

Corso di aggiornamento

# Gestione dei farmaci antiaggreganti e anticoagulanti in specifici contesti clinici



## antiaggregante e anticoagulante nelle manovre endoscopiche

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## GUIDELINE



# Position statement on routine laboratory testing before endoscopic procedures

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**NORME DA SEGUIRE PER LA PREPARAZIONE ALLA COLONSCOPIA TOTALE E PARZIALE**

Acquistare in farmacia una confezione di SELG-ESSE (soluzione elettrolitica per il lavaggio gastrointestinale) oppure di ISOCOLAN (soluzione idro-elettrolitica e preparazione elettrolitica per il lavaggio dell'intestino). Seguire attentamente le seguenti modalità di impiego (rivolgendosi al proprio medico curante per eventuali chiarimenti, consultando anche quanto indicato nel foglio illustrativo allegato alla confezione).

Per ottenere una buona pulizia intestinale si consiglia di assumere 4 litri di soluzione

**DIETA**

Evitare di ingerire cibi solidi nei primi 2-4 ore) sia durante l'assunzione della soluzione, sia nell'intervallo tra l'assunzione della soluzione e l'esecuzione dell'esame endoscopico. Si consiglia di iniziare la preparazione il giorno precedente l'esame assumendo due litri di preparazione al mattino (dalle ore 9:00) e due litri al pomeriggio (dalle ore 13:00 in poi). In ogni caso la cura sarà completata solo di liquidi (brodo, the, camomilla). Se il paziente ha un problema di stitichezza è consigliabile una dieta a basso contenuto di fibre nelle 72 ore che precedono l'esam (uva, fichi, kiwi, ecc.)

**MATERIALE**

SELG-ESSE: una con- litro di acqua).  
ISOCOLAN: una con- preparazione di 4 litri.  
L'accettabilità miglior- Si consiglia di bere : evitando i piccioli son-

**AZIONE**

L'evacuazione inizia- E' necessario essere :

**DOCUMENTI**

- Prima, ai fini di una accurata osservazione dell'anamnesi, che il paziente abbia tra co-
- referti di esami endoscopici precedenti
  - referti di altri accertamenti pertinenti la patologia per cui occorre la colonoscopia;
  - lista delle patologie note da cui è affetto;
  - lista dei farmaci in terapia, con le posologie.

