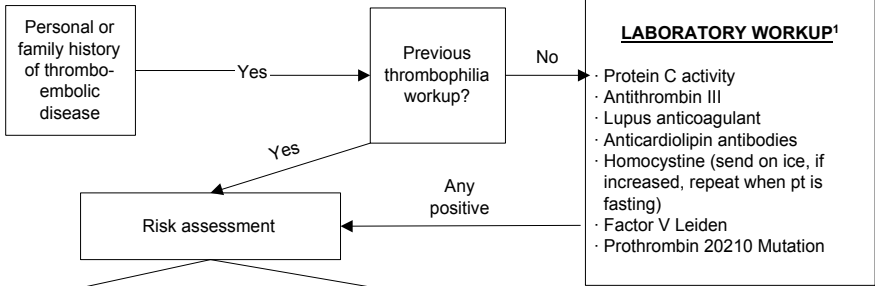


# Thrombo-embolic disease



- HIGH RISK**
- 1) DVT or PE during current pregnancy
  - 2) Hx of PE with cardiopulmonary sequelae
  - 3) History of life threatening thrombosis
  - 4) Antithrombin III deficiency <sup>2</sup>
  - 5) History of rheumatic heart disease with current atrial fibrillation <sup>2</sup>
  - 6) Homozygous Factor V Leiden mutation <sup>2</sup>
  - 7) Homozygous prothrombin G20210A mutation <sup>2</sup>
  - 8) Chronic anticoagulation for recurrent thromboembolism <sup>2</sup>
  - 9) Protein C deficiency and personal history of clot
  - 10) Antiphospholipid syndrome and personal history of clot <sup>2</sup>
  - 11) Heterozygous for both G20210A and Factor V Leiden

- LOW/MODERATE RISK**
- 1) History of PE w/o cardiopulmonary sequelae
  - 2) DVT<sup>3</sup>
    - a) idiopathic
    - b) DVT related to orthopedic trauma or other injury (option to treat only postpartum w/ 6 weeks warfarin)
  - 3) Protein S deficiency and a family history of thrombosis <sup>3</sup>
  - 4) Protein C deficiency and family history of thrombosis <sup>3</sup>
  - 5) Heterozygous factor V Leiden
  - 6) Heterozygous prothrombin G20210A mutation
  - 7) Antiphospholipid syndrome w/ recurrent pregnancy loss

**Full Dose Anticoagulation with LMWH**

Lovenox: 1mg/kg BID  
Fragmin: 100 U/kg BID

- Check anti-Xa levels Q 6 weeks, 3 - 4 hours post-injection
- Goal 0.5 to 1.2 U/ml anti-Xa levels
- 1000mg/day calcium in the form of TUMS
- Change to unfractionated heparin at 36 weeks

**Full dose Anticoagulation with Unfractionated Heparin<sup>4</sup>**

- 10,000 U SQ Q 8 hrs to achieve a PTT of 2.0 - 2.5 X the upper limits of normal range 6 hours after dose (**UNC values; correct values for other labs may vary**).
- May check PTT Q 6 weeks once dose is stable.
- Check CBC with platelets on days 3, 7, and 14 after starting heparin. If value less than 50% of baseline, consult hematology service for suspected heparin-induced thrombocytopenia.
- In patients with antiphospholipid syndrome, need to check anti-Xa levels instead of PTT (goal of 0.35 - 0.7U/ml) <sup>5</sup>

**Prophylactic Unfractionated Heparin<sup>4</sup>**

5000 U SQ Q 12 hrs 1st trimester  
7500 U SQ Q 12 hrs 2nd trimester  
10,000 U SQ Q 12 hrs 3rd trimester

- 1000mg/day calcium in the form of TUMS
- Check CBC with platelets on days 3, 7, and 14 after starting heparin. If value less than 50% of baseline, consult hematology service for suspected heparin-induced thrombocytopenia.

