagulation (see [Page 6](#))

- Pharmacologic² CV
- Anticoagulation not recommended

TREATMENT

Termination
 of AF/atrial
 flutter in
 < 48 hours?

Yes

No

Follow up with Cardiology

See [Page 4](#)

FOLLOW-UP

DOAC = direct oral anticoagulant
 LMWH = low molecular weight heparin
 UFH = unfractionated heparin

¹ See [Appendix C](#) for Risk Score for Stroke in patients with AF/Atrial Flutter

² See [Appendix D](#) for Ibutilide Exclusion Criteria

³ See [Appendix E](#) for Anticoagulation Therapy Options for Cancer Patients

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PRESENTATION

ASSESSMENT

TREATMENT

- Hemodynamically stable and
- Onset \geq 48 hours or unknown and
- Ongoing AF/atrial flutter

Consult cardiology if not done previously to assess need for cardioversion (CV)

Need for CV?

Yes

No

- Anticoagulation¹ with LMWH, IV UFH or DOAC if no contraindications² PRIOR to TEE/electrical or pharmacological CV
- For elective outpatient cardioversion, consult Cardiology
- Anticoagulation¹ if no contraindications² for at least 4 weeks after CV and assess for long term anticoagulation (see [Page 6](#))

- For management with rate control, see [Page 5](#)
- Assess for long term anticoagulation, see [Page 6](#)

DOAC = direct oral anticoagulant
 LMWH = low molecular weight heparin
 TEE = transesophageal echocardiogram
 UFH = unfractionated heparin

¹ See [Appendix E](#) for Anticoagulation Therapy Options for Cancer Patients

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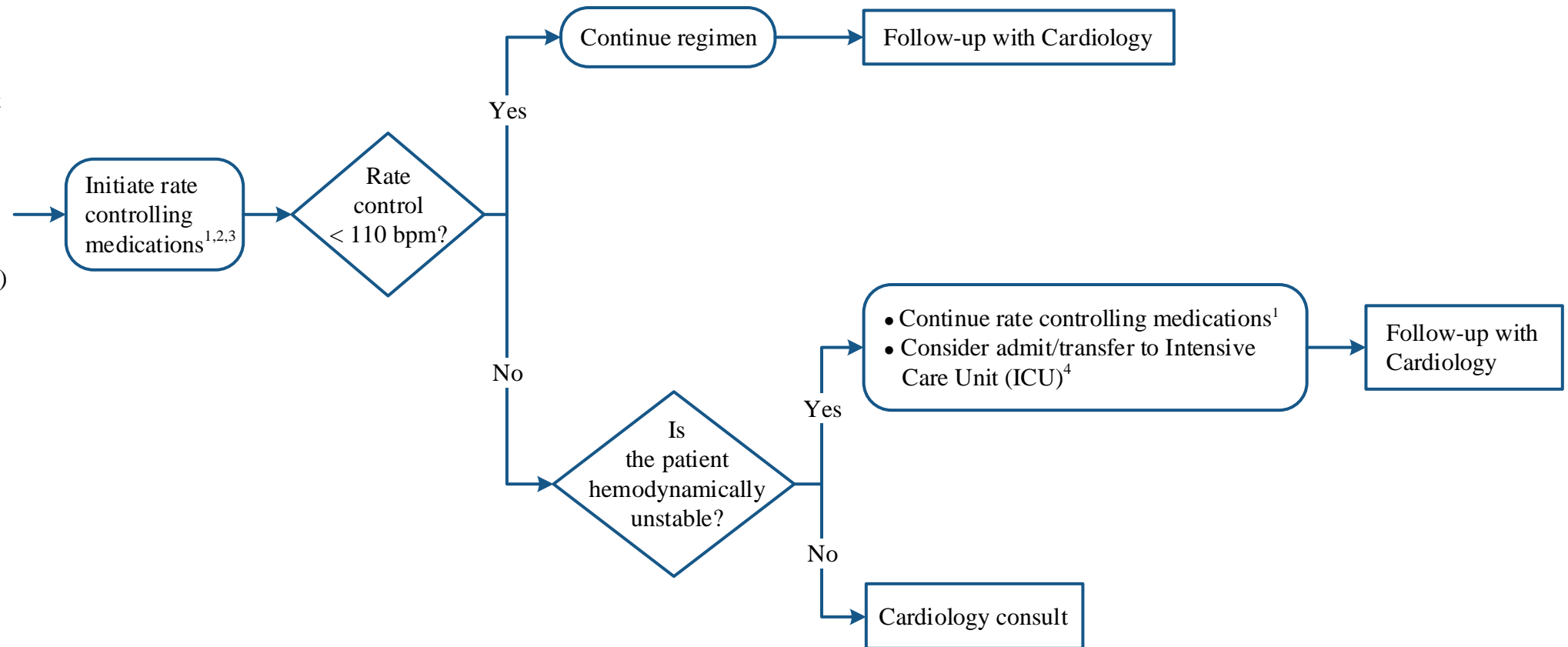
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Rate Control

