



Are You or a Loved One at Risk for DVT Blood Clots?

Learn more during *National DVT Awareness Month*

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DVT, or deep vein thrombosis, is a condition in which blood clots form in a vein, usually in the leg, and is largely preventable. The medical term for the formation of a blood clot is thrombosis. **When a blood clot forms in the deep veins in the leg, it can be life-threatening.**

Pulmonary embolism is the third most common cause of death in the United States, with about 300,000 fatalities annually. It is the most common cause of unexpected death in most age groups. More Americans die from DVT and pulmonary embolism than from breast cancer, automobile accidents and AIDS combined.

Many factors enhance the risk for deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism. These include recent surgery, severe illness or trauma, prolonged im-

mobility, pregnancy, cancer, oral contraceptives and hormone replacement therapy, obesity, varicose veins and smoking. In addition, long distance travel with prolonged sitting increases the risk for blood clots, a condition known as economy class syndrome.

The most common symptoms include leg pain and swelling, often only in one leg, which occur suddenly or over a short period of time. The symptoms are quite different if a blood clot breaks loose and travels to the lungs, causing a pulmonary embolism. **These symptoms include chest pain, shortness of breath, rapid pulse and coughing.**

The diagnosis of deep vein thrombosis can be confirmed by an ultrasound scan of the legs. This is a highly accurate, non-invasive and painless means of visualizing the veins and any blood clots which may be present.

The revolutionary treatments and expertise of Dr. Larry Stern and his staff at the Vein Specialty Center are truly changing lives. Dr. Stern has been treating vein disorders for over 20 years. He is recognized as a pioneer in the treatment of venous problems.

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