

# Epidemiologia e clinica del tromboembolismo venoso

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Thrombophilia may present clinically as one or more of several thrombotic manifestations (“phenotypes”). The predominant clinical manifestation of thrombophilia is venous thromboembolism.

**Table 1. Acquired or secondary thrombophilia.**

**Strongly Supportive Data**

Active cancer  
Chemotherapy (L-asparaginase, thalidomide, anti-angiogenesis therapy)  
Myeloproliferative disorders  
Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia  
Nephrotic syndrome  
Intravascular coagulation and fibrinolysis/disseminated intravascular coagulation  
Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura  
Sickle cell disease  
Oral contraceptives  
Estrogen therapy  
Pregnancy/postpartum state  
Selective estrogen receptor modulator therapy (tamoxifen and raloxifene)  
Antiphospholipid antibodies (lupus anticoagulant, anticardiolipin antibody, anti- $\beta$ 2 glycoprotein-1 antibody)  
Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria  
Wegener granulomatosis

**Supportive Data**

Inflammatory bowel disease  
Thromboangiitis obliterans (Buerger disease)  
Behçet syndrome  
Varicose veins  
Systemic lupus erythematosus  
Venous vascular anomalies (e.g., Klippel Trenaunay syndrome)  
Progesterone therapy  
Infertility "therapy"  
Hyperhomocysteinemia  
HIV infection  
Dehydration

**Table 2. Hereditary (familial or primary) thrombophilia.**

**Strongly Supportive Data**

Antithrombin deficiency  
Protein C deficiency  
Protein S deficiency  
Activated protein C resistance  
Factor V Leiden  
Prothrombin G20210A  
Homocystinuria

**Supportive Data**

Increased plasma factors I (fibrinogen), II (prothrombin), VIII, IX, XI  
Factor XIII polymorphisms  
Hyperhomocysteinemia  
Dysfibrinogenemia  
Reduced tissue factor pathway inhibitor

**Weakly Supportive Data**

Reduced protein Z and Z-dependent protease inhibitor  
Tissue plasminogen activator deficiency  
Increased plasminogen activator inhibitor (PAI)-1  
Increased thrombin-activatable fibrinolysis inhibitor  
Hypoplasminogenemia and dysplasminogenemia  
Hypofibrinolysis

# CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS

- purpura fulminans
- superficial or deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism
- thrombosis of “unusual” venous circulations (e.g., cerebral, hepatic, mesenteric, and renal veins; possibly arm, portal and ovarian veins; not retinal vein or artery)
- Warfarin-induced skin necrosis
- possibly arterial thrombosis (e.g., stroke, acute myocardial infarction)
- recurrent fetal loss
- possibly complications of pregnancy (e.g., intrauterine growth restriction, stillbirth, severe pre-eclampsia, abruptio placentae)

# COMPLICATIONS OF VTE

- VENOUS STASIS SYNDROME (POST THROMBOTIC SYNDROME)  
(76.1 per 100.000 person-years in US)
- VENOUS ULCER  
(18.0 per 100.000 person-years in US)
- CHRONIC THROMBOEMBOLIC PULMONARY HYPERTENSION  
(6.5 per million person-years)

The post-thrombotic syndrome (PTS) is an important, underappreciated, chronic consequence of DVT, even when appropriate anticoagulant therapy is used.

PTS is called “syndrome” because it manifests as symptoms and clinical signs that can vary from patient to patient.

## •Symptoms

intermittent or persistent

pain, heaviness, swelling, cramps, itching, or tingling in the affected limb

aggravated by standing or walking and improved by rest and leg elevation

## Signs

edema

teleangiectasiae

brown pigmentation

venous eczema

secondary varicose veins

thickening of the subcutaneous tissues of the medial lower limb (lipodermatosclerosis)

leg ulcers (chronic, painful, and slow to heal and often recur)

## 1) **VILLALTA SCALE**

Binary (yes/no)

