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Adherence to the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Atrial Fibrillation Guidelines by Family Medicine Groups in Quebec: the I-FACILITER project

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ABSTRACT

Background: The Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) Atrial Fibrillation (AF) guidelines 2014 recommends oral anticoagulation (OAC) for patients with CHADS $_2 \ge 1$ or age ≥ 65 years and non-vitamin K oral anticoagulants (NOAC)s as the preferred medications. We aimed to evaluate adherence to these guidelines by family group practices (FMG) in Quebec.

Methods and results: We completed a cross-sectional evaluation at 15 FMGs. There were 431 patients with non-valvular AF: mean age of 77.3 ± 10.4 years and 52.9% were females. CHADS₂ and HAS-BLED were infrequently documented (47% and 7%, respectively). Most patients (93%) were appropriately anticoagulated (96% for both patients with CHADS₂ \geq 1 and patients with age \geq 65 years). Sixty-five percent of patients were anticoagulated with warfarin, 28% with NOACs and 21% of patients received a combination of oral anticoagulant (OAC)s and aspirin.

Every decade increase in age was associated with 49% increase in odds of adherence to the guidelines and 26% decrease in odds of NOACs's use. Each point increase in HAS-BLED was associated with 51% decrease in odds of adherence to the guidelines and 36% decrease in odds of NOACS's use. No patient with HAS-BLED of \geq 5 received NOAC. Heart failure was associated with a 61% decrease in odds of NOACS's use.

Conclusion: AF management by FMGs could be improved by 1) increasing NOACs uptake, 2) decreasing the combination of OAC with ASA and 3) increasing documentation of stroke and bleeding risks.

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Appendix 1. List of participating family group practices

- FMG clinique familiale de Beauceville. Coop Santé Robert-Cliche BEAUCE
- FMG clinique familiale de Beauce BEAUCE
- UMF de Chicoutimi CHICOUTIMI
- FMG Saguenay SAGUENAY
- FMG Queen Elizabeth MONTREAL
- FMG 1851 MONTREAL
- FMG Centre médical LAVAL
- FMG Des Boisés-Jolybourg LAVAL
- FMG Polyclinique Fabreville LAVAL
- FMG -Clinique Médicale Montreuil LAVAL
- FMG Medi-centre Chomedey LAVAL
- FMG Le Carrefour Medical LAVAL
- FMG Ste-Dorothée LAVAL

Date of chart review_

- FMG Ste-Rose LAVAL
- FMG Des Récollets Trois Rivières

Appendix 2

Site name_

I-FACILITER CASE REPORT FORM

Eligibility of patients: All patients seen at the primary care practice with known or de novo atrial fibrillation/atrial flutter

_(date/month/year)

Initials of patient			
☐ Male sex			
☐ Female sex			
Date of birth	(date/month/year)		
Atrial fibrillation	Atrial FlutterBoth		
Diagnosed since	(date/month/year)		
Paroxysmal(transient)	Permanent		
Co-morbidity(ies)	Yes	No	Unknown
Diabetes mellitus			
Heart Failure			
Hypertension			
Gastro-duodenal ulcer	☐ Year :		0
Kidney disease			
CVA/			
TIA/ICT			
Hepatic disease			
Peripheral vascular disease			
Excessive alcohol consumption			
(according to chart review)		0	П
≥15 drinks per week (man)			
≥10 drinks per week (woman)			
Previous major haemorrhage	☐ specify :		
Other medical problem(s), specify:			

Medication	Yes	No	Unknown	
Aspirin				
Thienopyridines, P2Y12 inhibitor (Clopidogrel (Plavix), Ticagrelor (Brillinta), Prasugrel (Effient)) Other (such as anti-inflammatories, only if taken on a daily basis), specify:	0	0	0	
Anti-vitamines K (Warfarin (Coumadin, Synthrom))			П	
Novel oral anticoagulants ¹ (Dabigatran (pradaxa), Rivaroxaban (xarelto), Apixaban (eliquist))			П	
Anti-arythmic drug¹ (Dronedarone (Multaq), Amiodarone (Cordarone), Flecainide (Tambocor), Propafenone (Rythmol), Sotalol (Sotacor))	П		П	
Rate control drug ¹ (Beta-blockers: Atenolol (Tenormin), Bisoprolol				
(Monocor) ,Metoprolol (Lopressor), Nadolol (Corgard), Propranolol (Inderal), Carvedilol (Coreg), Acebutolol				
(Monitan)**Sotalol (Sotacor) . OR Calcium channel blockers: Verapamil (Isoptin), Diltiazem				
(Cardizem, Tiazac) OR Lanoxin (Digoxin))	П	0		
Is the CHADS-2 score reported in the patient's file?				
If yes, please indicate value				
Is the HAS-BLED score reported in the patient's file? If yes, please indicate value		0		
If patient is older than 65 years old, and not anticoagulated, please specify reason for lack of anticoagulation as specified in chart.				
☐ If no reason specified, please check this box. If patient has CHADS-2 ≥ 1 and not anticoagulated, please specify reason for lack of anticoagulation as specified in the chart. * There are possible other medications in these classes, if in doubt, please contact coordinating center.				
☐ If no reason specified, please check this box. Blood pressure at the time of the documentation of the atrial fibrillation:				
Heart rate at the time of the documentation of the atrial fibrillation:				
Was the patient referred to a specialist for AF management and if yes, please specify type of specialist(s): □yes □no □ Cardiologist □ Internist □ Hematologist or anticoagulation clinic □ Other, please specify				