

The **Emily Adkins Family Protection Act** is first-in-the-nation legislation about understanding VTE^{1,2}

In July 2025, the Emily Adkins Family Protection Act was signed into law in Florida to improve screening for and treatment of blood clots.¹

In addition to formally recognizing VTE as a chronic disease in Florida, this landmark chapter law 2025-211 requires^{2,3}:



Specified training and protocols to assess and treat at-risk VTE patients when they are admitted to a hospital that has an emergency department (ED) or an ambulatory surgical center (ASC)



The creation and maintenance of a statewide central VTE registry by July 2026, with reports to be gathered by hospitals with EDs and each ASC



Certified nursing assistants (employed by a nursing home facility for ≥ 12 months) **to receive training** on recognizing the signs and symptoms of VTE and techniques for emergency response



Assisted living facilities to provide a pamphlet about VTE to residents upon admission

For more information on the Emily Adkins Family Protection Act, [click here](#) or scan the QR code to access the third-party website. This link is provided by Pfizer for informational purposes only. Pfizer is not responsible for the content and does not endorse the site or any associated content or initiatives.



Pfizer is committed to helping **raise awareness about VTE.**

See the next page for important facts to remember.

Additional Information to Help With VTE Awareness

VTE is a serious condition that is often overlooked⁴

VTE affects an estimated
900,000
Americans annually⁵

Up to **100,000**
Americans die each year due
to VTE, while others may have
long-term complications⁴

Approximately **33%**
of people affected by VTE
will experience another VTE
within 10 years⁴

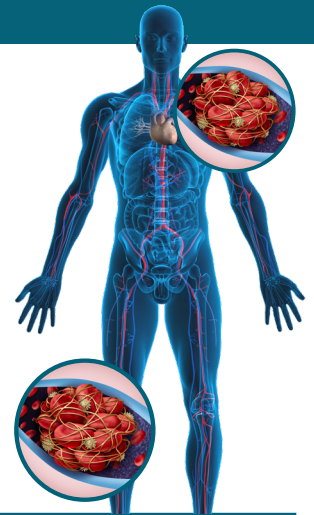


VTE symptoms vary by location⁶⁻⁸

In deep vein thrombosis: swelling, tenderness, redness, and/or pain

In pulmonary embolism: light-headedness, rapid/irregular heartbeat, chest pain, coughing up blood, and/or difficulty breathing

Sometimes, there may be **no noticeable symptoms** at all.⁶



Some factors may increase the **risk of VTE**, including⁶

- Recent surgery
- Extended bed rest/hospitalization
- Cancer
- Older age (>60 years)
- Overweight/obese
- Smoking
- Family history of blood clots
- Genetic blood clotting disorder
- Birth control pills
- Pregnancy or recent childbirth

Recognize the signs, know the risks, and **take action.**

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