

Pulmonary Embolism **Risk Stratification & Eligible Patients**

Traditional risk stratification weighs mortality vs. thrombolytic bleeding risk, ignoring other predictors of adverse events

Typically Overlooked

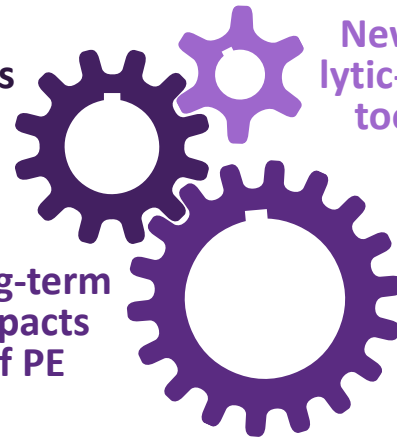


Anticoagulation Only

All-cause mortality at 30 days¹⁻⁴

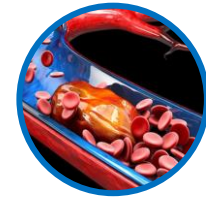
6% - 15% in Submassive patients
25% - 50% in Massive patients

Other
predictors
of AEs



Newer
lytic-free
tools

Long-term
impacts
of PE



Thrombolytics

Major Bleeding

9% - 22% major bleeding^{6,7}
1.5% - 3% intracranial hemorrhage (ICH)^{6,8}

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2. Secemsky E, *et al.* Contemporary Management and Outcomes of Patients with Massive and Submassive Pulmonary Embolism. *Am J Med*. 2018 Dec;131(12):1506-1514.e0
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Risk stratification for acute PE as part of the ESC guidelines

Risk of early death		Indicators of risk			
		Haemodynamic instability	Clinical parameters of PE severity and/or comorbidity ^a	Right ventricular dysfunction ^b	Elevated plasma levels of cardiac troponins
High		+	+	+	+
Intermediate	Intermediate-high	–	+	+	+
	Intermediate-low	–	+	One (or none) positive	
Low		–	–	–	– (if assessed ^c)

Classification according to the 2019 ESC guidelines for the diagnosis and management of acute pulmonary embolism (PE)³⁰. ^aPE Severity Index (PESI) class III–V or simplified PESI ≥ 1 . ^bMeasured using transthoracic echocardiography or computed tomography pulmonary angiography. ^cAssessment optional.

ESC guidelines from 2019 recommends catheter-directed treatment in certain patient groups

High-risk PE

*Percutaneous catheter-directed treatment should be considered for patients with high-risk PE, in whom thrombolysis is **contraindicated or has failed**.*

Intermediate-high risk PE

*As an alternative to rescue thrombolytic therapy, surgical embolectomy or percutaneous catheter-directed treatment should be considered for patients with **hemodynamic deterioration on anticoagulation treatment**.*

The clinical consensus statement specifies treatment failure as failure with deterioration and failure with lack of improvement

GOAL: describe the currently available CDT approaches in PE patients and standardise patient selection, the **timing** and technique of the procedure itself

