



Clinical Leaders of Thrombosis Newsletter

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Dear Member

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**Welcome
to the Winter Edition of
the CLOT Newsletter.**

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CLOT library progress

Teresa Tripp has been busy giving the online library an overhaul, some of the documents needed updating and to help maintain an up to date resource Teresa would be very happy to receive patient information leaflets, protocols, care plans, patient group directives or any anticoagulant related documentation.

This may help CLOT members to adapt them for use in their own practice.

If you would be willing to submit documentation, Teresa can be contacted on teresa.tripp@orh.nhs.uk

Advisory Panel

A member of the CLOT executive committee has invited senior health care professionals in Anticoagulation to form an advisory panel.

There has been a positive response to the invitations and we will be in the position to provide more information on the implementation of a CLOT advisory panel at the next CLOT meeting in March 2006.

Structure of CLOT meetings

A questionnaire will be circulated to members in the New Year regarding the structure of the CLOT meetings.

A lot of hard work goes into organising the meetings and we try to provide good value for members, but we do realise that members may like a change to the present format. We would ask members to take the time to complete the questionnaire so that your views can be considered and we can continue to hold a meeting that provides specialist knowledge and the chance to network with other multi-disciplinary health care professionals thus sharing best practice.

Thromboprophylaxis

There is an interesting article from the Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine on the CLOT website- **Venous thromboprophylaxis in UK medical inpatients.**

The authors found a gross underutilization of thromboprophylaxis in hospitalized medical patients. *J R Soc Med* 2005; **98**:507-512

Another article that is of interest **Venous thromboembolism in medical inpatients-the silent epidemic of neglect**, Perrin et al. *J R Soc Med*, November 1 2005; **98(11):484-485**

The Department of Health has now commissioned the National Institute of Clinical Excellence to produce a set of guidelines for the administration of preventative measures.

There will be more on this subject at the next CLOT meeting as Dr Beverley J Hunt, Consultant Haematologist at Guys and St Thomas Foundation Trust and representing Lifeblood: the Thrombosis Charity will be giving a presentation discussing the House of Commons Health Committee report.

The University of Hertfordshire has a Thromboprophylaxis Course for Health Care Professionals which covers prophylactic methods, risk assessment and audit skills.

The course has been designed to enable healthcare professionals to create and implement Thromboprophylaxis protocols to reduce the risk of venous thromboembolism in hospitalised patients.

For further information:

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Email: h+hshortcourses@herts.ac.uk

Tel 01707 285810

Contact your local Sanofi-Aventis representative as student places are sponsored by Sanofi-Aventis.

Requests

I would be grateful if anyone has guidelines for Warfarin therapy pre and post endoscopy and angiography.

jacqueline.aistrup@pbh.nhs.uk

Guidelines for anticoagulation in the perioperative period please.

Margaret.munro@ubht.swest.hns.uk

Date for your diary

CLOT Meeting- Celebrate 10 years.

The next CLOT meeting will be held on **12th/13th March 2006** at the Village Hotel, Bury Lancashire.

CLOT was formed in 1996 so come and celebrate our 10th Anniversary.

There will be a Gala dinner followed by a disco on Sunday 12th March prior to the conference on Monday 13th March...

Invitations and the programme will be sent to members in the New Year, we look forward to seeing you.

Don't forget to bring your new membership card!

Thank You

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