Factors to consider for treatment include:

- Persistent AF/atrial flutter
- Fewer symptoms
- Age > 65 years
- Hypertension
- No history of heart failure (HF)
- Patient preference
- Refractory to previous anti-arrhythmic drug therapy



¹ Beta blockers, calcium channel blockers, digoxin

² See [Appendix F](#) for Special Considerations Regarding Drug Choice for Rate Control

³ See [Appendix G](#) for Common Medication Dosage for Rate Control of AF/Atrial Flutter

⁴ Criteria for admit/transfer to ICU:

- Progressive hemodynamic instability
- Failure to respond to rate control agents

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LONG TERM MANAGEMENT OF ANTICOAGULATION IN PATIENTS WITH AF/ATRIAL FLUTTER

TREATMENT

CHA₂DS₂-VASc¹
 high risk (score ≥ 2)

- Long term anticoagulation recommended if no contraindications^{2,3}
- Assess bleeding risk
 - For those who are at a high risk of bleeding, attempt to eliminate modifiable risk factors and decision to anticoagulant can be made on a case-by-case basis

CHA₂DS₂-VASc¹
 moderate risk (score of 1)

- Consider long term anticoagulation if no contraindications^{2,3}
- Assess bleeding risk if decision is made to anticoagulate
 - For those who are at a high risk of bleeding, attempt to eliminate modifiable risk factors and decision to anticoagulant can be made on a case-by-case basis

CHA₂DS₂-VASc¹
 low risk (score of 0)

Anticoagulation not recommended

¹ See [Appendix C](#) for Risk Scores for Stroke in Patients with AF/Atrial Flutter

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APPENDIX A: Risk Factors for the Development of New-Onset AF/Atrial Flutter

Patient Factors:

- Acid-base abnormalities
- Advanced age
- Anemia
- Electrolyte abnormalities
- Fluid overload
- Acute coronary syndrome (ACS)
- Hypertension
- Hyperthyroid
- Alcohol use
- Heart failure
- Hypotension
- Hypoxemia
- Male sex
- Obesity
- Recent (within 24-48 hours) thoracic surgery (e.g., esophageal, lung, heart)

APPENDIX B: Contraindications to Anticoagulation Therapy

Absolute contraindications:

- Major active bleeding (bleeding requiring > 2 units PRBC transfusion, decrease in hemoglobin by ≥ 2 g/dL, or bleeding in a critical area or organ)
- Platelets < 25 K/microliter, consult to Benign Hematology
- Spinal procedure and/or epidural placement¹
- Severe uncontrolled malignant hypertension

Relative contraindications:

- Brain metastases with higher risk of bleeding (renal, choriocarcinoma, melanoma, thyroid cancer)
- Intracranial or central nervous system (CNS) bleeding within the past 4 weeks
- Recent high-risk surgery or bleeding event
- Active but non-life threatening bleeding
- Active gastrointestinal (GI) ulceration at high risk of bleeding
- Platelets < 50 K/microliter, consider consult to Benign Hematology
- Patient on active protocol that prohibits use of anticoagulation

¹ Refer to [Peri-Procedure Management of Anticoagulants algorithm](#)

APPENDIX C: Risk Score for Stroke in patients with AF/Atrial Flutter

Stroke or Systemic Embolism:

CHADS₂ VAS_c Score

Condition	Points
C Congestive Heart Failure	1
H Hypertension: blood pressure consistently above 140/90 mmHg (or treated hypertension on medication)	1
A Age greater than or equal to 75 years	2
D Diabetes mellitus	1
S₂ Prior stroke or TIA or thromboembolism	2
V Vascular disease	1
A Age 65-74	1
S_c Sex category (1 point for female)	1

