Acute Coronary Syndromes:

Medical Management of UA/NSTEMI

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ACC/AHA Guideline for UA/NSTEMI

- Assess likelihood of CAD
- Risk stratification
- Target therapy: more aggressive treatment in higher-risk patients
- Anti-ischemic, antithrombotic therapy
- Invasive vs conservative strategy
- Discharge planning (risk factor modification and long-term medical therapy)

ACC/AHA, American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association; UA, unstable angina; NSTEMI, non–ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction. Braunwald E, et al. *J Am Col. Cardiol.* 2000;36:970-1062.





Acute Management of UA/NSTEMI

Anti-Ischemic Therapy

- Oxygen, bed rest, ECG monitoring
- Nitroglycerin
- β-Blockers
- ACE inhibitors

Antithrombotic Therapy Antiplatelet therapy Anticoagulant therapy

UA, unstable angina; NSTEMI, non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction; ECG, electrocardiogram; ACE, angiotensinconverting enzyme.

Braunwald E, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2000;36:970-1062.



ACC/AHA Class I Recommendations for Antithrombotic Therapy*

Definite ACS With



* Class IIa: enoxaparin preferred over UFH unless CABG planned within 24 hours.

ACC, American College of Cardiology; AHA, American Heart association; ACS, acute coronary syndrome; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention; SQLMWH, subcutaneous low molecular-weight heparin; IV, intravenous.

Braunwald E, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2000;36:970-1062.



Case Presentation: History and Exam

- 66세 여자
- 10-20분정도의 흉통을 수차례 호소, 응급실 내원,
- 과거력: 안정형협심증으로 NTG사용 DM 8년, 경구하강제 사용 고콜레스테롤 혈증 12년, statin사용 40갑년의 흡연력
- 이학적 검사: 비만, 혈압150/94 mm Hg, 맥박78
 검사

심전도: 흉통시 1.5 mm ST depression (V2-5) Troponin I level: 2.1 ng/ml (nl <0.05 ng/ml)

Risk Stratification in UA/NSTEMI: TIMI Risk Score

Integrated risk predictor based on 7 variables:

- **1.** Age \geq 65 years
- 2. \geq 3 risk factors for CAD
 - Diabetes
 - Family history of CAD
 - Hypertension
 - Hypercholesterole mia
 - Current smoker
- ≥50% prior coronary stenosis

- 4. ST-segment deviation on EKG
- 5. At least 2 anginal events in prior 24 hours
- Use of aspirin in prior
 7 days
- 7. Elevated serum cardiac markers

This Patient Is High-Risk

Age ≥65 years

TIMI Score=5

\geq 3 risk factors for CAD

- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Hypercholesterolemia
- Current smoker

ST-segment deviation

>2 anginal events in past 24 hours



Case Presentation: Plan of Action

A cardiologist is consulted and the patient is admitted at 10 pm

She is scheduled for an angiogram and possible PCI with stent insertion at 7 am the following morning

How Would You Manage this Patient for the Next 9 Hours?

Intervention in 9 hours acceptible? ISAR-COOL



*UFH 60 μ/kg bolus then infusion adjusted to PTT 60-85 seconds; aspirin 500 mg IV then 100 mg PO BID clopidogrel 600 mg LD then 75 mg BID; tirofiban 100 μg/kg bolus then 0.10 μg/kg/min

PTT=partial thromboplastin time. Adapted from Neumann FJ, et al. *JAMA*. 2003;290:1593-1599.

What "Early Intervention" Really Means

Study Time to cath lab (hours)

PRISM-PLUS TACTICS-TIMI 18 SYNERGY CRUSADE

mean 65 mean 21* median 22 median 26

*In the early invasive group, scheduled 4-48 hours after randomization.

Zhao XQ, et al. *Circulation*. 1999;100:1609-1615. Lakkis N, et al. *Crit Path Cardiol*. 2002;1:232-237. Mahaffey KW. American College of Cardiology; March 7-10, 2004; New Orleans, LA. CRUSADE Quality Improvement Initiative, Quarter 4 2003. Data on file at Duke Clinical Research Institute.

Antithrombotic Therapy Is Key to Maximizing Outcomes in UA/NSTEMI

- There is confusion as to which agents to use and whether they are safe when used in combination
- Therefore, it is important to address the misperceptions out the role of various antithrombotic agents in UA/NSTEMI management to improve patient outcomes

Rationale for Use: Pharmacologic Intervention in Thrombosis



고정관념 **Aspirin plus an Anti**thrombin Agent Provide **Sufficient Anticoagulation** for Patients with UA/NSTEMI

Aspirin in the Treatment of ACS



Wallentin LC, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 1991;18:1587-1593.

