

COVID – 19
and
Thrombotic / Thromboembolic Disease

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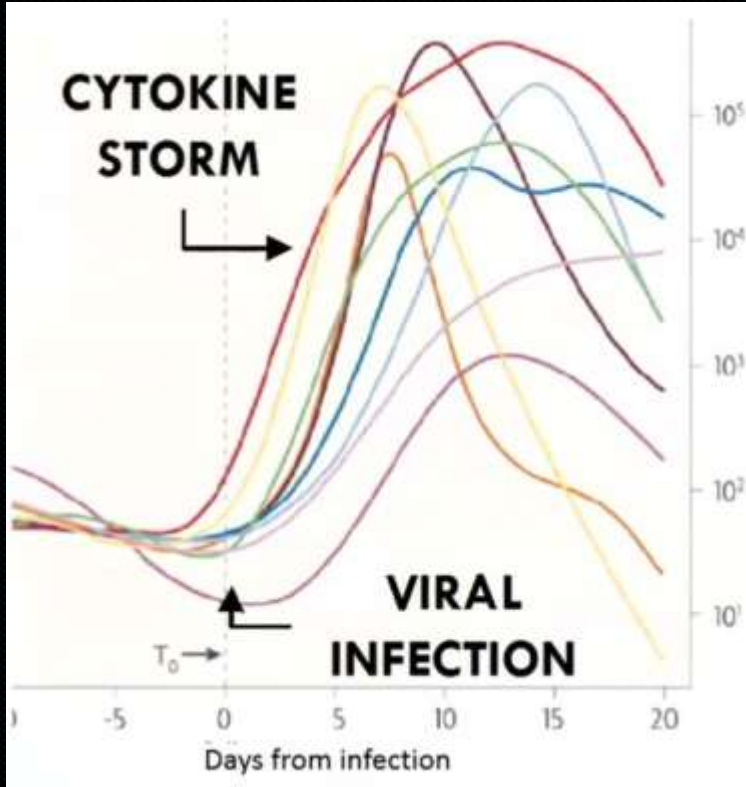
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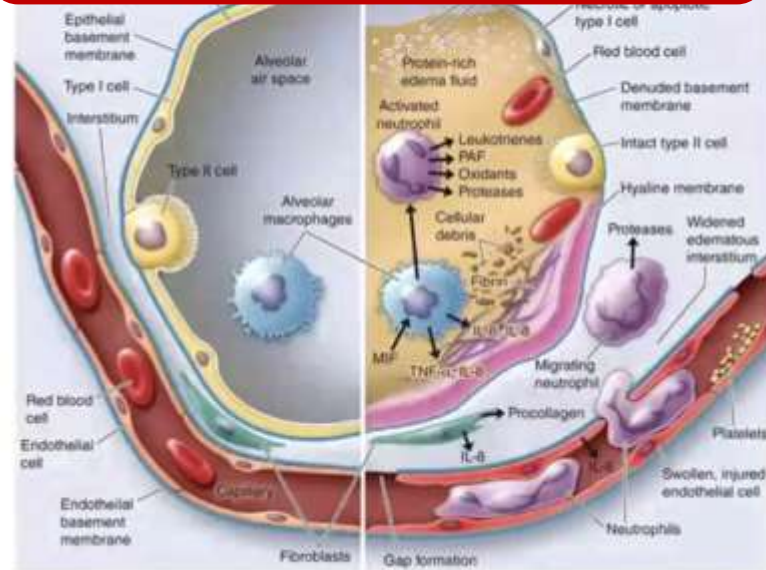
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Severe COVID-19 Manifestations

