



Portal Vein Thrombosis

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Portal vein thrombosis (PVT) can affect patients with or without liver cirrhosis. However, the two clinical settings, respectively PVT with or without cirrhosis, are very different in both background and management considerations. In fact, while in the absence of cirrhosis PVT frequently relies on underlying pro-thrombotic factors (and consequently the need of anticoagulation is obvious), in the context of cirrhosis PVT is considered to be secondary to liver disease, and it is controversial whether PVT is a cause or a consequence of impaired liver function. Consequently, the opportunity of treating PVT in cirrhosis is an open issue. Furthermore, the option of interventional treatment for both settings is a valid one. However, which cases to treat with medical or interventional treatment is still controversial.

This Special Issue of the *Journal of Clinical Medicine* has the aim of investigating open issues about the etiology, pathophysiology, diagnosis, and management of PVT, both in cirrhosis and not.





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