



CLOT News Letter Spring Summer 2014

CLOT Conference 2014

This year's annual conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Birmingham on the 10th October 2014. Topics on the agenda will include primary care and anticoagulation, front door bleeding; management in ED, implementing the new oral anticoagulants through commissioning, service improvements and case studies, pulmonary hypertension post PE and RCA and incidents of VTE. CLOT will also be testing the knowledge of members with a light-hearted, fun quiz in the afternoon.

CLOT is proud to continue to be able to offer considerable subsidised rates to its members in order for them to attend. Conference only attendance remains at £30 whilst an evening meal, overnight accommodation and attendance to the conference the next day remains at just £80.

The CLOT conference is RCN Accredited.

Closing date to secure your place is 8th September 2014 so book early as numbers are limited.

For further information please visit us at www.clot.com

Could you make a difference on the CLOT Executive Committee?

CLOT is looking to recruit new members to the Executive team. The committee work voluntarily to support healthcare professionals working in the field of anticoagulation and thrombosis. It is a commitment on top of your normal work role but is a fantastic opportunity to be involved nationally with healthcare professionals working in the speciality. It also provides continuing professional development. The Executive Committee members are required to attend the CLOT conference and CLOT committee meetings which involve attendance three times a year. Executive Committee members receive free attendance to the conference plus accommodation and reasonable expenses are provided.

If you are interested and think you could get involved and help make a difference, to learn more about becoming an Executive Committee member, please contact Caroline Baglin via the CLOT website.

CLOT's membership numbers continue to grow month on month and is available to healthcare professionals directly involved in the delivery and / or management of anticoagulation and thrombosis related services.

Membership is free and offers members access to a wide range of resources. Please feel free to distribute this news letter to anybody who works in the field of anticoagulation and thrombosis and who may be interested to join CLOT.

ODI Drug appraisals continue to give CLOT some NICE work

NICE (National Institute for Clinical Excellence) advise the government on the licensing of medicines. As part of this process, they seek the opinions of professional bodies like CLOT that have an interest in any new relevant drugs under development. CLOT has attended several work- shops already, focusing on the ODI's and will be attending a scoping workshop on the 8th May to carry out an appraisal of Edoxaban tosylate for the treatment and secondary prevention of deep vein thrombosis and / or pulmonary embolism.

Thank you to members who helped by submitting their opinions. As a group we are fortunate to be able to play an active role in such an important process. CLOT values the input from its members and strongly encourages you to give feedback to ensure we have as bigger influence as possible.

For you to influence practice – make your opinion count!

Dates for the Diary!

Anticoagulation in Practice Conference (AIP) - 5th & 6th June

CLOT will be attending this two day conference so don't forget to come and visit us at our stand. The conference will be held in the Wolfson Centre, The Medical School, University of Birmingham, we look forward to seeing you there.

National Thrombosis Week - May 5th - 9th

National Thrombosis Week is an annual awareness raising campaign to increase understanding about thrombosis amongst the public and to help educate the medical community about how to effectively spot and risk- assess patients for thrombosis. CLOT is always keen to hear about what everyone is doing to raise awareness in their local areas so don't forget to let us know via the CLOT website.

International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) – June 23rd-26th

60th annual meeting will take place at the Wisconsin Centre, located in the heart of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Refer to the ISTH website for further information.

World Thrombosis Day – 13th October

Organised to take place annually on Rudolf Virchow's birthday, World Thrombosis Day has been arranged globally to heighten public awareness of thrombosis. ISTH will spearhead the launch with the support of national and international thrombosis organisations.

Thrombus and CLOT

Launched in 1997, Thrombus is a review journal devoted to thrombosis, anticoagulation and clotting disorders. The journal has a long-standing relationship with CLOT as well as other groups and societies with a mutual aim of improving anticoagulation management. You can sign-up to read the journal on-line or in print from the Thrombus website. For more information, go to:

www.thrombus.co.uk

A message from the National Nursing and Midwifery Network (NNMN) – reporting Hospital Acquired Thrombosis (HAT)

Root Cause Analysis (RCA) is a key activity in the drive to reduce the incidence of HAT, Learning from RCA's can be used to enhance local practice and ultimately save lives. Members of the NNMN have reported challenges in ensuring that all events where a RCA should be completed, i.e. any episode of venous thromboembolism arising in the 90 days following admission to hospital, are reported and included in the process. This is especially true when the VTE is diagnosed and managed in a different hospital to where the original admission and VTE risk assessment took place. It would therefore like to ask all staff who are collating this data to forward any incidents of VTE which initially occurred outside their own Trust to the relevant hospital. This will ensure that each Trust is able to capture a true picture of the management of VTE prevention and ensure relevant learning takes place.

If you have any further queries or comments please visit the NNMN website at <http://www.vteprevention-nhsengland.org.uk/nnmnweb/>

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