

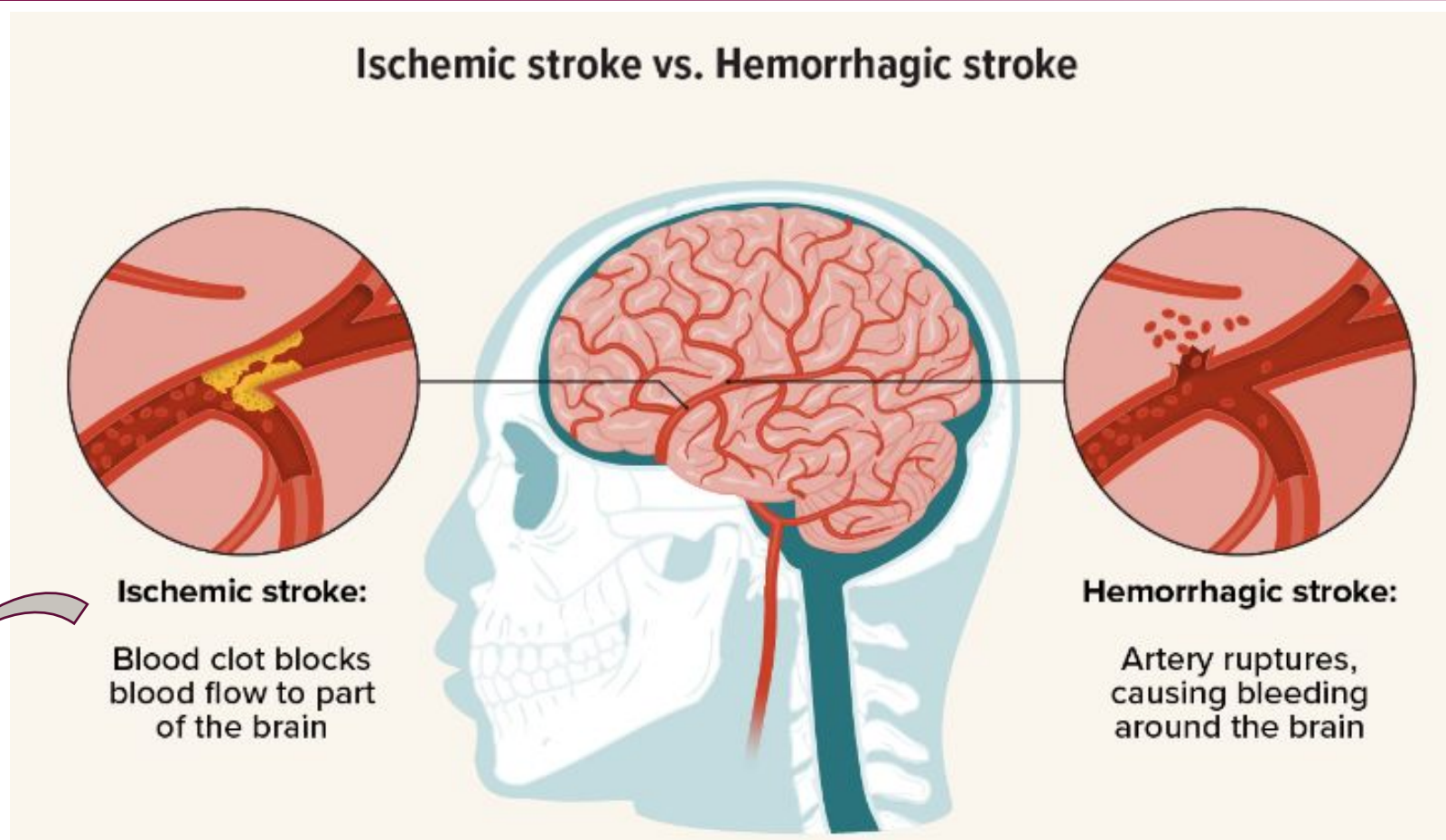
# **Reversal bundle of care: è possibile cambiare outcome nel paziente emorragico**

**Emorragie da DOACs e Bundle of care**

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# Strokes Aetiology and Epidemiology in Italy



