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DVT in Oncology

What should the Anaesthesiologists know?

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**Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital
and Research Institute**

650 bed stand-alone Cancer Institute
8500 major cancer surgeries per year
Run Oncoanaesthesia fellowships



Case capsule



Baby C

- 2-year-old boy diagnosed with ALL
- Treatment initiated through central venous catheter
- A week later vascular screening revealed this
- Mild facial swelling

LARGE IJV THROMBUS!!

Risk for pulmonary embolism

Increased morbidity and mortality

Anticoagulation

Delay in treatment



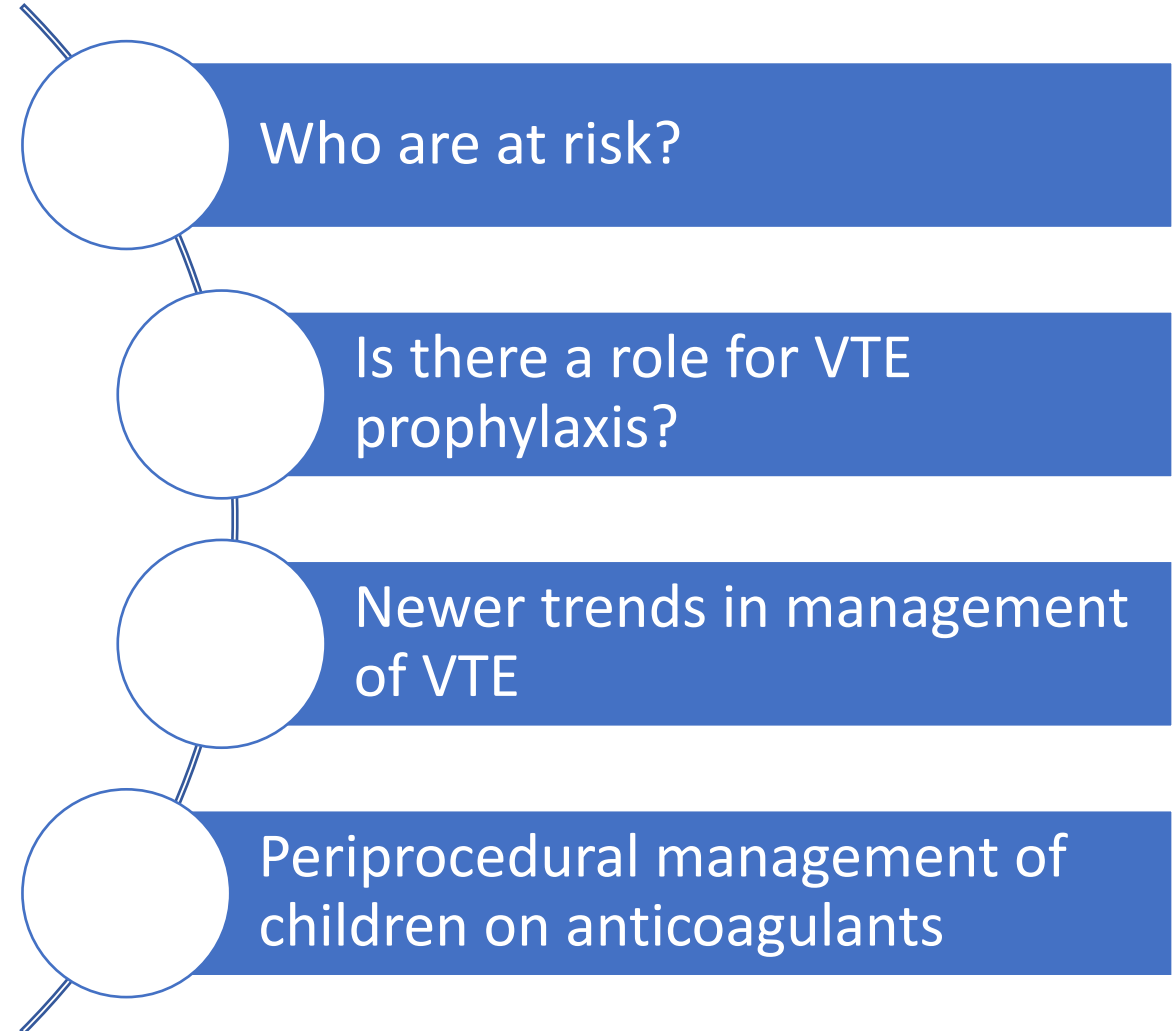
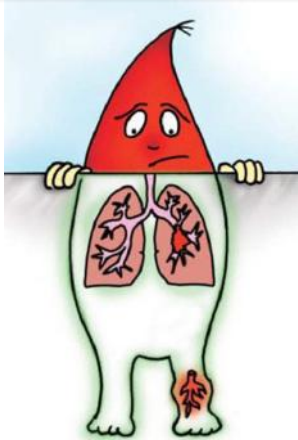
DVT in Oncology: what the anaesthesiologist should know?

