tion, consistent with the phenotype of fibroblasts found in non-healing wounds.

**Methods:** Commercially available adult dermal fibroblasts were grown in physiologic glucose concentrations (PGC), serum starved (24 h), then exposed to either PGC (5.5 mM), or hyperglycemic glucose concentration (HGC) (25 mM) and evaluated at 24 and 48 hours. Cellular proliferation was determined by PCNA expression and MTT assay and conditioned media was analyzed for TGF-β secretion or MMP-2 and MMP-9 activity, by ELISA or gel zymography, respectively.

**Results:** HGC resulted in significantly decreased proliferation as measured by MTT assay when compared to PGC after both 24 and 48-hours. HGC resulted in a significantly decreased proliferation as determined by PCNA expression at 48 hours when compared to PGC (178,113 ± 86,068 vs. 386,579 ± 99123 AU, P=0.004, n=3). TGF-β secretion was significantly decreased by HGC at the 24-hour time point when compared to PGC (1606 ± 313 vs. 2341 ± 345 pg/ml, P=0.02, n=3). While, no differences were observed in MMP-9 activity from hyperglycemic media, there was a significant decrease in MMP-2 activity, after 48 hours, in the conditioned media from cells exposed to HGC when compared to PGC controls.

**Conclusions:** These results suggest that hyperglycemic conditions of metabolic syndrome and diabetes may contribute, in part, to the development of venous ulcers and non-healing wounds by the inhibition of fibroblast proliferation and MMP-2 and TGF-β secretion.

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**Multisystem Trauma Patients with Venous Thromboembolism have Increased Circulating Microparticles**

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**Objectives:** Multisystem trauma incurs significant venous thromboembolism (VTE) risk. Membrane-shed circulating annexin V+ microparticles (MPs) carrying tissue factor (TF) are released from activated cells and implicated in cancer-associated thrombosis. The objective of this study is to quantitate circulating MPs in trauma patients with and without VTE, in order to identify a role for circulating MPs in trauma-related thrombosis.

**Methods:** Plasma was obtained from patients admitted to the trauma ICU based upon pre-existing criteria and from healthy volunteers according to an IRB-approved protocol. Plasma was incubated with annexin V+ and MPs analyzed using FACS.

**Results:** Of the patients studied (n=10), trauma patients with VTE had more circulating annexin V+ MPs (2018.3 MPs per ul) than did trauma patients without VTE (874.7 MPs per ul). All trauma patients had increased circulating annexin-V+ MPs compared to their matched controls (Fig. 1).

**Conclusions:** Our preliminary data demonstrate that multisystem trauma patients who develop VTE have increased circulating annexin V+ MPs, suggesting a role for MPs in trauma-related VTE. Our ongoing investigation will potentially lead to the identification of novel VTE risk biomarkers and new antiocoagulation targets.

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**Pathophysiologic Correlation of Fat Emboli Load during Medullary Canal Pressurization: The Effect of Temporary Intravenous Filtration**

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**Objectives:** Patients with femoral shaft fractures treated with intramedullary nailing (IMN) are at increased risk for pulmonary fat embolization. The purpose of this study was to: 1) demonstrate the ability of retrievable filters to capture medullary debris 2) evaluate how filtration affects cardiovascular physiology after IMN and 3) evaluate lung pathology to determine whether filtration affects fat emboli load.

**Methods:** Canines were anesthetized and hemodynamic monitoring established. Carotid embolic protection filters were introduced into the iliac vein and ipsilateral intramedullary reaming and nailing was performed. Control group (4) was compared to groups treated with Accu-