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### Evaluation of Venous Thromboembolism Prevention Practices in U.S. Hospitals

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the evaluation of venous thromboembolism (VTE) prevention practices in U.S. hospitals. It is important to note that the questionnaire is focused on providing an accurate snapshot of current VTE activities in U.S. hospitals. There are no right, or wrong answers and the questions are not intended to suggest that hospitals should be doing certain activities.

#### Instructions for completing this questionnaire:

- Use the back and forward arrows at the bottom of each page to navigate the pages on the questionnaire.
- Italicized words are instructional.
- For words that are underlined, hover over the word and a definition is provided. Please note that you will not be able to see definitions of underlined words if you are taking this survey on your mobile device.
- There are no required questions. You are free to skip any question that you choose.
- Your answers are automatically saved and you can exit and re-enter to continue responding to the questionnaire as long as you have not clicked the 'Submit' button on the last page.
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**About this questionnaire**

This questionnaire consists of two major sections:

Section I. Hospital-level VTE Prevention Practices

- A. VTE prevention policy and protocol in your hospital
- B. VTE prevention team
- C. VTE data collection and reporting

Section II. VTE Prevention Practices in General Medical and General Surgical Units

- A. VTE risk assessment
- B. VTE prophylaxis safety considerations
- C. Ambulation protocol and VTE prevention education
- D. VTE prophylaxis monitoring and support



### Definitions and Key Abbreviations

For questions specific to units / services, use the following definitions:

General **medical** unit(s) / services includes adult patients 18 years or older. This excludes patients located in the following units: critical care unit, sub-specialty services / units, pediatric, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatric, and substance abuse.

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If your hospital has a combined medical and surgical unit and the unit typically has greater than or equal to 50% medical patients in this unit, include in general medical unit(s). If it is less than 50% medical patients in this combined unit, then include in surgical unit.

#### Key abbreviations

CDS = Clinical Decision Support

CMS = Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

DVT = Deep vein thrombosis

HIIN = Hospital Improvement Innovation Network

PE = Pulmonary embolism

RAM = Risk assessment model

VTE = Venous thromboembolism



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## I. HOSPITAL-LEVEL VTE PREVENTION PRACTICES

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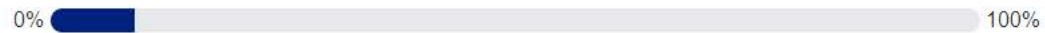
### A. VTE prevention policy and protocol(s)

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1. Does your hospital have a VTE prevention policy?

- No, we do not have a VTE prevention policy
- Yes





2. Does your VTE prevention policy apply to all patients in the hospital?

- No
- Yes
- Unknown

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3. Have you experienced barriers to formulating a hospital-wide VTE prevention policy?

- No
- Yes
- Unknown





4. How significant were the following potential barriers in establishing a hospital-wide VTE prevention policy? Answer each of the following

	Not at all significant 1	2	Neutral 3	4	Highly significant 5	Unknown No Opinion
4a. Not a hospital priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4b. Lack of hospital leadership support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4c. Lack of a VTE prevention champion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4d. Lack of time or human resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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5. Does your hospital have a hospital-wide VTE prevention protocol?

- No  
 Yes



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6. Is there a unit-specific VTE prevention protocol for any of the following?

- General **medical** units / wards only
- General **surgical** units / wards only
- For both general **medical** and general **surgical** units/ wards
- No, we do not have any unit specific protocols
- Other, *specify:*

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**B. VTE prevention team**

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7. Does your hospital or hospital system have a VTE prevention team (committee or work group)?

- No
- Yes, we have a designated team that focuses specifically on VTE prevention
- Yes, VTE is addressed by another committee, *specify:*





8. Does the VTE prevention team (committee or work group) have representation from two or more hospital departments?

- No  
 Yes  
 Unknown

9. How many people are on the VTE prevention team (committee or work group)?

- 2-5  
 6-12  
 13-20  
 ≥ 21

10. What healthcare professional(s) comprise the VTE prevention team (committee or work group)? *Check all that apply*

*Note: May check dual roles. For example, if a team member has the role of officer and nurse, both can be checked*

- Administrators or Officers  
 Physicians  
 Nurses  
 Quality Improvement representative(s)  
 Pharmacists  
 Information Technology / Informatics  
 Respiratory Therapist  
 Rehabilitation Professional  
 Others, *specify:*

Others, *specify:*

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11. How often does the VTE prevention team (committee or work group) meet?

