

Pulmonary embolism

Identifying and definitional attributes

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Definition: A blood clot that breaks off from the deep veins and travels round the circulation to block the arteries in the lung (pulmonary arteries). Most deaths arising from [deep vein thrombosis](#) are caused by pulmonary embolism (NICE 2015).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

Reference documents: NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) 2015. Venous thromboembolism: reducing the risk of venous thromboembolism (deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism) in patients admitted to hospital. CG 92. London: NICE. Viewed 15 May 2018, <https://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/cg92>.

Relational attributes

Metadata items which use this glossary item: [Deep vein thrombosis](#)

- [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 11/10/2018

[Venous thromboembolism](#)

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