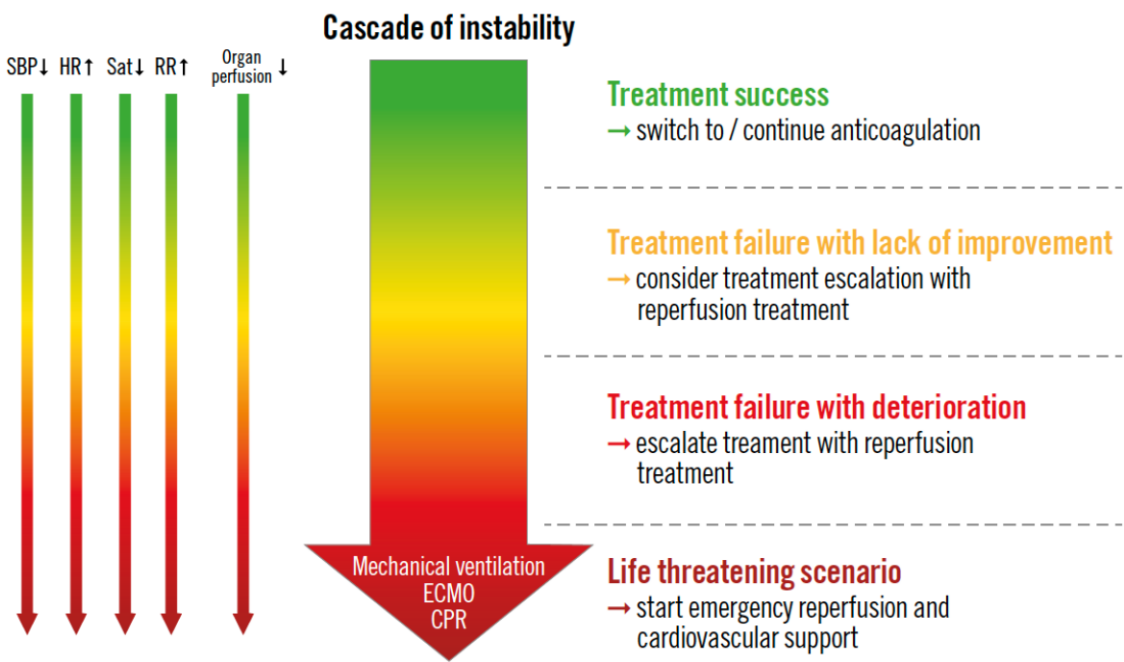


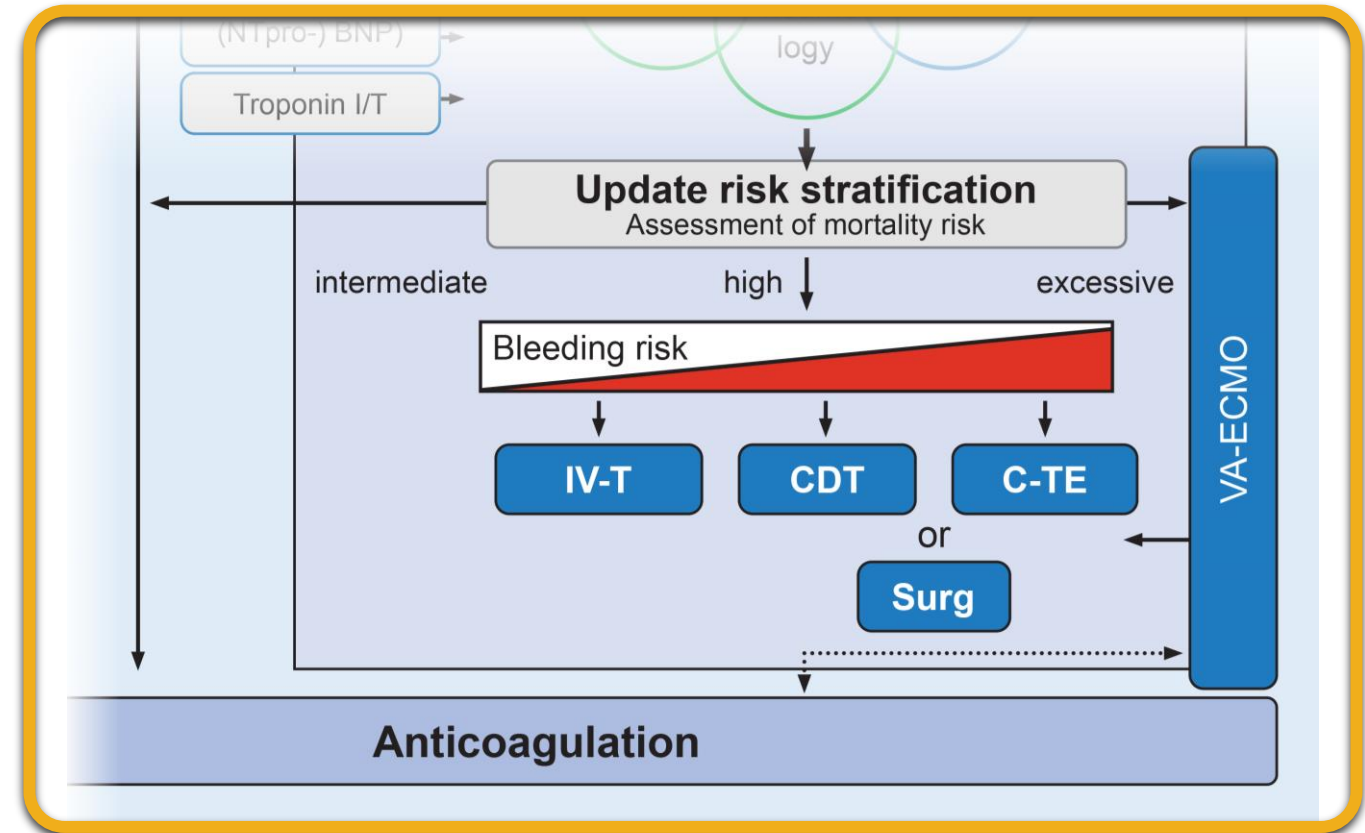
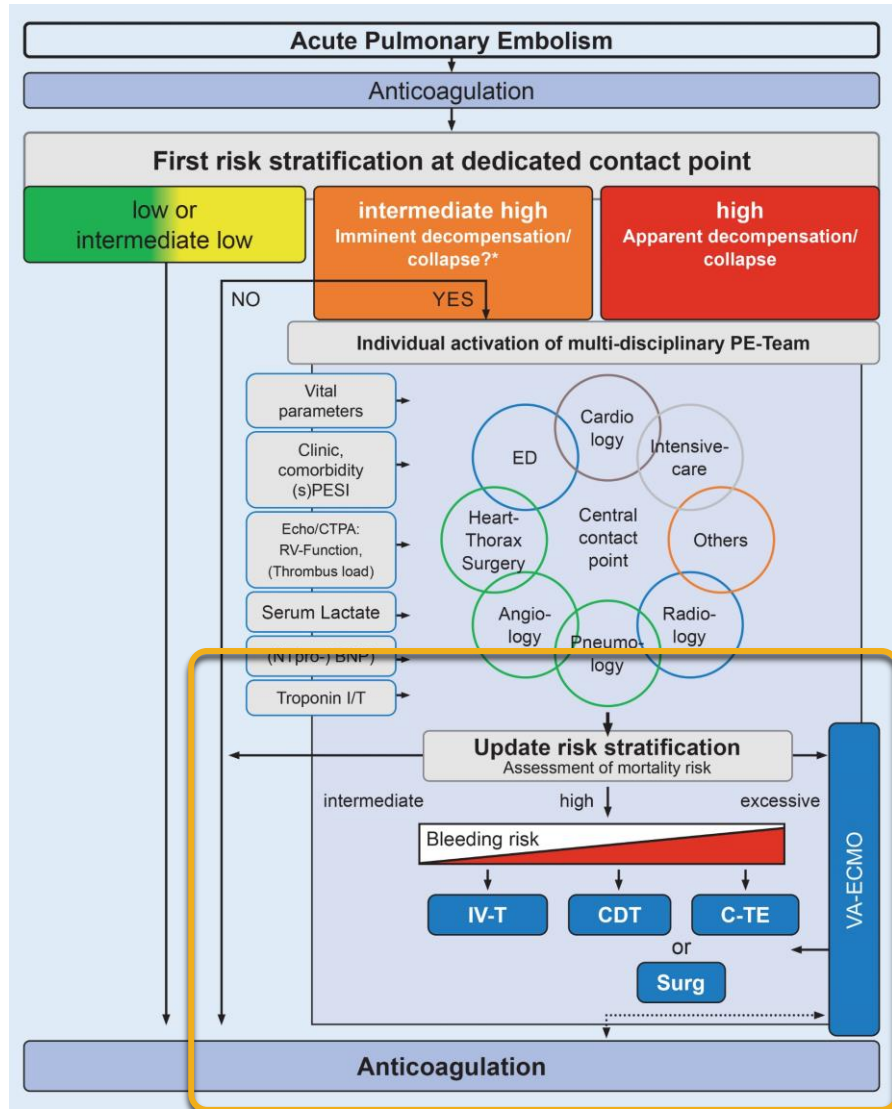
Figure 1. Treatment efficacy of acute pulmonary embolism. CPR: cardiopulmonary resuscitation; ECMO: extracorporeal membrane oxygenation; HR: heart rate; RR: respiratory rate; Sat: saturation; SBP: systolic blood pressure

