

## Quick reference guide

# Dabigatran etexilate for the prevention of venous thromboembolism after hip or knee replacement surgery in adults

## Guidance

- 1 Dabigatran etexilate, within its marketing authorisation, is recommended as an option for the primary prevention of venous thromboembolic events in adults who have undergone elective total hip replacement surgery or elective total knee replacement surgery.

## Implementation tools

NICE has developed tools to help organisations implement this guidance (listed below). These are available on our website ([www.nice.org.uk/TA157](http://www.nice.org.uk/TA157)).

- A costing statement explaining the resource impact of this guidance.
- Audit support for monitoring local practice.

## Further information

### Ordering information

You can download the following documents from [www.nice.org.uk/TA157](http://www.nice.org.uk/TA157)

- A quick reference guide (this document) – a summary of recommendations for healthcare professionals.
- 'Understanding NICE guidance' – information for patients and carers.
- The full guidance.
- Details of all the evidence that was looked at and other background information.

For printed copies of the quick reference guide or 'Understanding NICE guidance', phone NICE publications on 0845 003 7783 or email [publications@nice.org.uk](mailto:publications@nice.org.uk) and quote:

- N1688 (quick reference guide)
- N1689 ('Understanding NICE guidance').

## Related NICE guidance

For information about NICE guidance that has been issued or is in development, see the website ([www.nice.org.uk](http://www.nice.org.uk)).

## Published


- Venous thromboembolism: reducing the risk of venous thromboembolism (deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism) in inpatients undergoing surgery. NICE clinical guideline 46 (2007). Available from: [www.nice.org.uk/CG046](http://www.nice.org.uk/CG046)

## Under development

- Reducing the risk of venous thromboembolism (deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism) in patients admitted to hospital. NICE clinical guideline (publication expected September 2009).

## Updating the appraisal

This technology appraisal will be considered for review in June 2011. Information about the progress of a review will be posted on the NICE website ([www.nice.org.uk/TA157](http://www.nice.org.uk/TA157)).



This guidance represents the view of the Institute, which was arrived at after careful consideration of the available evidence. Healthcare professionals are expected to take it fully into account when exercising their clinical judgement. This guidance does not, however, override the individual responsibility of healthcare professionals to make appropriate decisions in the circumstances of the individual patient, in consultation with the patient and/or guardian or carer.

Implementation of this guidance is the responsibility of local commissioners and/or providers. Commissioners and providers are reminded that it is their responsibility to implement the guidance, in their local context, in light of their duties to avoid unlawful discrimination and to have regard to promoting equality of opportunity. Nothing in this guidance should be interpreted in a way which would be inconsistent with compliance with those duties.

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