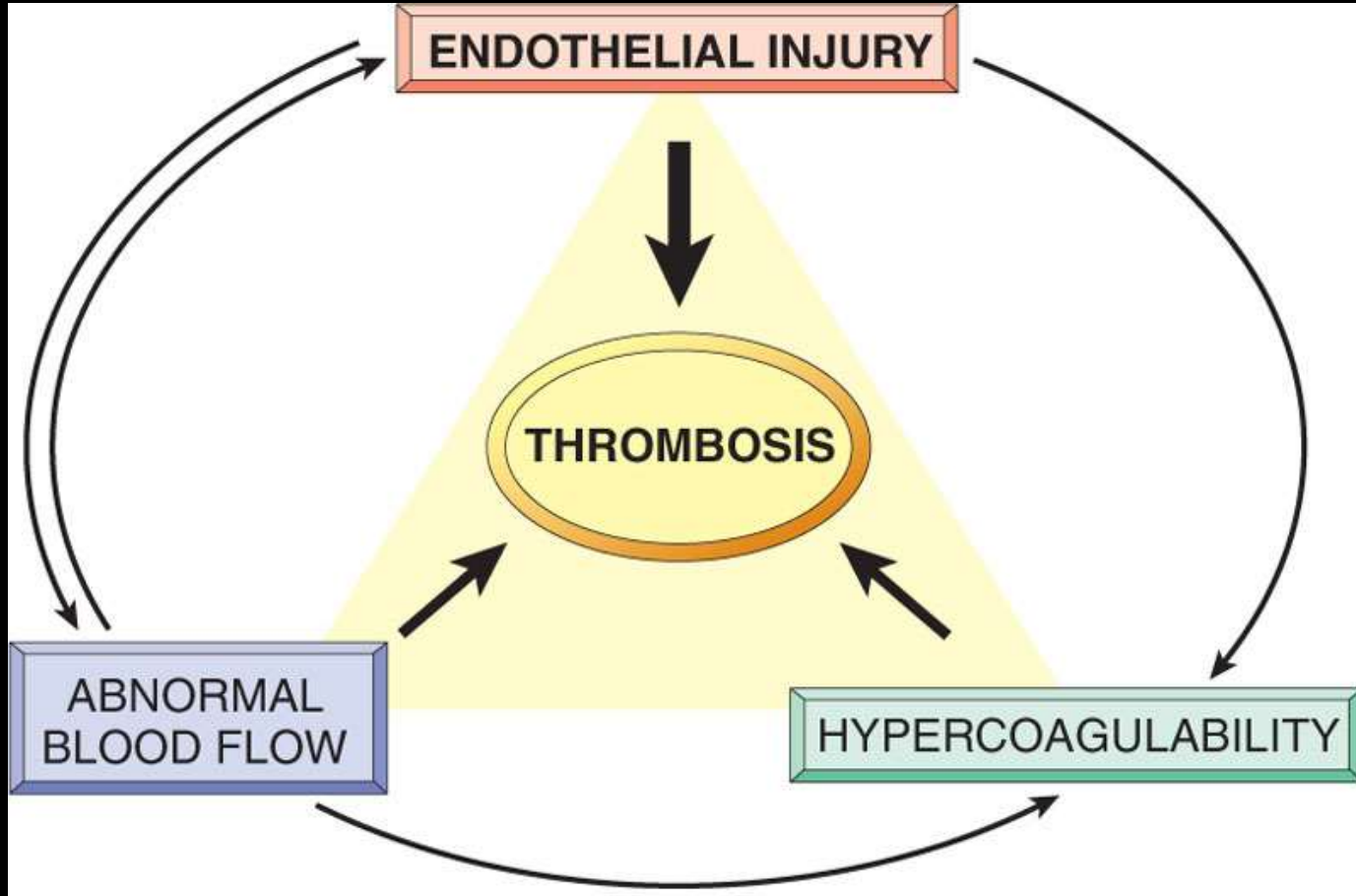


Recruitment of macrophages and neutrophils to lung tissue:
Acute Lung Injury

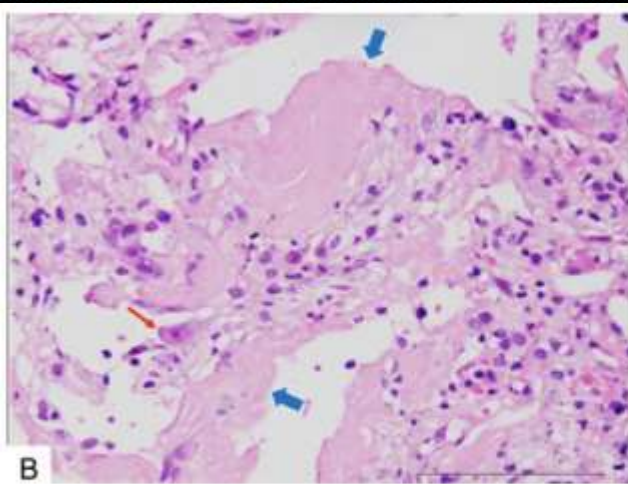


Occurrence of Cytokine Storm (i.e. increase in inflammatory markers, mainly IL-6) is a marker of progression towards severe disease.

