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You asked:

I would like to enquire if Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board uses a specific Venous thromboembolism (VTE) prophylaxis guideline/risk assessment tool for patients on critical/intensive care units. If this exists, please could you send me a copy via email.

Our response:

We can confirm that CTMUHB does not have a specific VTE prophylaxis guideline specifically for critical care therefore, we do not hold. The Health Board wide policy and risk assessment includes a question about patients on Critical Care which results in all patients on Critical Care receiving pharmacological and mechanical prophylaxis, unless there are exclusions (for example, already on an anticoagulant, bleeding risk, patient refusal). This workflow is replicated in the incoming Electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration system as a mandated field.

The Phillips ICCA system (electronic patient record) includes a mandatory field to ensure that VTE prophylaxis is reviewed on a daily basis, and there is an ICU pharmacist embedded within the multidisciplinary team who reviews prescriptions daily."