DVT (Deep vein thrombosis)

= thrombus in deep veins of hands or legs

VTE (Venous thromboembolism)

= current terminology for a broader disease process including thrombosis and embolism



Antithrombotic dominance in coagulation

- Low vit K dependent factors
- Low prothrombin levels
- Reduced peak thrombin activity

Prothrombotic
factors

Children are
physiologically
protected from
thrombosis

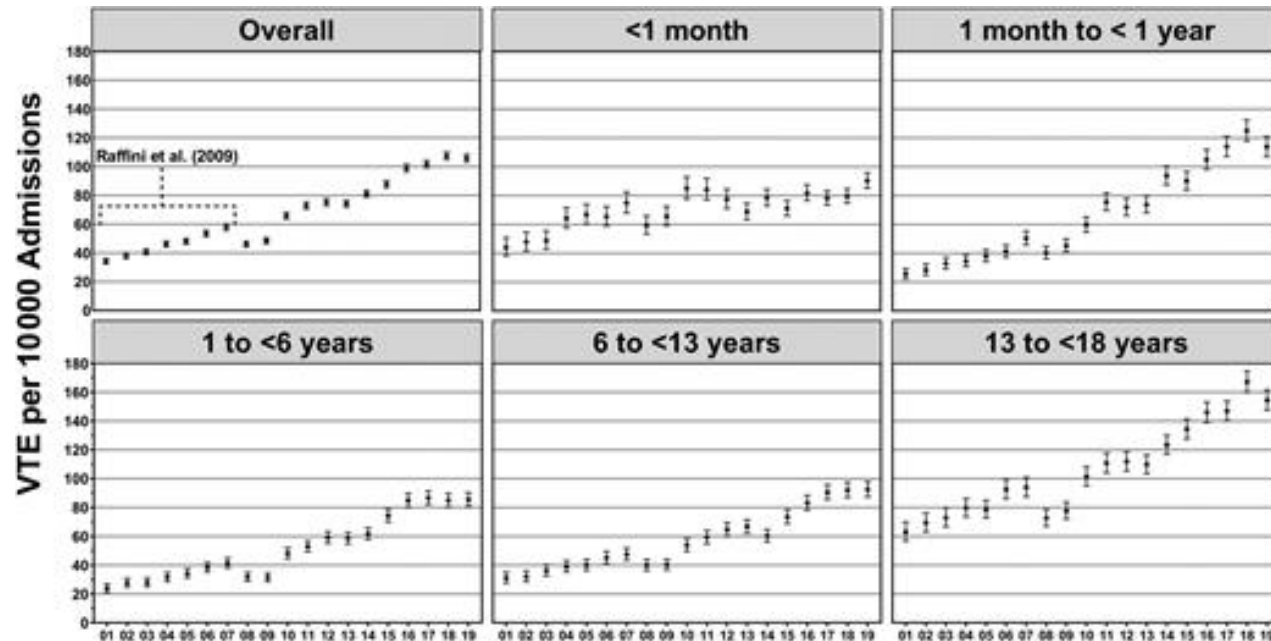
Antithrombotic
factors

- High alpha-2 macroglobulin levels

Incidence of VTE in children on the rise

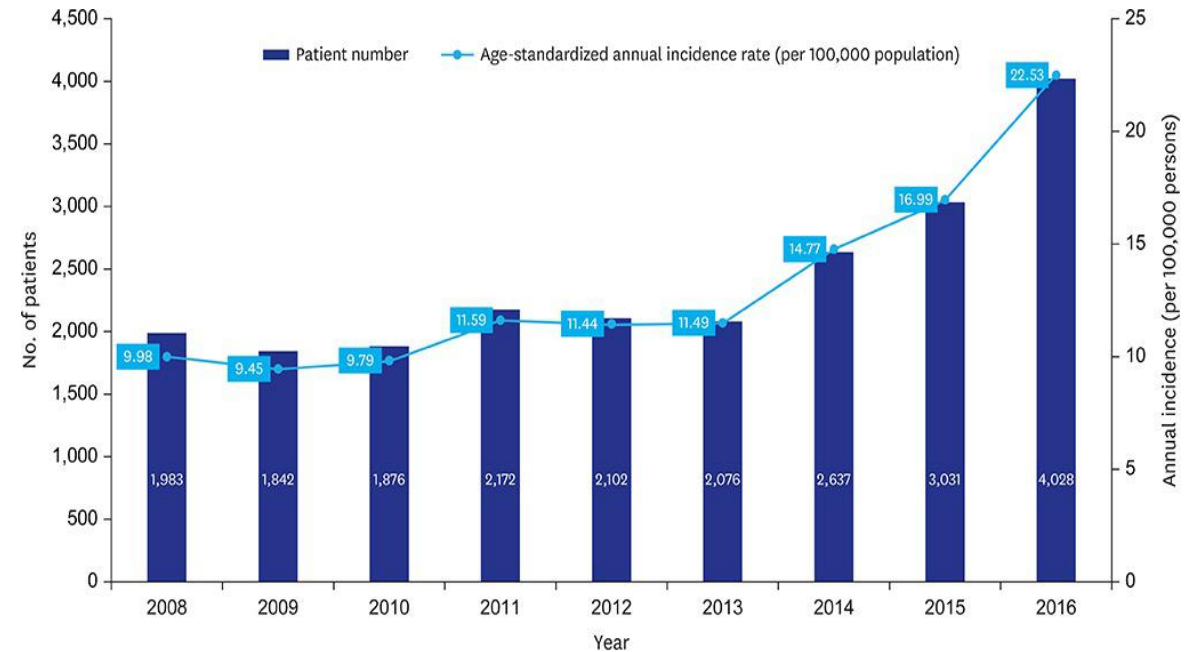
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The Continued Rise of Venous Thromboembolism Across US Children's Hospitals **FREE**



