



Don't miss the Great Canadian VTE Audit Day

Venous thromboembolism (VTE) is the most common preventable cause of hospital deaths. On May 14, 2009, hospitals across Canada will participate in the first-ever Great Canadian VTE Audit Day. Join your colleagues and be a part of this exciting movement to prevent VTE in your hospital.

The Great Canadian VTE Audit Day is a great opportunity to confirm your use of best practice thromboprophylaxis in your hospital.

VTE comprises both deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism (PE). The rate of hospital-acquired VTE, if a thromboprophylaxis is not used, is 10 to 40 per cent after major general surgery and 40 to 60 per cent after hip fracture surgery.

By participating in the Great Canadian VTE Audit Day you will be asked to collect and submit a limited amount of data on each of your Major General Surgery (MGS) and Hip Fracture Surgery (HFS) patients to assess the use of appropriate thromboprophylaxis in these two target patient groups. Data can be submitted on-line by going to www.saferhealthcarenow.ca

Results of the national audit day will provide a one-day snapshot of thromboprophylaxis use and identify areas for improvement.

Participation in the Great Canadian VTE Audit Day demonstrates your hospital's commitment to preventing VTE and improving patient safety.

When you participate, your name will be entered in a draw to win a Patient Safety DVD valued at \$800.

To participate please go to: www.saferhealthcarenow.ca

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