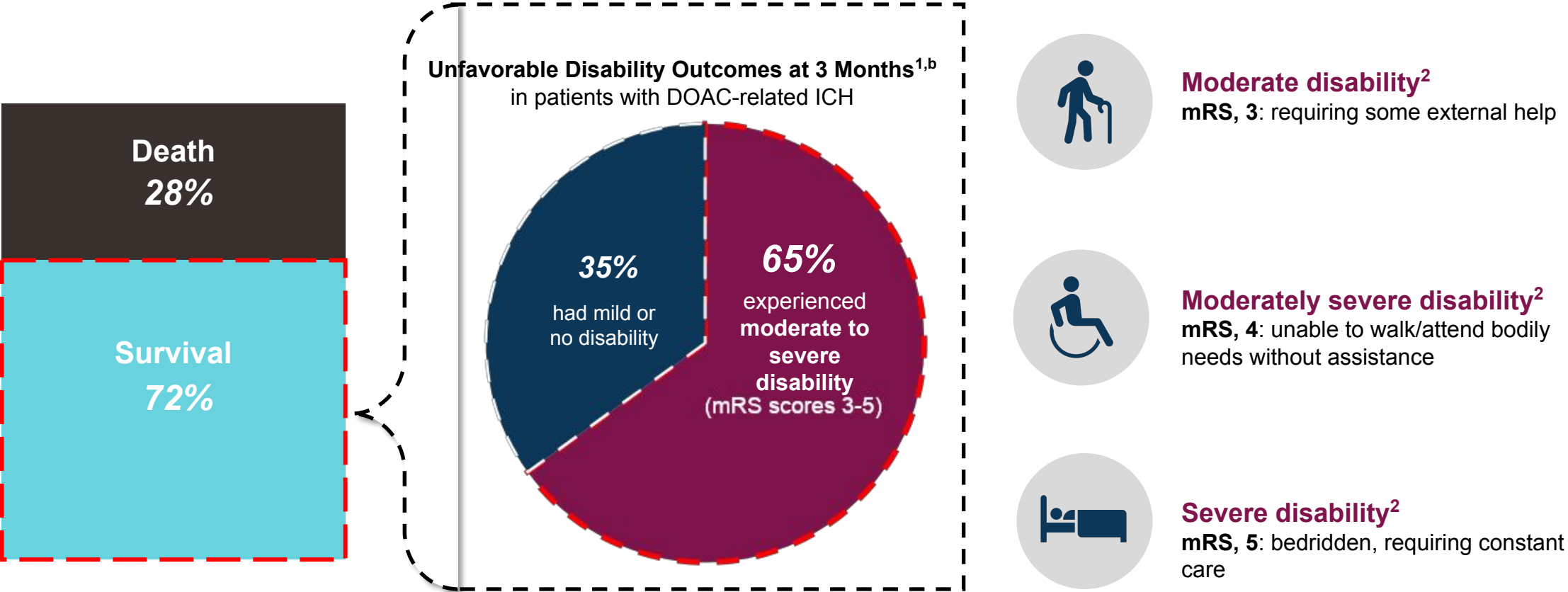
**68-83% ischemic**

**100K Hospitalized Patients (80% New Cases)<sup>1</sup>**

**10-20% as primary ICH**  
1.6-4.0% as sub-arachnoid haem.

# DOAC-Related ICH is Associated with Increased Disability Among Survivors<sup>1</sup>

RASUNOA: prospective, investigator-initiated, multicenter observational study evaluated 3-month survival and disability outcomes in patients with DOAC-related, nontraumatic ICH (N=60)<sup>1,a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>DOAC therapies included apixaban, dabigatran, and rivaroxaban; <sup>b</sup>Unfavorable outcome defined as mRS score of 3-5 in survivors.

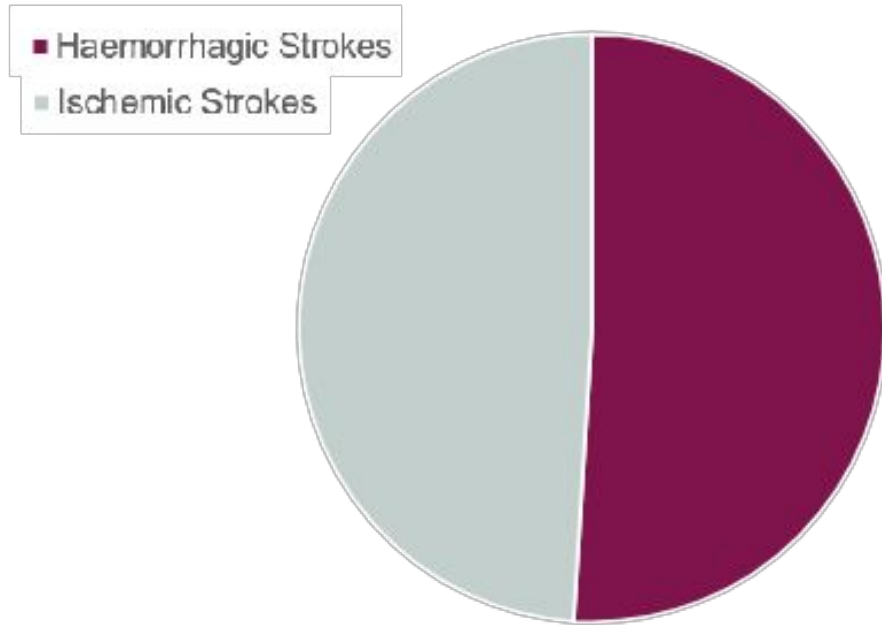
DOAC = direct oral anticoagulant; ICH = intracerebral hemorrhage; mRS = modified Rankin Scale.

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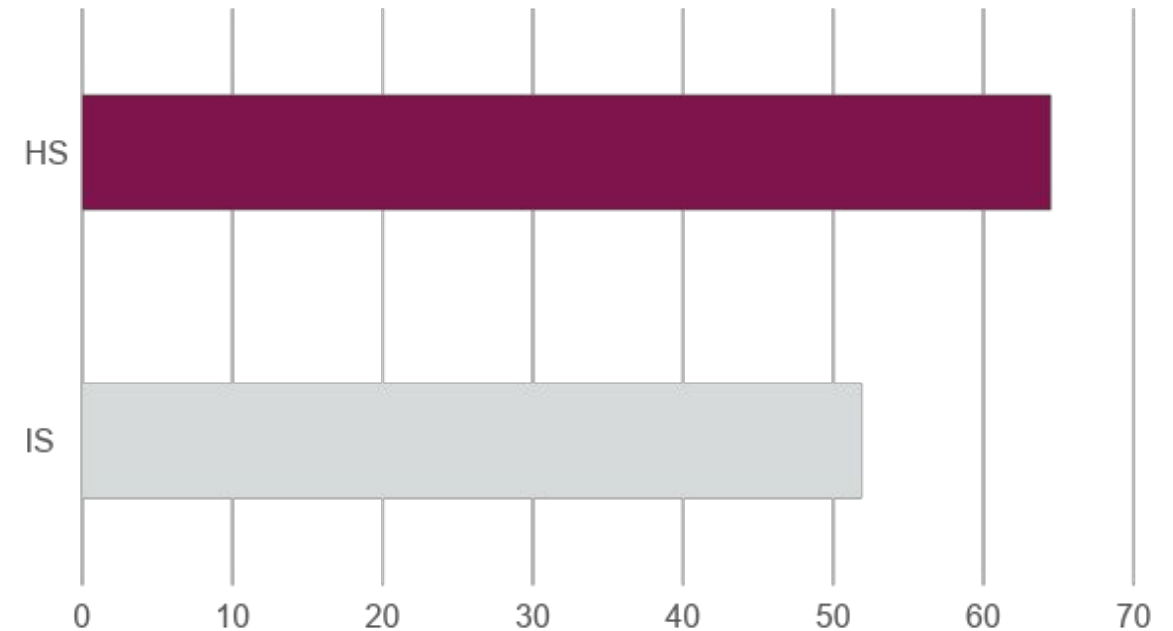
# Haemorrhagic Strokes are less frequent but more severe