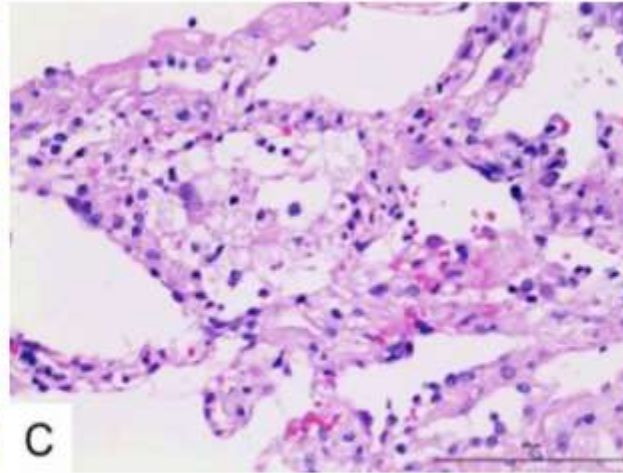
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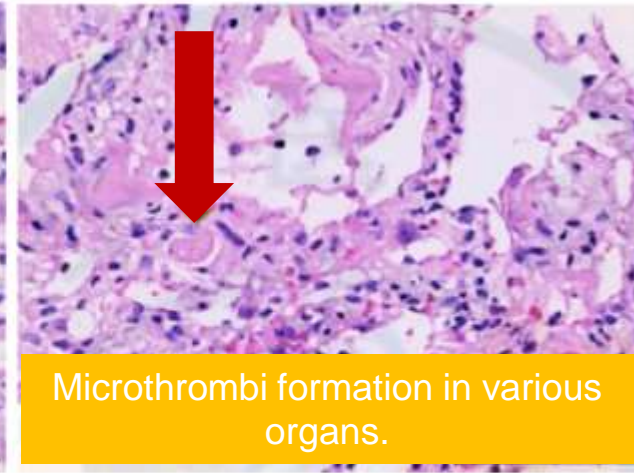
Pathogenic Changes Observed in Lungs of COVID-19 Patients



Hyaline membrane formation (blue arrow)



Interstitial mononuclear inflammatory infiltrates



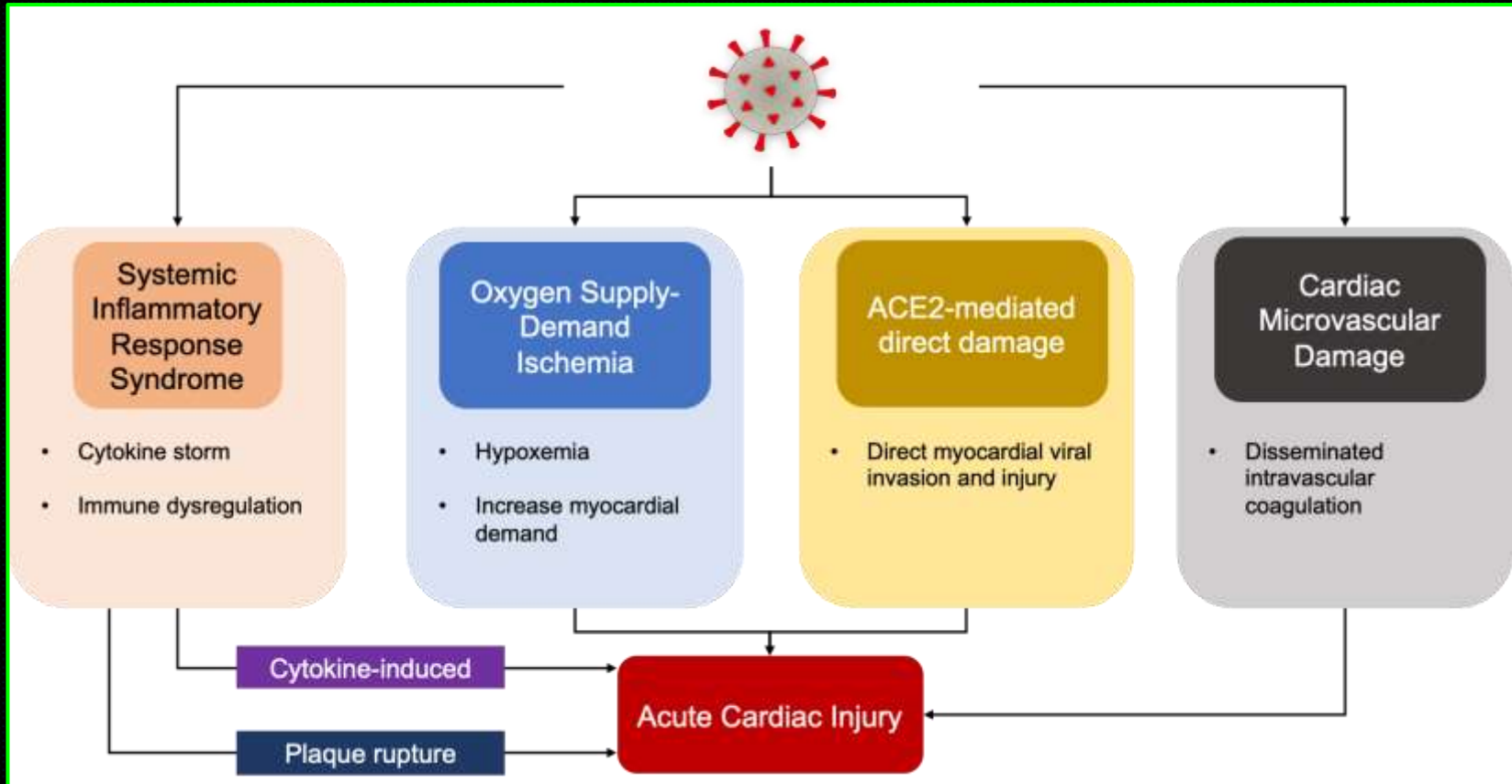
Microthrombi formation in various organs.