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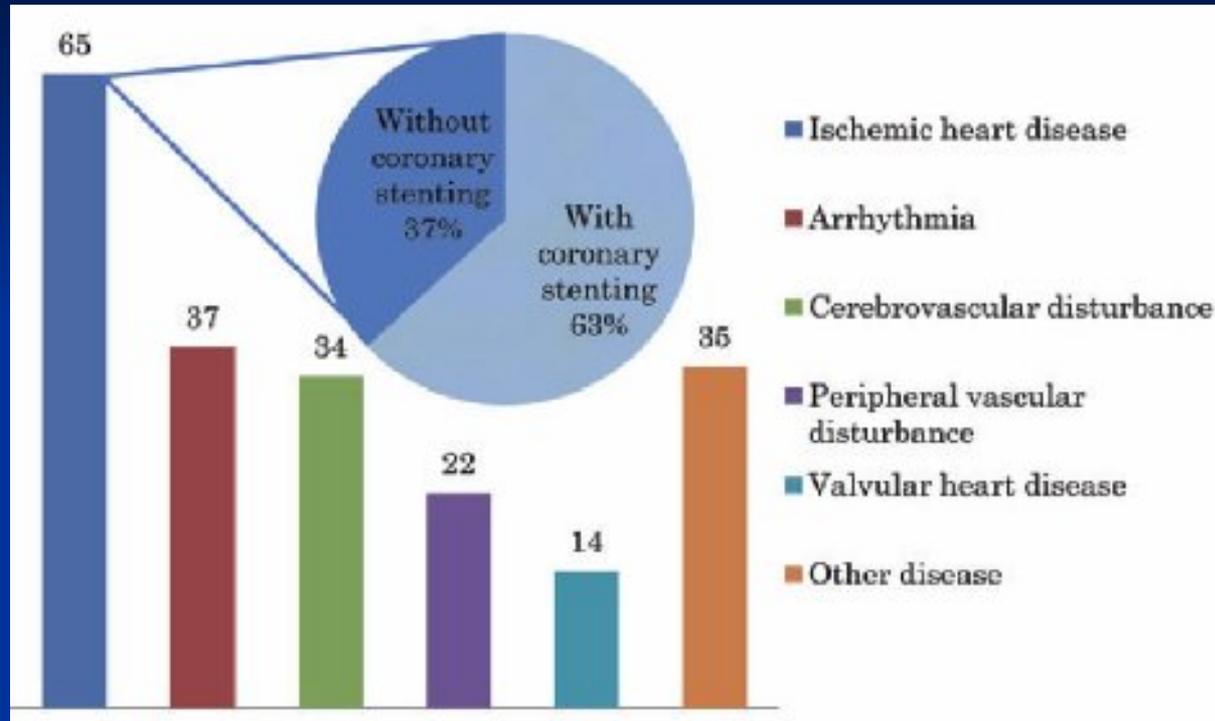
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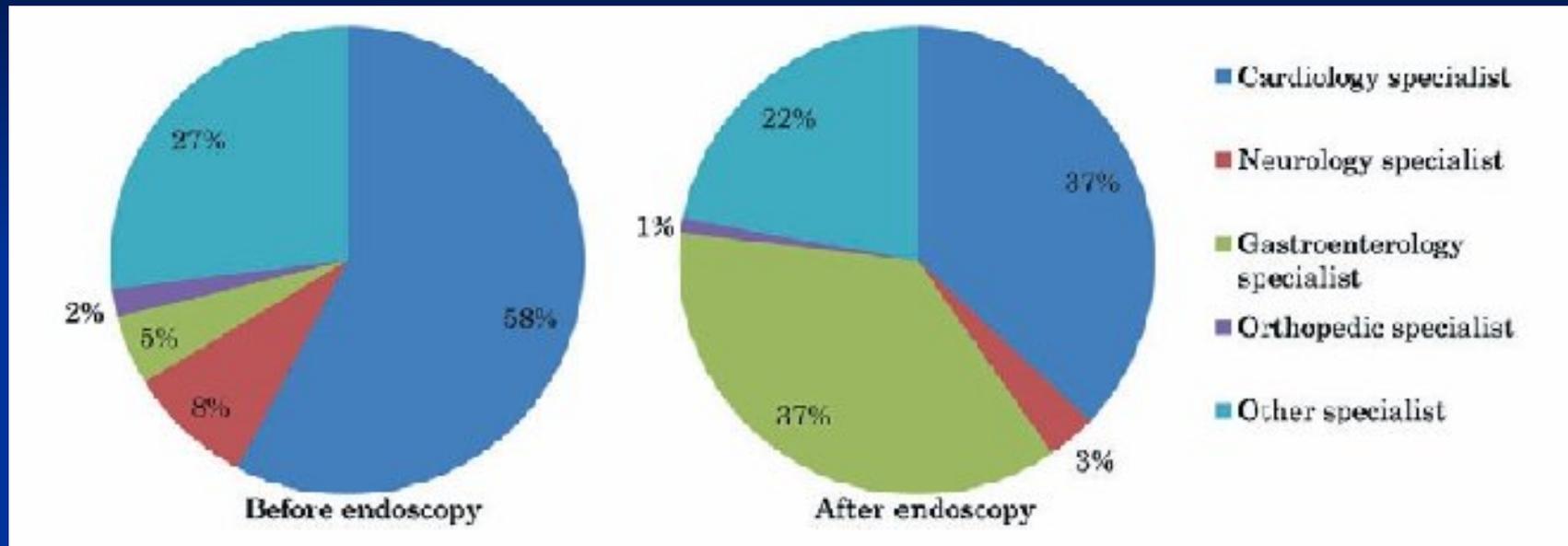
