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Paper: Summer 2020 CPD Questions

Personal Reflection:

Really interesting articles. In our trust, those who have had PE confirmed and started on anticoagulation do not proceed to DVT imaging as treatment dose has already started. However the article appears to suggest that by differentiating between isolated PE, and DVT with associated PE may help determine cause/background causing PE. Although this doesn't appear to affect treatment outcome.

I-PE tend to occur in older (>75) patients, more females. Younger females tend to be associated by hormonal contraceptive.

The second journal indicates that there is no statistical difference in outcomes from surgical Vs EVLT. There choice of treatment may be determined by costings, procedure time, invasive etc?

ACTION PLAN: Review trust's current DVT/PE pathway. Are general ultrasound still performing proximal DVT checks only?