



LMWH en DOACs bij (extreme) obesitas en na bariatric

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Casus 1 – VTE en obesitas

50-jarige man met BMI 55 kg/m²

Presentatie met dyspneu en pijn bij ademen

Op CTPA: segmentale longembolie

Lab: Hb 6.0 mmol/L; eGFR 75 mL/min

Wat schrijft u voor?

- a. Laag-moleculair-gewichts heparine (LMWH) gevolgd door VKA**
- b. Dabigatran of edoxaban na 5 dagen LMWH**
- c. Rivaroxaban 10 mg eenmaal daags**
- d. Apixaban 10 mg tweemaal daags**

Indien u voor LMWH gevolgd door VKA kiest, meet u anti-Xa?

a. Ja

b. Nee

Dit staat in Richtlijn Antitrombotisch beleid 2016

Bij gebruik van LMWH:

Het is niet nodig om routinematig anti-Xa spiegels te controleren bij het gebruik van LMWH. Bij sommige patiënten met VTE is controle van spiegels wel noodzakelijk, bijvoorbeeld in geval van nierschade of insufficiëntie, zwangerschap of **extreme obesitas (> 50 kg/m²)**

Indien u voor DOAcs kiest, meet u anti-Xa?

a. Ja

b. Nee

Dit staat in Richtlijn Antitrombotisch beleid 2016

Bij gebruik van DOACs:

Niks

Ook in 2016 verschenen

Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis, **14**: 1308–1313

DOI: 10.1111/jth.13323

2016

RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES

Use of the direct oral anticoagulants in obese patients: guidance from the SSC of the ISTH

- Recommend appropriate standard dosing of direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs) in patients with BMI ≤ 40 kg/m² and weight ≤ 120 kg.
- Suggest not using DOACs in patients with BMI >40 kg/m² or weight >120 kg.
- If DOACs are used in BMI >40 kg/m² or weight >120 kg, suggest checking drug-specific peak and trough level.

➤ *DOACs= apixaban, dabigatran, edoxaban, rivaroxaban*

➤ *Based on limited clinical data and available PK data at the time*

PK/PD bij DOACs en obesitas

Rivaroxaban: weinig effect: sommige top spiegels laag

Apixaban: topspiegels en meeste dalspiegels binnen de range

Dabigatran: aanzienlijk aantal spiegels beneden verwachte range

Edoxaban: geen relevante impact op PK/PD

K Martin et al Guidance ISTH SSC J Thromb Haemost 2021

	Phase 3 Studies Comparing DOACs with VKA in VTE		Phase 4 Studies Comparing DOAC with VKA in VTE (Including Retrospective and Prospective Studies and Meta-analyses)	
	BMI >35 or BW >120 kg	BMI >40	BMI >35 or BW >120 kg	BMI >40
Apixaban	X	X	Similar outcomes ⁶	Similar outcomes ^{5,6}
Dabigatran	X	X	X	X
Edoxaban	X	X	X	X
Rivaroxaban	Similar outcomes ⁷	X	Similar outcomes ^{5,8-10}	Similar outcomes ^{5,9}
Pooled DOAC	Similar outcomes ¹¹	X	Similar outcomes ¹²⁻¹⁶	Similar outcomes ¹²

Note: Similar outcome = DOAC compared with LMWH/VKA; X = no available data.

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index, expressed in kg/m²; BW, body weight; DOAC, direct oral anticoagulant; LMWH, low molecular weight heparin; VKA, vitamin K antagonist; VTE, venous thromboembolism.

Einstein studies

- Similar outcomes of recurrent VTE and major bleeding in those treated with rivaroxaban compared with VKA, across BMI and body weight
 - Outcomes by BMI:

		Rivaroxaban	Enoxaparin/VKA
Recurrent VTE			
Whole study period			
First 21 days			
Major bleeding			
Whole study period			
First 21 days			

BMI ≥ 35		P-value for interaction
Incidence n/N (%)	HR (95%CI)	
13/427 (3.0)	1.45 (0.62–3.39)	0.60
9/434 (2.1)		
9/427 (2.1)	2.22 (0.68–7.26)	0.19
4/434 (0.9)		
5/426 (1.2)	0.71 (0.22–2.24)	0.74
7/432 (1.6)		
3/426 (0.7)	0.96 (0.19–4.78)	0.45
3/432 (0.7)		

