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# Thromboembolic disease in pregnancy

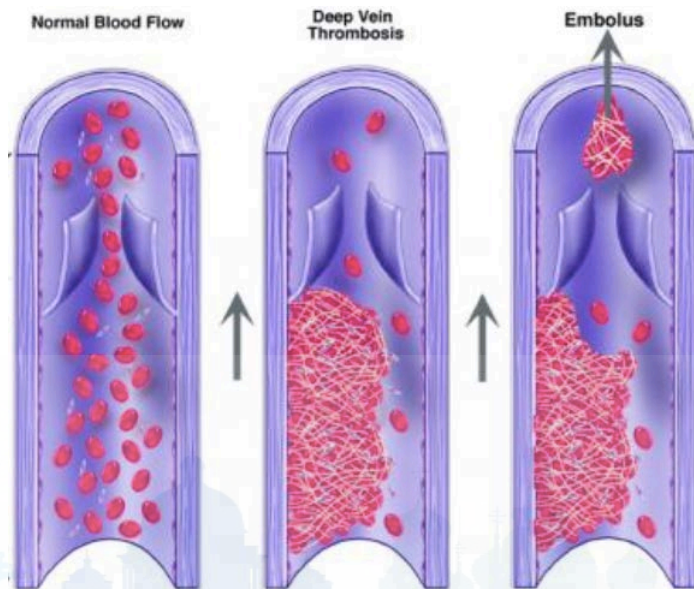
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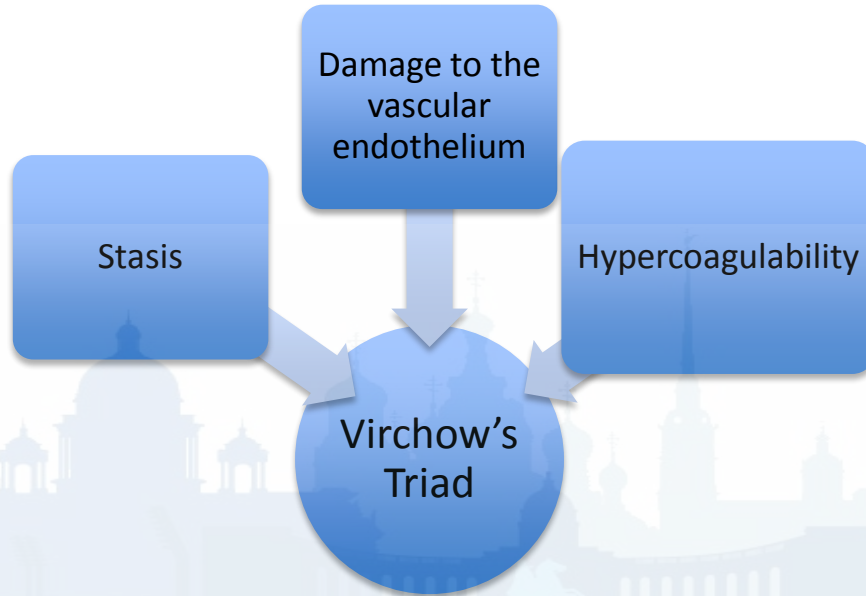
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# Pathophysiology of deep vein thrombosis

