

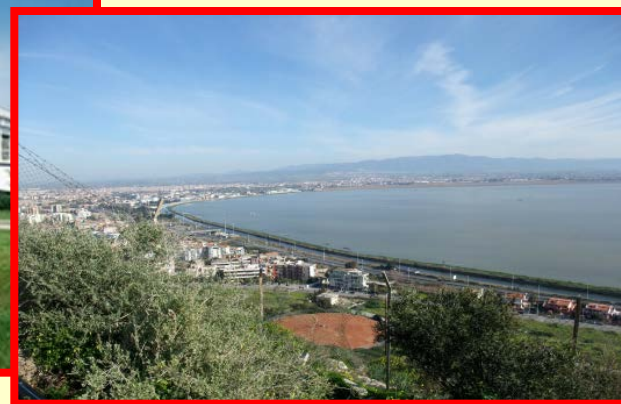
## **Aderenza e persistenza alle terapie anticoagulanti orali**

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## **Dichiarazione di conflitto d'interesse**

### **Partecipazione a Convegni come relatore e finanziamenti**

**1 ASPEN**

**2 BAYER**

**3 BMC Pfizer**

**4 NOVO Nordisk**

**5 Roche**

**5 WERFEN**

# Simili ?

**Aderenza**



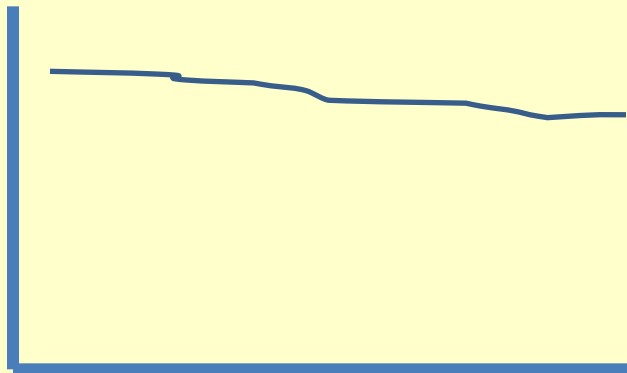
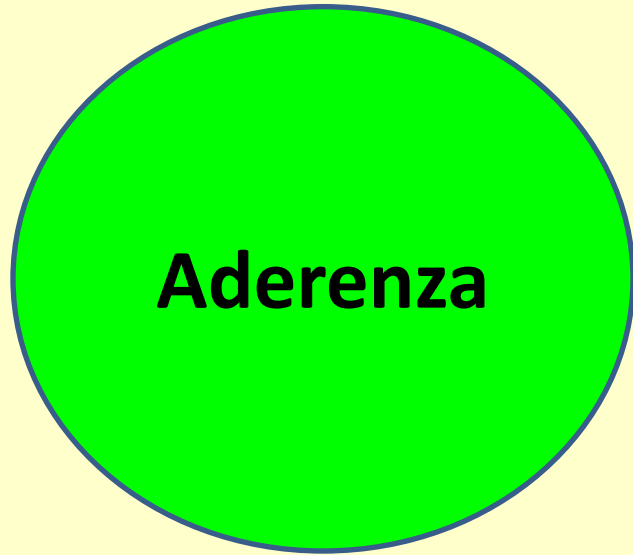
**Atteggiamento cooperante  
da parte del paziente**