- By Weight: ≥ 120 –140 kg- no difference in VTE recurrence (2/119 vs 3/103)

Amplify studies

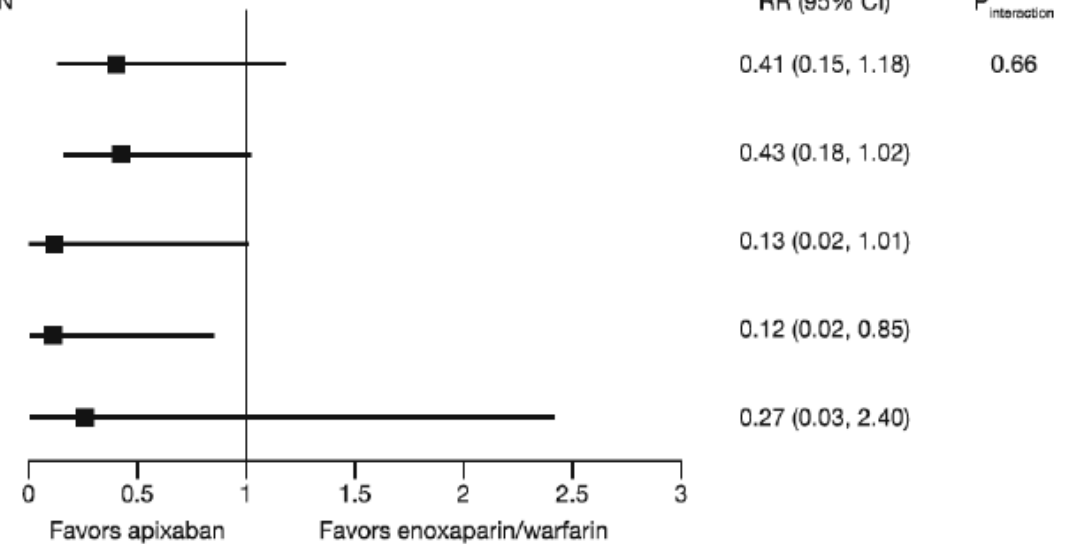
- Similar rates of recurrent VTE/ VTE-related death and lower rates of bleeding for apixaban compared with VKA across body weight and BMI categories

VTE or VTE-related death

BMI category	Apixaban, n/N	Enoxaparin/warfarin, n/N
≤ 25 kg/m ²	16/693	16/694
> 25 to 30 kg/m ²	27/985	26/1014
> 30 to 35 kg/m ²	9/568	16/575
> 35 to 40 kg/m ²	4/227	6/201
> 40 kg/m ²	3/122	6/134

