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Contemporary Management of Iliofemoral Venous Thrombosis

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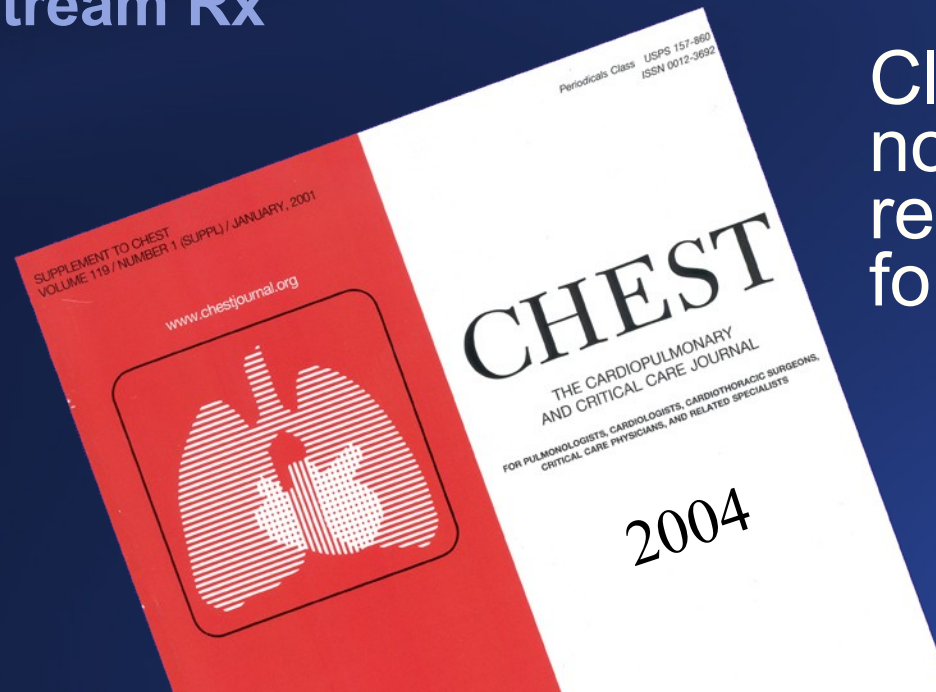
Iliofemoral DVT

Case from Tuesday

- 22yo. woman, referred from outside hospital
- 3X Ohio State Champion
 - 400 meter dash
 - 800 meter run
- Track scholarship to the Ohio State University
- Iliofemoral DVT after BCP in 2007
- Treated with anticoagulation
- Venous claudication/painful left leg
 - ...lost scholarship
 - ...no longer in college

Acute Venous Thromboembolism

Mainstream Rx



Clot removal was not a part of recommendation for care

These guidelines were in place until July, 2008

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Initial Question...

Which acute DVT patients benefit from a strategy of thrombus removal?

ANSWER: Probably all, but iliofemoral DVT for sure!

Why iliofemoral DVT patients?

Why Iliofemoral DVT Patients?

- Single venous outflow channel occluded
- Most severe postthrombotic morbidity when treated with anticoagulation alone
- Significant increased risk of recurrence

Iliofemoral DVT

Acute Post Op



Iliofemoral DVT

Venous Thrombectomy



*If this is not removed...
and permitted to organize...*

It will result in...

Iliofemoral DVT

Post-Thrombotic Syndrome

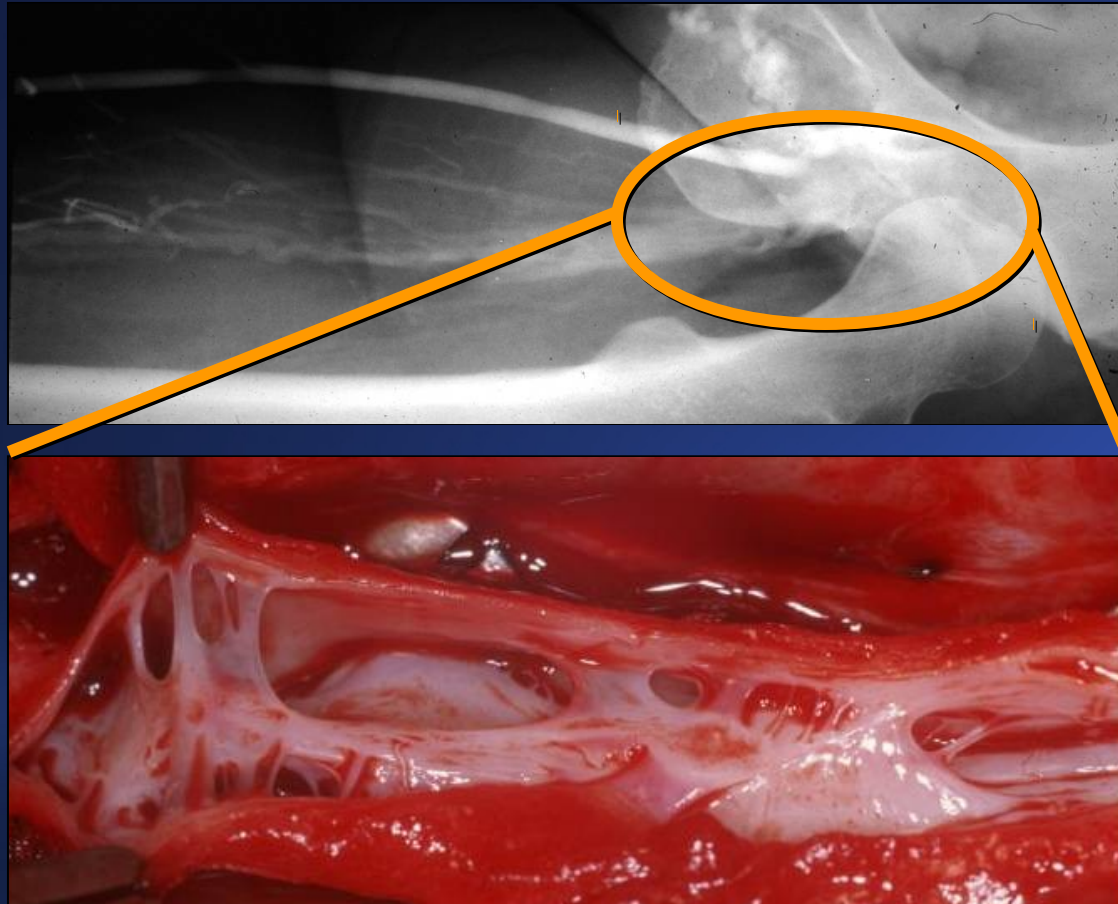
Anticoagulation Alone



Iliofemoral DVT

Anticoagulation Alone

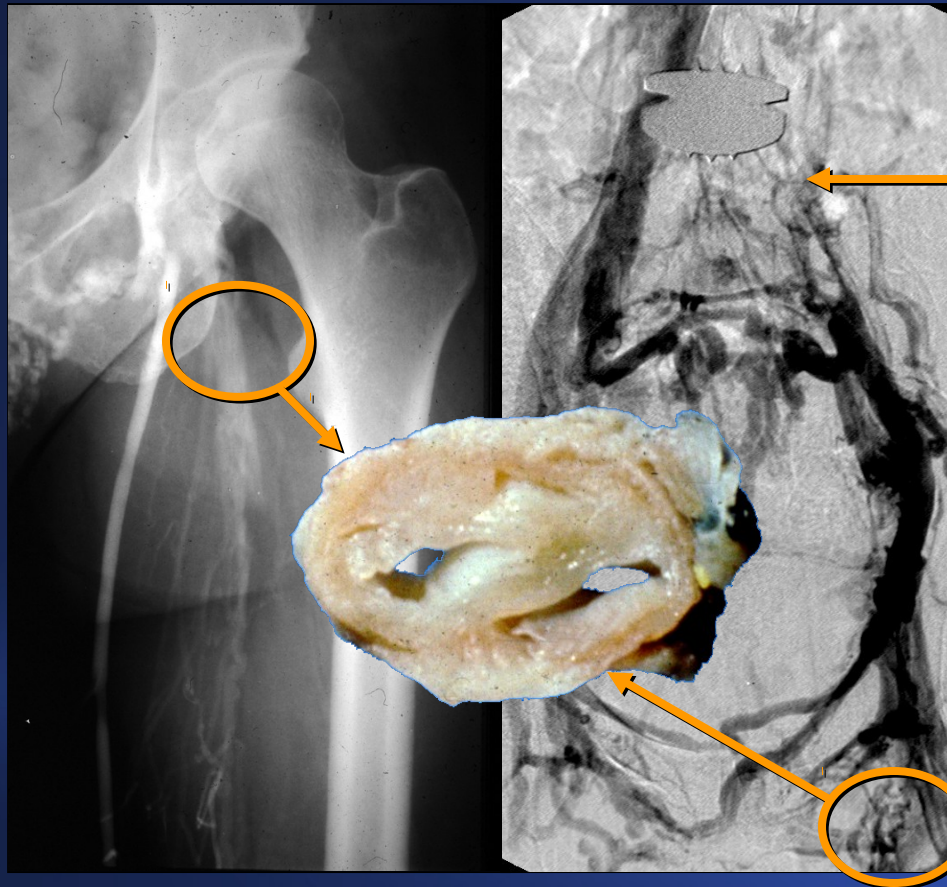
Phlebographic and Pathologic Outcome



Iliofemoral DVT

Anticoagulation Alone

Long-term Outcome



**CIV
Occluded**

Iliofemoral DVT

Anticoagulation Alone

Clinical Outcome



- Actual Photo -

C-6

- Ulceration
- On Disability
- Poor QOL

...**or**...

Iliofemoral DVT

3 Years Post Thrombus Removal



- Actual Photo -

- Hairdresser
- No edema
- Asymptomatic Normal valve function

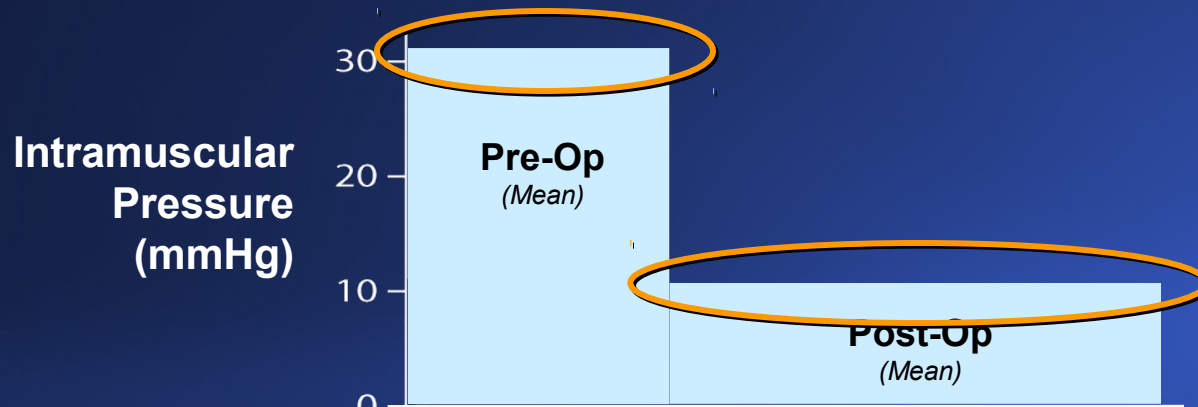
**Actual outcome
Post-Thrombectomy**

Iliofemoral DVT

Intramuscular Pressures (mmHg)

- 12 Patients with iliofemoral DVT
- Venous thrombectomy
- Intramuscular pressures (wick)
(*Surrogate for venous pressure*)

Anterior & Deep Posterior Compartments (Mean)