Thrombus in pulmonary arterioles (black arrow)

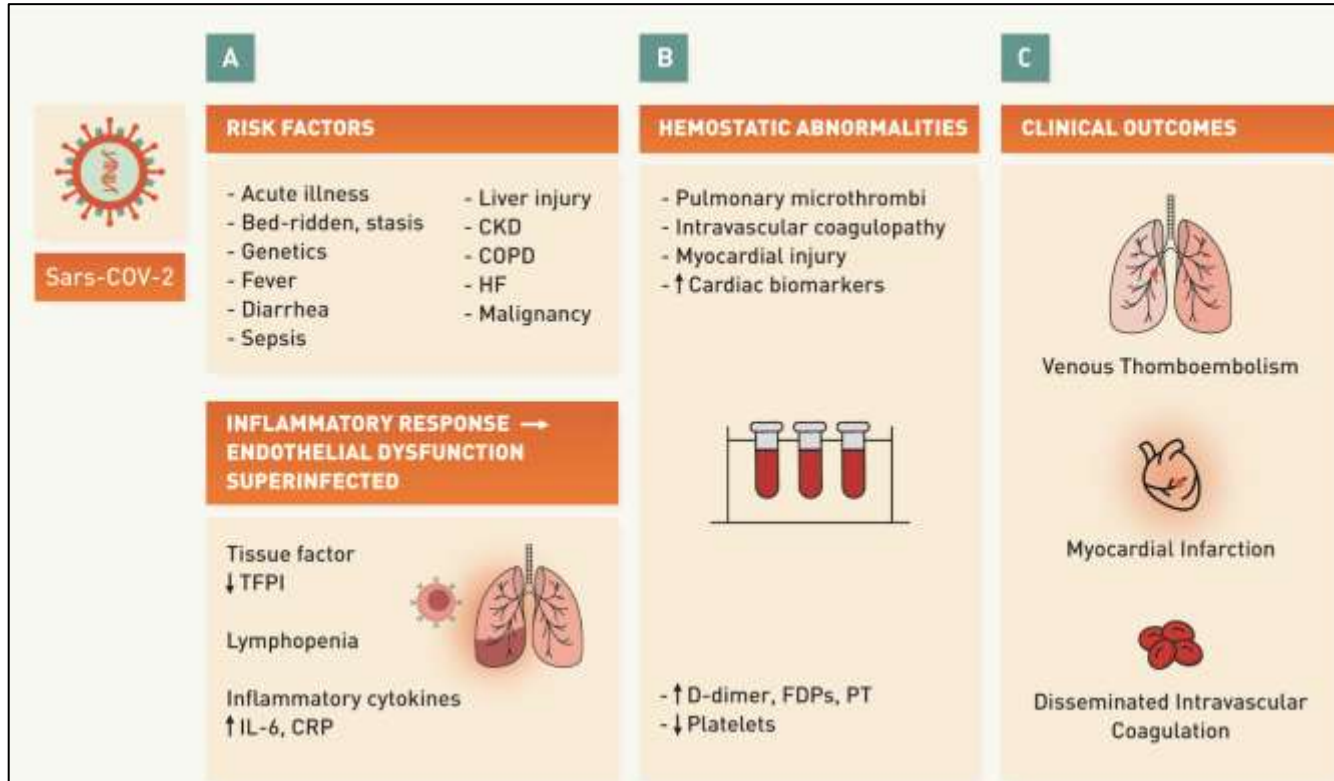
Pathological features in lungs greatly resemble those seen in SARS and MERS infection

Bilateral diffuse alveolar damage with cellular fibromyxoid exudates is commonly observed

