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# Come trattare i pazienti con trombosi venose splancniche

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# Splanchnic vein thrombosis (SVT)

Unusual site venous thromboembolism

- Portal vein
- Splenic vein
- Mesenteric veins (superior / inferior)
- Budd-Chiari syndrome



De Stefano et al, Intern Emerg Med. 2010

# SVT : unusual site VTE

- Usual site VTE (DVT/PE) :
  - incidence 70-100 cases per 100,000 person-years
- PVT: incidence 0.7 per 100,000 person-years
   prevalence at autopsy 1%
- MVT : incidence 2.7 per 100,000 person-years
- BCS : incidence < 1 per million person-years

• Incidental SVT : - 1.7% of abdominal CT scans

White, Circulation. 2003; Rajani et al, Aliment Pharmacol Ther. 2010; Ogren et al, World J Gastroenterol 2006; Acosta et al, Br J Surg. 2008; Rajani et al, Liver Int. 2009; Ageno et al, J Thromb Haemost. 2012

# SVT prognosis

• MVT

- Associated with intestinal infarction in <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> of patients
- 30-day mortality rate 20%

Acosta et al, Br J Surg. 2008

PVT and BCS

Development of portal hypertension → thrombocytopenia, ascites (30-70%), esophageal varices (20-35%), GI bleeding (10-30%)
 Thatipelli et al, Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2010

• SVT

Worse survival compared to leg DVT (60% vs 68%, p= 0.024)

Thatipelli et al, Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2010

### SVT as a marker of occult cancer

- In the first 3 months after SVT diagnosis: 8.0% cancer (risk of liver cancer 3.5%, risk of pancreatic cancer 1.5%)
- 3-month survival after cancer diagnosis
  - Liver cancer: 44% prior SVT vs. 55% no prior SVT
  - Pancreatic cancer: 35% prior SVT vs. 53% no prior SVT

Søgaard et al, Blood. 2015

- SVT as first clinical manifestation of MPN
  - Prevalence MPN 40.9% of BCS, 31.5% of PVT
  - Prevalence JAK2V617F 41.4% of BCS , 27.7% of PVT
  - − In  $\approx$ 74% of patients SVT developed prior to MPN diagnosis

Smalberg et al, Blood. 2012

# **Risk factors for SVT**

Variable (%)	Total (n = 832)	Hepatic (n = 45)	Portal (n = 329)	Mesenteric (n = 76)	Splenic (n = 62)
Age (mean ± SD)	53 ± 17	45 ± 17	54 ± 18	59 ± 16	56 ± 16
Female (%)	42	67	38	37	29
Capaar		9	10	22	5
Myeloproliferative	11	22	5	20	30
Leukemia/lymphoma	5	0	6	4	2
Inflammatory bowel disease	6	11	8	3	2
Pancreatitis	13	4	9	12	(45)
OCP/HRT	6	13	4	7	5
Cirrhosis	24	16	34	8	10
Surgery	10	11	9	(12)	5
Infection	10	7	13	18	5
Connective tissue disease Thrombophilia	6	9	5	5	2
No. positive (no. tested)	105 (319)	10 (25)	20 (86)	22 (43)	4 (12)

Thatipelli et al, Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2010;8:200-5

# **Clinical onset of SVT**

	Hepatic (n = 45)	Portal (n = 329)	Mesenteric (n = 76)	Splenic (n = 62)	Total (n = 512)
Asymptomatic	15%	21%	10%	17%	18%
Abdominal pain	64%	40%	63%	57%	48%
Nausea	13%	16%	16%	23%	16%
Diarrhea	2%	8%	7%	8%	7%
Fever	9%	13%	8%	10%	12%
Gastrointestinal bleed	11%	28%	20%	29%	26%
Ascites	71%	31%	11%	11%	29%
Jaundice	16%	13%	4%	11%	11%
Anorexia	24%	8%	4%	8%	9%
Acute abdomen	4%	12%	47%	15%	17%
Encephalopathy	9%	9%	3%	7%	8%
Asterixis	16%	0%	O%	0%	1%
Gastroesophageal varices	18%	35%	7%	18%	27%

Thatipelli et al, Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2010;8:200-5

## **Therapeutic options**



10.1. In patients with symptomatic splanchnic vein thrombosis (portal, mesenteric, and/or splenic vein thromboses), we recommend anticoagulation over no anticoagulation (Grade 1B).

