

READINESS

Every Unit

- Use a standardized thromboembolism risk assessment tool for VTE during:
 - Outpatient prenatal care
 - Antepartum hospitalization
 - Hospitalization after cesarean or vaginal deliveries
 - Postpartum period (up to 6 weeks after delivery)

RECOGNITION & PREVENTION

Every Patient

- Apply standardized tool to all patients to assess VTE risk at time points designated under "Readiness"
- Apply standardized tool to identify appropriate patients for thromboprophylaxis
- Provide patient education
- Provide all healthcare providers education regarding risk assessment tools and recommended thromboprophylaxis

RESPONSE

Every Unit

- Use standardized recommendations for mechanical thromboprophylaxis
- Use standardized recommendations for dosing of prophylactic and therapeutic pharmacologic anticoagulation
- Use standardized recommendations for appropriate timing of pharmacologic prophylaxis with neuraxial anesthesia

REPORTING/SYSTEMS LEARNING

Every Unit

- Review all thromboembolism events for systems issues and compliance with protocols
- Monitor process metrics and outcomes in a standardized fashion
- Assess for complications of pharmacologic thromboprophylaxis

Maternal Venous Thromboembolism Prevention

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