

# PROphylaxis of ThromboEmbolism in Critical care Trial (PROTECT) Trial: a pilot study

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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## Additional identifiers

**EudraCT/CTIS number**

**IRAS number**

**ClinicalTrials.gov number**  
NCT00182143

**Secondary identifying numbers**

## Study information

### Scientific Title

A randomised controlled pilot study on low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) versus unfractionated heparin (UFH) in thromboembolism in critical care

### Acronym

PROTECT

### Study objectives

We hypothesised that we would achieve the four feasibility objectives of the PROTECT Pilot.

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

McMaster University Research Ethics Board approved on the 14th March 2002.

### Study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Study setting(s)

Hospital

### Study type(s)

Treatment

### Participant information sheet

### Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Medical-surgical Intensive Care Unit (ICU) patients

### Interventions

LMWH (dalteparin 5000 IU once daily and placebo once daily) or UFH (5000 IU twice daily).

### Intervention Type

Drug

### Phase

Not Applicable

### Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

## Heparins

### Primary outcome measure

#### Scientific:

To establish the effect of LMWH versus UFH on DVT rates in medical-surgical ICU patients.

#### Feasibility:

1. The feasibility of timely enrolment and complete, blinded study drug administration
2. The bioaccumulation of LMWH in patients with acquired renal insufficiency and its association with bleeding
3. The feasibility of scheduled twice weekly lower limb ultrasounds
4. Recruitment rates for a future randomised trial

### Secondary outcome measures

#### Scientific:

Among medical-surgical ICU patients, to establish the effect of LMWH versus UFH:

1. On PE (PE diagnosed by the PE diagnosis algorithm)
2. On bleeding events
3. On anti-Xa levels, and thus, the need for dose adjustment
4. On thrombocytopenia and heparin-induced thrombocytopenia

### Overall study start date

01/02/2003

### Completion date

31/12/2005

## Eligibility

### Key inclusion criteria

1. Admission to Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
2. Either sex, 18 years of age or over
3. Expected ICU admission more than or equal to 72 hours

### Participant type(s)

Patient

### Age group

Adult

### Lower age limit

18 Years

### Sex

Both

### Target number of participants

128

### Key exclusion criteria

1. Diagnosis of trauma, post-orthopedic surgery, or neurosurgery at ICU admission
2. Severe hypertension (systolic blood pressure more than or equal to 180 mmHg for two hours or more) at ICU admission. Intracranial haemorrhage at ICU admission or within three months.
3. Known deep vein thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism (PE) or major haemorrhage at ICU admission. Coagulopathy (defined as international normalised ratio [INR] values more than or equal to two times upper limit of normal).
4. Platelet count more than or equal to  $50 \times 10^9/l$ . Current therapeutic oral or intravenous anticoagulation for any reason. Current administration of activated protein. Estimated creatinine clearance less than or equal to 30 ml/min.
5. History of allergy to heparin or heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT)
6. Receipt more than or equal to two doses of either low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) or unfractionated heparin (UFH) in ICU or Critical Care Unit (CCU)
7. Pregnancy
8. Limitation of life support or palliative care
9. No informed consent
10. Prior enrolment in this trial or currently in another related randomised trial

**Date of first enrolment**

01/02/2003

**Date of final enrolment**

31/12/2005

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

Australia

Canada

Singapore

United States of America

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**Sponsor type**

Hospital/treatment centre

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/05jyrng31>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**

Research organisation

**Funder Name**

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) (Canada) - <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca> (ref: MCT-57094)

## 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? |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">Results article</a> | results | 01/12/2005   |            | Yes            | No              |