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# Trombosi venose superficiali e trombosi venose distali

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## Superficial vein thrombosis (SVT): definition

- thrombosis of the superficial vein system (suprafascial veins)
- several terms:
  - superficial phlebitis or superficial thrombophlebitis
  - varicose vein thrombosis
  - Mondor's disease
  - Trousseau's syndrome
- Most frequent sites: lower limbs
- Also upper limbs, neck, thorax



## **SVT:**

traditionally considered to be a benign, self-limiting condition, distinct from thrombosis of the deep veins and requiring only clinical diagnosis and symptomatic relief

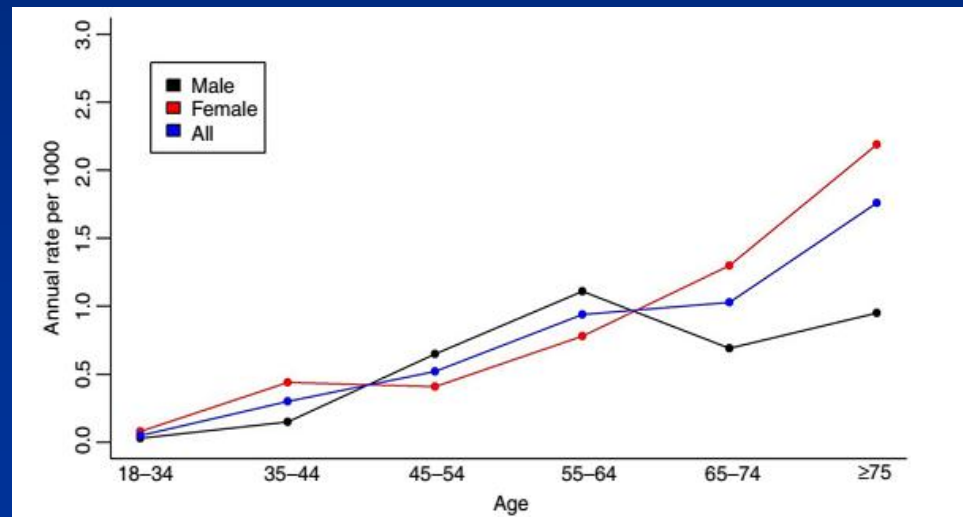
(compression and NSAIDS)

Limited number of methodologically adequate studies for diagnosis and treatment

TVS: patologia sempre benigna?

## Epidemiology of lower limb SVT

- in a primary care community of 265 687 people in France, 0.64 per 1000/year lower incidence than that of venous thromboembolism (VTE), which is estimated to be 1/1000/year
- Concomitant deep vein thrombosis (DVT) in 24.6% and pulmonary embolism (PE) in 4.7% of pts



# Prevalence of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism in patients with superficial vein thrombosis: a systematic review and meta-analysis

- Twenty-one studies (4358 patients) evaluated DVT prevalence
- 11 studies (2484 patients) evaluated PE prevalence in patients with SVT.
- At SVT diagnosis:
  - DVT weighted mean prevalence 18.1% (95% CI: 13.9- 23.3%)
  - PE weighted mean prevalence 6.9% (95% CI: 3.9-11.8%)
- Screening for a major thromboembolic event may be worthwhile in some SVT patients, in order to allow adequate anticoagulant treatment
- Other high-quality studies are warranted to confirm these findings

# Pathogenesis and prognosis of lower limb SVT

🏠 common risk factors with DVT:

advanced age

surgery

active cancer

pregnancy

hormonal therapy

obesity

autoimmune diseases (particularly Behcet's and Buerger's diseases)

🏠 varicose veins main risk factor:

80–90% of cases (unlike in DVT)

Overall 3-month mortality:

- < 1% in SVT
- 5% in DVT
- 9–17% in PE , for the lower burden of comorbidities

# Inherited and acquired thrombophilic alterations in patients with superficial vein thrombosis of lower limbs

Thromb Haemost 2014

Cristina Legnani; Michela Cini; Benilde Cosmi; Massimo Filippini; Elisabetta Favaretto; Gualtiero Palareti

