



Endovascular Management of DVT: Has Anything Changed with ATTRACT Trial?

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Venous Thromboembolism (DVT & PE)

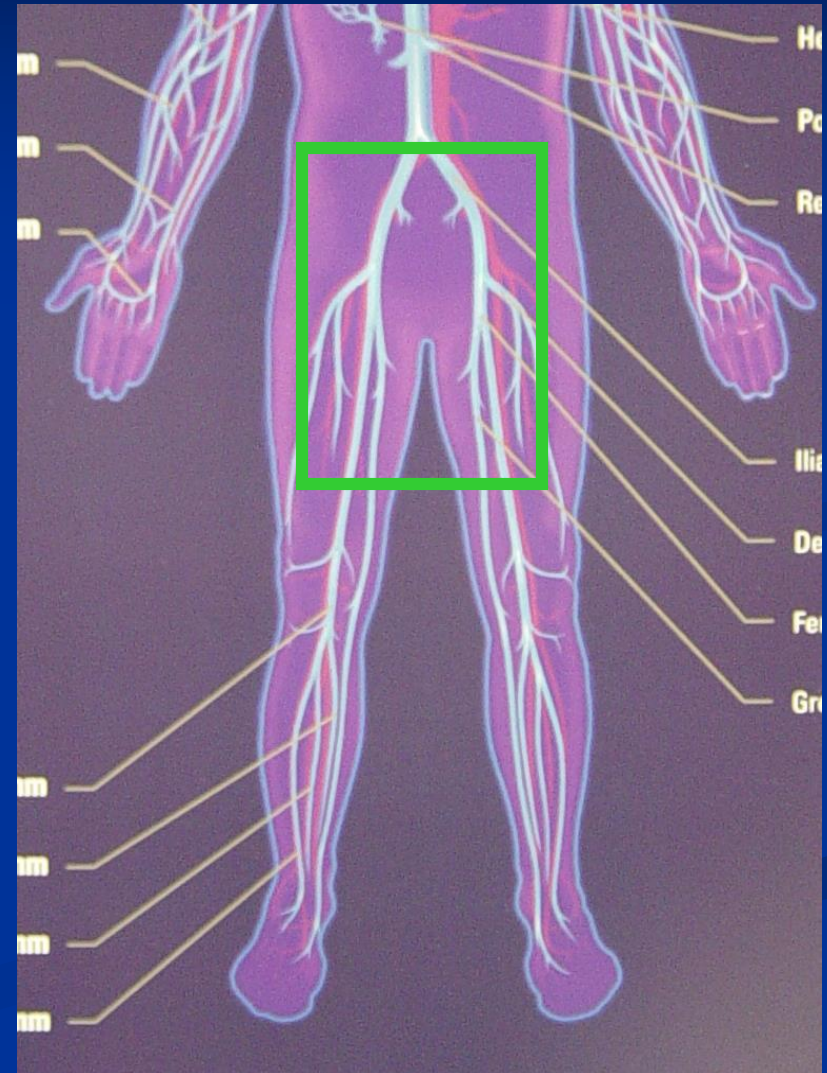
- >2 million Deep vein thrombosis
- >200,000 deaths from pulmonary embolism
- Even after 6 months of anticoagulation following first VTE event, risk of subsequent VTE is increased by 5-12% annually.



Ilio-Femoral DVT

Endovascular Specialists:

- View **ilio-femoral DVT** as fundamentally different from physiologic considerations as well as more severe disease manifestation
- BUT it is rarely distinguished from other forms of DVT by other physicians.



Post thrombotic syndrome

- Most physicians treat all cases of proximal DVT the same.
- MUST differentiate between **iliofemoral DVT** and **infrainguinal DVT**.
- **Ilio-femoral DVT** → Virulent post-thrombotic morbidity.



**20 -60% of Pts with DVT
800,000/Yr cases of Post-Thrombotic Syndrome**

Incidence and cost burden of post-thrombotic syndrome.

AU

Ashrani AA, Heit JA

J Thromb Thrombolysis. 2009 Nov;28(4):465-76.

