

Blood clots in the veins, a condition also referred to as venous thromboembolism, are a serious medical condition that can cause disability and even death. VTE includes both deep-vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism. DVT is a blood clot that typically forms in the deep veins of the lower leg, thigh, pelvis, or arm. Sometimes a part of the clot can break off and travel to the lungs. This is called a pulmonary embolism, and it can be fatal. If you experience any of these symptoms, you should seek medical help immediately.



THE 2018 ASH CLINICAL GUIDELINES FOR VTE

In 2018, ASH partnered with the McMaster University GRADE Centre, a world leader in guideline development and an authority on thrombosis, and more than 100 experts including hematologists, clinicians in other specialties, and patient representatives, to synthesize the research and develop new clinical practice guidelines for VTE.

For more information on these new guidelines, visit: www.hematology.org/VTE.

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