	N. affected/tested (%)		
	SVT patients (n=1294)	Healthy controls (n=1294)	DVT patients (n=1621)
Coagulation inhibitor deficiency #	25/1294 (1.9)	2/1294 (0.15) p < 0.001	38/1621 (2.3) p = 0.543 p < 0.001
Factor V R506Q Leiden mutation §	150/1294 (11.6)	56/1294 (4.3) p < 0.001	217/1621 (13.4) p = 0.170 p < 0.001
G20210A prothrombin mutation §	69/1294 (5.3)	57/1294 (4.4) p = 0.334	113/1621 (7.0) p = 0.075 p = 0.004
Antiphospholipid antibodies \$	10/1294 (0.77)	4/1294 (0.31) p = 0.188	16 /1621 (0.99) p = 0.671 p = 0.049
Combined alterations &	20/1294 (1.5)	1/1294 (0.08) p < 0.001	49/1621 (3.0) p = 0.012 p < 0.001



# SVT and cancer

Sorensen et al., Eur J Cancer 2012; 48: 586–593

Analysis of 7663 Danish SVT patients, the incidence ratio for the diagnosis of cancer within the first six months in patients after acute VTE was:

- 2.46 (2.10–2.86) in SVT
- 2.75 (2.60–2.90) in DVT
- 3.27 (3.03–2.52) in PE

Particularly strong associations with:

cancers of the liver, lung, ovaries and pancreas, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

The risk declined after one year

Prandoni et al., Blood 2011; 118: 4719–4722

No association between SVT and subsequent diagnosis of cancer in retrospective study of 737 patients with SVT

## SVT: superficial venous manifestation of a systemic process that is more commonly called VTE

	Reasons	Comments
Risk factors	1. Not an entirely benign disease	DVT, PE, fatality not rare
	2. Both SVT and VTE associated with similar clinical hypercoagulability (eg, trauma, surgery, pregnancy, immobility, obesity, advancing age, malignancy)	
	3. Incidence of thrombophilia enriched in both SVT and VTE patients	
Natural history	1. Coexistence of VTE at time of diagnosis of SVT	Averages 25%
	2. Progression of SVT to VTE	Averages 10%-20%/y
	3. Prior VTE a risk factor for future SVT	
	4. Prior SVT a risk factor for future VTE	
	5. No current plausible putative theory that justifies segregation of (local) SVT apart, different, and unique from (systemic) VTE	

## Diagnosis of SVT

- No diagnostic gold standard
- straightforward clinical manifestations :  
pain, tenderness, swelling, warmth, and erythema, with a palpable cord along the course of a superficial vein
- objective testing may not be considered mandatory for diagnosis (unlike for DVT).

## Clinical diagnosis of lower limb SVT

📊 clinical assessment alone frequently underestimates the true extent of thrombosis, which may propagate from superficial into deep veins

- no data on sensitivity and specificity of SVT clinical diagnosis
  - no scoring system based on those clinical features that make SVT more likely
  - no validated diagnostic algorithms available

## Objective diagnosis of SVT

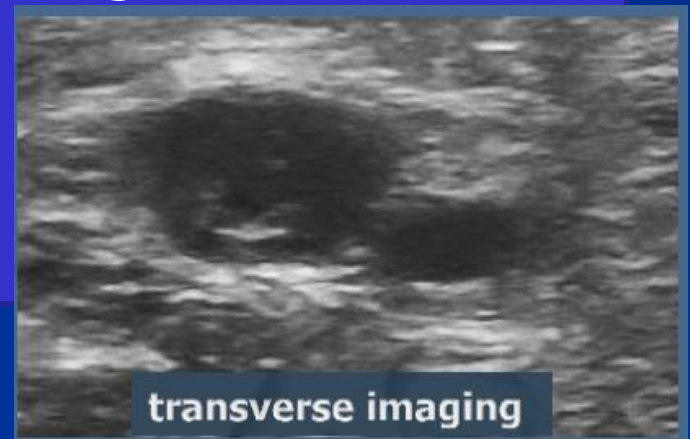
### Ultrasonography:

objective test of choice for confirming SVT clinical suspicion  
superficial veins can be easily explored

same principles of DVT diagnosis:  
compression ultrasonography (CUS):

lack of compressibility of a superficial vein segment, and  
impairment of blood flow

Also evaluation of SVT true extent and  
exclusion of concomitant DVT



## Algorithm for the diagnosis of SVT

*Clinically suspected SVT* (any site)

(pain, erythema, warmth hardness along the course of superficial vein)



Ultrasonography (CUS) within 24-48 hours (bilateral if lower limbs involved)



(if high clinical suspicion for lower or upper limb SVT:  
therapeutic doses LMWH while waiting for  
ultrasonography to exclude concomitant DVT)

Cosmi B, JTH 2015

- scarcity of methodologically sound studies
- variable approach in clinical routine depending on local resources
- unlike for DVT diagnosis, need for testing unclear and it may still be considered to be neither mandatory nor urgent.

