



Bridging Anticoagulation for Atrial Fibrillation



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- In patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation with a CHADS₂ ≤ 4 , evidence suggests holding anticoagulation in perioperative setting does not increase risk of arterial thromboembolism¹
- In patients with CHADS₂ > 5 , the evidence is less clear and warrants a longer discussion of the risks and benefit of holding anticoagulation

DOES NOT apply to patients with valvular atrial fibrillation or indications for anticoagulation other than atrial fibrillation²



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