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# Anticoagulation after stage 1

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# Thrombosis: important complication in CHD

CHAT (Children's Hospital-Acquired Thrombosis) registry in US:

TABLE 1.         Final Children's Hospital-Acquired Thrombosis ICU Risk Assessment Model         Complete Case       Imputed						
	$(N = 395)^{a}$		$(N = 735)^{a}$			
Variable	OR (95% CI)	p	OR (95% CI)	p		
Braden Q score ≤2 within 24 hr of ICU admission (reference = slight/no limitations)	3.40 (1.92–6.04)	< 0.001	3.65 (2.14–6.24)	< 0.001		
Length of stay prior to ICU admission $\geq$ 3 d	Not Applicable		2.48 (1.10-5.62)	0.03		
Central venous catheter placed 30 d prior to or on ICU admission	4.54 (2.45–9.17)	< 0.001	4.37 (2.69–7.07)	< 0.001		
Past medical history of congenital heart disease	2.95 (1.47–5.92)	0.002	2.87 (1.74–4.73)	< 0.001		
Past history of autoimmune/inflammatory disorder or infection during admission	2.48 (1.24–4.94)	0.01	2.06 (1.23–3.44)	0.01		

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Why are children with congenital heart disease at risk for thrombosis?

### Virchow's Trias

#### **Endothelial dysfunction**

Central venous catheters Surgical anastomoses Artificial materials Post bypass inflammation

#### Hypercoagulability

THROMBOSIS

Cardiopulmonary bypass Infections Artificial materials Polycythemia/cyanosis Congenital thrombophilia

#### **Altered bloodflow**

Ventricular dysfunction Valve dysfunction Shunt obstruction Atrial dilatation Arrhythmias Limited inflow/outflow Central venous catheter

# Thrombosis: especially children < one month

#### PHIS database 2004-2012: 91,909 cardiac surgery patients

	All CHD patients who had cardiac surgery	CHD patients who developed thrombosi after cardiac surgery
Missing	28,418 (.)	813 (.)
ASD/VSD Repair (RACHS-2)	37,178 (58.6)	408 (22.1)
Fontan Procedure (RACHS-3)	2234 (3.5)	49 (2.7)
ГAPVR Repair (RACHS-4)	1455 (2.3)	52 (2.8)
Fetralogy of Fallot Repair (RACHS-3)	3944 (6.2)	63 (3.4)
Transposition of Great Arteries Repair (RACHS-4)	494 (0.8)	9 (0.5)
Fruncus Arteriosus Repair (RACHS-4)	499 (0.8)	45 (2.4)
Septostomy Procedure (RACHS-4)	5699 (9)	481 (26.1)
Systemic to Pulmonary Shunt Placement	4759 (7.5)	631 (34.3)

### Thrombosis is related with increased mortality



# Thrombosis after stage 1 Norwood

Literature: incidence varies 0-40%

Risk factors: young age lower weight high Hb



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Which antithrombotic regimen does your center use after Norwood procedure?

- 1. None
- 2. Only heparin
- 3. Only aspirin
- 4. Heparin, followed by aspirin
- 5. Other



### Postoperative anticoagulation

Literature review:

- No heparin
- Heparin dosis 10-28 U/kg/hr

Al Jubair et al. 1998; retrospective study326 mBTT shuntTherapeutic UFH until 48 hr postop.:1.2% (2/173)No heparin:2 % (3/153)No bleeding complications reported



#### AHA 2013 stage 1 with modified BTT shunt:

Consider low dose heparin postoperatively

Consider therapeutic dose heparin in children with higher thrombotic risk: infection, stented shunts

# Longterm anticoagulation

Literature review:

• Low dose aspirin 2-5 mg/kg/day

Li et al, 2007: Multicenter prospective cohort study; 1004 patients/ aspirin in 806 aortopulmonary shunts n=954, Sano shunts n=50 Total shunt thrombosis incidence= 12%

Aspirin: reduced risk of thrombosis (HR 0.13; 95% CI 0.03-0.59) and dead Bleeding complications not reported

Boucher et al. Frontiers in Surg 2022; Agargwal et al. Clin Appl Throm Haemost 2017; Li et al Circulation 2007

### Addition of clopidogrel had no effect systemic to pulmonary shunts





Composite outcome: death, transplantation, shunt thrombosis

Wessel et al. NEJM 2017

### Enoxaparin therapeutic dose

Cross-sectional study 2003-2008 145 patients after stage 1

Enoxaparin n=95 Enoxaparin/ASA n=3 ASA n=3 Vs No anticoagulation n=44



### Despite antithrombotic measures, thrombosis still occur

Data from

Pediatric Heart Network Single Ventricle Reconstruction

Trial



**Figure 1.** Cumulative incidence function (CIF) for thromboembolic events during stage I Norwood hospitalization.

# Direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs)



#### **Advantages:**

Oral administration Less monitoring Independent of antithrombin No dietary interaction Less interaction other drugs

# DOAC trials in pediatric cardiac disease

Study	Drug	Patients	Number	Bleeding (major)	Thrombotic events
Universe trial	Rivaroxaban	Fontan children	Riva n=76 Asp n=34 12 mo	n=1 (2%) n=0 (0%)	n=2 (3%) n=3 (9%)
Saxophone trial	Apixaban	Single ventricle CHD all stages Kawasaki/aneurysms Dil. cardiomyopathy Pulm. hypertension	Apixaban n=126 SOC n=62 (VKA/LMWH) 12 mo	1.8/100 p yrs 6.8/100 p yrs	n=0 (0%) n=0 (0%)
Ennoble- ATE trial	Edoxaban	Fontan Kawasaki Heart failure Other	Edoxaban n=109 SOC n=58 (VKA/LMWH) 3 mo/9 mo	n=0 (0%)/n=2 (1%) n=0	n=0 (0%)/n=3 (2%) n=1 (2%)

McCrindle et al. J Am Heart Assoc 2021; Payne et al Am Heart J 2020; Portman et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2022

### Potential new drugs: inhibitors of contact pathway



#### Table 1 Properties of classes of FXI inhibitors currently in development

	ASOs	Monoclonal antibodies	Small molecules	Natural inhibitors	Aptamers
Mechanism	Block biosynthesis	Bind target protein	Bind target protein	Bind target protein	Bind target protein
Administration route	SC	IV or SC	IV or oral	IV	IV or SC
Administration frequency	Weekly to monthly	Monthly	Daily	Daily	Daily
Onset of action	Slow (weeks)	Rapid (hours to days)	Rapid (minutes to hours)	Rapid (minutes)	Rapid (minutes to hours)
Offset of action	Slow (weeks)	Slow (weeks)	Rapid (minutes to hours)	Rapid (hours)	Rapid (minutes to hours)
Renal excretion	No	No	Yes	Uncertain	No
CYP metabolism	No	No	Yes	No	No
Potential for drug–drug interactions	No	No	Yes	Unknown	No

ASO, antisense oligonucleotide; IV, intravenous; SC, subcutaneous; CYP, cytochrome P450.

### Both venous and arterial indications FXI inhibitors



De Caterina et al. Eur Heart J 2023



- Increased thrombotic risk after stage I palliation
- Lack of RCTs on antithrombotic management
- Current management strategies vary
- Still substantial residual risk of thrombosis
- Role for new anticoagulants?

