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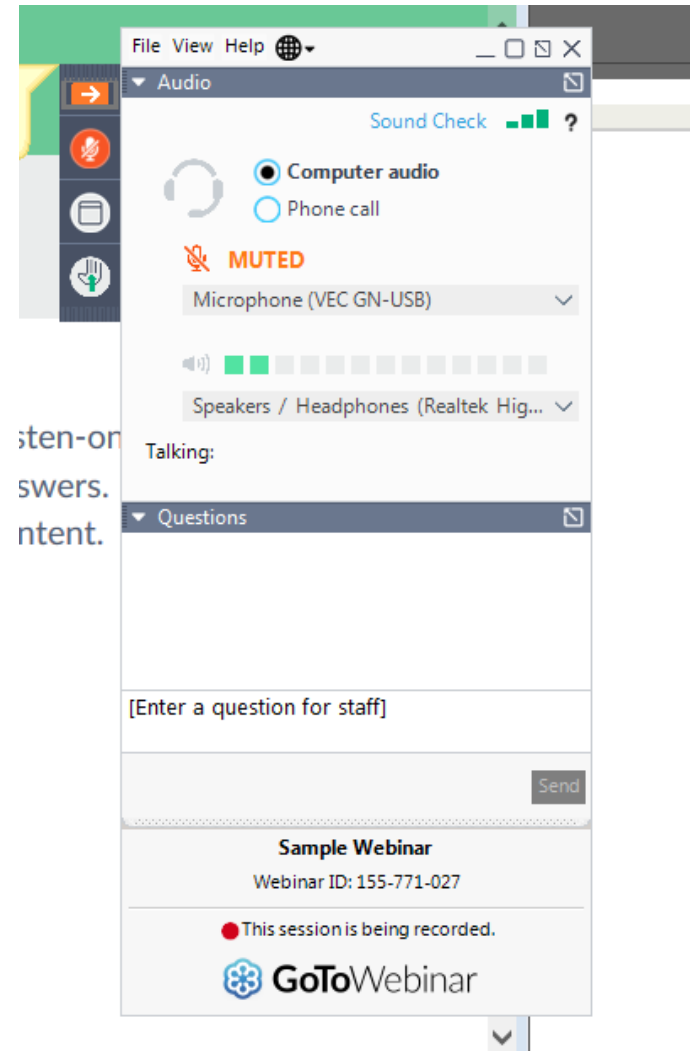
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Prevention of Peripartum Venous Thromboembolism

VCHIP Webinar, “Hot Topics in Obstetrics”

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Leading Causes of Maternal Death

Shared Global:

- Hemorrhage
- Pregnancy-related HTN
- Infection

Specific to Developing Countries

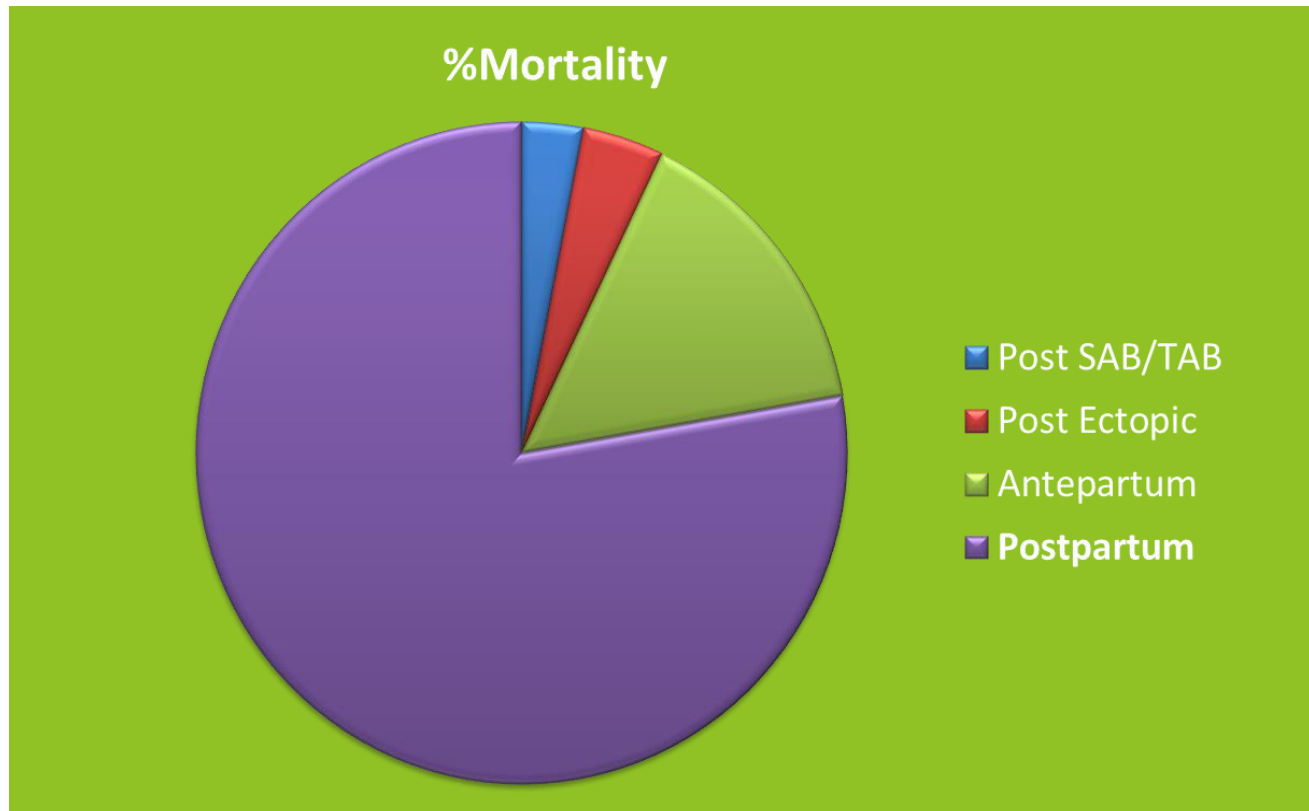
- ▶ Obstructed labor
- ▶ Unsafe abortions

Specific to Developed Countries

- ▶ **Pulmonary Embolism**
- ▶ Cardiomyopathy
- ▶ Cardiovascular Disease
- ▶ “Other” medical Conditions

Maternal Death: Postpartum Risk

- ▶ 77% of maternal deaths occur postpartum
 - ▶ Likely an underestimate
 - ▶ Circulatory disease (venous and arterial) may be a driving force



Pregnancy-Related Mortality in the United States, 1998 to 2005

Cynthia J. Berg, MD, MPH, William M. Callaghan, MD, MPH, Carla Syverson, CNM, MN, MPH, and Zsakeba Henderson, MD

- ▶ 7 causes of death each contributed 10-13% of deaths: hemorrhage, **PE**, infection, hypertensive d/o of pregnancy, cardiomyopathy, CV conditions, and non CV medical conditions

VTE and U.S. Maternal Mortality

- ▶ From 2006 to 2010, the PERCENTAGE contribution to pregnancy-related deaths from embolism slightly declined; however, the absolute INCIDENCE of maternal death from PE has remained stable at ~1/100,000 pregnancies or 10% of U.S. maternal deaths
- ▶ The U.S. maternal death rate due to PE has remained stable despite ACOG 2011 recommendation to apply mechanical compression devices to all patients undergoing cesarean
- ▶ The incidence of VTE has actually increased over the same time frame

PREGNANCY-RELATED THROMBOSIS



Antepartum Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Risk

- ▶ Risk of venous thromboembolism (VTE) in pregnancy \approx 1/1000-1,600 births
 - ▶ Leading cause of maternal morbidity in the US
- ▶ 4-5x increased thrombosis risk in pregnancy vs. non-pregnant



Post-Partum: Even Worse.....

- ▶ **20-80x increased venous thrombosis risk post partum vs. non-pregnant**
- ▶ Approx. 1/2 to 2/3 of pregnancy-related VTE occurs in the post partum period
- ▶ Period of greatest daily VTE risk in post partum
 - Especially true for PE