Deaths<sup>1</sup>



**51% of all deaths are due to hemorrhagic stroke**

Million DALYs<sup>1</sup>



**more DALYs lost than ischaemic stroke**

People <70yo  
Accounts for

60% of new hemorrhagic strokes

DALY=disability adjusted life-year

# Multiple Risk Factors for ICH

## Non-modifiable



Advanced age



Gender/Race



Cerebral amyloid  
Angiopathy



Chronic Kidney  
disease



## Modifiable



Hypertension



Anticoagulants/  
antiplatelets drugs



Hyperlipidemia



Smoking/excessive  
alcohol consumption

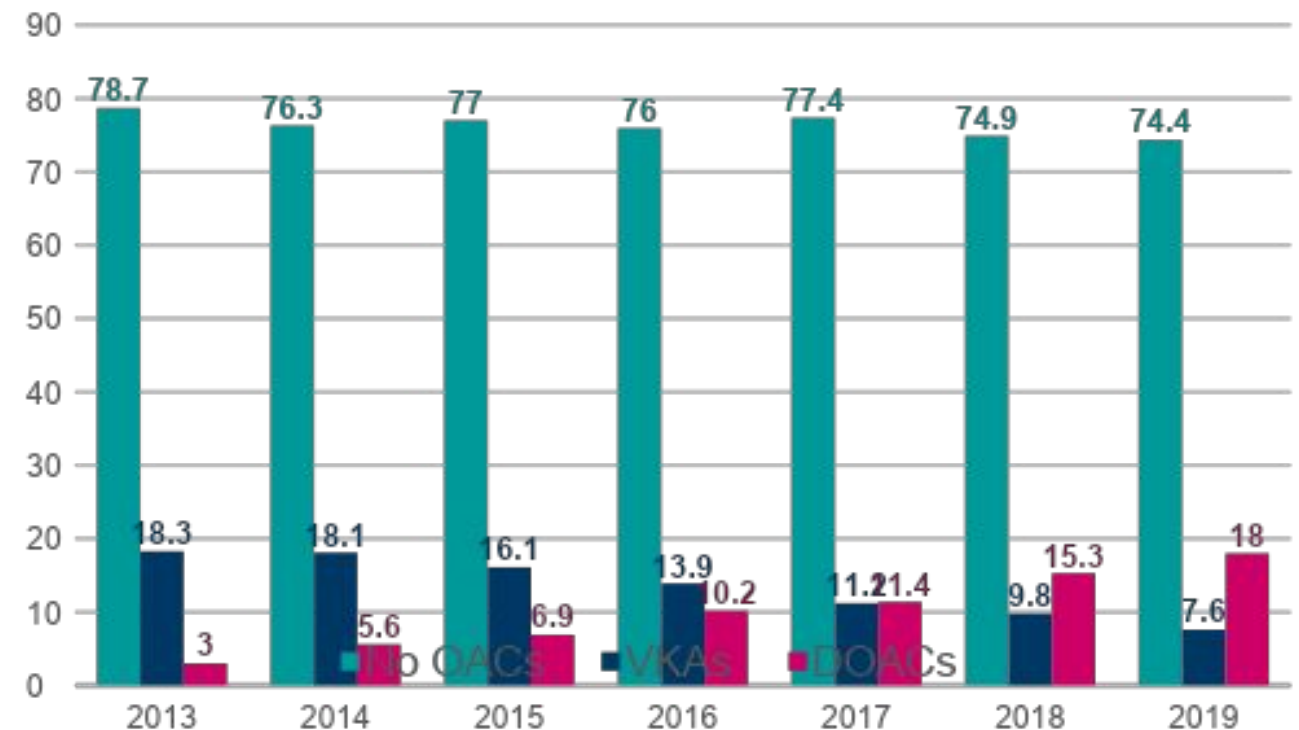
# Anticoagulation-related ICH incidence is changing

Anticoagulant-related ICHs are steadily around 20-25% of all ICH

Due to their favourable safety profile, use of NOACs in Europe has increased significantly since their approval

European data show a higher prevalence of DOACs among OAC-related ICHs in recent years

ICH breakdown by presence and type of anticoagulant per year in Switzerland and Norway



DALY=disabilityadjusted life-year; OAC= Oral anticoagulant; DOAC= Direct oral anticoagulant

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## L'uso di Doac è aumentato in modo significativo dalla loro approvazione

Anticoagulanti, consumo (DDD / 1000 abitanti al giorno) in ITALIA: confronto 2014-2019<sup>2</sup>

Sottogruppi e sostanze	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Δ % 19-18
<b>DOAC</b>	1,6	3,4	5,3	7,3	9,4	11,7	25,0
EBPM	9,7	9,7	9,5	9,2	8,9	8,7	-2,0
Antitrombotico	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	2,2
Fondaparinux	0,3	0,4	0,4	0,5	0,5	0,5	2,6
Eparina ed eparinoidi	0,6	0,4	0,5	0,4	0,4	0,4	-3,1
<b>Antagonisti della vitamina K</b>	6,5	6,1	5,6	5,1	4,6	4,1	-10,6
<b>Anticoagulanti</b>	<b>18,8</b>	<b>20,1</b>	<b>21,4</b>	<b>22,6</b>	<b>23,7</b>	<b>25,4</b>	<b>7,0</b>
enoxaparina	7,5	7,6	7,7	7,3	7,2	7,6	6,0
apixaban	0,2	0,8	1,6	2,3	3,0	3,6	22,2
rivaroxaban	0,6	1,5	2,3	2,8	3,2	4,1	28,9
dabigatran	0,8	1,1	1,4	1,8	2,2	2,4	10,2
edoxaban	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,4	1,0	1,6	51,7
nadroparina calcica	1,4	1,4	1,2	1,2	1,1	0,8	-27,1
fondaparinux	0,3	0,4	0,4	0,5	0,5	0,5	2,6
parnaparina	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,6	0,5	0,3	-50,9
alteplasi	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	5,2
eparina	0,6	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	-3,0

2. <https://www.aisp.gov.it/rapporti-osmed-2019>

# Baseline Characteristics and Clinical Predictors of Hematoma Expansion and Prognosis

Non-modifiable baseline characteristics			Modifiable clinical characteristics		
Intracranial hemorrhage subtype	Spontaneous ICH and SAH were shown to have highest mortality in anticoagulated patients <sup>1</sup>			Prior use of anticoagulants is associated with larger initial hematoma volume as well as HE and worse outcomes <sup>6-7</sup>	Prior use of anticoagulant agents
Hematoma volume	Volume of ICH was the most important predictor of 30-day survival <sup>2</sup>			Post-admission blood pressure variability and high mean arterial pressure are positively related to HE <sup>8</sup>	Systolic blood pressure
Baseline NIHSS or GCS scores	Some observational studies found higher baseline scores associated with HE risk <sup>4</sup>			Admission hyperglycemia correlated with poor functional outcomes and high fatality rates <sup>9</sup>	Blood glucose
Age and gender	HE more likely in patients of older age ≥85 years and male gender <sup>3-5</sup>			Temperature abnormalities can occur in >30% of ICH patients, with fever associated with and worse outcomes <sup>9</sup>	Temperature

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# HE is associated with early neurological deterioration, poor functional outcomes, and increased risk of mortality after ICH



**10% increase in hematoma growth<sup>2,b</sup>**



**16% greater likelihood of 1 point reduction on the mRS**

Cumulative OR, 0.84; 95% CI, 0.75-0.92; p <0.0001

**5% increase in risk of death**

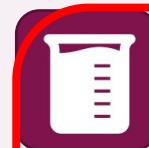
HR, 1.05; 95% CI, 1.03-1.08; p <0.0001

**10.7 mL increase in hematoma volume**



**72% greater likelihood of death or dependency<sup>c,d</sup>**

OR, 1.72; 95% CI, 1.19-2.49; p=0.004



**10.7 mL increase in hematoma volume**



**5% higher chance of death or dependency<sup>d</sup>**

95% CI, 2-9%

<sup>a</sup>Early neurological deterioration defined as a decrease in the GCS score by  $\geq 2$  points or increase in NIHSS score by  $\geq 4$  points within 24 hours of admission; <sup>b</sup>HE diagnosed via CT within 3 hours of stroke onset and at 24-hour follow-up; <sup>c</sup>Increase in hematoma volume measured over 24 hours; <sup>d</sup>Dependency defined as mRS scores 3-5 at 90 days after randomization.

