



## Summary of Changes Report – October 2008

# Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis Guideline

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ICSI has developed a new format for all guidelines. Key additions and changes are:

- Citations are listed in the guideline utilizing the format of *Author, YYYY [report class]*. A full explanation of ICSI Evidence Grading System can be found in the Foreword of the guideline.

Citations now correspond to the recommendations at the sentence and paragraph level where applicable.

### **Algorithm, Clinical Highlights, Annotations**

Algorithm deleted along with several related annotations, associated appendices, and multiple references.

\* Created new Thromboembolic Prophylaxis For Adult Patients table which represents combination of former VTE Prophylaxis Plan Table, Appendix C- Pharmacologic Prophylaxis Table, and incorporates recommendations from the newly released ACCP Guidelines. Added new references: Geerts, 2008; Wein, 2007; and AAOS, 2008.

1-4) Added table from ACCP Guidelines related to the use of mechanical prophylaxis. Added table regarding contraindications to the use of graded compression stockings.

5) Revised content for thromboprophylactic agents and neuraxial blockade.

9) Revised content to include information from the AAOS on prevention of symptomatic embolism in patients undergoing total hip or knee arthroplasty.

### **Priority Aims & Suggested Measures, Measurement Specifications**

Incorporated additional Aims and Measures to reflect 2009 Joint Commission National Patient Safety Goals.

Specified additional surgical patient Aims.

### **Support for Implementation**

Expanded Key Implementation Recommendations to reflect 2009 Joint Commission National Patient Safety Goals.

*\*An asterisk indicates any changes in clinical practice recommendations*