

Venous thromboembolic diseases - management: Guideline Update

1 Background

The venous thromboembolic diseases - management guideline (CG144) was reviewed in 2014 as part of NICE's routine surveillance programme to decide whether the guideline requires updating.

2 Surveillance programme findings

The surveillance programme identified new evidence on the use of systemic thrombolysis in patients with 'intermediate-risk' pulmonary embolism. In CG144, insufficient evidence was available for this subgroup of patients with pulmonary embolism; consequently only a research recommendation was made in the area.

The surveillance review also found new evidence relating to the use of graduated elastic compression stockings for preventing post-thrombotic syndrome in patients with proximal deep vein thrombosis (DVT), which may impact on the guideline. The full report can be found [here](#).

3 Guideline Update

We are answering the following question(s):

1. What is the effectiveness of thrombolysis given in addition to standard accepted anticoagulation therapy compared with anticoagulation therapy alone in patients with confirmed pulmonary embolism and haemodynamic stability who present with right ventricular dysfunction?
2. What is the effectiveness of stockings to prevent post-thrombotic syndrome (PTS) in people with confirmed proximal DVT?

4 Guideline Update process

The guideline update will be produced using a standing Committee. NICE are piloting the use of a standing Committee for guideline updates. More information about the pilot can be found here:

[Guideline Updates](#)

Committee meeting dates: 23 June (development) and 24 September (post-consultation) 2015

Consultation dates: 4 August to 1 September 2015

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