

@SWBQuality #weLearnWednesday

# Learning Alerts: VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM (VTE) #VTE Prevention STOPS CLOTS STOPS

## What's the problem:

INCIDENTS AND LITIGATION CLAIMS ARE IDENTIFYING THAT

**WE ARE NOT ALWAYS COMPLETING TIMELY VTE RISK ASSESSMENTS,**

**ENSURING AN INTERVENTION IS WRITTEN INTO THE MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

**ADMINISTERING CARE PLANNED.**

**COMMUNICATING CARE ON DISCHARGE.**

## Learning from Incidents:

Mr Xx - high risk for VTE prophylaxis. Discharged home with instructions to mobilise as pain allowed no pharmacological prophylaxis in TTOs instructions were not clear, later admitted to ITU with PE and prolonged stay on ITU.

✘ Failure to follow Trust VTE Guidelines.

✘ VTE prophylaxis not continued until risk minimal, patient mobile or cast removed.

✘ Patient Instructions not clear verbally or written and lack of documentation.

## LESSONS LEARNT - CHECK

1. Is there clear **documentation** that a VTE risk assessment was completed for the patient?
2. Is there clear documentation in the medical record that a VTE risk assessment was completed within **24 hours of admission**?
3. Was **pharmacological prophylaxis** prescribed OR **mechanical prophylaxis** prescribed?
5. Are there any contraindications to pharmacological prophylaxis OR mechanical prophylaxis?
7. Was the VTE prophylaxis prescribed or not prescribed **appropriate to the level of risk assessed in accordance with Trust Guidelines**?
8. Is there documentation that **the patient was provided with information** on VTE treatment plans and/or how to reduce VTE risk?
9. Is there a clear **Discharge Plan** explained to the patient and agreed Prophylaxis once home?

## The NICE stuff



## HOW WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVE OUR VTE RISK ASSESSMENT COMPLIANCE:

Performance data: 04 Jan 2022 – 30 June 2022

EL			EM		
VTE	Adm	%	VTE	Adm	%
842	1389	60.62%	7551	10954	68.93%