



# National Blood Clot Alliance

## Stop The Clot®

**More than 600,000, and as many as 900,000 Americans develop blood clots annually.**

**Blood clots can happen to anyone, regardless of age, gender, or health status.**

**More people die from blood clots annually than AIDS, breast cancer, and motor vehicle accidents combined.**

**Blood clots cause an estimated 100,000 to 300,000 deaths each year.**

**VTEs are a leading killer of hospitalized people and recent research suggests as many as 70% of them are preventable.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Blood Clot Fast Facts

Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT or leg clots and sometimes arm clots) account for 2/3 of blood clots.

Pulmonary emboli (PE or lung clots) account for 1/3 of blood clot.

The medical community call DVTs and PEs (blood clots) "venous thromboembolism" or "VTEs".

VTEs or blood clots, a major public health problem, often show no apparent clinical signs and go undiagnosed.

Approximately one in ten people with VTEs will die; In older adults, closer to one in three will die.

One in five people with PEs will die, and about 25% will die suddenly with death as their first symptom.

PEs cause 60% of blood clot deaths, and DVTs cause 40% of blood clot deaths.

Blood clots lead the causes of death for new mothers during the postpartum period.

Pregnant women face a 5 fold increase in blood clot risk during their third-trimester and childbirth.

About 1/3 of people who experience a DVT will get another blood clot within ten years.

The U.S. Surgeon General recognized blood clots as a public health issue in his 2008 Call to Action.

Health People 2020 recognizes blood clots as a U.S. public health priority that we must address.

Treatment of blood clots costs more than \$16 billion annually.

Blood clots related to recent hospitalizations or surgery waste \$10 billion in treatment costs each year.

Blood clots related to recent hospitalizations or surgery are the leading cause of costly, avoidable readmissions.

Less than 50% of patients receive preventive treatment according to evidence-based guidelines.

As the population ages, the number of people with blood clots will increase.

Our government must invest in surveillance, evaluation, and prevention strategies to stop the clot.

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