

Clinical trials of heparin (UFH or LMWH) for DVT prophylaxis in neurosurgery

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1 low molecular weight heparin

Trial	Treatments	Patients	Trials design and methods
enoxaparin vs placebo			
Agnelli , 1998 n=153/154 follow-up: 30 days	Enoxaparin, 40 mg/d subcutaneously within 24 hours postoperatively plus compression stockings for >=7 days versus compression stockings + placebo	Elective neurosurgery, 18 years or older, without excess bleeding risk	
Melon , 1987 n=67/63 follow-up: NA	Enoxaparin, 20 mg/d subcutaneously 18-24 hours postoperatively for 10 days versus placebo	Neurosurgery, adult, 45-90 kg of weight, without excess bleeding risk	
nadroparin vs placebo			
Nurmohamed , 1996 n=241/244 follow-up: 56 days	Nadroparin, 7500 Institute Choay anti-Xa units per day subcutaneously 18-24 hours postoperatively plus compression for 10 days versus compression stockings + placebo	Craniotomy or spinal surgery for tumor or injury, 18 years or older, without excess bleeding risk	

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2 unfractionated heparin

Trial	Treatments	Patients	Trials design and methods
UFH vs no treatment			

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Trial	Treatments	Patients	Trials design and methods
Cerrato , 1978 n=50/50 follow-up: NA	Unfractionated heparin, 5000 IU subcutaneously 3 times a day, starting 2 hours preoperatively for +7 days versus no treatment	Elective neurosurgery for tumors, 40 years or older	

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