Post Thrombotic Syndrome

- Chronic leg heaviness
- Leg aching
- Venous claudication
- Edema
- Venous varicosities
- Chronic skin changes
- Ulceration

Ilio-Femoral DVT

Long Term Clinical Status and QOL

- *Conclusions*

- Venous claudication developed in almost 50%
- Limited ambulation in 15%
- Marked hemodynamic impairment
- Markedly reduced QOL

Ilio-Femoral DVT

Treatment Objectives

- Minimize or eliminate the Embolic potential of the existing Thrombus
 - Prevent further Thrombosis
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- Restore Venous Patency (remove obstruction)
 - Preserve Venous Valvular function

Anticoagulation

DOES

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- Prevent further Thrombosis

DOES NOT

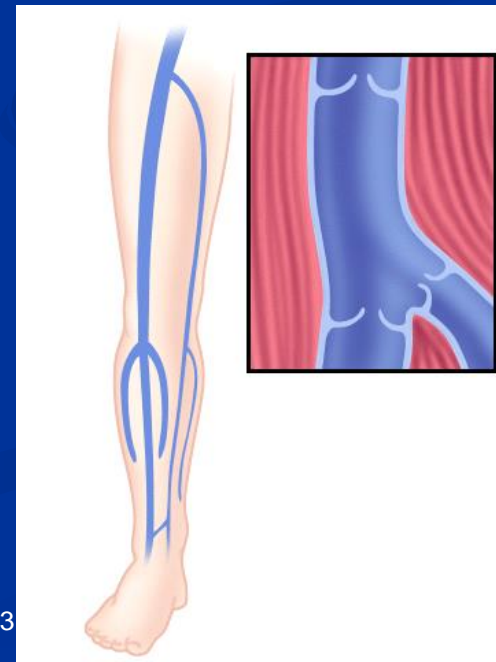
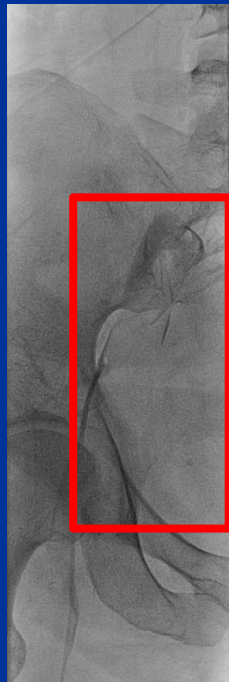
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Ilio-Femoral DVT

Ambulatory Venous Hypertension

Combination of Obstruction + Valvular Incompetence

Highest Venous Pressure and most severe morbidity



Indications for Endovascular Therapy

- Functional patient with ilio-femoral DVT
- No Major risk factors for the use of thrombolytic
- “But” can use Mechanical Thrombectomy
- Need to be anticoagulated with Heparin and Coumadin
- Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens

Ilio-Femoral DVT

Improved Outcome with Early Resolution

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

Management of Ilio-Femoral DVT

Anticoagulation



Surgical Thrombectomy



Catheter Directed
Thrombolysis



PharmacoMechanical
Thrombectomy

Combination of Mechanical Thrombectomy and Thrombolysis

- Combination therapy is even more Powerful
- Initially reduces more thrombus burden
- Exposes a greater area of the thrombus surface to lytic agent
- **Decrease Dose** and **Infusion time** for thrombolytic drugs
- One Retrospective study, PMT greatly reduced both time of lysis (40% reduction) and Lytic drug dose (60% reduction).