Duration of Increased Risk of Thrombosis Postpartum

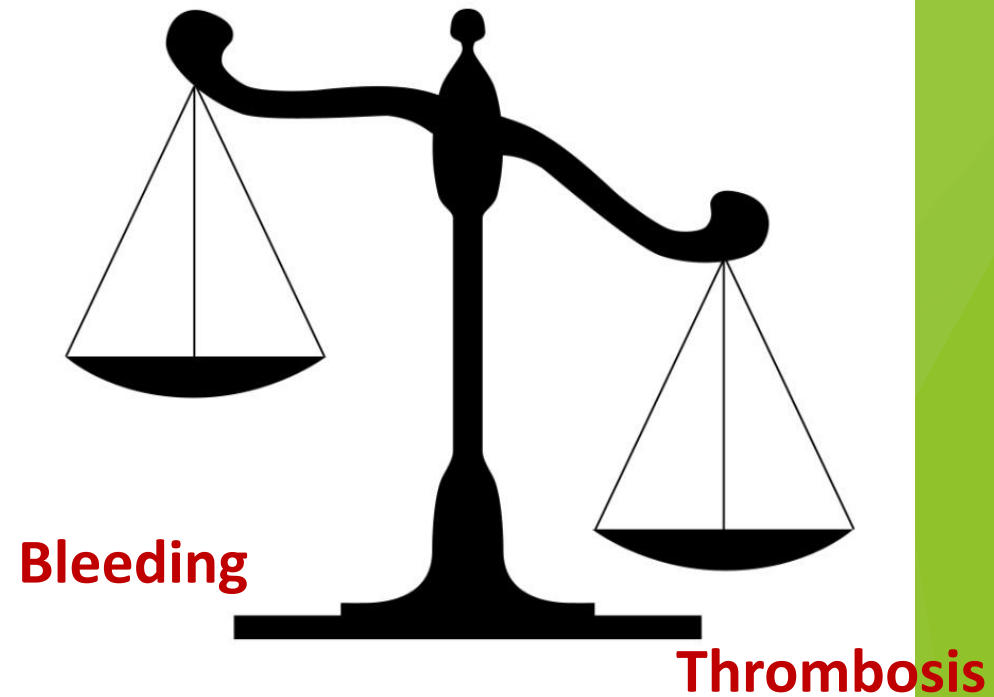
- ▶ Increased VTE risk extends beyond the conventional 6 week postpartum window:
 - ▶ Kamel et al.: “Risk of a Thrombotic Event after the 6-Week Postpartum Period”:
 - ▶ Retrospective cross-over cohort study, 1,687,930 postpartum women
 - ▶ Elevated thrombosis risk up to 12 weeks, with no further increased risk >12 weeks PP
 - ▶ 0-6wks PP: Odds ratio 10.8 (95% CI 7.8-15.1)
 - ▶ 7-12wks PP: Odds ratio 2.2 (95% CI 1.67-4.5)

Hemostatic Changes in Pregnancy



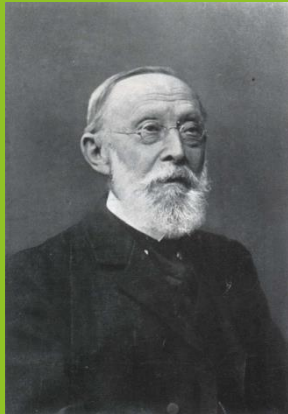
Hemostasis and Pregnancy

- Pregnancy presents a paradoxical challenge to the hemostatic system
 - Hemorrhagic AND thrombotic risk
- Local and systemic adaptations allow a hemostatic balance to avoid hemorrhage, while maintaining blood fluidity
- Relative shift away from the non-pregnant anti-coagulant state to a more pro-coagulant state



What Accounts for this Prothrombotic Shift?

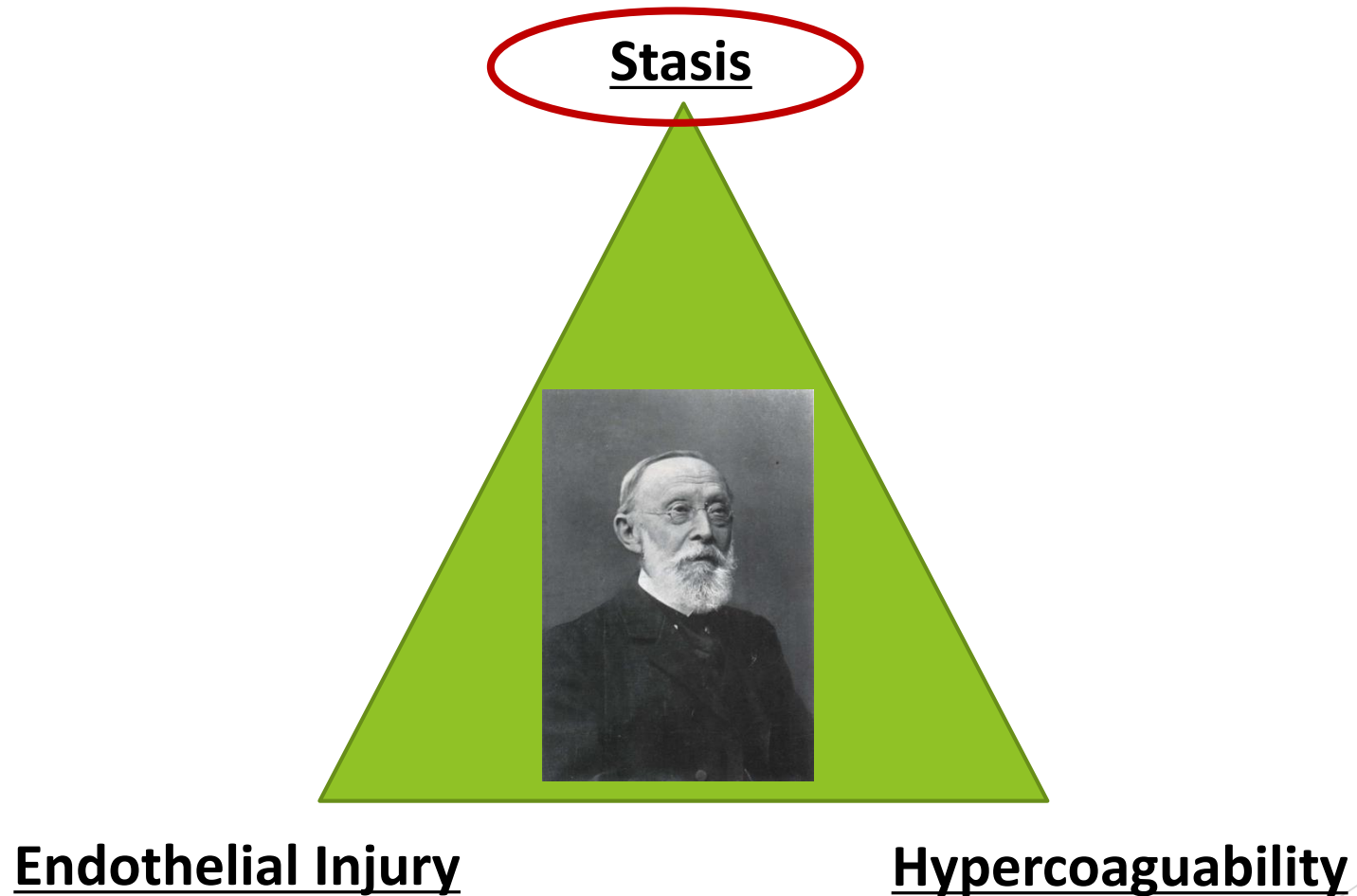
Stasis



Endothelial Injury

Hypercoaguability

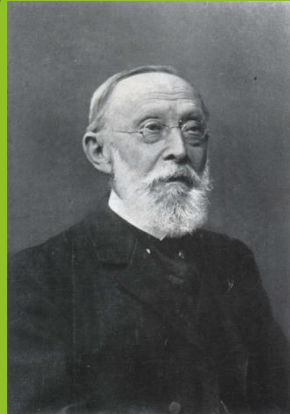
What Accounts for this Prothrombotic Shift?



Virchow's Triad: Stasis

- ▶ Hormone-mediated ↑ in venous capacitance
 - ▶ Increased circulating progesterone
 - ▶ Local endothelial production of prostacyclin and nitric oxide
- ▶ IVC and pelvic vein compression by the uterus
 - ▶ Macklon et al. used ultrasound to show an ↑ in vessel diameter, and a ↓ in flow velocity with increasing gestation

Stasis



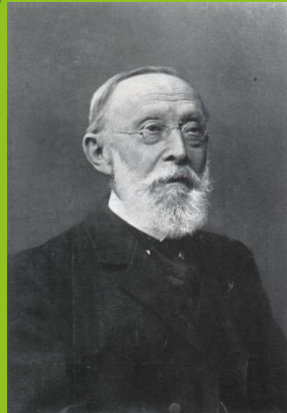
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Virchow's Triad: Hypercoaguability

- ▶ Progressive ↑ in most coagulation factors
 - ▶ ↑ in factors I, VII, VIII, X (FII, V, IX relatively stable)
- ▶ ↓ in protein S
- ▶ Progressive ↑ in APC resistance
- ▶ vWF and fibrinogen ↑
- ▶ ↓ fibrinolysis
 - ▶ Due primarily to ↑ PAI-1, PAI-2

Stasis



Endothelial Injury

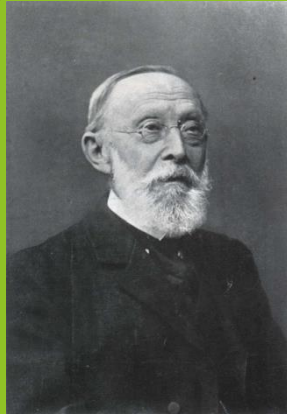
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Virchow's Triad: Endothelial Injury

- ▶ Unclear contribution during pregnancy
 - ▶ Pregnancy results in improved endothelial function
- ▶ Endothelial dysfunction and injury associated with preeclampsia
- ▶ Delivery causes vascular injury and changes at the uteroplacental interface
- ▶ Surgical delivery amplifies injury