*Compliance*

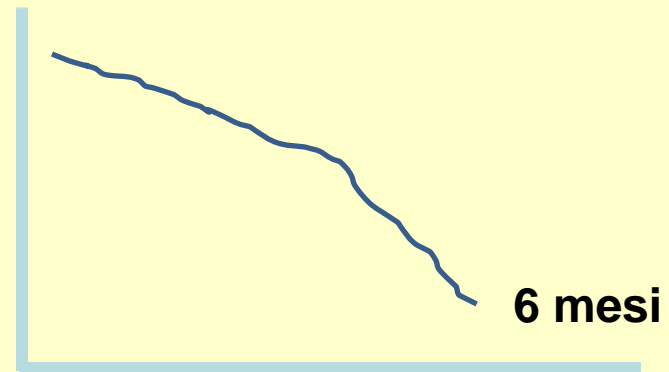


**Atteggiamento passivo  
del paziente**

# In generale



**Condizioni acute**



**Condizioni croniche**

**Il valore medio dell'aderenza negli studi clinici può essere elevato.**

**Tuttavia l'aderenza può variare molto anche negli studi clinici (43-78 %)**

**Non c'è accordo sulla percentuale.**

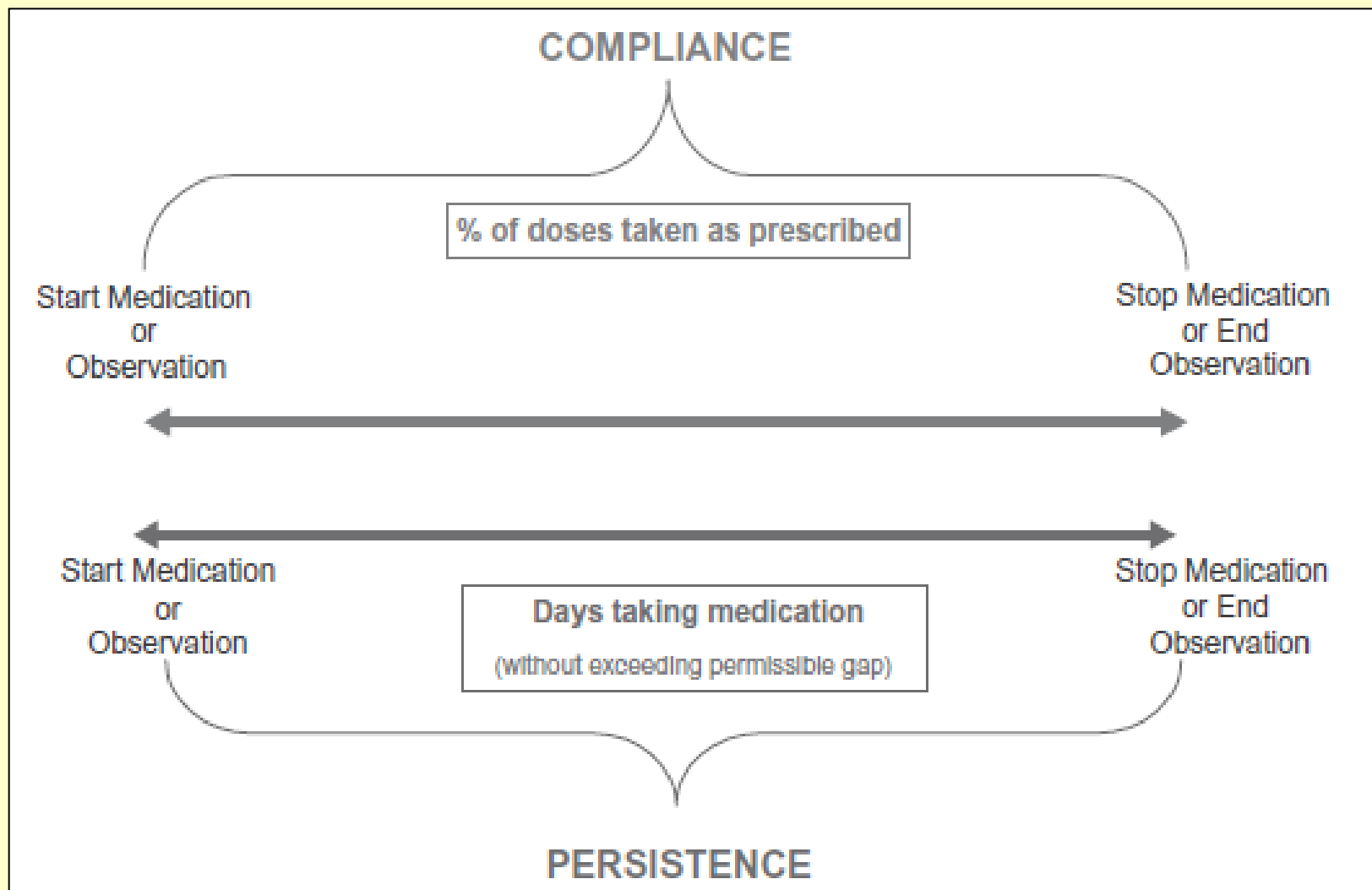
**Per alcuni l'aderenza può essere soddisfacente se non scende sotto l'80 %.**

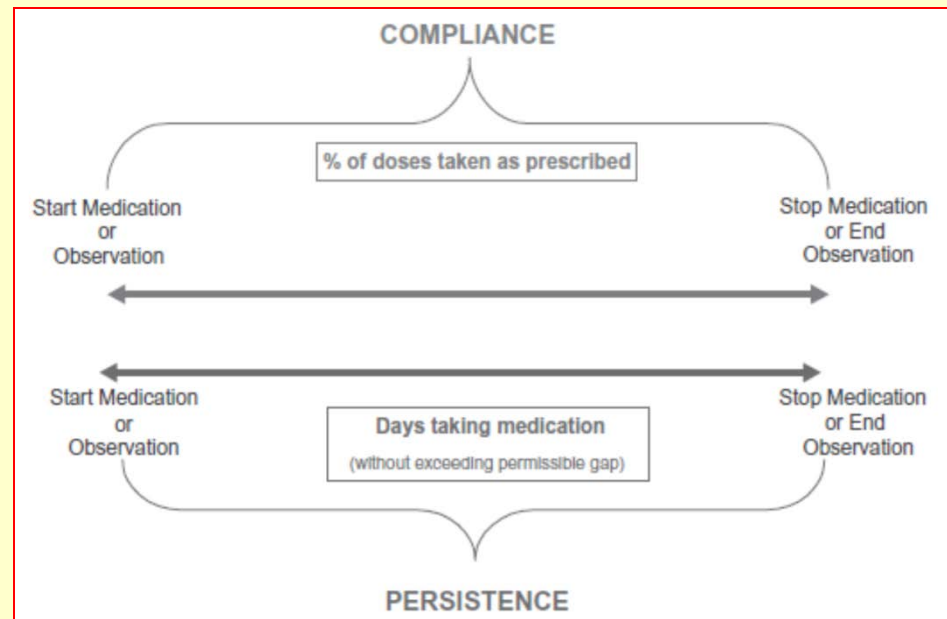
**Per altri deve stare sopra il 95 %.**



## **Differenze tra i *Clinical Trials* e la pratica quotidiana:**

- a) *Hawthorne effect* (sentirsi controllati)**
- b) Assenza di un *follow-up***
- c) Comorbilità**
- d) Politerapia**