# Aims of treatment of lower limb SVT

1-symptom relief

2-prevention of VTE, in relation to the thrombotic burden with different risks of thromboembolic complications

- No consensus on the optimal management of SVT (without DVT or PE) in relation to the thrombotic burden
- a small thrombus (< 4–5cm in length on ultrasonography): minor, benign, and self-limiting, requiring only symptom relief
- significant thrombus burden (> 4–5 cm in length): more aggressive treatment, for its higher risk of extension

## Aims of treatment of lower limb SVT

- RCTs included patients with the most frequent locations of SVT, i.e. long and short saphenous veins
- higher risk of extension into the deep vein system through the saphenofemoral (SFJ)/saphenopopliteal junction
- SVT of a long saphenous vein with the thrombus head within 3 cm of the SFJ excluded from interventional studies
- equivalent to a DVT with regard to its high risk of progression (10–70%) and therapeutic anticoagulation is indicated



## Fondaparinux for the Treatment of Superficial-Vein Thrombosis in the Legs

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Multicenter, randomized, double-blind, controlled vs placebo on efficacy and safety of Fondaparinux (Arixtra) for the treatment of SVT

**Patients enrolled** : 3.002

**Inclusion**: SVT conformed with CUS, > 5 cm length

**Exclusion**: SVT < 3 cm from saphenous-femoral cross, thrombotic events < previous 6 months, active cancer, warfarin, NSAIDs, recent bleeds, platelets <100.000 plt/dl), Cr Cl< 30 ml/min

**Treatments**: Fondaparinux 2,5 mg or Placebo

**Duration**: 45 d

**Follow-up**: 1 month

**Table 3. Efficacy Outcomes.**

Efficacy Outcome	Fondaparinux (N=1502)	Placebo (N=1500)	Absolute Risk Reduction with Fondaparinux	Relative Risk with Fondaparinux	P Value*
	no. with event (%)	no. with event (%)	percentage points (95% CI)	% (95% CI)	
<b>By Day 47</b>					
Primary composite outcome†	13 (0.9)	88 (5.9)	-5.0 (-6.3 to -3.7)	0.15 (0.08 to 0.26)	<0.001
Death‡	2 (0.1)	1 (0.1)	0.1 (-0.2 to 0.3)	1.99 (0.18 to 21.87)	1.00
Pulmonary embolism§	0	5 (0.3)	-0.3 (-0.6 to 0.0)	Not calculated	0.03
Deep-vein thrombosis¶	3 (0.2)	18 (1.2)	-1.0 (-1.6 to -0.4)	0.17 (0.05 to 0.56)	<0.001
Extension of superficial-vein thrombosis to the saphenofemoral junction	4 (0.3)	51 (3.4)	-3.1 (-4.1 to -2.2)	0.08 (0.03 to 0.22)	<0.001
Recurrence of superficial-vein thrombosis	5 (0.3)	24 (1.6)	-1.3 (-2.0 to -0.6)	0.21 (0.08 to 0.54)	<0.001
Deep-vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism	3 (0.2)	20 (1.3)	-1.1 (-1.8 to -0.5)	0.15 (0.05 to 0.50)	<0.001
Surgery for superficial-vein thrombosis	11 (0.7)	57 (3.8)	-3.1 (-4.1 to -2.0)	0.19 (0.10 to 0.37)	<0.001
<b>By Day 77</b>					
Composite outcome†	18 (1.2)	94 (6.3)	-5.1 (-6.4 to -3.7)	0.19 (0.12 to 0.32)	<0.001
Death‡	2 (0.1)	1 (0.1)	0.1 (-0.2 to 0.3)	1.99 (0.18 to 21.87)	1.00
Pulmonary embolism§	0	6 (0.4)	-0.4 (-0.7 to -0.1)	Not calculated	0.02
Deep-vein thrombosis	4 (0.3)	19 (1.3)	-1.0 (-1.6 to -0.4)	0.21 (0.07 to 0.62)	0.001
Extension of superficial-vein thrombosis to the saphenofemoral junction	5 (0.3)	54 (3.6)	-3.3 (-4.3 to -2.3)	0.09 (0.04 to 0.23)	<0.001
Recurrence of superficial-vein thrombosis	8 (0.5)	26 (1.7)	-1.2 (-2.0 to -0.4)	0.31 (0.14 to 0.68)	0.002
Deep-vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism	4 (0.3)	22 (1.5)	-1.2 (-1.9 to -0.5)	0.18 (0.06 to 0.53)	<0.001
Surgery for superficial-vein thrombosis	15 (1.0)	61 (4.1)	-3.1 (-4.2 to -1.9)	0.25 (0.14 to 0.43)	<0.001

\* P values were calculated with the use of Fisher's exact test.