10.2. In patients with incidentally detected splanchnic vein thrombosis (portal, mesenteric, and/or splenic vein thromboses), we suggest no anticoagulation over anticoagulation (Grade 2C).

11.1. In patients with symptomatic hepatic vein thrombosis, we suggest anticoagulation over no anticoagulation (Grade 2C).

11.2. In patients with incidentally detected hepatic vein thrombosis, we suggest no anticoagulation over anticoagulation (Grade 2C).

- Consider anticoagulation in incidentally detected SVT if acute extensive thrombosis, progression of thrombosis, active cancer
- LMWH may be preferred over VKA if there is active malignancy, liver disease, or thrombocytopenia

### **Treatment duration**



### • 3 months duration

if presence of a reversible provoking factor for SVT (such as intra-abdominal sepsis, recent surgery or oral contraceptives)

• Extended anticoagulant therapy

if absence of a reversible risk factor (e.g. "unprovoked" thrombosis or presence of a persistent risk factor, such as myeloproliferative disease) and a low risk of bleeding

### AASLD PRACTICE GUIDELINES

### **Vascular Disorders of the Liver**

Laurie D. DeLeve,<sup>1</sup> Dominique-Charles Valla,<sup>2</sup> and Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao<sup>3</sup>

- Start with LMWH, in order to achieve rapid anticoagulation, and shift to VKA when the patient is stabilized (acute PVT and BCS)
- If gastro-esophageal varices, initiate anticoagulation after adequate prophylaxis (chronic PVT)
- Anticoagulation therapy for at least 3 months
- Long-term anticoagulation
  - Acute or chronic PVT with permanent thrombotic risk factors or thrombus extension distal into the mesenteric veins
  - BCS without major contraindication

### Expanding consensus in portal hypertension Report of the Baveno VI Consensus Workshop: Stratifying risk and individualizing care for portal hypertension

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- Anticoagulation should be given for at least 6 months
- Long-term anticoagulation
  - Acute or chronic EHPVO with persistent documented prothrombotic state
  - Recurrent thrombosis
  - Intestinal infarction
  - All patients with BCS
- Anticoagulation should be started after adequate portal hypertensive bleeding prophylaxis has been initiated

#### Current Outcome of Portal Vein Thrombosis in Adults: Risk and Benefit of Anticoagulant Therapy

GASTROENTEROLOGY 2001;120:490-497

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- Retrospective cohort 136 non-malignant non-cirrhotic PVT
- 84 (62%) treated with anticoagulation (UFH, LMWH, VKA)
- Enrollment years 1983-1998; median follow-up 46 months

	Incidence rate	
GI bleeding	12.5 per 100 pt-y	
Anticoagulant therapy NO	13.3 per 100 pt-y	
Anticoagulant therapy YES	9.0 per 100 pt-y	RR 0.9 (p = 0.8)
A/V thrombotic events	5.5 per 100 pt-y	
<ul> <li>Anticoagulant therapy NO</li> </ul>	6.3 per 100 pt-y	
Anticoagulant therapy YES	3.8 per 100 pt-y	RR 0.3 (p = 0.04)

#### Survival and Recurrence in Patients With Splanchnic Vein Thromboses

CLINICAL GASTROENTEROLOGY AND HEPATOLOGY 2010;8:200-205

MALLIKARJUN R. THATIPELLI,\* ROBERT D. MCBANE,\*,<sup>‡</sup> DAVID O. HODGE,<sup>§</sup> and WALDEMAR E. WYSOKINSKI\*,<sup>‡</sup>