**Reduction of pressure to normal
after thrombus removal**

Strategy of Thrombus Removal

Pathophysiology

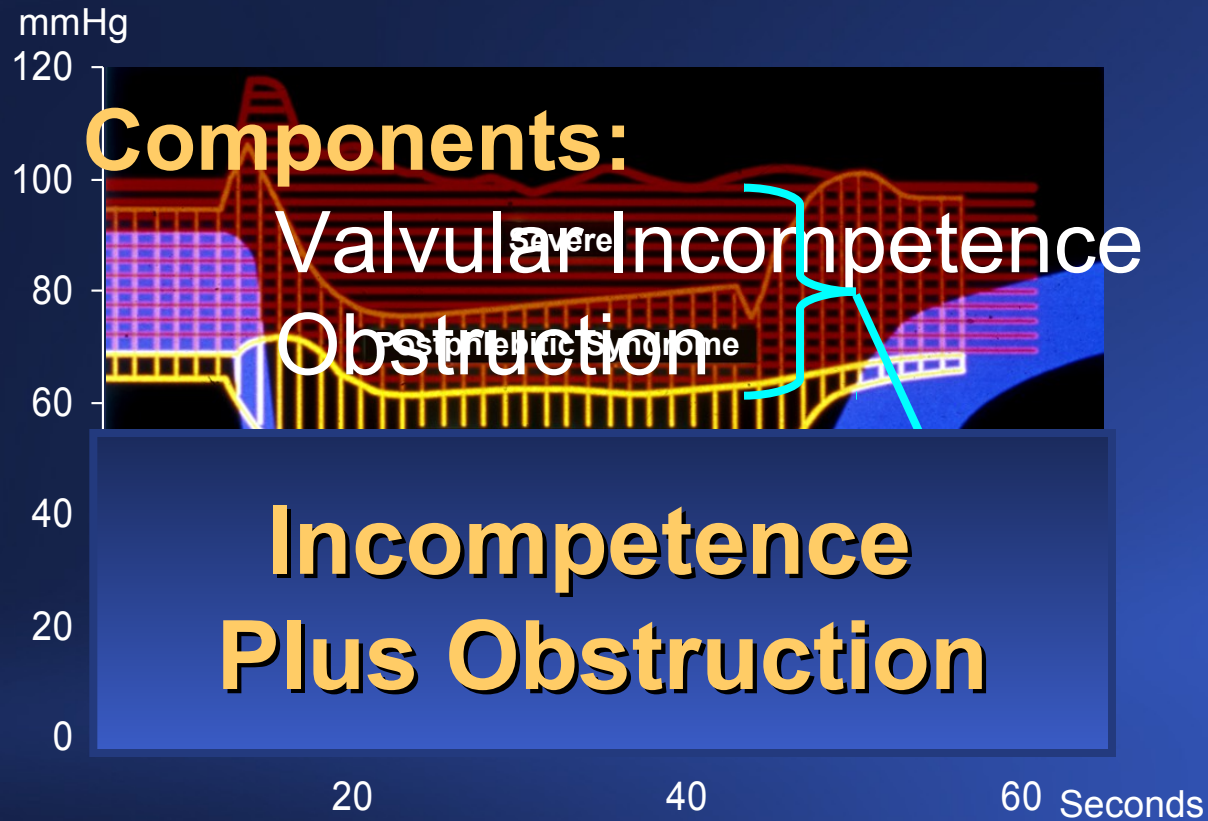
Ambulatory venous hypertension is **THE** underlying pathophysiology of chronic venous disease/PTS

How can we expect post-thrombotic venous pressures to be normal if obstructing thrombus is not removed?

Chronic Venous Insufficiency

Pathophysiology

Ambulatory Venous Hypertension



Legwork

16° steps per minute

Outcomes After Anticoagulation Alone

Determinants and Time Course of the Postthrombotic Syndrome after Acute Deep Venous Thrombosis

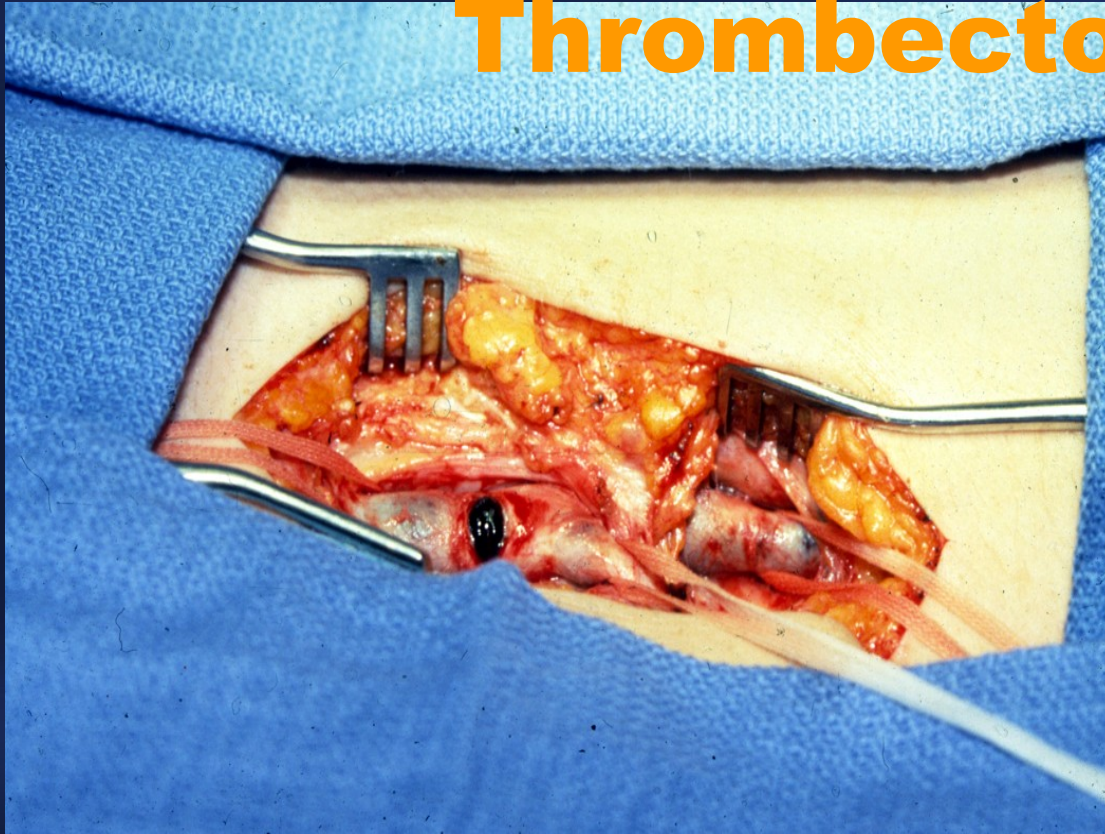
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Findings

- 1 month observation was best predictor of long-term outcome ($p < 0.001$)
- IFDVT patients had the most severe post-thrombotic morbidity (OR 2.23; $p < 0.001$)

“Contemporary” Venous

Thrombectomy



Operative Venous Thrombectomy

Why Operate?

Randomized Trial: Iliofemoral DVT *Venous Thrombectomy vs. Anticoagulation* (Follow-up @ 6 mos, 5 yrs, 10 yrs)

Patients randomized to thrombectomy showed:

1. Improved patency $P < 0.05$
2. Lower venous pressures $P < 0.05$
3. Less leg swelling $P < 0.05$
4. Fewer post-thrombotic symptoms $P < 0.05$

...compared to anticoagulation

Level I Data

Plate G, et al. *JVS*; 1984
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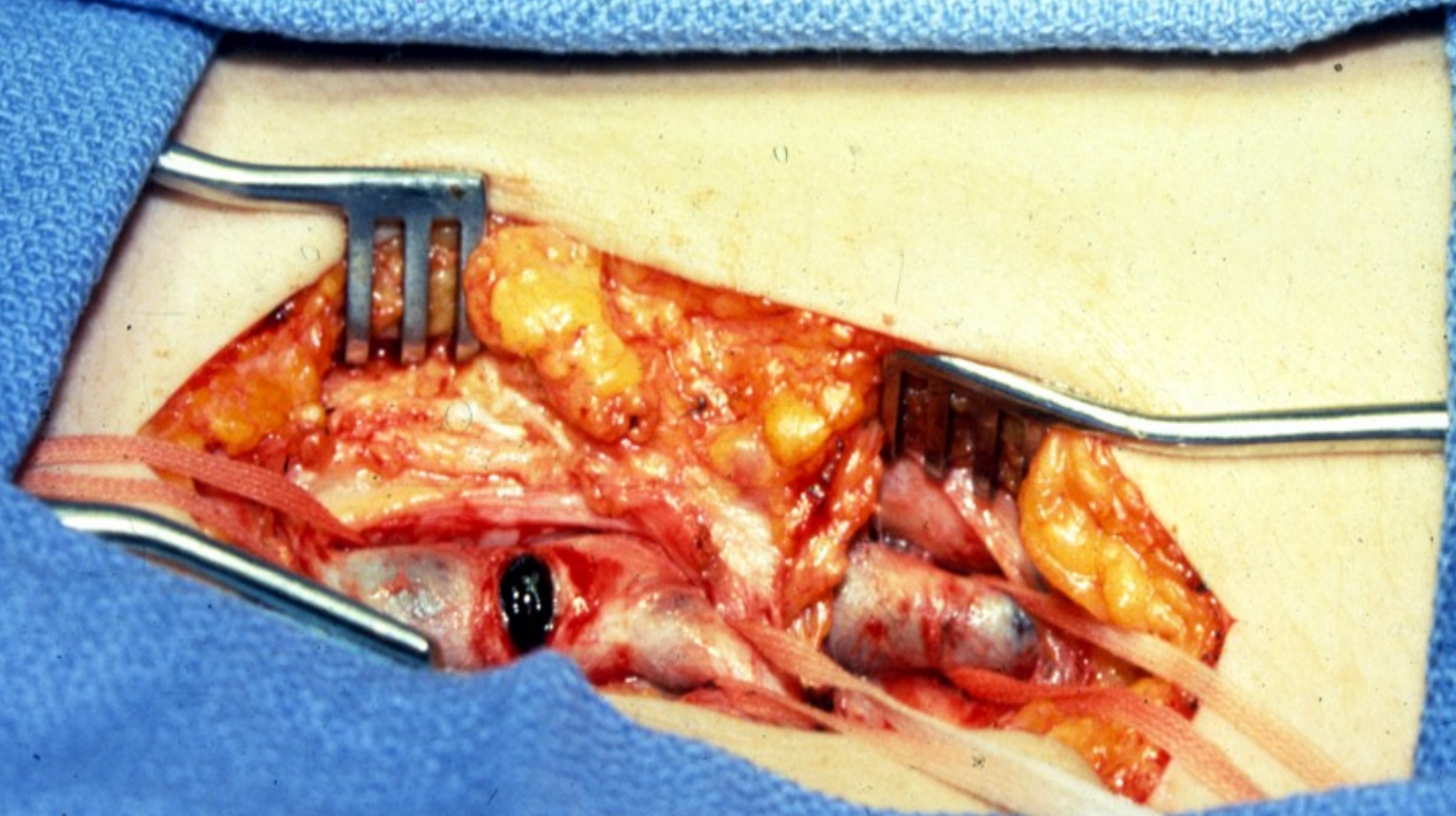
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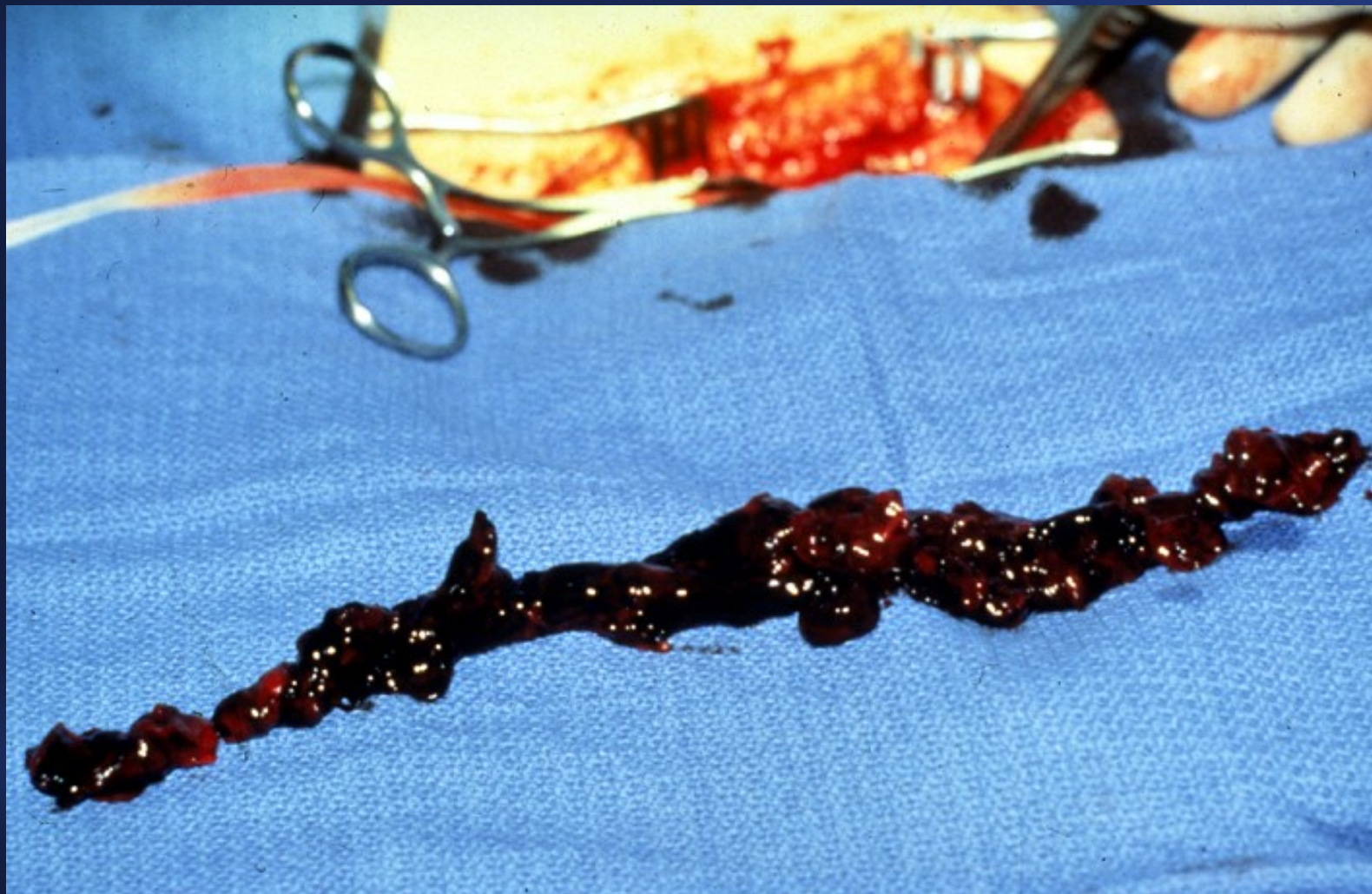
Venous Thrombectomy