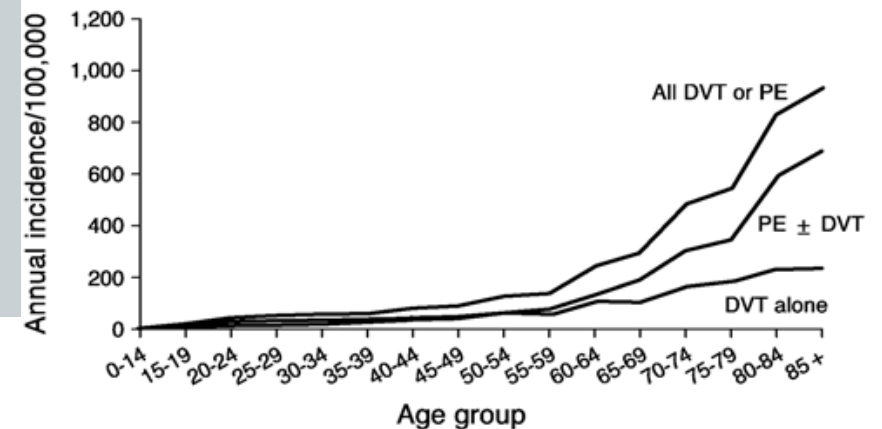
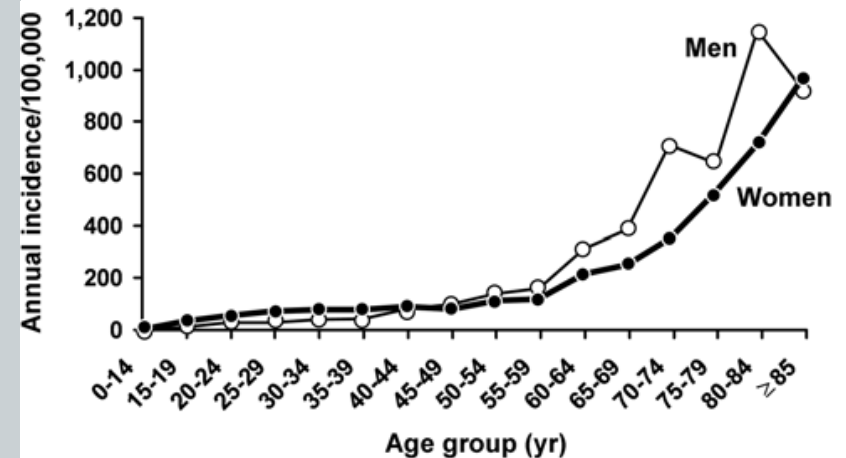
Categorical (none, mild, moderate, severe)

Continuos (range 0-33)

There is generally no need for further diagnostic investigation!!!!

# The epidemiology of Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) in the Community

- 108 per 100,000 person-years (among whites) (250,000 cases/year in USA)
- 78 per 100,000 person-years (among black) (27,000 cases/year)
- the incidence has not changed significantly over the last 25 years
- the incidence rates increased exponentially with age for both men and women and for both deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism.
- male/female sex ratio is 1.2:1 (exception during childbearing years).
- pulmonary embolism accounts for an increasing proportion of venous thromboembolism with increasing age for both genders.



**TABLE II. Distribution of Venous Thromboembolism Event Type by Race**

Event type	White ( <i>n</i> = 2,002)	Black ( <i>n</i> = 395)	Total ( <i>n</i> = 2,397)	<i>P</i> -value
DVT only	1,171 (58.5)	205 (51.9)	1,376 (57.4)	0.02
PE only	288 (14.4)	109 (27.6)	397 (16.6)	<0.0001
PE + DVT	543 (27.1)	81 (20.5)	624 (26.0)	0.006
DVT	1,714 (85.6)	286 (72.4)	2,000 (83.4)	<0.0001
PE	831 (41.5)	190 (48.1)	1,021 (42.6)	0.02

