

Newer Anti-Clotting Medication Found to Be More Effective

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(PhysOrg.com) -- A large head-to-head study of two anti-clotting medications for heart patients has found that the investigational compound ticagrelor (Brilinta) was more effective at reducing cardiovascular death than the current standard of care, clopidogrel (Plavix), according to researchers at Duke University Medical Center.

The findings were released today at the European Society of Cardiology Congress and simultaneously published online in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Deaths, heart attacks and strokes occurred in significantly fewer patients taking ticagrelor compared to clopidogrel (9.8 percent versus 11.7 percent, P

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