VTE is the name for a disease that results from the formation of a blood clot in the veins. There are two types of VTE: Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) occurs when a clot forms in a deep vein, most usually in a leg. Pulmonary Embolism (PE) refers to a blood clot that breaks loose and travels through a vein to the lungs.

VTE is a serious, life-threatening condition that requires immediate medical attention.

100,000-300,000 cases of VTE-related deaths occur in the US each year.

1 in 1,000 people are diagnosed with DVT/PE in the US each year.

Up to 60% of VTE cases worldwide occur during or after hospitalization.

274 people on average die from blood clots every day.

1 in 4 people worldwide die of conditions caused by blood clots.

$15.5 billion is the cost for diagnosis and treatment of VTE in the US each year.

### Warning Signs

**For DVT**
- Changes in skin color, like redness
- Leg pain or tenderness
- Leg swelling
- Skin that feels warm to the touch

**For PE**
- Shortness of breath
- Rapid breathing
- Chest pain, which may be worse with deep breaths
- Lightheadedness or passing out
- Rapid heart rate

To learn more, go to chestfoundation.org/vte