Femoral Vein Exposure



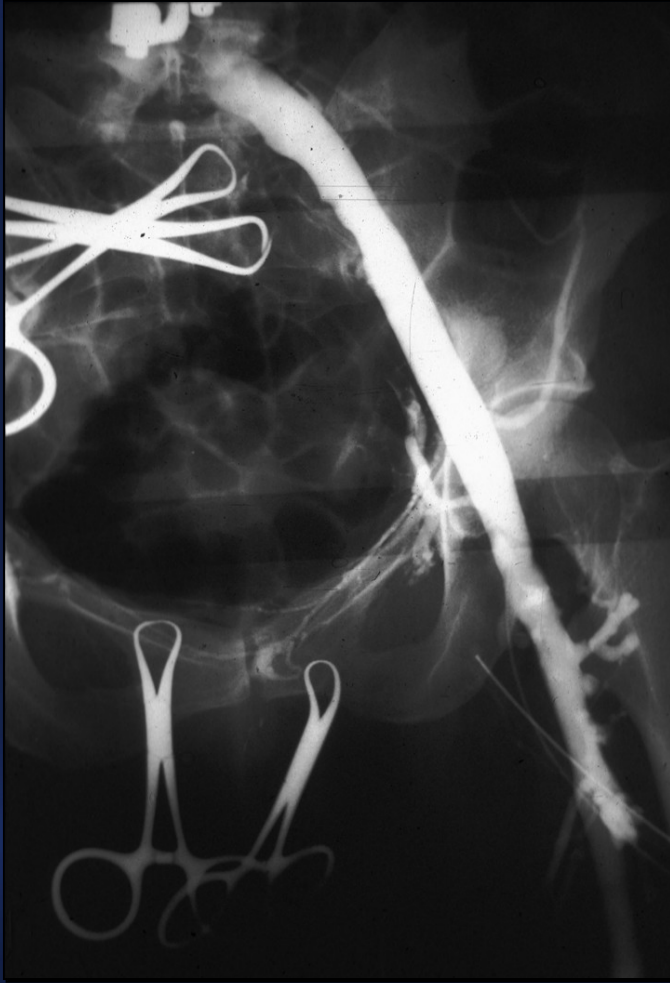
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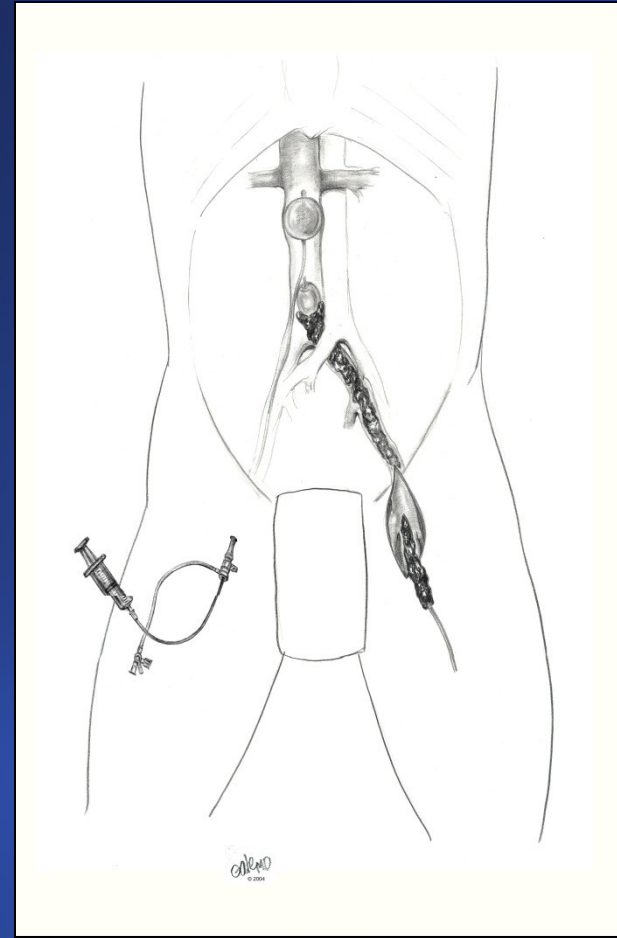
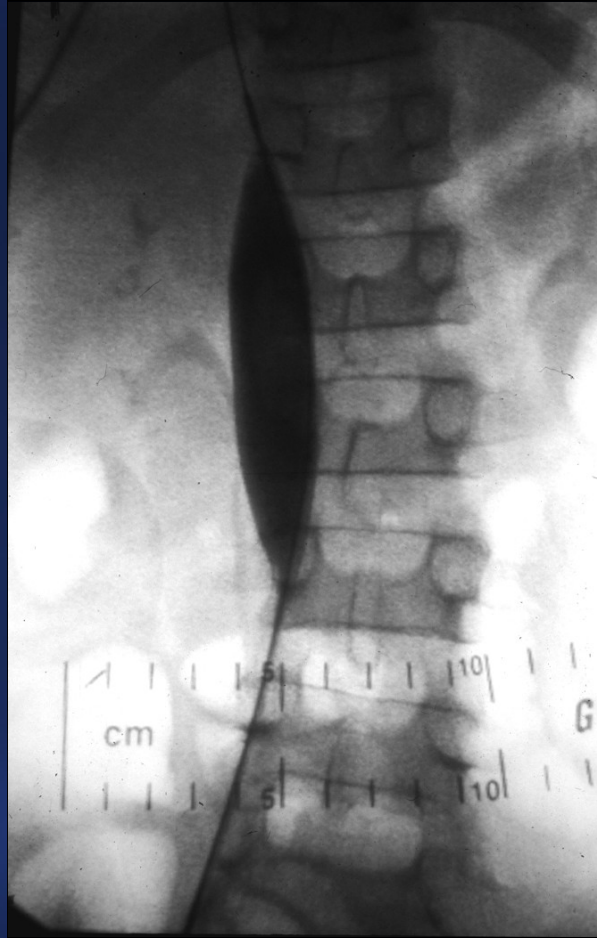
Venous Thrombectomy

Completion Phlebogram



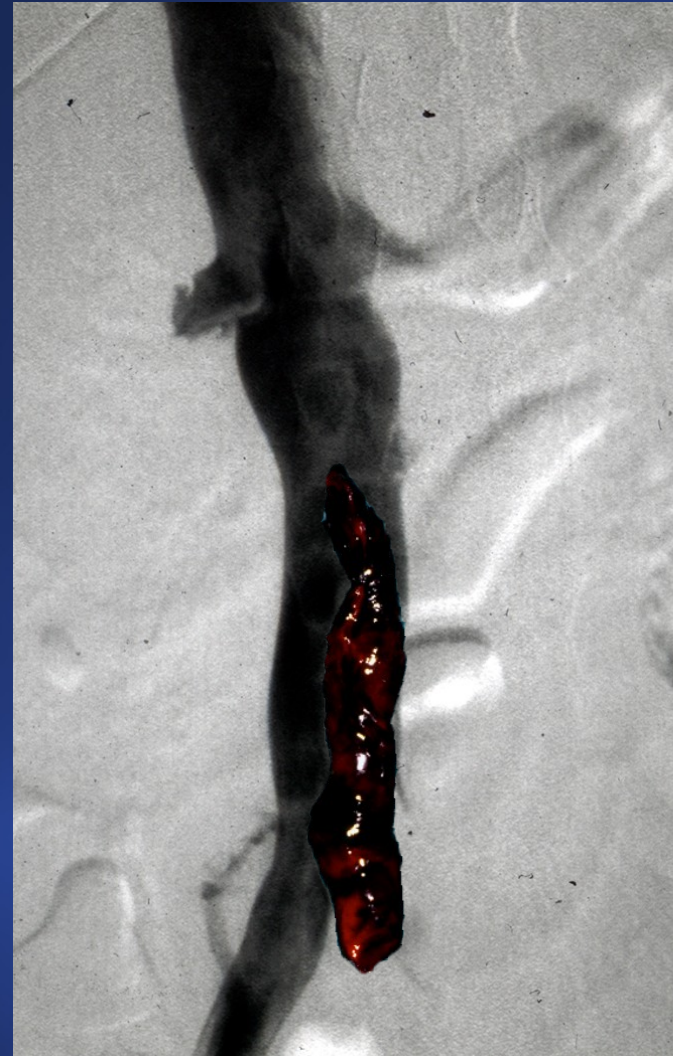
Venous Thrombectomy

Caval Clot



Venous Thrombectomy

Specimen



“Contemporary” Venous Thrombectomy

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TECHNICAL NOTE

Technique of contemporary iliofemoral and infrainguinal venous thrombectomy

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approach to patients with few alternatives to clear the venous system. Because the patient benefit is well established, vascular surgeons should include contemporary venous thrombectomy as part of their routine operative armamentarium, offering this procedure to patients with extensive deep vein thrombosis involving the iliofemoral venous system, especially if other options are not available or have failed. (J Vasc Surg 2006;43:185-91.)

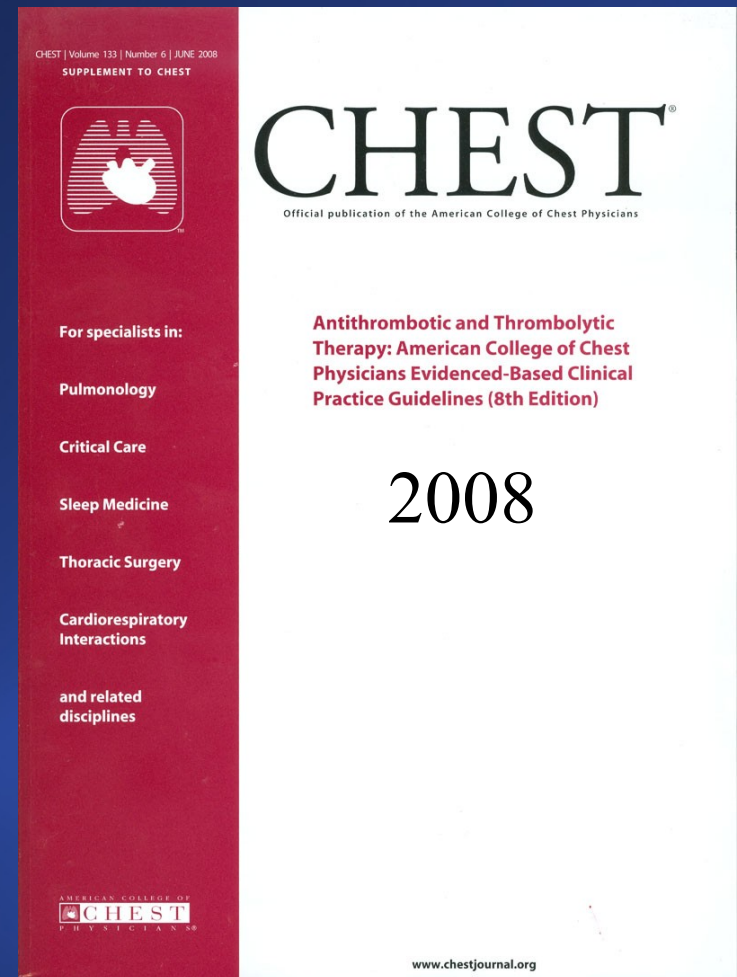
What's New in Venous Disease?