Mechanisms of Cardiac Injury



Mechanisms of coagulopathy in COVID-19



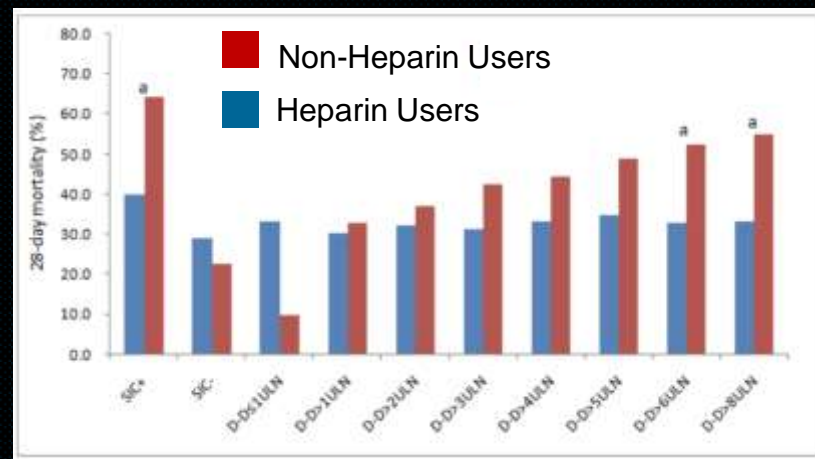
Hypercoagulability in COVID-19 Patients

Table 3 Multivariate correlative factors of 28-day mortality in severe COVID-19

| | Multivariate analysis | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| | Odds ratio (95% CI) | P value |
| Age | 1.033 (1.013-1.055) | 0.002 |
| Sex ratio | 0.677 (0.425-1.078) | 0.100 |
| With underlying diseases | 0.861 (0.538-1.379) | 0.534 |
| Treating with heparin | 1.647 (0.929-2.921) | 0.088 |
| Prothrombin time | 1.107 (1.008-1.215) | 0.033 |
| Platelet count | 0.996 (0.993-0.998) | 0.001 |
| D-dimer | 1.058 (1.028-1.090) | <0.001 |

Coagulation Abnormalities Associated with **28-day Mortality** in COVID-19 patients.

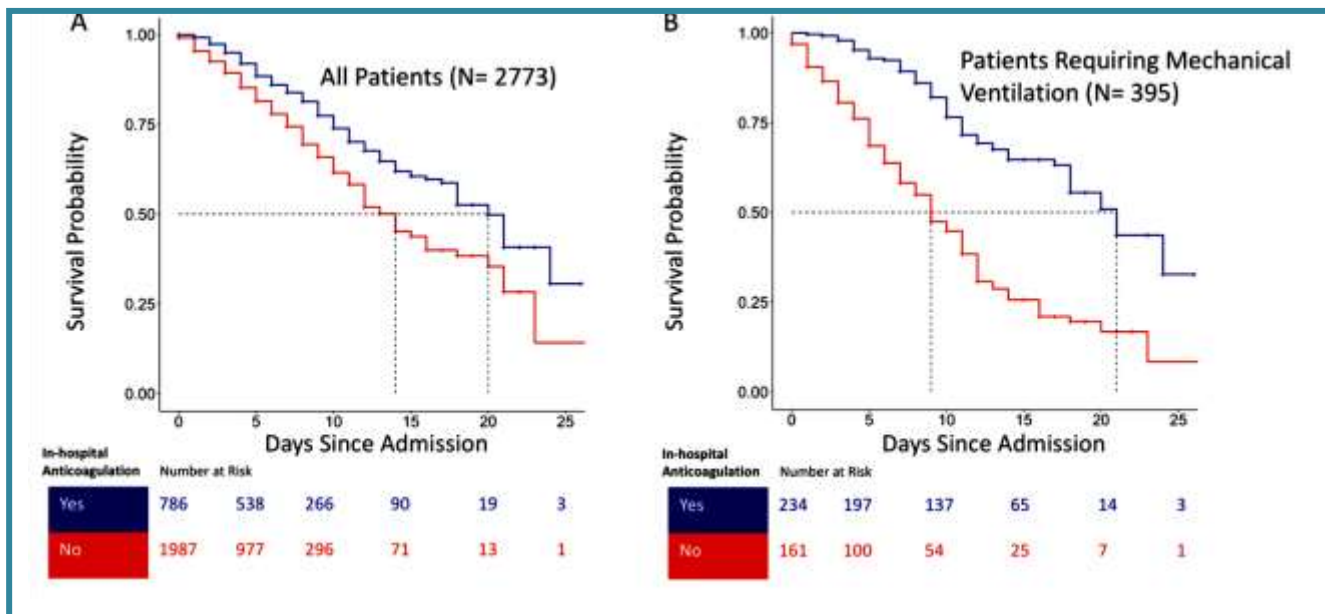
28-day Mortality



Prophylactic Anticoagulation
Helpful in Patients with Abnormal
Parameters?

