

Mandatory Risk Assessment for Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) for Medical and Surgical Inpatients

NB To be performed on clerking, after 24 hours, when clinical situation changes significantly and on discharge

Addressograph must be on every page

Name

Address

DOB

Hospital No.

NHS No.

Step 1: Choose Patient Type.	On Clerking:	24 hours later:	Date:	Date:	On Discharge Date:					
Surgical Inpatient Follow guideline 733fm Appendix 8: VTE Prevention Flowchart in Surgical Inpatients, fill in this VTE Risk Assessment and prescribe appropriate thromboprophylaxis										
Medical Inpatient EXPECTED to have ongoing reduced mobility relative to normal state. Follow guideline 733fm Appendix 10: VTE Prevention Flowchart in Medical Inpatients, fill in this VTE Risk Assessment and prescribe appropriate thromboprophylaxis										
Medical Inpatient NOT EXPECTED to have ongoing reduced mobility relative to normal state. Risk Assessment Now Complete. Thromboprophylaxis not usually required										
Step 2: Assess the thrombosis risk: if any boxes are ticked, the patient should receive thromboprophylaxis as per VTE prevention flowcharts in guideline 733fm. This list is not exhaustive - if in doubt, ask your senior.										
Active cancer or cancer treatment or cancer surgery					*					
Age >60										
Dehydration										
Obesity (BMI >30kg/m ²)					*					
One or more medical comorbidities										
Tested positive for COVID19 on or during this admission					*					
See VTE COVID19 guideline 66fm for inpatient and discharge thromboprophylaxis					*					
Personal or FH of VTE or inherited or acquired thrombophilia					*					
Current or recent use of HRT or combined OCP										
Varicose veins with phlebitis										
Pregnancy or <6 weeks postpartum										
See Maternity VTE guideline 646fm and use the obstetric risk assessment proforma										
Significantly reduced mobility for 3 days or more					*					
Surgery within the last 12 weeks or any surgery with significant reduction in mobility										
Acute surgical admission with intra-abdominal or inflammatory condition										
Surgery involving pelvis or lower limb with a total anaesthetic + surgical time >60 minutes (including open and laparoscopic urological and gynaecological surgery, THR, TKR, NOFs and hip, pelvis and femur fragility fractures)					*					
Elective and emergency orthopaedic spinal involvement requiring conservative or surgical management										
Follow guideline 733fm Appendix 9: VTE Prophylaxis in Trauma and Orthopaedic Spinal Patients					*					
Fitted with temporary lower limb immobilisation or new onset inability to weight bear or new walking aid					*					
Complex non-cancer surgery (including surgery on patients with significant VTE risk factors, suspected malignancy a/w histology, prolonged total anaesthetic >90 minutes or significant blood loss requiring blood transfusion)					*					
Critical care admission										
Step 3: Assess the safety of administering prophylactic dalteparin/fondaparinux or oral anticoagulants. If any boxes are ticked, seek advice before omitting pharmacological prophylaxis.										
Active Bleeding	Advice									
Anticoagulants: therapeutic doses of UFH or LMWH, warfarin with INR >2 or Direct oral anticoagulants	Advice									
Inherited or acquired bleeding disorders (such as haemophilia or liver failure)	Advice									
Acute stroke in the last 14 days	Policy									
Follow guideline 733fm Appendix 11: VTE Prophylaxis in Acute Stroke Patients										
Platelets <50 x 10 ⁹ /L	Advice									
Creatinine clearance <30 ml/min (dose adjustment not required for short term prophylactic dose dalteparin (<10days))	Policy									
Hypertension - BP >230/120	Advice									
Neurosurgery, spinal surgery or eye surgery or other surgery with high bleeding risk	Advice									
Interventional Radiology procedure with high bleeding risk (Example: liver/lung/prostate/lymphnode/bone/breast biopsy, ascitic/pleural drainages, lumbar puncture, joint/nerve root injections). Check anticoagulation protocol for each of these procedures in SOP 'All Interventional procedures performed in radiology' page 28	Advice									
Heparin allergy or previous heparin induced thrombocytopenia	Policy									
Lumbar puncture/epidural catheter in situ/spinal anaesthesia performed within the last 4 hours or expected within the next 12 hours	Policy									
Needle phobia (consider Rivaroxaban 10mg OD as VTE prophylaxis after discussing with pharmacist and consultant - UNLICENSED USE)	Advice									
Step 4: Assess for contraindications before prescribing mechanical prophylaxis. Prescribe Antiembolism Stockings for all surgical patients, for medical patients with contraindications to pharmacological prophylaxis and high risk medical patients (cancer, reduced mobility, BMI>30, previous VTE). Prescribe Intermittent Pneumatic Compression for the same type of patients who spend large portions of the day in bed or in a chair (2 or more hours straight). If prescribed, use stockings and/or pneumatic compression day and night and continue until discharge.										
Anticoagulants: therapeutic dose of UFH or LMWH, warfarin with INR>2 or Direct Oral Anticoagulant										
Massive leg oedema, heart failure										
Suspected/proven peripheral arterial disease or peripheral arterial bypass surgery										
Sensory impairment										
Acute stroke (use Intermittent pneumatic compression only)										
Skin - fragile, damaged, ulcerated, recent grafts										
Known allergy to material of manufacture										
Step 5: Thromboprophylaxis Decision - Ensure you prescribe on the next page.										
Prophylactic Dose Dalteparin S/C or UFH S/C or Fondaparinux S/C or Rivaroxaban PO	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
Therapeutic Dalteparin S/C or UFH S/C or Fondaparinux S/C	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
DOAC	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
Warfarin	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
Bridging required	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
Antiembolism stockings	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
Intermittent pneumatic compression	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
Discharge prophylaxis required	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
Signature										

*On discharge, if any highlighted boxes are ticked patient may require discharge prophylaxis. Refer to sections 6 and 7 of guideline 733fm and discuss with the consultant.

NURSING STAFF: Record administration of a medicine by initialling the box.
Time critical medicines - record action taken on front of chart if NOT given.