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3. Date  
20-May-2020

4. Are you the corresponding author?  Yes  No  
Corresponding Author's Name  
Marie Faughnan

5. Manuscript Title  
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Dr. Al-Samkari reports grants and personal fees from Agios, grants and personal fees from Dova, grants from Amgen, outside the submitted work; .

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Marie Faughnan

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Glaxo-Smith-Klein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Participated in multi-center clinical trial for HHT-related bleeding. Monies went to my institution.

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3. Date

July 21, 2020

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Yes  No

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Marie Faughnan

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Stryker Neurovascular	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Core Angiography Lab for Clinical Trial
MicroVention Terumo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	DSMB Member for Clinical Trial
Route 92 Medical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CEC Adjudicator for Clinical Trial
ThrombX Medical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stock Ownership in Stroke Device Startup Company
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132 **Abbreviations:**

133 ACVRL1 = activin A receptor like type 1

134 AE = adverse events

135 AgNO<sub>3</sub> = silver nitrate

136 APC = argon plasma coagulation

137 AV = arteriovenous

138 AVF = arteriovenous fistula

139 AVM(s) = arteriovenous malformation(s)

140 CBC=complete blood count

141 CE = capsule endoscopy

142 CVM = capillary vascular malformation

143 CO<sub>2</sub> = carbon dioxide

144 CT = computed tomography

145 DVT = deep venous thrombosis

146 EGD = esophagogastroduodenoscopy

147 ENG = endoglin

148 ENT = ear nose and throat

149 ERCP= endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography

150 ESS= epistaxis severity score

151 GI = gastrointestinal

152 HHT = hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia

153 HHT1= hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia type 1

154 HHT2= hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia type 2

155 HOCF = high-output cardiac failure

156 IV = intravenous

157 JP-HHT = juvenile polyposis-hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia overlap

158 MCV = mean corpuscular volume

159 MELD= Model for End Stage Liver Disease

160 MR = magnetic resonance

161 MRI = magnetic resonance imaging

162 OLT = orthotopic liver transplant

163 PaO<sub>2</sub> = arterial partial pressure of oxygen

164 QOL= quality of life

165 RBC = red blood cell

166 RCT = Randomized Control Trial

167 SMAD4= Mothers Against Decapentaplegic homolog 4

168 TTCE = transthoracic contrast echocardiography

169 VEGF= vascular endothelial growth factor

170 VMs = vascular malformations

171 WHO = World Health Organization

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173 Centers with recognized expertise in the diagnosis and management of HHT can be  
174 located at <https://curehht.org/>, the website for Cure HHT and [vascern.eu](http://vascern.eu), the website for  
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178 **ABSTRACT**

179 Background: HHT is an autosomal dominant disease with an estimated prevalence of  
180 approximately 1 per 5,000, characterized by the presence of vascular malformations  
181 (VMs) that often result in chronic bleeding, acute hemorrhage and complications from  
182 shunting through VMs. HHT is under-diagnosed and families may be unaware of the  
183 available screening and treatment, resulting in unnecessary and severe complications  
184 such as stroke, heart failure and life-threatening hemorrhage in children and adults.

185 Objective: The goal of the Second International HHT Guidelines process was to develop  
186 evidence-based consensus guidelines for the management and prevention of HHT-  
187 related symptoms and complications.

188 Methods: The guidelines were developed using the AGREE-II framework and GRADE  
189 methodology. The Guidelines expert panel included expert physicians (clinical and  
190 genetic) in HHT from fifteen countries, guidelines methodologists, health care workers,  
191 health care administrators, patient advocacy representatives and people with HHT.  
192 During the pre-conference process, the expert panel generated clinically relevant  
193 questions in six priority topic areas: Epistaxis, Gastrointestinal Bleeding, Anemia & Iron  
194 Deficiency, Liver VMs, Pediatric Care, Pregnancy & Delivery. A systematic literature  
195 search was conducted, and articles meeting a priori criteria were included to generate  
196 evidence tables which were used as the basis for recommendation development. The  
197 expert panel subsequently convened during a guidelines conference to partake in a  
198 structured consensus process, during which recommendations reaching  $\geq 80\%$   
199 consensus were discussed and approved.

200 Recommendations: Six new recommendations in each of the six priority topic areas (36  
201 recommendations in total) were generated and approved to highlight new evidence in  
202 existing topics and provide guidance in three new areas: anemia, pediatrics and  
203 pregnancy. These recommendations should facilitate implementation of key  
204 components of HHT care into clinical practice.

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218 **BACKGROUND**

219 Hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (HHT) is an autosomal dominant disease with an  
220 estimated prevalence of approximately 1 per 5,000(1, 2). It is characterized by clinically  
221 significant vascular malformations (VMs) of skin and mucous membranes of the nose  
222 and gastrointestinal tract as well as the brain, lung and liver. HHT is under-diagnosed(3-  
223 5) and there is often a long diagnostic delay(3, 6, 7). As such, care providers and  
224 families are often unaware of the available screening and treatment, resulting in serious  
225 preventable complications such as stroke and life-threatening hemorrhage in children  
226 and adults. The first International HHT Guidelines process in 2006 developed evidence-  
227 informed consensus guidelines regarding the diagnosis of HHT, the prevention of HHT-  
228 related complications and the treatment of symptomatic disease(8).

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230 The goal of this Second International HHT Guidelines process was to develop evidence-  
231 informed consensus guidelines regarding the diagnosis of HHT and the prevention of  
232 HHT-related complications and treatment of symptomatic disease in areas not  
233 previously addressed by guidelines and areas where significant new literature had been  
234 published.

235 Making the diagnosis of HHT in a patient allows the appropriate screening and  
236 preventive treatment to be undertaken in the patient and their affected family members.  
237 HHT has traditionally been diagnosed on the basis of its clinical features. The most  
238 common symptom of HHT, epistaxis, has an age-related expression, as does the  
239 appearance of the typical telangiectasia. The average age of onset for epistaxis is 12  
240 years, with 90% affected by age 40 years(9-11). There are limited longitudinal natural  
241 history studies of HHT clinical manifestations and how these vary with genotype(12). In  
242 2000, consensus clinical diagnostic criteria known as the Curaçao Criteria were  
243 published(13) (**Table 1**), and these were upheld in the first International HHT  
244 Guidelines(8). Using these criteria, a diagnosis of HHT is considered ‘definite’ if three or  
245 more Curaçao criteria are present, ‘possible or suspected’ if two criteria are present,  
246 and ‘unlikely’ if 0 or 1 criterion is present.

247 Genetic testing is now also available for HHT diagnosis. Causative gene mutations for  
248 HHT have been identified in these genes: Endoglin (*ENG*, HHT1), Activin-Receptor Like  
249 kinase-1 (*ACVRL1*, HHT2), and Mothers Against Decapentaplegic homolog 4 (*SMAD4*,  
250 JP-HHT). In people meeting Curaçao criteria for definite HHT, up to 97% were found to  
251 have a mutation in *ENG*, *ACVRL1*, or *SMAD4*(14) . Additional rare genetic conditions  
252 associated with HHT phenotype have also been reported, such as mutations in *GDF2*  
253 (*BMP9*), *EPHB4* and *RASA1*(15, 16). As such, genetic testing for HHT mutations was  
254 recommended, by the first International HHT Guidelines for asymptomatic or minimally  
255 symptomatic people from a family with known HHT, and other select individuals, as  
256 detailed in **Table 2**.

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258 Several other recommendations published in the first International HHT Guidelines were  
259 not re-assessed during this current process and remain currently recommended. They  
260 are detailed in **Table 3**.

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## METHODS

267 The Second International HHT Guidelines process was developed using the AGREE-II  
268 framework and GRADE methodology, using a systematic search strategy and literature  
269 review, with incorporation of expert evidence in a structured consensus process to  
270 supplement the published literature. The Guidelines Working Group included clinical  
271 and genetic experts in all aspects of HHT from fifteen countries, guidelines  
272 methodologists, health care workers, health care administrators, HHT clinic staff,  
273 medical trainees, patient advocacy representatives, and patients with HHT. The  
274 Working Groups determined clinically relevant questions during the pre-conference  
275 process. The literature search was conducted during May and June 2019 using the  
276 OVID MEDLINE database. The Working Group subsequently convened at the  
277 Guidelines Conference in November 2019 in Toronto Canada to partake in a structured  
278 consensus process using the evidence tables generated from the systematic searches.

### 279 Scope and Key Questions:

280 Priority topics for the second guidelines process were determined based on polling the  
281 international community for priority areas in need of updating, based on not having been  
282 previously addressed or based on presence of significant new evidence. This polling  
283 revealed that recommendations for the following topics were not prioritized for updating  
284 at this time, and the previously established recommendations would therefore not be  
285 reassessed (they are detailed in **Table 3**): Diagnosis of HHT, Brain VMs, Pulmonary  
286 AVMs. Other areas that were prioritized for updates, but also had some first  
287 International HHT Guidelines recommendations that were not reassessed (they are  
288 detailed in **Table 3**) are: Epistaxis, Liver VMs. One topic area from the first guidelines  
289 was prioritized and fully updated in the new guidelines: GI Bleeding. New topics that  
290 had not been previously addressed included: Anemia, Pediatrics, and Pregnancy. Once  
291 the six topic areas (Epistaxis, GI Bleeding, Liver VMs, Anemia, Pediatric HHT and  
292 Pregnancy) were defined, the expert panel was selected and topic groups, each with a  
293 topic leader, were established. The topic groups then developed a list of key questions,  
294 to guide evidence search and retrieval.

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296 Identification of Evidence: Six sets of search strategies were developed and executed  
297 between May and June 2019 in Ovid MEDLINE by a medical librarian (KLR) with input  
298 from the Chair. Combinations of topic-specific controlled subject headings (MeSH  
299 terms) and relevant keywords were used to identify English language studies  
300 addressing the key questions developed by each of the topic groups. Two reviewers  
301 (MEF and KLR) reviewed the titles and abstracts of each of the 1,576 initial results, and  
302 independently applied the pre-established inclusion criteria. Of these, 449 records  
303 indicated by either reviewer as potentially meeting the inclusion criteria or requiring  
304 additional review were retrieved in full text for further consideration. Both reviewers  
305 independently considered the full text of these papers, and where both reviewers  
306 agreed, the study was included and progressed to the data extraction stage. Any  
307 disagreements were reviewed and resolved by electronic communication until

308 concordance was fully satisfied. A total of 221 studies met the inclusion criteria and  
309 were included in evidence tables. Number of results reviewed at each stage are  
310 illustrated in **Figure 1**. Additional papers identified by working group members after the  
311 search was conducted were also reviewed and considered for inclusion. Full search  
312 strategies and description of inclusion criteria are available in **Appendix 1**.

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#### 314 Data Extraction and Appraisal:

315 Key data from the included studies was systematically extracted and summarized into  
316 evidence tables. Due to the lack of randomized trials for most of the key questions in the  
317 area, two categories of studies were included: randomized control trials, which could be  
318 considered 'high quality' evidence if of sufficient size and quality, and other studies  
319 without blinding or randomization, considered to be 'low quality' evidence according to  
320 GRADE(17). The quality of the included RCTs was assessed (**Appendix 4**) using the  
321 structured framework of the Cochrane Risk of Bias Tool(18).

322 Generation of Draft Recommendations: The guidelines chairs and methodologists  
323 oriented the full panel on GRADE methodology, during teleconference sessions. The six  
324 topic groups met in the months preceding the conference by teleconference and/or  
325 email conversations to generate draft recommendations based on the key questions  
326 and evidence tables. These recommendations were reviewed and edited with the panel  
327 lead (MEF) and methodologist (VP) to be consistent with GRADE formatting for levels of  
328 evidence and strength of recommendation. Draft recommendations were distributed to  
329 all panel members 2 weeks before the consensus meeting, for full review.

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#### 331 Conflict of Interest Disclosures and Management:

332 Prior to the conference, all conference attendees filled out a conflict of interest  
333 disclosure. All disclosed potential conflicts were reviewed by the chair and, if necessary,  
334 discussed in further detail with the attendee to determine if disclosed relationship had  
335 any potential influence on a recommendation. The disclosed conflicts were then  
336 classified as: "no significant conflict", "disclose in manuscript, but not likely to affect  
337 recommendation", "could potentially affect recommendation and attendee should vote  
338 "abstain based on conflict of interest". Upon review, it was determined that all attendees  
339 had no significant conflict.

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#### 341 Consensus Conference:

342 At the beginning of the conference, recommendation development methods were  
343 reviewed and discussed with the attendees(panel). For each topic area, topic groups  
344 met and refined draft recommendations. For each topic group, the topic leader  
345 presented the draft recommendation and quality of evidence to the entire panel, with  
346 supporting details for clinical considerations, after which time was allowed for  
347 discussion. The panel then voted anonymously on the wording of the recommendation  
348 and quality of evidence, using a standard format for wording and the evidence levels  
349 HIGH-MODERATE-LOW-VERY LOW (consensus). The topic leader then presented the  
350 draft strength of recommendation with justification by GRADE methodology (quality of  
351 evidence, balance of benefits and harms, values and preferences, cost - not considered  
352 explicitly but discussed as relevant). The panel then voted on the strength of

353 recommendation. Consensus of 80% had to be achieved to allow the recommendation  
354 to be included in the guideline. If the initial vote was less than 80% consensus, the  
355 recommendation was deferred to the second day of the conference for further  
356 discussion and revision. Subsequent voting had also to achieve 80% consensus for the  
357 recommendation to be included. In the event that the panel did not achieve 80%  
358 consensus for strength of recommendation, the alternate strength was voted upon  
359 (STRONG/WEAK). If consensus was still not achieved, discussion continued to clarify  
360 the panel's views on which factors (quality of evidence, balance of benefits and harms,  
361 values and preferences, cost) were driving dissent. In this way, the panel made every  
362 effort to make explicit non-evidentiary factors influencing recommendation strength.  
363 After all recommendations were discussed and voted upon, the chair reviewed next  
364 steps, surveyed the panel regarding future research and guidelines priorities (**Appendix**  
365 **2**) and the conference was adjourned.

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367 External Review Process:

368 External experts and organizations relevant to the care of HHT were asked to comment  
369 on the recommendations generated during the conference. Comments were collated  
370 and addressed. Details regarding reviewers, their feedback and how it was addressed  
371 are available in **Appendix 3**.

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373 Patient Involvement:

374 Patient representatives (patients with HHT and caregivers as well as Cure HHT and  
375 other patient advocacy organizations) were included at every step of the development  
376 process. Patient values were incorporated into the recommendations, during discussion  
377 and voting. Patients voted anonymously on recommendations and participated as  
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## **Epistaxis Management**

### **Background:**

Epistaxis is the most common symptom of HHT, developing in 90% of adults with the disease, affecting quality of life and often leading to iron deficiency and anemia. Typically, turbulent nasal airflow with breathing leads to mucosal dryness and bleeding from telangiectases of the nasal mucosa. As such, replacing lost moisture to help prevent the telangiectases from cracking and bleeding is a mainstay of epistaxis care. In a randomized clinical trial comparing topical therapies to saline as placebo, saline was found to significantly reduce the epistaxis severity score (ESS) at both 12 and 24 weeks after therapy(19).

In many patients, additional therapies are often considered, when symptoms are persistent or severe, despite moisturization. Tranexamic acid is an oral antifibrinolytic agent that can stabilize clots by preventing premature clot lysis and has been shown to decrease intraoperative bleeding in other conditions. Two RCTs (**Table 4**) of oral tranexamic acid demonstrated a significant decrease in epistaxis severity(20, 21) with minimal adverse events. Neither study showed a significant improvement in hemoglobin but baseline levels were normal or nearly normal in both studies so the opportunity for improvement may have been small. Three studies in HHT have not found an increased risk of thrombosis with tranexamic acid(20-22), though there remains concern that this agent should be avoided in patients at high risk for thrombosis (e.g. patients with a history of arterial thrombosis or unprovoked venous thrombosis), in patients with atrial fibrillation and patients with thrombophilia or elevated factor VIII.

