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## Dvt management australian guidelines

Deep vein thrombosis (DVT) is a blood clot that forms in one of the body's deep veins, usually the legs. Deep vein thrombosis in the upper extremities and unusual areas, such as arearteric veins, account for less than 10% of DVT cases. If DVT is not treated, there is a risk of pulmonary embolism (PE). Pulmonary embolism (symptomatic or asymptomatic) occurs in about 50% of patients with proximal (subclavian and higher) DVT and approximately 5% of patients with distal DVT. (eTG - Treatment of deep vein thrombosis and TEL, accessed on December 3, 2013) Risk factors One most powerful risk factor is a previous history of DVT. This is observed in 25% of patients. Anything that slows blood flow through deep veins can cause DVT. Examples of immobility are: hospitalization (>3 days), serious surgery for the previous 4 weeks, hip or knee replacement surgery, hip or lower limb fractures, serious trauma, spinal cord injury, long-haul flights or car travel (>8 hours), obesity and advancing age. Medical conditions that are prone to blood clots include: Pregnancy after partum Cancer and other medical conditions - SLE, Crohn's, Rheumatoid arthritis, Glomerulonephritis, Sepsis Identified or acquired blood clotting disorders - Factor V Leiden, Prothrombin gene mutations, Protein C deficiency, C or Antithrombin III, Antiphospholipid antibodies Medications that are prone to thrombosis include: Oral contraceptive pill/Replacement hormonal Symptoms Subtense, tenderness and warmth in the affected limb. Up to 50% show no signs. Other conditions with similar symptoms to DVT, including muscle strain, phlebitis, cellulite, dermatitis, or ripped Baker's cyst. Evaluation and diagnosis Clinic diagnosis is unreliable. Among adults in primary care who have signs and/or symptoms of DVT, only 29% had a USS DVT tested. Tested scoring systems have been developed to better assess the clinical probability of DVT. One is a modified WELLS score that classifies patients as likely or unlikely DVT. If the probability of pre-testing is low (DVT is unlikely), a D-dimer test should be reconstructed. If negative, DVT can be reliably excluded. If this is positive, further visualization is required. If the probability of pre-testing is high (DVT is likely), imaging should be performed. A normal scan does not exclude DVT, so you should perform a D-dimer after it. If this is negative, then DVT can be excluded. If it is positive, the visualization should be repeated within 1 week. This is because isolated distal DVT, which may have been missed initially, can spread to proximal veins and be detected in a repeated scanning scan. In patients with unexplained whole leg swelling and negative scans, pelvic vein thrombosis should be considered, in which case CT/MRI or venography may be indicated. Compression ultrasound (CUS) is upper and lower extremities for DVT. Other methods include Venography, CT scan MRI. Blood tests for hypercoagulation are necessary if there is no obvious cause - CBC, Activated protein C resistance, Antithrombin III levels, Antiphospholipid antibodies, Lupus anticoagulant, Protein C and Protein S. Treatment Anticoagulation In recent years, clinical practice has passed in favor of using NOAC over LMWH for treatment of DVT. While there has been some debate over the value of treating isolated distal deep vein thrombosis (DDVT), as opposed to serial imaging within 2 weeks, the latest advice is to start anticoagulation if there are no contraindications. Cited benefits include prevention of TELA, proximal expansion and post-thrombotic syndrome, and symptom relief. General approach to treatment of DVT using NOAC: criteria for inclusion of antithrombotically objectively proven TGN symptoms of PE no contraindications to anticoagulation exclusion criteria presentation, heart thrombosis-related valves that risk bleeding or bleeding disorders, regardless of the fact that medications for kidney or liver disease, including antiflight medications including antiflight medications, anti-retroviral protease inhibitors, anticonvulsants, macrolide antibiotics that have poor compliance, EUC, LFTs, coagulation research (APTT, PT, Fibrinogen) measure weight and calculate GFR review medications (avoid aspirin and NSAIDs), some other medications) treatment regimen rivaroxaban commence at 15mg po b follow up with GPs in the first 3 weeks after 3 weeks, continue in 20mg po daily see this link for more information on NOACs for dosage of other NOACs and adjustments for renal impairment. Compression stockings Knee length graded compression stockings are highly recommended to prevent post-thrombotic syndrome (PTS). PTS occurs in 60% of patients after DVT. Characterized by pain, swelling and possible development of pathological changes in venous hypertension. Certified compression stockings reduce the incidence and severity of post-thrombotic syndrome and are shown in most cases of DVT. Studies show a number needed for treatment (NNT) 4.3 to prevent 1 PTS. They should be worn for up to 18 months and patients should be encouraged to mobilize their leg as it leads to reduced pain and swelling and does not increase their risk of TEL. Advice to patients Return to EPA if they develop chest pain, blood flow, SOB or syncope. Provide patient DVT Factsheet. Further References and Resources Med J Aust Published online: January 27, 2019, the first Australasian guidelines for diagnosis and treatment of venous thromboembolism (VTE) were produced, with a summary published today by the Medical Journal of Australia. Led by Associate Professor Guen Tran, head of hemostasis and thrombosis at Alfred and Monash University in Melbourne, a working group from the Thrombosis and Hemostasis Society of Australia and New Zealand has developed guidance which are available in full on the VTE, which includes deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism (PE), is the third most prevalent of cardiovascular disease worldwide, with an annual incidence of more than 10 million people. In Australia, at least 17,000 people develop VTE each year (annual incidence, 0.83 per 1,000 population). Tran and colleagues wrote: VTE's life risk is 8%, with 1% of people over the age of 80 experiencing their first VTE. This disease is the main cause of health-related economic losses for the patient and the community (estimated to be \$1.7 billion for Australia in 2008). It is a chronic and often recurrent disease. Coauthor associate professor Harry Gibbs, deputy director of general medicine at Alfred Health, said the three important new recommendations were for Xa factor inhibitors (rivaroxaban or apixaban) upfront rather than injections of low molecular heparin; each patient of VTE receives 3 months (6 weeks for those with distal DVT) anticoagulation with a decision, then a decision will be made on whether to continue long term; and that low-intensity anticoagulation in the long run is safe and effective and suitable for many patients. The main change in guidelines was a recommendation to use the Xa inhibitor factor, such as rivaroxaban or apixaban, rather than warfarin to treat acute VTE. Other recommendations from the guidelines: diagnosis of VTE should be established by imaging; it can be excluded using clinical prediction rules in conjunction with D-dimer testing; proximal DVT or TELA caused by a major surgery or non-existent trauma should be treated with anticoagulant therapy for 3 months; proximal DVT or TEL, unprovoked or associated with transient risk factor (non-surgical) should be treated with anticoagulant therapy for 3-6 months; proximal DVT or PE, which relapses (two or more) and causes active cancer or antiphospholipid syndrome, should receive extended anticoagulation; distal DVT, caused by a major thought factor that is no longer present, should be treated with anticoagulant therapy for 6 weeks; patients who continue extended anticoagulant therapy may be given therapeutic or low doses of direct oral anticoagulants and preferred warfarin in the absence of contraindications; routine testing of thrombophilia is not indicated; and thrombolysis or a suitable alternative is indicated for a massive (hemodynamically unstable) PE. 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