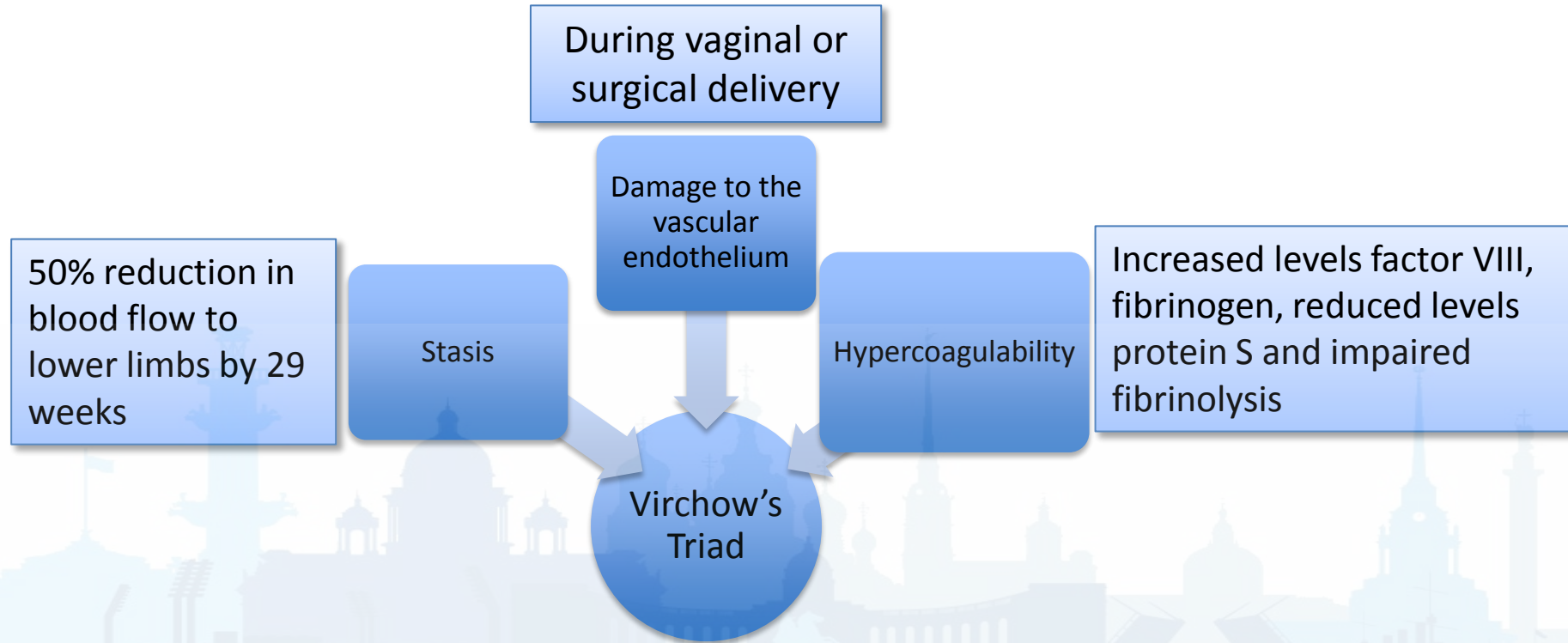


3 questions  
Why?  
Where?  
When?

# Why are obstetric patients at risk?



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## Reducing the Risk of Venous Thromboembolism during Pregnancy and the Puerperium

Green-top Guideline No. 37a  
April 2015



The American College of  
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## Thromboembolism in Pregnancy

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# Risk factors in pregnancy

**Table 1.** Risk factors for venous thromboembolism in pregnancy and the puerperium

See also Appendix I and Appendix II		
<b>Pre-existing</b>	Previous VTE	
	Thrombophilia	<i>Heritable</i> Antithrombin deficiency Protein C deficiency Protein S deficiency Factor V Leiden Prothrombin gene mutation  <i>Acquired</i> Antiphospholipid antibodies Persistent lupus anticoagulant and/or persistent moderate/high titre anticardiolipin antibodies and/or $\beta_2$ -glycoprotein 1 antibodies
	Medical comorbidities e.g. cancer; heart failure; active SLE, inflammatory polyarthropathy or IBD; nephrotic syndrome; type I diabetes mellitus with nephropathy; sickle cell disease; <sup>40</sup> current intravenous drug user	
	Age > 35 years	
	Obesity (BMI $\geq 30$ kg/m <sup>2</sup> ) either prepregnancy or in early pregnancy	
	Parity $\geq 3$ (a woman becomes para 3 after her third delivery)	
	Smoking	
	Gross varicose veins (symptomatic or above knee or with associated phlebitis, oedema/skin changes)	
	Paraplegia	
<b>Obstetric risk factors</b>	Multiple pregnancy	
	Current pre-eclampsia	
	Caesarean section	
	Prolonged labour (> 24 hours)	
	Mid-cavity or rotational operative delivery	
	Stillbirth	
	Preterm birth	
<b>New onset/transient</b>	Postpartum haemorrhage (> 1 litre/requiring transfusion)	
	Any surgical procedure in pregnancy or puerperium except immediate repair of the perineum, e.g. appendicectomy, postpartum sterilisation	
	Bone fracture	
	Hyperemesis, dehydration	
	Ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome (first trimester only)	Assisted reproductive technology (ART), in vitro fertilisation (IVF)
	Admission or immobility ( $\geq 3$ days' bed rest)	e.g. pelvic girdle pain restricting mobility
	Current systemic infection (requiring intravenous antibiotics or admission to hospital)	e.g. pneumonia, pyelonephritis, postpartum wound infection
	Long-distance travel (> 4 hours)	

