

**PUBLIC
Hospital Program**

**PRIVATE
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PROGRAM AIM

To improve the use of VTE prophylaxis in hospitalised patients in Australia

Invitation to participate for 12 months mailed to:

- acute care hospitals >50 bed (N=86)

Invitation to participate for 12 months mailed to:

- private hospitals >50 bed (N=190)

Expressions of interest received (N=45)

Expressions of interest received (N=40)

Hospitals selected (N=39)

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HOSPITAL OBJECTIVES

- All hospitals to have a whole-of-hospital VTE prophylaxis policy.
- All admitted patients are systematically assessed for VTE risk and risk status is documented in patients.
- All inpatients at risk of VTE receive appropriate VTE prophylaxis and VTE prophylaxis measures are documented in the patient notes.
- All participating hospitals have sustainable systems in place to support routine VTE risk assessment and VTE prophylaxis management in hospitalised patients.

VTE PREVENTION PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- National education and training workshops (2 held each year)

Themes:

- barrier analysis
- change management
- evidence review of effective interventions and clinical practice
- measuring, monitoring and spreading improvements
- embedding improvements for sustainability
- sharing lessons learnt and locally developed resources.

- Surveys to assess organisational systems to support best practice VTE prophylaxis (two per year)

Implementation resources:

- audit guide, audit form and electronic database (web and stand alone)
- patient education materials
- *Stop the Clot* guide ('How to' implementation guide)
- evidence summaries

- Quarterly group teleconferences and email/phone support
- Access to clinical experts
- Multidisciplinary advisory committees

Web-based performance tracking against program indicators:

- percentage of at-risk patients on appropriate prophylaxis
- percentage of patients with documented VTE risk status
- intervention tracking eg. when policy or risk assessment reminder introduced

Aug
2005

May
2008

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Nov
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Oct
2007

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2009