



Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) occurs when a blood clot forms in a large vein. Part of a clot may break off and travel to the lungs, causing a pulmonary embolism and, possibly, death.

Protect Yourself.

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS

About half of people with DVT have no symptoms at all. For those who do have symptoms, the following are the most common and occur in the affected part of the body, usually the leg.

Deep Vein Thrombosis

Swelling
Pain
Tenderness
Redness of the Skin

Pulmonary Embolism

Difficulty Breathing
Fast Heart Rate
Chest Pain
Cough up Blood
Low Blood Pressure

ARE YOU AT RISK?

Major Surgery

Immobility, such as being in the hospital and long travel

Recent Injury

Increased estrogen from birth control pills, pregnancy, and certain medications

Certain chronic illnesses, such as heart disease and cancer

Age

Obesity

Smoking

Previous DVT