Post-Partum

Stasis

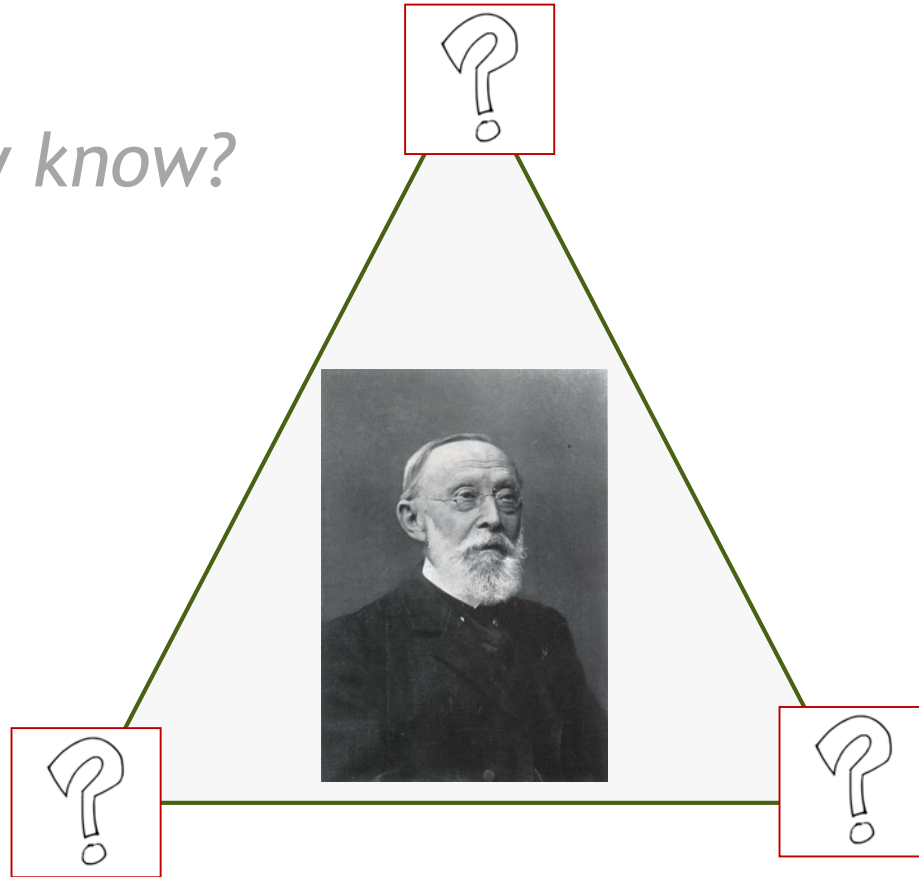


Endothelial Injury

Hypercoaguability

Post-Partum

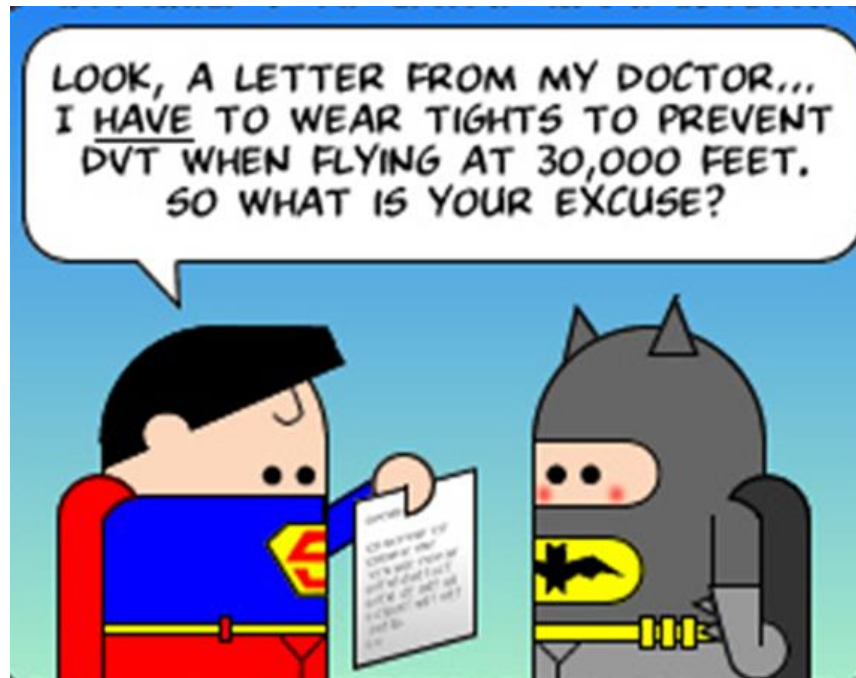
What do we really know?



What we *DON'T* know: Hemostatic Changes AFTER Pregnancy

- ▶ Specific mechanism(s) leading to substantially increased risk are not well-characterized
 - ▶ Stasis?
 - ▶ Endothelial Injury?
 - ▶ Hypercoaguability?
- ▶ If post and antenatal VTE are pathologically distinct

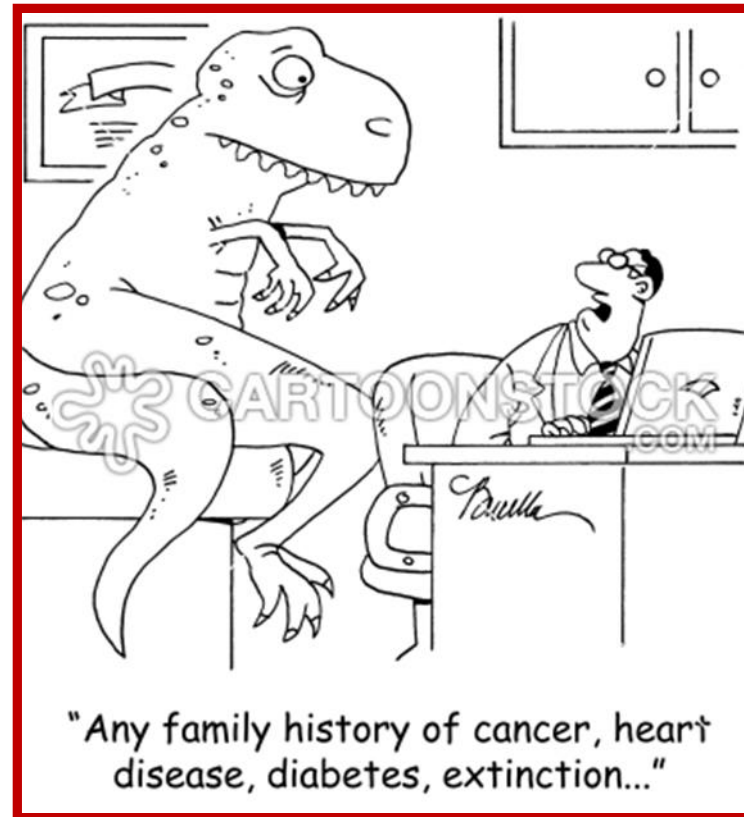
POSTPARTUM VTE PROPHYLAXIS



VTE: Risk Factors

- ▶ **Personal history of VTE**
- ▶ Family history of unprovoked VTE
- ▶ Thrombophilia
- ▶ Obesity
- ▶ Smoking
- ▶ Multiples
- ▶ ART
- ▶ Hemorrhage
- ▶ Blood product transfusion
- ▶ Intrapartum infection
- ▶ C-section
- ▶ Cardiac Dz

- ▶ Planned thromboprophylaxis decisions rest on HISTORY: personal hx of VTE, family hx of VTE, known thrombophilia



Thrombophilias

- ▶ Risk estimates for VTE in pregnant women with thrombophilia are imprecise (at best)
- ▶ Deficiencies in natural anticoagulants (PC, PS, AT) were once thought to be particular high-risk
 - ▶ Older studies
 - ▶ Methodological problems
 - ▶ Recent, more rigorous studies do not support such a high risk

Thrombophilias: Estimated RR of Pregnancy-Related VTE

- ▶ Antithrombin: 4.7
- ▶ Protein C deficiency: 4.8
- ▶ Protein S deficiency: 3.2
- ▶ FVL hetero: 8.3
- ▶ **FVL homozygous: 34.4**
- ▶ Prothrombin G20201A mutation heterozygous: 6.8
- ▶ **Prothrombin G20201A mutation homozygous: 26.4**