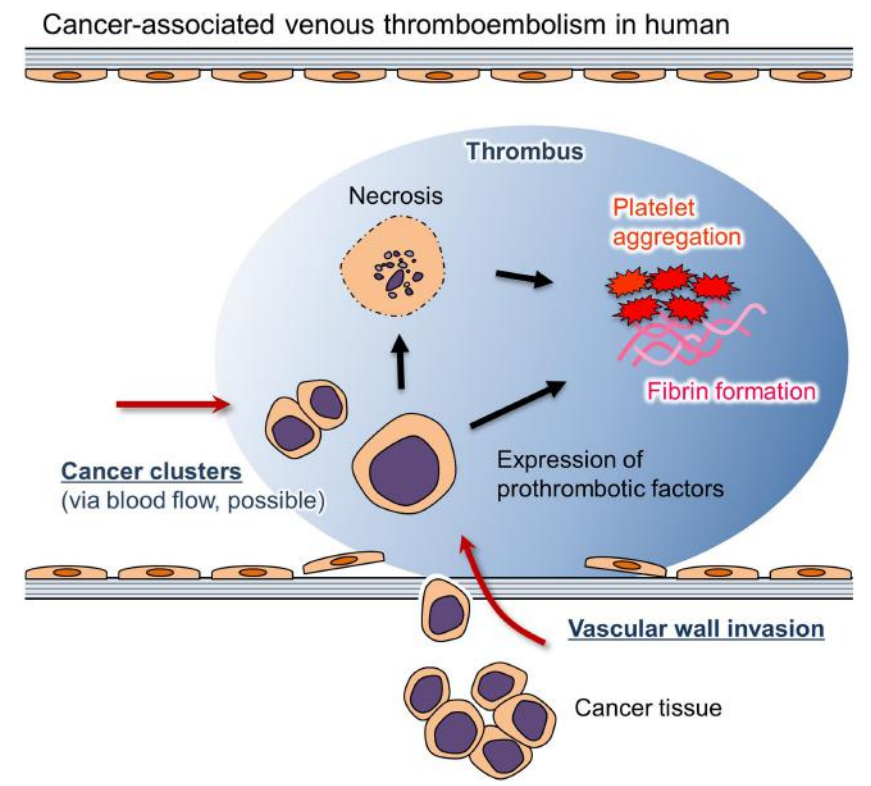
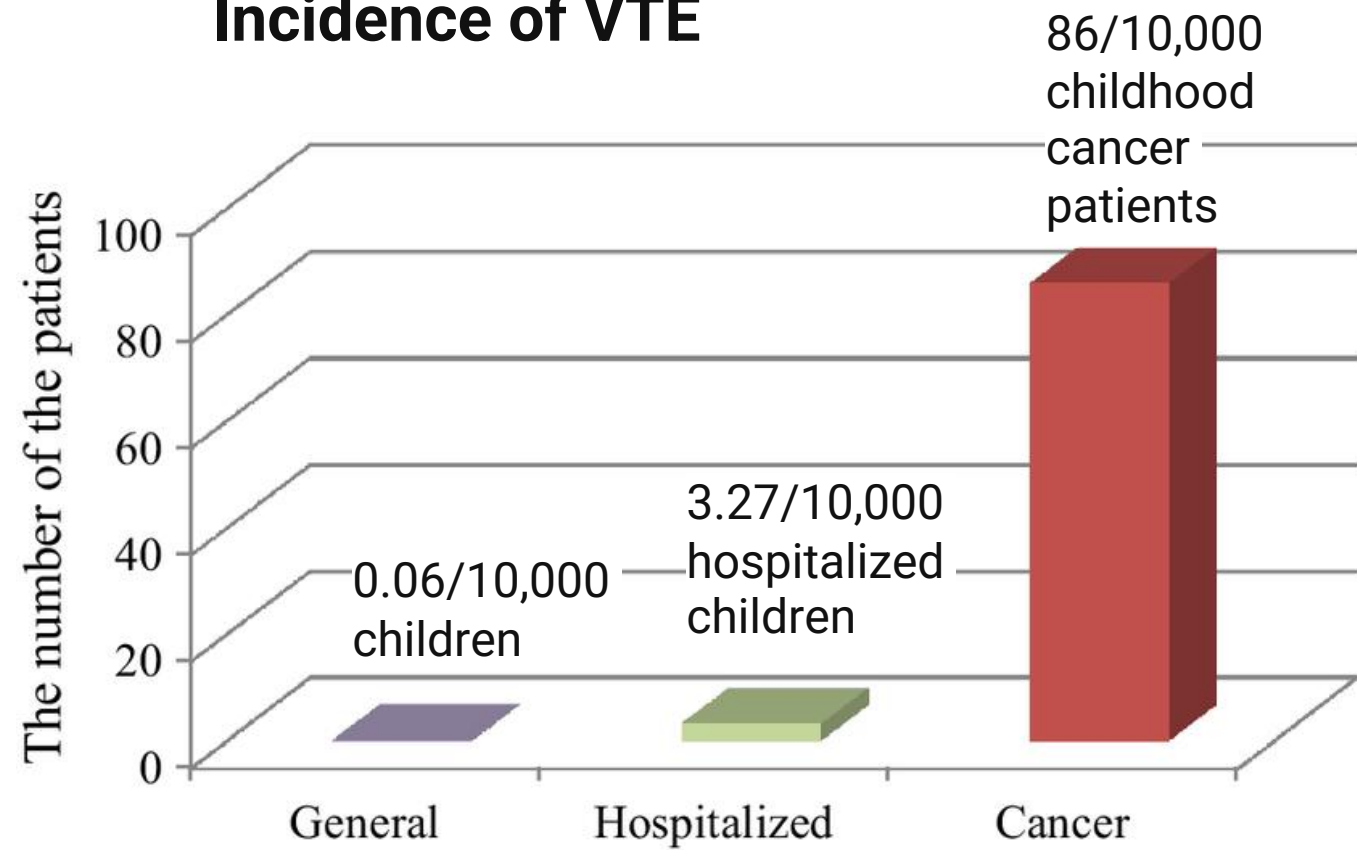
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Venous Thromboembolism in Children and Young Adults in Korea: Analysis of the Korean Health Insurance Review and Assessment Service Database

