

~~IN~~-After CLASS CHALLENGE

	No treatment	UH	LMWH
Risk of PE	10%	1%	1%
Risk of major bleeding	0%	4%	2%
Treatment costs	\$0	\$500	\$1,000
Costs of PE	\$10,000		
Costs of major bleeding	\$15,000		
Mortality of PE	20%		
Mortality of major bleeding	15%		

PE = pulmonary embolism

MB = major bleed

UH = unfractionated heparin (aka standard heparin)

LMWH = low molecular weight heparin

1) Calculate the one-year costs for each of the three strategies

Costs	No treatment	UH	LMWH
Treatment	0	500	1000
Risk of PE * costs of PE	$0.1 * 10,000 = 1,000$	$0.01 * 10,000 = 100$	$0.01 * 10,000 = 100$
Risk of MB * costs of MB	0	$0.04 * 15,000 = 600$	$0.02 * 15,000 = 300$
Total	1,000	1,200	1,400

2) Calculate the risk of death for each strategy

Mortality	No tx	UH	LMWH
Risk of PE * mortality of PE	$0.1 * 0.2 = 0.02$	$0.01 * 0.2 = 0.002$	$0.01 * 0.2 = 0.002$
Risk of MB * Mortality of MB	0	$0.04 * 0.15 = 0.006$	$0.02 * 0.15 = 0.003$
Total	0.02	0.008	0.005

3) Calculate how much extra costs is required to avoid one death for

- a) UH v. no treatment: $(1200 - 1000) / (0.02 - 0.008) = \$16,667$
- b) LMWH v no treatment: $(1400 - 1000) / (0.02 - 0.005) = \$26,667$
- c) LMWH v. UH: $(1400 - 1200) / (0.008 - 0.005) = \$66,667$