

TABLE 1.—*Derivation of study group of interviewed cases of idiopathic thromboembolism*

Records abstracted at all hospitals	2, 648
Rejected because of possibly predisposing condition	2, 288
Rejected for other reasons ¹	99
Accepted as suitable cases; two controls chosen per case	261
Interview not obtained; case unavailable	56
Interview not obtained; case refused	16
Interview not obtained; neither control available	14
Case-control pairs interviewed	175

¹ Sterility (35), psychiatric diagnosis (11), unmarried (in first two cities studied) (25), living outside area where interviews held (7), deceased (9), other (12).

TABLE 2.—*Diagnostic classification of interviewed cases*

Thrombophlebitis of lower extremity:	27
Superficial veins	81
Deep veins	7
Unspecified	4
Thrombophlebitis, other sites	19
Thrombophlebitis with pulmonary embolism	18
Pulmonary embolism	13
Intracranial (or carotid) vascular lesion	6
Retinal vascular lesion	
Total	175

TABLE 3.—*Diagnostic classification of interviewed control patients*

Acute surgical condition	33
Elective surgical condition	92
Acute infection	20
Traumatic condition	11
Evaluation and diagnosis	14
Other	5
Total	175

TABLE 4.—DISTRIBUTION OF CASES AND CONTROLS WITH REGARD TO CHARACTERISTICS ON WHICH MATCHING OF CASE AND CONTROL PAIRS WAS DONE

	Cases	Controls
Marital status at hospitalization (matched):		
Married	105	105
Unmarried	70	70
Race (matched, from hospital record):		
White	149	150
Nonwhite	26	25
Location of hospital (matched by hospital):		
Baltimore	9	9
Washington	17	17
Philadelphia	41	41
New York City	83	83
Pittsburgh	25	25
Year of discharge from hospital (matched within 6 months in either direction):		
1964	16	16
1965	45	43
1966	54	59
1967	45	45
1968	15	12
Hospital pay status (matched):		
Private	31	32
Semi-private	108	110
Ward	34	32
Other	2	1
Age at time of hospitalization (matched to within 5 years):		
15-19	27	26
20-24	49	50
25-29	26	26
30-34	23	21
35-39	18	19
40-44	32	33
Reproductive events (including women unmarried at hospitalization) (matched by parity classes as follows: 0, 1-2, 3+):		
Mean number of pregnancies	1.81	1.81
Mean number of live births	1.51	1.53
Mean number of children living in household at hospitalization	1.34	1.35

¹ One control on interview was white contradictory to hospital records—matched on all other variables.