Various ablative therapies have been studied in controlled and uncontrolled case series (**Table 5**). Lasers, including the Argon, potassium-titanyl-phosphate (KTP), and Nd-YAG lasers(23). Outcomes are variable, with at best temporary and partial improvement in epistaxis. However, side effects of laser treatments overall are relatively minor. Access can be limited by required laser safety precautions, local availability of specific lasers and costs. Sclerotherapy with foamed sodium tetradecyl sulfate to the nasal cavity can be performed in the outpatient setting under local anesthesia. Three studies using foamed sodium tetradecyl sulfate, including one RCT, all from the same investigators, concluded that sclerotherapy was effective and safe(24-26). The investigators found that bleeding was substantially better controlled after sclerotherapy than standard therapy with minimal adverse effects. Though rare, potential side effects include septal perforation, transient dizziness, blurred vision and permanent blindness(26). The literature regarding radiofrequency and electrosurgery treatment for nasal telangiectatic lesions is scarce; there are only a few studies showing efficacy of treatment. Bipolar electrosurgery, is preferred over monopolar electrosurgery, given its lower risk for collateral damage, specifically septal perforation. Radiofrequency cauterizes the telangiectasias at a lower temperature than electrocautery and reduces the risk for collateral damage(27). Overall, there is evidence that ablative therapies can provide temporary and partial improvement in epistaxis, and that side effects are mostly minor.

445 Severe epistaxis can be life threatening and devastating to QOL of HHT patients, and  
446 symptoms are often not adequately controlled with moisturization and ablative  
447 therapies. As such, systemic therapies and more invasive surgical management is often  
448 considered. Low level of evidence studies of antiangiogenic therapies are detailed in  
449 **Table 5**. Bevacizumab is a humanized recombinant monoclonal antibody that inhibits  
450 vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) and has been shown to be effective in  
451 several diseases characterized by increased angiogenesis. From 2006 through 2019  
452 there have been 3 prospective(28-30) and 5 retrospective studies(31-35) that evaluated  
453 the use of intravenous bevacizumab in HHT in 5 or more patients with HHT-related  
454 bleeding (152 total patients, most with epistaxis). Objective improvements were noted in  
455 the majority of studies that reported on epistaxis severity, hemoglobin level, RBC  
456 transfusion, and/or quality of life (QOL). The most commonly reported adverse events  
457 (AE) include hypertension(31) and arthralgia(36). Some studies have noted problems  
458 with wound healing, sometimes serious(29, 35). Overall, the evidence supports the  
459 effectiveness of IV bevacizumab in reducing epistaxis severity and RBC need, and  
460 improving anemia. However, in the absence of RCT, the magnitude of benefit and long-  
461 term safety are unclear. Of note, RCTs of topical (nasal) bevacizumab(19, 37) and  
462 intranasal bevacizumab injections(38), have not shown any significant benefit (**Table 4**).  
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464 Thalidomide and several of its analogs have been shown to downregulate VEGF levels  
465 in HHT patients(39) and improve blood vessel wall integrity(40). From 2007 through  
466 2019 there have been 4 prospective(39-42) and 2 retrospective studies(43, 44) that  
467 evaluated the use of oral thalidomide in 5 or more patients with HHT-related epistaxis  
468 (67 total patients), detailed in **Table 5**. Objective improvements were noted in all but  
469 one study that reported on epistaxis severity, hemoglobin level, RBC transfusion, and/or  
470 QOL. Neuropathy is one of the most commonly reported side effects, often leading to  
471 discontinuation of the drug(36, 42, 43), and known teratogenicity precludes its use in  
472 women with child-bearing potential. Overall, low level evidence supports effectiveness  
473 of oral thalidomide in decreasing epistaxis severity and RBC need, and in improving  
474 anemia. However, AEs are substantial and often a limiting factor with neuropathy  
475 persisting even after discontinuation of the drug in two thirds of patients(36, 43).  
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477 Several other antiangiogenic agents are under investigation in the treatment of HHT  
478 related epistaxis. Pazopanib is a multikinase inhibitor that showed signs of efficacy in  
479 one small series(45). Pomalidomide is a thalidomide analog that appears to have a  
480 lesser incidence of neuropathy and is under study in a large RCT in HHT related  
481 bleeding. Doxycycline is an oral metalloproteinase inhibitor that may have downstream  
482 antiangiogenic effects and is under study in two small RCTs at present. The role of  
483 these agents in HHT related epistaxis will await additional studies.  
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485 Invasive surgical procedures are also often considered when epistaxis is not adequately  
486 controlled with moisturization and ablative therapies. Low level of evidence studies of  
487 invasive surgical procedures, including septodermoplasty and nasal closure, are  
488 detailed in **Table 5**. The expert panel considered invasive surgical procedures as an  
489 equal option to the systemic therapies, and that this decision requires extensive  
490 consultation with the patient. In addition, comorbid disease, such as atrial fibrillation,

491 can limit the use of prothrombotic drugs and require even aggressive anticoagulation or  
492 antiplatelet therapy instead. In these cases the invasive surgical measures(46-51) may  
493 be more appropriate as they could allow use of indicated anticoagulation or antiplatelet  
494 treatment. Several studies have evaluated septodermoplasty with the largest study(46)  
495 in which eighty-six percent of followed patients reported improved QOL, after mean  
496 follow-up of 3.75 years. Complications included worsening sinus infections (30%),  
497 decreased sense of smell, (58%) and frequent minor side effects, such as crusting and  
498 nasal airflow obstruction. Richer and colleagues(48) reported a series of 43 patients  
499 undergoing nasal closure, 83% reporting complete cessation of bleeding and no  
500 patients requesting reversal of the procedure. The largest study(50) includes 100  
501 patients that underwent nasal closure with 50 of them having pre and post procedure  
502 data; ninety-four percent reported complete cessation of the bleeding. A number of  
503 surgical variations have been described for both nasal closure and septodermoplasty,  
504 though these have not been compared, and therefore clinical decision making should  
505 involve a rhinologic surgeon with expertise in these techniques.

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507 **Recommendations:**

508 **ER1:** The expert panel recommends that patients with HHT-related epistaxis use  
509 moisturizing topical therapies that humidify the nasal mucosa to reduce epistaxis.

510 **Quality of Evidence: Moderate (Agreement 98%)**

511 **Strength of Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 100%)**

512 Clinical Considerations: Saline nasal spray or saline gels are typically used twice daily  
513 for moisturization.

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515 **ER2:** The expert panel recommends that clinicians consider the use of oral tranexamic  
516 acid for the management of epistaxis that does not respond to moisturizing topical  
517 therapies. **Quality of Evidence: High (Agreement 92%)**

518 **Strength of Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 94%)**

519 Clinical Considerations: Typically, tranexamic acid is started at a low dose and  
520 increased progressively at 3-4 times per day, to a total dose of approximately 4000-  
521 4500mg per day. Oral antifibrinolytics can be administered concurrently with systemic  
522 anti-angiogenic therapy, where indicated. Though low risk, oral antifibrinolytics should  
523 be withheld in patients with a recent history of DVT or arterial thrombosis and some  
524 experts recommend against their use in patients with atrial fibrillation or in patients with  
525 thrombophilia or procoagulant tendencies (e.g. elevated factor VIII).

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527 **ER3:** The expert panel recommends that clinicians should consider ablative therapies  
528 for nasal telangiectasias including laser treatment, radiofrequency, electrosurgery, and  
529 sclerotherapy in patients that have failed to respond to moisturizing topical therapies.

530 **Quality of Evidence: Moderate (Agreement 83%)**

531 **Strength of Recommendation: Weak (Agreement 94%)**

532 Clinical Considerations: Clinicians should consider destruction of telangiectasias as a  
533 temporizing method to decrease the frequency and severity of epistaxis. The specific  
534 method used to destroy the lesions is dependent upon the surgeon's preference and  
535 skillset. Great care must be taken to avoid perforation of the nasal septum, a known  
536 complication of all techniques. It is crucial that the clinician performing the therapy be

537 appropriately trained and that patients are involved in the decision-making after being  
538 fully informed of the risks and expected benefits of the procedure.

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541 **ER4:** The expert panel recommends that clinicians consider the use of systemic  
542 antiangiogenic agents for the management of epistaxis that has failed to respond to  
543 moisturizing topical therapies, ablative therapies and/or tranexamic acid. **Quality of**

544 **Evidence: Moderate (Agreement 92%)**

545 **Strength of Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 82%)**

546 Clinical Considerations: Epistaxis can be devastating for the quality of life of HHT  
547 patients and in some, can be life threatening. Anti-angiogenic therapy may be especially  
548 beneficial in reducing epistaxis and may even be life-saving in some patients.  
549 Intravenous bevacizumab has a favorable risk-benefit ratio in the short term, though  
550 long-term data is lacking. The standard initial dosing regimen for bevacizumab is 5  
551 mg/kg intravenous (IV) every 2 weeks for 4-6 doses. Maintenance dosing of  
552 bevacizumab is being used routinely in HHT patients (31, 33) although dosing intervals  
553 vary amongst centers from every 1-3 months, and the long-term safety has not been  
554 studied. Patients on bevacizumab should be routinely monitored for hypertension and  
555 other potential complications. Oral thalidomide can also be considered, though side  
556 effects often limit long term use. Risks, and benefits of anti-angiogenic medications  
557 should be considered, as well as alternatives, such as septodermoplasty and nasal  
558 closure, in these patients. Shared decision making with patients is crucial.

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560 **ER5:** The expert panel recommends that clinicians consider a septodermoplasty for  
561 patients whose epistaxis has failed to respond sufficiently to moisturizing topical  
562 therapies, ablative therapies, and/or tranexamic acid. **Quality of Evidence: Low**

563 **(Agreement 92%)**

564 **Strength of Recommendation: Weak (Agreement 88%)**

565 Clinical Considerations: Epistaxis can be devastating for the QOL of HHT patients and  
566 in some, can be life threatening. More invasive surgical measures can be especially  
567 beneficial in reducing epistaxis and may even be life-saving in some patients. Risks and  
568 benefits of septodermoplasty should be considered, as well as alternatives to  
569 septodermoplasty, including nasal closure and anti-angiogenic medications. Shared  
570 decision making with patients is crucial.

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572 **ER6:** The expert panel recommends that clinicians consider a nasal closure for patients  
573 whose epistaxis has failed to respond sufficiently to moisturizing topical therapies,  
574 ablative therapies, and/or tranexamic acid. **Quality of Evidence: Moderate**

575 **(Agreement 86%)**

576 **Strength of Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 82%)**

577 Clinical Considerations: Epistaxis can be devastating for the QOL of HHT patients and  
578 in some, can be life threatening. More invasive surgical measures can be especially  
579 beneficial in reducing epistaxis and may even be life-saving in some patients. Risks and  
580 benefits of nasal closure should be considered, as well as alternatives such as  
581 septodermoplasty and anti-angiogenic medications. Shared decision making with  
582 patients is crucial.

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## **Gastrointestinal Bleeding Management**

### **Background:**

589 HHT-related GI bleeding develops in approximately 30% of HHT patients, typically  
590 manifesting in the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> decades(52-57). Though most symptomatic patients have GI  
591 telangiectases in the stomach (46-75%) and the small bowel (56-91%), up to 30% also  
592 have telangiectases in the colon(53-55, 58, 59). The prevalence of GI telangiectases  
593 and HHT-related GI bleeding increases with age, varying by the population studied  
594 (unselected HHT vs. those with suspected GI bleeding(53-55, 58, 59)), and by  
595 genotype(12).

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597 The cardinal manifestation of GI tract involvement is anemia from occult GI bleeding.  
598 Clinically overt bleeding (melena, hematemesis) is less common. Anemia occurs in  
599 approximately half of HHT patients(58, 60, 61), with epistaxis often a significant  
600 contributor, and this anemia is severe in up to 25% of patients(60). Severe anemia has  
601 a considerable effect on QOL(57, 62-64) and cardiovascular morbidity and mortality.  
602 Bleeding related complications are also the most common cause for hospitalization  
603 amongst HHT patients(65). Given the clinical impact of anemia, and the otherwise  
604 occult nature of the GI bleeding, the clinical assessment of the severity of HHT-related  
605 GI bleeding is based primarily on anemia severity and hematologic support required to  
606 maintain the target hemoglobin. Though some patients are clinically identified as having  
607 a “heavy burden” of GI telangiectases, to date endoscopic findings (number, size,  
608 distribution of telangiectases) have not correlated well with severity of anemia. Future  
609 studies are needed to determine if an endoscopic classification could replace or  
610 complement a classification scheme based on anemia severity. A severity classification  
611 is needed for HHT-related GI bleeding, as new systemic therapies reach clinical trials  
612 and clinical care.

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614 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) remains the diagnostic gold standard for upper  
615 GI telangiectases. Capsule endoscopy (CE) has an excellent safety profile but lacks the  
616 capability of assessing the stomach(54, 66). Limited data are available comparing CE to  
617 EGD in the setting of HHT(53, 55, 58) (**Table 6A**), but suggest the diagnostic yield for  
618 the small bowel is similar to EGD. As such, the role of CE remains complementary to  
619 EGD when anemia remains unexplained by the severity of epistaxis and gastric  
620 involvement, or when the EGD is negative.

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622 Though Argon Plasma Coagulation (APC) is the first line of therapy for acutely bleeding  
623 GI vascular lesions(67, 68) for in non-HHT patients, there are insufficient data  
624 supporting its systematic and repeated use in HHT. The rate of recurring lesions is high  
625 in non-HHT lesions, but has not been studied in HHT. Complications of repeated  
626 treatments have not been assessed, and there is considerable variability in expertise  
627 among endoscopists(67). Coagulation of bleeding lesions with APC at diagnostic  
628 endoscopy is appropriate but repeated sessions should be limited to severe patients  
629 who continue to bleed despite systemic therapy. Small series have reported reduction in

630 RBC transfusion requirement and improvement of hemoglobin after planned (capsule  
631 endoscopy driven) eradication of telangiectases with APC during double balloon  
632 enteroscopy(54, 69). Clinical trials are needed to explore the efficacy of other  
633 endoscopic therapeutics, such as Hemoclips, band ligation, Hybrid APC, etc., which  
634 may be particularly relevant for larger lesions that are felt to be at higher risk for severe  
635 bleeding.

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637 There are small case series and case of the use of systemic therapies for HHT-related  
638 GI bleeding. Early studies and experience suggested benefit with hormonal therapy(70-  
639 72), though more recent studies suggest a better benefit-risk ratio for  
640 antifibrinolytics(22) and anti-angiogenic therapies including bevacizumab(31, 33, 35,  
641 45)and thalidomide(36, 73), with the 4 studies meeting evidence criteria reported in  
642 **Table 6B**. For mild to moderate GI bleeding, tranexamic acid may prove useful although  
643 its effect is probably weak, with studies showing improved nasal bleeding, but no  
644 significant improvement in anemia(22). For moderate to severe patients, who are  
645 transfusion or IV iron dependent, the use of IV bevacizumab (see also Epistaxis section  
646 for additional background details) has shown significant reduction of transfusion  
647 requirements in several uncontrolled case series, with a good safety profile(31, 33, 35).  
648 Recurrence of GI bleeding after initial response to IV bevacizumab “induction” therapy is  
649 common and there is experience with maintenance dosing; the potential long-term  
650 benefits as well as the optimal treatment regimen remain to be defined. Other anti-  
651 angiogenic drugs (pazopanib, pomalidomide, doxycycline), and specific estrogen  
652 receptor modulators (SERMs, such as tamoxifen, raloxifene, or bazedoxifene) may be  
653 useful agents(74-76) however evidence in HHT-related GI bleeding remains limited to  
654 small numbers of cases.