*These risk factors are potentially reversible and may develop at later stages in gestation than the initial risk assessment or may resolve and therefore what is important is an ongoing individual risk assessment*

# Additional risk factors

## Maternal

- Previous history of thromboembolism
  - Pregnancy increases risk of recurrence 3-4 x
  - 15-25% of pregnancy related thrombosis are recurrent events
- Obesity
- Age
- Parity

## Pregnancy related

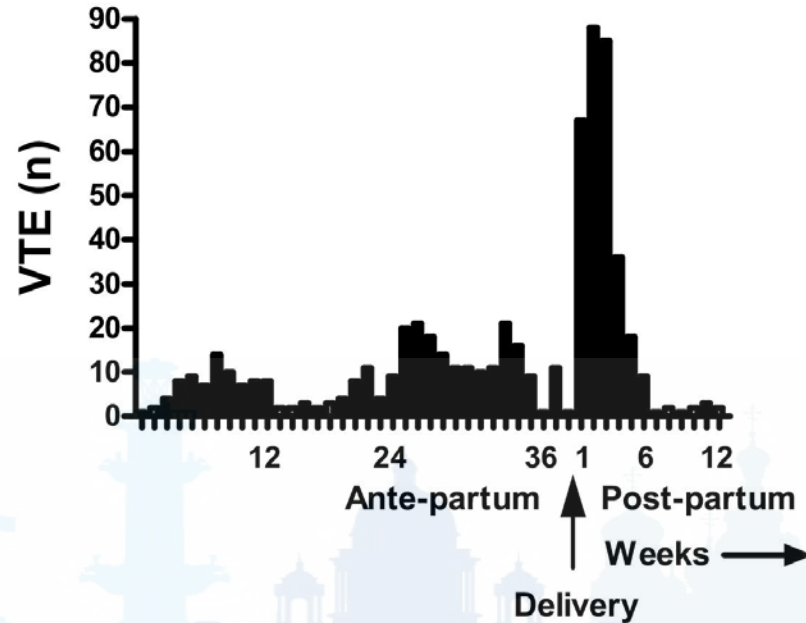
- Hyperemesis
- Pre-eclampsia
- Morbidity
  - Haemorrhage
  - Sepsis
- Mode of delivery



# Increasing risk with mode of delivery



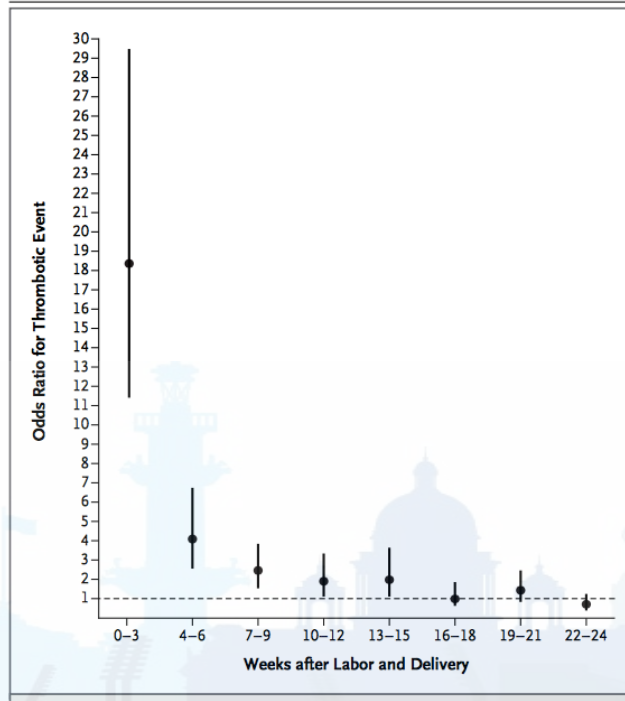
# When does venous thromboembolism in pregnancy and the postnatal period occur?



