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VTE Virtual Learning Series #1: Preventing VTE: Evidence and Execution

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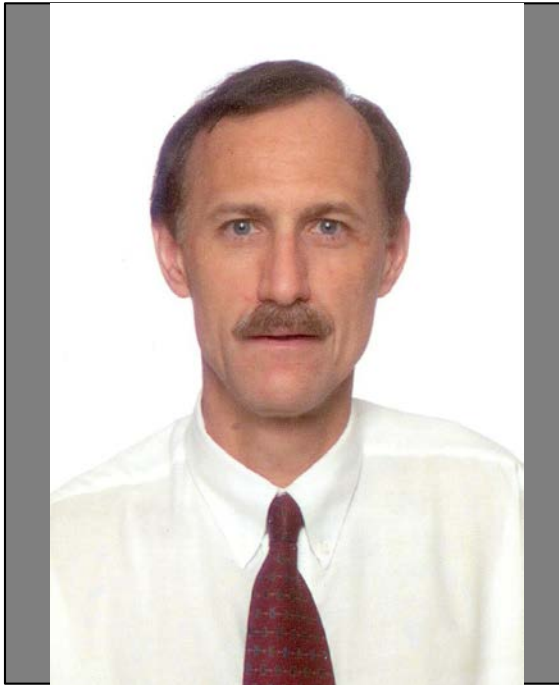
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Our presenters today:



Dr. Bill Geerts



Dr. Steve Ligertwood

Dr. Bill Geerts is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. He is also the Director of the Thromboembolism Program at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto. His clinical practice is restricted to venous thromboembolism and his academic interests involve the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of thromboembolic disease, as well as guideline implementation and quality of care improvement. For 10 years, he was chair of the Prevention of Venous Thromboembolism section of the ACCP Guidelines on Antithrombotic Therapy. He is currently the leader of the *Safer Healthcare Now!* initiative to improve the use of thromboprophylaxis across Canada.

Dr. Steve Ligertwood is a Hospitalist at the Royal Columbian Hospital (RCH), and the Regional Hospitalist Department Head for the Fraser Health Authority (FHA). Over the past 3 years he has more formally focused on his interest in QI and patient safety. He is the Physician Lead for the B.C. Hospitalist VTE Prevention Collaborative. This QI collaborative involves over 1600 patients in 11 different Hospitalist programs across the province.

Objectives:

1. Review the rationale and evidence for VTE prophylaxis
2. Learn recommendations for national implementation strategies
3. How to achieve your local goals – what works, what doesn't, and why

VTE Virtual Learning Series:

- Dec 1, 10-11am: **Preventing VTE: Evidence and Execution**
- Jan 17, 2-3pm: **Preventing VTE: Implementation and Auditing Strategies**
- 2012: **ROPs for VTE: Educating Nurses and Caregivers**
- 2012: **ROPs for VTE: Engaging and Educating Patients**
- 2012: **ROPs for VTE: Outpatient Followup for Orthopedic Surgery**

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Our Challenge

Venous thromboembolism (VTE) is a disorder that includes deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism, and is one of the most common preventable complications from hospitalization. Patients who develop deep vein thrombosis can experience pain, swelling, and extreme discomfort. Pulmonary embolism can lead to shortness of breath, chest pain, and death. The majority of hospitalized patients are at risk for developing VTE.

VTE is **preventable**. Establishing methods to provide appropriate thromboprophylaxis to patients based on standardized risk assessments is a safe, cost-effective and efficacious way to prevent VTE in nearly all patient groups.

Providing appropriate thromboprophylaxis for all patients may prevent the pain and discomfort of a thrombus, prevent complications that can extend hospital stays, and even save a life. Our aim is to provide every hospitalized patient in BC with appropriate thromboprophylaxis to help eliminate the incidence of preventable VTE.

Join with us in achieving this goal within your own region, hospital, or unit.