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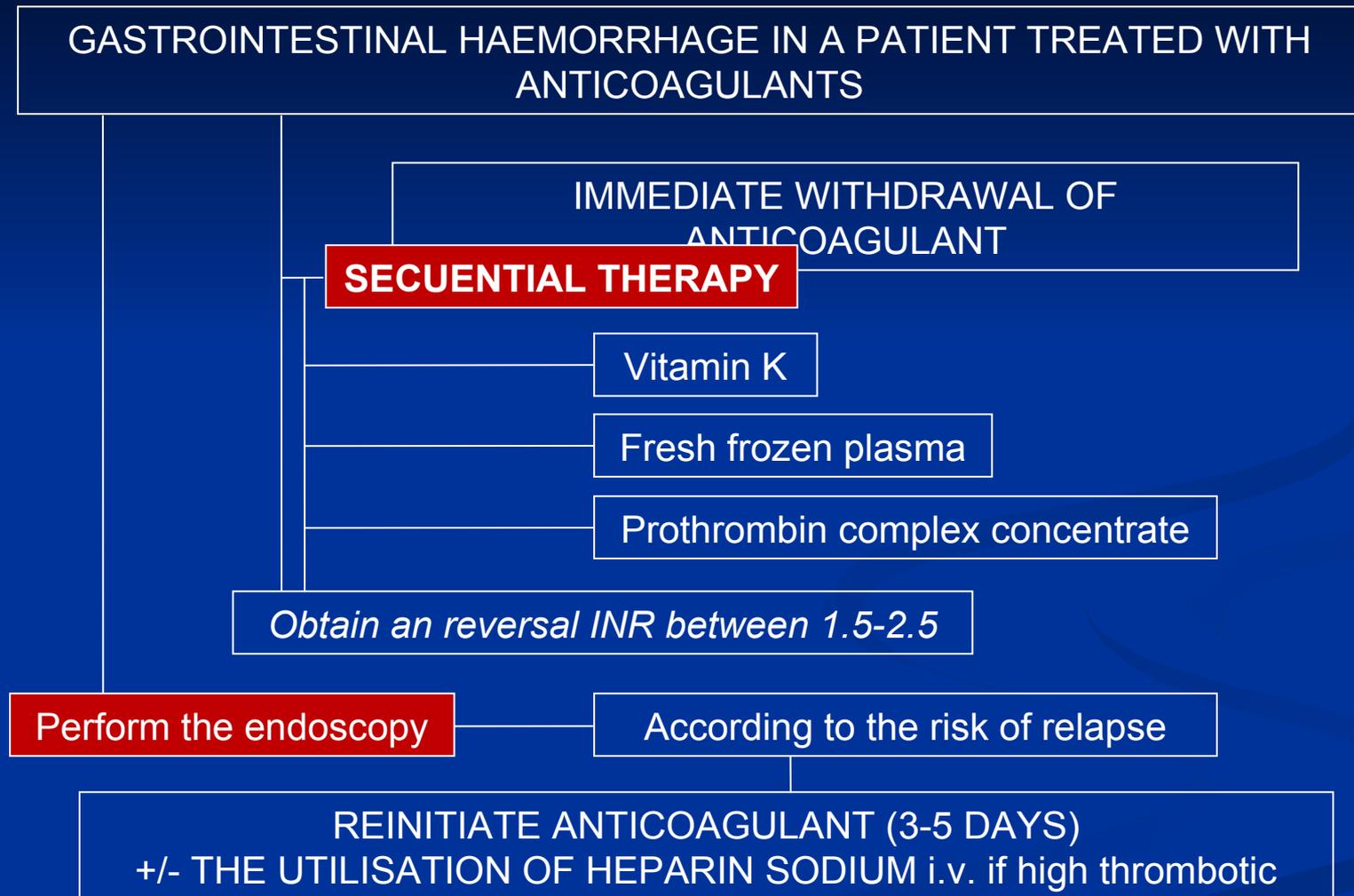
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*Veitch AM et al Gut; 2008*