- Annually
- Quarterly
- Monthly
- Weekly
- Other, *specify:*

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12. Has your hospital participated in a [Hospital Improvement Innovation Network \(HIIN\)](#) project on improving patient safety that addressed VTE prevention?

- No
- Yes
- Unknown

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**C. VTE data collection and reporting**

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13. Which, if any, of the following VTE data does your hospital currently collect over time? *Check all that apply*

- Number of newly diagnosed cases of hospital-associated DVT or PE that occur as a result of hospitalization, surgery, or other healthcare treatment or procedure
- Percentage of patients with a VTE risk assessment
- Percentage of patients receiving appropriate VTE prophylaxis
- Number of patients with bleeding events and / or complications related to anticoagulant prophylaxis
- Other, *describe:*



None

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14. Does your hospital review hospital-associated VTE events?

- No
- Yes, some events
- Yes, all events
- Unknown

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15. Does your hospital review adverse events and complications from anticoagulant prophylaxis?

- No
- Yes, some events
- Yes, all events
- Unknown

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16. Does your hospital externally report VTE data to a private, state, or federal agency?

- No
- Yes
- Unknown





17. To whom is the data reported? *Check all that apply*

CMS Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program (e.g. electronic clinical quality measures VTE1, VTE2 for VTE prophylaxis)

State, *specify:*

The Joint Commission

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (e.g., PSI90, PSI12)

Other, *specify:*





## II. VTE PREVENTION PRACTICES IN GENERAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SERVICES / UNITS

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**A. VTE risk assessment**

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18. Which patients are routinely assessed for VTE risk?

- Patients in general **medical** units only
- Patients in general **surgical** units only
- Patients in both general **medical** and general **surgical** units
- Neither general medical nor general surgical but other specialty groups of patients
- None





19a. Who conducts VTE risk assessment for general **medical** patients? *Check all that apply*

- Physician
- Nurse Practitioner / Physician Assistant
- Nurse
- Pharmacist
- Other, *specify:*

19b. Who conducts VTE risk assessment for general **surgical** patients? *Check all that apply*

- Physician
- Nurse Practitioner / Physician Assistant
- Nurse
- Pharmacist
- Other, *specify:*

20. Which services / units use a standardized VTE risk assessment?

- General **medical** only
- General **surgical** only
- Both general **medical** and general **surgical**
- Neither general medical nor general surgical but other specialty groups of patients
- None

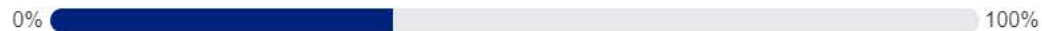




21. When is VTE risk assessment performed on general **medical** patients? *Check all that apply*

- On admission
- On transfer to another unit / service or level of care
- Daily or more often
- On discharge from the hospital
- Other, *specify:*





21a. Is the risk assessment on general **medical** patients mandatory or optional on admission?

- Mandatory
- Optional

21b. Is the risk assessment on general **medical** patients mandatory or optional on transfer to another unit / service?

- Mandatory
- Optional

21c. Is the daily risk assessment on general **medical** patients mandatory or optional?

- Mandatory
- Optional

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21d. Is the risk assessment on general **medical** patients mandatory or optional on discharge from the hospital?

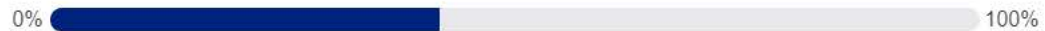
- Mandatory
- Optional

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22. When is VTE risk assessment performed on general **surgical** patients? *Check all that apply*

- On admission
- On transfer to another unit / service or level of care
- Daily or more often
- On discharge from the hospital
- Other, *specify:*





22a. Is the risk assessment on general **surgical** patients mandatory or optional on admission?

- Mandatory
- Optional

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22b. Is the risk assessment on general **surgical** patients mandatory or optional on transfer to another unit / service?

- Mandatory
- Optional

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22c. Is the daily risk assessment on general **surgical** patients mandatory or optional?

- Mandatory
  - Optional
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22d. Is the risk assessment on general **surgical** patients mandatory or optional on discharge from the hospital?

- Mandatory
  - Optional
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23a. If you use a VTE risk assessment model for your **medical** patients, is it based on an externally published risk assessment model?

- No, we use a standardized VTE risk assessment model for our **medical** patients that is not based on an externally published risk assessment model
  - Yes
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23b. If you use a VTE risk assessment model for your **surgical** patients, is it based on an externally published risk assessment model?

- No, we use a standardized VTE risk assessment model for our **surgical** patients that is not based on an externally published risk assessment model
  - Yes
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24a. Which type of qualitative risk assessment model is being used for general **medical** patients?