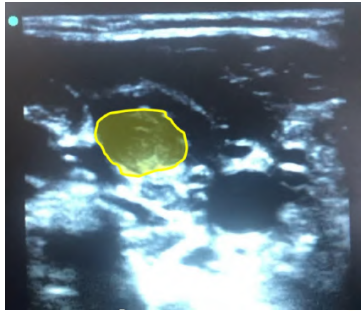


Children with cancer are at a higher risk

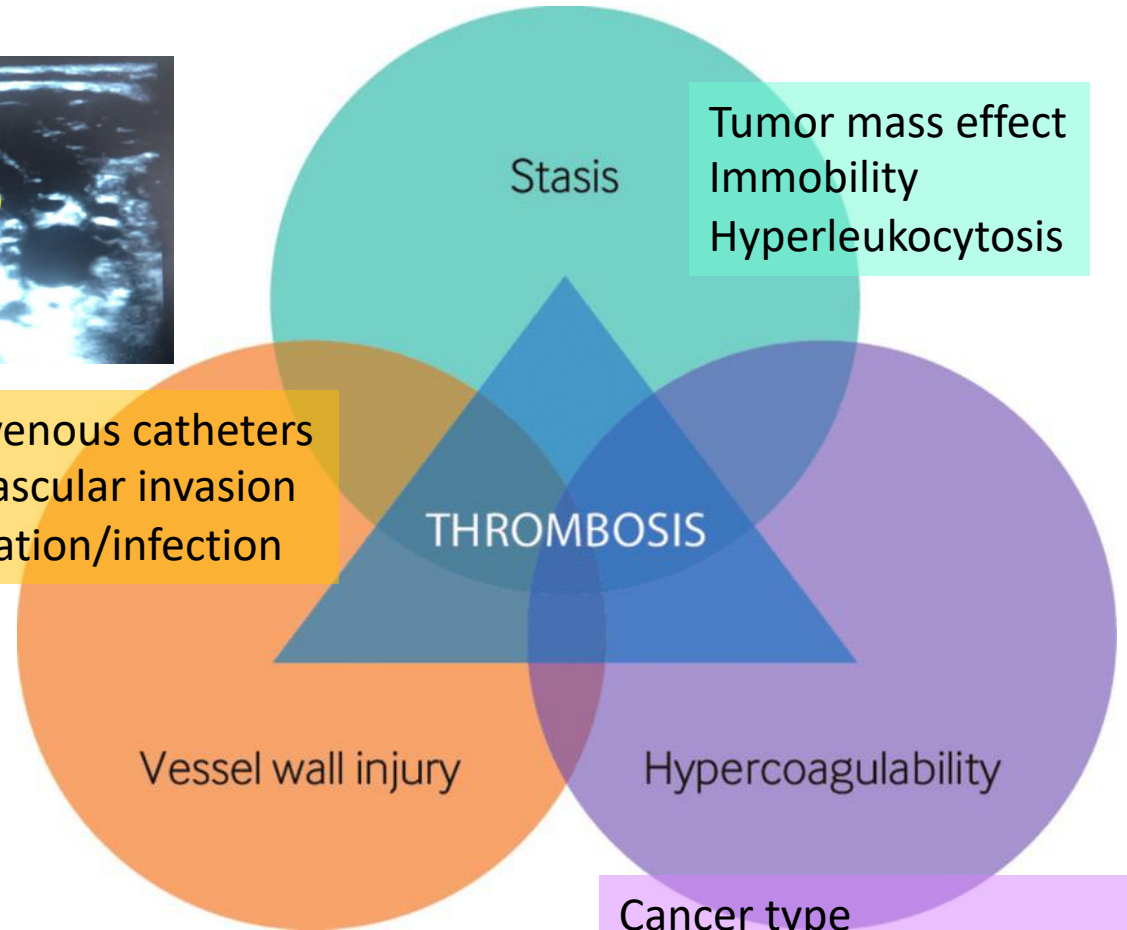
Incidence of VTE



Identify risk factors



Central venous catheters
Tumor vascular invasion
Inflammation/infection



Tumor mass effect
Immobility
Hyperleukocytosis

Cancer type
Steroids/chemotherapy
Underlying thrombophilia

> *Pediatr Blood Cancer*. 2023 Feb;70(2):e30096. doi: 10.1002/pbc.30096. Epub 2022 Nov 19.

