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CURRENT TREATMENT OF PULMONARY EMBOLISM

Abstract: Pulmonary embolism is a common disease. Because mortality of untreated disease is high therapy with anticoagulants need to be started as soon as diagnosis is confirmed. Standard treatment of patients with hemodynamically stable pulmonary embolism consists of initial treatment with unfractionated heparin or low-molecular weight heparin, as well as treatment with vitamin K antagonists during a period depending on variable risk factors. Home treatment of pulmonary embolism is often suitable.

Instable patients are treated with fibrinolytics. Bleeding is not only the main side effect of anticoagulants but also a reason to search for alternatives.

Key words: Pulmonary embolism; treatment; anticoagulants.

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