### Discharging Low Risk PE Management Strategies 2017

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Key Program Components Outpatient Treatment PE

- Appropriate patient selection
- Appropriate anticoagulant selection
- Patient education
- Medication procurement
- Well defined outpatient follow-up plan
- Staff knowledgeable in the process

#### National Trends in Home Treatment of Acute Pulmonary Embolism

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- 54,494 / 915,702 Stable PE Patients seen ED
- Highest Group Rx to Home Age < 30 yrs. 12.1%
- Lowest Group Rx to Home Age > 80 yrs. 2.9%
- 66.8% had No Comorbid Conditions

**Conclusion: Younger Patients might be group for home treatment** 

Nationwide Emergency Department Sample (NEDS) National Inpatient Sample (NIS) Healthcare Cost Utilization Project (HCUP) Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

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#### European Society of Cardiology Guideline Dx & Rx Acute PE

|                               |                     | Risk Markers      | Detential         |   |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| PE-Related<br>Early Mortality | Clinical<br>(Shock) | RV<br>Dysfunction | Cardiac<br>Injury | Treatment<br>Implications               |
| High (>15%)<br>Nonhigh        | +                   | +                 | +                 | Thrombolysis                            |
| Intermediate                  | _                   | +                 | +                 | Admission                               |
|                               |                     | +                 | _                 |   |
|                               |                     | _                 | +                 |   |
| Low                           | _                   | _                 | _                 | Early discharge<br>or home<br>treatment |

### Outpatient Rx PE LMWH Management

| Author   | No Pts | Intervention          | Outcomes                               |
|----------|--------|-----------------------|--|
| Kovacs   | 81     | Dalteparin            | Recurrent VTE: 6.2%<br>Major Bld: 1.2% |
| Beer     | 43     | Nadroparin            | Recurrent VTE: 2.3%<br>Major Bld: 0%   |
| Wells    | 90     | Dalteparin/Tinzaparin | Recurrent VTE: 2.2%<br>Major Bld: 0%   |
| Siragusa | 32     | LMWH                  | Recurrent VTE: 5.6%<br>Major Bld: 2.8% |
| Olsson   | 100    | Tinzaparin            | Recurrent VTE: 0%<br>Major Bld: 0%     |
| Davies   | 156    | Tinzaparin            | Recurrent VTE: 0%<br>Major Bld: 0%     |

#### Outpatient versus inpatient treatment for patients with acute pulmonary embolism: an international, open-label, randomised, non-inferiority trial

Drahomir Aujesky, Pierre-Marie Roy, Franck Verschuren, Marc Righini, Joseph Osterwalder, Michael Egloff, Bertrand Renaud, Peter Verhamme, Roslyn A Stone, Catherine Legall, Olivier Sanchez, Nathan A Pugh, Alfred N'gako, Jacques Cornuz, Olivier Hugli, Hans-Jürg Beer, Arnaud Perrier, Michael J Fine, Donald M Yealy

Enoxaparin 1mg/kg/Q12hrs bridge to warfarin Outpatient Treatment Group: 171 patients Inpatient Treatment Group: 168 patients

| PE severity index risk class |           |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| - I                          | 117 (68%) | 109 (65%) |
| II                           | 54 (32%)  | 59 (35%)  |

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|   | Outpatient group | Inpatient group | Difference in<br>percentages<br>(% <sub>outpatient</sub> -% <sub>inpatient</sub> ) | Upper 95% CL for<br>difference | p value* |
|---|------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|----------|
| Primary analysis outcomes within 90 days† |                  |                 |  |                                |          |
| Recurrent VTE                             | 1(0.6%)‡         | 0               | 0-6%   | 2.7%                           | 0.011    |
| Major bleeding                            | 3 (1.8%)         | 0               | 1.8%   | 4·5%                           | 0.086    |
| Intramuscular                             | 2 (1·2%)         | 0               | 1.2%   | 3.6%                           | 0.031    |
| Menometrorrhagia                          | 1(0.6%)          | 0               | 0-6%   | 2.7%                           | 0.011    |
| Overall mortality                         | 1(0.6%)§         | 1(0·6%)¶        | 0%   | 2.1%                           | 0.005    |
| Primary analysis outcomes within 14 days† |                  |                 |  |                                |          |
| Recurrent VTE                             | 0                | 0               | 0%   | 1.7%                           | 0.003    |
| Major bleeding                            | 2 (1·2%)         | 0               | 1.2%   | 3.6%                           | 0.031    |
| Intramuscular                             | 2 (1.2%)         | 0               | 1.2%   | 3.6%                           | 0.031    |
| Menometrorrhagia                          | 0                | 0               | 0%   | 1.7%                           | 0.003    |
| Overall mortality                         | 0                | 0               | 0%   | 1.7%                           | 0.003    |

