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#### DISCUSSANT

DR. DMITRI OLEYNIKOV (Omaha, NE): I enjoyed your presentation very much today. The paper presented analyzed the incidence of VTE in a number of laparoscopic procedures to see if risk is different between those procedures. The authors used the NSQIP database to study this question and found that the overall rate was 0.32%. They showed the highest risk was colorectal, and cholecystectomy and appendectomy had the lowest risks due to the fact that each group of patients is very different measured by its demographics.

The authors chose to compare them using a multi-variate analysis to see what factors predisposed development of VTE. These included steroids, preoperative blood transfusions, preoperative sepsis, and African American ethnicity. VTE was also shown to increase the odds of postoperative complications and death. The authors conclude the laparoscopic colorectal procedures have the highest risk of VTE. Unfortunately, the authors were not able to determine VTE prophylaxis was administered, and if that had any effect on the rate of VTE occurrence. It is clear, however, that VTE impacted patients' outcomes and therefore should be avoided if at all

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