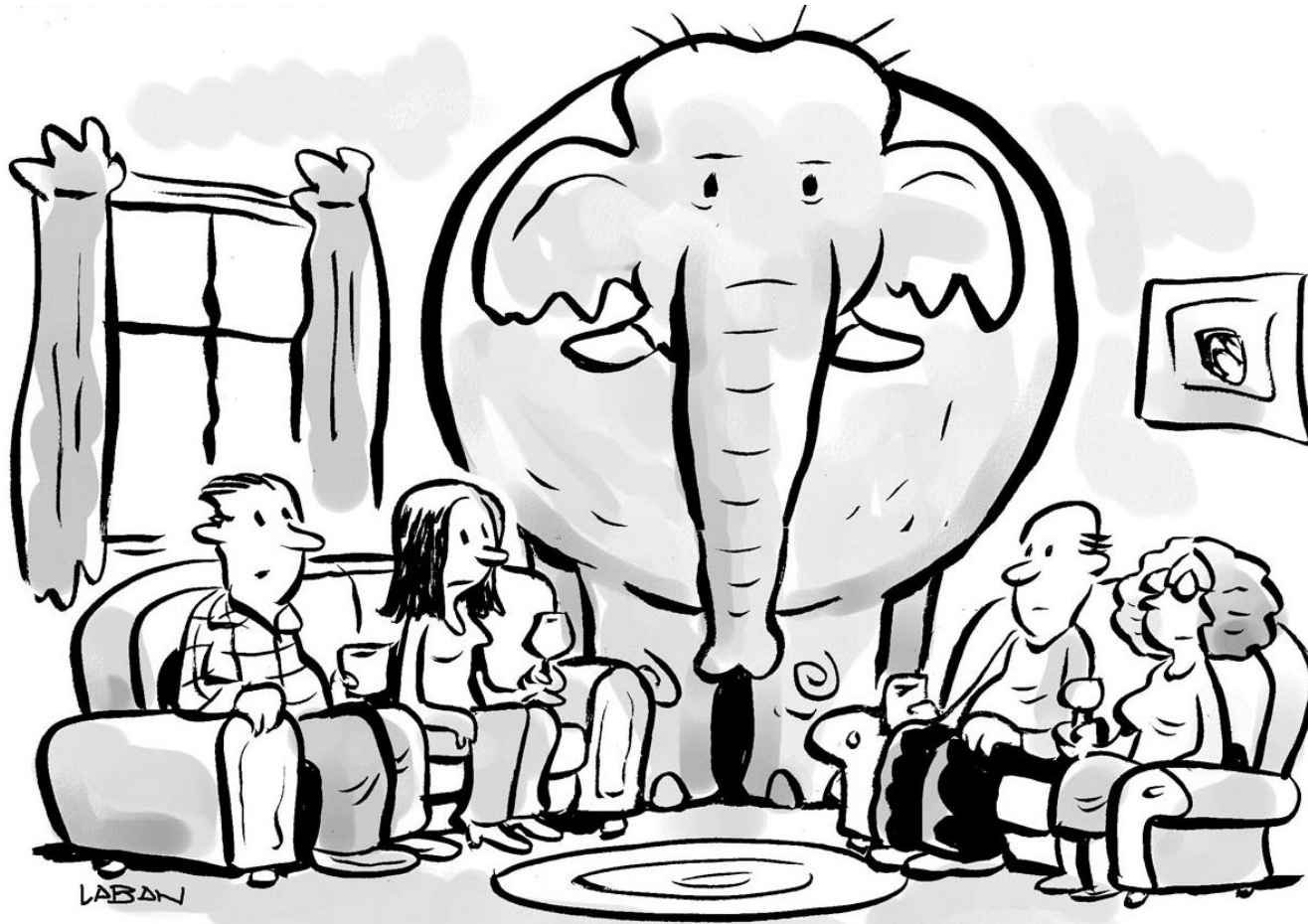
Antepartum and/or Postpartum thromboprophylaxis based on pre-existing risk:

- ▶ American Society of Hematology (2018)
- ▶ ACOG (2018)
- ▶ RCOG (2017)
- ▶ CHEST Guidelines (2012)
- ▶ Your local friendly Maternal Fetal Medicine and Hematology colleagues

Antepartum and/or Postpartum thromboprophylaxis based on pre-existing risk:

- ▶ There is some variation in recommendations for antepartum and/or postpartum prophylaxis based on preexisting risk
 - ▶ In general, there is more agreement than not (particularly for postpartum)
 - ▶ The same is not true for thromboprophylaxis decisions based on peripartum complications (i.e. postpartum heparin).....

Thromboprophylaxis for Peripartum Indications



“As a matter of fact, it’s pretty much all we talk about.”

Thromboprophylaxis for peripartum complications

- ▶ The majority of women who will require postpartum thromboprophylaxis will be identified during and/or after delivery
- ▶ Unlike national and international guidelines for women with significant preexisting risk, such as prior VTE, thrombophilia, and family history of VTE, there is generally less agreement on what to do for women with peripartum risk factors for VTE

Delivery hospitalization and VTE Prophylaxis: EVIDENCE GAP

- ▶ ACOG, ACCP (CHEST), RCOG, and the National Partnership for Maternal Safety (NPMS) VTE bundle provides several risk assessment strategies of varying complexity from which to choose
 - ▶ Significantly different rates of pharmacological prophylaxis have been shown to result
- ▶ Beyond the highest risk patients (those with prior VTE events and high-risk thrombophilias), no high-quality evidence exists to determine which VTE risk factors, alone or in combination, place patients at such high risk that pharmacological prophylaxis is mandated

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- ▶“thromboprophylaxis should be individualized according to patient risk factors”
- ▶ “Each facility should carefully consider the risk assessment protocols available and adopt and implement one of them in a systematic way to reduce the incidence of VTE in pregnancy and the postpartum period”



“Insomnia is very common. Try not to lose any sleep over it.”

Peripartum VTE risk assessment

- ▶ Historically, RCOG has been a leader, though some have argued that RCOG's guidelines result in over-treatment (as opposed to ACOG's guidelines, which likely result in under-treatment)
- ▶ More recently, the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC), has created risk assessment tools and thromboprophylaxis recommendations specific to the delivery hospitalization
 - ▶ Recommendations are based on their own review of California's maternal mortality data
 - ▶ **Their data review demonstrate that cesarean delivery and obesity are leading risk factors for maternal VTE death**

Pregnancy-Related Mortality from VTE in California: 2002-2007

- ▶ 5th leading cause of pregnancy-related death
- ▶ Accounted for 9% (n=29) of all pregnancy-related deaths in California
- ▶ Nearly all of these deaths had at least:
 - ▶ Some chance of preventability (45%) and
 - ▶ More than half (52%) had a Good-to-Strong chance of preventability

Pregnancy-related mortality from VTE in CA, 2002-2007: significant association with obesity and cesarean delivery

- ▶ Overall, 17% of the women who had a pregnancy-related maternal death in California had a BMI ≥ 35
- ▶ Among VTE related deaths, 61% of women had a BMI ≥ 35 (crude OR of ~7.4; RR of ~3.6)
- ▶ Additionally, 80% of the obese women who died from VTE had a cesarean delivery (crude OR of ~6.7; RR of ~2.5)

CMQCC Venous thromboembolism (VTE) Toolkit

- ▶ 77 page online document- available for free download (after registration with an email address)
- ▶ emphasizes risk assessment throughout pregnancy to identify women who may benefit from pharmacological thromboprophylaxis
- ▶ The Toolkit advocates for the creation of user-friendly guidelines, which can be individualized for the particular “culture and available resources” of different facilities
- ▶ Toolkit authors worked to maintain “fundamental consistency” with the National Partnership for Maternal Safety (NPMS) VTE bundle and the Safe Motherhood Initiative/American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) District II
- ▶ ACOG, ACCP, RCOG, and NPMS protocols and recommendations were reviewed and utilized

Improving Health Care Response to Maternal Venous Thromboembolism: A California Quality Improvement Toolkit

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CMQCC Maternal Quality Improvement Toolkits aim to improve the health care response to leading causes of preventable death among pregnant and postpartum women as well as to reduce harm to infants and women from overuse of obstetric procedures. All Toolkits include a compendium of best practice tools and articles, care guidelines in multiple formats, hospital-level implementation guide, and professional education slide set. The Toolkits are developed in partnership with key experts from across California, representing the diverse professionals and institutions that care for pregnant and postpartum women. CMQCC is grateful to the volunteers who make this work possible.

Maternal Quality Improvement Toolkits:

- [Improving Health Care Response to Maternal Venous Thromboembolism, 2018](#)
- [Improving Health Care Response to Cardiovascular Disease in Pregnancy and Postpartum, 2017](#)
- [Toolkit to Support Vaginal Birth and Reduce Primary Cesareans and Implementation Guide, 2016](#)
- [Improving Health Care Response to Obstetric Hemorrhage, V2.0, 2015 \(V1.0 released in 2010\)](#)
- [Improving Health Care Response to Preeclampsia, 2014](#)
- [Elimination of Non-medically Indicated \(Elective\) Deliveries Before 39 Weeks Gestational Age, 2010 \(Licensed to March of Dimes\)](#)

