Venous Thromboembolism [vee-nuh s throm-boh-em-buh-liz-uh m] noun, Pathology
1. collective term for Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) and Pulmonary Embolism (PE)

Thrombosis Canada’s VTE Awareness Campaign serves as one of many ways to increase the awareness of VTE prevalence, its symptoms, and the importance of recognizing and treating this life-threatening condition. In support of your VTE Prevention Policy, we have created materials that can be customized to your institution.

**WHAT IS A VTE?**

Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) occurs when the blood clot breaks loose and travels to the lungs. Symptoms include:

- Shortness of breath
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- O2 saturation decrease
- Chest pain
- Tachycardia

Pulmonary Embolism (PE) is considered the 3rd most common cause of all hospital-related deaths?

DID YOU KNOW...

- PE is the most common preventable cause of death among hospitalized patients?

**WHO IS AT RISK?**

Risk factors related to underlying disease or medical condition, include:

- Immobility
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Obesity
- Pregnancy/hormone use
- Previous blood clot
- Cancer
- Heart failure/heart attack
- Trauma

Risk factors introduced by medical or surgical treatment, include:

- Chemotherapy
- Orthopedic surgery
- Major surgery
- Caesarean section

Most hospitalized patients with DVT will have NO SIGNS or SYMPTOMS! ... thus DVTs are often NOT detected until it's too late.

**BE AWARE OF THE RISKS!**

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**Campaign Materials**

- Posters
- Flyers
- Quiz

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