



# Treatment of Venous Thromboembolism in Patients with Cancer

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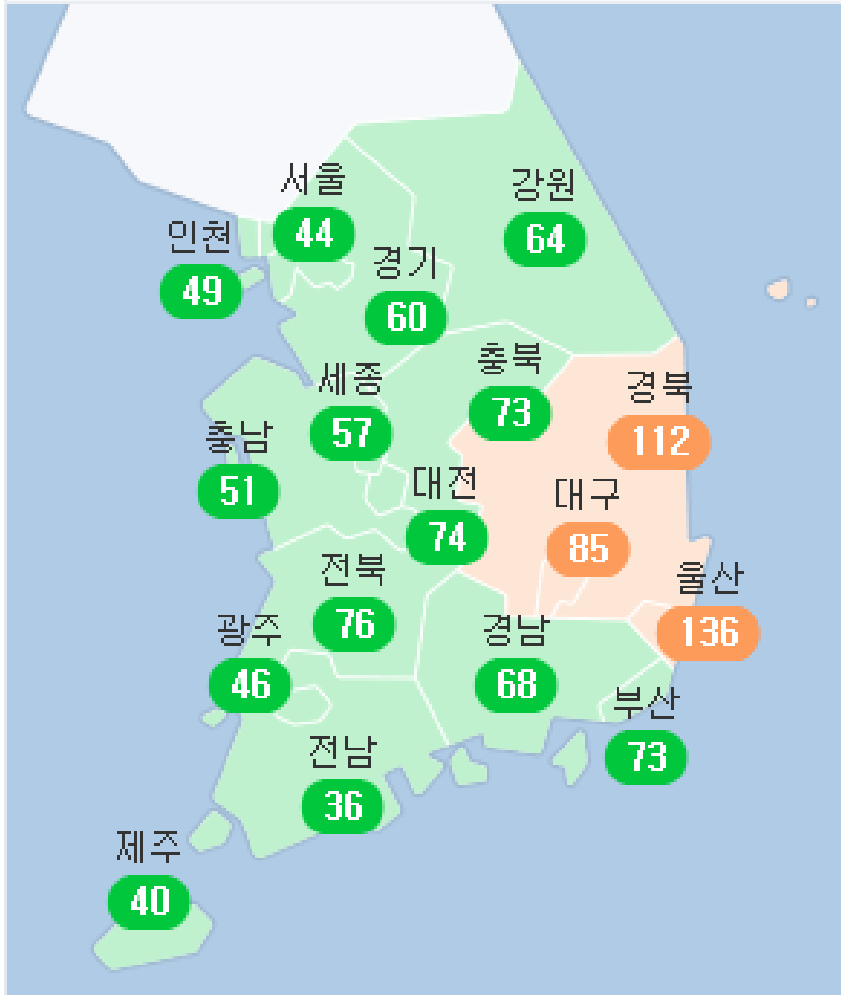
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# VTE and Cancer

- VTE: Deep vein thrombosis + Pulmonary embolism

Up to 6-fold risk of VTE

**Cancer**



**VTE**

- **Of all patients who present with VTE, about 20% of them already have cancer**
- **5-10% of patients presenting with idiopathic VTE will be diagnosed with cancer within next 12-24 months**



# VTE and Cancer

- **Cancer increases risk of VTE by 4- to 6-fold.**
  - Hypercoagulable state by cancer itself
  - Systemic chemotherapy (cisplatin, anthracycline, lenalidomide, bevacizumab)
  - Hormone therapy
  - Supportive care (erythropoietin stimulating factor)
  - Decreased performance → decreased ambulation



# Risk assessment model of VTE in ambulatory cancer patients

Patient Characteristics		Risk score
Site of primary cancer		
- Very high risk (stomach, pancreas)		2
- High risk (Lung, Lymphoma, Gynecologic, bladder, testicular)		1
Prechemotherapy PLT >350x10 <sup>9</sup> /l		1
Hb <10g/L or Erythropoiesis-stimulating agent		1
Prechemotherapy WBC >11x10 <sup>9</sup> /l		1
BMI ≥ 35kg/m <sup>2</sup>		1
Total score	Risk category	Risk of symptomatic VTE
0	Low	0.3-0.8%
1,2	Intermediate	1.3%-2.0%
3 or higher	High	6.7-7.1%



# VTE and Cancer

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**VTE**

Worse outcomes

- Delay or discontinuation of chemotherapy
- Increased hospitalizations (mean duration 11 days)
- Need for  $\geq$  3-6 months of anticoagulation



# Risk factors for bleeding with anticoagulation therapy in VTE

Age > 65 y	Cancer	Anti-platelet therapy
Age >75y	Metastatic cancer	Poor anticoagulant control
Previous bleeding	Renal failure	Recent surgery
Comorbidity and reduced functional capacity	Thrombocytopenia	Frequent falls
Previous stroke	Anemia	Alcohol abuse
Diabetes		

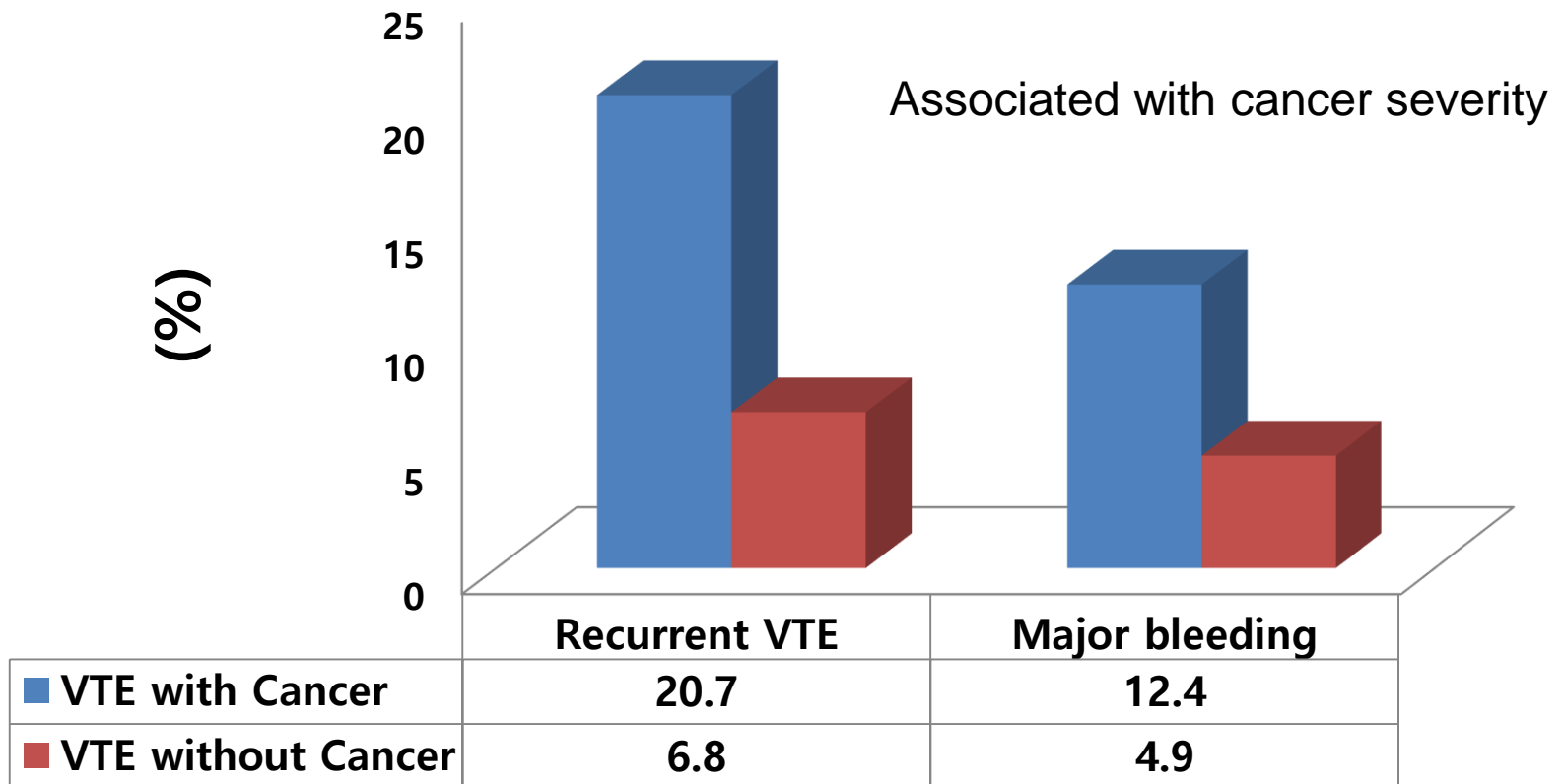
**0 risk factor : low risk**  
**1 risk factor- moderate risk**  
**2 risk factors: High risk**



# Recurrent VTE and bleeding in Cancer Pts during treatment

Threefold higher risk of recurrent VTE and major bleeding

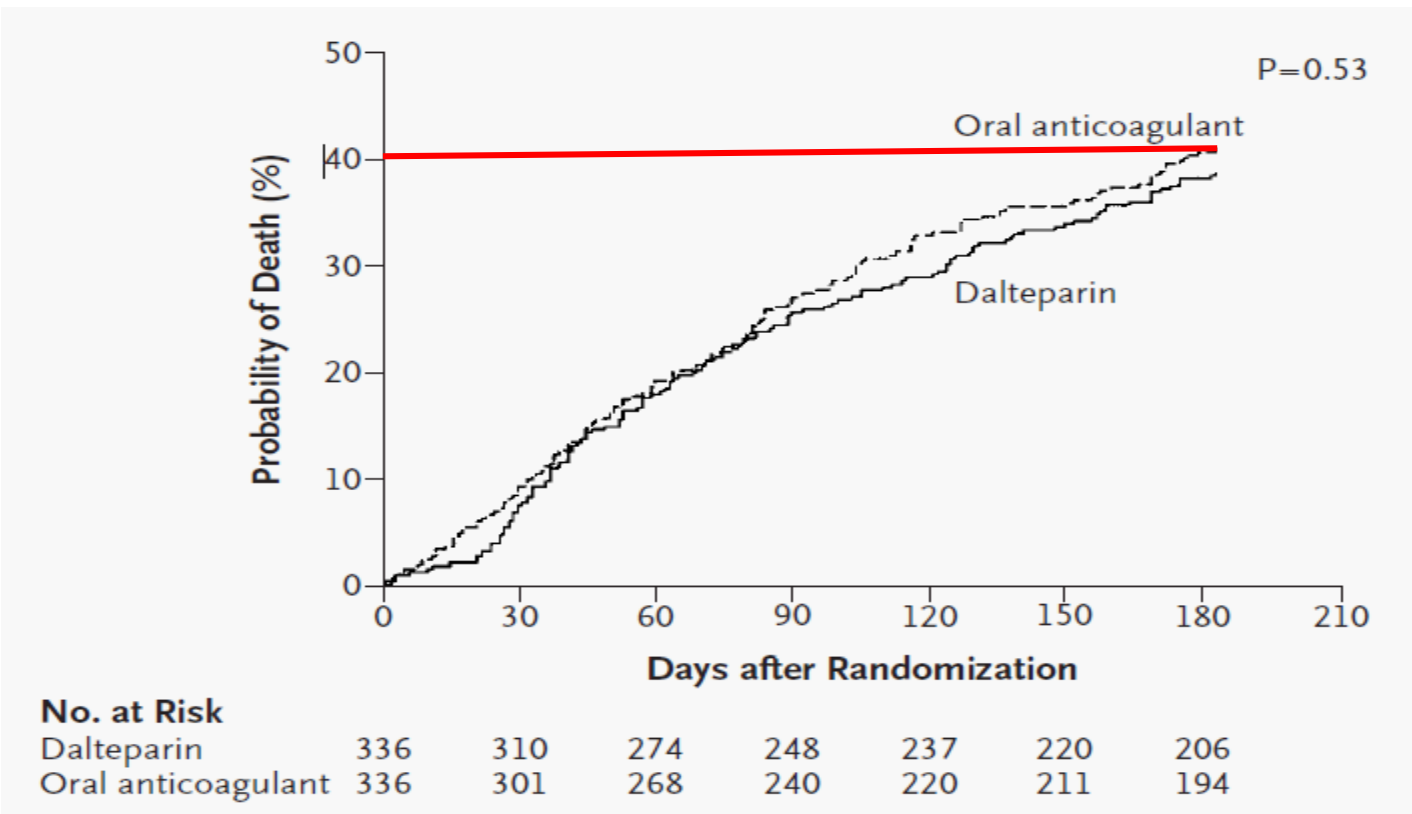
during 3-6 months of Tx





# Mortality in VTE and cancer

6 month mortality in patients with VTE and cancer : 40%





# VTE & Cancer

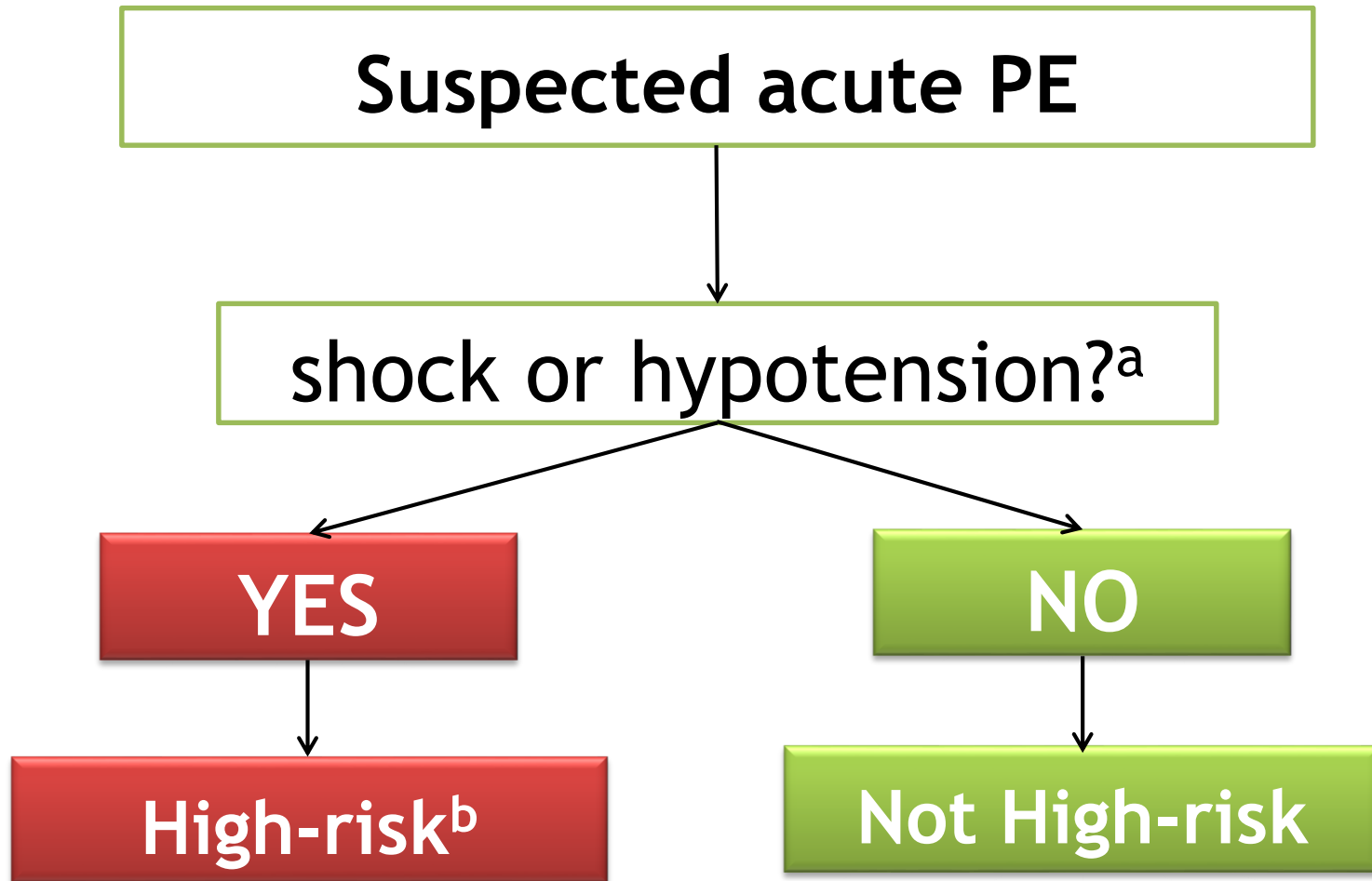
Initial Treatment

Extended Treatment

Unsuspected PE



# Initial risk stratification of acute PE



<sup>a</sup>Defined as SBP <90mmHg, or a SPB drop by  $\geq 40$ mmHg, for > 15 mins

