Nomogram for venous thromboembolism

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- Study design & cohort: retrospective analysis of 400 adult NICU (neurological intensive care unit) patients who underwent brain-tumor surgery between January 2018 and July 2023 (mean age 52.5 ± 15.6 years; 46.5% male). 96 patients (24%) developed postoperative venous thromboembolism (VTE). Life Science Network
- Objective: develop and validate a multi-parameter nomogram to predict postoperative VTE risk after brain-tumor surgery. Life Science Network
- Independent predictors included in the final model (7 variables): elevated preoperative D-dimer, elevated HbA1c on admission, longer operative duration, higher TT4 on admission, increased BMI, older age, and history of hyperlipidemia. Life Science Network
- Model performance: the multivariable logistic-regression nomogram achieved excellent discrimination (AUC = 0.937) with good calibration and clinical utility on decision-curve analysis. Life Science Network
- External validation/robustness check: a linear support vector machine (LSVM) using the same predictors returned an overall accuracy of 85%, supporting robustness of the predictor set. <u>Life Science Network</u>
- Authors' conclusion: the nomogram—based on readily available clinical and laboratory variables—can improve individualized early identification of patients at high risk for postoperative VTE after brain-tumor surgery and may inform surveillance or prophylaxis decisions. Life Science Network

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Annotation: Large single-center NICU surgical cohort (n=400) with 24% postoperative VTE; authors identified seven independent, clinically measurable predictors and constructed a logistic-regression nomogram (AUC 0.937) with decision-curve support and an LSVM check (accuracy 85%). The model appears promising for risk stratification, but prospective external validation and assessment of how use of the nomogram changes clinical outcomes/bleeding risk with prophylaxis were not reported and remain necessary before routine clinical adoption. <u>Life Science Network</u>

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