# Recommendations on Systolic Blood Pressure

## Evidence-based Recommendation

In patients with hyperacute (<6 hours) intracerebral haemorrhage, we suggest **lowering blood pressure to below 140 mmHg** (and to keep it above 110 mmHg) to reduce haematoma expansion.

QoE: **Moderate**⊕⊕  
SoR: **Weak** ↑

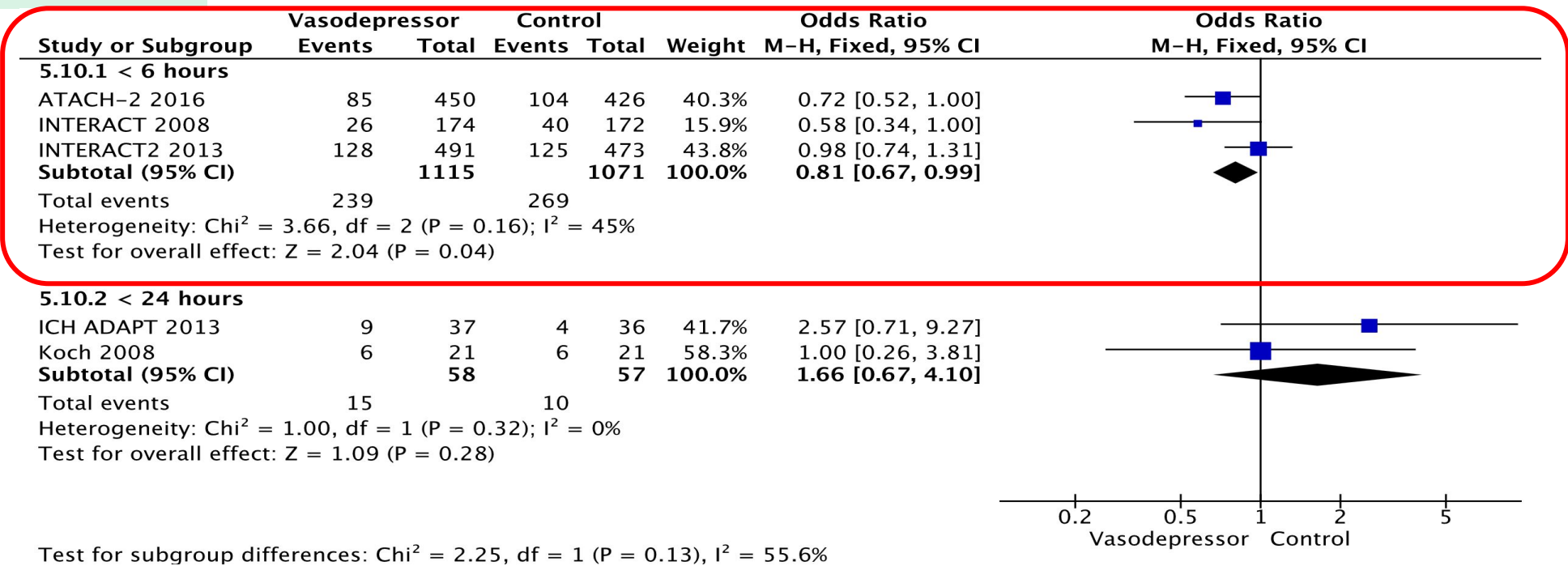
## Expert Consensus Statement

In patients with acute intracerebral haemorrhage, we suggest initiating antihypertensive treatment as early as possible and ideally **within 2 hours** of symptom onset. The decrease of systolic blood pressure should not exceed 90mmHg from baseline values. Vote 10 of 10.

