

## **Progress in the Application of Preoperative Cardiac Risk Assessment in Patients with Non-Cardiac Surgery**

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**Abstract:** Collecting relevant literature in recent five years by means of literature review, To review the application of preoperative cardiac risk assessment in non - cardiac surgery patients. Extract the key parts of each assessment method, And to provide reference for anesthesiologists to do the preoperative cardiac risk assessment more conveniently and quickly.

### **1. Introduction**

With the aging of China's population and the change of living environment, The number of patients requiring non-cardiac surgery is increasing, And the number is increasing year by year, Not like heart surgery, Non-cardiac surgery doesn't monitor heart function directly, There is no timely support for cardiopulmonary bypass too, This is a greater potential risk for patients with cardiovascular disease. And that easy to induce cardiovascular complications[1]. Cardiovascular complications mainly refer to the major adverse events occurring in perioperative period (major adverse cardiac event, MACE), Including perioperative new atrial fibrillation, heart failure and myocardial infarction, The time periods involved are mainly intraoperative and postoperative 30 days[2], In worldwide, About 200 million patients were undergoing major non-cardiac surgery each year, 30 percent of these had cardiovascular disease, The 30 days postoperative mortality was 0.5%-2% , that the main cause of death was MACE[3]. So accurate preoperative assessment is important for predicting surgical risk, Studies have shown that effective preoperative assessment reduces complications and mortality from anesthesia[4]. Accurate assessment of perioperative cardiovascular risk can better identify high-risk patients. The influence even determines the anesthesiologist's anesthesia management strategies and preparation of contingency plans. In this article, The purpose is to review the methods of preoperative cardiac risk assessment in patients with non-cardiac surgery .

### **2. Summary of Guidelines for the American Heart Society/American Heart Association (Acc/Aha): Cardiac Risk Classification for Non-Cardiac Surgery**

Guidelines stipulate that the high-risk surgery with major adverse cardiovascular events MACE is greater than 5% include aortic and major vascular Surgery, The moderate risk surgery that MACE is between 1%-5% include Carotid endarterectomy; Head and neck surgery; Intraperitoneal and intrathoracic surgery; Orthopaedic surgery; Prostate surgery. The low risk surgery that MACE is less than 1% include Outpatient surgery; Endoscopic surgery; Superficial surgery ; Cataract surgery ; Breast surgery. But, For patients with cardiovascular disease, the risk of MACE increased even with fewer risk factors[5].

### **3. Preoperative Cardiac Risk Assessment of the European Society of Cardiology (Esc)/European Institute of Anesthesia (Esa) : Assessment of Patient Functional Capacity**

The guide is often not used as a tool for individual cardiac risk assessment, It is a supplement to perioperative risk assessment of cardiovascular events, If the patient has a higher risk of MACE, we need to evaluate with FC, When  $FC \geq 4$  METs, Surgery is undergone without further evaluation. If the

patient's heart function is poor( $FC < 4$  METs) or unknown, we can carry out Drug or exercise load test. Based on the trial results, we should consider coronary angiography and revascularization[6].

#### 4. Goldman Index

The model weighted 9 independent predictors of perioperative cardiovascular events, According to the total score, The mode could be divided into I ~ IV 4 grades, In level III and IV, the surgery risk is high, In level IV, the patients can only do first aid surgery, The incidence of PCE from grade I 0 to 5 points was 0.7% , Cardiogenic mortality was 0.2% , The incidence of PCE from grade II 6 to 12 points was 5% , Cardiogenic mortality was 2% , The level III was 13-25 points, The incidence of PCE was 11% , Cardiogenic mortality was 2% , When the level IV score  $\geq 25$  points , The incidence of PCE was 22% , Cardiogenic mortality was 56% , Its suitable for getting rid of high-risk population[7].

#### 5. Detsky Index

The model mainly includes 8 major projects: Arteria coronaria disease; Pneumonema; Valvular heart disease; Arrhythmia; More than 5 ventricular premature contractions; Poor physique; Age  $> 70$  ; Emergency operation. The main end events were Myocardial infarction, Pneumonema, Cardiac death. The model also classifies the risk of surgery according to the type of surgery, The incidence of PCE in vascular surgery and orthopedic surgery was 13.2% , The Intrathoracic and intraperitoneal surgery was 8.0% , The Head and neck surgery 2.6% , The incidence of PCE in transurethral and prostatectomy was 1.6% , In patients with a score of 0 to 5, the risk probability of PCE occurrence will be lower than the above probability, In patients with a score of more than 10, the risk probability of PCE occurrence would be higher than the above probability, If we need to get the specific PCE risk probability according to the Detsky index score, we can further use the likelihood ratio graph to make the assessment of PCE risk more intuitive[8].

#### 6. The Revised Cardiac Risk Index(Rcri)

The model has good predictive effect, It was widely used as a guide by multiple countries[9-11], It included 6 major PCE-related projects: Ischemic heart disease; Cerebrovascular disease; Congestive heart-failure; Treatment of diabetes with insulin; Serum creatinine levels  $> 177 \mu\text{mol/L}$  and High-risk surgery, Each item give 1 point, The model that monitored end events was Myocardial Infarction; Acute Left Ventricular Failure; Ventricular Fibrillation; Cardiac Arrest; Complete bundle branch block; When the total score was 0, 1, 2 and  $\geq 3$ , the incidence of PCE was 0.5%, 1.3%, 3.6% and 9.1% respectively[12]. However, RCRI is mainly applicable to the assessment of PCE risk in non-emergency surgery, But not suitable for emergency surgery[13].

#### 7. Brain Natriuretic Peptide(Bnp)

As an evaluation index of left ventricular systolic dysfunction, BNP can also predict the occurrence of MACE[14], ESC/ESA guidelines recommend BNP monitoring as a preoperative risk assessment for non-cardiac surgery patients, Studies have shown that BNP concentrations  $> 189 \text{pg/mL}$  were selected as cutoff points, When Choosing BNP concentration  $> 300 \text{pg/mL}$  as high-risk patients, 81% of high-risk patients had MACE, The incidence of MACE is 6% [15], BNP also predicts postoperative cardiovascular events, Patients with postoperative detection of BNP  $\geq 245 \text{pg/mL}$  had a significantly higher postoperative mortality rate of 30 days and the risk of non-fatal myocardial infarction and heart failure were higher too[16].

## 8. Other

In addition to the above methods for assessing the incidence of MACE, these methods can also be used to predict, For example: Troponin content; Hemoglobin content ; hematocrit; preoperative C-reactive protein levels ; presepsin levels; and so on. And using NSQIP surgical risk calculator, physiological status and surgical grading to assess mortality and morbidity scoring system, Preoperative score to predict postoperative mortality POSPOM, and Vascular Events In Non-cardiac Surgery Patients cohort Evaluation VISION, MICA risk calculator and other tools for risk assessment.

With the development of medicine, The MACE assessment of patients with non-cardiac surgery is becoming more and more perfect, Individual assessment methods need to be selected according to the patient's physical condition, However, the manner of anesthesia and the management of anesthesia during the operation will also affect the final outcome, Therefore, it is necessary to use effective monitoring methods to monitor circulatory function, finding out the change of hemodynamics in time, and dealing with it effectively, so as to avoid and prevent the further deterioration of the patient's condition, reducing the risk of perioperative cardiovascular complications and ensuring the safety and stability of the patient through the perioperative period.

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