

Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)

The residents will be able to:

1. In patients complaining of leg pain and/or swelling, evaluate the likelihood of deep venous thrombosis (DVT) as investigation and treatment should differ according to the risk.
2. Know indications for initiating anti-thrombotic treatment acutely if imaging tests may be delayed (e.g., extensive leg clot, suspected pulmonary embolism).
3. Identify patients likely to benefit from DVT prophylaxis.
4. Utilize investigations for DVT allowing for their limitations (e.g., Ultrasound and D-dimer).
5. In patients with established DVT use oral anticoagulation appropriately, (e.g., start promptly, watch for drug interactions, monitor lab values and adjust dose when appropriate, stop warfarin when appropriate, provide patient teaching).
6. Understand approach to investigations for underlying coagulopathy, especially in patients with no known risks for DVT.
7. Discuss use of compression stockings in appropriate patients, to prevent and treat post-phlebitic syndrome.

Feedback and suggested modifications for these objectives are encouraged after each session. Please direct your comments to your site Curriculum Coordinator.