Indirect Comparisons of ASA Doses on Vascular Events in High-Risk Patients



Aspirin Resistance: Possible Mechanisms

Cellular Factors

- Insufficient suppression of COX-1
- Erythrocyte induced platelet activation
- Increased norepinephrine
- Generation of 8-iso-PGF2a

Clinical Factors

- Failure to prescribe
- Non-compliance
- Non-absorption
- Interaction with ibuprofen

Aspirin Resistance

General

Polymorphisms

- COX-1
- GP IIb/IIIa receptor
- Collagen receptor
- vWF receptor

Low Molecular Heparin ESSENCE: Study Design



MI=myocardial infarction.

Cohen M, et al. *Am J Cardiol.* 1998;82:19L-24L.

ESSENCE: First 30 Days, Enoxaparin Is Superior to UFH



Cohen M, et al. Am J Cardiol. 1998;82:19L-24L.

SYNERGY: Enoxaparin with Early Invasive Strategy in High-Risk UA/NSTEMI Patients



SYNERGY: Enoxaparin and UFH Had Similar Reductions in 30-day Endpoint



SYNERGY Trial Investigators. JAMA. 2004;292:45-54.

Summary

- ESSENCE and SYNERGY prove that enoxaparin is a viable alternative to upstream use of UFH in high-risk patients with UA/NSTEMI
- Benefits of LMWHs:
 - Do not require continuous infusion
 - Do not require monitoring of aPTT
 - No effects on increasing surface GP IIb/IIIa receptors
- ESSENCE: No GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors were used and most patients did not undergo early catheterization
- SYNERGY did not show that enoxaparin can be used instead of in antiplatelet agent, but rather that it can be used as a complementary agent
 - More than half of patients received GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors
 - Almost all patients underwent early catheterization
- SYNERGY showed increased bleeding with enoxaparin
- High-risk patients did not have an improved effect with LMWH

Direct antithrombin REPLACE-2: Bivalirudin versus Heparin + GP IIb/IIIa During PCI

N=6010 Patients: Urgent or Elective PCI

Randomization

Heparin 65 U/kg initial bolus

Planned GP IIb/IIIa



Bivalirudin 0.75 mg/kg initial bolus, 1.75 mg/kg-hr during PCI

Provisional GP IIb/IIIa

Abciximab: 0.25 mg/kg bolus, 0.125 μ g/kg-min (max 10 μ g/min) x 12 hou Eptifibatide: 180 μ g/kg double bolus, 2.0 μ g/kg-min x 18–24 hours

Quadruple Endpoint at 30 Days

ACT=activated clotting time. Lincoff AM, et al. *JAMA*. 2003;289:853-863.

REPLACE 2: At 30 Days, Bivalirudin Was Non-inferior to Heparin + GP Ib/Illa Inhibitor Regimen

30-Day Primary Endpoint Components



Lincoff AM, et al. JAMA. 2003;289:853-863.

REPLACE-2: Study Conclusion

• Compared with UFH:

- Bivalirudin reduces rate of death, MI, or revascularization with concurrent reduction in bleeding
- Bivalirudin plus planned or rescue abciximab appears safe and at least as effective as UFH plus a GP IIb/IIIa inhibitor in patients undergoing PCI
- Bivalirudin with provisional GP IIb/IIIa
 blockade is not inferior to UFH plus
 planned GP IIb/IIIa blockade during PCI

Direct Thrombin Inhibitors: Role in UA/NSTEMI

- Direct thrombin inhibitors, such as bivalirudin, are effective alternatives to UFH in PCI
- In REPLACE-2, patients were not stratified by risk; therefore, it is difficult to apply these data to high-risk populations
- No data currently exist on the efficacy of bivalirudin as primary treatment in patients with UA/NSTEMI
- Patients with acute MI and unstable ischemic syndromes were not included in REPLACE-2; thus, the results of this trial should not be interpreted to suggest that GP IIb/IIIa blockade should be supplanted in these patients

ADP Receptor Subtypes



Clopidogrel Dose Effect



Zidar F, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2004;43(5, suppl A);Abstract 1100-1159.

ADP receptor blocker CURE: Clopidogrel Reduces MI/Stroke/CV Death in High-Risk UA/NSTEMI Patients



CURE: Benefit of Clopidogrel Not Affected by Cardiac Marker* Status

Placebo



*Troponin, creatine kinase, MB isoenzyme. CVD=cardiovascular death.