Major bleeding

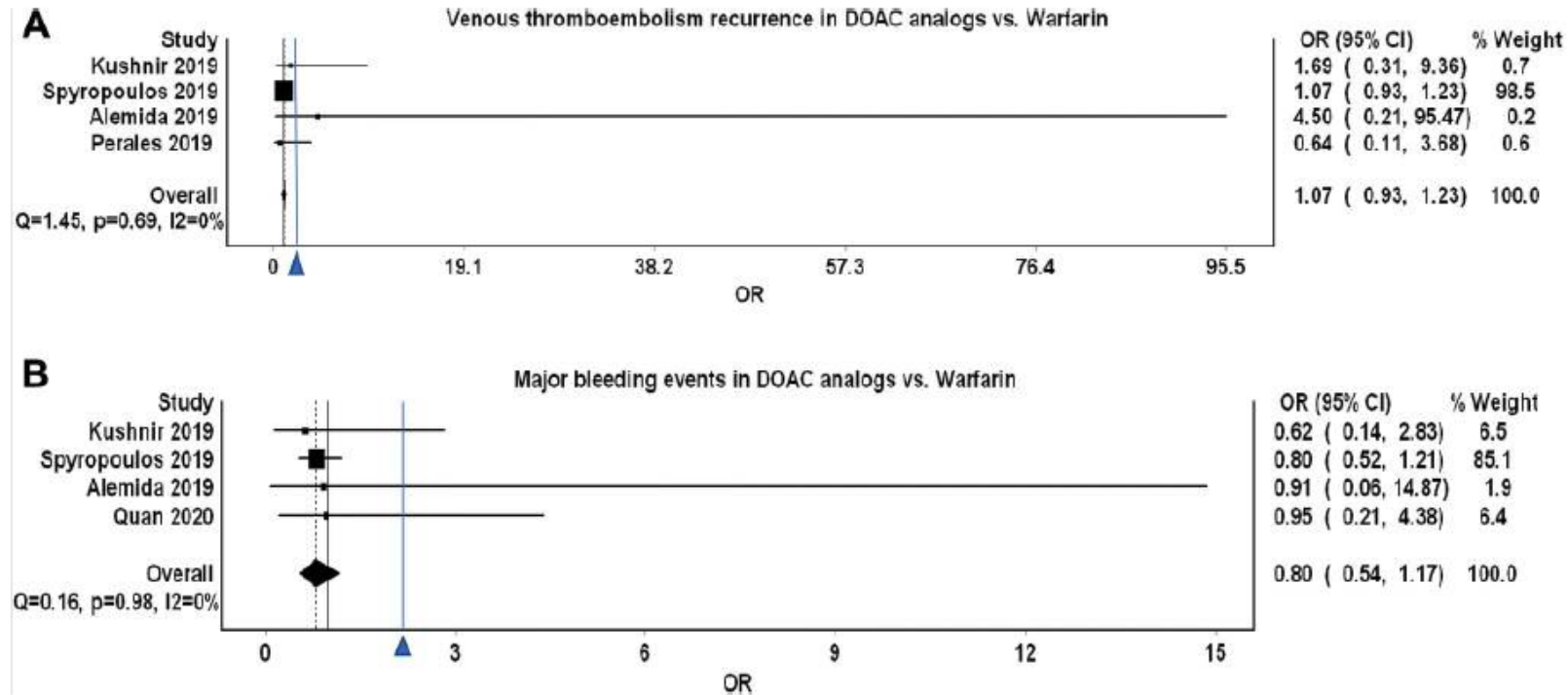
BMI category	Apixaban, n/N	Enoxaparin/warfarin, n/N
≤ 25 kg/m ²	5/725	12/711
> 25 to 30 kg/m ²	7/999	17/1029
> 30 to 35 kg/m ²	1/575	8/587
> 35 to 40 kg/m ²	1/236	8/206
> 40 kg/m ²	1/126	4/137



Cohen et al *Adv in Therapy* 2021

Meta-analyse van 5 observationele studies in VTE

Citation	Sample	Context	Conclusions
Elshafei J Thromb Thrombolysis 2020	6,500 patients; BMI ≥ 40 kg/m ² or weight >120 kg	Meta-analysis of 5 observational studies; DOAC (rivaroxaban, apixaban, dabigatran) vs VKA	recurrent VTE: OR 1.07; 0.93–1.23 MB: trend toward reduced risk (OR 0.80; 0.54–1.17)



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5). We suggest not to regularly follow peak or trough drug-specific DOAC levels because there are insufficient data to influence management decisions.

Anusim et al Eur J Haemat 2022 accepted online

Up to 900,000 Americans each year may be affected by obesity-related VTE

499 morbidly obese patients with provoked VTE (309, 62.1%) and unprovoked VTE (189, 37.9%)

Median (range) BMI at which a DOAC was initiated was 44.6 (39.5, 88.4)

Apixaban prescribed in 203 (40.7%) and rivaroxaban in 296 (59.3%) patients

New VTE or progression of VTE was seen in **0.6%** of patients over 60 days of follow-up

Bleeding complications were seen in 7.0% of patients

No significant differences between apixaban and rivaroxaban

Data suggest apixaban and rivaroxaban administration is safe and efficacious in the morbidly obese patients with VTE

Meta-analysis RCT's in AF Europace 2020: efficacy similar

BMI = Overweight

Study	Weight	OR	95% CI	%	Total (95% CI)
RE-LY_150mg	4.9%	0.79	[0.55; 1.13]		
ROCKET AF	7.6%	0.89	[0.68; 1.16]		
ARISTOTLE	6.4%	0.93	[0.69; 1.26]		
ENGAGE AF TIMI 48	8.4%	0.77	[0.60; 0.99]		
RE-LY_110mg	5.3%	1.04	[0.74; 1.46]		
Total (95% CI)	32.6%	0.87	[0.76; 0.99]		

Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 2.49$, $\text{df} = 4$ ($P = 0.65$); $I^2 = 0\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z = -2.10$ ($P = 0.04$)

