

Algorithm

Not Applicable – guideline contains no algorithm.

Annotations

Revised the main table “Thromboembolic Prophylaxis For Adult Patients” to improve readability, particularly where no recommendation is available or when the use of something is in fact not recommended.

#1) Revised language regarding mechanical prophylaxis to address anti-embolism stockings and the lack of definitive data to support their efficacy.

#4) Incorporated the 2010 ASRA guideline recommendations regarding epidurals (Horlocker, 2010).

#6) Updated language regarding neuraxial blockades. The timing of needle insertion after twice daily prophylactic and therapeutic dosing of low-molecular-weight heparin has been added to the Main Table (Horlocker, 2003; Horlocker, 2009).

#6) Updated the section presenting “pro’s” for the use of aspirin as prophylaxis (combined with mechanical prophylaxis) in certain orthopedic patients (Burnett, 2007; Cusick, 200; Galat, 2010; Jameson, 2009; Sharrock, 2007; Sugano, 2009).

Aims & Measures

Revised language of aims and measures to be more precise and to reflect SCIP and other outside agencies. Clarified a composite measure. Added data specifications for all measures.