Risk Group	Time window to treatment escalation	
High-risk PE	No hemodynamic improvement is achieved 2-4 hours after the completion of <u>full-dose thrombolysis</u>	No hemodynamic improvement is achieved immediately after the completion of the <u>local thrombolysis infusion</u>
	Compromised vital signs are not alleviated after 24-48 hours of therapeutic-dose anticoagulation	
Intermediate-High-risk PE		

Lack of improvement

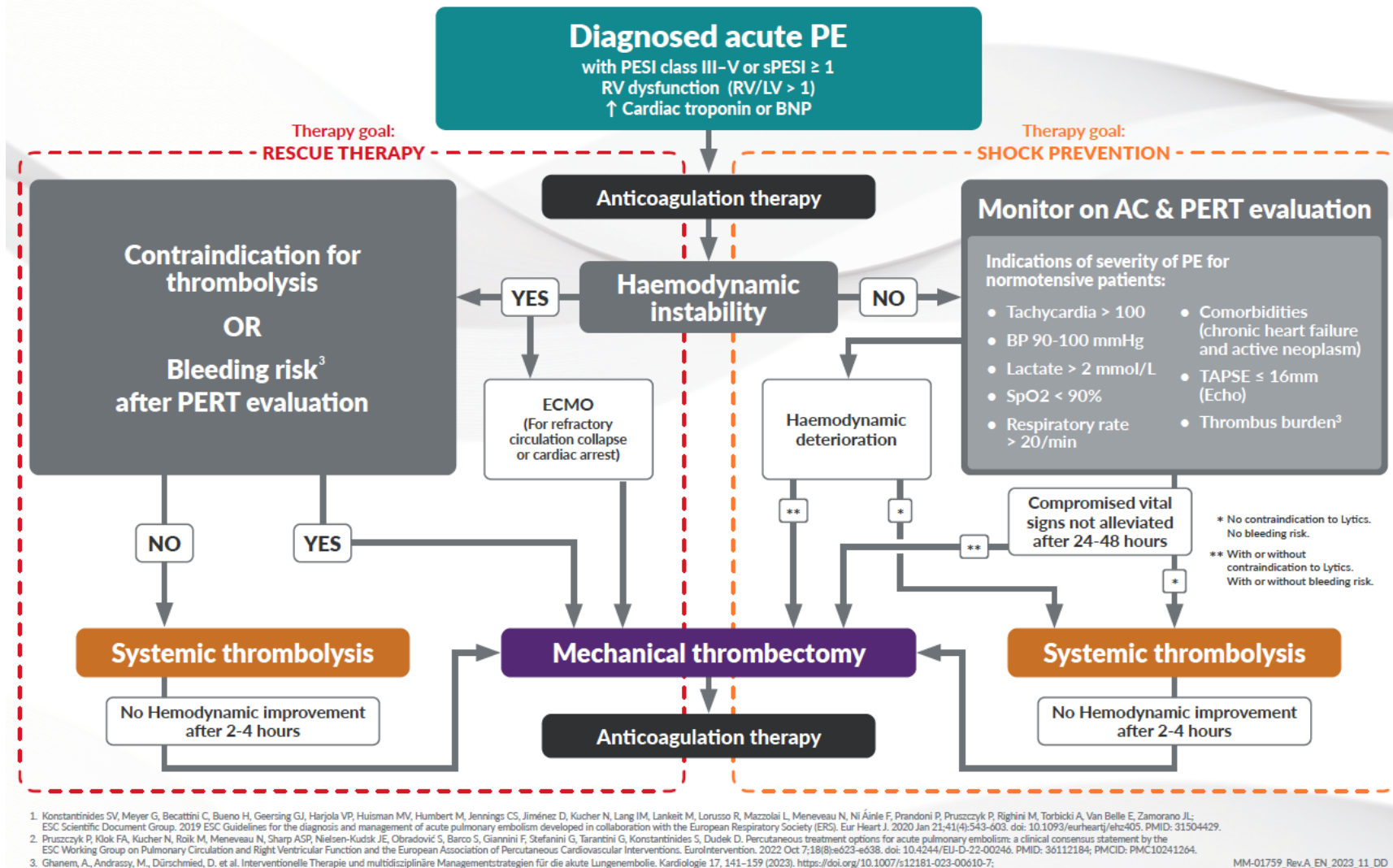
The consensus paper now defines **treatment failure** also due to **lack of improvement**, after specific time windows

The German DGK consensus paper takes the bleeding risk into the decision and recommends thrombectomy in case of a high bleeding risk