<sup>b</sup>Based on the estimated PE-related in-hospital or 30-day mortality

# Suspected PE with shock or hypotension

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CT angiography immediately available

No<sup>a</sup>

Yes

Echocardiography

RV overload<sup>b</sup>

No

Yes

CT angiography available  
and  
patient stabilized

CT angiography

positive

negative

No other test available<sup>b</sup>  
or patient unstable

Search for other causes  
of haemodynamic instability

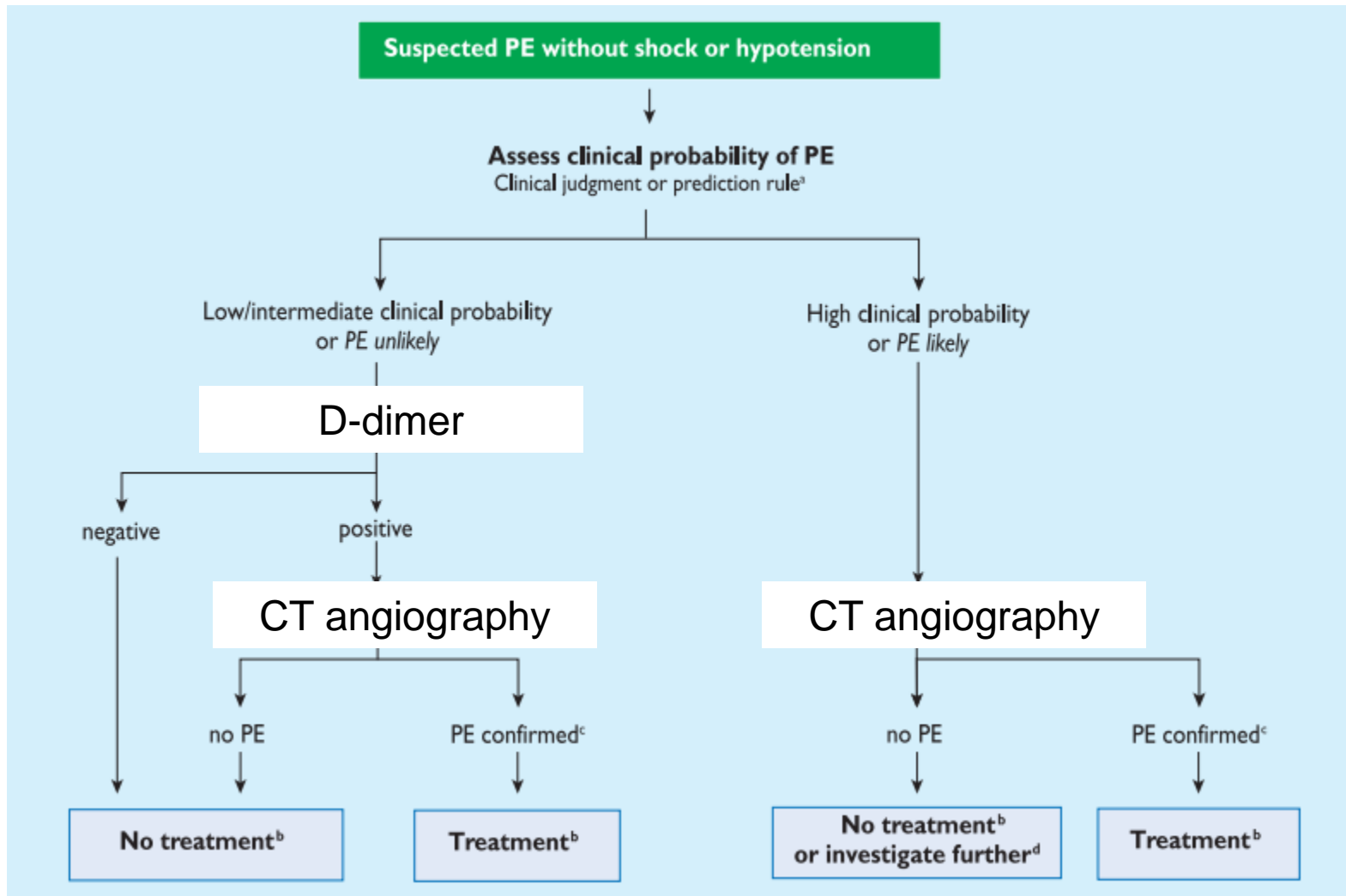
- Systemic thrombolysis
- Surgical embolectomy
- Percutaneous catheter directed treatment

Search for other causes  
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# Suspected PE without shock or hypotension





# Contraindications for Tx in patients with cancer and VTE

## Absolute contraindications

- Active major, serious, or potentially life-threatening bleeding not reversible with medical or surgical intervention, including but not limited to any active bleeding in a critical site (ie, intracranial, pericardial, retroperitoneal, intraocular, intra-articular, intraspinal)
- Severe, uncontrolled malignant hypertension
- Severe, uncompensated coagulopathy (eg, liver failure)
- Severe platelet dysfunction or inherited bleeding disorder
- Persistent, severe thrombocytopenia ( $< 20,000/\mu\text{L}$ )
- Surgery or invasive procedure, including but not limited to lumbar puncture, spinal anesthesia, and epidural catheter placement

## Patients for whom anticoagulation is of uncertain benefit

- Patient receiving end-of-life/hospice care
- Very limited life expectancy with no palliative or symptom reduction benefit
- Asymptomatic thrombosis with concomitant high risk of serious bleeding

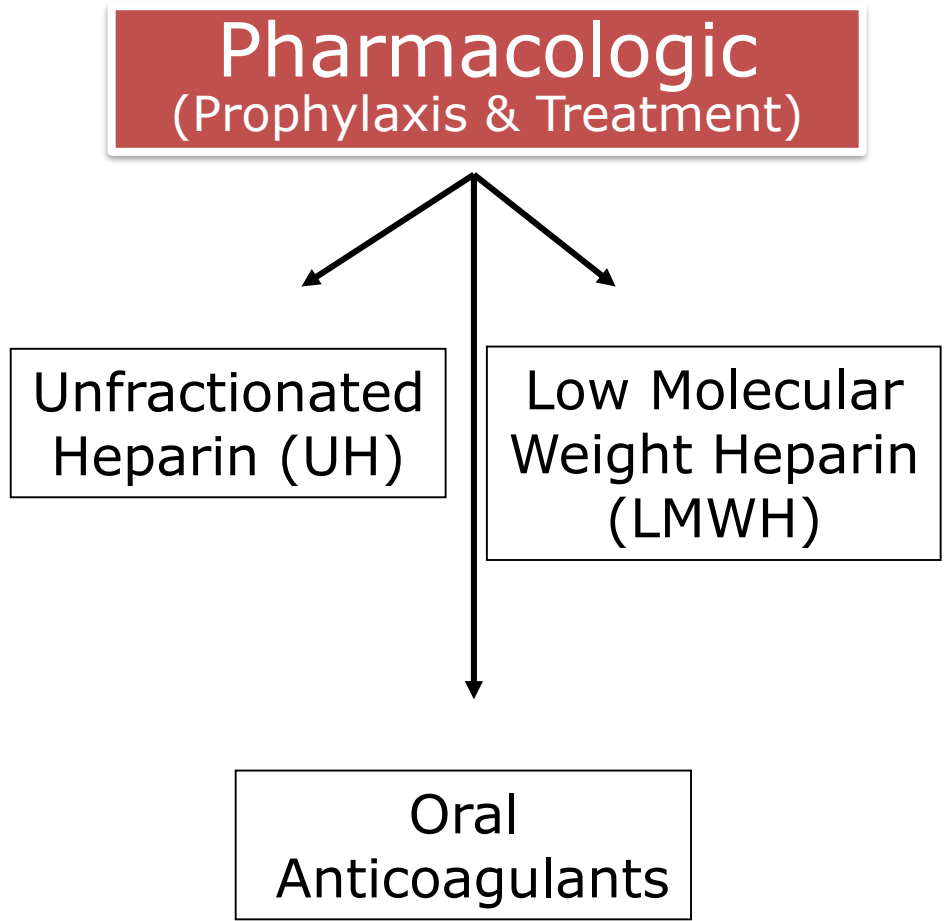
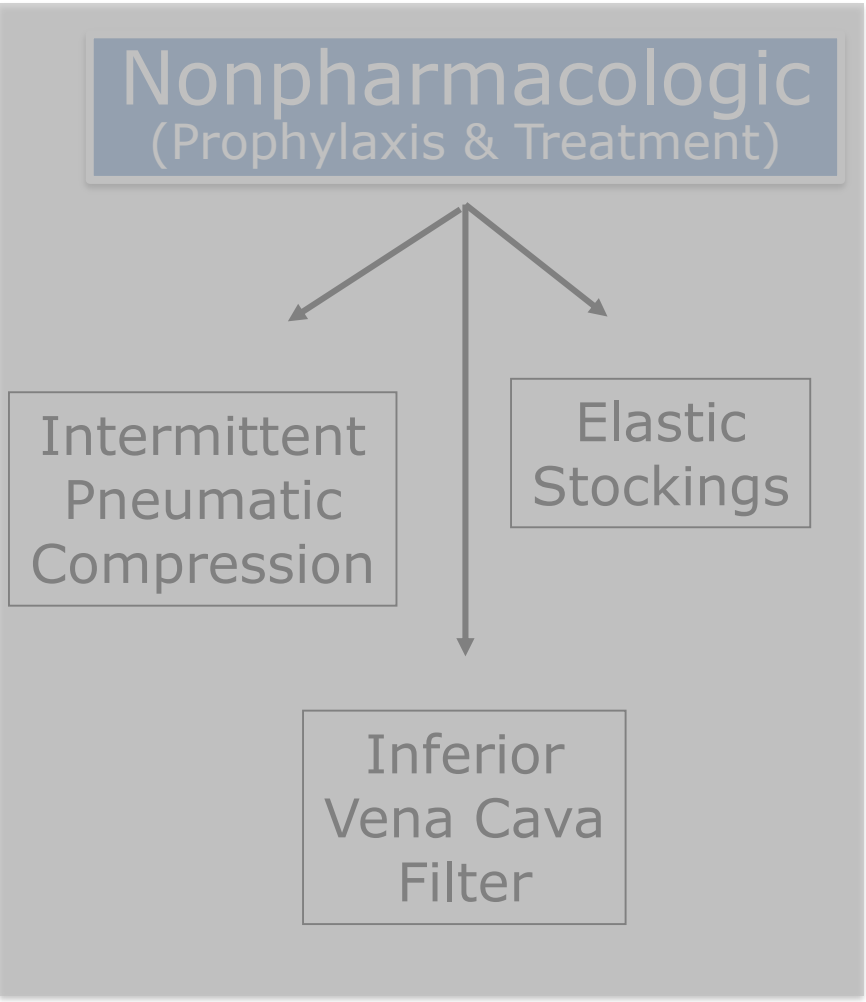


# IVC filter

- Indication
  - Absolute contraindication to anticoagulation (eg, active bleeding)
  - Recurrent PE despite adequate anticoagulant therapy
  - Complication of anticoagulation (eg, severe bleeding)
  - Severe enough PE that another PE may be lethal
- Outcome
  - Reduced PE incidence but increased DVT incidence
  - No gain of mortality
- If temporary Ctx, implant retrievable filter and removal within retrieval window

