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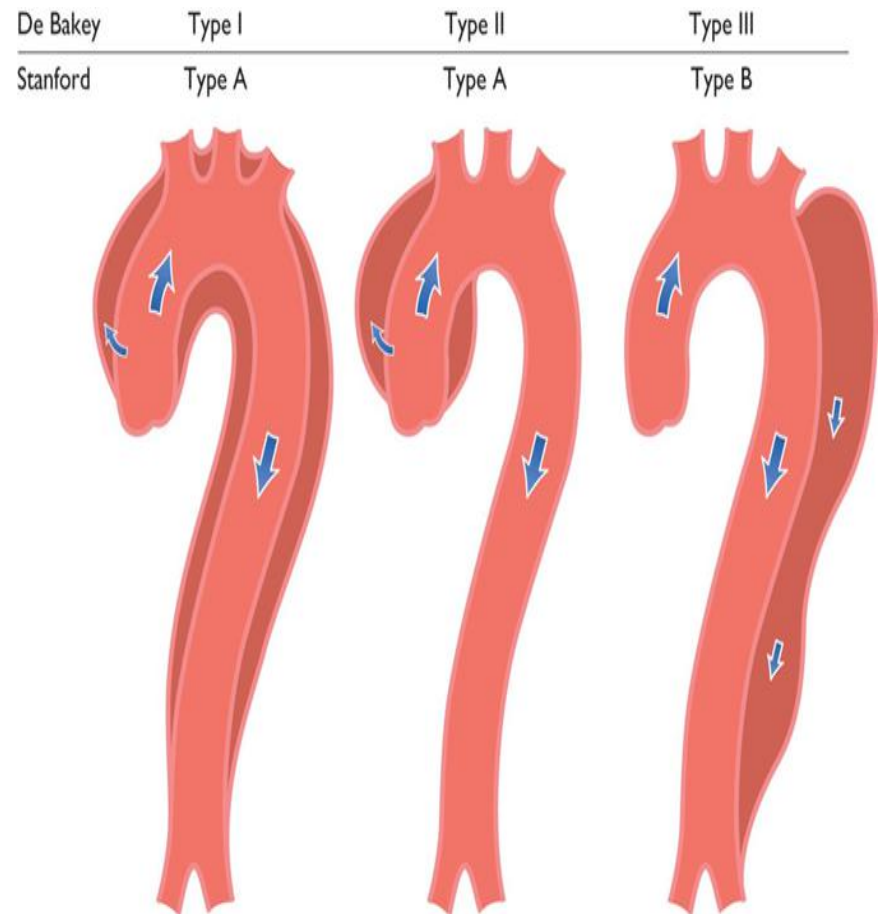
LA DISSEZIONE AORTICA ACUTA

Peiman Nazerian

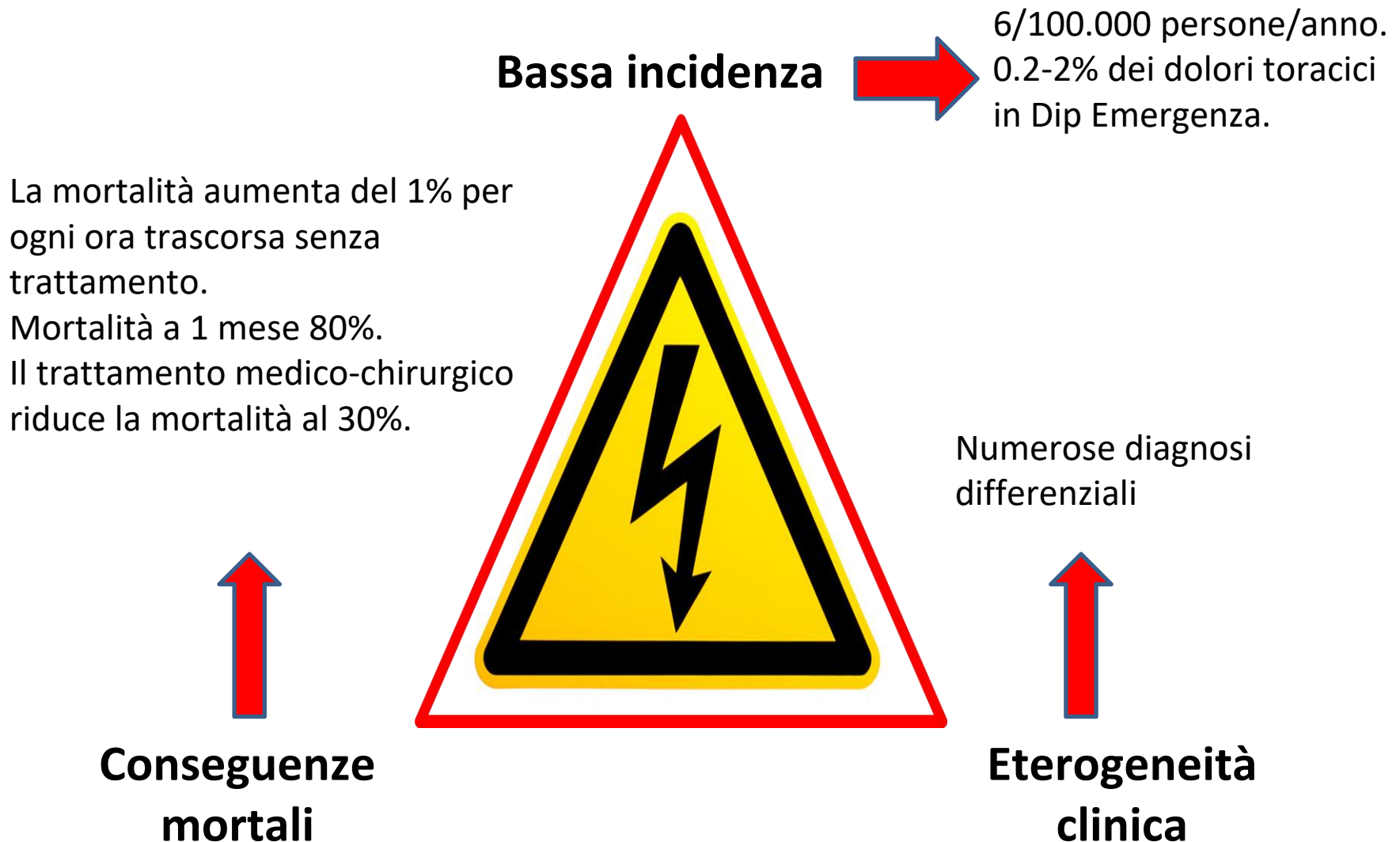
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Sindrome Aortica Acuta (SAA)