# Clinical practice guidelines for managing coagulation in patients undergoing endoscopic procedures



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LMWH, low-molecular-weight heparin;

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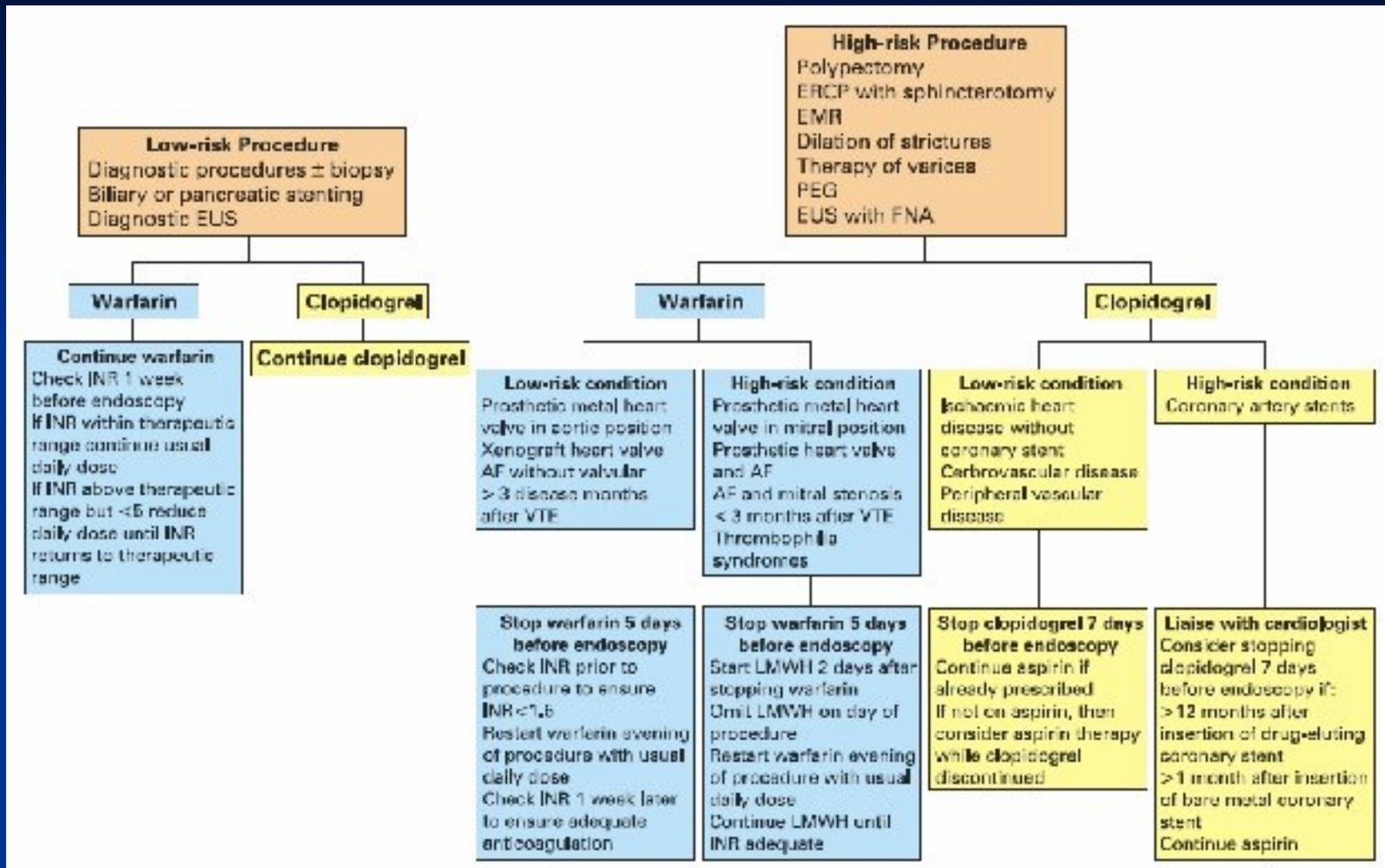
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Individualize			
Clopidogrel	Next day	Grade 2C	