Device/ Techniques

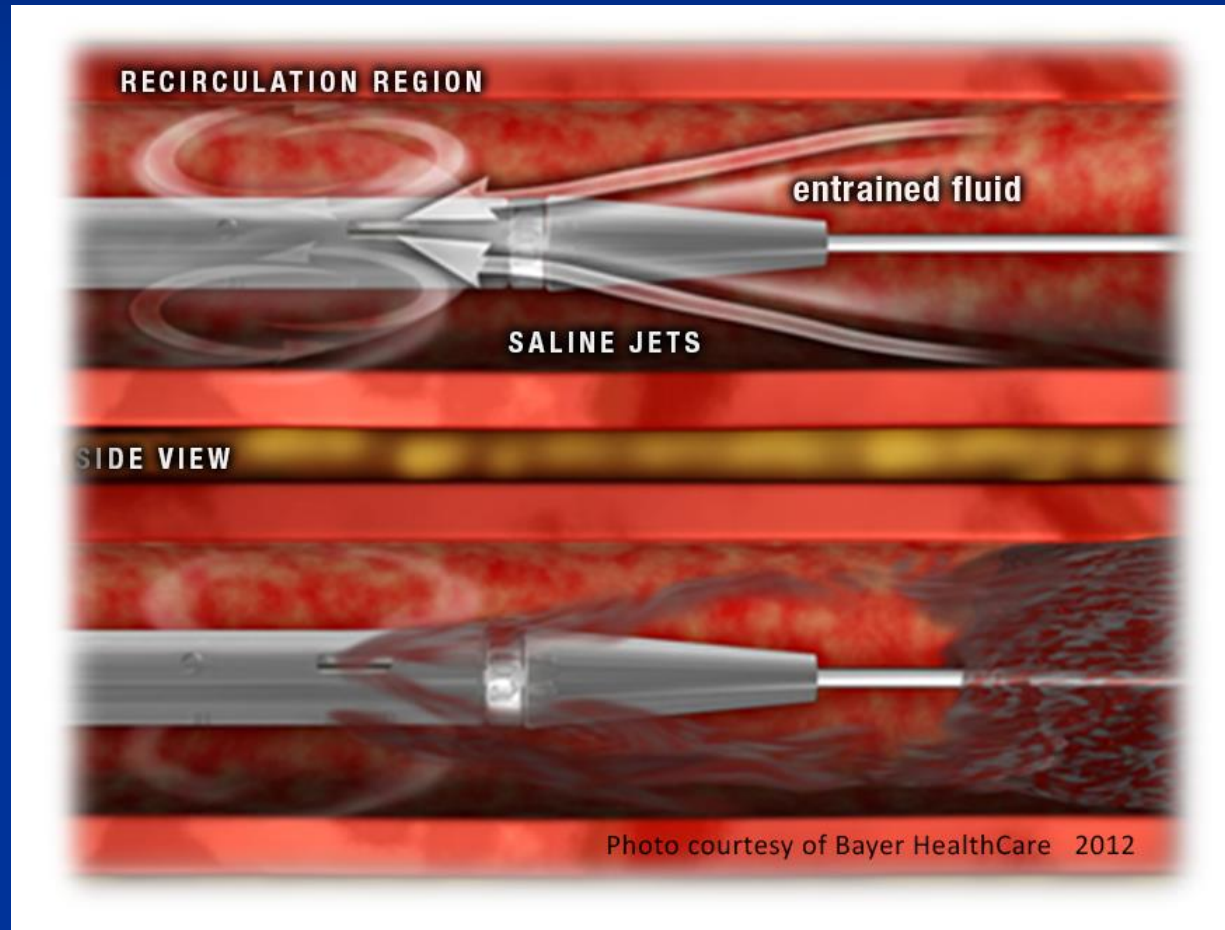
Popliteal Vein



Treating DVT with AngioJet



Photo courtesy of Bayer HealthCare



Treating DVT: Meet the Players

EKOS Lysis System



PEARL Comparison

Treatment of LE DVT

		PEARL	Venous Registry*	CaVenT**	
				CDT	STD
Onset of DVT Symptoms	Acute	67% (≤14 days)	66% (≤10 Days)	100% ≤21 days	
	Chronic	33% (>14 days)	16% (>10 Days)	NA	
	Acute & Chronic	NA	19%	NA	
Primary Lytic		TPA	Urokinase	TPA	NA
CDT Drip Times (<i>mean</i>)		17 hrs	48 hrs	57.6 hrs (2.4 days)	NA
Procedure Times	CDT (N=29)	40.9 hrs	NA	NA	NA
	CDT+PPS/RL (N=172)	22.0 hrs	NA	NA	NA
	PPS/RL (N=115)	2.0 hrs	NA	NA	NA
Bleeding Complications		5% (major & minor combined)	11% (major); 16% (minor)	22% (major & minor combined)	0%