TIA = transient ischemic attack

APPENDIX D: Ibutilide Exclusion Criteria

- Bundle branch block (BBB) (QRS greater than 120 ms)
- Preexisting 2nd/3rd degree atrioventricular block (AVB)
- Prolonged QT (QTc greater than 480) or Brugada
- Potassium less than 3 mEq/liter
- Patient already on an antiarrhythmic
- Pregnancy
- Severe hepatic or renal insufficiency with creatinine clearance (CrCl) less than 35 mL/minute

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APPENDIX E: Anticoagulation Therapy Options for Cancer Patients^{1,2}

LMWH Regimens for Treatment of Cancer Associated Thrombosis			
DRUG	DOSE/ROUTE/FREQUENCY	MONITORING ^{3,4}	DOSE ADJUSTMENTS
Enoxaparin (Lovenox®)	1 mg/kg subcutaneously every 12 hours or 1.5 mg/kg subcutaneously once daily in selected patients • Limited data suggest dose of 0.75-0.85 mg/kg every 12 hours in obese patients (BMI ≥ 40 kg/m ²)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline: Hgb/Hct, platelet count, and aPTT/PT • Therapeutic laboratory tests: Routine monitoring not required. However, antifactor Xa levels may be useful in certain high-risk patients (e.g., obesity, malnutrition, renal insufficiency, and unexplained bleeding or thrombosis) • Surgical inpatient: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hgb/Hct and platelet count 24 hours after starting LMWH, then every 3 days from days 4-14 unless LMWH is stopped or patient is discharged ○ After day 14, Hgb/Hct and platelet count at least once weekly • Medical inpatient and all outpatient: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New start: For medical patients, Hgb/Hct and platelet count at least once weekly. For outpatient, no other monitoring needed except platelet count at least once during the first 14 days of therapy if prior recent (within 30 days) exposure to heparin or LMWH. ○ Maintenance therapy: Hgb/Hct, platelet count, serum creatinine, and hepatic function tests at least once yearly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If CrCl 30-60 mL/minute, serum creatinine every 6 months - If CrCl < 30 mL/minute, serum creatinine every 3 months 	<p><u>Renal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If CrCl < 30 mL/minute: 1 mg/kg once daily <p><u>Weight:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain anti-Xa level in patients with weight < 50 kg or weight > 150 kg or BMI ≥ 40 kg/m² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For 1 mg/kg every 12 hour dosing regimen: adjust dose to obtain anti-Xa level of 0.6-1 IU/mL (4-6 hours after fourth dose) ○ For 1.5 mg/kg once daily dosing regimen: adjust dose to obtain anti-Xa level of 1-2 IU/mL (4-6 hours after fourth dose) <p><u>Platelets:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited data suggest the following dose modification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For platelet count > 50 K/microliter: full dose of 1 mg/kg every 12 hour; alternative dose is 1.5 mg/kg once daily ○ For platelet count between 25-50 K/microliter: half dose of 0.5 mg/kg every 12 hours ○ For platelet count < 25 K/microliter: hold all anticoagulants

CrCl = creatinine clearance (mL/minute)

LMWH = low molecular weight heparin

¹ Prior to anticoagulation therapy, assess for bleeding risk (see [Appendix I](#))

² For bleeding complications refer to Emergency Anticoagulation Reversal Order Set

³ If lab results indicate heparin induced thrombocytopenia, follow management per [Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia \(HIT\) Treatment algorithm](#)

⁴ See the Anticoagulant Management and Required Laboratory Monitoring Policy (MD Anderson Institutional Policy #CLN0984)

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APPENDIX E: Anticoagulation Therapy Options for Cancer Patients^{1,2} - continued

Unfractionated Heparin (UFH)	
TREATMENT	MONITORING ^{3,4}
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV heparin infusion (refer to Adult Heparin Infusion Order Set for dosing) • If fixed dose, unmonitored subcutaneous UFH is chosen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Initial dose: 333 units/kg subcutaneously times one dose, followed by 250 units/kg subcutaneously twice daily in addition to warfarin for at least 5 days until the INR is > 2 for 24 hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline: Hgb/Hct, platelet count, and aPTT/PT • Therapeutic laboratory tests: aPTT to achieve specified target range per protocol for therapeutic doses • Inpatient: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Hgb/Hct and platelet count 24 hours after starting heparin infusion, then every 2 days from days 4-14 unless heparin is stopped ◦ After day 14, Hgb/Hct and platelet count at least once weekly • Outpatient: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ New start: Platelet count at least once during the first 14 days of therapy regardless of prior exposure history ◦ Maintenance therapy: Hgb/Hct and platelet count every 3 months

