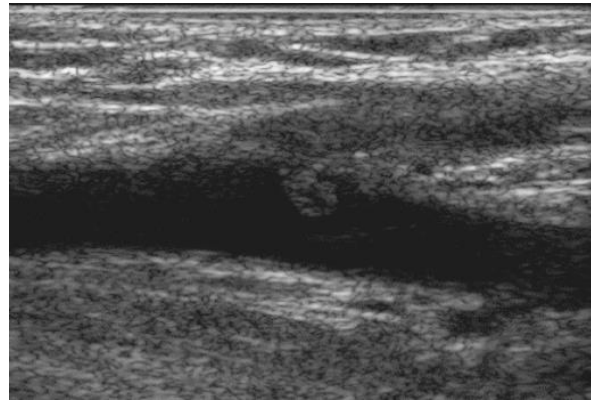


**I have no conflicts with this  
talk**  
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# EHIT depending of the learning curve?



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# We will look at the Following Studies



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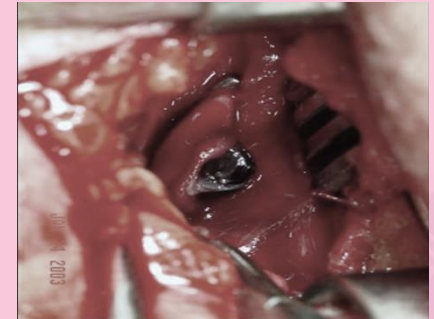
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# With Recent Advances in Technology

- **Ultrasound**
- **Endothermal ablation of the GSV**
  - Radiofrequency
  - Laser
- **With better or equivalent outcomes than**
  - **L&S\***
    - \*EVOLVEs Study Lurie, Kabnick, etc
  - **Isolated reports concerning thrombus extension into the CFV started appearing. DVT**



# There were Mounting Concerns about

- The incidence of DVT with Endothermal Ablation
- Is it truly a DVT?
- How to Treat what we see?



## Review of the Literature





# Is there an increase risk of DVT with the Vnus Closure Procedure

## Merchant DePalma, Kabnick

Journal of  
Vascular  
Surgery



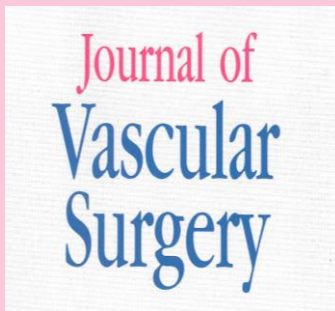
Journal of Vascular Surgery  
Volume 35, Issue 6, June 2002, Pages 1190-1196

### Registry Report: 286 limbs 1% DVT

temperature controlled radiofrequency heat, without high ligation of the saphenofemoral junction. The main outcome measures were status of occlusion of treated vein segments, presence of varicose veins and reflux, clinical symptoms scores, physician evaluation of procedure success, and patient satisfaction. **Results:** At 12 months, 82.6% of treated limbs were classified as CO, 5.6% were categorized as NCO, and

[J Vasc Surg.](#) 2002 Jun;35(6):1190-6

# Is there an increase risk of DVT with the Vnus Closure Procedure (letter)



Letter to the editor

## Regarding "is there an increased risk for DVT with the VNUS closure procedure?" <sup>★</sup>

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Straub Clinic and Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

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The Vein Institute of New Jersey, Morristown, NJ, USA

<http://>



# 1150 limbs 0.4% DVT

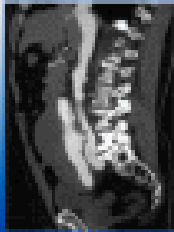
The d two observations of deep venous thrombosis (DVT), which occurred 1 and 6 weeks, respectively, after ipsilateral limb treatment with the VNUS Closure system (VNUS Medical Technologies) radiofrequency catheter to obliterate reflux in the greater saphenous vein. We previously reported the results of the first 286 limbs treated with the VNUS Closure system without high ligation, and found an incidence of DVT of 1.0%.<sup>1</sup> Incidence of DVT after traditional stripping and ligation ranges from 0.15% to 1.8%. [2] and [3] At the Reno Vein Clinic, more than 325 limbs have been successfully treated with the VNUS Closure system, and DVT developed in only 1 limb, ie, a partially occlusive common femoral vein thrombus, successfully treated with operative thrombectomy. Experience at the Straub Clinic in Honolulu reveals 3 instances of common femoral vein partial thrombosis in 400 limbs treated with the VNUS Closure system. These thromboses were identified on 24-hour postoperative duplex ultrasound (US) scans, and were managed