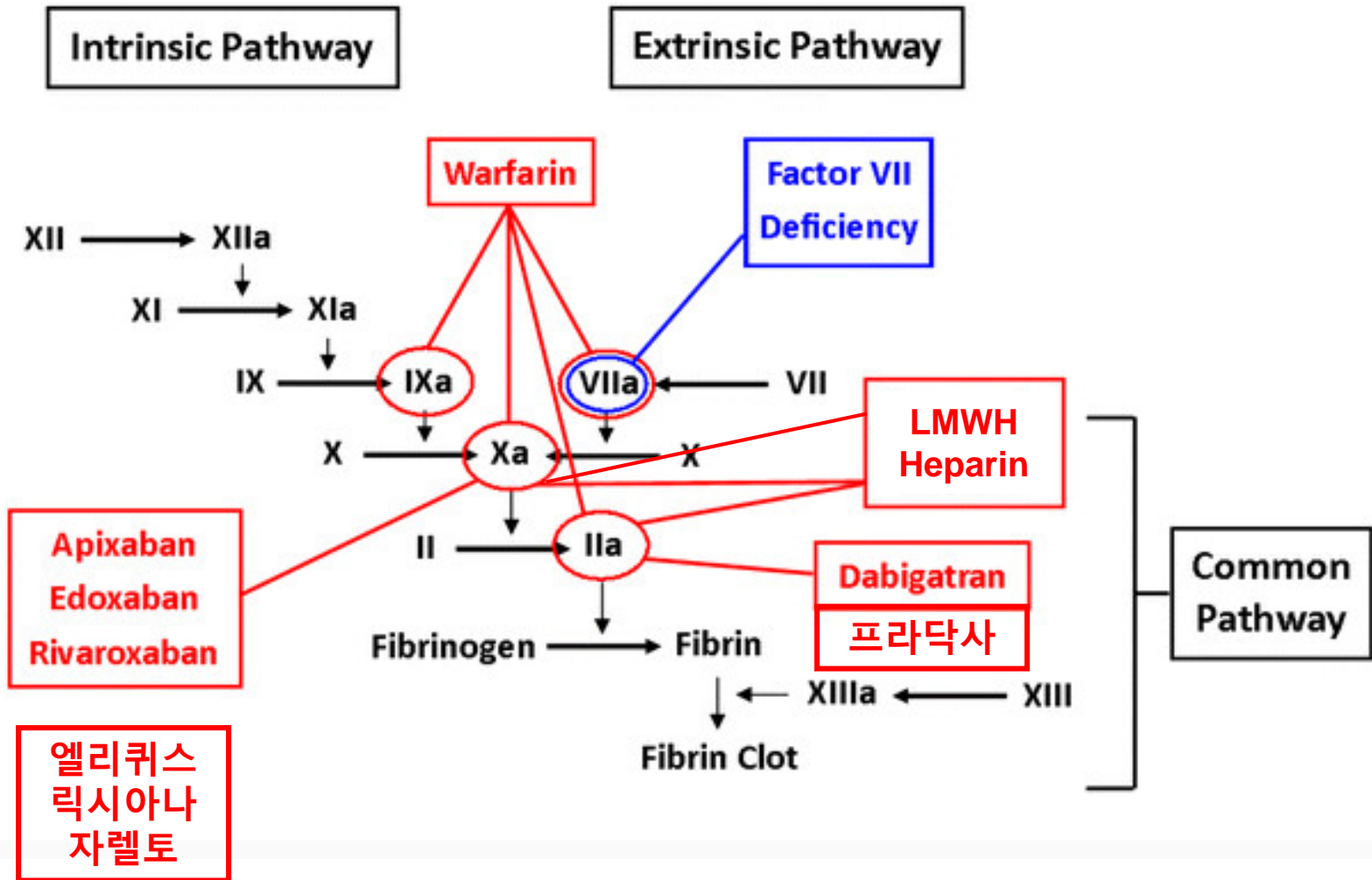


# VTE treatment on cancer





# Mechanism of action



# 용량

Drug by Class	Treatment Dosage	Pharmacokinetics		Pharmacokinetic Drug Interactions
		Half-Life	Renal Clearance, %	
Direct factor Xa inhibitors				All drugs in this class have increased levels with strong inhibitors of CYP3A4 and P-Gp and decreased levels with inducers of CYP3A4 and P-Gp
Rivaroxaban	15 mg orally, twice daily for 3 wk, then 20 mg orally every 24 h	7-11 h	33 <sup>a</sup>	
Apixaban	10 mg orally, twice daily for 10 d, then 5 mg twice daily	8-12 h	25 <sup>a</sup>	
Edoxaban	60 mg orally every 24 h after 7 to 10 d of low-molecular-weight heparin	6-11 h	35 <sup>a</sup>	
Direct factor IIa inhibitors				Increased levels with strong inhibitors of P-Gp and amiodarone; decreased levels with inducers of P-Gp
Dabigatran	150 mg orally, twice daily after 7 to 10 d of low-molecular-weight heparin	14-17 h	80 <sup>a</sup>	
Indirect factor Xa inhibitors				None
Fondaparinux	Weight <50 kg: 5 mg subcutaneously every 24 h Weight 50-100 kg: 7.5 mg subcutaneously every 24 h Weight >100 kg: 10 mg subcutaneously every 24 h	17-21 h	100	
Low-molecular-weight heparins				None
Dalteparin	200 IU/kg subcutaneously every 24 h or 100 IU/kg twice daily	3-4 h	Approximately 80	
Enoxaparin	1 mg/kg subcutaneously twice daily or 1.5 mg/kg subcutaneously every 24 h	3-4 h	Approximately 80	



# VTE & Cancer

**Initial Treatment**

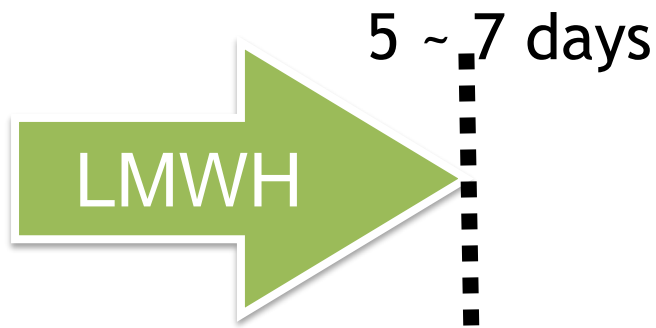
**Extended Treatment**

**Unsuspected PE**



# Conventional Treatment of VTE

Initial treatment

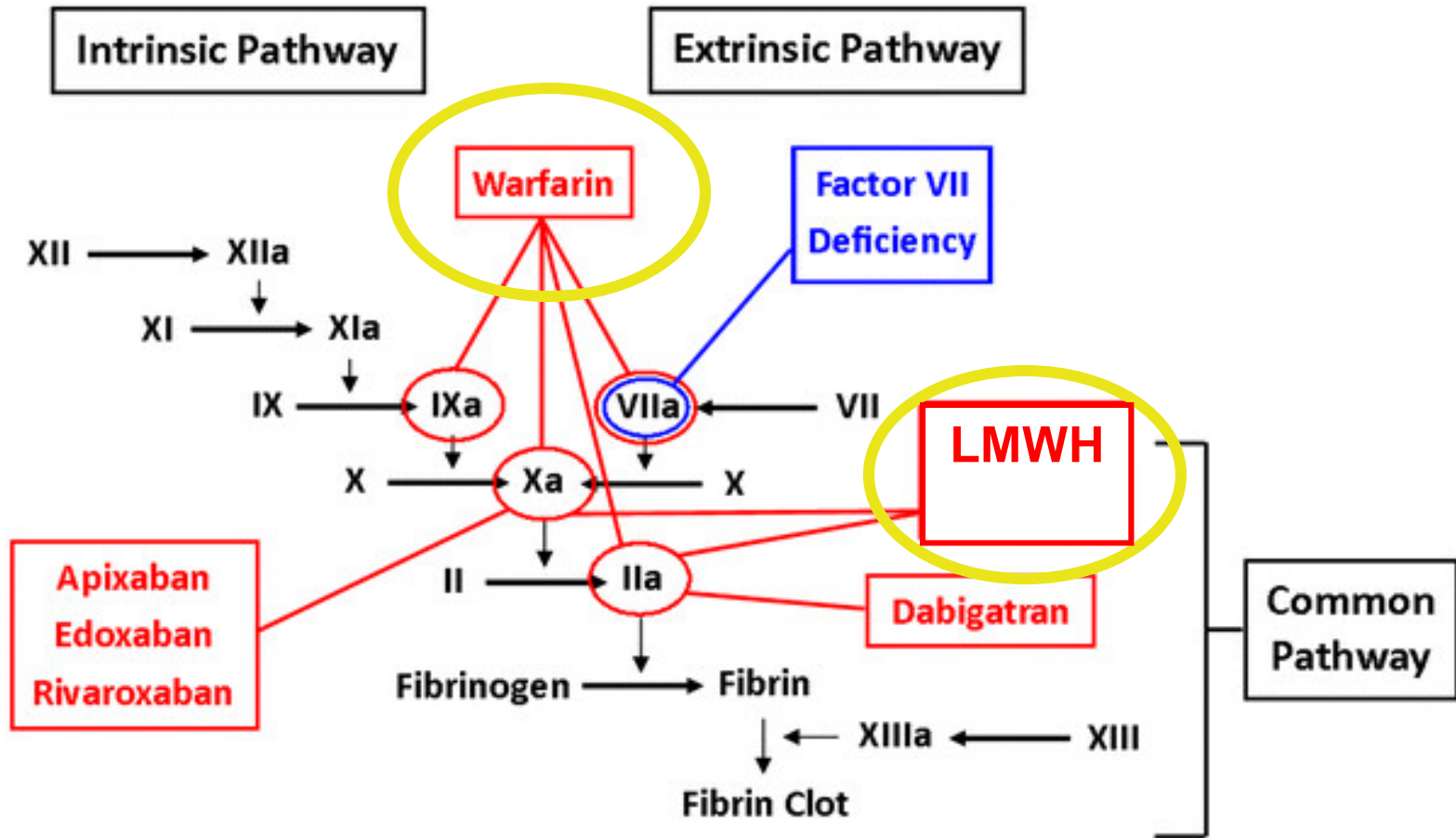


Long-term therapy



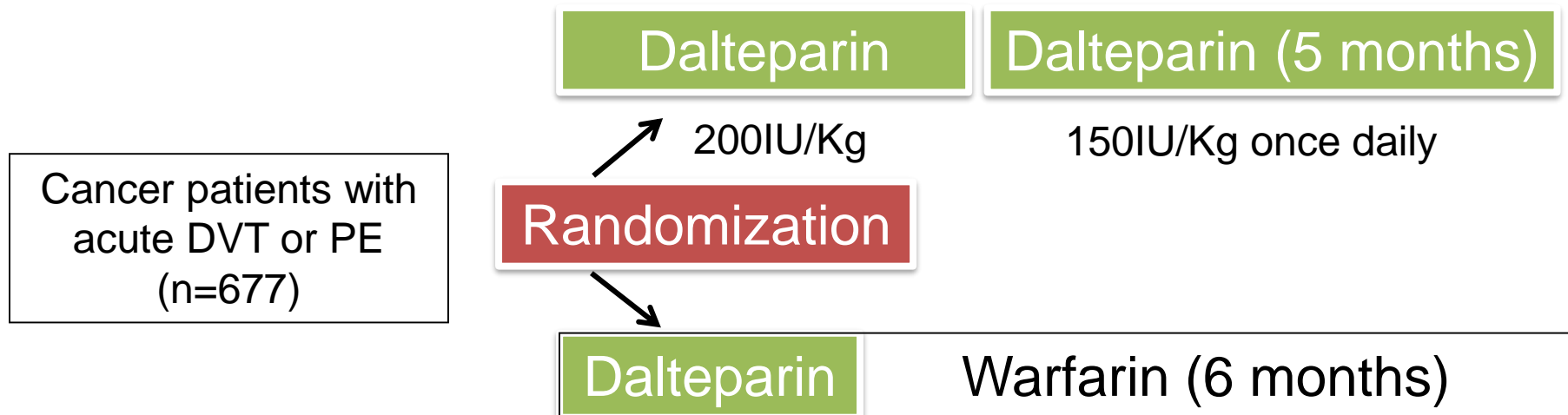


# Mechanism of action



# Low-Molecular-Weight Heparin versus a Coumarin for the Prevention of Recurrent Venous Thromboembolism in Patients with Cancer

CLOT study



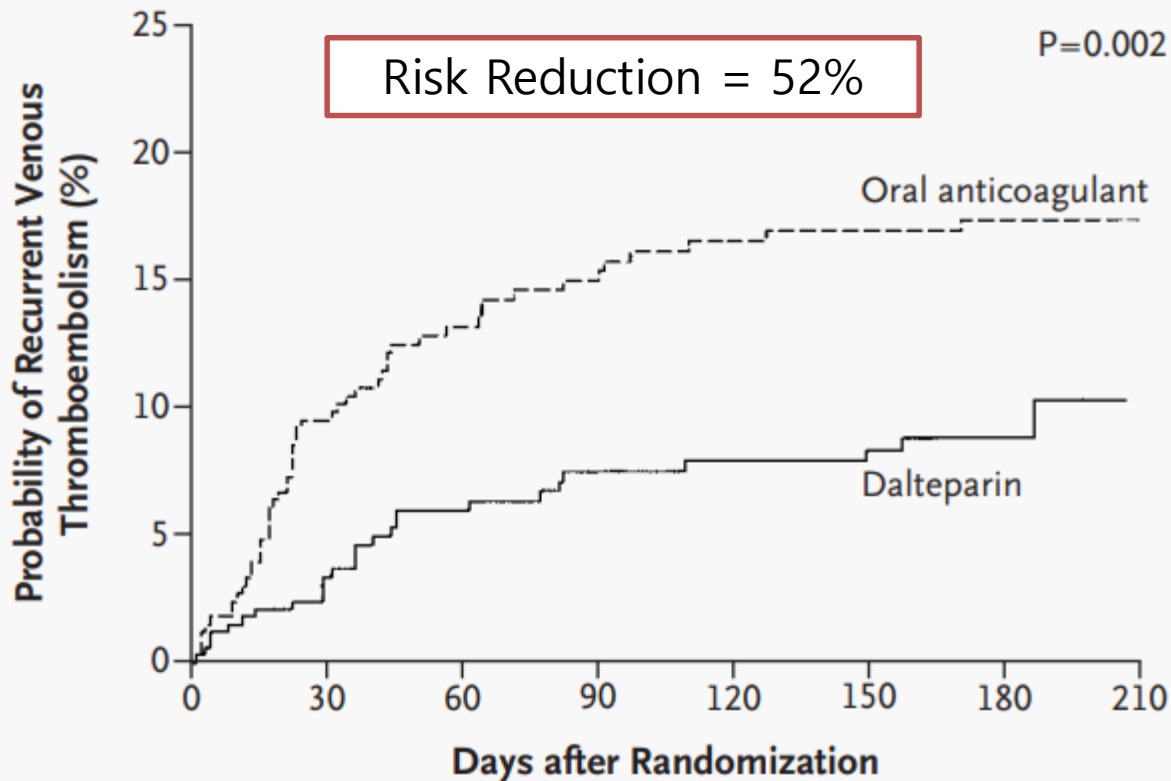
**Primary Endpoints** : Recurrent VTE and Bleeding