Acute DVT

Recommendations

“In [...patients] with extensive DVT...*operative venous thrombectomy* may be used to reduce acute symptoms and post-thrombotic morbidity...”

...GRADE 2B...



Catheter-Directed



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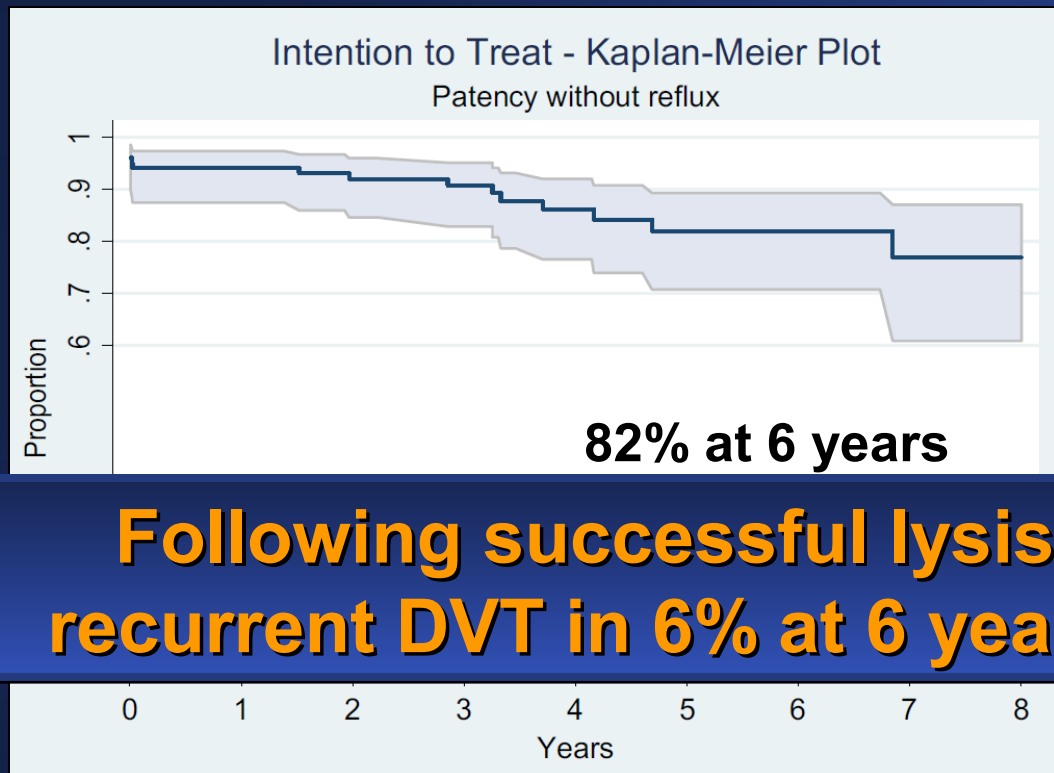


Catheter-Directed Thrombolysis for IFDVT

Long-Term Follow-Up (N=103)

Results

– *Patency Without Reflux* –



**Following successful lysis
recurrent DVT in 6% at 6 years**

Strategy of Thrombus Removal: QOL

CDT vs Anticoagulation

– Cohort Controlled Study –

| QOL Measure | CDT | No CDT | <i>p-value</i> |
|-------------------|------|--------|----------------|
| Health Util Index | .83 | .74 | 0.032 |
| Role Phys | | | 0.013 |
| Health Dis | | | 0.007 |
| Stigma | | | 0.033 |
| Overall Symptom | 78.5 | 55.5 | <0.001 |

- Significantly better QOL with CDT plus anticoagulation
- Lytic failures had same QOL as anticoagulation alone

Catheter-Directed Thrombolysis for IFDVT

Randomized Trials

– *Patency* –
(6 Months)

| | Lysis | Anticoag | <i>p-value</i> |
|---|-------|----------|----------------|
| Elsharawy et al Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg 2002; 24:209 (N=35) | 72% | 12% | <0.001 |
| Enden et al J Thromb Haemost 2009; 7:1268 (N=103) | 64% | 36% | 0.004 |

Catheter-Directed Thrombolysis for IFDVT

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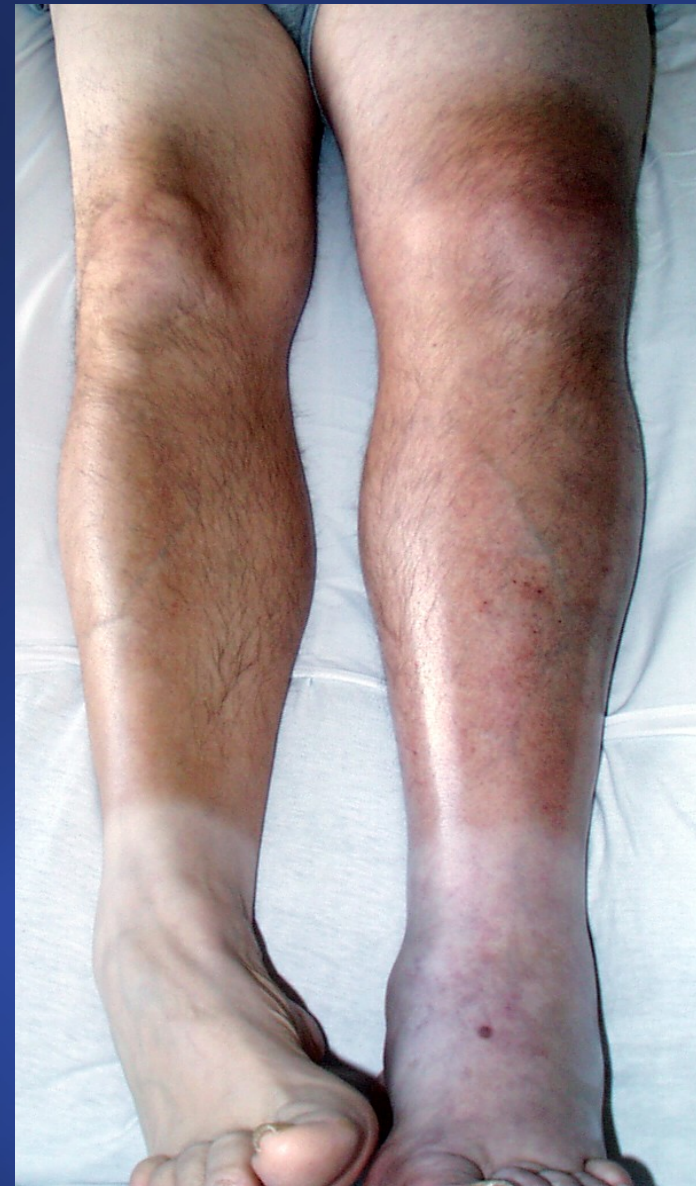
– *Normal Valve Function* –
(6 Months)

| | Lysis | Anticoag | p-value |
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| Elsharawy et al Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg 2002; 24:209 (N=35) | 89% | 59%* | 0.041 |
| Enden et al J Thromb Haemost 2009; 7:1268 (N=103) | 40% | 34%* | 0.53 |

**Reflux cannot occur in occluded veins*

Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens

- 65 yo Caucasian male
- Chronic low back pain
...worse x one month
- Phlegmasia cerulea dolens
- Venous duplex:
Clot post tib → Ext. iliac
vein



Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens

Femoral Popliteal



Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens

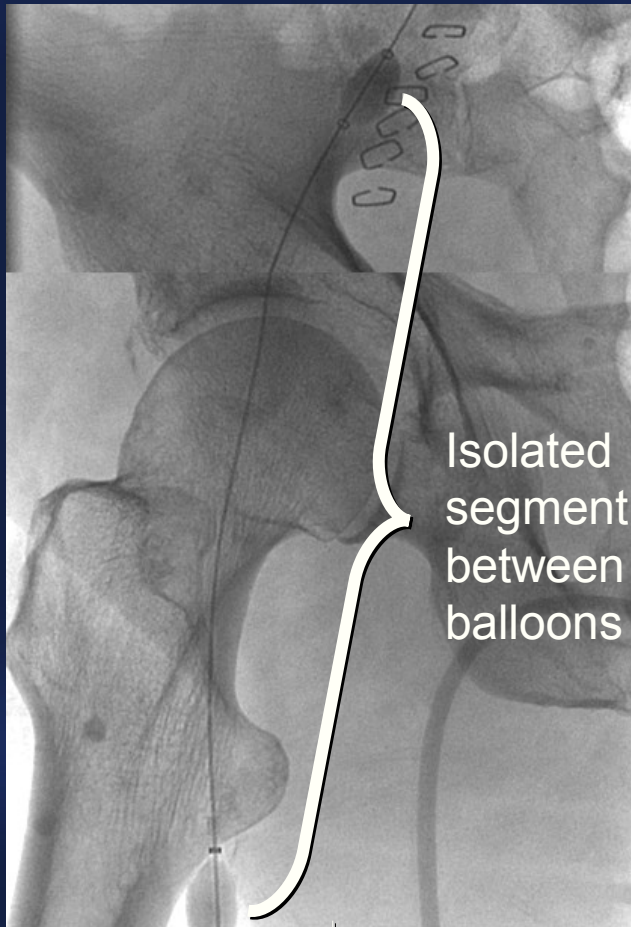
Posterior Tibial Vein Catheter



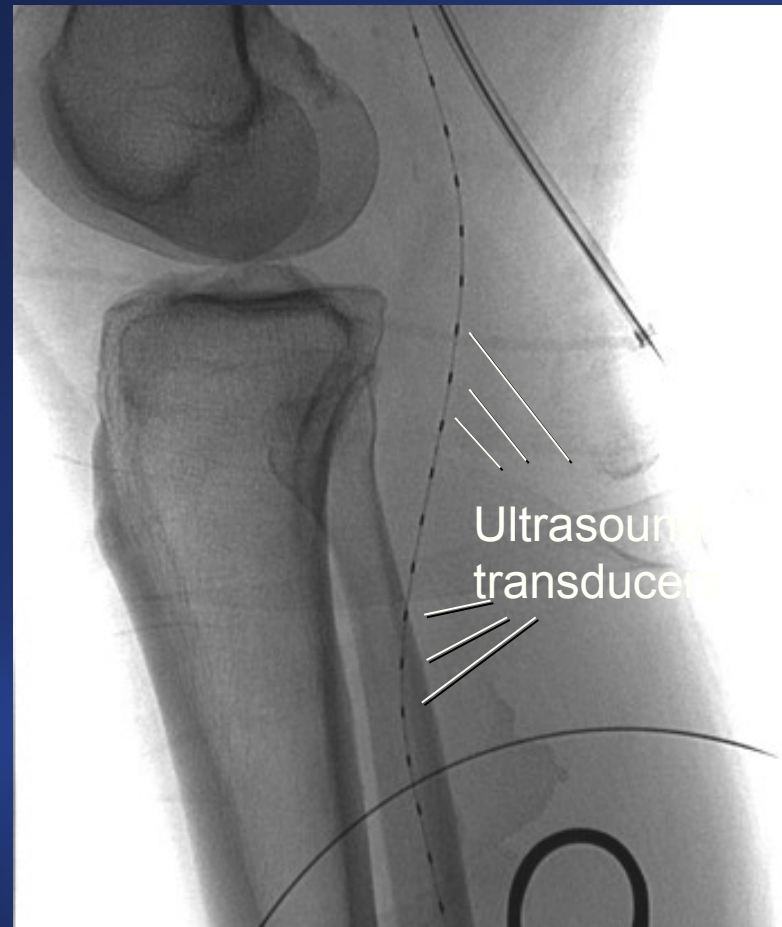
Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens

US Guided Venous Access

Trellis catheter



Lysus catheter



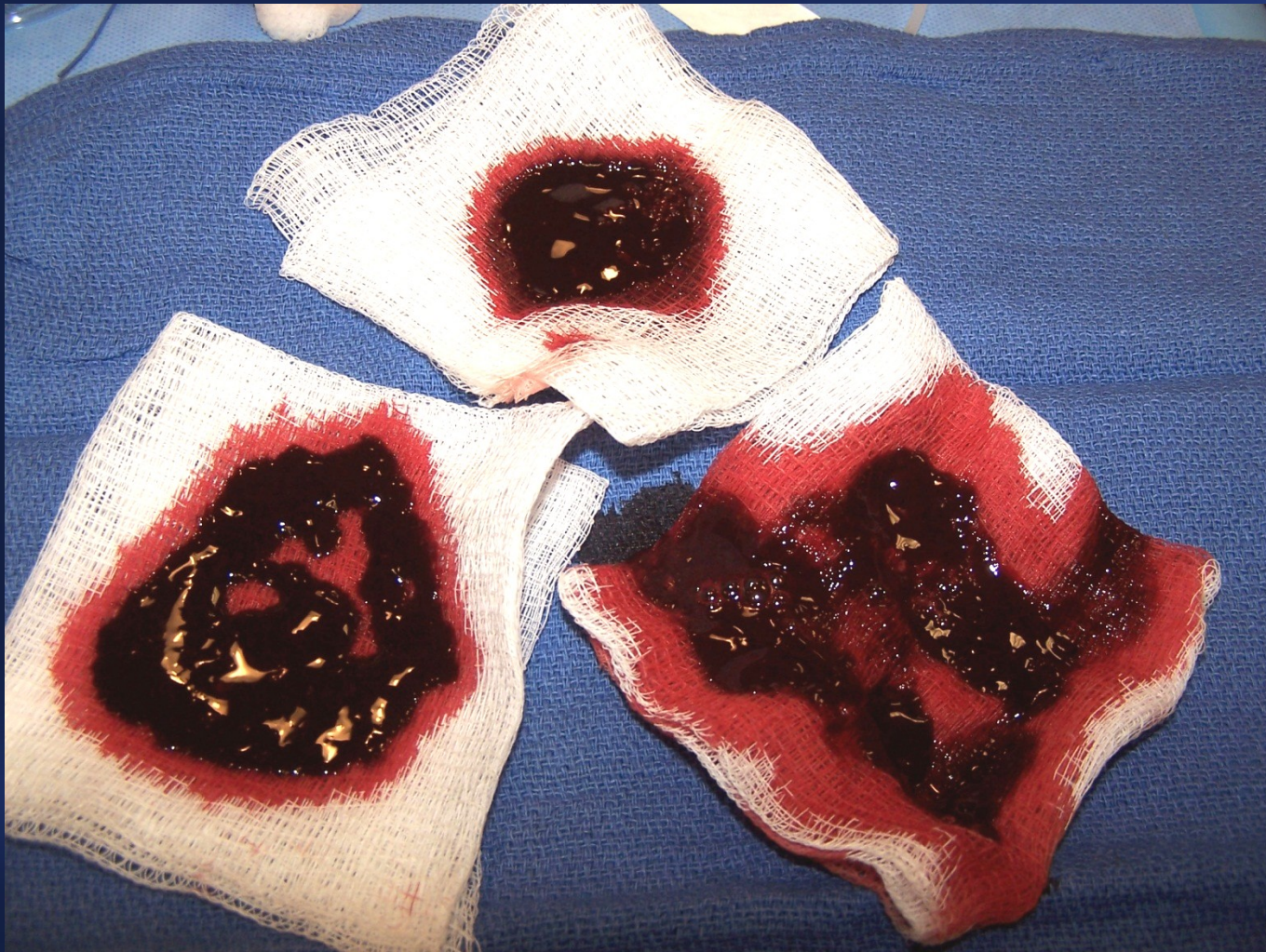
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Post Trellis®: ISPMT



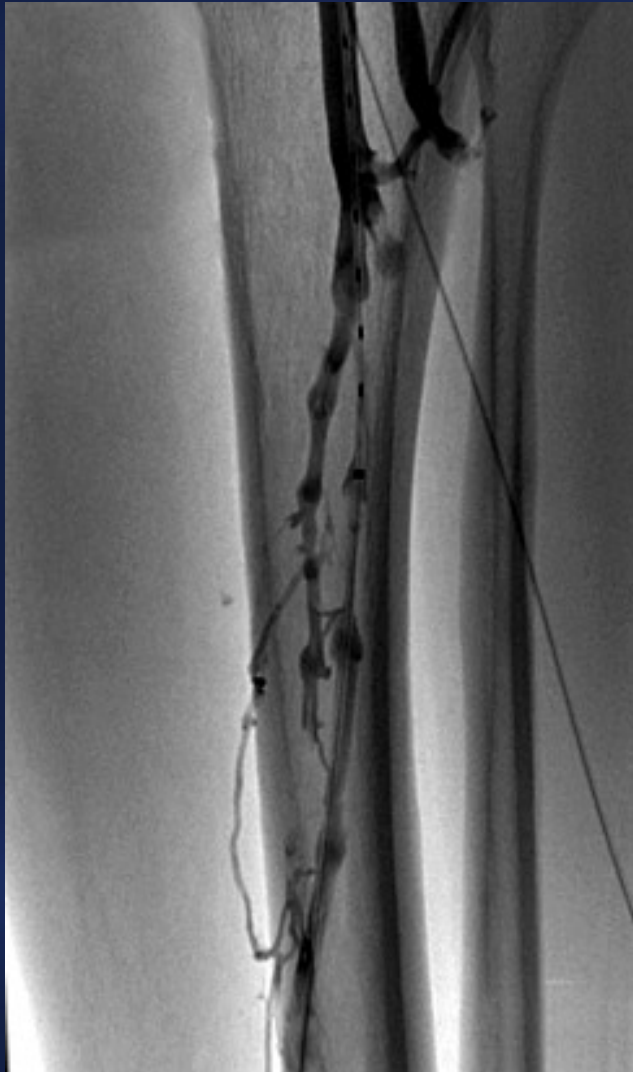
Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens

Trellis® Specimen: Aspiration via Sheath



Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens

Post Ultrasound Lysis



Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens

Post Trellis®, LysUS®, Angiojet® and Stent



Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens

16 Month Follow-up



- Asymptomatic
- No PTS symptoms
- All veins patent
- Normal deep valve function

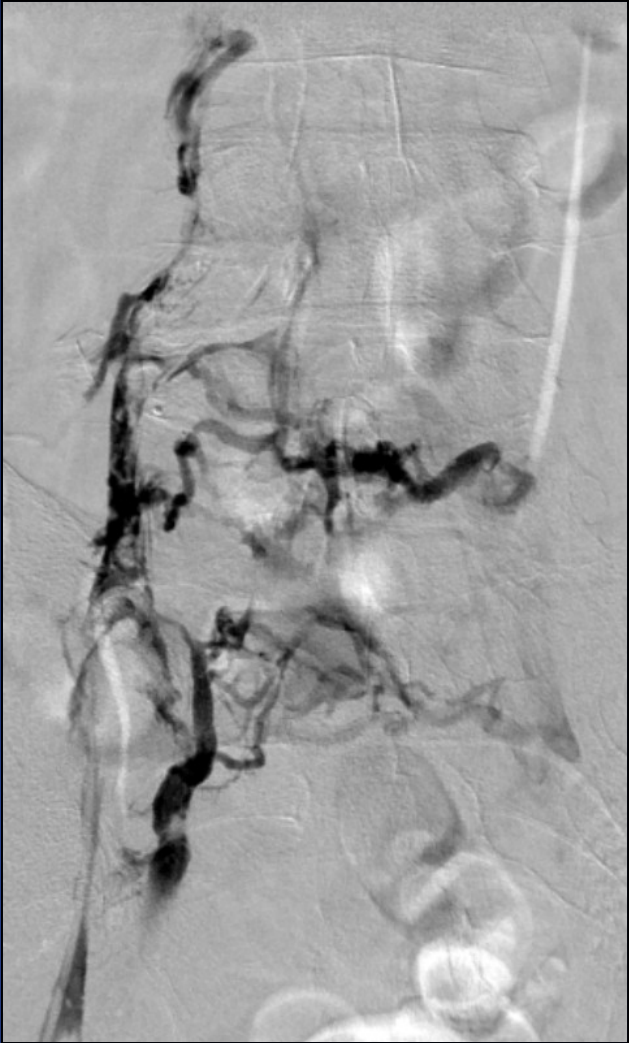
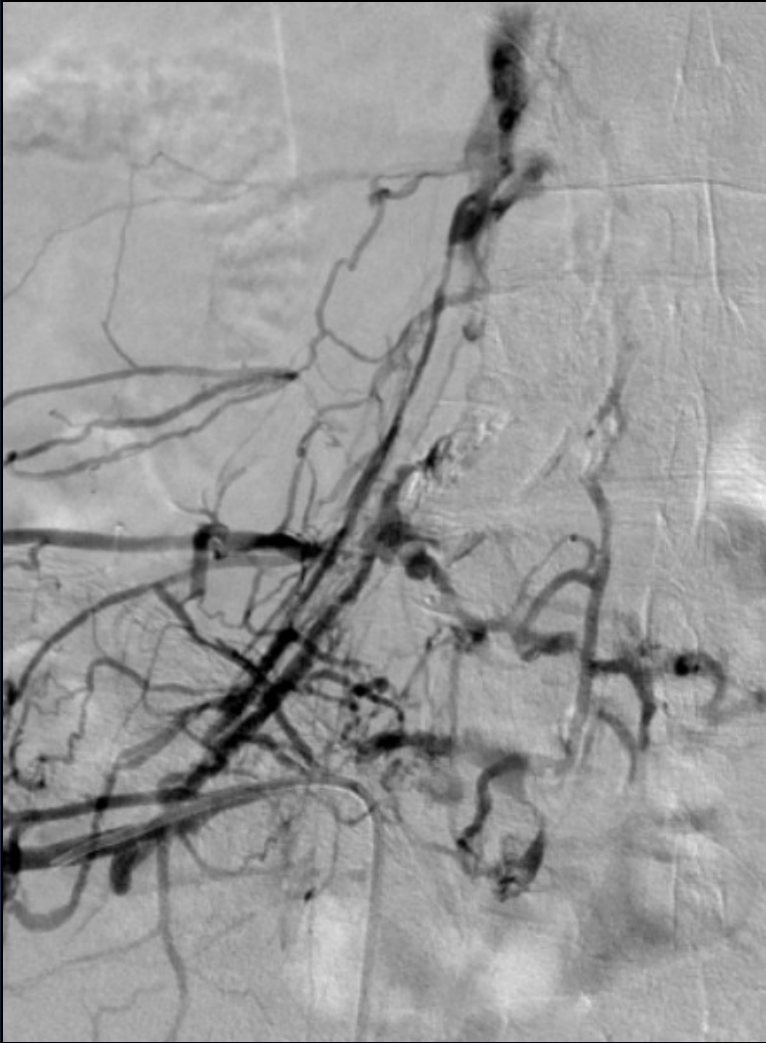
Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens: Severe

Anticoagulation X 5 days



Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens: Severe

Initial Phlebogram: Proximal Obstruction



Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens: Severe

S/P Pharmacomechanical Thrombolysis



Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens: Severe

S/P Pharmacomechanical Thrombolysis

– *12 Month Follow-Up* –



- Patent veins
- *Normal valve function*
- *No edema*
- *Full activity*
- *Asymptomatic*

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Strategy of Thrombus Removal: QOL

Percent Lysis vs QOL

| SF-36 Measure | Group I (>50%) | Group II (<50%) | <i>p-value</i> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Physical Fct | 48.1 | 37.3 | <i>0.035</i> |
| Role Physical | 48.5 | 35.8 | <i>0.013</i> |
| General Health | 49.0 | 39.0 | <i>0.014</i> |
| Vitality | 51.7 | 36.2 | <i><0.001</i> |
| Social Fct | 49.0 | 38.4 | <i>0.038</i> |

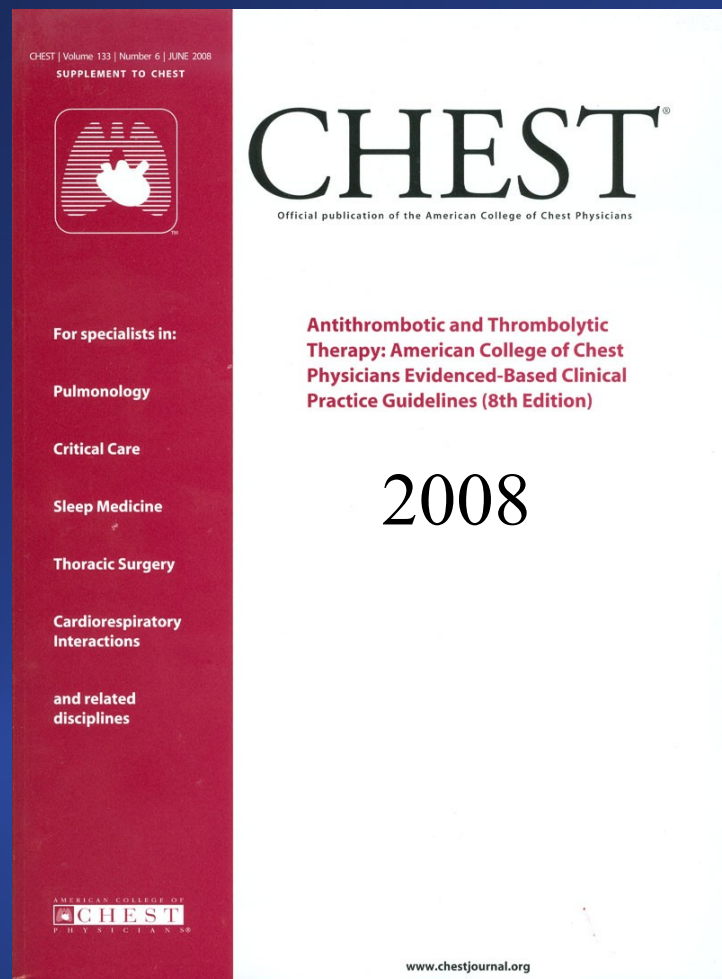
What's New in Venous Disease?

