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4. Rationale:

Heart failure (HF) hospitalization places patients at increased risk of VTE. A meta-analysis suggested the risk is 1.5 fold (PMID 26765646), but there was considerable heterogeneity among studies. In general population or unselected patients (11 studies), the RR was 1.36 (95%CI:1.22-
1.51). Confounding adjustment in these studies was generally limited to hospital-based confounders.

The LITE study has recently updated VTE occurrence in ARIC through 2015 and can therefore examine the association of HF with VTE with better control for confounding and less likelihood of selection bias.

5. Main Hypothesis/Study Questions:

Main hypothesis: Incident HF hospitalization (time dependent) is associated with increased short-term and long-term VTE risk. This association may differ between blacks and whites.

Exploratory: We are also interested in looking at Visit 5 echo findings in relation to VTE, but there would be too few VTEs between Visit 5 and the 2015 end of VTE follow-up. So, this analysis, if done, would probably be cross-sectional, relating past VTE to V5 echo findings.

Note: if there is an interesting association, we may seek to replicate it in the Cardiovascular Health Study (CHS), but this is not currently proposed.

6. Design and analysis (study design, inclusion/exclusion, outcome and other variables of interest with specific reference to the time of their collection, summary of data analysis, and any anticipated methodologic limitations or challenges if present).

Main design: Prospective
Exposure: incident HF hospitalization (time dependent). If there are enough events after 2005, we will examine HFpEF separately from HFrEF.
Outcome: time to VTE occurrence
Exclusions: baseline HF, cancer, VTE, and anticoagulant use
Potential fixed confounders: sex, race (after first examining for interaction)
Potential time-dependent confounders: age, BMI, anticoagulant use, CKD or cancer diagnosis and number of hospitalizations during follow-up. Possibly a few other co-morbidities.
Analysis: Calculate age and sex-adjusted incidence rates using Poisson and multivariably adjusted HRs for HF diagnosis (yes, no) and Cox models, respectively. Test multiplicative interaction by race using a cross-product term.

The exploratory cross-sectional analysis of VTE history will examine echo findings potentially related to HF or risk (reduced systolic function (low EF), diastolic dysfunction, LVH, pulmonary hypertension, elevated pulmonary vascular resistance).

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