



## Superficial Vein Thrombosis (SVT) and Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)

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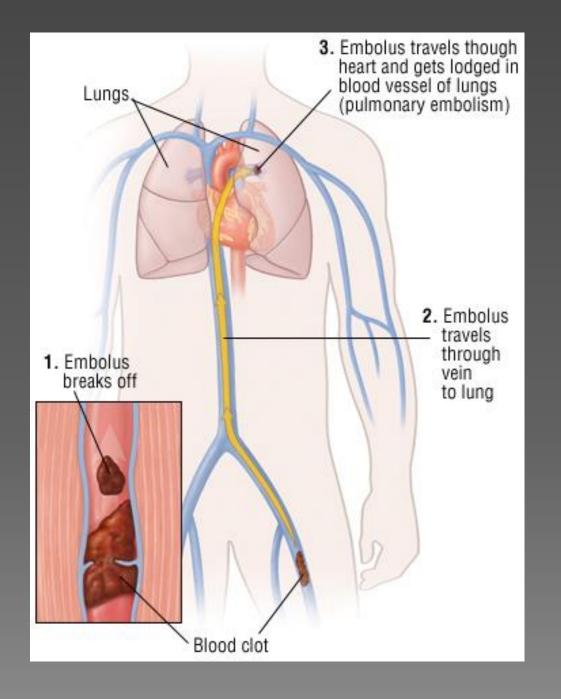


Venous thromboembolism (VTE)

Deep vein thrombosis (DVT)

Pulmonary embolism (PE)

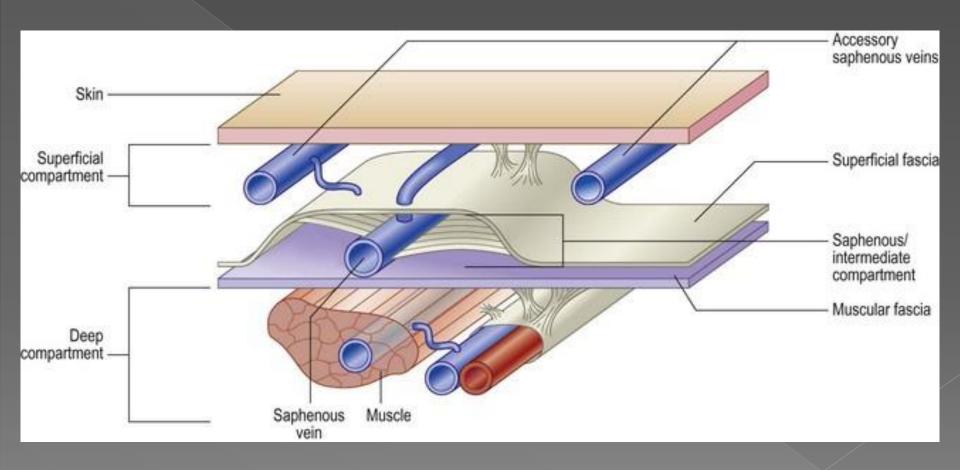
Superficial Vein Thrombosis (SVT) ??