## **Compliance (Adherence):**

**timing, dosing and frequency (the extent to which the patient follows medical instructions).**

## **Persistence:**

**the duration of time from starting to discontinuation of therapy.**



## Esempio di buona e cattiva aderenza (*compliance*)

Dom	Lun	Mar	Mer	Gio	Ven	Sab
X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X				X		
X		X				X
	X					
X			X	X		

**Aderenza:**

**100 % (28/28) nelle prime 4 settimane**

**36 % (10/28) nelle seconde 4 settimane**

**Media: 68 % (28+10/56 giorni)**

# La scarsa aderenza è un fenomeno generale

Condizione	Aderenza
Ipertensione	26-51 %
Depressione	40-70 %
Asma	43 %
HIV	37-83 %

# PDC: proportion of days covered

The PDC was defined as the number of doses dispensed in relation to the dispensing period. The numerator was based on the prescription fill dates and number of pills dispensed to determine the number of outpatient days for which each drug was supplied.

$$\text{PDC} = \left[ \frac{\text{number of days covered}}{\text{number of days in period}} \right] \times 100 \%$$

**PDC  $\geq$  0.80: good adherence**

**Non-persistence was defined as the presence of a  $\geq 60$ -day gap in medication use.**

**28 384 patients with AF were identified; 16 036 (56.5%) had a warfarin prescription following AF hospitalization. 53.5% of warfarin users were persistent for at least 1 year, similar to other long-term medications commonly prescribed to the AF population.**

**42.6% of warfarin users permanently discontinued warfarin within 1 year, also consistent with the discontinuation rate of 32.9-52.0% of other long-term medications.**

- 1 older age**
- 2 history of ischemic stroke**
- 3 warfarin use before hospitalization**



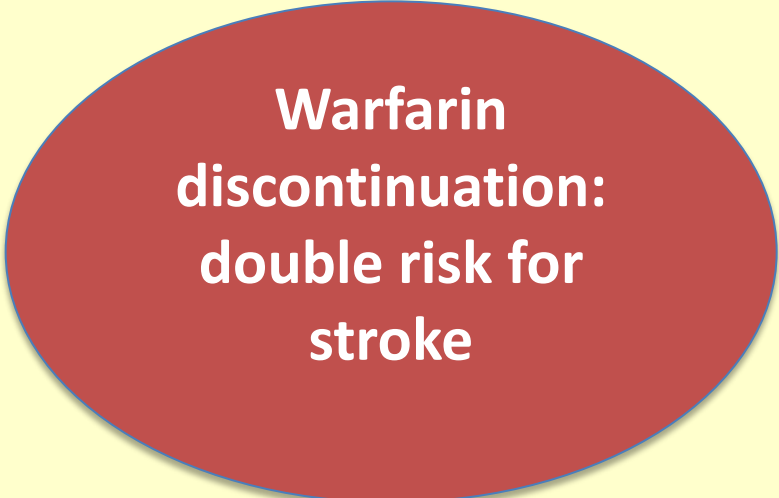
**All these figures significantly increased warfarin persistence and decreased the likelihood of discontinuation.**

**Adherence of od and bid medications was similar.**

Warfarin discontinuation was defined as a gap of  $\geq 45$  days in warfarin prescription within 1 year after initiation

A total of 27,000 patients were included

**Warfarin discontinuation** was significantly associated with increased risk of ischemic stroke (hazard ratio [HR]: **2.04**; 95% confidence interval [CI]: **1.47-2.84**).



Warfarin  
discontinuation:  
double risk for  
stroke

**Warfarin use and stroke risk among patients with nonvalvular atrial fibrillation in a large managed care population.**

**Among warfarin initiators with NVAF (N = 16,253), 51.4% discontinued warfarin therapy at least once during a mean follow-up of 668 days.**

