



## Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Champion Role Description

<b>Role Title:</b>	VTE Prevention Champion
<b>Reports to:</b>	VTE Clinical Nurse Specialist/VTE Lead
<b>Role Rationale &amp; Aims</b>	
Hospitalised patients are 2-3 times more likely, to develop VTE. VTE is a Department of Health <b>major patient safety issue</b> . National and local guidance aim to reduce the risk of patient harm from hospital associated thrombosis. Successful implementation relies on knowledgeable health care professionals in local clinical areas championing quality VTE prevention care.	
By working with the VTE lead/team, the VTE prevention champion role aims to;	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ improve the quality of VTE prevention care in their clinical area</li><li>✓ act as a resource for their clinical area</li><li>✓ promote VTE information giving to patients and their families</li><li>✓ facilitate communication between clinical areas and the thrombosis team/lead</li></ul>	
<b>Requirements</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To have an identified interest in VTE prevention and anticoagulation</li><li>• To agree to take on the responsibilities of the role outlined below</li></ul>	
<b>Role Responsibilities</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete VTE <u>e-learning module</u>/Trust VTE education</li><li>• Promote best practice by actively implementing local VTE policies and procedures</li><li>• Undertake VTE audit and quality improvement projects in their area</li><li>• Participate in VTE teaching and support locally</li><li>• Promote and facilitate VTE information giving to patients and their families/carers</li><li>• Act as a visible VTE resource for both staff and patients</li><li>• Attend VTE Prevention Champion meetings</li><li>• Escalate issues with potential to impact the quality of VTE prevention care to the VTE prevention lead</li><li>• Identify learning or skill deficits amongst local staff and take action to remedy</li><li>• Support review of hospital associated thrombosis cases in local clinical area and disseminate learning</li></ul>	
<b>Professional Development &amp; Support</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A certificate of attendance will be provided for each training session</li><li>• Support to undertake audit, quality improvement and education</li><li>• Role should be incorporated into annual appraisal objectives and professional revalidation</li><li>• Close communication with VTE lead</li><li>• Regular meetings for education and support</li></ul>	
<b>VTE Champion Name &amp; Signature</b>	
Date	
<b>VTE Lead Name &amp; Signature</b>	
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