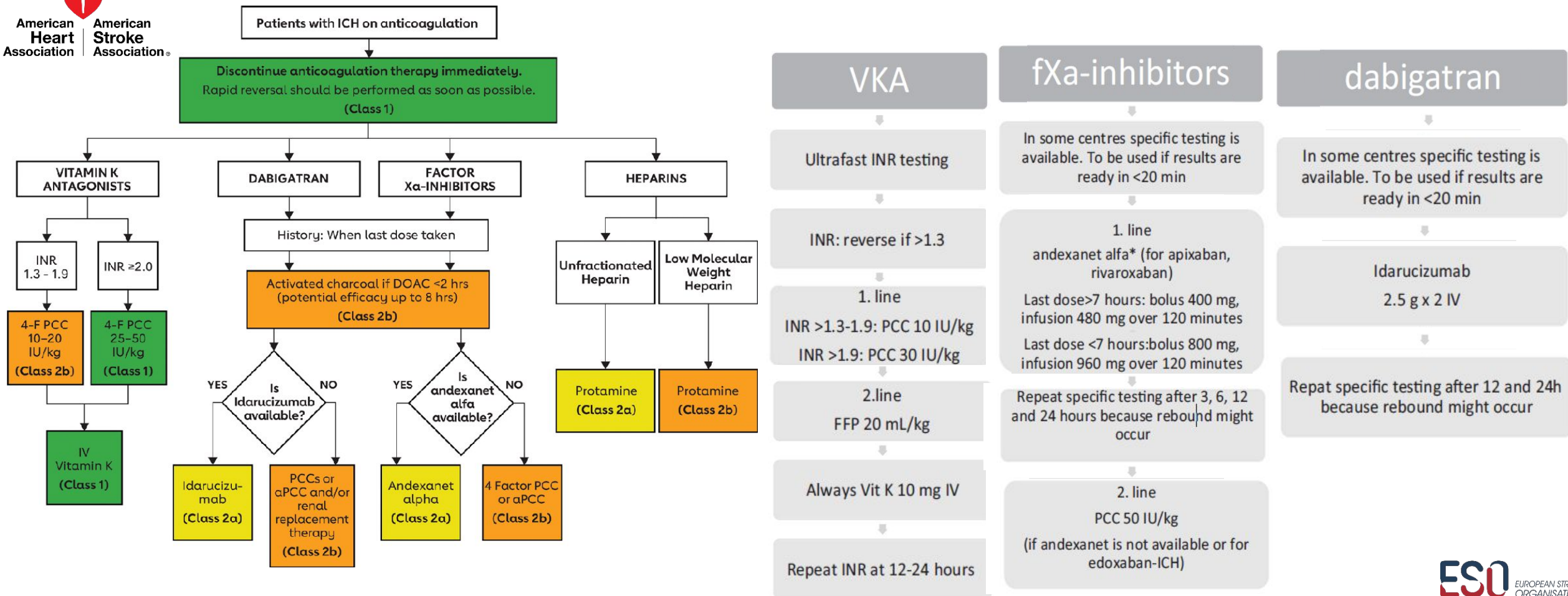
Vote **10 of 10**

# Control of Systolic Blood Pressure is associated with lower HE

Meta-analysis of studies on the effect of vasodepressors on HE



# Recommendations on Management of Anticoagulant-Related Hemorrhage



DOAC, direct oral anticoagulant; ESO, European Stroke Organization; FFP, fresh frozen plasma; Fxa, factor Xa; ICH, intracerebral hemorrhage; INR, international normalized ratio; IV, intravenous; PCC, prothrombin complex concentrate; 4F-PCC, four factor PCC; aPCC, activated PCC; VKA, vitamin k antagonist; ICH, intracerebral hemorrhage; and INR, international normalized ratio.

Christensen H et al. *Eur Stroke J.* 2019;4(4):294-306. Greenberg 2022 - *Stroke. AHA/ASA Guidelines - Management of Patients With Spontaneous Intracerebral Hemorrhage*

# Reversal of Vitamin K Antagonists in ICH patients

PICO	Table 1. Summary of recommendations.	Quality of evidence	Strength of recommendation
1	We recommend using PCC (30 IU/kg) in adults with ICH occurring during use of vitamin K antagonists (with an INR above normal) over no treatment to decrease mortality and normalise INR.	Very low	Strong
2	We recommend using PCC (30 IU/kg) in patients with ICH occurring during use of vitamin K antagonists (with an INR above normal) over FFP (20 mL/kg) to decrease mortality and normalise INR.	Moderate	Strong
3	In adult patients with ICH occurring during use of vitamin K antagonists (with an INR above normal) we recommend using vitamin K (10 mg IV) in addition to fast reversal strategies including PCC to prevent re-increase of INR to decrease haematoma expansion and decrease mortality	Very low	Strong



No RCTs investigating PCC vs placebo are available.

**Retrospective pooled analysis<sup>2</sup>** of 1,547 patients treated with FFP (24%), PCC (38%), both (9%), or neither (29%) from 16 stroke registries from 9 countries

**Primary endpoint:** all-cause case fatality

Outcomes with PCC versus FFP were similar (HR = 1.075); 4F-PCC was associated with higher case fatality compared to 3F-PCC.

**INCH trial: Phase 3b/4 Study<sup>3</sup>**  
multicentre, prospective, randomised, open-label, blinded-endpoint trial: PCC vs FFP

**Primary endpoint:** proportion of patients with INR 1.2 or lower <3 h of treatment initiation.

54 patients were randomly assigned (26 to FFP and 28 to PCC)



# Reversal of Dabigatran in ICH patients



In adult patients with ICH occurring during use of dabigatran, idarucizumab is recommended to reverse effects of dabigatran.

Quality of evidence

Low

Strength of recommendation

Strong

## REVERSE-AD: Phase 3b/4 Study

Multicenter, prospective, open-label, single-arm study with Idarucizumab

### Primary efficacy end point:

- Maximum Reversal of Anticoagulant Effect of Dabigatran Based on dTT or ECT

### Secondary outcome measure:

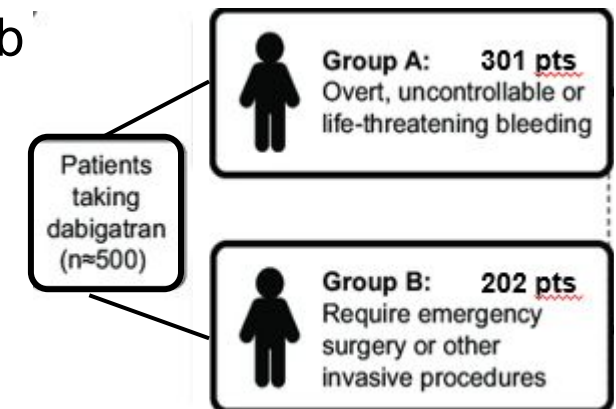
- Time to Cessation of Bleeding (for Group A Only)

**100%** percentage reversal on the basis of either the dTT or the EC

Only 98 pts with ICrH

Head imaging studies were not mandated

- ☐ The time to the cessation of bleeding could not be assessed.
- ☐ Hematoma expansion on early follow-up imaging studies was not analyze



# Reversal of Anti-FXa in ICH patients



In adult patients with ICH occurring during use of rivaroxaban or apixaban, andexanet alfa may be considered to reverse the anticoagulant effect.

Quality of evidence

Low

Strength of recommendation

Weak

## ANNEXA-A/R: Phase 3 study<sup>1</sup>

Two-part randomized, placebo-controlled studies  
**145 healthy volunteers** dosed to steady state with apixaban or rivaroxaban

### Primary efficacy endpoints:

- Percent change in anti-FXa activity from baseline to nadir

After a bolus plus 2-hour infusion, reversed anti-FXa activity by:

ANNEXA-A: **-92%**

Median of **percent change in anti-FXa** from baseline to nadir

ANNEXA-R: **-97%**



## ANNEXA-4: Phase 3b/4 study<sup>2</sup>

**Earliest report of 67 pts** with **major bleedings** enrolled the multicenter, prospective, open-label with andexanet alfa

### Co-primary efficacy endpoints:

- % change in anti-FXa activity from baseline to nadir
- Excellent or good hemostatic efficacy 12h after andexanet alfa administration

**-89%** median of **percent change in anti-FXa** from baseline to nadir

**79%** **Excellent/good hemostatic efficacy** of Overall Patients 12 Hours After Treatment

# Andexanet alfa: Latest evidence became available after 2019

## ANNEXA-4: Phase 3b/4 Study

Multicenter, prospective, open-label, single-arm

**246 pts with IntraCranial Haemorrhages**  
treated with Andexanet alfa assessed on CT-Imaging

### Co-primary efficacy endpoints:

- % change in anti-FXa activity from baseline to nadir
- Excellent or good hemostatic efficacy 12h after andexanet alfa administration

