

Take Home Message

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Classes of recommendations

Classes of recommendations	Definition	Suggested wording to use
Class I	Evidence and/or general agreement that a given treatment or procedure is beneficial	Is recommended/ is indicated
Class II		
Class IIa		
Class IIb		
Class III		

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DES in STEMI

Procedural aspects of the primary percutaneous coronary intervention strategy

Recommendations	Class	Level
IRA strategy		
Primary PCI of the IRA is indicated.	I	A
New coronary angiography with PCI if indicated is recommended in patients with symptoms or signs of recurrent or remaining ischaemia after primary PCI.	I	C
IRA technique		
Stenting is recommended (over balloon angioplasty) for primary PCI.	I	A
Stenting with new-generation DES is recommended over BMS for primary PCI.	I	A
Radial access is recommended over femoral access if performed by an experienced radial operator.	I	A

DES in Non-STEMI

Class 1, level C

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What about BAS

	No of patients enrolled	Location of the study	Devices	Results
TITAX-AMI	425 (1:1)	Finland	Titan vs. Taxus	MACE (12) * NS MACE (5 years) * BAS superior
BASE-ACS	827 (1:1)	Europe	Titan vs. Xience-V	MACE (12,36,60) * BAS non-inferior
TIDES-ACS	1491 (2:1)	Europe	Optimax vs. Synergy	MACE (12) * BAS non-inferior Co-primary EP (18) * BAS superior

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Optimax-BAS should be in the Guidelines with Class 1 and Level A recommendation in MI patients