Acute DVT

Recommendations

“In [...patients] with extensive proximal DVT...and low risk for bleeding...we suggest that ***CDT*** ***may be used*** to reduce acute symptoms and post-thrombotic morbidity...”

...**GRADE 2B**...



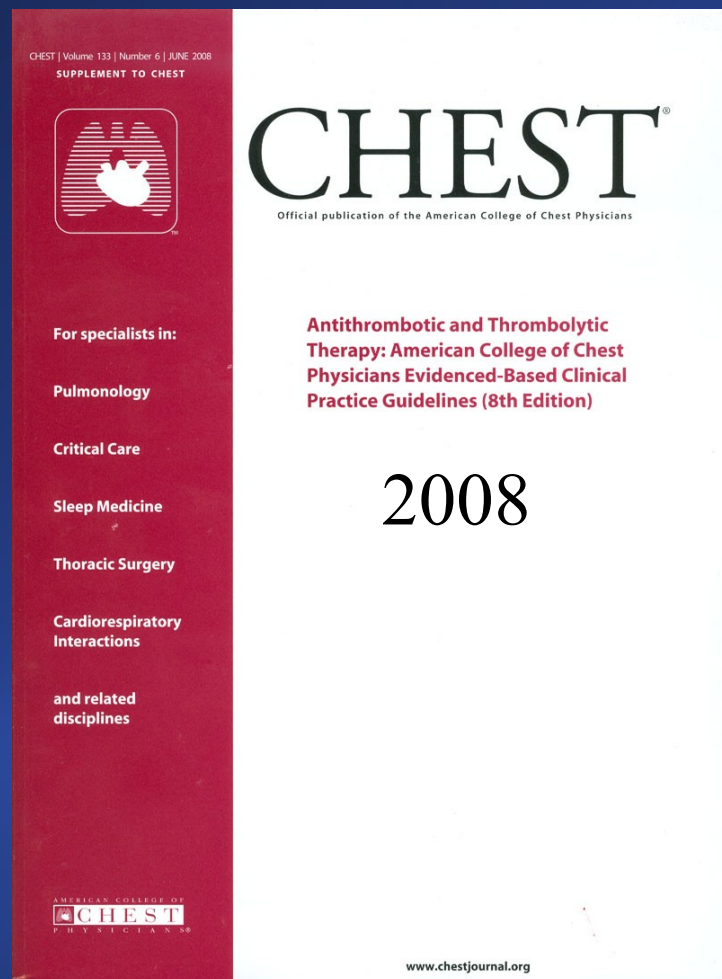
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Recommendations

“We suggest *pharmacomechanical thrombolysis*, in preference to CDT alone, to shorten treatment time...”

...GRADE 2C...

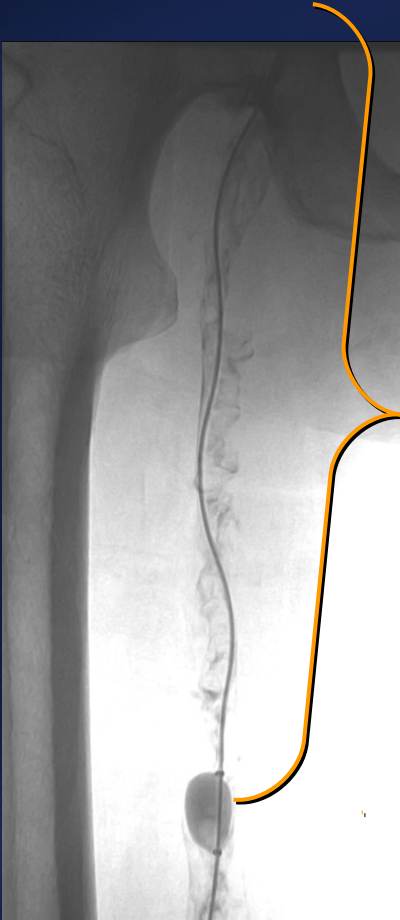


Catheter-Directed Thrombolysis for IFDVT

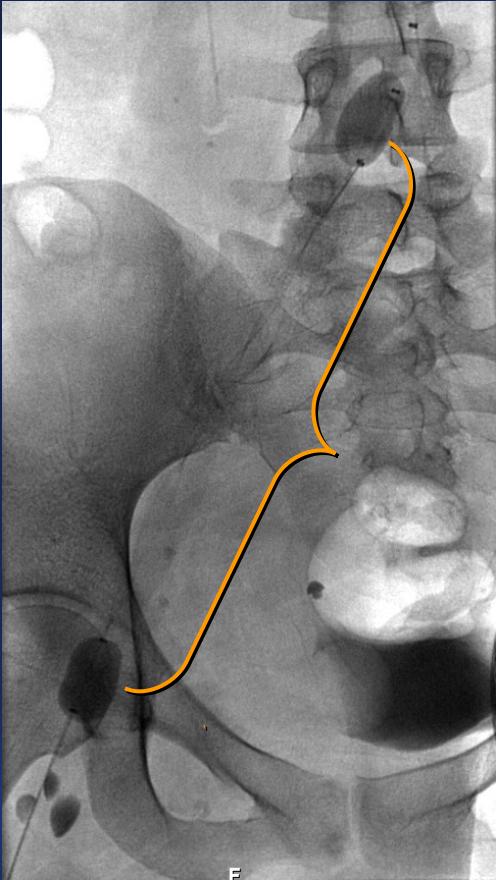
**Can success be improved with
pharmacomechanical techniques?**

ISPMT for Iliofemoral DVT

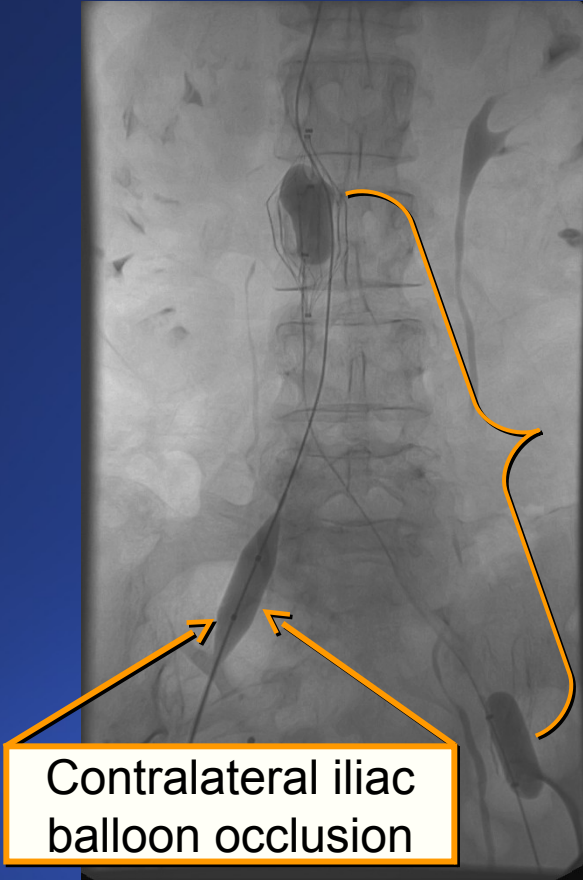
ISPMT: Treated Segments



Femoral



Iliofemoral

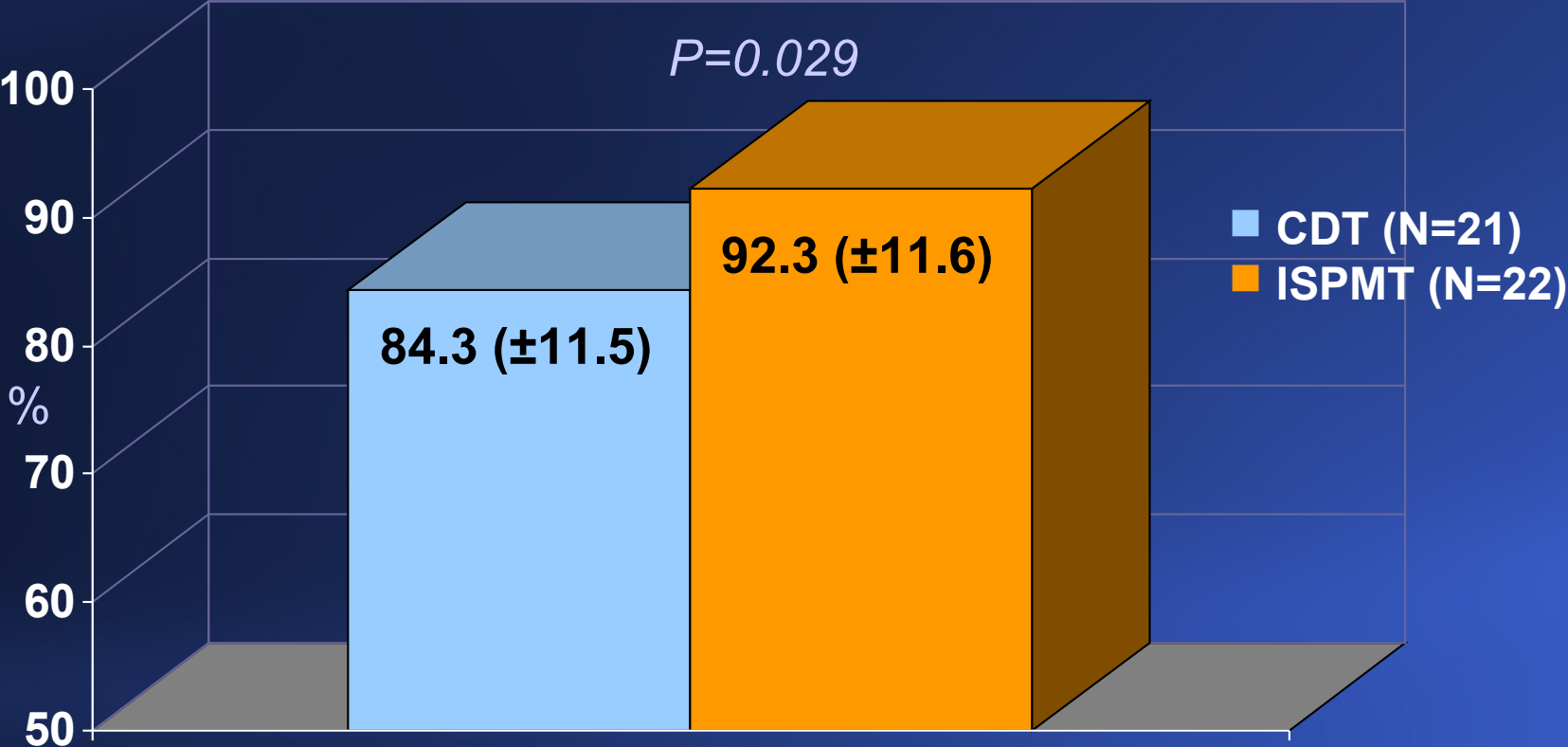


Contralateral iliac
balloon occlusion

Iliocaval

ISPMT for Iliofemoral DVT (N=43)

