Figure 6: Stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation

- Mechanical heart valves or moderate or severe mitral stenosis
  - YES
  - NO

Estimate stroke risk based on CHA₂DS₂-VASc score

- 0
  - OAC or antiplatelet agents not recommended
- 1
  - Consider OAC
- ≥2
  - OAC recommended

- Assess for contraindications
- Correct reversible bleeding factors
- Consider patient’s values and preferences

- Warfarin
- NOAC (preferred)
- LAA occluding devices may be considered for patients with clear contraindications to OAC

OAC oral anticoagulant
NOAC non-vitamin K oral anticoagulant
LAA left atrial appendage

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