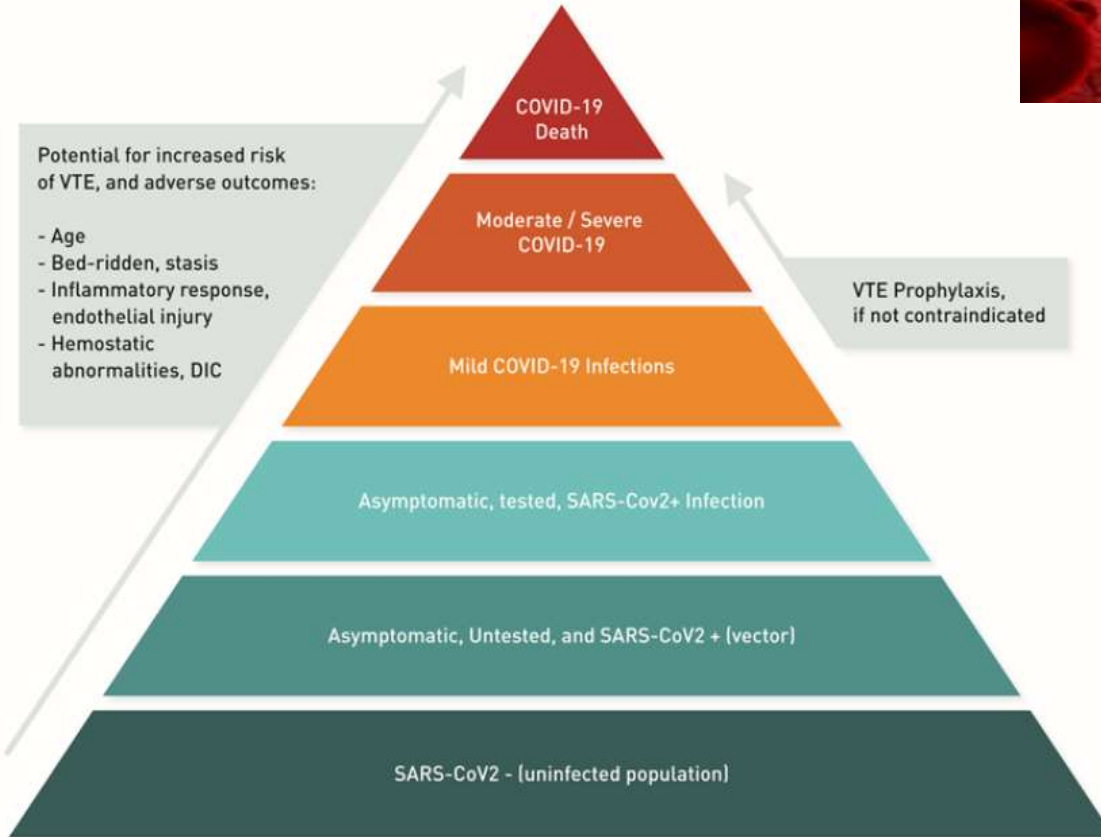
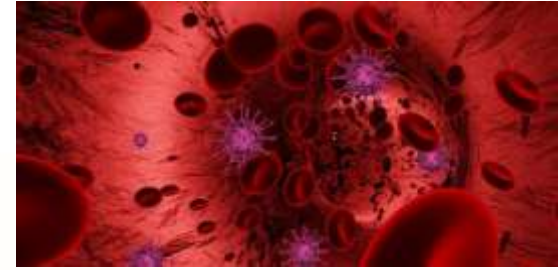
Anticoagulation and survival

2,773 patients hospitalized with laboratory confirmed COVID-19



Anticoagulation Guidance for COVID-19

If thrombosis is the major reason for multiorgan failure, then anticoagulation is important.



COVID-19 & Anticoagulation

- **When to start?** Early
- **Which drug?** LMWH
- **Which dose?** Prophylaxis (early)
- **How long?** 2 weeks post discharge (NOAC)

Oral Anticoagulant Therapies and Drug-drug interaction: Considerations in COVID-19 Patients