| Localisation of PE‡ | Outpatient | Inpatient |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|
| Central             | 24 (14%)   | 16 (10%)  |
| Lobar               | 60 (35%)   | 66 (39%)  |
| Segmental           | 110 (64%)  | 100 (60%) |
| Subsegmental        | 52 (30%)   | 44 (26%)  |
| Unspecified         | 29 (17%)   | 26 (15%)  |

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#### **Pulmonary Embolism Severity Index**

|                                      | Points assigned |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Age                                  | +1 per year     |
| Male sex                             | +10             |
| Cancer*                              | +30             |
| Heart failure                        | +10             |
| Chronic lung disease                 | +10             |
| Pulse ≥110 beats per min             | +20             |
| Systolic blood pressure <100 mm Hg   | +30             |
| Respiratory rate ≥30 breaths per min | +20             |
| Temperature <36°C                    | +20             |
| Altered mental status†               | +60             |
| Arterial oxygen saturation <90%‡     | +20             |

Overall point score for a patient is obtained by summing the patient's age in years with the points for every applicable predictor. A score of <66 is risk class I, 66–85 is risk class II, 86–105 is risk class III, 106–125 is risk class IV, and >125 is risk class V. \*History of cancer or active cancer. †Disorientation, lethargy, stupor, or coma. ‡With or without the administration of supplemental oxygen.

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## Ambulatory management of pulmonary embolism: a pragmatic evaluation

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> Treatment LMWH or UFH Bridge to Warfarin Outpatient Treatment: 314 pts. a. 3/314 (0.95%) recurrent PE b. 3/314 (0.95% major bleeding [day 39, 40, 52] c. 9/314 (2.9%) deaths secondary to Cancer first 7 days

> > Kovacs M, et al J Thromb Haemost 2010;8:2406

#### Safety of outpatient treatment in acute pulmonary embolism

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LMWH Bridge to Warfarin Outpatients Treatment: 260 pts Inpatient Treatment: 213 pts

Exclusion Criteria 1. BP < 100 mmHg 2. O2 Sat < 92% do not require O2 3. High Bleeding risk 4. Renal Failure 5. Other Co-Morbidities requiring hospitalization: Severe Caner, HF COPD, CAD, Stroke

### Safety Outpt Rx PE

| Follow Up     | Outpatient | Inpatient | P Value |
|---------------|------------|-----------|---------|
| 14 Days       |            |           |         |
| PE mortality  | 0 (0%)     | 5 (2.3%)  | 0.018   |
| Recurrent VTE | 1(0.4%)    | 4 (1.9%)  | 0.018   |
| Major Bld     | 0 (0%)     | 13 (6.1%) | 0       |
| Readmission   | 4 (1.5%)   | 4 (1.9%)  | 1       |
| 3 Months      |            |           |         |
| PE mortality  | 0 (0%)     | 5 (2.3%)  | 0.018   |
| Recurrent VTE | 10 (3.8%)  | 10 (4.7%) | 0.654   |
| Major Bld     | 4 (1.5%)   | 17 (8.0%) | 0.001   |
| Readmission   | 6 (2.3%)   | 11 (5.2%) | 0.135   |