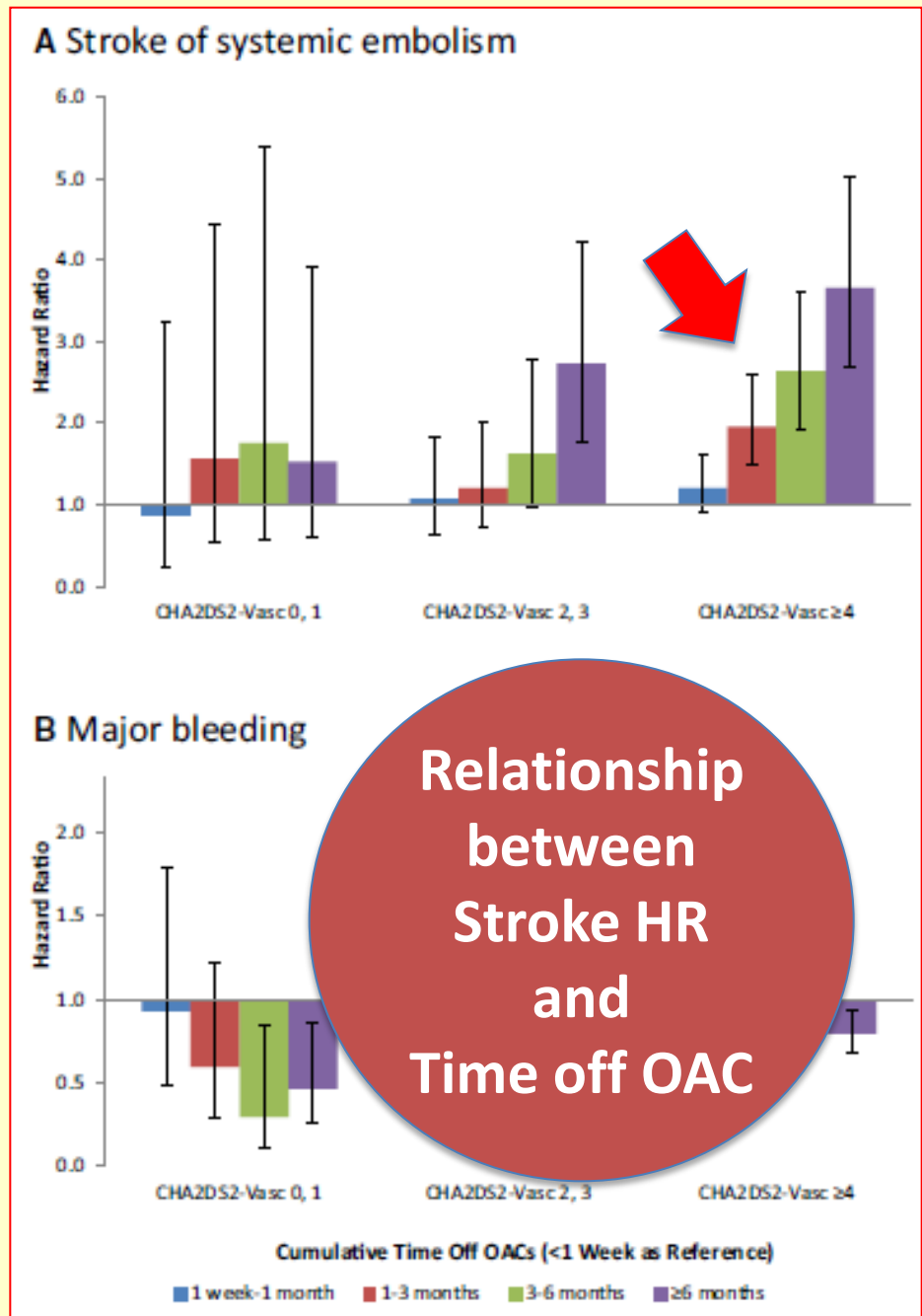
**Stroke risk** was significantly greater during warfarin discontinuation periods compared with therapy periods (hazard ratio = **1.60; 95% CI, 1.35-1.90; P < 0.001**).



Warfarin discontinuation:  
~50 % off  
Increased risk for stroke

**A retrospective cohort analysis by using a large US commercial insurance database to identify 64 661 patients with atrial fibrillation who initiated warfarin, dabigatran, rivaroxaban, or apixaban treatment between November 1, 2010 and December 31 2014.**

**Follow-up median: 1.1 y**



Time Not Taking OAC	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
<b>CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VAsc score 0 or 1</b>	
<1 wk	Ref
1 wk to 1 mo	0.87 (0.23–3.23)
1–3 mo	1.57 (0.55–4.44)
3–6 mo	1.76 (0.58–3.7)
≥6 mo	1.53 (0.60–3.91)
<b>CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VAsc score 2 or 3</b>	
<1 wk	Ref
1 wk to 1 mo	1.08 (0.64–1.82)
1–3 mo	1.21 (0.74–2.00)
3–6 mo	1.63 (0.96–2.78)
≥6 mo	2.73* (1.76–4.23)
<b>CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VAsc score ≥4</b>	
<1 wk	Ref
1 wk to 1 mo	1.21 (0.91–1.60)
1–3 mo	1.96* (1.48–2.60)
3–6 mo	2.64* (1.93–3.61)
≥6 mo	3.66* (2.68–5.01)

**High CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-Vasc score: less time OAC off for increasing Stroke HR**





Adherence to OACs (PDC  $\geq$ 80%), Stratified by Index Medication (N=64 661)