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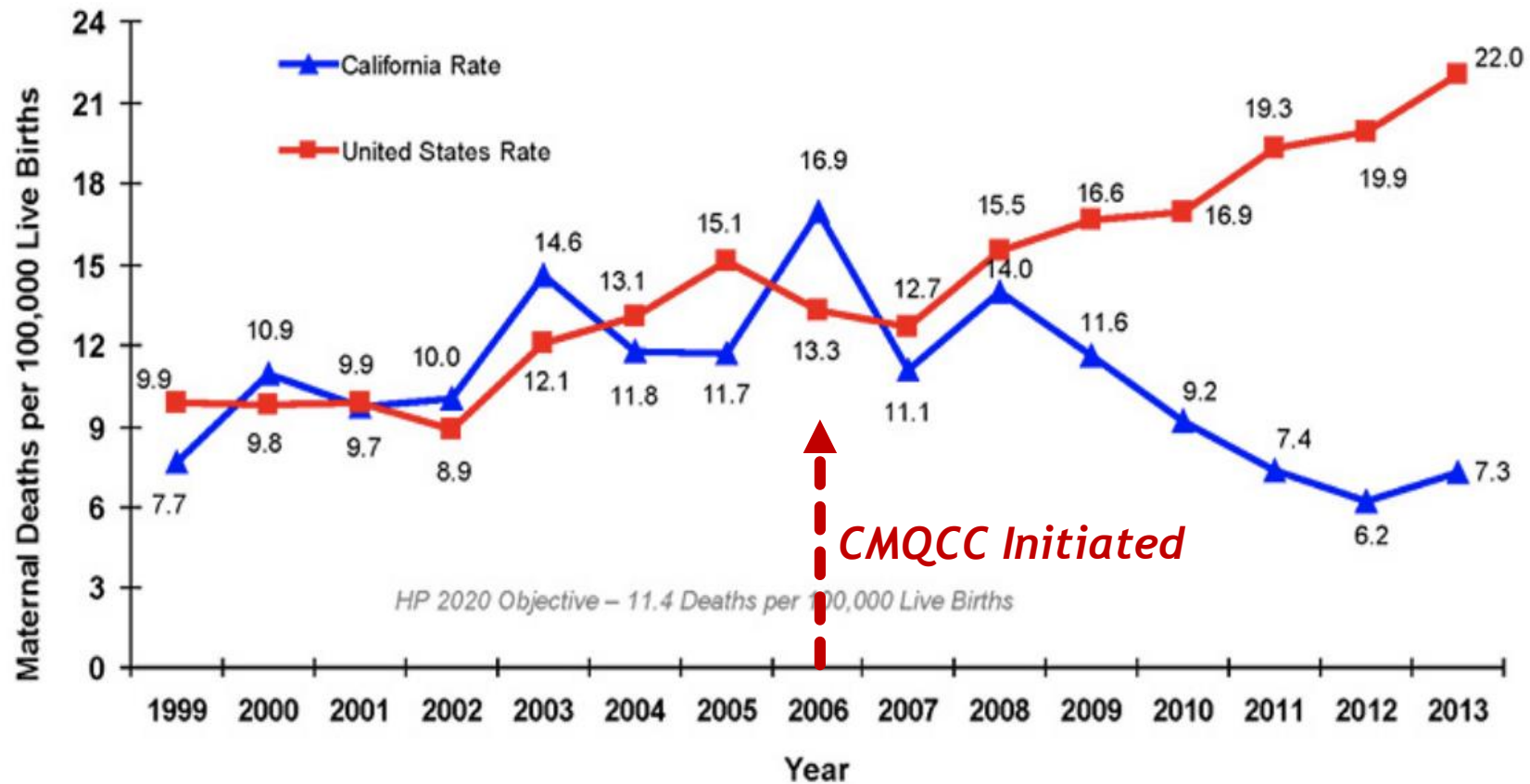
[Preeclampsia](#)

[Supporting Vaginal Birth](#)





Maternal Mortality Rate, California and United States; 1999-2013



SOURCE: State of California, Department of Public Health, California Birth and Death Statistical Master Files, 1999-2013

CMQCC VTE Toolkit: Major Components

1. Suggested prophylaxis and treatment regimens, review of recognized thrombophilias
2. Risk assessment
 - ▶ First Prenatal Visit/Outpatient Prenatal Care*
 - ▶ Antepartum Hospitalization (non-Delivery)
 - ▶ Delivery Hospitalization
 - ▶ Cesarean Birth
 - ▶ Vaginal Birth
 - ▶ Post-discharge Extended Duration Anticoagulation
3. Anesthesia and Analgesia considerations
4. Patient, provider and nursing education materials
5. Implementation strategies

IV. CMQCC VTE Toolkit: VTE Risk Assessment

Standardized Risk Assessment: *Throughout Pregnancy*

1. First prenatal visit/Outpatient prenatal care
2. Antepartum hospitalization(non-delivery)
3. Delivery hospitalization, including cesarean and vaginal birth
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Antepartum Hospitalization: Ambulation!

- ▶ The CMQCC Maternal VTE Task Force recommends that upon admission to the hospital, all antepartum patients should be encouraged to **(i) maintain full ambulation, (ii) ensure hydration, and (iii) utilize mechanical prophylaxis** (knee length sequential compression devices) while in bed
- ▶ Emphasis on ambulation for VTE prevention and rapid deconditioning should be an integral part of the antepartum hospitalization bundle.
 - ▶ Evidence suggests that there is no advantage for prolonged bed rest or activity restriction for any of the common obstetrical conditions requiring hospitalization
 - ▶ A concerted educational program must be implemented to change the longstanding culture of “bed rest with bathroom privileges.”



**“Bedrest With
Bathroom Privileges”**

Antepartum Hospital Admission VTE Risk Assessment

Clinical History	Risk Level	Anticoagulation
Encourage ambulation and avoid dehydration at all risk levels		
All patients not in high risk category with anticipated admission < 72 hours	LOW	Mechanical prophylaxis placed on admission continue through discharge Reassess at 72 hours
All patients admitted not in high risk category with anticipated or actual length of stay \geq 72 hours	MEDIUM	Mechanical prophylaxis placed on admission continue through discharge PLUS Prophylactic-dose LMWH or UFH in collaboration with anesthesia
High risk or Antiphospholipid Syndrome (APS), with no prior VTE, regardless of family history Prior provoked, idiopathic, or estrogen related VTE Low risk thrombophilia AND family history of VTE OR single prior VTE OR Patients already receiving LMWH or UFH as outpatient Multiple prior VTE episodes Prior VTE <u>and</u> high risk or APS	HIGH	<i>Mechanical prophylaxis placed on admission continue through discharge PLUS</i> Prophylactic dose LMWH / UFH in collaboration with anesthesia OR <i>Mechanical prophylaxis placed on admission continue through discharge PLUS</i> Prophylactic or Therapeutic dose LMWH / UFH consistent with antepartum dosing in collaboration with anesthesia

Standardized Risk Assessment: *Throughout Pregnancy*

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VTE prophylaxis for Delivery Hospitalization: Cesarean Birth \neq Vaginal Birth

- ▶ The CMQCC VTE Toolkit conceptually separates cesarean and vaginal birth (based on their own California state data)
 - ▶ Simple risk stratification used after cesarean birth
 - ▶ VTE risk assessment largely based on BMI if vaginal birth

Cesarean Birth Major and Minor VTE Risk Factors

Major VTE Risk Factors	Minor VTE Risk Factors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> BMI > 35 kg/m² @ delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Low risk thrombophilia <input type="checkbox"/> Postpartum hemorrhage requiring: <input type="checkbox"/> Transfusion or further operation, (e.g. hysterectomy, D&C) or Interventional Radiology procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Infection requiring antibiotics <input type="checkbox"/> Antepartum hospitalization ≥ 72 hours, current or within the last month <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic medical conditions: Sickle Cell disease, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, Significant Cardiac disease, active Inflammatory Bowel Disease, active cancer, Nephrotic syndrome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple gestation <input type="checkbox"/> Age > 40 <input type="checkbox"/> Postpartum hemorrhage ≥1000 ml but not requiring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Transfusion or further operation, (e.g. hysterectomy, D&C) or Interventional Radiology procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Family history of VTE (VTE occurring in a first-degree relative prior to age 50) <input type="checkbox"/> Smoker <input type="checkbox"/> Preeclampsia
<p>Women with one major or two minor risk factors should receive in-hospital post cesarean pharmacologic prophylaxis</p>	

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Cesarean Birth VTE Risk Assessment and Suggested Prophylaxis

Clinical History	Risk Level	Prophylaxis Regimen
<p>Encourage ambulation and avoid dehydration at all risk levels. All women having cesarean birth receive mechanical prophylaxis.</p>		
Not meeting medium or high risk criteria	LOW	Mechanical prophylaxis placed prior to cesarean and continued until fully ambulatory
Cesarean Delivery with 1 Major or ≥ 2 Minor Risk Factors (See Table 6)	MEDIUM	Mechanical prophylaxis placed prior to cesarean and continued until fully ambulatory PLUS Prophylactic dose LMWH / UFH postpartum, continue until discharge
<p>High risk thrombophilia (including acquired) no prior VTE, regardless of family history</p> <p>Prior provoked, idiopathic, or estrogen related VTE</p> <p>Low risk thrombophilia AND family history of VTE OR single prior VTE</p> <p>Patients already receiving LMWH or UFH as outpatient</p> <p>Multiple prior VTE</p> <p>Prior VTE with High Risk thrombophilia (including APS)</p>	HIGH	<p>Mechanical prophylaxis placed prior to cesarean and continued until fully ambulatory PLUS</p> <p>Prophylactic dose LMWH / UFH in hospital and continued until 6 weeks from date of delivery</p> <p>Mechanical prophylaxis placed prior to cesarean and continued until fully ambulatory PLUS</p> <p>Therapeutic dose LMWH / UFH postpartum (Postpartum dose ≥ Antepartum dose) in hospital and continued until 6 weeks from delivery date after discharge</p>

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With What and How Long?