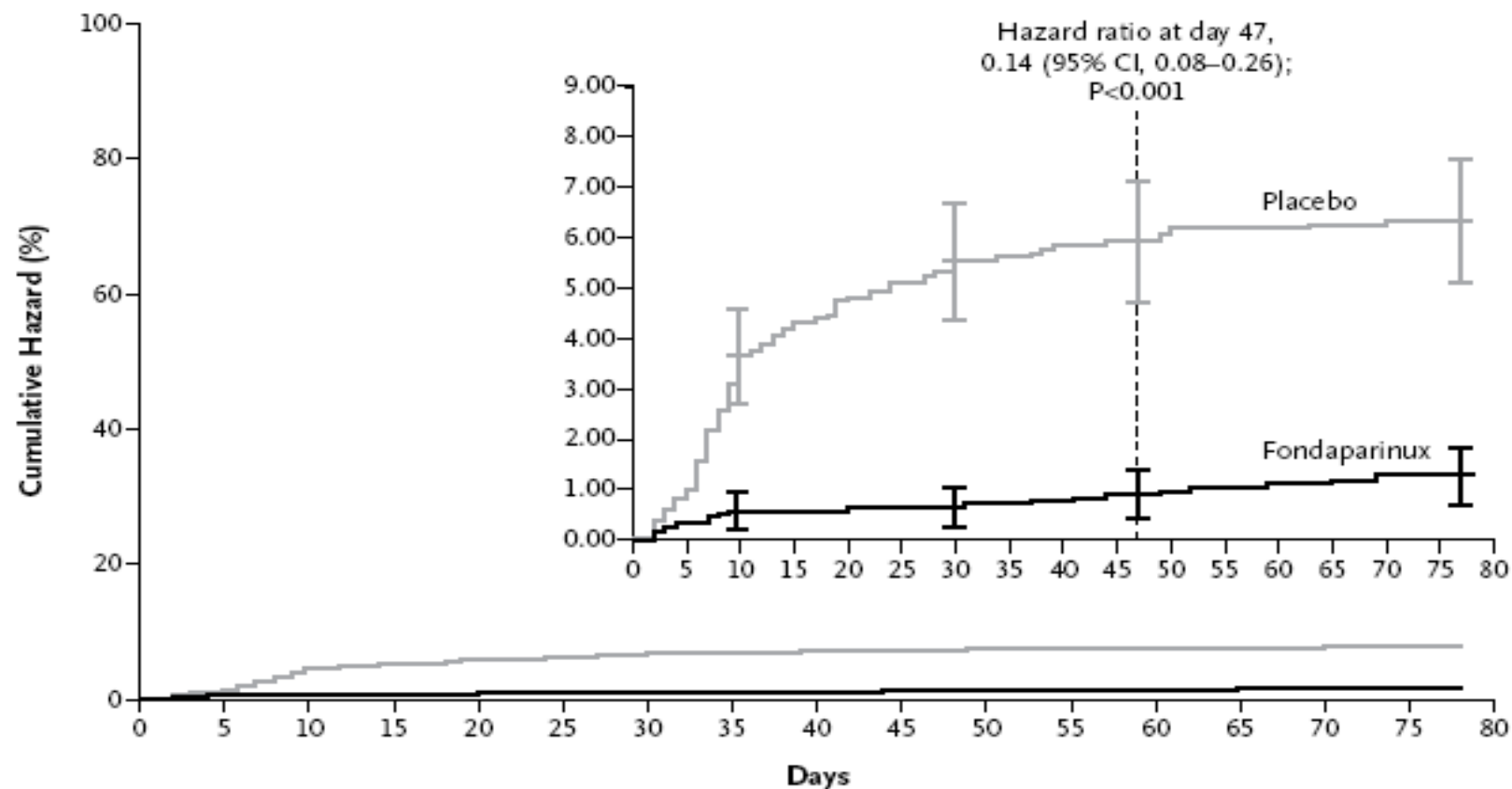
† Some patients had more than one event.

‡ There were two deaths from cancer in the fondaparinux group and one death from acute heart failure in the placebo group.

§ No instance of pulmonary embolism was fatal.

