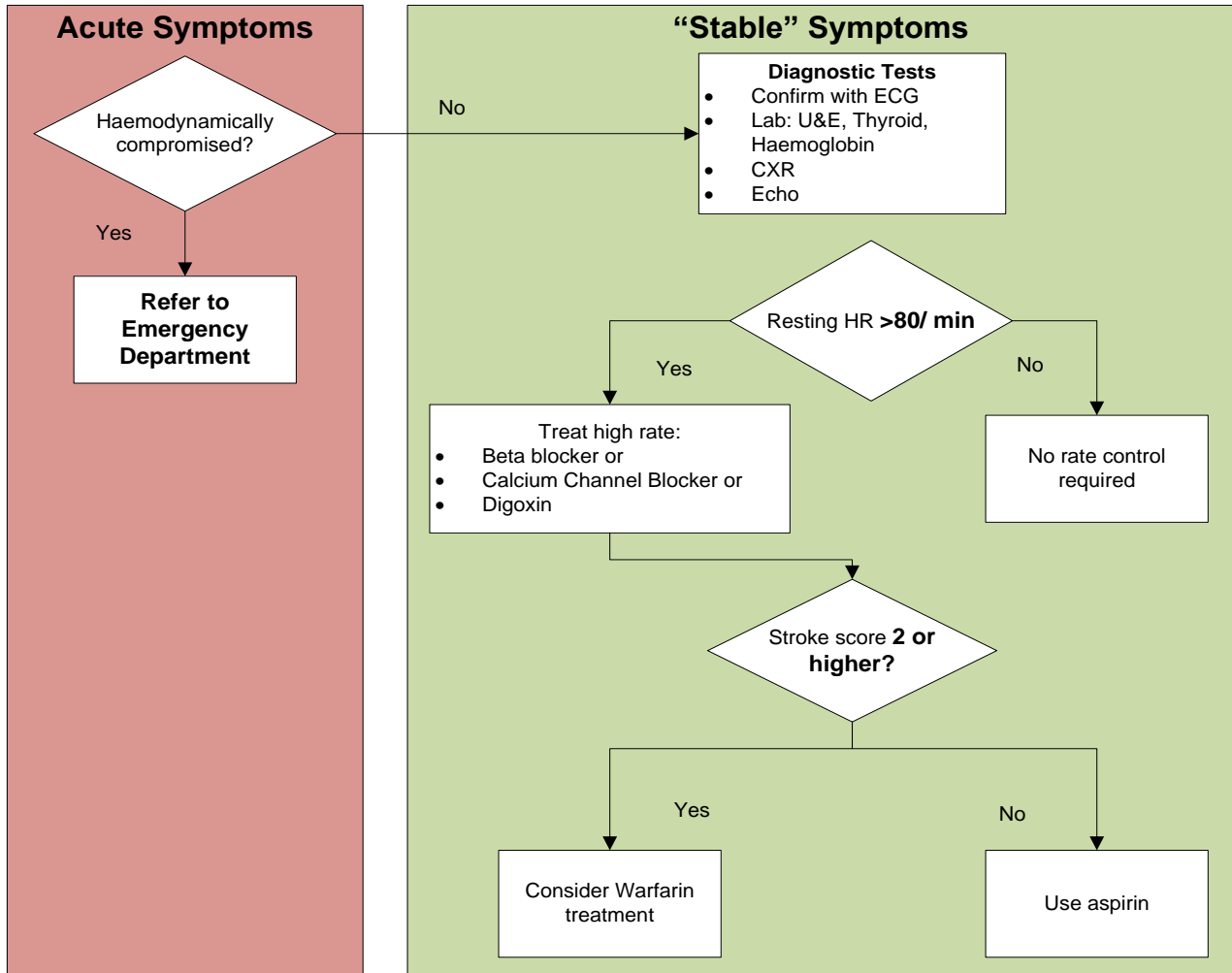


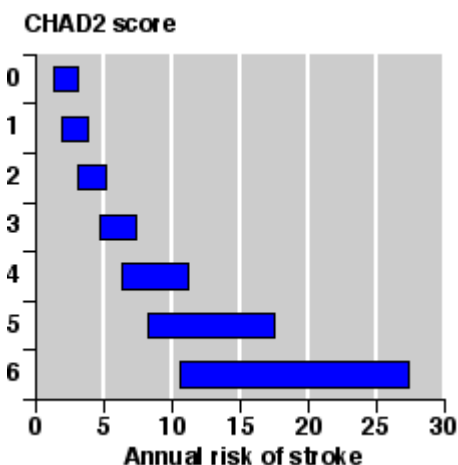
# Atrial Fibrillation



- Score for risk of stroke using CHADS<sub>2</sub> table, then treat based on score.

Condition	Score
CHF	1
Hypertension	1
Age >75 yrs	1
Diabetes	1
Prior Stroke or TIA	2

Total Score	Risk	Anti-coag therapy	Considerations
0 - 1	Low	Aspirin	75-150 mg/day
2 +	Moderate - High	Warfarin	Raise INR to 2.0-3.0, unless contraindicated (e.g., history of falls, clinically significant GI bleeding, inability to obtain regular INR screening)



- Warfarin relative stroke risk reduction = 66%, ASA relative risk reduction = 25%
- The difference becomes significant when annual stroke risk > 3% i.e. CHADS<sub>2</sub> Score >2

## Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation

- Haemodynamic symptoms – Refer for rhythm control therapy (cardioversion/ "pill in the pocket" Flecainide/ Sotalol/ Amiodarone/ AF ablation)
- No haemodynamic symptoms - rate control strategy as for chronic AF (BB, CCB, Digoxin)
- For stroke prophylaxis, the risk is THE SAME as for chronic AF i.e. ASA vs Warfarin depending on stroke risk profile