**-92%** median of **percent change in anti-FXa**  
from baseline to nadir

**80%** **Excellent/good hemostatic efficacy** (in 195/246)  
of Overall Patients 12 Hours After Treatment

Full paper published in March 2023

## ANNEXA-I: Phase 4 study

multicenter, prospective, randomized, open-label

**530 pts with IntraCerebral Haemorrhages**  
treated with Andexanet alfa vs Usual care

### Primary Efficacy Endpoint: Effective Hemostasis<sup>1,b</sup>

Defined as meeting **all 3** of the following criteria:

1. ≤35% hematoma volume expansion at 12 hours
2. NIHSS score increase of <7 at 12 hours
3. No rescue therapy administered between 3 and 12 hours after randomization

**11%**

95% CI, 2.8-19.3  
p=0.008

**adjusted absolute increase in  
Effective Hemostasis with  
andexanet alfa vs usual care<sup>1,b</sup>**

Presented at WSC in october 2023

# ABC-ICH: an Acute Bundle of Care study in ICH

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**Anticoagulant reversal:** Reversal agents delivered as quickly as possible  
(**<90 min**)



**Blood pressure :** using IV antihypertensives for rapid, intensive BP lowering  
(**<60 min**)

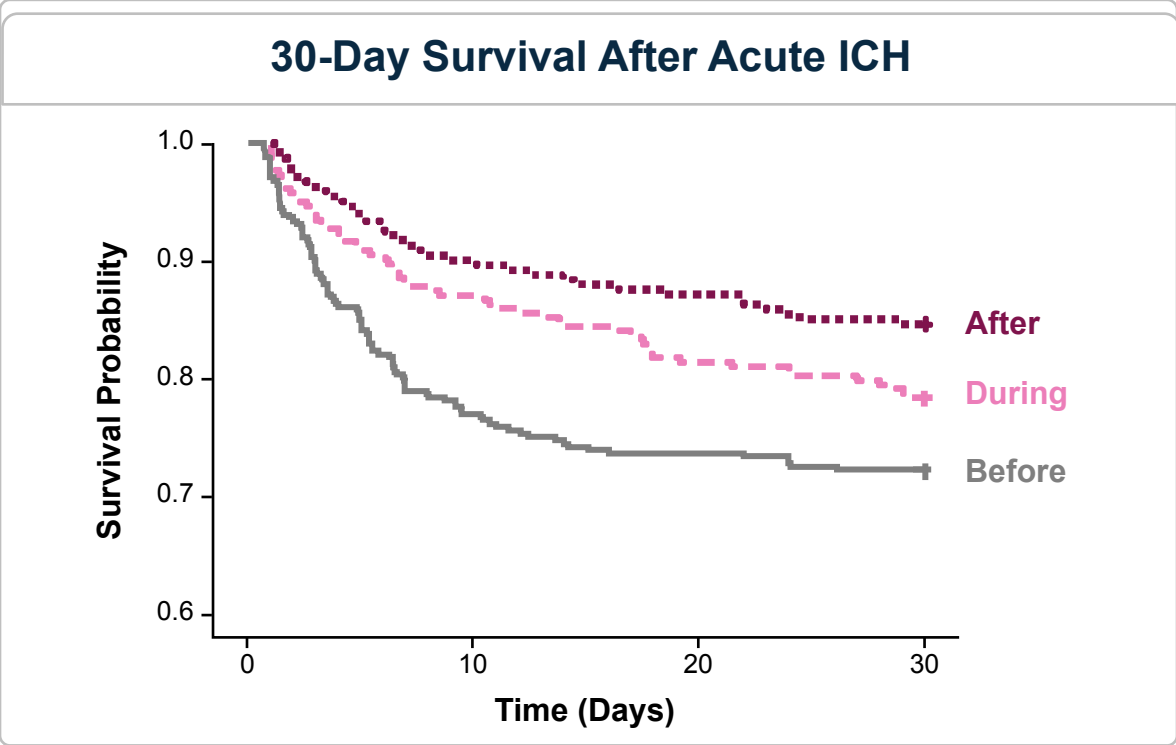


**Care pathway:** Prompt referral of appropriate patients to neurosurgery of all patients with mRS score  $\leq 2$  and any of the following:

- GCS  $< 9$ ,
- posterior fossa ICH,
- an obstructed 3rd/4th ventricle,
- or hematoma volume  $> 30\text{ml}$

# Acute Bundle of Care Implementation for ICH Management was Associated with Reduced 30-Day Mortality

An **ABC-ICH project** was implemented at a large comprehensive stroke center and regional neurological center; the study compared 30-day case mortality **before, during, and after bundle implementation** in patients with spontaneous ICH (N=860)



**Lower odds of 30-day case mortality<sup>a</sup>**

During implementation period:<sup>b</sup> OR 0.62; 95% CI: 0.38-0.97, p=0.003

After implementation period:<sup>c</sup> OR 0.40; 95% CI: 0.24-0.61, p <0.0001

Pre QI	
Salford	35.5%
SSNAP	31.6%

QI / Post-QI	
Salford	24.2%
SSNAP	31.1%

<sup>a</sup>Adjusted for premorbid mRS, GCS on arrival, age, IVH, ICH volume, and anticoagulant use; <sup>b</sup>From June 1, 2015-May 31, 2016; <sup>c</sup>From June 1, 2016-May 31, 2017.

ABC = Acute Bundle of Care; ICH = intracerebral hemorrhage; OR = odds ratio  
Parry-Jones AR et al. *Ann Neurol.* 2019;86(4):495-503. SSNAP = Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme



# The third Intensive Care Bundle with Blood Pressure Reduction in Acute Cerebral Haemorrhage Trial (INTERACT3): an international, stepped wedge cluster randomised controlled trial



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## Summary

**Background** Early control of elevated blood pressure is the most promising treatment for acute intracerebral haemorrhage.

# BUNDLE OF CARE approach in INTERACT-3, an RCT

## INTERACT-3 Trial: an international, stepped wedge cluster randomised controlled trial

### Background

- INTERACT3 was designed to determine the effectiveness of a goal-directed care bundle of active management vs. usual care in ICH.
- **121 Hospitals from 10 countries** were enrolled, totalling 7067 patients  $\geq 18$  years within six hours of experiencing ICH that received either SOC or the care bundle protocol.

Start Date: December 2017  
Completion Date: November 2022



N=7067

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### Care bundle protocol

- Intensive **BP lowering** to systolic target of  $<140$ mmHg within 1 h
- **Glucose control** target 6.1-7.8 mmol/l (non-diabetic); 7.8-10.0 mmol/l (diabetic) - as soon as possible
- Treatment of **Pyrexia** to a target body  $t \leq 37.5$  °C within 1h
- **Reversal of anticoagulation to target INR  $<1.5$**  involving use of vitamin K and prothrombin complex concentrate (**PCC**) or alternatively, fresh frozen plasma (**FFP**) – within 1 h.
- All target were **to be maintained in patients for 7 days** (or until discharge or death, should these events occur earlier).

