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Paper: Autumn 2020 CPD Questions

Personal Reflection:

Description of the learning: Questions based on two papers, 1. Graduated compression stockings (GCS) as adjuvant to pharmaco-thromboprophylaxis in elective surgical patients (GAPs study): randomised controlled trial - Shaloub et al. 2. Impact of angiosome targeted femorodistal bypass surgery on healing rate and outcome in chronic limb threatening ischaemia - Harth et al.

Evaluation and analysis

1. Patients who are at moderate or high risk of VTE following elective surgery, pharmaco-thromboprophylaxis alone is not inferior to GCS + pharmaco-thromboprophylaxis. Therefore GCS might be unnecessary in most patients undergoing elective surgery.
2. Direct or indirect revascularisation performed according to the angiosome concept definition produced similar results with regard to healing rates, limb salvage and mortality. This is in opposition to previous studies. Therefore, revascularisation according to the angiosome concept does not influence the outcome of femorodistal bypass surgery in patients suffering from CLI.