

# March is Deep-Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month



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## DVT Facts

- \* DVT stands for deep vein thrombosis. DVT is a blood clot in the deep veins, usually in the leg.
- \* According to the American Heart Assoc., DVT occurs in about 2 million Americans every year.<sup>1</sup>
- \* If a DVT breaks loose and travels to the lungs, it is called a pulmonary embolus (PE).
- \* PEs can be immediately fatal and are responsible for about 300,000 deaths in the U.S. each year — more than breast cancer and AIDS combined.<sup>2,3</sup>
- \* DVT & PE can be prevented and treated with anticoagulant medications.
- \* You can learn more about DVT and get answers to your questions at [www.clotcare.com](http://www.clotcare.com).



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