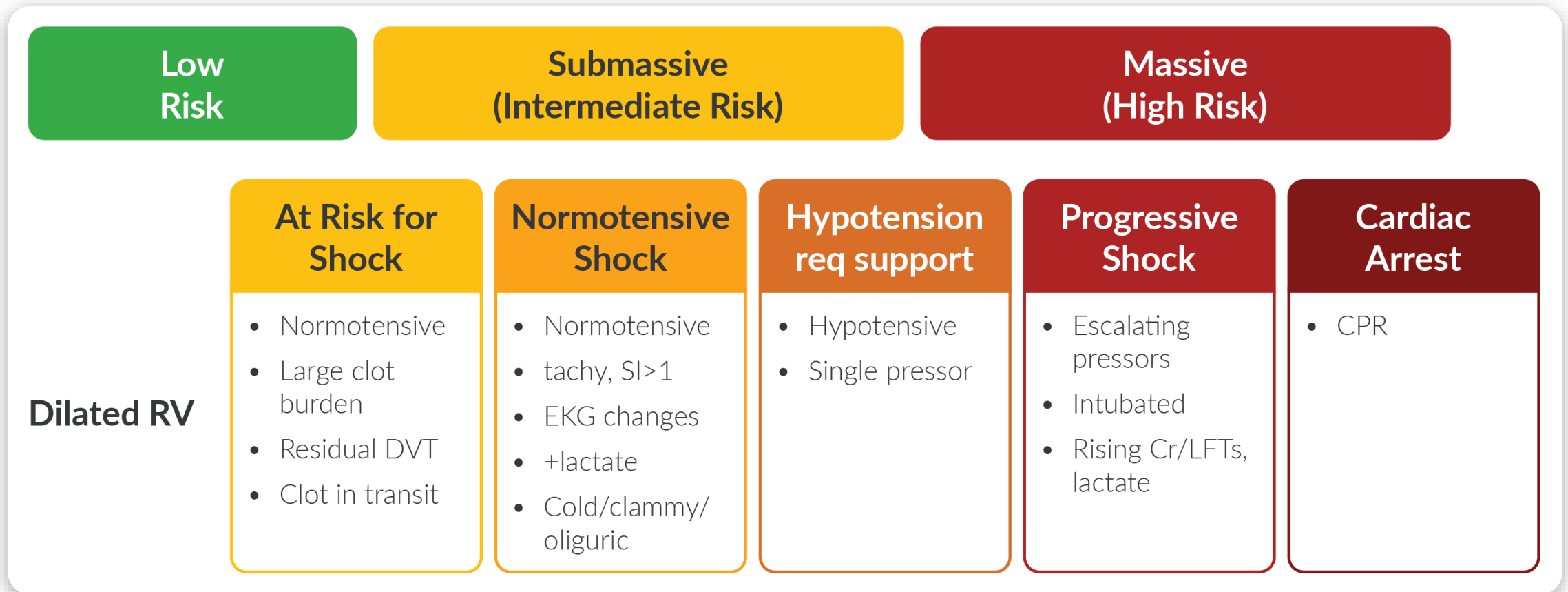
IV-T: intra venous/systemic thrombolysis
CDT: catheter directed thrombolysis
C-TE: catheter based thrombectomy (INARI)

Use of Mechanical Thrombectomy based on the ESC Guidelines 2019¹, ESC Consensus Statement 2022² and DGK consensus statement 2023³



Is the risk stratification within the current guidelines able to define all patients with a high mortality risk?

Stages of Cardiogenic Shock in PE



Are we able to exactly define the bleeding risk of our patients?

Absolute



- History of haemorrhagic stroke or stroke of unknown origin
- Ischaemic stroke in previous 6 months
- Central nervous system neoplasm
- Major trauma, surgery, or head injury in previous 3 weeks
- Bleeding diathesis
- Active bleeding

Relative



- Transient ischaemic attack in previous 6 months
- Oral anticoagulation
- Pregnancy or first postpartum week
- Non-compressible puncture sites
- Traumatic resuscitation
- Use of ECMO
- Advanced liver disease
- Infective endocarditis
- Active peptic ulcer
- Refractory hypertension (systolic BP >180 mmHg)

Different sources seem to have different opinions on contraindications to thrombolytics

Society Contraindication Recommendations

Societal Source		American College of Chest Physicians	AHA	ESC	SIR 2014	CHEST 2016
Contraindication	Reference	a	b	c	d	e
Central nervous system damage or neoplasm or seizure disorder	Previous ICH	Major	Major	Absolute	Relative	Major
Structural Intracranial disease		Major	Major	Absolute	Absolute	Major
Ischemic stroke within 3-6 months		Major	Major	Absolute	Absolute	Major
Active bleeding		Major	Major	Absolute	Absolute	Major
GI bleeding within 3 mo					Relative	
Bleeding diathesis		Major	Major	Absolute		Major
Recent brain/spinal injury		Major	Major	Absolute	Absolute	Major
Absolute Contraindication to AC					Absolute	
Suspected aortic dissection						
Recent head trauma with fracture or brain injury		Major	Major	Absolute	Absolute	Major
Age >75 y		Relative	Relative			Relative
AC therapy		Relative	Relative	Relative		Relative
Noncompressible vascular punctures			Relative	Relative		
Pregnancy/Recent delivery/lactation		Relative	Relative	Relative	Relative	Relative
Recent invasive procedure/major surgery		Relative	Relative	Absolute	Relative	Relative
Traumatic/Prolonged CPR		Relative	Relative	Relative	Relative	Relative
Recent internal bleeding			Relative			
Recent non-ICH bleeding		Relative	Relative			Relative
Pericarditis or pericardial fluid		Relative	Relative			Relative
Systolic BP >180 or Diastolic BP >110		Relative	Relative	Relative	Relative	
Weight <60kg		Relative	Relative			Relative
Ischemic stroke or transient ischemic attack > 3-6 mo ago		Relative	Relative	Relative		Relative
Diabetic retinopathy		Relative	Relative		Relative	
Female		Relative	Relative			Relative
Black race		Relative	Relative			Relative
Dementia						
Active peptic ulcer disease				Relative		
Infective endocarditis				Relative	Relative	
Advanced liver disease				Relative	Relative	
Organ biopsy					Relative	
Cataract or other eye surgery					Relative	
Severe allergic reaction to lytics, AC, or contrast					Relative	
Known right-to-left cardiac or pulmonary shunt or left heart thrombus					Relative	
Severe dyspnea					Relative	
Acute medical illness precluding safe procedure performance					Relative	
Suspicion of infected venous thrombus					Relative	
Renal failure (eGFR <60 mL/min)					Relative	
Severe thrombocytopenia					Relative	

Study Exclusions

Study Source	PEITHO	HI-PEITHO	SEATTLE-II	OPTALYSE	SUNSET-sPE	ULTIMA	PEITHO-3
Haemodynamic collapse at presentation (CPR, ECMO, PE shock, persistent hypotension, sepsis)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Known significant bleeding risk	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Recent admin of thrombolytic agents	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Recent IVC filter or thrombectomy	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Uncontrolled HTN	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Known hypersensitivity to tPA/AC	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pregnancy/lactation/recent labor	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Known coagulation disorder	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Any condition that would put pt at increased risk	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
ICU admission for non-PE reason	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
High fever	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
History of ICH	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
History of intraocular bleeding/eye surgery/hemorrhagic retinopathy	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
History of stroke or TIA	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
CNS or metastatic cancer	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Major surgery or trauma	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Low platelets/hematocrit	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Recent LMWH, DOAC, VKA, or antiplatelet admin/INR >1.5-3/aPTT >50 sec	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Short life expectancy 1-12 mo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Recent major bleed/GI bleed	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Renal failure	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
history of HIT	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Active bleeding	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Suspected aortic dissection	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Anterior venous malformation	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Aneurysm	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Large >10mm right atrial or RV thrombus	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Hemodynamic instability	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Recent vascular surgery	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
INR >1.4	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Severe hepatic disease, portal hypertension, or active hepatitis	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Recent peptic ulcer	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Women of childbearing potential without negative pregnancy test and do not use an effective method of birth control	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