- Retrospective cohort 832 patients with SVT (28% warfarin)
- Enrollment years 1980-2000; mean follow-up 27 (± 41) months
- Recurrent venous thrombosis
   **3.5 per 100 pt-y**
- Hormonal therapy HR 2.2 (95% CI, 1.09-4.45; p=0.02)
- *Warfarin therapy* did not improve recurrence-free survival
- Major bleeding events
   6.9 per 100 pt-y
- Gastroesophageal varices HR 2.63 (95% CI, 1.72-4.03, p<0.001)
- Warfarin therapy

HR 1.91 (95% CI, 1.25-2.92, p=0.003)

### Anticoagulant therapy in patients with non-cirrhotic portal vein thrombosis: effect on new thrombotic events and gastrointestinal bleeding

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- Retrospective cohort 120 non-malignant non-cirrhotic PVT
- 66 (55%) treated with anticoagulation (VKA, LMWH, UFH)
- Enrollment years 1985-2008; median follow-up 5.5 years
- Recurrent thrombosis: 3% at 1y, 8% at 5 y, 24% at 10y
- Anticoagulant therapy HR 0.2 (95% Cl, 0.0-1.9; p=0.1)
- GI bleeding: **33% at 1y, 43% at 5y, 46% at 10y**
- Anticoagulant therapy HR 1.7 (95% CI, 1.1-2.7; p=0.03)
- No significant effect on the severity of GI bleeding

### ISTH registry: treatment options

- No anticoagulant treatment 22%
- Any anticoagulant drug 77% mean (SD) duration 13.9 (9.2) months
   62.4% started VKA treatment mean (SD) duration 16.7 (8.5) months
   37.6% parenteral treatment only mean (SD) duration 8.2 (7.7) months
- Other: ASA, thrombolysis, surgery, interventional procedures

### ISTH registry: treatment vs. no treatment

•	Use of <b>anticoagulant drugs</b>	
	<ul> <li>Previous VTE</li> </ul>	p = 0.002
	- MPN	p = 0.002
	<ul> <li>Recent abdominal surgery</li> </ul>	p = 0.001
	<ul> <li>Hormonal therapy</li> </ul>	p = 0.044
•	<u>No treatment</u>	
	<ul> <li>Incidental SVT diagnosis</li> </ul>	p < 0.001
	<ul> <li>Single vein thrombosis</li> </ul>	p < 0.001
	<ul> <li>– GI bleeding at onset</li> </ul>	p = 0.009
	<ul> <li>Solid cancer</li> </ul>	p = 0.010
	<ul> <li>Hepatic cirrhosis</li> </ul>	p < 0.001
	— Thrombocytopenia (PLT ≤ 100.000)	p < 0.001

Ageno et al, Semin Thromb Hemost. 2014;40(1):99-105

## ISTH registry: heparin vs. VKA

• Long-term use of **parenteral anticoagulation** 

<ul> <li>Incidental SVT diagnosis</li> </ul>	p = 0.001
<ul> <li>Solid cancer</li> </ul>	p < 0.001
<ul> <li>Hepatic cirrhosis</li> </ul>	p < 0.001
<ul> <li>Thrombocytopenia (PLT ≤ 100.000)</li> </ul>	p < 0.001
<ul> <li>Anaemia (Hb ≤ 10 g/dL)</li> </ul>	p = 0.019

- Use of vitamin K antagonists
  - Younger age (median 50 vs. 58 y)
  - Multiple veins thrombosis
  - Unprovoked SVT
  - MPN

p = 0.009 p < 0.001 p = 0.021

p < 0.001

#### Ageno et al, Semin Thromb Hemost. 2014;40(1):99-105

# ISTH registry: long-term clinical outcome

#### 2-year follow-up



35 major bleeding incidence rate **3.8 per 100 pt-y** (95% CI, 2.7-5.2) CFR **5.7%**  68 thrombotic events incidence rate **7.3 per 100 pt-y** (95% CI, 5.8-9.3) CFR **13.2%** 

