



## Summary of Changes Report – June 2007

# Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis

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### Algorithm, Clinical Highlights, Annotations

Main Algorithm) Developed a new Main Algorithm to replace both the Hospitalized Surgical/Trauma Patient and the Hospitalized Medical Patient Algorithms.

- \* Developed a new Prophylaxis Plan table to accompany the Main Algorithm.

Significantly revised the organization of the Annotations to match the Main Algorithm.

- \* 2) Added the recommendation that all patients should be assessed for VTE risk upon admission, change in level of care, change in providers, and/or upon discharge.
- 4) Added information on elastic graded compression stockings and literature that shows below-the knee stockings are equally as effective as above-the-knee and patient tolerance is better. The references are Byrne 2001, Ingram 2003, Porteous 1989, and Hameed 2002.

Appendix C – Developed a new prophylaxis treatment table.

### Priority Aims & Suggested Measures, Measurement Specifications

- \* 2) Added a new Priority Aim to increase the percentage of patients that are assessed for VTE risk upon change in level of care, change in provider, and/or upon discharge.
- \* 7) Added a new Priority Aim to increase the percentage of patients who are discharged on Warfarin that receive in INR within one week.

### Support for Implementation

Key Implementation Recommendations) Added the recommendation that organizations develop prophylaxis plans specific to their organization with specific recommendations that take into account the organization's formulary and patient population served.

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