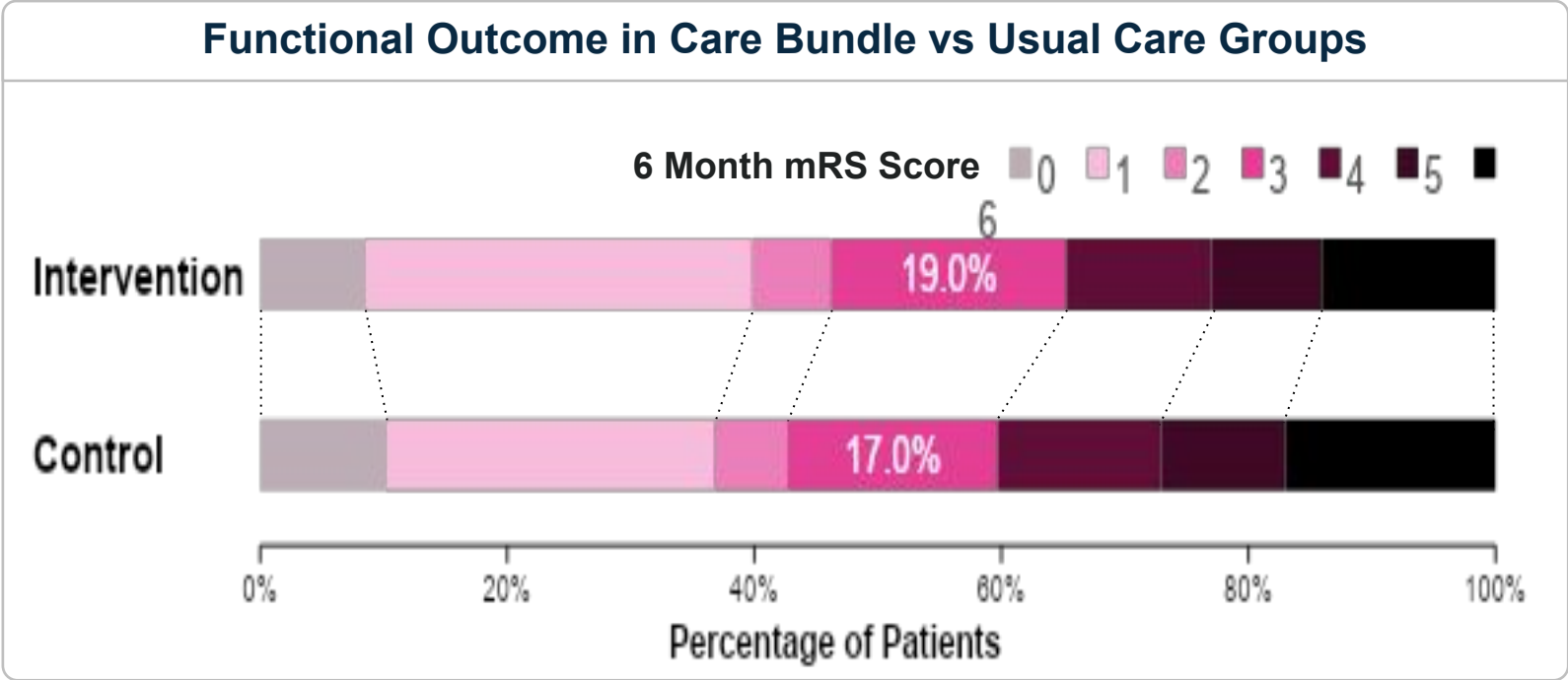
### Usual care

Patients receive the usual management based on local guidelines and hospital's individual policy

### Primary endpoint

- Functional recovery at 6 m (mRS; range 0 [no symptoms] to 6 [death])

# Implementation of a CARE BUNDLE for active management of ICH can improve outcomes



Compared to usual care, implementation of a **time-sensitive care bundle** was associated with:

**Favorable mRS scores<sup>d,e</sup>**

OR, 0.86; 95% CI, 0.76-0.97; p=0.015

**Lower odds of mortality<sup>d,e</sup>**

OR, 0.77; 95% CI, 0.63-0.95; p=0.015

**Increased odds of hospital discharge by day 7**

OR, 0.72; 95% CI, 0.53-0.98; p=0.034

**Fewer serious AE**

16.0% vs 20.1%; p=0.0098

<sup>a</sup>Intensive BP lowering to systolic target of <140mmHg within 1 hr of treatment initiation; <sup>b</sup>Glucose control target 6.1-7.8 mmol/L (non-diabetic); 7.8-10.0 mmol/L (diabetic); <sup>c</sup>Reversal of warfarin-related anticoagulation with PCC or FFP; <sup>d</sup>Analyzed as an ordinal outcome (shift across all categories); <sup>e</sup>Outcomes measured at 6 months; <sup>f</sup>HRQoL measured by the EQ-5D-3L.

BP = blood pressure; CI = confidence interval; EQ-5D-3L = European Quality of Life 5 Dimensions 3 Level Version; FFP = fresh frozen plasma; hr = hour; HRQoL = health-related quality of life; ICH = intracranial hemorrhage; INR = international normalized ratio; mRS = modified Rankin Scale; OR = odds ratio; PCC= prothrombin complex concentrate; QoL = quality of life; SAE = serious adverse events.

Ma L et al. *Lancet*. 2023;402(10395):27-40.

# Bundle of Care: An International Expert Consensus

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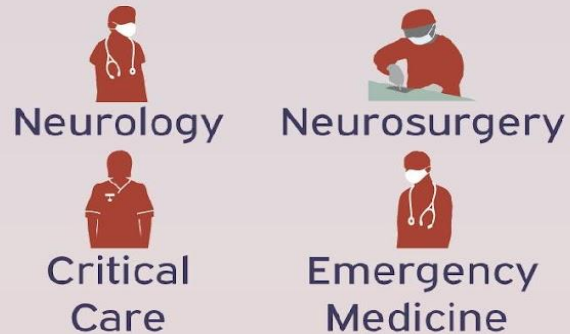




## Acute care bundles should be used for patients with intracerebral haemorrhage: an expert consensus statement

ICH care bundles reduce morbidity and mortality.  
We review current evidence and make practical recommendations for implementation.