Pediatric cancer-associated thrombosis: Analysis from a tertiary care cancer center in India

Prospective cohort single institution study
Of 6132 eligible children,
150 (2.44%) had thrombosis
Median age 8.5 years
Male : female - 1.83 : 1
Hemato-lymphoid cancer > solid tumors
(incidence 3.23% vs. 1.58%; odds ratio [OR] = 2.06)

Catheter related VTE

50 – 80% VTE in children with cancer is CVC related



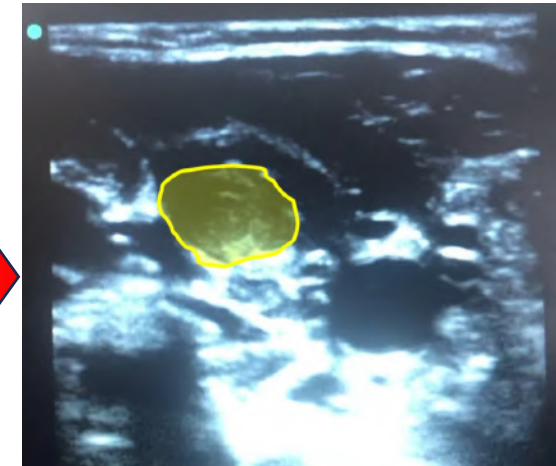
> *Pediatr Res.* 2024 May 17. doi: 10.1038/s41390-024-03225-0. Online ahead of print.

Risk factors and incidence of central venous access device-related thrombosis in hospitalized children: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Maoling Fu ^{1 2}, Quan Yuan ², Qiaoyue Yang ^{1 2}, Yaqi Yu ^{1 2}, Wenshuai Song ^{1 2}, Xiuli Qin ¹, Ying Luo ¹, Xiaoju Xiong ¹, Genzhen Yu ³

47 studies evaluating
262,587 children with CVADs
Pooled prevalence of CRT was 9.1%.

D-dimer	-----	Raised > 5 times
Catheter location	----- Subclavian	IJV ----- Femoral
Type of LTVADs	----- Ports	Tunneled catheters ----- PICCs
Number of lumens	----- Single	----- Multiple
Catheter vein ratio	-----	Higher > 0.33
Catheter maintenance	-----	Catheter dysfunction and infection
Medications	----- Use of TPN, hyperosmolar, vasoactive drugs	



Do children undergoing cancer surgery are at increased risk of VTE?

> [J Pediatr Surg.](#) 2021 Dec;56(12):2360-2363. doi: 10.1016/j.jpedsurg.2021.01.047.

Epub 2021 Feb 13.

Risk for deep venous thrombosis in pediatric cancer patients undergoing surgery

Only **MODEST** increase

Overall incidence of VTE 0.46%

Solid tumors with increased risk -

Musculoskeletal tumors - Rhabdomyosarcoma, Osteosarcoma, Ewing's sarcoma,

Tumour vascular invasion - Wilms tumour, Neuroblastoma, Hepatoblastoma

Tumour thrombus – not need anticoagulation

Bland thrombus – may need anticoagulation

Should children undergoing cancer surgery receive thromboprophylaxis?

Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis for Hospitalized Surgical Pediatric Patients (Age 10-17 years)

Not routinely indicated in children < 10 years

Anticipated surgical duration > 60 mins
And altered mobility for >48 hrs
with
>=2 risk factors

Consider for VTE prophylaxis
If not at risk of bleeding

Weight/ Age	Enoxaparin Dose	Frequency
<5 kg/ <2 months	0.75 mg/kg sc	BD
>5 kg/ >2 months	0.5 mg/kg sc	BD
> 45 kg	40 mg sc	OD

Assess for VTE risk factors

- Active cancer (or suspicion of cancer)
- Blood stream infection
- Central venous catheter (LTVA)
- Chemotherapy (especially asparaginase, bevacizumab, thalidomide, high-dose dexamethasone, estrogen)
- H/o VTE
- Obesity (BMI > 95th percentile for age)
- H/o thrombophilia
- Major surgery (abdominal, pelvic, orthopedic surgery)

Guidelines for VTE management in children



American Society of Hematology 2018 Guidelines for management of venous thromboembolism: treatment of pediatric venous thromboembolism

Paul Monagle, Carlos A. Cuello, Caitlin Augustine, Mariana Bonduel, Leonardo R. Brandão, Tammy Capman, Anthony K. C. Chan, Sheila Hanson, Christoph Male, Joerg Meerpohl, Fiona Newall, Sarah H. O'Brien, Leslie Raffini, Heleen van Ommen, John Wiernikowski, Suzan Williams, Meha Bhatt, John J. Riva, Yetiani Roldan, Nicole Schwab, Reem A. Mustafa, Sara K. Vesely

ASH 2024 guidelines are soon to be released!!