- **Dissezione aortica 80-90%**
Stanford A 60-70%
Stanford B 20-30%
- **Ematoma intramurale aortico 5-20%**
Stanford A 20-30%
Stanford B 70-80%
- **Ulcera penetrante aortica 2-7%**
- **Rottura/fissurazione aortica**



SAA: Epidemiologia e Clinica



Differential diagnosis

Chest pain

- ↗ Acute coronary syndromes
- ↗ Pericarditis
- ↗ Pulmonary Embolism
- ↗ Pleuritis
- ↗ Pneumothorax
- ↗ Esophageal disease
- ↗ Muscle-skeletal pain

Neurologic deficit

- ↗ Stroke
- ↗ Cauda equina syndrome

Abdominal pain

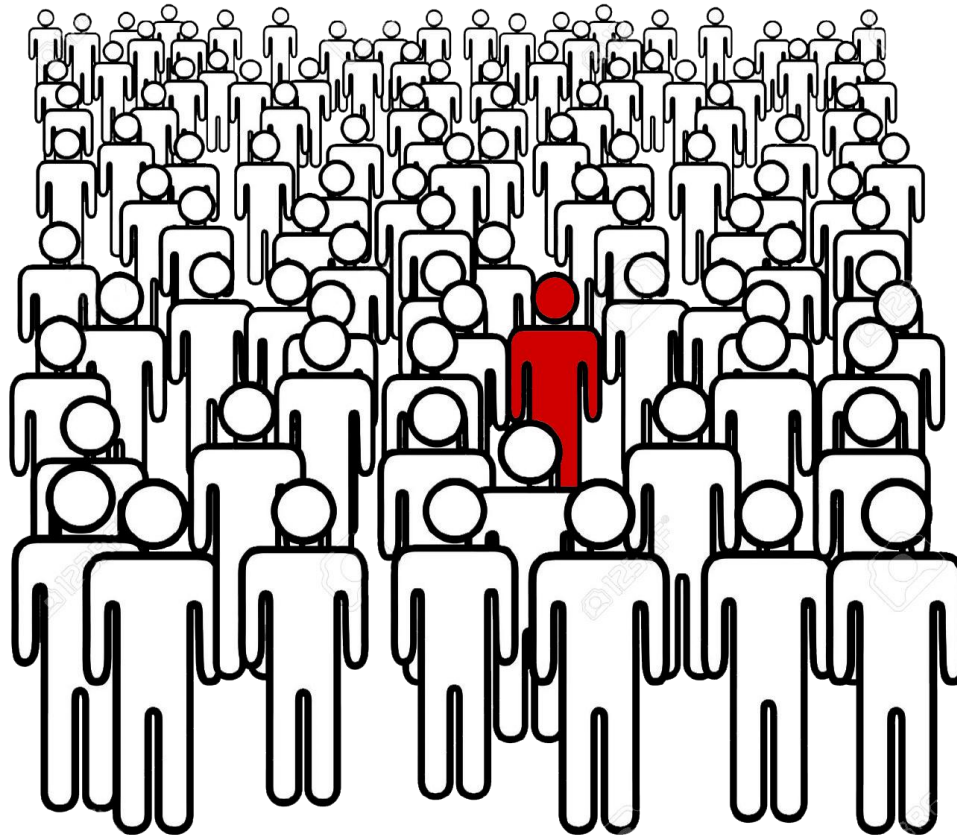
- ↗ Intestinal
occlusion/perforation/Ischemia
- ↗ Kidney colic
- ↗ Biliary colic

Cardiac arrest/Shock/Syncope

- ↗ ...

Limbs ischemia

- ↗ Athero-embolic disease



The misdiagnosis rate of AAS ranges from 14 to 39%,

Kurabayashi et al. *Journal of Cardiology*. 2011;58(3):287-293.

Hansen MS et al. *Am J Cardiol*. 2007;99(6):852-856.

Zhan et al. *J Clin Hypertens* 2012;14(4):256-260.

Sospetta EP. Algoritmi diagnostici standardizzati

Wells score

Geneva score

Modified Wells score

Modified Geneva score

US Wells score

YEARS

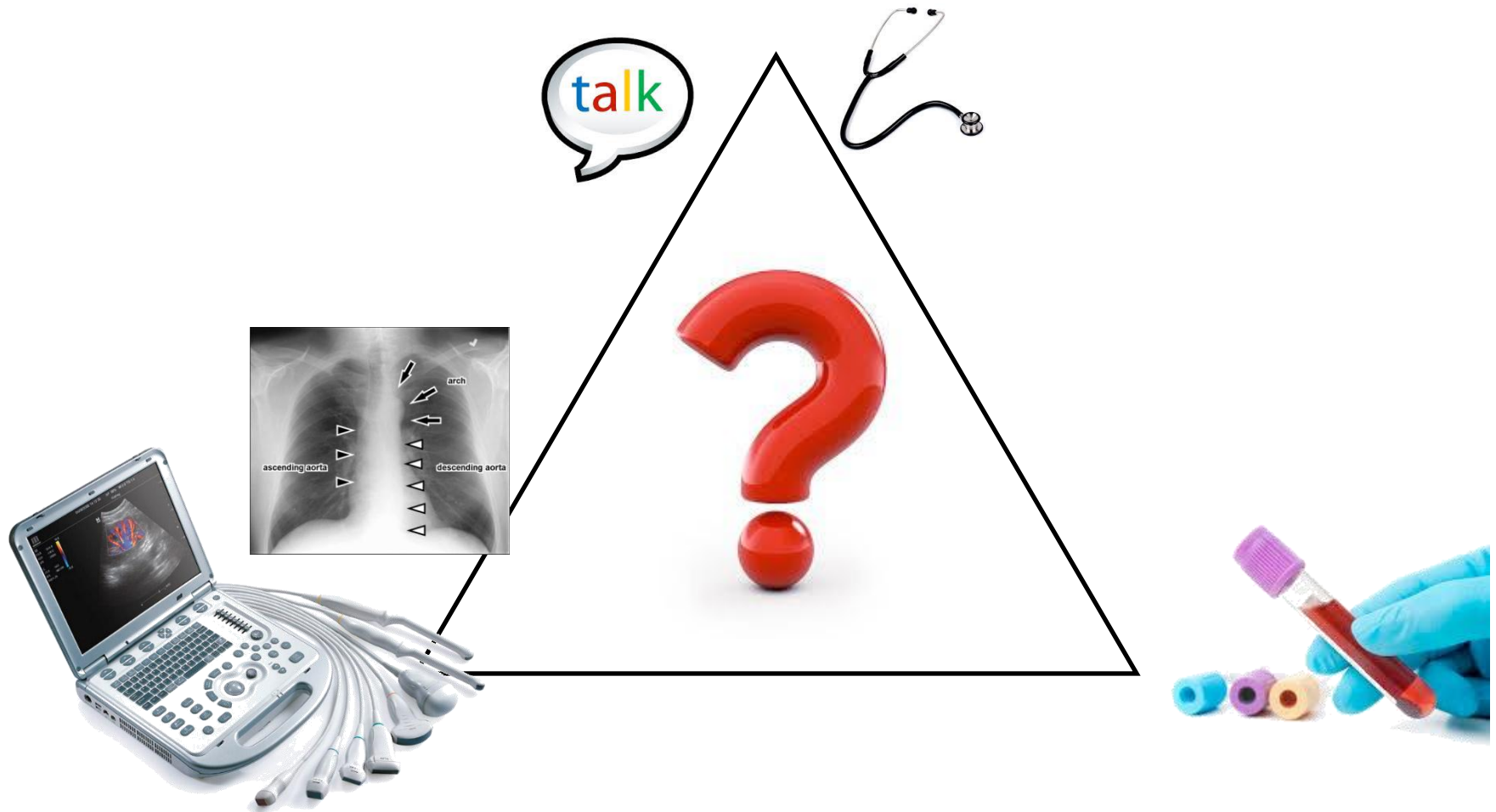
**Pulmonary embolism
rule out criteria (PERC)**

