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Personal Reflection:

It was interesting to read about the possible complications associated with wearing the graduated compression stockings (GCS) whilst taking LMWH. The study showed 41 patients complained of discomfort and 1 patient developed a skin break or ulcer. It was a shame the study was unable to conclude whether the thigh length GCS offer any benefit over the below knee stockings. I was surprised the endpoint was so long for a new VTE but the paper mentions 90 days is in line with the definition of hospital acquired thrombosis.

Regarding the 2nd paper, the similar results obtained for the direct and indirect revascularisation, performed according to the angiosome, shows the significance of collateral vessels. The mean wound healing rate was 7 months so longer than I would have expected.