The Cure Trial Investigators. *N Engl J Med.* 2001;345:494-502.

PCI-CURE: Overall Long-term Results

Composite of CV death or MI from randomization to end of follow-up



*In combination with standard therapy.

Mehta SR, et al. *Lancet.* 2001;358:527-533.

CURE: Time of Clopidogrel Discontinuation and Bleeding Risk



The CURE Trial Investigators. N Engl J Med. 2001;345:494-502.

고정관념

GP IIb/IIIa Inhibitor Therapy Does Not Provide Added Benefit to High-Risk Patients with UA/NSTEMI Treated with Clopidogrel

Clopidogrel+GPIIb/IIIa blocker ISAR-REACT: Effect of Pre-treatment with Clopidogrel* in Low-risk Patients Undergoing Elective PCI



Kastrati A, et al. N Engl J Med. 2004;350:232-238.

ISAR-Sweet results spur debate over abciximab's benefits in the setting of clopidogrel pretreatment

ISAR-SWEET end points

End point	Abciximab (%)	Placebo (%)	р
Death or MI	8.3	8.6	0.91
Death	4.8	5.1	0.86
МІ	4.8	4.3	0.72
Revascularization	23.4	26.7	0.33

Mehilli J. American Heart Associatic 춘계 순환기**2005,** 대구 Sessions 2004. Nov 7-10, 2004; New Orleans, LA.

Clopidogrel Loading With Eptifibatide to Arrest the Reactivity of Platelets (CLEAR PLATELETS) study

METHODS

Patients undergoing elective stenting (n=120) 300 mg clopidogrel without eptifibatide (group A) with eptifibatide (group B) 600 mg clopidogrel without eptifibatide (group C) with eptifibatide (group D)






RESULTS

In elective stenting without clopidogrel pretreatment, use of a GPIIb/IIIa inhibitor produces superior platelet inhibition and lower myocardial necrosis compared with high-dose (600 mg) or standard-dose (300 mg) clopidogrel loading alone. In the absence of a GPIIb/IIIa inhibitor, 600 mg clopidogrel provides better platelet inhibition than the standard 300-mg dose. These results require confirmation in a large-scale clinical trial.

Clinical Implications

Our data support a future larger clinical study to investigate whether 600 mg should become the new standard loading strategy for this drug in elective coronary stenting.

Focus on Clopidogrel: Role in UA/NSTEMI Therapy

- CURE study demonstrated significant reductions in ischemic complications when clopidrogrel was added to aspirin
 - Associated with consistent 20% reduction across risk subgroups
- Associated with higher risk of bleeding than aspirin
- Studies clarifying **combined use** of GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors and clopidogrel in upstream setting are **lacking**
- Pretreatment with clopidogrel in GP IIb/IIIa interventional studies appear favorable, suggesting additive benefit
 - However, it is important to recognize that patients in ISAR-REACT were not high-risk and underwent elective PCI
- Benefits of clopidogrel and GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors appear complementary

The CURE Trial Investigators. *N Engl J Med.* 345:494-502. Januzzi JL, et al. *Am Heart J.* 2003;146:764-774. Avlies RJ, Bhatt DL. *J Thromb Thrombolysis.* 2002;13:177-182.

Clopidogrel Summary

- Clopidogrel has been shown to be more effective at reducing events than aspirin alone in patients with UA/NSTEMI
- Relative-risk reduction with clopidogrel in UA/NSTEMI is 20% alone vs. 44% with the addition of GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors
- Clopidogrel is an effective part of the UA/NSTEMI treatment strategy
- Clopidogrel is long-acting, therefore consideration should be taken when using it prior to catheterization, due to potential bleeding risk

The CURE Trial Investigators. *N Engl J Med.* 345:494-502. Januzzi JL, et al. *Am Heart J.* 2003;146:764-774. Avlies RJ, Bhatt DL. *J Thromb Thrombolysis.* 2002;13:177-182.

고 정 관 념 The Beneficial Effects of GP IIb/IIIa Inhibitors Are Related Only to Large-vessel Thrombus Resolution

Mortality Increases with Number of Elevated <u>Cardiac Markers</u>*: TACTICS-TIMI 18



Number of Elevated Cardiac Markers

*Cardiac biomarkers=troponin I, C-reactive protein (CRP), brain natriuretic peptide (BNP). Sabatine M, et al. *Circulation.* 2002;105:1760-1763.

