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'Deep Vein Thrombosis: Diagnostic and Prognostic Challenges'

1. The diagnostic safety threshold of all future diagnostic studies in deep vein thrombosis should be adjusted to the disease prevalence in the study population. (*this thesis*)
2. In the future, MRDTI (Magnetic Resonance Direct Thrombus Imaging) may be used as a follow-up test, in case compression ultrasonography is not conclusive. (*this thesis*)
3. Because 20% of patients with acute venous thromboembolism discontinue treatment with direct oral anticoagulant (DOAC) therapy prematurely, further research into the consequences is pertinent. (*this thesis*)
4. Persistent residual thrombosis after deep vein thrombosis is a predictor for post thrombotic syndrome. (*this thesis*)
5. In patients with acute proximal deep vein thrombosis, the addition of pharmacomechanical catheter-directed thrombolysis to anticoagulation is not recommended because it does not result in a lower risk of post-thrombotic syndrome and is associated with a higher risk of major bleeding. (*S. Vedanthan, N Engl J Med. 2017 Dec 7;377(23):2240-2252*)
6. In patients with isolated subsegmental pulmonary embolism and low risk of recurrent venous thromboembolism, thoroughly clinical surveillance is favoured above anticoagulation therapy, especially in patients with a high risk of bleeding. (*L. K. Moores JAMA Internal Medicine 2018; 178: 1274-1275*)
7. Immediate compression therapy to prevent post thrombotic complaints could be considered for patients with acute deep vein thrombosis of the leg. (*E.E. Amin, Blood 2018; 2018-03-836783*)
8. A shift toward the acknowledgment and acceptance of uncertainty is essential — for us as physicians, for our patients, and for our health care system as a whole. (*A.L. Simpkin, N Engl J Med 2016; 375:1713-1715*)
9. There are, in truth, no specialties in internal medicine, since to know fully many of the most important diseases a physician must be familiar with their manifestations in many organs. (*adapted from Sir William Osler 1849-1919*)
10. Don't let appearances fool you. There's always only one reality. (*Haruki Murakami, 1Q84,2009*)
There is no such thing as almost thrombosis.
11. Simplicity is the final achievement. (*adapted from Frédéric Chopin, 1810-1849*)