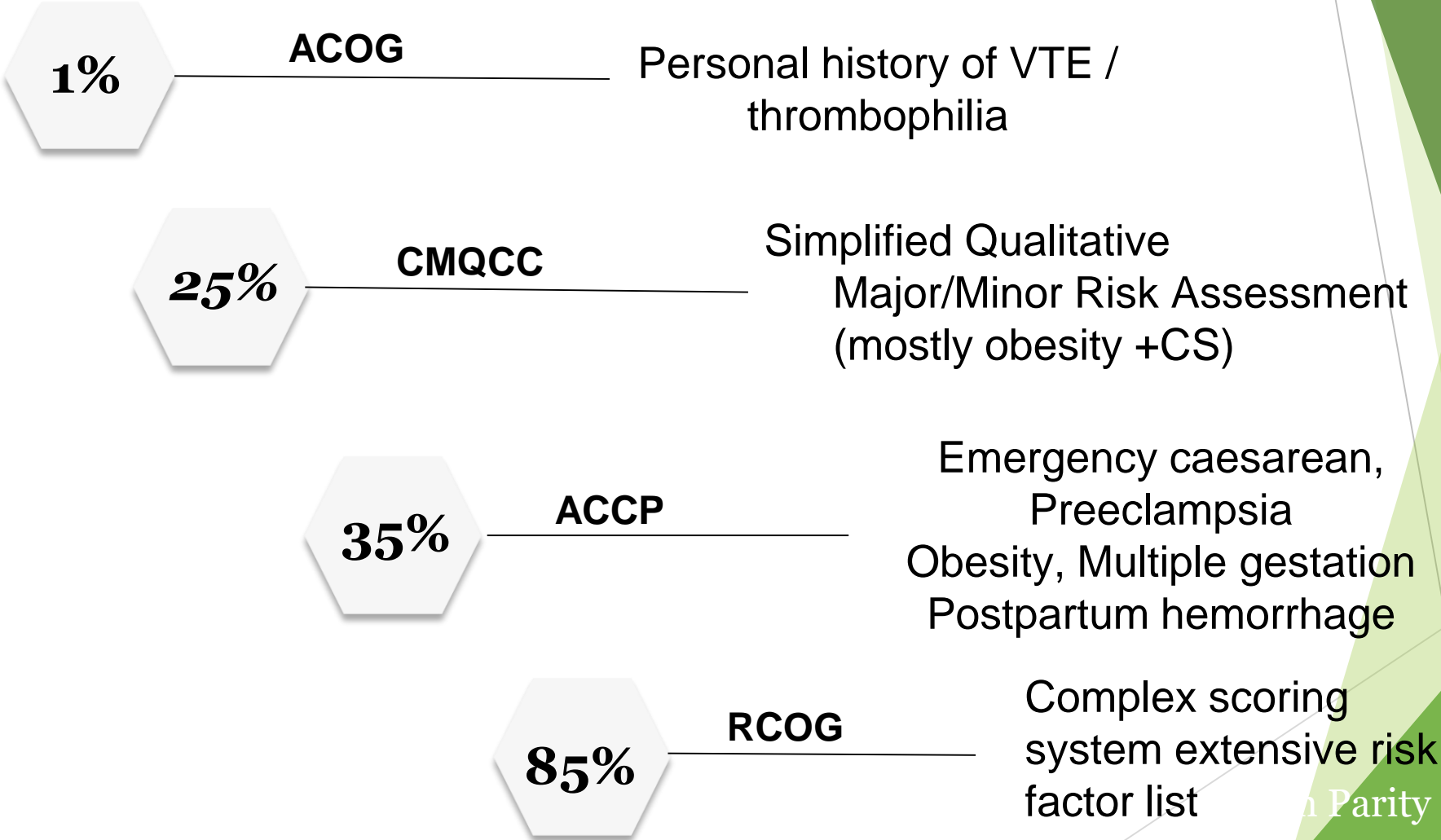
- ▶ “We express a preference for LMWH over UFH because of its favorable safety profile”
- ▶ “The optimal duration of prophylaxis after cesarean section is not established. If we extrapolate from general surgery, treatment until discharge from the hospital, with extended prophylaxis for those with significant ongoing risk factors, may be appropriate”

Vaginal Birth VTE Risk Assessment and Suggested Prophylaxis

Clinical History	Risk Level	Anticoagulation
Encourage ambulation and avoid dehydration at all risk levels		
Delivery BMI \geq 40 kg/m²	LOW	Mechanical prophylaxis placed prior to delivery and continued until fully ambulatory
Delivery BMI \geq 40 kg/m² PLUS Antepartum hospitalization \geq 72 hours anticipated currently or within past month OR Delivery BMI \geq 40 kg/m² PLUS Low Risk Thrombophilia	MEDIUM	Mechanical prophylaxis placed prior to delivery and continued until fully ambulatory PLUS Prophylactic dose LMWH / UFH postpartum hospitalization BMI \geq 40 kg/m² plus thrombophilia (consider LMWH/UFH continuation 6 weeks postpartum)
High risk thrombophilia with no prior VTE regardless of family history Prior provoked, idiopathic, or estrogen related VTE Low risk thrombophilia AND family history of VTE ANY single prior VTE OR Patients already receiving LMWH or UFH as outpatient Multiple prior VTE Prior VTE with High Risk or Antiphospholipid Syndrome (APS)	HIGH	Mechanical prophylaxis placed prior to delivery and continued until fully ambulatory PLUS Prophylactic dose LMWH / UFH postpartum in hospital and continued until 6 weeks from date of delivery after discharge OR Mechanical prophylaxis placed prior to delivery and continued until fully ambulatory PLUS Therapeutic dose LMWH / UFH postpartum (Postpartum dose \geq Antepartum dose) in hospital and continued until 6 weeks from date of delivery after discharge

“Hospitals providing maternity care should implement uniform VTE prophylaxis strategies for childbearing women. Because no high-quality data has established which approach is best, hospital leaders should choose a strategy that best fits their patient population, local resources, and factors such as availability of electronic medical record (EMR) decision support”

Percentage of Patients Pharmacologic Prophylaxis Guideline Comparison



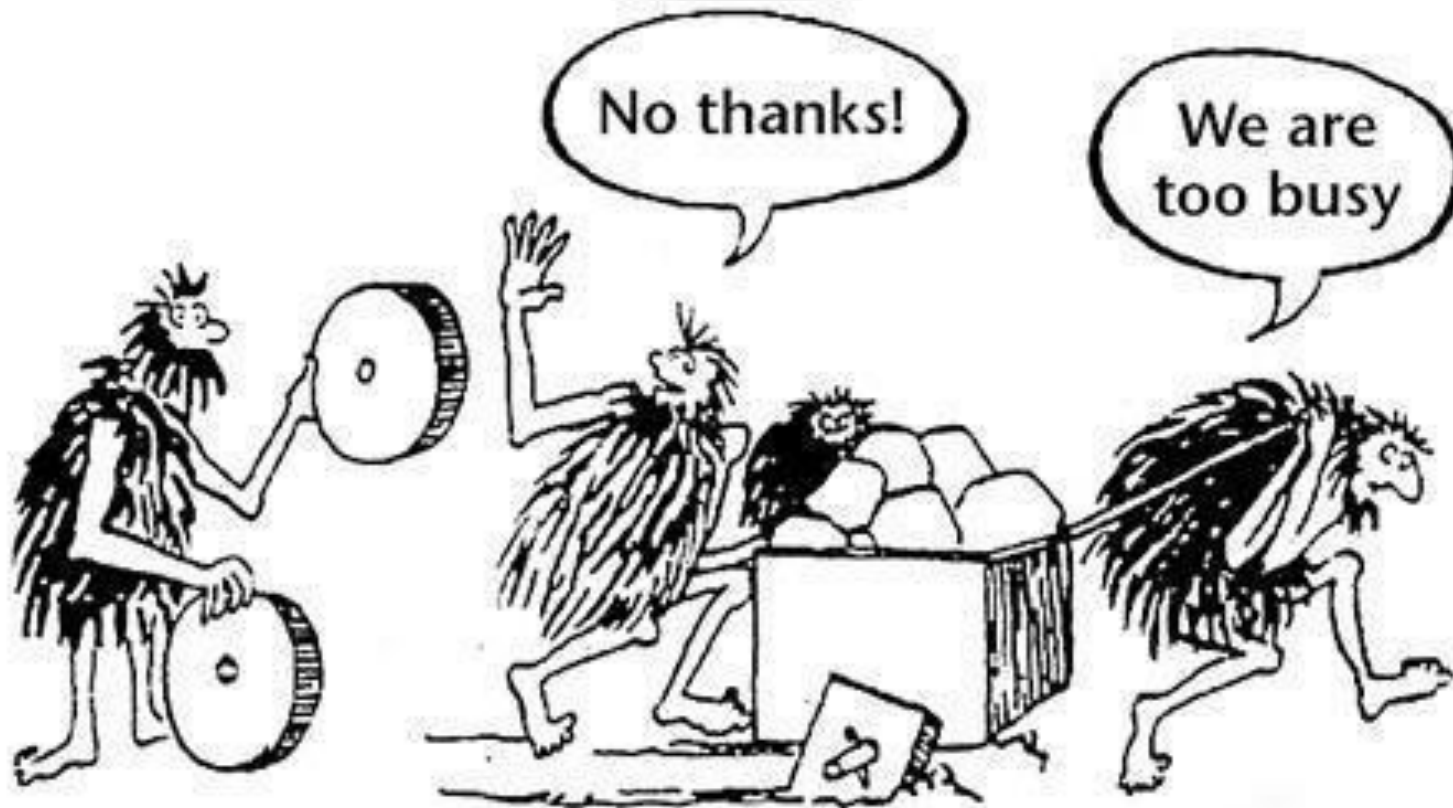
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So....what are we doing at UVMMC??



