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Summary

Introduction: Bleeding less, clotting more: Unravelling coagulation disorders in liver disease

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This session addresses the interpretation and management of haemostatic conditions in cirrhosis, where patients can experience both bleeding and thrombosis as expressions of the same rebalanced haemostatic system.

KEY POINTS

- The traditional view of cirrhosis patients as bleeders is becoming less accurate, as patients can have both thrombosis and bleeding simultaneously.
- The session will examine why some patients bleed despite reassuringly normal INR values and what rebalancing in haemostasis actually means.
- Traditional tests like INR and platelets will be evaluated for their ability to predict bleeding risk and inform decisions about portal vein thrombosis.
- The session will explore whether treatment and prophylaxis are truly useful and what pre-interventional lab work should or should not be performed.
- The speaker emphasizes that bleeding and thrombosis in cirrhosis are likely two expressions of the same haemostatic system, a concept relevant to patient management.

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