**Secondary Endpoint** : Survival



# Dalteparin over warfarin

No difference of major bleeding (6% vs. 4%), any bleeding (14% vs. 19%, Dal vs. War )



n=53/336  
15.8%

n=27/336  
8.0%

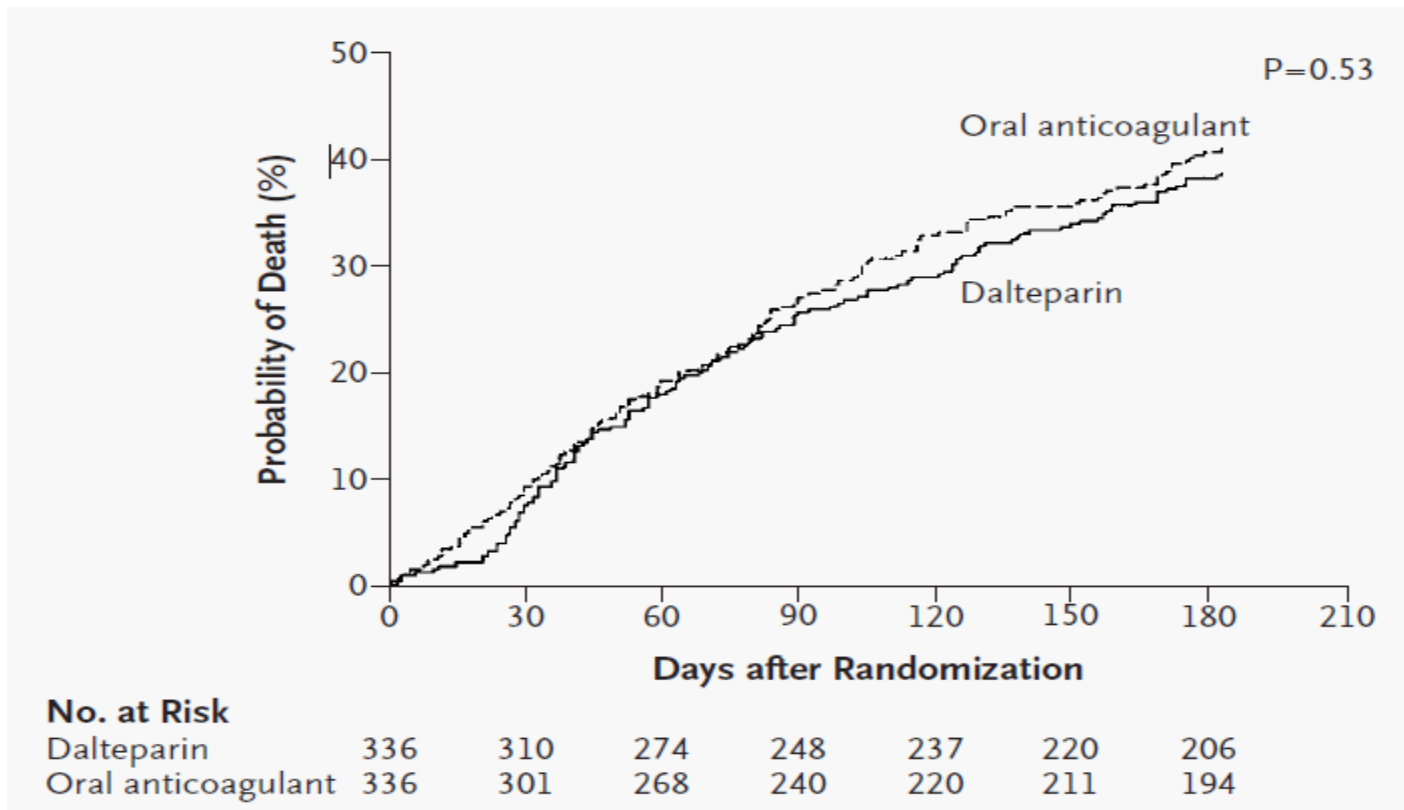
**No. at Risk**

Dalteparin	336	301	264	235	227	210	164
Oral anticoagulant	336	280	242	221	200	194	154



# Mortality in VTE and cancer

**6 month mortality : no difference, 39% vs. 41%**





# Dalteparin >> Warfarin

- **D > W**

-VTE control

- **D = W**

-Less Bleeding episodes

- **D > W**

-No delay of invasive procedure

- **D > W**

-Convenient monitoring

- **D > W**

-Low interaction c chemo-drug

- **D > W**

-Independent of GI problem

- **W > D**

-Renal damaged pts

- **W > D**

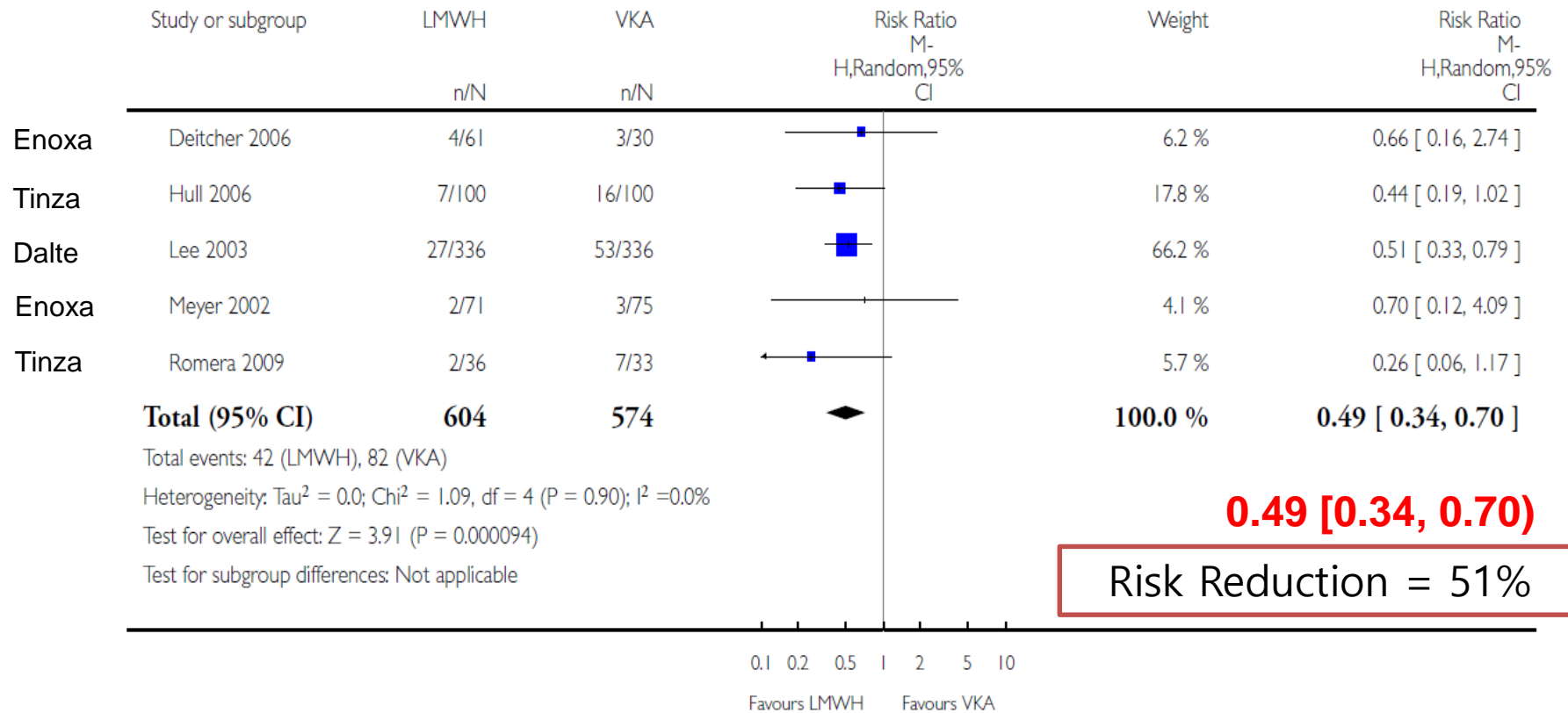
-Extreme weights

- **W > D**

-Convenient administration



# LMWH >> Warfarin Recurrent VTE



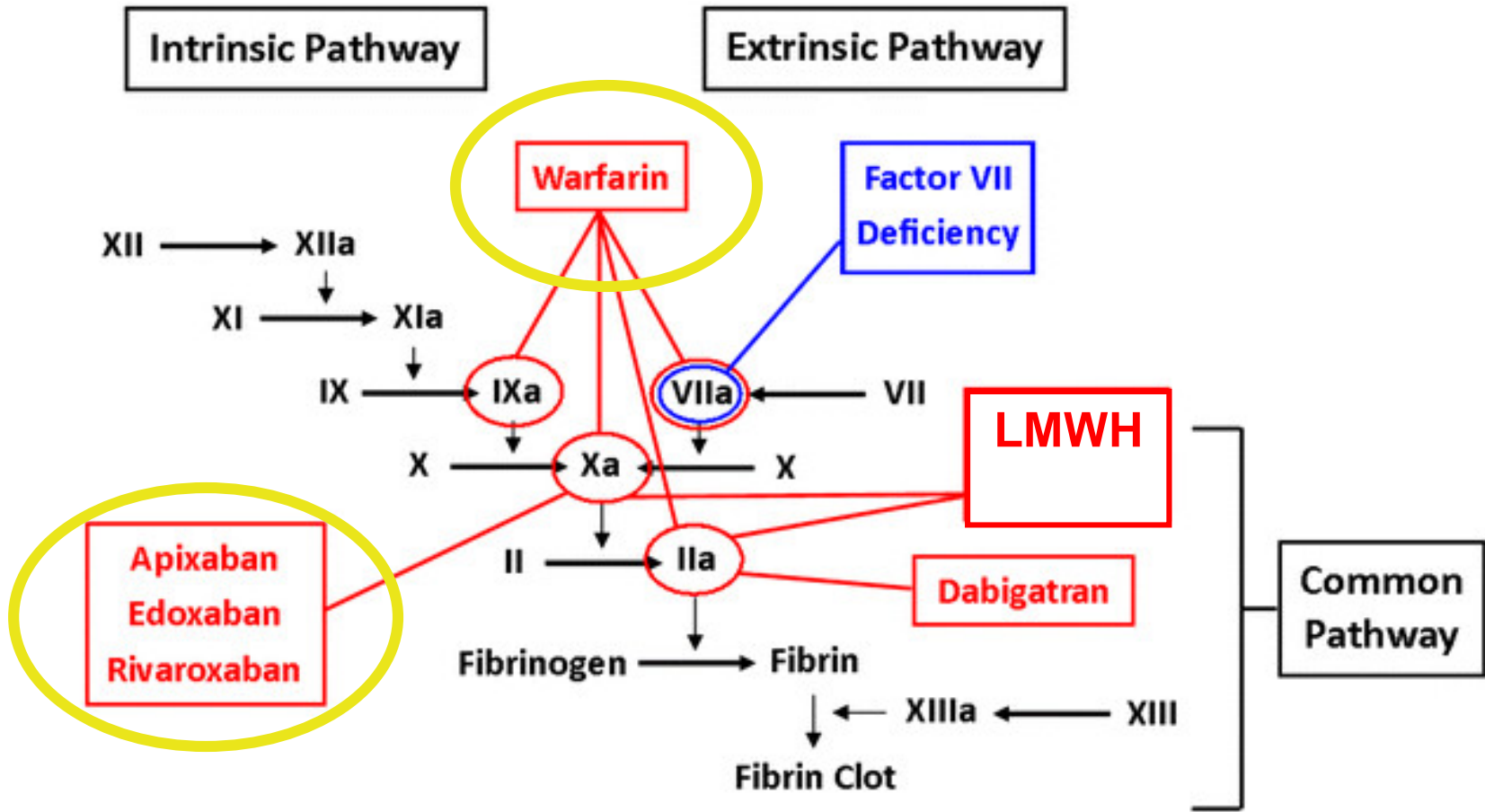
# LMWH = Warfarin Mortality

## Comparison 1. LMWH versus VKA

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Survival (time-to-event)	3	1018	HR (Random, 95% CI)	0.96 [0.81, 1.14]
2 Mortality (at 3 months)	3	538	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.78 [0.46, 1.30]
3 Mortality (at 6 months)	3	919	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.94 [0.79, 1.11]
4 Mortality (at any time point)	6	1346	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.95 [0.81, 1.11]
5 Recurrent venous thromboembolism (time-to-event)	3	1018	HR (Random, 95% CI)	0.47 [0.32, 0.71]
6 Recurrent venous thromboembolism	5	1178	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.49 [0.34, 0.70]
7 Minor bleeding	4	1120	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.85 [0.53, 1.35]
8 Major bleeding	4	1120	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.05 [0.53, 2.10]
9 Thrombocytopenia	2	346	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.02 [0.60, 1.74]



# Mechanism of action



# Clinical and Safety Outcomes Associated With Treatment of Acute Venous Thromboembolism

## A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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# Clinical and Safety Outcomes Associated With Treatment

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Major bleeding	1.07 (0.65-1.70)
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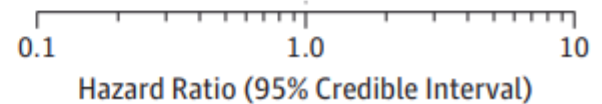
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**Benefit-Risk profile: NOAC ≥ VKA**

**Patient preference: NOAC > VKA**

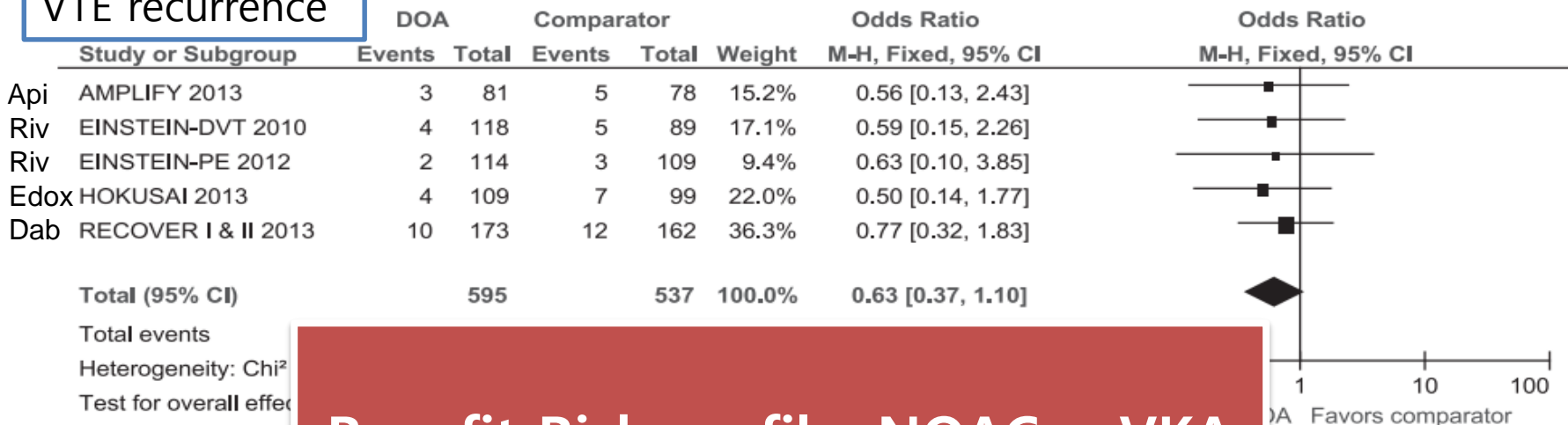
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# NOAC vs. VKA in VTE & Cancer (subgroup analysis)

