

# I nuovi anticoagulanti orali (DOAC)

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# Gli anticoagulanti orali

"nuovi" o "diretti":

*un po' di acronimi, per confondere le idee...*

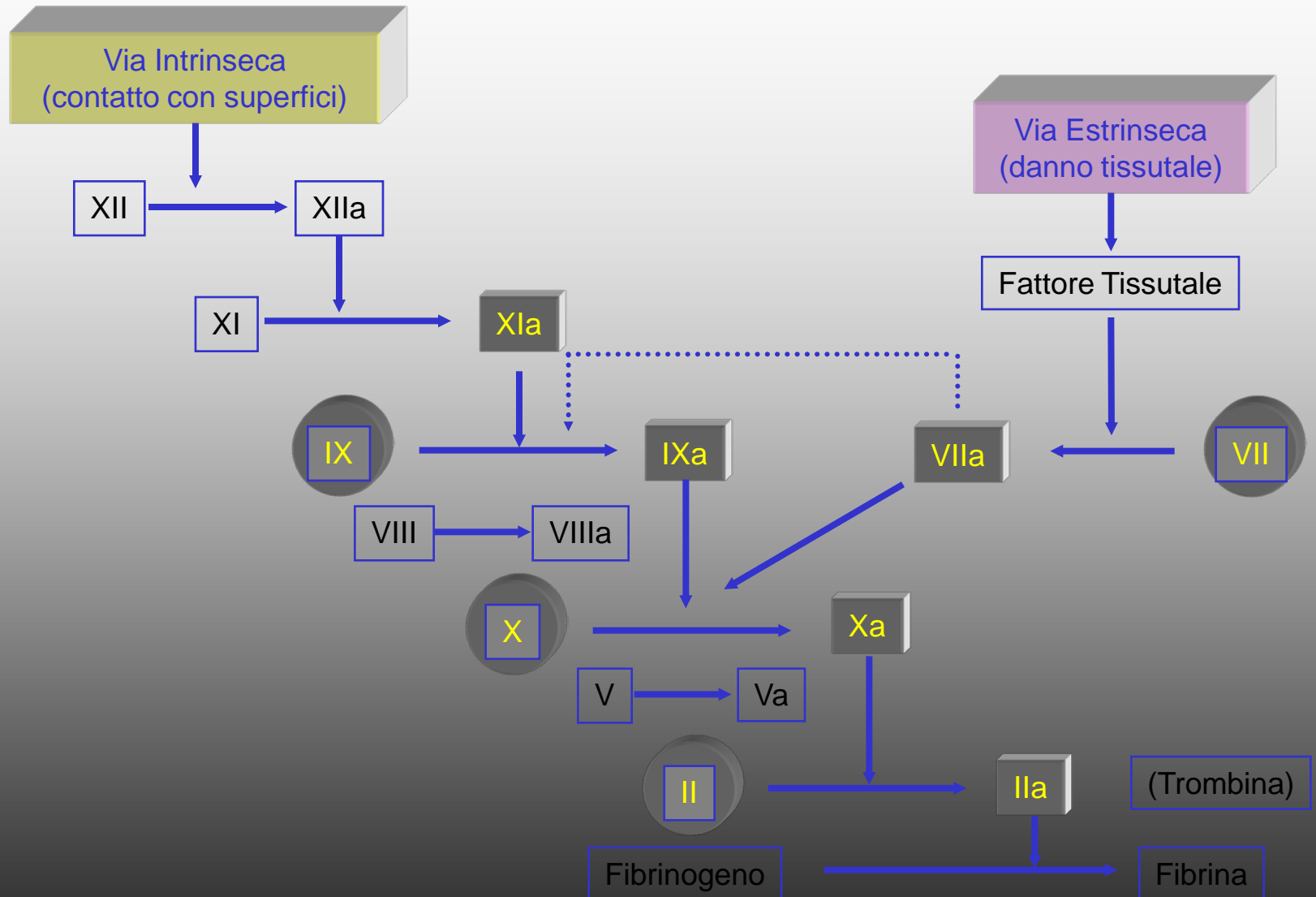
DOAC (Direct Oral AntiCoagulants)