Distribution of venous thromboembolism in pregnancy and postnatal period

Jacobsen, Obstet Gynecol, 2008

# How long after delivery does risk persist for?



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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Risk of a Thrombotic Event after the 6-Week Postpartum Period

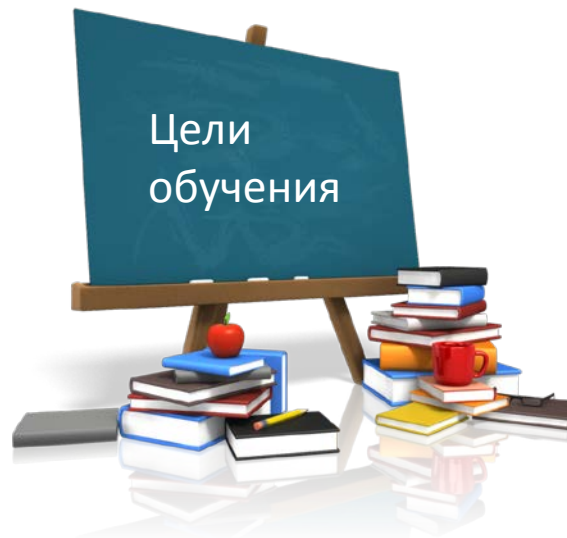
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Dominic A. Hovsepian, B.S., Richard B. Devereux, M.D.,  
and Mitchell S.V. Elkind, M.D.

*'...elevated risk of thrombosis persisted until at least 12 weeks after delivery. However, the absolute increase in risk beyond 6 weeks after delivery was low.'*

# Venous thromboembolism in pregnancy

## - where does it occur?

- 70-90% of DVT on left side (*55% outside pregnancy*)
  - ?physical effect - gravid uterus compressing left iliac vein as it crosses right iliac artery
- >70% proximal ileofemoral vessels (*9% outside pregnancy*)
- >70% post-phlebitic syndrome



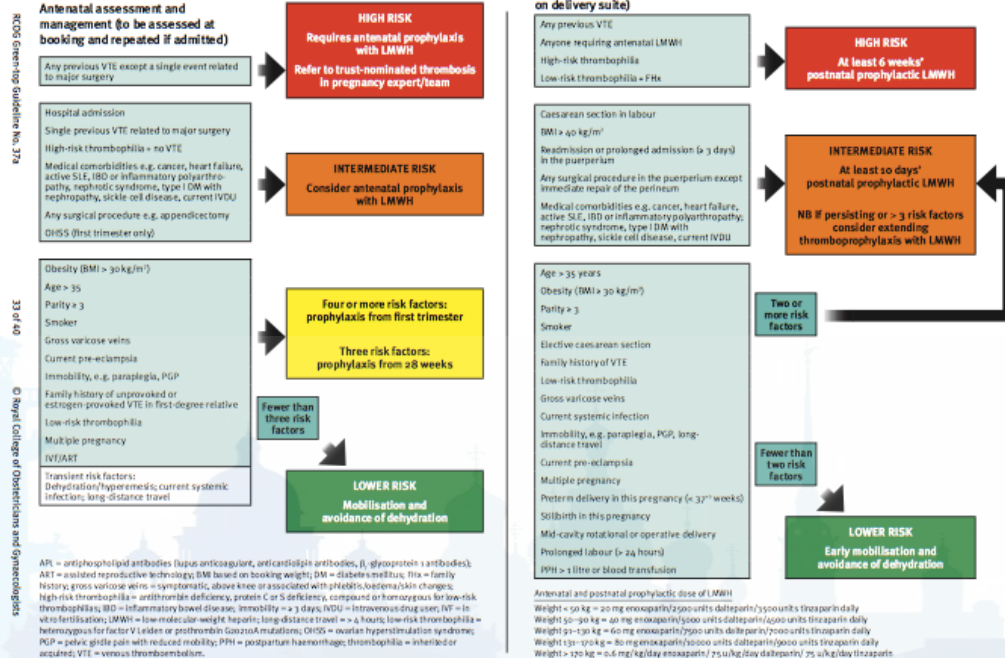
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# Preventing thrombosis in pregnancy

- Individualized risk assessment
- Physical methods of prophylaxis
- Pharmacological methods of prophylaxis
- Who's responsibility is it?