D-dimer age adjusted cut-off

D-dimer cut-off

Valutazione 1° livello nel sospetto di s. aortica

Aortic Dissection Detection risk score (ADD-RS)



Critical Issues in the Evaluation and Management of Adult Patients with Suspected Thoracic Aortic Dissection

- 1) In adult patients with suspected acute nontraumatic thoracic aortic dissection, are there **clinical decision rules** that identify a group of patients at very low risk for the diagnosis of thoracic aortic dissection?
- 2) Does a normal **chest X ray** rule out thoracic aortic dissection in patients at low risk?
- 3) Does an abnormal **bedside TTE** establish the diagnosis of thoracic aortic dissection?
- 4) Is a negative serum **dimer** sufficient to identify a group of patients at very low risk for the diagnosis of thoracic aortic dissection?

Future Research - **Large prospective studies** are needed to better assess historical information, physical examination findings, and diagnostic testing combinations for the diagnosis of acute nontraumatic aortic dissection.

Future Research - A prospective study evaluating D-dimer levels on undifferentiated ED patients who present with signs and symptoms concerning for thoracic aortic dissection is warranted. **Studies clarifying the best way to integrate D-dimer testing into clinical algorithms that include risk stratification are needed**

Future research should address the **diagnostic characteristics of CXR and of bedside TTE by emergency physicians in ED** patients with acute presentations concerning for thoracic aortic dissection.

Diagnostic performance of the aortic dissection detection risk score in patients with suspected acute aortic dissection

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Studio ADvISED: Aortic Dissection Score plus D-dimer

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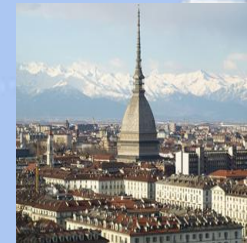
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Metodi dello studio

Arruolamento

Criteri d'arruolamento:

1. Sospetta SAA

Criteri d'esclusione:

1. Pazienti con trauma primario
2. Diagnosi alternativa ovvia
3. Non consenso

24h/24 h, 7/7gg

2014 - 2016

Valutazione rischio clinico

Valutazione clinica e calcolo ADD risk score

D-dimero
FoCUS
CXR

Cut-off 500ng/ml

Diagnosi conclusiva

Angio TC
ETE
RM
Report operatorio
Autopsia
Follow up a 14 gg

Aortic Dissection Detection risk score

Condizioni predisponenti

- ☐ s. Marfan/patologia connettivo
- ☐ familiarità per s. aortica
- ☐ nota valvulopatia aortica
- ☐ noto aneurisma aorta toracica
- ☐ recente manipolazione aortica

Caratteristiche del dolore

- ☐ Improvviso
- ☐ Severo
- ☐ Lacerante

Reperti obiettivi

- ☐ Deficit di polso/anisosfigmia
- ☐ Deficit neurologico
- ☐ Nuovo soffio diastolico aortico
- ☐ Shock/ipotensione

0 fatt. rischio

≥1 fatt. rischio in 1
categoria

≥1 fatt. rischio in 2-3
categorie

ADD risk score=0
(basso rischio)

ADD risk score=1
(rischio intermedio)

ADD risk score=2-3
(alto rischio)

2010 AHA guidelines

ADD risk score ≤1
Non ad alto rischio

ADD risk score >1
Alto rischio

2014 ESC guidelines

Biomarcatori

Potenziali/di interesse scientifico

Calponin

Myosin light chain (MLC)

Matrix metalloproteinases (MMP)