Warfarin (Selected Vitamin K Antagonist) – For long-term management	
TREATMENT	MONITORING ^{3,4}
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overlap warfarin (2.5-5 mg PO) with induction therapy (LMWH, Factor Xa Inhibitor, or subcutaneous UFH) beginning on Day 1 of therapy • Continue induction therapy until INR ≥ 2 for two days, AND patient has received at least 4-5 days of induction therapy overlap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General INR goal: 2-3 • Mechanical aortic valve, INR goal: 2-3 • Mechanical mitral valve, INR goal: 2.5-3.5 • Baseline: Hgb/Hct, platelet count, PT/INR, and hepatic function tests • Therapeutic laboratory tests: INR to achieve specified target range • Inpatient: Hgb/Hct, platelet count, and INR at least once weekly • Outpatient: INR every 3 months at a minimum; Hgb/Hct, platelet count, serum creatinine, and hepatic function tests at least once year

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Fondaparinux (Arixtra [®]) (Factor Xa Inhibitor) ³ – Fondaparinux dose subcutaneously daily			
ACTUAL BODY WEIGHT (kg)	FONDAPARINUX DOSE	MONITORING ^{3,4}	DOSE ADJUSTMENTS
< 50 50 – 100 > 100	5 mg 7.5 mg 10 mg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline: Hgb/Hct, platelet count, aPTT/PT, and serum creatinine • Therapeutic laboratory tests: Routine monitoring not required. However, antifactor Xa levels may be useful in certain high-risk patients (<i>e.g.</i>, obesity, malnutrition, renal insufficiency, and unexplained bleeding or thrombosis) • Inpatient: Hgb/Hct, platelet count, and serum creatinine at least once weekly • Outpatient: Hgb/Hct, platelet count, serum creatinine, and hepatic function tests at least once yearly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ If CrCl 30-60 mL/minute, serum creatinine every 6 months ◦ If CrCl < 30 mL/minute, serum creatinine every 3 months 	<p><u>Renal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If CrCl is between 30-50 mL/minute: use with caution • If CrCl is < 30 mL/minute: contraindicated <p><u>Weight:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For BMI ≥ 40 kg/m²: no dose adjustment necessary <p><u>Platelets:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use fondaparinux with caution in patients with platelets < 100 K/microliter

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Direct Oral Anticoagulants (DOACs)^{1,2} are suggested for prevention of thromboembolism in patients with atrial fibrillation. There is no evidence available with DOACs management in cancer patients who experience chemotherapy induced thrombocytopenia. DOACs are not recommended in patients with active gastrointestinal cancer.

DOACs ^{1,2}	Rivaroxaban (Xarelto®) Oral Factor Xa Inhibitor		Apixaban (Eliquis®) Oral Factor Xa Inhibitor	
Non-valvular atrial fibrillation (NVAf) <i>Not for any heart valve</i>	CrCl > 50 mL/minute	20 mg once daily with food in evening	Age ≥ 80 years Weight ≤ 60 kg SCr ≥ 1.5 mg/dL	0-1 criterion: 5 mg twice daily 2-3 criteria: 2.5 mg twice daily
			ESRD on HD	5 mg twice daily If age ≥ 80 years or body weight ≤ 60 kg then 2.5 mg twice daily
	CrCl ≤ 50 mL/minute	15 mg once daily with food in evening	Strong CYP 3A4 inhibitors (ketoconazole, itraconazole, ritonavir, clarithromycin) and P-gp inhibitors	Decrease current dose by 50% [If on 2.5 mg twice daily then AVOID]
Use in liver disease	CTP ³ class B or C: NOT recommended		Use in CTP ³ class C not recommended and there is limited experience for use in class B	
Significant drug-drug interactions⁴	P-glycoprotein and CYP 3A4 interactions			
Class specific contraindications	Moderate to severe mitral stenosis or mechanical heart valve			
Monitoring parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline: Hgb/Hct, platelet count, aPTT/PT, SCr, and hepatic function tests Therapeutic laboratory tests: Routine monitoring not required. However, antifactor Xa levels may be useful in certain high-risk patients (e.g., obesity, malnutrition, renal insufficiency, and unexplained bleeding or thrombosis). Antifactor Xa levels are only available for apixaban and rivaroxaban currently. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inpatient: Hgb/Hct, platelet count, and serum creatinine at least once weekly Outpatient: Hgb/Hct, platelet count, serum creatinine, and hepatic function tests at least once yearly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If CrCl 30-60 mL/minute, serum creatinine every 6 months If CrCl < 30 mL/minute, serum creatinine every 3 months 	