	<b>Apixaban n=3900</b>	<b>Dabigatran n=10235</b>	<b>Rivaroxabn n=12336</b>	<b>NOACs n=26471</b>	<b>Warfarin n=38190</b>	<b>P All vs W</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>52.1 %</b>	<b>45.9 %</b>	<b>47.6 %</b>	<b>47.5 %</b>	<b>38.7 %</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>0-1*</b>	<b>40.6 %</b>	<b>28.6 %</b>	<b>30.8 %</b>	<b>30.8 %</b>	<b>25.2 %</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>2-3*</b>	<b>51.9 %</b>	<b>46.9 %</b>	<b>48.8 %</b>	<b>48.3 %</b>	<b>37.3 %</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>&gt;4*</b>	<b>54.1 %</b>	<b>48.7 %</b>	<b>50.1 %</b>	<b>50.1 %</b>	<b>42.0 %</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>

\*CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-Vasc score

**PDC:  
Proportion  
of days  
covered**

**Adherence to Rivaroxaban, Dabigatran, and Apixaban for Stroke Prevention for Newly Diagnosed and Treatment-Naive Atrial Fibrillation Patients: An Update Using 2013-2014 Data**

Joshua D. Brown, PharmD, PhD; Anand R. Shewale, MS; and Jeffery C. Talbert, PhD

9 Months				
	Rivaroxaban n=7,969	Dabigatran n=2,456	Apixaban n=1,858	P Value
PDC <sup>a</sup>				
Mean (SD)	0.66 (0.34)	0.57 (0.35)	0.66 (0.33)	<0.001
≥ 0.80, n (%)	3,753 (47.1)	912 (37.1)	889 (47.9)	<0.001
0.50-0.79, n (%)	1,421 (17.8)	432 (17.6)	356 (19.2)	
< 0.50, n (%)	2,795 (35.1)	1,112 (45.3)	613 (33.0)	
Gaps, <sup>b</sup> n (%)				
≥ 15 days	1,578 (20.8)	591 (25.3)	482 (27.3)	<0.001
≥ 30 days	902 (11.9)	335 (14.3)	280 (15.9)	<0.001
≥ 60 days	408 (5.4)	158 (6.8)	111 (6.3)	0.052
Switch, <sup>c</sup> n (%)				
Other OAC	719 (9.5)	440 (18.8)	185 (10.5)	<0.001
Antiplatelet	256 (3.4)	90 (3.9)	60 (3.4)	0.538

## Low PDC in patients with low CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-Vasc

9 Months				
OAC PDCs, mean (SD)	Rivaroxaban n = 7,969	Dabigatran n = 2,456	Apixaban n = 1,858	P Value
Overall	0.69 (0.33)	0.66 (0.32)	0.70 (0.31)	<0.001
CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc = 0, 1	0.51 (0.33)	0.50 (0.33)	0.45 (0.31)	0.049
CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc = 2, 3	0.72 (0.32)	0.70 (0.31)	0.72 (0.30)	0.011
CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc ≥ 4	0.77 (0.29)	0.74 (0.29)	0.78 (0.27)	0.022

## Only Charlson Comorbidity Index is associated to poor adherence

### Multiple logistic regression

### OR and 95 % CI

Aged 65-74 years vs. <65 years	2.94	2.66	3.24
Aged ≥ 75 years vs. <65 years	2.70	2.45	2.97
Hypertension	1.23	1.14	1.33
Diabetes	1.24	1.11	1.39
Charlson Comorbidity Index	0.92	0.87	0.96
Hyperlipidemia	1.21	1.12	1.31
Cancer	1.28	1.12	1.48

**Elderly patients show good adherence**

**Between June 2012 and April 2014, 11,477 rivaroxaban and 2992 apixaban users were identified.**

**Relative to apixaban users, rivaroxaban users were more likely to have a PDC  $\geq 0.80$  at both 90 days (85.3% vs 79.9%;  $P < 0.001$ ) and 180 days (75.8% vs 72.2%;  $P = 0.001$ ).**

**The proportion of patients with at least one 5+ and 10+ day gap in prescriptions was significantly lower in the rivaroxaban versus apixaban cohorts: 54.2% versus 62.4% ( $P < 0.001$ ) and 40.0% versus 49.2% ( $P < 0.001$ ), respectively.**

**Retrospective cohort study using administrative data from Ontario, Canada, from January 1998 to March 2014 of patients with AF who were dispensed dabigatran or rivaroxaban.**