# Risk assessment

## Appendix 1: Obstetric thromboprophylaxis risk assessment and management



<https://www.rcog.org.uk/globalassets/documents/guidelines/gtg-37a.pdf>



# RCOG guidelines

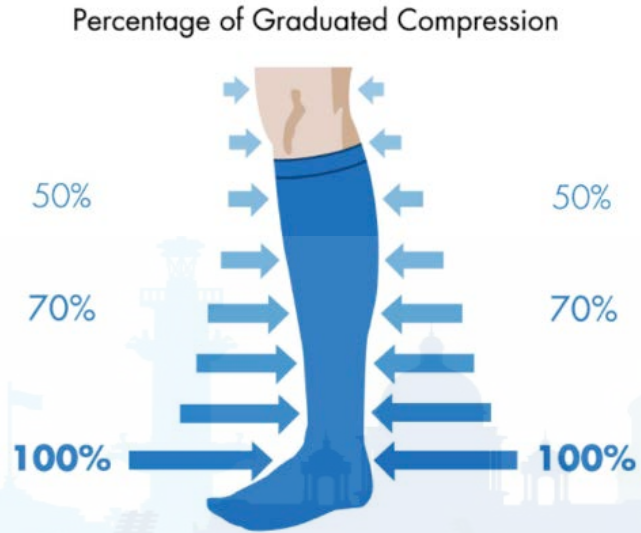
Antenatal thromboprophylaxis should begin as early in pregnancy as practical

LMWH are the agents of choice for antenatal thromboprophylaxis

Any woman with three or more current or persisting risk factors should be considered for prophylactic LMWH antenatally

# Physical methods of thromboprophylaxis

Graduated compression stockings



Mechanical sequential compression devices

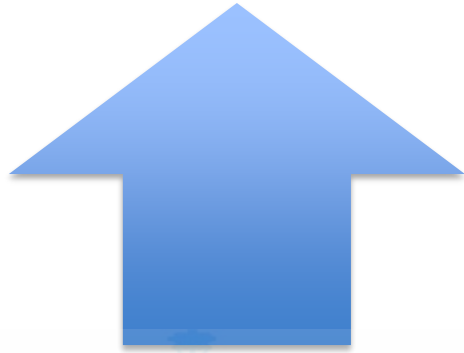


# Low molecular weight heparin

- Why are these the agents of choice?
  - Enhanced ratio of anti-Xa (antithrombotic) to anti-IIa (anticoagulant) activity reducing the risk of bleeding
  - Less binding to platelet factor 4 substantially reducing the risk of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia
  - Less osteoporosis



# Pros & cons of low molecular weight heparin



## Pros

Longer acting, once daily dosing  
Less osteoporosis, heparin induced thrombocytopenia



## Cons

Products vary  
Difficult to monitor  
Still get some side effects

# International recommendations

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG)	Australia/New Zealand	American College of Chest Physicians
<p>Heparin compounds are the preferred anticoagulant during pregnancy, specifically <u>LMWH</u></p>	<p><u>LMWH</u> is the preferred pharmacologic agent over UFH for treatment of VTE during pregnancy LMWH is the preferred pharmacologic agent over UFH for antepartum &amp; postpartum thromboprophylaxis</p>	<p><u>LMWH</u> is the preferred anticoagulant for treatment of acute VTE during pregnancy LMWHs are the agents of choice for antenatal and postnatal thromboprophylaxis Oral thrombin and Xa inhibitors should be avoided in pregnant women</p>	<p>Women with VTE in pregnancy should not be treated with vitamin K antagonists, such as warfarin. <u>LMWH</u> is preferred</p>	<p>For pregnant patients, recommend <u>LMWH</u> for prevention and treatment of VTE, instead of UFH For pregnant women, recommend avoiding the use of oral direct thrombin and factor Xa inhibitors</p>

