



Pharmacy Grand Rounds

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A Change of Heart: Rethinking Long-term Antithrombotic Therapy in Chronic Coronary Artery Disease

Session Date: 04/21/2026

Session Time: 11:00 – 11:45 AM (CST)

Target Audience

This continuing education (CE) session was planned to meet the needs of professional staff who deal with the selection and monitoring of medication(s) as part of their patient care duties, including pharmacists, RNs, APRNs, PAs, MDs.

Activity Overview

The current American Heart Association guideline recommendations suggest in patients with chronic coronary artery disease, aspirin monotherapy is recommended as the antiplatelet agent of choice for long-term antithrombotic therapy. In patients with a concurrent indication for long-term anticoagulation, combination therapy with an oral anticoagulant and an antiplatelet agent has historically been the standard approach. However, recent randomized controlled trials suggest that clopidogrel may be an alternative to aspirin in patients without an indication for anticoagulation, while in those with an indication for anticoagulation, anticoagulant monotherapy may provide similar ischemic protection with reduced bleeding risk compared to combination therapy. This evolving evidence adds complexity to clinical decision-making, particularly when balancing thrombotic and bleeding risks across diverse patient populations. This presentation will review key trials evaluating long-term antithrombotic strategies in chronic coronary artery disease and discuss how these approaches are being incorporated into clinical practice based on individual patient characteristics.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this knowledge-based CE session, participants should be able to:

1. Review guideline recommendations for long-term antithrombotic therapy in patients with chronic coronary artery disease (CAD).
2. Describe current literature evaluating antithrombotic strategies in chronic CAD with and without anticoagulation indications.
3. Determine appropriate long-term antithrombotic therapy for patients with chronic CAD .

Faculty Information

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