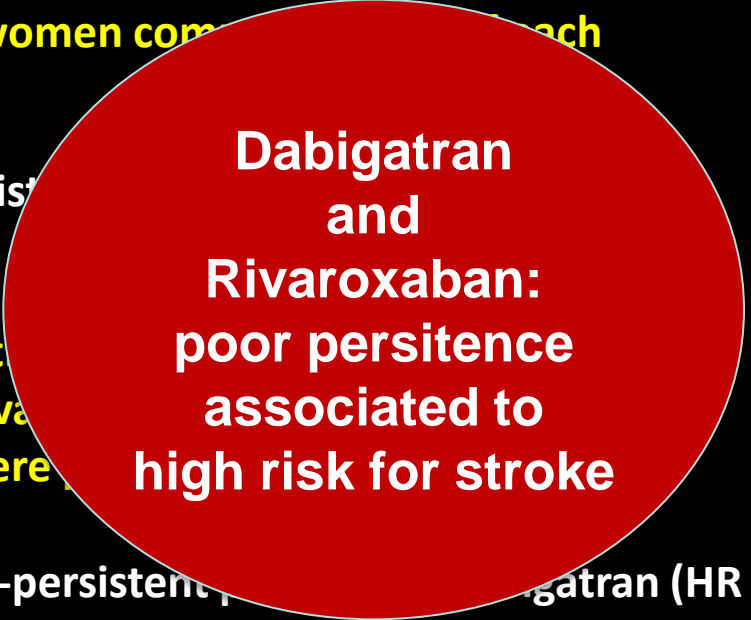
**Non-persistence was defined as a gap in dabigatran or rivaroxaban prescriptions  $\geq 14$  days.**

**The cohort consisted of 15 857 dabigatran (age  $80.7 \pm 6.7$  year) and 10 119 rivaroxaban users (age  $77.0 \pm 7.1$  year) with women comprising 40% of each medication group.**

**At 6 months, 36.4% of patients were non-persistent to dabigatran and 38.4% of patients were non-persistent to rivaroxaban.**

**Stroke/TIA/death was significantly higher for those who were non-persistent to dabigatran (HR 1.76 (95% CI 1.60 to 1.94);  $p < 0.0001$ ) or rivaroxaban (HR 2.19);  $p < 0.0001$ ) compared with those who were persistent.**

**Risk of stroke/TIA was markedly higher in non-persistent patients to dabigatran (HR 3.75 (95% CI 2.59 to 5.43);  $p < 0.0001$ ) and rivaroxaban (HR 6.25 (95% CI 3.37 to 11.58);  $p < 0.0001$ ) than those persistent.**



**Dabigatran  
and  
Rivaroxaban:  
poor persistence  
associated to  
high risk for stroke**

# **Cause della scarsa aderenza**

- 1 Scarsa comunicazione medico-paziente**
- 2 Assenza di visite di controllo periodiche**
- 3 Difetti cognitivi**
- 4 Giovane età**
- 5 Complessità del trattamento (numero di cp/die)**
- 6 Trattamento cronico in profilassi primaria (Ipertensione, FA)**
- 7 Non conoscenza del perché si fa il trattamento.**