Soluble ST2



Profilo biochimico dell'urgenza

WBC

PLT

fibrinogeno

troponina I/T

proteina C reattiva

LDH



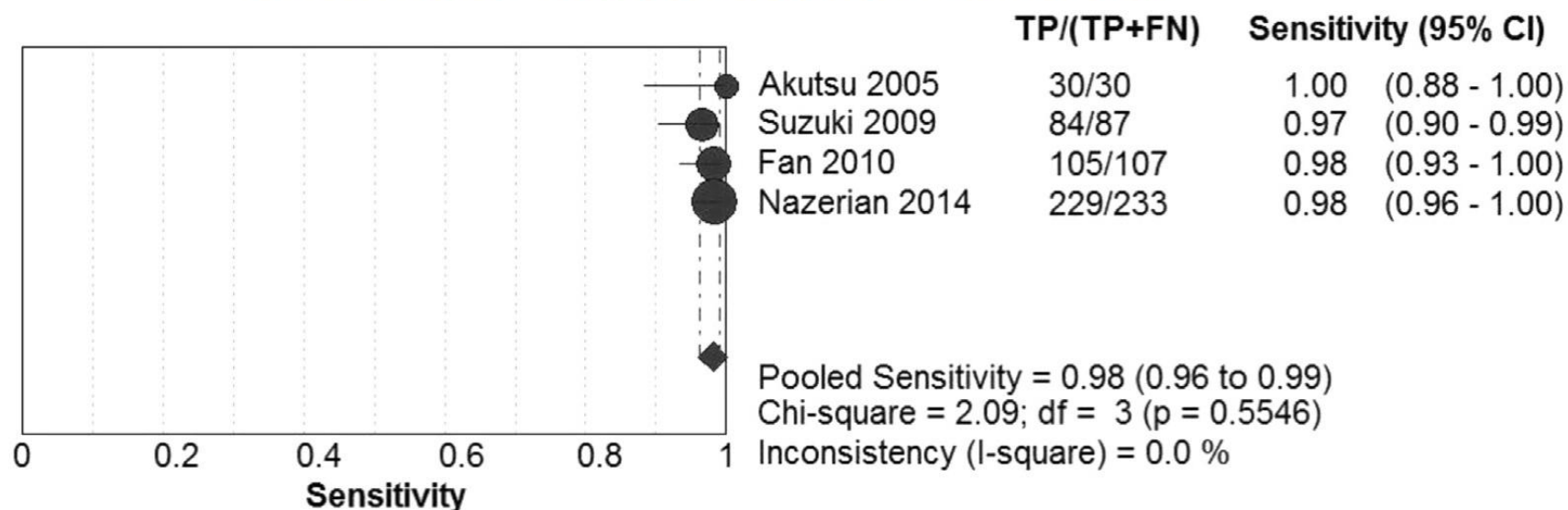
Applicabili nella pratica clinica

D-dimero



Is a negative serum dimer sufficient to rule out AAS?

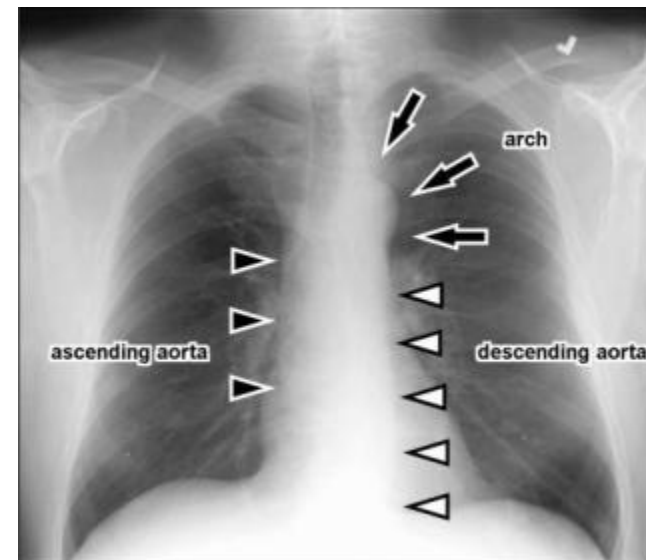
A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of D-dimer as a Rule-out Test for Suspected Acute Aortic Dissection Asha S. Ann Emerg Med 2015



- Il clinico deve però ricordare che il D-dimero ha una bassa specificità e un suo uso inappropriato in pazienti con sintomi non specifici per i quali non considererebbe normalmente un valutazione diagnostica per SAA potrebbe risultare in un paradossale aumento delle richieste di test diagnostici di secondo livello per escludere la SAA.
- L'approccio del clinico deve essere quindi di considerare il D-dimero per escludere la SAA nei pazienti non ad alto rischio in cui avrebbe richiesto un test di imaging in caso il D-dimero non fosse stato disponibile.

Rx torace

- Double aortic knob sign
- Diffuse enlargement of the aorta with poor definition or irregularity of the aortic contour
- Inward displacement of aortic wall calcification by more than 10 mm
- Tracheal displacement to the right
- Displacement of a nasogastric tube
- Pleural effusion (more common on the left side; suggests leakage)
- Pericardial effusion
- Cardiac enlargement
- Left apical opacity



Does a normal chest X ray rule out AAS in patients at low risk?

Widened mediastinum

Maximum width >80 mm at the level of the aortic knob, a ratio of mediastinum to chest width >0.25 von Kodolitsch Y, et al. *Am J Med* 2004

Pooled data from 10 studies: Sens of a widened mediastinum 64%

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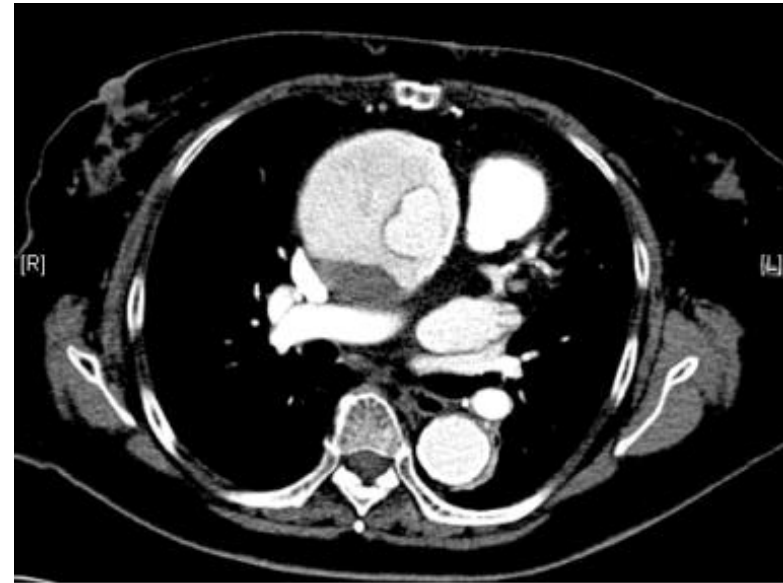