¶ There were 11 cases of proximal deep-vein thrombosis: 1 in the fondaparinux group and 10 in the placebo group.

No difference for bleeding between treatment and placebo



No. at Risk	Day 10±2	Day 30±2	Day 45±2	Day 75±2
Placebo	1437	1399	1388	1330
Fondaparinux	1483	1477	1468	1410

**Figure 1. Kaplan–Meier Estimates of the Probability of the Primary Efficacy Outcome, According to Study Group.**

The primary efficacy outcome was a composite of death from any cause, symptomatic pulmonary embolism, symptomatic deep-vein thrombosis, or symptomatic extension to the saphenofemoral junction or symptomatic recurrence of superficial-vein thrombosis. Data from patients who were lost to follow-up were censored at the time of the last contact. I bars indicate 95% confidence intervals.

# A randomized double-blind study of low-molecular-weight heparin (parnaparin) for superficial vein thrombosis: STEFLUX (Superficial ThromboEmbolism and Fluxum)

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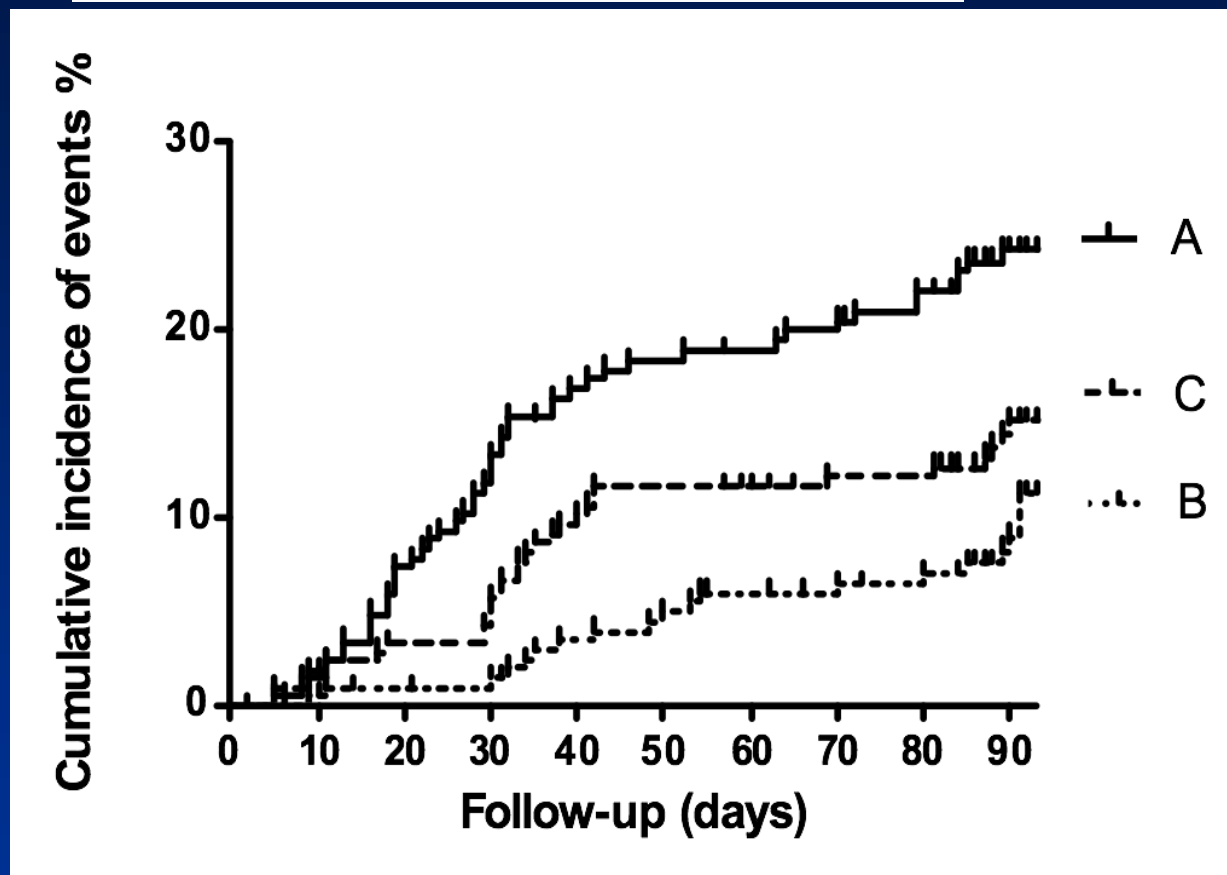
**Prospective, randomized, double-blind placebo controlled multicenter study (16 centres)**

Consecutive outpatients were randomly assigned to receive in a double-blind fashion one of the following subcutaneous treatments with an allocation ratio of 1:1:1:

A Parnaparin 4250 UI aXa o.d. for 30 days (prophylactic dose of LMWH for 30 days).