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Overall % Thrombus Removal		96%	83%	89%	NA
By Lytic Groups: % thrombus Removal	CDT (N=28)	93%	NA	NA	
	CDT+PPS/RL (N=167)	97%	NA	NA	
	PPS/RL (N=113)	95%	NA	NA	
Acute: % Thrombus Removal		97%	86%	89%	
Chronic: % Thrombus Removal		95%	68%	NA	
Acute & Chronic: % Thrombus Removal		NA	76%	NA	
Primary Patency		NA	6 Mon=65%; 12 Mon=60%	6 Mon = 65.9%	6 Mon = 47.4%
Freedom from Rethrombosis		6 Mon= 87%; 12 Mon=83%	NA	NA	NA

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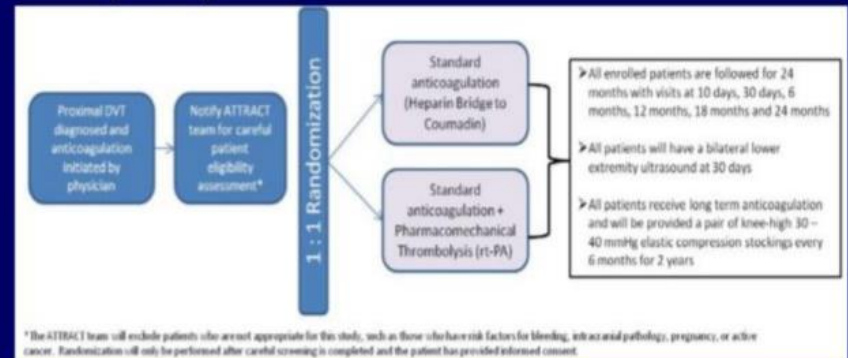
The “Open Vein Hypothesis”

- Development of PTS is associated with persistent venous thrombosis
- Does active elimination of DVT prevent PTS?
- Support comes from studies linking:
 - Poor thrombus clearance to venous valve dysfunction and recurrent VTE^{8,9}
 - Residual venous thrombus or valve incompetence and PTS¹⁰
 - Systemic thrombolysis, surgical thrombectomy or CDT to reduced incidence of PTS¹¹⁻¹⁴



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STUDY

A multicentre randomized trial on **A**cute venous **T**hrombosis : **T**hrombus **R**emoval with **A**djuvante **C**atheter directed **T**hrombolysis (**ATTRACT**) trial sponsored by The National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), U.S.



ATTRACT Trial Design

- Multicenter, randomized, open-label, assessor-blinded, parallel two-arm, controlled clinical trial sponsored by National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the U.S. National Institutes of Health
- SIR Foundation, Boston Scientific, BSN Medical, Covidien/Medtronic, and Genentech provided additional support
- 692 subjects enrolled in 56 US Centers followed for 24 mo
 - 337 randomized to PCDT
 - 355 randomized to no PCDT

ATTRACT Trial Objectives

- Primary objective:
 - Determine if PCDT with standard DVT therapy reduces development of PTS after 24 month follow-up compared to standard DVT therapy alone
- Secondary objectives:
 - Evaluate for major bleeding, symptomatic VTE and death
 - Venous disease-specific QOL
 - Relief of acute DVT symptoms
 - Pretreatment predictors of response to PCDT in preventing PTS
 - Compare medical costs and cost-effectiveness
 - Determining technical, anatomical and physiologic endpoints of therapy

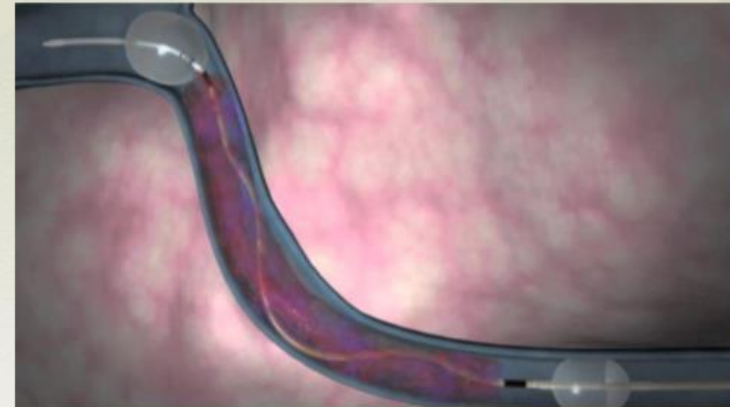
ATTRACT Trial – Standard DVT Therapy

- Weight-based low molecular weight heparin or IV unfractionated heparin then Warfarin
- International guidelines for INR 2-3, duration of therapy (3 months or longer)
- 30-40 mmHg knee-high elastic compression stockings at 10 day follow-up