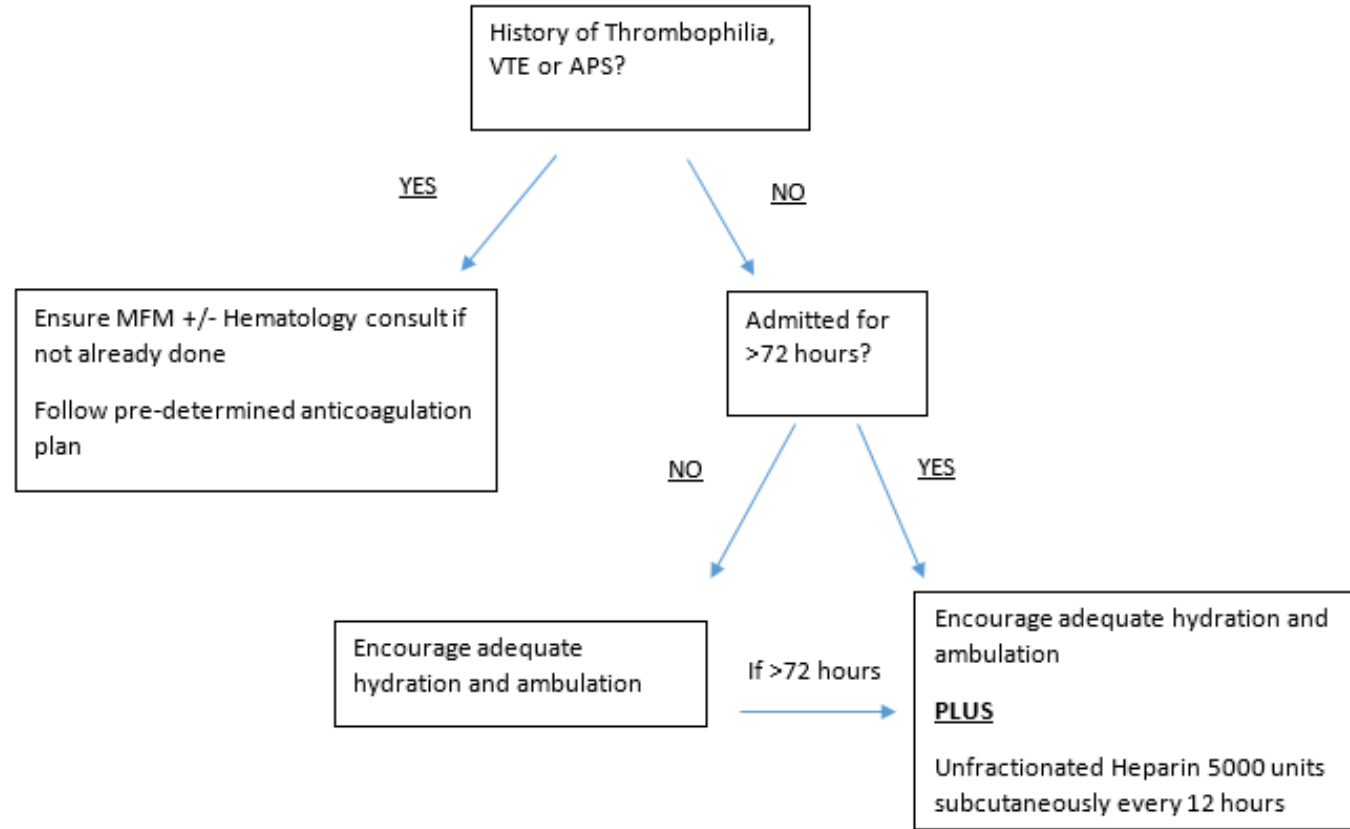
So....what are we doing at UVMHC??

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UVMCC Thromboprophylaxis Protocol for Obstetric Inpatients*

ANTEPARTUM



Nursing Instructions:

Notify treatment team/provider for acute change in clinical status eg. Contractions, bleeding, abnormal tracing

Provider instructions:

Order CBC every 3 days only between day 4-14 of initiation of UFH or until UFH is stopped, whichever comes first

Must inform anesthesiologist if initiated and state at every sign out

Provider to place order to hold heparin with change in patient clinical status

POSTPARTUM

All postpartum patients should be encouraged to have adequate hydration and ambulation

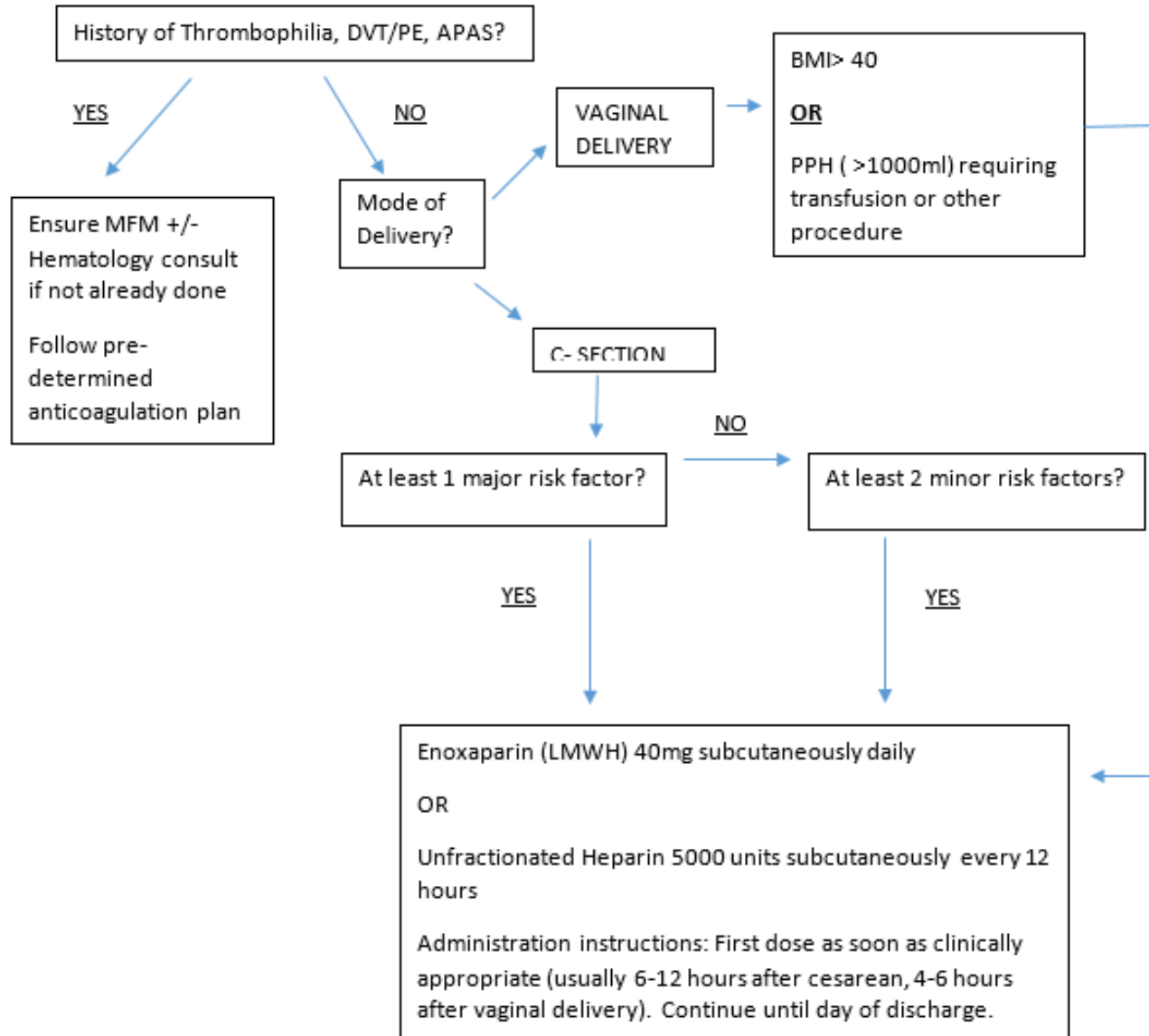


TABLE 1

MAJOR Risk factors:

- BMI > 35 near delivery
- PPH requiring transfusion, D&C or other procedure
- Infection requiring antibiotics
- Antepartum admission > 72 hours
- Chronic medical conditions i.e. SLE, SS disease, significant cardiac disease, Active IBD, Nephrotic syndrome, Active cancer

MINOR Risk factors:

- Multiple Gestation
- Age > 40
- PPH not requiring transfusion or additional procedures
- Family history of VTE (1st degree relative < 50 years)
- Pre-eclampsia
- Smoker

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Anticoagulants and Breastfeeding

	Warfarin	UFH	LMWH
Breast Milk Excretion?	NO	NO	Yes
Properties	Polar Non-lipophilic Highly protein bound	High MW Strong neg. charge	<MW than UFH <i>Small</i> amounts excreted Poor oral bioavailability
Safety in Breastfeeding	SAFE	SAFE	SAFE *Undetectable neonatal anti-Xa levels

VTE is the “single cause of death most amenable to reduction by systematic change in practice”

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Background



- ▶ **FEDERAL FUNDING-** Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting program (MIECHV) to implement an evidenced-based nurse-led structured home visiting intervention for families needing extra support.
- ▶ **MODEL:** A child-focused prevention model. Internationally known as MECSH (Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home visiting), originates in Australia, and also is implemented in the UK & South Korea.
- ▶ **ADAPTABLE:** to fit with local systems and match local needs. MECSH was able to come to VT because of our integrated CIS system infrastructure.