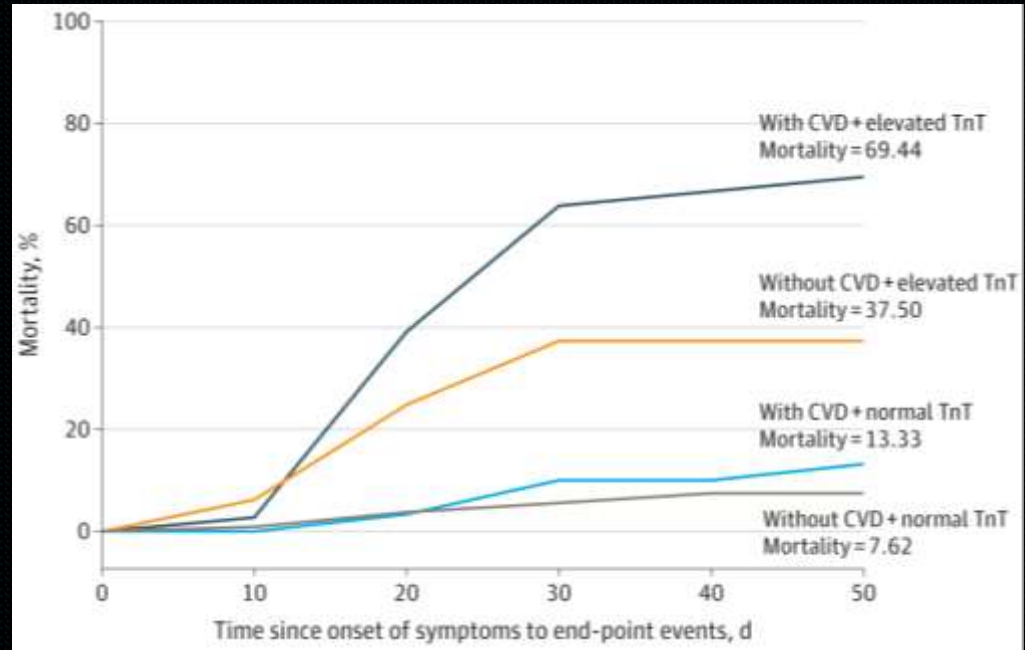
Table 4. Potential Drug Interactions: Between Anticoagulants* and Investigational Therapies for COVID-19

| Investigational COVID-19 Therapies | Oral Anticoagulants | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| | Vitamin K antagonists | Dabigatran | Apixaban | Betrixaban | Edoxaban | Rivaroxaban |
| Lopinavir/Ritonavir | CYP2C9 induction: May decrease plasma concentration. Adjust dose based on INR | P-gp inhibition: May increase plasma concentration. No dose adjustment recommended | CYP3A4 and P-gp inhibition: Administer at 50% of dose (do not administer if initial dose is 2.5 mg twice daily)† | P-gp and ABCB1 inhibition: Decrease dose to 80 mg once followed by 40 mg once daily | P-gp inhibition: Do not co-administer | CYP3A4 and P-gp inhibition: Do not co-administer |
| Tocilizumab | - | - | Reported increase in expression of 3A4 (major pathway): No dose adjustment recommended | - | - | Reported increase in expression of 3A4 (major pathway): No dose adjustment recommended |
| Interferon‡ | Unknown mechanism: Decreased dose may be needed | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ribavirin | Mechanism not well known: Possibly decreased absorption of warfarin in the presence of ribavirin (166) Increased dose may be needed | - | - | - | - | - |
| Methylprednisolone | Unknown mechanism: Decreased dose may be needed | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sarilumab§ | - | - | Reported increase in expression of CYP3A4 (major pathway): No dose adjustment recommended | - | - | Reported increase in expression of CYP3A4 (major pathway): No dose adjustment recommended |
| Azithromycin | Unknown mechanism: Decreased dose may be needed | P-gp inhibition: May increase plasma concentration. No dose adjustment recommended | - | P-gp inhibition: Decrease dose to 80 mg once followed by 40 mg daily | P-gp inhibition: VTE: Limit dose to 30 mg daily. Non-valvular AF: No dose recommendation | - |
| Hydroxychloroquine and Chloroquine | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Other drugs being studied to treat COVID-19 include bevacizumab, chloroquine/hydroxychloroquine, eculizumab, fingolimod, losartan, and pifenidone. Drug-drug interactions between these medications and oral anticoagulants have yet to be identified. Bevacizumab has been reported to cause deep vein thrombosis (9%), arterial thrombosis (5%) and pulmonary embolism (1%). It is also reported to cause thrombocytopenia (58%). *Parenteral anticoagulants (including unfractionated or low-molecular weight heparins, bivalirudin, argatroban, and fondaparinux) are non CYP metabolized and don't interact with any of the investigational agents. †Reported with interferon alpha. ‡These recommendations are based on the U.S. package insert. The Canadian package insert considers the combination of these agents to be contraindicated. ‡Interferon has been reported to cause pulmonary embolism (<5%), thrombosis (~5%), decreased platelet count (1-15% with Alfa-2b formulation), and ischemic stroke (<5%). §Sarilumab has been reported to cause decreased platelet count, with decreases to less than 100,000 mm³ in 1% and 0.7% of patients on 200 mg and 150 mg doses, respectively. CYP: Cytochrome P system.

Mortality of Patients with COVID-19 +/- CVD

- Myocardial injury is significantly associated with fatal outcome of COVID-19
- The prognosis of patients with underlying CVD but without myocardial injury is relatively favorable.
- Inflammation may be a potential mechanism for myocardial injury.



It is reasonable to triage patients with COVID-19 according to the presence of underlying CVD and evidence of myocardial injury for prioritized treatment and even more aggressive strategies.