ATTRACT Trial – PCDT Intervention

- One of three methods for rt-PA delivery (max 25 mg initially; max 35 mg total)
 1. “Isolated Thrombolysis” with Trellis Peripheral Infusion System (Covidien, Inc.)
 2. “PowerPulse Thrombolysis” with AngioJet Rheolytic Thrombectomy System (Boston Scientific)



<https://i.ytimg.com/vi/50LzxuleYUc/maxresdefault.jpg>



ATTRACT Trial – PCDT Intervention

- One of three methods for rt-PA delivery (max 25 mg initially; max 35 mg total)
 3. “Infusion-First Thrombolysis” with multisidehole catheter through thrombus, up to 1 mg/h rt-PA for max 30 hours
 - Subsequent therapy with balloon maceration, aspiration thrombectomy and/or mechanical thrombectomy allowed for residual thrombus



<http://www.angiodynamics.com/images/userfiles/Unifuseillustration.jpg>

ATTRACT Trial – Endpoints and Efficacy

- $\geq 90\%$ thrombus clearance with restored flow
- 35 mg maximum rt-PA dose or 30 h maximum infusion time reached
- Overt clinical bleeding or other complications necessitating cessation
- Evaluation for PTS in index limb at 6-24 months after randomization
- Villalta PTS scoring used
 - Combines patient and clinician evaluation
 - PTS defined as Villalta score > 5 or presence of ulcer

ATTRACT Trial

Initial Result SIR 2017

- PCDT not found to reduce incidence of PTS compared to AC alone
 - PTS 46.7% for PCDT vs 48.2% for no-PCDT ($p=0.56$)
 - Recurrent VTE higher in PCDT vs no-PCDT (12.5% vs 8.5%; $p=0.09$)
 - Major and any bleeding rates statistically higher in PCDT arm (1.7% vs 0.3%; $p=0.49$ and 4.5% vs 1.7%; $p=0.034$) – in line with prior studies
 - NO intracranial or fatal hemorrhages

ATTRACT Trial – Initial Results SIR 2017

- IFDVT vs femoropopliteal DVT (FPDVT)
 - Trends to more benefit in IFDVT
- Study not powered to sufficient power to statistically significant differences between subgroups

Good News

- Leg pain and swelling significantly improved in PCDT vs. no-PCDT out to 30 days ($p=0.019$ and $p=0.05$)
 - PCDT helpful for acute symptoms
- 25% fewer patients in PCDT arm developed moderate or severe PTS vs no-PCDT (17.9 % vs 23.7%; $p=0.035$)
 - “Open Vein hypothesis”

Good News

- In IFDVT mod-severe PTS was 18.4% vs 28.2% in PCDT vs no-PCDT
- In FPDVT little difference (17.1% vs 18.1% moderate to severe PTS)
- PCDT was less effective in patients ≥ 65 y/o

ATTRACT Summary and Learning Points

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- Ambitious well-designed RCT, failed primary endpoint, but not the end
- Helps us strategize for appropriate care
- Who to and not to treat
 - Same as CaVenT: iliofemoral DVT, younger and functional patients
 - Femoropopliteal DVT alone patients do not derive same benefit
 - Older patients do not derive same benefit
 - Prevent bleeding and cost in inappropriate patients

Summary: Acute Ilio-Femoral DVT

- Medical management is associated with higher PTS compare to endovascular management
- There is increasing evidence that early thrombus resolution with endovascular intervention is associated with improved outcome in Ilio-Femoral DVT
- Pharmacomechanical decreases procedure time, decrease amount of thrombolytic used



“Pull out, Betty! Pull out!...You’ve hit an artery!”