J Vasc Surg. 2003  
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# DVT after RF ablation of GSV: A word of caution

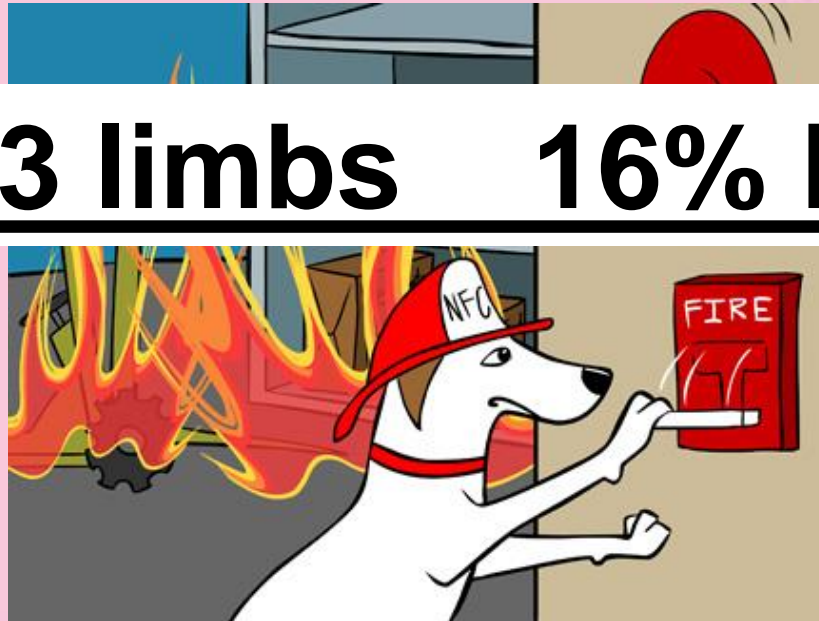
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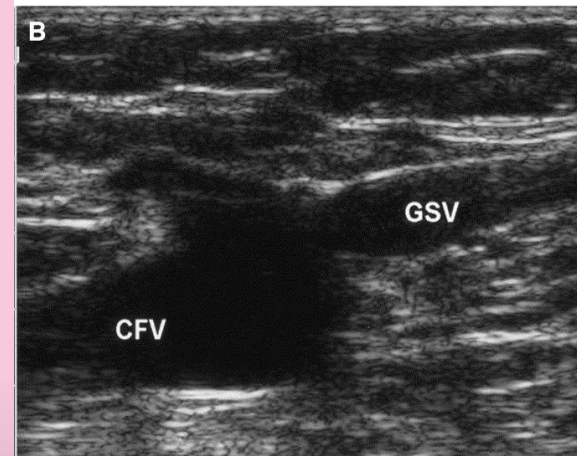