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### **Hestia vs PESI**

| Hestia criteria   | Simplified Pulmonary Embolism Severity Index                         |
|---|--|
| Haemodynamically instable?*   | Age > 80 years?  |
| Thrombolysis or embolectomy necessary?  | Cardiopulmonary co-morbidity?  |
| High risk for bleeding?**   | History of cancer?   |
| Oxygen supply to maintain oxygen saturation >90%>24 h?                                | Arterial oxyhaemoglobin saturation level <90%?                       |
| Pulmonary embolism diagnosed during anticoagulant treatment?                          | Systolic blood pressure <100 mmHg?                                   |
| Intravenous pain medication >24 h?  | Pulse frequency $\geq$ 110 beats/min?                                |
| Medical or social reason for treatment in the hospital >24 h?                         |  |
| Creatinine clearance of less than 30 ml/min?***                                       |  |
| Severe liver impairment****   |  |
| Pregnant?   |  |
| Documented history of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia?                               |  |
| If one of the questions is answered with YES, the patient can not be treated at home. | If one of the items is present the patient is regarded as high risk. |

\* Systolic BP < 100 mmHg, HR > 100/min, needs ICU \*\* GI bleeding < 14 days, stroke < 4 wks, surgery < 2 wks, bleeding disorder, Thrombocytopenia < 75K, BP systolic > 180 mm Hg, diastolic > 110 mm Hg \*\*\* Calculated CrCl, left to discretion physician

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|                                    | Hestia criteria | sPESI        |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                                    | % (95% Cl)      | % (95% CI)   |
| Proportion identified as low risk  | 53 (48–58)      | 59 (54–64)   |
| Proportion identified as high risk | 47 (42–51)      | 41 (36–45)   |
| 30-day all cause mortality         |                 |              |
| Sensitivity                        | 82 (48–97)      | 91 (57–100)  |
| Specificity                        | 57 (52–61)      | 60 (56–65)   |
| Negative predictive value          | 99 (97–100)     | 100 (98–100) |
| Positive predictive value          | 4 (2–8)         | 5 (3–10)     |
| 30-day adverse events*             |                 |              |
| Sensitivity                        | 74 (43–52)      | 74 (51–89)   |
| Specificity                        | 54 (49–58)      | 60 (56–65)   |
| Negative predictive value          | 98 (95–99)      | 98 (95–99)   |
| Positive predictive value          | 8 (5–12)        | 9 (5–14)     |

\*All-cause mortality, recurrent venous thromboembolism and major bleeding.

Both selected > 50% patients as Low Risk with good sensitivity And negative predictive values for 30 day mortality

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#### Patient Outcomes 14 Days & 3 Months

|   | Overall matched cohort |             |         | Class I–II |             |          | Class III–IV |             |          |
|---|------------------------|-------------|---------|------------|-------------|----------|--------------|-------------|----------|
|   | Inpatients             | Outpatients |         | Inpatients | Outpatients |          | Inpatients   | Outpatients |          |
|   | <i>N</i> = 576         | N = 505     |         | N = 175    | N = 309     |          | N = 401      | N = 196     |          |
|   | % of paties            | nts         | P value | % of patie | nts         | P value* | % of patie   | nts         | P value* |
| Combined events (14 days)                       | 13.0                   | 3.3         | 0.011   | 5.1        | 0.0         | 0.005    | 16.5         | 4.5         | 0.017    |
| Recurrent VTE                                   | 1.7                    | 0.6         | 0.135   | 0.6        | 0.0         | 0.351    | 2.2          | 0.8         | 0.161    |
| Recurrent VTE including<br>deaths related to PE | 9.2                    | 2.0         | 0.026   | 2.9        | 0.0         | 0.037    | 12.0         | 2.8         | 0.030    |
| Major bleeding                                  | 3.8                    | 0.0         | < 0.001 | 2.3        | 0.0         | 0.062    | 4.5          | 0.0         | < 0.001  |
| Mortality all causes                            | 8.2                    | 2.8         | 0.104   | 2.3        | 0.0         | 0.062    | 10.7         | 3.8         | 0.114    |
| Combined events (3 months)                      | 21.7                   | 6.9         | 0.001   | 8.6        | 1.7         | 0.002    | 27.5         | 8.7         | 0.001    |
| Recurrent VTE                                   | 4.7                    | 3.6         | 0.586   | 1.8        | 1.3         | 0.733    | 6.3          | 4.5         | 0.557    |
| Recurrent VTE including<br>deaths related to PE | 15.7                   | 4.8         | 0.004   | 4.6        | 1.3         | 0.068    | 20.5         | 6.1         | 0.005    |
| Major bleeding                                  | 5.9                    | 0.7         | < 0.001 | 4.1        | 0.2         | < 0.001  | 6.9          | 0.9         | 0.002    |
| Mortality all causes                            | 16.3                   | 3.2         | 0.005   | 2.9        | 0.1         | < 0.001  | 22.8         | 4.4         | 0.004    |