Table 3. Radiographic Features of Aortic Disease on Chest Radiography

Radiographic Feature	Aortic Disease (n = 109)	No Aortic Disease (n = 107)	Likelihood Ratio (95% Confidence Interval)	
			Positive	Negative
			Number (%)	
Widened aortic contour	75 (69)	23 (21)	3.2 (2.2–4.7)	0.4 (0.3–0.5)
Widened mediastinum	63 (58)	28 (26)	2.2 (1.5–3.7)	0.6 (0.5–0.7)
Tracheal displacement	28 (26)	32 (30)	0.9 (0.6–1.3)	1.1 (0.9–1.2)
Displaced calcification	17 (16)	3 (3)	5.6 (1.7–18.4)	0.9 (0.8–0.9)
Aortic kinking	52 (48)	5 (5)	10.2 (4.2–24.6)	0.6 (0.5–0.7)
Opacified pulmonary window	40 (37)	17 (16)	2.3 (1.4–3.8)	0.8 (0.7–0.9)
Blurred aortic contour	11 (10)	4 (4)	2.7 (0.9–8.2)	0.9 (0.8–1.0)

Pooled data from 10 studies:

- Sensitivity of a widened mediastinum 64%
- Sensitivity of an abnormal aortic contour 71%
- Sensitivity of all abnormal radiographic findings 90%

Klompas M. JAMA 2002

- Il 16 % dei pazienti con DA ha un RX torace normale

IRAD. JAMA 2000

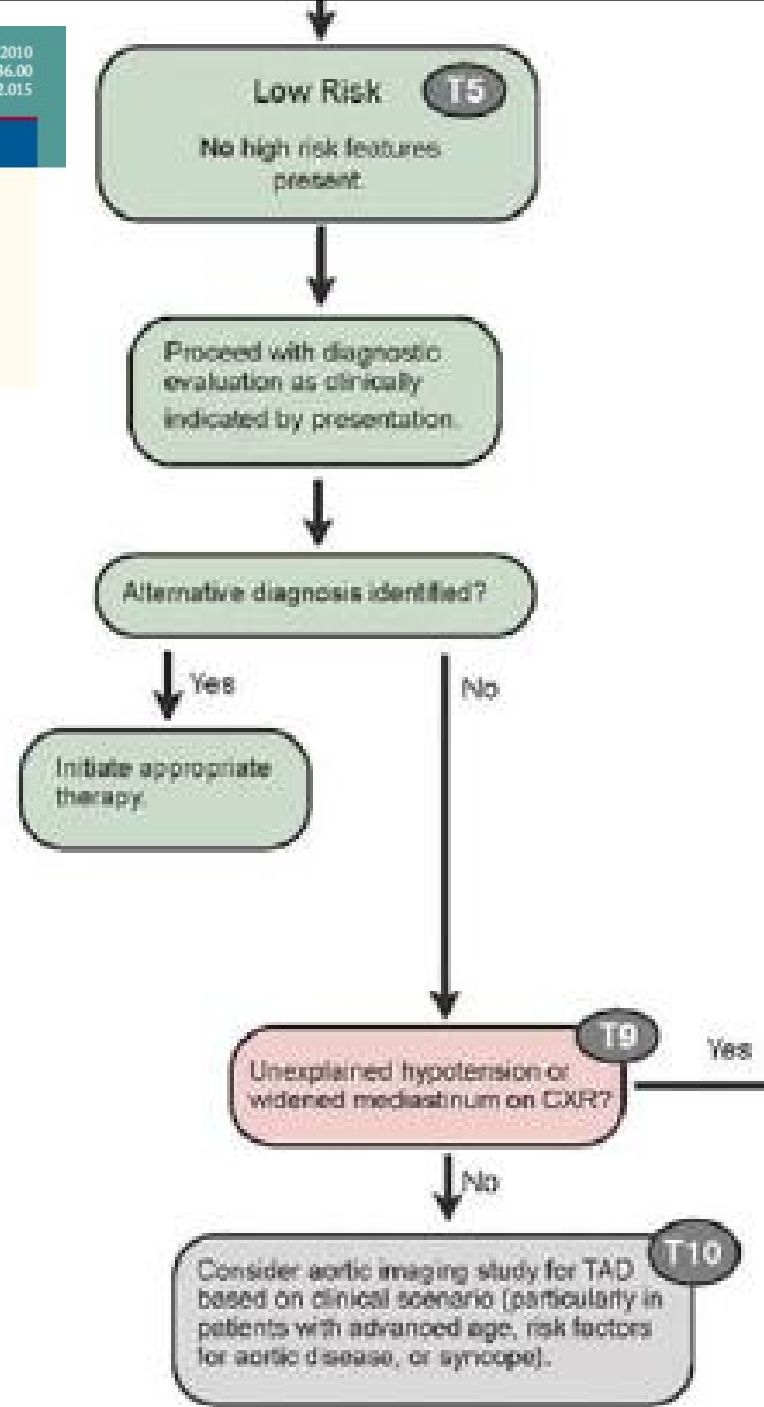
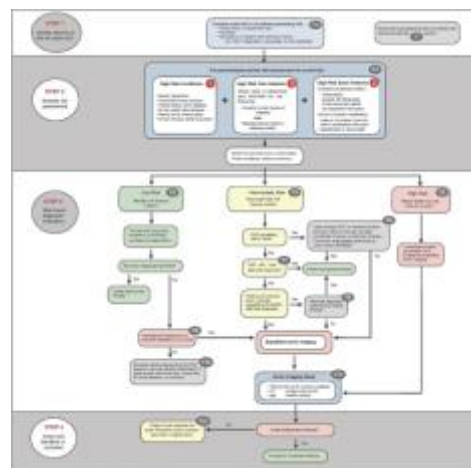
- Specificity of chest x-ray for aortic pathology 86%

von Kodolitsch. Am J Med. 2004

PRACTICE GUIDELINE: FULL TEXT

2010 ACCF/AHA/AATS/ACR/ASA/SCA/SCAI/SIR/STS/SVM Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Patients With Thoracic Aortic Disease

..... Chest x-ray is inadequately sensitive to definitively exclude the presence of AoD in all except the lowest-risk patients and therefore rarely excludes the disease.....