Mortality Increased in Patients with High <u>CRP</u> Concentrations: TIMI-11A Substudy



Morrow D, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 1998;31:1460-1465.

Risk Stratification by CRP (mg/dl) and Rapid Assay Status Expressed as 14day Mortality by <u>CRP and Rapid</u> <u>Troponin T</u> Result



cTnT=cardiac troponin T.

Morrow D, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 1998;31:1460-465.

1.CRP Levels and Tirofiban Therapy



Ercan E, et al. Am Heart J. 2004;147:e1.

2. Plaque <u>Passivation</u> with GP IIb/IIIa Receptor Blockade

Mechanisms for Platelet-leukocyte Interaction



Prevention of Platelet-leukocyte Interaction with Tirofiban

Binding Density of Platelets in Coaggregates



‡ P<0.01 vs before

Xiao Z, et al. Thromb Haemost. 1999;81:281-285.

GP IIb/IIIa Antagonists Inhibit Inflammation through Blockade of sCD40L



Before aspirin

Nannizzi-Alaimo L, et al. Circulation. 2003;107:1123-1128.

3.GP IIb/IIIa Inhibitors Improve Vascular Nitric Oxide Bioavailability



FBF=forearm blood flow. L-NMMA=NG-monomethyl-L-arginine. Heitzer T, et al. *Circulation*. 2003;108:536-541.

4.Tirofiban Increases Microvascular Blood Flow after revascularization*



*Study completed in canine model. Kunichika H, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2004;43(2):276-283.

GP IIb/IIIa Inhibitors Increase Myocardial Blood Flow after Revascularization

1 Cardiac Cycle 3 Cardiac Cycle 5 Cardiac Cycle 8 Cardiac Cycle 11 Cardiac Cycle 14 Cardiac Cycle



Summary

 GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors have been shown to have effects in factors beyond platelet aggregation GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors improved myocardial perfusion as evidenced by improved TIMI perfusion grade These effects may potentially contribute to their efficacy

고 정 관 념 GP IIb/IIIa Inhibitors Only Provide Value when Initiated In the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory

GP IIb/IIIa Inhibitors: Chemical Structures

Abciximab

Fab fragment of a

antibody

MW ≈ 50,000 D

Tirofiban

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Nonpeptide tyrosine chimeric monoclonal derivative $MW \approx 500 D$

Eptifibatide

Cyclic heptapeptide $MW \approx 800 D$

OH

HN

NH

 H_2 Ń

 $N-SO_2-C_4H_9$

NH

Topol E, et al. Lancet. 1999;353:227-231.



Scarborough RM, et al. Circulation. 1999;100:437-444.

DOSE: <u>Higher Boluses</u> of Tirofiban

- Identify a tirofiban bolus that achieves inhibition of platelet aggregation (IPA) similar to that of abciximab—greater than 85% (mean 90%) through 60 minutes
- LTA induced by 20 µM ADP in PRP prepared from PPACK anticoagulated blood
- Study Population: Patients with ACS undergoing PCI
 - The additive value of tirofiban administered with the highdose bolus in the prevention of ischemic complications during high- risk coronary angioplasty: the ADVANCE Trial. HDB tirofiban (25 microg/kg/3 min, and infusion of 0.15 microg/kg/min for 24 to 48 h)

LTA=light transmission aggregation. ADP=adenosine diphosphate. PRP=platelet-rich plasma. PPACK=D-phenylalanyl-L-prolyl-L-arginine chloromethylketone.



UA, unstable angina, NSTEMI, non–ST-segment myocardial infarction; ISAR, Intracoronary Stenting and Antithrombic Regimen Trial; RITA, Randomized Intervention Treatment of Angina; VANQWISH, Veterans Affairs Non-Q-Wave Infarction Strategies in Hospital study; MATE, Medicine vs Angioplasty for Thrombolytic Exclusions trial; TACTICS-TIMI18, Treat Angina with Aggrestat[®] and Determine Cost of Therpay with Invasive or Conservative Strategy; FRISC, Fragmin during InStability in Coronary artery disease.



1.Upstream use: <u>Early Use</u> of GP IIb/IIIa Inhibition Benefits all Strategies





PCI-TACTICS: <u>Duration</u> of Pretreatment



TACTICS-TIMI 18

A longer duration of therapy was associated with improvements in:

 \uparrow TIMI myocardial perfusion grade 3: Odds 52% (*P*=0.012)

↑ TIMI epicardial flow grade 3: Odds 61% (P=0.054)

↑ Minimum diameter: P=0.032

*Adjusted for baseline TnT.

