

## Irish Statistics

Venous Thromboembolism - or obstruction of a blood vessel by a clot dislodged from another site in the circulation - 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 5,000 cases per year from hospital acquired VTE of which 50% are preventable** through better management and new treatment options combined with Patient Knowledge & Awareness of the Signs and Symptoms of Blood Clots.