### Methods



Consensus Meeting  
May 2023



Consensus statement  
agreed

### Results

We recommend:

Door	Stabilise patient, rapid imaging Coagulation tests
< 30 min	Reverse anticoagulant Start intensive BP lowering
< 60 min	SBP < 140, Consult Neurosurgery Achieve T < 37.5°C
7 days	Maintain SBP < 140; T < 37.5°C Maintain normoglycaemia

### Conclusion



**Multiple simultaneous interventions** improve functional outcome

**Rapid bundled care** should be introduced

**Quality improvement** will help achieve **ambitious process targets**



# Bundle of Care: An International Expert Consensus

**Table 1.** Individual interventions for possible inclusion in an acute, ICH-specific bundle of care.

Intervention	Criteria for treatment	Recommended process targets	Supporting guidelines/key evidence
Anticoagulant reversal	PCC and vitamin K (VKA antagonist): INR $\geq 1.3$ Andexanet alfa: currently taking apixaban or rivaroxaban and last dose taken $\leq 18$ h Idarucizumab: currently taking dabigatran PCC (DOACs): taking a DOAC and specific reversal agent unavailable or unlicensed for specific agent	Door-to-needle time $\leq 30$ min	1. ESO anticoagulant-associated ICH guideline (2019) <sup>11</sup> 2. AHA/ASA ICH guideline (2022) <sup>5</sup> 3. REVERSE-AD <sup>14</sup> 4. ANNEXA-4 <sup>15</sup>
Intensive blood pressure reduction	$\leq 6$ h after symptom onset: SBP $\geq 150$ mmHg $\geq 6$ h after symptom onset or unknown onset: uncertain, consider if SBP $\geq 150$ mmHg	Treatment target $\leq 140$ mmHg, maintained for 7 days Avoid large ( $>90$ mmHg) initial drops on SBP Door-to-first antihypertensive: $\leq 30$ min Door-to-target: $\leq 60$ min	1. ESO BP guideline (2021) <sup>21</sup> 2. AHA/ASA ICH guideline (2022) <sup>5</sup> 3. INTERACT <sup>247</sup> & 3 <sup>3</sup>

AHA/ASA: American Heart Association/American Stroke Association; DOAC: direct oral anticoagulant; ESO: European Stroke Organisation; GCS: Glasgow Coma Scale; ICH: intracerebral haemorrhage; INR: international normalised ratio; PCC: prothrombin complex concentrate; SBP: systolic blood pressure; VKA: vitamin-K antagonist; mRS: modified Rankin Scale.

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# Bundle of Care: An International Expert Consensus

Surgical evacuation of haematoma and/or external ventricular drainage

Decision to operate on a case-by-case basis by a multi-disciplinary team. Local criteria should be established to identify patients where a consultation with neurosurgery must occur, for example:

- Patients with a pre-morbid mRS of  $\leq 2$ , reasonable prognosis and one or more of:
1. GCS  $\leq 13$
  2. Supratentorial ICH volume  $\geq 20$  mL
  3. Posterior fossa ICH
  4. Obstruction of third and fourth ventricle(s)

100% of patients meeting consultation criteria are discussed with neurosurgery  
 $\leq 50\%$  of patients not meeting consultation criteria are discussed with neurosurgery within 60 min of arrival.

1. ESO ICH guideline (2014)<sup>33</sup>
2. AHA/ASA ICH guideline (2022)<sup>5</sup>

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# Bundle of Care: An International Expert Consensus

Control of glucose	Non-diabetic patients: Blood glucose > 7.8 mmol/L in first 7 days Diabetic patients: Blood glucose > 10 mmol/L in first 7 days	Non-diabetic patients: maintain blood glucose between 6.1 and 7.8 mmol/L for ≥90% of measurements in first 7 days Diabetic patients: maintain blood glucose between 7.8 and 10 mmol/L for ≥90% of measurements in first 7 days For both groups, optimise protocols to avoid hypoglycaemia	1. INTERACT <sup>3</sup> 2. QASC <sup>37</sup> AHA/ASA guideline (2022) <sup>5</sup>
Control of temperature	Monitor body temperature every 4 h for 7 days and initiate anti-pyretic treatment if temperature ≥ 37.5°C	Achieve normothermia (<37.5°C) within 1 h of starting treatment	1. INTERACT <sup>3</sup> 2. QASC <sup>37</sup> 3. AHA/ASA guideline (2022) <sup>5</sup>

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## Early Anti-FXa reversal was associated with lower mortality risk

In an observational cohort study, a subgroup analysis of patients treated for DOAC-related ICrH (n=1,283) found an association between in-hospital mortality and multiple clinical factors

**Longer door-to-reversal administration time**  
( $\geq 30$  min) was associated with



**higher mortality risk  
in ICrH subgroup**

aOR, 2.46; 95% CI, 1.12-6.22<sup>a</sup>

# Take-home messages

- **L'ictus emorragico è meno frequente dell'ictus ischemico ma è associato a tassi di mortalità e disabilità più elevati**
- **Il 20% dei pazienti con Stroke emorragico è in terapia anticoagulante, con la percentuale di pazienti in terapia con DOAC in costante aumento. Gli anticoagulanti sono associati ad un aumento della mortalità e della disabilità**
- **Sebbene le prove sui benefici della gestione isolata della temperatura, della glicemia, della pressione arteriosa e della coagulazione siano modeste, l'approccio "bundle" sembra aumentare i tassi di sopravvivenza di questi pazienti**
- **Per quanto riguarda l'ictus ischemico TIME IS BRAIN: un intervento precoce sulla pressione arteriosa (<60 min) e sulla coagulazione (<60-90 min) sembra essenziale per ridurre la mortalità e disabilità per Stroke emorragico**
- **I pazienti con ICH richiedono una precoce ed intensiva terapia a causa dell'alto rischio di compromissione neurologica e mortalità**



# Conclusioni

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## Annexa

- **Andexanet alfa è l'agente di inversione specifico approvato per apixaban o rivaroxaban in pazienti con sanguinamento incontrollato o potenzialmente fatale correlato inibitori Fxa**
- **quasi l'80% dei pazienti ha raggiunto i risultati desiderati di efficacia emostatica, ma il 10% aveva un evento trombotico.**

## SCALA MRS (*Modified Rankin Scale*)

<b>0</b>	Nessun sintomo
<b>1</b>	Nessuna disabilità significativa malgrado i sintomi: è in grado di svolgere tutte le attività e i compiti abituali
<b>2</b>	Disabilità lieve: non riesce più di svolgere tutte le attività precedenti, ma è autonomo/a nel camminare e nelle attività della vita quotidiana
<b>3</b>	Disabilità moderata: richiede qualche aiuto nelle attività della vita quotidiana, ma cammina senza assistenza
<b>4</b>	Disabilità moderatamente grave: non è più in grado di camminare senza aiuto né di badare ai propri bisogni corporali
<b>5</b>	Disabilità grave: costretto/a a letto, incontinente e bisognoso/a di assistenza infermieristica e di attenzione costante
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