Overall Lysis (Mean)



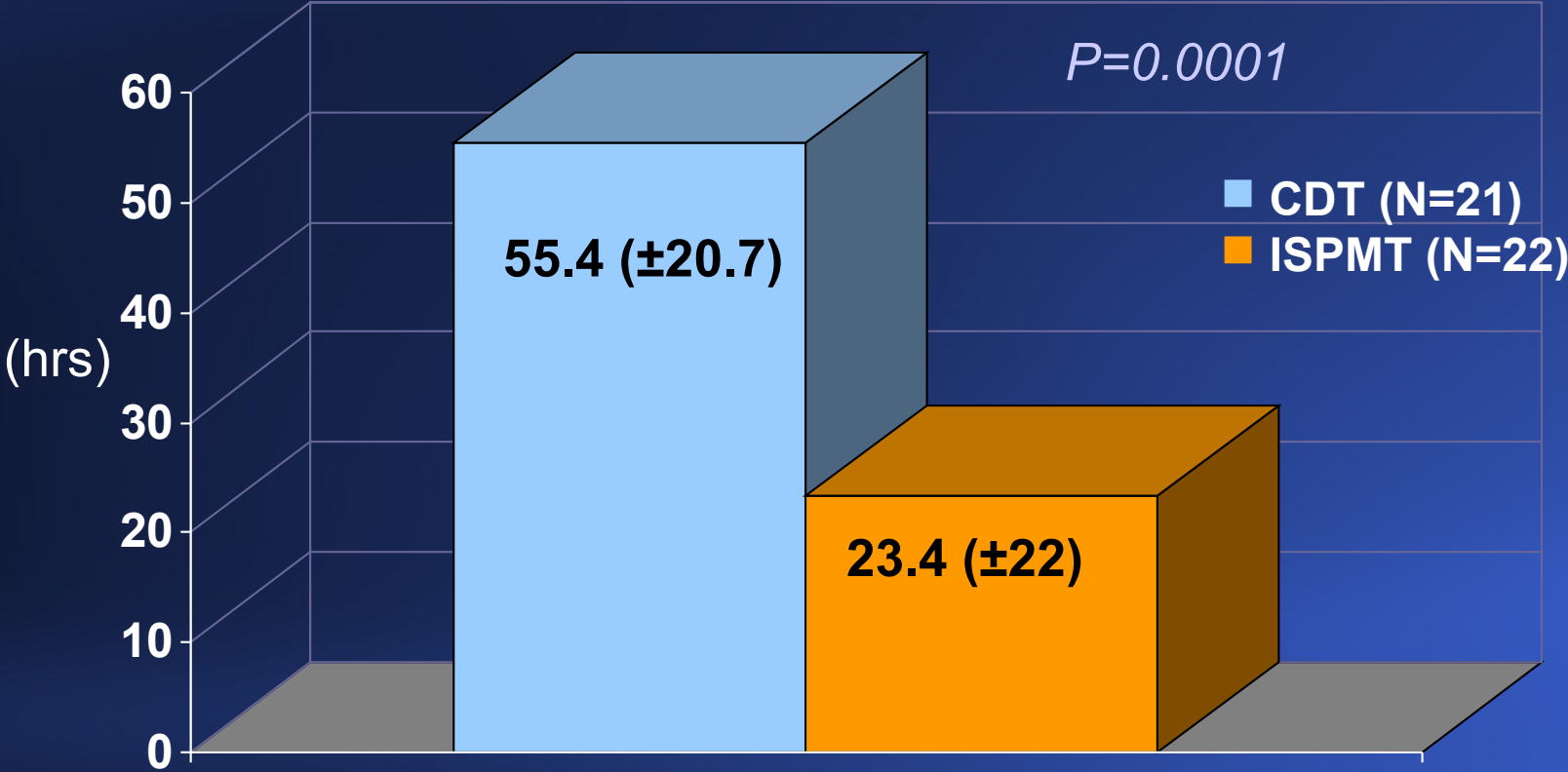
ISPMT for Iliofemoral DVT (N=43)

Thrombus Resolution

| | CDT (N=21) | ISPMT (N=22) | <i>p-value</i> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Overall Lytic Success | 84% | 92% | <i>0.029</i> |
| Sig/Complete (≥50%) | 70% | 95% | <i>0.001</i> |
| Minimal (<50%) | 30% | 5% | <i>0.01</i> |

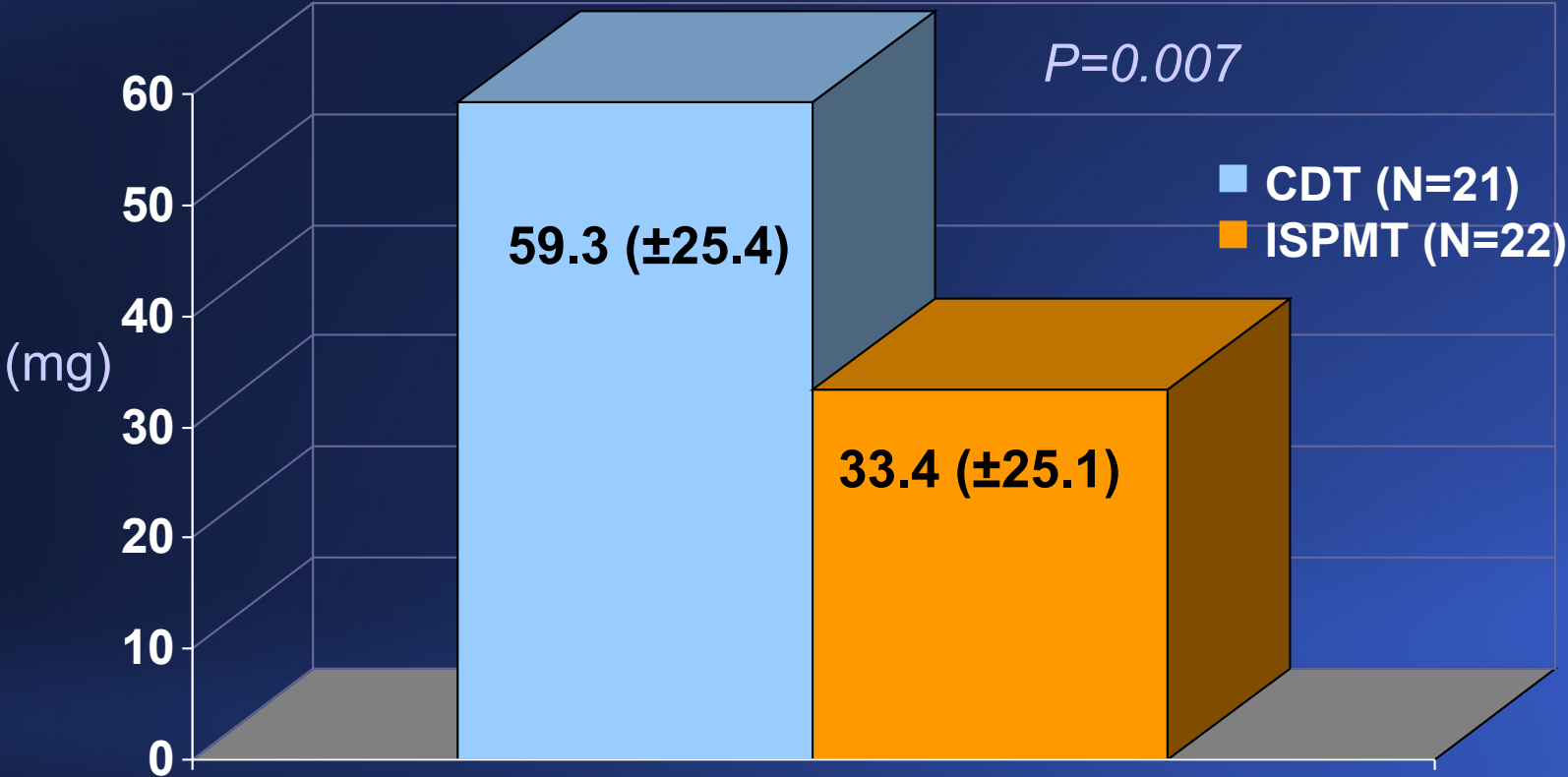
ISPMT for Iliofemoral DVT (N=43)

Treatment Time (Hours)



ISPMT for Iliofemoral DVT (N=43)

Total Dose t-PA (mg)



Catheter-Directed Thrombolysis for IFDVT

**Can success be improved with
pharmacomechanical techniques?**

YES!

- Shorter treatment times**
- Lower dose of plasminogen activator**
- More effective thrombus removal**

Question?

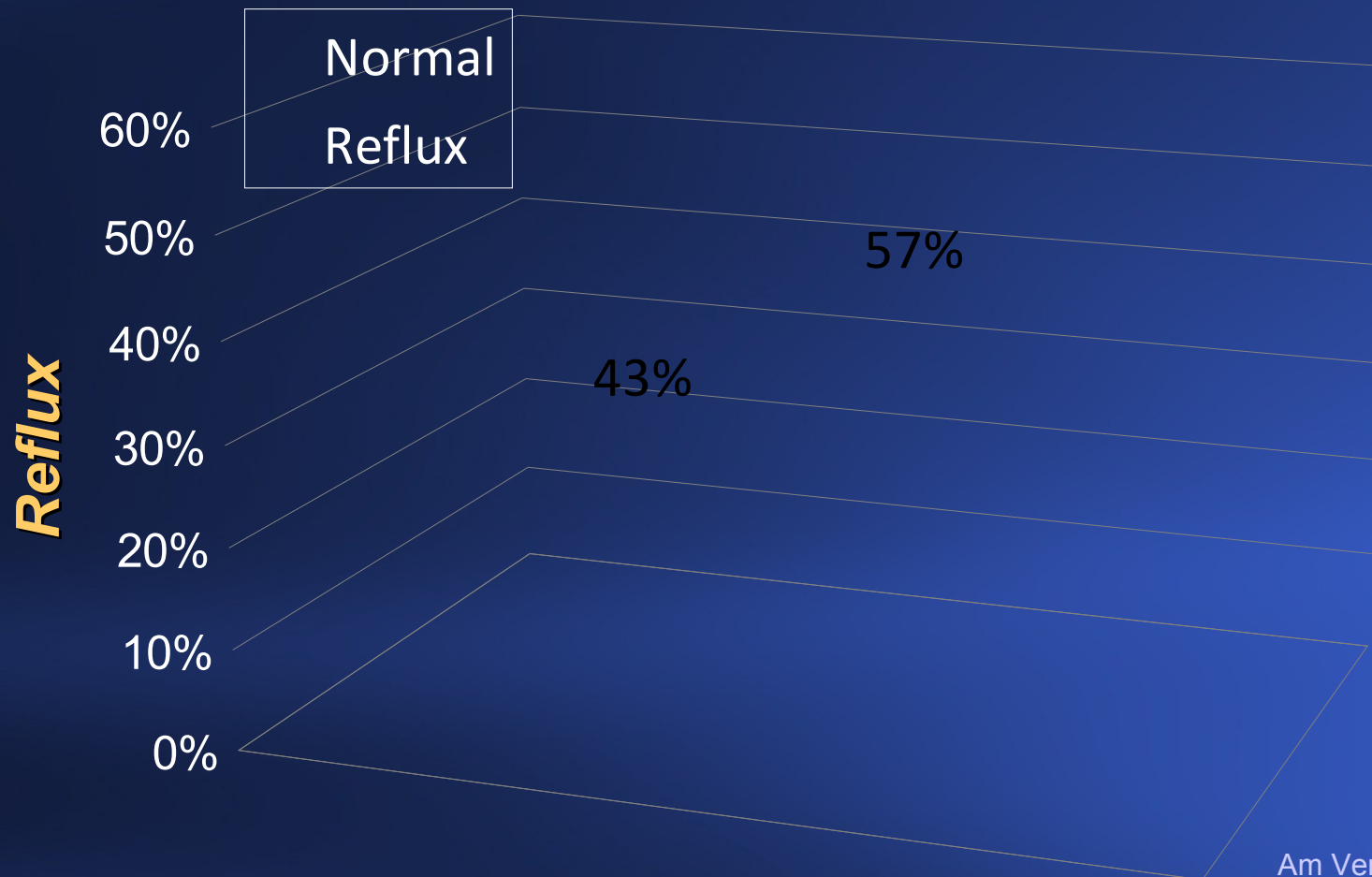
– *Valve Function* –

Does Pharmacomechanical thrombolysis adversely affect venous valve function vs. CDT drip technique alone?

