

venous thrombosis, represents the most common manifestation of the antiphospholipid syndrome (APS) and may be the earliest manifestation of the disease. There is no difference clinically from an embolism in patients without APS. Recurrent pulmonary emboli can lead to pulmonary hypertension, which in severe cases can be associated with tricuspid insufficiency. A variety of patients with APS can present with widespread thrombotic occlusion affecting small pulmonary arteries or capillary lumens of the alveoli. However, involvement

of major pulmonary artery is a rare manifestation. Venous thromboembolism, mainly of the lower extremities, can occur in up to 55% of patients with APS.

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