## Guidelines for the management of anticoagulant and antiplatelet therapy in patients undergoing endoscopic procedures

### The key messages are:

- All patients should carry a warning card.
- Discuss the case with the interventional cardiologist who performed the procedure so that the risks of stent thrombosis (with its 50% risk of AMI/death) can be weighed against the bleeding risk associated with the noncardiac surgical procedure.
- If possible, procedures should be undertaken without complete lack of antiplatelet cover, such that if clopidogrel does need to be stopped because of excess bleeding risk, then aspirin should be continued if possible.
- For patients with known high risk of needing a future noncardiac surgical procedure (eg, planned future surgery for cancer) bare metal stenting will be undertaken since dual antiplatelet therapy will only be required for 1 month.

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Western guidelines recommend biopsy without cessation, Japanese physicians principally secure cessation before biopsy and the JGES guidelines also recommend this. We speculate that the most important reason is racial differences, as mentioned in the JGES guidelines. However, after invasive procedures, thromboembolic events during cessation are reported to result in lethal outcomes rather than bleeding events. Additionally, there are not enough data on racial differences to conclude that bleeding events are more lifethreatening than thromboembolic events for Japanese compared to Western people. Although we need further accumulation of data concerning this problem, minimally invasive biopsy without cessation might be acceptable for Japanese.

# Adverse events associated with anticoagulation therapy in the periendoscopic period

## Take-home Message

- ❖ Chronic anticoagulation is a risk factor for GI hemorrhage in the periprocedural period. A large cohort study was performed by using patients enrolled in the Clinical Outcomes Research Initiative database to determine the incidence of postprocedural hemorrhage and stroke. ASGE guidelines recommend management of warfarin therapy according to the risk of hemorrhage associated with the endoscopic procedure and the underlying risk of thrombosis.
- ❖ Anticoagulated patients managed according to current society guidelines did not appear to have a higher incidence of postprocedural hemorrhage. Polypectomy, but not usage of periprocedural heparin, was a factor for postprocedural bleeding.

*Gerson LB et al Gastrointest Endosc; 2010*

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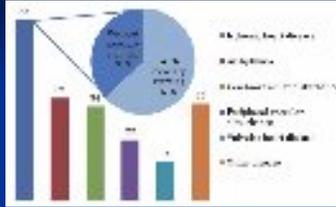
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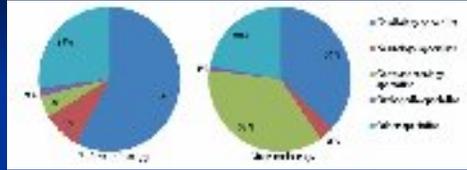
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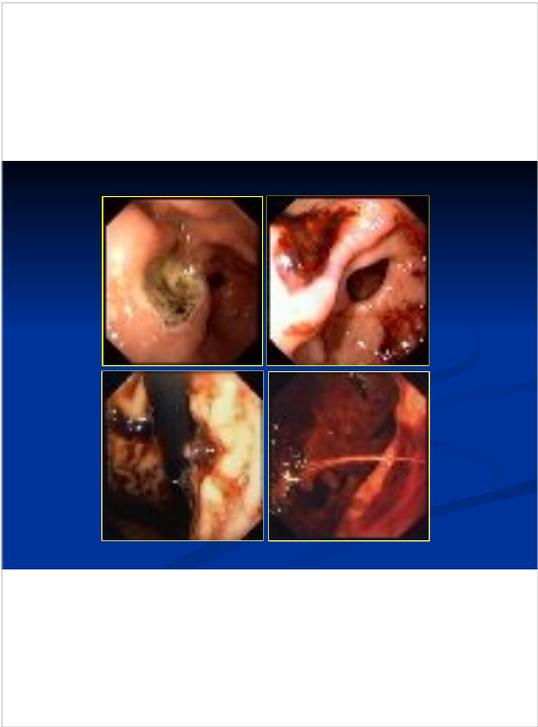
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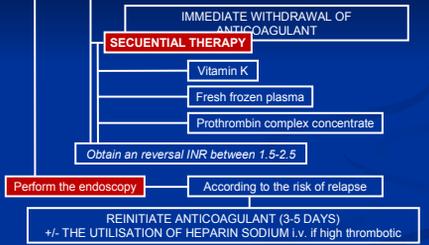
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*Kwok A, Faigel D.O. Am J Gastroenterol; 2009*