Prepublication release
Recommends DOACs over SOC (LMWH/Warfarin)
(low evidence)

Symptomatic VTE in children should be treated unless at risk of bleeding (strong evidence)

Initial LMWH followed by Warfarin

Duration of treatment

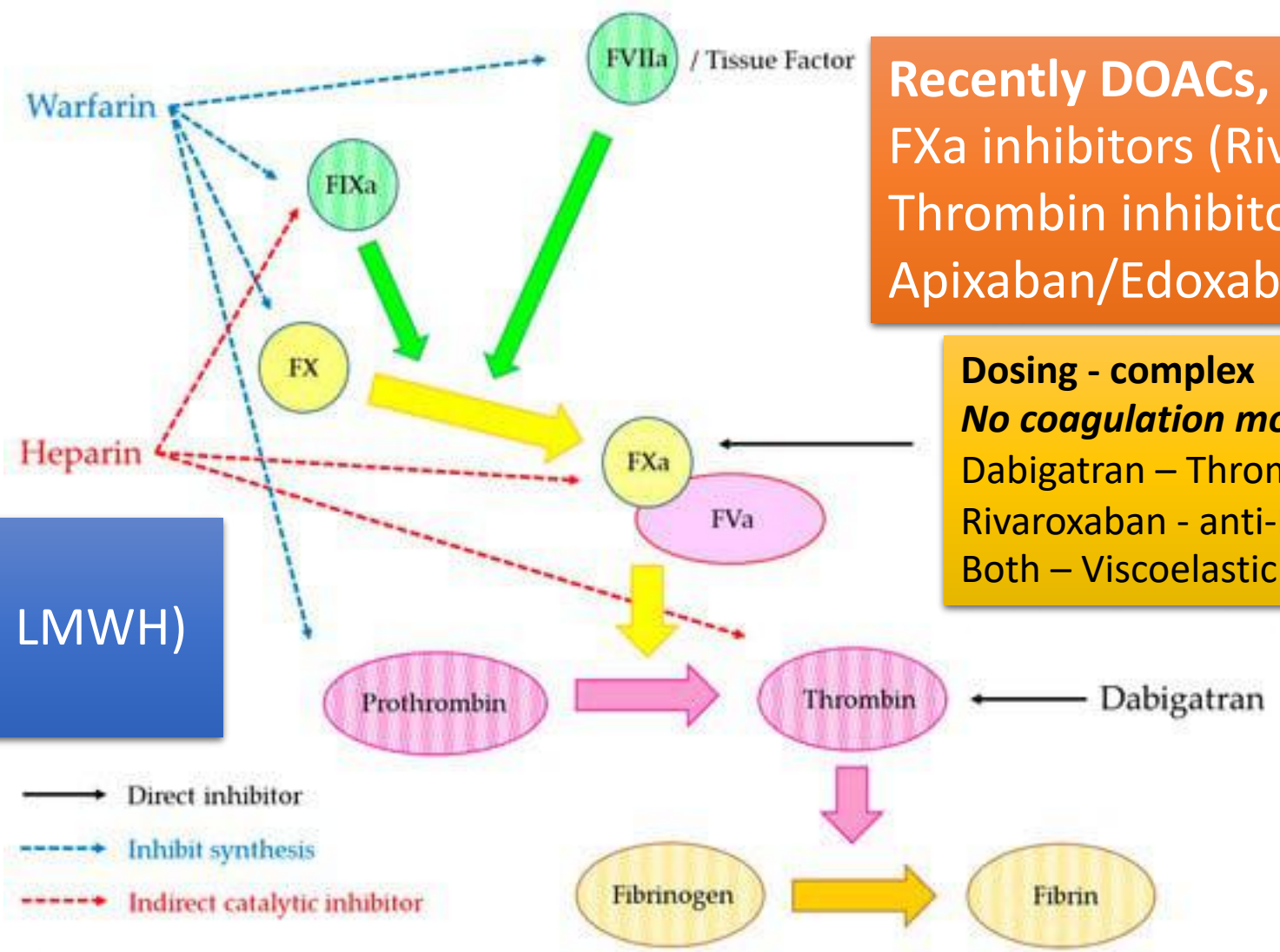
Provoked VTE 6 weeks – 3 months

Unprovoked VTE 6 – 12 months

Rivaroxaban/Dabigatran
(FDA approved)
No preference

