

Always ensure you follow up to date national guidance and best practice

What can *you* do?

You can help...

Please send us any experiences and solutions which would be useful for sharing with the NHS via safetyandlearningenquiries@nhsla.com

Did *you* know?

Venous Thromboembolism

Please note that the NHS LA database was designed primarily as a claims management tool rather than for research purposes. It records a limited amount of information and a claim may be multi-factorial and/or settled on a number of bases. Therefore the figures provided should be treated with caution and should not be relied on as a basis for audit or research.

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Did you know?

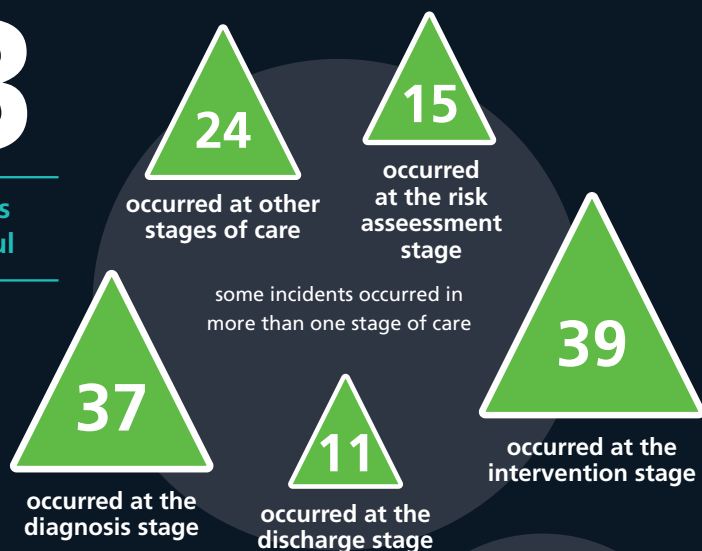
Around half of all cases of Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) are associated with hospitalisation, with many events occurring up to 90 days after admission.

It affects approximately 1 in every 1000 of the UK population and is a significant cause of mortality, long term disability and chronic ill-health problems.

There were 625 VTE claims with incident dates between 11 April 2009 to 30 September 2014.

123

of these claims were successful



This includes claimant and defence legal costs as well as damages paid.

(VTE) is an international patient safety issue and a clinical priority for the NHS in England.

Costing the NHS

£10,025,132

Breakdown of successful VTE claims costs (2009-2014*)



£517,456
defence legal costs paid



£6,548,509
damages paid to claimant



£2,959,166
claimant legal costs paid

Total successful VTE claims = 123 out of 625 cohort

*Incident dates
1 April 2009 – 30 September 2014

Costs are not just financial

"Patient suffers from post thrombotic syndrome, which is a chronic and lifelong condition both physically and psychologically."

"Staff failed to carry out any VTE assessment. Increased risk following surgery (*obese, age, reduced mobility*)."

"Surgery delayed by several days, no risk assessment (*increased risk due to immobilisation*), no prophylaxis prescribed or given... Post Mortem results: multiple PEs emanating from DVT in leg."

Where is it happening?