#### Home Treatment of Pulmonary Embolism in the Era of Novel Oral Anticoagulants



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119 D/C < 2 days 76 Pts Rx LMWH + VKA 34 Pts Rx DOAC 9 Pts No Px

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Key Program Components Outpatient Treatment PE

- Select Scoring System to Risk Stratify Pts
- Appropriate anticoagulant selection
- Patient education
- Medication procurement
- Well defined outpatient follow-up plan
- Staff knowledgeable in the process
- Monitor Monitor Monitor the process

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### **Case Management**

- Acquisition of Anticoagulant Medication
  - Insured Patient
    - Health Insurance Pharmacy Benefit
    - Co-Payment
    - Patient's Pharmacy
  - Uninsured Patient
    - Hospital provides anticoagulant
- Pharma Company Support Programs
- Schedule Follow up appointment with PCP

## **Nursing & Pharmacy**

- Standardized Education Materials for patient and family
- Use "Teach Back Method"
- Education provided by Nursing or Pharmacist

### **Physician Communication**

- Contact Primary Care Physician
- Discharge Summary to PCP
- Discharge Instructions for Patient

### **Patient Follow Up**

- Phone Call in 24 hours
- Phone Call in 7 days

#### **Pulmonary Embolism Severity Index**

|                                       | Score       |                   |  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|--|
| Variable                              | PESI        | sPESI             |  |
| Age (years)                           | Age (years) | Age ≥80 years = 1 |  |
| Male sex                              | +10         |                   |  |
| History of cancer                     | +30         | 1                 |  |
| History of heart failure*             | +10         | 1*                |  |
| History of chronic lung<br>disease*   | +10         | 1*                |  |
| Pulse $\geq$ 110 beats/min            | +20         | 1                 |  |
| Systolic blood pressure<br><100 mm Hg | +30         | 1                 |  |
| Respiratory rate ≥30 breaths/<br>min  | +20         |                   |  |
| Temperature <36°C                     | +20         |                   |  |
| Altered mental status                 | +60         |                   |  |
| Oxygenation saturation <90%           | +20         | 1                 |  |
| PESI score                            |             |                   |  |
| Score                                 | Class       | 30-day mortality  |  |
| <65                                   | 1           | 0-1.6%            |  |
| 66-85                                 | II          | 1.7-3.5%          |  |
| 86–105                                | 111         | 3.2-7.1%          |  |
| 106–125                               | IV          | 4.0-11.4%         |  |
| >125                                  | V           | 10.0-24.5%        |  |

### **HESTIA Criteria**

- 1. Hemodynamically unstable?
- 2. Thrombolysis or embolectomy necessary?
- 3. Active bleeding or high risk of bleeding?
- Oxygen supply to maintain oxygen > 90% > 24 h?
- 5. Pulmonary embolism diagnosed during anticoagulant treatment?
- 6. Intravenous pain medication >24 h?
- 7. Medical or social reason for treatment in hospital >24 h?
- 8. Creatinine clearance <30 mL/min?
- 9. Severe liver impairment?
- 10. Pregnant?
- 11. Documented history of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia?

If any of the above are answered "yes," the patient should NOT be treated as outpatient. An answer of "no" to all of the above meets criteria for outpatient therapy. Predictor Age >70 years History of any of the following: cancer, heart failure, chronic lung disease, chronic renal disease, and cerebrovascular disease Pulse ≥110 beats/min Systolic blood pressure <100 mm Hg Altered mental status Arterial oxygen saturation <90%

The absence of all the above factors defines patients who are at low risk for pulmonary embolism short-term mortality and adverse medical outcomes.