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656 Approximately 3% of HHT patients have *SMAD4* mutation and overlap syndrome with  
657 juvenile polyposis syndrome(77). These patients are at high risk of colorectal cancer(78-  
658 80) and should be screened aggressively starting from age 15 years. HHT patients  
659 without Juvenile Polyposis have colorectal cancer risks similar to the general population  
660 and should be screened accordingly. Patients with *SMAD4* mutation are also at risk for  
661 aortopathy and hyperlaxity and require appropriate screening(81).

## 663 **Recommendations:**

664 **GR1:** The expert panel recommends esophagogastroduodenoscopy as the first line  
665 diagnostic test for suspected HHT-related bleeding. Patients who meet colorectal  
666 cancer screening criteria and patients with *SMAD4*-HHT (genetically proven or  
667 suspected) should also undergo colonoscopy. **Quality of Evidence: Low (Agreement**  
668 **82%)**

669 **Strength of Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 94%)**

670 Clinical considerations: HHT-related bleeding is often suspected when anemia is  
671 disproportionate to epistaxis severity. Investigation should begin with an EGD, the  
672 diagnostic gold standard. In suspected or proven *SMAD4*-HHT, screening colonoscopy  
673 is recommended, starting at age 15 years, repeated every three years if no polyps are  
674 found OR every year along with EGD if colonic polyp(s) are found. Other HHT patients  
675 (non-*SMAD4*) should be screened as per guidelines for the general population, with

676 colonoscopy, or by a fecal immunochemical test (FIT-testing), though the latter may  
677 have false positive results. In view of potential unusual complications during endoscopy  
678 (such as massive epistaxis), consideration should be given to performing endoscopies  
679 in experienced centers. In addition, clinicians should be aware of precautions required  
680 during endoscopy for HHT patients with pulmonary AVMs, as detailed in **Table 3**.  
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682 **GR2:** The expert panel recommends considering capsule endoscopy for suspected  
683 HHT-related bleeding, when esophagogastroduodenoscopy does not reveal significant  
684 HHT-related telangiectasia. **Quality of Evidence: Low (Agreement 92%)**

685 **Strength of Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 88%)**

686 Clinical considerations: Despite recent progress, CE remains a costly, non-reusable  
687 technology with limited availability in many centers. It has also been demonstrated to  
688 inadequately evaluate the stomach, and hence can miss up to 50% of significant gastric  
689 lesions. For these particular reasons, the use of CE should be reserved for  
690 complementary testing after EGD.  
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692 **GR3:** The expert panel recommends that clinicians grade the severity of HHT-related GI  
693 bleeding and proposes the following framework:

- 694 ● Mild HHT-related GI bleeding: Patient who meets their hemoglobin goals\* with oral  
695 iron replacement.
- 696 ● Moderate HHT-related GI bleeding: Patient who meets their hemoglobin goals with  
697 IV iron treatment.
- 698 ● Severe HHT-related GI bleeding: Patient who does not meet their hemoglobin goals  
699 despite adequate iron replacement or requires blood transfusions.

700 \* Hemoglobin goals should reflect age, gender, symptoms and comorbidities.

701 **Quality of Evidence: Low (expert consensus) (Agreement 96%)**

702 **Strength of Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 96%)**

703 Clinical considerations: Since no clear correlation exists between number, size,  
704 appearance, distribution of GI telangiectasia and the severity of HHT-related GI  
705 bleeding, the expert panel proposes the above classification, based on the severity of  
706 anemia, for grading patients with HHT-related GI bleeding, for future development.

707 Hemoglobin goals, rather than hemoglobin levels, have been specified, to reflect the  
708 patients' individual physiological needs. This classification is not proposed for the  
709 classification of the acutely anemic during the initial diagnostic phase, but rather for  
710 HHT patients who have had a significant period of iron therapy after diagnosis of HHT-  
711 related GI bleeding (three or more months). Need for regular, scheduled IV iron  
712 infusions define patients in the moderate (or severe) GI bleeding category. Thus, an  
713 isolated dose of IV iron in an otherwise "mild" patient would not qualify as moderate GI  
714 bleeding.

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716 **GR4:** The expert panel recommends that endoscopic Argon Plasma Coagulation be  
717 only used sparingly during endoscopy. **Quality of Evidence: Low (expert consensus)**  
718 **(Agreement 88%)**

719 **Strength of Recommendation: Weak (Agreement 81%)**

720 Clinical considerations: Given the multiplicity and the diffuse distribution of lesions in  
721 HHT-related GI bleeding, the expert panel recommends that the use of APC should be  
722 limited, generally to the initial endoscopic evaluation, to address spontaneously  
723 bleeding lesions and a limited number (10 or less) of significant (1-3 mm) non-bleeding  
724 lesions. Repeated sessions of APC are discouraged to avoid repeated iatrogenic injury  
725 to the intestinal mucosa, with possible short- and long-term complications. However,  
726 APC, including via double balloon enteroscopy, can be considered as an adjunct to  
727 systemic therapies for severe HHT-related GI bleeding, in the partial or non-responder.  
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730 **GR5:** The expert panel recommends that clinicians consider treatment of mild HHT-  
731 related GI bleeding with oral antifibrinolytics. **Quality of Evidence: Low (Agreement**  
732 **94%)**

733 **Strength of Recommendation: Weak (Agreement 90%)**

734 Clinical considerations: Though the evidence for effectiveness of oral tranexamic acid is  
735 weak, it may lead to a reduced need for endoscopic interventions in HHT-related GI  
736 bleeding and appears to be a low risk intervention. Typically, the drug is started at a low  
737 dose and increased progressively at 3-4 times per day, to a total dose of approximately  
738 4000-4500mg per day. Oral antifibrinolytics can be administered concurrently with  
739 systemic anti-angiogenic therapy, where indicated. Though low risk, tranexamic acid  
740 should be withheld in patients with a recent history of DVT or arterial thrombosis.  
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743 **GR6:** The expert panel recommends that clinicians consider treatment of moderate to  
744 severe HHT-related GI bleeding with intravenous bevacizumab or other systemic anti-  
745 angiogenic therapy. **Quality of Evidence: Moderate (Agreement 94%)**

746 **Strength of recommendation: Strong (Agreement 98%)**

747 Clinical considerations: The standard initial dosing regimen for bevacizumab is 5 mg/kg  
748 intravenous (IV) every 2 weeks for 4-6 doses. Maintenance dosing of bevacizumab is  
749 being used routinely in HHT patients(82) although dosing intervals vary amongst  
750 centers from every 1-3 months, and the long-term safety has not been studied. Patients  
751 on bevacizumab should be routinely monitored for hypertension and other potential  
752 complications.  
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## 756 **Anemia and Anticoagulation**

### 757 **Background:**

#### 758 *Iron Deficiency Anemia*

759 Anemia is a common complication in people with HHT, with an estimated prevalence of  
760 around 50%(61, 83). Anemia is typically diagnosed in adulthood and rarely in children  
761 with HHT(84). The primary etiology of anemia is iron deficiency secondary to chronic  
762 mucocutaneous bleeding (epistaxis and/or GI bleeding from telangiectases). The  
763 average age of onset of epistaxis is 12 years and epistaxis tends to worsen with age(9,  
764 61). GI bleeding is less common than epistaxis, occurring in approximately 30% of older  
765 adults(56), and is not typically encountered in the pediatric population.

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767 Manifestations of anemia depend on its severity and can range from fatigue to  
768 exertional dyspnea and palpitations. Anemia results in high cardiac output and therefore  
769 exacerbates HHT-associated high cardiac output states most commonly encountered  
770 with significant liver VMs. Clinical features specific to iron deficiency anemia include a  
771 craving to eat certain substances, referred to as pica (typically ice but can include  
772 starches, clay, etc.)(85), and findings of angular cheilitis and koilonychia on physical  
773 examination(86). Iron deficiency can result in symptoms even in the absence of anemia,  
774 such as exercise limitation, fatigue, restless leg syndrome, hair loss, myalgias and  
775 decreased attention span(87-89). Correction of the iron deficiency leads to resolution of  
776 these symptoms.

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778 Screening for anemia typically involves the following laboratory tests: complete blood  
779 count (CBC), iron panel (serum iron, total iron binding capacity, transferrin saturation),  
780 and ferritin. A CBC alone could miss underlying iron deficiency without anemia. A low  
781 ferritin level is very sensitive and specific for iron deficiency(90, 91). However, as ferritin  
782 is an acute phase reactant, it can be normal or slightly elevated in patients with iron  
783 deficiency who have a coexisting inflammatory process(86). An iron panel will often help  
784 in discerning whether there is underlying iron deficiency in such cases.

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786 While a healthy and balanced diet (per WHO guidelines) is likely to provide the required  
787 daily allowance of iron, this will often be inadequate to replete total body iron stores in  
788 people with HHT who experience chronic bleeding and have developed iron deficiency  
789 either with or without anemia. The initial approach to treatment of iron deficiency in the  
790 HHT patients should be with oral iron replacement (with important and common  
791 exceptions discussed below). Oral iron preparations come in varying strengths, which  
792 are commercially listed in two ways: the total iron content and the amount of elemental  
793 iron. Of these, the elemental iron content is the measure of 'absorbable iron' and we  
794 therefore use elemental iron content in these guidelines. Published guidelines for  
795 treatment of iron deficiency anemia typically recommend oral replacement of 100-200  
796 mg of elemental iron in three divided daily doses(92-94). Recent developments in the  
797 understanding of iron biology have suggested that lower doses of elemental iron  
798 replacement may be more effective. Moretti et al.(95) demonstrated that the levels of  
799 hepcidin increase acutely following intake of oral iron. This occurs with both higher  
800 amounts of elemental iron per dose as well as multiple daily doses of oral iron, and  
801 results in a decreased fractional absorption of iron from the GI tract(95). The optimal

802 dose of daily elemental iron was identified to be 40-80 mg per dose, with either once  
803 daily dosing or every-other-day dosing(96).

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805 The most common cause for poor adherence to oral iron replacement is GI intolerance  
806 (constipation, nausea, epigastric pain, diarrhea). This occurs more frequently with non-  
807 heme based oral iron preparations compared to heme-sourced iron, and is primarily  
808 related to the amount of elemental iron per dose(92, 97). If oral iron replacement is  
809 associated with constipation, the use of a daily stool softener or other such bowel  
810 regimen should be considered to help with adherence. Various factors can affect  
811 absorption of iron from the GI tract. Oral iron is best absorbed from an empty stomach  
812 in an acidic environment(98) so is frequently co-administered with Vitamin C. Oral iron  
813 can be taken with food if needed, such as in people with GI intolerance, however foods  
814 that can interfere with or inhibit iron absorption should be avoided, as well as tea, coffee  
815 and milk(99). Many medications and supplements can affect iron absorption, such as  
816 aluminum containing phosphate binders, antacids, H2-receptor antagonists, proton-  
817 pump inhibitors, calcium supplements, and cholestyramine; these should therefore not  
818 be taken at the same time as oral iron.

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820 Intravenous iron replacement should be considered in people with HHT who do not  
821 tolerate oral iron despite dosing and interval adjustments, in people in whom oral iron is  
822 ineffective in adequately treating iron deficiency anemia, and in people who do not  
823 absorb oral iron due to comorbid conditions (e.g. inflammatory bowel disease, people  
824 gastric bypass surgery, etc.). Intravenous iron can be considered over oral iron  
825 supplementation in the first line setting in patients who present with severe,  
826 symptomatic iron deficiency anemia, and where blood transfusion is considered  
827 inappropriate, because of the immediate availability of considerable amounts of iron for  
828 erythropoiesis with this approach compared to oral iron, particularly in the setting of  
829 coexisting chronic bleeding. In patients who have failed a brief trial of oral iron or in  
830 whom it is not expected to be effective, immediate initiation of intravenous iron is  
831 reasonable.

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833 Intravenous iron is generally well tolerated. Common side effects include  
834 nausea/vomiting/cramping, arthralgias, flushing, back pain, low blood pressure,  
835 headache, fever, and dark urine. These are dose related and typically short lived when  
836 they occur. Allergic/hypersensitivity reactions are rare and include bronchospasm, rash,  
837 itching, low blood pressure, and anaphylaxis. Transient but significant worsening of  
838 epistaxis following iron infusion has been reported(100, 101). Adverse effects can be  
839 minimized by slowing the rate of intravenous iron infusion. Premedication with a single  
840 dose of antihistamines and/or steroids can be helpful in patients with a history of or  
841 concern for adverse effects like myalgias after intravenous iron infusions(102).  
842 Intravenous iron should be avoided in the acute phase of infectious disease given  
843 concern over potentiating severity of infections.

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845 Dosing of intravenous iron is dependent on the severity of iron deficiency and the  
846 preparation of intravenous iron used. Not all intravenous iron preparations are available  
847 in every country and considerations such as distance from the clinic, availability, history

848 of allergic reactions, cost and patient preference should factor into the decision  
849 regarding choice of intravenous iron preparation. Unless chronic bleeding is  
850 successfully halted through systemic therapies and/or procedural interventions,  
851 repeated administrations of intravenous iron every few months is expected to prevent  
852 recurrence of iron deficiency.

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854 Transfusion of packed red blood cells (RBCs) is also required in some people with HHT,  
855 typically when the hemoglobin needs to be urgently raised(65), or when aggressive iron  
856 supplementation is not sufficient to compensate for rapid blood loss. The hemoglobin  
857 value below which transfusion of RBCs is typically recommended in the general  
858 population is 7 g/dL. This transfusion threshold is applicable to some people with HHT  
859 as well. In addition to acute, large volume blood loss, chronic recurrent bleeding can  
860 result in severe anemia requiring RBC transfusions. When HHT patients have  
861 comorbidities, such as severe cardiac disease or hypoxemia from pulmonary AVM-  
862 associated shunting, they may require maintenance of higher baseline hemoglobin  
863 levels to maintain their arterial oxygen content. A higher hemoglobin threshold (such as  
864 8-9 g/dL) may also be considered in HHT patients with poorly controlled chronic and  
865 recurrent bleeding, or when there is a need to acutely increase hemoglobin levels to  
866 prevent complications related to decreased oxygen delivery, such as during pregnancy  
867 or prior to surgical procedures.

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869 It is important to consider alternate causes of anemia in people with HHT, when  
870 appropriate. In situations where anemia is normocytic or macrocytic (normal or high  
871 MCV), rather than the typical microcytic MCV seen in iron-deficiency, evaluation for an  
872 alternate etiology for anemia should be pursued. People with HHT can develop a folate  
873 deficiency as a result of chronically increased erythropoiesis due to chronic bleeding, or  
874 hemolysis(103). Finally, unrelated primary bone marrow processes, such as  
875 myelodysplasia, should also be considered in the evaluation of anemia that persists  
876 despite correction of iron deficiency, particularly in older patients.