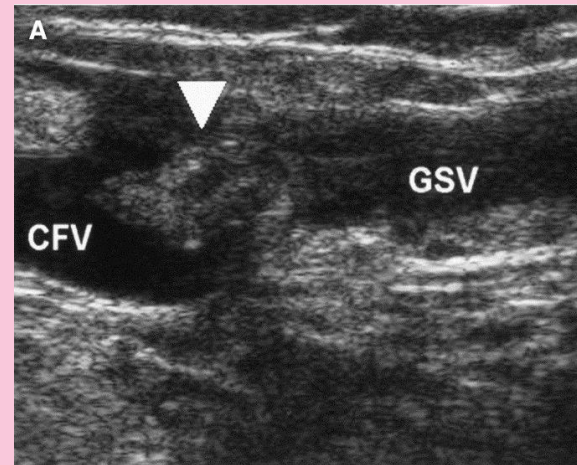
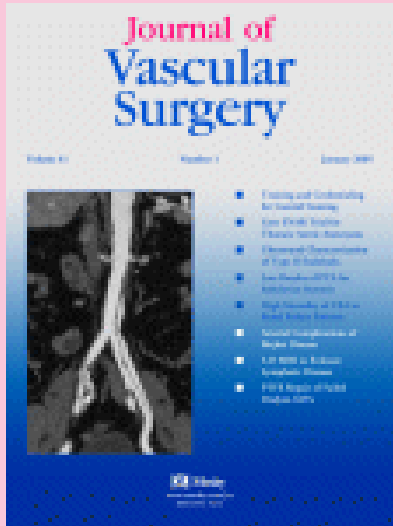
- Including Evidence for the Prevalence of Deep Vein Thrombosis
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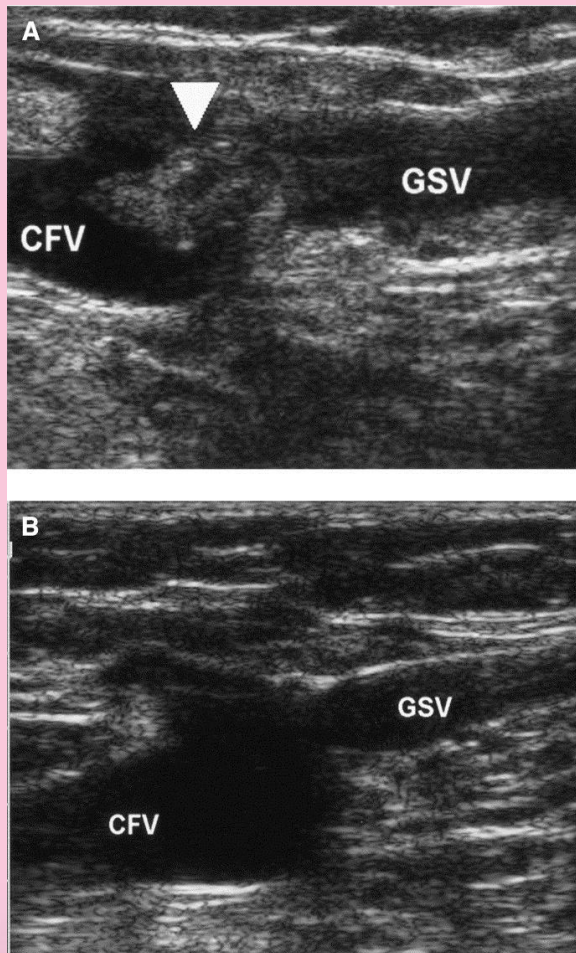
**73 limbs      16% DVT**