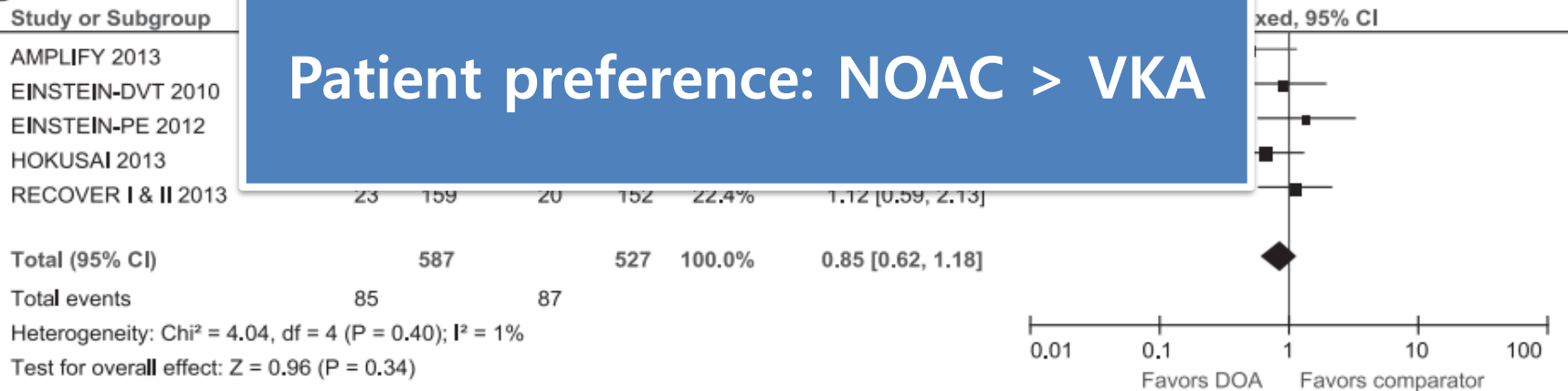
## VTE recurrence



**Benefit-Risk profile: NOAC = VKA**

## Clinically Relevant

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**Patient preference: NOAC > VKA**



# 2016 ACCP Recommendation

**TABLE 6 ]** Factors That May Influence Which Anticoagulant Is Chosen for Initial and Long-Term Treatment of VTE

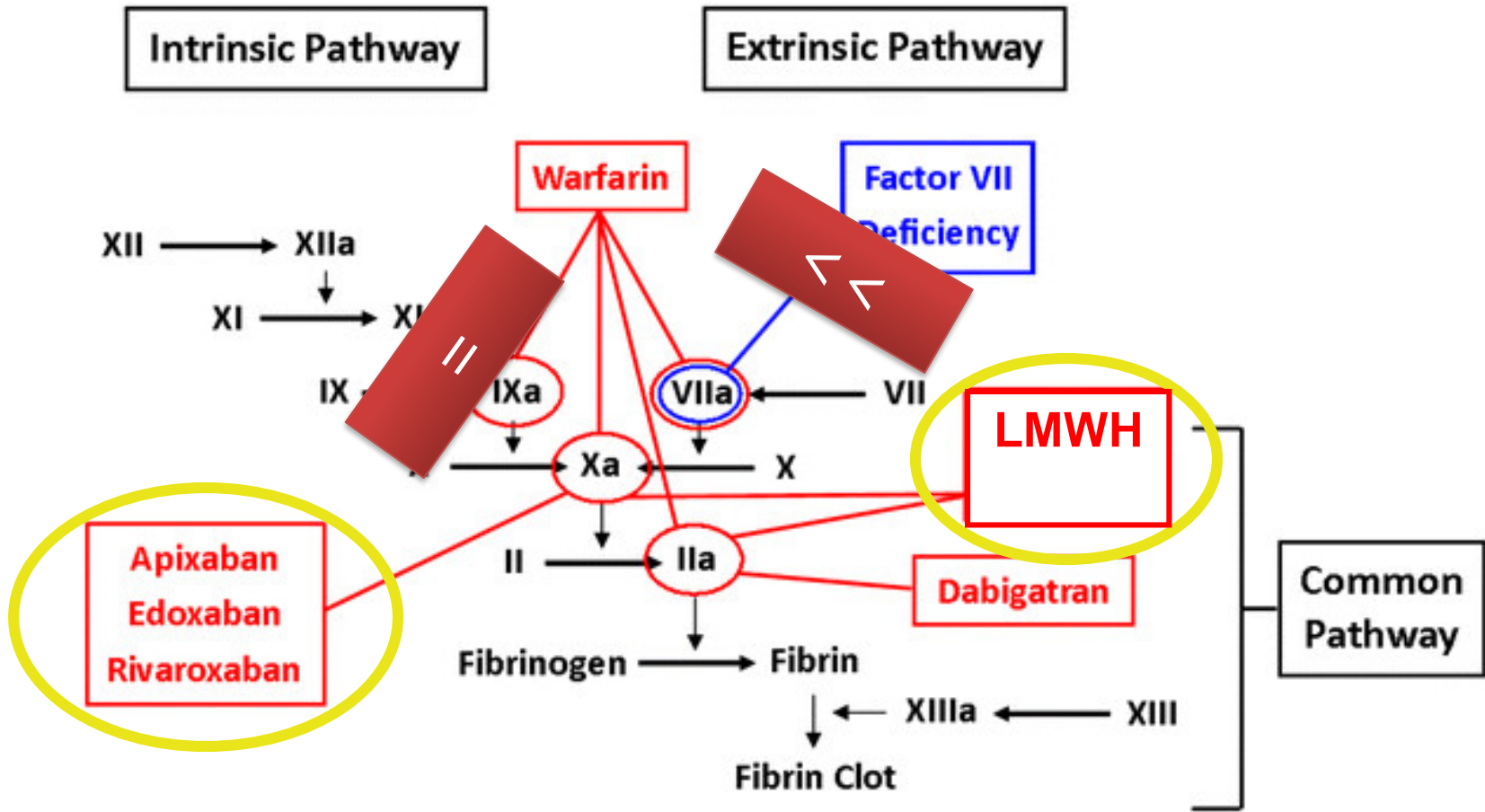
Factor	Preferred Anticoagulant	Qualifying Remarks
Cancer	LMWH	More so if: just diagnosed, extensive VTE, metastatic cancer, very symptomatic; vomiting; on cancer chemotherapy.
Parenteral therapy to be avoided	Rivaroxaban; apixaban	VKA, dabigatran, and edoxaban require initial parenteral therapy.
Once daily oral therapy preferred	Rivaroxaban; edoxaban; VKA	
Liver disease and coagulopathy	LMWH	NOACs contraindicated if INR raised because of liver disease; VKA difficult to control and INR may not reflect antithrombotic effect.

In patients with DVT of the leg or PE and cancer (“cancer-associated thrombosis”), as long-term (first 3 months) anticoagulant therapy

**LMWH** over VKA therapy, dabigatran, rivaroxaban, apixaban, or edoxaban

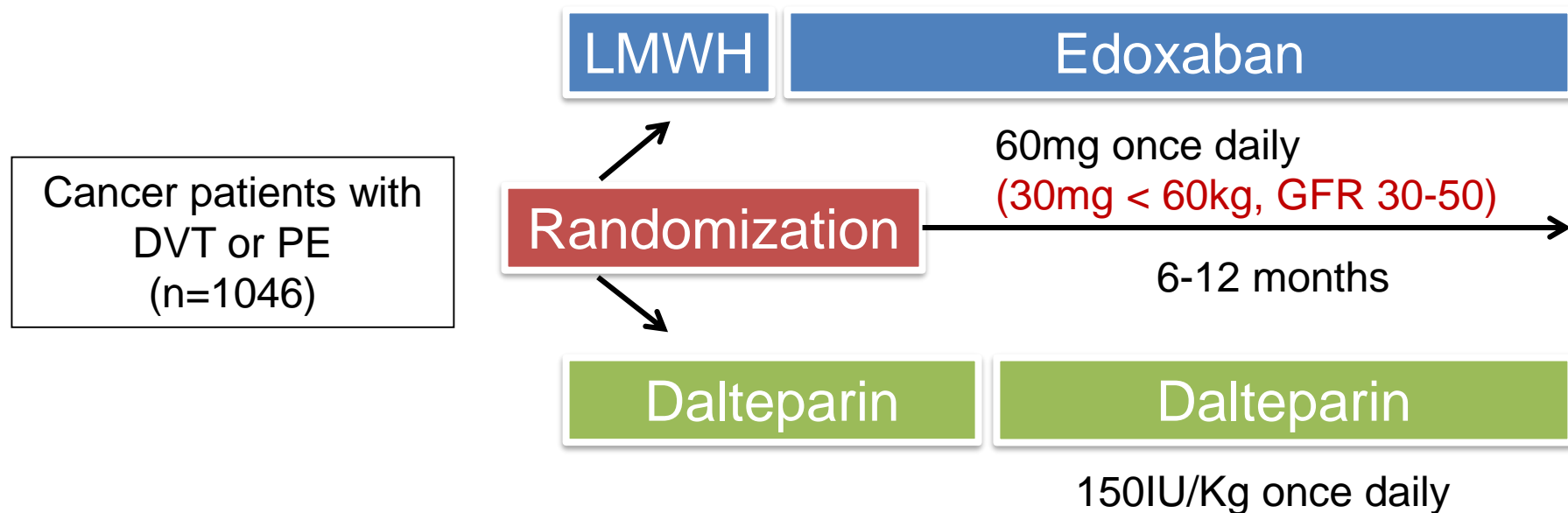


# Mechanism of action



# Edoxaban for the Treatment of Cancer-Associated Venous Thromboembolism

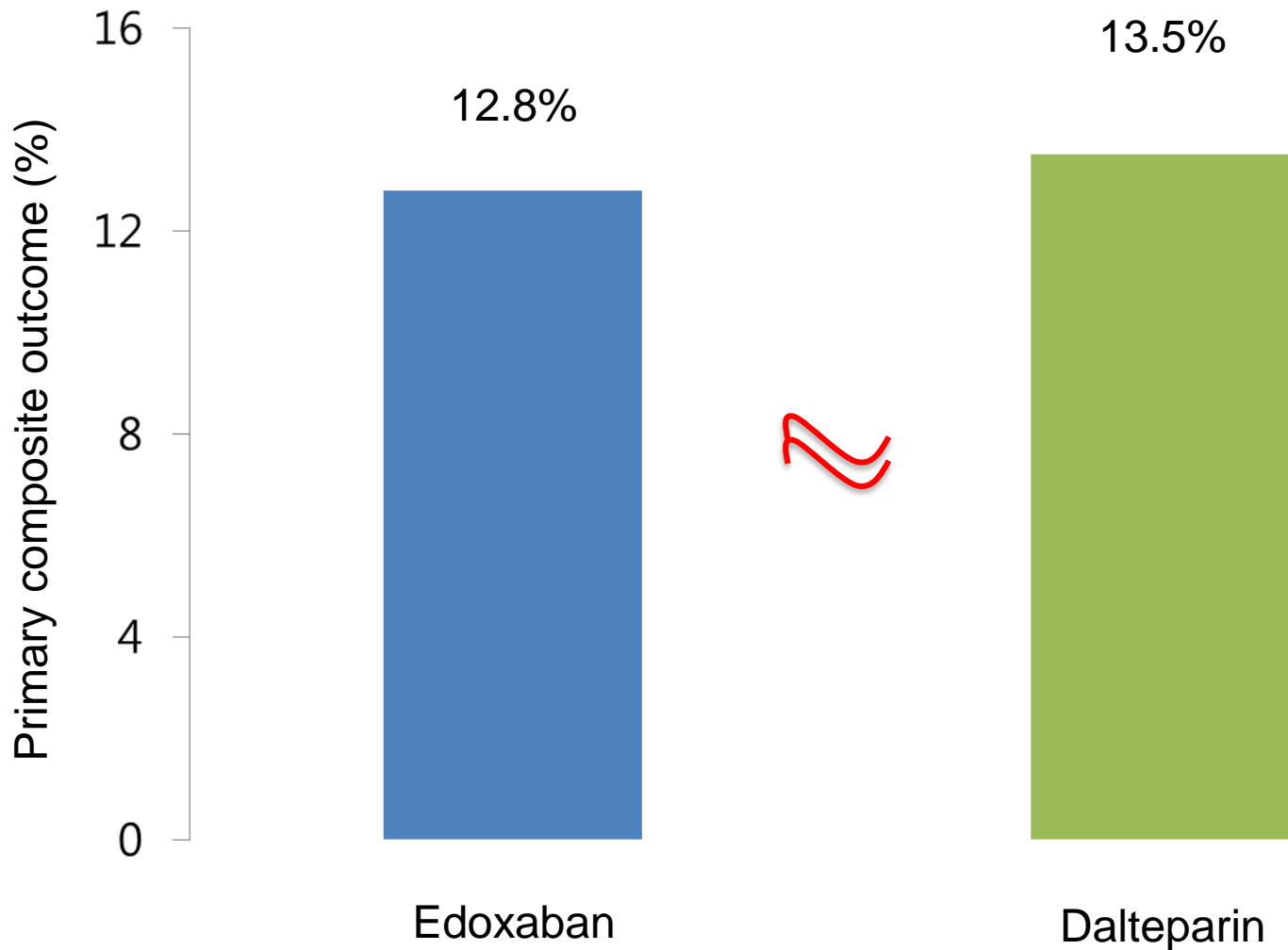
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**Primary Endpoints** : Recurrent VTE or Bleeding during 12 months