CTP = Child-Turcotte-Pugh score; ESRD = end stage renal disease; HD = hemodialysis; SCr = serum creatinine

¹ Prior to anticoagulation therapy, assess for bleeding risk (see [Appendix I](#))

² For bleeding complications refer to Emergency Anticoagulation Reversal Order Set

³ See [Appendix J](#) for Child-Turcotte-Pugh (CTP) Scoring System

⁴ Assessing for drug-drug interactions: Lexicomp® or Micromedex®, available at insidemdanderson.org (for internal use only)

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DOACs ^{1,2}	Edoxaban (Savaysa [®]) ³ Oral Factor Xa Inhibitor		Dabigatran (Pradaxa [®]) Direct Thrombin Inhibitor	
Non-valvular atrial fibrillation (NVAf) <i>Not for any heart valve</i>	CrCl > 95 mL/minute MUST assess CrCl before initiating	Avoid use	CrCl > 30 mL/minute	150 mg twice daily
	CrCl > 50 mL/minute to ≤ 95 mL/minute	60 mg daily	CrCl 15-30 mL/minute	75 mg twice daily
			CrCl < 15 mL/minute or HD	No recommendations
	CrCl 30-50 mL/minute and dronaderone or ketoconazole		75 mg twice daily	
CrCl 15-50 mL/minute	30 mg daily	CrCl < 30 mL/minute and P-glycoprotein inhibitor (Pgp-I)	Avoid use	
CrCl < 15 mL/minute	Avoid use	Any P-glycoprotein inducer	Avoid use	
Use in liver disease	CTP ⁴ class B or C: NOT recommended		No recommendations by manufacturer	
Class specific contraindications	Moderate to severe mitral stenosis or mechanical heart valve			
Significant drug-drug interactions⁵	P-glycoprotein and CYP 3A4 interactions		P-glycoprotein interactions	
Monitoring parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline: Hgb/Hct, platelet count, aPTT/PT, SCr, and hepatic function tests • Therapeutic laboratory tests: Routine monitoring not required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Edoxaban: Antifactor Xa levels may be useful in certain high-risk patients (<i>e.g.</i>, obesity, malnutrition, renal insufficiency, and unexplained bleeding or thrombosis) ◦ Dabigatran: Thrombin time (TT) may be useful in certain high-risk patients (<i>e.g.</i>, obesity, malnutrition, renal insufficiency, and unexplained bleeding or thrombosis) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inpatient: Hgb/Hct, platelet count, and serum creatinine at least once weekly • Outpatient: Hgb/Hct, platelet count, serum creatinine, and hepatic function tests at least once yearly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ If CrCl 30-60 mL/minute, serum creatinine every 6 months ◦ If CrCl < 30 mL/minute, serum creatinine every 3 months 	

¹ Prior to anticoagulation therapy, assess for bleeding risk (see [Appendix I](#))

² For bleeding complications refer to Emergency Anticoagulation Reversal Order Set

³ Edoxaban is currently not on the MD Anderson formulary

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APPENDIX F: Special Considerations Regarding Drug Choice¹ for Rate Control

Clinical Condition	Drug of Choice ¹	Caution
Reactive airway disease (asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)	Calcium channel blockers	Beta ₁ selective beta blockers may be used with caution
Hypertension and HF with normal left ventricular systolic function	Beta blockers or calcium channel blockers	
Left ventricular systolic dysfunction with or without HF	Beta blockers or digoxin	Beta blockers should be used with caution as not to decompensate. Calcium channel blockers are contraindicated.
No other cardiovascular disease	Beta blockers or calcium channel blockers	

