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What Size of Study is Required to Impact Guidelines

AF-Screen International Collaboration Meeting

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Screening population



Screening for AF

Study Design Outcome Study



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AF Prevalence



- Systematic
- Defined subgroups
- Opportunistic

Wilke T, Europace 11



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Background Stroke Risk





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AF Detection Rate



- Duration
- Intensity
- Quality



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Stroke Risk Reduction by Treatment



Response to treatment

Martinez C, Thromb Haemost. 14



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Sample Size Calculations Assumptions

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10%?? (Svennberg E, Circ 15)

3% new AF, 5.1% untreated AF - 80% detection rate (Svennberg E, Circ 15)

1000 per 100000 total, so<0.01 (Feigin VL, Neuroepi 15)

Median CHA₂DS₂-VASc score 3 - 4.7% annual stroke risk, (Svennberg E, Circ 15, Schnabel R 16)

70-75% risk reduction – 1.41 (Martinez C,Thromb Haemost. 14)



Flow Chart Weight of Different Factors

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Sample Size Calculations

Assumptions

1.4% undiagnosed AF (Lowres N, Thromb Haemost 13, 14)

1,000 per 100,000 total, so<0.01 (Feigin VL, Neuroepi 15)

Median CHA₂DS₂-VASc score 3 - 4.7% annual stroke risk, (Svennberg E, Circ 15, Schnabel 16)

70-75% risk reduction – 1.41 (Martinez C, Thromb Haemost 14)



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Sample Size Calculations Universitäres Herzzentrum **Cluster Randomization by Practice**

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- 1000 people aged >65 per practice
- 37 practices in intermittent screening
- 400 practices in single-time point screening
- Slightly higher numbers (cluster randomization, OAC not 100%)
- Countries with central stroke/mortality outcome data



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- Community screening vs. high risk individuals
- Sensitivity of screening approach
- OAC Uptake (50-93%)
- Across countries
 - Numbers
 - Generalizability
- Undertreated and undiagnosed/SCAF combined
- Heterogeneity of AF prevalence and stroke risk across different racial/ethnic groups
- Heterogeneity of healthcare systems



Figure: Consensus document