

Glassman animation

Deep veins carry the body's blood back to the heart and are located deep within the muscles.

Blood clots can sometimes form inside a vein. When this occurs, the blood clot is called a "thrombus."

An embolus is a piece of a thrombus that has broken off and is traveling in the bloodstream.

The embolus may travel to and become lodged in an artery in the lung. This is called a "pulmonary embolism."