Troponin and BNP Use in COVID-19

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- Clinicians are advised to only measure troponin if the diagnosis of acute MI is being considered on clinical grounds and an abnormal troponin should not be considered evidence for an acute MI without corroborating evidence
- Use of echocardiography or coronary angiography for COVID-19 patients with myocardial injury or elevated natriuretic peptide should be restricted to those patients in whom these procedures would be expected to meaningfully affect outcome.
- No data exist to suggest benefit from anti-platelet or anticoagulant therapy for those with acute myocardial injury with the exception of those with Type 1 MI.

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Catheterization Laboratory Considerations During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: From ACC's Interventional Council and SCAI

Frederick G.P. Welt, Pinak B. Shah, Herbert D. Aronow, Anna E. Bortnick, Timothy D. Henry, Matthew W. Sherwood, Michael N. Young, Laura J. Davidson, Sabeeda Kadavath, Ehtisham Mahmud, Ajay J. Kirtane and American College of Cardiology's (ACC) Interventional Council and the Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Intervention (SCAI)

- Deferral of all elective coronary, structural and vascular diagnostic/interventional procedure among stable patients with non-lifethreatening conditions
- In NSTEMI, efforts should be made in differentiating type 1 vs. type 2 MI.
- In NSTEMI, medical management should be considered appropriate except in unstable pts (ongoing chest pain, hemodynamic or electrical instability secondary to the ACS).
- Fibrinolysis to be considered an option in low-risk STEMI patients with confirmed COVID-19
- If primary PCI for STEMI and unknown COVID19 status, personnel should wear appropriate PPE during the case.

Oral Antiplatelet Therapies and Drug-drug interaction: Considerations in COVID-19 Patients

| Table 3. Potential Drug Interactions Between Antiplatelet Agents* and Investigational Therapies for COVID-19 | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| Investigational COVID-19 Therapies | Mechanism of Action of COVID-19 Therapy | P2Y ₁₂ Platelet Receptor Inhibitors | | | Phosphodiesterase III Inhibitor |
| | | Clopidogrel ^{1,2} | Prasugrel ² | Ticagrelor ^{1,4} | Cilostazol |
| Lopinavir/Ritonavir | Lopinavir is a protease inhibitor; Ritonavir inhibits CYP3A4 metabolism increasing lopinavir levels | CYP 3A4 Inhibition (minor pathway): Reduction in clopidogrel active metabolite. Do not co-administer or if available utilize P2Y ₁₂ platelet function assays for monitoring † With limited clinical data, prasugrel may be considered as alternative, if no contraindications | CYP3A4 Inhibition: Decreased active metabolite but maintained platelet inhibition. Can administer with caution. | CYP3A4 Inhibition: Increased effects of ticagrelor. Do not co-administer or if available utilize P2Y ₁₂ monitoring or consider dose-reduced ticagrelor* | CYP3A4 Inhibition: Recommend decreasing dose to maximum of 50 mg BID. |
| Remdesivir | Nucleotide-analog inhibitor of RNA-dependent RNA polymerases | Reported inducer of CYP3A4 (minor pathway): No dose adjustment recommended. | Reported inducer of CYP3A4 (major pathway): No dose adjustment recommended. | Reported inducer of CYP3A4 (major pathway): No dose adjustment recommended. | Reported inducer of CYP3A4 (major pathway): No dose adjustment recommended. |
| Tocilizumab | Inhibits IL-6 receptor: may potentially mitigate cytokine release syndrome symptoms in severely ill patients | Reported increase in expression of 2C19 (major pathway) and 1A2, 2B6, and 3A4 (minor pathways): No dose adjustment recommended. | Reported increase in expression of 3A4 (major pathway) and 2C9 and 2C19 (minor pathway): No dose adjustment recommended. | Reported increase in expression of 3A4 (major pathway): No dose adjustment recommended. | Reported increase in expression of 3A4 (major pathway): No dose adjustment recommended. |
| Sarilumab | Binds specifically to both soluble and membrane-bound IL-6Rs (IL-6R α and mIL-6R α) and has been shown to inhibit IL-6-mediated signaling: may potentially mitigate cytokine release syndrome symptoms in severely ill patients | Reported increase in expression of 3A4 (minor pathways): No dose adjustment recommended. | Reported increase in expression of 3A4 (major pathway): No dose adjustment recommended. | Reported increase in expression of CYP3A4 (major pathway): No dose adjustment recommended. | Reported increase in expression of 3A4 (major pathway): No dose adjustment recommended. |

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Don't forget....

- Most COVID-19 patients are asymptomatic/mild symptoms.
- Patients with cardiovascular disease and with cardiovascular risk factors (i.e., HTN) more commonly affected.
- Many of these patients already on antiplatelet therapy.
- Don't switch therapy if patient is asymptomatic/mild symptoms!