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| METEOR identifier: | 697221 |
| Registration status: | [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 11/10/2018 |
| 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**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/697219) are caused by pulmonary embolism (NICE 2015). |

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| 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: | [Venous thromboembolism](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/697217)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 11/10/2018 |