# RCOG suggested doses for low molecular weight heparin thromboprophylaxis

Weight	Enoxaparin	Dalteparin	Tinzaparin (75 u/kg/day)
< 50 kg	20 mg daily	2500 units daily	3500 units daily
50–90 kg	40 mg daily	5000 units daily	4500 units daily
91–130 kg	60 mg daily*	7500 units daily	7000 units daily*
131–170 kg	80 mg daily*	10 000 units daily	9000 units daily*
> 170 kg	0.6 mg/kg/day*	75 u/kg/day	75 u/kg/day*
High prophylactic dose for women weighing 50–90 kg	40 mg 12 hourly	5000 units 12 hourly	4500 units 12 hourly

\*may be given in 2 divided doses

# 'Newer antithrombotic drugs'

## – fondaparinux

- Synthetic indirect inhibitor of factor Xa
- T  $\frac{1}{2}$  17-21h, excreted in kidneys
- No heparin induced thrombocytopenia, osteoporosis
- Stop → insertion of regional anaesthetic: 36-40h
- Insertion → dose: 6-8h
- Pregnancy:
  - Useful in women allergic to LMWH
  - Fetal safety?
  - Cross the placenta in small quantities
  - Several reports of the successful use of fondaparinux in pregnant woman have been published but important to recognize that many of these involve **second trimester or later exposure**





# New drugs - enteral

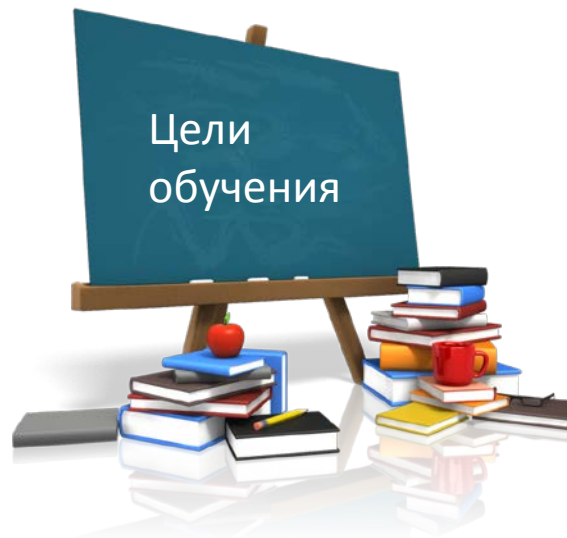
	Dabigatran <i>pradaxa</i>	Rivaroxaban <i>Xarelto</i>	Apixaben <i>Eliquis</i>
Mechanism	Direct thrombin inhibitor	Direct Xa inhibitor	Direct Xa inhibitor
T1/2	12-17h	5-9h	9-14h
Indications	Ortho DVT prophylaxis, AF	Ortho DVT prophylaxis, AF, DVT treatment & prophylaxis	Ortho DVT prophylaxis

# Are they coming to obstetrics?

- Safe in pregnancy/breastfeeding
  - NO data
- No 'reversibility', long T1/2
  - ?provision of epidurals/spinals
  - risk of haemorrhage

# Are they coming to obstetrics?

- Safe in pregnancy/breastfeeding
  - NO data
- No 'reversibility', long T1/2
  - ?provision of CNB
  - Risk of haemorrhage
- NOT ANY TIME SOON!



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# Diagnosis & management of deep vein thrombosis in pregnancy

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- If ultrasound is negative and there is a **low level of clinical suspicion, anticoagulant treatment can be discontinued**
- If ultrasound is negative and **a high level of clinical suspicion exists, anticoagulant treatment should be discontinued but the ultrasound should be repeated on days 3 and 7**

# Treatment doses of low molecular weight heparin

**Table 1a.** Initial dose of enoxaparin is determined as follows:

Booking or early pregnancy weight	Initial dose of enoxaparin
< 50 kg	40 mg twice daily or 60 mg once daily
50–69 kg	60 mg twice daily or 90 mg once daily
70–89 kg	80 mg twice daily or 120 mg once daily
90–109 kg	100 mg twice daily or 150 mg once daily
110–125 kg	120 mg twice daily or 180 mg once daily
> 125 kg	Discuss with haematologist

**Table 1b.** Initial dose of dalteparin is determined as follows:

Booking or early pregnancy weight	Initial dose of dalteparin
< 50 kg	5000 iu twice daily or 10 000 iu once daily
50–69 kg	6000 iu twice daily or 12 000 iu once daily
70–89 kg	8000 iu twice daily or 16 000 iu once daily
90–109 kg	10 000 iu twice daily or 20 000 iu once daily
110–125 kg	12 000 iu twice daily or 24 000 iu daily
> 125 kg	Discuss with haematologist

