

## Irish statistics

A clot in the vein (usually in the leg or pelvis) is known as a **deep vein Thrombosis (DVT)** and a clot that breaks off and travels to the lungs, is known as a **pulmonary embolism (PE)**. Together, DVT and PE make up **Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)**. **Venous Thromboembolism - is responsible for almost 500,000 deaths a year** in Europe, but the absence of specific data for Ireland means the mortality rate here is not known.

Doctors know, however, that venous thromboembolism, or **VTE, is a leading cause of death in cancer patients and the main cause of direct maternal death in the UK and Ireland.**

Irish Doctors estimate that there are **approximately 4,000 deaths per year from hospital acquired VTE of which 1,900 are preventable** through better management and new treatment options combined with Patient Knowledge & Awareness of the Signs and Symptoms of Blood Clots.