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>white</b>	<b>black</b>	<b>total</b>	<b>p value</b>
Postsurgery	226 (11.3)	22 (5.6)	248 (10.4)	0.0006
Trauma	109 (5.4)	8 (2.0)	117 (4.9)	0.006
Cancer	216 (10.8)	45 (11.4)	261 (10.9)	0.73
Infection	51 (2.6)	2 (0.5)	53 (2.2)	0.01
HIV infection	2 (0.1)	10 (2.5)	12 (0.5)	<0.0001
Sickle cell disease	0	12 (3.0)	12 (0.5)	<0.0001
Autoimmune disease	299 (14.9)	60 (15.2)	359 (15.0)	0.90
Oral contraceptive use	156 (12.9)	17 (6.1)	173 (11.6)	0.002
Hormone therapy	35 (2.9)	2 (0.7)	37 (2.5)	0.03
Thrombophilic	604 (30.2)	56 (14.2)	660 (27.5)	<0.0001
Family history of VTE	240 (12.0)	22 (5.6)	262 (10.9)	0.0002
Idiopathic VTE	1,381 (69.0)	272 (68.9)	1,653 (69.0)	0.96
Idiopathic DVT	1,188 (59.3)	196 (49.6)	1,390 (58.0)	0.003
Idiopathic PE	580 (29.0)	135 (34.2)	715 (29.8)	0.04

Characteristic	White ( <i>n</i> = 2,002)	Black ( <i>n</i> = 395)	Total ( <i>n</i> = 2,397)	<i>P</i> -value
Stroke	104 (5.2)	25 (6.3)	129 (5.4)	0.36
Cerebral palsy	2 (0.1)	0	2 (0.1)	1.0
Coronary artery disease	97 (4.9)	24 (6.1)	121 (5.1)	0.31
Congenital heart disease	14 (0.7)	4 (1.0)	18 (0.8)	0.52
Prosthetic heart valve	8 (0.4)	7 (1.8)	15 (0.6)	0.006
Congestive heart failure	26 (1.3)	8 (2.0)	34 (1.4)	0.26
Peripheral artery disease	26 (1.3)	5 (1.3)	31 (1.3)	1.0
Hypertension	398 (19.9)	150 (38.0)	548 (22.9)	<0.0001
Hyperlipidemia	282 (14.1)	50 (12.7)	332 (13.9)	0.45
Diabetes mellitus	136 (6.8)	54 (13.7)	190 (7.9)	<0.0001
Liver disease	22 (1.1)	8 (2.0)	30 (1.3)	0.14
Renal disease	71 (3.6)	30 (7.6)	101 (4.2)	0.0003
Dialysis	14 (0.7)	10 (2.5)	24 (1.0)	0.003

## Distribution of venous thromboembolism risk factors by race and gender

Characteristic	Female			Male		
	White (n = 1,214)	Black (n = 279)	P-value	White (n = 788)	Black (n = 116)	P-value
Postsurgery	140 (11.5)	13 (4.7)	0.0006	86 (10.9)	9 (7.8)	0.30
Trauma	55 (4.5)	3 (1.1)	0.007	54 (6.9)	5 (4.3)	0.30
Cancer	123 (10.1)	26 (9.3)	0.68	93 (11.8)	19 (16.4)	0.16
Infection	33 (2.7)	1 (0.4)	0.02	18 (2.3)	1 (0.9)	0.50
HIV infection	1 (0.1)	6 (2.2)	0.0002	1 (0.1)	3 (3.5)	0.0012
Autoimmune disease	217 (17.9)	47 (16.9)	0.68	82 (10.4)	13 (11.2)	0.79
Sickle cell disease	0	10 (3.6)	<0.0001	0	2 (1.7)	0.02
Idiopathic VTE	774 (63.8)	184 (66.0)	0.50	607 (77.0)	88 (75.9)	0.78
Idiopathic DVT	659 (54.3)	130 (46.6)	0.02	529 (67.1)	72 (62.1)	0.28
Idiopathic PE	298 (24.6)	88 (31.5)	0.02	282 (35.8)	47 (40.5)	0.32