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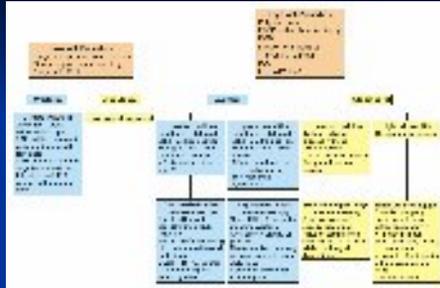
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Warfarin	Same night	Grade 1C	Consider recommencing $\geq$ 3 days in the case of sphincterotomy, gastric/duodenal polypectomy, large colonic polypectomy, EMR
Heparin	2-6 h after procedure	N / A	
LMWH	24 h after procedure	Grade 1C	
Individualize			
Clopidogrel	Next day	Grade 2C	

**Guidelines for the management of anticoagulant and antiplatelet therapy in patients undergoing endoscopic procedures**

**The key messages are:**

- All patients should carry a warning card.
- Discuss the case with the interventional cardiologist who performed the procedure so that the risks of stent thrombosis (with its 50% risk of AMI/death) can be weighed against the bleeding risk associated with the noncardiac surgical procedure.
- If possible, procedures should be undertaken without complete lack of antiplatelet cover, such that if clopidogrel does need to be stopped because of excess bleeding risk, then aspirin should be continued if possible.
- For patients with known high risk of needing a future noncardiac surgical procedure (eg, planned future surgery for cancer) bare metal stenting will be undertaken since dual antiplatelet therapy will only be required for 1 month.

*Veitch AM et al Gut; 2008*

**CONTROVERSY ON THE MANAGEMENT OF ANTICOAGULANTS AND ANTIPLATELET AGENTS FOR SCHEDULED ENDOSCOPY**

Western guidelines recommend biopsy without cessation, Japanese physicians principally secure cessation before biopsy and the JGES guidelines also recommend this. We speculate that the most important reason is racial differences, as mentioned in the JGES guidelines. However, after invasive procedures, thromboembolic events during cessation are reported to result in lethal outcomes rather than bleeding events. Additionally, there are not enough data on racial differences to conclude that bleeding events are more lifethreatening than thromboembolic events for Japanese compared to Western people. Although we need further accumulation of data concerning this problem, minimally invasive biopsy without cessation might be acceptable for Japanese.

*Ono et al Dig Endosc; 2011*

### Adverse events associated with anticoagulation therapy in the periendoscopic period

#### Take-home Message

❖Chronic anticoagulation is a risk factor for GI hemorrhage in the periprocedural period. A large cohort study was performed by using patients enrolled in the Clinical Outcomes Research Initiative database to determine the incidence of postprocedural hemorrhage and stroke. ASGE guidelines recommend management of warfarin therapy according to the risk of hemorrhage associated with the endoscopic procedure and the underlying risk of thrombosis.

❖Anticoagulated patients managed according to current society guidelines did not appear to have a higher incidence of postprocedural hemorrhage. Polypectomy, but not usage of periprocedural heparin, was a factor for postprocedural bleeding.

*Gerson LB et al Gastrointest Endosc; 2010*