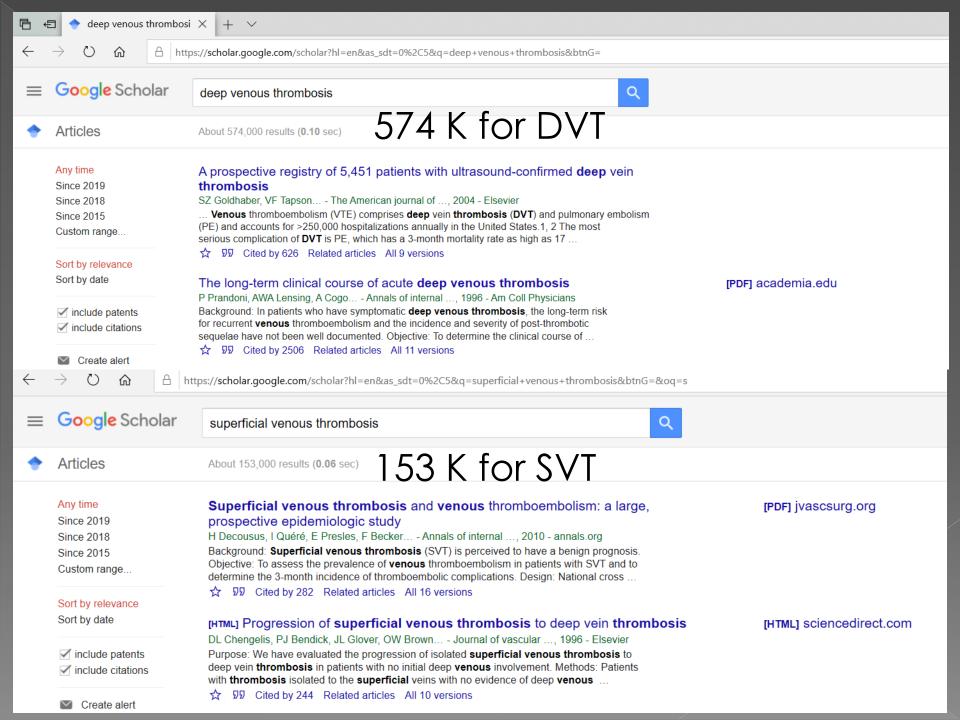


## Terminology

- Varicose vein thrombosis
- Superficial vein thrombosis (SVT) or Superficial thrombophlebitis
  - Non varicose
  - Varicose
- Most common sites
  - GSV and SSV

## Anatomy





#### DVT treatment

- As we know
  - Main treatment = anticoagulant
  - Initial treatment (at least 5 d)
  - Long-term treatment (3 m)
  - Extended treatment (3<sup>+</sup> m to indefinite)

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#### Initial treatment

- LMWH is suggested over UFH (Grade 2B)
- Fondaparinux is suggested over UFH (Grade 2C)

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## Long-term treatment

- No cancer
  - > DOAC > VKA > LMWH

- Cancer related
  - > LMWH ≥ DOAC, VKA

#### SVT treatment

Compressive Topical Observation stocking heparin **NSAIDs LMWH UFH** Fondaparinux Warfarin **DOACS** 

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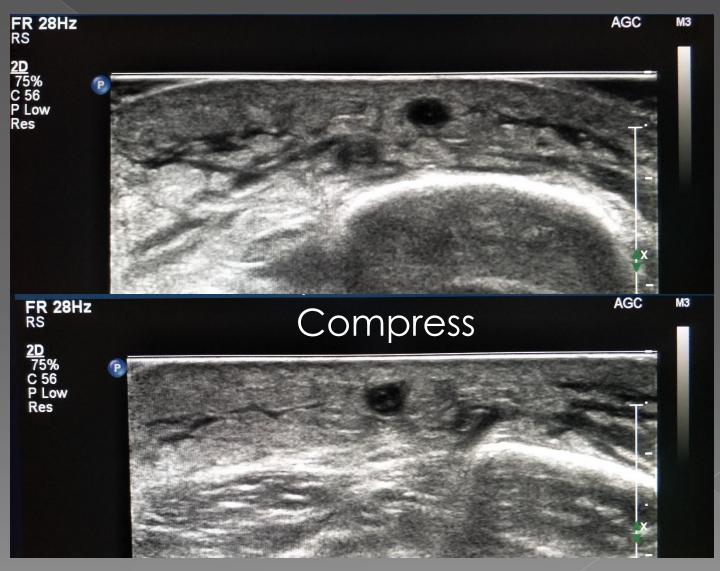
## Clinical presentation