NOAC o NOA (New Oral AntiCoagulants,  
Non-VKA Oral AntiCoagulants),

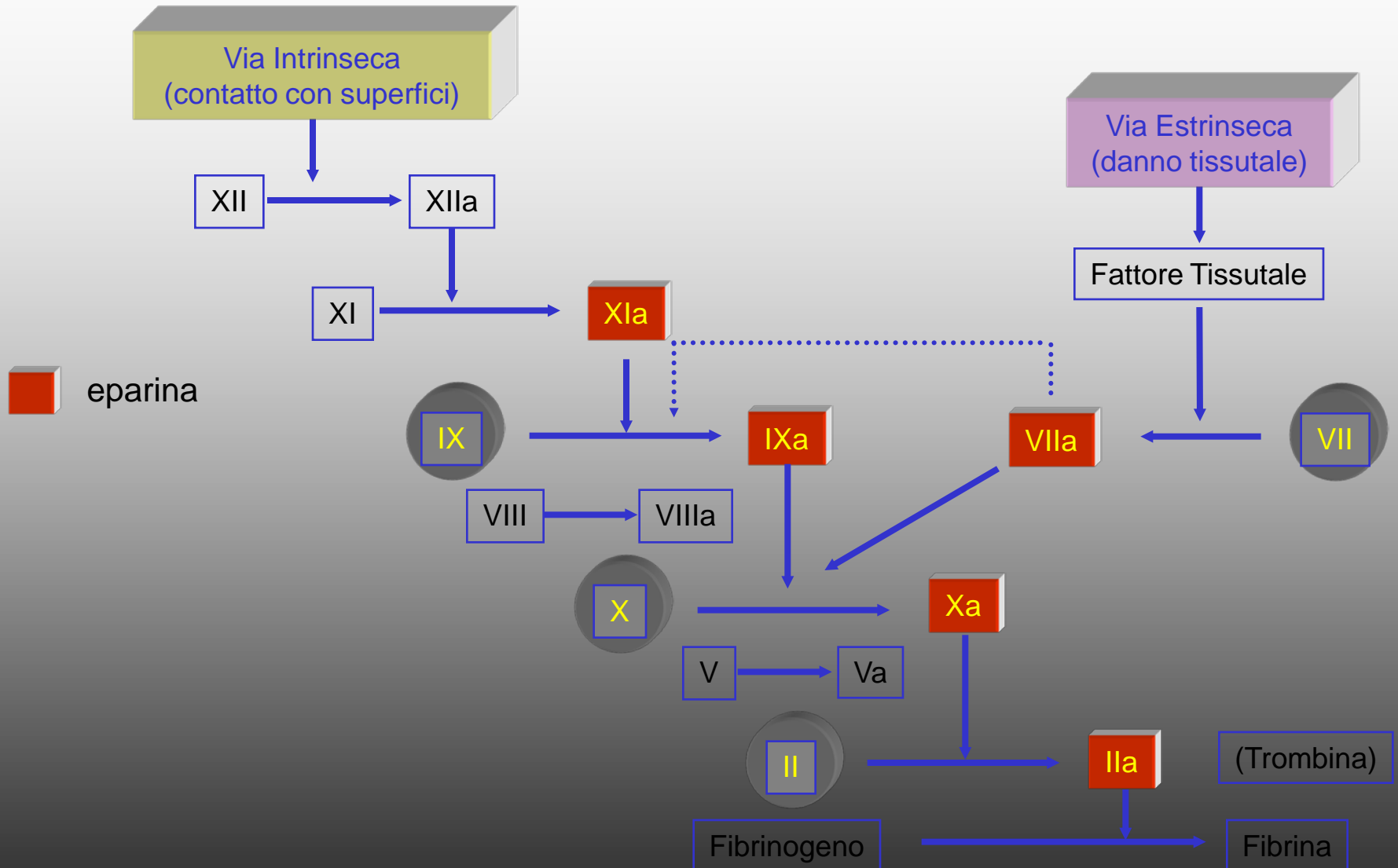
...anche nella variante italiana NAO

...e, ultimo arrivato: TSOACs (Target-Specific  
Oral AntiCoagulants)