# ISTH registry: long-term clinical outcome

- Major bleeding events
  - On treatment
  - After discontinuation
  - Never treated

3.9 per 100 pt-y (95% Cl, 2.6-6.0)
1.0 per 100 pt-y (95% Cl, 0.3-4.2)
5.8 per 100 pt-y (95% Cl, 3.1-10.7)

#### eTable 2. Multivariate Analysis for Major Bleeding

	Hazard Ratio	95% confidence interval	p value
Whole study cohort			
<ul> <li>Liver cirrhosis with ascites</li> </ul>	13.37157	3.259943 - 54.84727	< 0.001
Liver cirrhosis without ascites	4.844619	1.499181 - 15.65543	0.008
Ascites without liver cirrhosis	4.891776	.8804843 - 27.17762	0.070
Time on anticoagulant treatment     (months)	.8981033	.8363653 - .9643986	0.003

# ISTH registry: long-term clinical outcome

- <u>Vascular thrombotic events</u>
  - On treatment
  - After discontinuation
  - Never treated

5.6 per 100 pt-y (95% Cl, 3.9-8.0) 10.5 per 100 pt-y (95% Cl, 6.8-16.3) 9.2 per 100 pt-y (95% Cl, 5.7-15.1)

#### eTable 3. Multivariate Analysis for Thrombotic Events

Hazard	95% confidence	p value
Ratio	interval	
1.028715	1.003079 -	0.028
1.028713	1.055007	0.028
4 007200	1.680863 -	0.002
4.097299	9.987643	0.002
8876051	.8414891 <b>-</b>	< 0.001
.0070031	.9362483	< 0.001
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# Safety of vitamin K antagonist treatment for splanchnic vein thrombosis: a multicenter cohort study

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- 375 SVT patients treated with VKA and followed by 37 Italian Anticoagulation Clinics (FCSA)
- Time of warfarin inception median 0.5 (IQR 0.1–1.6) months after the acute event
- Warfarin treatment duration median 1.98 y (IQR 0.91-4.10)
- INR target range 2.0-3.0 (94.1%)
- Median TTR 69% (IQR 58–79%)

### **During VKA treatment**



<u>MB (ISTH definition)</u> 15 events Incidence **1.24 per 100 pt-y** (95% CI, 0.75-2.06)



Vascular events (venous and arterial) 16 events Incidence 1.37 per 100 pt-y (95% Cl, 0.84–2.23)

*Riva et al, J Thromb Haemost. 2015;13(6):1019-27* 

### **During VKA treatment**

### Esophageal varices HR 5.4 (95% CI, 1.4–21.1)



*Riva et al, J Thromb Haemost. 2015;13(6):1019-27* 

# After VKA discontinuation

 90 patients discontinued VKA (for reasons other than a major bleeding complication) and did not receive any other anticoagulant drug

VKA treatment duration

- < 3 months 7.8%
- 3-6 months 11.1%
- 6-12 months 24.4%
- > 12 months 56.7%
- Follow-up median 1.6 y (IQR 0.5-3.3)
- 7 recurrent thrombotic events
   incidence rate 3.3 per 100 pt-y (95% Cl, 1.6-6.9)

Riva et al, Gastroenterol Res Pract. 2015;2015:620217

# After VKA discontinuation



Secondary to permanent risk factors **10.2 per 100 pt-y** 

Unprovoked SVT 2.4 per 100 pt-y

Secondary to transient risk factors **0 events** 

Liver cirrhosis HR 7.9 (95% CI, 1.8–35.9)

Riva et al, Gastroenterol Res Pract. 2015;2015:620217

Anticoagulation for the treatment of portal vein thrombosis in liver cirrhosis: A systematic review and meta-analysis of observational studies Xingshun Qi <sup>a,b,1</sup>, Valerio De Stefano <sup>c,2</sup>, Hongyu Li <sup>a,3</sup>, Junna Dai <sup>a,4</sup>, Xiaozhong Guo <sup>a,\*</sup>, Daiming Fan <sup>b,\*\*</sup> European Journal of Internal Medicine 26 (2015) 23-29