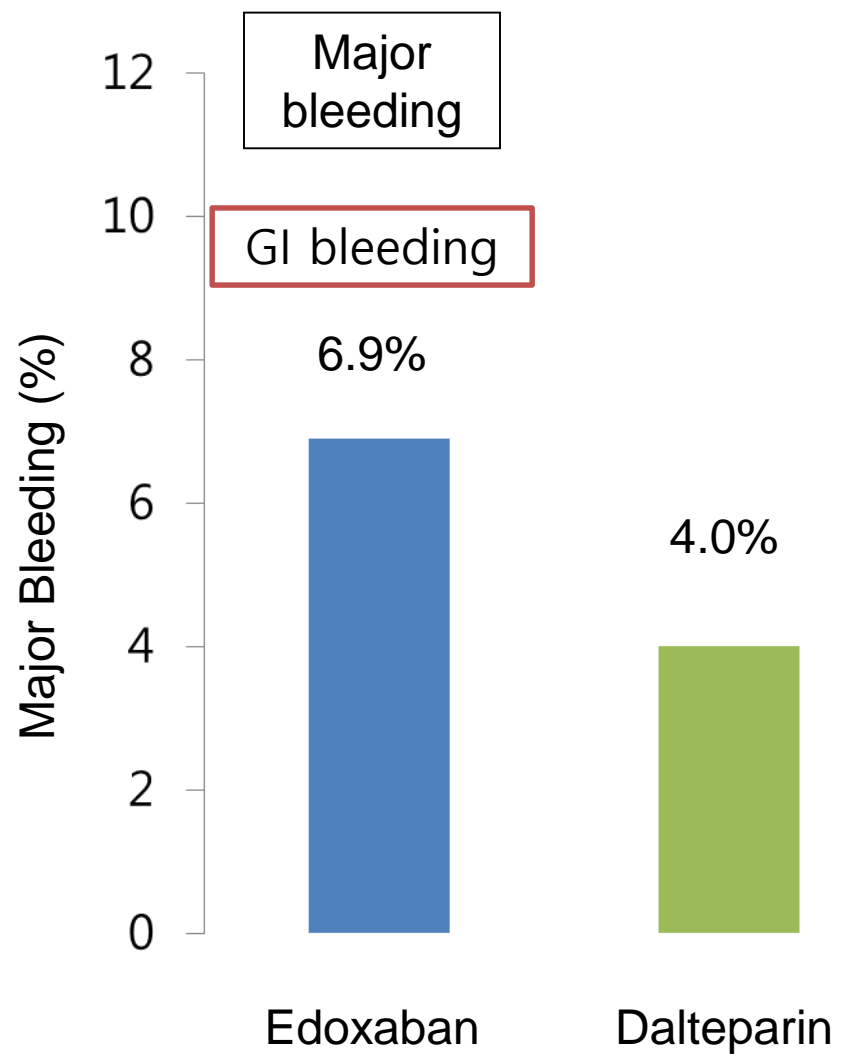
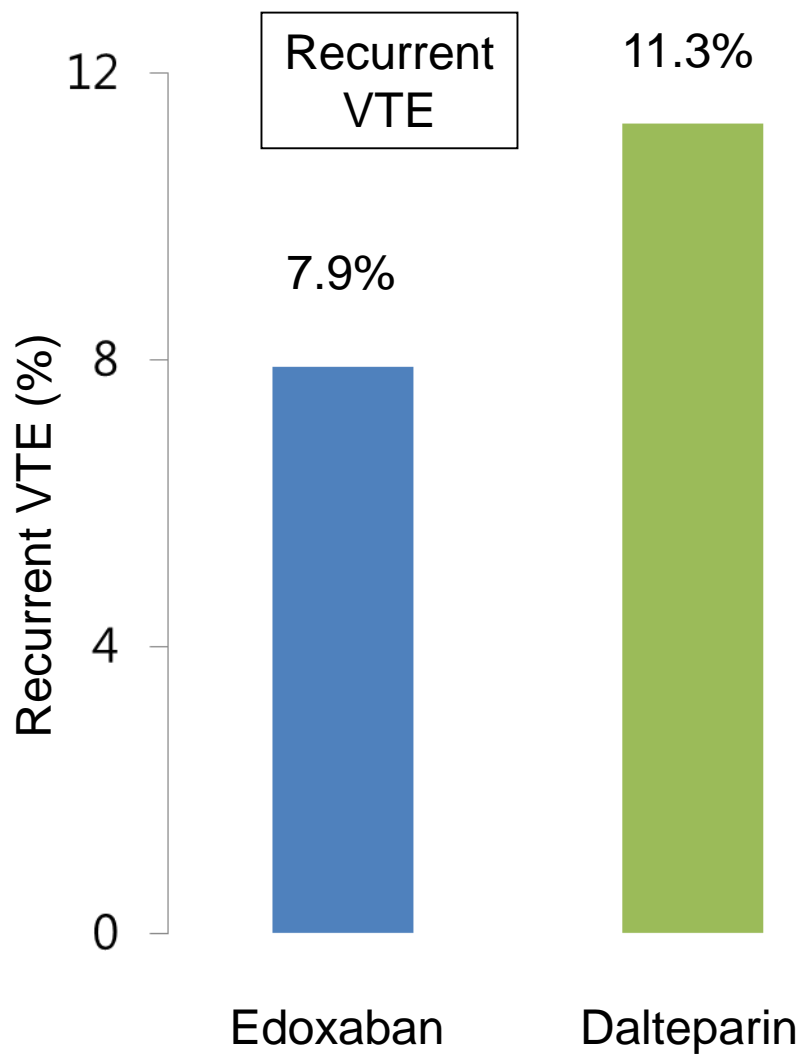


# Primary outcome





# Recurrent VTE/Major Bleeding





# Edoxaban = Dalteparin



is non-inferior to



↓ Recurrent VTE

↑ risk of bleeding





# Summary

- The treatment of VTE in cancer
  - LMWH >> VKA therapy
  - DOACs = VKA therapy in cancer
    - : DOACs  $\geq$  VKA therapy in the patient's preference
  - Edoxaban = LMWH
    - : consider benefit/risk and patient's preference



# VTE & Cancer

Initial Treatment

Extended Treatment

Unsuspected PE



# Treatment Duration

Duration	Cases
3 months	VTE provoked by a nonsurgical transient risk factor (eg, estrogen therapy, pregnancy, leg injury, flight of >8 h) 15% recurrence at 5 years
≥3 months (usually 6 or 12 months)	Unprovoked (also termed “idiopathic”) VTE; not meeting criteria for provoked by a transient risk factor or by cancer 30% recurrence at 5 years
Extended (also termed “indefinite”)	<b>VTE associated with cancer (also termed “cancer associated thrombosis”)</b> 15% annualized risk of recurrence



# Duration

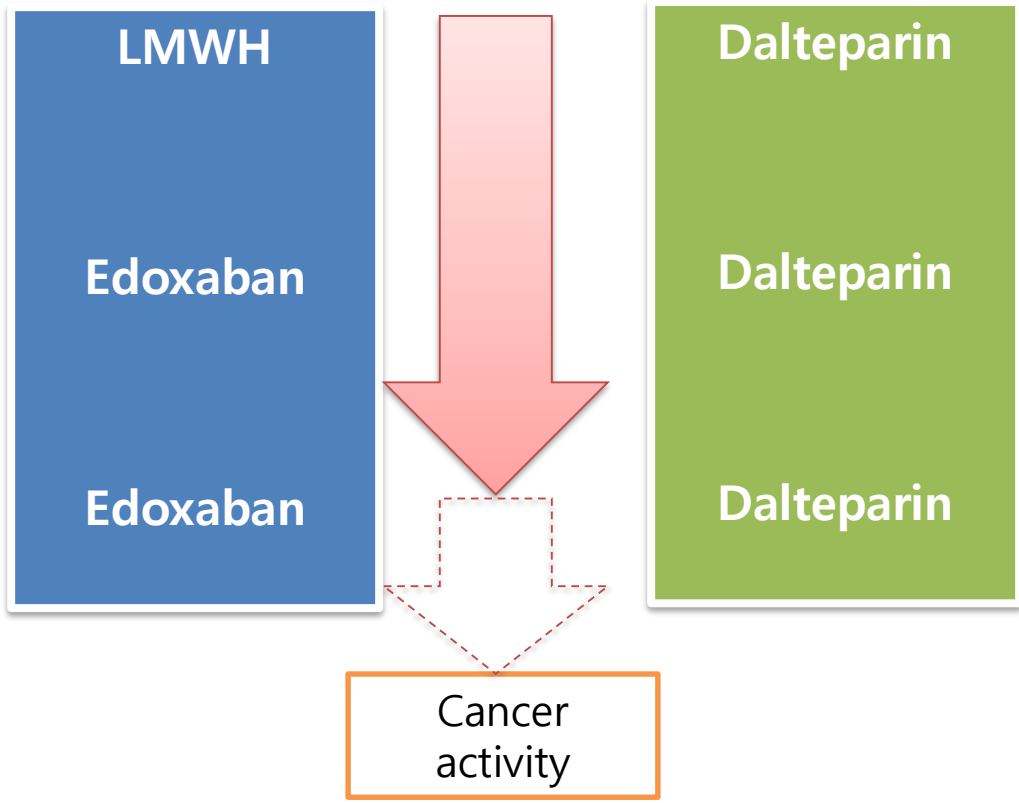
## Cancer - VTE

Initial phase

Maintenance phase:  
up to 3 months

Extended phase:  
≥ 3 months

Life-long phase



Median 17 months in SMC



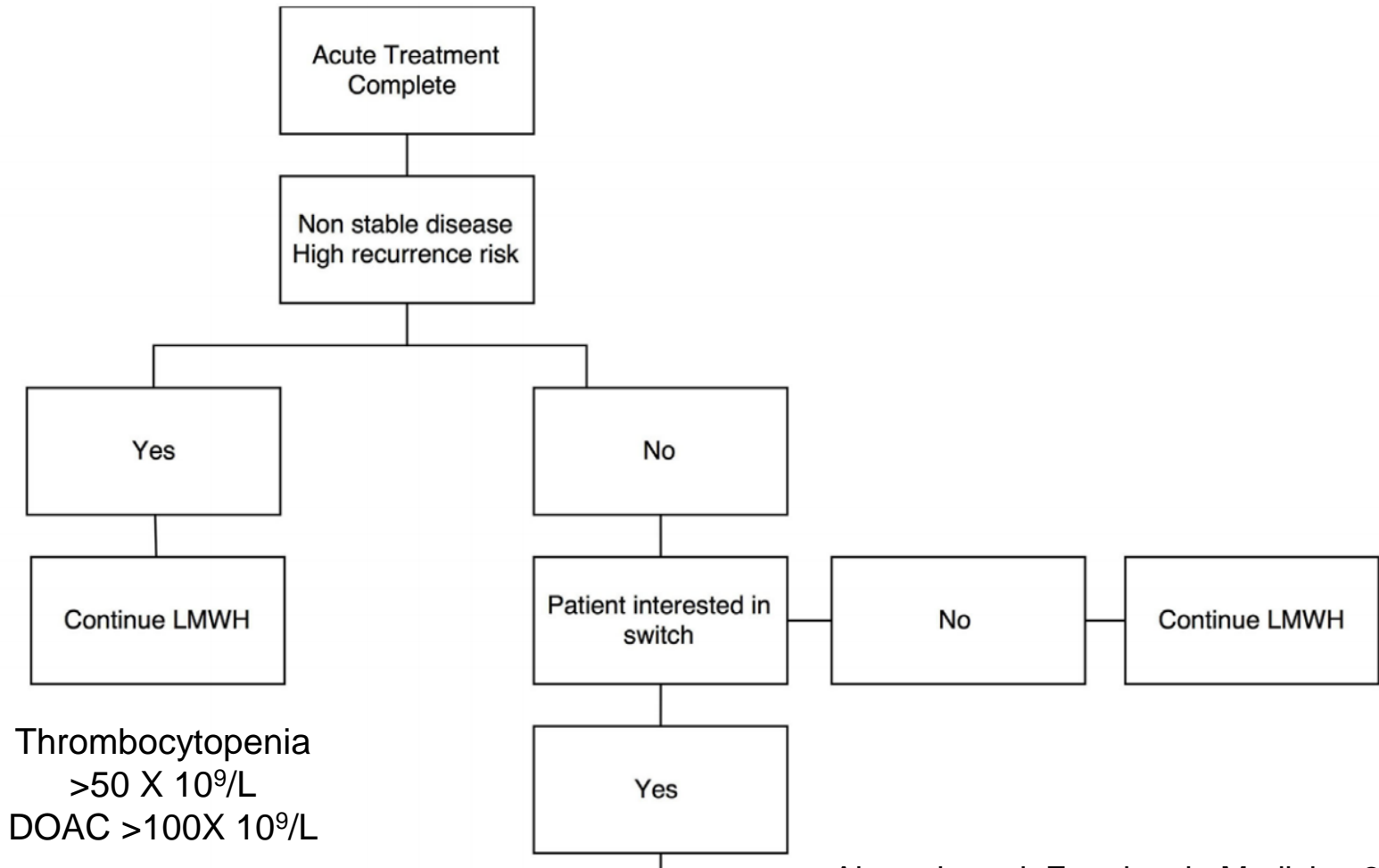
# Extended Treatment of VTE

Extended treatment with dabigatran, rivaroxaban, and apixaban markedly reduces recurrent VTE without being associated with much bleeding.

	Dabigatran	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban
All-cause mortality	Moderate	Moderate RR 0.49 (0.04-5.43)	Moderate RR 0.49 (0.2-1.22)
Recurrent VTE	<b>High</b> RR 0.08 (0.02-0.25)	<b>High</b> RR 0.19 (0.09-0.04)	<b>High</b> RR 0.19 (0.11-0.3)
Major Bleeding	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate RR 0.49 (0.09-2.64)



# Extended Treatment plan





# A switch to DOAC from LMWH

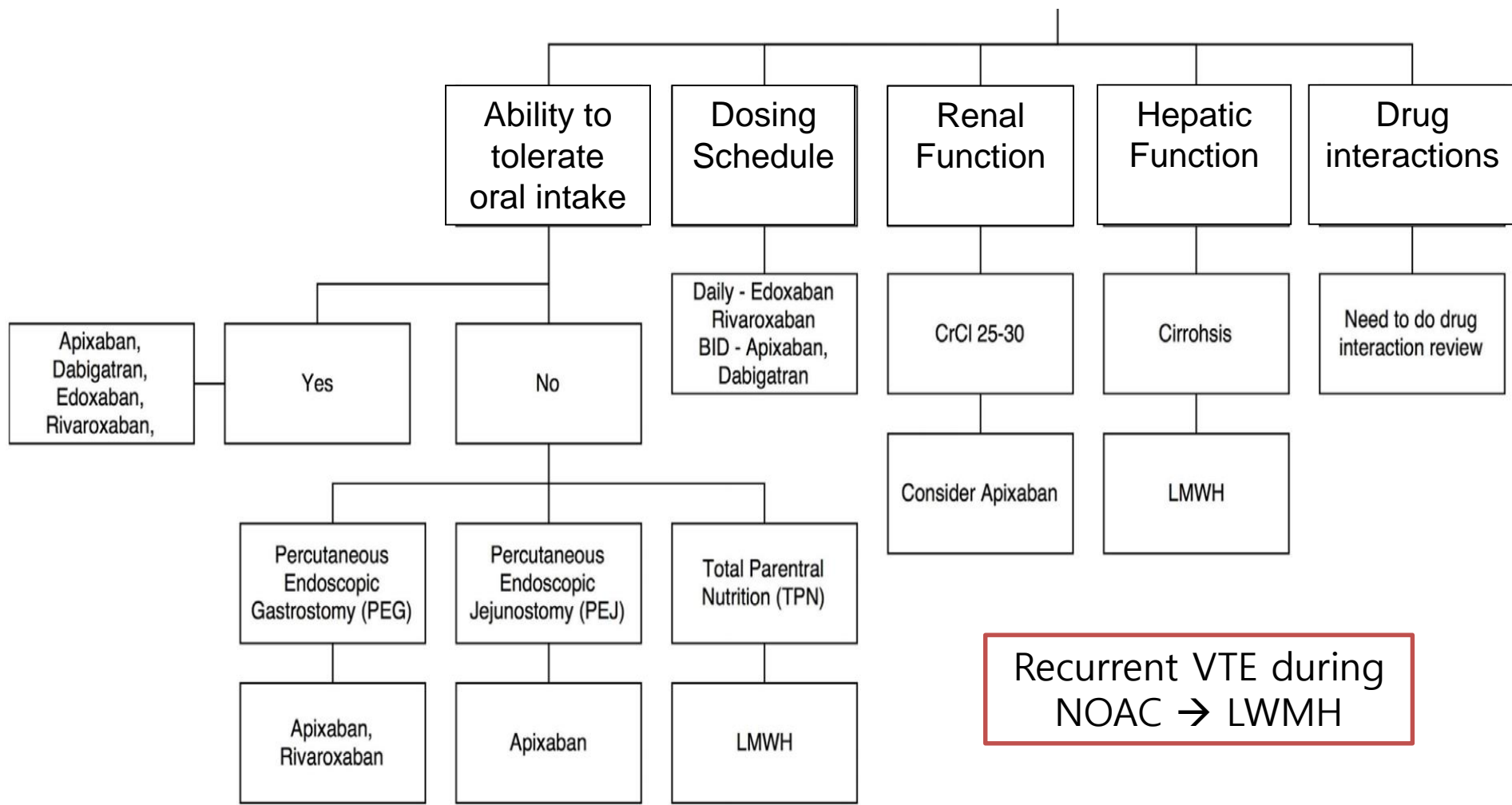
A relatively lower risk of recurrent VTE and bleeding