**Table 1c.** Initial dose of tinzaparin is determined as follows:

Initial dose of tinzaparin (based on booking or early pregnancy weight)
175 units/kg once daily



# Are biomarkers useful in the detection of pulmonary embolus?

**bjh** research paper

The DiPEP (Diagnosis of PE in Pregnancy) biomarker study: An observational cohort study augmented with additional cases to determine the diagnostic utility of biomarkers for suspected venous thromboembolism during pregnancy and puerperium

*Hunt et al, Br J Haematology, 2018*

Blood samples from 310 pregnant/postpartum women with suspected pulmonary emboli and with diagnosed deep vein thromboses

Thromboembolism

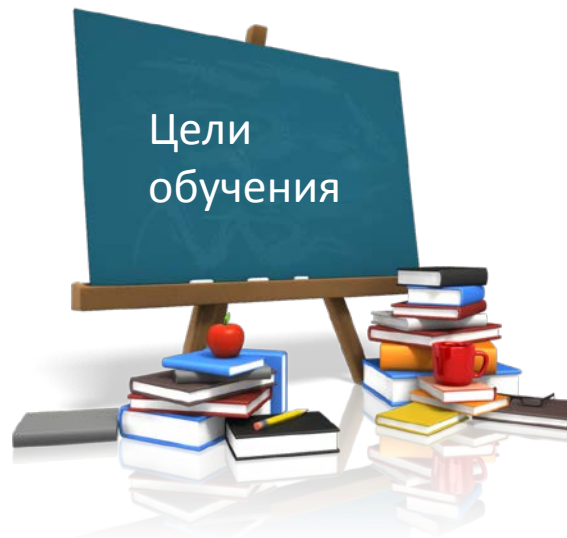
Biomarkers assessed: D-dimer, C-reactive protein, Clauss

C-reactive

## Take home message

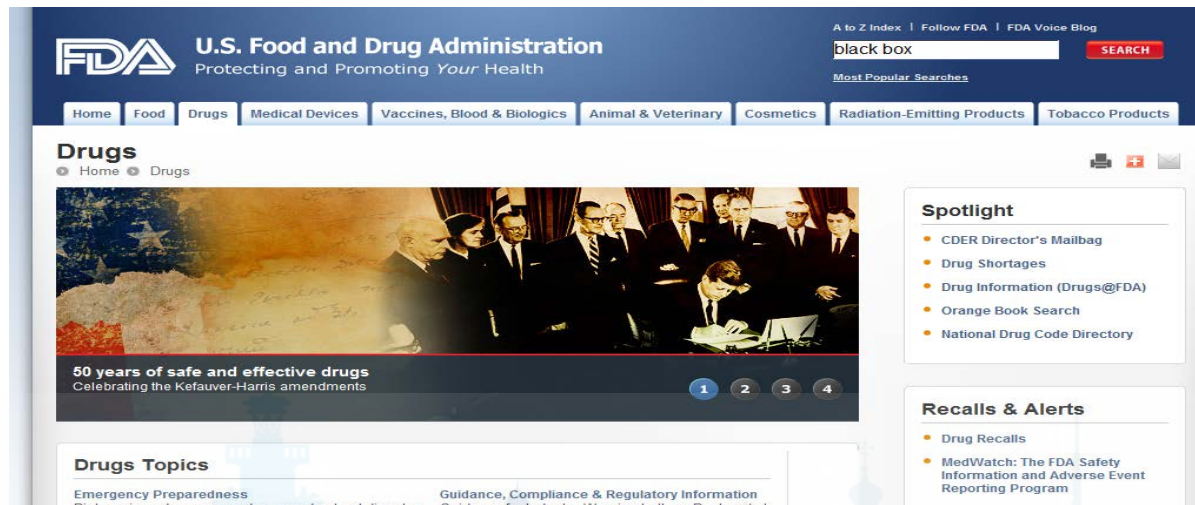
**No diagnostically useful threshold for diagnosing or ruling out thromboembolism was identified**

In pregnancy and the puerperium, conventional and candidate biomarkers have no utility either for their negative or positive predictive value in the diagnosis of VTE