- 16 observational studies
- Complete portal vein recanalization in anticoagulated pts 41.5% (95% CI, 29.2-54.5; l<sup>2</sup> = 82.2%, p<0.0001)</li>
   Anticoagulation OR 4.16 (95% CI, 1.88-9.20, p=0.0004)
- Thrombus progression in anticoagulated pts 5.7% (95% CI, 2.0-11.3; I<sup>2</sup> = 48.6%, p=0.0698)
   Anticoagulation OR 0.061 (95% CI, 0.019-0.196, p<0.0001)</li>
- Anticoagulation-related bleeding complications 3.3% (95% CI, 1.1-6.7; I<sup>2</sup> = 53.5%, p=0.018)

Table 1 An overview of study characteristics.							
First author (year)	Publication form	Region	Enrollment period	Design	Population	Anticoagulants	No. Pts with cirrhotic PVT receiving anticoagulants
Amitrano (2010)	Full text	Naples, Italy	2005.6-2006.12	Non-comparative	Cirrhotic patients with non-neoplastic PVT	Enoxaparin 200 U/kg/day for at least 6 months	28
Delgado (2012)	Full text	Barcelona, Spain	2003.6-2010.9	Multi-center, non-comparative	Cirrhotic patients with non-neoplastic PVT (1 underwent liver resection for	LMWH and/or VKA	55
Dell'Era (2014)	Full text	Milan, Italy	1995.2-2009.2	Retrospective, non-comparative	HCC) Cirrhotic patients with PVT treated with endoscopic variceal ligation (HCC was	LMWH	10
Francoz (2005)	Full text	Clichy, France	1996.1–2001.12	Comparative	excluded) Cirrhotic patients with PVT listed for LT (HCC with one nodule <5 cm or 2–3 nodules each <3 cm was not excluded; malignant vascular invasion was ruled out)	Nadroparin (5700 UI/day subcutaneously) followed by acenocoumarol (INR: 2–3)	19
Naeshiro (2014)	Full text	Hiroshima, Japan	2011.12-2013.4	Retrospective, non-comparative	Cirrhotic patients with PVT (9 had HCC)	Danaparoid sodium 2 weeks	26
Senzolo (2012)	Full text	Padua, Italy	2007.1-2008.1	Prospective, comparative	Cirrhotic patients with non-malignant PVT (HCC was excluded)	Therapeutic dose: nadroparin (95 antiXa U/kg body weight td); Prophylactic dose: nadroparin (3800 anti-Xa U daily) for 6 months	33
Werner (2013)	Full text	Phoenix, USA	2005.1-2011.11	Retrospective, non-comparative	Cirrhotic patients with PVT awaiting LT (advanced HCC was excluded; HCC within Milan criteria were not excluded)	Warfarin (INR 2-3)	28

# Is there a role for the DOACs?

### Successful treatment of acute portal vein thrombosis with rivaroxaban

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#### Successful Treatment of Partial Portal Vein Thrombosis (PVT) with Low Dose Rivaroxaban Authors

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#### CLINICAL OBSERVATIONS IN HEPATOLOGY

### Treatment of Acute Portal Vein Thrombosis by Nontraditional Anticoagulation

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### ClinicalTrials.gov

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Xarelto Versus no Treatment for the Prevention of Recurrent Thrombosis in Patients With Chronic Portal Vein Thrombosis. (RIPORT)

This study is currently recruiting participants. (see Contacts and Locations)

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02555111

### Conclusions

- SVT is an uncommon manifestation of VTE, but also a potentially life-threatening disease
- Anticoagulant treatment appears to be safe and effective in most patients with SVT. Selected SVT patients followed by anticoagulation clinics for the management of VKA treatment show a low rate of major bleeding and vascular events.
- Most patients with SVT have a substantial long-term risk of thrombotic events. The incidence rate was particularly remarkable in patients with permanent risk factors (such as liver cirrhosis)