## Probably

- Stable metastatic cancer on oral or maintenance intravenous treatment
- Metastatic cancer stable post immunotherapy treatment
- Metastatic malignancy with expected long survival (ER + breast cancer on oral agent, low-grade lymphoma)

## Probably not

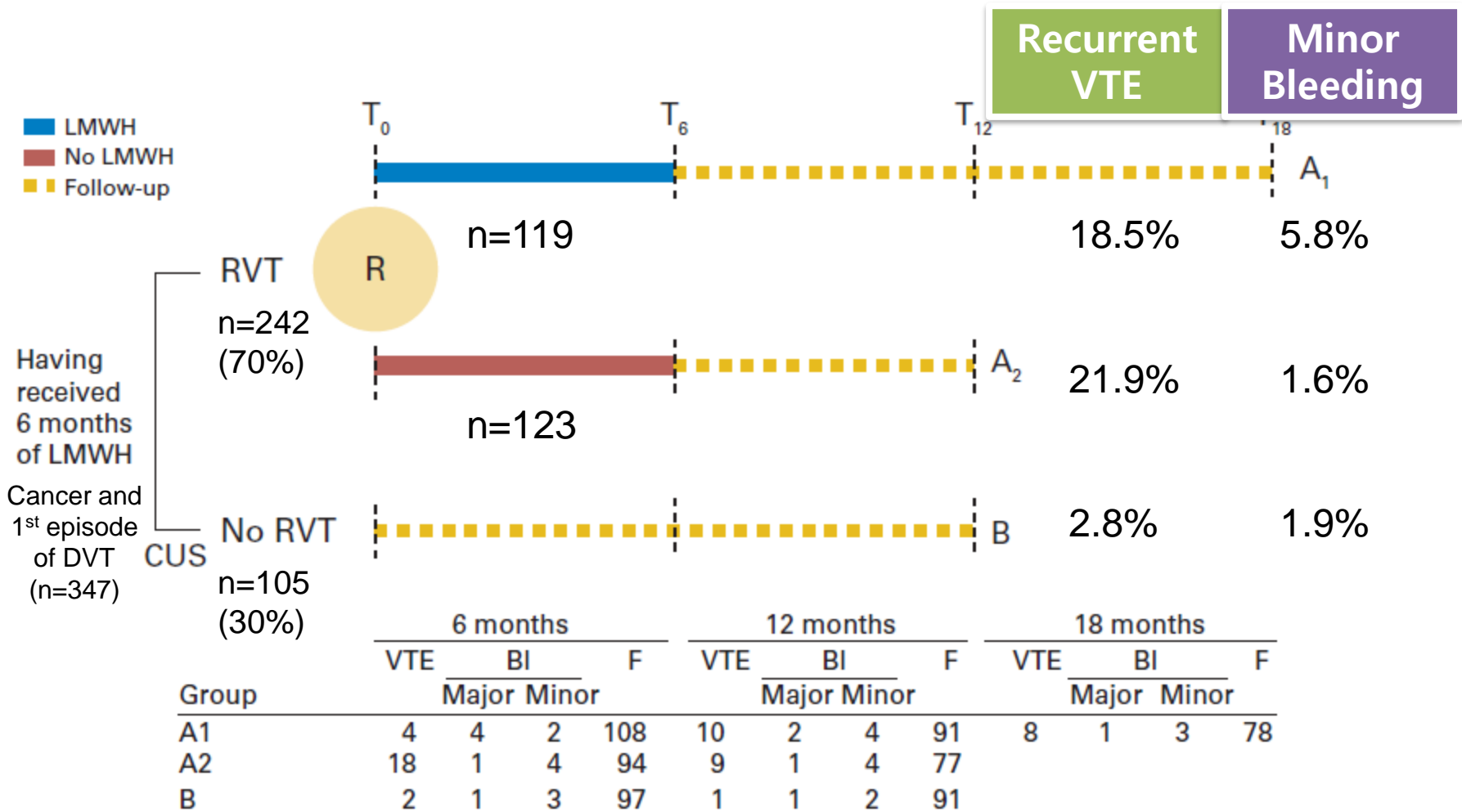
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Recurrent VTE during NOAC → LMWH

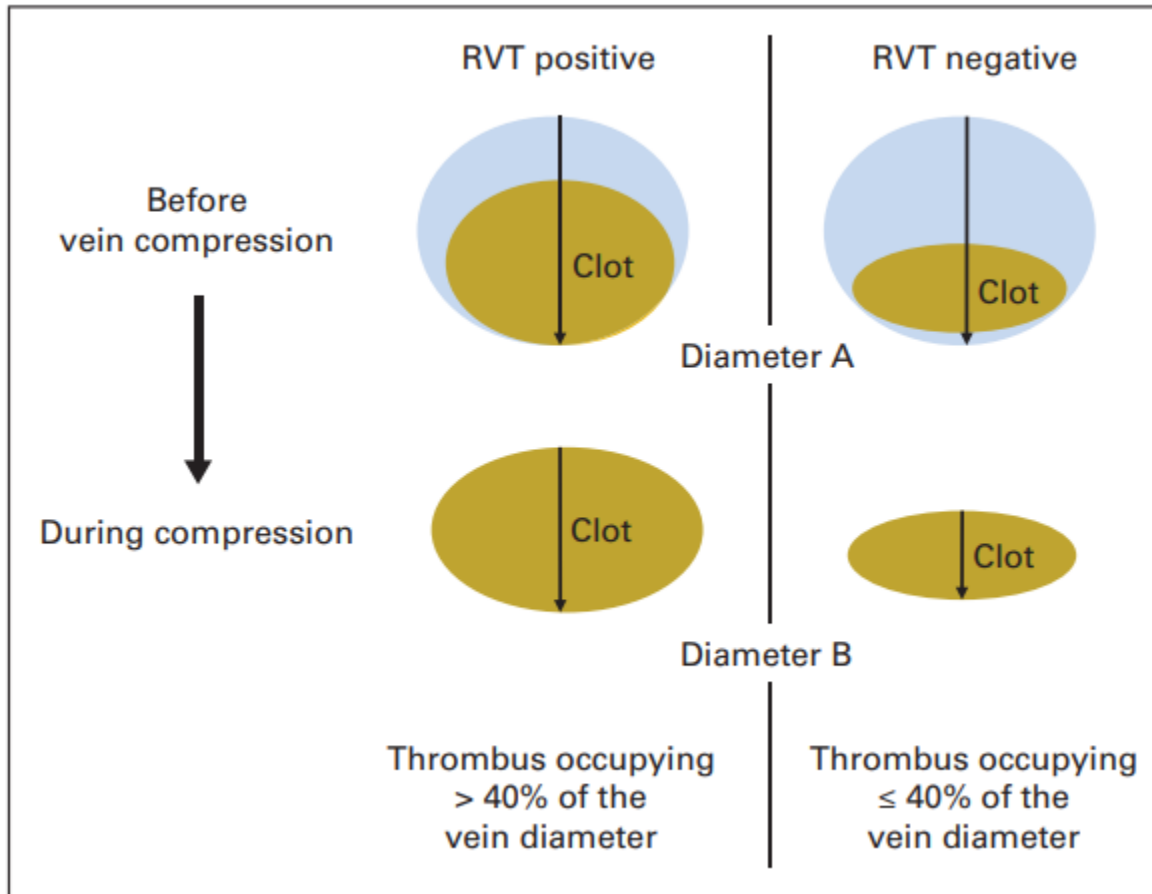


# Cancer-related DVT (DACUS)



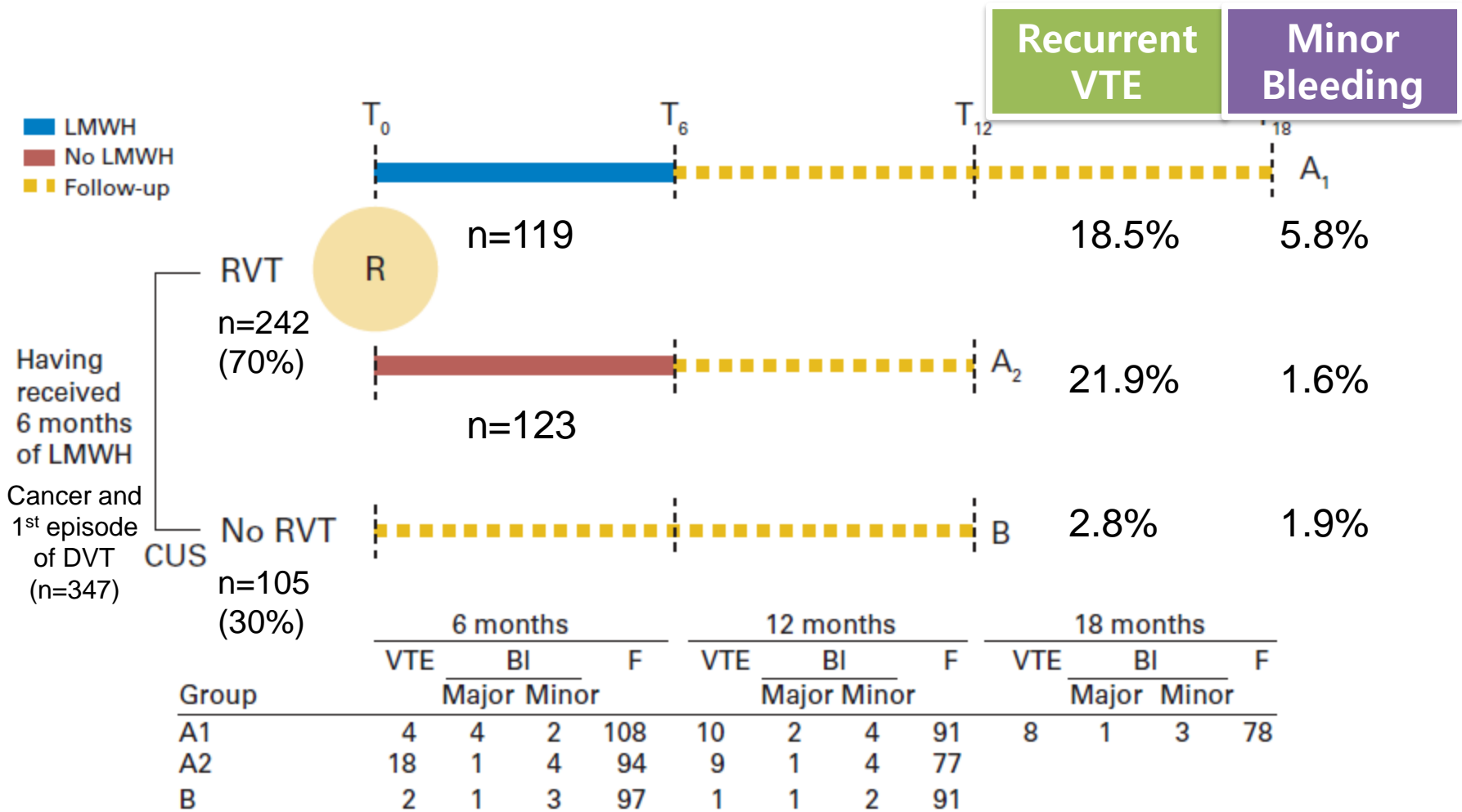


# Evaluation of residual vein thrombosis





# Cancer-related DVT (DACUS)





# Summary

- Life-long therapy
  - LMWH >> VKA therapy
  - Edoxaban = LMWH
    - : consider benefit/risk and patient's preference
  - LMWH → DOACs in the appropriately selected patient



# VTE & Cancer

Initial Treatment

Extended Treatment

Unsuspected PE

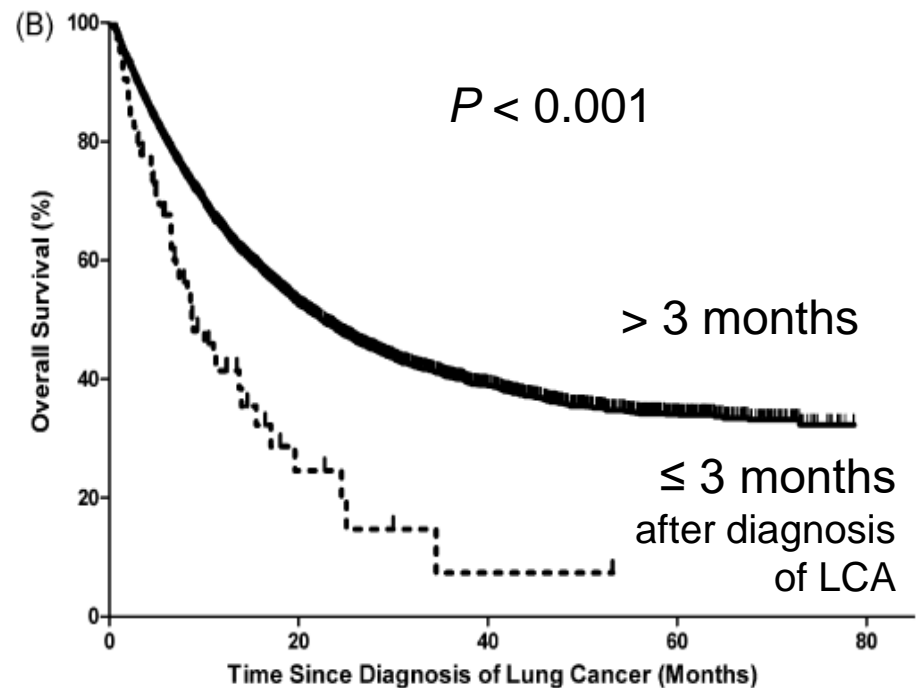
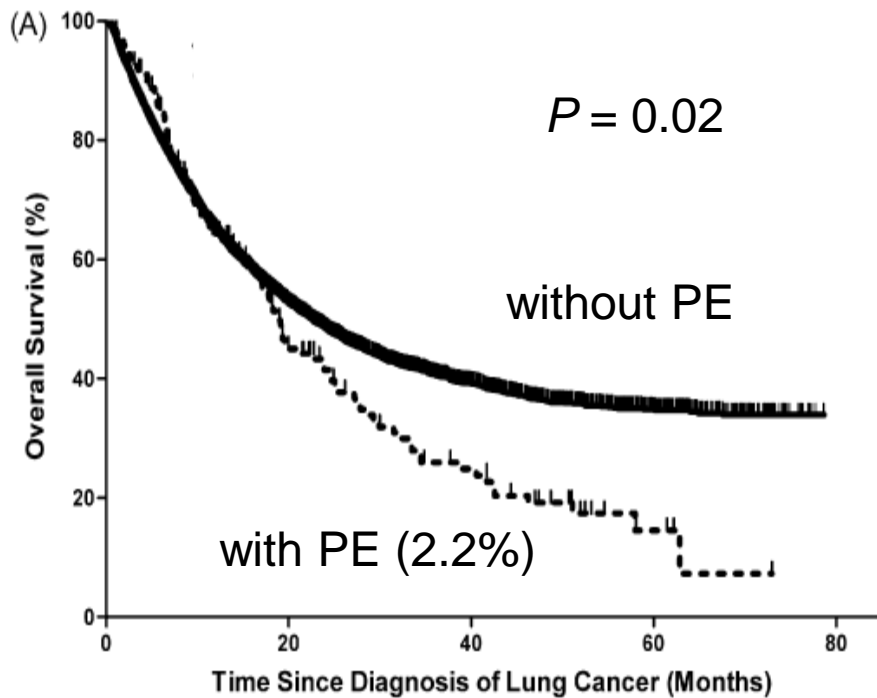