J Vasc Surg 2004  
Sep;40(3):500-4

# Extension of saphenous thrombus into the femoral vein: A potential complication of new endovenous ablation techniques





- During our initial experience with ELT in 56 limbs of 41 patients, 39 underwent postoperative duplex scanning. We encountered three cases (7.7%) with thrombus extension into the common femoral vein. All three patients were anticoagulated, and a temporary inferior vena cava filter was placed in one. All remained asymptomatic. The thrombus resolved by 1 month in all three patients.



There is no agreement regarding whether the first 1 to 2 cm of the GSV should be treated during endovenous laser ablation.

# Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) after Venous Thermoablation Techniques: Rates of Endovenous Heat-induced Thrombosis (EHIT) and Classical DVT after Radiofrequency and Endovenous Laser Ablation in a Single Centre<sup>☆</sup>

P. Marsh, B.A. Price, J. Holdstock, C. Harrison, M.S. Whiteley\*



2470 RFA 350 EVLA

RFA DVT (17) 4 were EHIT (0.2%).

EVLA DVT (4) 3 were EHIT (0.9%).



EHIT was similar with RFA and EVLA.

DVT rates compare favourably with those published for saphenous vein stripping

23 July 2010

# Vein Mapping Prior to Endovenous Catheter Ablation of the Great Saphenous Vein Predicts Risk of Endovenous Heat-Induced Thrombosis

Judith C. Lin, MD, FACS, RVT, RPVI<sup>1</sup>, Edward L. Peterson, PhD<sup>2</sup>, Melinda L. Rivera, RVT<sup>1</sup>, Jennifer J. Smith, MD, PharmD<sup>1</sup>, and Mitchell R. Weaver, MD, FACS, RVT<sup>1</sup>

*valvular insufficiency of the SFJ and a large proximal GSV diameter had a significantly higher risk of developing EHIT*

2012 Jul;46(5):378



# **EHIT Classification**

**Lowell S. Kabnick, MD**  
**American Venous Forum**  
**Florida, Feb 2006**



JUN 14 2003

# Multicenter Study

- Vein Institute of New Jersey
  - L.Kabnick, MD, FACS
  - M.Ombrellino, MD, FACS
  - H. Agis, MD, FACS
  - M. Moritz, MD, FACS

Morristown, NJ  
Andover, NJ  
Branchburg ,NJ  
Princeton, NJ  
West Orange, NJ
- Miami Vein Center
  - J. Almeida, MD, FACS

Miami, Florida
- Day Surgery Center
  - U. Baccaglioni, MD
  - G. Spreafico, MD

Padua, Italy

# Analysis of DATA

- Analysis of our data at the Vein Institute of New Jersey and other participating centers
- Allowed us to sort data according to the following classification

# Endovenous Heat Induced Thrombosis (EHIT) Classification

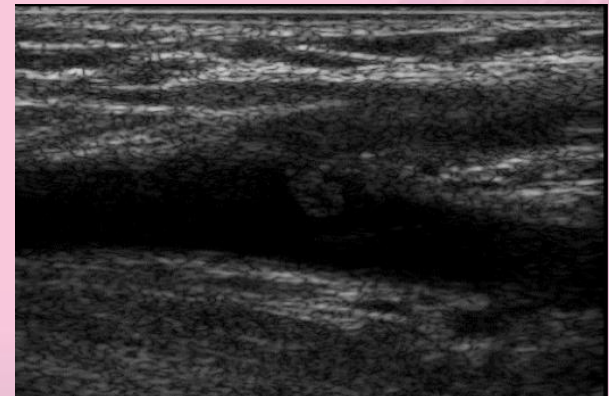
# Class 1

- Venous thrombosis to the superficial – deep junction (ie. Sapheno-femoral junction or the sapheno-popliteal junction)
- Not extending into the deep system



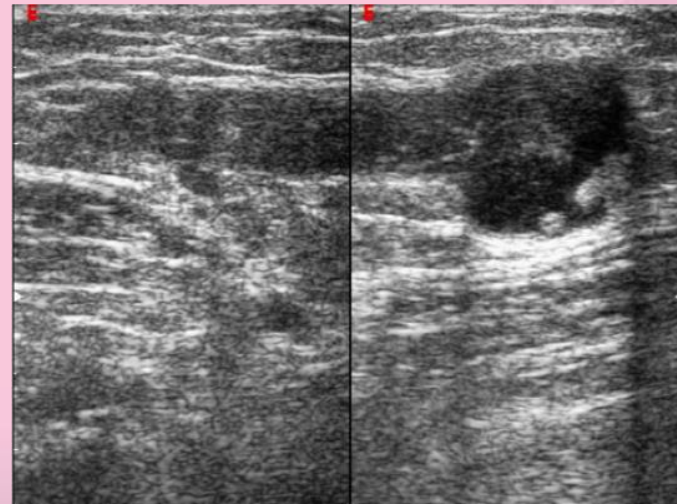
## Class 2

- Into the deep venous system
- Non-occlusive
- Thrombus with a cross sectional diameter of less than 50%