Current FoCUS guidelines not consider evaluation of patients with suspected AAS

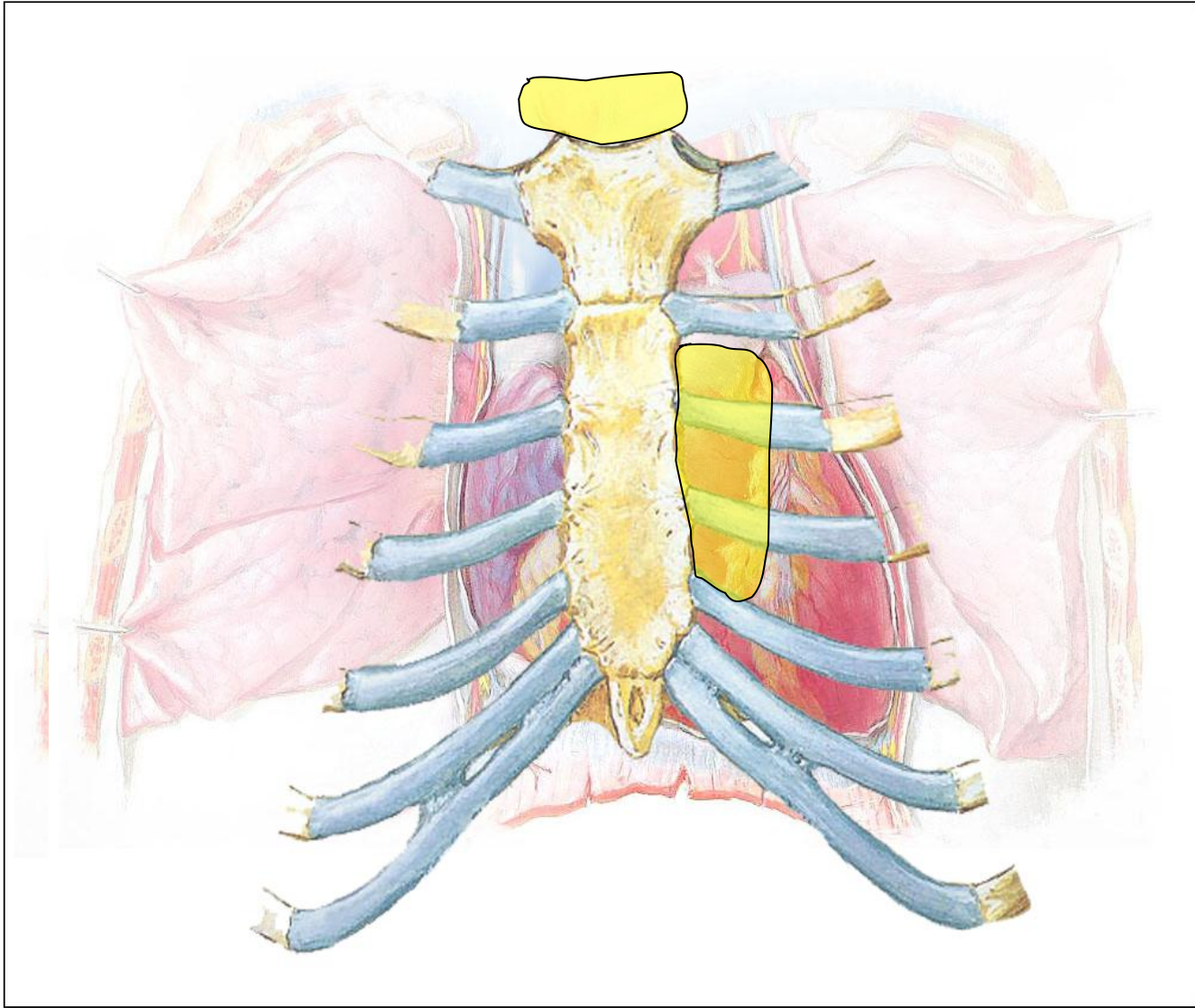
Focused cardiac ultrasound in the emergent setting: a consensus statement of the American Society of Echocardiography and American College of Emergency Physicians.
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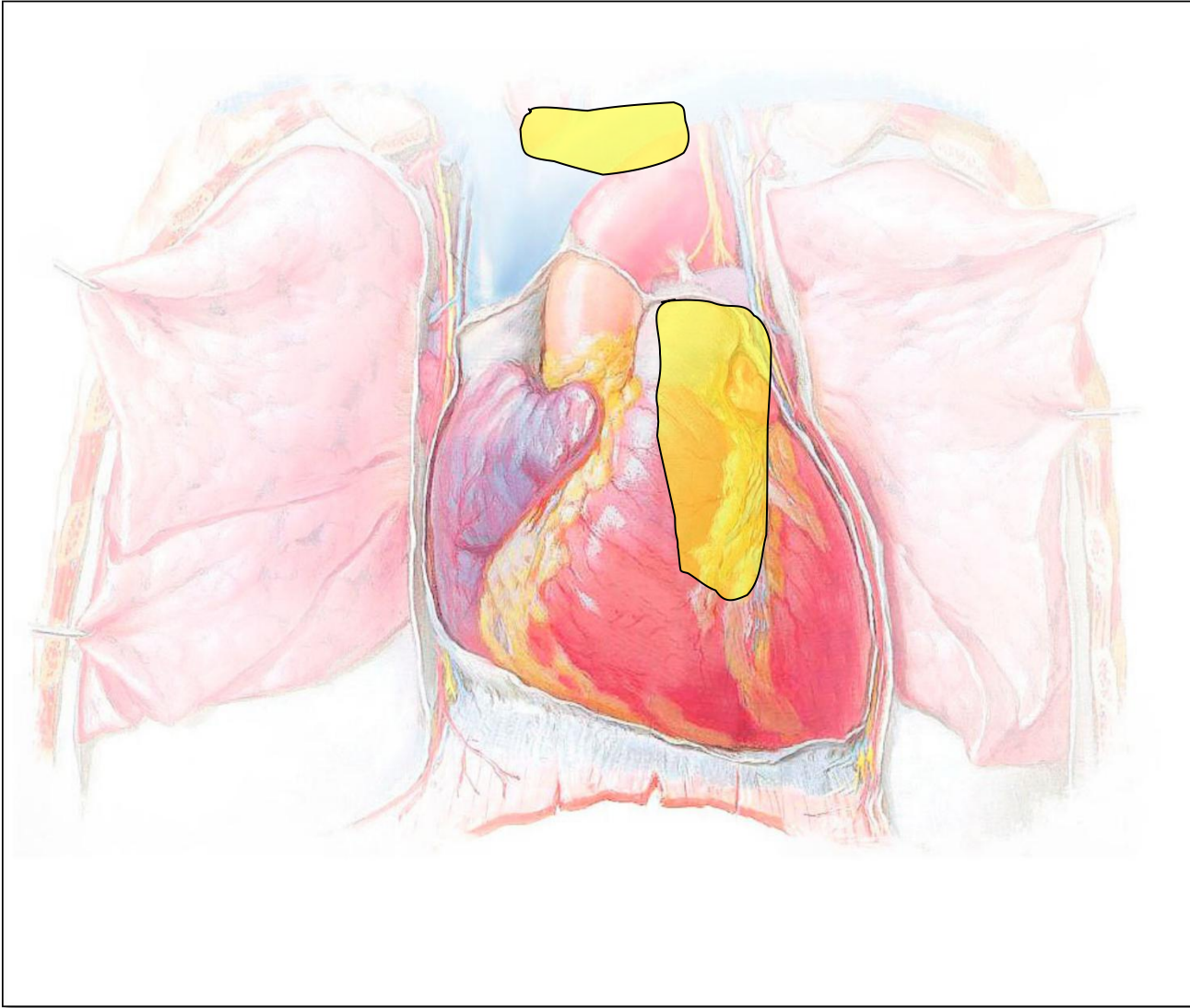
FoCUS: views for suspected AAS