Gibson CM. Presented at: AHA Scientific Sessions; November 11-14, 2001; Anaheim, Ca.

Early and Continued Use of GP IIb/IIIa Inhibition Improves PCI Outcome: CAPTURE, PURSUIT, and PRISM-PLUS

Before PCI





Boersma E, et al. Circulation. 1999;100:2045-2048.

2.High-risk group: Benefit of GP IIb/IIIa Inhibitors in High-Risk Patients: Elevated <u>Troponin Levels</u>



TnT=troponin T. TnI=troponin I.

Hamm CW, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 1999;340:1623-1629. Heeschen C, et al. *Lancet.* 1999;354:1757-1762. Implications of <u>Upstream</u> Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa Inhibition and Coronary Artery Stenting in the Invasive Management of Unstable Angina/ Non-ST-elevation Myocardial Infarction: A Comparison of the TIMI IIIB and TACTICS-TIMI 18 Trials

Sabatine M, et al. *Circulation*. 2004;109:874-880.

- Evaluates the efficacy of tirofiban and stents in lowering event rates of NSTEMI patients
- Evaluates an early invasive vs. conservative strategy for the treatment of NSTEMI patients

TIMI IIIB: 1-year Cumulative Rates of Death or MI



Anderson HV, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 1995;26:1643-1650.

TACTICS-TIMI 18: Cumulative Incidence of the Primary Endpoint of Death, Nonfatal MI, or Rehospitalization



TIMI IIIB versus TACTICS-TIMI 18: Percent of Patients with Death/MI/ACS through 6 Months



TIMI Risk-score Distribution Significantly Higher in TACTICS-TIMI 18



Sabatine MS, et al. Circulation. 2004;109:874-880.

TIMI IIIB versus TACTICS-TIMI 18: Subgroup Analyses of Death, MI, or Re-hospitalization for ACS

Odds ratio (95% CI)

Risk* Strategy	Low	Intermediate	High
Conservative	0.60 (0.38–0.95)	0.78 (0.57–1.06)	0.59 (0.31–1.11)
Invasive	0.43 (0.28–0.66)	0.67 (0.48–0.93)	0.46 (0.23–0.90)
Actual Revascularization Status			
Medical	0.53 (0.34–0.84)	0.61 (0.44–0.85)	0.53 (0.24–1.18)
PCI	0.44 (0.27–0.73)	0.94 (0.64–1.39)	0.40 (0.19-0.83)
CABG	0.32 (0.11–0.90)	0.57 (0.33–0.99)	0.48 (0.17–1.33)

*As defined by TIMI Risk Score.

Sabatine MS, et al. Circulation. 2004;109:874-880.

Conclusions: TIMI IIIB versus TACTICS-TIMI 18

- Benefits of an early invasive strategy were significantly greater with increasing baseline risk
- Differences in favor of TACTICS most likely reflect the use of GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors and coronary stents
- Findings support ACC/AHA guidelines, which recommend GP IIb/IIIa inhibition and early invasive approach in patients with high-risk UA/NSTEMI

Summary

Early use of GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors with early invasive strategy results in improved outcomes in UA/NSTEMI
GP IIb/IIIa inhibitor therapy started early and continued throughout PCI has additive effects
고 정 관 념 GP IIb/IIIa Inhibitors Produce Similar Outcomes in Patients with and without Diabetes

Increased Rates of MI in Type 2 Diabetes: 7-year Incidence of Fatal/Nonfatal MI



Haffner SM, et al. N Engl J Med. 1998;339(4):229-234.

Prevalence of CVD in Patients with DM (Age >35 Years)



Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics – 2004 Update. Dallas, TX: American Heart Association.

The Diabetic Platelet

- Platelets are larger and more easily activated
- Higher density of GP IIb/IIIa receptors
- Glycation end products enhance platelet aggregation
- Increased inflammatory response
- Increased circulation of thrombogenic agents
- Impaired fibrinolysis is associated with diabetes

GP IIb/IIIa Inhibitors Are More Effective in Patients with Diabetes: PRISM-PLUS



*Statistically significant (*P*<0.05) interactions were found between tirofiban therapy and diabetic status for these endpoints, suggesting that tirofiban was more efficacious among diabetic than among non-diabetic patients. [†]Not defined.

Théroux P, et al. Circulation. 2000;102:2466-2472.

