

## New clinical standard designed to prevent deaths related to blood clots

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The first national *Venous Thromboembolism Prevention Clinical Care Standard* (**Standard**) has been developed by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (**Commission**) to support clinicians and health services to implement the delivery of high-quality care to prevent venous thromboembolism (**VTE**) acquired in hospital and following hospital discharge.

The Standard has been launched at the Alfred Hospital, and aims to address the threats posed by VTE, which kill four times as many people than road accidents.

The development of the Standard was proposed by states and territory health departments as a way of improving the uptake of appropriate VTE prophylaxis strategies.

The Standard has been endorsed by 12 key professional organisations and colleges including the Thrombosis & Haemostasis Society of Australia and New Zealand, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, the Australian Orthopaedic Association, and the Australian College for Emergency Medicine.

Read the Standard [here](#).

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