#### **PE Patients Treated At Home**



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|             | Stable PE<br>(n)     | Home Treatment<br>(n) | Home Treatment<br>(%) |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Year        |                      |                       |                       |
| 2007        | 130 896              | 5099                  | 3.9                   |
| 2008        | 138 174              | 6328                  | 4.6                   |
| 2009        | 148 716              | 8306                  | 5.6                   |
| 2010        | 158 011              | 7567                  | 4.8                   |
| 2011        | 171 654              | 15 978                | 9.3                   |
| 2012        | 168 250              | 11 215                | 6.7                   |
| All years   | 915 702              | 54 494                | 6.0                   |
| Gender      |                      |                       |                       |
| Male        | 420 956              | 24 274                | 5.8                   |
| Female      | 494 677              | 30 201                | 6.1                   |
| All         | 915 633 <sup>6</sup> | 54 475                | 5.9                   |
| patients    |                      |                       |                       |
| Age (years) |                      |                       |                       |
| 18-20       | 6617                 | 799                   | 12.1                  |
| 21-30       | 44 115               | 5334                  | 12.1                  |
| 31-40       | 74 666               | 7574                  | 10.1                  |
| 41-50       | 128 851              | 10 014                | 7.8                   |
| 51-60       | 157 937              | 9842                  | 6.2                   |
| 61-70       | 176 956              | 8823                  | 5.0                   |
| 71-80       | 174 837              | 7754                  | 4.4                   |
| >80         | 151 722              | 4354                  | 2.9                   |
| All ages    | 915 702              | 54 494                | 6.0                   |

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## Comparison of two methods for selection of out of hospital treatment in patients with acute pulmonary embolism

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Prospective studies of outpatient treatment for pulmonary embolism.

| Study               | No of<br>patients | Exclusion criteria for outpatient care   | Intervention   | Outcomes<br>at 3–13 months   |
|---------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Kovacs 2000 [43]    | 81                | Active bleeding or high bleeding risk, low compliance, renal failure,<br>haemodynamic instability, requirement of oxygen, severe pain requiring<br>parenteral narcotics, or hospitalisation necessary for other reasons  | Dalteparin 200 IU/kg sc<br>once daily  | VTE recurrence: 6.2%<br>Major bleeding: 1.2%<br>Overall mortality: 4.9%  |
| Beer 2003 [44]      | 43                | Geneva Prognostic Score >2, contraindication to anticoagulants,<br>drug addiction, non-compliance, psychiatric conditions, body<br>weight >110/kg, renal failure, thrombocytopenia, concomitant<br>thrombolysis, prior treatment with oral anticoagulants, or patients<br>presenting on weekends | Nadroparin 171 IU/kg sc<br>once daily  | VTE recurrence: 2.3%<br>Major bleeding: 0%<br>Overall mortality: 0%      |
| Wells 2005 [45]     | 90                | Active bleeding or high bleeding risk, no fixed address, history<br>of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia, renal failure, arterial<br>hypotension, hypoxaemia, severe pain requiring intravenous analgesia,<br>or hospitalisation necessary for other reasons                                      | Dalteparin 200 IU/kg<br>or Tinzaparin 175 U/kg sc<br>once daily                  | VTE recurrence: 2.2%<br>Major bleeding: 0%<br>Overall mortality: 3.3%    |
| Siragusa 2005* [46] | 32                | Poor clinical condition, other illness requiring hospitalisation,<br>poor compliance, active bleeding or high bleeding risk, renal failure,<br>acute anaemia, or pain requiring parenteral narcotics   | Unspecified low-molecular-<br>weight heparin sc once or<br>twice daily.          | VTE recurrence: 5.6%<br>Major bleeding: 2.8%<br>Overall mortality: 30.6% |
| Olsson 2006 [16]    | 100               | Extensive PE based on lung scintigraphy or other reasons necessitating hospitalisation (e.g., intensive pain, status post surgery, active bleeding)  | Tinzaparin 175 U/kg sc<br>once daily in a patient hotel<br>close to the hospital | VTE recurrence: 0%<br>Major bleeding: 0%<br>Overall mortality: 0%        |
| Davies 2007 [47]    | 156               | Admission necessary for other medical reason, additional monitoring<br>required, history of prior PE, concomitant major DVI, bleeding<br>disorders or active bleeding, poor compliance, or patient preference  | Tinzaparin 175 U/kg sc<br>once daily   | VTE recurrence: 0%<br>Major bleeding: 0%<br>Overall mortality: 0%        |



