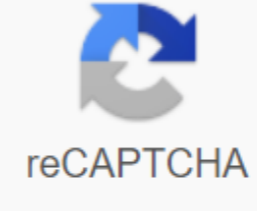


Recurrent dvt chest guidelines



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The American Society of Hematology (ASH) has developed new guidelines for the management of venous thromboembolism (VTE). The guidelines contain 10 chapters that focus on current areas of uncertainty and changes in clinical practice in the management of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism. To develop the new guidelines, ASH, in partnership with McMaster University, has created a multidisciplinary team that has used the GRADE (Recommendation, Development and Evaluation Assessment) approach to evaluate evidence and make recommendations. 10 Chapter 1) VTE Diagnosis; 2) prevention of VTE in hospitalized patients; 3) optimal management of anticoagulants; 4) heparin-induced thrombocytopenia; 5) Children's VTE; 6) VTE in the context of pregnancy; 7) prevention of VTE in surgically hospitalized patients; 8) prevention and treatment of VTE in cancer patients; 9) Thrombophilia; and 10) treatment of acute VTE. The six chapters that have been released so far, all available on the ASH website, contain 149 recommendations. Key differences between the two guidelines include the fact that chest guidelines are now 6 years old and do not contain much information about the use of DOACs (direct action anticoagulants) in clinical practice, said Daniel M. Witt, PharmD, FCCP, BCPS. Witt, of the University of Utah Pharmacy College, is the lead author of a new chapter on optimization of anticoagulation therapy. Clinics should compare the new ASH guidelines with CHEST ones to better understand their similarities and differences. There were many issues in the ASH guidelines that were not addressed in the CHEST guidelines and vice versa, so the two guidelines should probably be used together by pharmacists rather than one to replace the other, Witt said. Pharmacists should also be aware of the similarities and differences between ash guidelines and anticoagulation guidelines issued in 2012 by the American College of Chest Physicians. For the full article, please visit www.pharmacytoday.org for the February 2019 Pharmacy issue today. Updated COVID-19 Management Guidelines: The International Task Force (July 29, 2020) was coordinated from the American Thoracic Society/European Respiratory Society. Bai C, Chotirmall SH, Rello J, Alba GA, Ginns LC, Krishnan JA, Rogers R, Bendstrup E, Burchell PR, Chalmers JD, Chua, Crothers CA, Duggal A,

