6.2.2. Combined Oral Anticoagulant Therapy and Antiplatelet Therapy in Patients With NSTE-ACS

Class I

- 1. The duration of triple antithrombotic therapy with a vitamin K antagonist, aspirin, and a $P2Y_{12}$ receptor inhibitor in patients with NSTE-ACS should be minimized to the extent possible to limit the risk of bleeding. (Level of Evidence: C)
- 2. Proton pump inhibitors should be prescribed in patients with NSTE-ACS with a history of gastroin-

testinal bleeding who require triple antithrombotic therapy with a vitamin K antagonist, aspirin, and a P2Y₁₂ receptor inhibitor.^{26,430,431} (*Level of Evidence: C*)

Class IIa

1. Proton pump inhibitor use is reasonable in patients with NSTE-ACS without a known history of gastro-intestinal bleeding who require triple antithrombotic therapy with a vitamin K antagonist, aspirin, and a P2Y₁₂ receptor inhibitor.^{26,430,431} (Level of Evidence: C)

Class IIb

1. Targeting oral anticoagulant therapy to a lower international normalized ratio (INR) (eg, 2.0 to 2.5) may be reasonable in patients with NSTE-ACS managed with aspirin and a $P2Y_{12}$ inhibitor. (Level of Evidence: C)