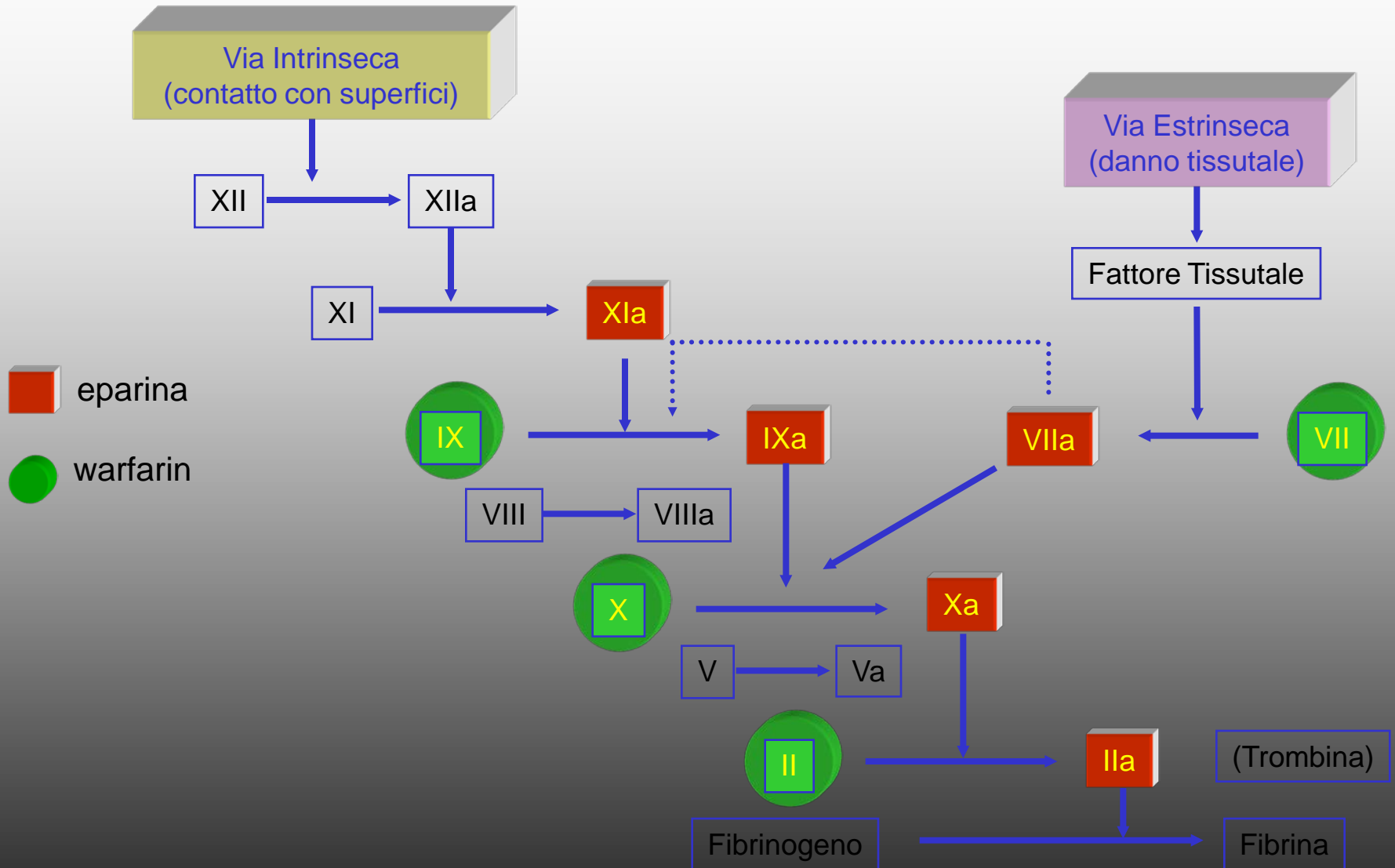
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