B Parnaparin 8500 UI aXa o.d. for 10 days followed by 6400 UI aXa once daily for 20 days (intermediate dose of LMWH for 30 days).

C Parnaparin 8500 UI aXa o.d. for 10 days followed by placebo for 20 days (intermediate dose of LMWH for 10 days).



Cumulative incidence of events in the 33 days of treatment + 60 days of follow-up  
in the 3 groups Logrank test for trend  $P=0.0117$

Log-rank (Mantel-Cox) Test  $p<0.0001$

A VS B  $P<0.0001$ ; B VS C  $P=0.06$ ; A VS C  $P=0.019$

## CONCLUSIONS

SVTs require anticoagulant treatment for at least 30 days

LMWH = relatively high dose

Fondaparinux = prophylactic dose

Class II elastic stockings

Some SVT still have late complications after 30 d of treatment

How to identify these patients?

Evaluation of individual risk factors

# 9th ACCP Consensus

(Kearon et al. Chest 2012)

**8.1.1. In patients with SVT ...of at least 5 cm in length, we suggest the use of a prophylactic dose of fondaparinux or LMWH for 45 days over no anticoagulation (Grade 2B) .**

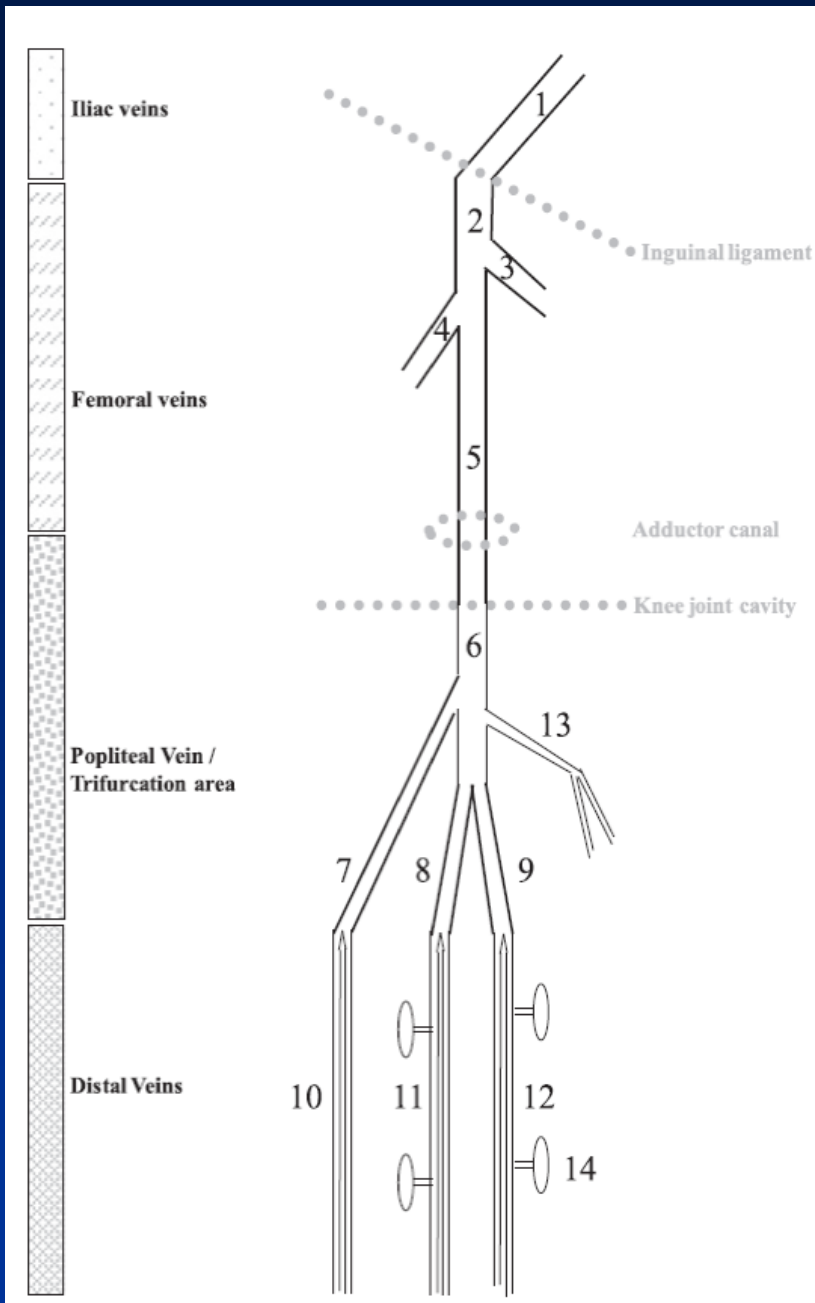
**8.1.2. In patients with SVT who are treated with anticoagulation, we suggest fondaparinux 2.5 mg daily over a prophylactic dose of LMWH (Grade 2C)**