Newer trends in anticoagulant therapy

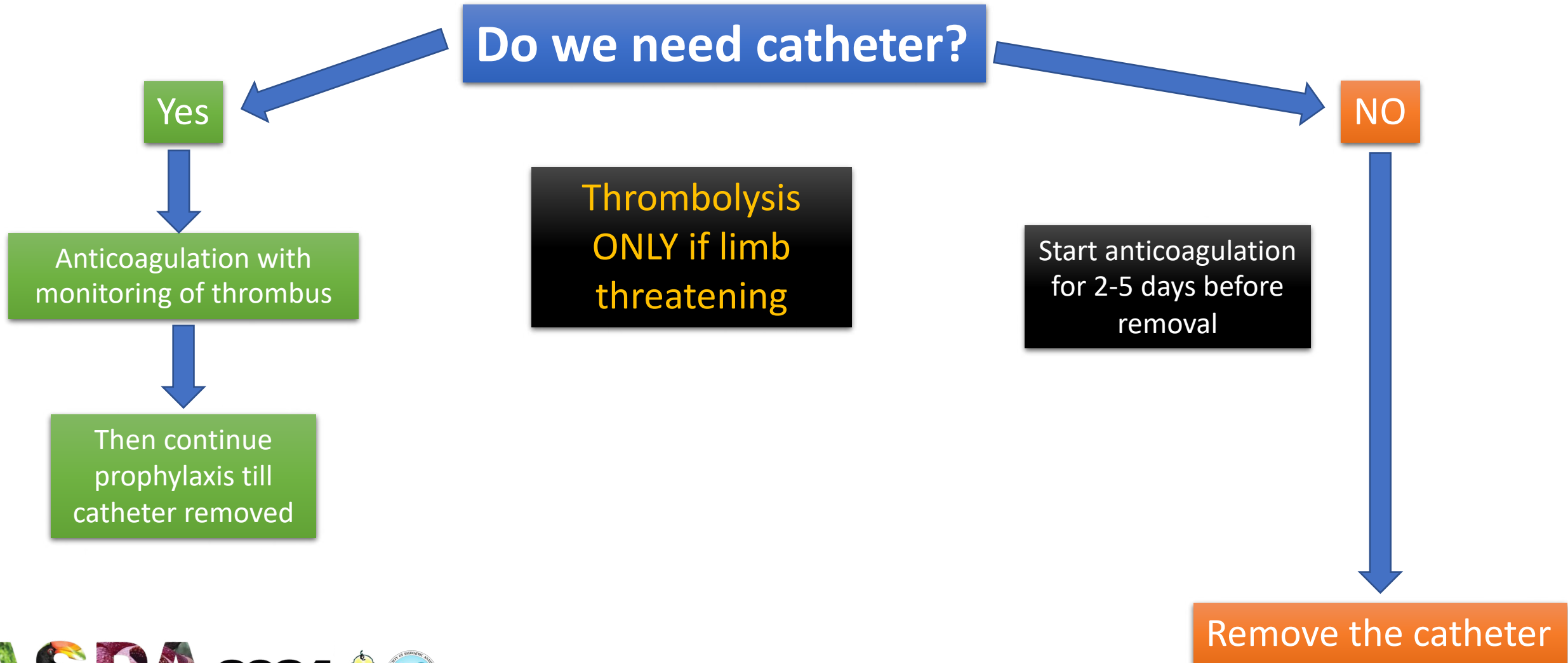
Traditionally,
 Heparins (UFH and LMWH)
 VKAs (Warfarin)



Recently DOACs,
 FXa inhibitors (Rivaroxaban)
 Thrombin inhibitors (Dabigatran)
 Apixaban/Edoxaban under trial

Dosing - complex
No coagulation monitoring needed
 Dabigatran – Thrombin time
 Rivaroxaban - anti-FXa levels
 Both – Viscoelastic testing