#### 877 878 *Anticoagulation and Antiplatelet Therapy in HHT*

879 Though HHT typically results in mucocutaneous bleeding and is recognized as a rare  
880 bleeding disorder by the Center for Disease Control, it is important to recognize that  
881 HHT does not protect against the development of thrombosis. On the contrary, people  
882 with HHT may be at increased risk for thrombotic complications, with one large series  
883 reporting a prevalence of thrombotic events at 6%, higher than that for the age matched  
884 general population(104, 105). Further, the risk for thrombosis was found to be  
885 independent of comorbidities and therapeutic approaches to mitigate bleeding, but  
886 interestingly correlated with presence of iron deficiency and elevated levels of  
887 circulating coagulation factor VIII(104). In addition, an increased risk for thrombotic  
888 stroke has also been observed by the same group(106). Given these considerations,  
889 people with HHT should receive appropriate pharmacological thromboprophylaxis  
890 during periods of increased risk as any other patient would (e.g. prolonged immobility,  
891 following major surgery or orthopedic surgery, etc.). This may prevent need for  
892 subsequent therapeutic anticoagulation, which would be associated with a higher risk  
893 for bleeding complications. Also, therapeutic anticoagulation and/or antiplatelet therapy

894 should also not be automatically withheld in all people with HHT given concern over  
895 potential increase in bleeding risk. Both anticoagulation and use of antiplatelet therapy  
896 can be well tolerated by the majority of HHT patients(107, 108). However, the decision  
897 to pursue these therapies will need to be considered on an individual basis, taking into  
898 account the personal severity of bleeding and anemia, patient acceptance of possible  
899 worsening of bleeds, and other comorbidities. While anticoagulation or antiplatelet  
900 therapy in isolation is encouraged when indicated, the bleeding risk with combining  
901 anticoagulation and antiplatelet therapy or with dual antiplatelet therapy in people with  
902 HHT is considered to be significant. Therefore, these combinations should be avoided if  
903 possible.

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906 **Recommendations:**

907 **AR1:** The expert panel recommends that the following HHT patients be tested for iron  
908 deficiency and anemia:

- 909 ● All adults, regardless of symptoms
- 910 ● All children with recurrent bleeding and/or symptoms of anemia

911 **Quality of Evidence: High (Agreement 98%)**

912 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 96%)**

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914 Clinical considerations: Testing for iron deficiency and anemia typically includes a CBC  
915 and serum ferritin, with additional serum iron, total iron binding capacity, transferrin  
916 saturation if the ferritin is not reduced. In situations where there is difficulty with  
917 interpretation of results or diagnosis of iron deficiency with or without anemia, input from  
918 a hematologist should be considered. As severe epistaxis and/or GI bleeding is not  
919 routinely encountered in children with HHT, routine testing for iron deficiency and  
920 anemia is not deemed necessary in asymptomatic children with HHT.

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923 **AR2:** The expert panel recommends iron replacement for treatment of iron deficiency  
924 and anemia as follows:

- 925 ● Initial therapy with oral iron
- 926 ● Intravenous iron replacement for patients in whom oral is not effective, not  
927 absorbed or not tolerated, or presenting with severe anemia

928 **Quality of Evidence: Moderate (Agreement 88%)**

929 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 100%)**

930 Clinical considerations: Iron replacement should typically be started with once daily  
931 dosing of 35-65 mg of oral elemental iron, ideally 2 hours before or 1 hour after meals. If  
932 this is not tolerated, every-other-day dosing of oral iron or an alternate oral iron  
933 preparation (such as a heme-iron preparation or a non-heme iron preparation with lower  
934 elemental iron content) can be attempted. If initial dosing is inadequate for correction of  
935 the iron deficiency, increasing the daily dose or twice daily dosing should be considered.  
936 The patient should be counseled about various dietary factors and medications which  
937 can affect iron absorption. In general, an interval of 2-12 hours between iron  
938 supplements and these medications is preferred ([www.RXfiles.ca](http://www.RXfiles.ca) Drug Comparison  
939 Charts). Follow-up CBC, iron panel and/or ferritin 1 month after initiation of iron



940 replacement is recommended to assess response. An increase in hemoglobin of at  
941 least 1.0 gram/dL is expected and, if not achieved, should be considered an inadequate  
942 response. When oral iron supplementation is pursued in people with iron deficiency  
943 without anemia, improvement in ferritin and transferrin saturation is expected after 1  
944 month. For intravenous iron, routine monitoring of CBC and ferritin is necessary and  
945 helpful in guiding prescription of dose intervals, understanding that ferritin levels may be  
946 unreliable for 2 weeks post-infusion. In patients with chronic, recurrent bleeding,  
947 regularly scheduled iron infusions, with interval adjusted based on follow-up bloodwork,  
948 may be considered to maintain iron stores and prevent the development of severe  
949 anemia. The dose of intravenous iron can be guided by the total iron deficit, which can  
950 be calculated using the Ganzoni formula(109). Alternatively, a total initial dose of 1 gram  
951 of intravenous iron can be provided, as a single infusion or in divided doses based on  
952 institutional protocols and preferences. Unless chronic bleeding is successfully halted  
953 through systemic therapies and/or procedural interventions, repeated administrations of  
954 intravenous iron every few months is expected to prevent recurrence of iron deficiency.  
955 A few considerations specific to the type of intravenous iron preparation warrant  
956 mention: a significantly higher incidence of hypophosphatemia (>20%) has been  
957 reported in patients receiving multiple doses of ferric carboxymaltose(110, 111);  
958 ferumoxytol can affect the quality of MRI imaging and therefore MRIs should be avoided  
959 for at least 4 weeks following infusion of ferumoxytol(112, 113).

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962 **AR3:** The expert panel recommends RBC transfusions in the following settings:

- 963 ● Hemodynamic instability/shock
- 964 ● Comorbidities that require a higher hemoglobin target
- 965 ● Need to increase the hemoglobin acutely, such as prior to surgery or during  
966 pregnancy
- 967 ● Inability to maintain an adequate hemoglobin despite frequent iron infusions

968 **Quality of Evidence: Low (Agreement 92%)**

969 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 96%)**

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971 Clinical considerations: Hemoglobin targets and thresholds for RBC transfusion should  
972 be individualized in HHT, depending on patient symptoms, severity of HHT-related  
973 bleeding, response to other therapies and iron supplementation, the presence of  
974 comorbidities and the acuity of the care setting.

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976 **AR4:** The expert panel recommends considering evaluation for additional causes of  
977 anemia in the setting of an inadequate response to iron replacement. **Quality of**

978 **Evidence: Low (Agreement 100%)**

979 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 100%)**

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981 Clinical considerations: Evaluation for additional causes would typically include  
982 measurement of folate, Vitamin B12, TSH and work-up for hemolysis, with referral to  
983 hematology in unresolved cases.

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986 **AR5:** The expert panel recommends that HHT patients receive anticoagulation  
987 (prophylactic or therapeutic) or antiplatelet therapy when there is an indication, with  
988 consideration of their individualized bleeding risks; bleeding in HHT is not an absolute  
989 contraindication for these therapies. **Quality of Evidence: Low (Agreement 98%)**  
990 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 98%)**

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992 Clinical considerations: When anticoagulation is pursued, unfractionated heparin, low  
993 molecular weight heparin and vitamin K antagonists are preferred over direct-acting oral  
994 anticoagulants given recent data suggesting higher bleeding rates with direct-acting oral  
995 anticoagulants(114). For HHT patients with atrial fibrillation who do not tolerate  
996 anticoagulation or are considered too high risk for anticoagulation can be considered for  
997 alternate approaches to decreasing cardioembolic risk, such as left atrial appendage  
998 closure(115).

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1000 **AR6:** The panel recommends avoiding the use of dual antiplatelet therapy and/or  
1001 combination of antiplatelet therapy and anticoagulation, where possible, in patients with  
1002 HHT. **Quality of Evidence: Low (expert consensus) (Agreement 83%)**  
1003 **Strength of the Recommendation: Weak (Agreement 92%)**

1004 Clinical considerations: Ideally dual and combination therapies should be avoided or  
1005 used only briefly, and patients should be monitored closely.

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## 1010 **Liver VMs in HHT**

### 1011 **Background:**

1012 Liver VMs occur in 41–74% of HHT patients(116, 117), occurring in all genotypes, but  
1013 the clinical presentation is typically more severe in patients with *ACVRL1* mutation  
1014 (HHT2)(12, 118, 119). The mean age of patients at diagnosis of liver VMs is 48  
1015 years(12, 117, 119) with a female predominance of 4.5 to 1. Liver VMs in HHT typically  
1016 present as diffuse small lesions throughout the liver, and rarely as discrete large AVMs.  
1017 Three different and often concomitant types of intrahepatic shunting (hepatic artery to  
1018 portal vein, hepatic artery to hepatic vein and/or portal vein to hepatic vein) can lead to  
1019 different and potentially overlapping clinical features, including high-output cardiac  
1020 failure (HOCF), portal hypertension, encephalopathy, biliary ischemia and mesenteric  
1021 ischemia(120, 121). Liver VMs in HHT may be associated with either diffuse or partial  
1022 hepatocellular regenerative activity(122); the prevalence of focal nodular hyperplasia in  
1023 patients with HHT is 100-fold greater than in general population(123).

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1025 HHT liver involvement is not associated with liver insufficiency(120, 121). Whereas only  
1026 8 to 14% of patients with liver VMs are symptomatic at baseline(116, 117, 124),  
1027 prospective study has shown significant development of morbidity and mortality. The  
1028 incidence of fatal outcome and of morbidity was 1.1% and 3.6% per person-years,  
1029 respectively(119, 124). HOCF represents the predominant reported complication  
1030 associated with HHT, but complicated portal hypertension occurs at a rate comparable  
1031 to that of HOCF (1.4 and 1.2, per 100 person-years, respectively)(119). In patients with  
1032 a high-output cardiac state due to liver VMs, the incidence of atrial fibrillation is 1.6 per  
1033 100 person-years(83, 119). Much rarer presentations of liver VMs in HHT include  
1034 encephalopathy, mesenteric angina and ischemic cholangitis that can cause bilomas or  
1035 more ominously lead to a catastrophic complication termed “hepatic disintegration”(8,  
1036 121, 125-127).

1037 The suspicion of liver involvement in HHT comes from history, physical examination,  
1038 laboratory assessment of liver function tests, echocardiographic evaluation (with  
1039 measurement of cardiac index and estimation of pulmonary hypertension)(128), and  
1040 screening for signs, symptoms and biomarkers of heart failure. Anicteric cholestasis is  
1041 observed in one third of patients with liver VMs, with a direct correlation with the severity  
1042 of VMs and their complications(119, 124, 129). Doppler ultrasound (US) has been  
1043 proposed as the preferred first-line investigation for the assessment of liver VMs due to  
1044 its safety, tolerability, low costs and accuracy for the detection of liver VMs(8, 117, 121,  
1045 130-132) and very good interobserver agreement for the presence/absence of liver VMs  
1046 (Kappa = 0.85-0.93)(133) (**Table7A**). Doppler US also allows grading of severity of liver  
1047 VMs (from 0.5 to 4) which correlates with patient outcome and has been shown to be a  
1048 predictor of clinical outcome(119). Abdominal computed tomography (CT) with a  
1049 standardized protocol (multiphasic contrast-enhanced) provides detailed anatomic  
1050 assessment and has the potential for reproducible results across centers, with excellent  
1051 accuracy(116). However, CT findings do not correlate however with liver VMs  
1052 severity(134) or clinical presentation(135), although CT has been recommended  
1053 previously when expertise in Doppler US is lacking for diagnosing liver VMs(121).  
1054 Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the liver provides excellent accuracy with both  
1055 multiphase anatomic assessment and hemodynamic characterization of liver VMs(136).

1056 The abnormalities are better depicted on MR angiograms and dynamic MRI images,  
1057 providing a map of anomalous vessels and analysis of filling kinetics; MRI has been  
1058 proven to be as accurate as CT for liver VMs, and involves no ionizing radiation(137).  
1059 Moderate to good interobserver reproducibility for MR imaging has been demonstrated.  
1060 In the case of pregnant patients, US is preferred to avoid ionizing radiation or  
1061 gadolinium exposure to the fetus. We continue to recommend against liver biopsy, as  
1062 we did in the first International HHT Guidelines(8) (**Table3**), as a major and  
1063 unnecessary bleeding risk.

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1065 Echocardiographic evaluation is recommended at the time of liver VM diagnosis, to  
1066 evaluate of the impact liver VMs on cardiac function and morphology, particularly  
1067 cardiac index and pulmonary artery pressures, and to provide a baseline for  
1068 comparisons over time(121, 138, 139). In those with signs or symptoms of heart failure  
1069 and an intermediate or high probability of pulmonary hypertension, right-heart  
1070 catheterization should be performed to accurately assess cardiac and pulmonary  
1071 hemodynamics(121, 138, 139). Right heart catheterization is also essential for  
1072 diagnosing different forms of pulmonary hypertension, for example pre-capillary  
1073 pulmonary arterial hypertension characterized by high pulmonary vascular resistance  
1074 and normal pulmonary artery wedge pressure which can be associated with HHT(140).

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1076 In patients diagnosed with liver VMs, follow-up with Doppler US and echocardiography  
1077 should help identify complications and disease progression. The assessment of  
1078 prognosis of symptomatic liver VMs using available outcome predictors can assist in  
1079 decision-making. Identified disease progression predictors include: stage 4 liver VMs at  
1080 baseline and *ACVRL1* mutation(119). Clinical factors that can be used to predict low,  
1081 moderate and high risk categories for significant disease from liver VMs include: age at  
1082 presentation >47 years, female gender, hemoglobin level at presentation < 8 g/dL (or <  
1083 5 mmol/L) and alkaline phosphatase level at presentation > 300 UI/L(124). A  
1084 retrospective cohort (141) has demonstrated other worrisome features including mean  
1085 pulmonary artery pressure ( $\geq 25$  mmHg at catheterization), elevated bilirubin, weight  
1086 loss, GI bleeding and any biliary ischemia, atrial fibrillation, high blood transfusion  
1087 requirement, right upper quadrant pain, and sepsis.

1088 Presently, no treatment is recommended for asymptomatic liver VMs. An intensive  
1089 therapeutic approach, tailored to the type of complication present, is recommended for  
1090 symptomatic liver involvement in HHT(121). Patients with HOCF should have care  
1091 supervised by a specialist experienced in managing HOCF; treatments include  
1092 aggressive treatment of anemia, salt restriction and the use of diuretics, as needed.  
1093 Management of atrial fibrillation in HOCF follows the same principles as in the general  
1094 population. Anticoagulation for stroke prevention should be considered based on  
1095 individualized risk assessment, as discussed in the Anemia and Anticoagulation section.  
1096 Patients with pulmonary hypertension should be evaluated and treated by a physician  
1097 with expertise.

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1100 Antibiotic treatment is administered in HHT patients with liver VMs and cholangitis.  
1101 Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) with stenting is not an option  
1102 as large duct obstruction is usually not present and ERCP may increase the risk of  
1103 infection, in ischemic ducts. Necrotizing cholangitis with hepatic necrosis is an ominous  
1104 complication of liver VMs, requiring emergent liver transplantation. Management of  
1105 portal hypertension follows the same principles as in patients without HHT. The use of  
1106 non-selective beta-blockers in patients with severe HOCF should be supervised by a  
1107 cardiologist. Transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt placement may worsen  
1108 hyperdynamic circulation and precipitate cardiac failure. Management of  
1109 encephalopathy follows the same principles as in patients without HHT who have  
1110 cirrhosis, including the use of lactulose and rifaximin.

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1112 The reported response to first-line treatment in patients with symptomatic liver VMs in  
1113 HHT is complete in 63%, partial in 21% and absent (with progression to death) in  
1114 14%(119). These data support the recommendation to consider aggressive options only  
1115 for otherwise intractable complications, after the assessment of response to first line  
1116 treatment has been made, after 6-12 months(121). Outcomes of orthotopic liver  
1117 transplantation (OLT) (**Table 7B**)for liver VMs in HHT are excellent with 82-92%  
1118 survival(127, 142). Liver VMs in HHT are included in MELD (Model for End Stage Liver  
1119 Disease) exceptions: suggested MELD exception points for HHT include a score of 40  
1120 to patients with acute biliary necrosis and 22 to patients with HOCF(121). Potential  
1121 morbidity and mortality rates associated with OLT are a cause for concern and the  
1122 optimal timing for OLT in HHT with symptomatic liver involvement should be supported  
1123 by predictors of outcome(119, 124, 141). Recurrence of liver VMs after OLT has been  
1124 demonstrated in only a small number of cases, many years post-OLT, and has been  
1125 asymptomatic(143). Other surgical or interventional options for treating complicated liver  
1126 VMs such as hepatic embolization and/or banding of the hepatic arteries are associated  
1127 with a high rate of serious complications including death and cholangiopathy and should  
1128 be reserved as a last resort when medical therapies fail and OLT is not an option(8,  
1129 121, 144).