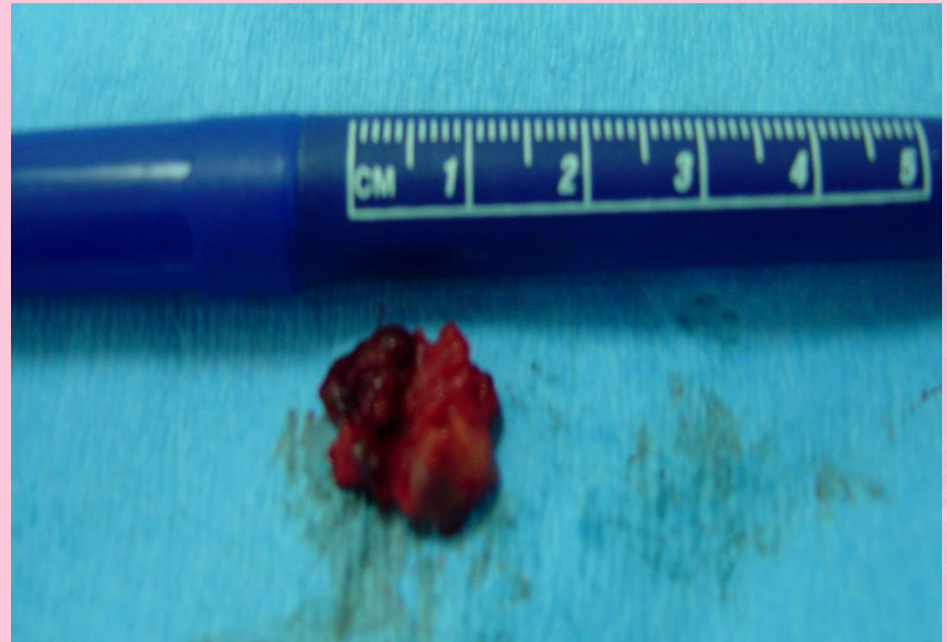
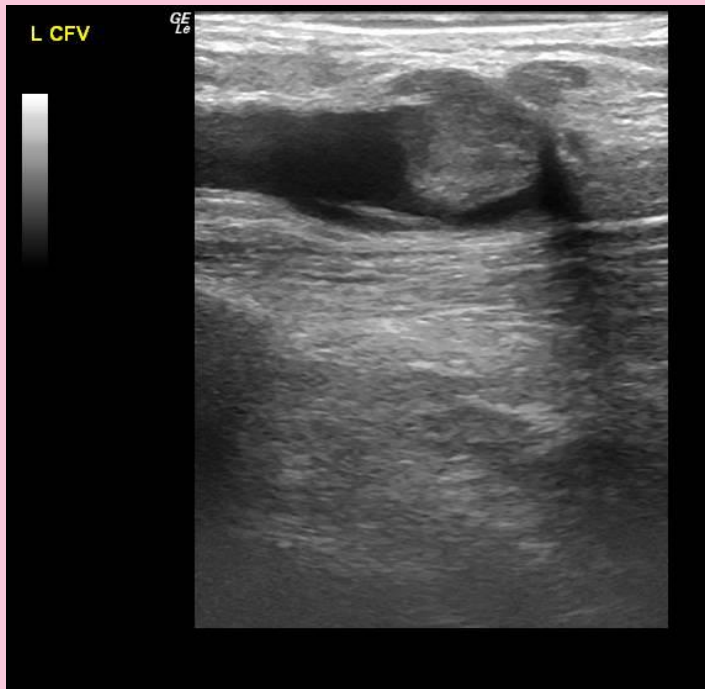


## Class 3

- Into the deep venous system
  - Non-occlusive thrombus
  - Cross sectional diameter of  
> 50%



# EHIT 3



Courtesy of JIAlmeida,MD



# Class 4

- Total occlusion of the involved vein

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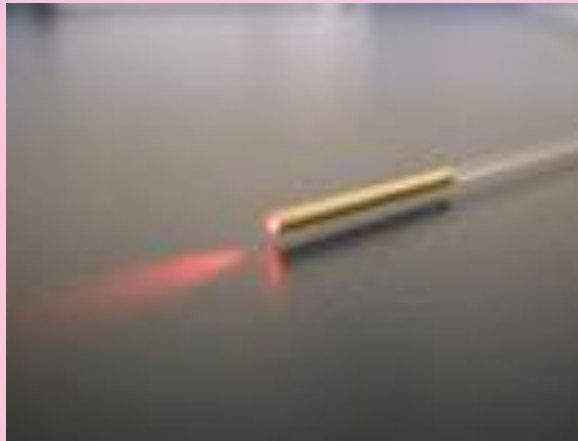
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# Methods

