

Endoscopy in patients on antiplatelet or anticoagulant therapy: British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) and European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) guideline update

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The British Society of Gastroenterology and European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy updated their 2016 guideline on endoscopy in patients on antiplatelet or anticoagulant therapy using GRADE methodology.

KEY POINTS

- Evidence-based revisions were made to risk categories for endoscopic procedures and thrombosis risk, including more detailed risk analysis for atrial fibrillation
- Recommendations for direct oral anticoagulants were strengthened based on trial data published since the previous guideline version
- A new section addresses management of patients presenting with acute gastrointestinal haemorrhage
- Recommendations balance thrombosis risk against haemorrhage risk in given clinical situations
- The guideline development included representatives from haematology and cardiovascular societies, patient representatives from anticoagulation charities, and gastroenterologists

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