APPENDIX G: Common Medication Dosage for Rate Control of AF/Atrial Flutter^{2,3}

	Intravenous Administration	Usual Oral Maintenance Dose
Beta Blockers		
Metoprolol tartrate	2.5-5 mg IV bolus over 2 minutes; up to 3 doses	25-100 mg twice daily
Metoprolol succinate (XL)	N/A	50-400 mg once daily
Atenolol	N/A	25-100 mg once daily
Esmolol	500 mcg/kg IV bolus over 1 minute, then 50-300 mcg/kg/minute IV	N/A
Propranolol	1 mg IV over 1 minute, up to 3 doses at 2-minute intervals	10-40 mg three to four times a day
Nadolol	N/A	10-240 mg four times a day
Carvedilol	N/A	3.125-25 mg twice daily
Bisoprolol	N/A	2.5-10 mg once daily
Nondihydropyridine Calcium Channel Blockers		
Verapamil	0.075-0.15 mg/kg IV bolus over 2 minutes; may give an additional 10 mg after 30 minutes if no response, then 0.005 mg/kg/minute infusion	180-480 mg once daily (extended release)
Diltiazem	0.25 mg/kg IV bolus over 2 minutes, then 5-15 mg/hour	120-360 mg once daily (extended release)
Digitalis Glycosides		
Digoxin	0.25 mg IV with repeat dosing to a maximum of 1.5 mg over 24 hours	0.125-0.25 mg once daily

¹ Obtain EKG for baseline pre-excitation

² Refer to Adult Cardiac Medication Monitoring Guidelines Policy (MD Anderson Institutional Policy # CLN0500)

³ Not to be used if evidence of pre-excitation on EKG

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APPENDIX H: Anticoagulation Recommendations for Patients on OAC for AF/Atrial Flutter needing PCI

Thrombosis Risk ¹	Bleeding Risk	OAC plus clopidogrel plus aspirin ^{2,3}	OAC plus clopidogrel	OAC only
In AF/atrial flutter patients requiring OAC undergoing elective PCI/stenting				
High	Low (HAS-BLED 0-2)	1-3 months	Until 12 months	Long term
High	High (HAS-BLED ≥ 3)	1 month	Until 6 months	Long term
Low	High (HAS-BLED ≥ 3)	None	Until 6 months	Long term
In AF/atrial flutter patients requiring OAC presenting with an ACS, undergoing PCI/stenting				
High	Low (HAS-BLED 0-2)	6 months	Until 12 months	Long term
High	High (HAS-BLED ≥ 3)	1-3 months	Until 12 months	Long term
Low	High (HAS-BLED ≥ 3)	None	Until 6-9 months	Long term

ACS = acute coronary syndrome

OAC = oral anticoagulant

PCI = percutaneous coronary intervention

¹ High thrombotic risk may include patients with left main stent, multivessel PCI/stenting, etc

² If a DOAC is chosen as the OAC do not use triple therapy. Doses should be based on those in [Appendix E](#) with the exception of rivaroxaban which should be used at a dose of 15 mg daily in combination with clopidogrel

³ If aspirin is given with OAC, use aspirin 81 mg daily plus a proton pump inhibitor

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APPENDIX I: Risk Score for Bleeding in patients with AF/Atrial Flutter¹

Bleeding:		
HAS-BLED Score		
Condition		Points
H Hypertension		1
A Abnormal liver or renal function (1 point each)		1
S Stroke		1
B Bleeding		1
L Labile INR		1
E Elderly (age greater than 65)		1
D Drugs or alcohol (1 point each)		1

High risk: ≥ 3

¹ If patient has high risk of bleeding on full dose anticoagulation, consider aspirin 81 mg for anticoagulation

APPENDIX J: Child-Turcotte-Pugh (CTP) Scoring System

Chemical and Biochemical Parameters	Points for Increasing Abnormality		
	1	2	3
Hepatic encephalopathy	None	Grade 1 or 2, or suppressed with medication	Grade 3 or 4, or refractory to medication
Ascites	None	Mild to moderate (diuretic responsive)	Severe (diuretic refractory)
Serum albumin	> 3.5 g/dL	2.8-3.5 g/dL	< 2.8 g/dL
Total bilirubin For primary biliary cirrhosis	< 2 mg/dL 1-4 mg/dL	2-3 mg/dL 4-10 mg/dL	> 3 mg/dL > 10 mg/dL
Prothrombin time prolonged or INR	< 4 seconds < 1.7	4-6 seconds 1.7-2.3	> 6 seconds > 2.3

*CTP score is obtained by adding the score for each parameter.

CTP class:

Class A = 5 to 6 points

Class B = 7 to 9 points

Class C = 10 to 15 points

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