Superficial thrombophlebitis - Overview

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Thrombophlebitis - superficial

Definition of Superficial thrombophlebitis:

Superficial thrombophlebitis is inflammation of a vein due to a blood clot in a vein located just below the skin's surface.

Causes, incidence, and risk factors:

Superficial thrombophlebitis may occur after injury to the vein or the recent use of an intravenous (IV) line or catheter. It may also develop for no apparent reason in persons at risk for the condition.

Risks for superficial thrombophlebitis include:

- Chemical irritation of the area
- Disorders that involve increased blood clotting
- Infection
- Pregnancy
- Sitting or staying still for a prolonged period
- Use of birth control pills
- Varicose veins

Superficial thrombophlebitis may be associated with:

- Abdominal cancers (such as pancreatic cancer)
- Deep vein thrombosis
- Factor V Leiden
- Prothrombin gene mutation
- Thromboangiitis obliterans
Other rare disorders associated this condition include Antithrombin III (AT-III), Protein C and Protein S deficiencies.

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**Related Articles**

- Blood clots
- Intravenous
- Varicose veins
- Gastric cancer
- Pancreatic carcinoma

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- Deep venous thrombosis
- Thromboangiitis obliterans
- Cellulitis
- Septic shock
- Pulmonary embolus