**Independent RISK FACTORS for deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism**

**GENETICS**



**ACQUIRED**

<b>Baseline characteristic</b>	<b>Odds ratio</b>	<b>95% CI</b>
Hospitalization		
Hospitalization for acute medical illness	7.98	4.49, 14.18
Hospitalization for major surgery	21.72	9.44, 49.93
Trauma	12.69	4.06, 39.66
Active cancer without chemotherapy	4.05	1.93, 8.52
Active cancer with chemotherapy	6.53	2.11, 20.23
Prior central venous catheter or transvenous pacemaker	5.55	1.57, 19.58
Prior superficial vein thrombosis	4.32	1.76, 10.61
Neurologic disease with extremity paresis	3.04	1.25, 7.38
Serious liver disease	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.01, 0.71</b>

# Rates of venous thromboembolism in multiple myeloma patients undergoing immunomodulatory therapy with thalidomide or lenalidomide: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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**Table 7** Rate of venous thromboembolism (per 100 patient-cycles) in

Regimen	Rate of venous thromboembolism (per 100 patient-cycles)	95% CI	Number of patients
Thalidomide alone	0.4	(0.2–0.8)	706
Thalidomide + prednisone	0.6	(0.2–1.1)	258
Thalidomide + other chemotherapy agents	0.4	(0.01–1.2)	38
Thalidomide + dexamethasone	0.8	(0.1–2.1)	321
Thalidomide + dexamethasone + other chemotherapy agents	0.9	(0.3–1.8)	321
Thalidomide + dexamethasone + multi-agent chemotherapy including doxorubicin	6.7	(0.5–18.9)	331
Warfarin 1–1.25 mg per day	2.4	(1.3–4.0)	102
Prophylactic LMWH	0	(0–1.72)	17
Therapeutic doses of anticoagulation*	0.2–4.1	(0–80)	80

\*Therapeutic doses of anticoagulation: (i) warfarin with target INR between 2.0 and 3.0 or (ii) therapeutic doses of low-molecular-weight heparin.

†Only one study reported subgroups of patients with ASA thromboprophylaxis started at the initiation of ( $n = 58$ ) or during ( $n = 26$ ) the study protocol. CI, confidence intervals; LMWH, low-molecular-weight heparin;  $n$ , total number of patients.

## American Society of Clinical Oncology Guideline: Recommendations for Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis and Treatment in Patients With Cancer

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**Table 1.** Risk Factors for VTE in Patients With Malignant Disease