- ▶ **Most important views**
 - **Parasternal long axis: aortic root and ascending aorta**
 - **Suprasternal notch view: aortic arch**
- ▶ **Additional views of thoracic aorta**
 - Parasternal short axis: aortic valve (bi vs tricuspid)
 - Right parasternal long axis: ascending aorta
 - Subcostal 5 chamber: aortic root
 - Apical 5 and 3 chamber views: aortic root
 - Apical 4 and 2 chamber views: descending aorta
- ▶ **Views other than thoracic aorta**
 - **Abdominal aorta, carotids and limbs' arteries**

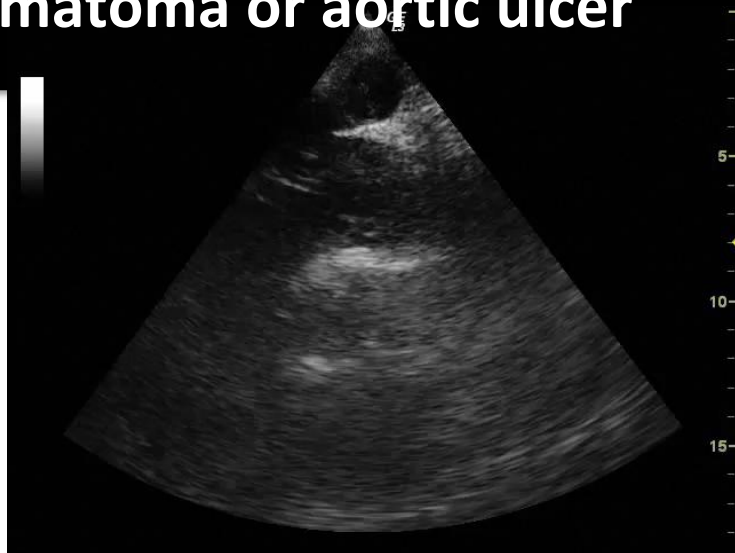
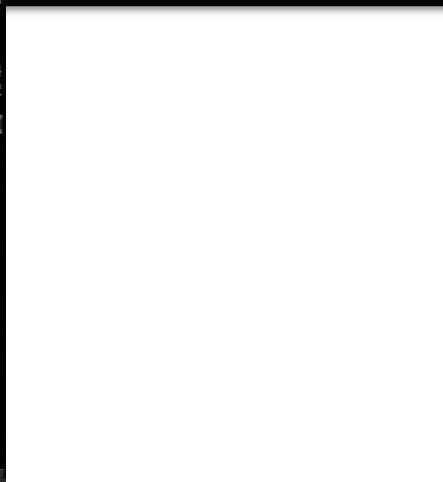
Parasternal LAX and Suprasternal notch



Parasternal LAX and Suprasternal notch



Direct signs: intimal flap, intramural hematoma or aortic ulcer

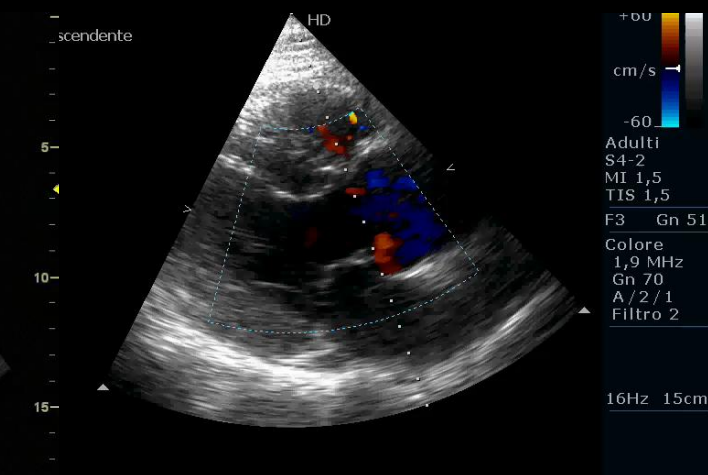
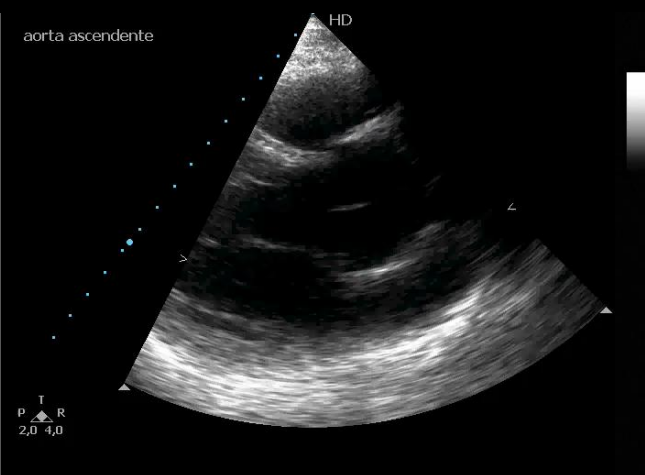


Indirect signs

aortic dilatation (≥ 40 mm)

pericardial effus./tamponade

aortic valve insufficiency



ADvISED project results

Which is the best single test to rule out AAS?

