



A web based education resource designed to help raise awareness and improve understanding of Venous Thromboembolism



e-VTE, e-Learning Venous Thromboembolism has been developed by the Chief Medical Officer's VTE Implementation Working Group (IWG) in partnership with the Department of Health's e-Learning for Healthcare (e-LfH).

VTE is a significant patient safety issue which causes an estimated 25,000 potentially avoidable deaths each year in hospitals in England. That is approximately five times the total number of deaths from hospital-acquired infection.

A key component of the National VTE Prevention Programme in England, e-VTE is written and reviewed by senior practitioners and enables clinicians to take appropriate action in assessing the risk of VTE for an individual and then advise appropriate preventative measures. e-VTE also explores the challenges and opportunities to prevent VTE in primary care.

To get the most out of e-VTE, users are advised to first assess their existing knowledge through the pre-learning questionnaire and then work through the three sessions of e-learning finishing with a post learning assessment. The three sessions of e-learning focus on:

1. Demographics, Epidemiology and Risk of VTE
2. Methods of Thromboprophylaxis
3. Implementation of Thromboprophylaxis in Hospitals

Each session should take around 20 minutes to complete.

At the end of each session users will be able to enter their name, role, location and deanery (if appropriate) in order to print a Completion Certificate. Please note that in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1988 names are not stored on the database. Test scores are anonymised and used only for the purpose of statistical analysis. Users can also rate the e-VTE programme and submit any comments on their learning experience. All feedback is useful for the ongoing development of future e-learning courses.

e-VTE is available via the National Learning Management System, or the e-LfH portal for users outside the NLMS footprint. It is also available directly from:

[www.dh.gov.uk/en/PublicHealth/Healthprotection/Bloodsafety/VenousThromboembolismVTE/index.htm](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/PublicHealth/Healthprotection/Bloodsafety/VenousThromboembolismVTE/index.htm)

For further information on e-VTE visit [www.e-lfh.org.uk/vte](http://www.e-lfh.org.uk/vte)