- Localized pain
- Redness
- Tenderness
- Edema
- Palpable card

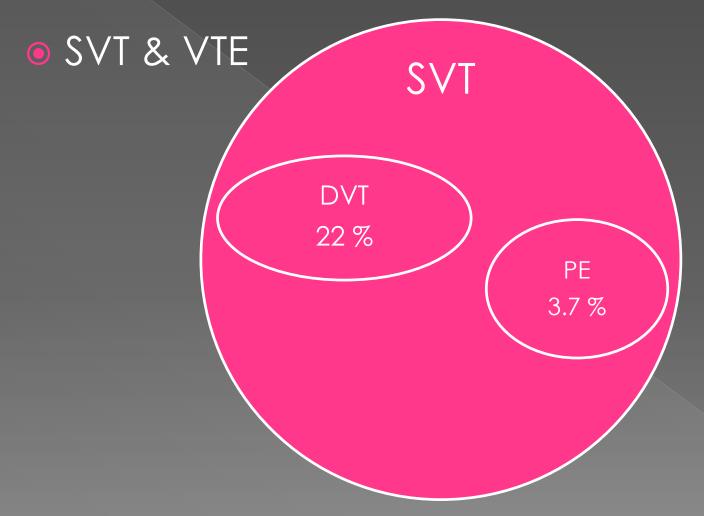




## Confirmed diagnosis



## Epidemiology



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## Epidemiology

SVT & VTE

Isolated SVT

3 months

10.6 %

Progress to VTE or recurrence

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#### Risk factors for SVT

- Same as VTE
  - Malignancy
  - Post-op
  - Increasing age
  - Obesity
  - Trauma

- Varicose vein
- > Immobility
- Pregnancy
- Post-partum
- Use of HRT or OCP

Martinelli I, Cattaneo M, Taioli E, De Stefano V, Chiusolo P, Mannucci PM. Genetic risk factors for superficial vein thrombosis. Thromb Haemost. 1999;82(4):1215-7.

## Risk factors for complications

- Length of SVT
- > SVT close to SFJ
- Absence of varicose veins
- > Previous history of DVT
- Male genders
- Previous cancer
- > Immobility

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Hill SL, Hancock DH, Webb TL. Thrombophlebitis of the great saphenous vein--recommendations for treatment. Phlebology. 2008;23(1):35-9.

# Guidelines for Treatment SVT



#### SVT treatment

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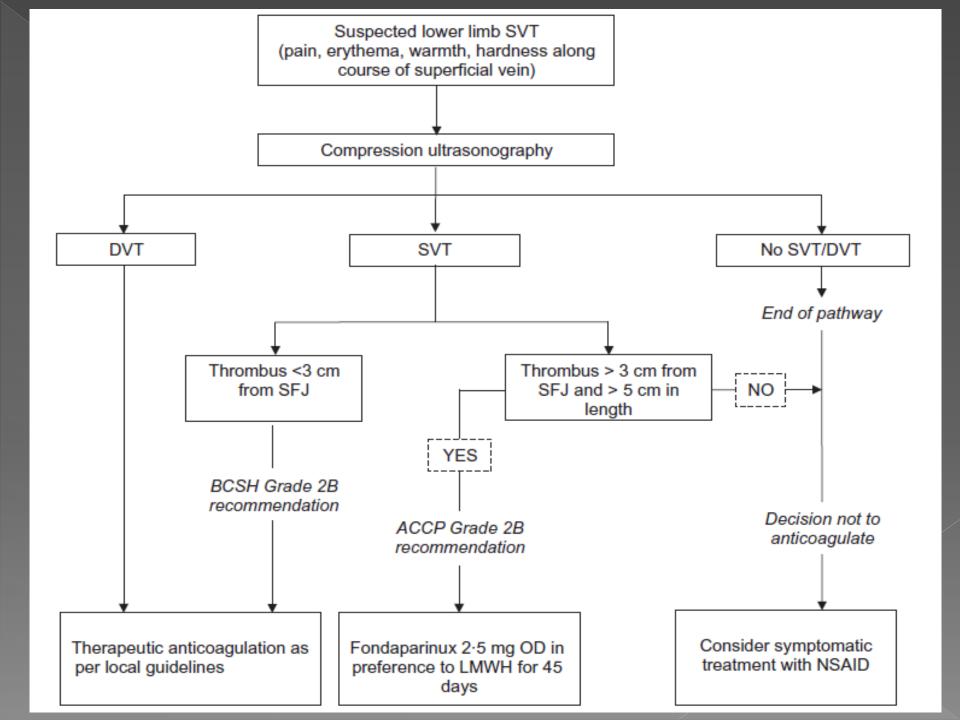
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#### Guidelines for SVT