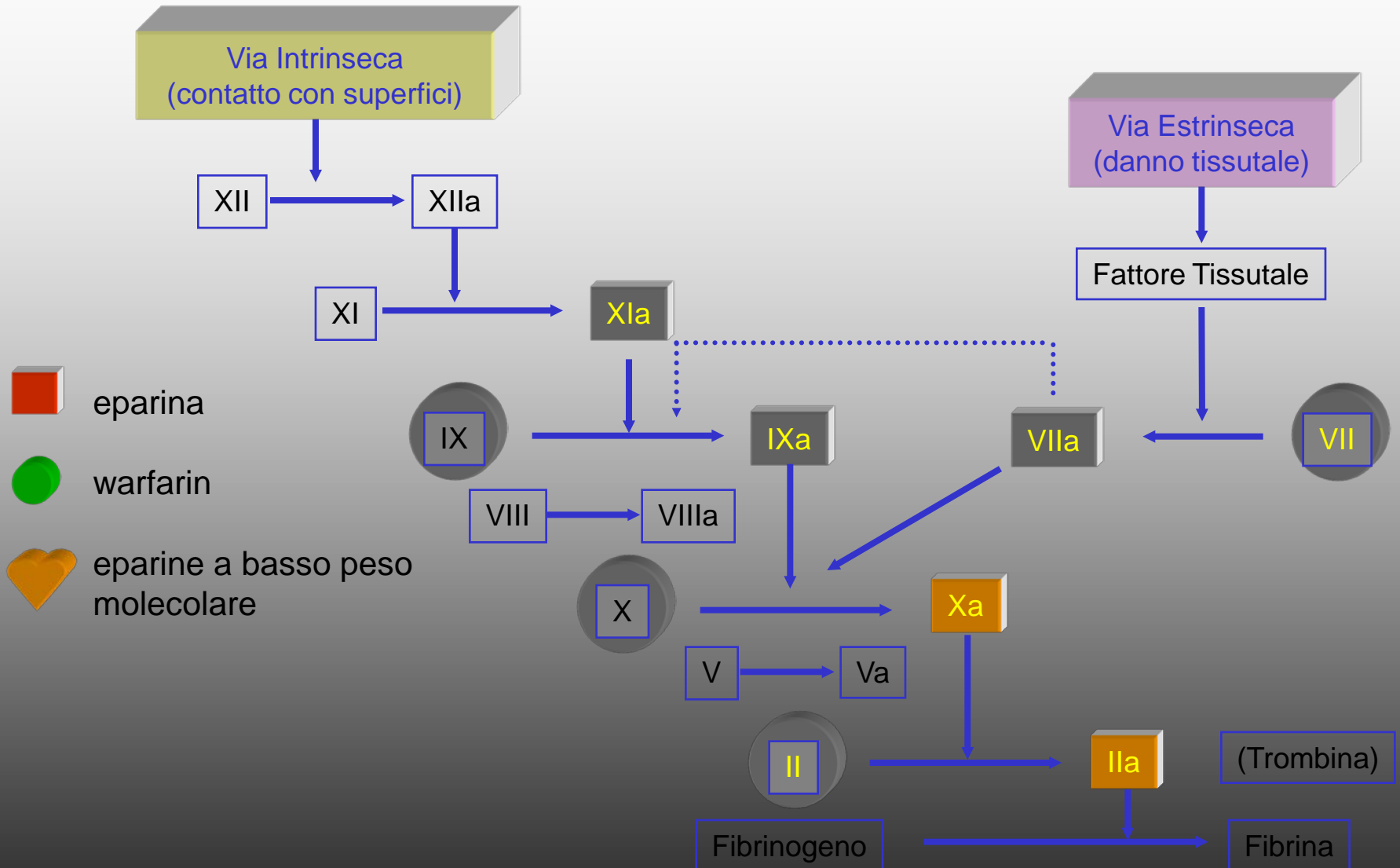
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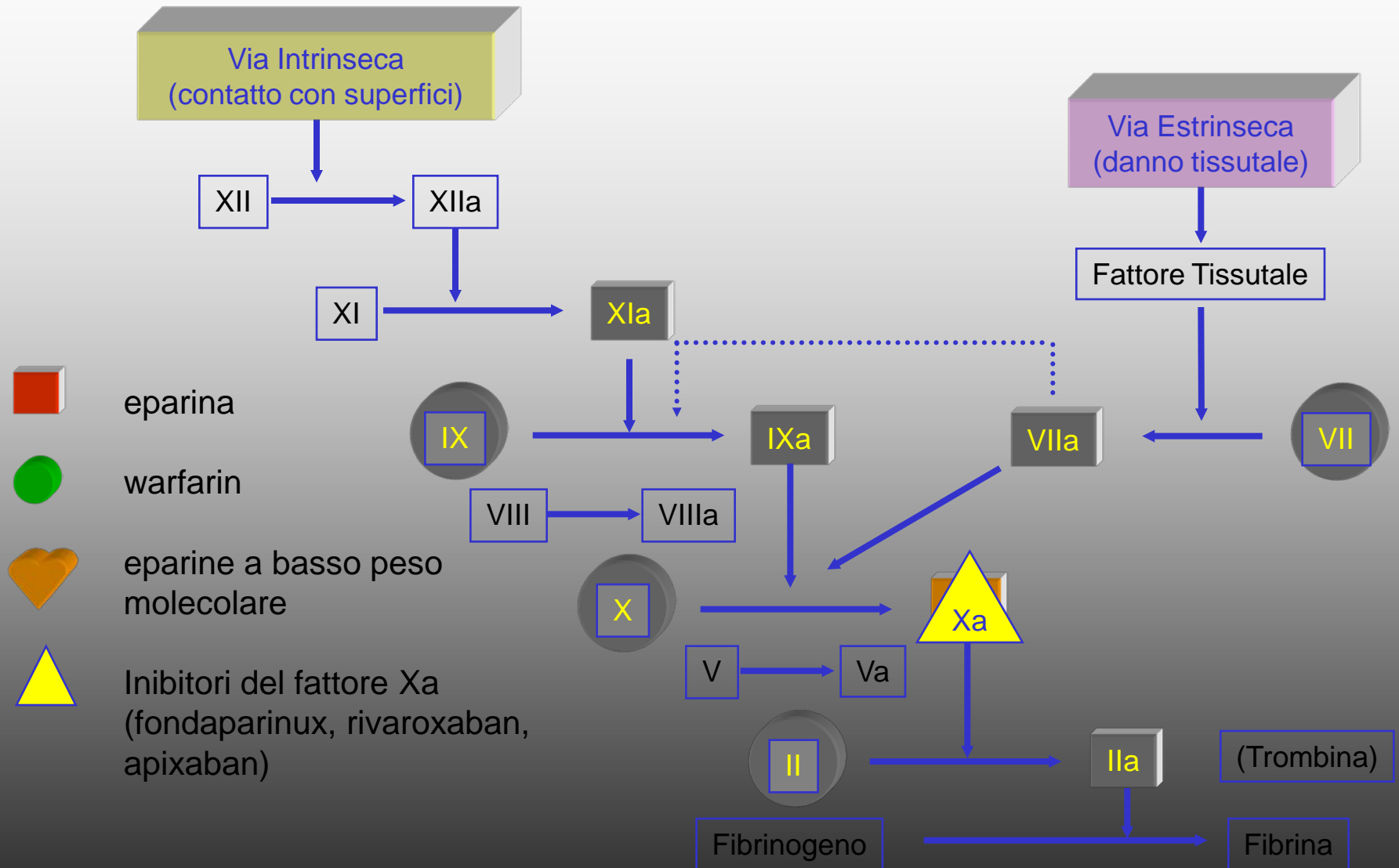
