
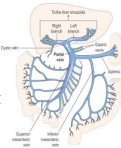



## Outcomes of Acute Mesenteric Vein Thrombosis



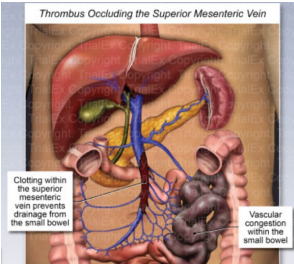
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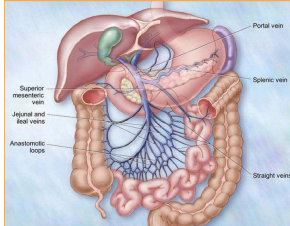
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## Mesenteric Venous Thrombosis (MVT)

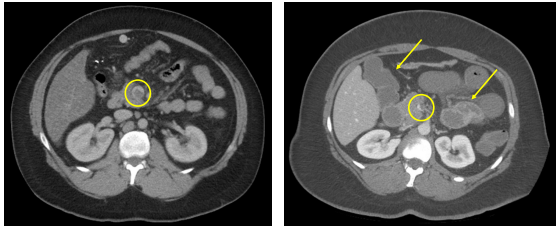
- 6-9% of all cases of acute mesenteric ischemia
- Factors predisposing to MVT are well described
  - Prothrombotic states
  - Local vessel wall injury
  - Venous stasis



Singal et al Mayo Clinic Proc 2013

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## Background



Anticoagulation                      Anticoagulation + Bowel Resection

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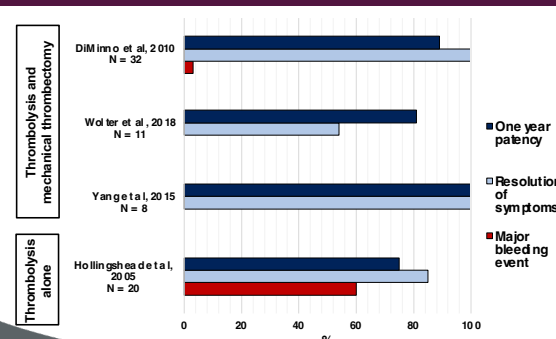
## Background - Treatment

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      A[Mesenteric venous thrombosis on CT scan] --> B{Peritonitis on exam or evidence of bowel ischemia on CT scan?}
      B -- No --> C[Anticoagulation + observe 24-48 hours]
      B -- Yes --> D[Exploratory laparotomy +/- bowel resection]
      C --> E{Did symptoms improve?}
      E -- Yes --> F[Discharge on 3-6 months anticoagulation with repeat CT scan]
      E -- No --> D
    
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## Background - Endovascular Recanalization



Study	Thrombolysis and mechanical thrombectomy	Thrombolysis alone
DIM Inno et al, 2010 (N=32)	~90% one year patency, ~10% resolution of symptoms, ~5% major bleeding event	~85% one year patency, ~15% resolution of symptoms, ~10% major bleeding event
Wolter et al, 2018 (N=11)	~80% one year patency, ~20% resolution of symptoms, ~0% major bleeding event	~75% one year patency, ~25% resolution of symptoms, ~10% major bleeding event
Yang et al, 2015 (N=8)	~90% one year patency, ~10% resolution of symptoms, ~0% major bleeding event	~85% one year patency, ~15% resolution of symptoms, ~10% major bleeding event
Hollingshead et al, 2005 (N=20)	~85% one year patency, ~15% resolution of symptoms, ~0% major bleeding event	~80% one year patency, ~20% resolution of symptoms, ~10% major bleeding event

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## UPMC Experience

From the Society for Vascular Surgery

**Acute superior mesenteric venous thrombosis results in high rates of readmission and morbidity**

Elizabeth Andruska, MD, MS, Lindsey Higa, MD, Katherine Reitz, MD, Xiyao Li, MD, Rafael Ramos, MD, Ellythymos Augeros, MD, PhD, MS, Michael Singh, MD, Mohammad Elami, MD, MPH, Michel Makaroun, MD, and Rashid Chae, MD, PhD, PhD, PhD

