

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**

**Treating DVT**

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<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	BEING DIAGNOSED WITH D-V-T OR DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS – A BLOOD CLOT IN A VEIN – DOESN'T SOUND LIKE SUCH A GOOD DEAL. BUT CONSIDER THIS. D-V-T IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF PULMONARY EMBOLISM. THAT'S WHERE A BLOOD CLOT FROM ELSEWHERE IN THE BODY ENDS UP BLOCKING AN ARTERY IN THE LUNGS.
<b>John Heit, M.D</b>	“AND FOR ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF PATIENTS WHO SUFFER A PULMONARY EMBOLISM, THE FIRST MANIFESTATION OF THAT IS SUDDEN DEATH.”

	<p>SO BEING ABLE TO BE DIAGNOSED ISN'T SO BAD. TREATMENT, SAYS MAYO CLINIC DR. JOHN HEIT, USUALLY INVOLVES BLOOD THINNERS, OR MORE CORRECTLY, ANTI-COAGULANTS...</p>
<b>Dr. Heit</b>	<p>"WE TYPICALLY START HEPARIN AND WARFARIN TREATMENT AT THE SAME TIME. THE REASON IS, IS THAT THE HEPARIN WORKS IMMEDIATELY WHEREAS IT TAKES THE WARFARIN ABOUT FIVE OR SIX DAYS TO KICK IN AND BEGIN TO WORK."</p>
	<p>COMPRESSION STOCKINGS AND SURGICALLY IMPLANTED FILTERS MAY BE OPTIONS FOR PATIENTS WHO AREN'T CANDIDATES FOR THE MEDICATIONS.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT <a href="http://MAYOCLINIC.ORG">MAYOCLINIC.ORG</a>. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>