**Prophylactic Dose Anticoagulation with LMWH<sup>4</sup>**

Lovenox: 30mg Q 12 hrs dose  
increase to 40 mg Q 12 hrs in 2nd trimester  
Fragmin: 5000 U Q 12 hrs dose;  
increase to 7500 U Q 12 hrs in 2nd trimester (**DO NOT USE MULTI-DOSE VIAL OF FRAMIN**)

- Check anti-Xa levels Q 6 weeks, 3-4 hours post injection
- Goal 0.2 to 0.4 U/ml anti-Xa levels
- Change to unfractionated heparin at 36 weeks

**IN LABOR**

- No further heparin or LMWH
- For pts on heparin, epidural when PTT normal
- For pts on LMWH, last dose of LMWH should be at least 24 hours before epidural <sup>7</sup>
- Intermittent compression devices

**POST PARTUM**

- Start heparin: 6 hours after vaginal delivery, 12 hours after cesarean delivery
- Start coumadin PM after delivery
- D/C heparin when coumadin INR 2 - 3 (overlap usually 5-7 days) <sup>6</sup>
- Breast-feeding on warfarin is permitted.
- Treat at least 6 weeks post partum unless need for ongoing anticoagulation (may need to confer with patient's internist or hematologist)

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1. ACOG committee on Practice Bulletins. Thromboembolism in pregnancy. **Practice Bulletin 19. Washington DC: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2000.**

*The following tests may be ordered to evaluate the risk for thrombotic events in women with a history of thrombosis, a family history of thrombosis, or a first degree relative with a specific mutation: Lupus anticoagulant (for women with a personal history of VTE), Anticardiolipin antibodies (for women with a personal history of VTE), Factor V Leiden mutation, Prothrombin G20210A mutation, ATmantigen activity levels, Fasting homocysteine levels or the MFTBFR mutation, Protein C antigen activity levels, Protein S antigen activity levels (free and total)*

2. ACOG committee on Practice Bulletins. Thromboembolism in pregnancy. **Practice Bulletin 19. Washington DC: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2000.**

*Patients with the following conditions are at highest risk and should have adjusted dose heparin prophylaxis: Artificial heart valves*

*(some investigators recommend warfarin therapy after the first trimester in certain circumstances) Antithrombin m deficiency (with or without a history of thrombosis; also referred to as "anti thrombin deficiency")*

*Antiphospholipid syndrome (some investigators recommend low-dose prophylaxis for this condition if there is no history of DVT) History of rheumatic heart disease with current atrial fibrillation, homozygous factor V Leiden mutation, homozygous prothrombin G20210A mutation, patients receiving chronic anticoagulation for recurrent thromboembolism.*

3. ACOG committee on Practice Bulletins. Thromboembolism in pregnancy. **Practice Bulletin 19. Washington DC: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2000.**

*Patients who are identified carriers of other inherited thrombophilias who do not have a history of thrombophilia but have a strong family history of thrombosis and non carriers with a history of thrombotic events before the current pregnancy appear to be at lower risk and may be candidates for low-dose prophylaxis.*

4. ACOG committee on Practice Bulletins. Thromboembolism in pregnancy. **Practice Bulletin 19. Washington DC: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2000.**

*Unfractionated heparin*

*Low-dose prophylaxis (1). 5,000-7,500 U every 12 hours during the first trimester. 7,500-10,000 U every 12 hours during the second trimester, 10,000 U every 12 hours during the third trimester unless the APIT is elevated. The APIT may be checked near term and the heparin dose reduced if prolonged OR (2) 5,000-10,000U every 12 hours throughout pregnancy.*

*Adjusted dose prophylaxis  $\geq$  10,000 U twice a day to three times a day to achieve a APIT of 1.5-2.5.*

*Low molecular weight heparin:*

*Low dose prophylaxis: Dalteparin, 5,000U once or twice daily, or enoxaparin 40 mg once or twice daily. Adjusted dose prophylaxis: Dalteparin 5,000- 10,000U every 12 hours or enoxaparin, 30-80mg every 12 hours.*

5 ACOG committee on Practice Bulletins. Thromboembolism in pregnancy. **Practice Bulletin 19. Washington DC: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2000.**

*Heparin and Warfarin therapy should be overlapped for the first 5- 7 days postpartum until an international normalized ratio (INR) of .approximately 2.0-3.0 has been achieved.*

6. ACOG committee on Practice Bulletins. Thromboembolism in pregnancy. **Practice Bulletin 19. Washington DC: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2000.**

*The safety of epidural anesthesia with twice-daily dosing of LMWH is of concern and should be withheld until 24 hours after the last injection*

## NOTIFICATION TO USERS

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