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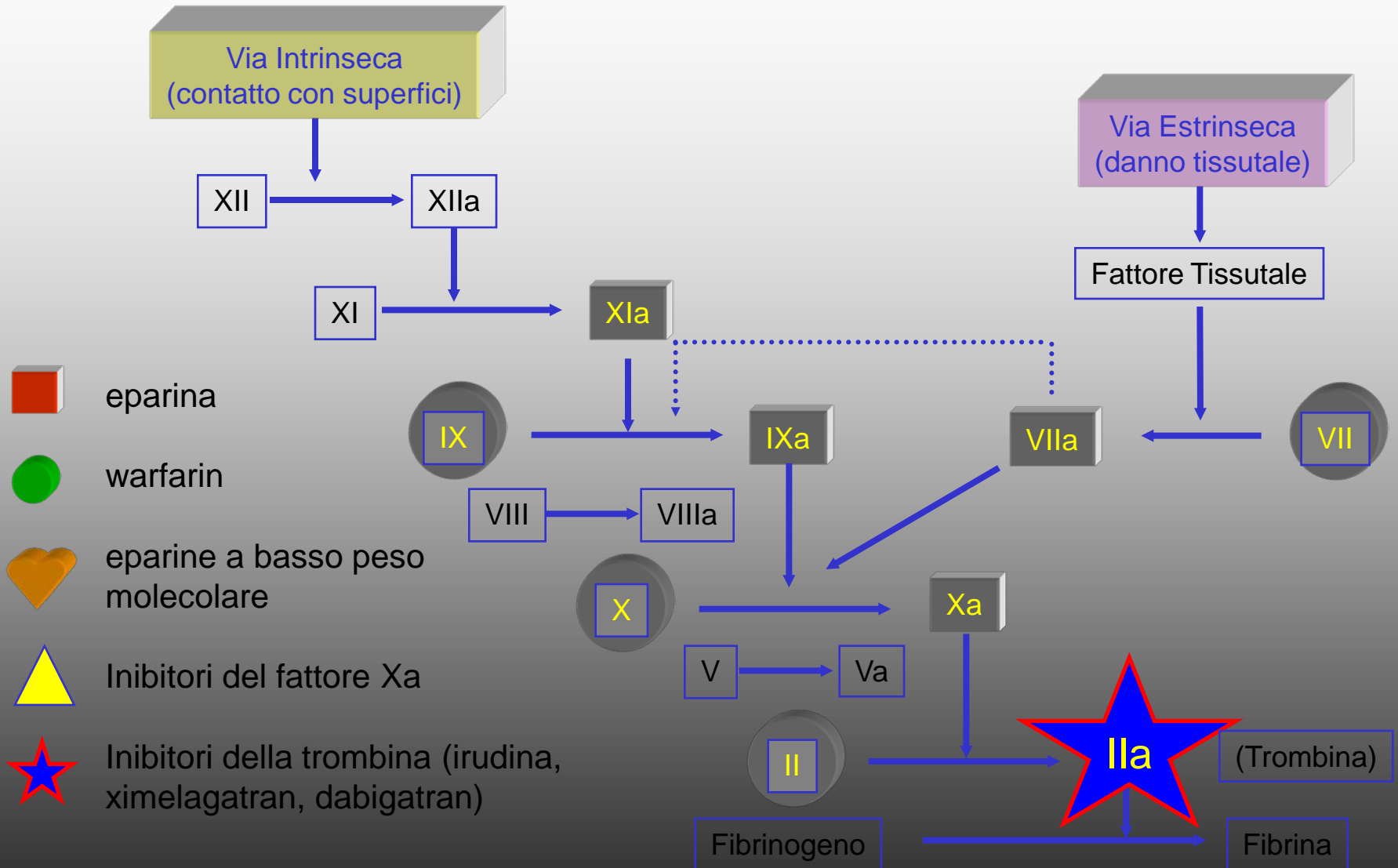