PEITHO : <https://classic.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT00639743>

HI PEITHO : <https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT04790370>

SEATTLE II : <https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT01513759>

OPTALYSE : <https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT02396758>

SUNSET sPE : <https://classic.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02758574>

ULTIMA : <https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT01166997>

PEITHO 3 : <https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT04430569>

IFU of Lytics

Lytic	Alteplase	Tenecteplase	Urokinase
Current ICH	Contraindication		
Subarachnoid hemorrhage	Contraindication		
Active internal bleeding	Contraindication	Contraindication	Contraindication
Recent intracranial or intraspinal surgery	Contraindication	Contraindication	Contraindication
Recent serious head trauma	Contraindication	Contraindication	Contraindication
Intracranial conditions that increase risk of bleeding like neoplasms, AV malformations or aneurysms	Contraindication	Contraindication	Contraindication
Bleeding diathesis	Contraindication	Contraindication	Contraindication
Uncontrolled hypertension	Contraindication	Contraindication	Contraindication
History of recent stroke	Contraindication		
Avoid intramuscular injections and trauma	Warning/Precaution	Warning/Precaution	Warning/Precaution
Avoid U and subclavian venous punctures	Warning/Precaution	Warning/Precaution	
Concomitant use of aspirin and heparin	Warning/Precaution		
Major surgery	Warning/Precaution		Warning/Precaution
Cerebrovascular disease	Warning/Precaution		Warning/Precaution
Recent ICH	Warning/Precaution		
Recent GI bleed	Warning/Precaution		Warning/Precaution
Hypertension	Warning/Precaution		
Acute pericarditis	Warning/Precaution		
Subacute bacterial endocarditis	Warning/Precaution		Warning/Precaution
Hemostatic defects	Warning/Precaution		Warning/Precaution
Significant hepatic dysfunction	Warning/Precaution		Warning/Precaution
Pregnancy	Warning/Precaution		Warning/Precaution
Diabetic hemorrhagic retinopathy	Warning/Precaution		Warning/Precaution
Other hemorrhagic ophthalmic conditions	Warning/Precaution		
Septic thrombophlebitis	Warning/Precaution		
Advanced age	Warning/Precaution		
Currently receiving anticoagulation	Warning/Precaution		
Known hypersensitivity to ingredients	Warning/Precaution	Potential AE	Warning/Precaution
ICH		Potential AE	
Fatal bleeding			Contraindication
Recent Trauma			Contraindication
Recent CPR			
Concomitant use of thrombolytic agents, AC, or antiplatelets			Warning/Precaution
Extra attention to all potential bleeding sites (including catheter insertion sites, arterial and venous puncture sites, cutdown sites, and other needle puncture sites)			Warning/Precaution
Patient handling			Warning/Precaution
Venipunctures and arterial punctures			Warning/Precaution
Obstetrical delivery			Warning/Precaution
Organ biopsy			Warning/Precaution
Previous puncture of noncompressible wounds			Warning/Precaution
Other condition in which bleeding might constitute a significant hazard or be particularly difficult to manage because of its location			Warning/Precaution
Myocardial infarction			Potential AE
Recurrent PE			Potential AE
Hemiplegia			Potential AE
Stroke			Potential AE
Decreased hematocrit			Potential AE
Substernal pain			Potential AE
Thrombocytopenia			Potential AE
Diaphoresis			Potential AE
Allergic reaction			Potential AE
Infusion reaction (including hypoxia, cyanosis, dyspnea, tachycardia, hypotension, hypertension, acidosis, fever, chills, rigors, back pain, vomiting, and nausea)			Potential AE

a. CHEST ACCP 2012 Supplement - Kearon et al. Table 11

b. AHA 2019 Scientific Statement - Givi et al. Table 2

c. AHA 2011 Scientific Statement - Jaff et al. pages 1795-1797

d. ESC 2019 Guidelines - Konstantinides et al. Table 10

e. SIR 2014 Quality Improvement Guidelines - Vedantham et al. Table 1

f. CHEST 2016 Guideline - Kearon et al. Table 15

RV/LV ratio is an independent predictor of death and hemodynamic collapse

ESC Guidelines recommend RV/LV ratio measured for all acute PE patients (2019)⁵

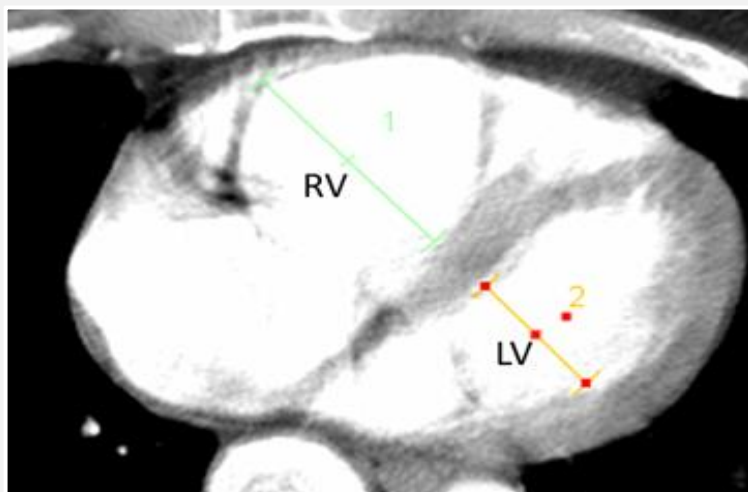


Image: FLARE IDE Study: (Tu *et al.* 2019)

≥ 0.9 Independent predictor of death,
hemodynamic collapse^{1,2,3}.