BMI = Obese

Study	Weight	OR	95% CI	%	Total (95% CI)
RE-LY_150mg	3.7%	0.71	[0.47; 1.08]		
ROCKET AF	6.4%	1.01	[0.75; 1.37]		
ARISTOTLE	5.7%	0.76	[0.55; 1.05]		
ENGAGE AF TIMI 48	10.9%	0.87	[0.71; 1.07]		
RE-LY_110mg	4.3%	1.00	[0.68; 1.47]		
Total (95% CI)	30.9%	0.87	[0.76; 1.00]		

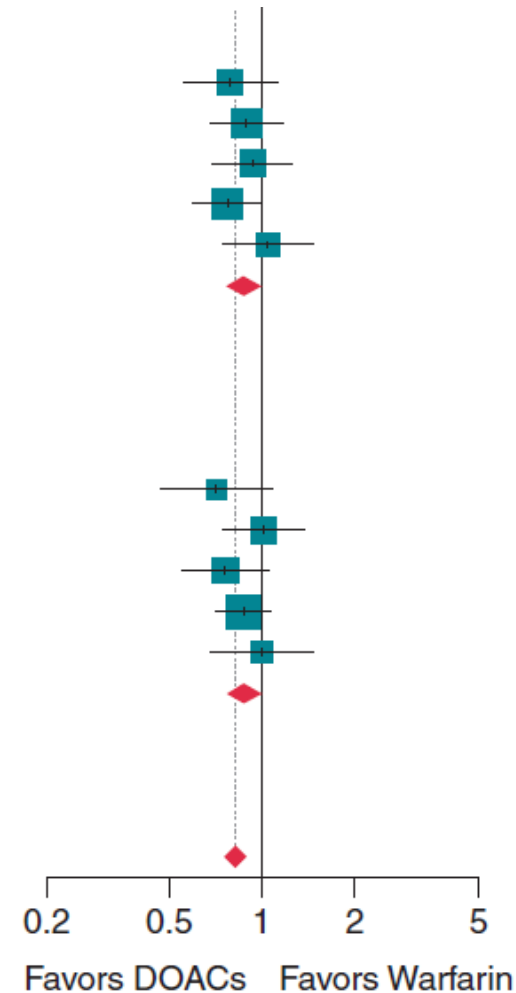
Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 3.03$, $\text{df} = 4$ ($P = 0.55$); $I^2 = 0\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z = -2.03$ ($P = 0.04$)

Total (95% CI) 100.0% 0.82 [0.75; 0.89]

Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.0069$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 23.32$, $\text{df} = 19$ ($P = 0.22$); $I^2 = 19\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z = -4.57$ ($P < 0.01$)



Malik et al: major bleeding similar

BMI = Overweight

Trial	Effect Size	95% CI	Weight	Summary Effect Size [95% CI]
RE-LY_150mg	-0.08	0.1181	6.4%	0.92 [0.73; 1.16]
ROCKET AF	-0.05	0.1130	6.6%	1.05 [0.84; 1.31]
ARISTOTLE	-0.31	0.1221	6.3%	0.73 [0.57; 0.93]
ENGAGE AF TIMI 48	-0.30	0.1090	6.7%	0.74 [0.60; 0.92]
RE-LY_110mg	-0.32	0.1250	6.2%	0.73 [0.57; 0.93]
Total (95% CI)			32.2%	0.83 [0.71; 0.96]

Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2 = 0.0150$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 8.37$, $\text{df} = 4$ ($P = 0.08$); $I^2 = 52\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z = -2.51$ ($P = 0.01$)

BMI = Obese

Trial	Effect Size	95% CI	Weight	Summary Effect Size [95% CI]
RE-LY_150mg	0.13	0.1250	6.2%	1.14 [0.89; 1.46]
ROCKET AF	0.03	0.3430	2.0%	1.03 [0.53; 2.02]
ARISTOTLE	-0.17	0.1190	6.4%	0.84 [0.67; 1.06]
ENGAGE AF TIMI 48	-0.14	0.1046	6.9%	0.87 [0.71; 1.07]
RE-LY_110mg	-0.17	0.1320	6.0%	0.84 [0.65; 1.09]
Total (95% CI)			27.5%	0.91 [0.81; 1.03]