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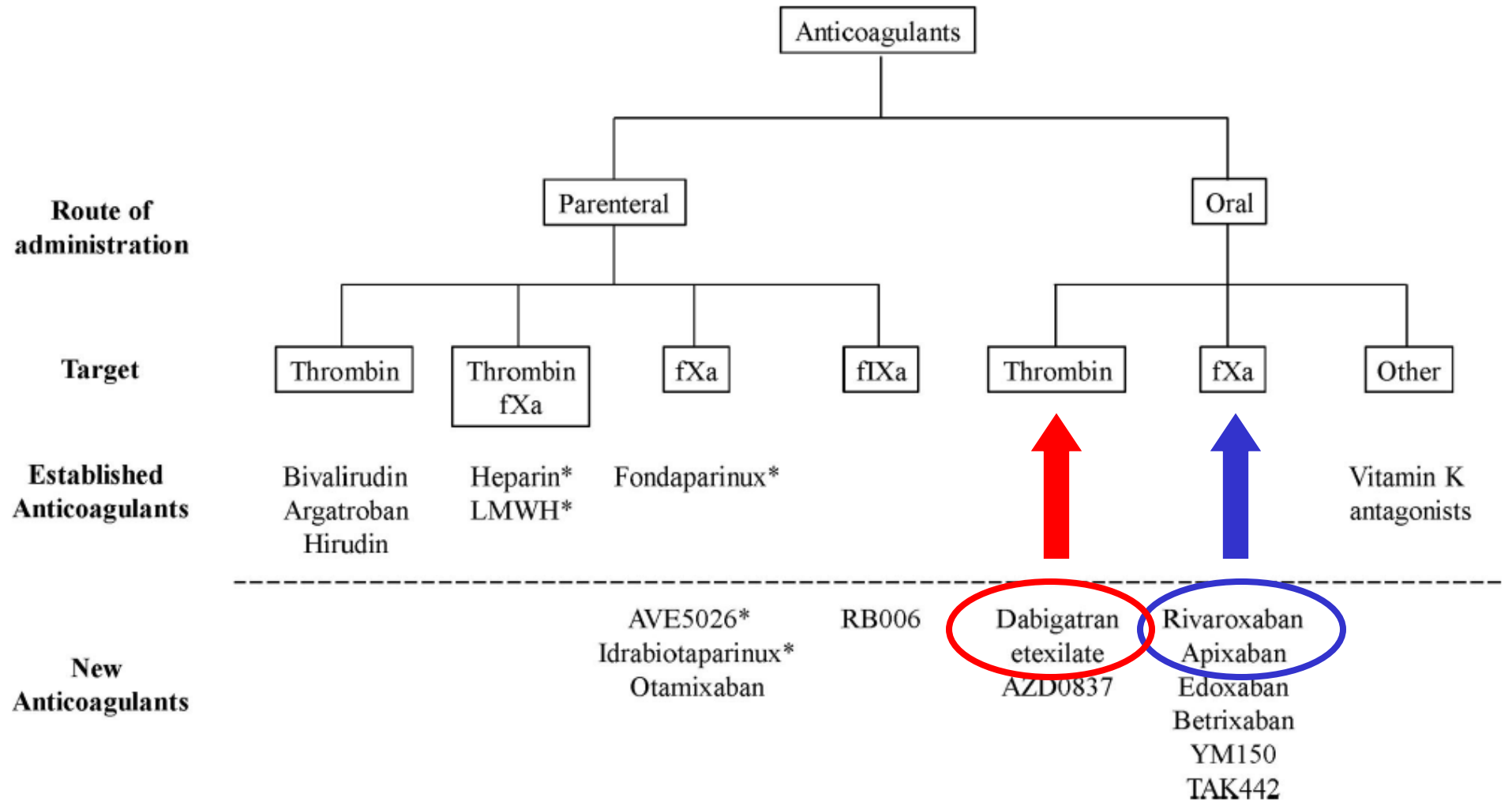