Results

Valve Function

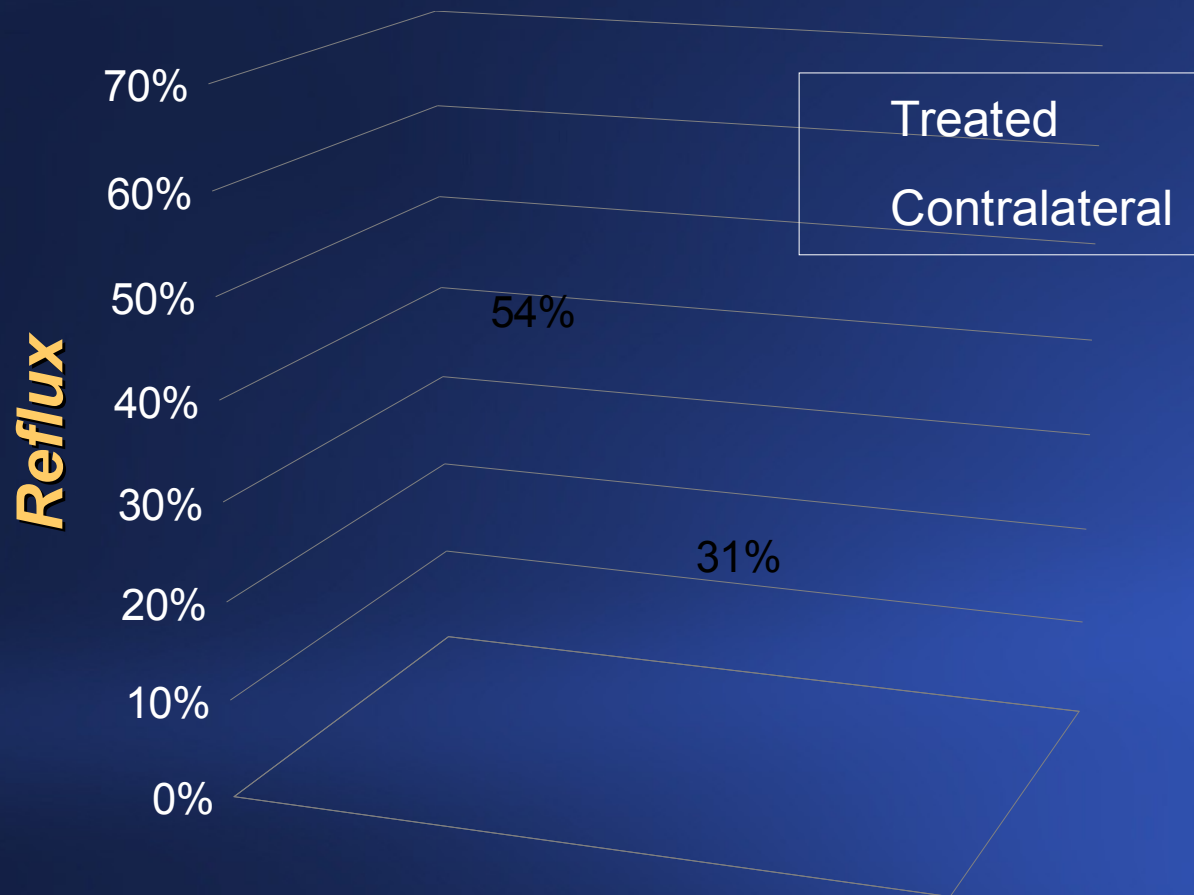
- All Treated Limbs -



Results

Valve Function

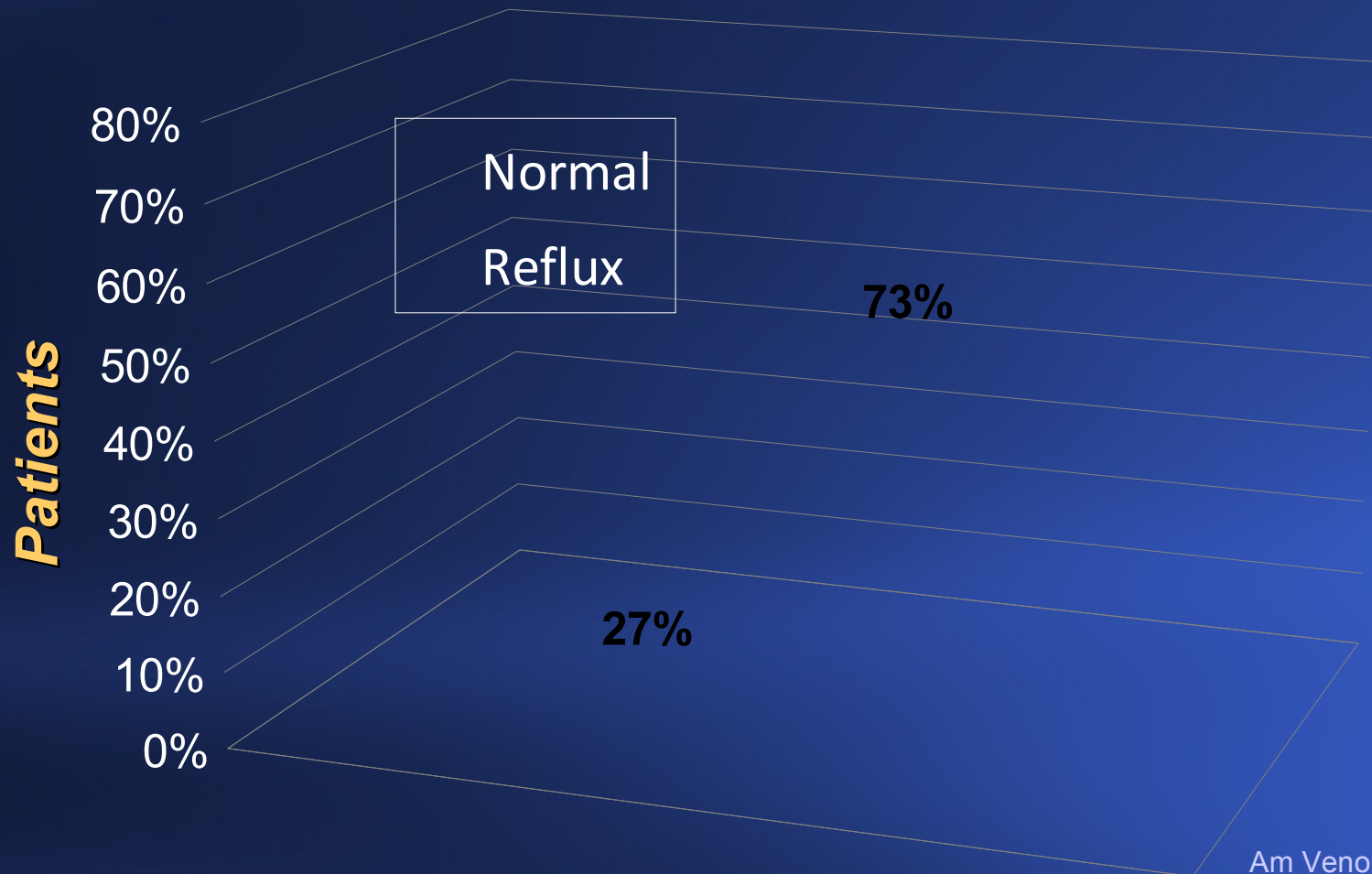
- Unilateral DVT -



Results

Valve Function

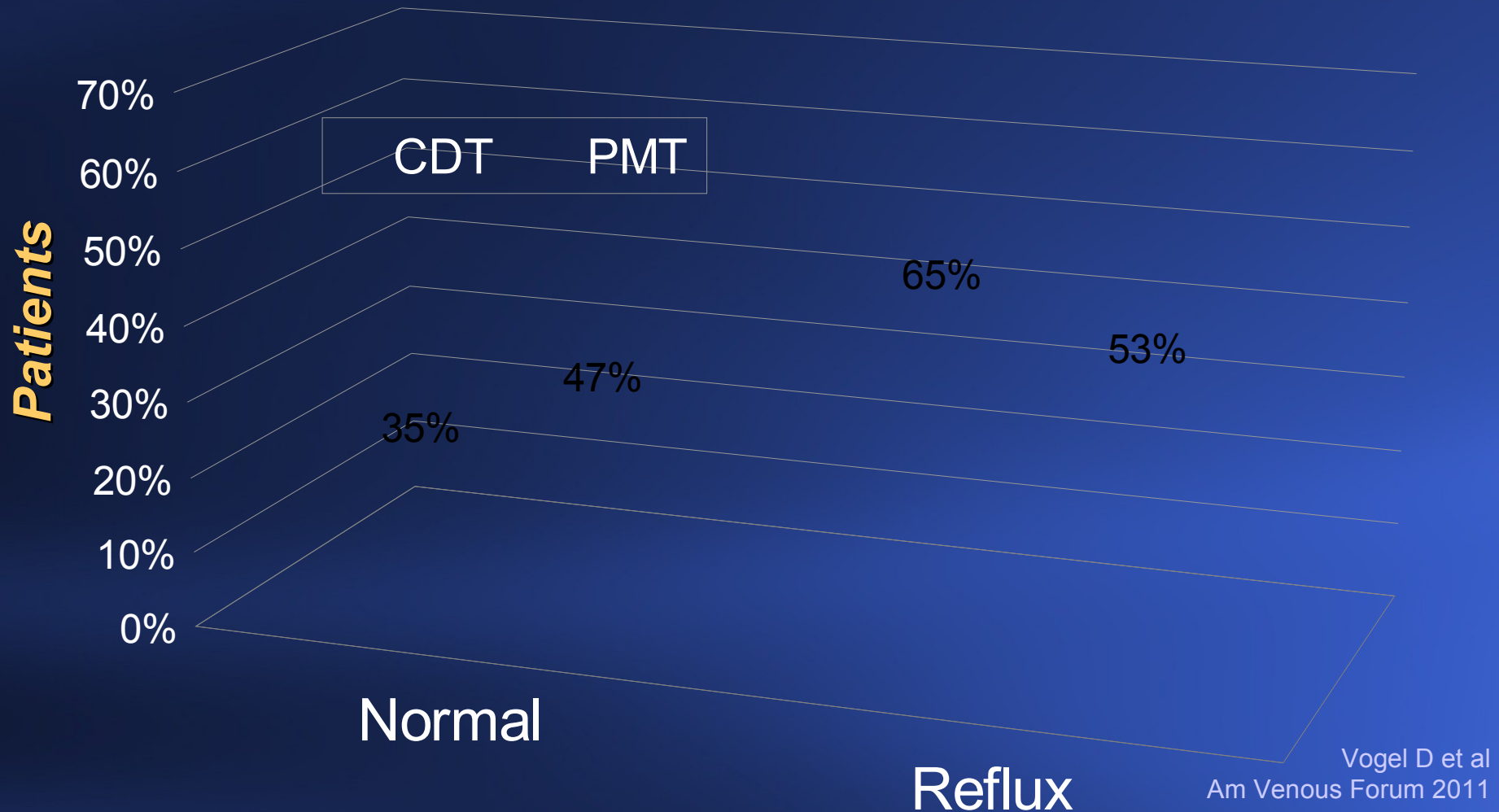
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Results

Valve Function

- All Treated Limbs -



Conclusions

1. No adverse effect of PMT on venous valve function
2. Unexpectedly high frequency of venous reflux following successful lysis
3. Unexpectedly high rates of reflux in contralateral (uninvolved) limbs

Catheter based Strategy of Thrombus Removal

Observation

Few patients develop recurrent DVT...

...many fewer than reported in the literature

Question?

Does successful CDT/PMT
reduce recurrent DVT?

Outcome Measures after IFDVT Lysis

Overall Results

75 Patients

*35 month follow-up
(Range 1 – 144 Months)*

Recurrence = 7 (9%)

Clinical Class

Initial Lysis
(1-100)

of CEAP
(0-6)

Villalta Score
(0-33)

79%
(mean)

1.4
(mean)

3.81
(mean)

Results

Results by Group

75 Patients

(Follow-up 35 months – mean)

**≤ 50% Residual
Thrombus**

**> 50% Residual
Thrombus**

p=0.0014

**Recurrence
5% (3/67)**

**Recurrence
38% (3/8)**

Catheter based Strategy of Thrombus Removal

Conclusions

- Effective (preferred) for IFDVT
- Reduces PTS
- Improves QOL
- PMT more rapid/efficient
- PMT does not affect valve function
- Successful lysis reduces recurrence

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