

### Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis (When Indicated in ALL Patients)

*This measure is to be reported **each time** a surgical procedure with the indications for VTE prophylaxis<sup>1</sup> is performed for patients aged 18 years and older during the reporting period.*

#### Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older undergoing procedures for which VTE prophylaxis is indicated in all patients, who had an order for Low Molecular Weight Heparin (LMWH), Low-Dose Unfractionated Heparin (LDUH), adjusted-dose warfarin, fondaparinux or mechanical prophylaxis to be given within 24 hours prior to incision time or within 24 hours after surgery end time

#### What will you need to report for each patient undergoing a surgical procedure with the indications for VTE prophylaxis for this measure?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will report:

- Whether or not there is an order<sup>2</sup> for VTE prophylaxis to be given within 24 hours prior to incision time or 24 hours after surgery end time

#### What if this process or outcome of care is not appropriate for your patient?

There may be times when it is not appropriate to order VTE prophylaxis, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason)

In these cases, you will need to indicate that the medical reason applies, and specify the reason on the worksheet and in the medical chart. The office/billing staff will then report a code with a modifier that represents these valid reasons (also called exclusions).

<sup>1</sup>Refer to coding specifications document for list of applicable procedures and codes.

<sup>2</sup>There must be documentation of order (written order, verbal order, or standing order/protocol) for VTE prophylaxis OR documentation that VTE prophylaxis was given. Mechanical prophylaxis does not include TED hose.