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Management of pregnant patients with a history of thrombotic complications

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Statement of the Problem: Thrombophilia can aggravate the prothrombotic state developed during pregnancy and increase the risk of thromboembolic and pregnancy complications, especially in patients with a history of thrombotic event. Guidelines of the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) prefer the use of secondary anticoagulant thromboprophylaxis with low molecular weight heparin (LMWH). It is supposed that such antithrombotic prevention provides also antiinflammatory and immunomodulatory effect.

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: The authors present the results obtained in the course of the prospective longitudinal monitoring of changes in haemostasis in high-risk pregnant women.

Findings: During 4 consecutive blood samplings during pregnancy (T1-T4) and 1 after the postpartum period (T5), the results of standard coagulation tests shortened significantly up to the delivery, D-dimer and fibrinogen levels increased and specialized tests of changes in haemostasis (increased FVIII activity, decreased PS function and ProC Global ratio not normalized after the postpartum period) also confirmed the activation of haemostasis despite the use of LMWH. Conclusion & Significance: The combination of the results of the above-mentioned tests, anti-Xa activity and clinical state of the patients enabled individualized adjustment of the dose of LMWH according to the actual parameters.

Biography

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