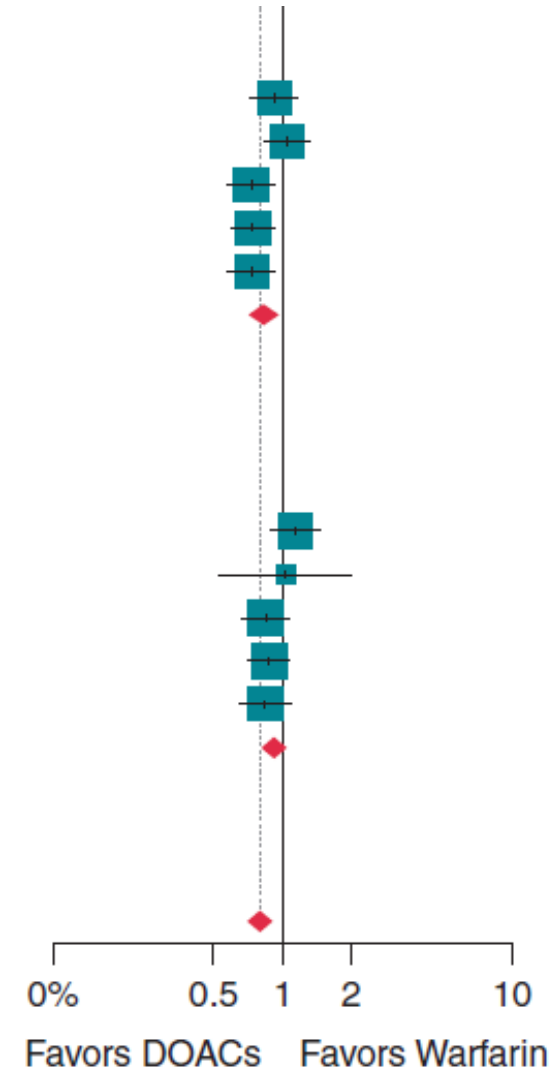
Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2 = 0.0017$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 4.37$, $\text{df} = 4$ ($P = 0.36$); $I^2 = 9\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z = -1.44$ ($P = 0.15$)

Total (95% CI)			100.0%	0.79 [0.71; 0.88]
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Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2 = 0.0340$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 48.94$, $\text{df} = 18$ ($P < 0.01$); $I^2 = 63\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z = -4.17$ ($P < 0.01$)



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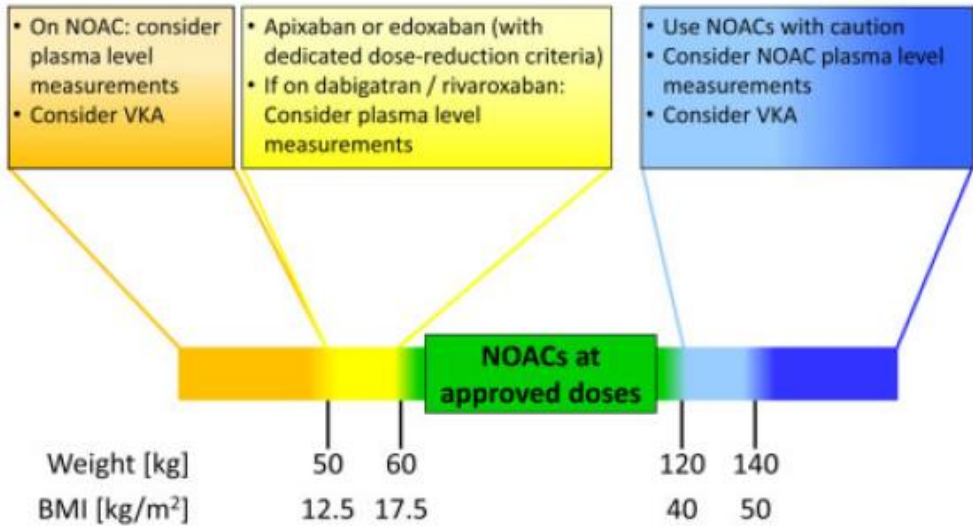


Figure 23 NOACs in under- and overweight patients. See text for details. BMI, body mass index; NOAC, non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulant; VKA, vitamin K antagonist; RCT, randomized clinical trial.

