



Update

EQIC webinar series on VTE prevention

EQIC is pleased to announce a new three-part educational series on prescribing anticoagulation medications and preventing and treating venous thromboembolism. These brief, 30-minute "quickinars" provide an efficient understanding of VTE and anticoagulation quality improvement practices.

This series provides a framework to support:

- implementation of standardized VTE risk assessment for specific populations;
- prescription of optimal, risk-appropriate VTE prophylaxis; and
- administration of risk-appropriate VTE prophylaxis as prescribed.



EQIC encourages participants to review these pre-recorded webinars to ensure your hospital's VTE prevention protocols reflect these anticoagulant prescribing best practices. You can also review your hospital-specific VTE data on the portal and work with your project manager to approach QI work.

[Session 1: Optimization of risk assessment and prescription of optimal VTE prophylaxis](#)

The first two sessions in this series are presented by Elliot Haut, MD, PhD, vice chair, quality, safety and service, surgery, at Johns Hopkins University. In the first session, Dr. Haut:

- reviews VTE risk factors and prophylactic guidelines;
- discusses a systems-based approach to VTE prevention;
- provides strategies for improving VTE prophylaxis administration; and
- shares approaches to quality improvement and team collaborations.

[Session 2: Nurse education and patient engagement to prevent missed doses of VTE prophylaxis in hospitalized patients](#)

In this next session, Dr. Haut reviews:

- strategies to ensure patients who are prescribed prophylaxis are administered their doses;
- findings from research on nurse education relative to VTE administration;
- outcomes from studies on patient education relative to VTE medication; and
- results from tested quality improvement processes to improve prescription adherence.

[Session 3: Anticoagulation prophylaxis for COVID-19](#)

The third recording is presented by Scott Kaatz, MD, clinical professor, medicine, Michigan State University, and senior staff hospitalist, Henry Ford Hospital. Dr. Kaatz covers:

- recognizing that outpatients with "pre-hospitalization" COVID-19 may not require anticoagulation prophylaxis;
- identifying goals of therapeutic dose anticoagulation in COVID-19 patients admitted to the floor;
- using prophylactic dose anticoagulation in COVID-19 patients admitted to the ICU; and
- assessing COVID-19 patients at discharge for possible post-discharge anticoagulation prophylaxis.

Questions

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