- We do not use a qualitative risk assessment model for general **medical** patients
- 3-bucket/University of California San Diego (UCSD) as published
- Modified 3-bucket, *describe:*

- Other, or internally developed consensus model *specify:*

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24b. Which type of quantitative risk assessment model is being used for general **medical** patients?

- We do not use a quantitative risk assessment model for general **medical** patients
- Caprini (as published)
- Modified Caprini
- Kucher (as published)
- Modified Kucher
- IMPROVE Predictive (as published)
- IMPROVE Associative (as published)
- Intermountain Health (as published)
- Modified Intermountain Health
- Padua (as published)
- Modified Padua
- Other, or internally developed consensus model *specify:*

24c. Which type of qualitative risk assessment model is being used for general **surgical** patients?

- We do not use a qualitative risk assessment model for general **surgical** patients
- 3-bucket/University of California San Diego (UCSD)
- Modified 3-bucket, *describe:*

- Other, or internally developed consensus model *specify:*

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24d. Which type of quantitative risk assessment model is being used for general **surgical** patients?

- We do not use a quantitative risk assessment model for general **surgical** patients
- Caprini (as published)
- Modified Caprini
- Kucher (as published)
- Modified Kucher
- IMPROVE Associative (as published)
- IMPROVE Predictive (as published)
- Modified IMPROVE
- Intermountain Health (as published)
- Modified Intermountain Health
- Padua (as published)
- Modified Padua
- Other, or internally developed consensus model *specify:*

25a. In what format is the VTE risk assessment model implemented for general **medical** services / units? *Check all that apply*

- Electronic (with the exception of EMR downtime)
- Paper
- Other, *specify:*

25b. In what format is the VTE risk assessment model implemented for general **surgical** services / units? *Check all that apply*

- Electronic (with the exception of EMR downtime)
- Paper
- Other, *specify:*

26a. Do you systematically review information on your general **medical** patients' VTE risk assessments to monitor adherence to your VTE prevention policy and / or protocol for internal quality purposes?

- No
- Yes
- Not applicable, we do not have a VTE prevention policy or protocol



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26b. Do you systematically review information on your general **surgical** patients' VTE risk assessments to monitor adherence to your VTE prevention policy and / or protocol for internal quality purposes?

- No
- Yes
- Not applicable, we do not have a VTE prevention policy or protocol

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27. Does your hospital calculate the proportion of patients with a risk assessment completed on admission?

- No
- Yes, for **medical** patients only
- Yes, for **surgical** patients only
- Yes, for both **medical** and **surgical** patients
- Unknown





28a. In your opinion, how difficult would it be to calculate the proportion of patients with a risk assessment completed on admission for general **medical** patients?

Not at all difficult 1	2	Neutral 3	4	Extremely difficult 5	Unknown/ No opinion
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#### B. VTE prophylaxis safety considerations

29. Which patients are routinely assessed for bleeding risk during the hospital stay?

- General **medical** patients only
- General **surgical** patients only
- Both general **medical** and general **surgical** patients
- Neither general medical nor general surgical but other specialty groups of patients
- None





28b. In your opinion, how difficult would it be to calculate the proportion of patients with a risk assessment completed on admission for general **surgical** patients?

Not at all difficult 1	2	Neutral 3	4	Extremely difficult 5	Unknown/ No opinion
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#### B. VTE prophylaxis safety considerations

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- General **medical** patients only
- General **surgical** patients only
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- Neither general **medical** nor general **surgical** but other specialty groups of patients
- None





30a. Who conducts the bleeding risk assessment for your general **medical** patients?

*Check all that apply*

- Physician
- Nurse Practitioner / Physician Assistant
- Nurse
- Pharmacist
- Other, *specify:*

30b. Who conducts the bleeding risk assessment for your general **surgical** patients?

*Check all that apply*

- Physician
- Nurse Practitioner / Physician Assistant
- Nurse
- Pharmacist
- Other, *specify:*

Other, *specify:*

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31a. Is the bleeding risk assessment model for your general **medical** patients based on an externally published model?

No, we use an internally developed consensus model, *describe:*

Yes

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31b. Is the bleeding risk assessment model for your general **surgical** patients based on an externally published model?

No, we use an internally developed consensus model, *describe:*

Yes

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32a. What is the model being used for bleeding risk assessment in your general **medical** services / unit(s)?

- IMPROVE
- HAS-BLED Score
- Modified version of one of the above, *describe:*

- Other, or internally developed consensus model *specify:*

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32b. What is the model being used for bleeding risk assessment in our general **surgical** services / unit(s)?