Table 11 Plasma levels and coagulation assays in patients treated with NOACs for stroke prevention in AF

	Dabigatran ^{97,548,549}	Apixaban ⁵⁵⁰	Edoxaban ^{98,100}	Rivaroxaban ^{519,520,551}
Expected plasma levels of NOACs in patients treated for AF*				
Peak levels	52–383	69–321	101–288	178–343
Trough levels	28–215	34–230	12–43	12–137

Casus 2 – status na gastric bypass - sleeve

65-jarige man met BMI 55 kg/m² is eergisteren geopereerd

Voorgeschiedenis AF met CHADsVASC score 5

Medicatie: antidiabetica antihypertensiva **apixaban**

Wat schrijft u voor?

a. Laag-moleculair-gewichts heparine (LMWH) gevolgd door VKA

b. DOAC

c. LMWH – na 1 maand DOAC starten

TABLE 2 Expected impact of bariatric surgery procedures on absorption of DOACs

DOAC	Site of Absorption in Gastrointestinal Tract	Surgical Intervention and Anticipated Effect on Absorption		
		Gastric Banding	Partial/Sleeve Gastrectomy	RYGB
Apixaban	Primarily upper GI tract, with possible limited absorption in the colon; absorption decreased by when delivered to the distal small bowel compared with oral administration ³⁹	Unlikely affected	Unlikely affected	Possibly reduced
Dabigatran	Lower stomach and proximal small intestine ^{41,42,49}	Possibly reduced	Possibly reduced	Possibly reduced
Edoxaban	Proximal small intestine, dependent on acidic environment ^{43,44}	Possibly reduced	Possibly reduced	Possibly reduced
Rivaroxaban	Largely stomach, some small intestine, but absorption reduced when released distal to stomach ⁴³⁻⁴⁵	Possibly reduced	Possibly reduced	Possibly reduced

Abbreviations: DOAC, direct oral anticoagulant; RYGB, Roux-en-Y gastric bypass.

Types of Bariatric Surgery

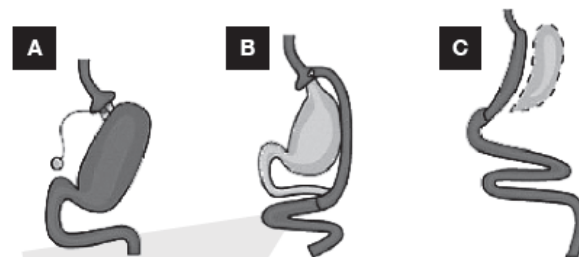


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<https://www.news-medical.net/health/Bariatric-Surgery-Types.aspx>

- A Adjustable gastric banding (AGB):**
Adjustable silicone band placed around stomach to create a smaller pouch.
- B Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB):**
Stomach stapled to form gastric pouch that connects to distal jejunum, excluding the duodenum and proximal jejunum.
- C Gastrectomy (partial/sleeve):**
Sleeve gastrectomy results in longitudinal resection of 80% of stomach.

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Samenvatting anti-Xa meten bij obesitas en na bariatric

Anti-Xa meting voor LMWH bij BMI boven de 50 kg/m²

Anti-Xa meting voor DOACs bij BMI boven de 50 kg/m² – dal spiegels

Na bariatric maand wachten tot start DOACs – LMWH VKA

Na start DOACs dalspiegel meten ter controle van de absorptie

Na bariatric en impact op absorptie van DOACs

Bariatric Surgery

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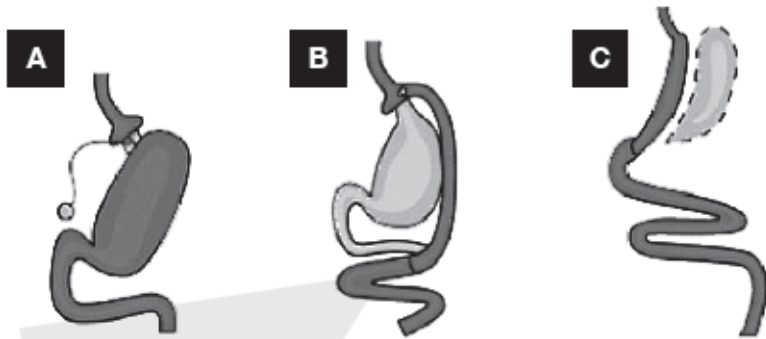


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- D Colectomey:**
Surgical removal of all or part of the colon. (visual not provided)

Potential impact of surgical intervention on absorption

	Apixaban	Dabi	Edoxaban	Riva
A	UA	PR	PR	PR
B	PR	PR	PR	PR
C	UA	PR	PR	PR
D	PR	UA	UA	UA

PR Possibly Reduced **UA** Unlikely Affected