# Comments on SVT

- Complications are frequent, associated with or occurring after SVT
- Complications can be clinically important
- Risk factors are similar to those of DVT/PE
- Thrombophilic alterations are frequent and similar to those found in patients with DVT
- A limited course of AC is mandatory but does not always prevent complications

# Trombosi venose distali



## Schematic representation of leg veins

- 1, External iliac vein;
- 2, common femoral vein;
- 3, greater saphenous vein;
- 4, profound femoral vein;
- 5, (superficial) femoral vein;
- 6, popliteal vein;
- 7, anterior tibial confluent segment;
- 8, posterior tibial confluent segment;
- 9, peroneal confluent segment;
- 10, anterior tibial veins;
- 11, posterior tibial veins;
- 12, peroneal veins;
- 13, gastrocnemius muscle veins (medial head);
- 14, soleus muscle veins.

The OPTIMEV study: a French, multicenter, prospective, observational study of inpatients and outpatients referred to vascular medicine physicians for clinically suspected VTE and followed for 3 years  
(Galanaud et al., JTH 2014)

DVT at baseline = 1643

- Proximal = 43.2%
- Distal = 56.8%

## Evolution of untreated calf deep-vein thrombosis in high risk symptomatic outpatients: The blind, prospective CALTHRO study

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### Clinical evolution at 3 month follow-up

	Simplified CUS 417	Calf DVT 64 (15.1%)	No calf DVT 359	p
<b>Outcomes at 3 mo: 1 PE; 2 Prox. DVT; 2 Calf DVT</b>	5 (1.2%)	5 (7.8%) [3 (4.7%)]*	3 (0.8%)	0.003

\* excluding the 2 subjects in whom DVT was picked at the 2<sup>nd</sup> CUS

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The rationale for not routinely examining the distal veins:

- (1) other assessment (e.g. low clinical probability; negative D-dimer);
- (2) a repeat US of the proximal veins can be done after a week
- (3) false-positive findings for DVT occur

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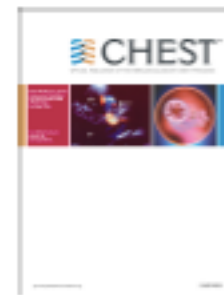
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In patients with acute IDVT of the leg and  
(i) without severe symptoms or risk factors for extension, we suggest serial imaging of the deep veins for 2 weeks over AC (Grade 2C),  
(ii) with severe symptoms or risk factors for extension, we suggest AC over serial imaging of the deep veins (Grade 2C).

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If the calf veins are imaged and IDDVT is diagnosed,  
two management options:

- 1) treat patients with AC therapy;
- 2) do not treat patients with AC therapy unless extension of their DVT is detected on a follow-up US examination (e.g. after one and two weeks)





In patients with an IDVT provoked by surgery or by a nonsurgical transient risk factor,

- we **suggest** treatment with AC for 3 months over treatment of a shorter period (Grade 2C),
- we **recommend** treatment with AC for 3 months over treatment of a longer time-limited period (e.g. 6, 12 or 24 months) (Grade 1B),
- we **recommend** treatment with AC for 3 months over extended therapy (no scheduled stop date) (Grade 1B).