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1131 There is growing evidence for the role of intravenous bevacizumab in patients with  
1132 severe liver VMs (**Table 7B**), primarily in those with HOCF(28). However, potential  
1133 adverse events (AE) related to bevacizumab need careful consideration: in 69 HHT  
1134 patients who received bevacizumab treatment for a total of 63.8 person-years  
1135 treatment, an average AE incidence rate of 50 per 100 person-years, including 1 fatal  
1136 event probably related to bevacizumab, have been described(36). Furthermore, rates of  
1137 non or partial response to bevacizumab(28), and recurrence of symptoms/signs after  
1138 drug withdrawal make this drug unsuitable to replace OLT for complicated liver VMs in  
1139 HHT. Bevacizumab may offer a potential “bridging” role to OLT, and if a response is  
1140 obtained with resolution/improvement of the liver VM complication, the option of OLT  
1141 should be re-assessed. Bevacizumab complicates wound healing and transplant teams  
1142 should closely coordinate with HHT providers so that bevacizumab can be stopped long  
1143 enough prior to OLT to minimize complications, while still minimizing the time off of  
1144 therapy. The optimal OLT window is likely between 2 and 6 months after the last dose  
1145 of bevacizumab.

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1148 **Recommendations**

1149 **LR1:** The expert panel recommends that screening for liver VMs be offered to adults  
1150 with definite or suspected HHT. **Quality of Evidence: Low (Agreement 84%)**

1151 **Strength of Recommendation: Weak (Agreement 93%)**

1152 Clinical considerations: The rationale for screening is based on the concept that  
1153 awareness of liver VMs could improve subsequent patient management. In some cases,  
1154 documenting presence of liver VMs can help to clarify the diagnosis of HHT by  
1155 establishing an additional Curaçao criterion. The imaging test of choice for liver VM  
1156 screening in HHT is the Doppler US due to its accuracy, safety, tolerability, low costs  
1157 and operating characteristics. However, depending on local expertise and availability of  
1158 Doppler US testing, as well as patient preference, patients may be screened clinically  
1159 (history, physical and blood work) or alternative imaging may be considered, such as  
1160 multiphase abdominal CT or MRI.

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1162 **LR2:** The expert panel recommends diagnostic testing for liver VMs in HHT patients  
1163 with symptoms and/or signs suggestive of complicated liver VMs (including heart failure,  
1164 pulmonary hypertension, abnormal cardiac biomarkers, abnormal liver function tests,  
1165 abdominal pain, portal hypertension or encephalopathy), using Doppler US, multiphase  
1166 contrast CT scan or contrast abdominal MRI for diagnostic assessment of liver VMs.

1167 **Quality of Evidence: High (Agreement 98%)**

1168 **Strength of Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 100%)**

1169 Clinical considerations: The choice of liver imaging modality should be informed by  
1170 patient characteristics, the risk/benefit balance, as well as local expertise and  
1171 availability/cost. CT contrast and MRI contrast should be avoided in patients with  
1172 chronic kidney dysfunction. Echocardiographic evaluation is also recommended at  
1173 diagnosis of liver VMs to estimate their hemodynamic impact. These tests will be most  
1174 informative when performed in a center with HHT expertise, and in the context of a  
1175 clinical assessment at an HHT Center of Excellence.

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1177 **LR3:** The expert panel recommends an intensive first-line management only for patients  
1178 with complicated and/or symptomatic liver VMs, tailored to the type of liver VM  
1179 complication(s).

1180 The expert panel recommends that HHT patients with high-output cardiac failure and  
1181 pulmonary hypertension be co-managed by the HHT Center of Excellence AND an HHT  
1182 cardiologist OR a pulmonary hypertension specialty clinic. **Quality of Evidence:**

1183 **Moderate (Agreement 88%)**

1184 **Strength of Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 88%)**

1185 Clinical considerations: Considering the complexity of liver VM complications,  
1186 management by an expert team at an HHT Center of Excellence, with at least annual  
1187 follow-up, is recommended.

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1189 **LR4:** The expert panel recommends that clinicians estimate prognosis of liver VMs  
1190 using available predictors, to identify patients in need of closer monitoring **Quality of**  
1191 **Evidence: Moderate (Agreement 89%)**

1192 **Strength of Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 82%)**

1193 Clinical considerations:

1194 Clinicians should assess prognosis and plan follow-up for liver VMs patients based on  
1195 either identified predictors or high risk stigmata or worrisome features, as detailed  
1196 above(119, 124, 141).

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1198 **LR5:** The expert panel recommends considering intravenous bevacizumab for patients  
1199 with symptomatic high-output cardiac failure due to liver VMs who have failed to  
1200 respond sufficiently to first-line management. **Quality of Evidence: Moderate**  
1201 **(Agreement 98%)**

1202 **Strength of Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 98%)**

1203 Clinical considerations: The standard initial dosing regimen is 5 mg/kg intravenous (IV)  
1204 every 2 weeks for 4-6 doses. Maintenance dosing of bevacizumab is being used  
1205 routinely in HHT patients(82) though intervals vary from every 1-3 months, and the long-  
1206 term safety has not been studied. Patients receiving bevacizumab should be routinely  
1207 monitored for hypertension and other typical adverse events.

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1209 **LR6:** The expert panel recommends referral for consideration of liver transplantation for  
1210 patients with symptomatic complications of liver VMs, specifically refractory high-output  
1211 cardiac failure, biliary ischemia or complicated portal hypertension. **Quality of**  
1212 **Evidence: Moderate (Agreement 83%)**

1213 **Strength of Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 92%)**

1214 Clinical considerations: The best timing to list a symptomatic patient for OLT should be  
1215 based on prognostic predictors, the severity of liver VMs complications, including  
1216 pulmonary hypertension. Liver transplant can be undertaken in the presence of  
1217 pulmonary hypertension if pulmonary vascular resistance, estimated by right heart  
1218 catheterization, is < 3 Woods Units. Portal pressure measurement with hepatic venous  
1219 pressure gradient is reserved for selected patients with complicated liver VMs when  
1220 evaluated for OLT(121).

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1232 **Pediatric Care**

1233 **Background**

1234 The previous guidelines regarding diagnosis and management of HHT(8) focused on  
1235 screening and treatment of adults. While some manifestations such as telangiectasia  
1236 and epistaxis manifestations are age dependent and may be absent in young children  
1237 with HHT, potentially serious and even life-threatening complications of visceral AVMs  
1238 can occur at any age. Currently, the literature about diagnosis and management in  
1239 children with HHT is limited, but protocols for screening and treatment of children with  
1240 HHT have been developed in HHT centers around the world. Complications described  
1241 in the literature are mostly due to pulmonary arteriovenous malformations (AVMs) and  
1242 brain vascular malformations (VMs). Therefore, the focus of the pediatric HHT  
1243 guidelines is on screening and management of pulmonary AVMs and brain VMs.

1244 Since establishing the diagnosis of HHT based on clinical criteria is less reliable in  
1245 children than in adults(145), a different approach is required in this age group, with  
1246 genetic testing playing a more important role than in adults(146-148). HHT is an  
1247 autosomal dominant disease with age-related but high penetrance; therefore, every  
1248 child of a parent with HHT has a 50% chance of inheriting the disease. Genetic testing  
1249 in children is usually performed in a stepwise approach in which the affected parent is  
1250 tested first (see overall Background section). If a pathogenic variant has been identified  
1251 in the index case or in other affected member of the family(8), genetic testing can be  
1252 used to establish the diagnosis in children prior to screening for visceral AVMs. Equally  
1253 important, genetic testing can identify non-affected children who can be released from  
1254 follow-up.

1255 The prevalence of pulmonary AVMs varies with the type of HHT: pulmonary AVMs are  
1256 found in about 50% of patients with HHT1 and in about 10% of patients with HHT2(12,  
1257 118). While these estimates are based on studies in adults, data suggest that the  
1258 prevalence of pulmonary AVM is comparable in children(149-152). This is supported by  
1259 one study that found a similar prevalence of pulmonary AVM in children with HHT1 as in  
1260 their parents suggesting that the vast majority of pulmonary AVMs are present early in  
1261 life(153). This has important implications for screening as the yield in genetically  
1262 confirmed cases is high. Pulmonary AVMs are found in children with all types of HHT  
1263 and at any age. Pulmonary AVMs associated with low oxygen saturations (< 96% at sea  
1264 level), as well as large pulmonary AVMs, can cause serious, sometimes life-threatening  
1265 complications, including hemorrhage, brain abscess and stroke(151, 152, 154). For that  
1266 reason, screening children with HHT or at risk for HHT is indicated after birth, or at the  
1267 time of presentation. Two screening protocols have been studied in children (**Table8A**);  
1268 at present both are seen as equivalent. The first screening approach (“Dutch protocol”)  
1269 uses a conservative screening strategy of oximetry and chest X-ray. As small  
1270 pulmonary AVMs cannot be excluded in this setting, procedural antibiotic prophylaxis is  
1271 recommended to all subjects. Evidence from the Dutch cohort suggests that this  
1272 protocol is sufficient to prevent pulmonary AVM related complications(155).  
1273 Transthoracic contrast echocardiography (TTCE) is used in the second screening



1274 protocol and has a higher sensitivity as a screening test for pulmonary AVMs(156, 157).  
1275 It requires an intravenous access and has not clearly been shown to detect additional  
1276 pulmonary AVMs that would cause complications in childhood. TTCE has the  
1277 advantage of being a non-radiating test. The use of a quantitative scoring system for  
1278 analysis of TTCE can increase the specificity of the test and can be used to determine  
1279 whether a CT-scan should be performed(158), as the diagnostic confirmatory test(158,  
1280 159).

1281 Embolotherapy of pulmonary AVMs has a high success rate in children(154) (**Table**  
1282 **8B**). There are however no data to suggest that small pulmonary AVMs associated with  
1283 normal oxygen saturation need to be treated in children. In rare cases, larger pulmonary  
1284 AVMs with normal saturation can occur and treatment can be considered, especially in  
1285 the case of symptoms. Growth of pulmonary AVMs over time has also been  
1286 documented in children(160); therefore follow-up of children is important to capture  
1287 these changes.

1288 Brain VM is a general term that encompasses three principal types of vascular lesions  
1289 in HHT: nidus brain AVM, brain arteriovenous fistula (AVF), and capillary vascular  
1290 malformation (CVM)(161). These vascular malformations are thought to have  
1291 significantly different natural history risk for spontaneous brain hemorrhage, ranging  
1292 from extremely low in CVM, to intermediate in brain AVM (as can be further risk-  
1293 stratified with detailed angio-architectural information, see CR6 below), to high in AVF.  
1294 Overall, brain VM are less common than pulmonary AVMs in HHT. The prevalence in  
1295 children is not well defined; data from studies in adults suggest that brain VMs are found  
1296 in 8-16% of patients with HHT1 and 1-2% of patients with HHT2(162-164), though the  
1297 AVF type appears to be over-represented in children(165, 166). Brain VMs can be  
1298 present from birth and there are often no warning signs or symptoms prior to  
1299 hemorrhage of a brain VM(167, 168). Clinical symptoms are subtle or absent in children  
1300 and case series from different centers have described brain hemorrhage in children  
1301 prior to diagnosis or screening procedures(167, 169, 170). The purpose of imaging  
1302 screening of children with HHT is to identify if a brain VM is present and, to the extent  
1303 possible, differentiate between the three common subtypes of brain VM. The most  
1304 sensitive and specific non-invasive imaging modality to identify brain VM is MRI(171-  
1305 173).

1306 Observational studies suggest that treatment of brain VM is successful and can prevent  
1307 brain hemorrhage(165, 174) (**Table 8B**). Brain VM with relatively high natural history  
1308 risk for rupture include pial AVFs as well as nidus brain AVMs with specific angio-  
1309 architectural features or evidence of prior hemorrhage(161, 175-178). High risk features  
1310 for future nidus brain AVM rupture, sometimes identifiable on MRI but more reliably  
1311 identified on digital subtraction angiography (DSA), include but are not limited to:  
1312 feeding artery aneurysms, nidus aneurysms, venous outflow stenoses, and deep  
1313 venous drainage. Intra-lesional microhemorrhage seen on brain MRI is an independent  
1314 risk factor for future nidus brain AVM rupture(176).

1315 It is important to appreciate that while the recommendations below are based on  
1316 consensus of experts in the field, different approaches regarding pre-symptomatic

1317 genetic testing and screening procedures are used in different countries. Whenever  
1318 possible, these different strategies are mentioned in the recommendations.

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1320 **Recommendations**

1321 **CR1:** The expert panel advises that diagnostic genetic testing be offered for  
1322 asymptomatic children of a parent with HHT. **Quality of Evidence: High (Agreement**  
1323 **96%)**

1324 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 94%)**

1325 Clinical considerations: If the disease-causing mutation is known in the family, the  
1326 accuracy of genetic testing is very high (Therefore, it is recommended that an affected  
1327 family member should be tested first to determine a causative mutation, prior to testing  
1328 an asymptomatic child). The established clinical diagnostic criteria (Curaçao criteria)(13)  
1329 for HHT are less reliable in young children, because many symptoms of HHT have  
1330 onset in late childhood or even adulthood (age related penetrance)(145). It is generally  
1331 accepted that for children to have pre-symptomatic testing for a genetic condition, there  
1332 should be a clinical benefit to this testing. The value of this testing may be viewed  
1333 differently depending on the specifics of the routinely recommended organ screening  
1334 protocol in a given country for children with HHT. The alternatives, pros and cons  
1335 should be discussed especially with younger patients or – if applicable – their parents to  
1336 achieve the best result for the patient.

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1339 **CR2:** The expert panel recommends screening for pulmonary AVMs in asymptomatic  
1340 children with HHT or at risk for HHT at the time of presentation / diagnosis **Quality of**  
1341 **Evidence: Moderate (Agreement 94%)**

1342 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 94%)**

1343 Clinical considerations: Primary screening may be performed with either chest X-ray  
1344 and pulse oximetry OR transthoracic contrast echocardiography (TTCE). Primary  
1345 screening with CT of the chest is not recommended, though CT remains the  
1346 confirmatory diagnostic test when screening tests are positive.

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1348 **CR3:** The expert panel recommends that large pulmonary AVMs and pulmonary AVMs  
1349 associated with reduced oxygen saturation be treated in children to avoid serious  
1350 complications. **Quality of Evidence: Moderate (Agreement 98%)**

1351 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 98%)**

1352 Clinical considerations: Criteria for embolotherapy are not different from those used in  
1353 adults, which means that pulmonary AVMs with feeding arteries  $\geq 3$  mm in diameter  
1354 qualify for treatment. Follow-up after treatment of PAVMs is advised; intervals are not  
1355 well defined but may vary according to size and number of pulmonary AVMs. Follow-up  
1356 after treatment can be done with low-dose CT, TTCE, and /or saturation measurement.  
1357 Protocols vary between centers. Follow-up is indicated, because recanalization and  
1358 reperfusion of treated pulmonary AVMs can occur and / or small pulmonary AVMs can  
1359 increase in size.

