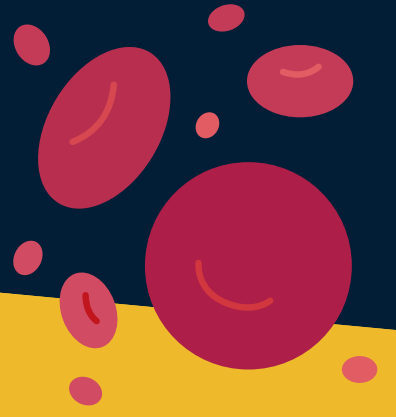


PAGET-SCHROETTER SYNDROME



1. What is it?

Primary thrombosis of the subclavian (axillary) vein. Essentially an upper limb DVT. PSS is a subtype of venous thoracic outlet syndrome. Labelled a rare condition but should not be under-recognised.

2. Clinical symptoms

- Discoloured, swollen, heavy, painful arm
- Usually triggered by a period of vigorous exercise or repetitive activity of the arm
- Prominent superficial veins over the subclavian area

3. Additional Characteristics

- Men 2:1 Female
- Mean age early 30s
- Usually dominant arm



4. Diagnosis



- Referral to ED if suspected
- Diagnosis can be made with doppler ultrasound

5. Management

- Initiation of IV anticoagulation therapy
- Catheter directed thrombolysis is also offered if in the early days of symptom onset
- Surgery to decompress the thoracic outlet may be offered