# **Isolated distal deep vein thrombosis: efficacy and safety of a protocol of treatment. Treatment of Isolated Calf Thrombosis (TICT) Study**

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## **EVENTS DURING TREATMENT:**

10/171 PTS (5.8%) had complications:

5 (2.9%) proximal DVT (all unprovoked IDDVT  
the remaining extension of IDDVT

No major bleeding; 1.7% minor bleeding

## **EVENTS DURING 3 MO. FOLLOW-UP**

5 complications: (3 developed cancer)

4 proximal DVT (3 had an unprovoked IDDVT)

Anticoagulant therapy for symptomatic distal DVT: the  
CACTUS randomized placebo-controlled trial  
(Righini et al., XXV ISTH Congress Toronto, abstract)

- 126 pts received nadroparin (170 UI/kg) x 42 d.
- 133 “ “ placebo
  
- Outcomes:
  - (at 42 d) nadro = 4 (3.3%)
  - placebo = 7 (5.4%)
- Bleeds (M/NMCR):
  - (at 42 d) nadro = 5 (4.1%) p= 0.03
  - placebo = 0

## IDDVT treatment: current management in symptomatic pts

- **Idiopathic IDDVT**

Therapeutic LMWH followed by oral anticoagulation (2.0-3.0 INR) for 3 months, elastic stocking

- **Secondary IDDVT**

Therapeutic IDDVT for 1 week, half dose for 3 weeks, elastic stocking

# The risk of recurrence after treatment of IDDTV

Predictive factors and incidence of VTE recurrence after stopping anticoagulants	
	Incidence of VTE recurrence, % PY (95% CI)
<b>Age</b>	
≤ 50 years (ref)	0.9 (0.3–2.3)
> 50 years	3.8 (2.6–5.5)
<b>Gender</b>	
Female sex (ref)	3.3 (2.2–4.9)
Male sex	2.0 (1.1–3.6)
<b>Status at index event</b>	
Outpatient (ref)	2.8 (1.9–4.1)
Inpatient	2.5 (1.2–5.3)
<b>Risk factors associated with index DVT‡</b>	
Major transient risk factor (ref)	1.44 (0.7–2.9)
Unprovoked DVT	3.8 (2.6–5.6)
<b>Anatomical characteristics of index DVT</b>	
Deep calf DVT (ref)	1.6 (0.7–3.9)
Muscular DVT§	1.7 (0.9–3.0)
<b>Ultrasonographic characteristics of index DVT</b>	
Number of venous segments thrombosed	
Single unilateral thrombosis (ref)	1.8 (1.1–2.9)
Multiple unilateral thromboses	4.9 (3.1–7.8)
Bilateral DVT	8.9 (3.7–21.4)
Clot diameter under compression	
≤ 7 mm (ref)	3.1 (2.1–4.5)
> 7 mm	2.2 (1.0–4.5)
Anticoagulant treatment > 90 days	–



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## Two years outcome of isolated distal deep vein thrombosis



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Results: 90 patients (male 48.9%) enrolled.

At follow-up (24±2 months) = 17 events (18.9%)

3 PE (two in cancer), 4 proximal DVTs (one in cancer) and 10 IDDVT.

Associated with a higher risk of complications

- male sex (HR 4.73 CI95%: 1.55-14.5; p = 0.006)
- cancer (HR 5.47 CI95%: 1.76-17.6; p = 0.003)

# Conditions or risk factors for complications after a first IDDVT (1)

## Higher risk

- (Axial vs Muscular IDDVT)
- Previous VTE events
- Males
- Age >50 years
- Cancer
- Unprovoked IDDVT
- Secondary IDDVT with persistently hampered mobilisation
- IDDVT involving the popliteal trifurcation
- IDDVT involving >1 calf vein
- IDDVT present in both legs
- Presence of predisposing diseases (e.g. inflammatory bowel diseases)
- Known thrombophilic alterations



# Conditions or risk factors for complications after a first IDDVT (2)

## Lower risk

- IDDVT secondary to surgery or to other removable risk factors (plasters, immobilisation, trauma, long trip, etc), if complete mobilisation
- IDDVT occurring during contraceptive or replacement hormonal therapy (provided the therapy has been interrupted)

# **Rivaroxaban for the treatment of symptomatic IDVT (RIDTS study)**

**Proposed** by: Walter Ageno &  
Gualtiero Palareti

# RIDTS study: Study design

All patients receive rivaroxaban, 15 mg BID for 3 weeks followed by open label rivaroxaban 20 mg OD for 3 weeks.

At the end of the first 6 weeks of treatment, all patients will be randomized to

- A) Long treatment: rivaroxaban 20 mg OD for further 6 weeks
- B) Short treatment: placebo for further 6 weeks

Randomization: using an IVRS system implemented to guarantee the balanced and blinded fashion of the two groups

Follow-up = 2 years

## **RIDTS study**

Più di 30 centri hanno dichiarato la loro  
disponibilità allo studio

Grazie