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## Safety Outpt Rx PE

| Outpatient treatment $(n = 260)$ | Inpatient treatment  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
|                                  | (n = 213)  |  |  |
| n (%; 95% CI)                    | n (%; 95% CI)  | P-value  |  |
|                                  |  |  |  |
| 1 (0.4%; 0.0–2.1)*               | 27 (12.7%; 8.5–17.9) <sup>†</sup>  | 0.000  |  |
| 0 (0%; 0–1.4)                    | 5 (2.3%; 0.8–5.4)  | 0.018  |  |
| 1 (0.4%; 0.0–2.1)                | 4 (1.9%; 0.5-4.7)  | 0.180  |  |
| 0 (0%; 0.0–1.4)                  | 13 (6.1%; 3.3–10.2)  | 0.000  |  |
| 4 (1.5%; 0.4–3.9)                | 4 (1.9%; 0.5-4.7)  | 1.000  |  |
|                                  |  |  |  |
| 13 (5%; 2.7–8.4) <sup>§</sup>    | 57 (26.7%; 20.9–33.2) <sup>¶</sup>   | 0.000  |  |
| 0 (0%; 0–1.4)                    | 5 (2.3%; 0.8–5.4)  | 0.018  |  |
| 10 (3.8%; 1.9–7.0)               | 10 (4.7%; 2.3-8.5)   | 0.654  |  |
| 4 (1.5%; 0.4–3.9)                | 17 (8.0%; 4.7–12.5)  | 0.001  |  |
| 6 (2.3%; 0.9–5.0)                | 11 (5.2%; 2.6–9.1)**   | 0.135  |  |
|                                  | Outpatient treatment<br>(n = 260)<br>n (%; 95%  CI)<br>1 $(0.4\%; 0.0-2.1)^*$<br>0 $(0\%; 0-1.4)$<br>1 $(0.4\%; 0.0-2.1)$<br>0 $(0\%; 0.0-1.4)$<br>4 $(1.5\%; 0.4-3.9)$<br>13 $(5\%; 2.7-8.4)^{\$}$<br>0 $(0\%; 0-1.4)$<br>10 $(3.8\%; 1.9-7.0)$<br>4 $(1.5\%; 0.4-3.9)$<br>6 $(2.3\%; 0.9-5.0)$ | Outpatient treatment<br>$(n = 260)$<br>$n (\%; 95\%$ CI)Inpatient treatment<br>$(n = 213)$<br>$n (\%; 95\%$ CI)1 $(0.4\%; 0.0-2.1)^*$<br>$0 (0\%; 0-1.4)$ 27 $(12.7\%; 8.5-17.9)^{\dagger}$<br>$5 (2.3\%; 0.8-5.4)$<br>$1 (0.4\%; 0.0-2.1)0 (0\%; 0.0-1.4)1 (0.4\%; 0.0-2.1)0 (0\%; 0.0-1.4)4 (1.9\%; 0.5-4.7)13 (6.1\%; 3.3-10.2)4 (1.9\%; 0.5-4.7)13 (5\%; 2.7-8.4)^{\$}57 (26.7\%; 20.9-33.2)^{\P}0 (0\%; 0-1.4)13 (5\%; 2.7-8.4)^{\$}57 (26.7\%; 20.9-33.2)^{\P}10 (3.8\%; 1.9-7.0)10 (4.7\%; 2.3-8.5)4 (1.5\%; 0.4-3.9)10 (4.7\%; 2.3-8.5)17 (8.0\%; 4.7-12.5)6 (2.3\%; 0.9-5.0)$ |  |

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# Fifty per cent of patients with pulmonary embolism can be treated as outpatients

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