Vermont Children's Integrated Services



Home
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NURSING
SERVICES

Nurse visits
with pregnant
and
postpartum
women and
young
children

Home
Visiting

FAMILY
SUPPORT

Services for
families with
young
children who
have concerns
and
conditions
that impact
healthy family

EARLY
INTERVENTIO
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Services for
children from
birth to age 3
with a
developmental
delay

SPECIALIZED
CHILD CARE

Services to
help children
with high
needs
experience
success in
high quality
childcare

EARLY
CHILDHOOD
AND FAMILY
MENTAL
HEALTH

Services for
children and
their families
from birth to
age 6 with
behavioral
concerns



MECSH[®]

Maternal Early Childhood
Sustained Home-visiting

Mission Statement

Within a salutogenic (health creating) child-focused prevention model, support identified families with young children to adapt and self-manage in their parenting journey, and source the resources to parent effectively despite the difficulties and challenges they face in their day to day lives



Program Goals

- ▶ Improve transition to parenting by supporting mothers through pregnancy.
- ▶ Improve maternal health and wellbeing by helping mothers to care for themselves.
- ▶ Improve child health and development by helping parents to interact with their children in developmentally supportive ways.
- ▶ Develop and promote parents' aspirations for themselves and their children.
- ▶ Improve family and social relationship networks by helping parents to foster relationships within the family and with other families and services.

MIECHV Benchmarks



In addition to program goals: there are 18 benchmarks that we collect, track and report data on to MIECHV:



Breastfeeding



Postpartum care, IPV & referrals, Depression screening & referrals



Tobacco cessation



Preterm births, Well Child Visits, Safe Sleep, Child Injury



Parent Child Interaction



Early Language and Literacy, Developmental screening, Behavioral concerns and referrals



Education, Insurance

Who? What?

WHO?

- ▶ Target population: pregnant women at risk of adverse maternal and/or child health and developmental outcomes: lack of support, life stressors, mental illness, childhood abuse, IPV, alcohol or drug use in the home.
- ▶ Medicaid Eligible
- ▶ At any point during pregnancy, subsequent pregnancies.
- ▶ Can be referred up to 6 weeks post-partum, caregivers of newborns < 6 weeks.
- ▶ Voluntary program.

WHAT?

- ▶ Visits occur in home. Minimum of 25 visits occur during enrollment.
- ▶ Sustained home visiting: This program is designed to continue until the child turns 2 years old.
- ▶ Flexibility for the family to leave the program sooner if family and nurse home visitor feel it is appropriate/goals are met.

Nurse Home Visiting Program Curriculum

HOW WE DO IT:

Family Partnership Model: A framework that incorporates strengths based approach to working together to manage challenges

Helper Qualities

Helper Skills

The HELPING PROCESS: exploration, understanding, goal setting, strategy planning, implementation, review, ending all impacting relationship building (tools for all of these steps)

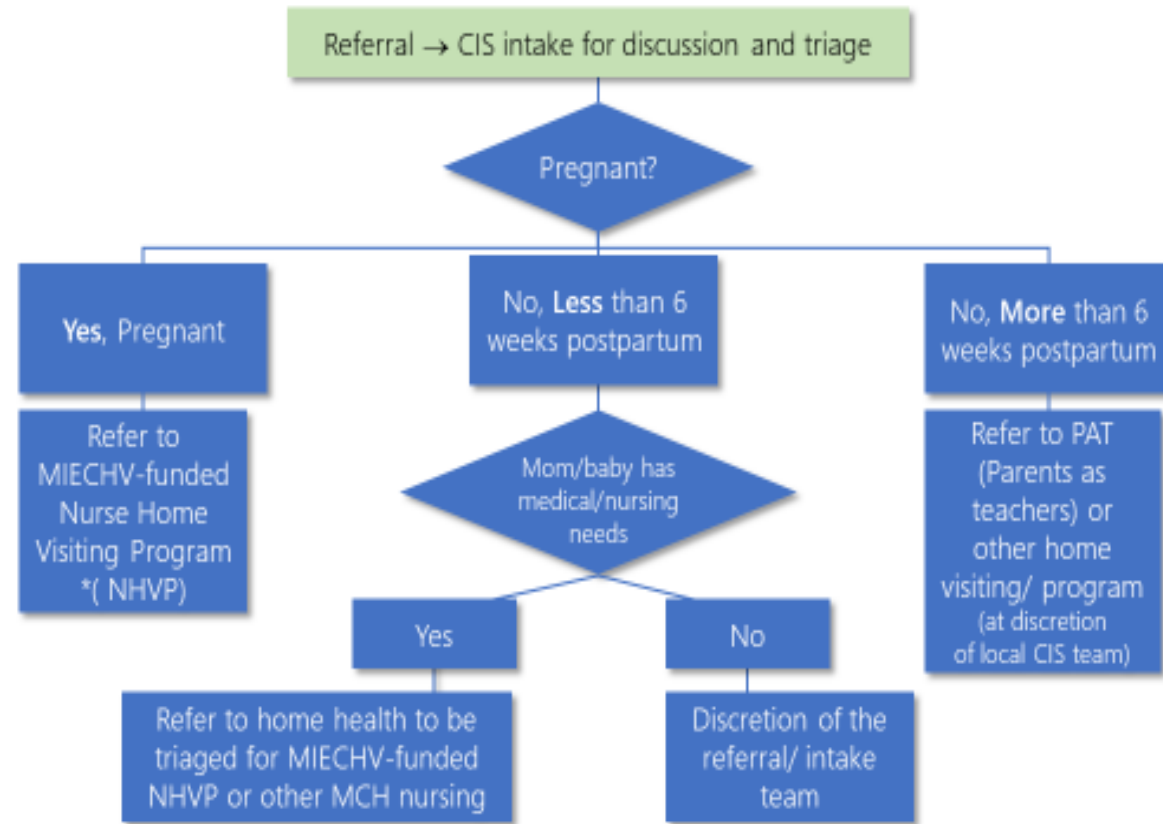
▶ **WHAT WE DO:**

- ▶ 25 visits: prenatal to age 2 progressing in frequency from weekly > q2 weeks > q6 weeks and >q2 months.
- ▶ Various program educational materials at specific stages that teach and engage parents to enhance their babies communication, how to nurture emotional development and promote healthy infant feeding and active play
- ▶ *Learning To Communicate* (how your baby communicates & how to encourage that development)
- ▶ *First Relationships* (nurturing social & emotional development)
- ▶ *Healthy Beginnings* and Florida States Curriculum's "*Partners for a Healthy Baby*" (approved by WIC as 2nd Nutrition Education)
- ▶ Assessments and screenings, surveys:

Maternal & newborn/child nursing assessments, IPV & Edinburgh screening, Health habits, parent-child interaction (IT Home), Ages and Stages : ASQ3-ASQ-SE, Adapting & self managing, Parent satisfaction survey,

Nurse Home Visiting Program Curriculum

CIS Sustained Home Visiting Referral Flow



Exceptions

- If caseloads are met/ waitlists exist at home health for MIECHV-funded NHVP, referral is at the discretion of CIS teams, and may include non-MIECHV-funded NHVP
- If the family was served by to PAT or other home visiting program in the past and would like to continue with the same home visitor, family may enroll in PAT or other home visiting program regardless of pregnancy status

Program outcomes

- Children
 - Improved development/Child communication and symbolic behaviour[#]
- Mothers
 - Improved warm parenting/reduced hostile parenting^{*}
 - Less birthing intervention
 - Improved health^{#†}
 - Longer time breastfeeding[†]
 - Improved parenting confidence/self-efficacy^{#†}
 - Improved use of services[†]
- Families
 - Improved home environment (for safety^{*}, regularity^{*} and child development[#])
- Community
 - Fewer vulnerable children at school entry



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Key Points

Community based family centric holistic services

Primary service coordinator as a single point of contact

Multidisciplinary approach

Customized services enabling precision home visiting

MECSH® is a MIECHV funded, evidence-based program

MECSH® is custom-built for Strong Families Vermont



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Questions?

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