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1361 **CR4:** The expert panel recommends to repeat pulmonary AVM screening in  
1362 asymptomatic children with HHT or at risk for HHT; typically at 5 year intervals. **Quality**  
1363 **of Evidence: Low (Agreement 92%)**

1364 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 86%)**

1365 Clinical considerations: Growth of pulmonary AVMs occurs in children with HHT but is  
1366 slow in most cases. One study suggests that pulmonary AVMs in children may double in  
1367 size in 5 years(160). The recommended interval for repeat screening varies between  
1368 centers and evidence to support a specific time interval is limited. Many centers repeat  
1369 screening at 5 year intervals, but whether pulmonary AVMs occur *de novo* in this time  
1370 interval in children is not entirely clear(179). If screening has been performed with  
1371 oximetry and chest X-ray, a 5 year interval is advisable, because the presence of small  
1372 pulmonary AVMs is not excluded in cases with normal oxygen saturation. In children  
1373 with borderline screening results, either based on imaging or oximetry, screening should  
1374 be repeated sooner. Methods for screening and re-screening do not differ.

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1376 **CR5:** The expert panel recommends screening for brain VM in asymptomatic children  
1377 with HHT or at risk for HHT at the time of presentation / diagnosis. **Quality of**  
1378 **Evidence: Low (Agreement 86%)**

1379 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 86%)**

1380 Clinical considerations: The purpose of imaging screening of children with HHT is to  
1381 identify if a brain VM is present and, to the extent possible, differentiate between the  
1382 three common subtypes of brain VM. The most sensitive and specific non-invasive  
1383 imaging modality to identify brain VM is MRI and contrast enhanced MRI has a higher  
1384 sensitivity than non-contrast MRI. Screening with MRI in infants and young children  
1385 generally requires sedation or anesthesia. The outcome of screening can result in a  
1386 “wait and see” approach, because not all brain VMs need treatment. The decision  
1387 whether to treat or not, is based on the risks of complications of treatment versus the  
1388 risk of bleeding of the brain VM. Whether or not to screen the child should be a shared  
1389 decision among clinicians, caregivers and the child (where possible). There are  
1390 currently important differences in clinical practice with regards to brain VM screening  
1391 amongst countries: in some countries asymptomatic children with HHT are screened for  
1392 brain VM with an MRI as early in life as possible, but in other countries asymptomatic  
1393 children are not routinely screened for the presence of brain VM. Patient representatives  
1394 felt strongly that children should be screened for brain VMs citing anecdotal evidence of  
1395 disastrous outcomes in unscreened patients.

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1397 **CR6:** The expert panel recommends that brain VMs with high risk features be treated.

1398 **Quality of Evidence: Low (Agreement 100%)**

1399 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 98%)**

1400 Clinical considerations: Given the need to balance natural history risk with treatment  
1401 risk, the expert panel recommends that people with HHT who have brain VM be referred  
1402 for evaluation at a center with multidisciplinary (neurology, neurosurgery,  
1403 neurointerventional radiology, radiation therapy) expertise in neurovascular disease  
1404 management. Treated brain VMs require close follow-up; the follow-up for small  
1405 (untreated) brain VMs is not well defined.

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1410 **Pregnancy and Delivery**

1411 **Background:**

1412 A pregnant woman with HHT should be assessed for their risk of pregnancy and  
1413 delivery related complications and have access to, as needed, to a multidisciplinary  
1414 maternal-fetal medicine team that includes HHT experts. At the initial obstetrical visit,  
1415 pregnant patients should have a thorough review of their diagnosis history and past  
1416 evaluations as well as recent status, symptoms and concerns. In addition, given that  
1417 offspring are at 50% risk of inheriting the pathogenic mutation, pre-pregnancy  
1418 consultation with an obstetrician is recommended, for consideration of options before  
1419 and during and after pregnancy for genetic diagnosis.

1420 The term “high-risk pregnancy” is a label used to describe situations in which a pregnant  
1421 woman, her fetus, or both, are at higher risk when compared to a “typical” pregnancy for  
1422 complications during pregnancy, labor & delivery or post-partum. Many pregnant  
1423 women with HHT are labeled as “high-risk”, as there is 1% overall risk of complication in  
1424 pregnancy in patients with HHT(180). However, it is possible to stratify this risk. Risk  
1425 stratification can be based upon the results of a patient’s AVM screening and/or  
1426 treatment. Unscreened patients and patients with known but untreated pulmonary AVMs  
1427 of significant size (>2-3 mm) are at highest risk.

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1429 The physiologic changes of pregnancy to the circulatory system include an increase in  
1430 cardiac output by 30-50% and an increased blood volume by 40% by 28 weeks.  
1431 Pregnancy also results in high progesterone levels, which may increase venous  
1432 distensibility(181). This collective effect of these factors may result in enlargement  
1433 and/or rupture of untreated pulmonary AVMs during pregnancy(182). Recent studies  
1434 have estimated a risk of about 17% for non-fatal complications(183) and 2% for  
1435 mortality(180). Hemothorax, hemoptysis, ischemic stroke, and pulmonary deterioration  
1436 have all been reported(180, 182, 183). Pulmonary AVMs should be screened for and  
1437 treated prior to pregnancy(183). If a HHT patient becomes pregnant and pulmonary  
1438 AVMs have not been excluded, screening should be performed either with TTCE or with  
1439 chest CT. TTCE using agitated saline is considered safe during pregnancy(184). Chest  
1440 CT requires radiation, but the fetal dose is minimal(185) and can be delayed until after  
1441 organogenesis as is discussed below. No IV contrast is required, and a low-dose non-  
1442 contrast protocol is adequately sensitive for detecting and characterizing pulmonary  
1443 AVMs.

1444 If a pregnant patient with HHT is diagnosed with pulmonary AVMs, the decision to  
1445 embolize and subject the fetus to ionizing radiation and periprocedural complications  
1446 should be weighed against the risk of no treatment. The feeding artery size threshold at  
1447 which to embolize asymptomatic pregnant patients has not been established but it  
1448 should likely follow recommendations for the general population of 2-3 mm. Pregnant  
1449 patients who are symptomatic from pulmonary AVM (e.g. hemorrhagic or neurologic

1450 complication), should undergo diagnostic CT and immediate treatment with  
1451 embolization, regardless of gestational age.

1452 In asymptomatic pregnant women, diagnostic chest CT imaging and treatment with  
1453 embolization should be delayed until after organogenesis is complete (12 weeks). This  
1454 timing is supported by the observation that 85-90% pulmonary AVM complications occur  
1455 in the second or third trimesters(182, 186). Thus, screening and treatment of  
1456 asymptomatic pulmonary AVMs should typically occur between 12-20 weeks of  
1457 gestational age. The estimated fetal dose for a maternal chest CT is less than 0.5 mGy,  
1458 and estimated fetal dose for pulmonary embolization is about 1-2 mGy(187). Fetal  
1459 radiation doses below 50 mGy are considered negligible (The American College of  
1460 Obstetricians and Gynecologists) and there are no known health effects associated with  
1461 fetal radiation at these levels of exposure. Considering the high risk of non-fatal  
1462 pulmonary AVM related complications during pregnancy (17%)(183) and mortality  
1463 (2%)(180), the benefit of embolization is favored over no treatment ,in most cases.

1464 Pregnant women with HHT who screen negative for pulmonary AVMs have similar  
1465 pregnancy risk as their non-HHT counterparts. After initial evaluation at a tertiary center,  
1466 they may be advised that they are suitable candidates for management outside of  
1467 tertiary level care with careful attention to known complications such as worsening  
1468 epistaxis and anemia. Patients should be counselled that they are not at higher risk of  
1469 miscarriage than the general population(183), outcomes are generally good, but they  
1470 need to be educated regarding signs and symptoms of severe complications.

1471 Given the absence of evidence that pregnancy increases the size of brain VMs or the  
1472 likelihood of hemorrhage, a diagnosis of pregnancy is not an indication for screening for  
1473 brain VMs. A retrospective series from 1995(182) did not include any cases of  
1474 intracranial hemorrhage among 161 pregnancies in 47 affected women. A second  
1475 cohort study from the same institution in 2008(180) (both retrospective and prospective)  
1476 followed up on 484 pregnancies in 197 non screened HHT women. There was one case  
1477 of subarachnoid hemorrhage during the second trimester of pregnancy and another  
1478 case of hemorrhage in the third trimester due to a brain AVM (0.4% rate of bleeding). A  
1479 third retrospective case series published in 2014(183) analyzed 244 pregnancies in 87  
1480 women with one case of intracranial hemorrhage (0.4%) in the postpartum period in a  
1481 previously unscreened patient. These published risks of brain AVM hemorrhage during  
1482 pregnancy appear similar to the hemorrhage rate of brain VMs in non-pregnant patients  
1483 with HHT, which is estimated at 0.4-1.0% per year(178, 188).

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1485 In cases of known, asymptomatic brain VMs, no intervention is typically required during  
1486 pregnancy, due to the low risk of hemorrhage(189, 190). There is no conclusive  
1487 evidence of an increased risk of first hemorrhage during pregnancy from brain VM(191).  
1488 However, some higher-risk situations should be recognized, including patients with  
1489 high-flow AV fistulae, patients with brain AVM and recent (< 2 years) clinical bleed,  
1490 patients with brain AVM and history of bleeding during a previous pregnancy, and  
1491 patients with complex brain VM with a neurosurgical opinion of higher bleeding risk. If a  
1492 brain VM ruptures during pregnancy, the re-bleed rate in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> trimester and  
1493 postpartum and is high ~27-30%(192, 193). Mortality from a brain VM bleed in  
1494 pregnancy is ~28%, which is higher than in the non-pregnant state(194). Even

1495 considering these higher-risk situations, there is no evidence justifying treating  
1496 unruptured and asymptomatic brain VMs in a pregnant person, given the risks of  
1497 radiosurgery, embolization and surgical resection, but a multi-disciplinary team should  
1498 make decisions on a case by case basis as to whether any intervention is required.

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1500 Pregnant women with a known brain VM may labor and attempt to undergo a  
1501 spontaneous vaginal delivery. There are no reports of pregnant people with HHT having  
1502 a brain VM bleed during labor. This supports the recommendations for vaginal delivery  
1503 as is done in pregnant people with brain VMs who do not have HHT. There may be  
1504 cases in which the opinion of the multidisciplinary team is that the patient should  
1505 undergo a caesarean section. This might include patients presenting with brain VM  
1506 symptoms in pregnancy, or patients with prior hemorrhage from brain VMs. In all  
1507 patients with brain VM, diligent management of blood pressure is imperative, to avoid  
1508 swings in either direction. Modification of general anesthesia to avoid hypertension is  
1509 prudent(194).

1510 The prevalence of spinal VMs in the HHT population is very low, although higher than  
1511 the general population. Routine screening for spinal VMs is not recommended due to  
1512 the rarity of spinal VMs in the thoracolumbar spine in asymptomatic people with HHT.  
1513 Pregnant women with HHT who have never had a spinal MRI should not have one just  
1514 because pregnancy is diagnosed. Unenhanced MRI only excludes medium or large  
1515 spinal VMs and gadolinium is contraindicated in pregnancy. Lomax et. al(194) mentions  
1516 that pregnancy may exacerbate the symptoms of spinal VM. In a case of a known spinal  
1517 VM, an anesthesiologist should be consulted to address anesthetic options on a case  
1518 by case basis. The prevalence of spinal VMs in HHT is 0.5%. Spinal VMs are  
1519 predominantly symptomatic in males and the pediatric population(195), are generally  
1520 perimedullary (rarely in the dural space), and usually involve the thoracic spine, with a  
1521 minority extending into the lumbar region (196). Since the majority of spinal VM in  
1522 patients with HHT are located perimedullary, this should not affect epidural anesthesia.

1523 There are two large studies of pregnancy in HHT and neither reported complications  
1524 from epidural or spinal anesthesia(180, 183). In one study there were 92  
1525 spinal/epidurals in 185 deliveries, and in the other study, there were 484 pregnancies;  
1526 no spinal hemorrhages were reported. Likewise, there are no case reports of patients  
1527 with HHT, who are asymptomatic of spinal VM, developing complications from spinal  
1528 VM secondary to spinal/epidural anesthesia. There is no evidence for routine screening,  
1529 and no evidence to deny an unscreened pregnant person an epidural. Epidural  
1530 anesthesia can safely be offered, and patients should be counseled that the risk of  
1531 complication with an epidural is theoretical. It is prudent to have an epidural/spinal  
1532 anesthetic performed by an experienced anesthetist.

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1535 **Recommendations**

1536 **PR1:** The expert panel recommends that clinicians discuss pre-conception and pre-  
1537 natal diagnostic options including pre-implantation genetic diagnosis with HHT affected  
1538 individuals. **Quality of Evidence: Very Low (Agreement 86%)**  
1539 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 83%)**

1540 Clinical Considerations: If the causative familial pathogenic variant is identified during  
1541 genetic testing of a parent, then it can be screened for in the future off-spring. Available  
1542 options vary internationally and are detailed below. The discussion will be influenced by  
1543 local legislation pertaining to pre-implantation diagnosis and termination of pregnancy.

- 1544 ● **Pre-implantation genetic diagnosis** where there is the option to transfer non-  
1545 affected embryos. The course of action desired should be discussed as part of the  
1546 pretest counselling.
- 1547 ● **Post-conception options** include Chorionic Villus Sampling (CVS) and  
1548 Amniocentesis. These invasive diagnostic options carry a small risk of miscarriage  
1549 (1% and <0.5% respectively). Given the risks, a discussion about what path the  
1550 pregnant person would take once results were available is imperative. If there is no  
1551 consideration of termination of pregnancy based on the HHT status of the fetus, then  
1552 these tests may be reserved for other indications, such as fetal anomalies or other  
1553 screen positive results.
- 1554 ● **Post-delivery:** parents can be offered genetic testing on cord blood of the infant at  
1555 time of delivery. While concerns exist for the testing of asymptomatic children for  
1556 adult onset conditions for which there is no potential benefit of testing in childhood,  
1557 childhood AVM screening is recommended in HHT (see pediatric section), with  
1558 treatment in selected cases,

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1560 **PR2:** The expert panel recommends testing with unenhanced MRI in pregnant women  
1561 with symptoms suggestive of brain VMs. **Quality of Evidence: Very Low (Agreement**  
1562 **98%)**  
1563 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 92%)**

1564 Clinical Considerations: MRI, without gadolinium, should be planned in second trimester  
1565 for symptomatic patients. Patients with previous cerebral hemorrhage likely have a  
1566 higher risk for re-bleeding in pregnancy, especially during 2nd and 3rd trimester.  
1567 Asymptomatic patients do not require routine screening during pregnancy, as there no  
1568 conclusive evidence of an increased risk of first hemorrhage during pregnancy from  
1569 brain VM(191).

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1571 **PR3:** The expert panel recommends that pregnant women with HHT who have not been  
1572 recently screened and/or treated for pulmonary AVM should be approached as follows:

- 1573 ● In asymptomatic patients, initial pulmonary AVM screening should be performed  
1574 using either agitated saline transthoracic contrast echocardiography (TTCE) or low-  
1575 dose non-contrast chest CT, depending on local expertise. Chest CT, when  
1576 performed, should be done early in the second trimester.

- 1577 ● In patients with symptoms suggestive of pulmonary AVM, diagnostic testing should  
1578 be performed using low-dose non-contrast chest CT. This testing can be performed  
1579 at any gestational age, as clinically indicated.  
1580 ● Pulmonary AVMs should be treated starting in the second trimester unless otherwise  
1581 clinically indicated.

1582 **Quality of Evidence: Moderate (Agreement 88%)**

1583 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 83%)**

1584 Clinical Considerations: The technique for pulmonary angiography and embolization for  
1585 pregnant patients(187) is similar to that in non-pregnant patients, with additional  
1586 measures to reduce radiation exposure to the fetus. This includes avoidance of  
1587 fluoroscopy over the abdomen and pelvis, use of low-dose fluoroscopy mode and/or  
1588 pulsed fluoroscopy, minimizing digital subtraction angiography (DSA) runs, and use of  
1589 tight collimation. For both CT and angiography, abdominal shielding is not helpful, and  
1590 may in fact increase scattered radiation to the fetus, and is therefore avoided.