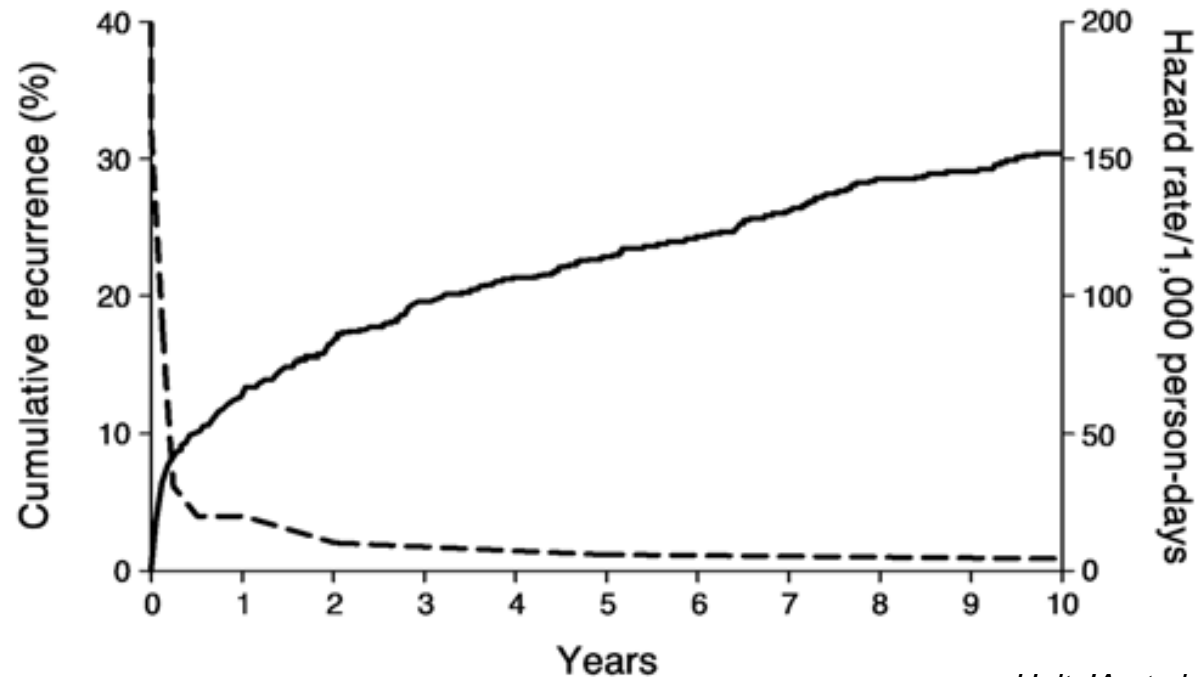
Patient-related factors	
Older age <sup>15</sup>	
Race (higher in African Americans; lower in Asian-Pacific Islanders) <sup>20</sup>	
Comorbid conditions (obesity, infection, renal disease, pulmonary disease, arterial thromboembolism) <sup>15,21,26,33</sup>	
Prior history of VTE <sup>26</sup>	
Elevated prechemotherapy platelet count <sup>21</sup>	
Heritable prothrombotic mutations <sup>19,34-36</sup>	
Cancer-related factors	
Primary site of cancer (GI, brain, lung, gynecologic, renal, hematologic) <sup>8,15,19-21,23</sup>	
Initial 3-6 months after diagnosis <sup>19,20,33</sup>	
Current metastatic disease <sup>15,19,20,23,33,37</sup>	
Treatment-related factors	
Recent major surgery <sup>32,38,39</sup>	
Current hospitalization <sup>15,26,40</sup>	
Active chemotherapy <sup>2,23,26,37</sup>	
Active hormonal therapy <sup>37,41-43</sup>	
Current or recent antiangiogenic therapy (thalidomide, lenalidomide, bevacizumab*) <sup>11,28-31,44-46</sup>	
Current erythropoiesis-stimulating agents <sup>21,24</sup>	
Presence of central venous catheters <sup>32,47-49</sup>	

Abbreviation: VTE, venous thromboembolism.

