

VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM (VTE) PROPHYLAXIS OPTIONS FOR SURGERY

Surgery Type	Recommended Prophylaxis Options*
Intracranial Neurosurgery Appendix A, Table 5.17	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Intermittent pneumatic compression devices (IPC) with or without graduated compression stockings (GCS) ▶ Low-dose unfractionated heparin (LDUH) ▶ Low molecular weight heparin (LMWH)[^] ▶ LDUH or LMWH[^] combined with IPC or GCS <p>[^] Current guidelines recommend postoperative low molecular weight heparin for intracranial neurosurgery.</p>
General Surgery Appendix A, Table 5.19	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Low-dose unfractionated heparin (LDUH) ▶ Low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) ▶ Factor Xa Inhibitor (fondaparinux) ▶ LDUH or LMWH or Factor Xa Inhibitor (fondaparinux) combined with IPC or GCS <p>With a documented reason for not using pharmacological prophylaxis use any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Graduated compression stockings (GCS) ▶ Intermittent pneumatic compression devices (IPC)
Gynecologic Surgery Appendix A, Table 5.20	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Low-dose unfractionated heparin (LDUH) ▶ Low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) ▶ Factor Xa Inhibitor (fondaparinux) ▶ Intermittent pneumatic compression devices (IPC) ▶ LDUH or LMWH or Factor Xa Inhibitor (fondaparinux) combined with IPC or GCS
Urologic Surgery Appendix A, Table 5.21	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Low-dose unfractionated heparin (LDUH) ▶ Low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) ▶ Factor Xa Inhibitor (fondaparinux) ▶ Intermittent pneumatic compression devices (IPC) ▶ Graduated compression stockings (GCS) ▶ LDUH or LMWH or Factor Xa Inhibitor (fondaparinux) combined with IPC or GCS
Elective Total Hip Replacement Appendix A, Table 5.22 ⁺	<p>Any of the following started within 24 hrs of surgery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) ▶ Factor Xa Inhibitor (fondaparinux) ▶ Warfarin <p>With a documented reason for not using pharmacological prophylaxis use any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Intermittent pneumatic compression devices (IPC) ▶ Venous foot pump (VFP)
Elective Total Knee Replacement Appendix A, Table 5.23	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) ▶ Factor Xa Inhibitor (fondaparinux) ▶ Warfarin ▶ Intermittent pneumatic compression devices (IPC) ▶ Venous foot pump (VFP)
Hip Fracture Surgery Appendix A, Table 5.24	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Low-dose unfractionated heparin (LDUH) ▶ Low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) ▶ Factor Xa Inhibitor (fondaparinux) ▶ Warfarin <p>With a documented reason for not using pharmacological prophylaxis use any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Graduated compression stockings (GCS) ▶ Intermittent pneumatic compression devices (IPC) ▶ Venous foot pump (VFP)

*Patients who receive neuraxial anesthesia or have a documented contraindication to pharmacological prophylaxis may pass the performance measure if either appropriate pharmacological or mechanical prophylaxis is ordered.

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