Management of catheter related thrombosis



Challenges in managing VTE in cancer children

Children with cancer at increased risk of thrombosis



Baby C

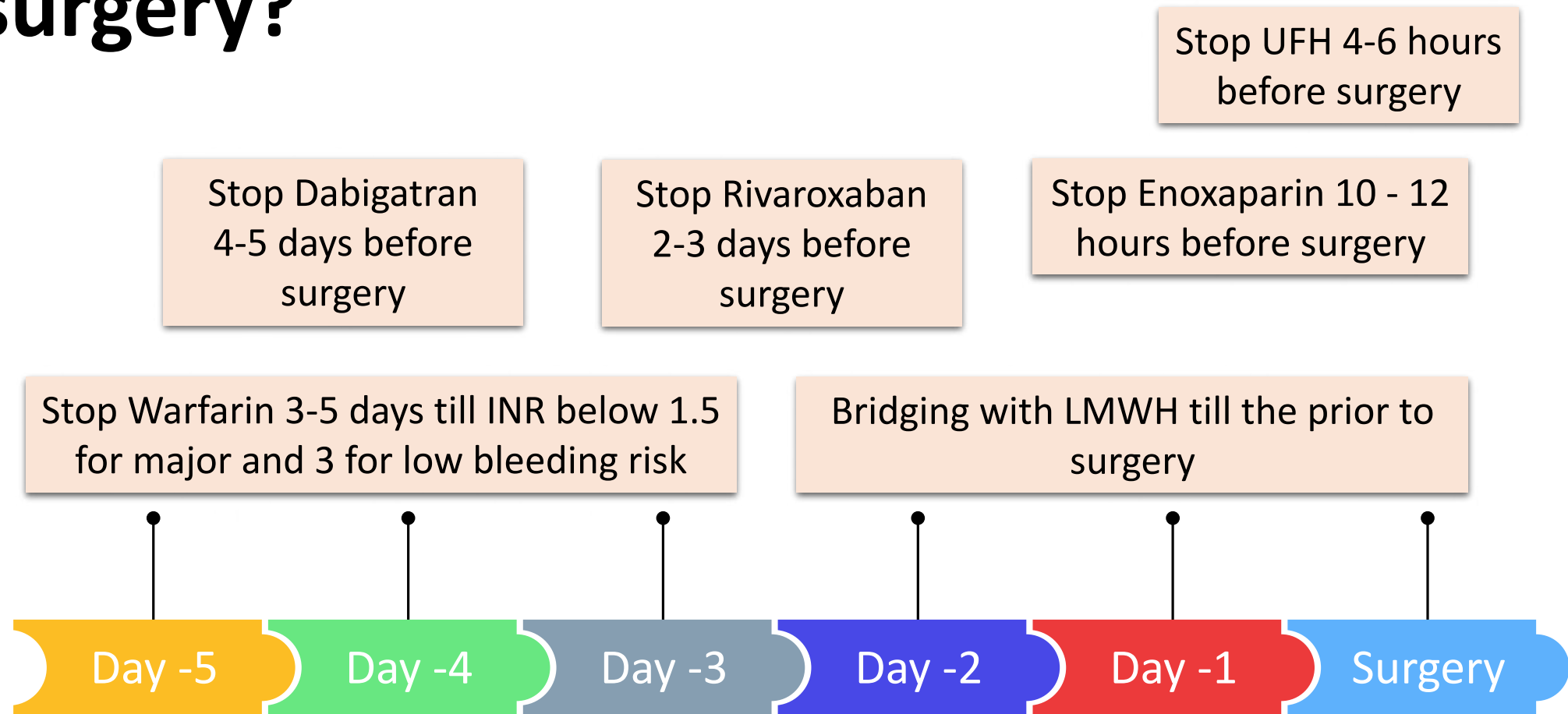


Need for multiple procedures
ex. tissue or bone marrow biopsies, central venous access, lumbar puncture

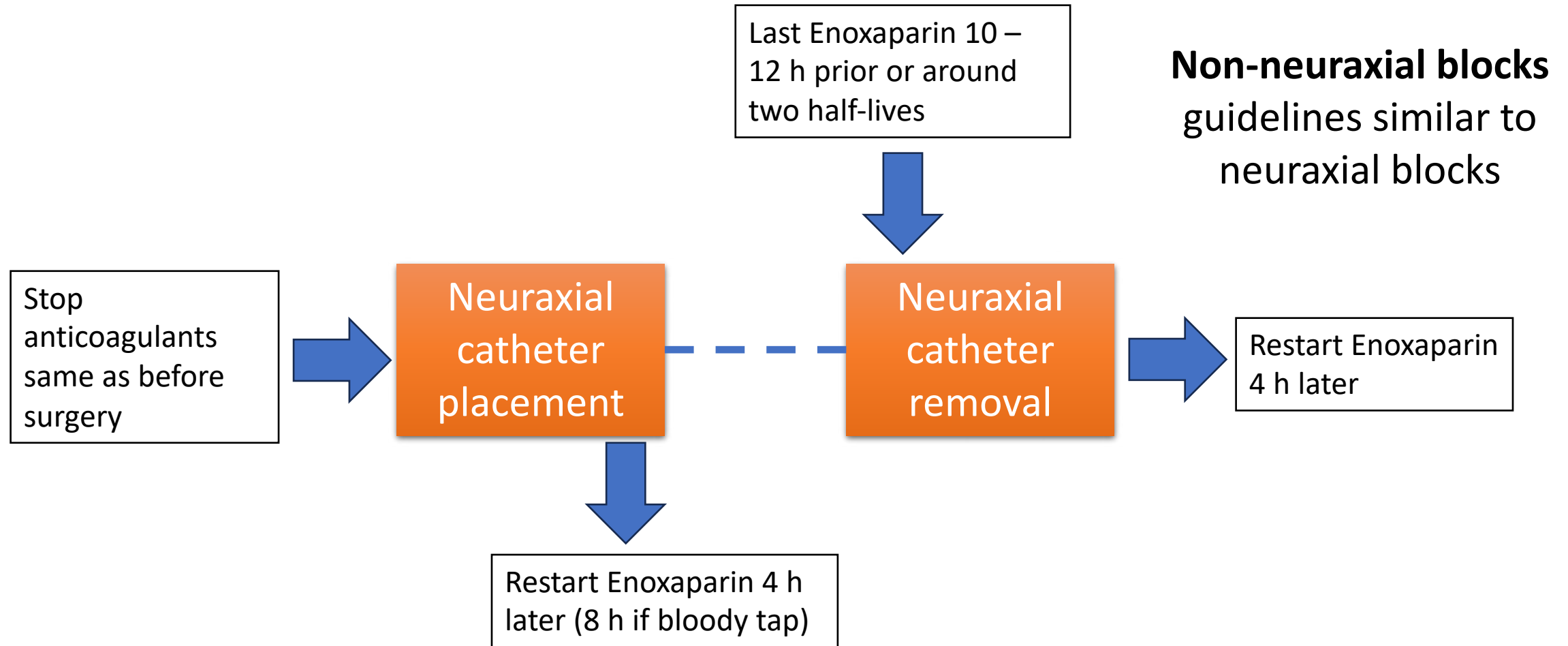
Thrombocytopenia due to cancer or cancer therapies

Increased bleeding risk

How do we hold anticoagulation before surgery?



If undergoing neuraxial techniques



What Anaesthesiologists should know

- Children with cancer are at **higher risk** for VTE
- **Central venous access** major risk factor
- **Risk-based assessment** for thromboprophylaxis in children undergoing cancer surgeries
- Familiarize with **newer DOACs**
- Execute **periprocedural precautions** to balance the thrombotic and bleeding risk

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