# **Politerapia: 5 o più farmaci/die**

**Conseguenze:**

**a) Scarsa aderenza**

**b) Aumento degli eventi avversi**

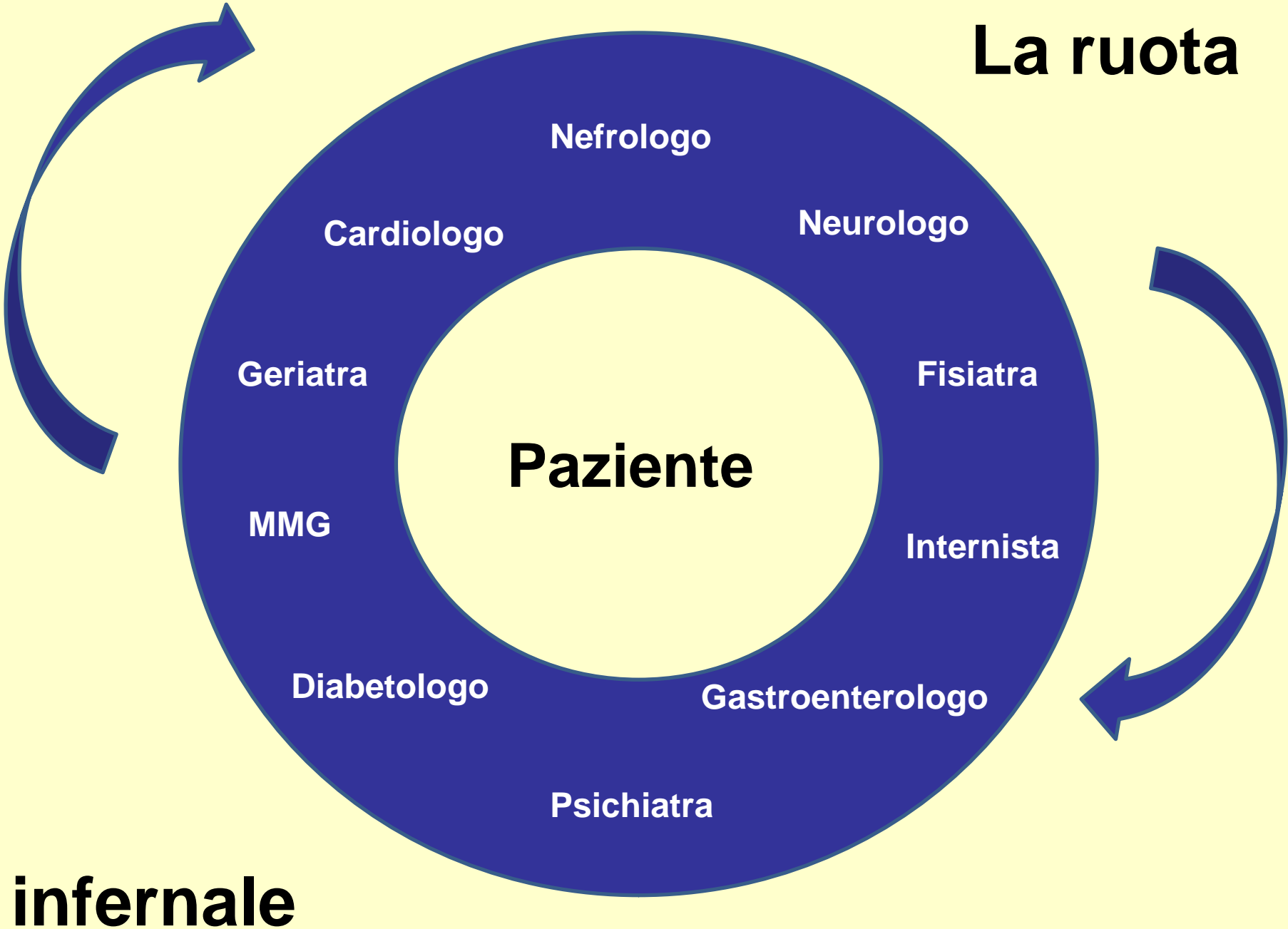


## In caso di Politerapia

Drugs taken by patients over VKA	Patients <i>n</i> (%)	Patients who would forget to take DOACs <i>n</i> (%)
<6 tablets/die	309 (59 %)	59 (19.1 %)
≥6 tablets/die	214 (41 %)	69 (32.2 %)
	<i>p</i> < 0.0001	<i>p</i> = 0.0009

**Alto rischio di scarsa aderenza**

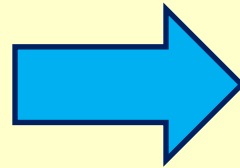
# La ruota



Polypharmacy, length of hospital stay, and in-hospital mortality among elderly patients in internal medicine wards. The REPOSI study