PRISM-PLUS: MI/Death in Patients with and without DM



- Tirofiban + heparin DM
 - Tirofiban + heparin, overall population



Days after Randomization

Théroux P, et al. *Circulation.* 2000;102:2466-2472 PRISM-PLUS. *N Engl J Med.* 1998;338:1488-97.

Summary

- Patients with diabetes experience increased cardiovascular morbidity and mortality compared to individuals without diabetes
- Multiple studies have demonstrated that GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors reduce the risk of future events in patients with diabetes

고정관념 The Use of GP IIb/IIIa Inhibitors Results in Excess Bleeding

Focus on Safety: CAPTURE



*Major bleeds were defined as intracranial bleeding or episodes associated with a decrease in hemoglobin of more than 5g/L.

CAPTURE Investigators. Lancet. 1997;349:1429-1435.

Focus on Safety: PRISM-PLUS



*Major bleeding was defined as a decrease in the blood hemoglobin level of more than 4.0 g/dL, the need for the transfusion of 2 or more units of blood, the need for corrective surgery, the occurrence of an intracranial or retroperitoneal hemorrhage, or any combination of these events.

PRISM-PLUS Study Investigators. N Engl J Med. 1998;338:1488-1497.

Focus on Safety: PURSUIT All Patients



*Major bleeding was defined as intracranial hemorrhage or bleeding associated with a drop of 15 percentage points or more in the hematocrit or of 5 g/dL or more in the hemoglobin concentration.

PURSUIT Trial Investigators. N Engl J Med. 1998;339:436-443.

Focus on Safety: PURSUIT Patients without CABG



PURSUIT Trial Investigators. N Engl J Med. 1998;339:436-443.

Summary

- Bleeding rates increase when more than one antithrombotic agent is used
- It does not appear that GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors dramatically increase bleeding
- Careful dosing of anti-thrombins is important in reducing bleeding complications

 Avoid excessive heparin
- It is important to note that bleeding definitions were different in the various trials, therefore comparisons across trials cannot be done

고 정 관 념 ACC/AHA Guidelines for UA/NSTEMI Management Are Universally Practiced

Only ≈30% of Eligible Patients Receive GP IIb/IIIa Inhibitors

	TIMI III Registry (1990– 1993) (n=3647)	GUARANTE E (1995–1996) (n=2948)	GRACE (1999– 2000) (n=2893)	CRUSADE (2001– 2002) (n=18,937)
Type of patients	UA	UA	NSTEMI	UA/NSTEMI
Aspirin (%)	92	82	91	90
Beta-blockers (%)	45	52	78	76
Heparin (%)	60	67	61	53
GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors (%)	—	—	20	31
In-hospital mortality (%)	—	1.0	6.0	4.9

Roe MT, et al. Am Heart J. 2003;146(4):605-612.

CRUSADE: Acute Medication Use* Lowest for GP IIb/IIIa Inhibitors



*Within first 24 hours.

CRUSADE Quality Improvement Initiative, Quarter 4, 2003. Data on file at the Duke Clinical Research Institute.

GRACE: Use of GP IIb/IIIa Inhibitors by Syndrome and PCI Use



*Percent of patients treated with GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors who did or did not undergo PCI. Budaj A, et al. *Am Heart J.* 2003;146:999-1006.

Potential Reasons for Under-use

- Lack of agreement that guidelines are applicable to daily practice
- Limited information of impact of guidelines on care
- Inherent difficulties in changing established practice patterns
- Lack of awareness of benefits in highrisk patients
- Safety concerns
- Reimbursement in Korea

Conclusions

- Aspirin plus an anti-thrombin agent does not provide sufficient anticoagulation for patients with UA/NSTEMI
- GP IIb/IIIa inhibitor therapy is useful in high-risk UA/NSTEMI patients receiving clopidogrel; however, clopidogrel and GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors have not been directly compared
- The benefits of GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors go beyond the direct effects on the platelet
- Early use of GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors is beneficial
- GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors appear to be more beneficial in patients with diabetes
- GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors are not associated with excessive bleeding

Case: Treatment (66세,여,NSTEMI)

- ACEI, beta blocker, insulin
- Aspirin 100mg
- Clopidogrel 300 mg loading, 75mg od
- Heparin infusion

ESSENCE: No GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors were used and most patients did not undergo early catheterization SYNERGY showed increased bleeding with enoxaparin High-risk patients did not have an improved effect with LMWH

- Tirofiban infusion (high risk-group and DM)
- PCI with DES
- High-dose statin, exercise, diet