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1592 **PR4:** The expert panel recommends that pregnant women with HHT be managed at a  
1593 tertiary care center by a multi-disciplinary team, if they have untreated pulmonary AVMs  
1594 and/or brain VMs OR have not been recently screened for pulmonary AVMs.

1595 **Quality of Evidence: Very Low (Agreement 94%)**

1596 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 85%)**

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1598 Clinical Considerations: Pregnant women with untreated pulmonary AVMs, and those  
1599 who have not been screened, should be considered high risk for hemorrhagic and  
1600 neurologic complications, and be managed accordingly by a high-risk team with HHT  
1601 expertise. Pregnant women with untreated brain AVMs should be assessed for high-risk  
1602 features, and managed accordingly.

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1604 **PR5:** The expert panel recommends not withholding an epidural because of a diagnosis  
1605 of HHT, and that screening for spinal vascular malformations is not required.

1606 **Quality of Evidence: Low (Agreement 98%)**

1607 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 92%)**

1608 Clinical Considerations: Patients should meet with an anesthetist during early third  
1609 trimester to discuss anesthesia options and review the only theoretical but  
1610 unsubstantiated risk of complications from spinal VM during epidural anesthesia.

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1612 **PR6:** The expert panel recommends that women with known, non-high risk brain VMs  
1613 can labor and proceed with vaginal delivery. Patients may require an assisted second  
1614 stage on a case by case basis. **Quality of Evidence: Moderate (Agreement 94%)**

1615 **Strength of the Recommendation: Strong (Agreement 94%)**

1616 Clinical Considerations. If a brain VM has not previously ruptured, patients may proceed  
1617 with mode of delivery based on obstetrical indications and discussion with their  
1618 obstetrical care provider. A vaginal delivery is not contra-indicated in this case. Patients  
1619 with “high risk” brain VMs should be considered for Cesarean section, OR epidural, to



1620 allow passive descent of the presenting part, with consideration for an assisted second  
1621 stage. Diligent management of blood pressure is imperative, in these higher risk cases,  
1622 and obtaining the opinion a multi-disciplinary neuro vascular team is prudent.  
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**Table 1.** Curaçao Criteria for clinical diagnosis of HHT.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Description</b>
Epistaxis	Spontaneous and recurrent
Telangiectases	Multiple, at characteristic sites: lips, oral cavity, fingers, nose
Visceral lesions	GI telangiectasia, pulmonary, hepatic, cerebral or spinal AVMs
Family history	A first degree relative with HHT according to these criteria

**Table 2.** HHT genetic testing is recommended for people at risk of HHT, in the following situations:

1. To identify the causative mutation in a family with clinically confirmed HHT
2. To establish a diagnosis in relatives of a person with a known causative mutation, including:
  - a. Individuals who are asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic
  - b. Individuals who desire prenatal testing
3. To assist in establishing a diagnosis of HHT in individuals who do not meet clinical diagnostic criteria

**Table 3:** Currently recommended clinical recommendations from the first International HHT Guidelines (1). Listed below are the clinical recommendations with  $\geq 80\%$  consensus at the first International HHT Guidelines AND which the 2019 International Guidelines Working Group agreed to maintain as current, and not reassess in 2019.

Diagnosis of HHT:
<p><b>1: The expert panel recommends that clinicians diagnose HHT using the Curaçao Criteria</b> (see Table1) or by identification of a causative mutation (Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: weak, 82% agreement).</p> <p><b>2: The expert panel recommends that clinicians consider the diagnosis of HHT in patients with one or more Curaçao criteria</b> (see Table 1) (Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: weak, 91% agreement).</p> <p><b>3: The expert panel recommends that asymptomatic children of a parent with HHT be considered to have possible HHT, unless excluded by genetic testing</b> (Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: weak, 87% agreement).</p> <p><b>4: The expert panel recommends that clinicians refer patients for diagnostic genetic testing for HHT</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. To identify the causative mutation in a family with clinically confirmed HHT</b></li> <li><b>2. To establish a diagnosis in relatives of a person with a known causative mutation, including:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. Individuals who are asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic</b></li> <li><b>b. Individuals who desire prenatal testing</b></li> </ol> </li> <li><b>3. To assist in establishing a diagnosis of HHT in individuals who do not meet clinical diagnostic criteria</b></li> </ol> <p>(Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: weak, 80% agreement)</p> <p><b>5: The expert panel recommends that for individuals who test negative for ENG and ACVRL1 coding sequence mutations, SMAD4 testing should be considered to identify the causative mutation</b> (Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: weak, 93% agreement).</p>
Epistaxis:
<p><b>1: The expert panel recommends that physicians advise patients with HHT-related epistaxis to use agents that humidify the nasal mucosa to prevent epistaxis</b> (Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: weak, 94% agreement).</p> <p><b>3: The expert panel recommends that clinicians refer HHT patients with epistaxis and who desire treatment to otorhinolaryngologists with HHT expertise for evaluation and treatment</b> (Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: weak, 87% agreement).</p> <p><b>4: The expert panel recommends that when considering nasal surgery for reasons other than epistaxis, the patient and clinician obtain consultation from an otorhinolaryngologists with expertise in HHT-related epistaxis</b> (Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: weak, 100% agreement).</p> <p><b>5: The expert panel recommends that the treatment for acute epistaxis requiring intervention include packing with material or products that have a low likelihood of causing re-bleeding with removal (e.g., lubricated low-pressure pneumatic packing)</b> (Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: weak, 93% agreement).</p>
Brain VMs:



**2: The expert panel recommends the use of MRI for brain VM screening in adults with possible or definite HHT using a protocol with and without contrast administration and using sequences that detect blood products, to maximize sensitivity**

(Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: weak, 100% agreement).

**4: The expert panel recommends that adults presenting with an acute hemorrhage secondary to a brain VM be considered for definitive treatment in a center with neurovascular expertise**

(Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: strong, 94% agreement).

**5: The expert panel recommends that all other adults with brain VMs be referred to a center with neurovascular expertise to be considered for invasive testing and individualized management**

(Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: strong, 84% agreement).

**6: The expert panel recommends that pregnant women with suspected or confirmed HHT harboring an asymptomatic brain VM during pregnancy have definitive treatment of their brain VM deferred until after delivery of their fetus. The expert panel recommends that the delivery of the fetus follow obstetrical principles**

(Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: weak, 80% agreement).

#### Pulmonary AVMs:

**1: The expert panel recommends that clinicians screen all patients with possible or confirmed HHT for pulmonary AVMs**

(Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: strong, 96% agreement).

**2: The expert panel recommends that clinicians use transthoracic contrast echocardiography as the initial screening test for pulmonary AVMs**

(Level of evidence: II, strength of recommendation: weak, 96% agreement).

**3: The expert panel recommends that clinicians treat pulmonary AVMs with transcatheter embolotherapy**

(Level of evidence: II, strength of recommendation: strong, 96% agreement).

**4: The expert panel recommends that clinicians provide the following long-term advice to patients with documented pulmonary AVMs (treated or untreated):**

**1. Antibiotic prophylaxis for procedures with risk of bacteremia**

**2. When IV access is in place, take extra care to avoid IV air**

**3. Avoidance of SCUBA diving**

(Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: weak, 87% agreement).

**5: The expert panel recommends that clinicians provide long-term follow-up for patients who have pulmonary AVMs, in order to detect growth of untreated pulmonary AVMs and also reperfusion of treated AVMs**

(Level of evidence: II, strength of recommendation: strong, 100% agreement).

#### Liver VMs:

**2: To clarify the diagnosis of HHT, the expert panel recommends screening for liver VMs, using Doppler US, in patients with 1 or 2 HHT diagnostic criteria and in whom genetic testing is either inconclusive or unavailable**

(Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: strong, 78% agreement)

**3: The expert panel recommends that liver biopsy be avoided in any patient with proven or suspected HHT**

(Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: strong, 97% agreement).

**4: The expert panel recommends that hepatic artery embolisation be avoided in patients with liver VMs as it is only a temporizing procedure associated with significant morbidity and mortality**

(Level of evidence: III, strength of recommendation: strong, 94% agreement)

**Table 4: Randomized Controlled Trials for Treatment of Epistaxis in HHT.** All trials were performed in adults (Age 18+) and included only patients with definite clinical diagnosis of HHT

Citation	Participants	Intervention	Design and Methods	Primary Outcome Measures	Primary Outcome Results
Boyer H. et al. Int Forum Allergy Rhinol. 2015. (25)	N=17	Sclerotherapy versus Control ("standard treatment", defined as continuation of any treatment that the patient had previously undergone)	RCT (crossover) Treatment= 6 weeks, each Washout period: None	Epistaxis severity score (ESS).	Improved ESS scores (0.95 difference, 1-sided p = 0.027). The standard deviation of the difference scores was 1.82.  Treatment order was not statistically significant.
Dupuis-Girod S. et al. JAMA 2016 (37)	N=80	Bevacizumab nasal spray (25mg, 50mg, or 75mg) for 4 weeks vs placebo nasal spray	RCT Phase II-III (placebo controlled) Treatment: doses 14 days apart for a total treatment duration of 4 weeks, resulting in a total dose of 75mg, 150mg, and 225mg in each treatment group.	Mean monthly epistaxis duration for 3 months AFTER end of treatment compared with 3 months BEFORE beginning of treatment.	No statistical difference was observed in mean monthly epistaxis duration among treatment groups and placebo (P = .57), with higher standard deviation than expected in trial design.
Gaillard S. et al. J Thromb Haemost. 2014 ATERO. (20)	N=135	Oral tranexamic acid (3g per day) versus placebo	RCT (double-blind, placebo controlled crossover): Treatment: 3 months, each	Mean monthly epistaxis duration for last 2 months of the treatment compared with the last 2 months on placebo.	The mean duration of epistaxis per month was significantly shorter with tranexamic acid than placebo (0.19 on the log scale; SD = 0.07; P = 0.005). This difference corresponded to a decrease of 17.3% in the duration of epistaxis per month (95% CI, 5.5–27.6).
Geisthoff U.W. et al. Thromb Res. 2014 (21)	N=22	Oral tranexamic acid (2g per day) versus placebo	RCT (double-blind, placebo controlled crossover): Treatment: 3 months, each. Washout period: None.	Delta Hemoglobin (final minus initial) for each treatment period	No significant difference in Delta Hemoglobin between tranexamic acid and placebo was detected (p=0.33, Mann-Whitney-U test).  Post-hoc analysis: Mean Hemoglobin concentrations were significantly greater for tranexamic acid versus placebo (p=0.013, Mann-Whitney-U test).
Riss D. et al. Head Neck. 2015 (38)	N=15	Single dose of intranasal submucosal injection of bevacizumab	RCT (double-blind, placebo controlled, parallel group, stratified by age and epistaxis severity). Patients received a single intranasal submucosal injection of 100 mg of bevacizumab in 10 mL saline or placebo (10 mL saline). 5 mL were injected into each side of the nose.	The relation of the average daily post treatment epistaxis VAS score (range, 0–100) compared to the average daily pretreatment score in the month before the intervention (R = VAS-post/VAS-pre), for days 11–84. Patients recorded in a diary their daily epistaxis VAS scores ranging from 0 (best situation) to 100 (worst case).	Average daily VAS scores dropped from 18.8 (±16.5 SD) pretreatment to 13.4 (±11.6 SD) posttreatment in the bevacizumab group and from 20.5 (±13.4 SD) to 19.7 (±12.6 SD) in the placebo group, though the relation of the average daily posttreatment VAS score compared to the average daily pretreatment score, did not show a statistically significant difference (p = .57).
Whitehead K. et al. JAMA 2016 (19)	N=121	Topical therapy with bevacizumab 1% (4 mg/d) OR estriol 0.1% (0.4 mg/d) OR tranexamic acid 10% (40 mg/d) nasal sprays	RCT Phase II (double-blind, placebo controlled, stratified by epistaxis frequency) 4 treatment groups (bevacizumab 1% (4 mg/d), estriol 0.1% (0.4 mg/d), tranexamic acid 10% (40 mg/d), or placebo (0.9% saline) for 12 weeks.	Median weekly epistaxis frequency (weeks 5–12) for each patient	Epistaxis frequency was not significantly different between any of the active drug groups and the placebo group or between any of the therapeutic agents
Yaniv E. et al. Laryngoscope 2009	N=25	Oral antiestrogen, Tamoxifen 20mg once daily	RCT (double-blind, placebo controlled) Treatment period=6 months. Washout period: None.	Frequency of epistaxis, duration of epistaxis, hemoglobin level	Epistaxis frequency was significantly less in the treatment groups (P = .01), as was epistaxis severity (P = .049) at 6 months. The was no significant difference in hemoglobin between groups at 6 months.

**Table 5: Lower Quality Uncontrolled Clinical Trials for Treatment of Epistaxis in HHT.** All trials were performed in adults (Age 18+) and included only patients with HHT diagnosis.

