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# Comprehensive Venous Classification "The Disney Villain Classification"

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#### Overview

- Incidence
- Risk Factors
- Clinical Manifestations
- Pathophysiology
- Classification
- Diagnostic Options

#### Incidence

- Varicose Veins affects >25m Adults
- Advanced Venous disease >6m
- National Venous Screening Program
  - Varicose Veins >30% pts
  - Advanced Venous Disease >10%

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### **Risk Factors**

- Advancing Age
- Family History
- Ligamentous Laxity
- Prolonged standing
- Increased BMI

- Prior VTE (PTS)
- Hereditary Cond.
- High Estrogen state
- Pregnancy
- Obesity

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# **Disney Villains**







- Telangiectasia
- Reticular Veins
- Varicose Veins
- Leg edema
- Skin Changes
- Skin Ulceration





#### Telangiectasia



#### **Reticular Veins**







#### Varicose Veins



#### **Skin Changes**





#### Dermatoliposclerosis



#### **Venous Ulcers**







Bilateral lower-limb lymphedema. Note involvement of the dorsal aspect of the feet.

- Males and females affected
- Due to failure of lymphatics
- Positive family history in 10%
- No increased bruising
- · Brawny skin texture
- Involvement of feet

Lipedema of the lower limbs. Note the 'inverse shouldering' effect above the ankles due to sparing of the feet.

- Exclusively females affected
- Due to abnormal fat deposition
- Positive family history in 20–40%
- Easy bruising
- Normal skin consistency
- Sparing of feet

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# CVI Pathophysiology

- Inadequate muscle pump function
- Incompetent venous valves (reflux)
- Venous thrombosis
- Non-thrombotic venous obstruction
- Venous hypertension
- Sequence of anatomic, physiologic, and histologic changes
- Vein dilation, ulceration, etc

#### Pathophysiology



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### Pathophysiology

- Dysfunction/incompetence of the valves in the superficial venous system
- Retrograde flow of blood "reflux"
- Serves to increase hydrostatic pressures
- Valve failure
  - weakness vessel wall or valve leaflets
  - direct injury, superficial phlebitis, or excessive venous distention resulting from hormonal effects or high pressure





#### Healthy valve prevents reverse blood flow

#### Blood flowing to heart



Varicose Vein Valves

**Reverse blood** flow due to damaged valve

#### CVI





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Source: Adapted from the 2011 Clinical Guidelines of the Society for Vascular Surgery and American Venous Forum (J Vasc Surg. 2011;53:2S-48S)



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### Diagnosis

- Venous Duplex Imaging
- Air Plethysmography
- Photoplethysmography (PPG)
- CT or MR Venography
- Contrast Venogram
- Ambulatory Venous Pressures
- Intravascular U/S

#### Venous Duplex Imaging

- B mode Imaging
- Pulsed or Color Doppler
- Real Time Maneuvers
- Local Valve Function
- Anatomy

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#### Reflux

- Determined by the direction of flow
- Any significant flow toward the feet is suggestive of reflux
- Reflux Time: Duration of Reflux
  - >0.5 seconds for superficial veins
  - >1.0 second for deep veins
  - CCF LAB >2sec
  - Perforator incompetence: >3.5, Reflux, ulcer



### Doppler U/S Method

- Venous Anatomy (Axial/Superficial)
- Thrombus (occlusion)
- Venous Reflux (Incompetence)
- Perforator Incompetence
- Venous-venous shunts (open vs closed)

#### Maneuvers

- Valsalva
- Squeeze
- Dorsal Flexions
- Parana



#### Parana Maneuver



A slight push to the waist line triggers an isométric contraction of the leg muscles, by a proprioceptive reflex, inducing deep vein compression





#### Normal Deep Vein





#### Deep Vein Reflux



#### Incompetent Vein



#### Incompetent Vein



#### Perforator Feeding Malleolus Ulcer









### Air Plethysmography

- Changes in limb volume measured by air displacement measurement in a cuff
- Outflow assessed during rapid cuff deflation w/ elevated limb w/ proximal occlusion cuff
- Venous filling index
  - Normal: <2 mL/s
  - Abnormal: >4 mL/s





### Photoplethysmography

#### **PPG-parameter**

- VRT: venous refilling time
- normal value: >20-25 s
- severe reflux: < 10 s</li>



Photoplethysmography (PPG) Traces For Varicose Veins And Venous Reflux

#### Photo-plethysmography (reflux)



**Refilling time** 



#### Contrast Venogram

- Visualize venous system and anatomy
- Ascending Venogram:
  - Inject dorsum of foot
  - Details of anatomy and useful surgical intervention
  - Primary vs. Secondary Disease
- Descending Venogram
  - Proximal inject semi-vertical position w/ Valvasava
  - Identify reflux in the CFV and SFJ







#### Ambulatory Venous Pressures

- Insertion of needle into dorsal foot vein and connection to a pressure transducer
- Pressure determined in upright posture at rest and after exercise (toe raise)
- Before & after cuff (deep/superficial) reflux
- Mean AVP and refill time most useful



#### IVUS

 Superior to venography in estimating morphology and severity of central venous stenosis and in visualizing intraluminal anatomy



#### Imaging Modalities Compared

	Duplex	APG	MRV/CTV
To establish a diagnosis	+++	++	++
To assess severity	+/-	+++	+/-
To determine anatomy	+++	-	+++
To determine hemodynamic significance	-	+++	-

APG indicates air plethysmography; CTV, computed tomography venography; and MRV, magnetic resonance venography.

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