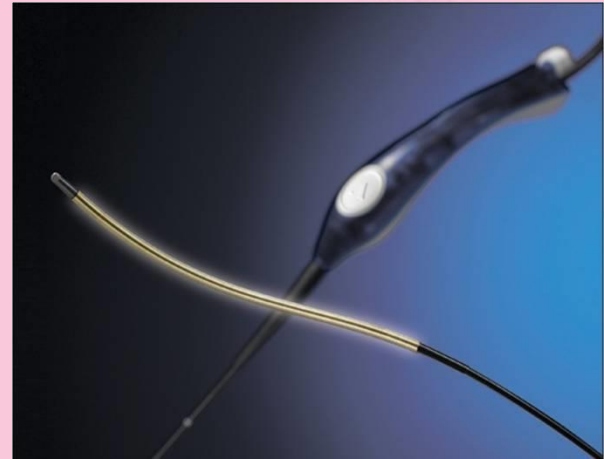
- Retrospective review (4/07 – 4/10)
- Vein Center at NYU
- 2,276 procedures (EVLA 507, RFA 1769)
- 52 EHIT II (EVLA 18, RFA 34)
- Inclusion
  - Treatment of GSV and SSV
- Primary Outcome
  - Rate of EHIT II
- Secondary Outcomes
  - Anticoagulation, hematoma, thrombophlebitis

# Objective

- Evaluation of EHIT II



**VS**



# Results (10/07 – 12/10)

**2,672 procedures (EVLA 662, RFA 2010)**

**78 EHIT II (EVLA 21, RFA 57) 2.9%**

**Treatment of GSV (92%) and SSV (8%)**

# Results

- **EHIT II**
  - **EVLA vs RFA (2.57% vs 2.84%, P=0.79)**

- **Diminishing trend of EHIT II**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> year**                      **5.2%**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> year**                        **1.8%**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> year**                        **0.4%**

# Conclusions

- **EHIT II rates may differ in patients treated using EVLA as compared to RFA.**
- **Frequency of EHIT II may diminish with increasing institutional experience.**



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# Purpose

- **EHIT-II rate at NYU**
  - **2.9%**
  - EVLA  $\approx$  RFA
  - SSV  $\approx$  GSV
- **Corrective measure?**
  - Prospective evaluation

# Objective

- This study sought to assess the effect of increasing ablation distance peripheral to the deep venous system on the incidence of EHIT II.
- (Increase ablation distance peripheral to the SFJ or SPJ from 2 → > 2.5cm)

# Results

- Total of 3,526 procedures
  - Group I (**N=2,672**) vs Group II (**N=854**)
- Age, CEAP classification, and ratio of GSV/SSV did not differ significantly between the two groups.

# Results – Primary Outcomes

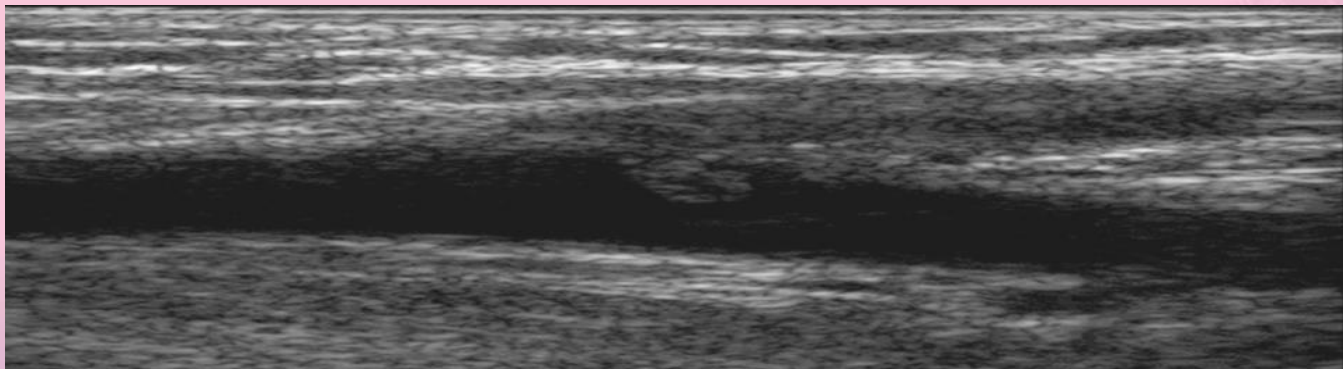
- EHIT II demonstrated a trend towards diminished frequency in Group II as compared to Group I
  - **Group I: 2.8% vs Group II: 1.6%,  
P=0.077**
- There were no reported cases of EHIT III or IV

