

Clinically important venous thromboembolism following lower extremity fractures: epidemiology and prevention

Submission date

24/02/2006

Recruitment status

No longer recruiting

☐ Prospectively registered

☐ Protocol

Registration date

24/02/2006

Overall study status

Completed

☐ Statistical analysis plan

☒ Results

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Condition category

Injury, Occupational Diseases, Poisoning

☐ Individual participant data

Plain English summary of protocol

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DCT-49980

Study information

Scientific Title

A double-blind, randomized controlled trial of the prevention of clinically important venous thromboembolism after isolated lower leg fractures.

Acronym

D-KAF

Study objectives

To determine the incidence of clinically important venous thromboembolism (VTE) and the efficacy, safety and cost-effectiveness of anticoagulant prophylaxis with a low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) in patients with lower leg fractures requiring surgical repair.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Research Ethics Board, Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Science Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (4 December, 2001).

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

Study setting(s)

Not specified

Study type(s)

Not Specified

Participant information sheet

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Isolated below-knee fractures (tibia and/or fibula) requiring surgical repair

Interventions

Eligible consenting patients are randomized to receive either LMWH, dalteparin, 5000 anti-X-a units subcutaneously once daily, or placebo, within 72 hours of injury for 14 + 2 days. Patients are investigated for symptomatic VTE with objective diagnostic tests and pre-specified algorithms. All asymptomatic patients are screened with bilateral proximal duplex venous

ultrasound at 14 + 2 days and followed up at 6 weeks and 3 months by telephone to assess for development of symptomatic VTE. CBC, INR, aPTT and creatinine are performed at baseline and CBC is repeated at the 14 + 2 day visit to check platelet count.

Intervention Type

Drug

Phase

Not Specified

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

LMW heparin, dalteparin

Primary outcome measure

Clinically important venous thromboembolism at 3 months

Secondary outcome measures

1. Clinically important VTE during the prophylaxis phase (day 0-14 + 2)
2. Symptomatic VTE (either symptomatic deep vein thrombosis [DVT] or pulmonary embolism [PE] or fatal PE) during the post-prophylaxis phase (day 14 + 2 to 3 months + 1 week)
3. Bleeding
4. Cost-effectiveness

Overall study start date

01/08/2002

Completion date

31/03/2007

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

1. Age >16 years, either sex
2. Unilateral or bilateral, closed or open, fractures of the lower extremity distal to the knee including:
 - a. Isolated fractures of the tibia including tibial plateau, shaft and plafond and medial malleolus
 - b. Isolated fractures of the fibula including fibular head, fibular diaphysis, distal fibula and lateral malleolus
 - c. Combined fractures of the tibia and fibula
3. Tibia and/or fibula fractures may be accompanied by fractures of the patella and/or foot as well as ligamentous injuries as long as either the tibia or the fibula is involved
4. Patients must be scheduled to undergo surgery (internal or external fixation) for repair of their fracture during the current admission

Participant type(s)

Patient

Age group

Adult

Sex

Both

Target number of participants

700

Key exclusion criteria

1. Patients presenting greater than 72 hours after injury
2. Major injury involving other site(s)
3. Lower extremity vascular injury requiring surgical repair
4. Known systemic bleeding disorder or international normalized ratio (INR) >1.5, aPTT >40 sec, or platelets <50 x 10⁹/l at baseline
5. Active, uncontrolled bleeding (as determined by the attending surgeon or delegate)
6. Intracranial or other major bleed in the previous 4 weeks
7. Ongoing need for anticoagulation for other reasons
8. Previous DVT or PE (objectively proven or treated with anticoagulants)
9. Known molecular hypercoagulable state
10. Active cancer
11. Inability to receive contrast dye because of pregnancy, contrast allergy, or renal failure (serum creatinine >300 µmol/l)
12. Hypersensitivity to heparin or LMWH (including history of HIT)
13. Inability to arrange out-of-hospital study medication administration
14. Anticipated inability to undergo endpoint duplex ultrasound or follow-up (day 14 + 2, 6 weeks, 3 months)
15. Inability or refusal to provide informed consent
16. Previous participation in this study
17. Estimated weight less than 40 kg

Date of first enrolment

01/08/2002

Date of final enrolment

31/03/2007

Locations**Countries of recruitment**

Canada

Study participating centre

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Sponsor type

Not defined

ROR

<https://ror.org/03dbr7087>

Funder(s)**Funder type**

Research organisation

Funder Name

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) (Canada) - <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca> (ref: DCT-49980)

Funder Name

Pharmacia (Canada)

Funder Name

Pfizer Canada Inc. (Canada)

Results and Publications**Publication and dissemination plan**

Not provided at time of registration

Intention to publish date**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article	results	01/05/2015	31/01/2019	Yes	No