# Unsuspected PE

Incidentally detected PE in regular follow up chest CT  
without associated symptoms

n=8014 at SMC

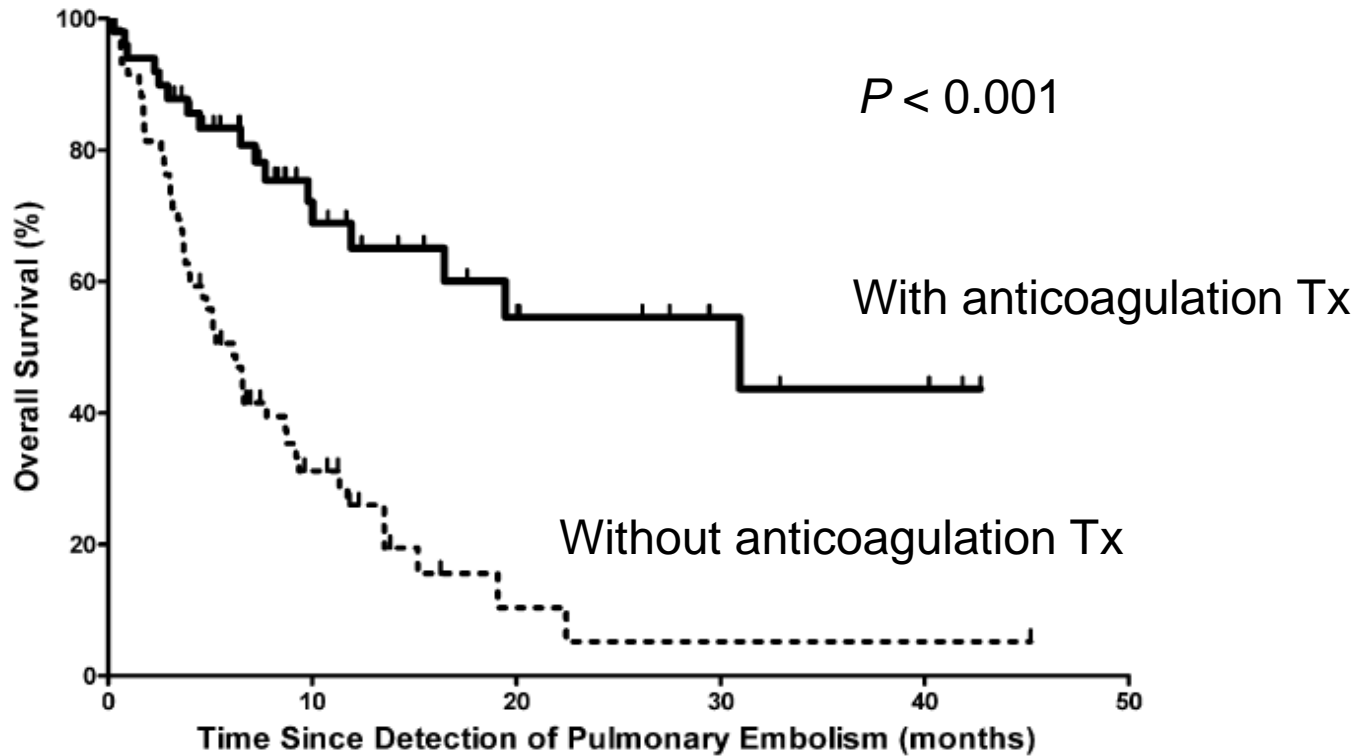
180/8014 (2.2%) of PE, Incidental PE: 63%





# Unsuspected PE

Of 113 unsuspected PE lung cancer patients, 51 received anticoagulation and 62 did not

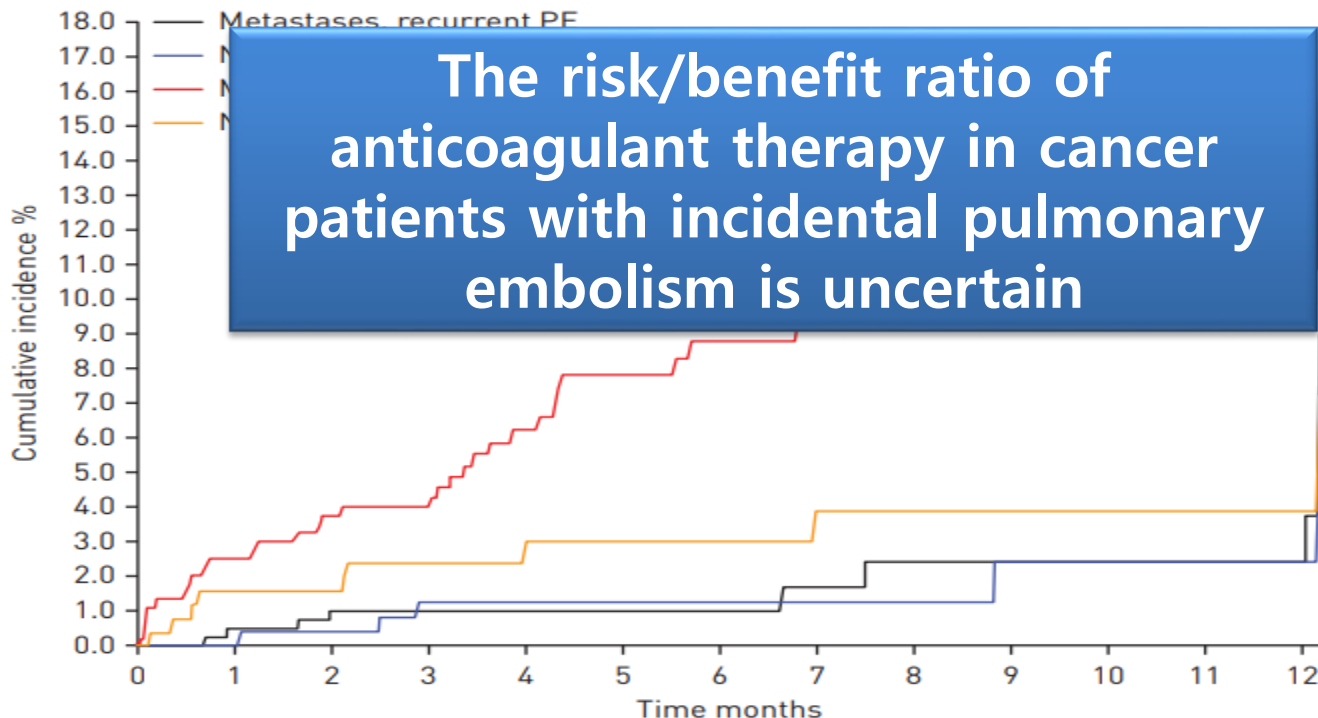




# Unsuspected PE

715 with unsuspected PE and treatment from RIETE

- **Major bleeding** >> Symptomatic pulmonary embolism (10.1 vs. 3.17 events per 100 patient-years)
- **Fatal bleeding** >> symptomatic PE (2.7 vs. 0.7 events per 100 patient-years)
- **After discontinuing anticoagulation, major bleeding** << **symptomatic PE** (3.0 vs. 8.37)



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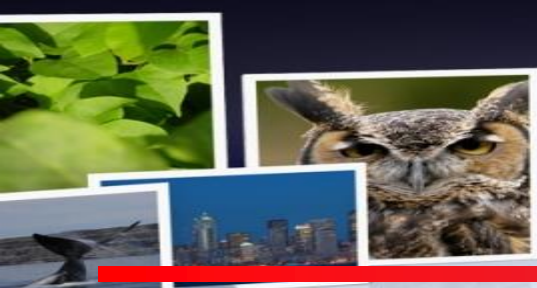




# Dalteparin >> Warfarin

- More predictable dose response
- Less drug interaction c chemo drugs
- High compliance d.t unnecessary monitoring via venous access
- Less complication in cessation of anticoagulation prior to surgical intervention

**More bleeding in renal impaired patients**



# Dalteparin Dose

체중 (kg)	1일 1회 dalteparin용량 (IU)	
	초기 1개월 (induction) 200 IU/kg	후기 5개월 (maintenance) 150 IU/Kg
<46	7,500	7,500
46-56	10,000	7,500
57-68	12,500	10,000
69-82	15,000	12,500
83-98	18,000	15,000
>99	18,000	18,000



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	초기 1개월 (induction) 200 IU/kg	후기 5개월 (maintenance) 150 IU/Kg
<60	10,000 (7,500)	7,500
≥60	12,500 (15,000 or 10,000)	10,000

**Available dose at Korea: 2,500 IU, 7,500 IU, and 10,000 IU**



# VTE treatment on cancer

Leg elevation and Early ambulation

## Nonpharmacologic (Prophylaxis & Treatment)

Intermittent  
Pneumatic  
Compression

Elastic  
Stockings


Inferior  
Vena Cava  
Filter

## Pharmacologic (Prophylaxis & Treatment)

Unfractionated  
Heparin (UH)

Low Molecular  
Weight Heparin  
(LMWH)

Oral  
Anticoagulants



# Korean guideline (General Surgery)

Risk group	Procedures	Thromboprophylaxis
Very low	Breast cancer surgery Gastric cancer surgery (< 60 yr of age) Hepatobiliary cancer surgery (< 60 yr of age)	Early ambulation
Low	Gastric cancer surgery (>= 60 yr of age) Hepatobiliary cancer surgery (>= 60 yr of age)	Mechanical prophylaxis
Moderate	Colorectal cancer surgery Pancreatic cancer surgery	Mechanical prophylaxis or pharmacological prophylaxis
High	Any major cancer surgery in patients with previous VTE or thrombophilia	pharmacological prophylaxis (+/- Mechanical prophylaxis)



# Surgical Patients

- LMWH vs. UFH
  - Abdominal or pelvic surgery for cancer (mostly colorectal)
  - LMWH once daily vs. UFH tid for 7–10 days post-op
  - DVT on venography at day 5, 9 and symptomatic VTE

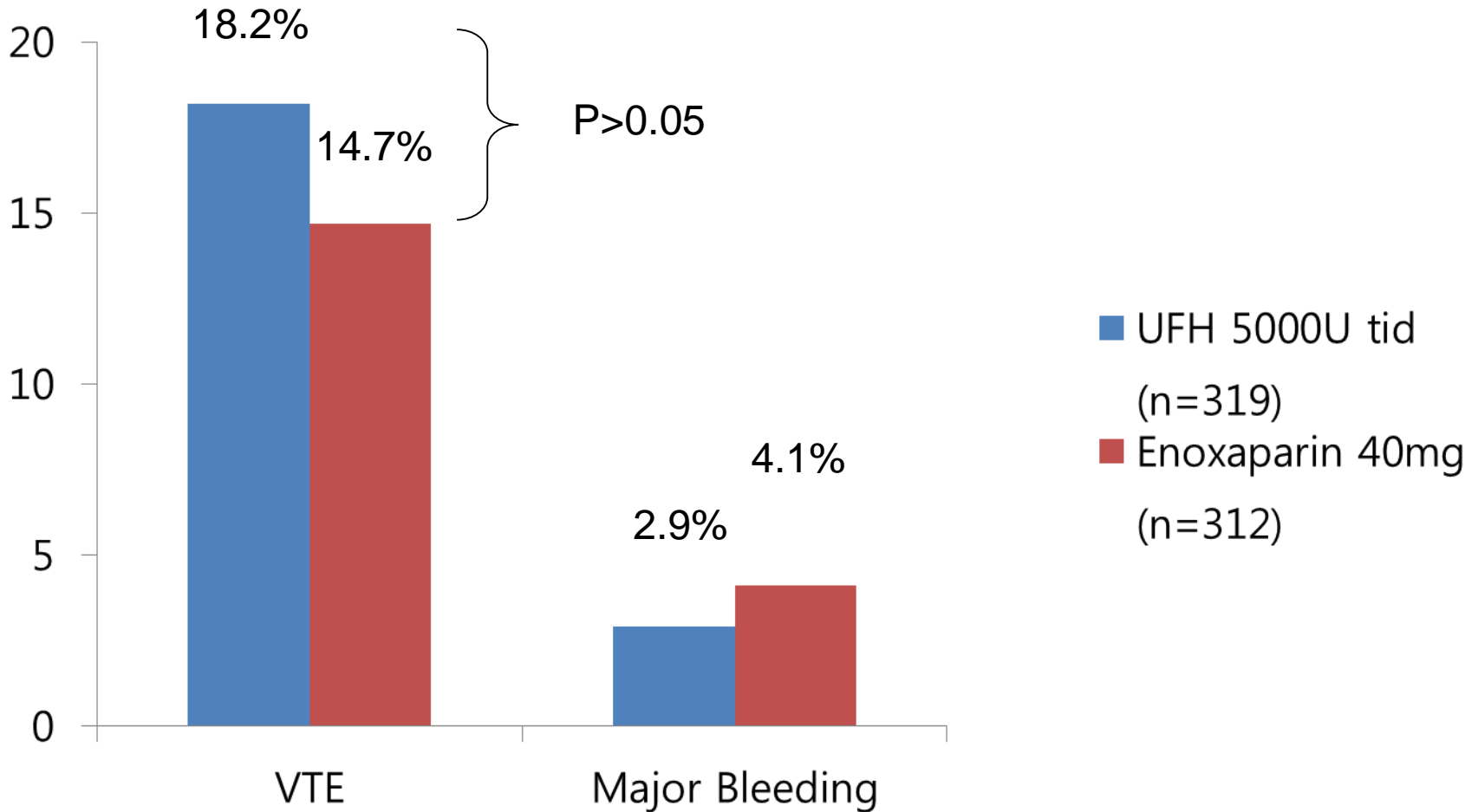
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<b>Study</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Design</b>	<b>Regimens</b>
ENOXACAN	631	double-blind	enoxaparin vs. UFH
Canadian Colorectal DVT Prophylaxis	475	double-blind	enoxaparin vs. UFH

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# Prophylaxis in Surgical patients





# Prophylaxis in Surgical patients with cancer

- Extended prophylaxis
  - Abdominal or pelvic surgery for cancer
  - **LMWH** for ~ 7 days vs. 28 days post-op
  - Routine bilateral venography at ~day 28

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Study	N	Regimens	VTE rate	
ENOXACAN II	332	Enoxaparin 28 D vs. ~7D	4.8% vs 12.0%	60%
FAME	198	Dalteparin 28 D vs. ~7D	7.3% vs 16.3%	55%

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