# Dove agiscono i farmaci anticoagulanti





# DOAC: come agiscono



# Comparative PK/PD of DOAC

	Dabigatran	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Edoxaban
Target	IIa (thrombin)	Xa	Xa	Xa
Hours to C <sub>max</sub>	1-3	2-4	3-4	1-2
Half-life, hours	12-17	5-13	12	10-14
Renal Clearance, %	80	33*	27	50
Transporters	P-gp	P-gp	P-gp	P-gp
CYP Metabolism, %	None	32	<32	<4

CYP = cytochrome P450; P-gp = P-glycoprotein

\*33% renally cleared; 33% excreted unchanged in urine

# Vantaggi dei DOAC

- Rapido effetto terapeutico Non necessario “bridging”
- Target su specifico enzima coagulazione Basso rischio di eventi avversi
- Bassa interferenza con i cibi No restrizioni dietetiche
- Basse interazioni con farmaci Meno restrizioni farmacologiche
- **Effetto anticoagulante prevedibile** **NON necessario monitoraggio di laboratorio**

# DOAC: quali problemi pongono

- Appropriata prescrizione
- Compliance, aderenza e persistenza
- Identificazione del farmaco assunto in urgenza/emergenza
- Procedure di “bridging” (diverse a seconda dei casi)
- Antidoto (neutralizzazione in urgenza/emergenza)
- Costi

**DOAC: quando ?**

# DOAC: indicazioni registrate in Italia

- Profilassi primaria del TEV in protesi elettiva di anca o ginocchio: apixaban, dabigatran, rivaroxaban
- Terapia del TEV: rivaroxaban, dabigatran (solo dopo iniziale eparina)
- Profilassi degli eventi ischemici nella FANV: apixaban, dabigatran, rivaroxaban

**I risultati dei clinical trials  
forniscono dati convincenti su  
efficacia e sicurezza dei DOAC  
nella FA e nel TEV?**

**Sì !**

**DOAC: come ?**





Carl Gott

# One size ?

## Regimi nella FA

- Dabigatran, 150 mg (o 110 mg) ogni 12 ore  
» (75 mg ogni 12 ore, USA)
- Rivaroxaban, 20 mg (o 15 mg) ogni 24 ore
- Apixaban, 5 mg (o 2.5 mg) ogni 12 ore
- Edoxaban, 60 mg (o 30 mg) ogni 24 ore

ONE SIZE FITS ALL.



# Scelta in base a....

- Età
- Funzione renale
- Interazione con altri farmaci
- “Fragilità” del paziente (pregresse emorragie..) ?
- Altro ? (ad es. laboratorio ...)

# Come ottenere una buona aderenza e persistenza in assenza di monitoraggio di laboratorio?

- Follow-up: chi fa che cosa
- Educazione del paziente !
- Rivalutazione nel tempo
- Avvisi telefonici (o telematici) ?
- Controllo del consumo del farmaco (in collaborazione con il farmacista) ?

# **Interazione con altri farmaci**

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ORIGINAL REPORT

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## An international comparison of spontaneous adverse event reports and potentially inappropriate medicine use associated with dabigatran

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- Spontaneous adverse event (SAE) reports associated with the oral anticoagulant dabigatran from Australia, Canada and USA
- A large proportion of adverse events were associated with concomitant therapies, which may have placed the patient at increased risk of harm

# Key points

- Gastrointestinal disorders, namely gastrointestinal haemorrhage were the most common adverse event associated with dabigatran SAE reports
- Over a third of patients had at least one concomitant medicine reported that potentially may have placed the patient at increased risk of harm (namely haemorrhage)