- The British Committee for Standards in Hematology, 2012
  - Patients w/ SVT, ≤ 3 cm of SFJ should be considered for therapeutic anticoagulation (2B).
  - Patients w/ SVT and risk factors for extension, recurrence or progression should be offered treatment with prophylactic doses of LMWH for 30 d or fondaparinux for 30–45 d (1B).
  - Other patient's w/ SVT should be offered 8–12 d NSAIDs unless contraindicated (1A).

#### Guidelines for SVT

- The American College of Chest Physicians, 2012
  - Patients w/ SVT of the lower limb, ≥ 5 cm in length, we suggest the use of a prophylactic dose of fondaparinux or LMWH for 45 days over no anticoagulation (2B).
  - Patients w/ SVT who are treated with anticoagulation, we suggest fondaparinux 2.5 mg daily over a prophylactic dose of LMWH (2C).



#### Guidelines for SVT

- The SURPRISE trial, 2016
  - > RCTs
    - Fondaparinux 2.5 mg SC OD, 45 days
    - Rivaroxaban 10 mg Oral OD, 45 days
  - Same efficacy
  - No major bleeding

Guideline for SVT in Varicose vein



## Trials of surgical treatment

Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

Volume 37, Number 6, 2003

Low-Molecular-Weight Heparin Versus
Saphenofemoral Disconnection for the Treatment
of Above-Knee Greater Saphenous
Thrombophlebitis: A Prospective Study

Francisco S. Lozano, MD, PhD and Arturo Almazan, MD, PhD, Salamanca, Spain

- 84 patients with SVT, w/o DVT
- Random, F/U 6 mo
  - Compression + SFJ ligation
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  - > 6.7% → wound infection
  - > 3.3% → recurrence SVT
  - > 6.7% → PE
- Compression + LMWH
  - > 6.7% → minor bleeding
  - > 10% → recurrence SVT

Group	Days of Hospitalization (Mean and Range)	Cost of Treatment (Dollars)
SF disconnection	1.6 (1–14)	42,000 (1,400 × patient)*
LMWH	0	9,000 (300 × patient) <sup>†</sup>

- LMWH group: OPD cases
- Conclusion
  - LMWH treatment of choice

#### **Phlebology**

#### Endovenous saphenous vein ablation in patients with acute isolated superficial-vein thrombosis

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SSAGE

Wayne S Gradman

- 72 isolated SVT w/ saphenous reflux
  - 41 = EVSA +/- phlebectomy
  - 31 = Compression + LMWH

- EVSA group
  - > Only 1 case = calf deep vein thrombosis
- Compression + LMWH group
  - No complication
  - $\rightarrow$  40%  $\rightarrow$  come back to EVSA
- Conclusion
  - > EVSA = Safe and good outcome, may be offered as initial treatment to patients /w SVT and Saphenous reflux.

### Take home messages



- SVT: clear evidence
  - > Thrombus, ≤ 3 cm of SFJ
    - Therapeutic anticoagulation
  - > Thrombus, ≥ 5 cm in length
    - Prophylactic anticoagulation for 45 days
      - Fondaparinux
      - LMWH
      - Rivaroxaban

## Take home messages



- VV thrombosis No specific guideline
  - Compression + anticoagulant then definitive treatment
  - > Endovenous ablation
- Our guideline for high risk VV thrombosis
  - Start anticoagulant for 30-45 days then
  - Schedule for VV surgery or endovenous ablation

