

Class definitions

Class I (Strong): Benefit >>>Risk

Conditions for which treatment A should be chosen over treatment B

Class IIa (Moderate): Benefit >>Risk

Conditions for which it is reasonable to choose treatment A over treatment B

Class IIb (Weak): Benefit \geq Risk

Conditions for which it might be reasonable to choose treatment A over treatment B.

Recommendations for lead extraction apply only to those patients in whom the benefits of lead removal outweigh the risks when assessed based on individualized patient factors and operator-specific experience and outcomes.