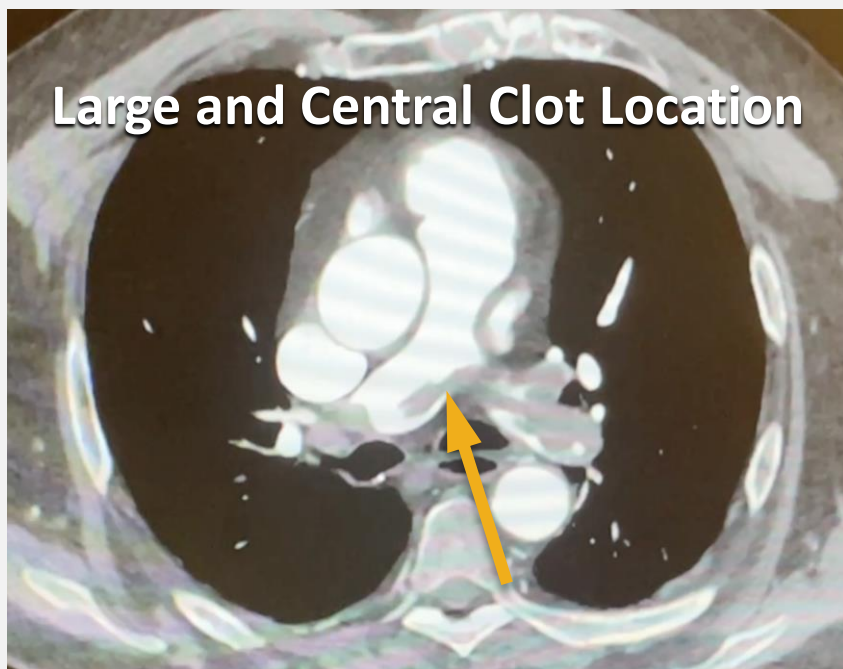
Variables	OR (95% CI)	P
Age	1.01 (0.98-1.04)	0.453
TTE RV strain	—	—
CT RV/LV (0.1 increment)	1.14 (1.02-1.27)	0.023
IVC filter	1.06 (0.44-2.55)	0.888
Anticoagulation	0.19 (0.07-0.54)	0.002
Coronary artery disease	1.69 (0.68-4.22)	0.259
CHF	4.09 (1.33-12.6)	0.014
Malignancy	5.79 (2.40-14.0)	< 0.001

+0.1 For every 0.1 increase in RV/LV ratio,
the odds ratio for death is 1.14⁴

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4. George *et al.* Computed tomography and echocardiography in patients with acute pulmonary embolism part 2: prognostic value. *J Thorac Imaging* 2014;29:W7-W12
5. Konstantindes *et al.* 2019 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of acute pulmonary embolism developed in collaboration with the European Respiratory Society (ERS)

Large & central clot burden are significant predictors of adverse events and easily assessed on CT

Clot size and location are **not** included in any traditional risk stratification tool



Large Clot Burden¹

>17X

Risk of 6-month
all-cause mortality

+ 2.4X risk of AEs*

Systemic review & meta-analysis, N=260

Central Clot²

>2X

Risk of PE-related
mortality

10-year Registry (2004-2013)
Average 34-month follow-up, N=530

1. Meinell *et al.* Predictive value of computed tomography in acute pulmonary embolism: Systematic review and meta-analysis. *Am J Med.* 2015;128:747–59.e2.

2. Martinez *et al.* 2016. Central Venous Peripheral Pulmonary Embolism: Analysis of the Impact on the Physiological Parameters and Long-Term Survival. *N AM J Med Sci.* 2016

* Adverse events include death, Pulmonary Hypertension, Intensive Care Treatment.

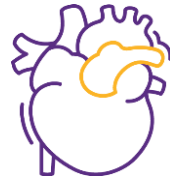
Concomitant DVT is common and increases the mortality risk

Diagnosing DVT during PE treatment may reduce PE-related mortality, and prompt timely prevention of post-thrombotic syndrome (PTS) symptoms.¹



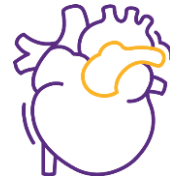
50-65%

Of patients with PE also have **proximal DVT**¹⁻³



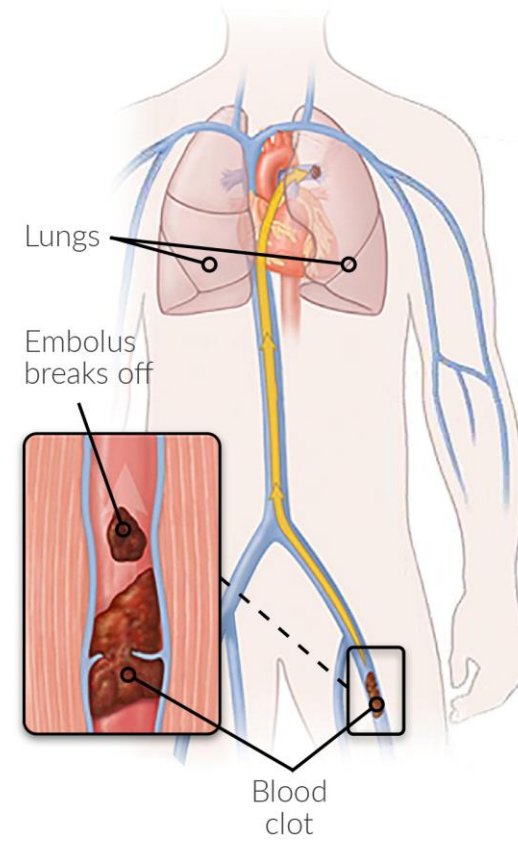
>4X

Risk of **90-day PE-related mortality** in PE patients with proximal DVT⁴



>4X

Risk of **90-day recurrent VTE** in PE patients with proximal DVT⁴



1. Hirmerova, *et al.* The Prevalence of Concomitant Deep Vein Thrombosis, Symptomatic or Asymptomatic, Proximal or Distal, in Patients With Symptomatic Pulmonary Embolism. *Clin Appl Thromb Hemost.* 2018 Nov.
2. Becattini, *et al.* Risk Stratification of Patients With Acute Symptomatic Pulmonary Embolism Based on Presence or Absence of Lower Extremity DVT: Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. *Chest.* 2016 Jan.
3. Nishiwaki, *et al.* Impact of Concomitant Deep Vein Thrombosis on Clinical Outcomes in Patients With Acute Pulmonary Embolism. *American Heart Association.* 2019 Nov.
4. Jiménez, *et al.* Prognostic significance of deep vein thrombosis in patients presenting with acute symptomatic pulmonary embolism. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 2010 May