**Prevalenza massima della politerapia  
( $\geq 5$  farmaci/die):**

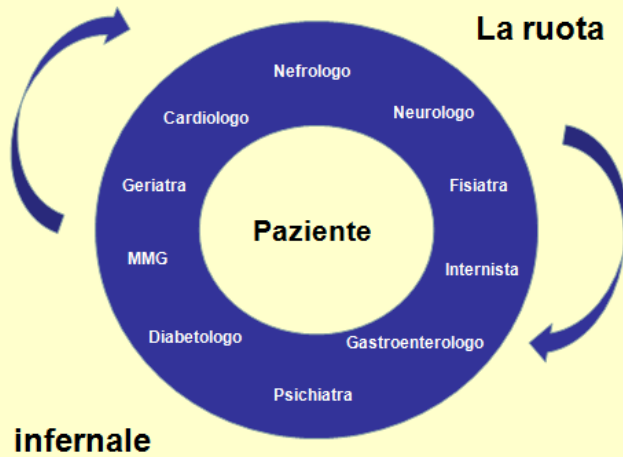
**70-84  
anni**



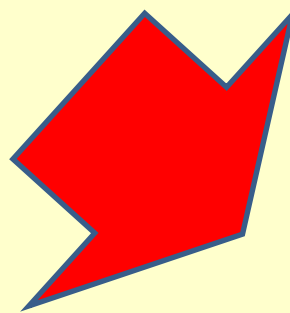
**51.9 % al momento  
del ricovero**



**67 % alla dimissione**



**Spesso più  
di 10 farmaci  
al giorno**



**Molti farmaci**

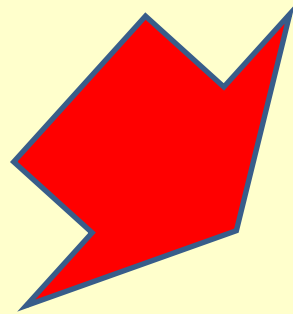
**Conseguentemente**



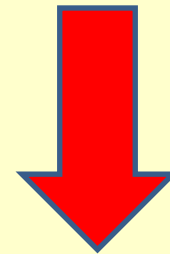
**Circa il 30 % inutili**



**Spesso più  
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al giorno**



**Molti farmaci**



**Aderenza bassa**

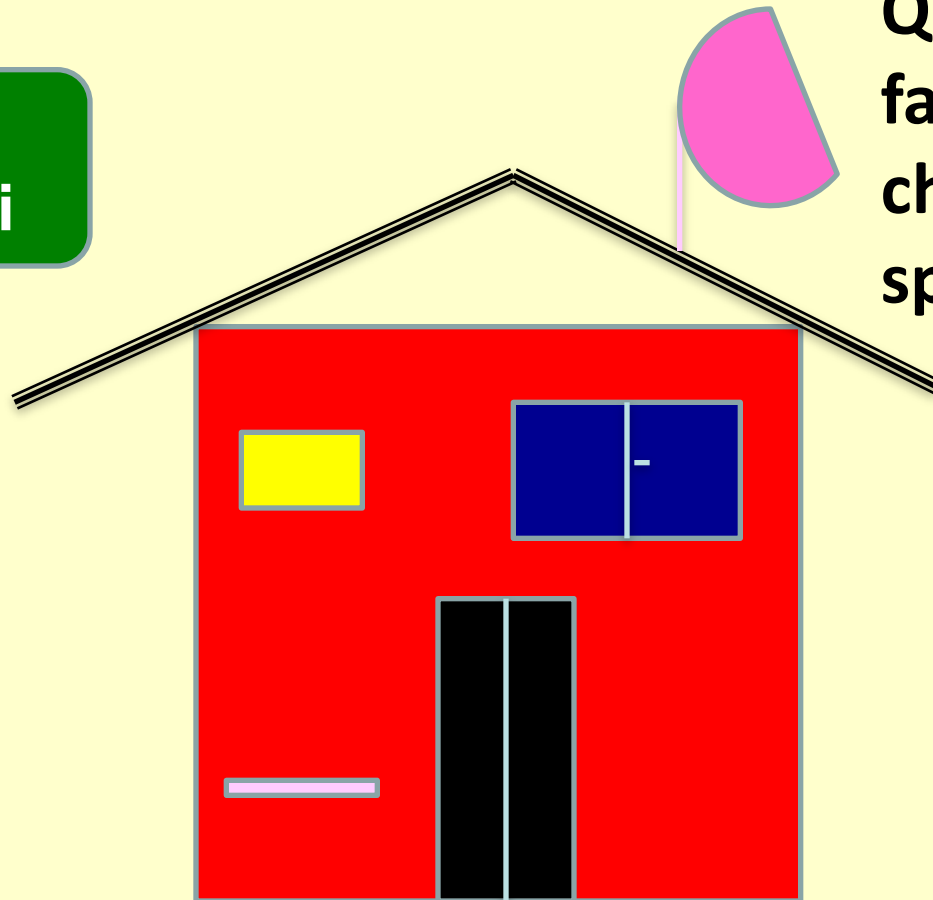
**Conseguentemente**

# Sarebbe bene:

- 1 Osservare quanti farmaci assume il paziente**
- 2 Eliminare i farmaci inutili (Fascia C) e senza indicazione**
- 3 Considerare che quanti più farmaci il paziente assume tanto più scarsa sarà l'aderenza e la persistenza.**

Tutto questo non è facile.  
Difficilmente si sospendono  
farmaci dati da altri.

**Centro  
Trombosi**



**Qualche anno  
fa si pensava  
che sarebbero  
spariti**

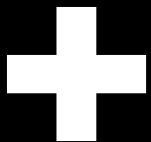
**Dovrebbe  
proporsi per  
Il *follow-up*  
dei DOAC**

**Ma non  
è così**

**Aderenza e persistenza migliorerebbero**

# Possibile questionario da sottoporre, ad esempio, ogni 4 mesi (anche per via telematica)

- 1) Ha preso regolarmente le compresse ?
- 2) Ha praticato regolarmente l'iniezione sotto cute ?
- 3) Se ha dimenticato la terapia, quante volte è successo ?
- 4) Ha notato lividi sulla pelle, sangue con le urine, con le feci ?
- 5) Ha avuto perdita di coscienza, perdita di forza alle braccia ed alle gambe anche per poco tempo ?
- 6) Si è inceppata la parola anche per poco tempo ?
- 7) Ha avuto dolore alle gambe ?
- 8) Si sono gonfiate ?
- 9) Come giudica il suo stato di salute:  
stazionario, migliorato, peggiorato ?



**Creatininemia, enzimi epatici,  
Emocromo (soprattutto anziani)**



## Ricerca un *Hawthorne effect* ?

Quarters	Mean (%)	CI 95%	<i>P</i>
Interview (May) June–August 2004 vs February–April 2004	13	9.1/16.8	<0.001
Course, brochure, nothing (September) October–December 2004 vs June–August 2004	0.6	–2.9/4.1	0.73
January–March 2005 vs October–December 2004	0	–2.3/2.3	0.98
April–June 2005 vs January–March 2005	–0.2	–3.7/3.4	0.93

**Negativo l'approccio «passivo»**

**It is difficult to improve adherence and persistence**

**Across the body of evidence (182 RCTs), effects were inconsistent.**

**Current methods of improving medication adherence for chronic health problems are mostly complex (intense education, counseling including motivational interviewing or daily treatment support, and sometimes additional support from family or peers) and not very effective, so that the full benefits of treatment cannot be realized.**

# Conclusioni

- 1** Aderenza e persistenza sono due aspetti cruciali spesso sottovalutati.
- 2** Se scarse (e lo sono), hanno un impatto negativo sulla salute.
- 3** E' difficile migliorarle.
- 4** Gli anticoagulanti orali (vecchi e nuovi) non sfuggono al problema. I DOAC sembrano migliori del Warfarin.
- 5** La mono somministrazione dei DOAC non necessariamente incrementa l'aderenza e la persistenza.