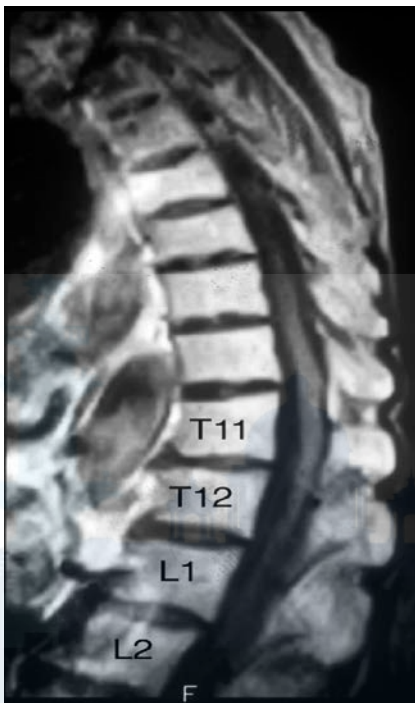
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# Avoiding complications (epidural haematoma) associated with thromboprophylaxis



In 1997 the FDA issued a black box warning for LMWH and neuraxial blockade. There were more than 80 voluntary reports of epidural or spinal hematoma formation associated with the use of enoxaparin.

# What was happening in the U.S.?



- Lack of guidelines
- Higher total daily dose (60 vs 40mg)
- Twice daily dosing
- More epidurals

(Europe? – likely under-reporting)

# Practical management

- Clear guidelines for thromboprophylaxis
- Do you HAVE to do an RA?
  - Remifentanyl
  - Other blocks (rectus sheath & TAP blocks)
  - Remove epidural catheters early

# Practical management

- Robust post-operative follow up and assessment.....
- Watch out for persistent sensory/motor block
- Early MRI

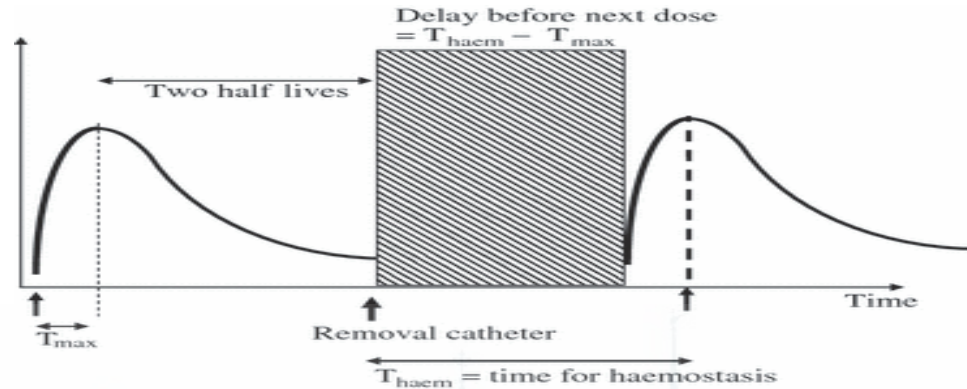
# LMWH

LMWH	USA	Germany	Spain	Austria	Belgium	UK
stop → insertion (prophylactic)	10-12h	10-12h	12h	12h	12h	12h
stop → insertion (therapeutic)	24h	24h	24h	24h	24h	24h
insertion → dose	6-8h	4h	6h	4h	4h	4h
stop → removal	10-12h	12h	12h		12h	12h
removal → dose	>2h		6h	4h	4h	4h

Adapted from British Journal of Haematology 2010



# Selected new antithrombotic agents and neuraxial anaesthesia for major orthopaedic surgery: management strategies.



- Suggests delaying removal of a neuraxial catheter until at least 2  $T_{1/2}$  have elapsed for the specific anticoagulant involved. After 2  $T_{1/2}$ , only 25% of the medication remains active. *After this interval, elimination slows considerably so waiting longer only slightly decreases the residual drug concentration*

Rosencher et al, Anaesthesia 2007

# Take home messages



1. Pregnant women are at increased risk of thromboembolic disease, the risk persists for 6 weeks after delivery
2. Low molecular weight heparin is the agent of choice for prevention and treatment
3. Insertion (or removal) of epidural or spinal anaesthesia must be carefully timed in women who receive LMWH

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