Normotensive PE patients are often sicker than they appear

“Our current definition and risk stratification tools may not be sufficient to identify these [patients at risk of hemodynamic decompensation] with Submassive PE.”²



Porcaro, et al¹; Khandhar, et al.²

~40%

of normotensive PE patients are in **cardiogenic shock** (low CI)^{*}

FLASH Registry Analysis³

~20%

of PE patients with sPESI=0 are in **cardiogenic shock**^{**}

^{*} Low CI defined as $<1.8 \text{ L/min/m}^2$

^{**} Low CI defined as $<2.0 \text{ L/min/m}^2$

1. Porcaro *et al.* Submassive Pulmonary Embolism: Are We Falsely Reassured by Normotension? ACC 2019. Poster Session Abstract, Presentation number:1007-15
2. Khandhar *et al.* Invasive hemodynamic assessment of patients with submassive pulmonary embolism. Catheter Cardiovasc Interv. 2019;1–6.
3. FLASH Registry results. Presented at SCCM 2022.

[Pulmonary and Cardiovascular Original Research]

 CHEST

Heart Rate and Mortality in Patients With Acute Symptomatic Pulmonary Embolism

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INTERPRETATION: In nonhypotensive patients with acute symptomatic PE, a high HR portends an increased risk of all-cause and PE-related mortality. Modifying the HR cutoff in the sPESI and the Bova score improves prognostication of patients with PE.

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Venous Lactate improves the prediction of adverse outcomes in normotensive PE

➤ *Ann Emerg Med.* 2013 Mar;61(3):330-8. doi: 10.1016/j.annemergmed.2012.10.022. Epub 2013 Jan 7.

Prognostic value of plasma lactate levels among patients with acute pulmonary embolism: the thrombo-embolism lactate outcome study

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Results: Of the 270 patients included in the study, the mean age was 73 years (SD 12.7 years) and 151 (55.9%) were women. Twelve patients (4.4%) showed shock or hypotension (shock or systolic arterial pressure <100 mm Hg) at presentation, 109 (40.4%) had right-sided ventricular dysfunction, 93 (34.4%) showed troponin I level greater than or equal to 0.10 ng/mL, and 81 (30%) showed lactate level greater than or equal to 2 mmol/L. Seventeen patients (6.3%) died, 12 (4.4%) because of pulmonary embolism, and 37 (13.7%) reached the composite endpoint. Patients with lactate level greater than or equal to 2 mmol/L showed higher mortality (17.3%; 95% confidence interval [CI] 11.9% to 20%) than patients with a lower level (1.6%; 95% CI 0.8% to 1.9%). Plasma lactate level was associated with all-cause death (hazard ratio 11.67; 95% CI 3.32 to 41.03) and the composite endpoint (hazard ratio 8.14; 95% CI 3.83 to 17.34) independent of shock or hypotension, right-sided ventricular dysfunction, or elevation of troponin I values.



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Original article

Venous lactate improves the prediction of in-hospital adverse outcomes in normotensive pulmonary embolism

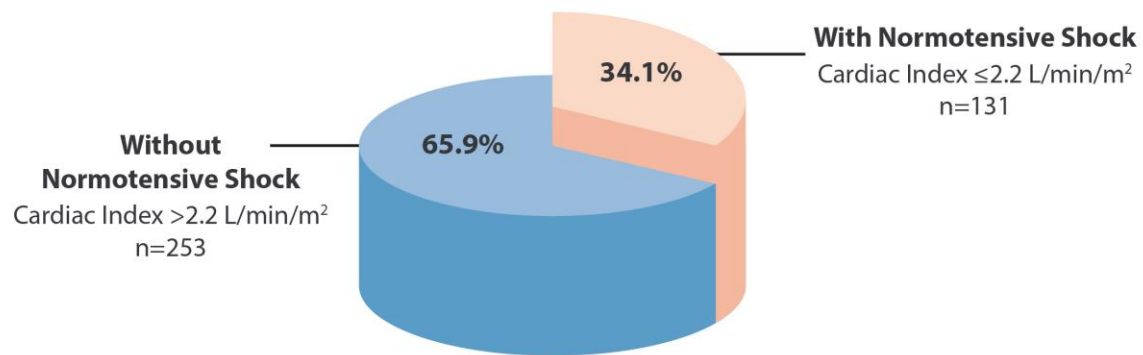
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Results: An optimised venous lactate cut-off value of 3.3 mmol/l predicted both, in-hospital adverse outcome (OR 11.0 [95% CI 4.6–26.3]) and all-cause mortality (OR 3.8 [95%CI 1.3–11.3]). The established cut-off value for

Conclusion: Venous lactate above the upper limit of normal was associated with increased risk for adverse outcomes and an optimised cut-off value of 3.3 mmol/l predicted adverse outcome and mortality. Adding venous lactate to the 2019 ESC algorithm may improve risk stratification. Importantly, the established cut-off value for arterial lactate has limited specificity in venous samples and should not be used.

A new composite shock score helps to predict normotensive shock in Intermediate-risk pulmonary embolism