Citation	Study Design	Intervention	Outcome of Interest	Outcome Results
Reh D.D. et al. Laryngoscope 2013	Prospective study (N=20)	topical lubricant	ESS	Mean ESS improved (p<0.0001) at 3mo.
Fernandez-L.A. et al. Thromb Haemost 2007	Prospective study (N=14)	oral tranexamic acid	Epistaxis frequency&severity	100% patients improved
Zaffar N. et al. Ann Hematol. 2015 (22)	Retrospective study (N=29)	oral tranexamic acid	ESS	Mean ESS improved (p<0.001)
Jorgensen G. et al. Eur Arch Otorhinolaryngol 2011	Prospective study (N=30)	laser	Epistaxis duration	Epistaxis duration reduced (p<0.05) at 1.5 mo. & 6 mo.
Kuan E.C. et al. Lasers Med Sci 2017 (23)	Retrospective study (N=20)	laser	SNOT-22	Mean SNOT-22 improved at 1.5mo
Fiorella M.L. et al. ACTA otorhinolaryngologica italica 2012	Retrospective study (N=24)	laser (diode)	Epistaxis frequency&severity	Group improved
Poje G. et al. ENT-Ear, Nose & Throat Journal 2017	Retrospective study (N=17)	laser (diode)	Epistaxis frequency&severity	Group improved
Papaspyrou G. et al. ORL 2016	Retrospective study (N=38)	laser (Nd:YAG)	Need for recurrent intervention	Recurrent intervention in 18% at 3 years
Papaspyrou G. et al. Journal of Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery 2017	Prospective study	laser (Nd:YAG) +/- APC	Need for recurrent intervention	Recurrent intervention in 20-33% at 3-10 years
Abdelghany A. Clinical Otolaryngology 2013	Prospective study (N=16)	radiofrequency coblation	Epistaxis frequency&intensity	100% patients improved
Luk L. et al. Int Forum Allergy Rhinol 2014	Prospective cohort study (N=11)	radiofrequency coblation vs laser (KTP)	ESS	No significant difference in mean ESS, at 12mo.
Mortuaire G. et al. Rhinology 2013	Prospective study (N=16)	radiofrequency coblation	Epistaxis frequency&duration	Reduced mean epistaxis frequency (P<0.05) at 6mo.
Rotenberg B et al. Am J Rhinol Allergy 2015 (27)	Retrospective study (N=37)	radiofrequency coblation	ESS	Mean ESS improved (p=0.02) at 6 mo.
Boyer H. et al. Int Forum Allergy Rhinol 2011 (24)	Retrospective study (N=7)	sclerotherapy	Epistaxis frequency&severity	100% patients improved
Morais D. et al. Rhinology 2012	Retrospective study (N=45)	sclerotherapy	Epistaxis frequency&severity	95% patients improved
Pagella F. et al. Acta Otolaryngologica 2013	Retrospective study (N=26)	thermal coagulation (APC)	Epistaxis score	Mean score improved (P=0.005) at 12 mo.
Pagella F. et al. Am J Rhinol Allergy 2006	Prospective study (N=36)	thermal coagulation (APC)	Reported bleeding	100% reported reduction in bleeding at 6mo.
Al-Samkari H. et al. Blood 2018	Retrospective study (N=13)	IV bevacizumab	Epistaxis control	Epistaxis control (reduction in epistaxis grade to <2) was achieved in 85% of patients, from 0 patients at baseline (P<0.001)
Dupuis-Girod S. et al. JAMA 2012 (28)	Prospective study (N=25)	IV bevacizumab	Reported bleeding duration	Mean duration of epistaxis, significantly decreased from 221 minutes per mo. at baseline to 43 minutes per mo. at 3 mo. (p= 0.008).
Epperla N. et al. American Journal of Hematology 2016 (32)	Retrospective study (N=5)	IV bevacizumab	blood transfusions	blood transfusions were reduced from baseline in 5/5 patients
Iyer V. et al. Mayo Clin Proc 2018 (31)	Retrospective study (N=34)	IV bevacizumab	ESS	Significant reduction in ESS from baseline to 3mo (p<0.001)
Faughnan ME. et al. Angiogenesis 2019 (45)	Prospective study (N=7)	oral pazopanib	Epistaxis duration	6/7 patients had >50% decrease, from baseline to during treatment
Baysal M. et al. Turk J Hematol 2019 (44)	Retrospective study (N=6)	oral thalidomide	ESS	Mean ESS improved from pre-treatment (7.40 +/- 2.02) to post-treatment (3.10 +/- 1.79), significantly (p=0.028)
Fang J. et al. Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery 2017 (41)	Prospective study (N=7)	oral thalidomide	ESS	Mean ESS improved from pre-treatment (5.03 +/- 2.05), to end treatment (0.90 +/- 0.84, p= 0.003) and to 3 mo. after end treatment (1.98 +/- 1.33, p= 0.006), respectively.
Invernizzi R. et al. Lancet Haematol 2015 (42)	Prospective, Phase II (N=31)	oral thalidomide	frequency, intensity, or duration of epistaxis.	All patients responded to therapy with a significant decrease in all epistaxis parameters (p<0.0001 for frequency, intensity, and duration)
Lebrin F. et al. Nature Medicine 2010 (40)	Prospective study	oral thalidomide	Epistaxis severity	Self-reported severity of epistaxis improved in 5/7 (71%) of patients after treatment
Peng H. et al. Chin Med J 2015 (39)	Prospective study (N=5)	oral thalidomide	ESS	Mean ESS improved from pre-treatment (6.966 +/- 3.093) to post-treatment (1.799 +/- 0.627) significantly (p = 0.009)
Ichimura K. et al. Auris Nasus Larynx 2012	Prospective study (N=7)	nasal closure	Epistaxis cessation	57% had cessation of epistaxis
Lund V. et al. Rhinology 2017 (50)	Retrospective study (N=100)	nasal closure	Epistaxis cessation	50% of patients responded: 94% had cessation of epistaxis
Richer S. et al. Am J Rhinol Allergy 2012 (48)	Retrospective study (N=43)	nasal closure	Epistaxis cessation	84% of patients responded: 83% had cessation of epistaxis
Wirsching K. et al. Eur Arch Otorhinolaryngol 2017	Prospective study (N=20)	temporary nasal occlusion with tape	ESS	ESS decreased from pre-treatment median of 3.59 to post-treatment (at 3 mo.) median of 2.43, significantly (p = 0.01).
Harvey R. et al. Am J Rhinol Allergy 2008	Retrospective study (N=33)	septodermoplasty	Frequency of KTP laser	Number of KTP laser treatments decreased from 1.83 (+/-1.99) pre-septodermoplasty to 0.78 (+/-0.85) post-septodermoplasty, significantly (p=0.012).

Ichimura K. et al. Auris Nasus Larynx 2006	Retrospective study (N=15)	septodermoplasty	Patient satisfaction	100% of patients satisfied with procedure
Lesnik G. et al. Am J Rhinol Allergy 2007 (47)	Retrospective study (N=9, severe)	septodermoplasty plus septectomy	Epistaxis frequency, QOL and blood transfusions	All patients had improved self-reported QOL. blood transfusions were reduced from baseline 22.61/year to 9.57/year post-procedure ( $p < 0.05$ ).
Levine C. et al. Am J Rhinol Allergy 2008 (46)	Retrospective study (N=106)	septodermoplasty	QOL	62% of patients responded: 86% patients had improved QOL at mean 3.75 years
Rimmer J. et al. Laryngoscope 2014 (51)	Prospective study (N=7)	septodermoplasty	Epistaxis frequency&severity	100% of patients reported reduction in epistaxis frequency and severity

Citation	Population	Tests	Diagnostic Yields
Canzonieri C. et al. Genetics in Medicine 2014 (55)	Definite HHT, consecutive adults, 22 (13 male), mean age 59yrs (+/-9)	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy Capsule endoscopy Colonoscopy	82% 91% 10%
Chamberlain SM et al. Endoscopy 2007 (59)	Definite HHT, consecutive adults with suspected GI bleeding, 32/38 complete (18 male), mean age 54yrs (+/-13)	Capsule endoscopy	Any GI telangiectasia=81%. Gastric=28%. Proximal small bowel=56%. Mid small bowel=59% Distal small bowel=63%
Chetcuti Zammit S et al. Turk J Hematol 2018 (69)	Definite HHT, consecutive adults with suspected GI bleeding, 10 patients (6 male), mean age 63yrs (+/-14)	Capsule endoscopy (N=7)	Proximal small bowel=86%. Mid small bowel=11% Distal small bowel=33%
Greve E. et al. Gastrointestinal Endoscopy 2010 (54)	Definite HHT, consecutive adults with anemia and suspected GI bleeding, 30 patients (10 male), mean age 58yrs (+/-11)	Capsule endoscopy	Gastric=47%. Small bowel=87%
van Tuyl SA et al. Gastrointestinal Endoscopy 2007	Definite HHT, consecutive adults with anemia, 25 patients (13 male), mean age 49yrs (+/-15)dy	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy Capsule endoscopy Colonoscopy	67% 76% 32%

**Table 6B: Lower Quality Uncontrolled Clinical Trials for Treatment of GI Bleeding in HHT.** All trials were performed in adults (Age 18+) and included only patients with HHT diagnosis.

Citation	Study Design	Intervention	Outcome of Interest	Outcome Results
Zaffar N. et al. Ann Hematol 2015 (22)	Retrospective study (N=29, with 10 with GI bleeding)	oral tranexamic acid	Requirement for any GI-endoscopic intervention	Reduced from 80% pre-treatment to 40% on treatment (trend, p=0.07)
Al-Samkari H. et al. Journal of Internal Medicine 2019 (33)	Retrospective study (N=13, of whom 10 have GI bleeding)	IV bevacizumab	Change in hemoglobin. Reduction in pRBCs	Mean hemoglobin improved by 4g/dL or by 45% from the pre-treatment period to the maintenance period (P<0.001), pRBC requirements decreased by 92% from the pretreatment period to
Iyer V. et al. Mayo Clin Proc 2018 (31)	Retrospective study (N=34, with 19 with GI bleeding)	IV bevacizumab	Requirement for any GI-endoscopic intervention	Significant reduction in RBC transfusions (p=0.007) in the entire group (GI bleeders not reported separately)
Faughnan ME et al. Angiogenesis 2019 (45)	Prospective study (N=7)	oral pazopanib	Epistaxis duration	6/7 patients had >50% decrease, from baseline to during treatment

**Table 7A: Diagnostic accuracy of testing for Liver VMs in adults with definite HHT.** All studies were in adults (18 years+) and reported measures of diagnostic accuracy or agreement, for liver VMs.

Citation	Population	Tests	Operating Characteristics
Buonamico et al. 2008	Definite HHT (N=153)	US Doppler "colour spots". Using Multiphase CT as reference standard	Sensitivity=95% Specificity=68% Diagnostic accuracy = 92%,
Buscarini et al. 2008	Definite HHT (N=110)	US Doppler	Sensitivity=97-99% Specificity=97-99% Moderate inter-observer agreement (Kendall's coefficient of concordance=0.26) for severity
Cavel et al. 2016	Confirmed or suspected HHT (N=62)	US Doppler versus Multiphase CT	Significant disagreement with kappa=0.376 and a Bhapkar critical probability of P=0.0053. Staging of liver involvement was significantly more severe with CT in cases of disagreement.
Milot et al. 2008	Definite HHT (N=23) versus Controls (N=23)	MRI liver	Hepatic artery diameter: greater in patients with HHT than in the controls: 8.69+/-1.63 mm versus 5.17+/-0.44 mm, respectively (P<0.05). Vascular abnormalities: 91% HHT vs 0% Controls Ischemic cholangitis: 39% HHT vs 0% Controls Good interobserver agreement for vascular abnormalities (0.62) Moderate interobserver agreement (0.42) with biliary iscehmia.
Scardapane A. et al. Radiol med 2012 (137)	Definite HHT (N=52)	Multiphase CT versus 4D-MRA	CT Diagnostic Yield=69% MRA Diagnostic Yield=69% No significant difference accuracy Kappa=0.9 (good) for type of shunt
Wu J. et al. American Journal of Roentgenology 2006 (135)	Definite HHT and symptomatic liver VMs (N=24)	Multiphase CT	Diffuse telangiectasias: 100%. Dilated hepatic artery: 100%. Cardiomegaly: 48%. Hepatic arteriovenous shunt: 54%. Arterioportal shunt: 25%. Agreement between CT and clinical type: 54%

**Table 7B: Lower Quality Uncontrolled Clinical Trials for Treatment of Liver VMs in HHT. All trials were performed in adults (Age 18+) and included only patients with HHT**

Citation	Study Design	Intervention	Outcome of Interest	Outcome Results
Dupuis-Girod S. et al. JAMA 2012 (28)	Uncontrolled series (N=25, HHT with HOHF from liver VMs)	IV bevacizumab	Decrease in cardiac output (from high-output state)	Cardiac output improved or normalized in 83%
Azzopardi N. et al. mAbs 2015.	Uncontrolled series (N=25, HHT with HOHF from liver VMs)	IV bevacizumab (maintenance dosing)	Maintenance of improved cardiac output with different length bevacizumab intervals, after induction	Every 3 months: Maintained in 41% Every 2 months: Maintained in 45% Every 1 month: Maintained in 50% All at 24 months, respectively.
Chavan A. et al. American Journal of Hematology 2017 (30)	Uncontrolled series (N=21, HHT with symptomatic liver VMs)	IV bevacizumab	Clinical symptom improvement	Abdominal pain grade improved from $3.0 \pm 2.2$ (95% CI 1.99–3.91) pretherapy to $0.9 \pm 1.0$ post-therapy (95% CI 0.48–1.33) ( $P < .001$ ). Mean NYHA stage improving from $2.8 \pm 0.7$ (95% CI 2.49–3.13) pretherapy to $1.6 \pm 0.9$ (95% CI 1.25–1.99) ( $P < .0001$ ) following therapy. Mean epistaxis grade fell significantly from $2.4 \pm 0.8$ (95% CI 2.04–2.73) to $0.9 \pm 0.4$ (95% CI 0.70–1.01) ( $P < .0001$ ).
Lerut J et al. Annals of Surgery 2006 (127)	Uncontrolled case series (N=40)	Liver transplant	Survival post-transplant	1-, 5- and 10-year survival rates= 82.5%.
Dupuis-Girod S. et al. Liver Transplantation 2010 (142)	Uncontrolled case series (N=13)	Liver transplant	Survival post-transplant	Mean follow-up 109mo., Survival 92.3%
Liu ZC et al. Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg 2016	Uncontrolled series (N=13, HHT with symptomatic liver VMs)	Double banding/ligation of hepatic arteries	Clinical effectiveness measures	Cardiac function, classified per the New York Heart Association (NYHA) cardiac functional grading, improved (NYHA III-IV vs. NYHA I-II) Pulmonary arterial pressure significantly decreased in all patients ( $48 \pm 8$ mmHg vs. $24 \pm 4$ mmHg; $P < .001$ ). Gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase and alkaline phosphatase decreased in 11 patients ( $144 \pm 94$ U/L vs. $71 \pm 34$ U/L; $P = .003$ ) and 10 patients ( $207 \pm 71$ U/L vs. $105 \pm 32$ U/L; $P = .001$ ), respectively.



<b>Table 8A: Diagnostic accuracy of testing for Pulmonary AVMs in children with definite HHT. All studies were in children (&lt;18 years) with reported measures of diagnostic accuracy or agreement for pulmonary AVMs.</b>			
<b>Citation</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Tests</b>	<b>Operating Characteristics</b>
Soysal N. et al. Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg 2017	Definite HHT ( N=59)	High-resolution CT chest	Yield: pulmonary AVMs 25%
Al-Saleh S. et al. Eur Respir J 2012	Definite HHT (N=75)	TTCE screening chest (reference standard)	Intraobserver and interobserver agreement for interpreting TTCE results were excellent (kappa = 0.97 and 0.92, respectively) Sensitivity=100% , Specificity=82% PPV=39% , NPV=100%
Karam C. et al. Echocardiography 2015	Definite HHT (N=93)	TTCE screening chest (reference standard)	Yield: Pulmonary AVMs 52%. Sensitivity=100%, Specificity= 95%, PPV=96%, NPV=100%
Fernandopulle N. et al. The Journal of Pediatrics 2018 (158)	Possible HHT (N=293)	TTCE screening chest (reference standard)	TTCE positive: 26%. Bubble timing was significantly associated with need for treatment (p=0.008) Shunt intensity was significantly associated with presence of CT-detectable PAVMs (p<0.001) and need for intervention (p=0.005)
Westermann C. et al. American Journal of Medical Genetics 2003	Definite HHT (N=112)	Screening with pulse oximetry and chest X-ray	Yield: Pulmonary AVMs 22%, of whom 48% had had serious complication
Hosman A. et al. Pediatric Pulmonology. 2017 (155)	Definite HHT (N=175)	Screening with pulse oximetry and chest X-ray	Yield: Pulmonary AVMs 22%, of whom 85% required embolization

**Table 8B: Lower Quality Uncontrolled Clinical Trials for Treatment of Pulmonary AVMs and Brain VMs in HHT.**All trials were performed in children (<18 years) and included only patients with HHT diagnosis.

Citation	Study Design	Intervention	Outcome of Interest	Outcome Results
Faughnan ME et al. The Journal of Pediatrics 2004 (154)	Definite HHT and pulmonary AVMs(N=42)	Transcatheter embolization of pulmonary AVMs	Reperfusion rate and safety	Reperfusion in 15% of embolized pulmonary AVMs No serious or long-term procedural complications
Meybodi AT et al. Neurosurgery 2018 (174)	Definite HHT and brain VMs (N=6 children treated)	Surgical management of brain VMs	Neurological outcomes	5/6 children: improved or stable mRS post-op and 1/6 had temporarily worsened mRS worsened post-op
Klings T. et al. Neuroradiology 2005	Definite HHT and brain VMs (N=25 children treated, including 14 with brain AVFs)	Embolization	Clinical outcomes	87% patients had stabilization of the disease, ameliorating the symptoms or even complete resolution.

**Figure 1: Literature Search Results**

<b>Topic Group</b>	<b>Total Search Results Screened (Title / Abstract)</b>	<b>Results Reviewed in Full Text</b>	<b>Total Number of Studies Included</b>
Anemia / iron deficiency and anticoagulation	189	47	20 (lower quality)
Liver VMs	240	60	43 (lower quality)
GI bleeding	332	28	20 (lower quality)
Epistaxis	293	121	8 (RCTs) 89 (lower quality)
Pregnancy	92	31	6 (lower quality)
Pediatrics	430	162	35 (lower quality)
Total	1,576	449	221

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