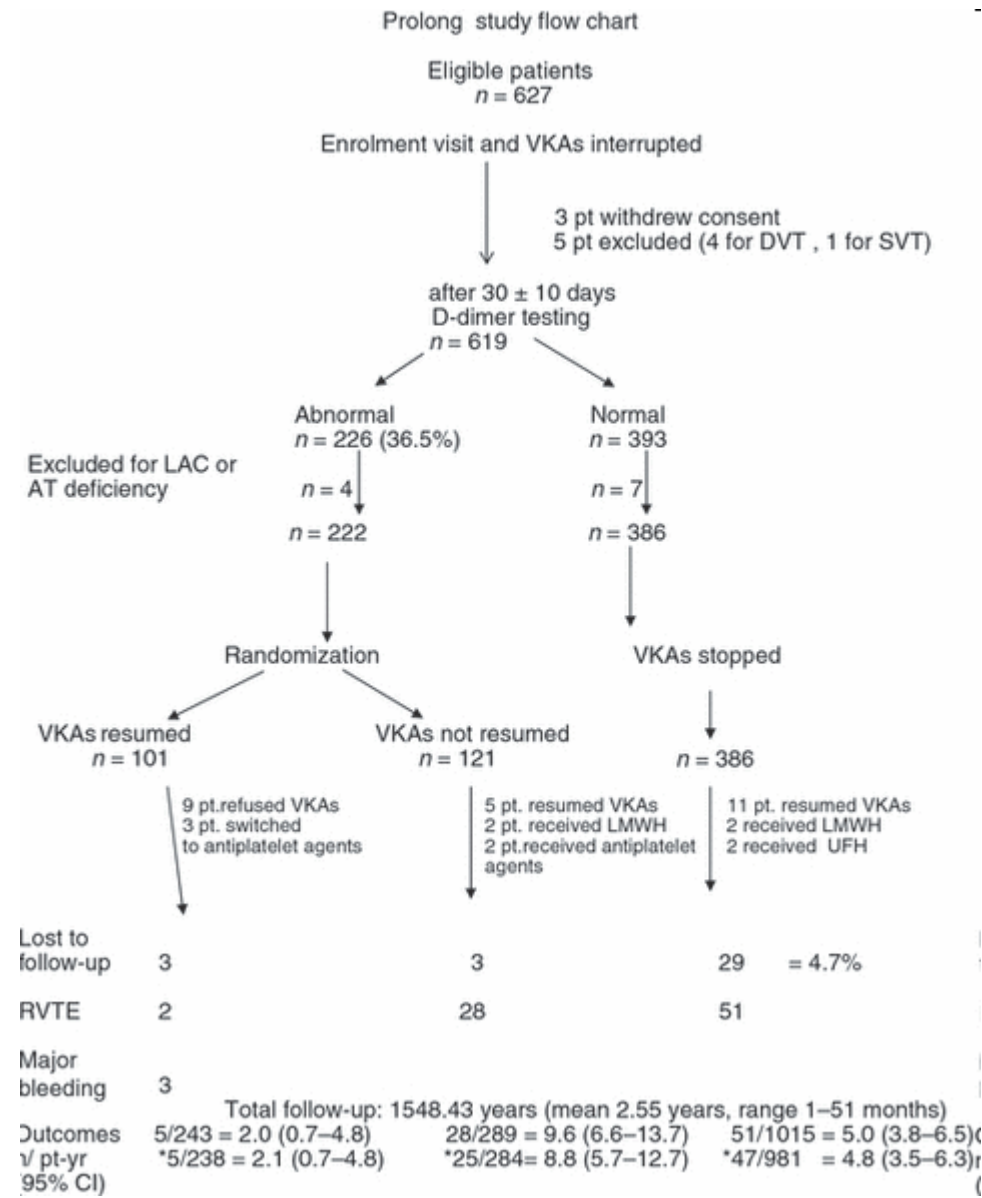
\*Bevacizumab is clearly associated with an increased risk of arterial thrombotic events; an association with venous thrombosis is not fully established.