**Describe our experience with managing MVT exclusively with anticoagulation or with anticoagulation and intervention**

**ABSTRACT**  
**Objective:** Superior mesenteric venous thrombosis (SMVT) is a poorly understood clinical entity, and its outcomes are poorly described. This study aimed to identify predictors of bowel ischemia after MVT and to compare outcomes for patients treated medically (group 1) with those for patients treated with bowel resection (group 2).  
**Methods:** This was a retrospective, single-institution study including all patients diagnosed with symptomatic acute MVT on computed tomography imaging from 2008 to 2018. Demographics, comorbidities, imaging, laboratory values, and treatment were included. Predictors of bowel resection were analyzed by univariate and multivariate statistics. Outcomes including mortality, readmission for abdominal pain, and chronic mesenteric venous congestion were compared using  $\chi^2$  tests.  
**Results:** There were 121 patients included in the study; 96 patients were treated medically (group 1). 25 patients were treated with bowel resection (group 2), and 4 patients were treated with endovascular recanalization (group 3). Group 1 and group 2 were compared directly. Patients requiring bowel resection tended to have higher body mass index ( $P = .03$ ) and a hypercoagulable disorder ( $P = .003$ ). Patients who required bowel resection were more likely to present with lactic acidosis ( $P < .001$ ) and leukocytosis ( $P < .001$ ) with bowel wall thickening on scan ( $P < .001$ ). On multivariable

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## Methods

**Inclusion:**

- Acute abdominal pain & CT confirmed SMV thrombus (1/2008 – 11/2018)

**Variables:**

- Demographics, comorbidities, imaging, labs, and treatment

**Groups:**

- Anticoagulation vs. Anticoagulation + bowel resection
- Endovascular recanalization

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## Methods

**Outcomes:**

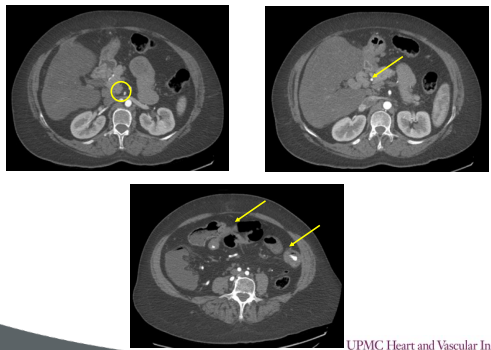
- One year mortality, readmission for abdominal pain, chronic mesenteric congestion

**Analysis:**

- Univariate statistics and multivariable logistic regression

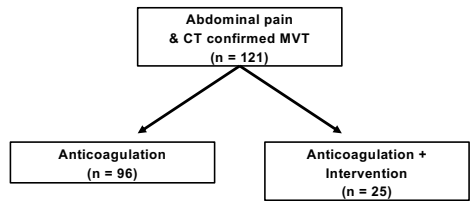
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## Methods



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## Results

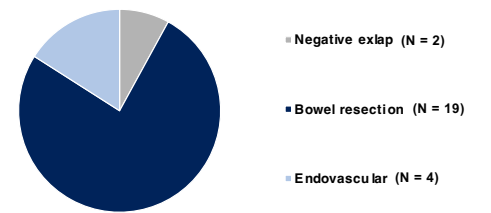


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      A["Abdominal pain & CT confirmed MVT (n = 121)"] --> B["Anticoagulation (n = 96)"]
      A --> C["Anticoagulation + Intervention (n = 25)"]
    
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## Interventions



Intervention	Count (N)
Negative exlap	2
Bowel resection	19
Endovascular	4

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### Results

**Anticoagulation vs.  
Anticoagulation + bowel resection**

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### Results

	Anticoagulation (n = 98) N (%)	Anticoagulation + Bowel resection (n = 19) N (%)	P value
Age, years (SD)	50.75 (14.94)	50.37 (14.05)	.92
Sex (Female)	40 (40.8)	12 (63.2)	.07
Obesity	29 (29.6)	10 (52.6)	.05
Diabetes	16 (16.3)	2 (10.5)	.52
Smoker	36 (36.7)	5 (26.3)	.38
Thrombophilia	20 (20.4)	10 (52.6)	<.01
Cirrhosis	24 (24.5)	3 (15.8)	.41
Active cancer	20 (20.4)	2 (10.5)	.31
IBD	14 (14.3)	1 (5.3)	.28
Recent abdominal surgery	18 (18.4)	1 (5.3)	.16
Pancreatitis	13 (13.3)	1 (5.3)	.33
History of bowel resection	20 (20.4)	1 (5.3)	.12