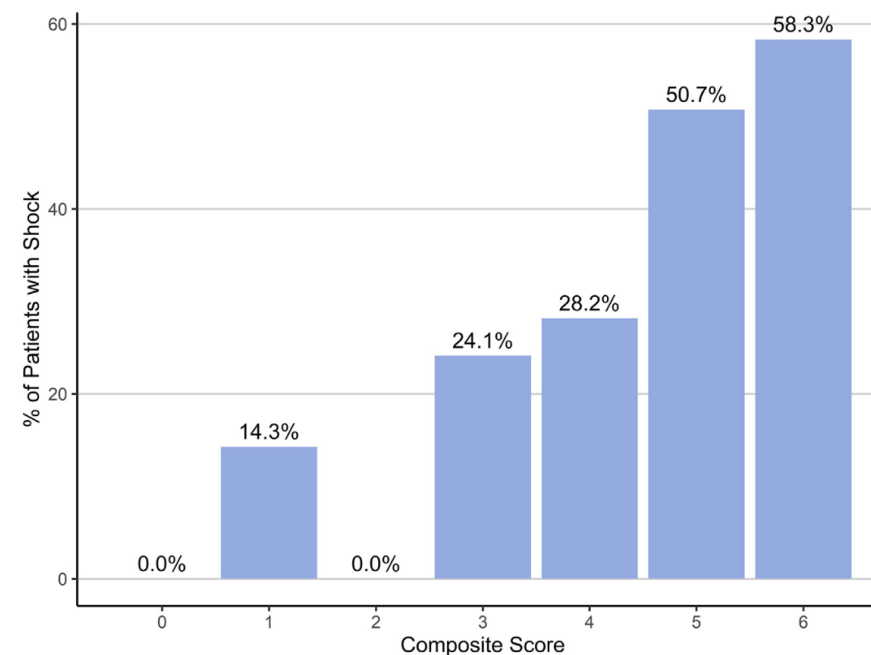
Normotensive Shock in Patients With Intermediate-Risk Pulmonary Embolism From the FLASH Registry



Composite Shock Score

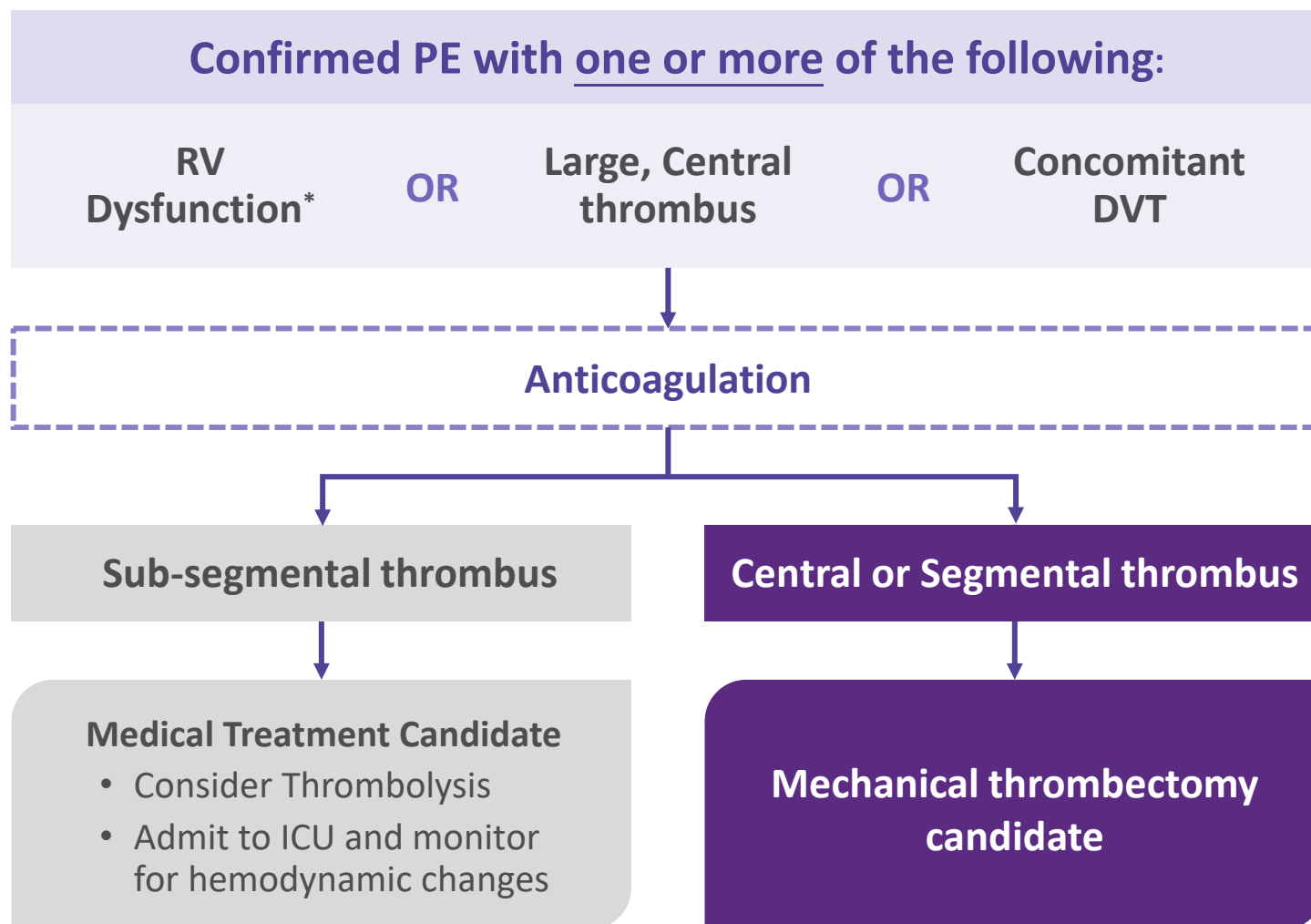
Elevated Troponin + Elevated BNP + Moderate/Severely Reduced RV function + Saddle PE + Concomitant DVT + Tachycardia

Risk Factor Associated With Normotensive Shock
(OR: 5.84; 95% CI: 2.00-17.04)



A composite shock score consisting of 1 point each for elevated troponin, elevated B-type natriuretic peptide, concomitant deep vein thrombosis, saddle pulmonary embolism, moderately or severely reduced right ventricular function, and tachycardia was calculated for each patient who had data available for all 6 components. **Bars** represent the proportion of patients with shock out of all patients who had a given score.

A modern PE treatment plan considers major predictors of adverse events



Normotensive patients may be sicker than they appear:

Consider lactate, cardiac index, AKI, and HR.

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* Defined as: $RV/LV > 0.9$ ^{1,2,3}, RV hypokinesis on ECHO^{4,22}, or elevated cardiac Biomarkers²¹



INTENDED PURPOSE

The **FlowTriever Retrieval/Aspiration System**'s intended purpose is for use in the peripheral vasculature and pulmonary arteries for the treatment of intermediate- and high-risk pulmonary embolism in patients 18 years or older deemed medically suitable for mechanical thrombectomy.

Indications, Contraindications, warnings, and instructions for use can be found in the product labeling supplied with each device.

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