# Conclusions

- Changing the treatment distance from **2cm** → **2.5cm** peripheral to the deep venous junction may result in a diminished rate of EHIT-II.



# *What, Me Worry?*







# What Happens to the Thrombus?

- Retract?
- Dissolve?
- PE?

# NYU: Study of the Disappearing EHIT

- Enrollment 7 patients
- 6/7 Rx with LMWH until EHIT 2 disappeared
- 1/7 observed until EHIT 2 disappeared

Spiral CT scan obtained ASAP

- Results of CT Scan
  - No PE 5/7
  - PE 2/7\*  
(29%)

\* asymptomatic

# Future ?

- EHIT 2 is a
  - DUS finding
  - ? Significance

OR

Are we a **V**ictim **O**f **M**edical  
**I**mage **T**esting ?



## In closing: Consider

- 1. If there is approximately a 1% incidence of EHIT 2....
  - What is the incidence of symptomatic PEs
  - What is the incidence of fatal PEs
- 2. What is the incidence of post ablation failure?

- Why do Routine Postoperative Duplex?
  - Looking for EHIT
  - Looking for ablation failure

Are we wasting healthcare dollars?

# Statistics

- Assumptions
  - EHIT 2 1-2%
  - Number of ablations/yr (USA) 300,000
  - EHIT 2 risk 6,000
  - Clinically significant PE .01%
  - Total number ~60
  - PNT for 1 PE 5,000
  - Avg DUS charge \$500

Kabnick L. Forum, Miami, Florida, 2006.

Dexter D, Kabnick L. Phlebology 2012; 27 Suppl 1:40-45

Marsh P, Whitely. Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg. 2010; 40: 521-527.

- physicians are collectively in order to detect, and potentially treat a charging **\$2,500,000** n EHIT 2 to prevent 1 symptomatic- post-operative PE.
- By forgoing duplex ultrasound in the immediate post-operative period, we can save greater than \$150,000,000 per annum in unnecessary healthcare costs.

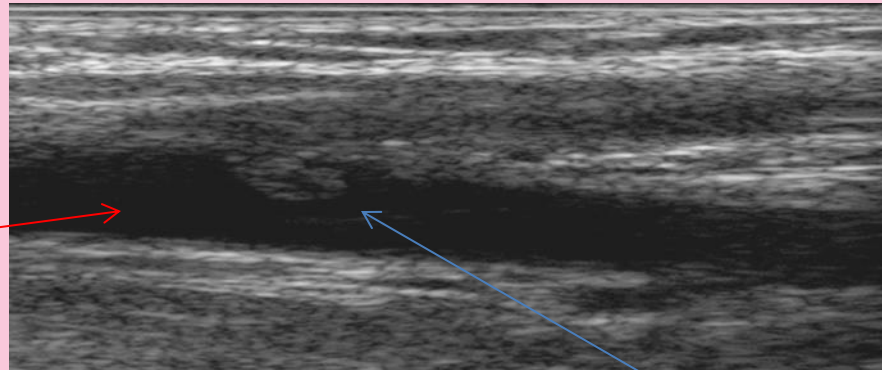


# But First Question: 1



# Postop Duplex

CFV



**Endothermal Heat  
Induced Thrombosis**

# What is the Diagnosis

- a EHIT 1
- b EHIT 2
- c EHIT 3
- d EHIT 4

# Do We Anticoagulate?

# Patient with EHIT 2 should be treated by

- a. Imwh 3 months
- b. Imwh 6 weeks
- c. Imwh until EHIT disappears
- d. does not need to be treated

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