	ADD-RS=0 (1848 pts)	D-dimer neg (1848 pts)	CXR No enlarged mediastinum (1030 pts)	FOCUS neg (839 pts)
Sens % (95% CI)	95 (91.5-97.4)	96.7 (93.6-98.6)	54 (39.2 – 68.6)	89 (82.8-93.6)
NPV % (95% CI)	97.3 (95.3-98.6)	99.2 (98.5-99.7)	97.6 (96.9-98.3)	97 (95.3-98.1)
Spec % (95% CI)	26.4 (24.3-28.7)	64 (61.6-66.4)	92.4 (90.5-93.9)	74.5 (71-77.7)
PPV % (95% CI)	16.2 (14.3-18.3)	28.7 (25.6-32)	25.7 (13.8-37.7)	42.3 (39-45.8)

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ADvISED project results

Diagnostic strategies to rule out high mortality diseases in ED



Acceptable failure rate for

- Pulmonary Embolism
Upper limit of the 95%CI around failure rate <3%

Righini M, JAMA. 2014
Perrier A, N Engl J Med. 2005
Van Belle A, JAMA. 2006

- Acute coronary syndrome
Major adverse cardiac events 1-2%

Poldervaart JM, Ann Inter Med 2017

- Acute aortic syndromes
Upper limit of the 95%CI around the failure rate <2%

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	ADD-RS≤1 plus D-dimer (1848 pts)	ADD-RS≤1 plus CXR (1030 pts)	ADD-RS≤1 plus FoCUS (839 pts)
Failure rate % (95% CI)	0.3 (0.1-1.1)	1.94 (1.1-3.1)	1.9 (0.9-3.6)
Efficiency % (95% CI)	49.9 (47.7-52.2)	80.2 (77.6-82.6)	56.7 (53.3-60.1)
Sensitivity % (95% CI)	98.8 (96.4-99.7)	66.7 (51.6 – 79.6)	93.8 (88.6-97.1)
Specificity % (95% CI)	57.3 (54.9-59.7)	82.5 (80-84.8)	67.4 (63.8-70.9)
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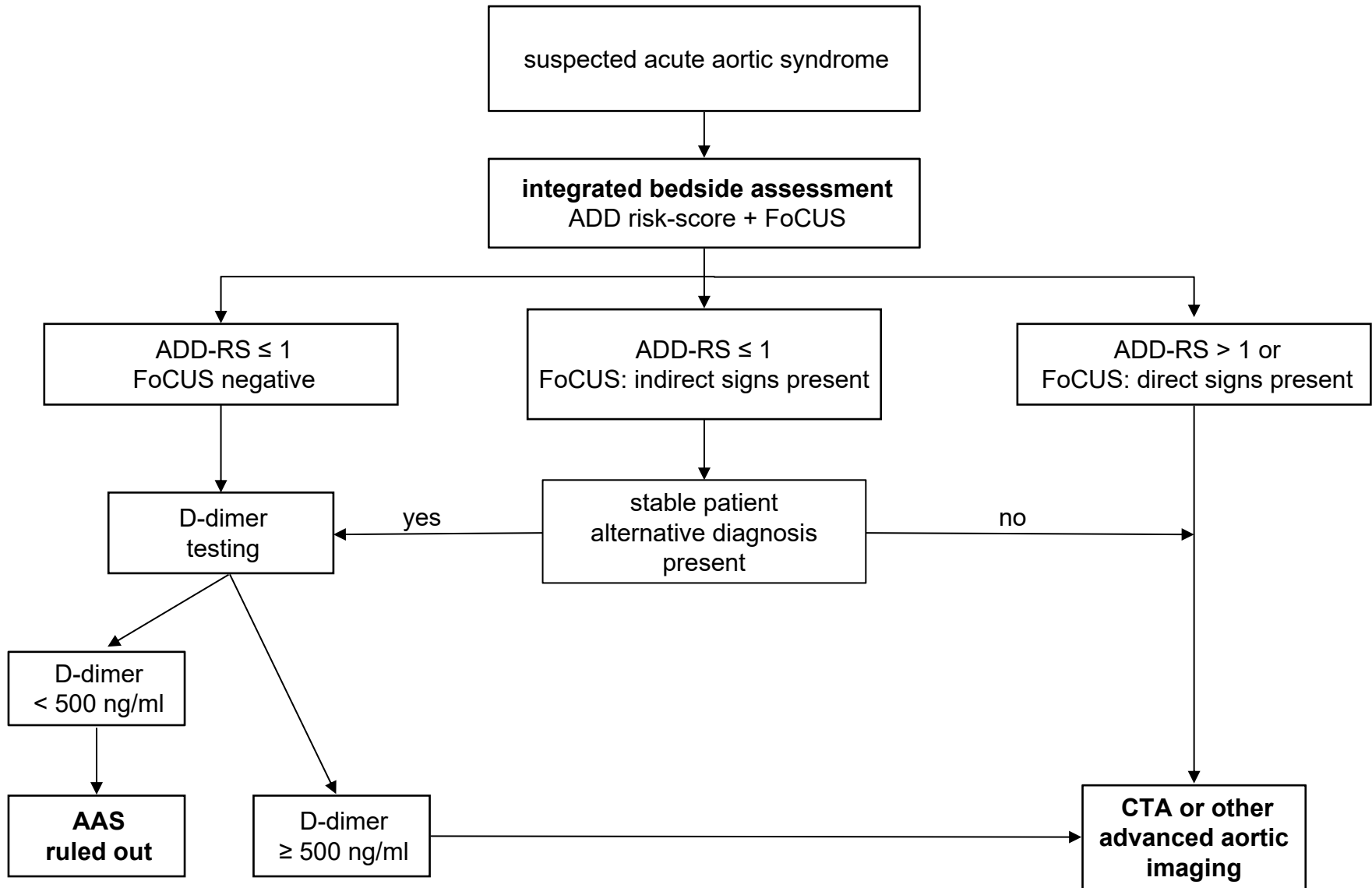
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Which is the best diagnostic strategy to rule out AAS?

Diagnostic strategy combining ADD-RS, FOCUS and D-dimer

	ADD-RS $\leq$ 1 and FoCUS neg plus d-dimer<500 ng/ml (839 pts)
Failure rate [^] % (95% CI)	0
Efficiency ⁺ % (95% CI)	40.3 (36.9-43.7)
Sensitivity % (95% CI)	100 (97.3-100)
Specificity % (95% CI)	48.4 (44.5-52.2)
PPV % (95% CI)	28 (26.6-29.5)
NPV % (95% CI)	100

Proposed diagnostic algorithm based on ADD-RS and FoCUS plus D-dimer



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