- IMPROVE
- HAS-BLED Score
- Modified version of one of the above, *describe:*

- Other, or internally developed consensus model *specify:*

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33a. Is documentation of any contraindications to anticoagulant prophylaxis required in your general **medical** services / unit(s)?

- No
- Yes
- Unknown

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33b. Is documentation of any contraindications to anticoagulant prophylaxis required in your general **surgical** services / unit(s)?

- No
- Yes
- Unknown

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**C. Ambulation protocol and VTE prevention education**

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34a. Is there an ambulation protocol for your general **medical** patients?

- No

Yes

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34b. Is there an ambulation protocol for your general **surgical** patients?

No

Yes

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35a. Is VTE prevention education, including the importance of VTE prophylaxis, provided for general **medical clinicians** as least annually?

No

Yes

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35b. Is VTE prevention education, including the importance of VTE prophylaxis, provided for general **surgical clinicians** as least annually?

No

Yes

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36a. Is VTE prevention education, including the importance of VTE prophylaxis, provided for general **medical patients** any time during hospitalization?

No

Yes



36b. Is VTE prevention education, including the importance of VTE prophylaxis, provided for general **surgical patients** any time during the hospitalization?

- No
  - Yes
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**D. VTE prophylaxis monitoring and support**

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37a. Do your admission order sets for general **medical** services / units address VTE prophylaxis?

- No, our admission order sets do not address VTE prophylaxis
- Not applicable, no admission order sets
- Yes, completion is optional
- Yes, completion is mandatory
- Unknown, *Comments*

37b. Do your transfer order sets for general **medical** services / units address VTE prophylaxis?

- No, our transfer order sets do not address VTE prophylaxis

- Not applicable, no transfer order sets
- Yes, completion is optional
- Yes, completion is mandatory
- Unknown, *Comments*

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37c. Do your admission order sets for general **surgical** services / units address VTE prophylaxis?

- No, our admission order sets do not address VTE prophylaxis
- Not applicable, no admission order sets
- Yes, completion is optional
- Yes, completion is mandatory
- Unknown, *Comments*

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37d. Do your transfer order sets for general **surgical** services / units address VTE prophylaxis?

- No, our transfer order sets do not address VTE prophylaxis

- Not applicable, no transfer order sets
- Yes, completion is optional
- Yes, completion is mandatory
- Unknown, *Comments*

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38a. Are clinical decision support tools provided to help guide the selection of appropriate VTE prophylaxis for general **medical** patients

- No
- Yes

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38b. Are clinical decision support tools provided to help guide the selection of appropriate VTE prophylaxis for general **surgical** patients?

- No
- Yes

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39a. Is VTE prophylaxis monitoring and support integrated into quality and safety checklists or reviews / reports for patients on general **medical** units?

- No

Yes

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39b. Is VTE prophylaxis monitoring and support integrated into quality and safety checklists or reviews / reports for patients on general **surgical** units?

No

Yes

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40a. Are reminders, such as electronic and / or human alerts provided for general **medical** patients?

No

Yes

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40b. Are reminders, such as electronic and / or human alerts provided for general **surgical** patients?

No

Yes

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41a. Are audits and feedback related to VTE prophylaxis performed for general **medical** patients?

No

Yes

- No
  - Yes
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41b. Are audits and feedback related to VTE prophylaxis performed for general **surgical** patients?

- No
  - Yes
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42. Are missed anticoagulant prophylaxis doses routinely documented? *Check all that apply*

- Yes, we routinely document missed anticoagulant prophylaxis doses for general **medical** patients
- Yes, we routinely document missed anticoagulant prophylaxis doses for general **surgical** patients
- No, we do not routinely document missed anticoagulant prophylaxis doses for general **medical** or general **surgical** patients





43a. Are the reasons for missed doses documented for general **medical** patients?

- No
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- Always

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44. In the space below, please feel free to provide additional information on VTE prevention activities currently in progress at your organization or plans for future activities.





43b. Are the reasons for missed doses documented for general **surgical** patients?

- No
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- Always

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44. In the space below, please feel free to provide additional information on VTE prevention activities currently in progress at your organization or plans for future activities.





You have reached the end of this questionnaire. Thank you very much for taking the time to provide us with the information requested. Your participation is a significant contribution to efforts to improve VTE prevention practices.

If you would like to make edits to your previous answers, please select the back arrow below. Please also note that because this questionnaire did not require any forced responses, you may have skipped some questions. At this time consider going back to answer any of the questions that you previously skipped.

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