# Prevalence of potentially inappropriate concomitant therapy in dabigatran spontaneous adverse event reports

	Australia	Canada	US
	<i>n</i> = 425	<i>n</i> = 550	<i>N</i> = 6123
Medication class	<i>N</i> (%)	<i>N</i> (%)	<i>N</i> (%)
Concomitant antithrombotic	74 (17.4%)	112 (20.4%)	1952 (31.9%)
Aspirin	46 (10.8%)	50 (9.1%)	1474 (24.1%)
Warfarin	17 (4.0%)	31 (5.6%)	341 (5.6%)
Clopidogrel	14 (3.3%)	28 (5.1%)	295 (4.8%)
Concomitant bleeding-risk medicines	51 (12.0%)	63 (11.5%)	841 (13.7%)
NSAIDs	9 (2.1%)	27 (4.9%)	327 (5.3%)
SSRIs	26 (6.1%)	20 (3.6%)	420 (6.9%)
Corticosteroids (systemic)	20 (4.7%)	21 (3.8%)	192 (3.1%)
Concomitant medicines with potential drug-drug interactions	45 (10.6%)	54 (9.8%)	1045 (17.1%)
Amioderone	25 (5.9%)	27 (4.9%)	431 (7.0%)
Verapamil	17 (4.0%)	—	143 (2.3%)
Dronedarone	—	17 (3.1%)	473 (7.7%)
Overall proportion of potentially inappropriate therapy <sup>†</sup>	34.1%	40.2%	51.1%

# Possible drug-drug interactions – effect on NOAC plasma levels (I)

		Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
Atorvastatin	P-gp/ CYP3A4	+18%	no data yet	no effect	no effect
Digoxin	P-gp	no effect	no data yet	no effect	no effect
Verapamil	P-gp/ wk CYP3A4	+12–180% (reduce dose)	no data yet	+ 53% (SR) (reduce dose 50%)	minor effect
Diltiazem	P-gp/ wk CYP3A4	no effect	+40%	No data	minor effect
Quinidine	P-gp	+50%	no data yet	+80% (reduce dose 50%)	+50%
Amiodarone	P-gp	+12–60%	no data yet	no effect	minor effect
Dronedarone	P-gp/CYP3A4	+70–100%	no data yet	+85% (reduce dose 50%)	no data yet
Ketoconazole; itraconazole; voriconazole; posaconazole	P-gp and BCRP/ CYP3A4	+140–150%	+100%	no data yet	up to +160%

Red = contraindicated; Orange = adapt dose; Yellow = consider dose reduction if two concomitant yellow interactions present

# Possible drug-drug interactions – effect on NOAC plasma levels (II)

	Interaction	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
Fluconazole	CYP3A4	no data	no data	no data	+42%
Cyclosporin; tacrolimus	P-gp	no data	no data	no data	+50%
Clarithromycin; erythromycin	P-gp/ CYP3A4	+15–20%	no data	no data	+30–54%
HIV protease inhibitors	P-gp and BCRP/ CYP3A4	no data	strong increase	no data	up to +153%
Rifampicin; St John's wort; carbamazepine; phenytoin; phenobarbital	P-gp and BCRP/ CYP3A4/CYP2J2	-66%	-54%	-35%	up to -50%
Antacids	GI absorption	-12–30%	no data	no effect	no effect

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# Possible drug-drug interactions – effect on NOAC plasma levels (III)

		Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
Aged ≥80 years	Increased plasma level	Orange	Yellow	Yellow with diagonal lines	Yellow
Aged ≥75 years	Increased plasma level	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow with diagonal lines	Yellow
Weight ≤60 kg	Increased plasma level	Yellow	Yellow	Orange	Yellow
Renal function	Increased plasma level	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow

Other increased  
bleeding risk



Pharmacodynamic interactions – antiplatelet drugs, NSAIDs  
 Systemic steroid therapy  
 Other anticoagulants  
 Recent surgery on critical organ (brain, eye)  
 Thrombocytopenia (e.g. chemotherapy)  
 HAS-BLED ≥3

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NSAIDs = non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs

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# Checklist during follow-up of AF patients on NOACs

	Interval	Comments
Compliance	Each visit	Inspect remaining medication Stress importance of compliance Inform about compliance aids
Thrombo-embolism	Each visit	Cerebral, systemic and pulmonary circulation
Bleeding	Each visit	'Nuisance' bleeding – prevention possible? Bleeding with risk or impact on QoL – prevention possible? Need to revise dose?
Side effects	Each visit	Continuation? Temporary cessation with bridging? Change of anticoagulant drug?
Co-medications	Each visit	Prescription or over-the counter drugs? Even temporary use can be risky
Blood sampling	Yearly	Haemoglobin, renal, liver function
	6-monthly	Renal function if CrCl 30–60 mL/min or if on dabigatran and aged >75 years or fragile
	3-monthly	If CrCl 15–30 mL/min
	On indication	If intercurring condition may impact renal or hepatic function

# Take-home messages

- Efficacia e sicurezza dei DOAC non sono in discussione
- L'esperienza (e probabilmente il laboratorio) potranno ulteriormente migliorarle
- Attenzione e buon senso clinico nella prescrizione e nel follow-up
- Supporto e rinforzo della compliance anche in assenza di monitoraggio di laboratorio



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