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	VTE Prophylaxis				VTE Treatment				
SHSCT Inpatients See full guidance 1. Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis Procedure 2. VTE Appendices Surgical Guidance 1. VTE Prevention Guidelines for Emergency Surgical Admissions 2. VTE Prevention Guidelines for Elective Surgical Inpatients	Weight	Enoxaparin Dose	Weight	Enoxaparin Dose	Uncomplicated femoral/popliteal DVT		All other patients such as those with obesity (>100kg), symptomatic PE, cancer, recurrent VTE or proximal (iliac vein) thrombosis		
			Renal Impairment eGFR <30ml/min		1.5mg/Kg ONCE DAILY		1mg/Kg TWICE DAILY		
					WEIGHT	DOSE	WEIGHT	DOSE	
	<50kg	20mg OD	<50kg	20mg OD	37–43kg	60mg OD	40-45kg	40mg BD	
	50–100kg	40mg OD	50–100kg	20mg OD	44–50kg	70mg OD	46-55kg	50mg BD	
101–150kg	40mg BD 80mg OD on discharge if district nursing to administer	101–150kg	40mg OD	51–56kg	80mg OD	56-65kg	60mg BD		
>150kg	60mg BD 100mg OD on discharge if district nursing to administer	>150kg	60mg OD	57–63kg	90mg OD	66-75kg	70mg BD		
				64–73kg	100mg OD	76-85kg	80mg BD		
				74–85kg	120mg OD	86-95kg	90mg BD		
				86–95kg	135mg OD	96-110kg	100mg BD		
				96–100kg	150mg OD	111-125kg	120mg BD		
				Renal Impairment (eGFR <30ml/min) 1mg/Kg ONCE DAILY				126-140kg	135mg BD
				If patient self-administering consider amending dose to nearest commercially available syringe e.g. 20mg, 40mg, 60mg, 80mg, 100mg, 120mg, 150mg				141-155kg	150mg BD
				Anti-Xa monitoring recommended when treatment doses used for > 3 days in CKD stage 4 & 5, + patients < 50kg or > 150kg to guide initial dosing.		Peak anti-factor Xa level is checked 4 hours post LMWH dose ⁴ usually after 3rd dose (BD dosing – peak level 0.6 – 1.1, OD dosing 1.0 – 2.0 IU/ml)			
Trauma / Orthopaedic	In General THR – Enoxaparin prophylaxis <u>28 days</u> post-op TKR – Enoxaparin prophylaxis <u>14 days</u> post-op				Enoxaparin administration in obese patients Abdominal wall haematoma must always be considered as a diagnosis in patients with abdominal pain injecting low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) into the subcutaneous tissue of the abdominal wall.				
Lower Limb Immobilisation (see full guideline)	Weight	Enoxaparin Dose	Weight	Enoxaparin Dose					
			Renal Impairment eGFR<30ml/min; Reduce dose to 50%						

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50–100kg 101–150kg >150kg	20mg OD 40mg BD 60mg BD	50–100kg 101–150kg >150kg	20mg OD 40mg OD 60mg OD
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Further information is available under each guideline including Risk Assessment Tools & references

Updated with new evidence on LMWH No. 2015, last updated June 2024) due of the high (rather than the abdominal wall) should be considered to reduce the risk of haematoma formation.

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VTE in Pregnancy (including lower limb immobilisation) RCOG guidelines; 1. Reducing the Risk of Thrombosis during Pregnancy 2. Reducing the risk of venous thrombosis in pregnancy and after birth 3. Thromboembolic disease in pregnancy and the puerperium	Booking Weight	Enoxaparin Dose	Booking Weight	Enoxaparin dose
	<50kg 50–90kg 91–130kg 131–170kg >170kg	20mg OD 40mg OD 60mg daily* 80mg daily* 0.6 mg/kg/day*	1mg/kg TWICE DAILY antenatal (1mg/kg TWICE DAILY or 1.5mg/kg ONCE DAILY postnatal)	
		*may be given in two divided doses	WEIGHT	DOSE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other risk factors + weight determine LMWH dose LMWH usually 10 days but can be for 6 weeks following delivery 		<50kg 50–69kg 70–89kg 90–109kg 110–125kg > 125kg	40mg BD or 60mg OD 60mg BD or 90mg OD 80mg BD or 120mg OD 100mg BD or 150 mg OD 120mg BD or 180mg OD Discuss with haematologist
Pre-Operative Patients (stopping warfarin then LMWH bridging if required) see full guideline	Day 3 & 2 Pre-Op dose = <u>1.5mg/kg</u> Day 1 Pre-op dose is 50% of full dose (round down to the nearest 10) Renal Impairment eGFR <30ml/min Day 3 & 2 Pre-Op dose = <u>1mg/kg</u> Day 1 Pre-op dose is 50% of full dose (round down to the nearest 10)			

Points to Remember

- ALL patients need risk assessed on admission to hospital for their risk of developing VTE using the appropriate assessment form.
- For patients with at extremes of body weight, **Creatinine Clearance (CrCl)** calculated using Cockcroft Gault Calculation (using the patient's actual body weight and age) will give a more accurate CrCl than eGFR. (Link to online [CrCl calculator](#))
- Anti-Xa monitoring** recommended when treatment doses used for > 3 days in CKD 4 & 5 (CKD 4 is GFR 15-29, CKD 5 <15 ml/min) and in patients over 150kg in weight – It is generally recommended that a peak anti-factor Xa level is checked 4 hours after the LMWH dose⁴. Haematology departments should be consulted to advise on monitoring requirements (e.g. when to initiate monitoring and how frequently this is required), and the most suitable target range for anti-factor Xa activity due to small variations in laboratory techniques. Anti-Xa monitoring should only be checked in a hospital setting.
- LMWH monitoring** – Routine monitoring of the full blood count (FBP) to identify heparin induced thrombocytopenia is not required. All patients must be alerted to the symptoms of HIT, given the '[Patient information sheet on Inhixa® \(Enoxaparin\)](#)' and asked to report symptoms urgently. Only patients who have received unfractionated heparin or undergone cardiothoracic surgery within 3 weeks, require routine platelet count monitoring at baseline and between days 5 and 15.
- Hyperkalaemia risk** – LMWH is reported to cause hypoaldosteronism which is rarely of clinical significance. Patients already at risk of hyperkalaemia should have potassium monitored; for example those with renal impairment, ACE inhibitors, angiotensin II receptor blockers and potassium sparing diuretics.
- If the General Practitioner is to continue prescribing Enoxaparin after discharge from hospital, ensure that a 'Referral to GPs for arrangement of shared care for patients on enoxaparin' form is completed [Enoxaparin Shared Care Letter for GP](#).

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