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### Results

	Anticoagulation (n = 98) N (%)	Anticoagulation + Bowel resection (n = 19) N (%)	P value
Bowel wall thickening	43 (43.9)	18 (94.8)	<.01
Lactic acidosis	11 (11.2)	9 (47.4)	<.01
Leukocytosis	34 (34.7)	17 (89.5)	<.01
Portal vein	50 (51.0)	8 (42.1)	.48
Hepatic vein	11 (11.2)	1 (5.3)	.43
Splenic vein	21 (21.4)	0 (0.0)	.03
> 2 vessels	27 (27.6)	3 (15.8)	.39

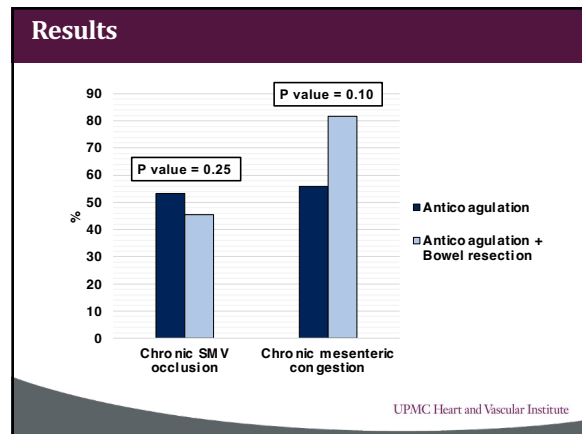
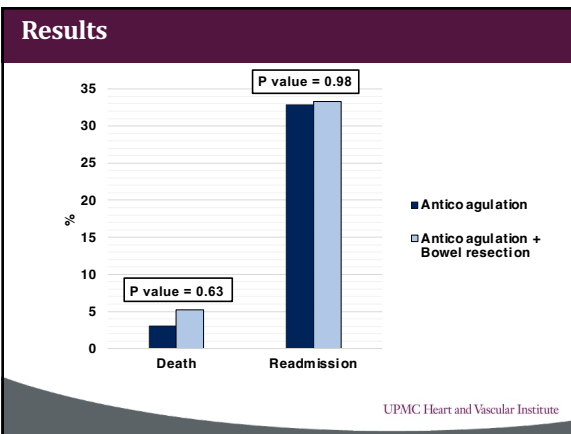
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### Multivariable Model. Bowel Ischemia

Variable	OR (95% CI)	P value
Lactate	6.48 (1.89, 22.15)	.003
Female	2.92 (0.89, 9.60)	.077
Obesity	2.44 (0.73, 8.09)	.146
Thrombophilia	3.81 (1.12, 12.37)	.026
Recent abdominal surgery	0.19 (0.01, 2.61)	.212
History of SBR	0.04 (0.02, 1.87)	.158

**AOC = 0.82**

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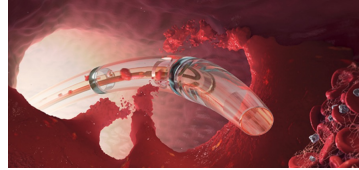
## Results

**Endovascular Recanalization**

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## Endovascular Approach (N=4)

- Treatment
  - Angiojet
    - Venoplasty (1)
    - Stent (1)
    - Overnight lysis (1)
- Access
  - Transhepatic (2)
  - Transplenic (2)
- Lytic
  - 6-10mg tPA



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## Endovascular Outcomes

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Complete resolution of symptoms.	Persistent abdominal pain, negative exlap 3 days later (benign pneumatosis). No further admissions.	Recurrent admissions for abdominal pain, negative exlap one year later (benign pneumatosis).
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25% with rethrombosis and chronic mesenteric congestion on follow-up imaging  
No 1yr mortality  
No bleeding complications

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## Conclusions

- Largest single institution study describing MVT
- Thrombophilia is a predictor of bowel ischemia (OR =3.81)
  - Other factors such as malignancy, tobacco use, and recent surgery are not associated with bowel resection
- Distribution of thrombus was not associated with bowel resection

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## Conclusions

- For those treated with anticoagulation +/- bowel resection, outcomes are morbid
  - The majority of patients will develop chronic mesenteric congestion
  - Readmission rates approach 35%
- Endovascular recanalization may improve patency and clinical outcome
- Open or suction thrombectomy in patients undergoing bowel resection?

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