## Independent predictors of venous thromboembolism recurrence

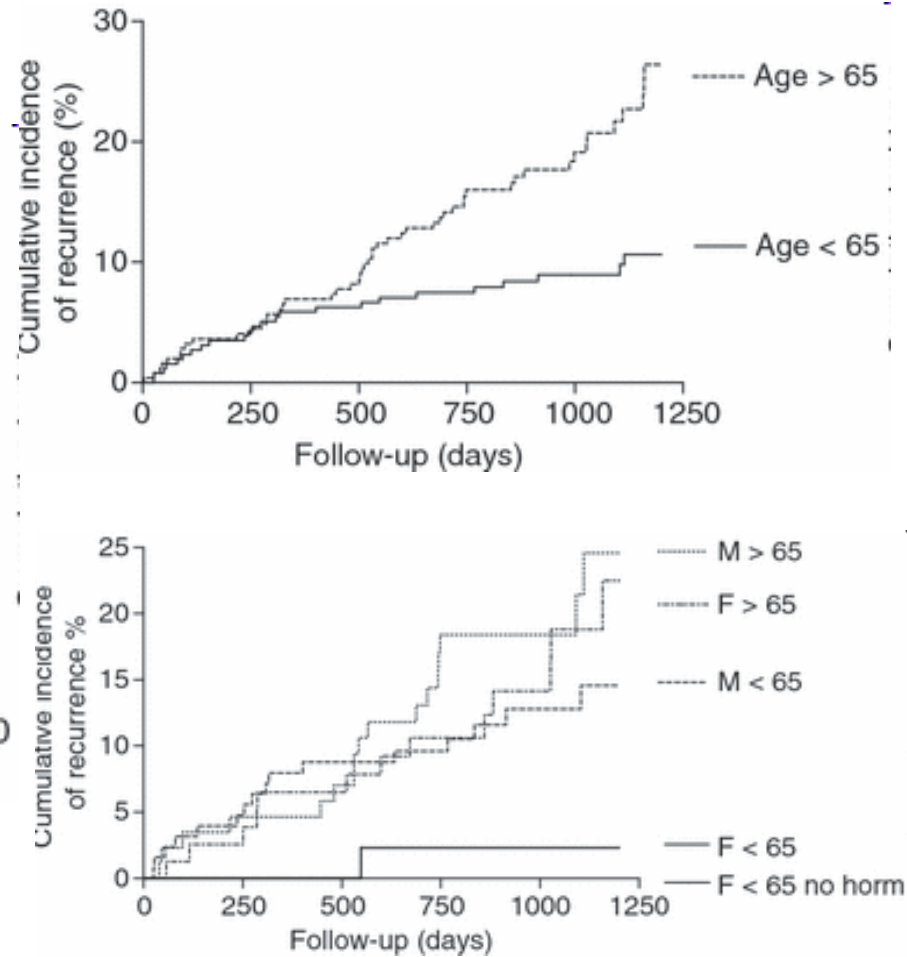
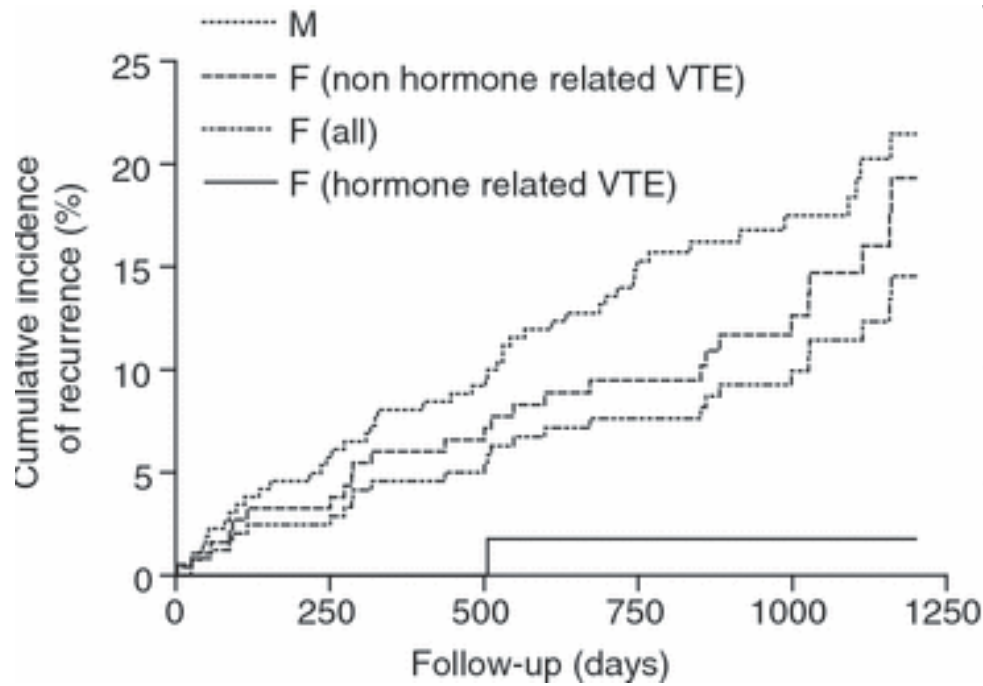
Characteristic	Hazard ratio	95% CI
Age*	1.17	1.11, 1.24
Body mass index†	1.24	1.04, 1.47
Neurologic disease with extremity paresis	1.87	1.28, 2.73
Active cancer With chemotherapy	4.24	2.58, 6.95
Without chemotherapy	2.21	1.60, 3.06



# PROLONG STUDY



## Cumulative incidence of main outcomes according to sex and age



**Cumulative incidence of main outcomes in subjects with normal D-Dimer according to sex and age**