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# Progress in Venous Thromboembolism Research

### Message from the Guest Editor

Venous thromboembolism (VTE) is the third most frequent cardiovascular disease after myocardial infarction and ischemic stroke. The burden of disease is enormous, considering the risk of death and complications such as recurrence, post-thrombotic syndrome, chronic thromboembolic pulmonary disease, or bleeding while on anticoagulants. Despite these, VTE is a preventable disease. Progress in reducing the disease burden both through prevention and treatment has been made during recent years. The development of risk assessment models allows for a better selection of patients for prophylaxis. Choosing the appropriate medications, doses and duration of prophylaxis are very important steps in patient management for both inpatients and outpatients. Improvement of the diagnosis algorithm will decrease the costs and the number of misdiagnosed cases. Progress in treatment strategies (medical and interventional) will minimize mortality and morbidity. New anticoagulant drugs targeting factor XI are being evaluated in phase 3 clinical trials in people with atrial fibrillation. Their future use in patients with VTE will mark a big step forward that may improve outcomes in

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